

# AB.A1H2 BALTIC APHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS DOMINATED BY ERECT MOSS ANIMALS (*FLUSTRA FOLIACEAE*)

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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. Epibenthic moss animals cover at least 10% of the seabed and more than other perennial attached erect groups. Out of the epibenthic moss animals, erect moss animals constitute at least 50 % of the biomass.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is rock and/or boulders.

## CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

*Flustra foliaceae*

## QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Southern Baltic Sea

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

### **HELCOM 1998:**

- 2.1 Rocky bottoms
  - 2.1.1 Soft rock
    - 2.1.1.1 Aphotic zone
  - 2.1.2 Solid rock
    - 2.1.2.1 Aphotic zone
- 2.2 Stony bottoms
  - 2.2.1 Aphotic zone