

Introduction to Map 14: Fionn-phort to Caol Ila

This map section covers some 3.8km of coastline. In the southern and central part of this section the landscape is dominated by open moorland, with scrub woodland in patches along the coast. The coast edge in this map section has been classified as stable. At Dunlossit House, the surrounding mixed woodland extends down to the coast edge. The village of Port Askaig lies to the north of the area, with its ferry port providing regular connections to the isles of Jura and Colonsay and to the Scottish Mainland. Further north, the distillery of Caol Ila lies on the coast edge. Modern settlement in the area is centred on Port Askaig and Caol Ila and in both areas there is access via the public roads to the coast. There is no modern settlement to the south of the section and access to the coast is by foot, and occasionally by paths within the Dunlossit House Estate.

A total of six sites were identified within this map section; three of these had been recorded previously. All of the sites within this area are thought to be of 18th-20th C date. To the south of the area, the sites recorded are all of a maritime nature. There are slipways (IY96), jetties (IY95), a beacon (IY94) and, on the coast by Dunlossit House, a small private harbour and pier (IY93).

The village of Port Askaig contains a number of features of interest which have been recorded together in a single site entry (IY281). It comprises of a small group of 19th C buildings, several of which are listed, including a hotel, a storehouse, a shop, a post office and the piermaster's office, together with a jetty.

To the north of Port Askaig, the distillery of Caol Ila (IY55) was founded in 1846 and remains in operation. It comprises of a range of 19th and 20th C industrial buildings which originally included warehouses, a mash house, a still house, malt barns, grain stores, kilns. The complex is protected by a sea wall and has its own pier.

IY55 (NR46NW 21)
NR 43026 69914
Caol Ila
Caol Ila Distillery
18-20th C
Good
Nil

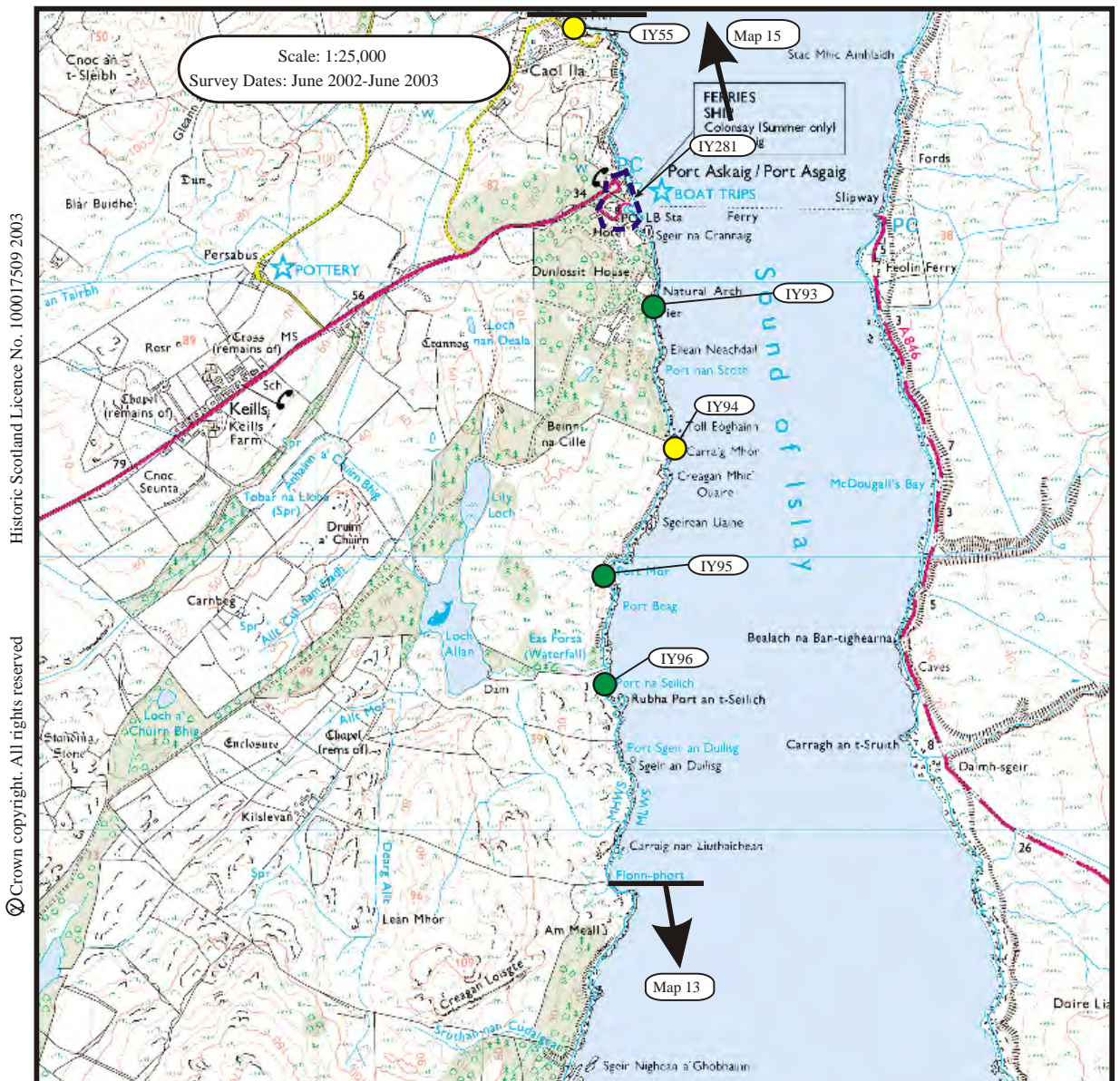
IY93
NR 43245 68907
Dunlossit House
Harbour and pier
18-20th C
Good
Nil

IY94 (NR46NW 81)
NR 43298 68428
Carraig Mhor
Beacon
18-20th C
Good
Nil

IY95
NR 43068 67900
Port Mor
Slipway and jetty
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY96
NR 43100 67450
Port na Seilich
Slipways
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

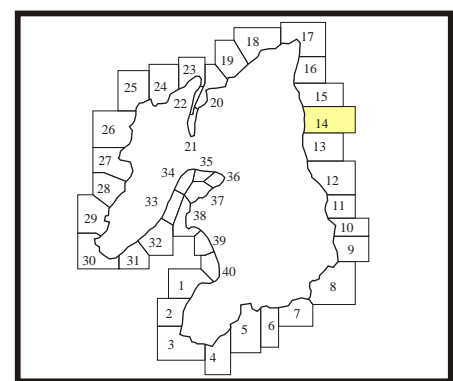
IY281 (NR46NW 30.00)
NR 431 692
Port Askaig
Village, port, pier
18-20th C
Fair
Nil



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- 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. Sound of Islay

NR 432 684

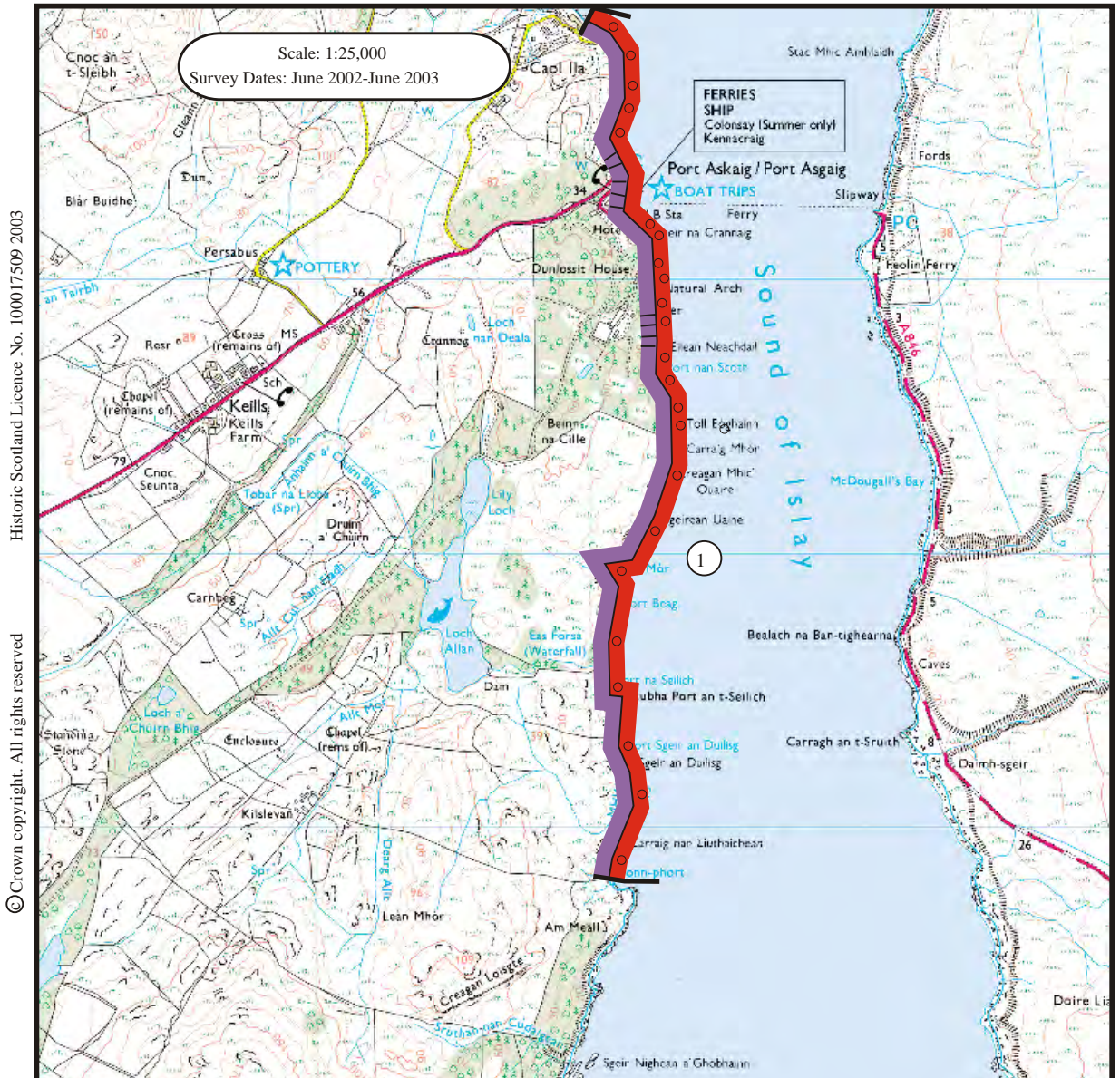
3.8 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

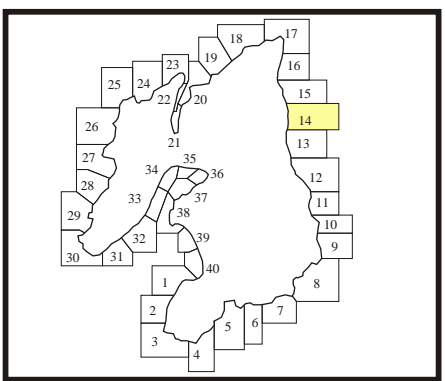
The coast edge is covered by cobbles, broken by rock outcrop and loose boulders. The hinterland is rough and overgrown with frequent scrub, especially at the northern portion of this unit. There are areas of untended woodland to the south of Dunlossit House. There are coastal defences to the south of a small harbour (IY93) near Dunlossit House and at Port Askaig. The hinterland at Port Askaig is affected by modern development.



- 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



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3.8 Km

Stable

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

