

## **Section 13**

## **Abbreviations**

### 13 Abbreviations

ACES	Atlantic Coral Ecosystem Study
AFEN	Atlantic Frontier Environmental Network
AIRS	Atlantic Irish Regional Survey
ANOB	Areas of Natural Beauty
BaSO <sub>4</sub>	Barium sulphate
BDC	Biodiversity Committee
BIM	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
BODC	British Oceanographic Data Centre
BOP	Blow out preventer
BRC	Background reference concentrations
CEFAS	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CH <sub>4</sub>	Methane
CMRC	Coastal and Marine Resources Centre
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
CORSAIRES	Coring Stable and Instable Realms in European Seas
CRI	Cuttings re-injection
CSO	Central Statistics Office
CTD	Conductivity, temperature and depth
dB	Decibel
DCMNR	Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources
DoEHLG	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
DP	Dynamic positioning
DPS	Dynamic positioning system
DTI	Department for Trade and Industry
EAA	Environmental area assessment
EC	European Commission
EEC	European Economic Community
EEMS	Environmental emissions monitoring system
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
EIS	Environmental impact statement
EMS	Environmental management system
ENAM	European North Atlantic Margin
ENVID	Environmental issues identification
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERT	ERT (Scotland) Ltd
ESAS	European Seabirds at Sea
EU	European Union
FRS	Fisheries Research Service
FSS	Fisheries Science Services
GSI	Geological Survey of Ireland
GWP	Global warming potential
HOCNF	Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format
ICB	Irish Conservation Box
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
IMAGIN	Irish Sea Marine Aggregates Initiative
IMDO	Irish Maritime Development Office
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
INSS	Irish National Seabed Survey
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOOA	Irish Offshore Operators Association
IOS	Institute of Oceanographic Science
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IOSEA1	First Irish Offshore Strategic Environmental Assessment
ISPSG	Irish Shelf Petroleum Studies Group
IWDG	Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
kHz	Kilohertz
km	Kilometre
LOLO	Lift on/lift off
MarLIN	Marine Life Information Network

## Abbreviations

MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MESH	Mapping European Seabed Habitats
MI	Marine Institute
MIDA	Marine Irish Digital Atlas
ML	Local magnitude (Richter scale)
MMO	Marine Mammal Observer
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MRAU	Maritime Radio Affairs Unit
MRCC	Marine Rescue Co-Ordination Centre
MSO	Marine Survey Office
NADC	North Atlantic Drift Current
NAO	North Atlantic Oscillation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHA	Natural Heritage Area
NI	Northern Ireland
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen oxide
NPWS	National Parks & Wildlife Service
NUIG	National University of Ireland, Galway
OASIS	OceAnic Seamounts: an Integrated Study
OBF	Oil based fluid
OBM	Oil based mud
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPF	Organic-phase drilling fluids
OSPAR	Oslo and Paris Convention
OSPARCOM	Oslo and Paris Commission
OSPC	Oil spill contingency plan
OVI	Offshore vulnerability index
PAD	Petroleum Affairs Division
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
PAM	Passive acoustic monitoring
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls
PEXA	Practice and Exercise Area
PIP	Petroleum Infrastructure Programme
PLONOR	Posing little or no risk
PSG	Porcupine Studies Group
PSSA	Particularly Sensitive Sea Area
PUDAC	Permit to Use or Discharge Added Chemicals
RORO	Roll on/roll off
ROV	Remotely operated vehicle
RSG	Rockall Studies Group
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SAMS	Scottish Association for Marine Science
SAR	Search and rescue
SAST	Seabirds at Sea Team
SBM	Synthetic based mud
SCANS	Small cetaceans in the European Atlantic and North Sea
SCUBA	Self contained underwater breathing apparatus
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEC	Shelf edge current
SI	Statutory instrument
SMBA	Scottish Marine Biological Association
SMRU	Sea Mammal Research Unit
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulphur dioxide
SPA	Special Protection Area
STL	Sound transmission loss
TBT	Tributyltin
TOBI	Towed ocean bottom instrument
TRIM	TOBI Rockall Irish Margins
TTR	Training through research
UK	United Kingdom
UKHO	United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
UKOOA	United Kingdom Offshore Operators Association
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
VOC	Volatile organic compound
WBM	Water-based mud