

Tiree

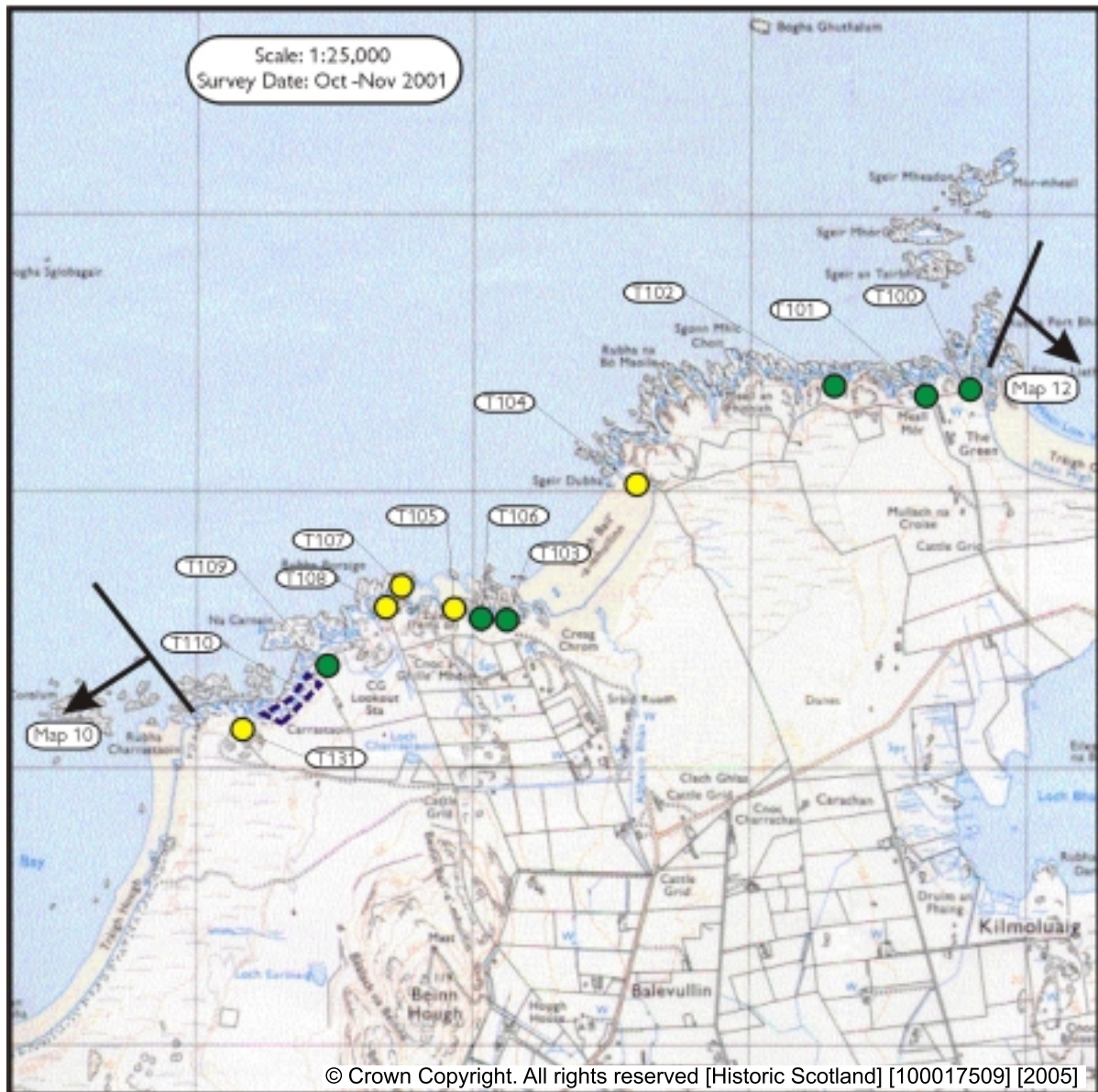
Map 11: Rubha Charrastain to Rubha Port Bhiosd

This map section covers the northwest corner of the coastline of Tiree and extends from Carrastain, past Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn to Rubha Port Bhiosd overlooking Traigh Chornaig. The coastline is generally low and rocky but there are occasional small sandy beaches between the narrow promontories and there is a broad sandy beach at Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn. There is a cluster of modern settlement within and behind the coastal zone at Balevullin and a couple of more dispersed settlements at The Green, by Traigh Chornaig. Around Ballevullin the hinterland is fertile and enclosed into a regular pattern of fields. Out with this area, the hinterland is composed of unenclosed but stable dunes.

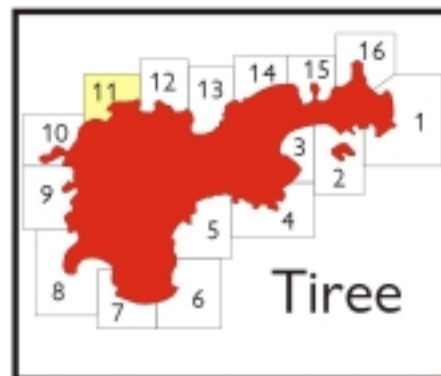
The eastern and western sections of this area have rock platform at the coast edge and are stable. To the centre, the coast edge around Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn is formed from soft sediments and is eroding in places. There is also evidence of some accretion of sand deposits within this area, although this may be of a seasonal nature since the accreting deposits are not vegetated.

Four defended houses or dun sites have been recorded previously in this area. Of these, no surviving remains could be found at two of the sites (T104, 131). At Dun Boraige Moire (T107) the ruins of a large circular building appear to be those of a broch. The structure is relatively well preserved and may retain traces of its internal layout. Nearby at Dun Boraige Beag (T105), a probable fortified settlement is indicated by traces of walls which appear to define a structure on the summit of a rocky knoll, with outer walls surrounding it. Amongst the sites of 18-20th C date, there are numerous kelp drying walls at Carrastain (T110) and to the SW of Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn (T103). There is an abandoned blackhouse settlement at The Green (T101) which has associated boundary walls. There are also slipways and jetties along the coast at Traigh Chornaig (T100) and Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn (T106). A disused quarry lies behind The Green (T102).

T100 NL 96821 48390 Traigh Chornaig (W end) Jetty 18-20th C Good Nil	T106 NL 94955 47555 Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn Slipway Unknown Fair Nil
T101 NL 96668 48345 The Green Houses, mound, wall 18-20th C Fair/poor Nil	T107 (NL94NW1) NL 94700 47557 Dun Boraige Moire Substantial house/ possible broch 1st mill BC-1st mill AD Fair Monitor
T102 NL 96348 48324 The Green (W of) Quarry 18-20th C Good Nil	T108 (NL94NW6) NL 94661 47482 Carrastaoin (NE of) Enclosure 18-20th C Fair Nil
T103 NL 95232 47520 Traigh Bail'-a-mhuilinn (SW of) Kelp drying walls 18-20th C Fair Nil	T109 NL 94478 47339 Carrastaoin (NE of) Pit 18-20th C Fair Nil
T104 (NL94NE15) NL 9554 4807 Traigh bail'-a-mhuilinn (N of) Alleged site of dun Unknown Poor Nil	T110 NL 94467 47245 Carrastaoin Kelp drying walls 18-20th C Fair Nil
T105 (NL94NW3) NL 94955 47555 Dun Boraige Beag Defended house/ Dun 1st mill BC- 1st mill AD Fair/poor Monitor	T131 (NL94NW4) NL 9422 4710 Cnoc Charrastaoin Dun Unknown 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



1. Rubha Boraige Moire

NL 945 475

1.6 Km

Rock platform, some cobble cover

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface occasionally visible

Rocky shoreline sloping steeply to sea. Storm beaches in some sheltered coves, and intermittent cobble and boulder cover elsewhere. This unit includes a short stretch of sandy coast line at Carrastaoin. The hinterland is rough grazing, occasionally poorly drained.

2. Traigh Bail-a-mhuilinn

NL 955 477

0.8 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

Sandy bay which slopes gently to sea. Large expanse of sand exposed at low tide. There has been some dumping of rubble and refuse at the west end of the beach, this appears to date from c. 1940. The hinterland is dunes.

3. Meall an Fhithich

NL 961 483

2.1 Km

Rock platform, some cobble cover

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface generally visible

A rocky shoreline which slopes steeply to the sea. Cobble cover in sheltered coves and on some parts of the upper foreshore. The hinterland is rough grazing, poorly drained in places. From a point c. NL 96104 48358 westwards the hinterland develops more dunes but with many rock outcrops in between.



- 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

Tiree
Map 11

1. Carrastaoin

NL 945 475

1.6 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky and there is no sign of recent erosion

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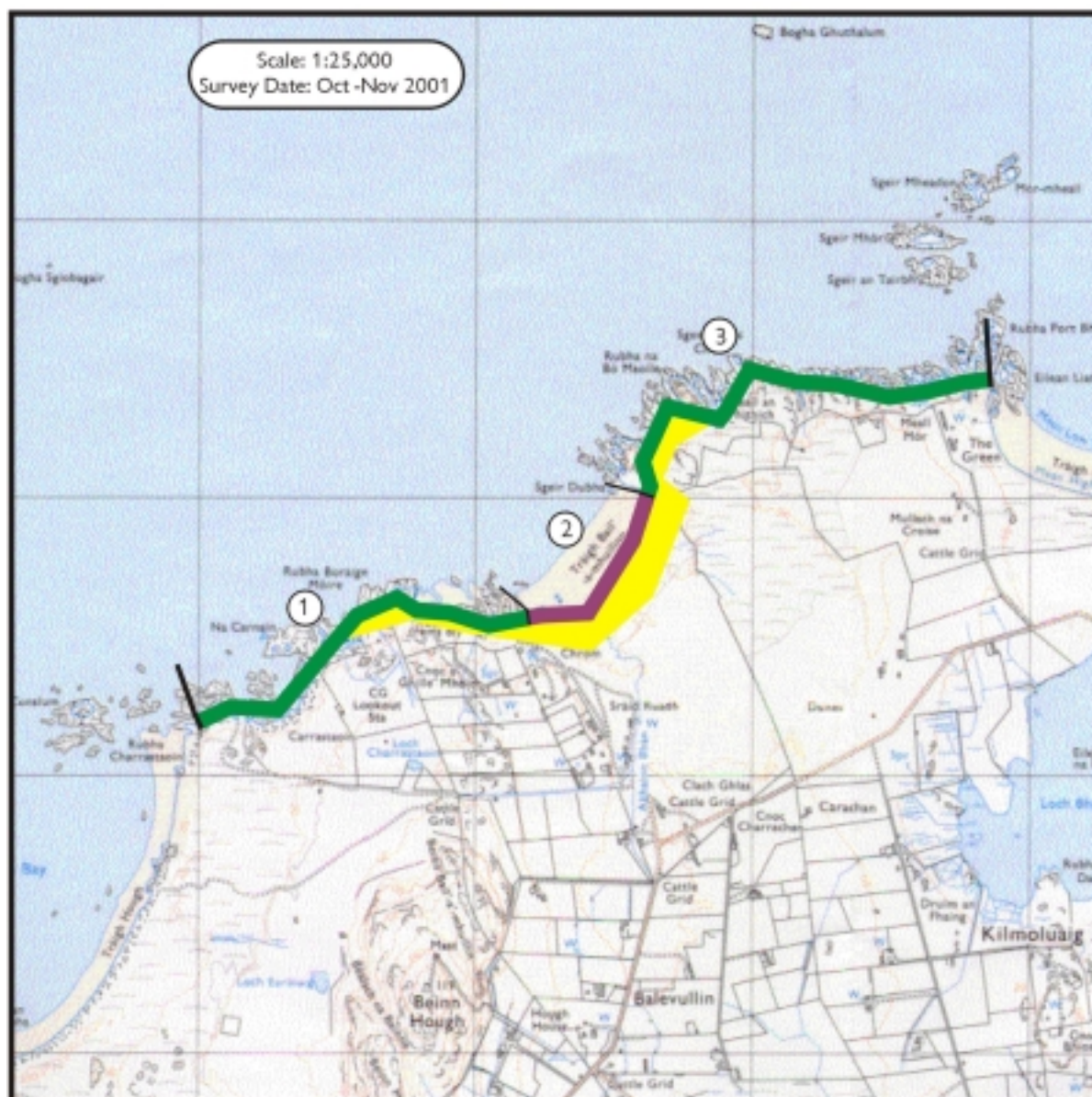
2. Traigh Bail

NL 955 477

0.8 Km

Accreting and eroding

The coast edge in this unit is dunes. The central part of the unit appears to be accreting while to either end the coast edge is visibly eroding, especially so at the northern end where a fence line is dangling in mid air.



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

