

Acronyms and Abbreviations

AEM	—Airborne Electromagnetic Bathymetry	1ST	—International Submarine Technology, Ltd.
AOML	—Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratories	ITA	—International Trade Administration
BOF	—Basic Oxygen Furnace	JOI	—Joint Oceanographic Institutions
BOM	—U.S. Bureau of Mines	LDGO	—Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory
BPL	—Bone Phosphate of Lime	LOS	—Law of the Sea
BS ³	—Bathymetric Swath Survey System	LOSC	—Law of the Sea Convention
CAIS	—Center for Applied Isotope Studies	MB	—Marine Boundary Data
CALCOFI	—California Cooperative Fisheries Investigations	MCC	—Marine Core Curator
CDP	—Common Depth Point	MESA	—Marine Ecosystems Analysis Project
COE	—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	MGF	—Miscellaneous Geology Files
CSO	—Coastal States Organization	MIPS	—Mini-Image Processing System
CZMA	—Coastal Zone Management Act	MM	—Marine Mineral Data
DGS	—Digital Grain Size	MMS	—Minerals Management Service
DMRP	—Dredged Material Research Program	MOU	—Memorandum of Understanding
DOD	—U.S. Department of Defense	MSR	—Marine Seismic Reflection
DOE	—U.S. Department of Energy	NAS	—National Academy of Science
DOI	—U.S. Department of the Interior	NASA	—National Aeronautics and Space Administration
DOMES	—Deep Ocean Mining Environmental Study	NACOA	—National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere
DSHMRA	—Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act	NCAR	—National Center for Atmospheric Research
DSL	—Deep Submergence Laboratory	NEPA	—National Environmental Policy Act
EEZ	—Exclusive Economic Zone	NESDIS	—National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service
EIS	—Environmental Impact Statement	NGDC	—National Geophysical Data Center
EPA	—U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	NMFS	—National Marine Fisheries Service
ERM	—Exact Repeat Mission	NMPIS	—National Marine Pollution Information System
FOB	—Free on Board	NOAA	—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FWS	—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	NOAC	—National Operations Security Advisory Committee
GEODAS	—Geophysical Data System	NODC	—National Oceanographic Data Center
GEOSAT	—U.S. Navy Geodetic Satellite	NOMES	—New England Offshore Mining Environmental Study
GI	—General Instrument Corp.	NORDA	—Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity
GGB	—Gridded Global Bathymetry	NOS	—National Ocean Survey
GLORIA	—Geological Long Range Inclined Asdic	NOS/HS	—National Ocean Survey Hydrographic Surveys
GPS	—Global Positioning System	NOS/MB	—National Ocean Survey Multibeam EEZ Bathymetry
HEBBLE	—High Energy Benthic Boundary Layer Experiment	NRC	—National Research Council
HIG	—Hawaii Institute of Geophysics	NRL	—Naval Research Laboratory
HS	—Hydrographic Survey	NSF	—National Science Foundation
ICES	—International Council for Exploration of the Seas	NSI	—NASA Science Internet
IDOE	—International Decade of Ocean Exploration		
IGY	—International Geophysical Year		
IOS	—Institute of Oceanographic Sciences		
IP	—Induced Polarization		
ICES	—International Council for the Explorations of the Seas		

OAR —Oceans and Atmospheric Research
OCS —Outer Continental Shelf
 OCSLA —Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
 OCSEAP —Outer Continental Shelf Environment
 Assessment Program
 OMA —Ocean Mining Associates
 OMB —Office of Management and Budget
 OSIM —Office of Strategic and International
 Minerals
 OSTP —Office of Science and Technology
 Policy
 ODP —Ocean Drilling Program
 OMA —Ocean Mining Associates
 ONR —Office of Naval Research
 PGM —Platinum Group Metal
 PMEL —Pacific Marine Environmental
 Laboratory
 ROR —Rate of Return
 ROV —Remotely Operated Vehicle
 SAB —Strategic Assessment Branch

SAR —Système Acoustique Remorque
 SASS —Sonar Array Sounding System
 SeaMARC —Sea Mapping and Remote
 Characterization
 SP —Self Potential
 SPAN —Space Physics Analysis Network
 TAMU —Texas A & M University
 TOGA —Tropical Ocean Global Atmosphere
 Study
 UMI —Underwater Mining Institute
 USCG —U.S. Coast Guard
 UTM —Universal Transverse Mercator
 UNOLS —University National Oceanographic
 Laboratory System
 USGS —U.S. Geological Survey
 WADSEP —Walking and Dredging Self-Elevating
 Platform
 WOCE —World Ocean Circulation Experiment
 WHOI —Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution