

# **AB.G Baltic aphotic peat bottoms**

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## **Textual description**

Baltic bottoms in the aphotic zone with at least 90 % coverage of peat bottoms

## **Physical environment**

Salinity range: (7.5-18 psu); exposure range: All; Depth range: Aphotic zone

## **Characteristic species**

No macrophytes

## **Mapping advise (habitat delineation, identification, similar types)**

Subfossile substrata laid bare by currents.

## **Quality descriptors**

Size of area

## **Geographic range**

Southern Baltic Sea

## **Anthropogenic threats**

Dredging, construction, eutrophication, other pollution, coastal defense

## **Correspondence with other classification systems**

### **HELCOM 1998:**

2.11 Peat bottoms

2.11.1 Sublittoral peat bottoms

### 2.11.2 Hydrolittoral peat bottoms