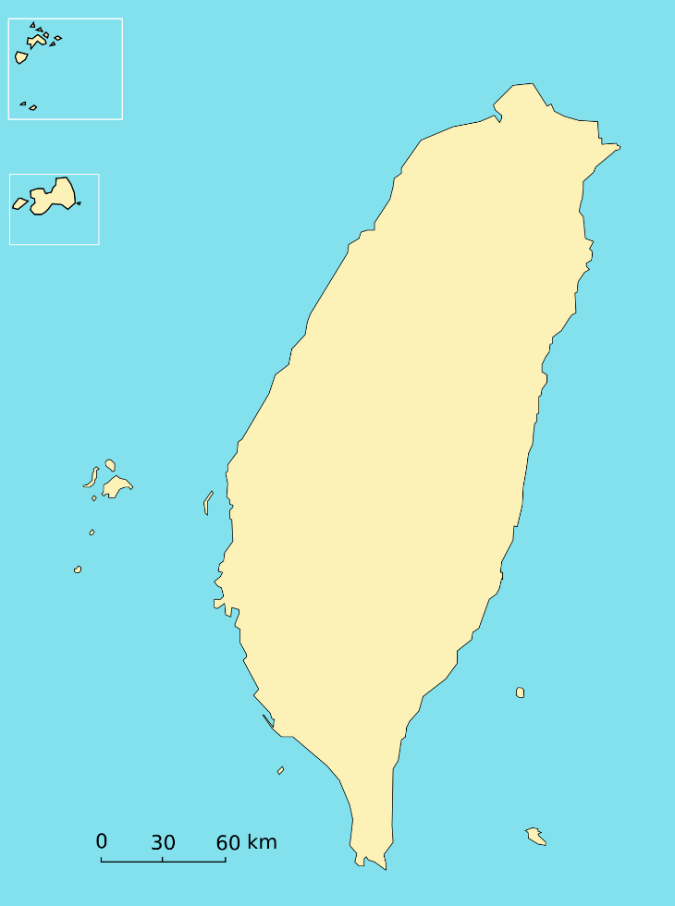
**Earthquakes In Taiwan**

Plate Structure

Taiwan is at the junction of two sectors: the Philippine Sea Plate in the southeast and the Eurasian Plate in the northwest. The Philippine Sea Plate hits the Eurasian Plate towards the northwest at an average annual rate of 7-8 cm, so the earthquake is frequent.

Taiwan Seismic Belt

There are three main seismic belts in Taiwan: the western seismic belt, the eastern seismic belt and the northeastern seismic belt. The western seismic belt is shallow and densely populated. Once a major earthquake occurs, it is easy to cause serious disasters. In the past years of major earthquakes in Taiwan, there have been changes in the crust, such as ground fissures, landslides, and faults. The following is a statistical line chart of the number of earthquakes in Taiwan over the years.