

Tiree

Map 15: Loch an Fhaing to Greasamull

This map section extends around Vaul Bay and Salum Bay to finish at Greasamull. The W side of Vaul bay is rugged and undulating. The coast rises up into a short section of rock cliffs and there are rock outcrops and craggy knolls in the immediate hinterland. There is no modern settlement within this area. At the head of the bay the broad sandy beach of Traigh Bhalla is backed by unenclosed sand dunes. A low rocky peninsula separates Vaul Bay from Salum Bay which lies its eastern side. At the head of Salum Bay, Traigh Shathalum is a predominantly sandy beach with occasional rock outcrops and some cobble cover. There is some modern settlement around the E side of Salum Bay, but it is mostly located outwith the coastal zone.

The northern part of this section has a coast edge formed from rock platform and is stable. The softer coast edge at the head of Vaul Bay and Salum Bay is eroding. These bays are separated by a rocky peninsula, which is not eroding.

In addition to numerous sites of 18-20th C date, there are also several major prehistoric sites within this area. The broch of Dun Mor at Vaul is possibly the best known site on Tiree (T129). Excavated between 1962 and 1964 by Dr. Euan MacKie, this imposing structure is built on a high knoll overlooking the sea. The walls stand over 2m high, with an intramural gallery and staircase preserved within their 4.5m thickness. The remains of outworks and extramural settlement can be seen around the broch. The nearby site of Dun Beg (T130) also occupies a rocky height. It appears that this defended settlement comprised of a series of curvilinear buildings within a stout enclosure wall. A further prehistoric site is indicated in an eroding coastal section at Salum (T20). This is the only actively eroding coastal site identified during this visit to Tiree. Deposits of ash, bone and burnt stone visible in the 1m high section indicate the probable presence of a settlement, most likely of prehistoric date.

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T19 (NM04NE9) NM 06564 49032 Salum Bay (N end of) Alleged site of dun, jetty Unknown Fair Monitor	T54 NM 04821 48888 Vaul Bay, Creag Bruthainne Quarry 18-20th C Good Nil
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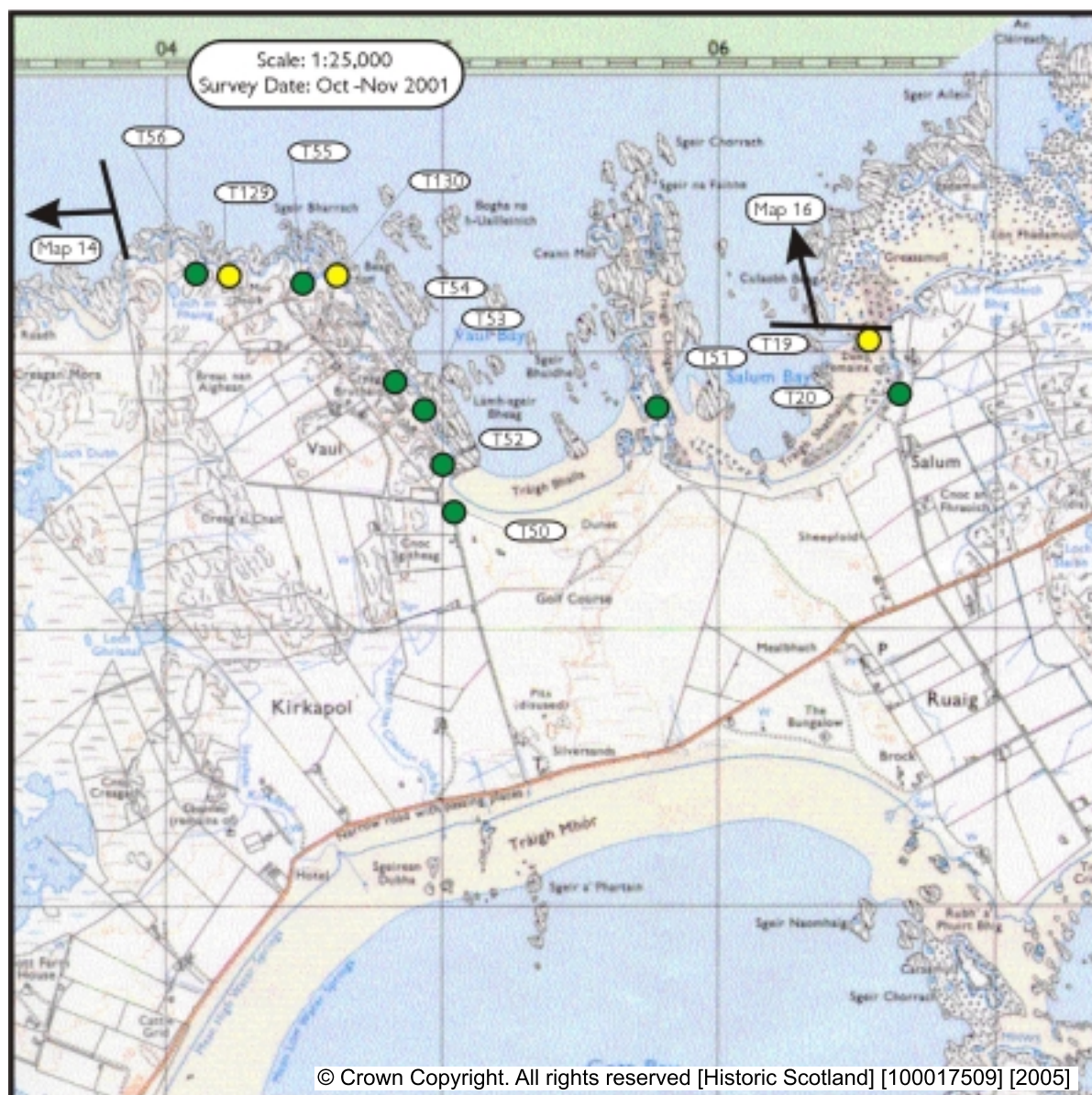
T20 NM 06656 48842 Salum Coastal exposure: anthropogenic deposits in section Unknown Fair/poor Survey	T55 NM 04518 49215 Vaul Bay (NW of) Kelp kilns 18-20th C Fair Nil
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T50 NM 05059 48410 Vaul, Traigh Bhalla Blackhouses 18-20th C Fair Nil	T56 NM 04067 49216 Loch an Fhaing Enclosure and mound 18-20th Fair Nil
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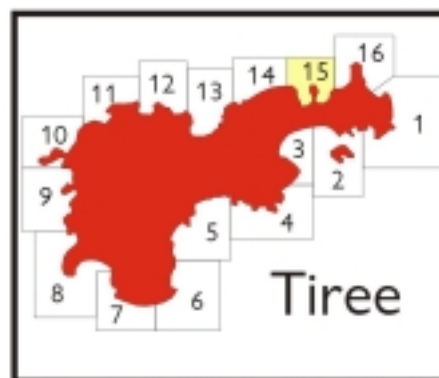
T51 NM 05789 48668 Vaul Bay (E side of) Structural remains, enclosures, kelp drying walls and kelp kiln 18-20th C Fair/poor Nil	T129 (NM04NW3) NM 0423 4927 Dun Mor Vaul Broch 1st mill BC- 1st mill AD Fair Monitor
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T52 NM 05009 48597 Vaul, Traigh Bhalla House and possible kelp kiln 18-20th C Fair Nil	T130 (NM04NW4/10/11) NM 0463 4926 Dun Beag, Vaul Dun 1st mill BC- 1st mill AD Fair Monitor
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T53 NM 04927 48779 Vaul Bay Noosts 18-20th C Fair 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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1. Sgeir Bharrach

NM 046 492

2.3 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. Traigh Chrogain

NM 057 490

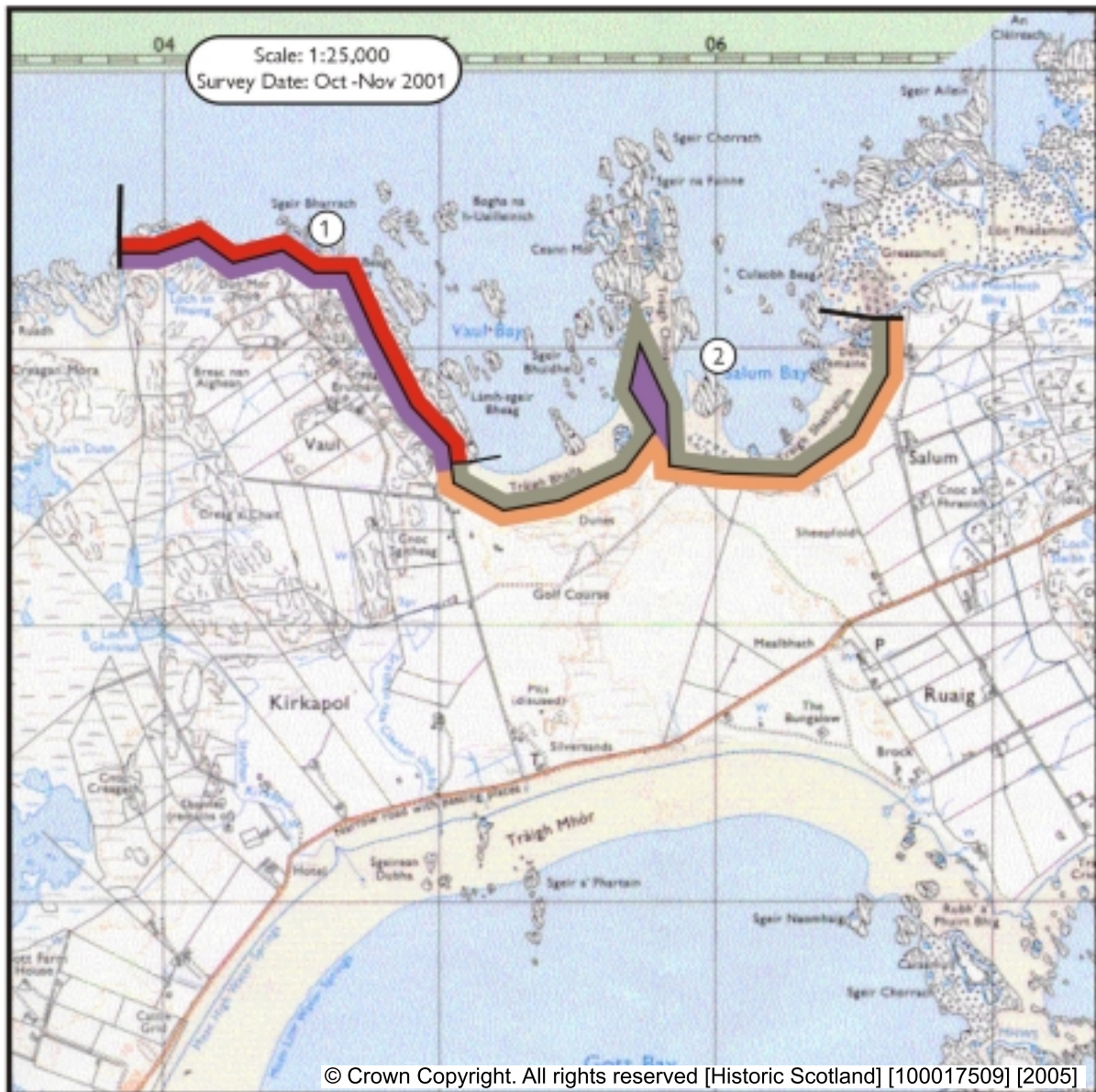
3.4 Km

Sandy foreshore

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface not generally visible

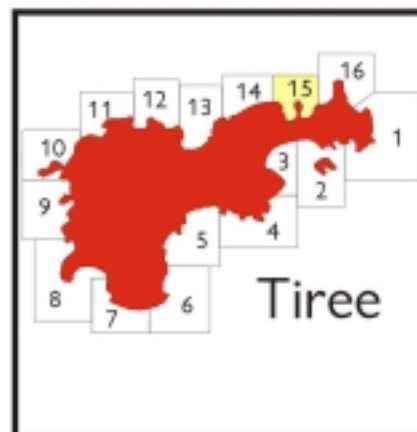
This unit covers two curving sandy bays divided
by a rocky ridge. The hinterland is an extensive
dune system.



- 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

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1. Vaul
NM 046 492
2.3 Km
Rocky coast edge with little sign of recent erosion. There is limited erosion within small sandy coves.

2. Traigh Bhalla
NM 054 484
1.1 Km
Definitely eroding
The dunes along the coast edge within this unit are eroding.

3. Traigh Chrogain
NM 057 490
0.9 Km
Stable
The coast edge on this rocky promontory appears stable

4. Traigh Shathalum
NM 064 486
1.4 Km
Definitely eroding
The dunes along the coast edge within this unit are eroding.

