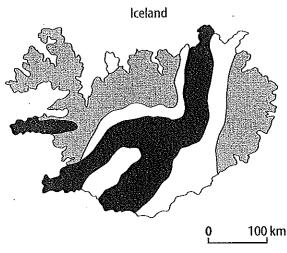


Studying Seafloor Spreading on Land

You know from your textbook how seafloor spreading changes the ocean floor. You know that magma rises at the mid-ocean ridge and flows away from the ridge. In general, this activity is hidden beneath the ocean's water. But there is a place where seafloor spreading can be seen on land.

Figure 1 Africa **Pacific** Ocean Key Ocean Key 室 Mid-ocean ridge Active volcanoes

Figure 2



Active volcanoes; formed from today to 10,000 years ago

Formed 10,000 to 2,000,000 years ago

Formed 2,000,000 to 63,000,000 years ago

1. What is the name of the landmass through which the mid-ocean ridge in the Atlantic Ocean passes?

2. How do the land structures of Iceland help confirm seafloor spreading?

3. Why do you think geologists might find Iceland a useful place to conduct research on seafloor spreading?