The Scottish Collection



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Sula Sgeir March (Charlie Grey/Joseph Peach)

march









Sula Sgeir Reel (Charlie Grey/Joseph Peach)

reel







The taking of guga - gannet chicks - has been practiced since the 15th century. The last surviving guga hunt in Scotland takes place in August each year on the tiny island of Sula Sgeir, 40 miles North of Lewis. The journey of the ten men from Ness who bring 2,000 chicks back was the central theme in Peter May's novel The Blackhouse. Once forming part of the winter diet, it is now eaten as a delicacy. These tunes were written by Charlie Grey and Joseph Peach as part of the Air Iomall ("on the edge") project, inspired by now uninhabited islands in the North Atlantic ocean.

