

**Figure S1.** A scheme of the destructive pulling test setup. AP1 and AP2–anchor points; DI–dynamometer; MW–manual winch; I1 and I2–inclinometers; H–tree height; TH–topping height; SC–steel cable; PE–polyester extension line.



**Figure S2.** Preparation of sample tree to destructive sampling. Technical worker is limbing and topping a tree. In a periodically waterlogged site.