

# **AB.I1V Baltic aphotic coarse sediment characterized by mixed epibenthic macrocommunitiy**

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## **Textual description**

Balticaphotic bottoms with at least 90 % coverage of coarse sediment. Coarse sediment has less than 20 % of mud/silt/clay fraction (<63 µm), and the proportion of gravel and pebbles (grain size 2–63 mm) exceeds 30% of the combined gravel and sand fraction . No perennial attached erect group has ≥ 10 % coverage.

## **Physical environment**

Substrate is coarse sediment. Depth below approximately 30 m. Appears in high energy exposure areas.

## **Geographic range**

Whole Baltic Sea

## **Correspondence with other classification systems**

### **HELCOM 1998:**

2.4 Gravel bottoms

2.4.1 Aphotic zone

### **EUNIS 2012:**

A5 Sublittoral sediment

A5.1 Sublittoral coarse sediment

A5.11 Infralittoral coarse sediment in low or reduced salinity

A5.114 : Baltic gravel bottoms of the aphotic zone

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