

AB.B4 BALTIC APHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY NO MACROSCOPIC BIOTIC STRUCTURES

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

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

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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

MAPPING ADVISE (HABITAT DELINEATION, IDENTIFICATION, SIMILAR TYPES)

Aphotic zone areas which form a mosaic of both hard and soft substrata. No macro- epi- or infauna.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

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2.3 Hard clay bottoms

2.3.1 Aphotic zone