

Supplementary Material

Supplementary Figures



Figure S1: Planting design and competition levels, with T = Trifolium subterraneum and L = Lolium multiflorum. Neighboring plants had a distance of approximately 4.3 cm and diagonally arrange plants a distance of approximately 6 cm.



Figure S2: Relative neighbor effect (RNE) and relative neighbor effect for P-competition (RNE-P) of non-mycorrhizal (NM) *Trifolium subterraneum* (\blacksquare) and *Lolium multiflorum* (\blacksquare), subjected to standard fertilization (control), enhanced N fertilizer (+N) or enhanced P fertilizer (+P), in the competition treatments 2, 3 and 4. Data represent mean ± standard error, n = 5.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1: Composition of the modified Hoagland nutrient solution (Hoagland and Arnon 1950) for the control (standard fertilizer), enhanced phosphate content (+P fertilizer), or the enhanced nitrogen content (+N fertilizer). Stock solutions were 1 M. Micronutrients and their stock solutions were H₃BO₃ (25 μ M), MnSO₄ (2 μ M), ZnSO₄ (2 μ M), CuSO₄ (0.5 μ M), MoO₃ (0.5 μ M).

compound	volume of stock solution (ml)			
	per liter for:			
	standard	$+\mathbf{P}$	+N	
	fertilizer	fertilizer	fertilizer	
KNO3	6	5	10	
Ca(NO ₃) ₂ .4H ₂ O	2	2.5	2	
(NH4)2SO4	1	1	1	
KH ₂ PO ₄	0	3	0	
(NH4)2HPO4	1	1	1	
MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	2	2	2	
KC1	6	4	2	
CaCl ₂	0.5	0	0.5	
NaCl	1.5	2	1.5	
Na ₂ SO ₄	2	2	2	
Fe-Citrat	1	1	1	
$(FeC_6H_5O_7)$	1	1	1	
Micronutrients	1	1	1	

Table S2: Results of three-way ANOVA for factors competition (1-5), mycorrhization (NM, AM), and fertilization (control, +N, +P) on soil inorganic P and N. Data stated are P-values, with significant effects (P < 0.05) given in bold. Different letters for the factors competition, and fertilization indicate significantly different means (Tukey HSD post-hoc, P < 0.05).

	Soil P (mg kg ⁻¹)	Soil N (mg kg ⁻¹)
Competition (C) (1,2,3,4,5)	0.61	0.003 (a,ab,ab,b,b)
Mycorrhization (M)	<0.001	0.53
Fertilization (F)	<0.001	0.83
(control,+N,+P)	(b,b,a)	
$C \times M$	0.39	0.40
$C \times F$	0.88	0.95
$M \times F$	0.97	0.95
$C \times M \times F$	0.92	0.83

Table S3: Soil P (mg kg⁻¹) in the non-mycorrhizal and mycorrhizal pots with standard fertilization (control), enhanced N fertilizer (+N) or enhanced P fertilizer (+P). As factor competiton is not significant, values for the five competition treatmens are pooled. Data represents mean \pm standard error, n = 25. Different letters indicate significantly different means (Tukey HSD post-hoc, P < 0.05).

Mycorrhization /	Soil P
Fertilization	$(mg kg^{-1})$
NM, control	5.11±0.380 b
NM, +N	5.72±0.458 b
NM, +P	7.83±0.604 a
AM, control	3.33±0.189 c
AM, +N	3.61±0.229 c
AM, +P	5.38±0.433 b

Table S4: Soil N (mg kg⁻¹) in the five competition treatments. As factors mycorrhization and fertilization are not significant, average values are given for each of the five competition treatments. Data represents mean \pm standard error, n = 30. Different letters indicate significantly different means (Tukey HSD post-hoc, P < 0.05).

Competition	Soil N (mg kg ⁻¹)
1	(11g kg) 44.15±4.244 a
2	32.22±3.387 ab
3	30.07±4.289 ab
4	26.66±3.098 b
5	24.85±2.295 b