

# AA.H1E3 BALTIC PHOTIC MUDDY SEDIMENT DOMINATED BY VALVE SNAILS (*VALVATA SPP.*)

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## TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic photic zone bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of muddy sediment. The sediment must contain at least 20 % of mud, silt or clay (grain size less than 63 µm). Epibenthic bivalves cover at least 10% of the seabed, and more than other perennial attached erect groups. Out of the epibenthic bivalves valve snails (*Valvata spp.*) constitute at least 50 % of the biomass.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is muddy sediment.

## CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

*Valvata spp.*

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

HELCOM 1998:

2.7 Muddy bottoms

2.7.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.7.2.1 With little or no macrophyte vegetation

EUNIS 2012:

A5 Sublittoral sediment

A5.3 Sublittoral mud

A5.31 Sublittoral mud in low or reduced salinity

A5.311 Baltic brackish water sublittoral muddy biocenoses influenced by varying salinity

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