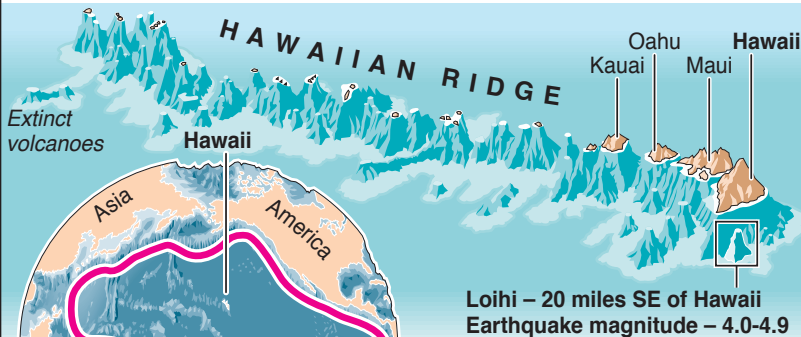


Underwater quakes signal birth of an island

A series of strong earthquakes off the coast of Hawaii – the most pronounced seismic activity in the area since the early 1970s – may signal an eruption which could eventually form a new island in the Hawaiian archipelago. The volcano Loihi is currently two miles high, but its peak is still 3,000ft below sea level and will not reach the surface for another 100,000 to 200,000 years



Hawaiian hot-spot volcano

