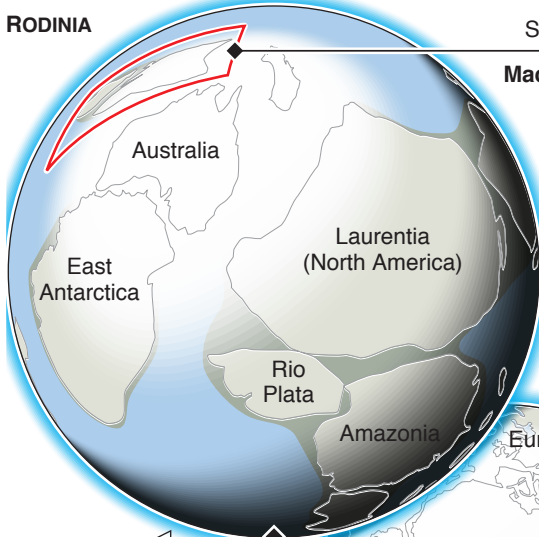


# Evidence of ancient supercontinent found

Fragments of a one billion year-old supercontinent called *Rodinia* may have been found beneath the floor of the Indian Ocean. Throughout history, land masses have drifted apart and joined together again

**RODINIA**



Seychelles

Madagascar

India

**Mauritia**

Strip of land scientists think disappeared when India and Madagascar drifted apart to form modern world

**PANGAEA**

Still breaking apart today

**EARTH**  
Present day



India

Africa

Madagascar

Mauritius

■ *Rodinia land mass*  
■ *Relative position of modern day land mass*

Grains of sand found on Mauritius beaches date to between 1,970 years and 600 million years ago

## ▶ SUPERCONTINENT TIMELINE

**Vaalbara**  
3.6-2.8bn  
years ago

**Kenorland**  
2.7-2.1bn  
years ago

**Nuna**  
1.8-1.5bn  
years ago

**Rodinia**  
1.25-0.75bn  
years ago

**Pannotia**  
600m  
years ago

**Pangaea**  
300m  
years ago