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A

A	Adenine
A/D	Analog/Digital
A3H	Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii
AA	Alien Algae
AA	Assistant Administrator
AA	Atomic Absorption
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
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 naturereserve)
ABIF	Australian Biodiversity Information Facility
ABL	Auk Bay Laboratory (NOAA)
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
ACCE	Atlantic Circulation and Climate Experiment
ACCESS	Accelerated Coastal Community Environmental Science Service
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
ACH	Acetylcholinesterase
ACIAR	Australian Center for International Agriculture Research
ACL	Annual Catch Limit
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
ACQ	Aquaculture
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)
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)
ADMP	Adaptive Decision-Making Process
ADP	Adenosine diphosphate
ADT	Actual Dive Time
ADW	Adriatic Deep Water
ADW	Animal Diversity Web
AECID	Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo
AENSI	American-Eurasian Network for Scientific Information
AEPC	African Environmental Protection Commission
AESOP	Automated Electronic System for Ocean Pollution
AEWA	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
AF	Attached Fragment
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
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)
AFWTA	Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area
AG	Australian Government
AG	Academic Globalization
AGCI	Atlantic Global Change Institute (BIOS)
AGE	Arterial Gas Embolism
AGI	American Geological Institute
AGM	Annual Guidance Memorandum (NOAA)
AGRA	Atlantic and Gulf Reef Assessment
AGRF	Australian Genome Research Facility
AGRRA	Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment
AGU	American Geophysical Union
AGW	Accelerated Global Warming
AGW	Anthropogenic Global Warming
AGW	Anti-Global Warming
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
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
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
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
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
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
AMME	American Memorial Park (Guam)
AMNH	American Museum of Natural History
AMO	Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation
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)
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
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
AODC	Australian Oceanographic Data Center
AOGCM	Atmosphere-Ocean Coupled General Circulation Model
AOL	Airborne Oceanographic Lidar
AOM	Anaerobic Oxidation of Methane
AOML	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	Australian Post-graduate Award
APA	Administrative Procedure Act
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
API	American Petroleum Institute
APLABES	Apulian Plateau Bank Ecosystem Study
APN	Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research
APNEP	Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuarine Program
	Association For the Protection of the Environment in St.

APNSB	Barts
APS	Adenosine 5´-phosphosulfate
APT	Automatic Picture Transmission
APT	All-Purpose Tool
AQRV	Air Quality Related Values
Aqua	NASA Earth Science Mission
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
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
ARCC	Areas Resilient to Climate Change
ARCCD	Australian River and Catchment Condition Database
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
ARMDDES	AIMS Reef Monitoring Data Entry System
ARMS	Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures
ARNP	Apo Reef Natural Park
ARNP	Alacranes Reef National Park
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
ARTS	Annual Records of Tropical Systems
ARVAM	Agence pour la Recherche et la Valorisation Marines
AS	American Samoa
AS	Academia Sinica (China)
ASAC	Abaco Science Alliance Conference

ASAC	American Samoa Administrative Code
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
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
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
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
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
ASPRS	American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
ASRAMP	American Samoa Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program
ASTM	American Society of Testing and Materials
ASU	Arizona State University
ASU	Arkansas 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

AtN	Atramentous Necrosis
ATOL	Assembling the Tree Of Life
ATOMMS	Active Temperature, Ozone and Moisture Microwave Spectrometer
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
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
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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B

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
BAPPEDA	Directory of Development Planning Board (Indonesia)
BAS	Belize Audubon Society
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)
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	Benthic (or Bottom) Boundary Layer
BBL	Barrel
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 CO ₂ Capture and Storage
BCD	Buoyancy Control Device
BCE	Before the Common Era; Before the Christian Era
BCEF	Bioconcentration Factor
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
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)
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
BFOP	Bottom Fish Observer Program
BGC	Biological Grouping Code (NOAA)
BHF	Blue Hole Foundation, Bahamas
BHV	Benthic Habitat Viewer (NOAA)
BI	BirdLife International
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
BMR	Bureau of Marine Resources (Palau)
BMT	Barbados Marine Trust
BMU	Beach Management Unit (Kenya)
BMUS	Bottomfish Management Unit Species
BNCRMN	Belize National Coral Reef Monitoring Network
BNDO	Bureau National des Donnees Oceaniques (France)
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
BODC	British Oceanographic Data Centre
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	Before Present Time
bp	base pairs
BP	Biodiversity Project
BP	British Petroleum
BPA	Belize Port Authority
BPA	Benthic Protected Area
BPBM	Bernice P. Bishop Museum
BPheo	Bacteriopheophytin
BPI	Bathymetric Position Index
BPOA	Barbados Programme of Action (for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States)
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
BRFA	Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Area
BRNR	Buccoo Reef Nature Reserve
BRS	Boston Reefers Society
BRS	Bocas del Toro Research Station (STRI)
BRT	Biological Review Team
BRT	Buccoo Reef Trust
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
BSR	Bottom Simulating Reflection
BSRS	Brazilian Society for Reef Studies
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
BTS	Brown Tree Snake
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	
C	Thermal Capacity
C	Cytosine
C&GC	Climate and Global Change Program
C&GS	Office of Charting and Geodetic Services
C&GS	Coast and Geodetic Survey
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
CAA	Caribbean Aquaculture Association

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
CAF	Coastal Assessment Framework
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
CaICOFI	California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations
CaIPoly	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
CaMMESEC	Coastal and Marine Management and Education in the South Eastern Caribbean
CAMP	Coastal Area Management Project
CAMP	Comprehensive Atmospheric Monitoring Programme (OSPAR)
CaMPAM	Caribbean MPA Managers Network and Forum
CaMPAM	Caribbean Marine Protected Area Management
CAN	Comisión Nacional del Agua (Mexico)
CAN	Caribbean Acoustic Network (Red Acústica del Carib)
CANARI	Caribbean Natural Resources Institute
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CAP	Crustacean Advisory Panel
CAP	Coastal America Partnership
CAP	Caribbean Action Plan
CAP	community action plan
CAP	Common Alert Protocol
CAP	Conservation Action Planning
CAP	Coral Advisory Panel (SAMFC)
CAR	Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative
CAR/RCU	Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (UNEP)
CaRA	Caribbean Regional Association
CARACOLE	Carbonate mounds and Cold Coral Exploration
Caribbean Islands NWR	Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuge complex
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARICOMP	Caribbean Coastal Marine Productivity Program
CARIPOL	Marine Pollution Monitoring Program in the Caribbean

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CARIRI	Caribbean Industrial Research Institute
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
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
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
CB	Ciliate Band
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis
CBC	Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (AMNH)
CBC	Caribbean Biodiversity Conservation
CBCRM	Community-based Coastal Resource Management
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity; also Center on Biological Diversity
CBD:CoP	Convention of Biological Diversity: Conference on the Parties
CBFMA	Community-Based Forest Management Agreement
CBIF	Canadian Biodiversity Information Facility
CBIN	Canadian Biodiversity Information Network
CBM	Community-Based Management
CBNMR	Community-Based Natural Resources Management
CBNMS	Cordell Bank National marine Sanctuary
CBO	Community-Based Organization
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)
CC	Crushed Coral
CC	California Current
CC-S	Carbon and Climate-Secton (PICES)
CCA	Crustose Coralline Algae
CCA	Caribbean Conservation Association

CCA	Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA)
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
CCAD	Central American Commission on Environment and Development
CCAF	Caribbean Coastal Area Foundation (Jamaica)
CCAM	Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation
CCAMLR	Commission (or Convention) for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCBA	Closed Circuit Breathing Apparatus
CCBF	Climate Change Business Forum
CCC	Coral Cay Conservation
CCC	Coastal Coordination Committee
CCC	Caribbean Conservation Corporation
CCC/STSL	Caribbean Conservation Corporation & Sea Turtle Survival League
CCCC	Caribbean Challenge to Conserve Corals
CCCCC	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
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)
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)
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
CCL	Curved Carapace Length
CCLME	California Current Large Marine Ecosystem
CCM	Carbon Concentrating Mechanism
CCMA	Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment (NOAA)
CCMA-BB	Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment, Biogeography Branch (NOAA)
CCMI	Central Caribbean Marine Institute
CCMP	Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan
CCN	Community Conservation Network
CCOM	Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (UNH)
CCP	Comprehensive Conservation Plan
	Environmental Protection and Conservation Center

CCPA	(CIBIO/UA)
CCPP	Caribbean Coastal Pollution Project
CCPSA	Committee CaborrojeSos Pro Salud y Ambiente, Inc.
CCR	Center for Conservation and Research (Sri Lanka)
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
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
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
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
CDR	Climate Data Record (NOAA)
CDRS	Charles Darwin Research Station (Ecuador)
CDSA OA	Commercial Diver Safety Awareness and Oceanic Awareness Association (T&T)
CDSS	Caribbean Decision Support System
CDU	Charles Darwin University
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)
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
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
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
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
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
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 (USVI)
CES	Center for Ecosystem Survival (SFSU)
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)
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	Coastal Fisheries Programme (SCP)
CFP	Ciguatera Fish Poisoning
CFP	Cyan Fluorescent Protein
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 Forcast System (NOAA)
CFS	Coefficient of Faunal Similarity
CFSG	Caribbean Fisheries Specialist Group
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)
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	Conservation International
CI	Cooperative Institute
CI	CiberInfrastructure

CIAP	Coastal Impact Assistance Program
CIASNET	Caribbean Invasive Alien Species Network
CIAT	International Center for Tropical Agriculture
CIAT	Comisión Interamericana del Atún Tropical
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	Clean Islands International, (Bahamas)
CII	Cooperative Islands Initiative
CILER	Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research
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
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
CLASS	Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System (NOAA)
CLD	Coralline Lethal Disease
CLEO	Coral Literature, Education & Outreach
CLIOTOP	Climate Impacts on Oceanic Top Predators
CLIVAR	Climate Variability and Predictability
CLIVAR ACC	CLIVAR Anthropogenic Climate Change
CLIVAR DecCen	CLIVAR Decadal to Century Time Scales
CLIVAR GOALS	CLIVAR Global Ocean-Atmosphere-Land System
CLIVAR UOP	CLIVAR Upper Ocean Panel
CLO	Community Liaison Officer (Australia)
CLOD	Coralline Lethal Orange Disease
CLPNR	Canal Luis Peña No-Take Natural Reserve
CM	Current Meter
CMA	Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
CMAC	Coastal management Advisory Council (RMI)
CMAR	CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research
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
CMI	College of the Marshall Islands
CMIS	Conical Scanning Microwave Imager/Sounder
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	Center for Marine Science (UNCW)
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CMS	Centre for Marine Sciences (UWI Mona)
CMS	College of Marine Science (USF)
CMS	Centre for Marine Studies (UQ)
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)
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
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
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
COCCYTAC	Comite Cunsultor Cientifico y Tecnico 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
CoECRS	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	Indian Ocean Commission (Commission de l'Océan Indien)
COI	Cytochrome Oxidase subunit I (COI) gene
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
CoMarg-E	Census of Marine Life on Continental Margins
COMARGE	Continental MarginsEcosystems
COMARGIS	COMARGE Information System
COMBO	Coral Mortality and Bleaching Output model
CoML	Census of Marine Life
COMPACT	Community Management of Protected Areas for Conservation

COMPASS	Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea
COMPS	Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction System (USF)
CONANP	Comision Nacional de areas Naturales Protegidas
CONAPESCA	National Commission of Aquaculture and Fisheries (Mexico)
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
CoRal 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
CORDIO	Coral Reef Degradation in the Indian Ocean
CORDIO	Coastal Research and Development in the Indian Ocean
CORE	Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education
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
	Coast and beach stability in the Lesser Antilles; Coastal

COSALC	Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.
COSDT	Coastal Ocean Satellite Data Team (NODC)
COSEE	Center for Ocean Science Education Excellence
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)
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	Cycloxygenase
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
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
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
CPPS	Comision Permanente del Pacifico Sur
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)
CRAG	American Samoa Coral Reef Advisory Group
CRAMP	Coral Reef Assessment and Monitoring Program
CRAP	Carbon-Rich Aggregated Pellets
CRb	Coral Rubble
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CRC	Coastal Resources Center (URI)
CRC	Cooperative Research Centre (Australia)
CRC	Coastal Resources Center (Ghana)
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-FMP	Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan
CRECAA	Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Amendments Act
CRED	Coral Reef Ecosystems Division (NOAA)
CReefs	Census of Coral Reef Ecosystems
CREI	Coral Reef Ecosystem Investigation
CREIOS	Coral Reef Ecosystems Integrated Observing System (NOAA)
CREM	Coral Reef Ecology and Management Lab (NCORE/RASMAS)
CREMP	Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Program
CREMUS	Coral Reef Ecosystem Management Unit Species
CREO	Committee on Recently Extinct Organisms
CREON	Coral Reef Environmental Observatory Network
CREP	Caribbean Regional Environmental 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	Cooperative Remote Sensing Science and Technology Center (NOAA)
CREST	Coral Reef Support Team (MSMS)
CREW	Coral Reef Educator on the Water
CREWS	Coral Reef Early Warning System (NOAA)
CREWS-ENH	CREWS Enhanced
CRF	Coral Restoration Foundation
CRF	Coral Reef Foundation
CRFM	Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism
CRHC	Coral Coast Reef Habitat Classification
CRI	Christensen Research Institute
CRI	Coral Reef Initiative
CRI	Conservation Research Initiative (Belize)
CRIMP	Coral Reef Instrumented Monitoring Platform

CRIOBE	Centre de Recherches Insulaires et Observatoire de l'Environnement
CrIS	Cross-track Infrared Sounder
CRISP	Coral Reef InitiativeS for the Pacific
CRISP	Coral Reef Initiative for the South Pacific
CRISPR	Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats
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	Comprehensive River Management Plan
CRMP	Coastal Resources Management Project
CRMP	Coral Reef Monitoring Program
CRMP	Coastal Resource Management Project (Philippines)
CRN	(Commonwealth) Collaborative Research Networks (Australia)
CROGEE	Committee on Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem
CRON	Coral Reef Outreach Network
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
CRW	Coral Reef Watch (NOAA)
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	Cetacean Society International
CSI	Coral Seas, Inc.
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	Coastal Regions and Small Islands
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
CSP	Conservation Society of Pohnpei
CSP	Coastal Storms Program
CSPO	Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes (ASU)
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	Cayman Trough
CT	Coral Triangle
CTAB	Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide
CTAF	Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities
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
CTJ	Chile Triple Junction
CTO	Caribbean Tourism Organization
CTP	Coastal Training Program
CTSA	Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture
CTSP	Coral Triangle Support Partnership
CTX	Ciguatoxin
CU	Coordination Unit
CU	Carleton University (Canada)
CU	University of Colorado (Boulder)
CU	Chulalongkom University (Thailand)
CU	Clemson University
CUE	Coastal Upwelling Experiment (IDOE)
CUEA	Coastal Upwelling Ecosystems Analysis (IDOE)
CUFES	Continuous Underway Fish Egg Sampler
CUGI	Clemson University Genomics Institute
CUR	Curaçao
CURO	Council of Underwater Resort Operators (Bonaire)
CV	Coefficient of Variation
CVF	Climate Vulnerable Forum
CW	Continuous Wave
CW	Coast Watch (NOAA)
CWA	Clean Water Act (1977 - FWPCA of 1972)
CWA	Critical Wildlife Area
CWC	Cold-Water Coral Community
CWC	Caribbean Waterbird Census
CWCGD	Cold-Water Coral Geographic Database
CWM	College of William and Mary
CWMTF	Clean Water Management Trust Fund
CWN	Clean Water Network
CWP	Central-Western Pacific
CWP	Center for Watershed Protection
CWPPRA	Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
CWQG	Coastal Water Quality Guidelines
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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D	
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	Damage Assessment Center (NOAA)
DAC	Data Assembly Center
DADI	Data Access and Database Interoperability (GBIF)
DAMSL	Digital Atlas of Marine Species and Locations (RSMAS)
DAN	Diver's Alert Network
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
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	Dominica Conservation Association
DCA	Dead Coral with Algae
DCA	Dutch Caribbean Airlines
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
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate Change (UK)
DECR	Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (Turks and Caicos)
Deep-CRES-Caribbean	Deep Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies: Caribbean
Deep-CRES-Hawaii	Deep Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies: Hawaii
DeepCRES	Deep Coral Reef Ecosystems Studies
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

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
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
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
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)
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
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
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
DLS	Digital Library System

DM	Data management
DM	Distance Matrix
DMAC	Data Management Advisory Council
DMAC Plan	Data Management and Communications 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 Satellite 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
DNER	Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PR)
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
DOCARE	Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (HI)
DOCD	Development Operations Coordination Document
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
DPFTG	Data Publishing Framework Task Group (GBIF)
DPNR	Department of Planning and Natural Resources (USVI)
DPP	Development and Production Plan
DPV	Diver Propulsion Vehicle
DRC	Disaster Response Center
DRC	Dolphin Research Center
DRD	Disaster Risk Reduction
DRG	Digital Raster Graphic
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
DSDP	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
DSTO	Defense, Science and Technology Organization (Australia)
DT	Dry Tortugas
DTER	Dry Tortugas Ecological Reserve
DTIS	Deep Towed Imaging System
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/m ²)
DVD	Digital Versatile Disc
DVL	Doppler Velocity Log
DW	Deep Water
DWAR	Dive With A Researcher
DWC	Deep Water Coral
DwC	DarwinCore Group (TDWG)

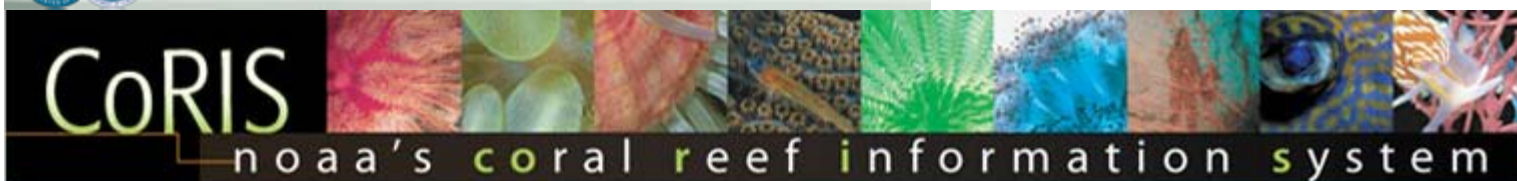
DwC	Darwin Core
DWG	World Bank Coral Disease Working Group
DWH	Deepwater Horizon
DYNAMEC	Dynamic Selection and Prioritization Mechanism for Hazardous Substances (OSPAR)

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E

E-SWDS	External Space Weather. Database Store (NOAA)
E.O.	Executive Order
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAC	East Australian Current
EAC	Ecology Action Centre (Canada)
EAC	Educators Advisory Committee (REEF)
EACC	East African Coast Current
EAD	Equivalent Air Depth
EAF	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries
EAFM	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
EAG	Environmental Awareness Group (Antigua and Barbuda)
EAM	Ecosystem Approach to Management
EAME	Eastern 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-SG	European Aquaculture Society - Student Group
EAST	Environmental Association of St. Thomas - St. John
EAZA	European Association of Zoos and Aquaria

EAZO	Energetically Active Zones of the Ocean
EBA	Ecosystem Based Approaches
EBA	Endemic Bird Area
EbA	Ecosystem-based Adaptation
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
EC	Environment Canada
EC	Ecosystem Component
EC	European Commission
EC	European Communities
ECA	Ecologically Critical Area
ECC	Exploration Command Center
ECC	Eastern Caribbean Center (UVI)
ECC	Equatorial Counter Current (Pacific Equatorial Undercurrent)
ECCM	Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management
ECFP	Enhanced Cyan Fluorescent Protein
ECLAC-CDCC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean- Development and Cooperation Committee
ECLEI	International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives
ECNAMP	Eastern Caribbean Natural Area Management Programme
ECNC	European Center for Nature Conservation
ECO	Earth Communications Office
ECO	National Historic and Ecological Preserve
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
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
EDAB	Ecosystem Disruptive Algal Bloom
EDAC	Ecosystems Data Assembly Center (NOAA)
EDC	Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center (NOAA)
EDC	Electronic Data Capture

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
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid
EE	Environmental Envelope
EEA	European Environment Agency
EEAA	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
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
EESI	Environmental and Energy Study Institute
EESLI	Energy, Ecosystems and Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (IUCN)
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EF	Enrichment Factor
EFGB	East Flower Garden Banks
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
EFHRC	Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee
EFMP	Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan
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
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
EIANZ	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
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
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	Environmental Modeling Center (NOAA)
EMDW	Eastern Mediterranean Deep Water
EMODNET	European Marine Observation and Data Network
EMPSR	Experimental Marine Pollution Surveillance Report (NOAA)
EMR	Electromagnetic Radiation
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
ENN	Environmental News Network
ENP	Everglades National Park
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
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOD	Ecosystems and Oceanography Division (NOAA)
EOE	Extension, Outreach and Education Pilot 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
EP	Environmental Parameter
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPA	Environmental Protection Area
EPA	Eicosapentaenoic acid
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
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)
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
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
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
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 (Hong Cong)
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
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
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 Monitor (NOAA)
ESP	Environmental Science & Policy Department (GMU)
ESP- GSA	GMU's Environmental Science and Policy department and Graduate Student Association
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
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
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)
EWT	Endangered Wildlife Trust (UK)
EWT	Environmental Walk-Through

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F

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
FACE	Free-Air CO ₂ 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
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)
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 Buca 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
FCREPA	Florida Committee on Rare and Endangered Plants and Animals
FCZ	Fishery Conservation Zone
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
FDEP-CRCP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coral Reef Conservation Program
FDM	Farallon de Medinilla (CNMI)
FEAM	Fishery Economic Assessment Model
FeAX	Open-Ocean Iron Addition Experiment
FECP	Flats Ecology and Conservation Program (CEI)
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMAT	Federal Ecosystem Management Assessment Team
FeMO	Fe-Oxidizing Microbial Observatory; Iron Microbial Observatory
FeOB	Iron Oxidizing Bacteria
FEOW	Freshwater Ecoregions of the World
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FFA	Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
FFA	Free Fatty Acid
FFC	Forum Fisheries Committee
FFEM	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)
FIDES	Fisheries Data Exchange System (EC)
FIDI	Fishery Information, Data and Statistics Service (FAO)
FIGIS	Fisheries Global Information System (FAO)
FIM	Fisheries Independent Monitoring Program (FWC)
FIMC	Fisheries Information Management Committee (NOAA)
FIO	Florida Institute of Oceanography
FIP	Fisheries Improvement Project (Jamaica)
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FIRMS	Fisheries Resources Monitoring System (FAO)
FIS	Fisheries Information System (NOAA/NMFS)
FIS	Fishery Science Committee (PICES)
FISC	Florida Integrated Science Center
FISH	Fluorescence in situ Hybridization
FISH	Fisheries improved for Sustainable Harvest (Philippines)
FISH-BOL	Fish Barcode of Life
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
FLAG	FOIA Litigation for Accountable Government
FLASH	Fisheries Local Action Strategy (Hawaii)
FLBAY	Florida bay
FLCOOS	Florida Coastal Ocean Observing Systems
FLIM	Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy
FLIP	Fluorescence Loss In Photobleaching
FLMMA	Fiji Locally Managed Marine Area
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	Flavoprotein Monooxygenase
FMO	Flavin-Containing 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
FMSED	Fisheries Monitoring and Socioeconomics Division (NOAA/PIFSC)
FMU	Fishery Management Unit
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
FOCE	Free-Ocean CO ₂ 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)
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	Fish Poop
FP	Fluorescent Protein
FPKB	Foundation to Preserve Klein Bonaire
FPOM	Fine Particulate Organic Matter
FPS	Florida Park Service (FDEP)

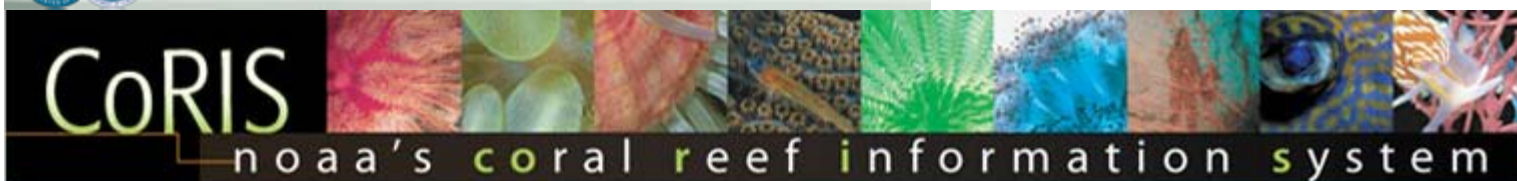
FR	Forest Reserve
FR	Federal Register
FR	Forereef
FRA	Fisheries Replenishment Area
FRAP	Fluorescence Recovery After Photobleaching
FRET	Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer
FRF	Field Research Facility (USACE)
FRFA	Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
FRN	Federal Register Notice
FRR	Fast Repetition Rate
FRRF	Fast repetition rate fluorometer
FRRP	Florida Reef Resilience Program
FRTG	Flow Rate Technical Group (NIC)
FS	Snail Feeding Scar
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
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
FSU	Florida State University
FSV	Fishery Survey Vessel
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FTE	Full Time Employee
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
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

G	Guanine
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
GALS	Giant African Land Snail
GAM	Generalized Additive Model
GAME	Geospatial Assessment of Marine Ecosystems (FWRI)
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
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
GCF	General Counsel Fisheries (NOAA)
GCFI	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute
GCI	Global Change Institute (UQ)
GCM	General Circulation Model
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
GCRA	Global Coral Reef Alliance
GCRCGP	General Coral Reef Conservation Grants Program (CRCP/NOAA)
GCRICC	Guam Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
GCRP	Global Change Research Program
GCW	Global Compendium of Weeds
GDAC	Global Data Assembly Center
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
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)
GEMS	Global Environmental Monitoring System

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
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
GFDL	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (NOAA)
GFNMS	Gulf of the Farallones National marine Sanctuary
GFP	Green Fluorescent Protein
GFSP	Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan
GHG	Green House Gas
GHML	Gas Hydrate Markup Language
GHR-CAPS	Global Health Research Capacity Strengthening Program (Canada)
GHRSSST-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
GISD	Global Invasive Species Database
GISI	Global Invasive Species Initiative
GISP	Global Invasive Species Programme
GIT	Georgia Institute of Technology
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment
GL	Great Lakes
GLC	Gas-Liquid Chromatography

GLERL	Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (NOAA)
GLISPA	Global Island Partnership
GLM	General Linear Model
GLOBE	Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment
GLOBEC	Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Research Program
GLOMIS	Global Mangrove Database and Information System
GLORIA	Geological Long-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
GMP	Global Marine Program
GMP	Grouper Moon Project
GMP	General Management Plan
GMS	Grocott-Gomori's Methenamine Silver Stain
GMSA	Global Marine Species Assessment
GMSROSP	Gulf of Maine Strategic Regional Ocean Science Plan
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu or Coordinated Universal Time)
GMT	Groundfish Management Team.
GMU	George Mason University
GNDDB	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)
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
GOES	Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites
GOG	Government of Grenada
GOI	Government of Indonesia
GOL	Global Ocean Legacy (PEG)
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)
GOOS	Global Ocean Observing System
GOOS-IOS	GOOS – Initial Observing System
GOS	Global Observing System
GOS	Global Ocean Sampling Expedition
GOS	Geospatial One Stop
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
GPA	Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP)
GPN	Groupe de Plongée Narbonnais
GPO	GOOS Planning Office
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
GSA	Geological Society of America
GSA	Grouper Spawning Aggregation
GSA	General Services Administration
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
GSFC	Goddard Space Flight Center
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
GTS	Global Telecommunications System
GTSP	Global Temperature-Salinity Profile Program (also Global Temperature-Salinity Pilot Project)
GU	Guam
GUI	Graphical User Interface
GulffIN	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

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
HABSOS	Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
HAN	Harmful Algae News (IOC/UNESCO)
HAPC	Habitat Area of Particular Concern
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	Habitat Conservation
HC	Habitat Committee
HC	Hard Coral
HC	Heat content
HCD	Habitat Conservation Division
HCFC	Hydrochlorofluorocarbon
HCMR	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece)
HCMR	Hol Chan Marine Reserve (Belize)
HCN	Hydrogen Cyanide
HCN	Historical Climate Network
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
HCRI	Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative
HCRI -RP	Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative-Research Program
HCRI B	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
HEA	Habitat equivalency analysis
HEAR	Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk project
HEART	Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles
HECO	Hawaiian Electric Company Inc.
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
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
HIRS	Heron Island Research Station
HIWG	Hawaii Interagency Coral Reef Mitigation Working Group

HKMCS	Hong Kong Marine Conservation Society
HL	Hydrology Laboratory (NOAA)
HLIP	High Light Induced Protein
HLOP	Hawaii Longline Observer Program
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
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)
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
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	Hawaii Scale Feet
HSF	Heat Shock Factor
HSI	Habitat Suitability Index
HSL	Hazardous Substance List
HSMB	High School Marine Biology Program (Shedd Aquarium)
HSPs	Heat Shock Proteins

HURL	Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory
HWF	Hawaii Wildlife Fund
HWU	Heriot-Watt University (Scotland)
HYCOM	HYbrid Coordinate Ocean Model

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I	
I & M	Inventory and Monitoring
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
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-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
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
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
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)
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
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Seas
ICETA	Instituto de Ciências e Tecnologias Agrárias e Agro-Alimentares (UP)
ICLARM	International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (now WorldFish Centre)
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
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
ICPT	Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (Trieste, 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
ICS	Incident Command System
ICS	International Commission on Stratigraphy
ICSU	International Council of Scientific Unions
ICT	Information Communication Technology
ICTF	Irish Coral Task Force
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)
IDCA	International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992
IDCPA	International Dolphin Conservation Program Act
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 (Cuba)
IDOE	International Decade of Ocean Exploration
IDRC	International Development Research Center
IE	Interoperability Experiment
IEA	Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (NOAA)
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
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)
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
IFRECOR	L'Initiative Française sur les Récifs Coralliens (French Coral Reef Initiative)
IFREMER	Institut Francais de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer
IFTS	Introduction from the Sea
IGARSS	International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium
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
IKBS	Iterative Knowledge Base System (La Réunion. Fr)
IKONOS	High-resolution commercial earth imaging satellite operated by Space Imaging, Inc
ILTER	International Long-Term Ecological Research
IMA	Institute of Marine Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
IMA	International Marinelife Alliance
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

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
IMMR	International Meeting on Marine Resources
IMN	Idiopathic Muscle Necrosis
IMN	Integrated Monitoring Network (NOAA/AOML)
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IMOS	Integrated Marine Observing System (Australia)
IMP	Inlet Management Plan
IMPAC	International Marine Project Activities Center
IMPACT	Integrated Marine Protected Area Climate Tool
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
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)
INRMP	Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (DoD)
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)
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
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
IPHAB	Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (IOC)
IPIECA	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
IPOA	International Plan of Action
IPR	Independent Peer Review
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IPRS	International Post-graduate Research Scholarships
IPT	Integrated Products Team
IPY	International Polar Year
IQA	Information Quality Act (NMFS/NOAA)

IR	InfraRed
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
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
ISH	In Situ Hybridization
ISI	Implement Season to Interannual Climate Forecasts
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
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
	International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre

ISTIC	(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
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; World Conservation Union
IUCN-ELG	IUCN-Ecosystems and Livelihoods Group
IUCN-GMP	IUCN-Global Marine Program
IUI	Interuniversity Institute of Marine Science in Eilat
IUMS	International Union of Microbiological Sciences
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
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
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
IYB	International Year of Biodiversity (UNESCO)
IYO	International Year of the Oceans
IYOR	International Year of the Reef

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J

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 Commission 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
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
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 Center

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K

KADA	Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority
KADO	Keys Association of Dive Operators
KAUST	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
KB	Kilobase
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
KM	Knowledge Management
KMFRI	Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
KML	Keys Marine Laboratory
KML	Keyhole Markup Language
KML	Kewalo Marine Laboratory (UH)

KMRS	Kimberley Marine Research Station (Western Australia)
KNP	Komodo National Park (Indonesia)
KORDI	Korean Oceanology Research and Development Institute
KRS	Kwajalein Range Services
KSLOF	Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation
KWS	Kenya Wildlife Service

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L

L2P	Level-2 Preprocessed (observations)
LAB	Lactic Acid Bacteria
LAC	Local Area Coverage
LAC	Limits of Acceptable Change
LAC	Latin America and Caribbean
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
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
LBS	Land-Based Sources of Marine Pollution (Protocol of the Cartagena convention)
LBSMP	Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution
LBSP	Land-Based Sources of Pollution
LC	Live Coral

LC	Leeuwin Current
LC-50	Lethal Concentration - 50%
LC-MS/MS	Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometric method
LCA	Long-Term Cooperative Action
LCR	Ligase Chain Reaction
LCRC	Little Cayman Research Centre
LCRMN	Lakshadweep Coral Reef Monitoring Network
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)
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
Leibniz-ZMT GmbH	Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology
LEK	Local Ecological Knowledge
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
LF	Loose Fragment
Lg	Lagoon
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
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
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem
LML	Leigh Marine Laboratory (UA/NZ)
LMMA	Locally-Managed Marine Area

LMMA - LF	Locally-Managed Marine Area Learning Framework
LMO	Living Modified Organism
LMP	Land and Resource Management Plan
LMR	Living Marine Resources
LNAPL	Light, Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
LNLC	Low Nitrogen, Low Chlorophyll
LNV	Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality (NA)
LO	Line Office
LOA's	Land Observation Activities (USGS)
LOC	Local Organizing Committee
LOCO	Layered Organization in the Coastal Ocean
LODS	Longline Observer Data System (NOAA)
LOEL	Lowest Observed Effects Level
LOF	List of Fisheries
LOF	Living Oceans Foundation
LOI	Letter of Intent
LOICZ	Land-Ocean Interaction in the Coastal Zone
LOP	Letter of Permission
LOQ	Nitrogen-Phosphorus Detector
LORAN	LONG RANGE Navigation
LOS	Law of the Sea
LOSC	Law of the Sea Convention
LP	Landsat Program (NASA)
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
LSD	Light Stress Damage
LSD	Least Significant Difference
LSE	London School of Economics and Policy
LSID	Life Science Identifiers
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)
LUCA	Last Universal Common Ancestor
LULUCF	Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry

LUMCON	Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
LUMP	Land Use Management Plan
LW	Leeward

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M

MA	Millenium Ecosystem Assessment
MAA	Mycosporine-like Amino Acids
MAB	Man and the Biosphere
MAb	Monoclonal Antibody
MAC	Marine Aquarium Council
MACC	Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change
MACDDAP	Marine and Climate Data Discovery and Access Project
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	Marine Affairs Program (DU)

MAP	Mangrove Action Project
MAP	Monitoring and Assessment Plan
MAP	Marine and Atmospheric Program (BIOS)
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 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
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)
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
MBL	Marine boundary layer
MBL	Marine Biological Laboratory (Woods Hole)
MBMP	Montego Bay Marine Park
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
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MBTG	Mobile Bottom-Tending Gear
MC	Micronesia Challenge
MC	Mississippi Canyon
MC	Massive Corals
MC&G	Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry
MCA	Marine Conservation Agreement
MCBH	Marine Corps Base Hawaii (DoD)
MCBI	Marine Conservation Biology Institute
MCCIP	Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership
MCD	Marine Conservation District
MCD	Centre for Marinelifelife Conservation and Community Development (Republic of Vietnam)
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
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
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
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
MEAS	Department of Marine, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences (NCSU)
MEDEA	Mediterranean Institute of Advanced Studies
MedGOOS	Mediterranean GOOS
MEDS	Marine Environmental Data Service
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
MELSY	Maximum Expected Log Stationary Yield
MEMP	Maldives Environmental Management Project
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)
MERC	Marine Ecology Research Centre (Borneo)
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
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)
MESY	Maximum Expected Stationary Yield
MEY	Maximum Economic Yield
MF	Mortality Factor
	Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act

MFCMA	(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
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
MGEL	Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab (Duke U)
MGR	Mixed Gas Rebreather
MHC	Major Histocompatibility Complex
MHHW	Mean Highest High Water
MHI	Main Hawaiian Islands
MHLC	Multilateral High Level Conference
MIC	Micronesians in Island Conservation
MIC	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration
MICCI	Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction Impacts
MICOA	Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs (Mozambique)
MICS	Marshall Islands Conservation Society
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 Act
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)
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

ML	Marine Laboratory
ML	Mixed Layer
MLCD	Marine Life Conservation District (HI)
MLE	Marine Landscape Ecologist
MLG	Multi-Level Governance (Australia)
MLLW	Mean Lower Low Water
MLPA	Marine Life Protection Action
MLPAI	Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
MLSSA	Marine Life Society of South Australia
MMA	Marine Managed Area
MMAF	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (Indonesia)
MMAS	Marine Management Area Science Program (CI - Conservation International)
MMC	Multipurpose Marine Cadastre
MMC	Marine Mammal Center
MMCA	Mañagaha Marine Conservation Area (CNMI)
MMDB	Molecular Modeling Database
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)
MMPA	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
MO	Microbial Observatories (NSF)
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOA	Marine Oceanographic Academy
MOC-A	NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic
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)
MOET	Ministry of Education and Training (Bahamas)
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
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	Main Pass
MP	Maximum Parsimony
MPA	Marine Parks Act (Australia)
MPA	Marine Protected Area
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
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)
MRDF	Marine Resources Development Foundation
MRFFS	Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey
mRFP	Monomeric Red Fluorescent Protein
MRI	Marine Research Institute (Iceland)
MRIP	Marine Recreational Information Program
mRNA	Messinger RNA
MRP	Manatee Rehabilitation Partnership
MRP	Multidrug Resistance Protein
MRPZ	Marine Resources Protection Zone

MRRRI	Marine Resources Research Institute
MRTG	Multimedia Resources Task Group (GBIF)
mRuby	A bright monomeric red fluorescent protein
MRUP	Multiple Resource Use Project
MRWS	Marine Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary
MS	Monk Seal
MSA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Reauthorization Act
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
MSD	Minimum Significant Difference
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
MSU	Mississippi State University
MSV	Many Strong Voices
MSW	Mammal Species of the World
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)
MVA	Marianas Visitors Authority
MVCA	Minimum Viable Conservation Area
MVP	Minimum Viable Population
MVSG	Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group
MW	Microwave
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

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
NaGISA	Natural Geography in Shore Areas; Natural Geography in Near Shore Areas
NAM	NOAA Action Memorandum
NAMDI	National Marine Data Inventory (NODC)

NAME	Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators
NAML	National Association of Marine Laboratories
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/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	North American Profile
NAPA	National Academy of Public Administration
NAPL	Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
NAR	Natural Area Reserve
NARA	National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency
NARA	National Archives & Records Administration
NARAC	National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center
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
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
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
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
NCCOS	National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NOAA)
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
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 Plan (CRCP/NOAA)
ncRNA	Non-Coding RNA
NCRPS	Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society (Jamaica)
NCRS	National Resource Conservation Service
NCRS	Novel Carbon Resource Sciences
NCS	NOAA Climate Service
NCS	National Conservation Strategy
NCS	Nature Conservation Sector
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
NEA	National Environmental Agency (Singapore)
NEA	New England Aquarium
NEAFC	Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission
NEAO	Northeast Atlantic Ocean
NEAP	National Environmental Action Plan
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
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 Policy Act
NEPC	National Environmental Protection Council
NEPT	Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (Jamaica)
NER	Northeast Region
NERACOOS	Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems
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)
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 University)
NIA	Nutrient Indicating Algae
NIC	National Incident Command
NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
NIEPS	Nicholas Institute for Environmental policy Solutions (Duke University)
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
NIS	Non-Indigenous Species
NISA	National Invasive Species Act
NISC	National Invasive Species Committee (Palau)
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
NJCA	Northern Jamaica Conservation Association
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
NMAO	NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations
NMC	Northern Marianas College
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	Ningaloo Marine Park (Australia)
NMP	Negril Marine Park (Jamaica)
NMPAC	National Marine Protected Areas Center (NOAA)
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NMS	National Marine Sanctuaries
NMSA	National Marine Sanctuaries Act
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
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 Research	Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (NOAA)
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
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
NPAS	National Park of American Samoa
NPCREP	North Pacific Climate Regimes and Ecosystem Productivity
NPD	Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPED	National Policy and Evaluation Division (NOAA)
NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
NPG	Nature Publishing Group
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
NPRB	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
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
NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
NREED	Natural Resources and Environmental Education Division (PCC)
NREL	National Renewable Energy Laboratory
NRF	National Research Foundation (South Africa)
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)
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)
NSOM	Near-field Scanning Optical Microscopy
NSP	Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning
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
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)
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
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)
NWAFCC	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
NWHI NWR	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
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

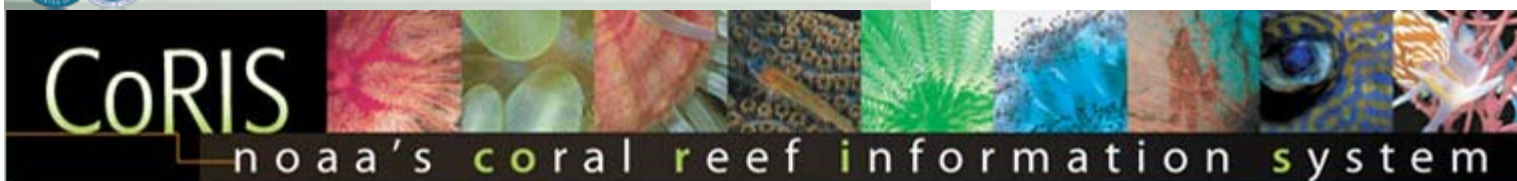
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O	
O	Oxygen
O&M	Operations & Maintenance
O3	Ozone
OA	Ocean Acidification
OAE	Open Access Equilibrium
OAIS	Open Archival Information System (NOAA)
OAIS RM	Open Archival Information System Reference Model
OAP	Ocean Action Plan (NOAA)
OAP	Ocean Assessment Program (NOAA)
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
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)
OCM	Ocean Color Monitor
OCM	Ocean and Coastal Mapping (NOAA)
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
Oct	Octocoral
OCT	Organic Cation Transporter
OCTET	Ocean Carbon Transport, Exchanges and Transformations
ODA	Overseas Development Agency
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)
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
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OECS-ESDU	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States – Environment and Sustainable Development Unit
OEd	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
OFF	Oceanic Fisheries Program (SCP)
OFF	Orange Fluorescent Protein
OGC	Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc.®
OGC	Office of General Council (NOAA)
OGCM	Ocean General Circulation Model
OGIS	Open GIS Consortium
OGPP	On-Ground Project Programme
OGRe	Organellar Genome Retrieval project
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
ONMS	Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (NOAA)
ONR	Office of Naval Research (DOD)
ONRW	Outstanding National Resource Waters
OOCR	Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (NOS/NOAA)
OOCR	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
OPAH	Oxygenated Polyaromatic Hydrocarbon
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
OPR	Office of Protected Resources (NOAA)
OPTF	Ocean Policy Task Force (WH)
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	Operations, Research and Facilities Account
ORF	Open Reading Frame
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
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator
OSCAR	Ocean Surface Current Analyses – Real time (NOAA)
OSCURS	Ocean Surface Current Simulations

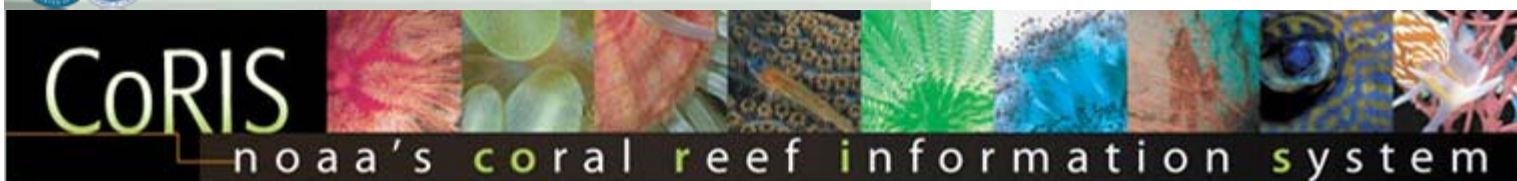
OSDPD	Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution (NOAA)
OSF	Office of Sustainable Fisheries (NOAA)
OSIE	Oceans Science Interoperability Experiment
OSLR	Ocean Sciences and Living Resources (IOC)
OSM	Oceanographic Society of Maldives
OSMC	Observing System Monitoring Center (NOAA)
OSN	Ocean Seismic 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)
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
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
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

P.L.	Public Law
P2P	Peer to Peer
PA	Public Affairs
PA	Poverty Alleviation (re: effects on biodiversity)
PA	Photoactivation
PA	Planch'Alizé (Reunion)
PA	Precautionary Approach
PA&E	Program Analysis and Evaluation (NOAA)
PacFIN	Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network
PacIOOS	Pacific Islands Integrated Ocean Observing System
PacIOOS	Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System
PaCIS	Pacific 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
PADDD	Protected Area Downgrading, Downsizing, and Degazettement
PADI	Professional Association of Diving Instructors
PAFP	Photoactivatable Fluorescent Protein

PAGDSS	The Protected Area Gap Decision Support System
PAGIS	Protected Areas GIS
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
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
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)
PCA	Principal Components Analysis
PCAST	President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyl
PCC	Palau Community College
PCE	Perchloroetene
PCF	Phillippe Cousteau Foundation
PCFMP	Precious Corals Fishery Management Plan
PCIC	Paired Comparisons Information Criteria
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
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
PDM	Program Decision Memorandum
PDO	Pacific Decadal Oscillation
PDWG	Pathology of Diseases Working Group (Coral Health and Disease in the Pacific Workshop)
PDZA	Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium
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
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
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
PES	Payments for Ecosystem Services
PES	Progressive Environmental Solutions (Bonaire)
PET	Potential Evapotranspiration
PETM	Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum
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
PGC	Plankton Grouping Code (NOAA)
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
PGEM	Maritime Area Management Plan (Moorea)
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
PIAO	Pacific Islands Area Office
PIBHMC	Pacific Islands Benthic Habitat Mapping Center (NOAA/SOEST)
PIC	Pacific Island Country
PIC	Partners in Conservation
PICCVL	Pacific Islands Climate Change Virtual Library (NOAA)
PICRC	Palau International Coral Reef Center
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 Area Community; 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
PIPS	Precision Ion Polishing System
PIR	Protein Information Resource

PIR	Pacific Islands Region (NOAA)
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
PMA	President's Management Agenda
PMCC	Pacific Marine Conservation Council
PMEL	Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (NOAA)
PML	Plymouth Marine Laboratory
PMN	Phytoplankton Monitoring Network
PMNM	Papahānaumokuākea 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
PN	Pseudo-Nitzschia
PNA	Parties to the Nauru Agreement
PNA	Peptide Nucleic Acid
PNAOCI	Colombian Environmental Ocean, Insular and Coastal Zones Policy
PNAS	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)
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)
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	Picciolo Ocean Consultants
POC	Physical Oceanography and Climate Committee (PICES)
POC	Point of Contact
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
POP	Persistent Organic Pollutant
POP	Program Operation Plan
POP	Pelagic Observer Program
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
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)
PPDRDG	Provisional Peoples' Democratic Republic of Diego Garcia
PPE	Palau Pacific Energy, Inc.
PPI	Program Planning and Integration (NOAA)
PPi	Pyrophosphate
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
PRA	Paperwork Reduction Act
PRBD	Protected Resources and Biodiversity Division (SEFSC/NOAA)
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
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
PSD	Protein Sequence Database
PSD	Protected Species Division (NOAA)
PSG	Professional Specialty Group (NOAA)
PSI	Photosystem I
PSI	Pacific Science Inter-congress
PSI	Protein Structure Initiative
PSI	Pounds per Square Inch
PSII	Photosystem II
PSMFC	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
PSMP	Public Sector Modernization Programme (Jamaica)
PSP	Protected Species Program
PSP	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
PSSA	Particularly Sensitive Sea Area
PST	Paralytic Shellfish Toxin
PSU	Pennsylvania State University
PSU	Primary Sampling Unit
PSU	Prince of Songkla University (Thailand)
PSU	Portland State University
PSU	Practical Salinity Units
PSZ	Protected Species Zone
PTGS	Prostaglandin-Endoperoxide Synthase

PTM	Particulate Trace Metals
PTP	PicoTiterPlate
PTWC	Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (NOAA)
PUFA	Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid
PUSWD	Porites Ulcerative White Spot Disease
PUWS	Porites ulcerative white spot Disease
PV	Plan Vivo
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-Q	quantile/quantile plot
QA	Quality Assurance
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
QSDE	Quantum Stochastic Differential Equation
QSM	Quota Species Monitoring
QSR	Quality Status Reports (OSPAR)

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R

R&D	Research and Development
R&R	Rainforest and Reef
R&R	Rugosity and Roughness
R/S	Remote Sensing
R/V	Research Vessel
R2	Reef Resilience
R2R	Reef Resilience
R2R	Rolling Deck to Repository
RA	Regional Administrator
RA	Research Assistant
RA	Regional Association
RA	Research Assistant
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)
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
RAMNM	Rose Atoll Marine National Monument
RAMP	Reef Assessment and Mapping Program; Rapid Assessment and Mapping Program
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
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
RC	ReefCheck
RC	Reef Cut
RC	NOAA Restoration Center (NOAA)
RC	Reef Central
RC	Remnant Colony
RCA	Rockfish Conservation Area
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)
RCOOS	Regional Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (NOAA)
RCP	Regional Campaign Plan
RCr	Reef Crest
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
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
RecFIN	Recreational Fishery Information network
RECOMAP	Regional programme for the sustainable management of the coastal zones of the Indian Ocean countries
RECON	Reef Ecosystem Condition Monitoring Program (Ocean Conservancy)
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)
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)
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)
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
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
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
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)
RIS	Regulatory Impact Statement
RISA	Regional Integrated Science and Assessment
RKI	ReefKeeper International
RLC	Rapid Light Curve
RLIN	Research Libraries Information Network
RLO	Rickettsia-Like Organism
RM	Resource Management
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-seq	Transcriptome Sequencing
RNAi	RNA-Mediated Interference
RNC	Raster Nautical Chart (NOAA)
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
	Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine

ROPME	Environment (of the sea area surrounded by Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates)
ROS	Reactive Oxygen Species
ROSCOP	Report of Observations/Samples Collected by Oceanographic Programs
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
RP	Republic of Panama
RP-HPLC	reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatography
RPA	Reserve Preservation Area
RPA	Resource Planning Act (1974)
RPI	Reef Protection International
RPI	Risk Prediction Initiative (BIOS)
RPIU	Regional Project Implementation Unit
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
rRNA	Ribosomal RNA
RRRC	Reef and Rainforest Research Centre
RRT	Regional Response Team (NOAA)
RS	Rocky Shore
RS	Reserve Specials
RSA	ROPME Sea Area
RSB	Range Support Boat (DoD)
RSC	Radioactive Substances Committee (OSPAR)
RSCA	Red Sea Conservation Alliance
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)
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)
RU	Research University (Malaysia)
RUCOOL	Rutgers University Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory
RV	Research Vessel
RVAT	Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Tool
RVC	Reef Fish Visual Census
RW	Rapid Wasting
RWD	Rapid Wasting Disease
RWF	Reef-World Foundation
RWI	Rainbow Warriors International
RWMC	Reef Watch Marine Conservation (India)
RWQPP	Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (Australia)

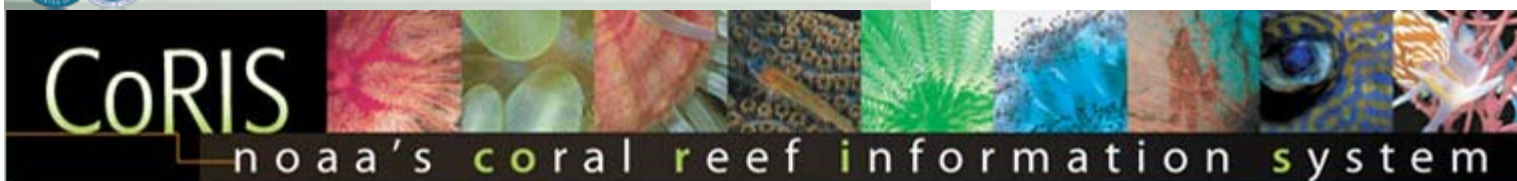
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S

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)
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	Sanctuary Advisory Council

SAC	Santa Ana College (CA)
SACC	South Atlantic Climate Change Consortium
SACEP	South Asia Cooperative Environment Program
SADDS	Satellite Archive Data Delivery System
SAF	System Approach Framework
SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
SAFE	Scientists and Fishermen Exchange
SAFMC	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
SAHFOS	Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Sciences
SAIC	Science Applications International Corporation
SAIDS	Satellite Archive Image Delivery System
SAMFC	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
SAMOS	Shipboard Automated Meteorological and Oceanographic System (NOAA)
SAMP	(Ocean) Special Area Management Plan
SAMS	Scottish Association for Marine Science
SANF	Southern African Natural Foundation
SAP	Scientific Advisory Panel
SAP	Sanctuary Advisory Subpanel
SAP	Strategic Action Program
SAR	Special Administration Region (Hong Kong)
SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
SAR	Search and Rescue (USCG)
SAR	Species-Area Relationship
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
SASC	South African Shark Conservancy
SAT	Surface Air Temperature
SATAL	Sangihe and Talaud (two island chains stretching northeast of Suluwesi)
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	Science Board (PICES)
SB	Sand Bed
SB	Sandy Beach
SBA	Satellite Bleaching Alert
SBF	Siwa-ban Foundation (Belize)
SBFR	Sasanhaya Bay Fish Reserve (CNMI)
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
SC	Species Composition
SCA	Sabana-Camaguey Archipelago (Cuba)
SCAC	Standards and Certification Advisory Committee (MAC)
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
SCCN	Southern Caribbean Cetacean Network (NA)
SCCWRP	Southern California Coastal water Research Project Authority
SCE	Sabana-Camaguey 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 BP	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
SDSU	San Diego State University
SDTS	Spatial Data Transfer Standards
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)
SEAFDEC	South-East Asian Fisheries Development Center
SEAFIS	South-East Asian Fisheries Information System
SEAFO	Southeast Atlantic Fishery Management 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
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 System Regional Association
SECORE	Sexual Coral Reproduction

SECREMP	Southeast Florida Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Project
SEDAR	Southeast Data assessment and Review
SEDM	Standard Error of Differences between Two Means
SEDU-UWI	Sustainable Economic Development Unit of the University of West Indies
SEE	Strategy Execution and Evaluation (NOAA)
SEE	Society for Environmental Exploration (UK)
SEEC	Southeastern Ecology & Evolution Conference
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
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)
SEMP	St. Eustatius Marine Park
SEMP	Strategic Environmental Management Plan
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
SERO	Southeast Regional Office (NOAA Fisheries)
SERT	State Emergency Response Team
SERTC	SouthEast Regional Taxonomic Center
SES	Subcommittee on Ecological Systems (CENR)
SES	Shelf Edge Study
SES	Senior Executive Service

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)
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
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)
SHOALS	Scanning Hydrographic Operational Airborne Lidar Survey
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	Submission Information Form (NODC/NOAA)
SIF	Seychelles Islands Foundation
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
SIO	Scripps Institution of Oceanography
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 surveillance system (Indonesia)
SIT	Surface Interval Time
SIT	Strategic Implementation Team
SKPDB	ShiKimate Pathway DataBase
SL	St-Leu reef (Reunion)
SL	Sea Level
SL	Standard Length
SLA	Submerged Lands Act
SLAMM	Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model
SLE	St. Lucie Estuary
SLED	Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement and Diversification
SLR	Sea Level Rise
SLSAC	Sri Lanka Sub-Aqua Club
SMA	Special Management Area
SMA	Shrimp Management Area
SMART	Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies
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
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
SNAAP	Simple NOAA Archive Access Portal (NOAA)
SNI	SCUBAnauts International
SNI -TB	SCUBAnauts International - Tampa Bay
SNP	Single Nucleotide Polymorphism
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	Save our Environment
SoE	State of the 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)
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
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
SPARC	Science Policy Assessment and Research on Climate
SPAW	Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (Protocol of Cartagena Convention)
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)
SPECIAL	Sponge Enzymes and Cells for Innovative Applications
SPEEDS	Satellite Product End to End Documentation System (NOAA)
SPGP	State Programmatic General Permits

SSDP	Southern Seaboard Development Project
SSG	Shark Specialist Group (IUCN)
SSG	Scientific Steering Group
SSH	Sea Surface Height
SSHT	Sea Surface Height Topography
SSI	Scuba Schools International
SSIO	Student Scholarship Internship Opportunity (NOAA)
SSOO	Sargasso Sea Ocean Observatory (also S202)
SSRI	Social Sciences Research Institute (UHI)
SSS	Sea Surface Salinity
SSS	Sanibel Sea School
SST	Scientific Support Team (NOAA)
SST	Sea Surface Temperature
SSTA	Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies
SSTF	South Subtropical Front
SSTST	SST Science Team (NASA)
ST	Sea Turtle
STA	Southern Tropical America
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)
STER	South Tortugas Ecological Reserve (NOAA)
STF	Subtropical Front
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
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
SUT	Society for Underwater Technology
SVG	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
SVP Drifting Buoy	Surface Velocity Profiling Drifting Buoy
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
SWG	Standards Working Group (NOAA)
SWG	Southwestern Gulf of Mexico
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
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	
T	Thymine
T & E	Threatened & Endangered
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
TAS	Teacher at Sea (NOAA)
TASTE	Toledo Association of Sustainable Tourism and Empowerment
TAT	Topical Advisory Team
TB	Terabyte

TB	Toboggan (Reunion)
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	Tobago Cays Marine Park (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
TCMP	Tanzania Coastal Management Partnership
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 Coastal Society
TCS	The Crustacean Society
TCyr-1	Tons of Carbon per year
TDA	Trans-boundary Diagnostic Analysis
TDI	The Dolphin Institute
TDN	Total Dissolved Nitrogen
TDP	Total Dissolved Phosphorus
TDR	Time and Depth Recorder
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TDT	Total Dive Time
TDWG	Taxonomic Databases Working Group
TE	Toxicity Evaluation
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)
TEN	Togean 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
TGZ	Tide Gauge Zero (UH)
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)
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TMS	tricaine methanesulfonate
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TNT	Total Nitrogen Time
TNYC	Tonga National Youth Congress
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	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)
TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
TPIO	Technology, Planning, and Integration Program (NESDIS/NOAA)
TPMRMP	Tres Palmas Marine Reserve Management Plan
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
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	TRiangle 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
TSER	Tortugas South Ecological Reserve
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
TUDelft	Delft University of Technology
TUMRAs	Traditional Use of Marine Resource Agreements
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

u	micrometer; micron
U	Uracil
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)
UEP	Unique-Event Polymorphism
UF	University of Florida
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
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-CRU	United Nations Environment Program - Coral Reef Unit
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
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)
UNU-INWEH	UNU Institute for Water, Environment & Health
UO	University of Oregon
UO	University of Ottawa
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
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USA-NPN	USA National Phenology Network
USAC	University Sub-Aqua Club (Jamaica)
USACE	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
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
USP	University of the South Pacific (Fiji)
USPI	United States Pacific Islands
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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V

VA	Varangue (Reunion)
VB	Visual Basic Code
VBGF	von Bertalanffy Growth Function
VCS	Voluntary Carbon Standard
VDCC	Voltage Dependent Calcium Channels
VDMS	Video Data Management System (NOAA)
VDSC	Voltage Dependent Sodium Channels
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
VICR	Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument
VICRNM	Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument
VIEC	Virgin Islands Environmental Council (BVI)
VIERS	Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station
VIFEP	Vietnam Institute of Fisheries and Economic Policy (Republic of Vietnam)
VIIRS	Visible/Infrared Imager/Radiometer Suite
VIIS	Virgin Islands National Park

VIMAS	Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service
VIMPAC	Virgin Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee
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
VIS	Visible Band
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
VOGNET	Hawaii Island volcanic aerosol monitoring Network
VOMIL	Antillean Minister of Public Health and Environment (NA)
VOS	Volunteer Observing Ships
VPA	Virtual Population Analysis
VRS	Veracruz Reef System
VSI	Visual stock identification
VT	Video Transect
VTR	Vessel Trip Report
VU	Vulnerable
VUB	Free University of Brussels (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

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W

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
WAMSI	Western Australia Marine Science Institution
WAN	Women's Aquatic Network
WAPA	War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Guam)
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
WBDCDWG	World Bank Coral Disease Working Group
WBD	White-Band Disease
WBD1	White Band Disease Type 1
WBD11	White Band Disease Type11
WCA	Watershed Condition Assessment
WCC	Windward Community College (HI)
WCC-3	World Climate Conference - 3
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development

WCGOP	West Coast Groundfish Observer Program
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Center
WCMD	Wildlife Conservation and Management Department
WCOS	West Coast Observing System (NOAA)
WCP	World Climate Program
WCPA	World Commission on Protected areas
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
WEC	World Ecotourism Conference
WECAFC	Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission
WERA	Wellen Radar
WERI	Water and Environmental Research Institute (of the Western Pacific) (UOG)
WESPAC	Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
WESTPAC	Western Pacific Fishery Regional Management Council
WET	Water Education for Teachers
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
WIDECAS	Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Recovery Team and Conservation Network
WIDECAS	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
WIOMSA	Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
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 Council
WOC	World Ocean Conference
WOC	Washington, Oregon and California
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 (UOG)
WPD	World Porifera Database
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)
WRAPS	Waste Reduction Afloat Protects the Sea (DoD)
WRAS	Web Reef Advisory System
WRF	Weather Research and Forecast (NOAA)
WRI	World Resources Institute
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
WRRRI	Water Resources Research Institute (USGS)
WS	Wildlife Sanctuary
WS	Withering Syndrome
WS	White Syndrome Disease
WSA	World Seagrass Association
WSC	Working Science Consultancies
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
WTO	World Trade Organization
WTP	Willingness to Pay
WTR	Wave and Tide Recorder
WTSS	Whole Transcriptome Shotgun Sequencing
WTSS	Whole Transcriptome Shotgun Sequencing
WTW	Watamu Turtle Watch (Kenya)
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
wwPDB	Worldwide Protein Data Bank
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant
WWW	World Wide Web
WWW	World Weather Watch

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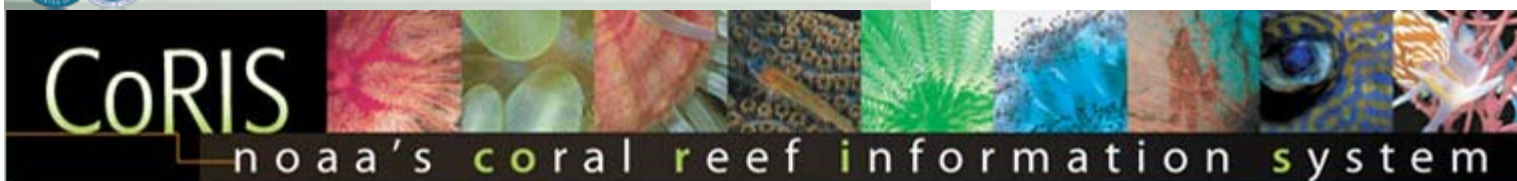
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X

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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Y

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

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
ZR	Zoological Record
ZSI	Zoological Survey Of India
ZSL	Zoological Society of London
Zulu Time (Z)	Universal Time

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