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Abbreviations

3TG	tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold
ABNJ	Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIS	automatic identification systems
ALDFG	abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear
AML	anti-money laundering
API	active pharmaceutical ingredient
APP	Africa Progress Panel
ASM	artisanal and small-scale mining
ASGM	artisanal small-scale gold mining
ATAF	African Tax Administration Forum
ATS	amphetamine-type stimulants
BCE	before the common era
BEPS	base erosion and profit shifting
BGR	German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BKA	German Federal Criminal Police Office
BLKA	Bavarian State Criminal Police Office
BOV	Bank of Valletta
CAHRA	conflict-affected and high-risk areas
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCPCJ	UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
CDS	catch documentation schemes
CEO	chief executive officer
CIP	Public Integrity Center
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CJNG	Jalisco New Generation Cartel
CND	UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs
COFI	FAO's Committee on Fisheries
DCIM	Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration
DETER	deforestation detection system
DIY	do it yourself
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
DRM	Domestic Resource Mobilisation
DWF	distant water fishing
e.g.	for example
EC	European Commission
EEZ	Economic and Ecological Zoning
EEZ	exclusive economic zones
EIA	Environmental Investigation Agency
EICC	Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
EJF	European Justice Foundation
EMCDDA	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
ENRC	Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation
EPRM	European Partnership for Responsible Minerals

Abbreviations

ESAAMLG	Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group
EU	European Union
EUTR	EU Timber Regulation
FACTI Panel	High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
FDI	foreign direct investment
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade
FOC	flags of convenience
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
FTZ	free trade zone
GDP	gross domestic product
GFI	Global Financial Integrity
GI-TOC	Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GNA	Government of National Accord
GNU	Government of National Unity
GPDPD	Global Partnership on Drug Policies and Development
GSMS	Global Surveillance and Monitoring Systems
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
IBAMA	Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources
ICCAT	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICGLR	International Conference on the Great Lakes Region
ICIJ	International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
IFF	illicit financial flows
ILO	International Labor Organisation
INCB	International Narcotics Control Board
INCRA	National Institute for Colonisation and Agrarian Reform
INPE	Brazilian National Institute of Space Research
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
ISS	Institute for Security Studies
ITRI	International Tin Research Institute
iTSCi	ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUU	illegal, unreported and unregulated
LMIC	low- and middle-income countries
LNA	Libyan National Army
MAS	Mobile Authentication Service
MCS	monitoring, control and surveillance
MCSD	Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Division
MHRA	British Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MINEM	Ministerio de Energía y Minas (Peruvian Ministry of Energy and Mines)
MINUSMA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
ML/TF	money-laundering and terrorist financing
MNE	multinational enterprises
MPLA	Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola
MPRDA	South African Mineral and Petroleum Development Resource Act
n.d.	no date
NAAM	National Association of Artisanal Miners
NAFDAC	National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control of Nigeria
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NEST	National Environmental Security Task Force
NGO	non-governmental organisation

NMRA	national medicines regulatory authorities
NOC	Libyan National Oil Corporation
NPS	new psychoactive substances
NTR	North Texas Refinery
OC	organised crime
OCG	organised criminal groups
ODA	official development aid
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PAMP	Produits Artistiques Métaux Précieux
PFG	Petroleum Facility Guards
PQM	Promoting the Quality of Medicines
PSMA	Port State Measures Agreement
RINR	Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources
RCM	Regional Certification Mechanism
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organisations
SDG	United Nations Sustainable Development Goal
SEAFO	South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SF	substandard and falsified
SGE	Shanghai Gold Exchange
SIMP	Seafood Import Monitoring Program
SOCTA	Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment
SVLK	Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas Kayu, timber verification system
TOC	transnational organised crime
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNCLOS	UN Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFSA	United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement
UNGASS	UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNTOC	United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime
US(A)	United States (of America)
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
VMS	Vessel Monitoring Systems
VPA	Voluntary Partnership Agreement
WCO	World Customs Organization
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

