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Acronyms and Abbreviations

| | |
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| AIDS | acquired immune deficiency syndrome |
| AOS | Apostleship of the Sea |
| ATS | amphetamine-type stimulants |
| AVAAZ | a global civic organisation |
| CARICOM | Caribbean Community and Common Market |
| CCAMLR | Commission/Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources |
| CCBSP | Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea |
| CCSBT | Convention/Commission on the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna |
| CFP | Common Fisheries Policy |
| CITES | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species |
| CLCS | Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf |
| CoP | code of practice |
| DG-MARE | EU Director(ate)-General of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries |
| DWFN | Distant Water Fishing Nation |
| EEZ | exclusive economic zone |
| EFZ | exclusive fisheries zone |
| EJF | Environmental Justice Foundation |
| ENSO | El Niño Southern Oscillation in the Pacific |
| ETA | estimated time of arrival |
| FADS | fish aggregating devices |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| FOC | flag of convenience |
| GAM | Gerakan Aceh Merdeka (Indonesia) |
| GDP | gross domestic product |
| GFCM | General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean |
| GPS | global positioning system |
| GRP | glass reinforced polymer |
| GSP | EU Generalised System of Tariff Preferences |
| HIV | human immunodeficiency virus |
| IATTC | Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission |
| ICCAT | International Convention/Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas |
| ICES | International Council for the Exploration of the Sea |
| ICIJ | International Consortium of Investigative Journalists |
| ICMA | International Christian Maritime Association |
| IFREMER | French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea |
| ILO | International Labour Organization |
| IMB | International Maritime Bureau |
| IMO | International Maritime Organization |
| INTERPOL | international police organization |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration |

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| IOTC | Indian Ocean Tuna Commission |
| IPOA | International Plan of Action |
| ISPS | International Ship and Port Facility Security |
| ITF | International Transport Workers' Federation |
| IUU | illegal, unreported and unregulated |
| IWC | International Whaling Commission |
| LEDET | US Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment programme |
| LICADHO | Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights |
| MAOC-N | Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics |
| MILF | Moro Islamic Liberation Front (Philippines) |
| MMO | Marine Management Organization (UK) |
| MOU | memorandum of understanding |
| MPA | marine protected area |
| MSC | Marine Stewardship Council |
| MSY | maximum sustainable yield |
| MtS | Mission to Seafarers |
| MTU | mobile transmission unit |
| NAFO | Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization |
| NASCO | North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization |
| NEAFC | North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission |
| NGO | non-governmental organisation |
| NPS | new psychoactive substances |
| NZ | New Zealand |
| PacWIMA | Pacific Women in Maritime Association |
| PFF | Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum |
| PHP | Philippine pesos |
| PNG | Papua New Guinea |
| POEA | Philippine Overseas Employment Administration |
| PRC | Peoples' Republic of China |
| RD | RD Tuna Ventures, Inc., Philippines |
| RFMO | regional fisheries management organisation |
| RNMDSF | Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen |
| SEAFO | South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organization |
| SIOFA | South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement |
| SIRC | Seafarers International Research Centre (Cardiff) |
| SPRFMO | South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation |
| SRI | Seafarers' Rights International |
| SSF | small-scale fishers |
| STCW | Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping of Seafarers Convention |
| STCW-F | Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel Convention |
| SUA | Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 |
| TAC | total allowable catches |
| UAE | United Arab Emirates |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| UN | United Nations |

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| UNCLOS | United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNODC | UN Office on Drugs and Crime |
| USA | United States of America |
| WCPFC | Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission |
| WCPO | Western and Central Pacific Ocean |
| WIFC | ILO Work in Fishing Convention (no. 188) |
| WMU | World Maritime University |