

1 **Extreme storms cause rapid but short-lived shifts in nearshore subtropical bacterial**
2 **communities**

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15 **Originality-Significance Statement**

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17 Extreme storm events, such as tropical cyclones, can negatively affect coastal ecosystems
18 through increased terrestrial run-off, pollution, and physical destruction. Future climate
19 scenarios predict increased frequency and intensity of tropical cyclones, necessitating a better
20 understanding of how ecosystems respond to such events. In this study, we show the short-
21 term dynamics of nearshore bacterial communities during two major tropical cyclones occurring
22 at the beginning and end of the typhoon season in the subtropical western Pacific. Importantly,
23 field observations were coupled with concurrent mesocosm experiments to isolate the effects of
24 terrestrial sediment input from other storm effects, such as wind, waves, and fresh-water influx.
25 Our study reveals that shifts in bacterial communities in both instances were extremely rapid but
26 highly context dependent.

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29 **Abstract**

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31 Climate change scenarios predict tropical cyclones will increase in both frequency and intensity,
32 which will escalate the amount of terrestrial run-off and mechanical disruption affecting coastal
33 ecosystems. Bacteria are key contributors to ecosystem functioning, but relatively little is known

34 about how they respond to extreme storm events, particularly in nearshore subtropical regions.
35 In this study, we combine field observations and mesocosm experiments to assess bacterial
36 community dynamics and changes in physicochemical properties during early- and late-season
37 tropical cyclones affecting Okinawa, Japan. Storms caused large and fast influxes of freshwater
38 and terrestrial sediment—locally known as red soil pollution—and caused moderate increases
39 of macronutrients, especially SiO_2 and PO_4^{3-} , with up to 25 and 0.5 μM , respectively. We
40 detected shifts in relative abundances of marine and terrestrially-derived bacteria, including
41 putative coral and human pathogens, during storm events. Soil input alone did not substantially
42 affect marine bacterial communities in mesocosms, indicating that other components of run-off
43 or other storm effects likely exert a larger influence on bacterial communities. The storm effects
44 were short-lived and bacterial communities quickly recovered following both storm events. The
45 early- and late-season storms caused different physicochemical and bacterial community
46 changes, demonstrating the context-dependency of extreme storm responses in a subtropical
47 coastal ecosystem.

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49 **Keywords**

50 Tropical cyclones, typhoons, hurricanes, extreme events, bacterioplankton, coastal, nearshore,
51 community dynamics, soil pollution, run-off

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53 **Introduction**

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55 Extreme storm events, such as tropical cyclones (i.e. tropical storms, hurricanes, and typhoons),
56 can have dramatic consequences on coastal ecosystems, due in part to the effects of
57 terrestrially-derived pollution (Hennessy *et al.*, 1997; De Jesus Crespo *et al.*, 2019). In addition
58 to influencing salinity and turbidity, flood plumes often include elevated concentrations of
59 bacteria (Solo-Gabriele *et al.*, 2000), nutrients (i.e. C, N, P) (Chen *et al.*, 2012, 2018; Gao *et al.*,

60 2014; Paerl *et al.*, 2018) and other chemicals, such as herbicides or heavy metals (Lewis *et al.*,
61 2012; Mistri *et al.*, 2019), which can act synergistically to negatively affect coastal ecosystems
62 (Wooldridge, 2009; Brodie *et al.*, 2012; Lewis *et al.*, 2012). Especially in tropical and subtropical
63 regions experiencing severe seasonal storms, large volumes of terrestrial run-off entering
64 coastal waters can degrade coastal ecosystems, including coral reefs, through sedimentation or
65 disease (Riegl and Branch, 1995; Philipp and Fabricius, 2003; Voss and Richardson, 2006;
66 Haapkylä *et al.*, 2011; Wilson *et al.*, 2012). Such run-off events can also cause harm more
67 indirectly, through eutrophication, hypoxia (Fabricius, 2005; Altieri *et al.*, 2017) and decreased
68 water quality. As global climate change is expected to enhance the frequency and intensity of
69 extreme storm events (Groisman *et al.*, 2005), it is increasingly important to better understand
70 how such storms impact coastal ecosystem functioning.

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72 The western North Pacific, where there is an average of 27 named storms per year (Wang *et al.*
73 *et al.*, 2010; Herbeck *et al.*, 2011), is the most active region in the world for tropical cyclones.
74 Landfalling typhoons, which most affect coastal ecosystems, have intensified in the region; the
75 proportion of category 4 and 5 typhoons striking land more than doubled in the last four
76 decades. Current climate models predict continued intensification of landfalling typhoons
77 affecting mainland China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan, indicating these regions will suffer even
78 more storm-caused losses of life, property, and coastal habitat (Mei and Xie, 2016). Okinawa
79 Island—the largest island of the Ryukyu archipelago at the edge of the western North Pacific—
80 is an ideal natural laboratory for studying storm effects on coastal ecosystems (Figure 1).
81 Okinawa’s coral reefs have experienced significant declines in recent decades, due in part to
82 increased storm induced run-off and sedimentation (Omori, 2011; Hongo and Yamano, 2013;
83 Harii *et al.*, 2014), which is exacerbated by agricultural practices and large coastal development
84 projects (Omija, 2004; Masucci and Reimer, 2019). The fine-particle, laterite soils with high iron
85 concentrations found in Okinawa and typical to the region are easily suspended and turn coastal

86 waters a deep, cloudy red color during the frequent tropical cyclones (Supplemental Figure 1)
87 (Omija, 2004). These events are locally referred to as Red Soil Pollution (Omori, 2011).
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89 While the biological consequences of storm-induced run-off have been investigated for corals
90 and fish species in Okinawa (Hongo and Yamano, 2013; Inoue *et al.*, 2014; Yamazaki *et al.*,
91 2015; O'Connor *et al.*, 2016; Yamano and Watanabe, 2016), less is known about how tropical
92 cyclones and associated run-off affects coastal microbial communities and especially bacteria
93 (Blanco *et al.*, 2008). Microbial communities contribute to marine ecosystems through primary
94 production and by recycling dissolved organic carbon and nutrients through the microbial loop
95 (Azam *et al.*, 1983), but can also draw down dissolved oxygen (Anderson and Taylor, 2001) or
96 cause opportunistic infections in marine organisms (Shinn *et al.*, 2000; Sutherland *et al.*, 2011;
97 Sheridan *et al.*, 2014; Peters, 2015). Therefore, changes in microbial community compositions
98 in response to storms could precipitate large-scale ecosystem effects. Microbial responses can
99 occur extremely quickly; Gammaproteobacteria, Flavobacteria and many Alphaproteobacteria
100 can increase in abundance within hours when exposed to high nutrient concentrations, whereas
101 the entire microbial community—including archaea, protists, and viruses—can turn over on the
102 scale of less than one day to about a week (Fuhrman *et al.*, 2015). Rapid microbial response
103 times to changing environmental conditions make microbes valuable early-warning bioindicators
104 (Glasl *et al.*, 2017; Pearman *et al.*, 2018), but also hinders their study. Sampling at the scale of
105 microbial response times during tropical cyclones is often dangerous and is further complicated
106 by the poor predictability of storm tracks and intensities (Zhou *et al.*, 2012).
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108 In this study, we characterize nearshore bacterial community dynamics in response to tropical
109 cyclones affecting Okinawa Island and isolate the effects of sediment input through controlled
110 mesocosm experiments. The study included tropical storm Gaemi at the start of the 2018
111 Okinawa typhoon season (June 16) and successive category 5 super typhoons, Trami and

112 Kong-Rey, on September 30 and October 5, towards the end of the 2018 season. We evaluated
113 physicochemical properties and bacterial community compositions in seawater samples
114 collected before, during/between, and after storms in June and October and in samples taken
115 from mesocosms with and without red soil amendment. The specific aims for this study were to:
116 i) assess how bacterial community composition and physicochemical parameters respond in
117 time to tropical cyclones and sediment input, ii) evaluate the speed of the responses and
118 recovery, and iii) identify potential ecosystem consequences due to extreme storms and
119 sediment input.

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121 **Results**

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123 **Physicochemical responses to extreme storm events and red soil input**

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125 Two major storm events affecting Okinawa Island were monitored for this study. The first event
126 included tropical storm Gaemi, which made landfall on June 16 and was the first tropical cyclone
127 of the 2018 typhoon season. Gaemi brought 133.72 mm day⁻¹ of precipitation and maximum
128 wind speeds of 12.1 m s⁻¹ to Okinawa (Figure 2). Substantial precipitation and wind were also
129 recorded during the two days leading up to Gaemi's landfall (69.77 and 83.99 mm day⁻¹
130 precipitation and 10.2 and 12.1 m s⁻¹ wind intensity on June 14 and 15, respectively), but no
131 additional rain was recorded until July (Figure 2). The second event included two category 5
132 super-typhoons, Trami and Kong-Rey, which impacted Okinawa in rapid succession towards the
133 end of the 2018 season (Sept. 29 and Oct. 5). Trami and Kong-Rey caused accumulated rainfall
134 of 239.24 and 87.89 mm day⁻¹ and maximum wind speeds of 26.9 and 12.7 m s⁻¹, respectively.
135 The June and October events represented the two largest rainfalls during the 2018 typhoon
136 season, and typhoon Trami recorded the most extreme sustained and gusting wind speeds in
137 2018 (Figure 2). The extreme winds accompanying Trami and Kong-Rey also caused large

138 waves; Trami and Kong-Rey both brought waves with heights greater than nine meters (Japan
139 Meteorological Agency, https://www.data.jma.go.jp/gmd/kaiyou/shindan/index_wave.html).

140 Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), salinity (‰) and turbidity (NTU) were measured *in situ* at the four nearshore
141 field sites (A1–4, Figure 1) at the same time that water samples were collected. There was a
142 significant decrease in salinity ($\sim 15\text{‰}$) and concurrent increase of turbidity (~ 10 -fold) during the
143 storm on June 16 compared to before the storm on June 13 and afterwards on June 19 (Figure
144 3). Up to a 5‰ decrease in salinity and 3 NTU increase in turbidity was measured between the
145 two storms in October (Oct 1 and 3). These changes were smaller in magnitude than were
146 recorded for the June storm and were not statistically significant, despite the storms in October
147 delivering much more precipitation than the June storm (Figure 2). However, the wind
148 accompanying the October storms was also much more intense (Figure 2), which presumably
149 mixed the water column more thoroughly and prevented freshwater lenses from forming, thus
150 contributing to diminished changes in salinity and turbidity being observed in October compared
151 to June.

152 Concentrations of dissolved nutrients—including Nitrate (NO_3^-), Nitrite (NO_2^-), Ammonium
153 (NH_4^+), Phosphate (PO_4^{3-}), Silica (SiO_2), and dissolved Iron (dFe)—were measured in seawater
154 samples collected in June and October (Figure 3) and throughout the second mesocosm
155 experiment (Supplemental Figure 6). Overall, dissolved nutrient concentrations were higher in
156 June than October, with the exception of dFe and SiO_2 , which both had similar values in the two
157 sampling months (Figure 3). A nonparametric Kruskal-Wallis test was applied to detect
158 significant storm-induced differences in field nutrient concentrations (Supplemental Table 3).
159 Results showed significant increases ($p < 0.05$) in NO_2^- concentrations during and following
160 storm events in June and October, whereas SiO_2 and PO_4^{3-} were only significantly elevated
161 during and after the storm in June (Figure 3).

162 Red soil addition in the October mesocosm experiment caused a significant increase in SiO₂
163 concentration (Supplemental Figure 6, Supplemental Table 4). Additionally, red soil addition
164 caused PO₄³⁻ concentration to increase above the detection limit 4 hours following soil addition,
165 whereas the concentration of PO₄³⁻ stayed below the detection limit in control mesocosms after
166 the initial measurement (Supplemental Figure 6). Two-way ANOVA results (Supplemental Table
167 4) indicate that time had a greater effect on nutrient concentration ($p < 0.05$ for NO₂⁻, SiO₂ and
168 dFe) than red soil treatment ($p < 0.05$ for SiO₂ and dFe). The treatment by time interaction was
169 only significant in the case of SiO₂ ($p < 0.05$), for which higher concentrations were found in soil-
170 treated mesocosms.

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172 **Bacterial community responses to storm events and red soil input**

173 Metabarcoding with the bacterial 16S ribosomal RNA gene was performed to evaluate
174 shifts in bacterial community composition associated with extreme storms in the field and with
175 sediment input in mesocosms. There was a clear shift in the relative abundances of bacterial
176 phyla in field samples collected during the June storm compared to before or afterwards.
177 Several phyla that were also present in soil samples became more abundant in the water
178 samples collected during the storm—including Acidobacteria, Actinobacteria, Chloroflexi,
179 Firmicutes, Rokubacteria and Verrumicrobia—but phyla not detected in soil samples also
180 became more abundant during the storm, most notably Epsilonbacteraeota (Figure 4). Principal
181 component analysis (PCA) of Aitchison distances between bacterial community compositions in
182 water samples also clearly illustrated a shift in community composition during the June storm;
183 samples collected during the storm separated along the primary axis (PC1) from the samples
184 collected both before and afterwards (Figure 5). The shift in community composition during the
185 storm was accompanied by an increase in ASV richness (Amplicon Sequence Variants; Figure

186 6); estimated ASV richness was significantly higher in samples collected during the June storm
187 compared to samples collected before and afterwards.

188 Soil addition to June mesocosms also influenced bacterial community composition and
189 richness, although to a lesser extent than the storm-influenced nearshore communities.
190 Bacterial phyla dominant in soil samples were detectable in mesocosm samples taken one hour
191 after soil addition, but their relative abundance diminished in samples taken 24 hours later
192 (Figure 4). Likewise, ASV richness increased in samples taken from mesocosms following soil
193 addition and decreased over time (Supplemental Figure 8). Overall, mesocosm incubation time
194 had a larger effect on bacterial community composition than soil addition (Figure 4,
195 Supplemental Figure 9), despite mesocosm conditions (temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen)
196 remaining similar to ambient conditions throughout the experiment (Supplemental Figures 4–5).

197 In October, the community composition also shifted between the two storms (Trami and
198 Kong-Rey) relative to before and after the overall event window. Additionally, some phyla
199 present in soil samples, particularly Firmicutes, increased in relative abundance within the event
200 window, but similar to in June, phyla undetected in soil samples also increased in relative
201 abundance (e.g. Epsilonbacteraeota and Fusobacteria). However, unlike in June,
202 Actinobacteria, Planctomycetes, and Verrucomicrobia were already detectable in water samples
203 collected before Typhoon Trami affected Okinawa (Figure 4). PCA further demonstrated a shift
204 in community composition in samples collected between the October storms compared to
205 before and afterward; samples collected between the two storms separated on the primary axis
206 from samples collected before and after the storms (Figure 5). Interestingly, the estimated ASV
207 richness was lower (by about half) for all samples collected in October compared to in June,
208 including in soil samples, and estimated richness did not increase in the samples collected
209 between storms (Figure 6). Community compositions in field samples from the different months
210 segregated along the primary axis in PCA and the differences were statistically significant using
211 PERMANOVA ($p < 0.01$, $F = 5.37$, $R^2 = 0.17$), demonstrating that nearshore bacterial

212 communities were distinct in June and October (Supplemental Figure 7). Furthermore, soil
213 addition to October mesocosms did not cause observable increases in relative abundances of
214 phyla found in soil samples as it had in June (Figure 4, Supplemental Figure 8).

215 In order to identify individual taxa that became more abundant during storms and, thus,
216 contributed to the broader patterns observed in the data, we performed pairwise testing for
217 differentially abundant ASVs between sampling dates in each month. The greatest number of
218 significantly differentially abundant ASVs were found in the pairwise test between June 13
219 (before the storm) and June 16 (during the storm), with the vast majority being more abundant
220 during the storm (Figure 7A). In contrast, very few ASVs were significantly differentially
221 abundant in samples collected before and after the June storm (Figure 7A). While many of the
222 ASVs that had significantly higher relative abundance during the storm on June 16 were also
223 detected in soil samples, the majority were not (Figure 7A, B). ASVs that had significantly higher
224 relative abundance on June 16 compared to June 13 belonged to a total of 67 orders—including
225 Flavobacteriales, Campylobacterales, and Vibrionales, which can be pathogenic to humans and
226 marine organisms (Pruzzo *et al.*, 2005; Silva *et al.*, 2011; Loch and Faisal, 2015; Canty *et al.*,
227 2020), and Rhizobiales, Sphingomonadales, and Alteromonadales, which were also found in
228 soil samples (Figure 7B). In pairwise tests for October samples, the largest number of
229 differentially abundant ASVs were likewise found between samples collected before (Sept. 28)
230 and between storms (Oct. 1 and 3), but none of the differentially abundant ASVs were also
231 found in soil samples (Figure 7C, D). ASVs showing significant differences in relative
232 abundance between samples taken before and between the October storms belonged to 21
233 different orders, with most, but not all, also represented in the June results (Figure 7D).

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235 **Discussion**

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237 As the severity and frequency of extreme storm events increases with global climate change, it
238 is increasingly important to understand how these events impact ecological functioning in
239 marine ecosystems (Wetz and Paerl, 2008; Du *et al.*, 2019). However, characterizing the effects
240 of extreme storm events, such as typhoons, on coastal ecosystems is a complicated task, due
241 both to forecast unpredictability, which makes sampling before and after events challenging,
242 and the dangerous conditions that accompany storms (Chen *et al.*, 2018). This study reports on
243 the nearshore microbial community dynamics and relevant environmental parameters during
244 two short sampling campaigns encompassing major storms of the 2018 typhoon season in
245 Okinawa, Japan. In addition, concurrent, controlled mesocosm experiments were performed to
246 supplement field observations and isolate impacts of terrestrial sediment input that regularly
247 accompanies large storms in Okinawa. Predictably, storms caused influxes of both freshwater
248 and sediment into the coastal marine environment (Figure 3, Supplemental Figure 1), which
249 carried some soil-derived bacteria and some bacteria presumably derived from other terrestrial
250 sources (e.g. urban or agricultural wastewater; Figures 4 and 7). The storm effects were short-
251 lived, however, and bacterial community compositions in samples collected before and after
252 storms were largely similar (Figures 4, 5, 7). While field samples were collected three days after
253 storm events, mesocosm experiments showed that bacteria introduced with soil additions
254 diminished in relative abundance just four hours after soil input and were no longer detectable
255 24 hours later. Despite the rapidity of community shifts, terrestrially derived bacteria and marine
256 bacteria that increased in relative abundance during and after storms may still influence coastal
257 biogeochemical cycling and, in some cases, could be detrimental to the coastal ecosystem or
258 dangerous to human health. For instance, Rhodobacteraceae bacteria (order Rhodobacterales),
259 which became relatively more abundant during storms (Figure 7), are known to rapidly and
260 competitively exploit transient sources of particulate and dissolved organic matter and thus may
261 enhance remineralization in nearshore waters (Buchan *et al.*, 2014). Other bacteria that
262 increased in relative abundance during and after storms can cause diseases in reef-building

263 corals (e.g. *Vibrio spp.*, *Pseudoalteromonas sp.*) and humans (e.g. *Campylobacter*,
264 *Fusobacteria*, *Enterobacter*) (Pruzzo *et al.*, 2005; Vizcaino *et al.*, 2010; Silva *et al.*, 2011;
265 Zimmer *et al.*, 2014); Figure 7, Supplemental Tables 6 and 7), emphasizing the need to better
266 understand sources and sinks of these bacteria in the coastal environment.

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268 **Extreme storms cause rapid changes in environmental conditions and bacterial** 269 **community composition**

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271 During the storm event in June, we measured decreased salinity and increased turbidity in
272 nearshore surface waters (Figure 3), which is similar to previous reports following major storm
273 events (De Carlo *et al.*, 2007; Zhou *et al.*, 2012; Chen *et al.*, 2018). Freshwater and sediment
274 input was accompanied by moderate increases in NO_2^- , NO_3^- , NH_4^+ , PO_4^{3-} , SiO_2 and dFe
275 concentrations that ranged from a few nM, in the case of dFe, to up to 25 μM for SiO_2 (Figure 3)
276 and is consistent with terrestrial run-off from agricultural areas with high iron-content soil, as is
277 found in Okinawa (Arakaki *et al.*, 2005). However, nutrient loading dissipated before samples
278 were collected again three days after the June storm (Figure 3). Bacterial diversity (ASV
279 richness, Figure 6) increased during the storm, representing the introduction of bacterial taxa
280 that were also found in our soil samples and are common components of soil microbiomes,
281 including Acidobacteria, Actinobacteria, Chloroflexi, Firmicutes, Planctomycetes, Rokubacteria
282 and Verrucomicrobia (Figure 4; Freitas *et al.*, 2012; Witt *et al.*, 2012; Balmonte *et al.*, 2016; Lin
283 *et al.*, 2019). Many of these taxa are also commonly associated with particulate matter in marine
284 environments (e.g. Planctomycetes, Actinobacteria, and Verrucomicrobia) making resuspension
285 of marine sediment during storms another potential contributing source of these bacteria
286 (DeLong *et al.*, 1993; Crespo *et al.*, 2013). *Campylobacterales* (Epsilonbacteraeota) that
287 increased in relative abundance during storms could also derive from agricultural waste being
288 incorporated into run-off (Jones, 2001).

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290 Three days after the storm, on June 19, the bacterial diversity returned to pre-storm levels
291 (Figure 6A) and the community composition was almost identical to before the storm (Figure
292 5A). Moreover, only 19 ASVs were significantly differentially abundant between June 13 and
293 June 19 compared to 267 ASVs between June 13 and June 16 (Figure 7A), demonstrating the
294 high speed at which the microbial community recovered. This high speed largely contrasts with
295 previous field studies where longer periods of time (i.e. from weeks to months) were needed to
296 restore pre-storm microbial compositions (De Carlo *et al.*, 2007; Yeo *et al.*, 2013). The
297 ephemerality of terrestrially-derived bacteria after introduction to the coastal environment was
298 similarly apparent in results from the June mesocosm experiment. We detected phyla dominant
299 in soil samples (e.g. Acidobacteria, Chloroflexi, Firmicutes, and Planctomycetes) in treatment
300 mesocosms one hour after soil was added, but the relative abundances of these phyla
301 decreased in samples taken four and twelve hours later, and they were no longer detectable in
302 samples taken 24 hours later. The transience of storm-effects on nearshore bacterial
303 communities was further demonstrated in results from the October storm event. The bacterial
304 community recovered just three days after super-typhoon Kong-Rey passed, the second super-
305 typhoon to affect Okinawa in less than a week (Figure 5B). This transience may, in part, reflect
306 terrestrial and freshwater bacteria lysing in seawater due to osmotic stress. However, enteric
307 bacteria are able to survive in seawater, particularly when organic material is readily available
308 (Munro *et al.*, 1989). Settling was likely also a contributing factor, as many of the bacterial taxa
309 that increased in relative abundance during storms and after soil addition to mesocosms are
310 known to associate with sediment surfaces (DeLong *et al.*, 1993; Duret *et al.*, 2019) and some
311 sedimentation was visible in mesocosm bottles despite using pumps to maintain water
312 circulation. Moreover, tidal flushing may have transported introduced or resuspended bacteria
313 offshore.

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315 **Extreme storms cause context-dependent changes in environmental conditions and**
316 **bacterial community composition**

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318 While storm effects were transient in both cases (Figure 5), the June and October storm
319 events affected coastal physicochemistry and bacterial community composition differently
320 (Figures 3, 4). Events in both June and October increased coastal nitrogen loading, but only the
321 June event was accompanied by increased PO_4^{3-} and SiO_2 concentrations, and the June storm
322 caused more pronounced shifts in bacterial community composition, highlighted by a larger
323 increase in ASV richness and a higher number of differentially abundant ASVs (Figure 7).
324 Although these differences in both nutrient loading and bacterial communities, may reflect
325 disparate sampling schemes, it is likely that differences in rain and wind intensity, as well as the
326 contexts in which the two events occurred, had strong effects. It has been shown that wind
327 speed alone can drive alpha diversity shifts in epipelagic bacterial communities (Bryant *et al.*,
328 2016). Key differences between the June and October events were that much more rain, wind
329 and wave action accompanied the October storm event than the June storm and that the June
330 storm made landfall at the beginning of the typhoon season, whereas the October storms
331 affected Okinawa towards the end of the typhoon season.

332 Typhoon Trami, on Sept. 29, caused twice as much precipitation as tropical storm
333 Gaemi, on June 16 (Figure 2), which could have diluted nutrient loading in storm run-off and
334 caused the smaller changes in nutrient concentrations recorded in October compared to in June
335 (Figure 3). When flushing rate is high, less PO_4^{3-} is desorbed from sediments and there is a
336 dilution effect for both dissolved phosphorus and nitrogen in run-off (Blanco *et al.*, 2010).
337 Additionally, Gaemi was the first major storm of the 2018 typhoon season (June–October)
338 following a relatively prolonged dry period, which could increase nutrient loading in storm run-
339 off, especially since agricultural fertilizers are applied throughout the preceding spring and
340 summer growing season. By October, several tropical storms and typhoons had already

341 affected Okinawa (Figure 2); the 2018 Pacific typhoon season had higher than average storm
342 frequency and included 29 tropical storms, 13 typhoons, and 7 super typhoons, although not all
343 made direct landfall with Okinawa (Japan Meteorological Agency,
344 <https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html>). These intervening events could strip topsoil and deplete
345 soil nutrients and microbiomes, so that October storm run-off carried less nutrients, organic
346 material, and terrestrial bacteria into coastal water than storm run-off in June. Moreover,
347 antecedent soil moisture affects dissolved nutrient loading in run-off, with less nutrients
348 desorbing from clay-based soils, like Okinawa red soil, when already wet (Perrone and
349 Madramootoo, 1998).

350 The controlled mesocosm experiments offer additional insight for interpreting differences
351 in field observations between June and October. Despite collecting soil from the same place in
352 June and October, the soil microbiome in October had half the bacterial richness as in June
353 (Figure 6) and soil addition to October mesocosms did not introduce soil bacteria or increase
354 bacterial richness as it had in June mesocosms (Figure 4, Supplemental Figure 9). These
355 results suggest that run-off from storms occurring towards the end of the typhoon season may
356 carry less diverse bacterial assemblages than run-off from early-season storms. Furthermore,
357 soil addition in October mesocosms did not cause nitrogen (NO_2^- or NO_3^-) or dFe to increase
358 over baseline measurements, but did cause increases in SiO_2 and PO_4^{3-} (Supplemental Figure
359 6). However, the increase in SiO_2 and PO_4^{3-} were gradual, demonstrating that time is required to
360 release these compounds from red soil (De Carlo *et al.*, 2007; Blanco *et al.*, 2010; Chen *et al.*,
361 2018). Soils in Okinawa could, therefore, have lower nitrogen content at the end of the typhoon
362 season and more intense rains may deliver less nutrients due to rapid flushing.

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364 **Influence of extreme storms on bacterial taxa in nearshore waters**

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366 The influence of June and October storms on coastal microbial communities varied in effect
367 size, but in both instances the community shift was rapid and transient and included shared
368 bacterial groups that became more abundant during and after storms in both months; 15 out of
369 the 21 bacterial orders encompassing ASVs that were significantly more abundant during the
370 October event were shared with the June event (Figure 7). The shared bacterial orders included
371 primarily heterotrophic bacteria, several of which contain potentially pathogenic groups (e.g.
372 Vibrionales, Fusobacteriales, and Campylobacterales) ([Pruzzo et al. 2005](#); [Silva et al. 2011](#);
373 [Canty et al. 2020](#)). Originally, we expected cyanobacteria to respond to increased inorganic
374 nutrients delivered to the coastal ecosystem with storm run-off. Specifically, we expected
375 nitrogen fixers—such as *Trichodesmium*, which occasionally blooms near Okinawa (Grossmann
376 *et al.*, 2015)—to benefit from increased dFe and PO_4^{3-} in run-off (Sañudo-Wilhelmy *et al.*, 2001;
377 Wu *et al.*, 2003). Instead, only a few cyanobacteria ASVs became more abundant during the
378 June storm, but not the October storm (Figure 7). Namely, cyanobacteria belonging to the family
379 Oscillatoriaceae, which form filamentous benthic mats (Siegesmund *et al.*, 2008; Engene *et al.*,
380 2018), and Obscuribacterales, which are uncultured and have unknown morphology, but may
381 not be photosynthetic (Soo *et al.*, 2014), became more abundant in June.

382 There are several possible explanations for the minimal changes in cyanobacteria relative
383 abundance: i) cyanobacteria were not limited by compounds present in run-off, ii) nutrients in
384 run-off were not biologically available, or iii) terrestrial run-off was transported offshore or diluted
385 too quickly to affect nearshore communities. Nutrient concentrations that were elevated during
386 the June storm (NO_2^- , NO_3^- , PO_4^{3-} and dFe) decreased after the storm passed, but not
387 immediately and not as quickly as microbial communities recovered (Figures 3, 4). Since these
388 nutrients were not immediately drawn down, the photosynthetic microbial community may not
389 have been nutrient limited in our study area. That microbial communities did not respond to soil
390 addition in mesocosms, despite increased PO_4^{3-} and dFe, further suggests that nutrient
391 availability was not driving major changes in bacterial community composition.

392 Heterotrophic bacteria increasing in relative abundance during and after storms could derive
393 from soil or other components of run-off, have been resuspended from the seafloor due to wind
394 and waves, or have responded to increased organic matter from run-off. These bacteria may
395 affect ecosystem functioning by remineralizing organic matter within the near-shore environment
396 (Buchan et al. 2014; Kieft et al. 2018) or by causing opportunistic infections in keystone
397 metazoans (Pruzzo et al. 2005; Silva et al. 2011; Canty et al. 2020), thus making it important to
398 identify their source. Rare bacteria often become more abundant during or after disturbances
399 (Preisner et al. 2016; Fuentes et al. 2016; Sjöstedt et al. 2012), but it is difficult to parse out their
400 sources (Shade et al. 2014). Such conditionally rare bacteria may result from introductions or
401 opportunistic growth of previously undetectable bacteria (Shade et al. 2014). Discriminating
402 between these potential sources is challenging with current methods, but prolonged intensive
403 sampling better resolves the dynamics of rare taxa (Shade et al. 2013; Shade et al. 2014).
404 Beyond working towards establishing the more long term dynamics of nearshore
405 bacterioplankton communities, future work aimed at characterizing bacteria in wastewater
406 outflows and stormwater could also help determine whether bacteria that become more
407 abundant during storms represent introductions or expansions.

408

409 **Potential ecosystem consequences due to terrestrial run-off from extreme storms**

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411 Despite being short-lived, the changes we observed in bacterial community composition and
412 environmental parameters during storms can nevertheless be detrimental to both the coastal
413 ecosystem and human health. While most terrestrially-derived bacteria are benign to marine
414 ecosystems, many are potentially pathogenic to corals and other marine organisms (Sutherland
415 *et al.*, 2004; Haapkylä *et al.*, 2011; Pollock *et al.*, 2014; Sheridan *et al.*, 2014). Terrestrial run-off
416 has been implicated in coral diseases, such as White Pox Disease and Red Band Disease, in
417 many tropical and subtropical locations, including Madagascar (Haapkylä *et al.*, 2011; Pollock *et*

418 *al.*, 2014; Sheridan *et al.*, 2014), the Caribbean (Frias-Lopez *et al.*, 2002; Patterson *et al.*,
419 2002), and Australia's Great Barrier Reef (Pollock *et al.*, 2014). Furthermore, storm events can
420 cause water-column mixing and sediment resuspension, leading to pathogenic marine bacteria
421 that usually inhabit the seafloor to become more abundant in the water column (Hassard *et al.*,
422 2016). Indeed, in our study we found several strains of *Vibrio spp.*, *Pseudoalteromonas sp.*, and
423 Rhodobacteraceae bacteria specifically associated with coral disease (Sussman *et al.*, 2008;
424 Sheridan *et al.*, 2014) to be significantly enriched in samples we collected during or following
425 storm events (Supplemental Table 5). Considering the additional stress caused by turbidity and
426 sedimentation during storm events, alongside potentially decreased pH and dissolved oxygen
427 due to enhanced heterotrophic bacterial respiration (Weber *et al.*, 2012; Altieri *et al.*, 2017),
428 corals and other organisms may be especially susceptible to pathogen infection during and after
429 extreme storms.

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431 Heavy rains and floods have long been implicated in transporting human pathogens (e.g. fecal
432 coliform bacteria) to the marine environment (Pandey *et al.*, 2014; De Jesus Crespo *et al.*,
433 2019). Indeed, we found bacterial taxa that are potentially dangerous to humans—including
434 Campylobacterales, Fusobacteriales, Bacillales, Clostridiales and Enterobacteriales (Bennett
435 and Eley, 1993; Sharma *et al.*, 2003; Davin-Regli *et al.*, 2019)—significantly enriched during and
436 following storms. Many of these bacteria were not detected in soil samples, suggesting
437 additional sources of bacterial contamination in storm run-off. For instance, some of the
438 Bacillales and Enterobacteriales ASVs enriched in storm-influenced water samples were not
439 present in soil samples and none of the enriched Clostridiales, Campylobacterales and
440 Fusobacteriales ASVs were also found in soil samples (Figure 7). Likewise, these taxa were not
441 found in mesocosms following soil addition in June or October, demonstrating the larger effect
442 of storms and run-off on the coastal ecosystem than simply transporting sediment into the
443 water. Human pathogens may derive from live-stock, storm drains, or overwhelmed waste

444 treatment plants during storms (Weiskel *et al.*, 1996; Jamieson *et al.*, 2004). Interestingly, these
445 taxa were already present in water samples collected on September 28—although they were
446 more abundant on October 1 and 3—further indicating a cumulative effect of the typhoon
447 season on the coastal ecosystem and emphasizing the context-dependency of storm effects.
448 Ultimately, swimmers and other recreational users need to be aware that pathogenic bacteria
449 are likely present in Okinawa coastal waters following large rain events. This is not currently the
450 case in Okinawa as it is in other locations with more robust coastal monitoring programs in
451 place (e.g. the Southern California Water Research Project or the DNAqua-Net European
452 project).

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454 **Conclusions & Future Directions**

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456 Despite challenges associated with sampling marine ecosystems during tropical storms and
457 typhoons, this study describes the timing and nature of storm effects on coastal bacterial
458 communities in Okinawa, Japan. We found that storm effects were transient, but highly context-
459 dependent. We coupled controlled mesocosm studies with field observations in an effort to
460 disentangle the effects of extreme wind and waves and enhanced currents from the effects of
461 soil input during storms. While the mesocosm results were useful, future studies would benefit
462 from more realistic run-off simulation (e.g. Le *et al.*, 2016) than the soil additions we employed.
463 Furthermore, it remains that we did not perform bacterial cell counts or otherwise measure
464 bacterial biomass or metabolic activity, thus leaving the possibility that run-off increased
465 microbial biomass or differentially affected microbial physiology. Future studies may capture
466 such responses by measuring bacterial respiration rates or by performing metatranscriptomics.

467

468 It is important to note that environmental effects of extreme storms will vary in terms of intensity,
469 spatial extent and duration in different ecosystems and need to be evaluated locally (Paerl *et al.*,

470 2006; Zhang *et al.*, 2009; Herbeck *et al.*, 2011). Storm effects were transient in the open, tidally-
471 flushed Okinawa coast, but more prolonged storm effects have been observed in other coastal
472 systems, particularly semi-enclosed areas, such as bays and estuaries, where terrestrial
473 sediment loads can have residence times from weeks to years (Paerl *et al.*, 2001; Zhang *et al.*,
474 2009; Herbeck *et al.*, 2011). Therefore, we suggest that the short-term study of typhoon events
475 follow an adaptive sampling strategy (Wetz and Paerl, 2008), which involves the definition of
476 well-established baselines for various physicochemical and biological parameters.

477

478 Finally, the transient nature of storm effects described here should not be viewed as diminishing
479 their potential impact on reef or human health. Differentially abundant bacteria during storms
480 may cause disease in marine organisms and humans. With future climate change scenarios
481 predicting more frequent and destructive storms and continued expansion of tourism and
482 agriculture activities, it is likely that the amount of terrestrial run-off and associated risks will
483 escalate in the future. This makes regional monitoring programs, including a comprehensive
484 understanding of background conditions, essential for better interpretations of ecological
485 consequences from extreme storm events.

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488 **Experimental Procedures**

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490 **Study setting**

491 Seawater was collected for metabarcoding and physicochemical analysis from four nearshore
492 sampling points approximately 250–500 m apart, along the central west coast of Okinawa
493 Island—a semi-urban region with mixed land-use, including agriculture and coastal development
494 projects (Figure 1). The sampling points (A1–4) were each at least 1.2 km from the nearest
495 concentrated fresh-water input (e.g. streams or rivers). At the start of the 2018 typhoon season,

496 samples were collected before (June 13), during (June 16), and after (June 19) tropical storm
497 Gaemi, which struck Okinawa on June 16, 2018 and caused a red soil pollution event (Figure 2,
498 Supplemental Figure 2A). Towards the end of the typhoon season, samples were collected
499 before (Sept 28), during (Oct 1 and Oct 3) and after (Oct 8) a red soil pollution event caused by
500 typhoon Trami, which made landfall with Okinawa on September 30, and was prolonged by
501 Typhoon Kong-Rey, which approached Okinawa on October 5th (Figure 2, Supplemental Figure
502 2B–C).

503

504 **Seawater sampling for DNA and physicochemical analysis**

505 Surface seawater was collected for DNA metabarcoding by submerging clean 500 mL Nalgene
506 bottles just below the sea surface. Seawater for dissolved Fe (dFe) and nutrient analysis was
507 collected in acid-cleaned 50 mL Falcon tubes. Physicochemical properties—dissolved oxygen
508 (DO), salinity, temperature, and turbidity—were measured with a CTD probe (RINKO, JFE
509 Advantech, Japan) at each site. After being immediately transported to the laboratory, seawater
510 samples for metabarcoding were filtered through 0.2 µm pore-size Polytetrafluoroethylene
511 (PTFE) filters (Millipore) under gentle vacuum and filters were stored at -20 °C for later DNA
512 extraction. Seawater samples for dFe and nutrient analysis were filtered through 0.45 µm pore-
513 size acid-washed Teflon digiFILTERS (SPC Science, Canada) and filtered water samples were
514 stored at -20 °C for later chemical analysis.

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516 **Mesocosm experimental design**

517 Seawater was collected for concurrent mesocosm experiments on June 11 (26.512 °N,
518 127.872°E) and October 10 (26.479 °N, 127.829 °E). Nearshore coastal seawater was pumped
519 from just below the sea surface and filtered through 1 mm and 300 µm nylon mesh screen sizes
520 to remove debris and larger organisms. Acid-cleaned 22 L clear-plastic carboys were rinsed
521 twice with 300 µm nylon mesh-size filtered seawater before filling to 20 L with filtered seawater.

522 Bottles were covered with parafilm and kept shaded during transport to the Okinawa Institute of
523 Science and Technology (OIST) Marine Science Station, where they were submerged in a basin
524 with continuous flow-through seawater to keep conditions within the bottles similar to natural
525 conditions. Mesocosm bottles were topped with silicone sponge stoppers to allow gas
526 exchange, but limit evaporation and prevent dust, water or other contaminants from entering the
527 bottles during the experiment (Supplemental Figure 3). Small pumps were included in each
528 mesocosm to maintain water circulation (2 L min^{-1}). HOBO temperature and light loggers
529 (Onset) were fastened to the pumps and at the same depth in the basin surrounding
530 mesocosms to ensure that mesocosms conditions remained similar to ambient conditions
531 (Supplemental Figure 4). Salinity and DO were measured each time water was sampled from
532 the mesocosms throughout the experiment (Supplemental Figure 5). Mesocosms experiments
533 included 9–10 mesocosms: 4–5 control replicates (four in June and five in October) and 5
534 treatments replicates with red soil added to an ecologically relevant high concentration of 200
535 mg L^{-1} (O'Connor *et al.*, 2016). Mesocosms were sampled (100 mL for metabarcoding, 50 mL
536 for dFe and nutrient concentration) with 50 mL sterile pipettes before the experiment started
537 (t_0), and 1, 4, 12, 24, and 48 h following red soil addition to treatment bottles. Water samples
538 were processed as described in the previous section.

539

540 **Red soil collection for mesocosm experiments and DNA analysis**

541 Soil samples were collected from an open agricultural field with exposed soil (26.507°N ,
542 127.868°E), on June 10 and October 9 for addition to red soil treated mesocosms and to
543 evaluate soil microbiomes. Soil samples were sieved through $330 \mu\text{m}$ mesh and maintained at
544 4°C for 24 h until use in the mesocosm experiment. To determine soil moisture content, 10 g
545 subsamples ($n=10$) were weighed and dried at 100°C by following the standard method AS
546 1289.2.1.1-2005 (Standards Association of Australia). Soil moisture content was used to
547 calculate how much wet soil should be added to mesocosms in order to reach the final

548 concentration of 200 g soil (dry weight) per L seawater. In both June (n=4) and October (n=2),
549 additional 50 g aliquots of soil were kept at -20 °C for subsequent metabarcoding analysis.

550

551 **Chemical analysis: dFe and major nutrients**

552 Dissolved Fe (dFe) concentration was determined following the methodology of Wu and Boyle
553 (1998). This method uses a Mg (OH)₂ co-precipitation to pre-concentrate Fe from seawater
554 followed by an isotope dilution method. Seawater dFe was quantified using an internal standard
555 element (⁵⁷Fe) with inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (Element 2, Thermo
556 Scientific). The mass spectrometer was operated in medium-resolution mode with 4000
557 resolution (FWHM). The mass calibration was performed using a multi-element ICP-MS tune-up
558 solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific). In order to ensure the quality of the ICP-MS analysis, control
559 standards and samples (i.e. analytical replicates, certified reference material and analytical
560 blank) were analyzed once every 12 samples. Recovery of Fe from reference certified material
561 QC3163 (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) was satisfactory and ranged from 65 to 80%. The overall error
562 associated with the analytical process was typically lower than 5% and never higher than 15%.
563 All measurements were above the instrument's detection limit. Analysis was carried out at the
564 OIST Instrumental Analysis Section mass spectrometry laboratory. Special attention was paid to
565 avoid Fe contamination and an exhaustive cleaning process was carried out following the
566 methods of (King and Barbeau, 2011).

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568 Nutrient concentrations—including Nitrate (NO₃⁻), Nitrite (NO₂⁻), Ammonium (NH₄⁺), Phosphate
569 (PO₄³⁻) and Silica (SiO₂)—were determined on a QuAAtro39 Continuous Segmented Flow
570 Analyzer (SEAL Analytical) following manufacturer guidelines. Final concentrations were
571 calculated through AACE software (SEAL Analytical). Nutrient Analysis was carried out at the
572 Okinawa Prefecture Fisheries and Ocean Technology Center.

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574 **Nutrient and dFe statistical analyses**

575 Mesocosm data were found to be normally distributed with a Shapiro-Wilks test and, therefore,
576 a one-way ANOVA was performed to test overall differences between treatments. Post-hoc
577 Tukey HSD analysis was performed to identify which specific groups differed. Field data were
578 not normally distributed, regardless of transformation, so a Kruskal-Wallis test was used to test
579 for significant differences between sampling dates. Analyses were performed within the R
580 statistical environment (R Core Team 2018).

581

582 **DNA extraction and metabarcode sequencing**

583 DNA was extracted from frozen PTFE filters following the manufacturer protocol for the DNeasy
584 PowerWater Kit (Qiagen), including the optional heating step. DNA was extracted from soil
585 samples by following manufacturer protocol for the DNeasy PowerSoil Kit (Qiagen).

586 Metabarcoding libraries were prepared for the V3/V4 region of the bacterial 16S
587 ribosomal RNA gene following Illumina's "16S Metagenomic Sequencing Library Preparation"
588 manual without any modifications. Sequencing libraries were transferred to the OIST
589 Sequencing Center for 2x300-bp sequencing on the Illumina MiSeq platform with v3 chemistry.
590 Overall, 18.4 million sequencing reads were generated in this study, with 76,217–219,584
591 sequencing reads per sample (mean = 137,585). Sequencing data are available from the NCBI
592 Sequencing Read Archive under the accession PRJNA564579.

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594 **Metabarcoding analyses**

595 Sequencing reads were denoised using the Divisive Amplicon Denoising Algorithm (Callahan *et al.*
596 *et al.*, 2016) with the DADA2 plug-in for QIIME 2 (Bolyen *et al.*, 2019). Following denoising, 11.8
597 million sequences remained with 11,061–153,646 sequences per sample (mean = 88,033). A
598 total of 36,007 ASVs were identified in our dataset, with 64–2,886 unique ASVs observed per

599 sample (mean = 642). Taxonomy was assigned to representative ASVs using a Naive Bayes
600 classifier trained on the SILVA 97% consensus taxonomy (version 132, Quast *et al.*, 2013) with
601 the QIIME 2 feature-classifier plug-in (Bokulich *et al.*, 2018). The results were imported into the
602 R statistical environment (R Core Team 2018) for further analysis with the Bioconductor
603 phyloseq package (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013). The ASV richness for each sample was
604 estimated using the R package breakaway (Willis and Bunge, 2015) and differences in
605 estimated richness between sample types were tested for with the betta function (Willis *et al.*,
606 2017). In order to minimize compositional bias inherent in metabarcoding data as much as
607 possible, we used the Aitchison distance between samples, which includes a centered log ratio
608 transformation to normalize data (Gloor *et al.*, 2017), for principal component analyses (PCA).
609 Permutational analyses of variance (PERMANOVA) on Aitchison distances were performed with
610 the adonis function (999 permutations) in the R package vegan (Oksanen *et al.*, 2019) to test
611 whether shifts in community composition were statistically significant. Lastly, we used the
612 DESeq2 bioconductor package (Love *et al.*, 2014) to determine which ASVs were significantly
613 differentially abundant (False Discovery Rate adjusted p -value < 0.05) in water samples
614 collected from field sites before, during, and after storms. We then checked if significantly
615 differentially abundant ASVs were also present in soil samples from respective months to
616 assess whether differentially abundant ASVs were soil-derived. Intermediate data files and the
617 code necessary to replicate analyses are available in a GitHub repository:
618 <https://github.com/maggimars/RedSoil>.

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906 **Figure legends**

907 **Figure 1. Location of the study area** A) Map locating Okinawa Island in the East China
908 Sea. B) Map showing the location of the central-west coast of Okinawa Island. C)
909 Location of the 4 nearshore sampling points in Onna-son, on the central-west
910 coast of Okinawa Island.

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912 **Figure 2. Precipitation (in mm day⁻¹) and wind speed (m s⁻¹) during the 2018**
913 **typhoon season in Okinawa, Japan.** Data were collected with the
914 meteorological station located at OIST Marine Science Station (26.510046 °N,
915 127.871721 °E) from June through October, corresponding to the duration of the
916 typhoon season in Okinawa. Bars represent the daily amount of rain (in mm);
917 dashed black and red lines indicate daily mean and maximum wind speeds (in m
918 s⁻¹); shaded areas represent the two red soil pollution events monitored in this
919 study: Tropical Storm Gaemi on June 16 and the super-typhoons Trami and
920 Kong-Rey on September 29 and October 5. The dates when water samples were
921 collected for chemical and DNA analyses are noted on the x-axis.

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923 **Figure 3. Temporal variation of physicochemical parameters before, during, and**
924 **after storm events in June and October, 2018.** Bars represent the values of
925 temperature (°C), turbidity (NTU), salinity (‰) and concentrations of micro- and
926 macro-nutrient concentrations (NO₂⁻, NO₃⁻, NH₄⁺, PO₄³⁻, SiO₂ in μM; dFe in nM) at
927 sampling sites A1–4 along the central west coast of Okinawa, Japan. Error bars
928 represent one standard deviation of the mean from four replicates. Red dashed
929 vertical lines represent the timing of major storms and associated red soil
930 pollution events. Sampling dates when samples were also processed for
931 metabarcoding analyses are indicated in bold on the x-axis. Temperature (°C),
932 turbidity (NTU) and salinity (‰) measurements were taken with a CTD probe.
933 Macro-nutrient concentrations were determined on a QuAAtro39 Continuous
934 Segmented Flow Analyzer and dFe concentration was determined by ICP-MS
935 after Mg(OH)₂ co-precipitation using the isotope dilution method (Wu and Boyle,
936 1998).

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938 **Figure 4. Relative abundance of bacterial phyla in field and mesocosm samples**
939 **collected in June and October, 2018.** Each stacked bar represents the relative
940 contribution of major bacterial phyla to the total community at one sampling
941 location, in one red soil sample, or at one time point in mesocosms (mesocosm
942 bars represent aggregate data from 4–5 replicates depending on month and
943 treatment). Sampling stations (A)1–4 were sampled before, during, and after
944 major storms affecting Okinawa in June and October 2018. In June, the storm
945 affected Okinawa on 6/16, so that sampling on 6/13 was before the storm and
946 sampling on 6/19 was afterward. In October, two super typhoons affected
947 Okinawa on 9/28 and 10/05 so that 9/28 was before the event window, 10/01
948 and 10/03 was during the event window, and 10/08 was afterward. Red soil
949 samples are labeled with replicate numbers and were collected within a week of
950 the storms in June and October. Red soil (200 mg L^{-1}) was added to treatment
951 mesocosms immediately following the t_0 sampling.

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953 **Figure 5. Principal component analysis (PCA) of Aitchison distances between**
954 **bacterial community composition before, during, and after storm events in**
955 **June (A) and October (B), 2018.** (A) June 13 was before the June storm, 6/16
956 was during, and 6/19 was after. For the October storms (B), 9/28 was before the
957 storms, 10/01 and 10/03 were between, and 10/08 was after. Samples collected
958 during/between storm events separate from samples collected before and after
959 storms on PC1 for both the June and October events.

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961 **Figure 6. Richness estimates for bacterial communities in red soil samples and**
962 **surface water samples collected before, during, and after storm events in**
963 **June (A) and October (B), 2018.** Red dashed vertical lines represent the timing

964 of major storms. In June (A), the red soil samples had significantly higher
965 richness than the water samples collected before and after the storm, but not
966 samples collected during the storm. In October (B), red soil samples had
967 significantly higher richness than all water samples and richness was not
968 significantly different in water samples collected before, during, or after the
969 storms. Differences in richness were considered significant when $p < 0.05$.

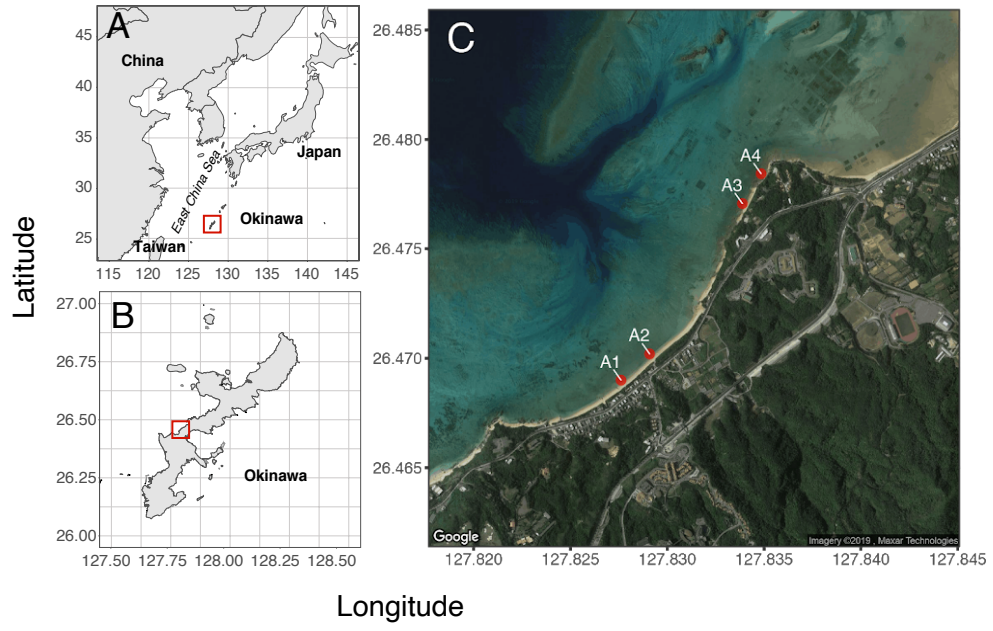
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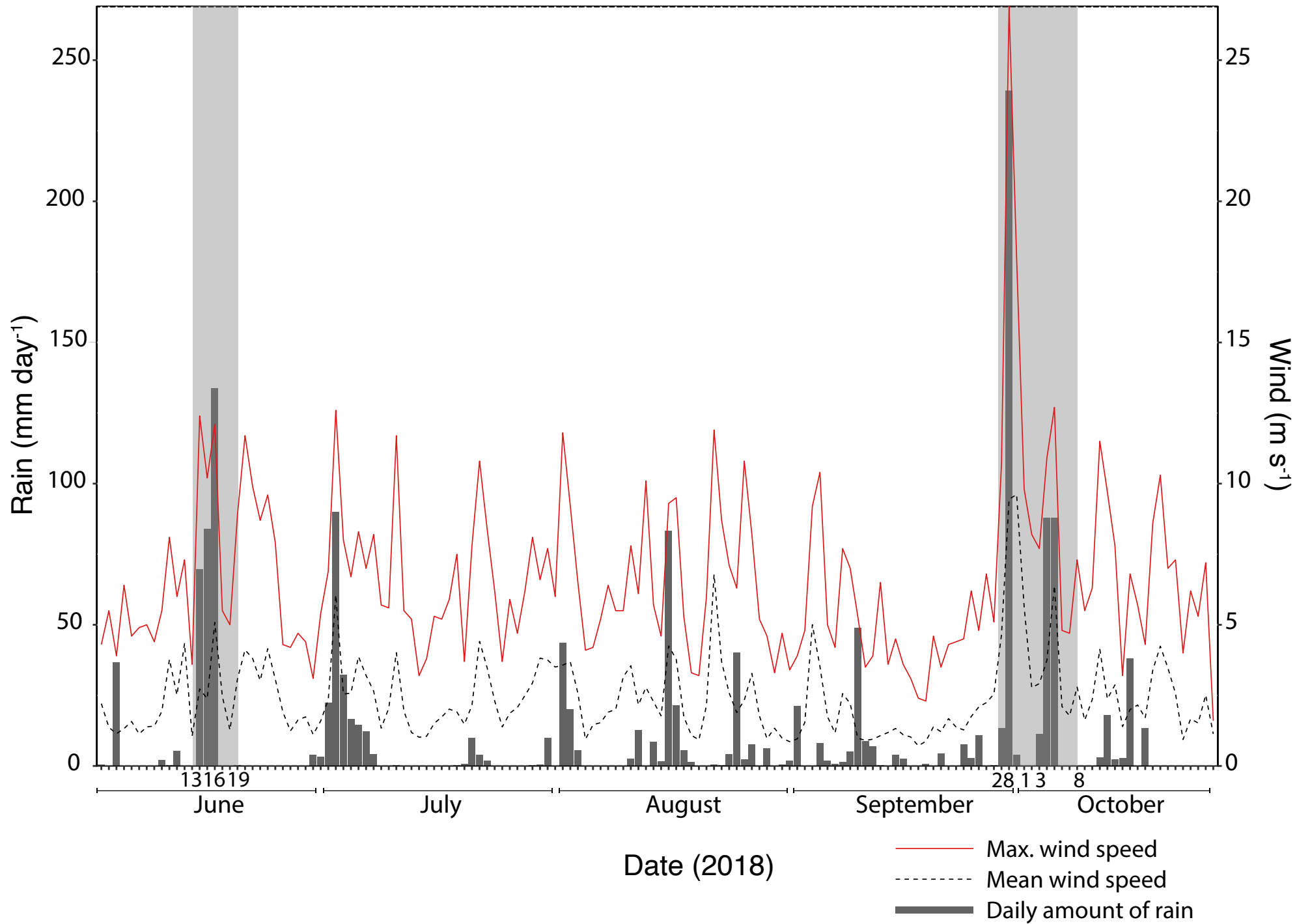
971 **Figure 7. Number of Amplicon Sequence Variants (ASVs) significantly**
972 **differentially abundant in pairwise comparisons between sampling dates in**
973 **June (A) and October (C) and log₂ Fold Change of individual ASVs in**
974 **pairwise comparisons from before to during storms and from before to**
975 **after storms in June (B) and October (D), 2018.** ASVs were considered
976 significantly differentially abundant when the FDR adjusted p -value was less than
977 0.05. ASVs that were also present in soil samples are colored red in panels A
978 and B; no differentially abundant ASVs in pairwise tests for October samples
979 were found to be present in October soil samples. Positive log₂FoldChange
980 values (x-axis, B, D) indicate higher abundance of ASVs during/between storms
981 compared to before (J13 to J16, S28 to O01 + O03) or after storms compared to
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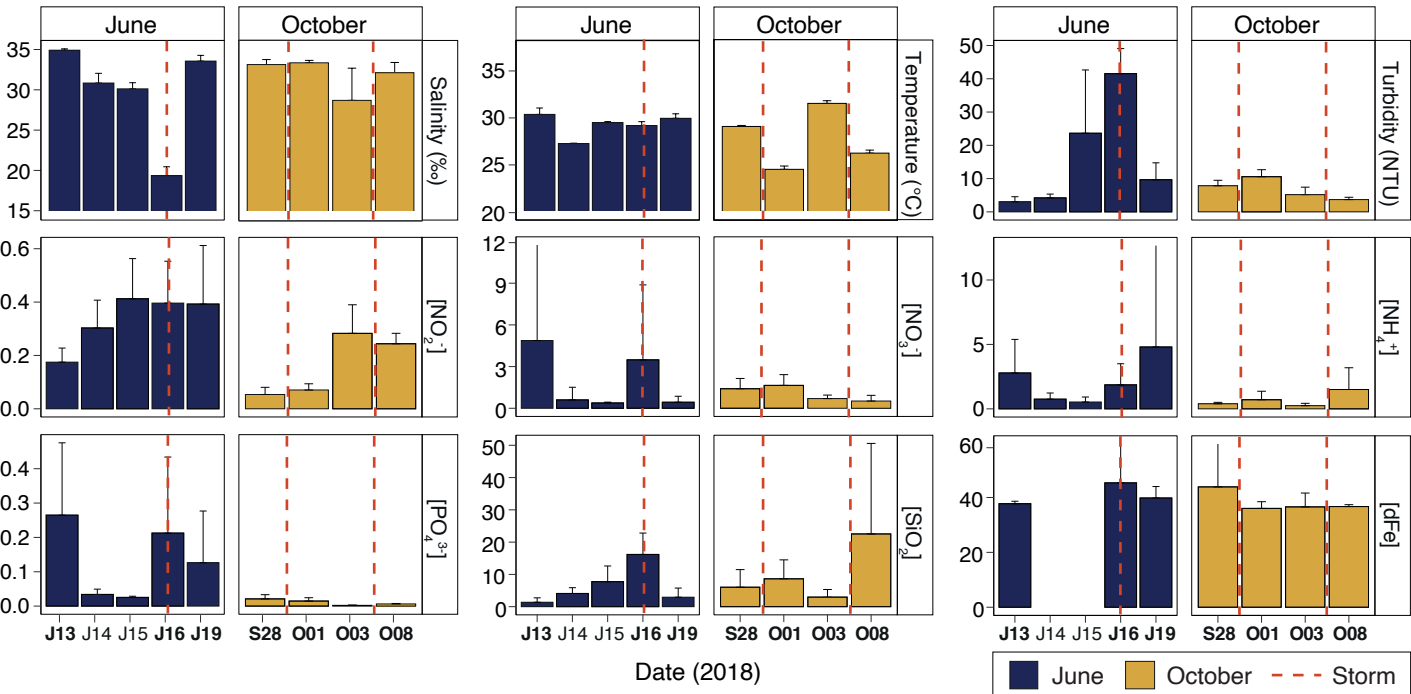
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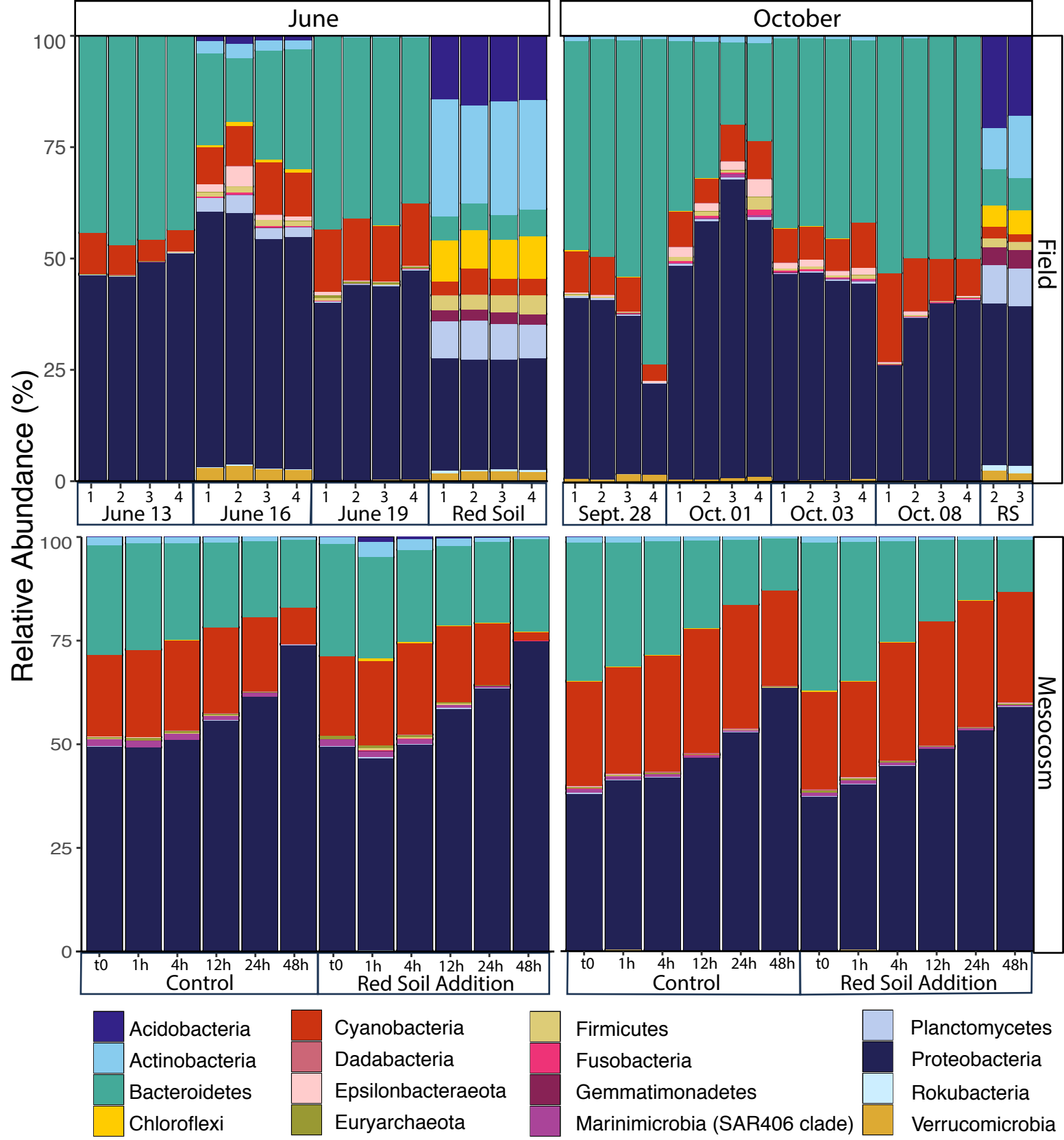
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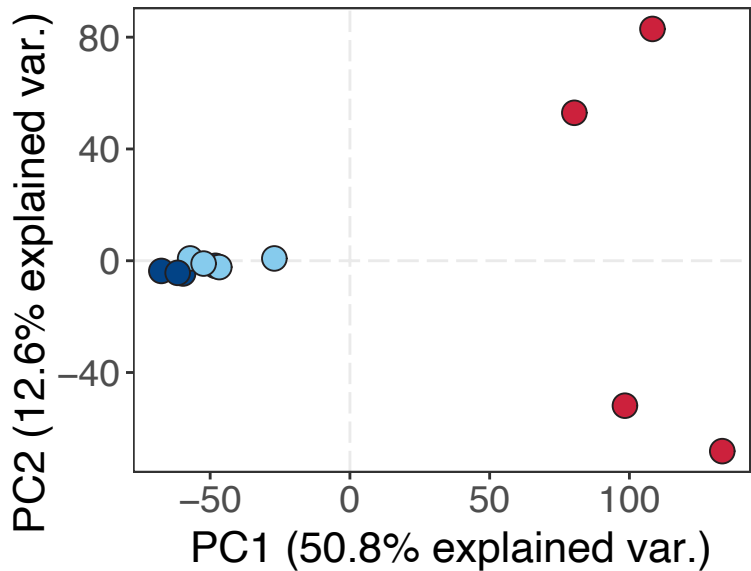






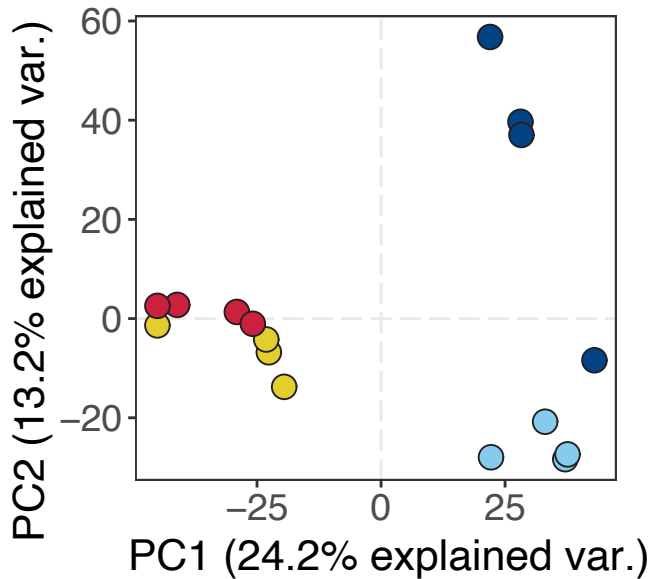


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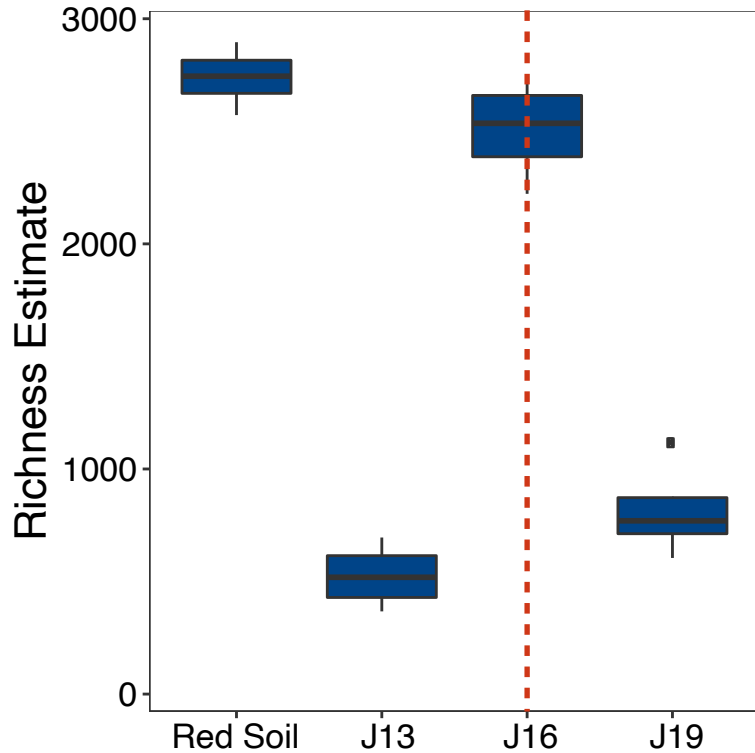
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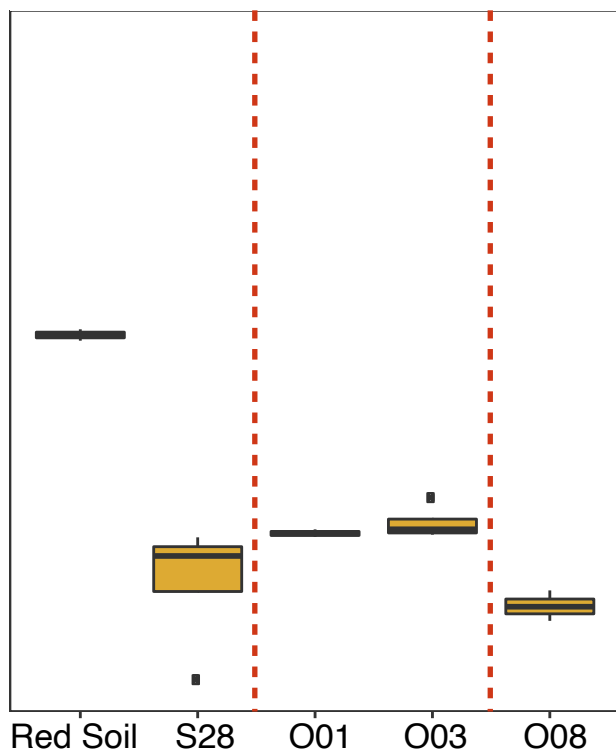


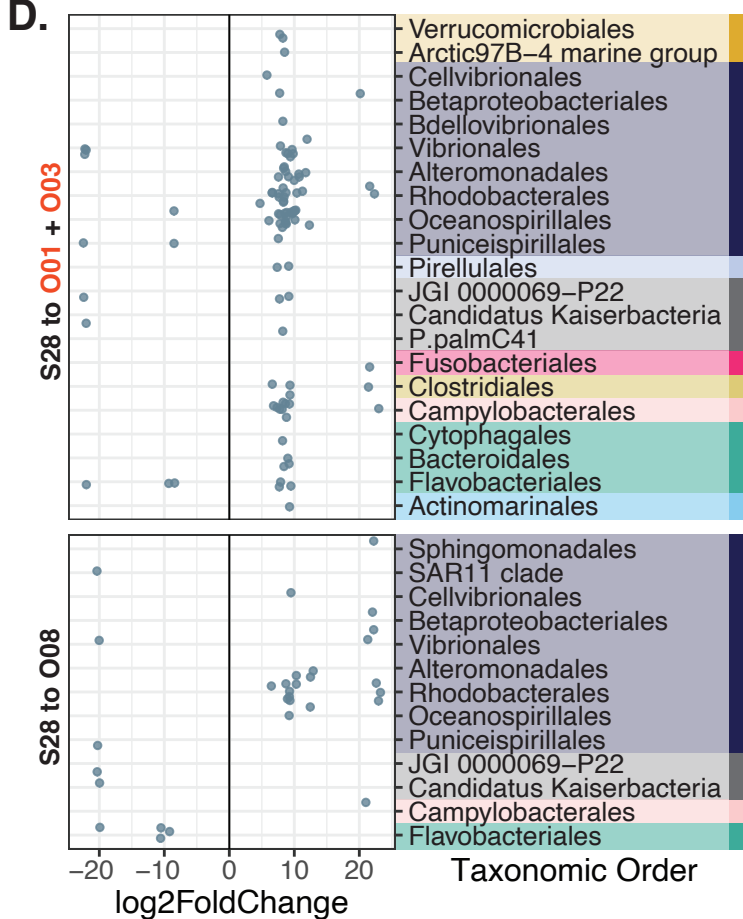
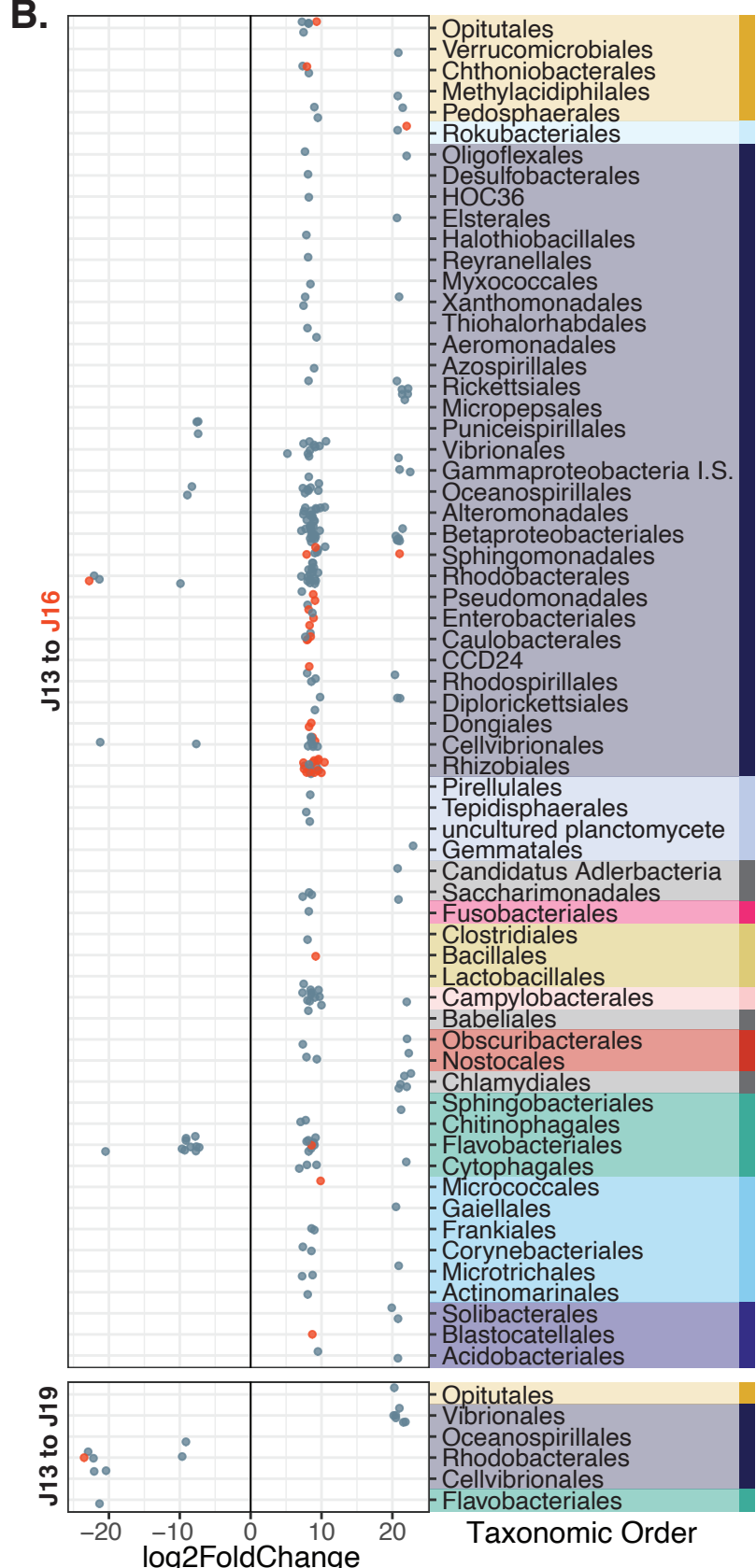
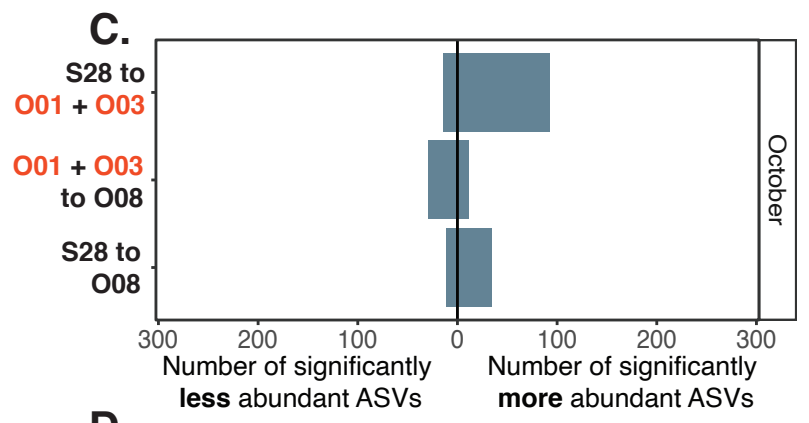
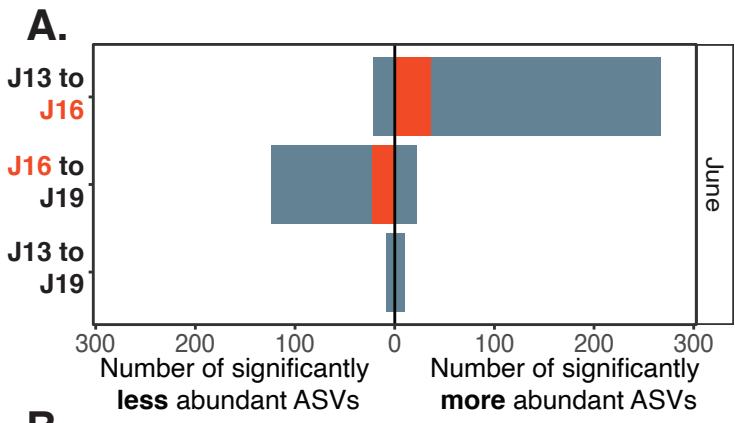
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A. June



B. October





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● Not found in soil samples

● Found in soil samples

Phylum:

- Verrucomicrobia
- Rokubacteria
- Proteobacteria
- Planctomycetes
- Fusobacteria
- Firmicutes
- Epsilonbacteraeota
- Cyanobacteria
- Bacteroidetes
- Actinobacteria
- Acidobacteria
- Other