

AB.A4U BALTIC APHOTIC ROCK AND BOULDERS CHARACTERIZED BY NO 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. Sessile/semi-sessile epibenthic fauna is not present.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Substrate is rock and boulders.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Whole Baltic Sea

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

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2.1 Rocky bottoms

2.1.1 Aphotic zone

2.2 Stony bottoms

2.2.1 Aphotic zone