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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ABARE	Australian Bureau of Agricultural Resource Economics
ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
AFFA	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia
AGO	Australian Greenhouse Office
AMPTO	Association of Marine Parks Tourism Operators
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
ANARE	Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions
AOOS	Australian Ocean Observing System
APFA	Australian Prawn Farmers Association
CALM	WA Department of Conservation and Land Management
CAR	CSIRO Atmospheric Research
CMR	CSIRO Marine Research
COTS	Crown of thorns starfish
CRC (CH)	Cooperative Research Centre for Catchment Hydrology
CRC (CZWM)	Cooperative Research Centre for Coastal Zone and Waterway Management
CRC (GBRWHA)	Cooperative Research Centre for the GBRWHA
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
EA	Environment Australia
DSS	Decision Support Systems
FRDC	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
Fisheries WA	WA Department of Fisheries
GBRMP	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
GBRMPA	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
GBRWHA	Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
GUI	Graphical User Interface
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
MFO	Mixed Function Oxidases
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (US Dept Commerce)
NRSMPA	National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas
NWS JMEMS	North West Shelf Joint Marine Environment Management Study
PGS	Post-graduate student
QDNR	Queensland Department of Natural Resources
QDPI	Queensland Department of Primary Industries
QEPA	Queensland Environmental Protection Agency
QFS	Queensland Fisheries Service
QM	Queensland Museum
QSIA	Queensland Seafood Industries Association
RAMSAR	Convention on wetlands of international importance
ROV	Remotely operated vehicle
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNEP-GEF	United Nations Environment Program – Global Environment Facility
WA DEP	WA Department of Environmental Protection