

# Tiree

## Map 9: Aird Mor to Rubha Hanais

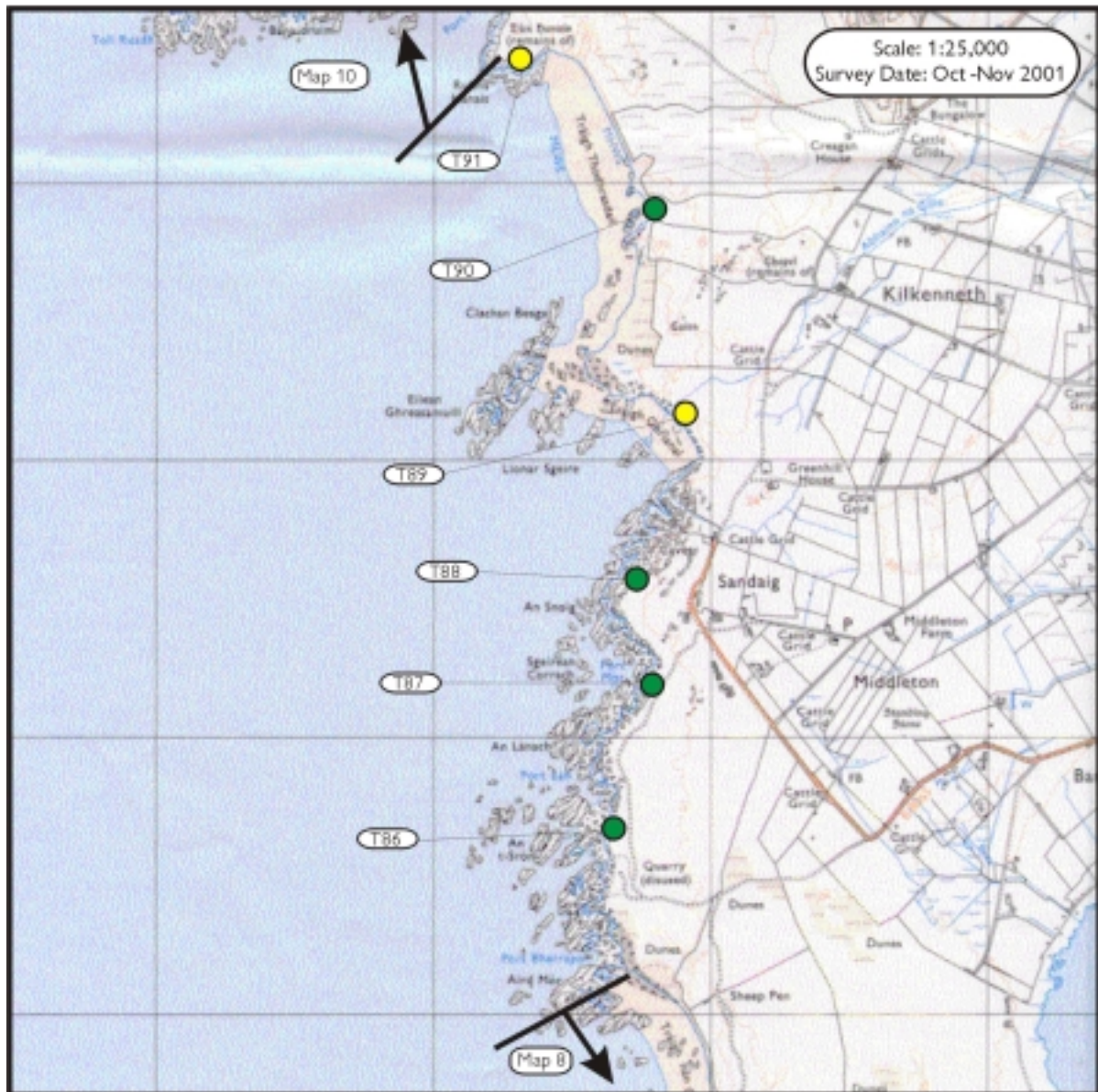
This map section extends from the N end of Traigh nan Gilean, along the W coast of the island, to Traigh Thodhrasdail. The southern part of this section has a low lying rocky coastline behind which the hinterland is formed of stable dunes graduating into enclosed grazing land at Sandaig. From N of Sandaig, past Kilkenneth and to the end of this section, the coast is fringed with sandy beaches, behind which there is a broad strip of unenclosed dunes. There is modern settlement within the coastal zone at Sandaig.

The coast edge to the southern part of this section is formed from rock platform and is stable. The dunes in the hinterland are covered with vegetation and are also currently stable. From Traigh Ghrianaidh to the north end of Traigh Thodhrasdail the coast edge is formed from soft sediment and is eroding. The dunes behind this section of the coast are also generally stable, although some blow out areas were noted. The coast edge at Rubha Hanais is rock platform and is stable.

The remains noted in this area include kelp walls of 18-20th C date which lie to the S of Sandaig (T86, 87). An old wall line which appears to have once enclosed a promontory (T88) may indicate a defended site but may alternatively be a stock barrier; the date of this construction could not be determined. To the NW of Greenhill House, between Sandaig and Kilkenneth, a souterrain was discovered and partially excavated in the early 20th C. No trace of this site can now be seen. At Dun Hanais, however, the remains of a substantial house, most likely a broch, lies on a low headland surrounded by outer defensive walls and earthworks which extend across the neck of the promontory. The walls of this building are partially buried and the interior is filled with loose rubble. It is likely that at least part of the interior deposits may survive and the site should be considered as being of high archaeological potential.

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<p>T86 NL 93668 42702 Port Ban (S of) Kelp drying walls 18-20th C Fair/poor Nil</p>	<p>T89 (NL94SW5) NL 93893 44176 Greenhill House (NW of) Indeterminate remains, site of souterrain Unknown Poor Nil</p>
<p>T87 NL 93844 43279 Port Mor Kelp drying walls 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>T90 NL 93811 44881 Traigh Thodhrasdail Cairns, possible clearance material Unknown Fair Monitor</p>
<p>T88 NL 93857 43750 Sandaig (W of) Wall across promontory Unknown Poor Nil</p>	<p>T91 (NL94NW2) NL 93293 45455 Dun Hanais Substantial defended house/ possible broch 1st mill BC-1st mill AD Fair Monitor</p>



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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



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1. Sandaig  
NL 936 430  
2.4 Km  
Rock platform, extensive cobble cover  
Coast edge <5m  
Drift/rock interface not visible  
The coast edge is rock platform with frequent  
cobble cover along upper foreshore. The cobble  
cover is in the form of a storm beach for the  
first c. 500m of the unit. Hinterland is dunes  
and blown sand. Unfenced rough grazing. An  
old quarry at NL 93658 42410 has exploited  
an old storm beach in the hinterland here, partly  
covered by blown sand.

2. Traigh Thodhrasdail  
NL 937 446  
2.6 Km  
Sandy foreshore  
Coast edge <5m  
Drift/rock interface not visible  
Sandy coast edge, cobble cover along upper  
foreshore for first c. 150m of unit. Hinterland  
is dunes, which become higher to the north of  
Eilean Ghreasamuill.



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

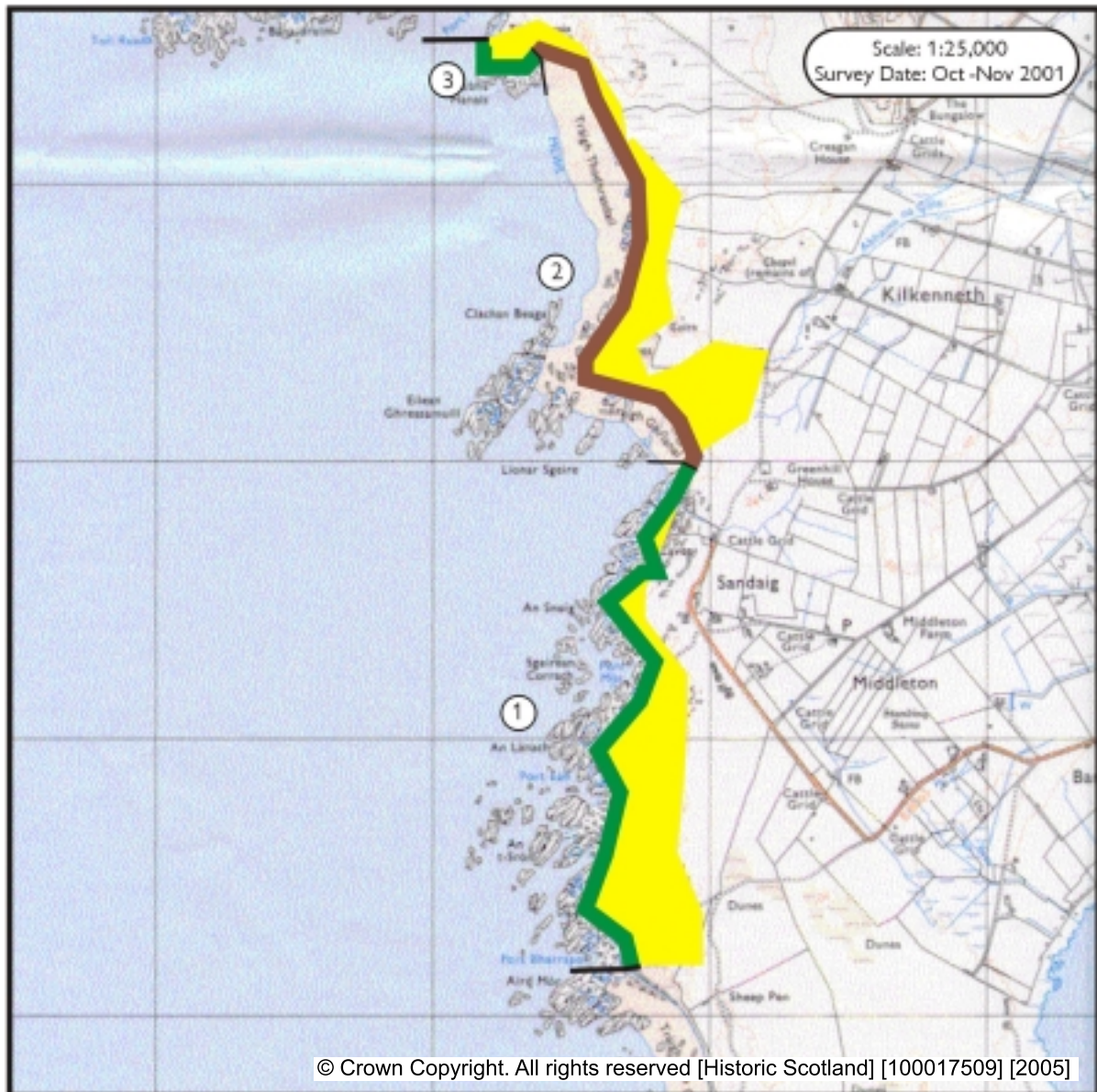
- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
  - Cliff >5m
  - Man made barrier
  - Shingle/storm bank
  - Human disturbance

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



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1. Sandaig NL 936 430 2.4 Km Stable The coast edge in this section is rocky and there is only very limited, localised erosion.	3. Rubha Hanais NL 933 454 0.4 Km Stable The coast edge within this section is rocky and stable.
2. Traigh Thodhrasdail NL 937 446 2.2 Km Definitely eroding The coast edge within this section is definitely eroding. An area around a headland opposite Eilean Ghreasamuill is deflating onto an old ground surface, over an area of c. 50m X 100m. The coast edge to the north of the headland are near vertical dunes, which are eroding.	



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

