

Table 2

Benthic broad habitat types including their associated biological communities (relevant for criteria under Descriptors 1 and 6), which equate to one or more habitat types of the European nature information system (EUNIS) habitat classification <sup>(1)</sup>. Updates to the EUNIS typology shall be reflected in the broad habitat types used for the purposes of Directive 2008/56/EC and of this Decision

Ecosystem component	Broad habitat types	Relevant EUNIS habitat codes (version 2016)
Benthic habitats	Littoral rock and biogenic reef	MA1, MA2
	Littoral sediment	MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6
	Infralittoral rock and biogenic reef	MB1, MB2
	Infralittoral coarse sediment	MB3
	Infralittoral mixed sediment	MB4
	Infralittoral sand	MB5
	Infralittoral mud	MB6
	Circalittoral rock and biogenic reef	MC1, MC2
	Circalittoral coarse sediment	MC3
	Circalittoral mixed sediment	MC4
	Circalittoral sand	MC5
	Circalittoral mud	MC6
	Offshore circalittoral rock and biogenic reef	MD1, MD2
		Offshore circalittoral coarse sediment
Offshore circalittoral mixed sediment		MD4
Offshore circalittoral sand		MD5
Offshore circalittoral mud		MD6
Upper bathyal <sup>(2)</sup> rock and biogenic reef		ME1, ME2
Upper bathyal sediment		ME3, ME4, ME5, ME6
Lower bathyal rock and biogenic reef		MF1, MF2
Lower bathyal sediment		MF3, MF4, MF5, MF6
Abyssal		MG1, MG2, MG3, MG4, MG5, MG6

<sup>(1)</sup> Evans, D. (2016). Revising the marine section of the EUNIS Habitat classification — Report of a workshop held at the European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity, 12 & 13 May 2016. ETC/BD Working Paper No A/2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> Where not specifically defined in the EUNIS classification, the boundary between the upper bathyal and lower bathyal may be set as a specified depth limit.