

AB.B1V BALTIC APHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY MIXED EPIBENTHIC MACROCOMMUNITY

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic aphotic zone bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. No perennial attached erect group has ≥ 10 % coverage.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is hard clay. Typically high energy exposure areas.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

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2.3 Hard clay bottoms

2.3.1 Aphotic zone