

# **AA.A Baltic photic rock and boulders**

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## **Textual description**

Baltic bottoms in the photic zone with at least 90 % coverage of rock, boulders or stones of more than 63 mm in diameter.

## **Physical environment**

Salinity range: all; Exposure range: more common in exposed areas; Depth range: photic zone - more common in the shallow.

## **Characteristic species**

Attached algae and animals.

## **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 photic zone.

## **Quality descriptors**

The amount of opportunistic algae species

## **Geographic range**

Whole Baltic Sea

## **Correspondence with other classification systems**

**HELCOM 1998:**

2.1 Rocky bottoms

2.1.1 Soft rock

2.1.1.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.1.2 Solid rock (bedrock)

2.1.2.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.2 Stony bottoms

2.2.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.2.3 Hydrolittoral

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A3.4 : Baltic exposed infralittoral rock

A3.5 : Baltic moderately exposed infralittoral rock

A3.6 : Baltic sheltered infralittoral rock