

The Old Man of Hoy

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If you want to meet The Old Man of Hoy, you may have to hurry. He can disappear in the ocean at any moment. You can meet him when you take the Scrabster to Stromness ferry. The old man lives in harsh surroundings. Gales occur on average for 29 days a year.

The Old Man of Hoy is a 137 meter high sea stack on the west coast of the island of Hoy. Hoy is a part of the Orkney archipelago. The Old Man is formed of old red sandstone. The Old Man was created by the erosion of the sea released from the beautiful red sandstone cliff.

The cliff is composed of layers of soft, sandy and pebbly sandstone and harder flagstones of old red sandstone.

The old man is only a few hundred years old, but he is soon expected to collapse and drop into the ocean.

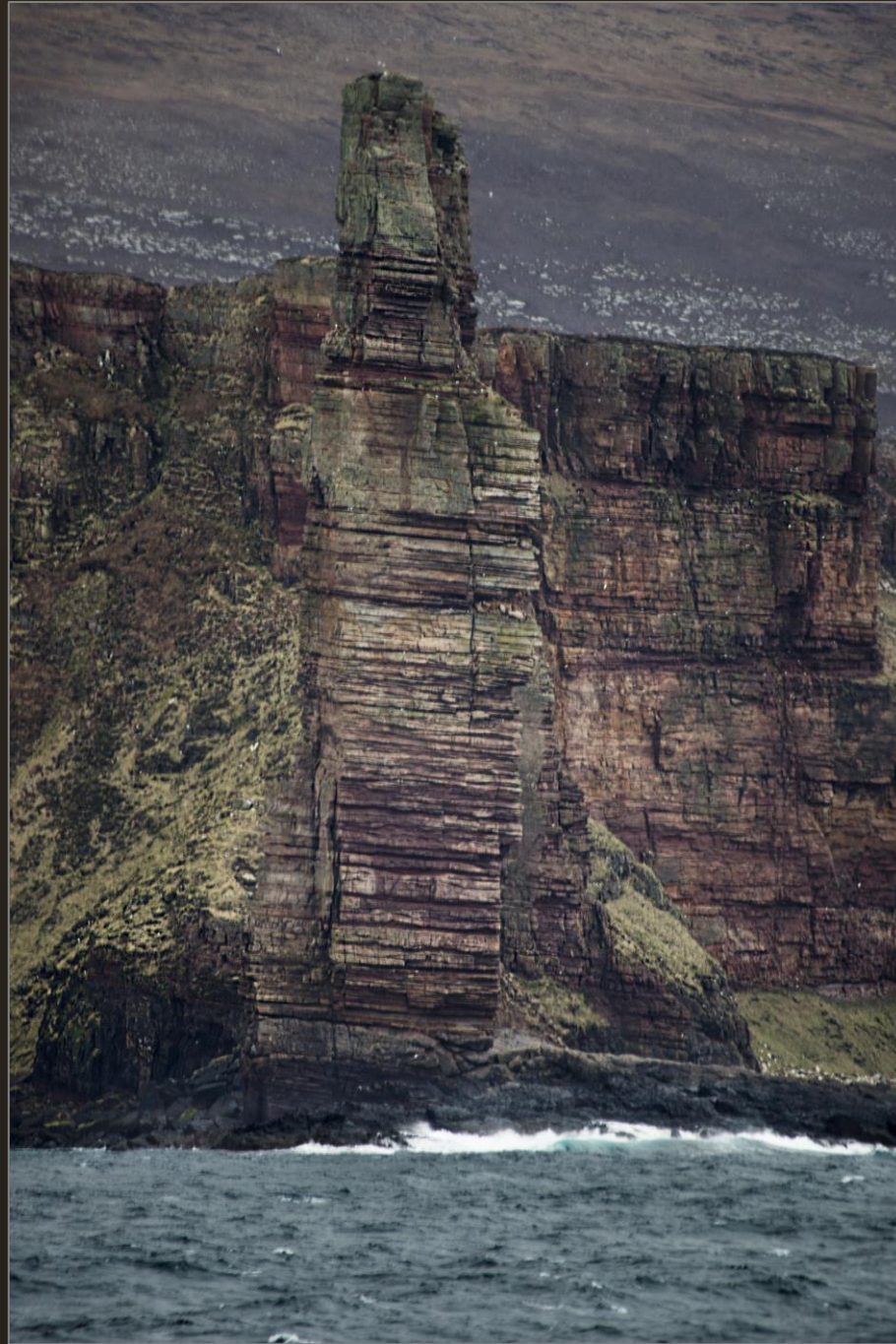


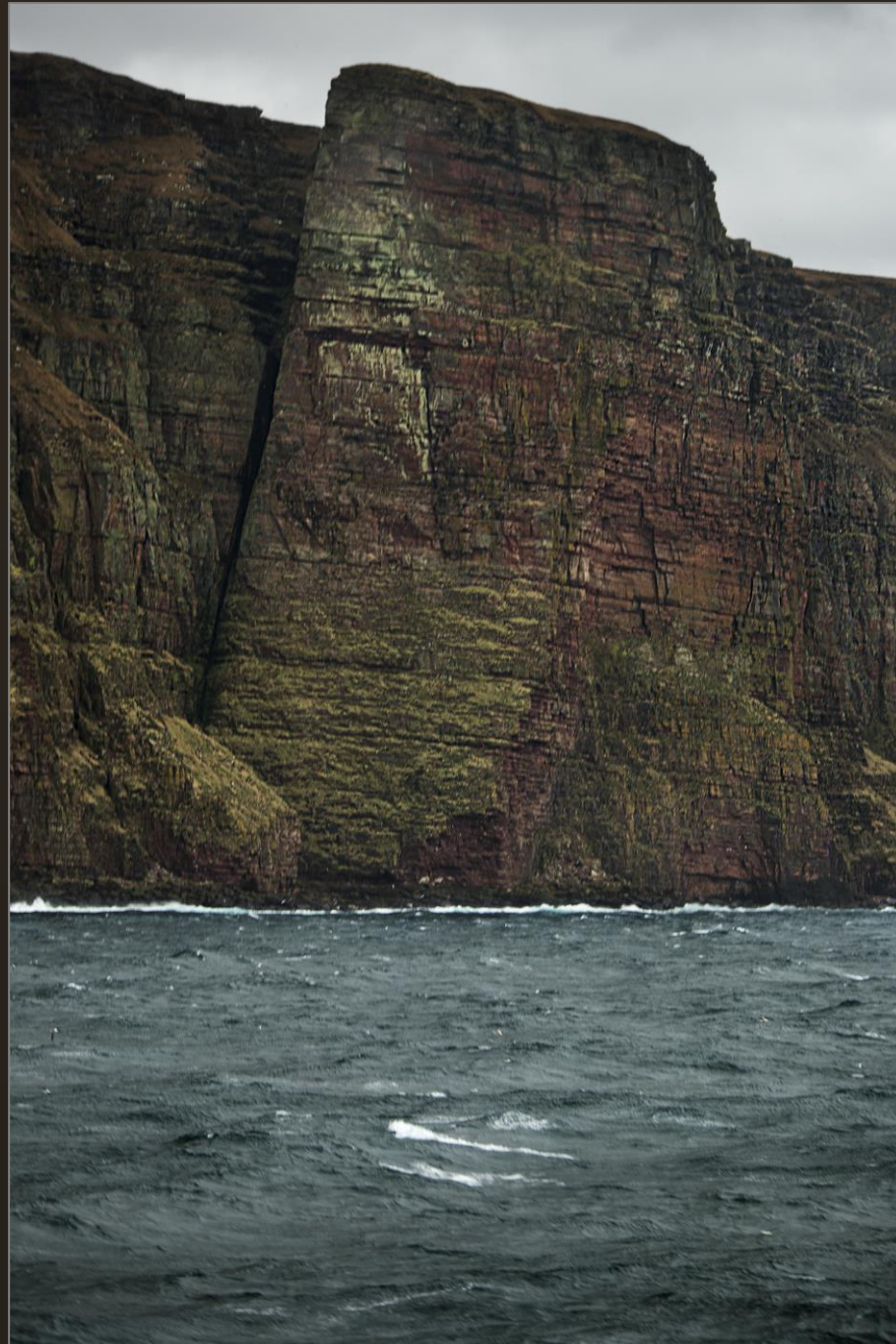






















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