# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Albury\_(C) NSW

# Date: January 2023

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available. Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

**Erosion protection** 

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

## Acknowledgment of data:

- 1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification
- 2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
- 4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

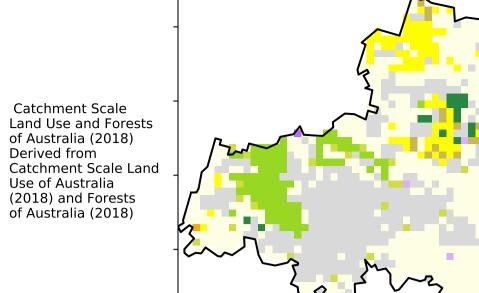
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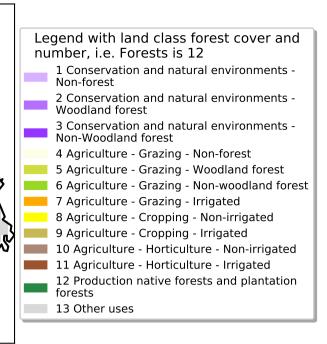


# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2023**

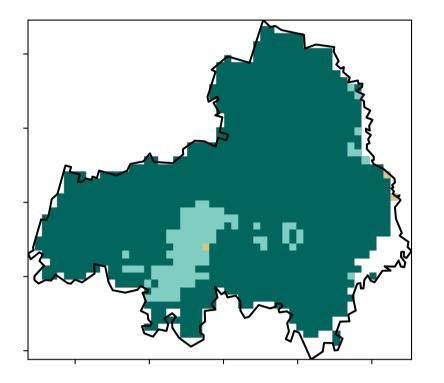
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### Proportion of each land class in area

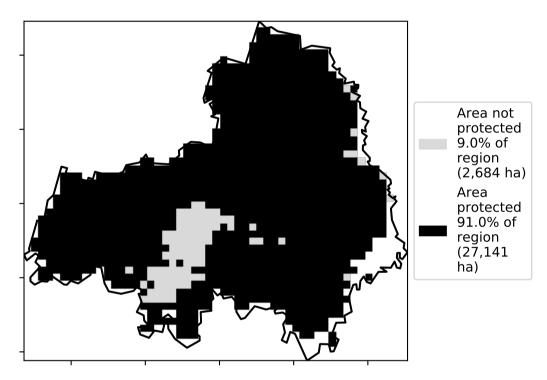


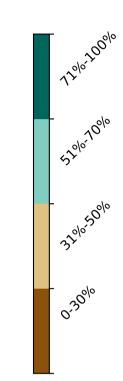


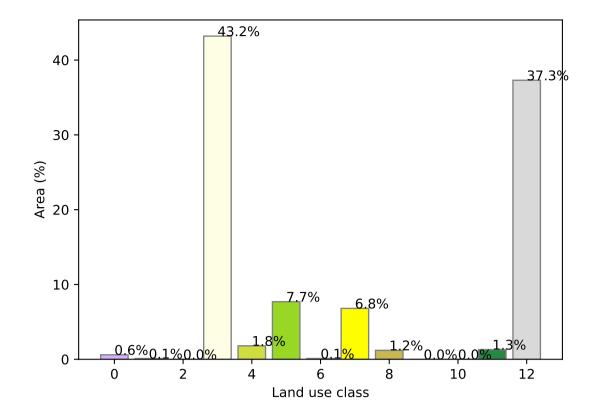
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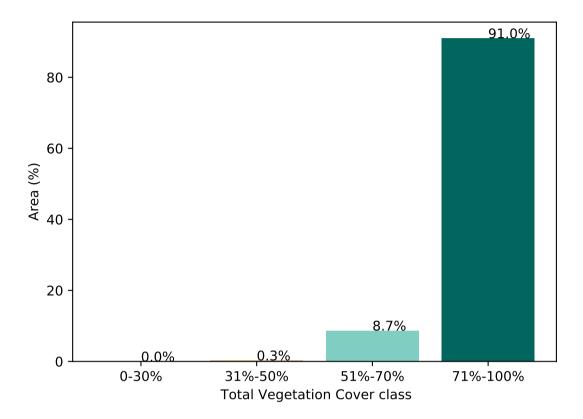
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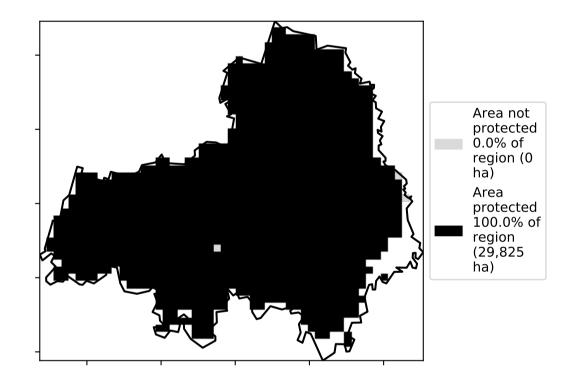




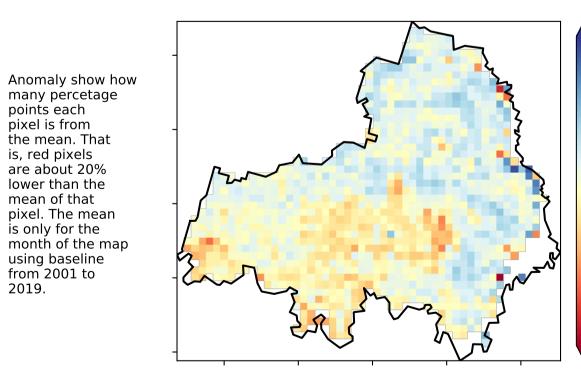
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



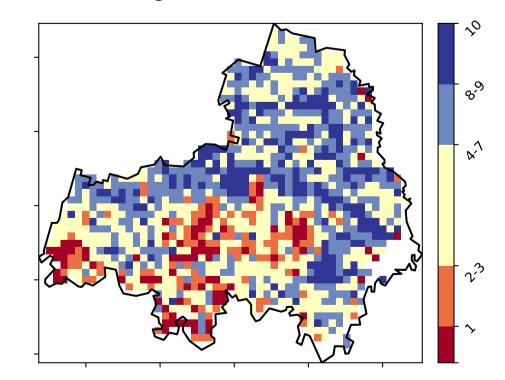
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019. **Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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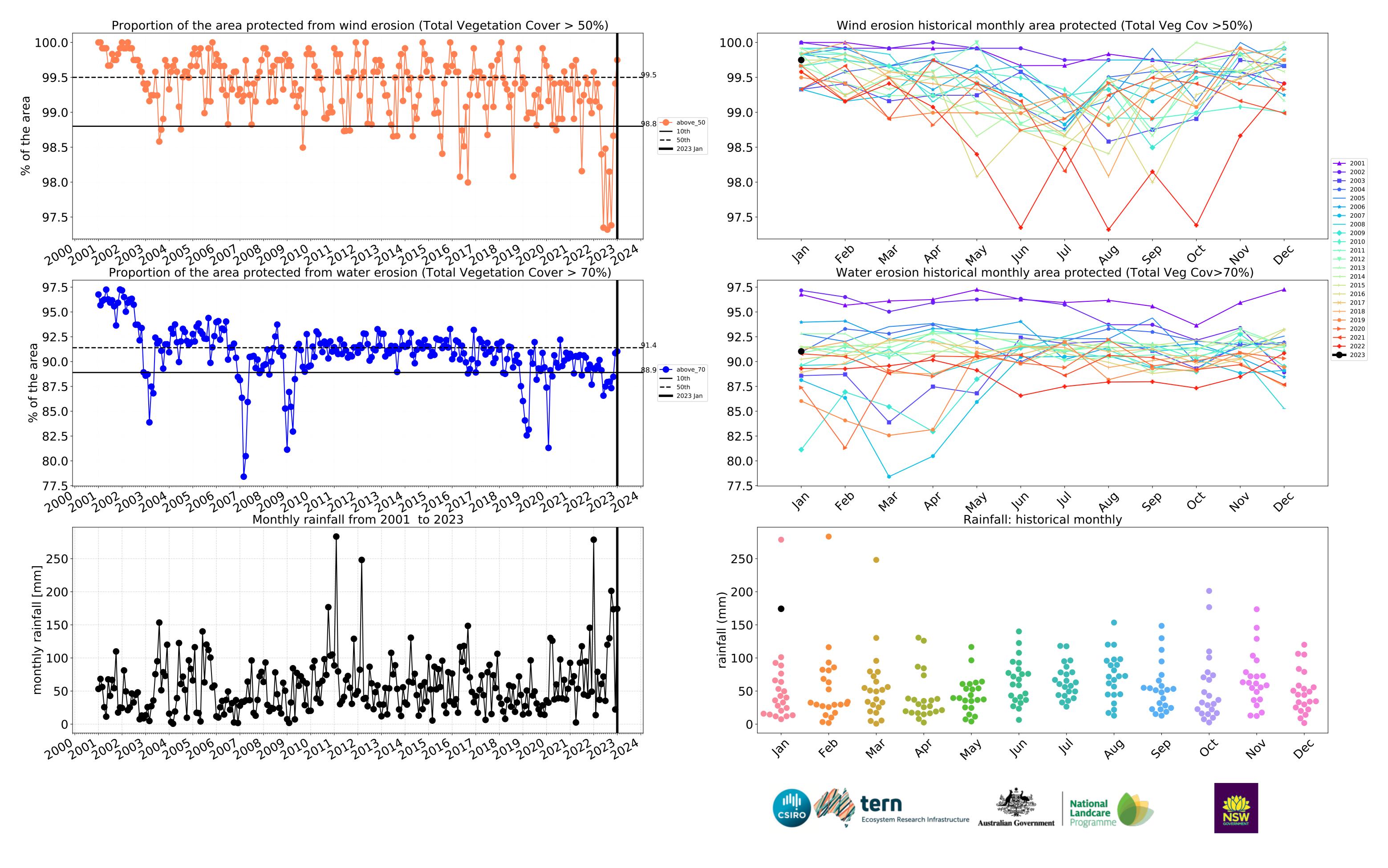
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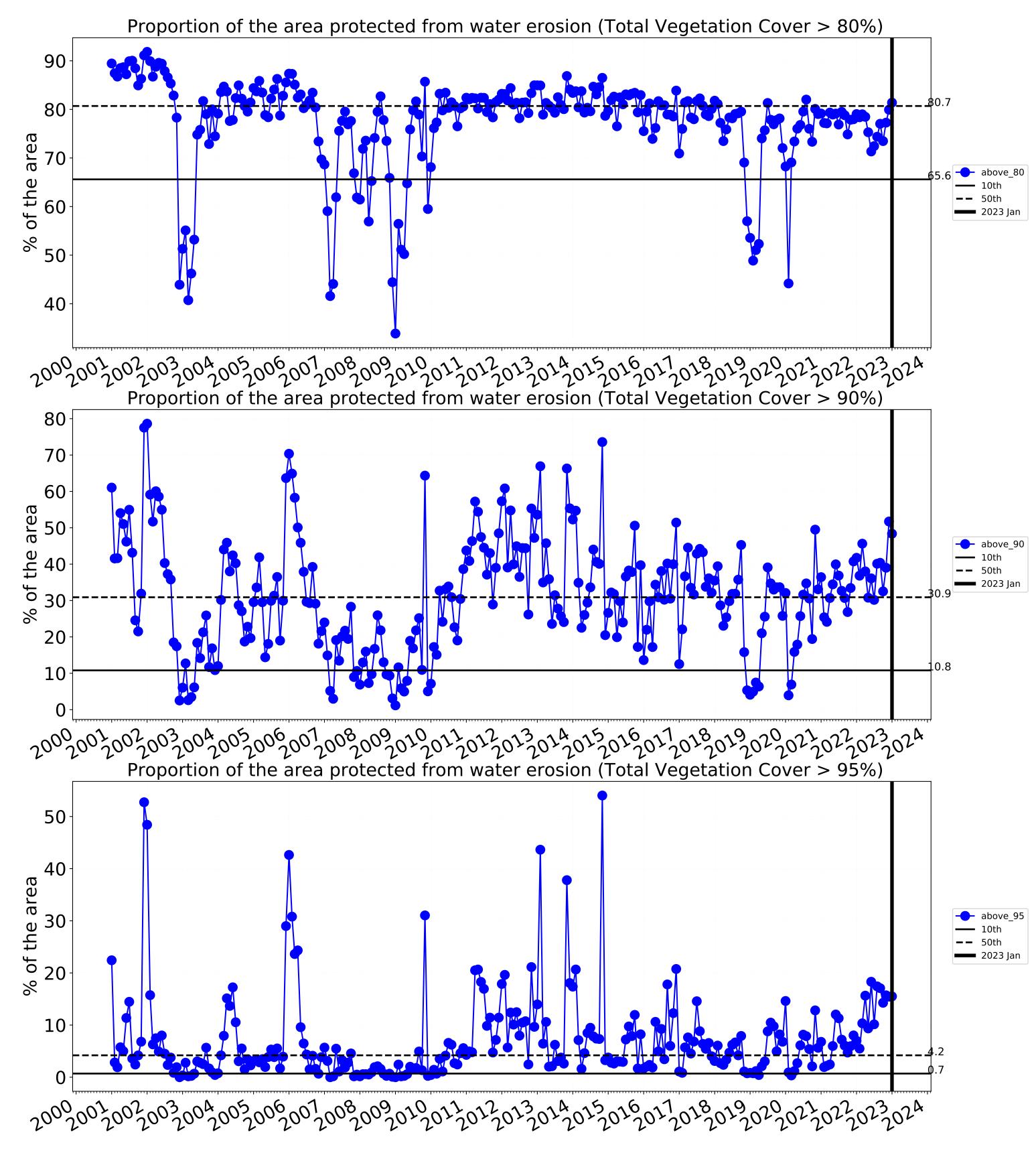
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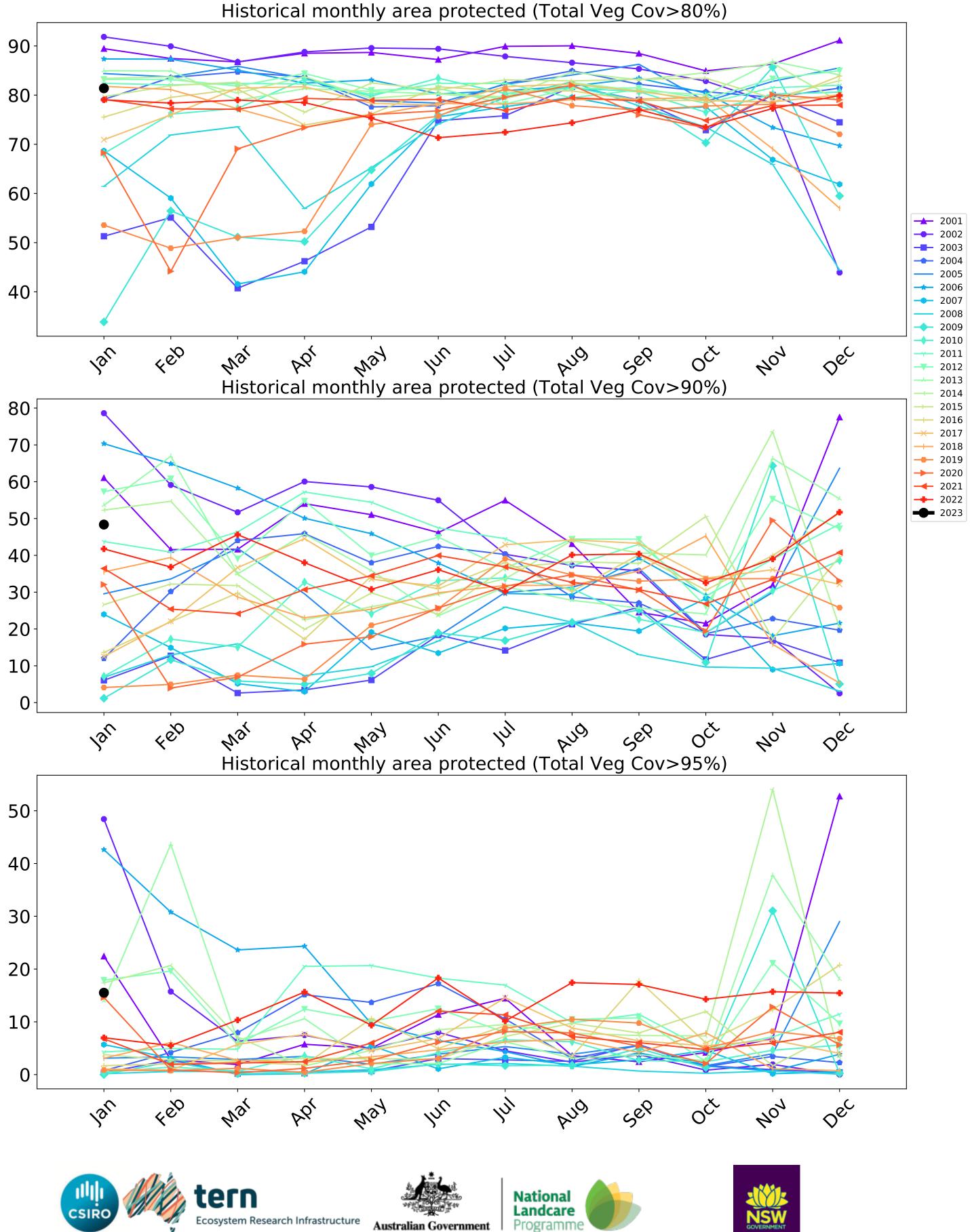
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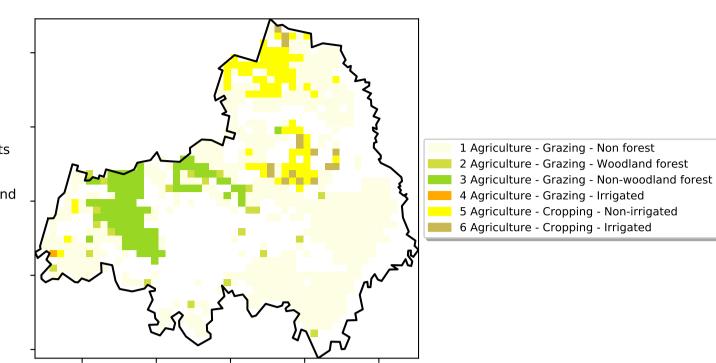






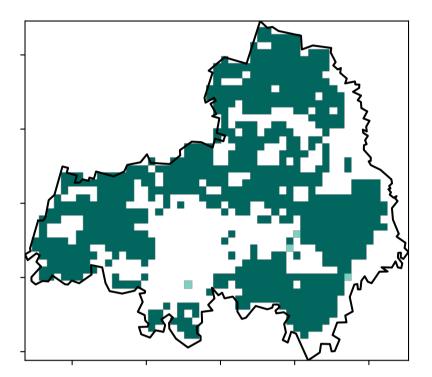
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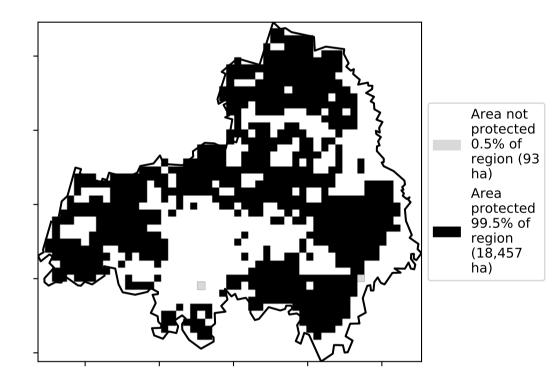


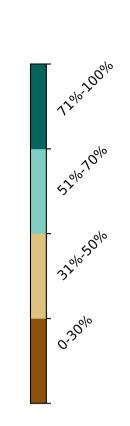
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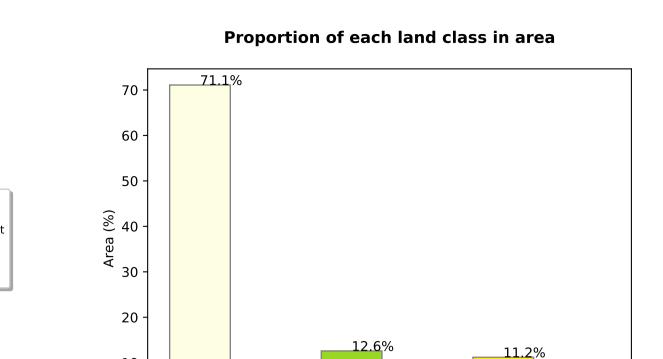
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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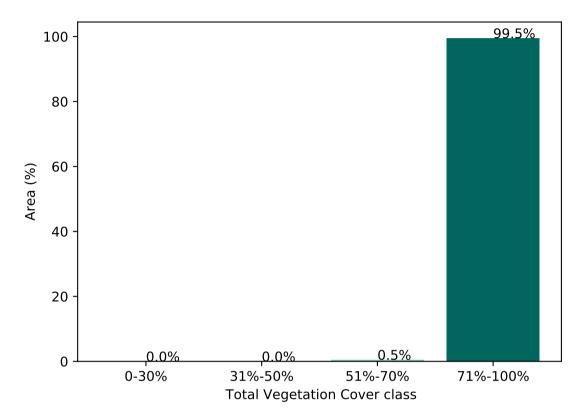
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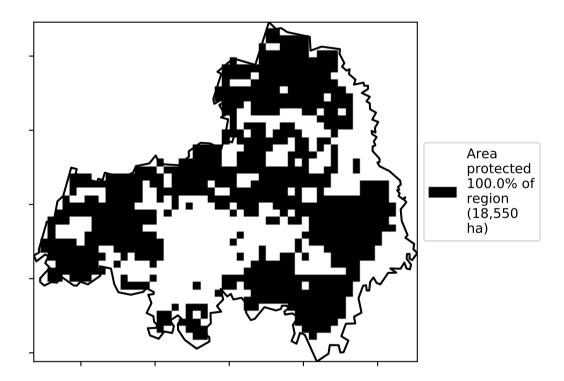
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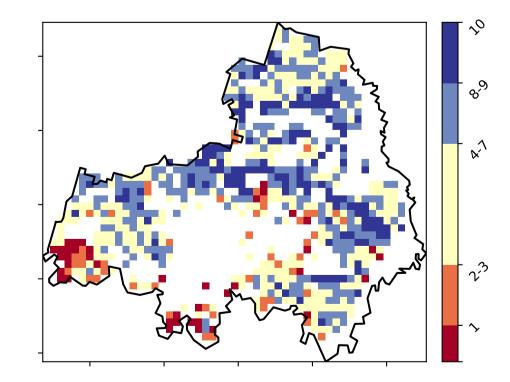
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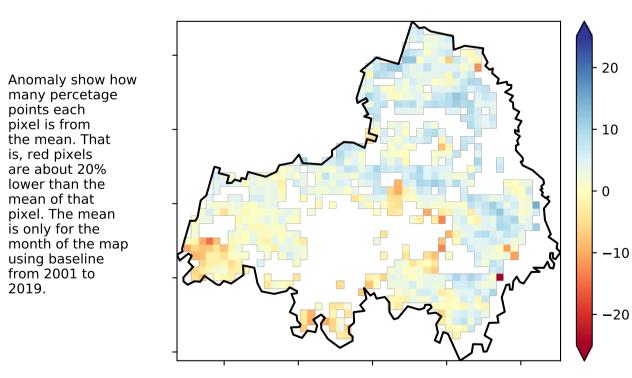
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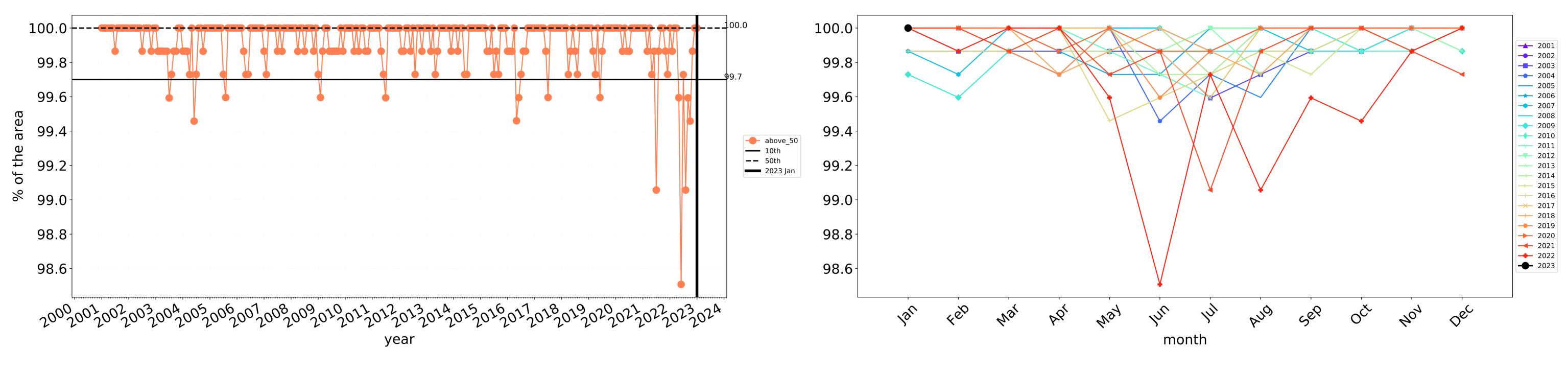
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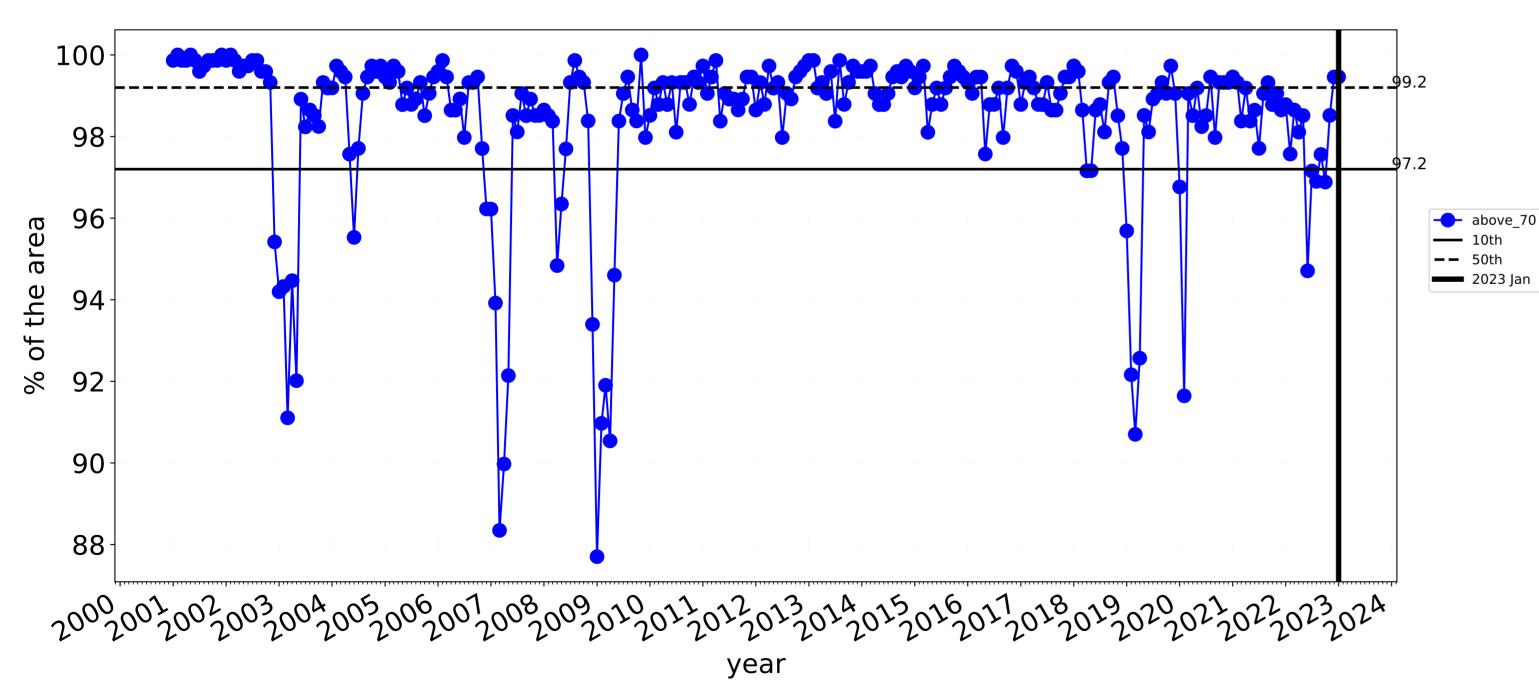
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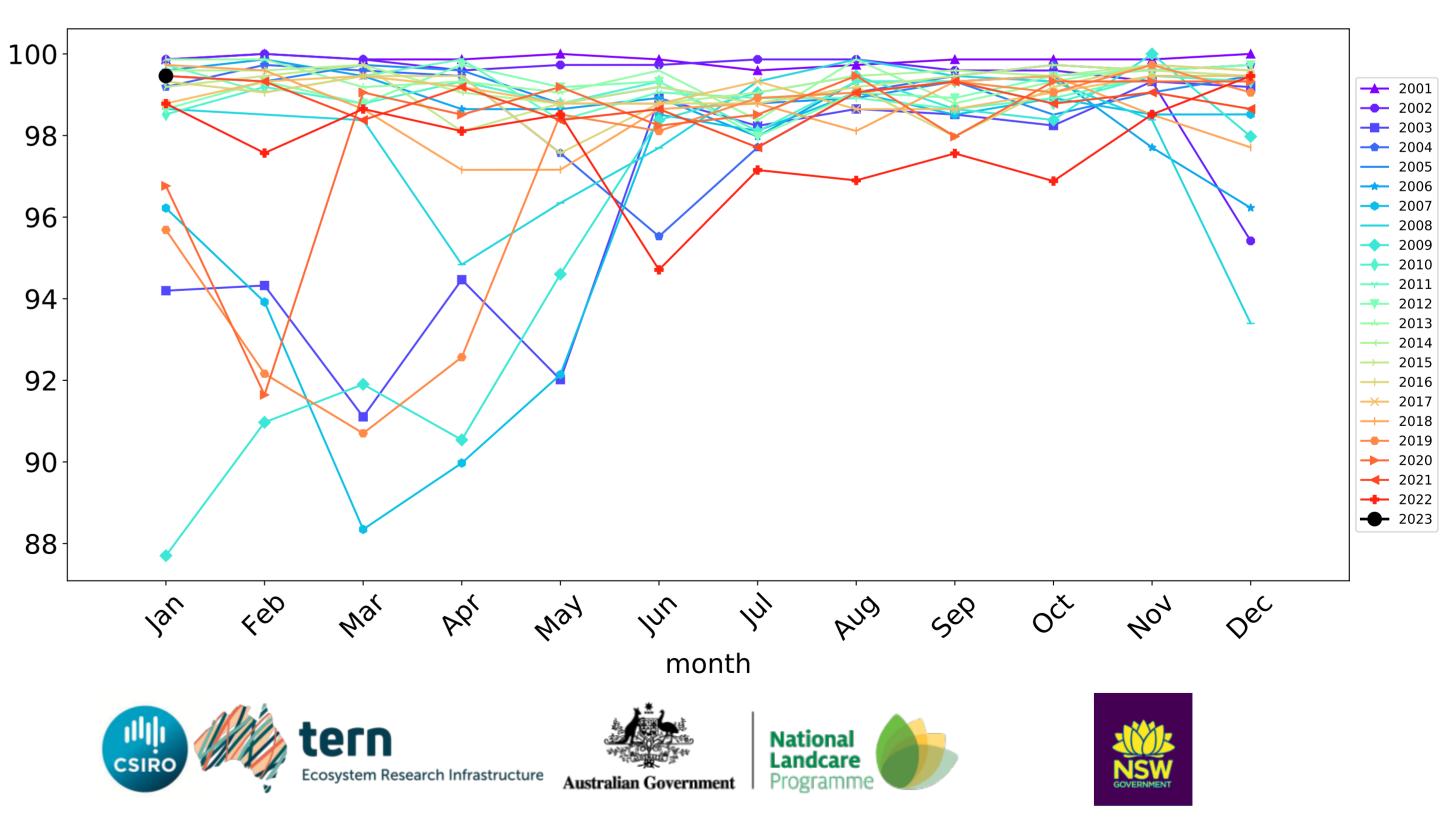


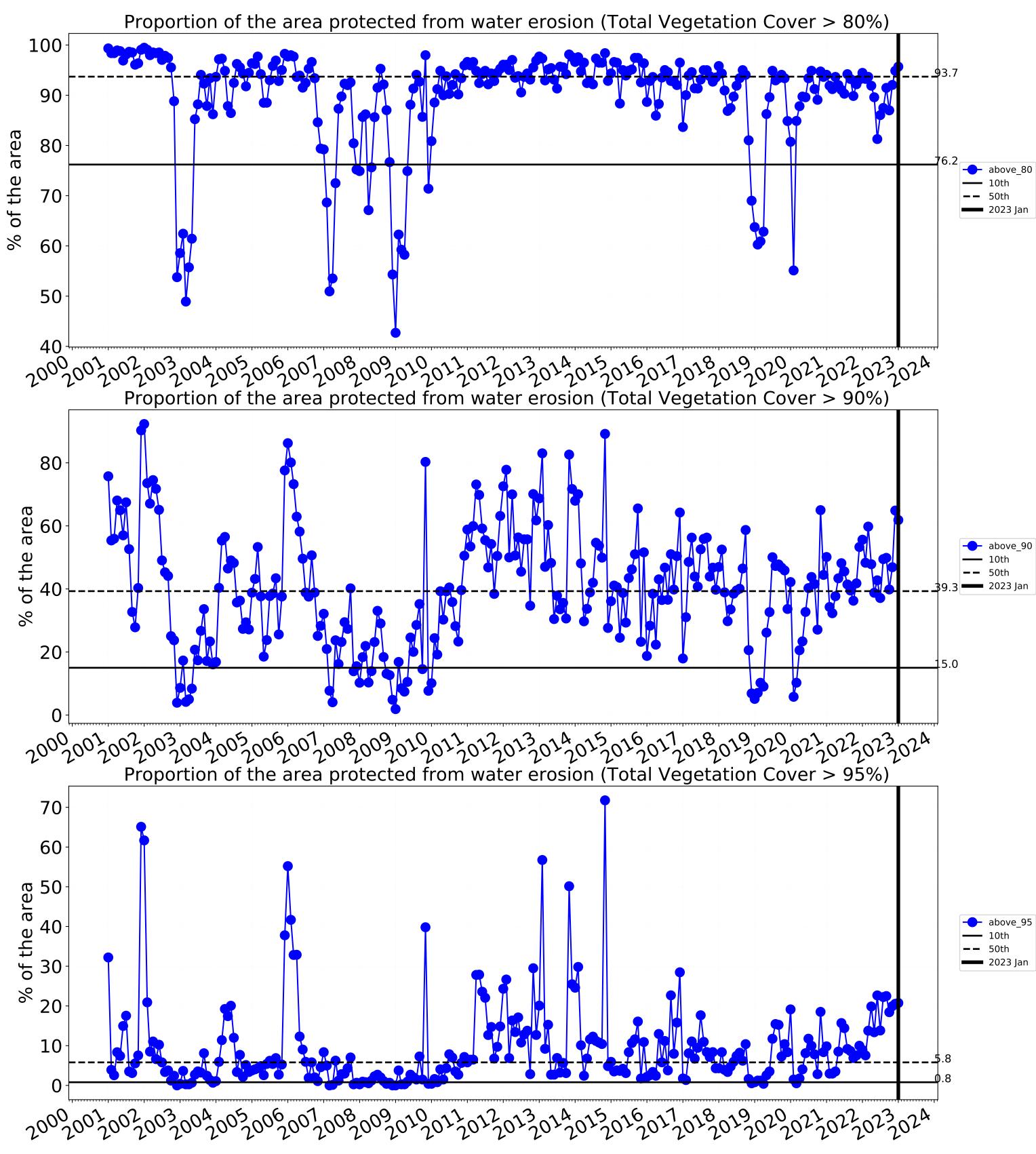
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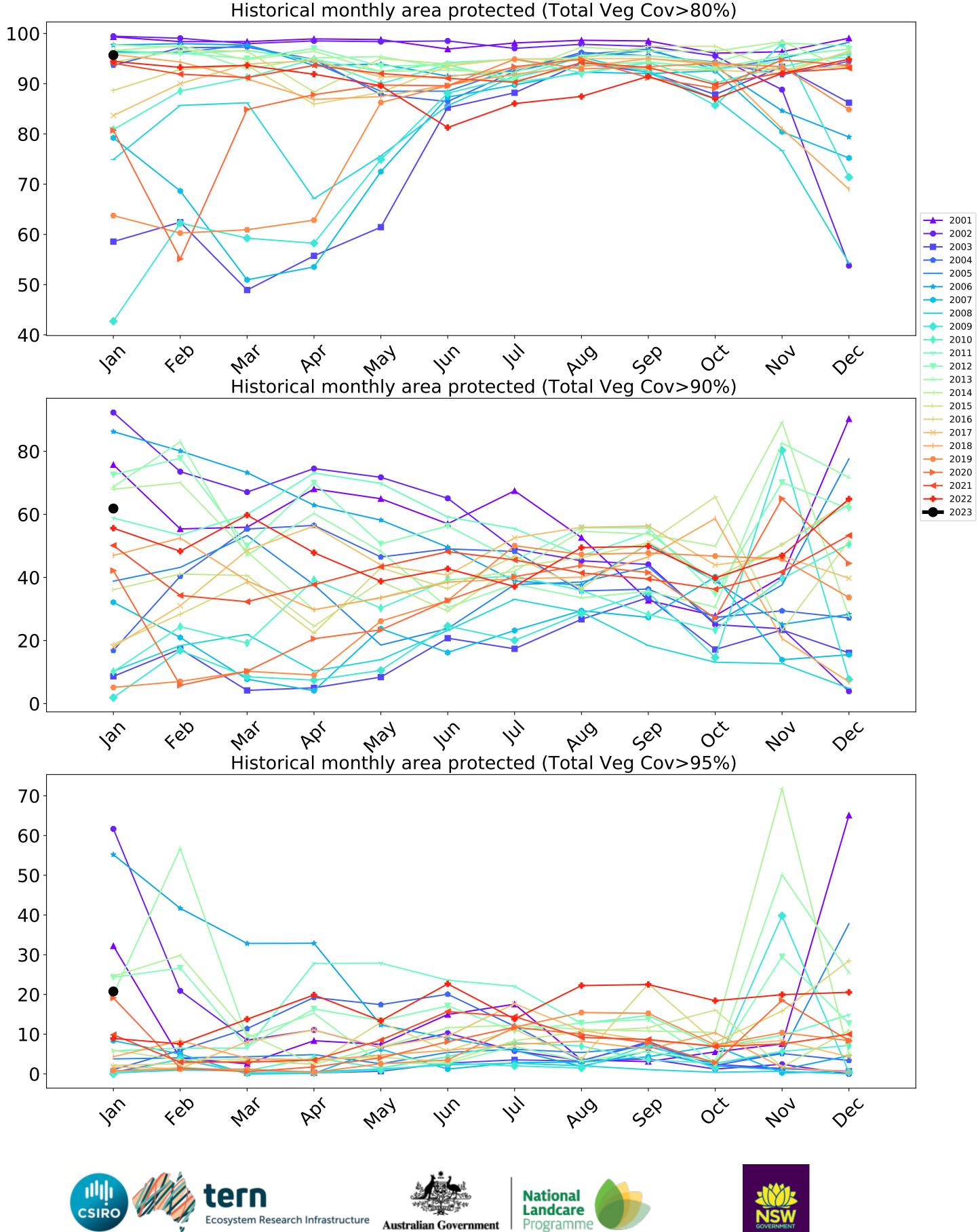


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







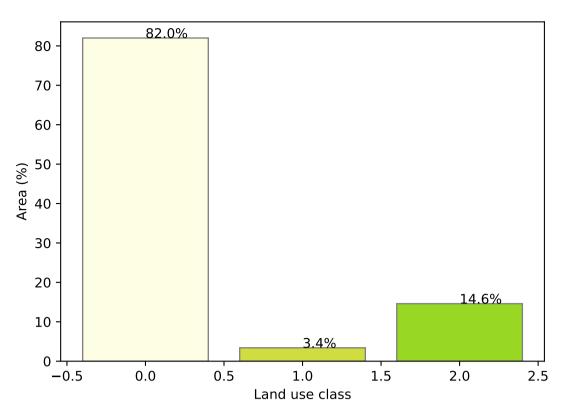


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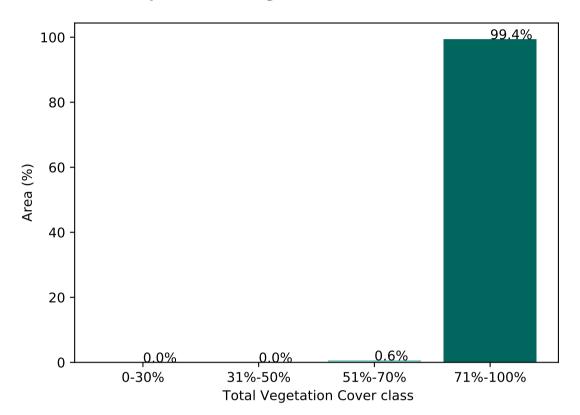
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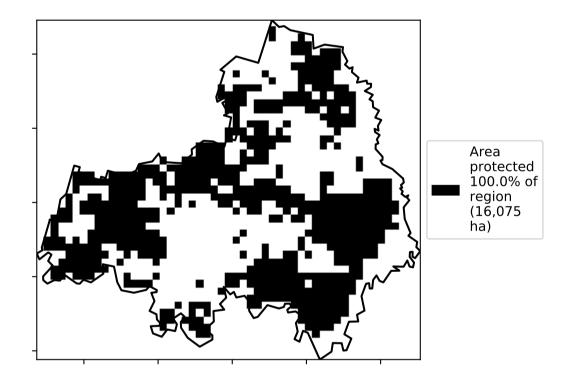
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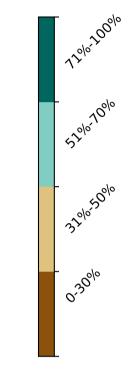


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



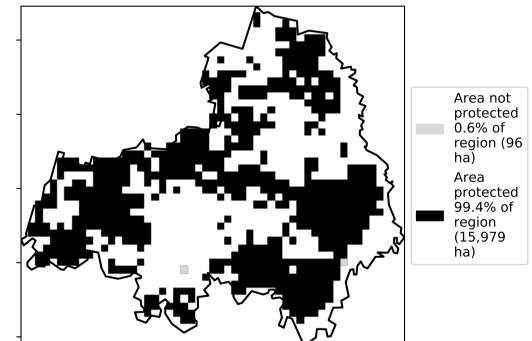
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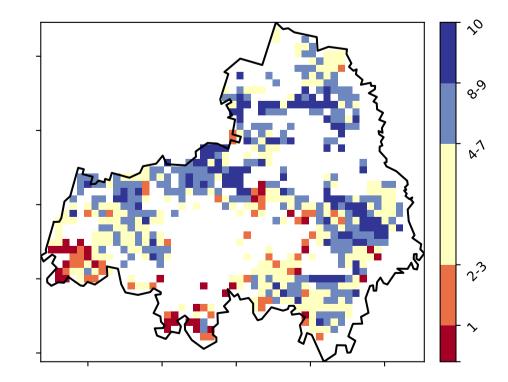


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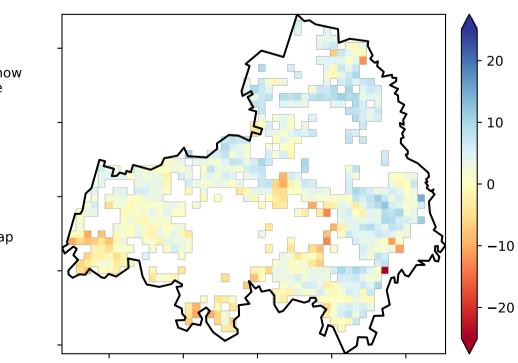
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

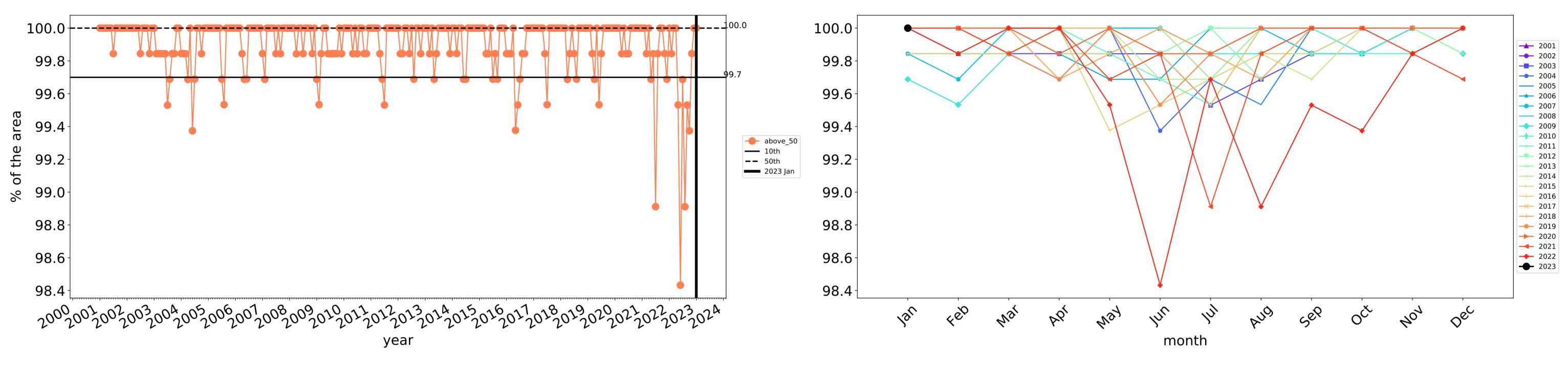


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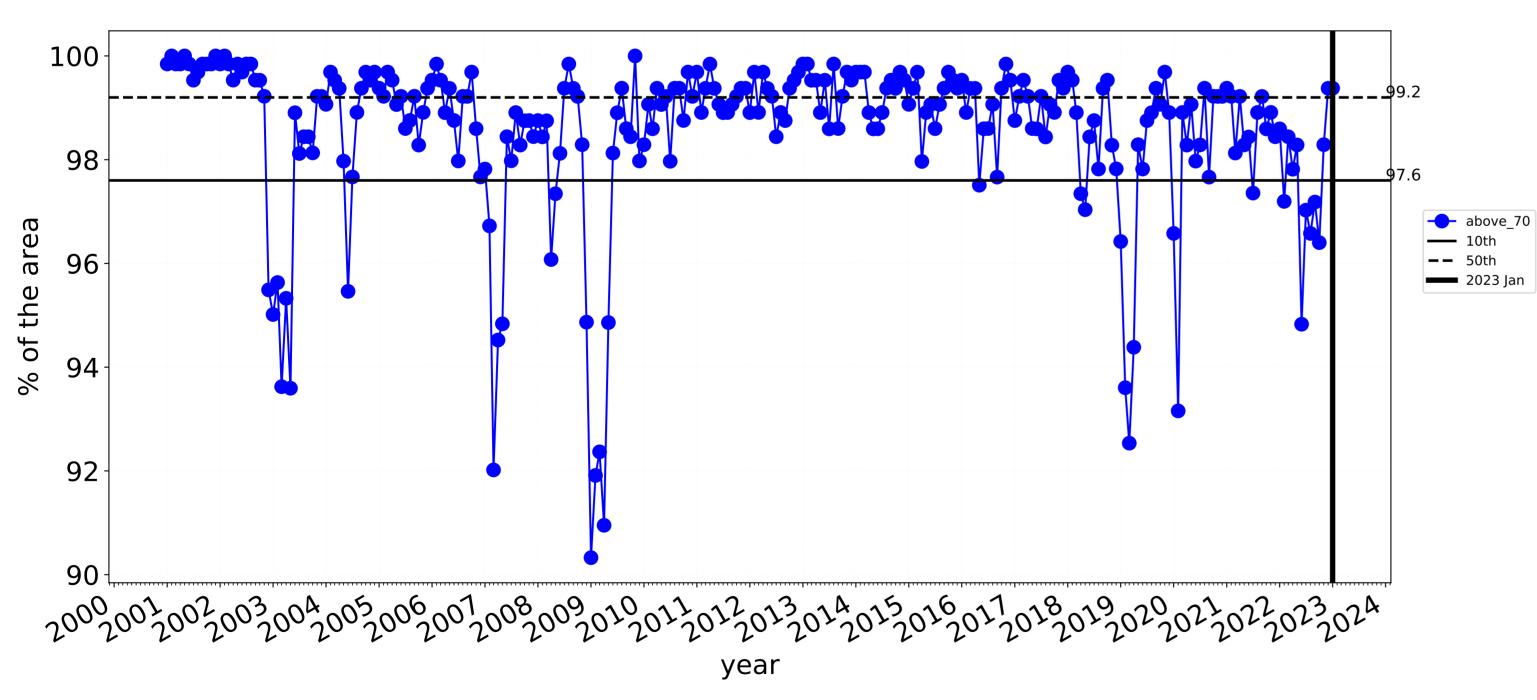


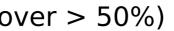


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

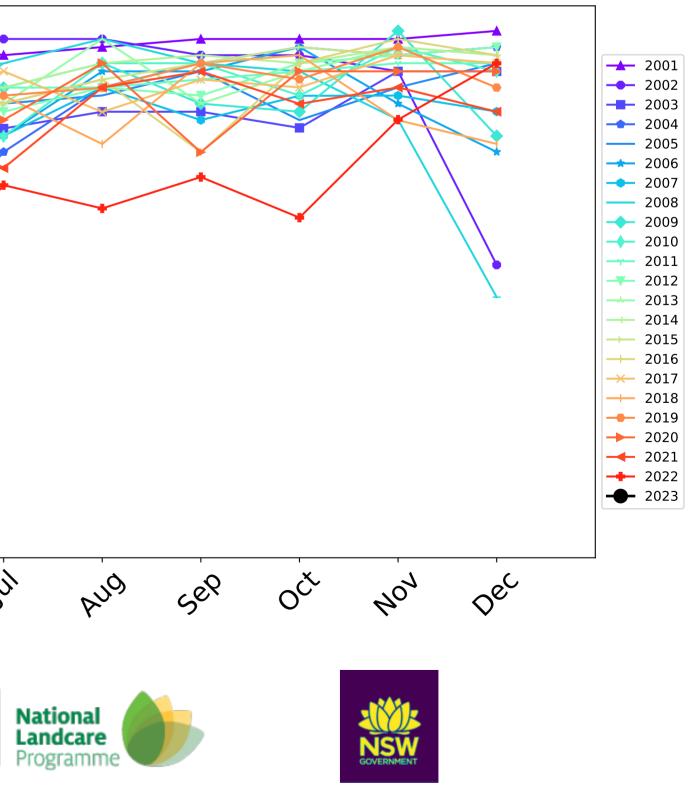


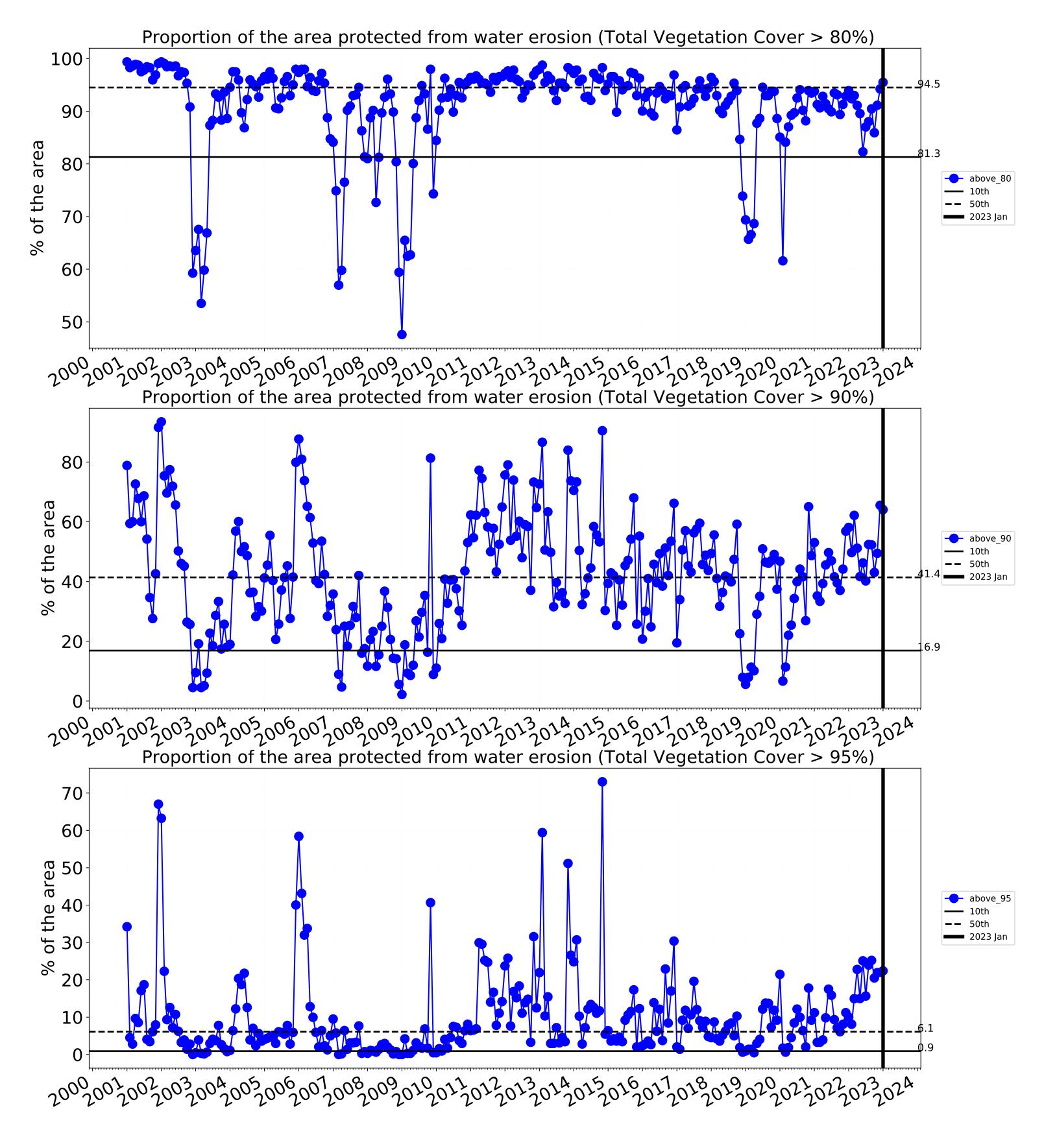


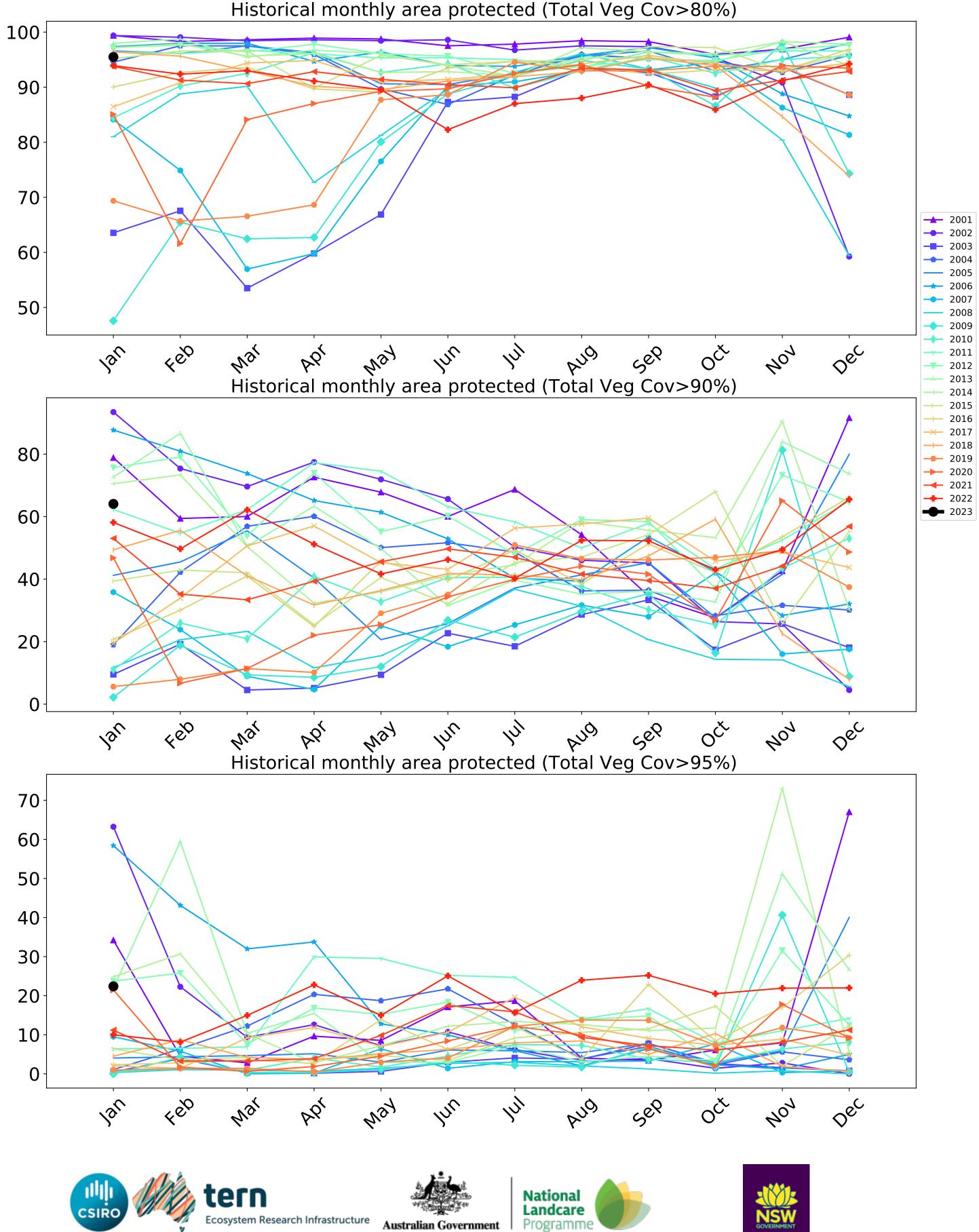
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

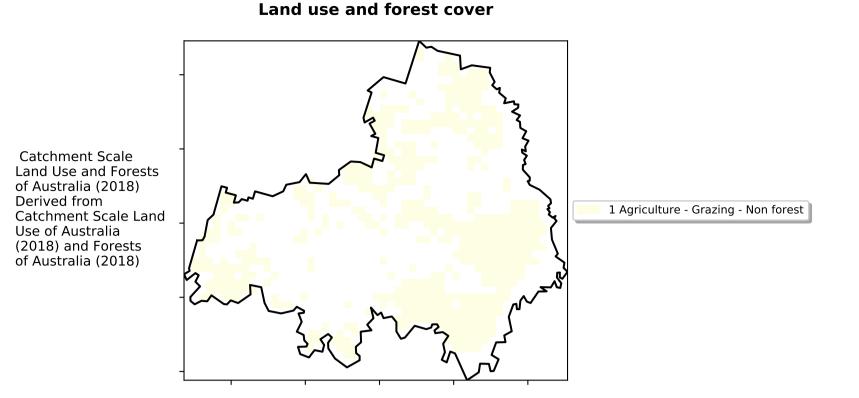




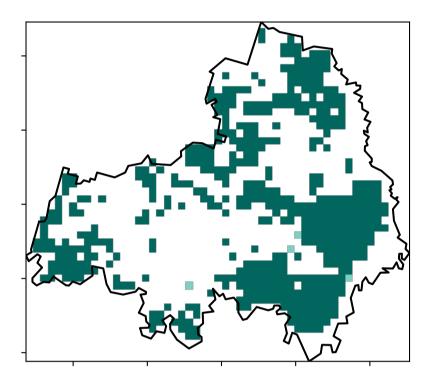




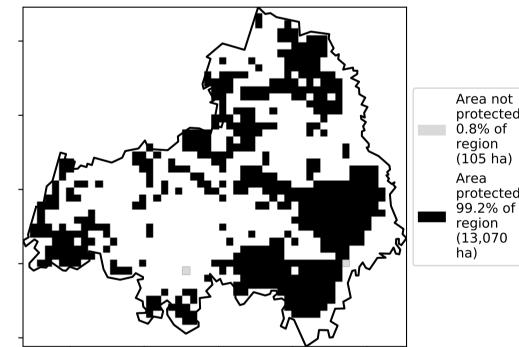
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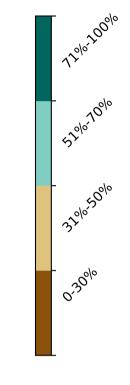


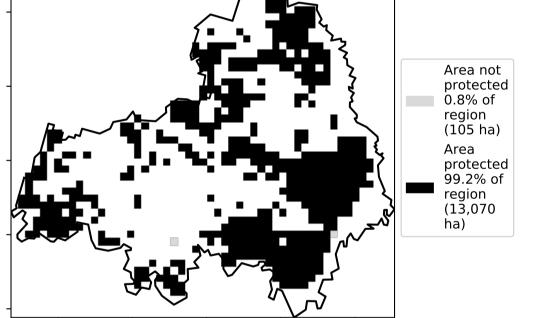
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



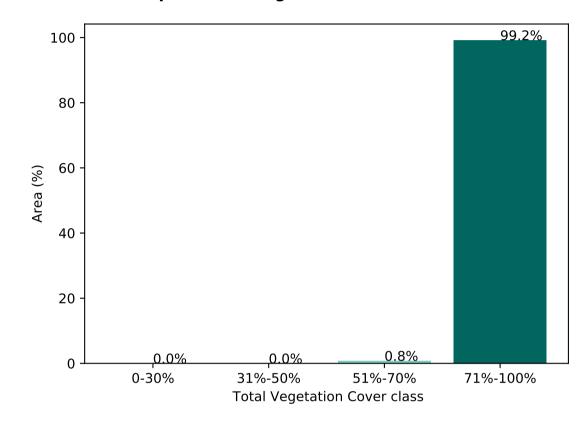




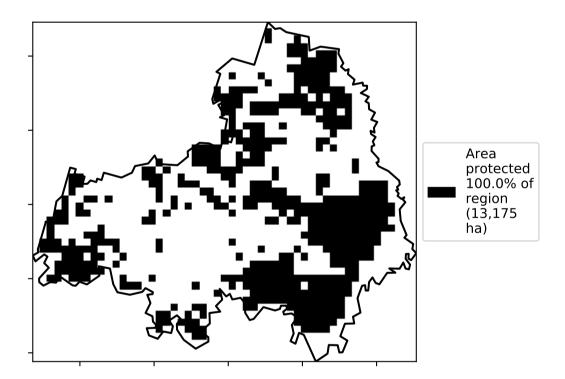




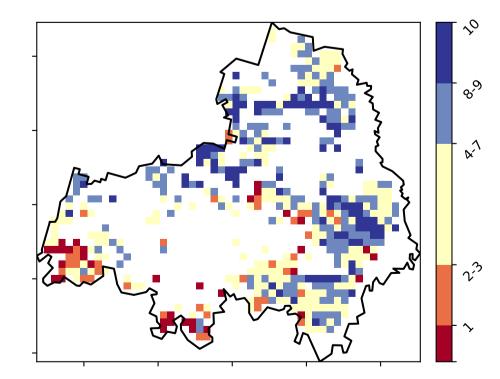
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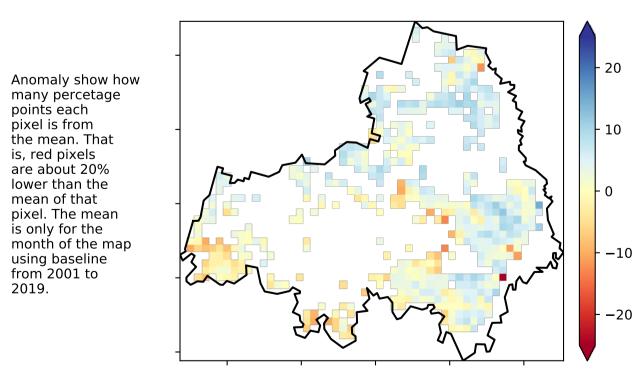
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

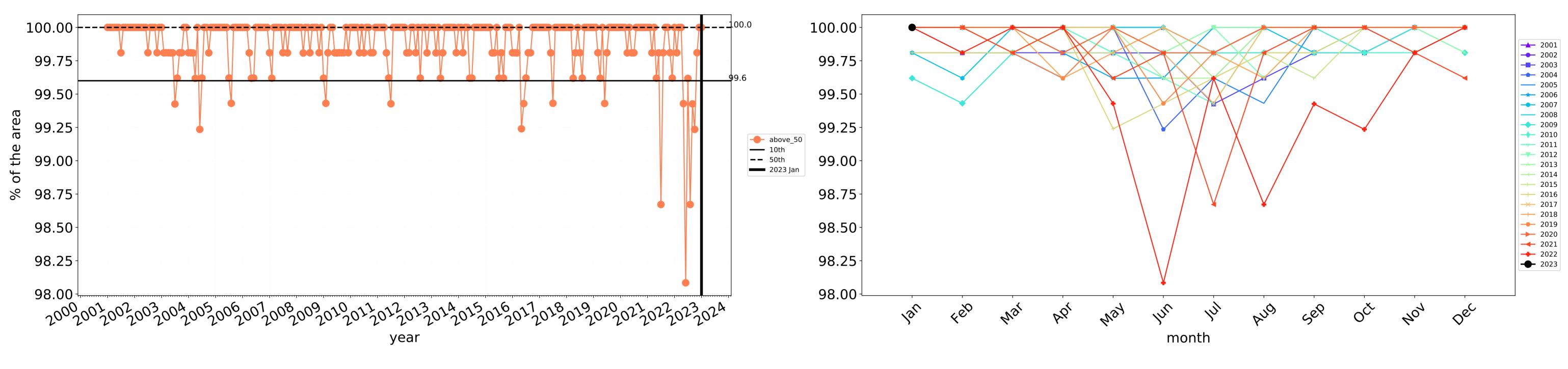


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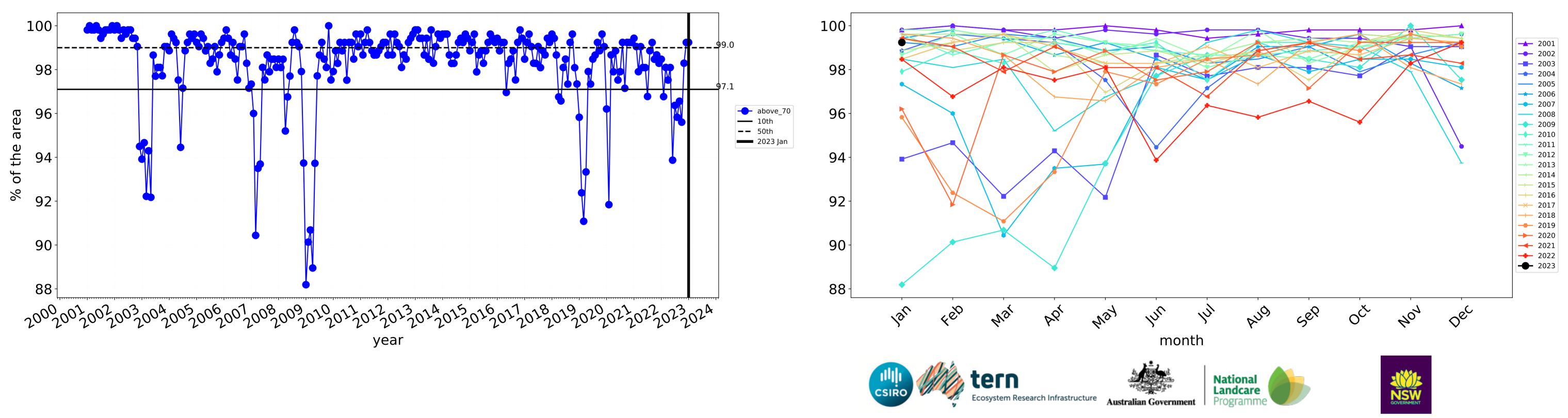






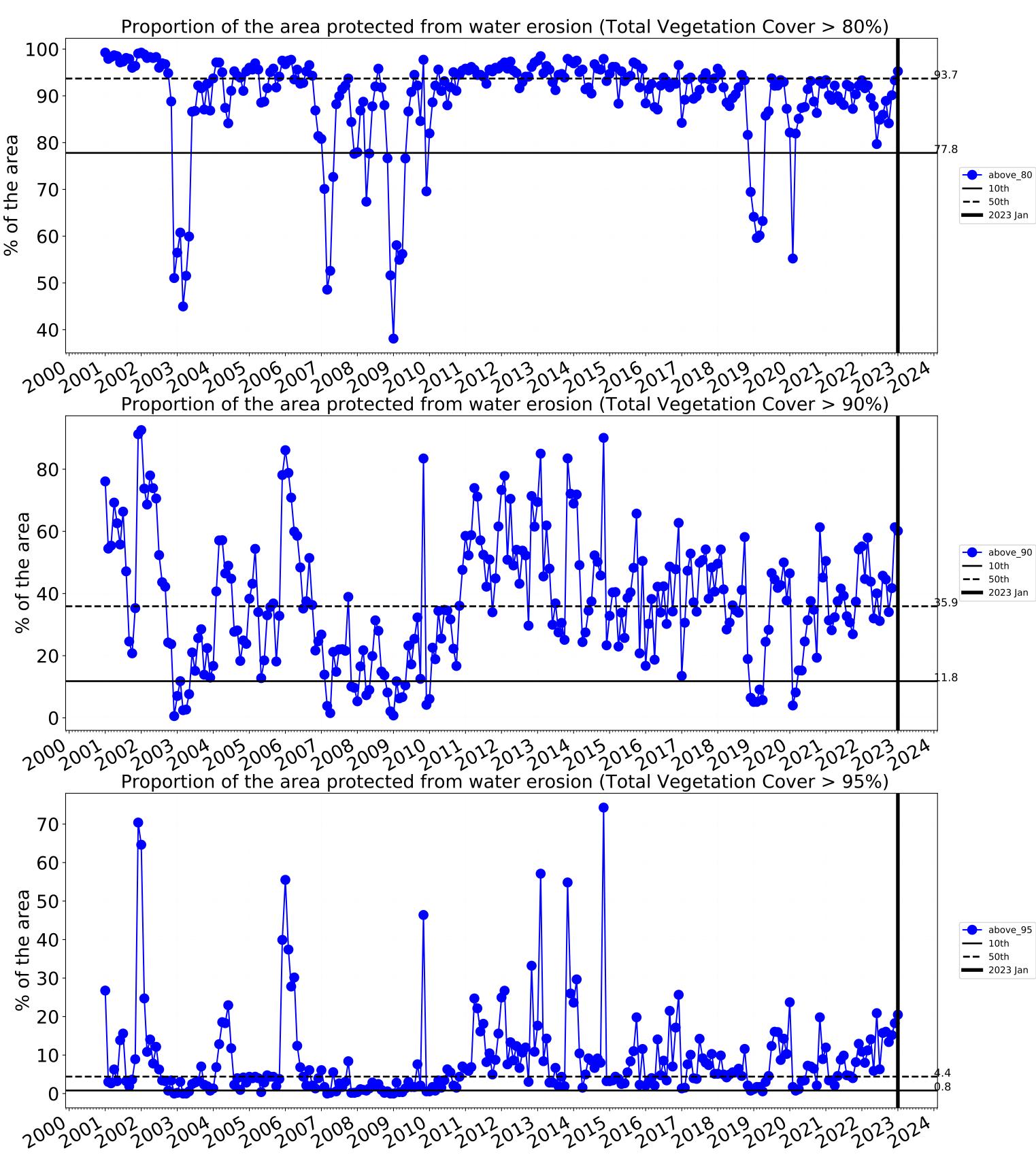
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



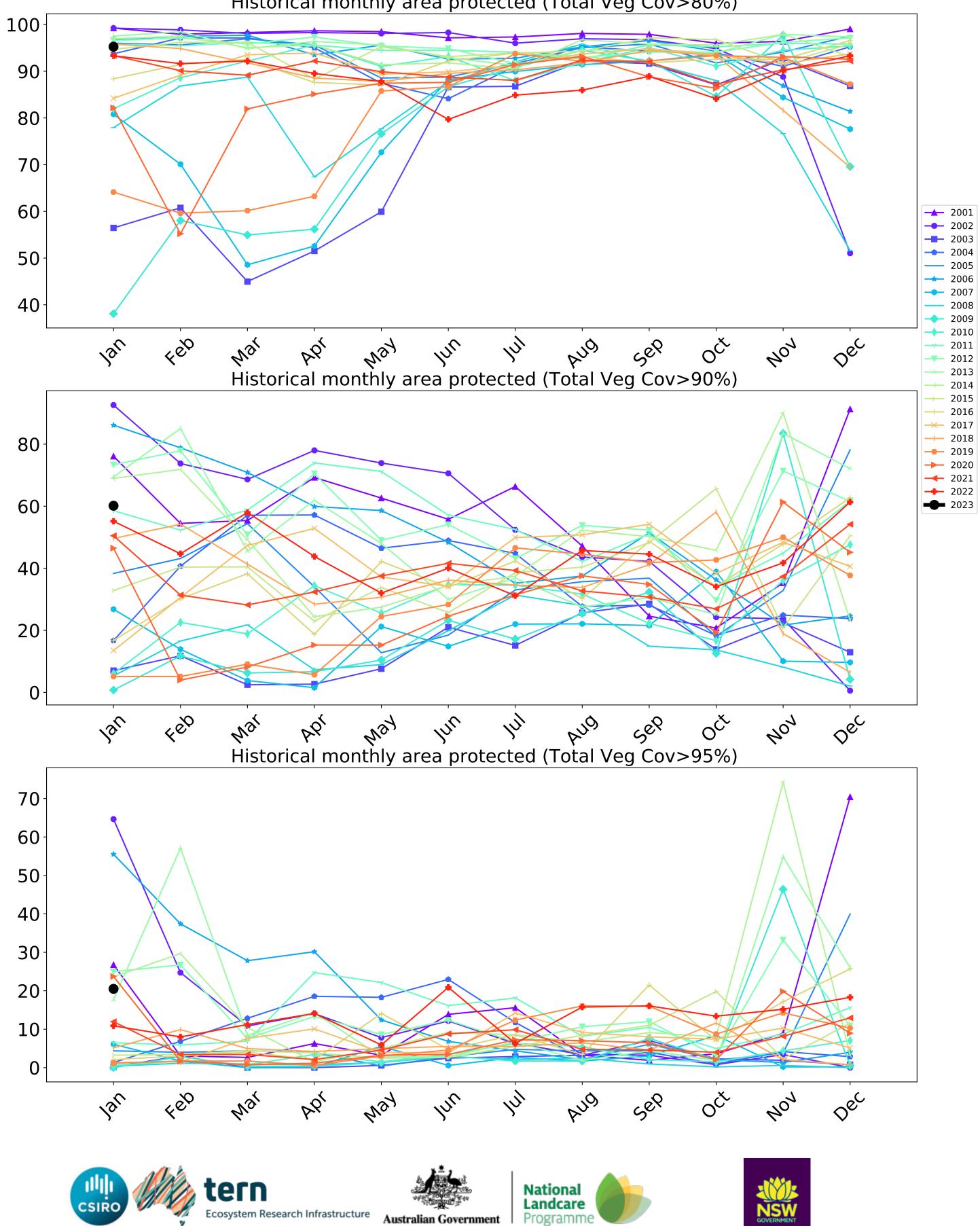


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

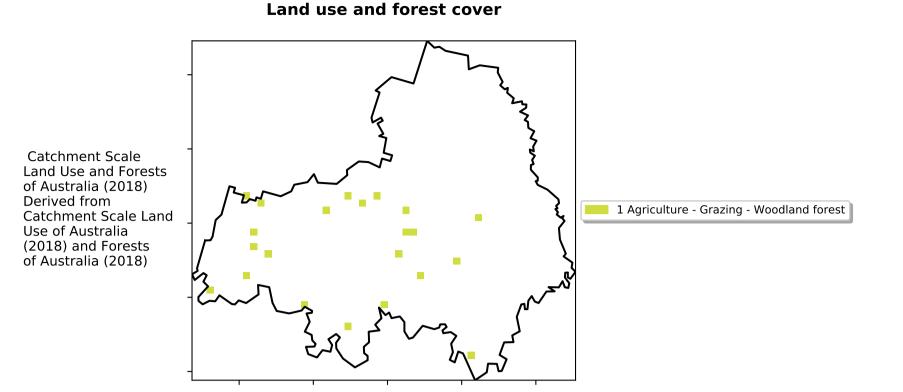


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

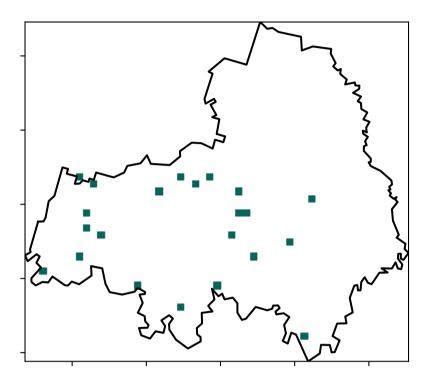


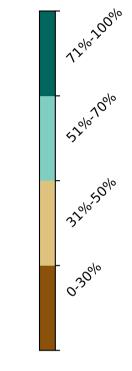


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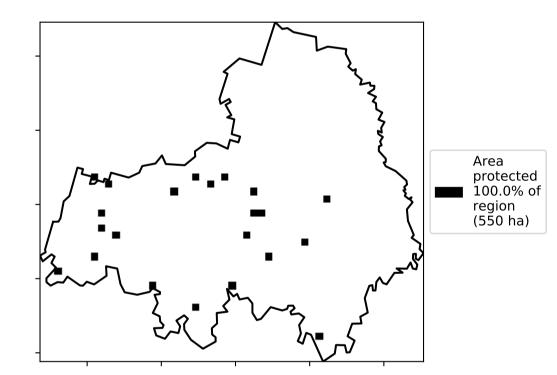


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

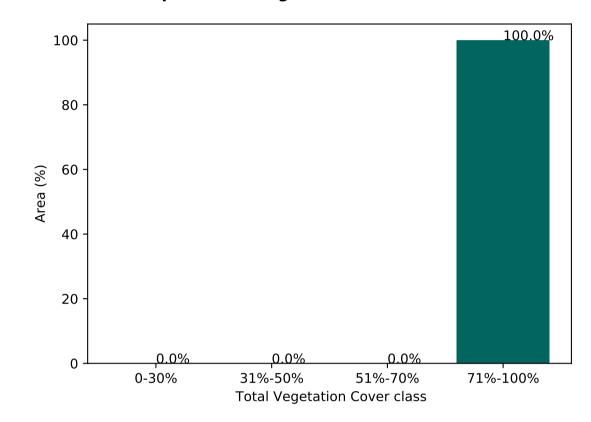




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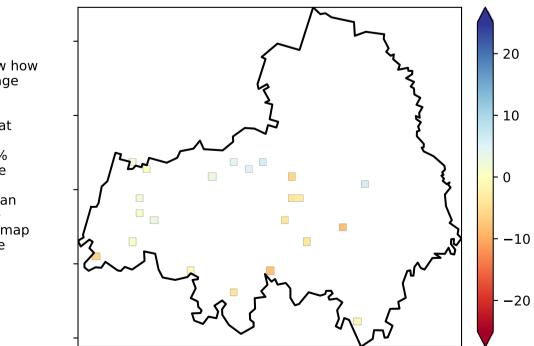
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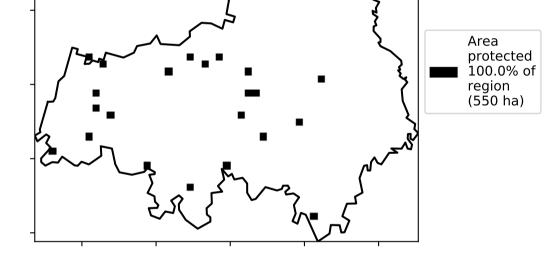
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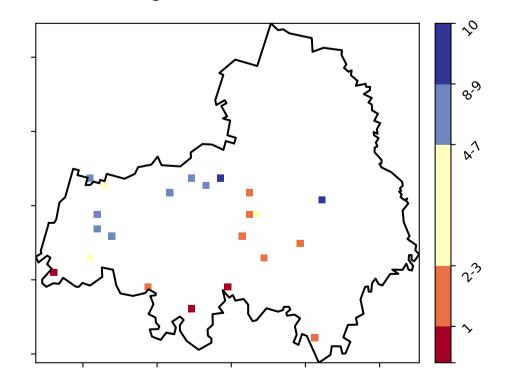
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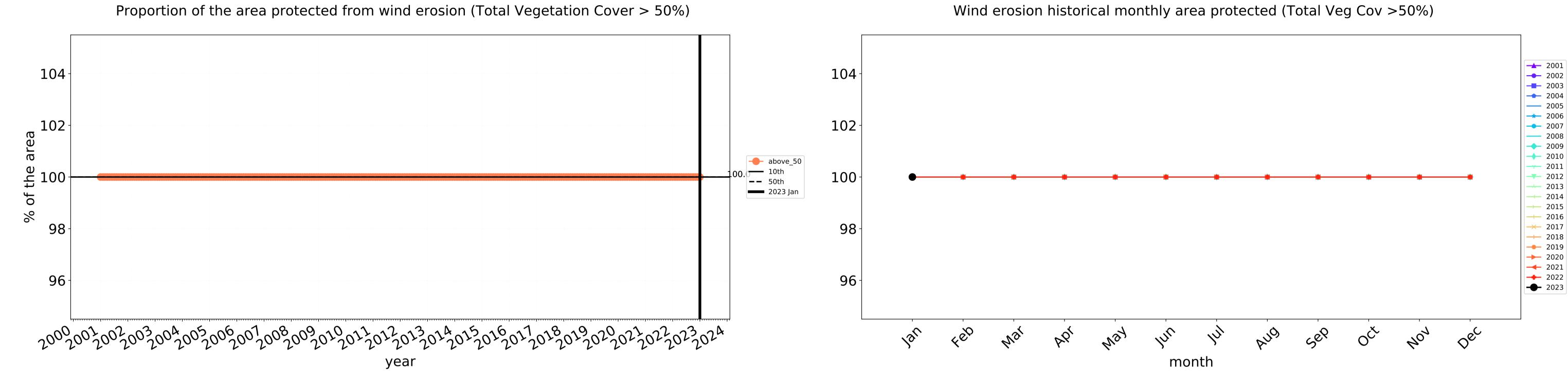




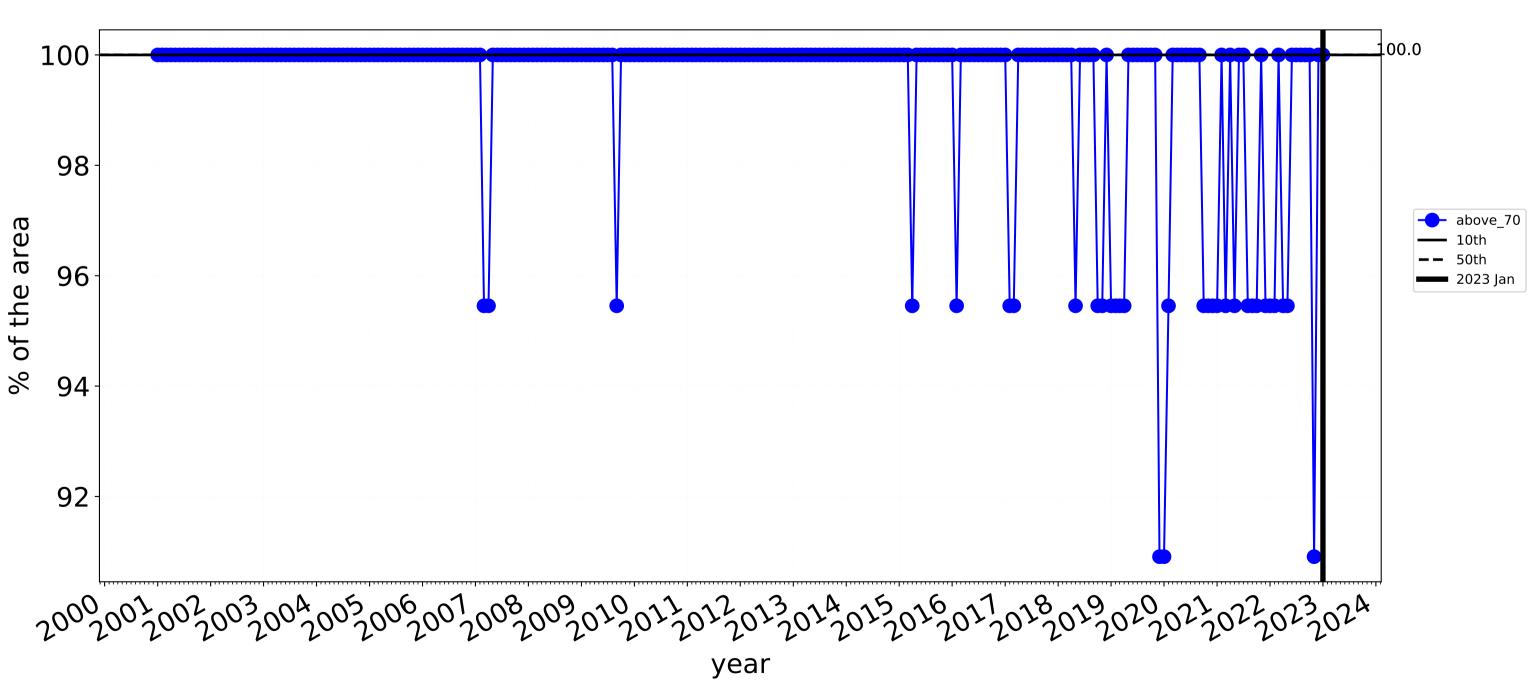
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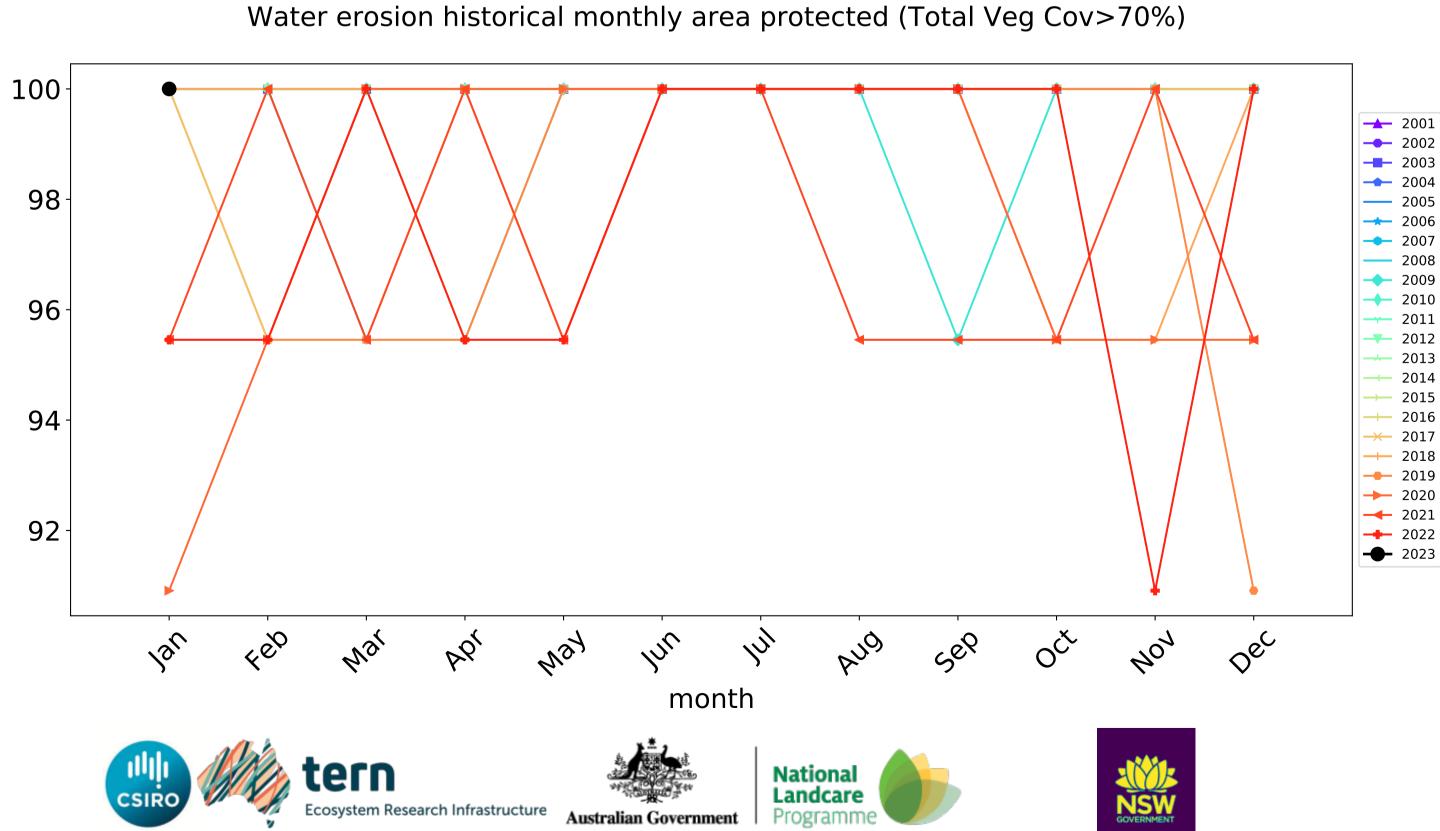


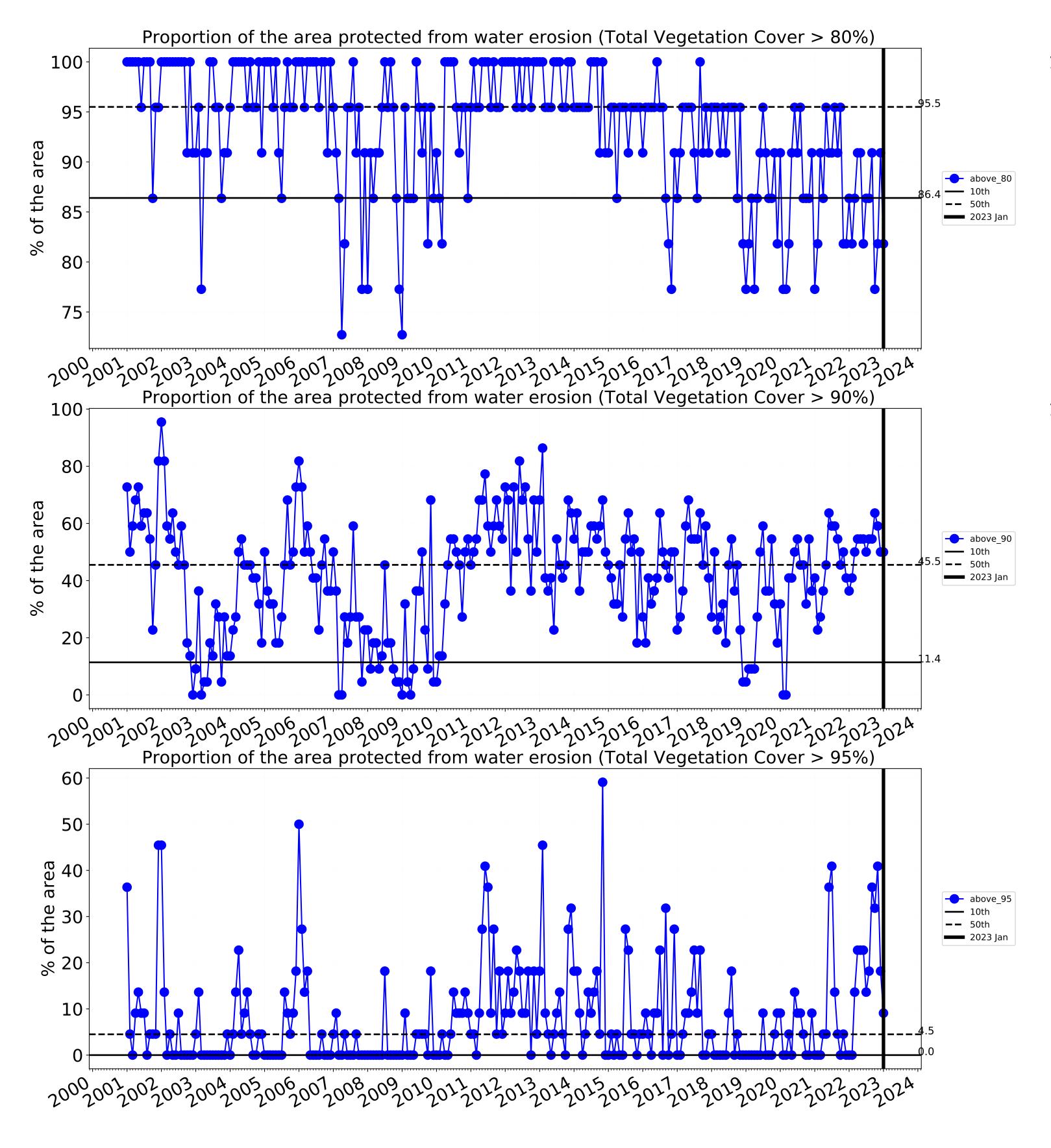
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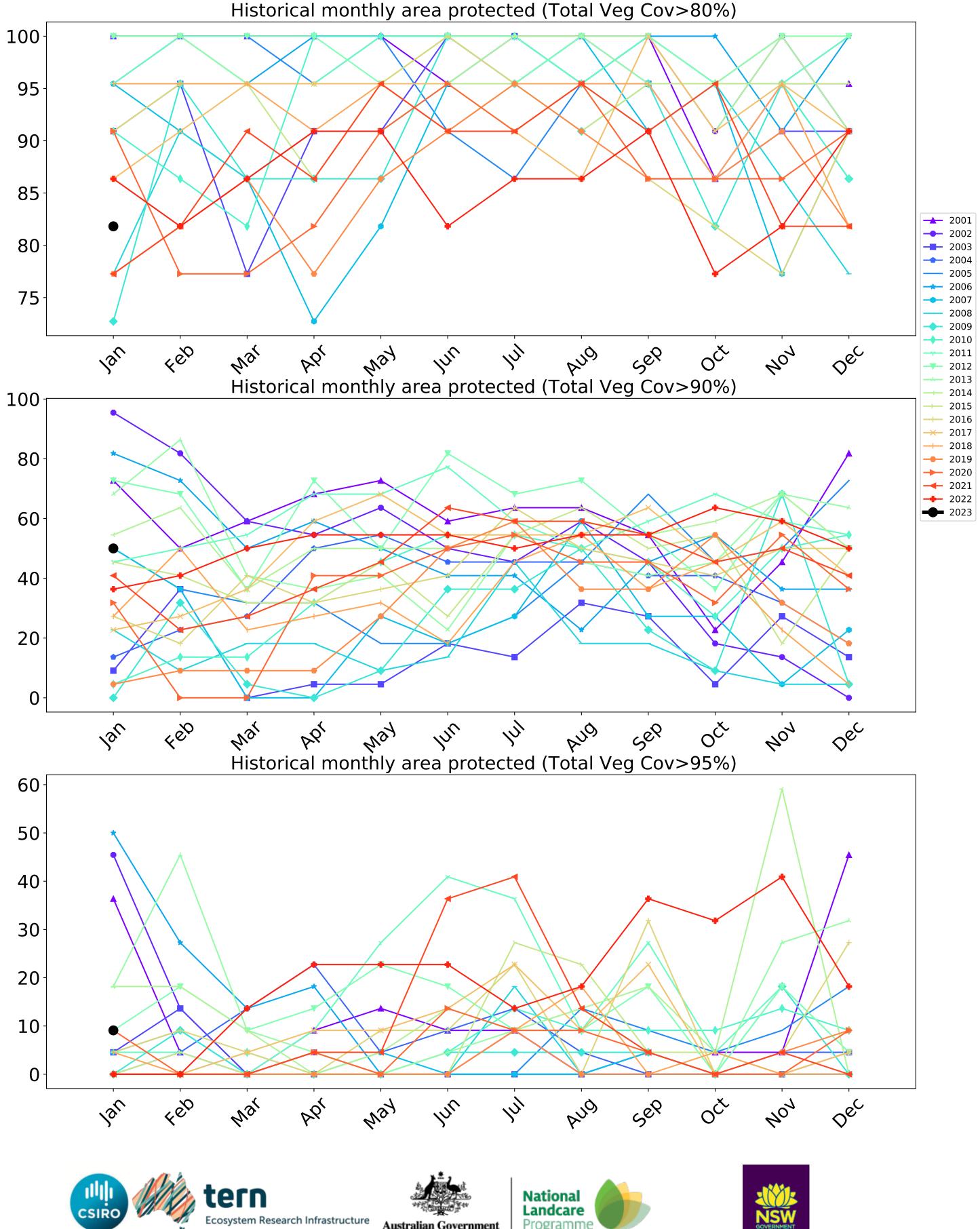


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)











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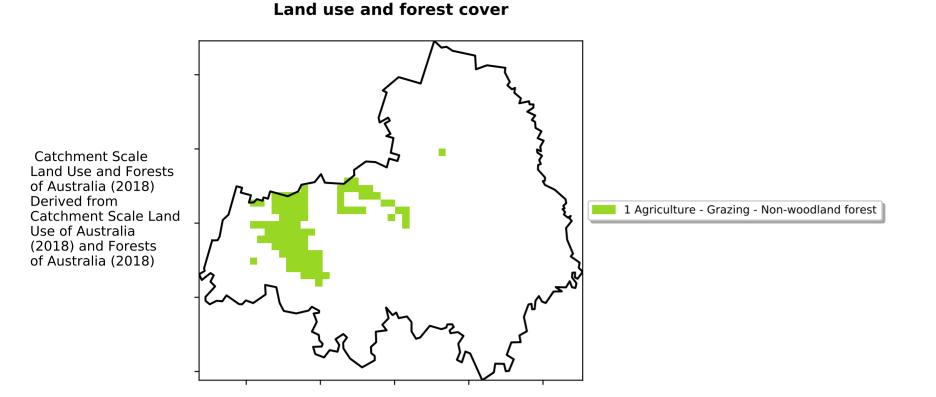
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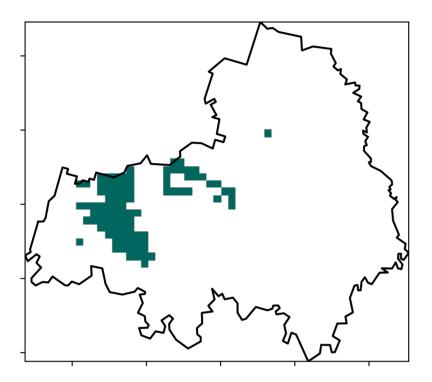
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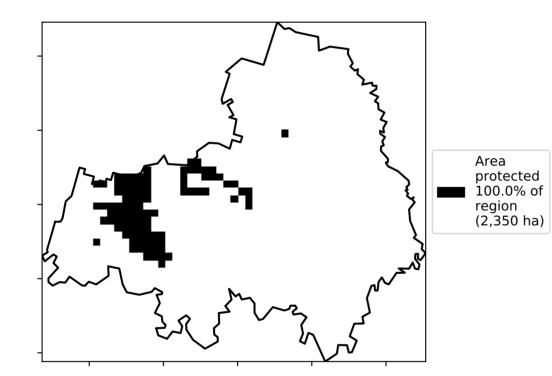
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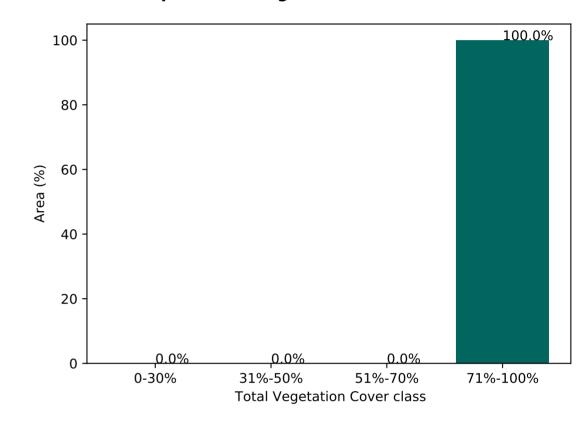
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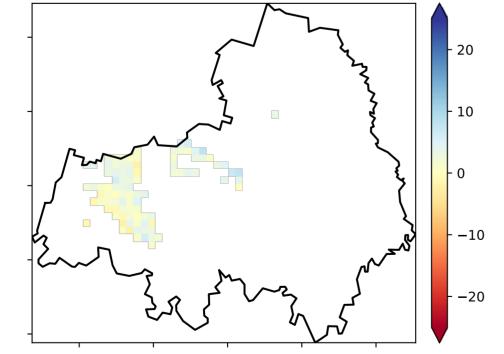


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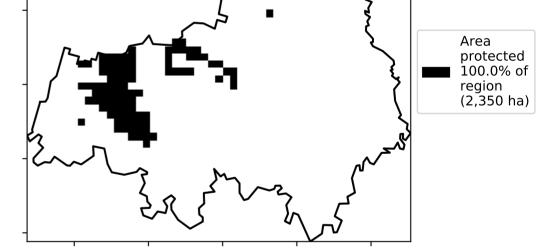


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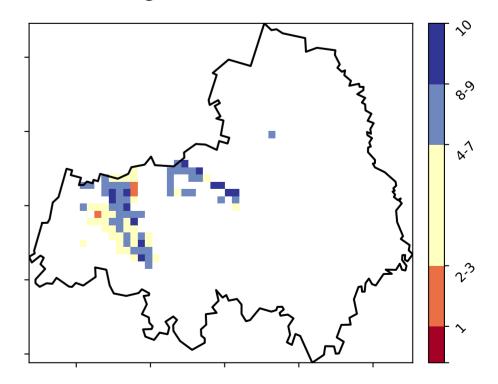
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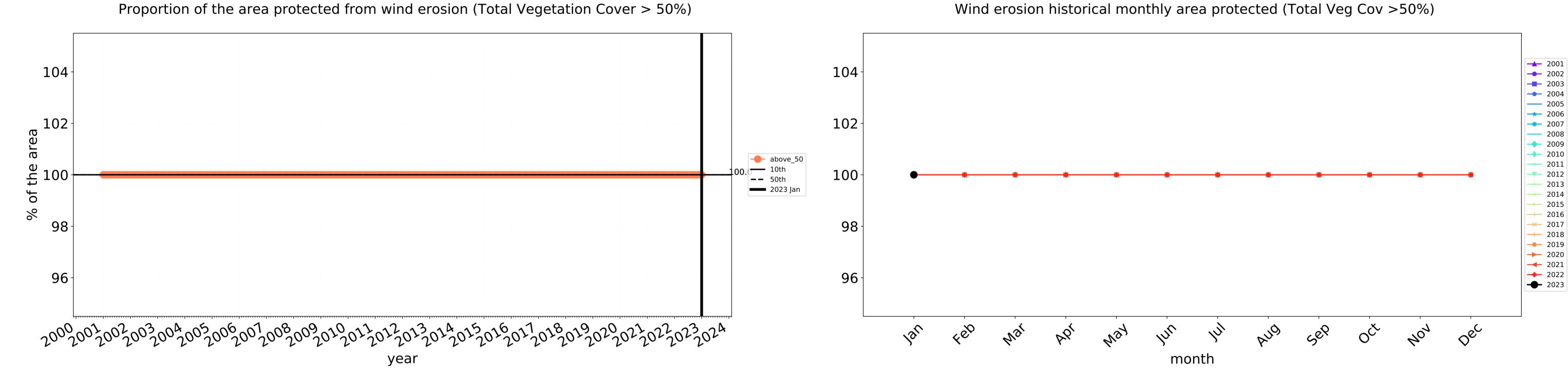


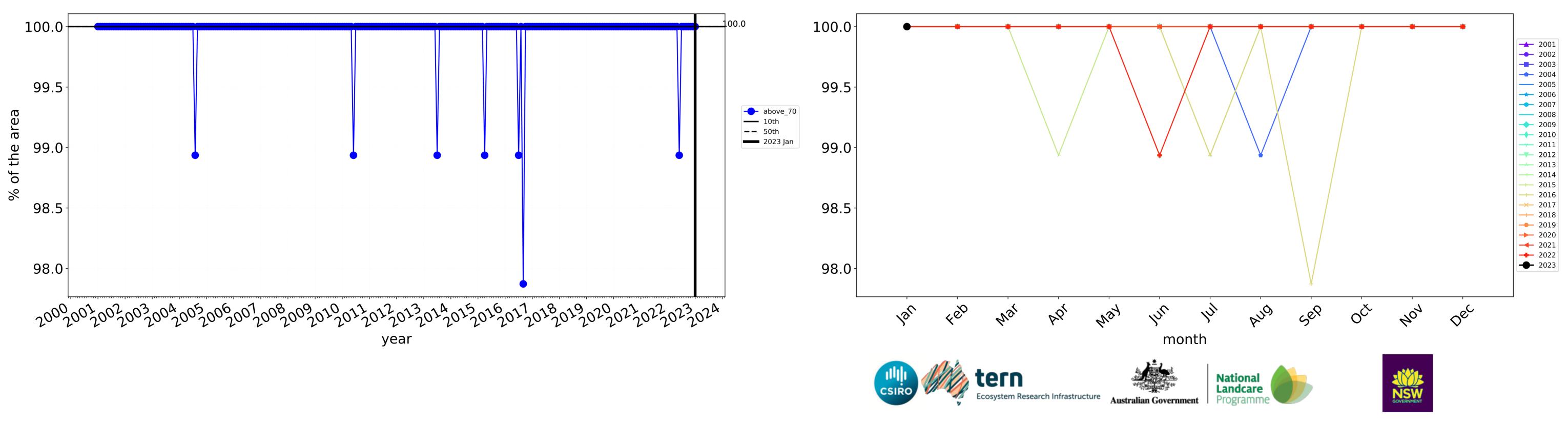
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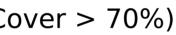




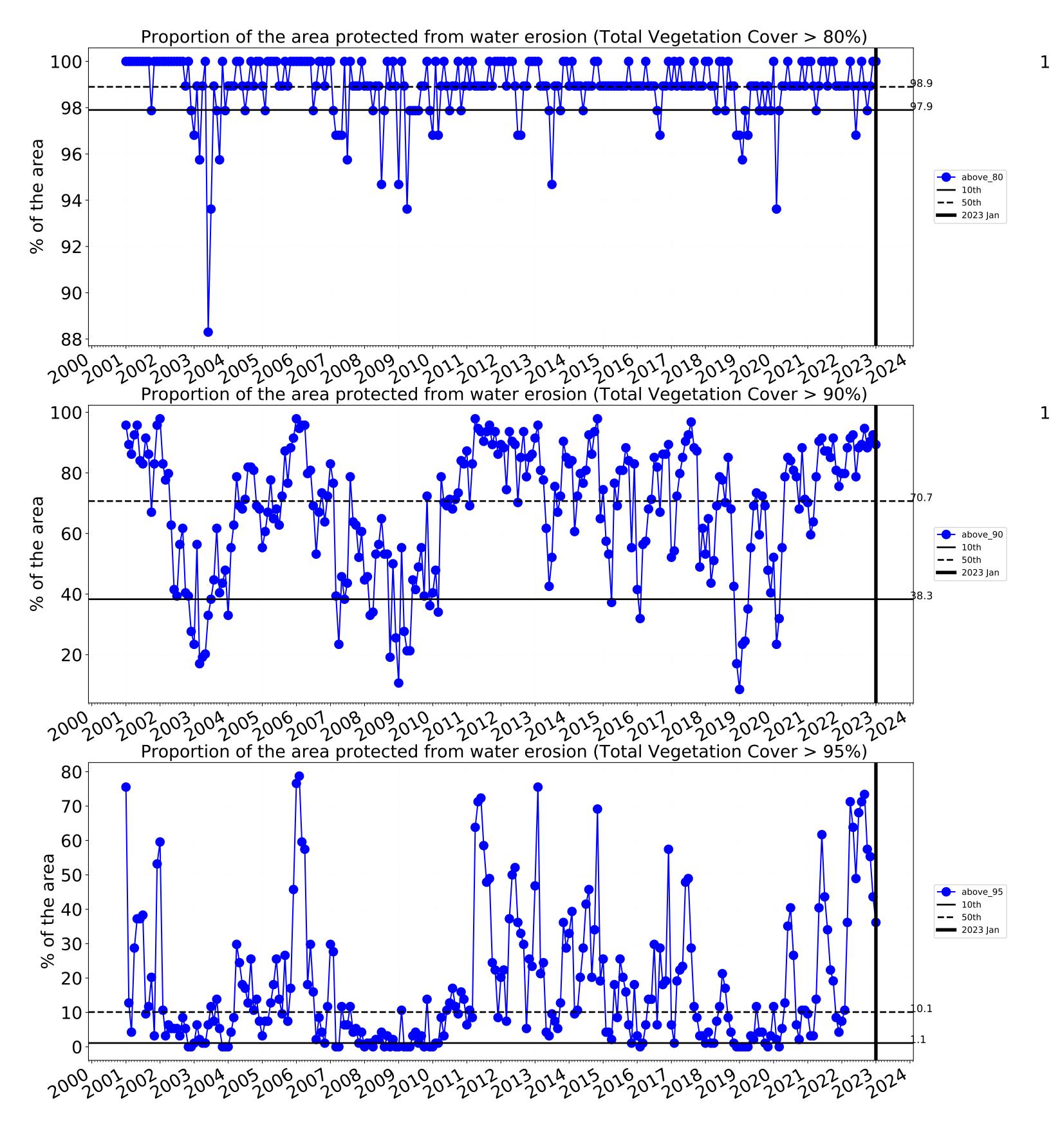


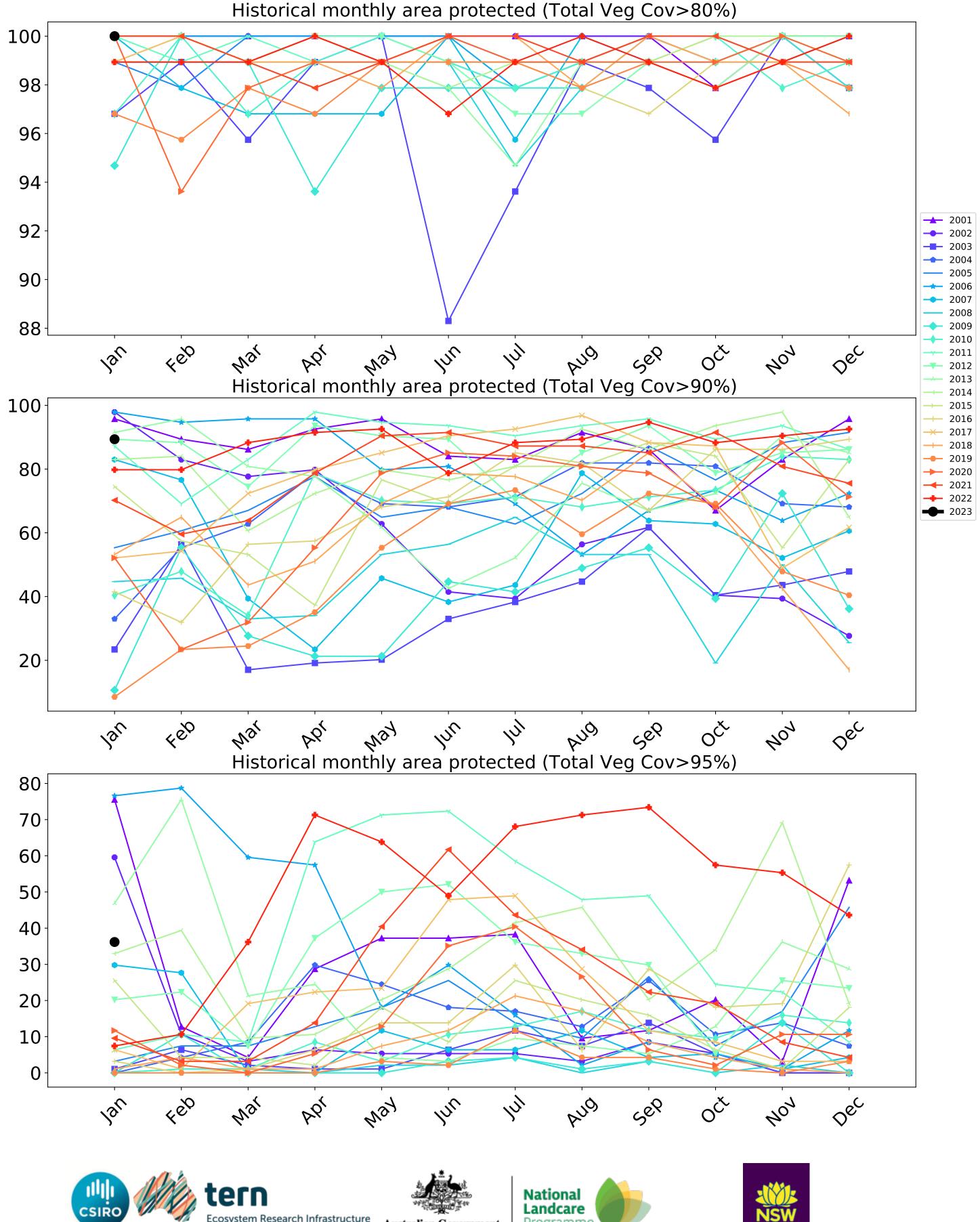


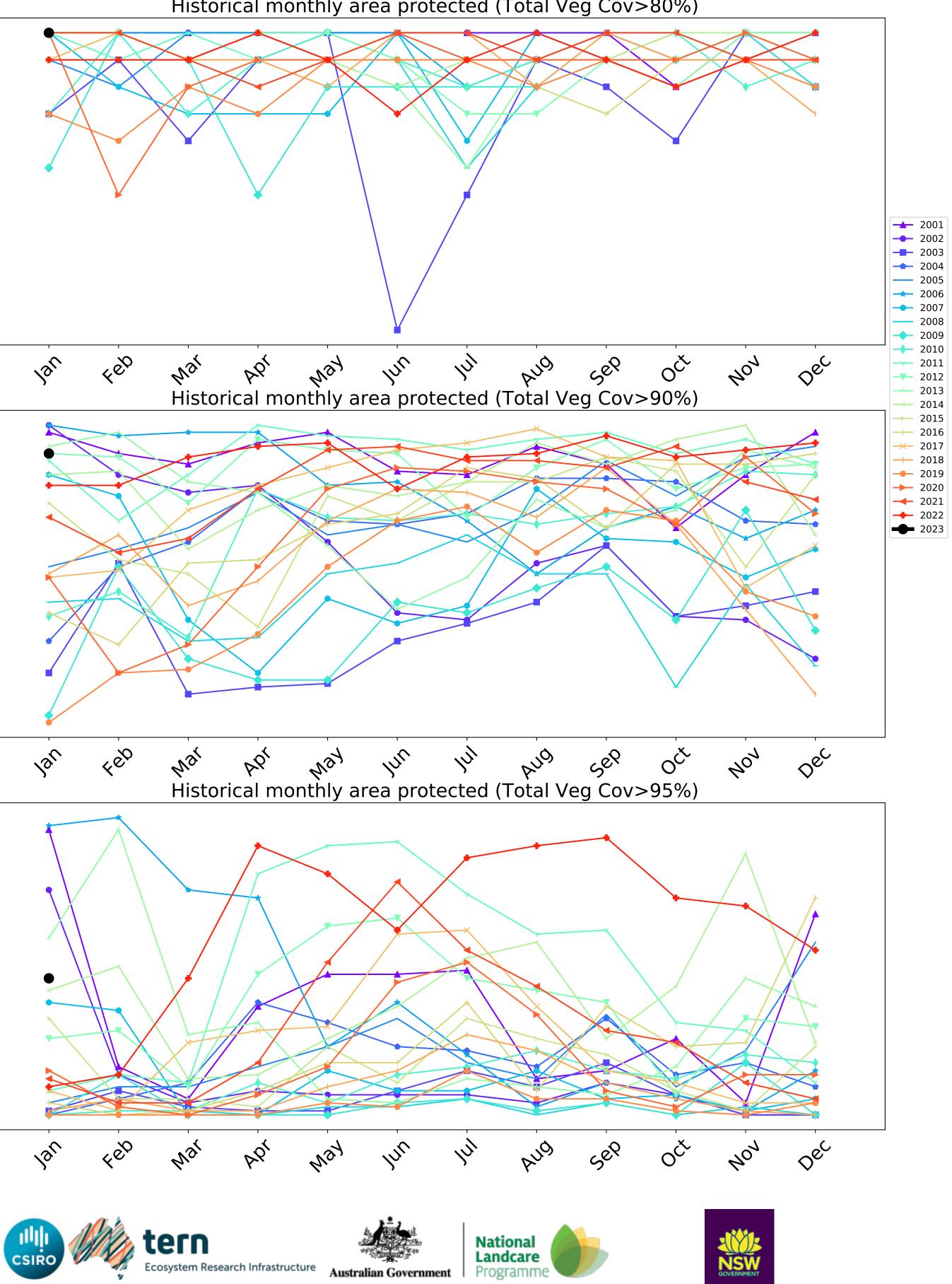
## Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries



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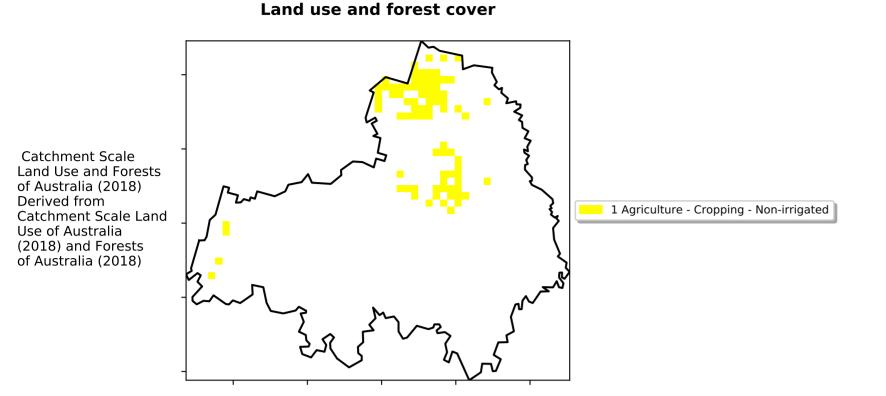
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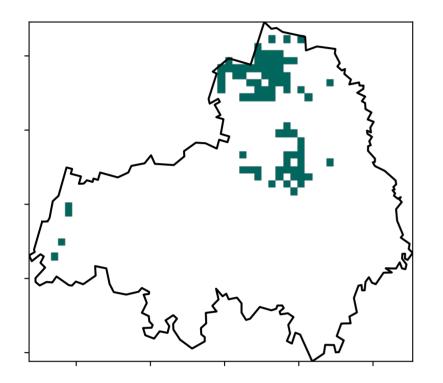
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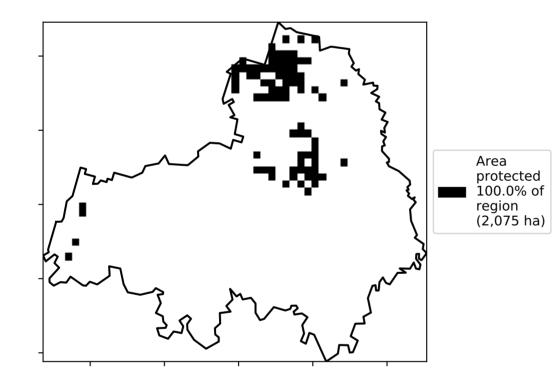
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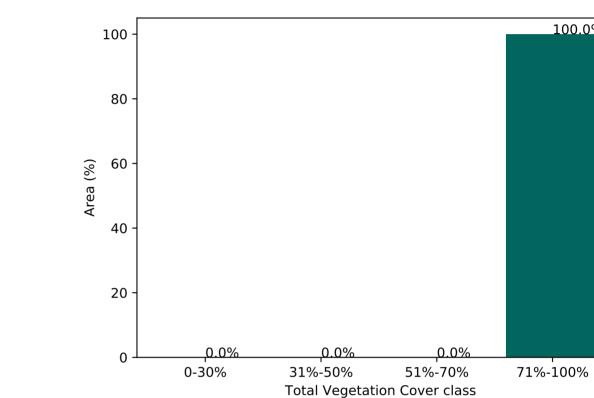


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 









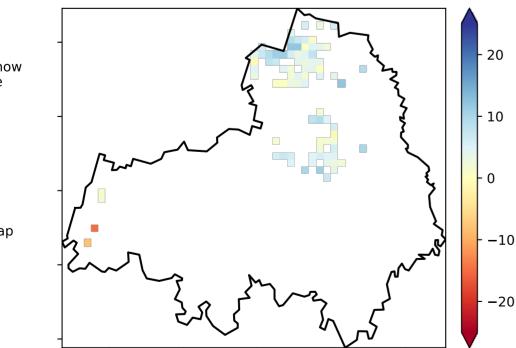
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

100.0%

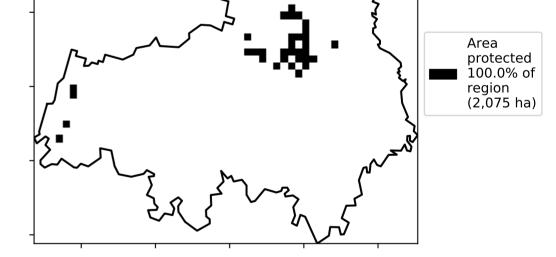
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



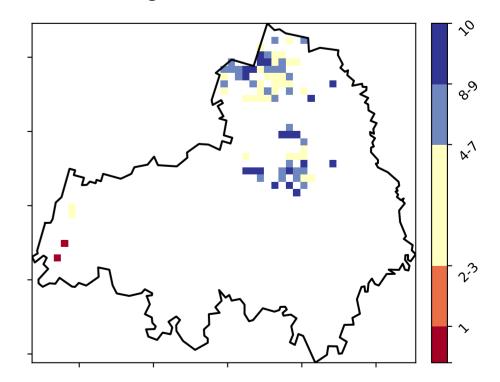
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

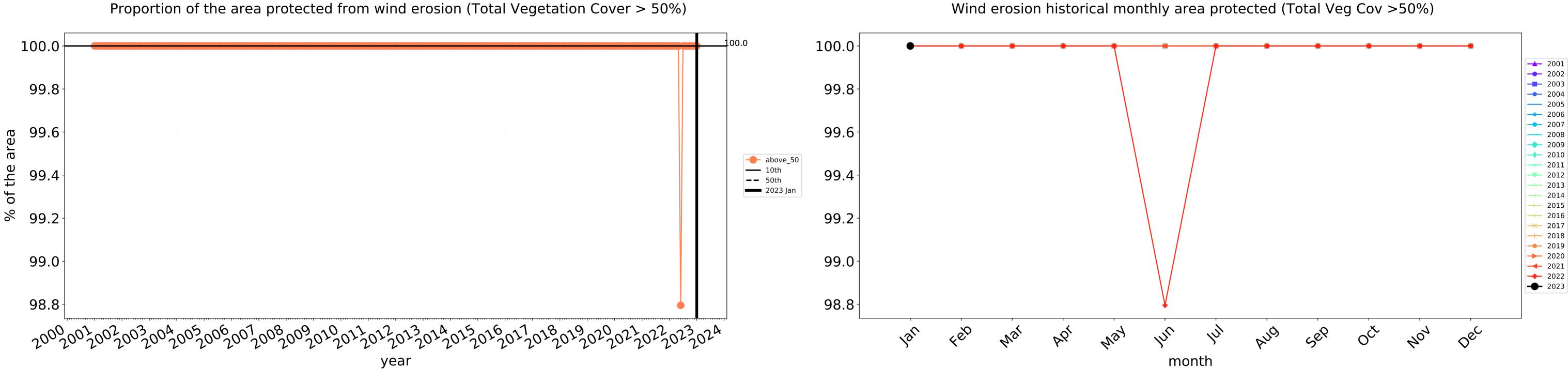


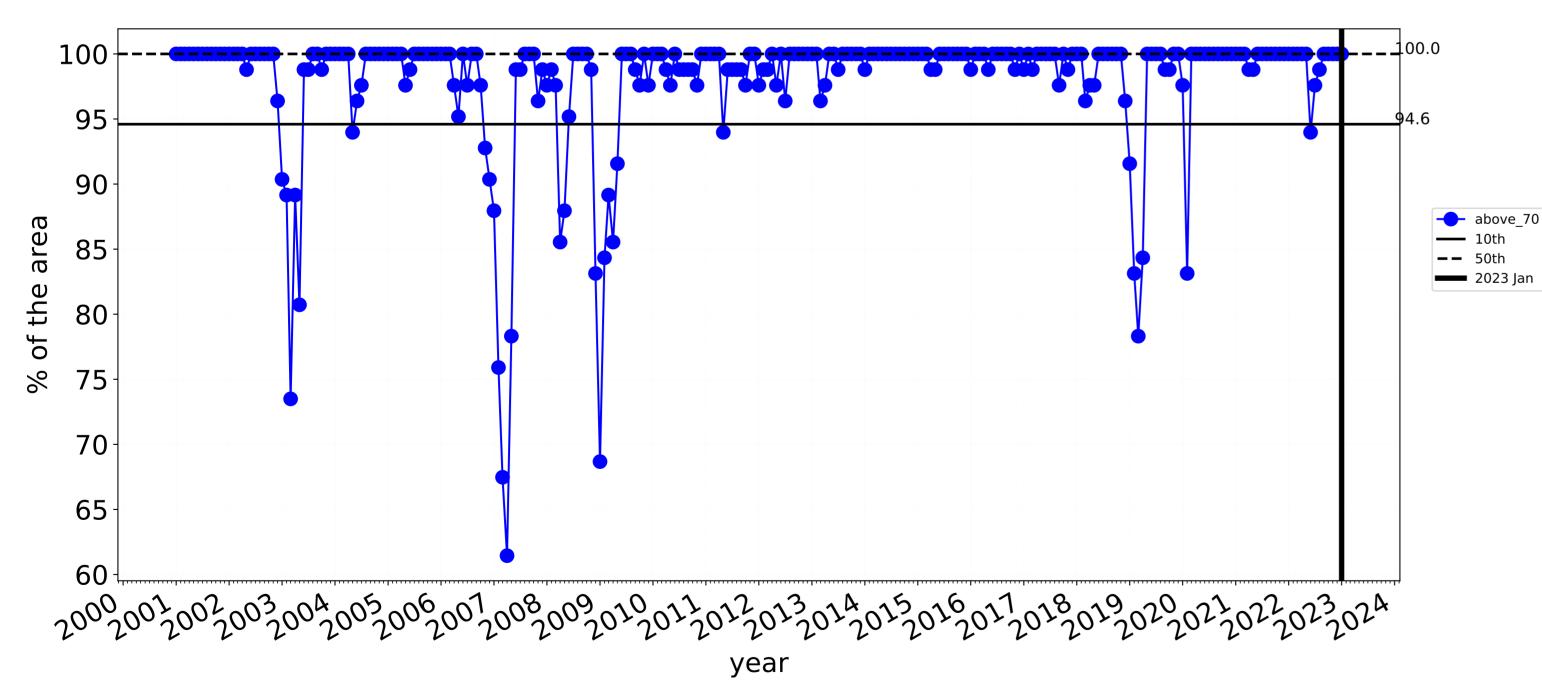




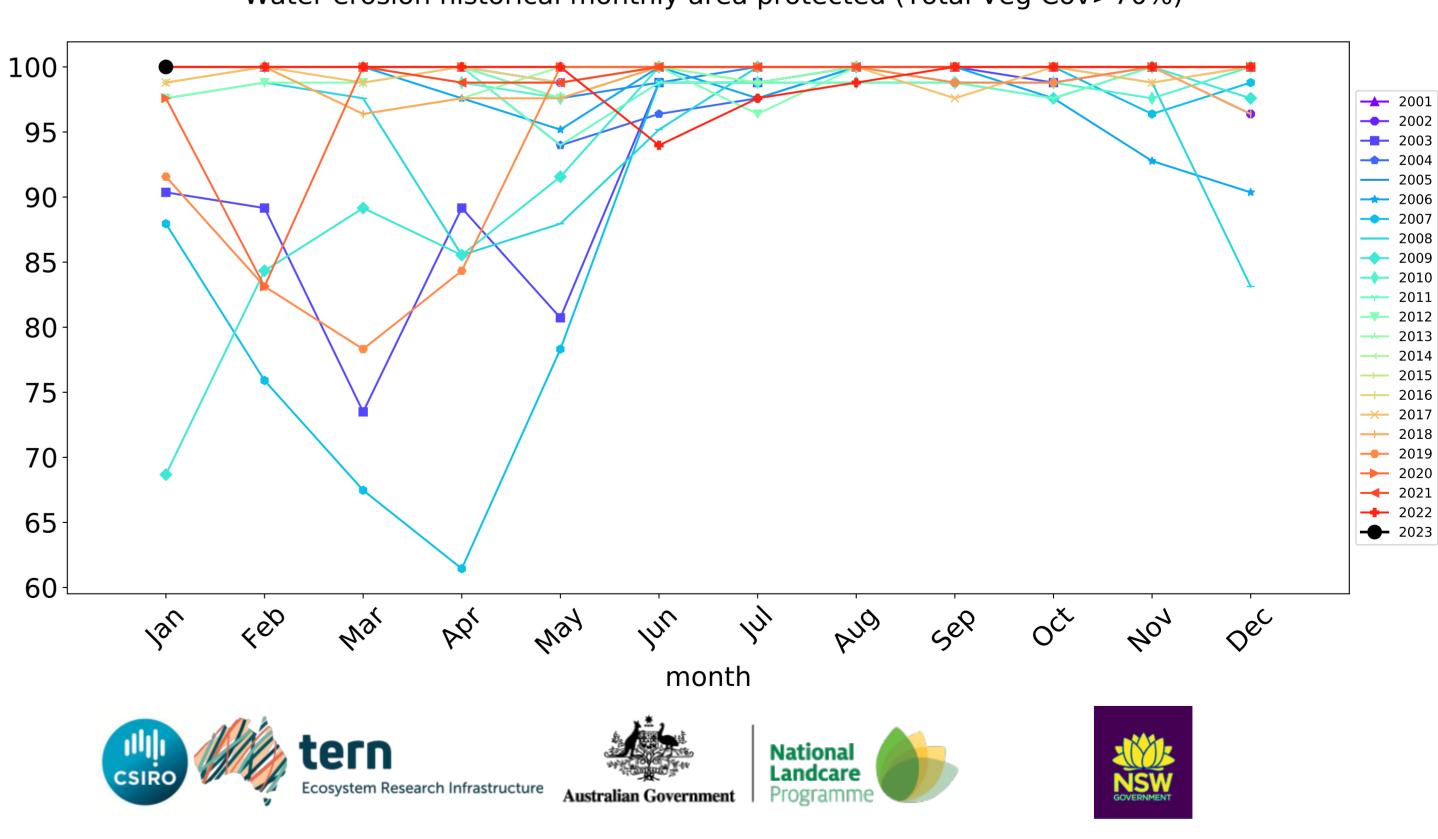
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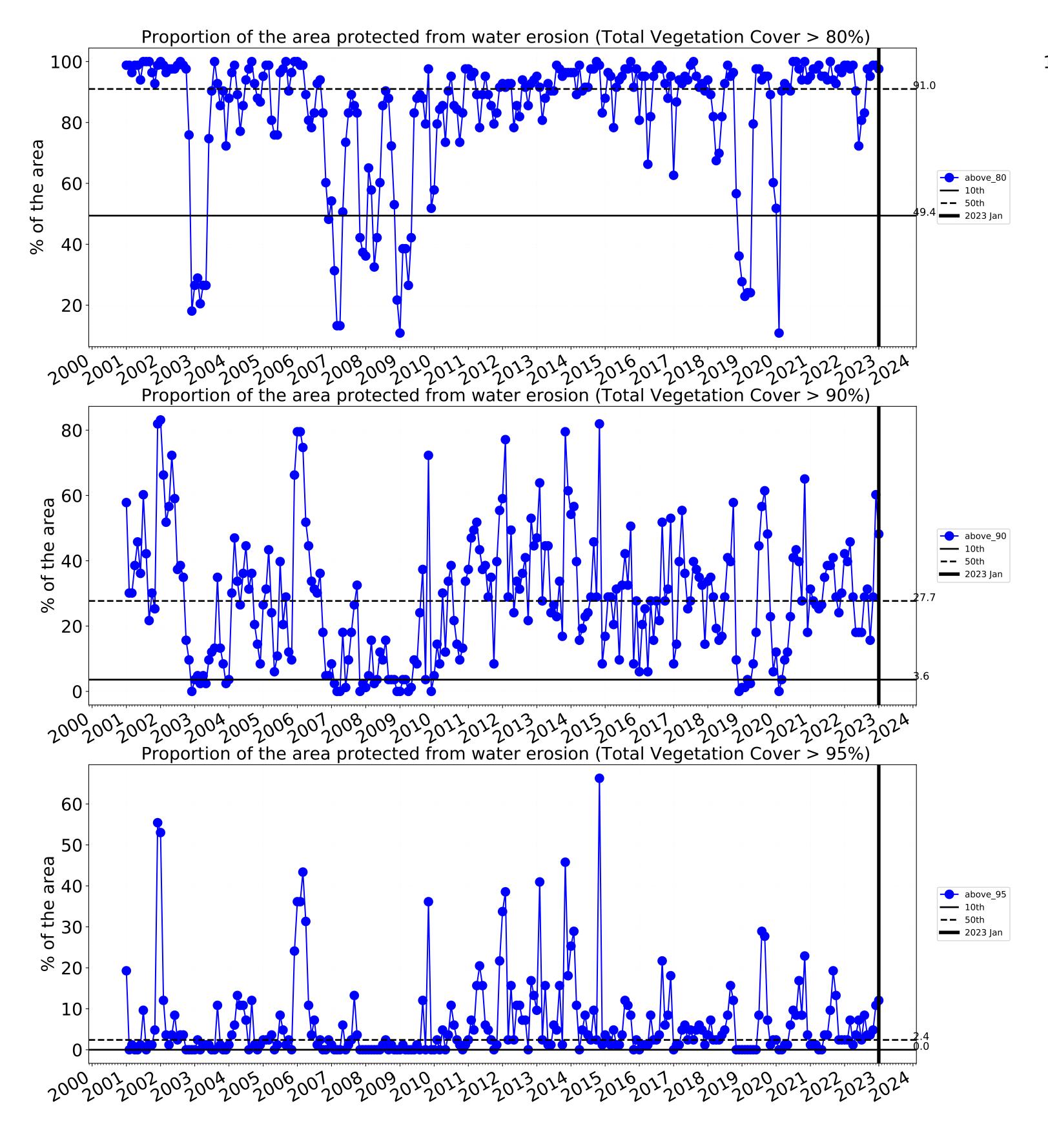


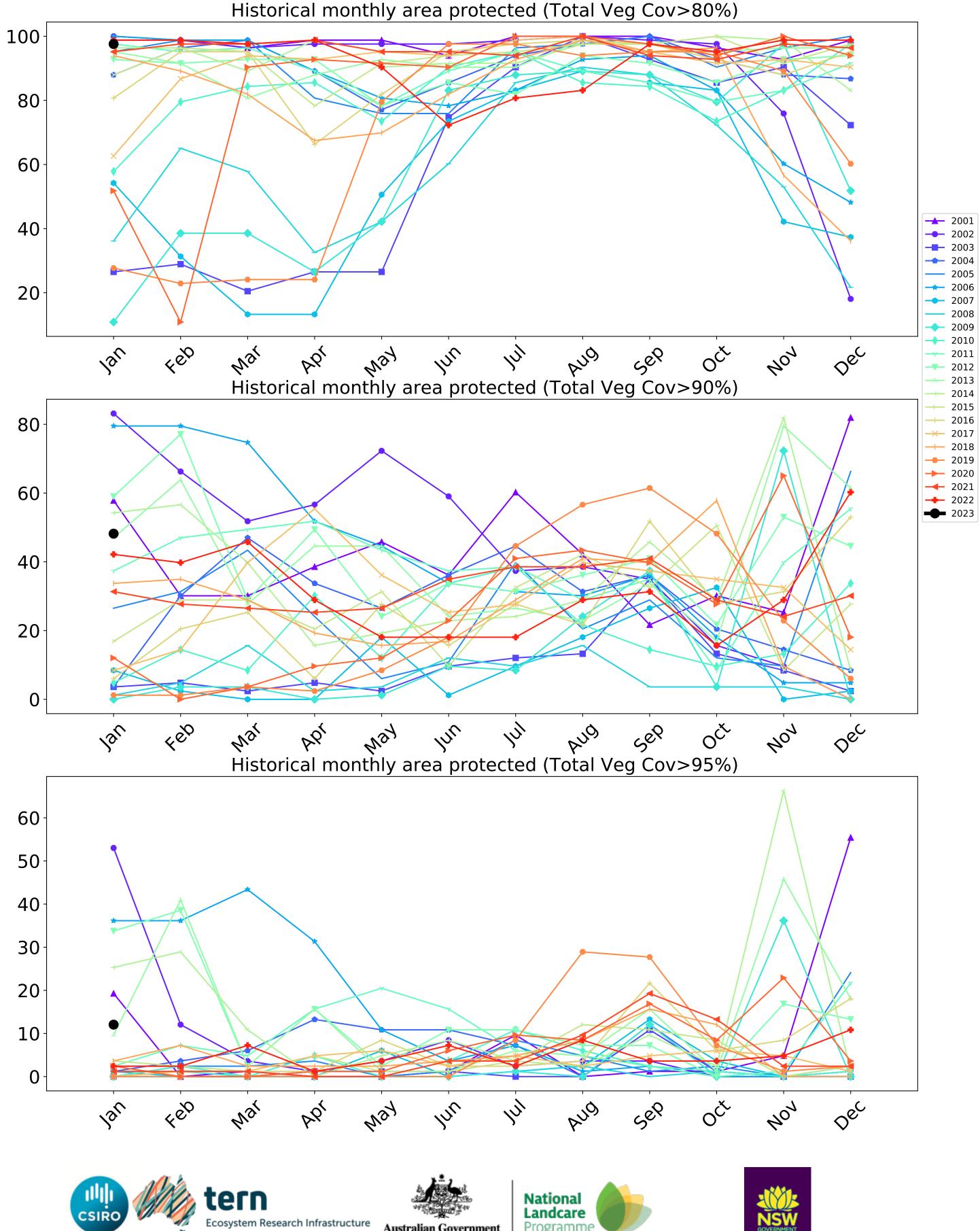


# **Cropping timeseries**



Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







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## Irrigation

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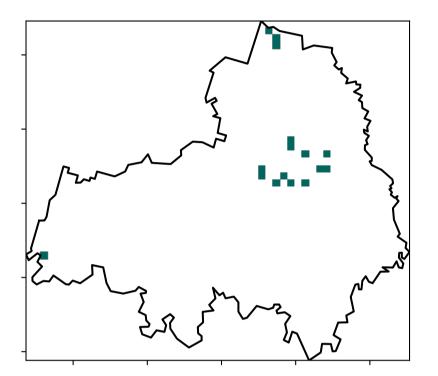
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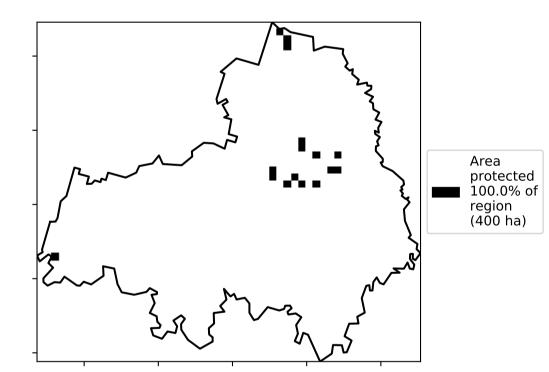
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

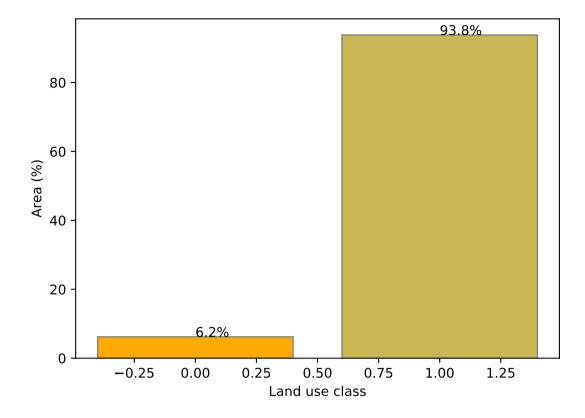
Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



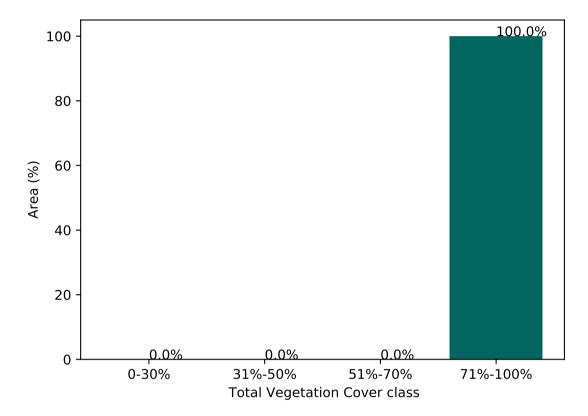






Proportion of each land class in area

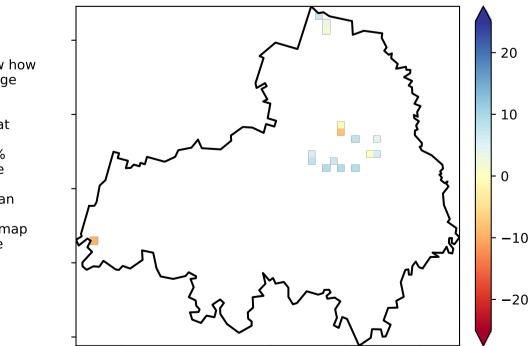
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



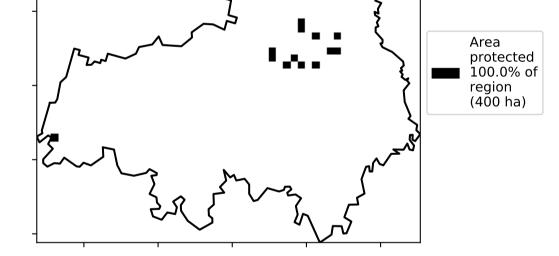
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



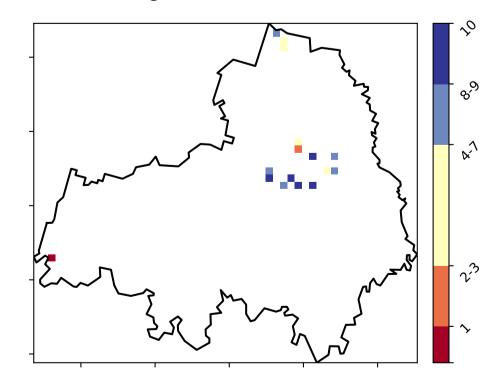
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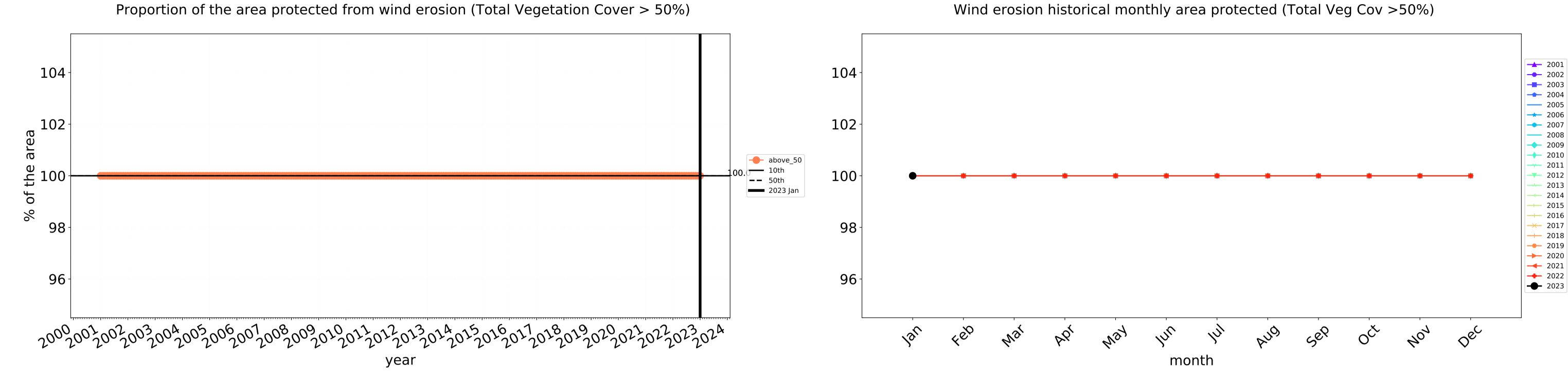
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

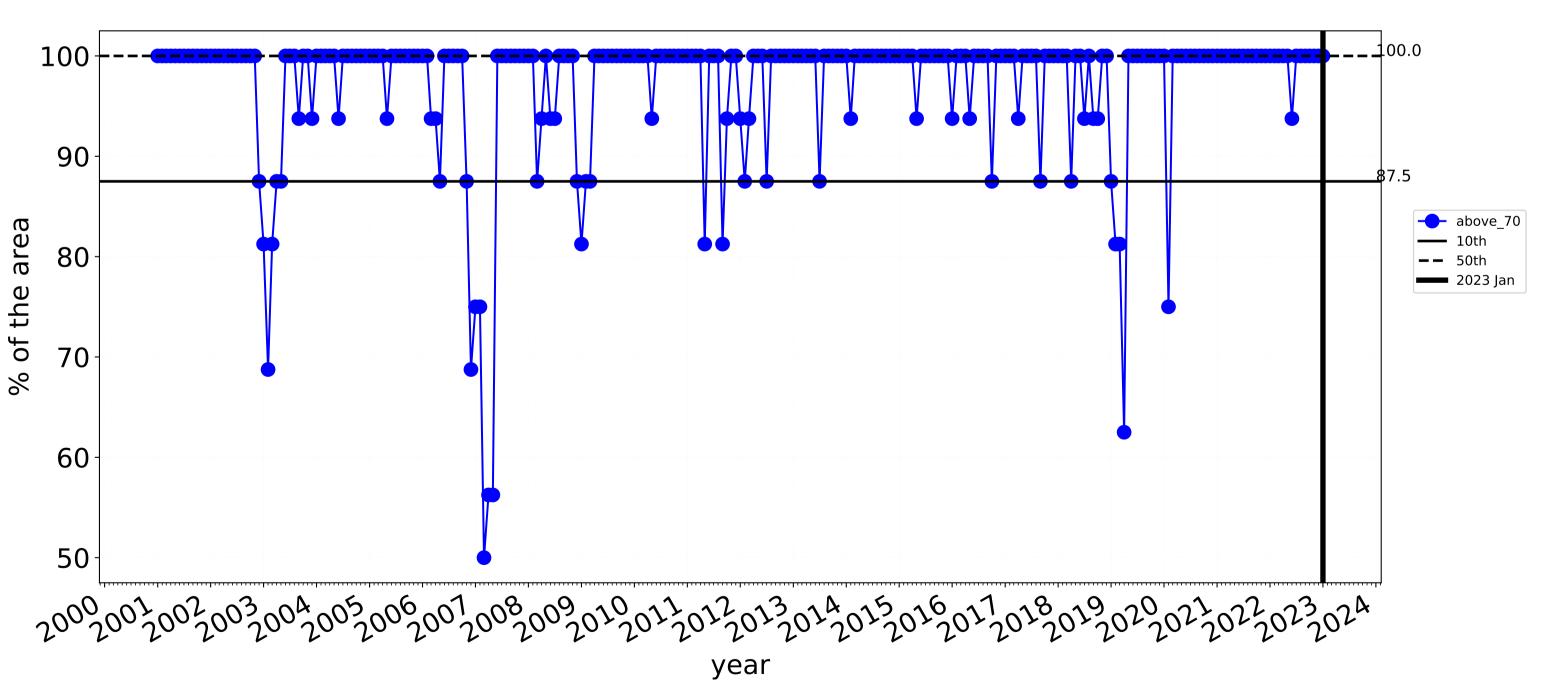






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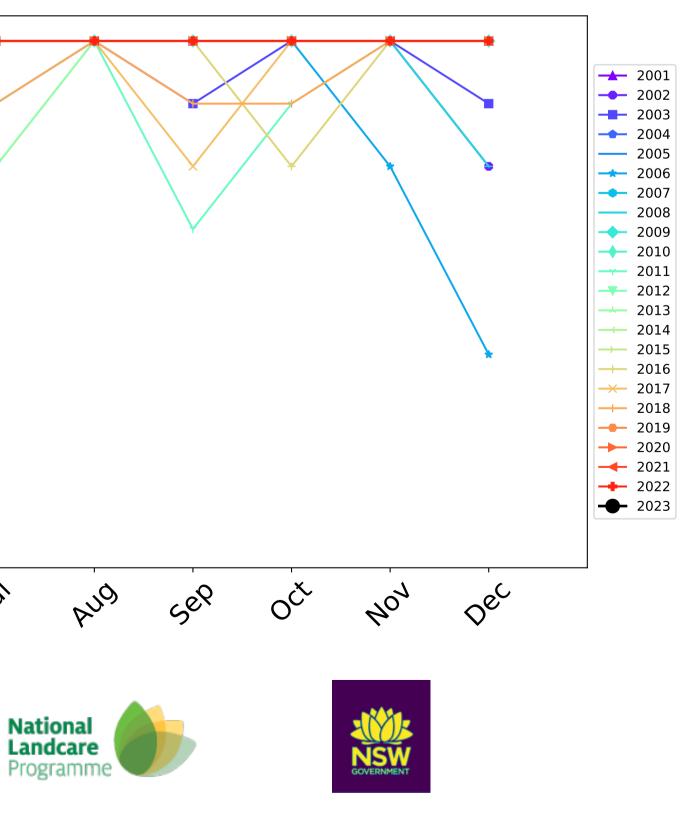


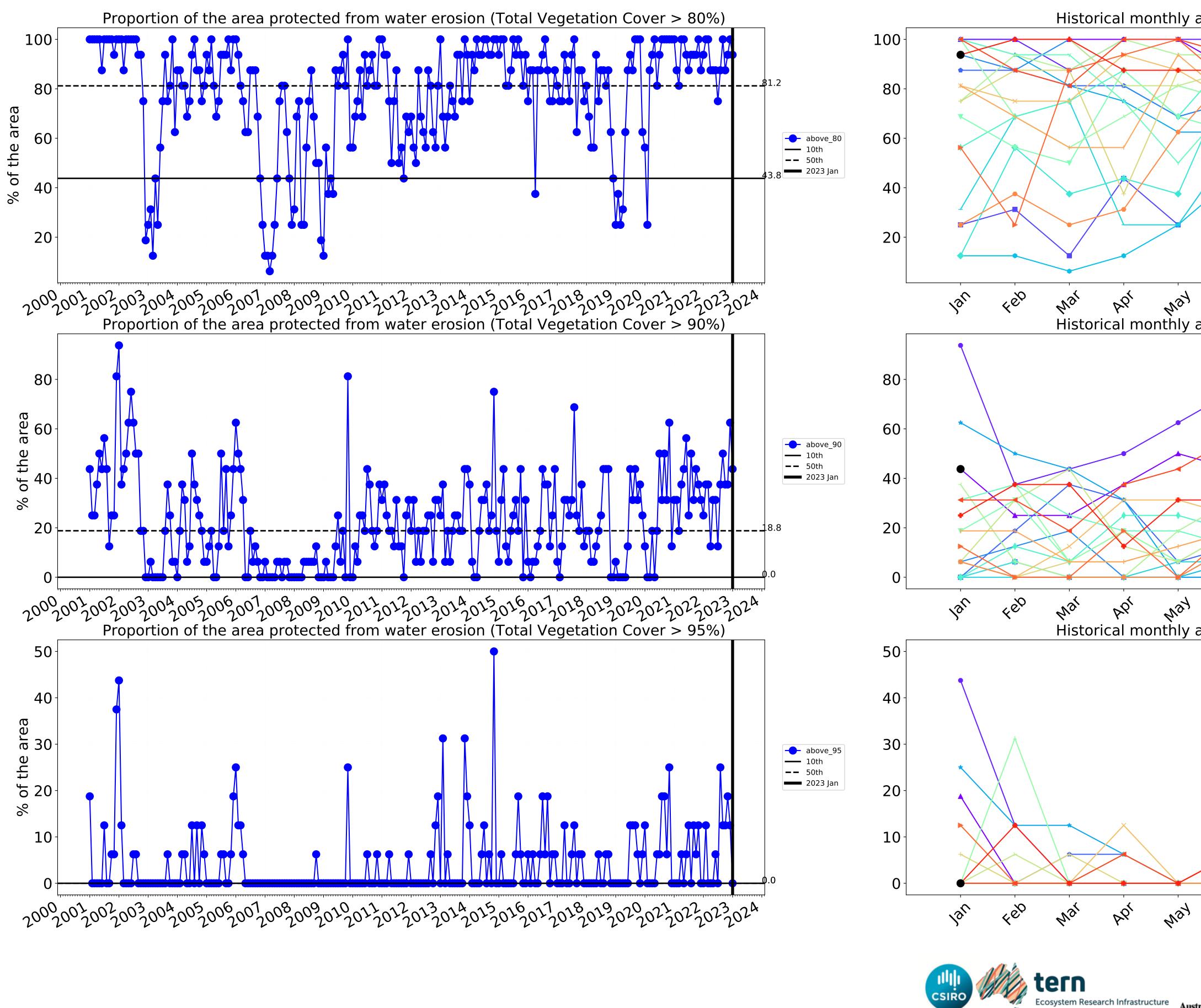
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

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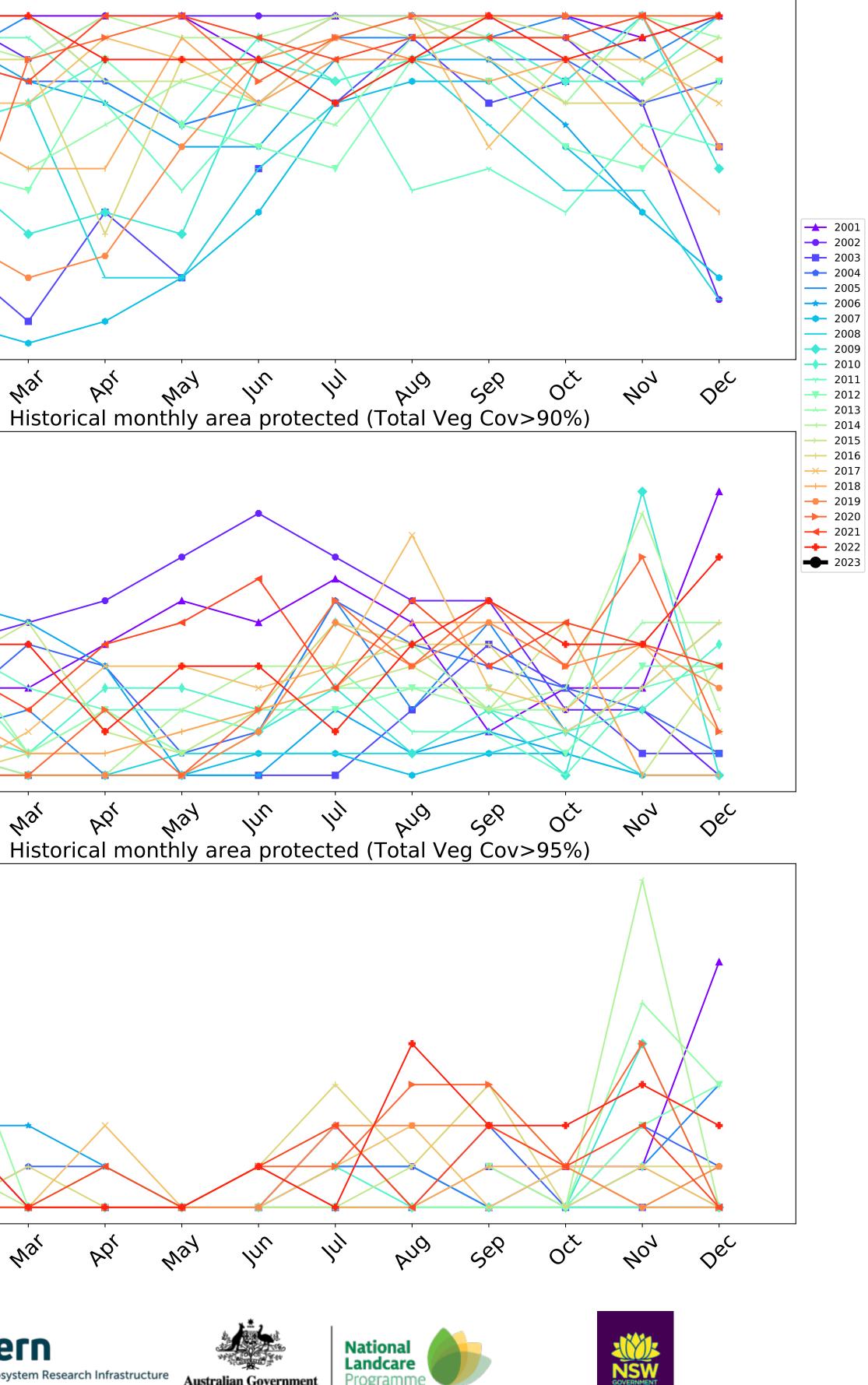
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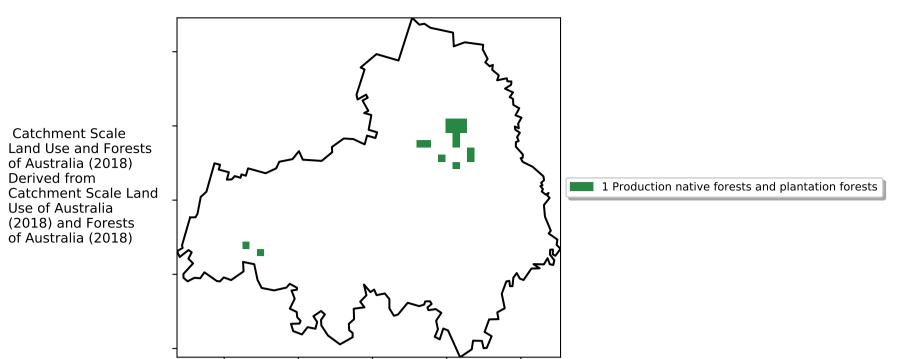
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## **Production native forests and plantation forests**



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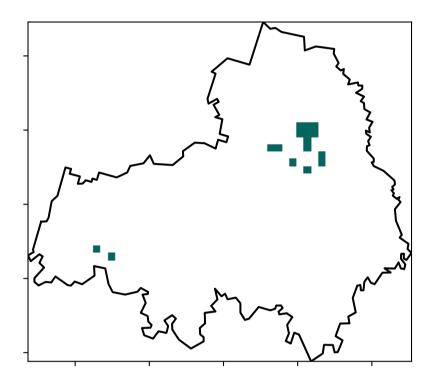
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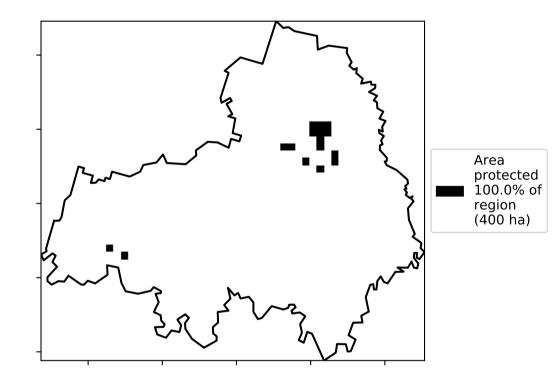
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Land use and forest cover

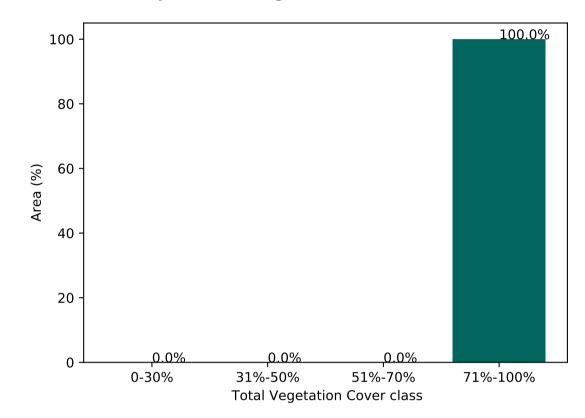
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



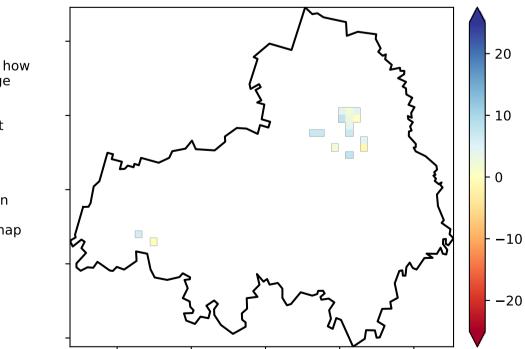




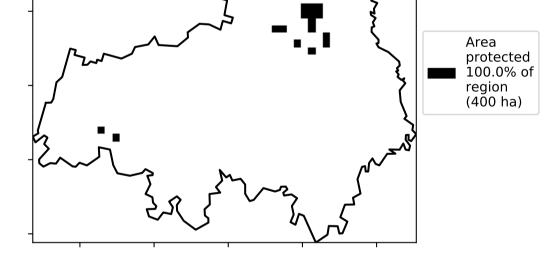
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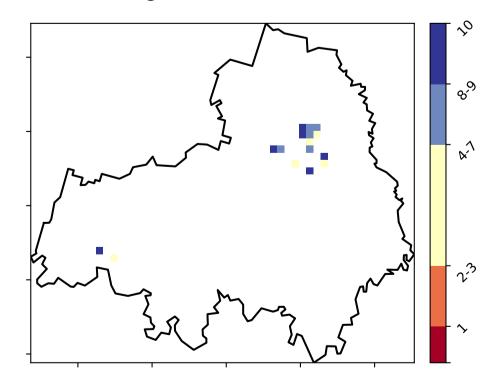
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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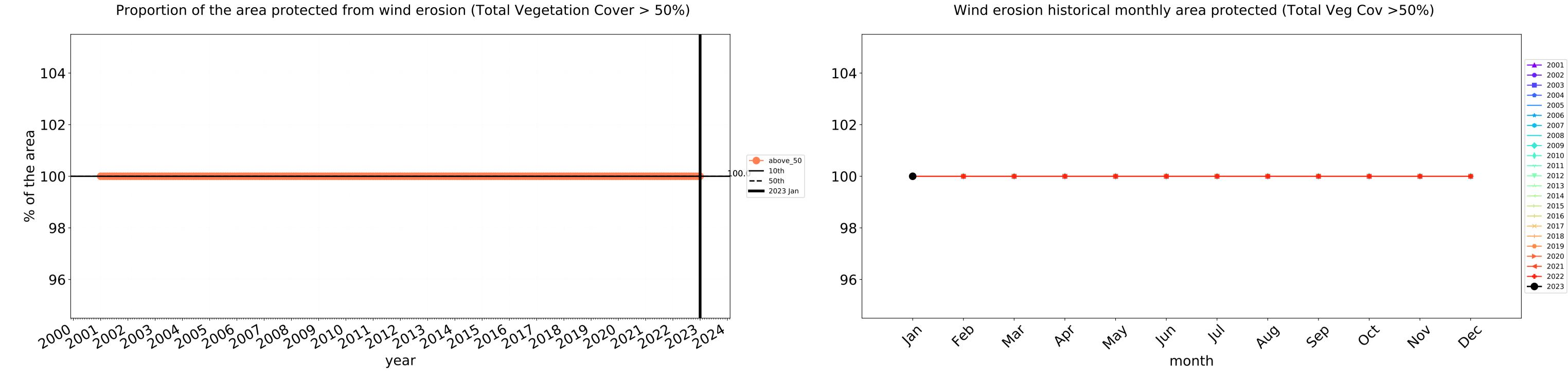


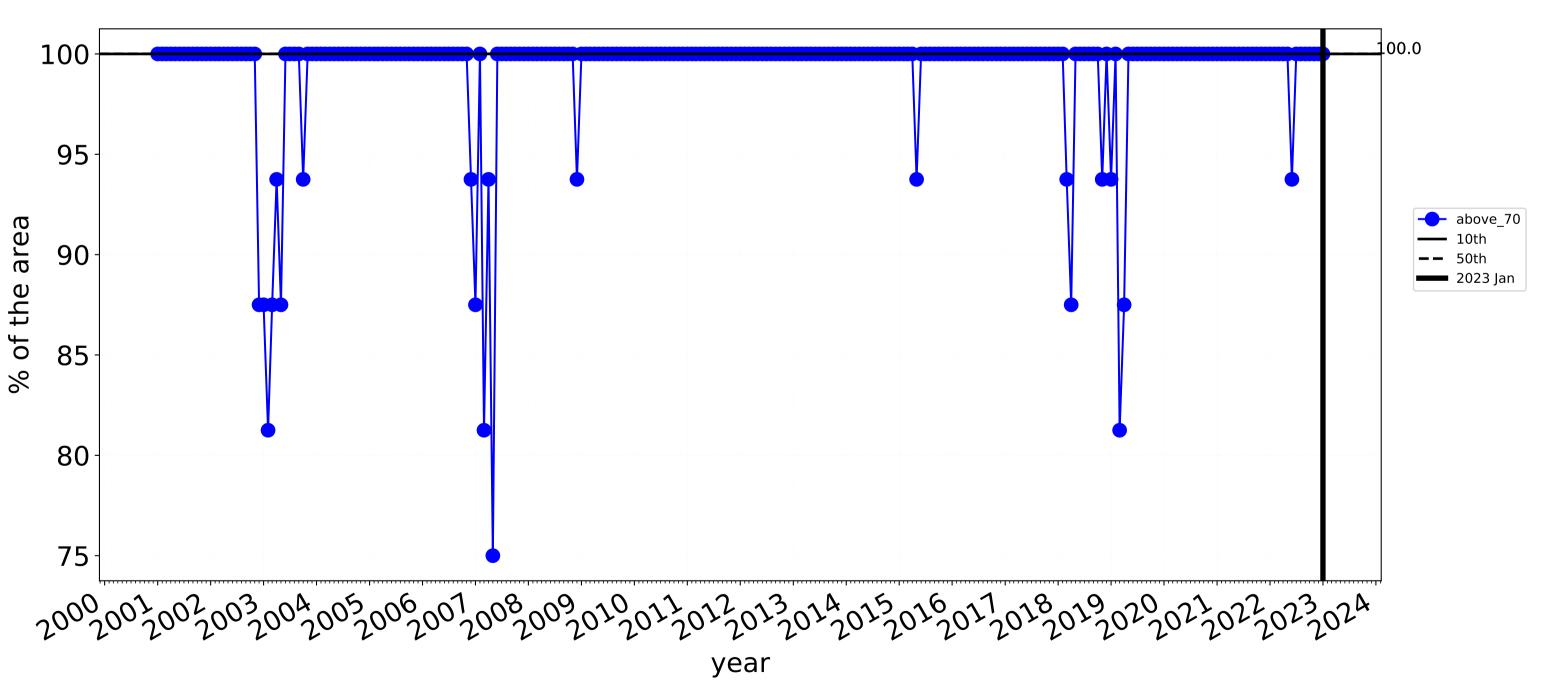


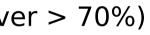
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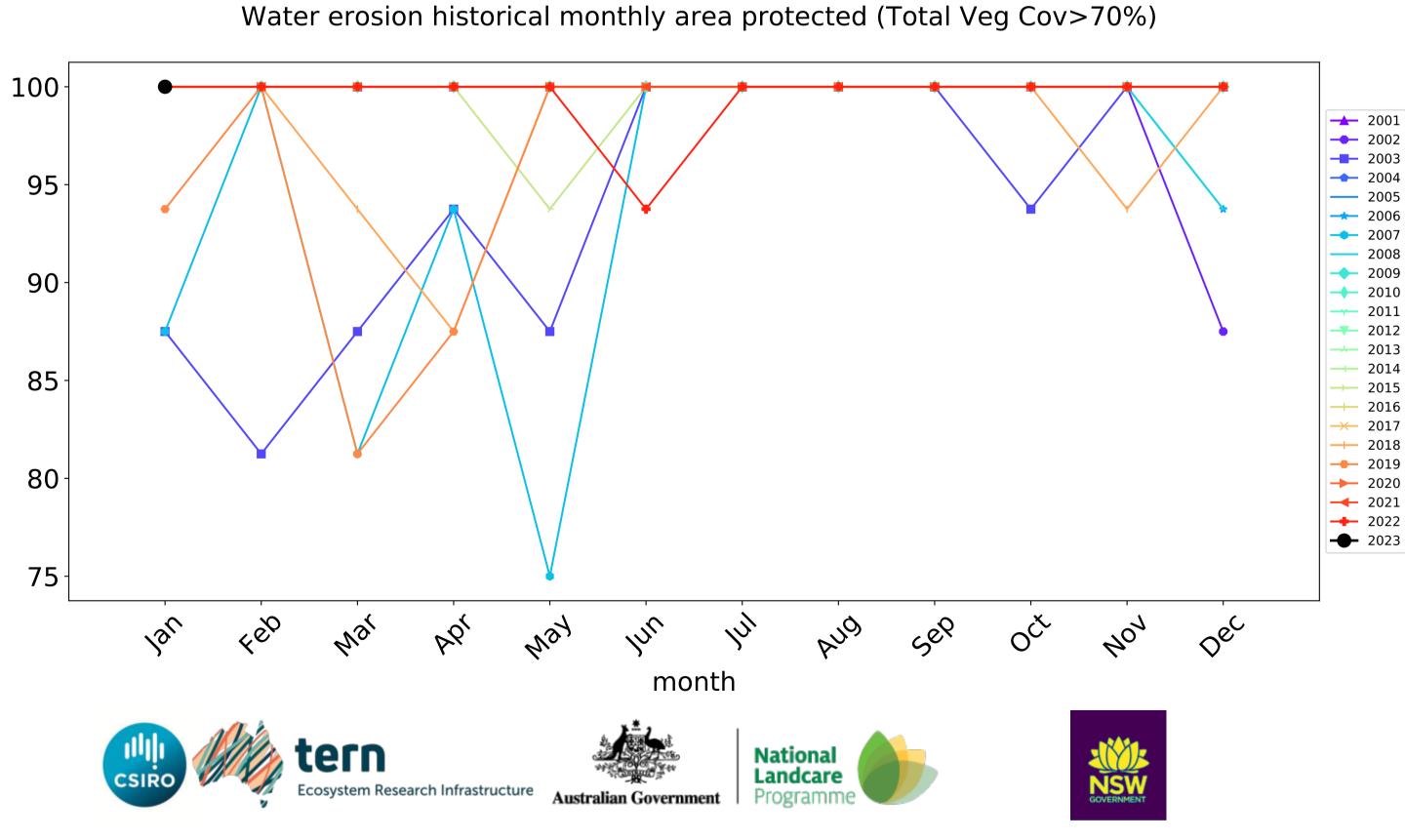


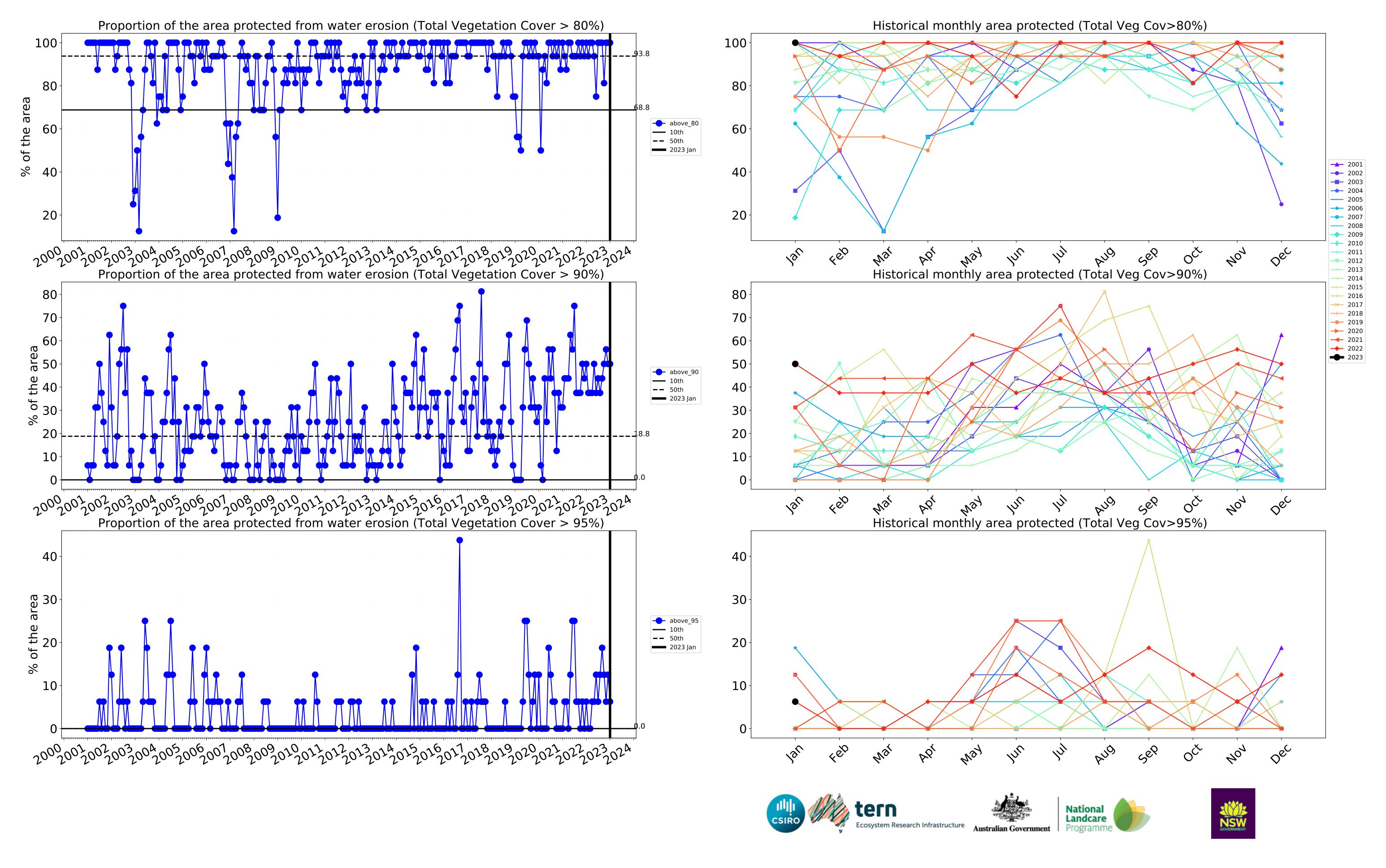
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# Albury\_(C) (29,825 ha and no data 750 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	29,825	100.0% 29,825	99.7% 29,750	91.0% 27,150	81.4% 24,275	48.4% 14,425	15.5% 4,625
Agriculture	18,550	100.0% 18,550	100.0% 18,550	99.5% 18,450	95.7% 17,750	61.9% 11,475	20.8% 3,850
Grazing	16,075	100.0% 16,075	100.0% 16,075	99.4% 15,975	95.5% 15,350	64.1% 10,300	22.4% 3,600
Grazing non forest	13,175	100.0% 13,175	100.0% 13,175	99.2% 13,075	95.3% 12,550	60.2% 7,925	20.5% 2,700
Grazing Woodland forest	550	100.0% 550	100.0% 550	100.0% 550	81.8% 450	50.0% 275	9.1% 50
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	89.4% 2,100	36.2% 850
Cropping	2,075	100.0% 2,075	100.0% 2,075	100.0% 2,075	97.6% 2,025	48.2% 1,000	12.0% 250
Irrigation	400	100.0% 400	$\begin{array}{c} 100.0\%\\ 400\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 100.0\%\\ 400\end{array}$	93.8% 375	43.8% 175	0.0% 0
Production native forests and plantation forests	400	100.0% 400	100.0% 400	100.0% 400	100.0% 400	50.0% 200	6.2% 25

