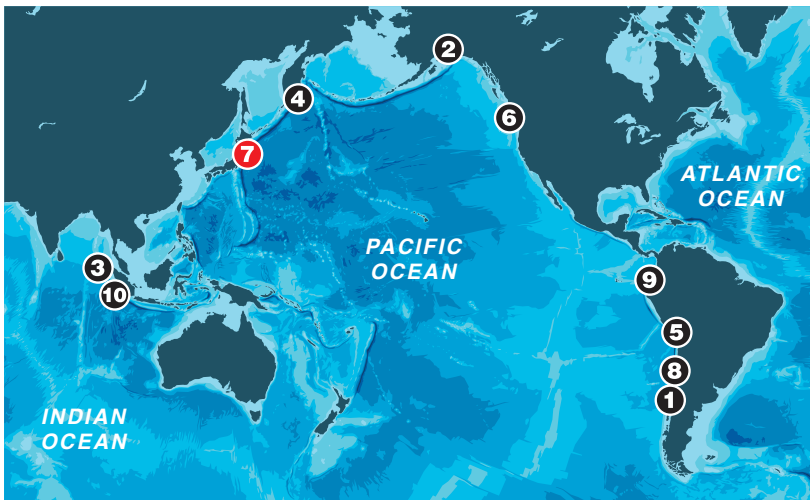


World's biggest earthquakes

The 8.9-magnitude earthquake that struck off the coast of north-eastern Japan, near the city of Sendai, is the seventh largest in recorded history



LARGEST EARTHQUAKES BY MAGNITUDE

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|-----------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Valdivia | Chile | May 22, 1960 | 9.5 |
| 2 | Alaska | United States | March 28, 1964 | 9.2 |
| 3 | Sumatra | Indonesia | December 26, 2004 | 9.1 |
| 4 | Kamchatka | Russia | November 4, 1952 | 9.0 |
| 5 | Arica | Chile (then Peru) | August 13, 1868 | 9.0 |
| 6 | Cascadia | Canada / United States | January 26, 1700 | 9.0 |
| 7 | Sendai | Japan | March 11, 2011 | 8.9 |
| 8 | Maule | Chile | February 27, 2010 | 8.8 |
| 9 | Esmeraldas | Ecuador | January 31, 1906 | 8.8 |
| 10 | Sumatra | Indonesia | November 25, 1833 | 8.8 |