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*Supplementary Data*

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**Table S1.** Pair-wise comparisons of significant sources of variation detected under PERMANOVA test for taxa cover percentages. Su: substrate; Or: orientation; Lo: locality; St: site; Nat: natural; Art: artificial; Nor: North; Sou: South; Ka: Kato Galatas; Ba: Bali; Go: Gournes; Ho: Hora Sfakion; Ag: Agia Galini; Tsou: Tsousouros; p: level of significance; n.s.: not-significant; \* p<0.05; \*\* p<0.01.

Source of variation	Pairs of factor	Level(s)	Groups	p
Su	Substrate		Nat VS Art	**
Lo(Or)	Locality	North	Ka VS Ba	**
			Ka VS Go	**
			Ba VS Go	**
	South	Ho VS Ag	**	
		Ho VS Ts	*	
		Ag VS Ts	**	
Su x Or	Orientation	Natural	Nor VS Sou	n.s.
		Artificial	Nor VS Sou	n.s.
	Substrate	North	Nat VS Art	*
		South	Nat VS Art	**
Su x Lo(Or)	Substrate	Nor-Ka	Nat VS Art	**
		Nor-Ba	Nat VS Art	**
		Nor-Go	Nat VS Art	**
		Sou-Ho	Nat VS Art	**
		Sou-Ag	Nat VS Art	**
		Sou-Ts	Nat VS Art	n.s.
		Locality	Nat-Nor	Ka VS Ba
			Ka VS Go	*
			Ba VS Go	**
		Nat-Sou	Ho VS Ag	**

	Ho VS Ts	n.s.
	Ag VS Ts	**
Art-Nor	Ka VS Ba	**
	Ka VS Go	**
	Ba VS Go	**
Art-Sou	Ho VS Ag	*
	Ho VS Ts	*
	Ag VS Ts	**

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