

Introduction to Map 10: Cnoc an Ruamhair to Torr a'Muilinn

This map section covers some 4.9km of coastline. The area extends northwards along a rocky but generally low-lying coastline. The only modern settlement within this area is at Ardtalla, and this is set back from the coastal zone. The hinterland comprises a mixture of rough grazing and moorland. The coast edge within this map section has been classified as stable. A very rough track leads from the road end at Ardtalla to McArthur's Head to the north, but this is not continuous and in places is inaccessible due to waterlogging.

A total of twelve sites were identified within this map section; four of these had been recorded previously. Six sites are thought to be of 18th-20th C date, five are of uncertain date and one site (IY121) has been reinterpreted as a natural rather than an archaeological feature.

The 18th-20th C date remains include land boundaries and cultivation remains, a hulk and a slipway. The two dun sites are located on coastal promontories. That at Dun nan Gall (IY123) has three steep sides which stand up to 15m above the sea. It is defended by two walls which extend across the neck of the promontory. The innermost wall contains reddened and heat damaged stones which may be consistent with partial vitrification. No structural features were found within the interior. At Dun An Rudha Buidhe (IY118), the dun occupies a low irregularly shaped knoll and is defended by three walls, the outermost of which survives as no more than an intermittent line of boulders. There are traces of a more recent, probably 18-20th C wall, to the N side of the promontory and this may be located along the original access route up to the enclosed promontory area. On the level ground of the promontory there are two concentrations of stone, which may represent structural remains. It is recommended that the two dun sites are monitored for future change.

IY108

NR 45885 56865
Torr a' Mhuilinn
Wall or noost
???
Poor
Nil

IY115

NR 46303 53674
Cnoc an Ruamhair
Boundary wall and cultivation remains
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY116

NR 46351 53753
Cnoc an Ruamhair
Stone feature
???
Fair
Nil

IY117

NR 46594 54048
Rubha Buidhe
Slipway
18-20th C
Good
Nil

IY118 (NR45SE 6)

NR 46615 54083
Dun An Rudha Buidhe
Promontory dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY119

NR 46800 54527
Ardtalla
Boundary wall
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY120

NR 46915 54931
Sgeir Liath
Boundary wall
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY121 (NR45NE 2)

NR 47079 55142
Rubha Liath
Alleged site of dun- natural feature
N/A
N/A
N/A

IY122

NR 47039 55317
Bealach Gaoithe
Wall
18-20th C
Poor
Nil

IY123 (NR45NE 1)

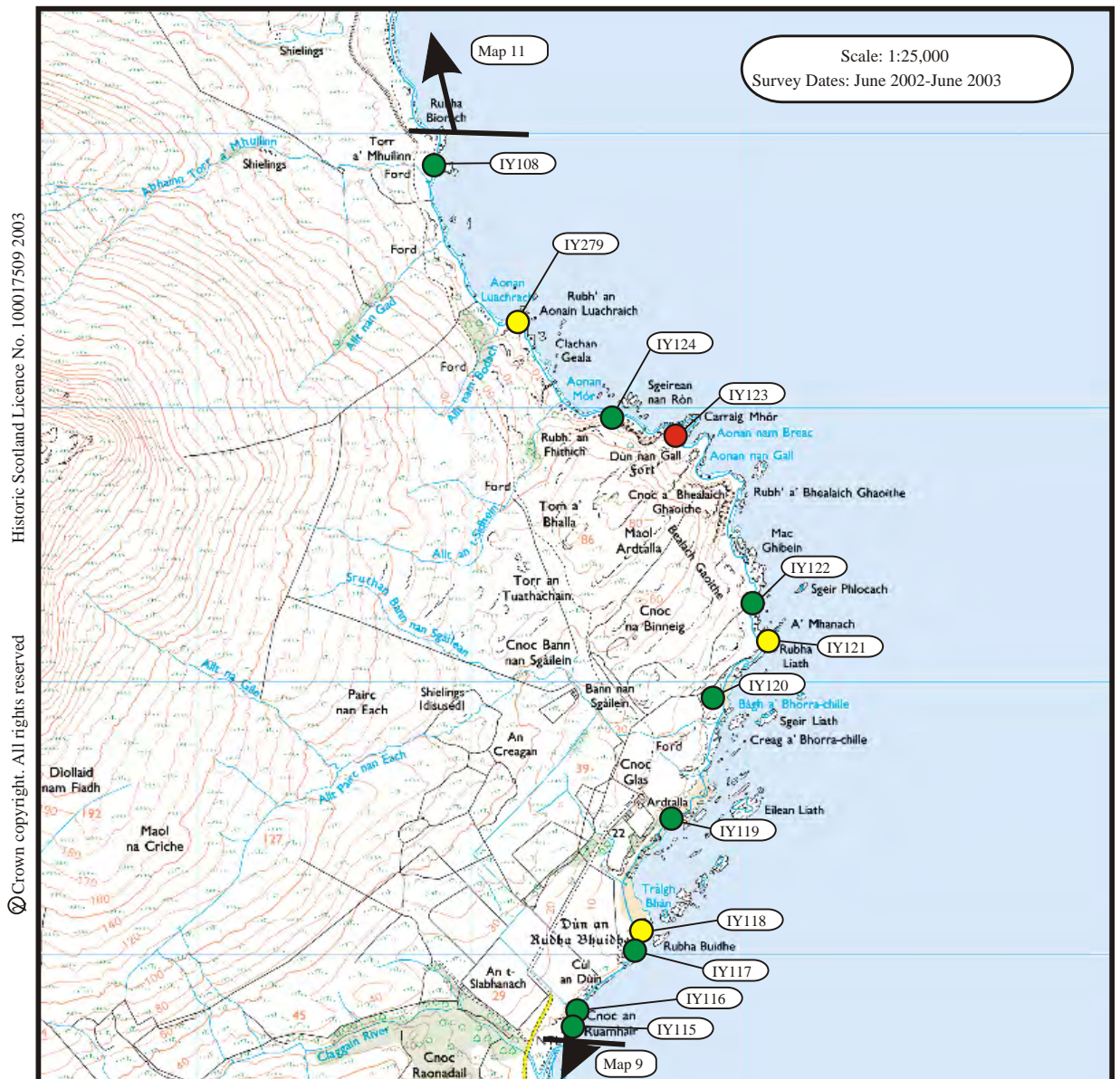
NR 4675 5588
Dun nan Gall
Promontory dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY124

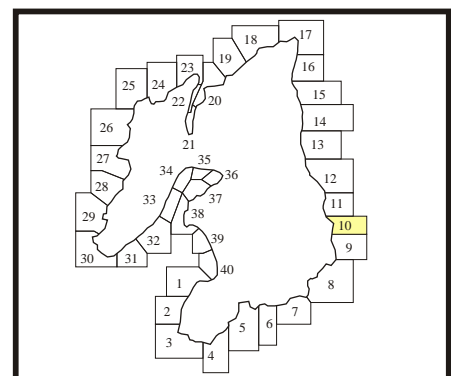
NR 46597 55946
Rubh' an Fhithich
Hulk
18-20th C
Poor
Nil

IY279 (NR45NE 8)

NR 46 56
Aonan Luachrach
Kiln
???
N/A
N/A



- 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. Cul an Duin

NR 464 538

0.6 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge in this unit is covered by cobbles. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.

2. Ardtalla

NR 467 545

1.4 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge is sand broken by frequent rock outcrops which form a series of shallow, small bays. The hinterland is rough grazing with frequent areas of bracken and low tree/scrub.

3. Maol Ardtalla

NR 461 562

2.9 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge mostly >5m

Drift on visible rock.

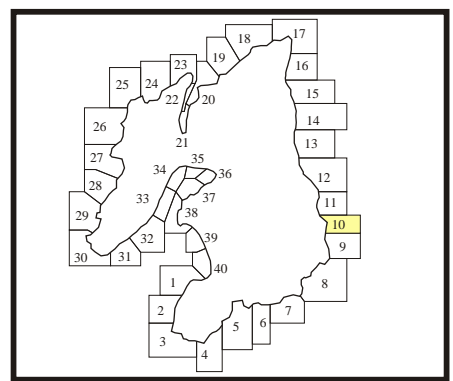
The foreshore is rock platform partially obscured by boulder and cobble cover. There is an isolated area of salt marsh at Mac Ghilbein. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing, with scrub in places. Where the coast edge rises above 5m there is a narrow area on the upper foreshore which is covered by boulders.



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

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

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



1. Ardtalla

NR 468 558

4.9 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky and stable. No signs of erosion.



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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

