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Bau Nyale Festival

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Bau Nyale Festival is the core of cultural events on the southern coastlines of Lombok, specifically on Kuta, Seger, and Aan on Central Lombok. Bau Nyale is an activity that became a tradition, immortalized in the Legends of the Mandalika Princess, who was contested by some of the princes of Lombok kingdoms.

To avoid a great war, rather than marrying one of the princes, the princess chose to sacrifice herself by going into the sea. It was believed that after this, the princess turned into a nyale, a local worm, so that she can be a benefit for many of her people. This legend is still believed and honored by many of the natives, through hunting for 'nyales' every year at the Bau Nyale Festival.