# AB.B4U BALTIC APHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY NO MACROCOMMUNITY

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## **TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION**

Baltic aphotic zone bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. No macro-epi-orinfauna.

#### PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is hard clay. Typically high energy exposure areas.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC RANGE**

Whole Baltic Sea

#### ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

**HELCOM 1998:** 

2.3Hard clay bottoms

2.3.1 Aphotic zone