

Introduction to Map 29: Aghaidh na h-Uamha Duirche to Sgeir Alt Mhic Eoghainn

This map section covers some 6.1km of coastline. To the north of this area the coastline is jagged and rough but generally under 20m OD. The hinterland here is largely unenclosed rough grazing and moorland. The narrow sandy inlet of Lossit Bay lies to the centre of this section, while to the south the coastline is rugged but low-lying and flanked by more a more gently sloping hinterland. The coast edge is stable, with the exception of within Lossit Bay , where there is erosion. There is dispersed modern settlement in the area but this lies beyond the coastal zone. The public road runs behind the coast edge and access to the coast is by way of farm tracks and across open ground.

A total of eight sites were identified within this map section; five of these had been recorded previously. The majority of sites within this section , five in all, could not be ascribed a date range.

Four of the sites of uncertain date are duns, none of which have been excavated. Interestingly, in contrast to the majority of the duns investigated during this coastal survey, this group all appear to have buildings associated with them. At Port Froige (IY214) a high coastal promontory is enclosed by a stout wall which extends across the full width of the promontory. A hollow amongst the core of the masonry at the west end may indicate an intramural chamber. A second putative structure lies further onto the promontory. The dun at Lossit (IY226) occupies a high outcrop surrounded by sheer cliffs. A mass of fallen stone indicates that the dun was originally substantially fortified. The remains of a structure lie to the inside of this wall and a probable second building lies beyond. Dun Na Faing (IY224) is situated on a coastal promontory, cut off by a substantial wall built across its neck. Immediately inside the entrance and abutting the rear of the defensive there is a curvilinear structure. At Dun Bhoraraig (IY223), on a high rocky coastal promontory, a wall restricts access to the summit. There is an entrance at the north west of the wall behind which traces of a small cellular alcove may represent the remains of a guard cell.

A possible hut circle at Lossit (IY225) which lies between two of the dun sites (IY224 and IY226) has tentatively been ascribed a date within the 3rd-1st millennium range. Curvilinear in form, it is defined by a bank of earthfast stones and measures 6m in diameter. There are several upright stones in the interior of the structure.

IY214 (NR15SE 6)
NR 17332 54887
Port Froige
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY215
NR 17655 54957
Bealach Froige
Enclosure
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY216
NR 17682 55295
Sloc an Ine
Wall
???
Poor
Nil

IY222
NR 17950 58249
Beinn Ghlas
Wall
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY223 (NR15NE 14)
NR 17656 57472
Dun Bhoraraig
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

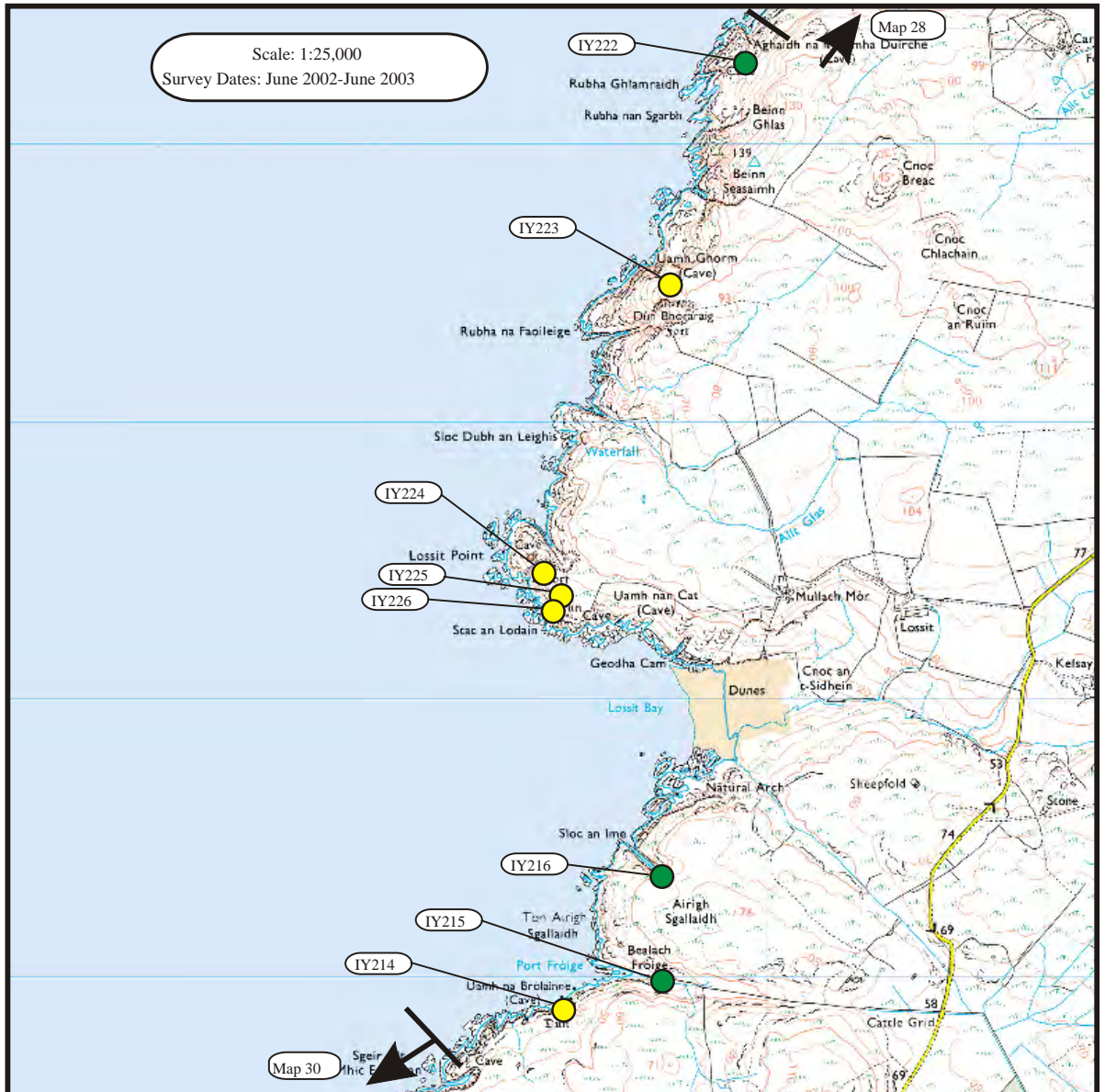
IY224 (NR15NE 3)
NR 17200 56450
Dun Na Faing
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY225 (NR15NE 16, 34)
NR 17294 56363
Lossit
Possible hut circle
3rd-1st Millennium BC
Fair
Monitor

IY226 (NR15NE 2)
NR 17271 56278
Lossit
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

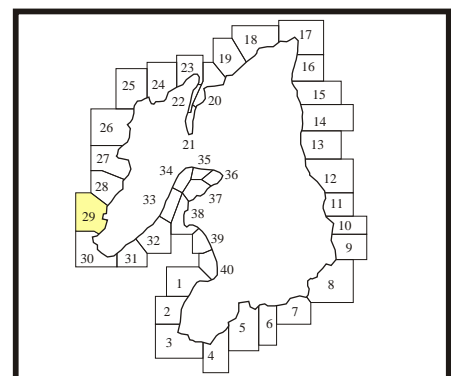
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- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
- Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
- + Listed Historic Building
- Undesignated wreck
- Known ancient monument
- Site found by this survey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

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1. Dun Bhoraraig

NR 172 570

3.5 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

A steep rocky coast edge with cobble cover in coves. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.

3. Airigh Sgallaidh

NR 174 553

1.9 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge >5m

Drift on visible rock.

A high, rocky coast edge with cobble cover in coves, also some sand in coves. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.

2. Lossit Bay

NR 178 559

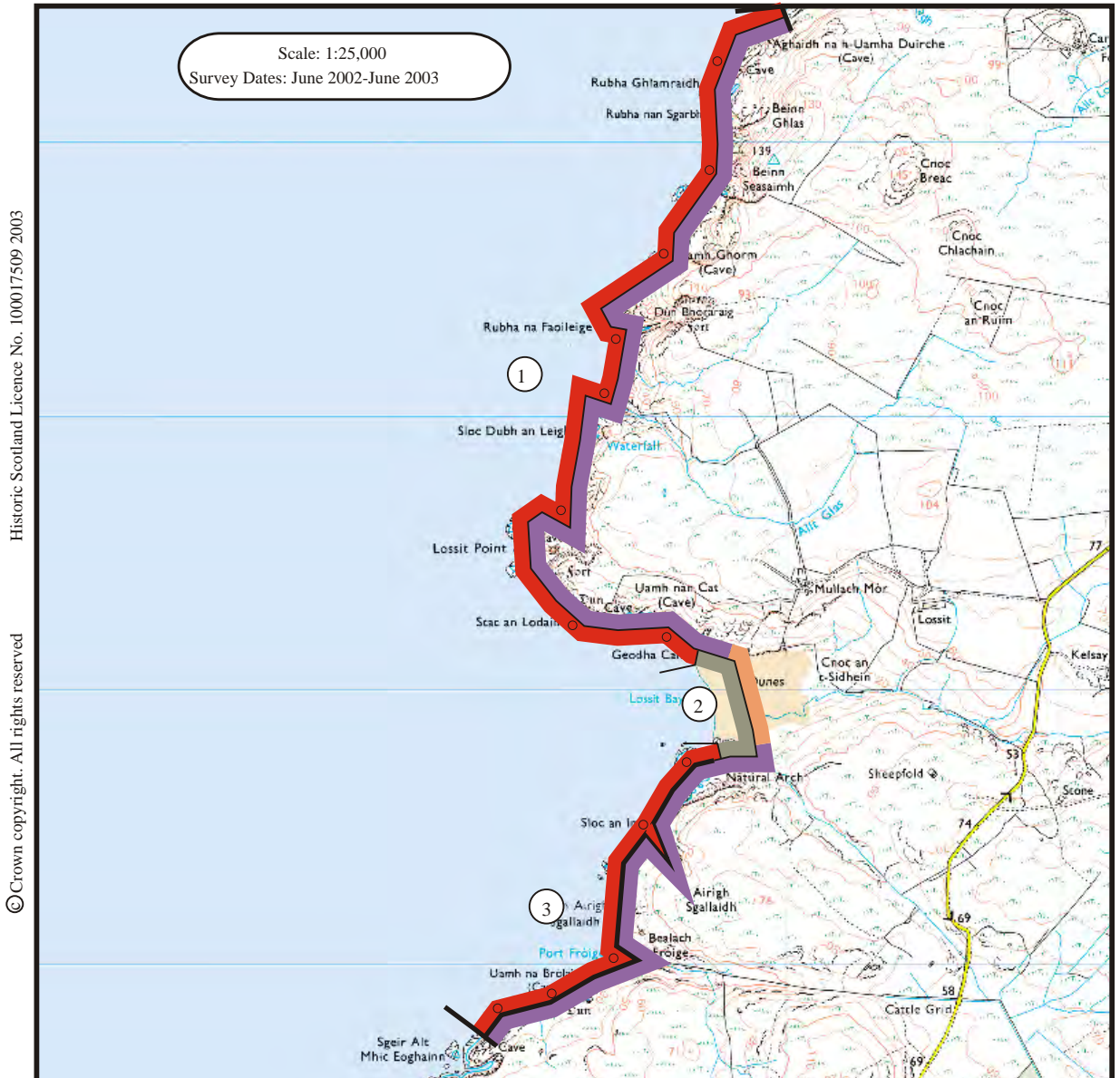
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Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Blown sand.

A wide sandy bay with dunes in the hinterland.



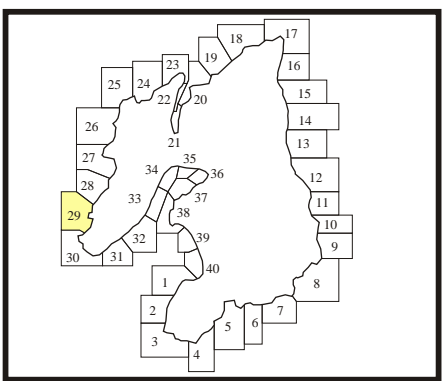
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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- 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



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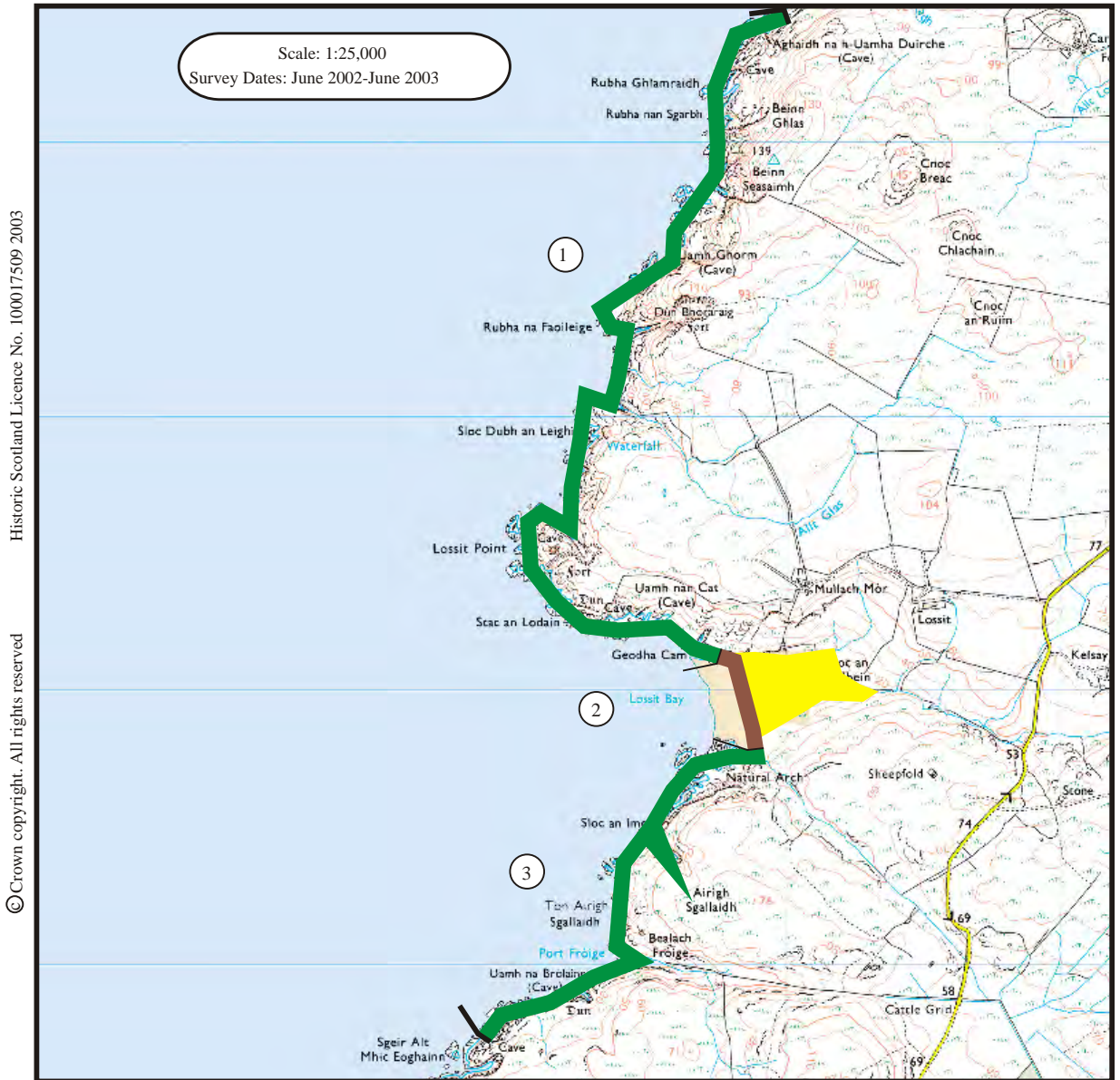
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Definitely Eroding

The sand dunes in the hinterland are clearly eroding. The dune faces are sandy and devoid of vegetation. There are deflation hollows in the hinterland. The area is in use for rough grazing, and it seems likely that animal disturbance has contributed to the erosion.



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