

# Abbreviations and acronyms

ADD	Acute Diarrheic Disease	IHP	International Hydrological Programme
ANAM	Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente de Panamá	IIAP	Instituto de Investigaciones Ambientales del Pacífico
BDO	Biological Degradable Organic	INDERENA	Instituto de desarrollo de los recursos naturales renovables
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand	INEGI	Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática
CAC	California Current	INPA	Instituto Nacional de Pesca y Acuicultura
CCA	Causal Chain Analysis	INVEMAR	Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas y Costeras
CCO	Comisión Colombiana del Océano	IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
CNA	Comision Nacional del Agua	ISAT	Instituto de Salud, Ambiente y Trabajo
COCATRAM	Central American Commission for Maritime Transportation	ITCZ	Intertropical Convergence Zone
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand	IUCN	The World Conservation Union
CONADES	National Council for Sustainable Development	LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
CONAZA	Comisión Nacional de zonas Áridas	LME	Large Marine Ecosystem
CPPS	Comision Permanente del Pacifico Sur	MARENA	Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales de Nicaragua
DANE	Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística	MARN	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane	MINAE	Ministerio del Ambiente y Energía de Costa Rica
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	MMA	Ministerio del Medio Ambiente
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	MPN	Most Probable Number
EU	European Union	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
EUC	Equatorial Under-current	NEC	North Equatorial Current
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	NECC	North Equatorial Counter-current
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	NEP	The Northeast Pacific Regional Seas programme
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment	ODECA	Central American States Organization
GPA	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities	OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
HABs	Harmful Algal Blooms	OMS	Organización Mundial de la Salud
HC	Humboldt Current	OPS	Organización Panamericana de la Salud
ICA	Index of Water Quality	PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
ICZM	integrated coastal zone management	PARCA	Environmental Plan of Central America
IDEAM	Instituto de Hidrología, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales de Colombia	PC	Peruvian Current
IGAC	Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi	PCBs	Polychlorinated biphenyls

PNUD	Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo	TDSs	Total Dissolved Solids
PNUMA	Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente	TEDs	Turtle Exclusion Devices
PSP	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning	UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
SEC	South Equatorial Current	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
SEMAR	Ministry of the Navy	USD	United States Dollar
SEMARNAT	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre
SERNA	Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment	WFP	World Food Programme
SNET	Servicio Nacional de Estudios Territoriales		

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