

Introduction to Map 34: Rubha Dubh to Uiskentuie

This map section covers some 4.8km of coastline. It extends along the western shores of Loch Indaal, finishing near to the head of the loch. The coastline within this area is low-lying, nowhere exceeding 10m OD in height. The coast edge has been classified as stable with the exception of a short stretch of coast near Cnoc Iolairean. From Bruichladdich onwards, the coast edge is soft and fringed with sandy deposits. Substantial raised beach deposits occur at the northern end of this section between Gortan and Uiskentuie. There is concentrated modern settlement within Bruichladdich and more dispersed settlement along the A847 road. This road runs close to the coast for the entire length of this section.

A total of five sites were identified within this map section; four of these had been recorded previously. Three sites are of 18th -20th C date, including the village, pier and distillery at Bruichladdich (IY134, IY135) and a farmstead (IY138). The village of Bruichladdich developed following the foundation of the distillery in 1881. The village is spread out along the shore, with most of the buildings separated from the coast by the public road. The distillery is built on a courtyard plan and remains operational. A wreck lying offshore may be that of the 'Flora Muir', but since this identity could not be confirmed, the wreck has been classified as being of uncertain date.

Lying to the north of Bruichladdich, the early chapel site at Cill Uillean (IY136) is situated in an enclosed field to the landward side of the public road. The visible remains comprise of the footings of a rectilinear enclosure with banks of earth and stone. The footings of the rectilinear chapel building stand to the centre of the enclosure.

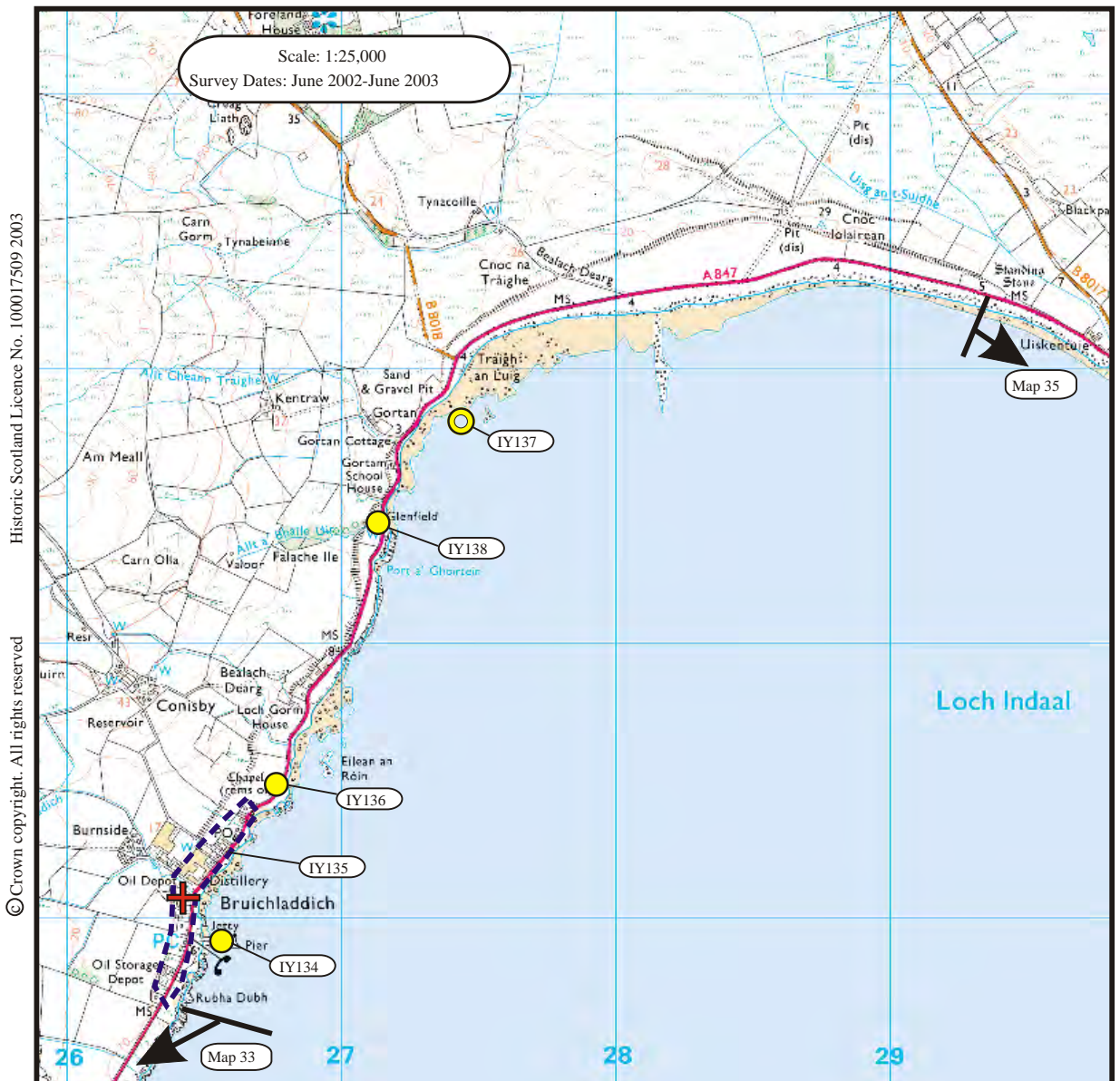
IY134 (NR26SE 26)
NR 26498 60910
Bruichladdich
Pier
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY137
NR 27336 62851
Gortan
Wreck- possible remains of 'Flora Muir'
???
Poor
Nil

IY135 (NR26SE 14, 40)
NR 26 61
Bruichladdich
Bruichladdich village, pier and distillery
18-20th C
Good
Nil

IY138 (NR26SE 34)
NR 2714 6246
Gortan
Farmstead
18-20th C
N/A
N/A

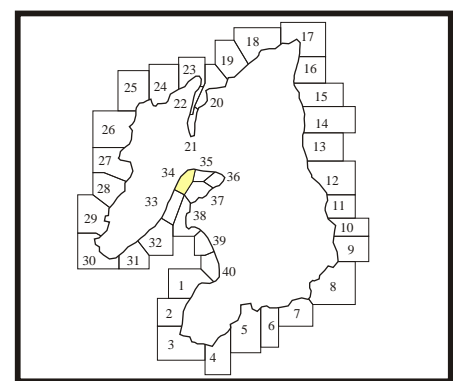
IY136 (NR26SE 1)
NR 26790 61459
Cill Uillean
Chapel site and burial ground
10-14th C
Fair
Monitor



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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. Bruichladich

NR 270 619

2.7 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge < 5m

Raised beach etc.

Rocky coast edge with some cobble cover in coves. The hinterland is interpreted as raised beach. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing except in the vicinity of Bruichladdich, which is built on. The coast edge to the north of Bruichladdich and by Gortan is protected by sea walling where a road passes close to the shore.

2. Cnoc Iolairean

NR 282 632

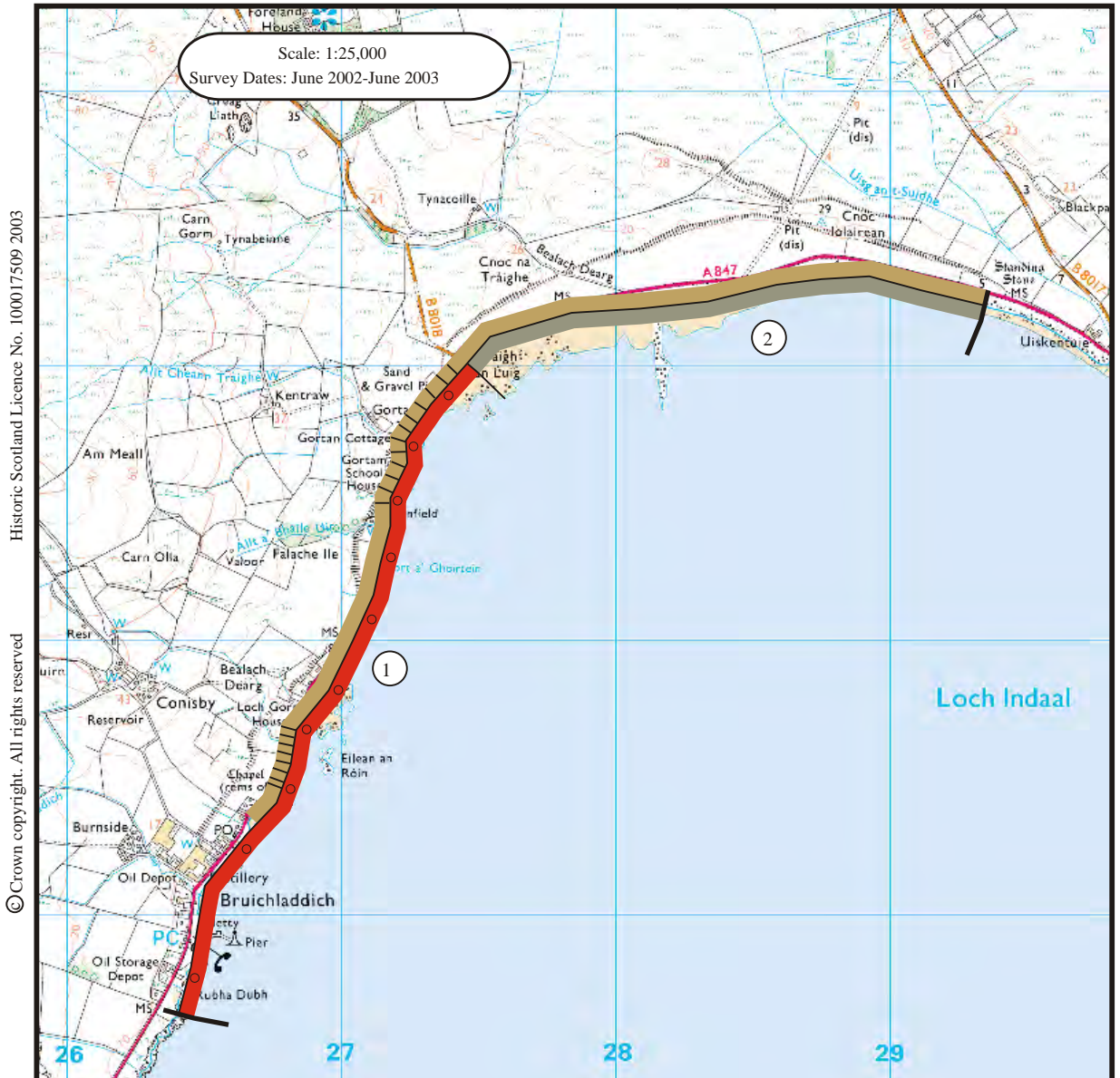
2.1 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Raised beach etc.

A long sandy beach with no dune system in hinterland. The hinterland is raised beach, used as rough grazing. There are small areas of marram grass on the immediate upper foreshore.

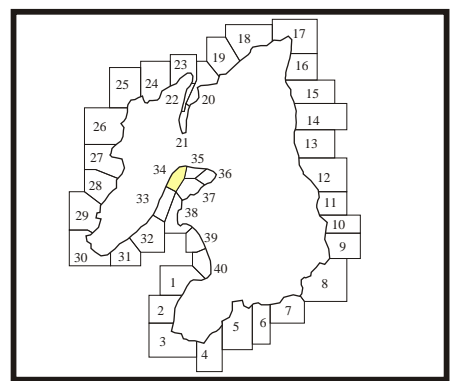


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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- 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. Bruichladich

NR 270 619

2.5 Km

Stable

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

3. Cnoc Iolairean

NR 292 632

0.4 Km

Stable

A stable sandy coast edge.

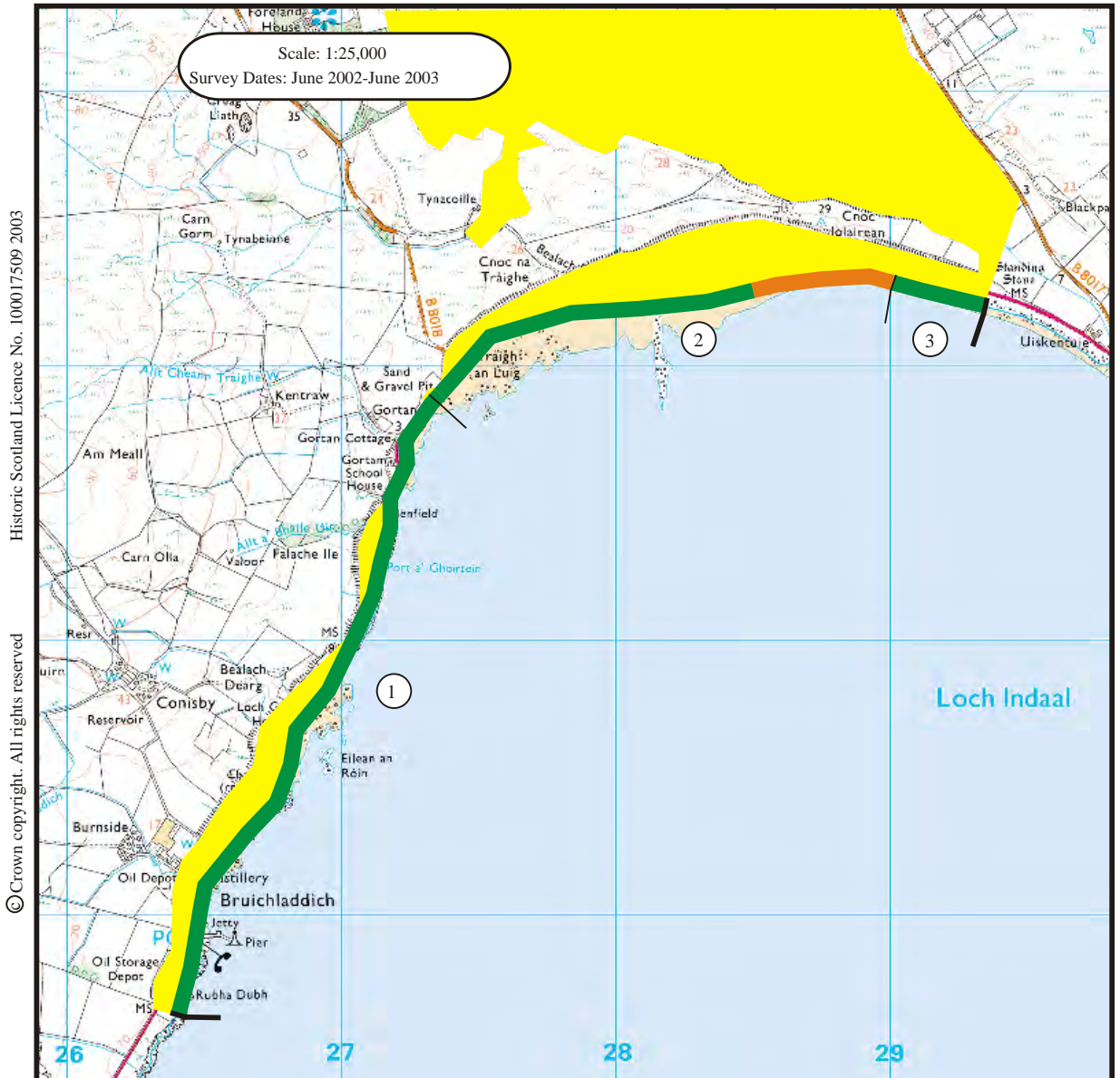
2. Cnoc na Traighe

NR 283 632

1.9 Km

Stable/ Eroding or Stable

This unit encompasses a wide sandy beach. Most of it is stable, with the exception of the easternmost part, where there is some - limited - erosion of the coast edge.



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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

