

Abbreviations

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| AAOIFI | Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions |
| ABS | Access and Benefit-Sharing |
| ACCOBAMS | Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area |
| AEWA | Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds |
| AFED | Arab Forum for Environment and Development |
| ALESCO | Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization |
| AR ₃ T | Avoid, Reduce, Restore and Regenerate, Transform |
| ASSELLMU | Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in Middle East and North African Universities |
| CBD | Convention on Biological Diversity |
| CITES | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora |
| CMS | Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals |
| CNR | Chah Nimeh Reservoir |
| COP | Conference of the Parties |
| DSI | digital sequence information |
| EIA | environmental impact assessment |
| ESD | Education for Sustainable Development |
| ESG | environmental, social, and governance |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization |
| GAP | Güneydoğu Anadolu Projesi |
| GBF | Global Biodiversity Framework |
| GBO ₅ | Fifth Global Biodiversity Outlook |
| GCC | Gulf Cooperation Council |
| HRBA | human rights-based approach |
| IB | Islamic banking |

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| ICJ | International Court of Justice |
| IEL | International Environmental Law |
| IFI | Islamic financial institution |
| ILCs | indigenous and local communities |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| IPBES | Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service |
| IsDB | Islamic Development Bank |
| ISIS | Islamic State of Iraq and Syria |
| IUCN | International Union for Conservation of Nature |
| KBA | key biodiversity area |
| LAS | League of Arab States |
| MAT | mutually agreed terms |
| MCC | Millennium Challenge Corporation |
| MD | ministerial decision |
| MEA | multilateral environmental agreements |
| MENA | Middle East and North Africa |
| MPA | marine protected area |
| MPA-F | fishing-oriented MPA |
| MSP | multistakeholder participation |
| NBS | nature-based solutions |
| NBSAP | National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan |
| NB-SMEE | nature-based small and medium eco-enterprise |
| NDC | nationally determined contributions |
| NGO | nongovernmental organization |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| OIC | Organization of Islamic Cooperation |
| OUV | Outstanding Universal Value |
| PDAP | Master Plan for Protected Areas |
| PES | Payment for Ecosystem Services |
| PIC | prior informed consent |
| PRTRs | Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| SIBE | Sites of Biological and Ecological Interest |
| SLE | substantive legal effectiveness |
| SMEs | small and medium-sized enterprises |
| SP | state party |
| SPAMI | Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance |
| SRI | sustainable and responsible investments |
| SWF | sovereign wealth fund |
| TTT | Train-the-Trainers |
| TWP | Tropical Water Project |

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| UAE | United Arab Emirates |
| UNCCD | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNDRIP | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
| UNEA | United Nations Environment Assembly |
| UNECE | United Nations Economic Commission for Europe |
| UNEP | United Nations Environment Programme |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| UNGA | United Nations General Assembly |
| WH | World Heritage |
| WHC | World Heritage Convention |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

