

ACRONYMS/ ABBREVIATIONS

AIC	Accredited Inspection Contractor	CCS	Climate Change Strategy; Carbon Capture Storage	DCENR	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
AIE	Access to Information on the Environment	Cd	Cadmium	DEHLG	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
AR4	Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	CDM	Clean Development Mechanism	DELG	Department of the Environment and Local Government
ASP	Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning	CEC	Council of the European Communities	DO	Dissolved Oxygen
ATF	Approved Treatment Facility	CEDaR	Centre for Environmental Data and Recording	DPSIR	Driving Forces–Pressures–State–Impact–Response
AWB	Artificial Water Body	CEU	Council of the European Union	DSP	Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning
AZP	Azaspiracid Shellfish Poisoning	CGPP	Cleaner Greener Production Programme	EAP	Environmental Action Programme
BFR	Brominated Flame-Retardant	CHP	Combined Heat and Power	EC	European Commission
BIM	Bord Iascaigh Mhara	CIS	Common Implementation Strategy	ECJ	European Court of Justice
BMW	Biodegradable Municipal Waste	CO	Carbon Monoxide	EDEN	Environmental Data Exchange Network
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Co	Cobalt	EEA	European Environment Agency
Bq	Becquerel	CO₂	Carbon Dioxide	EEC	European Economic Community
CAFE	Clean Air for Europe	COFORD	Council for Forest Research and Development	ELV	End-of-Life Vehicle
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy	CORINE	Coordination of Information on the Environment	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
C&D	Construction and Demolition	CSO	Central Statistics Office	EQS	Environmental Quality Standard
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	Cu	Copper	ESRI	Economic and Social Research Institute
CCE	Coordination Centre for Effects	DCMNR	Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources		

ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme	ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Seas	LIMS	Laboratory Information Management System
EU	European Union	ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management	LBAP	Local Biodiversity Action Plan
FEPS	Forest Environment Protection Scheme	IDC-SSTI	Inter-Departmental Committee for the Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation	LULUCF	Land-Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry
FSAI	Food Safety Authority of Ireland	IFFPG	Irish Farm Films Producers Group	MAC	Maximum Allowed Concentration
GAEC	Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition	IMAGIN	Irish Sea Marine Aggregates Initiative	mm/a	Millimetres per annum
GDA	Greater Dublin Area	IOSEA	Irish Offshore Strategic Environmental Assessment	mg/l N	Milligrams per litre Nitrogen
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	mg/m³	Milligrams per cubic metre
GEO	Global Environment Outlook	IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control	mg/l P	Milligrams per litre Phosphate
GHG	Greenhouse Gas	IRBD	International River Basin District	MMU	Minimum Mapping Unit
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism	IRCG	Irish Coast Guard	MOLAND	Monitoring Land Use/Cover Dynamics
GNP	Gross National Product	ISus	Irish Sustainable Development Model	MSSC	Molluscan Shellfish Safety Committee
GSI	Geological Survey of Ireland	JI	Joint Implementation	MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
GSPC	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	JRC	Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission	Mt	Megatonne
GVA	Gross Value Added	kt	Kilotonne	MTR	Medium-Term Review
GWP	Global Warming Potential	ktoe	Kilotonnes Oil Equivalent	NACE	European Classification of Economic Activities
HBCD	Hexabromocyclododecane	ktCO₂e	Kilotonnes CO ₂ Equivalent	NAP	National Allocation Plan
HFC	Hydrofluorocarbon			NCCS	National Climate Change Strategy
HMWB	Heavily Modified Water Body			NCP	National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
HNV	High Nature Value			NDP	National Development Plan

NECD	National Emission Ceilings Directive	PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon	RBMP	River Basin Management Plan
NFI	National Forest Inventory	PBDE	Polybrominated Diphenyl Ether	REFIT	Renewable Energy Feed in Tariff
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation	PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl	REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
NHA	Natural Heritage Area	PCS	Pesticide Control Service	REPS	Rural Environment Protection Scheme
NH₃	Ammonia	PCDD	Polychlorinated Dibenzo-Para-Dioxin	RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances
Ni	Nickel	PCDF	Polychlorinated Dibenzofuran	RPII	Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland
NMVOC	Non-Methane Organic Compound	PFC	Perfluorocarbon	SAC	Special Area of Conservation
NO	Nitric Oxide	pg	Picogram	SAP	Species Action Plan
NO₂	Nitrogen Dioxide	Pg	Petagram	SCI	Site of Community Importance
NO₃	Nitrate	PIP	Petroleum Infrastructure Programme	Se	Selenium
NO_x	Nitrogen Oxides	pNHA	Proposed Natural Heritage Area	SBM	Single Bay Management
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service	PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀	Particulate Matter measuring less than 2.5 µm and 10 µm in diameter	SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
NS-SHARE	North-South Shared Aquatic Resource	POP	Persistent Organic Pollutant	SEI	Sustainable Energy Ireland
NSDB	National Soil Database	ppb	parts per billion	SEIS	Shared Environmental Information System
NWPP	National Waste Prevention Programme	p, p'DDE	dichlorodiphenylethylene	SF₆	Sulphur Hexafluoride
O₃	Ozone	ppm	parts per million	SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
OCP	Organochlorine Pesticide	PRI	Producer Responsibility Initiative	SFP	Single Farm Payment
OSPAR	Oslo and Paris Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic	PSP	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning	SFPA	Sea Fisheries Protection Authority
P	Phosphorus	QBC	Quality Bus Corridor		
P₂O₅	Phosphorus Pentoxide	RBD	River Basin District		

SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise	WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
SO₂	Sulphur Dioxide	WFD	Water Framework Directive
SOC	Soil Organic Carbon	WHO	World Health Organisation
SOM	Soil Organic Matter	WISE	Water Information System for Europe
SPA	Special Protection Area	WSIP	Water Services Investment Programme
STRIVE	Science, Technology and Research and Innovation for the Environment		
t	Tonne	µm	Micrometre
TAC	Total Allowable Catch	µg/m³	Micrograms per cubic metre
TBT	Tributyltin		
TOE	Tonnes of Oil Equivalent		
TPER	Total Primary Energy Requirement		
TSAS	Trophic Status Assessment Scheme		
UAA	Utilisable Agricultural Area		
UEP	Urban Environment Project		
UII	Urban Institute Ireland		
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe		
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme		
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change		
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound		