



White Island

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Why in News

A volcanic eruption took place at **White Island in New Zealand**.

- White Island **is New Zealand's most active cone volcano** which has been built up by continuous volcanic activity over the past 1,50,000 years.
- About 70% of the volcano lies under the sea and the Island forms the tip of the volcano.
- The volcano is located in the **Bay of Plenty**, about 48km (29 miles) from the east coast of New Zealand's North Island.
- Including its underwater base, White Island is the **largest volcanic structure in New Zealand**.
- The island became a **private scenic reserve in 1953**.
- The island is also known by name **Whakaari**.



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