

Introduction to Map 37: Bogh Mhor to Gartbreck

This map section covers some 5km of coastline extending from the west side of Bowmore to Gartbreck. The coastline within this area is low-lying and contains both sandy beaches and rocky shoreline, classified variously as stable, eroding and eroding to stable. The hinterland comprises of both modern settlement at Bowmore and grazing land to the south. The A846 road leads to the coast edge in Bowmore and a minor road provides access to Gartbreck.

A total of three sites were identified within this map section; two of these had been recorded previously. The village of Bowmore (IY147) was planned and laid out in 1768 by Daniel Campbell II. The village was built to house those people who had been moved off the land at Kilarrow by a programme designed to improve the surroundings of Islay House. It was laid out on a grid based on the Main Street, which runs from the church at the top of the hill, down to the shore. Most of the houses are of 19th and 20th C date, but two warehouses with outside stairs which lie at the end of the Main Street, by the pier, probably date to the late 1700's. The distillery was founded in the early 19th C and remains in operation. The first pier was built in 1750 and has been subsequently extended and rebuilt, notably during WWII when it was reinforced and a breakwater was added. A sea plane base existed here (IY146) during WWII but there are now no visible remains surviving.

IY146 (NR35NW 60)
NR 311 600
Bowmore
WWII sea plane base
18-20th C
N/A
N/A

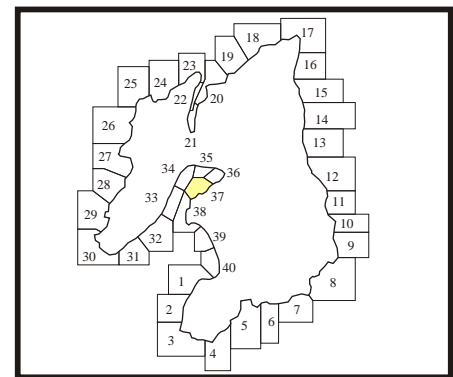
IY155
NR 29387 59062
Rubha an t-Saile
Boundary
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY147
NR 310 599
Bowmore
Village
18-20th C
Good
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



1. Bogh Mor

NR 310 599

1.0 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge mostly <5m

Hinterland geology not generally visible

Rocky coast edge, most of which is defended by buildings in Bowmore. Raised beach to the west of Bowmore

2. Ardlarach

NR 294 590

4.0 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Raised beach etc.

A sandy foreshore with some gravel cover on upper foreshore. The hinterland is raised beach. The hinterland is grassed fields - improved pasture.

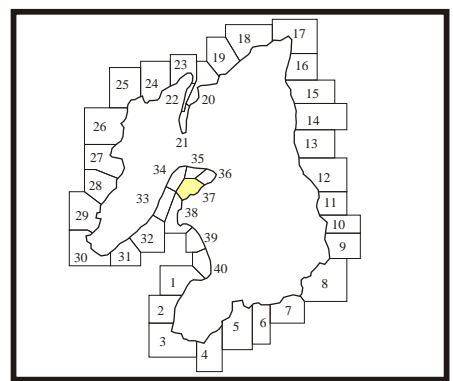


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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- 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. Bogh Mor

NR 310 599

1.1 Km

Stable

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

2. Raineach Mhor

NR 304 594

0.7 Km

Definitely Eroding

This unit encompasses a long stretch of steeply sloping coast edge. Here the coast edge is c. 2.5m high and c. 0.75m of this shows signs of active recent erosion: loose turf has slipped down from above and a fence line is eroding over the edge. The erosion has exposed a deep soil. This erosion coincides with a more gravely stretch of beach.

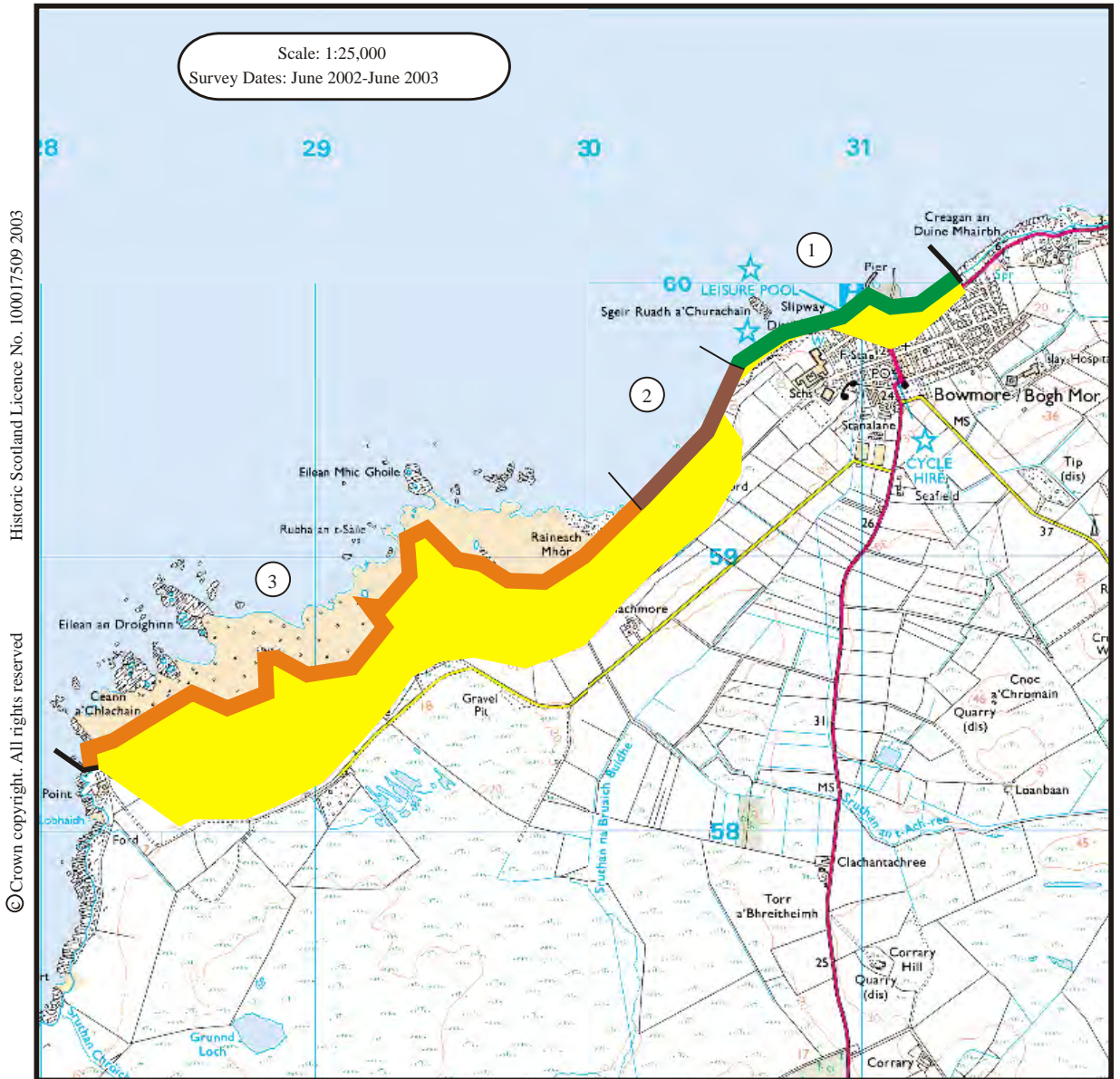
3. Ardlarach









NR 293 589

3.2 Km

Eroding or Stable

There is some slight erosion of the coast edge within this unit. There is some salt marsh over the westernmost 0.5m of this unit.



- Erosion Class
-  Definitely Accreting
 -  Accreting or Stable
 -  Stable
 -  Eroding or Stable
 -  Definitely Eroding
 -  Accreting and Eroding
 -  No access
 -  Land below 10m

