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Acronyms

DPSIR	Driver, pressure, state, impact and response
EH	Ecological health
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEO	Global Environment Outlook
IDWS	Improved Drinking Water Supply
IS	Improved sanitation
MC	Management challenges
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
R&D	Research and Development
RS	Resource stresses
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
US	United States
USD	United States dollar
VI	Vulnerability Index

Abbreviations and Symbols

km	Kilometres
km ²	Square kilometres
km ³	Cubic kilometres
MCM	Million cubic metres
m	Metres
m ³	Cubic metres
mm	Millimetres

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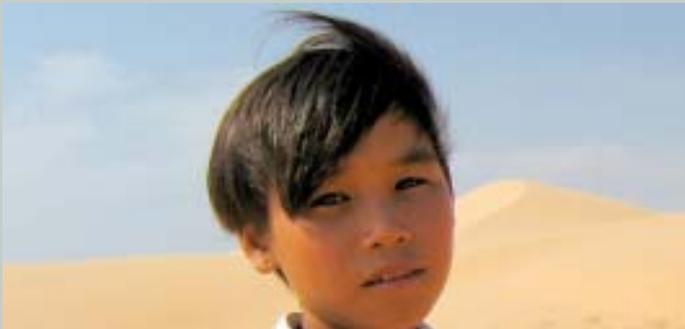
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