

Tiree

Map 12: Rubha Port Bhiosd to Sgeir Fada

This map section extends from Traigh Chornaigh almost to the W side of Balephetrish Bay. Behind the broad sandy beach of Traigh Chornaigh, the hinterland comprises of stable, vegetated dunes. Here, the coastal strip is largely unenclosed and there is little permanent modern settlement. Moving E, the coastline becomes more rugged and rocky, but remains low-lying and is occasionally punctuated with small sandy beaches. The hinterland in this area is divided into regular fields, most of which are down to grazing and there is occasional modern settlement.

The coast edge at Traigh Chornaigh is formed by soft sediment but is currently generally stable with only minor areas of erosion evident. Further eastwards, the coast edge from Sloc Mhic Reathailt to Sgeir Fada the coast edge is formed from a low lying rock platform with occasional sand or cobble cover. Though generally stable, some localised erosion was noted in this area.

Few sites were noted in this area, and of these all were of 18-20th C date. They include kelp drying walls (T69) which lie to the W side of Port Fada and appear to be of late 20th C date. The remains of enclosures and probable boundary walls were noted in this area also. An abandoned roofless house is currently used as a dumping area and lies close to the modern settlement at Clachan Mor (T68). On the opposite side of Port Fada, there is a Y-shaped sheep fold made of rounded beach stone (T67).

T67

NL 99257 47714

Balephetrish Bay (W of)

Sheep fold

18-20th C

Fair

Nil

T69

NL 98501 47972

Clachan Mor (N of)

Kelp drying walls, enclosures, land boundary

18-20th C

Fair/poor

Nil

T68

NL 98499 47828

Port Fada

House

18-20th C

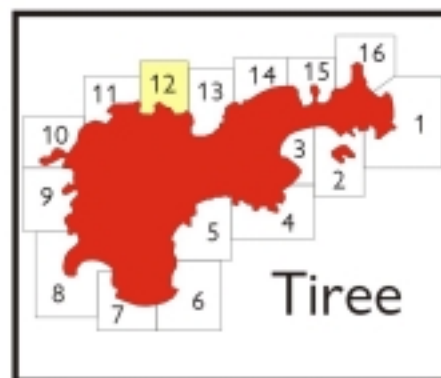
Fair/poor

Nil



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- 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



Hinterland Geology &
Coastal Geomorphology

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Map 12

1. Traigh Chornaig

NL 973 480

1.4 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

A wide curving beach which slopes gently to sea. Hinterland is dunes.

2. Clachan Mor

NL 985 481

3.0 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface generally visible

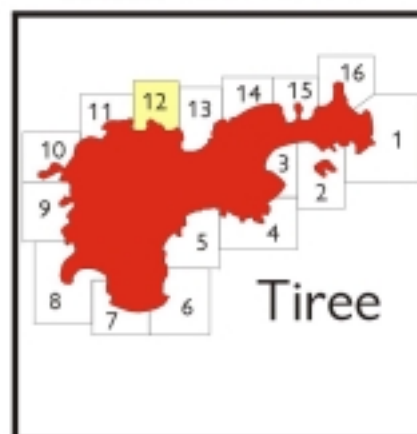
Rocky shoreline with shingle/sand/shell mix between rocks and on upper foreshore. Hinterland good fenced land used for grazing.



- 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. Traigh Cornaig

NL 973 480

1.4 Km

Eroding to stable

The unit encompasses a wide sandy bay. The western end of the bay appears less stable. Here there are occasional blowouts in the hinterland and the immediate coast edge is devoid of vegetation and appears to be eroding. There is some slippage of the dune face. The central and eastern part appears to be more stable at present. Here, the dune faces have marram grass extending most of the way down, and there is some accretion of sand within the grass. There are some old blowouts in the hinterland in the centre of the bay which are grassed over. Fence lines have been moved back c. 5m in the recent past.

2. Clachan Mor

NL 985 481

3.0 Km

Eroding to stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky with a shingle/sand/shell mix between rocks on the upper foreshore. There are signs of recent limited erosion which is now grassed over. At Clachan Mor there are fresh exposures on the coast edge.



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

