

AA.J1B6 BALTIC PHOTIC SAND DOMINATED BY *RANUNCULUS SPP.*

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic bottoms in the photic zone with at least 90 % coverage of sand. Sand has less than 20 % of mud/silt/clay fraction (<63 µm), and the proportion of sand (grain size 0.063–2 mm) exceeds 70% of the combined gravel and sand fraction. Submerged rooted plants, including plants with rhizoids (i.e. Charales) cover at least 10 % of the seabed, and more than other perennial attached erect groups. Out of the submerged rooted plants, *Ranunculus* spp. constitutes at least 50 % of the biovolume.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Salinity range: <5 psu; Exposure range: extremely sheltered; Depth range: from 0.2 to about 4 meters

CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

Ranunculus peltatus subsp. *baudotii*

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Anchorage and construction in sheltered bays and lagoons

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

HELCOM 1998:

2.5 Sandy bottoms

2.5.2 Sublittoral photic zone

2.5.2.2 Level bottoms dominated by macrophyte vegetation

EUNIS 2012:

A5 Sublittoral sediment

A5.5 Sublittoral macrophyte-dominated sediment

A5.54 Angiosperm communities in reduced salinity

A5.543 Vegetation of brackish waters dominated by [*Ranunculus baudotii*]

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