

## **Introduction to Map 11: Torr a'Muilinn to McArthur's Head**

This map section covers some 3.7km of coastline. It extends northwards along the eastern coast of Islay. The coastline in this area lies little more than 10m OD and is rough and rocky. The coast edge within this map section has been classified as stable. There is no modern settlement and much of the hinterland comprises of rough grazing and moorland. There are no roads within this area, although short sections of a rough track extend close to the coast to McArthur's Head.

A total of six sites were identified within this map section; all of these had been recorded previously. Four sites are of 18-20th C date. These include the lighthouse and associated buildings at McArthur's Head (IY113), structural remains which may be bothies (IY111 and IY112) and a partially renovated farmstead at Proaig (IY109).

A cave lies behind a raised beach at McArthur's Head and contains a shell midden (IY280). Of uncertain date, the midden is concentrated in a small mound and is composed mainly of limpet and cockle shells. It is recommended that this site should be monitored

Of uncertain date also is a large shaped earthfast boulder at Proaig Bay (IY110). This has a broad flat upper surface into which a bowl shaped depression has been made. There is no indication of its function nor any reason to suspect that it is of recent date, as has been previously stated.

**IY109** (NR45NE 7)  
NR 45803 57665  
Proaig  
House, outbuildings and enclosures  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

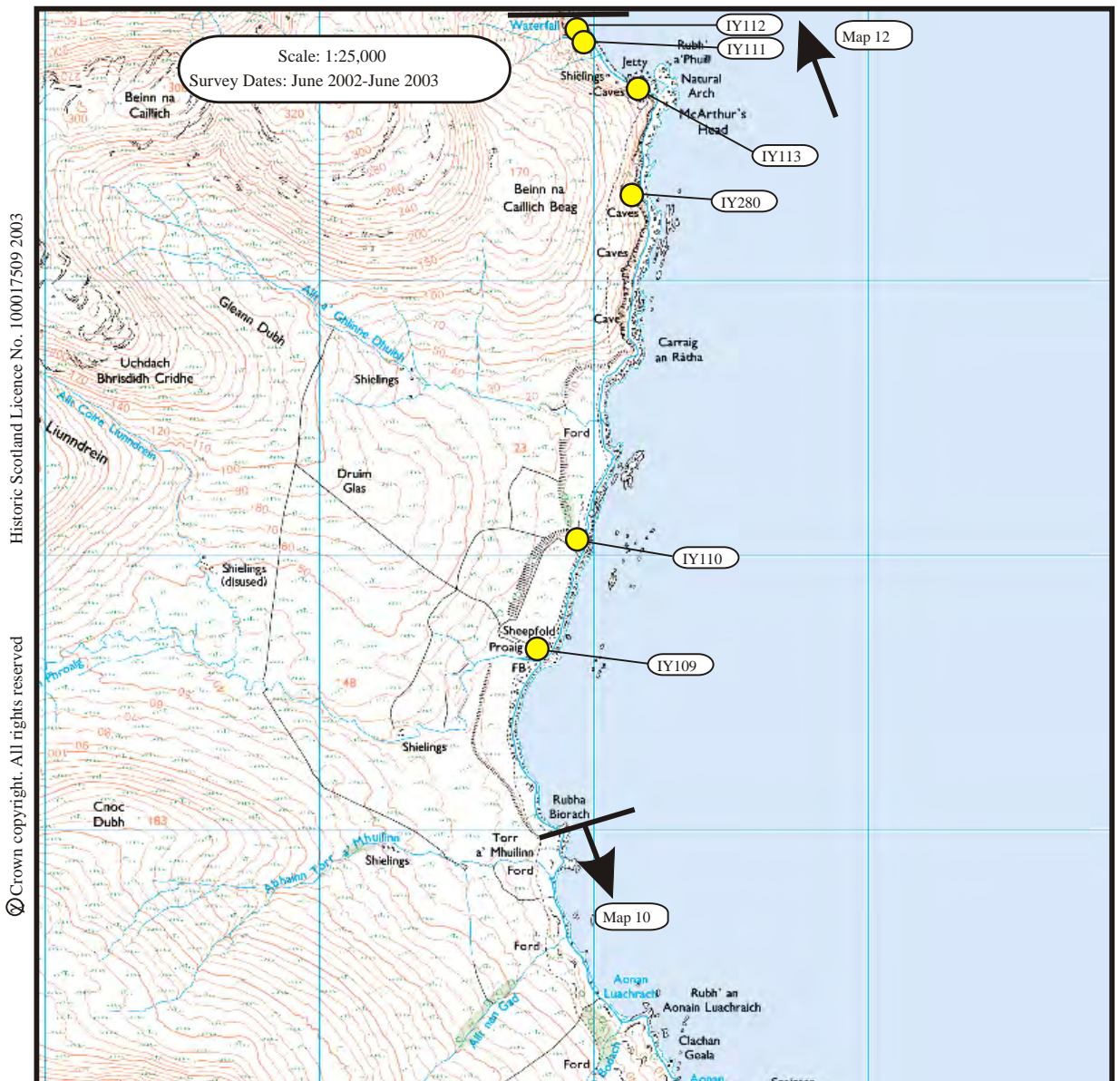
**IY110** (NR45NE 3)  
NR 45921 58078  
Proaig Bay  
'Cup-marked' stone  
???  
Good  
Nil

**IY111** (NR45NE 9)  
NR 45968 59869  
McArthur's Head  
Structural remains  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

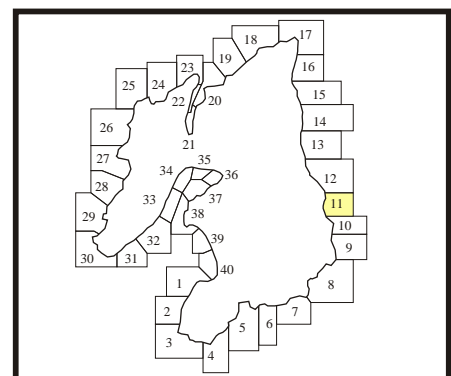
**IY112** (NR45NE 9)  
NR 45968 59899  
McArthur's Head  
Structure  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY113** (NR45NE 11)  
NR 46187 59644  
McArthur's Head  
Lighthouse and associated structures  
18-20th C  
Good  
Nil

**IY280** (NR45NE 6)  
NR 4616 5929  
McArthur's Head  
Cave with shell midden  
???  
Fair  
Monitor



- 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. Carraig an Ratha**

NR 461 587

3.7 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge mostly <5m

Raised beach etc./ Drift on visible rock.

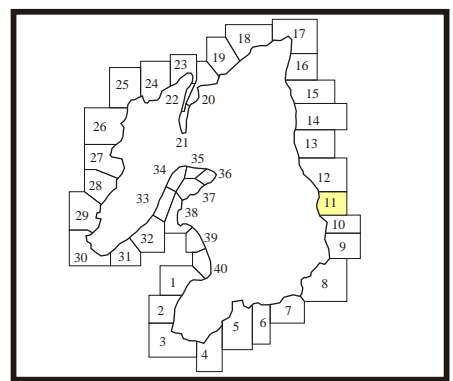
The coast edge is rock platform covered by a mix of boulder and cobble, broken by the occasional rock outcrop. At the southern portion of this unit the immediate hinterland is flat and low lying in front of cliffs c. 20m high. The cliffs approach the coast edge towards the north, where they are separated from the coast edge by a steeply sloping area 20m - 60m wide. The hinterland is poorly drained and overgrown, with scrub in places.



- 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. Carraig an Ratha**









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3.7 Km

Stable

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



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

