

## Tiree

### Map 10: Rubha Hanais to Rubha Charrastain

Beginning at Rubha Hanais, this map section extends around the head of a long rocky promontory and northward around the shores of Hough Bay towards Carrastain. To the N and S of the promontory there are long sandy beaches with a hinterland of vegetated dunes. There is no modern settlement or roads within the coastal zone of this area but there are several rough tracks which lead from the nearest roads to the coast.

From Rubha Hanais to Sgeirean Onamull, the coast edge is formed from rock platform and is stable. Beyond this point and along the entire extent of Traigh Hough, soft sediments form the coast edge and there is evidence of active erosion.

The sites noted within this area are all of 18-20th C date, although it is probable that further remains of earlier date lie within this area but are obscured by the accumulation of sand. The most frequently identified sites were remains associated with kelp working. Both kelp kilns and kelp drying walls were recorded (T92, 95, 96). At Am Meall, close to the tip of the promontory, the remains of an abandoned settlement were identified. In addition to a ruinous house, there were also traces of old field walls and enclosures in this area. A WWII structure was recorded among the dunes at Port Hanais and further military buildings were noted in the immediate hinterland beneath Beinn Hough.

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T92

NL 93292 455537  
Port Hanais (S end of)  
Kelp kiln  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

T95

NL 92659 45768  
Am Meall  
Kelp drying walls and kelp kiln  
18-20th C  
Fair/poor  
Nil

T93

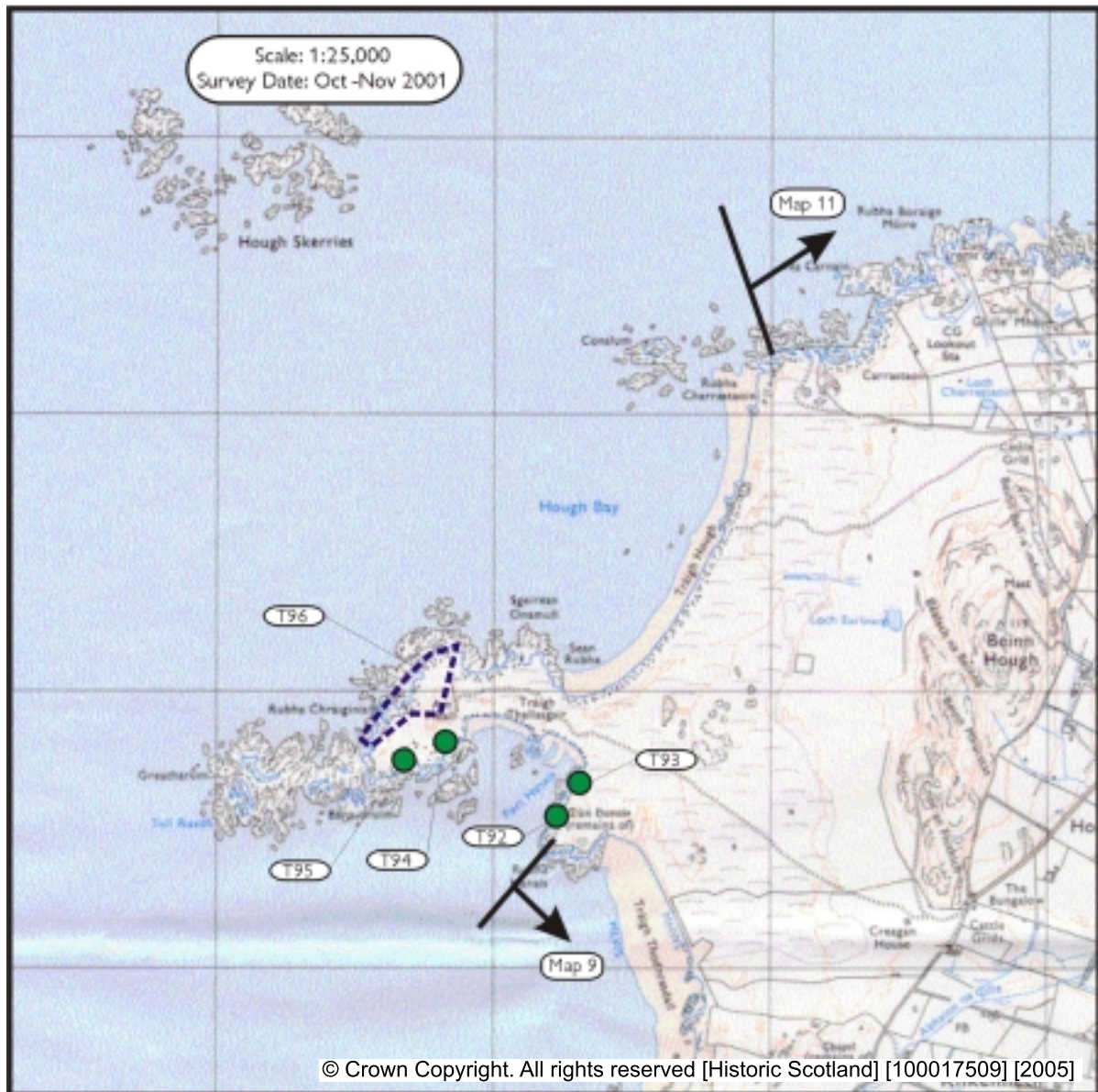
NL 93341 45649  
Port Hanais  
WWII structure  
18-20th C  
Fair/poor  
Nil

T96

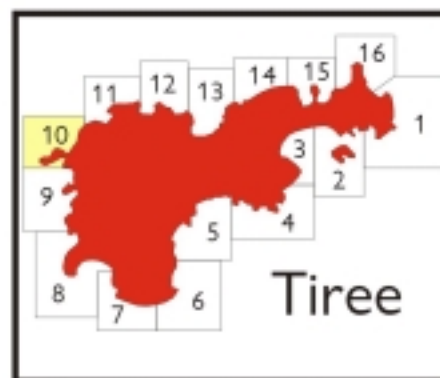
NL 92857 46025  
Am Meall  
Enclosure, Kelp drying walls and kilns  
18-20th C  
Fair/poor  
Nil

T94

NL 92852 45852  
Am Meall  
House  
18-20th C  
Poor  
Nil



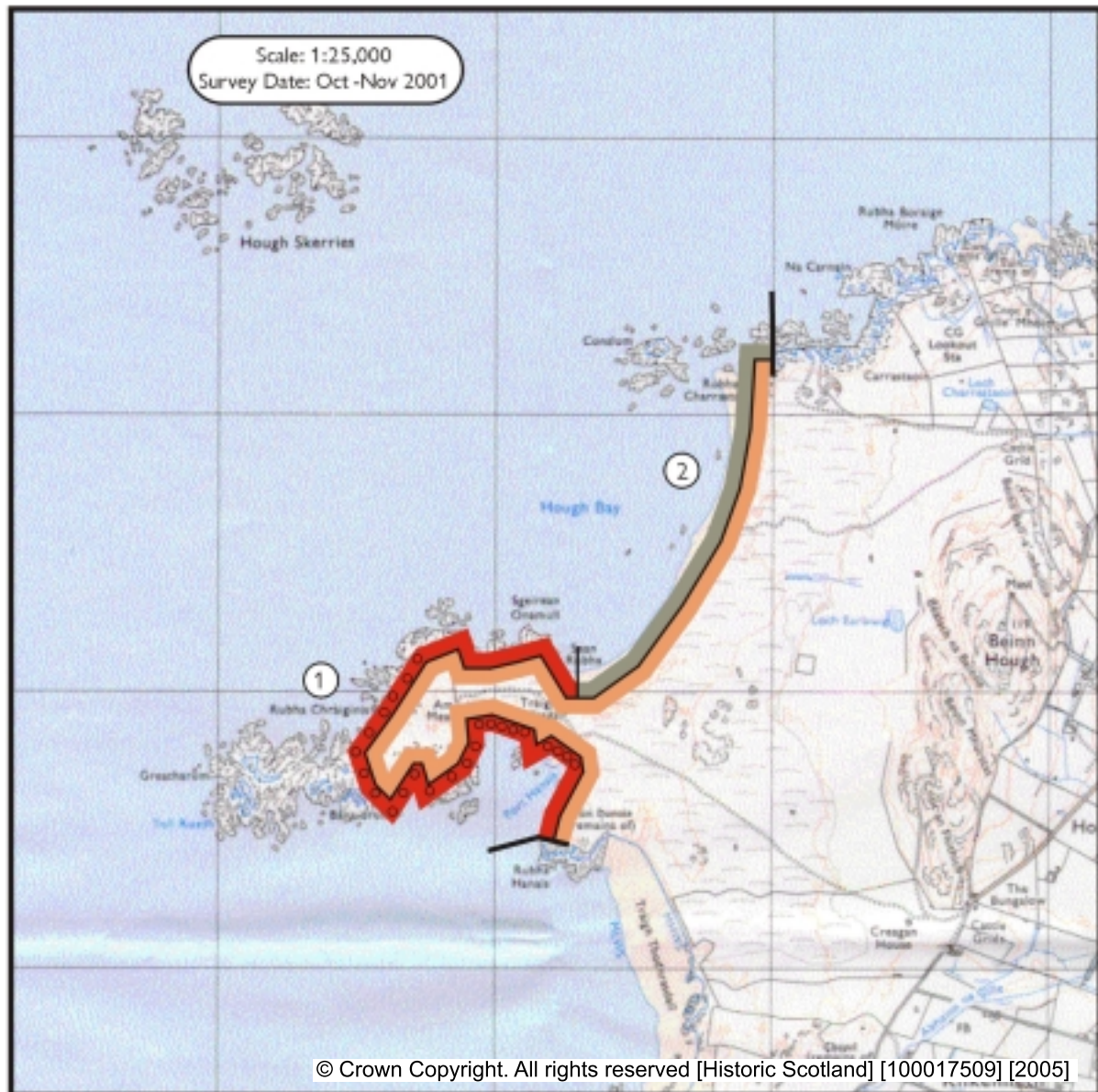
- Built Heritage & Archaeology
- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
  - Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
  - + Listed Historic Building
  - Undesignated wreck
  - Known ancient monument
  - Site found by this survey
  - Site complex



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1. Am Meall  
NL 926 459  
3.4 Km  
Rock platform, frequent cobble cover  
Coast edge <5m  
Drift/rock interface occasionally visible  
This unit covers a small rocky peninsula which has a rocky shore towards the western end and storm beaches on the north and south sides. The hinterland is a mix of rock outcrop and blown sand/dunes.

2. Traigh Hough  
NL 937 464  
1.8 Km  
Sandy foreshore  
Coast edge <5m  
Drift/rock interface not visible  
A long sandy bay which slopes fairly gently towards the sea. The upper foreshore is becoming covered by cobble and shingle. The hinterland is an extensive dune system. The hinterland is unfenced rough grazing.

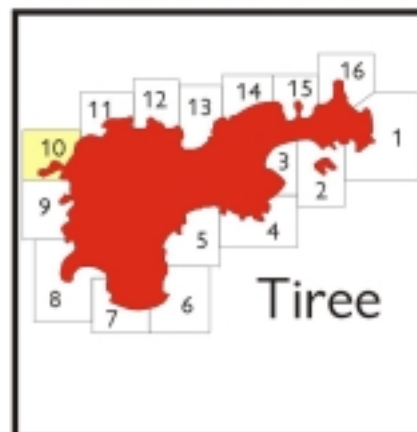


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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
  - Mainly sand
  - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
  - Marsh

- 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. Am Meall

NL 926 459

3.4 Km

Stable

The coast edge within this section is rocky and stable.

2. Traigh Hough

NL 937 464

1.8 Km

Definitely eroding

This unit appears very active. The coast edge is eroding, and large quantities of windblown sand is being deposited further inland. The dunes at the coast edge appear to be migrating landward. The upper foreshore, which is sand, appears to be becoming covered with storm thrown cobble and shingle.

