

AA.A1H2 BALTIC PHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS DOMINATED BY ERECT MOSS ANIMALS (*FLUSTRA FOLIACEA*)

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic photic zone bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of rock or boulders. 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, *Flustra foliacea* constitutes at least 50 % in volume or biomass.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is rock and/or boulders.

CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

Flustra foliacea

QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Southern 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