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Map 7: Eilean Maol Mor to Barra Nodha

This map section extends from the E side of Friesland Bay southwards to Loch Breachacha, taking in the rugged headland of Fasachd and the small sandy bays of Traigh Ghortain and Ban Ghlac. Modern settlement in the area is centred on Friesland and Gorton. From Friesland to Gorton, the coastline is generally low lying and although in places it is rocky and overgrown.

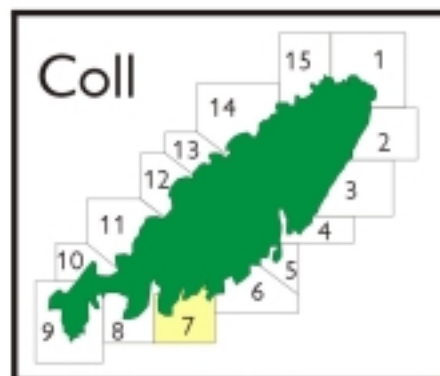
Most of the coastline within this section is formed from rock platforms and is stable. There are two points at which some erosion was noted, however. These occur at the head of Friesland Bay and at the head of Gorton Bay. The low lying coast edge in these areas is formed from softer sediments which, due to the gradual encroachment of the sea, have formed saltings.

The sheltered inner coast at Friesland provides harbourage and was the focus of the abandoned settlement (C84). While many of the surviving buildings appear to be of 18-20th C date, it is likely that the area was settled before this period and that some of the buildings originated in the 14-18th C period. In addition to the numerous houses, farmsteads and enclosures, there are slipways, coastal tracks and boat noosts which indicate that the area supported a fishing industry in the past. Traces of another abandoned township, or perhaps an extension of the same, are located between Friesland and Gorton (C81). The majority of the surviving remains are set back from the coast edge, but the ruins of a probable blackhouse and associated cultivated lands lie closer to the coast. Of earlier date, the ruins of a possible fort, known as Dun Ghortain, (C80) occupy a steep rocky promontory. Little structural remains survive and it is now impossible to determine the nature and date of this site.

<p>C75 NM 16590 53221 Barra Nodha (S of) Enclosure 18-20th C Poor Nil</p>	<p>C81 NM 17982 53269 Gortan (SE & SW of) Possible blackhouse, fields, clearance etc.: abandoned settlement 14-18th C/18-20th C Fair/poor Survey</p>
<p>C76 NM 16483 52875 Breachacha Bay (SE side of) Slipway, wall 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>C82 NM 18489 53474 Friesland Bay (SW side of) Wall and possible structure 18-20th C Fair/poor Nil</p>
<p>C77 NM 16955 52590 Rubha Fasachd Slipways and boundary wall 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>C83 NM 18641 53640 Friesland (SW of) Land boundary and enclosure 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>C78 NM 17513 53391 Loch Gortan (W side of) Land boundary wall 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>C84 (NM15SE23/24/30) NM 1898 5378 Friesland Township, abandoned 14-18thC/18-20th C Good/fair Survey</p>
<p>C79 NM 17614 53388 Loch Gortan Wreck 18-20th C Poor Survey</p>	<p>C85 NM 19049 53340 Friesland Bay (SE side of) Rock cut basins Unknown Good Nil</p>
<p>C80 (NM15SE8) NM 17677 52961 Dun Ghortain Structure, alleged Dun Unknown Poor Survey</p>	<p>C86 NM 19120 53249 Friesland Bay (SE of) Paravane 18-20th C Good Nil</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. Friesland

NM 176 530

9.6 Km

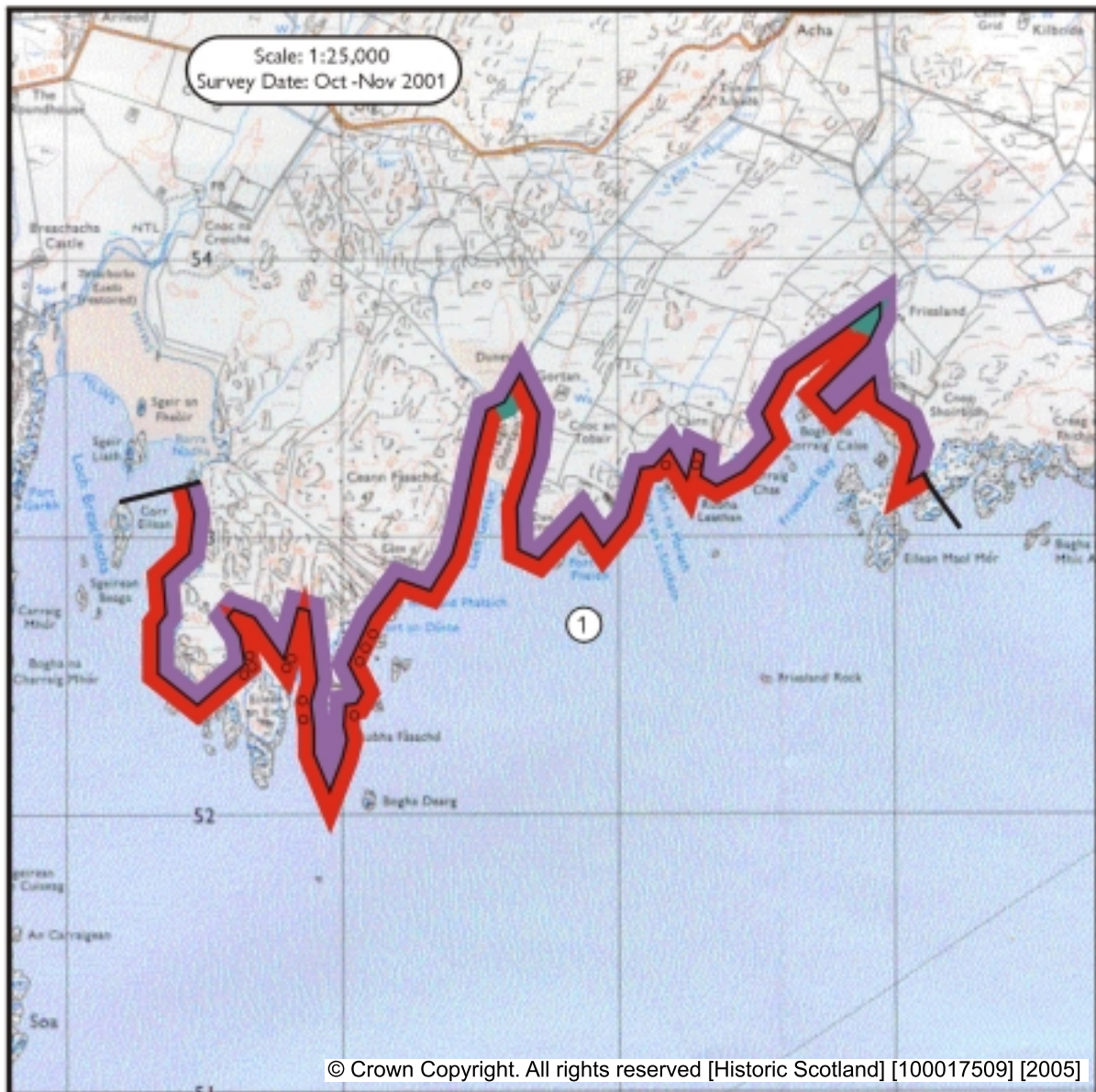
Rock platform, occasional cobble cover

Coast edge <5m

Drift/ rock interface occasionally visible

Coast edge is rocky and frequently steeply sloping. There is some cobble cover in coves.

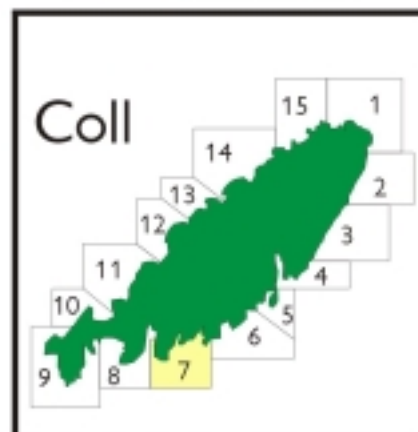
The inlets at Gortan and Friesland contain salt marsh. The hinterland is very rough grazing containing heather and pockets of scrub willow.



- 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. Ceann Fasachd

NM 176 530

9.6 Km

Stable

A rocky coast edge with no sign of recent erosion for most of its length. Two small lengths of coast edge are low lying and are inundated by the sea at high tide, these have been classed as eroding to stable.

