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Abbreviations

ARA academic research agreement
ASOMPS Asian Symposium on Medicinal Plants and Spices
CITES Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CBD Convention on Biological Diversity
CGIAR Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CRA commercial research agreement
DEC Department of Environment and Conservation (Papua New Guinea)
DENR Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Philippines)
EU European Union
FAO Food and Agriculture Organisation
FSP/PNG Foundation of Peoples of the South Pacific/ Papua New Guinea Inc.
GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HIV human immunodeficiency virus
IACBGR Inter-agency Committee on Biological and Genetic Resources (Philippines)
ICBG International Collaborative Biodiversity Group
ILE inter-linked economies
ILG incorporated land group
IPR intellectual property rights
IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature
MTA materials transfer agreement
NAQIA National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Authority (Papua New Guinea)
NCC National Cultural Commission
NCP Act National Cultural Property (Preservation) Act (Papua New Guinea)
NGO non government organisation
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PBR  plant breeders rights
PGR  plant genetic resources
PIC  prior informed consent
RCF  Research and Conservation Foundation
TRIPs Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property
TRR  traditional resource rights
UNCED United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNESCO United Nations Economic Social and Cultural Organisation
UPOV  Union for Protection of New Varieties of Plants
USDA/ARS United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service
VAT  value added tax
WTO  World Trade Organisation
WIPO  World Intellectual Property Organisation
WGTRR Working Group on Traditional Resource Rights
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