

Introduction to Map 7: Lagavulin to Eilean an t-Sluic

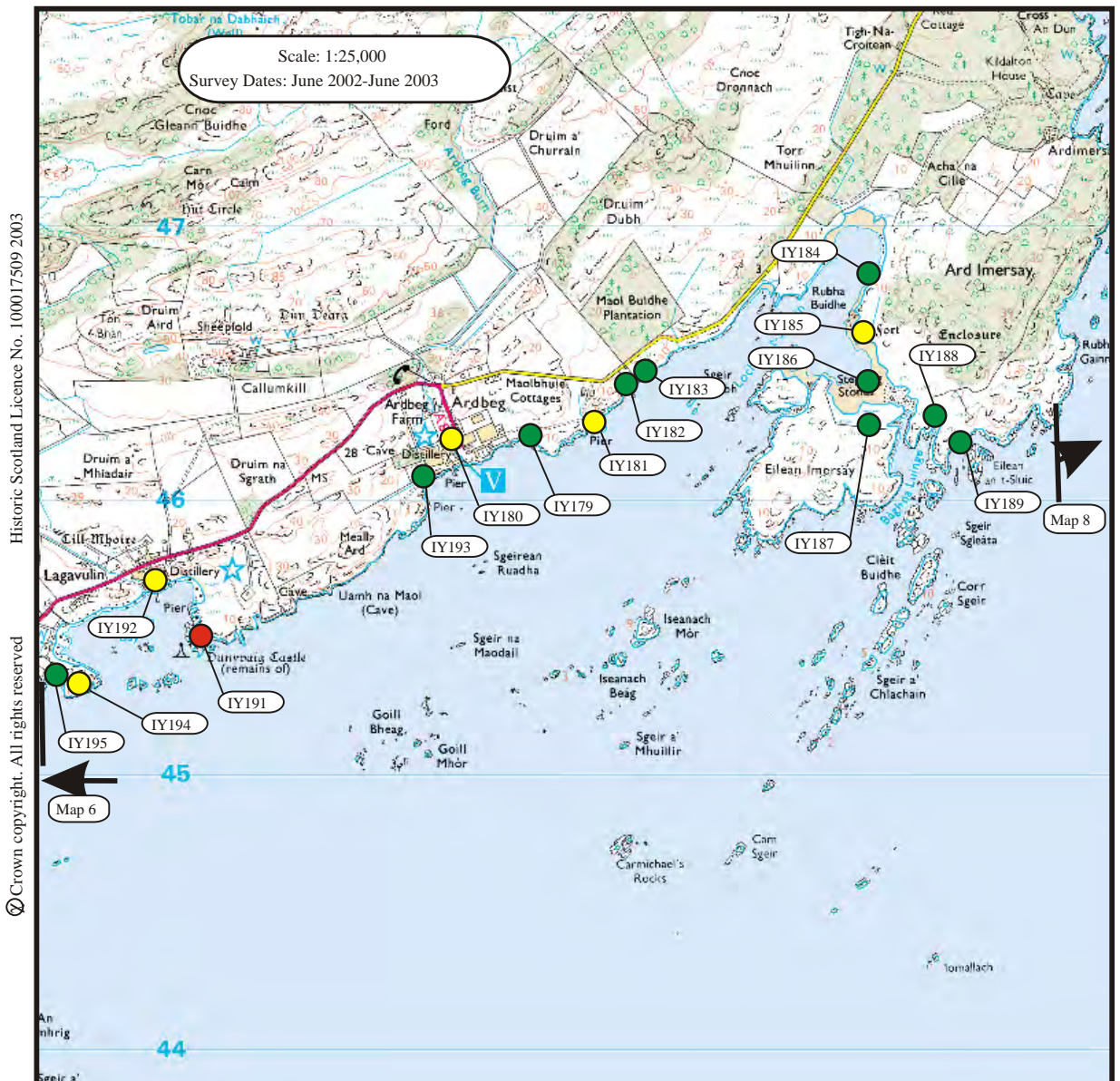
This map section covers some 9.3km of coastline. It extends from the west side of Lagavulin Distillery over low-lying ground to Ardbeg and on to the promontory of Ard Imersay. The coastline of the adjacent island, Eilean Imersay, was also included within the survey area. Much of the hinterland is given up to rough grazing. The coast is classified as stable for the most part, except where there is salt marsh on the coast edge. There is a small amount of modern settlement surrounding Ardbeg and access to the coastline is provided by the A846 Port Ellen-Ardbeg public road and its eastern extension beyond Ardbeg.

A total of sixteen sites were identified within this map section; six of these had been recorded previously. Thirteen sites are thought to be of 18-20th C date. These include the distilleries at Ardbeg and Lagavulin, agricultural remains in the form of land boundaries and a farmstead and maritime remains such as piers, a fish trap, a noost and slipways.

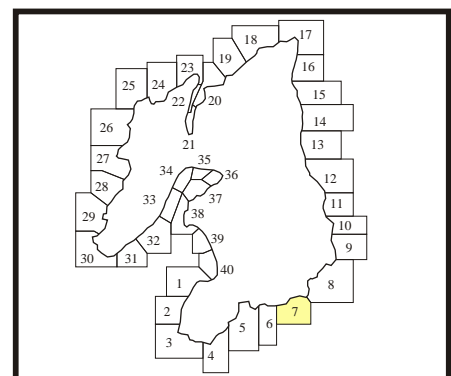
Dunivaig Castle (IY191) is first mentioned in chronicles of the later 14th C and belonged to the Lords of the Isles. It passed through several hands during its turbulent history and was besieged on several occasions in the 1700's, at the end of which century it was finally abandoned. The elongated hall occupies a high coastal promontory, with an outer courtyard, sea gate and a boat landing area located on lower ground beneath. The remains of at least four rectangular buildings survive within the courtyard. It is now in an unstable condition and it is recommended that it be monitored for future change.

Two duns of uncertain date lie within this area at Fang A'Chaisteil (IY185) and at Barr An T-Seann Duine (IY194). The former is sited on a small rocky ridge which, via a series of narrow ledges, extends to a maximum height of 8m. The most accessible route to the summit follows a natural gully, midway along which there are traces of a wall. On the summit there are traces of a stony bank or wall but no buildings are visible inside. The latter site occupies a high and extensive rocky promontory. Several traces of walling are visible, especially at the approach to the summit, where the walling appears to define an access route. A circular structure on the summit and traces of cultivation remains which were reported previously are not now visible. It is recommended that both dun sites be monitored for future change since both are at risk from erosion.

<p>IY179 NR 41782 46254 Ardbeg Earthwork 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY185 (NR44NW 21) NR 43040 46618 Fang A'Chaisteil Dun ??? Fair Monitor</p>	<p>IY192 (NR44NW 42) NR 40401 45660 Lagavulin Lagavulin Distillery and landing places 18-20th C Good Nil</p>
<p>IY180 (NR44NW 43, 70) NR 4156 4622 Ardbeg Ardbeg Distillery 18-20th C Good Nil</p>	<p>IY186 NR 43140 46434 Eilean Imersay Possible fish trap 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY193 NR 4140 4606 Ardbeg Noost and pier 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>IY181 (NR44NW 62) NR 42057 46274 Ardbeg Pier 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY187 NR 428 461 Eilean Imersay Walls 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY194 (NR44NW 23) NR 40161 45357 Barr An T-Seann Duine Dun ??? Fair Monitor</p>
<p>IY182 NR 42167 46410 Maol Buidhe Structural remains and wall 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY188 NR 43288 46295 Port na Luinge Walls- possible harbour 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY195 NR 40066 45368 Barr An T-Seann Duine Farmstead and walled enclosure 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>
<p>IY183 NR 42209 46440 Maol Buidhe Slipway 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY189 NR 43424 46263 Ard Imersay Walls 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	
<p>IY184 NR 43075 46803 Rubha Buidhe Slipway 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p>IY191 (NR44NW 4, 24) NR 40603 45489 Dunivaig Castle, Lagavulin Bay Dunivaig Castle 14th -18th C Poor Monitor</p>	



- 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. Ardbeg

NR 413 459

3.8 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge is steeply sloping rock platform, with some cobble in coves. It rises over 5m height briefly, on the north and south sides of Lagavulin Bay. Some disturbance of the coast edge was noted on the south side of Lagavulin Bay, associated with the construction of a new track by the coast edge there. There is limited dumping of farm waste on the coast edge to the north of Ardbeg distillery. The coast edge has been protected by the construction of a sea wall for the last c. 200m of this unit, where a road passes close to the shore. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing, not apparently in agricultural use at time of visit.

2. Rubha Buidhe

NR 430 470

1.5 Km

Rock platform/marsh

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge in this unit is a combination of rock platform and low lying salt marsh. The salt marsh is between 10m- 20m wide. The hinterland is poorly drained, not apparently in use for agriculture.

3. Eilean Imersay

NR 428 461

2.8 Km

Rock platform/marsh

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The north coast of Eilean Imersay is low lying salt marsh. The south coast is rock platform. The interior is poorly drained, not apparently in use for agriculture. There are large areas of thicket which are impassable.

4. Ard Imersay

NR 433 462

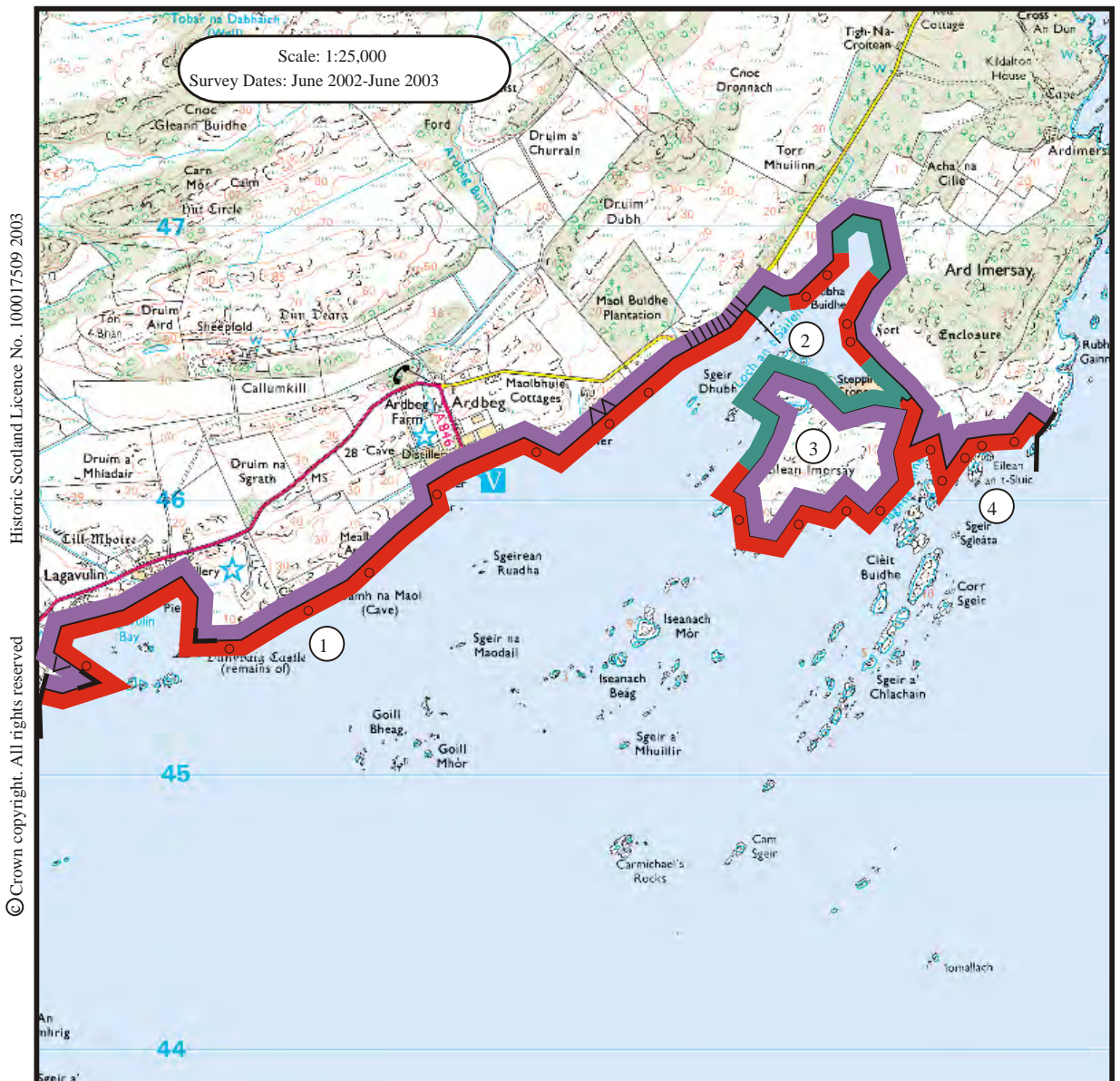
1.2 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

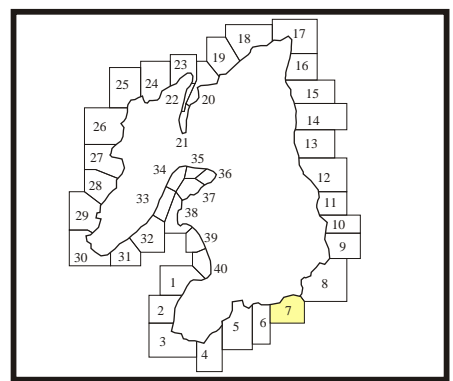
The coast edge is steeply sloping rock platform, with some cobble in coves. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing, not apparently in agricultural use at time of visit. The hinterland frequently contains thickets of scrub vegetation.



- 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. Ardbeg

NR 413 459

4.4 Km

Stable

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

3. Eilean Imersay

NR 431 460

2.1 Km

Stable

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

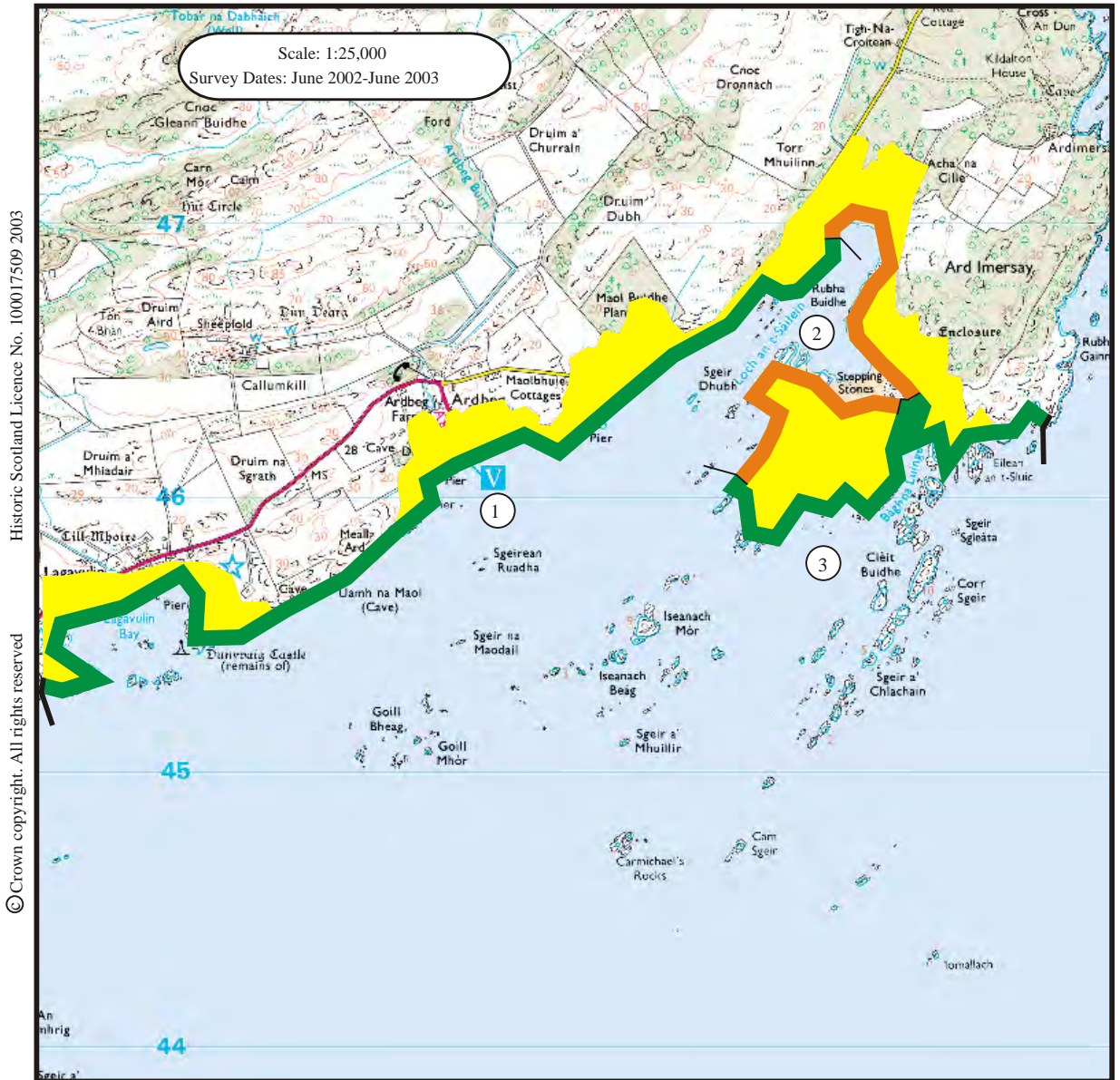
2. Rubha Buidhe

NR 430 466

2.2 Km

Eroding or Stable

This unit includes areas of low lying salt marsh. The salt marsh appears to be a peaty terrestrial soil, which is slowly becoming inundated.



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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

