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Sammanfattning

Ett GIS skikt som illustrerar utbredningen av makrovegetation och associerad fauna på havsbotten i SKB:s platsundersökningsområde i Forsmark skapades med hjälp av information från tidigare studier i området. Med hjälp av GIS skiktet kan uppskattad biomassa av vegetation och epifauna i olika områden beräknas.

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1 Introduction

Within the site investigation project at Forsmark, and in earlier projects, several surveys regarding the submerged macrophyte communities has been performed /Kautsky et al. 1999, Borgiel 2004, Borgiel 2005/. In order to estimate the fate and circulation of toxins or radioactive matter, the knowledge of biomass distribution in the ecosystems is important. In this study, a GIS application was created. This product is meant to work as a tool for analysing the biomass and species distribution in the macrophyte communities.

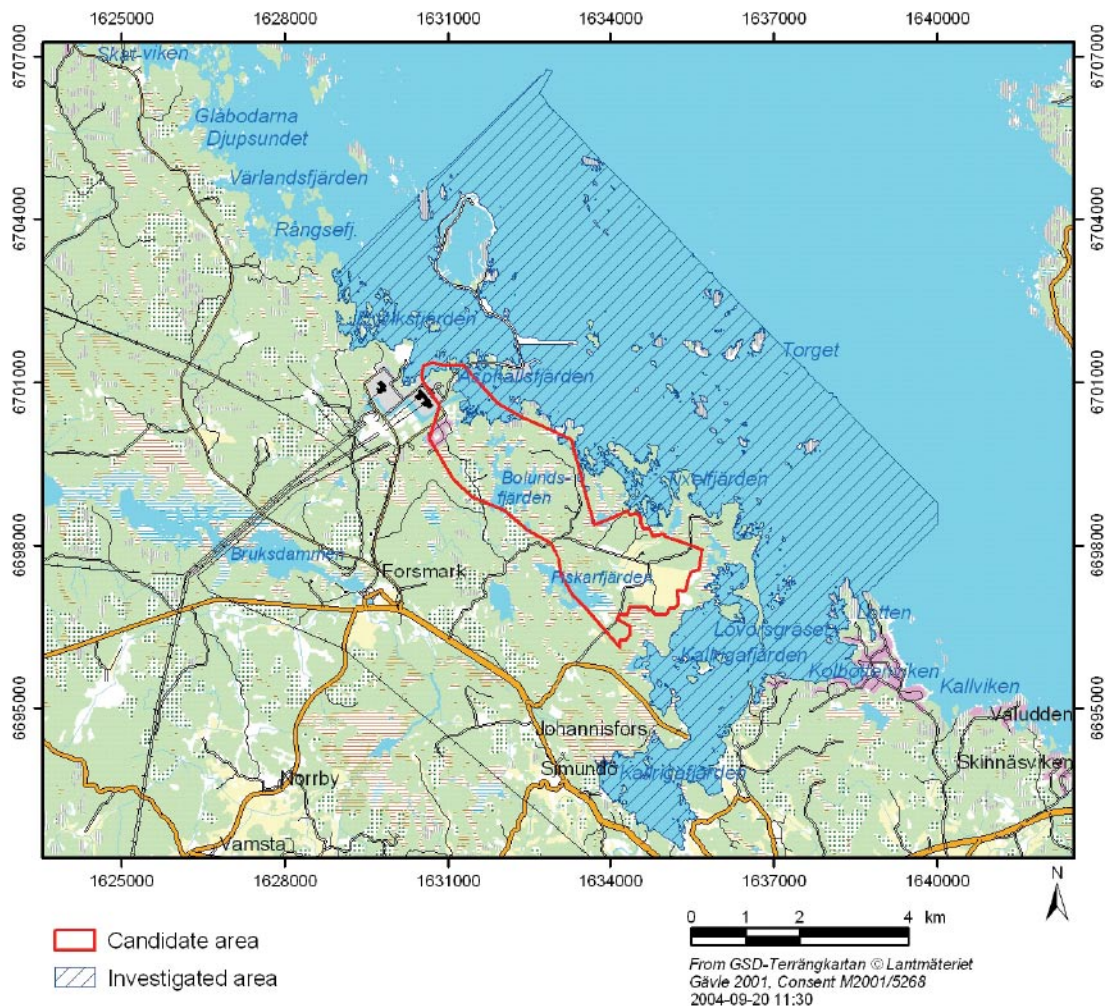


Figure 1-1. General overview over Forsmark site investigation area and the area limiting this study (Investigated area). The candidate area, where most site investigations are performed, is shown in red.

2 Material and methods

2.1 Objective

The aim of this study was to compile the information from previous studies to produce a GIS application that both illustrates the distribution of different vegetation communities and also makes it possible to estimate the total biomass of the different vegetation communities and its associated fauna.

2.2 Used software

The GIS application was created by means of the software Arc View 3.3 by Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.

2.3 In data

Distribution readings and quantitative data of submerged macrophyte communities and its associated fauna was obtained from studies by /Kautsky et al. 1999, Borgiel 2004, Borgiel, 2005/.

Information about the macrophyte distribution in Långörsviken, located in the northern parts of Kallrigafjärden, was obtained from a report by Upplandsstiftelsen /Wallström et al. 2000/.

Information about water depth and bottom substrate was available as USGS DEM file, produced by Geological Survey of Sweden /Elhammer and Sandkvist 2005/.

Complementary data of the covering degree of submerged vegetation was obtained from a study using an under water video camera /Tobiasson 2003/.

2.4 Data handling/post processing

Quantitative data on macrophyte and faunal biomass were either obtained from the primary SKB data base SICADA or directly from reports. Samples were compiled and analysed according to dominating vegetation.

2.5 Analyses and interpretations

2.5.1 Map

Figure 2-1 shows the location of available information on submerged macrophyte distribution and covering degree. Arrows indicate diving transects, dots indicate survey transects by boat and crosses represent observations from under water filming.

Readings from diving and boat transects were categorised after dominating vegetation (Figure 2-2).

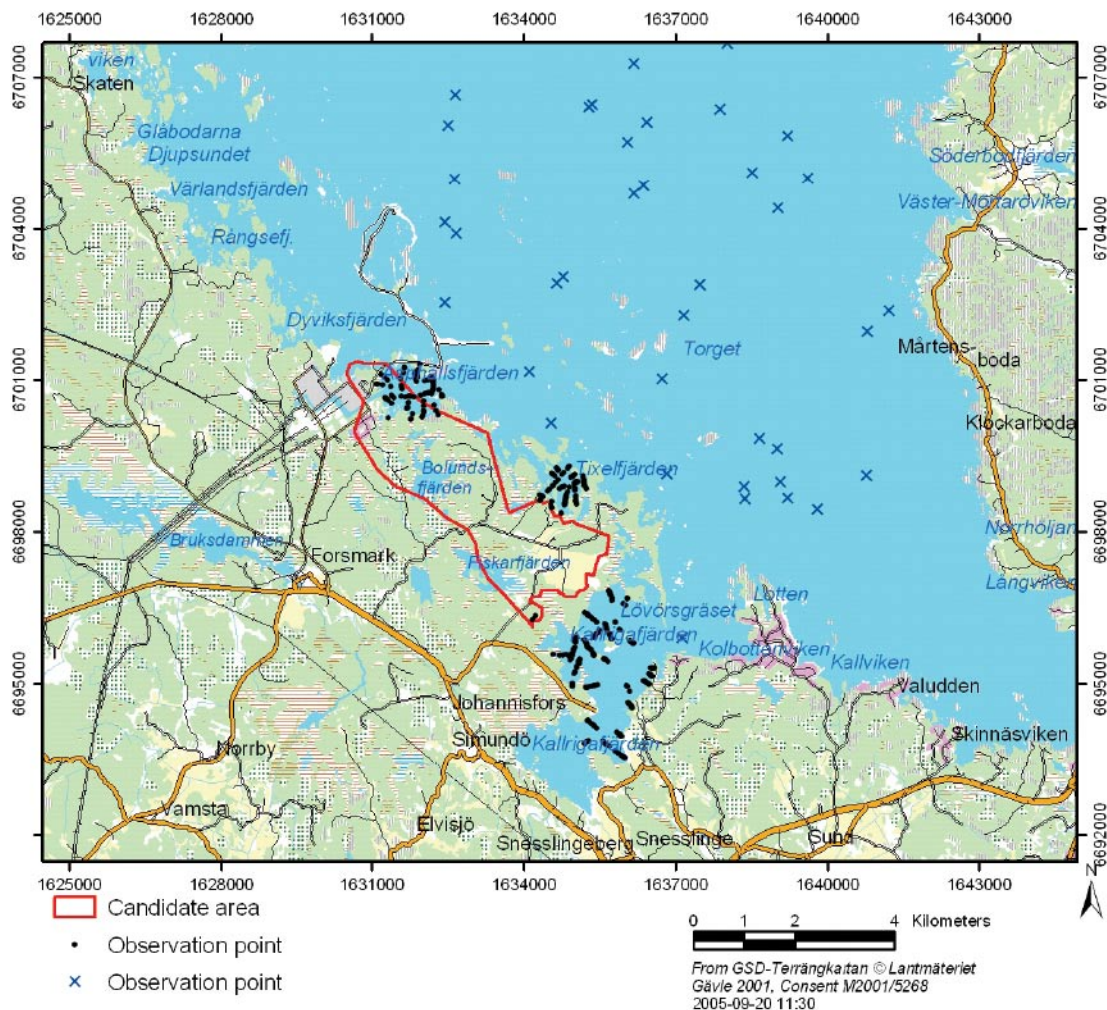


Figure 2-1. The location of information available. Dots denote boat and diving transects, crosses denote under water video recordings. The candidate area, where most site investigations are performed, is shown in red.

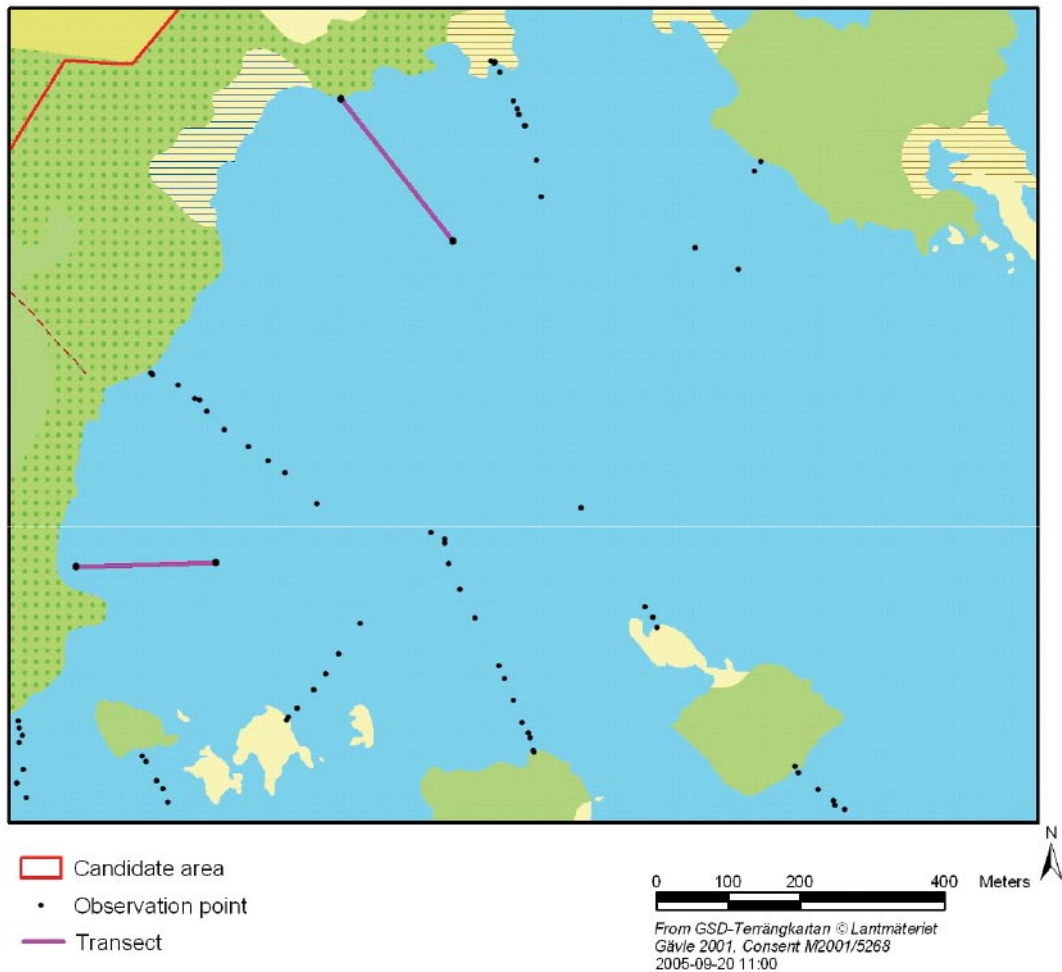


Figure 2-2. Example of diving transect (line) and boat transects (dots). The south east part of the candidate area, where most site investigations are performed, is shown in red in the upper left corner.

At each reading from the diving transects it was assumed that the vegetation and covering degree was similar five metres on both sides at right angel from the diving direction. Corresponding figure for boat transects were 20 m. Polygons were then drawn according to these assumptions and classified according to dominating vegetation (Figure 2-3).

By means of these transects and information about water depth and bottom substrate, polygons were created and classified for the remainder of the studied area. Information about bottom substrate was not available for the whole area (Figure 2-4). The classification of the substrates from Geological Survey of Sweden was made from the dominating substrate from the top 50 cm of the substrate (Pers. comm. Ingemar Cato, Geological Survey of Sweden). It is therefore impossible to know if there is a, for example, thin layer of sand or clay on top of an area classified as hard substrate. This could lead to an overestimated amount of hard substrates.



Figure 2-3. Example of diving transects (10 m wide) and boat transects (40 m wide) after polygons being drawn. Diving transect to the left in the picture. Different colours indicate different macrophyte communities.

The work was carried out as follows:

- Where information about the bottom substrate was available polygons were created by means of the substrate shape file and depth grid from Geological Survey of Sweden /Elhammer and Sandkvist 2005/
- The vegetation community and the covering degree on a certain depth and substrate combination were determined by compiled information from studies by /Kaustsky et al. 1999, Borgiel 2004/. All observations from a certain bottom substrate were analysed to find the dominating vegetation within different depth ranges (Table 2-1). After determining the dominating vegetation, the covering degrees of different macrophyte classes within each depth range were calculated as a mean of all readings (Appendix 1).
- Areas without information about the bottom substrate, but still adjacent to areas included in the substrate shape file, were defined by means of the depth grid. The vegetation community and covering degree was defined according to adjacent polygons with information about both depth and substrate.
- In areas with diving or boat transects close to one another, polygons were defined by joining similar observations together (Figure 2-5). The covering degree of the vegetation within the new polygon was calculated as a mean of the joined observations.

In areas which hadn't been visited in previous studies, a mean of other readings on a certain depth was used to estimate vegetation community and covering degree.

The type of information used to define the vegetation community and covering degree was noted for all polygons in the GIS application. As a final step the area of the polygons was calculated.

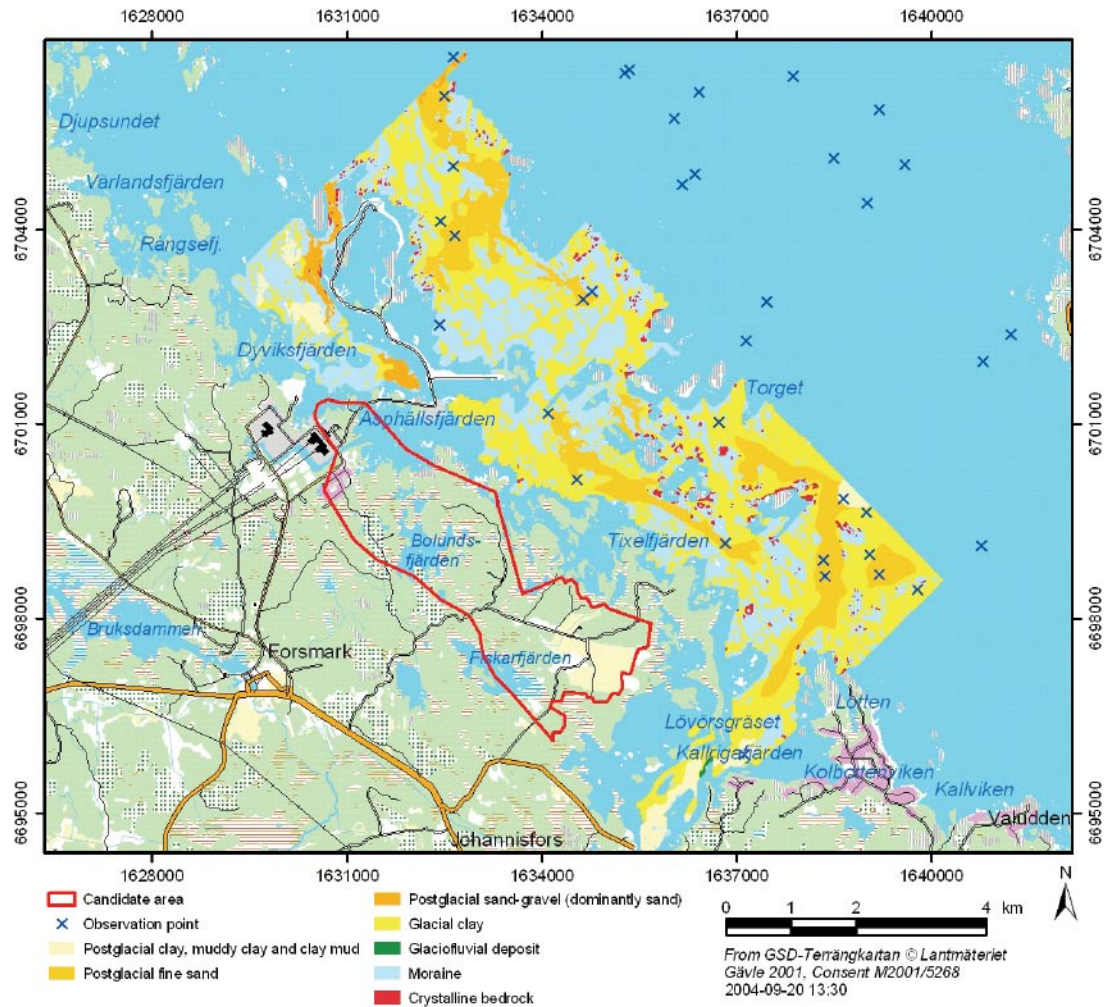


Figure 2-4. The area where information about bottom substrate was available. Different colours indicate different bottom substrates. Sites of video recordings (x) are also shown.

Table 2-1. The vegetation communities defined depending on water depth and bottom substrate.

Substrate/Depth(m)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-	Reference
Moraine		Filamentous		Fucus				Red algae			Veg<5%	R-99-69, P-04-82
Bedrock		Filamentous		Fucus				Red algae			Veg<5%	R-99-69, P-04-82
Glacial clay						Veg<5%					Empty	R-99-69, P-04-82
Clay						Veg<5%					Empty	R-99-69, P-04-82
Fine sand						Veg<5%					Empty	R-99-69, P-04-82
Silt						Veg<5%					Empty	R-99-69, P-04-82
Sand and gravel			Phanerogams					Red algae			Veg<5%	R-99-69

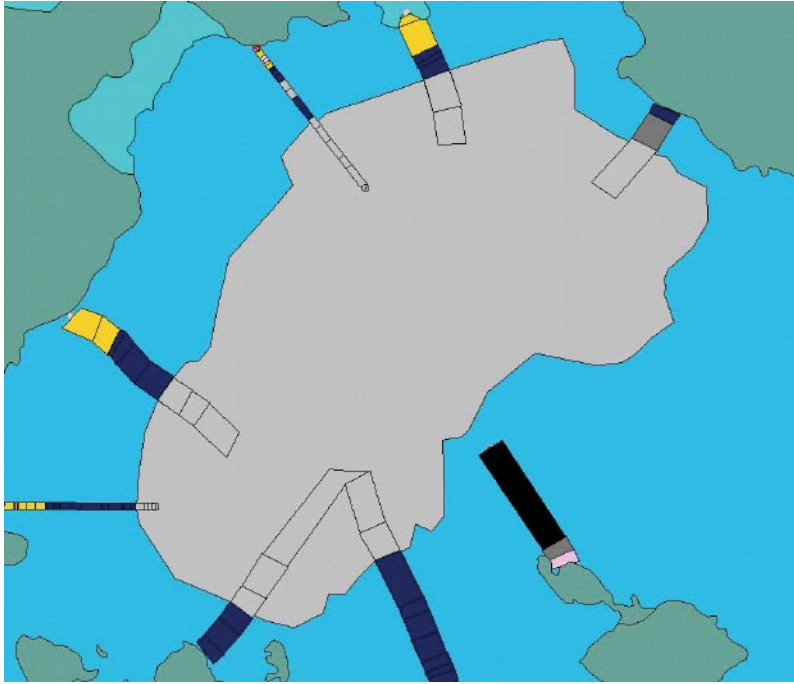


Figure 2-5. Similar observations were joined together to form polygons. The bay here (in the south part of the area) is approximately 1 km from north to south.

2.5.2 Quantitative samples

Vegetation and faunal samples were compiled and analysed according to the dominating vegetation. As a final step the biomass per square metre and covering degree was calculated. This value was used to calculate the total biomass within each polygon by multiplying it by the area of the polygon and the defined total covering degree.

3 Results

3.1 Map of macrophyte distribution

Six macrophyte communities were identified in the Forsmark area. The identified communities were *Phanerogams*, *Chara*, *Filamentous* (brown and green) *algae*, *Vaucher*a, *Fucus* and *Red algae*. The distribution of the communities is shown in Figure 3-1.

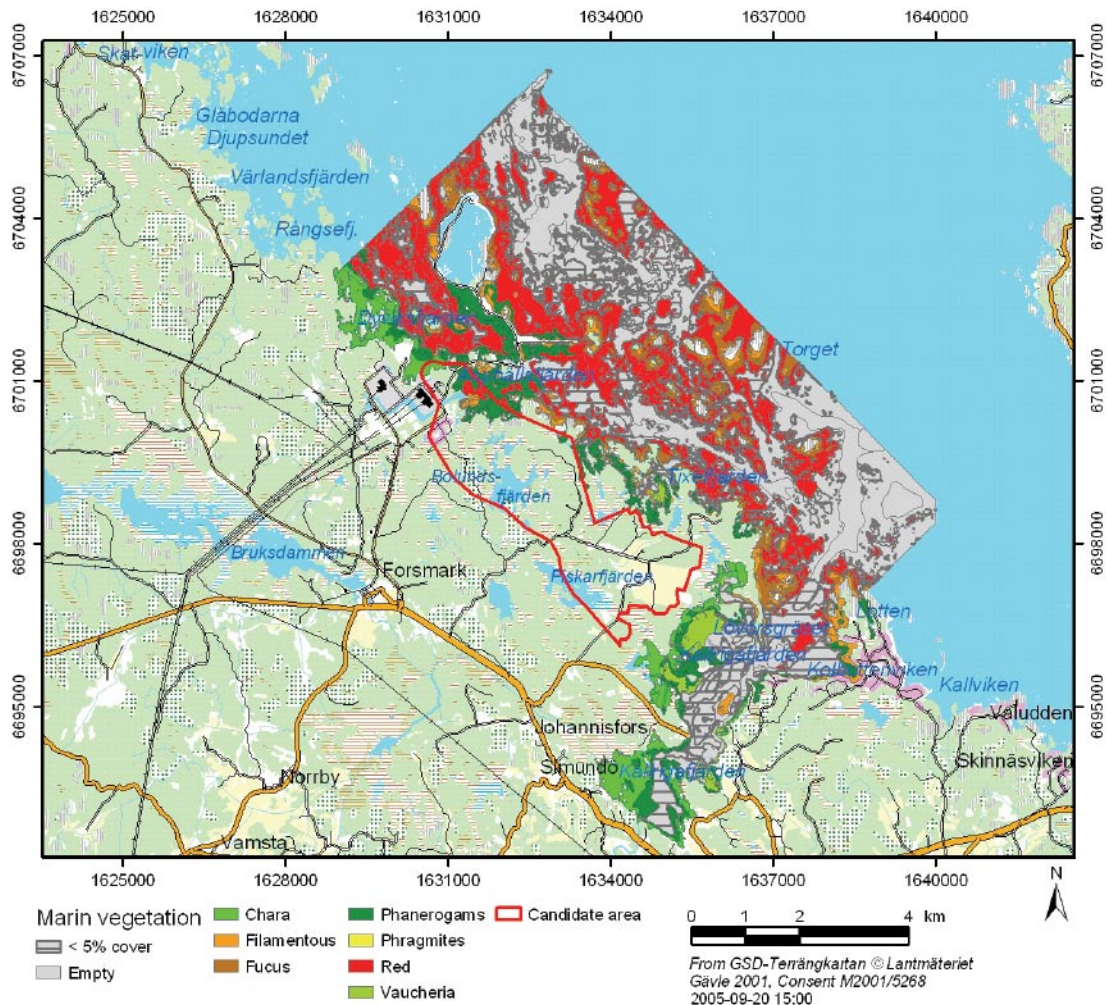


Figure 3-1. Distribution of submerged macrophyte communities in the Forsmark area. The candidate area is shown in red.

3.2 Quantitative samples

Table 3-1 presents the calculated values for biomass per square metre and covering degree that were used to calculate the total biomass in the GIS application.

Table 3-1. Vegetation and faunal biomass per square metre and covering degree in the defined vegetation communities.

Vegetation	Vegetation biomass gdw/m ² /covering degree		Epifaunal biomass gdw/m ² /covering degree	
	M	SE	M	SE
Filamentous	0.293	0.0404	0.502	0.2205
Red	0.737	0.2017	0.316	0.0809
Fucus	5.699	0.7331	1.069	0.3590
Vaucheria	3.956	0.1934	0.212	0.0241
Chara	1.647	0.1226	0.440	0.0574
Phanerogams	0.594	0.2262	0.524	0.2703

A source of error is that the calculations in Table 5-1 were based on a different number of samples (Appendix 2 and 3). Also the difference in variation regarding covering degrees could affect the results. For example, all *Vaucheria* samples were collected from areas with a high covering degree.

Areas with less than 5% vegetation were not included in the biomass estimation. More detailed results are presented in Appendix 2 and 3.

3.3 Structure of GIS application

The structure of the resulting GIS application shape file is presented in Table 3-2.

Original results are stored in primary data bases, and these data that will be used for further interpretation (modelling). The data is traceable in SDE by the field note Forsmark 508.

Table 3-2. Structure of GIS application shape file. Field name and description.

Field name	Description
Id	Polygon id
VegId	Id for vegetation community
Veg	Name of vegetation community
Cover	Covering degree for taxa giving name to the community
TotCover	Total covering degree, including all taxa
Ph	Covering degree of Phanerogams
Ch	Covering degree of Chara
Va	Covering degree of Vaucheria
Fu	Covering degree of Fucus
Re	Covering degree of Red algae
Gf	Covering degree of Green filamentous algae
Bf	Covering degree of Brown filamentous algae
Bg	Covering degree of Blue green algae
Reed	Covering degree of Reed
Rush	Covering degree of Rush
Font	Covering degree of Fontinalis
Balanus	Covering degree of Balanus
Mytilus	Covering degree of Mytilus
Macoma	Covering degree of Macoma
Cardium	Covering degree of Cardium/Cerastoderma
Other	Covering degree of other taxa
Expl_Other	Naming taxa included under field name "Other"
LF 0m	Last three digits of SKB LFM number for polygons derived from a boat transect
LFM5m	Last three digits of SKB LFM number for polygons derived from a diving transect
P0482	Station number if polygons are derived from SKB report P-04-82
R9969	Station number if polygons are derived from SKB report R-99-69
US	Polygons created by means of information from report by Upplandsstiftelsen
SGUuv	"Y" if information from under water film has been used
SGUd	"Y" if information from depth grid has been used
SGUs	"Y" if information from substrate shape file has been used
Hand	"Y" if polygon is drawn by hand
Hand_LFM	Last three digits of SKB LFM number from transects determined polygon shape and/or covering degree
Substrat	Describes substrate if information from substrate shape has been used
Reference	SKB report number if vegetation community and covering degrees have been derived from reports
Comment	Comments, if any
Vbbiocov	Vegetation biomass per square metre and covering degree (gdw/m ² /covering degree)
Epbicov	Epifaunal biomass per square metre and covering degree (gdw/m ² /covering degree)
Area_m ²	Polygon area (square metres)
Vegbio_g	Total macrophyte biomass in grams
Epbio_g	Total epifaunal biomass in grams

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Appendix 1

Covering degrees at different substrate and depth combinations

Table A1-1. Covering degrees (%) at different depth and substrate combinations.

Substrate	Depth (m)	Filamentous	Red algae	Fucus	Phanerogams	Chara	Fontinalis	Mytilus	Balanus	Defined Community
Moraine & Bedrock	<2	67	8	9	1		1			Filamentous
"	2-4	9	27	37	7	2	2			Fucus
"	4-10	4	54	9	1		2		1	Red algae
"	>10	1	1					1		Veg<5%
Sand and gravel	<4	4	17	17	34	8	1			Phanerogams
"	4-10		5		1	1				Red algae
"	>10									Empty
Clay, fine sand, silt	<10	1	1							Veg<5%
"	>10									Empty

Quantitative vegetation samples

Table A2-1. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Chara community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree (gdw/m²/%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

		Borgiel, 2005			Total		
Study		6			M	SE	
Transect		6					
Frame		4	5	6			
Sampling depth		0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	
Coverage		100	100	100	100	0	
Total coverage		100	100	100	100	0	
Filamentous	Pilayella/Ectocarpus			0.001	0.000	0.0003	
	BLUEGREEN	0.053	0.175	0.078	0.102	0.0374	
	Cladophora sp.		0.001		0.000	0.0003	
	Ulothrix spp.			0.001	0.000	0.0003	
	Total filamentous	0.053	0.176	0.080	0.103	0.0375	
Chara	Chara aspera	156.298	188.535	148.638	164.490	12.2241	
Phanerogams	Zannichellia sp.		0.145	0.235	0.127	0.0685	
		Σ	156.351	188.856	148.952	164.720	12.2558
Per covering degree		1.564	1.889	1.490	1.647	0.1226	

Table A2-2. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Vaucheria community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree (gdw/m²/%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

		Borgiel, 2005						Total	
Study		1			6			M	SE
Transect		1			6				
Frame		4	5	6	1	2	3		
Sampling depth		3.6	3.6	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.5	0.51
Coverage		100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	0.00
Total coverage		100	100	100	110	125	110	107.5	4.03
Bryophyta	BRYOPHYTA	0.001	0.593	0.001				0.099	0.099
Filamentous	Leathesia difformis	0.001	0.008	0.001	0.513	0.103	0.600	0.204	0.113
	Pilayella/Ectocarpus					0.001	0.200	0.034	0.033
	BLUEGREEN	0.001			0.030	0.001	0.033	0.011	0.006
	Cladophora aegagrophila	0.475	0.225					0.117	0.081
	green filamentous	0.001						0.000	0.000
	Ulothrix spp.		0.001					0.000	0.000
	Total filamentous	0.478	0.234	0.001	0.543	0.105	0.833	0.365	0.127
Red algae	Hildenbrandia rubra (spp.)	0.001						0.000	0.000
Vaucheria	Vaucheria spp	340.413	358.735	371.820	412.363	568.488	484.050	422.645	35.859
Phanerogams	Callitriche spp			0.110				0.018	0.018
	Zannichellia sp.				24.525	4.030	4.808	5.560	3.896
	Total phanerogams			0.110	24.525	4.030	4.808	5.579	3.891
		Σ	340.893	359.561	371.932	437.431	572.623	428.688	36.616
Per covering degree		3.409	3.596	3.719	3.977	4.581	4.452	3.956	0.193

Table A2-4. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Phanerogam community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree (gdw/m²/%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

Study Transect	Borgiel, 2005						R-99-69
	1		6		1		
Frame	21	23	24	21	22	23	33
Sampling depth	3.13.13.11.21.21.24.22.40.46						
Coverage	100	100	100	100	100	100	50
Total coverage	100	100	100	100	100	100	50
Filamentous	0.053	0.053		0.128	0.250	0.133	
Leathesia difformis				1.313	0.001	0.001	1.535
Pilayella/Ectocarpus			0.001	1.625	0.688	0.808	
BLUEGREEN							
Rivularia atra	0.001						0.827
Cladophora sp.							
Cladophora aegagrophila	8.830	10.058	5.773	0.001			
Ulothrix spp.							
Total filamentous	8.884	10.110	5.774	3.066	0.939	0.941	2.362
Red algae							
RED	0.001						0.062
Ceramium tenuicorne							1.253
Furcellaria lumbricalis							0.041
Hildenbrandia rubra (spp.)	0.001	0.001	0.001				17.417
Phyllophora sp.							
Polysiphonia fucooides							
Total red algae	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	18.772
Fucus							0.920
Fucus vesiculosus							
Vaucheria	4.900	4.593	14.375			0.001	
Vaucheria spp				0.001			
Chara							
Chara sp.							2.878
Tolypella nidifica							
Total chara	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	2.878
Phanerogams							
Callitriche spp							
C.hermafroditica	2.983	4.550	6.888	0.888			
Myriophyllum spicatum							70.730
Potamogeton filiformis							
Zannichellia sp.	2.150	1.983	4.815	48.023	51.900	46.728	
Zannichellia palustris							
Total phanerogams	5.133	6.533	11.703	48.910	51.900	46.728	70.730
Σ	18.918	21.236	31.852	51.977	52.839	47.670	95.663
Per covering degree	0.189	0.212	0.319	0.520	0.528	0.477	1.913

Total	Total	
	M	SE
92.9	7.14	7.14
92.9	7.14	7.14
0.088	0.034	0.034
0.407	0.264	0.264
0.446	0.238	0.238
0.000	0.000	0.000
0.118	0.118	0.118
3.523	1.729	1.729
0.000	0.000	0.000
4.582	1.416	1.416
0.000	0.000	0.000
0.009	0.009	0.009
0.179	0.179	0.179
0.000	0.000	0.000
0.006	0.006	0.006
2.488	2.488	2.488
2.682	2.682	2.682
0.131	0.131	0.131
3.410	2.014	2.014
0.000	0.000	0.000
0.411	0.411	0.411
0.411	0.411	0.411
1.634	1.085	1.085
0.426	0.426	0.426
0.127	0.127	0.127
10.104	10.104	10.104
21.921	9.570	9.570
0.307	0.307	0.307
34.519	13.047	13.047
45.736	9.878	9.878

0.594	0.226
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Table A2-5. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Fucus community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree (gdw/m²/%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

Study	P-04-82					R-99-69					Total	
	1	2	3	4	1	30	31	32	33	35	M	SE
Transect	4	4.2	4.2	2.5	3.3	3	3	3	3.9	3.9	3.4	0.22
Frame	2.1	4.2	4.2	2.5	3.3	3	3	3	3.9	3.9	54.3	9.07
Sampling depth	25	75	75	37.5	75	25	10	75	75	100	55.5	8.67
Coverage	25	75	75	37.5	75	26	20	76	75	100	0.048	0.0346
Total coverage	25	75	75	37.5	75	26	20	76	75	100	0.000	0.0001
<i>Brachyotia</i>					0.360							
<i>Diatomea</i>												
<i>Fonitinalis dalecarlica</i>												
<i>DIATOMEA</i>												
<i>Eiachista fucicola</i>	0.001	0.010	0.001	0.115							0.012	0.0104
<i>Playvella littoralis</i>	0.118			4.193							0.392	0.3802
<i>Playvella/Ectocarpus</i>		0.020	0.030	0.085							0.075	0.0408
<i>Sphacelaria arctica</i>		0.158	0.393	0.180							0.144	0.0645
<i>Stictyosiphon tortilis</i>		0.115	0.001	0.070	0.185						0.017	0.0117
BLUEGREEN	0.001										0.000	0.0001
<i>Rivularia</i> sp.											0.000	0.0001
<i>Rivularia atra</i>	0.001		0.001	0.168							0.015	0.0152
<i>Chaetomorpha</i> spp.(linum)	0.001	0.168									0.015	0.0152
<i>Cladophora</i> sp.	0.001	0.345	0.001						0.151		0.045	0.0329
<i>Cladophora glomerata</i>	0.001		0.065								0.006	0.0059
<i>Enteromorpha</i> sp.											0.034	0.0336
<i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i>				1.475							0.134	0.1341
Total filamentous	0.123	0.815	0.426	6.200	0.185	0.346	0.003	0.713	0.151	0.000	0.889	0.5390
<i>Ceramium tenuicome</i>	0.156	0.703	0.465	0.685	0.190	2.175	1.385	3.434	0.352	0.070	0.919	0.3128
<i>Coccotylus truncatus</i>				0.178							0.017	0.0161
<i>Furcellaria lumbicalis</i>	0.001	2.455	0.050	0.040	4.867	0.170	0.001	0.001			1.332	0.7218
<i>Hildenbrandia rubra</i> (spp.)		0.001									0.000	0.0001
<i>Polysiphonia fibillosa</i>	0.001	0.028	0.273	0.100	23.875	4.350	63.260	16.848	0.001	0.419	0.448	0.3912
<i>Polysiphonia tucoides</i>	0.001	1.540	9.535	2.403	28.932	17.067	64.646	20.456	1.543	0.697	12.486	5.6683
Total red algae	0.158	4.726	10.323	10.033	28.932	23.762	64.646	20.456	1.543	0.697	15.201	5.7947
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	215.255	180.120	237.443	223.570	352.147	105.518	79.180	194.678	404.490	624.102	251.148	47.2028
<i>Vaucheria dicotoma</i>					0.150						0.014	0.0136
<i>Chara</i> sp.					8.188	0.248	0.052				0.772	0.7419
<i>Tolypella nidifica</i>					1.487						0.135	0.1352
Total chara	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.487	8.188	0.248	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.907	0.7402
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>					31.900						2.900	2.9000
<i>Potamogeton filiformis</i>					16.087	7.242	34.537	2.273			2.327	1.5280
<i>Ruppia cirrhosa</i>	2.440	0.208	0.000	0.000	47.987	7.242	34.537	2.273	0.000	0.000	3.140	3.1398
<i>Ruppia maritima</i>	2.440	0.208	0.000	0.000	47.987	7.242	34.537	2.273	0.000	0.000	0.241	0.2207
Total phanerogams	217.9752	185.8685	248.192	156.97	431.1	145.2059	178.779	218.171	406.1836	624.801	276.814	44.8184
Per covering degree	8.719	2.478	3.309	4.186	5.672	5.585	8.939	2.871	5.416	6.248	5.699	0.7331

Quantitative epifaunal samples

Table A3-1. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Chara community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree of vegetation (gdw/m²/%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

		Study			Total	
		Borgiel, 2005				
Transect		6				
Frame		4	5	6	M	SE
Sampling depth		0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.00
Coverage		100	100	100	100.0	0.00
Total coverage		100	100	100	100.0	0.00
Carnivores	PISCES		0.773		0.258	0.258
	Piscicola geometra	0.001			0.000	0.000
	Total carnivores	0.001	0.773		0.258	0.257
Detritus feeders	Hydrobia spp.	28.255	24.418	18.493	23.722	2.840
	Macoma baltica	12.073	10.665	10.248	10.995	0.552
	Total detritus feeders	40.328	35.083	28.740	34.717	3.350
Filter feeders	Cerastoderma/Cardium	3.125	1.848	1.670	2.214	0.458
	Total filter feeders	3.125	1.848	1.670	2.214	0.458
Herbivores	Bithynia tentaculata	6.785			2.262	2.262
	Lymnaea peregra	1.815		1.363	1.059	0.545
	Lymnaea spp.		7.405		2.468	2.468
	Theodoxus fluviatilis		1.360	0.970	0.777	0.404
	Trichoptera		0.308	0.103	0.137	0.090
	Total herbivores	8.600	9.073	2.435	6.703	2.138
Omnivores	Chironomidae		0.113	0.038	0.050	0.033
	Total omnivores		0.113	0.038	0.050	0.033
Unknown	Planorbis sp.	0.068			0.023	0.023
	Total unknown	0.068			0.023	0.023
Σ		52.121	46.888	32.883	43.964	5.743

Per covering degree	0.521	0.469	0.329	0.440	0.057
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Table A3-2. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Vaucheria community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree of vegetation (gdw/m² %). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

		Study						Total	
		Borgiel, 2005							
Transect		1			6				
Frame		4	5	6	1	2	3	M	SE
Sampling depth		3.6	3.6	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.5	0.51
Coverage		100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	0.00
Total coverage		100	100	100	110	125	110	107.5	4.03
Carnivores	Calliopius rathkei			0.033				0.005	0.005
	Nereis diversicolor			0.001		0.001		0.000	0.000
	other Diptera			0.001				0.000	0.000
	Total carnivores			0.035		0.001		0.006	0.006
Detritus feeders	Hydrobia spp.				14.940	10.365	8.650	5.659	2.666
	Macoma baltica				8.695	10.255	10.563	4.919	2.215
	Oligochaetae				0.001			0.000	0.000
	Potamopyrgus antipodarum	14.480	5.438	6.273				4.365	2.340
	Total detritus feeders	14.480	5.438	6.273	23.636	20.620	19.213	14.943	3.119
Filter feeders	Cerastoderma/Cardium				0.733	0.318	0.308	0.226	0.119
	Mya arenaria	6.410	10.363	25.360				7.022	4.065
	Total filter feeders	6.410	10.363	25.360	0.733	0.318	0.308	7.248	3.988
Herbivores	Limapontia capitata	2.195			0.001			0.366	0.366
	Lymnaea peregra				0.153	0.145		0.050	0.031
	Trichoptera				0.001			0.000	0.000
	Total herbivores	2.195			0.155	0.145		0.416	0.357
Unknown	Elysia viridis			0.001				0.000	0.000
	Total unknown			0.001				0.000	0.000
Σ		23.085	15.800	31.668	24.523	21.084	19.520	22.613	2.192

Per covering degree	0.231	0.158	0.317	0.223	0.169	0.177	0.212	0.024
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Table A3-4. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Phanerogam community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree of vegetation (gdw/m²%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

Study Transect	Borgiel, 2005						R-99-69
	1		6		1		
Frame	21	23	24	21	23	23	33
Sampling depth	3.1	3.1	3.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.2
Coverage	100	100	100	100	100	100	50
Total coverage	100	100	100	100	100	100	50
Carnivores						0.001	
Coleoptera							1.607
Mesidothea entomon							0.297
Nereis diversicolor	0.033			0.023			
Piscicola geometra				0.001			0.033
Prostoma obscurum				0.024			1.937
Total carnivores	0.033			0.024		0.001	
Detritus feeders	19.993	11.120	10.815	26.350	11.223	12.320	18.505
Hydrobia spp.	6.093	26.490	11.850	6.743	3.015	2.705	47.290
Macoma baltica	0.001						
Potamopyrgus antipodarum	26.086	37.610	22.665	33.093	14.238	15.025	65.795
Total detritus feeders							16.183
Filter feeders				0.988	0.375	0.393	
Cardium sp.				0.988	0.375	0.393	
Cerastoderma/Cardium							
Total filter feeders				0.988	0.375	0.393	
Herbivores							0.363
Bithynia tentaculata							0.278
Idotea sp.							0.027
Jaera sp.	0.001	0.001	0.028		0.001	0.001	
Limapontia capitata				2.135	0.120	0.001	
Lymnaea peregra							20.403
Theodoxus fluviatilis							1.085
Trichoptera							
Total herbivores	0.001	0.001	0.028	2.135	0.121	0.002	22.155
Omnivores	0.475		0.015	0.123	0.001		0.003
Chironomidae							0.575
Gammarus spp	0.475		0.015	0.123	0.001		0.578
Total omnivores							
MOLLUSCA							
Total unknown	26.595	37.612	22.708	36.361	14.735	15.421	106.648
Σ							

Per covering degree	0.266	0.376	0.227	0.364	0.147	0.154	2.133
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	0.524	0.270
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Table A3-5. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Fucus community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree of vegetation (gdw/m²%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

Study Transect	P-04-82					R-99-69					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	1	31	32	33	35	
Frame	4.2	4.2	4.2	2.5	3.3	3.3	3	3	3.9	3.9	
Sampling depth	25	75	75	37.5	75	75	10	75	75	100	
Coverage	25	75	75	37.5	76	76	20	76	75	100	
Total coverage	3.900	0.001	0.140	0.038	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.110			
Carnivores											
Mesidothea entomon					0.043						
Mysidae											
Nereis diversicolor											
PISCES											
Piscicola geometra											
Praunus flexuosus				0.023							
Prostoma obscurum											
Total carnivores	3.901	0.179	0.023	0.001	0.043	0.001	0.110				
Detritus feeders											
Corophium volutator	0.001										
Hydrobia spp.	0.253	4.420	0.628	0.155	2.930	17.955	14.285	0.663	1.030		
Macoma baltica	21.110	33.455	8.663		9.535	3.380	6.165				
Oligochaetae			0.001								
Total detritus feeders	21.363	37.876	9.289	0.155	12.465	18.395	20.450	0.663	1.030		
Filter feeders											
Balanus improvisus				0.305							
Cardium sp.					48.310	19.282	47.465				
Cerastoderma/Cardium	4.785	22.243	0.285	0.193							
Cordylophora		0.001	0.001								
Electra crustulenta		0.001	0.001								
Mytilus edulis						0.660	0.280				
Total filter feeders	4.785	22.245	0.001	0.286	48.310	19.282	52.310	47.745			
Herbivores											
Bithynia tentaculata	9.463				0.613						
Idotea baltica				0.060		0.050					
Idotea sp.	0.001				0.162			0.131			
Idotea viridis											
Jaera albifrons spp.	0.001	0.001									
Jaera sp.					0.001			0.087	0.001		
Limapontia capitata				0.001							
Lymnaea peregra	0.520	0.333	0.398	0.908		2.793	3.813	0.001	2.003		
Theodoxus fluviatilis	4.858	13.298	6.023	7.698	21.910	6.063	9.972	6.800	6.355		
Trichoptera				0.238	1.485						
Total herbivores	14.322	13.819	6.366	8.904	24.171	8.905	12.562	13.849	7.019	8.359	
Omnivores											
Chironomidae		0.001	0.001	0.005					0.001		
Gammarus spp	1.478	0.295	0.085	0.340	1.300	1.308	0.600	0.835	0.452		
Total omnivores	1.478	0.296	0.086	0.345	1.300	1.308	0.600	0.836	0.452		
Pallacea quadrispinata		0.118		0.001	0.125						
Total unknown	41.947	78.254	7.164	16.436	10.028	86.289	82.754	8.517	9.841		
Σ											
Per covering degree	1.678	1.043	0.096	0.438	0.401	1.135	1.432	4.235	1.089	0.114	
										0.359	

Table A3-6. Biomass (gdw/m²) in samples from the Red algae community, per sample and as a total. Also biomass per total covering degree of vegetation (gdw/m²%). Coverage = covering degree of the taxa giving name to the community. Total coverage = covering degree of all taxa.

Study	P.0482										R.0949										Total												
	5		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9			10											
Camivores																																	
<i>Mesodinium rubrum</i>																																	
Mysidae																																	
<i>Neomysis integer</i>																																	
<i>Nereis diversicolor</i>																																	
<i>Polydora cornuta</i>																																	
<i>Polydora pinnata</i>																																	
<i>Protosoa obscura</i>																																	
Total camivores	0.001	0.015	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001											
<i>Corophium volutator</i>																																	
<i>Hydrobia</i> spp.																																	
<i>Marenzelleria</i>																																	
<i>Marenzelleria bebbiana</i>																																	
Total filter feeders	0.028	1.448	0.170	0.001	0.001	0.308	0.960	0.084	0.038	1.247	4.943	1.923	1.587	2.398	0.023	0.085	0.023	0.028	0.041	0.020	0.041	0.020											
<i>Cardium</i> sp.																																	
<i>Cerastoderma</i>																																	
<i>Cerastoderma edule</i>																																	
<i>Mytilus</i> spp.																																	
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>																																	
Total filter feeders	0.001	0.015	0.014	0.002	0.054	7.055	0.918	0.001	10.377	1.600	5.897	1.457	25.850	52.445	0.166	0.350	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166											
Herbivores																																	
<i>Bithynia tentaculata</i>																																	
<i>Isoetes</i> spp.																																	
<i>Isoetes macrospora</i>																																	
<i>Lemanea</i> spp.																																	
<i>Lemanea capitata</i>																																	
<i>Lymnaea stagnalis</i>																																	
<i>Theodoxus fluviatilis</i>																																	
Total herbivores	0.001	2.895	2.183	2.469	1.190	0.658	1.178	2.413	5.195	1.315	7.355	12.275	3.348	10.727	11.427	0.001	0.712	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001											
Omnivores																																	
<i>Gammarus</i> spp.																																	
<i>Gammarus zaddachi</i>																																	
Total omnivores	0.001	0.028	0.118	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001											
Unknown																																	
ANNELELLAE																																	
Total unknown	0.001	0.028	0.118	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001											
Σ	0.932	4.240	2.484	4.823	1.246	7.713	3.333	3.375	25.151	5.745	18.075	60.530	6.776	49.079	121.945	0.419	8.630	2.000	5.743	9.403	15.598	11.298	22.611	9.113	4.044	7.210	2.196	2.054	0.166	8.233	23.793	95.989	6.657
Per covering degree	0.166	0.424	0.295	0.197	0.021	0.208	0.333	0.675	0.335	0.076	0.214	1.101	0.085	0.583	1.219	0.017	0.395	0.200	0.072	0.060	0.130	0.113	0.298	0.091	0.040	0.072	0.021	0.082	0.017	0.161	0.476	2.359	0.130