

AA.B2 BALTIC PHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY SPARSE MACROSCOPIC EPIBENTHIC BIOTIC STRUCTURES

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic bottoms in the photic zone with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. 0 > < 10 % coverage of macroscopic vegetation or sessile macroscopic epifauna.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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

QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

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2.3 Hard clay bottoms

2.3.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.3.2.1 Bottoms with little or no macrophytevegetation