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# Acronyms and abbreviations

ACPC	African Climate Policy Centre
AEO	African Economic Outlook
AfDB	African Development Bank
AFRODAD	African Forum and Network on Debt and Development
AGEDI	Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative
AIMS	Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy
AMDC	African Minerals Development Centre
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
AMV	Africa Mining Vision
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
BAP	Best Available Practice
BAT	Best Available Technology
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCEAWM	Continental Conference on the Empowerment of African Women in Maritime
CCTTFA	Central Corridor Transit Transport and Facilitation Agency
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CEMAC	Central African Economic and Monetary Community
CEMLAWS	Centre for Maritime Law and Security (Africa)
CENSAD	Community of Sahel-Saharan States
CLCS	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
COAST	Collaborative Actions for Sustainable Tourism
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
COP	Conference of Parties
DPSIR	Drivers-Pressures-State-Impact-Response
DSMP	Deep Sea Minerals Project
DWF	Distant Water Fleet
DWFN	Distant Water Fishing Nation
EAC	East African Community
EC	European Commission
ECA	(United Nations) Economic Commission for Africa
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EDB	European Development Bank
EDBM	Economic Development Board of Madagascar

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EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FPA	Fisheries Partnership Arrangement
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GNH	Gross National Happiness
GPI	Genuine Progress Indicator
GS	Genuine Savings
HASSMAR	Haute autorité chargée de la coordination de la Sécurité Maritime et de la Sûreté Maritime
HDI	Human Development Index
ICE	Intergovernmental Committee of Experts
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
IEA	International Energy Agency
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGO	Intergovernmental Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INPOH	Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Oceânicas e Hidroviárias
IOC	Indian Ocean Commission
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISA	International Seabed Authority
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IUU	Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (fishing)
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MSP	Marine Spatial Planning
NAPA	National Adaptation Programme of Action
NCA	Natural Capital Accounting (system)
NCTTCA	Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
NSMA	Nauru Seabed Minerals Authority
ODA	Official Development Assistance

PC	Pacific Community
PNA	Parties to the Nauru Agreement
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
REC	Regional Economic Community
REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
REFLECS3	Regional Fusion and Law Enforcement Centre for Safety and Security at Sea
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SAMOA	Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEA	Strategic Environment Assessment
SID	Special Initiatives Division
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SRO-EA	Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa
STMP	Sustainable Tourism Master Plan
TEEB	The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity
TEST	Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technology
TEUS	Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units
TOWA	TRY Oyster Women's Association
TVET	Technical Vocational Education and Training
UN-Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCSD	United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDOALOS/OLA	United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea/Office of Legal Affairs
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNWTO	United Nations World Tourism Organization
VCS	Verified Carbon Standard
VDS	Vessel Day Scheme
WAVES	Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services
WBG	World Bank Group
WIO	West Indian Ocean
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZOPACAS	Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic