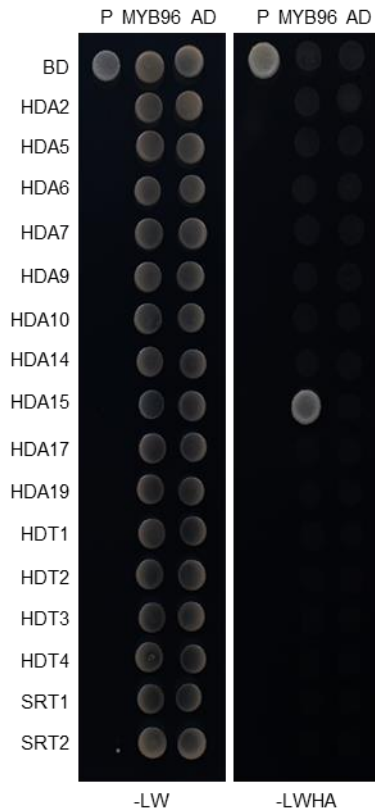


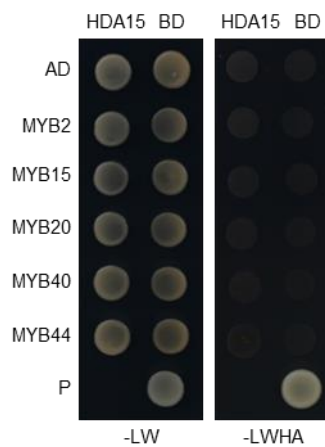
MYB96 recruits the HDA15 protein to suppress negative regulators of ABA signaling in *Arabidopsis*.

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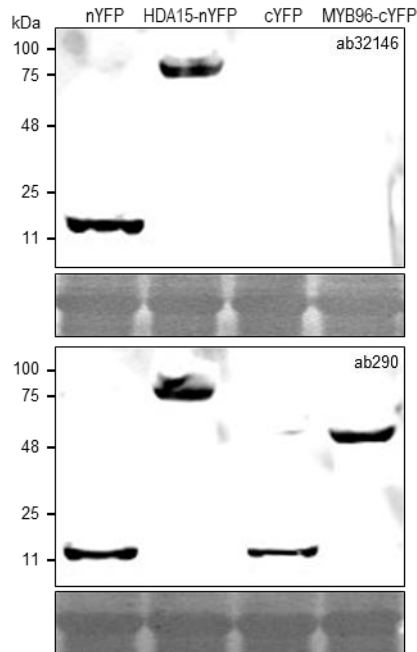


Supplementary Figure 1. Yeast-two-hybrid (Y2H) assays.

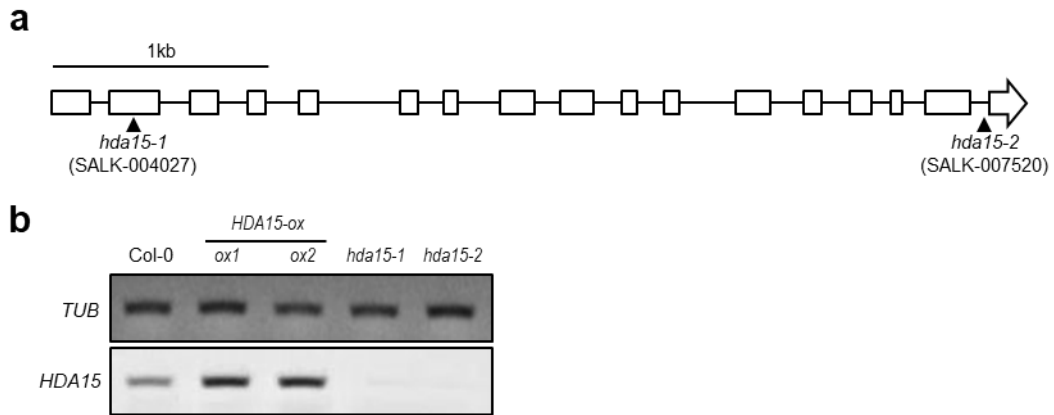
Y2H assays were performed with HDAC proteins fused with the DNA binding domain (BD) of GAL4 and MYB96 fused with the transcriptional activation domain (AD) of GAL4 for analysis of their interactions. Interactions were examined by cell growth on selective media. -LWHA indicates Leu, Trp, His, and Ade drop-out plates. -LW indicates Leu and Trp drop-out plates. GAL4 was used as a positive control (P). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 2. Interactions of HDA15 with ABA-responsive MYB transcription factors. The GAL4 BD-HDA15 fusion was coexpressed with MYB transcription factors fused with GAL4 AD in yeast cells. Interactions were examined by cell growth on selective media. -LWHA indicates Leu, Trp, His, and Ade drop-out plates. -LW indicates Leu and Trp drop-out plates. GAL4 was used as a positive control (P). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 3. Validation of protein expression in transfected *Arabidopsis* protoplasts. Partial YFP fusion constructs containing either HDA15 or MYB96 were transiently expressed in *Arabidopsis* protoplasts. Proteins were immunologically detected using ab32146 (for N-terminal YFP fragment) and ab290 (for full-length YFP protein) antibodies. Note that full-sized proteins were expressed, and similar protein levels were detected in each transfected sample. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

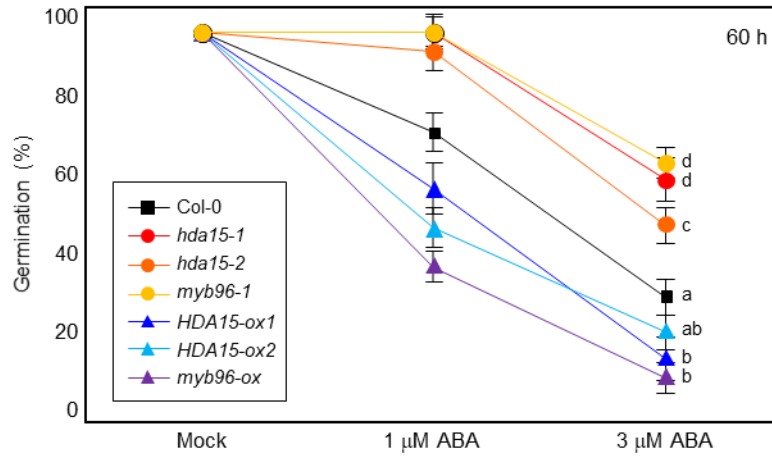


Supplementary Figure 4. Transcript accumulation of *HDA15* in *hda15* mutant and *HDA15-ox* transgenic plants.

(a) Mapping of the T-DNA insertion sites of *hda15*-deficient mutants. White arrows indicate exons. Black arrowheads indicate T-DNA insertion sites.

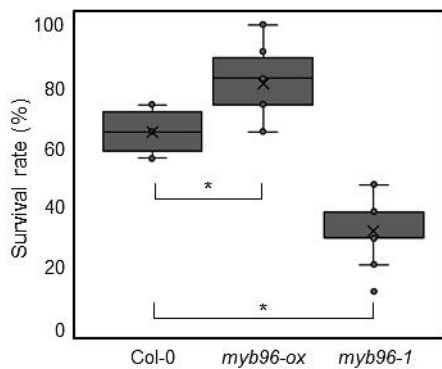
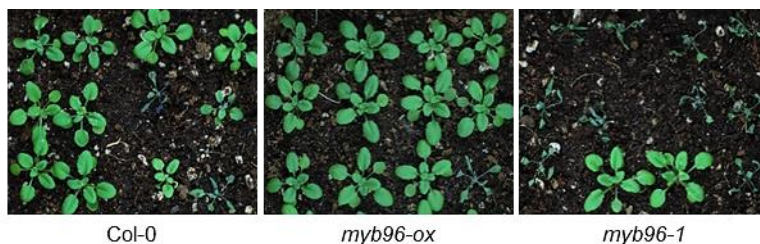
(b) Transcript accumulation of *HDA15*. Two-weeks-old seedlings grown under long-day conditions (LDs) were harvested for total RNA isolation. Transcript accumulation was analyzed by semi-quantitative RT-PCR. The *TUBULIN BETA CHAIN 2* (*TUB*) gene (At5g62690) was used as an internal control.

Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



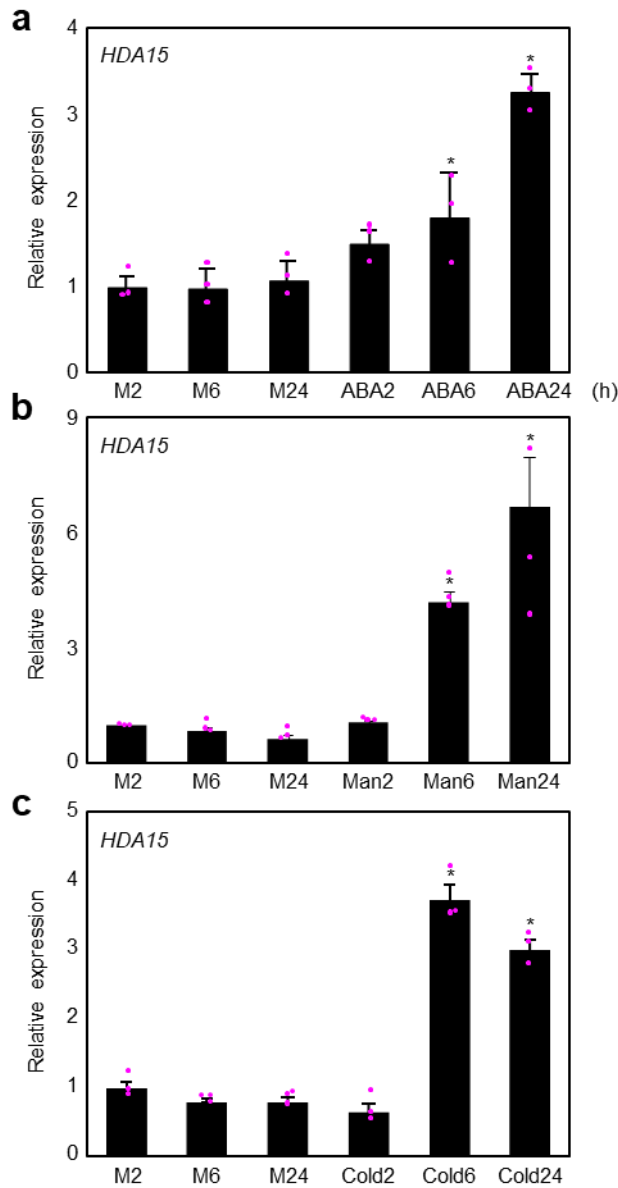
Supplementary Figure 5. ABA dose-response in seed germination.

Seeds were germinated on an increasing concentration of ABA. Germination percentages were scored 60 hours (h) after cold stratification. Biological triplicates were averaged. Different letters represent a significant difference at $P < 0.05$ (one-way ANOVA with Fisher's *post hoc* test). Bars indicate the standard deviation of the mean. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



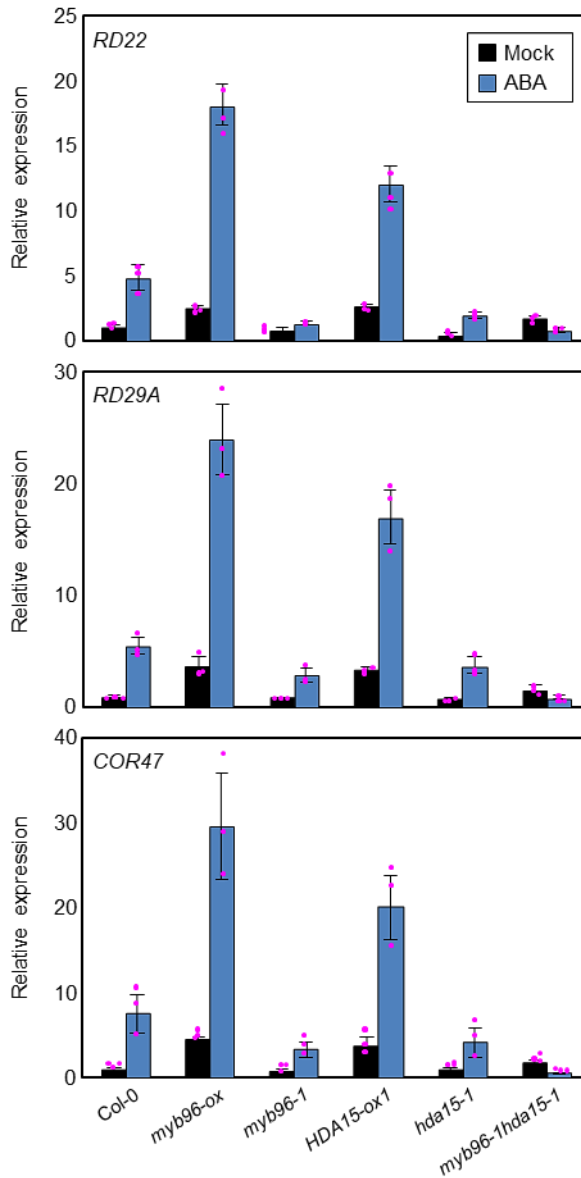
Supplementary Figure 6. Drought tolerance of *myb96-ox* and *myb96-1* plants.

Two-week-old plants were treated for drought stress by stopping watering for an additional 2 weeks. Three independent biological replicates were averaged, and statistically significant differences between the wild-type and transgenic or mutant plants are indicated by asterisks (Student's *t*-test, * $P < 0.05$). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



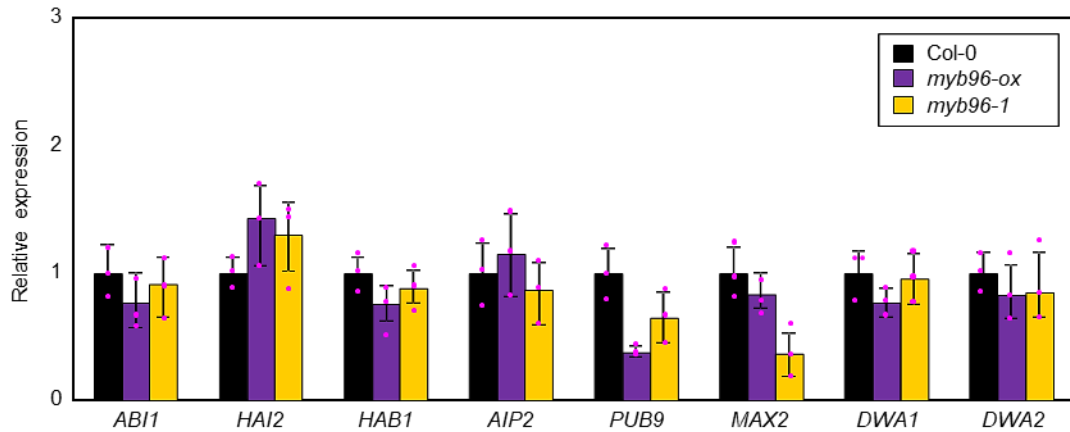
Supplementary Figure 7. Effects of ABA and osmotic and cold stress on *HDA15* expression.

Two-week-old seedlings grown at 23°C under LDs were transferred to MS-liquid medium supplemented with 20 μ M ABA (a) or 150 mM mannitol (Man) (b) or exposed to 4°C (c) and then incubated for the indicated time period (h). Three independent biological replicates were averaged, and statistical significance of the measurements was analyzed by a Student's *t*-test (* $P < 0.05$). Bars indicate the standard error of the mean. M, mock. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



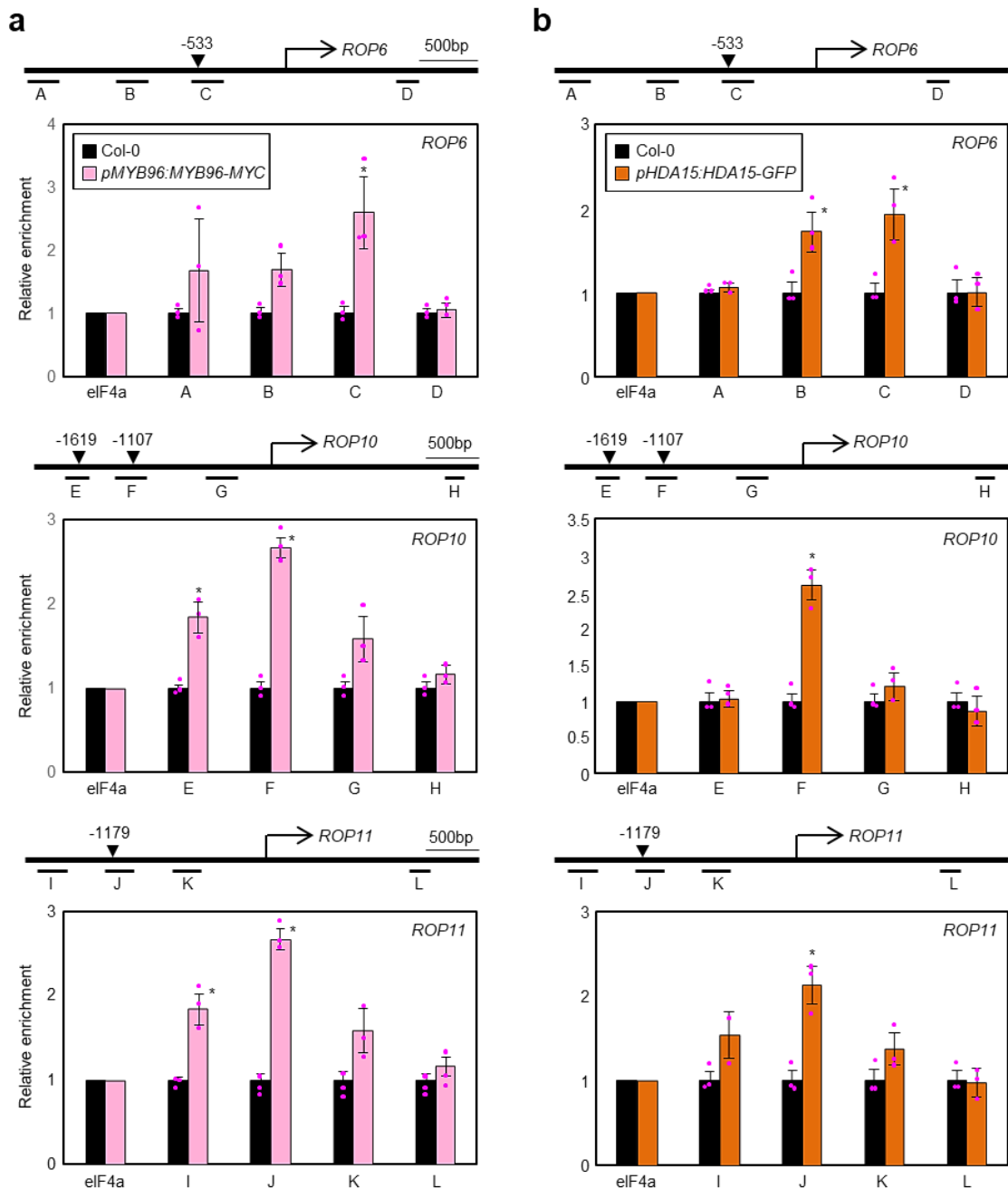
Supplementary Figure 8. HDA15 regulation of ABA induction of ABA marker genes at early seedlings.

Early seedlings at 2-day after germination were transferred to MS-liquid medium supplemented with or without 20 μ M ABA and incubated for 24 h. Transcript accumulation was analyzed by RT-qPCR. Three independent biological replicates were averaged. Bars indicate the standard error of the mean. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



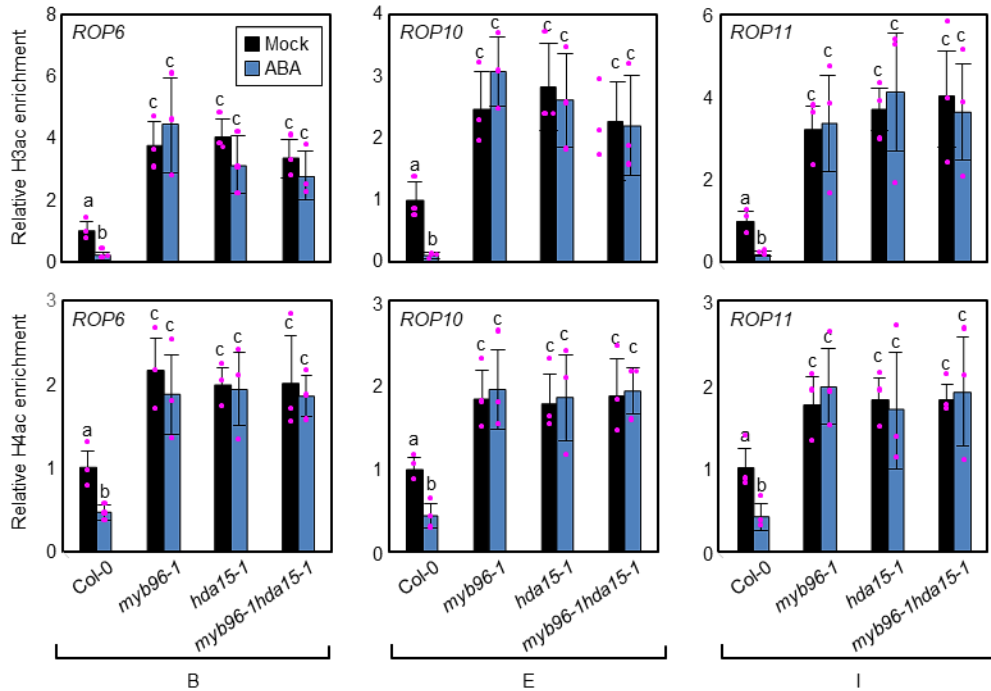
Supplementary Figure 9. Expression of genes encoding negative regulators of ABA signaling in *myb96-ox* and *myb96-1* mutant plants.

Two-week-old plants grown under LD conditions were used to analyze transcript accumulation. The *eIF4a* gene was used as an internal control. Biological triplicates were averaged. Bars indicate the standard error of the mean. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



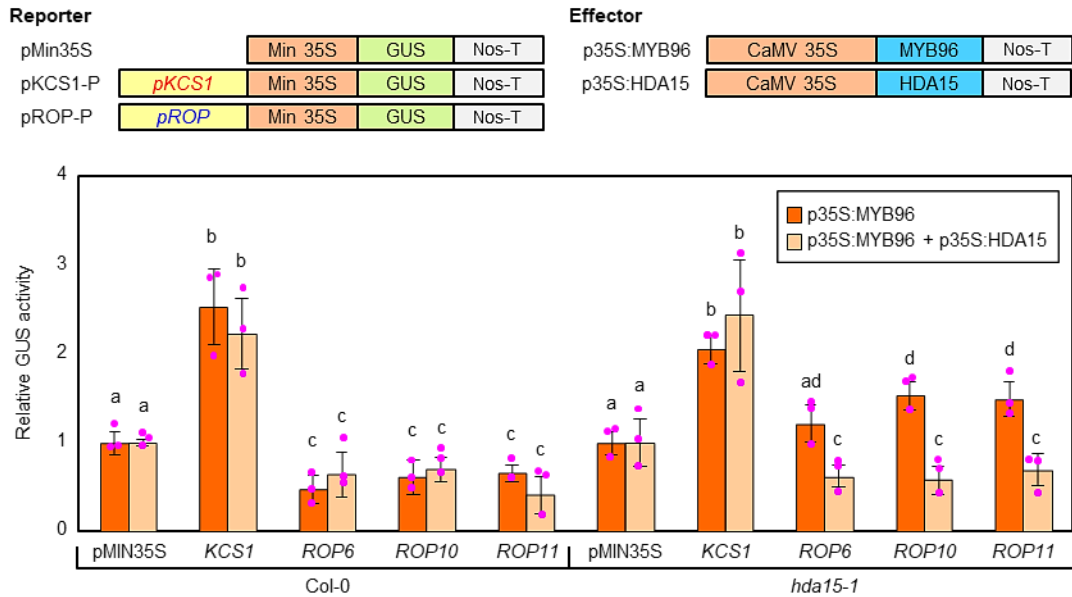
Supplementary Figure 10. Binding of MYB96 and HDA15 to the *ROP* promoters.

Putative MYB binding sites are indicated by arrowheads. Black underbars indicate the regions of PCR amplification after chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP). ChIP-qPCR assays were conducted to examine enrichment of MYB96 (a) and HDA15 (b) at the *ROP* loci. Three independent biological replicates were averaged, and statistical significance of the measurements was analyzed by a Student's *t*-test ($*P < 0.05$). Bars indicate standard error of the mean. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 11. Effects of ABA on H3ac and H4ac accumulation at the *ROP* promoters.

Two-weeks-old seedlings grown under LDs were transferred to MS-liquid medium supplemented with 20 μ M ABA and incubated for 24 h. ChIP assays using anti-H3ac and anti-H4ac antibodies were performed. The indicated genomic regions (see Fig. 5) were analyzed by ChIP-qPCR. Three independent biological replicates were averaged, and statistical significance of the measurements was analyzed by ANOVA (one-way analysis of variance with Fisher's *post hoc* test, * $P < 0.05$). Bars indicate the standard error of the mean. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 12. Transient expression assays using *Arabidopsis* protoplasts.

The recombinant reporter and effector constructs were coexpressed transiently in *Arabidopsis* protoplasts, and GUS activity was determined fluorimetrically. Luciferase gene expression was used to normalize GUS activity. The normalized values in control protoplasts were set to 1 and represented as relative activation. Three independent measurements were averaged. Different letters represent a significant difference at $P < 0.05$ (one-way ANOVA with Fisher's *post hoc* test). Bars indicate the standard error of the mean. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 1. Primers used in this study.

Primer	Usage	Sequence
eIF4a-F	RT-qPCR	5' -TGACCACACAGTCTCTGCAA
eIF4a-R	RT-qPCR	5' -ACCAGGAGACTTGTGGAC
MYB96-F	RT-qPCR	5' -TGCAGTCTCGGAAGAGGTG
MYB96-R	RT-qPCR	5' -CATCTCGTGGCTTTGCTCAT
HDA15-F	RT-qPCR	5' -ATTTGATGCGGCTAGAGGAG
HDA15-R	RT-qPCR	5' -TTTCCCACCACACAGATCAC
RD22-F	RT-qPCR	5' -AGGAGCAAACCCTTTCGTGT
RD22-R	RT-qPCR	5' -CGTTTCAACGTCTCCGAAAA
RD29A-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GTTACTGATCCCACCAAGAAGA
RD29A-R	RT-qPCR	5' -GGAGACTCATCAGTCACTTCCA
COR47-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GGACACCACGACAAGACAGC
COR47-R	RT-qPCR	5' -CGTGACAGCTGGTGAATCCT
ROP1-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GCAGGGCAAGAGGATTACAA
ROP1-R	RT-qPCR	5' -TTTGGAAGTGCATTTCGATGT
ROP2-F	RT-qPCR	5' -TTTGAGTTACCGTGGTGTG
ROP2-R	RT-qPCR	5' -GCATCAAACACTGCCTTCAC
ROP3-F	RT-qPCR	5' -TCCAAGAAGTGGATCCCAGA
ROP3-R	RT-qPCR	5' -AATGGAGCAGGCTTTTGTG
ROP4-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GGTGCCGATGTCTTCATTCT
ROP4-R	RT-qPCR	5' -CACTTTTATGGCTGCGTCAA
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ROP5-R	RT-qPCR	5' -TGGGACACCAGGAGCATAGT
ROP6-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GCCAATGTGATTTGTTGATGG
ROP6-R	RT-qPCR	5' -TTCACCCTGAGCGGTAGAGA
ROP7-F	RT-qPCR	5' -ACTGTGCGAGATGGAGCAGT
ROP7-R	RT-qPCR	5' -GCCAGGAGCATAAATGTTTCA
ROP8-F	RT-qPCR	5' -CGTTCCCCACTGATTATGTTT
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ROP9-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GCCTGAACTTCGTCGGTTT
ROP9-R	RT-qPCR	5' -ATACTCGCAATGGAGCAACC
ROP10-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GGCATCACTGTGAACTTAGGC
ROP10-R	RT-qPCR	5' -GATATGCTTGCGGAGTTCCCT
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ABI1-F	RT-qPCR	5' -CGTCTCACACTCTCGTCGCT
ABI1-R	RT-qPCR	5' -TCAATCCTCGCAGCTTCATC
HAI2-F	RT-qPCR	5' -TTGGGGTGAACTGTGATGA
HAI2-R	RT-qPCR	5' -CGGACGATCAGGCTTATGAT
HAB1-F	RT-qPCR	5' -TGTTGCGTCTGAGACCGTAG
HAB1-R	RT-qPCR	5' -ATGGCGAGAACACCAAAAAC
AIP2-F	RT-qPCR	5' -GCACACATTTACCCTCCTT
AIP2-R	RT-qPCR	5' -CCTCTCTTCTTCGGCCTCTT
PUB9-F	RT-qPCR	5' - TCGAATGGGTTGTACGTTGA
PUB9-R	RT-qPCR	5' - CACTTTGTCCTGTGCTGAA
MAX2-F	RT-qPCR	5' - GTGCTGACTTTGAGGAAGC
MAX2-R	RT-qPCR	5' - AATCGGCTACACGAACCAAC
DWA1-F	RT-qPCR	5' - GGCTGAACCTGAGAGAGTGG
DWA1-R	RT-qPCR	5' - TCAAGCAATGGCTTCAGATG
DWA2-F	RT-qPCR	5' - GAGTCAGCTGGTATGCGTCA
DWA2-R	RT-qPCR	5' - GGAGCTCTTGACACAGGAAAC

RT-qPCR primers were designed using the Primer Express Software installed into the Applied Biosystems PCR System. The sizes of PCR products ranged from 80 to 300 nucleotides in length. F, forward primer; R, reverse primer.

Supplementary Table 2. Primers used in chromatin immunoprecipitation assays.

<u>Primer</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
ROP6 (A) -F	ACTCATCATTTTATAACATTTTCA
ROP6 (A) -R	TACAGACAATAAACAATTCAAGGTA
ROP6 (B) -F	AAACGTTTTAGAAAAACAGAGATTA
ROP6 (B) -R	AAAAAGAAAAAGAAGAGAGTTCAA
ROP6 (C) -F	TTTAACGGTCAATAAGTGTTTTTA
ROP6 (C) -R	GATTGGAGTGTTAATTTTATTGA
ROP6 (D) -F	GATCTGTGGTCTTCTCCTGA
ROP6 (D) -R	AATCAGGCGATTAAGAGTTG
ROP10 (E) -F	AAGATTGATGAATAAGTTTGATAGC
ROP10 (E) -R	AATAAAACAAATTTTACCTGGTTC
ROP10 (F) -F	CGAAATCAATAAATCTTAATCACAT
ROP10 (F) -R	TATTTATTTAATAGGGGAATGTACC
ROP10 (G) -F	GTTTCAATTTTGTATTTTGTCTCT
ROP10 (G) -R	TTAACAAATGTCTTATAGATTCGTG
ROP10 (H) -F	AACCAGCAGTGAACAAAAG
ROP10 (H) -R	GCACAATAGAGAAGCCAATC
ROP11 (I) -F	AGCAAATTAAGAAAAACAATAAAAG
ROP11 (I) -R	GAAATTATCCATAAAGTGAAAAAGA
ROP11 (J) -F	AAATACTAAAAATATTGGACCAGAGA
ROP11 (J) -R	AGACTCATGGTTTAGAAAGTAAAAG
ROP11 (K) -F	TATTTTGTAAACCCTAGCTTGTAAGT
ROP11 (K) -R	TTACTACTGTATTGGATTGTAAGAA
ROP11 (L) -F	GCATTTACCAACAGATTTCCT
ROP11 (L) -R	CCATCAAGCCTTATAGTGGA

F, forward primer; R, reverse primer.

Supplementary Table 3. Core promoter sequences used for transient expression assays.

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KCS2	GTCCCTAACTATAACTATAATTC	mKCS2	GTCCCGGGGGGGGGGGGTAATTC
KCS6	AAGATTAACTGTAATTC	mKCS6	AAGATGGGGGGTAATTC
ROP6	TCAATAACTAGCTATCAATAACTAGCTA	mROP6	TCAAGGGGGGGCTATCAAGGGGGGGCTA
ROP10	TCTTAACTAATTTAAGCTAACTAATAT	mROP10	TCTTGGGGGGATTTAAGCGGGGGGATAT
ROP11	TCTCAGTTAACAAATCTCAGTTAACAA	mROP11	TCTCGGGGGGACAATCTCGGGGGGACAA

The red sequences indicate core R2R3-MYB binding *cis*-elements.