Maritime & Coastguard Agency

# List of Acronyms

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| ACOPS | Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea |
| AONB | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| ASSI | Area of Special Scientific Interest (Northern Ireland) |
| BEIS | Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (previously DECC) |
| BOD | Biological Oxygen Demand |
| BTO | British Trust for Ornithology |
| CaMRA | Coastal and Marine Resource Atlas |
| CAST | Coastguard Agreement on Salvage and Towage |
| CCA | Civil Contingencies Act |
| CEFAS | Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science |
| CGOC | Coastguard Operations Centre |
| COBR | Cabinet Office Briefing Room |
| COSHH | Control of substances hazardous to health |
| CPSO | Counter Pollution and Salvage Officer |
| CPS | Counter Pollution & Salvage |
| CRCE | Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (PHE) |
| DARD | Department of Agriculture & Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland) |
| DECC | Department of Energy and Climate Change |
| DEFRA | Department of Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs |
| DfT | Department for Transport |
| DOE | Department of the Environment (for Northern Ireland) |
| EA | Environment Agency |
| EG | Environment Group |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| ELO | Environmental Liaison Officer |
| EMSA | European Maritime Safety Agency |
| ESGOSS | Ecological Steering Group on the Oil Spill in Shetland |
| ETV | Emergency Towing Vessel |
| FC | Fund convention |
| FEPA | Food and Environment Protection Act 1990 |
| FSA | Food Standards Agency |
| FSS | Food Standards Scotland |
| GESAMP | Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution |
| GIS | Geographical Information System |
| GRT | Gross Registered Tonnage |
| GT | Gross Tonnage |
| HCPS | Head of Counter Pollution and Salvage |
| HMCG | Her Majesty's Coastguard |
| HPS | Health Protection Scotland |
| HSE | Health and Safety Executive |
| IFCA | Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority |
| IFG | Inshore Fisheries Groups (Scotland) |
| 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 |
| LNR | Local Nature Reserve |
| LRF | Local Resilience Forum |
| LWT | Local Wildlife Trust |
| MAGIC | Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside |
| MAIB | Marine Accident Investigation Branch |

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| MARPOL | International Convention for the prevention of Pollution from Ships |
| MCA | Maritime and Coastguard Agency |
| MEPC | Marine Environment Protection Committee |
| MMO | Marine Management Organisation |
| MNR | Marine Nature Reserve |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MRC | Marine Response Centre |
| MS | Marine Scotland |
| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet |
| MSS | Marine Scotland Science |
| NCEC | National Chemical Emergency Centre |
| NCP | National Contingency Plan |
| NE | Natural England |
| NEBA | Net Environmental Benefit Analysis |
| NGO | Non-governmental Organisation |
| NIEA | Northern Ireland Environment Agency |
| NNR | National Nature Reserve |
| NRW | Natural Resources Wales |
| NT | National Trust |
| OCU | Operations Control Unit |
| OPA90 | US Oil Pollution Act of 1990 |
| OPRC | Oil Pollution Preparedness Response and Co-operation Convention 1990 |
| OSIS | Oil Spill Information System |
| OSPRAG | 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 |
| RCC | Recovery Coordinating Centre |
| 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 |
| RIGS | Regionally Important Geological Site |
| RRF | Regional Resilience Forum |
| RSPB | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds |
| RSPCA | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals |
| SAC | Special Area of Conservation (EU Habitats Directive) |
| SAM | Scheduled Ancient Monument |
| 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 |
| SEEEC | Sea Empress Environmental Evaluation Committee |
| SEERAD | Scottish Executive Environment Rural Affairs Department |
| SEG | Standing Environment Group |
| SEPA | Scottish Environmental Protection Agency |
| SERG | Scottish Evidence Response Group |
| SFI | Sea Fisheries Inspectorate |
| SITREP | Situation Report |
| SLAR | Sideways Looking Airborne Radar |
| SMRU | Sea Mammal Research Unit |
| SMG | Shoreline Management Group |
| 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 |

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| SPA | Special Protection Area (EU Birds Directive) |
| SRC | Shoreline Response Centre |
| SSPCA | Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals |
| SSSI | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| STAC | Scientific and technical advice cell |
| 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 |
| WG | Welsh Government |
| WWF | World Wide Fund for Nature |

# Useful Pollution Response Websites

| Type | Name of Service | Website |
|---|---|---|
| Government & Government-Related Websites | MCA<br><br>Counter Pollution branch<br><br>MCA STOp Notes | https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency<br><br>https://www.gov.uk/assessing-risk-and-responding-to-uk-coastal-and-marine-pollution<br><br>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 for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy | https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy |
| | 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/ |
| | UK Ports Directory | http://uk-ports.org/uk-ports-map |

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| Industry Bodies | International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd | http://www.itopf.com/ |
| | Oil & Gas UK<br><br>(OSPRAG) | http://www.oilandgasuk.co.uk/<br><br>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/<br><br>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/our-work/our-positions-and-campaigns/positions/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.cefas.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/ |