

Acronyms and Abbreviations

AALCC	Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee	CEPA	Communication, Education and Public Awareness
ACTS	African Centre for Technology Studies	CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
AVHRR	advanced very high resolution radiometer	CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
BCH	Biosafety Clearing House	CHM	Clearing-house Mechanism (CBD)
BE	Special Voluntary Trust Fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity	CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
BEP	Special Voluntary Trust Fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
BSWG	Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety	CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
BY	Trust Fund for the Convention	COP	Conference of the Parties (to the CBD)
BYP	Trust Fund for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	COP 1	first meeting of the COP (Nassau, Bahamas, 28 November–9 December, 1994)
BZ	Special Voluntary Trust Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Convention process	COP 2	second meeting of the COP (Jakarta, Indonesia, 6–17 November, 1995)
BZP	Special Voluntary Trust Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol Process	COP 3	third meeting of the COP (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 4–15 November, 1996)
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	COP 4	fourth meeting of the COP (Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 4–15 May, 1998)
CCD	Convention to Combat Desertification	COP 5	fifth meeting of the COP (Nairobi, Kenya, 15–26 May, 2000)
CDC	Centres for Data Conservation	COP 6	sixth meeting of the COP (The Hague, The Netherlands, 7–19 April 2002)
CEC	Commission for Environmental Cooperation	COP 7	seventh meeting of the COP (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9–20 and 27 February 2004)

COP-MOP	Conference of the Parties to the CBD, serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol	ICLARM	International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development	ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment (WTO)	ICRW	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
EC	European Community	ICSU	International Council of Scientific Unions
EIA	Environmental impact assessment	IFF	Intergovernmental Forum on Forests
ELCI	Environmental Liaison Centre International	IHP	International Hydrological Programme
EU	European Union	IMCAM	integrated marine and coastal area management
ExCOP	Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention	IMO	International Maritime Organization (United Nations)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	INC	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility	IOCU	International Organization of Consumers Unions
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network	IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
GEF	Global Environment Facility	IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests
GISP	Global Invasive Species Programme	IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment	IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
GMBA	Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment	IPR	intellectual property rights
GTI	Global Taxonomy Initiative	ISME	International Society for Mangrove Ecology
GURT _s	genetic use restriction technologies	ISOC	Inter-sessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention
IABIN	Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network	ITFF	Inter-agency Task Force on Forests
IAC	Informal Advisory Committee	ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
IACSD	Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (United Nations)	IUCN	The World Conservation Union (formerly the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)
IAIA	International Association for Impact Assessment	IWMI	International Water Management Institute
IBPGR	International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (CGIAR)		
ICCP	Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety		

LADA	Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands Project	SBSTTA 5	fifth meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 31 January–4 February, 2000)
LMO	living modified organism	SBSTTA 6	sixth meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 12–16 March 2001)
MA	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment	SBSTTA 7	seventh meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 12–16 November 2001)
MAB	UNESCO Programme on Man and the Biosphere	SBSTTA 8	eighth meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 10–14 March 2003)
MDG	Millennium Development Goals	SBSTTA 9	ninth meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 10–14 November 2003)
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	SCBD	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
MTPW	medium-term programme of work	SCOPE	Scientific Committee for Problems of the Environment
NGO	non-governmental organization	SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (United States)	SIDS	small island developing States
NTFP	non-timber forest products	SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
OIE	Office International des épizooties	TBPA	Transboundary Protected Area
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development	TNC	The Nature Conservancy
Op. Obj.	operational objective	TRIPs	Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
PFII	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
<i>Ramsar Convention</i>	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat	UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
SADCC	Southern African Development Coordination Conference	UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
SAREC	Department of Research Cooperation (SIDA)	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
SBSTTA 1	first meeting of SBSTTA (Paris, France, 4–8 September, 1995)	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
SBSTTA 2	second meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 2–6 September, 1996)	UNEP-WCMC	United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre
SBSTTA 3	third meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 1–5 September, 1997)	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
SBSTTA 4	fourth meeting of SBSTTA (Montreal, Canada, 21–25 June, 1999)		

UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests	WEHAB	Water, energy, health, agriculture, and biodiversity initiative
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	WHO	World Health Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly	WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
UNICPOLOS	United Nations Informal Consultative Process on the Law of the Sea	WRI	World Resources Institute
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization	WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
UNSO	United Nations Sudano-Saharan Office	WTO	World Trade Organization
WCPA	World Commission on Protected Areas	WTO	World Tourism Organization
		WWAP	World Water Assessment Programme
		WWF	World Wide Fund For Nature and World Wildlife Fund (Canada and United States)