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The Indian Ocean opened in the wake of the long travel of India towards Eurasia following the dislocation of Pangea. The main tectonic event occurred when the Indian continent collided with Eurasia, forming the Himalayan chain and triggering intra-oceanic deformation. This deformation, imprinted in the deep-sea floor of the Indian Ocean, provides an invaluable record of the most recent tectonic events, shedding light on the forces that drive plate tectonics.



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