

Abbreviations and acronyms

BVI	British Virgin Islands	RO	Reverse Osmosis
CARICOM	Caribbean Community and Common Market	SIDS	Small Island Developing States
CATHALAC	Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean	SPAW	Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife
CBD	The Convention on Biological Diversity	SST	Sea Surface Temperature
CEHI	Caribbean Environment Health Institute	UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
COP	Conferences of the Parties	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
CPACC	Caribbean Planning and Adaptation to Global Climate Change	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
DPW	US Virgin Island's Government Department of Public Works	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
ECCLAC	United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	USVI	United States Virgin Islands
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency	WASCO	Saint Lucia Water and Sewage Company
FAO	United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization	WPI	Water Poverty Index
GEF	Global Environment Facility	WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
GDP	Gross Domestic Product		
GIS	Geographic Information Systems		
IDP	Integrated Development Planning		
IOCARIBE	International Oceanographic Commission for the Caribbean		
ISM	Island Systems Management		
IUCN	The World Conservation Union		
LBS	Land-Based Sources		
LBSMP	Land Based Sources of Marine Pollution Protocol		
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem		
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships		
MPDEH	Ministry of Planning, Development, Environment and Housing		
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yields		
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation		
NMR	Net Migration Rate		
NSDS	National Sustainable Development Strategies		
OECS	Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States		
PNUMA	Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente		

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