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Source organisations	
BRE	Building Research Establishment
BTO	British Trust for Ornithology
CIEH	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
CCW	Countryside Council for Wales
DECADE	Domestic equipment and carbon dioxide emissions (Project in the Energy and Environment Programme, Environmental Change Unit, Oxford University)
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions
DfEE	Department for Education and Employment
DfID	Department for International Development
DOE(NI)	Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland)
DoH	Department of Health
DSS	Department of Social Security
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
EHS	Environment and Heritage Service (Northern Ireland)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FRS	Family Resources Survey
H&SE	Health and Safety Executive
IDeA	Improvement and Development Agency
ITE	Institute of Terrestrial Ecology
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
NERC	National Environment Research Council
NETCEN	National Environmental Technology Centre
Ofwat	Office of the Director General for Water Services
ONS	Office for National Statistics
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SSLRC	Soil Survey and Land Research Centre
UN	United Nations
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature

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BiE	Business in the Environment
CITES	Commission on International Trade in Endangered Species
EEA	European Environment Agency
EU	European Union
G7	Group of seven nations (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA)
GOR	Government Office Region
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ILO	International Labour Organisation
LGMB	Local Government Management Board
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSPAR	Oslo and Paris Commissions
PIRC	Pension Investment Research Consultants Ltd
RDA	Regional Development Agency
UNCSD	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation
WHO	World Health Organisation

Other abbreviations/acronyms	
ADI	acceptable daily intake
ANC	acid neutralising capacity
ASNW	ancient semi-natural woodland
ASSI	Area of Special Scientific Interest
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy (EU)
CFC	chlorofluorocarbon
CHP	combined heat and power
CO	carbon monoxide
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CSS	Countryside Stewardship Scheme
DPSIR	driving forces, pressures, state, impact, responses
EMAS	Eco-Management and Audit Scheme
EQS	Environmental Quality Standard
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
ETI	Ethical Trading Initiative
FTE	full time equivalent
FTSE 100	Financial Times Stock Exchange top 100 companies share price index

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Other abbreviations/acronyms	
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education
GDP	gross domestic product
GFCF	gross domestic fixed capital formation
GNP	gross national product
HCFC	hydrofluorocarbon
HDI	Human Development Index
HEES	Home Energy Efficiency Scheme
HGV	heavy goods vehicle
LA21	Local Agenda 21
MBAL	minimum biologically acceptable level
MPG	Mineral Planning Guidance
MRL	maximum residue level
NFFO	National Fossil Fuel Obligation
NO	nitric oxide
NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
NO ₃	nitrate
NO _x	nitrogen oxides
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
ODA	Official development assistance
ODS	ozone depleting substance
OPA	output and performance analysis
PCB	polychlorinated biphenol
PM ₁₀	particulate matter (10 microns or less in diameter)
PSA	Public Service Agreement
PSR	pressure, state, response
RPG	Regional Planning Guidance
RPI	Retail Price Index
RQO	River quality objective
SRV	sustainable reference value
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TEQ	toxic equivalent
TERM	Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism
TMR	total material requirement

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Symbols of measurement		
>	=	greater than
<	=	less than
ppm/b	=	parts per million/billion
kg	=	kilogram
g	=	gram
mg	=	milligram
µg	=	microgram
ng	=	nanogram: (10 ⁻⁹ grams)
pg	=	picogram: (10 ⁻¹² grams)
fg	=	femtogram: (10 ⁻¹⁵ grams)
km	=	kilometre
m	=	metre
cm	=	centimetre
µm	=	micrometre
km ²	=	square kilometre
ha	=	hectare
m ²	=	square metre
m ³	=	cubic metre
Ml	=	megalitre
l	=	litre
ml	=	millilitre
pH	=	measure of acidity/alkalinity
dB	=	decibel
Leq	=	equivalent continuous sound level
MWe	=	megawatts of electricity

Conversion factors		
1 tonne	=	1,000 kilograms
1 hectare	=	10,000 square metres
1 square kilometre	=	100 hectares
1 mile	=	1.609 kilometres