

AB.A BALTIC APHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS

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TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

Baltic bottoms in the aphotic zone with at least 90 % coverage of rock, boulders or stones of more than 63 mm in diameter.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Salinity range: All; Exposure range: All; Depth range: Below photic zone - more common in the shallow.

CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

Blue mussels (*Mytilus spp.*), hydroids (Hydrozoa), barnacles (Balanidae)

MAPPING ADVISE (HABITAT DELINEATION, IDENTIFICATION, SIMILAR TYPES)

Areas with at least 90 % coverage of rock, boulders and/or stones of more than 63 mm in diameter within the aphotic zone

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

HELCOM 1998:

2.1 Rocky bottoms

2.1.1 Aphotic zone

2.2 Stony bottoms

2.2.1 Aphotic zone

EUNIS 2012:

A3.4 : Baltic exposed infralittoral rock

A3.5 : Baltic moderately exposed infralittoral rock

A3.6 : Baltic sheltered infralittoral rock

