Broad habitat types for the monitoring and assessment under Marine Strategic Framework Directive

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| **Subject (Annex III table)** | **Theme** | **Sub-theme** | **Feature** | **Code** |
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| Ecosystem elements (Table 1) | Habitats | Benthic habitats | All benthic habitats | HabBenAll |
| Littoral rock and biogenic reef | HabBenLitRock |
| Littoral sediment | HabBenLitSed |
| Infralittoral rock and biogenic reef | HabBenInfralitRock |
| Infralittoral coarse sediment | HabBenInfralitCoarSed |
| Infralittoral mixed sediment | HabBenInfralitMxdSed |
| Infralittoral sand | HabBenInfralitSand |
| Infralittoral mud | HabBenInfralitMud |
| Circalittoral rock and biogenic reef | HabBenCircalitRock |
| Circalittoral coarse sediment | HabBenCircalitCoarSed |
| Circalittoral mixed sediment | HabBenCircalitMxdSed |
| Circalittoral sand | HabBenCircalitSand |
| Circalittoral mud | HabBenCircalitMud |
| Offshore circalittoral rock and biogenic reef | HabBenOffshRock |
| Offshore circalittoral coarse sediment | HabBenOffshCoarSed |
| Offshore circalittoral mixed sediment | HabBenOffshMxdSed |
| Offshore circalittoral sand | HabBenOffshSand |
| Offshore circalittoral mud | HabBenOffshMud |
| Upper bathyal rock and biogenic reef | HabBenBathyalUpReef |
| Upper bathyal sediment | HabBenBathyalUpSed |
| Lower bathyal rock and biogenic reef | HabBenBathyalLowRock |
| Lower bathyal sediment | HabBenBathyalLowSed |
| Abyssal | HabBenAbyssal |
| Other benthic habitats | HabBenOther |
|  |  | Pelagic habitats | All pelagic habitats | HabPelagAll |
| Variable salinity | HabPelagVarSalinity |
| Coastal | HabPelagCoastal |
| Shelf | HabPelagShelf |
| Oceanic/beyond shelf | HabPelagOcean |
| Other pelagic habitats | HabPelagOther |