

Introduction to Map 35: Uiskentuie to Bluehouses

This map section covers some 4.3km of coastline lying at the head of Loch Indaal. The coastline here is low and formed mostly by sandy beaches. The coast edge in this map section has been classified as stable. The coast edge near West Tower Plantation is salt marsh and has been classified as eroding to stable. The hinterland contains grazing land and some dispersed modern settlement which lies to the landward side of the A847 public road. This road gives ready access to the coast throughout the length of this section.

A total of two sites were identified within this map section; neither of these had been recorded previously and both are of 18th-20th C date. The structural remains at Traigh Cill an Rubha (IY140) comprise a square, mortar bonded, quarried stone building with two windows and a doorway. The small size of the building may suggest that it served as a store.

At Rubha Ban (IY139) an area of relatively low-lying ground to either side of the public road shows traces of past rig and furrow cultivation. In general, the rigs are between 1.5m and 2m wide and up to 0.35m high. There are drainage channels present throughout, at intervals of between 8m and 10m.

IY139

NR 31213 62831

Rubha Ban

Cultivation remains

18-20th C

Fair

Nil

IY140

NR 32160 62712

Traigh Cill an Rubha

Structural remains

18-20th C

Fair-Poor

Nil

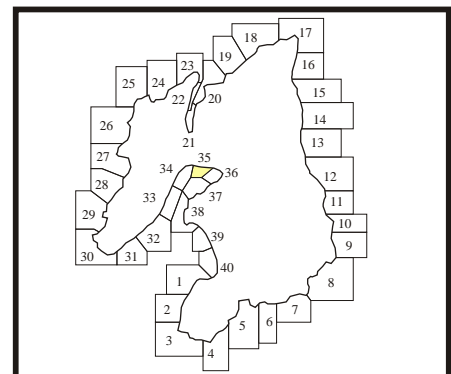


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- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
- Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
- Listed Historic Building
- Undesignated wreck
- Known ancient monument
- Site found by this survey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

Built Heritage & Archaeology



1. Uiskentuie

NR 297 630

0.7 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Raised beach etc.

A sandy beach, continued from previous map. The hinterland is raised beach, used for rough grazing.

2. Carraig Dubh

NR 301 627

0.6 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Raised beach etc.

Steep rocky coast edge. Raised beach in hinterland, in use for rough grazing.

3. Traigh na Carraige Duibhe

NR 314 626

2.5 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Raised beach etc.

Sandy beach with gravel on upper foreshore. The hinterland is raised beach, in use for rough grazing.

4. Bluehouses

NR 326 627

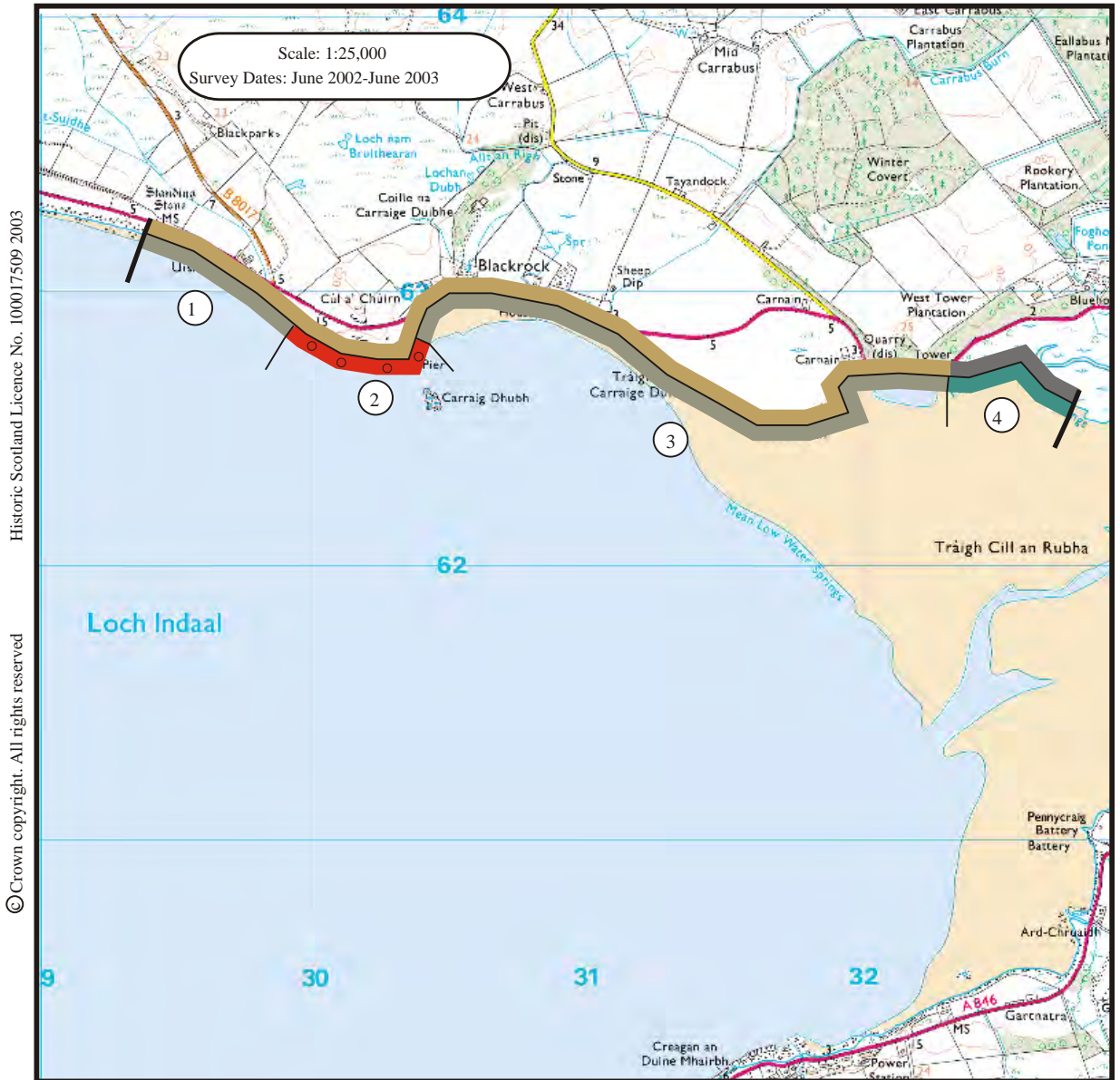
0.5 Km

Marsh

Coast edge <5m

Drift

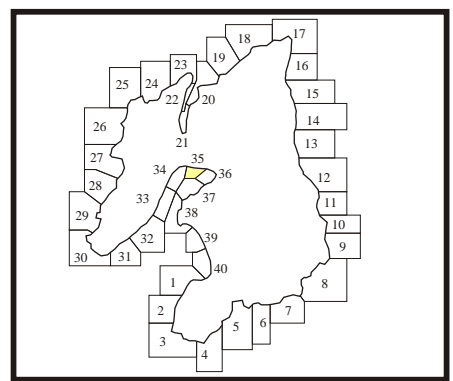
Salt marsh in this unit, over 100m deep in places.



- 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. Blackrock

NR 306 629

3.7 Km

Stable

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

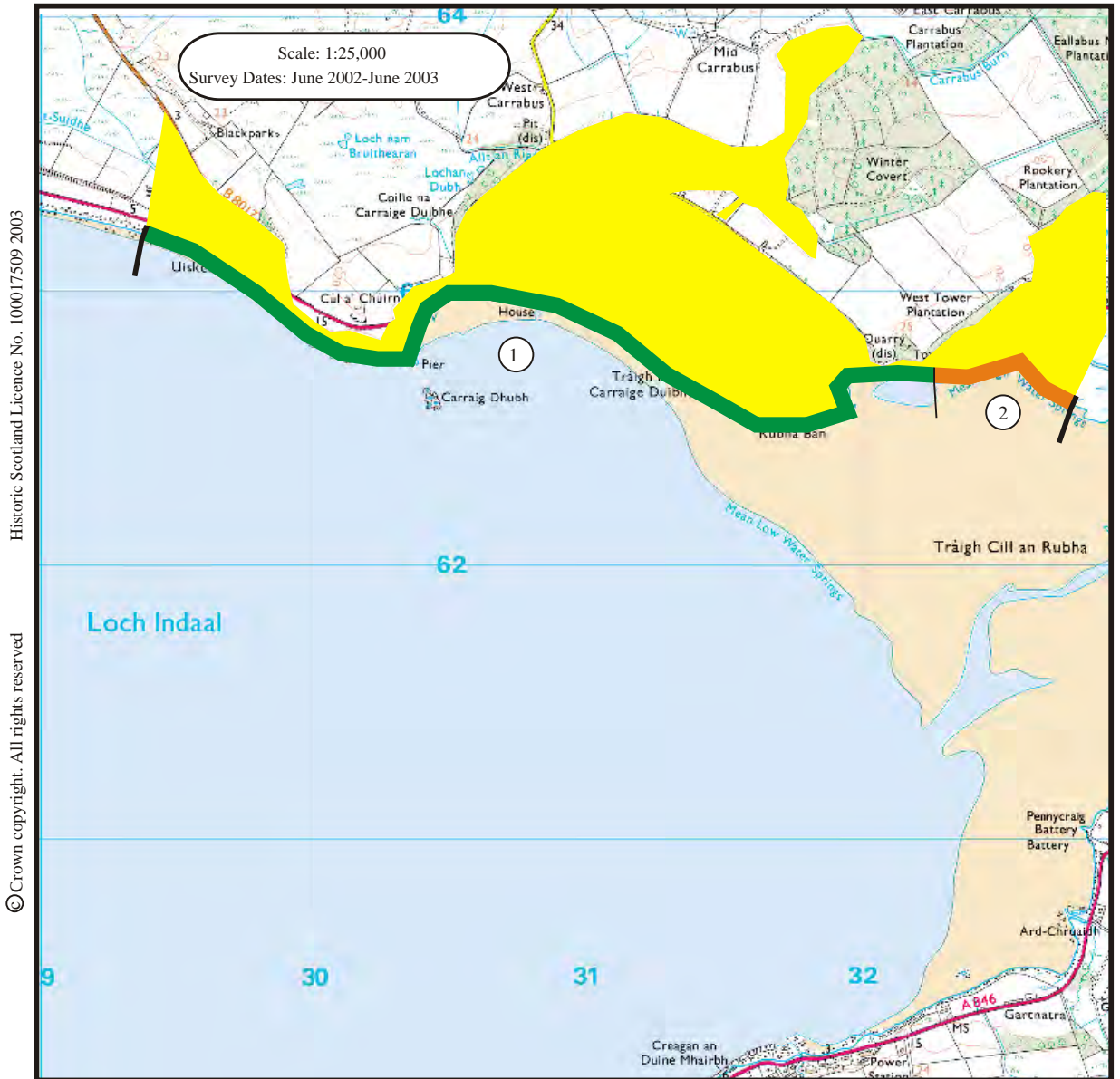
2. Bluehouses

NR 326 627

0.6 Km

Eroding or Stable

The coast edge in this unit is formed from low lying salt marsh. The salt marsh appears to be a peaty terrestrial soil, which is slowly becoming inundated by the sea.



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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

