

# Tiree

## Map 13: Sgeir Fada to Rubha Saltaig

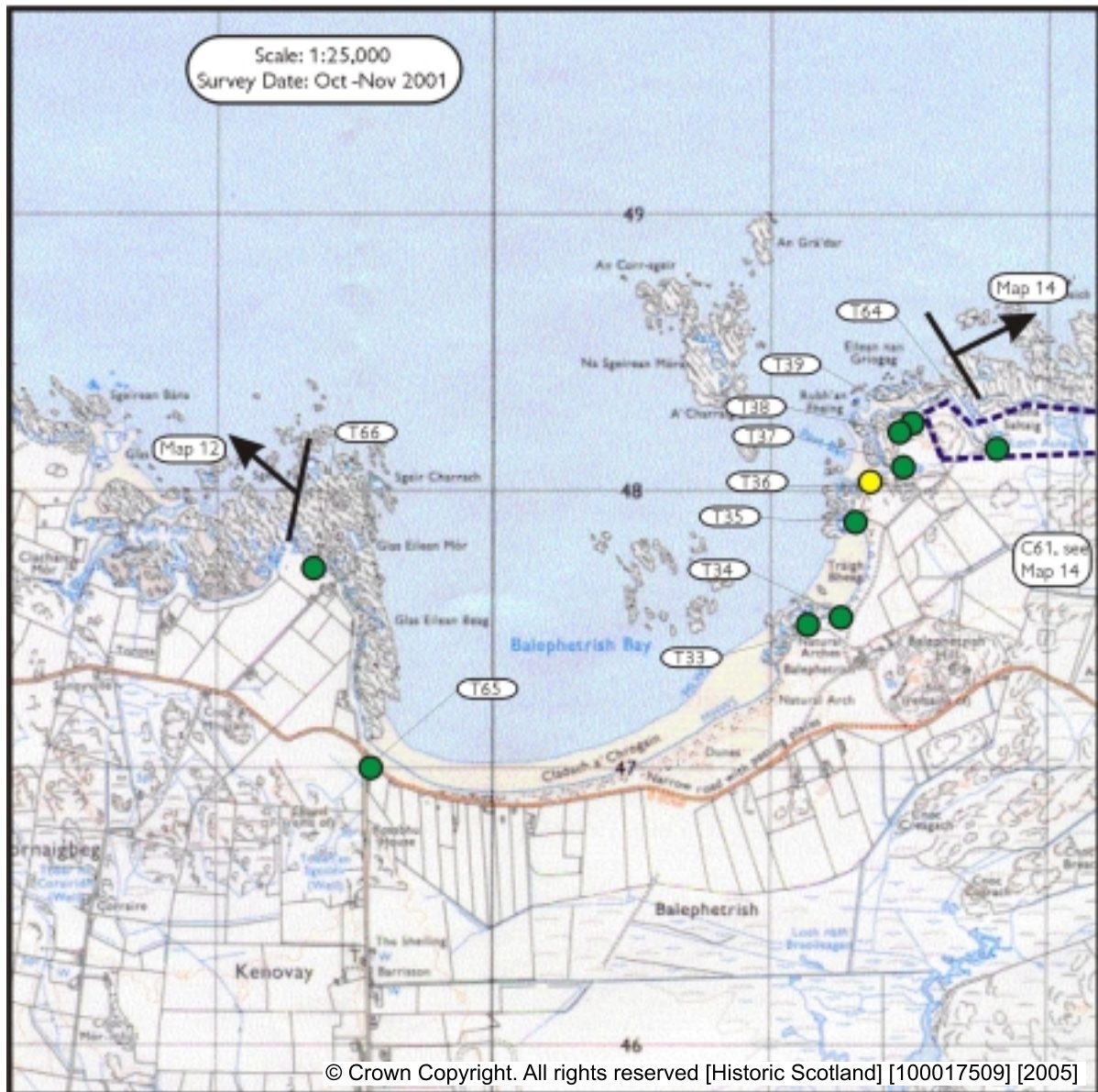
This map section begins to the rocky W end of Balephetrish Bay and extends around a broad sandy beach at its head. It finishes at the rocky point of Rubha Saltaig at the extreme E side of the Bay. Much of the hinterland in this section comprises of enclosed farmland, the majority of which is down to grazing although some cultivation was noted. At the E end of this section, the hinterland terrain becomes more rugged and is characterised by frequent rock outcrops and areas of boggy ground. The modern B8068 road runs immediately behind the coast at Cladach a'Chrogain, but diverges inland at the E end of the bay. There are several tracks leading towards the coast from the road end. Modern settlement is clustered to the landward side of the road behind the beach at Balephetrish. There are also several dispersed settlements at either end of the Bay which lie within the coastal zone.

To the western side of Balephetrish Bay, the coast edge is formed from rock platform and is generally stable. Where the rock edge gives way to a sandy edge, the coastline is eroding. This occurs from the western end of Cladach a'Chrogain as far as Rubh'an Fhaing. After this point, rock platform again forms the coast edge, which is stable in this area.

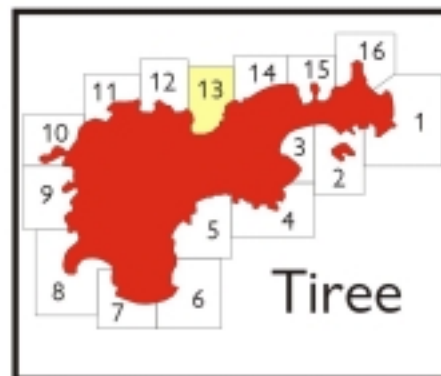
The majority of the sites noted in this section are thought to be of 18-20th C date. There are several kelp drying walls in evidence around the coast (T33, 66) and kelp kilns also (T35, 38). Ruinous old land and field boundaries are also common (T34, 37, 39), while an abandoned house (T65) stands close to the junction of the Kennovay/Balephetrish roads. Only two sites of probable earlier date were noted within the coastal zone. At An Dun (T36) to the NW of Balephetrish, fragmentary remains of a curvilinear structure are located on the summit of a crag, surrounded by the sea. The building measures some 10m in diameter and has stone walls which incorporate outcrops of bedrock. Parts of both the inner and outer wall face survive. The site appears to be a defended settlement probably of later 1st millennium date. A cairn (T64) at Loch Aulaig may be a prehistoric burial monument or, alternatively, could be a clearance pile of later date.

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<p>T33 NM 01140 47502 Balephetrish Kelp drying walls 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>T38 NM 01427 48109 Balephetrish (NW of) Kelp kilns 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>T34 NM 01288 47537 Balephetrish, Traigh Bheag Remnant land boundaries 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>T39 NM 01564 48216 Loch Aulraig (W of) Land boundary 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>T35 NM 01329 47903 Balephetrish, Traigh Bheag Structure, possible kelp Kiln Unknown Fair/poor Nil</p>	<p>T64 NM 01866 48120 Loch Aulraig Cairn Unknown Fair Monitor</p>
<p>T36 (NM04NW13) NM 01357 48029 Balephetrish, An Dun Defended house/ Dun 1st mill BC- 1st mill AD Fair Monitor</p>	<p>T65 NL 99550 47000 Balephetrish Bay (W side of) House 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>T37 NM 01441 48015 Balephetrish, Port Ban Land boundary 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>T66 NL 99333 47709 Balephetrish Bay (W end of) Kelp drying wall 18-20th C Fair 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



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1. Sgeir Charrach

NL 995 475

0.9 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface generally visible

Rocky shore with shingle/shell/sand cover in-between rocks and on upper foreshore. There is a very small area of rubble, c 20m long dumped in front of the coast edge at the start of the unit. The hinterland is good fenced pasture.

3. Eilean nan Griogag

NM 016 483

0.8 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface visible

Rocky shoreline punctuated by small sandy coves generally <100m long. Hinterland is very poorly drained in many places. Rough grazing.

2. Balephetrish Bay

NM 007 471

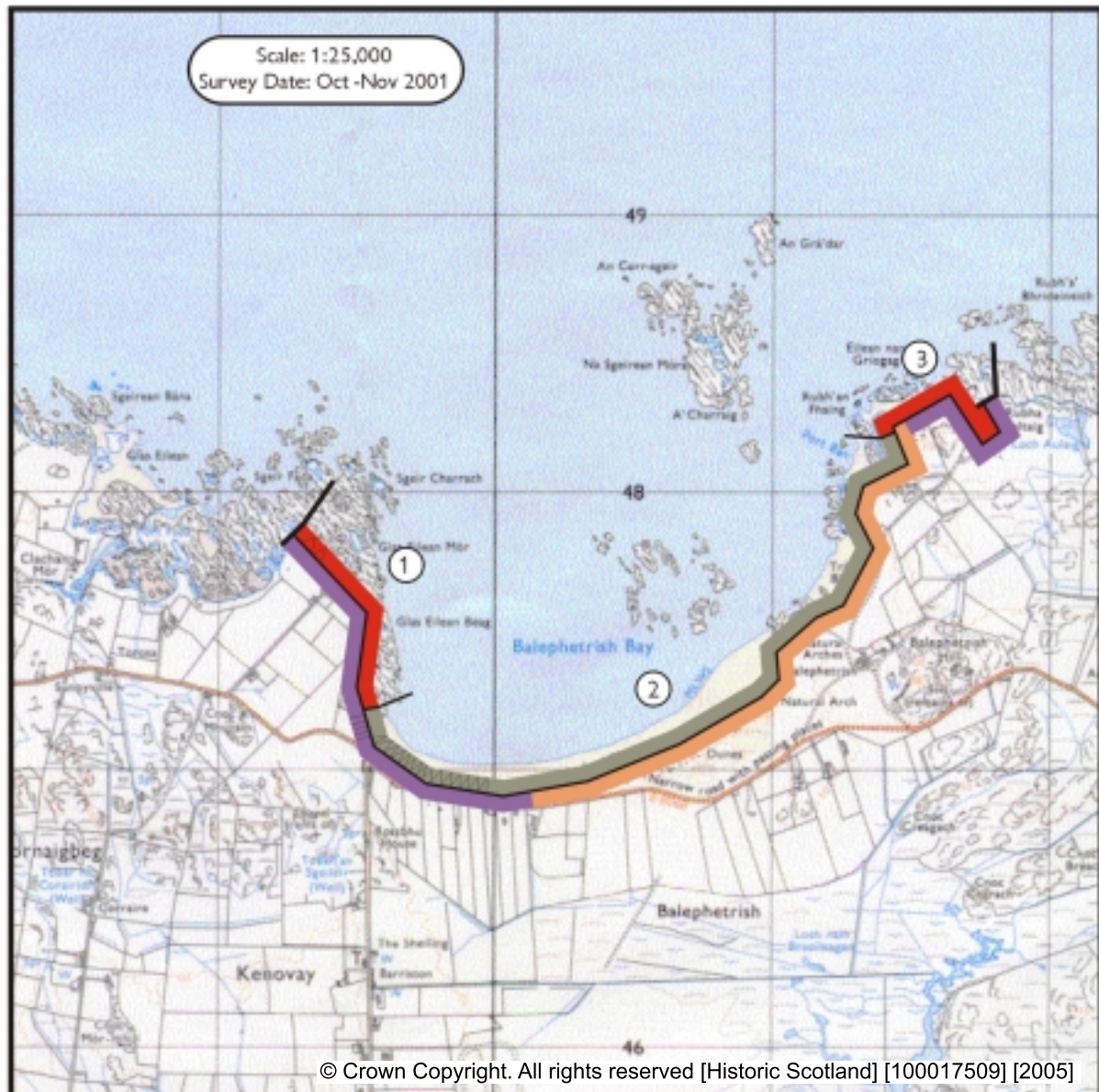
3.3 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not visible

A wide sandy bay. The hinterland is dunes over most of the unit, these become more extensive towards the eastern end of the bay. The dunes lie between the road and the coast edge; further inland there is good fenced pasture. At the western end of the bay the hinterland is good fenced pasture. There is a sea wall at the extreme west end of the unit, where the road passes adjacent to the coast edge. There has been much dumping of building rubble over a >200m stretch of coast edge at the western end of the unit where the road nears the coast, presumably in an attempt to protect the road from erosion. Further to the east of the rubble, erosion has revealed an old stony beach in a 200m long exposure. A gabion wall is eroding from dunes at NM 00482 46960.



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

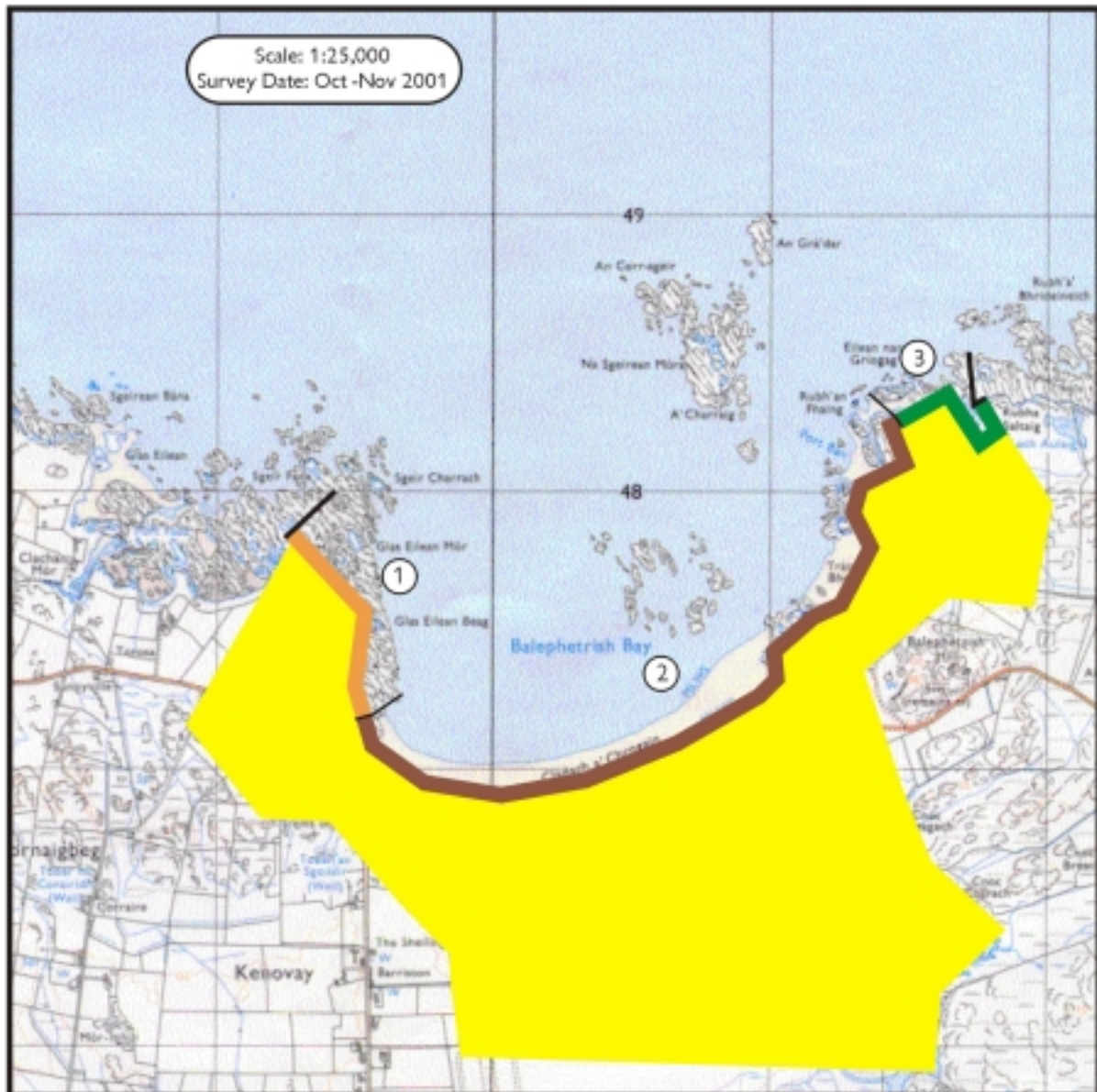
- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
  - Cliff >5m
  - Man made barrier
  - Shingle/storm bank
  - Human disturbance

- Hinterland**
- Drift
  - Drift on visible rock
  - Raised beach etc.
  - Blown sand
  - Glacial sand/gravel
  - Alluvium



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<p>1. Aird Mor NL 995 475 0.9 Km Eroding to stable The coast edge within this unit is generally rocky and stable but there is some limited erosion of soils above the coast edge.</p>	<p>3. Eilean nan Griogag NM 016 483 0.8 Km Stable Rocky coast edge with little sign of recent erosion.</p>
<p>2. Balephetrish Bay NM 007 471 3.3 Km Definitely eroding This long sandy bay is actively eroding. Many blowouts are visible in the hinterland. There is evidence of attempts to halt the erosion. Gabion cages are eroding from a dune face at NM 00482 46960. There has been much dumping of rubble over a &gt;200m stretch towards the western end of the bay, apparently in an attempt to armour the coastline where the road comes near.</p>	



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

