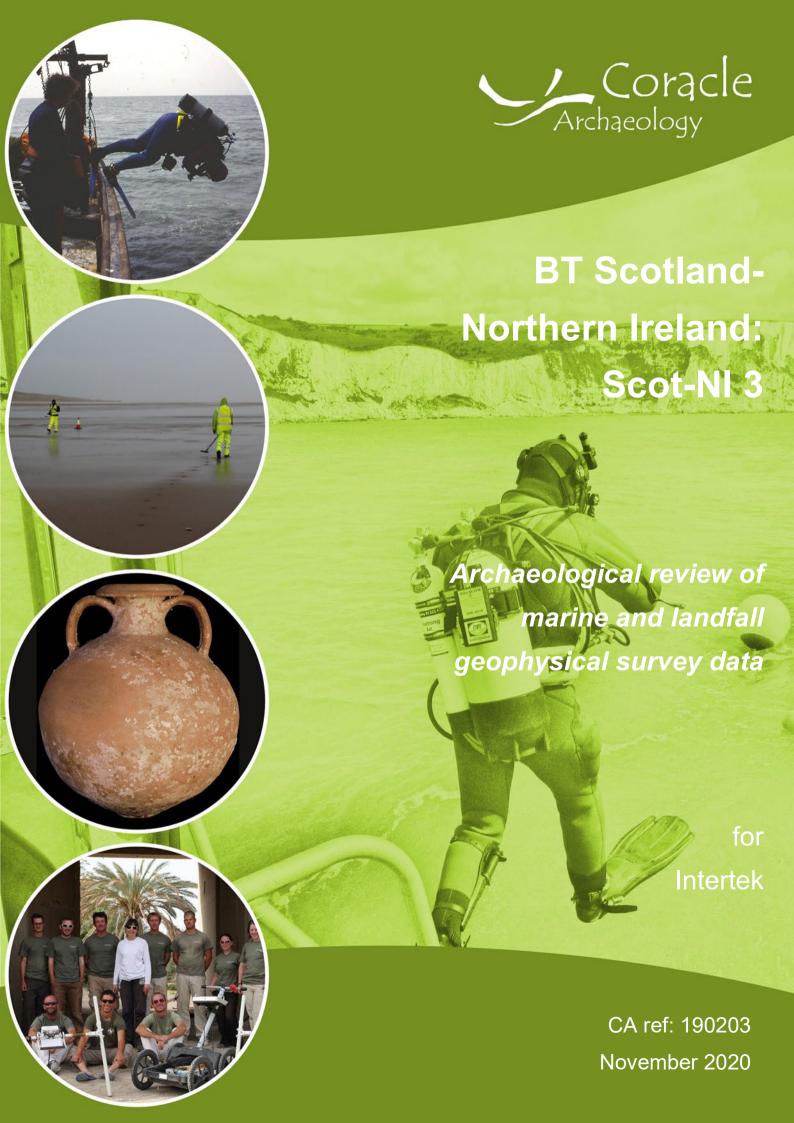
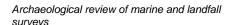
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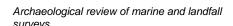
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Summary

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Coracle Archaeology was commissioned by Intertek Energy & Water Consultancy Services on behalf of British Telecommunications to undertake marine archaeological assessments, including this archaeological review of marine geophysical survey data and archaeological assessments at the two proposed landfall locations, for the BT Scotland-Northern Ireland telecommunications cables project. This is a proposed submarine telecommunications cable system between Scotland and Northern Ireland, comprising two individual, discrete cables:

- SCOT-NI 3, with landfall at Portpatrick, Scotland and Donaghadee, Northern Ireland; and
- SCOT-NI 4, with landfall at Girvan, Scotland, and Larne, Northern Ireland.

This report focuses solely on the route of SCOT-NI 3 (Portpatrick to Donaghadee). A separate report has been prepared for SCOT-NI 4.

The marine geophysical survey was conducted along the proposed route by Fugro Germany Marine GmbH, including the collection of multibeam echosounder, sidescan sonar, magnetometer and sub-bottom profile data. The archaeological assessment of the supplied data has identified 23 geophysical anomalies with archaeological potential along the proposed route. Of these, two are considered to be of high archaeological potential (including at least one previously uncharted wreck site), nine of medium, and 12 of low, archaeological potential. Archaeological exclusion zones have been proposed for all anomalies considered to be of high or medium archaeological potential. Assessment of the sub-bottom profile and geotechnical datasets did not highlight any features of palaeo-environmental potential within the CSC.

The non-intrusive surveys at the proposed landfall locations comprised walkover, hand-held metal detector and geophysical surveys. These surveys successfully evaluated the landfall locations, including known historic assets within the study areas. Five linear anomalies were identified in the geophysical survey data, including three at Portpatrick and two at Donaghadee. All five have been identified as buried service pipes or in-service cables; they are not therefore considered to be of archaeological interest. Walkover surveys documented one previously unrecorded feature at Portpatrick.

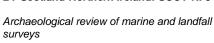




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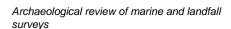


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AEZ	Archaeological evolucion zones
	Archaeological exclusion zones
CA	Coracle Archaeology
COARS	Coastal and Offshore Archaeological Research Services
CPT	Cone penetrometer test
CSC	Cable survey corridor
FGMG	Fugro Germany Marine GmbH
GC	Gravity core
GIS	Geographic Information System
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
GS	Grab samples
HERoNI	Historic Environment Record of Northern Ireland
LAT	Lowest Astronomical Tide
MBES	Multibeam echosounder
MHWS	Mean high water springs
nm	Nautical miles
SSS	Sidescan sonar
SBP	Sub-bottom profiler
UKHO	United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
VORF	Vertical Offshore Reference Frames
WGS	World Geodetic System

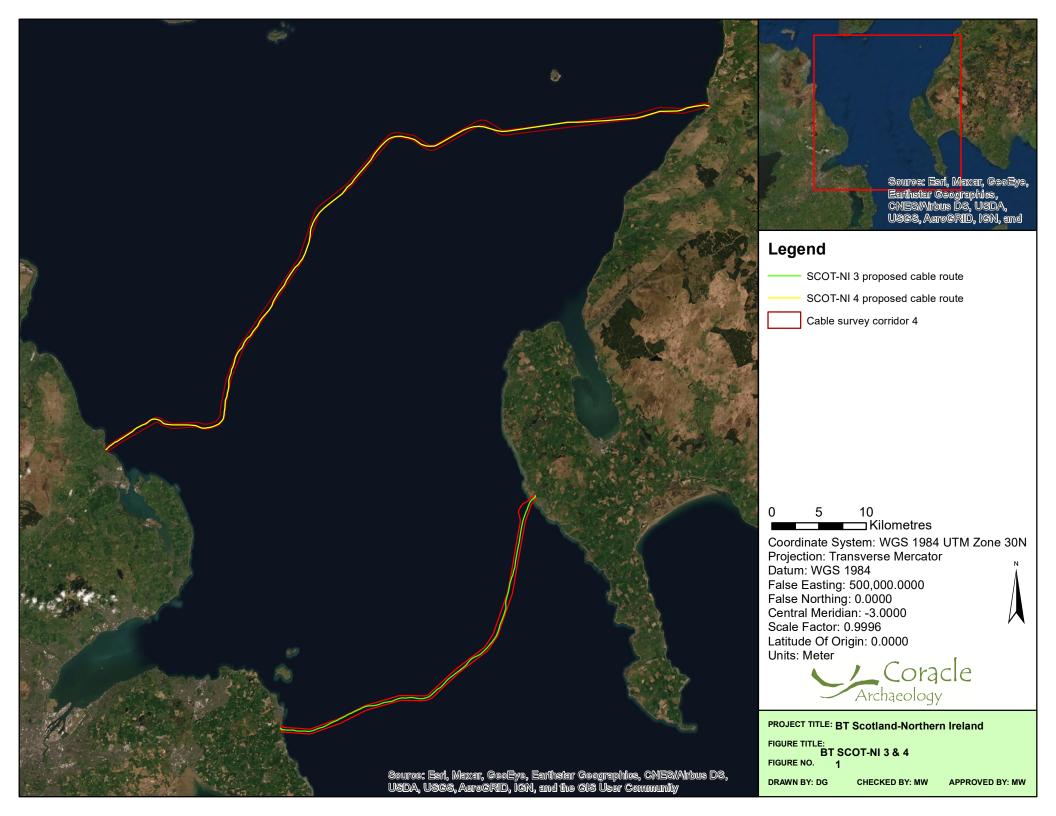


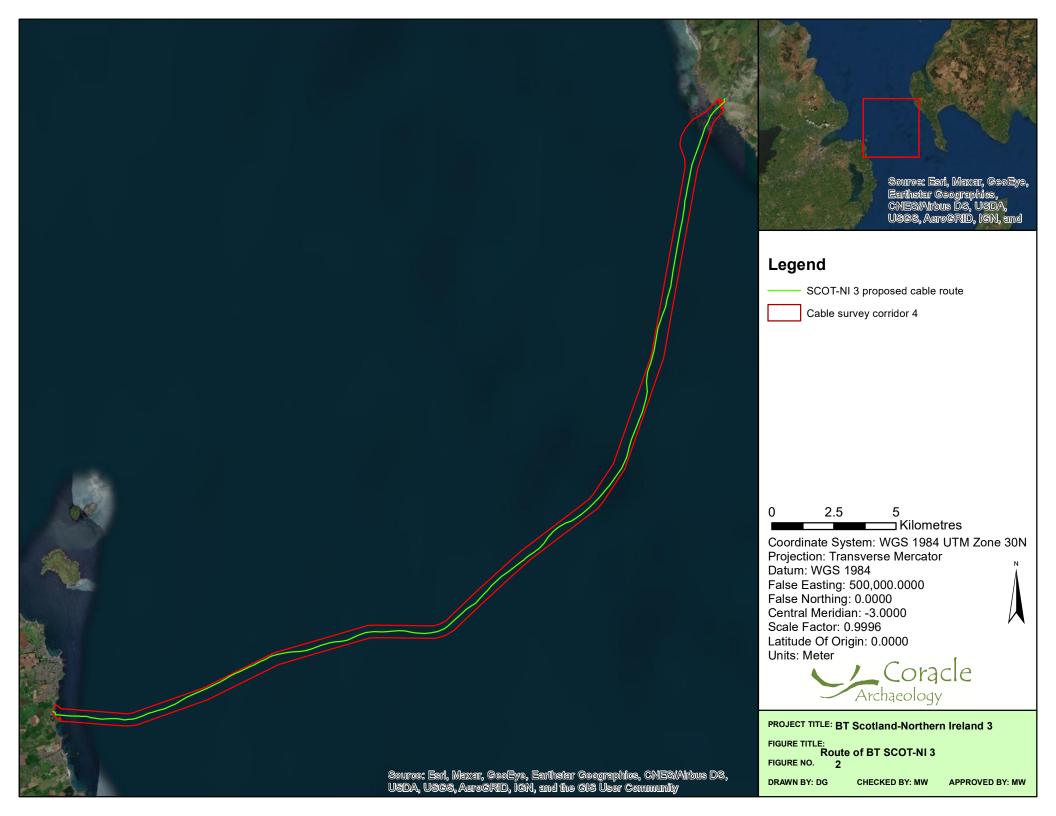


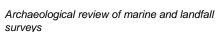
1. INTRODUCTION

Outline

- 1.1. Coracle Archaeology was commissioned by Intertek Energy & Water Consultancy Services on behalf of British Telecommunications (BT) to undertake marine archaeological assessments, including landfall surveys and a review of marine geophysical data, for the BT Scotland-Northern Ireland telecommunications cables project. This is a proposed submarine telecommunications cable system between Scotland and Northern Ireland, comprising two individual, discrete cables (Figure 1):
 - SCOT-NI 3, which will run between Portpatrick, Scotland and Donaghadee,
 Northern Ireland; and
 - SCOT-NI 4, which will run between Girvan, Scotland, and Larne, Northern Ireland.
- 1.2. This report focuses solely on the proposed route of SCOT-NI 3. A separate report, comprising an archaeological review of marine geophysical survey data and the results of landfall surveys has been prepared for SCOT-NI 4 (Coracle Archaeology 2020a).
- 1.3. The proposed route for SCOT-NI 3 will run for 43km between Portpatrick, Scotland and Donaghadee, Northern Ireland, including 21.2km in Scottish waters and 20.8km in Northern Irish waters (Figure 2).
- 1.4. The marine geophysical survey data, collected by Fugro Germany Marine GmbH (FGMG), was assessed for Coracle Archaeology by our colleagues at the Coastal and Offshore Archaeological Research Services (COARS), University of Southampton. The archaeological assessment of marine geophysical survey data assessed a cable survey corridor (CSC) of 500m (250m either side of the proposed cable route); this was also utilised for the desk-based assessment (DBA) of known cultural heritage assets (Coracle Archaeology 2020b).
- 1.5. Landfall geophysical survey data were collected by Coracle Archaeology, which was assessed by our colleagues at Headland Archaeology. The landfall surveys assessed an area of up to 200m wide (100m either side of the proposed cable route), from low water to mean high water springs (MHWS).









2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1. The aims of these assessments are:

- to identify anomalies of archaeological potential along the CSC and at the landfall locations; and
- to assess the archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the subsurface sediments.

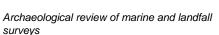
2.2. These aims will be achieved through the following objectives:

- identification of anomalies through the examination of multibeam echosounder (MBES), sidescan sonar (SSS) and magnetometer data to identify, locate and characterise features with possible archaeological potential along the CSC;
- identification of sites and features of archaeological potential at the landfall locations through walkover survey and the assessment of electro-magnetic conductivity and metal detector survey data; and
- assessment of sub-bottom profiler (SBP), MBES and geo-technical survey data to establish the archaeological and/ or palaeo-environmental potential of the subsurface sediments.

3. GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY SPECIFICATION AND DATA ACQUSITION

Landfall

- 3.1. The landfall surveys were conducted in August 2020 at the two proposed landfall locations at Portpatrick, Scotland, and at Donaghadee, Northern Ireland. The surveys were conducted on the foreshore and in the intertidal zone, from MHWS down to low water on the most favourable spring tides, to overlap with the marine surveys.
- 3.2. A survey grid, up to 200m wide (100m either side of the proposed cable centreline), was set out at the landfall locations and subdivided into 5m transects, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) system with an accuracy of 0.5m or better. The surveys, comprising geophysical (electro-magnetic conductivity), hand-held metal detector and walkover surveys, were then conducted along these transects, parallel to the waterline.





3.3. The geophysical survey was undertaken using a Geophex GEM-2 multi-frequency broadband electro-magnetic (EM) instrument (Figure 3) to perform a terrain electrical conductivity survey. The GEM-2 instrument is a non-intrusive frequency-domain electrical conductivity measuring device that records the spatial variations of apparent ground conductivity of the earth in units of milliSiemens / metre (mS/m). The 'siemen' is the international unit of measurement for volume electrical conductance and is the equivalent to an ampere / volt.



Figure 3 Geophysics and metal-detecting surveys in progress

3.4. A Minelab X-Terra 705 instrument was used to conduct the metal detector surveys (Figure 3). The metal detector was set to detect all metal, but the sensitivity was adjusted to compensate for the high salt content of the beach sand. All find locations were

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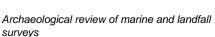


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recorded using a hand-held GPS device, while features of archaeological potential were recorded with digital photography, using a Nikon Coolpix B500 digital camera.

Marine

- 3.5. The marine geophysical survey was undertaken by FGMG using the survey vessels MV Fugro Discovery, Fugro Seeker and Valkyrie. Marine surveys took place between April and July 2020.
- 3.6. The CSC for the main shallow water survey was c. 500m wide (250m either side of the proposed cable route), with an overlap with the inshore survey of at least 500m. Five lines of survey data were collected along the route with a 100m line separation; the route centreline was surveyed with two wing lines offset at 100m and 200m intervals. In the nearshore areas line spacing was adjusted to 50m or 25m depending on water depth.
- 3.7. A dedicated unexploded ordnance (UXO) survey was also undertaken to establish the presence and locations of items of ordnance close to the proposed cable route. Following the main survey, additional magnetometer lines were run along an In-Field Selected Route (IFSR) covering a 50m survey swath with a maximum magnetometer separation of 5m.
- 3.8. MBES data were acquired using a Kongsberg EM122. Full bathymetric coverage across the whole survey corridor was undertaken in accordance with IHO Standards for Hydrographic Survey, S44 5th Edition, Feb 2008 (see Fink 2019), with sound velocity (SV) probes used to perform regular sound velocity casts. SSS survey was undertaken using an Edgetech 4200 dual frequency (300/600 kHz) fish, with a range of 120m on the *Fugro Discovery*, and 25m-50m on the *Fugro Seeker and Valkyrie*, thus ensuring 200 percent coverage of the corridor. The Geometrics G882 caesium vapour magnetometer was piggy-backed behind the SSS on the *Fugro Discovery*, and independently towed on the *Fugro Seeker and Valkyrie* to detect cables and pipelines. Sub-bottom surveys were undertaken using a Knudsen sub-bottom profiler. In-service cables were detected by MBES, SSS, SBP and/or magnetometer.





3.9. For the geotechnical investigations, cone penetrometer test (CPT) measurements were planned at 5km intervals along the survey route, with gravity core (GC) sampling planned at 10km intervals. Owing to security issues, the geotechnical survey only retrieved grab samples (GS) from the inshore stations; elsewhere CPTs were substituted for grab samples.

Geodetic and projection parameters and vertical datum

3.10. Survey positions were recorded in the geodetic datum World Geodetic System (WGS) 1984, with projection in the universal transverse mercator (UTM) Zone 30 North. The vertical reference level is lowest astronomical tide (LAT), with MBES elevation corrected using the vertical offshore reference frames (VORF) and predicted tides based on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) heights.

4. METHODOLOGY

Landfall survey method

Geophysics

- 4.1. Electrical conductivity surveys were undertaken with a GEM-2 instrument. The GEM-2 detects differences in deposits, principally variations in thickness between deposits with different conductivities, which can produce spatial variations in conductivity readings. The system provides two measurements:
 - Quadrature (apparent conductivity); and
 - In-phase data (metallic response).
- 4.2. The GEM-2 can acquire data over multiple frequencies, which is equivalent to measuring the earth response from multiple depths (depending on the earth medium targeted). Five frequencies (475 Hertz (Hz), 1525Hz, 5325Hz, 18325Hz, and 63025Hz) were utilised and subsequently analysed at both landfall locations.
- 4.3. The primary focus of the survey was to identify buried metal objects on the beach that might relate to heritage assets. In addition, some success was obtained at mapping variations in silting patterns within the foreshore area. Variations in response might occur where timber structures have influenced the deposition of sediments and could therefore

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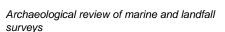
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be used to identify the presence of wood, which may be indicative of wreck material or other wooden structures buried in the sand. Similarly, as ground conductivity is influenced by soil moisture content, an electromagnetic conductivity survey may be used to differentiate between areas of solid sub-strata and sand. This enables some analysis of the former physical topography of the survey area, by identifying former channels or basins in the sub-strata. Identification of these features would help to define areas of archaeological potential within the survey area.

- 4.4. The data were digitally recorded and periodically downloaded to a field computer for quality assurance and preliminary interpretation. At the conclusion of the survey the Geophex GEM-2 data were interpreted and mapped using Terrasurveyor V3.0.32.4 software (DWConsulting), a surface mapping software that allows topographic data to be contoured and presented in a manner that enables the interpretation of sub-surface features.
- 4.5. The illustrations of the landfall geophysical survey data in this report have been produced following analysis of the data in 'raw' and processed formats and over a range of different frequencies. All graphics are displayed using the 475Hz, 5325Hz and 63025Hz frequencies, which have been assessed to most suitably display and interpret the data based on the experience and knowledge of the assessors. The landfall geophysical survey and report were completed in accordance with relevant best practice guidance documents (Gaffney *et al.* 2002; David *et al.* 2008; Bonsall *et al.* 2014; Schmidt *et al.* 2015).

Metal detector and walkover surveys

- 4.6. All identified features and detected finds spots were recorded photographically with a brief description, if deemed necessary. Locations were recorded using a hand-held Garmin GPS and plotted into an AutoCAD base plan. As the surveys were non-intrusive, no finds spots were excavated.
- 4.7. The numeric values displayed on the detector were recorded as, potentially, they can assist in the identification of the type of metal detected, with higher values more likely to be indicative of non-ferrous metals (Minelab 2017: 11).

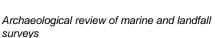




4.8. The purpose of these archaeological assessments is to identify known and potential sites and features of archaeological interest at the two potential landfall locations that might be impacted by the project. Any impacts will then be limited through the adoption of appropriate mitigation measures. Archaeological potential is evaluated through the assessment of the nature and density of known sites in the vicinity of the proposed development.

Marine geophysical assessment method

- 4.9. Geophysical assessment was undertaken utilising the programs Coda Octopus Survey Engine 4.3 and ArcGIS 10.7.1. SSS and SBP data were analysed using the former, with the positions of surface and sub-surface anomalies exported in shapefiles and uploaded into ArcGIS alongside processed magnetometer data provided by Fugro, following the guidelines of Plets et al. (2013). MBES data were provided at a gridded resolution of 1.0m and imported into ArcGIS.
- 4.10. The assessed data comprised two overlapping surveys one for the standard 500m wide CSC, and a second UXO survey with closer line spacing over the proposed cable route. This has resulted in data coverage far exceeding standard recommendations (see Plets et al. 2013), with SSS meeting the 200 percent coverage across the entire survey corridor, and significantly exceeding this when overlapped with the UXO survey. This overlap is also seen in the magnetometer survey, resulting in the successful identification of a number of small linear anomalies including charted and uncharted cable routes. The bathymetry survey exceeded IHO Order 1 specifications.
- 4.11. The geophysical datasets were assessed for anomalies with archaeological potential, with selection based on the presence of multiple lines of evidence (confirming datasets). Anomalies were defined based on their potential to be of archaeological interest, and have been classified using the following criteria:
 - High potential typically identified by multiple geophysical datasets and can be
 positively identified as being an archaeological site (e.g. wreck) or of
 archaeological interest;





- Medium potential typically identified by multiple geophysical datasets, and strongly suggestive of the presence of anthropogenic feature(s) which may be of archaeological interest, but cannot be classified or identified visually (e.g. cannot be positively identified as a wreck);
- Low potential usually identified by a single geophysical dataset (typically magnetics and/or SSS) that suggest a possible anthropogenic feature that may have archaeological significance and that differs in character from those identified as having no potential; or
- No potential geological features such as boulders or known (and often mapped) anthropogenic features such as cables, anchorages etc.
- 4.12. Any known and located historic assets and geophysical anomalies identified as being of high or medium archaeological potential will be protected through the imposition of an archaeological exclusion zone (AEZ) around each asset that may be impacted by the proposed development.
- 4.13. The suggested extent of each AEZ is the radius of a circle centred on the given location and based on the available geophysical data for each anomaly, including the lateral distribution of visible features, extent and direction of scour, and likelihood for debris spread away from the site. They have been designed to encompass all debris / structure visible on the seabed, with an added dimension to adequately protect both potentially buried remains and the potential for mobile debris associated with the direction (and extent) of the scour.
- 4.14. AEZs have been defined following professional recommendations (Dix 2008) and converted into circular AEZs with a defined centre point to encapsulate the required exclusion zone. The extent of the suggested circular AEZ is therefore sufficiently large to encompass the area that would be defined by a polygon, following the procedures outlined in Dix (2008).
- 4.15. The use of a centre point and set radius has been deemed the most robust method when attempting to incorporate AEZs into different vessel navigation systems. This reduces the risk of accidental incursions into AEZs, and possible impacts during site works on



the potential asset within. In accordance with clauses 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 of the Model Clauses (which advocates preservation in situ with the aid of AEZs; The Crown Estate & Wessex Archaeology 2010), the extent of the AEZ is based not only on the perceived archaeological potential of the asset, but also on its extent, if known.

5. RESULTS

Landfall

Portpatrick

5.1. The Portpatrick landfall comprises two small inlets at the bottom of a deep gully, separated by a narrow headland. The beaches are accessed via private land and comprise silty-sand with bands of shingle and large rocks, with large boulders on the periphery. Both beaches are surrounded by a rocky shoreline (Figure 4-5).

Geophysics

5.2. Complimentary in-phase (magnetic susceptibility) and quadrature (conductivity) datasets have been collected at Portpatrick with both recording clear contrast between high conductivity / high magnetic susceptibility within the marine bay (Figure 6-11). The high readings in both datasets correspond to marine beach deposits, with lower, more sporadic readings below these deposits, caused by the underlying wacke geology. Three linear anomalies aligned north-east / south-west have been recorded in the data. These are thought to be existing cables / services.

Walkover and metal detector survey

5.3. The remains of the five reported inshore maritime losses at Portpatrick (*Elizabeth*, CA3_6; Ossier, CA3_7; or the three unknown vessels, CA3_1; CA3_11-12) were not visible at low water, nor was St Kain's Well (see Coracle Archaeology 2020b). A number of sites recorded above MHWS were, however, visited and recorded, including the Glen Cottage standing stone (CA3_45; Figure 12), Ouchtriemakain cave (CA3_46; Figure 13) and the Port Kale cable house (CA3_47; Figure 14; see Coracle Archaeology 2020b). The severed remains of redundant cables were clearly visible protruding from the section at the head of the beach, just below the cable house (Figure 15).

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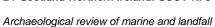


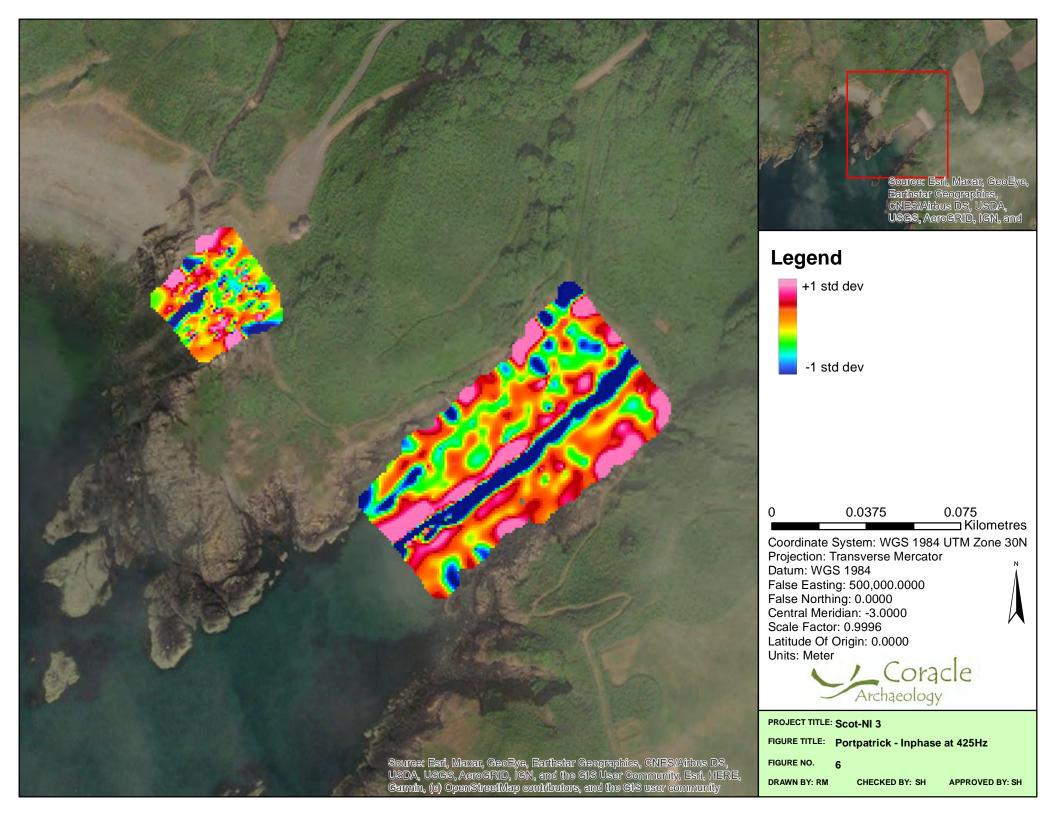


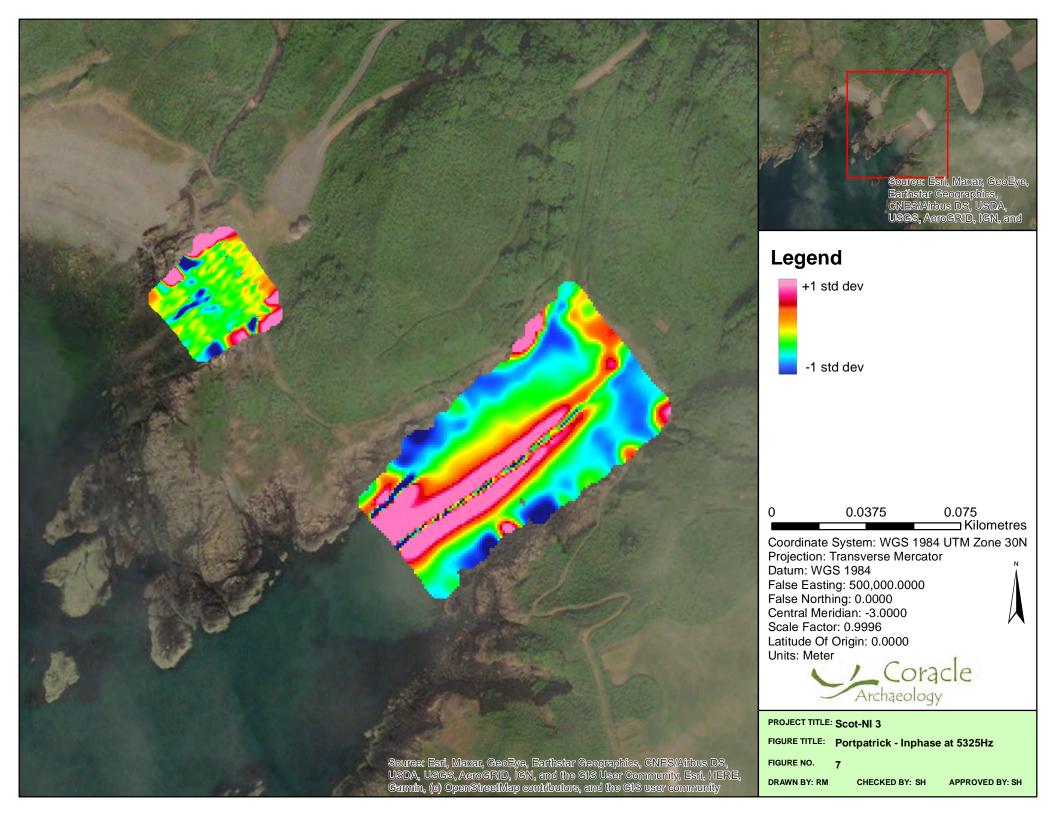


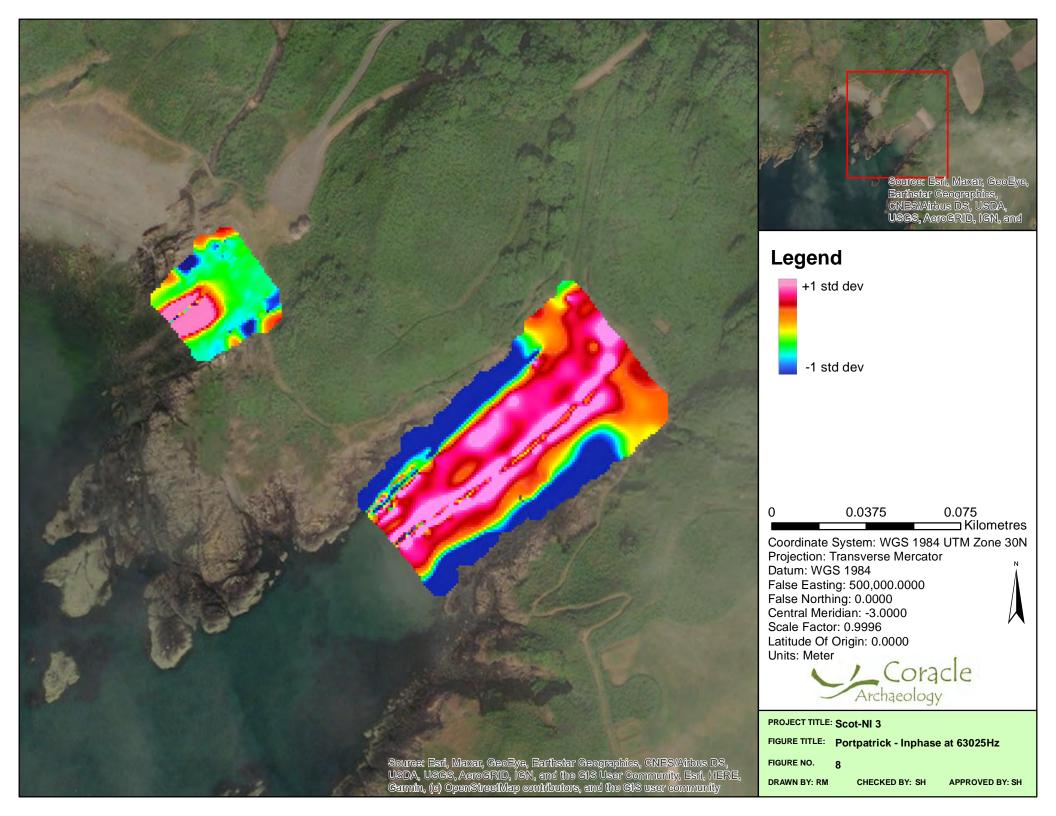
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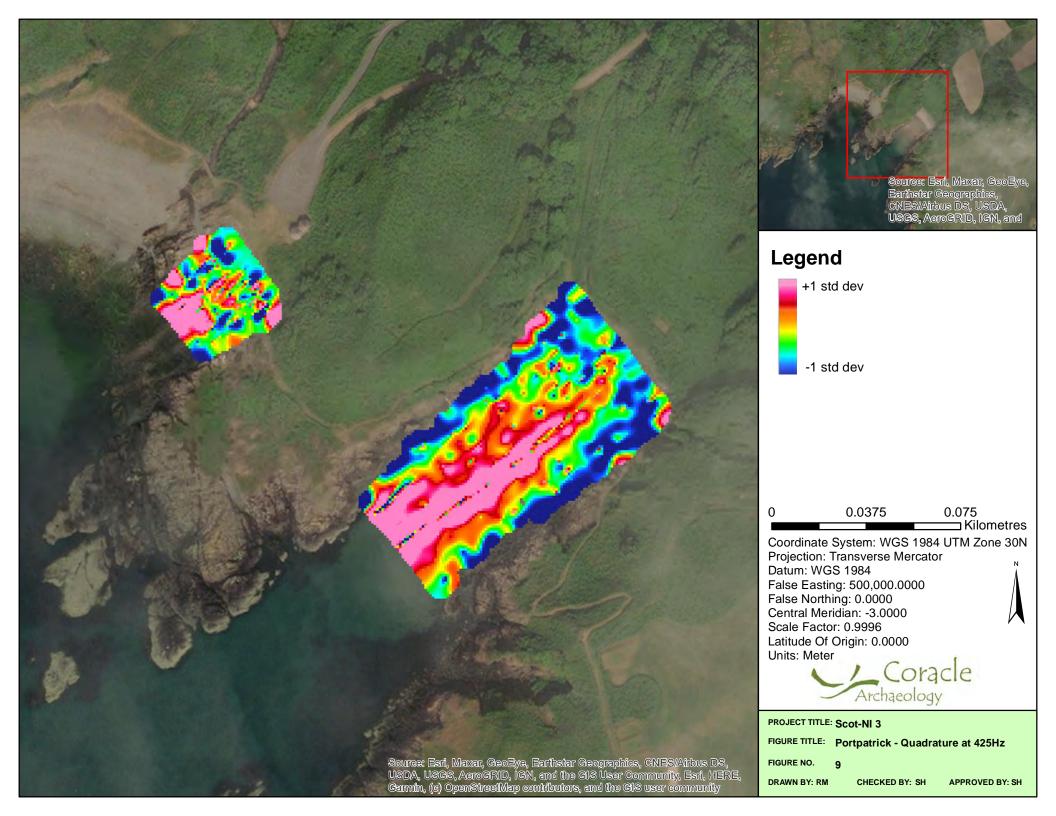


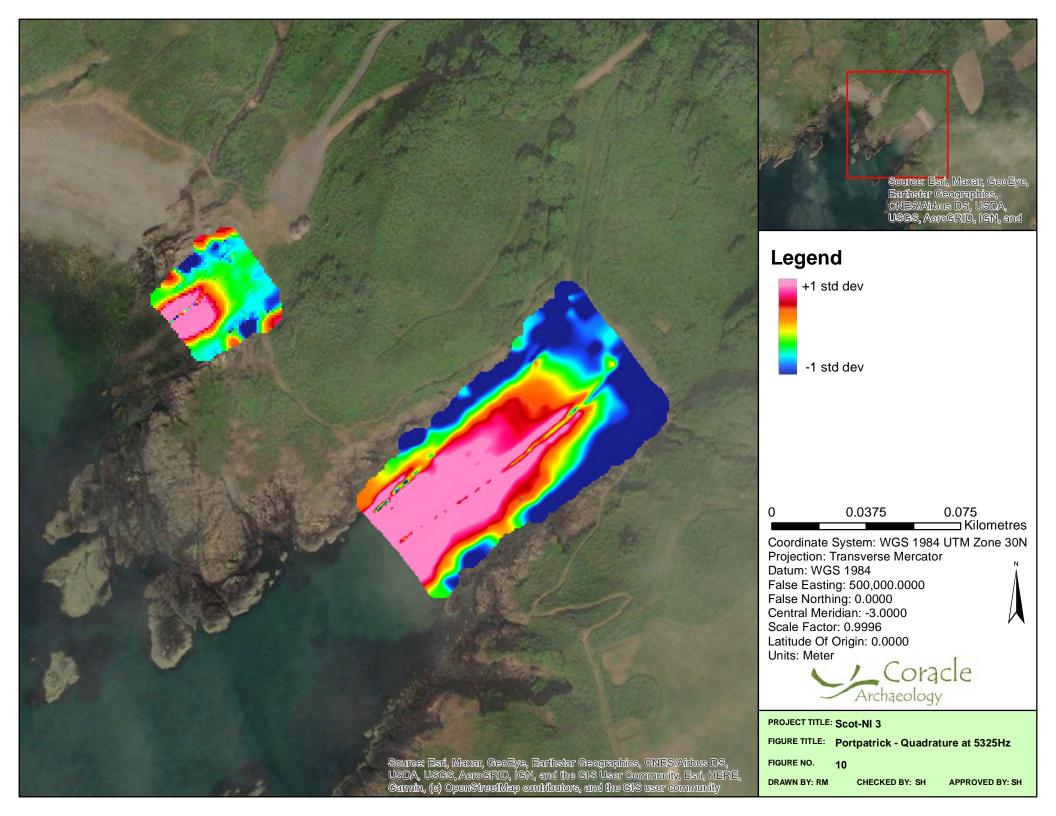
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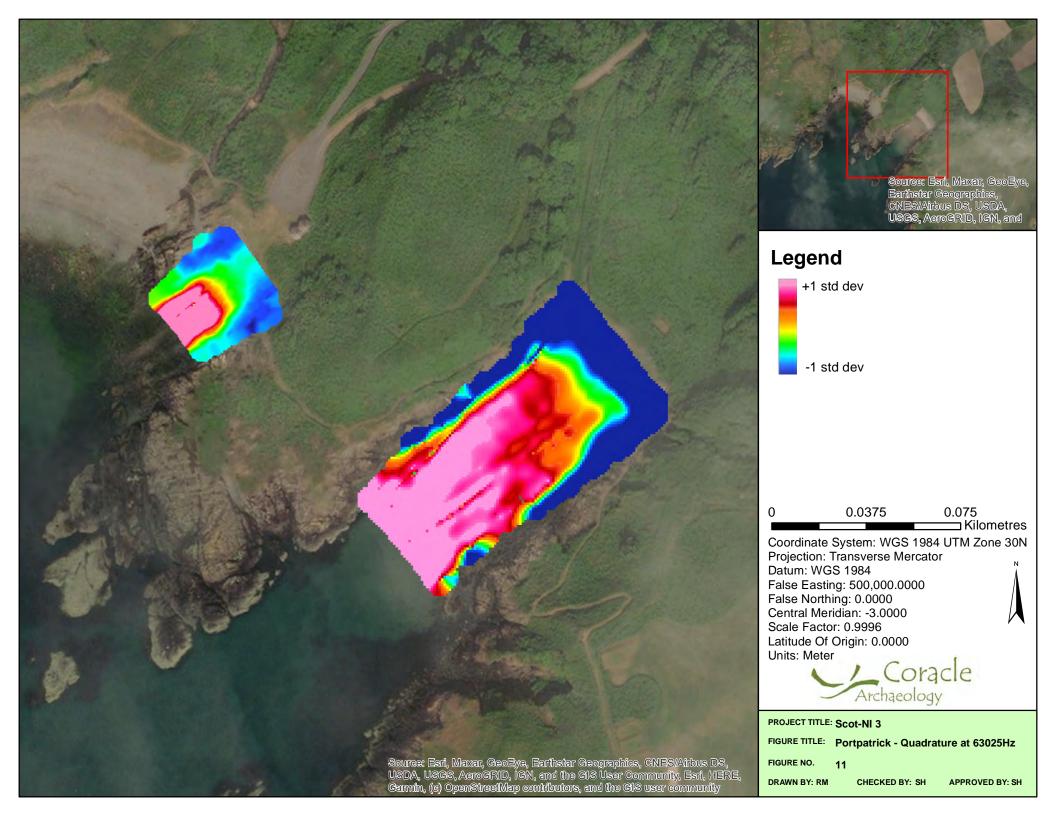






Figure 12 Glen Cottage standing stone



Figure 13 Ouchtriemakain cave

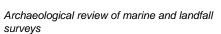




Figure 14 Port Kale cable house



Figure 15 Redundant cables on the beach at Portpatrick





5.4. A potential new site was also recorded on the beach at Portpatrick; it appears to be a stone-built beach shelter or boat house, measuring c. 4.5m x 2m with a height of c. 1.8m (though these dimensions are somewhat narrow for a boat house). Two constructed walls are clearly visible; the end wall retains the shape of the gable-end of a pitched roof. A third rough-hewn wall appears to have been hacked out of the in-situ rock (Figure 16).

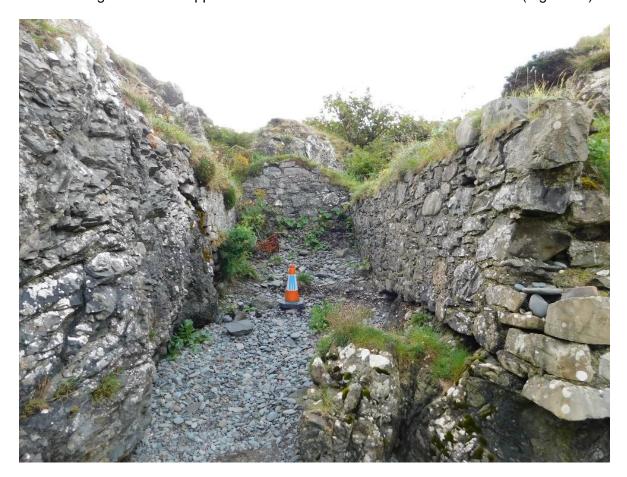
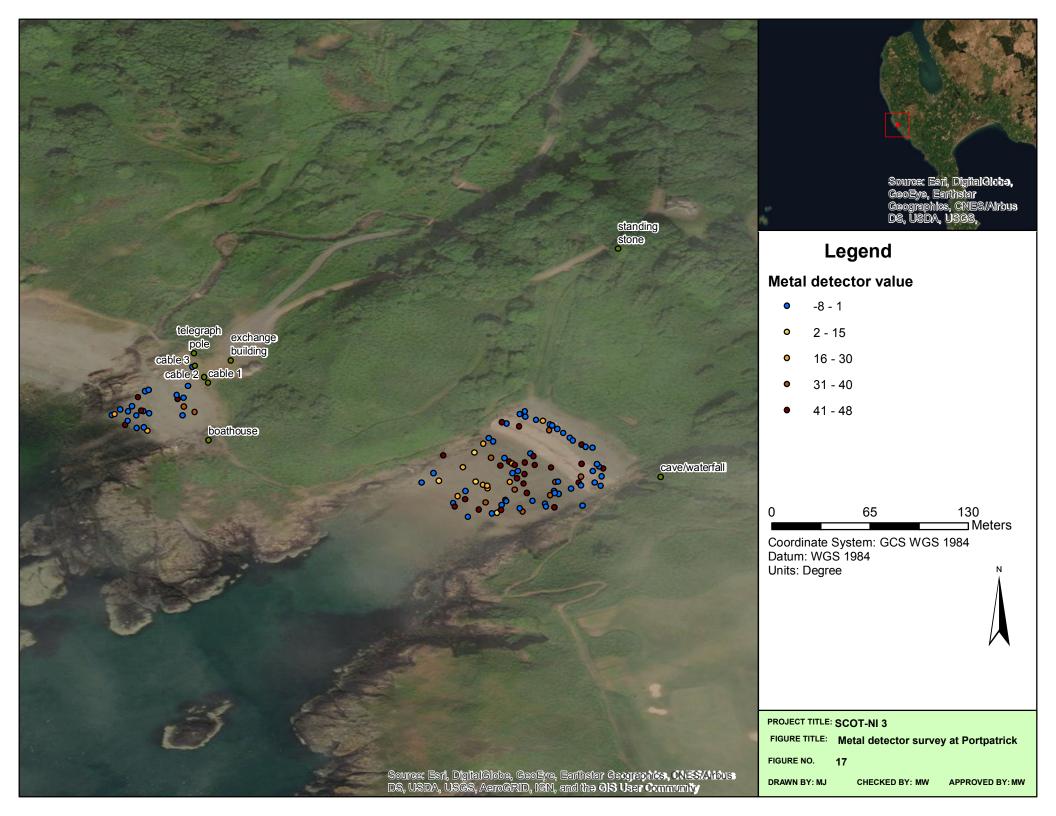
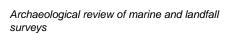


Figure 16 Possible beach-shelter or boat house

5.5. There is no obvious patterning in the distribution of metal-detections at Portpatrick (Figure 17), though the line of detections along the high water mark may be indicative of casual losses driven ashore by the tides. The perpendicular line of higher value detections along the centre of the beach may also mark the location of the buried cable detected in the geophysical survey.







Donaghadee

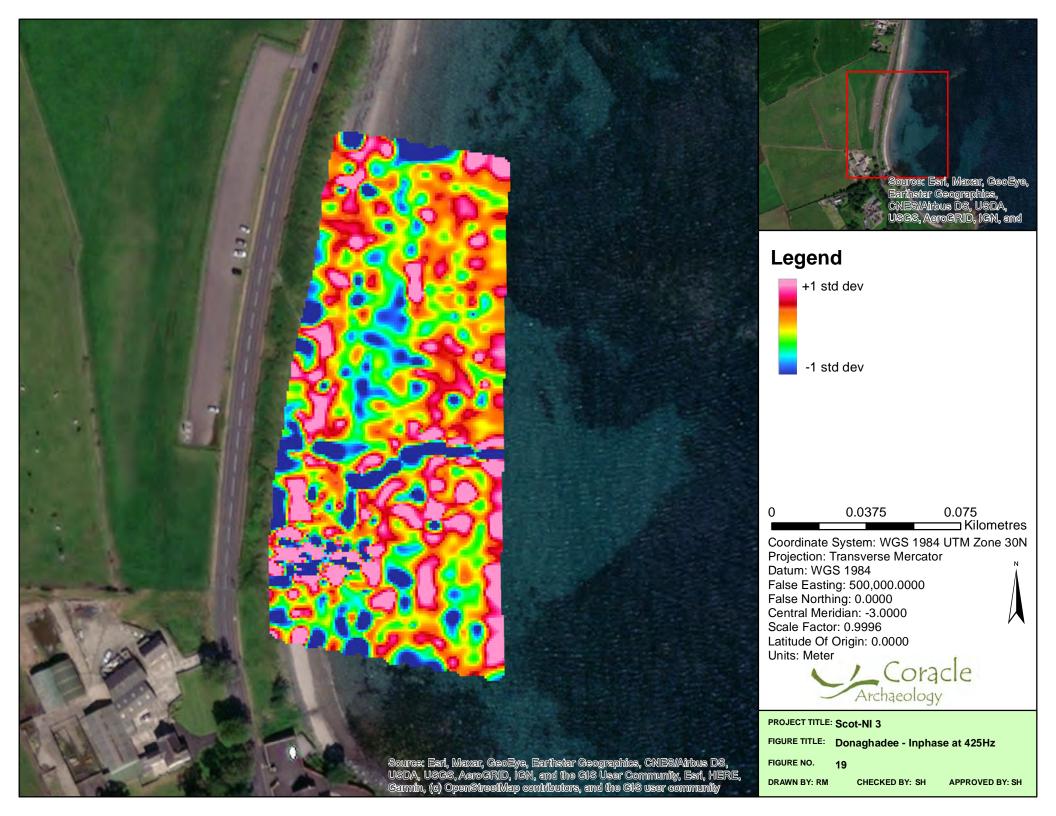
5.6. The beach at Donaghadee is a long, open, sandy strand, strewn with areas of pebbles, seaweed-covered boulders and rocky outcrops, making survey difficult in some areas. A short headland is also present at the southern end of the beach (Figure 18).

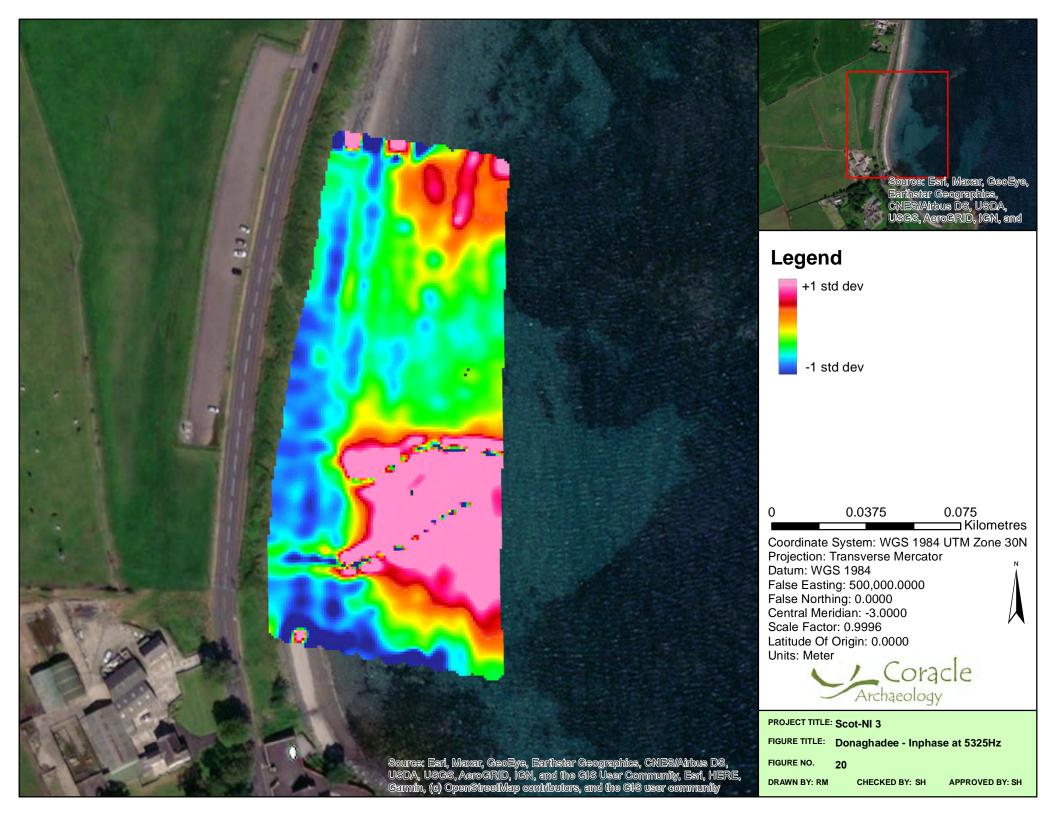


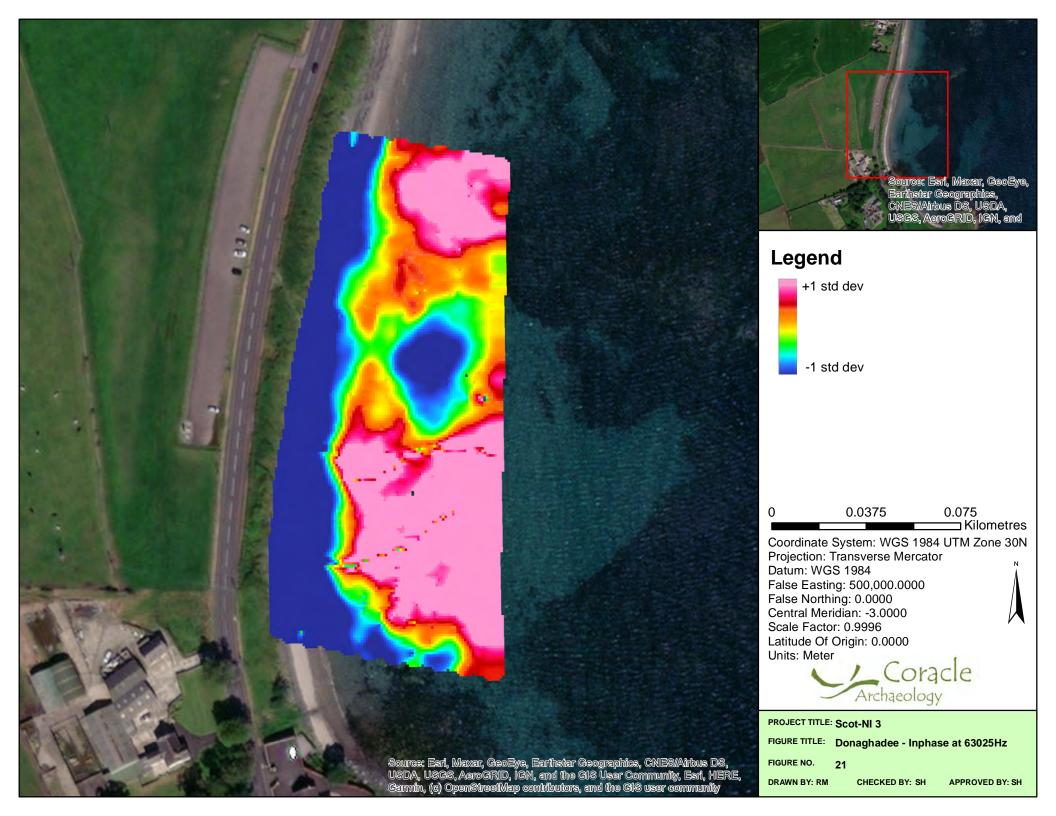
Figure 18 The beach and headland at Donaghadee

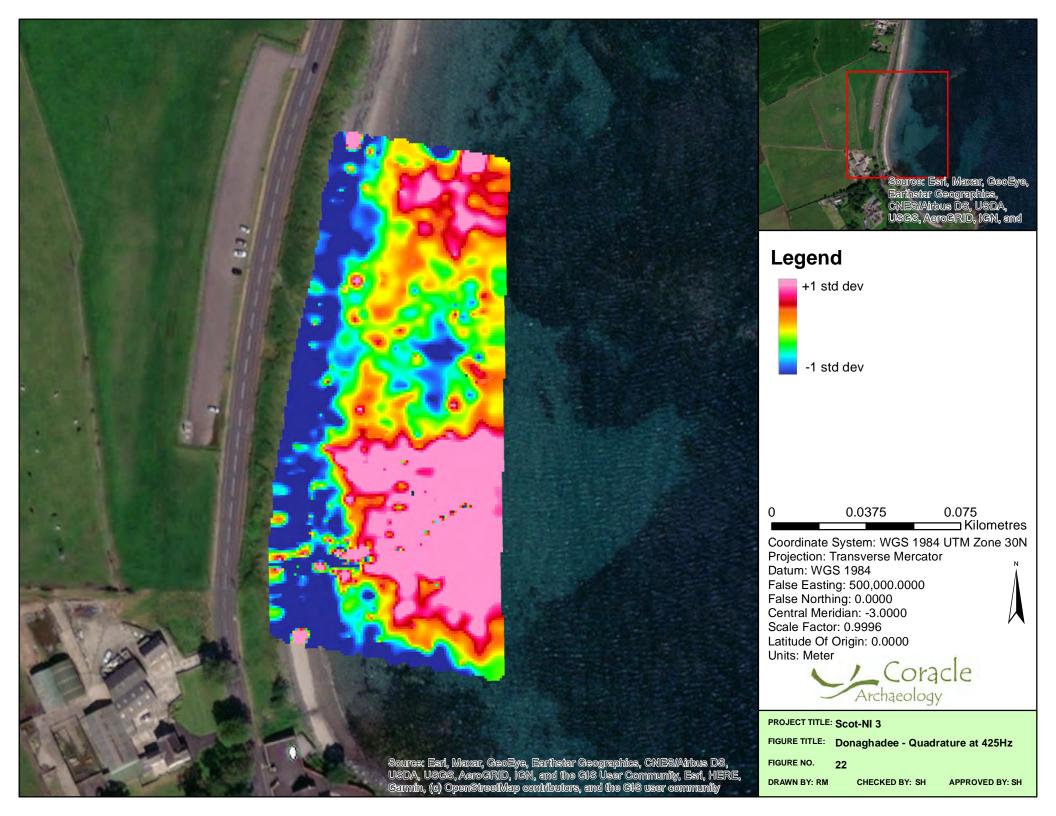
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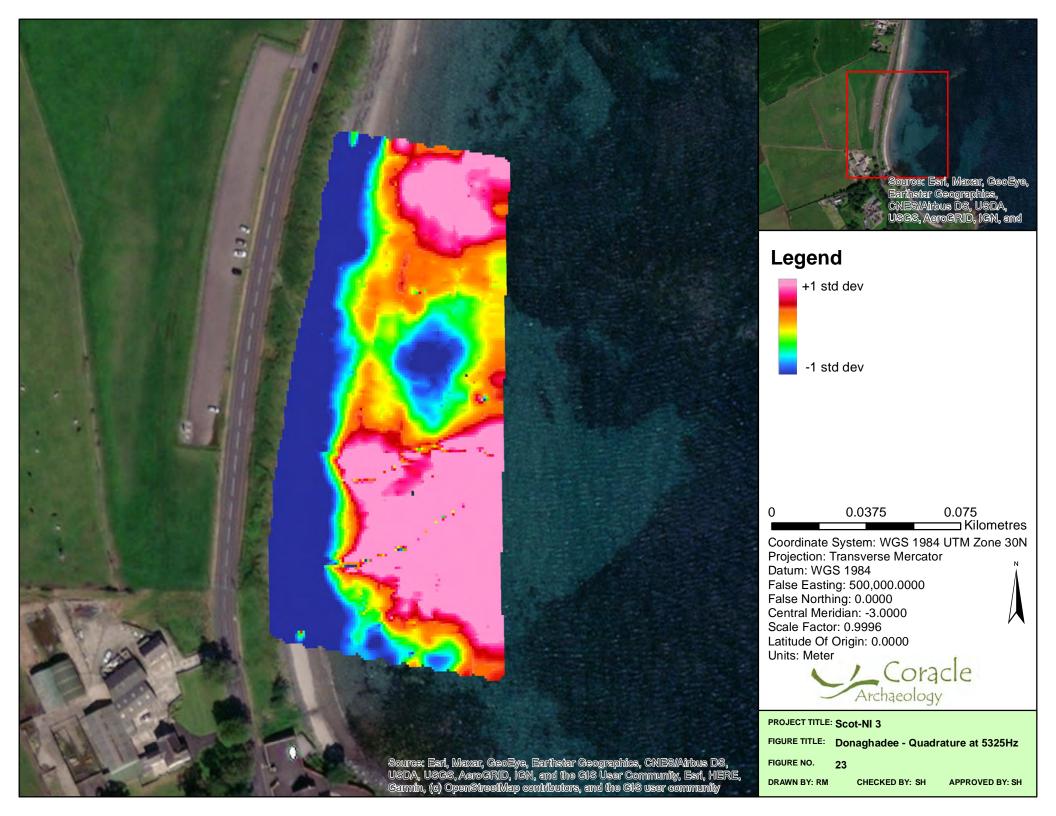
5.7. The geophysical survey datasets in this area have identified two small sinuous linear anomalies in the southern half of the survey area, within an area of high conductivity and magnetic susceptibility (Figure 19-24). These are interpreted as cables or services. It is likely that the high readings are caused by deeper marine deposits or natural silting patterns, rather than bedrock geology in these locations. The lower conductivity and magnetic readings away from the beach are indicative of the bedrock geology closer to the surface.

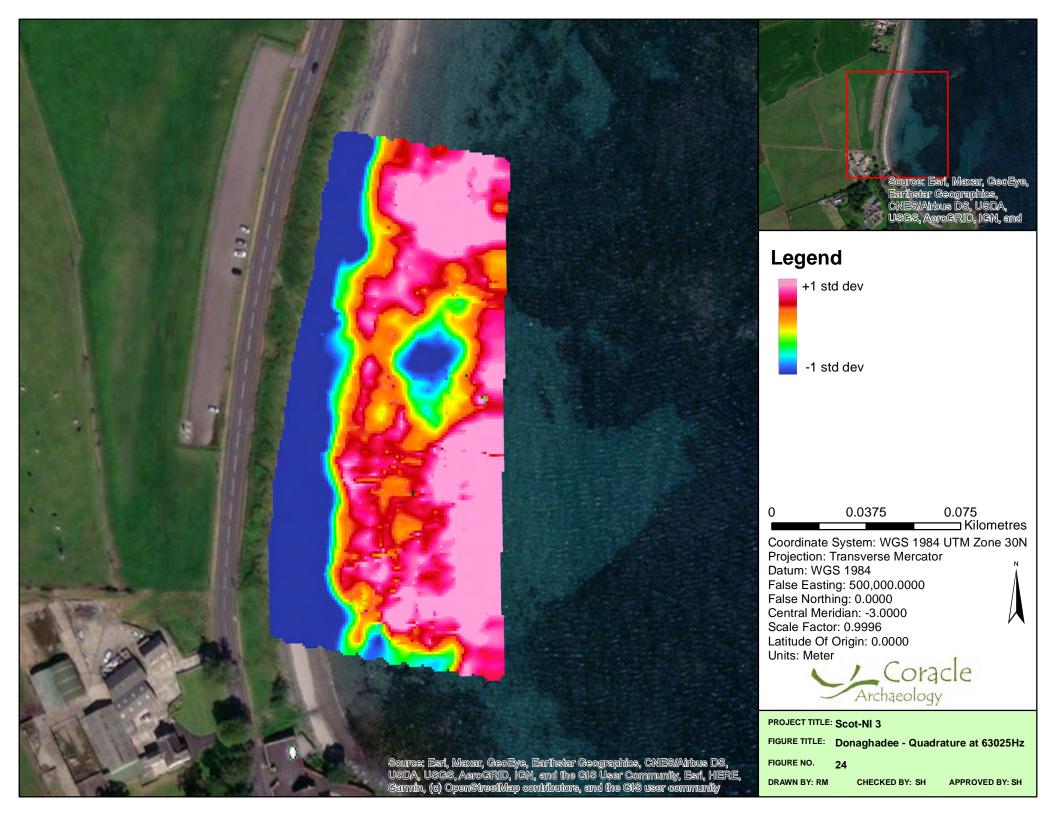


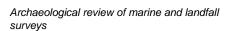














Walkover and metal detector surveys

5.8. No known historic assets were recorded in the Historic Environment Record of Northern Ireland (HERoNI) for the study area, and no features of archaeological potential were observed. Both ceramic building material (CBM) and scrap-metal were scattered across the survey area. The CBM appeared to be largely modern, and its well-rounded nature attests to the dynamic environment of the foreshore (Figure 25).



Figure 25 Well-rounded CBM from Donaghadee beach

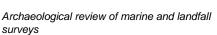






Figure 26 Large monolith on headland south of beach

5.9. A large monolith standing c. 3.6m high is located on the headland to the south of the beach. It appears to be a modern memorial stone (Figure 26) with a damaged inscription reading [R]ICHA[D GUS]TAV[US] HEY[N 18]89 – 1937 (Figure 27). Major Heyn was the last owner of the famous Ulster Steamship Company (geograph.ie/photo/662747 (October 2020)). Further afield, there is a World War II pill-box, located on a hill behind the beach (Figure 28).

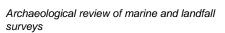






Figure 27 Remaining details of damaged inscription on memorial stone



Figure 28 WW2 pill-box on hill behind beach. The memorial stone is in the foreground



5.10. There is no apparent patterning in the distribution of metal-detections on Donaghadee beach (Figure 29). Detections are numerous, and a significant quantity have high values, indicating non-ferrous metals. This may be indicative of the scrap-metal observed on the surface of the beach.

Marine

- 5.11. Twenty-three geophysical anomalies with archaeological potential were identified (Table 1; Figure 30-51). Of these, two are classified as being of high, and nine of medium archaeological potential (see Figure 52-61). AEZs have been defined for each anomaly considered to be of high or medium archaeological potential, ranging in radius from 10-35m.
- 5.12. Other geophysical anomalies identified in the survey data consisted of boulders, sometimes with associated scour, in areas where bedrock was not exposed on the surface. These anomalies did not have an associated magnetic signature. They are therefore likely to be natural in origin and have no archaeological potential.
- 5.13. A number of in-operation cables were also identified crossing the CSC. Anomalies associated with these cables are not considered further in this archaeological assessment (for more information see Global Marine 2020).

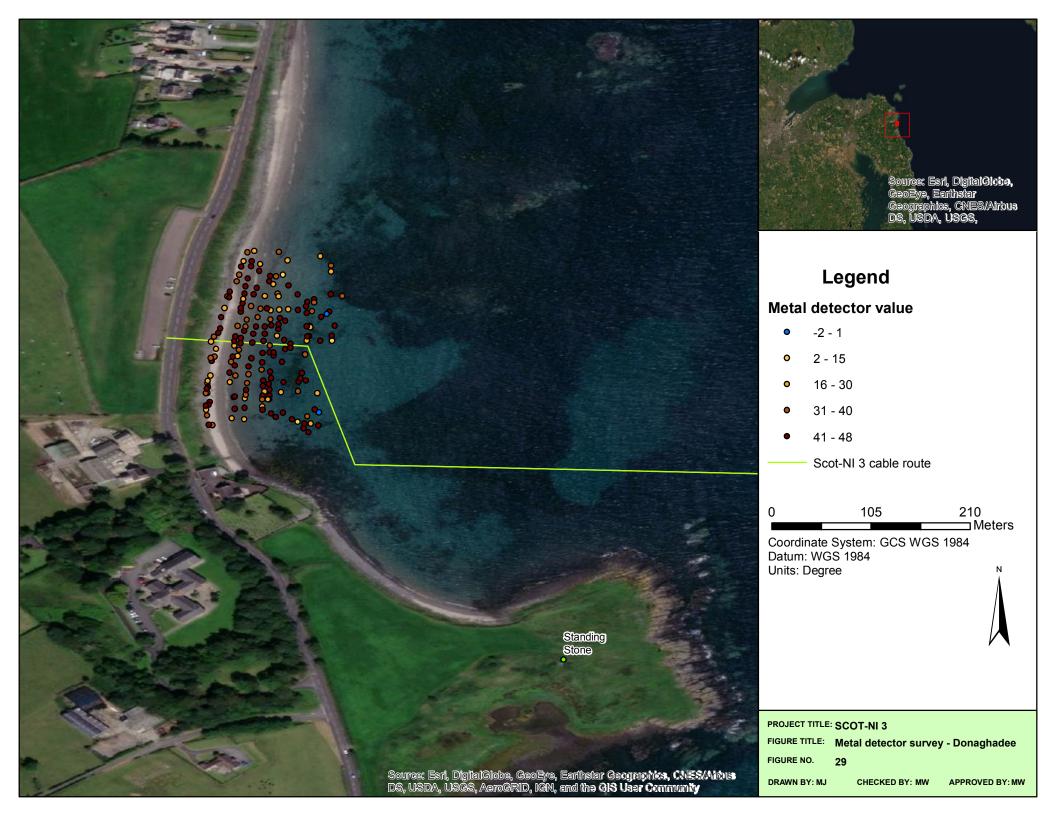




Table 1 Geophysical anomalies within the CSC

CA no.	o. Easting Northing Description		Archaeological Potential	Proposed AEZ Radius	
CA_3001	363093	6080042	SSS anomaly SN3-P-SC0783 (3.2 x 1m) associated with bathymetry depression 5.6 x 2.7x 0.15m	10m	
CA_3002	363003	6079953	Collection of SSS anomalies on the seabed (SN3-P-SC1049-54 and SN3-P-USC0272), each 4-11m in length. Suggest a wide debris spread, with the northernmost SSS anomaly (SN3-P-USC0272) associated with a series of magnetic anomalies up to 227nT (SN3-P-UMC064). Bathymmetry shows two depressions, the southwestern most (centred on SN3-P-SC1051) measures 22 x 33 x 0.2 m, while the northwestern most (centred on SN3-P-USC0272) measures 11 x 13 x 0.4m. Some of these anomalies could relate to the Donaghadee-Portpatrick No6/No7.	High	25m
CA_3003	362974	6079939	Visible shipwreck outline (SSS Anomaly SN3-P-USC0274) measuring 18 x 2.8 x 0.3m, orientated NE-SW, with bow at the NE end. Associated with magnetic anomalies SN3-P-UMC058 (251nT) and SN3-P-MC024 (734nT)	High	18m
CA_3004	362602	6080033	SSS Anomaly SN3-P-SC0994 (7 x 4m) associated with bathymetric feature 7 x 5 x 1.2m. Possible rock or archaeological material	Low	N/A
CA_3005	361790	6076493	Magnetic Anomaly SN3-D-UMC0456 (92nT)	Low	N/A
CA_3006	361798	6076399	Collection of three magnetic anomalies: SN3- D-UMC0356 (125nT), SN3-D-UMC0358 (127nT) and SN3-D-MC0036 (72nT)	Medium	20m
CA_3007	359439	6066163	Cluster of magnetic anomalies SN3-D- UMC0425-31 (10-38nT. No anomalies visible in SSS or bathymetry	Low	N/A
CA_3008	357593	6063621	Magnetic anomalies SN3-D-MC0089 (176nT) and SN3-D-MC0141 (257nT)	Low	N/A
CA_3009	352367	6059105	SSS Anomaly SN3-D-SC0403 (3x2m) associated with Magnetic Anomaly SN3-D- MC0011 (27nT)	Medium	25m
CA_3010	352270	6059275	Magnetic anomalies SN3-D-UMC0144-49 (31-55nT). Single clearly defined SSS anomaly 3 x 2m. No associated bathymetry anomaly	Medium	20m
CA_3011	352686	6059505	Pair of oval depressions, 10 x 7m, visible in SSS and bathymetry. No associated magnetic anomalies	Low	N/A
CA_3012	352159	6059209	SSS anomaly 3 x 1m. No magnetic or bathymetry anomaly	Low	N/A
CA_3013	351415	6058815	SSS anomaly 3 x 1m. No magnetic or bathymetry anomaly	Low	N/A
CA_3014	350161	6059103	Cluster of small (<1m) angular dark SSS reflectors, possibly indicating debris	Low	N/A
CA_3015	347470	6058576	Magnetic anomaly SN3-D-UMC0091 (96nT) associated with a series of linear SSS anomalies, possibly fishing gear, covering an area c. 7x10m.	Medium	20m
CA_3016	346801	6058348	Magnetic anomalies SN3-D-UMC0062 (4nT) and SN3-D-UMC0066 (50nT)	Low	N/A



CA no.	Easting UTM 30N	Northing UTM 30N	Description	Archaeological Potential	Proposed AEZ Radius
CA_3017	345808	6058151	Magnetic anomalies SN3-D-MC0018 (7nT), SN3-D-UMC0053 (8nT) and SN3-D- UMC0054 (19nT)	Low	N/A
CA_3018	345047	6058014	Magnetic anomaly SN3-D-MC0023 (14nT) associated with SSS anomaly SN3-D- SC0885 (3.4 x 3.3 x 2.9m)	Medium	15m
CA_3019	344566	6057880	SSS anomalies SN3-D-SC0878 and SN3-D- SC0879, both linear angular dark reflectors up to 6m in length	Low	N/A
CA_3020	344398	6057662	Magnetic anomaly SN3-D-UMC0042 (146nT)	Low	N/A
CA_3021	344196	6057551	Cluster of magnetic anomalies SN3-D- UMC0030-39 (6-60nT)	Medium	35m
CA_3022	343003	6056531	Magnetic anomaly SN3-D-MC0009 (738nT) associated with bathymetry anomaly measuring 22 x 14 x 2m. Also visible in SSS.	Medium	35m
CA_3023	337556	6055591	Magnetic anomaly SN3-T-UMC074 (166nT) associated with area of rough seabed, possibly associated with debris.	Medium	20m

- 5.14. The marine archaeological DBA for SCOT-NI 3 recorded 17 sites of cultural heritage interest within the CSC, including 16 wrecking incidents (Table 2). The majority of these appear to be reports of losses rather than the exact location of known wreck sites (see Coracle Archaeology 2020b); no corresponding anomalies were visible in the marine geophysics survey data at, or in the vicinity of, the reported locations.
- 5.15. A series of linear anomalies are visible on the seabed surface in the MBES data (CA_3002; Figure 53), indicative of scour around an upstanding feature; some are also associated with magnetic anomalies. The origin of these features is unclear, but is likely to represent a scatter of debris on the seabed. It is possible that this is an exposed section of the Donaghadee Portpatrick Nos 6 and 7 telecommunications cable, though the area over which these features are visible would suggest that it is not the exposure of a single cable. It may represent the exposure of earlier Donaghadee-Portpatrick Anglo-Irish cables: the original cable was laid in 1870 (No. 1), with further cables laid in 1893 (No. 2), 1922 (No. 3), 1937 (No. 4 and 5) and 1950 (6 and 7). The possibility that these linear anomalies are indicative of a previously uncharted wreck-site cannot, however, be discounted.

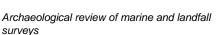




Table 2 Known historic assets within the CSC

CA no.	Name	Туре	Date	Status	UTM 30N Easting	UTM 30N Northing
CA3_1	Unknown	Wreck	1775	Unknown	363093	6080110
CA3_1	OTIKHOWIT				362309	6078900
CA3_2	Goodintent	Wreck	1799	Unknown	363093	6080110
CA3_3	Deveonshire	Wreck	1810	Unknown	361808	6078990
CA3_4	James	Wreck	1811	Unknown	361807	6078990
CA3_5	Mary	Wreck	1820	Unknown	363089	6080310
CA3_6	Elizabeth	Wreck	1858	Unknown	362990	6080210
CA3_6					361807	6078990
CA3_7	Ossier	Wreck	1866	Unknown	360251	6069070
CA3_1	Ossiei				361808	6078990
CA3_8	Mauritus	Wreck	1872	Unknown	361809	6078990
CA3_9	Elizabeth & Ann	Wreck	1879	Unknown	361809	6078990
CA3_10	Norseman	Wreck	19thc	Unknown	361808	6078990
CA3_11	Unknown	Wreck	19thc	Unknown	362798	6079710
CA3_12	Unknown	Wreck	19thc	Unknown	361809	6078990
CA3_13	Perseverance	Wreck	19thc	Unknown	361807	6078990
CA3_14	Unknown	Wreck	1943	Unknown	363093	6080110
CA3_15	Phasma	Wreck	19th- 20thc	Unknown	363207	6080330
CA3_16	Morning star	Wreck	20thc	Unknown	363093	6080110
CA3_17	St Kain's well	Monument	1893	Unknown	362309	6078900

- 5.16. A clearly defined vessel hull is also visible in the geophysical datasets, measuring c. 18m in length with a visible beam of c. 3m (CA_3003; Figure 53). The site lies perpendicular to the coast, with the bow pointing towards Portpatrick. No known wreck site was identified in the DBA at this location (Coracle Archaeology 2020b), though the archives of Historic Environment Scotland tentatively record an unknown wreck (CA3_1) and the wreck of the *Deveonshire* (CA3_3) is some 210m NNE of this anomaly. Another unknown wreck (CA3_14) is recorded c. 290m SW of CA_3003.
- 5.17. It is important to note that the wreck is lying parallel to the cable route. An AEZ of 18m radius is therefore deemed appropriate, ensuring a minimum 15m clearance on all sides. Figure 53 illustrates the AEZ in relation to that given to **CA_3002**; the two AEZs



combined provide added protection to the wreck site. There is no evidence to suggest that debris from the wreck has been dragged away from the site.

5.18. No further wreck sites were identified within the CSC during the review of marine geophysical survey data. This, combined with the paucity and tentative nature of the loss reports described in the DBA (Coracle Archaeology 2020b), suggests that the potential for encountering unexpected cultural remains is low, although given the historic density of marine activity in this area, the potential may be better categorised as moderate.

Submerged palaeo-landscapes

- 5.19. The stratigraphic sequence outlined in the DBA (Coracle Archaeology 2020b) was confirmed by the SBP and geotechnical data. In the nearshore area at Portpatrick, the sedimentary sequence consists of sandy gravels or gravelly sands over the glacial till; the thickness of these superficial deposits varies between 1-2m to less than 0.5m where near-surface till is exposed. This pattern of generally <1m of gravelly sand / sand over till continues offshore.</p>
- 5.20. A similar pattern is seen at Donaghadee, where exposed near-surface rock is intersected by a palaeo-channel along the line of the CSC, with 1-2m of sandy gravel over the rock. The palaeo-channel is filled with marine sands and thus holds no palaeo-environmental potential. Circa 1.5km beyond the landfall, the rock is overlain by glacial till, which in turn is overlain by a continuation of the near-surface gravelly-sand or clayey-sand, thinning to <1m.</p>
- 5.21. No features with archaeological potential are visible (e.g. palaeo-channels with fine-grained/ organic deposits) in the SBP data from the proposed route of SCOT-NI 3. The potential for submerged palaeo-landscape features along the CSC is therefore deemed to be low.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Landfall

6.1. Five linear anomalies were identified in the geophysical survey data collected at the landfall locations; three at Portpatrick, and two at Donaghadee. These are indicative of



the presence of buried services or cables. No anomalies of archaeological potential were identified in the non-intrusive survey data.

6.2. Walkover surveys successfully identified and evaluated known heritage assets recorded in the DBA (Coracle Archaeology 2020b). One potential new feature, a stone-built beachshelter or boat house, was identified at Portpatrick.

Marine

- 6.3. The marine geophysical survey data for the proposed SCOT-NI 3 route has been assessed for features containing archaeological potential. Twenty-three geophysical anomalies with archaeological potential have been identified within the CSC, with two highlighted as possible wreck sites. AEZs have been defined for all anomalies considered to be of high or medium archaeological potential.
- 6.4. There are no sub-bottom palaeo-landscape features of archaeological potential visible within the available datasets.



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