

# AA.A1H1 BALTIC PHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS DOMINATED BY CRUSTOSE MOSS ANIMALS (*ELECTRA CRUSTULENTA*)

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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. Epibenthic moss animals cover at least 10% of the seabed, and more than other perennial attached erect groups. Out of the attached epibenthic moss animals *Electra crustulenta* constitutes at least 50 % in volume or biomass.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is rock and/or boulders. Salinity range: all

## CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

*Electra crustulenta*

## QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna.

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

### HELCOM 1998:

2.1.1.2.1 Sublittoral level soft rock bottoms with little or no macrophyte vegetation

2.1.2.2.1 Sublittoral level stony bottoms with little or no macrophyte vegetation

### EUNIS 2012:

A3.4 : Baltic exposed infralittoral rock

A3.5 : Baltic moderately exposed infralittoral rock

A3.6 : Baltic sheltered infralittoral rock