

# AB.A1V BALTIC APHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDER CHARACTERIZED BY MIXED EPIBENTHIC MACROCOMMUNITY

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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. No perennial attached erect group has  $\geq 10$  % coverage.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is rock and boulders. Depth is typically 20 meters and deeper.

## QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

Diversity, abundance and biomass of fauna.

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

## ANTHROPOGENIC THREATS

Eutrophication

## 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