

Abbreviations and acronyms used in the report

ABC	Access to Belgian Collections of interest for biodiversity
ABIC	African Biodiversity Information Centre
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
AERW	Arrêté de l'Exécutif Régional Wallon (Walloon Regional Executive Order)
AETFAT	Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale (Association for the Taxonomic Study of the Flora of Tropical Africa)
AEWA	Agreement on the Conservation of the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds
AGW	Arrêté du Gouvernement Wallon (Walloon Government Order)
AIR	Agriculture and Agro-Industry including Fisheries Programme of Research and Technological Development
AMINAL	Administratie Milieu-, Natuur-, Land- en Waterbeheer van het Vlaams Gewest (Environment, Nature, Land and Water Management Administration of Flanders)
APFT	Avenir des Peuples des Forêts Tropicales (The Future of Tropical Rainforest People)
AR	Arrêté Royal (Royal Decree)
ARI	Agricultural Research Institute
B CHM	Belgian Clearing-House Mechanism
BCCM	Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Micro-organisms
BCH	Biosafety Clearing-House
BEM	Biological evaluation map
BEST	Bureau d'Etudes Scientifiques et Techniques en R.D. du Congo (Office for Scientific and Technical Research in the D.R. Congo)
BIME	Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment
BPA	Belgian Patent Act
CABRI	Common Access to Biological Resources and Information
CARI	Centre Apicole de Recherches et d'Informations (Beekeeping Research and Information Centre)
CASTEX	Common Approach to Scientific Touring Exhibitions
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCIEP	Co-ordinating Committee for International Environmental Policy
CECODI	Centre International d'Ecodéveloppement Intégré (International Centre for Integrated Ecodevelopment)
CEDRE	Centre d'Etudes du Droit de l'Environnement (Study Centre for Environmental Law)
CETAF	Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities
CHM	Clearing-House Mechanism
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CNDRS	Centre National de Documentation et de Recherche Scientifique (National Documentation and Scientific Research Centre)
CONNECT	European Conservation Institutes Research Network
COP	Conference of the Parties
COPERNICUS	Co-operation Program in Europe for Research on Nature and Industry through Co-ordinated University Studies
COST	European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research
CRIE	Centre Régional d'Initiation à l'Environnement (Regional Centre for Environmental Initiation)
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CVN	Centrum voor Natuur- en Milieu-educatie (Centre for Nature and Environmental education)
CWATUP	Code Wallon de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Urbanisme et du Patrimoine (Walloon Code of Town and Country Planning, Urban Development and Heritage)

DAC	Development Assistance Committee of the OECD
DG	Directorate-General
DGIC	Directorate-General for International Co-operation
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
EC	European Community
ECE-ICP	International Co-operative Programme of the UN Economic Commission for Europe
EE	Environmental education
EEC	European Economic Community
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
ENBI	European Network of Biodiversity Information
ENHSIN	European Natural History Specimen Information Network
EPBR	European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy
EPC	European Patent Convention
EU	European Union
EUFORGEN	European Forest Genetic Resources Programme
EUROBATS	Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe
EURODETS	Nature Detectives on the Internet
FAIR	Agriculture and Fisheries Programme (of the EU)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FNRS	Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (National Scientific Research Fund)
FUSAGx	Faculté Universitaire des Sciences Agronomiques de Gembloux (Gembloux Agricultural University)
FUSL	Facultés universitaires Saint-Louis (University Faculties Saint-Louis Brussels)
GAP	Good agricultural practice
GAWI	Groupement d'Arboriculteurs pratiquant en Wallonie les techniques Intégrées (Organisation of Walloon fruit growers who apply the integrated techniques)
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GISP	Global Invasive Species Programme
GMES	Global Monitoring and Environment Security
GMO	Genetically modified organism
GMP	Good manufacturing practice
GNP	Gross national product
GTI	Global Taxonomy Initiative
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
IARC	International Agricultural Research Centre
IBOY	International Biodiversity Observation Year
ICCP	Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
ICE	Interministerial Conference for the Environment
IGEAT	Institut de Gestion de l'Environnement et d'Aménagement du Territoire (Institute for Environmental Management and Physical Planning)
IHEM	Institute for Hygiene and Epidemiology, Mycology collection (now: Scientific Institute of Public Health - Louis Pasteur)
INIBAP	International Network for the Improvement of Banana and Plantain
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (of UNESCO)
IODE	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute
ISB-SURWAL	Inventaire et Surveillance de la Biodiversité - Surveillance de l'état de l'environnement par bio-indicateurs en Wallonie (Inventory and Monitoring of Biodiversity - Monitoring of the state of the environment through bio-indicators in Wallonia)

ISH	Inventaire et Surveillance des Habitats (Inventory and Monitoring of Habitats)
IU	International Undertaking (on Plant Genetic Resources)
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources - The World Conservation Union
JNM	Jeugdbond voor Natuurstudie en Milieubescherming (Youth Organisation for Nature Studies and Environment)
KMFRI	Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
KUL	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven)
LIFE	L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement (Financial Instrument for the Environment)
LITUS	Interactions of biodiversity, productivity and tourism on sandy beaches
LMBP	Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Plasmid collection (Ghent)
LMG	Laboratory for Microbiology (Ghent)
LRBPO	Ligue Royale Belge pour la Protection des Oiseaux (Royal Belgian Bird Protection Union)
LUC	Limburgs Universitair Centrum (University Centre of Limburg)
MASDEA	Marine Species Database for Eastern Africa
MINA-plan	Milieubeleidsplan en Natuurontwikkelingsplan voor Vlaanderen (Flemish Environmental Policy and Nature Development Plan)
MIRA	Milieu- en natuurrapport Vlaanderen (Environmental and nature report Flanders)
MIRA-S	Milieu- en natuurrapport Vlaanderen: scenario's (Environmental and nature report Flanders: scenarios)
MIRA-T	Milieu- en natuurrapport Vlaanderen: thema's (Environmental and nature report Flanders: themes)
MMM	Marien Milieu Marin (Marine Environment)
MOSAICC	Micro-organisms Sustainable Use, Access Regulation and International Code of Conduct
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
MUCL	Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain (Mycological Collection of the Catholic University of Louvain)
MUIENR	Makerere University Institute of Environment and Natural Resources
NARA	Natuurrapport Vlaanderen (Flemish Nature Report)
NARS	National Agricultural Research Systems
NBGB	National Botanic Garden of Belgium
NFP	National focal point
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NMK	National Museums of Kenya
ODINAFRICA	Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFFH	Observatoire de la Faune, de la Flore et des Habitats (Observatory of Fauna, Flora and Habitats)
OSTC	Belgian Federal Office for Scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs
PASCALIS	Protocols for the Assessment and Conservation of Aquatic Life in the Subsurface
PEDD	Plan Environnemental pour le Développement Durable (Environmental Plan for Sustainable Development)
RBINS	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
RDC	Regional Dispatch Centre
RECOSCIX	Regional Co-operation in Scientific and Information Exchange
RMCA	Royal Museum for Central Africa

RNOB	Réerves Naturelles et Ornithologiques de Belgique (Nature and Ornithological Reserves of Belgium)
RUCA	Universitair Centrum Antwerpen (University of Antwerp - RUCA)
RUG	Universiteit Gent (Ghent University)
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SBB	Service of Biosafety and Biotechnology
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
SDER	Schéma de Développement de l'Espace Régional (Regional Spatial Development Project)
SGIB	Inventaire des Sites de Grand Intérêt Biologique (Inventory of Sites of Great Biological Interest)
SIBW	Système d'Information sur la Biodiversité en Wallonie (System of Information about Biodiversity in Wallonia)
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPSD	Scientific Plan for a Sustainable Development
TAFIRI	Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute
TRIPS	Trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights
UA	Universiteit Antwerpen (University of Antwerp)
UCL	Université catholique de Louvain (Catholic University of Louvain)
UCT	University of Cape Town
ULB	Université Libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels)
ULg	Université de Liège (University of Liège)
UMH	Université de Mons-Hainaut (University of Mons-Hainaut)
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
UNIKIS	Université de Kisangani (University of Kisangani)
UNIN	University of the North (South-Africa)
VIB	Vlaams Instituut voor Biotechnologie (Flanders Interuniversity Institute for Biotechnology)
VLINA	Vlaams Impulsprogramma Natuurontwikkeling (Flemish Impulse Programme Nature Development)
VLIZ	Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee (Flanders Marine Institute)
VMM	Vlaamse Milieumaatschappij (Flemish Environmental Agency)
VUB	Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels)
WFCC	World Federation for Culture Collections
WG8J-1	First meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> open-ended inter-sessional working group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity
WIO	Western Indian Ocean
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature