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# GLOSSARY

## ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER TERMS

<b>ALDFG</b>	Abandoned Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear
<b>BAT</b>	Best Available Technique/Technology
<b>BEP</b>	Best Environmental Practice
<b>BoBLME</b>	Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem
<b>CBD</b>	Convention of Biological Diversity
<b>CCAMLR</b>	Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
<b>CMS</b>	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
<b>CSIRO</b>	Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation
<b>DFG</b>	Discarded Fishing Gear
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility
<b>GESAMP</b>	Joint Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
<b>GGGI</b>	Global Ghost Gear Initiative
<b>GISIS</b>	Global Integrated Shipping Information System
<b>GPA</b>	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Environment from Land-based Activities
<b>GPML</b>	Global Partnership on Marine Litter
<b>GPWM</b>	Global Partnership on Waste Management
<b>HELCOM</b>	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission
<b>ICC</b>	International Coastal Clean-up
<b>IEEP</b>	Institute for European Environmental Policy
<b>IOC</b>	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organisation
<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature
<b>IUU</b>	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing
<b>IWC</b>	International Whaling Commission
<b>LC/LP</b>	London Convention and Protocol
<b>LME</b>	Large Marine Ecosystem
<b>MARPOL</b>	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
<b>MAP</b>	Mediterranean Action Plan
<b>MSFD</b>	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NOWPAP</b>	Northwest Pacific Action Plan
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>OSPAR</b>	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the North-East Atlantic
<b>PCCP</b>	Personal Care and Cosmetics Products
<b>RSCAP</b>	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
<b>SIDS</b>	Small Island Developing States
<b>SPREP</b>	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNGA</b>	United Nations General Assembly
<b>WACAF</b>	West and Central Africa Region (Abidjan Convention)
<b>WAP</b>	World Animal Protection
<b>WCR</b>	Wider Caribbean Region
<b>WWF</b>	World Wildlife Fund

## COMMON POLYMERS

<b>ABS</b>	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene
<b>AC</b>	Acrylic
<b>EP</b>	Epoxy resin (thermoset)
<b>PA</b>	Polyamide 4, 6, 11, 66
<b>PCL</b>	Polycaprolactone
<b>PE</b>	Polyethylene
<b>PE-LD</b>	Polyethylene low density
<b>PE-LLD</b>	Polyethylene linear low density
<b>PE-HD</b>	Polyethylene high density
<b>PET</b>	Polyethylene terephthalate
<b>PGA</b>	Poly(glycolic acid)
<b>PLA</b>	Poly(lactide)
<b>PP</b>	Polypropylene
<b>PS</b>	Polystyrene
<b>EPS (PSE)</b>	Expanded polystyrene
<b>PU (PUR)</b>	Polyurethane
<b>PVA</b>	Polyvinyl alcohol
<b>PVC</b>	Polyvinyl chloride
<b>PU (PUR)</b>	Polyurethane
<b>SBR</b>	Styrene-butadiene rubber
<b>TPU</b>	Thermoplastic polyurethane

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