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Map 5: Arinagour to Fiskary

Moving south from Loch Eatharna, this map section extends around the rugged and indented coastline past Eilean Ornsay to Fiskary. In this area, the coastal fringe is generally low lying and although rocky, is surrounded by small areas of more fertile land. The hinterland rises up in rocky outcrops to level off into boggy plains beyond. There is little modern settlement in this area and such as exists, is located close to the coast.

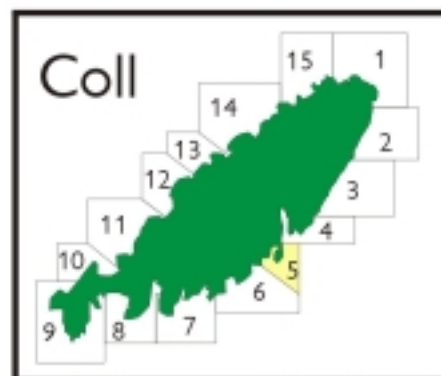
The coast edge within this section largely comprises of a rock platform, and while much of it is low lying, it is stable. Where the coast edge is low lying and formed from softer sediments, such as around Fiskary, Arinthluic and Caolas an Eileain, there is some active coastal erosion. The development of saltings within these areas suggests that this is generally of a gradual nature.

The extensive remains of abandoned townships are to be found at Fiskary (C95) and Caolas-an-Eilean (C113); in both cases these townships lie behind the coast edge, although associated piers, noosts, enclosures and boundaries associated with them extend down to or are located within the coastal zone. The port at Fiskary appears to have been in use over an extended period of time and a large boat noost situated at its SW side is of particular interest. A more detailed field survey of both of these areas is to be recommended. Two groups of stony mounds (C94, 97) situated to the E and W sides of Arinthluic have the appearance of burial monuments of prehistoric date. While it is possible that they might alternatively be the result of stone clearance, their distribution and location away from old cultivations would argue against this interpretation.

C94 NM 21091 54905 Fiskary ((SW of) Probable burial cairns 3rd-1st mill BC Fair Survey	C98 NM 21973 55672 Caolas an-eilean (SW side of) Enclosure, boundary wall 18-20th C Fair Nil
C95 NM25NW36 NM 21091 54905 Fiskary Bay Boundary walls, fish trap 18-20th C Fair Survey	C112 NM25NW15 NM 2240 5539 Eilean Ornsay Cairn, probable clearance 18-20th C Fair Nil
C96 NM 21290 54973 Fiskary Bay Boat Noost, rock cut basins, harbour 18-20th C Fair Survey	C113 (NM25NW33) NM 221 558 Caolas-an-Eilean Township, deserted 18-20th C Fair/poor Nil
C97 NM 21729 55397 Gharbhaird Probable burial cairns and telegraph hut 3rd-1st mill BC/18-20th C Fair/poor Survey	



- 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. Arinthluic

NM 219 552

5.35 Km

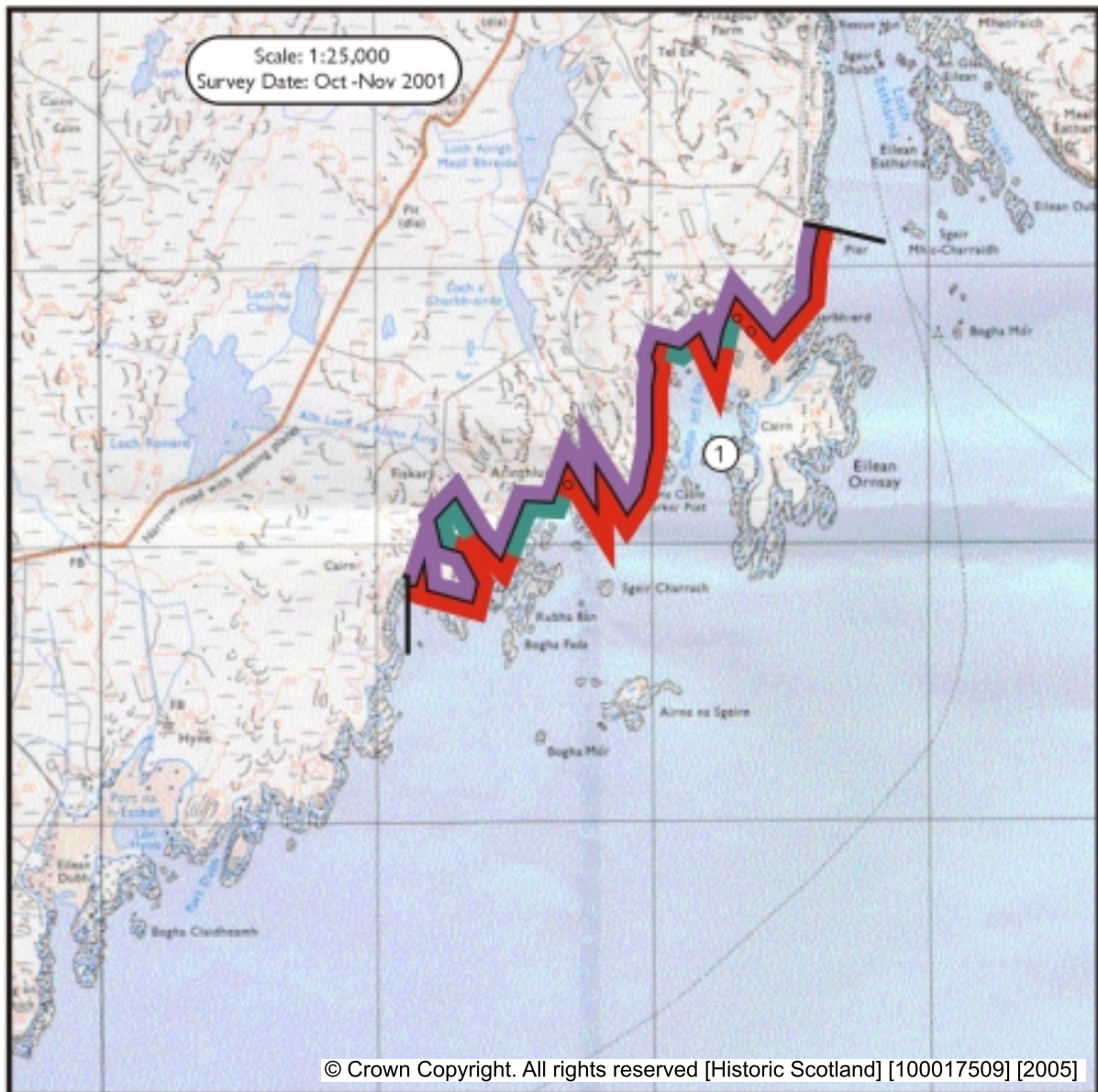
Rock platform, occasional cobble cover

Coast edge <5m

Drift/ rock interface occasionally visible

Coast edge is rocky and frequently steeply sloping. There is limited cobble cover in discrete locations (marked on map). Four stretches of coastline are low lying and contain salt marsh.

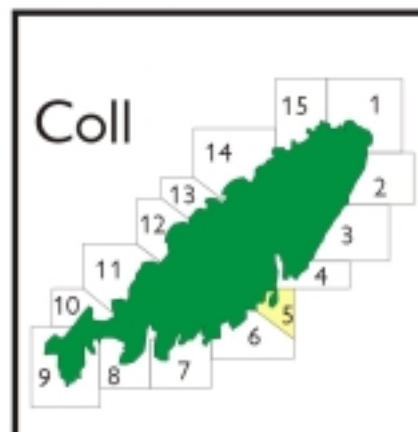
The hinterland is very rough grazing containing heather and pockets of scrub willow.



- 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



1. An Garbh-ard NM 224 558 1.0 Km Stable A rocky coast edge with no signs of recent erosion.	4. Fiskary NM 215 550 1.1 Km Eroding to stable This unit comprises two stretches of low lying land which are inundated by the sea at high tide, creating salt marsh. These have been designated as eroding to stable; they are separated by a rocky length of coast edge with no sign of recent erosion.
2. Caolas an-eilean NM 222 556 0.6 Km Eroding to Stable This unit comprises two short stretches of low lying land which are inundated by the sea at high tide, creating salt marsh. These have been designated as eroding to stable; they are separated by a rocky length of coast edge with no sign of recent erosion.	5. Bogha Fada NM 213 548 0.9 Km Stable A rocky coast edge with no sign of recent erosion.
3. Gharbhaird NM 219 552 1.75 Km Stable A rocky coast edge with no sign of recent erosion.	

