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XBT	Expendable Bathythermographs
XCTD	Expendable conductivity-temperature-depth probe
XDR	eXternal Data Representation
XIE	X-ray Imaging Experiment
XMM	X-ray Multi-Mirror Mission

WAA	Water Authorities Association
WAC	Wetenschappelijke Advies Commissie
WACAF	West and Central Africa Project (UNESCO/UN/UNEP)
WAEC	West African Economic Community (IVORY COAST, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA)
WAFR	World Appraisal of Fishery Resources (FAO)
WAITRO	World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS)
WAMEX	West African Moonsoon Experiment
WAN	Wide Area Network
WARC	World Administrative Radio Conference (ITU)
WASA	West African Science Association
WATS	Western Atlantic Turtle Symposium
WATS-II	Second Western Atlantic Turtle Programme
WB	Wetenschapsbeleid
WBDCS	Wide-Band Data Collection System
WC/IGOSS	Joint IOC-WMO Working Committee on Integrated Global Ocean Services System
WCAP	World Climate Application Programme
WCDP	World Climate Data Programme
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
WCIP	World Climate Impact Studies Programme (UNEP)
WCP	World Climate Programme (WMO)
WCRP	World Climate Research Programme (WMO/ICSU)
WCS	World Conservation Strategy (STEERING GROUP)
WDC	World Data Centre (ICSU)
WECAFC	Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (FAO)
WEFAX	Weather Experimental Facsimile
WEFER	Weather Facsimile Charts
WEFTA	West European Fish Technologist Association (DELFT/NETHERLANDS)
WEI	World Environment Institute
WERC	World Environment and Resources Council (SILVER SPRING/MD/USA)
WESTPAC	Western Pacific Committee (IOC)
WFA	White Fish Authority (EDINBURGH/UK)
WFA/IDU	White Fish Authority Industrial Development Unit
WFEO	World Federation of Engineering Organizations (PARIS, FRANCE)
WFF	Wallops Flight Facility
WFPA	World Federation for the Protection of Animals (SWITZERLAND)
WFUNA	World Federation of United Nations Associations
WG/SI	CMM Working Group on Sea Ice
WGD	Working Group on Data
WGWC	Working Group on Weather Communications
WGWP	Working Group on Weather Plans
WHO	World Health Organisation (F. OMS)
WHOI	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (USA)
WIM	Wirtschaftsvereinigung Industrielle Meerestechnik (DUITSLAND)
WIND	Wind Imaging Interferometer
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organizations
WIPS	Weather Image Processing Systems
WL	Waterloopkundig Laboratorium (Delft, NL)
WMC	World Meteorological Centre
WMO	World Meteorological Organisation
WMS	World Mariculture Society (CHARLESTON/SC/USA)
WMU	World Maritime University
WOCE	World Ocean Circulation Experiment
WODA	World Dredging Association (LONG BEACH, CA, USA)
WP	Word Processor
WPC	World Power Conference
WPCF	Water Pollution Control Federation
WRA	the Water Research Association (BUCKS/UK)
WRC	Water Research Centre (BUCKS/UK)
WRDC	World Radiation Data Centre
WRS	World Reference System
WRSLN	Werkgemeenschap voor Remote Sensing in Landbouw en Natuurbeheer
WSBS	White Sea Biological Station (USSR)
WSL	Warren Spring Laboratory
WUF	World Underwater Federation
WUON	Werkgroep Uitbreiding Operationele Noordzeetaken (NL)
WV	Water-vapour
WWF	World Wildlife Fund (MORGES, SWITZERLAND)
WWW	World Weather Watch (F. VMM)
WWWDM	WWW Data Management

INTRODUCTION

This list of acronyms used in environmental and related sciences such as meteorology, oceanography, remote sensing and data communication is a compilation of contributions from various national and international sources. It is the intention to publish an updated edition periodically.

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VACM	Vector Averaging Current Meter
VAECM	Vector Averaging Electromagnetic Current Meter
VAP	IOC Voluntary Assistance Programme
VAS	VISSR Atmospheric Sounder
VAX	Virtual Address eXtension
VC	Virtual Circuit
VCP	Voluntary Co-operation Programme (WMO)
VDB	Voice Distress Box
VDM	VISSR Digital Multiplexer
VDS	Variable Depth Sonar
VDU	Visual Display Unit
VGA	Video Graphics Array
VHF	Very High Frequency
VHRR	Very High Resolution Radiometer
VIERS-1	Voorbereiding Interpretatie ERS-1
VIMS	Virginia Institute of Marine Science (USA)
VIP	VAS Imagery Processor
VIRGS	VISSR Image Registration and Imaging System
VIRSR	Visible Infra-Red Scanning Radiometer
VISIMAR	Visualization and Simulation of Marine Environmental Processes
VISSR	Visible and Infrared Spin Scan Radiometer
VK	Verenigd Koninkrijk
VKI	Vandkvalitetsinstituttet (DENMARK)
VLA	Very Large Array
VLBI	Very Long Baseline Inter-ferometry
VLCC	Very Large Crude Carrier
VLSI	Very Large Scale Integrated Circuitry
VML	Vening Meinesz Laboratorium (NL)
VMM	Veille Meteorologique Mondiale
VMS	Virtual Memory System
VNIIPRKH	Vsesoyuznyi Nauchno-issledovatel'skij Institut Prudovogo Rybnogo Khozyajstva (MOSCOW, USSR)
VNIORKH	Vsesoyuznyi Nauchno-issledovatel'skij Institut Ozerного i Rechnogo Rybnogo Khozyajstva (USSR)
VNIR	Visible and Near-infrared Radiometer
VNIRO	All-Union Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography (USSR)
VOS	Voluntary Observing Ships
VPN	Visual Private Network
VROM	Ministerie van Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke Ordening en Milieubeheer
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
VSI	Vulcanological Survey of Indonesia Bandung
VTIR	Visible and Thermal Infrared Radiometer
VTRR	Vertical Temperature Profile Radiometer
VTS	Vessel Traffic Services
VU	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
VURH	Fisheries Research Institute (CZECHOSLOVAKIA)
VWFC	Very Wide Field Camera

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
 USEPA United States Environment Protection Agency (USA)
 USGCRP US Global Change Research Program
 USGS United States Geodetic Survey
 USNO Us Naval Observatory
 USPHS United States Public Health Service
 USTFA United States Trout Farmers Association (MO, USA)
 USWB United States Weather Bureau
 UTC Universal Time Coordinated
 UTEX University of Texas
 UTH Upper Troposphere Humidity
 UV Ultraviolet
 UVA Universiteit van Amsterdam
 UWIST University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology (UK)

A/D Analogue to Digital Converter
 AAFA Association Aeronautique et Astronautique de France
 AAAS American Association for the Advancement of Science (WASHINGTON, USA)
 AABE Asian Association for Biology Education (KATUGASTOTA, SRI LANKA)
 AACE Asociacion Argentina de Ciencias Espaciales
 AAPC Asociacion Argentina para el Progreso de las Ciencias (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)
 AAPG American Association of Petroleum Geologists (TULSA, USA)
 AAS American Astronautical Society
 AATSR Advanced Along Track Scanning Radiometer
 AC Alternating Current
 ACARPESC Servico de Extensao de Pesca de Santa Catarina (S.CATARINA, BRAZIL)
 ACASTD Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology To Development (UN)
 ACC Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (UN)
 ACC Association of Country Councils
 ACCAD Advisory Committee on World Climate Applications and Data Programs
 ACCP ALACE Circumpolar Current Project
 ACE Advanced Communication Experiments (EC)
 ACEMP Agro Climatic Environmental Monitoring Project
 ACFOD Asian Cultural Forum on Development
 ACI Alliance Cooperative Internationale
 ACI Asociacion Cartografica Internacional
 ACM Anderaa Current Meter
 ACMRR Advisory Committee of Experts on Marine Resources Research (FAO)
 ACOH Advisory Committee for Operational Hydrology (WMO)
 ACOMR Advisory Committee on Oceanic Meteorological Research
 ACOPS Advisory Committee on Oil Pollution of the Sea (LONDON/UK)
 ACS American Chemical Society (WASH./DC/USA)
 ACU Antenna Control Unit
 ADA Association Pour le Developpement de L'Aquaculture (FRANCE)
 ADC Association of District Councils
 ADC Atlantic Data Coverage
 ADCP Aquaculture Development and Coordination Programme (FAO)
 ADCP Acoustic Doppler Current Profiling
 ADE Above Deck Equipment
 ADEOS Advanced Earth Observing System
 ADESS Automatic Data Editing and Switching System
 ADMO Administrative Management Domain
 ADMIN Administrative (messages disseminated over the GTS, by Telex or by Satellite WEFAX)
 ADP Automatic Data Processing
 ADRA Animal Disease Research Association (EDINBURGH/UK)
 ADS Acquisition of Signal
 ADS Automatic Dependent Surveillance
 ADVISAR System similar to AOIPS and McIDAS
 AEAS Asociacion Espanol de Abastecimientos de Agua y Saneamiento (SPAIN)
 AEEC Airlines Electronic Engineering Committee
 AEEF Association Europeenne des Exploitants Frigorifiques (BELGIUM)
 AEG Atlantic Environmental Group
 AEIDC Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (AK/USA)
 AERA Association pour l'Etude et la Recherche Astronautique et Cosmique
 AERE Atomic Energy Research Establishment (HARWELL/UK)
 AES Atmospheric Environment Services (CANADA)
 AFC Administrative & Finance Committee
 AFCONA African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
 AFEE Association Francaise Pour l'Etude des Eaux (PARIS/FRANCE)
 AFGL Air Force Geophysics Laboratory
 AFGWC Airforce Geobal Weather Central (USA)
 AFOS Automation of Field Observations and Service
 AFPM Advanced Fluid Physics Module
 AFS American Fisheries Society (BETHESDA/MD/USA)
 AGARD Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development
 AGC Automatic Gain Control
 AGHF Advanced Gradient Heating Facility
 AGI American Geological Institute (WASH./DC/USA)
 AGID Association of Geoscientists for Industrial Development
 AGOR Advisory Group on Ocean Research
 AGR(S) Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor(s)
 AGRALIN Agrarische Literatuur Informatiesysteem voor Nederland
 AGRIS Agricultural Science Information System
 AGS American Geological Society (USA)
 AGU American Geophysical Union (WASH./DC/USA)
 AIAA American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
 AIBS American Institute of Biological Science (ARLINGTON/VA/USA)
 AICE American Institute of Chemical Engineers (NEW YORK/NY/USA)

AICFO Asociacion Internacional para las Ciencias Fisicas del Oceano
 AID Association Internationale de Developpement
 AIDA Asociacion Internacional de Derecho de Aguas
 AIDAB Australian International Development Bureau
 AIDE Association Internationale du Droit des Eaux
 AIEA Agence Internationale de l'Energie Atomique
 AIF Asociacion Internacional de Fomento
 AIFST Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology (PORT MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA)
 AIG Association Internationale de Geodesie
 AIHC Asociacion Internacional de Hidrologia Cientifica
 AIHS Association Internationale d'Hydrologie Scientifique
 AIICA Asociacion Internacional sobre Investigaciones Relativas a la Contaminacion de las Aguas
 AIIH Asociacion Internacional de Investigaciones Hidraulicas
 AIISP Italian Association for Hygiene and Public Health
 AIL Association Internationale de Limnologie Theorique et Appliquee
 AIM Advanced Informatics in Medicine in Europe (EC)
 AIMAS Associazione Italiana di Medicina Aeronautica e Spaziale
 AIMBE Association Internationale de Medicine et de Biologie de l'Environnement
 AIMFA Asociacion Internacional de Meteorologia y Fisica Atmosferica
 AIMLC Association of Island Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean
 AIMPA Association Internationale de Meteorologie et de Physique de l'Atmosphere
 AIMPE Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers
 AIMS Australian Institute of Marine Science (TOWNSVILLE/OLD./AUSTRALIA)
 AINA Arctic Institute of North America (CANADA)
 AIOB Association Internationale d'Océanographie Biologique
 AIPCN Association Internationale Permanente des Congres de Navigation
 AIRE Association Internationale des Ressources en Eau
 AIRH Association Internationale de Recherches Hydrauliques
 AIRPE Association Internationale de Recherche sur la Pollution de l'Eau
 AIRS Atmospheric infrared Sounder
 AIS Airborne Imaging Spectrometer
 AISC Assessment and Information Services Center
 AISE Association Internationale des Sciences Economiques
 AISH Association Internationale des Sciences Hydrologiques
 AISM Association Internationale de Signalisation Maritime
 AISPO Association Internationale des Sciences Physiques de l'Océan
 AIT Asian Institute of Technology (BANGKOK/THAILAND)
 AIV Assembly, Integration and Verification
 AKN Aktionskonferenz Nordsee e.V.
 ALA Asociacion Latinoamericana de Acuicultura (MARACAY/VENEZUELA)
 ALACE Autonomous Lagrangian Circulation Explorer instrument
 ALADIN Atmospheric LAsER Doppler INstrument
 ALARA/P As Low As Reasonably Achievable/Practicable
 ALDAA Associazione Italiana di Aeronautica e Astronautica
 ALECSO Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (EGYPT)
 ALICMAR Asociacion Latinoamericana de Investigadores en Ciencias del Mar (CARACAS, VENEZUELA)
 ALPEX Alpine Experiment (WMO)
 ALT Radar Altimeter
 AMA Association of Metropolitan Authorities
 AMAS Advanced Millimeter Wave Atmospheric Sounder
 AMCEN Commission of the Sea of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment
 AMI Active Microwave Instrument (ERS-1)
 AMI-2 Advanced Version of the ERS-1 AMI
 AMIR Advanced Microwave Imaging Radiometer
 AMPTE Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorer
 AMRIR Advanced Medium Resolution Imaging Radiometer
 AMS American Meteorological Society (BOSTON/MA/USA)
 AMSA Australian Marine Sciences Association (CANBERRA/AUSTRALIA)
 AMSCAT Km Band Scatterometer
 AMSS Aeronautical Mobile Satellite System
 AMSU Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit, part of ATOVS
 AMSU-A the temperature sounder on AMSU
 AMSU-B the water vapour sounder on AMSU
 AMTEX Air Mass Transformation Experiment
 ANALOGSAT APT and WEFAX Interactive Processing System (Poland)
 ANARE Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition
 ANEN African Network of Environmental non-governmental Organizations
 ANII Arkticheskij Nauchno-issledovatel'skij Institut (ARCTIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE)
 ANTO Antarctic Treaty Organization
 ANZAAS Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (SYDNEY/N.S.W./AUSTR.)
 AO Announcement of Opportunity
 AOAC Association of Official Analytical Chemists (WASH./DC/USA)
 AOCl Advanced Ocean Color Instrument

UAB Upper Air Branch
 UABCS Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur (USA)
 UAG Underwater Acoustic Group (UK)
 UARS Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite
 UATI Union des Associations Techniques Internationales
 UC-ICVO Uitvoerend Comite van de ICVO (NL)
 UCAR University Corporation Atmospheric Research (USA)
 UDC Universal Decimal Classification
 UDP User Datagram Protocol
 UEAC Union des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale
 UEG Underwater Engineering Group (LONDON/UK)
 UEM Union Europeenne de Malacologie
 UES Uniform Emission Standard
 UGGI Union Geodesique et Geophysique Internationale (ICSU)
 UGI Union Geographique Internationale (ICSU)
 UHF Ultra High Frequency
 UIB Union Internationale de Biochimie
 UIBPA Union Internationale de Biophysique Pure et Appliquee
 UICB Union Internacional de Ciencias Biologicas
 UICF Union Internacional de Ciencias Fisiologicas
 UICG Union Internacional de Ciencias Geologicas
 UICN Union Internationale pour la Conservation de la Nature et de ses Ressources
 UICPA Union Internationale de Chimie Pure et Appliquee
 UIEO Union of International Engineering Organizations
 UIFPA Union Internacional de Fisica Pura y Aplicada
 UIGG Union Internacional de Geodesia y Geofisica
 UIPPA Union Internationale de Physique Pure et Appliquee
 UIQPA Union Internacional de Quimica Pura y Aplicada
 UISB Union Internationale des Sciences Biologiques
 UISG Union Internationale des Sciences Geologiques
 UISP Union Internationale de Sciences Physiologiques
 UK United Kingdom
 UKAEA United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority
 UKMO United Kingdom Meteorological Office
 UKOOA United Kingdom Offshore Operator's Association
 UKPIA United Kingdom Petroleum Industry Association
 UKTS United Kingdom Treaty Series
 ULMS Underwater Long-Range Missile System
 UME Unitas Malacologica Europea (WIEN, AUSTRIA) (EUROPEAN MALACOLOGICAL UNION)
 UMIST University of Manchester, Institute of Science and Technology (MANCHESTER, UK)
 UMP Upper Mantle Project
 UN United Nations
 UN (OETB) United Nations Ocean Economics and Technology Branch
 UN(OALOS) United Nations Office for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea
 UNAM Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
 UNCASTD United Nations Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology To Development
 UNCED United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
 UNCLOS United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
 UNCOPOUS United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
 UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UN)
 UNDAT United Nations Development Advisory Team (ESCAP)
 UNDP United Nations Development Programme
 UNDR0 United Nations Disaster Relief Organization
 UNECED Unite d'Ecologie des Eaux Douces (NAMUR, BELGIUM)
 UNEP United Nations Environmental Programme
 UNESCEAR United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
 UNESCO United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation
 UNHAS Universitas Hasanuddin Ujung Pandang Sulawesi
 UNICA Association of Universities of the Caribbean
 UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization (WIEN, AUSTRIA)
 UNISIST World Science Information System (UNESCO)
 UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research (USA)
 UNLOSC United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982
 UNOLS University National Oceanographic Laboratory Systems
 UNSCEAR United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
 UPCF University of the Philippines/college of Fisheries
 UPR University of Puerto Rico
 UPS Uninterruptable Power Supply
 URSI Union Radio Scientifique Internationale
 USAF United States Air Force
 USARP United States Antarctic Research Program
 USB Universidad Simon Bolivar
 USCG United States Coast Guard

TT&C	Tracking, Telemetry, and Command	AOCS	Attitude & Orbit Control System
TT/DCS	IODE Task Team on IODE Data Centre Services	AODC	Argentine Oceanographic Data Center (ARGENTINA)
TT/DQC	IODE Task Team on Oceanographic Data Quality Control	AOG	Atlantic Oceanographic Group
TT/MBD	IODE Task Team on Marine Biological Data	AOIPS	Atmospheric and Oceanic Processing System
TT/MGGD	IODE Task Team on Marine Geological and Geophysical Data	AOL	Airborne Oceanographic Lidar (USA)
TT/MPD	IOC/IODE-UNEP Task Team on Marine Pollution Data Exchange	AOML	Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory
TT/RSOD	IODE Task Team on Remotely Sensed Oceanographic Data	AOML/NOAA	Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (NOAA)
TTC	Tracking, Telemetry and Command	AOS	Acquisition of Signal
TTO	Transit Tracers in the Ocean	APAC	Asociacion Peruana para el Avance de la Ciencia (LIMA/PERU)
TTP	(SCOR working group on) Tropospheric Transport of Pollutants	APC	Argos Processing Centre
TTT	Telecommunicatie- en Teleobservatie Technologie	API	American Petroleum Institute (WASH./DC/USA)
TUADC	Tropical Upper Air Data Centre	APNAP	Actuomicropaleontology Paleoceanography North Atlantic Project
TUD	Technische Universiteit Delft	APOA	Arctic Petroleum Operators Association (CANADA)
TUF	Tokyo University of Fisheries (TOKYO/JAPAN)	APOLLO	Advanced Orbital Test Satellite
TWA	Thames Water Authority	APRIA	Association Pour la Promotion Industrie Agriculture
TWERLE	Tropical Wind Energy Conversion Reference Level Equipment	APT	Automatic Picture Transmission
TWI	TOGA, WOCE, IGOSS XBT numbering system	AQTE	Association Quebecoise des Techniques de l'Eau (MONTREAL, CANADA)
TWL	Tides and Water Levels	ARAMCO	Arabian American Oil Company
TWX	Teletype Exchange Service	ARC	Ames Research Center
		ARGOS	Data Collection and Platform Location System
		ARP	Antarctic Research Programme (SCAR/IGU/IUBS/IUGS/IUPAC/IUPS/URSI/WMO)
		ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
		ARPEL	Association of the State Oil Corporation of Latin America and the Caribbean
		ARSC	African Remote Sensing Council
		ARSLOE	Atlantic Remote Sensing Land and Ocean Experiment 1980 (USA)
		ART	Airborne Radiation Thermometer
		ARTEMIS	Africa Real Time Environmental Monitoring using Imaging Satellites
		ASA	Austrian Space Agency
		ASAB	Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour
		ASAI	Associazione per Lo Sviluppo Delle Attivita Ittiologiche (ROME/ITALY)
		ASAP	Automated Shipboard Aerological Program
		ASAS	Advanced Solid-State Array Sensor
		ASBC	American Society of Biological Chemists (BETHESDA/MD/USA)
		ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
		ASCII	American Standards Committee for Information Interchange
		ASDAR	Aircraft to Satellite Data Relay
		ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations (Indonesia/Malaysia/Phillipines/Singapore/Thailand)
		ASEP	American Society for Experimental Pathology (BETHESDA/MD/USA)
		ASFA	Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (UN/FAO/IOC)
		ASFB	Australian Society for Fish Biology (SIDNEY/N.S.W./AUSTRALIA)
		ASFC	Association of Sea Fisheries Committees
		ASFIS	Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System (UN/FAO/IOC)
		ASI	Astronautical Society of India
		ASI	Italian Space Agency
		ASIH	American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (USA)
		ASL	Australian Society for Limnology (CAUFIELD EAST/N.S.W./AUSTRALIA)
		ASLO	American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (USA)
		ASM	American Society for Microbiology
		ASME	American Society for Macro-Engineering (USA)
		ASMFC	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
		ASOS	Automated Surface Observing System
		ASP	American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
		ASPACSM	Systems of Computer Firm; Computer Vision, Mapping and Photogrammetry
		ASPEI	Association of South Pacific Environmental Institutions
		ASRE	Academy of Sciences Research Institute (ACCRA/GHANA)
		ASRS	Asian Society of Remote Sensing
		ASRT	Atlantic Salmon Research Trust Ltd.
		ASTD	Automatic Satellite Transmission Device
		ASTEM	Association Scientifique et Technique Pour l'Exploration de la Mediterranee (FRANCE)
		ASTE0	Association Scientifique et Technique Pour l'Exploitation des Oceans
		ASTEX	Atlantic Stratocumulus Transition Experiment
		ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials (PHILADELPHIA/PA/USA)
		ASTP	Advanced Systems & Technology Programme
		ASZ	American Society of Zoologists (CA/USA)
		ATB	Association of Tropical Biology (COSTA RICA)
		ATEX	Atlantic Tradewind Experiment
		ATLANTNIRO	Atlantic Institute for Scientific Research (USSR)
		ATLID	Atmospheric Lidar
		ATMOES	Atmospheric Thermal Measurement from Operational Environmental Satellites
		ATMOSAT	TOVS/TIP Interactive Processing System (Poland)
		ATN	Advanced Tiros-N
		ATO	Antarctic Treaty Organization
		ATOVS	Advanced TOVS

ATS Advanced Technology Satellite
 ATS Air Traffic Services
 ATSR Along Track Scanning Radiometer & Microwave Sounder
 ATSR-M Along-Track Scanning Radiometer and Microwave Sounder
 AU Accounting Unit
 AURIO AURoral Imaging Observatory
 AVHRR Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (NOAA/USA)
 AVIRIS Airborne Visible & Infrared Imaging Spectrometer
 AVNIR Advanced Visible and Near-infrared Radiometer
 AWA Anglian Water Authority (NORWICH/UK)
 AWARDS Automated Weather Acquisition and Retrieval Data System
 AWI Alfred Wegener Institut
 AWIPS Automated Weather Information Processing System
 AWON Stichting Aardwetenschappelijk Onderzoek Nederland
 AWRA American Water Resource Association (USA)
 AWWA American Water Works Association
 AZ-E1 Azimuth-Elevation
 AZCHERNIRO Azov-Black Sea Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography (USSR)

T Ton(ne)s
 TAC Telemetry Acquisition and Command
 TAO Technical Assistance Operations
 TARWI Target Weather Reporting Code
 TASC The Analytic Sciences Corporation
 TBC To Be Confirmed
 TBD To Be Determined
 TC Technical Co-ordinator (DBCP)
 TCAP Transaction Capability Applications Protocol
 TCI Telex Channel Interface
 TCOA Tropical Cyclone Observation Activity (Mauritius)
 TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Product
 TCS Telecommunication Subsystem
 TDI Time Delay Integration
 TDM Time Division Multiplex
 TDR Temperature Data Records
 TDRSS Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System
 TEB Tropical Experiment Board
 TEB Toepassing Electronische Beeldtechnieken
 TEC Tropical Experiment Council
 TECHNOCEAN Societe Technique Pour l'Oceanologie
 TED Total Energy Detector
 TEDIS Trade Electronic Data Interchange System (EC)
 TEMA (IOC working committee on) Training, Education and Mutual Assistance in the Marine Sciences
 TERRASAT HRPT Interactive Processing System, Poland
 TERS-(BP) Tropical Earth Resources Satellite (Bridging Phase Programme)
 TESAC Code Message on Temperature/Salinity Observations
 TESS Tactical Environmental Support System
 TET Telegraph End Terminal
 TFDL Technisch Fysische Dienst voor de Landbouw
 TFRI Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute (TAIWAN)
 TFS TERS Feasibility Studie
 THIR Temperature Humidity Infrared Radiometer
 TIE the Institute of Ecology
 TIMS Thermal Infrared Multispectral Scanner
 TINRO Pacific Ocean Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography
 TIP TIROS Information Processor
 TIRDIG Thermisch Infrarood Digitalisatie-apparatuur
 TIROS Television Infrared Observational Satellite
 TLC Telecommunication
 TLI Trunk Line Interface
 TM Thematic Mapper
 TMR Topex Microwave Radiometer
 TMS Thematic Mapper Simulator
 TNO Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek
 TOAG Technical and Operations Advisory Group
 TOGA Tropical Oceans and the Global Atmosphere (of the WCRP)
 TOGA SSG TOGA Scientific Steering Group
 TOMS Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer
 TOPEX Typhoon Operational Experiment
 TOPEX/POSEIDON Ocean Topography Experiment
 TOPOGULF Effects of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge on General Circulation and Transients at mid-latitudes (F)
 TOR Terms of Reference
 TOS TIROS Operational Satellite
 TOVALOP Tanker Owners Voluntary Agreement concerning Liability for Oil Pollution
 TOVS TIROS Operational Vertical Sounder
 TOW Toegepast Onderzoek Waterstaat (NL)
 TPD Technisch Fysische Dienst TNO/TH (NL)
 TPP Telecommunications Preparatory Programme
 TPT Television Picture Transmission
 TRACKOB Report of marine surface observation along a ship's track
 TRANSPAC North Pacific Ocean Monitoring for Climate Research (JAPAN/USA)
 TRIC Tokai University Research and Information Center
 TRIGOM Research Institute of the Gulf of Maine (USA)
 TRMM Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission
 TRODERP Tropical Demersal Recruitment Project
 TROPEX Tropical Experiment (USSR)
 TROPICHEA Tropical Pacific Upper Ocean Heat and Mass Budgets (USA)
 TRP Technological Research Programme
 TSOR Temperature Salinity Depth Recorder
 TSP Tracking Sun Photometer
 TSPP Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention
 TSS Tethered Satellite System

SSP	Sub Satellite Point	BADC	Brackishwater Aquaculture Development Centre (JEPARA, INDONESIA)
SSRP	Severe Storm Research Program	BAE	British Aerospace
SSRS	Shuttle-Specific Radiator Shield	BAH	Biologische Anstalt Helgoland (BIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF HELGOLAND, FRG)
SST	Super Sonic Transport	BAHC	Biospheric Aspects of the Hydrological Cycle
SST	Sea Surface Temperature	BALTNIRO	Baltic Research Institute for Marine Fisheries and Oceanography
SSU	Stratospheric Sounding Unit	BAP	Biotechnology Action Programme (EC)
SSUS	Small Scale Data Utilization Stations	BASIC	Beginner's All Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
SSWG	Space Station Working Group	BATHY	Code Message on Bathythermograph Observations
ST	Space Telescope	BBS	Bulletin Board System
STACRES	Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (IPFC/ICNAF)	BBSR	Bermuda Biological Station for Research
STACS	Subtropical Atlantic Climate Studies (USA)	BBW	Bosbureau Wageningen
STADAN	Tracking Station Network	BCD	Bureau du Commerce et du Developpement (UNCTAD)
STANAG	Standardization Agreement	BCF	Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (USA)
STAO (WATS)	Simposio Sobre Tortugas del Atlantico Occidental	BCH	Sub-Committee on Bulk Chemicals (of the International Maritime Organization)
STAR	Working Group on South-East Asia Tectonics and Resources (SOPAC)	BCH CODE	Code for the construction and equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk
STAR	Special Telecommunications Action for Regional Development (EC)	BCIT	British Columbia Institute of Technology (B.C./CANADA)
STAR	Scientific & Technical Aerospace Reports	BCR	Bureau Communautaire de Reference (EC)
STARS	Satellite Tracking and Reception Stations	BCRS	Beleidscommissie Remote Sensing
STCC	Satellite Tracking and Controlling Center, Ian, China	BCSIR	Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
STCW	International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978	BDE	Below Deck Equipment
STD	Salinity Temperature Depth instrument	BDPU	Bubble, Drop & Particle Unit
STE	Signalling Terminal Exchange	BEDFPU	Task Force for the Phytosanitary Defense of Overseas Products
STEP	Science and Technology for Environmental Protection programme (EC)	BENCAT	Benthic Currents and Temperatures Instrument (IOS-UK)
STIKSCAT	Stick Scatterometer	BEON	Beleidsgericht Ecologisch Onderzoek Noordzee/Waddenzee
STNA	Service Technique de la Navigation Aerieenne	BER	Bit Error Rate
STRC/OAU	Scientific Technical and Research Commission (OAU)	BES	Biological Engineering Society (LONDON/UK)
STREX	Storm Transfer and Response Experiment	BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (QUEZON CITY/PHILIPPINES)
STRIDE	Science and Technology for Regional Innovation and Development in Europe (EC)	BFMT	Bundesminister fur Forschung und Technologie
STS	Space Transportation System	BGI	Bureau Gravimetrique International
STSP	Solar-Terrestrial Science Programme	BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
STUNET	Stuurgroep Studie Noordzee Eilanden en Terminals (NL)	BIBRA	British Industrial Biological Research Association
STUPOC	Stuurgroep Problematiek van Offshore Constructies (NL)	BID	Banque Interamericaine de Developpement
STWS	Storm Tide Warning Service	BIH	Bureau Internationale de l'Heure
SUCROS	Simple and Universe Crop growth model	BIICL	British Institute of International and Comparative Law (LONDON/UK)
SUDEPE	Superintendencia Do Desenvolvimento da Pesca (BRASILIA/BRAZIL)	BIMCO	Baltic and International Maritime Conference
SUPARCO	Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission	BIO	Bedford Institute of Oceanography (DARTMOUTH/N.S./CANADA)
SURGE	Seasat Users and Research Group for Europe	BIOMASS	Biological Investigations of Marine Antarctic Systems and Stocks(SCAR/SCOR)
SURSAT	Surveillance Satellite (Programme)	BIOTROP	Regional Center for Tropical Biology (BOGOR/INDONESIA)
SUSIM	Solar Ultraviolet Spectral Irradiance Monitor	BIPCA	See PIBAC
SUSIO	State University System Institute of Oceanography (FL/USA)	BIRD	Banque Internationale Pour la Reconstruction et le Developpement
SUT	Society for Underwater Technology (UK)	BIRF	Banco Internacional de Reconstruccion y Fomento
SV	Sievert(s)	BIS	The British Interplanetary Society
SVAS	Stretched VAS	BIWS	Bureau of International Whaling Statistics (SANDEFJORD/NORWAY)
SVP	Surface Velocity Programme (WOCE/TOGA)	BLASER	Laser Bathymetry
SVR	Slant Visual Range	BLM	Bureau of Land Management
SWC	Significant Weather Chart	BMB	Baltic Marine Biological Organisation (ALSO KNOWN AS BALTIC MARINE BIOLOGISTS)
SWH	Significant Wave Height	BMLA	British Maritime Law Association
SWIR	Shortwave Infrared Radiometer	BMO	British Meteorological Office
SWIRLS	Stratospheric Wind Infrared Limb Sounder	BNCOE	British National Committee on Ocean Engineering
SWIS	Satellite Weather Information System	BNDO	Bureau National des Donnees Oceaniques
SWMTEP	System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme (UNEP)	BNFL	British Nuclear Fuels plc
SWOP	Stereo Wave Observation Project (USA)	BNSC	British National Space Centre
SWR	Sociaal Wetenschappelijke Raad	BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
SXBT	Shipboard Expendable Bathythermograph	BODC	British Oceanographic Data Centre
		BODS	British Oceanographic Data Service (UK)
		BOEDE	Biological Research Eems-dollard Estuary (NL)
		BOMEX	Barbados Oceanographic and Meteorological Experiment
		BOSCA	British Oil Spill Control Association
		BOSEX	Baltic Open Sea Experiment (ICES/IAPSO/IABO)
		BPEO(S)	Best Practicable Environmental Option(s)
		BPI	Bits per inch
		BPS	bits per second
		BPSK	Bi-Phase Modulation
		BRGM	Bureau de Recherches Geologiques et Minières
		BRIDGE	Biotechnology Research for Innovation, Development and Growth in Europe (EC)
		BRITE/EURAM	Basic Research in Industrial Technologies for Europe/ European Research on Advanced Materials (EC)
		BRT	Belgische Radio en Televisie omroep
		BS	Browse Service
		BSBC	British Social Biology Council
		BSFC	Black Sea Fisheries Commission
		BSI	British Standards Institute
		BSRA	British Shipbuilding Research Association
		BSSC	Board for Software Standardization Control

BSSSC Baltic Sea Salmon Standing Committee
 BT Bathythermograph
 BTF British Trawler Federation
 BUFOFI Bundesforschungsanstalt fuer Fischerei (HAMBURG/FRG) (FEDERAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES)
 BUFR WMO FM 94 Code Binary Universal Form for Data Representation
 BWFK Brackish Water Fish Farm (ANDHRA PRADESH/INDIA)
 BWRE Biological Welfare Research Establishment

SLR Satellite Laser Ranging
 SLR Side Looking Radar
 SMA State Meteorological Administration (China)
 SMBA Scottish Marine Biological Association
 SMC Satellite Meteorological Center, Beijing
 SMCC Satellite and Mission Control Centre
 SMHI Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute
 SMISO Systeme Mondial Integre de Stations Oceaniques (=IGOSS E)
 SMMR Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer
 SMS Synchronous Meteorological Satellite
 SMURV SWATH Multipurpose Research Vessel
 SN Supernova
 SNA System Network Architecture
 SNAME Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (NEW YORK, NY, USA)
 SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol
 SO2 Sulphur Dioxide
 SOAR TRODERP Sub-Project on Satellite Ocean Analysis for Recruitment
 SOC Southern Oceans (IOC)
 SOC Specialized Oceanographic Centre
 SOC Satellite Operations and Control Center
 SODC System Operational Dispatching Center, China
 SOFAR Sound Fixing and Ranging
 SOG Speed Over the Ground
 SOGIP Societe Generale pour l'Industrie de la Peche (IVORY COAST)
 SOHO Solar & Heliospheric Observatory
 SOLAS International Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea (IMCO)
 SOLSTICE Solar Stellar Irradiance Comparison Experiment
 SOMEI Sociedad Mexicana de Estudios Interplanetarios
 SON Scheikundig Onderzoek in Nederland (NL)
 SOPAC South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission
 SOS International Distress Signal
 SOSC Smithsonian Oceanographic Sorting Centre
 SOTEAG Shetland Oil Terminal Environmental Advisory Group
 SOUQAR Section d'Océanographie d'Université de Québec a Rimouski (CANADA)
 SOZ Stichting Onderzoek der Zee (Marine Research Foundation - NL)
 SP Signal Processing
 SPAEI South Pacific Association of Environmental Institutions
 SPARRSO Space Research and Remote Sensing Organization
 SPAWN Salmon Protection Association of Western Newfoundland (CANADA)
 SPC South Pacific Commission (NOUMEA/NEW CALEDONIA)
 SPC Science Programme Committee
 SPE Society of Petroleum Engineers (USA)
 SPEC South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation
 SPELDA Structure Porteuse Externe de Lancement Double Ariane
 SPFFA South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency (HONIARA/SOLOMON/ISLANDS)
 SPIFDA South Pacific Islands Fisheries Development Agency
 SPM Solar Proton Monitor
 SPOT Satellite Pour d'Observation de la Terre
 SPREP South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (UNEP)
 SPRINT Strategic Programme for Innovation and Technology Transfer (EC)
 SPS Sensor Processing System
 SQL Structured Query Language
 SR Scanning Radiometer
 SR Steradians
 SRB Surface Radiation Budget
 SRD System Requirements Document
 SRDC Surface Reference Data Centre
 SREL Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (AIKEN, SC, USA)
 SRON Stichting Ruimteonderzoek Nederland
 SRP Sonar Range Prediction
 SRPBA Scottish River Purification Board's Association
 SS Space Station
 SSB Single-Side Band
 SSC Survival Service Commission (IUCN)
 SSD Space Science Department
 SSG/TOGA Scientific Steering Group on TOGA (JSC-CCCCO)
 SSG/WOCE Scientific Steering Group for WOCE (JSC-CCCCO)
 SSIP Space Shuttle Student Program
 SSM Special Sensor Microwave
 SSM/I Special Sensor Microwave Imager
 SSM/IS Special Sensor Microwave Imager/Sounder
 SSM/T Special Sensor Microwave Temperature
 SSM/T2 Special Sensor Microwave Water Vapor

SDSD Satellite Data Services Division
SDU Service Data Unit
SDUS Small-Scale Data Utilization Station, China
SDUS Secondary Data User Station
SEA-WIFS Sea Wide-Field-of-View Sensor
SEAFDEC Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
SEAGFC Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners (FRANKFORT, KY, USA)
SEAMEO South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
SEAMEO System Development Corporation
SEAMOS Sea Environmental Monitoring System
SEAS Committee for Scientific Exploration of the Atlantic Shelf
SEAS Shipboard Environmental Data Acquisition System
SEASAT Active Microwave Satellite (USA)
SEASCO Science Co-operation Office for Southeast Asia (UNESCO)
SEASTARS System for Airborne Remote Sensing of the Sea
SEATAR Study of East Asian Tectonics and Resources
SEATO Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SEAWIFS Sea-Viewing, Wide Field-of-View Sensor
SEBS-M Societe Europeenne de Biomedicine Sous-Marine (TOULON, FRANCE)
SECTIONS Eazo and Climatic Variability (USSR/POLAND/BULGARIA/GDR)
SELA Sistema Economico Latinoamericano
SELPER Sociedad de Especialistas Latino-Americanos en Percepcion Remota
SEM Space Environment Monitor
SENAHMI Servicio Nacional de Meteorologia e Hidrologia
SEP Societe Europeenne de Propulsion
SEQUAL Seasonal Equatorial Atlantic Experiment (USA)
SERMAP Servicio Nacional de Pesca (SANTIAGO, CHILE)
SES Ship Earth Station
SESAME Severe Environmental Storm and Mesometeorological Experiment
SESS Space Environment Sensor Suite
SETMY Sea-level Environment and Tectonics During Last Million Years
SETR Sediments, Eustatic Sea Level Changes, Tectonics and Resources
SEV Surface Effect Vehicle
SEV Soviet Ekonomicheskoy Vzaimopomoshchi (SEE CMEA)
SEVIRI Spinning Enhanced Visible and Infrared Imager
SFA Southeastern Fisheries Association
SFC Sea Fisheries Committee
SFDF Second Generation Distributed Facilities
SFFS Satellite Frost Forecast System
SFI Societe Francaise d'Ichtyologie (PARIS, FRANCE)
SFSS Satellite Field Service Station
SGA Sea Grant Association (SEATTLE/WA/USA)
SGCF Second Generation Central Facilities
SGDN Society for the Protection of the German North Sea Coast
SGPS Second Generation Primary data user Station
SGSS Second Generation Secondary data user Station
SGTO Study Group on Tropical Disturbances
SHARPS Ship Helicopter Acoustic Range Prediction System
SHIRA Ship Radar
SHN Servicio de Hidrografia Naval (ARGENTINA)
SHOM Service Hydrographique et Oceanographique de la Marine (F)
SI Statutory Instrument
SIAD Systeme Integre d'Aide a la Decision
SIDA Swedish International Development Authority
SIECA Secretaria Permanente del Tratado General de Integracion Economica Centroamericana
SIGP Societe Industrielle de la Grande Peche
SIGTTO Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators Limited
SIK Svenska Livsmedelsinstitutet (GOTEBORG, SWEDEN) (THE SWEDISH FOOD INSTITUTE)
SIL Societas Internationalis Limnologiae (ICSU)
SINA Shellfish Institute of North America
SINODE Surface Indian Ocean Dynamic Experiment (FRANCE)
SINTEF (Foundation of) Scientific and Industrial Research, Norwegian Institute of Technology
SID Scripps Institute of Oceanography (USA)
SIPS Societa Italiana per il Progresso Delle Scienze (ITALIAN SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE)
SIR-C Shuttle Imaging Radar-C
SIRS Satellite Infrared Spectrometer
SIW Satellite Image Workshop
SKSRRCM Joint Commission for Regulation of Fishing in the Black Sea
SKSRRD Joint Commission for Regulation of Fishing on the Danube
SLAP Shuttle Laser Altimeter Prototype
SLAR Side-Looking Airborne Radar
SLARDIG SLAR Digitalisatie-apparatuur
SLD Sonic Layer Depth

C-14 Carbon Fourteen
C/OPC IOC Committee on Ocean Processes and Climate
CA Cloud Analysis
CAACTD Comiteo Asesor sobre la Aplicacion de la Ciencia y la Tecnologia Al Desarrollo
CABO Centrum voor Agrobiologisch Onderzoek
CAC Comite Administratif de Coordination
CAC Climate Analysis Centre (National Meteorological Centre, NOAA)
CACGP Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution
CAD Computer Aided Design
CAD/CAM Computer Systems
CAE Computer Aided Engineering
CAEM Conseil d'Assistance Economique Mutuelle
CAES Center for Action on Endangered Species
CAESAR CCD Airborne Experimental Scanner for Applications in Remote Sensing
CAFIS Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Information Services
CAFISAC Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Scientific Advisory Committee
CAIRM Comiteo Asesor de Expertos sobre Investigaciones de los Recursos Marinos
CAL/VAL Calibration/Validation
CALVAL Working Group on Sensor Calibration and Performance Validation
CAM Committee for Aquatic Microbiology
CAM Commission for Agricultural Meteorology (WMO)
CAMAR Competitiveness of Agricultural and Management of Agricultural Resources (EC)
CAMP Computer Aid Marketing Program
CANCAP Canary-cape Verde Basin Research
CAO Central Analysis Office
CARICOM Caribbean Community (GEORGETOWN)
CARICOMP Caribbean Coastal Marine Productivity
CARIPOL Marine Pollution Monitoring for the Caribbean
CARIRI Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (ST. AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD)
CARMABI Carribean Marine Biological Institute
CARPAS Regional Fisheries Advisory Commission for the South-west Atlantic
CARPAS Comision Asesora Regional de Pesca para el Atlantico-Sudoccidental (FAO)
CAS Commission for Atmospheric Sciences
CASA Construcciones Aeronauticas S.A.
CASAFA Committee on the Application of Science To Agriculture
CASDS Centre for Advanced Study in the Developmental Sciences (UK)
CASI Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute
CASTARAB Conference of Ministers of Arab States on Application of Science and Technology To Development
CATIE Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Ensenanza
CATPA Comite d'Action Technique Contre la Pollution Atmospherique (PARIS)
CAVW Catalogue of Active Volcanoes of the World
CBASF Current Bibliography for Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries (FAO)
CBCC Chemical-biological Coordination Centre (USA)
CBI Comision Ballenera Internacional
CBLT Commission du Bassin du Lac Tchad
CBO Conference of Baltic Oceanographers
CBPE Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Educacionais (RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)
CBS Commission for Basic Systems
CBS Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek
CBT Computer Based Training
CBT Clean Ballast Tanks
CCAMLR Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (HOBART, TASMANIA)
CCASTD Commission Consultatif sur l'Application de la Science et de la Technique Au Developpement
CCCAS Centro de Cooperacion Cientifica de Asia Sudoriental
CCCO Committee on Climatic Changes and the Ocean (SCOR/IOC)
CCD Charge Coupled Device
CCDP Comision Centro-Americano de Desarrollo de Pesqueras (Central American Fisheries Development Commission)
CCDP WMO Climate Change Detection Project
CCEIC Comite de Cooperacion Economica del Istmo Centroamericano (Costa Rica)
CCFFR Canadian Council for Fisheries Research (OTTAWA)
CCHO Comite Consultatif d'Hydrologie Operationelle
CCIA Comite Cientifico de Investigaciones Antarticas
CCIO Comite Cientifico de Investigaciones Oceanicas
CCITT International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee
CCIW Canada Centre for Inland Waters (ONTARIO)
CCL WMO Commission on Climatology
CCLC Comision de la Cuenca del Lago Chad
CCML Centro de Ciencias del Mar y Limnologia (MEXICO CITY)
CCMS Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society
CCOP/EA Commission for Coordinated Joint Prospecting of Mineral Resources in the Asian Offshore Area
CCOP/SOPAC Commission for Coordinated Joint Prospecting of Mineral Resources S-Pacific Offshore Area
CCP Committee on Commodity Problems

CCPM	Comite Central des Peches Maritimes (PARIS, FRANCE)	S&R	Search and Rescue
CCR	Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine	S-VISSR	Stretched Visible and Infrared Spin Scan Radiometer
CCRRM	Comite Consultatif de la Recherche des Ressources de La Mer	S/C	Spacecraft
CCRS	Canada Centre for Remote Sensing	S/MOMS	Stereo MOMS
CCSDS	Consultative Committee on Space Data Systems	S/N	Signal to Noise Ratio
CCT	Computer Compatible Tape	SAB	IOC Scientific Advisory Board
CD-ROM	Compact Disc with Read-Only Memory	SACEP	South Asian Co-operative Environment Programme
CDA	Command and Data Acquisition Station	SAD	Sounder Auxiliary Data
CDA	Central Design Authority	SADO	Systeme d'Acquisition de Donnees Oceaniques (IOC) (E ODAS)
CDAS	Command and Data Acquisition Station	SAFCO	Standing Advisory Committee on Fisheries (PUERTO RICO)
CDCC	Caribbean Development Cooperation Committee	SAFIRE	Spectroscopy of the Atmosphere Using Far Infrared Emission
CDD	Cooling Degree Days	SAFMC	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
CDG	Carriage of Dangerous Goods	SAH	Servicio de Agrometeorologia e Hidrologia (LIMA/PERU)
CDI	Commission du Droit International	SAIL	Sea-air Interaction Laboratory (USA)
CDI	Comision de Derecho Internacional	SAIL	Scattering by Arbitrary Inclined Leaves
CDMS	Cryospheric Data Management System (NASA)	SANCOR	South Africa National Committee for Oceanographic Research (S.AFRICA)
CDS	Climate Data Set	SMITHSONIAN	Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
CDS/ISIS	Computerised Documentation Service/Integrated Set of Information Systems	SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
CDTI	Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology	SAR	International Convention on Marine Search and Rescue 1979
CEA	Commission Economique Pour l'Afrique	SAR 2000	advanced ESA SAR
CEAO	Commission Economique Pour l'Asie Occidentale	SAR-C	C-band SAR
CEAO	Communitie Economique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (W.AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY)	SAREC	Swedish Agency for Research and Co-operation With Developing Countries
CEASAR	CCD Airborne Experimental Scanner for Applications in RS (NL)	SAROS	Solar Active Region Orbiting Satellite
CEAT	European Coordination of Friends of the Earth	SARSAT	Search and Rescue Satellite, France and Canada
CEBEDEAU	Centre Belge d'Etude et de Documentation et d'Eaux	SAS	South Asian Seas
CEC	Commission of the European Communities	SASS	Seasat-A Scatterometer System
CECAF	Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries	SAST	Swiss Association for Space Technology
CECITEM	Centro de Educacion en Ciencia y Tecnologia del Mar de Mazatlan (MAZATLAN, MEXICO)	SATNAV	Satellite Navigation Device
CECOLDO	Centro Colombiano de Datos Oceanograficos (BOGOTA)	SBB	Staatsbosbeheer
CECPI	Commission Europeenne Consultative Pour les Peches Dans les Eaux Interieures	SBM	Single Buoy Mooring
CEDDA	Center for Experiment Design and Data Analysis	SBT	Segregated ballast Tanks
CEDE	Conseil Europeen du Droit de l'Environnement	SBT	Satellite Business Television
CEDIMAR	Centro de Documentacion y Informacion en Ciencias del Mar (BOGOTA)	SBUV	Solar Backscatter UV Experiment
CEDO	Centro Espanol de Datos Oceanograficos	SBUV-2	Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet-2
CEDRE	Centre du Documentation de Rechercher et d'Experimentation sur les Pollutions Accidentelles des Eaux	SBW	Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet Spectral Radiometer
CEE	Commission Economique Pour l'Europe	SC	Staring Centrum
CEED	Centre for Economic and Environmental Development	SC-IOCARIBE	Sub-Commission IOCARIBE
CEES	Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences	SC/GIPME	IOC Scientific Committee on Global Investigation of Pollution in Marine Environment
CEFIG	Conseil Europeen des Federations de l'Industrie Chimique	SC/IGBP	ICSU Special Committee for the International Geosphere Biosphere Programme
CEFIGRE	Centre for International Training in Water Resources Management	SC/JGOFs	SCOR Scientific Committee on the Joint Global Ocean Flux Study
CEGB	Central Electricity Generating Board	SCADA	Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition
CEHI	Caribbean Environmental Health Institute	SCAP	Societe Centrale d'Aquaculture et de Peche
CEI	Committee for Environmental Information	SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (ICSU)
CEMA	Centre of Advanced Marine Studies (FRANCE)	SCAT-2	Scatterometer-2
CEMP	Coastal Environmental Management Plan	SCATT	Scatterometer
CEMR	Council of European Municipalities and Regions	SCATT-2	advanced ESA scatterometer
CENDOMAR	Centro de Documentacion Maritima (BOGOTA, COLOMBIA)	SCCG	Space Components Coordination Group
CENFAM-RD	Centro Nazionale per la Fisica della Atmosfera e la Meteorologica (ROME)	SCCMRP	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
CENIC	Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas (CUBA)	SCDB	Sub Committee on Digital Bathymetry
CENIM	Centro Nacional de Informacao Cientifica en Microbiologia (BRAZIL)	SCEMA	Steering Committee on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
CENIP	Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Pesqueras (BARCELONA, SPAIN)	SCIAMACHY	Scanning Imaging Absorption Spectrometer for Atmospheric Cartography
CEOS	Committee on Earth Observation Satellites	SCIBP	Special Committee for the International Biological Programme
CEOS-WGD	CEOS-Working Group on Data	SCIC	Satellite Cloud Information Chart
CEP	Caribbean Environmental Project UNEP/ECLA (OPERATIONAL 1980)	SCIENCE	Stimulation des Cooperations Internationales et des Echanges Necessaires aux Chercheurs Europeens (EC)
CEP POL	Marine Pollution Assessment and Control Programme for the Wider Caribbean (IOC/IOCARIBE-UNEP/RCU)	SCIRO	Division of Oceanography, Australia
CEPA	Comision Economica para Africa	SCMRR	Advisory Committee on Marine Resources Research
CEPAL	Commission Economique Pour l'Amerique Latine	SCNEA	Sealing Commission for the North-East Atlantic
CEPAX	Controlled Ecosystem Pollution Experiment Canada/UK/USA	SCNWA	Sealing Commission for the North-West Atlantic
CEPE	Comision Economica para Europa	SCOPE	Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (ICSU)
CEPEM	Centre d'Etude Europeenne Pour les Problemes de l'Environnement Marine (PARIS, FRANCE)	SCOR	Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research
CEPPOL	Marine Pollution Assessment and Control Programme for the Wider Caribbean	SCORRAD	Standing Committee on Resources Research and Development (IPFC)
CEPSI	Centre d'Etude des Problemes Sociaux Indigenes (REP. OF ZAIRE)	SCOSTEP	Special Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics
CERA	Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur l'Aquaculture (BELGIUM)	SCP	Conseil Superieur de la Peche (PARIS, FRANCE)
CERBOM	Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches de Biologie et d'Oceanographie Medicale	SCR	Selective Chopper Radiometer
CERC	Coastal Engineering Research Center (USA)	SCSK	Shellfish Commission for the Skagerrak-Kattegat
CERES	Controlled Environment Research Laboratory	SCSP	South China Sea Fisheries Development and Coordination Program (FAO/UNDP)
CERES	Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System	SCWR	Scientific Committee on Water Research (ICSU)
CERGA	Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Geodynamiques et Astronomiques	SDAC	SRB Satellite Data Analysis Centre
CERI	Connected-Element Radio Interferometry	SDB	Synchronizer Data Buffer
CERPER	Empresa Publica de Certificaciones Pesqueras del Peru (LIMA)	SDR	Sensor Data Records
CERSAT	Centre ERS-1 d'Archivage et Traitement	SDRPC	Satellite Data Receiving and Processing Center, Poland
CES	Centre for Environmental Studies (LONDON)	SDRPS	Satellite Data Receiving and Processing System
CES	Coast Earth Station	SDRS	Special Drawing Rights

RPB	River Purification Board	CESPAP	Commission Economique et Sociale Pour l'Asie et le Pacifique
RPC	Remote Procedure Call	CESR	Centre d'Etudes Spatiales des Rayonnements
RPD	Rijksplanologische Dienst	CETMA	Centre d'Ethno-technologie en Milieu Aquatique (F)
RPLSP	Research Programme on Land Surface Processes and Climate	CFC	Chloro-Fluoro-Hydrocarbons
RPQPT	Registro de Productos Quimicos Potencialmente Toxicos	CFETC	Central Fisheries Extension Training Centre (INDIA)
RQS	Request	CFEWS	Crop Forecasting and Early Warning Unit
RRSD	Research Rapid Scan Day	CFNI	Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (JAMAICA)
RS	Remote Sensing	CFRP	Carbon-Fibre-Reinforced Plastic
RS-AG	Remote Sensing Advisory Group	CFTI	Cape Fear Technical Institute (USA)
RSAHG	Remote Sensing Ad-Hoc Group	CGDS	Compressed Earth Imagery Gridded Data Sets
RSMDD	Remote Sensing and Meteorological Applications Division (IAEA)	CGMS	Co-ordination on Geostationary Meteorological Satellites
RSP	Response	CGOM	Consultative Group on Ocean Mapping
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	CGPM	Conseil General des Peches Pour la Mediterranee
RSPPP	Remote Sensing Preparatory Programme	CGTREG	Compagnie Generale de Travaux de Recherches et d'Exploitation Oceaniques (FRANCE)
RSRS	Radio and Space Research Station	CHE	Comite Hygiene et Eau (FRANCE)
RSWG	Remote Sensing Working Group	CHO	TNO Commissie voor Hydrologisch Onderzoek
RT	Real-Time	CHS	Canadian Hydrographic Service (CANADA)
RTC	Regional Training Centre for Inland Fisheries Operatives (INDIA)	CHY	Commission for Hydrology
RTCA	Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics	CI	Computer Interconnect
RTD	Real Time Data	CIAT	Comision Interamericana del Atun Tropical
RTG	Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator	CIB	Commission Internationale de la Chasse A la Baleine
RTH	Regional Telecommunication Hub	CIBC	Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control
RTM	Roll Tilt Mode	CIBIMA	Centro de Investigacion de Biologia Marina (ARGENTINA)
RTTY	Radio Teletype	CIC	Coordinacion Investigacion Cientifica (MEXICO)
RUFAS	Remote Underwater Fishery Assessment System	CICAA	Comision Internacional para la Conservacion del Atun Atlantico
RUG	Rijks Universiteit Groningen (NL)	CICAR	Cooperative Investigations of the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
RUL	Rijks Universiteit Leiden (NL)	CICARDI	CICAR Data Inventory
RUU	Rijks Universiteit Utrecht (NL)	CICE	Centro Internacional de Calculos Electronicos
RVD	Rendezvous and Docking	CICSE	Centro de Investigaciones Cientificas y de Educacion Superior de Ensenada (BAJA CALIFORNIA)
RVO	Raad van Overleg voor het Fysisch-Oceanografisch Onderzoek van de Noordzee (NL)	CICH	Centro de Informacion Cientifica y Humanistica (MEXICO CITY)
RVR	Runway Visual Range	CICTA	Commission Internationale pour la Conservation des Thonides de l'Atlantique
RWMAC	Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee	CICTUS	Centro de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas de la Universidad de Sonora
RWS	Rijkswaterstaat (NL)	CICYT	Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (OAS)
		CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
		CIMAR	Centro de Investigaciones del Mar
		CIME	Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Engineering
		CIMO	Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation (WMO)
		CIMSS	Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies, University of Wisconsin, USA
		CINCWIO	Cooperative Investigations of the North and Central Western Indian Ocean (IOC)
		CINECA	Cooperative Investigations of the Northern Parts of the Eastern Central Atlantic (ICES/IOC/FAO)
		CINTEX	CICAR Intercalibration Experiment
		CIOH	Centro de Investigaciones Oceanograficas e Hidrograficas
		CIP	International Committee of Photobiology (IUBS)
		CIP	Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras (CARTAGENA/COLOMBIA)
		CIPAN	Commission Internationale des Pecheries de l'Atlantique Nord-ouest
		CIPAN	Comision Internacional de Pesqueras del Atlantico Noroeste
		CIPASE	Commission Internationale des Peches Pour l'Atlantique Sud-est
		CIPASO	Comision Internacional de Pesqueras del Atlantico Sudoriental
		CIPC	Comite International Permanent de la Conserve (F)
		CIPCRO	Comision Intersecretarial sobre Programas Cientificos Relacionados con la Oceanografia
		CIPP	Comision Internacional de Problemas Pesqueros (SPAIN)
		CIPP	See IPFC
		CIPR	Commission Internationale de Protection Contre les Radiations
		CIPS	Confederation Internationale de la Peche Sportive (ITALY)
		CIPSRO	Conseil Intersecretarial des Programmes Scientifiques Relatifs a l'Oceanographie
		CIRA	Cospar International Reference Atmosphere
		CIREP	Centre International de Recherche sur l'Environnement et le Developpement (PARIS, FRANCE)
		CIREP	Centro de Investigaciones de Tecnologia Pesquera (ARGENTINA)
		CIRM	Comite International Radio-maritime
		CISPP	Centro Italiano di Studie e Programme per la Pesca (ITALY)
		CITC/OUA	Comision de Investigaciones Tecnicas y Cientificas
		CITEP	Centro de Investigaciones de Tecnologia Pesquera (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)
		CITEPA	Centre Interprofessionel Technique d'Etudes de la Pollution Atmospherique (FRANCE)
		CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
		CITT	Commission Interamericaine de Thon Tropical
		CIUC	Comite Cientifico sobre los Problemas del Medio
		CIUC	See ICSU
		CIUS	Conseil International des Unions Scientifiques
		CIVV	Centro Italiano valli Venete (ITALY)
		CLAES	Cryogenic Limb Array Etalon Spectrometer
		CLAIR	Clevers Leaf Area Index by Reflectance model
		CLAO	Consejo Latinoamericano de Oceanografia (URUGUAY)
		CLC	International Convention of Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1969 (Civil Liability Convention)

CLICOM Climate Computer
 CLIMAP Climate Long-Range Investigations, Mapping and Prediction (IDOE)
 CLIVA Climate and Variability of the North Eastern Atlantic (PORTUGAL)
 CLOFNAM Checklist of the Fisheries of the North-Eastern Atlantic and of the Mediterranean (UNESCO)
 CLOS Coordination of Land Observation Satellites
 CLRAE Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
 CLS Collecte Localisation Satellites
 CLS Cloud Lidar System
 CLS ARGOS Cloud Lidar System Automatic Data Collection Platforms
 CMAS Conference Mondiale des Activites Subaquatiques (FRANCE)
 CMC Canadian Meteorological Centre (CAN)
 CMCF/AD Campagne Mondiale Contre la Faim/Action Pour Developpement
 CMCH/AD Campana Mundial Contra el Hambre/Accion Por Desarrollo
 CMD Centre Mondial des Donnees (E=WDC)
 CMEA Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (MOSCOW/USSR)
 CMFRI Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (COCHIN/INDIA)
 CMG Commission on Marine Geology (IUGS)
 CMM Commission for Marine Meteorology (WMO)
 CMOS Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor
 CMR Centre Meteorologique Regional
 CMS Control and Monitoring Subsystem
 CMS Center de Meteorologie Spatiale
 CMSEER Commission on Marine Science, Engineering and Resources
 CMSWA Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
 CMV Cloud Motion Vectors
 CNDO (NDOC) Centro Nacional de Datos Oceanograficos
 CNEAT Centre National d'Etudes d'Agronomie Tropicale
 CNEN Commissione Nazionale per l'Energia Nucleare (ITALY)
 CNERMA Centre National d'Etudes de Pecheries et Nutrition Animale (FRANCE)
 CNES Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales
 CNEXO Centre National Pour l'Exploitation des Oceans
 CNFRA Comite National Francais des Recherches Antarctiques
 CNICT Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnologicas (CARACAS, VENEZUELA)
 CNODC China National Oceanographic Data Centre
 CNPQ Conselho Nacional de Pesquisas (BRAZIL)
 CNR Consejo Nazionale delle Ricerche (ITALY)
 CNRDO Centro Nazionale Raccolta Data Oceanografici (I)
 CNRET Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport
 CNRM National Center for Meteorological Research (France)
 CNRS Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique (F)
 CNSR Comet Nucleus Sample Return (Mission)
 CNUCED Conference des Nations Unies sur le Commerce et le Developpement
 CO2 Carbon Dioxide
 COADS Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Data Set
 COARE Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment
 COB Centre Oceanologique de Bretagne (F)
 COBLAMED Cooperation on Black and Mediterranean Sea Study (NATO)
 COBSEA Co-ordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia
 COC Comision Oceanografica Intergubernamental
 COCIC Comision de Coordinacion de Investigaciones Cientificas de la Comision Permanente del Pacifico
 CODAR Coastal Ocean Dynamics Applications Radar
 CODATA Commission on Data for Science and Technology (ICSU)
 CODC Canadian Oceanographic Data Centre (CAN)
 CODECA Caribbean Corporation for Economic Development (PUERTO RICO)
 CODEVINTEC Compagnie Pour le Developpement Industriel et Technique (ITALY)
 CODREMAR Corporacion para el Desarrollo y Administracion de los Recursos Marinos
 COEC Comite Central d'Oceanographie et d'Etude des Cotes (FRANCE)
 COENCO Council for Environmental Conservation
 COFI Committee on Fisheries (FAO)
 COG Commission on Oceanography and Garp (SCOR)
 COG Course Over the Ground
 COI Commission Oceanographique Intergouvernementale (E=IOC)
 COI (IOC) Comision Oceanografica Intergubernamental
 COLOMBO Council for Technical Cooperation in Planning
 COLOMBOPL Council for Technical Cooperation in South and Southeast Asia
 COM Communication
 COMAR UNESCO Interregional Project on Research and Training on Integrated Management of Coastal Systems
 COMETT Community Action Programme for Education and Training for Technology (EC)
 COMS Center for Ocean Management Studies (KINGSTON, RI, USA)
 COMSAT Communications Satellite
 COMSS Coastal Ocean Monitoring Satellite System
 CONACYT Plan Nacional para Crear una Infraestructura en Ciencias y Technicas del Mar (MEXICO/UNDP/U.N.)
 CONCAWE Oil Companies European Organization for Environmental and Health Protection

R&D Research and Development
 RA Radar Altimeter
 RA Regional Association (of WMO)
 RA-2 advanced version of the ERS-1 RA
 RACE Research and Development in Advanced Communications Technologies in Europe (EC)
 RADARSAT Radar Satellite (Canada)
 RADMOD Radiation Model
 RAE Royal Aerospace Establishment
 RAFA Regional Office for Asia and Far East of FAO (THAILAND)
 RAFR Regional Office for Africa of FAO (GHANA)
 RAG Regional Action Group (DBCP)
 RAIM Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitor
 RAL Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
 RAM Random Access Memory
 RAMOGE Regional Pollution Studies in the Ligurian Sea (ICSEM)
 RAN Royal Australian Navy
 RANOSP Radiological North Sea Programme
 RAPA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
 RASS Radio Acoustic Sounding System
 RCEP Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution
 RCN Reactor Centrum Nederland (NL)
 RCS Radar Cross Section
 RCU Remote Control Unit
 RCU/CEP Regional Co-ordination Unit for CEP
 RDBMS Relational DBMS
 RDC Regional Data Centre (IODE)
 RDR Radar
 RECOSCIX-WIO Regional Co-operation in Scientific Exchange- Western Indian Ocean
 RESEDA Remote Sensing Dataverwerkingsysteem
 RESPAG Remote Sensing Programme Advisory Group
 RESTEC Remote Sensing Technology Center
 REUR Regional Office for Europe of FAO
 RF Radio Frequency
 RFCWA Regional Fisheries Commission for Western Africa of FAO
 RGD Rijks Geologische Dienst (NL)
 RHL Rijksherbarium Leiden (NL)
 RIGW Research Institute for Ground Water
 RIN Rijks Instituut voor Natuurbeheer (NL)
 RINA Royal Institution of Naval Architects (LONDON/UK)
 RIOS River Inputs to Ocean Systems (SCOR/ECOR/IAHS/ACMRR/UNESCO)
 RIS Retroreflector in Space
 RISCPT Registre International des Substances Chimiques Potentiellement Toxiques
 RISE Research for Integrated Service Engineering (EC)
 RISOP Rapid Interval Scan Operation
 RIU Remote Indicator Unit
 RIV Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid (NL)
 RIVM Rijks Instituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiene
 RIVO Rijks Instituut voor Visserij Onderzoek (NL)
 RIZA Rijks Instituut voor Zuivering Afvalwater (NL)
 RLAT Regional Office for Latin America of FAO (CHILE)
 RMBC Regional Marine Biological Centre (SINGAPORE)
 RMC Regional Meteorological Centre (WMO)
 RMNH Rijksmuseum voor Natuurlijke Historie (NL)
 RMS Royal Meteorological Society (LONDON/UK)
 RMTN Regional Meteorological Telecommunication Network (of the GTSO)
 RNEA Regional Office for the Near East of FAO (EGYPT)
 RNODC Responsible National Oceanographic Data Centre (IODE)
 ROC Representative of a Country
 ROCC Regional Oil Combatting Centre for the Mediterranean (MALTA)
 ROM Royal Ontario Museum (TORONTO/CANADA)
 ROM Read Only Memory
 ROMBI Report on Marine Biological Investigations (IODE)
 ROPME Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment (KUWAIT)
 ROSCOP Report on Observations/Samples Collected by Oceanographic Programmes (IOC)
 ROSIS Reflective Optics System Imaging Spectrometer
 ROSTA Regional Office of Science and Technology for Africa (UNESCO)
 ROSTAS Regional Office for Science and Technology in the Arab States (UNESCO)
 ROSTE Regional Office for Science and Technology in Europe
 ROSTLA Regional Office for Science and Technology in Latin America (UNESCO)
 ROSTSCA Regional Office for Science and Technology in South and Central Asia (INDIA)
 ROSTSEA Regional Office of Science and Technology for South-East Asia (UNESCO)
 ROVE Werkgroep Radar Observatie Vegetatie
 ROWA Werkgroep Radar Onderzoek Water

QA Quality Assessment
 QC Quality Control
 QCM Quartz Crystal Monitor
 QPO Quasi Periodic Oscillations
 QPSK Four-Phase Modulation
 QSO Quasi Stellar Objects

CONICET Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas et Tecnicas (ARGENTINA)
 CONICIT Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas (VENEZUELA)
 CONICYT Comision Nacional de Investigacion Cientifica y Tecnologica (SANTIAGO, CHILE)
 CONPACSE Coordinated Programme to Research and Monitor Marine Pollution in the South-East Pacific Region.
 CONUS Continental United States
 COOS Coastal Ocean Observing System (IOC/WMO)
 COPA II/74 Part ii of the Control of Pollution Act 1974
 COPACE Comite des Peches Pour l'Atlantique Centre-Est
 COPACO Commission des Peches Pour l'Atlantique Centre-Ouest
 COPE Co-operative Oceanographic Project on Ergoclines
 COPESCAL Comision de Pesca Continental para America Latina (FAO)
 COPRAQ Cooperative Programmes of Research on Aquaculture (FAO)
 COPS Cooperative Oklahoma P-3 Studies
 COPUOS Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
 CORDERP TRODERP Sub-project on Coral-Reef Demersal Recruitment
 CORINE Co-ordination of Information on the Environment
 CORSAIR Coastal Optical RS Airborne Radiometer
 CORSS Coordination of Ocean Remote Sensing Satellites
 COSALC Coastal Systems of Latin America and the Caribbean
 COSAMC Commission for Special Applications of Meteorology and Climatology (WMO)
 COSINE Co-operation for Open System Interconnection Networking in Europe
 COSOD Conference of Scientific Ocean Drilling
 COSPAR Committee on Space Research (ICSU)
 COSPIN Cosmic Ray & Solar Particle Investigation
 COSSA CSIRO Office of Space Science and Applications
 COST Cooperation Scientifique et Technologique (EC)
 COSTED Commission on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (ICSU)
 COTES Conventional Terrestrial Reference System
 COW Crude Oil Washing
 COWAR Scientific Committee on Water Research (ICSU)
 CPACO Comite de Pesca para el Atlantico Centro-oriental
 CPANE Commission des Pecheries du Nord-est Atlantique
 CPC Commission for Programme Coordination (ECOSOC)
 CPCA Comite des Peches Continentales Pour l'Afrique
 CPECRPS Comision Permanente para la Exploracion y Conservacion de Los Recursos del Pacifico Sur
 CPM Comision del Pacifico Meridional
 CPOI Commission des Peches Pour l'Ocean Indien
 CPOM Centro de Preclasificacion Oceanografica de Mexico
 CPPB Comite Problemas de Productos Basicos
 CPPS Permanent Commission for the South Pacific
 CPRE Council for the Protection of Rural England
 CPRW Council for the Protection of Rural Wales
 CPS Commission du Pacifique Sud
 CPSP Comision Permanente del Pacifico Sur
 CPU Central Processing Unit
 CRAB Crustacean Reprobiology and Aquaculture Bureau (KERALA, INDIA)
 CRAF Comet Rendezvous & Fly-by (Mission)
 CRBM Centre Regional de Biologie Marine
 CRCM Committee on Recent Crustal Movements
 CREO Centre de Recherches et d'Etudes Oceanographiques
 CREST Comite de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique (EC)
 CRO Centre de Recherches Oceanographiques (IVORY COAST)
 CRODT Centre de Recherches Oceanographiques de Dakar-Thiaroye (SENEGAL)
 CRPE Centre de Recherche en Physique de l'Environnement
 CRREL Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory
 CRT Cathode Ray Tube
 CRT Calibrated Radiance Tapes
 CSA The Chinese Society of Astronautics
 CSAR Caribbean Sea and Adjacent Regions
 CSAT Centre for Space and Advanced Technology (USA)
 CSCPCA Comite Scientifique Consultatif des Peches Canadiennes Dans l'Atlantique
 CSG Centre Spatial Guyanais
 CSIR Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (GHANA)
 CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (AUSTRALIA)
 CSK Cooperative Studies of the Kuroshio and Adjacent Regions (IOC)
 CSM Climate System Monitoring
 CSPBI Comite Special du Programme Biologique International (ICSU)
 CSPE Comite Scientifique Pour les Problemes de l'Environnement
 CSPS Committee on the Safequard of the Pursuit of Science
 CSRA Comite Scientifique Pour les Recherches Antarctiques
 CSRO Comite Scientifique Pour les Recherches Oceaniques
 CSSM Cooperative Study of the Southern Mediterranean
 CSSP Columbus Space Station Program, ESA

CSU Colorado State University
 CTD Conductivity Temperature Depth Sounding Technique
 CTDP Centre de Traitements Doris-Poseidon
 CTGREF Centre Technique du Genie Rural des Eaux et des Forets (PARIS)
 CTH Cloud Top Height
 CTM Course To the Mark
 CTM Collapsible Tube Mast
 CTRS Conventional Terrestrial Reference System
 CTS Committee on the Teaching of Science (ICSU)
 CTU Central Terminal Unit
 CUE Coastal Upwelling Experiment
 CUEA Coastal Upwelling Ecosystems Analysis Usa/canada
 CUS Central User Service
 CWP Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (FAO)
 CWPRS Central Water and Power Research Station
 CZCS Coastal Zone Color Scanner
 CZM Coastal Zone Management (USA)

PMBC Phuket Marine Biological Center (PHUKET/THAILAND)
 PMEL Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (NOAA;USA)
 PMFC Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission (USA)
 PMI Programmable Multispectral Imager
 PN Pseudo Noise
 PNUD Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo
 PNUD Programme des Nations Unies pour le Developpement
 PNUD (UNDP) Programa de las naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo
 PNUE Programme des Nations Unies Pour l'Environnement (E.UNEP)
 PNUMA Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente
 PNUMA (UNEP) Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente
 POC Particulated Organic Carbon
 POCCAR IOCARIBE Programme in Physical Oceanography and Climate
 POES Polar Operational Environmental Satellite, NOAA series
 POFI Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations
 POG Pacific Ocean Group
 POLDER Polarization and Bidirectionality of the Earth's Reflectance
 POLEX Polar Experiment (SINCE 1972 - PART OF FGGE)
 POLREP Common Reporting System (of Pollution incidents)
 POLYMODE Polygon Mid-ocean Dynamics Experiment
 POMS Pilot Ocean Monitoring Studies
 POMS Polar Operational Meteorological Satellite
 POOL Planninggroep Oceanografisch Onderzoek Op Lange Termijn (NL)
 POP Payload Operations and Planning
 POPA 71 Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971
 PORS Periodiek Overleg Remote Sensing
 POS Polar Orbiting Satellites
 POTMLD Potential Mixed Layer Depth
 PP Polar Programmes
 PPAG Programme and Policy Advisory Group (IUCN)
 PPC Preliminary Processing Centre
 PPD Provinciale Planologische Dienst
 PPF Polar Platform
 PPI Plan Position Indicator
 PRARE Precision Range and Range Rate Equipment
 PRAREE Precise Range and Range Rate Equipment Extended version
 PRC People's Republic of China
 PREDESUR Programa Regional para el Desarrollo del Sur-Ecuador (ECUADOR)
 PREP TRODERP Sub-project on Penaeids Recruitment
 PREST Projects de Recherche Economique-scientifique-technique (EEC)
 PRIRODA Russian Space Station
 PRMD Private Management Domain
 PROMAR Promotion of Marine Sciences
 PROVIS Project Voortgangs Informatie Systeem
 PS Polar Stereographic Projection
 PSA Pacific Science Committee
 PSC Port State Control
 PSDE Payload & Spacecraft Demonstration & Experimentation Programme
 PSDN Packet Switched Data Network
 PSDPC Polar Satellite Data Processing Centre
 PSG Polar Stereographic
 PSK Phase Shift Keying
 PSMSL Permanent Service Mean Sea Level (UK)
 PSN Piano Spaziale Nazionale
 PSPDC Polar Satellite Precipitation Data Centre
 PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network
 PTFE Teflon
 PTT Platform Transmitter Terminal
 PUBS Pop-up Bottom Seismic Recorder (IOS-UK)
 PURO Programa de Utilizacion de Recursos Oceanicos
 PVC Permanent Virtual Circuit
 PWR Pressurized Water Reactor
 PWS Provinciale Waterstaat
 PY Platform Year

P/CO2 CCo Panel on Carbon Dioxide
 PA Product Assurance
 PABX Private Automatic Branch Exchange
 PAC Programme Activity Centre
 PAC Political Actions Committee
 PAC Programme Advisory Committee
 PAD Packet Assembly/Disassembly
 PAF Processing and Archiving Facility
 PAFB Particles And Fields Package
 PAFP Particle and Fields Package
 PAGES Study of Past Global Changes
 PAGV Proefstation voor de Akkerbouw en de Groenteteelt in de Vollegrond
 PAHO (WMO) Pan American Health Organization
 PAIGH Pan-American Institute of Geography and History
 PALA Profiling Airborne Laser Altimeter
 PAM Payload-Assist Module
 PARCOM Paris Commission
 PARES Preprocessing of Airborne Remote Sensing Data
 PAWE Programme for the Analysis of World Ecosystems
 PB-EO Earth Observation Programme Board
 PB-RS Programme Board Remote Sensing
 PBEO Programme Board for Earth Observation
 PBL Planetary Boundary Layer
 PBMR Pushbroom Microwave Radiometer
 PC Personal Computer
 PCBS Polychlorinated Biphenyls
 PCD Photon Counting Detector
 PCI Protocol Control Information
 PCM Pulse Code Modulation
 PCS Product Control Service
 PCSP Commission Permanente de la Conference sur l'Utilisation et la Conservation des Ressources Marines du Pacifique Sud
 PCTS Polychlorinated terphenyls
 PDA Photon Detector Assembly
 PDCC Payload Data and Control Centre
 PDF Product Dissemination Facility
 PDMS Project Documentation Management System
 PDS Planetary Data System JPL, NASA
 PDS Preliminary Definition Studie
 PDU Protocol Data Unit
 PDU Processor Distribution Unit
 PDUS Primary Data User Station
 PEFU Panel of Experts on Fish Utilization (FAO)
 PEG Pacific Environmental Group
 PEM Particle Environment Monitor
 PEMG Premier Experiment Mondial Garp (E. FGGE)
 PEP Primitive Equation Prognostic
 PEP Payload Exploitation Plan
 PEPE Federation Europeenne Pour la Protection des Eaux
 PEQUOD Pacific Equatorial Ocean Dynamics (USA)
 PERGSA Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environmental Programme
 PERSGA Programme on Environment of Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
 PFM Protoflight Model
 PFO Instituut voor Planten Fysiologisch Onderzoek
 PFR Prototype Fast Reactor
 PGF Pacific Gamefish Foundation (HONOLULU, HI, USA)
 PGR Provisional International Geomagnetic Reference Field
 PHARS Phased Array SAR
 PHARUS Phased Array Universal SAR
 PHI Programme Hydrologique International
 PHLO Post Hoger Landbouwkundig Onderwijs
 PI Principal Investigator
 PI Precipitation Index
 PIANC Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses
 PIBAC Permanent International Bureau of Analytical Chemistry of Human and Animal Food (F)
 PIC Programme Information Circular (IGOSS)
 PINRO Polar Scientific Research Institute for Marine Fisheries and Oceanography
 PIROCEAN Programme de Recherche Interdisciplinaire sur les Oceans (F)
 PISFA Program International Studies of Fishery Arrangements
 PLD Potential Layer Depth
 PLL Phase-Locked Loop
 PLOT Praktijk Laboratorium voor Onderwater Techniek (NL)
 PM Product Monitor

D/A Digital to Analogue
 D/EOM Director of Earth Observation and Microgravity
 DAAC JPL Distributed Active Archive Center JPL
 DAF Data Acquisition Facility
 DAFS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (UK)
 DAG Documentation Advisory Group
 DAID Data Analysis and Interactive Display System
 DALI Device to Access and Look at the SPOT Inventory
 DANIDA Danish International Development Agency
 DARA Deutsche Agentur fur Raumfahrt-Angelegenheiten GmbH
 DARE Decade of Aquaculture Research and Enhancement (USA)
 DASA Dumping At Sea Act 1974
 DAT Directie Akker- en Tuinbouw
 DATTS Data Acquisition, Telemetry and Tracking Station
 DBA Data Base Administrator
 DBCP Drifting Buoy Co-operation Panel
 DBM Data Base Management
 DBMS Data Base Management System
 DBR Development Baseline Review
 DBS Direct Broadcasting Satellite
 DBW/RIZA RWS Dienst Binnenwateren/RIZA
 DC Direct Current
 DCE Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment
 DCLP Data Collection and Location System
 DCLS Data Collection Location System
 DCM Data Circulation Mission
 DCP Data Collection Platform
 DCPRS Data Collection Platform Relay System
 DCS Data Collection System
 DDL Data Definition Language
 DDPH Dissolved and Dispersed Petroleum Hydrocarbons
 DDPH'S Dissolved and Dispersed Petroleum Hydrocarbons
 DEC Digital Equipment Corporation
 DELTA Developing Learning through Technological Advances
 DEM Digital Elevation Model
 DEWS District Eleven Weather Study
 DFLEVO RWS Directie Flevoland
 DFVLR Deutsche Forschungs und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft und Raumfahrt
 DG Directorate General
 DGIS Directoraat Generaal voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking
 DGLR German Society on Aeronautics & Astronautics
 DGM Directoraat Generaal Milieubeheer
 DGPS Differential GPS
 DGRF Definitive International Geomagnetic Reference Field
 DGSM Directoraat Generaal Scheepvaart en Maritieme Zaken
 DGW RWS Dienst Getijdewateren
 DHI Danish Hydraulic Institute (COPENHAGEN/DENMARK)
 DHI Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut (FRG)
 DHV Dwars, Heederik en Verhey
 DIBIAS Digitales Interaktives Bildauswertungssystem
 DIESA Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (UN)
 DIFAS Digital Ice Forecasting and Analysis System
 DIH Delta-instituut voor Hydrobiologisch Onderzoek
 DIMAR Direccion Maritima y Portuaria
 DIPOA Directorate for Inspection of Products of Animal Origin (BRAZIL)
 DISCA Division de Investigaciones sobre Contaminacion Ambiente (VENEZUELA)
 DIV RWS Dienst Informatieverwerking
 DL RWS Directie Limburg
 DLG Digital Line Graph
 DLO Directie Landbouwkundig Onderzoek
 DMA Defense Mapping Agency
 DMA Direct Memory Access
 DMD/FET Digital Mirihead Display/Facsimile Encoder Transmitter
 DMG Deutsche Meteorologische Gesellschaft (FRG)
 DMG Data Management Group (IGBP)
 DML Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratories
 DMOP Detailed Mission Operations Plan
 DMSP Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (USA)
 DMSP/OLS Defense Meteorological Satellite Program/Operational Linescan System
 DMU Distress Message Unit
 DNA Designated National Agency
 DNA Digital Network Architecture
 DNH RWS Directie Noord-Holland

DNMF Directie Natuur, Milieu en Faunabeheer
 DNOCS Departamento Nacional de Obras contra las Secas (BRAZIL)
 DNOS Departamento Nacional de Obras e Saneamento (BRAZIL)
 DNP Declared National Program
 DNZ RWS Directie Noordzee
 DOC Department of Commerce
 DOD Deutsches Ozeanographisches Datenzentrum
 DOD Digital Optical Disk
 DOD Department of Defense
 DOE Department of Environment (OTTAWA)
 DOI Department of Interior
 DOMES Directory of Merit Sites
 DOMSAF Department of Maritime Studies and Fisheries (UK)
 DOMSAT Domestic Satellite
 DORA Begeleidingscommissie Diepzee Opberging Radioactief Afval
 DORIS Doppler Orbitography and Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite
 DORS Departementaal Overleg Remote Sensing
 DOS Disc Operating System
 DOSES Development of Statistical Expert Systems
 DOSL Directie Ontwikkelingssamenwerking Landbouw
 DOUCH Departamento de Oceanologia, Universidad de Chile, Santiago
 DPAC Data Processing Analyzing Center, China
 DPC-SOC Data Processing Center/System Operation Control Center
 DPMC Data Processing Monitoring and Control
 DPNSS Digital Private Network Signalling System
 DPS Data Path Switcher
 DPSS Data Processing Subsystem
 DPT Delayed Picture Transmission
 DR Dead-reckoning
 DRIBU Drifting Buoys
 DRIG Dallas Remote Imaging Group
 DRIVE Dedicated Road Infrastructure for Vehicle Safety in Europe (EC)
 DRR Data Recording and Reproduction
 DRS Data Relay Satellite
 DSA Spectro-angular Density Method of Forecasting Ocean Waves
 DSB Direct Sounder Broadcast
 DSB Dual Side Band
 DSDP Deep-sea Drilling Project
 DSE Deutsche Stiftung fuer Internationale Entwicklung (FRG)
 DSL Dynamic Scattering Layer
 DTE Data Terminal Equipment
 DTMF Dual Tone Multi Frequency
 DTP Department of Transport
 DTREO Departement des Travaux, Recherches et Exploration Oceanographique (FRANCE)
 DUTSCAT Delft University of Technology Scatterometer
 DWK Deutsches Wissenschaftliche Kommission fuer Meeresforschung (BONN/FRG)
 DWS Doppler Wind System
 DWT/DWT Deadweight (tonnage)
 DWW RWS Dienst Weg- en Waterbouwkunde

ONUFI Organisation des Nations Unies Pour le Developpement Industriel
 OOBIS Open Ocean Baseline Study (GIPME)
 OOHRA Onderzoek Opslag Hoog Radioactief Afval
 OOS Ocean Observing System
 OOSDP Ocean Observing System Development Programme
 OPANAL Organisation for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America
 OPC Ocean Processes and Climate
 OPEC Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (VIENNA/AUSTRIA)
 OPECO Operational Coordinator
 OPEP Organisation des Pays Exportateurs de Petrole
 OPIS Operational Priority Indicator System
 OPMOD Operational Modelling of Regional Seas and Coastal Waters
 OPRU Oil Pollution Research Unit (Orielton)
 OPS Operational Programmes Division (UNESCO)
 OPTI-PARUS Preprocessing of Airborne Remote Sensing (of Optical data)
 OPU Operations Panel Unit
 OQSY International Quit Sun Year
 OR(I)C Oceanographic Research (INTERNATIONAL) COMMITTEE
 ORANA Organisme de Recherche sur l'Alimentation et la Nutrition Africaine
 ORCA Ocean Resources Conservation Association (LONDON/UK)
 ORLA Werkgroep Optische Remote Sensing Land
 ORSANCO Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (OH/USA)
 ORSTOM Office de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique Outre-Mer
 ORUP Ocean Resource Utilization Program
 ORWA Werkgroep Optische Remote Sensing Water
 OS Ontwikkelingssamenwerking
 OSC Orbital Sciences Corporation (USA)
 OSCAR Radio Amateur Satellite
 OSCOM Oslo Commission
 OSCR Ocean Surface Current Radar
 OSCUT Oil Spill Clean-up Technology
 OSDC Oceanographic Sub-programme Data Centre (GATE)
 OSI Open System Interconnection
 OSIR Oil Spill Intelligence Report
 OSLR Ocean Science in Relation To Living Resources (IOC)
 OSN Ocean Science News
 OSNLR Ocean Science in Relation To Non-living Resources (IOC)
 OSR Optimum Ship Routing
 OSRS ad hoc Group on Oceanic Satellites and Remote Sensing
 OSSE Observing Systems Simulation Experiment
 OSTA Ocean Science and Technology Agency
 OSV Ocean Station Vessels
 OSWEL Optische Stralingstransport Water en Lucht
 OT Optical Thickness
 OTASE Organisation du Traite de Defense Collective pour l'Asie du Sud-Est
 OTASE ORG Organisation du Traite de Defense Collective Pour l'Asie du Sud-Est
 OTEC Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion
 OTS Orbital Test Satellite
 OUA Organisation de l'Unite Africaine
 OVB Organisatie ter Verbetering van de Binnenvisserij (NL)
 OWRR Office of Water Resources Research
 OWS Ocean Weather Ship
 OWSW-NA Operational WWW Systems Evaluation for the North Atlantic

OAA Organisation de l'Alimentation et de l'Agriculture (FAO)
OACI Organisation de l'Aviation Civile Internationale
OACIS Ocean Atmosphere Climate Interaction Studies
OALOS Office of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea
OAO Office of Aircraft Operations
OAR Oceanic and Atmospheric Research
OAS Organization of American States
OATS Orbital and Attitude Tracking System
OAU Organization of African Unity (ADIS ABABA/ETHIOPIA)
OBC On Board Computer
OBDH On-Board-Data Handling
OBO Ore-Bulk-Oil (carriers)
OBS Ocean Bottom Seismograph (IOS-UK)
OCA Oceans and Coastal Areas
OCAM Organisation Commune Africaine et Malgache
OCC Operations Control Centre
OCDE Organisation de Cooperation et de Developpement Economique (FRANCE)
OCE Ocean Color Experiment
OCI Ocean Color Imager
OCIMF Oil Companies International Marine Forum
OCMI Organizacion Consultiva Maritima Intergubernamental
OCOE Overall Check Out Equipment
OCP Onderzoek Continentaal Plat Suriname
OCS Ocean Color Scanner
OCSEAP Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program (USA)
OCTS Ocean Color and Temperature Scanner
ODA Overseas Development Administration
ODAPS OGE Data Acquisition and Patching System
ODAS Oceanographic Data Acquisition System (IOC) (F.SADO)
ODC Ocean Dynamics and Climate
ODECA Organizacion de Estados Centroamericanos
ODESSA Ocean Data Environmental Science Service Acquisition/usa
ODP Ocean Drilling Program
OEA Organisation des Etats Americains
OEBC Organisation Europeenne de Biologie Cellulaire
OEBI Oficina de Estadisticas Balleneras Internacionales
OEBM Organisation Europeenne de Biologie Moleculaire
OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OECOM Offshore Exploration Conference (CA/USA)
OETB Ocean Economics and Technology Branch (UN)
OETO Ocean Economics and Technology Office (UNITED NATIONS)
OFC Oceanography and Fisheries Committee
OFRI Queensland Fisheries Research Institute
OGE Operational Ground Equipment
OGSE Optical Ground Support Equipment
OHI Organisation Hydrographique Internationale
OHRSO Orbiting High-resolution Solar Observatory
OHS Order Handling and Scheduling
OHTEX Ocean Heat Transport Experiment
OIE Office International des Epizooties
OIEA Organismo Internacional de Energia Atomica
OILB Organisation Internationale de Lutte Biologique contre les Animaux et les Plantes Nuisibles
OILPOL International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954
OIP Operations Implementation Plan
OIPQA Oficina Internacional Permanente de Quimica Analitica para los Alimentos Humanos y Animales
OIS Input Simulator
OLS Operational Linescan System
OM Optical Module
OMB Office of Management and Budget
OMCI Organisation Intergouvernementale Consultative de la Navigation Maritime
OMI Optical Mapping Instrument
OMI Open Microprocessor System Initiative
OMLET Ocean Mixed Layer Experiment (JAPAN)
OMM Organizacion Meteorologica Mundial
OMM (WMO) Organizacion Meteorologica Mundial
OMPA Office of Marine Pollution Assessment (NOAA)
OMS Organisation Mondiale de la Sante (E. WHO)
OMVS Organization for the Development of the Senegal River
ONC suns Open Network Computing
ONERN Oficina Nacional de Evaluacion de Recursos Naturales (LIMA/PERU)
ONP Office National des Peches (CASABLANCA/MAROCCO)
ONR Office of Naval Research (USA)
ONU Organisation des Nations Unies

E&P FORUM (Oil Industry International) Exploration and Production (Forum)
EAAP European Association for Animal Production
EAC East African Community
EAEG European Association of Exploration Geophysicists
EAGLE Environmental Assessment of Great Lakes Ecosystems (USFWS, COE)
EAHC East Asia Hydrographic Commission
EAMES Eastern Arctic Marine Environment Studies (CANADA)
EAMFRO East African Fisheries Research Organisation (EAC)
EAMST European Association of Marine Sciences and Techniques
EARS Ingenieursbureau voor Environmental Analysis and Remote Sensing
EARSC European Association of Remote Sensing Companies
EARSEL European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories
EAS Electronic Animation System
EAWAG Swiss Federal Institute of Technology
EAZO Energetically Active Zones of the Ocean (USSR/POLAND/FRG/BULGARIA)
EBCDIC Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code
EBSA Estuarine and Brackish Water Science Association (UK)
EBU European Broadcasting Union
EC Environment Canada (OTTAWA/CANADA)
EC European Communities (BRUSSELS)
EC Executive Council
ECA Economic Commission for Africa (UN)
ECAFE Economic Commission for Asia and the Far-east (UN)
ECB Environment Co-ordination Board (UNEP)
ECBO European Cell Biology Organisation (NL)
ECCMF European Council of Chemical Manufactures' Federations
ECE Economic Commission for Europe (UN)
ECG Ecosystem Conservation Group (UNEP/FAO/UNESCO/IUCN)
ECLA Economic Commission for Latin America (UN)
ECLAIR European Collaborative Linkage of Agriculture and Industry through Research (EC)
ECMA European Computer Manufacturers' Association
ECME Economic Commission for the Middle East (UN)
ECMWF European Centre for Medium range Weather Forecasting
ECN Energie Centrum Nederland (NL)
ECOLOES Ecological Coalition on the Law of the Sea
ECOR Engineering Committee on Oceanic Resources (CANADA)
ECOS ESA Costing Software
ECOSOC Economic and Social Council of the UN
ECOMAS Economic Commission of West African States
ECS Electronic Catalog System
ECS European Communications Satellite
ECU European Currency Unit
ECWA Economic Commission for Western Asia (UN)
EDC EROS Data Center
EDF European Development Fund
EDS Environmental Data Service
EEB European Environmental Bureau
EEBP Estacion Experimental de Biologia e Pesceria
EEC European Economic Community
EECF Earthnet ERS-1 Central Facility
EEMS European Environmental Monitoring Satellite
EEO Employee Equal Opportunity
EEZ Exclusive Economic Zone
EFPW European Federation for the Protection of Waters (ZURICH, SWITZERLAND)
EFSY ESA Financial Management System
EFTA European Free Trade Association
EFWP European Federation for the Protection of Waters (SWITZERLAND)
EG Europese Gemeenschap
EGA Enhanced Graphics Adaptor
EGC Enhanced Group Call
EGOS European Group on Ocean Stations
EGSE Electrical Ground Support Equipment
EHS Environment Health and Safety (activities)
EIA Environmental Impact Assessment
EIFAC European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission
EISCAT European Incoherent Scatter Facility
ELA Ensemble de Lancement Ariane
ELC Environment Liaison Center
EMAP Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program
EMBA European Marine Biological Association
EMBC Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biologicas (MEXICO, DF, MEXICO)
EMBO European Molecular Biology Organization (HEIDELBERG/FRG)
EMC Electro-Magnetic Conditions

EMITS Electronic Mailing of Invitation to Tenders
 EMS European Mariculture Society
 EMSI European Manned Space Infrastructure
 EMU European Malacological Union
 ENBC Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biologicas (MEXICO)
 ENEA European Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD)
 ENEF Ecole Nationale des Eaux et Forets (NANCY/FRANCE)
 ENFPPPM Ecole Nationale de Formation et de Perfect
 ENOS European Network of Ocean Stations (COST-43)
 ENSO El Nino and the Southern Oscillation (USA)
 ENVIREG Environmental Regulations programme (EC)
 EO Earth Observation
 EOAC/ESA ESA Earth Observation Advisory Committee
 EOC Earth Observation Center
 EODAN European Ocean Data Applications Network
 EOM Earth Observation Mission
 EOPAG ERS-1 Operation Plan Advisory Group
 EOPP Earth Observation Preparatory Programme
 EOS Earth Observing System
 EOSAT Earth Observation Satellite Company
 EOSDIS Easter Observing System Data and Information System
 EOSP Earth Observing Scanning Polarimeter
 EOSTAG Earth Observation Science and Technology Advisory Group
 EOWG Earth Observation Working Group
 EP European Parliament
 EPA Environment Protection Agency (USA)
 EPDS Earthnet Product Distribution Service
 EPI ESOC Precipitation Index
 EPIRB Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
 EPLD Erasable Programmable Logic Device
 EPNA Empresa Pesquera Nacional (ECUADOR)
 EPO Earthnet Programme Office
 EPOC Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference
 EPOCH European Programme on Climatology and Natural Hazards (EC)
 EPOCS Equatorial Pacific Ocean Climate Studies
 EPOP European Polar-Orbiting Platform
 EPOPEM Equipe de Pollution Pelagique de Marseille (MARSEILLE, FRANCE)
 EPOS European Polarstern Study
 EPRF Environmental Prediction Research Facility
 EPS European Polarstern Study
 EPSCOR Experimental Programs to Stimulate Competitive Research
 EPSEP Empresa Publica de Servicios Pesqueros (LIMA, PERU)
 EQ-UCR Escuela de Quimica-Universidad de Costa Rica
 EQO Environmental Quality Objective
 ERA Exobiology and Radiation Assembly
 ERASMUS European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students (EC)
 ERBE Earth Radiation Budget Experiment
 ERBI Earth Radiation Budget Instrument
 ERDA Energy Research and Development Agency
 ERDAS Earth Resources Data Analysis System
 ERFEN Estudio Regional Fenomeno "El Nino" (CPPS)
 ERG Earth-oriented Research Group
 ERICA Experiment on Rapidly Intensifying Cyclones in the Atlantic
 ERIM Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (USA)
 ERIS Electronic Rectifier Imaging Scanner
 ERL Environmental Research Laboratory
 ERM Extendable Retrievable Mast
 EROS European River-Ocean Systems (ESF)
 EROS Earth Resources Operational Satellite
 ERP Earth Rotation Parameters
 ERS European Remote Sensing Satellite
 ERS-1 ESA Remote Sensing Satellite-1
 ERSEM European Regional Seas Ecosystem Model
 ERTS Earth Resources Technology Satellite
 ESA European Space Agency
 ESAMS E-A Space and Advanced Military Systems
 ESANET ESA Telecommunication NETWORK
 ESATAN ESA Thermal Analyser Network
 ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
 ESCE European Society for Comparative Endocrinology
 ESCO European Satellite Consultancy Organisation
 ESF European Science Foundation
 ESIC the Environmental Science Information Center (USA)

NWAFC Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center (SEATTLE/WA/USA)
 NWO Nederlandse organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
 NWP Numerical Weather Processing
 NWPO Northwest Pacific Oceanographers
 NWRC National Weather Records Center
 NWS National Weather Service
 NWSS National Weather Service System
 NYDEC New York Department of Environmental Conservation
 NZES New Zealand Ecological Society
 NZMSS New Zealand Marine Sciences Society (N.Zealand)
 NZOI New Zealand Oceanographic Institute

NITA National Telecommunications and Information Agency, USA
 NIVA Norsk Institutt for Vannforskning (NORWAY)
 NIVR Nederlands Instituut voor Vliegtuigontwikkeling en Ruimtevaart
 NIWARS Nederlandse Interdepartementale Werkgemeenschap voor Applicatieonderzoek naar Remote Sensing technieken (NL)
 NKG Nordic Geodetic Commission
 NLR Nationaal Lucht-en Ruimtevaart Laboratorium (NL)
 NMC National Meteorological Centre
 NMD National Mapping Division
 NMEA National Marine Education Association (USA)
 NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service (USA)
 NMI Netherlands Maritime Institute
 NMP New Management Policy (IWC)
 NO2 Nitrogen Dioxide
 NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)
 NOC Nederlands Olympisch Comité (NL)
 NOC National Oceanographic Centre
 NODC National Oceanographic Data Centre (IOC/IODE)
 NODS NASA Ocean Data System
 NOGEPANederlands Olie en Gas Exploitatie en Productie Associatie (NL)
 NOIC National Oceanographic Instrumentation Center
 NOLS National Oceanographic Laboratory System
 NOOC Netherlands Offshore Operators Committee (NL) >1974 - NOGEPAN
 NOP National Oceanographic Programme (IOC/IODE)
 NORAD Norwegian Agency for International Development
 NORAID Norwegian Agency for International Development
 NORDA Naval Ocean Research & Development Activity (USA)
 NORPAX North Pacific Experiment (IDOE)
 NORSWAM North Sea Wave Model
 NOS National Ocean Survey
 NPFC Northwest Pacific Fisheries Commission
 NPFSC North Pacific for Seal Commission (USA)
 NPOC National Point of Contact
 NPOP NASA Polar Orbiting Platform (space component of EOS)
 NPS Naval Post-graduate School (USA)
 NRC National Research Council
 NRL Naval Research Laboratory (USA)
 NRMC National Resources Management Center (PHILIPPINES)
 NROSS Navy Remote Ocean Sensing Satellite
 NRPB National Radiological Protection Board
 NRSA National Remote Sensing Agency, India
 NRSP Nationaal Remote Sensing Programma
 NRT/NRT Net Registered Tonnage
 NRZ Nederlandse Raad voor Zeeonderzoek (NL)
 NRZ Non-return to Zero
 NRZ PCM Non-return to Zero, Pulse Code Modulation
 NS001 8-Channel Thematic Mapper Simulator
 NSA National Shellfisheries Association
 NSCATT NASA Scatterometer
 NSF National Science Foundation (USA)
 NSF1 Ship Research Institute of Norway
 NSHC North Sea Hydrographic Commission
 NSIDC National Snow and Ice Data Center (NOAA)
 NSP Nederlands Scheepsbouwkundig Proefstation (NL)
 NSRT Near Surface Reference Temperature
 NSSFC National Severe Storm Forecast Center
 NSSL National Severe Storms Laboratory
 NSTA National Science Teachers' Association
 NSTF North Sea Task Force
 NSTL National Space Technology Laboratories
 NSUGAF Nippon Suisan Gakkaishi (JAPAN)
 NSWG North Sea Working Group
 NTC National Training Contacts (IOC)
 NTH Norges Tekniske Hogskole (NORWAY)
 NTNFRoyal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
 NTOTC National Training and Operational Technology Center (USA)
 NU (UN) Naciones Unidas
 NUC Naval Undersea Center
 NUFFIC Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation
 NUMAST National Union of Marine Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers
 NUS National Union of Seamen
 NVA the Netherlands Association for Water Pollution Control
 NVI Normalized Vegetation Index

ESMR Electronically Scanning Microwave Radiometer
 ESOC European Space Operations Centre
 ESPI Ente Siciliano per la Promozione Industriale (MESSINA, ITALY)
 ESQ Environmental Quality Standard
 ESRIN European Space Research Institute
 ESRO European Space Research Organization
 ESSA Environmental Science Services Administration (USA)
 ESSC Earth System Sciences Committee
 ESTEC European Space Research and Technology Centre
 ESTL European Space Tribology Laboratory
 ETM Enhanced Thematic Mapper
 ETOL European Test Operations Language
 ETSI European Telecommunication Standardisation Institute
 EUMETSAT European Meteorological Satellite (Program)
 EURACS European Radar Cross Section database
 EURASEP European Association of Scientists for Experiments on Pollution
 EURATOM European Community for Atomic Energy (EEC)
 EURECA European Retrievable Carrier
 EUROCEAN European Oceanic Association (MONACO)
 EUROTRA Europe - Translation programme (EC)
 EUTELSAT European Telecommunications Satellite Organization
 EYE European Year of the Environment
 EZ Ministerie van Economische Zaken
 EZZ Exclusive Economic Zone

FAGS Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Services (ICSU)
 FAIRS Florida Agriculture Information Retrieval System
 FAMOS Fleet Applications of Meteorological Observations From Satellites
 FAMOUS French-american Mid-ocean Undersea Study France (USA)
 FAO UN Food and Agriculture Organisation
 FAR Flight Acceptance Review
 FASEB Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (USA)
 FAST Federazione Delle Associazioni Scientifiche e Tecniche (MILAN, ITALY)
 FAST Forecasting and Assessment in Science and Technology (EC)
 FAST Florida Agriculture Services and Technology
 FAST Fundamental Astrometry by Space Techniques
 FAWN Florida Automated Weather Acquisition
 FAX Facsimile Charts
 FBA Freshwater Biological Association (UK)
 FC International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation of Oil Pollution Damage 1971 (Fund Convention)
 FC False Colour
 FCC False-Color Composite
 FCST Federal Council for Science and Technology
 FD Fast Delivery
 FDC Fishery Data Centre (FAO)
 FDD Freezing Degree Days
 FDP Fast Delivery Product
 FDPDF Fast Delivery Processing and Dissemination Facility
 FEBS Federation of Biochemical Societies
 FEDAS Federacion Espanola de Actividades Subacuaticas (MADRID, SPAIN)
 FEDERP Troderp Sub-project on Fish-estuarine Deltaic Recruitment
 FEL-TNO Fysisch en Elektronisch Laboratorium TNO
 FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
 FEMAR Fundacao de Estudos Do Mar (RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL) (INSTITUTION FOR MARINE RESEARCH)
 FEO Fishmeal Exporters Organization (PARIS, FRANCE)
 FEOGA Fonds Europeen d'Orientation et de Garantie Agricole
 FEPE Federation Europeenne Pour la Protection des Eaux
 FET Facsimile Encoder Transmitter
 FEZ Federation Europeenne de Zootechnie
 FF Franc Francais
 FFHC/AD Freedom From Hunger Campaign/Action for Development (FAO)
 FGGE First GARP Global Experiment (WMO/ICSU)
 FIBEX First Biomass Experiment
 FICITEC Fundacion para el Fomento de la Investigacion Cientifica y Tecnologica (BOGOTA, COLOMBIA)
 FICSAS Federation of Institutes Concerned with the Study of the Adriatic Sea
 FID Federation Internationale de Documentation
 FIDC Fishery Industry Development Council (QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES)
 FIDUROP Federation of Twine, Cordage and Rope Manufacturers of Western Europe
 FIN Ministerie van Financien
 FIPA Federation Internationale des Producteurs Agricoles
 FIR Flight Information Region
 FIRE First ISCCP Regional Experiment
 FIRST Far Infrared Submillimetre Telescope
 FIRSTEX Far Oer and Iceland Remote Sensing Tydeman Experiment (NL)
 FLAIR Food Linked Agro-Industrial Research (EC)
 FLEX Fladen Ground Experiment
 FLI Fluorescence Line Imager
 FLSCN Fundacion la Salle de Ciencias Naturales (GUIANA, VENEZUELA)
 FM Frequency Modulation
 FMPA Federation Mondiale Pour la Protection des Animaux
 FMS Fisheries and Marine Service (CANADA)
 FNOC MOODS Fleet Numerical Oceanography Centre Master Oceanographic Observations Data Set
 FNWC Fleet Numerical Weather Central
 FOC Faint Object Camera
 FOCAL Francais Ocean et Climat de l'Atlantique Equatorial
 FOCAL Facilite Optique de Calibration
 FOD Fisheries and Oceans (CANADA)
 FOE Friends of the Earth
 FOEI Friends of the Earth International
 FOM Flight Operations Manual
 FORE Future Ocean Research (SCOR/IOC/UNESCO)
 FORTRAN Formula Translating System
 FOV Field of View
 FOY FGGE Operational Year
 FPA Focal Plane Assembly
 FPI Fabri-Perot Interferometer
 FPM Fluid Physics Module

N1, N2 the first two of the N-series of polar missions
 NACOA National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere
 NAECOE National Academy of Engineering - Commission on Ocean Engineering
 NAEP National Association of Environmental Professionals (USA)
 NAFFP National Association of Frozen Food Packers
 NAFO North Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (CANADA)
 NAIS National Aquaculture Information System (NOAA)
 NAK Nederlandse Algemene Keuringsdienst voor Landbouwgewassen
 NAMDI National Marine Data Inventory (USA)
 NAMUCAR Naviera Multinacional del Caribe S.A.
 NAOS North Atlantic Ocean Stations
 NAS National Academy of Sciences (USA)
 NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 NASCO National Scientific Commission on Oceanography
 NASDA National Space Development Agency (Japan)
 NAT Joint Coordination Group for the North Atlantic (IOC/ICES/ICNAF)
 NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
 NATRAN North Atlantic Regional Air Navigation
 NAUI National Association of Underwater Instructors (USA)
 NAVOCEANO Naval Oceanographic Office
 NAVSAT Navigation Satellite
 NBCMP Nuclear Biological and Chemical Warfare Procedures
 NCAR National Centre for Atmospheric Research (USA)
 NCC National Climatic Centre
 NCC Nature Conservancy Council
 NCDC National Climate Data Centre NESDIS NOAA
 NCMB Nordic Council for Marine Biology (HELSINGOR/DENMARK)
 NCMRED National Council on Marine Resources and Engineering Development
 NCOG Nederlands Centrum voor Oceanografische Gegevens (NL)
 NCS Network Coordination Station
 NCVO National Council of Voluntary Organizations
 NCWAS Nato Civilian Wartime Agencies
 NCZ Nederlandse Commissie voor Zee-onderzoek (NL)
 NDBC National Data-Buoy Centre (NOAA)
 NDRE Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
 NDVI Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
 NEADS North East Atlantic Dynamics Studies (SCOR)
 NEAFC North-east Atlantic Fisheries Commission
 NEARSS Northeast Area Remote Sensing System
 NECP Near East Cooperative Programme (FAO)
 NECTAR North Equatorial Current Trans Atlantic Research
 NEDECO Nederlands Adviesbureau voor Ingenieurswerken Buitenland (NL)
 NEL National Engineering Laboratory
 NEMRIP North England Marine Research Information Program (USA)
 NERC National Environmental Research Council (UK)
 NESL National Environmental Satellite Center
 NESDIS National Environmental, Satellite, Data and Information System, NOAA
 NESS National Environmental Satellite Service
 NEXRAD Next-Generation xxx
 NFFO National Federation of Fishermen's Organizations
 NFH National Fish Hatchery (USFWS)
 NFI National Fisheries Institute (USA)
 NFLD Newfoundland
 NFP National Focal Points (IOCARIBE)
 NFS National (incl. Transportable) and Foreign Station
 NGDC National Geophysical Data Centre NESDIS NOAA
 NGO Non-Governmental Organizations
 NGS National Geodetic Survey
 NGSDC National Geophysical and Solar-Terrestrial Data Center (USA)
 NHC National Hurricane Center
 NHEML National Hurricane and Experimental Meteorological Laboratory
 NIDI Nederlands Interuniversitair Demografisch Instituut
 NIDOC National Information and Documentation Centre
 NIFI National Inland Fisheries Institute (THAILAND)
 NII Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
 NIKIIMRP Research Institute of Mechanization of the Fishing Industry
 NIMBY Not In My Backyard
 NIO National Institute of Oceanography (UK) >1973 - IOS
 NIOMR Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIGERIA)
 NIOZ Nederlands Instituut voor Onderzoek der Zee (NL)
 NIRSO Research Institute of Fisheries and Oceanography (BULGARIA)
 NISIR National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research (MALAYSIA)
 NIST National Institute of Science and Technology (PHILIPPINES)

MSM Mission Manager
 MSP Multi Spectral Photography
 MSQ Marsden Square
 MSR Microwave Scanning Radiometer
 MSRC Marine Sciences Research Center (USA)
 MSS Multifrequency Scanning Radiometer
 MSS Multispectral Scanner
 MSSL Mullard Space Science Laboratory
 MSSS Multi-Satellite Support System
 MSTS Military Manned Survey Ships
 MSTS Military Sea Transportation Service
 MSU Microwave Sounding Unit
 MSUS Medium Scale Data Utilization Stations
 MSV Milisievert
 MTA Metric Tons per Annum
 MTBF Mean Time Between Failures
 MTF Modular Transfer Function
 MTFF Man-Tended Free Flyer
 MTN Main Telecommunication Network (of the GTS)
 MTS Marine Technology Society (USA)
 MTS Microwave Temperature Sounder
 MTTR Mean Time To Repair
 MUSE Monitor of Ultraviolet Solar Radiation
 MV Motor Vessel
 MW Microwave
 MWS Micro-Wave Sounder

FRAM Fine Resolution Antarctic Model (WOCE)
 FRB Fisheries Research Board of Canada
 FRESIA Front-end for Remote Sensing Image Acquisition
 FRG Federal Republic of Germany
 FS Frame Synchroniser
 FSC Fields Studies Council
 FSFRL Far Seas Fisheries Research Laboratory (TOKYO/JAPAN)
 FSLP First Spacelab Payload
 FSS Fokker Space and Systems BV
 FSU Florida State University
 FTP File Transfer Protocol
 FUDECO Fundacion para el Desarrollo de la Region Centro-occidental (VENEZUELA)
 FUNDACOMUN Fundacion para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CARACAS, VENEZUELA)
 FUNDAR Fundacion para el Desarrollo Regional (ARGENTINA)
 FURF Future Role and Functions of the Commission (W.G. ON -)
 FWB Fresh Water Blasting
 FXTS Facsimile Transmission System
 FY Feng Yuen (meaning wind-cloud in Chinese)
 FY-1 FENG-Yun Wind and Cloud Satellite (China)

G CTE	Global Change and Terrestrial Ecosystems	METEOSAT	European Space Agency's Satellite
G/OOSDP	CCCC/JSC Ocean Observing System Development Panel	METOC	Meteorological Centre
GAC	Global Area Coverage	METSAT DPSS	Meteorological Satellite Data Processing and Service System
GAF	Gesellschaft fur Angewandte Fernerkundung MBH	METSIS	Meteorological Satellite Information System
GAO	GARP Activities Office	MFRCT	Marine Fisheries Research Centre of Tripoli (LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA)
GAP	Global Activity Plan	MGCS	Meteosat Ground Computer System
GAPA	International Geological/Geophysical Atlases of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans	MGG	Marine Geology and Geophysics
GARP	Global Atmospheric Research Programme (WMO/ICSU)	MGIB	Marine Geological Institute Bandung
GATE	GARP Atlantic Tropical Experiment (WMO/ICSU)	MGSE	Mechanical Ground Support Equipment
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	MHS	Electronic Message Handling System
GAW	WMO Global Atmospheric Watch	MHS	Microwave Humidity Sounder
GBRS	Groupe Belge de Recherche Sous-marine	MHZ	millions of cycles per second
GC	Gas Chromatography	MI	Monitor International
GCDB	Global Change Data Base (NOAA)	MIAS	Marine Information and Advisory Service (UK)
GCFI	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (USA)	MICDAS	Manned Computer Interactive Data Access System
GCM	General Circulation Model	MICROMAGICS	Meteorological Applications Graphics Integrated Colour System for Microcomputers
GCO	Gemeenschappelijk Centrum voor Onderzoek (JRC)	MIEC	Meteorological Information Extraction Centre
GCOS	Global Climate Observing System	MIM	Marine Information Management
GDPS	Global Data Processing System	MIMR	Multiband Imaging Microwave Radiometer
GDR	Geophysical Data Record	MIPAS	Michelson Interferometer for Passive Sounding
GDTA	Groupement pour le Developpement de la Teledetection Aerospatiale	MIPS	Million Instructions Per Second
GE-OTA	IGOSS Group of Experts on Operation and Technical Application	MIR	Morski Institut Rybacki (POLAND)
GE/GLOSS	IOC Group of Experts on Global Sea-Level Observing Systems	MISR	Multi-Angle Imaging Spectro-Radiometer
GE/MIM	IODE Group of Experts on Marine Information Management	MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)
GE/OTA	IGOSS Group of Experts on Operations and Technical Applications	MITI	Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)
GE/RCDS	IODE Group of Experts on Responsible National Oceanographic Data Centres and Climate Data Services	MIZEX	Marginal Ice Zone Experiment
GE/SAT	CMM/IGOSS Group of Experts on Ocean Satellites and Remote Sensing	MLD	Mixed Layer Depth
GE/SM	IGOSS Group of Experts on Scientific Matters	MLRP	Marine Litter Research Programme (of Tidy Britain Group)
GE/TADE	IODE Group of Experts on Technical Aspects of Data Exchange	MLS	Microwave Limb Sounder
GEBCO	General Bathymetric Charts of the Oceans (IOC/IHO)	MLS	Microwave Landing System
GEDIP	Grupo Executivo Do Desenvolvimento da Industria de Pesca (BRAZIL)	MMC	Mirror Motion Compensation
GEEP	GIPME Group of Experts on the Effects of Pollutants	MMCC	Mission Management and Control Centre
GEK	Geomagnetic Electroketograph	MMI	Man-Machine Interface
GELDS	Grid and Earth Location Dataset	MMS	Mail Message Subsystem
GELTSAP	Group of Experts on Longterm Scientific Policy and Planning	MMS	Minerals Management Service
GEM	Global Electrodynamics Monitor	MMS	Marine Meteorological Services (of WMO)
GEMPAK	General Meteorological Satellite Data Processing Package	MMTC	Main Meteorological Telecommunication Centre
GEMS	Global Environmental Monitoring Systems	MMTC	Marine Mineral Technology Center (USA)
GEMSI	GIPME Group of Experts on Methods Standards and Intercalibration	MNHN(IGA)	Musee National d'Histoire Naturelle, Laboratoire d'Ichtyologie Generale et Appliquee (PARIS, FRANCE)
GEO	Geostationary Transfer Orbit	MNI	Moskovskii Neftyanoi Institut (MOSCOW PETROLEUM INSTITUTE)
GEOAR	General Egyptian Organization for Aquatic Resources	MOC	METEOSAT Operations Control Centre
GEOS	Geodetic Satellite (USA)	MODE	Mid-Ocean Dynamics Experiment Wmo/ioc
GEOSAT	Geodynamics Experimental Ocean Satellite	MODIS-N	Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer-nadir
GEOSECS	Geochemical Ocean Section Study Ioc/iugg	MODIS-T	Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer-tilt
GERC	General Egyptian Refrigeration Company	MOS	Meteorological/Oceanographic Display System
GESAMP	Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution (IMO/FAO/UNESCO/WMO/WHO/IAEA/UN)	MOM	Musee Oceanographique de Monaco (MONACO)
GESREM	Group of Experts on Standards and Reference Materials	MOMS	Modular Opto-electronic Multi-spectral Scanner
GETADE	Group of Experts on Technical Aspects of Data Exchange	MONA	Monitoring the Over-flow Into the North Atlantic (ICES)
GEWEX	Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment	MONEX	Monsoon Experiment
GF3	General Format-3 (IOC/IODE)	MOP	Meteosat Operational Programme
GFCM	General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (FAO)	MOPITT	Measurements of Pollution in the Troposphere
GFO	Geodetic Satellite Follow-On	MOS	Marine Observation Satellite (Japan)
GGI	GPS Geoscience Instrument	MOSAIC	Meteosat Operational Scheme for data Acquisition and Interchange
GH	General Header	MOST	Ministry of Science and Technology of Korea
GHZ	thousands fo millions fo cycles per second	MOTNE	Meteorological Operational Telecommunications Network For Europe
GIDA	Groupe Interministeriel Pour le Developpement de l'Aquaculture	MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
GIG	Geologisch Instituut Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	MOUS	Medium Data Utilization
GIMTCS	GOES 1-M Telemetry and Command System	MPA	Mean Pressure Anomaly
GIP	Gestion integree du Personnel	MPCC	Malta Pollution Control Center (MSIDA, MALTA)
GIPME	Global Investigations of Pollution in the Marine Environment (SCOR/ACMRR/ACOMR/ECOR/ICES/GESAMP)	MPCU	Marine Pollution Control Unit (of the DTP)
GIROQ	Groupe Interuniversitaire du Recherche Oceanographique de Quebec (CANADA)	MPEDA	Marine Production and Exploitation Development Authority (INDIA)
GIS	Geographic Information System	MPET	Meteorological Products Extraction Facility
GKS	Graphic-Kernel System	MPI	Max-Planck Institute
GLC	Great Lakes Commission	MPMMG	Marine Pollution Monitoring Management Group
GLEDIC	Great Lakes Environment Data and Information Center (ANN ARBOR, MI, USA)	MPMPP	Marine Pollution (Petroleum) Monitoring Project
GLERL	Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (ANN ARBOR, MI, USA)	MPRM	Marine Pollution Research and Monitoring
GLERR	Great Lakes Ecosystem Restoration and Rehabilitation (CANADA)	MRI	Marine Research Institute (INDONESIA)
GLFC	Great Lakes Fisheries Commission (ANN ARBOR, MI, USA)	MS	Mass Spectroscopy
GLFDCC	Great Lakes Fish Disease Control Committee (CANADA)	MSC	Marine Sciences Council
GLFL	Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory (CANADA)	MSC	Marine Safety Committee (of IMO)
GLOBEC	Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics	MSD	Marine Sciences Directorate
GLONASS	Global Orbiting Navigation Satellite System	MSFC	Marshall Space Flight Center
GLOSS	Global Sea-level Observing System	MSG	METEOSAT Second Generation

M Metre
M1, M2 the first two of the M-series of polar missions
MAB Man-And-Biosphere Programme (UNESCO)
MACS Modular Attitude Control System
MACTIS Marine and Coastal Technology Information Service (UN)
MAEDS Multisatellite Applications Extended Dissemination Service
MAFF Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (UK)
MAG Ministerie de Agricultura y Ganaderia
MAGE Moteur d'Apogee geostationnaire europeen
MAGIC Mode A Goes Image Converter
MAMBO Mediterranean Association for Marine Biology and Oceanography (ITALY)
MAMS Multispectral Atmospheric Mapping Sensor
MANOP Manganese Nodule Program (USA)
MAOA WMO EC Panel on Meteorological Aspects of Ocean Affairs
MAP Middle Atmosphere Program
MAPMOPP Marine Pollution Monitoring Pilot Project
MARC Monitoring and Assessment Research Centre (LONDON, UK)
MARDI the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (SELANGOR, MALAYSIA)
MARECS Maritime European Communications Satellite
MAREP Marine Environmental Prediction
MARETRAC Marine Research and Training Centre (YUGOSLAVIA)
MARIC Marine Resources Information Center (MA/USA)
MARIS Marine Information Service (NL)
MARMAP Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment and Prediction Program (USA)
MARMETS Marine Meteorological Services
MARPOL 73/78 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 (as amended by the 1978 Protocol)
MARPOLMON Marine Pollution Monitoring Program (GIPME)
MARS Monitoring Agro-ecological Resources with Remote sensing & Simulation
MARSEN Marine Remote Sensing Experiment North Sea
MARSIS Marine Remote Sensing Information System
MAS Military Agency for Standardization
MAST Marine Science and Technology Programme (EC-BRUSSELS)
MAWD Ministry of Agricultural and Water Development
MAWEC Maritime Aircraft Weather Code
MBA Marine Biological Association (UK)
MBPS Megabits per second
MBT Mechanical Bathythermograph
MC Military Committe
MCBSF Mixed Commission for Black Sea Fisheries
MCC Mission Control Centre
MCIDAS Man-Computer Interactive Direct Access System
MCMG Military Committee Meteorological Group
MCP Meteorological Communication Package
MCR Multichannel Cloud Radiometer
MCS Marine Conservation Society
MCSST Multi-channel Sea Surface Temperature
MD RWS Meetkundige Dienst
MDD Meteorological Data Distribution
MDDC Meteorological Data Distribution Center
MDR Medium Detection Range
MDS Multi-Distribution System
MDUS Medium-Scale Data Utilization Station, China
MEDALPEX Mediterranean Alpine Experiment (IOC)
MEDI Marine Environmental Data Information Referral System (IOC)
MEDIA Measures to Encourage the Development of the Audio-visual Industry (EC)
MEDOC Motion of the Earth By Doppler Observation Campaign
MEDPOL Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme
MEDS Marine Environmental Data Service
MEDSPA Mediterranean Support Programme (EC)
MEP Member of the European Parliament
MEPA Missao de Estudos de Pesca de Angola
MEPC Marine Environment Protection Committee (IMO)
MEPED Medium Energy Proton and Electron Detector
MERI Marine Ecology Research Institute (JAPAN)
MERIS Medium Resolution Imaging Spectrometer
MERIT Monitoring of the Earth Rotation and Intercomparison of Techniques, Observations and Analysis
MERMAID Marine Environmental Remote-controlled Measuring and Integrated Detection
MESAEP Mediterranean Scientific Association of Environmental Protection
MESC Marine Environmental Science Consortium (AL/USA)
MESSR Multispectral Electronic Self-Scanning Radiometer
METDAS Meteorological Data Analysis System, MacDonald Dettwiler
METEOR Weather Satellite System (USSR)

GLRS Geodynamics Laser Ranging System
GMACS GOES Monitoring and Control System
GMDSS Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
GMS Geostationary Meteorological Satellite
GMT Greenwich Mean Time
GNEM Global Network for Environmental Monitoring (ISCU/UN/UNEP)
GOASEX Gulf of Alaska Experiment
GOCC GATE Operations Control Centre
GOES Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite
GOES-3 Geodynamics Experimental Ocean Satellite
GOMOS Global Ozone Monitoring by Occultation of Stars
GOOS Global Ocean Observing System (IOC/WMO)
GOS Global Observing System (IGOSS)
GPCP Global Precipitation Climatology Project
GPIP IGOS General Plan and Implementation Programme
GPIRU GPS/inertial reference unit
GPS Global Positioning System
GPV Grid Point Value
GRASP Gamma-ray Astronomy Package
GRASS Geographic Resources Analysis Support System
GRGS Groupe de Recherche en Geodesie Spatiale
GRIB WMO Code FM 92 Gridded Binary
GRID Global Resource Information Data Base
GRM Geopotential Research Mission
GRS Ground Reference System
GRT Gross Registered Tonnage
GSA Grupo di Studio Delle Acque, Fast (WATER STUDY GROUP)
GSFC Goddard Space Flight Center
GSFS Gas-Scintillation Proportional Spectrometer
GTCS Groupe de Travail Intergouvernemental du Controle Ou de la Surveillance (IGWM)
GTE GARP Tropic Experiment
GTIV Grupo de Trabajo Intergubernamental sobre Vigilancia O Supervision
GTS Global Telecommunications System (WMO/WWW)
GTSPG Global Temperature-Salinity Pilot Project
GTZ Gesellschaft Fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (ESCHBORN, FRG)
GVI Global Vegetation Index

H.C. Hydrography Committee
 HAIKU Heat Advection Investigation in the East Kuroshio
 HALOE Halogen Occultation Experiment
 HAPEX Hydrological Atmospheric Pilot Experiment
 HAS Hungarian Astronautical Society
 HBBS Hammond Bay Biological Station
 HBF Heat Balance Facility
 HBR High Bit Rate
 HCH Hexachlorocyclohexane
 HCMM Heat Capacity Mapping Mission
 HDD Heating Degree Days
 HDDR High Density Digital Recorder
 HDDT High Density Digital Tape
 HDLC High Level Data Link Control
 HELCOM Helsinki Commission
 HELMEPA Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association
 HEPAD High Energy Proton and Alpha Particle Detector
 HEW Health, Education and Welfare Department (USA)
 HF High frequency (microwave nomenclature)
 HF-RADAR High Frequency-radar
 HHR Hoogheemraadschap
 HIB Herring Industry Board (UK)
 HIMSS High Resolution Microwave Spectrometer Sounder
 HIRDLS High Resolution Dynamics Limb Sounder
 HIRIS High Resolution Imaging Spectrometer
 HIRS High-Resolution Infrared Sounder
 HIS High Resolution Interferometer Sounder
 HK House-Keeping
 HLOP High Level Operations Plan
 HLW High-Level Radioactive Waste
 HMC Halley Multi-Colour Camera
 HMI Human-Machine Interface
 HMS High Altitude Multispectral Scanner
 HNS Hazardous and Noxious Substances (other than oil)
 HO Hydrographic Office
 HOG Herman-Oberth Gesellschaft
 HOMS Hydrological Operational Multipurpose System
 HRC Highly Reflection Clouds
 HRDI High Resolution Doppler Imager
 HRFAX High Resolution Facsimile
 HRFS High Rate Frame Synchroniser
 HRIR High Resolution Infrared Radiometer
 HRIS High Resolution Imaging Spectrometer
 HRIT High Resolution Information Transmission
 HRPT High Resolution Picture Transmission
 HRUS High Rate User Station
 HRV High Resolution Imaging Instrument (SPOT instrument)
 HRVIS High Resolution Visible Channel
 HSE Health and Safety Executive
 HSSTD Historical Sea Surface Temperature Data
 HUM Hipparcos User's Manual
 HYDR Dienst der Hydrografie van de Koninklijke Marine (NL)
 HZ Hertz, cycles per second

LA Laboratoire d'Aerologie
 LAC Local Area Coverage
 LACC Latin American and Caribbean Center (MIAMI, FL, USA)
 LACS Landsat-supported Conceptual Semi-distributed model
 LAGEOS Laser Geodynamics Satellite
 LAI Leaf Area Index
 LAM Limited Area Model
 LAMMR Large Antenna Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (USA)
 LAN Local Area Network
 LANDSAT Land Resources Satellite System (USA)
 LASFLEUR Laser Fluorescence Experiment Europe
 LASS Land Applications Satellite System
 LASSO Laser Synchronisation from Synchronous Orbit
 LBR Low Bit Rate
 LBR-FD Low bit rate-fast delivery
 LBT Land Based Transponder
 LCBC Lake Chad Basin Commission (N'DJAMENA/CHAD)
 LD Landinrichtingsdienst
 LDC Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972 (London Dumping Convention)
 LDEF Long-Duration Exposure Facility
 LEAF Laser Experimental Active Fluorescensor
 LEAP Lightweight Exoatmospheric Projectile
 LEGISLAT National Marine LEGISLATION Data Base
 LEI Landbouw-Economisch Instituut (NL)
 LEO Low-Earth Orbit
 LEOP Launch and Early Orbit Phase
 LEPOR Long-term and Expanded Programme of Ocean Research (UN/IOOC)
 LEPOR-II Second Phase of Lepor
 LES Land Earth Station
 LEWEX Labrador Extreme Waves Experiment
 LFR Liechtenstein Forderkreis fur Raumfahrt Hermann Overth-Wernher von Braun
 LIPI Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan (INDONESIA)
 LIS Lighting Imaging Sensor
 LISA LIMB Sounder for Atmospheric studies
 LLLTV Low Light Level Television
 LLMC Convention of Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (1986)
 LLR Lunar Laser Ranging
 LLW Low-Level radioactive Waste
 LNA Low Noise Amplifier
 LNG Liquefied Natural Gas
 LOCATE Loran/Omega Course and Tracking Equipment
 LOCUS Low Cost User Station
 LODYC Laboratoire D'Océanographie Dynamique et de Climatologie
 LON Lembaga Oceanologie Nasional (JAKARTA/INDONESIA)
 LORAN Long Range Navigation
 LOS Law of the Sea
 LOS Loss of Signal
 LOS Land Observation Satellite
 LOSC United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982
 LOSIS Law of the Sea Information System (UN(OALOS))
 LOT Load On Top (system)
 LPG Liquefied petroleum Gas
 LPPD Lembaga Penelit Perik Dalam (INDONESIA)
 LPPL Lembaga Penelit Perik Laut (INDONESIA)
 LR Laser Ranging
 LRC Lewis Research Center
 LRDPF Low Rate Data Processing Facility
 LRFAX Low Resolution Facsimile
 LRFS Low Rate Frame Synchroniser
 LRIT Low Rate Information Transmission
 LRR Laser Retro-Reflector
 LRUS Low Rate User Station
 LSOWG Landsat Station Owners Working Group
 LSRRTI Leningrad Scientific Research Radio Technical Institute
 LSS Large Space Simulator
 LST Land Surface Temperature
 LSW Low Salinity Water
 LTP Lange Termijn Programma (ESA)
 LTPP Long-Term Preparatory Programme
 LUT Look-Up Table
 LUT Local User Terminal
 LUW Landbouw Universiteit Wageningen

KACST King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology
 KAP Kuwait Action Plan
 KASPNIRO Caspian Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography
 KBPS kilobits per second
 KDC Kuroshio Data Centre
 KEMA Keuring voor Elektrische Materialen
 KER Kuroshio Exploitation and Utilization Research
 KFW Kreditanstalt Fur Ziederaufbau (Germany)
 KLM-AC KLM-Aerocarto
 KLRI Kainji Lake Research Institute (LAGOS/NIGERIA)
 KM Koninklijke Marine (NL)
 KMFRI Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute (MOMBASA, KENYA)
 KNAW Koninklijke Nederlandse Academie voor Wetenschappen (NL)
 KNMI Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut (NL)
 KRS Kodak Remote Sensing
 KVIV Royal Flemish Association of Engineers (BELGIUM)

I-ATTC Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (LA JOLLA, CA)
 I-VISSR Infrared Spin Scan Radiometer
 I/F Interface
 I/O Input/Output
 IAAA International Association for Applied Algology (CAMBRIDGE, MA, USA)
 IAAM International Association for Aquatic Medicine
 IABO International Association of Biological Oceanography (IUBS)
 IABP International Arctic Buoy Programme
 IAC Internationaal Agrarisch Centrum
 IACG Inter-Agency Consultative Group
 IACOMS International Advisory Committee on Marine Sciences (UNESCO)
 IADO Instituto Argentino de Oceanografia (BAHIA BLANCA/ARGENTINA)
 IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency
 IAEG International Association of Engineering Geology (IUGS)
 IAF International Astronautical Federation
 IAFE International Association of Fish Ethologists (NORMAL, IL, USA)
 IAFMM International Association of Fish Meal Manufacturers (HERTS, UK)
 IAG International Association of Geodesy (IUGG)
 IAGA International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IUGG)
 IAGFCC International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners
 IAGLR International Association for Great Lakes Research (BUFFALO, NY, USA)
 IAGP International Antarctic Glaciological Programme
 IAH International Association of Hydrogeologists (IUGS)
 IAHR International Association for Hydraulic Research (ICSU)
 IAHS International Association of Hydrological Sciences (HUNGARY)
 IAL International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology (ICSU)
 IAL Institut d'Astrophysique de Liege
 IALA International Association of Lighthouse Authorities
 IAMAP International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics (IUGG)
 IAMBE International Association of Medicine and Biology of Environment
 IAMO International Association of Medical Oceanography (YUGOSLAVIA)
 IAMS International Association of Microbiological Societies (ICSU)
 IANEC Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission
 IAPAP International Union of Pure and Applied Physics
 IAPC International Association of Ports and Harbours
 IAPH International Association for Pollution Control
 IAPH International Association of Ports and Harbours
 IAPSO International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean (IUGG)
 IAS International Association of Sedimentologists (IUGS)
 IASF International Atlantic Salmon Foundation
 IASH International Association of Scientific Hydrology (IUGG)
 IASI Inter-American Statistical Institute (ISI)
 IASPEI International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior (ICSU)
 IATTC Inter/American Tropical Tuna Commission (LA JOLLA/CA)
 IAU International Astronomical Union
 IAVCEI International Association of Vulcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (ICSU)
 IAWC International Association of Whaling Corporations
 IAWL International Association for Water Law (ROME/ITALY)
 IAWPR International Association on Water Pollution Research (UK)
 IB Instituut voor Bodemvruchtbaarheid
 IBANA Institut de Biologie Appliquee A la Nutrition et A l'Alimentation
 IBC International Biotoxicological Centre, World Life Research Institute (USA)
 IBC International Bulk Chemicals
 IBC CODE International Code for the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk
 IBCCA International Bathymetric Chart of the Caribbean Sea
 IBCEA International Bathymetric Chart of the Central Eastern Atlantic
 IBCM International Bathymetric Chart of the Mediterranean (IOC)
 IBCWIO International Bathymetric Chart of the Western Indian Ocean
 IBISO International Biological Investigation of the Southern Ocean
 IBM Instituto di Biologia del Mare (VENEZIA/ITALY)
 IBM International Business Machines
 IBON Igoss Basic Observational Network (IGOSS)
 IBP International Biological Programme (ICSU)
 IBPSY International Baltic Pollution Study Year (ICES/SCOR)
 IBSFC International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission (POLAND)
 IBW Instytut Bodownictwa Wosnego Polska Akademia Nauk (POLAND)
 IBY International Baltic Year
 IC Interim Baltic Marine Environmental Protection Commission (FINLAND)
 IC/IODE IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
 ICA International Cartographic Association
 ICAI International Commission for Agricultural Industries
 ICAITI Instituto Centroamericano de Investigacion y Tecnologia Industrial (GUATEMALA)
 ICAL International Commission for Algology

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation
 ICC International Computation Centre (UN)
 ICCAT International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (SPAIN)
 ICCE International Commission on Continental Erosion
 ICCP International Commission on Cloud Physics
 ICE International Centre for the Environment (UN)
 ICE International Cometary Explorer
 ICEA International Commission for Environmental Assessment
 ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Seas
 ICESA International Conference on Remote Sensing and Assessment (USA)
 ICET International Center of Earth Tides
 ICEX Ice Experiment
 ICG Inter-union Commission on Geodynamics
 ICHCA International Cargo Handling Coordination Association Association de Coordination de la Manipulation
 ICI Interface Control Information
 ICID International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (NEW DELHI, INDIA)
 ICIZE International Centre for Insects Physiology and Ecology
 ICITA International Cooperative Investigations of the Tropical Atlantic (IOC)
 ICLARM International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (PHILIPPINES)
 ICMARD International Center for Marine Resources Development (USA)
 ICMM Interim Committee on Marine Mammals (IUCN)
 ICMNAF International Commission for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries
 ICNB International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria
 ICOD International Centre for Ocean Development
 ICOLD International Commission on Large Dams (PARIS, FRANCE)
 ICOMIA International Council of Marine Industry Associations
 ICONA Interdepartementale Coördinatie Commissie Noordzee Aangelegenheden (NL)
 ICOT Institute of Coastal Oceanography and Tides
 ICPRP International Commission for the Protection of Rhine Against Pollution (KOBLENZ, FRG)
 ICR Interdepartementale Commissie voor Ruimte-onderzoek en Ruimtetehnologie
 ICRAF International Council for Research in Agroforestry
 ICRP International Commission on Radiological Protection
 ICRW International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
 ICS International Chamber of Shipping
 ICSEAF International Commission for the South East Atlantic Fisheries (SPAIN)
 ICSEM International Commission for Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea (MONACO)
 ICSI International Commission on Snow and Ice
 ICSPRO Inter-Secretarial Commission on Scientific Programmes Related to Oceanography (UN/UNESCO/WMO/FAO/IMO/IOC)
 ICSU International Council of Scientific Unions (PARIS/France)
 ICVO Interdepartementale Commissie voor Oceanografie (NL)
 ICW Instituut voor Cultuurtechniek en Waterhuishouding
 ICWG International Coordination Working Group
 ICWQ International Commission on Water Quality
 ICZN International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (IUBS)
 ICZO Interdepartementale Commissie voor Zeeonderzoek (NL)
 ID Identification/Identifier
 IDA International Development Association
 IDA Image Display and Analysis
 IDB Inter-american Development Bank (OAS)
 IDCAS Industrial Development Centre for Arab States (CAIRO, EGYPT)
 IDCR International Decade of Cetacean Research (IWC)
 IDHT Instrument Data Handling and Transmission
 IDI Institut de Droit International
 IDL Interactive Data Language
 IDOE International Decade of Ocean Exploration (UN/IOC)
 IDPRS Interactive Data Processing and Research System
 IDPS IGOSS Data Processing and Services System (IOC)
 IDPSS IGOSS Data Processing and Services System
 IDRC International Development Research Centre (OTTAWA, CANADA)
 IDU Interface Data Unit
 IEA International Economic Association
 IEBS Institut De'ecologie du Bassin de la Somme (AMBLETEUSE, FRANCE)
 IEE Institution of Electrical Engineers (LONDON, UK)
 IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (NEW YORK, NY, USA)
 IEPP Institute for European Environmental Policy
 IERO Institute for Engineering Research in the Oceans
 IF Intermediate Frequency
 IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development
 IFAG Institut fuer Angewandte Geodaesie
 IFAN Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire (DAKAR, SENEGAL)
 IFAP International Federation of Agricultural Producers
 IFC Ice Forecasting Central

JAMARC Japan Marine Fishery Resource Research Center
 JAS Japan Astronautical Society
 JASIN Joint Air-Sea Interaction Project (1972)
 JCFC Japan-China Joint Fisheries Commission
 JEC Joint Evaluation Committee
 JECSS Japan and East China Seas Study
 JEOS Japan Earth Observation System (JPOP is the space component)
 JERS Japan Earth Resources Satellite
 JFIC Japan Fisheries Information Center
 JFRCS Japanese Fisheries Resources Conservation Association
 JGOFIS Joint Global Ocean Flux Study
 JIC Joint Ice Center (Navy/NOAA)
 JICST Japan Information Center of Science and Technology
 JKFC Japan-republic of Korea Joint Fisheries Commission
 JMA Japan Meteorological Agency
 JOA Joint Oceanographic Assembly (SCOR/IAPSO/IABO/CMG/ACMRR/ACOMR/ECOR/Royal Society of London)
 JOC Joint Organising Committee (GARP)
 JODC Japanese Oceanographic Data Centre
 JOI Joint Oceanographic Institutions Inc. (USA)
 JOIDES Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling
 JONSDAP Joint North Sea Data Acquisition Programme
 JONSIS Joint North Sea Information Systems
 JONSMOD Joint North Sea Modelling Group
 JONSWAP Joint North Sea Wave Project
 JOPPPWA Joint Pilot Project concerning the Wadden Area
 JOULE Joint Opportunity for Unconventional or Long-term Energy supply (EC)
 JPL Jet Propulsion Laboratory
 JPOP Japan polar Orbiting Platform
 JRC Joint Research Centre (ISPRA-ITALY)
 JRS Japanese Rocket Society
 JSASS The Japan Society for Aeronautical & Space Sciences
 JSC Joint Scientific Committee (WMO (ICSU))
 JSC Johnson Space Center
 JSFC Japanese-Soviet Fisheries Committee for the Northwest Pacific (FAO)
 JSSI Japanese Society for Snow and Ice
 JST Japan Standard Time
 JTA Joint Tariff Agreement

ISPM Institut Scientifique des Peches Maritimes (CASABLANCA)
 ISPROM Istituto di Studi e Programmi per il Mediterraneo (ITALY)
 ISR Institute of Seaweed Research (UK)
 ISRO Indian Space Research Organization
 ISRP Interdisciplinary Seminar on Research Problems in the IOCARIBE Region
 ISS Interim Solid Stage
 ISSC International Society of Ships Structure Congresses
 ISSCAAP International Standard Classification of Aquatic Animals and Plants (FAO)
 ISSCP International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project
 ISSD International Solar System Decade
 ISSS International Society of Soil Scientists
 ISTA International Society for Technology Assessment (WA, USA)
 ISTE International Society for Tropical Ecology (INDIA)
 ISTIC Institute of Scientific and Technical Information in China (PEKING, CHINA)
 ISTEPM Institut Scientifique et Technique de Peches Maritimes (FRANCE)
 ISTPP IGOSS Sub-surface Thermal Structure Pilot Project
 ISU International Space University Project
 ITA IGOSS Telecommunications Arrangement
 ITB WMO-IOC Intergovernmental TOGA Board
 ITC International Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences
 ITCZ Intertropical Convergence Zone
 ITECH Group of Experts on Technical Systems (IGOSS)
 ITEL Group of Experts on Telecommunication (WMO/IOC)
 ITF International Transport Workers' Federation
 ITIC International Tsunami Information Center (IOC)
 ITOPF International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation
 ITOS Improved TIROS Operational Satellite
 ITP Institute of Tropical Pisciculture (COLOMBIA)
 ITPO International TOGA Project Office
 ITSU IOC Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific
 ITU International Telecommunication Union
 ITWS International Co-ordinating Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific (IOC)
 ITZ Instituut voor Taxonomische Zoologie (NL)
 IUB International Union of Biochemistry (ICSU)
 IUBS International Union of Biological Sciences (ICSU)
 IUBS-EB International Union of Biological Sciences - Division of Environmental Biology (ICSU)
 IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
 IUCR International Union for Crystallography
 IUCRM Inter-union Commission on Radio Meteorology
 IUE International Ultraviolet Explorer
 IUFOST International Union of Food Science and Technology (GOTEBORG, SWEDEN)
 IUGG International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (ICSU)
 IUGS International Union of Geological Sciences (ICSU)
 IUHPS International Union for History and Philosophy of Science
 IUIP Instituto Nacional de Investigacao das Pescas (PORTUGAL)
 IUIS International Union for Immunological Sciences
 IULA International Union of Local Authorities
 IUMI International Union of Marine Insurance
 IUNS International Union of Nutritional Sciences
 IUPAB International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics (ICSU)
 IUPAC International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (ICSU)
 IUPAP International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (ICSU)
 IUPHAR International Union for Pharmacology
 IUPS International Union for Physiological Sciences
 IURS International Union for Radio Science
 IUS Inertial Upper Stage
 IUTAM International Union for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics
 IVAU Instituut voor Aardwetenschappen-ru Utrecht
 IVIC Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Cientificas (VENEZUELA)
 IVL Institut vor Vatten- och Luftvardsforskning (SWEDEN)
 IVP Instituut voor Visserijprodukten (TNO)
 IWC International Whaling Commission (CAMBRIDGE/UK)
 IWGM Intergovernmental Working Group on Monitoring or Surveillance (UN)
 IWP IOC-WMO Intergovernmental WOCE Panel
 IWRA International Water Resources Association (USA)
 IWSA International Water Supply Association (UK)
 IYF International Youth Federation for Environmental Studies and Conservation (SWITZERLAND)
 IZWO Instituut voor Zeewetenschappelijk Onderzoek (BREDENE/BELGIUM)

IFCO International Fisheries Cooperative Organisation (JAPAN)
 IFD International Federation for Documentation
 IFEOS International Forum on Earth Observations Using Space Station Elements
 IFIP International Federation for Information Processing (NL)
 IFIS International Food Information System (FAO)
 IFM Institut fuer Meereskunde des Universitaet Kiel (FRG)
 IFMB Institut fuer Meeresforschung (FRG)
 IFOP Instituto de Fomento Pesquero (SANTIAGO/CHILE)
 IFORS International Federation of Operational Research Societies
 IFOV Instantaneous Field Of View
 IFP Institut Francais de Petrole (FRANCE)
 IFR Internationaler Forderkreis fur Raumfahrt Hermann Oberth-Wernher von Braun
 IFRB International Frequency Registration Board
 IFREMER Institut Francais de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer
 IFSI Inland Fisheries Society of India
 IGAC Instituto Geografico Augustin Codaz
 IGAC International Global Atmospheric Chemistry Programme
 IGBP International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme
 IGC International Geological Congress
 IGC International Geophysical Committee (ICSU)
 IGCP International Geological Correlation Programme (UNESCO)
 IGCS IUE Ground Computer System
 IGGCI International Geological/geophysical Cruise Inventory
 IGNF Institut Geographique National (FRANCE)
 IGOSS Integrated Global Ocean Services System
 IGRF International Geomagnetic Reference Field
 IGS International Glaciological Society
 IGS Institute of Geological Sciences (UK)
 IGU International Geographic Union (ICSU)
 IGY International Geophysical Year
 IHB International Hydrographic Bureau
 IHD International Hydrological Decade
 IHO International Hydrographic Organisation (FORMER IHB)
 IHP International Hydrological Programme
 IHW International Halley Watch
 IIAA Instituto Internacional de Asuntos Ambientales
 IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (LAXENBURG, AUSTRIA)
 IIBM Instituto Interuniversitario de Biologia Marina (ARGENTINA)
 IICAT Investigacion Internacional Cooperativa del Atlantico Tropical
 IIE Institut International de l'Environnement
 IIEA International Institute of Environmental Affairs (USA)
 IIED International Institute for Environment and Development
 IIES International Institute for Environmental Studies
 IIF Institut International du Froid
 IIOE International Indian Ocean Expedition
 IIP International Ice Patrol
 IIPA Instituto das Industrias da Pesca (ANGOLA)
 IIR International Institute of Refrigeration (PARIS, FRANCE)
 IIS Institut International de Statistique
 IIS International Imaging System
 IISR International Institution of Submarine Research
 IITOPS International Institute for Transportation and Ocean Policy Studies
 IKI Institute for Cosmic Research, Moscow
 ILA International Law Association
 ILAS Improved Limb Atmospheric Spectrometer
 ILC International Law Commission (UN)
 ILMR International Laboratory of Marine Radio-activity (MONACO)
 ILO International Labour Office (of the UN)
 ILONA Beleidscommissie Integraal Landelijk Onderzoek Nucleair Afval (NL)
 ILRI International Institute for Land Reclamation and Improvement
 ILS International Limnological Society, Icsu (SEE ALSO SIL)
 ILW Intermediate-Level radioactive Waste
 ILWIS Integrated Land and Watershed Management Information System
 IMA Institute of Marine Affairs (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)
 IMAR Interdisciplinary and Interorganisational Data and Information Management and Referral
 IMARPE Instituto del Mar del Peru
 IMC International Maritime Committee
 IMC Imager Motion Compensation
 IMCO Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organisation
 IMCS Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies
 IMDG CODE International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
 IME Institut Mondial de l'Environnement
 IMEL IAEA Marine Environment Laboratory

IMER Institut for Marine Environmental Research (UK)
 IMES Integrated Management Emergency System
 IMET Improved Meteorological Measurements From Ships and Buoys
 IMG Interferometric Monitor for Greenhouse Gases
 IMG(MIPAS) Interferometric Monitor for Greenhouse gases
 IML International Microgravity Laboratory
 IMO International Maritime Organisation
 IMOU Instituut voor Meteorologie & Oceanografie (NL)
 IMP Instrument Mounting Platform
 IMPACT Information Market Policy Action (EC)
 IMRNR Instituto Mexicano de Recursos Naturales Renovelados (MEXICO)
 IMS Institute of Marine Science (FL/USA)
 IMS Information Mangement System
 IMS International Magnetospheric Study
 IMSTI Institute of Marine Scientific and Technological Information (China)
 IMTNE International Meteorological Telecommunication Network for Europe
 IMU International Mathematical Union
 IMU Inertial Measurement Unit
 INACAP Instituto Nacional de Capacitacion Profesional (CHILE)
 INACH Instituto Antartico Chileno (SANTIAGO/CHILE)
 INAG Ionospheric Network Advisory Group
 INALI Instituto Nacional de Limnologia (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)
 INCA Input Catalogue Consortium
 INCYTH Instituto Nacional de Ciencia y Technica Hidricas (ARGENTINA)
 INDAP Instituto de Desarrollo Agropecuario (LA SERENA, CHILE)
 INDERENA Instituto de Desarrollo de los Recursos Naturales Renovelados (COLOMBIA)
 INEAC Institut National Pour l'Etude Agronomique du Congo
 INEGI Direccion General de Geografia (MEXICO)
 INFOCLIMA World Climate Programme Data Referral System (WMO)
 INFOTERRA International Referral System (UNEP)
 INIBP Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Biologico Pesqueras
 INIDEP Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Desarrollo Pesquero (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)
 INIP Istituto Nazionale per l'Incremento della Produttivita (ITALY)
 INIS International Nuclear Information System
 INMARSAT International Maritime Satellite System (IMO)
 INODC Indian National Oceanographic Data Centre
 INOUT Part of JONSDAP'76
 INPE Instituto Nacional de Pesca del Ecuador
 INPFC International North Pacific Fisheries Commission (CANADA)
 INRA Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (FRANCE)
 INS Inertial Navigation System
 INSAT Indian Satellite
 INSEAN Istituto Nazionale per Studi Ed Esperienze di Architettura Navale (ROME, ITALY)
 INSIS Inter-Institutional Integrated Services Information System (EC)
 INSTOP Institut National Scientifique et Technique d'Océanographie et de Peche
 INSUMAR Instituto Superior del Mar (BRAZIL)
 INTECMAR Instituto de Tecnologia y Ciencias Marinas (VENEZUELA)
 INTECOL International Association for Ecology (ICSU)
 INTERTANKO International Association of Independent Tanker Owners
 INVEMAR Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas de Punta de Betin (COLOMBIA)
 IO Instituto de Oceanologia
 IOAN Institut Okeanografie Akademia Nauk (USSR)
 IOBC Indian Ocean Biological Centre
 IOC Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO)
 IOC Inter-Orbit Communications
 IOCARIBE IOC Sub-commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
 IOCINCWIO IOC Regional Committee for Cooperative Investigations in the North and Central Western Indian Ocean
 IOCINDIO IOC Programme Group for Central Indian Ocean
 IOCU International Organization of Consumers' Unions
 IODC International oceanographic Data Commission
 IODE International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
 IOF International Oceanographic Foundation (FL/USA)
 IOFC Indian Ocean Fishery Commission (FAO)
 IOI International Ocean Institute (MSIDA/MALTA)
 IOI In-Orbit Infrastructure
 IOKAE Inst.ok. Ke Al.erewnon (GREECE)
 IOLR Israeli Oceanographic and Limnological Research Ltd. (ISRAEL)
 IOMAC Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Co-operation
 IOP International Indian Ocean Fishery Survey and Development Programme (FA)/UNDP)
 IOPC FUND International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund
 IOPP CERTIFICAT International Oil Pollution (Certificate)
 IOS Institute of Ocean Science - Patricia Bay (CANADA)
 IOS IGOSS Observing System

IOS In-Orbit Servicing
 IOS-B Institute of Oceanographic Sciences Bidston (UK)
 IOS-W Institute of Oceanographic Sciences Wormley (UK)
 IOT In-Orbit Test
 IOV Instituto Oceanografico de Valparaiso (CHILE)
 IOW Interdepartementaal Overleg Wetenschapsbeleid
 IP Intermediate Product
 IP Institute of Petroleum (UK)
 IP Image Processor
 IP Internet Protocol
 IPA Industrie des Peches Algeriennes (GHAZAOUET/ALGERIA)
 IPARCOM Interim Paris Commission (LONDON/UK)
 IPC Industrial Policy Committee
 IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
 IPCE International Parliamentary Conference on the Environment
 IPEI Intermediate Thermal Infrared Radiometer
 IPFC Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council
 IPGH Instituto Panamericano de Geografia Historia Institut Panamericain de Geographie et Histoire
 IPHC International Pacific Halibut Commission (USA)
 IPIA Institutul de Patologia Si Igiena Animala (RUMANIA) (INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL PATHOLOGY AND HYGIENE)
 IPIECA International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (LONDON, UK)
 IPLAN IGOSS Planning Group (IOC/WMO)
 IPMS International Polar Motion Service
 IPO International Planning Office (WOCE)
 IPO Instituut voor Plantenziektenkundig Onderzoek
 IPOD International Phase of Ocean Drilling
 IPOMS International Polar-Orbiting Meteorological Satellite
 IPS International Phycological Society (IUBS)
 IPS Instrument Pointing System
 IPSCAM International Programme for Study of Climate and Man (SCOR)
 IPSFC International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission (CANADA)
 IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union
 IQSY International Quit Sun Year
 IR Infrared Radiation
 IRAG International Relations Advisory Group
 IRAS Infrared Astrometry Satellite
 IRCM Institutul Romin de Cercetari Marine (RUMANIA)
 IREP International Recruitment Programme (OSLR)
 IRES Institut de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (KINSHASA)
 IRES IOC Expert Group on Oceanographic Research related to IGOSS
 IREX International Recruitment Experiment (OSLR)
 IRLS Infrarood Lijnscanning
 IRO Industrieele Raad voor de Oceanologie
 IRPA International Radiation Protection Association (FONTENAY AUX ROSES, FRANCE)
 IRPTC International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (UNEP)
 IRS International Referral System (UNEP)
 IRS Information Retrieval Service
 IRS1 Indian Remote Sensing Satellite
 IRTS Infra-Red Temperature Sounder
 IS Imager Sounder
 ISAMS Improved Stratospheric and Mesospheric Sounder
 ISAS Infrared Spectrometer for Atmospheric Sounder
 ISAS Institute of Space & Aeronautical Science (Japan)
 ISB International Society of Biometeorology
 ISBA International Seabed Authority (PROPOSAL OF UNCLOS)
 ISCB International Society for Cell Biology
 ISCCP International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project
 ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network
 ISEE International Sun-Earth Explorer
 ISF International Shipping Federation Ltd.
 ISH Institut fuer Seefisherei (FRG)
 ISI Institute for Scientific Information (USA)
 ISLE Information System for Local marine Environments
 ISLPP IGOSS Sea Level Pilot Project
 ISLPP/NTA IGOSS Sea-level Pilot Project for the North and Tropical Atlantic
 ISLSCP International Satellite Land Surface Climatology Project
 ISMEX Indo-Soviet Monsoon Experiment
 ISMG International Scientific Management Group (FOR GATE)
 ISO International Standards Organization
 ISO Infrared Space Observatory
 ISO 9660 International Standards Organization, Standard 9660
 IOS International Southern Ocean Studies (IDOE)
 ISPA International Society for the Protection of Animals (UK)