

Abbreviations

AAOIFI	Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions
ABS	Access and Benefit-Sharing
ACCOBAMS	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area
AEWA	Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds
AFED	Arab Forum for Environment and Development
ALESCO	Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
AR ₃ T	Avoid, Reduce, Restore and Regenerate, Transform
ASSELLMU	Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in Middle East and North African Universities
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CNR	Chah Nimeh Reservoir
COP	Conference of the Parties
DSI	digital sequence information
EIA	environmental impact assessment
ESD	Education for Sustainable Development
ESG	environmental, social, and governance
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GAP	Güneydoğu Anadolu Projesi
GBF	Global Biodiversity Framework
GBO ₅	Fifth Global Biodiversity Outlook
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
HRBA	human rights-based approach
IB	Islamic banking

ICJ	International Court of Justice
IEL	International Environmental Law
IFI	Islamic financial institution
ILCs	indigenous and local communities
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPBES	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KBA	key biodiversity area
LAS	League of Arab States
MAT	mutually agreed terms
MCC	Millennium Challenge Corporation
MD	ministerial decision
MEA	multilateral environmental agreements
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MPA	marine protected area
MPA-F	fishing-oriented MPA
MSP	multistakeholder participation
NBS	nature-based solutions
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NB-SMEE	nature-based small and medium eco-enterprise
NDC	nationally determined contributions
NGO	nongovernmental organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIC	Organization of Islamic Cooperation
OUV	Outstanding Universal Value
PDAP	Master Plan for Protected Areas
PES	Payment for Ecosystem Services
PIC	prior informed consent
PRTRs	Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SIBE	Sites of Biological and Ecological Interest
SLE	substantive legal effectiveness
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
SP	state party
SPAMI	Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance
SRI	sustainable and responsible investments
SWF	sovereign wealth fund
TTT	Train-the-Trainers
TWP	Tropical Water Project

UAE	United Arab Emirates
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UNEA	United Nations Environment Assembly
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
WH	World Heritage
WHC	World Heritage Convention
WHO	World Health Organization

