

Introduction to Map 27: Campa to Carraig Chomain

This map section covers some 7.8km of coastline. To the north, the landscape is dominated by hilly grazing land which sweeps down towards the long sandy beach and dune system surrounding Machir Bay. The coast edge to the north is stable but at Machir bay the coast edge is sandy and, a combination of eroding and eroding or stable. At the southern end of the beach, the coast edge rises gently, reaching up to 10m OD. The hinterland in this area rises steeply up from the coast edge in a series of terraces to a maximum height of 160m OD. Modern settlement in the area is sparse and concentrated around Kilchoman, outwith the coastal zone. Public roads provide access to Machir Bay and there are pedestrian tracks from here to Kilchiaran to the south.

A total of six sites were identified within this map section; four of these had been recorded previously. Three sites are of 18th-20th C date and include structural remains (IY241, IY244) and cultivation remains (IY243).

There are two dun sites in the area. Dun Neadan (IY239) is situated on the summit of a broad grassy knoll on the coast edge. Traces of walling visible to the south and east sides, but nothing was seen of a gallery which had been reported by previous surveyors. Am Burg at Coul (IY242) occupies a high rocky plateau at the head of a steep sided inlet and is surrounded on all sides by the sea. Access is via a steep rock cut passage and traces of grass-covered walling are visible at the south eastern end of the promontory.

Amongst the dunes behind Machir Bay there are several deflating areas. In one of the largest deflation hollows (IY240) there are traces of exposed old ground surface. There are concentrations of stone and surface scatters of shell and occasional pieces of unworked flint and pumice. This is intermixed with dumps containing 19th C and 20th C refuse. It is recommended that the area is monitored frequently for the appearance of new exposures.

IY239 (NR26SW 2)
NR 20591 62083
Dun Neadean
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY242 (NR16SE 1)
NR 1911 6492
Am Burg, Coul
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY240
NR 20862 63613
Machrie
Eroding dunes with Old ground surface and
stone concentrations
???
Fair
Monitor

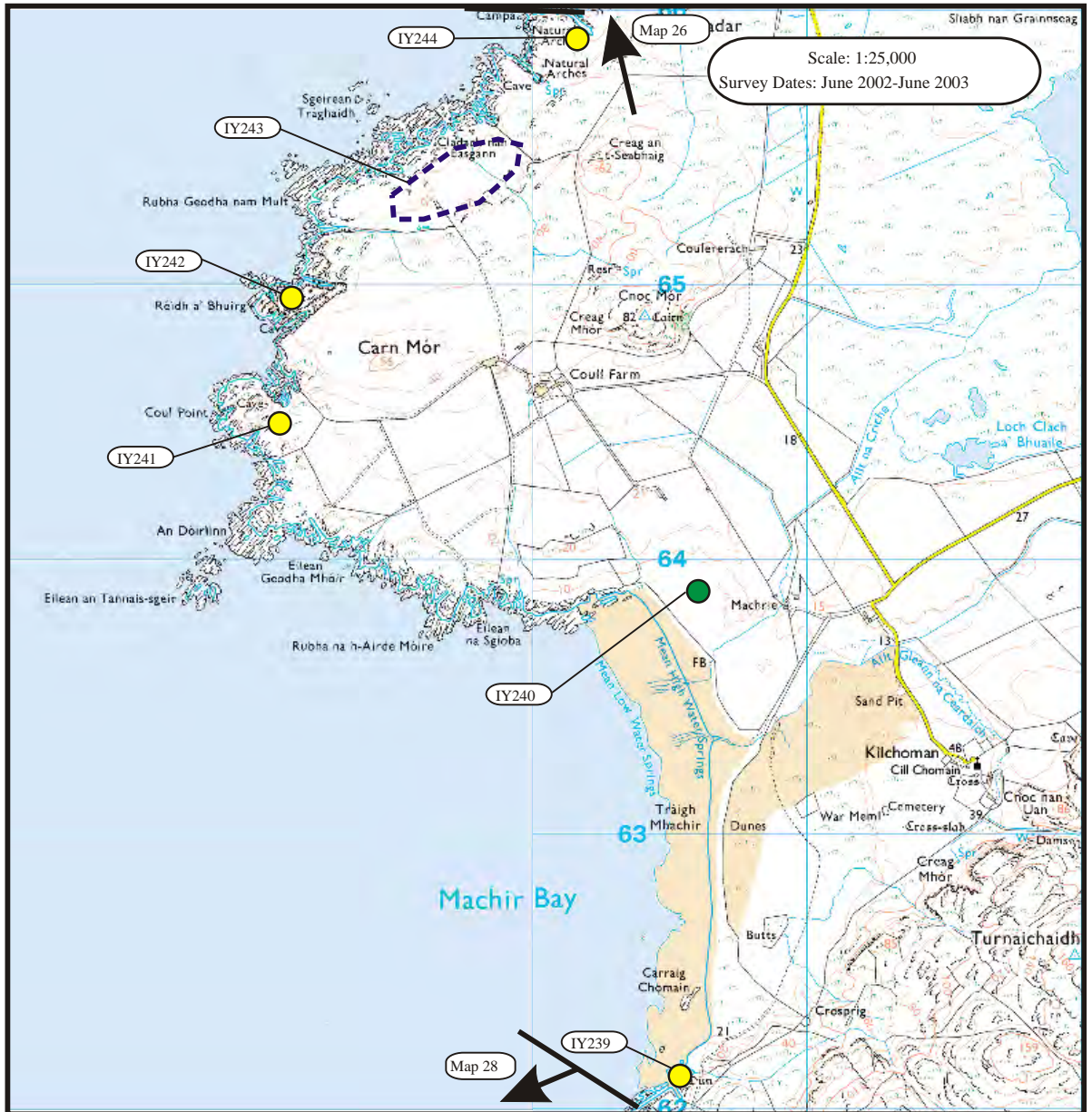
IY243
NR 19467 65195
Claddach na Easgann
Cultivation remains and field banks
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY241 (NR16SE 2)
NR 19065 64473
Carn Mor
Structural remains
18-20th C
Poor
Nil

IY244 (NR26NW 27)
NR 20121 65899
Am Miadar
Structural remains
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

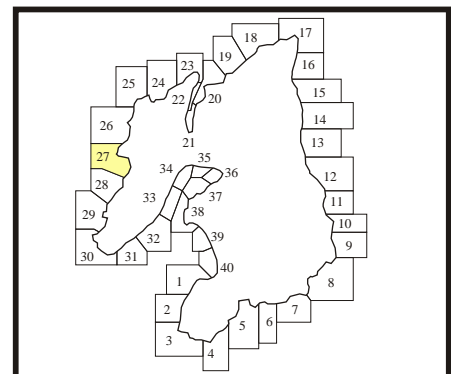
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- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
- Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
- + Listed Historic Building
- Undesignated wreck
- Known ancient monument
- Site found by this survey
- Site complex

Built Heritage & Archaeology



1. Carn Mor

NR 191 647

5.5 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge < 5m

Drift on visible rock.

Rocky coast edge with cobble cover in coves. The coast edge rises around Raidh a' Bhuirg to high vertical cliffs. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing which has been enclosed on the south side of Carn Mor

2. Traigh Mhachir

NR 206 630

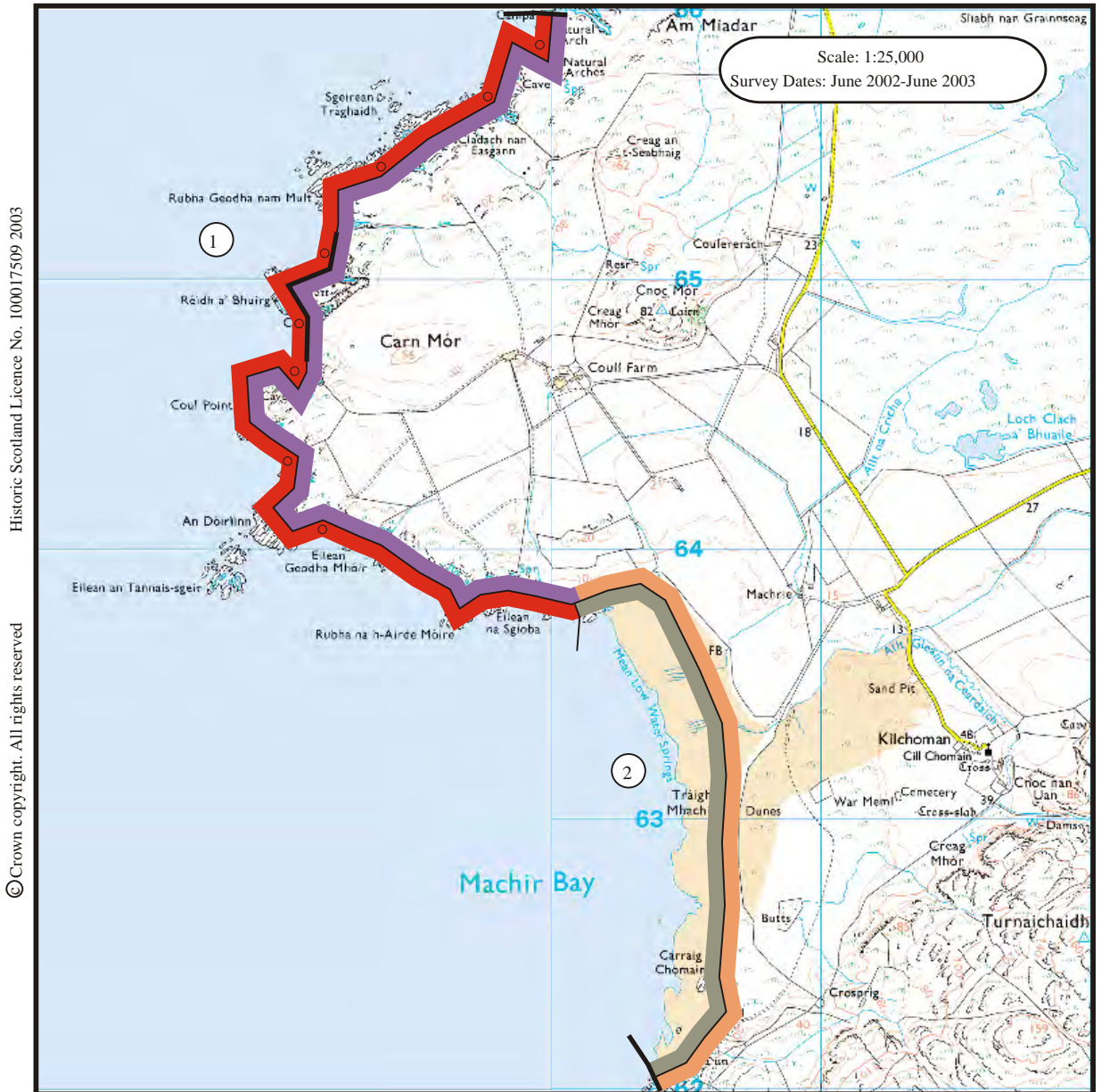
2.3 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Blown sand.

A wide sandy beach with an extensive dune system in the hinterland. Marram grass on dunes.

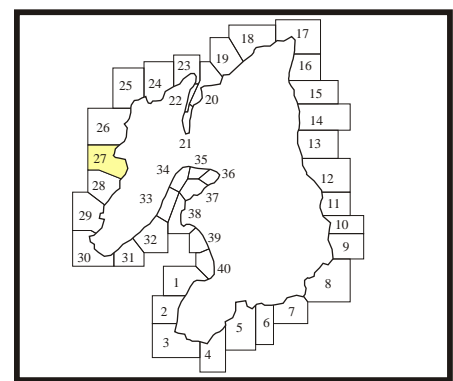


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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- 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. Carn Mor

NR 191 647

5.5 Km

Stable

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

2. Traigh Mhachir

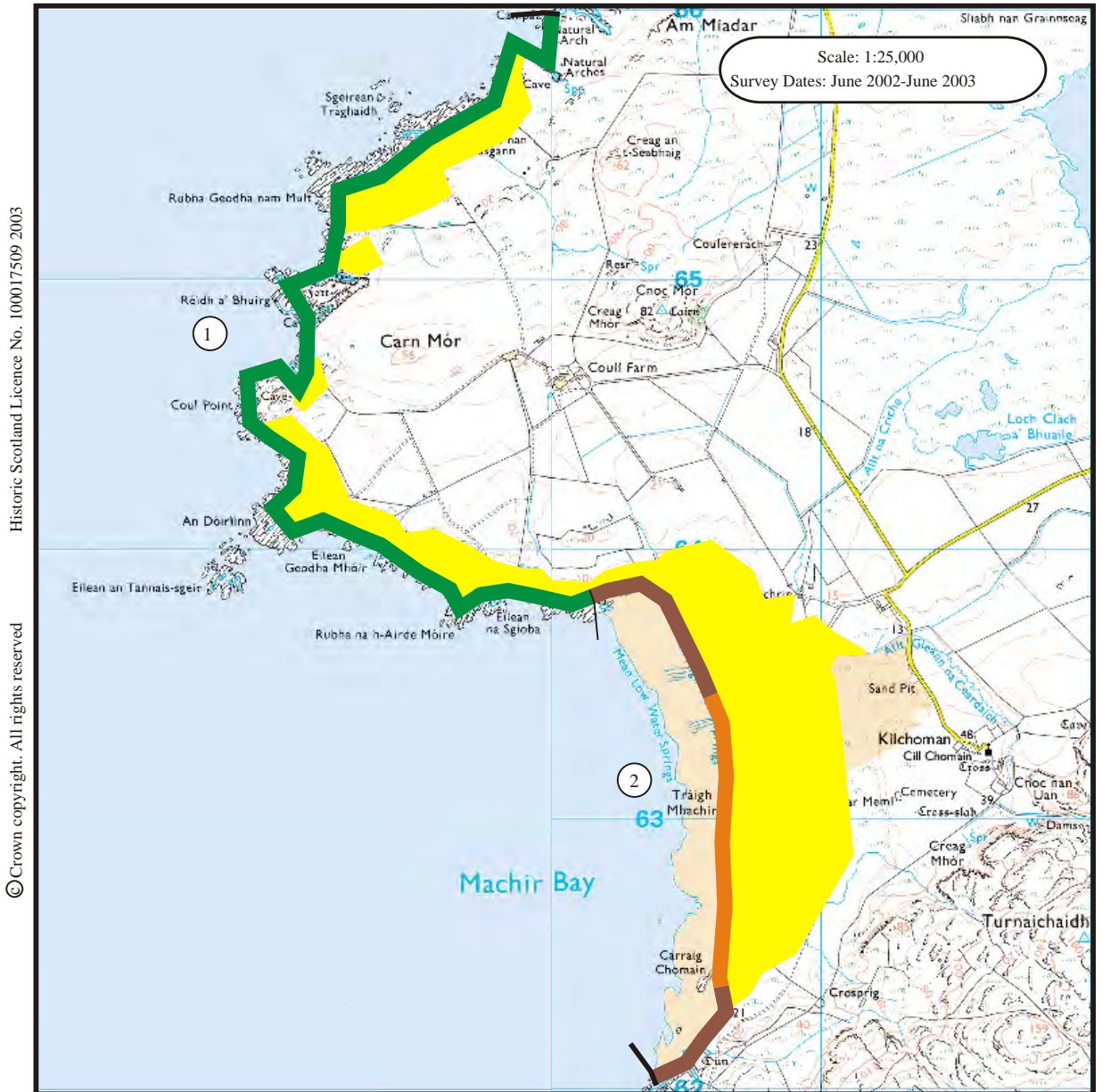
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2.3 Km

Definitely Eroding/Eroding or Stable









A long sandy beach backed by an extensive dune system. The dune face is quite steep and appears to be unstable in the central part of the unit. To either end of the beach the dune face is more clearly eroding. Here, the face is sandy and contains lumps of grass and turf which have slipped down from above.

The fence lines at the north end are eroding over the edge. There are numerous deflation hollows in the hinterland, measuring up to c. 50m in diameter.



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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

