

Introduction to Map 6: The Ard to Lagavulin

This map section covers some 4.8km of coastline. It extends from the east of Port Ellen over low-lying ground past Laphroaig to the forested hillside which lies to the west of Lagavulin Distillery. The coast here has been classified as stable. There is scant modern settlement within the coastal zone of this area and access to the coastline is gained from the A846 Port Ellen-Arbeg public road which runs through the hinterland.

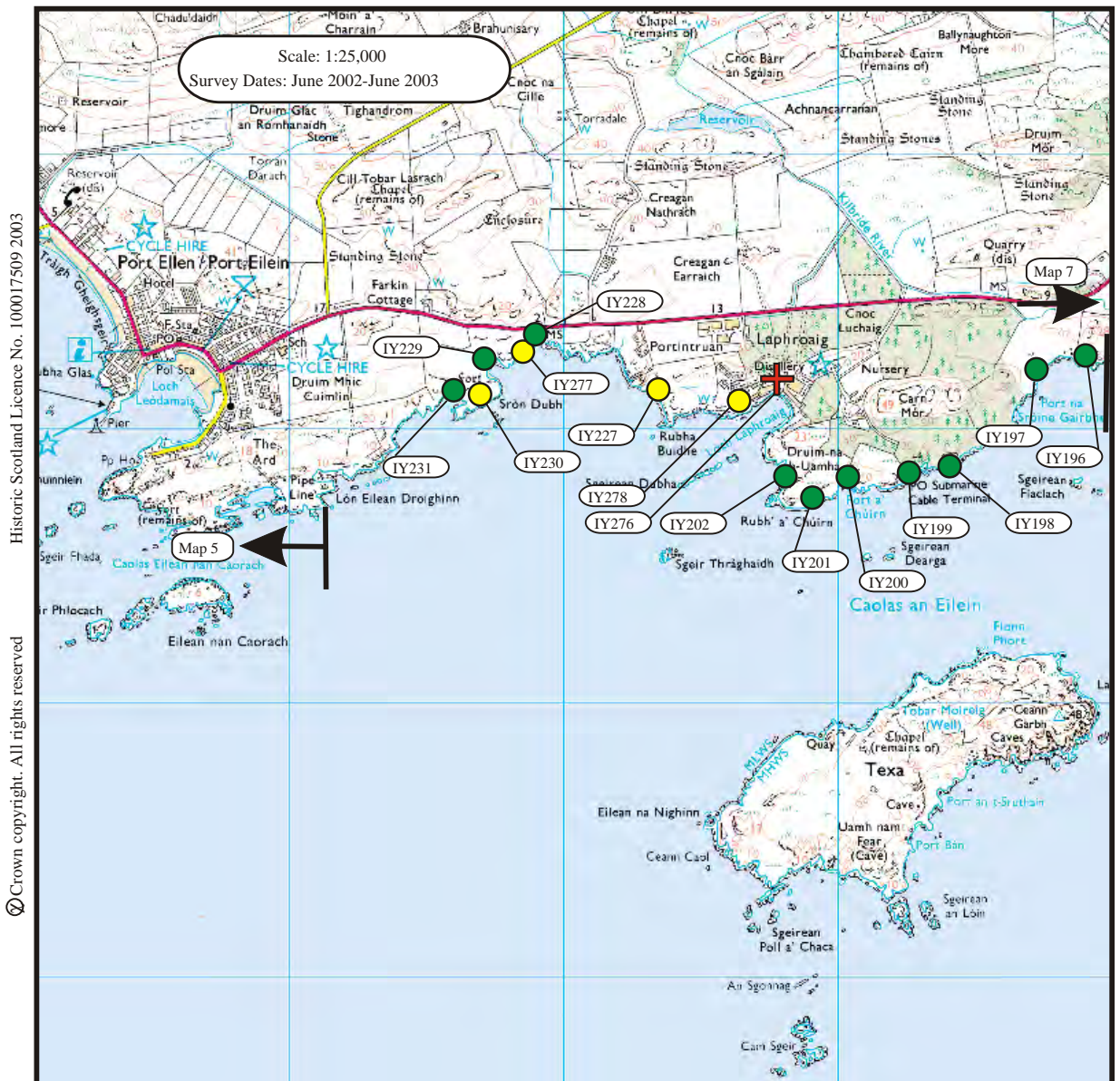
A total of fifteen sites were identified within this map section; five of these had been recorded previously. The majority of the sites, eleven in all, are thought to be of 18th to 20th C date. These include Laphroaig Distillery (IY276), farmsteads, cultivation remains and land boundaries and maritime features such as piers and possible fish traps. Of unknown date, are two sets of structural remains (IY197 and IY227), a dun (IY230) and an alleged dun site (IY227), which could not be relocated.

The structural remains at Port na Sroine Gairbhe (IY197) comprise of subrectangular footings, measuring 8m by 4m, situated on low lying rough grassland. There are no traces of cultivation remains in this area and the beach is rocky and unlikely to be suitable for landing boats. The site at Sron Dubh (IY228) is visible as a concentration of earthfast stones which may be the remains of a structure.

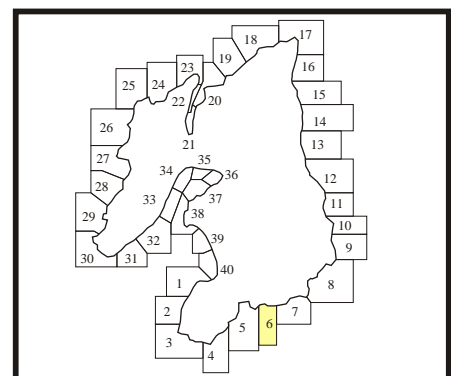
The dun at Sron Dubh (IY230) occupies part of a low-lying coastal promontory to the east side of which a wall encloses an area measuring approximately 45m by 38m. Inside the wall there are two distinct hollow areas, which may be the remains of structures. There are numerous concentrations of stone and several probable wall lines in this area, they may have served to delineate the access routes within the dun.

It is recommended that structural remains IY197 and the dun at Sron Dubh (IY230) are monitored for change.

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| <p>IY196 NR 39993 45342 Lagavulin Walls 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> | <p>IY201 NR 38927 44762 Rubha Chuirn Enclosure 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> | <p>IY230 (NR34NE 40) NR 37738 45137 Sron Dubh Dun ??? Fair Monitor</p> |
| <p>IY197 NR 39710 45230 Port na Sroine Gairbhe Structural remains ??? Fair Monitor</p> | <p>IY202 NR 38881 44799 Rubha Chuirn Stock barriers and possible enclosures 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> | <p>IY231 NR 37694 45149 Sron Dubh Field system, pier, slipway and jetty 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> |
| <p>IY198 NR 39345 44895 Carn Mor Boundary bank 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> | <p>IY227 (NR34NE 27) NR 3829 4517 Caisteal Dhonnachaidh Alleged site of dun- not located ??? N/A N/A</p> | <p>IY276 (NR34NE 45) NR 3876 4514 Laphroaig Laphroaig distillery 18-20th C Good Nil</p> |
| <p>IY199 NR 39235 44886 Carn Mor Stone structure associated with P. O. cable 18-20th C Good Nil</p> | <p>IY228 NR 37880 45315 Sron Dubh Possible structural remains ??? Poor Nil</p> | <p>IY277 (NR34NE 63) NR 3783 4529 Rubha Na Faolinn Bige Enclosure 18-20th C N/A N/A</p> |
| <p>IY200 NR 39042 44837 Port a' Chuirn Enclosures 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> | <p>IY229 NR 37771 45245 Sron Dubh Pier or fish trap 18-20th C Fair Nil</p> | <p>IY278 (NR34NE 70) NR 386 451 Druim An Uigean Farmstead 18-20th C N/A N/A</p> |



- 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. Laphroaig

NR 388 447

4.8 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge is steeply sloping rock platform, with some cobble in coves. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing, not apparently in agricultural use at time of visit. The hinterland frequently contains thickets of scrub vegetation.

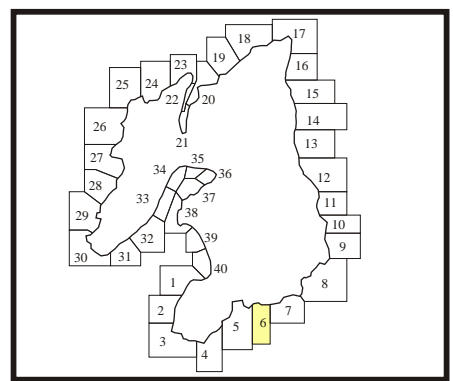


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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- 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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Stable

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

