

# AB.H Baltic aphotic muddy sediment

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## Textual description

Baltic bottoms in the aphotic zone with at least 90 % coverage of muddy sediment. The sediment must contain at least 20 % of mud, silt or clay (grain size less than 63 µm).

## Physical environment

Salinity range: All; Exposure range: All; Depth range: Below photic zone - more common in deeper areas.

## Characteristic species

*Macoma balthica*, *Marenzelleria* spp.

## Geographic range

Whole Baltic Sea

## Correspondence with other classification systems

### HELCOM 1998:

2.7 Muddy bottoms

2.7.1 Aphotic zone

### EUNIS 2012:

A5 Sublittoral sediment

A5.3 Sublittoral mud

A5.37 Deep circalittoral mud

A5.378 Baltic muddy bottoms of the aphotic zone

<http://eunis.eea.europa.eu/habitats/2588>

