

AB.A2 BALTIC APHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS CHARACTERIZED BY SPARSE MACROSCOPIC EPIBENTHIC STRUCTURES

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic bottoms in the aphotic zone with at least 90 % coverage of rock, boulders or stones of more than 63 mm in diameter. Coverage of sessile macroscopic epifauna is 0><10%.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Salinity range: all; Exposure range: all; Depth range: below photic zone - more common in the deep.

MAPPING ADVISE (HABITAT DELINEATION, IDENTIFICATION, SIMILAR TYPES)

Areas with at least 90 % coverage of rock, boulders and/or stones of more than 63 mm in diameter within the aphotic zone. Coverage of sessile macroscopic epifauna is 0><10%.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

HELCOM 1998:

2.1Rocky bottoms

2.1.1Aphotic zone

2.2Stony bottoms

2.2.1 Aphotic zone