

Introduction to Map 4: Alt an Daimh to Port an Eas

This map section covers some 5.8km of coastline. This area takes in part of the south eastern side of the Oa Peninsula. From the 100m high rocky cliffs which form the southernmost tip of the peninsula, the land gradually lowers in height down towards the eastern side to a rocky coastline no more than 50m high. The hinterland here comprises a higher proportion of grazing land than moorland. There is no modern settlement within the coastal zone and access to the coast is by way of tracks leading from the interior to Stremnishmore and Ballychatrigan farms. The coast edge here has been classified as stable.

A total of eleven sites were identified within this map section; six of these had been recorded previously. The majority of the sites, seven in all, are thought to be of 18-20th C date. These include field systems and cultivation remains and a slipway. These remains cluster around the farmsteads of Stremnishmore and Ballychatrigan.

Four sites could not be dated from their topographical remains alone. These include two previously recorded dun sites at Carraig Bun Aibhne (IY270) and Rubha Na Meise Baine (IY38). The former is an alleged dun situated on the irregular summit of the elongated rock stack and was not inspected during this survey. The latter is located on an outcrop surrounded by the sea on three sides with access via a narrow causeway which has been artificially shaped to form a rough stair. A wall runs across the approach and extends around the lip of the bowl-shaped interior.

The remaining undated sites are a subrectangular structure (IY46) and a group of cairns (IY37). The rectangular structure sits on a platform and is aligned east-west, allowing for the possibility that it may be a church. The cairns may be the result of clearance, although no trace of cultivation or field boundaries was noted in the surrounding area and the possibility that they may be burial mounds cannot, on present evidence, be discounted. It is recommended that this site should be surveyed and that the dun at Rubha Na Meise Baine (IY38) and the putative church structure (IY46) be monitored for future changes.

IY36 (part of NR34SW 19)
NR 33465 42695
Leacann na Coille
Trackway and field walls
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY37
NR 33133 41789
Alt a' Chladain
Cairns
???
Good
Survey

IY38 (NR34SW 14)
NR 33042 41472
Rubha Na Meise Baine
Dun
???
Poor
Monitor

IY39
NR 32928 41528
Rubha na Meise Baine
Cultivation remains and field boundaries
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY46
NR 32028 41200
Rubha na h-Uamha
Structure
???
Fair
Monitor

IY47
NR 3179 4102
Port Asabus
Slipway
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

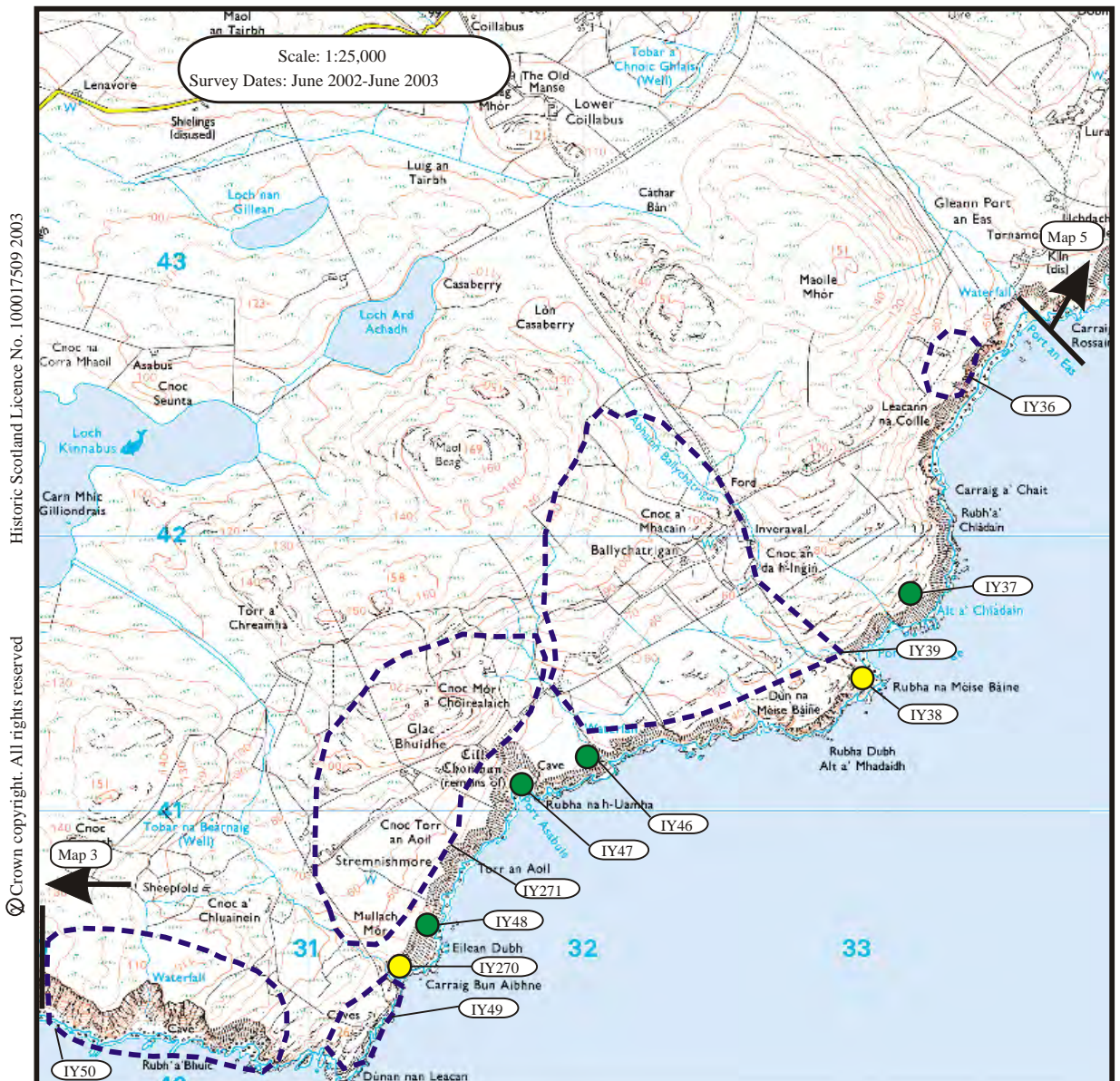
IY48
NR 31423 40477
Eilean Dubh
Wall
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY49 (includes NR34SW 7&35)
NR 31254 40347
Carraig Bun Aibhne
Field system and cultivation remains
18-20th C
Fair-Poor
Nil

IY50 (NR34SW 34)
NR 30360 40287
Cnoc a'Chluainein
Boundary bank and cultivation remains
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY270 (NR34SW 11)
NR 3133 4040
Carraig Bun Aibhne
Alleged dun site
???
N/A
N/A

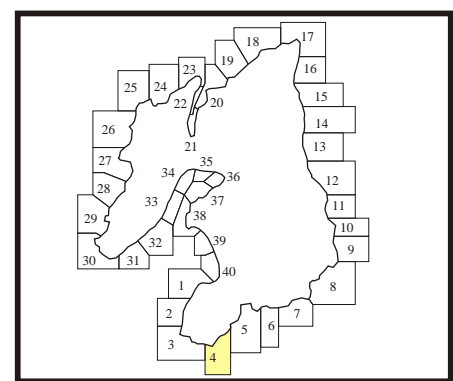
IY271 (NR34SW 57)
NR 3138 4114
Tighean Ura Strimnish
Farmstead
18-20th C
N/A
N/A



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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. Ballychatrigan

NR 329 414

5.8 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge >5m

Drift on visible rock/ Raised beach etc.

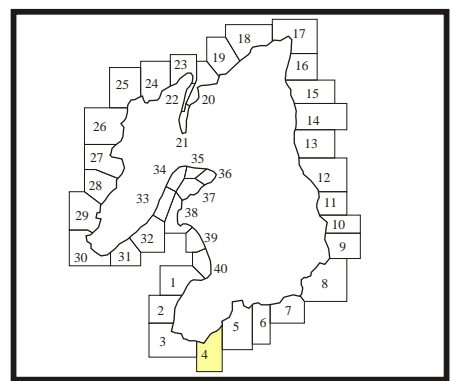
The coast edge in this unit is generally high - on average 30m. The cliffs occasionally move away from the coast edge to leave flatter areas above the high water mark, interpreted as raised beach. Here, there is cobble cover on the foreshore. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.



- 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. Ballychatrigan

NR 283 411

5.8 Km

Stable

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

