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A close-up view from a boat shows a small mountain island in Ha Long Bay between Bai Chay and Cat Ba. The island outcrop is taller than it is wide, with both vegetation and erosion visible. Most of the more than 3,000 islands in Ha Long Bay are small and uninhabitable. A Vietnamese legend tells that the thrashing tail of a great dragon running from the mountains toward the sea chopped up the land, leaving only the current rocky islands visible above the water in Ha Long Bay.



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