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#	ARTICLE	IF	CITATIONS
1	Plant Species Richness and Ecosystem Multifunctionality in Global Drylands. <i>Science</i> , 2012, 335, 214-218.	12.6	1,043
2	Impacts of shrub encroachment on ecosystem structure and functioning: towards a global synthesis. <i>Ecology Letters</i> , 2011, 14, 709-722.	6.4	864
3	Decoupling of soil nutrient cycles as a function of aridity in global drylands. <i>Nature</i> , 2013, 502, 672-676.	27.8	733
4	Increasing aridity reduces soil microbial diversity and abundance in global drylands. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2015, 112, 15684-15689.	7.1	728
5	Resource limitation is a driver of local adaptation in mycorrhizal symbioses. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2010, 107, 2093-2098.	7.1	563
6	Land use alters the resistance and resilience of soil food webs to drought. <i>Nature Climate Change</i> , 2012, 2, 276-280.	18.8	480
7	Mycorrhizal phenotypes and the <i>Law of the Minimum</i> . <i>New Phytologist</i> , 2015, 205, 1473-1484.	7.3	387
8	Structure and Functioning of Dryland Ecosystems in a Changing World. <i>Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics</i> , 2016, 47, 215-237.	8.3	330
9	Biological Soil Crust Rehabilitation in Theory and Practice: An Underexploited Opportunity. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2007, 15, 13-23.	2.9	310
10	From patterns to causal understanding: Structural equation modeling (SEM) in soil ecology. <i>Pedobiologia</i> , 2015, 58, 65-72.	1.2	287
11	Shrub encroachment can reverse desertification in semi-arid Mediterranean grasslands. <i>Ecology Letters</i> , 2009, 12, 930-941.	6.4	285
12	Mortality Gradients within and among Dominant Plant Populations as Barometers of Ecosystem Change During Extreme Drought. <i>Conservation Biology</i> , 2006, 20, 1477-1486.	4.7	232
13	Ecology and functional roles of biological soil crusts in semi-arid ecosystems of Spain. <i>Journal of Arid Environments</i> , 2011, 75, 1282-1291.	2.4	217
14	Species richness effects on ecosystem multifunctionality depend on evenness, composition and spatial pattern. <i>Journal of Ecology</i> , 2012, 100, 317-330.	4.0	178
15	Biological crusts as a model system for examining the biodiversity-ecosystem function relationship in soils. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2010, 42, 405-417.	8.8	177
16	Temporal Variation in Community Composition, Pigmentation, and Fv/Fm of Desert Cyanobacterial Soil Crusts. <i>Microbial Ecology</i> , 2002, 43, 13-25.	2.8	169
17	Biological soil crusts decrease erodibility by modifying inherent soil properties on the Loess Plateau, China. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2017, 105, 49-58.	8.8	156
18	Changes in belowground biodiversity during ecosystem development. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2019, 116, 6891-6896.	7.1	151

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19	Intransitive competition is widespread in plant communities and maintains their species richness. <i>Ecology Letters</i> , 2015, 18, 790-798.	6.4	149
20	Untangling the biological contributions to soil stability in semiarid shrublands. <i>Ecological Applications</i> , 2009, 19, 110-122.	3.8	148
21	Global ecological predictors of the soil priming effect. <i>Nature Communications</i> , 2019, 10, 3481.	12.8	148
22	Correlates of biological soil crust abundance across a continuum of spatial scales: support for a hierarchical conceptual model. <i>Journal of Applied Ecology</i> , 2006, 43, 152-163.	4.0	140
23	Microhabitat amelioration and reduced competition among understory plants as drivers of facilitation across environmental gradients: Towards a unifying framework. <i>Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics</i> , 2011, 13, 247-258.	2.7	136
24	Revisiting classic water erosion models in drylands: The strong impact of biological soil crusts. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2008, 40, 2309-2316.	8.8	134
25	EVIDENCE FOR MICRONUTRIENT LIMITATION OF BIOLOGICAL SOIL CRUSTS: IMPORTANCE TO ARID-LANDS RESTORATION. , 2005, 15, 1941-1951.		129
26	The pervasive and multifaceted influence of biocrusts on water in the world's drylands. <i>Global Change Biology</i> , 2020, 26, 6003-6014.	9.5	129
27	Soil fungal abundance and plant functional traits drive fertile island formation in global drylands. <i>Journal of Ecology</i> , 2018, 106, 242-253.	4.0	123
28	Interactive Effects of Three Ecosystem Engineers on Infiltration in a Semi-Arid Mediterranean Grassland. <i>Ecosystems</i> , 2010, 13, 499-510.	3.4	122
29	Do biotic interactions modulate ecosystem functioning along stress gradients? Insights from semi-arid plant and biological soil crust communities. <i>Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences</i> , 2010, 365, 2057-2070.	4.0	122
30	Sex expression, skewed sex ratios, and microhabitat distribution in the dioecious desert moss <i>Syntrichia caninervis</i> (Pottiaceae). <i>American Journal of Botany</i> , 2000, 87, 517-526.	1.7	118
31	Warming reduces the growth and diversity of biological soil crusts in a semi-arid environment: implications for ecosystem structure and functioning. <i>Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences</i> , 2012, 367, 3087-3099.	4.0	117
32	Functional profiles reveal unique ecological roles of various biological soil crust organisms. <i>Functional Ecology</i> , 2011, 25, 787-795.	3.6	114
33	Biocrusts: the living skin of the earth. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2018, 429, 1-7.	3.7	111
34	Competition increases with abiotic stress and regulates the diversity of biological soil crusts. <i>Journal of Ecology</i> , 2010, 98, 551-560.	4.0	102
35	Biocrust-forming mosses mitigate the negative impacts of increasing aridity on ecosystem multifunctionality in drylands. <i>New Phytologist</i> , 2016, 209, 1540-1552.	7.3	101
36	Biological soil crusts (biocrusts) as a model system in community, landscape and ecosystem ecology. <i>Biodiversity and Conservation</i> , 2014, 23, 1619-1637.	2.6	98

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37	Rapidly restoring biological soil crusts and ecosystem functions in a severely disturbed desert ecosystem. <i>Ecological Applications</i> , 2016, 26, 1260-1272.	3.8	98
38	Relationships between biological soil crusts, bacterial diversity and abundance, and ecosystem functioning: Insights from a semi-arid Mediterranean environment. <i>Journal of Vegetation Science</i> , 2011, 22, 165-174.	2.2	95
39	Production of greenhouse-grown biocrust mosses and associated cyanobacteria to rehabilitate dryland soil function. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2016, 24, 324-335.	2.9	95
40	Plant diversity and ecosystem multifunctionality peak at intermediate levels of woody cover in global drylands. <i>Global Ecology and Biogeography</i> , 2014, 23, 1408-1416.	5.8	93
41	Towards a predictive framework for biocrust mediation of plant performance: A meta-analysis. <i>Journal of Ecology</i> , 2019, 107, 2789-2807.	4.0	92
42	Diversity and Patch-Size Distributions of Biological Soil Crusts Regulate Dryland Ecosystem Multifunctionality. <i>Ecosystems</i> , 2013, 16, 923-933.	3.4	90
43	What is a biocrust? A refined, contemporary definition for a broadening research community. <i>Biological Reviews</i> , 2022, 97, 1768-1785.	10.4	87
44	Post-fire land treatments and wind erosion – Lessons from the Milford Flat Fire, UT, USA. <i>Aeolian Research</i> , 2012, 7, 29-44.	2.7	82
45	Grazing dampens the positive effects of shrub encroachment on ecosystem functions in a semi-arid woodland. <i>Journal of Applied Ecology</i> , 2013, 50, 1028-1038.	4.0	81
46	Controls on Distribution Patterns of Biological Soil Crusts at Micro- to Global Scales. <i>Ecological Studies</i> , 2016, , 173-197.	1.2	77
47	Climate and soil attributes determine plant species turnover in global drylands. <i>Journal of Biogeography</i> , 2014, 41, 2307-2319.	3.0	76
48	Functional traits determine plant co-occurrence more than environment or evolutionary relatedness in global drylands. <i>Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics</i> , 2014, 16, 164-173.	2.7	73
49	The soil priming effect: Consistent across ecosystems, elusive mechanisms. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2020, 140, 107617.	8.8	67
50	Hydrology in a patterned landscape is co-engineered by soil-disturbing animals and biological crusts. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2013, 61, 14-22.	8.8	64
51	Priorities for research in soil ecology. <i>Pedobiologia</i> , 2017, 63, 1-7.	1.2	64
52	Alternative states of a semiarid grassland ecosystem: implications for ecosystem services. <i>Ecosphere</i> , 2011, 2, art55.	2.2	62
53	Wildfire-resistant biological soil crusts and fire-induced loss of soil stability in Palouse prairies, USA. <i>Applied Soil Ecology</i> , 2004, 26, 41-52.	4.3	60
54	Linking above- and belowground responses to global change at community and ecosystem scales. <i>Global Change Biology</i> , 2009, 15, 914-929.	9.5	59

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55	Spatial Modeling of Biological Soil Crusts to Support Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring. <i>Rangeland Ecology and Management</i> , 2006, 59, 519-529.	2.3	55
56	To dry perchance to live: Insights from the genome of the desiccation-tolerant biocrust moss <i>Syntrichia caninervis</i> . <i>Plant Journal</i> , 2021, 105, 1339-1356.	5.7	55
57	Prioritizing Conservation Effort through the Use of Biological Soil Crusts as Ecosystem Function Indicators in an Arid Region. <i>Conservation Biology</i> , 2008, 22, 1533-1543.	4.7	53
58	Maximizing establishment and survivorship of field-collected and greenhouse-cultivated biocrusts in a semi-cold desert. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2018, 429, 213-225.	3.7	53
59	A simple classification of soil types as habitats of biological soil crusts on the Colorado Plateau, USA. <i>Journal of Vegetation Science</i> , 2008, 19, 831-840.	2.2	51
60	Nitrogen deposition alters nitrogen cycling and reduces soil carbon content in low-productivity semiarid Mediterranean ecosystems. <i>Environmental Pollution</i> , 2013, 179, 185-193.	7.5	50
61	TREATMENT EFFECTS ON PERFORMANCE OF N-FIXING LICHENS IN DISTURBED SOIL CRUSTS OF THE COLORADO PLATEAU. , 2002, 12, 1391-1405.		49
62	Above- and belowground responses to tree thinning depend on the treatment of tree debris. <i>Forest Ecology and Management</i> , 2009, 259, 71-80.	3.2	49
63	Linkages between biocrust development and water erosion and implications for erosion model implementation. <i>Geoderma</i> , 2020, 357, 113973.	5.1	49
64	Biocrust-forming mosses mitigate the impact of aridity on soil microbial communities in drylands: observational evidence from three continents. <i>New Phytologist</i> , 2018, 220, 824-835.	7.3	46
65	Moss-biocrusts strongly decrease soil surface albedo, altering land-surface energy balance in a dryland ecosystem. <i>Science of the Total Environment</i> , 2020, 741, 140425.	8.0	45
66	Enhanced Recovery of Biological Soil Crusts After Disturbance. <i>Ecological Studies</i> , 2016, , 499-523.	1.2	39
67	Chronic nitrogen addition induces a cascade of plant community responses with both seasonal and progressive dynamics. <i>Science of the Total Environment</i> , 2018, 626, 99-108.	8.0	39
68	Responses of biological soil crusts to rehabilitation strategies. <i>Journal of Arid Environments</i> , 2019, 163, 77-85.	2.4	39
69	Successful field cultivation of moss biocrusts on disturbed soil surfaces in the short term. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2018, 429, 227-240.	3.7	37
70	Effects of Local-Scale Disturbance on Biocrusts. <i>Ecological Studies</i> , 2016, , 429-449.	1.2	35
71	Surface indicators are correlated with soil multifunctionality in global drylands. <i>Journal of Applied Ecology</i> , 2020, 57, 424-435.	4.0	35
72	Early-successional vegetation changes after roadside prairie restoration modify processes related with soil functioning by changing microbial functional diversity. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2011, 43, 1245-1253.	8.8	33

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73	A global database of shrub encroachment effects on ecosystem structure and functioning. <i>Ecology</i> , 2012, 93, 2499-2499.	3.2	33
74	Human impacts and aridity differentially alter soil <sc>N</sc> availability in drylands worldwide. <i>Global Ecology and Biogeography</i> , 2016, 25, 36-45.	5.8	33
75	Climatic conditions, soil fertility and atmospheric nitrogen deposition largely determine the structure and functioning of microbial communities in biocrust-dominated Mediterranean drylands. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2016, 399, 271-282.	3.7	32
76	Stand-structural effects on <i>Heterobasidion abietinum</i> -related mortality following drought events in <i>Abies pinsapo</i> . <i>Oecologia</i> , 2010, 164, 1107-1119.	2.0	30
77	Biogeochemical indicators of elevated nitrogen deposition in semiarid Mediterranean ecosystems. <i>Environmental Monitoring and Assessment</i> , 2014, 186, 5831-5842.	2.7	30
78	Responses of Ecosystem Carbon Cycling to Climate Change Treatments Along an Elevation Gradient. <i>Ecosystems</i> , 2011, 14, 1066-1080.	3.4	27
79	Biocrusts enhance non-rainfall water deposition and alter its distribution in dryland soils. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 2021, 595, 126050.	5.4	27
80	Ecosystem development in roadside grasslands: biotic control, plant–soil interactions, and dispersal limitations. , 2011, 21, 2806-2821.		26
81	Rare drought-induced mortality of juniper is enhanced by edaphic stressors and influenced by stand density. <i>Journal of Arid Environments</i> , 2012, 76, 9-16.	2.4	26
82	Physiological responses of artificial moss biocrusts to dehydration-rehydration process and heat stress on the Loess Plateau, China. <i>Journal of Arid Land</i> , 2017, 9, 419-431.	2.3	26
83	Inoculation and habitat amelioration efforts in biological soil crust recovery vary by desert and soil texture. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S96.	2.9	26
84	Rapid ex situ culture of N-fixing soil lichens and biocrusts is enhanced by complementarity. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2016, 408, 415-428.	3.7	25
85	Addressing barriers to improve biocrust colonization and establishment in dryland restoration. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S150.	2.9	25
86	Short-term monitoring of aridland lichen cover and biomass using photography and fatty acids. <i>Journal of Arid Environments</i> , 2008, 72, 869-878.	2.4	24
87	A practical guide to measuring functional indicators and traits in biocrusts. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S56.	2.9	23
88	Sympatric pairings of dryland grass populations, mycorrhizal fungi and associated soil biota enhance mutualism and ameliorate drought stress. <i>Journal of Ecology</i> , 2021, 109, 1210-1223.	4.0	23
89	Aspects of soil lichen biodiversity and aggregation interact to influence subsurface microbial function. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2015, 386, 303-316.	3.7	22
90	Biocrust moss populations differ in growth rates, stress response, and microbial associates. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2018, 429, 187-198.	3.7	22

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91	Insolation and disturbance history drive biocrust biodiversity in Western Montana rangelands. <i>Plant and Soil</i> , 2018, 430, 151-169.	3.7	21
92	Estimation of annual CO ₂ efflux of moss biocrust through measuring and simulating its respiration rate in a semiarid climate. <i>Geoderma</i> , 2020, 376, 114560.	5.1	21
93	Nutrient availability affects pigment production but not growth in lichens of biological soil crusts. <i>Soil Biology and Biochemistry</i> , 2008, 40, 2819-2826.	8.8	20
94	Applying community ecological theory to maximize productivity of cultivated biocrusts. <i>Ecological Applications</i> , 2017, 27, 1958-1969.	3.8	20
95	Global drivers of methane oxidation and denitrifying gene distribution in drylands. <i>Global Ecology and Biogeography</i> , 2019, 28, 1230-1243.	5.8	20
96	Improving field success of biocrust rehabilitation materials: hardening the organisms or softening the environment?. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S177.	2.9	19
97	Inferring local competition intensity from patch size distributions: a test using biological soil crusts. <i>Oikos</i> , 2012, 121, 1914-1922.	2.7	18
98	Temporal and abiotic fluctuations may be preventing successful rehabilitation of soil-stabilizing biocrust communities. <i>Ecological Applications</i> , 2019, 29, e01908.	3.8	18
99	Soil functional responses to ecological restoration treatments in frequent-fire forests of the western United States: a systematic review. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2017, 25, 497-508.	2.9	17
100	Strategies of desiccation tolerance vary across life phases in the moss <i>Syntrichia caninervis</i> . <i>American Journal of Botany</i> , 2021, 108, 249-262.	1.7	17
101	Genetically-based trait variation within a foundation tree species influences a dominant bark lichen. <i>Fungal Ecology</i> , 2011, 4, 103-109.	1.6	16
102	Indicators of vehicular emission inputs into semi-arid roadside ecosystems. <i>Journal of Arid Environments</i> , 2016, 134, 150-159.	2.4	16
103	Do soil inoculants accelerate dryland restoration? A simultaneous assessment of biocrusts and mycorrhizal fungi. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S115.	2.9	16
104	Familiar soil conditions help <i>Pinus ponderosa</i> seedlings cope with warming and drying climate. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S344.	2.9	15
105	Biocrusts: Engineers and architects of surface soil properties, functions, and processes in dryland ecosystems. <i>Geoderma</i> , 2022, 424, 116015.	5.1	14
106	Elevated Rocky Mountain elk numbers prevent positive effects of fire on quaking aspen (<i>Populus</i>). <i>Ecology</i> , 2010, 91, 1000-1008.	3.2	13
107	Microclimate and Propagule Availability are Equally Important for Rehabilitation of Dryland N-Fixing Lichens. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2010, 18, 30-33.	2.9	12
108	Biological Soil Crusts as a Model System in Ecology. <i>Ecological Studies</i> , 2016, , 407-425.	1.2	12

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109	Shifts in the importance of the species pool and environmental controls of epiphytic bryophyte richness across multiple scales. <i>Oecologia</i> , 2018, 186, 805-816.	2.0	12
110	Improved, scalable techniques to cultivate fire mosses for rehabilitation. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S17.	2.9	12
111	Morphological and physiological traits in relation to carbon balance in a diverse clade of dryland mosses. <i>Plant, Cell and Environment</i> , 2019, 42, 3140-3151.	5.7	11
112	Post-wildfire moss colonisation and soil functional enhancement in forests of the southwestern USA. <i>International Journal of Wildland Fire</i> , 2020, 29, 530.	2.4	11
113	Biocrusts Influence Vascular Plant Community Development, Promoting Native Plant Dominance. <i>Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution</i> , 2022, 10, .	2.2	11
114	Restoring post-fire ecosystems with biocrusts: Living, photosynthetic soil surfaces. <i>Current Opinion in Environmental Science and Health</i> , 2021, 23, 100273.	4.1	10
115	Effects of moss biocrusts on near-surface soil moisture are underestimated in drylands: Insights from a heat-pulse soil moisture sensor. <i>Geoderma</i> , 2022, 413, 115763.	5.1	10
116	Community composition influences ecosystem resistance and production more than species richness or intraspecific diversity. <i>Oikos</i> , 2021, 130, 1399-1410.	2.7	9
117	Developing climate-smart restoration: Can plant microbiomes be hardened against heat waves?. <i>Ecological Applications</i> , 2018, 28, 1594-1605.	3.8	8
118	Biocrust and the soil surface: Influence of climate, disturbance, and biocrust recovery on soil surface roughness. <i>Geoderma</i> , 2021, 403, 115369.	5.1	8
119	Adapting mechanized vascular plant seed dispersal technologies to biocrust moss restoration. <i>Restoration Ecology</i> , 2020, 28, S25.	2.9	7
120	Producing moss-colonized burlap fabric in a fog chamber for restoration of biocrust. <i>Ecological Engineering</i> , 2020, 158, 106019.	3.6	7
121	Impacts of moss-dominated biocrusts on rainwater infiltration, vertical water flow, and surface soil evaporation in drylands. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 2022, 612, 128176.	5.4	6
122	Genotypic confirmation of a biased phenotypic sex ratio in a dryland moss using restriction fragment length polymorphisms. <i>Applications in Plant Sciences</i> , 2022, 10, e11467.	2.1	5
123	Arthropod community similarity in clonal stands of aspen: A test of the genetic similarity rule. <i>Ecoscience</i> , 2012, 19, 48-58.	1.4	4
124	5. Bryophyte and Lichen Diversity on Arid Soils: Determinants and Consequences. , 2017, , 73-96.		4
125	Broader Impacts for Ecologists: Biological Soil Crust as a Model System for Education. <i>Frontiers in Microbiology</i> , 2020, 11, 577922.	3.5	4
126	Pelletized inoculation of fire mosses in severely burned conifer forests overcomes initial barriers to <i>Bryum argenteum</i> establishment but does not increase cover. <i>Ecological Engineering</i> , 2022, 176, 106513.	3.6	3

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127	Responses of Biocrust and Associated Soil Bacteria to Novel Climates Are Not Tightly Coupled. <i>Frontiers in Microbiology</i> , 2022, 13, 821860.	3.5	3
128	Mid-Scale Drivers of Variability in Dry Mixed-Conifer Forests of the Mogollon Rim, Arizona. <i>Forests</i> , 2021, 12, 622.	2.1	2
129	Applying Threshold Concepts to Conservation Management of Dryland Ecosystems: Case Studies on the Colorado Plateau. , 2014, , 101-130.		2
130	Treatment Effects on Performance of N-Fixing Lichens in Disturbed Soil Crusts of the Colorado Plateau. , 2002, 12, 1391.		1
131	How Long-Term Chemical Fertilization of Sloping Cropland Enhances Yield and Fertility without Compromising Soil Structure. <i>Polish Journal of Environmental Studies</i> , 2017, 26, 1797-1807.	1.2	1
132	Spatial Modeling of Biological Soil Crusts to Support Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring. <i>Journal of Range Management</i> , 2006, 59, .	0.3	0