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Glossary

Organisations and other terms

Abbreviation	Full name
ALDFG	Abandoned Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear
BAT	Best Available Technique/Technology
BEP	Best Environmental Practice
BoBLME	Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem
CBD	Convention of Biological Diversity
CCAMLR	Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CSIRO	Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation
DFG	Discarded Fishing Gear
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GESAMP	Joint Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
GGGI	Global Ghost Gear Initiative
GISIS	Global Integrated Shipping Information System
GPA	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Environment from Land-based Activities
GPML	Global Partnership on Marine Litter
GPWM	Global Partnership on Waste Management
HELCOM	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission
ICC	International Coastal Clean-up
IEEP	Institute for European Environmental Policy
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUU	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing

IWC	International Whaling Commission
LC/LP	London Convention and Protocol
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOWPAP	Northwest Pacific Action Plan
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OSPAR	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the North-East Atlantic
PCCP	Personal Care and Cosmetics Products
RSCAP	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
WACAF	West and Central Africa Region (Abidjan Convention)
WAP	World Animal Protection
WCR	Wider Caribbean Region
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

Common Polymers

Short form	Full name	Short form	Full name
ABS	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene	PGA	Poly(glycolic acid)
AC	Acrylic	PLA	Poly(lactide)
		PP	Polypropylene
EP	Epoxy resin (thermoset)		
		PS	Polystyrene
PA	Polyamide 4, 6, 11, 66		
		EPS (PSE)	Expanded polystyrene
PCL	Polycaprolactone		
		PU (PUR)	Polyurethane
PE	Polyethylene		
PE-LD	Polyethylene low density	PVA	Polyvinyl alcohol
PE-LLD	Polyethylene linear low density	PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
PE-HD	Polyethylene high density	PU (PUR)	Polyurethane
PET	Polyethylene terephthalate	SBR	Styrene-butadiene rubber
		TPU	Thermoplastic polyurethane

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