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Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIDAB	Australian International Development Assistance Bureau
CBS	Centre Bureau of Statistics
CF	Community Forestry
CFUG	Community Forest User Group
CFUGC	Community Forest User Group Committee
CPFD	Community and Private Forest Division
CPR	Common Property Resource
CPRI	Common Property Resource Institution
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DFID	Department for International Development
DFO	District Forest Officer
DFOF	District Forest Office
DOF	Department of Forest
EFEAP	Environment and Forest Enterprise Activity Project
ERDG	Energy Research and Development Group
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FRSC	Forest Research and Survey Centre
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GTZ	Gesellschaft for Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Agency for Technical Co-operation)
HMGN	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ILO	International Labor Organization
JFM	Joint Forest Management
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MFSC	Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation
MPFS	Master Plan for the Forestry Sector
NACRMP	Nepal Australia Community Resource Management Project
NARMSPP	Natural Resource Management Support Program
NAS	National Academy of Science
NRC	National Resource Council
NPC	Nepal Planning Commission
NSCFP	Nepal-Swiss Community Forestry Project
NUKCFP	Nepal-UK Community Forestry Project
PF	Panchayat Forest
PPF	Panchayat Protected Forest
OP	Operation Plan
SDC	Swiss Development Corporation
TU	Tribhuvan University
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VDC	Village Development Committee
WCED	World Conference on Environment and Development

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