

## ACRONYMS AND OTHER ABBREVIATIONS

ABCD	Access to Biological Collection Data
ABE-LOS	IOC Advisory Body on the Law of the Sea
ACCESS	African Centre for Climate and Earth System Science (ACCESS)
ADCP	Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
ADOS	Autonomous Drifting Ocean Station
AG	DBCP Action Groups
AIC	Argo Information Center
ALD	UNESCO Appointment of Limited Duration
AMOC	Area Meteorological and Oceanographic Coordinators
AODCJF	Australian Ocean Data Centre Joint Facility
AOML	NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (USA)
AOPC	Atmospheric Observation Panel for Climate
AP	Air Pressure
Argo	Array for Real-time Geostrophic Oceanography programme
Argo	Argo Profiling Float Pilot Project
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ASAP	Automated Shipboard Aerological Programme
ASCLME	Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystem
AST	Argo Steering Team
BATHY	Report of bathythermal observation (FM 63–XI Ext. BATHY)
BILKO	UNESCO Virtual global faculty for remote sensing
BODC	British Oceanographic Data Centre
BOM	Bureau of Meteorology (Australia)
BSIM	Baltic Sea Ice Meeting
BUFR	Binary Universal Form for the Representation of meteorological data (FM 94–XI Ext. BUFR)
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CARTWS	Caribbean Tsunami Warning System
CADC	China Argo Data Centre
CAS	Commission for Atmospheric Sciences
CASO	Climate of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
CB	Capacity Building
CBS	Commission for Basic Systems (WMO)
CCI	Commission for Climatology (CCI)
CDI	SeaDataNET Common Data Index
CDMP	NOAA Climate Database Modernization Program
CEOS	Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
Cg	Congress (WMO)
CGMS	Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites
CHMI	Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
CHY	Commission for Hydrology
CHy	WMO Commission for Hydrology
GIMO	WMO Commission on Instruments and Methods of Observation
CIFDP	Coastal Inundation and Forecast Development Programme
CLIMAR	JCOMM Workshop on Advances in Marine Climatology
CLIVAR	Climate Variability and Predictability (WCRP)
CLIVAR	WCRP Climate Variability and Predictability programme
CLS	Collecte Localisation Satellites (France)
CM	MCSS Contributing Member
CMM	Commission for Marine Meteorology (superseded by JCOMM)
COMET	Co-operative Program for Operational Meteorology Education and Training
CONOPS	WIGOS Concept of Operations
COOP	Coastal Ocean Observations Panel

COPEPOD	Coastal & Oceanic Plankton Ecology, Production & Observation Database
CPRNW	Committee for Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (IHO)
CREX	Character form for the Representation and exchange of Data (FM 95–XII CREX)
CSA	Canadian Space Agency
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DAMOCLES	Developing Arctic Modelling and Observing Capabilities for Long-term Environmental Studies
DAR	Data Discovery, Access and Retrieval service (WMO WIS)
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DART	Deep-ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunami (buoy)
DB	Data Buoy
DBCP	Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (OPA)
DBCP	Data Buoy Co-operation Panel (WMO-IOC)
DBCP	Data Buoy Cooperation Panel
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DBCP	Data Buoy Co-operation Panel
DBCP	Data Buoy Cooperation Panel
DB-TAG	E-SURFMAR Data Buoy Technical Advisory Group
DCPC	WIS Data Collection Product Centre
DCPC	Data Collection and Production Centres (WMO WIS)
DCPC	Data Collection and Production Centre (of WIS)
DCPC	Data Collection and Production Centre (of WIS)
DCS	Data Collection System
DiGIR	Distributed Generic Information Retrieval
DM	Data Management
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DMAC	IOOS Data Management and Communications (USA)
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DMCG	Data Management Coordination Group (JCOMM)
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DMP	Data Management Practices
DMPA	Data Management Programme Area (JCOMM)
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DMPA	Data Management Programme Area
DPM	Natural Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Programme of WMO
DPM	Disaster Prevention and Mitigation
DRM	Disaster Risk Management
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
DWD	Deutscher WetterDienst
E2E	End to End Data Management
E2EDM	End-to-End Data Management
EB	DBCP Executive Board
EBD	Equivalent Buoy Density
EC	Executive Council
EC	European Commission
EC WG WIGOS-WIS	Executive Council working Group on WIGOS and WIS
ECDIS	Electronic Chart Display Information System
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ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts
ECV	Essential Climate Variables

EDMED	European Directory of Marine Environmental Data
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
ENC	Electronic Navigational Charts
EO	Earth Observations
ER	Expected Results
ESA	European Space Agency
E-SURFMAR	Surface Marine programme of the Network of European Meteorological Services, EUMETNET
ET	Expert Team
ET/AWS	CBS / IOS Expert Team on Requirements for Data from Automatic Weather Stations (WMO)
ET/DRC	CBS Expert Team on Data Representation and Codes (WMO)
ET/EGOS	CBS / IOS Expert Team on the Evolution of the Global Observing System (WMO)
ETCCDI	joint CLIVAR / CCI / JCOMM Expert Team on Climate Detection and Indices
ET-CTS	CBS Expert Team on WIS-GTS, Communication Techniques and Structure
ETDMP	Expert Team on Data Management Practices (DMPA)
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ET-DMP	JCOMM Expert Team on Data Management Practices
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ETMAES	Expert Team on Marine Accident Emergency Support (SPA)
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ETMC	Expert Team on Marine Climatology (DMPA)
ETMC	Expert Team on Marine Climatology (JCOMM)
ET-MC	JCOMM Expert Team on Marine Climatology
ETMC	Expert Team on Marine Climatology
ETMSS	Expert Team on Maritime Safety Services (SPA)
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ETOofs	Expert Team on Operational Ocean Forecast System (SPA)
ETRP	WMO Education and Training Programme
ET-SAT	Expert Team on Satellites (OPA)
ETSI	Expert Team on Sea Ice (SPA)
ETSI	Expert Team on Sea Ice (JCOMM)
ET-SI	JCOMM Expert Team on Sea Ice
ETSI	Expert Team on Sea Ice
ET-WISC	CBS Expert Team on WIS GISCS and DCPCs
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ETWS	Expert Team on Wind Waves and Storm Surges (SPA)
ETWS	Expert Team on Wind Waves and Storm Surge (JCOMM)
ET-WS	JCOMM Expert Team on Wind Waves and Storm Surges
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EUCOS	EUMETNET Composite Observing System
EUMETNET	Network of European Meteorological Services
EUMETSAT	European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites
EuroSITES	European integrated network of open ocean multidisciplinary observatories
EVC	Essential Climate Variable
EWS	Early Warning System
FAD	Fish Aggregation Device
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FG	First Guess Field
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee (USA)
GAW	Global Atmosphere Watch
GCC	Global Collecting Centre (of MCSS)

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GCMD	Global Change Master Directory
GCOS	Global Climate Observing System
GCW	Global Cryosphere Watch
GDAC	Global Data Assembly / Acquisition Centre
GDP	Global Drifter Programme
GDPFS	Global Data Processing and Forecasting System (CBS)
GDSIDB	Global Digital Sea Ice Data Bank
GEO	Group on Earth Observations
GEOSS	Global Earth Observation System of Systems
GHRSSST	GODAE High Resolution SST
GHRSSST	GODAE High-Resolution SST Pilot Project
GIS	Geographical Information System
GISC	Global Information System Centres (WMO WIS)
GISC	Global Information System Centres (of WIS)
GLOSS	Global Sea-level Observing System
GLOSS	Global Sea-level Observing System (JCOMM)
GLOSS	JCOMM Global Sea-level Observing System
GLOSS-GE	GLOSS Group of Experts
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (IMO)
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GMES	Global Monitoring for Environment and Security
GODAE	Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment
GODAE	Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GOOS)
GODAR	Global Oceanographic Data Archaeology and Rescue
GOOS	Global Ocean Observing System
GOOS	Global Ocean Observing System (IOC, WMO, UNEP, ICSU)
GOOS	IOC-WMO-UNEP-ICSU Global Ocean Observing System
GOS	Global Observing System (WWW)
GOS	Global Observing System (WMO)
GOS	WMO Global Observing System
GOSUD	Global Ocean Surface Underway Data Pilot Project
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRA	GOOS Regional Alliance
GSSC	GOOS Scientific Steering Committee
GTS	Global Telecommunication System (WWW)
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GTSP	Global Temperature and Salinity Profile Programme
HAB	Harmful Algal Bloom (IOC)
HF	High Frequency
HMEI	Association of Hydro-Meteorological Equipment Industry
IABP	International Arctic Buoy Programme
IAOOS	Integrated Arctic Ocean Observing System
IBPIO	International Buoy Programme for the Indian Ocean
ICAM	Integrated Coastal Area Management
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICG	International Coordination Group
ICG/IOTWS	Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOC)
ICG-IOTWS	Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the Indian Ocean
ICG-WIS	Inter-commission Coordination Group on the WMO Information System
ICOADS	International Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Data Set (USA)
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ICSU	International Council for Science
ICT IOS	Implementation-Coordination Team on IOS
ICT-IOS	CBS Implementation / Coordination Team on the Integrated Observing System

ICTT-QMF	Inter Commission Task Team on Quality Management Framework
ID	Identification Number
IFREMER	Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer – French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea
IGDDS	Integrated Global Data Dissemination Service (satellite)
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I-GOOS	The intergovernmental IOC-WMO-UNEP Committee for GOOS
IGOS	Integrated Global Observing Strategy
IGOSS	WMO-IOC Integrated Global Ocean Services System (superseded by JCOMM)
IHO	International Hydrographic Organization
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
IICWG	International Ice Charting Working Group
IMB	Ice Mass Balance
IMED	Integrated Model Evaluation and Diagnostic system
IMEI	International Mobile Equipment Identity
IMMA	International Maritime Meteorological Archive
IMMSC	International Met-ocean Maritime Services Conference
IMMT	International Maritime Meteorological Tape
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IMOP	WMO Programme for Instruments and Methods of Observation
IMSC	International Met-ocean Safety Conference
INCOIS	Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services
INSPIRE	Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (of UNESCO)
IOCCP	International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project
IODE	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IOC)
IODE	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
IOI	International Ocean Institute
IOOS	Integrated Ocean Observing System (USA)
IOS	Integrated Observing Systems
IOTWS	Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System
IP	Implementation Plan
IPAB	International Programme for Antarctic Buoys
IPAB	WCRP-SCAR International Programme for Antarctic Buoys
IPET-MI	CBS Inter Programme Expert Team on Metadata Implementation
IPY	International Polar Year (2007-2008)
IPY	International Polar Year
ISABP	International South Atlantic Buoy Programme
ISDM	Integrated Science Data Management (formerly MEDS)
ISDM	Integrated Science Data Management (Canada)
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN)
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IT	Information Technology
ITP	International Tsunameter Partnership
ITSU	International Coordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific
JAMSTEC	Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology
JCOMM	Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology
JCOMM-III	Third Session of JCOMM (Marrakech, Morocco, 4-11 November 2009)
JCOMMOPS	JCOMM <i>in situ</i> Observing Platform Support Centre
J-EPB	JCOMM Electronic Product Bulletin
JEWL-PP	JCOMM Extreme Water Level Pilot Project
JMA	Japan Meteorological Agency
JSTC	Joint Steering Committee
JTA	Joint Tariff Agreement (Argos)
LDC	WMO Programme for the Least Developed Countries
LOI	Letters of Intent

LUT	Local User Terminal (Argos)
MAES	Marine Accident Emergency Support
MAN	Management Committee (JCOMM)
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MAP	Madrid Action Plan
MARCDAT	Marine Climate Data (workshop)
MC	Marine Climatology
MCP	Marine Community Profile
MCS	Marine Climatological Summary
MCSS	Marine Climatological Summaries Scheme
MEDI	Marine Environmental Data Information Referral Catalogue
MEDS	Marine Environmental Data Service (Canada, now ISDM)
MERSEA	Marine Environment and Security for the European Area
META-T	Water Temperature instrument/platform Metadata Pilot Project (JCOMM)
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METOP	Meteorological Operational satellites of the EUMETSAT Polar System (EPS)
MIM	MERSEA Information Management
MMI	Marine Metadata Interoperability Project
MOFS	Met-Ocean Forecasts and Services
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPERSS	Marine Pollution Emergency Response Support System (JCOMM)
MPERSS	Marine Pollution Emergency Response Support System (WMO)
MQCS	Minimum Quality Control Standards
MSC	Meteorological Services of Canada
MSI	Maritime Safety Information
MSS	Maritime Safety Services
MT10	BUFR Master Table number 10 (Oceanographic Data)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NAVOCEANO	Naval Oceanographic Office (USA)
NAVTEX	Navigation Telex -International system for reception of marine safety information
NC	National Centres (WMO WIS)
NC	National Centre (of WIS)
NCDC	National Climatic Data Centre
NCDDC	NOAA National Coastal Data Development Center (USA)
NCEP	NOAA National Center for Environmental Prediction (USA)
NDBC	NOAA National Data Buoy Center (USA)
NDG	NERC DataGrid
NEAMTWS	North Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected seas
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NESDIS	NOAA National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service (USA)
NetCDF	Network Common Data Form
NFP	National Focal Point
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NIOT	National Institute of Ocean Technology (India)
NMDIS	National Marine Data and Information Service (China)
NMHS	National Meteorological (and Hydrological) Service (WMO)
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NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)
NODC	IODE National Oceanographic Data Centre
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NOG	Non-Governmental Organization
NOPP	National Oceanographic Partnership Program (USA)
NPDBAP	DBCP-PICES North Pacific Data Buoy Advisory Panel
NPOESS	National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (USA)
NSF	National Science Foundation (USA)
NW	North-Western
NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction

OASIC	International multidisciplinary Ocean - Atmosphere - Sea Ice - Snowpack program
OBIS	Ocean Biogeographical Information System
OceanSITES	OCEAN Sustained Interdisciplinary Timeseries Environment observation System
OCG	Observations Coordination Group (JCOMM)
OCG	JCOMM Observations Coordination Group
OCO	NOAA Office of Climate Observation (USA)
ODAS	Ocean Data Acquisition Systems, Aids and Devices
ODAS	Ocean Data Acquisition Systems
ODASMS	ODAS Metadata Service
ODASMS	JCOMM ODAS Metadata Service
ODIN	Oceanographic Data and Information Network (IODE)
ODIN	IOC Ocean Data and Information Network
ODINAFRICA	Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa (IODE)
ODINAFRICA	IOC Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa
ODINBlackSea	ODIN for the Black Sea
ODINCARSA	ODIN for the Caribbean and South America
ODP	IOC Ocean Data Portal
ODP	Ocean Data Portal (IODE)
OFS	Ocean Forecast System
OFS	Operational Ocean Forecasting Systems
OGC	Open Geospatial Consortium
OGP	Oil and Gas Producers
OOPC	Ocean Observations Panel for Climate
OOPC	Ocean Observations Panel for Climate (GCOS-GOOS-WCRP)
OOPC	Ocean Observing Panel for Climate
OPA	Observations Programme Area (JCOMM)
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OPAG	Open Programme Area Group
OPeNDAP	Open-source Project for a Network Data Access Protocol
OPSC	Observing Programme Support Centre
OPSCOM	Argos Operations Committee
OSCAR	Ocean Surface Current Analyses – Real-time
OSMC	NOAA Observing System Monitoring Center (USA)
OSTST	Ocean Surface Topography Science Team
OT	OceanTeacher
OVWST	Ocean Vector Winds Science Team
PA	Programme Area (JCOMM)
PA	Programme Area (of JCOMM)
PA	Programme Area
PANGEA	Partnerships for New GEOSS Applications
PGC	Principal GTS Co-ordinator (DBCP)
PICES	North Pacific Marine Science Organization
PICO	Panel for Integrated Coastal Observations
PIRATA	Pilot Research Moored Array in the Tropical Atlantic
PMEL	NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (USA)
PMO	Port Meteorological Officer
PMOC	Principal Meteorological or Oceanographic Centres responsible for quality control of buoy data (DBCP)
PMT	Platform Messaging Transceivers
PO	Project Office
POGO	Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans
PP	Pilot project
PSMSL	Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level
PTC	Meeting of the Presidents of Technical Commissions
PTT	Platform Transmitter Terminal (Argos)
PTWS	Pacific Tsunami Warning System
QA	Quality Assurance

QARTOD	Quality Assurance of Real-Time Oceanographic Data
QC	Quality Control
QMF	WMO Quality Management Framework
QMS	Quality Management Systems
RA	Regional Association
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RAMA	Indian Ocean Research Moored Array for African-Asian-Australian Monsoon Analysis and Prediction
RBM	Results-based Management
RECLAIM	REcovery of Logbooks And International Marine data project
RM	MCSS Responsible Member
RMC	Regional Meteorological Centre
RMS	Root Mean Square
RNODC	Responsible National Oceanographic Data Centre (IODE)
RNODC/DB	Responsible National Oceanographic Data Centre for Drifting Buoys
RNODC/DB	Responsible National Oceanographic Data Centre for Drifting Buoys (IODE)
RRR	Rolling Review of Requirements
RSMC	Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre
SADC	South African Development Community
SAMOS	Shipboard Automated Meteorological and Oceanographic System
SAMS	Scottish Association for Marine Science
SAON	Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks
SAR	Search and Rescue
SAT	Site Acceptance Test
SAWS	South African Weather Service
SBD	Short Burst Data
SCG	Services Coordination Group (JCOMM)
SCG	SPA Coordination Group
SDR	Satellite Data Requirements
SeaDataNET	Pan-European infrastructure for Ocean & Marine Data Management
SEARCH	U.S Study of Environmental Arctic Change
SFSPA	Services and Forecast System Program Area
SG	Steering Group
SG-MEDI	IODE Steering Group for MEDI
SI	Sea Ice
SIA	Seasonal to Inter-annual Forecast
SIO	Scripps Institution of Oceanography (University of California, USA)
SL	Sea Level
SLP	Sea Level Pressure
SOBP	Southern Ocean Buoy Programme
SOC	Southampton Oceanographic Centre
SOC	Specialized Oceanographic Centre (JCOMM)
SoG	Statements of Guidance
SOLAS	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea
SOO	Ship Of Opportunity
SOOP	Ship-Of-Opportunity Programme
SOOPIP	JCOMM Ship-of-Opportunity Programme Implementation Panel
SOOPIP	SOOP Implementation Panel (JCOMM)
SOOS	Southern Ocean Observing System
SOT	Ship Observations Team (JCOMM)
SOT	JCOMM Ship Observations Team
SPA	Services Programme Area (JCOMM)
SSC	Storm Surge Climate (session)
SSH	Sea surface Height
SSO	Single Sign On
SSS	Sea Surface Salinity
SST	Sea-Surface Temperature



SSWS	Storm Surge Watch Schemes
STIP	Stored Tiros Information Processing
SVP	Surface Velocity Programme (of TOGA and WOCE, replaced by GDP) drifter
SVP-B	SVP barometer drifter
SVP-BS	SVP drifter with salinity
SVP-BTC	SVP drifter with temperatures in depth
SVP-BW	SVP Abarometer and wind at a drifter
SWFDP	Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project
TAO	Tropical Atmosphere Ocean Array
TAO	Tropical Atmosphere Ocean network of tropical moorings
TC	Technical Co-ordinator
TCP	WMO Tropical Cyclone Programme
TCP	Tropical Cyclone Programme (of WMO)
TD	Technical Document
TECO-WIS	Technical Conference on the WIS
TEP	Thematic Portals
TESAC	Temperature, salinity and current report from a sea station (FM 64–XI Ext. TESAC)
TIP	Tiros Information Processing
TIP	Tropical Moored Buoys Implementation Panel
TOGA	Tropical Atmosphere and Global Ocean programme
TOL	Top Level Objectives
TOR	Terms of Reference
TRACKOB	Report of marine surface observation along a ship's track (FM 62–VIII Ext. TRACKOB)
TRITON	Triangle Trans-Ocean buoy network
TSMAD	Transfer Standard Maintenance and Applications Development
TT	Task Team
TT-CB	DBCP Task Team on Capacity-Building
TT-DM	DBCP Task Team on Data Management
TT-DMVOS	Task Team on Delayed Mode Voluntary Observing Ship data
TT-IBPD	DBCP Task Team on Instrument Best Practices & Drifter Technology Developments (merged the TT-QM & TT-TD)
TT-MB	DBCP Task Team on Moored Buoys
TT-OPD	Task Team on Ocean Products Development
TT-QM	DBCP Task Team on Quality Management (now merged into TT-IBPD)
TTR	Task Team on Resources
TT-TD	DBCP Task Team on Technological Development (now merged into TT-IBPD)
UCAR	University Corporation for Atmospheric Research
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
URD	User Requirement Document
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USA	United States of America
USACE	United States Corp of Engineers
USD	United States Dollar
VAR	Value Added Reseller
VGISC	Virtual GISC (Europe)
VOS	Voluntary Observing Ship
VOS	Voluntary Observing Ship (JCOMM)
VOSclim	Voluntary Observing Ship Climate Project
VOSclim	Voluntary Observing Ship Climate Project
WCC	World Climate Conference
WCRP	World Climate Research Programme (WMO/IOC/ICSU)

WCRP	World Climate Research Programme
WDC	ICSU World Data Centre
WET	JCOMM Pilot Project on Wave measurement Evaluation and Test moored buoys
WG	Working Group
WGCV	Working Group on ...
WGNE	Working Group on Numerical Experimentation
WIGOS	WMO Integrated Global Ocean Observing System
WIGOS	WMO Integrated Global Observing Systems
WIS	WMO Information System
WISE	Waves in Shallow Environments
WMD	Pilot Project on Wave Measurement from Drifters
WMO	World Meteorological Organization (UN)
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WOCE	World Ocean Circulation Experiment
WP	Working Paper
WS	Waves and Surges
WS	Wind Waves and Storm Surges
WWW	World Weather Watch (WMO)
WWW	World Weather Watch
XBT	Expendable Bathythermograph
XCTD	Expandable Conductivity, Temperature and Depth profiling system
XML	Extensible Markup Language