

Acronyms

AC	Arctic Council
ACBR	Antarctic Conservation Biogeographic Region
ACCC	Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEPS	Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASMA	Antarctic Specially Managed Area
ASP	Antarctic Specially Protected Area
ATCM	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting
ATCP	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Party
ATS	Antarctic Treaty System
BRI	Belt and Road Initiative
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Environment Centre
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism (Climate Change Convention)
CEE	Comprehensive Environmental Evaluations
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
CoE	Council of Europe
COP	Conference of the (Contracting) Parties
CPEC	China–Pakistan Economic Corridor
EA	Ecosystem Approach
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment

ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
EU	European Union
GDM	Green Development Mechanism (Convention on Biological Diversity)
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
HKH	Hindu Kush Himalayas
HKKPL	Hindu Kush Karakoram Pamir Landscape
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
IEE	Initial Environmental Evaluations
IFAS	International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea
IFI	International Financial Institution
IGO	Intergovernmental Organisation
ILC	International Law Commission
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IWAC	International Water Assessment Centre (Kazakhstan)
MDB	Multilateral Development Bank
MOP	Meeting of the Parties
MRC	Mekong River Commission
NCP	Non-Compliance Procedure
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act 1969
OBOR	One Belt One Road
OUV	Outstanding Universal Value
PNPCA	Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (in developing countries)
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEC	SAARC Energy Centre

SPS	Specially Protected Species
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
UN	United Nations
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WB	World Bank
WCD	World Commission on Dams
WCPA	World Commission on Protected Areas
WHC	World Heritage Convention
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development