

UIST CRANNOG SURVEY

Part 1: Desk-based assessment and preliminary site visits, 2020-22

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Introduction

This document is the first of two reports detailing the results of desk-based assessment and survey carried out in relation to all known crannogs (and related sites of potential interest) across the southern part of the Outer Hebrides island chain in North Uist, Benbecula, South Uist and Barra (and associated smaller islands).

The Uist Crannog Survey (2020-22), undertaken as part of the wider 'Islands of Stone' project (see below), consisted of four main stages of work:

1. Desk-based assessment of all known 'archaeological island' sites in the Outer Hebrides
2. Preliminary site visits to as many Stage 1 sites as possible
3. Automated 'machine learning' analysis of all islands in the Outer Hebrides in order to identify potential sites of interest not currently in the 'known' archaeological record
4. Underwater and detailed landscape survey at key sites of interest identified during Stages 2 and 3

This report presents the results of Stages 1-3. The results of Stage 4, a more detailed survey of 37 sites undertaken in July 2022, are outlined within a separate document – *Uist Crannog Survey Part 2* (Blankshein, Garrow & Sturt 2023).

Research background

Crannogs, or artificial islands, are a multi-period category of archaeological site found in especially high densities in the Outer Hebrides. Previously considered to date from the Iron Age to the Medieval/Post-Medieval periods, recent work in the Isle of Lewis has clearly demonstrated the existence of Neolithic crannogs (Garrow & Sturt 2019), adding several new sites to what had been a list of one, the previously unique Eilean Domhnuill, North Uist, excavated in the 1980s (Armit 1986). Many of these newly discovered Neolithic sites have produced large quantities of pottery deposited into the lochs around them (Sheridan et al. 2014; Garrow & Sturt 2019).

The 'Islands of stone: Neolithic crannogs in the Outer Hebrides' project was set up in order to build on these exciting new discoveries. Funded by the AHRC, and running from 2020 to 2025, it is a collaboration between the Universities of Southampton and Reading and Historic Environment Scotland along with partners including the Uist Community Archaeology Group. The 'Islands of stone' project's primary stated aims are "to establish, through desk-based research and subsequent ground-truthing, whether Neolithic crannogs are widespread across the Outer Hebrides (and potentially also beyond)", as well as to "conduct underwater and dry-land excavation on a known, highly-promising 'showcase' Neolithic crannog" at Loch Bhorgastail, Lewis (for preliminary results of this excavation see Blankshein et al. 2022).

Underwater archaeological survey in lochs across the Isle of Lewis, undertaken initially by local divers Chris Murray and Mark Elliott and subsequently followed up on by the 'Islands of Stone' team, revealed five new Neolithic crannog sites (Garrow & Sturt 2019); a sixth Neolithic site, Loch Marabhat, also in Lewis, has been identified subsequently (Chris Murray pers. comm.; Copper 2022). As a result of this work, the existence of Neolithic crannogs in the northern part of the Outer Hebrides has been conclusively demonstrated. Within our wider crannog survey, as described in this Part 1 report, as well as Part 2, we therefore elected to focus specifically on the southern part of the island chain, namely North Uist, Benbecula, South Uist and Barra (and associated smaller islands), in order to investigate the presence (or not) of Neolithic crannogs across the full extent of the Outer Hebrides.

Stage 1. Desk-based assessment

The first stage of our survey was a desk-based assessment of all known ‘archaeological island’ sites in the Outer Hebrides (Figure 1). Archaeologists have long debated exactly how a ‘crannog’ should be defined and it has proven difficult to reach a consensus (e.g. Morrison 1985; Henderson 1998; Dixon 2004; Cavers 2012; Garrow & Sturt 2019, 666). Henderson & Sands suggested that ‘crannog’ is generally used as “a portmanteau term to simply refer to all forms of artificial islands found in Scotland and Ireland” (2012, 269). However, the term has not been applied uniformly to all such sites in Scotland, with others such as dwelling, fortified island, artificial island, [island] dun or broch used to describe directly comparable sites. Equally, there have been debates about whether a ‘crannog’ needs to be wholly artificial or just partly artificial, and whether sites on natural islands should be treated differently (or not). As a result, we took the decision to make our preliminary database of sites as inclusive as possible, featuring all ‘archaeological islands’ at least initially.

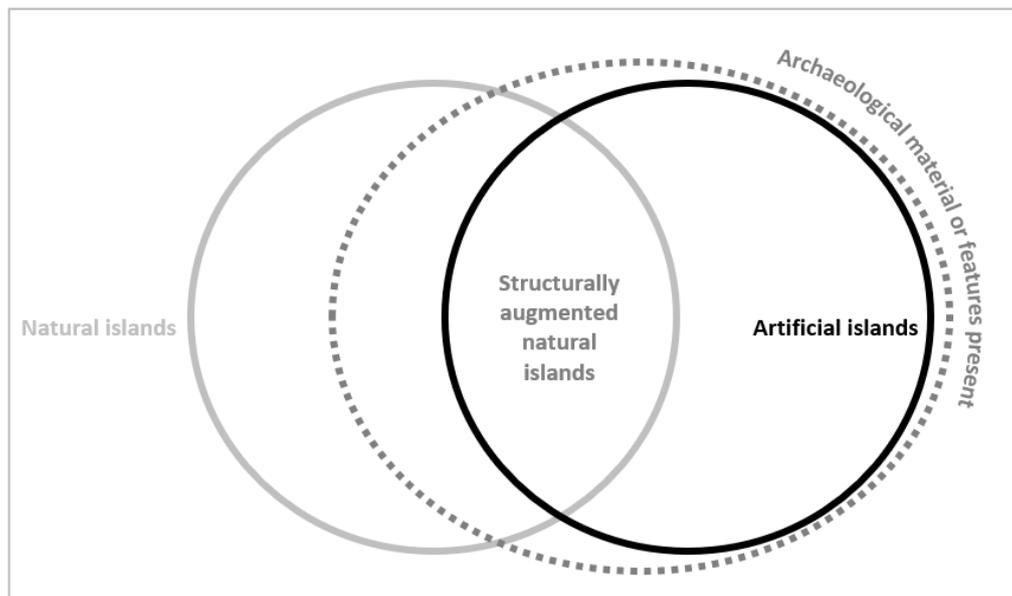


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the relationship between crannogs, archaeological islands and natural islands as defined within this report. Crannogs are contained within the black circle, archaeological islands by the grey dashed line.

Our preliminary dataset was obtained from the National Record of the Historic Environment in Scotland (Canmore). Search terms included: crannogs, island dwellings, fortified islands, duns and brochs (the latter two filtered to include only those existing on an island). This database was then cross-referenced with the regional HER, as well as information generated recently by other crannog researchers (Cavers 2010; Lenfert 2012). This enabled the generation of a thorough database of all known ‘archaeological islands’, including those classified as ‘crannogs’ and, very commonly in the Outer Hebrides, as ‘island duns’, amongst others. All available information pertaining to these sites (e.g. past excavation work, materials recovered, radiocarbon dates, etc.) was transferred into our database, which is available open access via the Archaeology Data Service:

<https://doi.org/10.5284/1100101>.

With a record of research spanning over two centuries, we were also aware of the possibility that some relevant sites researched in the antiquarian period and early 20th century may not have been recorded, or might have been recorded under a different site classification. In order to ensure that our own database covered potential sites of interest as completely as possible, we therefore undertook an additional level of information searching. This involved computer-led linguistic

information extraction (or data mining) of digital versions of all past issues of both the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland* (148 volumes) and *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (71 volumes), along with the 'Notes' area of Canmore. These publications were chosen as they record the main body of research in Scotland: the first offering the most cohesive record of antiquarian research, the second recording all archaeological research in Scotland since 1947, and the third representing the most holistic, national-level repository of information. The full data mining process is outlined in detail elsewhere (Blankshein et al. under review). In summary, our initial automated analysis focused on identifying all articles mentioning 'crannog' (and related nomenclature). We then followed this process up with a more nuanced, researcher-led, qualitative investigation of each highlighted report. This process had two main aims: first, to create as comprehensive a record of archaeological islands and their associated materials as possible, and second to highlight any potential Neolithic material associated with archaeological islands from within this database (see Blankshein et al. submitted for details of these results).

During this process the record was also filtered and necessary amendments were noted. For instance, the search terms dun and broch expose a large number of sites that are not located on islands. The 108 duns and brochs not within our scope of interest needed to be removed from the database. In addition, the location given for each site within the NRHE/HER was verified within ArcGIS Pro and the coordinates amended if necessary. This was important for the subsequent machine learning analysis that took place (Stage 3, discussed below), which needed the coordinate information for each site to be precisely located over the associated island in order to identify these sites from aerial imagery. Finally, conflicting or incomplete site classifications were noted for future amendment in the NRHE. For example, at the time of our initial research, Eilean Domhnuill, the first of the Neolithic artificial archaeological islands to be discovered, was classified on Canmore as a 'settlement' based on early interpretations but not as a 'crannog' although it met the essential criteria (see <https://canmore.org.uk/thesaurus/1/508/CRANNOG>).

The final result was a database of 194 archaeological islands in the Outer Hebrides. The breakdown of sites by island and site class is listed in Table 1 and Table 2 and shown in Figure 2. The high density of sites in North Uist is evident, with 42% of the record falling within a roughly 300 km² area. In addition, the large number of sites classed as (island) duns or brochs is also apparent, representing 72% of the record of archaeological islands. The classification for six sites are various terms (e.g. building, chapel, settlement) that provide no indication of the site being located on an island.

Island	Number of archaeological islands
Lewis (and Great Bernera)	50
Harris (and Taransay, Killegray)	6
North Uist (and Berneray, Baile Sear and Grimsay)	82
Benbecula	15
South Uist	36
Barra	5

Table 1. Geographical distributions of archaeological islands in the Outer Hebrides

Site Class	Total
crannog	41
dun/broch	139
fortified island/island dwelling	8
miscellaneous terms (e.g. shieling hut, structure)	6

Table 2. Variation in terms used to describe archaeological islands in the Outer Hebrides

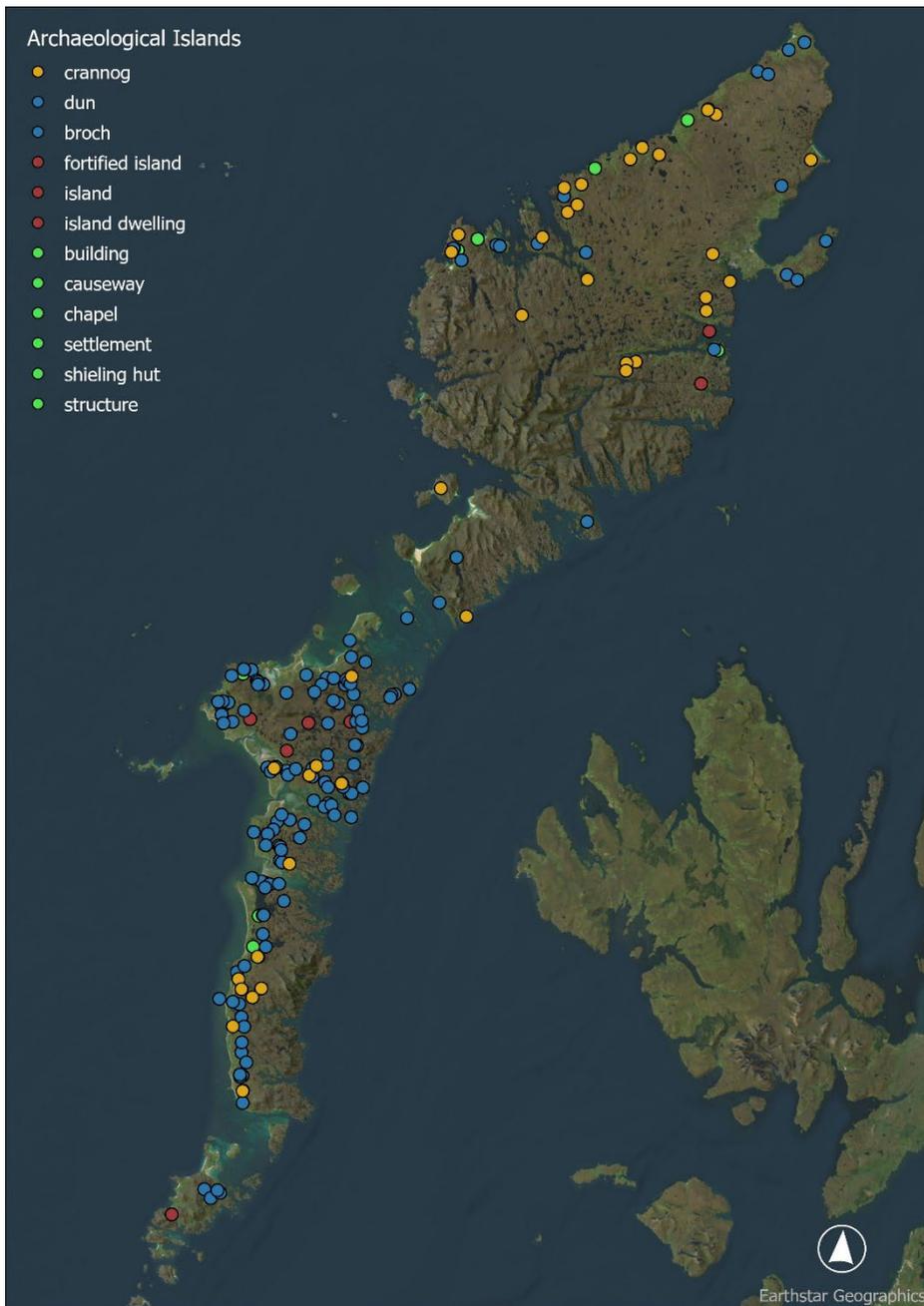


Figure 2. Distribution of all archaeological islands in the Outer Hebrides (showing nomenclature used in NRHE)

As a result of this multi-stage process, we could now feel confident that our database of known archaeological islands across the Outer Hebrides was as complete as possible – in relation to both sites included and the information recorded about them – at a desk-based level. The next stage was to visit the sites in order to assess them further in the field.

Stage 2. Preliminary site visits

The next stage of work was undertaken by members of the Uist Community Archaeology Group (UCAG) who carried out all of the field survey visits during this phase, in close collaboration with the Islands of Stone project team. Duncan Garrow and Fraser Sturt had worked previously with UCAG

members in various capacities and, hoping to draw on their expertise (and rather more local geographical position), were pleased to be able to include UCAG as project partners in the original grant application, in anticipation of their participation especially in this phase of work.

Preliminary set-up meetings were held online about the scope and purpose of the project, what UCAG's role would be, and how their work could be completed in a safe and systematic way. The 'Islands of Stone' project team then shared a trimmed-down version of the archaeological islands database with UCAG members, along with a plot of all sites of interest created in Google Maps. In order to keep this process manageable and to help keep tabs on sites more easily, all sites within the database were given an IoS [Islands of Stone] number (in sequence), in addition to their existing Canmore numbers. In anticipation of field visits being undertaken, a pro-forma survey sheet was also created to record all relevant information: the size and characteristics of each islet (e.g. portable stone, bedrock, submerged), presence of surface vegetation and/or visible structures, as well as the nature of the loch (e.g. freshwater, intertidal). Completed survey sheets have been included within this report as Appendix A.

Survey work got underway in early 2021. UCAG members Roger Auger, Simon Davies and David Newman had previously carried out extensive field survey work on the now depopulated and remote east coast areas of North Uist and Benbecula between 2014 and 2019. This included recording most of the island duns in these areas and the information already gathered for these was sufficient to complete the IoS survey forms without the need for further visits. For the previously un-surveyed sites, UCAG members agreed a colour coding system for site tags on the IoS Google map to avoid survey duplication (where red denoted 'un-surveyed', amber 'survey in process' and green 'survey completed'). Different surveyors were able to tick off each of the sites visited in a shared spreadsheet. As well as recording vital information on the survey sheets, UCAG surveyors also took photos in the field for further evaluation of each site. This latter task was enhanced on many sites through the use of a drone (DJI Mavic Air), which enabled high resolution, aerial imagery of these islets to be captured.

Although a few island duns on Uist are still accessible via their stone causeways, most of these structures are now either flooded or too dilapidated to use safely. Whilst the use of a small dinghy was possible in lochs with a launch point reasonably near a vehicular access, it was fortuitous that drone technology and affordability had improved to such an extent that most of the preliminary survey work could be done using drones. Their only real limitation is the weather as they cannot be flown in rain or high wind speeds, both of which are unfortunately prevalent during a good part of the year in the Hebrides. Because of the MOD missile range on South Uist and civilian airport on Benbecula, much of the survey area also falls within air traffic control zones and permission had to be sought in advance to fly within these areas.

Altogether, UCAG members were able to visit 114 archaeological islands across North Uist, Benbecula and South Uist (Figure 3), a hugely impressive total representing 82% of the known sites in that region. UCAG were able to survey all but three of the 87 North Uist sites. Two could not be located at their recorded NGRs and a third was almost impossible to access because of water courses and boggy ground. In Benbecula and South Uist, a number of former island dun sites are also now on dry land because of 20th century drainage schemes, and it was clear these could not be the subject of further underwater survey; conversely another is completely submerged. Two more had swans nesting on them, and others have been overwhelmed by modern period buildings. By the end of the year, UCAG had reported on most of the IoS listed sites, and the few remaining were completed in the first half of 2022 in time for the IoS team's arrival at the end of July. David Newman co-ordinated the overall UCAG survey. Drone survey work was carried out by Roger Auger and David

Newman, with on-site surveys conducted by Roger Auger, Simon Davies, Janet Dix, Catherine Macleod, Anne Monk, David Newman, Danny Rafferty, Mairi Stewart and Anne Wilson.

As well as recording 114 of the 138 sites listed in the IoS schedule, UCAG members also carried out desk-top searches for other possible crannog sites (including visual identification from satellite imagery of likely sites for field verification), following up a number on the ground. The scale of the task is huge as there are well over 1,000 lochs and lochans on the islands (see Stage 3, below). However, Simon Davies and Anne Monk's discovery of up to seven new possible crannog sites on Benbecula and South Uist showed that persistence pays. The survey work also led to a number of additional serendipitous discoveries including two causeways, an 18th century memorial cairn, a possible dun, a possible 'thing' site and a hut circle.

As well as capturing vital additional information for each site, UCAG's survey work also enabled the identification of 41 clearly natural (as opposed to artificial) islands, with anthropogenic activity. Despite our open-minded approach to archaeological islands generally, for the purposes of our Stage 4 work we were really only seeking to visit artificially-constructed sites. Having removed all natural islands, we ended up with a final list of 92 artificial or modified islets across North Uist, Benbecula and South Uist. Two islands of interest were also identified, but not investigated further, on Barra. One of these exhibits the remains of a medieval tower and was deemed difficult to investigate due to its earliest origins being obscured by later activity and modifications. The second islet is suspected to be artificial in nature but was fully submerged when the loch was dammed in the first half of the 20th century, obscuring its exact location within the loch.

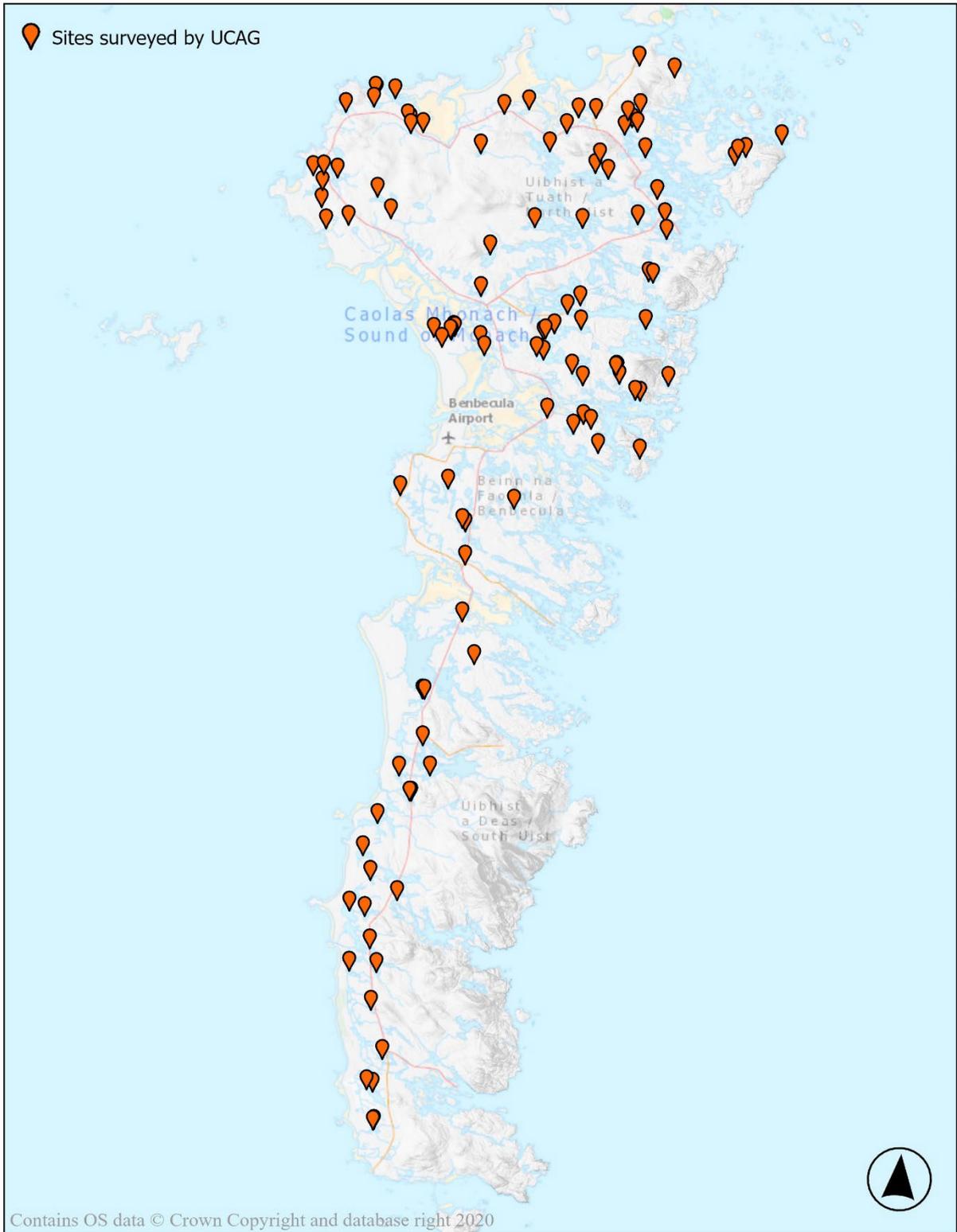


Figure 3. Map showing all sites visited during Stage 2 survey work

Stage 3. 'Machine learning' analysis

The next stage of work was undertaken in collaboration with Alexandra Karamitrou, a specialist in machine learning and remote sensing at the University of Southampton. As set out above, the desk-based assessment and subsequent field visit phases of our work had both focused on *known* sites (i.e. those already recorded within the NRHE/HER). Notably, two of the five sites identified as Neolithic by Murray and Elliott in Lewis had not been previously recorded in this way – they were identified as candidates to investigate simply using Google Earth. Stage 3 was designed to find previously unknown (archaeologically) sites of potential interest along these lines.

A process of machine learning was undertaken in order to achieve this goal (see Sturt et al. in prep for full details). This involved the automated extraction of all identifiable lochs in the Outer Hebrides (from 25 cm resolution Edina GetMapping aerial imagery and colour infrared data from CEDA), and then the identification of all islets (with certain characteristics) within this dataset of lochs. As the aim was to identify artificial islands, those of 30m or smaller were highlighted, as well as those in close proximity to the shore. The computer was trained to identify islands of potential interest using our existing dataset of archaeological islands. It was also trained in what not to look for as well, using those islands identified in Stage 2 as being natural in origin.

This process resulted in the identification of 1907 islands of potential interest which met the relevant specified criteria (Figure 4). Additionally, a set of statistics was generated for each island, including size, circularity and distance from shore, etc.

Ideally, this phase of work would have been completed prior to Stage 2 so that preliminary field visits could also have been undertaken on at least some of these sites; however, for various reasons (including the time required to carry out all of Stage 3) this did not turn out to be the case. A sub-set of 8 sites identified through the machine learning process was investigated as part of our Stage 4 fieldwork (see Blankshein, Garrow & Sturt 2023 for details).

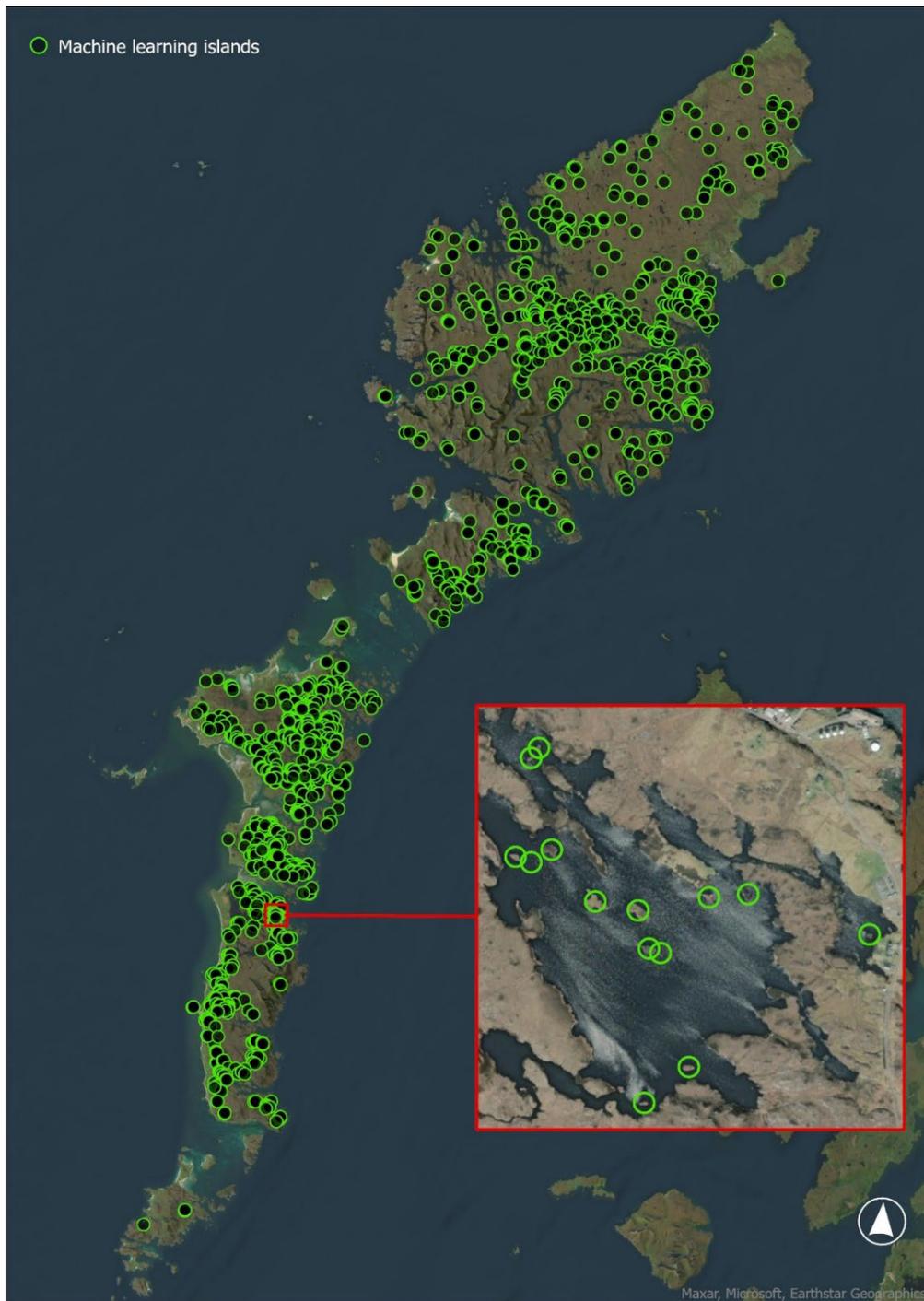


Figure 4. Map of all sites identified across the Outer Hebrides during Stage 3 machine learning

Discussion

Stages 1-3 of the Uist Crannog Survey 2020-2022 (this volume) were designed to assess critically the ‘archaeological island’ record with the ultimate aim of identifying potential sites of interest with regards to the possibility of finding more Neolithic sites (Stage 4). Our Stage 1 desk-based assessment of all known ‘archaeological island’ sites in the Outer Hebrides enabled critical evaluation of the record, leading to the identification of 194 sites across the entire island chain, 138 of which were in our targeted ‘southern zone’ of North Uist, Benbecula, South Uist and Barra. Stage 2 preliminary site visits were carried out by members of UCAG to 114 of these sites (86% of the total), enabling on the ground assessment of the vast majority of crannogs in this area. These

surveys (and accompanying photos) were absolutely vital to the definition of promising sites to target for Stage 4. In addition to this two-stage assessment of the *known* archaeological record, automated 'machine learning' analysis was also undertaken, enabling the identification of *all* islands in the Outer Hebrides; further refinements of this dataset led to the highlighting of those thought most likely to be archaeological. All of this work ultimately facilitated the construction of a list of 37 sites to visit using underwater survey in July 2022. The results of our Stage 4 underwater survey are outlined in the Volume 2 of our Uist Crannog Survey reports (Blankshein, Garrow & Sturt 2023).

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Appendix A. Stage 2 site visit survey forms (in alphabetical order by Canmore site name)

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 02-06-21

Site ID/Name: 105 Loch an Daill

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7969 4592

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 23 X 17 tear drop, but varies with water level.

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Minimal - grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: None visible

Causeway: Yes , 40m long dog-legged to shore to E

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 05-10-21

Site ID/Name: 129, Dun, Loch nam Faoileann, Sgeir Glas

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7516 2092

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 22m (SW – NE) X 18m tear drop (high water level)

Construction materials: Some small stones around shore but vegetation cover nearly complete.

Artificiality: May be an altered natural shallowing of the loch?

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, bracken, dwarf willow

Anthropogenic surface remains: _____

Causeway: Reported to be to shore to E but none visible.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Shape suggests this isn't wholly manmade, but very easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 02-06-21

Site ID/Name: 114 Castle Beaghram

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7610 3714

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 75 X 50 tear drop shaped

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: Appears to be high

Vegetation cover: Grass and bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Several well-preserved rectangular building including a tower

Causeway: Yes; c. 90m dog-legged to shore to east

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Good access, but looks to be too large and too developed to be a good prospect

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 14-04-21

Site ID/Name: 51 Dun. Loch nan Struban

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8075 6451

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 14 X 11m oval

Construction materials: Portable stones on natural loch shallowing

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken & brambles

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, mostly demolished – probably for nearby shieling huts.

Causeway: Yes, 45m to shoreline to S, mostly submerged.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery and stills from shore

Additional information: Good access, very good unspoilt example.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 30-4-21

Site ID/Name: 35, Dun, Cnoc nan Uan, Tigharry

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7185 7146

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 21m oval

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass, iris

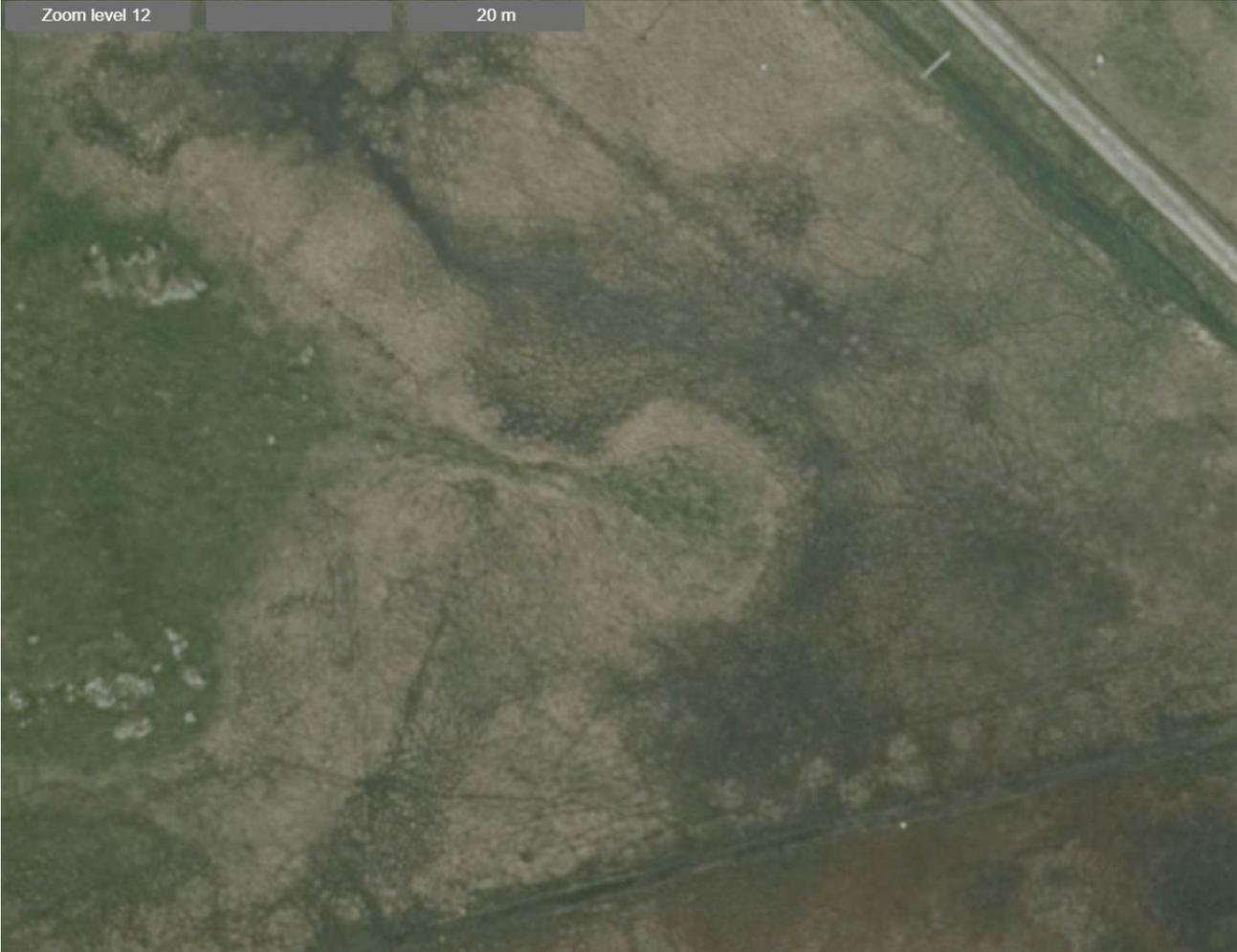
Anthropogenic surface remains: Low mound? Large slab in causeway

Causeway: Yes. 30m to old shoreline to W.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Stills

Additional information: No longer an island.

Sketch/Photo:



The UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 02-12-21

Site ID/Name: 95 CnocnaMonadh (Loch An Duin)

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7786 5131

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: The mound is roughly circular with a diameter of c20m and of a significant height c2.5m. It's height impresses as a significant pile of stones.

Construction materials: There is clearly a significant amount of stone in the mound including many modern additions.

Artificiality: The island does not look artificial.

Vegetation cover: Mostly grassed over

Anthropogenic surface remains: One can trace a circular outline from drone imagery, but on the ground it is difficult with more modern sub-circular additions as well as what one imagines is a shooting butt.

Causeway: Allegedly there is one running E from the shore before a turn to the S just before the dun. I didn't find it and ended up to my knees in bog!

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder):

Additional information: Looking at a paper on water level of inland Benbecula, I think this would have been on the shore of the brackinsh loch that went through from the sea at Linacleit almost to Balivanich.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 12-06-18 and 29-04-19

Site ID/Name: 03 Dun a' Ghallain Loch an Eilean

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7480 7593

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 15? sub-circular

Construction materials: unknown

Artificiality: unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass, iris & reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: See Beveridge

Causeway: Not clear

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery including partial 3D & drone

Additional information: Access only possible after long dry period and needs to be done with care. Whole loch now overgrown with floating reed mat. Island shoreline unclear and loch bed not visible.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 02-06-21

Site ID/Name: 117 Dun Altabrug

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7789 3440

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 32 X 26m oval

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Bracken, grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Perimeter wall and well-preserved dun.

Causeway: Yes; c. 30m to shore to north

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Good access, but significant degree of IA intervention

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 16-03-21

Site ID/Name: 01 Dun an Sticir

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8972 7768

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 48 X 31m irregular

Construction materials: Difficult to assess because of IA, medieval remains & vegetation cover. Dun is stone.

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass mainly

Anthropogenic surface remains: Well preserved broch with rectangular building inserted. 2/3 other
Rectangular buildings on E side.

Causeway: Yes, 4 in total, linking two islands and two shore locations. These are believed to be late medieval re-
constructions.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone, stills, 3D model.

Additional information: Very easy access, but it seems highly unlikely that any Neolithic remains will exist as
Surface/loch bed deposits. Also very large.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 20-04-15

Site ID/Name: 76 Dun an t-Siamain

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8859 5949

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 14m oval

Construction materials: 100% Portable stones

Artificiality: High – may be founded on a natural shallowing in the loch?

Vegetation cover: Moss, brambles, dwarf willows.

Anthropogenic surface remains: Well preserved galleried dun.

Causeway: Yes, 2 sections one, 35m long, curved to small island, and two, short 8m section to shore to E

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Full GoPro image coverage. 3D model.

Additional information: Long walk out but causeway usable. Or boat access from Eaval croft. Probably too disturbed by IA occupation if original crannog Neolithic.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 03-03-21

Site ID/Name: 96 Dun Aonais, Loch Olabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7970 5126

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.29 X 26 sub-circular

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken

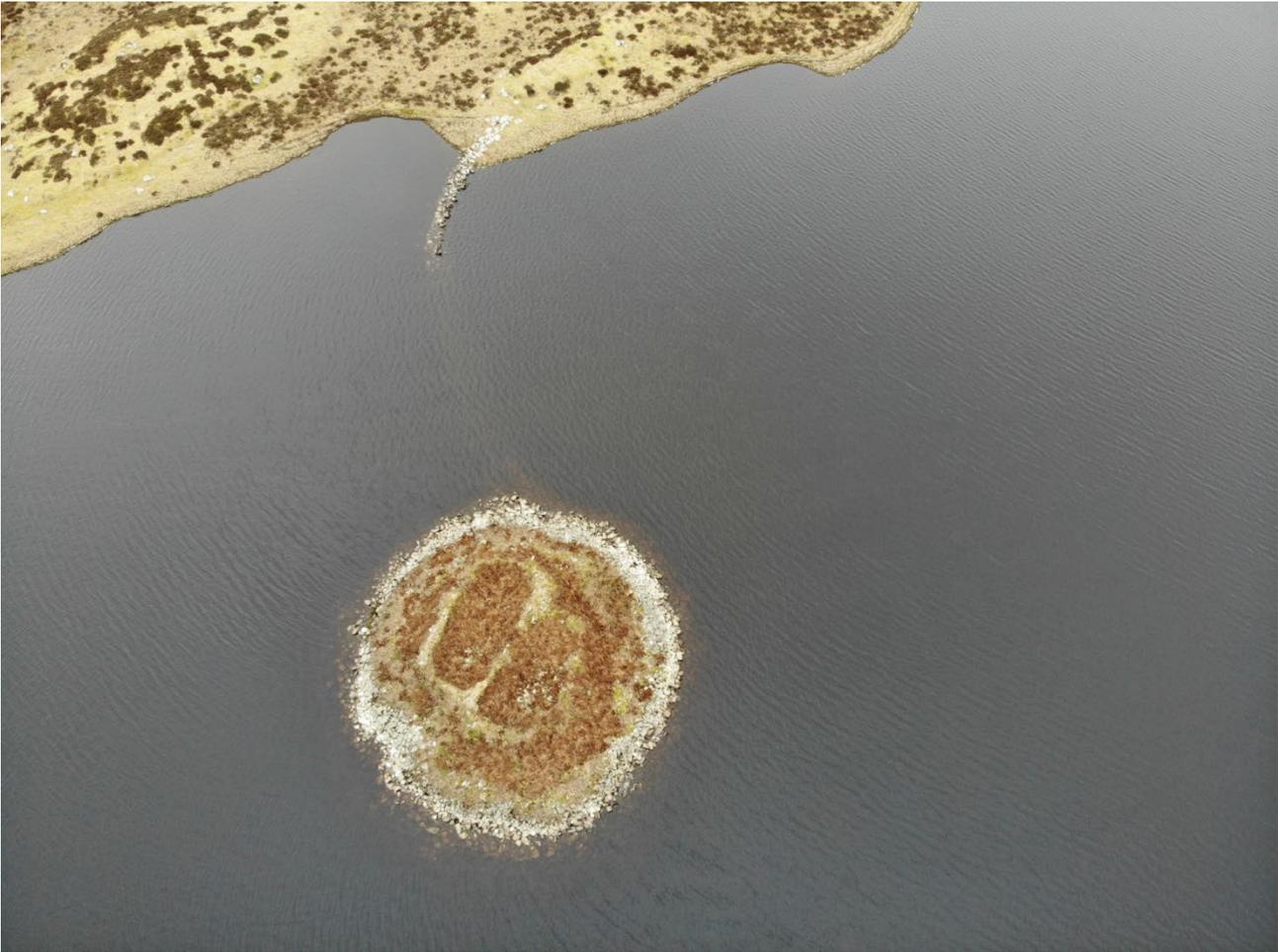
Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing walls, rectangular drystone structures X 2 rectangular structures

Causeway: Yes, 50m long slightly curved to west.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 11 Dun Aonais, Loch Aonghuis

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8562 7382

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 38 X 30m oval

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken and brambles. The loch is heavily overgrown with reeds in summer.

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, boat naust, rectangular drystone buildings all reported to be medieval in origin.

Causeway: Nothing visible apart from small section on island's E shore. This reported to continue to shore to E, but nothing visible.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but believed to be medieval in date.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 27-11-20

Site ID/Name: 84 Dun Ban

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8598 5665

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 10 X 7m oval

Construction materials: Bedrock? And larger boulders

Artificiality: Seems unlikely

Vegetation cover: Trees, bracken, heather, moss, grass and honeysuckle

Anthropogenic surface remains: OS saw nothing, looks unlikely to be anything

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone, stills and 3D

Additional information: Seems a very unlikely candidate

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 27-06-20

Site ID/Name: 83 Dun Ban, Loch Hornary

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8698 5693

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 15m oval

Construction materials: Bedrock? And larger boulders and smaller stones

Artificiality: Superstructure is but images suggest base is bedrock

Vegetation cover: Trees, bracken, heather, moss, grass and honeysuckle

Anthropogenic surface remains: Medieval buildings

Causeway: Yes – 35m to shore to S, slightly curved and almost all submerged

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone only, 3D model.

Additional information: Any Neolithic remains likely obscured by later occupation. Very easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger auger

Survey date: 02-04-21

Site ID/Name: 47 Dun Ban, Loch Huna

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8128 6689

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 60 X 40 D- shaped

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: Possibly 100%

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, reeds

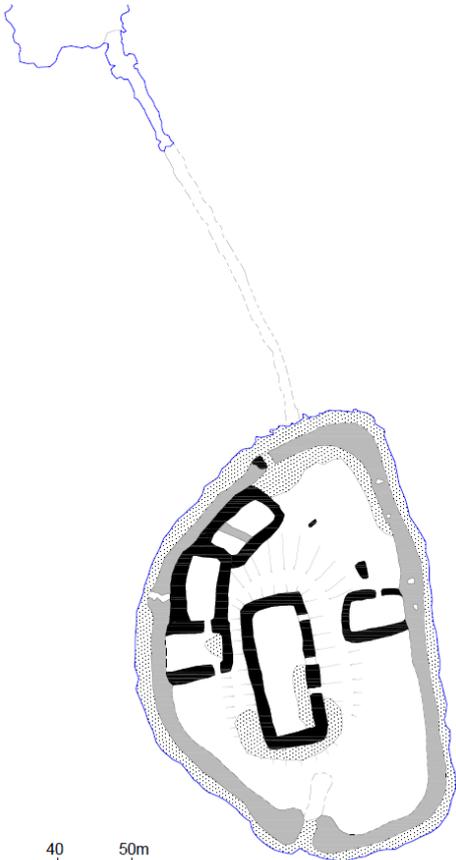
Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, broch? type circular building, rectangular plan buildings

Causeway: Yes, 55m to shore to NNW

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone, 3D model , sketch plan

Additional information: Any Neolithic remains likely overwhelmed by IA and late medieval structures

Sketch/Photo:



C. 10233 Dun Ban, Loch Huna



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 24-09-20

Site ID/Name: 70 Dun Ban, Loch Carabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 84297 60883

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 25 sub-rectangular

Construction materials: stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass only

Anthropogenic surface remains: Significant LM/EM shore wall and rectangular building

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Not accessed. Access possible by boat only. Drone image suggests loch bed falls away quite quickly on all sides except NW and W where there is a shallow extension perhaps 20 X 10m. 1908 bathy survey shows water depth of around 5m in area. Suggests any artefacts could have survived later occupation(s).

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 07-08-18

Site ID/Name: 49 Dun Ban, Loch Hundair

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9025 6536

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 40 X 30? sub-circular

Construction materials: Drystone walling on rock outcrop

Artificiality: Little or none

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, circular and rectangular plan huts, corbelled cell built into wall, fold?

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery including 3D but no aerial footage

Additional information: This dun is based on a rock outcrop which is clearly visible and this is not a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger & David Newman

Survey date: 22-10-21

Site ID/Name: 112 Dun Buidhe

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7745 3885

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 33 X 31 tear drop, but varies with water level.

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass and bracken

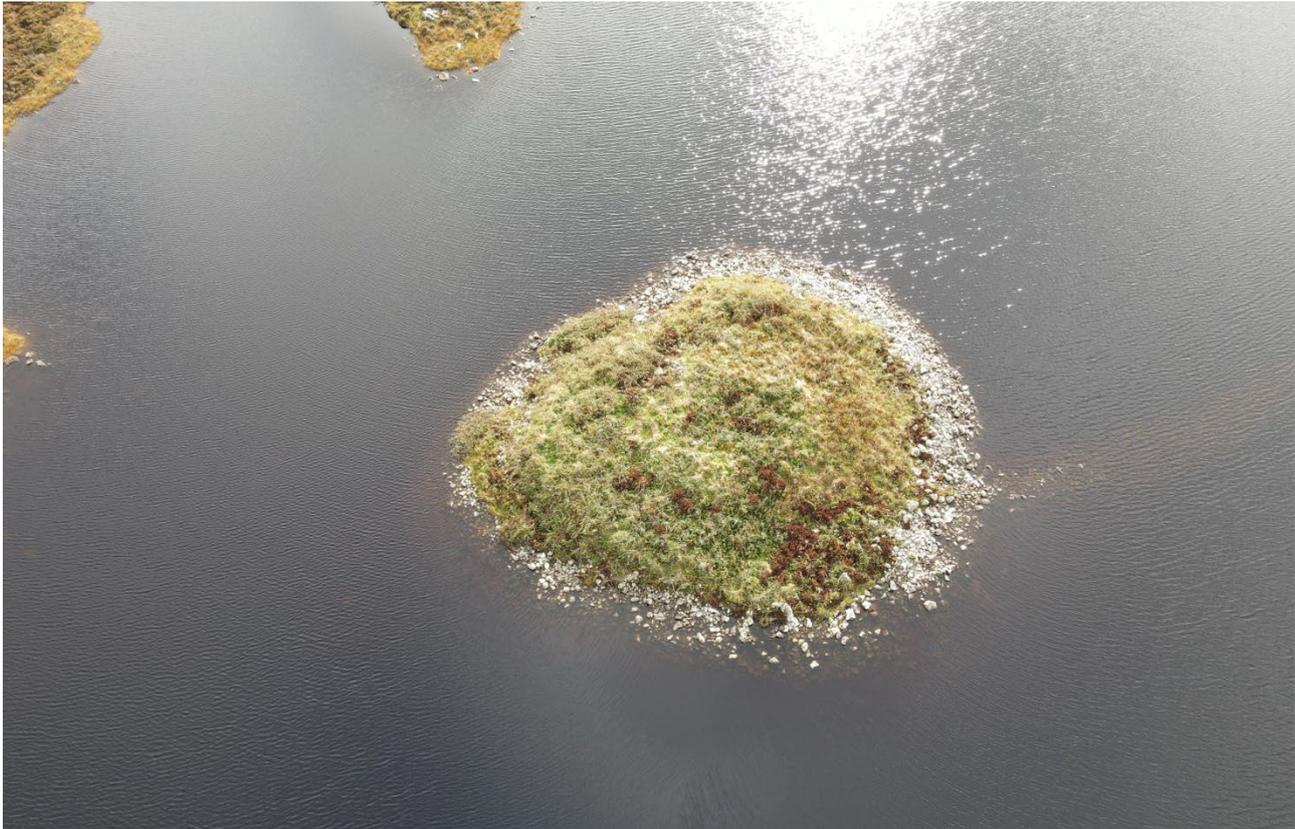
Anthropogenic surface remains: Perimeter wall + rectangular building?

Causeway: Yes ,60m long to shore to W

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



Islands of Stone

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 21-4-21

Site ID/Name: 23, Dun Eashader, Loch Eisiadair

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8074 7266

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 16 X 12m sub-circular.

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Modern cairn & orthostat

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Definite crannog. Access possible by boat from shore to NW. Loch has had two levels and has another dun and causeway situated on a 150m long peninsula extending W from its E shore.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 12-04-21

Site ID/Name: 31 Dun Grogary, Loch Grogary

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7126 7142

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.31 X 26 sub-circular

Construction materials: Unknown because completely overgrown.

Artificiality: Unknown, but shape suggests reasonably high.

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Remains of circular dun + inner building?

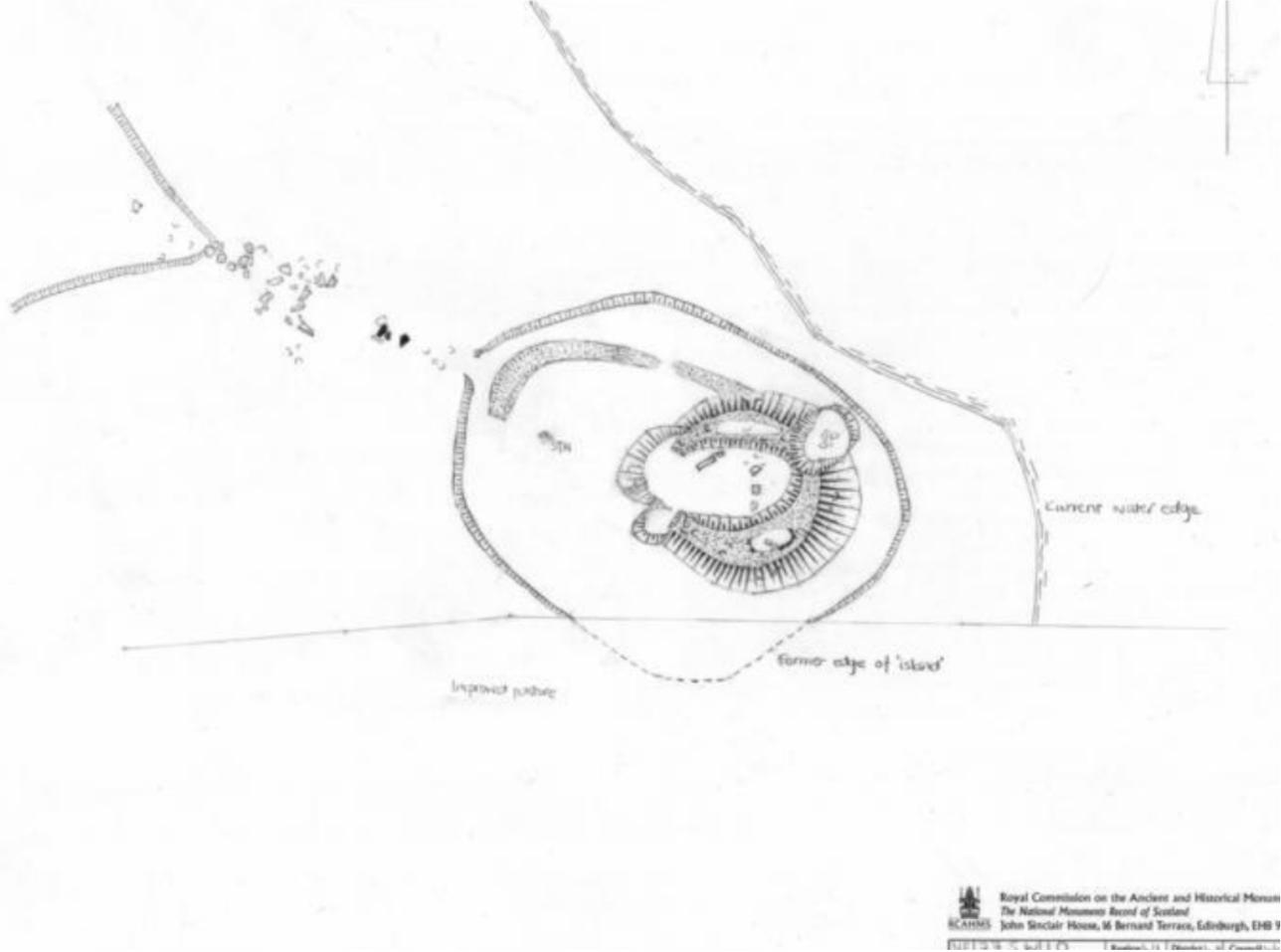
Causeway: Yes, c. 30m long to NW, but much quarried and now on dry land.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only.

RCAHMS survey plan

Additional information: No longer an island due to reduced loch water level.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 02-05-21

Site ID/Name: 46 Dun Leiravay, Bagh Leirabhagh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9125 6778

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 11 X 4m oval

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

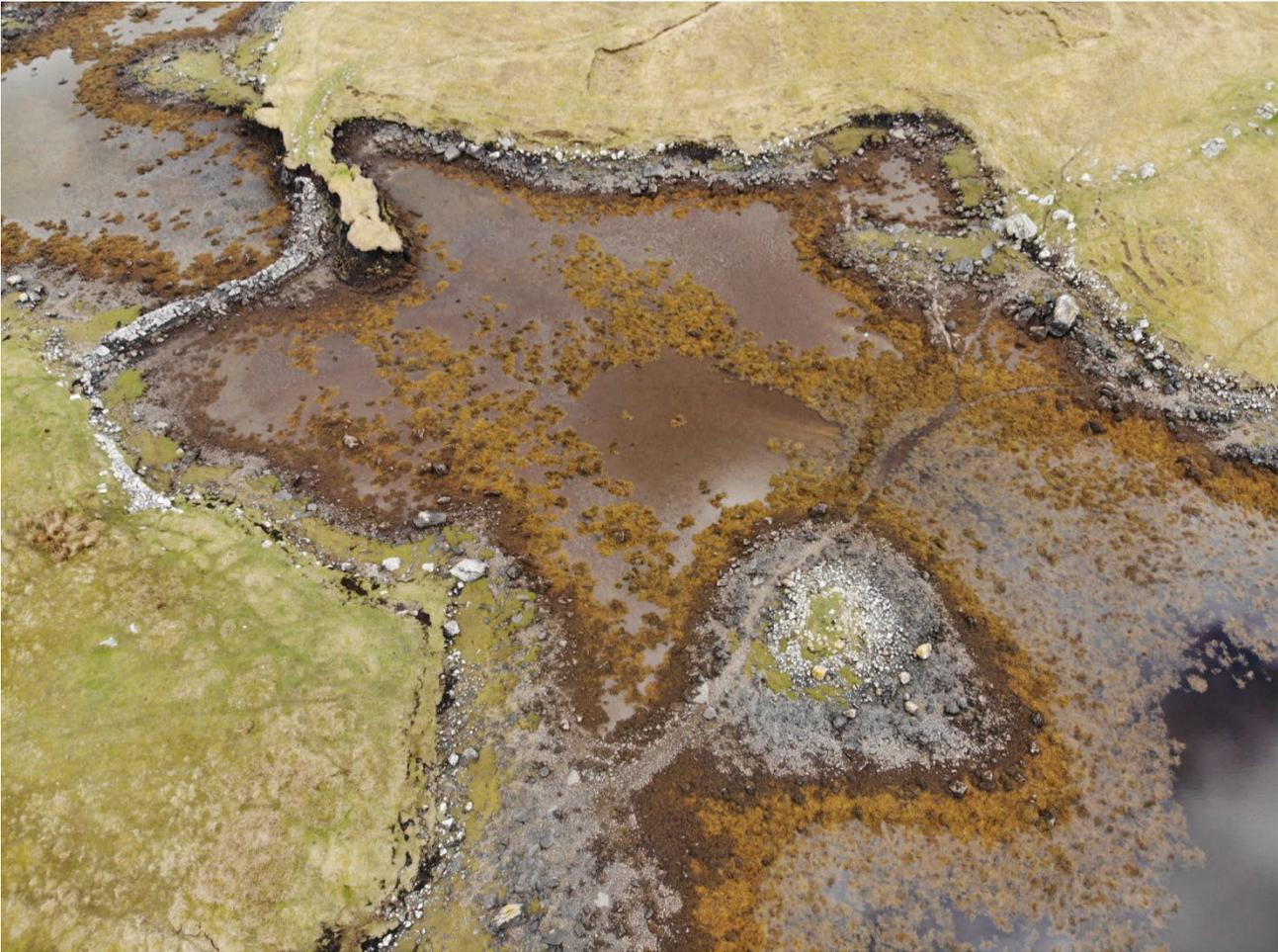
Anthropogenic surface remains: Wall traces

Causeway: Possible traces?

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Difficult access. Seems to have been quarried for nearby buildings + maritime erosion

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 30-4-21

Site ID/Name: 42, Dun, Loch Sandary

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7327 6857

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: Not clear

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: None evident

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images.

Additional information: Significant uncertainty that this ever was an island dun.

Sketch/Photo:



Possible enclosing wall UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 28-01-20

Site ID/Name: 21 Dun Mhic Laitheann Groatay (Gròdaigh)

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9779 7319

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 60 X 35 sub-rectangular and 35m (thirty five) high in its centre

Construction materials: Offshore, natural rock stack

Artificiality: None

Vegetation cover: All native

Anthropogenic surface remains: Circular dun, enclosing wall, enclosure and building.

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Stills from shore only

Additional information: Not a crannog

Sketch/Photo:



Islands of Stone

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-04-19

Site ID/Name: 32 Dun Mhic Raouill, Loch Eabhal

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7263 6896

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 33X 28m oval

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall traces X 2, circular building, naust

Causeway: Yes, 60m to shore to NE, now fully submerged, but visible in Beveridge photos.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Good example, reasonable access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 10-04-21

Site ID/Name: 110 Dùn Mor, Loch a Dùin Mhòir

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7755 4150

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 40 X 30m sub-rectangular

Construction materials: Stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Collapsed drystone enclosing wall, circular dun and outlying structures to E & W sides.

Causeway: Yes, 50m long to shore to N

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential. Significant IA and medieval structures.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 59 Dun Mor, Baleshare

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7809 6219

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 20m dia circular

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

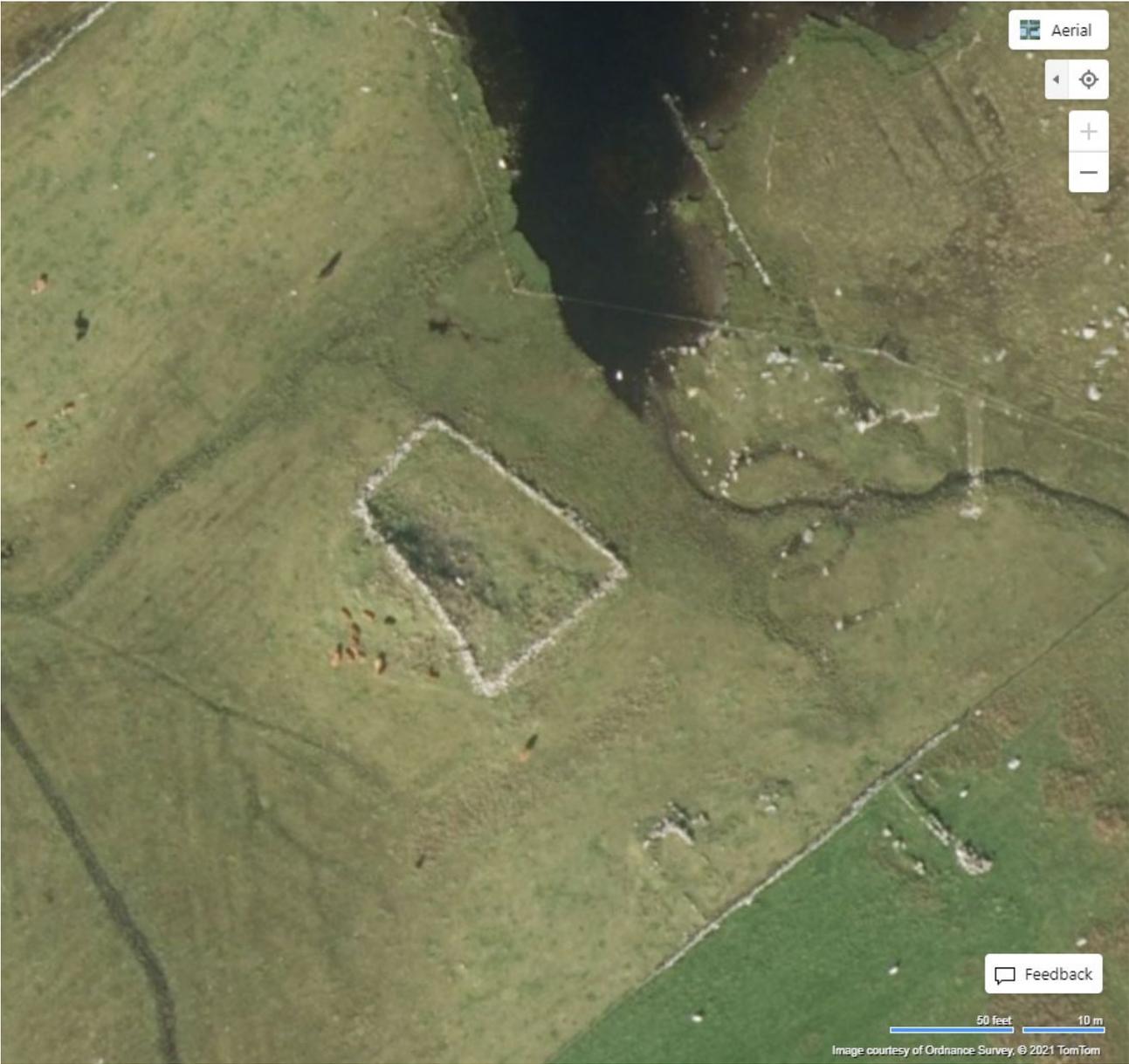
Anthropogenic surface remains: Possible IA dun

Causeway: Possible bank extending east?

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): None

Additional information: No longer an island

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 31-3-19

Site ID/Name: 66, Dun na Dise, Traigh Baleshare

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8072 6173

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 38 X 25m pear shaped

Construction materials: Appears to be glacial moraine

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Pictures from 1904 show walling, but this appears to have eroded away. RCHAMS reported building traces in interior.

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone pics and stills

Additional information: Accessible at low tide, but long term erosion likely to have removed any artefacts

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 67 Dun na h-Ola, Baleshare

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7854 6162

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 20m dia circular

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

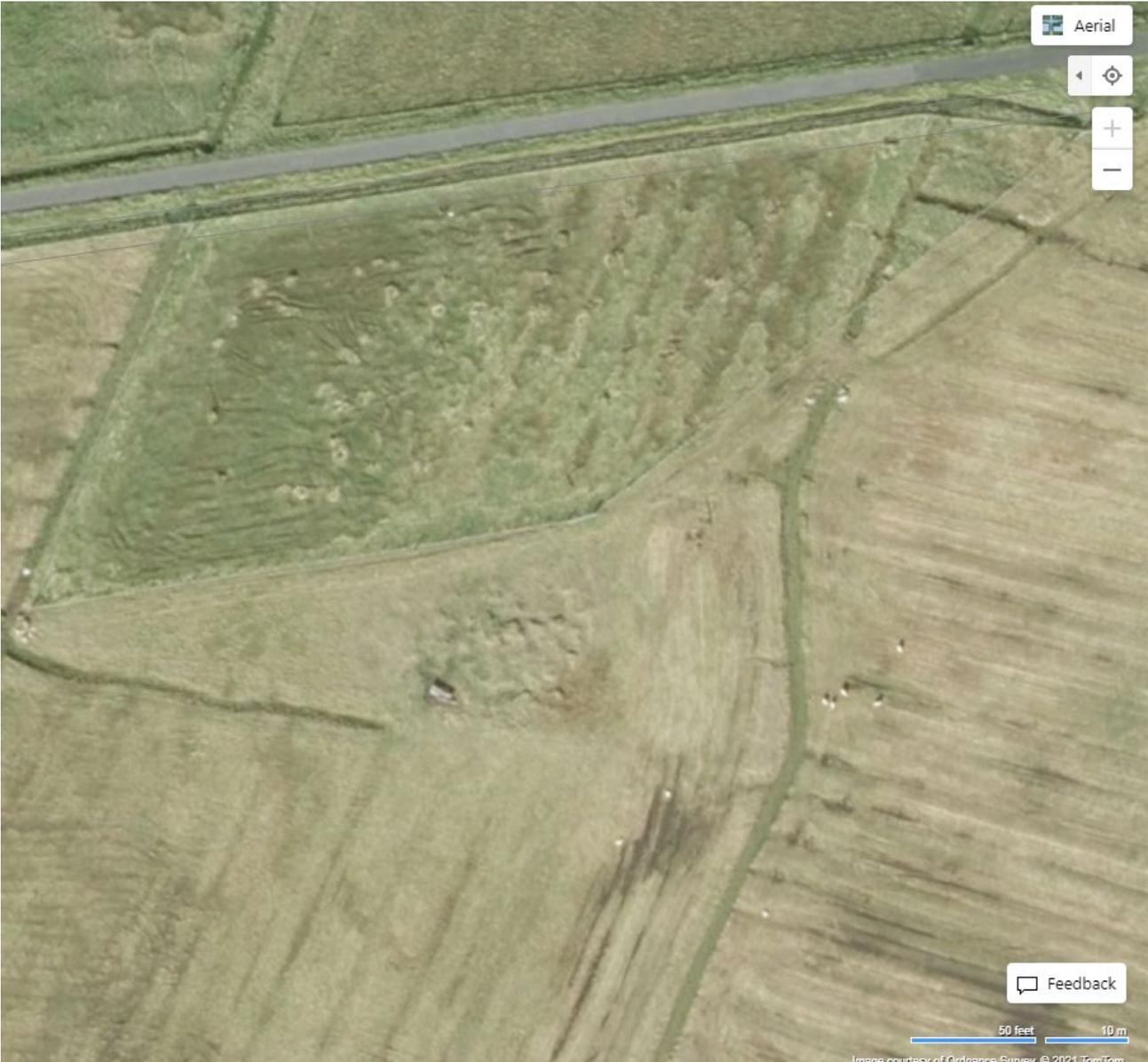
Anthropogenic surface remains: Possible IA dun

Causeway: None

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): None

Additional information: No longer an island

Sketch/Photo:



Islands of Stone

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 18-4-19

Site ID/Name: 10, Dun na Mairbhe, Traigh Athmore

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8629 7472

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 105 X 60m triangular

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Natural

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Broch remains

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone pics

Additional information: Not a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 16-03-21

Site ID/Name: 52 Loch An Duin, Dun Nighean Righ Lochlainn

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8638 6399

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 10 X 8m oval

Construction materials: Difficult to assess because of very dense vegetation cover. Dun is stone.

Artificiality: Appears high

Vegetation cover: Bracken, honeysuckle and brambles.

Anthropogenic surface remains: Well preserved enclosing wall which, unusually, sits in the water
Rectangular buildings on E side.

Causeway: Appears to be the start of one on the shore to the NW, but no sign near the dun itself.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Go Pro on surface and perimeter from boat only.

Additional information: Very challenging access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 02-03-21

Site ID/Name: 26 Dun Nighean Righ Lochlainn, Loch an Duin

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 9531 7237

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 12m circular

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: Looks to be reasonably high

Vegetation cover: None

Anthropogenic surface remains: Well preserved, coursed, drystone perimeter wall.

Causeway: Yes 30m long, mostly submerged at time of visit.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage + stills from shore

Additional information: Second photo shows second causeway 100m to east.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger & David Newman

Survey date: 22-10-21

Site ID/Name: 113 Dun Raouill

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7785 3712

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 18 rectangular

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: Medium – may be based on a natural shallowing

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken, heather, trees

Anthropogenic surface remains: Well-preserved rectangular building

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Possible to trail boat to launch point. Note also neighbouring island to NE although this looks natural.

Sketch/Photo:





UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 03-03-21

Site ID/Name: 97 Dun Ruadh, Loch Olabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7987 5107

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.30 X 20 irregular/sub-circular

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Trees, heather, grass, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Drystone structure?
rectangular structures

Causeway: Reported to be one submerged, but no evidence of this in drone or satellite imagery.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 12-04-21

Site ID/Name: 34 Dun Scarie, Loch Sgaraigh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7178 7056

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.31 X 26 sub-circular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High.

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Remains of medieval buildings

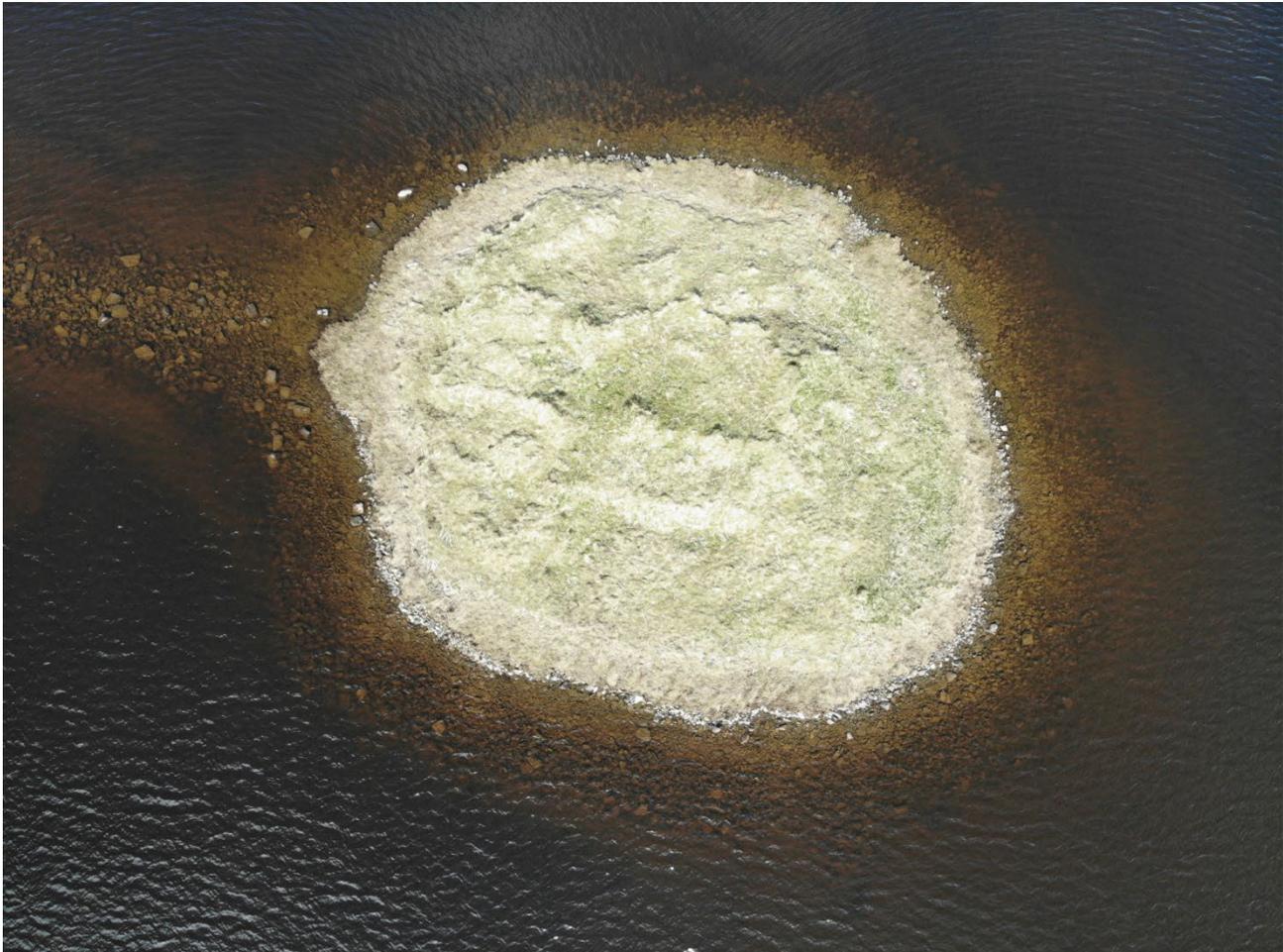
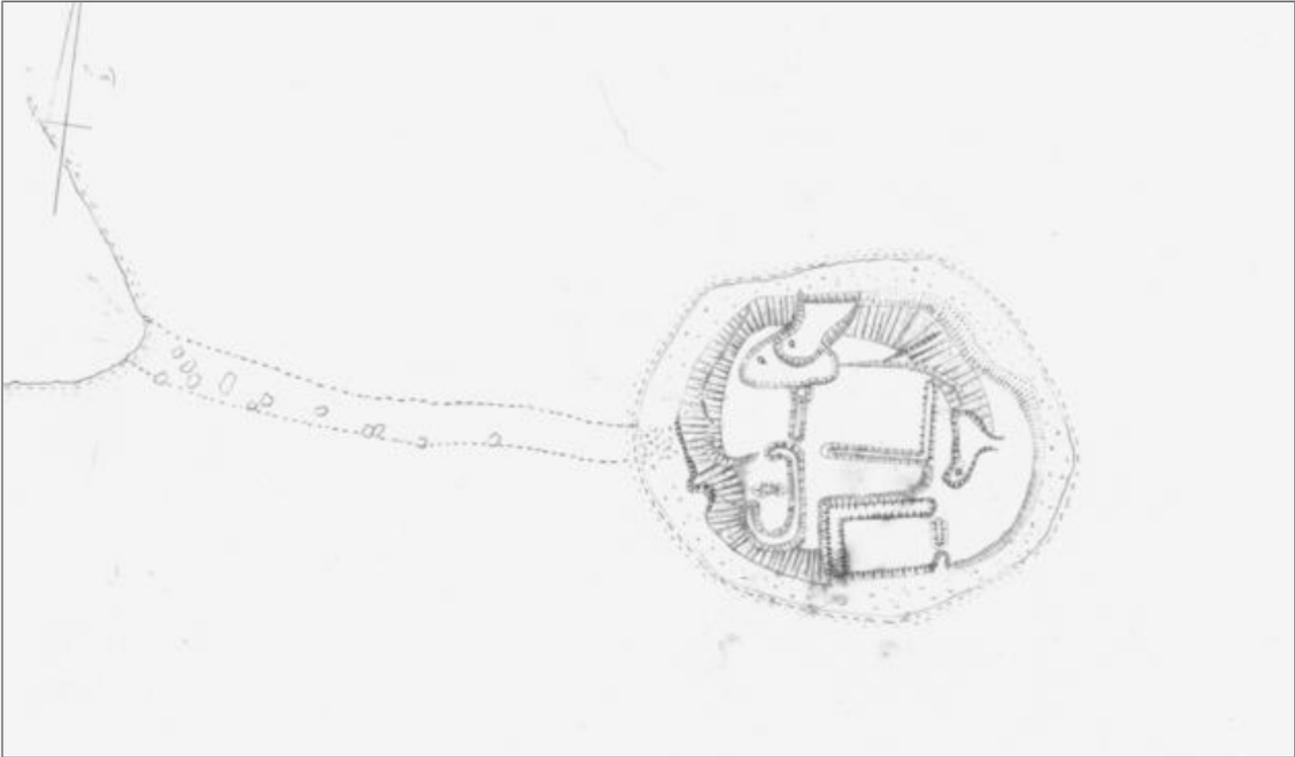
Causeway: Yes, 40m long, slightly curved to shore to W.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only.

RCAHMS survey plan

Additional information: Good example, reasonable access,

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 08-01-21

Site ID/Name: 08 Dun Scolpaig, Loch Scolpaig

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7311 7503

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 30m circular

Construction materials: stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass only

Anthropogenic surface remains: 19th C octagonal plan tower folly and perimeter wall, rectangular building

Causeway: Not visible during IOS survey, but two short sections reported during 2008 survey.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery & stills from shore

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but significant reconstruction c. 1830 and changes in water levels likely to have destroyed/covered any prehistoric remains.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 60, Dun Scor, Loch Carabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8491 6238

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 45 X 27m crescent shaped

Construction materials: Stones and larger slabs

Artificiality: Not clear. Crescent shape might be an unfinished circular plan? Bigger slabs suggest it could be a natural feature, including ones offshore.

Vegetation cover: Grass & heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: Boat naust on SE side.

Causeway: None

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Some confusion in Canmore over entries and names with adjoining island. Access possible by NUE boat from shore near IOS 70 to south.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 30-4-21

Site ID/Name: 44, Dun Steingarry, Loch Paible

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7172 6958

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20m circular

Construction materials: Unknown, but sits on a bedrock base

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Stony bank around foot of mound on shore.

Causeway: None evident

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images.

Additional information: No longer an island. A roundhouse was located around 100m west of this site.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 05 Dun Thomaidh, Vallay Sound

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7590 7581

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 30 X 18m oval

Construction materials: stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass only

Anthropogenic surface remains: Stone foundations of 15m dia circular plan dun.

Causeway: 80m long to Vallay island to NE.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery & stills from shore

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but excavations and sea level rise likely to have removed/destroyed/covered any prehistoric artefacts.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 139, Dun Toloman, Grenitote

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8207 7492

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 30m dia circular

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Grass-covered dun outline + LM or EMP rectangular building

Causeway: None evident

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): None

Additional information: No longer an island.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 27-02-21 and 02-03-21

Site ID/Name: 20 Loch an Dùin, Dùn Torcuill

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8888 7373

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.35 X 23 sub-circular

Construction materials: stone

Artificiality: 100%? Rock outcrops visible in water nearby.

Vegetation cover: Small areas of grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Large, well preserved IA broch with medieval re-occupation remains inside.

Causeway: Yes c. 30m long.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone and stills.
3D model.

Additional information: Pedestrian access possible but a 2km walk from public road.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 03-03-21

Site ID/Name: 92, Dun Torcusay, Loch Torcusay

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7618 5313

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.40 X 27 sub-circular

Construction materials: _____

Artificiality: _____

Vegetation cover: _____

Anthropogenic surface remains: rectangular structures

Causeway: _____

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 27-02-21

Site ID/Name: 12 Dunan Dubh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 8907 7455

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 13m Oval

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: Looks to be reasonably high, but possibly based on a natural outcrop?

Vegetation cover: Grass & heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: Quite high in centre so presumably a dun ruin

Causeway: Yes 45m long, curvilinear partially submerged at time of visit.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage + stills from shore

Additional information: _____

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 12-06-18 and 29-04-19

Site ID/Name: 04 Eilean a' Ghallain Loch an Eilean

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7485 7589

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 10m dia circular

Construction materials: unknown

Artificiality: unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass, iris, butterbur (complete) & reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: See Beveridge

Causeway: Not clear, but possibly from SE?

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone only

Additional information: Access only possible after long dry period and needs to be done with care.
Whole loch now overgrown with floating reed mat. Island shoreline unclear and loch bed not visible. Whole
Island overgrown with butterbur in summer.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger and Tricia Auger

Survey date: 01-03-21

Site ID/Name: 127, Milton, Eilean An Staoir

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 73287 825964

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.35 X 28 sub-circular

Construction materials: stone

Artificiality: No evidence of bedrock visible.

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Canmore has details. Large circular structure covering most of the island with a central depression. There is a v shaped boat noost clearly visible.

Causeway: Yes, c. 50m long, straight and mostly submerged. Water levels will have changed here dramatically since the 1700s and so one might expect the causeway to have been hidden in earlier times.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple drone images

Additional information:

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 17-01-22

Site ID/Name: 133, Eilean Buidhe, Dun na Kille

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7460 1904

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 39m sub-rectangular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High, possibly positioned on a natural shallowing?

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather & bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Drystone enclosing wall and rectangular building(s)

Causeway: 165m, curved to shore to east

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images

Additional information: Almost certainly a crannog. Access good including boat.

Sketch/Photo:





Image showing IOS 132, 133 and 134 in context

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 14-04-21

Site ID/Name: 41 Eilean Buidhe, Loch Skealtar

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8963 6862

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 72 X 45m irregular

Construction materials: Natural island

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken & brambles

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, rectangular & circular buildings

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery and stills from shore

Additional information: Not a crannog

Sketch/Photo:



Islands of Stone

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 17-01-22

Site ID/Name: 132, Eilean Creamh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7427 1919

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 23m dia circular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Modern drystone wall around part of the shore

Causeway: 45m to shore to west

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images

Additional information: Almost certainly a crannog. Access good including boat.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 63, Eilean Dubh Dun Scor, Loch Carabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8432 6203

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 61 X 35m sub-circular.

Construction materials: Not clear, but probably mostly natural.

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass & heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall; possible hut (not shieling) at S end?

Causeway: Yes, 50m long to shore of island to W, itself connected by causeways to N and S loch shores.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Seems very big to be a crannog. Access possible by NUE boat from shore near IOS 70 to south.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 30-4-21

Site ID/Name: 37, Dun, Eilean Dubh, Balranald

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7172 6958

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 17m circular

Construction materials: Unknown

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: None evident

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images.

Additional information: No longer an island.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 07, Dun, Oban Skibinish

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8348 7518

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 16 X 10m rregular.

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Kitchen midden

Causeway: Yes – 55m long S shaped to shore to S

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Shore image only

Additional information: Not a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 03-03-21

Site ID/Name: 91 Eilean Iain

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7889 5352

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.35 X 27 sub-circular

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing walls, rectangular drystone structures X 4, boat inlet rectangular structures

Causeway: None visible

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 17 Eilean Maleit, Claddach Vallay

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7747 7389

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 90 X 22m extended pointed oval

Construction materials: Rock outcrop

Artificiality: v.low

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather bracken, iris

Anthropogenic surface remains: Wheelhouse & ancillary structures

Causeway: 25m long to shore to S. Flooded at high tide.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery & stills

Additional information: Not a crannog. Easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 23-05-18

Site ID/Name: 80 Eilean na h'Iolaire 1

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8976 5853

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 15m oval

Construction materials: Bedrock, larger boulders and smaller stones

Artificiality: Little to none

Vegetation cover: Grass

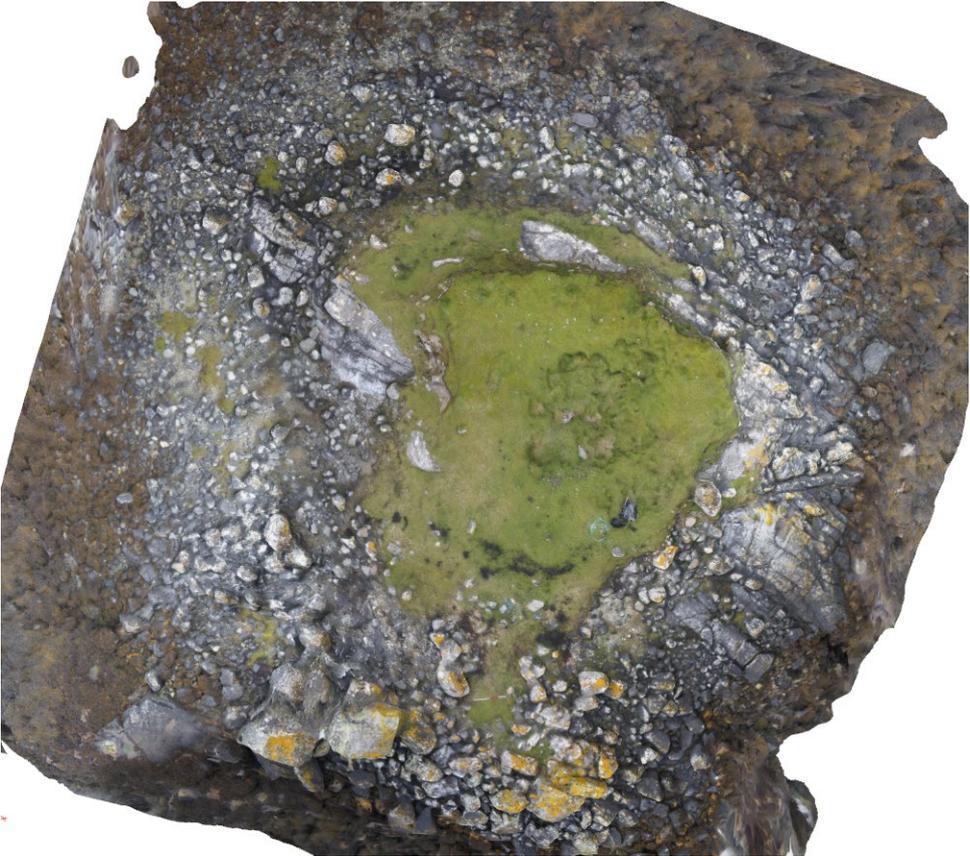
Anthropogenic surface remains: None remaining

Causeway: No, but accessible from shore at low tide.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Go-Pro multiple, 3D model.

Additional information: Not a crannog. Very isolated location.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 23-05-18

Site ID/Name: 79 Eilean na h'Iolaire 2

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8949 5859

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 16m oval

Construction materials: Bedrock, larger boulders and smaller stones

Artificiality: Little to none

Vegetation cover: Grass

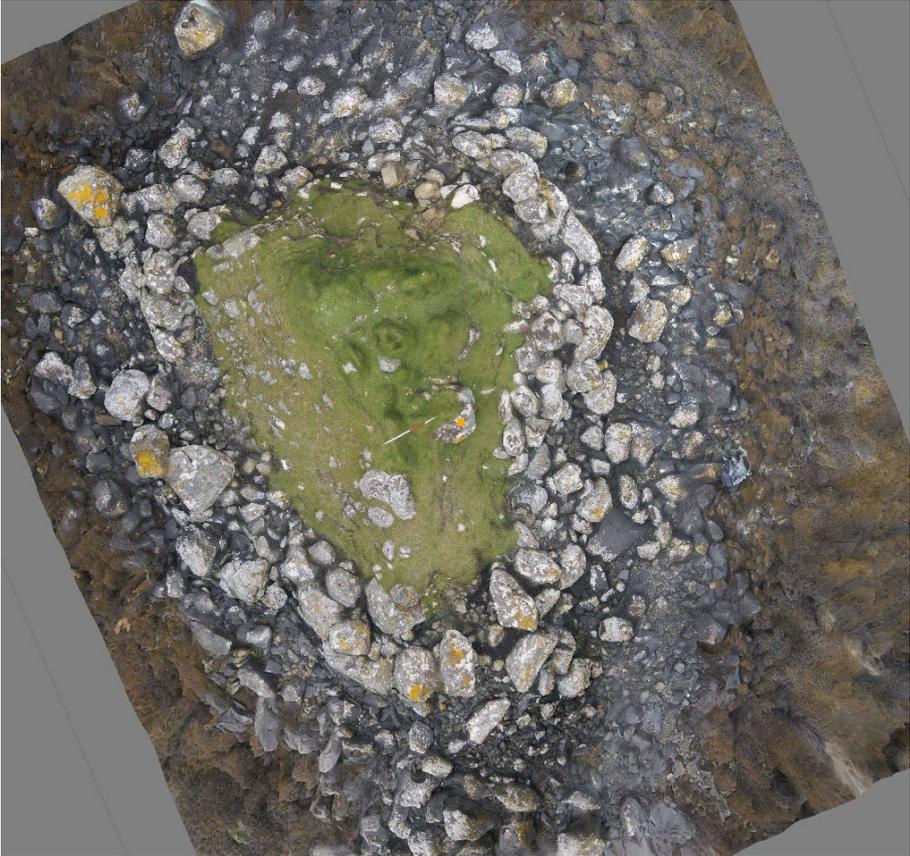
Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall

Causeway: No, but accessible from shore at low tide.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Go-Pro multiple, 3D model.

Additional information: Not a crannog. Very isolated location.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 53, causeway, Eilean nan Gall

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8565 6349

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 70 X 35m (av) irregular

Construction materials: Natural

Artificiality: None

Vegetation cover: Grass – former area of cultivation

Anthropogenic surface remains: Feannagan (lazy beds), enclosing wall (modern)

Causeway: Yes, c. 25m to shore to SW.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Shore still

Additional information: The well-preserved feannagan on this island suggest it has been used for cultivating crops until quite recently, and so any older surface remains unlikely to remain. Not a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger

Survey date: 31-3-19

Site ID/Name: 68, Eilean Scalaster, Traigh Baleshare

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8072 6173

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 40 X 28m sub-rectangular

Construction materials: Appears to be glacial moraine

Artificiality: Unknown

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Traces of walling.

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone pics

Additional information: Accessible at low tide, but long term erosion likely to have removed any artefacts
Not a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Anne Monk, Simon Davies, David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-03-21 and 23-10-21

Site ID/Name: 100 Gunisary Bay

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7985 4916

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 18 X 13m Oval

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass & reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: Canmore reports traces of perimeter wall.

Causeway: Yes 20m submerged to shore to N.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage + stills from shore

Additional information: Easy access. Note second island 130m to SE also of interest. This measures around 12m in diameter and appears to have a short submerged causeway to the shore to its SE.

Sketch/Photo:





UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 27-02-21

Site ID/Name: 09 Honary

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 8978 7497

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 28 X 22m Oval

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: Looks to be high

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Possible drystone structure at E end?

Causeway: Yes 110m long, mostly submerged at time of visit, but loch is tidal.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage + stills from shore

Additional information: Partially eroded on N side

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger and Tricia Auger

Survey date: 01-03-21 & 05-10-21 (DN)

Site ID/Name: 126, Kildonan Mill Loch

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 74455 827240

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.18 X 15 sub-circular

Construction materials: stone

Artificiality: No evidence of bedrock visible.

Vegetation cover: Some grass but mainly exposed stone

Anthropogenic surface remains: Canmore has details. Drone footage reveals a possible rectangular structure on the islet.

Causeway: Yes, c. 45m long, straight and slightly submerged in the central portion.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple drone images and a few from the shore.

Additional information:

Sketch/Photo:





UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 21-04-15

Site ID/Name: 78 Dun, Loch a' Gheadais, Eaval

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9136 5938

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 30 X 20m sub-rectangular

Construction materials: Bedrock and larger boulders and smaller stones

Artificiality: Little to none

Vegetation cover: Trees, bracken, heather, moss, grass and honeysuckle

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, drystone hut?

Causeway: Yes – 40m to shore to N, mostly submerged and with gap!

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Go-Pro multiple

Additional information: Not a crannog. Very isolated location.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 24-06-20

Site ID/Name: 86 Dun, Loch a' Mhuillin, Grimsay

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8737 5554

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 16 X 10m oval

Construction materials: Bedrock? And larger boulders and smaller stones

Artificiality: Superstructure is but adjoining islands and pictures suggest base is bedrock

Vegetation cover: Trees, bracken, heather, moss, grass and honeysuckle

Anthropogenic surface remains: Medieval buildings

Causeway: Yes – three short sections heading NE via two islands

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone only

Additional information: Any Neolithic remains likely obscured by later occupation. Reasonable access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 10-04-21

Site ID/Name: 109 Dun, Loch a Dùin Mhòir

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7743 4150

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 48 X 40m oval

Construction materials: Stones

Artificiality: Reasonable although large boulders suggest this may have started as a natural feature.

Vegetation cover: Trees, heather, grass, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Traces of drystone enclosing wall, stone buildings.

Causeway: Yes, 110m long L-shaped to west

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Limited drone imagery only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential. Very large? Another structure on island 85m to SE.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 27-02-21 and 02-03-21

Site ID/Name: 15 Loch an Dùin

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8931 7417

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.15 X 10 sub-circular

Construction materials: stone

Artificiality: 90%? May be rock outcrop at NW end?

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: See Beveridge, but little if any sign of enclosing wall he mentions. This
May have eroded away in the past 100 years.

Causeway: Yes, c. 50m long, S shaped and mostly submerged. Well preserved short section on loch shore.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only. Some
Distant shore images. 3D model.

Additional information: Access only by boat, and NUE may have one there? Original crannog surface appears
to be eroding on NE and SW sides. Possible stone structure buried in heather on headland SE of causeway end.
Shore near site relatively easy 800m walk from public road.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 17-01-22

Site ID/Name: 135, Loch an Eilean

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7468 1692

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 21 X 16 oval

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High, possibly positioned on a natural shallowing?

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather & bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Small rectangular building(s)

Causeway: 20m, to shore to north

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images

Additional information: Almost certainly a crannog. Access good.

Sketch/Photo:





IOS 135 with 136 beyond

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 17-01-22

Site ID/Name: 136, Loch an Eilean

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7463 1688

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 6m X 5m triangular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: None

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: None

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images

Additional information: Almost certainly a crannog. Access good.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 19-03-21

Site ID/Name: 81, Loch an Fhaing

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8456 5758

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 11m irregular

Construction materials: A range of boulder and stone sizes

Artificiality: Has the appearance of a man-made feature on a natural island

Vegetation cover: Grass , reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: Sub-circular pile of even sized portable stones?

Causeway: Not obvious, but loch has shallower areas to NW showing. Possible connection to shore to E?

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Shore pictures only

Additional information: Very easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 25, Dun, Loch Blashaval

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9008 7244

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 12 X 3m irregular.

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Rock shelter?

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): None

Additional information: Not a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 05-10-21

Site ID/Name: 124, Dun, Loch Bornish

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7329 2940

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 60 X 40 triangular

Construction materials: Appears to be a natural shallowing of the loch.

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, flag iris

Anthropogenic surface remains: None apparent

Causeway: May be a natural sand bar extending to the shore 50m to north.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Not a crannog, but relatively easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 27-02-21 and 02-03-21

Site ID/Name: 16 Loch Bru Dun

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8931 7417

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.15 X 10 sub-circular

Construction materials: stone

Artificiality: 90%? May be rock outcrop at NW end?

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: See Beveridge, but little if any sign of enclosing wall he mentions. This
May have eroded away in the past 100 years.

Causeway: Yes, c. 50m long, S shaped and mostly submerged. Well preserved short section on loch shore.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only. Some
Distant shore images. 3D model.

Additional information: Access only by boat, and NUE may have one there? Original crannog surface appears
to be eroding on NE and SW sides. Possible stone structure buried in heather on headland SE of causeway end.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 10/02/21

Site ID/Name: 69 Loch Carabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 83895 861095

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 12m, circular, increases to c. 15m when loch level lower

Construction materials: Stone island

Artificiality: Looks to be wholly artificial; no sign of bedrock

Vegetation cover: None

Anthropogenic surface remains: _____

Modern cairn building? _____

Causeway: Single causeway, flooded when water level high

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Aerial photography

Additional information: Artificial rubble island that partially floods when loch level higher. The level may have been raised in the past by storm deposits or human intervention at the outflow point at the loch's eastern end at NF 8515 6222. Causeway should be dry in the summer and water shallow either side so not hazardous.

Around a 1.5km walk from Millennium Wood car park alongside A 780 to south, around 50% of which is a reasonable footpath. Rowing boat available at jetty at NF 8403 6081 from North Uist Estate in summer.

Significant number of Neolithic sites nearby including the rare settlement site Canmore 10288 (excavated).

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 56, crannog (poss), Loch Carabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8491 6238

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 25m sub-circular

Construction materials: Stones and larger slabs

Artificiality: Not entirely clear but could be natural feature

Vegetation cover: Grass & heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: Linked to shore to E by area of shallower water, but it's not clear this is man-made

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Only identified as possibility from HES aerial photography.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 10-04-21

Site ID/Name: 108 Dun Loch Druim an Iasgair

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 8036 4348

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.20 X 13m oval

Construction materials: Stone & occasional boulder

Artificiality: Reasonable although large boulders suggest this may have started as a natural feature.

Vegetation cover: Trees, heather, grass, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Well-preserved drystone enclosing wall, stone buildings, boat naust

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery only.

Additional information: Reasonable access potential

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 29 Dun Loch Fada

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8750 7216

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 20m irregular

Construction materials: Stones on what appears to be a natural bedrock base.

Artificiality: Difficult to say

Vegetation cover: Heather, bracken & grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Beveridge reported enclosing wall but none visible today.

Causeway: None

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery + shore stills

Additional information: Moderate access 1.25km and North Uist Estate boat available from end of new road.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 33 Dun Loch Fada

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8800 7122

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 110 X 30-40m irregular

Construction materials: Natural island

Artificiality: Low to none

Vegetation cover: Heather, bracken & grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall reported above the E and S shores.

There is a section of masonry visible at the N extremity of the island; this appears to be the end of the enclosing Wall. Possible sub-circular enclosure visible at S end and circular plan hut at north on 3D image?

Causeway: No real evidence of a causeway apart from natural shore extensions.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery + shore stills. 3D model.

Additional information: Easy access 0.5km and North Uist Estate boat available from end of new road.

Not a crannog, but appears to have been settled at some time.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Janet Dix

Survey date: 28.7.16 & 20-03-21 (DN drone)

Site ID/Name: 94 Loch Hermidale

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 8262 5237

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: An island dun, irregular shape and about 45mx13m.

Construction materials: It is covered in a large amount of stone from the walls and probable structures. From memory and looking at my photos, I'd say the depth of stone is about 2-3m.

Artificiality: Looks artificial. Very little, if any natural bedrock visible round the edge.

Vegetation cover: Most of the stones are covered in heather and bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Some of the larger stones at the NW end could be evidence of structures.

Causeway: Yes, 5m to loch shore to SW

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Stills and drone footage.

Additional information: Easily accessible from Rueval track 700m away. Also possibly launch RIB.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 19-03-21

Site ID/Name: 82, Loch Hornary

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8655 5720

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 17 X 11m irregular

Construction materials: Wide range of boulder and stone sizes

Artificiality: Along with another island to its immediate north and a much larger one to its east, these all appear to be natural features.

Vegetation cover: Trees, bracken, heather, and grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Too overgrown to see anything

Causeway: Yes – 45m to larger island to E, slightly curved and almost all submerged. Large island connected To N loch shore by short straight section around 10m long.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone only.

Additional information: Seems to be a natural feature apart from causeway. Very easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 18-08-16

Site ID/Name: 50 Dun Ban, Loch Hundair

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9050 6528

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 15 oval

Construction materials: Drystone walling on stone island

Artificiality: The water is quite shallow so although the island looks to be artificial it may have a rock outcrop core now hidden. The adjoining island is definitely natural and much larger say 55 X 23m and seems an unlikely candidate.

Vegetation cover: Heather and brambles amongst tumbled interior.

Anthropogenic surface remains: Twin-walled dun = broch?

Causeway: Yes

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery including 3D but no aerial footage

Additional information: Clearly a MIA structure so any Neolithic remains long buried.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 27 Causeway, Loch Hungabhat

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8750 7216

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20m X 12m triangular

Construction materials: Bedrock

Artificiality: None

Vegetation cover: Heather & grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: None reported

Causeway: 10m to shore to SE. Might be natural.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Very limited drone imagery

Additional information: Not a crannog. Difficult access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 16-03-21

Site ID/Name: 02 Loch Iosal an Duin

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9172 7701

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 12m oval

Construction materials: Mostly portable stones on a natural shallowing in the loch with some larger, probably Natural boulders at the island's SE end.

Artificiality: 90%? Beveridge reports a dun, but this is completely obscured by vegetation.

Vegetation cover: Heather, grass and brambles

Anthropogenic surface remains: 'circular building'

Causeway: Yes – 40m to shore to W, slightly curved and almost all submerged

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone only.

Additional information: 2km walk from Dun an Sticir car park, also accessible by RIB from former Berneray ferry slip + 0.5km walk.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 14-04-21

Site ID/Name: 38 Island dwelling, Loch Mhic a' Roin

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7566 6896

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 35X 15m irregular

Construction materials: Natural island

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall traces, rectangular & circular buildings, cairns (modern)

Causeway: Yes, 18m to shore to NW

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery and stills from shore

Additional information: Not a crannog, but easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 57 Dun 3, Loch Mòr

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7920 6230

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 40 X 30m sub-circular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Collapsed enclosing wall, modern drystone walls (post-Beveridge)..

Causeway: 28m long straight to SE – now on dry land.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery,

Additional information: Likely to be crannog. Loch level reduced. Very easy access. Quite large?

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 58 Dun 4, Loch Mòr

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7927 6224

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 20m teardrop shaped

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Collapsed enclosing wall, possible rectangular building or fold remains?

Causeway: 30?m long to NE – now on dry land.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery,

Additional information: Likely to be crannog. Loch level reduced. Very easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 62 Dun 2 Loch Mòr

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7907 6203

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 14 X 12m irregular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: None recorded.

Causeway: 10m to shore to E; not flooded.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but either unfinished or quarried for school nearby. Easy access

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-04-21

Site ID/Name: 61 Dun 1 Loch Mòr

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7903 6208

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: C 8m sub-circular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: None – nearly 100% flooded

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: 40m slightly curved to shore to SW. Mostly flooded.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but either unfinished or quarried for school nearby. Easy access

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 21-4-21

Site ID/Name: 36, Dun, Loch na Buaile

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8074 7266

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 26 X 10m semi-circular.

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather trees

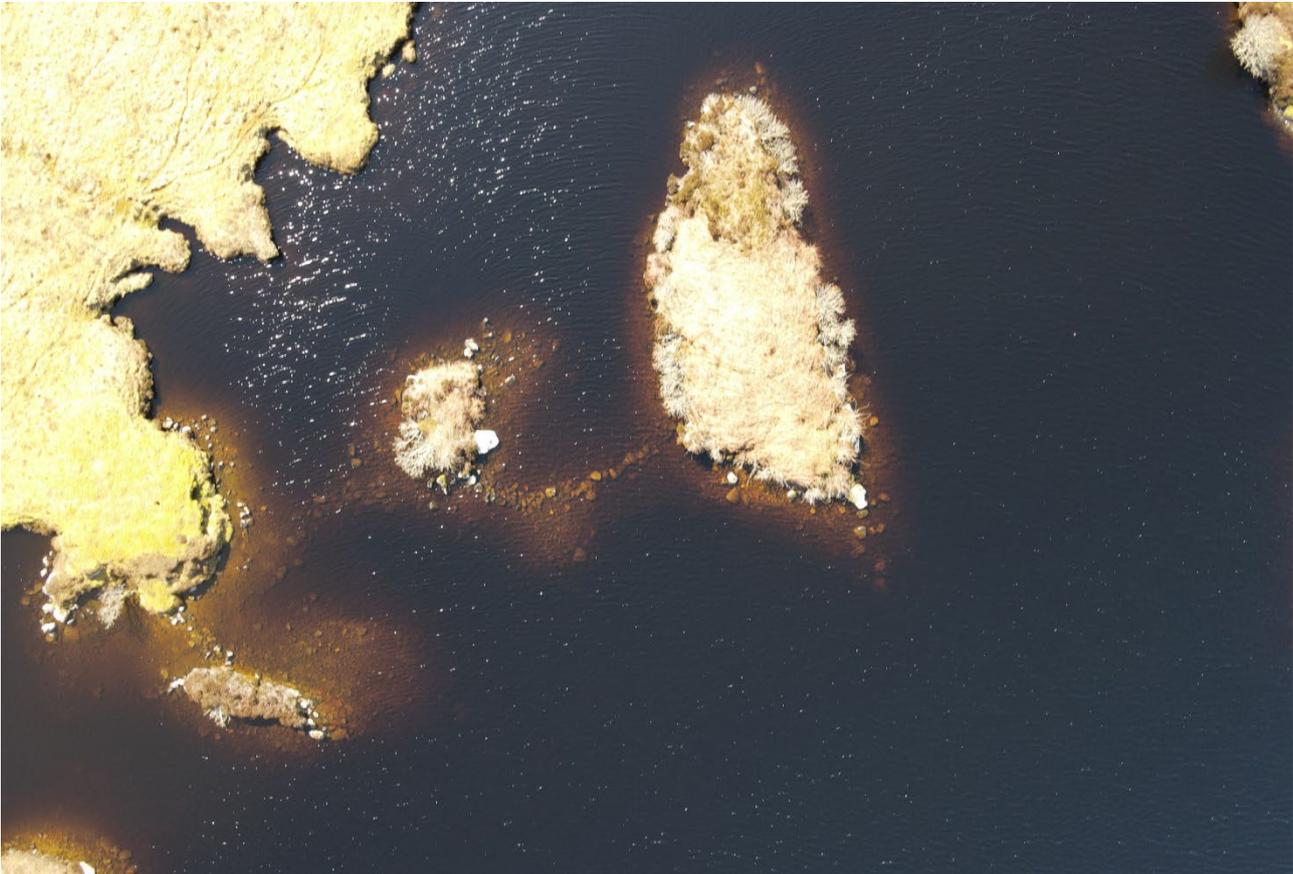
Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: Yes, 10m to islet to SE and then via natural shallowing to shore

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Not a crannog, but relatively easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 23-4-21

Site ID/Name: 55, Dun, Loch na Ceithir-Eileana

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8642 62613

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 65 X 27m elongated oval

Construction materials: Natural bedrock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken, heather, trees

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone only

Additional information: Not a crannog. Access only by boat.

Sketch/Photo:



Islands of Stone

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger and Tricia Auger & M Stewart and C. Macleod

Survey date: 02-03-21 and 20-01-21

Site ID/Name: 24, Loch na Dubhcha

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 95748 872461

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 6-7m dia, circular, around 1.5m high

Construction materials: stone

Artificiality: No evidence of bedrock visible although some large rocks on the periphery.

Possible stone built artificial islet.

Vegetation cover: Tall heather

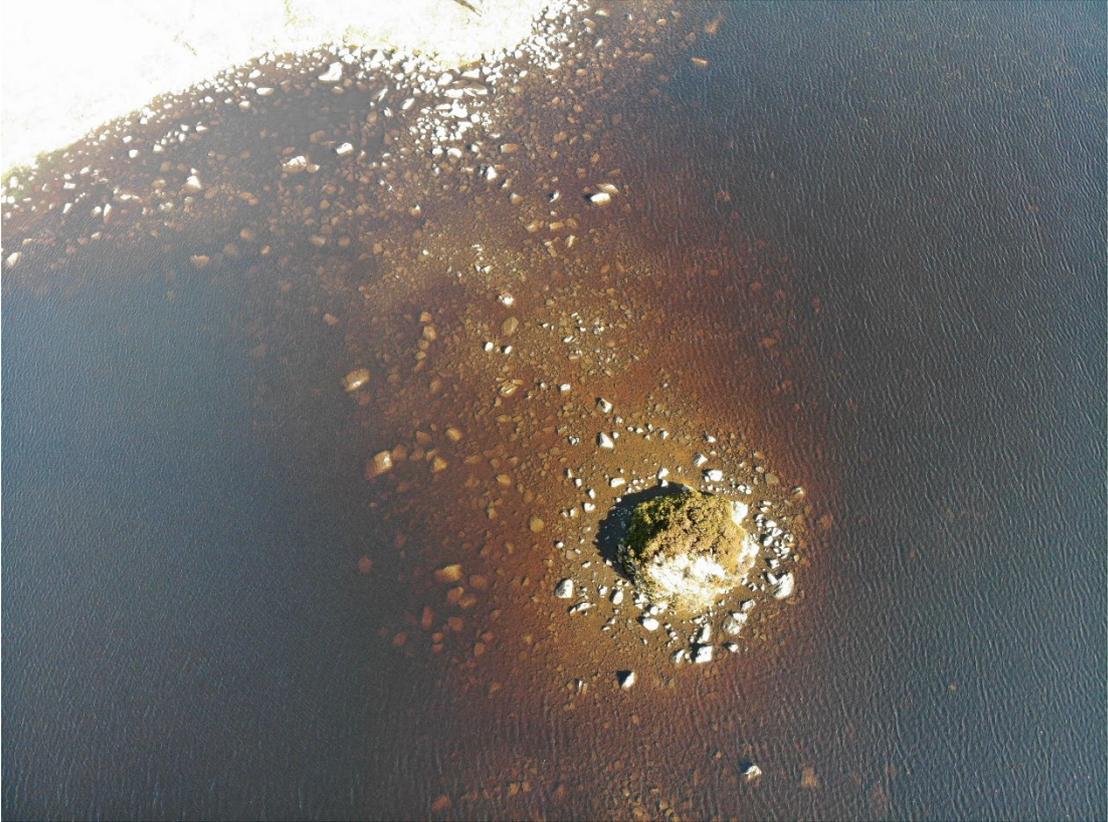
Anthropogenic surface remains: Little evidence of structure on the islet, obscured by heather.

Causeway: Yes, c. 35m long, straight and slightly submerged in the main part with stones visible for most of the length. Drone footage reveals the causeway to be wide and possibly to carry on after the islet.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple drone images and a few from the shore.

Additional information: I think the Canmore details are wrong and that Beveridge did not record this site. The site referred to in Canmore is probably IOS no. 16. Easily accessible from Loch Portain road.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 7-10-15

Site ID/Name: 87 Loch na Struthan Beag, Ronay

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9747 5523

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 13 X 08m irregular

Construction materials: Bedrock? And larger boulders and smaller stones

Artificiality: Unknown, but probably natural

Vegetation cover: Bracken, heather, moss, grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Unknown

Causeway: No – that reported in Canmore on shore is end of drystone boundary wall extending inland

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Shore images only

Additional information: Difficult access – loch on offshore island.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 18 Dun 'ic Raonuill, Loch nan Clachan

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7679 7382

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 25 X 20m oval

Construction materials: stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass only

Anthropogenic surface remains: Reported enclosing wall totally collapsed.

Causeway: 75m long to shore to N. Around 50% submerged.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Likely to be crannog. Easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 20-03-21

Site ID/Name: 72 Causeways, Loch nan Garbh Chlachan

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8609 6011

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: A = a group of three irregular shaped, interconnected islands with overall dims Of 20 X 27m plus B, a sub-rectangular island measuring 34 X 23m.

Construction materials: Stones + bedrock outcrop

Artificiality: All appear to be natural.

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, bracken and moss

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: Yes, B has 30m to shore to NE.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery only

Additional information: Reasonable access from Cladach Chairinis.

Sketch/Photo:





UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 16-03-16

Site ID/Name: 77 Loch nan Gealag

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8652 5941

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 12m dia circular

Construction materials: Mostly portable stones, but larger boulders suggest may be partly natural.

Artificiality: High – may be founded on a natural shallowing in the loch?

Vegetation cover: Heather, bracken brambles.

Anthropogenic surface remains: Stone pile?

Causeway: Yes, 45m to shore to SE, slightly curved.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Stills from shore & distant drone image

Additional information: 1.3km long walk out from Cladach Chairinis road end. Causeway flooded

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 14 Dun, Loch nan Gearrachun (South)

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7675 7419

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 7 X 5m oval

Construction materials: stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass only

Anthropogenic surface remains: Stone pile or cairn

Causeway: 27m long to shore to SE. Barely more than a line of stones on shallow loch bed.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but very shallow loch. Easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 13 Dun, Loch nan Gearrachun (North)

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7661 7438

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 7 X 5m oval

Construction materials: stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass only

Anthropogenic surface remains: Stone pile or cairn

Causeway: 40m long to shore to north.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, but very shallow loch. Easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 22 Dun, Loch na Geireann

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8466 7277

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 65 X 32m irregular

Construction materials: Rock outcrop

Artificiality: Zero?

Vegetation cover: Thick heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: Circular building reported by Beveridge but no longer visible

Causeway: 20m long natural sandbank to shore to N

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery & stills

Additional information: Not a crannog. Note lovely long cairn lies 1.25km to SW and well worth the walk! (Circled red in second photo). Eilean an Tighe in same loch.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 21-4-21

Site ID/Name: 40, Dun, Loch nan Geireann

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9041 6867

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 8m dia irregular.

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: None

Causeway: Yes – incomplete section c. 25m long extends towards island from shore to N

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Not a crannog, but relatively easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 29-06-14

Site ID/Name: 74 Loch Obasaraigh 1

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8849 5997

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 26 X 17m irregular

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Unlikely

Vegetation cover: Heather, bracken & grass.

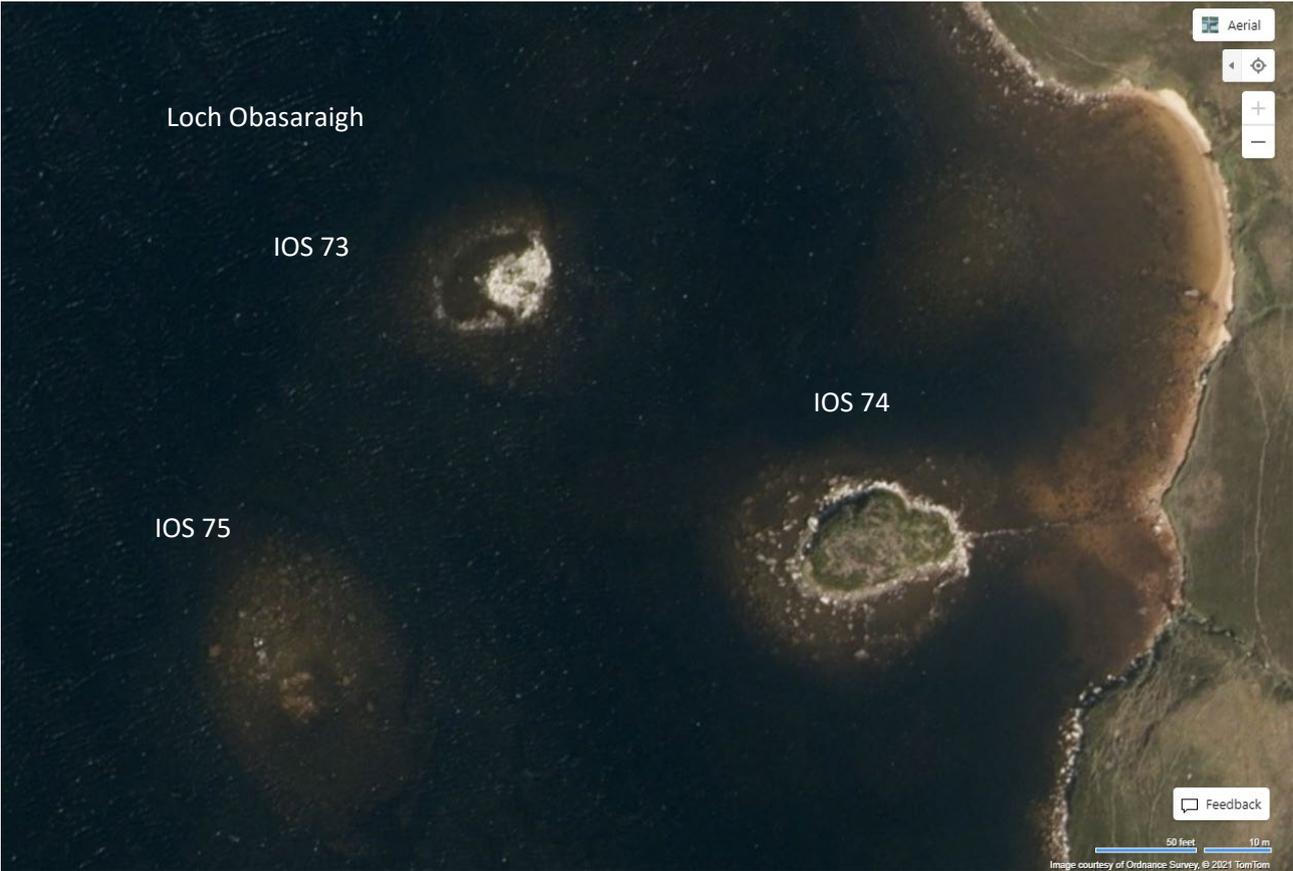
Anthropogenic surface remains: Tumbled wall to N and S shores; possible boat harbour to S?

Causeway: Yes, 30m to shore to E

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): On site stills only.

Additional information: Difficult access, but possible by NUE boat from N end of Loch Obasaraigh.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 12-07-18

Site ID/Name: 73 Loch Obasaraigh 2

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8843 6002

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 17m oval

Construction materials: Portable stones on what is probably a natural shallowing of the loch bed

Artificiality: Likely to be 90% man-made

Vegetation cover: Grass on 5% of surface

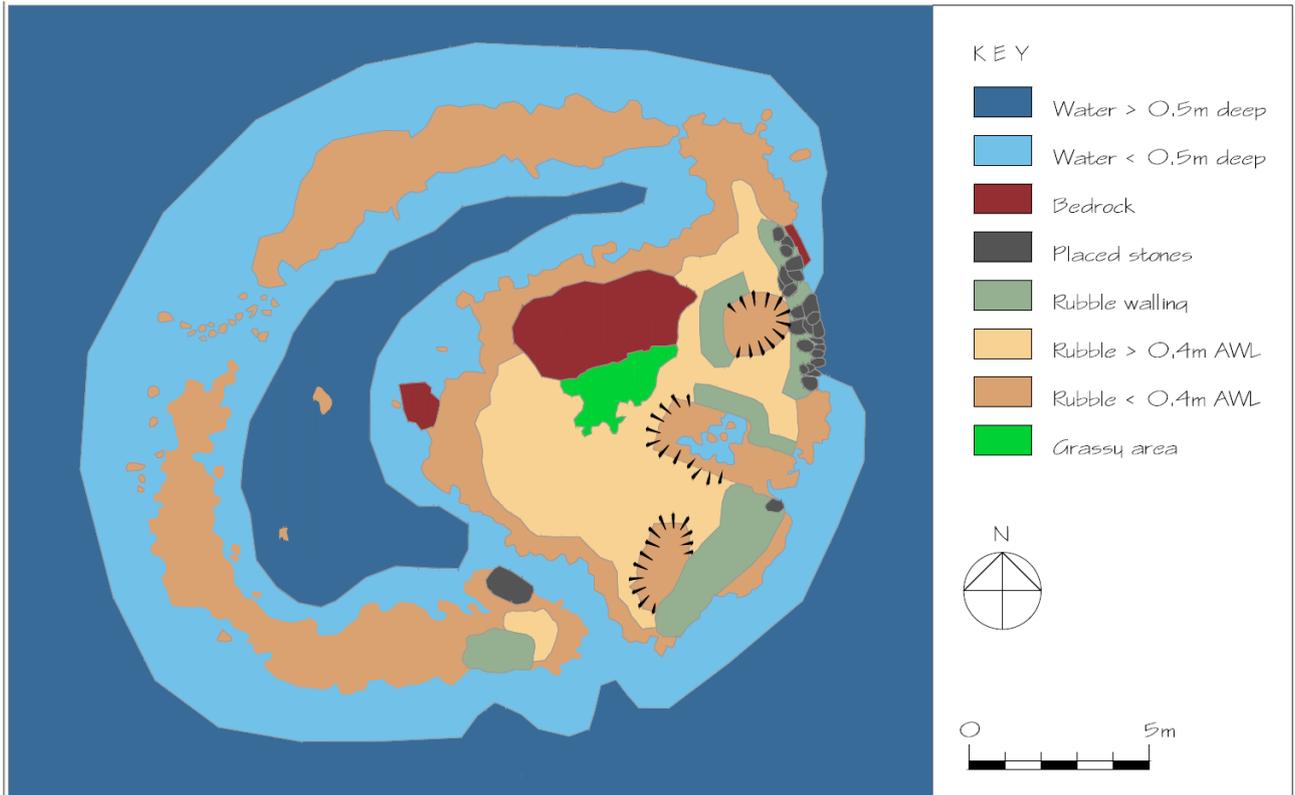
Anthropogenic surface remains: Possible hut? What appears to be an enclosing wall that may have been the original setting out outline of an un-finished crannog.

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): On site and boat based photos. Multiple GoPro 3D model and survey plan.

Additional information: Difficult access, but possible by NUE boat from N end of Loch Obasaraigh. Might be an example of an un-finished crannog?

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 01-05-15

Site ID/Name: 54 Loch Obasaraigh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9008 6263

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 30 X 10m.av. irregular

Construction materials: Bedrock

Artificiality: Natural

Vegetation cover: Bracken, heather, moss, grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Some drystone block walling along N and S shores

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Images from boat and onshore

Additional information: Access possible by NUE boat from Lochephort road end. Unlikely to be a crannog.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 12-07-18

Site ID/Name: 75 Loch Obasaraigh 3

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8840 6000

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 30 X 20m oval

Construction materials: Stones and boulders on what is probably a natural shallowing of the loch bed

Artificiality: Unlikely

Vegetation cover: None

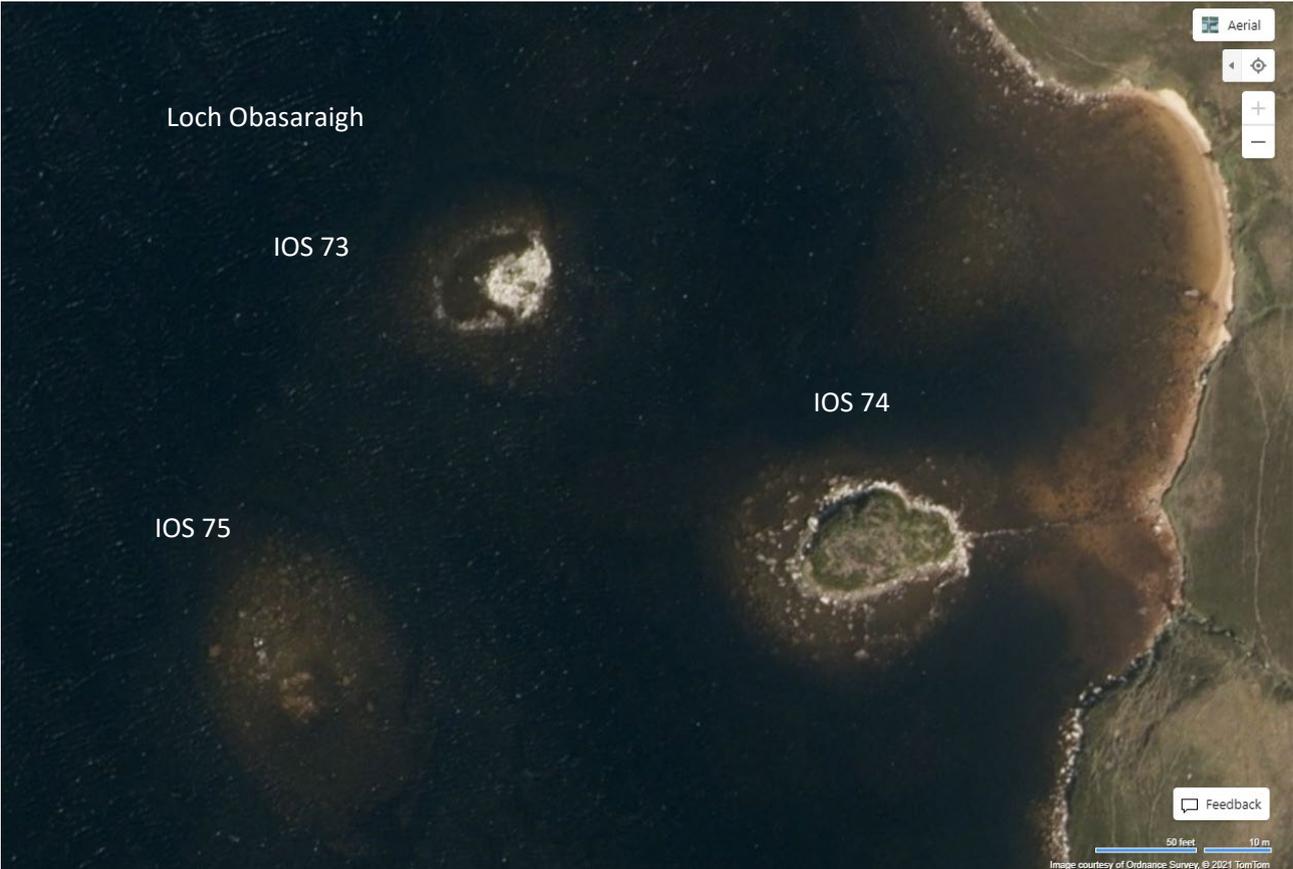
Anthropogenic surface remains: None – site is submerged even in dry periods

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): On site and boat based photos. Multiple GoPro

Additional information: Difficult access, but possible by NUE boat from N end of Loch Obasaraigh.

Sketch/Photo:



Islands of Stone

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger and David Newman

Survey date: 27-04-22

Site ID/Name: 45 Dun, Loch Sgadabhagh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 8713 6836

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 20 X 20m sub-circular

Construction materials: Natural – appears to be glacial deposits overlying a rock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, brambles foxgloves, rowan

Anthropogenic surface remains: Two sub-rectangular drystone-walled huts near the causeway landing point. In view of their relatively good condition, these may have been re-constructed as shooting butts. On an area of level ground inland from the island’s east shore are the remains of three further sub-circular huts, and the outline of a fourth smaller circular structure is buried in heather on the island’s summit.

Causeway: Yes 25m long, to shore to N (see Beveridge photos on Canmore)

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage + stills from shore and on-island

Additional information: Access possible by boat from a point close near old Lochmaddy road.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 27-04-22

Site ID/Name: 43 Island dwelling, Loch Scadabhaigh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8380 6845

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 50m X 15m teardrop

Construction materials: Glacial deposits over bedrock

Artificiality: None

Vegetation cover: Heather and grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Enclosing wall, now largely flooded after loch level artificially raised.

Causeway: Reported locally but nothing visible.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Aerial imagery

Additional information: Not a crannog and no evidence of a causeway.

Access possible by long boat trip – 4km.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 30-4-21

Site ID/Name: 35, Dun, Loch Vausary

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7490 7018

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 24 X 15m teardrop

Construction materials: Natural?

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather

Anthropogenic surface remains: Unclear. Oval shape bank may be old shoreline.

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Probably not a crannog and difficult access. This loch has signs of having a higher water surface level at an earlier time.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 05-10-21

Site ID/Name: 128, Dun, Loch Coc a' Buidhe

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7483 2589

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 13m sub-circular (high water level)

Construction materials: Stones and small boulders

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: Rectangular building

Causeway: 80m long curved stone causeway to shore to NW

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery, shore stills

Additional information: A good possibility with relatively easy access.

Sketch/Photo:





UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 21-4-21

Site ID/Name: 39, Dun, Ob nan Stearnain

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9118 6874

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 12 X 10m irregular.

Construction materials: Natural rock outcrop

Artificiality: Low

Vegetation cover: Grass, reeds

Anthropogenic surface remains: Small section of wall?

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone & shore stills

Additional information: Not a crannog, but relatively easy access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 07-04-21

Site ID/Name: 11 Dun, Oban Trumisgarry

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 8727 7469

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 11m dia circular

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: high

Vegetation cover: Grass and brambles

Anthropogenic surface remains: Little obvious, maybe the traces of an enclosing wall?

Causeway: 40m long to shore to N (silted over?) where Canmore 108949 is located, recorded as a possible burnt mound by Braby, Batley and Clarke in 1996.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery & stills from shore

Additional information: Likely to be crannog, and proximity of possible burnt mound makes it an interesting location. Tidal loch appears to be silted up so underwater surface remains likely to be buried.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman

Survey date: 05-10-21

Site ID/Name: 138, possible crannog, Loch Ceann a' Bhaigh

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7616 3030

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: Elliptical 17m WNW – ESE) X 10m (high water level)

Construction materials: Some small stones around shore but vegetation cover nearly complete.

Artificiality: May be an altered natural shallowing of the loch?

Vegetation cover: Grass, heather, bracken, dwarf willow

Anthropogenic surface remains: None visible

Causeway: None visible

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone imagery

Additional information: Probably a natural feature, but exceptionally easy access inc boat slip & pontoon.

Sketch/Photo:





UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger & David Newman

Survey date: 22-10-21

Site ID/Name: 121 Ormacleit

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7448 3115

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 21 X 14m oval

Construction materials: Stones

Artificiality: Possibly founded on a natural shallowing of loch bed?

Vegetation cover: Grass, reeds, bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Canmore suggests two circular huts.

Causeway: Yes; 35m, slightly S shaped to shore to south

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Difficult to see route in for boat, but feels like a good possibility.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 13-06-20

Site ID/Name: 28 Loch na Caiginn

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 9512 7199

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c.50 X 50 sub-rectangular

Construction materials: Stone, but probably not artificial

Artificiality: ? Probably only built structures

Vegetation cover: Grass, bracken, heather

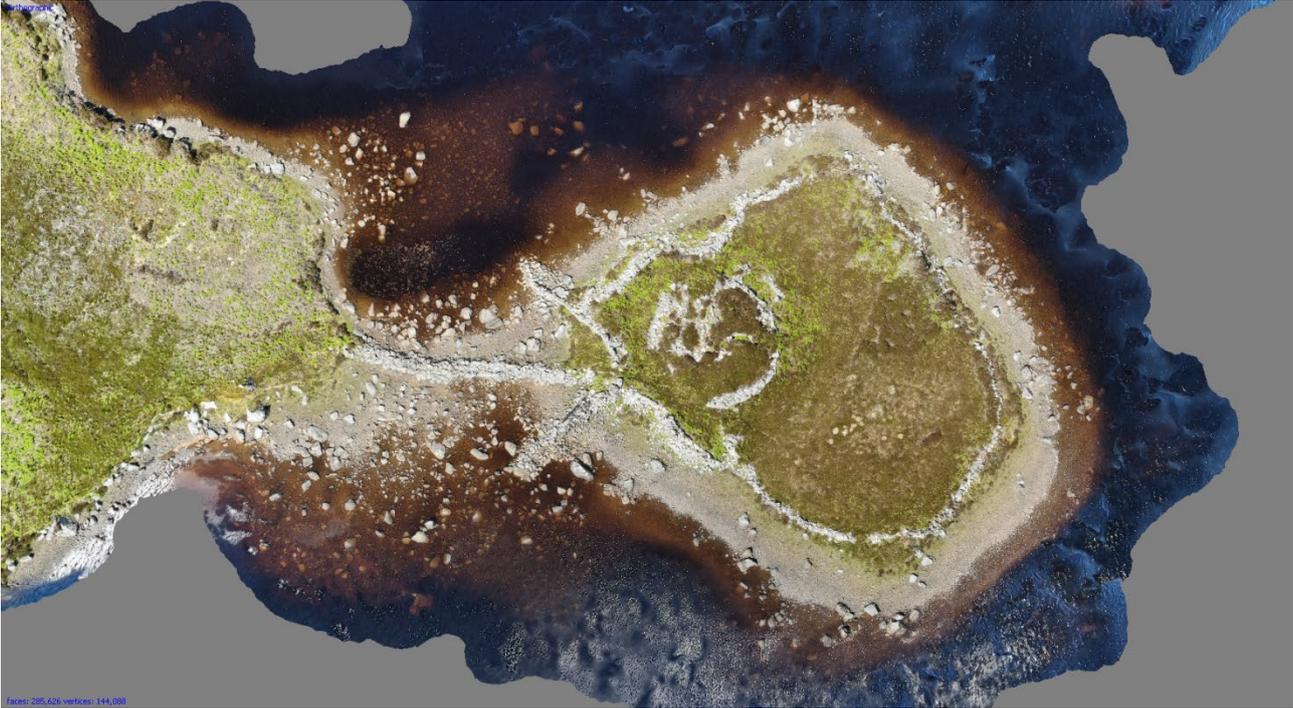
Anthropogenic surface remains: See Beveridge, defensive and enclosing walls, circular dun and later rectangular structures

Causeway: Yes, c. 25m long, reasonably well preserved.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Multiple surface imagery by drone only. Some shore images. 3D model.

Additional information: 400m walk from public road. Too big and unlikely to be artificial.

Sketch/Photo:



faces: 205,620 vertices: 144,000

UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: David Newman & Roger Auger

Survey date: 17-01-22

Site ID/Name: 131, Loch Nam Faoileann, Sgeir Ghlas

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): 7516 2022

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 15 X 12m oval

Construction materials: Portable stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Small patch of grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Modern cairns

Causeway: None visible but its existence was reported in 1909. Level of water has apparently risen by at least 1m since then – probably due to construction of road to east. Bing imagery shows a trace underwater near shore to west.

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone images

Additional information: Almost certainly a crannog. Access reasonable

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 02-06-21

Site ID/Name: 119 Stoneybridge

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7406 3256

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 24 X 18m oval

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: High, but clearly located on a natural shallowing of the loch bed

Vegetation cover: Bracken, grass

Anthropogenic surface remains: Possible boat naust

Causeway: No

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Good access.

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger & David Newman

Survey date: 22-10-21

Site ID/Name: 116 Tobha Beag East

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7680 3568

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 50 X 18m irregular

Construction materials: Unknown (thick vegetation cover)

Artificiality: Looks to be natural from shape and bedrock outcrop

Vegetation cover: Bracken, grass, heather and 80% tree cover

Anthropogenic surface remains: Only modern period.

Causeway: Yes; submerged c. 40m to shore to south

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Good access, but appears to be natural

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger & Trish Auger

Survey date: 02-06-21

Site ID/Name: 115 Tobha Beag West

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7671 3569

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: 18 X 11m oval

Construction materials: Stone

Artificiality: Appears to be high

Vegetation cover: Grass and bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Canmore reports sections of wall?

Causeway: Yes; c. 50m to shore to south-west

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Good access, and seems to be wholly artificial

Sketch/Photo:



UCAG Survey Form

Surveyed by: Roger Auger & David Newman

Survey date: 22-10-21

Site ID/Name: 125 Loch Bornish

Location (NGR/Easting, Northing): NF 7417 2909

Site Description

Approximate size and shape: c. 50 X 42m oval

Construction materials: Stones

Artificiality: High

Vegetation cover: Grass and bracken

Anthropogenic surface remains: Part of a dun + two sheepfolds

Causeway: Yes; c. 30m, curved to shore to west

Data collected (if so, please add data to UCAG_DATA folder): Drone footage

Additional information: Very close to public road. Possible a bit large?

Sketch/Photo:

