



# List of Abbreviations

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| ADS      | Academy of Development Sciences  |
| AFI      | Arts Foundation of India   |
| AHTEG    | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group  |
| AIR      | All India Reporter   |
| ANET     | Andaman & Nicobar Islands Environment Team                                       |
| APEDA    | Aquaculture Promotion and Export Development Agency                              |
| APPCB    | Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board   |
| ARI      | Agarkar Research Institute   |
| ASCI     | Advertising Standards Council of India   |
| ASI      | Anthropological Survey of India  |
| ASSBN    | Assam Science Society Biodiversity Network                                       |
| ASSOCHAM | Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industries                               |
| ASTRA    | Appropriate Science and Technology for Rural Areas                               |
| ASTRP    | Association of Scheduled Tribes & Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests |
| ATI      | Agriculture Technology Information   |
| ATREE    | Ashoka Trust for Research in Environment and Ecology                             |
| AVP      | Arya Vaidya Pharmacy   |
| BBA      | Beej Bachao Andolan  |
| BBTC     | Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation  |
| BCIL     | Biotech Consortium India Ltd.  |
| BCPP     | Biodiversity Conservation Prioritisation Project                                 |
| BEAG     | Bombay Environment Action Group  |
| BEST     | Bombay Electric Supply and Transport   |
| BGA      | Blue Green Algae   |
| BIS      | Biodiversity Information System  |
| BNHS     | Bombay Natural History Society   |
| BRT      | Biligiri Ranganaswamy Temple   |
| BSAP     | Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan  |
| BSI      | Botanical Survey of India  |
| BTISNET  | Biotechnology Information System Network   |
| BVIEER   | Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research               |
| CAMP     | Conservation Assessment & Management Planning                                    |
| CAPART   | Council for Advancement of People's Action & Rural Technology                    |
| CART     | Centre for Appropriate Rural Technology  |
| CAS      | Centre for Advanced Studies  |
| CAZRI    | Central Arid Zone Research Institute   |
| CBD      | Convention on Biological Diversity   |
| CBN      | Corbett - Binsar - Nainital  |
| CBR      | Community Biodiversity Register  |
| CCA      | Community Conserved Area   |
| CCD      | Covenant Centre for Development  |
| CCRAS    | Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha                                |
| CCRUM    | Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine                                   |
| CCS      | Concerned Citizens of Sikkim   |
| CDRI     | Central Drug Research Institute  |
| CDS      | Center For Development Studies   |
| CEB      | Compressed Earth Block   |

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|---------|---|
| CEE     | Centre for Environment Education  |
| CEERA   | Centre for Environment Education, Research & Advocacy                           |
| CEF     | Central Environment Fund  |
| CEFI    | Community Enterprises Forum of India  |
| CEL     | Centre for Environmental Law  |
| CENDIT  | Centre for Development and Instructional Technology                             |
| CES     | Centre for Ecological Sciences  |
| CET     | Center of Excellence for Training   |
| CFC     | Chloroflourocarbon  |
| CFM     | Community Forest Management   |
| CIFOR   | Centre for International Forestry   |
| CIFRI   | Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute                                     |
| CII     | Confederation of Indian Industry  |
| CIMAP   | Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants                              |
| CISMHE  | Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Mountain and Hill Environment           |
| CITES   | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna |
| CMFRI   | Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute                                     |
| COMPAS  | Coastal Ocean Monitoring & Prediction System                                    |
| COP     | Conference of Parties   |
| CPCB    | Central Pollution Control Board   |
| CPR     | Common Pool/Property Resources  |
| CPREEC  | C.P.Ramaswamy Environment Education Centre                                      |
| CPRF    | C.P.Ramaswamy Foundation  |
| Cr      | Critically Endangered   |
| CRZ     | Coastal Regulatory Zone   |
| CSE     | Centre for Science and Environment  |
| CSG/CHG | Crocodile Specialist Group  |
| CSIR    | Council of Scientific and Industrial Research                                   |
| CSV     | Center of Science for Villages  |
| CTE     | Committee on Trade and Environment (World Trade Organisation)                   |
| CTI     | Clean Technologies Initiatives  |
| CUST    | Cochin University of Science and Technology                                     |
| C-WET   | Centre for Wind Energy Technology   |
| CWLW    | Chief Wildlife Warden   |
| CZA     | Central Zoo Authority   |
| DAC     | Department of Agriculture & Cooperation   |
| DBT     | Department of Biotechnology   |
| DD      | Data Deficient  |
| DDP     | Desert Development Programme  |
| DESI    | Decentralized Energy Systems India Ltd.   |
| DFID    | Department for International Development  |
| DISMH   | Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy                         |
| DMA     | Disaster Management Authority   |
| DNA     | Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid  |
| DNP     | Desert National Park  |
| DOD     | Department of Ocean Development   |
| DPT     | Department of Personnel & Training  |
| DPAP    | District Poverty Alleviation Programme  |
| DRDA    | District Rural Development Agency   |
| DST     | Department of Science and Technology  |
| DTW     | Department of Tribal Welfare  |
| DWCD    | Department of Women and Child Development                                       |

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| DWCRA   | Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas                  |
| EEC     | European Economic Commission                                      |
| EESS    | Environmental Education in School System                          |
| EEZ     | Exclusive Economic Zone   |
| EF      | Ecological Footprint  |
| EIA     | Environmental Impact Assessment                                   |
| EMP     | Environment Management Plan                                       |
| EN      | Endangered  |
| ENVIS   | Environmental Information System                                  |
| EOSE    | Environmental Orientation to School Education                     |
| EPA     | Environmental Protection Act                                      |
| EPTRI   | Environmental Protection Training & Research Institute            |
| EQMG    | Environment Quality Monitoring Group                              |
| ESA     | Ecologically Sensitive Areas                                      |
| ESM     | Environmentally Sound Management                                  |
| ETC     | Extension Training Center   |
| Ew      | Extinct in the Wild   |
| Ex      | Extinct   |
| FAO     | Food and Agriculture Organisation                                 |
| FCA     | Forest Conservation Act   |
| FDI     | Foreign Direct Investment   |
| FES     | Foundation for Ecological Security                                |
| FI      | French Institute  |
| FICCI   | Foundation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry            |
| FMD     | Foot and Mouth Disease  |
| FOSET   | Forum of Scientists, Engineers & Technology                       |
| FDUP    | Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh                                |
| FPIC    | Free Prior & Informed Consent                                     |
| FREEP   | Forestry Research, Education and Extension Project                |
| FREND   | Fund for Renewable Energy - Decentralised                         |
| FRI     | Forest Research Institute   |
| FRLHT   | Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions          |
| FSI     | Forest Survey of India  |
| FYM     | Farm Yard Manure  |
| GATS    | General Agreement on Trade in Services (World Trade Organisation) |
| GATT    | General Agreement on Trade & Tariffs (World Trade Organisation)   |
| GBIF    | Global Biodiversity Information Facility                          |
| GBPIHED | G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development        |
| GCC     | Girijan Cooperative Confederation                                 |
| GDP     | Gross Domestic Product  |
| GEAC    | Genetic Engineering Approval Committee                            |
| GEER    | Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (Foundation)              |
| GEF     | Global Environmental Facility                                     |
| GF      | Green Foundation  |
| GHG     | Greenhouse Gases  |
| GI      | Geographical Indication   |
| GIS     | Geographic Information System                                     |
| GIAN    | Gujarat Grassroot Innovation Augmentation Network                 |
| GLOMIS  | Global Mangrove Information System                                |
| GMCL    | Gram Molligai Company Ltd.  |
| GNP     | Gross National Product  |
| GOAP    | Government of Andhra Pradesh                                      |

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|---------|---|
| GOI     | Government of India   |
| GOMP    | Government of Madhya Pradesh                                |
| GOOS    | Global Ocean Observing System                               |
| HMR     | Hoechst Marion Roussel                                      |
| HP      | Himachal Pradesh  |
| HTI     | Health Training Institute                                   |
| HUDCO   | Housing and Urban Development Corporation                   |
| HYV     | High Yielding Varieties                                     |
| IAD     | Impact Assessment Division                                  |
| IAEPS   | Integrated Afforestation and Ecodevelopment Scheme          |
| IAOA    | Indian Agency for Organic Agriculture                       |
| IARC    | International Agricultural Research Centre                  |
| IARI    | Indian Agriculture Research Institute                       |
| IBA     | Important Bird Area   |
| IBCN    | Indian Bird Conservation Network                            |
| IBIS    | Indian Biodiversity Information System                      |
| IBRAD   | Indian Institute of Biological Research and Development     |
| IBSC    | Institutional Biosafety Committee                           |
| ICAR    | Indian Council for Agriculture Research                     |
| ICFRE   | Indian Council for Forestry Research & Education            |
| ICOM    | International Council of Museums                            |
| ICMAM   | Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management               |
| ICRISAT | International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics |
| ICRMN   | Indian Coral Reef Monitoring Network                        |
| ICSF    | International Collective in Support of Fisherworkers        |
| ICSSR   | Indian Council for Social Science Research                  |
| IFA     | Indian Forest Act   |
| IFGTB   | Institute for Forest Genetics and Tree Building             |
| IFOAM   | International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movement    |
| IGAFRI  | Indian Grassland & Agroforestry Research Institution        |
| IGCEDP  | Indo-German Changar Eco-Development Project                 |
| IGCMC   | Indira Gandhi Conservation Monitoring Centre                |
| IGNFA   | Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy                       |
| IGNP    | Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana                              |
| IGRI    | Indian Grassland Research Institute                         |
| IGRMS   | Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalay                   |
| IIFM    | Indian Institute of Forest Management                       |
| IIMC    | Indian Institute of Mass Communication                      |
| IIPA    | Indian Institute of Public Administration                   |
| IIRI    | Indian Institute of Rural Industrialization                 |
| IIRS    | Indian Institute of Remote Sensing                          |
| IISc    | Indian Institute of Science                                 |
| IMTECH  | Institute of Microbial Technology                           |
| INSA    | Indian National Science Academy                             |
| INTACH  | Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage        |
| IPCC    | Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change                  |
| IPM     | Integrated Pest Management                                  |
| IPR     | Intellectual Property Right                                 |
| IPS     | Investment Promotional Schemes                              |
| ISEC    | Institute for Social and Economic Change                    |
| ISMH    | Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy                     |
| ITC     | Indian Tobacco Company                                      |

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| ITDA     | Integrated Tribal Development Agencies  |
| ITDG     | Intermediate Technology Development Group   |
| ITPGR    | International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources   |
| ITRC     | Industrial Technological Research Centre  |
| ITTA     | International Tropical Timber Agreement   |
| IUCN     | International Union for Conservation of Nature & Natural Resources (now World Conservation Union) |
| IUCN/SSC | IUCN Species Survival Commission  |
| JFMC     | Joint Forest Management Committee   |
| JNU      | Jawaharlal Nehru University   |
| JVN      | Jan Vigyan Networks   |
| KDBB     | Kachchh District Biodiversity Board   |
| KFRI     | Kerala Forestry Research Institute  |
| KMTR     | Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve   |
| KSSP     | Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad  |
| KV       | Kalpavriksh   |
| KVIC     | Khadi Village Industries Commission   |
| KVK      | Krishi Vigyan Kendra  |
| LAHDC    | Ladakh Hill Development Council   |
| LAW-E    | Legal Action for Wildlife & Environment   |
| LGP      | Length of Growing Period  |
| LIC      | Life Insurance Corporation of India   |
| LIFE     | Local Livestock for Empowerment of Rural People   |
| LMO      | Living Modified Organisms   |
| LOICZ    | Land-Ocean Interaction in the Coastal Zone Programme  |
| LPG      | Liquid Petroleum Gas  |
| LPI      | Living Planet Index   |
| LPSS     | Lokhit Pashu Palak Sansthan   |
| LR/cd    | Lower Risk/Conservation Dependent   |
| LR/nr    | Lower Risk/Near Threatened  |
| M&E      | Monitoring and Evaluation   |
| MASS     | Manipur Association for Science and Society   |
| MCBT     | Madras Crocodile Bank Trust   |
| MCRC     | Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre  |
| MEA      | Ministry of External Affairs  |
| MET      | Multilateral Environmental Treaties   |
| MFB      | Micro-Financing Bodies  |
| MFCAL    | Multifunctional Character of Agriculture & Land use   |
| MFP      | Minor Forest Produce  |
| MFRA     | Marine Fishing Regulation Act   |
| MHA      | Ministry of Home Affairs  |
| MHRD     | Ministry of Human Resource Development  |
| MIDS     | Madras Institute of Development Studies   |
| MKSS     | Mazdoor Kisan Sangharsh Samiti  |
| MKU      | Madurai Kamraj University   |
| MLD      | Million Litres per Day  |
| MLS      | Multilateral System   |
| MNES     | Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources   |
| MoA      | Ministry of Agriculture   |
| MoAH     | Ministry of Animal Husbandry  |
| MoC&IT   | Ministry of Communication and Information Technology  |
| MoC&F    | Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers   |
| MoC&I    | Ministry of Commerce & Industry   |

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| MoCA    | Ministry of Civil Aviation                                  |
| MoCAFPD | Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  |
| MoD     | Ministry of Defence   |
| MoEF    | Ministry of Environment and Forests                         |
| MoFCA   | Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs                     |
| MoH     | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare                       |
| MoHA    | Ministry of Home Affairs                                    |
| MoI&B   | Ministry of Information and Broadcasting                    |
| MoLJ    | Ministry of Law and Justice                                 |
| MoP     | Ministry of Power   |
| MoR     | Ministry of Railways  |
| MoRD    | Ministry of Rural Development                               |
| MoSJ&E  | Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment                    |
| MoSSI   | Ministry of Small Scale Industry                            |
| MoST    | Ministry of Science and Technology                          |
| MoRT&H  | Ministry of Road Transport and Highways                     |
| MoT&C   | Ministry of Tourism and Culture                             |
| MoTA    | Ministry of Tribal Affairs                                  |
| MoUD&PA | Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation       |
| MoWR    | Ministry of Water Resources                                 |
| MPCA    | Medicinal Plant Conservation Area                           |
| MSSRF   | M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation                        |
| MSY     | Maximum Sustainable Yield                                   |
| MTCC    | Microbial Type Culture Collection                           |
| NABARD  | National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development         |
| NAEB    | National Afforestation and Ecodevelopment Board             |
| NAIC    | National Agricultural Insurance Corporation                 |
| NAMP    | National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring                     |
| NAPM    | National Alliance of People's Movements                     |
| NATMO   | National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation              |
| NBA     | National Biodiversity Authority                             |
| NBAGR   | National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources                 |
| NBAIM   | National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms  |
| NBCI    | National Centre for Biodiversity Informatics                |
| NBDB    | National Bioresource Development Board                      |
| NBFGR   | National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources                   |
| NBFIS   | National Basic Forest Inventory System                      |
| NBPGR   | National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources                  |
| NBS     | Nari Bikas Sangh  |
| NBSAP   | National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan |
| NBT     | National Book Trust   |
| NCERT   | National Council of Education Research and Training         |
| NCIM    | National Collection of Industrial Micro-organisms           |
| NCIPM   | National Centre for Integrated Pest Management              |
| NCL     | National Chemical Laboratory                                |
| NDA     | National Defence Academy                                    |
| NDDDB   | National Dairy Development Board                            |
| NEAC    | National Environmental Awareness Campaign                   |
| NEC     | North East Council  |
| NEERI   | National Environment Engineering Research Institute         |
| NEHU    | North-East Hill University                                  |
| NEPED   | Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development |

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| NFAP  | National Forestry Action Plan                         |
| NGC   | National Green Corps                                  |
| NGO   | Non-Governmental Organisation                         |
| NIAG  | National Institute of Animal Genetics                 |
| NIC   | National Informatics Centre                           |
| NIF   | National Innovation Foundation                        |
| NIO   | National Institute of Oceanography                    |
| NIRD  | National Institute of Rural Development               |
| NIRI  | National Institute of Rural Industrialization         |
| NIUA  | National Institute of Urban Affairs                   |
| NLSIU | National Law School of India University               |
| NMM   | National Museum of Man                                |
| NMNH  | National Museum of Natural History                    |
| NMPB  | National Medicinal Plants Board                       |
| NPMHR | Naga People's Movement for Human Rights               |
| NRSA  | National Remote Sensing Agency                        |
| NSS   | National Sample Survey                                |
| NTFP  | Non-Timber Forest Product                             |
| NTGCF | National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation          |
| NWAP  | National Wildlife Action Plan                         |
| NWDB  | National Wastelands Development Board                 |
| NYC   | Nehru Youth Club                                      |
| NYK   | Nehru Yuvak Kendra                                    |
| NZA   | National Zoo Authority                                |
| NZP   | National Zoological Park                              |
| OECD  | Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development |
| OECF  | Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund                   |
| ORZ   | Ocean Regulation Zone                                 |
| OSTC  | Ocean Science and Technology Cells                    |
| PAI   | Public Administration Institute                       |
| PBR   | People's Biodiversity Register                        |
| PCB   | Pollution Control Board                               |
| PCPGR | Pantnagar Center for Plant Genetic Resources          |
| PCRA  | Petroleum Conservation Research Association           |
| PDS   | Public Distribution System                            |
| PESA  | Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act          |
| PHCP  | Pigmy Hog Conservation Programme                      |
| PHM   | People's Health Movement                              |
| PIL   | Public Interest Litigation                            |
| PMGY  | Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojna                        |
| POP   | Persistent Organic Pollutants                         |
| PPA   | People's Protected Area                               |
| PPST  | Patriotic and People Oriented Science & Technology    |
| PPVFR | Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights      |
| PRI   | Panchayati Raj Institutions                           |
| PRITI | Panchayati Raj Institution Training Institutes        |
| PSK   | Parisar Samrakshan Kendra                             |
| PTCDF | Peekay Tree Crops Development Foundation              |
| PUCL  | People's Union for Civil Liberties                    |
| PUDR  | People's Union for Democratic Rights                  |
| PVC   | Polyvinyl Chloride                                    |
| PWD   | Public Works Department                               |



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| QIL    | QPRO Infotech Limited  |
| QPM    | Quality Planting Material  |
| RAFI   | Rural Advancement Foundation International                                     |
| RANWA  | Research and Action in Natural Wealth Administration                           |
| RASTA  | Rural Agency for Social & Technological Advancement                            |
| RBI    | Reserve Bank of India  |
| RC     | Rural Communes   |
| RET    | Renewable Energy Technologies  |
| RSI    | Remote Sensing Institute   |
| RUPFOR | Resource Unit for Participatory Forestry                                       |
| RVP    | River Valley Project   |
| SAARC  | South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation                               |
| SAC    | Space Application Centre   |
| SACEP  | South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme                                   |
| SACON  | Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology & Natural History                             |
| SAEA   | State Agriculture Extension Agency   |
| SALT   | Sloping Agricultural Land Technology   |
| SANFEC | South Asian Network for Food Ecology and Culture                               |
| SAP    | Strategy and Action Plan   |
| SARTHI | Social Action for Rural and Tribal Inhabitants of India                        |
| SAU    | State Agriculture Universities   |
| SBB    | State Bioresources Board   |
| SBCC   | State Biotechnological Coordination Committee                                  |
| SCERT  | State Council of Education Research and Training                               |
| SCP    | Special Component Plan   |
| SESA   | Sahyadri Ecological Sensitive Area   |
| SEVA   | Sustainable Agriculture & Environment Voluntary Action                         |
| SEWA   | Self Employed Women's Association  |
| SGNP   | Sanjay Gandhi National Park  |
| SGRY   | Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojna   |
| SGSY   | Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna  |
| SIDA   | Swedish International Development Agency                                       |
| SIDBI  | Small Industries Development Bank of India                                     |
| SIDC   | State Industrial Development Corporation                                       |
| SKCL   | Saraswati Kendra Learning Centre for Children                                  |
| SNDTWU | Srimati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University                         |
| SPA    | School of Planning & Architecture  |
| SPAI   | State Public Administration Institute  |
| SPCB   | State Pollution Control Board  |
| SPS    | Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures  |
| SPWD   | Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development                                |
| SRISTI | Society for Research & Initiatives for Sustainable Technology and Institutions |
| SSC    | Species Survival Commission  |
| SST    | Srinivasan Services Trust  |
| SWEET  | Sloping Watershed Environmental Engineering Technology                         |
| SWOT   | Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats                                 |
| TAC    | Tribal Advisory Council  |
| TARA   | Technology for Action for Rural Development                                    |
| TBS    | Tarun Bharat Sangh   |
| TBT    | Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade                                       |
| TCP    | Tiger Conservation Programme   |
| TDCC   | Tribes Development Cooperative Confederation                                   |

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| TDET    | Technology Development Extension & Training                   |
| TDWG    | Taxonomic Database Working Group                              |
| TED     | Turtle Excluder Device  |
| TERI    | The (formerly Tata) Energy Research Institute                 |
| TEST    | Trade in Environmental Services & Technologies                |
| TISS    | Tata Institute of Social Sciences                             |
| TKDL    | Traditional Knowledge Digital Library                         |
| TMS     | Tawa Matsya Sangh   |
| TOT     | Training of Trainers  |
| TPCG    | Technical and Policy Core Group                               |
| TRI     | Toxic Release Inventory                                       |
| TRIFED  | Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation           |
| TRIPs   | Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights                    |
| UAED    | University Adult Education Department                         |
| UAIL    | Utkal Alumina International Ltd.                              |
| UAS     | University of Agricultural Sciences                           |
| UGC     | University Grants Commission                                  |
| UNCCD   | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification           |
| UNCED   | United Nations Conference on Environment and Development      |
| UNCLOS  | United Nations Law of the Sea                                 |
| UNCTAD  | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development            |
| UNDP    | United Nations Development Programme                          |
| UNEP    | United Nations Environment Programme                          |
| UNFCC   | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change         |
| UNFF    | United Nations Forum on Forests                               |
| UPF     | Unmarked Protected Forest                                     |
| UPOV    | International Union for Protection of New Varieties of Plants |
| USPTO   | United States Patent and Trademarks Office                    |
| USAID   | United States Agency for International Development            |
| VIKSAT  | Vikram Sarabhai Trust for Development                         |
| VNCS    | Vidarbha Nature Conservation Society                          |
| VPSM    | Van Panchayat Sangharsh Morcha                                |
| VSS     | Van Suraksha Samiti   |
| VU      | Vulnerable  |
| WAS     | Wild Ass Sanctuary  |
| WCD     | World Commission on Dams                                      |
| WCDD    | Women and Child Development Department                        |
| WCMC    | World Conservation Monitoring Centre                          |
| WCPA    | World Commission on Protected Areas                           |
| WDN     | Watershed Development Network                                 |
| WGDP    | Western Ghats Development Programme                           |
| WHE     | Western Himalaya Ecoregion                                    |
| WII     | Wildlife Institute of India                                   |
| WIPO    | World Intellectual Property Organisation                      |
| WLPA    | Wild Life (Protection) Act                                    |
| WP      | Working Plan  |
| WTI     | Wildlife Trust of India                                       |
| WTO     | World Trade Organisation                                      |
| WWF-I   | World Wide Fund For Nature - India                            |
| YASHADA | Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration      |
| ZOO     | Zoo Outreach Organisation                                     |
| ZSI     | Zoological Survey of India                                    |