

# AA.B1 BALTIC PHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY MACROSCOPIC EPIBENTHIC BIOTIC STRUCTURES

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## TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic bottoms in the photic zone with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. Macroscopic vegetation or sessile macroscopic epifauna cover  $\geq 10$  % of the substrate.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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

## QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna.

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

## ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

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2.3 Hard clay bottoms

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