

# AB.J Baltic aphotic sand

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## Textual description

Baltic bottoms in the aphotic zone with at least 90 % coverage of sand. Sand has less than 20 % of mud/silt/clay fraction (<63 µm), and the proportion of sand (grain size 0.063–2 mm) exceeds 70 % of the combined gravel and sand fraction.

## Physical environment

Salinity range: all; Exposure range: all; Depth range: below photic zone - more common in the shallow.

## Geographic range

Whole Baltic Sea

## Correspondence with other classification systems

### HELCOM 1998:

2.5 Sandy bottoms

2.5.1 Aphotic zone

### EUNIS 2012:

A5 Sublittoral sediment

A5.2 Sublittoral sand

A5.27 Deep circalittoral sand

A5.273 Baltic sandy bottoms of the aphotic zone

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