1 **Fig.1** Absolute (a) and relative (b) abundances (mean±SE) of active bacteria in the fertilization treatments. Relative abundance is the ratio of

2 active to total bacterial abundance. CK, no fertilizer; PK, chemical phosphorus and potassium fertilizer; NK, chemical nitrogen and K fertilizer;

3 NP, chemical N and P fertilizer; NPK, chemical N, P and K fertilizer. Different letters indicate significant differences.



Fig.2 Path analysis based on stepwise regression identifying the relationships among the environmental variables and the absolute (a) and relative
(b) abundances of active bacteria. TN, total nitrogen content. The arrows between the environmental factors and the active bacteria denote direct
effects, and the arrows among the environmental factors denote indirect effects. The number above the arrows represents path coefficient.



Adjusted R²=0.828, P<0.001

Adjusted R²=0.913, P<0.001

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Fig.3 Changes in the relative abundances (mean±SE) of eight dominant phyla that represents the differences between the active and total bacteria in the treatments. The values (%) were the differences between relative abundances from RNA-derived and DNA-derived community. CK, no fertilizer; PK, chemical phosphorus and potassium fertilizer; NK, chemical nitrogen and K fertilizer; NP, chemical N and P fertilizer; NPK, chemical N, P and K fertilizer. Different letters indicate significant differences.



18 Fig. 4 Multiple regression tree analysis indicating the relationships between the

19 environmental variables and the compositions of the active communities of

Cyanobacteria (a) and Proteobacteria (b). SOM, soil organic-matter content(g/kg); 20

- 21 TC, total carbon content(g/kg); TN, total nitrogen content(g/kg); TK, total potassium
- content(g/kg); BC, biomass carbon content(mg/kg); BN, biomass N content(mg/kg). 22



Fig. 5 Canonical correspondence analysis of the *Cyanobacteria* (a) and *Proteobacteria* (b) communities based on environmental data. The environmental factors were selected after testing for variation inflation factors (VIF). WC, water content; SOM, soil organic-matter content; TC, total carbon content; TN, total nitrogen content; TP, total phosphorus content; TK, total potassium content; BC, biomass carbon content; BN, biomass N content.



Fig.6 Variance partitioning analysis based on a partial canonical correspondence analysis indicating the effect of the environmental factors and their interactions on the active communities of *Cyanobacteria* (a) and *Proteobacteria* (b). The columns on the right represent the contributions of single factors on the variance of the microbial communities. WC, water content; SOM, soil organic-matter content; TC, total carbon content; TN, total nitrogen content; TP, total phosphorus content; TK, total potassium content; BC, biomass C content; BN, biomass N content.



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