

Supporting Information

Long-term cropping rotation with soybean enhances soil health as evidenced by improved nutrient cycles through keystone phylotypes interaction

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S1 Physicochemical parameters analyses

Physicochemical parameters were measured according to previously described (Feng et al., 2019; Huang et al., 2021; Xu et al., 2015). In brief, soil pH was determined by a pH meter (S975 SevenExcellence, MettlerToledo, Switzerland) in a suspension of a 1:2.5 soil/water ratio (w/v). DOC and DON were extracted with Milli-Q water and measured with ion chromatography (Dionex ICS-2000, United States). TC and TN in the freeze-dried soil samples were measured with an element analyzer (Elementar Vario EL cube, Germany). Levels of NO₃⁻-N and NH₄⁺-N in the soil samples were measured using a continuous flow analyzer (TRAACS 2000, Bran and Luebbe, Norderstedt, Germany) after extraction with 1 mol·L⁻¹ KCl (1:5, w/v). The concentration of Fe²⁺ and AFe (with hydroxylamine hydrochloride for reducing Fe³⁺ to Fe²⁺, then total of in Fe²⁺ solution represented total available iron) was measured using the 1,10-phenanthroline colorimetric method at

510 nm on a UV–Vis spectrophotometer (Thermofisher, USA), and the concentration of AFe minus Fe^{2+} is the concentration of Fe^{3+} . The quantification of AP was using the molybdenum blue method at 880 nm on a UV–Vis spectrophotometer (Thermofisher, USA).

S2 Herbicide residue extraction and quantification of soil samples

Herbicide extraction The 2g soil sample was weighed into the 50ml centrifuge tube. Further, 10ml ultra-pure water was added to soak for 10 min, and then 10mL HPLC acetonitrile (Merk, Germany) was added to vortex for 2min. After that, 4g MgSO_4 and 1g NaCl was applied to stimulate partition. After 4000rpm centrifugation for 5min, the supernatant was transferred to another centrifuge tube containing 900mg MgSO_4 and 100mg C18, then the tube was shook by hand for 15 seconds and vibrated for 2 mins Finally, the supernatant filter membrane was analyzed in the injection bottle after 4000rpm centrifugation and 5min.

Instrumental quantification An ACQUITY I-class ultra-performance liquid chromatograph coupled with a TQ-XS tandem mass spectrometer (Waters, Milford, MA) was used for quantification of herbicides. The column used for test: ACQUITY BEH C18 column (2.1 mm \times 50 mm, 1.7 μm). The temperature of column was set as 40°C. Mobile phase (A) contained water/0.1% formic acid, mobile phase (B) was HPLC acetonitrile. The gradient program was as follows: 0-1.5min, 10-40% B; 1.5-4.0min 40-50% B; 4.0-6.0min 50-100% B; 6.0-7.5min 100% B; 7.5-10.0min 100-10% B. Flow rate was 0.2 mL/min and injection volume was 5 μL .

The optimal parameters of mass spectrometer were employed as follows: Desolvation gasflow, 800 L/Hr; cone airflow, 150L/Hr; collision gasflow, 0.15 mL/min. Multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode was applied for analysis.

S3 The primers and analysis for the amplification of 16S rRNA and ITS

The primers 515F (5'-GTGCCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA -3') and 806R (5'-CCGTCAATTCMTTTRAGTTT') amplifying the V4-V5 region of the bacterial 16S rRNA gene and the primers ITS3-F (5'-GCATCGATGAAGAACGCAGC-3') and ITS4-R (5'-TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC') amplifying the ITS2 region of the fungal ITS gene were used for PCR amplification. DNA amplicon sequences were analyzed on the Illumina Nova6000 platform from Guangdong Magigene Biotechnology Co. Ltd., Guangzhou, China.

S4 Ecological multifunctionality and biodiversity

We averaged the normalized scores of all individual functional genes and obtain an averaging

multifunctionality index. For the multithreshold multifunctionality approach, the critical threshold (>10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 90%) was set simultaneously in this study (Delgado-Baquerizo et al., 2020), to assess the relationships of soil biodiversity with the number of soil ecological functions.

The richness of bacteria, fungi, and the bacteria-fungi community were highly correlated with Shannon index in all cases (Fig. S2), suggesting whichever is chosen will not affect the results. The calculation of the biodiversity of soil organisms was similar to the averaging multifunctionality index: we averaged the normalized scores (min-max normalization) of the richness of the microbial community to represented biodiversity.

S5 The construction of Co-occurrence network and further analyses

First, in this study, to reduce potential spurious correlations from the extremely rare taxa, we focused on the domain phylotypes which were ubiquitous (>35% for bacteria and fungi of all samples) (Delgado-Baquerizo et al., 2020; Jiao et al., 2022). After filtering, the Spearman correlation networks were conducted to identify ecological clusters of strongly associated soil phylotypes. Then we used R package *neten* (Zhao et al., 2021) and R package *RMThreshold* (Luo et al., 2006) with correlation cut-off of $p < 0.001$ (p values were adjusted by false-discovery-rate method), and obtain denoised co-occurrence networks. The visualization of networks was executed with the interactive platform Gephi_0.9.2 and R package *igraph*, while the ecological cluster was identified using the Gephi_0.9.2 (Fan et al., 2020). The biodiversity (normalized richness index) of soil phylotypes within each ecological cluster was calculated subsequently as the method described in SI S4. The topological parameters of the extracted subnetworks by preserving the phylotypes and their correlations from networks of individual soil samples were calculated (Jiao et al., 2022), for exploring the potential effects of the complexity of networks on soil multifunctionality,

The participation coefficient P_i measures how ‘well-distributed’ the links of node are among different clusters (Guimera and Amaral, 2005). The calculation of P_i was processed according to previous study (Cumbo et al., 2014):

$$P_i = 1 - \left(\frac{k_i^{in}}{k_i} \right)^2$$

where k_i^{in} is the the number of links of node i with nodes in its own cluster, k_i is the total degree of node i . After identifying connectors in clusters ($P_i > 0.62$, Fig. S10A), to excavate the interactions

among keystone clusters, we further extracted keystone clusters 1, 2 and 4 from network (processing in R package *igraph*), and recalculating the P_i values of connectors (occurring in keystone clusters), then we found these connectors in cluster 1, 2 and 4 still conform to $P_i > 0.62$, indicating that these connectors are only responsible for connecting these key clusters (Fig. S10C).

S6 Linking the biodiversity and multifunctionality

The least significant difference (LSD) method was employed to compare and evaluate the differences between the different cropping patterns. The *Tax4Fun2* R package was used to predict bacterial community potential based on the KEGG pathway and functional redundancy indices. Ordinary least squares linear regressions (OLS) were conducted to link soil microbial biodiversity to multifunctionality. We conducted Spearman correlations to analyze the associations between the biodiversity of phylotypes and functions. We used R packages *rfPermute* and *A3* (Fortmann-Roe, 2015) to conduct a classification random forest analysis of the major soil microbial groups in driving soil ecological multifunctionality.

S7 Bacterial whole-genomes downloading and annotation

15 bacterial complete genomes were downloaded from GeneBank (<ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/genbank/bacteria/>, Table S8). Gene predictions were performed using Prodigal v2.6.3 with default parameters. The genes involved in C cycles and the degradation of herbicides were annotated by eggNOG-mapper 2.1.9 (--database bact -m diamond --sensmode ultra-sensitive --evalue 10^{-5}) with eggNOG 5.0 (KEGG) (Huerta-Cepas et al., 2019); genes involved in N, P and S cycles were annotated with Diamond v2.0.15 (--ultra-sensitive --evalue 10^{-5}) (Buchfink et al., 2021) with NCycDB (Tu et al., 2019), PCycDB (Zeng et al., 2022) and SCycDB (Yu et al., 2021), respectively.

S8 Soil quality indices

We used soil parameters of rotation for subsequent standardization. The areas on a radar chart of a combination of multiple soil indices included abiotic parameters (DOC, DON, $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$, Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , AFe, AP, TC, TN, C/N and 23 kinds of herbicides residue) and biotic parameters (63 detected and quantified functional genes and multiversity of key-stone phylotypes/connectors) were calculated as the standardized parameters. Considering the potential negative effects of herbicides residue on soil functions in our study (Fig. 4) and the ecological sense of C/N ratio (Sun et al., 2022), we inversed these variables for further SQI area calculations ($-1 \times$ value of total herbicide residues

or C/N ratio), and we also used rotation soil ($SQI_{rotation}$) to obtain the relative SQI ($(SQI_i/SQI_{rotation})-1$), where SQI_i is the SQI area value of different cropping strategies, $SQI_{rotation}$ is the values of SQI area in rotation soil). All parameters were normalized with min-max normalization before assessment.

Table S1 Soil herbicide residues extracted and quantified in this study (classified by chemical properties)

Chemical classification	Herbicides
Sulfonylureas	Tribenuron Methyl
	Bensulfuron-methyl
	Rimsulfuron
	Thifensulfuron-methyl
	Nicosulfuron
	Halosulfuron-methyl
Amides	Acetochlor
	Alachlor
Triazine	Atrazine
	Simazine
	Simetryn
	Metribuzin
Aryloxyphenoxypropionate	Quizalofop-P
	Fenoxaprop-P
Cyclic imine	Flumioxazin
Heterocycles	Clomazone
	Bentazone
Phenoxy acid	(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)Acetic acid
Substituted urea	Chlorotoluron
	Isoproturon
Diphenyl ether	Fomesafen
Imidazolinone	5,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenylthieno[3,2-b]Furan
Benzoylcyclohexanediones	Mesotrione

Table S2 The information of 71 functional genes quantifying on Wafergen Smart Chip Real-Time qPCR platform

Gene	Classification	Ecoding protein	Function
<i>abf A</i>	C degradation	α -L-arabinofuranosidase	Hemicellulose hydrolysis
<i>amy A</i>	C degradation	α -amylase	Starch hydrolysis
<i>amy X</i>	C degradation	pullulanase	Starch hydrolysis
<i>apu</i>	C degradation	amylopullulanase	Starch hydrolysis
<i>cdh</i>	C degradation	cellobiose dehydrogenase	Cellulose hydrolysis
<i>cex</i>	C degradation	exoglucanase	Cellulose hydrolysis

<i>chi A</i>	C degradation	endochitinase	Chitin hydrolysis
<i>exo-chi</i>	C degradation	exochitinase	Chitin hydrolysis
<i>glx</i>	C degradation	glyoxal oxidase	Lignin hydrolysis
<i>iso-plu</i>	C degradation	Isopullulanase	Starch hydrolysis
<i>lig</i>	C degradation	lignin peroxidase	Lignin hydrolysis
<i>man B</i>	C degradation	β -mannanase	Hemicellulose hydrolysis
<i>mnp</i>	C degradation	manganese peroxidase	Lignin hydrolysis
<i>naglu</i>	C degradation	α -N-acetylglucosaminidase	Cellulose hydrolysis
<i>pgu</i>	C degradation	pectinase/polygalacturonase	Pectin hydrolysis
<i>pox</i>	C degradation	phenol oxidase	Lignin hydrolysis
<i>gam</i>	C degradation	glucoamylase	Starch hydrolysis
<i>xyl A</i>	C degradation	xylose isomerase	Hemicellulose hydrolysis
<i>acc A</i>	C fixation	acetyl-CoA carboxylase carboxyltransferase α subunit	C fixation
<i>acl B</i>	C fixation	ATP-citrate lyase β subunit	C fixation
<i>acs A</i>	C fixation	acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase	C fixation
<i>acs B</i>	C fixation	acetyl-CoA synthase complex β subunit	C fixation
<i>acs E</i>	C fixation	5-methyltetrahydrofolate corrinoid methyltransferase	C fixation
<i>cda R</i>	C fixation	carbohydrate diacid regulon transcriptional regulator	C fixation
<i>frd A</i>	C fixation	fumarate reductase flavoprotein subunit	C fixation
<i>kor A</i>	C fixation	2-oxoglutarate ferredoxin oxidoreductase α subunit	C fixation
<i>mct</i>	C fixation	mesaconyl-CoA C1-C4 CoA transferase	C fixation
<i>mcr A</i>	C fixation	methyl-coenzyme M reductase α subunit	C fixation
<i>pcc A</i>	C fixation	acetyl/propionyl-CoA carboxylase alpha	C fixation
<i>rbc L</i>	C fixation	ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase large chain	C fixation
<i>smt A</i>	C fixation	succinyl-CoA:(S)- malate CoA transferase	C fixation
<i>mmo X</i>	Methane metabolism	methane monooxygenase component A alpha chain	Methane oxidation
<i>mxo F</i>	Methane metabolism	methanol dehydrogenase (cytochrome c) subunit 1	Methane production
<i>pgg-mdh</i>	Methane metabolism	methanol/ethanol family PQQ-dependent dehydrogenase	Methane production
<i>pmo A</i>	Methane metabolism	methane/ammonia monooxygenase subunit A	Methane oxidation
<i>amo A1</i>	N Cycling	ammonia monooxygenase α subunit (Archaea)	Aerobic ammoxidation

<i>amo A2</i>	N Cycling	ammonia monooxygenase α subunit (Bacteria)	Aerobic ammonification
<i>amo B</i>	N Cycling	ammonia monooxygenase β subunit	Aerobic ammonification
<i>gdh A</i>	N Cycling	glutamate dehydrogenase	Organic N mineralization
<i>hao</i>	N Cycling	hydroxylamine oxidoreductase	Nitrification
<i>hzo</i>	N Cycling	hydrazine oxidase	Anaerobic ammonium oxidation
<i>hzs A</i>	N Cycling	hydrazine synthase α subunit	Anaerobic ammonium oxidation
<i>hzs B</i>	N Cycling	hydrazine synthase β subunit	Anaerobic ammonium oxidation
<i>nap A</i>	N Cycling	periplasmic nitrate reductase	Denitrification
<i>nar G</i>	N Cycling	nitrate reductase α chain	Denitrification
<i>nas A</i>	N Cycling	assimilatory nitrate reductase catalytic subunit	Denitrification
<i>nif H</i>	N Cycling	nitrogenase iron protein	N fixation
<i>nir K1</i>	N Cycling	nitrite reductase (NO-forming)	Denitrification
<i>nir K2</i>	N Cycling	nitrite reductase (NO-forming)	Denitrification
<i>nir K3</i>	N Cycling	nitrite reductase (NO-forming)	Denitrification
<i>nir S1</i>	N Cycling	nitrite reductase (NO-forming)	Denitrification
<i>nir S2</i>	N Cycling	nitrite reductase (NO-forming)	Denitrification
<i>nir S3</i>	N Cycling	nitrite reductase (NO-forming)	Denitrification
<i>nos Z1</i>	N Cycling	nitrous-oxide reductase	Denitrification
<i>nos Z2</i>	N Cycling	nitrous-oxide reductase	Denitrification
<i>nxr A</i>	N Cycling	nitrite oxidoreductase α subunit	Nitrification
<i>ure C</i>	N Cycling	urease	Organic N mineralization
<i>bpp</i>	P Cycling	β -propeller phytase	Organic P mineralization
<i>cphy</i>	P Cycling	ruminal cysteine phytase	Organic P mineralization
<i>gcd</i>	P Cycling	quinoprotein glucose dehydrogenase	Inorganic P solubilization
<i>phn K</i>	P Cycling	phosphonate transport system ATP-binding protein	Organic P mineralization
<i>pho D</i>	P Cycling	alkaline phosphatase D	Organic P mineralization
<i>pho X</i>	P Cycling	alkaline phosphatase/Pho regulon	Organic P mineralization
<i>ppk</i>	P Cycling	polyphosphate kinase	Inorganic P biosynthesis
<i>ppx</i>	P Cycling	exopolyphosphatase	Inorganic P hydrolysis

<i>pqq C</i>	P Cycling	pyrroloquinoline-quinone synthase	Inorganic P solubilization
<i>aps A</i>	S Cycling	adenosine-5'-phosphosulfate reductase α subunit	S reduction
<i>dsr A</i>	S Cycling	sulfite reductase α subunit	S reduction
<i>dsr B</i>	S Cycling	sulfite reductase β subunit	S reduction
<i>sox Y</i>	S Cycling	sulfur-oxidizing protein	S oxidation
<i>yed Z</i>	S Cycling	sulfite oxidase	S oxidation

Table S3 The differential analysis of functional genes among different cropping patterns in

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Gene name	Rotation vs Soybean	Corn vs Soybean	Corn vs Rotation
<i>accA</i>	ns.	*	ns.
<i>aclB</i>	ns.	*	***
<i>acsA</i>	*	*	***
<i>acsB</i>	ns.	***	***
<i>acsE</i>	*	ns.	**
<i>amoA1</i>	***	**	***
<i>amoA2</i>	ns.	**	*
<i>amoB</i>	*	**	***
<i>amyA</i>	ns.	***	***
<i>apsA</i>	*	**	***
<i>apu</i>	ns.	***	***
<i>bpp</i>	ns.	*	**
<i>CDH</i>	*	ns.	**
<i>chiA</i>	ns.	*	**
<i>dsrA</i>	*	ns.	***
<i>dsrB</i>	ns.	ns.	*
<i>exoPG</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>frdA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>gam</i>	ns.	*	ns.
<i>gcd</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>gdhA</i>	*	**	***
<i>glx</i>	*	ns.	***
<i>hao</i>	***	*	***
<i>IsoP</i>	ns.	*	**
<i>korA</i>	**	*	***
<i>lig</i>	ns.	ns.	*
<i>manA</i>	*	**	***

<i>mct</i>	ns.	ns.	**
<i>mmoX</i>	*	ns.	**
<i>mnp</i>	**	***	***
<i>mxnF</i>	*	**	***
<i>napA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nifH</i>	**	ns.	***
<i>nirK1</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nirK2</i>	ns.	*	*
<i>nirS1</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nirS2</i>	ns.	*	*
<i>nirS3</i>	ns.	*	***
<i>nosZ1</i>	**	**	***
<i>nosZ2</i>	ns.	ns.	*
<i>nxA</i>	ns.	*	ns.
<i>pccA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>pgg-mdh</i>	***	*	***
<i>phnK</i>	ns.	ns.	***
<i>phoD</i>	ns.	***	***
<i>pmoA</i>	*	***	***
<i>ppx</i>	***	ns.	***
<i>pqqC</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>rbcL</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>smtA</i>	*	ns.	**
<i>SoxY</i>	***	**	***
<i>UreC</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>xylA</i>	**	ns.	***
<i>YedZ</i>	**	***	***

LSD *p* values, ns. represented $p > 0.05$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table S4 The differential analysis of functional genes among different cropping patterns in Heihe

Gene name	Rotation vs Soybean	Corn vs Soybean	Corn vs Rotation
<i>accA</i>	*	ns.	*
<i>aclB</i>	0.06	ns.	0.069
<i>acsA</i>	0.054	ns.	0.068
<i>acsB</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>acsE</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>amoA1</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>amoA2</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>amoB</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>amyA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>apsA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.

<i>apu</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>bpp</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>CDH</i>	0.085	ns.	0.065
<i>chiA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>dsrA</i>	**	ns.	*
<i>dsrB</i>	0.082	ns.	ns.
<i>exoPG</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>frdA</i>	0.079	ns.	*
<i>gam</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>gcd</i>	*	ns.	0.071
<i>gdhA</i>	0.078	ns.	ns.
<i>glx</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>hao</i>	ns.	*	*
<i>IsoP</i>	ns.	ns.	0.065
<i>korA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>lig</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>manA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>mct</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>mmoX</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>mnp</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>mxoF</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>napA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nifH</i>	ns.	*	ns.
<i>nirK1</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nirK2</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nirS1</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nirS2</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nirS3</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nosZ1</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nosZ2</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>nxA</i>	ns.	0.057	ns.
<i>pccA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>pgg-mdh</i>	ns.	*	0.075
<i>phnK</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>phoD</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>pmoA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>ppx</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>pqqC</i>	ns.	ns.	0.08
<i>rbcL</i>	ns.	***	***
<i>smtA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>SoxY</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>UreC</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
<i>xylA</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.

<i>YedZ</i>	ns.	ns.	ns.
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LSD *p* values, ns. represented $p > 0.05$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table S5 The permutational multivariate analysis of variance among different cropping patterns

	comparison	CF	HH
Bacterial	Soybean/Rotation	0.23**	0.53**
Community	Soybean/Corn	0.48**	0.68**
	Rotation/Corn	0.40**	0.26**
Fungal	Soybean/Rotation	0.38**	0.61**
Community	Soybean/Corn	0.59**	0.71**
	Rotation/Corn	0.57**	0.37**
Bacteria- fungi	Soybean/Rotation	0.34**	0.58**
	Soybean/Corn	0.57**	0.70**
Community	Rotation/Corn	0.53**	0.34**
Functional genes	Soybean/Rotation	0.44**	0.30**
	Soybean/Corn	0.48**	0.14
	Rotation/Corn	0.78**	0.32*

p values are indicated by asterisks: * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S6 Spearman correlation between six ecological services and β NNTI in different clusters

	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4
Multifunctionality	-0.086	0.519***	-0.052	0.090
C degradation	-0.060	0.515***	-0.097	0.107
C fixation	-0.104	0.514***	-0.021	0.080
Methane metabolism	-0.096	0.483***	-0.009	0.040
N Cycle	-0.091	0.555***	-0.020	0.096
P Cycle	-0.068	0.482***	-0.012	0.021
S Cycle	-0.041	0.429***	-0.087	0.165

p values are indicated by asterisks: * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S7 Identified abundant functional microorganisms at the order level

Microorganisms group	Ecological functions	Reference
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<i>Micrococcales</i>	Carbon cycle and potential in nitrogen cycle	(Argiroff et al., 2019; Guo et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2018)
<i>Vicinamibacterales</i>	Phosphate cycle	(Wu et al., 2022)
<i>Burkholderiales</i>	Phosphate and nitrogen cycle	(Estrada-De los Santos et al., 2001; Ishii et al., 2011; Ragot et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2018; Wu et al., 2022)
<i>Rhizobiales</i>	Nitrogen cycle and phosphate cycle	(Chen et al., 2021; Garrido-Oter et al., 2018; Peix et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2018)
<i>Thermomicrobiales</i>	Potential in phosphate cycle	(Wang et al., 2022)
<i>Gemmatimonadales</i>	Carbon cycle	(Fan et al., 2014; He et al., 2012)
<i>Chitinophagales</i>	Carbon cycle	(Carrion et al., 2019; Li et al., 2022)
<i>Nitrospirales</i>	Nitrogen cycle	(Xia et al., 2011)

Table S8 GeneBank ID of each complete genome downloading from GeneBank website

Taxonomy	ASV ID	GeneBank ID
<i>Burkholderiales</i>	1ed03691420c8fd886f8675239e73f12	CP002252
	f01f6795d9bd1f7e3549ff102ae12d06	CP000245
	f375a2f1dacc0966975cdbc744b2b59e	CP002877
	f375a2f1dacc0966975cdbc744b2b59e	CP002878
	fb882c744a00aaa972dc7b78fbe61e8b	CP053069
<i>Micrococcales</i>	091f0039f9699e2b582c467fb547c98d	CP013747
	894a9016f3aa1b852877cd7499355ee1	CP046121
	45b5b9bfcdfba8a94fca18a8035918b3	CP013979
	091f0039f9699e2b582c467fb547c98d	CP019304

<i>Rhizobiales</i>	26450c239ee044057fdb77c9ebcdf521	CP022998
	021a60490bbb93b30a1e1a0019223750	CP042331
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<i>Vicinamibacterales</i>	383efdea14cf87d1d9b3cd3cb83089b5	CP015136

Table S9 Mantel tests of environmental variables against mean nearest taxon distance metric

(β MNTD) of ecological clusters in agricultural soils

	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4
pH	-0.006	0.680***	0.815***	0.695***
DOC	-0.147	0.409***	0.455***	0.413***
DON	0.209*	0.467***	0.374**	0.436***
NH ₄ ⁺	0.075	0.063	0.111	0.134*
Fe ²⁺	0.106	0.722***	0.720***	0.724***
Fe ³⁺	0.171**	0.760***	0.726***	0.762***
AFe	0.170***	0.754***	0.728***	0.754***
AP	0.139	0.545***	0.415***	0.480***
TC	0.147*	0.731***	0.744***	0.728***
TN	0.169**	0.720***	0.747***	0.749***
C/N	-0.115	0.418**	0.621***	0.555***
Herbicides residue	0.265***	0.707***	0.667***	0.739***
Sulfonylureas	-0.060	0.035	0.025	0.040
Amides	-0.204	0.147*	0.168**	0.154*
Triazine	0.053	-0.001	0.027	0.028
Aryloxyphenoxypropionate	-0.147	-0.040	-0.021	0.029
Cyclic imine	0.163	-0.019	-0.051	-0.030
Heterocycles	0.374**	0.552***	0.488***	0.542***
Phenoxy acid	-0.007	-0.067	-0.025	-0.077
Substituted urea	-0.289	-0.019	0.010	0.003
Diphenyl ether	0.483***	0.625***	0.530***	0.648***
Imidazolinone	0.153	0.108	-0.003	0.044
Benzoylcyclohexanediones	0.353**	0.419***	0.079	0.241**

p values are indicated by asterisks: * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

8 years long-term different cropping system

A			B		
Corn	Rotation	Soybean	Corn	Soybean	Rotation
Soybean	Corn	Rotation	Soybean	Rotation	Corn
Rotation	Soybean	Corn	Rotation	Corn	Soybean
Corn	Rotation	Soybean	Soybean	Rotation	Corn

Fig. S1 Experimental design in different cropping systems in Chifeng (A) and Heihe (B). Soybean: continuous soybean cropping; Corn: continuous corn cropping; Rotation: soybean-corn rotation.

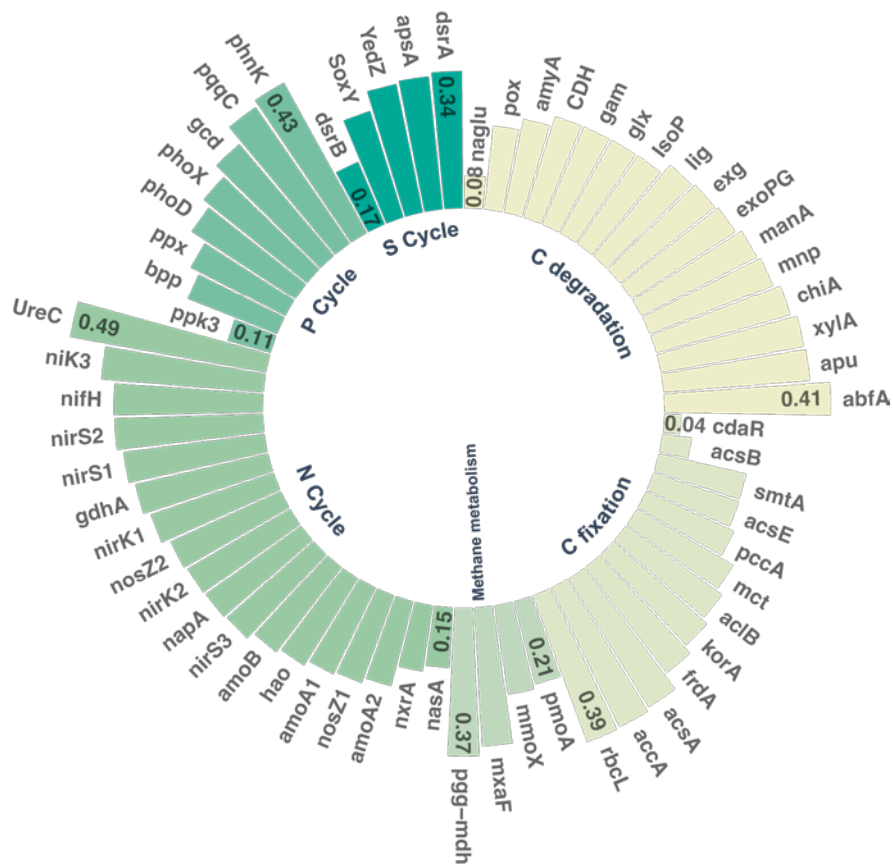


Fig. S2. The average abundance of functional genes in agricultural soils (max-min normalized).

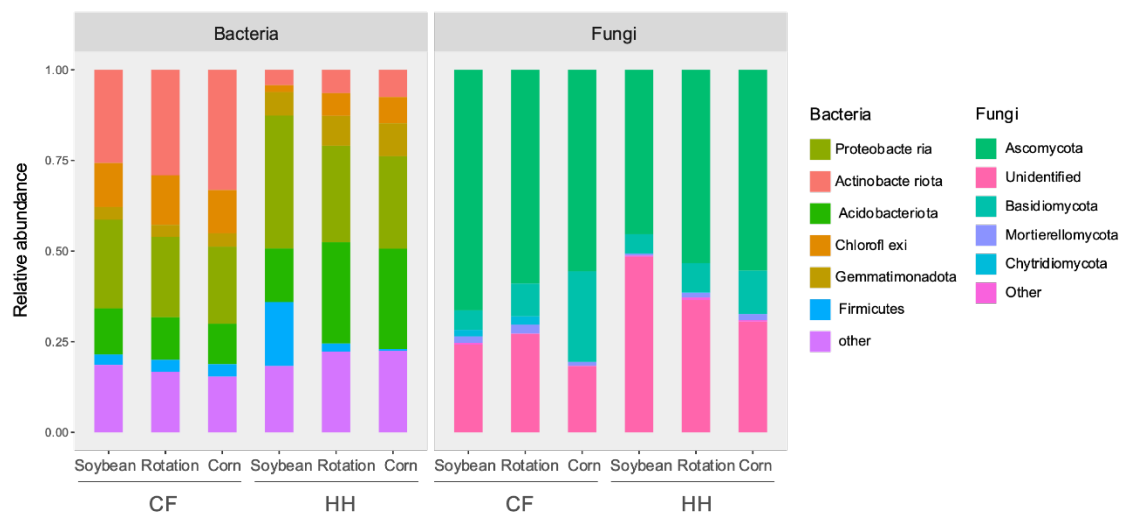


Fig. S3. Bacteria and fungi phylum composition among different cropping strategies.

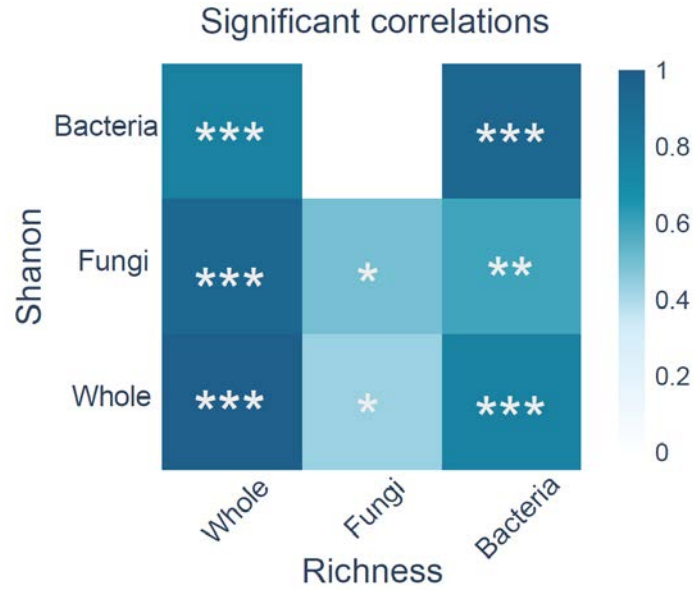


Fig. S4. Significant correlations (Spearman; $*p \leq 0.05$; $**p < 0.01$; $***p < 0.001$) between Shannon index and richness (both indexes are min-max normalization) of selected groups of soil organisms.

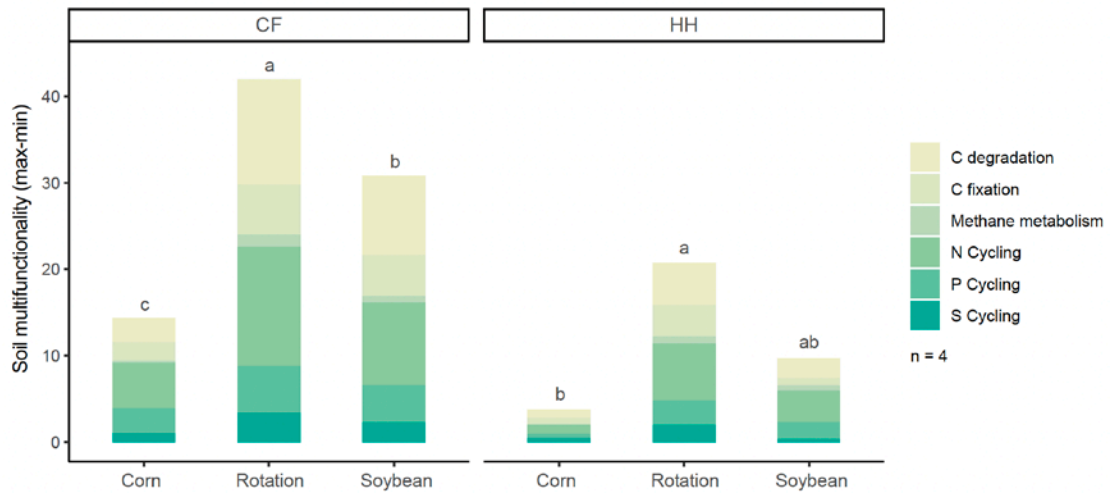


Fig. S5. Average multifunctionality index in response to cropping patterns. Different letters indicated significant differences (LSD). Abbreviations: CF, the Chifeng station; HH, the Heihe station.

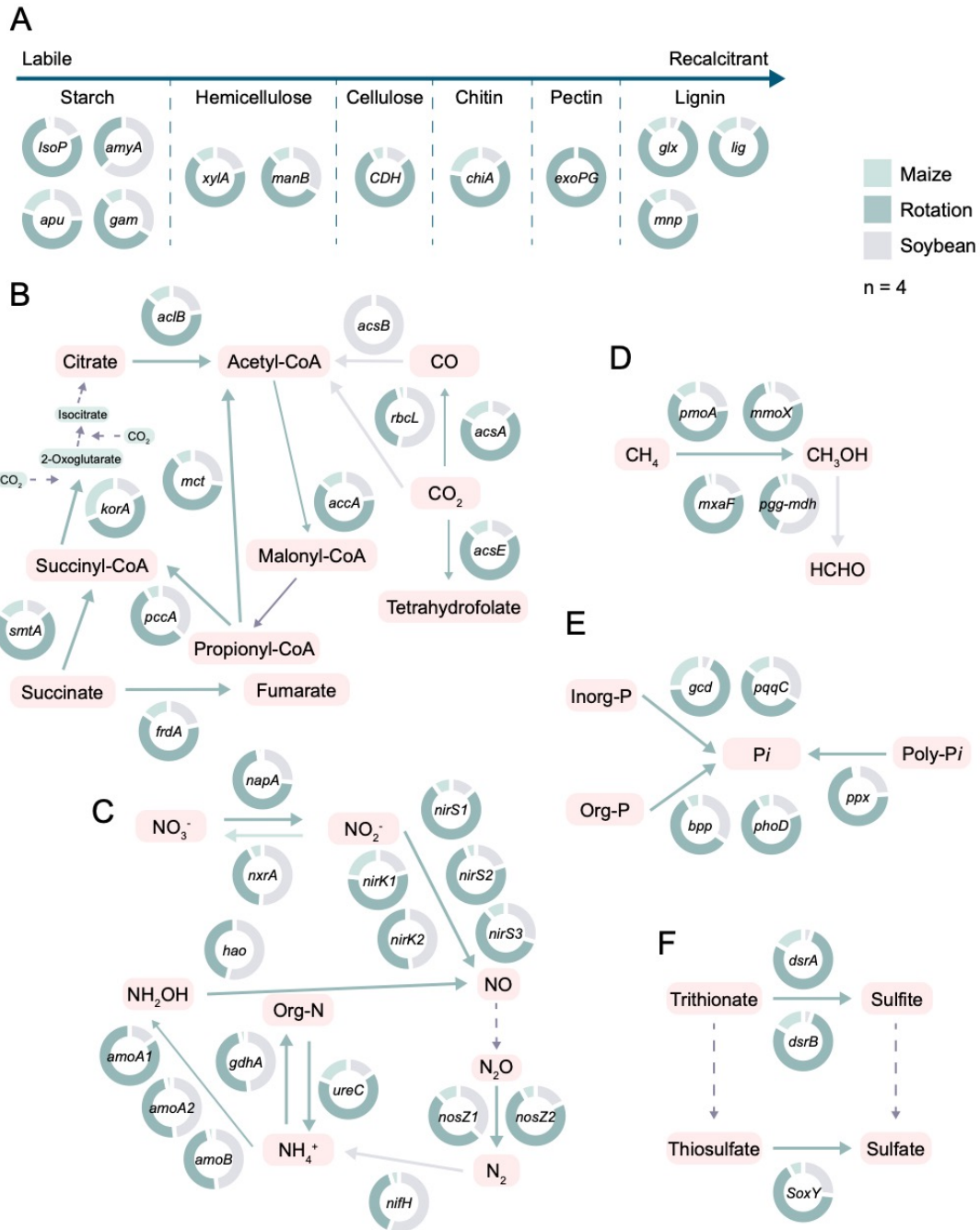


Fig. S6. The doughnut plot depicting the average abundance ratios of selected genes (max-min normalization) in Heihe station. Genes that have been selected exhibit a gene abundance percentage greater than 40% in at least one cropping system. The arrows of solid lines indicate that the genes involved in the metabolic pathway are quantified in this study, while the dotted arrows indicate that the metabolic pathway exists, but the genes involved are not

in this study. The color of the arrows in the solid line corresponds to a higher proportion of the gene in a cropping strategy than in the other, and the results of the analysis of variance were shown in Table S3. The metabolism pathway was exhibited according to KEGG (<https://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html>).

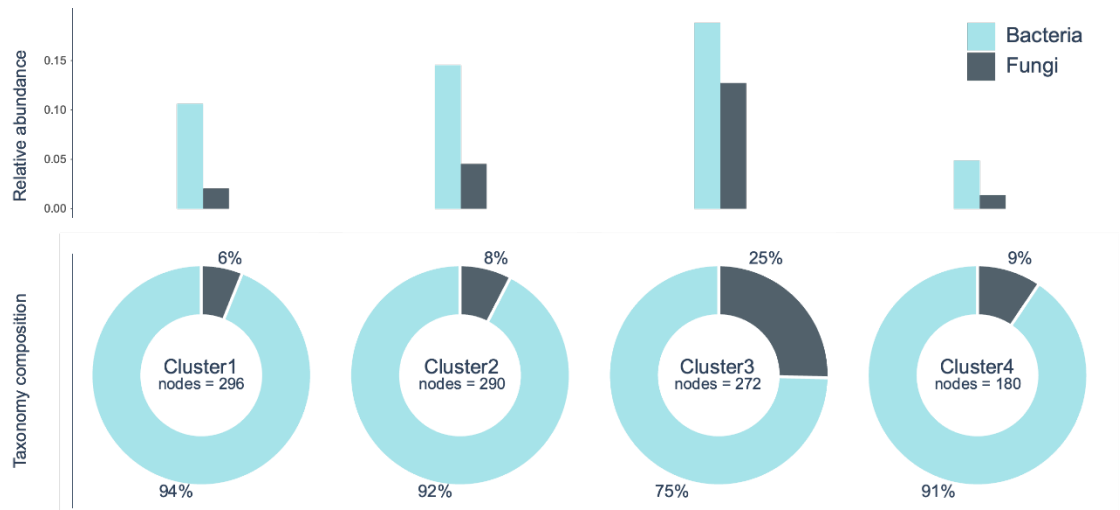


Fig. S7. The relative and proportion of bacteria and fungi among ecological clusters.

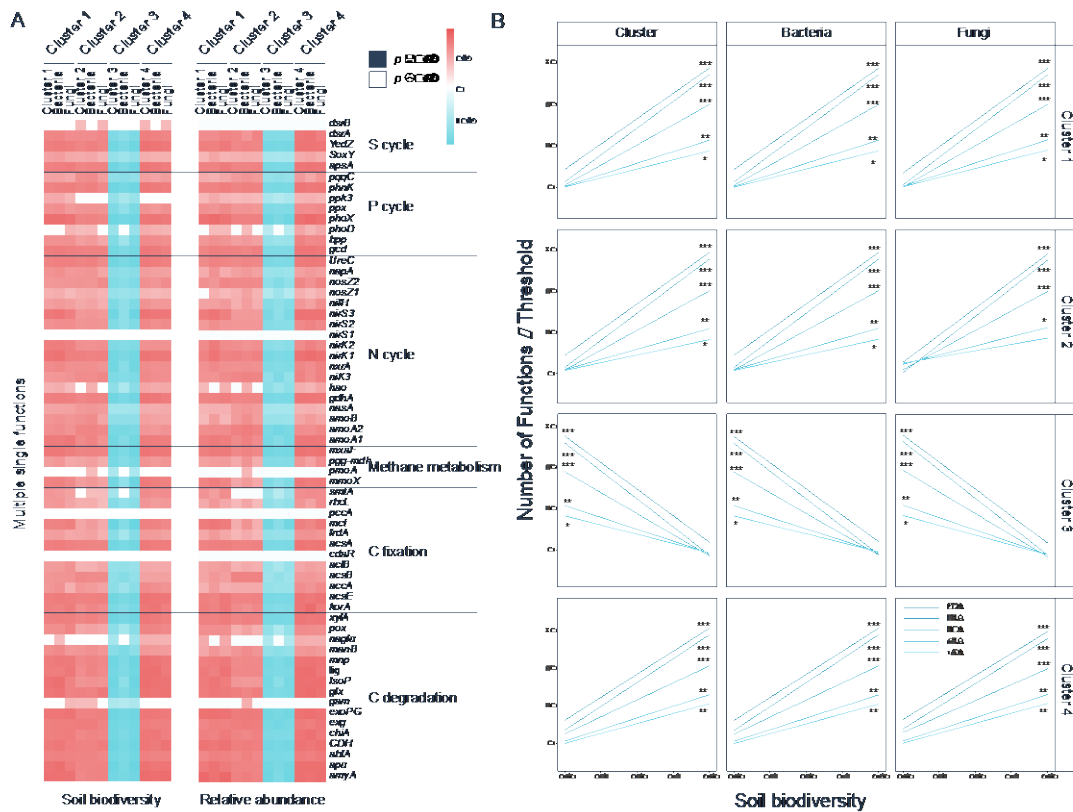


Fig. S8. Significant correlations (Spearman; $p \leq 0.05$) between the copies of functional genes and the biodiversity of ecological clusters or their abundance (A). The relationships between multithreshold functioning and the biodiversity of ecological clusters (min-max normalization richness of bacteria, fungi, and a composite metric of their joint diversity) (B); statistical analysis was performed using ordinary least squares linear regressions; p values are indicated by asterisks: $*p \leq 0.05$; $**p < 0.01$; $***p < 0.001$.

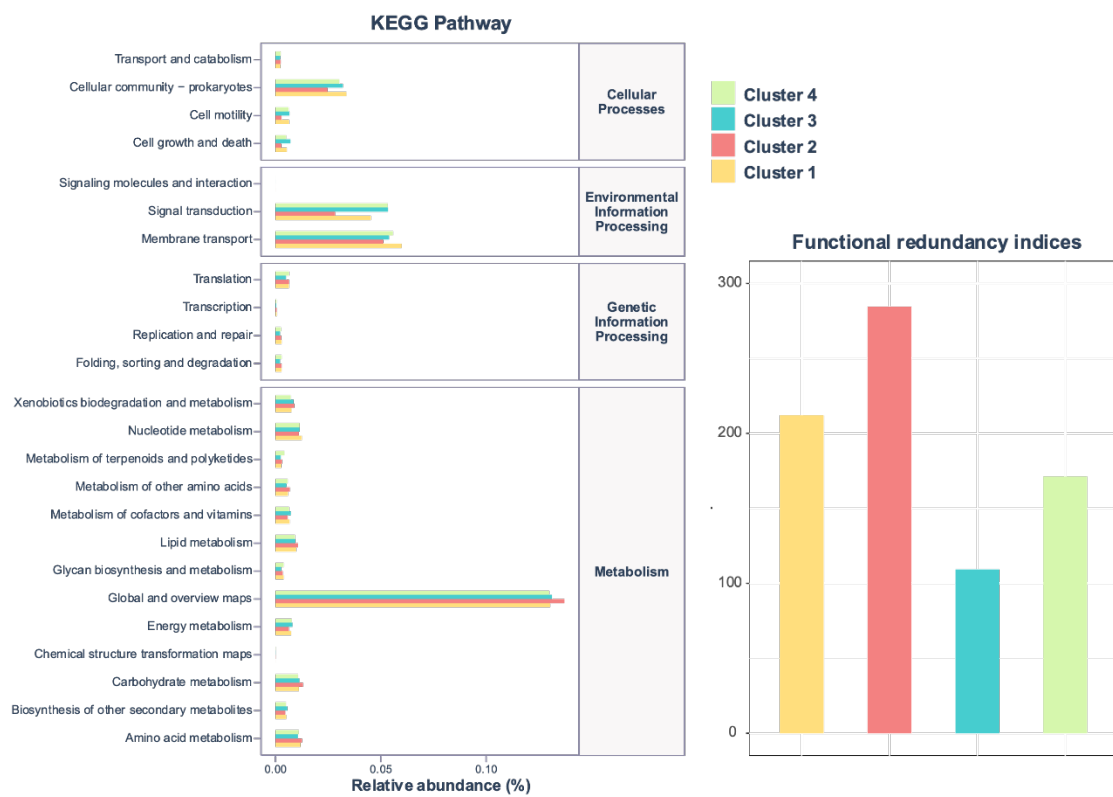


Fig. S9. The potential KEGG pathway of bacteria in clusters and functional redundancy indices were predicted based on their representative 16S rRNA gene sequences using R package *Tax4Fun2*.

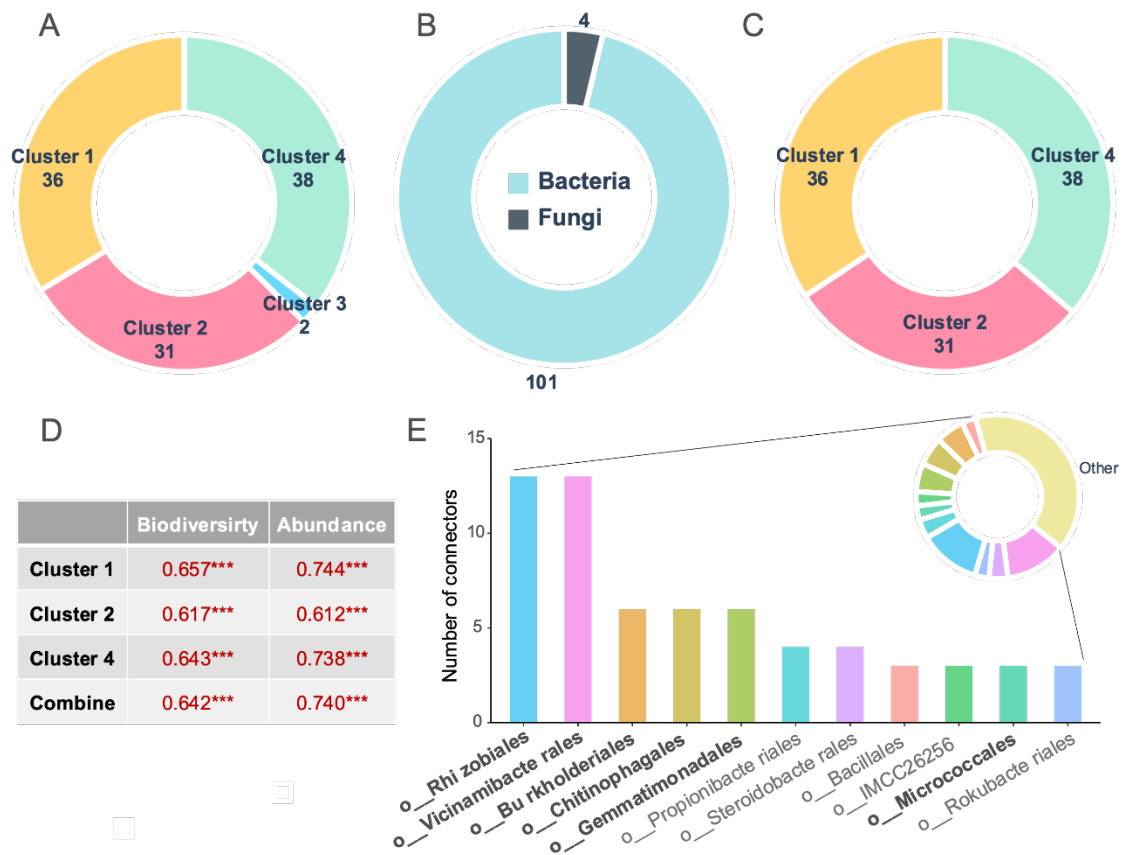


Fig. S10. A, the number of identified connectors ($P_i > 0.62$) among individual clusters in the network; B, taxonomy composition of connectors in cluster 1, 2 and 4 at the kingdom level; C, after extracting keystone cluster 1, 2 and 4, the number of identified connectors (the P_i values were calculated all over again, and cut off in $P_i > 0.62$) among individual cluster; D, the relationships between biodiversity and relative abundance of connectors in individual cluster as well as combination of these connectors and the average multifunctionality. Statistical analysis was performed using ordinary least squares linear regressions; p values are indicated by asterisks: $*p \leq 0.05$; $**p < 0.01$; $***p < 0.001$; E, bacterial taxonomy composition of connectors in cluster 1, 2 and 4 at the order level. Bold type annotations are presented the identified functional groups according to Table S4 (ordered by the number of connectors).

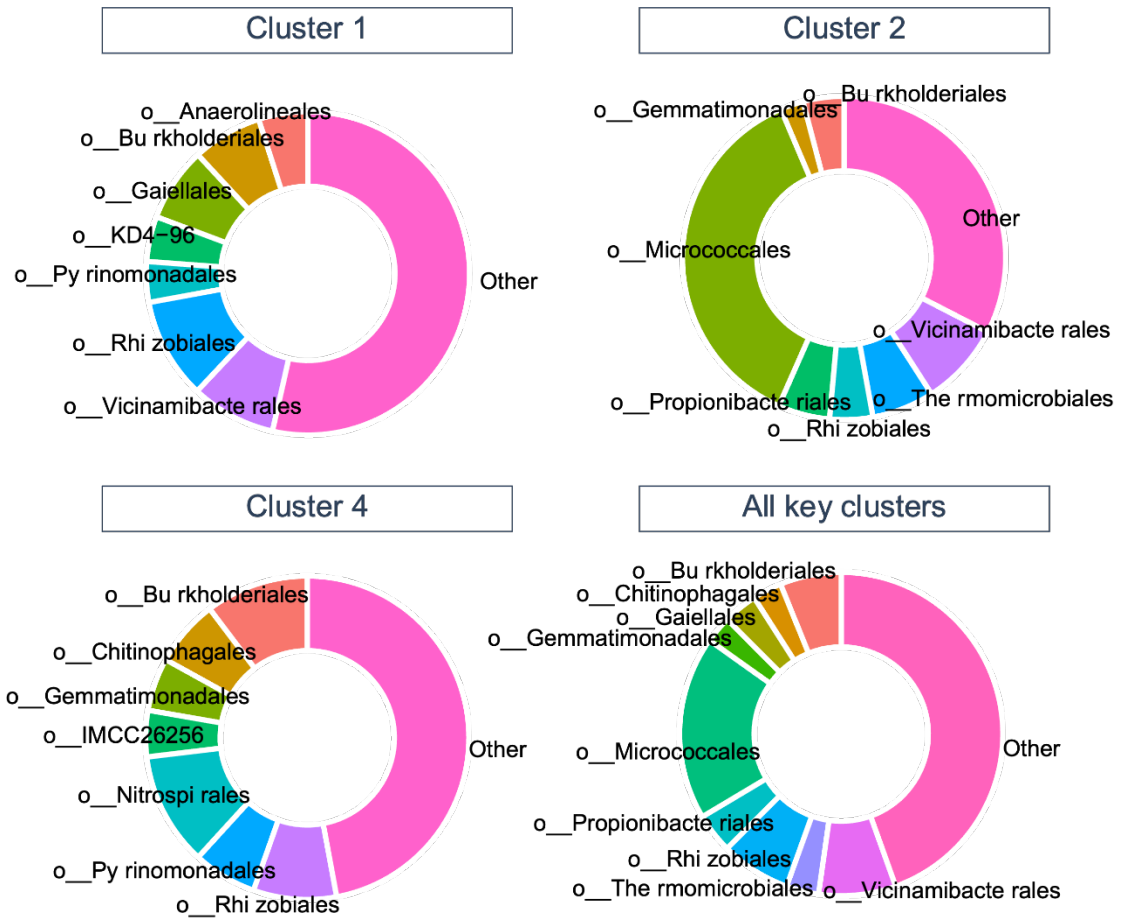


Fig. S11. The relative abundance of phylotypes at order level

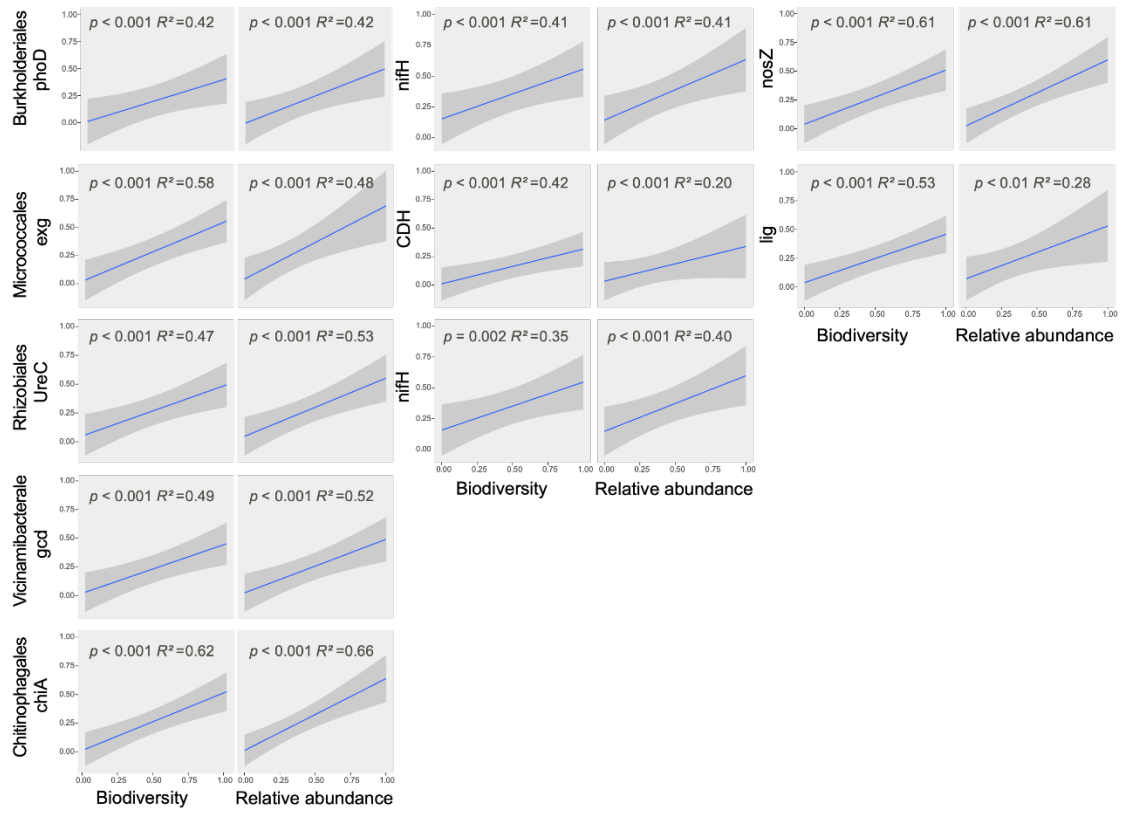


Fig. S12. The relationships between functional phylotypes in key-stone clusters and harbored genes referring to Table S4

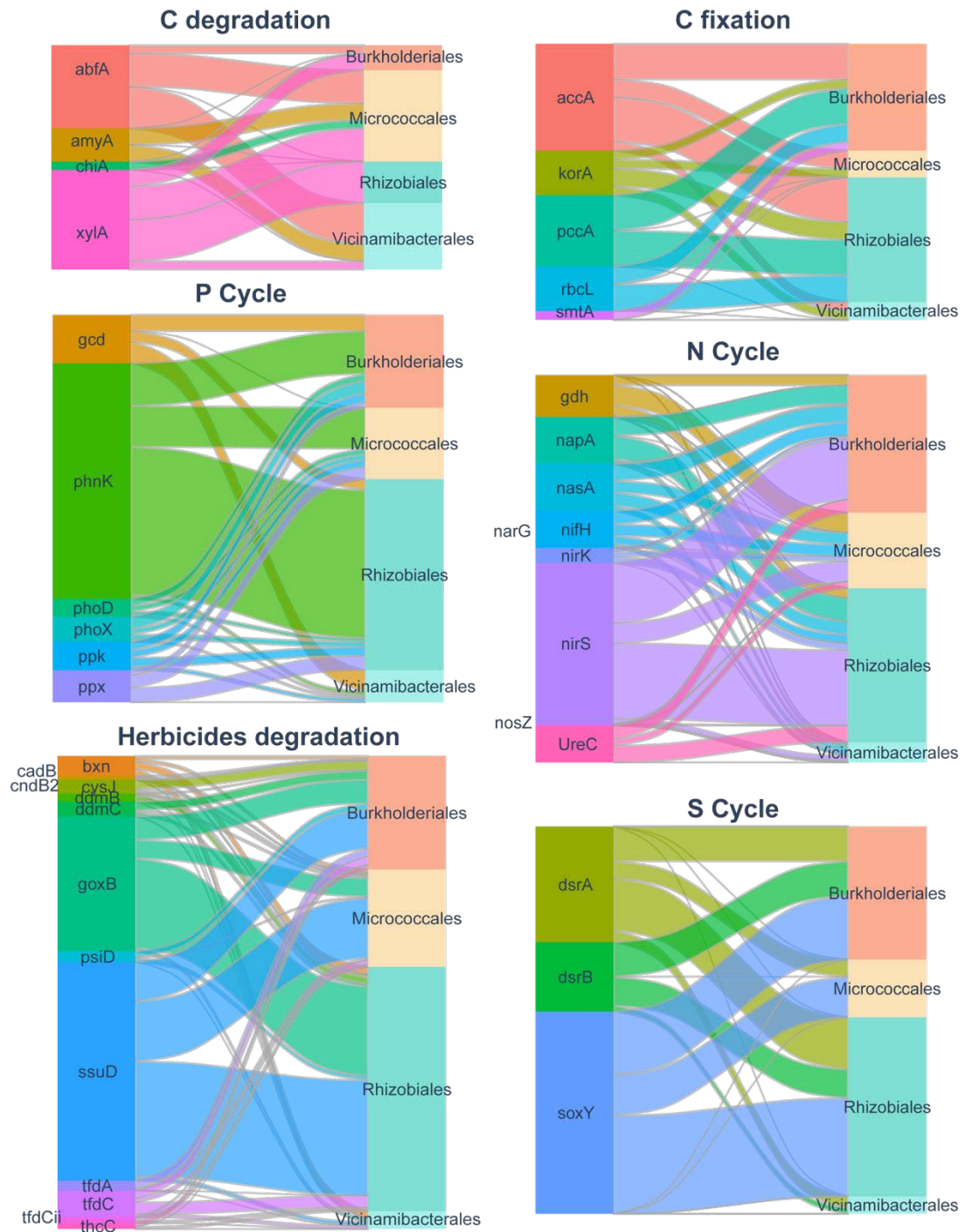


Fig. S13. Gene copies of dominant keystone phylotypes genome that were downloaded from GeneBank.

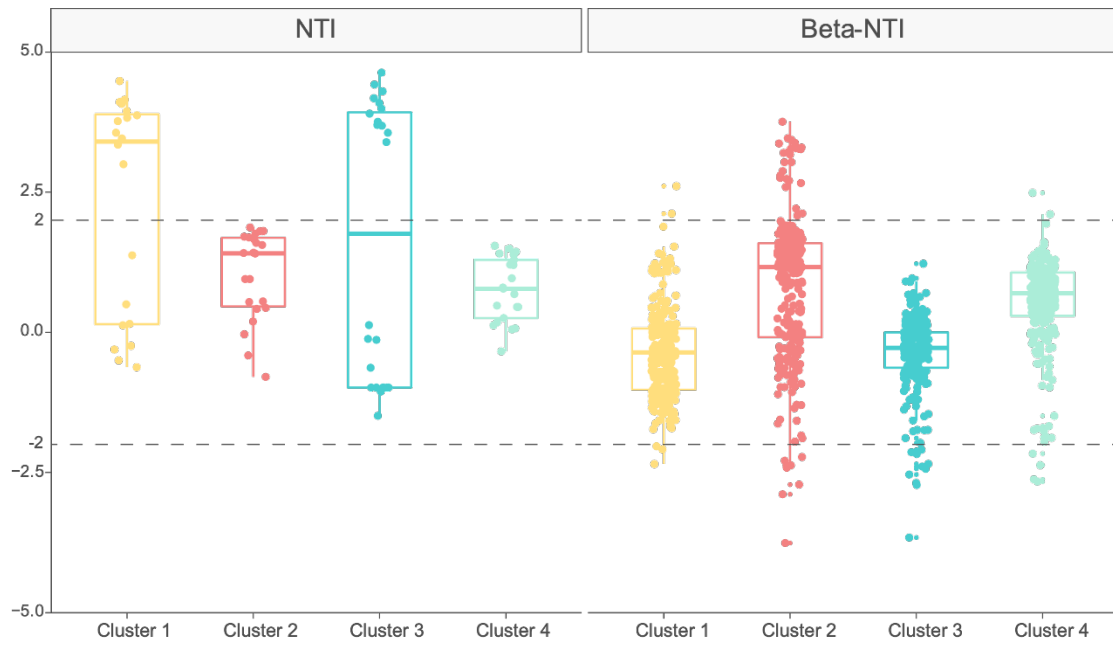


Fig. S14. The nearest taxon index (NTI) and β -nearest taxon index (β NTI) are among different ecological clusters.

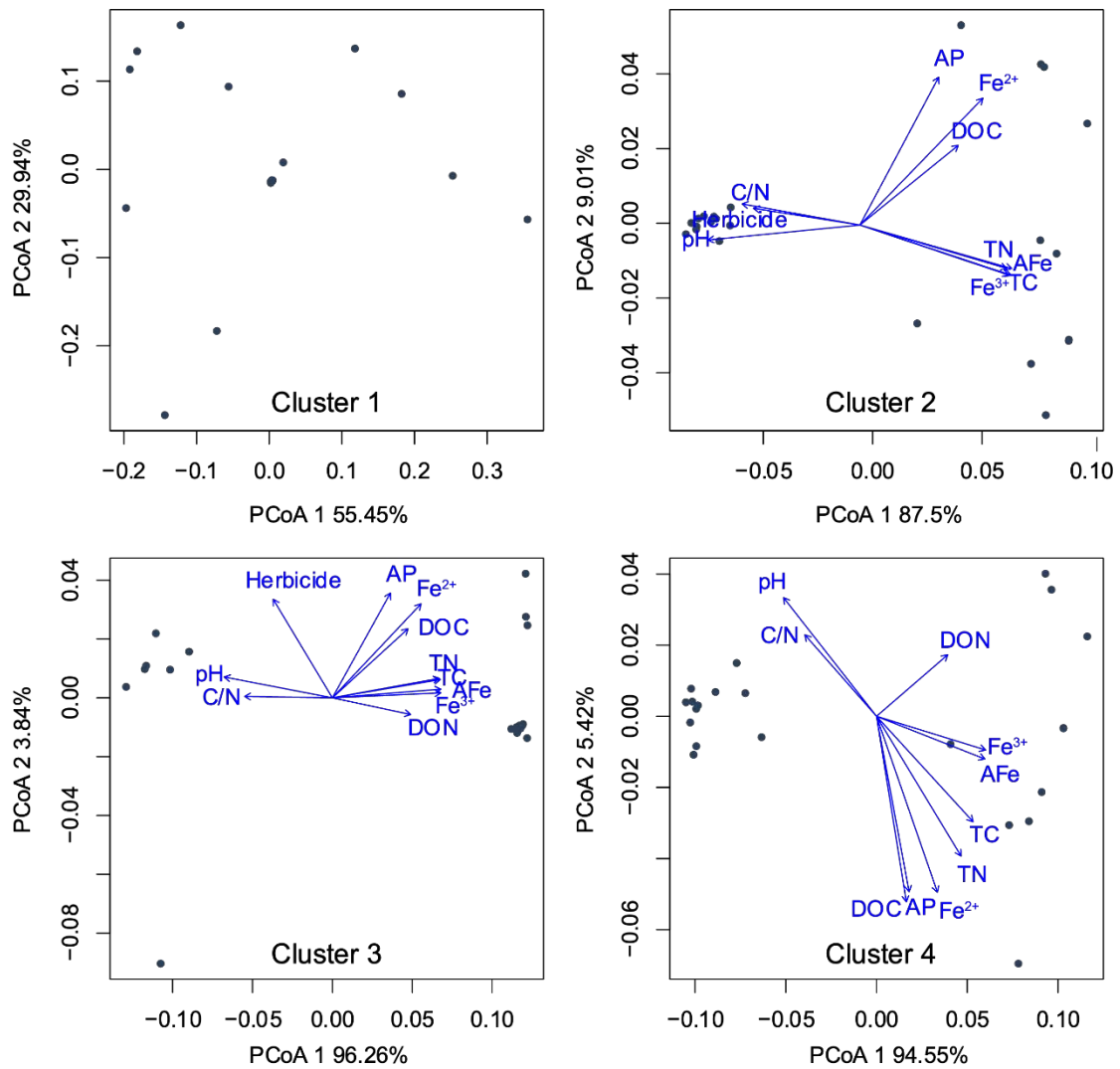


Fig. S16. Major environmental variables in shaping the ecological cluster phylogenetic sub-communities based on mean nearest taxon distance metric (β MNTD) identified by principal coordinates analysis (PCoA).

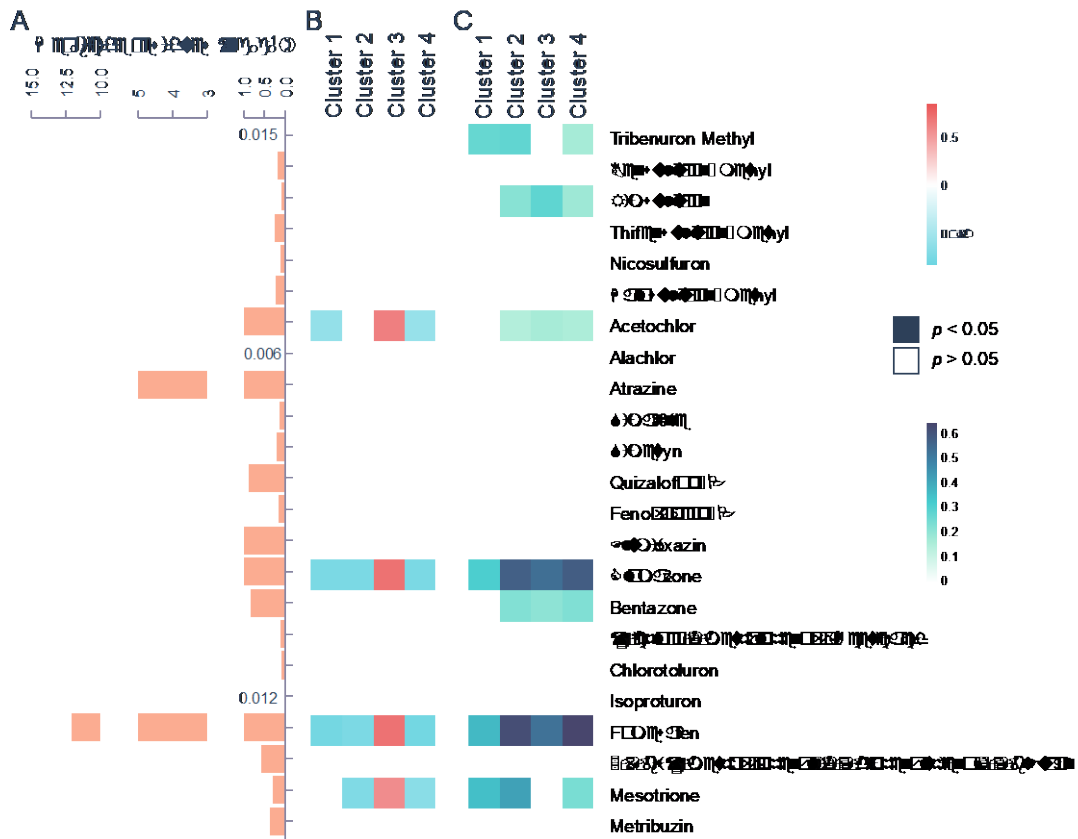


Fig. S17. The average herbicide residues in soil (A) and its significant association (Spearman correlation) with the biodiversity of identified cluster (B); the mean nearest taxon distance metric, being quantified by spearman correlation (C).

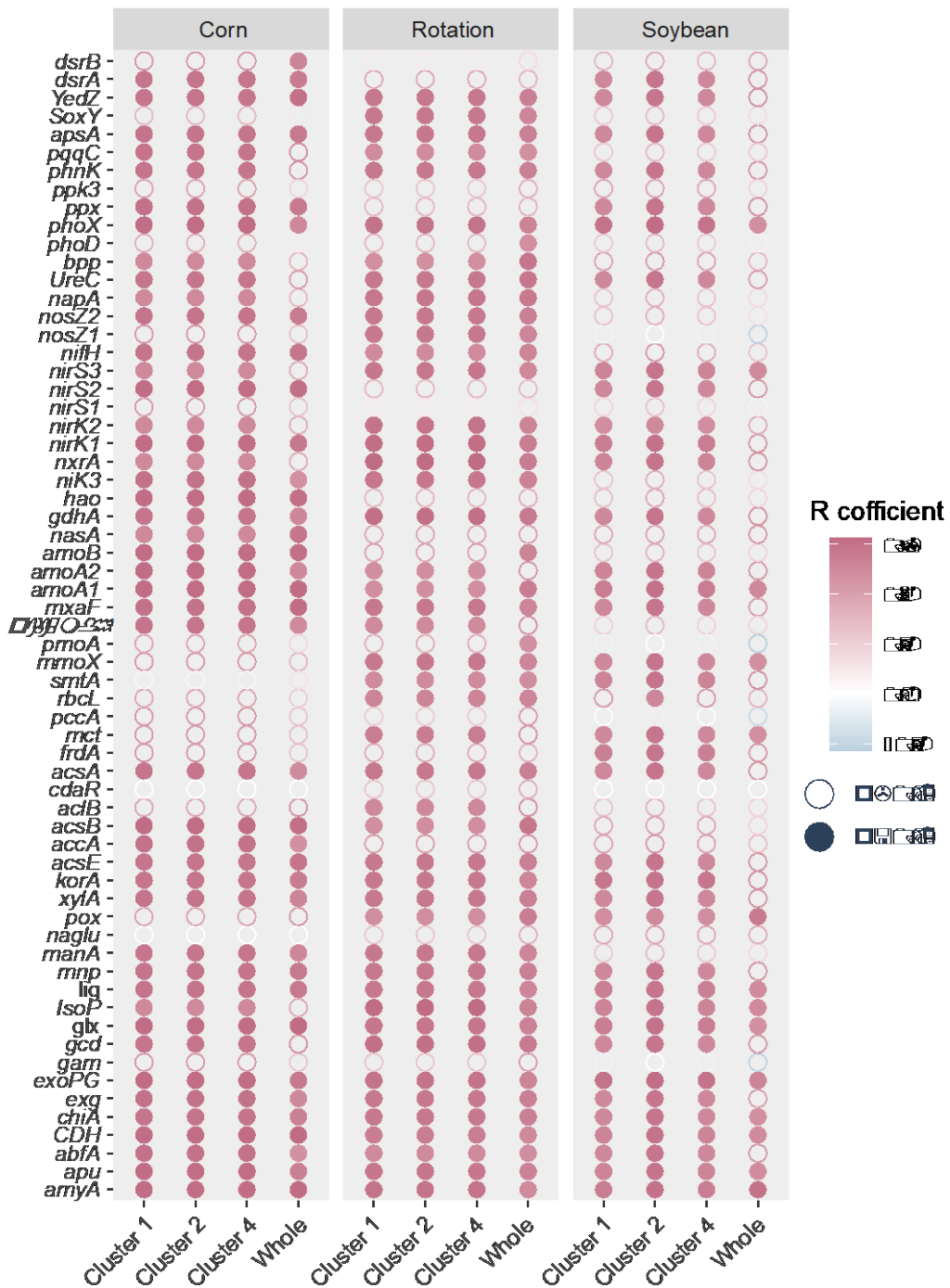


Fig. S18. Spearman correlations between the abundance of functional genes and biodiversity of

keystone phylotypes (min-max normalized)

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