

# AA.B4 BALTIC PHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY NO MACROSCOPIC BIOTIC STRUCTURES

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## TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic bottoms in the photic zone with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. No macrovegetation, no macro-epi- or infauna

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Salinity range: all; Exposure range: all; Depth range: photic zone

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

## ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

### **HELCOM 1998:**

2.3 Hard clay bottoms

2.3.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.3.2.1 Bottoms with little or no macrophytevegetation