



Data Source:  
 Shoreline Type  
 GeoBC Coastal Resource Shorezone Database, 2008  
 Base Information  
 1:20,000 GeoBC Terrain Resource Information  
 Management (TRIM) Database  
 1:20,000  
 0 0.25 0.5 1  
 Kilometers

CC Type	Substrate	CC Type	Substrate
1 - Bedrock - CC 1-20 - VE	6 - Sand & Gravel - CC 24-26, 32 - SP	10 - Bedrock or Sediment - CC 34 - VP/SP	11 - Bedrock or Sediment - CC 35 - VP/SP
2 - Bedrock - CC 1-20 - E	7 - Sand & Gravel - CC 24-26, 32 - VP/P		
3 - Bedrock/Boulder - CC 1-23, 32, 33 - SE	8 - Estuary or Sand/Mud - CC 27-31 - VP/P/SP		
4 - Bedrock/Gravel - CC 1-23, 33 - SP	9 - Sediment - CC 21 - 30 - SE/E		
5 - Bedrock/Gravel - CC 1-23, 33 - P/VP			

### Shoreline Habitat

The Habitat Type provides a simplified picture of the "look" of the unit overall, based on the detailed biophysical attributes that have been mapped. The Habitat Type category is a summary of the observations of both the units biological and geomorphological features. Each Habitat Type has a definition that includes the typical substrate, wave exposure and biobands. For example, for the Semi-exposed, immobile substrate Habitat Type, part of the definition of that class is a certain combination of the most likely biobands and indicator species present at a bedrock shoreline with no mobile sediment present.

How is Habitat Type determined?  
 Each Habitat Type has typical biological features (including both an indicator species list and typical associated biobands). To determine the Habitat Type, the biomapper looks at the along-shore Units as designated and described by the physical mapper, and 1. records the observations of the biobands in the unit and looks for indicator species, 2. assigns a bio-(wave) exposure category, 3. reviews the physical mapped information, and 4. assigns the Habitat Type that best describes the unit.

The Habitat Type is based on the whole unit and is similar to the physical mappers use of the 'Coastal Class' category, in that the detailed across-shore data are summarized into one attribute. The simplified category describes the features of the whole unit.

Habitat Type is a summary of the biophysical classification of the whole shore unit, based on:

- the biobands observed,
- the wave exposure as indicated by the bands, and
- the substrate types in the unit.

Legend Definitions  
 CC - Coastal Classification number  
 VE - Exposed - Very high wave exposure, open ocean swells usually fetches >500km  
 VE - Very Exposed - Extreme high wave exposure  
 SE - Semi Exposed - High wave exposure, open shorelines, areas between fully exposed and more sheltered, usually fetches 50 to 500km  
 P - Protected - Low wave exposure, sheltered inlets, usually fetches less than 10km  
 SP - Semi Protected - Moderate wave exposure, partly sheltered, usually fetches 10-50km  
 VP - Very Protected - Very low wave exposure, fetches < 1km, sheltered anchorages at heads of bays and inlets

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 Habitat Classification for "Exposure Bio" (EXP\_BIO) and "Habitat Observed" (HAB\_OBS) based on visible macro-biota assemblages for the Georgia Basin. Species assemblages revised according to analysis of field observations. See summary in Table 5 and Table 6.

MAJOR SUBSTRATE CLASS	BEDROCK/BOULDER	BEDROCK/BOULDER	BEDROCK/BOULDER	SAND & GRAVEL	SAND & GRAVEL	SAND/MUD	SEDIMENT	SEDIMENT	SEDIMENT	BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT
1-20	1,23,32,33	1,23,33	24,25,26,32	24,25,26,32	27,28,29,30,31	24-30				
EXP_BIO	SE	SP	P, VP	SP	P, VP	SP, P, VP	SE, E			VP, P, SP
HAB_OBS	3 *	4	5	6	7	8	9			10



\* The SE (Semi-exposed) shoreline 'Habitat Observed' in the Strait of Georgia was observed to have the same species assemblage as typical species assemblages found in high SP (semi-protected).  
 \*\* Sargassum does not occur in Very-protected (VP).