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1 Core and indicative bacterial and fungal taxa define characteristic soil communities of arable
2 land, grassland, and forest

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22 Abstract

23 Soil microbial diversity has major influences on ecosystem functions and services. However,
24 due to its complexity and uneven distribution of abundant and rare taxa, quantification of soil
25 microbial diversity remains challenging and thereby impeding its integration into long-term
26 monitoring programs. Using metabarcoding, we analyzed soil bacterial and fungal
27 communities over five years at thirty long-term soil monitoring sites from the three land-use
28 types, arable land, permanent grassland, and forest. Unlike soil microbial biomass and alpha-
29 diversity, microbial community compositions and structures were site- and land-use-specific
30 with CAP reclassification success rates of 100%. The temporally stable site core communities
31 included 38.5% of bacterial and 33.1% of fungal OTUs covering 95.9% and 93.2% of relative
32 abundances. We characterized bacterial and fungal core communities and their land-use
33 associations at the family-level. In general, fungal families revealed stronger land-use type
34 associations as compared to bacteria. This is likely due to a stronger vegetation effect on
35 fungal core taxa, while bacterial core taxa were stronger related to soil properties. The
36 assessment of core communities can be used to form cultivation-independent reference lists
37 of microbial taxa, which may facilitate the development of microbial indicators for soil quality
38 and the use of soil microbiota for long-term soil biomonitoring.

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43 1. Introduction

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45 Soil microorganisms constitute the majority of soil biodiversity (Bardgett and van der Putten
46 2014) and are main drivers of many soil processes (Costa *et al.* 2018, Hallin *et al.* 2018). A
47 detailed understanding of belowground microbial diversity and of its influencing factors is the
48 basis for a holistic view and understanding of ecosystem processes in terrestrial environments.
49 However, a census of soil microorganisms remains largely incomplete, due to the enormous
50 diversity and range of abundances of soil microorganisms. High microbial diversities have
51 been observed at different scales ranging from aggregate (Hemkemeyer *et al.* 2019,
52 Hemkemeyer *et al.* 2018), to landscape (Karimi *et al.* 2018), and global assessments (Bahram
53 *et al.* 2018, Větrovský *et al.* 2019).

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55 At the land-scape scale, soil bacterial and fungal diversities are strongly correlated to soil pH
56 (Griffiths *et al.* 2011, Lauber *et al.* 2009), which is caused by direct effects but also by indirect
57 effects such as changing the availability of nutrients (Glassman *et al.* 2017, Lammel *et al.*
58 2018). The number of bacterial taxa in soils depends on the pH and has been reported to reach
59 its maximum at pH values between 6 and 7 (Lauber *et al.* 2009). Furthermore, community
60 structures of soil bacteria change with pH, because specific bacterial taxa reveal distinct pH
61 preferences. For instance, within the phylum Acidobacteria, taxa belonging to the class
62 Acidobacteriia are in general negatively correlated to soil pH, while taxa belonging to
63 Acidobacteria Subgroup 6 commonly reveal a positive correlation to soil pH (Kielak *et al.* 2016).
64 Further drivers of bacterial community structures depend on the system studied and include
65 factors such as soil texture, climate, and plant communities (Bahram *et al.* 2018, Griffiths *et al.*
66 2016, Karimi *et al.* 2018, Leff *et al.* 2018). In comparison to soil bacterial diversity, soil fungal
67 diversity has been shown to be geographically more structured (Bahram *et al.* 2018, Talbot *et al.*
68 *et al.* 2014). In a global meta-analysis that covered 742 sites, Větrovský *et al.* (2019) identified
69 climate factors as main drivers of soil fungal communities, followed by soil properties, and
70 vegetation parameters. Finally, factors related to land management, such as agricultural
71 intensity (Banerjee *et al.* 2019), tillage (Babin *et al.* 2019, Degruene *et al.* 2017), fertilization

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72 (Hartmann *et al.* 2015, Piazza *et al.* 2019), or compaction (Hartmann *et al.* 2014) may influence
73 diversity of soil bacteria and fungi. While the major environmental determinants of soil bacterial
74 and fungal communities are largely known, less is known about common components of these
75 communities, their taxonomic representatives, and their diversities.

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77 Surveys of soil bacterial and fungal communities usually reveal a large number of unknown
78 taxa. Delgado-Baquerizo (2019) has reported that in a global survey 99% of bacterial and 63%
79 of fungal OTUs remained unclassified at the species-level, and that the number of unclassified
80 bacterial or fungal OTUs at the phylum-level in a sample has ranged between 1.4% and 9.4%.

81 In a meta-analysis on the global diversity of soil fungi, an average of only 53% of the sequences
82 per sample could be assigned to entries in the UNITE reference database, which notably
83 includes sequences from environmental samples (Větrovský *et al.* 2019). High ratios of

84 unclassified sequences at the species level may be due to a lack of resolution of the used DNA
85 barcodes (e.g. Gschwend *et al.* 2021), or due to missing reference sequences. To elucidate
86 the unknown microbial diversity and describe consistently occurring OTUs, several attempts

87 have been made to identify the most common taxa, which could constitute a core of soil
88 microbial communities (Delgado-Baquerizo *et al.* 2018, Egidi *et al.* 2019). OTUs contributing
89 to the global bacterial soil core community were assigned in descending order of relative

90 abundance to the phyla Proteobacteria, Actinobacteria, Planctomycetes, Chloroflexi,
91 Verrucomicrobia, Bacteroidetes, Gemmatimonadetes, Firmicutes, Armatimonadetes,
92 Saccharibacteria, and candidate division WS2 (Delgado-Baquerizo *et al.* 2018). Five of these

93 phyla, i.e., Proteobacteria, Actinobacteria, Planctomycetes, Bacteroidetes, and Firmicutes,
94 have also been reported among those with an average relative abundance of at least 5% in a
95 soil bacterial survey across France (Karimi *et al.* 2018), which has identified Acidobacteria as

96 an additional dominant phylum. Dominant soil bacterial phyla have revealed distinct ecological
97 preferences such as Alphaproteobacteria and Verrucomicrobia that were more abundant in
98 forest and permanent grassland as compared to arable and vineyard soils, while the inverse

99 was found for Chloroflexi and Gemmatimonadetes (Karimi *et al.* 2018). However, diverse

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100 habitat associations are often detected for taxa assigned to the same phylum. For instance
101 within the phylum Chloroflexi, the family Anaerolineaceae were associated to soils with pH
102 above 5, while Ktedonobacteraceae were associated to a lower soil pH (Mayerhofer *et al.*
103 2021). For soil fungi, a global survey of 365 sites has revealed Ascomycota, Basidiomycota,
104 Mortierellomycota, and Mucoromycota as dominant fungal phyla in soils (Tedersoo *et al.*
105 2014), which has been largely confirmed, although the high abundance of Mortierellomycota
106 has been questioned (Větrovský *et al.* 2019). Egidi *et al.* (2019) have proposed that globally
107 dominant soil fungal OTUs almost exclusively derived from Ascomycota with 80 of 83 dominant
108 fungal OTUs classified to this phylum. Despite the recent interest in taxonomic surveys of soil
109 bacterial (Delgado-Baquerizo *et al.* 2018, Karimi *et al.* 2018, Walsh *et al.* 2019) and fungal
110 diversity (Egidi *et al.* 2019, Tedersoo *et al.* 2017), habitat associations of soil bacteria and fungi
111 at lower taxonomic levels are still largely lacking.

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113 In a previous study, thirty long-term monitoring sites of the Swiss Soil Monitoring Network
114 (NABO) were surveyed over five years, and it has been shown that soil bacterial and fungal
115 communities of different sites remained temporally stable and compositionally distinct
116 (Gschwend *et al.* submitted). However, that study has focused on community structures and
117 treated OTUs as anonymous entities without assessing their taxonomy. Furthermore, temporal
118 dynamics of soil bacterial and fungal community structures have been assessed but detailed
119 analyses of environmental drivers of community structures among land-use types, and the
120 individual sites have not been provided. Detailed descriptions of habitat associations of
121 bacterial and fungal taxa are, for instance, also needed to develop microbial indicators for
122 biological assessments of soil quality.

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124 Here, we assess bacterial and fungal diversity and community structures at thirty sites of the
125 NABO. Our main research goals were to characterize consistently detected OTUs over several
126 years, which allow for a robust assessment of soil microbial communities along with their
127 habitat associations. Specifically, our research aimed to i) assess site- and land-use-specific

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128 soil microbial communities; ii) identify OTUs, which are consistently detected (core OTUs) as
129 well as taxa indicative of environmental factors (indicative OTUs); iii) assess the main
130 environmental factors structuring core communities; iv) describe diversity and identity of core
131 OTUs as well as their distribution among land-use types.

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134 2. Material and Methods

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136 2.1 Sampling design, DNA extraction, and microbial biomass measurement

137 Samples were taken during five years, from 2012 to 2016, at thirty sites (Figure S1) of the
138 Swiss Soil Monitoring Network (NABO) in early spring after snow melt and before fertilization.
139 Three land-use types, i.e. arable land, permanent grassland, and forests were sampled with
140 ten sites each. Arable sites were managed with crop rotations, which included three to six
141 different crops, and with one exception they were conventionally tilled. Forest sites included
142 four coniferous, two mixed, and four deciduous forests. At each site, three composite samples
143 composed of 25 soil cores of 20 cm depth and 2.5 cm diameter were taken from a 10 m by 10
144 m plot according to the standardized sampling protocol of the Swiss Soil Monitoring Network
145 (Gubler *et al.* 2019). Samples were immediately stored at 4°C after sampling and processed
146 within 48 hours. Homogenized soil was mixed with DNA extraction buffer ([2% hexadecyl
147 trimethyl ammonium chloride (CTAB); 20 mM EDTA pH 8; 2 M NaCl; 100 mM tris
148 hydroxymethylaminomethane pH 8; 2% polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-40)], (Lazzaro *et al.* 2006).
149 Quantitative DNA extraction was achieved by extracting DNA three times from each sample
150 following Bürgmann *et al.* (2001) with the modifications by Hartmann *et al.* (2005). DNA
151 quantity was determined using PicoGreen (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) on a Cary Eclipse
152 fluorescence spectrophotometer (Varian, Inc. Palo Alto, CA) and cross-validated using Qubit
153 1.0 (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA). DNA was cleaned using the NucleoSpin® gDNA
154 clean-up kit (Machery-Nagel, Düren, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instruction.
155 Microbial biomass carbon (C_{mic}) was assessed using chloroform-fumigation-extraction

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156 according to Vance *et al.* (1987) with a k_{EC} value of 0.45 (Joergensen 1996). Measurements
157 of soil physico-chemical properties, i.e., soil pH, total and organic carbon, total nitrogen, C/N-
158 ratio, bulk density, soil texture, and gravimetric water content, have been described in
159 Gschwend *et al.* (submitted).

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161 2.2 Barcode amplification, sequencing, and sequence analysis

162 Bacterial variable region 3 and 4 of the small sub-unit of the ribosomal RNA gene (16S rRNA)
163 were amplified using primers 341F (5' CCTAYGGGDBGCWSCAG 3') and 806R (5'
164 GGACTACNVGGGTHCTAAT 3') (Frey *et al.* 2016). Fungal internal transcribed spacer 2
165 (ITS2) was amplified using primers ITS3 (5' CAHCGATGAAGAACYRG 3') and ITS4 (5'
166 TCCTSCGCTTATTGATATGC 3') (Tedersoo *et al.* 2014). Four reactions using the GoTaq®
167 Hot Start Polymerase (Promega) were done for each sample using 20 ng of DNA for each
168 reaction. Reactions were performed according to Mayerhofer *et al.* (2017) with two
169 modifications, which were an initial denaturation at 95°C for two minutes, as well as 35 PCR
170 cycles for the bacterial and fungal markers. Production of sequencing libraries and paired-end
171 sequencing on an Illumina MiSeq v3 were performed at the Génome Québec Innovation
172 Center at the McGill University (Montréal, Canada). Raw sequences, (NCBI SRA:
173 XXXXXX) were quality filtered using a custom sequence analysis pipeline largely based on
174 USEARCH version 9 (Edgar 2010, Frey *et al.* 2016) and is described in greater detail in
175 Gschwend *et al.* submitted). Only sequences occurring in at least two samples were allowed
176 to form OTU centroids. Sequences were clustered into OTUs based on a 97% sequence
177 identity threshold. This threshold was chosen to obtain a conservative estimate of soil microbial
178 diversity and because diversity patterns between OTUs and sequence variants based
179 approaches are highly correlated (Glassman and Martiny 2018). Taxonomic assignment was
180 obtained using the RDP classifier implemented in mothur version 1.36.1 (Schloss *et al.* 2009)
181 and a minimum bootstrap value of 80% with the SILVA 132 database (Quast *et al.* 2012) as
182 reference for bacterial sequences. Eukaryotic sequences were classified with the same
183 approach to a Genbank database (Frey *et al.* 2016) to discriminate between fungal and other

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184 eukaryote sequences. Fungal sequences were subsequently compared to the UNITE v 7.2
185 reference database (Nilsson *et al.* 2018).

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187 *2.3 Statistics*

188 All analyses unless stated otherwise, were performed in R (R Core Team 2016, RStudio 2015).

189 Mean values of environmental factors were calculated for samples taken at the same time

190 point to avoid pseudo-replication. Similarly, calculations of alpha- and beta-diversity values

191 were based on median values of OTUs per sampling time point. To get independent samples

192 for the assessment of similarities and differences between land-use types, median values of

193 OTUs were obtained per site followed by Jaccard and Bray-Curtis similarity calculations.

194 Spearman correlations were used to link univariate responses to environmental factors.

195 Multivariate responses of communities were assessed by PERMDISP (Anderson *et al.* 2006)

196 to evaluate homogeneity of dispersions between groups and permutational analysis of

197 variance (PERMANOVA, Anderson 2001) to analyse between group differences. PRIMER7

198 (Anderson *et al.* 2008, Clarke and Warwick 2001) was used for PERMANOVA. PERMANOVA

199 design included land-use types as a fixed factor, sites as random factor nested within land-use

200 type, and year as a random factor. Effects on community structures were expressed as square

201 root of component of variation (\sqrt{CV}), which are in the unit of the original community

202 dissimilarity, i.e., Bray-Curtis dissimilarity. The order of covariates in sequential PERMANOVA

203 tests were selected based on the model selection algorithm implemented in distance-based

204 linear model (DISTLM, McArdle and Anderson 2001) within PRIMER7, where AICc was

205 chosen as model selection criterion. P-values of multiple tests were adjusted using Benjamini-

206 Hochberg procedure (Benjamini and Hochberg 1995). Site specificity was further assessed by

207 leave-one-out cross-validation based on linear discriminant analysis (LDA) for univariate and

208 based on canonical analysis of principal coordinates (CAP, Anderson and Willis 2003) for

209 community structures. LDA and CAP were calculated within R using the functions 'train' of the

210 package caret (Kuhn 2008) and 'CAPdiscrim' of the package 'BiodiversityR' (Kindt and Coe

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211 2005), respectively. Ternary plots were drawn using the R package ggtern 3.0.0.1 (Hamilton
212 and Ferry 2018).

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214 *2.4 Definition of OTU groups*

215 We distinguished two OTU groups, i.e., ‘core’ and “indicative’ OTUs, which included two or
216 three subgroups, respectively (Table 1). Core OTUs were defined based on their consistent
217 occurrence at a site or in a land-use type. Site core OTUs (sc-OTUs), were defined as OTUs
218 that occur in at least 80% of the 15 samples from a given site. Similarly, land-use type core
219 OTUs (lc-OTUs), were defined as OTUs that are sc-OTUs in at least 80% of the 10 sites of a
220 given land-use type. Indicative OTUs included three subgroups , which were i) correlated to
221 an environmental factor, ii) indicative for land-use types, or iii) indicative for an individual site.
222 The first subgroup was defined based on a Spearman correlation of $|\rho| > 0.4$ ($p < 0.05$) with
223 an environmental factor. Subgroups two and three were defined based on indicator species
224 analysis using the ‘indicspecies’ R-package (De Cáceres and Legendre 2009). OTUs with an
225 adjusted p-value smaller than 0.05 and an indicator value higher than 0.8 for a single or a
226 combination of land-use types, or for individual sites were termed ‘land-use-indicative’ and
227 ‘site-indicative’ OTUs (Table 1). Therefore, land-use- and site-indicative OTUs have a
228 significantly higher relative abundance and occurrence in a given land-use type or site. In
229 contrast, the definition of core OTUs does not include information of the OTU abundance and
230 occurrence in other land-use types or sites.

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233 **3. Results**

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235 *3.1 Increasing resolution from microbial biomass to community structures*

236 Thirty sites from three land-use types, i.e., ten each from arable land, permanent grassland,
237 and forest, were surveyed with yearly samplings during five years, which yielded 450 samples.

238 Soil microbial communities were assessed using three different approaches, which were i) soil

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239 microbial biomass, i.e., based on soil microbial carbon (C_{mic}) content determined with
240 chloroform fumigation extraction, and soil DNA content, that correlated ($\rho = 0.79$, $p < 0.0001$),
241 ii) alpha-diversity based on OTU richness, Simpson evenness, and inverse Simpson index,
242 and iii) beta-diversity based on Jaccard similarities and Bray-Curtis dissimilarities (Table 2, but
243 see also supplementary results for a summary of the sequencing data). Microbial biomass and
244 alpha-diversity revealed no site- (reclassification $\leq 4.7\%$), and low land-use-specificity
245 (reclassification $\leq 61.3\%$, Table 2). Values of both microbial biomass measures were
246 significantly reduced in arable land (Tukey HSD, $p \leq 0.0007$, Table S1), while bacterial alpha-
247 diversity was increased in arable land (Tukey HSD, $p = 0.0096$, Table S1). Fungal alpha-
248 diversity with the exception of fungal OTU richness were significantly lower in forest soils
249 (Tukey HSD, $p \leq 0.01$, Table S1). Community compositions (Jaccard similarity) and structures
250 (Bray-Curtis dissimilarity) were land-use- (Figure 1) and site-specific with reclassification
251 success rates of 100% for bacteria and fungi (Table 2). Consequently, information on
252 community composition or structure was needed for resolving the different drivers of bacterial
253 and fungal communities in soil.

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255 *3.2 Partitioning of OTUs into core and indicative groups*

256 The high site-specificity of soil bacterial and fungal community structures, which was
257 maintained over five years, also reflected a high temporal stability. Temporally stable core taxa,
258 i.e., site-core (sc) OTUs and land-use type core (lc) OTUs were defined as outlined in Table 1.
259 Of the 18 140 bacterial OTUs (bOTUs) 6 979 (38.5%), which covered 95.9% relative
260 abundance were classified as sc-OTUs and 1 136 of these sc-OTUs (covering 69.1% relative
261 abundance) were also classified as lc-OTUs (Table 3). A similar proportion of the 8 477 fungal
262 OTUs (fOTUs), i.e., 2 802 fOTUs (33.1%) and covering 93.2% relative abundance, was
263 classified as sc-OTUs, but only 103 of them (29.4% relative abundance) were also classified
264 as lc-OTUs. In addition to these core taxa, we defined indicative OTUs, i.e., OTUs that
265 structured communities according to environmental conditions. More specifically, we
266 distinguished three categories of indicative OTUs, i.e., OTUs correlated to environmental

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267 factor, as well as OTUs indicative for land-use types and OTUs indicative of a given site (see
268 Table 1 for definitions). Most strikingly, the number and particularly the abundance of site-
269 indicative OTUs was higher for fungi (1 445 fOTUs, 29.9% relative abundance), as compared
270 to bacteria (1 146 bOTUs, 3.1% relative abundance). The vast majority of indicative OTUs
271 were also classified as sc-OTUs (95% for bacteria, 90% for fungi, Figure S2). Communities
272 composed of only sc-OTUs, i.e., core communities, were almost perfectly correlated ($\rho \geq$
273 0.97) to the entire communities, both in terms of alpha- and beta-diversity (Table S2).
274 Consequently, soil microbial core communities are representative of the respective entire
275 communities. The following analyses were therefore based on these core communities.

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277 *3.3 Environmental factors driving structures of core communities*

278 Soil bacterial and fungal core communities were mainly structured by soil pH and the C/N-ratio
279 (Table 4). In addition to the environmental factors considered, land-use type and site
280 significantly explained variance of soil bacterial ($\sqrt{CV_{\text{Land-use type}}} = 0.23$, $\sqrt{CV_{\text{Site}}} = 0.31$), and
281 fungal ($\sqrt{CV_{\text{Land-use type}}} = 0.31$, $\sqrt{CV_{\text{Site}}} = 0.49$) community structures. Soil pH was the strongest
282 driver for bacterial community structures overall and within each land-use type (Table S3). The
283 second strongest environmental factor in the overall analysis was the C/N-ratio, but it had no
284 or minimal effects on the community structures within land-use types (Table S3 & S4). This
285 may be due to the clear difference in C/N-ratio between forest and the other two land-use types
286 (Table S1), indicating that a high C/N-ratio represented a proxy for forest soils in the overall
287 analysis. The separate analysis of arable sites also allowed to consider crop as an additional
288 factor shaping microbial communities (Table S3 & S4), which was more strongly affecting
289 fungal ($\sqrt{CV} = 0.16$) as compared to bacterial ($\sqrt{CV} = 0.06$) core communities. In line with the
290 data on core community structures, the strongest correlations of individual OTUs to
291 environmental factors were detected with soil pH for bacterial OTUs (Table S5), and with soil
292 pH, C/N-ratio, and organic carbon for fungal OTUs (Table S6).

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295 *3.4 Association of bacterial and fungal core OTUs to land-use types*

296 The similarities of bacterial and fungal communities among land-use types were highest
297 between arable and permanent grassland soils, while they were lowest between arable and
298 forest soils (AG and AF in Figure 2). The similarity between communities from forest and
299 permanent grassland sites was higher for bacteria than for fungi, which was particularly
300 striking, when relative abundances were considered as accounted for in Bray Curtis similarities
301 (FG in Figure 2c & d). To assess these differences in greater detail, the distribution of core
302 taxa among the land-use types were analyzed using ternary plots, which depict the abundance
303 of sc-OTUs in each land-use type and in all combinations (Figure 3). The ternary plots clearly
304 revealed different distributions of bacterial and fungal sc-OTUs among land-use types. On the
305 one hand, bacterial sc-OTUs were distributed among the land-use types and all their
306 combinations except for the combination of 'arable land and forest', for which only two lc-OTUs
307 were detected (Figure 3a). Eighty-seven bacterial sc-OTUs were core of all three land-use
308 types (AGF in Figure 3a). On the other hand, fungal sc-OTUs were accumulated along the
309 axes of arable land to permanent grassland and in forest (Figure 3b). Only three fungal sc-
310 OTUs were cores of all three land-use types and no land-use type core was detected for the
311 combination of arable land and forest (Figure 3b). The difference in bacterial and fungal
312 distributions among the land-use types was also evident from the number of sc-OTUs with at
313 least 80% of their abundance in a single land-use type (Figure 3, red tips of the ternary plots).
314 For bacteria, the number of such sc-OTUs that not necessarily represented an lc-OTU, was
315 highest in arable soils (1 239 bOTUs), slightly less in forest (967 bOTUs), and lowest in
316 permanent grassland (308 bOTUs). For fungi, more sc-OTUs were predominantly detected in
317 forest (1 231 fOTUs), as compared to permanent grassland (502 fOTUs) and arable land (424
318 fOTUs).

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320 *3.5 Distribution of bacterial and fungal families among land-use types*

321 For taxonomic characterization of core communities, we focused on the family level, since the
322 classified OTUs can be more reliably assigned at this level and since the number of

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323 unclassified OTUs increased at lower taxonomic levels. For instance, 50.7% of the bacterial
324 and 47.1% of the fungal OTUs were unclassified at the family-level, while these numbers were
325 78.0% for bacterial and 60.3% for fungal OTUs at the genus-level. In order to analyze
326 associations of families to land-use types, we extracted sc-OTUs that were predominantly
327 associated to a single or combinations of land-use types based on the ternary plot (Figure 4a).
328 The ten most abundant families in each of the seven areas specified in the ternary plot, i.e.,
329 triangles A, G, F, AG, GF, AF, and AGF, were extracted. They covered in the selected areas
330 18.7% and 49.2% of the overall relative abundance of bacterial and fungal sc-OTUs,
331 respectively, (Figure 4b, dark grey area) and resulted in a list of 39 bacterial and 38 fungal
332 families (Figure 4c & 4d). Cluster analysis was used to group these families according to their
333 distribution patterns in the land-use types, which yielded seven bacterial and five fungal
334 clusters (Figure 4c & 4d). More homogenous representations of land-use types within the
335 clusters were found for fungi as compared to bacteria. Most strikingly, fungal cluster V, which
336 was composed of families such as Myxotrichaceae, Inocybaceae, and Russulaceae, occurred
337 most strongly and almost exclusively in forest soils. Clusters predominantly associated to
338 permanent grassland included only one bacterial family, the Ktedonobacteraceae (cluster IV,
339 Figure 4c), but eight fungal families, e.g., Mortierellaceae and Chaetothyriaceae (cluster IV,
340 Figure 4d). Within the clusters, also groupings with more resolved land-use type associations
341 were revealed. For instance, within fungal cluster IV the fungal families Mortierellaceae
342 Clavariaceae and Herpotrichiellaceae were all most abundant in permanent grassland but
343 revealed a complex occurrence pattern in many land-use types, while the fungal family
344 Chaetothyriaceae was exclusively detected in permanent grassland soils. Similarly, within
345 fungal cluster III, which was mainly associated to arable land, some families such as
346 Lasiosphaeriaceae and Nectriaceae were also prominently detected in the combination 'arable
347 land and permanent grassland' while the Bulleribasidiaceae, as an exemption in cluster III,
348 were more abundant in the combination 'arable land and permanent grassland' but comparably
349 abundant in 'arable land'. For bacteria, such clear clustering was less pronounced. Cluster VI
350 exclusively associated to 'arable land' but for instance in cluster VII only eleven of the thirteen

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351 families were most abundant in forest soils. Within cluster VII, families such as
352 Pedosphaeraceae or the candidate WD2101 soil group were also commonly detected in arable
353 and permanent grassland soils. The strongest forest associations were observed for families
354 Acidobacteriaceae Subgroup 1 as well as Acetobacteraceae, Methylococcaceae,
355 Acidothermaceae, and Micropepsaceae. Therefore, stronger associations to land-use types or
356 their combinations were detected for fungi as compared to bacteria. This was further supported
357 by the number of families with their highest abundance in a single land-use type (A, G, or F),
358 which was lower for bacteria (20, Figure 4c) as compared to fungi (30, Figure 4d).

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360 To detect families, which showed the strongest and most consistent associations to land-use
361 types, we compared core and indicative OTUs. More specifically, we first selected OTUs, which
362 were core and indicative of the same land-use type or land-use type combinations and
363 aggregated these OTUs at the family-level. This yielded 304 bacterial (Table S7) and 58 fungal
364 OTUs (Table S8). Then, we selected families, which included at least four (Bacteria) or two
365 (Fungi) OTUs that were both core and indicative of the same land-uses (Table 5). This resulted
366 in 16 bacterial and 9 fungal families (Table 5), which were also among the families described
367 in Figure 4, with the exception of bacterial candidate groups SC-I-84 and AKYH767, as well as
368 the fungal family Phaeosphaeriaceae. Two bacterial families, Anaerolineaceae and
369 Pyrinomonadaceae included arable core and indicative OTUs and a single bacterial family,
370 Acidobacteriaceae Subgroup 1, included only forest core and indicative OTUs. No bacterial
371 family included only OTUs that were core and indicative of permanent grassland soils. Among
372 fungi Chaetomiaceae and Myxotrichaceae included only OTUs that were core and indicative
373 of a single land-use type, i.e., arable land and forest, respectively. No fungal family included
374 exclusively OTUs that were core and indicative of permanent grassland soils. Furthermore, no
375 bacterial and fungal OTUs were core and indicative of the combination 'arable land and forest'
376 and only bacterial but no fungal families included OTUs that were core and indicative of
377 'permanent grassland and forest'. The lack of such OTUs is consistent with the few sc-OTUs
378 detected in the corresponding areas of the ternary plots (Figure 3), as well as with low

379 similarities of bacterial and fungal communities among arable and forest sites, and equally low
380 similarities among fungal communities of permanent grassland and forest sites (Figure 2).

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383 4. Discussion

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385 4.1 Land-use-specificity of soil bacterial and fungal communities

386 Soil bacterial and fungal communities were surveyed during five years at thirty sites of the
387 Swiss Soil Monitoring Network including three different land-use types, i.e., arable land,
388 permanent grassland, and forest. This revealed communities that were highly specific to land-
389 use types and sites, and which were stable over five years. A detailed analysis on the temporal
390 stability of these communities has already been described (Gschwend *et al.* submitted). Here,
391 we focused on the environmental drivers that shape this land-use- and site-specificity of soil
392 bacterial and fungal communities, as well as on their taxonomic compositions.

393 Each land-use type was characterized by differences in the combinations of soil properties,
394 management, and vegetation (Table S1). In arable soils, pH and bulk density were increased,
395 while carbon contents were equal or lower than in permanent grassland and forest soils.
396 Furthermore, management of arable soils included crop rotations, tillage (except one site),
397 mineral and organic fertilization, as well as plant protection, which are known to influence soil
398 bacterial and fungal communities (Hartmann *et al.* 2015, Peralta *et al.* 2018, Rivera-Becerril *et*
399 *al.* 2017). Microbial biomass was significantly reduced in arable soils as compared to
400 permanent grassland and forest soils (Table S1), which confirms earlier findings (Dequiedt *et*
401 *al.* 2011). Bacterial communities in arable soils were characterized by families such as
402 Anaerolineaceae, Pyrinomonadaceae, and Gemmatimonadaceae. Anaerolineaceae are
403 widely distributed in soils, and particularly prevalent in low-oxygen environments, e.g., in
404 compacted soils (Hartmann *et al.* 2014) or paddy fields (Jiao *et al.* 2019). As they may act as
405 indicators for soil oxygen depletion (Gschwend *et al.* 2020), their high abundance in arable
406 soils may be a sign of soil compaction in arable land due to common management practices

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407 with heavy machinery. Fungal communities in arable soils were for instance characterized by
408 Lasiosphaeriaceae, Plectosphaerellaceae, Chaetomiaceae, and Mrakiaceae. With the
409 exception of the basidiomycetous yeasts Mrakiaceae and Cystofilobasidiaceae (Liu *et al.*
410 2015), fungal families associated to arable soils also occurred in permanent grassland soils
411 (Figure 4). For instance, Plectosphaerellaceae that include important soil-borne plant
412 pathogens such as *Verticillium* (Giraldo and Crous 2019) had two lc-OTUs that were also
413 indicative for arable land, as well as one that was indicative for 'arable land and permanent
414 grassland' (Table 5). In these cases, OTUs assigned to the same family have distinct land-use
415 type associations, which may for instance be driven by species-specific host plant preferences
416 (Klosterman *et al.* 2009).

417 Permanent grassland soils were characterized by soil property values, which lay between
418 those of arable and forest soils (Table S1). Their management included fertilization, mowing,
419 and grazing, which may change soil bacterial and fungal community structures (Cui *et al.* 2020,
420 Gilmullina *et al.* 2020, Kaiser *et al.* 2016). A single bacterial family, the Ktedonobacteraceae
421 (phylum Chloroflexi) had their highest abundance in the permanent grassland section of the
422 ternary plot, but also occurred in forest and less in arable soils (Figure 4c).
423 Ktedonobacteraceae are aerobic, mycelium-forming bacteria and contain a single genus with
424 one described species, i.e., *Ktedonobacter racemifer*, which was isolated from soil of a black
425 locust forest in Italy (Cavaletti *et al.* 2006). Metabarcoding of bacterial communities from 2 173
426 soil samples across France revealed sequences assigned to *Ktedonobacter* in 80% of all
427 samples, and attributed this genus to one of the dominant genera of soil bacteria (Karimi *et al.*
428 2018). Families that characterized fungal communities in permanent grasslands included for
429 instance the grassland-specific Chaetothyriaceae (Figure 4d). Chaetothyriaceae include
430 mainly epiphytic species living on plants (Quan *et al.* 2020) suggesting that their distribution
431 may depend on host plants. However, in a survey of switchgrass-associated fungal
432 communities, OTUs attributed to this family have also been detected associated to the
433 switchgrass roots and adjacent soils, but not on plant leaves (Lee and Hawkes 2020),
434 indicating that Chaetothyriaceae also include soil fungi.

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435 Forest soils were characterized by relatively high contents of carbon, higher C/N-ratios, and
436 lower soil pH as compared to the arable soils (Table S1). Bacterial families associated to forest
437 soils included Acidobacteriaceae Subgroup 1, Acetobacteraceae, Acidothermaceae, as well
438 as the more widely distributed WD2101 soil group, and Pedosphaeraceae (Figure 4c, Table
439 5). Acidobacteriaceae Subgroup 1 have been repeatedly reported to negatively correlate with
440 soil pH (Kielak *et al.* 2016) and revealed increased abundances in soils with a pH below 6.5
441 (Jones *et al.* 2009). Acetobacteraceae have also been reported to strongly and negatively
442 correlate with soil pH and to have higher abundances in forest as compared to grassland soils
443 (Nacke *et al.* 2011). Therefore, soil pH, which is well known to be a major driver of soil bacterial
444 communities (e.g. Karimi *et al.* 2018, Lauber *et al.* 2009), was the main factor determining
445 forest associated soil bacterial taxa. Fungal communities in forest soils were mainly composed
446 of ectomycorrhizal families such as Russulaceae, Inocybaceae, and Clavulinaceae, which is
447 in agreement with previous findings (e.g. Frey *et al.* 2021). Thirteen fungal families were
448 strongly associated to forest (Cluster V, Figure 4d), but only one of these, the Myxotrichaceae,
449 included indicative OTUs of forest soils (Table S8). This is likely explained by the different
450 forest ecosystems including deciduous, mixed and coniferous forests that have been sampled.
451 As ectomycorrhizal fungi depend on their host tree species (Bahnmann *et al.* 2018), none of
452 these families occurred at eight or more forest sites and were thus not generally indicative for
453 forest soils. Myxotrichaceae included for instance *Oidiodendron* spp., which were repeatedly
454 detected among the abundant soil fungi in metabarcoding surveys of Swiss forest soils (Frey
455 *et al.* 2020, Hartmann *et al.* 2017), and which are common saprobes in acid soils but some of
456 which also form ericoid mycorrhiza (Rice and Currah 2005). Therefore, their widespread and
457 indicative distribution in various forest soil ecosystem may relate to a dependence on
458 understory vegetation, or on the general preference for acidic soils.

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460 *4.2 Similarities of soil bacterial and fungal communities among land-use types*

461 The similarities among soil bacterial communities from different land-use types were lowest for
462 the combination of arable land and forest (Figure 2), which was also the only land-use type

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463 combination for which no bacterial lc-OTU was indicative (Table 5). Similarities between soil
464 bacterial communities from arable and permanent grassland soils corresponded to values
465 observed between permanent grassland and forest soils (Figure 2). This suggests that soil
466 bacterial communities represented a sequential order following the soil properties and the land-
467 use intensity from arable land, to permanent grassland and forest. For fungi, similarities from
468 communities of permanent grassland and forest soils were equally low as among communities
469 of arable and forest soils (Figure 2). Furthermore, no fungal OTUs was found that was
470 indicative and land-use core for the combination 'permanent grassland and forest' or the
471 combination 'arable land and forest' (Table 5). Therefore, soil fungal, unlike bacterial,
472 communities revealed little overlap (Bray-Curtis < 0.10, Figure 2) between permanent
473 grassland and forest soils. Considering dissimilarities among communities as proxies for the
474 transfer of soil microorganisms among sites allows describing the structure of their
475 metacommunities (Beck *et al.* 2019, Wisnoski and Lennon 2021). In this view, soil bacterial
476 communities of arable, permanent grassland, and forest soils formed a single metacommunity,
477 which was characterized by a continuous change from arable land, to permanent grassland
478 and forest. Soil fungal communities, however, formed two metacommunities, one created by
479 fungal communities of arable and permanent grassland soils and the other by fungal
480 communities of forest soils.

481 The distinct structures of soil bacterial and fungal metacommunities can be explained by
482 different factors influencing their community assembly. On the one hand, bacterial
483 communities were more strongly structured by soil properties and climatic factors as compared
484 to soil fungal communities (Table 4). On the other hand, soil fungal communities were more
485 strongly structured by vegetation as compared to soil bacterial communities. For instance,
486 acidophilic bacterial families predominantly occurred in forest soils (Figure 4c), while
487 ectomycorrhizal fungal families dominated soil fungal communities in forest soils (Figure 4d).
488 Confirming our results Frey *et al.* (2021) reported stronger effects of tree species on fungal as
489 compared to bacterial community structures. Stronger vegetation effects on soil fungal as
490 compared to bacterial communities were also revealed in the other land-use types, as crops

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491 had a stronger effect on soil fungal as compared to bacterial community structures (Table S3
492 & S4), which is in agreement with the findings of Ai *et al.* (2018). Stronger legacy effects of
493 different grassland mixtures on soil fungal as compared to soil bacterial communities have
494 been described in a grassland field experiment (Fox *et al.* 2020), which further supports the
495 stronger impact of plants on soil fungal as compared to bacterial communities.

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497 *4.3 Potential use of sc-OTUs to provide a temporally stable, cultivation-independent reference* 498 *list of dominant taxa*

499 Site core OTUs accounted for 38.5% of bacterial and 33.1% of fungal OTUs, but covered
500 95.9% and 93.2% of relative abundance (Table 3). As sc-OTUs occurred in at least four of the
501 five years, the large majority of retrieved sequences, could be attributed to temporally stable
502 OTUs. Furthermore, these sc-OTUs not only were temporally stable but also included 95% of
503 bacterial and 90% of fungal indicative OTUs (Figure S2) and were representative of the
504 diversities of entire communities (Table S2). Therefore, sc-OTUs may be used to build a
505 cultivation-independent, temporally stable reference set for the analysis of soil microbial
506 diversity. Such reference sets are of particular interest for predictive modelling of soil bacterial
507 and fungal diversity, and may also be used as reference values for long-term soil quality
508 monitoring (Gschwend *et al.* submitted). Currently, long-term monitoring systems of soil
509 biodiversity are largely lacking (Guerra *et al.* 2020, Leeuwen *et al.* 2017), which is particularly
510 concerning given the ongoing environmental changes and the central role of soil biodiversity
511 for global ecosystem processes. Finally, sc-OTUs provide support to establish lists of the most
512 characteristic soil microorganisms, for which cultivation strategies or whole-genome
513 sequencing are particularly valuable (Carini 2019). Currently, still too few dominating soil
514 bacterial and fungal taxa have cultured representatives or available genome sequences, which
515 would enable more detailed insight into their functions in the ecosystem (Delgado-Baquerizo
516 *et al.* 2018, Egidi *et al.* 2019, Steen *et al.* 2019).

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519 5. Conclusions

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521 While microbial biomass and alpha-diversity measures at thirty long-term monitoring sites
522 revealed only few differences among land-use types and sites, community compositions
523 (Jaccard similarity) and structures (Bray-Curtis dissimilarity) yielded characteristic descriptors
524 for each land-use type and site. Therefore, resolution obtained by metabarcoding were
525 necessary to accurately describe soil bacterial and fungal communities. Temporally stable core
526 OTUs accounted for 95.9% of bacterial and 93.2% of fungal sequences. These core OTUs
527 were representative of entire communities and showed responses to distinct habitats. In total
528 4 184 indicative bacterial and 1 968 indicative fungal OTUs, of which 95% and 90% were also
529 temporally stable core OTUs, were identified. These yield promising targets for the
530 development of microbial indicators for robust soil quality analyses. Bacterial and fungal
531 families were identified that revealed strong associations to one or more land-use types. In
532 general, fungal families revealed stronger associations to land-use types, which may be
533 explained by the stronger influences of vegetation on fungi as compared to bacteria, whereas
534 bacteria were more strongly correlated with soil properties. Consequently, metacommunities
535 of soil bacteria and fungi were differently structured. On the one hand, bacterial communities
536 represented a sequential order following soil properties and land-use intensity from arable
537 land, to permanent grassland and forest. On the other hand, fungal communities of forest sites
538 showed only minor similarities to those from arable land and permanent grassland sites. The
539 robustly assessed and temporally stable core OTUs may serve as references for future surveys
540 of soil bacterial and fungal diversity. This may facilitate long-term soil quality monitoring by
541 detecting disturbances of the characteristic habitat associated core communities, and it may
542 also enable the development of predictive modelling for metabarcoding based soil quality
543 analyses.

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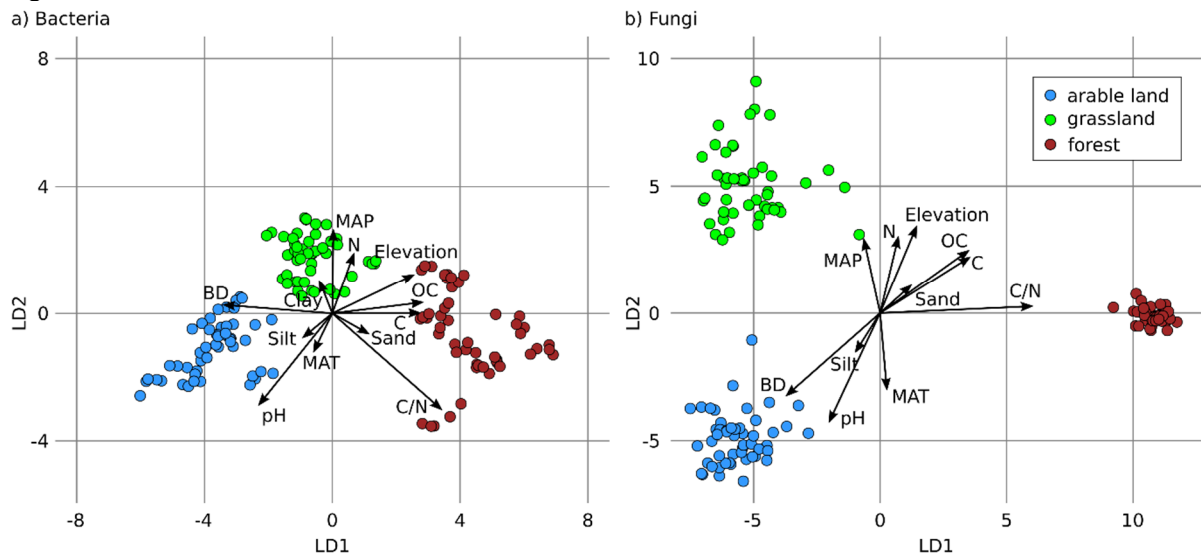
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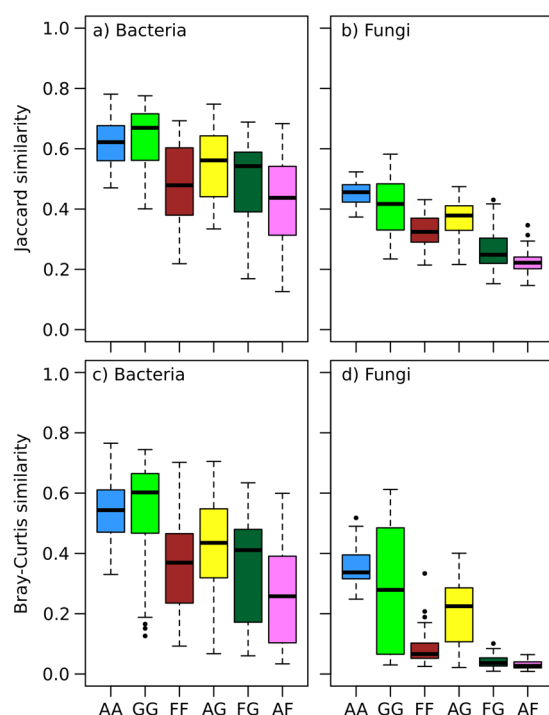
555 Figure 1



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557 Figure 1: Separation of bacterial (A) and fungal (B) communities by land-use and correlated
558 environmental factors. Three land-use types, i.e., arable land (blue), permanent grassland
559 (green), and forest (brown), were sampled with 10 sites each. Per site, 15 samples were
560 obtained with yearly triplicates during five years. Average communities for yearly replicates
561 are shown (N = 150). Ordinations are based on canonical analyses of principal coordinates
562 (CAP) constrained by land-use types. Axes show linear discriminants (LD). Arrows indicate
563 significant correlations of communities to environmental factors, i.e., bulk density (BD), clay,
564 silt, sand, pH, mean annual temperature (MAT), mean annual precipitation (MAP), ratio of
565 C/N (C/N), total carbon (C) and nitrogen (N), organic carbon (OC), and elevation.

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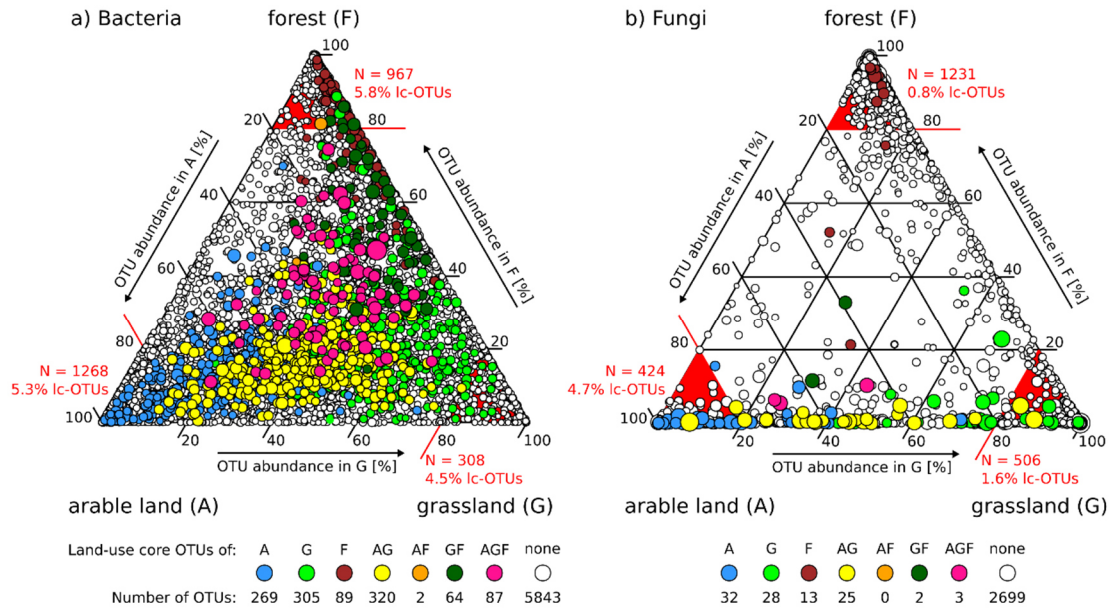


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568 Figure 2: Pairwise comparisons of bacterial (a, c) and fungal (b, d) communities composed of
569 core OTUs for a site, i.e., OTUs that occurred in at least 12 of the 15 samples from a site.
570 Boxplots showing Jaccard (a, b) and Bray-Curtis (c, d) similarities between two sites
571 depending on their land-use type. The Jaccard similarity corresponds to the ratio of shared
572 OTUs between two sites, while the Bray-Curtis similarity takes also the relative abundance of
573 each OTU into account. Sites of three land-use types, i.e. arable land (A), grassland (G), and
574 forest (F), were assessed in pairwise combinations of the same land-use type (AA, GG and
575 FF) as well as between different land-use types (AG, FG and AF).

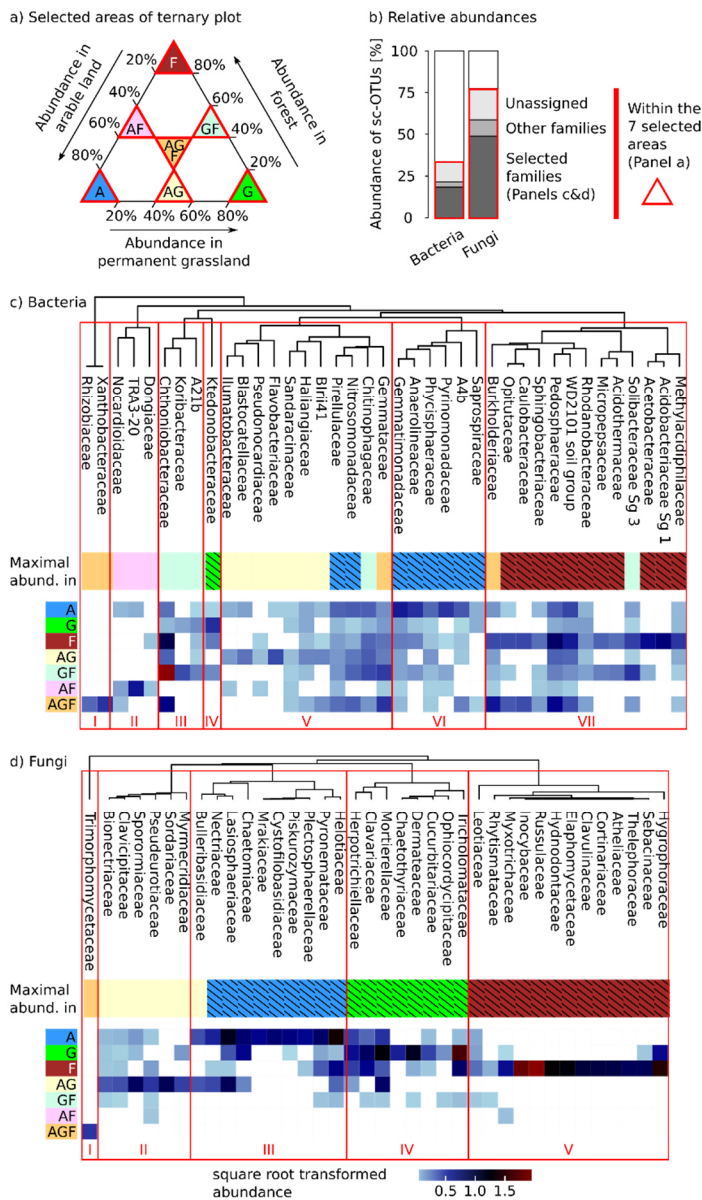
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576 Figure 3



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 578 Figure 3: Ternary plots showing occurrences of the 6 979 bacterial (A) and 2 802 fungal (B)
 579 site core OTUs in the three land-use types and their combinations. Circles represent site
 580 core OTUs (sc-OTUs) and circle sizes indicate their relative abundance. Colored OTUs
 581 represent sc-OTUs, which are also land-use type core OTUs (lc-OTUs) from individual or
 582 combination of land-use types. White circles correspond to sc-OTUs, which are not part of
 583 land-use type core communities. The numbers of lc-OTUs of each land-use type or land-use
 584 type combinations are indicated below the ternary plots. The sc-OTUs were defined as OTUs
 585 occurring in 12 of 15 samples from a site and lc-OTUs as OTUs, which are sc-OTUs in 8 of
 586 10 sites from a land-use type. Red lines and red triangles highlight the plot area, in which sc-
 587 OTUs occur which obtain at least 80% of their sequences from the respective single land-use
 588 type. The number of these sc-OTUs and the percent of lc-OTUs among these are indicated
 589 in red at the corners of the ternary plots.
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591 Figure 4



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 593 Figure 4: Distribution of most abundant bacterial and fungal families among land-use types.
 594 Based on the ternary plots (Figure 3) site-core OTUs (sc-OTUs) were selected from seven
 595 areas (a) corresponding to sc-OTUs with at least 80% of their abundance in a single land-
 596 use type (A, G, F), with at least 40% in each of two land-use types (AG, GF, AF), or with at
 597 least 20% in each land-use types (AGF). The proportions of relative abundances covered by
 598 the selected sc-OTUs, and their assignment at the family level, is shown in panel b). Panels
 599 c) and d) show the relative abundances of the ten most abundant bacterial (c) and fungal (d)
 600 families of each area of the ternary plots. Light blue indicates low, dark blue middle, and
 601 brown high relative abundances. White areas represent absences of families in an area of
 602 the ternary plot. The area in which a family has its highest abundance is indicated by the
 603 following color code (Maximal abund.): blue (A), green (G), brown (F), yellow (AG), light
 604 green (GF), pink (AF), and orange (AGF). Highest abundances in a single land-use type are
 605 indicated by black hatching. Dendrograms show clustering of normalized relative
 606 abundances of families in the land-use types and their combinations using average clustering
 607 (UPGMA). Red boxes highlight clusters of families with similar distributions among land-use
 608 types.

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609 Tables

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611 Table 1

612 Definitions of OTU groups and subgroups (see also Table 3)

OTU group	Definition
core OTUs	
site-core OTUs (sc-OTUs)	occur in at least 12 of the 15 samples from a site
land-use-core OTUs (lc-OTUs)	is a sc-OTU in at least 8 of the 10 sites of a land-use type
indicative OTUs	
environmental-factor-indicative OTUs	correlated to an environmental factor ¹⁾ ($ \text{Spearman } \rho > 0.4, p < 0.05$)
site-indicative OTUs	indicative of an individual site ($\text{IndVal} > 0.8, p < 0.05$)
land-use-indicative OTUs	indicative of individual or combinations of land-use types ($\text{IndVal} > 0.8, p < 0.05$)

613 ¹⁾ Environmental factors are summarized in Table S1.

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615 Table 2
 616 Site and land-use specific soil microbial communities at different analytical levels. Site and
 617 land-use type specificity was calculated using a leave-one-out reclassification test based on
 618 linear discriminant analysis for univariate and canonical analysis of principal coordinates (CAP)
 619 with 9 999 permutations for community compositions and structures.

Community parameter	Taxon	LUT ¹⁾		Site	
		Reclass. ²⁾	p-value	Reclass. ²⁾	p-value
Organic Carbon		60.7%	6.95*10 ⁻¹²	4.7%	0.235
Microbial biomass					
C _{mic} ³⁾		60.0%	2.13*10 ⁻¹¹	4.0%	0.384
DNA		61.3%	2.20*10 ⁻¹²	2.0%	0.880
Alpha diversity					
OTU richness	Bacteria	50.7%	8.82*10 ⁻⁶	0.7%	0.994
Simpson evenness	Bacteria	54.0%	1.57*10 ⁻⁷	4.0%	0.384
Inverse Simpson	Bacteria	57.3%	1.45*10 ⁻⁹	0.7%	0.994
OTU richness	Fungi	28.0%	0.931	4.7%	0.235
Simpson evenness	Fungi	42.0%	0.016	0.0%	1.000
Inverse Simpson	Fungi	40.7%	0.036	0.0%	1.000
Beta diversity					
Jaccard similarity	Bacteria	100%	0.0001	100%	0.0001
Bray-Curtis dissimilarity	Bacteria	100%	0.0001	100%	0.0001
Jaccard similarity	Fungi	100%	0.0001	100%	0.0001
Bray-Curtis dissimilarity	Fungi	100%	0.0001	100%	0.0001

620 ¹⁾ LUT = Land-use type

621 ²⁾ Reclass.: Reclassification success of leave-one-out tests.

622 ³⁾ C_{mic}: carbon content based on chloroform fumigation extraction.

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624 Table 3
 625 Summary of OTU partitioning into core and indicative groups and subgroups. Core and
 626 indicative OTUs were defined at the site and the land-use type level (see Table 1 for
 627 definitions of OTU groups and subgroups). LUT = land-use type.

	OTU group	Subgroup	OTUs [N]	Abundance [%]	Correlation ¹⁾ [rho]	Phyla [N]	Families [N]
Bacteria	Core	Site	6 979	95.9	1.000	31	215
	Core	LUT	1 136	69.1	0.995	17	119
	indicative	Environmental factor	3 103	67.0	0.983	27	164
	indicative	Site	1 146	3.1	0.736	28	106
	indicative	LUT	699	27.2	0.931	17	102
	All		18 140	100		46	320
Fungi	Core	Site	2 802	93.2	0.999	9	176
	Core	LUT	103	29.4	0.893	5	35
	indicative	Environmental factor	553	42.5	0.942	7	96
	indicative	Site	1 445	29.9	0.765	7	125
	indicative	LUT	171	35.2	0.891	5	50
	All		8 477	100		12	304

628 ¹⁾ Spearman correlation to entire community (Mantel test)

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629 Table 4
 630 Effects of environmental factors on bacterial (A) and fungal (B) communities as assessed by
 631 PERMANOVA. Factors are sorted by their position in the PERMANOVA model with
 632 environmental factors as covariates. Year and site were random factors with site being
 633 nested within land-use type. Factors below the dotted lines are categorical. Significance
 634 codes: *** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$
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a) Bacteria					b) Fungi				
Env. factor ¹⁾	Pseudo-F	\sqrt{CV} ²⁾	p-value		Env. factor ¹⁾	Pseudo-F	\sqrt{CV} ²⁾	p-value	
pH	18.6	0.25	0.0001	***	C/N-ratio	5.5	0.19	0.0001	***
C/N-ratio	5.4	0.15	0.0001	***	pH	2.6	0.14	0.0001	***
MAP ³⁾	2.2	0.07	0.0001	***	Elevation	1.5	0.09	0.0086	**
Clay	2.0	0.06	0.0001	***	Sand	1.3	0.06	0.0330	*
Elevation	1.4	0.05	0.0119	*	Clay	1.2	0.06	0.1399	
C _{org}	1.5	0.07	0.0130	*	MAT ⁴⁾	1.2	0.06	0.1012	
Sand	1.3	0.06	0.0338	*	C _{org}	1.2	0.06	0.1226	
MAT ⁴⁾	1.2	0.04	0.1418		Bulk density	1.3	0.08	0.1061	
Year	4.2	0.05	0.0001	***	Year	2.2	0.06	0.0001	***
LUT ⁵⁾	2.9	0.23	0.0017	**	LUT ⁵⁾	2.5	0.31	0.0001	***
Site	19.4	0.31	0.0001	***	Site	14.4	0.49	0.0001	***
LUT ⁵⁾ x Year	1.5	0.04	0.0001	***	LUT ⁵⁾ x Year	1.3	0.05	0.0001	***
Residuals		0.15			Residuals		0.28		

637 ¹⁾ Env. factor: environmental factor;

638 ²⁾ \sqrt{CV} : square root of component of variation, expressed as Bray-Curtis dissimilarity;

639 ³⁾ MAP: mean annual precipitation

640 ⁴⁾ MAT: mean annual temperature

641 ⁵⁾ LUT: Land-use type

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643 Table 5: Number of OTUs, which were indicative (IndVal >0.8, p < 0.05) and core for the
 644 same land-use types from selected bacterial and fungal families. Families were selected if at
 645 least four (bacteria) or two (fungi) OTUs were indicative and core for the same land-use type
 646 or land-use type combination. All families are shown in Table S7 (Bacteria) and S8 (Fungi).
 647 Associations of families to land-use types are indicated according to Figure 4. Stars indicate
 648 families, which have the highest number of indicative and lc-OTUs and the highest
 649 abundance in the same land-use type or land-use type combination.

Family	Indicative and lc-OTUs ¹⁾ (all indicative OTUs)						Figure 4		
	A	AG	G	AF	GF	F	Cluster	Main abund.	
Bacteria									
Chthoniobacteraceae	1(1)	4(12)	0(1)	0(0)	2(5)	3(4)	III	GF	
Pirellulaceae	4(5)	1(8)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	V	A	*
Chitinophagaceae	4(10)	3(12)	2(2)	0(0)	1(4)	1(3)	V	GF	
Gemmatimonadaceae	5(9)	3(5)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	1(1)	VI	A	*
Anaerolineaceae	4(4)	0(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	VI	A	*
Pyrinomonadaceae	4(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	VI	A	*
Burkholderiaceae	1(2)	4(7)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	3(4)	VII	AGF	
Pedosphaeraceae	4(5)	7(11)	3(3)	0(0)	1(12)	3(5)	VII	F	
WD2101 soil group	2(5)	9(18)	1(2)	0(0)	1(4)	1(5)	VII	F	
Acidobacteriaceae Sg 1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	6(8)	VII	F	*
Acetobacteraceae	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(2)	4(6)	VII	F	*
Caulobacteraceae	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	3(5)	VII	F	*
Acidothermaceae	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(3)	2(4)	VII	F	*
Solibacteriaceae Sg 3	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	3(12)	1(3)	VII	GF	*
AKYH767	0(0)	4(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
SC-I-84	1(1)	2(4)	2(2)	0(0)	0(3)	0(0)			
Others (incl. unclassified)	47(75)	53(195)	12(21)	0(4)	28(110)	17(41)			
All	86(128)	105(287)	23(29)	0(4)	42(162)	48(89)			
Fungi									
Pseudeurotiaceae	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	II	AG	*
Lasio-sphaeriaceae	3(4)	2(7)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A	*
Plectosphaerellaceae	2(3)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A	*
Chaetomiaceae	2(2)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A	*
Nectriaceae	1(1)	3(9)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	III	A	
Helotiaceae	0(2)	3(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	III	A	
Mortierellaceae	0(0)	2(5)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	IV	G	
Myxotrichaceae	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(4)	V	F	*
Phaeosphaeriaceae	1(1)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Others (incl. unclassified)	7(35)	12(53)	5(13)	0(2)	0(0)	7(20)			
All	16(47)	25(79)	6(16)	0(2)	0(1)	11(26)			

650 ¹⁾ indicative and lc-OTUs: OTUs, which are indicative and core of the same land-use type(s), note that OTUs
 651 cannot be indicative of all sites, i.e., the combination AGF;

652 ²⁾ Main abund.: Main abundance in arable land (A), permanent grassland (G), forest (F) or their combinations,
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863 **Supplements**

- 864 1) Supplementary results
865 2) Supplementary Figures and Tables

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867 Supplementary results:
868 *Sequence data overview:*

869 In total, 9 020 192 bacterial and 11 958 695 fungal high-quality sequences were obtained with
870 at least 11 791 bacterial and 7 719 fungal sequences per sample and on average 20 045
871 (standard deviation: $\pm 3 705$) bacterial and 26 575 ($\pm 8 780$) fungal sequences per sample.
872 The average Good's coverages were 0.92 (± 0.022) for bacteria and 0.98 (± 0.005) for fungi.
873 Sequences were grouped into 18 140 bacterial OTUs (bOTU) and 8 477 fungal OTUs (fOTU)
874 with an average of 2 714 (± 658) bOTUs and 562 (± 134) fOTUs per sample. Bacterial OTUs
875 were assigned to 46 phyla, of which 31 occurred in core communities (Table S9) and fungal
876 OTUs to 12 phyla of which 9 occurred in core communities (Table S10).

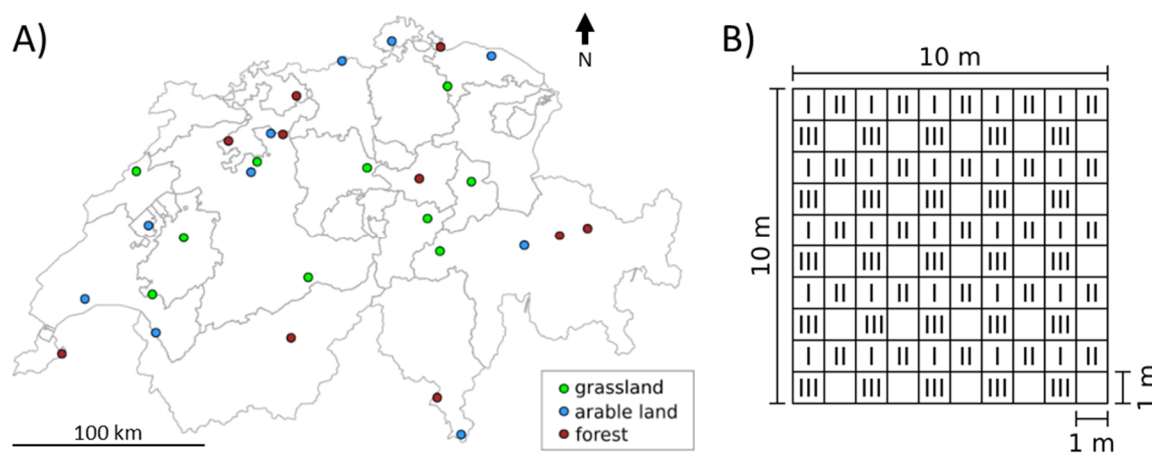
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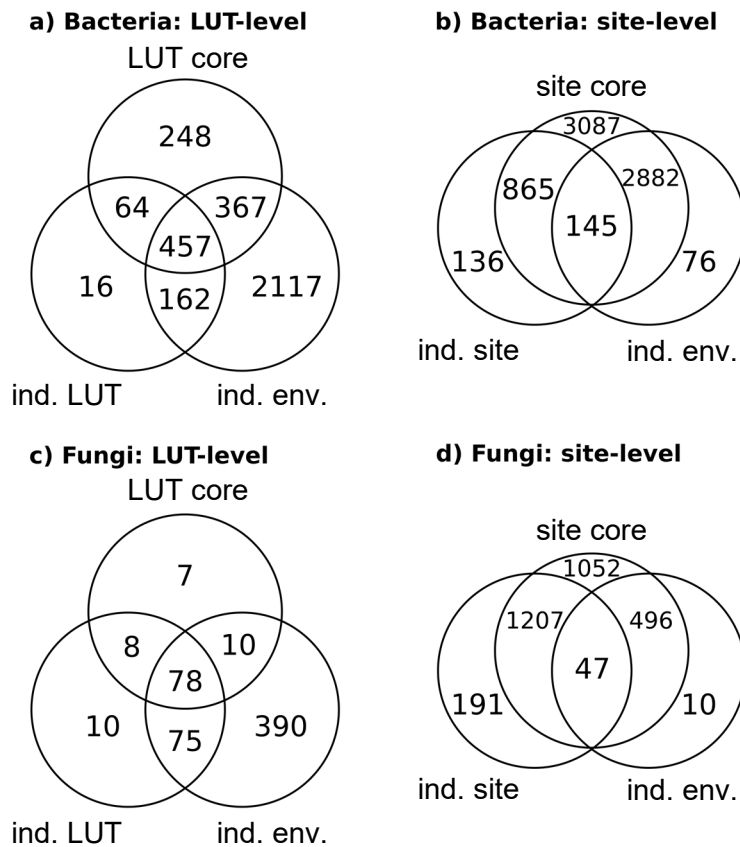


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886 Figure S1: Map of Switzerland showing the thirty sampling sites and their land-use type (A). At
887 each site three composite samples (I – III) were taken within a 10 m x 10 m area (B). Each
888 composite sample was composed of 25 cores of 2.5 cm diameter and 20 cm depth. In each
889 square meter marked with I to III, one core was randomly taken and mixed with other cores of
890 the same number.

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894 Figure S2: Venn diagram depicting the OTUs that are shared between different OTU
895 partitions. Bacterial (a, b) and fungal (c, d) OTU partitions are shown. Indicative and core
896 OTUs were defined at two levels, i.e., land-use type (a, c) and site (b, d). Site core (sc) OTUs
897 were defined as OTUs occurring in at least 80% of samples from a site, land-use type (LUT)
898 cores (lc) as OTUs that were site cores of at least 80% of the sites from a land-use type.
899 Indicative (ind.) OTUs were based on indicator species analysis ($\text{IndVal} > 0.8$), and
900 environmental-factor-indicative-OTUs represent OTUs that revealed correlations to an
901 environmental factor ($|\text{rho}| > 0.4$).

902 Table S1: Summary of environmental factors and alpha diversity at the ten sites of each land-use type.

	Arable land			Grassland			Forest			ANOVA ¹⁾		
	mean	min	max	mean	min	max	mean	min	max	F	p-value	Pattern ²⁾
Site characteristics												
Elevation [masl]	499.5	336.0	830.0	883.3	431.0	1915.0	967.6	505.0	1655.0	4.8	0.0165	A<G=F
Clay [%]	25.0	5.8	59.0	25.5	12.5	35.0	23.1	7.0	42.0	0.1	0.8943	A=G=F
Silt [%]	42.7	30.0	59.8	38.9	27.0	55.0	36.1	18.6	52.0	1.0	0.3993	A=G=F
Sand [%]	32.3	11.0	54.0	35.5	12.0	50.8	40.8	17.5	71.0	0.7	0.4927	A=G=F
Soil skeleton [%]	2.4	0.0	4.9	2.8	0.0	11.3	3.9	0.0	11.2	0.6	0.5640	A=G=F
MAT ³⁾ [°C]	8.9	3.9	11.0	5.4	-2.3	11.0	7.7	0.2	12.3	2.5	0.1023	A=G=F
MAP ⁴⁾ [mm]	1154.2	905.0	1838.0	1510.4	1090.0	1979.0	1191.3	528.0	2140.0	2.9	0.0711	A=G=F
Yearly measurements												
pH	6.6	5.6	7.5	5.2	3.8	6.3	4.8	3.3	6.9	10.6	0.0004	A>G=F
C _{tot} [%]	2.4	1.1	4.5	4.1	2.6	7.0	7.3	2.4	18.3	7.7	0.0023	A=G<F
C _{org} [%]	2.2	1.1	3.4	4.1	2.6	7.0	7.3	2.4	18.3	8.3	0.0015	A=G<F
N _{tot} [%]	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	1.1	3.2	0.0549	A=G=F
C/N	9.0	6.7	11.2	9.6	7.4	12.5	17.8	11.3	27.5	40.0	< 0.0001	A=G<F
Bulk density [kg dm ⁻³]	1.2	0.6	1.5	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.2	1.2	14.9	< 0.0001	A>G>F
C _{mic} [mg C kg(dry soil) ⁻¹] ⁵⁾	647.5	229.9	1247.0	1574.1	986.4	2521.5	2266.4	563.6	7727.3	9.6	0.0007	A<G=F
DNA [mg kg ⁻¹]	21.2	12.3	41.7	41.4	18.0	70.0	50.2	15.0	127.0	10.8	0.0004	A<G=F
Bacteria												
OTU richness	2405.3	1653.9	3036.3	2295.4	1347.3	2768.2	1833.1	1112.8	2735.2	5.5	0.0096	A=G>F
Simpson evenness	0.156	0.062	0.203	0.108	0.029	0.224	0.082	0.012	0.165	11.8	0.0002	A>G=F
Inverse Simpson	377.0	116.5	561.7	253.4	69.0	568.3	151.8	21.6	428.7	13.2	0.0001	A>G=F
Fungi												
OTU richness	400.7	277.8	553.9	426.0	219.8	730.9	406.6	282.2	625.9	0.4	0.6853	A=G=F
Simpson evenness	0.096	0.023	0.185	0.083	0.012	0.180	0.050	0.008	0.105	7.5	0.0026	A=G>F
Inverse Simpson	39.3	8.3	96.3	37.4	4.2	90.5	20.3	2.7	47.6	5.5	0.0100	A=G>F

903 ¹⁾ One-way ANOVA for site characteristics, ANOVA with repeated measurement design including site as a random factor for yearly measured properties;904 ²⁾ Significant differences of pairwise tests between land-use types ($p < 0.05$): A - arable land, G - grassland, F - forest;905 ³⁾ MAT: mean annual temperature;906 ⁴⁾ MAP: mean annual precipitation;907 ⁵⁾ C_{mic}: microbial carbon (carbon content based on chloroform fumigation extraction).

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908 Table S2: Spearman correlations of entire communities with those composed of site-core
909 OTUs (sc-OTUs). OTUs being detected in at least 12 of the 15 samples from a site were
910 classified as sc-OTUs.

	Bacteria		Fungi	
	rho	p-value	rho	p-value
Alpha-diversity				
OTU richness	0.99	< 2.2e-16	0.97	< 2.2e-16
Simpson evenness	1.00	< 2.2e-16	0.98	< 2.2e-16
Inverse Simpson	1.00	< 2.2e-16	0.98	< 2.2e-16
Beta diversity				
Jaccard	1.00	0.0001	1.00	0.0001
Bray-Curtis	1.00	0.0001	1.00	0.0001

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912 Table S3: Environmental influences on bacterial communities in three land-use types as
 913 assessed by nested PERMANOVA. Model selection used AICc as selection criteria.

Arable land			Grassland			Forest		
Factor	PF ¹⁾	$\sqrt{CV}^{2)}$ p-value	Factor	PF ¹⁾	$\sqrt{CV}^{2)}$ p-value	Factor	PF ¹⁾	$\sqrt{CV}^{2)}$ p-value
pH	7.3	0.18 0.0001	pH	8.3	0.21 0.0001	pH	7.2	0.27 0.0001
MAT ³⁾	3.0	0.12 0.0001	C _{org}	3.0	0.11 0.0001	Clay	1.8	0.11 0.0401
Soil skeleton	1.9	0.07 0.0001	MAT ³⁾	1.6	0.11 0.0077	MAP ⁴⁾	1.5	0.12 0.1326
C _{org}	1.6	0.07 0.0003	Clay	1.4	0.07 0.0302	Year	1.9	0.05 0.0001
Silt	1.2	0.05 0.0760	C/N-ratio	1.6	0.06 0.0123	Site	24.7	0.34 0.0001
Year	1.9	0.06 0.0001	Year	3.0	0.07 0.0001	Residuals	0.15	
Crop	1.6	0.08 0.0002	Site	10.3	0.23 0.0001			
Site	5.3	0.21 0.0001	Residuals	0.14				
Residuals		0.16						

914 ¹⁾ PF: Pseudo-F;

915 ²⁾ \sqrt{CV} : square root of component of variation;

916 ³⁾ MAT: mean annual temperature;

917 ⁴⁾ MAP: Mean annual precipitation.

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918 Table S4: Environmental influences on fungal communities in three land-use types as
 919 assessed by nested PERMANOVA. Model selection used AICc as selection criteria.

Factor	Arable land			Grassland			Forest				
	PF ¹⁾	$\sqrt{CV}^{2)}$	p-value	Factor	PF ¹⁾	\sqrt{CV}	p-value	Factor	PF ¹⁾	$\sqrt{CV}^{2)}$	p-value
pH	1.7	0.11	0.0050	pH	4.5	0.23	0.0001	pH	1.4	0.13	0.2000
Year	1.4	0.08	0.0025	Altitude	2.3	0.20	0.0009	Site	13.6	0.59	0.0001
Crop	1.5	0.15	0.0007	Clay	1.5	0.09	0.0553	Residuals		0.36	
Site	6.6	0.38	0.0001	Soil skeleton	1.3	0.09	0.1192				
Residuals		0.31		C _{org}	1.6	0.18	0.0413				
				Year	2.3	0.09	0.0001				
				Site	10.2	0.38	0.0001				
				Residuals		0.23					

920 ¹⁾ PF: Pseudo-F;

921 ²⁾ \sqrt{CV} : square root of component of variation.

922 Table S5: Bacterial OTUs with the strongest negative and positive correlations to an
 923 environmental factor along with their taxonomic assignment. The 20 strongest correlations
 924 are shown for negative and positive correlations.

	OTUID	Factor ¹⁾	Rho	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus
positively correlated	bOTU 57	pH	0.91	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 16256	pH	0.90	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 547	pH	0.90	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 214	pH	0.89	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Steroidobacteriales	Steroidobacteraceae	unclassified
	bOTU 4698	pH	0.89	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 144	pH	0.88	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Cytophagales	Microscillaceae	<i>Chryseolinea</i>
	bOTU 65	pH	0.88	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 487	pH	0.88	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 240	pH	0.87	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Betaproteobacteriales	Nitrosomonadaceae	Ellin6067
	bOTU 223	pH	0.87	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Cytophagales	Microscillaceae	unclassified
	bOTU 2023	pH	0.86	Acidobacteria	Blastocatellia (Sg 4)	Blastocatellales	Blastocatellaceae	<i>Stenotrophobacter</i>
	bOTU 647	pH	0.86	Chloroflexi	Anaerolineae	SBR1031	A4b	unclassified
	bOTU 682	pH	0.86	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 114	pH	0.86	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 4	pH	0.86	Acidobacteria	Blastocatellia (Sg 4)	Blastocatellales	Blastocatellaceae	unclassified
	bOTU 120	pH	0.86	Verrucomicrobia	Verrucomicrobiae	Verrucomicrobiales	Verrucomicrobiaceae	unclassified
	bOTU 7542	pH	0.86	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Chitinophagales	Chitinophagaceae	<i>Terrimonas</i>
bOTU 299	pH	0.85	Acidobacteria	Sg 6	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified	
bOTU 391	pH	0.85	Actinobacteria	Thermoleophila	Gaiellales	Gaiellaceae	<i>Gaiella</i>	
bOTU 96	pH	0.85	Planctomycetes	Planctomycetacia	Pirellulales	Pirellulaceae	<i>Pirellula</i>	
negatively correlated	bOTU 596	pH	-0.82	Verrucomicrobia	Verrucomicrobiae	S-BQ2-57 soil group	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 5377	pH	-0.82	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Solibacterales	Solibacteraceae (Sg 3)	<i>Bryobacter</i>
	bOTU 9645	pH	-0.82	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 215	pH	-0.82	Proteobacteria	Deltaproteobacteria	RCP2-54	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 961	pH	-0.83	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Solibacterales	Solibacteraceae (Sg 3)	<i>Bryobacter</i>
	bOTU 60	pH	-0.83	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Sg 2	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 712	pH	-0.83	Proteobacteria	Alphaproteobacteria	Micropepsales	Micropepsaceae	unclassified
	bOTU 71	pH	-0.83	Verrucomicrobia	Verrucomicrobiae	Pedosphaerales	Pedosphaeraceae	unclassified
	bOTU 50	pH	-0.84	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Sg 2	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 514	pH	-0.84	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Incertae sedis	unknown family	<i>Acidibacter</i>
	bOTU 163	pH	-0.84	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	Koribacteraceae	Cand. ³⁾ Koribacter
	bOTU 1665	pH	-0.84	Verrucomicrobia	Verrucomicrobiae	Pedosphaerales	Pedosphaeraceae	unclassified
	bOTU 70	pH	-0.84	Proteobacteria	Alphaproteobacteria	Rhizobiales	Beijerinckiaceae	<i>Roseiarcus</i>
	bOTU 44	pH	-0.84	Verrucomicrobia	Verrucomicrobiae	Chthoniobacterales	Xiphinematobacteraceae	Cand. Xiphinematobacter
	bOTU 452	pH	-0.85	Planctomycetes	Phycisphaerae	Tepidisphaerales	WD2101 soil group	unclassified
	bOTU 15161	pH	-0.86	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	Acidobacteriaceae (Sg 1)	<i>Occallatibacter</i>
	bOTU 1433	pH	-0.87	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	Koribacteraceae	Cand. ³⁾ Koribacter
	bOTU 283	pH	-0.87	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 396	pH	-0.88	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	unclassified	unclassified
	bOTU 9919	pH	-0.88	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Sg ²⁾ 2	unclassified	unclassified
bOTU 151	pH	-0.88	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Frankiales	Acidotherrmaceae	<i>Acidotherrmus</i>	
bOTU 35	pH	-0.92	Acidobacteria	Acidobacteriia	Acidobacteriales	unclassified	unclassified	

925 ¹⁾ Environmental factors include: altitude, clay, silt, sand, soil skeleton, soil pH, total and
 926 organic carbon, total nitrogen, C/N-ratio, bulk density, mean annual temperature and mean
 927 annual precipitation;

928 ²⁾ Sg: subgroup;

929 ³⁾ Cand. Candidatus.

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930 Table S6: Fungal OTUs with the strongest negative and positive correlations to an
 931 environmental factor along with their taxonomic assignment. The 20 strongest correlations
 932 are shown for negative and positive correlations.

	OTUID	Factor ¹⁾	Rho	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus
positively correlated	fOTU 228	C/N	0.75	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Myxotrichaceae	<i>Oidiodendron</i>
	fOTU 647	pH	0.74	Ascomycota	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	fOTU 1017	C/N	0.73	Basidiomycota	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales	unclassified	unclassified
	fOTU 1091	C/N	0.72	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Myxotrichaceae	<i>Oidiodendron</i>
	fOTU 361	C/N	0.71	Ascomycota	Saccharomycetes	Saccharomycetales	unclassified	unclassified
	fOTU 365	pH	0.71	Ascomycota	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Phaeosphaeriaceae	unclassified
	fOTU 7764	C/N	0.69	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Thelebolales	Pseudeurotiaceae	<i>Geomyces</i>
	fOTU 12	pH	0.69	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Tetracladium</i>
	fOTU 2496	C/N	0.69	Ascomycota	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	<i>Cladophialophora</i>
	fOTU 10774	C/N	0.69	Mortierellomycota	Mortierellomycetes	Mortierellales	Mortierellaceae	<i>Mortierella</i>
	fOTU 12	Bulk density	0.68	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Tetracladium</i>
	fOTU 354	C/N	0.67	Ascomycota	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	<i>Cladophialophora</i>
	fOTU 718	C/N	0.65	Ascomycota	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	fOTU 1804	C/N	0.65	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Vibrissaceae	<i>Phialocephala</i>
	fOTU 183	pH	0.65	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Lasiochaeraceae	<i>Podospira</i>
	fOTU 236	C/N	0.65	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Meliniomyces</i>
	fOTU 39	Bulk density	0.65	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Chaetomiaceae	unclassified
fOTU 70	Bulk density	0.64	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Glomerellales	Plectosphaerellaceae	<i>Gibellulopsis</i>	
fOTU 764	C/N	0.64	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Myxotrichaceae	<i>Oidiodendron</i>	
fOTU 441	C/N	0.64	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiales i.s. ²⁾	<i>Cadophora</i>	
negatively correlated	fOTU 79	C/N	-0.65	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Myrmecridiales	Myrmecridiaceae	<i>Myrmecridium</i>
	fOTU 36	Corg	-0.65	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Nectriaceae	unclassified
	fOTU 803	Corg	-0.65	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Glomerellales	Plectosphaerellaceae	<i>Plectosphaerella</i>
	fOTU 20	Corg	-0.65	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Tetracladium</i>
	fOTU 1091	Bulk density	-0.65	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Myxotrichaceae	<i>Oidiodendron</i>
	fOTU 147	C/N	-0.66	Ascomycota	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified	unclassified
	fOTU 56	C/N	-0.66	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Glomerellales	Plectosphaerellaceae	<i>Plectosphaerella</i>
	fOTU 1898	Corg	-0.66	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Lasiochaeraceae	unclassified
	fOTU 122	C/N	-0.67	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Thelebolales	Pseudeurotiaceae	<i>Pseudeurotium</i>
	fOTU 1898	Ctot	-0.67	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Lasiochaeraceae	unclassified
	fOTU 12	Corg	-0.67	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Tetracladium</i>
	fOTU 12	C/N	-0.68	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Tetracladium</i>
	fOTU 26	C/N	-0.68	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Nectriaceae	<i>Fusarium</i>
	fOTU 4641	C/N	-0.68	Mortierellomycota	Mortierellomycetes	Mortierellales	Mortierellaceae	<i>Mortierella</i>
	fOTU 39	Corg	-0.68	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Chaetomiaceae	unclassified
	fOTU 164	C/N	-0.69	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Lasiochaeraceae	unclassified
	fOTU 70	Corg	-0.69	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Glomerellales	Plectosphaerellaceae	<i>Gibellulopsis</i>
fOTU 62	C/N	-0.69	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Bionectriaceae	<i>Clonostachys</i>	
fOTU 20	C/N	-0.69	Ascomycota	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales	Helotiaceae	<i>Tetracladium</i>	
fOTU 14	C/N	-0.71	Ascomycota	Sordariomycetes	Sordariales	Sordariaceae	unclassified	

933 ¹⁾ environmental factors include: altitude, clay, silt, sand, soil skeleton, soil pH, total and
 934 organic carbon, total nitrogen, C/N-ratio, bulk density, mean annual temperature, and mean
 935 annual precipitation;

936 ²⁾ i.s.: incertae sedis

937 Table S7: Number of land-use-indicative bacterial OTUs grouped by family. All families
 938 containing at least one indicative OTU, as well as families represented in Figure 4c are
 939 shown.

Family	indicative and core OTUs (all indicative OTUs) ¹⁾										Figure 4d	Max. Abund
	Number of OTUs											
	Total	site-core	Ind.	A	AG	G	AF	FG	F	Cluster		
Pedospaeraceae	403	255	36	4(5)	7(11)	3(3)	0(0)	1(12)	3(5)	VII	F	
WD2101 soil group	223	151	34	2(5)	9(18)	1(2)	0(0)	1(4)	1(5)	VII	F	
Chitinophagaceae	236	130	31	4(10)	3(12)	2(2)	0(0)	1(4)	1(3)	V	FG	
Chthoniobacteraceae	223	155	23	1(1)	4(12)	0(1)	0(0)	2(5)	3(4)	III	FG	
Gemmataceae	696	318	20	0(0)	2(5)	1(1)	0(0)	0(14)	0(0)	V	AGF	
Solibacteraceae Sg 3	111	81	17	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	3(12)	1(3)	VII	FG	
Gemmatimonadaceae	271	180	17	5(9)	3(5)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	1(1)	VI	A	
Pirellulaceae	302	152	15	4(5)	1(8)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	V	A	
Burkholderiaceae	129	80	14	1(2)	4(7)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	3(4)	VII	AGF	
Xanthomonadaceae	36	22	12	1(2)	2(8)	0(0)	0(1)	0(1)	0(0)			
SC-I-84	51	44	10	1(1)	2(4)	2(2)	0(0)	0(3)	0(0)			
Acidobacteriaceae Sg1	26	23	9	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	6(8)	VII	F	
Haliangiaceae	201	100	9	2(2)	0(5)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	V	AG	
Acetobacteraceae	42	25	8	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(2)	4(6)	VII	F	
Sphingobacteriaceae	65	32	8	1(1)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	2(4)	VII	F	
Anaerolineaceae	134	87	8	4(4)	0(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	VI	A	
Acidothermaceae	18	15	7	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(3)	2(4)	VII	F	
Methylacidiphilaceae	81	31	7	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	2(5)	VII	F	
Phycisphaeraceae	254	98	7	0(0)	2(7)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	VI	A	
Nitrosomonadaceae	79	67	7	0(0)	1(4)	0(0)	0(1)	0(2)	0(0)	V	A	
Caulobacteraceae	26	21	6	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	3(5)	VII	F	
A21b	23	18	6	0(0)	0(1)	1(1)	0(0)	1(4)	0(0)	III	FG	
Beijerinckiaceae	21	10	6	0(0)	0(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	1(1)			
Polyangiaceae	79	44	6	0(0)	1(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)			
A4b	138	88	5	3(5)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	VI	A	
Pyrinomonadaceae	28	22	5	4(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	VI	A	
Flavobacteriaceae	52	27	5	0(0)	3(5)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	AG	
Koribacteraceae	11	11	5	0(0)	0(0)	2(2)	0(0)	2(3)	0(0)	III	FG	
Nocardiodaceae	28	16	5	1(1)	0(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AF	
67-14	56	32	5	2(2)	1(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
CPla-3_termite_group	39	29	5	0(0)	2(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	1(1)			
JG30-KF-CM45	86	45	5	2(4)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Verrucomicrobiaceae	83	38	5	1(2)	1(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Micropepsaceae	16	15	4	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(4)	0(0)	VII	F	
Opitutaceae	48	31	4	0(0)	1(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(1)	VII	F	
Ilumatobacteraceae	13	11	4	0(1)	3(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	AG	
AKYH767	66	35	4	0(0)	4(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Fimbriimonadaceae	62	34	4	2(2)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)			
Gaiellaceae	18	15	4	0(0)	2(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Geobacteraceae	35	23	4	0(0)	1(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Sphingomonadaceae	29	25	4	0(2)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)			
Blastocatellaceae	18	17	3	0(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	V	AG	
TRA3-20	17	15	3	1(2)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AF	
Bdellovibrionaceae	265	50	3	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)			
Fibrobacteraceae	26	11	3	0(0)	1(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)			
Iamiaceae	19	13	3	0(0)	2(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Isosphaeraceae	76	24	3	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	1(1)	1(1)			
Microscillaceae	73	40	3	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)			
Solirubrobacteraceae	44	23	3	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)			
Steroidobacteraceae	21	15	3	1(1)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Rhodanobacteraceae	45	31	2	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	0(1)	VII	F	
Blrii41	63	34	2	0(0)	0(1)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	AG	
Pseudonocardiaceae	14	8	2	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	AG	
Ktedonobacteraceae	210	112	2	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	IV	G	
Bacillaceae	14	4	2	0(0)	2(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Caldilineaceae	51	22	2	1(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Elsteraceae	18	8	2	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(2)			
Herpetosiphonaceae	15	7	2	2(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Hymenobacteraceae	26	8	2	0(0)	1(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			
Methylophilaceae	12	8	2	1(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)			

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NS11-12 marine group	40	9	2	0(0)	1(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Solimonadaceae	31	7	2	1(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Xiphinematobacteraceae	14	10	2	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	1(1)		
Dongiaceae	8	6	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AF
Xanthobacteraceae	16	16	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	I	AGF
37-13	22	14	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Aeromonadaceae	1	1	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Amb-16S-1034	1	1	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)		
Azospirillaceae	1	1	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Cellvibrionaceae	13	3	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Clostridiaceae_1	17	5	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Cytophagaceae	32	7	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Demequinaceae	2	1	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Frankiaceae	4	3	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)		
Geodermatophilaceae	4	2	1	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Inquillinaceae	6	5	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)		
Intrasporangiaceae	4	4	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
JG30-KF-AS9	39	17	1	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
KF-JG30-B3	6	5	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)		
Longimicrobiaceae	33	4	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Methyloligellaceae	3	2	1	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Micrococcaceae	4	1	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Micromonosporaceae	30	16	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)		
mle1-27	68	11	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Mycobacteriaceae	11	10	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Nannocystaceae	14	7	1	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Nitrospiraceae	24	20	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
NS9_marine_group	17	4	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
P3OB-42	57	10	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Peptostreptococcaceae	4	3	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Puniceicoccaceae	17	7	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)		
Rhodobacteraceae	15	8	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Rhodocyclaceae	31	17	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Rhodomicrobiaceae	2	2	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)		
Rhodopirillaceae	9	5	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Roseiflexaceae	63	34	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Rubinisphaeraceae	19	11	1	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Rubritaleaceae	15	13	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
SM2D12	97	15	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)		
Tepidisphaeraceae	13	8	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Thermoanaerobaculaceae	70	28	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Saprospiraceae	37	14	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	VI	A
Sandaracinaceae	90	20	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	AG
Rhizobiaceae	8	7	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	I	AGF
unclassified				29	27	9	0	20	10		
or incertae sedis	9352	3068	208	(41)	(84)	(12)	(0)	(54)	(17)		
rest	2211	431	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	1814			86	105	23	0	42	48		
all	0	6979	699	(128)	(287)	(29)	(4)	(162)	(89)		

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 941 cannot be indicative of all sites, i.e., the combination AGF.

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942 Table S8: Number of land-use-indicative fungal OTUs grouped by family. All families
 943 containing at least one indicative OTU, as well as families represented in Figure 4d are
 944 shown.

Family	Number of OTUs			indicative and core OTUs (all indicative OTUs) ¹⁾						Figure 4d	
	Total	site-core	indicative	A	AG	G	AF	FG	F	Cluster	Max. Abund
Lasiochaetaceae	58	41	12	3(4)	2(7)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Nectriaceae	52	27	11	1(1)	3(9)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	III	A
Herpotrichiellaceae	143	67	7	0(2)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(4)	IV	G
Mortierellaceae	129	58	7	0(0)	2(5)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	IV	G
Helotiaceae	120	44	7	0(2)	3(4)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	III	A
Hypocreaceae	25	11	6	0(2)	0(2)	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)		
Myxotrichaceae	40	18	4	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(4)	V	F
Plectosphaerellaceae	23	8	4	2(3)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Hyaloscyphaceae	85	40	4	0(0)	0(2)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)		
Cucurbitariaceae	14	9	3	0(0)	0(2)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	IV	G
Bulleribasidiaceae	26	7	3	0(1)	1(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	AG
Chaetomiaceae	39	20	3	2(2)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Mrakiaceae	7	4	3	0(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Dermateaceae	25	10	2	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	IV	G
Tricholomataceae	103	37	2	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	IV	G
Clavicipitaceae	35	19	2	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AG
Pseudeurotiaceae	15	11	2	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	II	AG
Chaetosphaeriaceae	36	16	2	0(0)	0(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Gloniaceae	11	10	2	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(2)		
Leucosporidiaceae	7	3	2	0(0)	0(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Phaeosphaeriaceae	53	13	2	1(1)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Leotiaceae	43	24	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Chaetothyriaceae	4	2	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	IV	G
Piskurozymaceae	11	3	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Pyronemataceae	92	38	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Bionectriaceae	9	7	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AG
Myrmecridiaceae	8	2	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AG
Sordariaceae	4	1	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AG
Sporormiaceae	23	5	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	II	AG
Ascobolaceae	13	7	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Aspergillaceae	51	22	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)		
Cystofilobasidiaceae	5	2	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	III	A
Didymellaceae	7	2	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Didymosphaeriaceae	6	3	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Filobasidiaceae	10	1	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Hyponectriaceae	4	2	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Leptosphaeriaceae	19	5	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Magnaporthaceae	17	5	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Melanommataceae	5	2	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Microdochiaceae	5	3	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Minutisphaeraceae	6	2	1	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Mucoraceae	21	9	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Periconiaceae	6	2	1	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Pleosporaceae	20	5	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Thyridariaceae	2	1	1	0(0)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Torulaceae	6	1	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Trichocomaceae	18	9	1	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Trichosporonaceae	7	3	1	0(0)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Venturiaceae	38	22	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)		
Vibrisseaceae	10	5	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)		
Atheliaceae	42	26	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Clavulinaceae	27	16	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Cortinariaceae	129	48	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Elaphomycetaceae	9	6	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Hydnodontaceae	35	13	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Hygrophoraceae	44	23	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Inocybaceae	122	69	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Rhizoglyphaceae	20	6	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Russulaceae	85	60	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Sebacinaceae	64	43	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F

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Theleporaceae	136	70	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	V	F
Clavariaceae	166	71	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	IV	G
Ophiocordycipitaceae	20	7	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	IV	G
Trimorphomycetaceae	5	2	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	I	AGF
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unclassified or incertae											
sedis	4256	1187	52	6(18)	4(21)	3(6)	0(0)	0(0)	3(7)		
Rest	1801	487	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
All	8477	2802	171	16(47)	25(79)	6(16)	0(2)	0(1)	11(26)		

945 ¹⁾ indicative and core OTUs: OTUs, which are indicative and core of the same land-use type(s), note that OTUs
 946 cannot be indicative of all sites, i.e., the combination AGF.
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948 Table S9: Relative abundances of bacterial phyla in arable land, permanent grassland, and
 949 forest. Mean values (\pm standard deviations) of each land-use type are shown. Different letters
 950 indicate significant differences (Dunn Test, $p < 0.05$).

Phylum	Arable land (A) [%]		Permanent Grassland (G) [%]		Forest (F) [%]		Pattern ¹⁾
Proteobacteria	22.4	\pm 1.97	21.1	\pm 2.12	26.8	\pm 4.21	G<A<F
Verrucomicrobia	14.2	\pm 4.03	20.4	\pm 5.22	22.7	\pm 9.01	A<G=F
Acidobacteria	14.3	\pm 2.05	16.1	\pm 5.41	17.1	\pm 6.78	A=G=F
Planctomycetes	9.3	\pm 1.96	9.6	\pm 1.49	7.3	\pm 1.82	A=G>F
Chloroflexi	9.1	\pm 2.00	7.3	\pm 2.35	5.1	\pm 2.92	A>G>F
Bacteroidetes	7.6	\pm 2.17	5.6	\pm 1.98	3.5	\pm 1.29	A>G>F
Actinobacteria	4.8	\pm 1.43	3.4	\pm 1.19	3.7	\pm 1.53	A>G=F
Patescibacteria	1.9	\pm 1.15	1.9	\pm 0.93	1.9	\pm 1.14	A=G=F
Gemmatimonadetes	2.7	\pm 0.59	1.5	\pm 0.46	1.1	\pm 0.60	A>G>F
Latescibacteria	1.4	\pm 0.45	1.8	\pm 0.84	0.4	\pm 0.49	A=G>F
Rokubacteria	1.0	\pm 0.37	1.3	\pm 0.49	0.8	\pm 0.80	A=G>F
Nitrospirae	0.8	\pm 0.38	0.9	\pm 0.53	0.4	\pm 0.58	A=G>F
Candidate WPS-2	0.0	\pm 0.00	0.2	\pm 0.48	0.8	\pm 1.17	A<G<F
Armatimonadetes	0.4	\pm 0.20	0.1	\pm 0.14	0.3	\pm 0.22	A>F>G
Elusimicrobia	0.2	\pm 0.08	0.3	\pm 0.08	0.2	\pm 0.08	A=F<G
Cyanobacteria	0.1	\pm 0.04	0.1	\pm 0.17	0.3	\pm 0.31	A=G<F
Firmicutes	0.2	\pm 0.13	0.2	\pm 0.12	0.0	\pm 0.05	A=G>F
Chlamydiae	0.0	\pm 0.02	0.0	\pm 0.06	0.2	\pm 0.20	A<G<F
Fibrobacteres	0.1	\pm 0.04	0.1	\pm 0.06	0.0	\pm 0.03	G>A>F
Candidate FCPU426	0.0	\pm 0.03	0.1	\pm 0.04	0.1	\pm 0.11	A<G=F
Hydrogenedentes	0.1	\pm 0.06	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.02	A>G=F
Dependentiae	0.0	\pm 0.00	0.0	\pm 0.02	0.0	\pm 0.08	A<G<F
Entotheonellaeota	0.0	\pm 0.02	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.09	A>G=F
Candidate BRC1	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.01	A>G>F
Candidate WS2	0.0	\pm 0.02	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.01	A>G>F
Omnitrophicaeota	0.0	\pm 0.04	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.01	A>G=F
Candidate GAL15	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.04	A=G=F
Zixibacteria	0.0	\pm 0.03	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.01	A=G=F
Spirochaetes	0.0	\pm 0.00	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.03	G>A=F
Dadabacteria	0.0	\pm 0.01	0.0	\pm 0.00	0.0	\pm 0.01	A=G=F
Candidate WS4	0.0	\pm 0.00	0.0	\pm 0.00	0.0	\pm 0.00	A=G=F
Unclassified	0.3	\pm 0.14	0.3	\pm 0.08	0.1	\pm 0.07	A=G>F

951 ¹⁾ Pattern: < and > operators indicate significant differences in relative abundance between land-use types, A:
 952 arable land, G: grassland, F: forest.

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953 Table S10 Relative abundances of fungal phyla in arable land, permanent grassland, and
 954 forest. Mean values (\pm standard deviations) of each land-use type are shown. Different letters
 955 indicate significant differences (Dunn Test, $p < 0.05$).
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Phylum	Arable land (A)	Permanent Grassland (G)	Forest (F)	Pattern ¹⁾
Ascomycota	55.4 \pm 7.80	53.2 \pm 12.56	22.2 \pm 9.97	A=G>F
Basidiomycota	11.7 \pm 5.43	20.3 \pm 18.55	55.7 \pm 12.90	A=G<F
Mortierellomycota	3.4 \pm 2.42	7.3 \pm 6.55	1.2 \pm 1.02	G>A>F
Chytridiomycota	2.1 \pm 2.24	0.6 \pm 0.61	0.0 \pm 0.01	A>G>F
Glomeromycota	1.1 \pm 1.25	1.3 \pm 1.07	0.0 \pm 0.03	G=A>F
Mucoromycota	0.1 \pm 0.16	0.1 \pm 0.08	0.5 \pm 0.67	A=G=F
Rozellomycota	0.0 \pm 0.17	0.1 \pm 0.10	0.0 \pm 0.05	A<F<G
Olpidiomycota	0.0 \pm 0.05	0.0 \pm 0.04	0.0 \pm 0.00	A=G>F
Blastocladiomycota	0.0 \pm 0.01	0.0 \pm 0.02	0.0 \pm 0.00	G>A=F
unclassified	1.7 \pm 1.41	1.0 \pm 0.62	0.3 \pm 0.37	A>G>F

957 ¹⁾ Pattern: < and > operators indicate significant differences in relative abundance between land-use types, A:
 958 arable land, G: grassland, F: forest.
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