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Appendix S1. Methods for reconstruction of DBH

DBH can be reconstructed outside-in (based on recent DBH, subtracting growth recorded in tree rings) or inside-out (summing Δr from the inside out). We generally gave precedence to the outside-in approach. Specifically, when DBH was taken at the time of coring,

At some of our sites where DBH was not taken at the time of coring (SCBI,), DBH measurements taken before or slightly after the time of coring could be used. If before, ... If after... For all outside-in reconstructions, if a negative DBH was predicted...

In either case we need bark thickness-ideally allometries. This is especially critical for thick-barked species

Table S1. List of species analyzed

| Site | Code | Species | leaf type | n trees | n cores | bark |
|------|------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------|
| SCBI | LITU | Liriodendron tulipifera | BD | NA | NA | NA |

** Table S2- allometric equations for bark thickness **