Appendix 3 Pictures of the different steps of the topsoil spreading experimentation, a) delimitation of the area where topsoil was collected; b) the first 20cm of topsoil layer was stripped with a bulldozer and c) stored at the edge of the area for a short time, d) around 50 cm of subsoil was also stripped with a bulldozer; e) topsoil and subsoil were loaded and transferred to the waste dump and spread (first the subsoil and then the topsoil); f) topsoils from the steppe and the steppic savanna were spread on strips of 10m x 75m and 13m x 75m respectively in August 2011, g) topsoil spreading in February 2012 and h) topsoil spreading in May 2014.