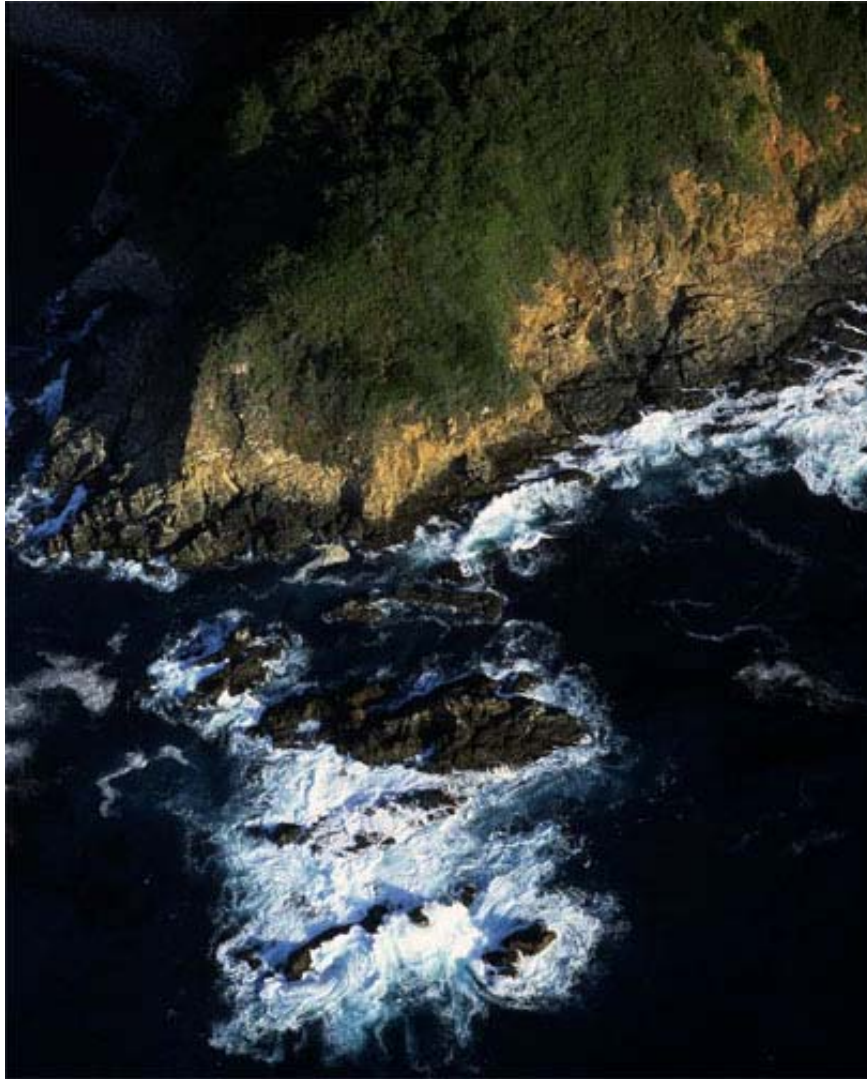


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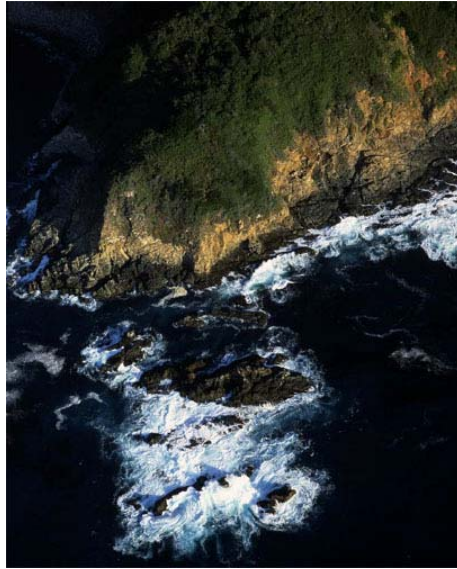


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Salmon Cone, one of the Santa Lucia Mountains in California's Big Sur country seems to rise up out of the Pacific Ocean. The waves however are constantly eroding the mountain's base. The waves here are in their final stages of creating a wave-cut or marine terrace.

Waves



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Shorelines of resistant rocks on California's Pacific Coast remain as the waves erode the weaker rock sections.

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Breaking wave at Pismo Beach.

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These two wave-cut arches remain on the beach at Natural Bridges State Park in Santa Cruz, California. A third arch fell leaving only a sea stack.

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Beach near Assateague by Ocean City, MD.

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Birds rest at sunset on the calm surface of the Pacific Ocean south of Yakutat, Alaska.

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The lights of the camera bring out the brilliant colors of the reef. The brain coral serves as a focus for this thriving reef community.

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This photograph of a starfish and anemones in a cold water rocky community was taken in February of 1988 off the coast of Massachusetts.

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Sponges are as important as corals for reef structure. In this May, 1972 photograph taken in the Florida Keys three sponges form the centerpiece of the community that includes several types of corals.

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Like corals, glass sponges are partly composed of calcareous material. This glass sponge is part of a complex reef community.

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Corals of the Great Barrier Reef.

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A large sediment plume can be seen flowing down the western edge of Lagoa dos Patos and out to sea through the inlet by Rio Grande in southernmost Brazil. Phytoplankton blooms seen offshore may be partly supported by nutrients contained in the turbid runoff. Also visible in this SeaWiFS image are Lagoa Mirim, Lagoa Mangueira, and Laguna Negra (in Uruguay).