

Introduction to Map 25: Ton Mhor to Eilean Mhor

This map section covers some 5.4km of coastline. It extends around a hilly and rugged headland with sea cliffs over 100m high. The coast edge in this map section has been classified as stable. The hinterland is wild, open moorland with some grazing in the more sheltered areas. There is no modern settlement and no roads.

A total of seven sites were identified within this map section; six of these had been recorded previously. Cultivation remains (IY255) and structural remains (IY257) of 18th - 20th C date were noted, together with a memorial and grave commemorating the loss of the 'Exemouth' (IY254). This tragedy occurred in 1847 when an emigrant ship leaving Derry for Quebec at the time of the Irish Famine was wrecked off the NW coast of Islay. The bodies of the dead were recovered from the sea and buried at Traigh Bhan.

The remaining sites are of uncertain date. The most unusual amongst these are the remains at Alt Nan Ba (IY260, 261). Here a range of drystone structures, including rough stone cells, are ranged to the seaward side of a pair of stout enclosure walls. While the site has been previously reported, it is considered that its potential has not been previously recognised. It is recommended that the entire area be surveyed and assessed to determine its date, function and extent.

Two dun sites are located within this section. At Beinn A'Chaisteal (IY259) a high rocky promontory with sheer cliffs has an enclosing wall which runs across its width. There are no traces of any artificial construction behind this wall. The enclosed area of the promontory covers some 1.35ha and is densely covered with heather and rough vegetation. The second site at Beinn Sholaraidh (IY258) could not be relocated during this survey.

IY254

NR 21560 70091
Traigh Bhan
Grave and Memorial
18-20th C
Good
Nil

IY255 (NR27SW 6)

NR 21569 70107
Gleann Tuath
Cultivation remains and field boundaries
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY257 (NR27SW 14)

NR 2237 7127
Bealach Beulach
Structural remains
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY258 (NR27SW 12)

NR 22298 71180
Beinn Sholaraidh
Alleged site of dun
???
N/A
N/A

IY259 (NR27SW 5)

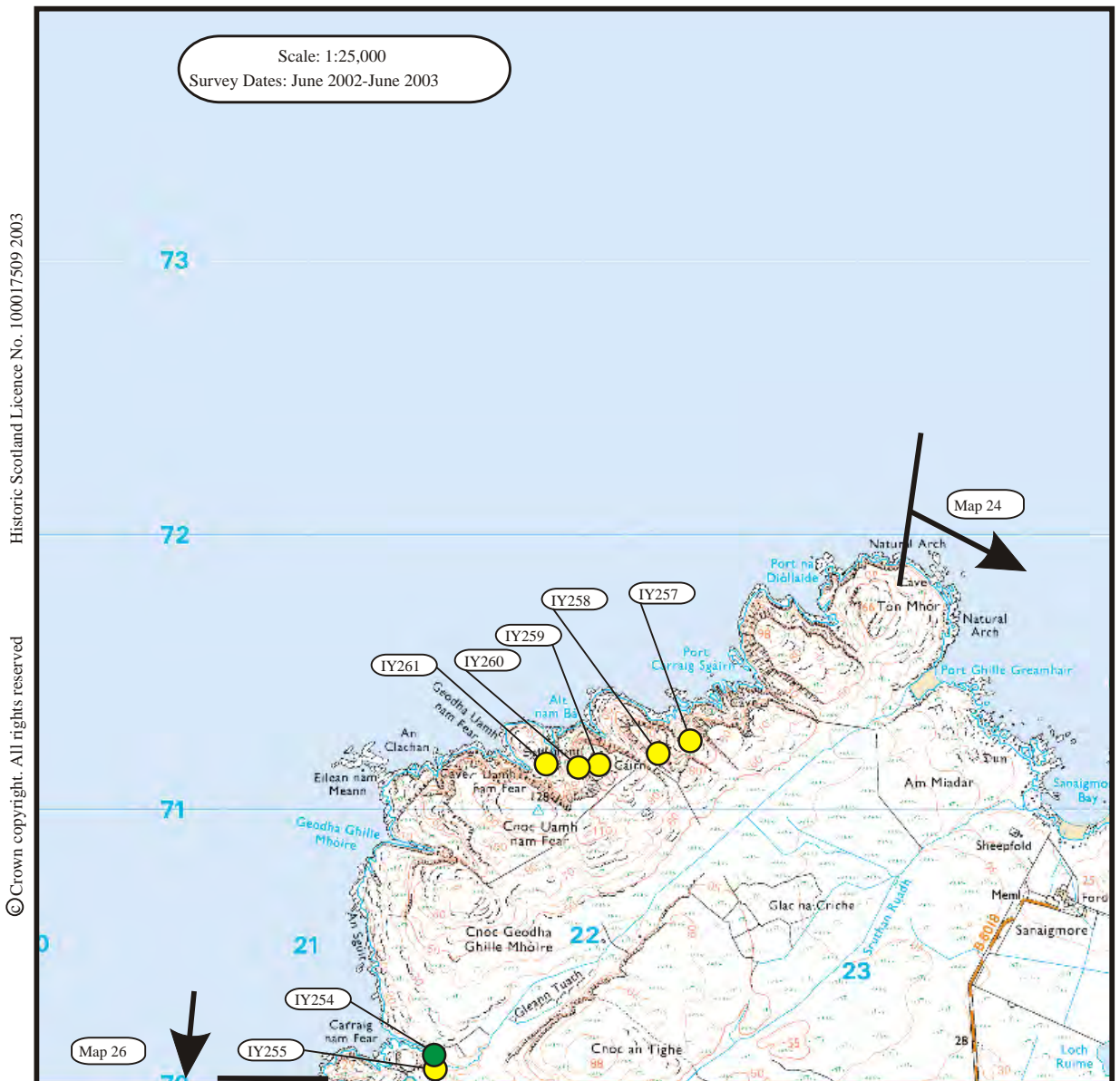
NR 22032 71175
Beinn A'Chaisteal
Dun
???
Good
Monitor

IY260 (NR27SW 5, 13)

NR 21976 71140
Alt Nan Ba
Structural complex- possible monastic
complex
???
Good-Fair
Survey

IY261 (NR27SW 5,13)

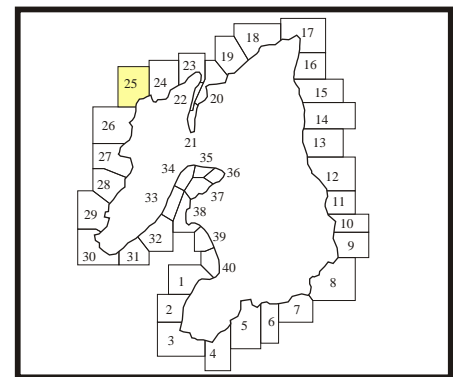
NR 21867 71154
Alt Nan Ba
Structural complex- possible monastic
complex
???
Good-Fair
Survey



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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

Built Heritage & Archaeology



1. Cnoc Uamh nam Fear

NR 215 711

5.4 Km

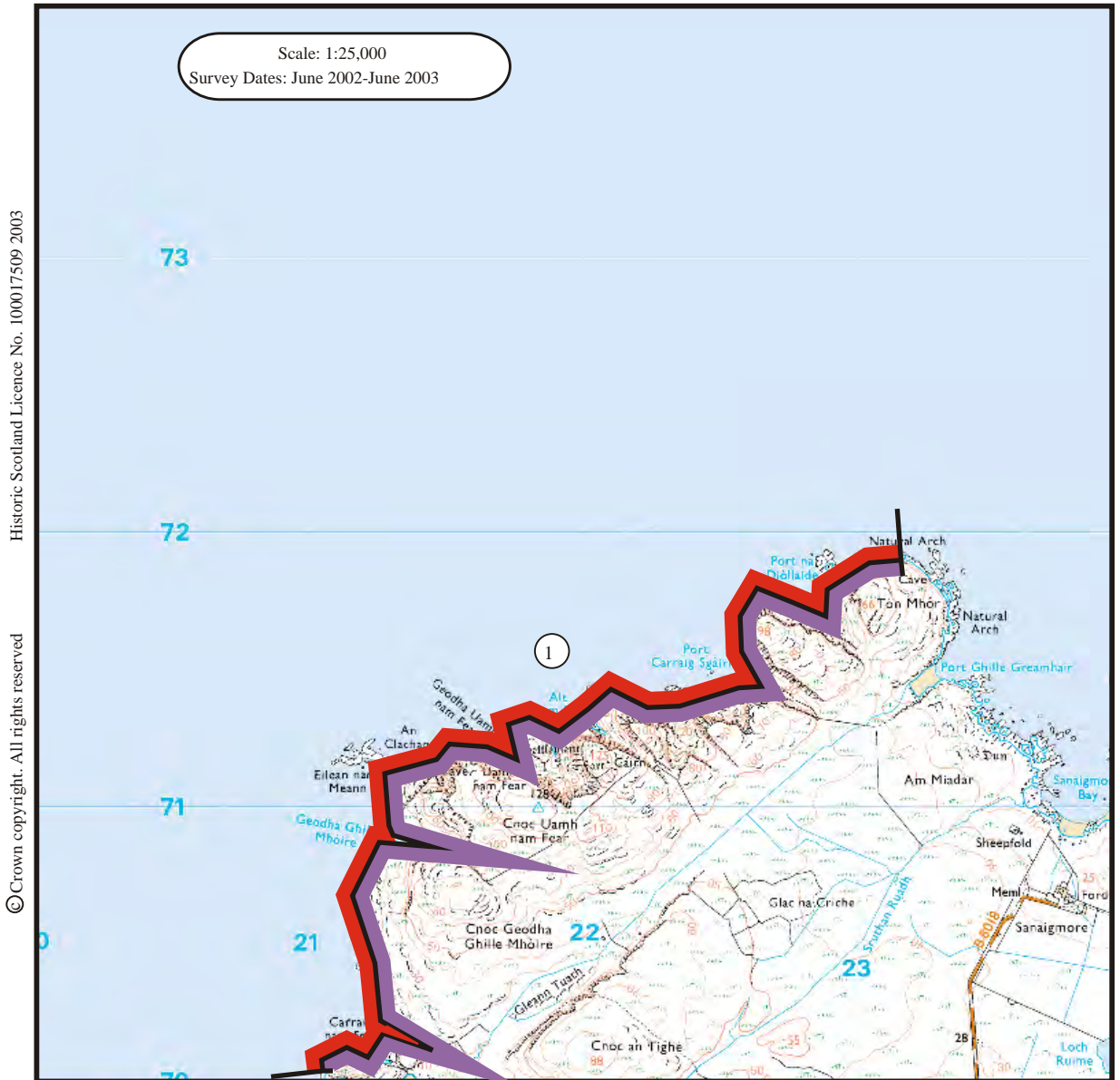
Rock platform

Coast edge >5m

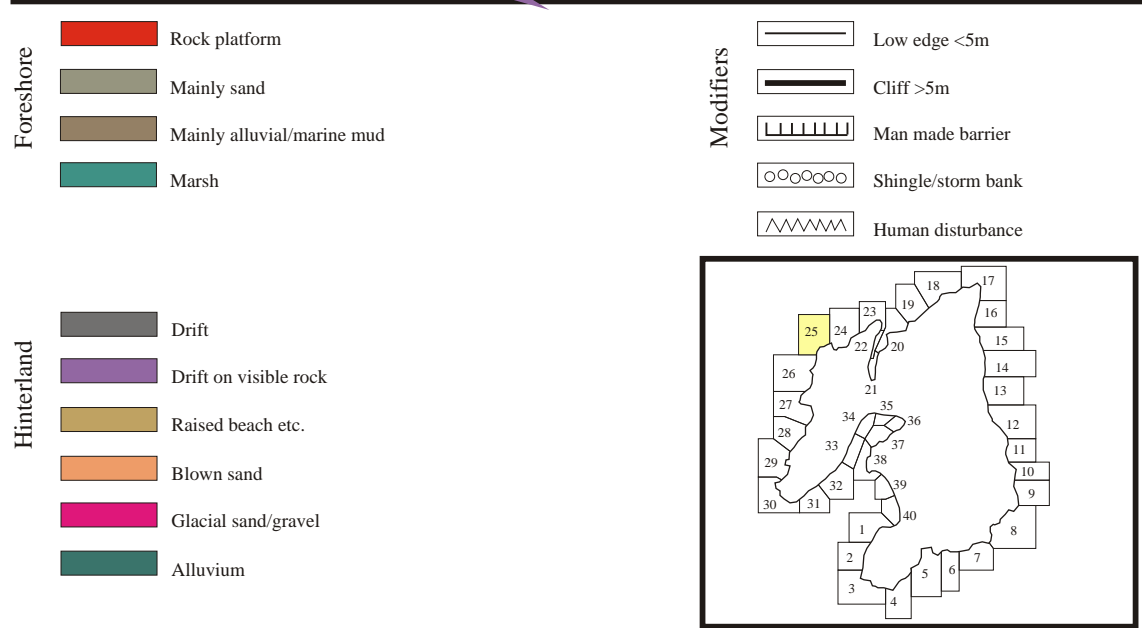
Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge in this unit is high and rocky.

The hinterland is poorly drained rough
grazing.



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NR 215 711

5.4 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

