

**Table S3:** The detection of archaeal sequences in environmental samples at resolution down to the family level. The classification was conducted on quality filtered and chimera free sequence libraries for each sample. Green boxes indicate sequence classes that were detected.

Classification	ANBR	FAS	GC	OP-YNP
Crenarchaeota	green	green	green	green
Thermoprotei	green		green	green
Caldisphaerales				green
Caldisphaeraceae				green
Desulfurococcales			green	green
Desulfurococcaceae			green	green
Sulfolobales			green	green
Sulfolobaceae			green	green
Thermoproteales			green	green
Thermoproteaceae			green	green
unclassified	green		green	green
env_sample		green		
Euryarchaeota	green		green	green
Archaeoglobi				green
Archaeoglobales				green
Archaeoglobaceae				green
Marine_Group_II			green	
env_sample			green	
Marine_Group_III			green	
env_sample			green	
Methanobacteria	green			
Methanobacteriales	green			
Methanobacteriaceae	green			
Methanomicrobia	green			
Methanomicrobiales	green			
Genera_incertae_sedis	green			
Methanospirillaceae	green			
Methanosarcinales	green			
Methanosaetaceae	green			
Methanosarcinaceae	green			
Thermoplasmata				green
Thermoplasmatales				green
Picrophilaceae				green
Nanoarchaeota				green
env_sample				green
Thaumarchaeota			green	
marine_archaeal_group_1			green	
Nitrosopumilales			green	
Nitrosopumilaceae			green	
env_sample			green	

env_sample				
unclassified				