

### **Introduction to Map 3: Rubha Dubh to Alt an Daimh**

This map section covers some 5.9km of coastline. This section takes in the high south-western facing coastline of the Oa Peninsula. The coast edge here comprises of precipitous cliffs, rising over 100m from the sea. The rocky and broken land along the cliff edge does not make for easy or safe walking but there is compensation in the panoramic sea views over Islay to the west coast of the Scottish Mainland and, on a clear day, as far as the northern coast of Ireland. At the southern end of this section there is an area of raised beach and several sea caves which lie below the old sea cliffs. There is no modern settlement within the coastal zone and the nearest access route is via the track leading to Upper Killeyan Farm which stops before the coast edge. This map section is classified as stable.

A total of ten sites were identified within this map section; five of these had been recorded previously. Seven sites were identified as being of 18th-20th C date. These included elements of a deserted township, a memorial monument and a storehouse. The memorial (IY268) commemorates the loss in 1918 of the American troopships 'Turcania', torpedoed off the Mull of Oa and the 'Otranto', wrecked off Kilchiaran. The storehouse (IY25), now ruinous, is said to have been used by emigrants leaving Islay for passage to America (local informant). Three sites could not be ascribed a date. These include an alleged promontory dun (IY22) whose place name means 'Hill of the Fingalians' but which appears to be a natural rock stack with no trace of artificial construction. An enclosure (IY269), previously reported on the NE end of a sheer sided rock stack was not inspected during this survey. The third site (IY24) comprises of a rectangular stone-lined depression let into the ground behind a rocky shore. This may be a kelp kiln, but no other examples were found nearby. Alternatively, it may represent the remains of a grave, possibly of a mariner or drowned person washed in by the sea. It is recommended that the promontory site (IY22) is kept under surveillance in case further erosion should reveal hitherto unseen archaeological deposits.

**IY22** (NR24SE 3)  
NR 28518 40747  
Dun Athad  
Promontory dun  
???  
Fair  
Monitor

**IY40**  
NR 27106 41893  
Alt na h-Uraich  
Enclosure  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY23**  
NR 283 411  
Bealach nan Crann  
Enclosures  
18-20th C  
Poor  
Nil

**IY41** (NR24SE 7)  
NR 27110 41928  
Rubha Leac Nan Laogh  
Earthen bank  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY24**  
NR 28357 41175  
Bealach nan Crann  
Kelp kiln or possible grave  
???  
Fair  
Nil

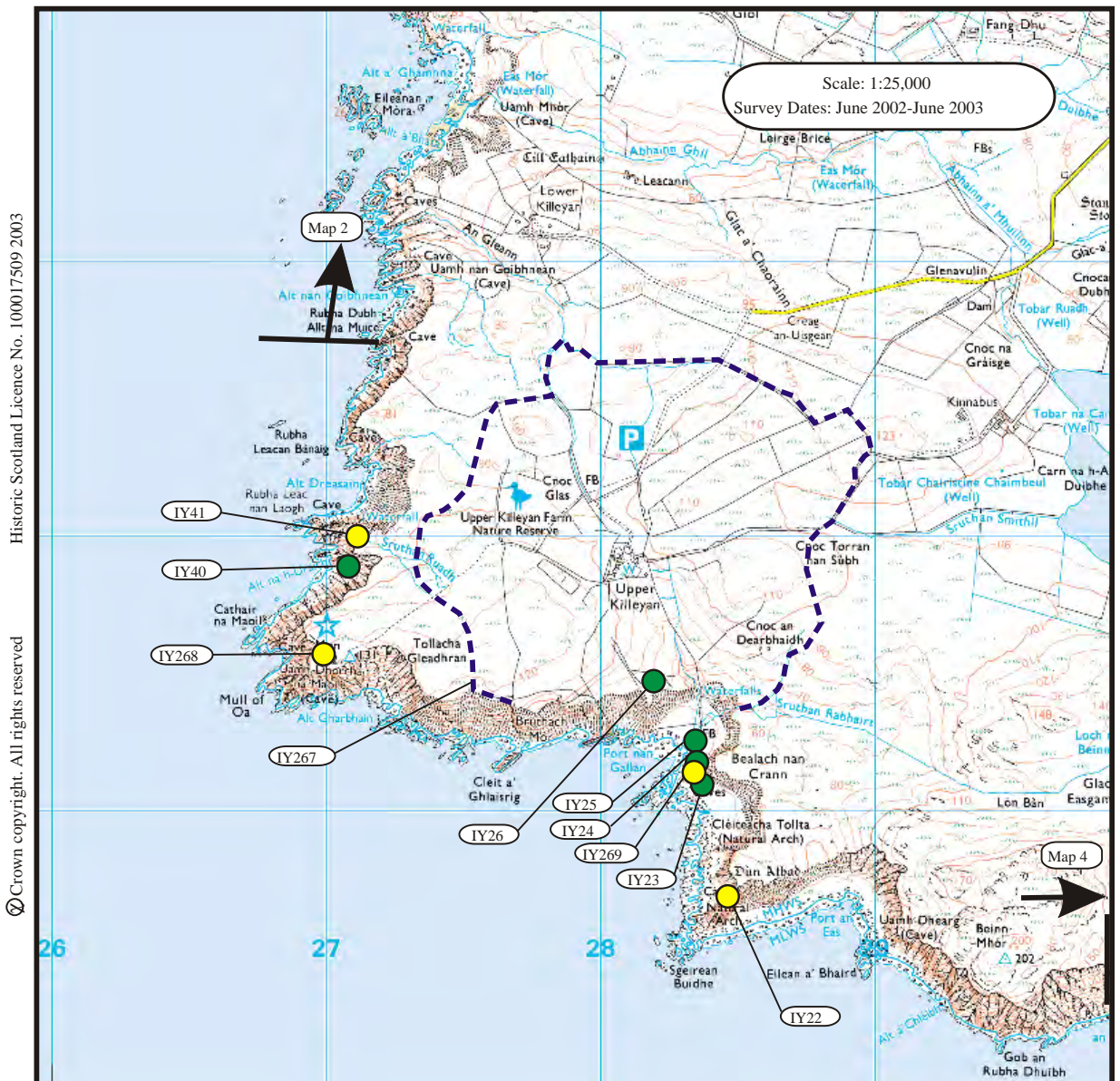
**IY267** (NR24SE 44)  
NR 281 419  
Upper Killeyan  
Township  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY25**  
NR 28358 41249  
Port nan Gallan  
Structure, slipway, enclosures, cultivation  
remains and structures  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY268** (NR24SE 17)  
NR 2705 4155  
Mull of Oa  
Memorial monument  
18-20th C  
Good  
Nil

**IY26**  
NR 28200 41423  
Upper Killeyan  
Enclosure and field walls  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

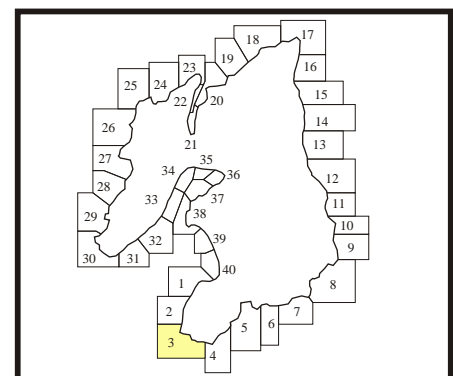
**IY269** (NR24SE 16)  
NR 283 411  
Bealach Nan Crann  
Enclosure  
???  
N/A  
N/A



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- 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. Upper Killeyan**

NR 283 411

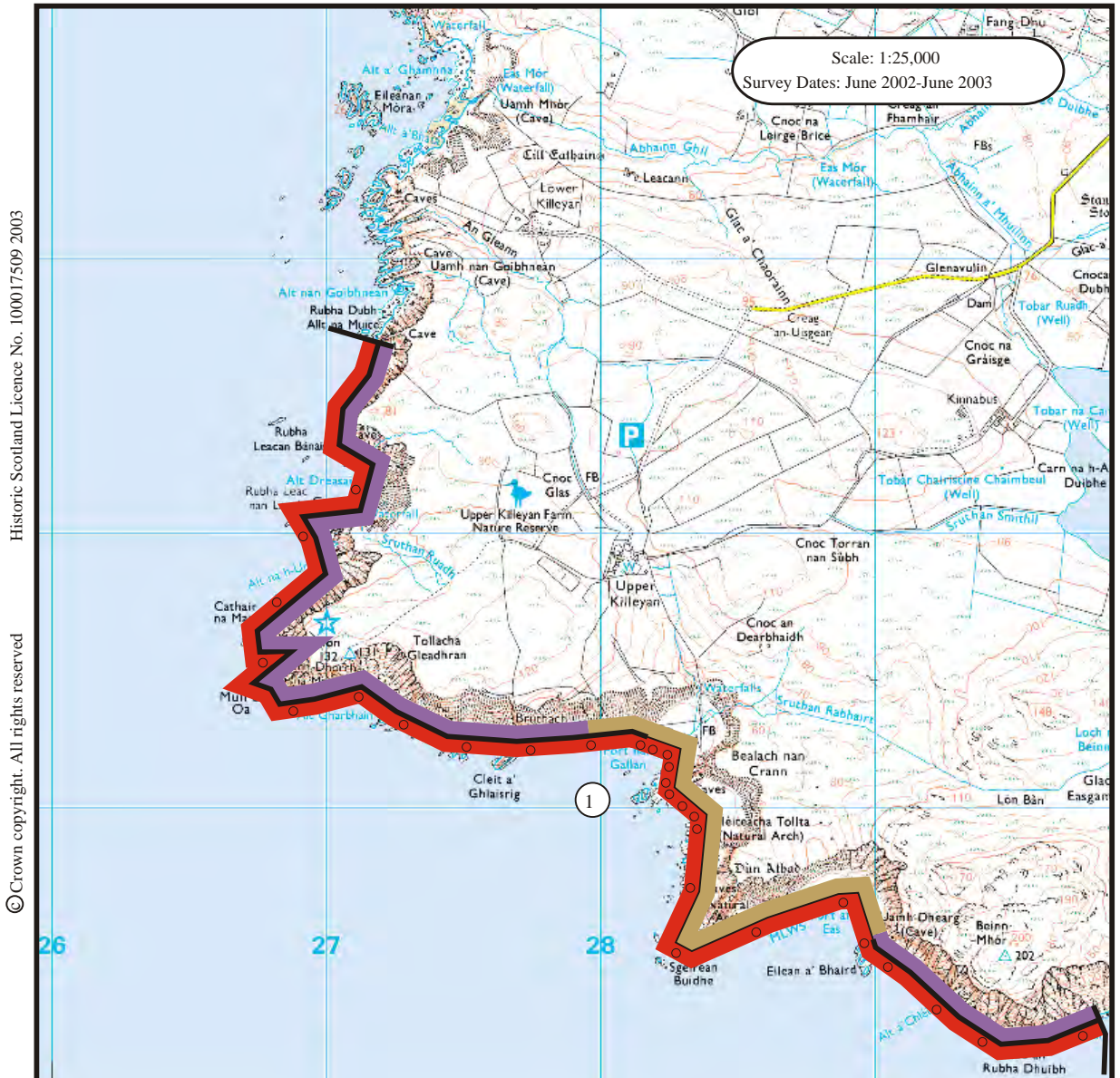
5.9 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge >5m

Drift on visible rock/ Raised beach etc.

The coast edge in this unit is very high - rising to c. 180m by Beinn Mhor. In places the cliffs move away from the coast leaving a flat strip of land between sea and cliff. Here, there is cobble cover on the foreshore, and small storm beaches. These areas are interpreted as raised beach deposits. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.

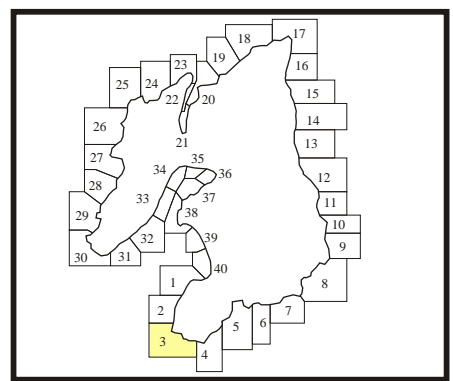


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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
  - Mainly sand
  - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
  - Marsh

- 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



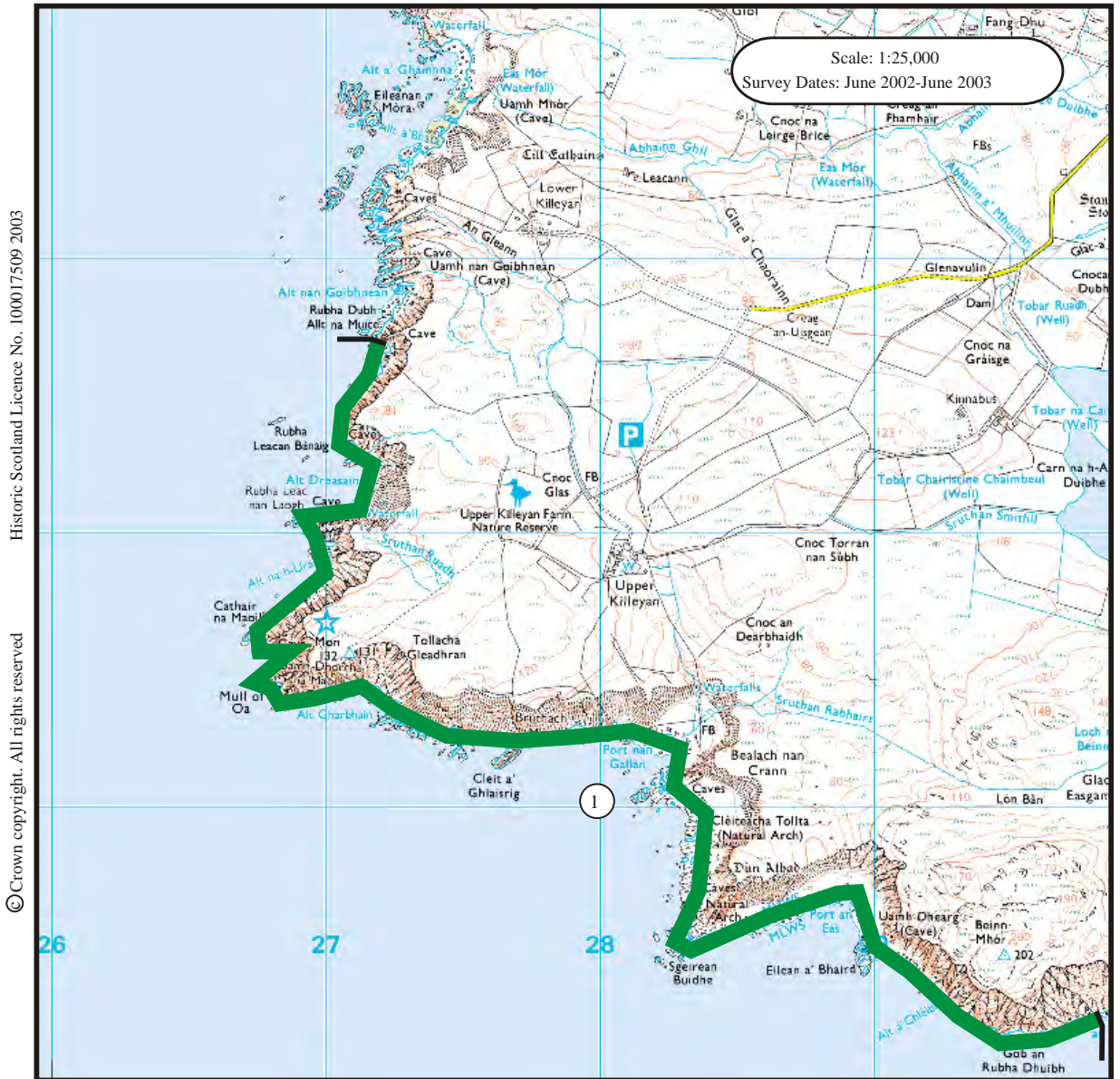
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5.9 Km

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

