

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABSP	Agricultural Biotechnology Support Programme
ACSAD	Arabic Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands
AEPC	African Environmental Protection Commission
AEPS	Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy
AEWA	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
AFED	Arab Forum for Environment and Development
AGERI	Agricultural Genetic Engineering Institute
AIA	Advance Informed Agreement
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AMCEN	African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
AoA	Agreement on Agriculture (WTO Uruguay Round)
AU	African Union
BCH	Biosafety Clearing House
BMP	Best Management Practices
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
CAB	Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences
CAN	Competent National Authority
CAMP	Coastal Area Management Project
CAMRE	Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment
CBC	Community-Based Conservation
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CDRs	Certified Emissions Reductions
CEIT	Countries with Economies in Transition
CEDARE	Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe
CERES	Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economics
CFC	Chloro-Fluoro-Carbon
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CILSS	Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CLRTAP	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CNA	Competent National Authority
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COP	Conference of the Parties
CPB	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CZIMP	Coastal Zone Integrated Management Plan
DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs

EEAA	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPI	Environment Performance Index
ESBM	Ecosystem-Based Management
ESI	Environment Sustainability Index
EU	European Union
EVI	Environmental Vulnerability Index
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
G7	Group of Seven: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States
G8	Group of Eight: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States
GAPs	Good Agricultural Practices
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GCOS	Global Climate Observing System
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEMS	Global Environment Monitoring System
GEO	Global Environment Outlook
GHGs	Greenhouse Gases
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment
GLASOD	Global Assessment of Soil Degradation
GM	Genetically Modified
GMEF	Global Ministerial Environment Forum
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
GRID	Global Resource Information Database
GWP	Global Water Partnership
HACCP	Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Points
HDI	Human Development Index
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICAM	Integrated Coastal Area Management
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICGEB	International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
ICM	Integrated Coastal Management
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IFA	International Fertilizer Industry Association
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests
IPM	Integrated Pest Management

IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IUCN	World Conservation Union (International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)
IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
LADA	Land Degradation Assessment of Drylands
LAS	League of Arab States
LEED	Leadership in Environmental Design
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LMG	Like Minded Group
LMO	Living Modified Organism
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreement
MECTAT	Middle East Centre for the Transfer of Appropriate Technology
MEMAC	Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NBC	National Biosafety Committee
NBF	National Biosafety Framework
NEAP	National Environmental Action Plan
NFP	National Focal Point
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPK	Nitrogen, Phosphates and Potash
OAU	Organization for African Unity
ODS	Ozone-Depleting Substance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PACD	Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls
PERSGA	Protection of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
PICs	Pacific Island Countries
POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants
RA	Risk Assessment
REMPEC	Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea
RM	Risk Management
ROPME	Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the sea area surrounded by Bahrain, I.R. Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates
RSA	Ropme Sea Area
RSGA	Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
SCP	Sustainable Consumption and Production
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SLR	Sea Level Rise
SoE	State of the Environment
SRES	Special Report on Emission Scenarios
TRAFFIC	Trade Records Analysis for Flora and Fauna in International Commerce
TRI	Toxics Release Inventory
TRIPs	Trade-Related Aspects of International Property Rights
UN	United Nations

UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (now UN-Habitat)
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCOD	United Nations Conference on Desertification
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
US	United States
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UV	Ultraviolet (A and B)
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
WCD	World Commission on Dams
WCP	World Climate Programme
WCS	World Conservation Strategy
WEF	World Economic Forum
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WRI	World Resources Institute
WSSCC	Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWAP	World Water Assessment Programme
WWC	World Water Council
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature