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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AGB Above Ground Biomass
ANN Artificial Neural Network
AR5 Fifth Assessment Report

BD Bulk Density

BGB Below Ground Biomass

BHNS Bombay Natural History Society
CDM Clean Development Mechanism

CO₂ Carbon Dioxide
CONTIG Contiguity Index

CSM Carbon Stock Management

DVI Difference Vegetation Index

DW Deadwood

FLAASH Fast Line-of-sight Atmospheric Analysis of Hypercubes

GIS Geographical Information System

GlobeLand30 Global Land Cover Product
EDC Eco Development Committee

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

FSI Forest Survey of India

GHG Greenhouse Gases

GPS Global Positioning System

GS Gram-Schmidt

IMD Indian Metrological Department

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

IRS Indian Remote Sensing Satellites

ISRO Indian Space Research Organization

JFM Joint Forest Management KNP Keoladeo National Park

LST Land Surface Temperature

LULC Land Use Land Cover

Mg Mega Grams

MODIS Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer

MXL Maximum Likelihood

NDVI Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

NDWI Normalized Difference Water Index

NEE Net Ecosystem Exchange

NIR Near Infrared

PCA Principal Component Analysis

REDD+ Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

RESAVI Red-edge Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index

SACON Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History

SAVI Soil-Adjusted Vegetation Index

SOC Soil Organic Carbon
SOM Soil Organic Matter
STN Soil Total Nitrogen

SVM Support Vector Machine
TAR Third Assessment Report
TOF Trees Outside the Forest

TM Thematic Mapper

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

USGS United States Geological Survey

VHR Very High Resolution

WV-2 Worldview-2

VT/LC Vegetation Type/Land Cover

VFPMC Village Forest Protection and Management Committee

WII Wildlife Institute of India

WMO World Metrological Organization







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