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**2021  
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# Sea bottom and benthic habitat types, communities and species in the Slovenian Sea

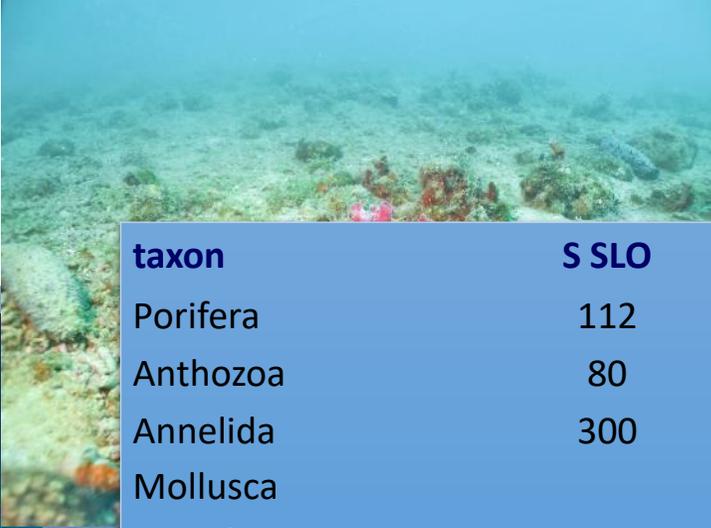
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Biodiversity hotspot  
with more than 2000  
species of macrobiota

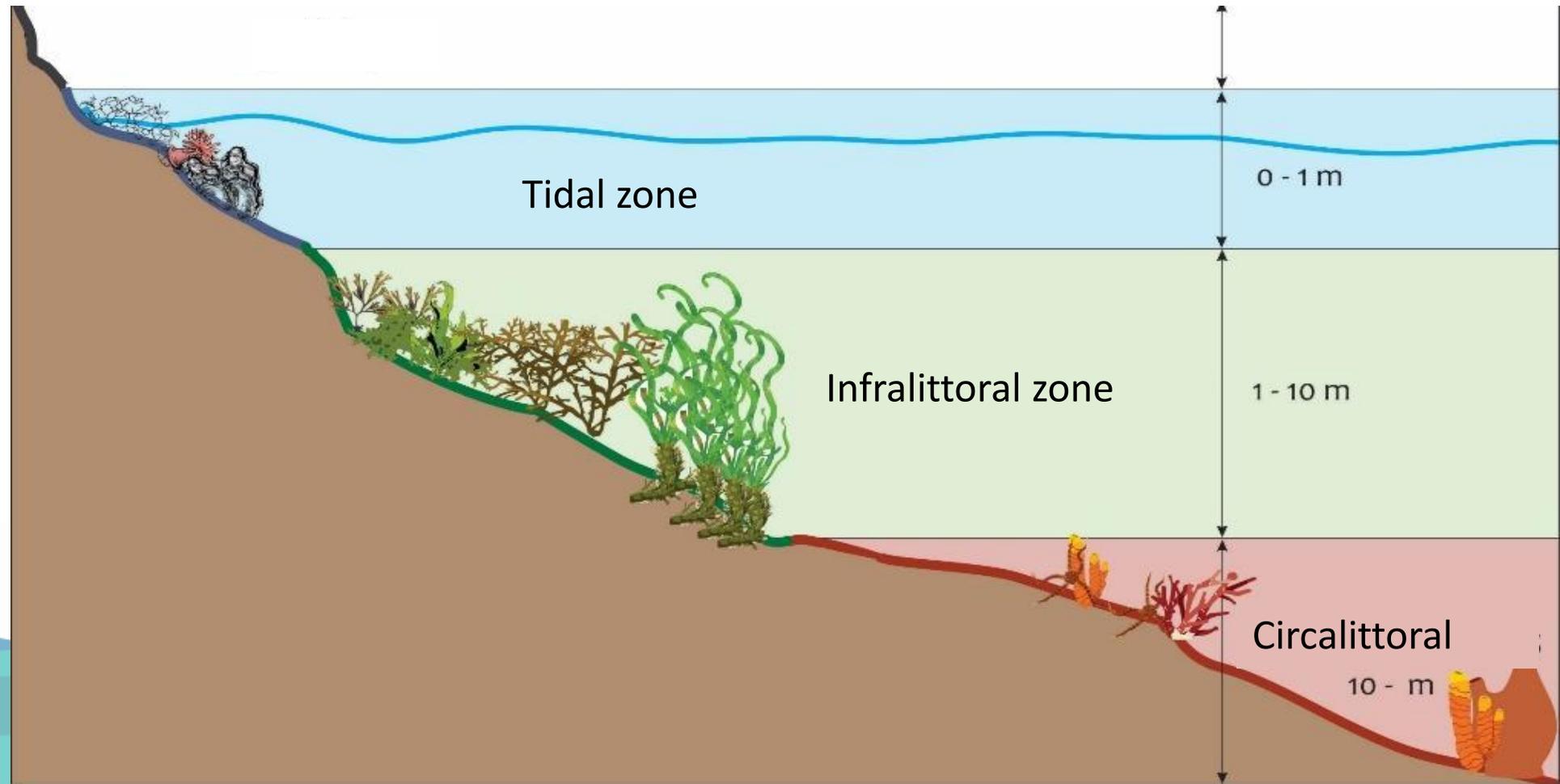
Površina : 170 km<sup>2</sup>  
(135.250 (0,13%);  
2.500.000 (0,007%);  
350.000.000 (5x10<sup>-5</sup>%)

taxon	S SLO	Portion of Adriatic S (%)
Porifera	112	58.9
Anthozoa	80	29.9
Annelida	300	31.6
Mollusca		
Bivalvia	139	43.4
Gastropoda	232	41.1
Scaphopoda	4	44.4
Cephalopoda	9	26.5
Chitons	9	69.2
Arthropoda	242	?
Echinodermata	42	44.6
Ascidiacea	48	56.5
Cyclostomata	2	?
Osteichties	161	45.6
Elasmobranchs	21	38.9
Turtles	1	33.3
Mammalia	1 (6)	12.5



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- Bottom composition and structure
- Hydrodynamics
- Depth
- Light
- Temperature
- Salinity
- Nutrients
- Biology



# Habitat types

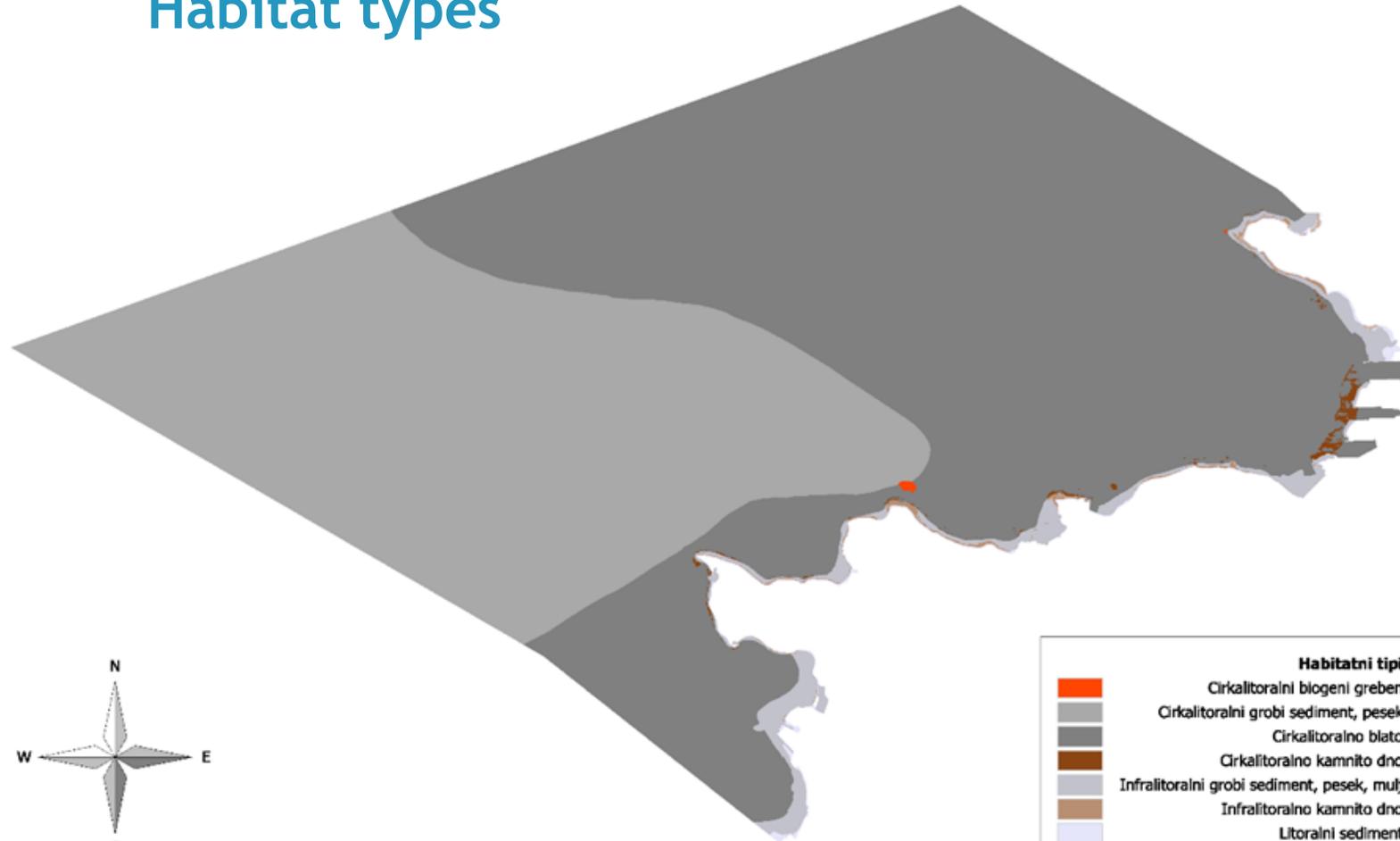


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Habitatni tipi	
	Cirkalitoralni biogeni greben
	Cirkalitoralni grobi sediment, pesek
	Cirkalitoralno blato
	Cirkalitoralno kamnito dno
	Infralitoralni grobi sediment, pesek, mulj
	Infralitoralno kamnito dno
	Litoralni sediment
	Litoralno skalovje

Habitat types	EUNIS code (2016)	surface (km <sup>2</sup> )
Mediolittoral rocky bottom	MA1	0,37
Mediolittoral sediments	MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6	0,52
Infralittoral rocky bottom	MB1	0,69
infralittoral sediments	MB5, MB6	4,38
Cirkalittoral biogenic reefs	MC2	0,05
Cirkalittoral sands	MC5	43,90
Cirkalittoral mud	MC6	163,52

# Mediolittoral - tidal zone

- Occasionally covered with water.
- Marked by low and high tide (1 m).
- High temperature and salinity oscillations.
- High hydrodynamics.
- Low no. of species but high abundance.



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# Infralittoral

- Vedno pod vodo.
- Do 1% vpadne svetlobe (do cca. 10 m).
- Področje uspevanja fotofilnih alg in cvetnic oz. morskih trav.
- Vrsto zelo pester.



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# Rocky infralittoral

- Rocky platforms and ribs
- Boulders
- Cobbles
  
- Photophilous algae
- Sponges
- Mediterranean stony coral

European date mussel



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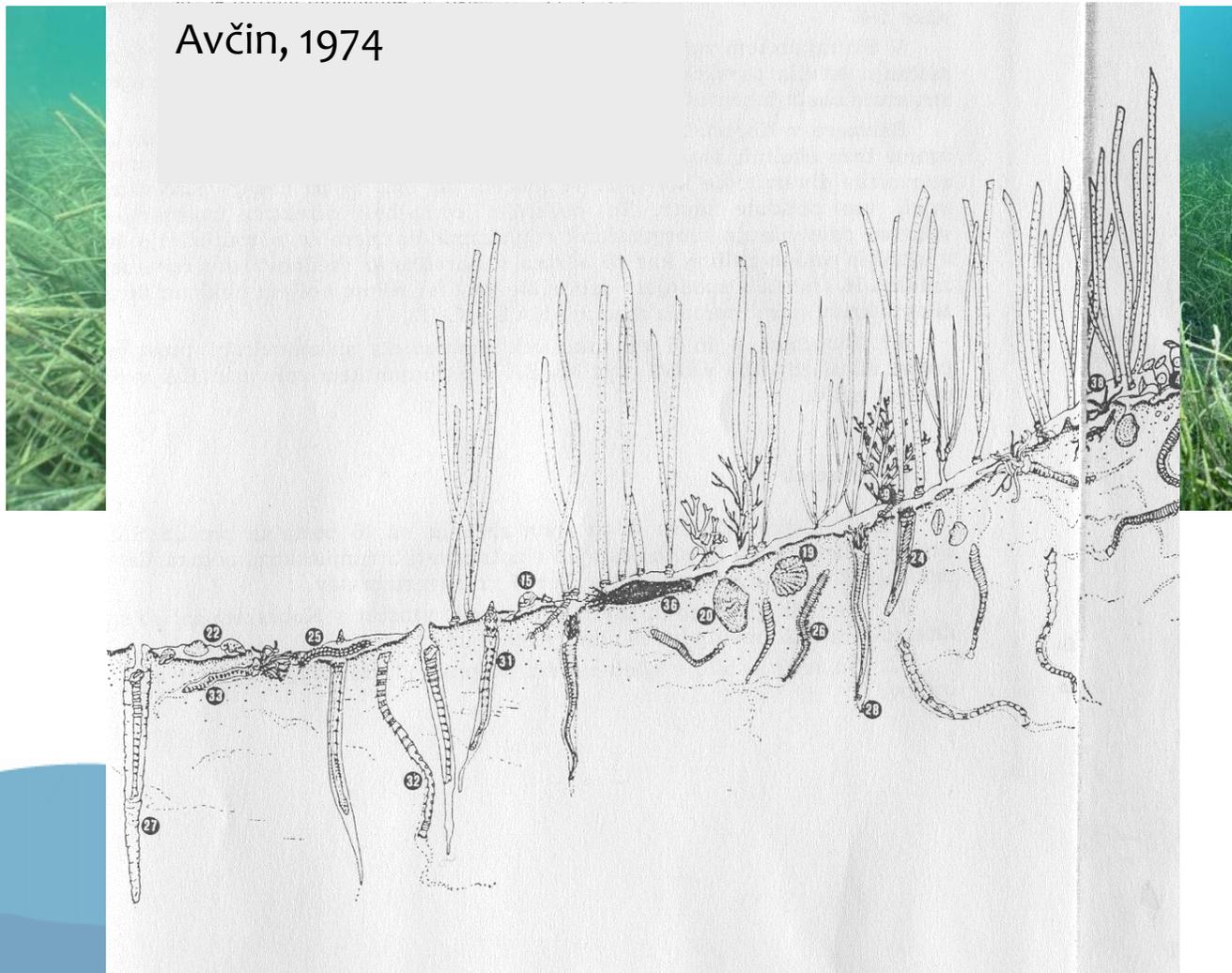
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# Sedimentary infralittoral

- Silt and mud
- Sand
- Pebbles and granules
  
- Seagrass (4 species) forming meadows
- Diverse infauna



# Thank you

Slovenian coastal zone is:

- Highly heterogenous and complex
- Rich in biodiversity
- Diverse ecosystem functions
- Highly endangered

