

# THE ALGAL VEGETATION OF THE RIA DE AROSA (NW. SPAIN) \*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This study forms a part of biological, oceanographical, and sedimentological investigations carried out in the Ría de Arosa (NW. Spain) 1962—1964. Details of the aim and scope of these investigations have been set forth by Brongersma and Pannekoek (1966).

The present paper deals with the macroscopic algae of this region. Firstly, it was attempted to obtain a complete survey of the floristic composition. These data were utilized in a study of algal phytogeography (van den Hoek and Donze, 1967). Secondly, a rough description of the intertidal vegetation types and zonation patterns is given. Thirdly, the local distribution of species and vegetation types is outlined with respect to the main environmental factors. Fourthly, a rather detailed picture of the depth-distribution of many species is given.

This study is based on  $\pm$  6500 identifications from  $\pm$  600 samples. About 2500 specimens are preserved in the collections of the Rijksherbarium, Leiden (L).

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Observations on the algal vegetation were made in three ways:

- (1) by dredging and sampling with a van Veen grab;
- (2) by SCUBA diving;
- (3) by direct inspection of the littoral at low tide, often supplemented by observation of the higher part of the sublittoral by free diving.

From the deeper ( $> 2$  m below low-water-mark) regions too little information is available to allow a detailed discussion of vegetation-types, although of the commoner species a reasonable impression of their depth-distribution has been obtained.

The investigation was executed in the following sequence:

- (1) general description of the zonation;
- (2) quantitative description of sample plots regarded as representative for the algal zone under consideration, using the phytosociological scale of Braun-Blanquet \*\*\* (cf. den Hartog 1959 for application of this method to algal vegetations);

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\*\*\* The abundance is expressed by one of the figures of the following arbitrary scale:

- × present, abundance difficult to estimate;
- + one or a few specimens only;
- 1 a good number of specimens;
- 2 many specimens or a covering of 5—25 % of the sample plot;

(3) sampling the vegetation from all sample plots (when covered by a turf of small algae, part of the total vegetation was taken);

(4) occasionally additional samples were taken, for instance, from tide pools and other local spots deviating from the normal pattern (see section 4), to complete as far as possible a floristic characterization and to obtain additional data for a study of distribution within the bay;

(5) critical analysis of the collected samples in the laboratory;

(6) preparation of herbarium specimens for later reference and deposit in the collections of the Rijksherbarium, Leiden.

The localities investigated are indicated on the map of the Ría de Arosa (fig. 1).

### 3. THE ENVIRONMENT

Cadée (1968) has given a description of the area and in order to avoid repetition I refer the reader to this work. More details will be published by other investigators of the team. For a detailed bathygraphic map of the Ría de Arosa is referred to the paper by Brongersma and Pannekoek (1966). Here I will restrict myself to record some data of special relevance to the algal vegetation. They are the following:

(1) Apart from loc. 8, 9, 10, 19, and 20, all localities investigated may be considered marine as to the composition of their floras.

(2) The main tidal range is about 2 m.

(3) The substrate is granite, with exception of loc. 1 and some small stretches at 11 and 20 where it consists of micaschists. No differences in zonation or species composition of the floras of these substrates could be detected.

(4) Tidal currents are weak, except near loc. 5.

### 4. THE VEGETATION

#### 4.1. Littoral and shallow sublittoral vegetations

Described are vegetations that, for each locality, form a part of the local zonation pattern occurring on 'normal' sea-facing slopes. On these slopes survey-plots were chosen preferably forming a transect through the littoral. The size of the survey-plots was chosen as large as possible. The observations, expressed in the scale of Braun-Blanquet, have been processed according to the 'classical' phytosociological method (Elleberg, 1956). In this way a number of biologically defined vegetation types was obtained. In fig. 2 these have been ranked according to their normal place in the zonation pattern and according to Lewis's (1964) 'Biological Exposure Scale'. Application of this Exposure Scale to this region did not make possible a clear-cut classification of all shores investigated. This is also true for the British Isles, for which it was designed. As a rough generalization, however, Lewis's criteria work quite well. Moreover, part of the discrepancies are due to local factors that can be satisfactorily analysed (section 5).

3 covering 25—50 % of the sample plot;

4 covering 50—75 % of the sample plot;

5 covering 75—100 % of the sample plot.

The sample plot varied from 0.1 × 0.1 to 2.0 × 2.0 m<sup>2</sup>. The data obtained from the sample plots are combined in tables giving the degree of presence by the following figures:

I species present in up to 20 % of the sample plots of the vegetation-type studied;

II species present in 20—40 % of the sample plots;

III species present in 40—60 % of the sample plots;

IV species present in 60—80 % of the sample plots;

V species present in 80—100 % of the sample plots.

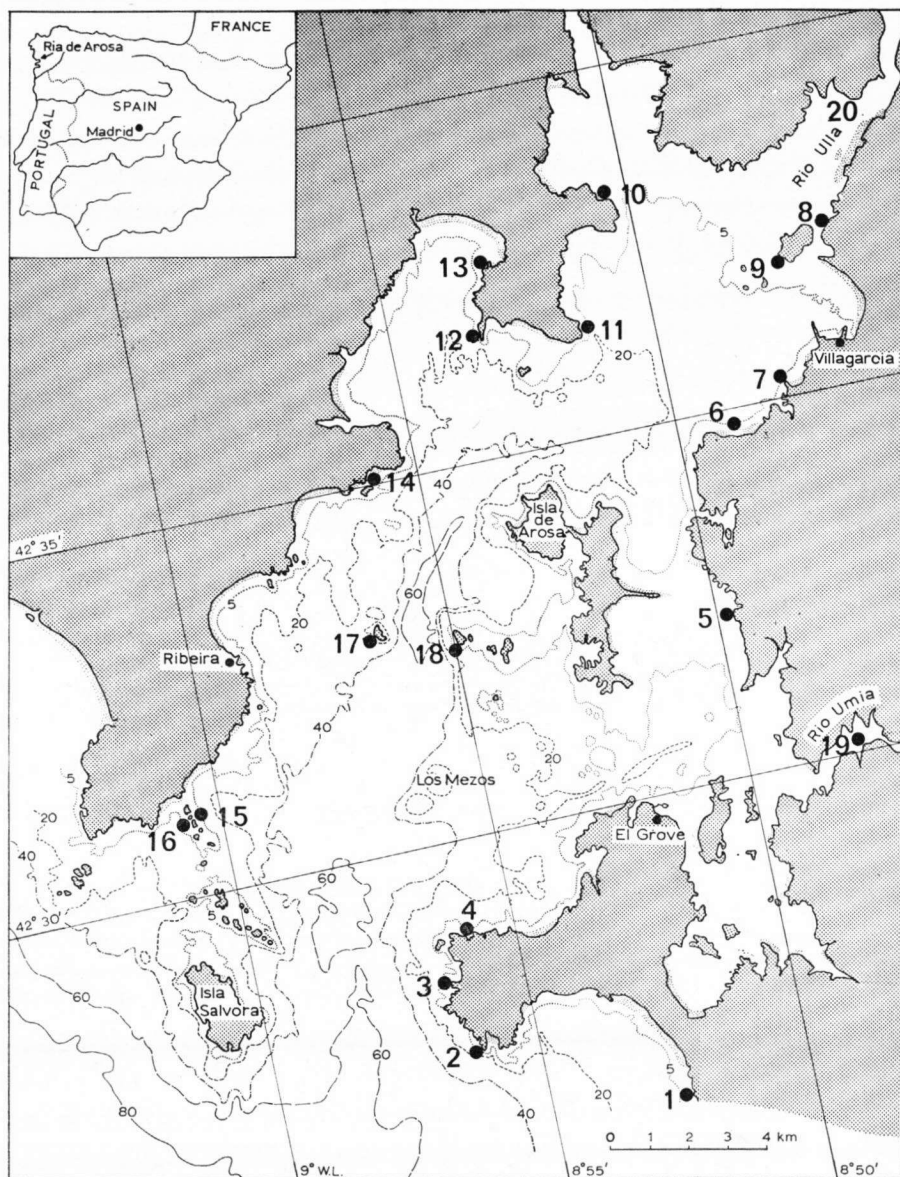


Fig. 1. The Ría de Arosa region. Indicated are the localities where the algal vegetations have been investigated, as follows: 1. Cape near Noalla; 2. Con Negro; 3. Punta Pédregal; 4. San Vicente; 5. Correal de Laneira; 6. Playa Sinas; 7. Punta Preguntoiro; 8. Carril; 9. Isla de Cortegada; 10. Punta Porto Mouro; 11. Punta de la Casilla — Punta del Chaso; 12. Pesqueira; 13. Esteiro; 14. Punta Rúa near Ratas; 15. Centolheiros, east side; 16. Centolheiros, west side; 17. Isla de Rua; 18. Isla Jidoiro Pedregoso; 19. estuary of the Río Umia; 20. estuary of the Río Ulla.

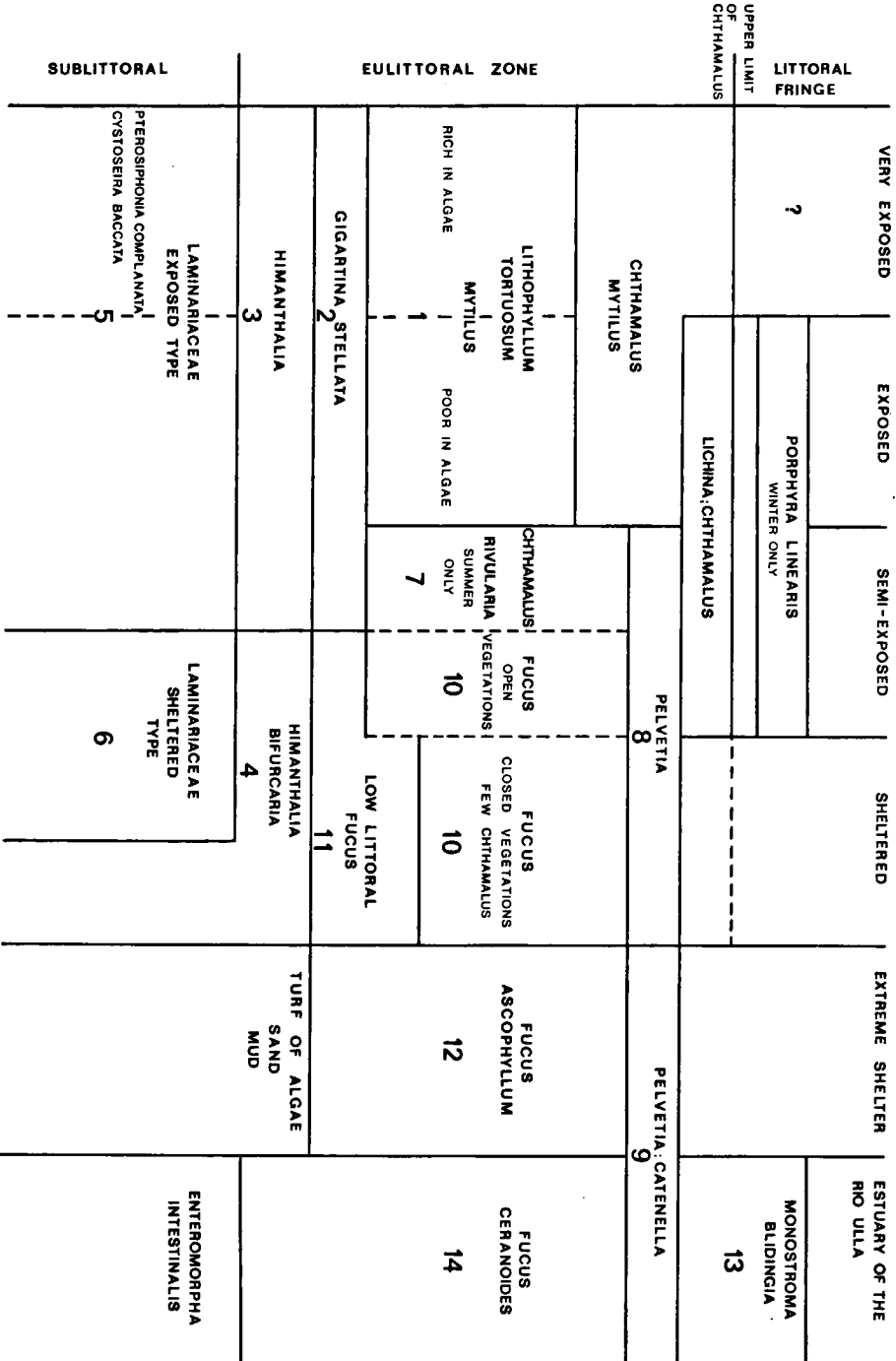


Fig. 2. Scheme of the patterns of zonation in the Ria de Arosa region. The numbers refer to the tables.

4.1.1. *Very exposed shores.* Loc. 1, 2, 3.**Littoral fringe.**

1. Conspicuous 'black lichen' and *Cyanophyceae* zones are absent in the Ría de Arosa. Eulittoral.

2. The higher part of the eulittoral is dominated by the barnacle *Chthamalus stellatus* and at a lower level also by *Mytilus edulis*. Small patches of *Ralfsia verrucosa* and *Hildenbrandia prototypus* occur.

3. *Lithophyllum tortuosum* vegetations. Tab. 1. On very exposed to exposed shores these vegetations form a well-defined zone in the eulittoral. Furthermore, this zone is characterized by dominance of *Chthamalus stellatus* and the occurrence of patches of *Mytilus edulis*. *Ceramium shuttleworthianum* and *Porphyra umbilicalis* are mostly found on the mussels. On the least exposed shores (loc. 14 and 17), where this vegetation occurs, most of the rarer species (almost all species indicated by I in tab. 1) do not occur in this zone. This is probably due to a decreased spray during low tide.

4. *Gigartina stellata* vegetations. Tab. 2. These turf-like vegetations form a zone in the eulittoral of very exposed to exposed shores, just above the *Himanthalia* belt. Apart from *Gigartina stellata*, *Caulacanthus ustulatus* and *Corallina officinalis* play also an important role. The upper limit of *Caulacanthus* is generally situated somewhat higher than that of *Gigartina stellata*.

5. *Himanthalia elongata* vegetations. Tab. 3. These vegetations form the lowest zone of the eulittoral in exposed and very exposed sites, the vertical extension of the zone being about 60 cm. For its development the slope of the substratum generally must be over 30°. On less steep rocks vegetations occur that can be regarded as a richer variant of the *Gigartina* vegetations.

**Sublittoral.**

6. *Laminariaceae* vegetations, exposed type. Tab. 5. On very exposed shores the first few metres of the sublittoral are dominated by *Saccorhiza polyschides* and *Laminaria ochroleuca*. Characteristic for very exposed sites are *Cystoseira baccata*, *Gelidium sesquipedale*, *Pterosiphonia complanata*, and large plants of *Laurencia pinnatifida*. *Callithamnion tetragonum* is very faithful to these vegetations.

4.1.2. *Exposed shores.* Loc. 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and relatively sheltered sites at loc. 1, 2, 3**Littoral fringe.**

1. *Porphyra linearis* forms a distinct zone of about 1 m vertical extension in winter. In one case (loc. 18) *Prasiola stipitata* and *Entophysalis conferta* were observed in this belt. Eulittoral.

2. *Lichina pygmaea* locally forms a zone in the higher part of the eulittoral belt; it is accompanied by *Chthamalus*, *Blidingia minima*, and sometimes *Hildenbrandia prototypus* or *Rivularia bullata*.

3. *Lithophyllum tortuosum* vegetations. Tab. 1. See section 4.1.1.3.

4. *Gigartina stellata* vegetations. Tab. 2. See section 4.1.1.4.

5. *Himanthalia elongata* vegetations. Tab. 3. See section 4.1.1.5. On slopes less steep than about 30° generally a turf vegetation or the 'sheltered' form of the *Himanthalia* vegetation was observed.

6. *Laminariaceae* vegetations, exposed type. Tab. 5. See section 4.1.1.6. On exposed shores, not subject to a continuous ocean surf, *Laminaria hyperborea* may dominate locally, while *Cystoseira baccata*, *Gelidium sesquipedale*, and *Pterosiphonia complanata* are absent or rare.

4.1.3. *Semi-exposed shores*. Loc. 17, 18, 6, 7, 12.

This is not a clearly defined category in the Ría de Arosa for two reasons. It appears to be the situation where the vegetation types that are characteristic for exposed and sheltered shores may occur together in several combinations (fig. 2). The dominants and a considerable number of species that characterize these vegetation types occur here at the limit of their range within the bay. In view of this it is not surprising to find that the zonation patterns observed in these localities show a high sensitivity to variations in the 'micro climate'. A second reason for deviations from a simple distribution in this exposure-range is the peculiar morphology of the Ría de Arosa (section 5.2.).

1. *Rivularia bullata* (tab. 7) reaches its most profuse development on these shores (summer only).

2. *Fucus* vegetations. Tab. 10. Open *Fucus* vegetations that occur here are per square metre poorer in species than the ones encountered on sheltered shores. A number of these vegetations together, however, do not markedly differ in species composition from the 'closed' *Fucus* vegetations of sheltered shores.

4.1.4. *Sheltered shores*. Loc. 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13.

**Littoral fringe.**

1. Occasionally, small patches of black lichens (*Verrucaria maura*) and/or *Blidingia minima* occur, but they do not form distinct zones.

**Eulittoral.**

2. *Pelvetia canaliculata* vegetations. Tab. 8.

3. *Fucus* vegetations. Tab. 10. See section 4.1.3.2. On sheltered shores the eulittoral is, below the *Pelvetia* band, occupied by a dense vegetation of *Fucus vesiculosus* and *F. spiralis*. See also section 7.

4. Low littoral *Fucus* vegetations. Tab. 11. These two cannot be defined strictly, as no obvious discontinuity occurs, but the low littoral part of the *Fucus* zone is generally much richer in species.

5. *Himantalia-Bifurcaria* vegetations. Tab. 4. These vegetations dominate the low littoral of sheltered and semi-exposed shores. Their undergrowth consists of a sandy turf. In sheltered places they may descend to a depth of about 2 m below the low water line.

**Sublittoral.**

6. *Laminariaceae* vegetations, sheltered type. Tab. 6. In contrast to the *Laminariaceae* vegetations from exposed stations they are characterized by *Cystoseira concatenata*, *C. tamariscifolia*, *Bifurcaria bifurcata*, and an undergrowth consisting of a turf-like vegetation of small sand-fixing algae.

4.1.5. *Extreme sheltered shores*. Loc. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13.

The influence of extreme shelter and decrease of salinity cannot be sufficiently separated in the available observations; compare section 6.1.

**Littoral fringe.**

1. In summer this region is almost bare (4.1.4.1.); in winter a distinct zone of *Enteromorpha compressa* and *Porphyra*, interpreted as a broad form of *P. linearis*, occurred at very sheltered sites near loc. 7.

**Eulittoral.**

2. *Pelvetia-Catenella* vegetations. Tab. 9. These vegetations form a distinct zone in the highest part of the eulittoral. The undergrowth consists of the *Catenella* vegetation which also occurs in high littoral cavities and grottos (section 4.2.1.).

3. *Fucus-Ascophyllum* vegetations. Tab. 12. Vegetations of this kind occupy the rest of the eulittoral.

#### Sublittoral.

Most of the sublittoral has a sand or mud bottom without much algal growth. Where a solid substratum is present very variable turf vegetations occur. These are too complicated to permit a reasonable subdivision with the available data.

#### 4.1.6. Estuaries. Loc. 19 and 20.

Mainly vegetations occurring on solid substrata are considered. Some collections on mud and in marshes were made as well. These are included in table 18. For a review of algal ecology of brackish waters see den Hartog (1964, 1967). The available hydrographical data are insufficient for a useful detailed discussion of the vegetations of the Río Ulla and Río Umia. The following vegetation types can be distinguished:

#### Littoral fringe.

1. *Monostroma oxyspermum-Blidingia* vegetations. Tab. 13. These vegetations consist of small, foliaceous and thread-like green algae and *Cyanophyceae* on a thin layer of mud. They often form a distinct zone above the *Pelvetia* belt, or, in its absence, above the *Fucus* belt. At higher levels these vegetations occur in cavities. The species composition is very variable, gradually impoverishing with decreasing salinity. *Ulothrix subflaccida* was observed only in a small trickle with overrunning freshwater.

#### Eulittoral.

2. *Pelvetia-Catenella* vegetations. Tab. 9. Apart from the presence of a few typical brackish-water species (*Bostrychia scorpioides*, *Monostroma oxyspermum*) these vegetations do not differ markedly from the *Pelvetia* belt of very sheltered marine localities.

3. *Fucus ceranoides* vegetations. Tab. 14. These vegetations dominate the available solid substratum in the eulittoral of brackish water. With decreasing salinity the *Fucus-Ascophyllum* vegetation gradually changes into this type.

#### Sublittoral.

4. Where a solid substratum is present, the sublittoral is completely covered by a dense vegetation of *Enteromorpha intestinalis*. No observations on these vegetations were made in winter.

### 4.2. Vegetation types of shady localities

4.2.1. *High eulittoral shade vegetations of very exposed shores.* The rocks are covered mainly by encrusting algae: *Phymatolithon 'polymorphum'*, *Hildenbrandia prototypus*, *Ralfsia verrucosa*, and *Peyssonelia atropurpurea*.

4.2.2. *High eulittoral shade vegetations of exposed to semi-exposed shores.* Tab. 15. Shady places in the higher eulittoral are often covered by a low (maximum height about 3 cm) and rather compact turf. These vegetations consist of numerous species of small, tightly entangled algae. At exposed sites *Gelidium pulchellum* dominates in these places. *Catenella* and *Bostrychia* are absent.

4.2.3. *High eulittoral shade vegetations of sheltered shores.* Tab. 15. Here *Catenella repens* dominates the turf vegetations.

4.2.4. *High eulittoral shade vegetations of brackish water.* Tab. 16. These are an impoverished variant of the former, with a few species added. Here *Bostrychia scorpioides* forms an important part of the turf.

4.2.5. *Miscellaneous turf vegetations from the lower eulittoral.* Tab. 18, column C 6. In shady localities in the lower eulittoral a number of very different vegetations occurs, which are often very rich in species. These vegetations appear to be too variable in composition to allow a sound differentiation based on the available data ( $\pm 60$  records).

#### 4.3. Vegetations from the deeper sublittoral

4.3.1. Large parts of the sandy bottom of the Ría are covered by a 'maerl' vegetation, the presence of larger species of algae depending on the availability of solid substrata such as stones and shells. Its composition can be judged from the table of depth distribution in table 18.

4.3.2. *Floating bottom vegetations.* Shallow sandy and muddy bottoms often are covered by a dense layer of floating algae, especially enormous specimens of *Ulva 'lactuca'* (up to  $\pm 1$  m). The following species were also found in floating condition: *Asperococcus turneri*, *Striaria attenuata* f. *ramosissima*, *Cutleria multifida*, *Dictyota dichotoma*, *Laminaria saccharina*\*, *Saccorhiza polyschides*\*, *Enteromorpha ramulosa* (in very shallow water), *Gracilaria verrucosa*, and *Chylocladia kaliformis*.

4.3.3. From *solid substrata deeper than about 3 m* very few observations are available. At loc. 4, 7, 12, and 18 dense vegetations of *Saccorhiza polyschides* and *Laminaria ochroleuca* were observed to at least 10 m below low-water-mark. At loc. 17 the lower limit of both species is at about 15 m below low-water-mark.

### 5. LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

#### 5.1. Local distribution of littoral and shallow sublittoral species

The distribution within the Ría de Arosa of all species encountered in the littoral and shallow sublittoral is given in table 18. In this section it is attempted to discuss the local distribution of the epilithic algae by comparison of the species lists of the various localities. For this discussion I used only the common and abundant species (indicated by = and  $\equiv$  in table 18) in order to eliminate differences in the intensity of sampling in these localities. The data from the estuary of the Río Umia have not been considered (loc. 19) because too few observations from solid substrata are available from this estuary. As only a few localities have been studied in winter I have omitted in the discussion also some species which are only abundant in that season.

To compare the floras of different localities a coefficient of similarity P of two floras is defined as  $P = \frac{c}{a + b - c} \times 100$  where a and b are the number of species occurring in each station and c is the number of species common to both (Starmach, 1966). More sophisticated mathematical methods for handling this type of data are available (Sokal, 1963, 1966), but in this case their application did not seem to be necessary. It appeared already that exposure is the main factor in determining the local distribution of the algae. Therefore, as starting-point for the comparison of the different floras the most exposed station, loc. 2, was chosen. In fig. 3 the floras investigated by me have been arranged as to decreasing P, calculated with respect to loc. 2. The order established in this way is used in table 18 A.

Most striking is the low position of loc. 15 and 16 obtained in this way, as compared

\*) As can be concluded from the characteristically developed haptera that have grown into the 'empty'.



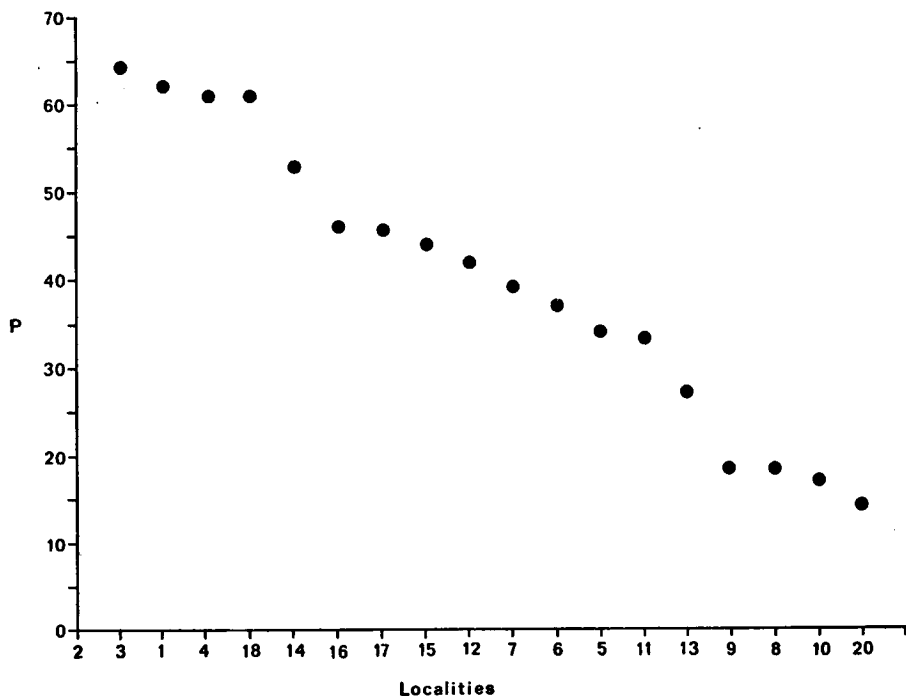


Fig. 3. For explanation see text, section 5.1.

with their position in the mouth of the Ría. This is sufficiently explained by the very gentle slope of the coast and the presence of reefs. In contrast, loc. 14, 17, and 18 have a very steep shore.

It appears that the flora of loc. 13 is very similar to the floras of localities with estuarine conditions. This also appears if calculation is started from loc. 9 or 13. Hydrographically, loc. 13 must be considered purely marine (L. Otto, pers. comm.). This effect gives a warning that in the discussion of the algal distribution in estuaries one cannot simply switch from exposure as 'major factor' to salinity. In nature, decrease in salinity is almost always accompanied by decrease in exposure. In many cases it will be very difficult to separate the ecological influence of these two factors. With my own, very detailed observations from the Ríu Ulla separation appeared impossible. Freshwater from the Ríu Ulla is mainly discharged along the north coast of the bay (L. Otto, pers. comm.). Its influence is reflected in the vegetation up to loc. 11. The absence of *Cystoseira* spp. on most of the northern coastline can perhaps be attributed to this effect.

## 5.2. Distribution of vegetation types

The distribution of vegetation types as described in section 4 is tabulated in table 17. A deviation is shown at loc. 12, where the eulittoral clearly shows an exposed character, while the sublittoral is occupied by vegetations characteristic for sheltered coasts. This can be explained by considering that in the Ría de Arosa 2 types of waves occur. In the first place there are waves which are generated by wind in the Ría; these are relatively

small and their influence does not extend very deeply into the sublittoral. Secondly the ocean surf, consisting of very large waves, penetrates into the Ría and is gradually damped. Probably the largest of these waves have decreased to the order of magnitude of the 'normal' waves in the Ría behind the chain of islands Isla de Arosa, loc. 18 and loc. 17. Now the extremes of the large waves, which occur perhaps only a few times a year, will exert the main influence in determining the exposed character of the sublittoral vegetation at loc. 17.

A profound influence of ocean surf in the higher part of the littoral only occurs if the surf is virtually always present. Its main influence in this part of the shore is to prevent the flora from desiccation. Quiet seas regularly occur in loc. 17, in contrast to loc. 1 and 2.

## 6. AUTECOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

### CHLOROPHYCEAE

*Chaetomorpha auricoma* was dredged from about 1 m depth in the mouth of the Río Ulla. It made part of a free-floating vegetation of *Ulva lactuca*, *Enteromorpha intestinalis*, and *Gracilaria verrucosa*.

*Cladophora rupestris*. Apart from a few small specimens in a *Catenella* vegetation at loc. 10 it was observed only as a common component of the maerl vegetation at greater depth. These specimens were less than 2 cm long. *C. rupestris* seems to occupy here its 'Mediterranean' habitat, as contrasted by the situation in Brittany and the Netherlands where it abounds in the eulittoral (van den Hoek, 1963).

*Codium adhaerens*. It forms large patches in the eulittoral on shaded rocks in the *Lithophyllum tortuosum* zone of exposed sites.

*Enteromorpha stipitata*. This species was found only below the water-line on rafts in use for the mussel culture; it was very common in July 1963.

*Ulva rhacodes*. See van den Hoek and Donze (1966).

### PHAEOPHYCEAE

*Cystoseira concatenate*. Common at loc. 5, 6, and 7 where it forms a distinct zone in the sublittoral. Its upper limit is generally somewhat lower than that of *C. tamariscifolia*.

*Cystoseira myriophylloides*. This species is common in large tide pools at half-tide level in exposed and very exposed sites.

*Fucus vesiculosus*. The specimens growing low in the eulittoral generally form vesicles and reach a length of about 40 cm; the higher growing plants remain smaller (up to  $\pm 20$  cm) and are evesiculate. It should be noted that *Fucus* and *Ascophyllum* are harvested regularly for manure. The effect of this treatment has not been studied; where traces of harvesting were recognized no observations were made.

*Halidrys siliquosa* is confined to low-littoral rock pools.

*Himanthalia elongata*. On very exposed shores it forms a distinct zone of about 60 cm vertical extension in the lowest part of the eulittoral. In quiet water it may descend to several metres below low-water-mark. Sterile specimens are common in the *Fucus vesiculosus* belt and in low-littoral turf vegetations. They are found up to 1 metre higher than the mature specimens. Its occurrence is dependent on some degree of water movement as was clearly observable at loc. 5 where wave action is very limited but tidal currents are relatively strong. Here the shore exists of a number of small capes perpendicular to the coast line, and *Himanthalia* dominates the sublittoral at the heads of the capes, but is absent between them. To suggest a dependence of this species on the vicinity of the isobathe of 50 m as done by Fischer-Piette (1936) is a rather cryptic way to express

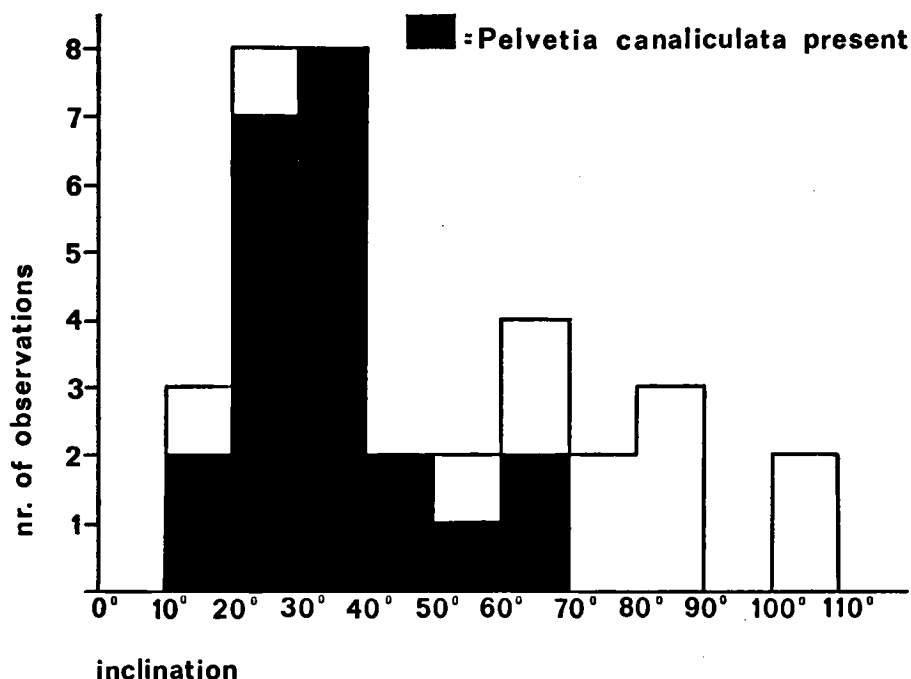


Fig. 4. Distribution of *Pelvetia canaliculata* as a function of the inclination of the substratum. Observation from loc. 17.

the ecological needs of this species. A narrowing of the fronds in very exposed stations, as observed by Sundene (1964) for several species of *Laminariaceae*, was also observed for the receptacula of this species.

*Laminaria saccharina*. Sundene (1964) gave evidence that in *Alaria esculenta* the beneficial effects of exposure may be a requirement for survival at temperatures close to its upper tolerance; the same seems to be true for *Laminaria hyperborea*. The reverse effect appears to occur in *L. saccharina*; in Brittany it is a ubiquitous (Feldman, 1954, Dizerbo, 1964) while in the Ría de Arosa it is confined to sheltered habitats.

*Pelvetia canaliculata*. On the Island of Rúa (loc. 17) the inclinations of all accessible rock faces in the littoral were measured and the presence or absence of *Pelvetia* noted. The result is given in fig. 4. It appears that there is a rather distinct maximum slope below which *Pelvetia* can occur. *Pelvetia* disappears as soon as wave action becomes too severe, a fact that is generally recognized (Lewis, 1964). This has been experimentally verified by Hatton (cited by Fischer-Piette, 1941) who showed that breakage of desiccated fronds is at least one reason for the absence of *Pelvetia* in exposed sites. Thus my observations can be interpreted by the difference in action of the waves on different slopes, that on the steepest substratum being the most severe. The relative sharpness of the maximum suggests its use as a biological indicator of the intensity of wave action. Contrary to expectation in view of Hatton's experiments, no correlation could be found between the occurrence of *Pelvetia* and shading or exposition of the substratum.

Measurements of the vertical extension of the *Pelvetia* zone show significant correlations with both the slope and the exposition of the substratum (42 measurements).

These observations cannot be interpreted further, since it must be expected that different ecological mechanisms determine the upper and lower limits of a species. Absolute measurements of the level of the borders are necessary. These data show, however, that further investigations along this line will be useful. In extreme shelter *Pelvetia* becomes much larger than in localities with some wave action.

#### RHODOPHYCEAE

*Amphiroa rigida*. This species occurs together with *Cystoseira myriophylloides* in large pools in the eulittoral. It seems to be confined to this habitat.

*Asparagopsis armata*. The conclusion of Dizerbo (1964) on the difference in habitat between this species and its 'Falkenbergia' stage also applies to this region. 'Falkenbergia' has a much wider ecological amplitude, being not so dependent on wave action; it occurs in the eulittoral and at greater depth.

*Lithophyllum tortuosum*. On very exposed shores this species forms a well-defined zone in the eulittoral. It is most abundant on shaded vertical substrata, where it may reach a surface-covering of 70 %. On insolated substrata it gets sparser. Here it only occurs in small fissures: one centimetre depth suffices for the presence of a *Lithophyllum* hemisphere of 10 cm diameter. It also occurs just in contact with the water level of rock pools, but never continually submerged.

*Lithothamnion calcareum* and *Lithothamnion corallioides*. See Cabioch (1966). A combined distribution map of these two species is given by Cadée (1968). In most of the samples both species occur together, *L. calcareum* being generally more abundant on sand and gravel, while *L. corallioides* dominates on clayey sediments.

*Porphyra purpurea*. In shallow pools, constructed for the culture of molluscs near loc. 7 specimens up to 2 m were found floating in summer.

*Rhodomenia palmata*. This species was found only on the stalks of *Laminaria hyperborea* or in its immediate vicinity.

#### 7. TAXONOMIC NOTES

With few exceptions the nomenclature of Parke and Dixon (1964) was followed. See also van den Hoek and Donze (1966). Compare table 18.

#### CYANOPHYCEAE

A critical identification of *Calothrix*, *Lyngbya*, *Oscillatoria*, and *Spirulina* species with the usual handbooks is hardly possible.

#### CHLOROPHYCEAE

*Blidingia*, *Enteromorpha*. The revision of Bliding (1963) was used for identification of species belonging to these genera.

*Chaetomorpha auricoma* (Suhr) Kjellmann. See Sjöstedt (1920).

*Cladophora*. Most of the identifications were checked by Prof. Dr C. van den Hoek.

*Cladophora hutchinsiae* (Dillw.) Kütz. The 'rectangularis' form of this species was observed a few times together with 'normal' plants in material dived from 5—10 m near loc. 4 (van den Hoek, 1963).

*Cladophora parriaudii* van den Hoek. As culture experiments are necessary (van den Hoek, 1963) this identification of formol-conserved material must remain uncertain.

*Spongomorpha arcta* (Dillw.) Kütz. See Kornmann (1962).

*Ulothrix subflaccida* Wille cannot be distinguished from *U. acrorhiza* Kornmann without culture experiments (Kornmann, 1964).

*Ulva 'lactuca'* L. Under this name a number of species are comprised in the present paper, among which *U. rigida* (C. Ag.) Thw. and *U. olivascens* Dangeard. Since accurate descriptions and delineation of these species are still lacking, it is impossible to assign specimens to any one of them with sufficient degree of accuracy (for a review, cf. van den Hoek, 1964).

#### PHAEOPHYCEAE

*Cystoseira baccata* (Gmel.) Silva. Specimens with very small air-vesicles regularly occur; these resemble very much *C. foeniculacea* (L.) Grev.

*Fucus* L. For a review, cf. Powell (1963).

*Fucus ceranoides* L. Certain specimens are intermediate between *F. vesiculosus* and *F. ceranoides*. All collected specimens were dioecious.

*Fucus serratus* L. was observed only on the S. and W. coasts of the isle of Cortegada; it was reported from the same place in 1933 (Miranda, 1934). Here *F. serratus* vegetations occur in the sublittoral fringe. On higher levels, up to about halfway the eulittoral zone, plants interpreted as hybrids with *F. vesiculosus* occur. It is imaginable that introduction of *F. vesiculosus* genes into *F. serratus* may give rise to plants that are better adapted to life higher in the littoral than 'pure' *F. serratus* plants are. In the *F. serratus* plants growing lowest, no *F. vesiculosus* influence (air bladders, thickened conceptaculæ) could be found. In the Ría de Barquera Fischer-Piette (pers. comm.) observed a *Fucus* population consisting only of intermediate forms. The specimens pictured by Ardré (1957, fig. 2 and 3) seem to represent such hybrids. The occurrence of hybrids is also probable because it concerns open vegetations where competition is limited (Knight and Parke, 1950). As *F. serratus* almost reaches the southern limit of its geographic distribution in the Ría de Arosa, its absence in all other places investigated seems reasonably explained by assuming that in this area it cannot stand competition by other large brown algae. These are absent at Cortegada, most likely because of still somewhat estuarine conditions.

*Fucus spiralis* L. The gross-morphological difference between this species and evesiculate specimens of *F. vesiculosus* is, in many cases, insufficient for identification. Monoecious specimens have been called *F. spiralis*. From a taxonomic point of view this is certainly unsatisfactory, although some support may come from the fact that all material thus identified originates from the higher part of the eulittoral. Distinctly separated *F. spiralis* and *F. vesiculosus* zones, as occur in mid- and northern Europe, have not been observed in the Ría de Arosa.

*Giffordia 'recurvata'* (Kuckuck ex Kornmann) Cardinal. This combination is not valid according to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature as a Latin diagnosis is lacking.

*Sphacelaria cirrhosa* (Roth) C. Ag. De Haas-Niekerk (1965) showed that this species is distinct from *S. furcigera* Kütz. (see also van den Hoek, 1968). This is also my experience. I found these species often growing together and separation on the criteria given by the above-mentioned author was always clear.

*Sphacelaria britannica* Sauv. Recently, van den Hoek (1968) showed by culture experiments that this 'species' is a stage in the life-cycle of *S. furcigera*.

*Striaria attenuata* (Grev.) Grev. forma *ramosissima* (Kütz.) Hauck. My material agrees very well with the type specimens of *Encocelium ramosissimum* Kütz. 1843 in the collection

of the Rijksherbarium, collected near Venice. Unilocular sporangia are never arranged in rows, but always irregularly distributed on the tallus (Kützing, 1849, Hauck, 1885).

#### RHODOPHYCEAE

*Acrosorium uncinatum* (Turn.) Kylin. Most of the material being sterile, I did not succeed to distinguish critically between this species and *A. reptans* (Crouan *frat.*) Kylin and *Cryptopleura ramosum* (Huds.) Kylin *ex* Newton (cf. van den Hoek and Donze, 1966). All material has been joined under this arbitrarily chosen name.

*Calliblepharis ciliata* (Huds.) Kütz. All morphologically intermediate forms between this species and *C. jubata* (Good. et Woodw.) Kütz. occur; plants growing on very exposed coasts mostly resemble *C. jubata*. Without microscopic examination these plants often can hardly be distinguished from *Gigartina teedii*.

*Corallina officinalis* L. I think it is impossible to distinguish more than one species in my material (cf. van den Hoek and Donze, 1966).

*Gelidium pulchellum* (Turn.) Kütz. Under this name I have included also *G. pusillum*, *G. pulvinatum*, and *G. crinale* (cf. van den Hoek and Donze, 1966, Dixon 1958).

*Gigartina pistillata* (Gmel.) Stackh. Intermediate plants with *G. teedii* are common (cf. Gayral, 1958).

*Griffithsia*. The collected material was sterile and could not be identified.

*Gymnogongrus norvegicus* (Gunn.) J. Ag. and *Gymnogongrus patens* (Good. et Woodw.) J. Ag. The difference between these species is not always clear.

*Phymatolithon polymorphum* (L.) Foslie. See also Adey (1964). This name is used here in a collective sense comprising also *P. lenormandii* (Aresch.) Adey and possibly other species.

*Polysiphonia urceolata* (Lightf. *ex* Dillw.) Grev. All ecorticate specimens with 4 pericentral siphons have been joined under this arbitrarily chosen name.

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Table 1. *Lithophyllum-Ceramium shuttleworthianum* vegetations. 13 survey plots from localities 1 (6x), 2 (2x), 4, 12, 14, 16, 17.

For species with degree of presence I and abundance not over 1 see table 18.

<i>Chthamalus stellatus</i>	V	2-5
<i>Lithophyllum tortuosum</i>	IV	1-3
<i>Ceramium shuttleworthianum</i>	IV	+3
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	III	3-4
<i>Polysiphonia urceolata</i>	III	+2
<i>Phymatolithon polymorphum</i>	III	+2
<i>Porphyra umbilicalis</i>	II	1-2
<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	II	+2
<i>Ceramium flabelligerum</i>	II	+2
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	II	+1
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>	II	+1
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	II	+1
<i>Ceramium tenuissimum</i>	I	+2
<i>Balanus perforatus</i>	I	3

Table 2. *Gigartina stellata* vegetations. 14 survey plots from localities 1, 2 (3x), 3 (2x), 4, 14 (2x), 15, 16 (4x).

For species with I and abundance not over 1 see table 1.

<i>Gigartina stellata</i>	V	2-5
<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	V	+5
<i>Caulacanthus ustulatus</i>	IV	1-3
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	IV	+2
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	IV	+1
<i>Ceramium rubrum</i>	IV	+2
<i>Enteromorpha ramulosa</i>	IV	+2
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i>	III	+4
<i>Lomentaria articulata</i>	III	+3
<i>Himantalia elongata</i>	III	+2
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>	III	+2
<i>Chondrus crispus</i>	II	+2
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	II	+3
<i>Ceramium echionotum</i>	II	+3
<i>Gigartina teedii</i>	II	+3
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	II	+3
<i>Balanus perforatus</i>	II	2-5
<i>Petrocelis cruentus</i>	II	1-3
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	II	2-4
<i>Ceramium flabelligerum</i>	II	+2
<i>Cladophora laetevirens</i>	II	+2
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>	II	+2
<i>Leathesia difformis</i>	II	+2
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	II	+2
<i>Hildenbrandia prototypus</i>	II	1-2
<i>Ceramium ciliatum</i>	II	+1
<i>Callithamnion tetricum</i>	II	+3
<i>Cladophora sericea</i>	II	+1
<i>Sphacelaria furcigera</i>	II	+
<i>Chthamalus stellatus</i>	I	3-4
<i>Ceramium shuttleworthianum</i>	I	+2
<i>Cladophora albida</i>	I	+2
<i>Rhizoclonium riparium</i>		
<i>f. validum</i>	I	+2
<i>Cladostephus spongiosus</i>	I	1-2
<i>Porphyra umbilicalis</i>	I	+2
<i>Codium tomentosum</i>	I	2
<i>Ceramium tenuissimum</i>	I	+1

Table 3. *Himanthalia elongata* vegetations, "exposed" type.  
11 survey plots from localities 1 (3x), 2 (4x), 17.

Table 4. *Himanthalia-Bifurcaria* vegetations, "sheltered" type.  
19 survey plots from localities 1 (3x), 4 (2x), 7, 6, 11 (3x),  
12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (2x).

For species with a degree of presence I and an abundance never over 1 see table 18.

	Table 3		Table 4	
<i>Himanthalia elongata</i>	V	2-4	V	1-5
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	V	+4	V	+3
<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	IV	+5	IV	1-5
<i>Chondrus crispus</i>	III	+4	III	+3
<i>Ectocarpus fasciculatus</i>	II	+1	II	+1
<i>Mesophyllum lichenoides</i>	II	+2	II	+5
<i>Caulacanthus ustulatus</i>	II	+3	II	1-4
<i>Callithamnion tetragonum</i>	II	+	II	+
<i>Acrosorium uncinatum</i>	II	+1	I	1-3
<i>Ceramium tenuissimum</i>	II	+2	I	1-3
<i>Ceramium rubrum</i>	V	1-3	IV	+3
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>	V	+5	IV	+3
<i>Polysiphonia brodiaei</i>	IV	+2	III	+2
<i>Lomentaria articulata</i>	IV	+2	II	+1
<i>Codium tomentosum</i>	III	+3	II	+3
<i>Gastroclonium ovatum</i>	II	+	I	+1
<i>Pterosiphonia thuyoides</i>	II	+1	I	+2
<i>Epilithon membranaceum</i>	II	+2		
<i>Callithamnion tetricum</i>	II	+2	I	+1
<i>Ceramium shuttleworthianum</i>	II	+1	I	+1
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	II	1-2	I	1
<i>Callithamnion hookeri</i>	II	+		
<i>Gymnogongrus patens</i>	II	+1		
<i>Gelidium attenuatum</i>	II	+3		
<i>Pterosiphonia complanata</i>	II	+1		
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i>	III	+1	IV	+3
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	III	+2	III	+5
<i>Gigartina teedii</i>	II	+3	IV	+3
<i>Bifurcaria bifurcata</i>	I	+	IV	+4
<i>Ceramium echionotum</i>	II	+1	III	+2
<i>Cladophora laetevirens</i>	I	+1	III	+2
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	II	+	III	+2
<i>Sphacelaria cirrhosa</i>			IV	+2
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>	I	+	III	+4
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Leathesia difformis</i>	I	1	III	+3
<i>Enteromorpha ramulosa</i>	I	+	III	+4
<i>Rhizoclonium riparium f. validum</i>	II	+	II	+2
<i>Cladostephus spongiosus</i>			III	+2
<i>Sphacelaria furcigera</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Polysiphonia fruticulosa</i>	I	1	II	+1
<i>Ceramium ciliatum</i>			II	+1
<i>Cladophora albida</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Colpomenia peregrina</i>			II	+1
<i>Jania rubens</i>	I	+	II	+1
<i>Halopteris scoparia</i>			II	+2
<i>Enteromorpha clathrata</i>			II	+1
<i>Rhizoclonium implexum</i>			II	+1
<i>Chaetomorpha capillaris</i>			II	+1
<i>Cystoseira tamariscifolia</i>			I	1-2
<i>Saccorhiza polyschides</i>	I	+	I	2
<i>Laminaria saccharina</i>			I	1-2

Table 5. Sublittoral vegetation of Laminariaceae of exposed shores. 19 survey plots from localities 1 (7x), 2 (3x), 3 (3x), 4, 16, 17 (4x).

Table 6. Sublittoral vegetations of Laminariaceae of sheltered shores. 21 survey plots from localities 1, 4 (2x), 5 (3x), 6, 7 (6x), 12 (2x), 14, 15 (2x), 16 (2x), 17.

For species with a degree of presence I and an abundance never over 1 is referred to table 18.

	Table 5		Table 6	
<i>Ceramium rubrum</i>	V	+3	V	+4
<i>Chondrus crispus</i>	V	+4	IV	1-2
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	IV	+3	V	+4
<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	IV	+5	V	+5
<i>Saccorhiza polyschides</i>	IV	1-5	IV	+4
<i>Acrosorium uncinatum</i>	III	1-2	IV	+3
<i>Himantalia elongata</i>	IV	+3	III	+4
<i>Laurencia palmatida</i>	IV	+3	III	+4
<i>Ectocarpus fasciculatus</i>	III	+1	II	+2
<i>Laminaria ochroleuca</i>	III	1-3	II	1-4
<i>Rhodophyllis bifida</i>	II	+2	II	+2
<i>Codium tomentosum</i>	III	+3	I	1-2
<i>Polysiphonia fruticulosa</i>	II	+2	II	+2
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	II	+2	II	+2
<i>Callithamnion tetragonum</i>	V	+1	I	+1
<i>Gelidium sesquipedale</i>	III	1-3	I	+
<i>Lomentaria articulata</i>	III	+2	I	+1
<i>Pterosiphonia complanata</i>	III	+3		
<i>Calliblepharis ciliata</i>	III	+2		
<i>Gelidium attenuatum</i>	III	+3	I	+2
<i>Haematocelis rubens</i>	II	+2		
<i>Cystoseira baccata</i>	II	+5		
<i>Plocamium coccineum</i>	II	+2		
<i>Giffordia recurvata</i>	II	+1		
<i>Callithamnion hookeri</i>	II	+		
<i>Gigartina teedii</i>	II	+2	IV	+3
<i>Ceramium echionotum</i>	I	+	IV	+2
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	II	+1	IV	+3
<i>Sphacelaria cirrhosa</i>	I	+	II	1-4
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i>	I	+	III	+3
<i>Cystoseira tamariscifolia</i>	I	+2	III	+4
<i>Apoglossum ruscifolium</i>	I	+1	III	+1
<i>Enteromorpha ramulosa</i>	I	+2	III	+2
<i>Colpomenia peregrina</i>	I	1	IV	+1
<i>Ceramium tenuissimum</i>	I	+1	III	+1
<i>Jania rubens</i>	I	+1	III	+2
<i>Asparagopsis armata</i> , "Falkenbergia" stage	I	1-2	III	+3
<i>Nitophyllum punctatum</i>	I	+	III	+1
<i>Cladophora hutchinsiae</i>			IV	+2
<i>Bifurcaria bifurcata</i>			III	+3
<i>Halopectis filicina</i>			II	+1
<i>Halopectis scoparia</i>			II	+1
<i>Enteromorpha clathrata</i>			III	+5
<i>Cladostephus spongiosus</i>			II	+1
<i>Ectocarpus arctus</i>			II	+2
<i>Ceramium ciliatum</i>			II	+2
<i>Laminaria saccharina</i>			II	1-4
<i>Cladophora vagabunda</i>			II	+3
<i>Dasya corymbifera</i>			II	+
<i>Cystoseira concatenata</i>			II	1-4
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>			II	+3
<i>Cladophora albida</i>			II	+1
<i>Cladophora sericea</i>			II	+2
<i>Leathesia difformis</i>			I	2
<i>Pterocladia capillacea</i>	III	+2	II	+2
<i>Polysiphonia brodiaei</i>	II	+3	I	+3
<i>Gynogongrus patens</i>	II	+2	I	1-2
<i>Gigartina stellata</i>	II	+2	I	1-2
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	II	+2	II	+2
<i>Mesophyllum lichenoides</i>	II	+3	I	+4
<i>Giffordia hincksiae</i>	II	+1	I	+1
<i>Halurus squisetifolius</i>	II	+1	I	+
<i>Rhodymenia palmata</i>	I	1-2	I	2
<i>Polysiphonia furciculata</i>	I	+2	I	+
<i>Asparagopsis armata</i>	I	3		
<i>Dictyopteria membranacea</i>	I	3		
<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i>	I	2-5	I	5
<i>Schizymenia dubyi</i>	I	+2	I	+1
<i>Gelidium latifolium</i>	I	1-2	II	+2
<i>Cladophora laetevirens</i>	I	+	III	+2
<i>Gastroclonium ovatum</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Hypoglossum woodwardii</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Acrochaetium virgatulum</i>	I	+1	II	+2
<i>Champia parvula</i>	I	+	II	+
<i>Gracilaria foliifera</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Lithophyllum incrustans</i>			I	5
<i>Callophyllia laciniata</i>			I	2
<i>Asperococcus bullosus</i>			I	3
<i>Symploca hydroides</i>			I	2
<i>Chondria coerulea</i>			I	2
<i>Hildenbrandia occidentalis</i> var. <i>lusitanica</i>			I	2

Table 7. *Rivularia bullata* vegetation.  
5 surveys from localities 5, 6, 11, 12 and 15.

<i>Rivularia bullata</i>	V	1-3
<i>Chthamalus stellatus</i>	V	2-5
<i>Hildenbrandia prototypus</i>	III	+2
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	II	+2
<i>Elminius modestus</i>	I	1
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	I	3

Table 8. *Pelvetia* vegetations of sheltered and semi-exposed sites.  
9 survey-plots from localities 2, 4 (2x), 7 (2x), 12, 15, 17, 18.

Table 9. *Pelvetia* vegetations of very sheltered shores.  
12 survey-plots from localities 7 (2x), 8, 9, 20 (8x).

1) only in brackish water (loc. 20).

2) in winter only

	Table 8		Table 9	
<i>Pelvetia canaliculata</i>	V	2-5	V	2-5
<i>Hildenbrandia prototypus</i>	III	2-3	IV	2-5
<i>Catenella repens</i>			IV	1-5
<i>Bostrychia scorpioides</i>			II	2-4
<i>Fucus sp. juv.</i>	I	+	II	+2
<i>Rhizoclonium riparium f. riparium</i>			II	+3
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	I	4	II	+5
barnacles	V	3-5	IV	+2
<i>Fucus spiralis</i>	I	1	II	+3
<i>Blidingia marginata</i> 1)			I	2
<i>Blidingia minima ramifera</i> 1)			I	3
<i>Monostroma oxyspermum</i> 1)			I	+2
<i>Rivularia atra</i>			I	2
<i>Calothrix scopulorum</i>			I	2
<i>Calothrix confervicola</i>			I	1
<i>Chaetomorpha linum</i>			I	+
<i>Enteromorpha ramulosa</i>			I	+
<i>Blidingia minima</i>	I 2)	4	I	+
<i>Porphyra linearis</i> 2)	I	1	I(cf.)	1
<i>Entophysalis deusta</i>	I	1	I	1
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	I	2	I	2
<i>Porphyra umbilicalis</i>	I	2-3		
<i>Lichina pygmaea</i>	II	1-5		
<i>Ulothrix subflaccida</i> 2)	I	+		
<i>Plectonema battersii</i>	I	+		

- Table 10. *Fucus* vegetations from semi exposed shores. 22 survey plots from localities 1 (2x), 3, 4 (2x), 7 (8x), 14, 16, 17 (3x) and 18 (4x).  
 Table 11. *Fucus* vegetations from the lower eulittoral of sheltered to semi-exposed shores. 20 survey plots from localities 1 (2x), 4 (2x), 5 (4x), 6 (3x), 7 (4x), 10, 11, 12 (2x) and 18.  
 Table 12. *Fucus-Ascophyllum* vegetations from extreme shelter. 34 survey plots from localities 5, 7 (11x), 8 (11x), 9 (4x), 10 (3x) and 20 (4x).

For species with a degree of presence I and an abundance not over 1 see table 18.

	Table 10		Table 11		Table 12	
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	IV	+5	V	2-5	IV	1-5
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	IV	+4	III	+5	IV	+4
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	III	+2	III	+4	II	+3
<i>Caulacanthus ustulatus</i>	I	+1	I	+3	I	3
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	II	+4	IV	+3	IV	+4
<i>Ceramium flabelligerum</i>	I	+	II	+2	II	+3
<i>Rhizoclonium riparium</i> f. <i>riparium</i>	I	+	II	+3	II	+2
<i>Rhizoclonium implexum</i>			II	+1	II	+2
<i>Chaetomorpha linum</i>	I	1	II	+1	II	+1
<i>Cladostephus spongiosus</i>			II	+3	II	+3
<i>Rhodochorton floridulum</i>			I	+1	I	+5
<i>Gymnogongrus griffithsiae</i>			I	+3	I	+3
<i>Calothrix confervicola</i>			I	2	I	1-3
<i>Enteromorpha ramulosa</i>	I	+1	II	+5	III	+4
<i>Sphacelaria furcigera</i>	I	+	II	+3	III	+4
<i>Callithamnion polyspermum</i>	I	+3	I	+2	II	+5
<i>Pilayella littoralis</i>			I	+2	II	+2
<i>Chondrus crispus</i>	I	1	I	+2	II	1-4
<i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i>					III	+4
<i>Polysiphonia lanosa</i>					III	+2
<i>Catenella repens</i>					III	1-4
<i>Blidingia marginata</i>					I	+2
<i>Lyngbya aestuarii</i>					I	1-5
<i>Fucus serratus</i>					I	3
<i>Gigartina stellata</i>	II	+1	IV	+3	I	+2
<i>Fucus spiralis</i>	II	2-5	I	4	III	2-5
<i>Elachista fucicola</i>	II	+2	III	+2	I	+2
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>	I	5	III	+3	I	1-3
<i>Gigartina teedii</i>			III	+3	I	2-3
<i>Ceramium rubrum</i>	I	+	II	+3	I	+
<i>Himantalia elongata</i>	II	+3	II	+3		
<i>Cladophora albidia</i>	I	+	II	+	I	2
<i>Cladophora laetevirens</i>			II	+3	I	+
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i>			II	+2	I	2
<i>Enteromorpha clathrata</i>			II	+5	I	1
<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	II	+1	II	1-5	I	+
<i>Lophosiphonia reptabunda</i>			III	+5		
<i>Symploca hydnoidea</i>			I	+5		
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>			II	+2		
<i>Ceramium shuttleworthianum</i>	II	+2	I	+		
<i>Petrocelis cruentus</i>	I	+	I	1-4		
barnacles	V	1-5	II	3-5	II	3-5
<i>Hildenbrandia prototypus</i>	III	+4	I	1-2	IV	+4
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	III	+3	I	+1	I	+1
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	II	2-4	I	2	I	2
<i>Blidingia minima</i>	II	+2	I	+	I	+4
<i>Pelvetia canaliculata</i>	I	1-2			I	+1
<i>Porphyra umbilicalis</i>	III	+4				

Table 13. Monostroma-Blidingia vegetation.  
33 survey plots from locality 20.

Monostroma oxyspermum	IV	1-5
Rhizoclonium riparium f. riparium	III	+5
Blidingia marginata	II	1-5
Blidingia subsp. minima	II	1-5
Enteromorpha compressa	II	3-5
Enteromorpha intestinalis	I	+5
Elminius modestus	I	5
Ulothrix subflaccida	I	5
Oscillatoria margaritifera	I	1-4
Entophysalis deusta	I	2-4
Porphyra cf. linearis	I	+3
Cladophora globulina	I	1-3
Rivularia atra	I	+3
Spirulina tenerrima	I	3
Cladophora glomerata	I	2
Rhizoclonium implexum	I	+1
Hildenbrandia prototypus	I	1
Lyngbya lutea	I	+
Schizothrix calcicola	I	+
Cladophora sericea	I	+
Callithamnion polyspermum	I	+
Fucus sp. juv.	I	+
Urospora sp.	I	+

Table 14. Fucus vegetations from brackish water.  
16 survey-plots from localities 19 (3x) and 20 (13x).

Fucus ceranoides	IV	2-5
Blidingia marginata	III	+5
Hildenbrandia prototypus	III	+5
Bostrychia scorpioides	I	+3
Fucus vesiculosus	II	2-5
Enteromorpha compressa	II	+4
Rhizoclonium riparium f. riparium	II	+3
Elachista fucicola	II	+2
Ascophyllum nodosum	I	3-5
Fucus spiralis	I	+2
Rhizoclonium implexum	I	3
Cladophora globulina	I	2
Blidingia minima	I	1
Pelvetia canaliculata	I	1
Catenella repens	I	+
Polysiphonia lanosa	I	+
Pilayella littoralis	I	+

Table 15. High littoral grotto vegetations.  
23 survey plots from localities 1 (2x), 3, 6 (2x), 7 (6x),  
9, 10 (3x), 14, 17 (4x), 18 (2x), 8.

Table 16. High littoral grotto vegetations from brackish water.  
7 survey-plots from locality 20.

For species with I and abundance not over 1 see table 18.

	Table 15		Table 16	
<i>Catenella repens</i>	III	+5	V	1-5
<i>Gelidium pulchellum</i>	V	1-5		
<i>Callithamnion polyspermum</i>	IV	+5	III	3-4
<i>Hildenbrandia prototypus</i>	III	+3	II	1-2
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	II	+1	III	+1
<i>Fucus</i> sp. juv.	II	+1	III	+1
<i>Bostrychia scorpioides</i>	I	1	III	2-4
<i>Rhodochorton purpureum</i>	II	2-5	II	+3
<i>Blidingia marginata</i>			III	3
<i>Sphacelaria furcigera</i>	I	+1	II	+
<i>Rhizoclonium implexum</i>	I	+	II	+
<i>Enteromorpha clathrata</i>			II	1
<i>Monostroma oxyspermum</i>			II	2-3
<i>Rhizoclonium riparium</i> f. <i>riparium</i>	II	+2	I	4
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	II	+4		
<i>Enteromorpha ramulosa</i>	II	1-3		
<i>Ceramium flabelligerum</i>	II	+3		
<i>Cladophora albida</i>	II	+1		
<i>Gigartina stellata</i>	II	+1		
<i>Lophosiphonia reptabunda</i>	I	3-5		
<i>Blidingia minima</i>	I	+2	I	1
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i>	I	+2		
<i>Chaetomorpha linum</i>	I	+1		
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>	I	+1		
<i>Entophysalis deusta</i>	I	1-3		
<i>Balanus perforatus</i>	I	4-5		
<i>Oscillatoria bonnemaissonii</i>	I	2		
<i>Oscillatoria nigroviridis</i>	I	2		
<i>Calothrix confervicola</i>			I	3
<i>Blidingia minima</i> subsp. <i>ramifera</i>			I	3
<i>Cladophora globulina</i>			I	1

VEGETATION TYPES

LOCALITIES

	1	2	3	4	18	14	16	17	15	12	7	6	5	11	13	9	8	10	20
Laminariaceae, exposed type	x	x	x	x			x	x											
Himantalia elongata	x	x		x				x											
Lichina pygmaea				x															
Porphyra linearis							x	x											
Iithophyllum torulosum	x	x						x			x								
Gigartina stellata	x	x	x				x		x										
Pelvetia canaliculata			+				x		x		x								
Rivularia bullata					x				x	x									
Laminariaceae, sheltered type	+				+		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Himantalia-Bifurcaria	+				+		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Fucus	+			+			x	x			x								
Low littoral Fucus																		x	
Fucus-Ascophyllum	+			+			+											x	
Pelvetia-Catenella											x								x

Table 17. Distribution of vegetation types.

+ : only in relatively sheltered sites.  
See map figs. 1.



Table 18. List of species observed during this investigation.

## 18 A. Local distribution.

In the first part of the table the occurrence of species in the littoral and shallow sublittoral of the investigated localities (see map fig. 1) is indicated by the following degrees of shading: — present; = common; ≡ forming a conspicuous part in at least one vegetation-type (having over 25 % surface covering).

## 18 B. Depth distribution.

In the middle part the depth distribution as observed by diving and dredging is indicated in the same scale. The first column represents the littoral, the second from low-water-mark to 5 m depth, the third from 5.10 below lowwater-mark, and so on.

## 18 C. Distribution over the vegetation-types.

In the last part of this table the degree of presence by which the species participate in these described vegetation-types that are richest in species is represented by the following scale: — = I; = = II; ≡ = III; ≡≡ = IV; ≡≡≡ = V.

The following vegetation-types are included:

- Column 1. *Laminariaceae* vegetations, exposed type.  
 2. *Laminariaceae* vegetations, sheltered type.  
 3. *Himanthalia elongata* vegetations.  
 4. *Himanthalia-Bifurcaria* vegetations.  
 5. *Gigartina stellata* vegetations.  
 6. Miscellaneous turf vegetations.  
 7. *Lithophyllum tortuosum* vegetations.  
 8. High littoral shade vegetations.  
 9. *Fucus-Ascophyllum* vegetations.  
 10. Low littoral *Fucus* vegetations.  
 11. *Fucus* vegetations.







	2	3	1	4	10	14	16	17	15	12	7	6	5	11	13	8	10	20	19	8	5	10	15	20	30	40	60	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
<i>Halopteris scoparia</i> (L.) Sauv.																																									
<i>Herponema velutinum</i> (Grev.) J. Ag.																																									
<i>Hisanthalia elongata</i> (L.) S.F. Gray																																									
<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i> (Gunn.) Fosl.																																									
<i>Laminaria ochroleuca</i> Pyl.																																									
<i>Laminaria saccharina</i> (L.) Lamour.																																									
<i>Leathesia difformis</i> (L.) Aresch.																																									
<i>Leblondiella densa</i> (Batt.) Hamel																																									
<i>Leptonematella fasciculata</i> (Reinke) Silva																																									
<i>Liebmannia levellei</i> J. Ag.																																									
<i>Lithoderma</i> sp.																																									
<i>Lithosiphon pusillus</i> (Carn. ex Hook.) Harv.																																									
<i>Myriactula rivulariae</i> (Suhr in Aresch.) J. Feldm.																																									
<i>Myrionema coronatae</i> Sauv.																																									
<i>Myrionema strangulans</i> Grev.																																									
<i>Myriotrichia repens</i> Hauck																																									
<i>Padina pavonia</i> (L.) Lamour.																																									
<i>Pelvetia canaliculata</i> (L.) Dcne et Thur.																																									
<i>Petalonia fasciata</i> (O.F.Müll.) Kuntze																																									
<i>Pilayella littoralis</i> (L.) Kjellm.																																									
<i>Punctaria plantaginea</i> (Roth) Grev.																																									
<i>Ralfsia clavata</i> (Harv. in Hook.) Crouan frat.																																									
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i> (Aresch.) J. Ag.																																									
<i>Saccorhiza polyschides</i> (Lightf.) Batt.																																									
<i>Sauvageauglecia chordariaeformis</i> (Crouan frat.) Kylin																																									
<i>Scytosiphon lomentarius</i> (Lyngb.) Link																																									
<i>Sphaecelaria cirrhosa</i> (Roth) C. Ag.																																									
<i>Sphaecelaria furcigera</i> Kütz.																																									
<i>Sphaecelaria "britannica"</i> Sauv.																																									
<i>Sphaecelaria plumula</i> Zanard.																																									
<i>Sphaecelaria radicans</i> (Dillw.) C. Ag.																																									
<i>Spongonema tomentosum</i> (Huds.) Kütz.																																									
<i>Stictosiphon scriferus</i> (Reinke) Rosenv.																																									
<i>Striaria attenuata</i> (Grev.) Grev. f. <i>ramosissima</i> (Kütz.) Hauck																																									
<i>Symphyocarpus strangulans</i> Rosenv.																																									
<i>Symphyocarpus</i> sp.																																									











