

# AA.B1V BALTIC PHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY MIXED EPIBENTHIC MACROCOMMUNITY

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## TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic photic zone bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. No perennial attached erect group has  $\geq 10$  % coverage.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is hard clay. Depth range: photic zone. Typically high energy exposure areas.

## QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna.

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

## ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

### HELCOM 1998:

2.3 Hard clay bottoms

2.3.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.3.2.1 Bottoms with little or no macrophyte vegetation