A4.2x Pontic barren circalittoral rock

Summary

The habitat is present in the Black Sea and perhaps in the Sea of Marmara. The circalittoral rock starts at the lower limit of the distribution of photophilic algae and ends where the circalittoral rocky substrate gives way to sediments. This habitat is characterised by a complete lack of algal and faunal species. No pressures or threats have been identified for this habitat. No current conservation measures have been identified for this habitat. Conservation and management measures which would benefit this habitat concern maintaining physical integrity, including pollution control and regulation.

Synthesis

Detailed information on the abundance and extent of this habitat is lacking. Information on the quantity and quality of this habitat including historical or recent trends is unknown. For the purposes of Red List assessment this habitat is considered to be Data Deficient.

Overall Category & Criteria			
EU 28		EU 28+	
Red List Category	Red List Criteria	Red List Category	Red List Criteria
Data Deficient	-	Data Deficient	-

Sub-habitat types that may require further examination

None

Habitat Type

Code and name

A4.2x Pontic barren circalittoral rock

There are currently no photographs of this habitat available.

Habitat description

Circalittoral rock starts at the lower limit of distribution of photophilic algae (which may be as shallow a 10 m on the north-western Black Sea shelf and much deeper in Crimea or Turkey) and ends where the circalittoral rocky substrate gives way to sediments. This habitat is characterised by a complete lack of algal and faunal species.

Indicators of quality:

There are no commonly agreed indicators of quality for this habitat.

Characteristic species:

As this is a barren habitat, there are no characteristic species.

Classification

This habitat may be equivalent to, or broader than, or narrower than the habitats or ecosystems in the following typologies.

EUNIS (v1405):

Level 4. A sub-habitat of 'Circalittoral rock' (A4)

Annex 1:

1170 Reefs

8330 Submerged or partially submerged sea caves

MAES:

Marine - Coastal

Marine - Marine inlets and transitional waters

Marine - Shelf

MSFD:

Shelf sublittoral rock and biogenic reef

EUSeaMap:

Shelf rock or biogenic reefs

IUCN:

9.2 Subtidal rock and rocky reefs

Does the habitat type present an outstanding example of typical characteristics of one or more biogeographic regions?
Unknown

Justification
There is insufficient knowledge and information on this habitat to state whether it is an outstanding example of this biogeographic region.

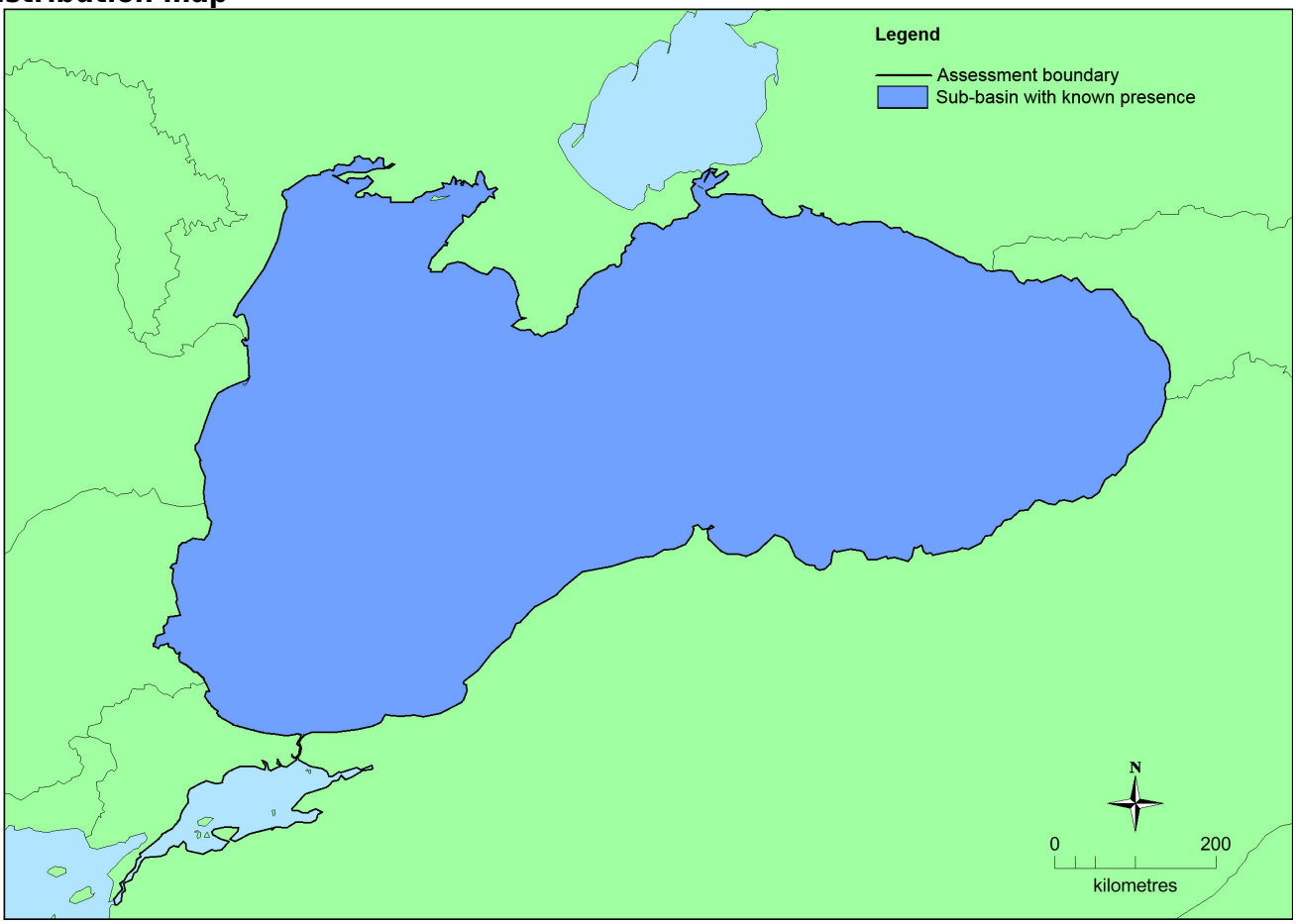
Geographic occurrence and trends

Region	Present or Presence Uncertain	Current area of habitat	Recent trend in quantity (last 50 yrs)	Recent trend in quality (last 50 yrs)
Black Sea	Black Sea: Present	Unknown Km^2	Unknown	Unknown

Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy and habitat area

	Extent of Occurrence (EOO)	Area of Occupancy (AOO)	Current estimated Total Area	Comment
EU 28	Unknown Km^2	Unknown	Unknown Km^2	The habitat is known to occur in the Black Sea but there is insufficient data to accurately calculate EOO and AOO.
EU 28+	Unknown Km^2	Unknown	Unknown Km^2	The habitat is known to occur in the Black Sea but there is insufficient data to accurately calculate EOO and AOO.

Distribution map



There is insufficient data to produce a map of the distribution of this habitat. Howveer the sub-basisn of which this habitat is likely to occur in have been indicated.

How much of the current distribution of the habitat type lies within the EU 28?

It is unknown how much of this habitat is hosted by the EU28 in the Black Sea.

Trends in quantity

There is insufficient data to accurately assess changes in quantity of the habitat

- Average current trend in quantity (extent)
  EU 28: Unknown
  EU 28+: Unknown
- Does the habitat type have a small natural range following regression?
  Unknown
  Justification
  The habitat is known to occur in the Black Sea but there is insufficient data to accurately calculate EOO and AOO. There is insufficient data to accurately assess whether the habitat has undergone a significant decline (>25% of extent) in the last 50 years.
- Does the habitat have a small natural range by reason of its intrinsically restricted area?
  Unknown
  Justification
  There is insufficient data and knowledge on this habitat to state whether it has a small natural range by reason of an intrinsically restricted area.

Trends in quality

There is insufficient data to accurately assess changes in quality of the habitat

- Average current trend in quality
  EU 28: Unknown
  EU 28+: Unknown

Pressures and threats

No pressures or threats have been identified for this habitat.

List of pressures and threats

No threats or pressures

No threats or pressures

Conservation and management

Conservation and management measures which would benefit this habitat concern maintaining physical integrity, including pollution control and regulation.

List of conservation and management needs

Measures related to marine habitats

Other marine-related measures

Conservation status

Annex 1:

1170: MBLS U1

When severely damaged, does the habitat retain the capacity to recover its typical character and functionality?

Given its nature, this habitat is unlikely to suffer severe damage except by removal or smothering. In either case, prospects for recovery are either impossible or difficult to predict.

Effort required

10 years
Unknown

Red List Assessment

Criterion A: Reduction in quantity

Criterion A	A1	A2a	A2b	A3
EU 28	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %
EU 28+	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %

There is insufficient data on changes in quantity of this habitat to undertake an assessment using criterion A.

Criterion B: Restricted geographic distribution

Criterion B	B1				B2				B3
	EOO	a	b	c	AOO	a	b	c	
EU 28	unknown Km^2	Unknown	Unknown	unknown	unknown	Unknown	Unknown	unknown	unknown
EU 28+	unknown Km^2	Unknown	Unknown	unknown	unknown	Unknown	Unknown	unknown	unknown

The precise extent of the habitat is unknown. Therefore there is insufficient data to produce EOO and AOO figures.

Criterion C and D: Reduction in abiotic and/or biotic quality

Criteria C/D	C/D1		C/D2		C/D3	
	Extent affected	Relative severity	Extent affected	Relative severity	Extent affected	Relative severity
EU 28	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %
EU 28+	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %

Criterion C	C1		C2		C3	
	Extent affected	Relative severity	Extent affected	Relative severity	Extent affected	Relative severity
EU 28	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %
EU 28+	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %	unknown %

Criterion D	D1		D2		D3	
	Extent affected	Relative severity	Extent affected	Relative severity	Extent affected	Relative severity
EU 28	unknown %	unknown%	unknown %	unknown%	unknown %	unknown%
EU 28+	unknown %	unknown%	unknown %	unknown%	unknown %	unknown%

Experts consider there to be insufficient data to conduct an assessment using criteria C/D.

Criterion E: Quantitative analysis to evaluate risk of habitat collapse

Criterion E	Probability of collapse
EU 28	unknown
EU 28+	unknown

There is no quantitative analysis available to estimate the probability of collapse of this habitat type.

Overall assessment "Balance sheet" for EU 28 and EU 28+

	A1	A2a	A2b	A3	B1	B2	B3	C/D1	C/D2	C/D3	C1	C2	C3	D1	D2	D3	E
EU28	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD
EU28+	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD	DD

Overall Category & Criteria			
EU 28		EU 28+	
Red List Category	Red List Criteria	Red List Category	Red List Criteria
Data Deficient	-	Data Deficient	-

Confidence in the assessment
Low (mainly based on uncertain or indirect information, inferred and suspected data values, and/or limited expert knowledge)

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