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List of Abbreviations

ANOVA: Analysis of Variance

ENSO: El Niño – Southern Oscillation

IMPENSO: Interdisciplinary research project “Impact of El Niño – Southern Oscillation”

m.a.s.l: Elevation above the see level

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ONI: Oceanic Niño Index

SPSS: Statistical Programme for the Social Sciences

SST: Sea Surface Temperature

STORMA: Collaborative Research Centre ‘Stability of Rain Forest Margins’, SFB 552

USA: United States of America