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Star Wars: Episode VII's island is real

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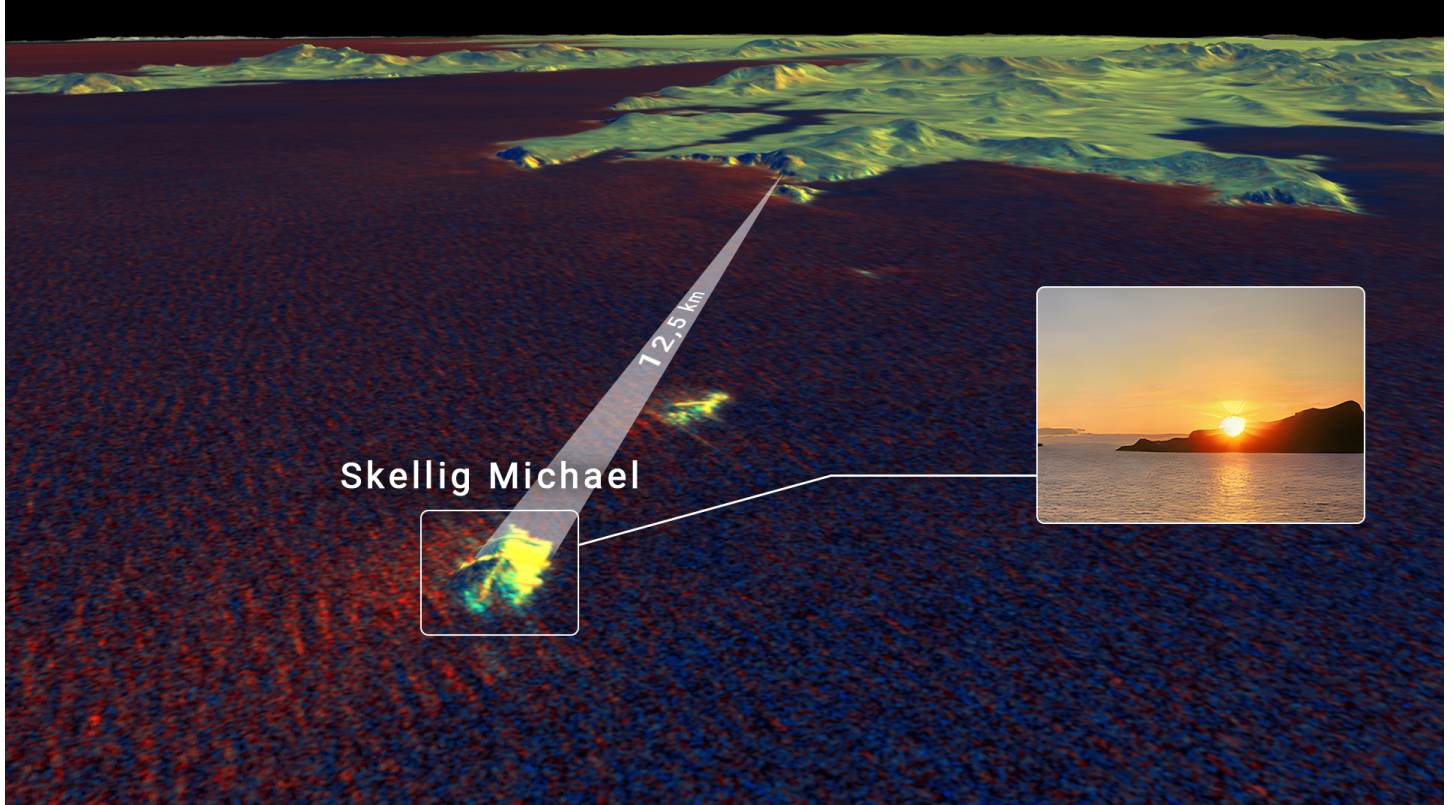
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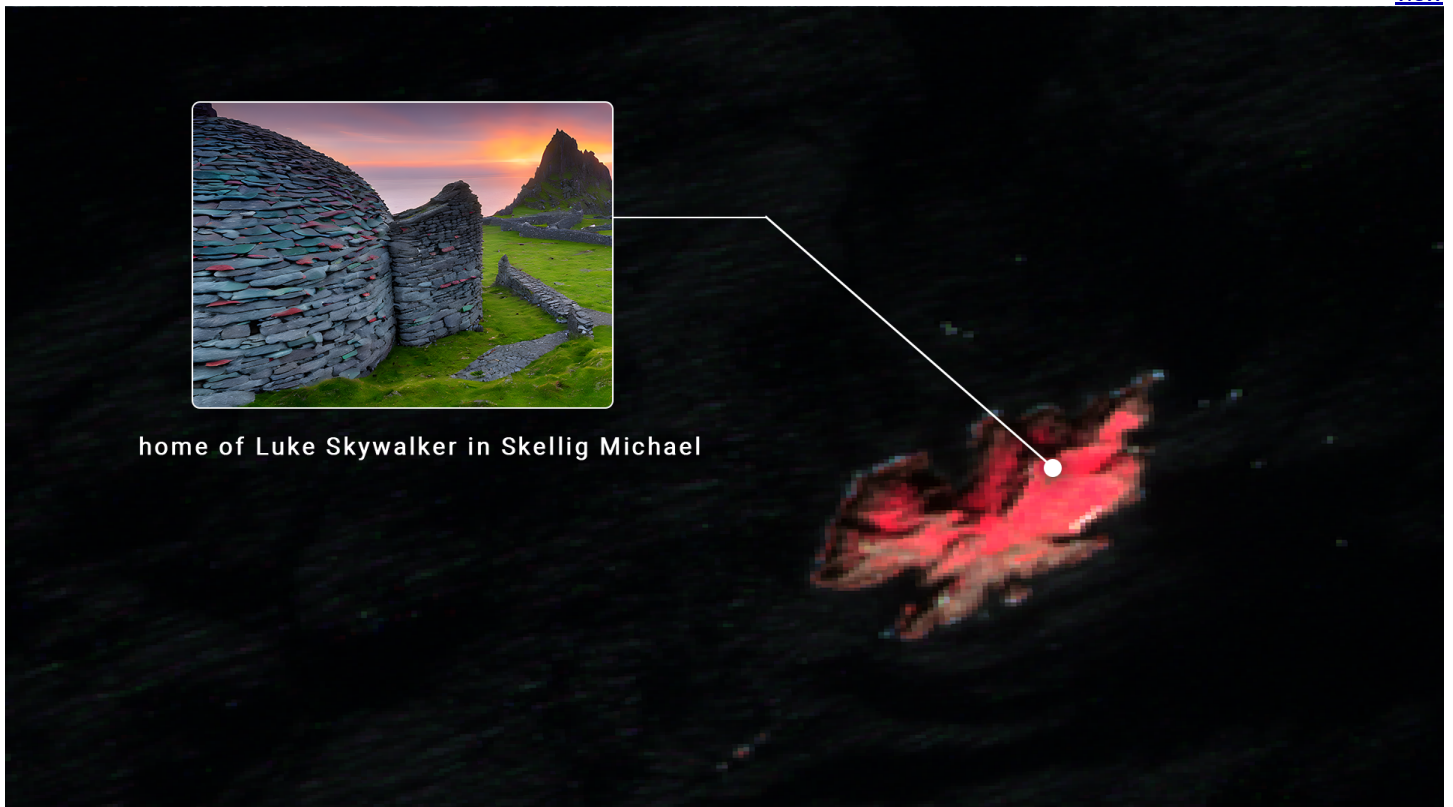
Fig. 1 - S1 [08.09.2017] - The planet Ahch-To, home of Luke Skywalker, is 12.5 km from the nearest Irish coast.

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This Star Wars environment was filmed on the island of Skellig Michael, also known as Great Skellig. Together with Little Skellig, it forms the Skellig Islands archipelago.

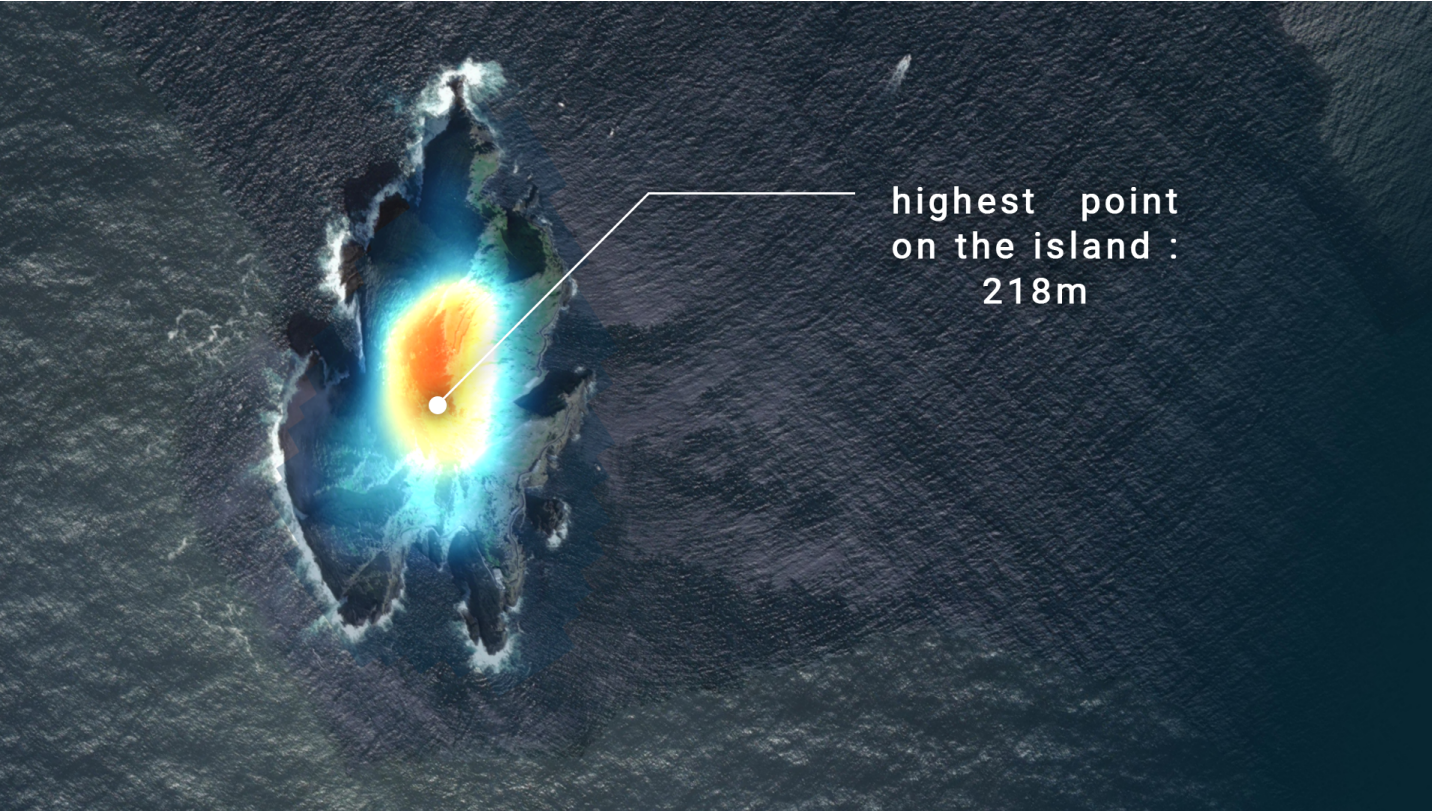
Fig. 2 - S2-L1C (02.06.2023) - The home of Luke was filmed in the Augustinian monastic settlement, near the top of the second summit. [2D view](#)



home of Luke Skywalker in Skellig Michael

This monastery, best known for his beehive shape, earned it World Heritage status in 1996.

Fig. 3 - COP-DEM GLO-30 - Skellig Michael rises to an altitude of 218 m. The island is distinctive for its steep slopes. [3D view](#)



The relief is dominated by two peaks: the South Peak, where the hermitage is located (218 m above sea level), and the Northeast Peak, where the monastery is built (185 m above sea level). These two peaks lie on either side of a 130 m high depression known as Christ's Saddle.

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