

AA.A4U BALTIC PHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS CHARACTERIZED BY NO MACROCOMMUNITY

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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. Sessile/semi-sessile epibenthic vegetation or macrofauna is not present.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Salinity range: All; Exposure range: all, more common in exposed areas; Depth range: photic zone

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

HELCOM 1998:

2.1 Rocky bottoms

2.1.1 Soft rock

2.1.1.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.1.1.2.1 Level bottoms with little or no macrophytevegetation

2.1.2 Solid rock (bedrock)

2.1.2.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.1.2.2.1 Level bottoms with little or no macrophytevegetation

2.2 Stony bottoms

2.2.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.2.2.1 Level 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