Abbreviations

ABRS: Australian Biological Resources Study
ACRS: Australian Coral Reef Society
AIMS: Australian Institute of Marine Science
ARC: Australian Research Council
AUV: autonomous underwater vehicle
CFC: chlorofluorocarbon
COTS: crown-of-thorns starfish
CRC: Co-operative Research Centre
CSIRO: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DDM: day-to-day management program
EAC: East Australian Current
ENCORE: Enrichment of Nutrients on Coral Reefs (project funded by ARC and GBRMPA)
ENSO: El Niño–Southern Oscillation
EPICA: European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica
GBR: Great Barrier Reef
GBRCA: Great Barrier Reef Catchment Area
GBRMP: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
GBRMPA: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
GBRWHA: Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area
IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature
JCU: James Cook University
MAGNT: Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
MODIS: moderate resolution image spectroradiometer on the Terra and Aqua satellites (see http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/)
MST: Marine Science and Technology (grant awarded by the federal government)
NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NGOs: non-government organisations
NIWA: National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (New Zealand)
NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)
NQAIF: North Queensland Algal Identification/Culturing Facility
QDNR&M: Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Management
QDPI: Queensland Department of Primary Industries
QPWS: Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
OSCAR-NOAA: A NOAA project mapping, using satellite altimetry, the water surface elevation of the ocean, from which the near-surface water currents are calculated
RAP: Representative Areas Program
ROV: remote operated vehicle
RWQPP: Reef Water Quality Protection Plan
SOI: Southern Oscillation Index
UQ: University of Queensland