



Legend	
	Unit Break Points
	Undefined
Immobile Substrates	
	1 - Bedrock - CC 1-20 - VE
	2 - Bedrock - CC 1-20 - E
	3 - Bedrock/Boulder - CC 1-23, 32, 33 - SE
	4 - Bedrock/Gravel - CC 1-23, 33 - SP
	5 - Bedrock/Gravel - CC 1-23, 33 - PNP
Mobile/Partially Mobile Substrates	
	6 - Sand & Gravel - CC 24-26, 32 - SP
	7 - Sand & Gravel - CC 24-26, 32 - VP/P
	8 - Estuary or Sand/Mud - CC 27-31 - VP/P/SP
	9 - Sediment - CC 21 - 30 - SE/E
Current Dominated	
	10 - Bedrock or Sediment - CC 34 - VP/P/SP
	11 - Bedrock or Sediment - CC 35 - VP/P/SP
Tidal Lagoon	
	12 - Tidal Lagoon

CC	Type	CC	Type
Rock Shore Types - characterized by a lack of clastic sediments such as gravel or sand.		Sediment Shore Types - have substrates that have little or no bedrock cropping out.	
1 Rock Ramp, Wide		21 Gravel Flat, Wide	
2 Rock Platform, Wide		22 Gravel Beach	
3 Rock Cliff, Narrow		23 Gravel Flat or Fan	
4 Rock Ramp, Narrow		24 Sand and Gravel Flat or Fan, Wide	
5 Rock Platform, Narrow		25 Sand and Gravel Beach	
6 Rock and Sediment Shore Types - rock and pockets of clastic sediments		26 Sand and Gravel Flat or Fan, Narrow	
7 Beach with Gravel Beach, Wide		27 Sand Beach, Wide	
8 Platform with Gravel Beach, Wide		28 Sand Flat	
9 Cliff with Gravel Beach		29 Mud Flat	
10 Beach with Gravel Beach, Narrow		30 Sand Beach, Narrow	
11 Platform with Gravel Beach, Narrow		31 Cliffs	
12 Beach with Sand and Gravel Beach, Wide		32 Main Midslope	
13 Cliff with Sand and Gravel Beach		33 Main Midslope, permeable	
14 Beach with Sand and Gravel Beach, Narrow		34 Main Midslope, impermeable	
15 Platform with Sand and Gravel Beach, Wide		35 Tidal Lagoon	
16 Platform with Sand Beach, Wide			
17 Platform with Sand Beach, Narrow			
18 Cliff with Sand Beach			
19 Beach with Sand Beach, Narrow			
20 Platform with Sand Beach, Narrow			

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

Wave Exposure

- E - 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

Table MIDCOAST and NORTH COAST project area which includes BCO AREAS CC, JS and NC. The Species/wave exposure/substrate table for Habitat Classification (HAB, OBS), for the Mid-coast BC study area, from Johnstone Strait/Central Coast Mapping Regions 5, 6 and 7.

SUBSTRATE STABILITY MAJOR SUBSTRATE COASTAL CLASSES EXPOSURE (OBS OBS) COMMUNITY CODE (OBS OBS)	IMMOBILE SUBSTRATES				MOBILE OR PARTIALLY MOBILE SUBSTRATES				CURRENT-DOMINATED SEDIMENT BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT	TIDAL LAGOON BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT
	BEDROCK	BEDROCK/BOULDER	BEDROCK/GRAVEL	BEDROCK/CRAYEL	SAND & GRAVEL 24 - 30, 32 no SAL band	SAND & GRAVEL 24 - 30, 32 no SAL band	SAND/MUD 24-30, 31 has SAL band	SEDIMENT VP, P, SP		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
upper	<i>Verrucaria</i>	<i>Verrucaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i>	<i>Verrucaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i>	<i>Verrucaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i>	<i>Verrucaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i>	<i>Verrucaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i>	<i>grasses & rushes</i> <i>Salicornia</i> <i>virginica</i>			
	<i>Balanus glandula</i>	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>			<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>
middle	<i>Falkenbergia polymerus</i> <i>Mytilus californianus</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i>	<i>Mytilus californianus</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i>	<i>Mytilus rosada</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> <i>Uba Uba</i> spp.	<i>Mytilus rosada</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> <i>Uba Uba</i> spp.	<i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> <i>Uba Uba</i> spp.	<i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> <i>Uba Uba</i> spp.	<i>Mytilus rosada</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> <i>Uba Uba</i> spp.	no visible macrobenthos may be present in sediment mobility	tidal current dominated, may be exposed but down on assembling of material from higher water exposures. Assembling observed is "anomalous" for the water energy of the site	<i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i>
mid/low	<i>Alaria 'vauis' morph</i>	<i>Hydrophyllum scutell</i>								
lower	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>			
	<i>Alaria 'marginata' morph</i>	<i>Alaria 'marginata' morph</i>								
	<i>Lithothamnion</i>	<i>Lithothamnion</i>								
mid/tid	<i>Nereocystis luetkeana</i>	<i>Nereocystis luetkeana</i>	<i>Nereocystis luetkeana</i>	<i>Macrocystis integrifolia</i> <i>Agardh</i> spp.	<i>Nereocystis luetkeana</i>	<i>Macrocystis integrifolia</i> <i>Agardh</i> spp.	<i>Macrocystis integrifolia</i> <i>Agardh</i> spp.			
	<i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i>	<i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i>								
	<i>Zostera marina</i>	<i>Zostera marina</i>								