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## List of Abbreviations

AFLEG	African Forest Law Enforcement and Governance
CA	Concessions Act
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora
CO	Concessions Ordinance
DA	District Assembly
DCE	District Chief Executive
DM	District Manager
EA FLEG	East Asian Forest Law Enforcement and Governance
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
EU-FLEGT	European Union Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations
FC	Forestry Commission
FD	Forestry Department
FG	Forest Guard
FO	Forest Ordinance
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade
FPA	Forest Protection Act
FR	Forest Reserve
FSD	Forest Services Division of the Forestry Commission
G8	Group of Eight Highly Industrialised Nations
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GSBA	Globally Significant Biodiversity Area
GSS	Ghana Statistical Services
GoG	Government of Ghana
ITTA	International Tropical Timber Agreement
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
LI	Legislative Instrument
LIF	Log Information Form
LM	Logging Manual
LMCC	Log Measurement and Conveyance Certificate
MCPFE	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MMDAs	Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies
MP	Member of Parliament

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NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NIFL	National Indicative Felling Limit
NRCD	National Redemption Council Decree
OFR	Outside Forest Reserve
RMSC	Resource Management Support Centre of the Forestry Commission
RS	Range Supervisor
RWE	Round Wood Equivalent
SP	Salvage Permit
SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
TIDD	Timber Industry Development Division of the Forestry Commission
TIF	Tree Information Form
TRMA	Timber Resources Management Act
TRMR	Timber Resources Management Regulation
TUC	Timber Utilisation Contract
TUP	Timber Utilisation Permit
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme of the United Nations
VPA	Voluntary Partnership Agreement