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True-Color Image from ALI
Pakistan Mud Volcanoes

Along the coast of Pakistan, the tectonic plates are subducting, one moving under another. In arid climates this process typically creates mud and methane volcanoes. This natural-color image shows the Chandragup Volcano Complex. Chandragup I is about 100 meters (330 feet) high, and it has a 15-meter- (49-foot-) diameter mud lake in its crater that periodically overflows. The 45-meter (150-foot) Chandragup II lies northeast of the taller cone, and its crater is filled by a mud lake with a figure-8 shape.