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Map 12: Bagh Fiaranuis to Grishipoll Bay

This map section begins at the W end of the sandy beach which fringes Hough Bay. In this area, the hinterland is gently undulating and cultivable. From here to the small bay at Clabhach, the coastal landscape becomes higher and more rocky. A modern road (B8071) runs behind the coast edge and it is on this, rather than on the coast, that most of the modern settlement in the area is focused. From Clabhach, the section extends around the high point of Dun Dubh towards the lower and more fertile land at Grishipoll.

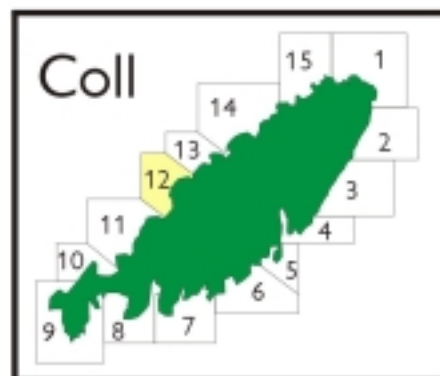
To the south west of this section, the low lying soft sediments which form the coast edge at Traigh Hough are eroding. In places, the dunes which frame the foreshore have been cut to an almost vertical angle and there is widespread evidence of slumping amongst the forward dunes. Other than a small section of sandy coast edge at Clabach which is eroding, the remainder of the coast edge in this section is formed from rock platform and is stable.

The majority of the sites identified in this area are related to 18-20th C agricultural activity. They include field and land boundaries, enclosures and old cultivated fields (C60-64). Chance finds of pottery, hammerstones and shell middens have been reported previously among the sand hills surrounding Grishipoll Bay, suggesting that this area has been the focus for activity, if not settlement, in the prehistoric period. No sign of any archaeological remains were visible during this visit, however.

C60 NM 17188 57828 Traigh Hogh (N of) Earthen boundary banks and cultivations 18-20th C Fair Survey	C63 NM 18077 58981 Clabach (NW of) Land boundaries, enclosures and cultivations 18-20th C Fair Survey
C61 NM 17383 58657 Ballyhaugh (W of) Boundary walls 18-20th C Fair Survey	C64 NM 18496 59524 Grishipoll (NW of) Land boundary and structure 18-20th C Fair Nil
C62 NM 17534 58833 Totamore (NW of) Enclosure 18-20th Fair Nil	C117 (NM15NE22) NM 188 599 Grishipoll Bay Possible settlement site: midden deposits 3rd-1st mill BC Fair Monitor



- 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 Hagh

NM 168 573

1.2 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

A long sandy beach sloping gently towards the sea. Hinterland is an extensive dune system.

2. Rubha Hagh

NM 180 590

5.0 Km

Rock platform, occasional cobble cover

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface occasionally visible.

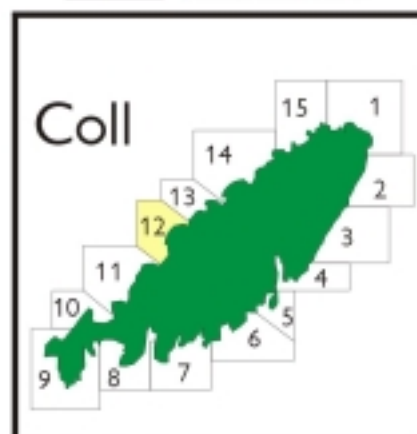
A rocky coastline sloping steeply towards the sea. There is limited cobble cover in coves. The hinterland is rough grazing; sheep stocking levels are relatively high and the grass is well cropped.



- 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



Erosion Class

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NM 168 573

1.2 Km

Definitely eroding

This long sandy beach is perhaps the least stable area of coast edge seen on Coll during the visit. The coast edge dunes are poorly covered by marram grass and eroding. The coast edge dune faces are near vertical and appear unstable.

2. Rubha Hogh

NM 180 590

5.0 Km

Stable

A rocky coast edge with no sign of recent erosion. The unit included one short stretch of sandy beach which is less stable.



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

