

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABC	Asian Brown Cloud	CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
AEPC	African Environmental Protection Commission	CNC	Chinese National Committee
AEPS	Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy	CNG	compressed natural gas
AEWA	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement	CO	carbon monoxide
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	CO ₂	carbon dioxide
ALGAS	Asia Least Cost Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategies	COP	Conference of the Parties
AMCEN	African Ministerial Conference on the Environment	CPACC	Caribbean Planning for the Adaptation of Global Climate Change
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union	CPF	collaborative partnerships on forests
ANWR	Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	CRAMRA	Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities
AoA	Agreement on Agriculture	CRP	Conservation Reserve Program (United States)
AOC	Areas of Concern	CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
APPELL	Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level	CTBT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service	CZIMP	Coastal Zone Integrated Management Plan
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	DALY	disability adjusted life year
AU	African Union	DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
BOD	biological oxygen demand	DPSIR	driving force-pressure-state-impact-response
BSE	bovine spongiform encephalopathy	EANET	Acid Deposition Monitoring Network
CAB	Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences	EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
CAMP	Coastal Area Management Project	EC	European Community
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy	ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
CARICOM	Caribbean Community	EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
CBC	community-based conservation	EfE	Environment for Europe
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	EIA	environmental impact assessment
CBO	community-based organization	EMEP	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-Range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe
CCAB-AP	Central American Council for Forests and Protected Areas	EMS	Environmental Management System
CCAMLR	Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	ENSO	El Niño Southern Oscillation
CCD	Convention to Combat Desertification	EPC	Emergency Preparedness Canada
CCFSC	Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control	EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act
CD-ROM	Compact disk—read only memory	EPPR	Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
CEC	Commission for Environmental Cooperation	ESA	Endangered Species Act (United States)
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe	ESDP	European Spatial Development Perspective
CEIT	Countries with Economies in Transition	ESP	electrostatic precipitator
CEP	Committee for Environmental Protection	EU	European Union
CERES	Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economics	EVI	Environmental Vulnerability Index
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research	FDI	foreign direct investment
CH ₄	methane	FDRP	Flood Damage Reduction Program
CIAT	International Centre for Tropical Agriculture	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GILSS	Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel	FEWS	Famine Early Warning System
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	FEWS NET	Famine Early Warning System Network
CLRTAP	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution	FMCN	Mexican Fund for Nature Conservation
cm	centimetre	FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
		FSU	former Soviet Union
		FTAA	Free Trade Area for the Americas

G7	Group of Seven: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States	IRWR	internal renewable water resources
G8	Group of Eight: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States	ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	ISO	International Organization for Standardization
GAW	Global Atmosphere Watch	IT	information technology
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility	ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council	IUCN	World Conservation Union
GCOS	Global Climate Observing System	IWC	International Whaling Commission
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network	IWRM	integrated water resources management
GDP	gross domestic product	IYM	International Year of Mountains
GEF	Global Environment Facility	km	kilometre
GEMS	Global Environment Monitoring System	LADA	Land Degradation Assessment of Drylands
GEO	Global Environment Outlook	LCBP	Lake Champlain Basin Program (United States)
GISP	Global Invasive Species Programme	LMO	living modified organism
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment	LPG	low-propane gas
GLASOD	Global Assessment of Soil Degradation	LRT	light rapid transit
GLOF	glacial flood outburst lake	LUCAS	European Land Use/Land Cover Statistical Survey
GLWQA	Great Lakes Waters Quality Agreement	MA	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
GM	genetically modified	MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
GMO	genetically modified organism	MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
GNP	gross national product	MARS	Major Accident Reporting System
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative	MCPFE	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
GRID	Global Resource Information Database	MEA	multilateral environmental agreement
GSP	gross state product	MEMAC	Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre
HABs	harmful algal blooms	MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur
HCFC	hydrochlorofluorocarbon	MRT	mass rapid transit
HDI	Human Development Index	N ₂ O	nitrous oxide
HELCOM	Helsinki Commission	NAACO	National Ambient Air Quality Objectives (Canada)
HFC	hydrofluorocarbon	NAACS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards (United States)
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Country	NABIN	North American Biodiversity Information Network
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
IABIN	Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network	NARSTO	North American Research Strategy for Tropospheric Ozone
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce	NAWMP	North American Waterfowl Management Plan
ICLEI	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives	NCAR	National Center for Atmospheric Research
ICM	Integrated Coastal Management	NEAP	National Environmental Action Plan
ICRAN	International Coral Reef Action Network	NECD	EU Directive on National Emission Ceilings for Certain Atmospheric Pollutants
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative	NEPA	National Environmental Protection Agency
ICT	information and communication technology	NEPM	National Environmental Protection Measure
IDNDR	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	NGO	non-governmental organization
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	NH ₃	ammonia
IFF	Intergovernmental Forum on Forests	NIS	Newly Independent States
IJC	International Joint Commission	NO	nitrogen oxide
ILO	International Labour Organization	NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
IMF	International Monetary Fund	NO _x	nitrous oxides
IMO	International Maritime Organization	NPK	nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus (fertilizer)
INBO	International Network of Basin Organizations	NSSD	National Strategy for Sustainable Development
INDOEX	Indian Ocean Experiment	O ₃	ozone
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	OAU	Organization for African Unity
IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests	ODA	official development assistance
IPM	integrated pest management	ODS	ozone-depleting substance
IPR	intellectual property rights		

OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	TRI	Toxics Release Inventory
OCIPEP	Office of Critical Infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness	TRIPs	Trade-Related Aspects of International Property Rights
OSPAR	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic	UEBD	Executive Unit for Settlements in Development (Honduras)
PACD	Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	UK	United Kingdom
PAME	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment	UN	United Nations
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyls	UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
PCP	Permanent Cover Program (Canada)	UNCHS	United Nations Commission on Human Settlements
PEBLDS	Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy	UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
PEEN	Pan-European Ecological Network	UNCOD	United Nations Conference on Desertification
PEFC	Pan-European Forest Certification	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
PERSGA	Protection of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
PFRA	Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (Canada)	UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
PICs	Pacific Island Countries	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
PM2.5	particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less	UNEP-WCMC	United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre
POPs	persistent organic pollutants	UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
PRRC	Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (Philippines)	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
PSR	pressure-state-response	UNF	United Nations Foundation
RAP	remedial action plan	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
REMPEC	Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea	UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
ROPME	Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment	UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
SACEP	South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
SADC	Southern African Development Community	UNOCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
SANAA	National Autonomous Water and Sewage Authority (Honduras)	UNSO	United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (now UNDP Office to Combat Desertification)
SAP	structural adjustment programme	US	United States
SARA	Species At Risk Act (Canada)	US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
SCOPE	Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
SEA	strategic environmental assessment	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
SEI	Stockholm Environment Institute	USGS	United States Geological Survey
SIDS	Small Island Developing State or States	UV	ultraviolet
SO ₂	sulphur dioxide	VOC	volatile organic compound
SOE	state of the environment	WBSCD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission	WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
SPIRS	Seveso Plants Information Retrieval System	WCP	World Climate Programme
SPM	suspended particulate matter	WCS	World Conservation Strategy
SPRD	Strategic Planning and Research Department (Singapore)	WFP	World Food Programme
START	System for Analysis, Research and Training	WHO	World Health Organization
TAI	Technology Achievement Index	WHYCOS	World Hydrological Cycle Observing System
TAO	tropical atmospheric ocean	WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
TCA	Treaty for Amazonian Cooperation	WMO	World Meteorological Organization
TCDD	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin	WSSCC	Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
TEA	Transportation Equity Act	WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
TEK	traditional ecological knowledge	WTO	World Trade Organization
TEN	Trans-European Network	WWC	World Water Council
TFAP	Tropical Forestry Action Plan	WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
TRAFFIC	Trade Records Analysis for Flora and Fauna in International Commerce	ZACPLAN	Zambezi River System Action Plan
		ZAMCOM	Zambezi Basin Commission

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