

MAPS AND GAZETTEERS: COLL

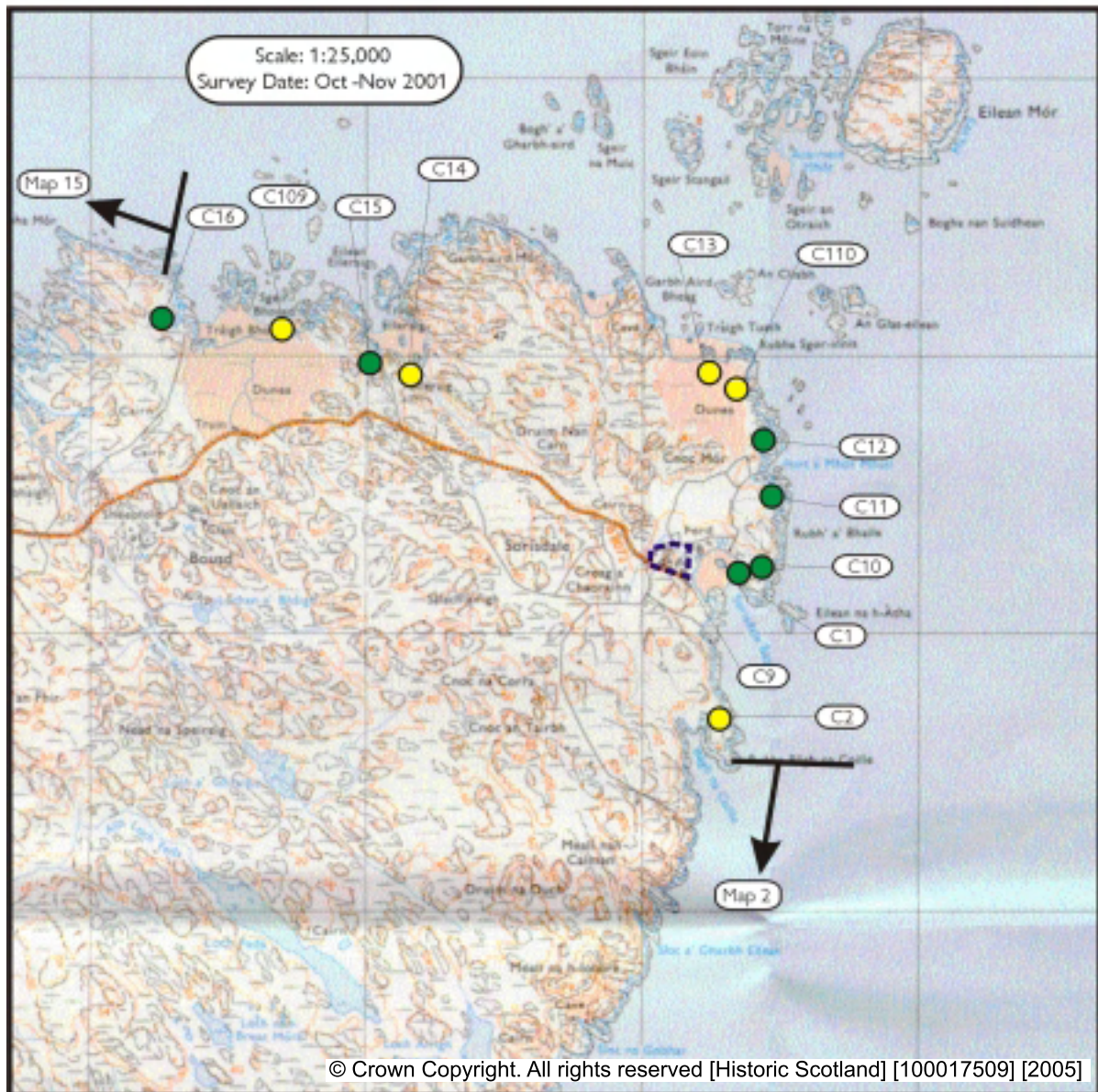
Map 1: Traigh Bhound to Rubha Bagh na Coille

This map section extends from an area of sand dunes behind Bousd, around a low lying rocky shore, to the dunes beneath Cnoc Mor at Sorisdale. From here, to Sorisdale Bay, the hinterland is green and fertile with occasional rocky outcrops. Beyond Sorisdale, to the south, the land becomes increasingly rugged, with frequent high rock outcrops making access along the coast line more difficult. The only modern settlement in the area is located beyond the coastal zone at Sorisdale.

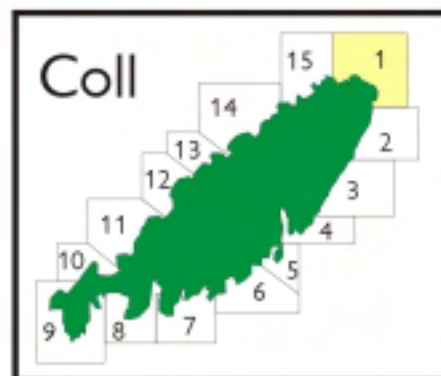
Most of the coastline is fringed with rock and is stable. There are four small sections within this area where the coast edge is formed by blown sand deposits and dunes. These are largely stable at present, although they are vulnerable to wind erosion. Any future loss of vegetation cover could give rise to largescale sand movement through the agency of wind rather than coastal erosion. The stocking levels are currently low and rabbit damage does not appear to represent a problem at present.

The remains of the abandoned township at Sorisdale, of 18-20th C date, includes several ruinous buildings and enclosures which lie within the coastal zone. On the coast, the remains of a fishing port has associated boat noosts and slipways. A second, smaller port is indicated by the remains of a probable harbour beyond the settlement to the east of Sorisdale (C2). Earlier periods of settlement in the area are suggested by eroding midden deposits amongst the sand dunes at Traigh Tuath (C13) where previously anthropogenic deposits containing flint, pottery and food waste were noted. A beaker burial was uncovered here in the past and today, remnants of an old ground surface are exposed in blow out areas among the dunes. A second focus of prehistoric activity is indicated by unstratified finds made at Rubha Sgor-innis. The finds included a number of flint and stone tools and included a possible limpet hammer which may be of mesolithic date. Sites within the soft dune areas (13, 109, 110) are vulnerable to further erosion and regular monitoring is recommended.

<p>C1 (NM26SE18) NM 27172 63192 Sorisdale Former fishing township, largely abandoned, includes one listed building 18-20th C Fair-poor Survey</p>	<p>C13 (NM26SE8) NM 2721 6384 Traigh Tuath, Sorisdale Old Ground Surface with midden scatter Unknown Fair Survey</p>
<p>C2 NM 27261 62750 Sorisdale Bay (south) Probable fishing harbour, ruinous 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>C14 (NM26SE13) NM 26175 63925 Eileraig Farmstead 18-20th C Fair Survey</p>
<p>C9 NM 27378 63182 Sorisdale Bay (north) Rock cut basins Unknown Good Nil</p>	<p>C15 NM 26063 63939 Eileraig (W of) Land boundary wall 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>C10 NM 27425 63198 Sorisdale Track, possible 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>C16 NM 25380 64083 Traigh Bhound Wall 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>C11 NM 27489 63478 Port a Mhor Mhuil Possible Kelp kiln, ruinous 18-20th C Poor Nil</p>	<p>C109 (NM26SE3) NM 258 640 Traigh Bhound Find spot and concentration of stone Unknown Fair Monitor</p>
<p>C12 NM 27394 63678 Traigh Tuath (south) Field, cairn and platform Unknown Fair/Good Survey</p>	<p>C110 NM26SE12 NM 273 638 Rubha Sgor-innis Settlement 4th-3rd mill BC Fair Monitor</p>



- Built Heritage & Archaeology
- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
 - Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
 - + Listed Historic Building
 - Undesignated wreck
 - Known ancient monument
 - Site found by this survey
 - Site complex



1. Traigh Bhound

NM 254 640

0.8 Km

Sandy Foreshore

Coast edge is <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

Sandy bay with extensive dune system in hinterland. This unit includes part of the rocky shoreline at the west side of the beach. Here, the foreshore is rock platform and the drift/rock interface is generally visible, hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.

2. Garbh-aird Mor

NM 264 644

2.7 Km

Rock platform, negligible cobble cover

Coast edge mostly <5m

Drift/rock interface generally visible

Steeply sloping, rocky shoreline. Hinterland is imperfectly drained rough pasture. There is an improvement in the quality of the land towards the western end of the unit - more grass, less heather. Currently used for sheep. This unit includes two small bays. The eastern bay is a deep narrow inlet with a deep sandy beach at its head. The western bay is a deep inlet with a sandy beach at its head. There is a storm beach above the foreshore here; it slopes gently up to a height of c. 1.5m-2m. Short stretches of coast edge to either side of the western bay are over 5m.

3. Traigh Tuath

NM 272 640

0.4 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

Sandy beach with dune system in hinterland

4. Rubh a Bhaile

NM 275 635

1.4 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface generally visible

Steeply sloping rocky foreshore, hinterland is rough grazing. Poorly drained in places. In use for cattle grazing.

5. Sorisdale Bay

NM 272 632

0.4 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

Sheltered bay with sandy foreshore. Soils in hinterland appear slightly deepened, some improved land in vicinity; some fenced areas.

6. Rubha Bagh na Coille

NM 273 627

0.9 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not generally visible

Coast edge is steeply sloping rock platform.

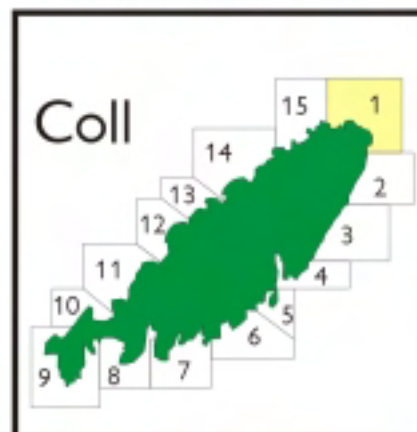
Hinterland is extremely rough, very heathery. Poorly drained. Some blown sand visible in sheep scrapings. Iron rich seam of rock visible at end of Rubha Bagh na Collie.



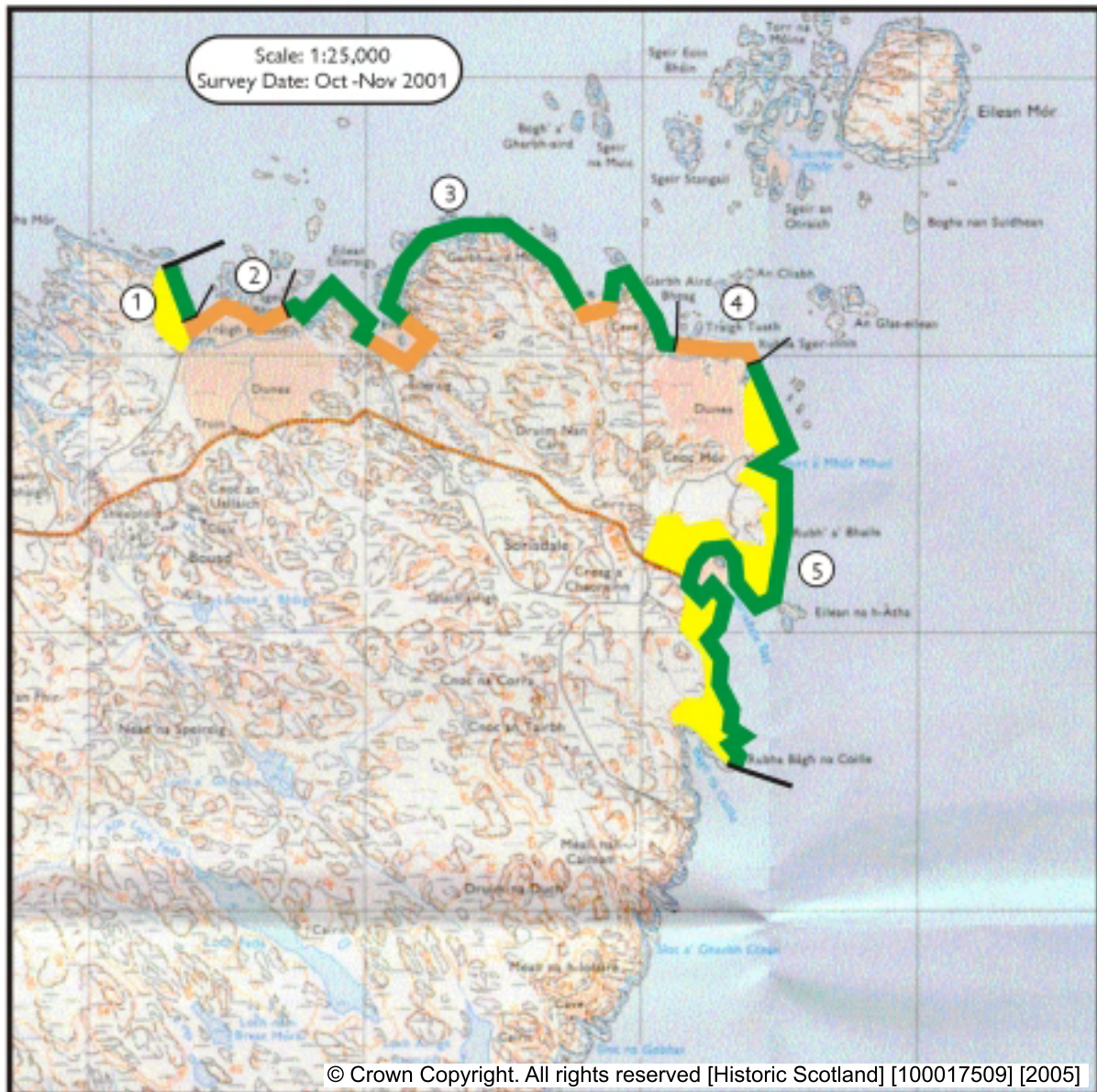
- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
 - Cliff >5m
 - Man made barrier
 - Shingle/storm bank
 - Human disturbance

- Hinterland**
- Drift
 - Drift on visible rock
 - Raised beach etc.
 - Blown sand
 - Glacial sand/gravel
 - Alluvium



<p>1. Rubha Mor NM 253 642 0.25 Km Stable Rocky coast edge; no sign of recent erosion.</p>	<p>4. Traigh Tuath NM 272 640 0.3 Km Eroding to stable This unit appeared to be mostly stable at the time of visit, however there are large blowouts in the hinterland (some c.100m in diameter), and there is evidence of recent landslip visible in the face of the coast edge. The landslip appears limited in extent and vegetation is now re-establishing itself.</p>
<p>2. Traigh Bhound NM 255 641 0.55 Km Eroding to Stable The coast edge appears for the most part to be stable, however there has been some landslip of the dune face at the east end of the bay. Large chunks of sand and grass have tumbled down and now form a new slope.</p>	<p>5. Sorisdale NM 274 631 2.7 Km Stable A rocky coast edge with no signs of recent erosion.</p>
<p>3. Gharbh-aird Mor NM 264 644 2.7 Km Stable A rocky coastline with no visible signs of erosion. This unit includes two small bays, both of which have limited erosion within the hinterland caused by sheep and rabbits.</p>	



- Erosion Class
- Definitely Accreting
 - Accreting or Stable
 - Stable
 - Eroding or Stable
 - Definitely Eroding
 - Accreting and Eroding
 - No access
 - Land below 10m

