



**Supplementary Figure 3 |** Measures of the alpha diversity in the three different compartments: flowing waters (FW,  $n=6$ ), raw waters (RW,  $n=8$ ), and gutter mats (GM,  $n=90$ ). **(a)** First Hill number  ${}^0D$ , i.e., number of observed OTUs; **(b)** Second Hill number  ${}^1D$ , i.e., exponential of Shannon entropy index; **(c)** Third Hill number  ${}^2D$ , i.e., inverse Simpson concentration index. Small letters above the boxplots indicate significantly different distributions (Kruskal-Wallis,  $p<0.05$ ).