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Acronyms/Abbreviations

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A : Adenine
A/D : Analog/Digital
A3H : Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii
AA : Alien Algae
AA : Assistant Administrator
AA : Atomic Absorption
AA : Awareness and Appreciation
AA : Awareness and Appreciation Team (SEFCRI)
AAAS : American Association for the Advancement of Science
AACL : Aquaculture, Aquarium, Conservation and Legislation

AAFC : Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
AAG : American Association of Geographers
AAL : Average Annual Loss
AAPA : American Association of Port Authorities
AAPG : American Association of Petroleum Geologists
AAR : Amino Acid Racemization
AARNet : Australian Academic and Research Network
AAS : Alternate Air Source
AAS : Atomic Absorption Spectrometry
AATAMS : Australian Acoustic Tagging and Monitoring System
AAUS : American Academy of Underwater Sciences
ABC : Acceptable Biological Catch
ABC : ATP Binding Cassette
ABE : Autonomous Benthic Explorer
ABH : Adaptive Bleaching Hypothesis
ABI : Advanced Baseline Imager
ABI : Association of Biodiversity Informatics (now natureserve)
ABIF : Australian Biodiversity Information Facility
ABL : Auk Bay Laboratory (NOAA)
ABM : Australian Bureau of Meteorology
ABNJ : Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
ABS : Animal behavior Society
ABS : Access and Benefit-sharing
ABT : Actual Bottom Time

ACC : Adapting to Climate Change (UNEP)
ACC : Antarctic Circumpolar Current
ACC : Anthropogenic Climate Change
ACC : African Conservation Centre (Kenya)
ACCC : Adaptation to Climate Change in the Caribbean
ACCCA : Advancing Capacity for Climate Change Adaptation
ACCE : Atlantic Circulation and Climate Experiment
ACCESS : Accelerated Coastal Community Environmental Science Service
ACCOBAMS : Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area
ACCP : Atlantic Climate Change Program
ACCSP : Australian Climate Change Science Programme
ACCSP : Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (NOAA)
ACCSTR : Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research (University of Florida)
ACD : Aragonite Compensation Depth
ACDEC : Authority for the Conservation and Development of Culebra (PR)
ACE : Aerosol Characterization Experiment
ACE : Army Corps of Engineers
ACE : American Conservation Experience
ACE : Advisory Committee on Ecosystems (ICES)
ACES : Alabama Center for Estuarine Studies
ACES : Atlantic Coral Ecosystem Study (European Commission)
ACF : Australian Conservation Foundation
ACFM : Advisory Committee on Fisheries Management (ICES)

ACFR : Advisory Committee on Fisheries Research (FAO)
ACh : Acetylcholine
AChE : Acetylcholinesterase
ACIA : Arctic Climate Impact Assessment
ACIAR : Australian Center for International Agriculture Research
ACL : Annual Catch Limit
ACLG : Annual Catch Limit Working Group
ACLS : Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACM : Acoustic Current Meter
ACME : Advisory Committee on the Marine Environment
ACME : Aquatic Cycling of Mercury in the Everglades
ACMIC : Cocos Island Marine Conservation Area (Costa Rica)
ACMP : Advisory Committee on Marine Pollution (ICES)
ACMRR : Advisory Committee of Experts on Marine Resources Research
ACN : Aquatic Conservation Network
ACO : Aloha Cabled Observatory
ACOE : Army Corps of Engineers
ACON : A Contouring Application Mapper
ACOPS : Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea
ACP : African, Caribbean and Pacific (States)
ACP : Area Contingency Plan
ACQ : Aquaculture
ACRE : Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth
ACRMN : Agatti Coral Reef Monitoring Network

ACRO : Aquarius Coral Reef Observatory
ACROS : Aquarium and Coral Reef Organization of Sarasota
ACRRE : Aquarius Coral Restoration and Resilience Experiments
ACRS : Australian Coral Reef Society
ACS : Association of Caribbean States
ACS : American Chemical Society
ACS : American Cetacean Society
ACT : Alliance for Coastal Technologies (NOAA)
ACT : Annual Catch Target
ADA : American Dental Association
ADAPT : ATRIS Data Analysis and Processing Tool
ADB : Asian Development Bank
ADC : Affiliated Data Center
ADC : Analog Digital Converter
ADCP : Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
ADEOS : Advanced Earth Observing Satellite
ADEPD : Atlantic Data Base for Exchange Processes at the Deep Sea Floor
ADF : Approximate Degrees of Freedom
ADFG : Alaska Department of Fish and Game
ADIOS : Automated Data Inquiry for Oil Spills
ADIOS 2 : Automated Data Inquiry for Oil Spills, ver.2
ADL : Alexandria Digital Library (USCB)
ADM : Assessment for Decision-Makers

ADMP : Adaptive Decision-Making Process
ADP : Adenosine diphosphate
ADS : Solid Waste Authority of Puerto Rico
ADT : Actual Dive Time
ADW : Adriatic Deep Water
ADW : Animal Diversity Web
AECID : Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development)
AEE/PREPA : Electrical Authority/Puerto Rico Energy and Power Authority
AEF : Arab Environment Facility
AENSI : American-Eurasian Network for Scientific Information
AEPC : African Environmental Protection Commission
AEPS : Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy
AESOP : Automated Electronic System for Ocean Pollution
AEWA : African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
AF : Attached Fragment
AF : Adaptation Fund
AFA : American Fisheries Act
AFB : Air Force Base
AFCD : Agriculture, Fisheries, and Conservation Department (Hong Kong)
AFD : Agence Franciase De Developpment; French Development Agency
AFDM : Ash-Free Dry Mass
AFDM : Medium Auxiliary Floating Dry Dock
AFDW : Ash-Free Dry Weight

AFED : Arab Forum for Environment and Development
AFEN : Atlantic Frontier Environmental Network (UK)
AFLP : Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism
AFM : Atomic Force Microscopy
AFPI : American Flag Pacific Islands
AFS : Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry
AFS : Air Force Station
AFS : American Fisheries society
AFSC : Alaska Fisheries Science Center (NOAA)
AFSIRS : Agricultural Field Scale Irrigation Requirements Simulation
AFTA : ASEAN Free Trade Agreement
AFWTA : Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area
AG : Australian Government
AG : Academic Globalization
AGCI : Atlantic Global Change Institute (BIOS)
AGCM : Atmosphere General Circulation Models
AGE : Arterial Gas Embolism
AGEA : Art of Gene Expression Analysis
AGI : American Geological Institute
AGM : Annual Guidance Memorandum (NOAA)
AgMIP : Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project
AGRA : Atlantic and Gulf Reef Assessment
AGRF : Australian Genome Research Facility
AGRRA : Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment

AGTP : Absolute Global Temperature Potential
AGU : American Geophysical Union
AGW : Accelerated Global Warming
AGW : Anthropogenic Global Warming
AGW : Anti-Global Warming
AGWA : Alliance for Global Water Adaptation
AGWP : Absolute Global Warming Potential
AHCR : Aquatic Habitat Conservation and Restoration (FWC Florida)
AHI : Acoustic Habitat Investigator
AHO : Australian Hydrographic Office
AHPS : Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (NOAA)
AHTEG : Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group
AIBER : Agatti Island Beach Resort
AIBS : American Institute of Biological Sciences
AIC : All Islands Coral Reef Committee (U.S.)
AIC : Akaike Information Criterion
AICAL : Acidification Impact on CALcifiers (Japan)
AICE-AP : Advisory Panel on Anthropogenic Influences on Coastal Ecosystems (PICES)
AICG : Aleutian Islands Coral Gardens
AIDE : Association d'Intervention pour le Developpementet l'Environnement
AIM : Asia-Pacific Integrated Model
AIMF : Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Forum
AIMS : Australian Institute of Marine Science
AIP : Archival Information Package

AIRD : Aquatic Invasions Research Directory (SI)
AIS : Aquatic Invasive Species
AIS : Automatic Identification System
AISA : Airborne Imaging Spectroradiometer for Applications
AIWW : Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
AKEPT : Higher Education Leadership Academy (Malaysia)
AKFIN : Alaska Fisheries Information Network
AKFSC : Alaska Fisheries Science Center
AKR : Alaska Region
AKRO : Alaska Regional Office
ALA : Atlas of Living Australia
ALACE : Autonomous Lagrangian Circulation Explorer
ALDFG : Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear
ALDH : Aldehyde Dehydrogenase
ALIDES : Alliance for Sustainable Development for Central America
ALISH : Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawaii
ALOHA : A Long-term Oligotrophic Habitat Assessment
ALOHA : Areal Locations of Hazardous Atmospheres
ALOS : Advanced Land Observing Satellite
ALTA : Active Long Term Archive
AM : Adaptive Management
AM : Amplitude Modulation
AM : Accountability Measure

AMA : Environmental Agency (CITMA)
AMANI : Australian Marine Algal Name Index
AMARS : Angsila Marine Animal Research Station (Thailand)
AMBIS : Australian Marine Boundary Information System
AMBL : Advanced Molecular Biology Laboratory (Vancouver, BC, Canada)
AMBL : Amakusa Marine Biological Laboratory
AMCAI : Access to Marine Conservation for All International
AMCEN : African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMCS : Australian Marine Conservation Society
AmES : Acropora millepora Expressed Sequence
AMESD : African Monitoring of Environment and Sustainable Development
AMLC : Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean
AMMA : African Monsoon Multidisciplinary Analysis
AMME : American Memorial Park (Guam)
AMNH : American Museum of Natural History
AMO : Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation
AMOC : Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation
AMOS : Australian Meteorology and Oceanography Society
AMOVA : Analysis of Molecular Variance
AMP : American Memorial Park (Saipan, CNMI)
AMRF : Algalita Marine Research Foundation
AMS : American Meteorological Society
AMS : Archive Management System (NODC)
AMSA : Australian Marine Science Association

AMSAT : Australian Marine Science and Technology
AMSL : Akajima Marine Science Laboratory (Okinawa, Japan)
AMU : Arab Maghreb Union
AN : Acuario Nacional, Dominican Republic
ANBS : Asian Network of Biological Sciences
ANCA : Australian Nature Conservation Agency
ANCAT : Andros Conservancy and Trust
ANCOVA : Analysis of Covariance
ANDI : American Nitrox Divers Incorporated
ANDS : Australian National Data Service
ANET : Andaman and Nicobar environment Team
ANGAP : Association Nationale pour la Gestion des Aires Protegees (Madagascar)
ANH : National Agency of Hydrocarbons (Colombia)
ANILCA : Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
ANOA : Advanced Notice of Arrival (U.S. Coast Guard)
ANOSIM : Analysis of Similarity
ANOVA : Analysis of Variance
ANS : Aquatic Nuisance Species
ANSI : American National Standards Institute
ANT : Anguilla National Trust
ANU : Australian National University
ANZECC : Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
AoA : Assessment of Assessments (UNGA)
AOAT : Atlantic Ocean Acidification Test-bed (NOAA)

AOBS : Acousto-Optical Beam Splitter
AOC : Area(s) of Concern
AOC : American Oceans Campaign
AOC : Appellation d'Origine Controlee
AODC : Australian Oceanographic Data Center
AOGCM : Atmosphere-Ocean Coupled General Circulation Model
AOGCMs : Atmosphere-Ocean General Circulation Model
AOI : Area of Impact
AOL : Airborne Oceanographic Lidar
AOM : Anaerobic Oxidation of Methane
AOML : OAR's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (NOAA)
AOP : Annual Operating Plan
AOSIS : Alliance of Small Island States
AOSN : Autonomous Ocean Sampling Network
AOU : Apparent Oxygen Utilization
AP : Advisory Panel
AP : Advisory Panel (SAMFC)
AP-BON : Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network
APA : Administrative Procedure Act
APA : Australian Post-graduate Award
APAI : African Protected Areas Initiative
APAMO : Association of Protected Areas Management Organizations (Belize)
APAR : Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation

APC : Areas of Particular Concern
APCEL : Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law
APCRS : Asia Pacific Coral Reef Symposium
APE : Available Potential Energy
APEC : Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APES : Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System
APEX : Autonomous Profiling Explorers
APHA : American Public Health Association
APHIS : Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
APHRODITE : Asian Precipitation - Highly Resolved Observational Data Integration Towards Evaluation
API : American Petroleum Institute
APLABES : Apulian Plateau Bank Ecosystem Study
APN : Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research
APNEP : Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuarine Program
APNSB : Association For the Protection of the Environment in St. Barts
APR : Area for Preservation and Restoration
APS : Adenosine 5'-phosphosulfate
APT : Automatic Picture Transmission
APT : All-Purpose Tool
AQRV : Air Quality Related Values
Aqua : NASA Earth Science Mission
AQUASTAT : Information System on Water and Agriculture
AR : Artificial Reef
AR4 : Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC

AR5 : Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC
ARA : Acetylene Reduction Activity
ARAC : Atmospheric Release Advisory Capability
ARAP : Authority for Aquatic Resources (Panama)
ARB : Aquarius Reef Base program
ARB : Atoll Research Bulletin
ARC : American Reef Coalition
ARC : Australian Research Council
ARC : Artificial Reef Committee
ARC : Atlanta Reef Club
ARC : Atlantic Reference Centre
ARC : Aquatic Restoration and Conservation
ARCC : Areas Resilient to Climate Change
ARCCD : Australian River and Catchment Condition Database
ArcNLET : ArcGIS Based Septic Tank Nitrogen Loading Model
ArcOD : Arctic Ocean Biodiversity
ARD : Assessment and Restoration Division (NOAA)
ARDRA : Amplified Ribosomal DNA Restriction Analysis
ARFF : Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting
ARGO : The Array for Real-time Geostrophic Oceanography
ARGOS : Argos Data Collection and Position Location System
ARI : Artificial Reefs, Inc.
ARIES : Australian Resource Information and Environment Satellite
ARK : Association of Reef Keepers (BVI)

ARL : Air Resources Laboratory (NOAA)
ARM : Adaptive Resource Management
ARMDES : AIMS Reef Monitoring Data Entry System
ARMS : Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures
ARNP : Alacranes Reef National Park
ARNP : Apo Reef Natural Park
ARPEGE : Action de Recherche Petite Echelle Grande Echelle
ARRA : American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ARS : Agricultural Research Service (USDA)
ARS : Autonomous Replicating Sequence
ARSBC : Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia
ARSNS : Artificial Reef Society of Nova Scotia
ART : Airborne Radiation Thermometer
ART : Acropora Recovery Team
ARTS : Annual Records of Tropical Systems
ARVAM : Agence pour la Recherche et la Valorisation Marines
AS : American Samoa
AS : Academia Sinica (China)
ASAC : American Samoa Administrative Code
ASAC : Abaco Science Alliance Conference
ASAP : Adaptive Sampling And Prediction
ASAR : Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar
ASC : Association of Systematics Collections (now Natural Science Collections Alliance)

ASCC : American Samoa Community College
ASCI : Area of Special Conservation Interest (EU)
ASCII : American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ASCLME : Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystems
ASCMP : American Samoa Coastal Management Program
ASCRMP : American Samoa Coral Reef Monitoring Program
ASDOC : American Samoa Department of Commerce
ASDPR : Department of Parks and Recreation (American Samoa)
ASE : Arabian Seas Expedition
ASEA : Aquifer Sector Area
ASEAMS : Association of Southeast Asian Marine Scientists
ASEAN : Association of South East Asian Nations
ASEPA : American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency
ASEZA : Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority
ASFIS : Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System
ASFPM : Association of State Floodplain Managers
ASG : American Samoa Government
ASGIS : American Samoa Geographic Information System
ASH : Aragonite Saturation Horizon
ASIH : American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists
ASIRC : Aquatic Sciences Information Retrieval Center
ASLE : Association for the Study of Literature and Environment
ASLO : American Society of Limnology and Oceanography
ASM : Academy of Sciences Malaysia

ASMA : Antarctic Specially Managed Area
ASMO : Assessment and Monitoring Committee (OSPAR)
ASOB : American Samoa Observer Program
ASOC : Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition
ASOS : Automated Surface Observing System (FAA,DoD, NWS)
ASP : Aspergillosis
ASP : Amnesiac Shellfish Poisoning
ASP : Adaptive Social Protection
ASPA : Antarctic Specially Protected Area
ASPA : American Samoa Power Authority
ASPRS : American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
ASRAMP : American Samoa Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program
ASTM : American Society of Testing and Materials
ASU : Arkansas State University
ASU : Arizona State University
ATA : Atmosphere Absolute
ATB : Adjustments-To-Base
ATBA : Area to Be Avoided
ATBI : All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory
ATCA : 2-Amino- 2-Thiazoline-4-Carboxylic Acid
ATCC : American Type Culture Collection
ATDB : Accession Tracking Data Base (NODC)
ATE : Advanced Technological Education (NSF)
ATLSS : Across Trophic Level System Simulation

ATM : Awareness and Training Materials
AtN : Atramentous Necrosis
ATOL : Assembling the Tree Of Life
ATOMMS : Active Temperature, Ozone and Moisture Microwave Spectrometer
ATONs : Aids to Navigation
ATP : Adenosine Triphosphate
ATREC : Archbold Tropical Research and Education Center (Clemson U.)
ATRIS : Along Track Reef Imaging System
ATS : Algal Turf Scrubbing
ATSDR : Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
ATSR : Along-Track Scanning Radiometer
AUSAID : Australian Agency for International Development
AusAID : Australian Agency for International Development
AusCPR : Australian Continuous Plankton Recorder
AusMus : Australian Museum
AUTEC : Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (DoD)
AUV : Autonomous Underwater Vehicle
AVHRR : Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer
AVI : Abandoned Vessel Inventory
AVIRIS : Airborne Visible/Infrared Imaging Spectrometer
AVISO : Archiving, Validation and Interpretation of Satellite Oceanographic data
AVP : Abandoned Vessel Program (NOAA)
AVTAS : AIMS Video Transect Analysis System

AWF : African Wildlife Foundation
AWI : Alfred Wegner Institute
AWI : Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research
AWIPS : Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System
AWMS : Animal Waste Management System
AWOS : Automated Weather Observing System (FAA)
AWQC : Ambient water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life
AWWA : American Waterworks Association
AZA : American Zoo and Aquarium Association
AZMP : Atlantic Zone Monitoring Program (BIO/Canada)
AZOMP : Atlantic Zone Off-Shelf Monitoring Program (BIO/Canada)

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B2B : Bering Sea Initiative
BA : Biological Assessment
BAAP : Bleaching Alert Area Product
BAC : Bacterial Artificial Chromosome
BAC : Boletín de Alerta Climático
BACI : Before-After-Control-Impact study (HCRI)
BAHA : Belize Agricultural Health Authority
BAOI : Broad Area of Interest (Australia)
BAPPEDA : Directory of Development Planning Board (Indonesia)
BAS : Belize Audubon Society
BAS : Building Automation Systems

BASKI : Biology And Sensitivity Key Information (MarLIN)
BAT : Best available technique (or technology)
BAT : Best Available Techniques (OSPAR)
BATS : Biosphere-Atmosphere Transfer Scheme
BATS : Bermuda Atlantic Time-series Station
BAU : Biodiversity Assessment Unit (IUCN-CI)
BAU : Business As Usual
BB : Bacterial Bleaching
BB : Biogeography Branch (CCMA/NOAA)
BBC : British Broadcasting Corporation
BBCS : Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems (FDEP)
BBD : Black-Band Disease
BBL : Barrel
BBL : Benthic (or Bottom) Boundary Layer
BBP : Bahamas Biocomplexity Project
BBPMP : Bedford Basin Plankton Monitoring Program (BIO)
BBRRS : Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System
BBSR : Bermuda Biological Station for Research
BBSRC : Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK)
BC : Branching Coral
BC : Branched Colony
BC : Brazil Current
BCC : Biodiversity Conservation Center
BCC : Blue Climate Coalition

BCCS : Biomass CO2 Capture and Storage
BCD : Buoyancy Control Device
BCDERD : Broward County Development and Environmental Regulation Division
BCE : Before the Common Era; Before the Christian Era
BCEF : Bioconcentration Factor
BCEPD : Broward County Environmental Protection Department
BCEPGMD : Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department
BCES : Belize Center for Environmental Studies
BCF : Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (now NMFS)
BCF : Billion Cubic Feet
BChl : bacteriochlorophyll
BCIS : Biodiversity Conservation Information System
BCLME : Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem
BCLME : Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem
BCMCA : British Columbia Marine Conservation Analysis
BCMEC : British Columbia Marine Ecological Classification
BCMR : Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve (Belize)
BCO-DMO : Biological and Chemical Oceanography-Data Management Office (WHOI)
BD : Beach Drift
BD-EF : Biodiversity-Ecosystem Functioning
BDC : Biodiversity Committee (OSPAR)
BDC : Brewer-Dobson circulation
BDL : Below Detection Limit
BEAR : Benthic Ecosystem Assessment and Research (SEFSC/NOAA)

BEF : Biodiversity on Ecosystem Functioning
BEM : Benthic Ecology Meeting
BENE : Biodiversity and Ecosystems Network
BENEFIT : Benguela Environment Fisheries Interaction and Training
BEP : Best Environmental Practice (OSPAR)
BERC : Bahamas Environmental Research Center
BES : British Ecological Society
BESC : Bioenergy Science Center (DOE)
BEST : Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology Commission
BEST : Bering Ecosystem Study
BF : Bleaching Factor
BFAR : Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Philippines)
BFE : Base Flood Elevation
BFI s : Bilateral Finance Institutions
BFOP : Bottom Fish Observer Program
BGC : Biological Grouping Code (NOAA)
BGM : Box Geometry
BHF : Blue Hole Foundation, Bahamas
BHS : Bird's Head Seascape (Indonesia)
BHV : Benthic Habitat Viewer (NOAA)
BI : BirdLife International
BIBI : Benthic Index of Biological Integrity
BIC : Bayesian Information Criterion

BICA : Bay Islands Conservation Association
BIISC : Big Island Invasive Species Committee (Hawaii)
BIN : Biodiversity Information Network
BINM : Buck Island National Monument
BIO : Bedford Institute of Oceanography (Canada)
BIO : Biological Oceanography Committee (PICES)
Bio-Rad : Bio-Rad Fluor-S Multimager
BioCISE : Biological Collection Information Service in Europe
BioEco : Work Group on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Informatics
BIOMapper : St. John Biogeography Integrated Online Mapper
BIOMARE : MARine BIOdiversity Research Network in Europe
BiOp : Biological Opinion
BIOS : Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences
BIOS : Bacteriology Insight Orienting System
BIOSA : Biophysical Oceanographic Sensor Array
BIOSC : Biological Observations, Specimens and Collections gateway
BIOT : British Indian Ocean Territory
BIRNM : Buck Island Reef National Monument
BIS : Biodiversity Information Standards (also TDWG)
BISC : Biscayne National Park
BISTRP : Buck Island Sea Turtle Research Program
BIWI : Bermuda Inshore Waters Investigation (BIOS)
BLAST : Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
BLG : Biodiversity Liaison Group

BLNR : Board of Land and Natural Resources
BLOG : weB LOG
BLP : Boundary Layer Profiler
BM : Bushy Macroalgae
BMA : Branching Macroalgae
BMDO : Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (DoD)
BMFL : Baruch Marine Field Laboratory
BMNS : Bishop Museum of Natural Sciences
BMP : Best Management Practices
BMP : Bonaire Marine Park
BMPs : Best Management Practices
BMR : Bureau of Budget Management and Research (Guam)
BMR : Bureau of Marine Resources (Palau)
BMT : Barbados Marine Trust
BMU : Beach Management Unit (Kenya)
BMU : Bioerosion Monitoring Unit
BMUS : Bottomfish Management Unit Species
BNCRMN : Belize National Coral Reef Monitoring Network
BNDO : Bureau National des Donnees Oceaniques (France)
BNHS : Bombay Natural History Society
BNL : Benthic Nepheloid Layer
BNL : Brookhaven National Laboratory
BNM : Belau National Museum
BNMP : Bonaire National Marine Park

BNP : Bazaruto National Park (Mozambique)
BNP : Biscayne National Park
BNT : Bahamas National Trust
BO : Biological Opinion
BOBP : Bay of Bengal Program
BOD : Biological/Biochemical Oxygen Demand
BOD : Biological Oxygen Demand
BODC : British Oceanographic Data Centre
BOE : Bureau of Ocean Energy (formerly MMS)
BOEM : Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BOEMRE : Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (DOI)
BOFFF : Big Old Fat Fertile Female
BOFS : Biogeochemical Ocean Flux Study
BOLD : Barcode of Life Database(or System)
BoM : Bureau of Meteorology (Australia)
BOMAP : Barbados Oceanographic and Meteorological Analysis Project (NOAA)
BON : Biodiversity Observation Network
BOP : Budget Operating Plan(NOAA)
BOPD : Barrels of Oil Per Day
BOTC : Basic Officer Training Course (NOAA)
BotCam : Bottom Camera Station
BOW : Becoming an Outdoors-Woman
BP : British Petroleum

BP : Before Present Time
bp : base pairs
BP : Biodiversity Project
BP : Building and Permits
BPA : Belize Port Authority
BPA : Benthic Protected Area
BPAs : Benthic Protected Areas
BPBM : Bernice P. Bishop Museum
BPheo : Bacteriopheophytin
BPI : Bathymetric Position Index
BPOA : Barbados Programme of Action (for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States)
BPP : Best Permitting Practices
BPPT : Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (Indonesia)
BPR : Bottom Pressure Recorder
BrB : Brown Band
BrBD : Brown Band Disease
BRC : Biological Resource Center
BRCAS : Biodiversity Research Centre, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
BRD : Bycatch Reduction Device
BREAM : Bermuda Reef Ecosystem Assessment and Mapping Programme
BREEF : Bahamas Reef Environmental Educational Foundation
BREEF : Bahamas Reef Environment Education Foundation
BRFA : Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Area
BRI : Boca Raton Inlet

BRNR : Buccoo Reef Nature Reserve
BRS : Boston Reefers Society
BRS : Bocas del Toro Research Station (STRI)
BRT : Biological Review Team
BRT : Buccoo Reef Trust
BRTF : Blue Ribbon Task Force (USA)
BRUVS : Baited Remote Underwater Video Station
BS : Beach Sample
BS : Bird Sanctuary
BSAI : Bering Sea Aleutian Islands
BSF : Build Sustainable Fisheries
BSHCA : Bering Sea Habitat Conservation Area
BSP : Bureau of Statistics and Plans (Guam)
BSPA : Baltic Sea Protected Area
BSR : Bottom Simulating Reflection
BSRS : Brazilian Society for Reef Studies
BSSE : Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion
BT : Bathythermograph
BT : Bottom Time
BTA : Bubble Tip Anemone
BTEX : Benzene, Toluene and Xylene compounds
BTG : Bottom-Tending Gear
BTM : Benthic Terrain Modeler
BTML : Banyan Tree Marine Laboratory

BTN : Bahamas National Trust
BTS : Brown Tree Snake
Btu : British Thermal Unit
BU : Bangor University [Wales/UK]
BU : Bournemouth University (UK)
Buck Island NWR : Buck Island National Wildlife Refuge
BUIS : Buck Island Reef National Monument
BVI : British Virgin Islands
BVIHCG : British Virgin Islands Heritage Conservation Group (BVI)
BVINPT : British Virgin Islands National Parks Trust
BVM : Biological Valuation Mapping
BWET : Bay Watershed Education and Training (NOAA)
BYA : Billion Years Ago
BZS : Bermuda Zoological Society

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C : Cytosine
C : Thermal Capacity
C&D : Construction and Demolition
C&GC : Climate and Global Change Program
C&GS : Office of Charting and Geodetic Services
C&GS : Coast and Geodetic Survey
C&SF : Central and Southern Florida
C-CAP : Coastal Change Analysis Program

C-CCREMP : Comprehensive Caribbean Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring Project (NOAA)
C-FOAM : Canadian Fisheries, Oceans and Aquaculture Management Group (UO)
C-GOOS : Coastal GOOS; Coastal Panel of GOOS
C-HAPC : South Atlantic FMC’s deepwater Coral Habitat Area of Particular Concern
C-MAN : Coastal Marine Automated Network (NOAA)
C-MORE : Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (NSF)
C-SIDE : Coastal Science, Information and Data for the Ecosystem (NOAA)
C-SPODP : Canada-South Pacific Ocean Development Program
C.I. L&S : Cayman Islands Lands and Survey Department.
c.v. : Coefficient of Variation
C/IOS : Committee for Integrated Observing Systems
C2K : Chesapeake 2000 Bay Agreement
C4MIP : Carbon Cycle Model Intercomparison Project
CAA : Caribbean Aquaculture Association
CAADP : Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program
CAB : chlorophyll a/b binding protein
CABI : Caribbean Alliance for Biodiversity Information
CABRI : Common Access to Biotechnological Resources and Information
CABS : Center for Applied Biodiversity Science
CABSMPD : Center for Applied Biodiversity Science and the Marine Programs Division
CAC : chlorophyll a/c binding protein
CaCO3 : Calcium Carbonate CBD Center for Biological Diversity
CAES : Compressed air energy storage
CAF : Coastal Assessment Framework

CAFF : Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (Working Group)
CAFNEC : Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (Australia)
CAFO : Confined Animal Feeding Operation
CAFS : Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences
CAKE : Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange (also CAKEX)
calcein AM : calcein acetoxymethylester
CalCOFI : California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations
CalPoly : California Polytechnic State University
CAM : Coastal Area Management
CAMA : Florida Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas
CAMEO : Comparative Analysis of Marine Ecosystem Organization (NOAA/NSF)
CAMEO : Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations
CAML : Census of Antarctic Marine Life
CAMMA : Canaries and Anse La Raye Marine Management Area
CaMMESEC : Coastal and Marine Management and Education in the South Eastern Caribbean
CAMP : Comprehensive Atmospheric Monitoring Programme (OSPAR)
CAMP : Coastal Area Management Project
CaMPAM : Caribbean Marine Protected Area Management Network and Forum
CAMPAM : Caribbean MPA Managers Network and Forum
CAMPAN : Caribbean Marine Protected Area Network
CAMRE : Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment
CAN : Comisión Nacional del Agua (Mexico)
CAN : Caribbean Acoustic Network (Red Acústica del Carib)

CANARI : Caribbean Natural Resources Institute
CAO : Chief Administrative Officer
CAP : Caribbean Action Plan
CAP : Coastal America Partnership
CAP : Crustacean Advisory Panel
CAP : community action plan
CAP : Common Alert Protocol
CAP : Conservation Action Planning
CAP : Coral Advisory Panel (SAMFC)
CAP : Common Agricultural Policy
CAPs : Climate-Altering Pollutants
CAR : Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative
CAR : Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative
CAR/RCU : Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (UNEP)
CaRA : Caribbean Regional Association for Coastal Ocean Observing
CARACOLE : Carbonate mounds and Cold Coral Exploration
CARESS : Centre for Action Research on Environment Science and Society
Caribbean Islands NWR : Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuge complex
CariCOF : Caribbean Regional Climate Outlook Forum
CARICOM : Caribbean Community and Common Market
CARICOM : Caribbean Community
CARICOMP : Caribbean Coastal Marine Productivity Program
CariCOOS : Caribbean Coastal Ocean Observing System
CARIPOL : Marine Pollution Monitoring Program in the Caribbean [IOCARIBE]

CARIRI : Caribbean Industrial Research Institute
CARLA : Climate Adaptation for Rural Livelihoods and Agriculture
CARMABI : Caribbean Marine Biological Institute (NA)
Caro-COOPS : Carolinas Coastal Ocean Observing and Prediction System
CARRUS Alliance : Comparative Analysis of Reef Resilience Under Stress Alliance
CARSEA : Caribbean Sea Ecosystem Assessment
CART : Classification and Regression Trees
Cartagena Convention : Shorthand for the Cartagena Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region
CAS : California Academy of Sciences
CAS : Chemical Abstracts Service
CAS in Marine Biology : Centre for Advanced Studies in Marine Biology (India)
CASI : Compact Airborne Spectrographic Imager
CAST : Caribbean Association for Sustainable Tourism
CAT : Collaborative Acoustic Telemetry (NOAA)
CAT : Catalase
CATEC : Center for Applied Tropical Ecology and Conservation
CATHALAC : Centro del Agua del Trópico Húmedo para América Latina y el Caribe (Panama)
CATIE : Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Ensenanza
CAU : Calcification Acidification Unit
CAU : Calcification Accretion Unit
CB : Ciliate Band
CBA : Cost Benefit Analysis
CBA : Community-Based Adaptation

CBAA : Community-Based Adaptation in Africa
CBASE : Current Base Condition
CBC : Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (AMNH)
CBC : Caribbean Biodiversity Conservation
CBCRM : Community-based Coastal Resource Management
CBD : Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD : Center on Biological Diversity
CBD:CoP : Convention of Biological Diversity: Conference on the Parties
CBDRR : Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction
CBFMA : Community-Based Forest Management Agreement
CBFMP : Community-Based Fisheries Management Plan
CBIF : Canadian Biodiversity Information Facility
CBIN : Canadian Biodiversity Information Network
CBM : Community-Based Management
CBMP : Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme
CBNMR : Community-Based Natural Resources Management
CBNMS : Cordell Bank National marine Sanctuary
CBO : Community-Based Organization
CBOD : Biodegradable Organics
CBOL : Consortium for the Barcode of Life
CBP : Chesapeake Bay Program
CBP : U.S. Customs & Border Protection
CBR : Center for Biodiversity Research (CAS)
CBRL : CReefs Biodiversity Resource Locator

CBRM : Community based resource management (CBRM)
CBS : Coastal Boundary Systems
CC : Community Composition
CC : Crushed Coral
CC : California Current
CC-S : Carbon and Climate-Secton (PICES)
CCA : Climate Change Adaptation
CCA : Crustose Coralline Algae
CCA : Caribbean Conservation Association
CCA : Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA)
CCA-LEAP : Climate Change Adaptation for Communities: A Guide for Vulnerability Assessment and Local Early Action Planning
CCAD : Central American Commission on Environment and Development
CCAF : Caribbean Coastal Area Foundation (Jamaica)
CCAFS : Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security
CCAM : Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation
CCAMLR : Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCAMLR : Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCBA : Closed Circuit Breathing Apparatus
CCBF : Climate Change Business Forum
CCC : Caribbean Conservation Corporation
CCC : Coral Cay Conservation
CCC : Coastal Coordination Committee
CCC/STSL : Caribbean Conservation Corporation & Sea Turtle Survival League

CCCC : Caribbean Challenge to Conserve Corals
CCCCC : Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
CCCL : Coastal Construction Control Line
CCCO : Committee on Climatic Changes and the Ocean
CCCP : Centro Control de Contaminación del Pacífico (Colombia)
CCD : Coastal Community Development
CCD : Charge-Coupled Device
CCD : Carbonate Compensation Depth
CCD : Coral Conservation Division (NOAA)
CCD : Climate Change Division (EPA)
CCD : Coast Conservation Department
CCDC : Caribbean Coastal Data Centre
CCE : Community Conservation Education Program (Panama))
CCE : California Current Ecosystem
CCEF : Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (Formerly the Sulu Fund)
CCEHBR : Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research (NCCOS/NOAA)
CCF : Cayos Cochinos Foundation
CCFHR : Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research (NCCOS/NOAA)
CCG : Canadian Coast Guard
CCHR : Center for Human Health Risk (NCCOS/NOAA)
CCI : Caribbean Ciliate Infection
CCI : Caribbean Challenge Initiative
CCL : Curved Carapace Length
CCLME : California Current Large Marine Ecosystem

CCM : Carbon Concentrating Mechanism
CCM : Chemistry-Climate Model
CCMA : Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment (NOAA)
CCMA-BB : Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment, Biogeography Branch (NOAA)
CCMD : Climate Change and Marine Disease (LAS)
CCMI : Central Caribbean Marine Institute
CCMP : (Coastal Bays) Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan
CCMVal : Chemistry-Climate Model Validation Activity
CCN : Community Conservation Network
CCOM : Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (UNH)
CCP : Comprehensive Conservation Plan
CCPA : Environmental Protection and Conservation Center (CIBIO/UA)
CCPP : Caribbean Coastal Pollution Project
CCPSA : Committee Caborroješos Pro Salud y Ambiente, Inc.
CCR : Center for Conservation and Research (Sri Lanka)
CCR : Commercial Fisher Catch Report(s)
CCRA : Climate Change Risk Assessment
CCRC : Center for Cetacean Research & Conservation
CCRC : Caribbean Coral Reef Conference
CCRE : Caribbean Coral Reef Ecosystems Program
CCREMP : Caribbean Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring Project (NCCOS/NOAA)
CCRF : Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
CCRI : Caribbean Coral Reef Institute
CCRIF : Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility

CCRM : Climate Change Risk Management
CCRR : Center for Coral Reef Research (MML)
CCRR : Center for Coral Reef Research (Hasanuddin University, Indonesia)
CCRT : Center for Conservation Research and Training (UH)
CCRU : Cambridge Coastal Research Unit (Cambridge University, UK)
CCS : Chuuk Conservation Society
CCS : CO2 Capture and Storage
CCS : Center for Coastal Studies (TAMU)
CCS : California Current System
CCS : Carbon Capture and Storage
CCSM : Community Climate System Model
CCSP : Climate Change Science Program
CCT : Chagos Conservation Trust
CCU : Conservation Compliance Unit
CCU : CRISP Coordinating Unit
CD : Cousteau Divers
CD Molecules : Cluster of Differentiation Molecules
CD-ROM : Compact Disk-Read Only Memory
CDAT : CoastWatch Data Analysis Tool (NOAA)
CDB : Caribbean Development Bank
CDC : Centers for Disease Control
CDC : Conservation Data Center (UVI)
CDC : Climate Diagnostics Center (UC)

CDCP : Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDE : Centre for Development and Environment
CDEMA : Caribbean Disaster Management Agency
CDERA : Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Response Agency
CDF : Charles Darwin Foundation (Ecuador)
CDFG : California Department of Fish and Game
CDHC : Coral Disease and Health Consortium
CDIAC : Carbon Dioxide Information and Analysis Center
CDIP : Coastal Data Information Program (SIO)
CDM : Caribbean Development Bank
CDM : Clean Development Mechanism
CDMO : Centralized Data Management Office
CDMP : Climate Data Modernization Program (NOAA)
cDNA : complementary DNA
CDOA : Curacao Dive Operators Association (Bonaire)
CDOM : Colored Dissolved Organic Matter
cDOM : Chromophoric Dissolved Organic matter
CDP : Community Development Plan
CDR : Carbon Dioxide Removal
CDR : Climate Data Record (NOAA)
CDRS : Charles Darwin Research Station (Ecuador)
CDSAOA : Commercial Diver Safety Awareness and Oceanic Awareness Association (T&T)
CDSS : Caribbean Decision Support System
CDU : Charles Darwin University

CDUA : Conservation District Use Application (DLNR)
CDUP : Conservation District Use Permit (DLNR)
CE : Choice Experiment
CE : Categorical Exclusion
CE : Common Era; Christian Era; Current Era. Equivalent to AD (anno Domini, Latin for the Year of Our Lord)
CEA : Central Environmental Authority (Sri Lanka)
CEA : Centro Ecológico Akumal (Mexico)
CEA : Cooperative Enforcement Agreement
CEA : Cumulative Effects Analysis
CEAA : Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
CEAME : Centre of Excellence in Aquaculture and Marine Ecology ((New Zealand; University of Canterbury)
CEAP : Conservation Effects Assessment Project (USDA)
CEB : CoRIS Editorial Board
CEBA : Comprehensive Ecosystem-based Amendment
CEC : Commission for Environmental Cooperation (North American)
CEC : Centre for Ecology and Conservation (University of Exeter)
CEC : Carriacou Environmental Committee (Grenada)
CECA : Center for Coastal and Environmental Studies (Cuba)
CECP : Coral Ecosystem Conservation Program (NOAA proposed change from CRCP)
CED : Communication and Education Division (NOS/NOAA)
CEDAM : Conservation, Education, Diving, Awareness and Marine-research
CeDAMar : Census of the Diversity of Abyssal Marine Life
CEDDS : Complete Economic and Demographic Data Source
CEE : Collaboration for Environmental Evidence

CEELAB : Coastal and Estuarine Ecology Lab (UCF)
CEES : Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences
CEF : Cape Eleuthera Foundation
CEFAS : Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (Lowestoft/UK)
CEHI : Caribbean Environmental Health Institute
CEI : Cape Eleuthera Institute
CEIF : Collaboration Evaluation and Improvement Framework
CEIS : Caribbean Energy Information System
CELB : Center for Environmental Leadership in Business
CELC : Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center
CELCP : Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (NOAA)
CELP : Coral Ecosystems, Livelihoods and Policy Group (University of Exeter, UK)
CEMB : Centre of Excellence in Marine Biology (University of Karachi)
CEMCS : Coastal/Marine Ecological Classification Standard
CEMP : Coordinated Environmental Monitoring Programme (OSPAR)
CEMR : Coalition for Enhanced Marine Resources
CEN : Chagos Environment Network
CEN : Caribbean Environment Network
CEN-SAD : Community of Sahel-Saharan States
CENARA : Capacity Enhancement of National Aquatic Resource Research and Development Agency
CENR : Committee for Environment and Natural Resources (NESDIS/NOAA)
CenSeam : Global Census of Marine Life on Seamounts
CEO : Coasts, Estuaries, and Oceans

CEOE : College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment (UD)
CEOS : Committee on Earth Observations Satellites
CEP : Committee for Environmental Protection (Antarctic)
CEP : Community Educational Program (HIMB)
CEP : Caribbean Environment Program
CEP : Caspian Environmental Programme
CePaCT : Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees
CEPEX : Central Equatorial Pacific Experiment
CEPF : Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund
CEPNET : Information Systems for the Management of Marine and Coastal Resources
CEPOH : U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District
CEPP : Central Everglades Planning Project
CEQ : Council on Environmental Quality
CER : Certified Emissions Reduction
CERCLA : Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
CERCLIS : Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System
CEREGE : European Center for Research and Education in Geosciences and the Environment
CERES : Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economics
CERF : Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities (Australia)
CERMES : Center for Resource Management and Environmental Studies
CERP : Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
CES : Co-operative Extension Service
CES : Center for Ecosystem Survival (SFSU)
CES : Center for Environmental Studies

CESAM : Capítulo Estudiantil Sociedad Ambiente Marino (Student Chapter of the Marine Environment Society)
CESU : Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit
CEU : Continuation Education Unit
CF : Climate and Forecast
CFA : Closed Fishing Area
CFC : Chlorofluorocarbon
CFD : Conservation and Fisheries Department (BVI)
CFDA : Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
CFGC : California Fish and Game Commission
CFH : Collection, Fishing, and Holding (MAC)
CFL : Compact Fluorescent Lamp
CFMC : Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Caribbean Fisheries Management Council
CFMIC : Coastal and Fisheries Management Information Center (Philippines)
CFMP : Community-based Fisheries Management Program
CFO : Caribbean Field office (NOAA Fisheries)
CFO : Chief Financial Officer
CFP : Cyan Fluorescent Protein
CFP : Coastal Fisheries Programme (SCP)
CFP : Ciguatera Fish Poisoning
CFP : Common Fisheries Policy
CFR : Code of Federal Regulations; Federal Consistency Regulations
CFR : Code of Federal Regulations
CFRA : Customary Fishing Rights Area
CFRAMP : CARICOM Fisheries Resource Assessment and Management Program

CFRAMP : Caribbean Fisheries Resource Management Programme
CFRE : Certified Fund Raising Executive Program
CFS : Cubic Feet Per Second
CFS : Climate Forecast System (NOAA)
CFS : Coefficient of Faunal Similarity
CFSG : Caribbean Fisheries Specialist Group
CFSR : Climate Forecast System Reanalysis
CFU : Colony Forming Units
CFV : Cultural Function Value
CFZ : Contiguous Fishery Zone
CG : Coast Guard
CGC : Climate and Global Change
CGC : Comparative Genomics Centre (JCU)
CGCM : Coupled General Circulation Model
CGE : Computable General Equilibrium
CGFZ : Charlie Gibbs Fracture Zone
CGG : Coral Genomics Group (JCU)
CGIAR : Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CH4 : Methane
CHA : Caribbean Hotel Association
CHAMP : Coral Health And Monitoring Program (NOAA)
CHAPC : Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (NOAA)
ChAT : choline acetyltransferase

CHATA : Curaçao Hospitality and Tourism Association
ChEss : Biogeography of Deepwater Chemosynthetic Ecosystems
CHHR : Center for Human Health Risk (NCCOS/NOAA)
CHI : Coral Health Index
CHICOP : Chumbe Island Coral Park (Zanzibar/Tanzania)
Chl : Chlorophyll
CHM : Clearing House Mechanism (CBD)
CHOW : Capitol Hill Ocean's Week
CHPP : Coastal Habitat Protection Plan
CHPP : Cooperative Habitat Protection Partnerships (NOAA)
CHRIS : IHO Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems
CHS : Canadian Hydrographic Service
CI : Cayman Islands
CI : CiberInfrastructure
CI : Cooperative Institute
CI : Conservation International
CI : Confidence Interval
CI : Cooperative Institute
CIAP : Coastal Impact Assistance Program
CIASNET : Caribbean Invasive Alien Species Network
CIAT : Comisión Interamericana del Atún Tropical
CIAT : International Center for Tropical Agriculture
CIAV : Climate Impact, Adaptation, and Vulnerability
CIBIO : Centro de Investiacao em Biodiversidade e Recursos Geneticos (Research Center in Biodiversity and

Genetic Resources) (UA)
CICA : Center for Environmental Inspection and Control (CITMA)
CICAR : Cooperative Investigations of the Caribbean & Adjacent Regions
CICAR : Cooperative Institute for Climate Applications and Research
CICBP : Coral Identification Capacity Building Programme
CICC : Inter-institutional Committee for Climate Change
CICEET : Cooperative Institute for Coastal and estuarine Environmental Technology
CICERO : Center for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo
CICESE : Centro de Investigacion Cientifica y de Educacion Superior de Ensenada (Mexico)
CICM : Council for Integrated Coastal Management
CICOR : Cooperative Institute for Climate and Ocean Research
CICS : Cooperative Institute for Climate Science (NOAA/Princeton University)
CID : Coastal Information Directory (NOAA)
CIDA : Canadian International Development Agency
CIDEA : Environmental Information, Dissemination and Education Center (Cuba)
CIDIE : Committee of International Development Institutions on the Environment
CIDOE : Cayman Islands Department of the Environment
CIE : Center for Independent Experts (UMiami)
CIE : Committee of Independent Experts
CIEC : Coastal Ecosystem Research Center (CITMA)
CIEDE : Center for Indigenous Economic Development and Entrepreneurship
CIEE : Council on International Education Exchange
CIESIN : Center for International Earth Science Information Network
CIESM : Commission Internationale pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Mer Mediterranee (Mediterranean

Science Commission)
CIG : Cayman Islands Government
CIGPT : Geographical Information & Territorial Planning Centre (UA)
CII : Cooperative Islands Initiative
CII : Clean Islands International, (Bahamas)
CIL : Cold Intermediate Layer
CILER : Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research
CILSS : Permanent Inter-States Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
CIM : Center for Marine Research of the University of Havana (MEP)
CIMAR : Centro de Investigaciones en Ciencias del Mar y Limnologia (Universidad de Costa Rica)
CIMAR : CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research
CIMAS : Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies
CIMH : Caribbean Institute for Meteorology & Hydrology (Barbados)
CIMIIO : Coleccion de Invertebrados Marinos Instituto de Investigaciones Oceanologicas (UABC)
CIMRC : Channel Islands Marine Reserve Committee
CIMRIS : Cook Islands Marine Resources Institutional Strengthening
CIMS : Cruise Information Management System (NOAA))
CINMS : Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
CINTOO : Center for Integrated Ocean Observations (BIOS)
CINVESTAV : Centro de Investigacion y de Estudios Avanzados
CIO : Chief Information Officer
CIOERT : Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research & Technology (NOAA)
CIP : Capital Improvement Project (Palau)
CIP : Conservation Implementation Program

CIP : Centro International de Papa
CIRES : Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (NOAA -U Colorado)
CISMA : Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area
CITA : Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CI)
CITA : International Conference on IT (Asia)
CITES : Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
CITI : CiberInfrastructure Technology Integration
CITMA : Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment (Cuba)
CIWRC : Caribbean Islands Water Resources Congress
CL : Cliona Lesion
CLARIS : Europe-South America Network for Climate Change Assessment and Impact Studies
CLASS : Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System (NOAA)
CLCC : Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative
CLD : Coralline Lethal Disease
CLEO : Coral Literature, Education & Outreach
Climate-ADAPT : Climate Adaptation Platform
CLIOTOP : Climate Impacts on Oceanic Top Predators
CLIVAR : Climate Variability and Predictability Program
CLIVAR ACC : CLIVAR Anthropogenic Climate Change
CLIVAR DecGen : CLIVAR Decadal to Century Time Scales
CLIVAR GOALS : CLIVAR Global Ocean-Atmosphere-Land System
CLIVAR UOP : CLIVAR Upper Ocean Panel
CLLJ : Caribbean Low Level Jet
CLNP : Columbus Landfall National Park

CLO : Community Liaison Officer (Australia)
CLOD : Coralline Lethal Orange Disease
CLPNR : Canal Luis Peña No-Take Natural Reserve
CLRTAP : Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
CLTC : Chamorro Land Trust Commission
CM : Current Meter
CMA : Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
CMAC : Coastal Management Advisory Council (RMI)
CMAR : CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research
CMAR : Corredor Marino - Tropical Eastern Pacific Marine Corridor Network
CMarZ : Census of Marine Zooplankton
CMB : Centre for Marine Biodiversisty
CMBB : Center for Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicine (SIO)
CMC : Caribbean Meteorological Council
CMDA : Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (Mexico)
CMDL : Climate Monitoring and Diagnostics Laboratory (NOAA)
CMECS : Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (FGDC)
CMEP : Canadian Marine Environment Protection Society
CMES : Center for Marine and Environmental Studies (UVI)
CMF : Census of Marine Fishes
CMF : Caribbean Meteorological Foundation
CMFRI : Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
CMI : College of the Marshall Islands

CMIP : Coupled Model Intercomparison Project
CMIP5 : Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5
CMIS : Conical Scanning Microwave Imager/Sounder
CMLRE : Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology
CMMG : Centre of Climate Meteorology and Global Changes (UA)
CMN : Caribbean Mangrove Network (UWI)
CMO : Caribbean Meteorological Organization
CMO-HU : Caribbean Meteorological Organization –Headquarters Unit
CMOP : Center for Coastal Margin Observation and Prediction (NSF)
CMP : Coastal Management Program
CMPA : Coastal and Marine Protected Areas
CMR : CSIRO Division of Marine Research (Australia)
CMRC : Caribbean Marine Research Center
CMRC : Coastal & Marine Resources Centre
CMRP : Coastal and Marine Resource Program (NOAA)
CMRS : Center for Marine Resource Studies (TCI)
CMS : Centre for Marine Studies (UQ)
CMS : College of Marine Science (USF)
CMS : Center for Marine Science (UNCW)
CMS : Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CMS : Centre for Marine Sciences (UWI Mona)
CMS : Convention on Migratory Species
CMSP : Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (NOAA)
CMTJ : Chile Margin Triple Junction

CMTTP : Cooperative Marine Turtle Tagging Program
CN : Coral Network (Japan)
CN : Corne Nord (Reunion)
CN- : Cyanide ion
CNAP : National Protected Area Center (CITMA)
CNAP : National Centre for Protected Areas (Cuba)
CNAS : College of Natural and Applied Sciences (UOG)
CNATG : Content Needs Assessment Task Group (GBIF)
CNES : Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (France)
CNMI : Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
CNP : Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program
CNPCP : Hawaii Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program
CNRM : Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques
CNROP : National Oceanographic and Fisheries Research Centre (Mauritania)
CNRS : National Centre for Scientific Research
cNSP : Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (located in a coding region of a gene)
CO : Carbon Monoxide
CO : Cytochrome Oxidase
CO-OPS : Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (NOAA)
CO2 : Carbon Dioxide
CoA : Commonwealth of Australia
COADS : Comprehensive Ocean Atmosphere Data Set
COAG : Council of Australian Governments
COAPS : Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies

COARDS : Cooperative Ocean/Atmosphere Research Data Service (NOAA/University cooperative)
COAST : Coastal and Oceanographic Assessment, Status and Trends (NCCOS /NOAA)
COB : Close of Business
COB : College of the Bahamas
COBI : Comunidad y Biodiversidad (Mexico)
CoBOP : Coastal Benthic Optical Properties Program (ONR)
COBRA : Coastal Barrier Resources Act; also CBRA
COBSEA : Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (UNEP)
COC : Contaminant of Concern
COC : Colloidal Organic Carbon
COCATRAM : Comision Centroamericana de Transporte Maritimo
COCCTAC : Comité Consultor Científico y Técnico de los Arrecifes Coralinos
COD : Chemical Oxygen Demand
CODAR : Coastal Ocean Dynamics Radar (NOAA)
CODATA : working group on biological Collection DATA Access
CODEHOP : Consensus-Degenerate-Hybrid-Oligonucleotide-Primer
CODWG : Coastal Ocean Data Working Group
COE : U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (properly USACE)
CoE : Center of Expertise
COE : Communications, Outreach and Education
CoECSR : Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies (ARC)
COFI : Committee on Fisheries (UN FAO)
Cofish : Coastal Community Development and Fisheries Resource Management Project

COHIS : Coastal Hazards Information System
COHPS : Canadian Ocean Habitat Protection Society
COI : Cytochrome Oxidase I
COI : Cytochrome Oxidase subunit I (COI) gene
COI : Indian Ocean Commission (Commission de l'Océan Indien)
COLAP : Community Advisory Council for Protected Areas and Wildlife
COLMIZC : Colombian Integrated Coastal Management Methodology
COM : College of Micronesia
COM : Climate Observations and Monitoring (NOAA)
COM-FSM : College of Micronesia-Federated States of micronesia
COMAR : Code of Maryland Regulations
CoMarg-E : Census of Marine Life on Continental Margins
COMARGE : Continental MarginsEcosystems
COMARGIS : COMARGE Information System
COMBO : Coral Mortality and Bleaching Output model
COMESA : Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
COMIFAC : Commission of Central African Forests
CoML : Census of Marine Life
CoML : Census of Marine Life
COMPACT : Community Management of Protected Areas for Conservation
COMPAS : COMPAS Co-Managed MPA System (Korea)
COMPASS : Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea
COMPS : Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction System (USF)
CONABIO : National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (Mexico)

CONAMA : Comision Nacional del Medio Ambiente (Chile)
CONANP : Comision Nacional de areas Naturales Protegidas (National Commission of National Protected Areas - Mexico)
CONAPESCA : National Commission of Aquaculture and Fisheries (Mexico)
CONAPESCA : Comision Nacional de Acuacultura y Pesca
CONICET : Consejo de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas (Argentina)
CONSDEV : Coherence of Public Policy of Conservation and Development of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas in West Africa
CONSWA : Conservation Council of Western Australia
COOA : Coastal Ocean Observation and Analysis (NOAA)
COOL : Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory (Rutgers U.)
COOL/LEO-15 : Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory/Long-term Ecosystem
CoOP : Coastal Ocean Processes
COOP : Coastal Ocean Observation Panel (UNESCO)
COOPS : Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services
COOS : Costal Ocean Observing System
COP : Coastal Ocean Program (NOAA); now known as CSCOR
COP : Conference of the Parties (to the CBD)
COP : Conference of the Contracting Parties
COP15 : 15th Conference of the Parties
COPB : CLASS Operations and Planning Board (NOAA)
COPEPOD : Coastal and Ocean Plankton Ecology, Production, and Observation Database (NMFS/NOAA)
COPUS : Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science
COR : Council of Regions
COR : Contracting Officer Representative (NOAA)

CORAL : Coral Reef Alliance
CoRaI Malaysia : Malaysian Coral Reef Society
CORALI : Coral Reefs and Livelihoods Initiative
CORALINA : Corporation for the Sustainable Development of the Archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia, and Santa Catalina (Colombia)
CORAMM : Coral Risk Assessment, Monitoring and Modelling
CORDEX : Coordinated Regional Downscaling Experiment
CORDIO : Coral Reef Degradation in the Indian Ocean
CORDIO : Coastal Oceans Research and Development in the Indian Ocean
CORE : Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education
CORE : Caribbean Oceanographic and Restoration Education Foundation
COREMAP : Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Project
COREMAP II : Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Program Phase II
CoReMo : Coral Reef Monitoring Data Management System
CoRf : Coral Reef
CORIN : Coastal Resources Institute (Thailand)
CoRIS : Coral Reef Information System (NOAA)
CORL : Consolidated Observing Requirements List
CORONA : Coordinating Research on the North Atlantic
CORP : Coral Program (NOAA)
CORS : Continuously Operating Reference Stations (NOAA)
CORSET : Coral Reef Scenario Evaluation Tool
CoRTAD : Coral Reef Temperature Anomaly Database
CoRViL : Coral Reef Virtual Laboratory

COS : Center for Ocean Solutions
COSALC : Coast and beach stability in the Lesser Antilles; Coastal Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.
COSDT : Coastal Ocean Satellite Data Team (NODC)
COSEE : Center for Ocean Science Education Excellence
COSEE : Center for Ocean Science Environmental Education - Florida Chapter
COSEE-NOW : COSEE-Networked Ocean World
COSEE-OLC : COSEE-Ocean Learning Communities
COSMIC : Constellation Observing System for Meteorology, Ionosphere, and Climate satellites
COSTA : Climate Observing System for the Tropical Atlantic (NOAA)
COTF : Southeast Florida Coastal Ocean Task Force
COTR : Contracting Officer's Technical Representative
COTS : Crown-of-Thorns Starfish
COTS : Commercial Off The Shelf
COTS : Coastal Observation Technology System (NOAA)
COUAP : California Ocean Uses Atlas Project
COVE-AP : Advisory Panel on Climate, Oceanographic Variability and Ecosystems (PICES)
COX : Cyclooxygenase
CP : Chromoprotein
CP : Contracting Parties
CPA : Aggregated Patch Reef
CPACC : Caribbean Planning for Adaptation to (Global) Climate Change
CPAGCC : Caribbean Planning for Adaptation to Global Climate Change
CPAN : Circumpolar Protected Area Network

CPAW : Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
CPC : Climate Prediction Center (NOAA)
CPCe : Coral Point Count with Excel extensions
CPD : Coastal Programs Division (NOAA)
CPEM : Cell Population Enriched Method
CPF : Captain Planet Foundation
CPH : Halo Patch Reef
CPI : Individual Patch Reef
CPI : Contracting Parties
CPI : Chromoprotein
CPI : Chromoprotein
CPIA : Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
CPIH : Individual Patch Reef and Halo
CPKW : CoRIS Place Key Words
CPM : Coarse Particulate Matter
CPO : Climate Program Office (NOAA)
CPOM : Coarse Particulate Organic Matter
CPP : Coral Parks Program
CPP : Cyclone Preparedness Program
CPPS : Comision Permanente del Pacifico Sur (Permanent Commission on the Exploitation and Conservation of the Marine Resources of the South Pacific)
CPR : Continuous Plankton Recorder
CPR : Common Property Resource
CPR : Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

CPS : Coastal Pelagic Species
CPSMT : Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team
CPUE : Catch Per Unit Effort
CR : Critically Endangered
CR : Cultural Resources
CR : Carlos Rosario Beach (Culebra Island, Puerto Rico)
CRABBS : Caribbean Reef Association of Bubble Blowers of St. Croix
CRAG : Coral Reef Advisory Group
CRAMP : Coral Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program
CRAP : Carbon-Rich Aggregated Pellets
CRb : Coral Rubble
CRB : Coral Rubble
CRC : Coastal Resources Center (Ghana)
CRC : Coastal Resources Center (URI)
CRC : Cooperative Research Centre (Australia)
CRC REEF : Cooperative Research Center for the Great Barrier Reef
CRCA : Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000
CRCF : Coral Reef Conservation Fund
CRCP : Coral Reef Conservation Program (NOAA)
CRDIMS : Coral Reef Data and Information Management System (now CoRIS)
CRE : Coral Reef Ecosystem
CRE : Caloosahatchee River Estuary
CRE-FMP : Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan
CRECAA : Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Amendments Act

CRED : Coral Reef Ecosystems Division (NOAA)
CRED : Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters
Creefs : Census of Coral Reef Ecosystems
CREI : Coral Reef Ecosystem Investigation
CREIOS : Coral Reef Ecosystems Integrated Observing System (NOAA)
CREM : Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring
CREM : Coral Reef Ecology and Management Lab (NCORE/RASMAS)
CREMP : Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Project
CREMUS : Coral Reef Ecosystem Management Unit Species
CREO : Committee on Recently Extinct Organisms
CREON : Coral Reef Environmental Observatory Network
CREP : Caribbean Regional Environmental Program
CREP : Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CREPT : Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team
CRER : NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (NOAA)
CRES : Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies
CRISIS : Coral Reef Semantic Informatics System
CREST : Coral Reef Support Team (MSMS)
CREST : Cooperative Remote Sensing Science and Technology Center (NOAA)
CREW : Coral Reef Educator on the Water
CREWS : Coral Reef Early Warning System (NOAA)
CREWS-ENH : CREWS Enhanced
CRF : Coral Reef Foundation
CRF : Coral Restoration Foundation

CRFM : Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism
CRHC : Coral Coast Reef Habitat Classification
CRI : Conservation Research Initiative (Belize)
CRI : Christensen Research Institute
CRI : Coral Reef Initiative
CRIMP : Coral Reef Instrumented Monitoring Platform
CRIOBE : Centre de Recherches Insulaires et Observatoire de l’Environnement
CrIS : Cross-track Infrared Sounder
CRISP : Coral Reef Initiative for the South Pacific
CRISPR : Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats
CRiSTAL : Community-based Risk Screening Tool-Adaptation and Livelihoods
CRITC : Coral Reef Information and Training Centers (Indonesia)
CRLC : Coastal Resource Leadership Challenge workshop
CRM : Coastal Resources Management
CRM : Cultural Resources Management
CRM : Climate Research and Monitoring (NOAA)
CRMF : Coral Reef Management Fellowship (NOAA)
CRMO : Coastal Resources Mangement Office (CNMI)
CRMO : Coral Reef Management Officer
CRMP : Coastal Resource Management Project (Philippines)
CRMP : Comprehensive River Management Plan
CRMP : Coastal Resources Management Project
CRMP : Coral Reef Monitoring Program

CRN : (Commonwealth) Collaborative Research Networks (Australia)
CROGEE : Committee on Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem
CRON : Coral Reef Outreach Network
CROP : Caribbean Regional Ocean Partnership
CRP : Community-Based Restoration Program (NOAA)
CRP : Conservation Reserve Program
CRP : Coordinated Research Project
CRP : Coral Reef Report
CRP : Collaborative Research Project
CRP : Center for Responsive Politics
CRPA : Coral Reef Protection Act
CRRC : Coastal Response Research Center (NOAA/UNH)
CRRF : Coral Reef Research Foundation
CRRI : Coral Reef Research Institute (USYD)
CRS : Community Rating System
CRSA : Coral Reef Survey Assessment
CRSD : Coral Reef Sustainable Destination
CRSP : Caribbean Regional Seas Program
CRSSIS : Centre for Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Science (UQ)
CRT : Cyclic Reversible Termination
CRTF : Regional Coral Reef Task Force
CRTR : Coral reef Targeted Research & Capacity Building for Management Project
CRU : Coral Reef Unit (UNEP)
CRUST-SOC : The Crustacean Society

CRUTEM4 : Climatic Research Unit/Hadley Centre Gridded Landsurface Air Temperature Version 4
CRW : Coral Reef Watch (NOAA)
CRWG : Coral Reef Working Group
CS : Consumer Surplus
CS : Office of Chief Scientist (NOAA)
CS : Corner Seamounts
CS : Carbonate Sand
CSA : Curaçao Sea Aquarium (NA)
CSAWS : Coastal Species Alien Warning System
CSC : Coastal Seas Consortium, Inc
CSC : Coastal Services Center (NOAA)
CSCOR : Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (NCCOS/NOAA); formerly COP
CSD : Convention for Sustainable Development; Commission on Sustainable Development
CSD : Climate Services Development (NOAA)
CSDGM : Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (FGDC)
CSF : Coral Sea Fishery (Australia)
CSHP : Coral Sea Heritage Park
CSI : Coastal Regions and Small Islands
CSI : Coral Seas, Inc.
CSI : Cetacean Society International
CSI : Coastal Storms Initiative (NOAA)
CSI : Coral Sea Islands
CSI : ICRI Coral Crime Scene Investigation
CSI : Coastal Systems International, Inc.

CSI : Conservation Science Institute
CSI : Crime Scene Investigation
CSIC : Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas
CSIRO : Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia)
CSM : Scientific Centre of Monaco
CSMS : Challenger Society for Marine Science
CSN : Conservation Science Network (SEI)
CSO : Coastal States Organization
CSO : Combined Sewer Outfall
CSO : Citizen Support Organization
CSO : Community Support Organization
CSP : Climate Services Partnership
CSP : Concentrating Solar Power
CSP : Conservation Society of Pohnpei
CSP : Coastal Storms Program
CSPO : Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes (ASU)
CSRP : Commission Sous-Regionale des Peches (West Africa)
CSS : Consolidated Safety Services, Inc.
CSTPR : Center for Science and Technology Policy Research (CU)
CSUMB : California State University - Monterey Bay
CSUN : California State University, Northridge
CSUSM : California State University - San Marcos
CSV : Comma-Separated Value

CT : Total Inorganic Carbon (also "TIC")
CT : Coral Triangle
CT : Cayman Trough
CT6 : The six countries of the CTI-CFF: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste
CTAB : Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide
CTAF : Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities
CTAHR : College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
CTB : Curacao Tourism Board
CTC : Coral Triangle Center
CTD : Cyanide Detection Testing
CTD : Comparative Toxicogenomics Database
CTD : Conductivity, Temperature, Depth (Profiler)
CTDO : Conductivity-Temperature-Depth-Oxygen Profiler
CTE : Committee on Trade and Environment
Cth : Thermal Capacity
CTI : Coral Triangle Initiative
CTI-CFF : Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security
CTJ : Chile Triple Junction
CTM : Chemical Transport Model
CTMPAS : Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System
CTO : Caribbean Tourism Organization
CTP : Coastal Training Program
CTP : Carbon from Thawed Permafrost

CTSA : Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture
CTSP : Coral Triangle Support Partnership
CTX : Ciguatoxin
CU : Coordination Unit
CU : Carleton University (Canada)
CU : Clemson University
CU : University of Colorado (Boulder)
CU : Chulalongkom University (Thailand)
CUE : Coastal Upwelling Experiment (IDOE)
CUE : Critical-Use Exemption
CUEA : Coastal Upwelling Ecosystems Analysis (IDOE)
CUES : Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions
CUFES : Continuous Underway Fish Egg Sampler
CUGI : Clemson University Genomics Institute
CUR : Curaçao
CURO : Council of Underwater Resort Operators (Bonaire)
CUWG : Coastal Uses Working Group (CRTF)
CV : Coefficient of Variation
CVF : Climate Vulnerable Forum
CVM : Contingent Valuation Method
CW : Continuous Wave
CW : Coast Watch (NOAA)
CWA : Clean Water Act (1977 - FWPCA of 1972)
CWA : Critical Wildlife Area

CWC : Caribbean Waterbird Census
CWC : Cold-Water Coral Community
CWCGD : Cold-Water Coral Geographic Database
CWDA : DOH's Critical Wastewater Disposal Areas
CWM : College of William and Mary
CWMTF : Clean Water Management Trust Fund
CWN : Clean Water Network
CWNS : Clean Watersheds Needs Survey
CWP : Center for Watershed Protection
CWP : Central-Western Pacific
CWPPRA : Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
CWQG : Coastal Water Quality Guidelines
CWRM : Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management
CWRP : Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership
CWSRF : Clean Water State Revolving Fund
CWTG : Coastal Water Temperature Guide (NOAA)
CXC : Caribbean Examinations Council
CY : Calendar Year
CYP : Cytochrome P450
Cyt B : Cytochrome B
CZ : Coastal Zone
CZARA : : Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments
CZCS : Coastal Zone Color Scanner
CZM : Coastal Zone Management (NOAA)

CZMA : Coastal Zone Management Act (1972)
CZMAI : Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute (Belize)
CZMI : Coastal Zone Management Institute (Belize)
CZMP : Coastal Zone Management Plan; Coastal Zone Management Program (Project)
CZMU : Coastal Zone Management Unit (Barbados)

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DA : Department of Agriculture
DA : Domoic Acid
DA-BFAR : Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
DAA : Deputy Assistant Administrator (NOAA)
DAAC : Distributed Active Archives Center
DAAD : German-Academic Exchange Service
DAARWG : Data Archiving and Access Requirements Working Group
DAC : Data Assembly Center
DAC : Damage Assessment Center (NOAA)
DADI : Data Access and Database Interoperability (GBIF)
DAI : Dangerous Anthropogenic Interference
DALYs : Disability-Adjusted Life Years
DAMSL : Digital Atlas of Marine Species and Locations (RSMAS)
DAN : Diver's Alert Network
DANICS : Delhi, Andaman Nicobar Island Civil Services
DANIDA : Danish International Development Agency
DAO : Data Assimilation Office

DAO : Departmental Administrative Order (NOAA)
DAR : Division of Aquatic Resources (Hawaii DLNR)
DAREP : Department of Aquatic Resources Exploitation and Protection (Republic of Vietnam)
DARP : Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (NOAA)
DARRP : Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (NOAA)
DART : Deep-ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis
DAS : Days At Sea
dATP : Deoxyadenosine triphosphate
DAWR : Guam Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources
DAWR : Department of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources
dB : Decibel
DBA : Database Administrator
DBML : Discovery Bay Marine Laboratory (Jamaica)
DBMR : Division of Biomedical Marine Research (HBOI)
DBMS : Database Management System
DC : Dendritic Cell
DC : Dead Coral
DCA : Dead Coral with Algae
DCA : Dominica Conservation Association
DCA : Dutch Caribbean Airlines
DCCA : Department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs
DCE : Discrete Choice Experiment
DCES : Decision Coordination and Executive Secretariat (NOAA)
DCI : Decompression Illness

DCM : Deep Chlorophyll Maximum
DCMC : DC Marine Community (IUCN Washington, D.C office)
DCMI : Dublin Core Metadata Initiative
dCMP : Deoxycytidine monophosphate
DCNA : Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance
DCP : Data Collection Platform
DCS : Decompression Sickness
DCS : Data Collection System
dCTP : Deoxycytidine triphosphate
DDBJ : DNA Data Bank of Japan
DDC : Deck Decompression Chamber
DDD : Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane
DDT : Dichloro-Diphenyl-Trichloroethane
DEA : Draft Environmental Assessment
DECC : Department of Energy and Climate Change (UK)
DECR : Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (Turks and Caicos)
DEE : Division of Environmental Enforcement (DPNR)
Deep-CRES-Caribbean : Deep Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies: Caribbean
Deep-CRES-Hawaii : Deep Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies: Hawaii
DeepCRES : Deep Coral Reef Ecosystems Studies
DEFRA : Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
DEIS : Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DEM : Digital Elevation Model (NOAA)

DEMA : Diving Equipment & Marketing Association
DENR : Department of Environmental and Natural Resources
DEOS : Dynamic Earth Observatory System
DEP : Department of Environmental Protection
DEQ : Division of Environmental Quality (CNMI)
DERM : Department of Environmental Resources Management (Dade County, FL)
DEWHA : Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (Australia)
DFA : Discriminant Function Analysis
DFAR : Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
DFG : Derelict Fishing Gear
DFG : German Science Foundation
DFID : Department for International Development (UK)
DFO : Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada)
DFRP : Destructive Fishing Reform Program (Indonesia)
DFW : Division of Fish and Wildlife
DG-DGGE : Double-Gradient-Denaturing-Gradient Gel Electrophoresis
DGF : Development Grant Facility (World Bank)
DGGE : Denaturing Gradient Gel Electrophoresis
DGMC : Davao Gulf Management Council (Philippines)
DGN : Drift Gill Net
DGS : Diego Garcian Society
DGTP : Deoxyguanosine triphosphate
DGVM : Dynamic Global Vegetation Model
DH : Deepwater Horizon (also DWH)

DHA : Docosahexaenoic acid
DHD : Degree Heating Days
DHHL : Department of Hawaiian Homelands
DHHS : Department of Health and Human Services
DHM : Degree Heating Months
DHMs : Degree Heating Months
DHN : Dirección de Hidrografía y Navegación (Perú)
DHS : Department of Homeland Security
DHW : Degree Heating Week
DI : Darwin Initiative
DIC : Dissolved Inorganic Carbon
DIDIWG : Disease Identification and Disease Investigation Working Group
DIF : Data Integration Framework (IOOS-NOAA)
DIFD : Department for International Development
DIGEPESCA : Prograrama Nacional de Pesca y Acuicultura
DIGIT : Digitisation and mobilisation of primary biodiversity data (GBIF)
DIMACA : Driftnet Impact Monitoring, Assessment and Control Act
DIMP : Data and Information Management Panel
DIN : Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen
DINRAC : Data and Information Network Regional Activity Centre of NOWPAP
DIP : Dissolved Inorganic Phosphorus
DIPNR : NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (Australia)
DIREN : Direction Régionale de l'Environnement (FWI)
DISCOVRE : Diversity, Systematics, and Connectivity of Vulnerable Reef Ecosystems

DISL : Dauphin Island Sea Lab
DIVA : Dynamic Interactive Vulnerability Assessment
DIWPA : DIVERSITAS Western Pacific and Asia
DLA : Defense Logistics Agency (DoD)
DLESE : Digital Library for Earth System Education (USCB)
DLG : Digital Line Graph
DLIST : Distance learning and Information Sharing Tool
DLM : Department of Land Management (Guam)
DLNR : Department of Lands and Natural Resources (CNMI)
DLNR : Department of Land and natural Resources (Hawaii)
DLP : Digital Light Processor
DLR : Deutsches Zentrum fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt (Germany)
DLS : Digital Library System
DM : Data management
DM : Distance Matrix
DMAC : Data Management Advisory Council
DMAC Plan : Data Management and Communications Plan
DMB PLAN : Day-Use Mooring Buoy 10-Year Strategic Management Plan
DMC : Data Management Committee (NOAA)
DMIT : Data Management Integration Team (NOAA)
DMML : Discovery Bay Marine Laboratory (Jamaica)
DMOX : Dimethyloxazoline
DMP : Data Management Plan

DMPA : Data Management Program Area
DMR : Department of Marine Resources
DMS : Dimethylsulfide
DMSO : Dimethyl sulfoxide
DMSP : Dimethylsulfoniopropionate
DMSP : Defense Meteorological Satelite Program (DOD)
DMWG : Data Management Working Group (CRCP/NOAA)
DMWR : Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (American Samoa)
DN : Digital Number
DNA : Designated National Authority
DNA : Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DNCs : Dark Needle Conifers
DNER : Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PR)
DNLR : Division of Lands and Natural Resources (HI)
DNR : Department of Natural Resources
DO : Diving Officer
DO : Dissolved Oxygen
DOBOR : Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (Hawaii)
DOC : Department of Commerce
DOC : Dissolved Organic Carbon
DOC : Denominazione di Origine Controllata
DOCARE : Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (HI)
DOCD : Development Operations Coordination Document
DOCG : Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita

DoD : Department of Defense
DoDBL : Department of Defense Bathymetric Library
DODS : Distributed Oceanographic Data System
DoE : Department of Environment
DOE : Department of Energy
DOFAW : Department of Forestry and Wildlife (HI)
DOFI : Department of Fisheries (Republic of Vietnam)
DOI : U.S. Department of the Interior
DOJ : U.S. Department of Justice
DOM : Dissolved Organic Matter
DON : Dissolved Organic Nitrogen
DOP : Dissolved Organic Phosphorus
DOP : Department of Oceanography and Fisheries (UA)
DOQ : Digital Orthophoto Quad
DOS : U.S. Department of State
DOS : Dissolved Organic Solid
DOT : U.S. Department of Transportation
DP : Division of Planning
DPFTG : Data Publishing Framework Task Group (GBIF)
DPI : Discharge Prevention Investigation
DPNR : Department of Planning and Natural Resources (USVI)
DPP : Development and Production Plan
DPS : Department of Public Safety
DPSIR : Drivers, Pressures, State, Impact and Responses model

DPV : Diver Propulsion Vehicle
DPW : Department of Public Works
DQA : Data Quality Act
DRC : Disaster Response Center
DRC : Dolphin Research Center
DRD : Disaster Risk Reduction
DRER : Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
DRG : Digital Raster Graphic
DRM : Disaster Risk Management
DRP : Division of Recreation and Parks (FDEP)
DRR : Disaster Risk Reduction
DSC : Deep Sea Coral
DSC : Deep Sea Clay
DSCC : Deep Sea Conservation Coalition
DSCE : Deep Sea Coral Ecosystems
DSCRTP : Deep-Sea Coral Research and Technology Program (NOAA)
DSCZ : Deep Sea Coral Zone (NOAA)
DSD : Dark-Spots Disease
DDSP : Deep Sea Drilling Project
DSEIS : Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (NOAA)
DSMP : Draft Supplemental Management Plan
DSO : Diving Safety Officer
DSP : Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning

dsRNA : Double Stranded RNA
DSS : Decision Support System
DST : Data Storage Tag
DST : Decision Support Tool
Dst : Mean Stratum Fish Density
DST : Department of Science and Technology
DSTF : Don't Stop Talking Fish (Initiative)
DSTO : Defense, Science and Technology Organization (Australia)
DT : Dry Tortugas
DTER : Dry Tortugas Ecological Reserve
DTIS : Deep Towed Imaging System
DTM : Digital Terrain Model
DTNP : Dry Tortugas National Park
DTRU : Dry Tortugas Recovery Unit
dTTP : Thymidine triphosphate
DU : Dobson Unit
DU : Dalhousie University
DU : Duke University
DUOY : Down Under, Out Yonder
DUS : Deputy Under Secretary
DUV : Diffey-weighted UV irradiance (watts/m²)
DVD : Digital Versatile Disc
DVL : Doppler Velocity Log
DW : Deep Water

DWAR : Dive With A Researcher
DWC : Deep Water Coral
DwC : DarwinCore Group (TDWG)
DwC : Darwin Core
DWG : World Bank Coral Disease Working Group
DWH : Deepwater Horizon
DWLC : Department of Wild Life Conservation
DYNAMEC : Dynamic Selection and Prioritization Mechanism for Hazardous Substances (OSPAR)

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E-SWDS : External Space Weather. Database Store (NOAA)
E.O. : Executive Order
EAC : East Australian Current
EAC : Educators Advisory Committee (REEF)
EAC : Ecology Action Centre (Canada)
EAC : East African Community
EACC : East African Coast Current
EAD : Equivalent Air Depth
EAEST : EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc.
EAF : Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries
EAFM : Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
EAFM REX : Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Regional Exchange
EAG : Environmental Awareness Group (Antigua and Barbuda)
EAIS : East Antarctic Ice Sheet

EAM : East Asian Monsoon
EAM : Ecosystem Approach to Management
EAME : Eastern African Marine Ecoregion
EAME : East African Marine Ecoregion
EANx : Enriched Air Nitrox
EAPC : Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council
EAPEI : East Asia and Pacific Environmental Initiative
EAR : Ecosystem Assessment and Restoration (FWC Florida)
EAR : Ecological Acoustic Recorder
EAS : European Aquaculture Society
EAS : East Asian Seas
EAS-SG : European Aquaculture Society - Student Group
EASAP : East Asian Seas Action Plan
EAST : Environmental Association of St. Thomas - St. John
EAZA : European Association of Zoos and Aquaria
EAZO : Energetically Active Zones of the Ocean
EBA : Endemic Bird Area
EbA : Ecosystem-based Adaptation
EBA : Ecosystem Based Approaches
EBFM : Ecosystem Based Fishery Management
EBI : European Bioinformatics Institute
EBM : Ecosystem Based Management
EBS : Environmental Biodiversity Services
EBS : Emergency Breathing System

EBSA : Ecologically or Biologically Significant Area
EBUE : Eastern Boundary Upwelling Ecosystems
EC : Environment Canada
EC : Ecosystem Component
EC : European Commission
EC : European Communities
ECA : Ecologically Critical Area
ECB : Environment and Conservation Division
ECC : Exploration Command Center
ECC : Eastern Caribbean Center (UVI)
ECC : Equatorial Counter Current (Pacific Equatorial Undercurrent)
ECCAS : Economic Community of Central African States
ECCM : Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management
ECDIS : Electronic Chart Display and Information System
ECFP : Enhanced Cyan Fluorescent Protein
ECHAM4 : European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts and Hamburg 4
ECI : Equivalent Chlorine
ECLAC : Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECLAC-DCC : Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean-Development and Cooperation Committee
ECLEI : International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives
ECLSP : Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park
ECNAMP : Eastern Caribbean Natural Area Management Programme
ECNC : European Center for Nature Conservation

ECO : Earth Communications Office
ECO : National Historic and Ecological Preserve
ECO : European Climate Change Oscillation
Eco-DAS : Ecological Dissertations in the Aquatic Sciences (UHI)
ECOHAB : Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (NOAA/NSF)
EcoMar : Marine Biodiversity of Hispaniola Island
ECOMAR : Ecosystems of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge at the Sub-Polar Front and Charlie-Gibbs Fracture Zone
ECOMOUND : Environmental Controls on Mound Formation Along the European Margin
ECOSUD : Ecosystems and Sustainable Development
ECOSUR : El Colegio de La Frontera Sur
ECOWAS : Economic Community of West African States
ECP : Extended Concentration Pathway
ECRD : East Coast Research and Development Trust (India)
ECS : EOSDIS Core System
ECS : Extended Continental Shelf
ECSU : Eastern Connecticut State University
ECTF : Edinburgh Centre for Tropical Forests
ECV : Essential Climate Variables
EDA : Economic Development Authority
EDAB : Ecosystem Disruptive Algal Bloom
EDAC : Ecosystems Data Assembly Center (NOAA)
EDC : Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center (NOAA)
EDC : Electronic Data Capture
EDC : Endocrine Disrupting Chemical

EDCP : Enhanced Data Collection Project
EDEN : Everglades Depth Estimation Network
EDF : Environmental Defense Fund
EDF : European Development Fund
EDGAR : Emission Database for Global Atmospheric Research
EDGE : Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered
EDIS : Environmental Data and Information Service (now NESDIS)
EDIT : European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy
EDL : Environmental Data Logger
EDM : Fisheries Enterprise Data Management
EDM : Electronic Distance Measuring
EDMED : European Directory on Marine Environmental Datasets
EDMERP : European Directory on Marine Environmental Research Projects
EDOCC : Ecological Determinants of Ocean Carbon Cycling
EDP : Executive Decision Process (NOAA)
EDPO : American Samoa Economic and Development Planning Office
EDRR : Early Detection and Rapid Response
EDS : Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy
EDTA : Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid
EE : Environmental Envelope
EEA : European Environment Agency
EEAA : Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
EEAP : Environmental Effects Assessment Panel (UNEP)
EEE : Excessive Excitation Energy

EEID : Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases
EEM : Expedition Education Modules (OE/NOAA)
EEMP : East End Marine Park (St. Croix)
EEO : Equal Employment Opportunity
EEP : Ecosystem Enhancement Program
EEPSEA : Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia
EESC : Equivalent Effective Stratospheric Chlorine
EESI : Environmental and Energy Study Institute
EESLI : Energy, Ecosystems and Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (IUCN)
EEZ : Exclusive Economic Zone
EEZS : Exclusive Economic Zones
EF : Enrichment Factor
EFGB : East Flower Garden Banks
EFH : Essential Fish Habitat
EFH-HAPC : Essential Fish Habitat-Habitat Area of Particular Concern
EFHRC : Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee
EFMP : Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan
eFOTG : NRCS's electronic Field Office Technical Guide
EFTET : Energy Filtering Transmission Electron Tomography
EGA : Ecological Gap analysis
EGFP : Enhanced GFP
EGMEX : Eastern Gulf of Mexico
EGP : Environmental Genetics Program

EGP : Eastern Garbage Patch
eGRID : Emissions and Generation Resource Integrated Database
EGT : Ecosystems Goal Team (NOAA)
EHMP : Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program (SEQ)
EHS : Extremely Hazardous Substance
EI : Ecosystem Integrity
EI : Earthwatch Institute
EIA : Environmental impact assessment
EIA : Energy Information Administration
ELIANZ : Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand
EIC : Equatorial Intermediate Current
EID : Emerging Infectious Disease
EIFEX : European Iron Fertilization Experiment
EIM : Environmental Information management (Washington State)
EIMS : Environmental Information Management System (EPA)
EIONET : European Environment Information and Observation Network
EIR : Environmental Impact Review
EIS : Environmental Information System
EIS : Environmental Impact Statement
EIS : Environmental Impact Statement
EIs : Economic Instruments
EISA : Energy Independence and Security Act
EISF : Essential Image Source Foundation
EITS : Eye-in-the-Sea (NOAA)

EL : Ecology Letters
ELF : Eliminate Lionfish Tool
ELG : Ecosystems and Livelihoods Group
ELI : Environmental Law Institute
ELIP : Early Light Induced protein
ELISA : Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay
ELMR : Estuarine Living Marine Resources
ELRA : Environmental Litigation Reform Act
ELUB : Estuaries and Land Use Branch (NCCOS/NOAA)
EM : Electromagnetic
EMA : Existing Management Area
EMA : Environmental Management Authority (T&T)
EMAP : Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EPA)
EMAX : Energy Modeling and Analysis eXercise
EMBL : European Molecular Biology Laboratory
EMBL-Bank : EMBL Nucleotide Sequence Database
EMBnet : European Molecular Biology Network
EMBO : European Molecular Biology Organization
EMC : Event Mean Concentration
EMC : Environmental Modeling Center (NOAA)
EMDW : Eastern Mediterranean Deep Water
EMODNET : European Marine Observation and Data Network
EMPA : Environmentally Sound Fishery Management Areas (EU)
EMPSR : Experimental Marine Pollution Surveillance Report (NOAA)

EMR : Electromagnetic Radiation
EMRQ : ExxonMobil Research Qatar
EMRTF : Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund
EMS : Environmental Management System
EMS : Electromagnetic Spectrum
EMS : Electronic Monitoring System
EMT : Executive Management Team (NOAA)
EMT : Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transformation
EN : Endangered
ENAW : Eastern North Atlantic Water
ENBI : European Network of Biodiversity Information
ENC : Electronic Navigational Chart
ENFEN : Peruvian National Committee on El Niño Phenomenon Study
ENM : Ecological Niche Model
ENN : Environmental News Network
ENP : Everglades National Park
ENR : Everglades Nutrient Removal
ENRICH : European Network for Research In global Change
ENSO : El Nino Southern Oscillation
ENTRI : Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators
ENVIS : Environmental Information System (India)
ENVISAT : Environmental Satellite
EO : Law Enforcement Officer

EO : Executive Order
EOAP : Education and Outreach Action Plan
EOB : Executive Oversight Board
EOC : Emergency Operations Center
EOD : Ecosystems and Oceanography Division (NOAA)
EOE : Extension, Outreach and Education ilot Program (NOAA)
EOI : Eastern Oslofjord Inlet
EOI : Expression of Interest
EOL : Encyclopedia of Life
EOP : Ecosystem Observations Program (NOAA)
EORR : Experimental Oculina Research Reserve
EOS : Earth Observation System/Satellite (NOAA)
EOSDIS : EOS Data and Information System
EosFP : Photoconvertible Fluorescent Protein
EOTR : Eyes of the Reef
EP : Environmental Parameter
EPA : Environmental Protection Agency
EPA : Environmental Protection Area
EPA : Everglades Protection Area
EPAct : Energy Policy Act
EPAP : Ecosystem Principals Advisory Panel
EPBC Act : Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Australia)
EPBRS : European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy
EPCRA : Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

EPEAT : Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool
EPGMD : Broward Co. Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department
EPHE : Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes
EPI : Environmental Performance Index
EPIRB : Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon)
EPIRB : Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon
EPO : Eastern Pacific Ocean
EPOC : Eastern Pacific Oceanic Conference
EPOCA : European Project on Ocean Acidification
EPOCS : Equatorial Pacific Ocean Climate Studies
EPP : Environmental Protection Plan (Palau)
EPP : Educational Partnership Program (NOAA)
EPP : Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
EPPZ : Environmental Preservation and Protection Zone
EPPZ/FCMZ : Environmental Preservation and Protection Zone /Fisheries Conservation and Management Zone
EPR : Electron Paramagnetic Resonance; also Electron Spin Resonance
EPSCoR : Experimental Program to Stimulate Cooperative Research
EPV : Ecological Process Value
EQA : Environmental Quality Award
EQB : Environmental Quality Board (Puerto Rico)
EQPB : Environmental Quality Protection Board (Palau)
EQY : Effective Quantum Yield
ER : Emergency Room

ER : Endoplasmic Reticulum
ER : Enrichment Ratios
ERA : Ecological Risk Analysis
ERA : European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts Reanalyses
ERA : Estuary Resoration Act
ERA : Ecological Reserve Area
ERA-NET : European Research Area Networking
ERAP : Emergency Response Action Plan
ERD : Environmental Research Division (NOAA)
ERD : Emergency Response Division (NOAA)
ERDA : EarthRef.org Digital Archive
ERDDAP : Environmental Research Division's Data Access Program
ERESE : Enduring Resources for Earth Sciences Education
ERF : Estuarine Research Federation
ERF : Effective Radiative Forcing
ERFEN : Estudio Regional del Fenómeno El Niño
ERG : Ecosystems Research Group
ERIN : Environmental Resources Information Network (Australia)
ERK : Extracellular Signal-Regulated Kinase
ERL : Environmental Research Laboratories (NOAA)
ERM : Environmental Resources Management
ERMA : Emergency Response Management Application
ERMS : European Register of Marine Species
EROS : Earth Resources Observation System

ERP : Ecosystems Research Program (NOAA)
ERP : Environmental Resource Permit
ERP : Environmental Resource Planning
ERSST Data Set : Extended Reconstruction of SST Data Set
ESA : European Space Agency
ESA : Ecological Society of America
ESA : Endangered Species Act
ESA : Environmental Site Assessment
ESA : Environmentally Sensitive Area
ESADS : Earth Science and Applications Data System
ESB : Endangered Species Branch (NMFS/NOAA)
ESB : Environmental Specimen Bank(ing)
ESBM : Ecosystem-Based Management
ESC : Erosion and Sediment Control
ESC : Exotic Species Coordination (FWC Florida)
ESC : Endangered Species Coalition
ESCAP : Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCI : Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative
ESCOs : Energy Service Companies
ESD : Ecologically Sustainable Development
ESDIS : Earth Science Data and Information System
ESI : Environmental Sustainability Index
ESI : Environmental Sensitivity Index
ESI : Endangered Species International

ESI Map : Environmental Sensitivity Index Map
ESID : EcoSpatial Information Database
ESIP : Earth Science Information Partners
ESJ : Ecological Society of Japan
ESM : Earth System Model
ESM : Earth System Monitor (NOAA)
ESP : Environmental Science & Policy Department (GMU)
ESP- GSA : GMU's Environmental Science and Policy department and Graduate Student Association
ESPACE : European Spatial Planning Adapting to Climate Events Project
ESPC : Energy Savings Performance Contract
ESPC : Environmental Satellite Processing Center (NOAA)
ESR : Electron Spin Resonance
ESRI : Environmental Systems Research Institute
ESRL : Earth System Research Laboratory (NOAA)
ESSP : Earth System Science Partnership
EST : Expressed Sequence Tag
ESTM : School of Tourism and Maritime Technology (IPL)
ESTOC : European Station for Time-series in the Ocean Canary Islands
ESU : Evolutionarily Significant Unit
ESUR : Ecosystem Services for Urbanizing Regions
ET : Environment Tobago
ET-EGOS : Expert Team on Evolution of the Global Observing System
ETC : Electron Transport Chain

ETCCDI : Expert Team on Climate Change Detection and Indices
ETCs : Extratropical Cyclones
ETDMP : Expert Team on Data Management Practices
ETI : Expert Center for Taxonomic Identification
ETM : Enhanced Thematic Mapper
ETM+ : Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus
ETMAES : Expert Team on Marine Accident and Emergency Response
ETMER : Establishment of Tropical Marine Ecological Research (Japan)
ETMSS : Expert Team on Maritime Safety Systems
ETOH : Ethanol
ETP : Eastern Tropical Pacific
ETPS : Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape
ETR : Electron Transport Rate
ETSI : Expert Team on Sea Ice
ETWS : Expert Team on Wind Waves and Storm Surges
EU : European Union
EUC : Equatorial Undercurrent (Cromwell Current)
EUC : Eutrophication Committee (OSPAR)
EUMETSAT : European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites
EUNIS : European Universities Information System
EUNIS : European Nature Information System
EuroGOOS : European GOOS
EuroTRACES : European Trans-Atlantic Coral Ecosystem Study
EUS : Equatorial Upwelling System

EVAAM : Etablissement pour la Valorisation des Activités Aquacoles et Maritimes
EVI : Environmental Vulnerability Index
EVI : Ecological Valuation Index
EVO-DEVO : Evolutionary Developmental Biology
EwE : Ecopath with Ecosim
EWO : Environmental Watch Organization (Jamaica)
EWS : Early Warning Systems
EWS : Eelpout in the Wadden Sea
EWT : Endangered Wildlife Trust (UK)
EWT : Environmental Walk-Through

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F : Frequency
F-SERT : Forward-State Emergency Response Team
FA : Fatty Acid
FA : Fluctuating Asymmetry
FAA : Fatty Acid Analysis
FAA : Federal Aviation Administration
FAB : Fair, Ambitious, and Binding (with reference to global climate)
FAC : Fluorescent Aromatic Compound
FAC : Federal Advisory Committee
FAC : Fisheries Advisory Council (USVI)
FAC : Florida Administrative Code
FACE : Free Atmosphere Carbon Exchange

FACE : Free-Air CO2 Enrichment
FACE : Florida Area Coastal Environment
FACET : Fish, Algae and Coral Ecology Team
FACT : Florida Atlantic Coast Telemetry
FAD : Fish Aggregation Device
FAD : Flavin Adenine Dinucleotide
FADs : Fish Aggregating Devices
FAG : Fish Aggregation Device
FALN : Focus Areas Local Navigators
FAME : Fisheries Assessment, Monitoring and Ecology (SEFSC/NOAA)
FAME : Fatty Acid Methyl Esters
FAMRACC : Forest and Marine Reserves Association of Caye Caulker (Belize)
FAO : Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)
FAQ : Frequently Asked Questions
FAR : Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Node (NBII)
FAR : First Assessment Report
FAR : Federal Acquisition Regulation
FAS : Floridan Aquifer System
FAS : Freely Associated States (Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia)
FASINEX : Frontal Air-Sea Interaction Experiment
FAST : Faculty of Aquatic Science and Technology (Tanzania)
FATE : Fisheries and the Environment (NOAA)
FAU : Florida Atlantic University

FB : Fishery Bulletin
FBAY : Fagatele Bay
FBC : Fundacion Bucea Colombia
FBCI : Florida Bird Conservation Initiative
FBNMS : Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary
FBSAD : Fishery Biology and Stock Assessment Division (NMFS/NOAA)
FCCC : Framework Convention on Climate Change (United Nations)
FCCPBI : Fisherpersons and Concerned Citizens for the Protection of Beef Island (BVI)
FCDR : Fundamental Climate Data Record (NOAA)
FCMZ : Fisheries Conservation and Management Zone
FCO : Foreign & Commonwealth Office
FCP : Fisheries Catch Potential
FCP : Forest Conservation Plan
FCREPA : Florida Committee on Rare and Endangered Plants and Animals
FCRT : Florida Coral Reef Tract
FCS : Fisheries Cooperative Societies
FCURR : Current Fishing Mortality Rate
FCZ : Fishery Conservation Zone
FDA : U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FDACS : Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
FDEP : Florida Department of Environmental Protection
FDEP-CRCP : Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coral Reef Conservation Program
FDIs : Foreign Direct Investments
FDM : Farallon de Medinilla (CNMI)

FDOT : Florida Department of Transportation
FDOU : Fishing, Diving, and Other Uses (SEFCRI)
FEAM : Fishery Economic Assessment Model
FeAX : Open-Ocean Iron Addition Experiment
FEB : Flow Equalization Basin
FEC : Federal Electronics Challenge
FECP : Flats Ecology and Conservation Program (CEI)
FED : Fisheries Ecology Division (NOAA SWFSC)
FEIS : Final Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA : Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMAT : Federal Ecosystem Management Assessment Team
FeMO : Fe-Oxidizing Microbial Observatory; Iron Microbial Observatory
FEMP : Federal Energy Management Program
FeOB : Iron Oxidizing Bacteria
FEOW : Freshwater Ecoregions of the World
FEP : Fishery Ecosystem Plan
FERC : Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FEWS NET : Famine Early Warning Systems Network
FFA : Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
FFA : Free Fatty Acid
FFC : Forum Fisheries Committee
FFDI : Forest Fire Danger Index
FFEM : Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (French Fund for the Global Environment)
FFI : Flora and Fauna International

FFO : Federal Funding Opportunity
FFS : French Frigate Shoals
FFWCC : Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
FGB : Flower Garden Banks
FGBMSPT : Flower Garden Banks Marine Spatial Planning Tool
FGBNMS : Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA)
FGDC : Federal Geographic Data Committee
FGEF : French Global Environment Facility
FGS : Full Genome Sequencing
FIA : Flow injection analysis
FIB : Fundacion Islas de la Bahia (Bay Islands Foundation)(Honduras)
FIB : Fecal indicator bacteria
FIBA : Fondation Internationale du Banc d'Arguin
FIBI : Fish Index of Biological Integrity
FIC : Future Impervious Cover
FIDES : Fisheries Data Exchange System (EC)
FIDI : Fishery Information, Data and Statistics Service (FAO)
FIDS : Forest Interior Dwelling Species
FIGIS : Fisheries Global Information System (FAO)
FIM : Fisheries Independent Monitoring Program (FWC)
FIMC : Fisheries Information Management Committee (NOAA)
FIME : Fiji Islands Marine Ecoregion
FIO : Florida Institute of Oceanography

FIP : Fisheries Improvement Project (Jamaica)
FIPS : Federal Information Processing Standards
FIRM : Flood Insurance Rate Map
FIRMS : Fisheries Resources Monitoring System (FAO)
FIS : Fisheries Information System (NOAA/NMFS)
FIS : Fishery Science Committee (PICES)
FIS : Flood Insurance Study
FISC : Florida Integrated Science Center
FISH : Fluorescence in situ Hybridization
FISH : Fisheries improved for Sustainable Harvest (Philippines)
FISH-BOL : Fish Barcode of Life
FISHERR : Financial Initiative for Sustainable Human Resource Regeneration
FIT : Florida Institute of Technology
FIU : Florida International University
FKCC : Florida Keys Community College
FKERTF : Florida Keys Environmental Restoration Trust Fund
FKEYS-HYCOM : The Florida Keys Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model (RSMAS)
FKNMS : Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA)
FKNMS Act : Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act
FKNMS CRMP : Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Coral Reef Monitoring Program
FKNMS SGMP : Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Seagrass Monitoring Program
FL : Fork Length
FLAG : FOIA Litigation for Accountable Government
FLASH : Fisheries Local Action Strategy (Hawaii)

FLBAY : Florida bay
FLCOOS : Florida Coastal Ocean Observing Systems
FLEP : Fraction of Lifetime Egg Production
FLIM : Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy
FLIP : Fluorescence Loss In Photobleaching
FLMMA : Fiji Locally Managed Marine Area
FLO : Fisheries Liaison Office (NOAA)
FLoSee : Florida Shelf Edge Exploration
FLUCCS : Florida Land Use and Cover Classification System
FM : Frequency Modulation
FMA : Fisheries Management Act 1994 (Australia)
FMA : Fisheries Management Area
FMAC : Fisheries Management Advisory Committee
FMAP : Future of Marine Animal Populations
FMAS : Florida Marine Aquarium Society
FMC : Fisheries Management Council
FMCW : Frequency-Modulated Continuous Wave
FMEP : Fishery Management and Evaluation Plan (NOAA/NMFS)
FMN : Flavin Mononucleotide
FMO : Flavin-Containing Monooxygenase
FMO : Flavoprotein Monooxygenase
FMP : Fisheries Management Program
FMP : Fishery Management Plan
FMRI : Florida Marine Research Institute

FMSD : Fisheries Monitoring and Socioeconomics Division (NOAA/PIFSC)
FMSEA : Florida Marine Science Educators Association
FMSD : Fisheries Monitoring and Socioeconomics Division (NOAA/PIFSC)
FMU : Fishery Management Unit
FN : Federal Navigators
FNAI : Florida Natural Areas Inventory
FNMOC : Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center
FO : Fish Only (marine aquarist term)
FOAM : Forecasting Ocean Assimilation Model
FOARAM : Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring
FOC : Flags of Convenience
FOCC : Friends of Christmas Cove
FOCE : Free-Ocean CO2 Experiment
FOCI : Fisheries-Oceanography Coordinated Investigations (NOAA)
FOCUS : Forests, Ocean, Climate – and Us
FoE : Friends of the Earth
FOE : Friends of the Environment (Bahamas)
FoEME : Friends of the Earth Middle East
FOIA : Freedom of Information Act
FoN : Friends of Nature
FoN : Friends of the Nation (Ghana)
FONDEN : Fondo de Desastres Naturales
FONSI : Finding of No Significant Impact

FoProBIM : Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine (Haiti)
FORCE : Future of Reefs in a Changing Environment (EU)
FOSC : Federal On-Scene Coordinator
FOUO : For Official Use Only
Four D (4D) : Four Dimensional
FOV : Field of View
FOWLR : Fish Only With Live Rock (marine aquarist term)
FP : Fluorescent Protein
FP : Fish Poop
FPKB : Foundation to Preserve Klein Bonaire
FPOM : Fine Particulate Organic Matter
FPS : Florida Park Service (FDEP)
FR : Forest Reserve
FR : Federal Register
FR : Forereef
FRA : Fisheries Replenishment Area
FRAP : Fluorescence Recovery After Photobleaching
FRET : Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer
FRF : Field Research Facility (USACE)
FRF : Fractional Release Factor
FRFA : Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
FRN : Federal Register Notice
FRR : Fast Repetition Rate
FRRF : Fast repetition rate fluorometer

FRRP : Florida Reef Resilience Program
FRRP : Florida Reef Resilience Programme
FRT : Florida Coral Reef Tract
FRTG : Flow Rate Technical Group (NIC)
FS : Snail Feeding Scar
FS : Florida Statutes
FSA : Fish Spawning Aggregation
FSA : Freely Associated States
FSBI : Fisheries Society of the British Isles
FSCHR : Federal Symposium on Coastal Habitat Restoration
FSD : Foundation for Sustainable Development
FSD : Forest Stand Delineation
FSEIS : Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
FSLE : Florida Shelf Lagrangian Experiment (NOAA/AOML)
FSM : Federated States of Micronesia
FSPI : Foundations of the Peoples of the South Pacific International
FSRD : Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Soil Resources Division (Guam)
FSU : Florida State University
FSV : Fishery Survey Vessel
FTD : Feet Per Day (movement of groundwater)
FTE : Full Time Equivalent
FTE : Full Time Employee
FTP : File Transfer Protocol
FUDS : Formerly Used Defense Sites

FUND : Framework for Uncertainty, Negotiation and Distribution
FUNDAECO : Foundation for Eco-development and Conservation
FUTURE : Forecasting and Understanding Trends, Uncertainty and Responses of the North Pacific Ecosystem (PICES)
FV : Net Global Ocean Freshwater Volume
FWC : Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FL)
FWCA : Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
FWCC : Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
FWG : Fleet Working Group
FWI : French West Indies
FWRI : Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FL)
FWS : Fish and Wildlife Service (DOI)
FY : Fiscal Year

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G : Guanine
G&O : Goals and Objectives (Coral Reef Conservation Program)
GA : Growth Anomaly
GABMP : Great Australian Bight Marine Park
GAC : Global Area Coverage
GADTC : Guam Aquaculture Development and Training Center (UOG)
GAFC : Great Annual Fish Count (REEF)
GAG : Glass to Altered-Glass
GAIN : Global Adaptation Alliance

GALS : Giant African Land Snail
GAM : Generalized Additive Model
GAME : Geospatial Assessment of Marine Ecosystems (FWRI)
GANs : Global Action Networks
GAO : Government Accountability Office
GAPDH : Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase
GARM : Groundfish Assessment Review Meeting
GATT : General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GAW : Global Atmosphere Watch
GB : Gigabase Pairs
gb : gigabyte
GBF : Global Biodiversity Forum
GBIF : Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GBO : Global Biodiversity Outlook
GBR : Great Barrier Reef
GBRDS : Global Biodiversity Resources Discovery System (GBIF)
GBRMP : Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
GBRMPA : Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
GBROOS : Great Barrier Reef Ocean Observing System
GBRRF : Great Barrier Reef Research Foundation
GBRWhA : Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area
GC : Gas Chromatography
GC : Green Canyon
GC : General Council (NOAA)

GC/MS : Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer
GCA : Groundfish Conservation Area
GCAM : Global Change Assessment Model
GCC : Gulf Corporation Council
GCC : Global Climate Change Program
GCC : Global Carbon Cycle
GCDD : Global Coral Disease Database
GCDIS : Global Change Distributed Information System
GCDIS : Global Change Data and Information Management System
GCEF : Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility
GCEL : General Council for Enforcement and Litigation
GCF : General Counsel Fisheries (NOAA)
GCFI : Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute
GCI : Global Change Institute (UQ)
GCM : General Circulation Model
GCM : Global Climate Models
GCMD : Global Change Master Directory (NASA)
GCMP : Guam Coastal Management Program
GCOOS : Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System
GCOOS-RA : GCOOS Regional Association
GCOS : Global Climate Observing System
GCPO LCC : Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks Landscape Conservation Cooperative
GCRA : Global Coral Reef Alliance
GCRCGP : General Coral Reef Conservation Grants Program (CRCP/NOAA)

GCRI : Guam Coral Reef Initiative
GCRICC : Guam Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee
GCRIPAC : Guam Coral Reef Initiative Policy Advisory Committee
GCRMN : Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
GCRP : Global Change Research Program
GCW : Global Compendium of Weeds
GDAC : Global Data Assembly Center
GDIs : Gross Domestic Investments
GDNR : Georgia Department of Natural Resources
GDP : Gross Domestic Product
GDR : Geophysical Data Record
GDRI : Groupement de Recherche Internationale
GE-BICH : IODE Group of Experts on Biological and Chemical Data Management and Exchange Practices
GEBCO : General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans
GEC : Green Electronics Council
GEF : Global Environment Fund
GEF : Global Environment Facility (established within the World Bank)
GEIC : Global Environmental Information Centre (UN)
GELTSPAP : Group of Experts on Long-Term Scientific Policy and Planning (IOC)
GEMIM : Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (IODE)
GEMPA-EA : Group of Experts in Marine Protected Areas for Eastern Africa
GEMS : Global Environmental Monitoring System
GENIE : Grid Enabled Integrated Earth System Model

GEO : Group on Earth Observations
GEO : Geosynchronous Orbit
GEO : Global Environment Outlook
GEO BON : Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network
GEO-IDE : Global Earth Observing Integrated Data Environment
GEOHAB : Global Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms
GEONETCast : A global network of satellite based data dissemination systems providing environmental data to a world-wide user community.
GEOS : Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite
GEOSECS : Geochemical Ocean Section Study
GEOSS : Global Environment Observation System of Systems
GEOSTAR : Geophysical and Oceanographic Station for Abyssal Research
GeoTIFF : Georeferenced Tagged Image File Format
GEPA : Guam's Environmental Protection Agency
GERG : Geochemical and Environmental Research Group
GERM : Geochemical Earth Reference Model
GESAMP : Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
GF : Groundfish
GFCM : General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
GFCS : Global Framework for Climate Services
GFDL : Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research)
GFDL-CM2 : Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory - Coupled Model version 2 (NOAA)
GNMS : Gulf of the Farallones National marine Sanctuary
GFP : Green Fluorescent Protein

GFSP : Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan
GH : gear hours
GHG : Green House Gas
GHHS : Global Self-Consistent, Hierarchical, High-Resolution Shoreline Database
GHM : Global Hydrological Model
GHML : Gas Hydrate Markup Language
GHR-CAPS : Global Health Research Capacity Strengthening Program (Canada)
GHR SST : Group for High Resolution Sea Surface Temperature
GHR SST-PP : GODAE High Resolution SST Pilot Project
GI : Grand Isle
GIBS : George Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability
GIF : Graphics Interchange Format
GIFA : Governing International Fishery Agreement
GIN : Global Islands Network
GIPME : Global Investigation of Pollution in the Marine Environment (IOC Scientific Committee)
GIRM : Marine Resources Research Group
GIS : Geographical Information System; Global Information System
GIS : Greenland Ice Sheet
GISD : Global Invasive Species Database
GISI : Global Invasive Species Initiative
GISP : Global Invasive Species Programme
GISS : Goddard Institute for Space Studies (NASA)
GISTEMP : Goddard Institute for Space Studies Surface Temperature Analysis
GIT : Georgia Institute of Technology

GIWA : Global International Waters Assessment
GL : Great Lakes
GLADA : Global Land Degradation Assessment and Improvement
GLC : Gas-Liquid Chromatography
GLERL : Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (NOAA)
GLISA : Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments
GLISPA : Global Island Partnership
GLM : General Linear Model
GLMEM : Generalized Linear Mixed Effect Model
GloBallast : Global Ballast Water Management Programme
GLOBE : Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment
GLOBEC : Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Research Program
GLOF : Glacier Lake Outburst Flood
GLOMIS : Global Mangrove Database and Information System
GLORIA : Geological LOnge-Range Inclined Asdic side-scan sonar
GLOS : Great Lakes Observing System
GLOSS : Global Sea-Level Observing System
GLWQA : Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
GM : Genetically modified
GMAC : Global Marine and Arctic Programme (IUCN)
GMAF : Guam Marine Awareness Foundation
GMAO : Global Modeling and Assimilation Office
GmbH : Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung (Company with Limited Liability)
GMBIS : Gulf of Maine Biogeographic Information System

GMD : Global Monitoring Division (NOAA)
GMFMC : Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
GMI : Global Marine Initiative
GMO : Genetically Modified Organism
GMOs : Genetically Modified Organisms
GMP : General Management Plan
GMP : Global Marine Program
GMP : Grouper Moon Project
GMPAs : Grenada Marine Protected Areas
GMR : Galapagos Marine Reserve
GMS : Grocott-Gomori's Methenamine Silver Stain
GMSA : Global Marine Species Assessment
GMSL : Global Mean Sea Level
GMSLR : Global Mean Sea Level Rise
GMSROSP : Gulf of Maine Strategic Regional Ocean Science Plan
GMST : Global Mean Surface Temperature
GMT : Global Mean Temperature
GMT : Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu or Coordinated Universal Time)
GMT : Groundfish Management Team.
GMU : George Mason University
GND : Grama Niladari Divisions
GNDB : Geographic Names Database
GNET : Global Network of Environment and Technology

GNGS : Gulfstream Natural Gas Systems
GNIS : Geographic Names Information System
GNMPA : Grenadines Network of Marine Protected Areas
GNOME : General NOAA Oil Modeling Environment
GNP : Gross National Product
GNP : Guadeloupe National Park (Parc national de la Guadeloupe)
gNPP : Global NPP
GNS : GEOnet Names Server
GOA : Gulf of Alaska
GoB : Government of Belize
GOBI : Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative
GoC : Government of Cuba
GODAE : Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment
GODAR Project : Global Oceanographic Data Archaeology and Rescue Project (NOAA)
GODC : Ghana Oceanographic Data Centre
GOE : Great Oxidation Event
GOEF : Department of Environment and Forests (India)
GOES : Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites
GOG : Government of Grenada
GOI : Government of Indonesia
GOL : Global Ocean Legacy (PEG)
GoM : Gulf of Mannar
GOM & CR : Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean
GoM-HYCOM : Gulf of Mexico Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model (RSMAS)

GoMA : Census of Marine Life Gulf of Maine Area Program
GOMA : Gulf of Mexico Alliance
GoMAP : Gulf of Maine Areas Program
GOMBRT : Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve Trust
GoMEX : Census of Marine Life Gulf of Mexico Area Program
GOMEX : Gulf of Mexico
GoMOOS : Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System
GoMRC : Gulf of Mexico Regional Collaboration Team
GoMRCT : Gulf of Mexico Regional Coordinating Team)
GOODS : Global Open Oceans and Deep Sea-habitats
GOOS : Global Ocean Observing System
GOOS-IOS : GOOS – Initial Observing System
GOS : Global Observing System
GOS : Geospatial One Stop
GOS : Global Ocean Sampling Expedition
GOSIC : Global Observings Systems Information Center
GOSTA : Global Ocean Surface Temperature Atlas
GOSUD : Global Ocean Surface Underway Data
GOTM : General Ocean Turbulence Model
GoV : Government of Vietnam
GovGuam : Government of Guam
GP : General Permit
GP : Great Pond Bay watershed
GPA : Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

(UNEP)
GPCC : Global Precipitation Climatology Centre
GPD : Gallons Per Day
GPN : Groupe de Plongée Narbonnais
GPO : GOOS Planning Office
GPP : Gross Primary Productivity
GPRA : Government Performance and Results Act of 1993
GPS : Global Positioning System
GPSRO : Global Positioning System Radio Occultation
GPTK : GIS Portal Toolkit (Smithsonian Institution)
GPW : Gridded Population of the World
GR : Growth Rate
GR : Green Reef (Belize)
GRACE : Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment
GRAMED : Global and Regional Assessments of the Marine Environment Database (UNEP)
GRC : Gerace Research Centre (COB)
GRDC : Global Runoff Data Centre (Germany)
GREAT : Gulf Reef Environmental Action Team
GREI : Green Reef Environmental Institute (Belize)
GRFP : Graduate Research Fellowship Program
GRID : Global Resource Information Database
GRMR : Glover's Reef Marine Reserve (Belize)
GRMRS : Glover's Reef Marine Research Station (Belize)
GRNMS : Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary

GRT : GrossRegistered Tons
GRULAC : Group of Latin American and the Caribbean
GS : Governance Structures
GSA : General Services Administration
GSA : Geological Society of America
GSA : Grouper Spawning Aggregation
GSAP-NHC : Global Strategy and Action Plan for further mobilisation of Natural History Collections data worldwide (GBIF).
GSC : GOOS Steering Committee
GSF : Generic Sensor Format
GSF : Gross Square Feet
GSFC : Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA)
GSI : Gonadosomatic Index
GSI : Geological Survey of Israel
GSI : Genetic Stock Identification
GSICS : Global Space-based Intercalibration System (NOAA)
GSMFC : Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
GSN : Global Seismic Network
GSST : GODAE Scientific Steering Team
GST : Glutathione S-Transferase
GtC : Gigaton Carbon
GTI : Global Taxonomy Initiative; Global Taxonomic Initiative
GTMNER : Guano Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Reserve
GTOS : Global Terrestrial Observing System

GTP : Global Temperature Potential or Global Temperature Change Potential
GTS : Global Telecommunications System
GTSP : Global Temperature-Salinity Profile Program (also Global Temperature-Salinity Pilot Project)
GU : Guam
GUI : Graphical User Interface
GulFIN : Gulf Fisheries Information Network
GURTs : Genetic Use Restriction Technologies
GVB : Guam Visitors Bureau
GVI : Global Vision International
GWA : Guam Waterworks Authority
GWP : Global Warming Potential

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H-ADCP : Horizontal Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
ha : Hectare
HAAP : High-Altitude Aerial Photograph
HAB : Harmful Algal Bloom
HAB : Habitat Program (NOAA)
HAB Programme : Harmful Algal Bloom Programme (IOC/UNESCO)
HAB-S : Harmful Algal Blooms Section (PICES)
HABARB : Harmful Algal Blooms and Analytical Response Branch (NCCOS/NOAA)
HABCAM : Habitat Mapping Camera System
HabITS : Habitat Information Tracking System
HABs : Harmful Algal Blooms

HABSOS : Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System
HACCP : Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
HadCM3 : Hadley Centre Climate Prediction Model 3
HadCRUT4 : Hadley Centre/Climatic Research Unit Gridded Surface Temperature Data Set 4
HadGEM2-ES : Hadley Centre New Global Environmental Model version 2 Earth System
HadRM3 : Hadley Centre Regional Model 3
HAN : Harmful Algae News (IOC/UNESCO)
HAPC : Habitat Area of Particular Concern
HAR : Hawaii Administrative Rules
HARITA : Horn of Africa Risk Transfer for Adaptation
HAS : Hawaii Audubon Society
HAT : Histone Acetyltransferase
HAZMAT : Hazardous Materials
HAZWOP : Hazardous Waste Operations
HAZWOPER : Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard
HBOI : Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution
HBS : Hawaii Biological Survey
HC : Hard Coral
HC : Heat content
HC : Habitat Conservation
HC : Habitat Committee
HCD : Habitat Conservation Division
HCFC : Hydrochlorofluorocarbon
HCFPA : Hans Creek Fisheries Protected Area

HCMR : Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece)
HCMR : Hol Chan Marine Reserve (Belize)
HCN : Historical Climate Network
HCN : Hydrogen Cyanide
HCP : Habitat Conservation Plan
HCRI : Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative
HCRI-RP : Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative-Research Program
HCRIB : Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative Computer Interactive Bibliography
HCSS : Habitat Conservation Scientific Services (FWC Florida)
HDAC : Histone Deacetylase
HDAR : Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources
HDF : Hierarchical Data Format
HDF-SDS : Hierarchical Data Format - Scientific Data Set
HDI : Human Development Index
HE : Hypoxia Effect
HEA : Habitat equivalency analysis
HEAR : Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk project
HEART : Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles
HEC : Hydrologic Engineering Center
HECO : Hawaiian Electric Company Inc.
HELCOM : Helsinki Commission
HEPA : High Efficiency Particle Attenuator
HERMES : Hotspot Ecosystem Research on the Margins of European Seas
HERMIONE : Hotspot Ecosystem Research and Man’s Impact on European Seas

HEW : Health, Education, and Welfare
HF : High Frequency
HFC : Hydrofluorocarbons
HFO : Honolulu Forecast Office (NWS/NOAA)
HHS : Department of Health and Human Services
HHT : Husbandry, Handling, and Transport (MAC)
HI : Hawaii
HIC : High-Income Country
HIHWNMS : Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine sanctuary (NOAA)
HIMAG : Hawaii Marine Algae Group
HIMB : Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (UHI)
HINWR : Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge
HiOOS : Hawaii Ocean Observing System
HIPAA : Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIR : humoral immune response
HIR : Hawaiian Islands Reserve
HIRHAM : High-Resolution Hamburg Climate Model
HIRMI : Hawaii Island Reef Monitoring Initiative
HIRS : Heron Island Research Station
HIRSA : Hawaii Island Resort Scuba Association
HISC : Hawaii Invasive Species Council
HIWG : Hawaii Interagency Coral Reef Mitigation Working Group
HKMCS : Hong Kong Marine Conservation Society

HL : Hydrology Laboratory (NOAA)
HLIP : High Light Induced Protein
HLLE : Head and Lateral Line Erosion
HLOP : Hawaii Longline Observer Program
HLSBS : High-Latitude Spring Bloom Systems
HMAP : History of Marine Animal Populations
HML : Hollings Marine Laboratory (NOAA)
HMP : Habitat Matching Program
HMRD : Hazardous Materials and Response Division (NOAA)
HMRFS : Hawaiian Marine Recreational Fishery Survey
HMRG : Hawaii Mapping and Research Group
HMS : Highly Migratory Species
HMSRP : Hawaii Monk Seal Recovery Plan
HMSRT : Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Team
HMT : Hybrid Mapping Tool
HNIS : Harmful Non-Indigenous Species Database (Hawaii)
HNL : Honolulu
HNLC : High Nutrient, Low Chlorophyll
Ho : Null Hypothesis
HOMRC : Hawaii Ocean and Marine Resources Council
HOST : Hawaii Ocean Safety Team
HOTO : Health of the Oceans
HOTS : Hawaii Ocean Time Series
HP : Habitat Program

HP : Hedonic Pricing
HPCC : High Performance Computing and Communications
HPDD : High Pressure Directional Drilling
HPLC : High Performance Liquid Chromatography
HPO : Historic Preservation Office (RMI)
HPRD : Habitat and Protected Resource Division (NMFS/NOAA)
HPSB : High-Performance Sustainable Building
HPU : Hawaii Pacific University
HQ : Headquarters
HRI : Healthy Reefs for Healthy People Initiative
HRI : Harte Research Institute
HROV : Hybrid Remotely Operated Vehicle
HRPT : High Resolution Picture Transmission
HRRA : Hagatna Restoration and Redevelopment Authority
HRS : Hawaii Revised Statute
HS : High Seas
HSC : Division of Habitat and Species Conservation (FWC Florida)
HSC : Hazardous Substances Committee (OSPAR)
HSCN : Thiocyanic Acid
HSD : Honestly Significant Difference (as in Tukey HSD Test)
HSF : Heat Shock Factor
HSF : Hawaii Scale Feet
HSI : Habitat Suitability Index
HSL : Hazardous Substance List

HSMB : High School Marine Biology Program (Shedd Aquarium)
HSEMPA : High Seas Marine Protected Areas
HSPs : Heat Shock Proteins
HURL : Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory
HVAC : Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
HVACR : Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
HWF : Hawaii Wildlife Fund
HWMO : Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization
HWU : Heriot-Watt University (Scotland)
HY-INT : Hydroclimatic Intensity
HYCOM : HYbrid Coordinate Ocean Model

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I&FF : Investment and Financial Flows
I&M : Inventory and Monitoring
I&M of NPS/SFCN : Inventory and Monitoring Program, National Park Service/South Florida Caribbean Network
I-CREOS : International Network of Coral Reef Ecosystem Observing Systems
I-RASC : Infra Red Light Against Surveillance Camera
IAA : Inter-agency agreement
IABIN : Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network
IABO : International Association of Biological Oceanography
IAC : Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
IACGEC : Inter-Agency Committee on Global Environmental Change

IACMST : Inter-Agency Committee on Marine Science and Technology (UK)
IAEA : International Atomic Energy Agency
IAI : Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
IAM : Invertebrate and Algae Monitoring
IAM : Integrated Assessment Model
IAMSLIC : International Association of Aquatic & Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers
IAN : Integration and Application Network (UMD Center for Environmental Science)
IAP : International Advisory Panel
IAPSO : International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans
IAPT : International Association for Plant Taxonomy
IAS : Institute of Applied Science
IAS : Invasive Alien Species
IAS : Institute of Applied Sciences (USP)
IAS : Indian Administrative Service
IAS-HYCOM : Intra America Seas Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model (RSMAS)
IASCP : International Association for the Study of Common Property
IASI : Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer
IASNFS : Intra-Americas Sea Nowcast/Forecast System (NRL)
IATTC : Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
IAV : Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability
IBA : Important Bird Area
IBAMA : Brazilian Government Environmental Agency
IBC : International Bathymetric Charts
IBCCA : International Bathymetric Chart of the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico

IBD : Isolation By Distance
IBI : Index of Biological Integrity
IBM : Individual-Based Model
iBOL : International Barcode of Life
IBOY : International Biodiversity Observation Year
IBPoW : Programmes of Work on Island Biodiversity
IBRD : International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IBSS : Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas (Ukraine)
IC : Ion chromatography
IC : Impervious Cover
ICA : Inlet Contributing Area
ICA : International Council on Archives
ICAIS : International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species
ICAM : Integrated Coastal Area Management
ICBN : International Code of Botanical Nomenclature
ICC : International Coastal Cleanup
ICC : Island Coordinating Council (Australia)
ICC : Impervious Cover Coefficient
ICCAT : International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICCB : International Conference on Coelenterate Biology
ICCB : International Congress for Conservation Biology
ICCOS : Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Offshore Surveys
ICCOS : International Centre for Coastal and Ocean Policy Studies
ICCP : International Climate Change Partnership

ICEDA : Icelandic International Development Agency
ICEM : International Centre for Environmental Management
ICES : International Council for the Exploration of the Seas
ICETA : Instituto de Ciências e Tecnologias Agrárias e Agro-Alimentares (UP)
ICF : Instituto Nacional de Conservacion y Desarrollo Forestal, Areas Protegidas y Vida Silvestre
ICIS : Integrated Catch Information Systems
ICLARM : International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (now WorldFish Centre)
ICLEI : International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
ICM : Impervious Cover Model
ICM : Integrated Coastal Management (also IC Zone M and IC Area M)
ICMA : Integrated Coastal Management Authority (Cuba)
ICMBio : Brazilian Governmental Agency for Biodiversity Conservation
ICOADS : International Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Data Set
ICOD : Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics
ICOHH : International Center for Ocean and Human Health (BIOS)
ICOLL : Intermittently Closed and Open Lakes and Lagoon
ICoMM : International Census of Marine Microbes
ICON : Integrated Coral Observing Network
ICON/CREWS : Integrated Coral Observing Network/Coral Reef Early Warning System (NOAA)
ICOOS : Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009
ICOSRMI : Interagency Committee on Ocean Science and Resource Management Integration
ICP : Integrated Contingency Plan
ICPAC : International Climate Prediction and Applications Centre

ICPT : Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (Trieste, Italy)
ICRAM : Central Institute for Applied Marine Research (Italy)
ICRAN : International Coral Reef Action Network
ICRI : International Coral Reef Initiative
ICRIN : International Coral Reef Information Network
ICRMN : Indian Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
ICRS : International Coral Reef Symposium
ICS : Incident Command System
ICS : International Commission on Stratigraphy
ICSU : International Council of Scientific Unions
ICT : Information Communication Technology
ICTF : Irish Coral Task Force
ICTs : Information and Communication Technologies
ICTV : International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses
ICW : Intracoastal waterway
ICWRP : International Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership
ICZM : Integrated Coastal Zone Management
ICZN : International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature; sometimes used for the "International Code of Zoological Nomenclature"
ID : Identification
IDA : Inventory, Discovery, Access (GBIF)
IDA : Intensely Developed Areas
IDB : Inter-American Development Bank
IDCA : International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992

IDCPA : International Dolphin Conservation Program Act
IDDE : Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
IDDE : Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
IDEA : Integrated Data and Environmental Applications Center (NOAA)
IDEAM : Instituto de Estudios Ambientales (Colombia)
IDIQ : Indefinite Duration, Indefinite Quantity
IDL : Interactive Data Language
IdO : Instituto de Oceanología (Institute of Oceanology - Cuba)
IDOE : International Decade of Ocean Exploration
IDRC : International Development Research Center
IE : Interoperability Experiment
IEA : Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (NOAA)
IEA : International Energy Agency
IEAs : Integrated Ecosystem Assessments
IEDC : International Economic Development Council
IEE : Initial Environmental Examination
IEEE : Institute for Electronics and Electrical Engineering
IEF : Isoelectric Focusing
IEI : International Environment Institute (UMT)
IEM : Integrated Ecosystem Management
IEO : Instituto Espanol de Oceanografía (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)
IEOS : International Earth Observing System
IERP : Integrated Ecosystem Research Program
IES : Institute of Ecology and Systematics (CITMA)

IET : International Expert Team
IETM : Initial Eocene Thermal Maximum
IFA : Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act
IFAME : Institute for Applied Marine Ecology (CSUMB)
IFARMC : Integrated Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils (Philippines)
IFEMS : Integrated Fishery and Environmental Management Statement
IFISH : International Fishing Industry Safety & Health
IFLA : International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
IFLPP : International Fisheries Law and Policy Portal
IFPRI : International Food Policy Research Institute
IFRECOR : L'Initiative Française sur les Récifs Coralliens (French Coral Reef Initiative)
IFREMER : Institut Francais de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea)
IFRO : Iranian Fisheries Research Organization
IFTS : Introduction from the Sea
IGAD : Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGARSS : International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium
IGBA : Island Green Building Association
IGBP : International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (ICSU)
IGBP-DIS : International Geosphere-Biosphere Program Data and Information System
IGDR : Interim Geophysical Data Record
IGEO : Institute of Tropical Geography (CITMA)
IGERT : Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (NSF)
IGO : Intergovernmental Organization

IGOS : Integrated Global Observing Strategy
IGOSS : Integrated Global Ocean Services System
IGR : Intergenic Region
IGU : International Geophysical Union
IHEI : International Hotels Environment Initiative
IHO : International Hydrographic Organization
IIFB : International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
IIOE : International Indian Ocean Expedition
IJEPA : Indonesia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement
IKBS : Iterative Knowledge Base System (La Réunion. Fr)
IKONOS : High-resolution commercial earth imaging satellite operated by Space Imaging, Inc
ILA : Industrial, Landscaping, and Agricultural
ILMMA : Indonesia Locally Managed Marine Area Foundation
ILO : International Labor Organization
ILTER : International Long-Term Ecological Research
iLUC : Indirect Land Use Change
IMA : Institute of Marine Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
IMA : International Marinelife Alliance
IMAGE : Integrated Model to Assess the Global Environment
IMAR : Institute of Marine Research (UA)
IMarEST : Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (SIO)
IMARPE : Instituto del Mar del Perú
IMaRS : Institute for Marine Remote Sensing (USF)
IMAU : Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Resesarch (The Netherlands)

IMB : Institute of Molecular Biology (UO)
IMBER : Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research
IMBY : In My Backyard
IMCC : International Marine Conservation Congress
IMCC2 : 2nd International Marine Conservation Congress
IMCRA : Interim Marine and Coastal Regionalisation for Australia
IMDC : International Marine Debris Conference
IMDC5 : Fifth International Marine Debris Conference
IMDCC : Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee
IMDIS : International Marine Data and Information Systems
IMECOCAL : Investigaciones Mexicanas de la Corriente de California
IMF : International Monetary Fund
IMMMA : Indonesia Marine Mammal Management Area
IMMR : International Meeting on Marine Resources
IMN : Idiopathic Muscle Necrosis
IMN : Integrated Monitoring Network (NOAA/AOML)
IMO : International Maritime Organization
IMO : International Maritime Organisation
IMOS : Integrated Marine Observing System (Australia)
IMP : Inlet Management Plan
IMPAC : International Marine Project Activities Center
IMPACT : Integrated Marine Protected Area Climate Tool
IMPASP : Integrated Marine Protected Areas Systems Plan (Seychelles)
IMPROVE : Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments

IMS : Information Management System
IMS : Institute of Marine Science (Tanzania)
IMS : Internet Map Server
IMS : Institute of Marine Sciences (UNC-Morehead City)
IMSG : I.M. Systems Group
IMSTI : Institute of Marine Scientific and Technological Information
IMSWE : Investigations of Marine Shallow Water Ecosystems
INAPESCA : Instituto Nacional de Pesca (Mexico)
INBS : Index Nesting Beach Survey
INC : Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity
INCO : Iranian National Center for Oceanography
INCOIS : Indian National Center for Ocean Information Service
INDEX-SATAL : Indonesia-US Scientific and Technical Cooperation in Ocean Exploration
INDOEX : Indian Ocean Experiment
INDOOS : Indian Ocean Observing System
INE : Instituto Nacional de Ecología (National Institute of Ecology - Mexico)
INISTE : International Network for Information in Science and Technology Education
INOCAR : Instituto Oceanográfico de la Armada (Ecuador)
INODC : Indian National Oceanographic Data Center
INPARQUES : Venezuelan national parks body
InPort : Information Portal (NOAA/NMFS)
INPUT : Working Group on Inputs to the Marine Environment (OSPAR)
INRENA : National Institute for Natural Resource

INRMP : Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (DoD)
InSAR : Synthetic Aperture Radar
INVEMAR : Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas y Costeras (Colombia)
IO : Instant Ocean
IOBC : Indian Ocean Biological Centre
IOBC : International Organization for Biological Control of Noxious Animals and Plants
IOBIS : International OBIS
IOBP : International Organization of Plant Biosystematists
IOC : Indian Ocean Commission
IOC : Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOCARIBE : Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
IOCARIBE-GOOS : Caribbean GOOS
IOCM : Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping (NOAA)
IOD : Indian Ocean Dipole
IODE : International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
IODP : Integrated Ocean Drilling Program
IOGOOS : Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System
IOI : International Ocean Institute
IOLR : Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research
IOM : International Organization of Migration
ION : International Ocean Network
IOOS : Integrated Ocean Observing System (NOAA)
IOP : Inherent Optical Properties

IOS : Integrated Global Observing System
IOS : IGOSS Observing System
IOS : Institute of Oceanographic Sciences (Canada)
IOS : Integrated Observing System
IOS : Indian Ocean Tracking Station
IOS : Improved Oceanographic Sensor
IOSEA : Indian Ocean-South-East Asian
IOTC : Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IP : Individual Permit
IPAS : Integrated Protected Areas System
IPBES : Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
IPBES : Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
IPCC : Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPCC AR5 : Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 5th Assessment Report
IPHAB : Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (IOC)
APIECA : International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association
IPL : Polytechnic Institute of Leiria (Portugal)
IPM : Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (UN)
IPMEN : International Pacific Marine Educators Network (Australia)
IPO : Integrated Program Office
IPO : Inter-decadal Pacific Oscillation
IPOA : International Plan of Action
IPR : Independent Peer Review
IPR : Intellectual Property Rights

IPRS : International Post-graduate Research Scholarships
IPT : Integrated Products Team
IPT : Interdisciplinary Plan Team
IPY : International Polar Year
IQA : Information Quality Act (NMFS/NOAA)
IR : InfraRed
IRAP : International Research and Applications Project
IRCCM : International Research Consortium on Continental Margins
IRCP : International Registry of Coral Pathology
IRCP : Institute for Pacific Coral Reefs (Moorea, French Polynesia)
IRD : Institut de recherche pour le développement
IREMIA : Institut de Recherche en Mathématiques et Informatique Appliquées (La Réunion, Fr)
IREP : International Recruitment Project (OSLR/IOC)
IRF : Island Resources Foundation (BVI)
IRFA : Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
IRI : International Research Institute for Climate and Society
IRL : Indian River Lagoon
IRRM : Integrated Reef Resources Management (St. Thomas)
IS : Ionian Sea
ISA : International Seabed Authority
ISAF : International Shark Attack File
ISAT : Image Station Automatic Triangulation
ISATEC : International Studies in Aquatic Tropical Ecology
ISBW : International Seagrass Biology Workshop

ISDM : Integrated Science Data Management (BIO/Canada)
ISE : Ion Selective Electrode
ISEM : International Society for Ecological Modelling
ISFD : Institute for Strategic Funding Development (UHI)
ISFET : Ion Sensitive Field Effect Transistor
ISFS : Invasive Species Forecasting System
ISH : In Situ Hybridization
ISI : Implement Season to Interannual Climate Forecasts
ISI-MIP : Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison Project
IsiMWP : IsiMangaliso Wetland Park (South Africa)
ISIN : Invasive Species Information Node (NBII)
ISISA : International Small Islands Studies Association (UTAS)
ISJ : Ichthyological Society of Japan
ISM : Imperiled Species Management (FWC Florida)
ISMA : Intensively Studied Marine Area
ISME : International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems
ISO : International Organization for Standardization
ISOECOL VII : 7th International Conference on Applications of Stable Isotope Techniques to Ecological Studies
ISP : Internet Service Provider
ISPS : International Ship and Port Facility Security
ISR : Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance
ISRAMAR : Israel Marine Data Center
ISRO : Indian Space Research Organization (INDIA)

ISRS : International Society for Reef Studies
ISSD : Image Station Stereo Display
ISSE : Institute for the Study of Society and Environment
ISSG : Invasive Species Specialist Group
ISSHA : International Society for the Study of Harmful Algae
ISSSS : International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity
ISTIC : International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre (UNESCO)
IT : Information Technology
ITA : International Trade Administration
ITCA : 2-iminothiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid
ITCZ : Intertropical Convergence Zone
ITEC : Institute for Tropical Ecology and Conservation (Panama)
ITEE : School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering (UQ)
ITF : Intertropical Front
ITF : Indonesian Throughflow
ITIC : International Tsunami Information Centre
ITIS : Integrated Taxonomic Information System
ITME : Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology (Dominica)
ITMEMS : International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium
ITQ : Individual Transferable Quota
ITS : Internal Transcribed Spacer
ITS : Industrial Test Systems
ITTO : International Tropical Timber Organization
IUBS : International Union of Biological Sciences

IUCN : International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources; World Conservation Union
IUCN-ELG : International Union for Conservation of Nature - Ecosystems and Livelihoods Group
IUCN-GMP : International Union for Conservation of Nature - Global Marine Program
IUI : Interuniversity Institute of Marine Science in Eilat
IUMS : International Union of Microbiological Sciences
IUPA : Index of Usefulness of Practices for Adaptation
IUPAC : International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
IUU : Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated
IUU Fishing : Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing
IW:LEARN : International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network
IWC : International Whaling Commission
IWC : International Wildlife Coalition
IWCAM : Integrating Watershed and Coastal Area Management
IWG : Interagency Working Group
IWG-OCM : Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping
IWGDD : Inter-agency Working Group for Scientific Digital Data
IWGDMGC : Interagency Working Group on Data Management for Global Change
IWGOA : Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification (JSOST)
IWM : International Waters Management
IWM : Integrated Watershed Management
IWMI : International Water Management Institute
IWR : Impaired Waters Rule
IWRM : Integrated Water Resource Management

IYB : International Year of Biodiversity (UNESCO)
IYO : International Year of the Oceans
IYOR : International Year of the Reef

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J-CAT : Jurisdictional Capacity Assessment Team (Guam)
JAB : Japanese Association of Benthology
JACADS : Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System (DoD)
JACRAP : Jamaica National Environmental Action Plan
JAG : Joint Analysis Group
JALBTCX : Joint Airborne Lidar Bathymetry Technical Center of Expertise
JAMP : Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (OSPAR)
JAMSTEC : Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology
JASADCP : Joint Archive for Shipboard Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (NOAA)
JASL : Joint Archive for Sea Level (NOAA/UHI)
JASMINE : Joint Air-Sea Monsoon Interaction Experiment
JBEI : Joint BioEnergy Institute (DOE)
JBMP : Jervis Bay Marine Park (Australia)
JBNERR : Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
JCA : Japanese Coral Association
JCDT : Jamaica Conservation Development Trust
JCOMM : Joint Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (WMO-IOC)
JCOMM : Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commision for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (WMO-IOC)
JCP : Joint Coastal Permit

JCRMN : Jamaica Coral Reef Monitoring Network (Jamaica)
JCRS : Japanese Coral Reef Society
JCSDA : Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation
JCU : James Cook University
JCUNQ : James Cook University of North Queensland
JEA : Joint Enforcement Agreement
JEMBE : Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology
JGI : Joint Genome Institute (DOE)
JGOFS : Joint Global Ocean Flux Study
JGSA : John G. Shedd Aquarium
JHC : Joint Hydrographic Center (UNH/NOAA)
JHSTSE : Japan-Hawaii Sea Turtle and Seabird Experiment
JIMAR : Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (UHI)
JIMO : Joint Institute for Marine Observations (NOAA)
JISAO : Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean (NOAA/UW)
JLG : Joint Liaison Group
JMA : Japan Meteorological Agency
JNCC : Joint Nature Conservation Committee
JOBANERR : Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
JOCI : Joint Ocean Commission Initiative
JOMS : Journal of Oceanography and Marine Science
JPEG : Joint Photographic Experts Group
JPL : Jet Propulsion Laboratory
JSC : Joint Scientific Committee

JSL : Johnson-Sea-Link
JSOST : Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (U.S.)
JSPS : Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
JVDPS : Jost van Dykes Preservation Society (BVI)
JWG : Joint working group
JWRC : Japan Wildlife Research Cener

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KADA : Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority
KADO : Keys Association of Dive Operators
KAM : Knowledge Assessment Methodology
KAUST : King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
KB : Kilobase
KBA : Key Biodiversity Areas
KBMPA : Kimbe Bay Marine Protected Area (New Guinea)
KBP : 1000 Base Pairs
KCN : Potassium Cyanide
Kd : Vertical Attenuation of Downwelling Irradiance
KDM : German Marine Research Consortium; Konsortiums Deutsche Meeresforschung
KEYS : Keep Your Eyes on the Reef Program
KFP : Kindling Fluorescent Protein
KGCM : Knowledge Generation, Communication, and Management
KHFMA : Kahekili Herbivore Fisheries Management Area
KIRC : Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

KIRMP : Kosrae Island Resource Management Program
KISR : Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
KM : Knowledge Management
KMFRI : Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
KML : Keys Marine Laboratory
KML : Kewalo Marine Laboratory (UH)
KML : Keyhole Markup Language
KMLAC : Kaupulehu Marine Life Advisory Committee
KMRS : Kimberley Marine Research Station (Western Australia)
KNP : Komodo National Park (Indonesia)
KOE : Kuroshio-Oyashio Extension
KORDI : Korean Oceanology Research and Development Institute
KRS : Kwajalein Range Services
KSLOF : Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation
KVs : Key Vulnerabilities
kWh : kilowatt-hour
KWP : Kohala Watershed Partnership
KWS : Kenya Wildlife Service

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L2P : Level-2 Preprocessed (observations)
LAB : Lactic Acid Bacteria
LAB : Long-chain Linear Alkylbenzene
LAC : Latin America and Caribbean

LAC : Limits of Acceptable Change
LAC : Local Area Coverage
LADCP : Lowered Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
LADS : LAsEr Depth Sounding; Laser Airborne Depth Sounder
LAMTec : Laboratory of Marine Environment and Technology (UA)
LAN : Local area network
LANDSAT : Land Remote-Sensing Satellite
LAP : Low Altitude Photography
LAPA : Local Adaptation Plans of Action
LARS : Launch and Recovery Systems
LAS : Live Access Server
LAS : Local Action Strategy
LAT : Low Astronomical Tide
LBA : Large Scale Biosphere Atmosphere Experiment
LBL : Long Baseline
LBR : Legislative Budget Request
LBS : Land-Based Sources of Marine Pollution (Protocol of the Cartegena convention)
LBSMP : Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution
LBSP : Land-Based Sources of Pollution
LC : Leeuwin Current
LC : Live Coral
LC-50 : Lethal Concentration - 50%
LC-MS/MS : Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometric method
LCA : Long-Term Cooperative Action

LCC : Landscape Conservation Cooperative (Department of Interior)
LCC : large capacity cesspool
LCMF : Lakshadweep Cooperative Marketing Federation
LCR : Ligase Chain Reaction
LCRC : Little Cayman Research Centre
LCRMN : Lakshadweep Coral Reef Monitoring Network
LCS : Lagrangian Coherent Structures
LDA : Limited Development Areas
LDCF : Least Developed Countries Fund
LDCL : Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited
LDCs : Least Developed Countries
LDEO : Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory
LDGO : Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory
LDP : Leadership Development Program (NOAA)
LDUC : Land Development and Utilisation Commission (Jamaica)
LE : Division of Law Enforcement (FWC Florida)
LEAP : Legal Environmental Advocacy Programme (Silliman University)
LEAP : Local Early Action Plan
LEC : South Florida Water Management District Lower East Coast
LECZ : Low-Elevation Coastal Zone
LED : Light Emitting Diode
LEED : Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LEEF : League of Environmental Educators of Florida
Leibniz-ZMT GmbH : Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology

LEK : Local Ecological Knowledge
LEO : Low Earth Orbit
LF : Loose Fragment
Lg : Lagoon
LGCMP : Local Governance for Coastal Management Project
LGEEPA : General Law of Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection (Mexico)
LGM : Last Glacial Maximum
LGU : Local Government Unit
LHC : Light Harvesting Chlorophyll Complex
LHCII : Light Harvesting Complex of PSII
LI : Line Intercept
LIA : Live Impact Area
LIC : Low-Income Country
LID : Low Impact Development
LIDAR : Light Intensity Detection And Ranging
LIF : Laser Induced Fluorescence
LIM : Linear Inverse Modeling
LiMWA : Limit of Moderate Wave Action
LIPI : Academy of Sciences (Indonesia)
LIRS : Lizard Island Research Station
LIS : Informatic and Systematics Laboratory (Paris, Fr)
LISST : Laser In Situ Scattering and Transmissometry
LIT : Line Intercept Transect

LL : Longline
LLAS : Llanura Aluvial del Sur (Southern Alluvial lowland)
LLS : Laser Line Scan
LM : Light Microscopy
LMB : Lower Mekong River Basin
LME : Large Marine Ecosystem
LMFR : Lakshadweep Marine Fishing Regulation
LMICs : Lower Middle-Income Countries
LML : Leigh Marine Laboratory (UA/NZ)
LMMA : Local Marine Management Area
LMMA - LF : Locally-Managed Marine Area Learning Framework
LMO : Living Modified Organism
LMP : Land and Resource Management Plan
LMR : Living Marine Resources
LMRCC : Lakshadweep Marine Research and Conservation Centre
LNAPL : Light, Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
LNG : Liquefied Natural Gas
LNLC : Low Nitrogen, Low Chlorophyll
LVN : Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality (NA)
LO : Line Office
LOA's : Land Observation Activities (USGS)
LOC : Local Organizing Committe
LOCO : Layered Organization in the Coastal Ocean
LODS : Longline Observer Data System (NOAA)

LOEL : Lowest Observed Effects Level
LOER : Lake Okeechobee and Estuary Recovery
LOF : List of Fisheries
LOF : Living Oceans Foundation
LOFT : Lake Okeechobee Fast Track
LOI : Letter of Intent
LOICZ : Land-Ocean Interaction in the Coastal Zone
LOP : Letter of Permission
LOP2TP : Lake Okeechobee Watershed Construction Project, Phase II
LOPA : Lake Okeechobee Protection Act
LOQ : Nitrogen-Phosphorus Detector
LORAN : LOnG RAnge Navigation
LORSS : Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study
LOS : Law of the Sea
LOSA : Lake Okeechobee Service Area
LOSC : Law of the Sea Convention
LOWSM : Lake Okeechobee Water Shortage Management
LP : London Protocol
LP : Landsat Program (NASA)
LPA : Lack of Public Awareness (LAS)
LPI : Line-Point Intercept
LR : Live Rock
LRC : Local Resource Council
LRFFT : Live Reef Food Fish Trade

LRFT : Live Reef Fish Trade
LRNP : Los Roques National Park (Venezuela)
LS : Live Sand
LSB : University of Hawaii's Land Study Bureau
LSD : Light Stress Damage
LSD : Least Significant Difference
LSE : London School of Economics and Policy
LSID : Life Science Identifiers
LSLA : Large-Scale Land Acquisitions
LTAP : Long Term Acquisition Plan (LP)
LTC : Lobster Trap Certificate
LTER : Long-Term Ecological Research
LTM : Long-Term Monitoring
LTR : Lionfish Tissue Repository
LTRE : Life Table Response Experiment
LTRMP : Long-Term Resource Monitoring Program
LTSRF : Long Term Stewardship and Reanalysis Facility
LTVMP : Long-term Video-Monitoring Program (BIOS)
LUC : Hawaii Land Use Commission
LUCA : Last Universal Common Ancestor
LUCC : Land Use and Cover Change
LULUCF : Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry
LUMCON : Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium

LUMP : Land Use Management Plan
LUPAG : Hawaii County General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide
LW : Leeward

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M&A : Mitigation and Adaptation
MA : Millenium Ecosystem Assessment
MAA : Mycosporine-like Amino Acids
MAB : Man and the Biosphere
MAb : Monoclonal Antibody
MAB : Marine Air Breathers
MAC : Marine Aquarium Council
MACC : Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change
MACDDAP : Marine and Climate Data Discovery and Access Project
MACEMP : Marine and Coastal Environment Management Project (Tanzania)
MACHC : MesoAmerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission
MACNA : Marine Aquarium Conference of North America
MACOORA : Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association
MADS : Marine Assessment & Decision Support Programme (UNEP)
MADT : Minimum Acceptable Down Time
MAF : Marine Aquarium Fishes
MAFAC : Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee
MAFMC : Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
MAGICC : Model for the Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Induced Climate Change

MAMBO : Mediterranean Association for Marine Biology and Oceanology
MaNIS : Mammal Networked Information System
MANTA : Marine Science and Nautical Training Academy
MAP : Mediterranean Action Plan
MAP : Mean Annual Precipitation
MAP : Marine Affairs Program (DU)
MAP : Mangrove Action Project
MAP : Marine and Atmospheric Program (BIOS)
MAP : Monitoring and Assessment Plan
MAPCO2 : Moored Autonomous pCO2 (buoy)
MAPK : Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase
MAQTRAC : Marine Aquarium Trade Coral Reef Monitoring protocol
MAR : Meso American Reef
MAR : Meso-American Region
MAR : Mid-Atlantic Ridge
MAR : Mesoamerican Reef
MAR FUND : Meso American Reef Fund
MAR-DOP & ISR : Sea Institute, IMAR Center of the University of the Azores
MAR-ECO : Patterns and Processes of the Ecosystems of the Northern Mid-Atlantic
Mar-Eco : Census of Marine Life North Atlantic mid-ocean ridge
MARAD : Maritime Administration
MARAMP : Marianas Archipelago Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program; Marianas Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program; Marianas Research and monitoring Program
MarBEF : European Union Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Function

MARC : Machine-Readable Cataloging
MARC : Micronesian Area Research Center (UOG)
MARCO : Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean
MARD : Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Republic of Vietnam)
MARE : Marine Affairs Research and Education (UW)
MARE : Marine Applied Research & Exploration
MARENA : Nicaraguan Ministry of the Environment
MAREPAC : Marine Resources Pacific Consortium
MARFIN : Marine Fisheries Initiative
MARINE : Monterey Area Research Institutions' Network for Education
MarLIN : Marine Life Information Network (UK)
MARNR : Venezuelan Agency for Managing National Parks
MARPLOT : Mapping Application for Response, Planning, and Local Operational Tasks
MARPOL : The International Convention of the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MARPOLMON : Marine Pollution Monitoring Program
MARS : Marine Autonomous Reef Surveyor (Trinidad and Tobago)
MARS : Monterey Accelerated Research System (MBARI)
MaRSIS : Marine Resource and Space-use Information System
MARTI : Mesoamerical Reef Tourism Initiative
MARUM : Center for Marine Environmental Sciences; Marine Umweltwissenschaften (Germany)
MAS : Marker-Assisted Selection
MASC : Department of Marine Sciences (UNC-Chapel Hill)
MASDEA : MARine Species Database for Eastern Africa
MASM : Marinelife Aquarium Society of Michigan

MASNA : Marine Aquarium Societies of North America
MAT : Marine AquariumTrade
MATE : Marine Advanced Technology Education
MAV : military armored vehicle (DoD)
MAW : Modified Atlantic Water
MB : Megabyte
MB : Megabase
MBA : Marine Biological Association
MBARI : Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute
MBES : Marine Biomedicine and Environmental Sciences Center (Medical University of South Carolina)
MBES : multibeam echosounder
MBF : Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries (RSMAS)
MBI : Marine Breeding Initiative
MBIs : Market-Based Instruments
MBL : Marine boundary layer
MBL : Marine Biological Laboratory (Woods Hole)
MBMP : Montego Bay Marine Park
MBMPA : Moliniere/Beausejour Marine Protected Area
MBMPT : Montego Bay Marine Park Trust (Jamaica)
MBNMS : Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
MbP : Million base Pairs
MBRD : Marine Biology Research Division (UCSD)
MBRI : Mesoamerican Barrier Reef Initiative
MBRS : Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System

MBSS : Maryland Biological Stream Survey
MBTA : Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MBTG : Mobile Bottom-Tending Gear
MC : Micronesia Challenge
MC : Mississippi Canyon
MC : Massive Corals
MC : Madam Carty watershed
MC&G : Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry
MCA : Marine Conservation Agreement
MCA : Multi-Criteria Analysis
MCBH : Marine Corps Base Hawaii (DoD)
MCBI : Marine Conservation Biology Institute
MCCIP : Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership
MCD : Marine Conservation District
MCD : Centre for Marinelife Conservation and Community Development (Republic of Vietnam)
MCDA : Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis
MCE : Mesophotic Coral Ecosystems
MCERC : Marine and Coastal Ecology Research Center (TAMU)
MCG : Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry Department (WHOI)
MCH : Molecular Clock Hypothesis
MCMC : Markov chain Monte Carlo
MCP : Multiple Comparison Procedures
MCPA : Marine and Coastal Protected Areas

MCR : Moorea Coral Reef
MCR-LTER : Moorea Coral Reef - Long Term Ecological Research
MCRCF : Marine and Coastal Resources Conservation Foundation
MCRMP : Millennium Coral Reef Mapping Project
MCRR : Management of Coastal Recreational Resources
MCS : International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance(of fishing activities for fisheries management)
MCSST : Multi-Channel Sea Surface Temperature
MCT : Micronesia Conservation Trust
MDA : Maryland Department of Agriculture
MDB : Marine Data Bank
MDB : Multilateral Development Bank
MDBA : Murray-Darling Basin Authority
MDE : Maryland Department of the Environment
MDG : Millennium Development Goals
MDGs : Millennium Development Goals
MDP : Maryland Department of Planning
MDP : Marine Debris Program
MDPI : Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute
MDREB : Marine Disease and Restoration Ecology Branch (NCCOS/NOAA)
MDS : Molt-Death Syndrome
MDS : Multi-Dimensional Scaling
MDT : Maximum Dive Time
MEA : Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MEA : Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

MEABR : Management and Exploitation Areas for Benthic Resources (Chile)
MEAS : Department of Marine, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences (NCSU)
MEDEA : Mediterranean Institute of Advanced Studies
MedGOOS : Mediterranean GOOS
MedPAN : Mediterranean Protected Area Network
MedPOL : Programme for the Assessment and Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean Region
MEDS : Marine Environmental Data Service
MedWet : Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative
MEEF : Marine Environmental Education Foundation
MEERA : Marine Ecosystem Event Response and Assessment
MEERT : Marine Environmental Enforcement Response Team (Palau)
MEFC : Marine Environment Forecasting Center (China)
MEFGL : Molecular Ecology and Fisheries Genetics Laboratory (BU)
MEGIS : Marine Ecosystems Global Informational Systems
MEI : Multivariate ENSO Index
MEI : Multicellular Endothelial Isolates
MEL : Marine Ecology Laboratory
MELAD : Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development
MELSY : Maximum Expected Log Stationary Yield
MEMAC : Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre
MEMP : Maldives Environmental Management Project
MEOW : Marine Ecoregion of the World
MEP : Ministry of Economy and Planning (Cuba)
MEP : Marine Environmental Program (BIOS)

MEPS : Marine Ecology Progress Series
MEQ : Marine Environment Quality Committee (PICES)
MER : Maritime Extractive Reserve (Brazil)
MER : Marine Extractive Reserves (Brazil)
MERC : Marine Environment Research Centre (UAE)
MERC : Marine Ecology Research Centre (Borneo)
MERCOSUR : Mercado Comun del Sur
MERIS : Medium Resolution Imaging Spectrometer
MERIS-FR : Medium Spectral Resolution Imaging Spectrometer - Full Resolution
MERmaid : Metadata Enterprise Resource management Aid (NOAA)
MERP : Marine Ecosystem Response Project
MERRA : Modern Era Reanalysis for Research and Applications
MESA : Marine Ecology and Stock Assessment Program (ABL/NOAA)
MESA : Marine Ecosystems Analysis (NOAA)
MESB (also Marine ESB) : Marine Environmental Specimen Bank
MESH : Mapping European Seabed Habitats
MESI : Marine and Environmental Studies Institute (COB)
MESSAGE : Model for Energy Supply Strategy Alternatives and their General Environmental Impact
MESY : Maximum Expected Stationary Yield
MEY : Maximum Economic Yield
MF : Mortality Factor
MFAR : Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
MFCMA : Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (renamed Magnuson Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act in 1996)

MFCN : Marine Fish Conservation Network
MFDC : Mbegani Fisheries Development Centre (Tanzania)
MFDS : Marine Fisheries Department of Sarawak (Malaysia)
MFF : Mangroves for the Future
MFIs : Multilateral Financial Institutions
MFm : Division of Marine Fisheries Management (FWC Florida)
MFMT : Maximum Fishing Mortality Threshold
MFR : Marine Fisheries Review
MFR : Marine Fisheries Research (FWC Florida)
MG-RAST : Metagenomics RAST Server; Metagenome Rapid Annotation using Subsystem Technology
MGD : Millions of gallons per day
MGEL : Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab (Duke U)
MGR : Mixed Gas Rebreather
MHC : Major Histocompatibility Complex
MHHW : Mean Highest High Water
MHI : Main Hawaiian Islands (Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Maui and Hawaii)
MHLC : Multilateral High Level Conference
MIC : Micronesians in Island Conservation
MIC : Minimum Inhibitory Concentration
MICCI : Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction Impacts (SEFCRI)
MICOA : Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs (Mozambique)
MICS : Marshall Islands Conservation Society
MICs : Medium-Income Country
MIDA : Marshall Islands Development Authority

MIDI : Marine Invertebrate Diversity Initiative
MIGS : Minimum Information about a Genome Sequence
MIL : Mobile Irrigation Lab
MIMES : Multi-Integrated Model for Ecosystem Services
MIMP : Mafia Island Marine Park (Tanzania)
MIMRA : Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority
MIMS : Minimum Information about a Metagenomic Sequence/Sample
MINA : Mariana Islands Nature Alliance
MINA : Department of Environment and Nature of the Netherlands Antilles (NA)
MINA Fund : Environmental Fund Netherlands Antilles (NA)
MIP : Microbial Interactions and Processes
MIP : Ministry of Fisheries (Cuba)
MIROC : Model for Interdisciplinary Research On Climate
MIS : Management Information System
MISE : Molecular Invertebrate Systematics and Ecology Laboratory (University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan)
MISO : Monterey Inner Shelf Observatory
MISST : Multi-Sensor Improved SSTs for GODAE
MIST : Marine Invasives Survey Team (Palau)
MISWG : Mapping and Information Synthesis Working Group (CRTF)
MITUR : Ministry of Tourism (Mozambique)
MIVA : Marshall Islands Visitors Authority
MJO : Madden Julian Oscillation
MKF : Maui Reef Fund

MKSWCD : Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District
ML : Marine Laboratory
ML : Mixed Layer
MLBB : Mangrove Lagoon Benner Bay
MLCD : Marine Life Conservation District (HI)
MLD : Mixed Layer Depth
MLE : Marine Landscape Ecologist
MLG : Multi-Level Governance (Australia)
MLLW : Mean Lower Low Water
MLOST : Merged Land-Ocean Surface Temperature
MLPA : Marine Life Protection Act
MLPAI : Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
MLRA : Mauna Lani Reef Alliance
MLSA : Mauna Lani Sea Adventures
MLSSA : Marine Life Society of South Australia
MLW : Mean Low Water
MLWTP : Mangrove Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Plant
MMA : Marine Managed Area
MMAF : Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (Indonesia)
MMAS : Marine Management Area Science Program (CI - Conservation International)
MMBtu : Million British Thermal Units
MMC : Marine Mammal Center
MMC : Multipurpose Marine Cadastre
MMCA : Mañagaha Marine Conservation Area (CNMI)

MMDB : Molecular Modeling Database
MME : Multi-Model Ensemble
MMED : Marine Mediterranean Group of the WCPA
MMES : Masters of Marine and Environmental Science
MMHSRP : Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (NOAA)
MMI : Marine Metadata Interoperability project (MBARI)
MML : Mote Marine laboratory
MMLV : Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus
MMM : Master of Marine Management (DU)
MMM : Maximum Monthly Mean SST climatology
MMMSST : Maximum of the Monthly Mean SST (NOAA)
MMOP : Marine Meteorology and Oceanography Programme (WMO)
MPMA : Marine Mammal Protection Act
MMPR : Marine Mammal and Protected Resources Program (NOAA)
MMRP : Marine Mammal Research Program (NOAA); MMRP also TAMU
MMS : Minerals Management Service (DOI)
MMT : Marine Monitoring Team (CNMI)
MMTAC : Monitoring and Mapping of Threatened Acroporid Corals (FWRI)
MMU : Minimum Mapping Unit
MNCR : Marine Nature Conservation Review
MNDF : Maldives National Defence Force
MNG : Mangroves
MNHN : French Museum of Natural History (Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle)

MNN : Mother Nature Network
MNR : Marine Nature Reserves (China)
MO : Microbial Observatories (NSF)
MOA : Memorandum of Agreement
MOA : Marine Oceanographic Academy
MOA : Municipal Operations Analysis
MOA : Ministry of Agriculture (Saudi Arabia)
MOC : Meridional Overturning Circulation
MOC-A : NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic
MOCHA : Meridional Overturning Circulation Heat-flux Array
MOCNESS : Multiple Opening Closing Net Environmental Sensing System
MOD : Manado Ocean Declaration
MODAS : Modular Ocean Data Assimilation System
MODIS : Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer
MoES : Ministry of Earth Sciences (India)
MOES-VI : Marine Outreach and Education United States Virgin Island Style
MOET : Ministry of Education and Training (Bahamas)
MOEW : Ministry of Environment and Water (UAE)
MOFI : Ministry of Fisheries (merged into MARD in 2007) (Republic of Vietnam)
MoGO : Mobile Gulf Observatory
MonDB : Hawaiian Natural Resources Monitoring Database
MONITOR : Technical Committee on Monitoring (PICES)
MOOS : Monterey Ocean Observing System (MBARI)
MOR : Mid-Ocean Ridge

MORB : Mid-Ocean Ridge Basalt
MOS : Margin of Safety
MOSE : Modulo Sperimentale Elettromeccanico
MOSTE : Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (Malaysia)
MOSTI : Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Malaysia)
MOU : Memorandums of Understanding
MOW : Mediterranean Outflow Water
MP : Maximum Parsimony
MP : Main Pass
MPA : Marine Parks Act (Australia)
MPA : Marine Protected Area
MPA Center : National Marine Protected Areas Center (USA)
MPA Database : Marine Protected Coast, Reef and Management Database
MPA FAC : Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee
MPA-ME : Marine Protected Area Management Effectiveness Project (CERMES)
MPAC : Marine Park Advisory Council (Australia)
MPCD : Marine Pollution Control Device
MPEG : Marine Plant Ecology Group (QDPI)
MPERSS : Marine Pollution Emergency Response Support System
MPI-MM : Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology (Germany)
MPMC : Maximum Pentad Mean Climatology
MPN : Most Probable Number
MPOC : Malaysian Palm Oil Council
MPR : Most Parsimonious Reconstruction

MPR : Management Plan Review
MPRSA : Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act
MPRU : Marine Parks and Reserve Unit (Tanzania)
MR : Marine Reserve
MRAG : Marine Resources Assessment Group
MRAID : Marine Resource Aerial Imagery Database (FWRI)
MRC : Mekong River Commission
MRDF : Marine Resources Development Foundation
MRFFS : Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey
mRFP : Monomeric Red Fluorescent Protein
MRFSS : Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey
MRI : Marine Research Institute (Iceland)
MRI-AGCMS : Meteorological Research Institute of Japan Meteorological Agency
MRIP : Marine Recreational Information Program
mRNA : Messenger RNA
MRP : Manatee Rehabilitation Partnership
MRP : Multidrug Resistance Protein
MRPZ : Marine Resources Protection Zone
MRR : Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule
MRRI : Marine Resources Research Institute
MRSD : Marine Reserves for Sustainable Development (Brazil)
MRSP : Metropolitan Region of Sao Paulo
MRTG : Multimedia Resources Task Group (GBIF)

MRU : Marine Resource User
mRuby : A bright monomeric red fluorescent protein
MRUP : Multiple Resource Use Project
MRWS : Marine Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary
MS : Monk Seal
MS4 : Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MSA : Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972
MSA : Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act
MSA : Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act)
MSC : Marine Stewardship Council
MSD : Minimum Significant Difference
MSD : Marine Sanitation Device
MSDI : Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure
MSDT : Master Scuba Diver Trainer
MSE : Management Strategy Evaluation
MSEL : Marine Spatial Ecology Laboratory (University of Exeter, UK)
MSFCMA : Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
MSI : Mauritius Strategy of Implementation
MSL : Mean Sea Level
MSMS : Malaysian Society of Marine Sciences
MSMS : Malaysian Society of Marine Sciences
MSN : Marine Science Network (Smithsonian)
MSP : Marine Sanctuaries Program
MSP : Maximum Spawning Potential

MSP : Marine Spatial Planning
MSRA : Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006, Public Law 109-479
MSRP : Multi-Species Recovery Plan
MSS : Multispectral Scanner
MSSSS : Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MSST : Maximum Stock Size Threshold
MSU : Mississippi State University
MSV : Many Strong Voices
MSW : Mammal Species of the World
MSW : Municipal Solid Waste
MSY : Maximum Sustainable Yield
mtDNA : Mitochondrial DNA
MTIASIC : Mitigating the Threat of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean
MTL : Mean Trophic Level
MTMNM : Marianas Trench Marine National Monument
MTQ : Museum of Tropical Queensland
mtRNA : Mitochondrial RNA
MTS : Marine Technology Society
MTSAT : Multifunctional Transport Satellite
MTSG : Marine Turtle Specialist Group
MTSRF : Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility (Queensland, Australia)
MTX : Maitotoxin
MUFA : Monounsaturated Fatty Acid

MUS : Management Unit Species
MUSA : Museo Subacuatico de Arte (Mexico)
MV : mass-volume (curve)
MVA : Marianas Visitors Authority
MVCA : Minimum Viable Conservation Area
MVP : Minimum Viable Population
MVSG : Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group
MW : Microwave
MWA : Marine Wildlife Area (Canada)
MWF : Mid-Water Fishes
MWG : Management Working Group (Coral Health and Disease in the Pacific Workshop)
MWP : Mussel Watch Project (NOAA)
MWP : Makai Watch Program
MXR : Multi-Xenobiotic Resistance
MYA : Million Years Ago

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N-SPECT : Non-Point Source Pollution and Erosion Comparison Tool
N/F : Nowcast/Forecast
N2O : Nitrous Oxide
NA : Netherlands Antilles
NA : National Aquarium (Baltimore)
NA : National Aquarium (Washington, D.C./DOC)
NAAEE : North American Association for Environmental Education

NAC : North Atlantic Current
NaCN : Sodium Cyanide
NACRI : Netherlands Antilles Coral Reef Initiative (NA)
NAD : Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NADAREP : National Directorate of Aquatic Resources Exploitation and Protection (Republic of Vietnam)
NADH : Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide (reduced form of NAD)
NADP : Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
NAF : National Adaptation Forum
NAFC : Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Center (NOAA)
NAFO : Northwest Atlantic Fishery Organization
NAFTA : North American Free Trade Agreement
NaGISA : Natural Geography in Shore Areas; Natural Geography in Near Shore Areas
NAH : Non-aromatic Hydrocarbon
NAM : NOAA Action Memorandum
NAMDI : National Marine Data Inventory (NODC)
NAME : Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators
NAML : National Association of Marine Laboratories
NAMPAN : North American Marine Protected Area Network
NAMS : North American Monsoon System
NANCI : Netherlands Antilles Nature Conservation Initiative (NA)
NANOOS : Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems
NANPCA : Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act
NAO : NOAA Administrative Order
NAO : North Atlantic Oscillation

NAO/NHM : North Atlantic Oscillation/Northern Hemisphere Annular Mode
NAP : National Action Plan
NAP : U.S. National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs
NAP : National Academies Press
NAP : National Adaptation Plan
NAP : North American Profile
NAPA : National Adaptation Programmes of Action
NAPA : National Academy of Public Administration
NAPL : Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
NAR : Natural Area Reserve
NARA : National Aquatic Research and Resources Development Agency
NARA : National Archives & Records Administration
NARAC : National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center
NARCCAP : North American Regional Climate Change Assessment Program
NARR : North American Regional Reanalysis
NARS : Hawaii Natural Area Reserve System
NARS : Natural Area Reserve System
NART : North Atlantic Regional Team (NOAA)
NAS : National Academy of Sciences
NAS : Nonindigenous Aquatic Species
NASA : National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASBA : Nucleic Acid Sequence Based Amplification
NASDS : National Association of Scuba Diving Schools
NASKW : Naval Air Station Key West

NAUI : National Association of Underwater Instructors
NAVD : North American Vertical Datum
NAVFAC : Naval Facilities Engineering Command
NAVO : Naval Oceanographic Office
NAVOCEANO : Naval Oceanographic Office
NAVSEA : Naval Sea Systems Command
NAWC : Northern Area of the Wider Caribbean
NAWQA : National Water Quality Assessment
NAZ : No Activity Zone
NBAP : National Biodiversity Action Plan (CI)
NBCCAP : National Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan
NBF : National Biodiversity Framework
NBI : National Benthic Inventory
NBII : National Biological Information Infrastructure (USGS)
NBP : NOS Biogeography Program (NOAA)
NBS : National Biological Service
NBS : National Biological Survey
NBSAP : National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NBST : National Biological Status and Trends Program (NOAA)
NC : Nature Conservancy
NC : New Construction
NCA : Needs and Capabilities Assessment
NCA : National Coastal Assessment

NCAR : National Center for Atmospheric Research
NCBI : National Center for Biotechnology Information
NCBO : NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office
NCBR : New Caledonia Barrier Reef
NCCARF : National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility
NCCOS : National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NOAA)
NCCRS : National Climate Change Response Strategies
NCDC : National Climatic Data Center (NOAA)
NCDDC : National Coastal Data Development Center (NOAA)
NCEAS : National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis
NCEP : National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NOAA)
NCEP EMC : National Center for Environmental Prediction - Environmental Modeling Center
NCI : National Cancer Institute (HHS/NIH)
NCL : NOAA Central Library
NCMC : National Coalition for Marine Conservation
NCMP : National Coastal Management Program
NCMPMS : National Coastal Management Performance Measurement System
NCMR : National Centre for Marine Research (Greece)
NCOCZM : National Council on Ocean and Coastal Zone Management
NCOF : The National Centre for Ocean Forecasting
NCOM : Navy Coastal Ocean Model
NCOP : National Current Observation Program (NOAA)
NCORE : National Center for Coral Reef Research
NCORE : National Center for Caribbean Coral Reef Research

NCP : Net Community Production
NCPM : NOAA Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Project Monitoring (NOAA)
NCRCP : NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program (NOAA)
NCREMP : National Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring Program (NOAA)
NCRI : National Coral Reef Institute
NCRIS : National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (Australia)
NCRMN : Nauru Coral Reef Monitoring Network
NCRMP : National Coral Reef Monitoring Program (CRCP/NOAA)
ncRNA : Non-Coding RNA
NCRPS : Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society (Jamaica)
NCRS : National Resource Conservation Service
NCRS : Novel Carbon Resource Sciences
NCS : National Conservation Strategy
NCS : Nature Conservation Sector
NCS : NOAA Climate Service
NCSA : National Capacity Self-Assessment (UN)
NCSE : National Council for Science and the Environment
NCSU : North Carolina State University
NCWCGP : National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
NDA : National Diagnostic Analysis
NDAC : National Data Assembly Center
NDBC : National Data Buoy Center (NOAA)
NDC : NOAA Data Centers

NDF : Non-Detriment Finding
NDIR : Non-Dispersive Infrared (NDIR)
NDL : No Decompression Limit
NDVI : Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
NEA : National Environmental Agency (Singapore)
NEA : New England Aquarium
NEAFC : Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission
NEAO : Northeast Atlantic Ocean
NEAP : National Environmental Action Plan
NEAq : New England Aquarium
NEAR-GOOS : North East Asian GOOS
NEBF : New England Biolabs Foundation
NEC : NOAA Executive Council
NEC : North Equatorial Current
NECC : North Equatorial Counter Current
NECOP : Nutrient Enhanced Coastal Ocean Productivity (NOAA/AOML)
NEDRES : National Environmental Data Referral Service
NEE : Net Ecosystem Exchange
NEEF : National Environmental Education Foundation
NEEPP : Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program
NEFA : Non-Esterized Fatty Acid
NEFMC : New England Fishery Management Council
NEGOA : Northeastern Gulf of Alaska
Negril EPA : Negril Environmental Protection Area (Jamaica)

NELHA : Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
NEMA : National Environment Management Authority (Kenya)
NEMAP : National Environment Management Action Plan
NEMI : National Environmental Methods Index
NeMO : New Millennium Observatory (NOAA)
NEMO : Nonpoint Source Education for Municipal Officials
NEMP : National Environmental Management Program (Mozambique)
NEOCO : Network for Environmental Observations of the Coastal Ocean (UCSC)
NEODAT : Inter-Institutional Database of Fish Biodiversity in the Neotropics
NEON : National Ecological Observatory Network
NEP : National Estuary Program
NEP : NOAA Executive Panel
NEPA : National Environment and Planning Agency (Jamaica)
NEPA : National Environmental Protection Agency (China)
NEPA : National Environmental Protection Act
NEPA : National Environmental Policy Act
NEPAD : New Partnership for Africa’s Development
NEPC : National Environmental Protection Council
NEPT : Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (Jamaica)
NER : Northeast Region
NERACOOS : Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems
NERC : Natural Environment Research Council (UK)
NERI : National Estuary Restoration Inventory (NOAAI)
NERL : National Exposure Research Laboratory

NERO : Northeast Regional Office (NMFS/NOAA)
NERR : National Estuarine Research Reserve (NOAA)
NERR : Natural England's Research Report
NERRA : National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
NERRS : National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NOAA)
NERSM : Northern Everglades Regional Simulation Model
NES : New England Seamounts
NESDIS : National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NOAA)
NEST : Network for Endangered Sea Turtles
NEST : Nuclear Emergency Support Team
NET-BIOME : NETworking Tropical and Subtropical Biodiversity Research in OuterMost Regions and Territories of Europe
NetCDF : Network Common Data Form
Network : Marine Fish Conservation Network
NEUBrew : NOAA-EPA Brewer Spectrophotometer UV and Ozone Network
NEWIS : NOAA Extreme Weather Information Sheet (NOAA)
NF : Non-Federal
NFCC : National Fisheries Conservation Center
NFHAP : National Fish Habitat Action Plan
NFP : National Focal Point
NFRA : National Federation of Regional Associations for Coastal and Ocean Observing
NFS : NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS)
NFWF : National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
NGDC : National Geophysical Data Center (NOAA)

NGED : Network in Genes and Environment in Development
NGI : Northern Gulf Institute (NOAA/MSU)
NGLI : Northern Gulf of Mexico Littoral Initiative
NGO : Non-governmental organization
NGoM-HYCOM : Northern Gulf of Mexico Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model (RSMAS)
NGOMEX : Northern Gulf of Mexico Ecosystems and Hypoxia Assessment Program (NOAA)
NGOS : North Gulf Oceanic Society
NGRI : National Geophysical Research Institute (India)
NGRU : Northern Gulf Recovery Unit
NGS : National Geodetic Survey (NOAA)
NGS : Next Generation Sequencing (or Second-Generation sequencing or High-Throughput Sequencing)
NGSP : Next Generation Strategic Plan (NOAA)
NGVD : National Geodetic Vertical Datum
NH : New Hebrides (Vanuatu)
NHC : National Hurricane Center (NOAA)
NHCS : Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (NEVIS)
NHEERL : National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory
NHEML : National Hurricane and Experimental Meteorology Laboratory (NOAA)
NHGRI : National Human Genome Research Institute (NIH)
NHK : Japan Broadcasting Corporation
NHL : Newport Hydrographic Line
NHMLAC : Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
NHP : National Historic Park
NHRL : National Hurricane Research Laboratory (NOAA)

NI : Nicholas Institute (Duke Univerfsity)
NIA : Nutrient Indicating Algae
NIC : National Incident Command
NIEHS : National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
NIEPS : Nicholas Institute for Environmental policy Solutions (Duke University)
NIES : National Institute for Environmental Studies
NIGMS : National Institute of General Medical Sciences
NIH : National Institutes of Health
NII : National Information Infrastructure
NIO : National Institute of Oceanography (India)
NIOO : Netherlands Institute of Ecology
NIOP : Netherlands Indian Ocean Program
NIP : National Implementation Plan
NIPAP : National Integrated Protected Areas Program
NIPAS : National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (Philippines)
NIR : Near-Infrared
NIS : Non-Indigenous Species
NISA : National Invasive Species Act
NISC : National Invasive Species Committee (Palau)
NISP : National Implementation Support Partnership
NISSP : National Invasive Species Strategic Plan (Bahamas)
NIST : National Institute of Standards and Technology
NIWA : National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Ltd. (New Zealand)

NJCA : Northern Jamaica Conservation Association
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NKS : Nino Konis Santana Park (Timor-Leste)
nl : nanoliter
NL : Newfoundland
NLI : Northern Line Islands
NLM : National Library of Medicine
NLOM : Navy Research Laboratory's (NRL) Layered Ocean Model
NLRP : National Lionfish Response Plan (Bahamas)
NLSST : Non-Linear Sea Surface Temperature
NM : National Monument
nm : nanometer
NM : Nautical Miles
NMAO : NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations
NMC : Northern Marianas College
NMC : National Mariculture Centre
NMCA : National Marine Conservation Area (Canada)
NMEA : National Marine Educators Association
NMEA : National Marine Electronics Association
NMFS : National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA)
NMFS NWR : National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Region
NMFS SWR : National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region
NMHS : National Meteorological and Hydrographic Service
NMI : Northern Mariana Islands

NMITA : Neogene Marine Biota of Tropical America
NMML : National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NOAA)
NMMTB : National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank (NMFS/NOAA)
NMNH : National Museum of Natural History
NMP : Negril Marine Park (Jamaica)
NMP : Ningaloo Marine Park (Australia)
NMPAC : National Marine Protected Areas Center (NOAA)
NMR : Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NMS : National Marine Sanctuaries
NMSA : National Marine Sanctuaries Act
NMSAS : National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa
NMSC : National Marine Science Centre (Australia)
NMSF : National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
NMSP : National Marine Sanctuaries Program (NOAA)
NMTC : National Mexican Turtle Center (Centro Mexicano de la Tortuga)
NMWG : National Manatee Working Group
NNDC : NOAA National Data Centers (NOAA)
NNI : National Nanotechnology Initiative
NNR : NCEP-NCAR Reanalyses
NNSA : National Nuclear Security Administration
NNWR : Navassa National Wildlife Refuge
NO : Nitrogen Oxide
NO2 : Nitrogen Dioxide
NOAA : National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOAA Fisheries : National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA)
NOAA RC : NOAA Restoration Center
NOAA Research : Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (NOAA)
NOAA RESTORE Act : Science Program Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Science, Observation, Monitoring, and Technology Program
NOAA-USAID PSIDS project : Enhance Global Climate Change Adaptation Capacity in Pacific Islands Developing States
NOAP : National Ocean Acidification Program
NOC : National Ocean Council
NOC : Network Operations Center (NOAA)
NOC : NOAA’s Ocean Council
NOC-C : NOAA Ocean and Coastal Council
NODC : National Oceanographic Data Center (NOAA)
NOEP : National Ocean Economics Program
NOGAPS : Navy Operational Global Atmospheric Prediction System
NOHARM : NOAA Habitat Restoration Monitoring (NOAA)
NOI : Notice of Intent
NOM : Natural Organic Matter
NOMADS : National Operational Model Archive and Distribution System
NOO : National Oceans Office (Australia)
NOP : National Oceanic Program
NOP : National Observer Program (NOAA)
NOPP : National Oceanographic Partnership Program
NOPPO : National Ocean Pollution Program Office (NOAA)

NORLC : National Oceanographic Research Leadership Council
NORPAC : North Pacific
NOS : National Ocean Service (NOAA)
NOSA : NOAA Observing System Architecture
NOSB : National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOAA)
NOSC : NOAA Observing System Council
NOSU : Negros Oriental State University (Philippines)
Noumea Convention : Shorthand for the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region
NOV : Notice of Violation
NOVA : Notice of Violation and Assessment
NOWPAP : Northwest Pacific Action Plan
NOWRAMP : Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program
NOX : Nitrogen Oxides
NP : National Park
NP : Non-Point Source Pollution
NPAPSP : National Protected Areas Policy and System Plan (Belize)
NPAS : National Park of American Samoa
NPCREP : North Pacific Climate Regimes and Ecosystem Productivity
NPD : Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide
NPDES : National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPDES : National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPED : National Policy and Evaluation Division (NOAA)
NPFC : North Pacific Fisheries Commission

NPFC : North Pacific Fishery Management Council
NPG : Nature Publishing Group
NPGO : North Pacific Gyre Oscillation
NPL : National Priorities List
NPN : National Phenology Network
NPO : Non-Profit Organization
NPOA : National Plan of Action
NPOESS : The National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NOAA)
NPP : Net Primary Production.
NPP : NPOESS Preparatory Project
NPQ : Nonphotochemical Quenching
NPQB : North Pacific Research Board
NPS : Nonpoint Source
NPS : National Park Service (DOI)
NPS I & M : National Park Service Inventory and Monitoring (Program)
NPSA : National Park of American Samoa
NPSG : North Pacific Subtropical Gyre
NPSSRC : National Park Service Submerged Resources Center
NPV : Net Present Value
NPWAC : National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council (Australia)
NPWS : National Parks and Wildlife Service (Australia)
NPWS : New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service
NR : Natural Reserve
NR : Nuclear Receptor

NRAP : NOAA Rotational Assignment Program
NRAS : Natural Resources Assessments Surveys (Marshall Islands)
NRC : National Research Council
NRC : NOAA Restoration Center (NOAA)
NRC : National Response Center
NRCA : Natural Resources Conservation Authority (Jamaica)
NRCan : Natural Resources Canada (BIO/Canada)
NRCS : Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRDA : Natural Resource Damage Assessment
NRDA : National Resource Damage Assessment
NRDC : Natural Resources Defense Council
NREED : Natural Resources and Environmental Education Division (PCC)
NREL : National Renewable Energy Laboratory
NREL : National Renewable Energy Laboratory
NRF : National Research Foundation (South Africa)
NRHP : National Register of Historic Places
NRIC : National or Regional Implementation Committee
NRL : Naval Research Laboratory
NRM : Natural Resource Management (Australia)
NRMP : Natural Resources Monitoring Partnership
NROC : Northeast Regional Ocean Council
NRP : Ningaloo Research Program (Australia)
NRPMD : Natural Resources Planning and Management Division
NRSMPA : National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas (Australia)

NRT : Navigational Response Team
NRT : Near- Real Time
NRT : National Response Team
NRU : Northern Recovery Unit
NS : Nordic Sea
NS : National Seashore
NS : Nova Scotia
NS : Near Shore
NS&T : National Status and Trends Program (NOAA)
NSB : National Science Board
NSCA : Natural Science Collections Alliance
NSDI : National Spatial Data Infrastructure
NSDL : National Science Digital library
NSF : National Science Foundation
NSF-ATE : National Science Foundation - Advanced Technological Education (NSF)
NSGCP : National Sea Grant College Program
NSGO : National Sea Grant Office (NOAA)
NSM : Natural System Model
NSOM : Near-field Scanning Optical Microscopy
NSP : Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning
NSR : Northern Sea Route
NSRGP : National Species Recovery Grant Program
NSRS : National Spatial Reference System (NOAA)

NSSD : National Strategy for Sustainable Development
NSSL : National Severe Storms Laboratory
NSTA : National Science Teachers Association
NSTC : National Science and Technology Council
NSU : Nova Southeastern University
NSU OC : Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center
NSUOC : Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center
NSW : Natural Sea Water
NSW : New South Wales (Australia)
NSWC : Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC)
NSWEPA : New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority (Australia)
NSWMPA : New South Wales Marine Parks Authority (Australia)
NSWSMPA : New South Wales System of Marine Protected Areas (Australia)
NTA : No-Take Area
NTC : National Training Council
NTC : National Tidal Centre (Kiribati)
NTER : North Tortugas Ecological Reserve (NOAA)
NTIA : National Telecommunications and Information Administration (DOC)
NTIS : National Technical Information Service (DOC)
NTL : Notice to Lessees
NTL : Notices to Lessees and Operators
NTMR : No-Take Marine Reserve
NTPICM : National training Program on Integrated Coastal Management
NTU : Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

NTU : Nephalometric Units
NU : Newcastle University
NURC : National Undersea Research Center (NOAA)
NURC : NATO Undersea Research Center
NURC-UConn : Undersea Research Center at the University of Connecticut
NURP : National Undersea Research Program (NOAA)
NVDC : National Vessel Documentation Center (U.S. Coast Guard)
NWAFC : Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Centers
NWCMP : National Wetland Conservation and Management Programme (India)
NWFSC : Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NMFS/NOAA)
NWHI : Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
NWHIMNM : Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument
NWHINWR : Northwest Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge
NWIFC : Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
NWIS : National Water Information System
NWP : Naval Warfare Publication (DoD)
NWP : Nation Wide Permit
NWP : Northwest Passage
NWPO : North Western Pacific Ocean
NWR : National Wildlife Refuges (USA)
NWR : Northwest Region
NWRC : National Wetlands Research Center (USGS)
NWRO : Northwest Regional Office
NWRS : National Wildlife Refuge System

NWRSAA : National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act
NWRSIA : National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act
NWS : National Weather Service (NOAA)
NWS : National Wildlife Service
NYC : National Youth Councils
NYUAD : New York University Abu Dhabi
NZ : New Zealand
NZASRoF : New Zealand American Submarine Ring of Fire Expedition
NZODA : New Zealand Government Overseas Development Agency
NZP : National Zoological Park

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O : Oxygen
O&M : Operations & Maintenance
O2crit : Critical O2 Concentration
O3 : Ozone
OA : Ocean Acidification
OAAP : Operations and Administration Action Plan
OAE : Ocean Acidification Effect
OAE : Open Access Equilibrium
OAIS : Open Archival Information System (NOAA)
OAIS RM : Open Archival Information System Reference Model
OAP : Ocean Action Plan (NOAA)
OAP : Ocean Assessment Program (NOAA)

OAP : National Ocean Acidification Program
OAR : Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (NOAA)
OAS : Organization of American States
OAS : NODC's Ocean Archive System (NOAA)
OAS IDSD : Organization of American States - Information for Decision-Making for Sustainable Development
OASIS : OceAnic Seamounts: an Integrated Study
OAT : Organic Anion Transporter
OATP : Organic Anion Transporting Polypeptide
OBFS : Organization of Biological Field Stations
OBIS : Ocean Biogeographical Information System
OBL : Overall Body Length
OBPG : Ocean Biology Processing Group (NASA)
OC : Organic Carbon
OCARIBE-GOOS : Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions – Global Ocean Observing System
OCB : Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry
OCCG : Ocean-Color Coordinating Group
OCCL : Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands
OCD : Ocean Chemistry Division (NOAA/AOML)
OCEAN : Ocean Conservation Education Action Network (NOAA)
OceanSITES : Ocean Sustained Interdisciplinary Time-series Environmental Observation System
OCG : Ocean Circulation Group (CMS/USF)
OCLTT : Oxygen and Capacity Limited Thermal Tolerance
OCM : Ocean and Coastal Mapping (NOAA)

OCM : Ocean Color Monitor
OCN : Oficina del Comisionado de Navegación del Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (Office of the Commissioner of Navigation, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico)
OCNMS : Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA)
OCO : Orbiting Carbon Observatory
OCRM : Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management (NOS/NOAA)
OCS : Office of Coast Survey (NOAA-NOS)
OCS : Outer Continental Shelf
OCSLA : Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Oct : Octocoral
OCT : Organic Cation Transporter
OCTET : Ocean Carbon Transport, Exchanges and Transformations
ODA : Overseas Development Agency
ODA : Official Development Assistance
ODAS : Oceanic Data Assimilation System
ODC : Operation Deep Climb
ODIN : Ocean Data and Information Network
ODIN-PIMRIS : Regional Network of Pacific Marine Libraries
ODINAFRICA : Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa
ODINCINDIO : Ocean Data and Information Network for the Central Indian Ocean
ODMDS : Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites
ODMS : Oceanographic Data Management System
ODP : Ocean Data Platform
ODP : Ocean Drilling Program

ODP : Ocean Data Portal (IODE)
ODP : Ozone Depletion Potential
ODPEM : Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (Jamaica)
ODS : Ozone-Depleting Substance
ODTG : Observational Data Task Group (GBIF)
ODU : Old Dominion University
ODZ : Oxygen Depleted Zone
OE : Ocean Exploration
OEBGD : Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document
OECA : Oculina Experimental Closed Area
OECD : Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OECS : Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OECS-ESDU : Organization of Eastern Caribbean States – Environment and Sustainable Development Unit
OEEd : Office of Education (NOAA)
OEPPC : Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (RMI)
OER : Ocean Exploration and Research (NOAA)
OERC : Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (Republic of Palau)
OFCM : Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology
OFL : Overfishing Limit
OFP : Oceanic Fisheries Program (SCP)
OFP : Orange Fluorescent Protein
OFR : Our Florida Reefs
OGC : Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc.®
OGC : Office of General Council

OGCM : Ocean General Circulation Model
OGIS : Open GIS Consortium
OGPP : On-Ground Project Programme
OGRe : Organellar Genome Retrieval project
OHA : Office of Hawaiian Affairs
OHC : Office of Habitat Conservation NOAA)
OHD : Office of Hydrologic Development (NOAA)
OHHB : Oceans and Human Health Branch (NCCOS/NOAA)
OHHI : NOAA Oceans and Human Health Initiative (NOAA)
OHS : Oil and Hazardous Substance
OHS : Office of Homeland Security
OIA : Office of Insular Affairs
OIA : Office of International Affairs
OIC : Offshore Industry Committee (OSPAR)
OIF : Ocean Iron fertilization
OIG : Office of Inspector General
OIMB : Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
OIP : Ocean Inquiry Project
OIRC : Offshore Islet Restoration Committee
OIS : Oxygen Isotope Stage
OISS : Offshore Island Seabird Sanctuaries
OLA : Office of Legislative Affairs (NOAA)
OLE : Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA)

OLISP : Office of Long Island Sound Programs
OLO : Our Living Oceans
OM : Old Mortality
OMAO : Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (NOAA)
OMB : Office of Management and Budget
OMG : Ocean Observing and Modeling Group (MEAS/NCSU)
OMI : Operations Management and Information
OMPS : Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite
OMZ : Oxygen Minimum Zone
ONMS : Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (NOAA)
ONR : Office of Naval Research (DOD)
ONRW : Outstanding National Resource Waters
OOCRM : Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (NOS/NOAA)
OOCRM : Object-Oriented Conceptual Reference Model
OOE : Office of Ocean Exploration (NOAA)
OOI : Ocean Observatories Initiative (NSF)
OOL : Optical Oceanography Laboratory (CMS/USF)
OOPC : Ocean Observations Panel for Climate
OOS : Ocean Observing System
OPA : Oil Pollution Act
OPAAL : Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Protected Areas and Associated Livelihoods Project
OPAH : Oxygenated Polyaromatic Hydrocarbon
OPAs : Otherwise Protected Areas

OPDB : Operational Products Development Branch (NOAA)
OPEC : Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OPeNDAP : Open-source Project for a Network Data Access Protocol
OPIS : Ocean Planning Information System (NOAA) (formerly Ocean Planning and Governance Geographic Information System (Ocean GIS) for the southeast)
OPM : Office of Personnel Management
OPPAGA : Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
OPR : Office of Protected Resources (NOAA)
OPRC : International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response, and Cooperation
OPRC : Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation
OPTF : Ocean Policy Task Force (WH)
OPTI : Reservoir Optimization Model
OPUS : Online Positioning User Service (NOAA)
OR&R : Office of Response and Restoration (NOAA)
ORA : Office of Research and Applications (NOAA)
ORAD : Oceanic Research and Applications Division (NOAA)
ORAP : Ocean Research Advisory Panel
ORCA : Office of Ocean Resources Conservation and Assessment (NOAA)
ORCA : Ocean Research & Conservation Association
ORCA : Orlando Reef Caretakers Association
ORD : Office of Research and Development (EPA)
ORF : Open Reading Frame
ORF : Operations, Research and Facilities Account
ORF : Oceanic Resource Foundation

ORI : Oceanographic Research Institute (UKZN/SAAMBR)
ORI : Open Rivers Initiative (NOAA)
ORION : Ocean Research Interactive Observatory Networks
ORNIS : Ornithological Information System
ORP : Orinoco River Plume
ORP : Oxidation-Reduction Potential
ORPP : Ocean Research Priorities Plan
ORR : Oculina Research Reserve (NOAA)
ORR : Office of Response and Restoration (NOAA)
ORRAP : Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel
ORSTOM : Office de Recherche Scientifique et Technologique d’Outre Mer
OS : Oceanic Society
OSA : Office of Samoan Affairs
OSC : On-Scene Coordinator
OSCAR : Ocean Surface Current Analyses – Real time (NOAA)
OSCURS : Ocean Surface Current Simulations
OSDPD : Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution (NOAA)
OSDS : On-Site Disposal System
OSDS : On-Site Disposal System
OSF : Office of Sustainable Fisheries (NOAA)
OSHA : Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSIE : Oceans Science Interoperability Experiment
OSLR : Ocean Sciences and Living Resources (IOC)
OSM : Oceanographic Society of Maldives

OSMC : Observing System Monitoring Center (NOAA)
OSN : Ocean Seismic Network
OSP : Optimum Sustainable Population
OSPAR : Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
OSPAR : Oslo and Paris (as in OSPAR Convention)
OSPAR : Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
OSPESCA : Organización Sector Pesquero y Aquícola del Istmo Centroamericano (Organization of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector in Central America)
OSRI : Oil Spill Recovery Institute
OST : Office of Science and Technology (NOAA)
OST-ST : Ocean Surface Topography-Science Team
OSTM : Ocean Surface Topography Mission
OSTP : Office of Science and Technology Policy
OT : Others
OTE : Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion
OTEC : Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion
OTEP : Overseas Territories Environment Programme
OTM : Ongeim'l Tketau (Palauan name for Jellyfish Lake)
OTN : Canadian Global Ocean Ocean Tracking Network
OTs : Overseas Territories (UK)
OTSB : Semi-Balloon Otter Trawl
OTU : Operational Taxonomic Unit
OU : Operating Unit
OUCH : Order of Underwater Coral Heros

OUP : Oxford University Press
OW : Oceanwatch
OW : Ocean Watch (Bahamas)
OW : Open Water
OWDIP : Ocean Wave Data and Information Portal (NOAA)
OWS : Ocean Weather Station
OWSI : Open Water SCUBA Instructor
OY : Optimum Yield
OZCAM : Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums

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P.L. : Public Law
P2 : Pollution Prevention
P2P : Peer to Peer
PA : Planch'Alizé (Reunion)
PA : Photoactivation
PA : Public Affairs
PA : Poverty Alleviation (re: effects on biodiversity)
PA : Precautionary Approach
PA&E : Program Analysis and Evaluation (NOAA)
PAAFR : Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resource (Kuwait)
PACC : Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Project
PacFIN : Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network
PacIOOS : Pacific Islands Integrated Ocean Observing System

PaCIS : Pacific Climate Information System
PaCIS : Pacific Islands Climate Information System
PacMARA : Pacific Marine Analysis and Research Association
PACN : Pacific Island Network
PaCOOS : Pacific Coast Ocean Observing System (of the California current Large Marine Ecosystem)
PACRC : Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resource Center
PACS : Pan American Climate Studies
PAD : Peoples Action for Development
PADDD : Protected Area Downgrading, Downsizing, and Degazettement
PADI : Professional Association of Diving Instructors
PAFP : Photoactivatable Fluorescent Protein
PAG : Port Authority of Guam
PAGDSS : The Protected Area Gap Decision Support System
PAGIS : Protected Areas GIS
PAH : Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PAHO : Pan American Health Organization
PAHs : Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PALSNP : Princess Alexandra Land and Sea National Park
PAM : Passive Acoustic Monitoring
PAM : Pulse Amplitude Modulation
PAMB : Protected Area Management Board
PAME : Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment
PAMs : Policies and measures
PAN : Protected Areas Network

PAO : Pacific Area Office
PAR : Photosynthetically Active Radiation
PARADIGM : PARTnership for Advancing Interdisciplinary Global Modeling
PARB : Protected Areas and Resources Branch (NCCOS/NOAA)
PARC : Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium
PARC : Protected Areas Conservation
PART : Program Assessment Rating Tool
PAS : Protected Areas System
PASTA : Pacific/Atlantic Sea Turtle Assessment
PAT : Program Assessment Team
PATOMAC : Programa de Aprendizaje Técnico en mediciones del Medio Ambiente Costero para América Latina y el Caribe
PATT : Priority Area Task Team (NOAA)
PB : Petabyte
PBDC : Pacific Basin Development Council
PBDEs : Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers
PBHMP : Piti Bomb Holes Marine Preserve (Guam)
PBIF : Pacific Biodiversity information Forum
PBIN : Pacific Basin Information Node (NBII)
PBP : Phycobiliprotein
PBPA : Portland Bight Protected Area
PBR : Potential Biological Removal
PBRC : Pacific Biosciences Research Center (UH)
PC : Protectores de Cuencas

PC 1, 2, 3 : Principle Component Axis 1, 2, and 3
PCA : Principal Components Analysis
PCAST : President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology
PCB : Polychlorinated biphenyl
PCBs : Poly-Chlorinated Biphenyls
PCC : Palau Community College
PCCRC : Purdue Climate Change Research Center
PCE : Primary Constituent Element
PCE : Perchloroetene
PCF : Philippe Cousteau Foundation
PCFMP : Precious Corals Fishery Management Plan
PCIC : Paired Comparisons Information Criteria
PCLSP : Pelican Cay Land and Sea Park
PCMUS : Precious Corals Management Unit Species
PCO : Program Coordination Office (NOAA)
pCO₂ : Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide
PCOC : Photorespiratory Carbon Oxidation Cycle
PCP : Peridinin Chlorophyll a Protein
PCPT : Precious Corals Plan Team
PCR : Polymerase Chain Reaction
PCRA : Participatory Coastal Resource Assessment
PCRF : Palau Coral Reef Foundation
PCRF : Planetary Coral Reef Foundation
PCS : Palau Conservation Society

PCSP : Permanent Commission for the South Pacific
PCSU : Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit
PD&E : Process Development and Engineering
PDA : Primary Data Archive (BOLD)
PDB : Protein Data Bank
PDC : Personal Dive Computer
PDC : Pacific Disaster Center
PDF : Portable Document Format
PDF : Project Development Fund
PDF : Product Density Function
PDM : Program Decision Memorandum
PDO : Pacific Decadal Oscillation
PDSI : Palmer Drought Severity Index
PDV : Punta del Viento Estates
PDWG : Pathology of Diseases Working Group (Coral Health and Disease in the Pacific Workshop)
PDZA : Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium
PEA : Programmatic Environmental Assessment
PEA : Program Environmental Assessment
PEAC : Pacific ENSO Applications Center
PEARL : Pacific Equatorial Atoll Research Laboratory
PEEN : Pan-European Ecological Network
PEET : Partnerships for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy
PEFMP : Pelagic Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan
PEG : Pew Environment Group

PEGASUS : An ocean current profiling system (not an acronym)
PEI : Princeton Environmental Institute
PEI : Port Everglades Inlet
PEIN : Pacific Environment Information Network
PEIS : Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
PEM : Pressure Equalized Module
PEMSEA : Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia
PEO : Presidential Executive Order
PERMANOVA : Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance
PERSGA : Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden; Program of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
PERSGA : Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
PES : Payments for Ecosystem Services
PES : Progressive Environmental Solutions (Bonaire)
PESC : Port Everglades Shipping Channel
PESETA : Projections of Economic Impacts of Climate Change in Sectors of Europe Based on Bottom-Up Analysis
PET : Potential Evapotranspiration
PETM : Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum
PFA : Priority Funding Area
PFAD : Personal (or Private) Fish Aggregation Device
PFB : Parrotfish Bite
PFD : Photon Flux Density
PFEG : Pacific Fisheries Environmental Group (NOAA)

PFEL : Pacific Fisheries Environmental Laboratory (NOAA)
PFFA : Palau Federation of Fishing Association (Palau)
PFMC : Pacific Fishery Management Council
PFMP : Pelagic Fishery Management Plan
PFRU : Peninsular Florida Recovery Unit
PFSST : Oceans Pathfinder Program
Pg/l : picograms/liter
PGC : Plankton Grouping Code (NOAA)
PGCE : Postgraduate Certificate in Education
PGEM : Maritime Area Management Plan (Moorea)
PGM : Global Environmental Fund/Phoenix Islands Protected Area Management Group
PGRFA : Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
PHA : Pearl and Hermes Atoll
PHCRT : Potentially Harvested Coral Reef Taxa
PHLP : Pearl Harbor Legacy Project
PHM : Predictive Habitat Model
PHMR : Port Honduras Marine Reserve (Belize)
PHNSY : Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
PhOD : Physical Oceanography Division (NOAA/AOML)
PHR : Pearl and Hermes Reef
PHS : Priority Habitats and Species Program (WDFW)
PI : Point Intercept
PI : Principal Investigator
PI : Probability of Identity

PI GOOS : Pacific Island GOOS
PIACC : Ibero-American Programme on Adaptation to Climate Change
PIAO : Pacific Islands Area Office
PIBHC : Pacific Islands Benthic Habitat Mapping Center (NOAA/SOEST)
PIC : Pacific Island Country
PIC : Partners in Conservation
PICCC : Pacific Island Climate Change Collaborative
PICCVL : Pacific Islands Climate Change Virtual Library (NOAA)
PICES : North Pacific Marine Science Organization
PICRC : Palau International Coral Reef Centre
PICRC : Palau International Coral Reef Center
PICs : Pacific Island Countries
PICTs : Pacific Island Countries and Territories
PIER : Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk
PIER : Pfleger Institute of Environmental Research
PIERC : Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center (USGS)
PIFG : Pacific Islands Fisheries Group
PIFSC : Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (NOAA)
PIFSC-CRED : Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center's Coral Reef Ecosystem Division (NOAA)
PII : Pacific Invasives Initiative
PILN : Pacific Invasives Learning Network
PIMPAC : Pacific Islands Marine Protected Areas Community
PIMPAC : Pacific Islands Managed and Protected Area Community (NOAA)
PIMRIS : Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System

PIMS : Perry Institute for Marine Science
PIN : Pacific Island network
PINWF : Pine Island National Wildlife Refuge
PIP : Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Republic of Kiribati), also PIPA
PIPA : Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Republic of Kiribati): also PIP
PIPA : Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Kiribati)
PIPS : Precision Ion Polishing System
PIR : Protein Information Resource
PIR : Pacific Islands Region (NOAA)
PIR : Project Implementation Report
PIR-PSD : PIR-International Protein Sequence Database
PIRO : Pacific Islands Regional Office (NOAA)
PIRS : NOAA Program Information Reporting System
PISCES : Population Interdependencies in the South China Sea project
PISCO : Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans
PISM : Pacific Invasives Initiative
PIT : Passive Integrated Transponder
PIWI : Pacific Island Watershed Institute
PJAC : Pet Joint Advisory Council
PKO : Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana
PLA : Participatory Learning and Action
PLB : Personal Locator Beacon
PLF : Pingo-like-feature

PLMR : Protected Living Marine Resource
PLoS : Public Library of Science
PLTX : Palytoxin
PlyMBODY : Plymouth Marine Bio-Optical Databuoy
PM : Particulate Matter
PM : Project Manager
PM&E : Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
PM2.5 : Particulate Matter with Aerodynamic Diameter
PMA : Pitons Management Area
PMA : President's Management Agenda
PMAIB : Programa de Manejo Ambiental de Islas de la Bahia
PMC : Phoenix Islands Protected Area Management Committee
PMCC : Pacific Marine Conservation Council
PME : Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
PMEL : Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (NOAA)
PML : Plymouth Marine Laboratory
PMN : Phytoplankton Monitoring Network
PMNM : Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument
PMO : Project Management Office
PMO-COREMAP : Project Management Office - Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Project
PMP : Preliminary Management Plan
PMRI : Pacific Marine Resources Institute (CNMI)
PMT : Project Management Team (NOAA)
PMUS : Pelagic Management Unit Species

PMZCPR : Programa de Manejo de la Zona Costanera de Puerto Rico (Coastal Zone Management Program of Puerto Rico)
PN : Pseudo-Nitzschia
PNA : Parties to the Nauru Agreement
PNA : Peptide Nucleic Acid
PNAA : Parque Nacional Arrecife Alacranes
PNAOCI : Colombian Environmental Ocean, Insular and Coastal Zones Policy
PNAS : Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)
PNAX : Parque Nacional Arrecifes de Xcalak
PNCOIMPCPN : Parque Marino Nacional Costa Occidental de Isla Mujeres, Punta Cancun y Punta Nizuc
PNG : Papua-New Guinea
PNIC : Cocos Island National Park (Costa Rica)
PNIC : Parque Nacional Isla Contoy (Mexico)
PNK : Putri Naga Komodo (a not-for-profit company in Indonesia)
PNR : Pacuare Nature Reserve (Costa Rica)
PNR : Passenger Name Record
PNRC : Palau Natural Resources council
PNUD : Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo; United Nations Program for Development (UNDP)
PNW : Pacific Northwest
PO.DAAC : NASA JPL/Caltech Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center
POAMA : Predictive Ocean Atmosphere Model for Australia
POC : Physical Oceanography and Climate Committee (PICES)
POC : Picciolo Ocean Consultants
POC : Point of Contact

POEBA : Plan de Ordenamiento para el Uso de Embarcaciones y el Establecimiento de Boyas De Amarre (Management Plan for the Use of Vessels and the Establishment of Mooring Buoys, Puerto Rico)
POES : Polar Operational Environmental Satellite (NOAA)
POGO : Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans
PokMasWas : Community Groups Supervisors (Indonesia)
POL : Pacific Oceanographic Laboratory (NOAA)
POM : Princeton Ocean Model
POM : Particulate Organic Matter
POP : Persistent Organic Pollutant
POP : Program Operation Plan
POP : Pelagic Observer Program
POPs : Persistent Organic Pollutants
POR : Protect Our Reef (Florida)
PORF : Pacific Ocean Research Foundation
PORTS : Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (NOAA)
POSIDIN : Portal for Oceanographic Services for IOOS Data and information
POST : Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking Project
POV : Personally Operated Vehicle
PoWPA : Program of Work on Protected Areas
pp : primer pair
PP- CII : Pacific Plan of the Cooperative Island Initiative for Invasive Species
PPA : Pollution Prevention Act
PPB : Parts Per Billion
PPBES : Planning, Programming, Budgeting, Execution System (NOAA)

PPCP : Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Product
PPDRDG : Provisional Peoples' Democratic Republic of Diego Garcia
PPE : Palau Pacific Energy, Inc.
PPI : Program Planning and Integration (NOAA)
PPi : Pyrophosphate
PPI : Office of Policy, Planning and Integration (NOAA)
PPM : Parts per Million
PPMV : Parts per Million by Volume
PPO : Prophenolixidase
PPT : Parts per Thousand
PPWG : Physiology & Pathology Working Group (Coral Health and Disease in the Pacific Workshop)
PQ : Plastoquinone
PR : Protected Resources
PR : Puerto Rico
PR : Patch Reef
PR : Private Reserve
PR SEA GRANT : Puerto Rico College Sea Grant Program
PRA : Paperwork Reduction Act
PRASA : Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority
PRBD : Protected Resources and Biodiversity Division (SEFSC/NOAA)
PRCM : Regional Conservation Programme for the Coastal and Marine Zone of West Africa
PRCT : Puerto Rico Conservation Trust
PRCZMP : Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program
PRD : Protected Resources Division (NMFS/NOAA)

PRDNER : Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
PREB : Pacific Region Executive Board
PREL : Pacific Resources for Education and Learning
PRFC : Pacific Rim Fisheries Conference
PRIAs : Pacific Remote Island Areas
PRICIP : Pacific Region Integrated Climatology Information Products (NOAA)
PRIME : Plastics Removal in Marine Environment (DoD)
PRIMENet : Park Research & Intensive Monitoring of Ecosystems Network
PRIMNM : Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument
PRiMO : Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana
PRISM : Puget Sound Regional Synthesis Model
PROARCA : Regional Environment Project for Central America
PROCFish : Pacific Regional Oceanic and Coastal Fisheries
PROCFish/C : PROCfish Coastal Project
PROFEPA : Procuraduria Federal de Proteccion al Ambiente
PROP : Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership
PRTC : Puerto Rico Tourism Company
PS : Point Source Pollution
PS : Producer Surplus
PS : Project Seahorse
PS : Program Support
PSA : Pacific Science Association
PSA : Phycological Society of America

PSA : Public Service Announcement
PSAI : Pacific Science Association Intercongress
PSC : Pacific Services Center (NOAA)
PSC : Pacific Science Congress
PSC : Pacific Salmon Commission
pSCI : proposed Sites of Community Interest (EU)
PSD : Priority Setting Document
PSD : Protein Sequence Database
PSD : Protected Species Division (NOAA)
PSEPA : Point Sable Environmental Protection Area
PSG : Professional Specialty Group (NOAA)
PSI : Photosystem I
PSI : Pacific Science Inter-congress
PSI : Protein Structure Initiative
PSI : Pounds per Square Inch
PSIDS : Pacific Small Island Developing States
PSII : Photosystem II
PSMFC : Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
PSMP : Public Sector Modernization Programme (Jamaica)
PSP : Protected Species Program
PSP : Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
PSP : Priority Setting Process
PSSA : Particularly Sensitive Sea Area
PST : Paralytic Shellfish Toxin

PSU : Pennsylvania State University
PSU : Photosynthetic Units
PSU : Portland State University
PSU : Primary Sampling Unit
PSU : Prince of Songkla University (Thailand)
PSU : Practical Salinity Units
PSZ : Protected Species Zone
PTGS : Prostaglandin-Endoperoxide Synthase
PTM : Particulate Trace Metals
PTP : PicoTiterPlate
PTWC : Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (NOAA)
PUA : Possible Unauthorized Activity
PUFA : Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid
PUSWD : Porites Ulcerative White Spot Disease
PUWS : Porites ulcerative white spot Disease
PV : Plan Vivo
PV : Photovoltaic
PVA : Population Viability Analysis
PVC : Polyvinyl chloride
PVDF : Polyvinylidene Fluoride
PVDF : Polyvinylidene Difluoride
PWC : Personal Water Craft
PWR-HNL : Pacific West Region- Honolulu
PWRO : Pacific West Regional Office

PYC : Pacific Youth Council
PYOCR : Pacific Year of the Coral Reef
PZA : Penghu Zooxanthellae Association

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Q-Q : quantile/quantile plot
QA : Quality Assurance
QA/QC : Quality Assurance and Quality Control
QARTOD : Quality Assurance Real -Time Ocean Data
QC : Quality Control
QDPI : Queensland Department of Primary Industries
QDPI&F : Queensland's Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
QFR : Questions for the Record (U.S. Congress)
QG : Queensland Government
QHEI : Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index
QLD : State of Queensland
QPCR : Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction
QPPD : Quantitative PCR Primer Database
QPS : Quarantine and Pre-Shipment
QSDE : Quantum Stochastic Differential Equation
QSM : Quota Species Monitoring
QSR : Quality Status Reports (OSPAR)
QSU : Quinine Sulfate Units

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R Software Program R, Version 2.15 : R Development Core Team 2011
R&D : Research and Development
R&D Marshall Islands : Ministry of Resources and Development (Marshall Islands)
R&R : Rainforest and Reef
R&R : Rugosity and Roughness
R/S : Remote Sensing
R/V : Research Vessel
R2 : Reef Resilience
R2 : Responsible Recyclers
R2R : Reef Resilience
R2R : Rolling Deck to Repository
RA : Research Assistant
RA : Research Assistant
RA : Regional Association
RA : Regional Administrator
RAC : Red Acústica del Carib (Caribbean Acoustic Network)
RAC : Regional Activity Center
RAC/REMPEITC-Carib : Regional Marine Pollution Emergency, Information and Training Center - Wider Caribbean (Curacao, NA)
RAC/SPA : Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (Barcelona Convention)
RACE : Rapid Amplification of cDNA Ends
RACE : Restoration and Assessment of Coral Ecosystems
RACEBASE : Resource Assessment and Conservation Engineering Database
RADAR : Radio Detection and Ranging

RAE : Restore America's Estuaries
RAIOMA : Resource Assessment Investigation of the Marianas Archipelago
RAIS : Regional Aquaculture Information System
RAMNM : Rose Atoll Marine National Monument
RAMP : Reef Assessment and Mapping Program; Rapid Assessment and Mapping Program
RAMPAO : Regional Network of MPAs in West Africa
RAMSAR : International Convention on Wetlands
RANWR : Rose Atoll National Wildlife Refuge
RAP : Rapid Assessment Protocol (Program)
RAP : Regional Action Plan
RAP : Remedial Action Plan
RAP : Representative Areas Program
RAPD : Randomly Amplified Polymorphic DNA profile
RAPPAM : Rapid Assessment and Prioritization of Protected Areas Management
RAR : Resources at Risk
RARGOM : Regional Association for Research on the Gulf of Maine
RASOC : Reef Aquarium Society of Charlotte
RBD : Red-Band Disease
RBFB : Reef Ball Foundation
RBMD : Residential Building Mandatory Disclosure
RBNERR : Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
RBPP : Rapid Bioassessment Protocol
RC : ReefCheck

RC : Reef Cut
RC : NOAA Restoration Center (NOAA)
RC : Remnant Colony
RC : Reef Central
RCA : Rockfish Conservation Area
RCA : Resource Conservation Areas
RCAP : Rural Community Assistance Program
RCASB : Research Coordination and Administrative Support Branch
RCC : ReefCare Curacao
RCCA : Reef Check California
RCCL : Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
RCDB : Restoration Center Data Base (NOAA)
RCF : Reef Check Foundation
RCM : Recording Current Meter
RCN : Research Coordination Networks (NSF)
RCOF : Caribbean Regional Climate Outlook Forum
RCOOS : Regional Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (NOAA)
RCP : Regional Campaign Plan
RCP : Representative Concentration Pathway
RCr : Reef Crest
RCRA : Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCSD : Regional Climate Service Director (NOAA)
RCU : Regional Coordination Unit
RCUH : Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

RCUK : Reef Conservation UK
RD : Regional Director (NMFS/NOAA)
RDAC : Regional Data Assembly Centres
RDBMS : Relational Database Management System
RDF : Resource Description Framework
RDP : Ribosomal Database Project
RDT : Roving Diver Technique (REEF)
REA : Rapid Ecological Assessment
REAC : Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
REC : Renewable Energy Certificate
RecFIN : Recreational Fishery Information network
ReCoFi : Regional Commission for Fisheries
RECOMAP : Regional programme for the sustainable management of the coastal zones of the Indian Ocean countries
RECON : Reef Ecosystem Condition Monitoring Program (Ocean Conservancy)
RECOVER : Restoration Coordination and Verification
REDD : Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation
REDD-Plus : Reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation, conservation of existing carbon stocks and enhancement of carbon stocks
REDM : Regional Ecosystem Data Management (NOAA)
REDS : Special Regions of Sustainable Development (Cuba)
REEF : Reef Environmental Education Foundation
REEF-EX : Reef Exercise (DoD)
ReefCI : Reef Conservation International
ReefGIS : ReefBase's Online Geographic Information System

REEFREP : Reef Reporting System
REEM : Resource Ecology & Ecosystem Modeling Program (NOAA/AFSC)
REFM : Resource Ecology & Fisheries Management Division (NOAA/AFSC)
REHDES : Red Ecologista Hondurena para el Desarrollo Sostenible
REMIG : Mexican Network of Biodiversity Information
REMPEC : Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Center for the Mediterranean Sea
REMUS : Remote Environmental Monitoring Units
REN : Reef Education Network
RENOBOS : National Network of Dive Operators reporting Underwater Observations (Colombia)
REP-IOC/EU : Regional Environment Program of the Indian Ocean Commission
REPP : Regional Ecosystem Prediction Program (NOAA)
RESTORE Act : Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunity, and Revived Economies of the Gulf States Act of 2012
retro-Cx : Retrocommissioning
REU : Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF)
REWAP : Regional Wetland Action Plan
RF : Radio Frequency
RF : Reef Flat
RFA : Restricted Fishing Area
RFA : Recreational Fishing Alliance
RFA : Regulatory Flexibility Act
RFAC : Regional Fisheries Application Center
RFDTF : Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force
RFI : Request for Information

RFLP : Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism
RFMA : Regional Fisheries Management Area
RFMC : Regional Fishery Management Council
RFMO : Regional Fisheries Management Organization
RFMO/As : Regional Fisheries Management Organizations and Agreements
RFP : Request for Proposal
RFP : Red Fluorescent Protein
RfS : Reef Slope
RFS : Reef Fish Survey
RFT MARC : Richard F. Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (UOG)
RG : Repetitive Group
RGPIR : Office of Research, Graduate Programmes & International Relations (COB)
Rh : Heterotrophic respiration
RHA : Rivers and Harbors Act
RI : Rocky Intertidal
RIA : Radioimmunoassay
RICE : Regional Information Coordination Entities
RID : Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges (OSPAR)
RIDS : Response Information Data Sheets
RIMF : Research Institute of Marine Fisheries (Republic of Vietnam)
RIMPAC : Rim of the Pacific Exercise
RIMS : Roatan Institute of Marine Science
RIN : Research Information Note
RiNBio : Red de Informacion en Biodiversidad (Information Network in Biodiversity)

RIPR : Reef Injury Prevention and Response (FDEP)
RIR : Regulatory Impact Review
RIR : Recreational Impacts to Reefs (LAS)
RIRLAS : Recreational Impacts Reefs Local Action Strategies
RIRM : Iberoamerican Network of Marine Reserves
RIS : Regulatory Impact Statement
RISA : Regional Integrated Science and Assessment
RIVM : National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (The Netherlands)
RKI : ReefKeeper International
RLC : Rapid Light Curve
RLIN : Research Libraries Information Network
RLO : Rickettsia-Like Organism
RM : Resource Management
RMAP : Research and Monitoring Action Plan
RMI : Republic of the Marshall Islands
RMIEPA : Republic of the Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority
RMNP : Ras Mohammed National Park (Egypt)
RMP : Roatan Marine Park
RMP : Resource Management Plan
RMS : Root Mean Square
RNA : Research Natural Areas
RNA : Ribonucleic Acid
RNA : Regulated Navigational Areas

RNA-seq : Transcriptome Sequencing
RNAi : RNA-Mediated Interference
RNC : Raster Nautical Chart (NOAA)
RNHP : Australian Government Regional Natural Heritage Programme
RNODC : Responsible National Oceanographic Data Center
RNT : Residual Nitrogen Time
RO : Regional Organization
ROB : Remotely-Operated Bucket
ROD : Record of Decision (NOAA)
ROFS : Regional Ocean Forecast System (NOAA)
ROFW : Recovered Oil Fund for Wildlife (NFWF)
ROMS : Regional Ocean Modeling System (RSMAS)
RON : Regional OBIS Node
ROPME : Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (of the sea area surrounded by Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates)
ROPME : Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (UNEP Regional Seas Programme)
ROS : Reactive Oxygen Species
ROSCOP : Report of Observations/Samples Collected by Oceanographic Programs
ROV : Remotely Operated Vehicle
RP : Republic of Panama
RP : Responsible Party
RP-HPLC : reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatography
RPA : Reserve Preservation Area
RPA : Resource Planning Act (1974)

RPAP : Resource Protection Action Plan
RPI : Reef Protection International
RPI : Risk Prediction Initiative (BIOS)
RPIU : Regional Project Implementation Unit
RPOA : Regional Plan of Action (CTI)
RPS : Recover Protected Species
RPSD : Regional Policy on Sustainable Development
RR : Recreational Reserve
RRC : Reef Research Centre (CRC)
RRC : The 2nd Reef Resilience Conference: Planning for Resilience
RRCC : Reef Resilience and Climate Change
RRF : Reef Relief Founders
RRI : Retrofit Reconnaissance Inventory
rRNA : Ribosomal RNA
RRRC : Reef and Rainforest Research Centre
RRT : Regional Response Team (NOAA)
RS : Rocky Shore
RS : Reserve Specials
RSA : ROPME Sea Area
RSAT : Rapid Stream Assessment Technique
RSB : Range Support Boat (DoD)
RSC : Radioactive Substances Committee (OSPAR)
RSCA : Red Sea Conservation Alliance
RSF : Research Support Facility

RSGA : Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
RSM : Regional Simulation Model
RSM : Regional Sediment Management
RSMAS : Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science (University of Miami)
RSO : Regional Science Officer (NODC/NOAA)
RSP : Regional Seas Programme (UNEP)
RSP : Restoration Science Program (NOAA)
RSPA WG : Restoration Science Program Advisory Working Group
RSPB : Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RSS : Rich Site Summary; Really Simple Syndication; RDF Site Summary
RSS : Really Simple Syndication
RT- PCR : Real-Time-Polymerase Chain Reaction
RTCC : Responding To Climate Change
RTD : Real-Time Data
RTL : Rapid Tissue Loss
RTM : Radiative Transfer Model
RTMADS : Regional Tuna Management and Development Strategy
RTN : Rapid Tissue Necrosis
RTOFS : Real-Time Ocean Forecast System (NOAA)
RTR : Ridge to Reefs
RU : Research University (Malaysia)
RUCOOL : Rutgers University Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory
RV : Research Vessel

RVAT : Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Tool
RVC : Reef Visual Census
RW : Rapid Wasting
RWD : Rapid Wasting Disease
RWF : Reef-World Foundation
RWI : Rainbow Warriors International
RWMC : Reef Watch Marine Conservation (India)
RWPPB : River Watershed Protection Plan Base
RWQMP : Research and Water Quality Monitoring Program
RWQPP : Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (Australia)

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S : Salinity
S&T : Science and technology
S/N : Signal to Noise Ratio
S2O2 : Sargasso Sea Ocean Observatory
SA-SWG : Stock Assessment Specialist Working Group
SAA : Satellite Active Archive
SAAMBR : South African Association for Marine Biological Research
SAARC : South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAB : Science Advisory Board (NOAA)
SAB : South Atlantic Bight
SAB : Satellite Analysis Branch (NESDIS/NOAA)
SAB : Science Advisory Board

SABGOM : South Atlantic Bight and Gulf of Mexico
SABGOM N/F : South Atlantic Bight and Gulf of Mexico Circulation Nowcast/Forecast
SABRE : South Atlantic Bight Recruitment Experiment
SABSOON : South Atlantic Bight Synoptic Offshore Observational network
SAC : Scientific Advisory Committee
SAC : Special Areas of Conservation
SAC : Special Analysis Center
SAC : Scientific Advisory Council
SAC : Santa Ana College (CA)
SAC : Sanctuary Advisory Council
SACC : South Atlantic Climate Change Consortium
SACEP : South Asia Cooperative Environment Program
SACRTF : South Asia Coral Reef Task Force
SADDS : Satellite Archive Data Delivery System
SAE : State of the Arab Environment
SAF : System Approach Framework
SAFE : Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
SAFE : Scientists and Fishermen Exchange
SAFMC : South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
SAGARPA : FAO Programa de Seguridad Alimentaraia en Mexico
SAHFOS : Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Sciences
SAIC : Science Applications International Corporation
SAIDS : Satellite Archive Image Delivery System
SAIs : Significant Adverse Impacts

SAM : Sociedad Ambiente Marino (Marine Environment Society)
SAMFC : South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
SAMOS : Shipboard Automated Meteorological and Oceanographic System (NOAA)
SAMP : Special Area Management Plan (Tanzania)
SAMP : Protected Marine Coastal Areas (Cuba)
SAMS : Scottish Association for Marine Science
SANF : Southern African Natural Foundation
SAP : Scientific Advisory Panel
SAP : Sanctuary Advisory Subpanel
SAP : Strategic Action Program
SAP : Scientific Assessment Panel (UNEP)
SAP/BIO : Strategic Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean
SAPI : Secretaría Auxiliar de Planificacion Integral del Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (Assistant Secretary of the Department of Comprehensive Natural and EnvironmentalPlanning Resources of Puerto Rico)
SAR : Species-Area Relationship
SAR : Special Administration Region (Hong Kong)
SAR : Synthetic Aperture Radar
SAR : Search and Rescue (USCG)
SARA : Species at Risk Act (Canada)
SAREC : SIDA Department for Research Cooperation
SARP : Sectoral Applications Research Program (NOAA)
SARSAT : Search And Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
SARMPA : South Australian Representative System of Marine Protected Areas

SASAP : South Asian Seas Action Plan
SASC : South African Shark Conservancy
SAT : Surface Air Temperature
SATAL : Sangihe and Talaud (two island chains stretching northeast of Suluwesi)
SAUP : Sea Around Us Project
SAV : Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
SAVE : Society of Akumal's Vital Ecology
SAVOX : Savannah Ocean Exchange
SAWCP : South African Wetlands Conservation Programme
SAWCS : Statewide Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Strategy (Hawaii)
SAZOO-AQ : San Antonio Zoological Gardens & Aquarium
SB : Sand Bed
SB : Sandy Beach
SB : Science Board (PICES)
SB : Solitude Bay watershed
SBA : Satellite Bleaching Alert
SBF : Siwa-ban Foundation (Belize)
SBFR : Sasanhaya Bay Fish Reserve (CNMI)
SBIMR : South Berry Islands Marine Reserve
SBMP : Strategic Beach Management Plan
SBN : Seamount Biogeosciences Network
SBNMS : Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
SBS : Sequencing by Synthesis
SBSTTA : Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (of the CBD)

SC : Species Composition
SCA : Sabana-Camaguey Archipelago (Cuba)
SCA : Stream Corridor Assessment
SCA : Student Conservation Association
SCAC : Standards and Certification Advisory Committee (MAC)
SCAP : CWRM's Stream Channel Alteration Permit
SCAT : Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique
SCAWVEX : Surface Current and Wave Variability Experiment
SCB : Southern California Bight
SCB : Society for Conservation Biology
SCC : Subtropical Counter Current
SCC : Species Survival Commission
SCCFA : St. Croix Commercial Fishermen's Association
SCCN : Southern Caribbean Cetacean Network (NA)
SCCWRP : Southern California Coastal water Research Project Authority
SCDNR : South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
SCE : Sabana-Camagüey Ecosystem (Cuba)
SCENGEN : Global and Regional Climate SCENario GENerator
SCEP : Student Career Experience Program (NPS/DOI)
SCF : Saba Conservation Foundation
SCG : Services Coordination Group
SCI : Scientific Committee
SCI : Site of Community Importance (EU)
SCIBP : Special Committee for the International Biological Program

SCL : Straight Carapace Length
SCMR : Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (Belize)
SCMRT-MPA : Seychelles Centre for Marine Research and Technology - Marine Parks Authority
SCN- : Thiocyanate anion
SCOP : Structural Classification of Proteins
SCOPE : Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment
SCOR : Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research
SCP : Species Conservation Planning (FWC Florida)
SCPMN : South Carolina Phytoplankton Monitoring Network
SCRFA : Society for the Conservation of Reef Fish Aggregations
SCRIPPS : Scripps Institution of Oceanography
SCRMT : Seychelles Centre for Marine Research & Technology
SCS : shipboard Scientific Computing System (NOAA)
SCSCB : Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds
SCU : Southern Cross University (Australia)
SCUBA : Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
SCUFN : Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names
SCUM : SDSU Center for Universal Microbial Sequencing (SDSU)
SCZMC : SAARC Coastal Zone Management Centre
SD : Standard Deviation
SD : Standing Dead
SDC : Status Determination Criteria
SDI : Spatial Data Infrastructure

SDM : Species Distribution Model
SDMRI : Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute (India)
SDNR : State Department of Natural Resources (Oregon)
SDOF : San Diego Oceans Foundation
SDP : Skills Development Programme (CCC)
SDR : Shut Down Reaction
SDS : Scientific Data Stewardship
SDS : Scientific Data Set
SDS-PAGE : Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis
SDS-SEA : Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia
SDSU : San Diego State University
SDTS : Spatial Data Transfer Standards
SDWA : Safe Drinking Water Act
SE : Southeast
SEA : St. Croix Environmental Association
SEA : Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEA : Satellite Educators Association
SEA : Southern Environmental Alliance
SEA : South East Asia
SEA Team : Staff Evaluation and Assessment Team (NOAA)
SEACAM : Secretariat for Coastal Area Management (Mozambique)
SeaCAMEL : Classroom Aquarius Marine Education Live (KSLOF)
SEACMPA : Southeast Asia Center for Marine Protected Areas
SEACOORA : Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (also SECOORA)

SEACOOS : SouthEast Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing System
SeaDAS : SeaWiFS Data Analysis System
SEADESC : Southeastern United States Deep-Sea Corals Initiative (NOAA)
SEAFAN : Southeast Florida Action Network
SEAFDEC : South-East Asian Fisheries Development Center
SEAFIS : South-East Asian Fisheries Information System
SEAFO : Southeast Atlantic Fishery Management Organization
SEAFO : South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organization
SEAGNET : SEA Grass monitoring NETwork (monitoring threatened marine habitats)
SEAKEYS : Sustained Ecological Research Related to Management of the Florida Keys Seascape (NOAA)
SEAMAP : Scientific Exploration and Mapping Program (NASA)
SEAMAP : Southeastern Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SAFMC)
SEAMAP-C : Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program for the Caribbean
SEAP : Sanctuary Expansion Action Plan
SEAS : Shipboard Environmental Data Acquisition System
SEAS Committee : Committee for the Scientific Exploration of the Atlantic Shelf
SEASAT : Sea Satellite
SeaWiFs : Sea-viewing Wide Field-of-View Sensor
SEB : Skeletal Eroding Band
SEC : South Equatorial Current
SECART : Southeast and Caribbean Regional Team
SECOORA : Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association
SECORE : Sexual Coral Reproduction
SECREMP : Southeast Florida Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Project

SECRWQMP : Southeast Florida Coral Reef Water Quality Monitoring Project
SED-ERP : SE District Office (FDEP)
SEDAR : Southeast Data Assessment and Review (Stock Assessment)
SEDM : Standard Error of Differences between Two Means
SEDU-UWI : Sustainable Economic Development Unit of the University of West Indies
SEE : Society for Environmental Exploration (UK)
SEE : Strategy Execution and Evaluation (NOAA)
SEEC : Southeastern Ecology & Evolution Conference
SEFAST : Southeast Florida Action Strategy Team
SEFCAR : South Eastern Florida and Caribbean Recruitment
SEFCRI : Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative
SEFCRI - LBSP : Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative - Land-Based Sources of Pollution
SEFI : Southeast Farallon Island
SEFLOE : Southeast Florida Ocean Outfall Experiment
SEFSC : Southeast Fisheries Science Center (NOAA)
SEI : Stockholm Environment Institute
SEI : Special Events Imager
SEI : Sustainable Ecosystems Institute
SEIA : Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
SEIS : Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (NOAA)
SEJ : Society of Environmental Journalists
SEM : Scanning Electron Micrograph; Scanning Electron Microscope
SEM : Space Environment Monitor

SEM-Pasifika : Socioeconomic Monitoring in the Pacific Region
SEMARNAP : Secretaria del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca (Mexico)
SEMARNAT : Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico)
SEMERP : Southeast Marine Event Response Program
SEMP : St. Eustatius Marine Park
SEMP : Strategic Environmental Management Plan
SEMPA : South-East MPA (Seychelles)
SENAIA : National System for Environmental Impact Assessment
SEPC : Southeastern Phycological Colloquy
SEPP : State Environmental Planning Policy (Australia)
SEQ : South East Queensland
SER : Southeast Region
SER/GOM : Southeast Atlantic Coastal Region, Greater Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico
SERC : Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
SERC : Science Education Resource Center
SERDP : Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (DoD)
SERG : Soil Ecology and Restoration Group (SDSU)
SERMA : Surveillance and Enforcement of Remote Maritime Areas
SERMP : South-East Regional Marine Plan (Australia)
SERO : Southeast Regional Office (NOAA Fisheries)
SERT : State Emergency Response Team
SERTC : SouthEast Regional Taxonomic Center
SES : Shelf Edge Study
SES : Senior Executive Service

SES : Subcommittee on Ecological Systems (CENR)
SES : Social Ecological System
SEUS : Southeastern United States
SEYMEMP : Seychelles Marine Ecosystem Management Project
SF : Office of Sustainable Fisheries (NOAA)
SF : Sustainable Fisheries
SF : Stable Fragment
SF-ROS : South Florida Regional Observing System
SFA : Sustainable Fisheries Act
SFA : Saturated Fatty Acid
SFAA : Shrimp Fisheries Access Area
SFC CESU : South Florida and Caribbean Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit
SFCN : South Florida/Caribbean Network; South Florida/Caribbean Inventory and Monitoring Network
SFCRWQMP : Southeast Florida Coral Reef Water Quality Monitoring Project
SFD : Sustainable Fisheries Division (SEFSC/NOAA)
SFER : South Florida Environmental Report
SFERPM : South Florida Ecosystem Restoration, Prediction, and Modeling Program
SFM : Scanning Force Microscopy
SFOMC : South Florida Ocean Measurement Center
SFP : South Florida Ecosystem Research and Monitoring Program
SFRC : School of Forest Resources and Conservation (UF)
SFS : School for Field Studies (Australia, Costa Rica, Kenya and Tanzania, Mexico, and the Turks and Caicos Islands)
SFSGeo : South Florida Sportfishing Geodatabase

SFSU : San Francisco State University
SFU : Simon Fraser University
SFWMD : South Florida Water Management District
SFWMM : South Florida Water Management Model
SG : Southgate watershed
SG : Specific Gravity
SG : Sea Grant
SG : Study Group
SG : Seagrass
SGA : Sea Grant Association
SGCN : Species of Greatest Conservation Need (Hawaii)
SGCOR : Study Group on Cold-Water Corals (ICES)
SGCP : Sea Grant College Programs
SGD : Submarine Groundwater Discharge
SGKB : Structural Genomics Knowledgebase
SGLS : St-Gilles/La Saline Reef Complex (Reunion)
SGP : Small Grants Program (GEF)
SH : Solution Hole
SharkBOL : Shark Barcode of Life
SHARQ : Submersible Habitat for Analyzing Reef Quality
SHC : Sustain Healthy Coasts (NOAA)
SHG : Self Help Group
SHOALS : Scanning Hydrographic Operational Airborne Lidar Survey
SHPO : State Historic Preservation Office (Guam)

SI : Surface Interval
SI : Smithsonian Institution
SI-SOH : Smithsonian Institution-Sant Ocean Hall (SI)
SI/OB MPA : Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area
SIA : Social Impact Analysis
SIB : Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics
SICB : Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology
SICRI : Small Island Cultures Research Initiative
SIDA : Swedish International Development Agency
SIDP : FAO Species Identification and Data Programme (FAO)
SIDS : Small Island Developing States
SIDSNet : Small Island Developing States Network
SIF : Seychelles Islands Foundation
SIF : Submission Information Form (NODC/NOAA)
SIMAC : Sistema Nacional de Monitoreo de Arrecifes Coralinos en Colombia (Colombia)
SIMoN : Sanctuaries Integrated Monitoring Network (NOAA)
SIMOR : Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources
SIMPER : Similarity Percentage Routine
SINANPE : National System for Protected Areas (Peru)
SINAP : National System for Protected Areas (Panama)
SIO : Scripps Institution of Oceanography
SIOBMPA : Sandy Island-Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area
SIODFA : Southern Indian Ocean Deepsea Fishers Association
SIOFA : Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

SIP : Submission Information Package
SIR : Scientist in Residence
siRNA : Short Interfering RNA
SISC : Species Identification and Suitability Committee (MAC)
SISWASMAS : community surveilllance system (Indonesia)
SIT : Surface Interval Time
SIT : Strategic Implementation Team
SJRWMD : St. John's River Water Management District
SKCDPAC : South Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee
SKPDB : ShiKimate Pathway DataBase
SL : Standard Length
SL : Sea Level
SL : St-Leu reef (Reunion)
SLA : Submerged Lands Act
SLAMM : Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model
SLE : St. Lucie Estuary
SLED : Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement anf Diversification
SLERP : Submerged Lands and Environmental Resources Program
SLH : Session Laws of Hawaii
SLR : Sea Level Rise
SLRWPP : St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Plan
SLSAC : Sri Lanka Sub-Aqua Club
SLT : St. Lucie Tributary Monitoring Program

SMA : Special Management Area
SMA : Shrimp Management Area
SMART : Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies
SMART : Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely (as applied to goals and objectives)
SMARU : Sustainable Marine and Aquatic Resources Utilization Program
SMB : Surface Marker Buoy
SMC : Senior Management Council (CRCP/NOAA)
SMDC : Space and Missile Defense Command (DoD)
SME : Subject Matter Expert
SMEE : Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit
SMET : Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology
SMI : Smithsonian Institution
SMIP : Small Islands in Peril
SML : Santa Maria di Leuca
SML : Surface Mucopolysaccharide Layer
SMMA : Soufriere Marine Management Area (St. Lucia)
SMMP : St. Maarten's Marine Park
SMNF : St. Maarten Nature Foundation (St. Maarten)
SMOS : Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity (ESA)
SMP : Saba Marine Park
SMP : Supplemental Management Plan
SMPA : Special Marine Protected Areas (China)
SMR : State Marine Reserves
SMSFP : Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce

SMSRTS : Sichang Marine Science Research and Training Station (Thailand)
SMU : Subsurface Monitoring Unit
SMZ : Special Management Zone
SNA : Single Nucleotide Addition
SNA : Significant Natural Area
SNAAP : Simple NOAA Archive Access Portal (NOAA)
SNAP : National System of Marine Protected Areas (Cuba)
SNAP : Significant New Alternatives Policy
SNI : SCUBAnauts International
SNI-TB : SCUBAnauts International - Tampa Bay
SNP : Single Nucleotide Polymorphism
SNPWG : Standardization for Nautical Publications Working Group
SNUC : National System of Conservation Units (Brazil)
SO : Southern Oscillation
SO2 : Sulphur Dioxide
SOA : Service Oriented Architecture
SOA : State Ocean Administration (China)
SOA : Secondary Organic Aerosol
SOB : Sulfur-Oxidizing Bacteria
SOC : Species of Concern
SOC : Secretary of Commerce.
SOC : Southampton Oceanographic Centre
SOC : Sedimentary Organic Carbon
SOC : Semi-volatile Organic Compounds

SOCAT : Surface Ocean pCO2 Atlas
SocMon : Global Socioeconomic Monitoring Initiative for Coastal Management (NOAA)
SocMon SEA : Southeast Asia Socioeconomic Monitoring Network
SocMon WIO ToT : Training of Trainers' Workshop on Socio-economic Monitoring in the Western Indian Ocean
SOD : Superoxide Dismutase
SoE : State of the Environment
SOE : Save our Environment
SOEAC : Save our Environment Action Center
SOEAC : State of the Environment Advisory Council (Australia)
SOEST : School of Ocean Earth Science and Technology (UHI)
SOFAR : Sound Fixing and Ranging float
SOFeX : Southern Ocean Iron Experiment
SOFIA : South Florida Information Access
SoFLA-HYCOM : South Florida Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model (RSMAS)
SOG : Satellite Oceanography Group
SOH : Sant Ocean Hall (SI)
SOI : Southern Oscillation Index
SOI : Statement of Intent
SOLAS : Surface Ocean Lower Atmosphere Study
SOLAS : Safety of Life at Sea (International Convention of)
SOLEC : State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference
SoMAS : School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (SUNY)
SOME : State of the Marine Environment

SONA : Foundation for Development of the Netherlands Antilles
SONAR : Sound Navigation and Ranging
SONS : Spill of National Significance
SOOP : Ship of Opportunity Program
SOP : Seagrass Outreach Partnership
SOP : Standard Operating Procedure
SOPAC : Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission
SOS : Sensor Observation Service
SOS : Science on a Sphere (NOAA/SI)
SOS Tobago : Save Our Sea Turtles - Tobago (T&T)
SOSC : Smithsonian Oceanographic Sorting Center
SOSUS : Sound Surveillance System
SOTR : State of the Reefs Report (NOAA)
South Slough NERR : South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (Oregon State gov)
SOX : Sulphur Oxides
SP : State Park
SP : Strategic Plan
sp richness : species richness; also "sp.richness"
SPA : Strategic Portfolio Analysis
SPA : Special Planning Area (PR)
SPA : Sanctuary Preservation Area; Sanctuary Protection Area
SPA : Special Protected Area (EU Wild Bird Directive)
SPA : Specially Protected Area (Barcelona Convention)
SPA/BD : Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (Barcelona Convention)

SPACC : Special Programme for Adaptation to Climate Change (CCCCC)
SPACC : Small Pelagic Fish and Climate Change (GLOBEC)
SPAG : Spawning Aggregation
SPAGS : Spawning and Aggregation Sites
SPAMI : Specially Protected Area of Mediterranean Importance
SPARC : Stratosphere-troposphere Processes And their Role in Climate (WCRP)
SPARC : Science Policy Assessment and Research on Climate
SPAW : Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (Protocol of Cartagena Convention)
SPAW : Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife
SPAW-RAC : Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (Protocol of Cartagena Convention) - Regional Activity Centre
SPC : Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPC : Stationary Point Count
SPC : Storm Prediction Center (NOAA)
SPCC : Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (DoD)
SPCZ : South Pacific Convergence Zone
SPECIAL : Sponge Enzymes and Cells for Innovative AppLications
SPEEDS : Satellite Product End to End Documentation System (NOAA)
SPGP : State Programmatic General Permits
SPIR : Indian River Lagoon – South Final Integrated Project Implementation
SPLS : Saltwater Product Licences
SPM : Suspended Particulate Matter
SPME : Solid Phase Micro-Extraction
SPNI : Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel

SPO : Special Projects Office (NOAA/NOS)
SPO : Strategic Planning Office (NOAA)
SPO : South Pole Observatory (NOAA)
SPO : Senior Program Officer
SPOIR : Significant Portion of its Range
sPOM : Suspended Particulate Organic Matter
SPORTS : Society for Promotion of Recreation, Tourism and Water Sports
SPOT : Satellite Pour l'Observation de la Terre
SPP&P : Strategic Planning, Policies and Projects Division.
SPPI : Science and Public Policy Institute
SPR : Subtree Pruning Regrafting
SPREP : South Pacific Regional Environment Program
SPREP : Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme
SPRFMO : South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
SPRH : South Pacific Regional Herbarium (IAS/USP)
SPSLCMP : South Pacific Sea Level Climate Monitoring Program
SPTA : South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988
SQL : Structured Query Language
SR : Synchronizing Resources
SR : Scanning Radiometer
SRC : Stratified Random Sampling
SRE : Seascape Research and Education (Bequia)
SREF : Short-Range Ensemble Forecast (NOAA)
SRES : Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (IPCC)

SRI : Stream Repair Inventory
SRI : Shark Research Institute
SRP : Scientific Review Panel
SRP : Soluble Reactive Phosphorus
SRR : Stock-Recruitment Relationship
SRTC : Southeastern Regional Taxonomic Center
SrTN : Stress Related Tissue Necrosis
SRV : Submerged Rooted Vegetation
SRY : Sex-determining Region Y
SS : Sargasso Sea
SSB : Shallow Sand Bed
SSB : Spawning Stock Biomass
SSC : Scientific Steering Committee
SSC : Species Survival Commission (IUCN)
SSC : Scientific and Statistical Committee
SSC : Scientific Support Coordinator (NOAA)
SSC : Suspended-Solids Concentration
SSC : Species Survival Commission
SSC : Stennis Space Center (NASA)
SSC : Scientific and Statistical Committee
SSDE : Saline-Saturated DMSO-EDTA
SSDE : Saline-Saturated Dimethylsulfoxide
SSDP : Southern Seaboard Development Project

SOG : Scientific Steering Group
SSG : Shark Specialist Group (IUCN)
SSH : Sea Surface Height
SSHT : Sea Surface Height Topography
SSI : Scuba Schools International
SSIO : Student Scholarship Internship Opportunity (NOAA)
SSL : Sovereign Submerged Lands
SSME : Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion
SSOO : Sargasso Sea Ocean Observatory (also S2O2)
SSPP : Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan
SSPRA : Sensitive Species Project Review Area
SSRI : Social Sciences Research Institute (UHI)
SSS : Sea Surface Salinity
SSS : Sanibel Sea School
SSS : Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape
SST : Scientific Support Team (NOAA)
SST : Sea Surface Temperature
SSTA : Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies
SSTF : South Subtropical Front
SSTST : SST Science Team (NASA)
SSU : Second-stage Sample Unit
ST : Sea Turtle
STA : Southern Tropical America
STA : Stormwater Treatment Area

STA-GCRMN : The Southern Tropical America node of the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
STAMP : Seabird Tissue Archival and Monitoring Project
STAP : Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
STAR : Center for Satellite Applications and Research (NOAA)
STAT : Stock Assessment Team
STCB : Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire
STCZ : Subtropical Convergence Zone
STEER : St. Thomas East End Reserve (USVI)
STENAPA : St. Eustatius National Parks Foundation
STER : South Tortugas Ecological Reserve (NOAA)
STF : Subtropical Front
STFA : St. Thomas Fishermens' Association
STFZ : Subtropical Frontal Zone
STI : National Strategic Initiative
STINAPA Bonaire : Stichting Nationale Parken Bonaire (Bonaire)
STMP : Sea Water Temperature Monitoring Program (BIOS)
STN : Slow Tissue Necrosis
STORET : STORAge and RETrival database for Florida water quality data
STP : Sewage Treatment Plant
STPL : Sekolah Tinggi Perikanan dan Kelautan (Indonesia)
STR : Subsurface Temperature Recorder
STR : Short Tandem Repeat
STRI : Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama)
STRP : Sea Turtle Recovery Program

STS : Sequence Tagged Site
STS : Science and Technology Studies
STSSN : Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network
STX : Saxitoxin
STXEEMP : St. Croix East End Marine Park
STXM : Scanning Transmission X-ray Microscopy
SULT : sulfotransferase
SUML : Silliman University Marine Laboratory (Philippines)
SUNY : State University of New York
SUPSALV : Supervisor of Salvage (DoD)
SURA : Southeastern Universities Research Association
SURF : Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
SUSGREN : Sustainable Grenadines, Inc.
SUT : Society for Underwater Technology
SVAP : Stream Visual Assessment Protocol
SVG : St. Vincent and the Grenadines
SVP Drifting Buoy : Surface Velocity Profiling Drifting Buoy
SWA : Source Water Assessment
SWAC : Sea Water Air Conditioning
SWAN : Simulating Waves Nearshore (TUDelft)
SWaPS : Shallow Water Positioning System
SWAT : Soil and Water Assessment Tool
SWBG Conservation Fund : SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund

SWCMR : South Water Caye Marine Reserve (Belize)
SWE : Sensor Web Enablement
SWFSC : Southwest Fisheries Science Center (NOAA)
SWG : Standards Working Group (NOAA)
SWG : Southwestern Gulf of Mexico
SWIM : Surface Water Improvement and Management
SWIM : Surface Water Improvement and Management
SWIO : South-West Indian Ocean
SWL : Still Water Level
SWMP : System Wide Monitoring Program (NERRS)
SWOT : State of the World's Sea Turtles
SWOT : Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
SWP : State Warning Point
SWPC : Space Weather Prediction Center (NOAA)
SWR : State Wildlife Refuge (HI)
SWR : Southwest Region
SWRO : Southwest Regional Office
SWS : Society of Wetland Scientists
Sx3 : Sanibel Sea School
SXM : St. Maarten/St. Martin
SyMBiosIS : Systematic Marine Biodiversity Inventory System

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T : Thymine

T & E : Threatened & Endangered
T&D : Transmission and Distribution
T&T : Trinidad and Tobago
T-S Diagram : Temperature-Salinity Diagram
TA : Total Alkalinity
TA : Teaching Assistant
TAAF : Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises
TABS : Texas Automated Buoy System (TAMU)
TAC : Total Allowable Catch
TAC : Sea Turtle Advisory Committee
TAFIRI : Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute
TAL : Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory (SFRC/UF)
TAMU : Texas A&M University
TAMUG : Texas A & M University at Galveston
tangle net : Total Alkalinity
TAO : Tropical Atmosphere Ocean
TAP : Trajectory Analysis Planner
TaraGen : Taro Genetic Resources Conservation and Utilization
TAS : Teacher at Sea (NOAA)
TASTE : Toledo Association of Sustainable Tourism and Empowerment
TAT : Topical Advisory Team
TB : Terabyte
TB : Toboggan (Reunion)
TB : Teague Bay watershed

TBD : To Be Determined
TBMP : Tumon Bay Marine Preserve (Guam)
TBR : Tree Bisection-Reconnection
TBR : Taiaro Biosphere Reserve
TBT : Total Bottom Time
TBT : Tributyltin
TC : Technical Committee
TC : Technical Coordinator
TC : Togean Consortium
TC : Total Carbon
TC : Thalassia coral mix
TC : Tropical Cyclone
TCA : Trichloroethane
TCBS : Thiosulfate Citrate Bile Salts Sucrose Agar
TCCC : Tarawa Climate Change Conference
TCDR : Thematic Climate Data Record (NOAA)
TCE : Trichloroethylene
TCEMP : Tobago Coastal Ecosystem Mapping Project (T&T)
TCI : Turks and Caicos Islands
TCMP : Tanzania Coastal Management Partnership
TCMP : Tobago Cays Marine Park (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
TCMS : Tropical Coastal Management Studies Center (NU)
TCNT : Turks and Caicos National Trust
TCODE : Technical Committee on Data Exchange (PICES)

TCOE : The College of Exploration
TCOON : Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network
TCR : T cell receptor
TCRMP : Territorial Coral Reef Monitoring Program
TCRS : Taiwanese Coral Reef Society
TCS : The Crustacean Society
TCS : The Coastal Society
TCyr-1 : Tons of Carbon per year
TDA : Trans-boundary Diagnostic Analysis
TDI : The Dolphin Institute
TDM : Total Design Method
TDN : Total Dissolved Nitrogen
TDP : Total Dissolved Phosphorus
TDR : Time and Depth Recorder
TDR : Transfer of Development Rights
TDS : Towed Diver Survey
TDS : Total Dissolved Solids
TDT : Total Dive Time
TDWG : Taxonomic Databases Working Group
TE : Toxicity Evaluation
TEAP : Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (UNEP)
TED : Turtle Excluder Device
TEEB : The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

TEEWG : Toxicology and Ecological Epidemiology working group (Coral Health and Disease in the Pacific Workshop)
TEK : Traditional Ecological Knowledge
TEL/PEL : Threshold and Probable Effects Levels
TEM : Transmission Electron Microscopy
TEMA : Training, Education and Mutual Assistance programme (IOC)
TEMA : Territorial Emergency Management Agency
TEN : Togeans Ecotourism Network
TER : Tortugas Ecological Reserve
TERANGI : The Indonesian Coral Reef Foundation
TERSA : Tortugas Ecological Reserve Study Area
TES : Threatened and Endangered Species
TESS : Threatened and Endangered Species System
TEV : Total Economic Value
TEWG : Turtle Expert Working Group
Texas GEMS : Texas Gulf Ecological Management Sites
TF : Transcription Factor
TFMPA : Task Force on MPAs (Australia)
TGZ : Tide Gauge Zero (UH)
TH : Turner Hole watershed
THA : Thalassia, Halimeda, Amphiora
THA : Tobago House of Assembly (T&T)
THC : Thermohaline Circulation
THREDDS : Thematic Real-time Environmental Distributed Data Services

Three D (3D) : Three Dimensional
TIC : Total Inorganic Carbon (also "CT")
TIDE : Toledo Institute for Development and Environment
TIFF : Tag Image File Format
TIGER : Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system
TIGHAR : The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery
TIME : Tides and Inflows in the Mangrove Ecotone
TIN : Taxonomic Identification Number (ITIS)
TIO : Texas Institute of Oceanography (TAMU)
TIV : Tunnel Inspection Vehicle
TKN : Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
TL : Total Length
TLC : Thin-Layer Chromatography
TLP : Transect Line Plot
TM : Thematic Mapper
TMCB : Tropical Marine Conservation Biology (CIEE, Bonaire, NA)
TMCT : Technical Monitoring and Compliance Team
TMDL : Total Maximum Daily Load
TMPAS : Tasmanian Marine Protected Area Strategy
TMS : tricaine methanesulfonate
TN : Total Nitrogen
TNC : The Nature Conservancy
TNT : Total Nitrogen Time
TNYC : Tonga National Youth Congress

TOA : Top-of-Atmosphere
TOAD : Towed Optical Assessment Device
TOC : Total Organic Carbon
TOC : The Ocean Conservancy
TOD : Theoretical Ocean Depth
TOF : The Ocean Foundation
TOGA : Tropical Ocean and Global Atmosphere Program
TOGA-TAO : Tropical Ocean and Global Atmosphere Program -Tropical Atmosphere Ocean project (NOAA)
TOL : Tree Of Life
TOM : Territoires d'Outre Mer
TON : Total Organic Nitrogen
TON : Techno Ocean Network
TONGS : Television Observed Nautical Grappling System
TOPP : Tagging of Pacific Pelagics (or Predators)
TOR : Terms of Reference
TORI : Taiwan Ocean Research Institute
TOS : The Oceanography Society
ToT : Training of Trainers
TP : Trigger Probability
TP : Territorial Park
TPA : Third Party Annotation
TPC : Tropical Prediction Center (NOAA)
TPD : Town Planning Department (Jamaica)
TPDES : Territorial Pollution Discharge Elimination System

TPH : Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
TPIO : Technology, Planning, and Integration Program (NESDIS/NOAA)
TPMRMP : Tres Palmas Marine Reserve Management Plan
TPS : Territorial Park System
TPW : Texas Parks and Wildlife
TPWD : Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TR : Territorial Reserve
TR : Technical Report
TRAC : Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee
TRACES : Transatlantic Coral Ecosystems Study
TRAF : Tsunami Reef Action Fund
TRAFFIC : Wildlife Trade Monitoring network
TRANSMAP : Transboundary Networks of MPAs for Integrated Conservation and Sustainable Development (East Africa)
TRE : Rare, Threatened and Endangered (Species)
TREC : Belize Marine Tropical Research and Education Center (TU)
TRI : Tropical Research Initiative (WHOI)
TRIGOH : Tri-national Alliance for the Conservation of the Gulf of Honduras (Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras)
TRITON : TRlangle Trans-Ocean Buoy Network
TRL : Tropical Research Laboratory (MML)
TRLWG : Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group (Australia)
TRMM : Tropical Rainfall Measurement Mission
tRNA : Transfer RNA

TRO - SIS : Transdisciplinary Organization for Subtropical Island Studies (University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan)
TROPICS : Tropical Oil Pollution Investigation in Coastal Systems
TRP : Target Reference Point
TRS : Tuxpan Reef System
TRUE : Teen Research Underwater Explorers
TS CRC : Torres Strait Cooperative Research Centre
TSA : Thermal Stress Anomaly
TSA : Transportation Security Administration (San Juan Airport)
TSC : Train Sea Coast
TSD : Technical Support Document
TSER : Tortugas South Ecological Reserve (also known as Riley's Hump)
TSG : Thermosalinograph
TSLA : Territorial Submerged Lands act
TSM : Total Suspended Matter
TSN : Taxonomic Serial Number (ITIS)
TSPZ : Torres Strait Protected Zone
TSRA : Torres Strait Regional Authority (Australia)
TSS : Total Suspended Solids
TSSAC : Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee
TSU : Technical Support Unit
TT : Threshold Temperature
TTEM : Total Tissue Extraction Method.
TTO : Transient Tracers in the Ocean

TTP : Thymidine Triphosphate
TTPI : Trust Territory of the Pacific
TTX : Tetradotoxin
TU : Temple University
TUDeft : Delft University of Technology
TUMRAS : Traditional Use of Marine Resource Agreements
TURF : Territorial Use Rights in Fisheries
TVC : Takitumu Vaca Council
TWAS : the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (Trieste, Italy)
TWG : (SEA) Turtle Working Group
TZCF : Transition Zone Chlorophyll Front

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U : Uracil
u : micrometer; micron
U.S. : United States
U/A : Usual and accustomed
UA : University of the Azores
UA : University of Alaska
UA : University of Aukland (NZ)
UAA : University of Alaska - Anchorage
UABC : Universidad Autonoma de Baja California
UAC : Environmental Coastal Unit
UAC : Unified Area Command (USCG)

UAE : United Arab Emirates
UAF : Unified Access Framework (NOAA)
UAF : University of Alaska - Fairbanks
UAS : Unmanned Aerial (or Aircraft) System (NOAA)
UAS : Unmanned Autonomous Systems
UAV : Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UB : University of Belize
UCAR : University Corporation for Atmospheric Research
UCB : University College of Belize
UCC : University College Cork
UCF : University of Central Florida
UCL : University College London
UCME : Utila Centre for Marine Ecology (Honduras)
UCMERCED : University of California at Merced
UCR : University of Costa Rica
UCSB : University of California, Santa Barbara
UCSC : University of California at Santa Cruz
UCSC : University of California at Santa Clara
UCSD : University of California at San Diego
UD : University of Delaware
UDO : Universidad de Oriente (Venezuela)
UDSM : University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
UEC : St. John's River Water Management District Upper East Coast
UEP : Unique-Event Polymorphism

UESC : Utility Energy Services Contract
UF : University of Florida
UF-IFAS : University of Florida-Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
UFA : United Fishing Agency
UGF : Under Gravel Filter
UGT : UDP-Glucuronosyltransferase; also "Uridine Diphosphoglucuronosyltransferase"
UH : University of Hawaii
UHF : Ultra High Frequency
UHH : University of Hawaii (Hilo)
UHI : University of Hawaii
UHSLC : University of Hawaii Sea Level Center
UI : Upwelling Index
UIC : Underground Injection Control (line or program)
UK : United Kingdom
UKM : Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (Malaysia); same as "National University of Malaysia"
UKMMAS : UK Marine and Monitoring Assessment Strategy
UKOOA : United Kingdom Offshore Operators Association
UKOTCF : UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum
UKZN : University of Kwazulu-Natal
ULF : Ultra Low Frequency
UM : University of Miami
UM-RSMAS : University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science
UMCES : University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
UMD : University of Maryland

UMEB : Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology (NSF)
UMS : Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Malaysia)
UMT : University of Malta
UN : United Nations
UNAM : Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
UNC : University of North Carolina
UNC-CH : University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
UNCED : United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHS : United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
UNCLOS : United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNColombia : Universidad Nacional de Colombia
UNCW : University of North Carolina - Wilmington
UNDESA : United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNDP : United Nations Development Program
UNDS : Uniform National Discharge Standards (DoD)
UNE : University of New England (Australia)
UNEP : United Nations Environment Program
UNEP- EAS- RCU : United Nations Environment Programme East Asian Seas Regional Co-ordinating Unit
UNEP-CEP : United Nations Environmental Programme - Caribbean Environment Programme
UNEP-CRU : United Nations Environment Program - Coral Reef Unit
UNEP-GPA : United Nations Environment Program - Global Program of Action
UNEP-RCU : United Nations Environment Programme - Regional Coordinating Unit
UNEP-WCMC : United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre

UNEP/GEF SCS : UNEP/Global Environment Facility South China Sea
UNESCO : United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNESCO-MAB : UNESCO - Man and the Biosphere Programme
UNESCO-WHC : United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - World Heritage Convention
UNF : United Nations Foundation
UNFCCC : United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNGA : United Nations General Assembly
UNH : University of New Hampshire
UNICPOLOS : United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Processes on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
UNIGE : University of Geneva
UNIMAS : University Malaysia Sarawak (Malaysia)
UniProt : Universal Protein Resource
UniProtKB : UniProt Knowledgebase
UNISIST : United Nations International Scientific Information System; World Scientific Information System
UNKN : Unknown
UNOLS : University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System
UNU : United Nations University
UNU INWEH : United Nations University International Network on Water, Environment and Health
UNU-INWEH : United Nations University - International Network on Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH)
UNU-INWEH : UNU Institute for Water, Environment & Health
UO : University of Ottawa
UO : University of Oregon
UOG : University of Guam

UOGML : University of Guam Marine Laboratory
UP : University of the Philippines
UP : University of Porto (Universidade do Porto)
UPGMA : Unweighted Pair-Group Method with Arithmetic Averaging analysis
UPM : Universiti Putra Malaysia (Malaysia)
UPMSI : University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute
UPR : University of Puerto Rico
UPRM : University of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez
UPS : Undersea persistent surveillance
UQ : University of Queensland
URI : University of Rhode Island
URJ : University of Rio de Janeiro
URL : Universal Resource Locator
URSA : Urban Reforestation Site Assessment
US : United States
USA : United States of America
USA : Unified Stream Assessment
USA-NPN : USA National Phenology Network
USAC : University Sub-Aqua Club (Jamaica)
USACE : U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USACOE : U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USAICRI : U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Initiative
USAICRIC : U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Initiative Committee
USAID : U.S. Agency for International Development

USAKA : United States Army Kwajalein Atoll
USAO : Under Secretary and Associate Offices
USAPI : U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands
USC : United States Code
USCA : University of South Carolina Aiken
USCG : U.S. Coast Guard
USCOP : United States Commission on Ocean Policy
USCRTF : U.S. Coral Reef Task Force
USCRTF CCWG : United States Coral Reef Task Force Climate Change Working Group
USCTI : United States Coral Triangle Initiative Support Program
USD : US Dollars
USDA : U.S. Department of Agriculture
USF : University of South Florida
USFS : U.S. Forest Service
USFWS : U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGCRP : United States Global Changes Research Program
USGEO : U.S. Group on Earth Observations
USGS : U.S. Geological Survey
USH : Universal Sample Holder
USM : Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia)
USMCC : U.S. Mission Control Center
USNOO : United States Naval Oceanographic Office
USNRCS : US Natural Resources Conservation Service

USP : University of the South Pacific (Fiji)
USPI : United States Pacific Islands
USSR : Unified Subwatershed and Site Reconnaissance
UST : underground storage tank
USTR : United States Trade Representative
USVI : U.S. Virgin Islands
USVI-ROMS : The US Virgin Islands Regional Ocean Modeling System (RSMAS)
USWRP : United States Weather Research Program
USYD : University of Sydney (Australia)
UT : University of Texas
UT : Universal Time
UTAS : University of Tasmania
UTC : Unit Trust Corporation (T&T)
UTE : Underwater Tagging Equipment
UTIG : University of Texas Institute for Geophysics
UTM : Universal Transverse Mercator
UUV : Unmanned Underwater Vehicle
UV : Ultraviolet Radiation
UVA : Ultraviolet-A
UvA : University of Amsterdam
UVB : Ultraviolet-B
UVC : Underwater Visual Census
UVI : University of the Virgin Islands
UVNet : Ultraviolet Radiation Monitoring Program (EPA)

UVR : Ultraviolet Radiation; Ultraviolet radiometer
UW : University of Washington
UW-CIG : University of Washington's Climate Impacts Group
UWI : University of the West Indies
UWI Mona : University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica
UWICED : University of West Indies Center for Environment and Development
UWS : Ulcerative White Spot Disease
UWS : University of Western Sydney
UXO : Unexploded Ordnance

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VA : Varangue (Reunion)
VA : Vulnerability Assessment
VAT : Value-Added Tax
VB : Visual Basic Code
VBGF : von Bertalanffy Growth Function
VCO : Voluntary Carbon Offset
VCS : Voluntary Carbon Standard
VDCC : Voltage Dependent Calcium Channels
VDMS : Video Data Management System (NOAA)
VDS : Vessel Day Scheme
VDSC : Voltage Dependent Sodium Channels
VEA : Valued Environmental Attributes
VEC : Valued Ecosystem Component

VEPA : Vietnam Environment Protection Agency
VERTIGO : Vertical Transport In the Global Ocean
VGE : Venous Gas Embolism
VGI : Volunteered Geographic Information
VHF : Very High Frequency
VHRR : Very High Resolution Radiometer
VI : Vegetation Index
VI-EPSCoR : Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research
VICCC : Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center
VICD : Virgin Islands Conservation District
VICR : Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument
VICRAG : Virgin Islands Coral Reef Advisory Group
VICRNM : Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument
VIDA : Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture
VIDE : Virgin Islands Department of Education
VIEC : Virgin Islands Environmental Council (BVI)
VIERS : Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station
VIFEP : Vietnam Institute of Fisheries and Economic Policy (Republic of Vietnam)
VIHA : Virgin Islands Housing Authority
VIHTA : Virgin Islands Hotel and Tourism Association
VIIRS : Visible/Infrared Imager/Radiometer Suite
VIIS : Virgin Islands National Park
VIMAS : Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service
VIMPAC : Virgin Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee

VIMPAN : Virgin Islands Marine Protected Area Network
VIMS : Virginia Institute of Marine Science (CWM)
VINE : Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators
VINP : Virgin Islands National Park
VIP : Vehicle Interface Program
VIPR : Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
VIRC&D : Virgin Islands Resource Conservation and Development Council
VIRCD : Virgin Islands Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc.
VIRG : Virgin Islands Recycling Group
VIRR : Virgin Islands Rules and Regulations
VIS : Visible Band
VIWMA : Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
VK : Viasca Knoll
VLF : Very Low Frequency
VMAS : Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service
VME : Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem
VMS : Vessel Monitoring System
VMSCP : Vulnerable Marine Species Conservation Program (Palau)
VOA : Volatile Organic Analysis
VOA : Vibrational Optical Activity
VOC : Volatile Organic Compound
VOCs : Volatile Organic Compounds
VOGNET : Hawaii Island volcanic aerosol monitoring Network
VOMIL : Antillean Minister of Public Health and Environment (NA)

VOS : Volunteer Observing Ships
VPA : Virtual Population Analysis
VRE : Virtual Research Environment
VRS : Veracruz Reef System
VSI : Visual stock identification
VSLS : Very Short-Lived Substance(s)
VT : Video Transect
VTI : Vessel Transmitted Information
VTR : Vessel Trip Report
VU : Vulnerable
VUAP : Visitor Use Action Plan
VUB : Free University of Brussels (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

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W&W : Weather and Water
WA : Western Australia
WAAS : Wide Area Augmentation System
WAF : Water Accommodated Fraction
WAFWA : Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
WAG : Widely Attended Gathering
WAIS : West Antarctic Ice Sheet
WAMER : West African Ecoregion
WAMSI : Western Australia Marine Science Institution
WAN : Women’s Aquatic Network

WAP : Western Antarctic Peninsula
WAPA : War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Guam)
WaSh : Watershed Hydrology and Water Quality Model
WASWind : Wave- and Anemometer-based Sea Surface Wind
WaterMIP : Water Model Intercomparison Project
WAVCIS : Wave-Current Information System
WB : World Bank
WB/GEF-CRTR : World Bank / Global Environment Facility Coral Reef Targeted Research & Capacity Building for Management Program
WBCDWG : World Bank Coral Disease Working Group
WBD : White-Band Disease
WBD1 : White Band Disease Type 1
WBD11 : White Band Disease Type11
WBID : Waterbody Identification (Number)
WCA : Water Conservation Area
WCA : Watershed Condition Assessment
WCC : Windward Community College (HI)
WCC-3 : World Climate Conference - 3
WCCBMPA : Woburn/Clarke's Court Bay Marine Protected Area
WCD : Water Control District
WCED : World Commission on Environment and Development
WCGOP : West Coast Groundfish Observer Program
WCMC : World Conservation Monitoring Center
WCMD : Wildlife Conservation and Management Department

WCMNP : West Caicos Marine National Park
WCOS : West Coast Observing System (NOAA)
WCP : World Climate Program
WCPA : World Commission on Protected Areas
WCPA/IUCN : World Commission on Protected Areas/International Union for Conservation of Nature
WCPFC : Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WCPO : Western and Central Pacific Ocean
WCR : Wider Caribbean Region
WCRP : World Climate Research Program
WCS : Wildlife Conservation Society
WCS : World Conservation Strategy
WDC : World Data Center
WDC-A Oceanography : World Data Center-A for Oceanography (Washington, D.C.)
WDCS : Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
WDFW : Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
WDPA : World Database of Protected Areas
WDR : Western Dry Rocks
WEC : World Ecotourism Conference
WECAFC : Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission
WERA : Wellen Radar
WERI : Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific at the University of Guam
WESPAC : Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
WESTPAC : Western Pacific Fishery Regional Management Council
WET : Water Education for Teachers

WFC : World Fish Center
WFGB : West Flower Garden Banks
WFN : Whitley Fund for Nature
WFO : Weather Forecasting Office
WFOV : Wide Field of View
WFS : West Florida Continental Shelf
WFS-HYCOM : West Florida Shelf Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model Domains (RSMAS)
WG : Working Group
WGDEC : ICES-NAFO Joint Working Group on Deep Water Ecology
WGECO : Working Group on Ecosystem Effects of Fishing Activities
WGL : Leibniz Association (Germany)
WGS : Whole Genome Shotgun sequences
WGS : Whole Genome Sequencing
WH : White House
WHAP : West Hawaii Aquarium Project
WHC : World Heritage Convention
WHFC : West Hawaii Fisheries Council
WHIP : Whale Habitat Informatics Project
WHMSI : Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative
WHO : World Health Organization
WHOI : Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
WHPO : WOCE Hydrographic Program Office
WHRFMA : West Hawaii Regional Fisheries Management Area
WHS : World Health Survey

WHS : World Heritage Site
WHYCOS : World Hydrological Cycle Observing System
WIDECAST : Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Recovery Team and Conservation Network
WIDECAST : Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
WIGOS : World Integrated Global Observing System
WIO : Western Indian Ocean
WIO-COMPAS : Western Indian Ocean Certification of Marine Protected Area Professionals
WIOMER : Western Indian Ocean Marine Eco-region
WIOMSA : Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association
WIPO : World Intellectual Property Organization
WMA : Wildlife Management Area
WMD : Water Management District
WMDW : Western Mediterranean Deep Water
WMNP : Watamu Marine National Park (Kenya)
WMO : World Meteorological Organization
WMR : West Mariana Ridge
WOA : World Ocean Atlas (NOAA)
WOA09 : World Ocean Atlas 2009
WOC : World Ocean Conference
WOC : Washington, Oregon and California
WOC : World Ocean Council
WOCE : World Ocean Circulation Experiment
WOD : World Ocean Database (NOAA)

WOI : Western Oslofjord Inlet
WON : World Ocean Network
WOOD : World-wide Ocean Optics Database
WoRMS : World Register of Marine Species
WP : White Plague
WP11 : White Plague 11
WP111 : White Plague Type 111
WPA : Wildlife Protection Act
WPacFIN : Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network (NOAA/PIFSC)
WPC : Watershed Planning Committee (Guam)
WPCF : Water Pollution Control Federation
WPCRI : Western Pacific Coral Reef Institute at the University of Guam
WPD : World Porifera Database
WPD : White Pox Disease
WPFMC : Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
WPGM : Western Pacific Geophysics Meeting (AGU)
WPO : Western Pacific Ocean
WPRFMC : Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
WPSMP : Western Pacific Seagrass Monitoring Program
WPTI : Wildlife Preservation Trust International
WPTRC : Western Pacific Tropical Research Center (UOG)
WPx : White Pox Disease
WQ : Water Quality
WQPP : Water Quality Protection Program

WR : Wildlife Research (FWC Florida)
WRAC : Water Resources Advisory Commission
WRAPS : Waste Reduction Afloat Protects the Sea (DoD)
WRAS : Web Reef Advisory System
WRDA : Water Resources Development Act
WRDA : Water Resources Development Act
WRF : Weather Research and Forecast (NOAA)
WRI : World Resources Institute
WRP : Wetlands Reserve Program
WRRI : Water Resources Research Institute (USGS)
WS : Wildlife Sanctuary
WS : White Syndrome Disease
WS : Withering Syndrome
WSA : World Seagrass Association
WSC : Working Science Consultancies
WSE : Water Supply/Environmental Regulation Schedule
WSER : Western Sambo Ecological Reserve
WSF : Water-Soluble Fraction
WSIS : World Summit on the Information Society
WSNP : Washington Slagbaai National Park (Bonaire)
WSSD : World Summit on Sustainable Development
WTE : Waste To Energy
WTM : Watershed Treatment Model
WTO : World Trade Organization

WTP : Willingness to Pay
WTR : Wave and Tide Recorder
WTSS : Whole Transcriptome Shotgun Sequencing
WTSS : Whole Transcriptome Shotgun Sequencing
WTTC : World Travel and Tourism Council
WTW : Watamu Turtle Watch (Kenya)
WUCA : Water Utilities Climate Alliance
WUE : Water Use Efficiency
WUTMI : Women United Together in the Marshall Islands
WV-2 : WorldView-2
WW : Windward
WW2BW : White Water to Blue Water Initiative
WWA : Western Water Assessment (CIRES/NOAA)
WWB : Westerly Wind Burst
WWF : Worldwide Fund for Nature
WWF : World Wildlife Fund
WWF-SI : World Wildlife Fund - Solomon Islands
WWMD : World Water Monitoring Day
WWMP : Waiulaula Watershed Management Plan
wwPDB : Worldwide Protein Data Bank
WWTP : Wastewater Treatment Plant
WWW : World Wide Web
WWW : World Weather Watch

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XBT : Expendable Bathythermograph
XCC : Xcalak Community Committee
XCP : Expendable Current Profiler
XCTD : Expendable Conductivity, Temperature, Depth Profiler
XML : Extensible Markup Language

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YAC : Yeast Artificial Chromosome
Yap CAP : Yap Community Action Program
YBD : Yellow-Band Disease; Yellow-Blotch Disease
YFP : Yellow Fluorescent Protein
YLNG : Yemen Liquefied Natural Gas
YOY : Young-of-the-Year
YPR : Yield Per Recruit
yr-1 : per year
YTD : Year-To-Date

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Z : Zulu Time (Universal Time)
ZACC : Zoos and Aquariums Committing to Conservation
ZID : Zone of Initial Dilution
ZIMM : Zonal Inundation and Marsh Model
ZMRG : Zero Mortality Rate Goal
ZMT : Center for Tropical Marine Ecology; Zentrum für Marine Tropenökologie (University of Bremen)

ZooGene : Zooplankton Genomic
ZPEMTH-RH : Zona de Proteccion Especial Marina Turtle Harbour - Rock Harbour
ZR : Zoological Record
ZSI : Zoological Survey Of India
ZSL : Zoological Society of London
Zulu Time (Z) : Universal Time

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