

Introduction to Map 12: McArthur's Head to Rubha nan Earachan

This map section covers some 5km of coastline of which only 2.8km was actually walked, the remainder being considered too difficult to gain access to. The coastline in the omitted section is composed of high rock cliffs, rising to more than 100m OD. In the section which was surveyed the landscape is composed of high rocky knolls and moorland but with a low-lying coast edge. The coast edge here is classified as stable. There is no modern settlement within this area, save for a walker's bothy at An Cladach (IY99). There are no roads or tracks within the coastal zone and thus access to the coastline is by foot and is frequently difficult.

A total of three sites were identified within this map section; all of these had been recorded previously. The sites are all of 18th-20th C date and represent small settlements. At An Cladach (IY99) there are three small rectangular stone buildings, one of which has been restored to provide basic accommodation for hill walkers. To the south of this, there is a further building (IY100). A head dyke extends behind both sites. A slipway on the coast edge in front of the An Cladach settlement indicates that access to this area was by boat. The location and place name evidence (*An Cladach* meaning harbour) suggest that it may have served as seasonal accommodation for fishermen. Further north, at Glen Logan (IY98) a stone walled enclosure is built onto a natural rock cliff and previous surveyors have noted traces of lazy bed cultivation nearby.

IY98 (NR46SW 22)

NR 43594 63093

Glen Logan

Enclosure and cultivation remains

18-20th C

Fair

Nil

IY99 (NR46SW 11)

NR 43996 62278

An Cladach

Structures

18-20th C

Fair

Nil

IY100 (NR46SW 12)

NR 44385 61611

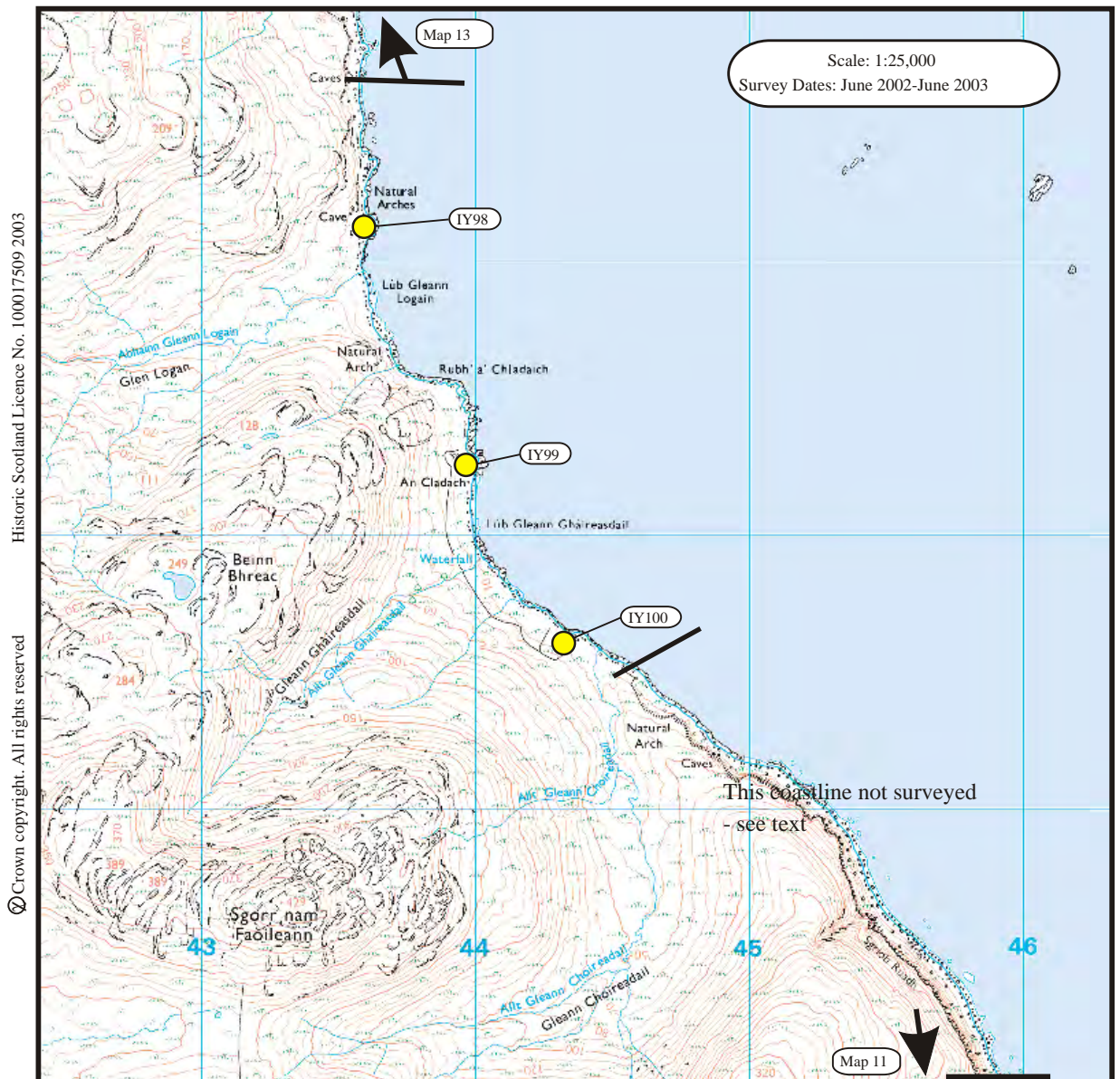
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Structure

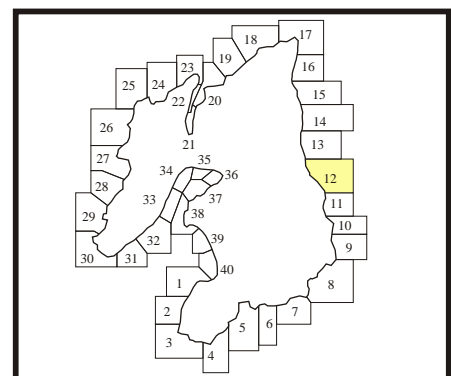
18-20th C

Fair

Nil



- 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. Rubh' a' Chladaich

NR 436 626

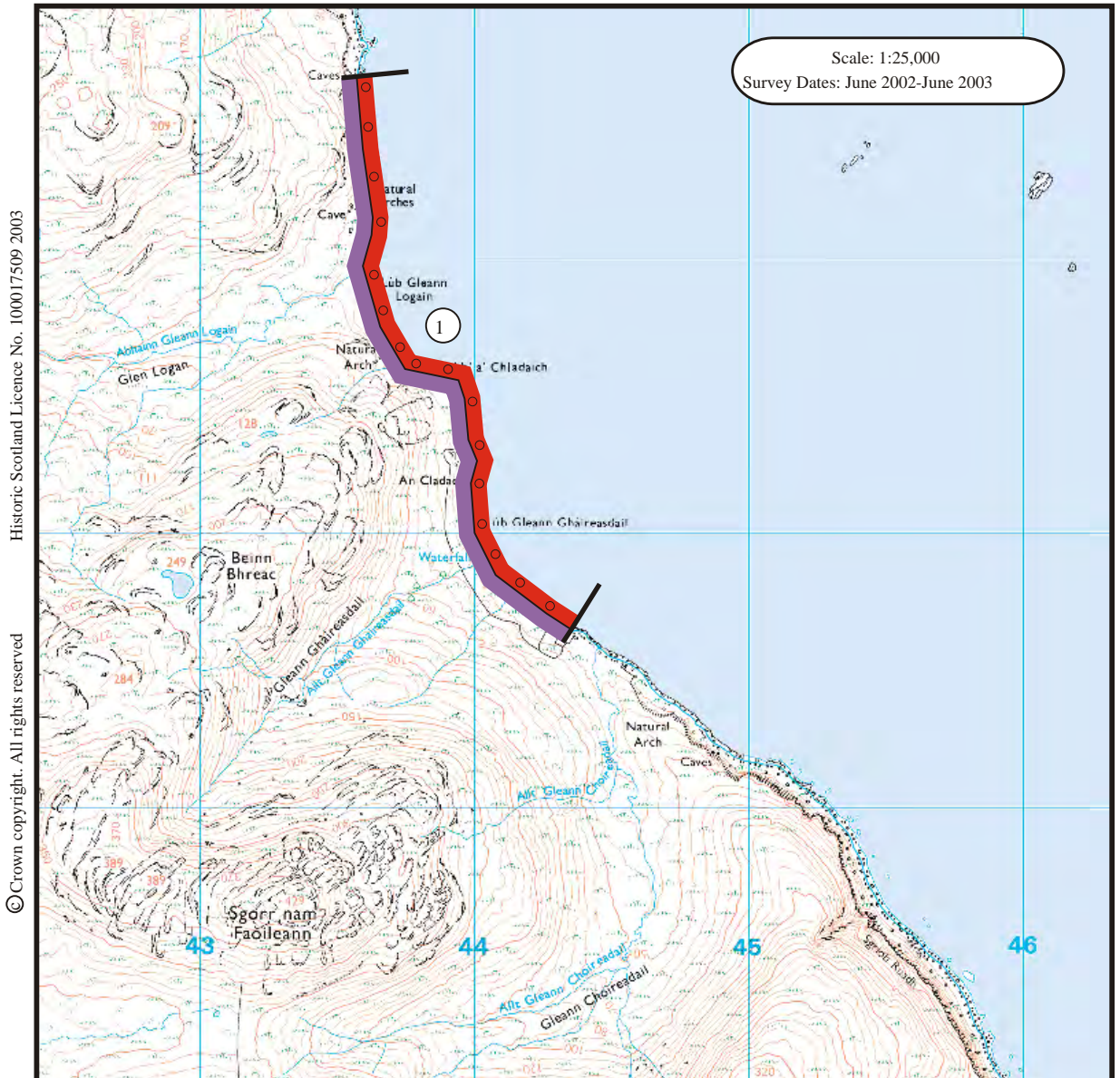
2.8 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge is covered by cobbles, broken by rock outcrop and loose boulders. The coast is divided into a series of wide shallow bays. The hinterland is rough and overgrown with frequent patches of scrub and bracken.



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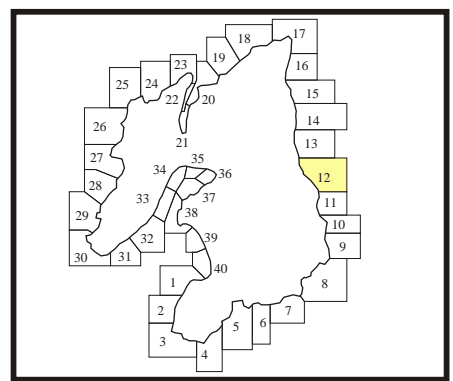
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Scale: 1:25,000
Survey Dates: June 2002-June 2003

- 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



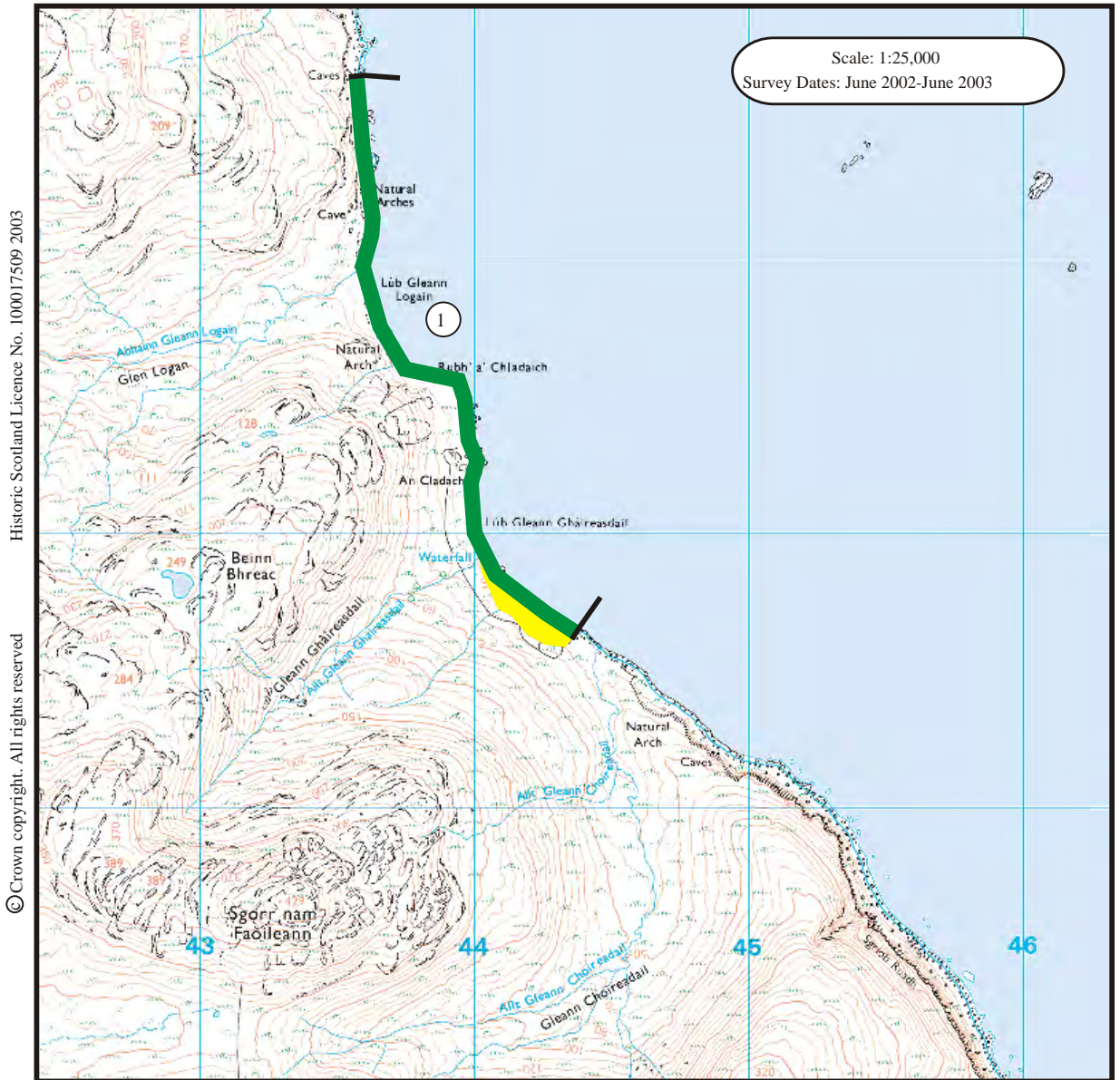
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2.8 Km

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

