

# APPENDIX E

## LIST OF ACRONYMS

BAS	Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
BSP	Biodiversity Support Program
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
COF	Committee of Forests
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.
GIS	Geographical Information System
IUCN	World Conservation Union (formerly the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)
LIC	Laboratory and Information Center of the Ministry of Environment
MAB	Man and Biosphere Program of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
MOE	Ministry of Environment
NBDCS	National Biological Diversity Conservation Strategy
NGO	Nongovernmental organizations
NNPS	National Nature Protection Service of the Ministry of Environment
PHARE	European Community Poland and Hungary Action for Restructuring the Economy
RAMSAR	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USAID/ENI	United States Agency for International Development, Bureau for Europe and the New Independent States