

Appendix A: Supplementary Material

to

Mapping of contamination problem areas in Europe's seas using a multi-metric indicator-based assessment tool

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The supplementary online material consists of the following:

- Annex 1: Threshold values
- Annex 2: Detailed maps per region
- Annex 3: Box plots of average values of indicators

ANNEX 1: Threshold values

The threshold values used in this study are solely based on existing and agreed threshold values, sometimes referred to as assessment criteria. An overview can be found in the table below:

| | Substance Group | Substance Name | Unit | Threshold | Ref |
|---|---|--|---------|-----------|-----|
| Substances in water | | | | | |
| Water | Alkylphenols | Octylphenols ((4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethyl- butyl)-phenol)) | µg/l | 0.01 | 1 |
| | Alkylphenols | Pentachloro- phenol | µg/l | 0.4 | 1 |
| | Monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (MAHs) | Benzene | µg/l | 8 | 1 |
| | Metals | Arsenic (As) | µg/l | 3.5 | 3 |
| | Metals | Cadmium | µg/l | 0.2 | 1 |
| | Metals | Chromium (Cr) | µg/l | 25 | 3 |
| | Metals | Copper (Cu) | µg/l | 0.02 | 3 |
| | Metals | Lead | µg/l | 1.3 | 1 |
| | Metals | Nickel | µg/l | 8.6 | 1 |
| | Metals | Zinc (Zn) | µg/l | 1 | 3 |
| | Organochlorines | 1,2-Dichloroethane | µg/l | 10 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Alachlor | µg/l | 0.3 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Carbon-tetrachloride | µg/l | 12 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Dichloromethane | µg/l | 20 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Pentachloro- benzene | µg/l | 0.0007 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Tetrachloro-ethylene | µg/l | 10 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Trichloro-ethylene | µg/l | 10 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Trichloro-methane (chloroform) | µg/l | 2.5 | 1 |
| | Organochlorines | Trifluralin | µg/l | 0.03 | 1 |
| | Organotins | Tributyltin compounds (Tributyltin- cation) | µg/l | 0.0002 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Atrazine | µg/l | 0.6 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Bifenox | µg/l | 0.0012 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | C10-13 Chloroalkanes | µg/l | 0.4 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Chlorfenvinphos | µg/l | 0.1 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Chlorpyrifos (Chlorpyrifos-ethyl) | µg/l | 0.03 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Cyclodiene pesticides: Aldrin, Dieldrin, Endrin, Isodrin | µg/l | 0.005 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | DDT total | µg/l | 0.025 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Diuron | µg/l | 0.2 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Endosulfan | µg/l | 0.0005 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide | µg/l | 0.0000001 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Hexachloro- cyclohexane | µg/l | 0.002 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Isoproturon | µg/l | 0.3 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Nonylphenols (4-Nonylphenol) | µg/l | 0.3 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | para-para-DDT | µg/l | 0.01 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) | µg/l | 0.00013 | 1 |
| | Other organohalogens | Simazine | µg/l | 1 | 1 |
| | PCBs | PCB-101 | µg/l | 0.00002 | 2 |
| | PCBs | PCB-118 | µg/l | 0.000026 | 2 |
| | PCBs | PCB-138 | µg/l | 0.00002 | 2 |
| | PCBs | PCB-153 | µg/l | 0.001 | 2 |
| | PCBs | PCB-180 | µg/l | 0.0002 | 2 |
| | Phthalates | Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate (DEHP) | µg/l | 1.3 | 1 |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Anthracene | µg/l | 0.1 | 1 | |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Benzo(a)pyrene | µg/l | 0.00017 | 1 | |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Fluoranthene | µg/l | 0.0063 | 1 | |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Naphthalene | µg/l | 2 | 1 | |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Phenanthrene | µg/l | 1.3 | 4 | |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Pyrene | µg/l | 0.023 | 4 | |

| | Substance Group | Substance Name | Unit | Threshold | Ref |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Substances in sediment | | | | | |
| Sediment | Metals | Cadmium | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% AI | 1200 | 6 |
| | Metals | Chrome | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% AI | 81000 | 6 |
| | Metals | Copper | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% AI | 34000 | 6 |
| | Metals | Lead | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% AI | 47000 | 6 |
| | Metals | Mercury | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% AI | 150 | 6 |
| | Metals | Zinc | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% AI | 150000 | 6 |
| | Organochlorines | Hexachlorobenzene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 20 | 6 |
| | Organotins | TBTIN | µg/kg _{DW} , 5% Corg | 1.6 | 7 |
| | Other organohalogens | DDE (p,p') | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 2.2 | 6 |
| | Other organohalogens | Dieldrin | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 2 | 6 |
| | PCBs | PCB-101 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 3 | 5 |
| | PCBs | PCB-118 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 0.6 | 5 |
| | PCBs | PCB-138 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 7.9 | 5 |
| | PCBs | PCB-153 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 40 | 5 |
| | PCBs | PCB-180 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 12 | 5 |
| | PCBs | PCB-28 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 1.7 | 5 |
| | PCBs | PCB-52 | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 2.7 | 5 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Anthracene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 85 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Benz[a]anthracene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 261 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Benzo[a]pyrene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 430 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Benzo[ghi]perylene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 85 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Chrysene (Triphenylene) | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 384 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Dibenzothiophene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 190 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Fluoranthene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 600 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | gamma-HCH | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 3 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 240 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Naphthalene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 160 | 6 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Phenanthrene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 240 | 6 |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Pyrene | µg/kg _{DW} , 2.5% Corg | 665 | 6 | |
| Substances in biota | | | | | |
| Biota | Dioxins | WHOTEQ | µg/kg _{ww} | 0.0065 | 10 |
| | Metals | Cadmium (in fish) | µg/kg _{ww} | 26 | 9 |
| | Metals | Cadmium (in Mytilus) | µg/kg _{DW} | 960 | 9 |
| | Metals | Cadmium (in oysters) | µg/kg _{DW} | 3000 | 9 |
| | Metals | Lead (in fish) | µg/kg _{ww} | 26 | 9 |
| | Metals | Lead (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 1300 | 9 |
| | Metals | Mercury | µg/kg _{ww} | 20 | 11 |
| | Organobromines | BDE Sum of 28, 47, 99, 100, 153, 154 | µg/kg _{ww} | 0.0085 | 12 |
| | Organochlorines | Hexachlorobenzene (in fish) | µg/kg _{ww} | 0.09 | 9 |
| | Organochlorines | Hexachlorobenzene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 0.63 | 9 |
| | Organochlorines | Hexachloro-butadiene | µg/kg _{ww} | 55 | 11 |
| | Other organohalogens | DDE (p,p') (in fish) | µg/kg _{ww} | 0.1 | 9 |
| | Other organohalogens | DDE (p,p') (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 0.63 | 9 |
| | Other organohalogens | Heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide | µg/kg _{ww} | 0.0067 | 11 |
| | Other organohalogens | Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) | µg/kg _{ww} | 9.1 | 11 |
| | PCBs | PCB-101 | µg/kg _{DW} | 121 | 8 |
| | PCBs | PCB-118 | µg/kg _{DW} | 25 | 8 |
| | PCBs | PCB-138 | µg/kg _{DW} | 317 | 8 |
| | PCBs | PCB-153 | µg/kg _{DW} | 1585 | 8 |

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|--------------------|---|--|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| | PCBs | PCB-180 | µg/kg _{DW} | 469 | 8 |
| | PCBs | PCB-28 | µg/kg _{DW} | 67 | 8 |
| | PCBs | PCB-52 | µg/kg _{DW} | 108 | 8 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | alpha-HCH (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 0.64 | 9 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Anthracene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 290 | 5 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Benzo(a)pyrene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{WW} | 5 | 11 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Fluoranthene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{WW} | 30 | 11 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | gamma-HCH (in fish) | µg/kg _{LW} | 11 | 5 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | gamma-HCH (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 1.45 | 5 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Naphthalene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 340 | 5 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Phenanthrene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 1700 | 5 |
| | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) | Pyrene (in shellfish) | µg/kg _{DW} | 100 | 5 |
| Biological effects | | | | | |
| Biological effects | Biological effects | Lysosomal membrane stability (LMS) | mins | 10 | 13 |
| | Biological effects | VDSI in <i>Littorina littorea</i> , <i>Buccinum undatum</i> , <i>Nassarius reticulatus</i> | VDSI | 0.3 | 14 |
| | Biological effects | VDSI in <i>Neptunea antiqua</i> , <i>Nucella lapillus</i> | VDSI | 2 | 14 |
| | Biological effects | VDSI in <i>Peringia ulvae</i> | VDSI | 0.1 | 14 |

| References | Threshold type / reference |
|------------|--|
| 1 | 2013/39/EU AA-EQS Marine |
| 2 | Proposed EAC, OSPAR SIME 2008 |
| 3 | OSPAR 2004 Lower EAC |
| 4 | Firm EAC (OSPAR SIME 2008) |
| 5 | OSPAR EAC (CEMP 2008/2009) |
| 6 | OSPAR ERL (CEMP 2008/2009) |
| 7 | QS HELCOM 2016. Draft core indicator report on TBT and imposex |
| 8 | OSPAR EAC (2017) |
| 9 | OSPAR BAC (CEMP 2008/2009) |
| 10 | 1259/2011/EU EQS Biota |
| 11 | 2013/39/EU EQS Biota |
| 12 | 2013/39/EU MAC-EQS Marine |
| 13 | ICES, 2012 |
| 14 | OSPAR EcoQO |

ANNEX 2: Detailed maps per region

Figure A.1 Integrated CHASE classifications in the Baltic Sea

Figure A.2 Integrated CHASE classifications in the North Sea and Celtic Sea

Figure A.3 Integrated CHASE classifications in the Western Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.4 Integrated CHASE classifications in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.5 Integrated CHASE classifications in the Black Sea

Figure A.6 CHASE classifications in Water in the Baltic Sea

Figure A.7 CHASE classifications in Water in the North Sea and Celtic Sea

Figure A.8 CHASE classifications in Water in the Western Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.9 CHASE classifications in Water in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.10 CHASE classifications in Water in the Black Sea

Figure A.11 CHASE classifications in Sediment in the Baltic Sea

Figure A.12 CHASE classifications in Sediment in the North Sea and Celtic Sea

Figure A.13 CHASE classifications in Sediment in the Western Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.14 CHASE classifications in Sediment in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.15 CHASE classifications in Sediment in the Black Sea

Figure A.16 CHASE classifications in Biota in the Baltic Sea

Figure A.17 CHASE classifications in Biota in the North Sea and Celtic Sea

Figure A.18 CHASE classifications in Biota in the Western Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.19 CHASE classifications in Biota in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea

Figure A.20 CHASE classifications in Biota in the Black Sea

Figure A.21 CHASE classifications in Bioeffects in the Baltic Sea

Figure A.22 CHASE classifications in Bioeffects in the North Sea and Celtic Sea

Figure A.23 CHASE classifications in Bioeffects in the Western Mediterranean Sea

No Bioeffects classifications were made in the regions covered by the maps of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea or Black Sea

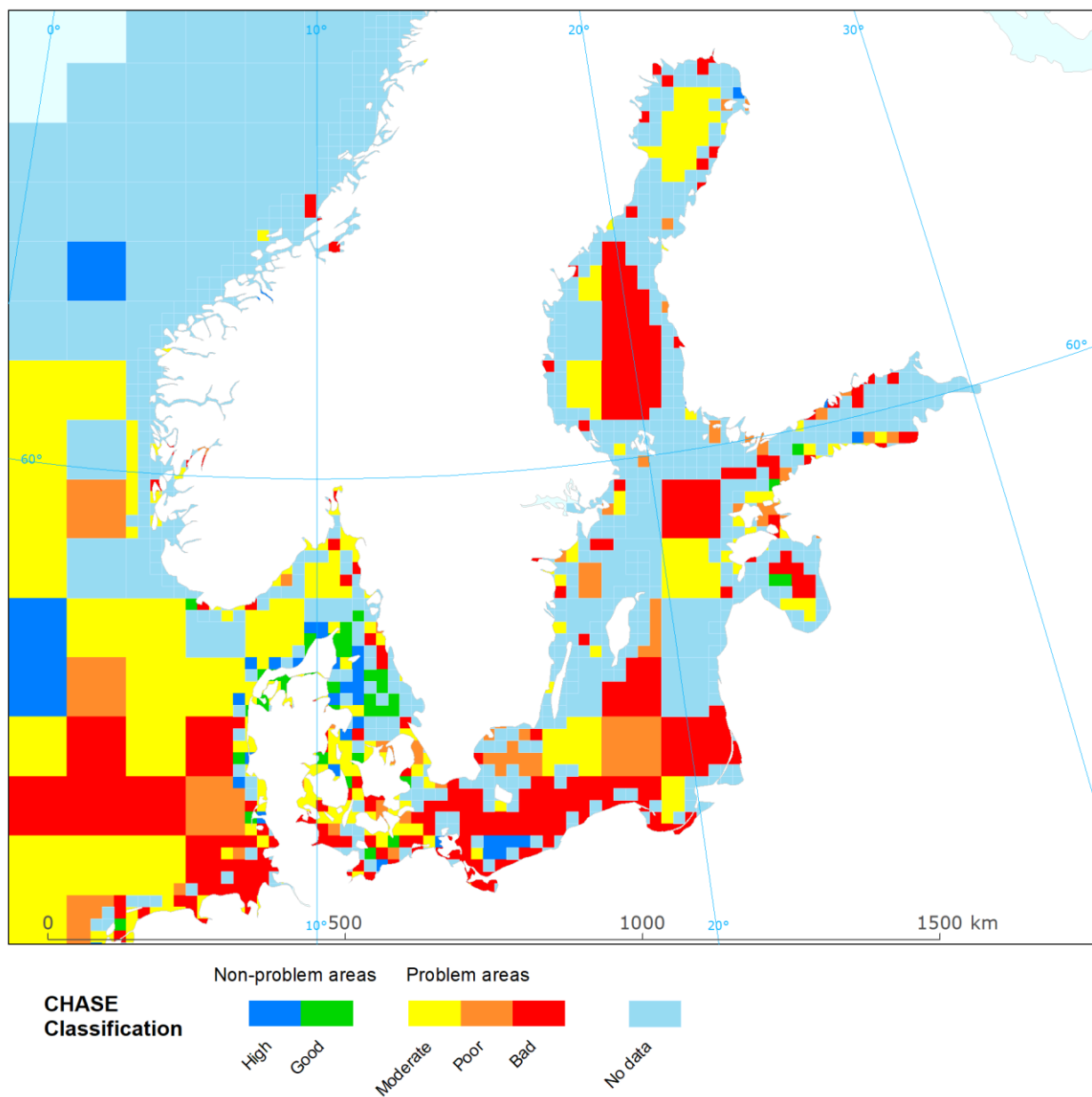


Figure A.1 Integrated CHASE classifications in the Baltic Sea.

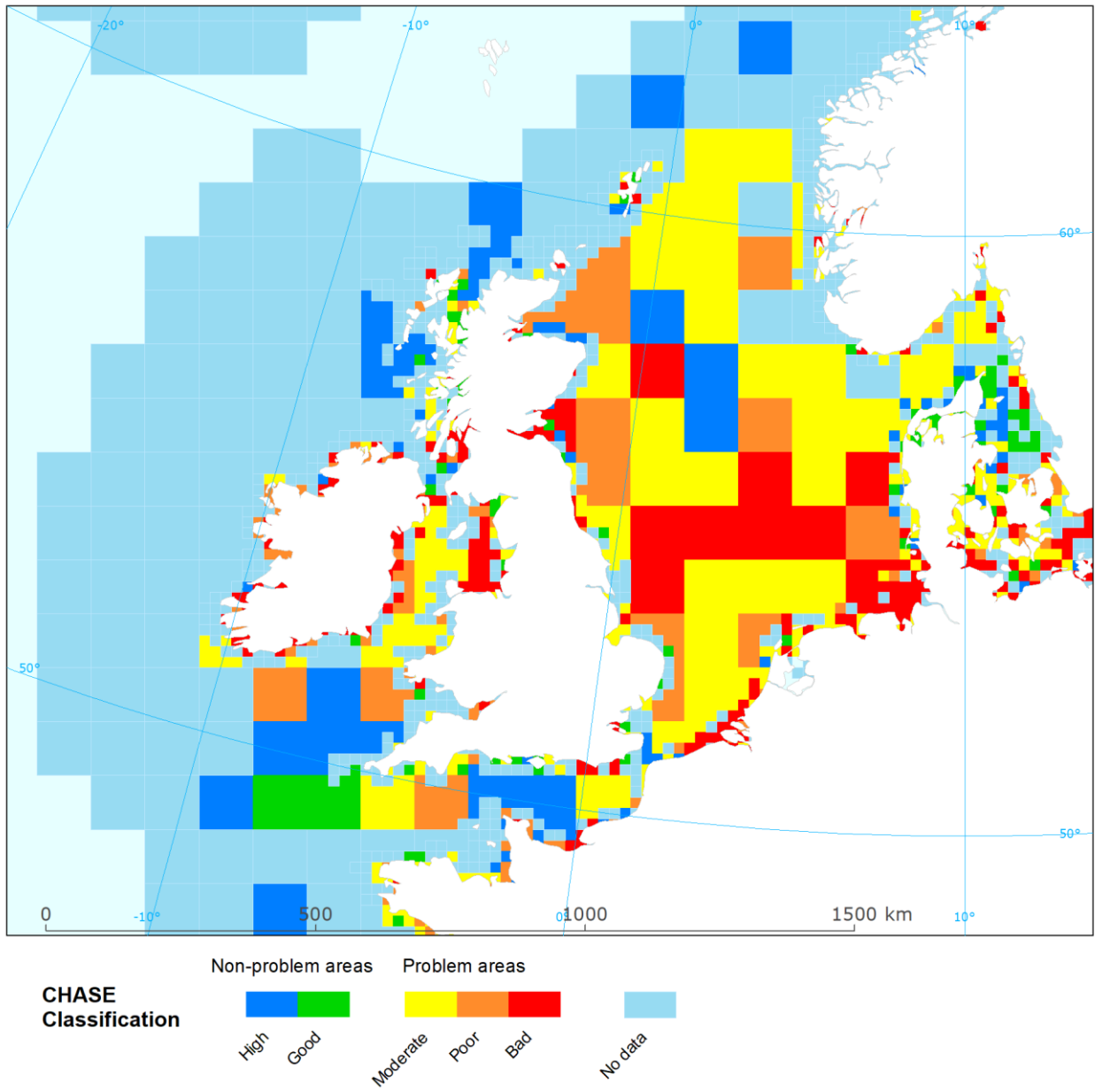


Figure A.2 Integrated CHASE classifications in the North Sea and Celtic Sea.

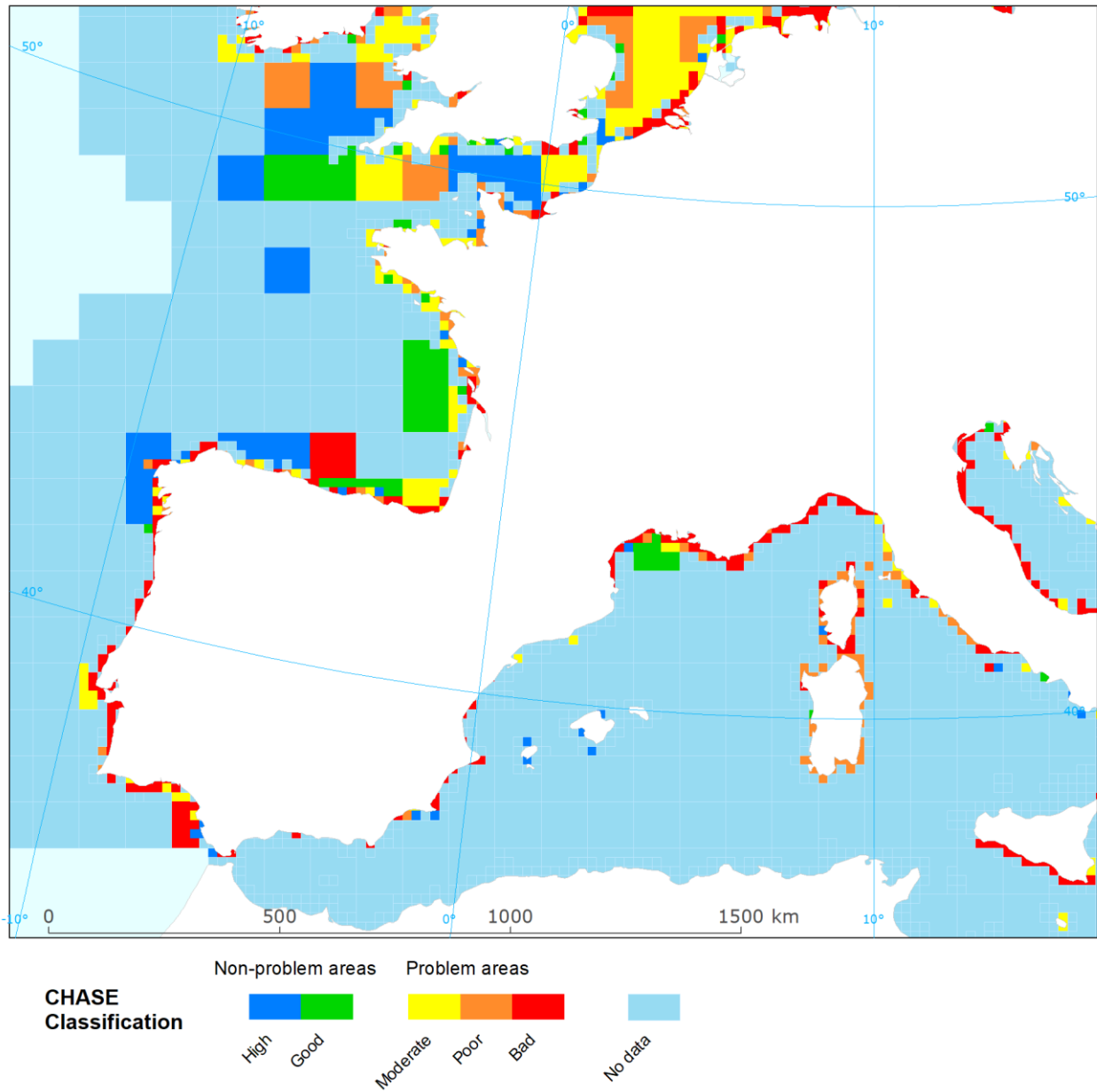


Figure A.3 Integrated CHASE classifications in the Western Mediterranean Sea.

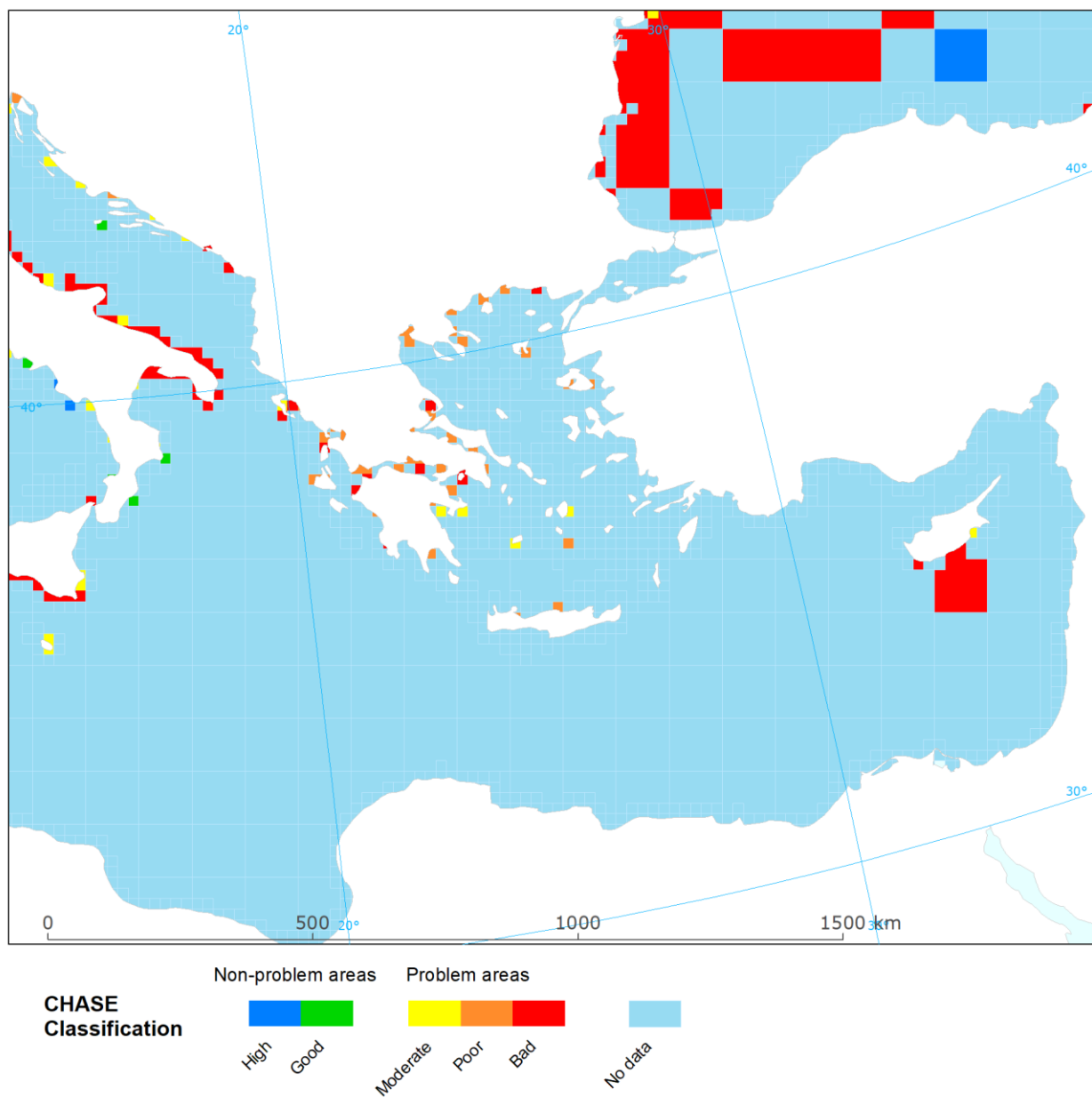


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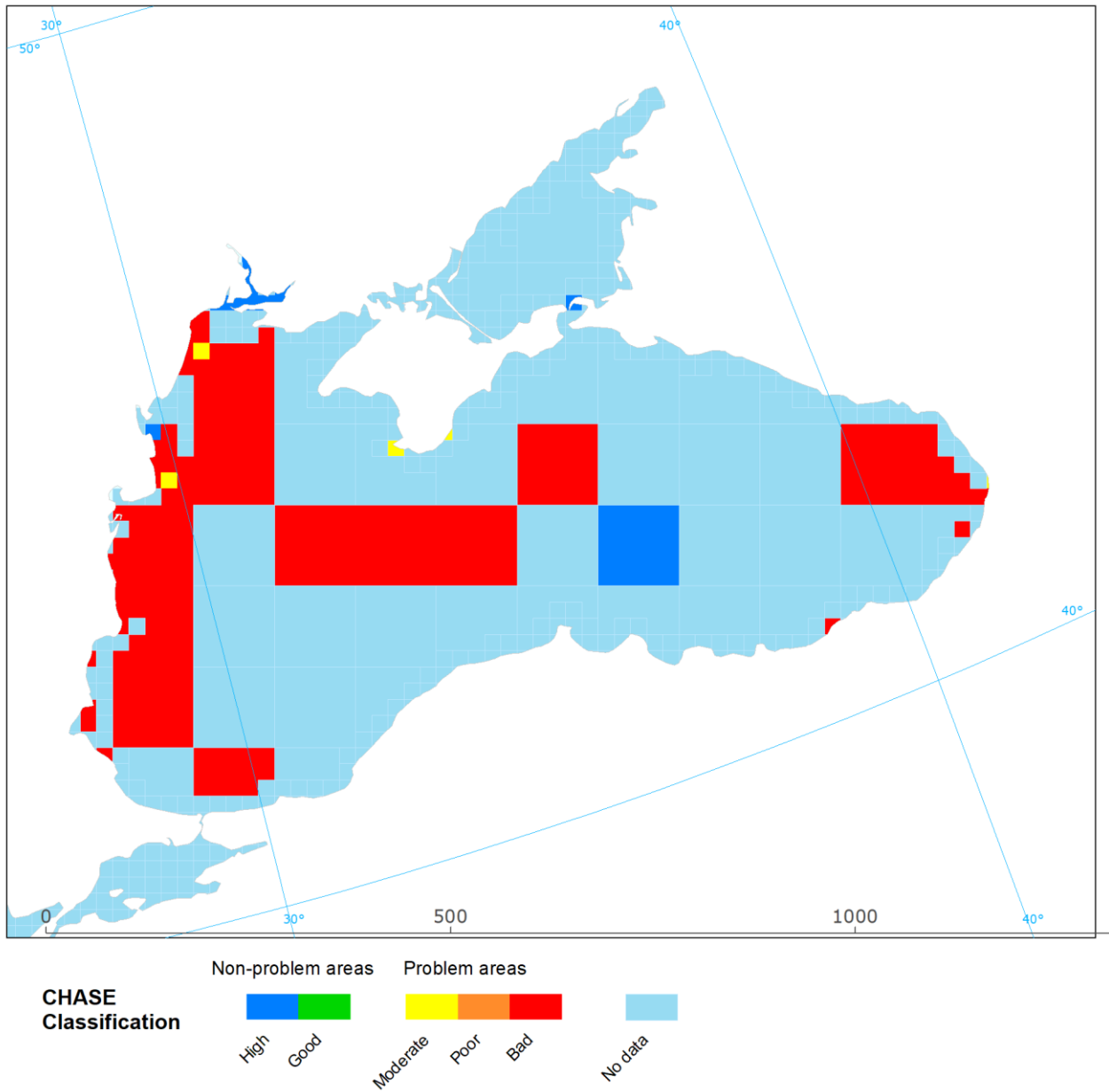


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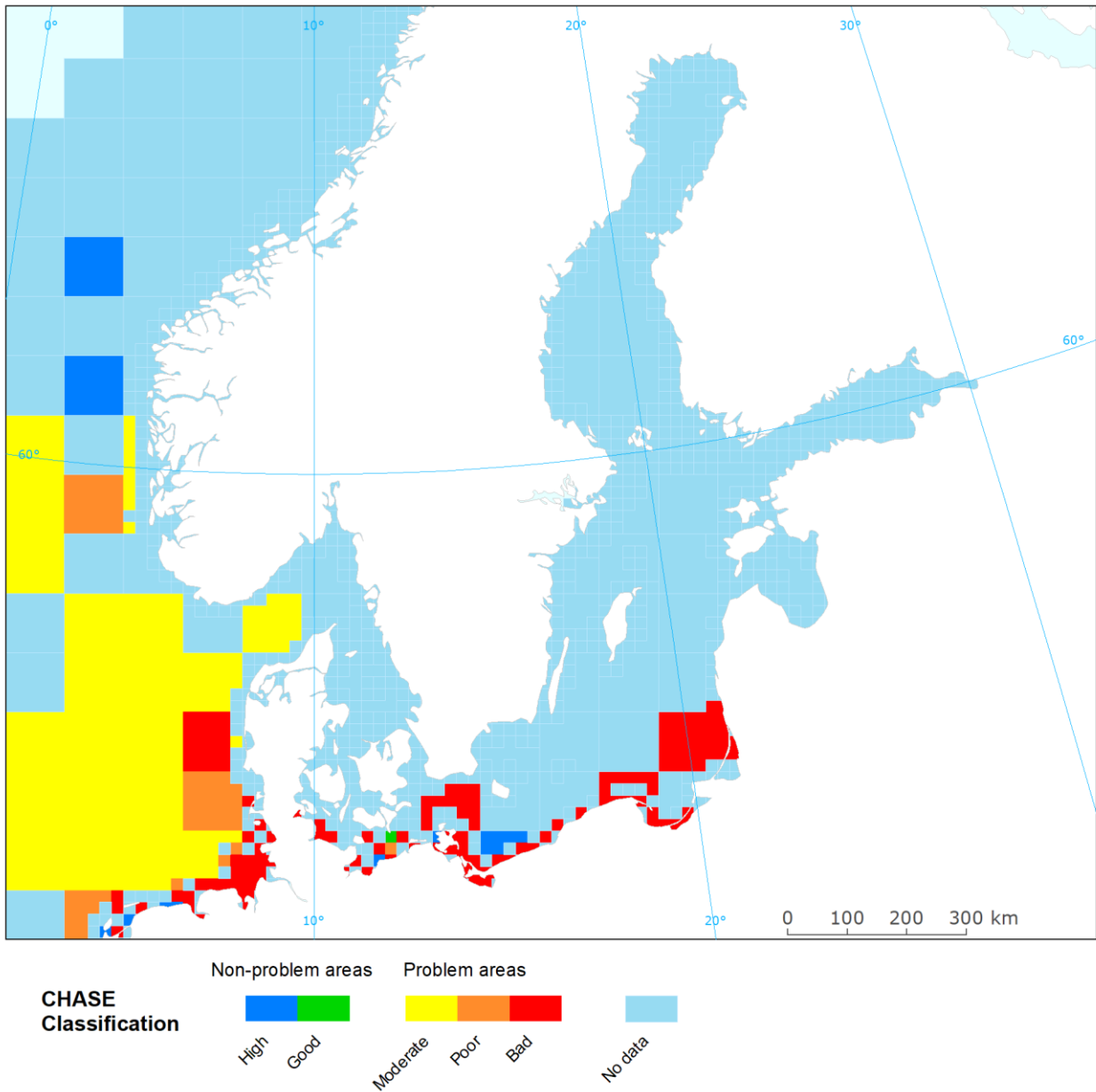


Figure A.6 CHASE classifications for Water in the Baltic Sea.

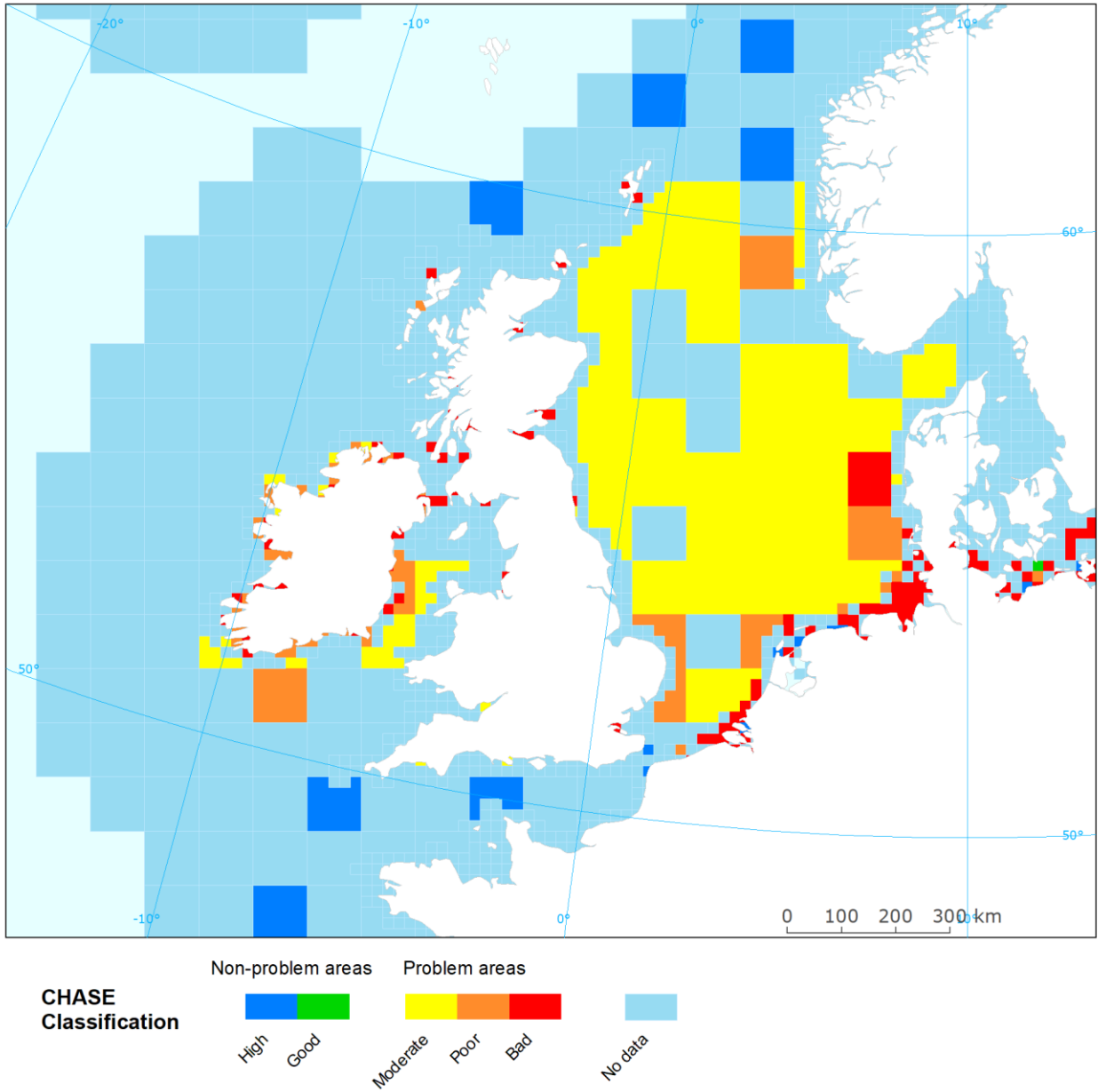


Figure A.7 CHASE classifications for Water in the North Sea and Celtic Sea.

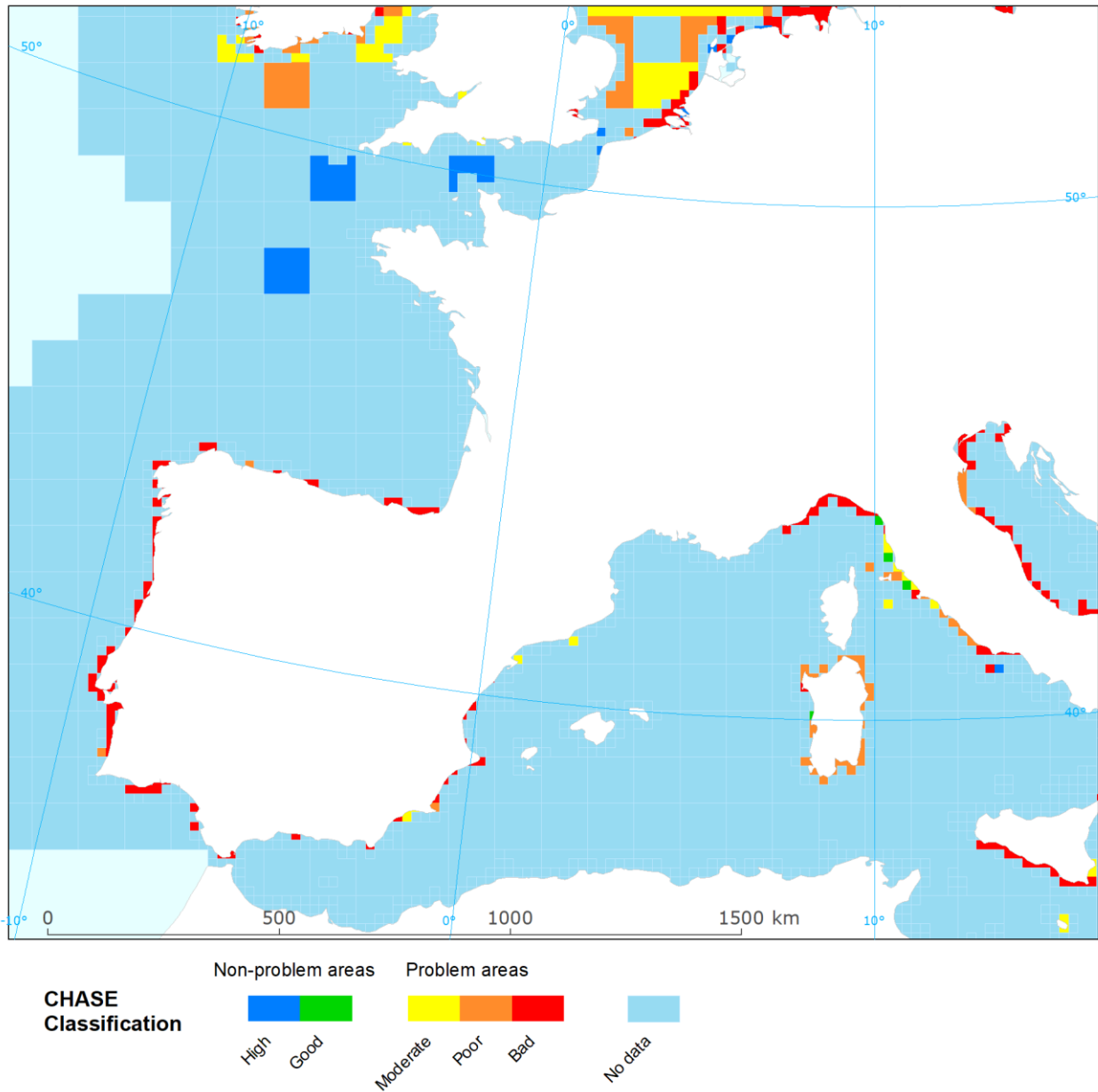


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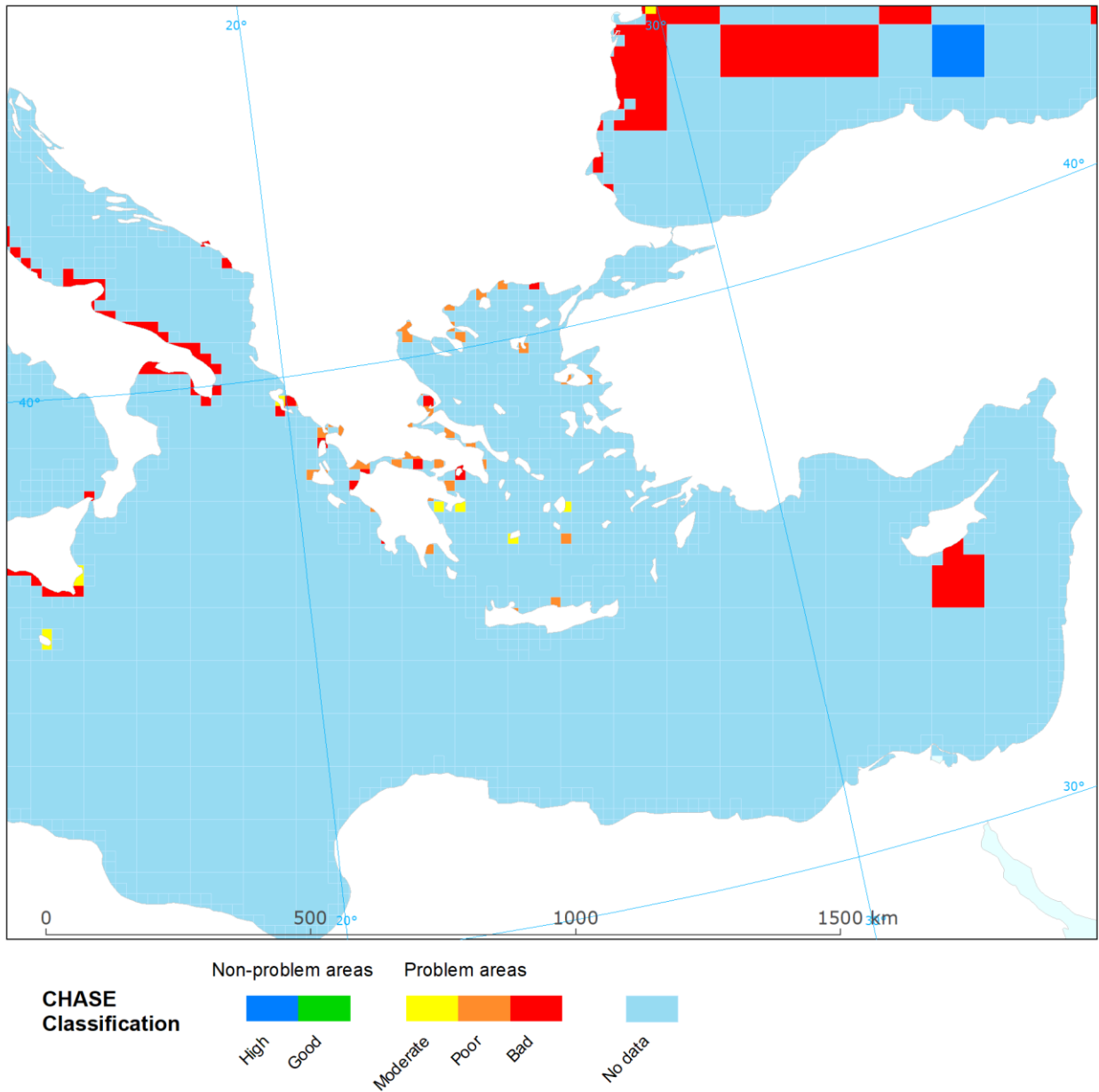


Figure A.9 CHASE classifications for Water in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

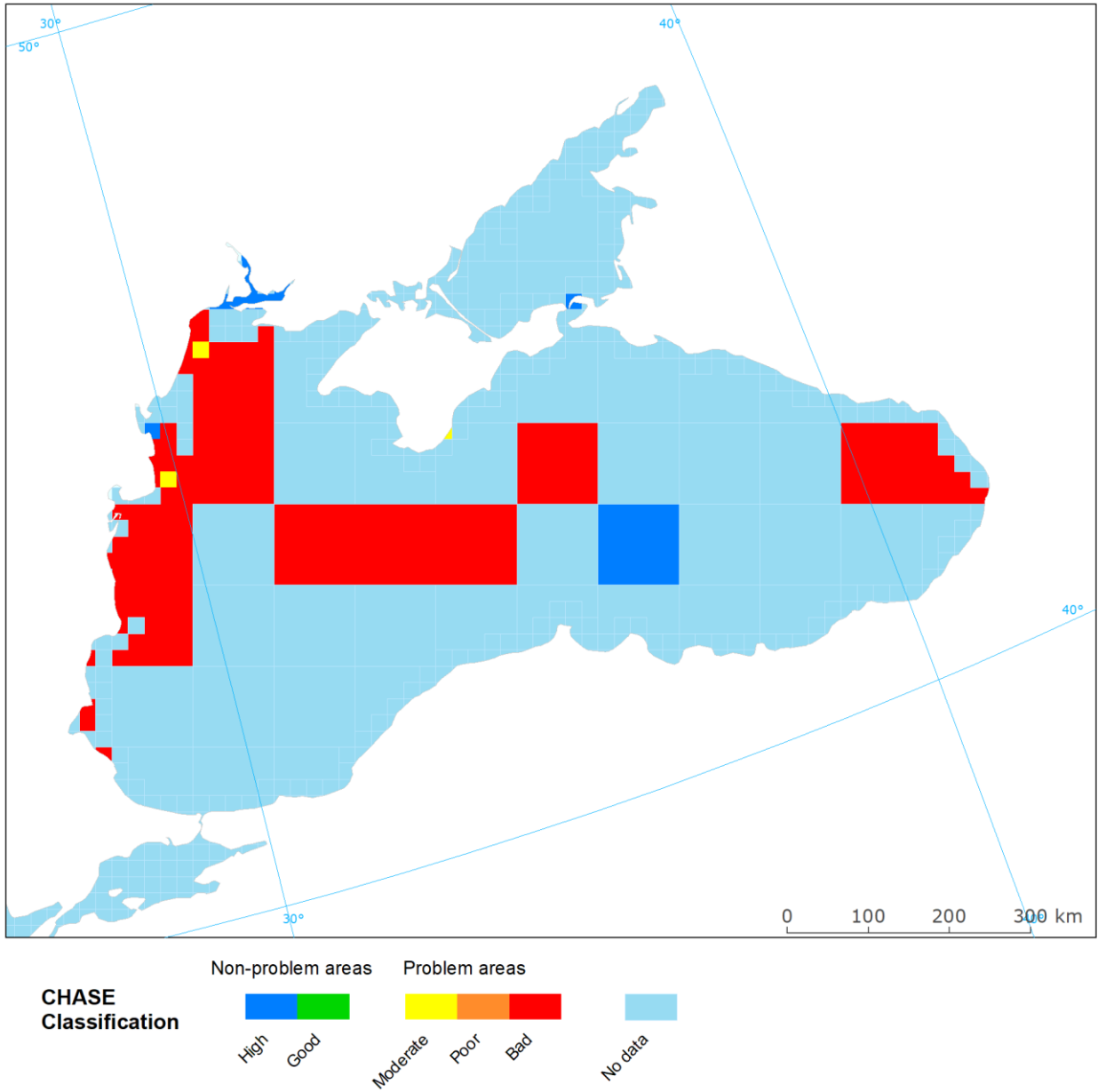


Figure A.10 CHASE classifications for Water in the Black Sea.

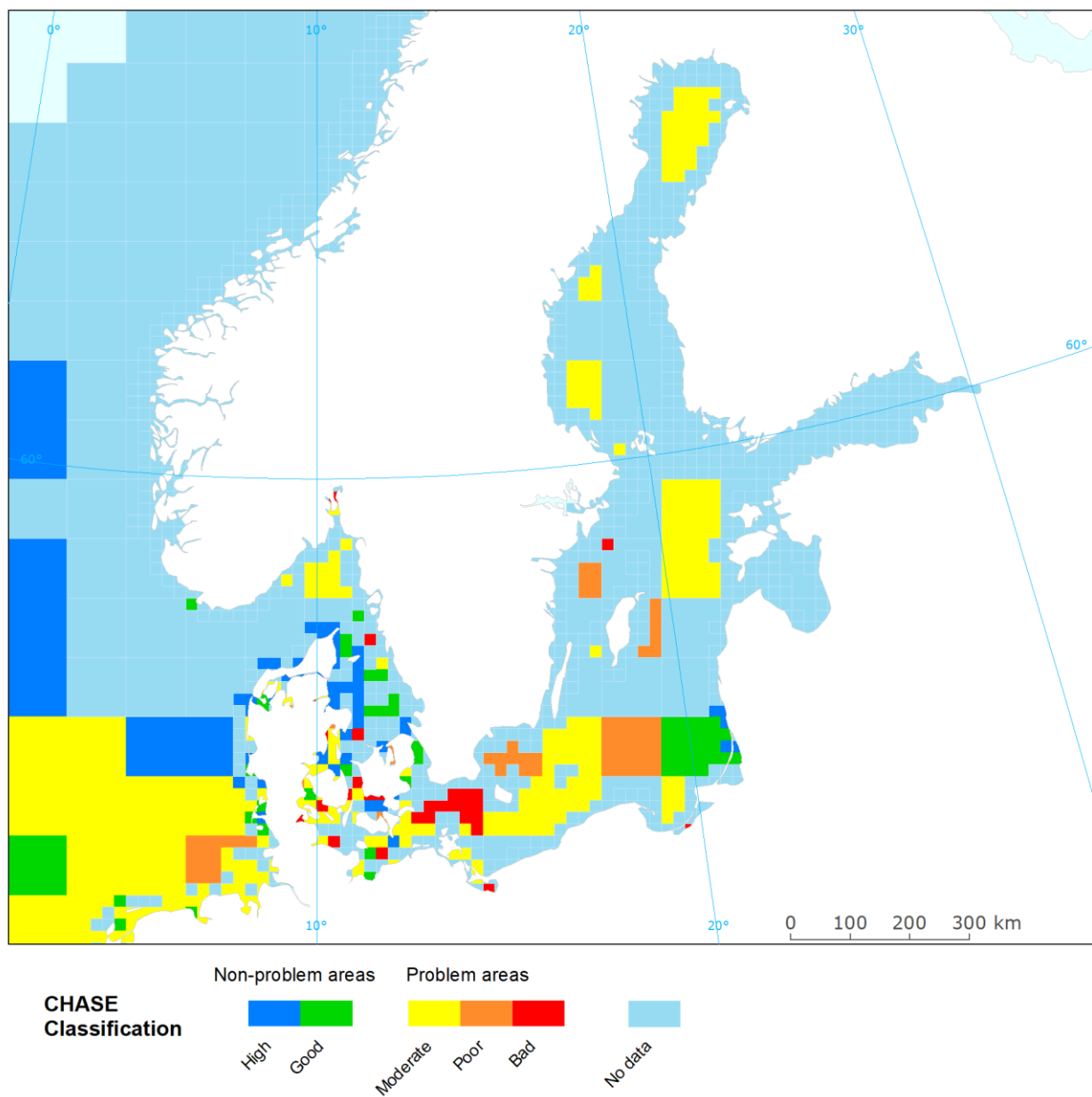


Figure A.11 CHASE classifications for Sediment in the Baltic Sea.

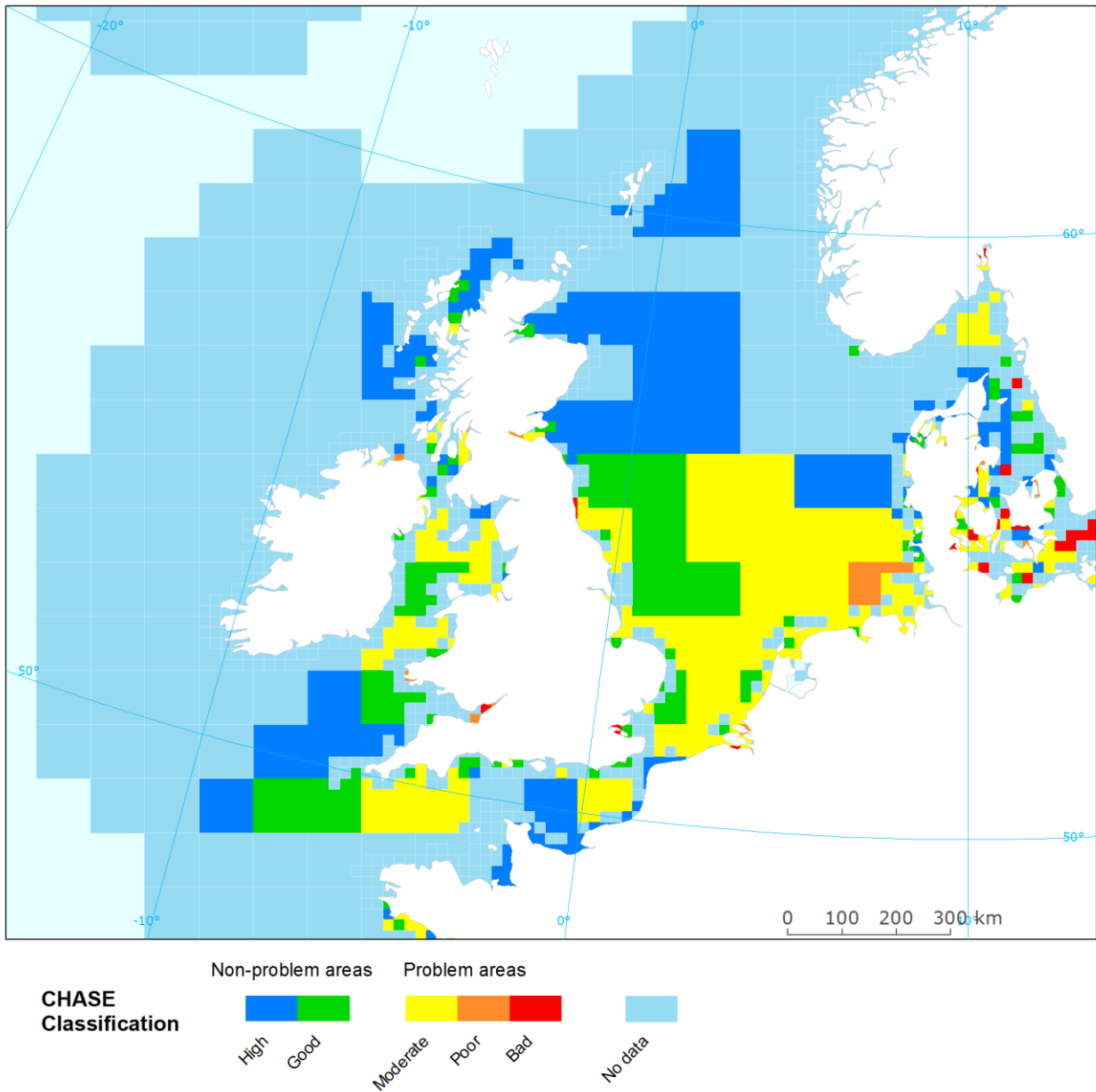


Figure A.12 CHASE classifications for Sediment in the North Sea and Celtic Sea.

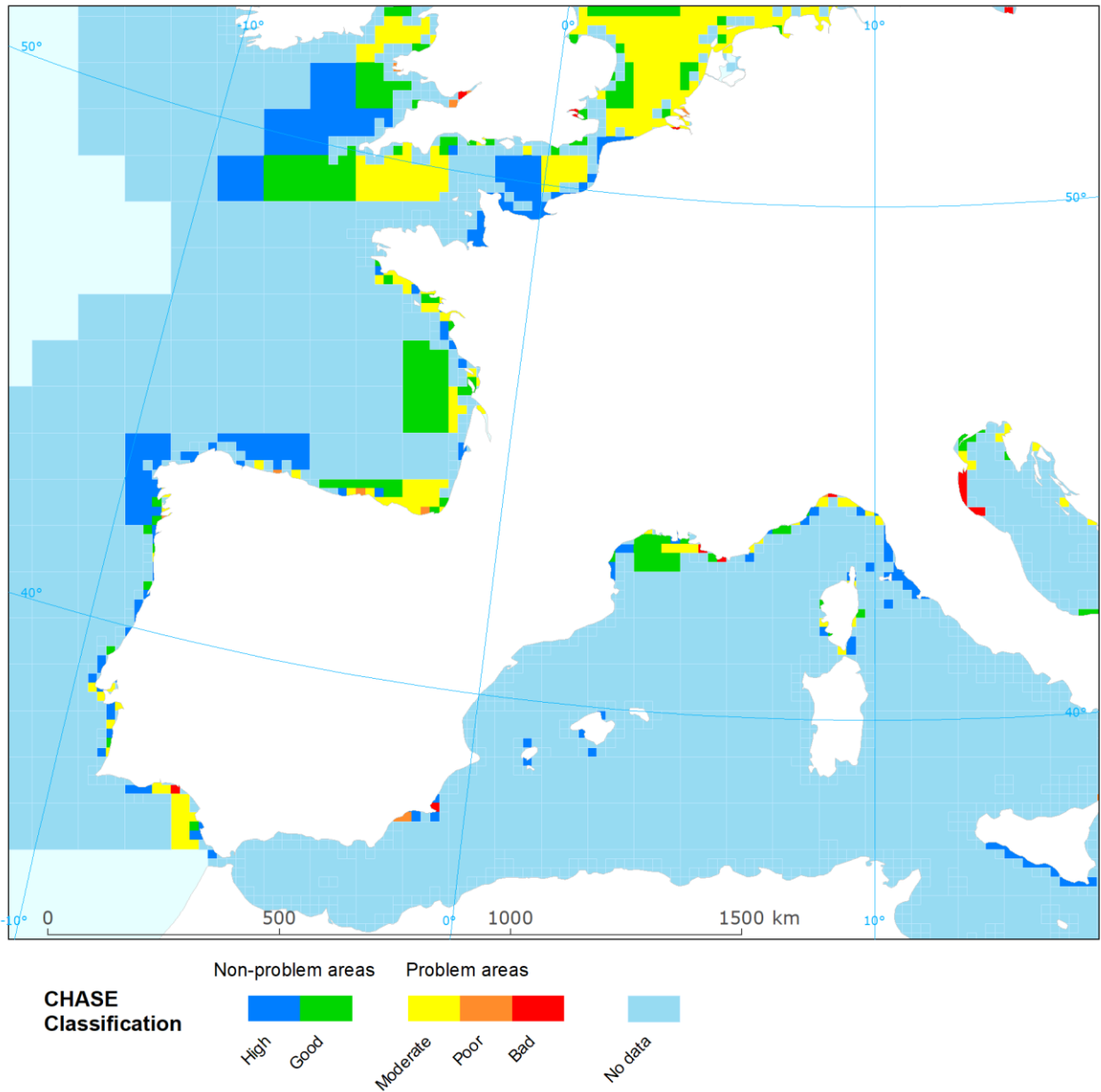


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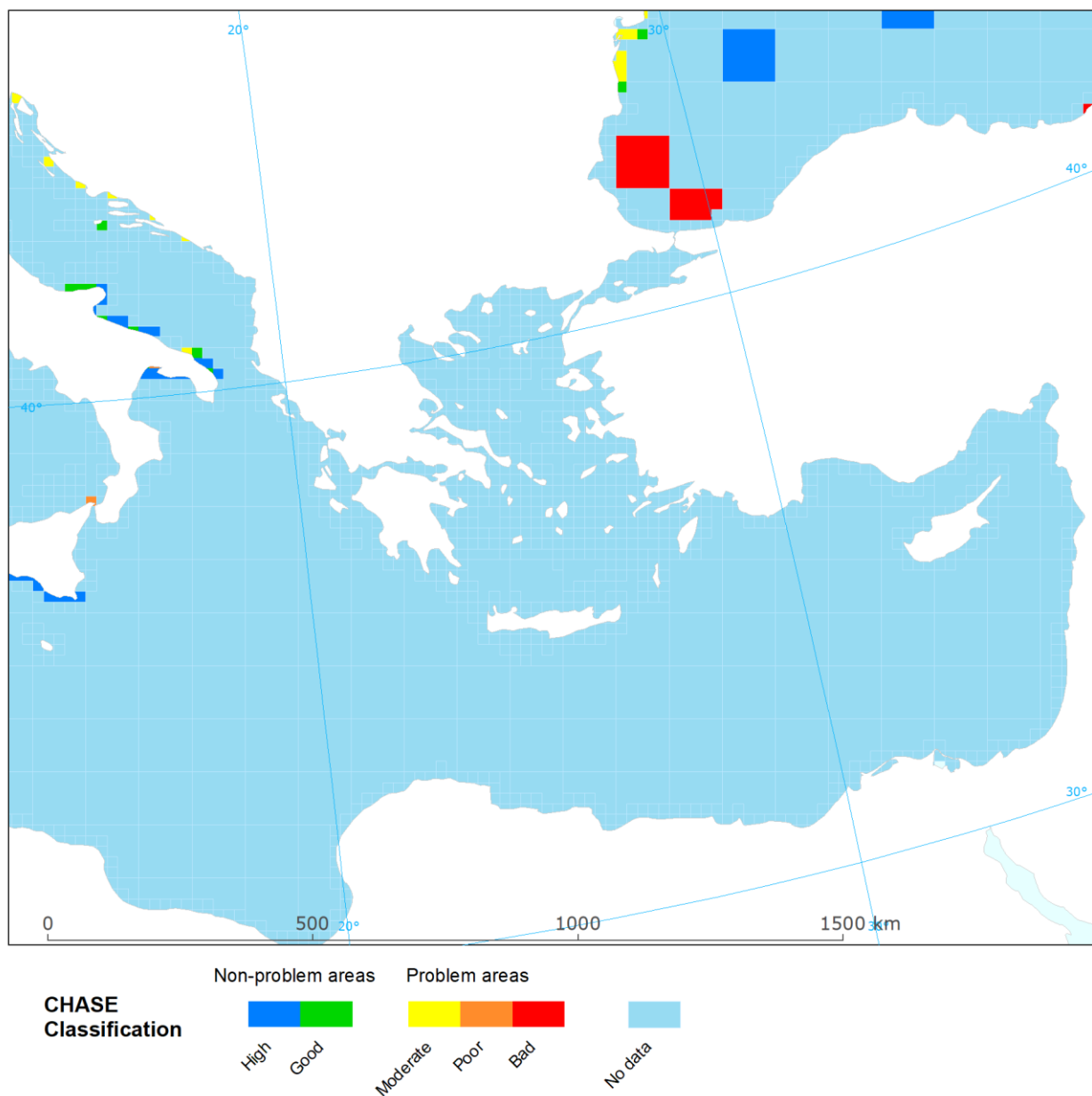


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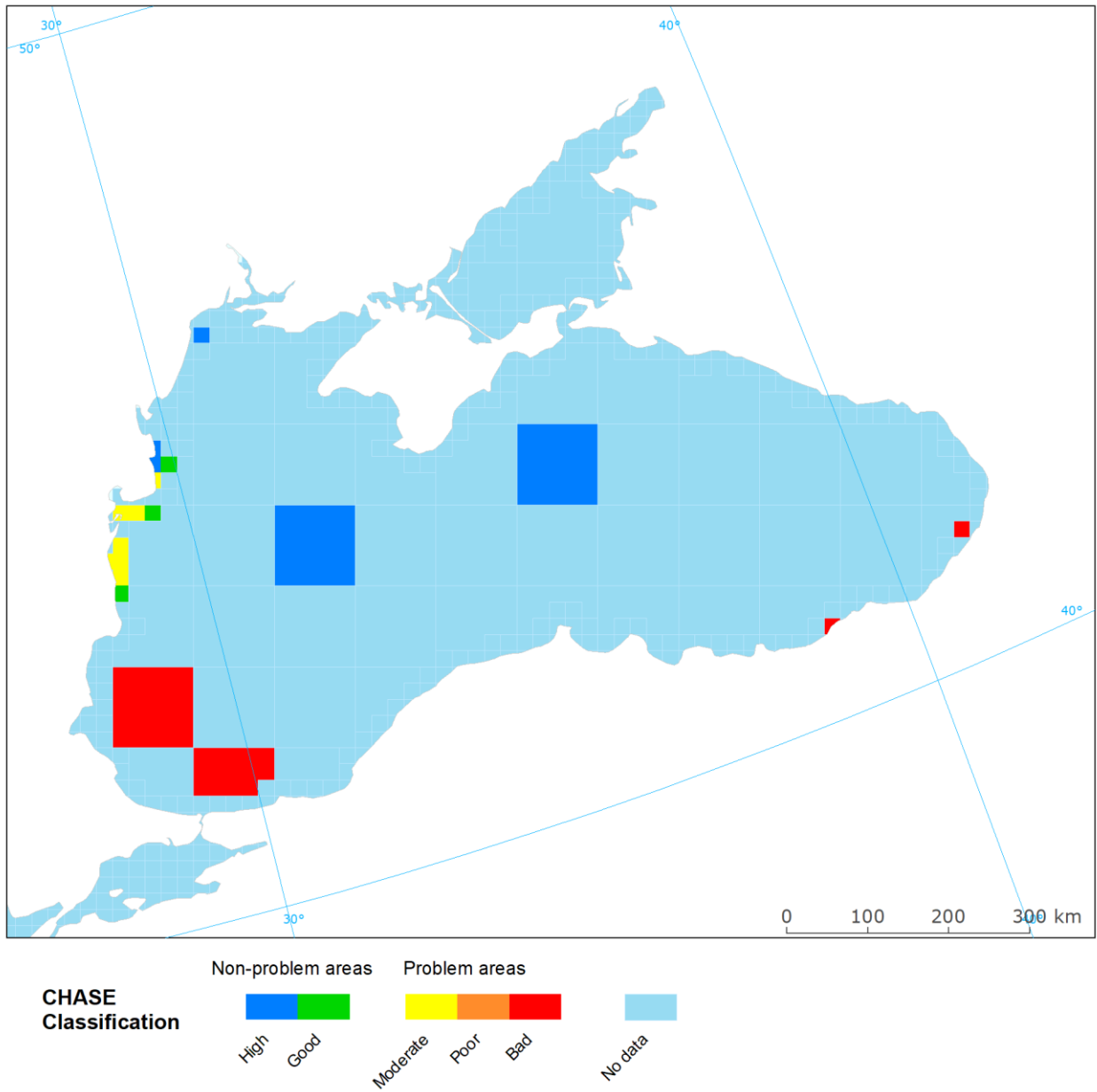


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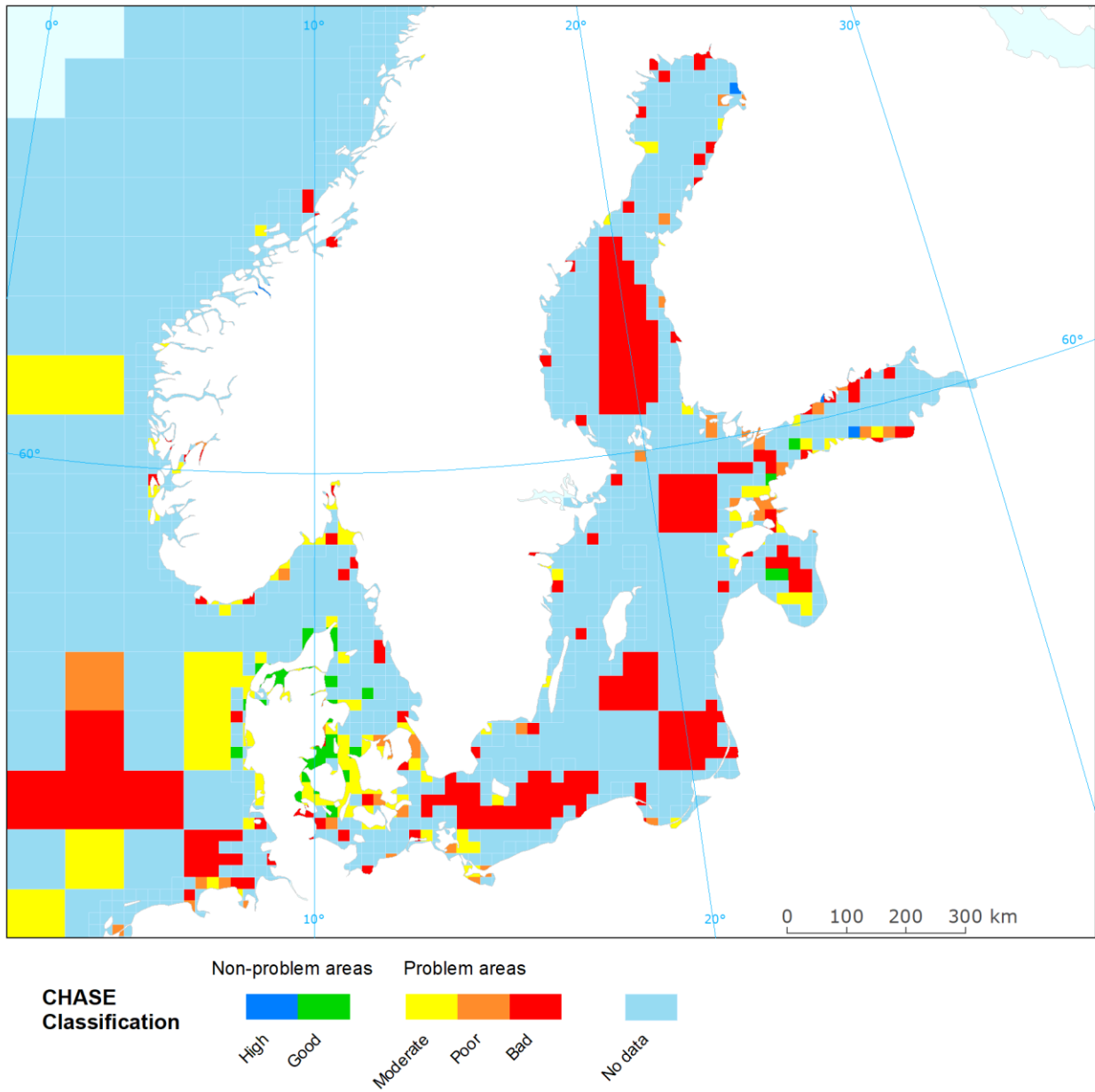


Figure A.16 CHASE classifications for Biota in the Baltic Sea.

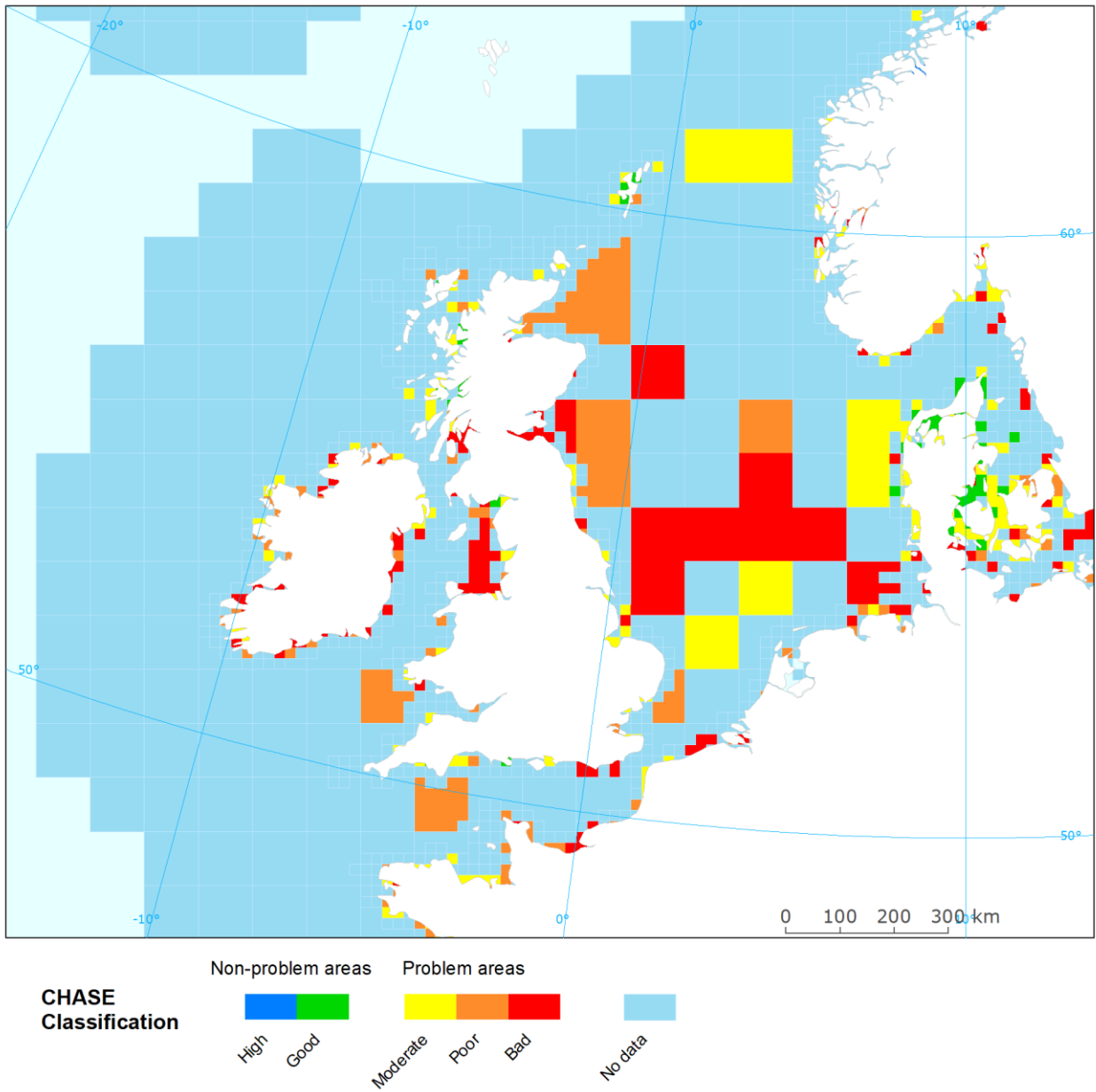


Figure A.17 CHASE classifications for Biota in the North Sea and Celtic Sea.

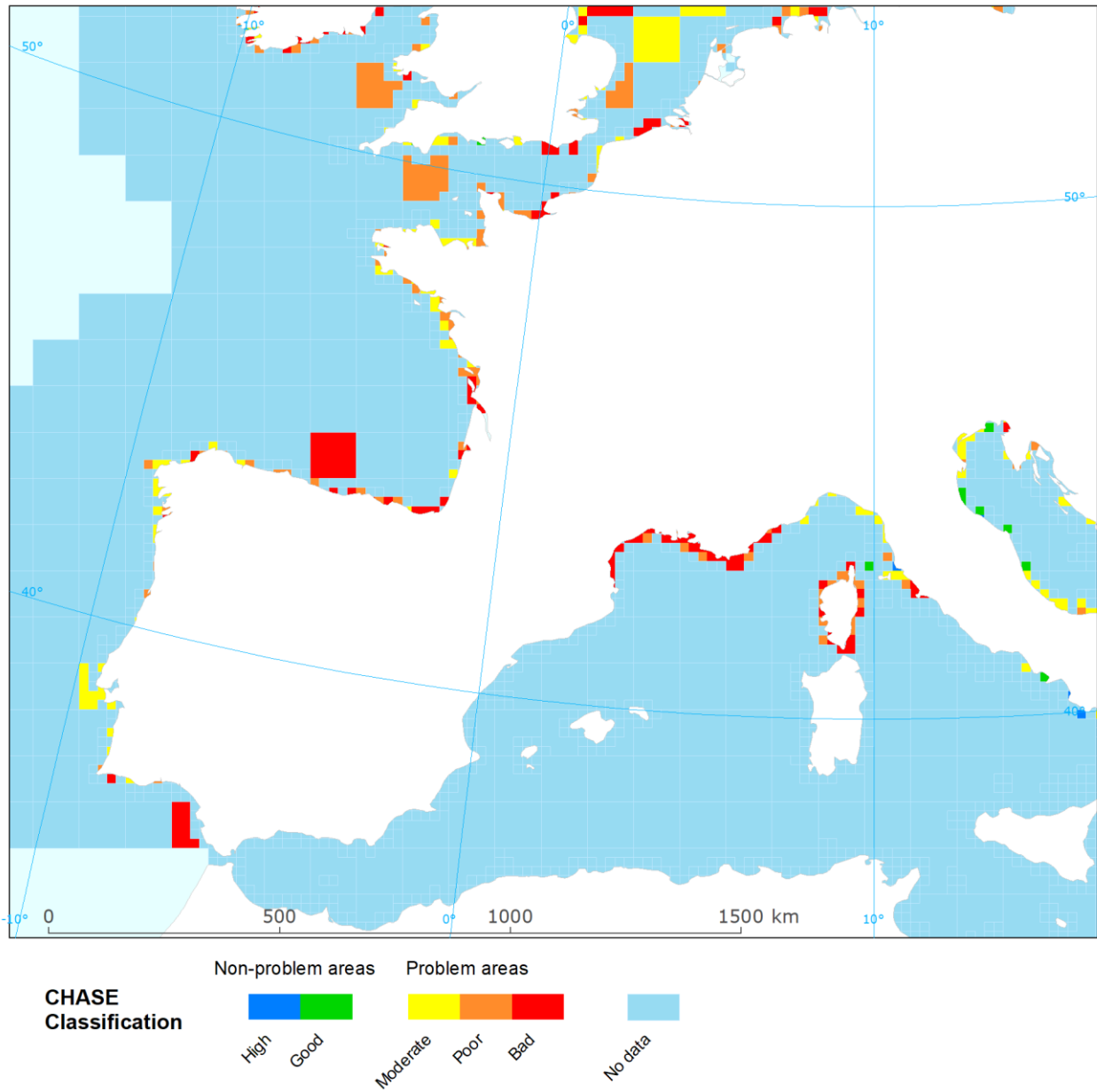


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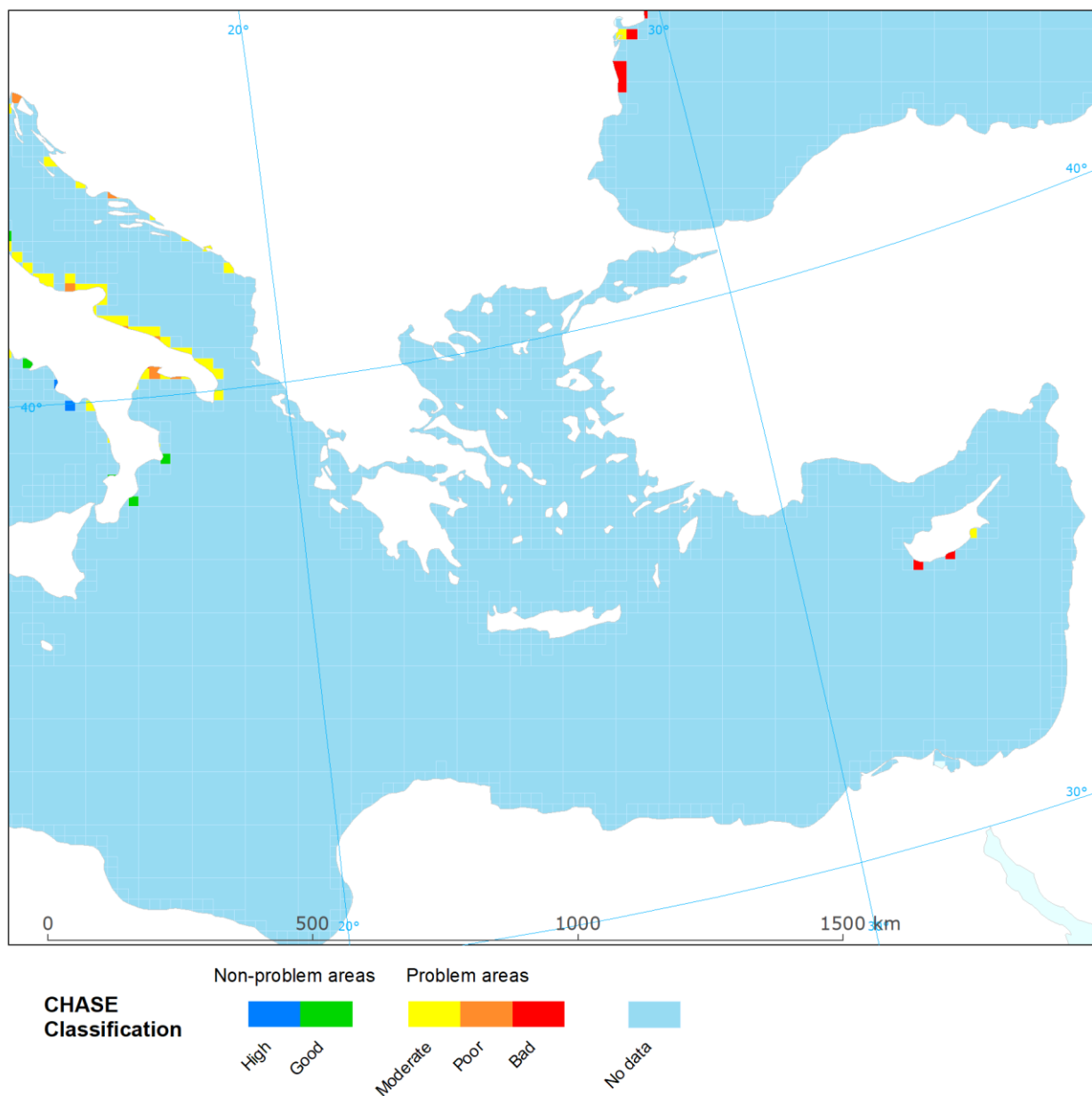


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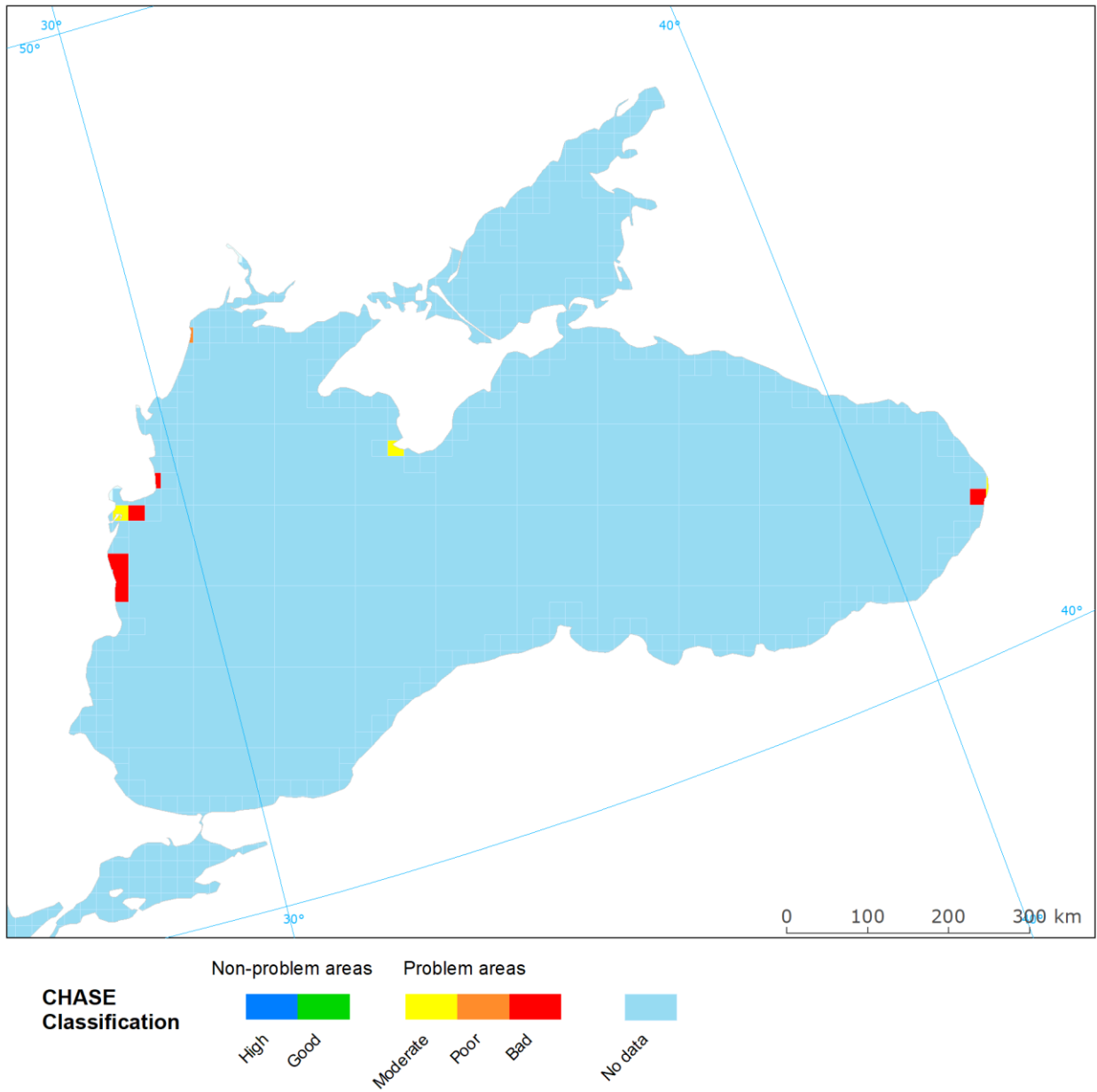


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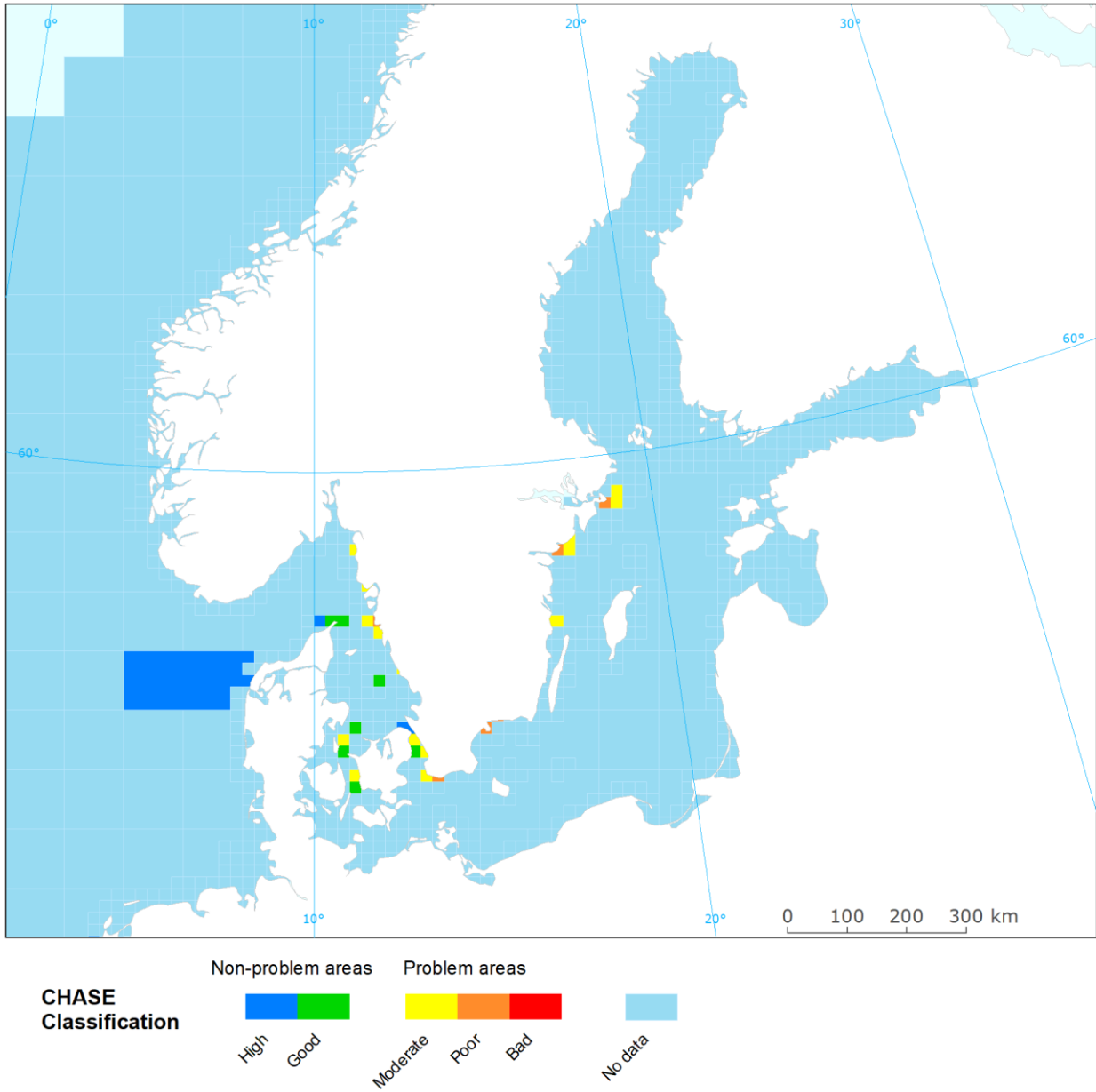


Figure A.21 CHASE classifications for Bioeffects in the Baltic Sea.

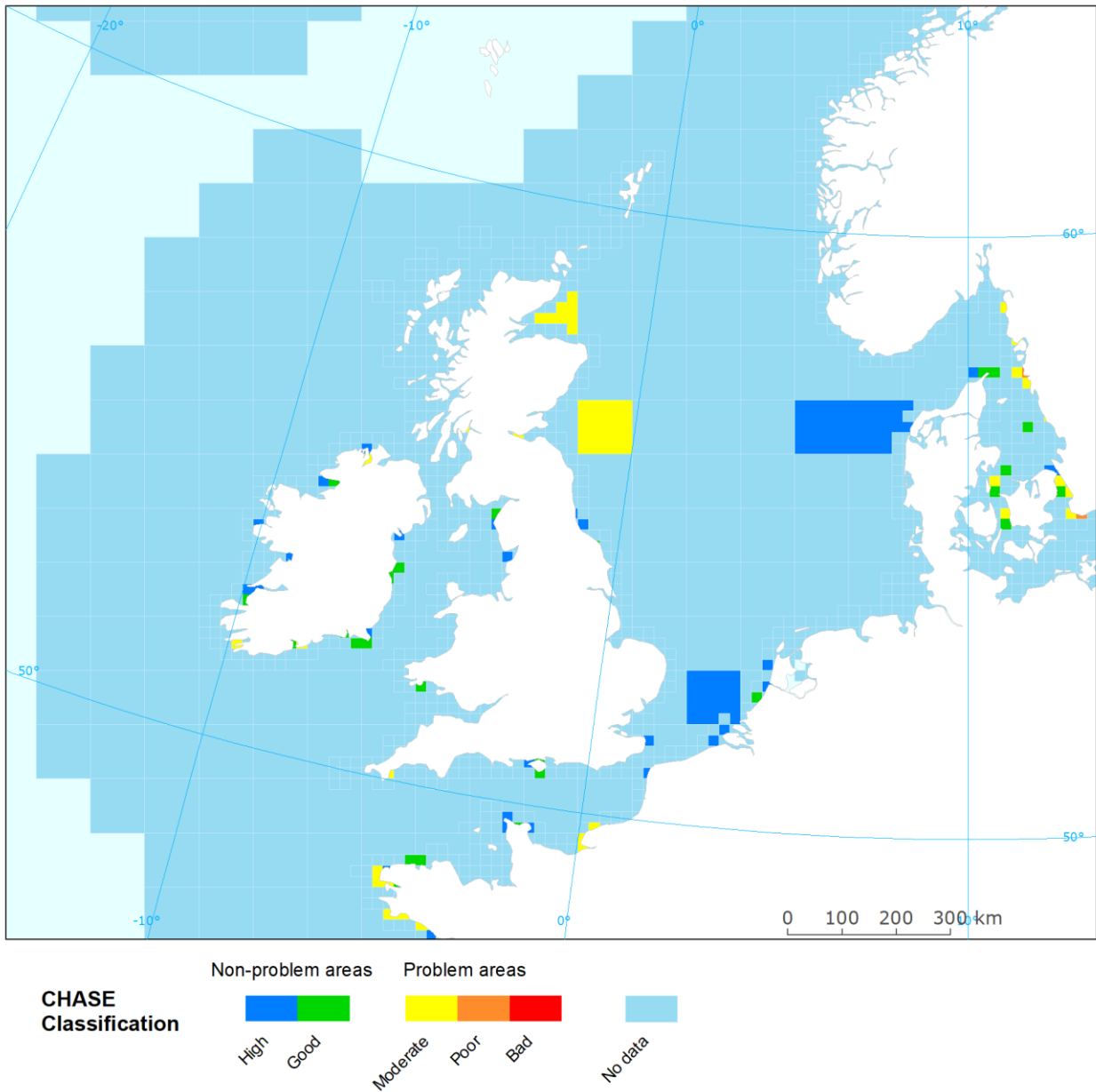


Figure A.22 CHASE classifications for Bioeffects in the North Sea and Celtic Sea.

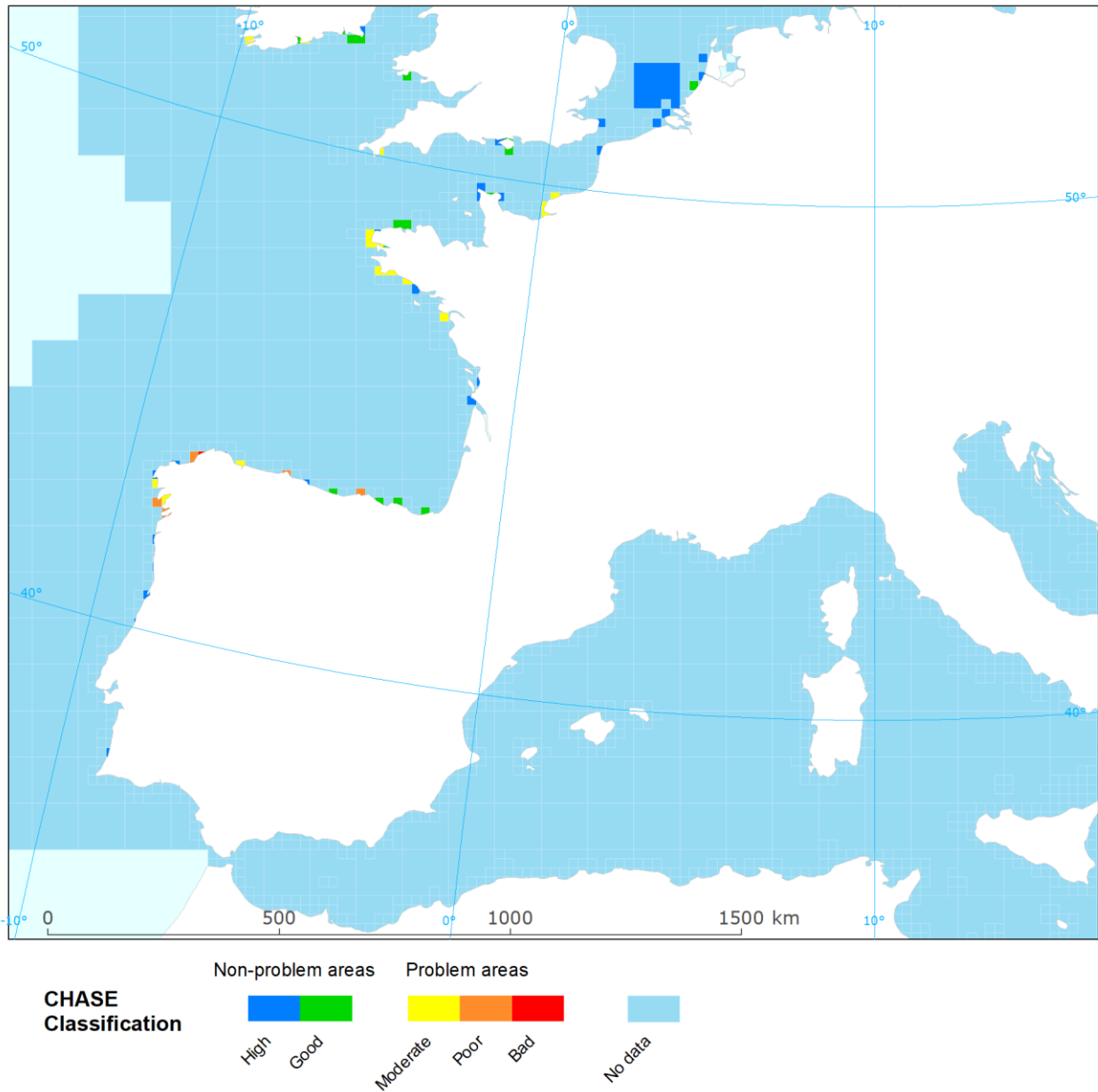


Figure A.23 CHASE classifications for Bioeffects in the Western Mediterranean Sea.

ANNEX 3: Boxplots

The following figures show the variation average values for indicator parameters calculated in each assessment unit:

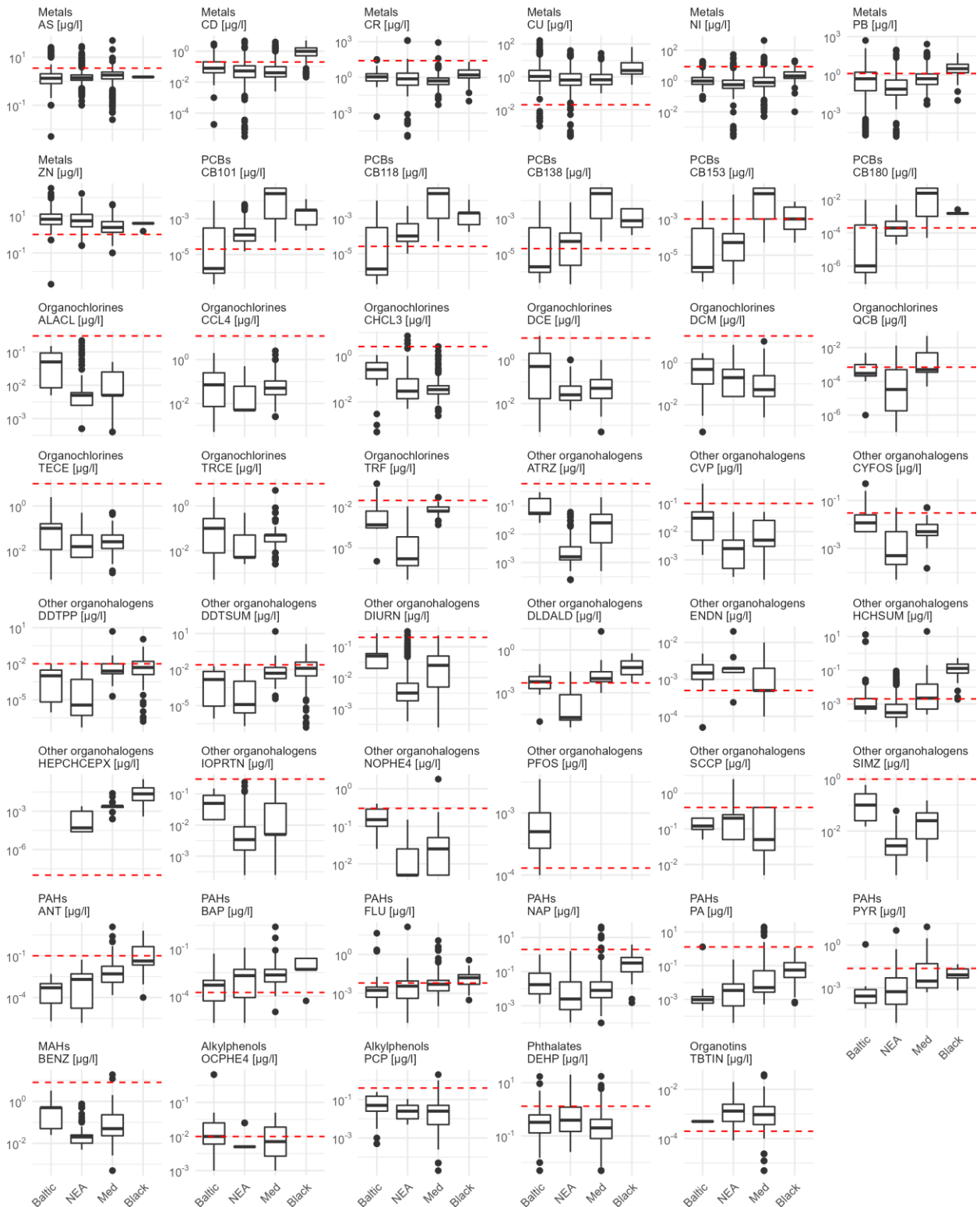


Figure A.24 Water Category - variation in average concentrations in assessment units, threshold values indicated by red dotted lines. See key to substance abbreviations in table below.

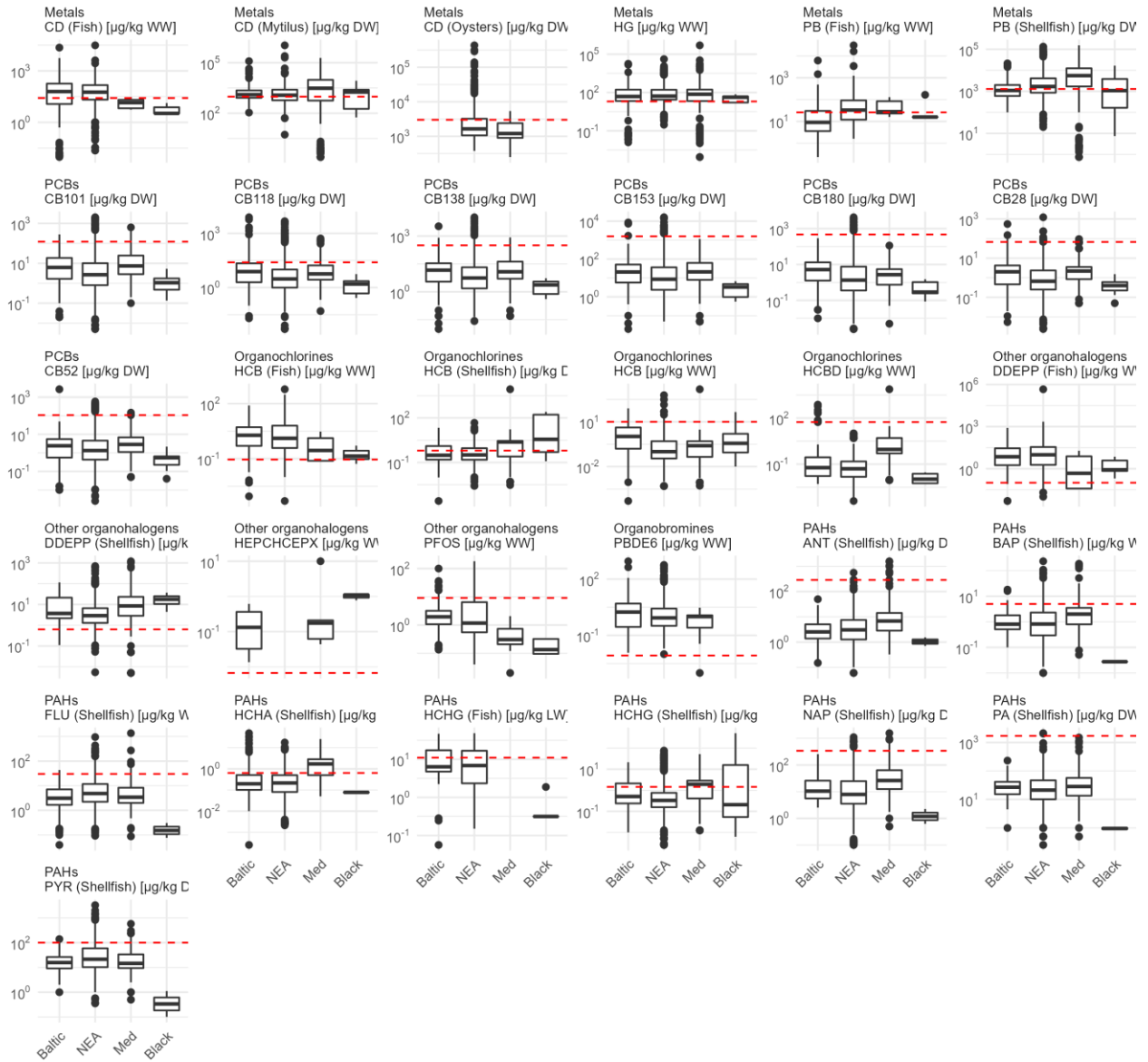


Figure A.25 Biota Category - variation in average concentrations in assessment units, threshold values indicated by red dotted lines. See key to substance abbreviations in table below.

For some substances in biota, different threshold values were applied depending on the species or type of organism, for example, Cadmium (CD) in fish, mussels or oysters. In this case, there is a separate boxplot for each set of observations and corresponding threshold value.

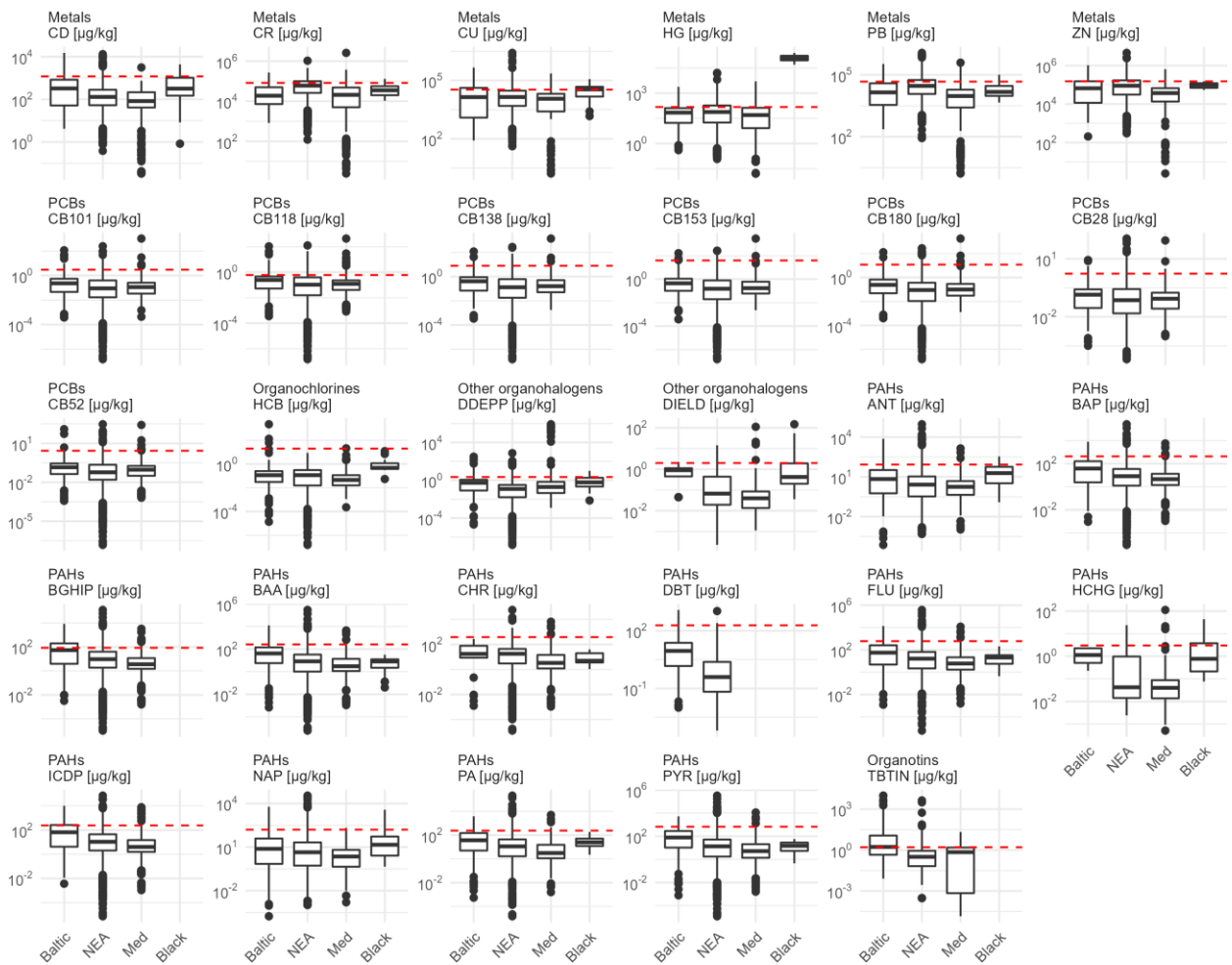


Figure A.26 Sediment Category - variation in average concentrations in assessment units, threshold values indicated by a red dotted line. See key to substance abbreviations in table below.

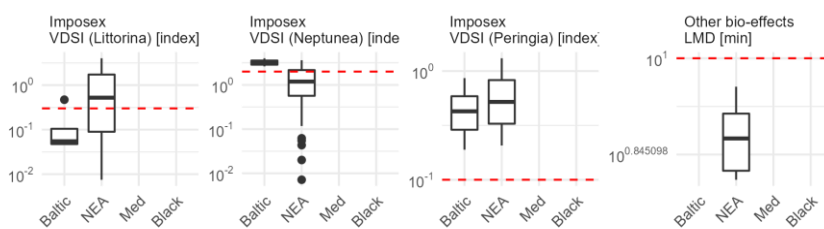


Figure A.27 Bio-effects Category - variation in average values in assessment units, threshold values indicated by red dotted lines

Species key:

- Littorina: *Littorina littorea*, *Buccinum undatum*, *Nassarius reticulatus*
- Neptunea: *Neptunea antiqua*, *Nucella lapillus*
- Peringia: *Peringia ulvae*

Key to substance names in boxplots:

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------|--|
| ALACL | Alachlor |
| ANT | Anthracene |
| AS | Arsenic |
| ATRZ | Atrazine |
| BAP | Benzo[a]pyrene |
| BENZ | Benzene |
| BGHIP | Benzo[ghi]perylene |
| BAA | Benzo[a]anthracene |
| CB101 | 2,2',4,5,5'-pentachlorobiphenyl (CB101) |
| CB118 | 2,3',4,4',5-pentachlorobiphenyl (CB118) |
| CB138 | 2,2',3,4,4',5'-hexachlorobiphenyl (CB138) |
| CB153 | 2,2',4,4',5,5'-hexachlorobiphenyl (CB153) |
| CB180 | 2,2',3,4,4',5,5'-heptachlorobiphenyl (CB180) |
| CB28 | 2,4,4'-trichlorobiphenyl (CB28) |
| CB52 | 2,2',5,5'-tetrachlorobiphenyl (CB52) |
| CCL4 | Carbon tetrachloride |
| CD | Cadmium |
| CHCL3 | Chloroform |
| CHR | Chrysene |
| CR | Chromium |
| CU | Copper |
| CVP | Chlorfenvinphos |
| CYFOS | Chlorpyrifos |
| DBT | Dibenzothiophene |
| DCE | 1,2-dichloroethane |
| DCM | Dichloromethane |
| DDEPP | DDE (p,p') |
| DDTPP | DDT (p,p') |
| DDTSUM | Sum DDE, DDT, DDD |
| DEHP | Phthalic acid, bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester |
| DIELD | Dieldrin |
| DIURN | Diuron |

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------|---|
| DLDALD | Aldrin, dieldrin, endrin, isodrin SUM |
| ENDN | Endosulphan |
| FLU | Fluoranthene |
| HCB | Hexachlorobenzene |
| HCBD | Hexachlorobutadiene |
| HCHA | Alpha-HCH (alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane) |
| HCHG | Gamma-HCH (gamma-hexachlorocyclohexane) |
| HCHSUM | Hexachlorocyclohexane |
| HEPCHCEPX | Heptachlor+heptachlor epoxide |
| HG | Mercury |
| ICDP | Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene |
| IOPRTN | Isoproturon |
| LMD | Lysosomal membrane stability (LMS) |
| NAP | Naphthalene |
| NI | Nickel |
| NOPHE4 | 4-Nonylphenol |
| OCPE4 | 4-Octylphenol |
| PA | Phenanthrene |
| PB | Lead |
| PBDE6 | Sum 6 BDEs |
| PCP | Pentachlorophenol |
| PFOS | Perfluorooctanyl sulphonic acid |
| PYR | Pyrene |
| QCB | Pentachlorobenzene |
| SCCP | Short chain chlorinated paraffin |
| SIMZ | Simazine |
| TBTIN | Tributyltin (TBT) |
| TECE | Tetrachloroethylene |
| TRCE | Trichloroethylene |
| TRF | Trifluralin |
| VDSI | Vas Deferens Sequence Index (VDSI) |
| ZN | Zinc |