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Acronyms

CIA	Cumulative Impact Assessment
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Fauna and Flora
CBMA	Community-Based Management Areas
CSO	Civil Society organization
EHS	Environmental, Health, and Safety
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESDS	Environmental and Social Diagnostic Study of Tourism in Western Province
ESG	Environment, Social and Governance
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
E&S	Environmental and Social
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFDRR	Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery
GIS	Geographic Information System
IBAT	Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IFC PS	IFC Performance Standards
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUCN Red List	International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species
LMMA	Locally Managed Marine Areas
MECDM	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
MMA	Marine management areas
MCT	Ministry of Culture and Tourism
MPA	Marine Protected Areas
NDMO	National Disaster Management office
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NIIP	Solomon Islands National Infrastructure Investment Plan
PCRAFI	Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative
PS	Performance Standards
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SIG	Solomon Islands Government
SINOP	Solomon Islands National Ocean Policy
SINTDS	Solomon Islands National Tourism Development Strategy
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
UNEP-WCMC	United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WBG	World Bank Group
WPTINA	Western Province Tourism Needs Assessment
WWII	World War II

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