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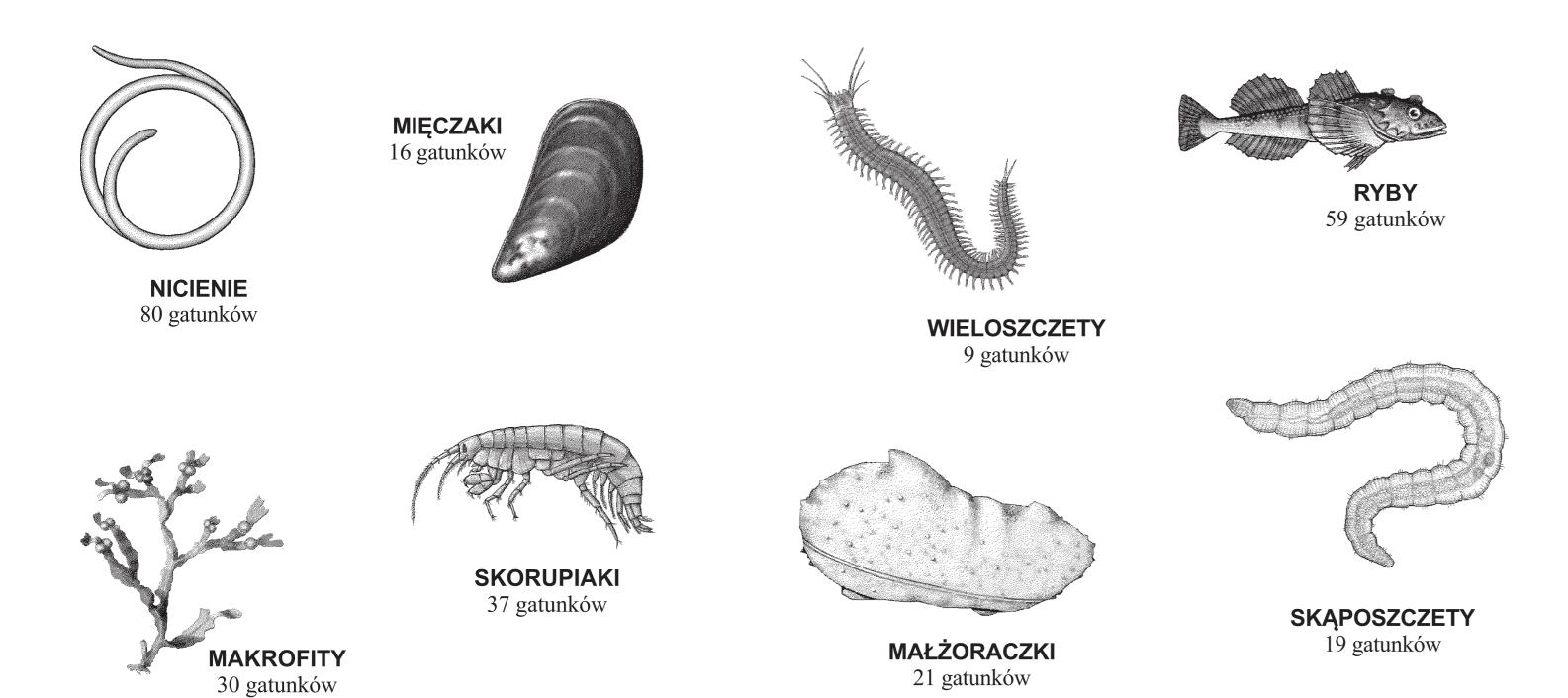
Planned Marine Reserve in Gdynia has been recommended as protected area for HELCOM many years ago. Recently Biogeographic Seminar of UE supported this recommendation as specific NATURA 2000 area. The place might be described by Annex 17 of the Habitat Directive as "habitat nr 1170 offshore stony reefs". In Poland such habitat is unique, it occurs in places on the open Baltic coast, while sheltered stony reefs are very rare (smaller stony outcrops might be found in the neighbouring two locations near Gdynia).

The information about Marine Reserve is being continuously collected and presented at

http://www.iopan.gda.pl/projects/puckbay/Rezerwat/index.html



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The one-day count of species in the sea and on the coastline yielded 436 species in may 2010















