

Supplementary Table 1. The description of sites in this study, including fertilization, density and height of growing plants

| Cropping systems | Fertilization | Coverage (%) in 1x1m ² | Height (m) |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Wheat-Corn (<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.- <i>Zea mays</i> L.) | Compound fertilizer 600 kg h ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ + diammonium hydrogen phosphate 550 kg h ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 30-50 | 0.15-0.2 |
| | | | 0.5-0.7 |
| Cotton (<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.) | Compound fertilizer 300 kg h ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 70-80 | |
| | | 30-40 | 0.3-0.4 |
| Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) | Ammonium sulphate 280 kg h ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ + Potassium chloride 100 kg h ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | |
| Soybean-Corn (<i>Glycine max</i> L.- <i>Zea mays</i> L.) | Compound fertilizer 280 kg h ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 70-80 | 0.5-0.7 |
| Fruit-Vegetable | Strawberry (<i>Fragaria × ananassa</i> Duch.) | 70-80 | 0.15-0.22 |
| | Pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.) | 60-70 | 0.4-0.55 |

Supplementary Table 2. Network properties of *amoA*-AOA and *nirS*-type denitrifier communities.

| | cropping system | clustering coefficient | connected components | network diameter | network centralization | characteristic path length | number of nodes | number of edges | network density |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>amoA</i> -AOA | Wheat-Corn | 0.669 | 4 | 11 | 0.171 | 3.722 | 44 | 132 | 0.14 |
| | Cotton | 0.728 | 4 | 7 | 0.149 | 2.572 | 46 | 128 | 0.124 |
| | Rice | 0.7 | 4 | 5 | 0.12 | 1.748 | 29 | 56 | 0.07 |
| | Soybean-Corn | 0.613 | 8 | 4 | 0.07 | 1.204 | 31 | 47 | 0.101 |
| | Fruit | 0.527 | 5 | 5 | 0.077 | 2.105 | 38 | 63 | 0.09 |
| <i>nirS</i> -type denitrifier | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wheat-Corn | 0.748 | 6 | 3 | 0.088 | 1.26 | 35 | 73 | 0.163 |
| | Cotton | 0.781 | 5 | 4 | 0.125 | 1.419 | 34 | 70 | 0.125 |
| | Rice | 0.774 | 4 | 4 | 0.157 | 1.634 | 22 | 44 | 0.19 |
| | Soybean-Corn | 0.8 | 6 | 1 | 0.123 | 1 | 20 | 29 | 0.123 |
| | Fruit | 0.952 | 4 | 2 | 0.068 | 1.065 | 33 | 115 | 0.128 |