SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Figure S1

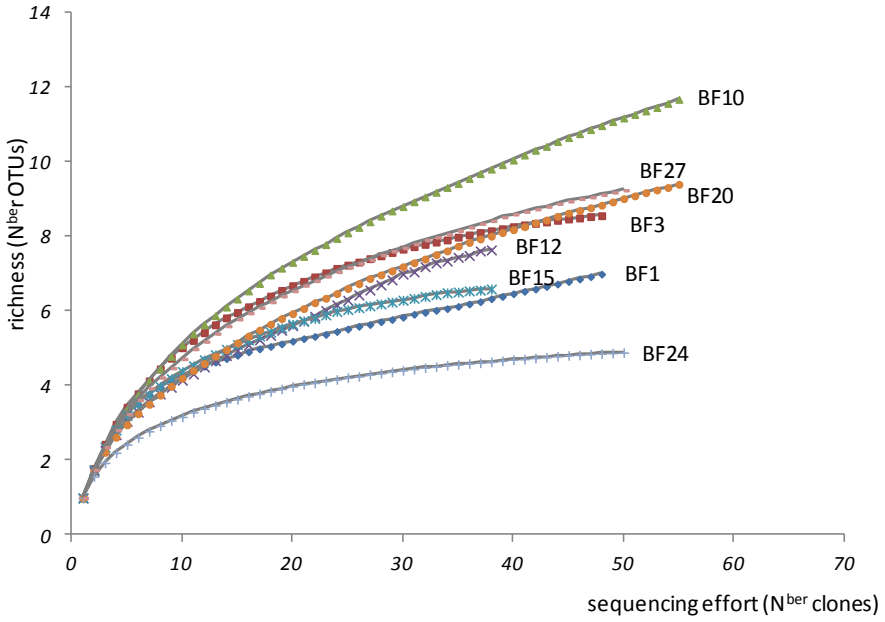

Figure S1. Rarefaction curves obtained for *Synechococcus* sequences (16S) from the 8 genetic libraries (BF1: 2008-2009, BF3: 2000-2001, BF10: 1991-1993, BF12: 1987-1988, BF15: 1981-1983, BF20: 1972-1973, BF24: 1956-1960, BF27: 1951-1952).

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Table S1.

Table S1. UNIFRAC results: The grey area (left panel) corresponds to the distance matrix obtained from the comparison of each pair of samples. Bold underlined text denotes values in the upper quartile (i.e. most distant samples).
The white area (right panel) corresponds to the P-values obtained by comparing each sample to each other sample. All P-values have been corrected for multiple comparisons by multiplying the calculated P-value by the number of comparisons made (Bonferroni correction). Bold text denotes significant P values (see level of significance below the table).

	BF1 *2008-2009*	**BF3** *2000-2001*	**BF10** *1991-1993*	**BF12** *1987-1988*	**BF15** *1981-1983*	**BF20** *1972-1973*	**BF24** *1956-1960*	**BF27** *1951-1952*
BF1		0.67	0.24	0.49	0.30	**0.05**	0.17	0.15
BF3	0.545		0.69	**0.07**	0.56	0.58	0.70	0.70
BF10	**0.600**	0.428		0.67	0.67	1.00	0.62	0.64
BF12	0.500	**0.628**	**0.600**		0.75	0.95	0.57	0.54
BF15	0.562	0.514	**0.605**	0.413		0.75	0.55	0.59
BF20	**0.684**	0.526	0.459	0.529	0.418		0.56	0.65
BF24	**0.606**	0.424	0.393	0.466	0.529	0.312		0.55
BF27	**0.611**	0.303	0.575	0.571	0.578	0.424	0,303	

P value significance (white right panel)
(< 0.001) Highly significant
(0.001-0.01) Significant
(0.01-0.05) Marginally significant
(0.05-0.1) Suggestive

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Data S1.

Sedimentary analysis of zeaxanthin and comparison with qPCR counts.

Sedimentary pigment analyses were performed from 32 sediment samples (corresponding to BF2 to BF34). The sediment samples (5 g of wet sediment) were freeze-dried and stored protected from light at -80°C. Pigment analyses were conducted in the dark on 550 mg of sediment, using ice-cold extraction solution (methanol + 0.5 mol L^{-1} ammonium acetate) (see detailed extraction protocol in Perga et al. (2010). The separation of pigments was performed on a Phenomenex Luna 5µ C18 column (250 x 4.60 mm) under a flow of three successive eluants. Flow rate was 1.0 mL min^{-1} and absorbance was read at the maximum absorbance wavelength of the targeted pigment. Peak areas were converted to concentrations by the external standard calibration method using commercially available pigment standards (Dionex Canada; DHI labproducts) for zeaxanthin (448 nm). Fossil pigment abundances were presented as dry sediment-specific concentrations (mg g^{-1} dry sediment).

The quantifications of zeaxanthin are presented with the corresponding qPCR counts obtained for total cyanobacteria (data for 32 samples presented on the graph below):