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Abbreviations

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AC	Collective of authors
ADR	Age Dependency Ratio
<i>A.exp.</i>	Explanatory note of the author
BENC	chin. <i>Baidu Baike</i> = Baidu online encyclopaedia
CCP	Chinese Communist Party (<i>Zhongguo Gongchandang</i>)
Chin.	Chinese
CIIC	China Internet Information Center
CNY	Yuan Renminbi, the currency of the PR China
CPIRC	China Population Information and Research Center
DFID	Department for International Development, London
ENS	Environment News Service
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GDP	Gross domestic product
GNI	Gross national income (formerly GDP)
GONGO	Government-organized non-governmental organization; state initiated, or partially state organized non-governmental organization
HH	Household(s)
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IATS	International Association for Tibetan Studies
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Kathmandu
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
IHDP	International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change
IIAS	International Institute of Asian Studies
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi
INGO	International non-governmental organization, international NGO
JIATS	<i>Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies</i>
KMT	Chinese Nationalist Party <i>Guomindang</i> (Kuo-Min-Tang) of the Republic of China
MINC	Minimum income; the minimum cash income calculated from data specified by interviewed households (not considering existing income that could not be specified)

NGO	Non-governmental organization
NIAS	Nordic Institute of Asian Studies
NPC	National People's Congress, nominally the highest Chinese legislative organ of people's representation
OWH	<i>Orientwissenschaftliche Hefte</i> , series of publications of Halle university
PCI	Per capita income
PR	People's Republic
QPSB	Qinghai Province Statistics Bureau
RMB	Renminbi, currency unit of the PR China, counted as Yuan
SMHRIC	Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information
SNNR	Sanjiangyuan National Nature Reserve
SSG	Snowland Service Group
TAP	Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture (<i>district level</i>), Chin. Zangzu Zizhizhou
TAR	Tibet Autonomous Region (<i>provincial level</i>), Chin. Xizang Zizhiqu
TCM	Traditional Chinese Medicine
Tib.	Tibetan
TIN	Tibet Information Network
TP	Tibetan Plateau, Chin. Qingzang Gaoyuan = Qinghai-Tibet Plateau
UNCSGN	United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNGEGN	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
WBGU	Wissenschaftlicher Beirat der Bundesregierung Globale Umweltveränderungen, German Advisory Council on Global Change
WRI	World Resources Institute
YZT	Yushu Zangzu Zizhizhou Tongjiju [Statistical Bureau of Yushu TAP]
YZZ	Yushu Zangzu Zizhizhou Difangzhi Bianzuan Weiyuanhui [Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture Local History Compilation Committee]
YZZG	<i>Yushu Zangzu Zizhizhou Gaikuang</i> [A Survey of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu]
ZQJ	Zhongyang Qixiang Ju [Meteorological Central Bureau], Beijing

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