List of abbreviations

ABNP	Association of Baltic National Parks
ACOPS	Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea
BALLERINA	Baltic Sea Region On-line Environmental Information Resources for Internet Access
Basel Convention	Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movemements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Bern Convention	Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.
BEF	Baltic Environmental Forum
BIMCO	Baltic and International Maritime Council
Bonn Convention	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
BPO	Baltic Ports Organization
BSP	Baltic Sea Project
BSSSC	Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation
BTC	Baltic Tourism Commission
BUP	Baltic University Programme
CBSS	Council of the Baltic Sea States
CCB	Coalition Clean Baltic
CEMR	Council of European Municipalities and Regions
CIESIN	Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
COPERNICUS	Co-operation Programme in Europe on Nature and Industry through Co-ordinated University Studies
CRE	Conference of European Rectors
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DDT	1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-(p-chlorophenyl)ethane
E^2RC	European Environmental Reference Centre
E&P FORUM	Oil Industry International Exploration & Production Forum
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECAT	Environmental Centres For Administration and Technology
EFMA	European Fertilizer Manufacturers' Association
EEA	European Environment Agency
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIONET	European Information and Observation Network
EMEP	European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme
ESPO	European Community Sea Ports Organization
EU	The European Union
EuDA	European Dredging Association
EURO CHLOR	European Chlor-Alkali Industry
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GLOBE	Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment
GRID	Global Resource Information Database
HCB	Hexachlorobutadiene

HELCOM	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission, the Helsinki Commission
Helsinki Convention	Convention(s) for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea.
html	Hypertext macro language
IBSFC	International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission (Gdansk Commission)
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICLEI	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IMO	United Nations International Maritime Organization
Espoo Convention	Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context
Gdansk Convention<	Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the Baltic Sea and the Belts
GTZ	German international development agency (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit)
LRTAP	Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
MARPOL 73/78	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
Montreal Protocol	Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
NEFCO	Nordic Environment Finance Corporation
NIB	Nordic Investment Bank
Norad	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
OSPAR Convention	A convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-east Atlantic
PAH	petroleum hydrocarbon
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyl
PITF	Programme Implemention Task Force
Ramsar Convention	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat
SEI	Stockholm Environment Institute
SMF	Stockholm Marine Research Centre
SIDA	Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency
TEIA	Transboundary Environmental Information Agency
UMF	Umea Marine Sciences Centre
UN	United Nations
UNCED	UN Conference on Environment and Development, 1992 Rio Declaration
UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UN ECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe
USAid	US Agency for International Development
VASAB	the Vision and Strategies around the Baltic 2010 Initiative of Ministers of Spatial Planning
Vienna Convention	Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre
WHO	World Health Organization
World Heritage Convention	Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
WRI	World Resources Institute
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature
WWW	World Wide Web
Århus Convention	Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters