

# List of acronyms and abbreviations

AC	Advisory Committee/Arctic Council
ACIA	Arctic Climate Impact Assessment
AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
AHSG	Ad Hoc Steering Group
AMAP	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (Arctic Council)
AoA	Assessment of Assessments
BALTEX	Baltic Sea Experiment
CAFF	Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (Arctic Council)
CARICOMP	Caribbean Coastal Marine Productivity Programme
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCAMLR	Commission/Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCSBT	Commission/Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CD	Compact Disc
CI	Conservation International
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Wild Species of Migratory Animals or Convention on Migratory Species
COBSEA	Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia
CoML	Census of Marine Life
COP	Conference of the Parties
CPPS	Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur
CROP	Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CWP	Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (FAO)
DIVERSITAS	An International Programme of Biodiversity Science (ICSU/IUBS/UNESCO/SCORE)
DOALOS	Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (United Nations)
DPSIR	Drivers-Pressures-State-Impacts-Responses (assessment framework)
EC	Executive Committee or European Community/Commission
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
EEA	European Environment Agency
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EG	Expert Group
EQO	Environmental Quality Objective
EU	European Union

EUR	Euro
EVI	Environmental Vulnerability Index
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FIRMS	Fishery Resources Monitoring System (FAO)
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GBRMPA	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
GCOP	Global Carbon Observing Programme
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEO	Global Environment Outlook
GEOSS	Global Earth Observation System of Systems
GESAMP	Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
GIS	Geographic Information System
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment (GEF)
GLOBALLAST	Global Ballast Water Management Programme (GEF/UNDP/IMO)
GMSA	Global Marine Species Assessment
GOODS	Global Open Oceans and Deep Seabed biogeographic classification
GOOS	Global Ocean Observing System (IOC)
GPA	Global Programme of Action for Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities
GRAMED	Global and Regional Marine Assessment Database (UNEP-WCMC)
HELCOM	Helsinki Commission (Baltic)
HERMES	Hotspot Ecosystems Research on the Margins of European Seas
HMAP	History of Marine Animal Populations (COML)
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IASC	International Arctic Science Committee
IATTC	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
ICC	Inuit Circumpolar Council
ICCAT	International Commission/Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICES	International Council for Exploration of the Sea
ICLARM	International Centre for Living Aquatic Resources Management
ICP	Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (see also UNICPOLOS)
ICRAN	International Coral Reef Action Network
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
ICSU	International Council for Science
IGBP	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme
IGO	Intergovernmental Organization
IHDP	International Human Dimensions Programme

IMO	International Maritime Organization
IMoSEB	International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO)
IODE	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IOC)
IPACC	Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee
IPBES	Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISA	International Seabed Authority
ISC	International Steering Committee
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN)
ISME	International Society for Microbial Ecology
ISSC	International Social Science Council
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
IUBS	International Union of Biological Science
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IWC	International Whaling Commission/Convention
JCOMM	Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem
LOICZ	Land-Ocean Interaction in the Coastal Zone
LRTAP	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution
MA	Millennium (Ecosystem) Assessment
MAB	Man and the Biosphere (Programme) (UNESCO)
MAC	Marine Aquarium Council
MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
MAQ	Management Group (for OSPAR's QSR 2010)
MARPOL 73/78	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973) and 1978 Protocol
MED POL	Programme for the Assessment and Control of Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean Region
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MRB	Management and Review Body
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
MSE	Management Strategy Evaluation
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NAMMCO	North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission
NASCO	North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
NEAFC	Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NOWPAP	North West Pacific Action Plan
NRC	National Research Council (US)

OBIS	Ocean Biogeographic Information System
OSPAR	OSPAR Commission
PAME	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (Arctic Council)
PEMSEA	Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia
PICES	North Pacific Marine Science Organization (Pacific ICES)
PPs	Permanent Participants (Arctic Council)
QSR	Quality Status Report (OSPAR)
RAIPON	Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North
RFB	Regional Fishery Body
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organization
RLA	Red List Authority (IUCN)
ROPME	Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment
RSP	Regional Seas Programme (UNEP)
SACEP	South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme
SAP	Strategic Action Programme (GEF LMEs)
SAS	South Asian Seas
SC	Scientific Committee
SCBD	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
SCOPE	Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (ICSU)
SCOR	Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (ICSU)
SCORE	Scientific Committee on Ocean Research Satellite Equipment
SDM	Summary for Decision Makers
SDS-SEA	Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SOFIA	The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (FAO)
SOPAC	Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission
SPM	Summary for Policy Makers (IPCC)
SSC	Species Survival Commission (IUCN)
TDA	Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (GEF LMEs)
TK	Traditional Knowledge
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TOR	Terms of Reference
UN	United Nations
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly



UNICPOLOS	United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNU-IAS	United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies
VME	Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP)
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WDPA	World Database on Protected Areas
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WOC	World Ocean Council
WRI	World Resources Institute
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
YSLME	Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem

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- GEO *see* Global Environment Outlook
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