

## ***Supplementary Material***

**Supplementary Table 1.** Quantitative PCR primers and probes used in this study.

Species/clone	Forward primer	Probe	Reverse primer	Standard clone	References
<i>Trichodesmium</i>	GACGAAGTATTGAAG CCAGGTTTC	CATTAAGTGTGTTGAA TCTGGTGGTCCTGAGC	CGGCCAGCGCAACCTA	AY528677	Church et al., 2005a
UCYN-A1	AGCTATAACAACGTT TTATGCGTTGA	TCTGGTGGTCCTGAGC CTGGA	ACCACGACCAGCACAT CCA	AF059642	Church et al., 2005a
UCYN-A2/A3	GGTTACAACAACGTT TTATGTGTTGA	TCTGGTGGTCCTGAGC CCGGA	ACCACGACCAGCACAT CCA	KF806604	Thompson et al., 2014
UCYN-B	TGGTCCTGAGCCTGG AGTTG	TGTGCTGGTCGTGGTA T	TCTTCTAGGAAGTTGA TGGAGGTGAT	AF299418	Church et al., 2005a
het-1	CGGTTCCGTGGTGT ACGTT	TCCGGTGGTCCTGAGC CTGGTGT	AATACCACGACCCGCA CAAC	AY706898	Church et al., 2005b
24774A11	CGGTAGAGGATCTTG AGCTTGAA	AAGTGCTTAAGGTTGG CTTGGCGACA	CACCTGACTCCACGCA CTTG	EU052413	Moisander et al., 2008

**Supplementary Table 2.** Pearson correlation coefficients ( $r$ ) between paired variables including surface temperature (SST) and salinity (SSS), surface chlorophyll  $a$  concentration (Chl  $a$ ), surface  $N_2$  fixation rate (SNF), depth-integrated  $N_2$  fixation rate (INF) and primary production (IPP), and total *nifH* gene abundance. Asterisks denote a significant correlation ( $p < 0.05$ ).

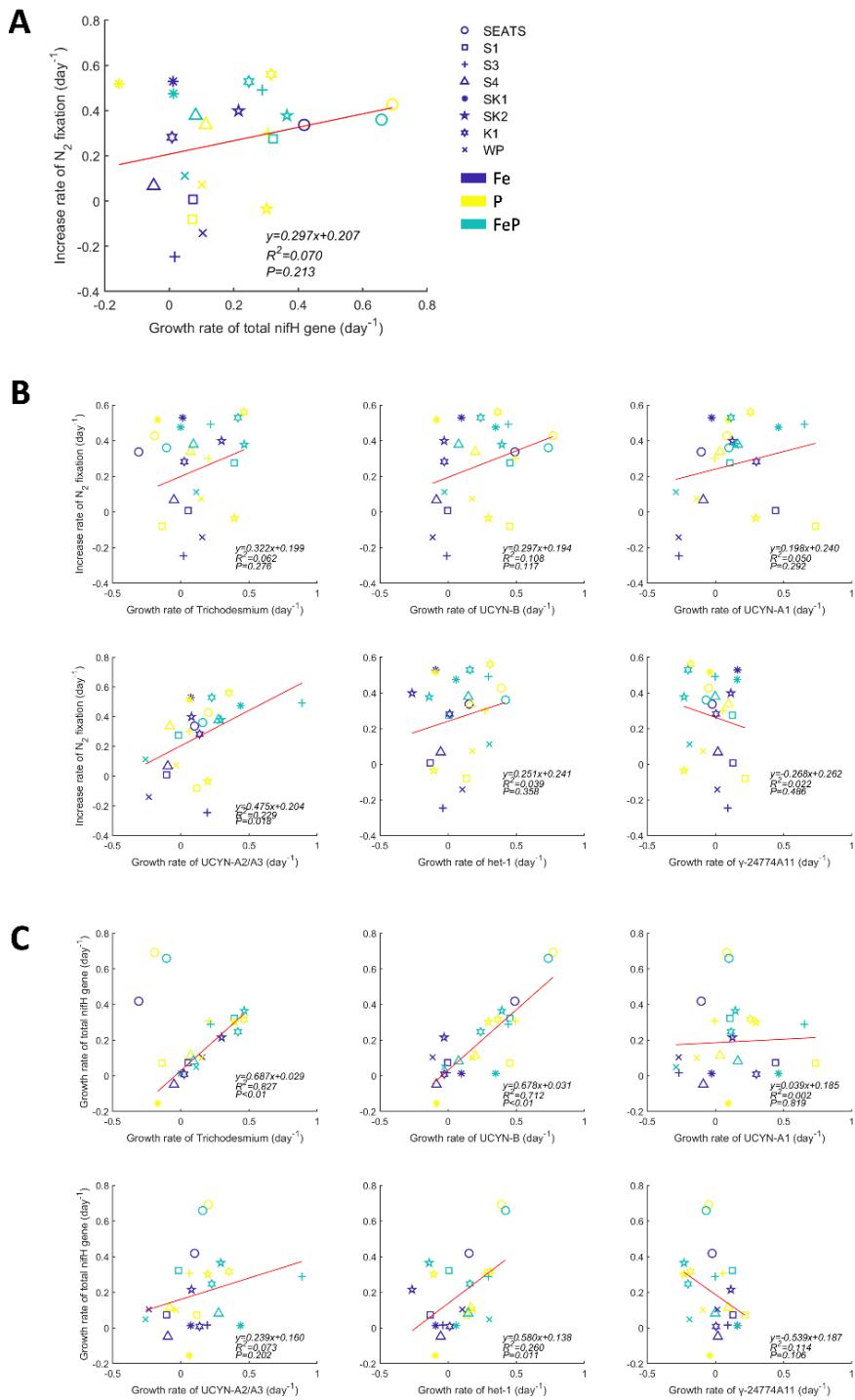
	SSS	Chl $a$	D <sub>Nitr</sub>	SNF	INF	IPP	<i>nifH</i>
SST	0.08	0.15	0.52	0.32	0.52	-0.67*	-0.05
SSS		-0.48	0.81*	-0.22	0.30	-0.47	0.75*
Chl $a$			-0.43	0.21	-0.10	0.21	-0.52
D <sub>Nitr</sub>				0.15	0.62	-0.69*	0.74*
SNF					0.68*	-0.29	-0.01
INF						-0.32	0.72*
IPP							-0.04

**Supplementary Table 3.** Upper 150 m depth-integrated *nifH* gene abundance of six targeted diazotrophs. nd, no data.

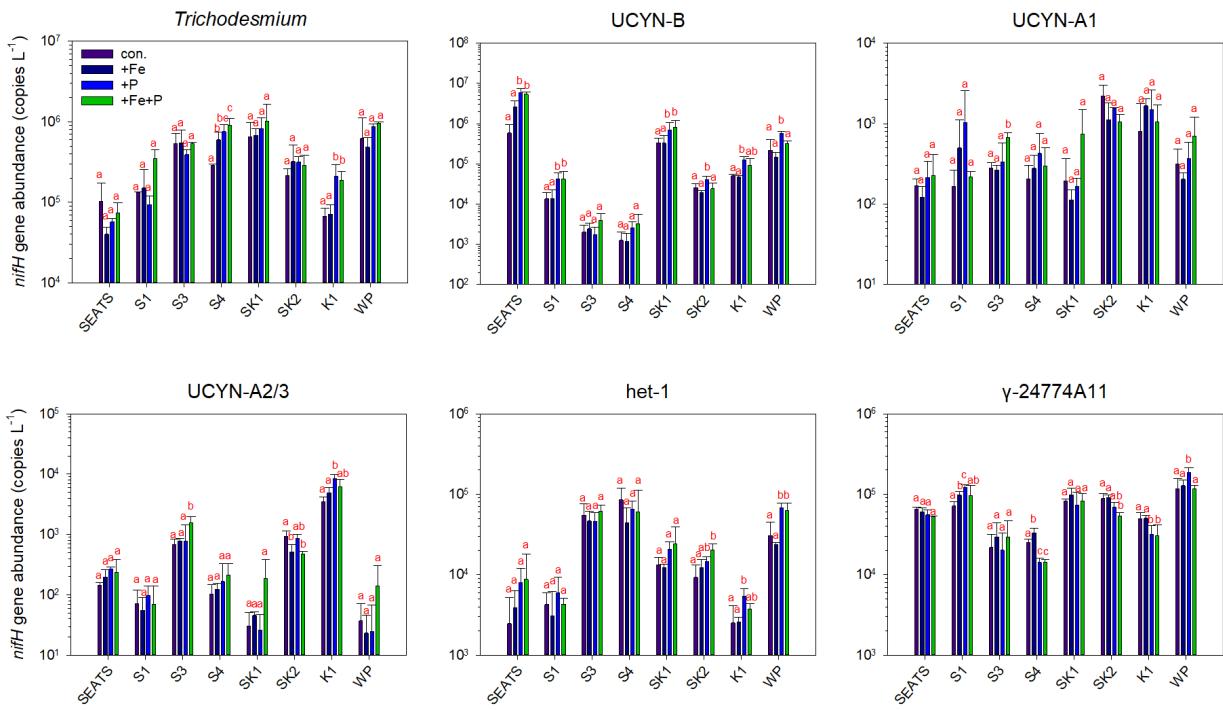
Station	Depth-integrated <i>nifH</i> gene abundance ( $\times 10^9$ copies $m^{-2}$ )						
	<i>Trichodesmium</i>	UCYN-A1	UCYN-A2/A3	UCYN-B	het-1	$\gamma$ -24774A11	Total
SEATS <sub>2016</sub>	2.21	0.72	0.009	2.02	0.00	1.01	5.96
SEATS <sub>2018</sub>	6.48	0.01	0.10	0.78	1.33	3.84	12.5
S1	3.43	0.06	0.005	3.25	0.16	0.18	7.08
S2	4.01	0.02	0.007	0.24	1.52	1.16	6.96
S3	35.4	0.05	0.005	0.16	0.08	0.99	36.7
S4	21.6	0.02	0.005	0.15	0.09	0.56	22.4
SK1	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
SK2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
K1	10.2	17.3	1.09	12.0	0.23	3.14	44.0
WP	1.73	5.63	0.23	66.0	0.42	0.80	74.8

**Supplementary Table 4.** Intracellular particulate Fe ( $\text{PFe}_{\text{intra}}$ ), total particulate Fe ( $\text{PFe}_{\text{total}}$ ) and particulate organic carbon (POC) concentrations, and particulate Fe to POC ratios in surface waters of the NSCS and the Kuroshio during 2018 cruise.

Station	$\text{PFe}_{\text{intra}}$ (nM)	$\text{PFe}_{\text{total}}$ (nM)	POC ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	$\text{PFe}_{\text{intra}}:\text{POC}$ (nmol Fe $\mu\text{mol C}^{-1}$ )	$\text{PFe}_{\text{total}}:\text{POC}$ (nmol Fe $\mu\text{mol C}^{-1}$ )
SEATS <sub>2018</sub>	1.16	1.10	2.31	0.50	0.48
S2	0.34	0.86	2.28	0.15	0.38
S3	0.70	0.71	2.70	0.26	0.26
S4	0.45	1.00	3.03	0.15	0.33
SK2	1.34	2.40	2.46	0.54	0.98
K1	0.62	0.94	2.14	0.29	0.44



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Correlations of response rates between (A) total  $nifH$  gene abundances and  $N_2$  fixation rates, (B) individual diazotroph abundances and  $N_2$  fixation rates, and (C) individual diazotroph abundances and total  $nifH$  gene abundances.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Responses of different diazotroph phylogenotypes to nutrient amendment.

The data are mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 2$  or 3). Different letters indicate statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) among treatments (ANOVA followed by Fisher PLSD test).

### Parameters involved in nitrogen fixation rate calculation

Cruise	Date	Station	Long	Lat	Depth	SST
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	5	30.26
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	15	30.25
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	25	29.34
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	50	23.31
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	75	20.91
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	100	19.14
NSCS 2016	5/22/16	SEATS 2016	116.067	18.017	130	17.09
NSCS 2017	7/23/17	S1	116.503	19.502	5	29.46
NSCS 2017	7/23/17	S1	116.503	19.502	25	29.35
NSCS 2017	7/23/17	S1	116.503	19.502	50	24.92
NSCS 2017	7/23/17	S1	116.503	19.502	65	22.78
NSCS 2017	7/23/17	S1	116.503	19.502	100	18.48
NSCS 2017	7/13/17	SK1	120.413	21.03	5	30.45
NSCS 2017	7/13/17	SK1	120.413	21.03	25	30.25
NSCS 2017	7/13/17	SK1	120.413	21.03	50	29.17
NSCS 2017	7/13/17	SK1	120.413	21.03	75	28.06
NSCS 2017	7/13/17	SK1	120.413	21.03	100	25.17
NSCS 2017	7/14/17	WP	123	22	5	30.86
NSCS 2017	7/14/17	WP	123	22	25	30.7
NSCS 2017	7/14/17	WP	123	22	50	29.8
NSCS 2017	7/14/17	WP	123	22	75	27.32
NSCS 2017	7/14/17	WP	123	22	100	26.37
NSCS 2018	7/6/18	SEATS 2018	116.046	17.978	5	30.27
NSCS 2018	7/6/18	SEATS 2018	116.046	17.978	25	29.34
NSCS 2018	7/6/18	SEATS 2018	116.046	17.978	75	20.91
NSCS 2018	7/6/18	SEATS 2018	116.046	17.978	88	20.05
NSCS 2018	7/6/18	SEATS 2018	116.046	17.978	100	19.14
NSCS 2018	7/6/18	SEATS 2018	116.046	17.978	150	16.34
NSCS 2018	7/1/18	S2	117.94	19.57	5	29.38
NSCS 2018	7/1/18	S2	117.94	19.57	25	29.38
NSCS 2018	7/1/18	S2	117.94	19.57	50	27.26
NSCS 2018	7/1/18	S2	117.94	19.57	95	20.69
NSCS 2018	7/1/18	S2	117.94	19.57	100	20.13
NSCS 2018	7/1/18	S2	117.94	19.57	150	16.02
NSCS 2018	6/23/18	S3	119.34	20.86	5	28.65
NSCS 2018	6/23/18	S3	119.34	20.86	25	27.44
NSCS 2018	6/23/18	S3	119.34	20.86	50	25.73
NSCS 2018	6/23/18	S3	119.34	20.86	75	21.97
NSCS 2018	6/23/18	S3	119.34	20.86	100	19.87
NSCS 2018	6/23/18	S3	119.34	20.86	150	17.66
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	S4	120.05	21.54	5	29.47
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	S4	120.05	21.54	25	29.22
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	S4	120.05	21.54	50	27.93
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	S4	120.05	21.54	62	26.87
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	S4	120.05	21.54	100	23.04
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	K1	122.5	22	5	29.1189
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	K1	122.5	22	25	28.5271
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	K1	122.5	22	50	26.3913
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	K1	122.5	22	75	25.264
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	K1	122.5	22	100	23.2653
NSCS 2018	6/25/18	K1	122.5	22	150	22.36
NSCS 2018	6/28/18	SK2	121.27	21.31	5	no data

SSS	Chla	PON <sub>0</sub>	15N atom% enrichment of PON <sub>0</sub>	PON <sub>24h</sub> concentration (μM)	15N atom% enrichment of PON <sub>24h</sub>	NFR
33.46	0.26	no data	no data	0.38	0.3816805	1.1
33.46	0.26	no data	no data	0.37	0.3798570	2.0
33.62	0.30	no data	no data	0.33	0.3708272	0.5
34.36	0.45	no data	no data	0.31	0.3750863	0.3
34.56	0.61	no data	no data	0.64	0.3674203	0.2
34.65	0.31	no data	no data	0.17	0.3701849	0.2
34.64	no data	no data	no data	0.10	0.3741270	0.3
33.73	0.24	0.33	0.3668207	0.43	0.3767814	0.8
33.71	0.37	0.42	0.3669390	0.58	0.3686309	0.8
34.44	0.84	0.67	0.3674356	0.88	0.3683459	0.6
34.54	0.98	0.48	0.3669079	no data	no data	no data
34.66	0.15	0.19	0.3680782	0.20	0.3677434	0.0
33.62	0.22	no data	no data	0.33	0.3943007	10.4
33.75	0.21	no data	no data	0.34	0.3799960	3.5
34.11	no data	no data	no data	0.57	0.3893380	5.4
34.32	no data	no data	no data	0.63	0.4776194	2.6
34.57	no data	no data	no data	0.66	0.3688654	0.2
34.47	0.11	0.23	0.36781801	0.37	0.382999743	1.9
34.41	0.11	0.23	0.36801961	0.24	0.440051932	3.3
34.53	0.13	0.25	0.36856696	0.28	0.438787892	7.9
34.89	0.17	0.18	0.36801961	0.21	0.467344503	4.0
34.96	0.29	0.21	0.37211872	0.24	0.373643014	0.1
33.46	0.11	0.25	0.36588618	0.27	0.376683576	1.8
33.62	0.13	0.29	0.36654193	0.29	0.376494591	2.1
34.56	0.65	0.47	0.36696012	0.42	0.367307142	0.3
34.61	0.60	0.28	0.36504468	0.30	0.366694829	0.3
34.65	0.51	0.37	0.36525123	0.25	0.366694099	0.3
34.62	0.07	0.11	0.36663827	0.10	0.368374111	0.1
33.75	0.10	0.25	0.36629562	0.26	0.385884928	3.0
33.78	0.12	0.25	0.36631459	0.32	0.380279581	2.1
33.98	0.27	0.32	0.36698311	0.36	0.367273154	0.0
34.67	0.53	0.22	0.36589932	0.30	0.366632742	0.2
34.7	0.35	0.19	0.36612192	0.22	0.367169886	0.1
34.61	0.05	0.13	0.36758702	0.10	0.367449038	0.0
33.53	0.15	0.41	0.36610039	0.56	0.371222007	2.4
33.73	0.17	0.41	0.36840695	0.29	0.385794335	5.9
34.05	0.78	0.50	0.36706959	0.48	0.3679406	0.5
34.58	0.79	0.47	0.37048536	0.66	0.371195082	0.0
34.77	0.26	0.21	0.36691706	0.21	0.366320972	0.0
34.72	0.07	0.09	0.36833251	0.09	0.366939499	0.0
33.74	0.17	0.56	0.36740275	0.43	0.371252697	1.8
33.74	0.13	nd	0.36662075	0.38	0.38311794	6.1
33.92	0.50	0.59	0.36729218	0.42	0.376236431	4.4
33.88	0.59	0.40	0.37216232	0.42	0.3759452	0.0
34.45	0.21	0.32	0.36821392	0.26	0.367758162	0.0
34.4468	0.11	0.21	0.36537165	0.28	0.368736205	0.8
34.5194	0.10	0.27	0.36547419	0.27	0.372847664	1.9
34.6763	0.12	0.28	0.36515927	0.29	0.373097594	2.2
34.7557	0.34	0.33	0.36576248	0.29	0.366441681	0.3
34.8755	0.07	0.29	0.36573036	0.27	0.365967681	0.1
34.902	0.20	0.14	0.3675166	0.14	0.366298654	0.0
no data	0.11	0.28	0.36665797	0.19	0.375381825	2.0

<b>SD<sub>NFR</sub></b>	<b>NFR_LOD [nmol N L<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>SD<sub>PP</sub> [μmol C L<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	<b>Trichodesmium</b>
	0.23	0.59	0.00	5.57E+04
0.04	0.23	0.48	0.02	6.60E+04
0.34	0.20	0.25	0.02	5.68E+04
	0.14	0.38	0.05	0.00E+00
0.03	0.39	0.01	0.00	0.00E+00
0.05	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00E+00
0.17	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00E+00
0.00	0.54	0.37	0.03	1.97E+05
0.05	0.71	0.48	0.01	1.98E+04
0.32	0.99	0.69	0.04	9.48E+02
no data	no data	no data	no data	2.31E+02
0.00	0.48	0.02	0.00	2.97E+02
0.01	0.29	0.08	0.01	no data
0.00	0.22	0.09	0.01	no data
0.00	0.36	0.11	0.12	no data
0.00	0.40	0.16	0.01	no data
0.17	0.42	0.05	0.02	no data
0.74	0.19	0.12	0.02	1.02E+03
0.00	0.15	0.09	0.01	1.19E+03
0.43	0.17	0.11	0.01	4.30E+03
0.00	0.12	0.07	0.00	3.28E+03
0.00	0.14	0.06	0.02	1.20E+05
0.11	0.23	0.30	0.01	1.76E+05
0.40	0.26	0.29	0.01	1.09E+05
0.25	0.40	0.14	0.02	7.46E+02
0.05	0.26	0.11	0.02	2.20E+02
0.02	0.28	0.10	0.02	0.00E+00
0.02	0.10	0.01	0.00	no data
0.01	0.23	0.22	0.01	1.78E+05
0.33	0.25	0.26	0.01	5.73E+04
0.02	0.30	0.27	0.04	1.02E+03
0.06	0.23	0.11	0.00	5.16E+02
0.01	0.19	0.07	0.00	0.00E+00
0.04	0.10	0.01	0.00	no data
1.20	0.69	0.61	0.09	8.00E+05
1.23	0.50	0.39	0.09	9.07E+05
0.67	0.69	1.04	0.01	9.54E+04
0.00	0.76	1.71	0.10	2.63E+04
0.02	0.30	0.28	0.02	0.00E+00
0.00	0.13	0.03	0.00	no data
0.31	0.70	0.41	0.03	4.22E+05
0.38	0.54	0.80	0.11	4.95E+05
1.50	0.72	0.85	0.11	2.01E+05
0.00	0.58	0.66	0.01	1.53E+04
0.00	0.41	0.11	0.04	0.00E+00
0.21	0.34	0.20	0.01	1.29E+05
0.13	0.38	0.18	0.00	2.23E+05
0.23	0.40	0.21	0.00	1.18E+05
0.48	0.44	0.22	0.01	1.18E+04
0.06	0.39	0.09	0.00	8.93E+02
0.00	0.20	0.02	0.00	2.11E+02
0.00	0.34	0.26	0.00	1.37E+05

<b>UCYN-B</b>	<b>UCYN-A1</b>	<b>UCYN-A2/A3</b>	<b>het-1</b>	<b><math>\gamma</math>-24774A11</b>
4.16E+04	6.34E+02	8.93E+02	0.00E+00	1.26E+04
5.42E+04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.45E+04
6.04E+04	8.71E+03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
0.00E+00	2.23E+04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.75E+03
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.57E+04
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.25E+03
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.08E+03
2.11E+05	2.94E+02	9.83E+01	1.15E+03	5.63E+03
1.13E+03	4.87E+02	2.64E+01	4.83E+02	2.23E+03
4.61E+02	4.91E+02	3.70E+01	5.75E+03	7.96E+02
1.09E+03	5.54E+02	3.65E+01	3.23E+02	4.12E+02
1.23E+03	1.17E+03	6.50E+01	4.48E+02	1.00E+03
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8.67E+05	7.80E+02	3.93E+01	9.00E+01	6.70E+03
9.52E+05	3.97E+03	1.09E+03	2.76E+02	3.73E+03
7.99E+05	2.62E+04	5.38E+02	1.17E+04	9.91E+03
4.54E+05	1.58E+05	6.87E+03	4.67E+03	1.07E+04
2.17E+04	7.52E+04	1.73E+03	3.69E+02	7.61E+03
5.77E+03	1.51E+02	4.53E+02	1.80E+04	7.17E+04
1.81E+04	1.67E+02	2.75E+03	2.96E+04	7.79E+04
1.58E+03	8.94E+01	1.48E+01	5.76E+02	8.01E+02
5.10E+02	1.68E+01	0.00E+00	1.54E-01	6.66E+02
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
8.25E+03	7.71E+02	2.79E+02	7.61E+04	3.79E+04
3.73E+03	1.40E+02	3.71E+01	1.62E+04	1.97E+04
6.28E+02	3.91E+01	3.62E+01	2.93E+02	3.98E+03
3.59E+02	2.08E+02	3.35E+01	2.93E+02	3.07E+02
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
7.30E+02	4.24E+01	6.43E+01	1.65E+03	1.28E+04
4.39E+03	5.02E+02	1.26E+02	1.29E+03	1.56E+04
1.14E+03	7.85E+02	1.57E+01	6.34E+02	5.54E+03
9.42E+02	8.44E+02	3.42E+01	2.70E+02	1.23E+04
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
2.30E+02	5.67E+01	2.96E+01	1.09E+03	1.17E+04
4.45E+03	4.87E+01	1.34E+02	2.45E+03	1.11E+04
1.81E+03	2.63E+02	5.39E+01	8.28E+02	4.05E+03
5.33E+02	6.09E+02	2.24E+00	1.38E+02	2.53E+03
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
6.55E+04	2.30E+03	1.55E+03	2.44E+03	4.39E+04
2.64E+05	8.55E+04	1.46E+04	4.53E+03	5.61E+04
1.94E+05	6.09E+05	2.95E+04	2.04E+03	4.51E+04
5.99E+03	5.27E+03	1.06E+02	6.17E+02	3.18E+03
2.77E+03	2.39E+03	6.83E+01	1.58E+03	6.86E+02
2.76E+03	8.90E+02	7.58E+01	8.16E+02	3.84E+02
2.24E+04	5.72E+02	2.81E+02	1.69E+04	1.96E+04

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