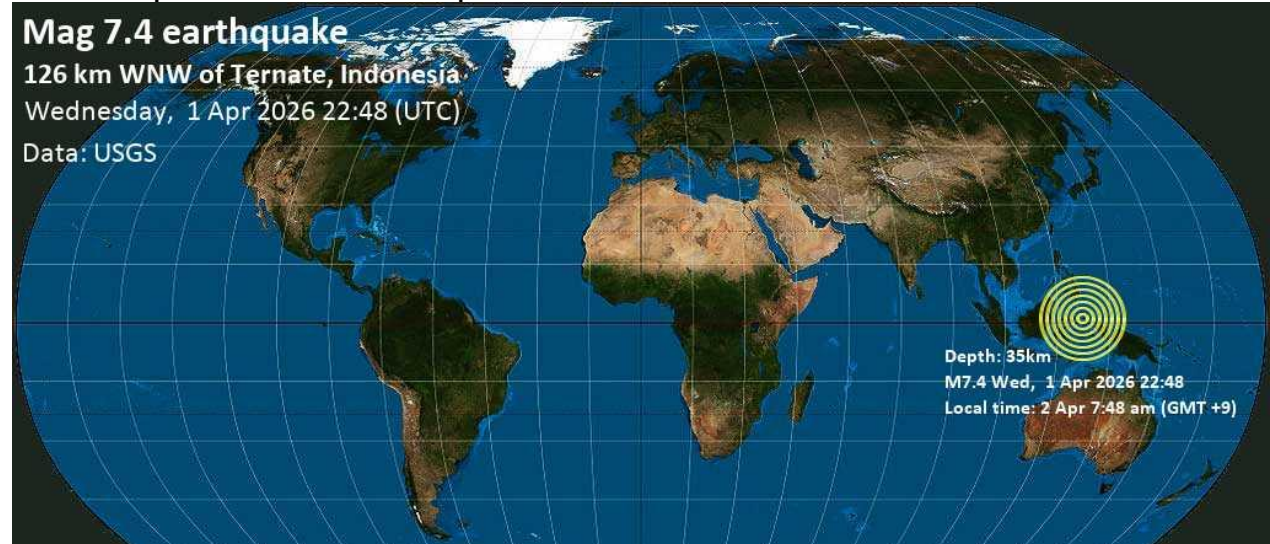


# Major mag. 7.4 Earthquake - Maluku Sea, 25 km southwest of Pulau Mayu Island, North Maluku, Indonesia, on Thursday, Apr 2, 2026, at 07:48 am (Jayapura time) - 1 day 16 hours ago

Updated: Apr 3, 2026 08:27 GMT - 6 hours ago

A powerful magnitude 7.4 earthquake occurred in the Maluku Sea near Pulau Mayu island, Indonesia, in the morning of Thursday, Apr 2, 2026 at 7.48 am local time (Asia/Jayapura GMT +9). The quake had a shallow depth of 35 km (22 mi) and was **felt over a large region**. The shallow depth of the quake caused it to be felt more strongly near the epicenter than a deeper quake of similar magnitude would.

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## Major magnitude 7.4 earthquake at 35 km depth

1 Apr 22:53 UTC: **First to report: VolcanoDiscovery after 5 minutes.**

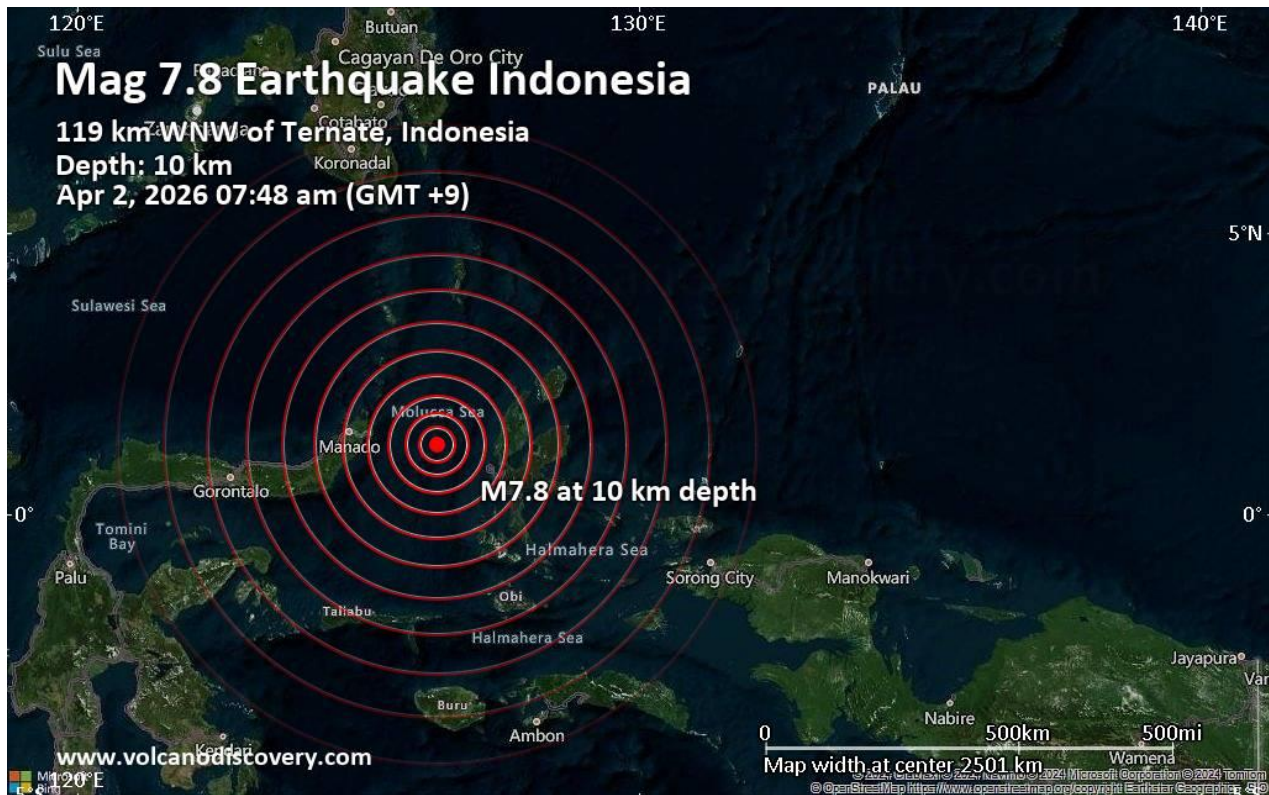
1 Apr 22:54: Now using data updates from GFZ

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2 Apr 01:16: Epicenter location corrected by 6.9 km (4.3 mi) towards S.

Update Wed, 1 Apr 2026, 22:57

## Very strong 7.8 quake hits near Ternate, Kota Ternate, North Maluku, Indonesia



Indonesia was shaken near Ternate, Kota Ternate, North Maluku, by an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 only 9 minutes ago, the United States Geological Survey reported. The quake hit at a shallow depth of 10. km beneath the epicenter near Ternate, Kota Ternate, North Maluku, Indonesia, in the morning on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, at 7:48 am local time. Shallow earthquakes are felt more strongly than deeper ones as they are closer to the surface. The exact magnitude, epicenter, and depth of the quake might be revised within the next few hours or minutes as seismologists review data and refine their calculations, or as other agencies issue their report.

Our monitoring service identified a second report from France's Réseau National de Surveillance Sismique (RéNaSS) which listed the quake at magnitude 6.4. Other agencies reporting the same quake include Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency at magnitude 7.7, the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) at magnitude 7.1, and the citizen-seismograph network of RaspberryShake at magnitude 7.1.

Based on the preliminary seismic data, the quake should have been felt by everybody in the area of the epicenter. In those areas, dangerous ground shaking occurred with the potential to inflict moderate to heavy damage to buildings and other infrastructure.

Towns or cities where the quake likely caused strong ground shaking include Moderate shaking probably occurred in Tondano (pop. 33,300) located 166 km from the epicenter, Manado (pop. 451,900) 175 km away, Tomohon (pop. 27,600) 179 km away, and Tobelo (pop. 34,200) 186 km away.

VolcanoDiscovery will automatically update magnitude and depth if these change and follow up if other significant news about the quake become available. If you're in the area, please send us your experience through our reporting mechanism, either [online](#) or

via [our mobile app](#). This will help us provide more first-hand updates to anyone around the globe who wants to know more about this quake.