

AA.B4U BALTIC PHOTIC HARD CLAY CHARACTERIZED BY NO MACROCOMMUNITY

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic photic zone bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of hard clay. Epibenthic macrovegetation or -fauna is not present.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

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2.3 Hard clay bottoms

2.3.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.3.2.1 Bottoms with little or no macrophyte vegetation