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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACOPS	Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea
AEFS	Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy
AMAP	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme
ATRPAN	Advanced Technology Research Project for Arctic Waters of the Russian Federation
BMA	Baltic Marine Biologists
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
COMESA	Commonwealth of Independent States
COP	Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
CORE	Coastal Ocean Research
CRI	Chukotka Research Institute
CSD	UN Commission on Sustainable Development
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organisation
ECOMAR	Ecology and Management of Marine Resources
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EMAS	Environmental Management and Audit Scheme
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (of the USA)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment
GLOBE	Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment
GLOBE	Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment
GOOS	Global Ocean Observing System
GPA	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Environment from Land-based Activities
HABS	Harmful Algal Blooms
IBSFC	International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission
IBY	International Biodiversity Year
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICSPRO	Inter-Secretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes Relating to Oceanography
IFAW	International Fund for Animal Welfare
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IOC	Indian Ocean Commission
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
IPCC	International Panel on Climate Change
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IWCO	Independent World Commission on the Oceans
LBA	Land-based Activities
MEA	Mediterranean Environmental Agreement
MISTRA	Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (of the USA)
NPA	National Programme of Action

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