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## Appendix S2

**Table S1.** Functional indices used to measure functional diversity. Formulas for index computation, index relationships, properties, and interpretations can be found in the given references.

Measure	Goal	Properties	Interpretation	References
Functional richness (FRic)	FRic measures the volume of functional space.	FRic is very sensitive to the number of species and outliers. It does not consider species abundance.	High FRic values equal to high functional richness	Villéger et al. (2008); Mouchet et al. (2010)
Functional entities (FEs)	FEs measures the number of unique trait combinations.	FEs is very sensitive to the number of species. It does not consider species abundances.	High FEs may indicate high functional richness	Teixidó et al. (2018) and references therein
Functional evenness (FEve)	FEve measures the regularity of the distribution of species and abundances in the functional space.	FEve determines the distribution of species in the functional space independently of its volume. It considers species abundance. It is only weakly affected by species richness. Bounded between 0 and 1.	FEve is high when species and species abundance are regularly distributed in the functional space. Low values of FEve correspond to uneven of species and their abundance in the functional space.	Villéger et al., (2008); Mouchet et al. (2010)

**Table S2.** Species trait definitions.

Trait	Categories	Definition	Rationale	References
<b>Adult motility</b>	1 (Facultative)	Regularly non-mobile and only moving when necessary	This trait affects the ability of a species to access suitable habitat and nutritional sources. Species with high mobility may be less vulnerable to the environmental stress and predation.	Bates <i>et al.</i> (2010); Chapman <i>et al.</i> (2019)
	2 (Slow)	Regularly vagile slow swimmer, walker, or crawler		
	3 (Fast)	Regularly vagile fast swimmer and/or walker		
<b>Maximum adult body size</b>	0	0.02 - <0,3 mm	Size is fundamentally related to energy flow and nutrient cycling. It affects the physiological tolerance of organisms (thermal mass, barriers to diffusion, and limits anatomical, physiological or behavioral options). It is also closely related to dispersal and reproduction.	McGill <i>et al.</i> (2006); Gollner <i>et al.</i> (2015); McClain <i>et al.</i> (2018a); Chapman <i>et al.</i> (2019)
	1	≥0.3 - <1 mm		
	2	≥1 - <5 mm		
	3	≥5 - <10 mm		
	4	≥10 - <15 mm		
	5	≥15 - <20 mm		
	6	≥20 mm		
<b>Feeding mechanism</b>	Deposit	Mainly obtains food particles from the surface or buried food particles from the subsurface	Feeding mechanisms are indicators of ecosystem productivity or energy availability. A diverse community will likely harbor species with diverse feeding mechanisms and trophic levels.	Post (2002); McClain <i>et al.</i> (2018b); Chapman <i>et al.</i> (2019)
	Grazing	Scrapes or nibbles food from substrate		
	Predator	Mainly captures prey capable of resistance		

**Table S3.** Functional traits of species.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Mobility</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Feeding</b>	<b>References</b>
<i>Amphisamytha lutzi</i>	1	5	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
Acrocirridae sp.	2	3	deposit feeder	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
Flabelligeridae sp.	2	2	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Glycera tessellata</i>	2	4	predator	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Branchipolynoe seepensis</i>	3	6	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Branchinotogluma</i> sp. 1	3	3	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
<i>Bathykermadeca</i> sp.	3	4	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
<i>Lepidonotopodium</i> sp.	3	4	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
<i>Macellicephala</i> sp.	3	2	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
Polynoidae sp. 1	3	4	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
Phyllodocidae sp.	2	3	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); authors pers. obs.
<i>Tomopteris</i> sp. 1	3	2	predator	Jumars et al. (2015)
<i>Tomopteris</i> sp. 2	3	2	predator	Jumars et al. (2015)
Opheliidae sp.	1	3	deposit feeder	Jumars et al. (2015)
Nereididae sp.	3	3	predator	Jumars et al. (2015); Dr Shimabukuro pers. obs.
<i>Prionospio unilamellata</i>	1	5	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Laonice athecata</i>	1	6	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Ophryotrocha</i> cf. <i>platycephale</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Ophryotrocha fabriae</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
Capitella sp. 1	3	3	deposit feeder	Alfaro-Lucas et al. (2018); Dr Shimabukuro pers. obs.
<i>Heptnerina confusa</i>	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
cf. <i>Ambilimbus</i> sp.	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
cf. Kelliridae sp.	3	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Cyclopina</i> sp.	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)

Cyclopoida sp.	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Calanoida sp.	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Smacigastes micheli</i>	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Tegastidae sp.	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Bathylaophonte azorica</i>	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Tisbe</i> sp. 1	3	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Tisbe</i> sp. 2	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Donsiellinae sp.	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Miraciidae sp.	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Haifameira</i> sp.	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Ameiridae sp. 1	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Ameiridae sp. 2	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Ameiridae sp. 3	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Ameiridae sp. 4	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Ectinosomatidae sp. 1	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
Ectinosomatidae sp. 2	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Archosola typhlops</i>	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Lobopleura</i> sp.	2	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Mesochra</i> sp.	2	0	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002)
<i>Aphotopontius</i> sp.	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002); Limén et al. (2008); Gollner et al. (2015); Senokuchi et al. (2018)
<i>Rimipontius</i> sp.	3	1	grazer	Heptner & Ivanenko (2002); Limén et al. (2008); Gollner et al. (2015); Senokuchi et al. (2018)
<i>Luckia striki</i>	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
Liljeborgiidae sp.	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006); authors pers. Obs
Stegocephalidae sp.	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006); authors pers. obs
cf. <i>Storthingura</i> sp.	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Heteromesus</i> sp.	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006)
Asellota sp. 2	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006)
Asellota sp. 4	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006)
<i>Obesutanais sigridae</i>	1	2	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
cf. <i>Typhlotanais incognitus</i>	2	2	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Thomontocypris excussa</i>	3	1	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein; Chapman et al. (2019); Dr Tanaka pers. obs.

<i>Xylocythere</i> sp.	3	1	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein; Chapman et al. (2019); Dr Tanaka pers. obs.
Halacaridae sp.	2	1	predator	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
Chaetognatha sp.	1	3	predator	Desbruyères et al. (2006)
Cnidaria sp.	1	2	predator	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
Ophiuroidea sp.	2	3	deposit feeder	Desbruyères et al. (2006)
<i>Lepetodrilus atlanticus</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Pseudorimula midatlantica</i>	2	3	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Protolira valvatoides</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Lurifax vitreus</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Xylodiscula analoga</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Lirapex costellatus</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Divia briandi</i>	2	3	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Laeviphitus desbruyeresi</i>	2	2	grazer	Desbruyères et al. (2006) and references therein
<i>Halomonhystera</i> sp.	2	0	deposit feeder	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Theristus</i> sp.	2	0	deposit feeder	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2019)
<i>Paracanthonchus</i> sp.	2	0	predator	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Chromadorita</i> sp.	2	0	deposit feeder	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Microlaimus</i> sp.	2	0	grazer	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Cephalochaetosoma</i> sp.	2	0	deposit feeder	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Epsilonema</i> sp.	2	0	deposit feeder	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Desmodora</i> sp.	2	1	grazer	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2015)
<i>Oncholaimus dyvae</i>	2	3	predator	Wieser (1953); Zeppilli et al. (2019)
Nemertea sp.	2	2	predator	Desbruyères et al. (2006)

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