



Maritime &
Coastguard
Agency

List of Acronyms

ACOPS	Advisory Committee on Pollution of the Sea
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
BTO	British Trust for Ornithology
CAST	Coastguard Agreement on Salvage and Towage
CCA	Civil Contingencies Act
CEFAS	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CGOC	Coastguard Operations Centre
CHAG	Chemical Hazards Advisory Group
COBR	Cabinet Office Briefing Room
CPSO	Counter Pollution and Salvage Officer
CPS	Counter Pollution & Salvage
DEFRA	Department of Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs
DOE	Department of the Environment (for Northern Ireland)
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
EA	Environment Agency
EG	Environment Group
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
ETV	Emergency Towing Vessel
FC	Fund convention
FEPA	Food and Environment Protection Act 1990
GESAMP	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution
GRT	Gross Registered Tonnage
GT	Gross Tonnage
HMCG	Her Majesty's Coastguard
HPS	Health Protection Scotland
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
IMDG Code	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IOPC Fund	International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund
IP	Institute of Petroleum
ITOPF	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
MAIB	Marine Accident Investigation Branch
MARPOL	International Convention for the prevention of Pollution from Ships
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MEIR	Marine Emergencies Information Room
MEPC	Marine Environment Protection Committee
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MNR	Marine Nature Reserve
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRCC	Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre
MRSC	Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre
MS	Marine Scotland
MSA	Marine Safety Agency
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
NCP	National Contingency Plan
NE	Natural England
NIEA	Northern Ireland Environment Agency
NNR	National Nature Reserve

List of Acronyms (Continued)

NRW	Natural Resources Wales
OPA90	US Oil Pollution Act of 1990
OPRC	Oil Pollution Preparedness Response and Co-operation Convention 1990
OSPRAG	The Oil Spill Prevention and Response Advisory Group
P&I	Protection and Indemnity 'Clubs'
PHE	Public Health England
PHW	Public Health Wales
POLREP	Pollution Report
PREMIAM	Pollution Response in Emergencies: Marine Impact Assessment and Monitoring
RCG	Recovery Coordinating Group
RecCG	Multi-RCG Recovery Co-ordinating Group
RED	Department for Communities and Local Government's Resilience and Emergencies Division
ResCG	Response Coordinating Group
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SAR	Search and Rescue
SBM	Single Buoy Mooring
SCAT	Shoreline Clean-up Assessment Team
SCG	Strategic Coordinating Group
SCU	Salvage Control Unit
SE	Scottish Executive
SEG	Standing Environment Group
SEPA	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
SEERAD	Scottish Executive Environment Rural Affairs Department
SFI	Sea Fisheries Inspectorate
SITREP	Situation Report
SLAR	Sideways Looking Airborne Radar
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SOLAS	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea
SOSREP	Secretary of State's Representative for Maritime Salvage and Intervention
SRC	Shoreline Response Centre
SSPCA	Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STOp	Scientific, Technical and Operational Guidance Notes
TCG	Tactical Coordinating Group
TEZ	Temporary Exclusion Zone
UKOOA	United Kingdom Offshore Operators Association
UKPIA	United Kingdom Petroleum Industry Association
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
USPCA	Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
VTs	Vessel Traffic System
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

Useful Pollution Response Websites

Type	Name of Service	Website
Government & Government-Related Websites	MCA	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency
	Counter Pollution branch	https://www.gov.uk/assessing-risk-and-responding-to-uk-coastal-and-marine-pollution
	MCA STOp Notes	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scientific-technical-and-operational-advice-notes-stop-notes
	Marine Scotland	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/People/Directorates/marinescotland
	Marine Management Organisation	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/marine-management-organisation
	The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs
	Environment Agency	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency
	Northern Ireland Environment Agency	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/
	Scottish Environment Protection Agency	http://www.sepa.org.uk/
	Natural England	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england
	Scottish Natural Heritage	http://www.snh.gov.uk/
	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/
	International Maritime Organisation	http://www.imo.org
	Department for Transport	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport
	Department of Energy and Climate Change	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change
	Met Office	http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/
	Bonn Agreement	http://www.bonnagreement.org/
	Public Health England	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england
	Public Health Wales	http://www.publichealthwales.wales.nhs.uk/
	Health Protection Scotland	http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/
Oil Companies Related Organisations	Energy Institute	https://www.energyinst.org/home
Ports & Harbour Authorities	Associated British Ports (ABP)	http://www.abports.co.uk/
	British Ports Association (BPA)	http://www.britishports.org.uk/
	Port of Rotterdam	http://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/Pages/default.aspx
	UK Ports Directory	http://uk-ports.org/uk-ports-map

Industry Bodies	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd	http://www.itopf.com/
	Oil & Gas UK	http://www.oilandgasuk.co.uk/
	(OSPRAG)	http://www.oilandgasuk.co.uk/knowledgecentre/osprag.cfm
	UK Spill Association	http://www.ukspill.org/
	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association	http://www.ipieca.org/ http://oilspillresponseproject.org/completed-products
	Oil Spill Response	http://www.oilspillresponse.com/
Modeling	United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	http://www.noaa.gov/
	British Maritime Technology (BMT)	http://www.bmt.org/
	Ricardo-AEA	http://www.ricardo-aea.com/cms/
	RPS ASA	http://www.asascience.com
Environmental Organisations	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	http://www.rspb.org.uk/forprofessionals/policy/marine/pollution.aspx
	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	http://www.wwf.org.uk/
	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)	http://www.rspca.org.uk/home
	Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA)	https://www.scottishspca.org/
	Ulster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (UCSPCA)	http://www.ucspca.org/
	Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust	http://www.wwt.org.uk/
Maritime Research	Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science	http://www.cefasc.defra.gov.uk/
	University of Plymouth Institute of Marine Studies	http://www1.plymouth.ac.uk/marine/Pages/default.aspx
	Natural Environment Research Council: National Oceanography Centre (NOC)	http://noc.ac.uk/
	Ricardo-AEA	http://www.ricardo-aea.com/cms/