

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Ballina_(A) NSW

Date: December 2024

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 cover class that 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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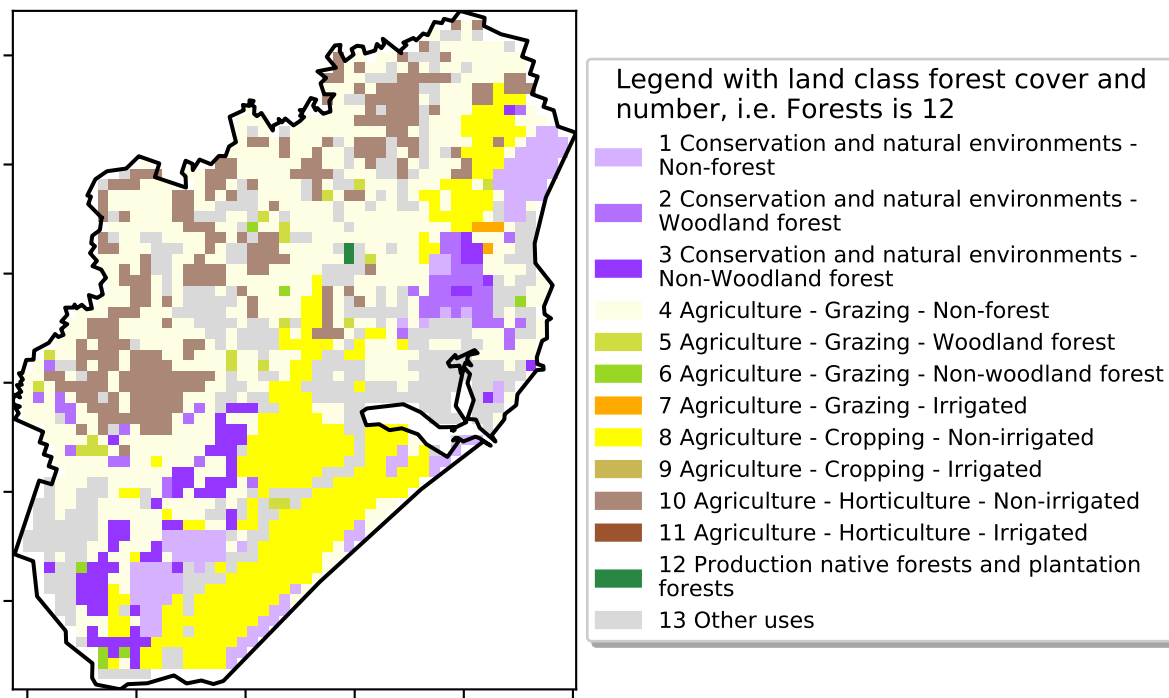


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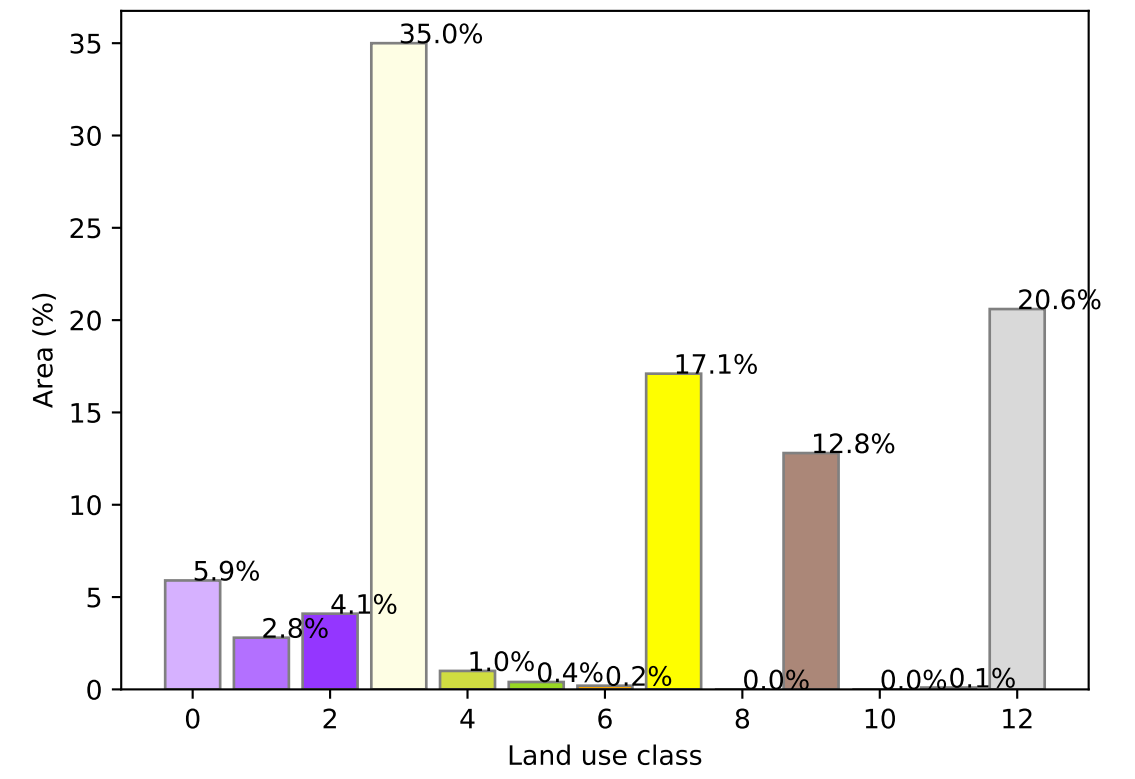
Vegetation Cover Dec 2024

Land use and forest cover

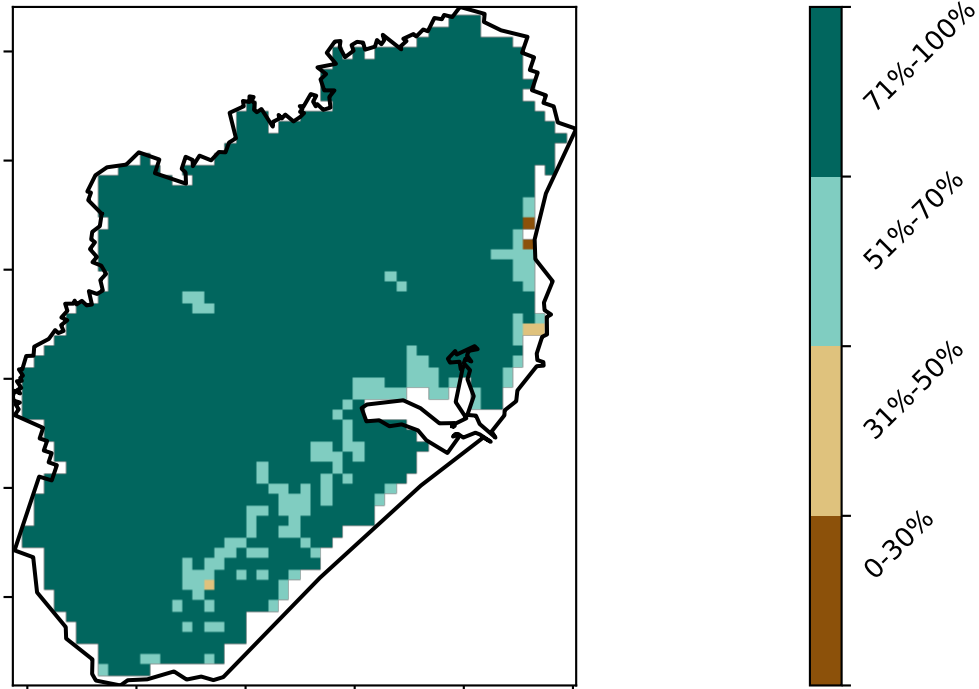


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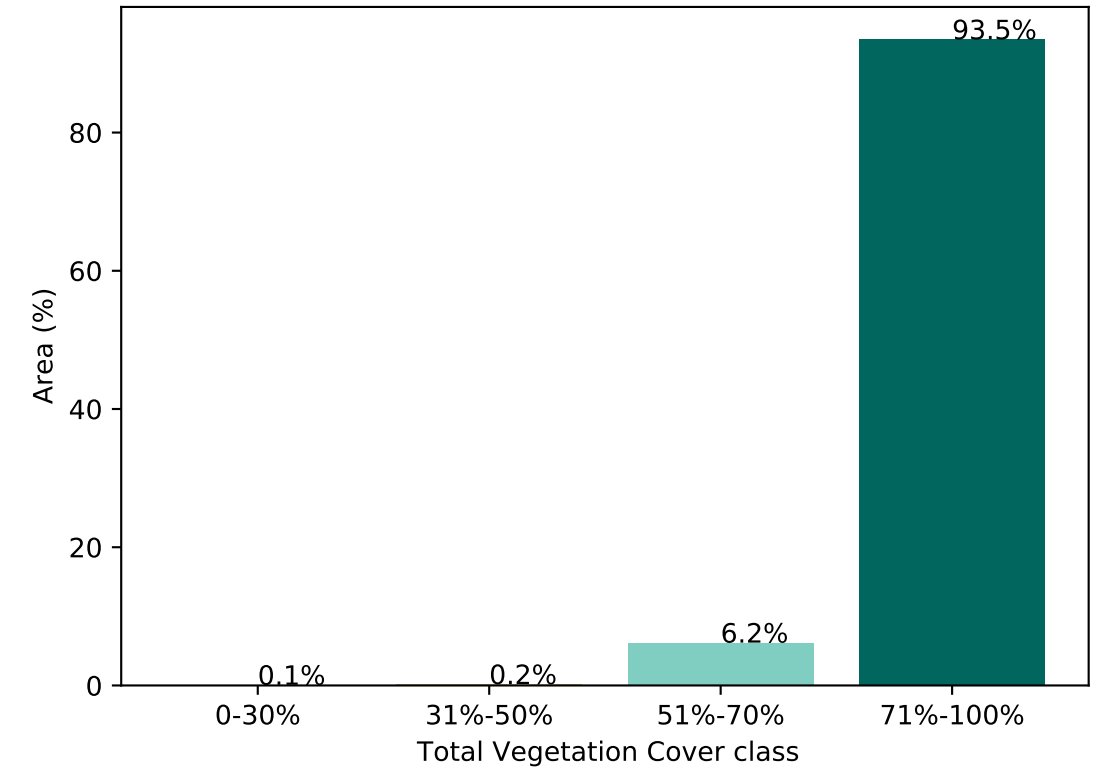
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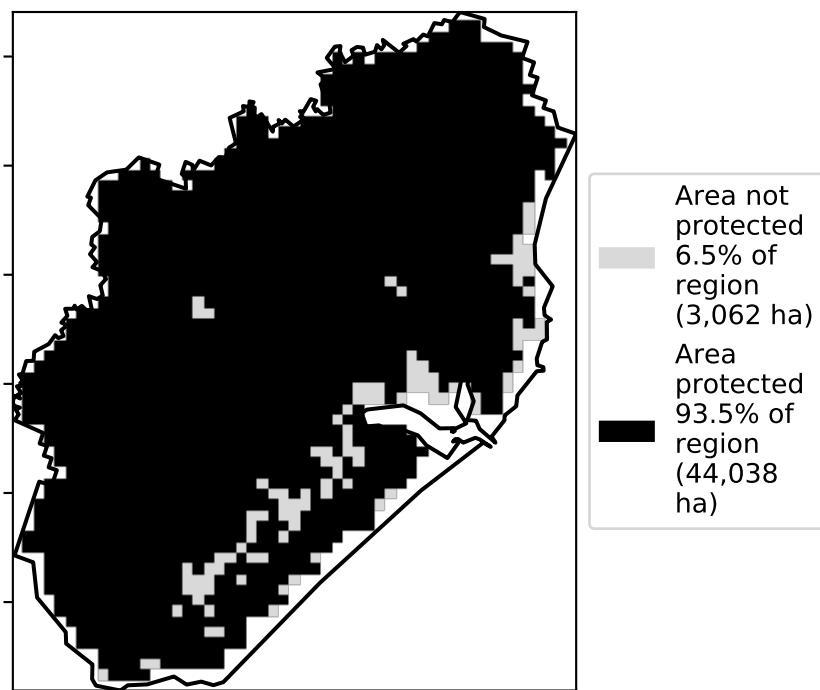
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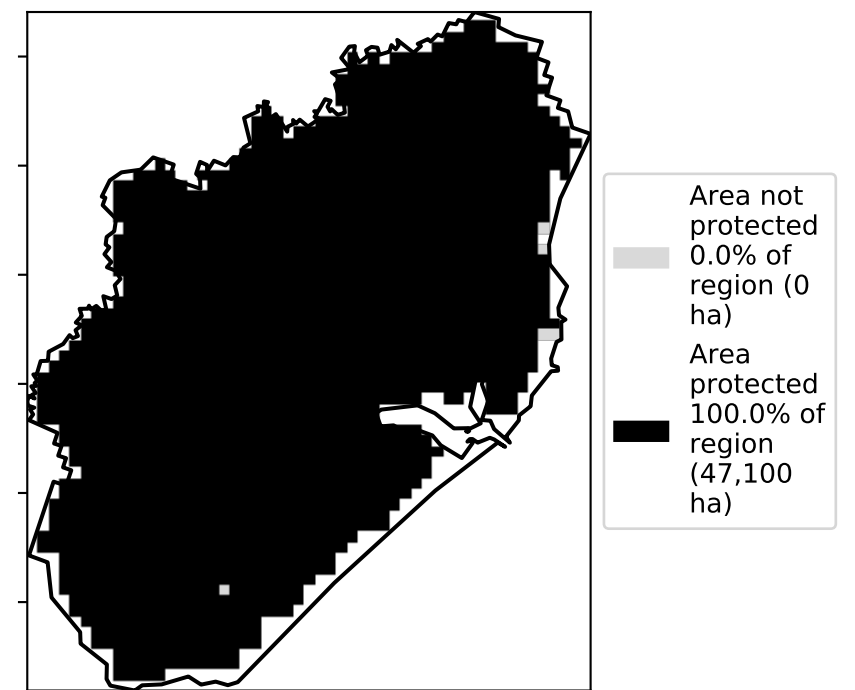
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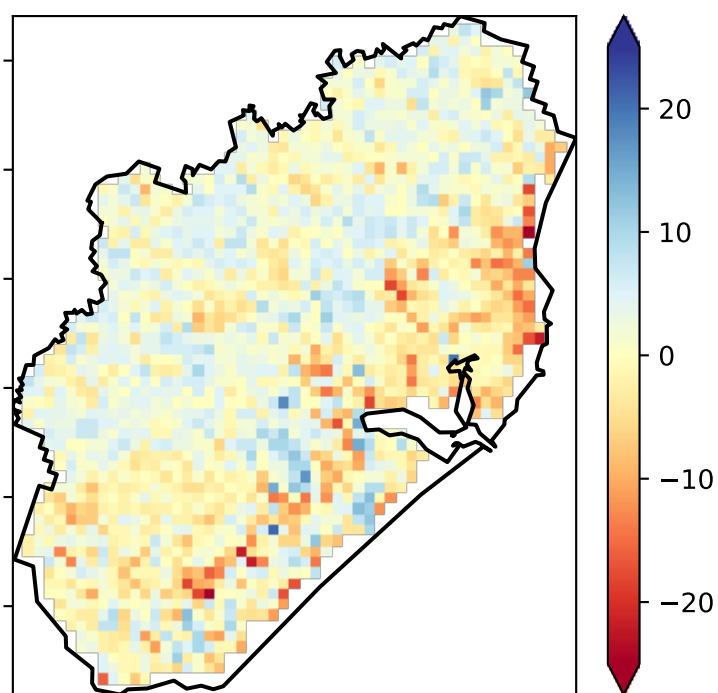
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



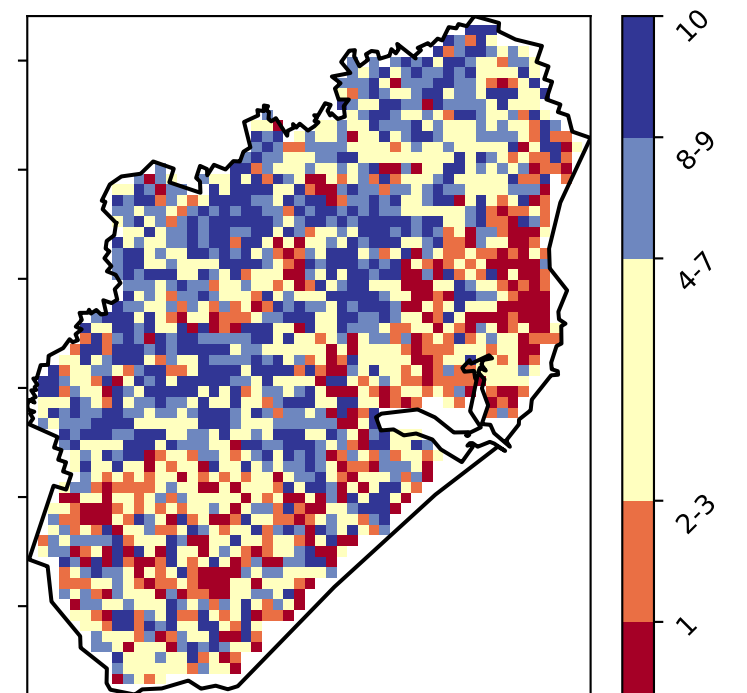
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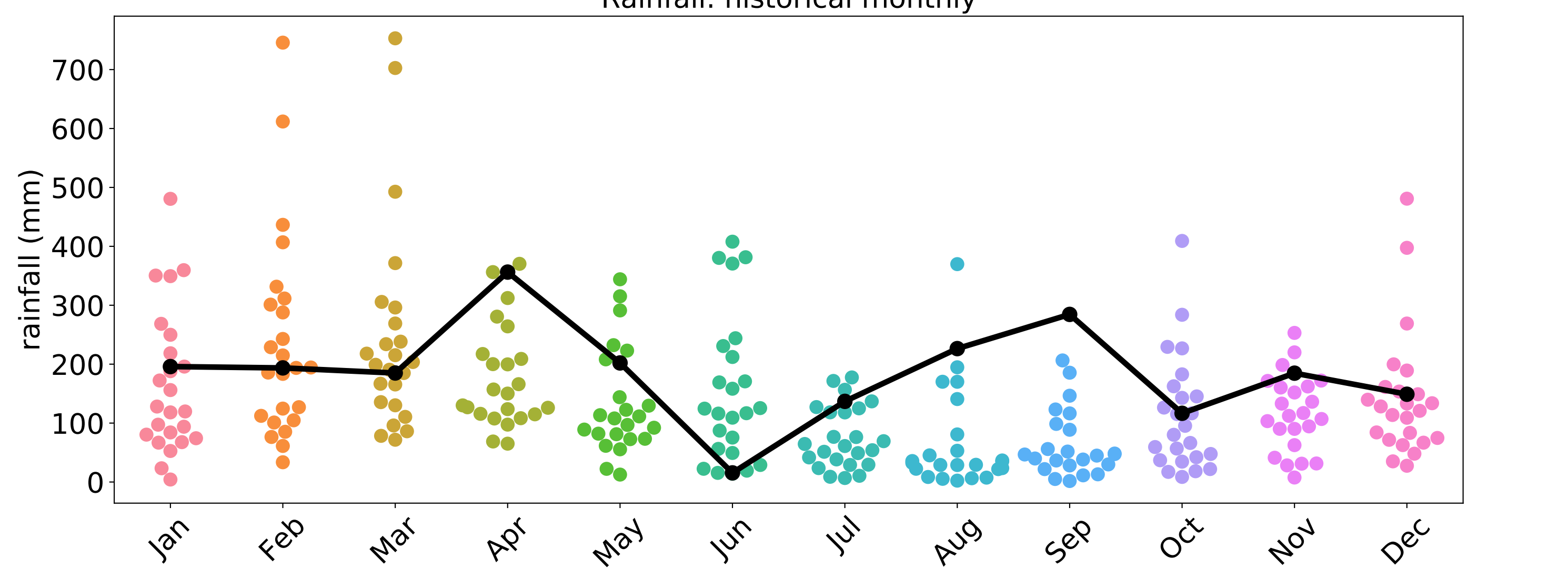
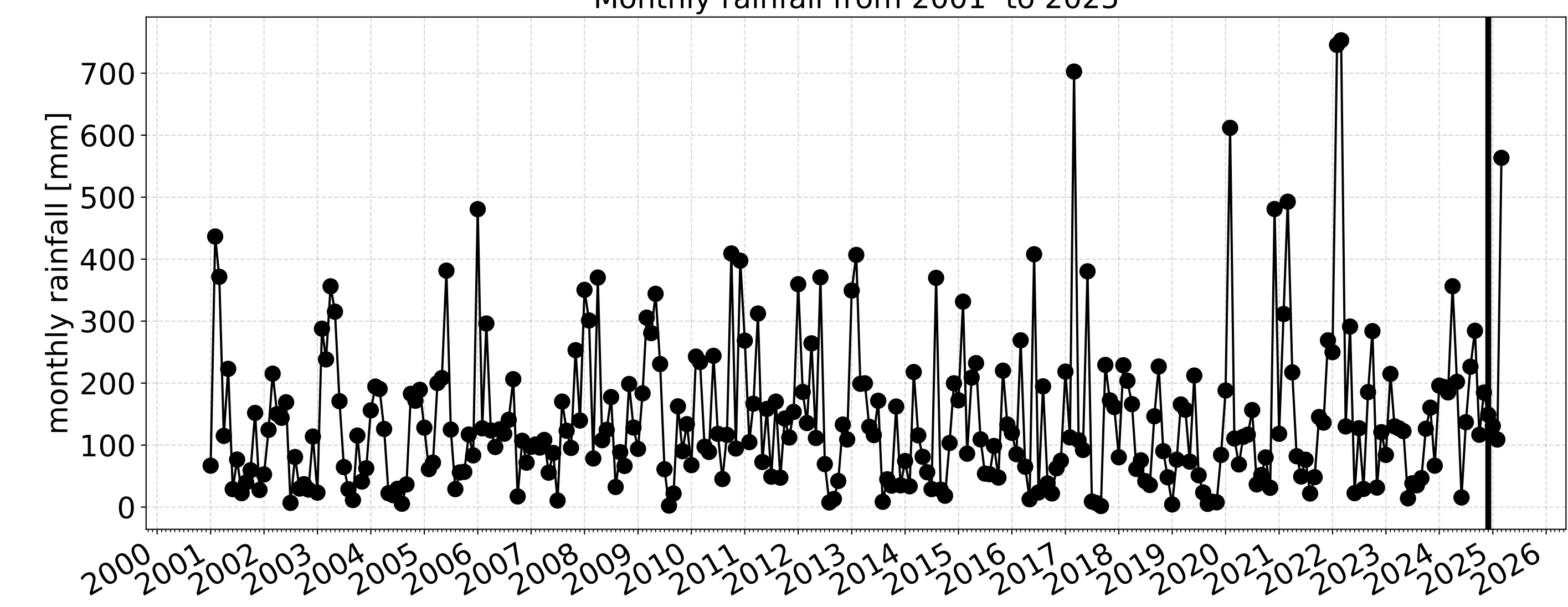
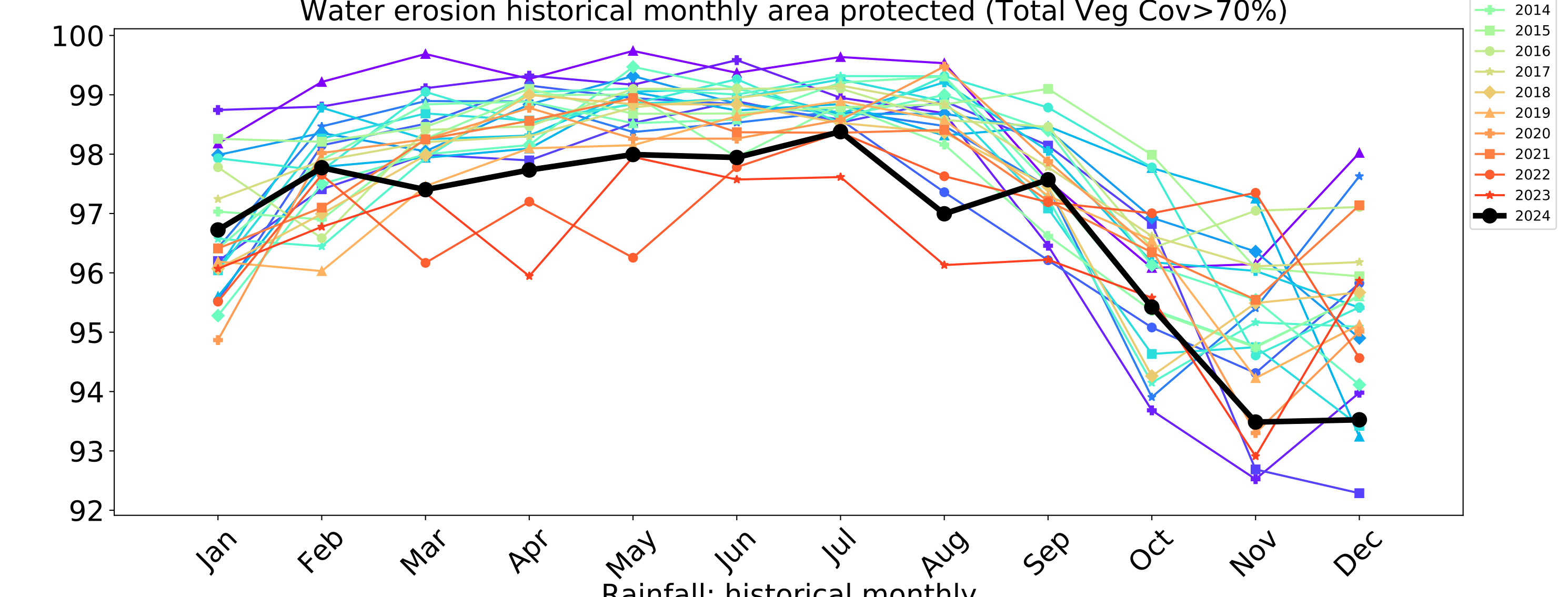
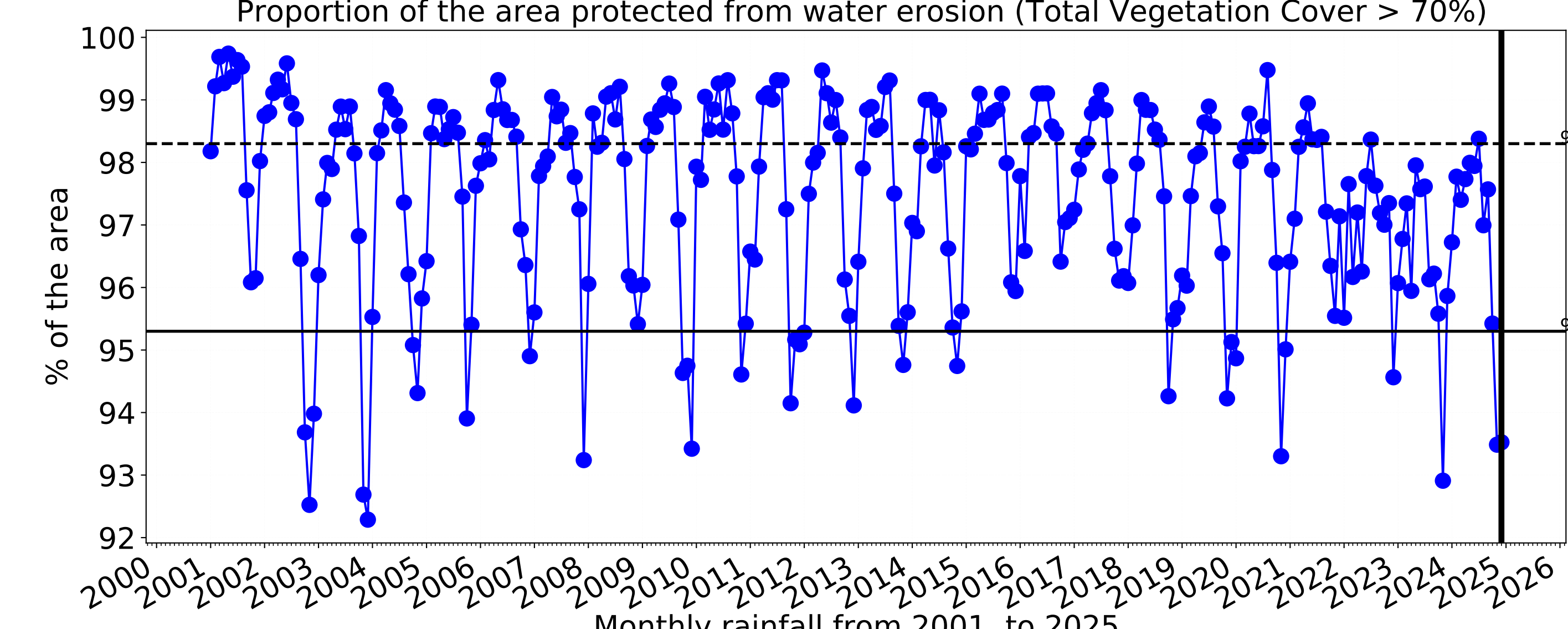
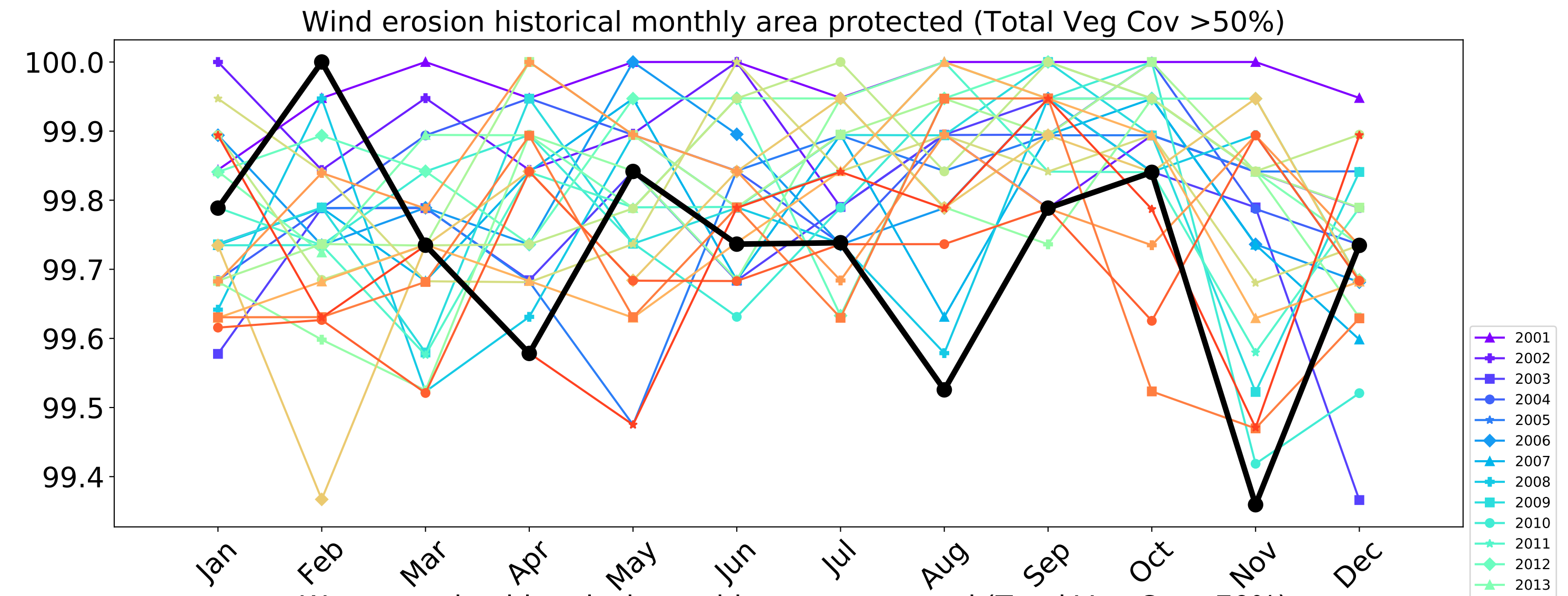
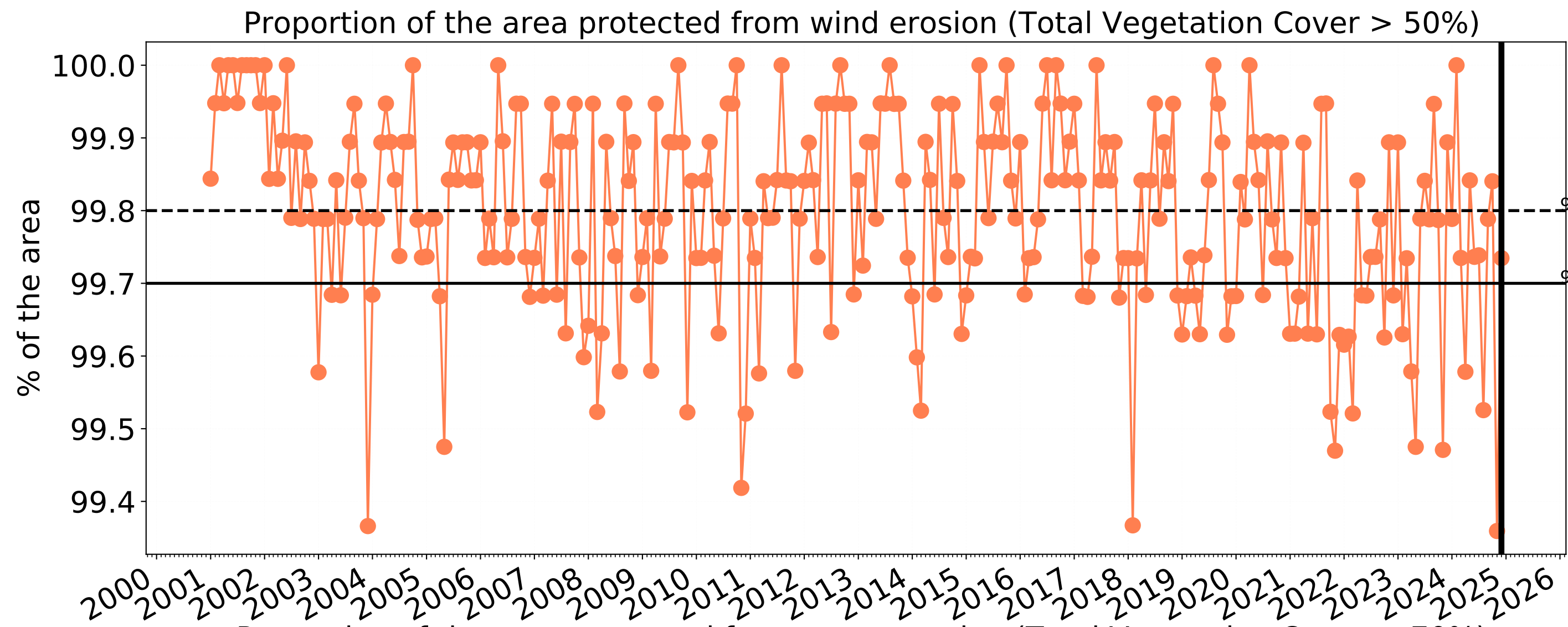


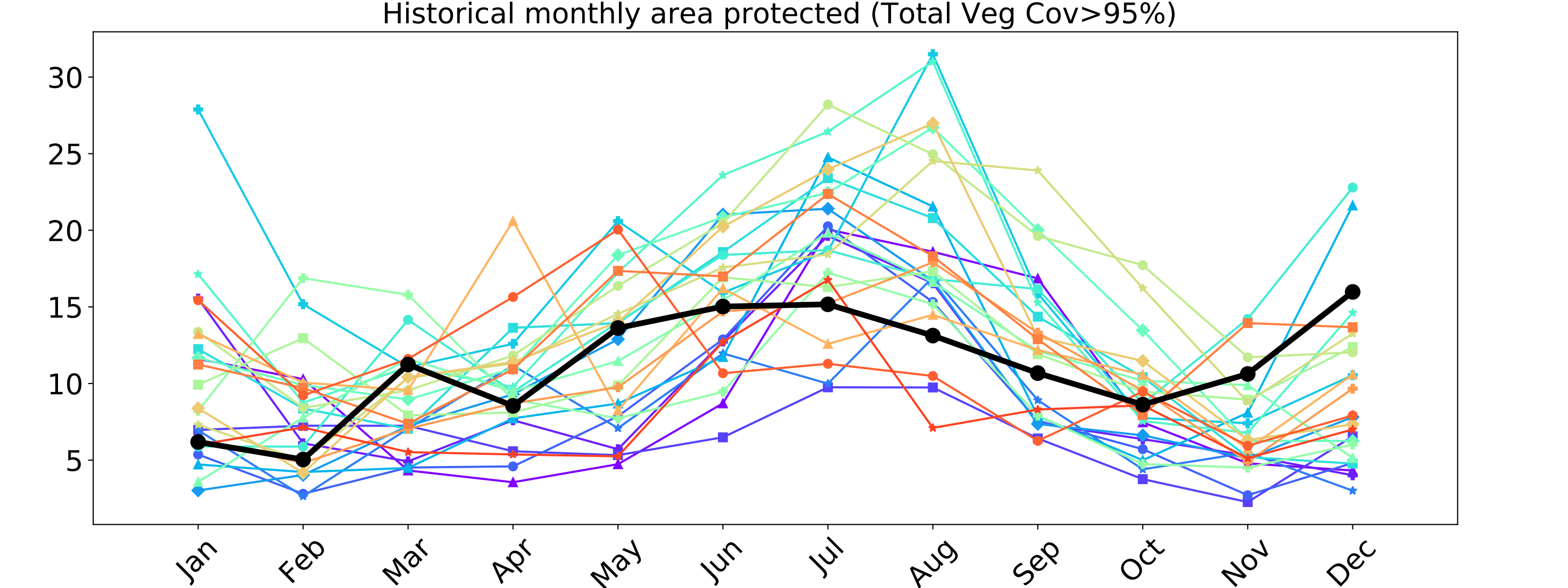
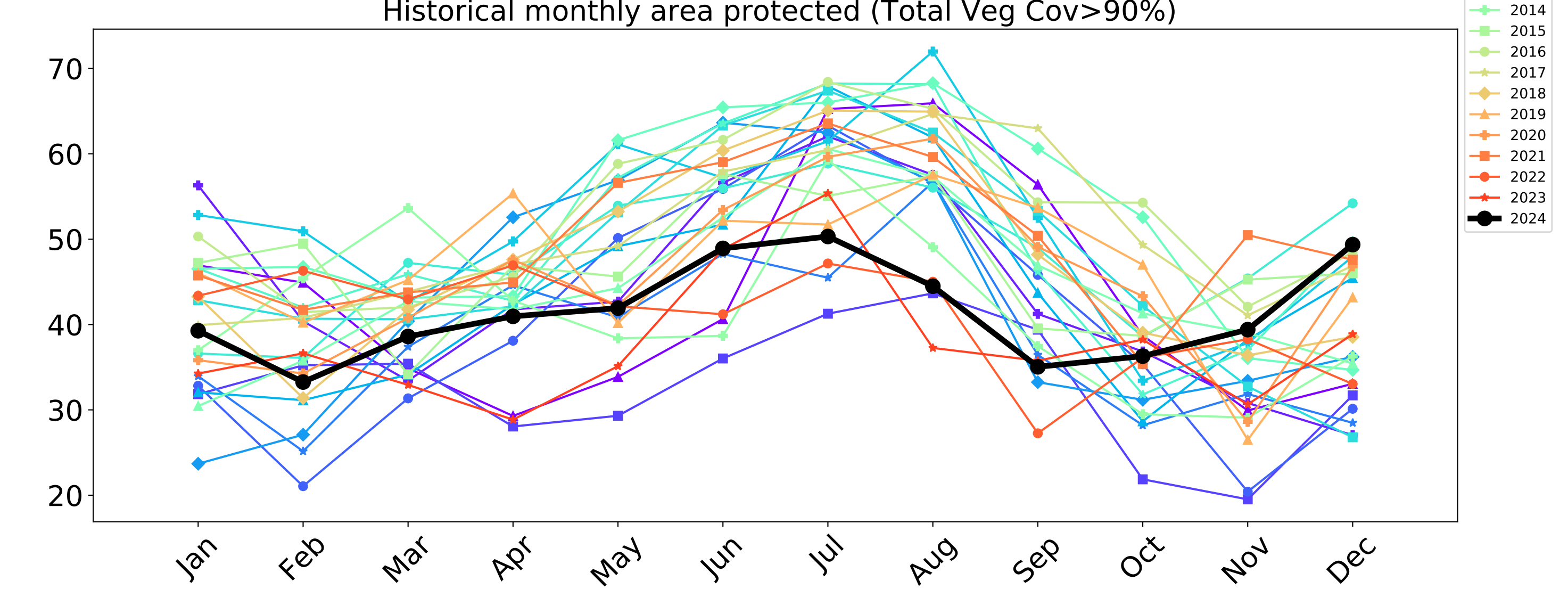
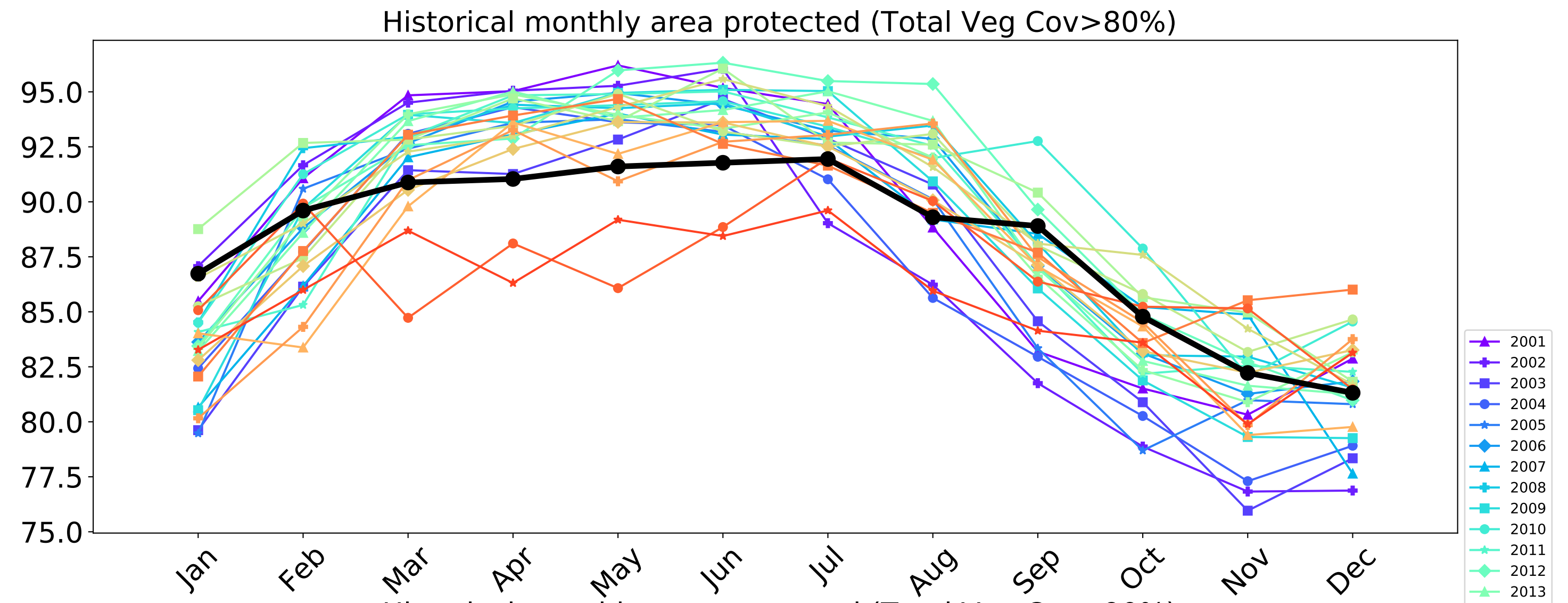
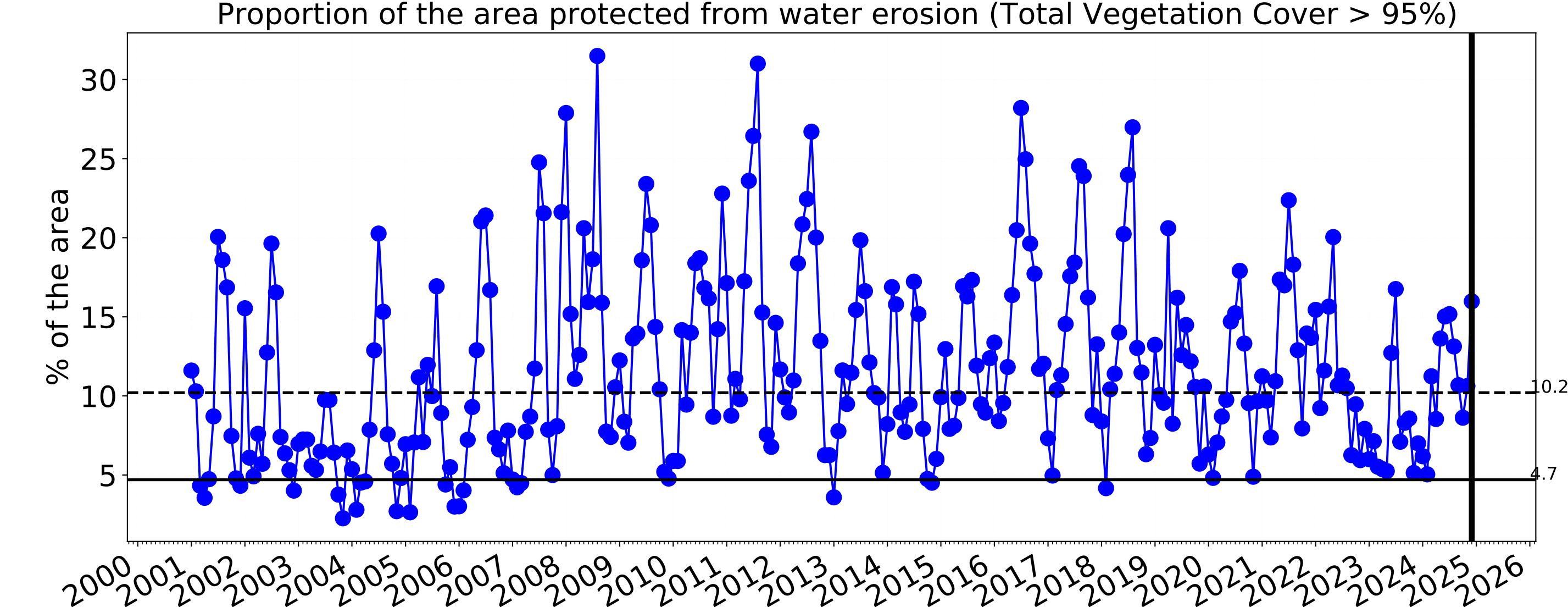
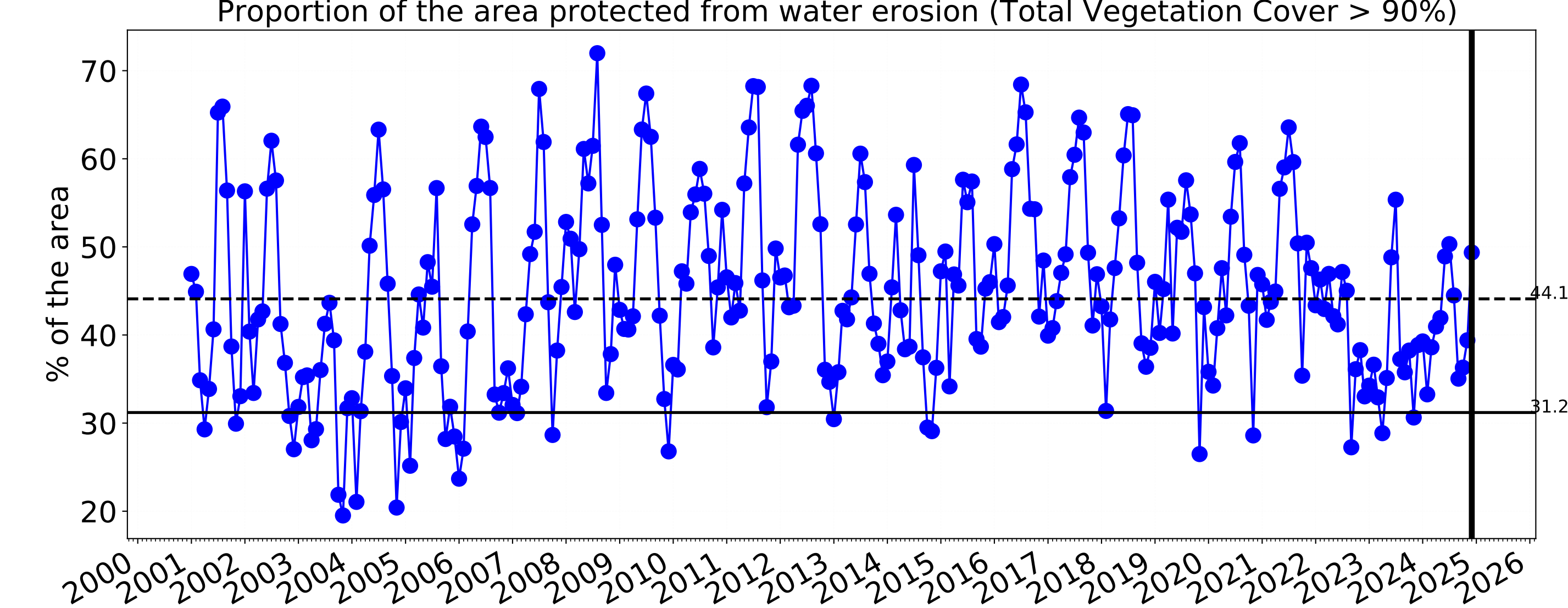
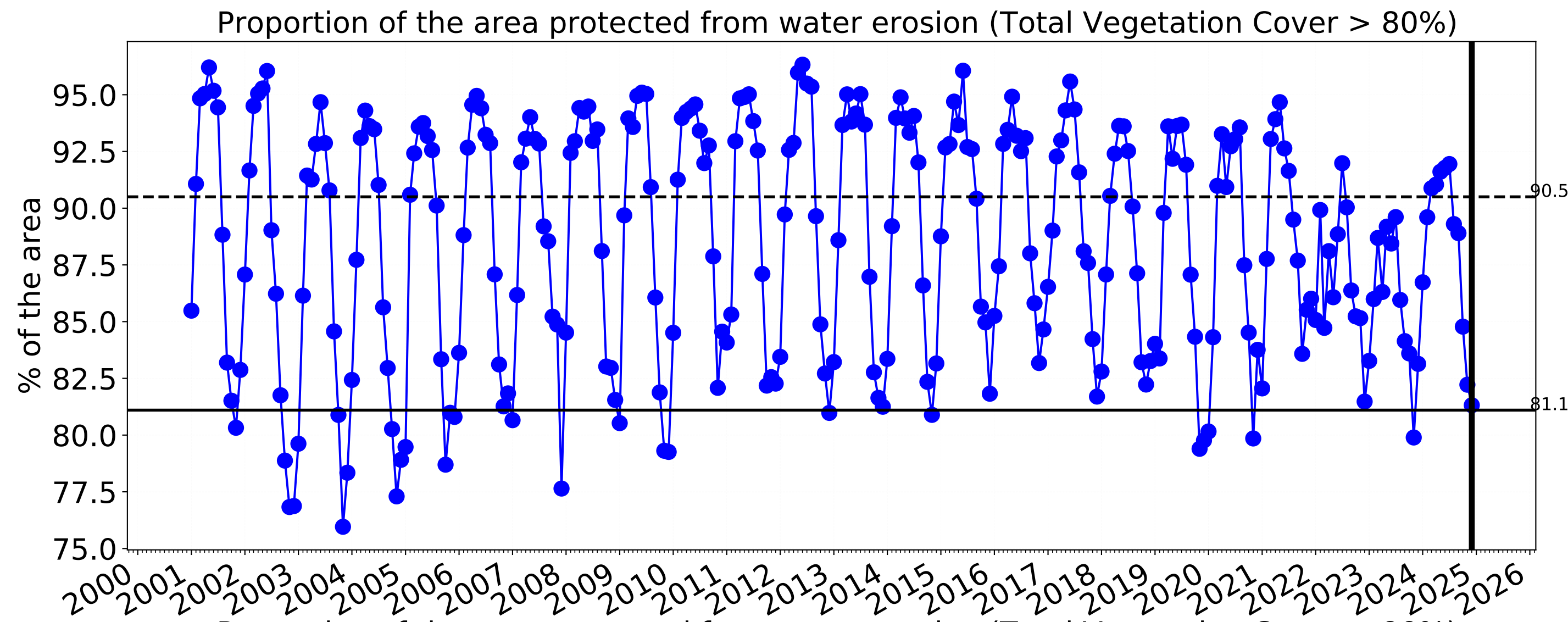
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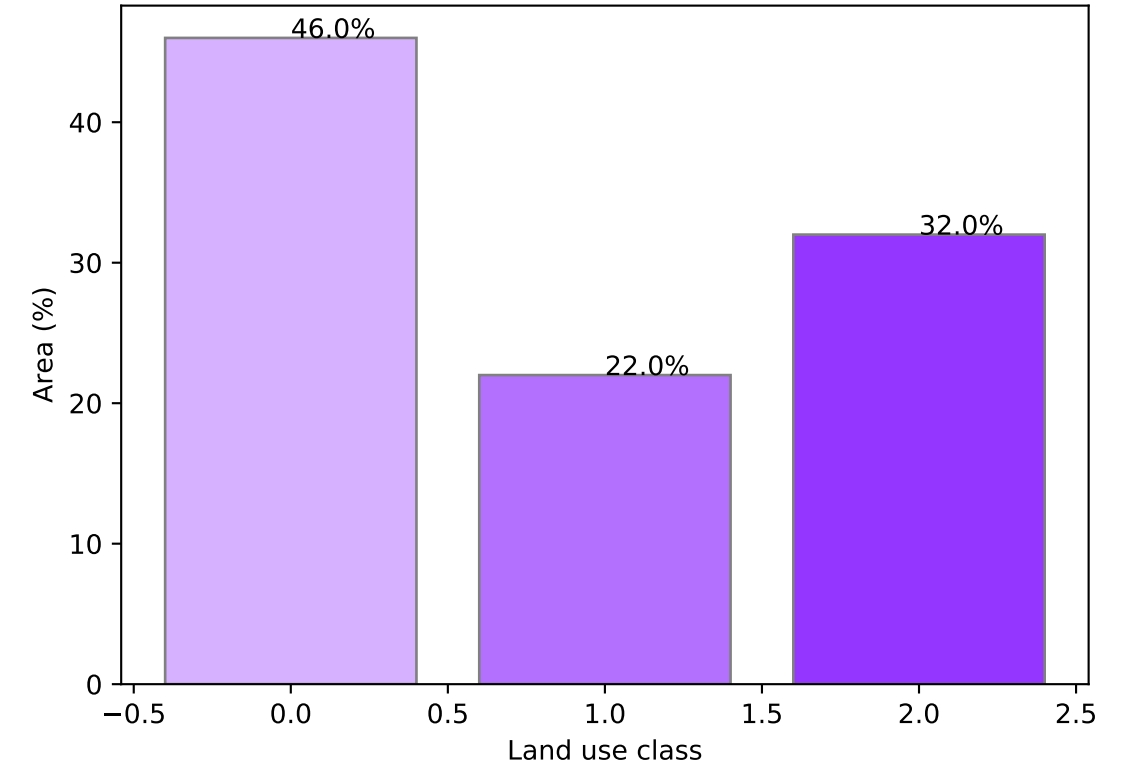


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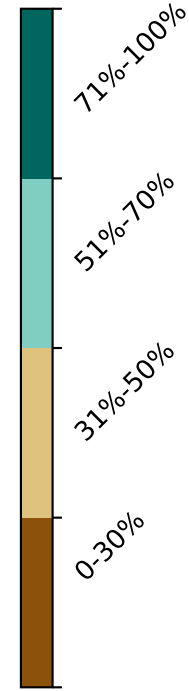
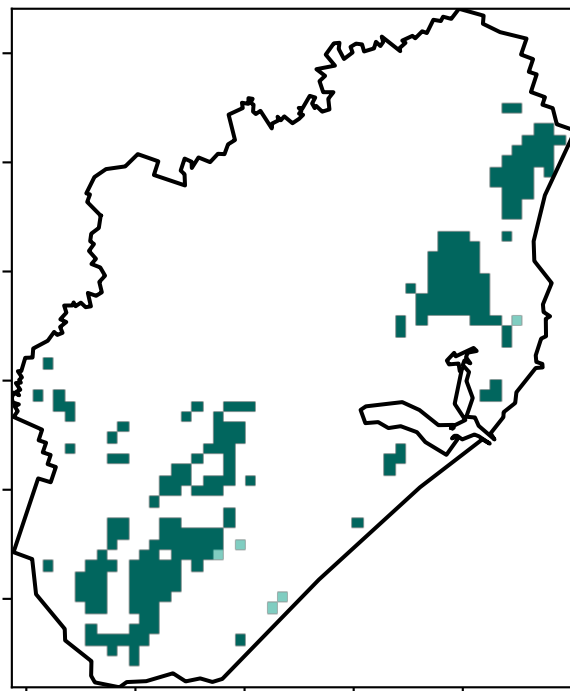
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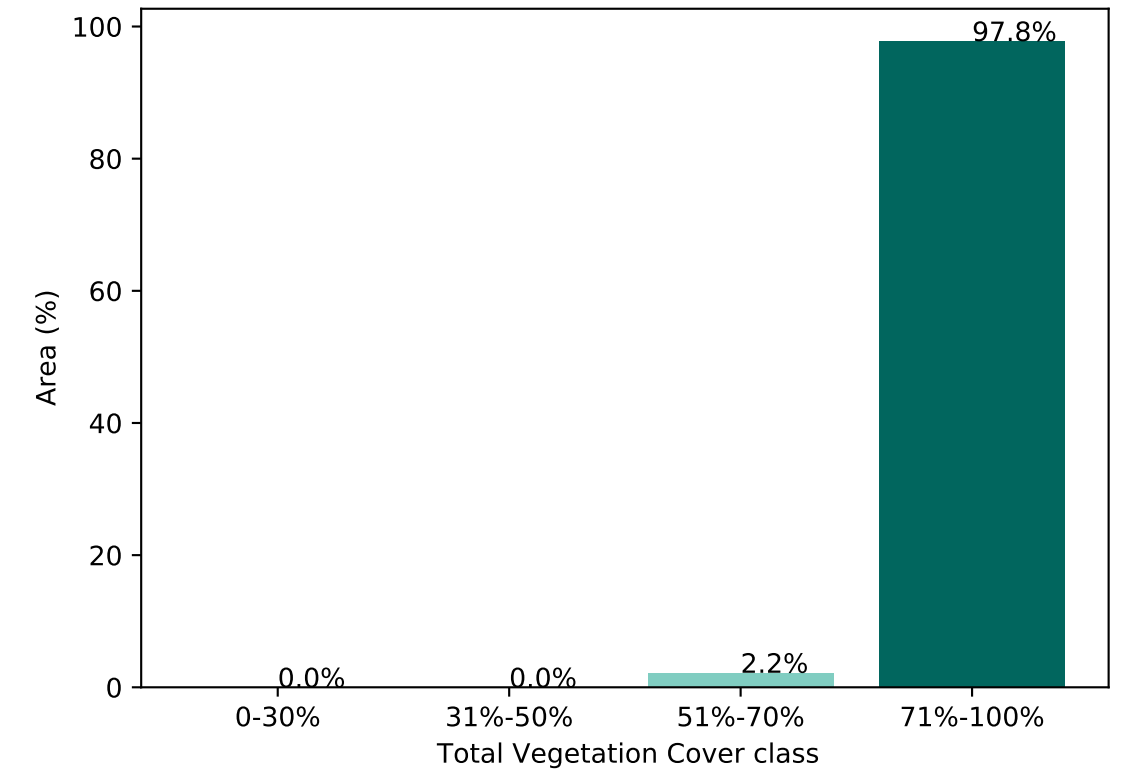
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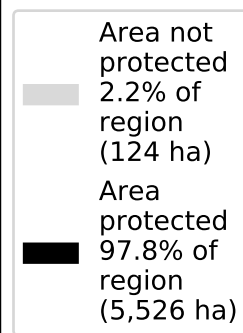
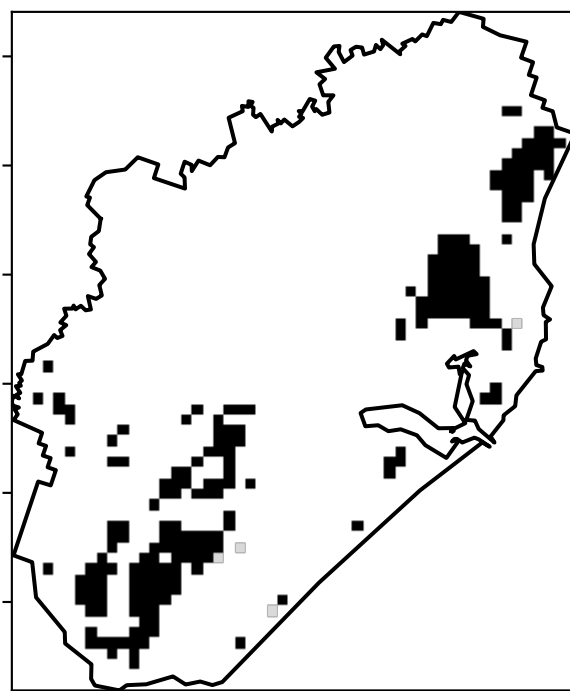
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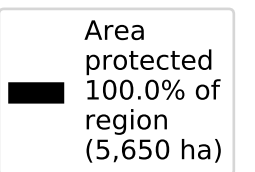
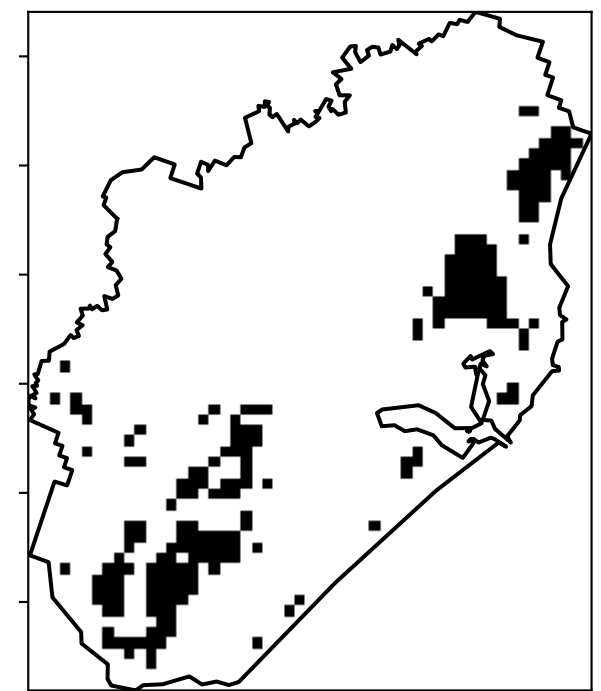
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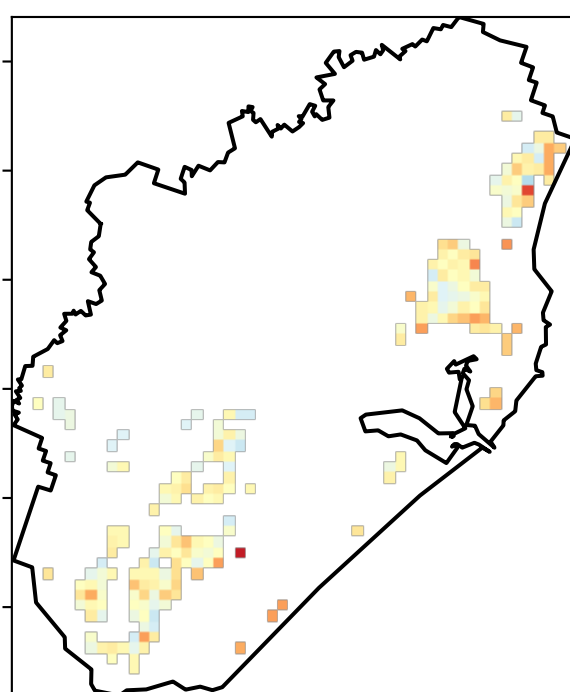
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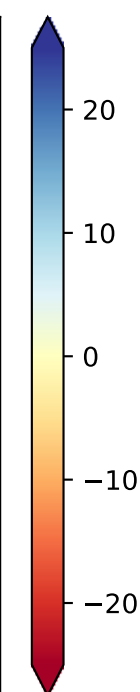
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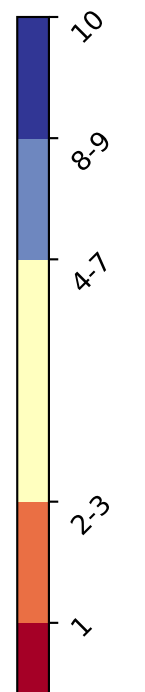
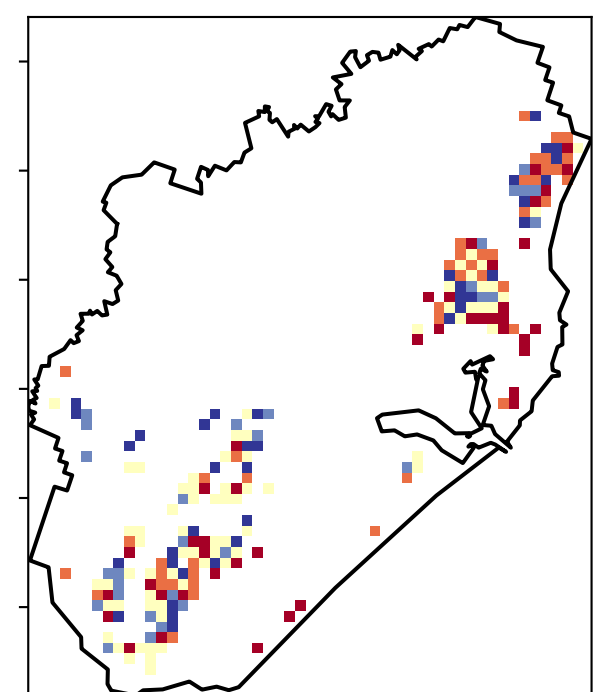


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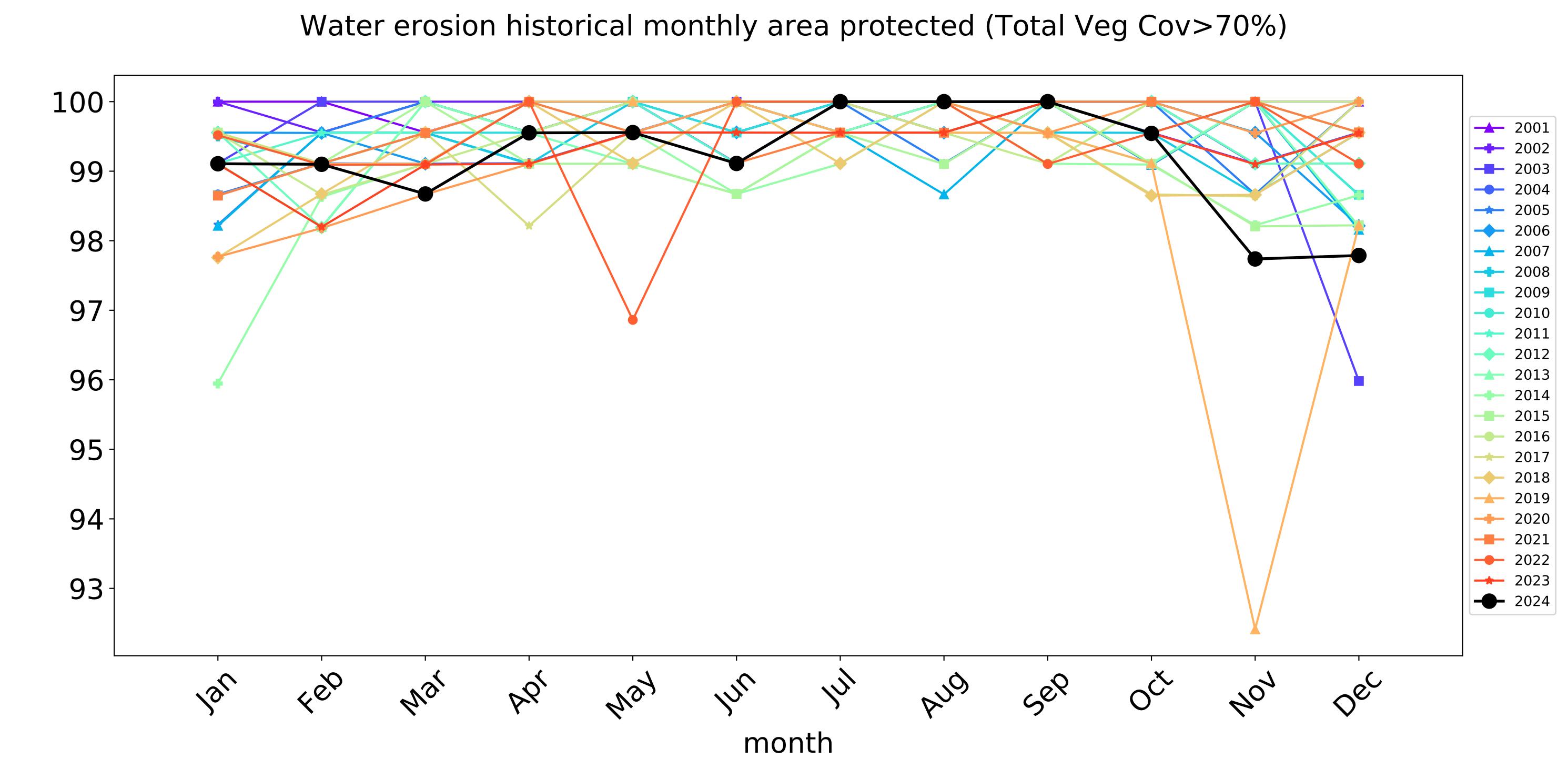
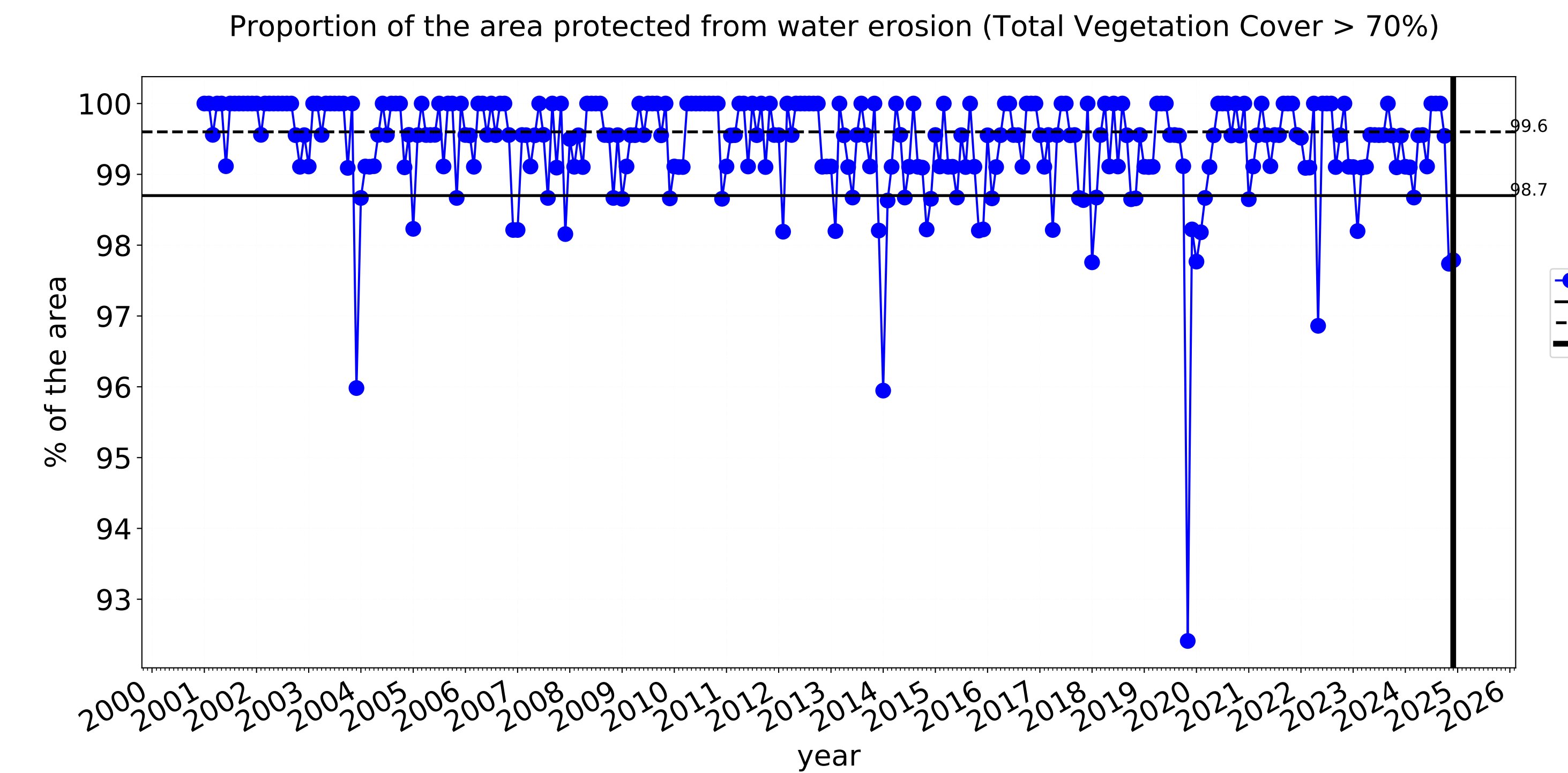
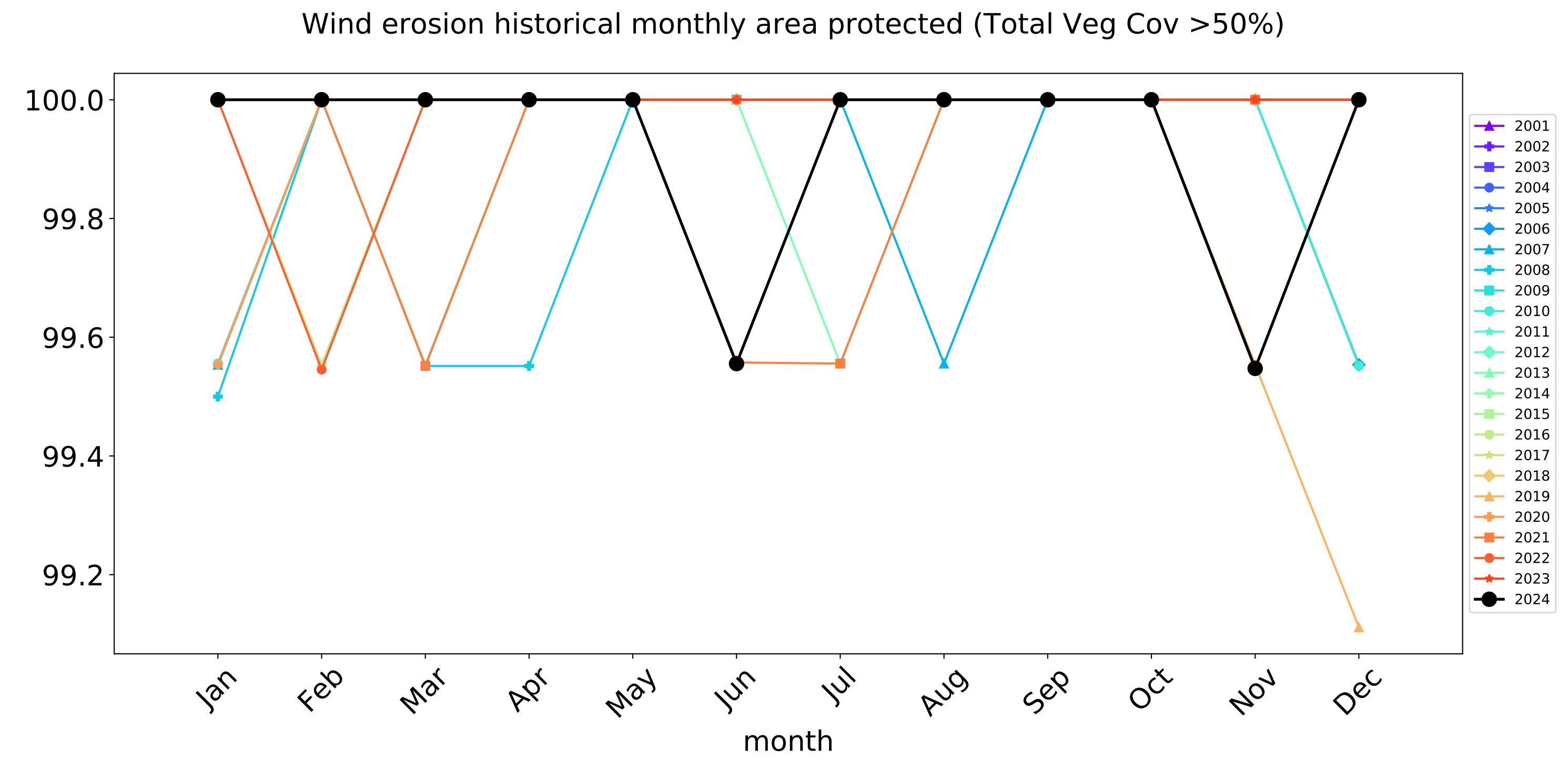
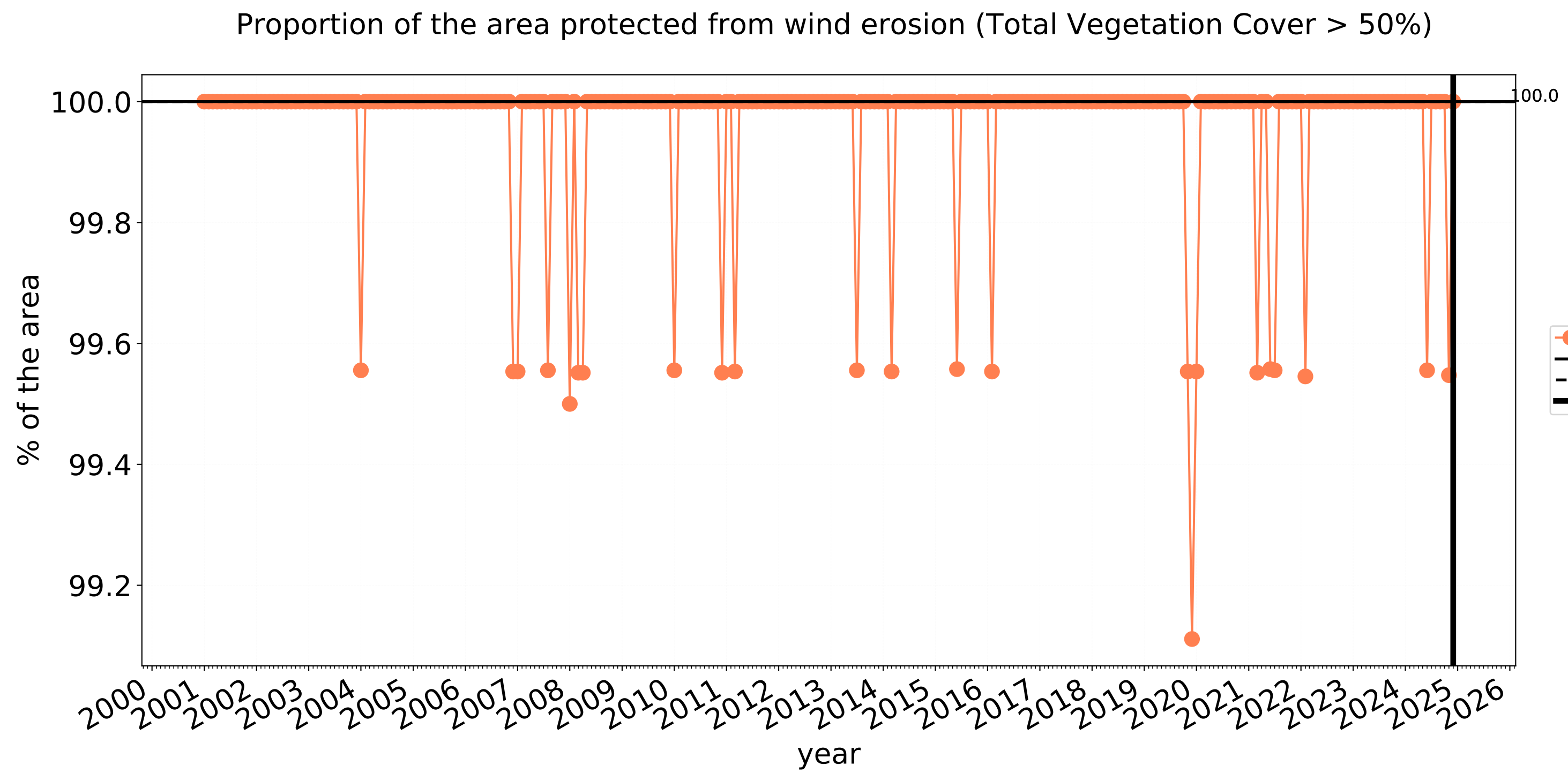


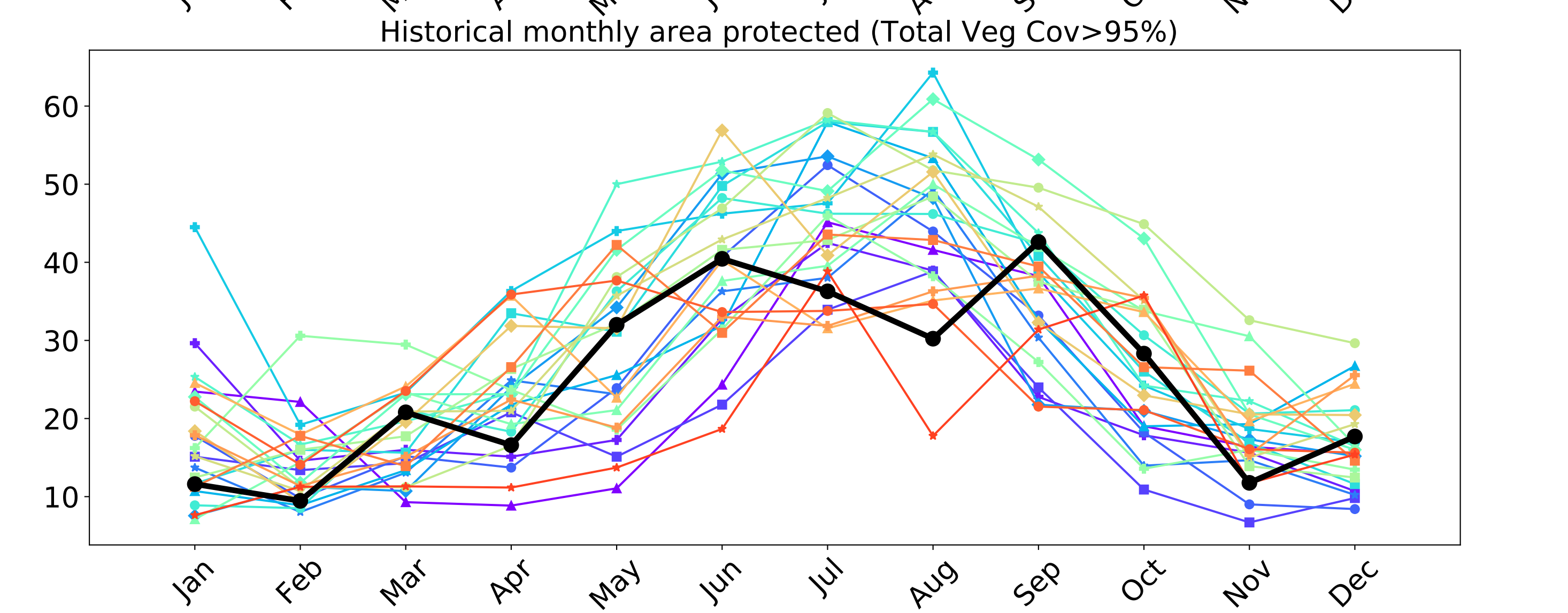
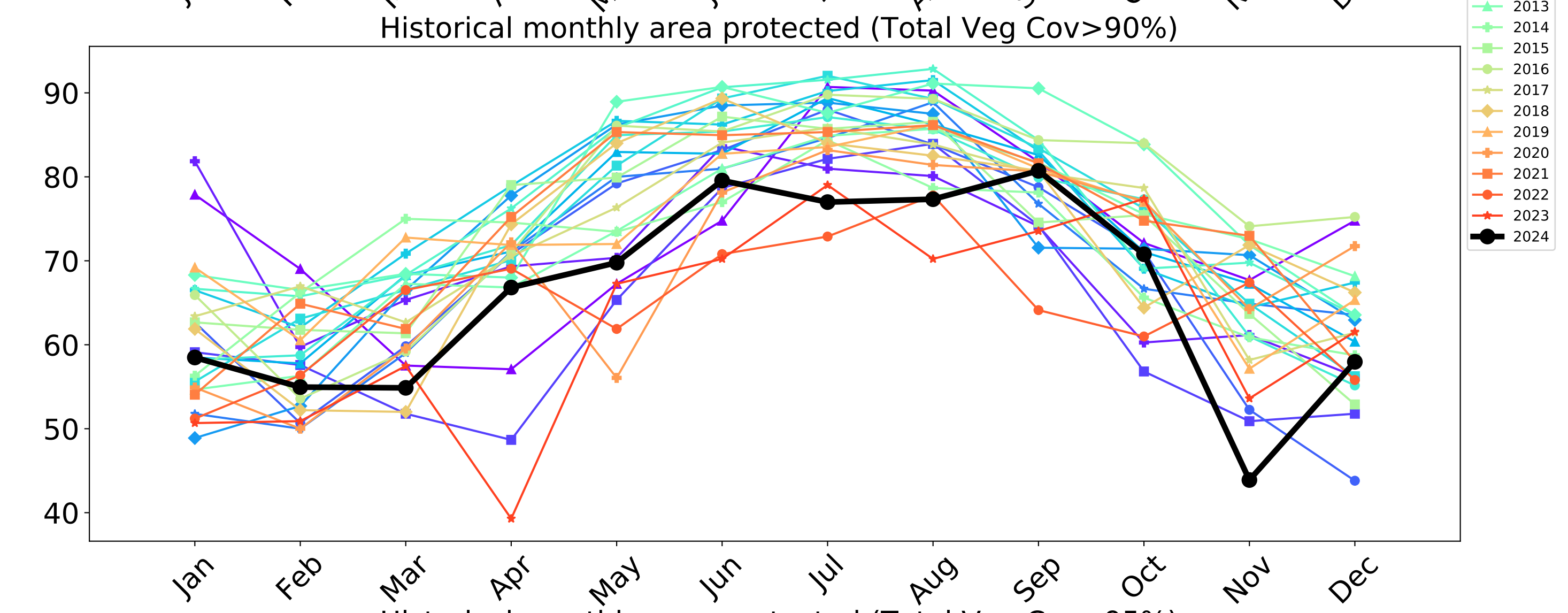
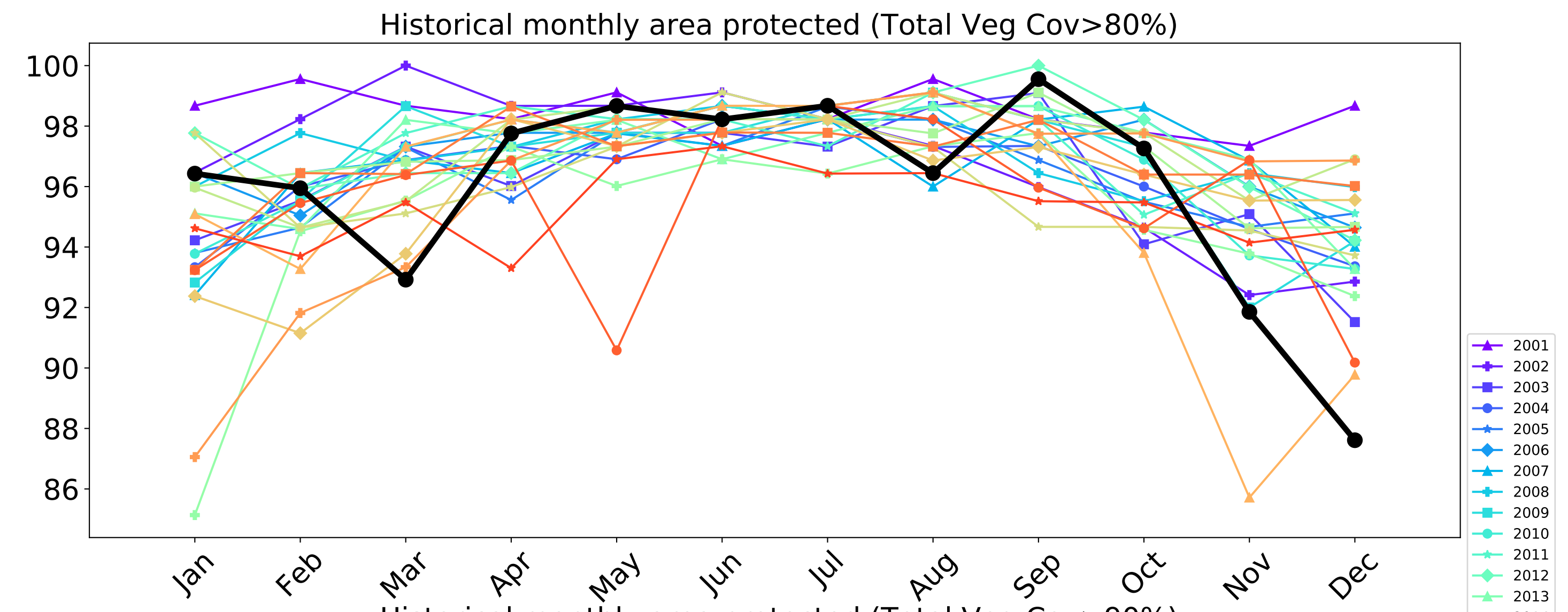
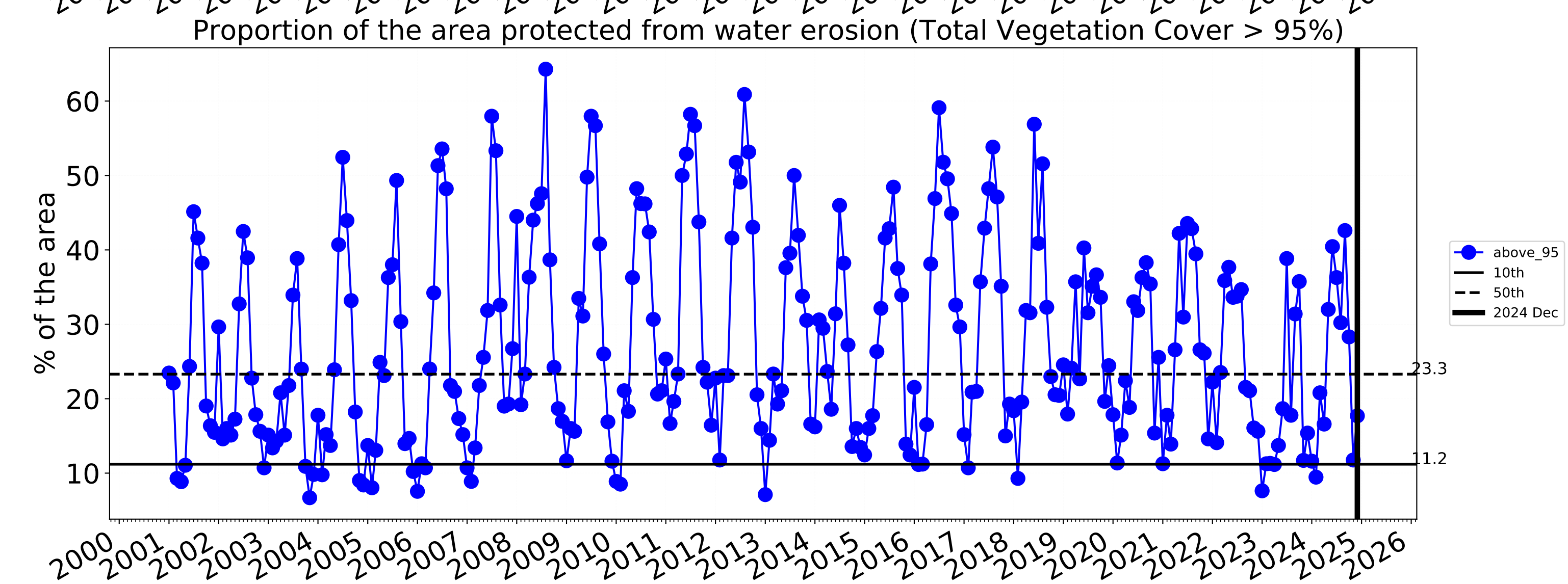
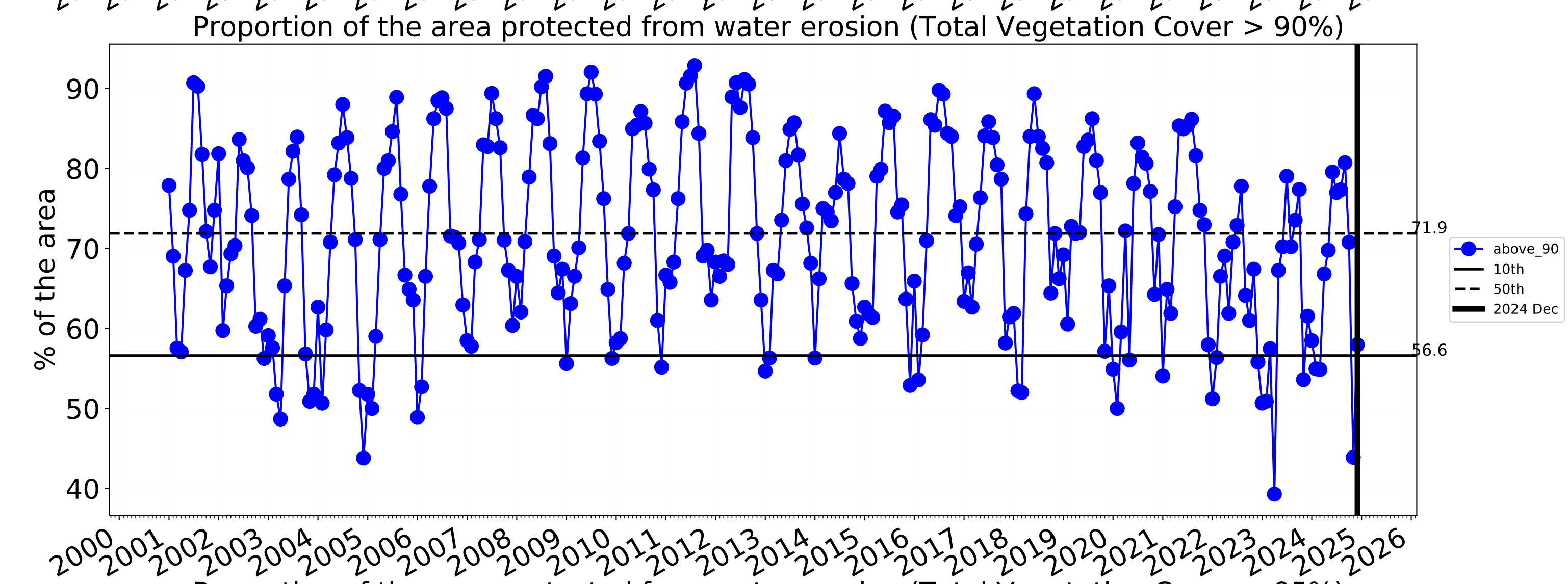
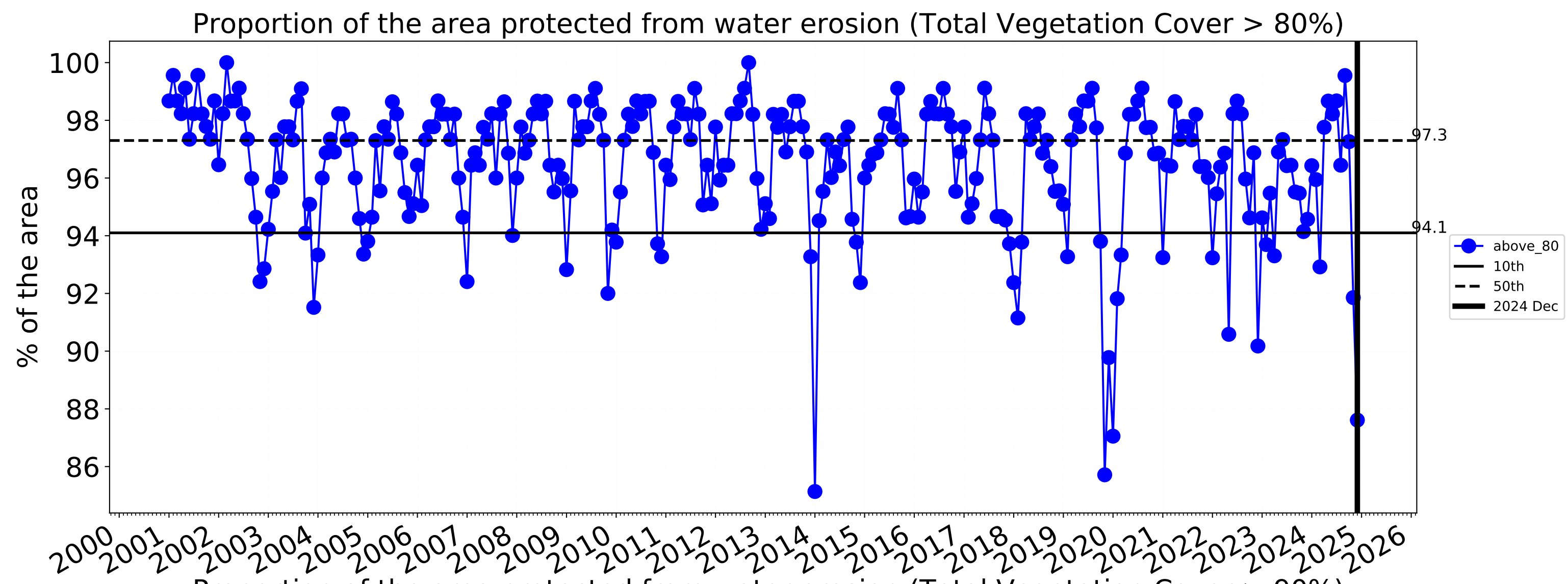
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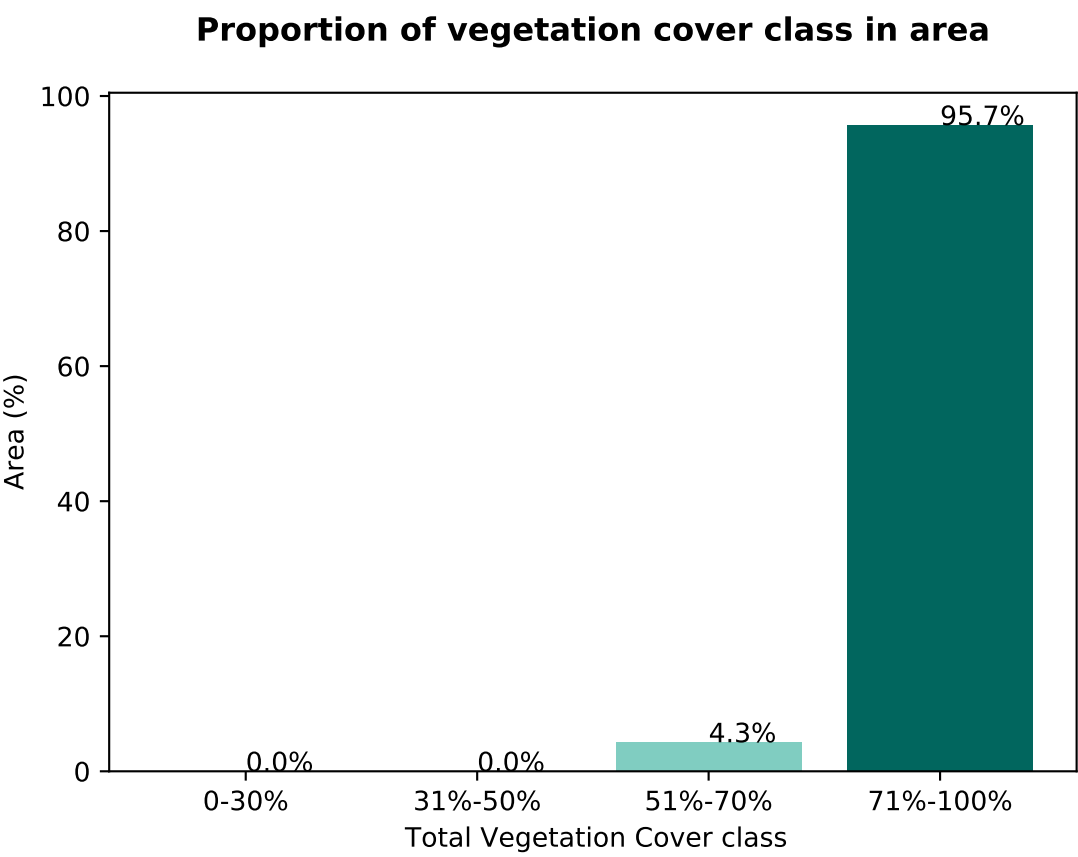
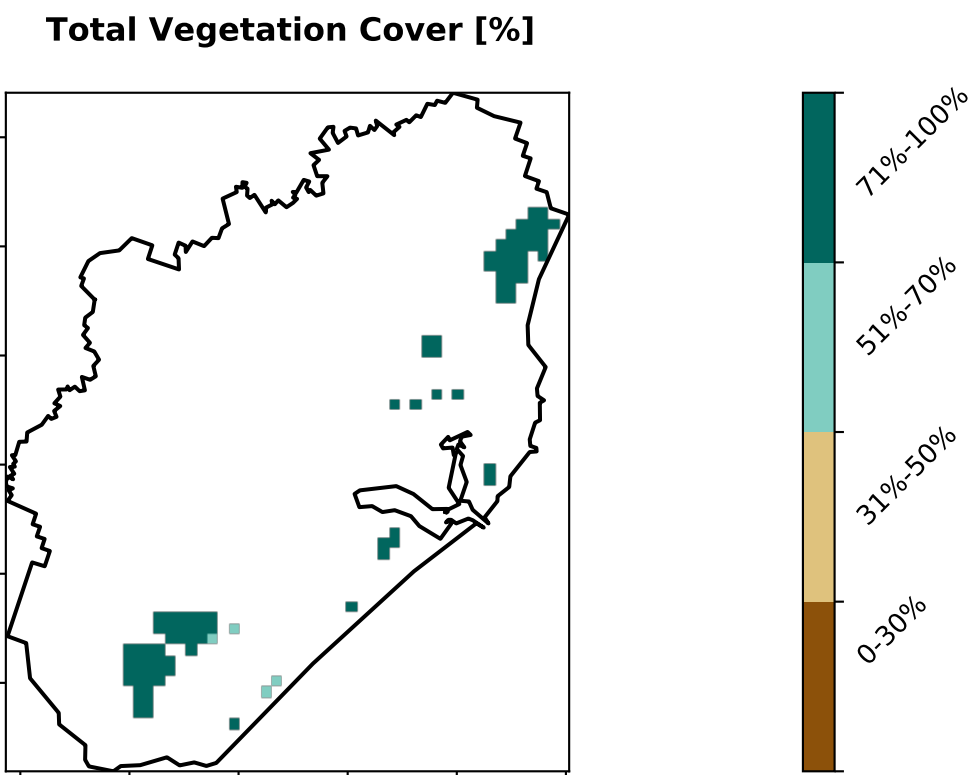
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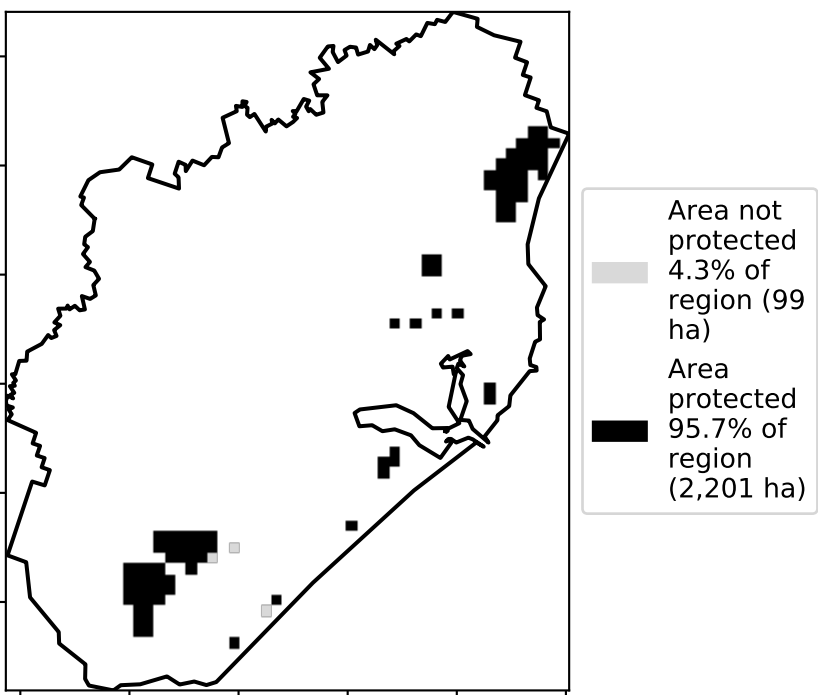


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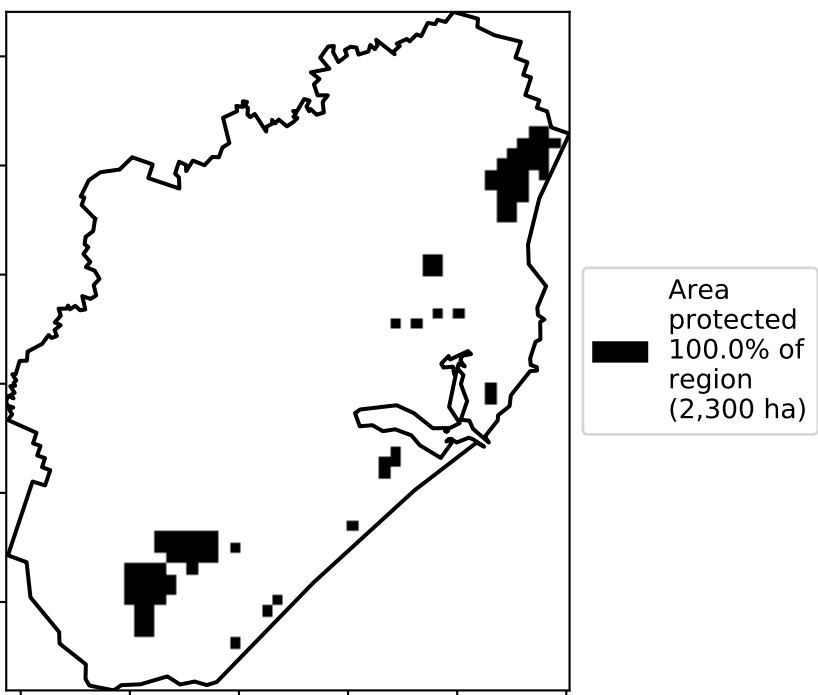
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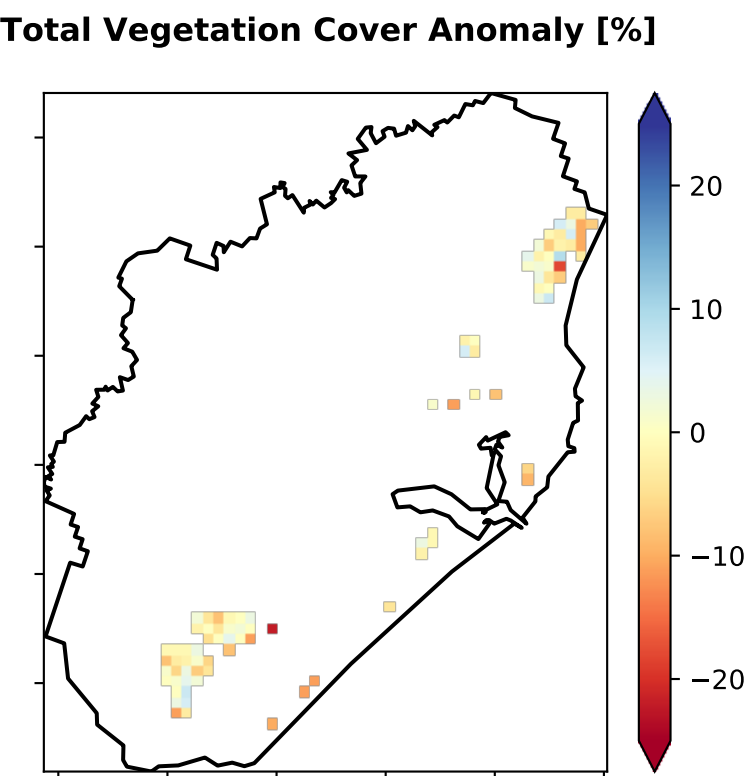
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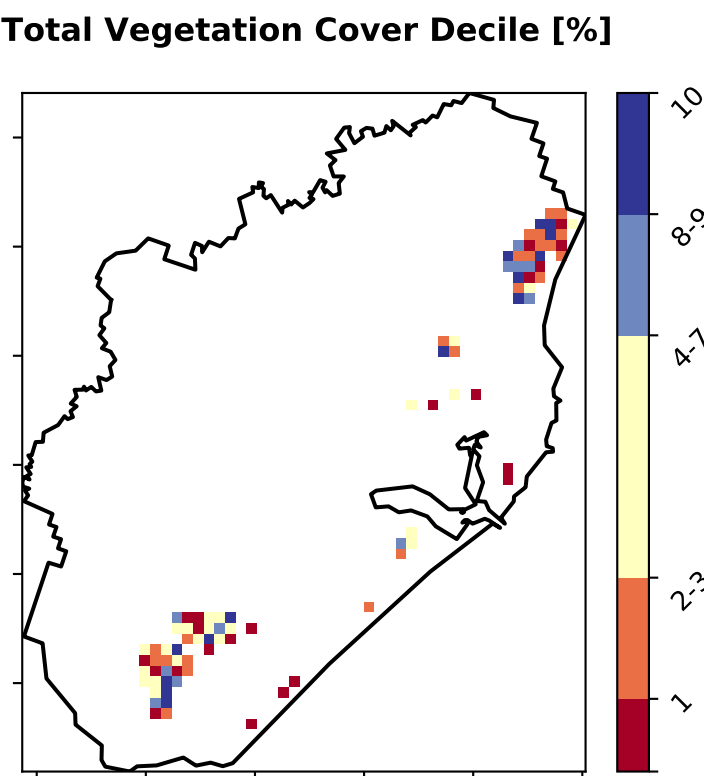
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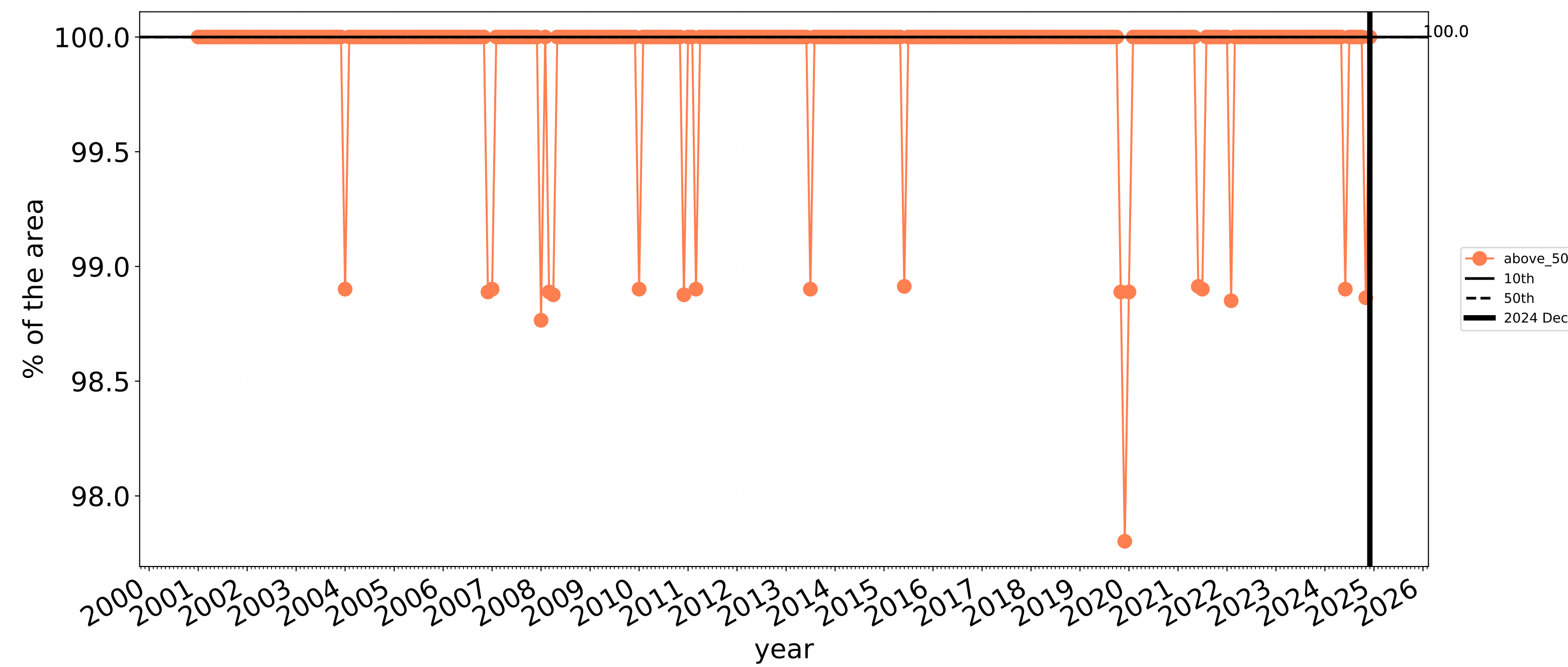


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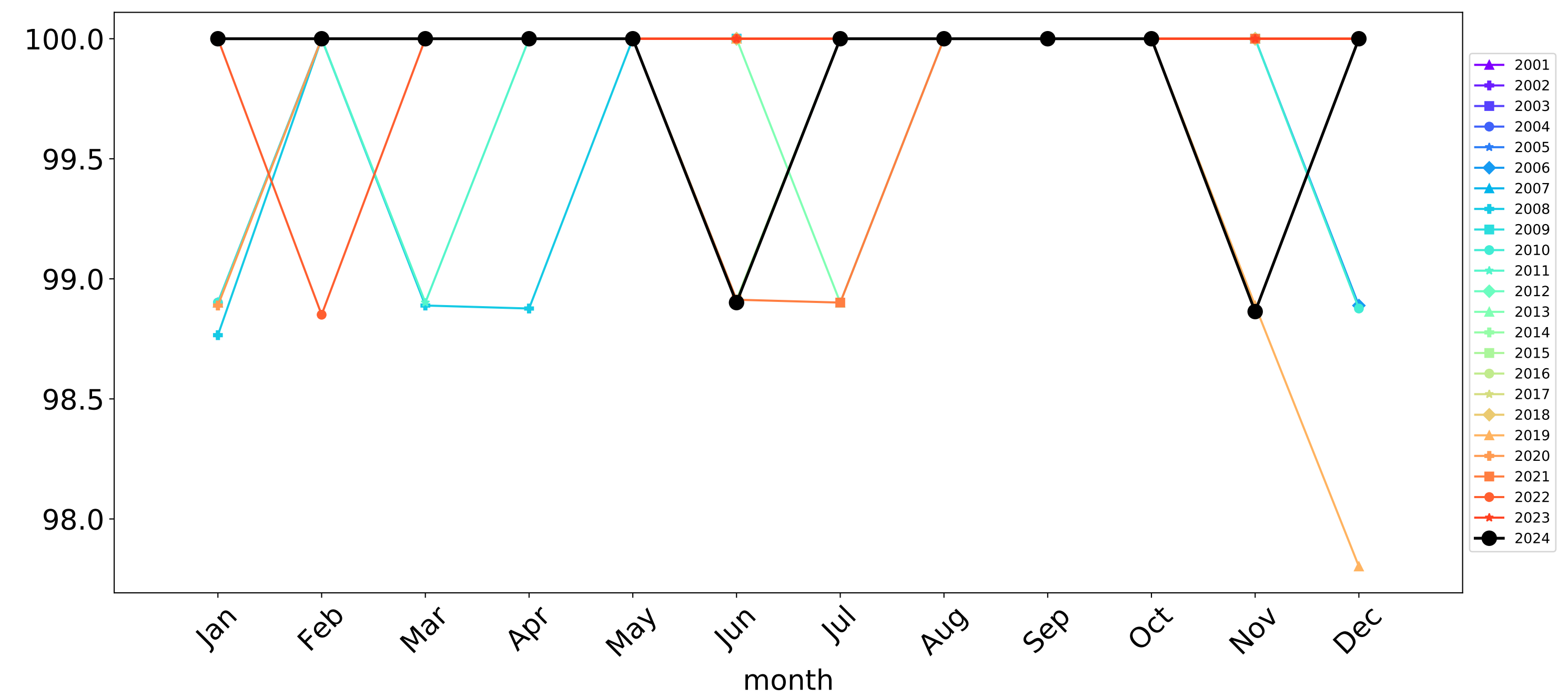


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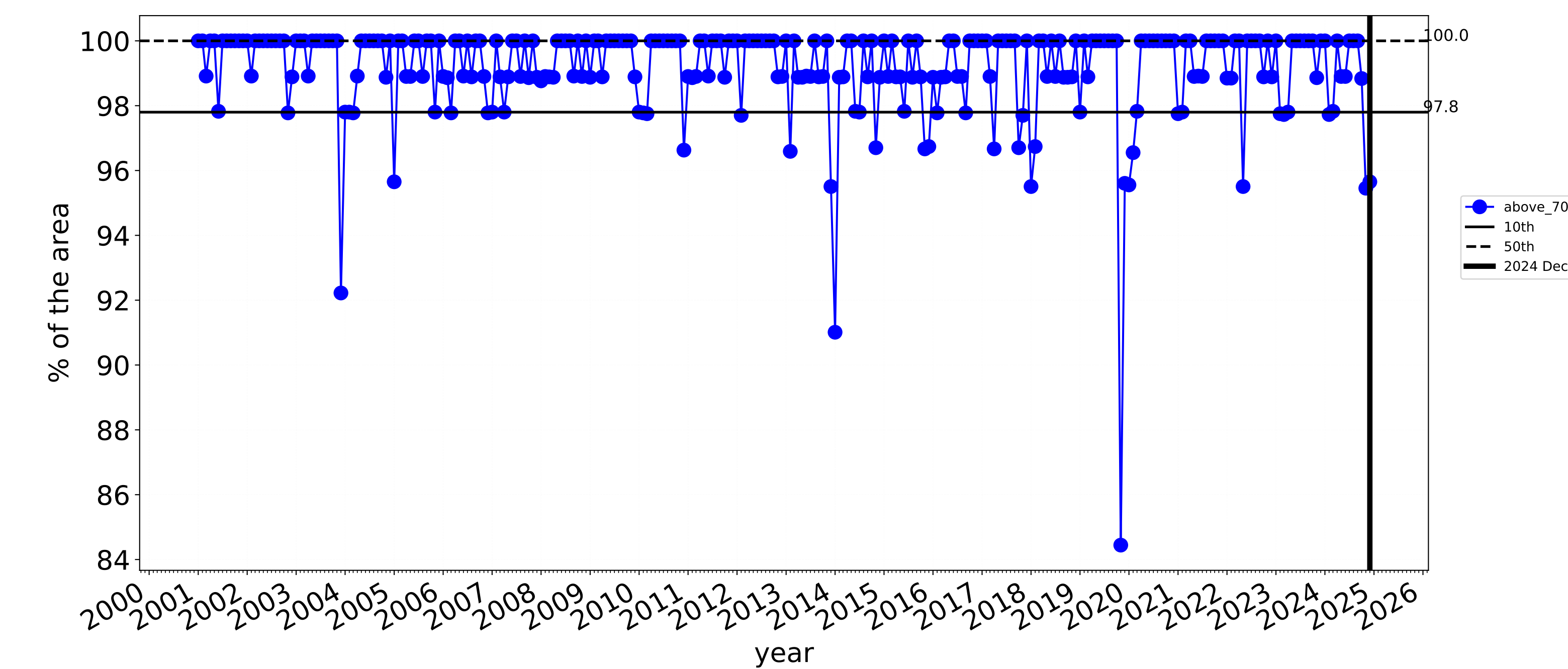
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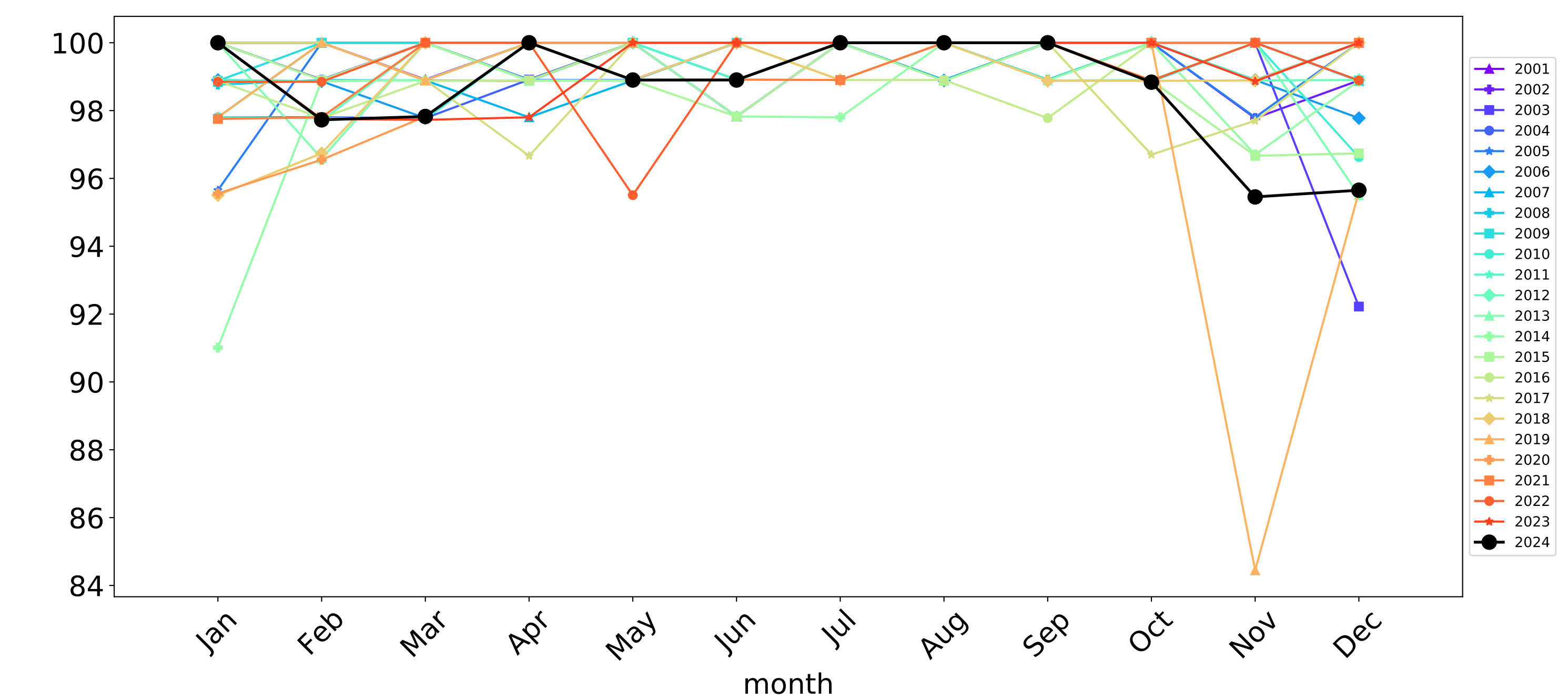
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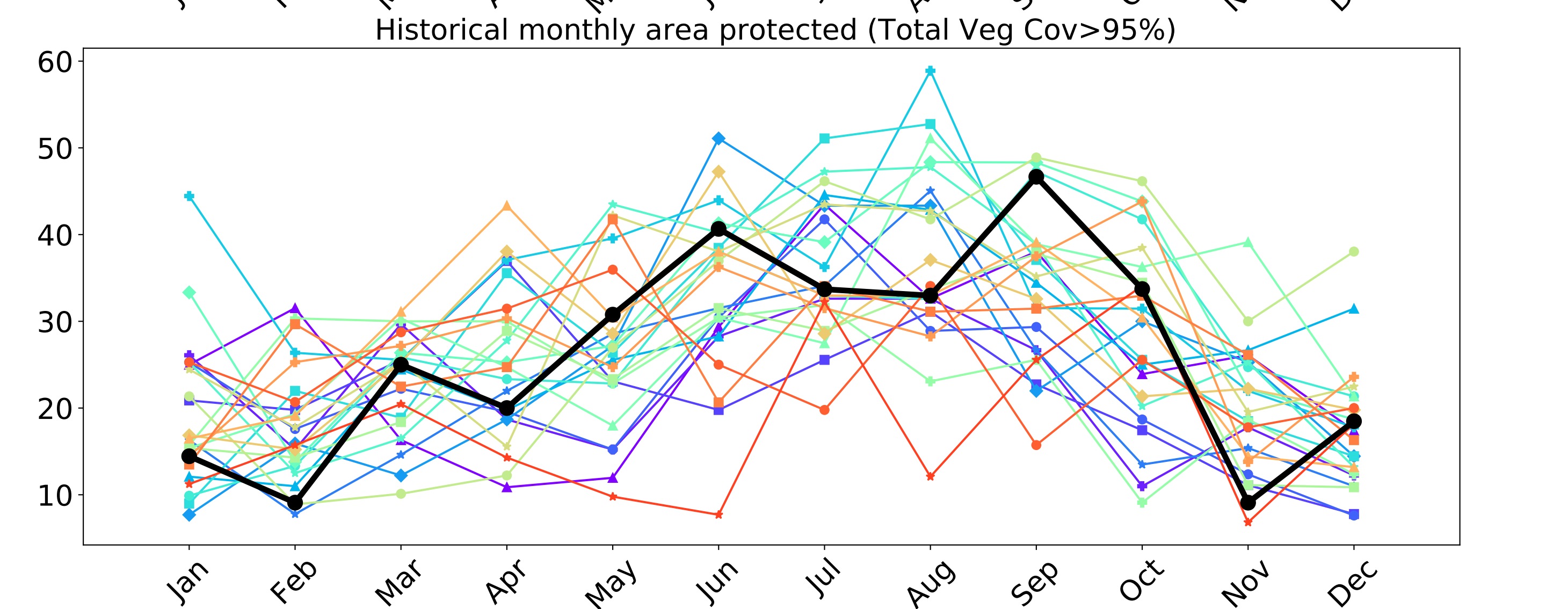
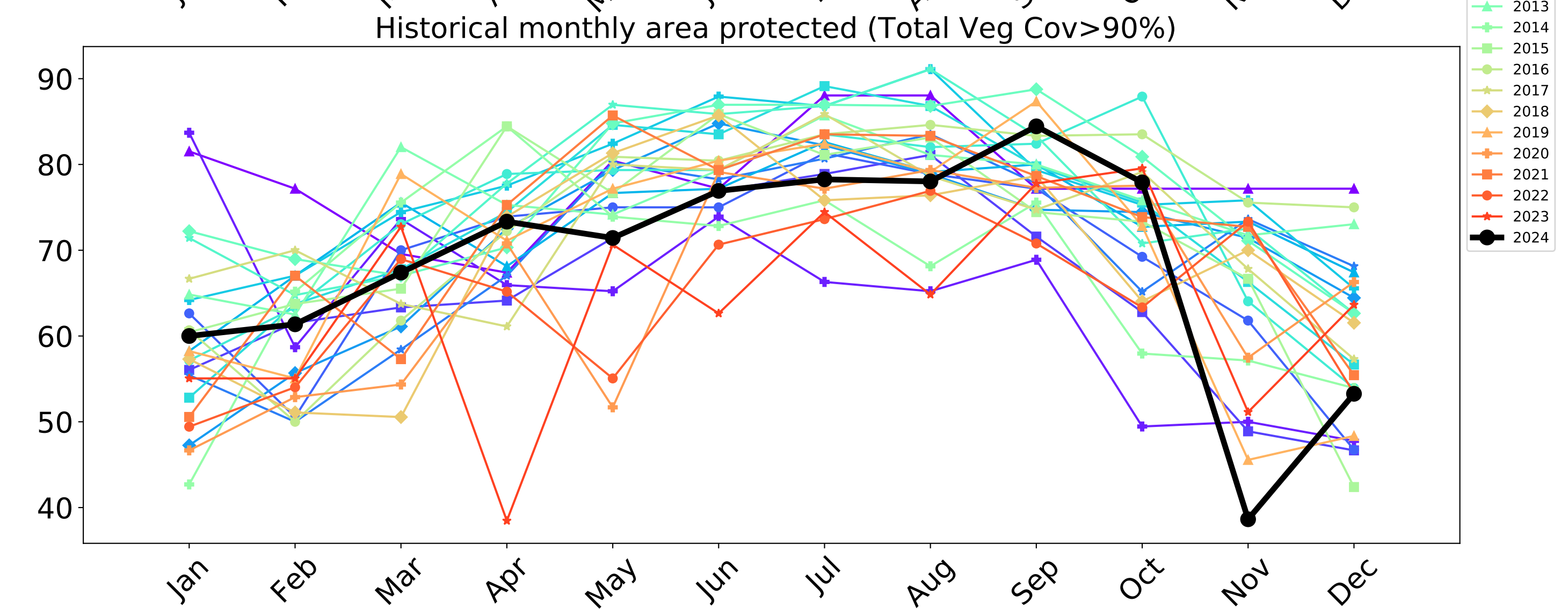
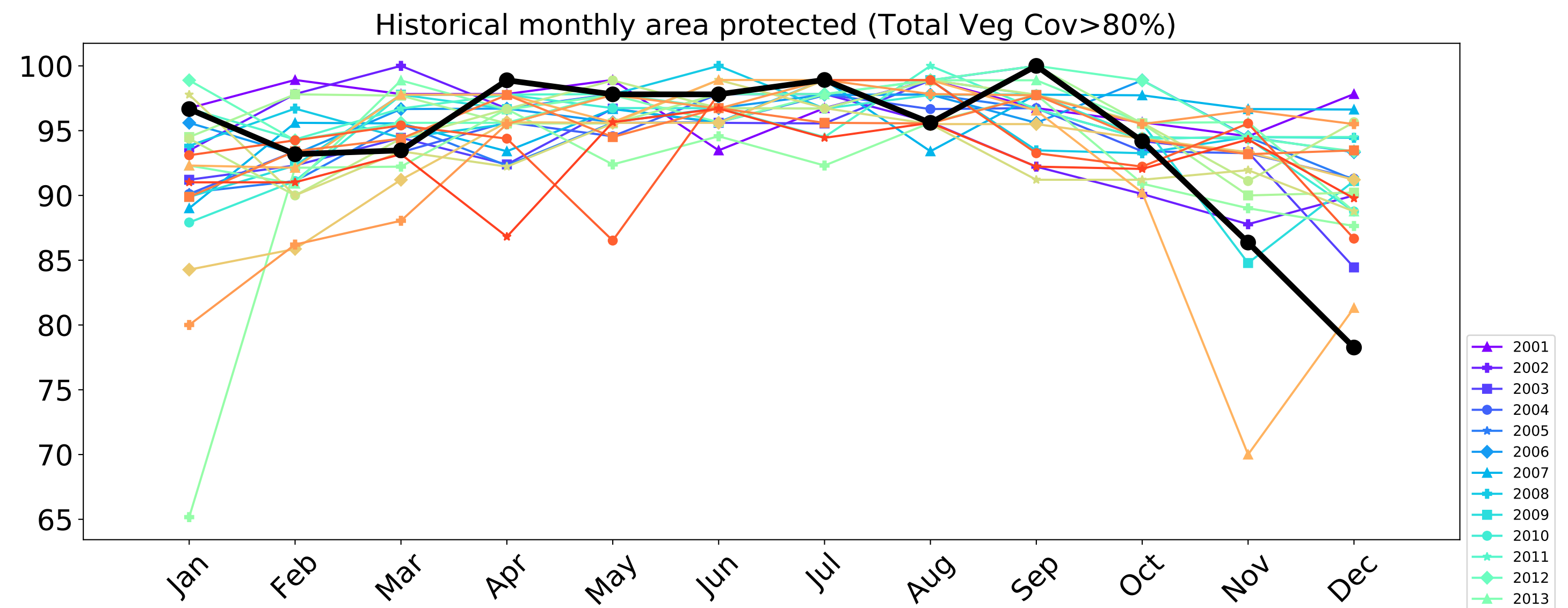
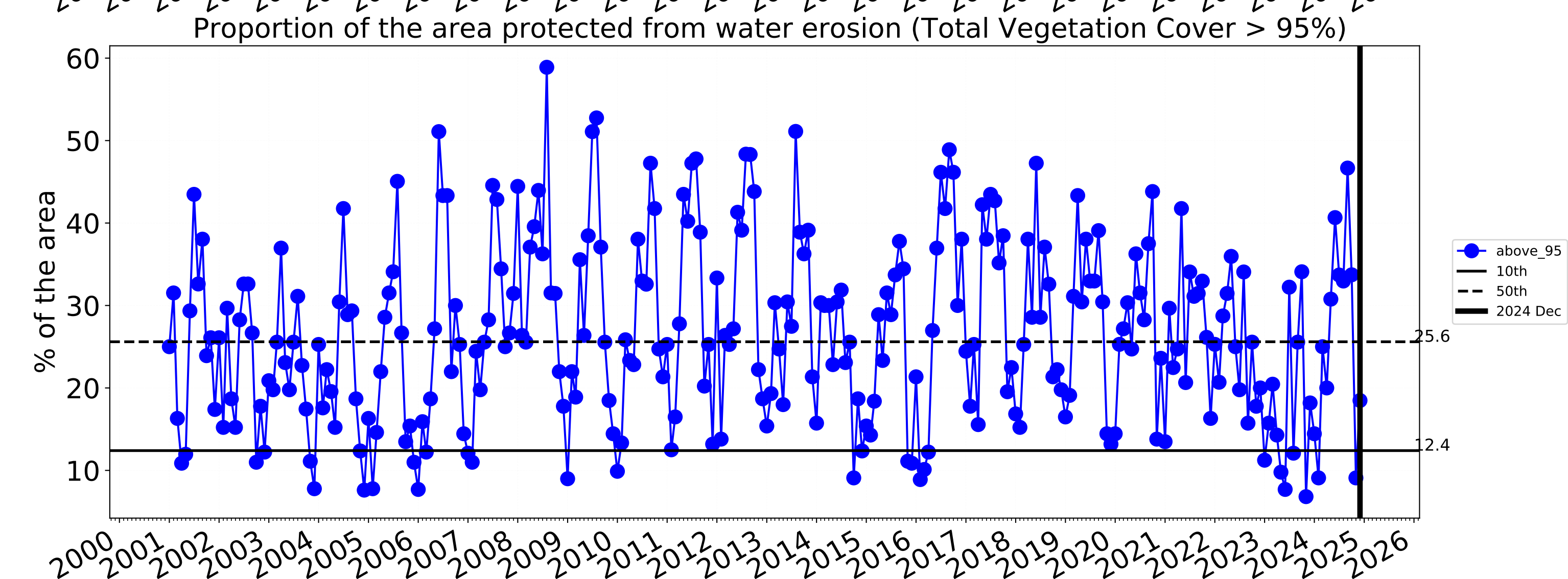
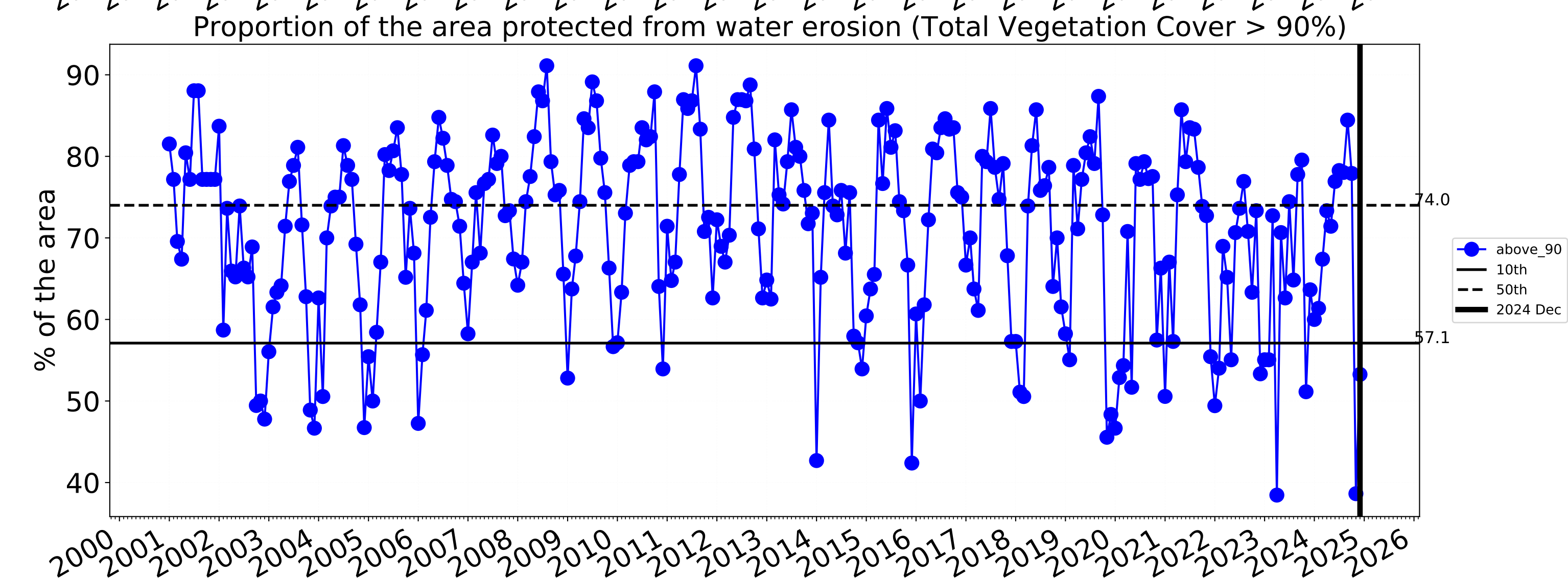
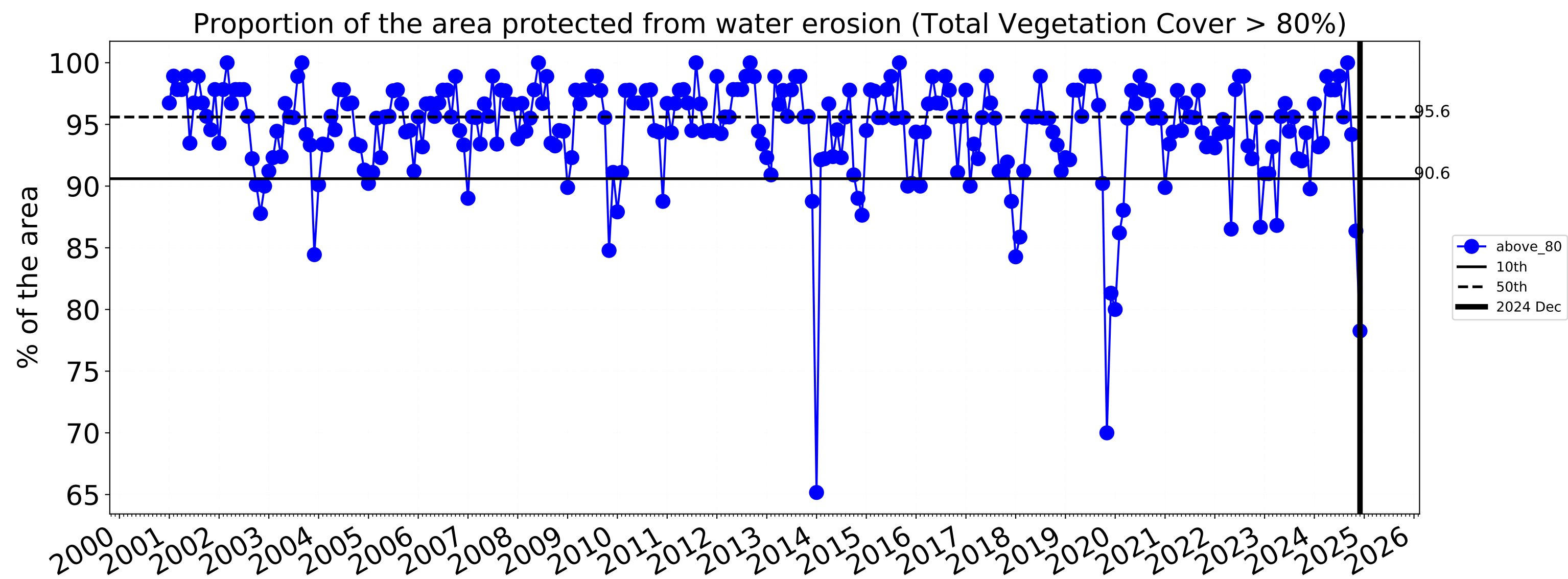


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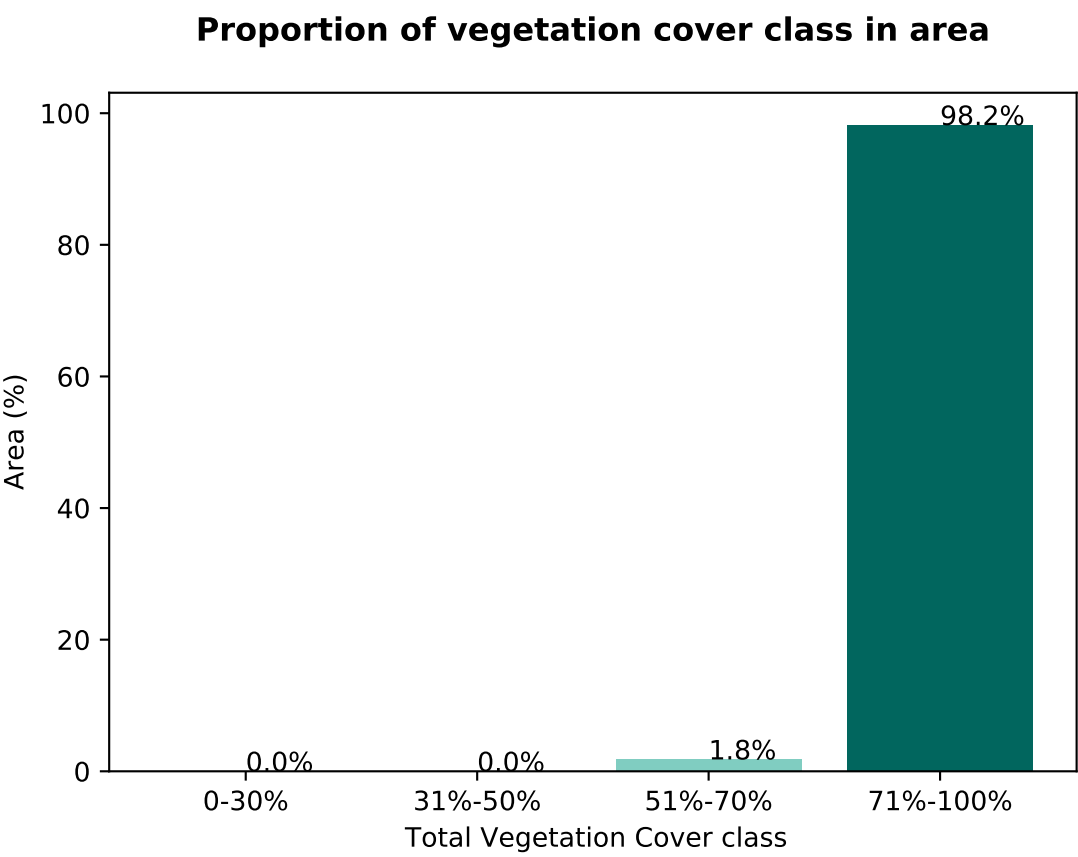
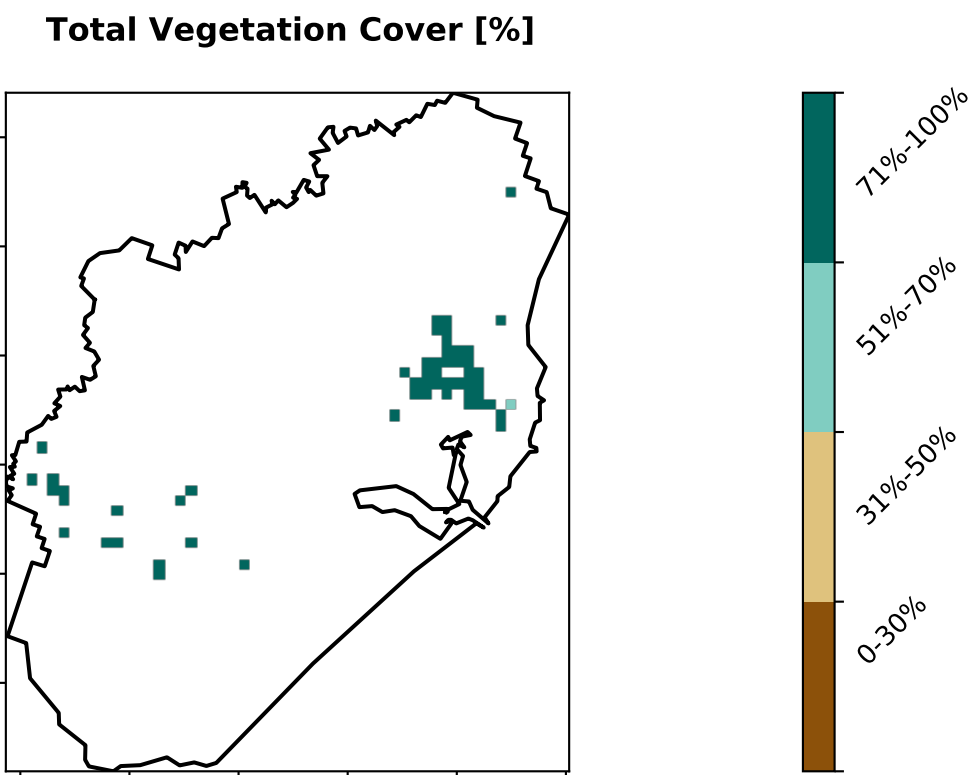
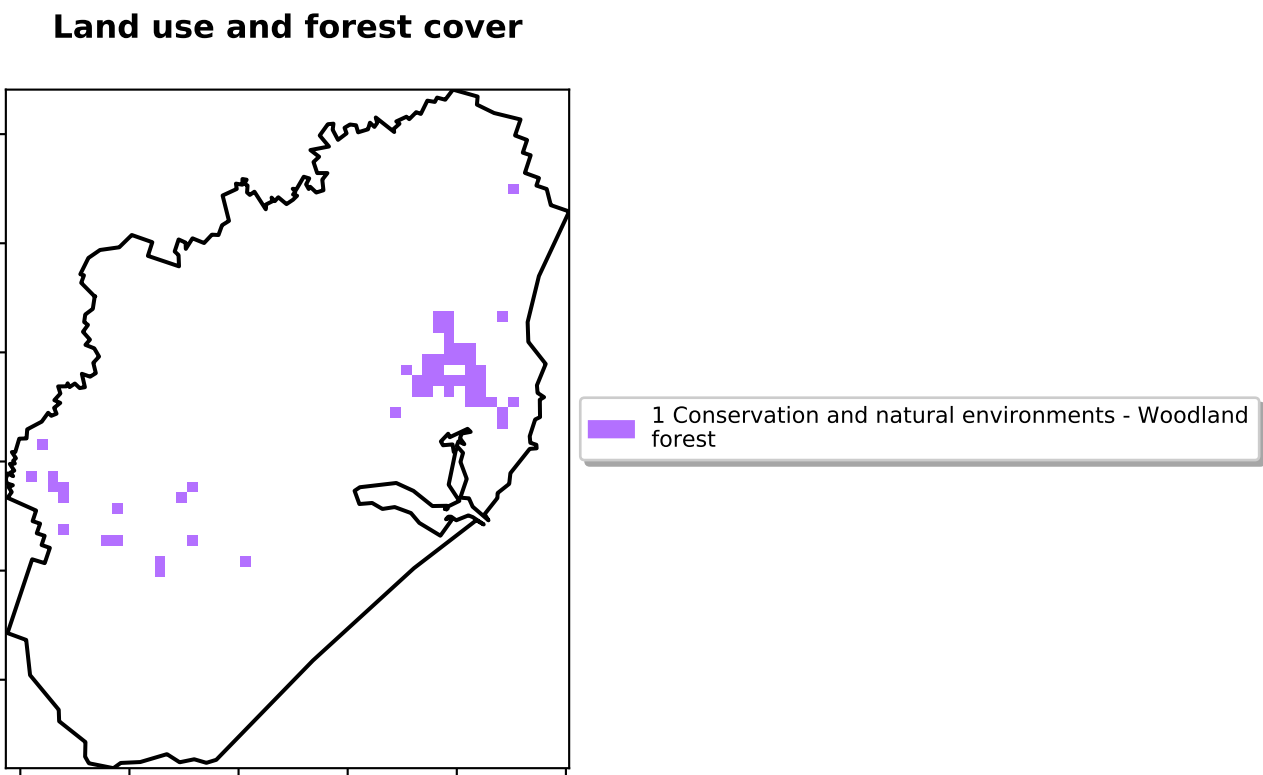
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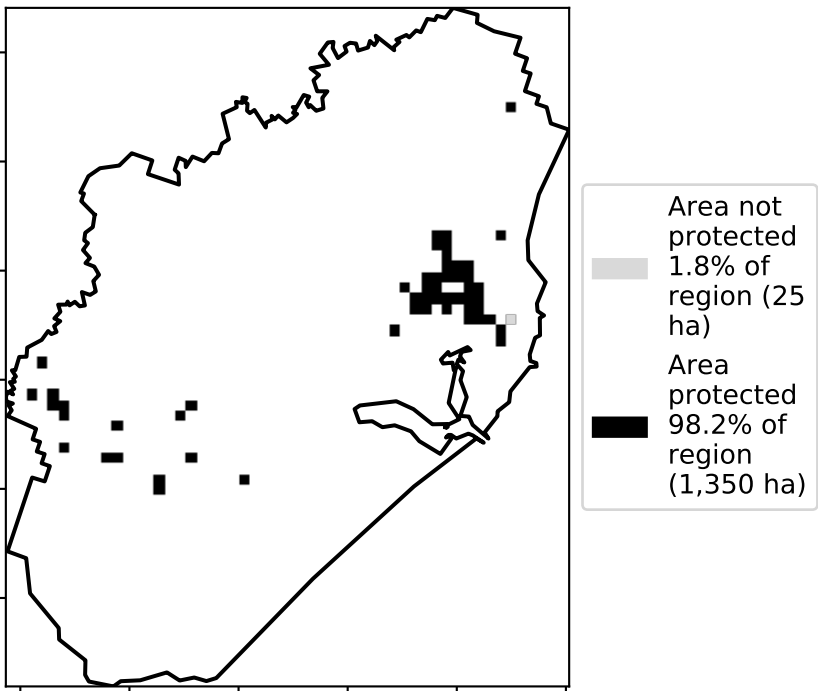


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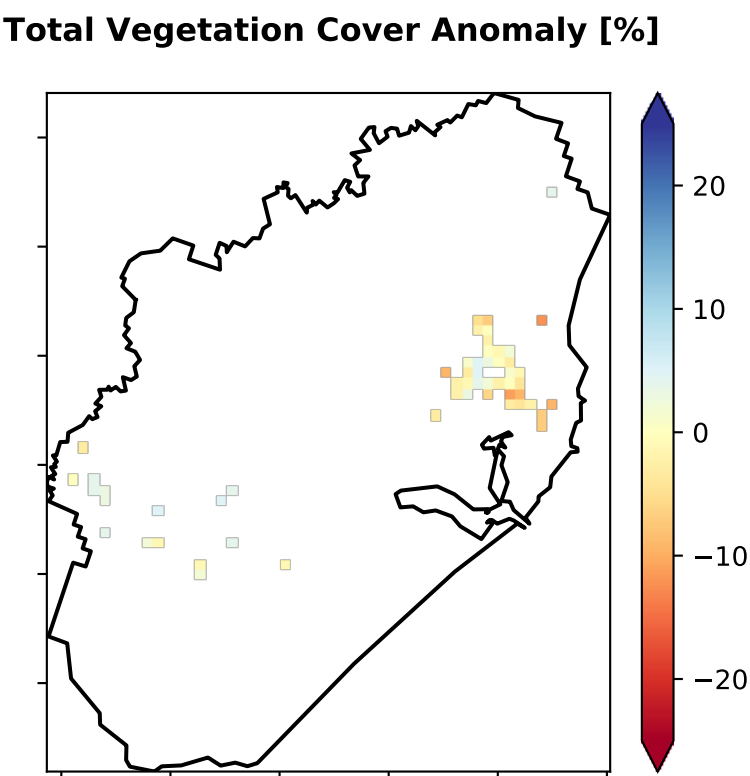
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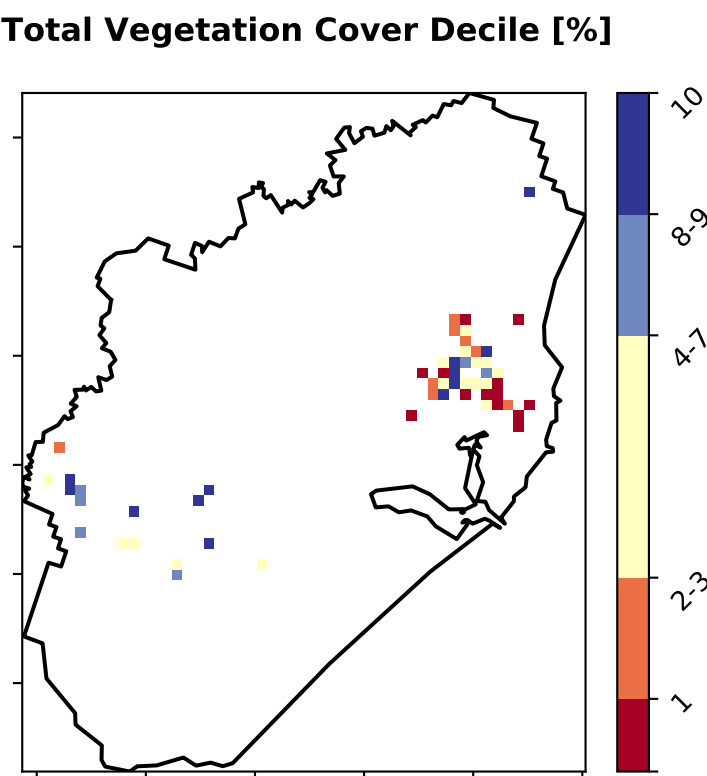
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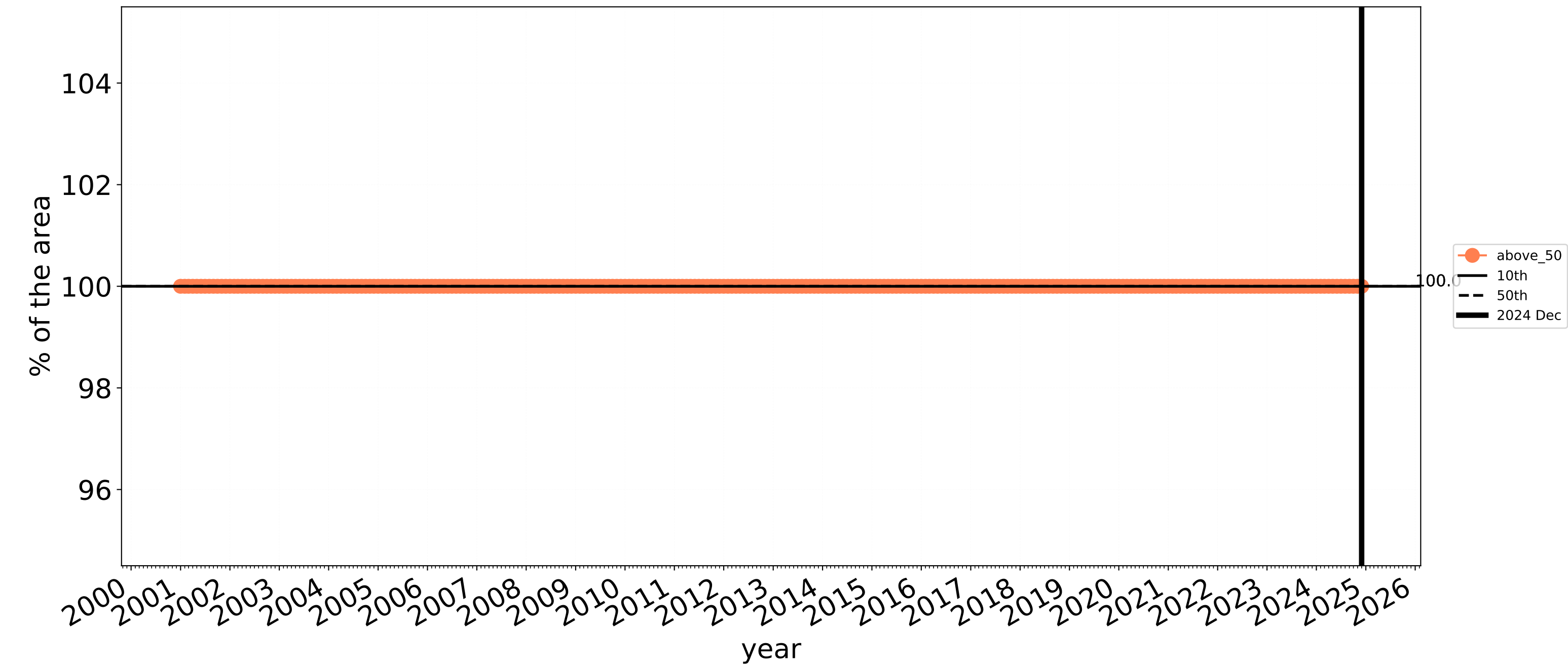


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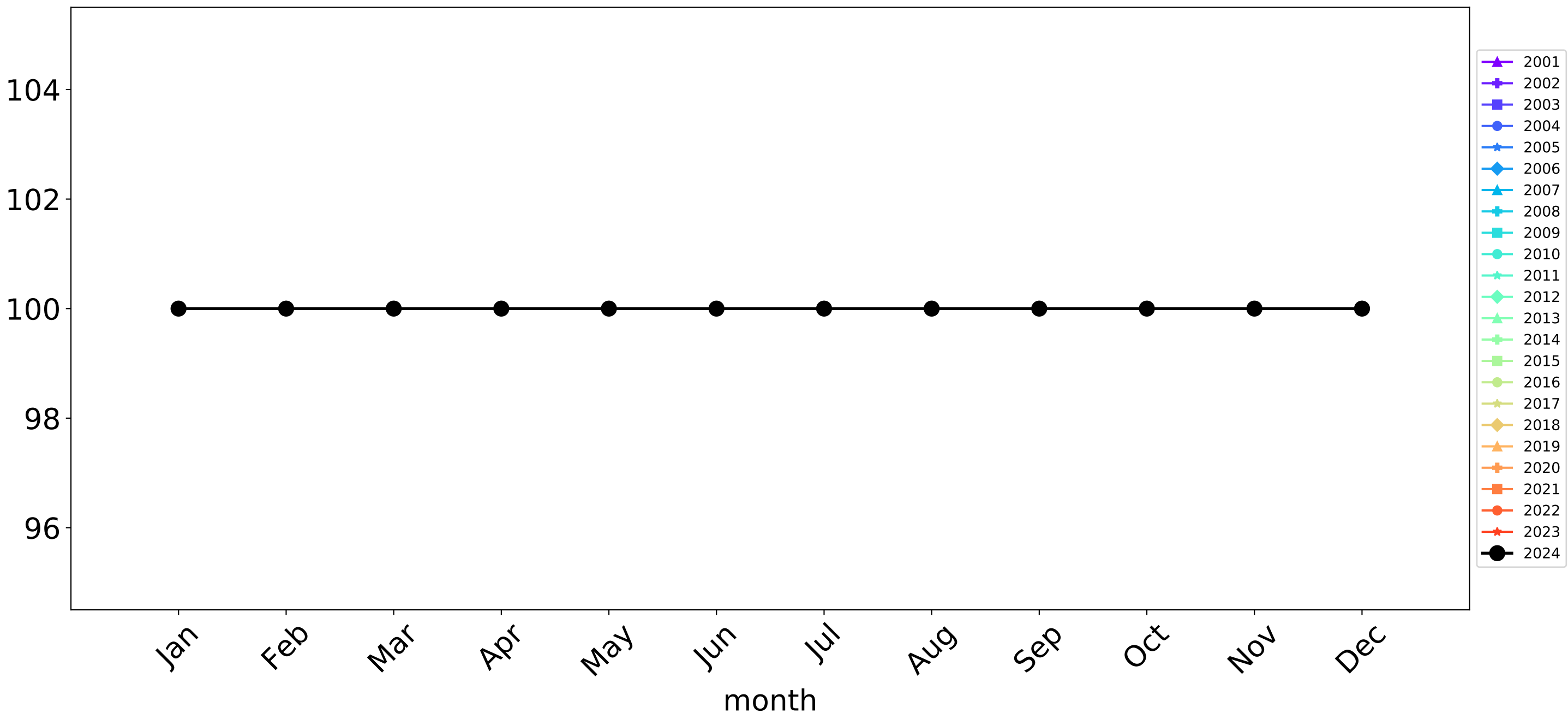
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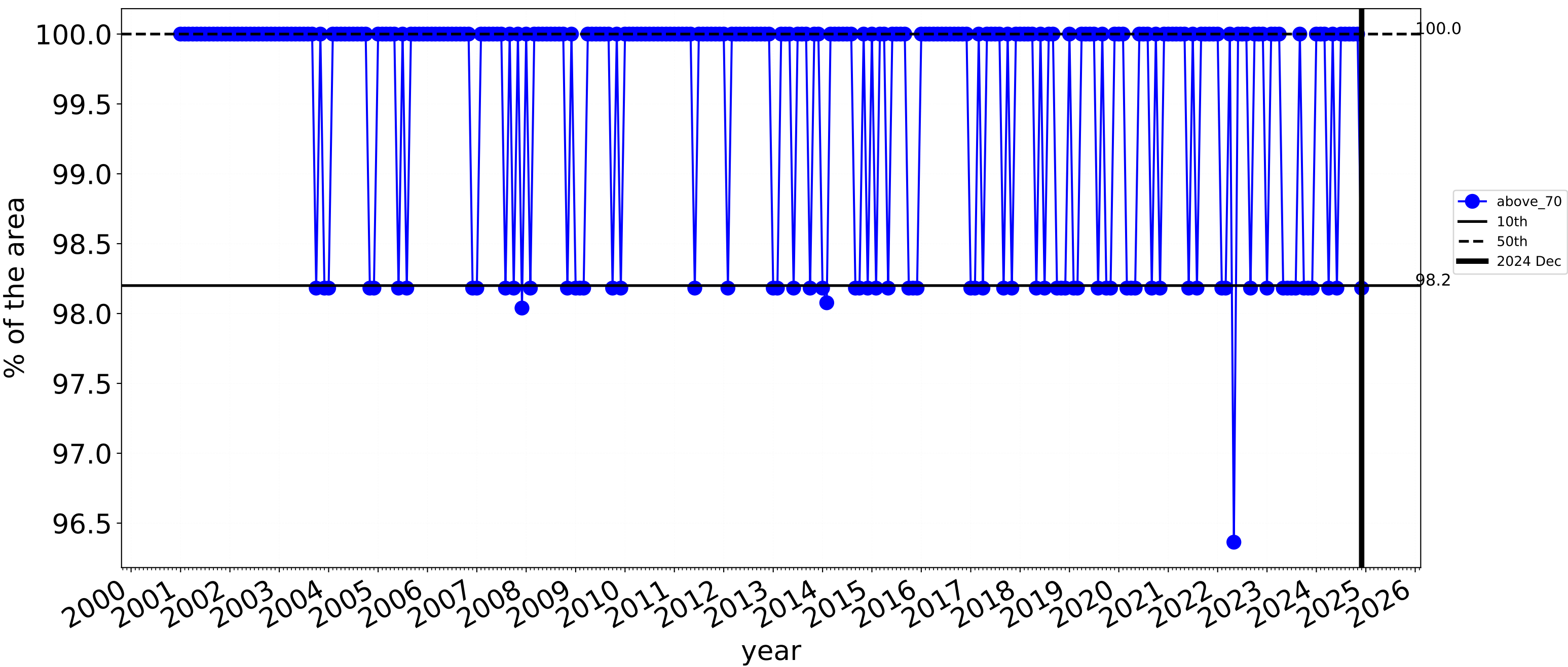
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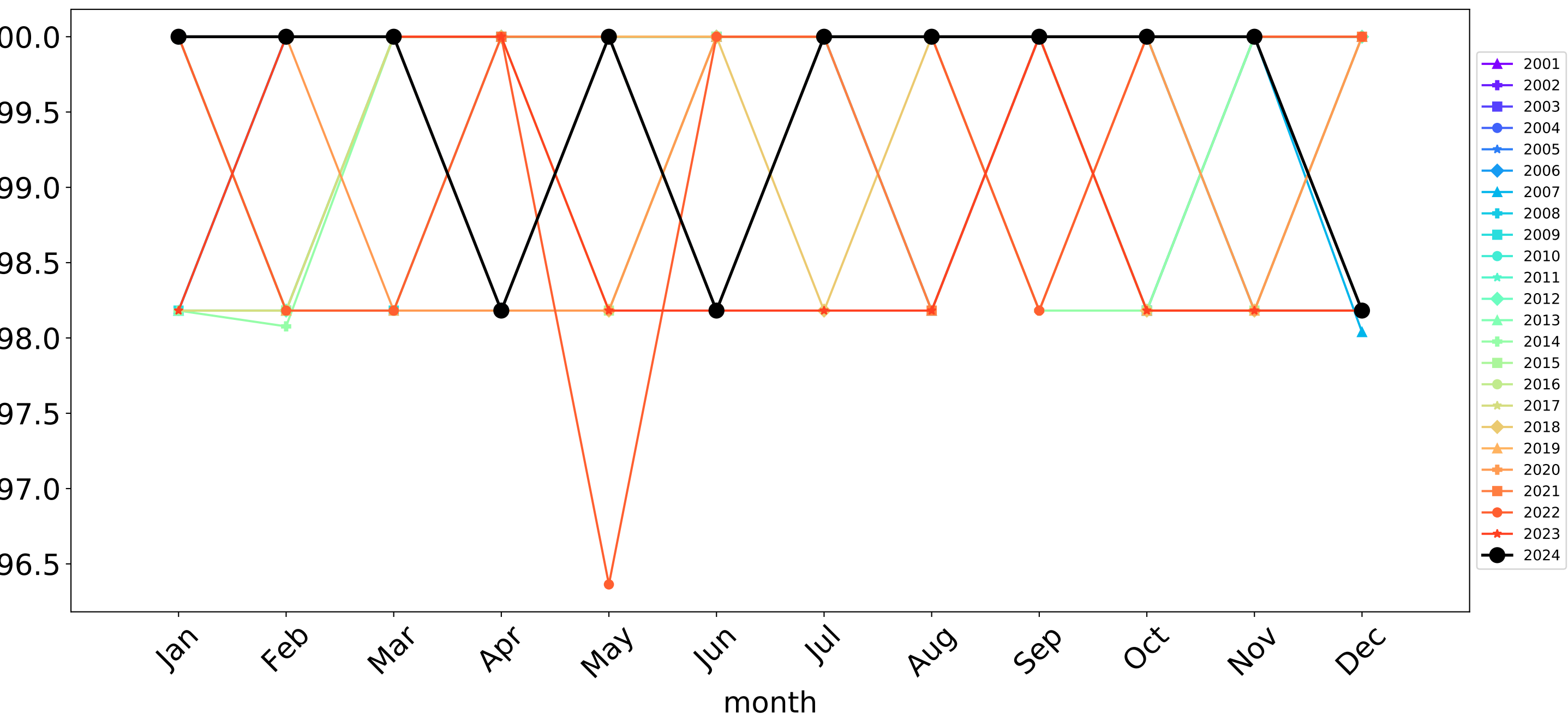
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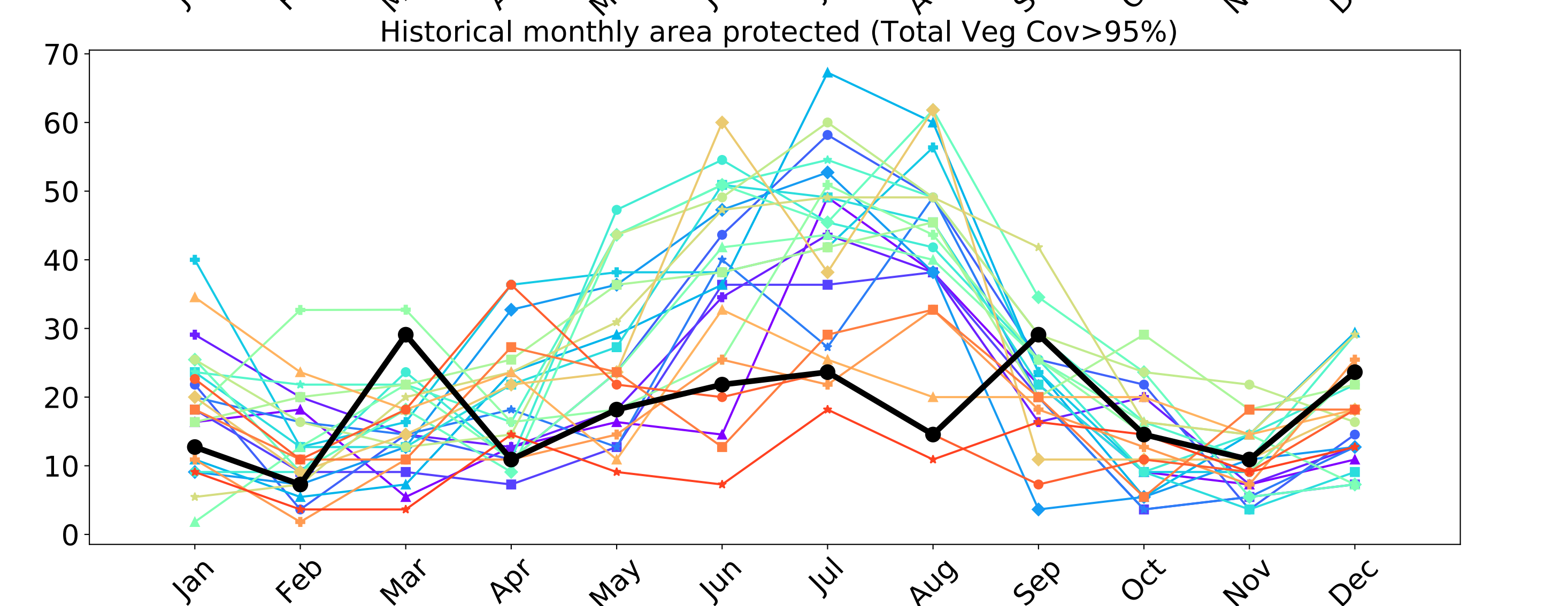
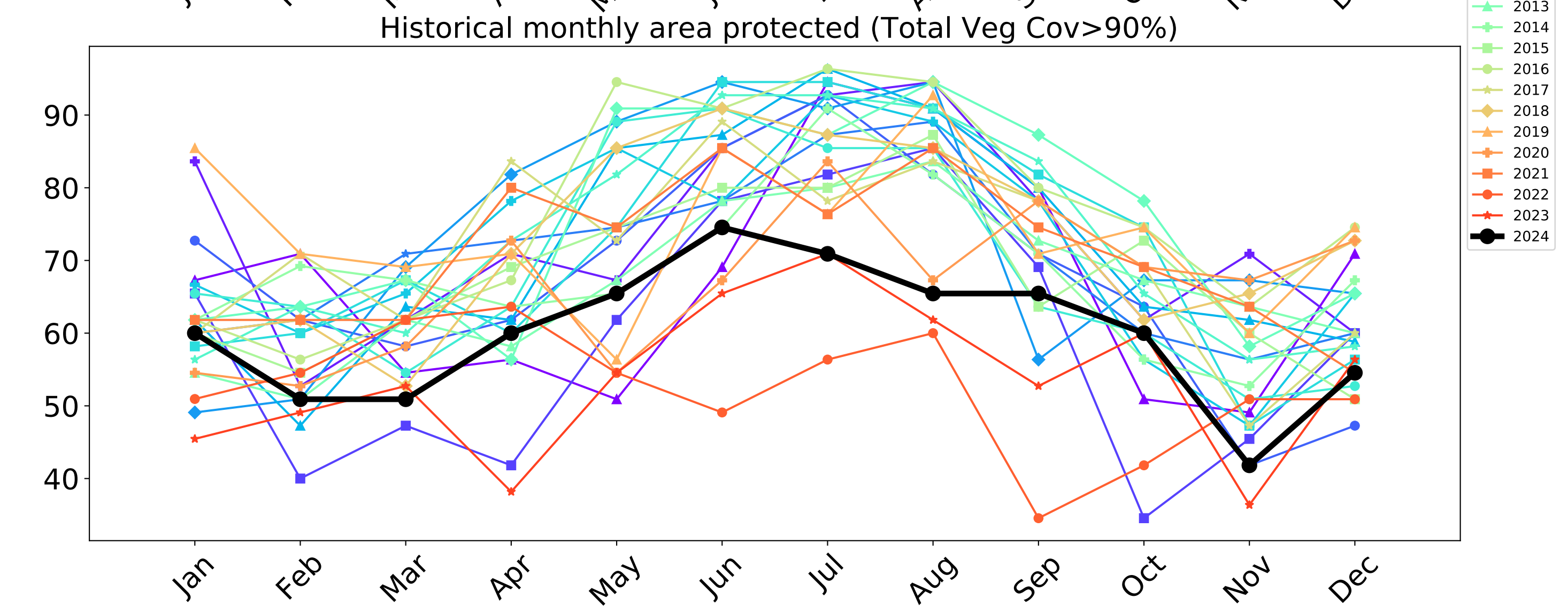
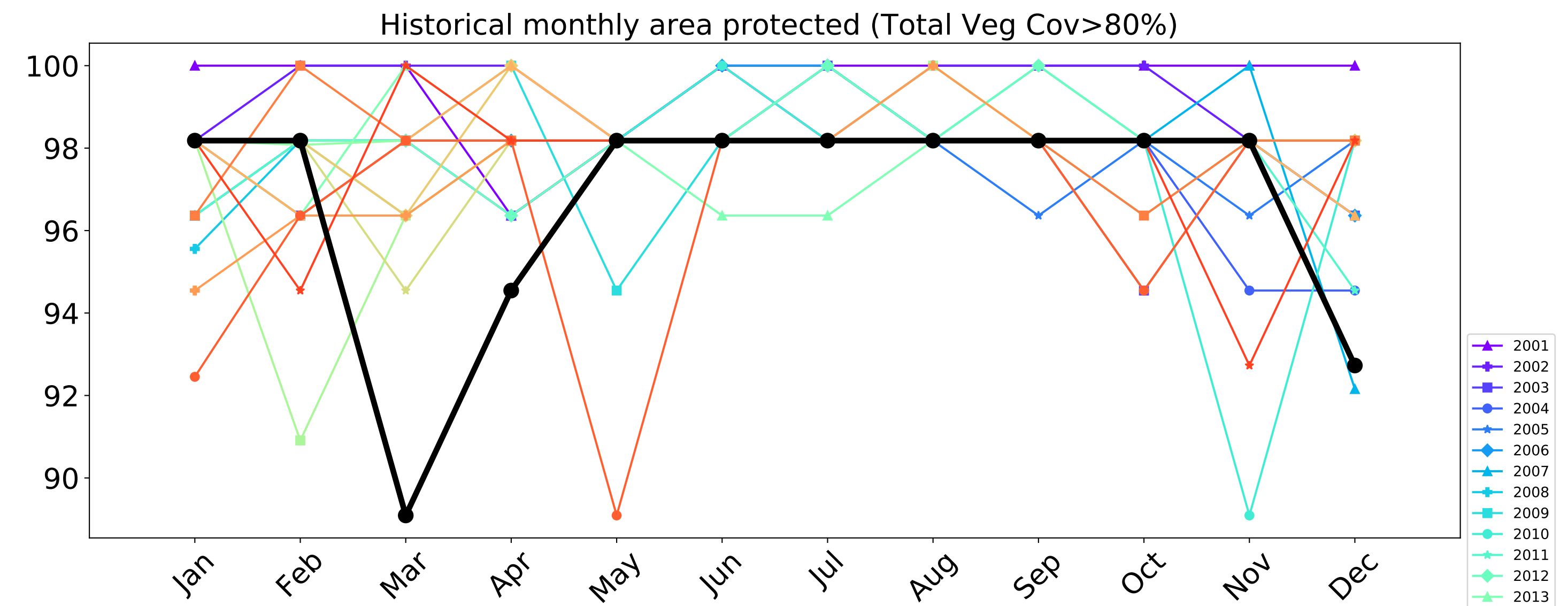
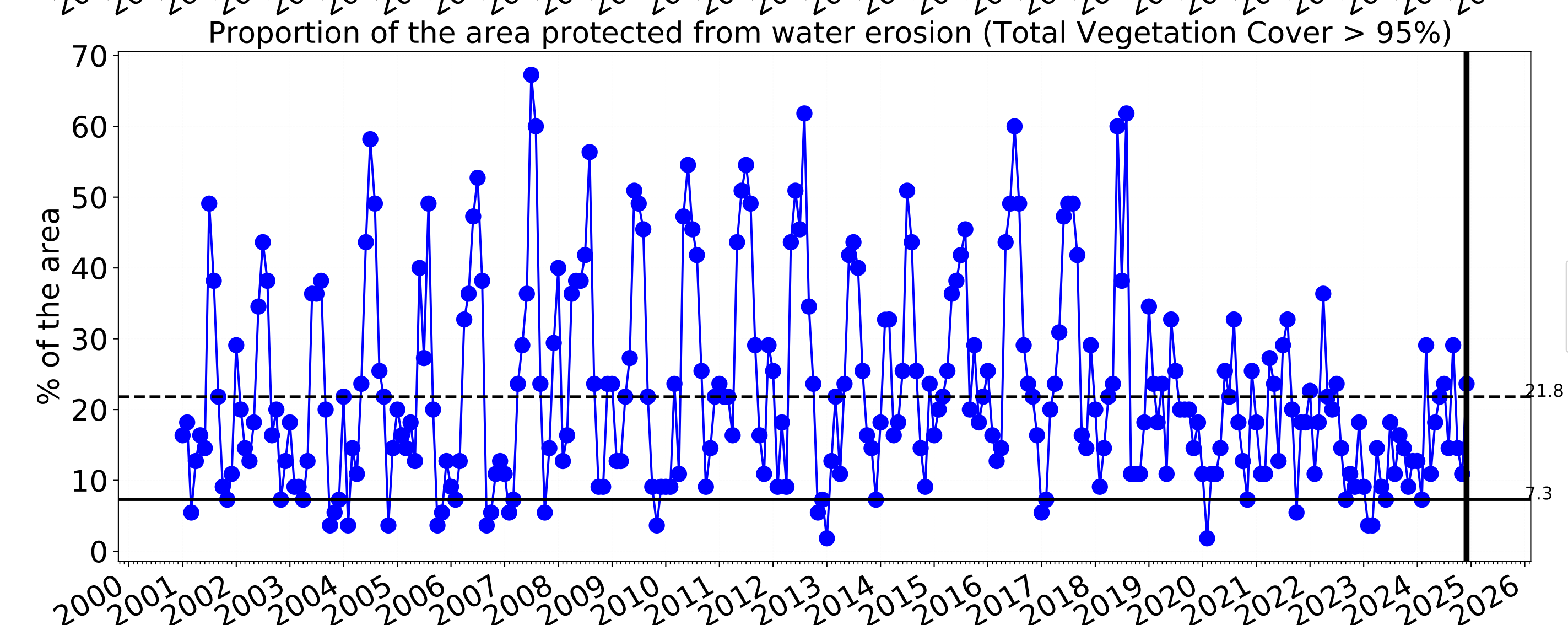
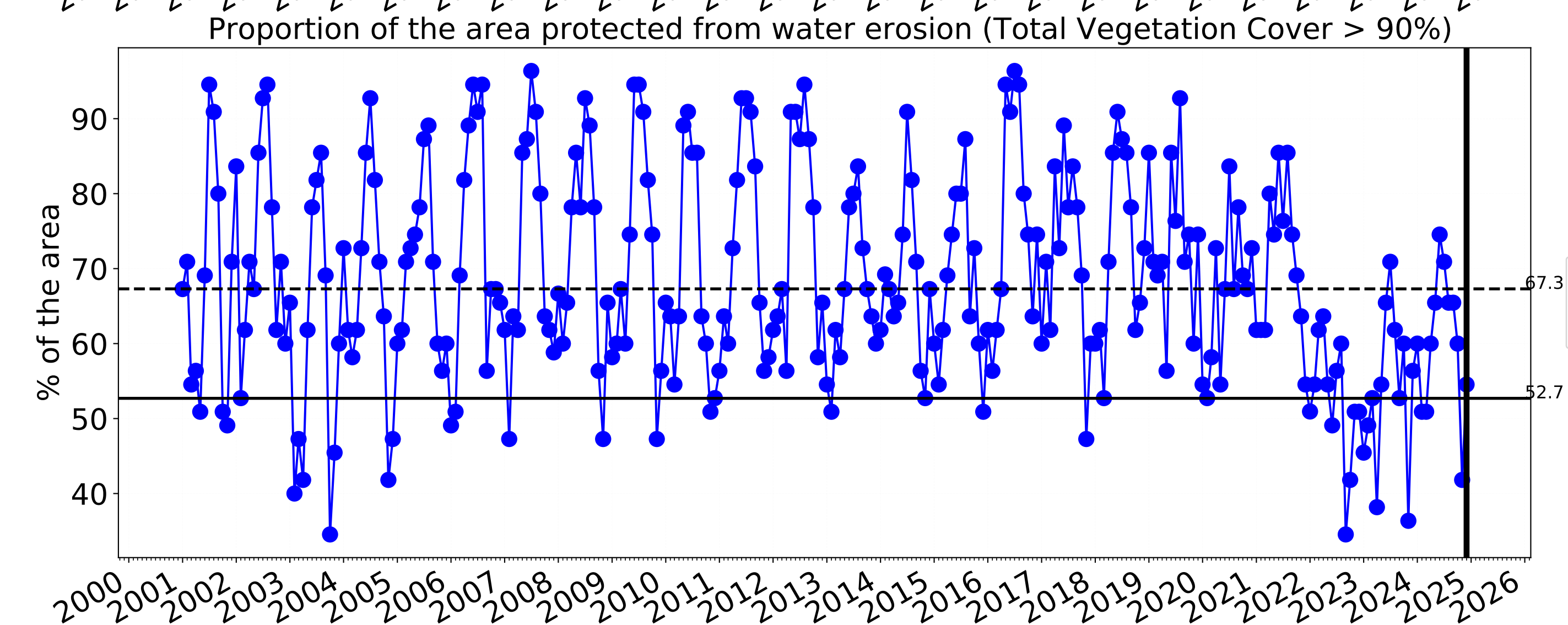
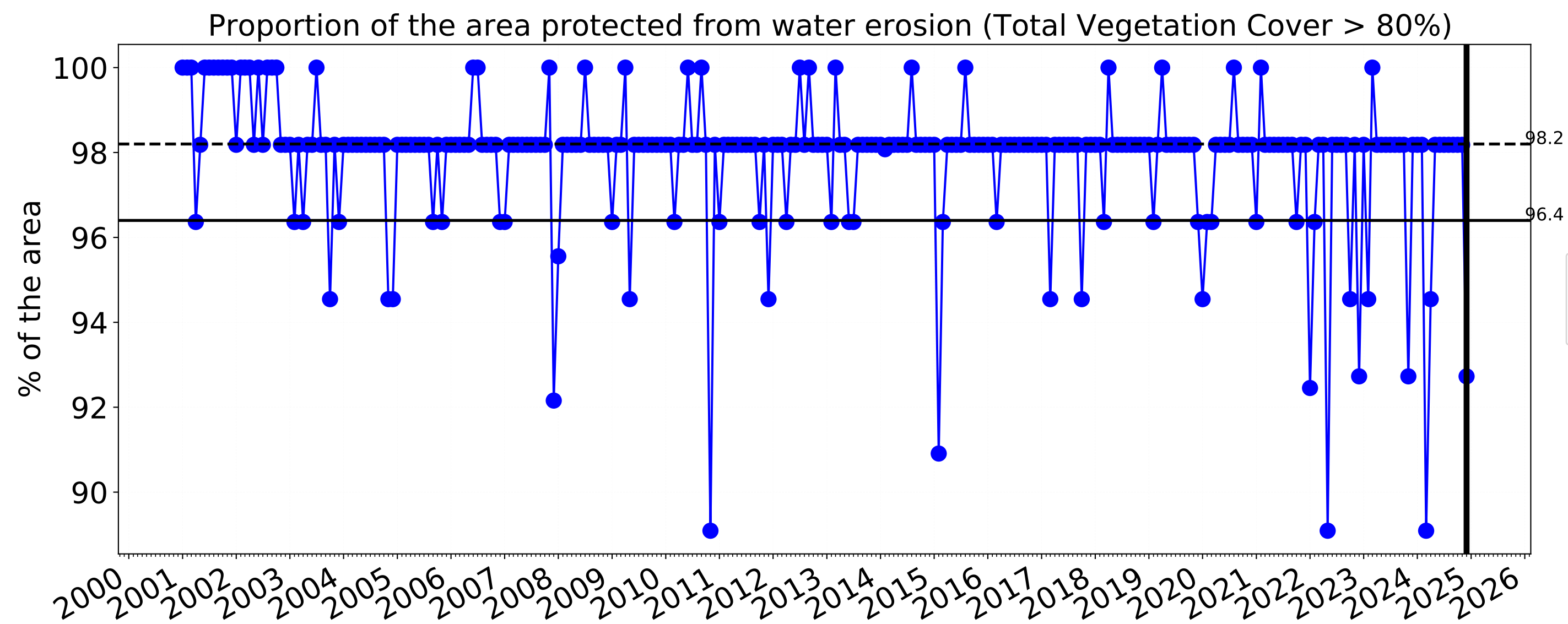


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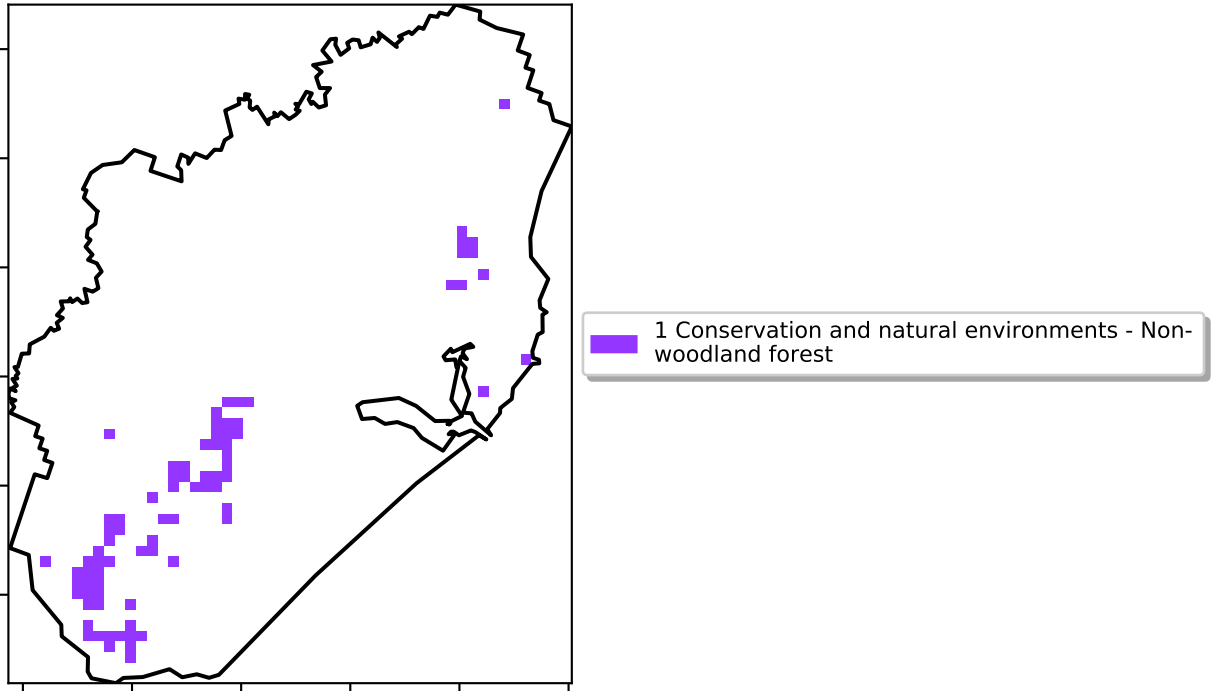




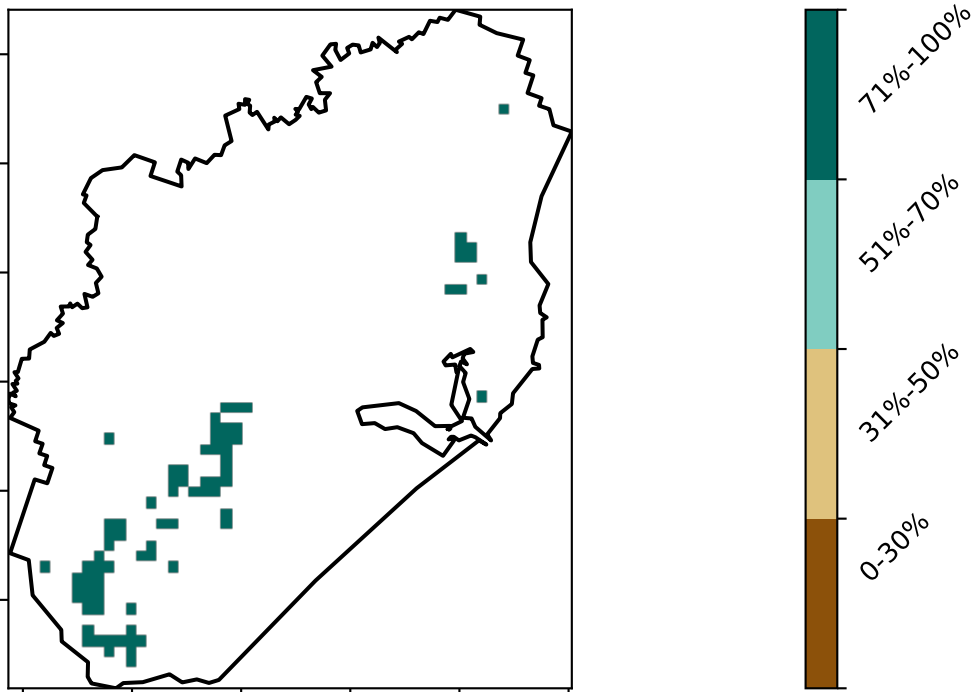
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

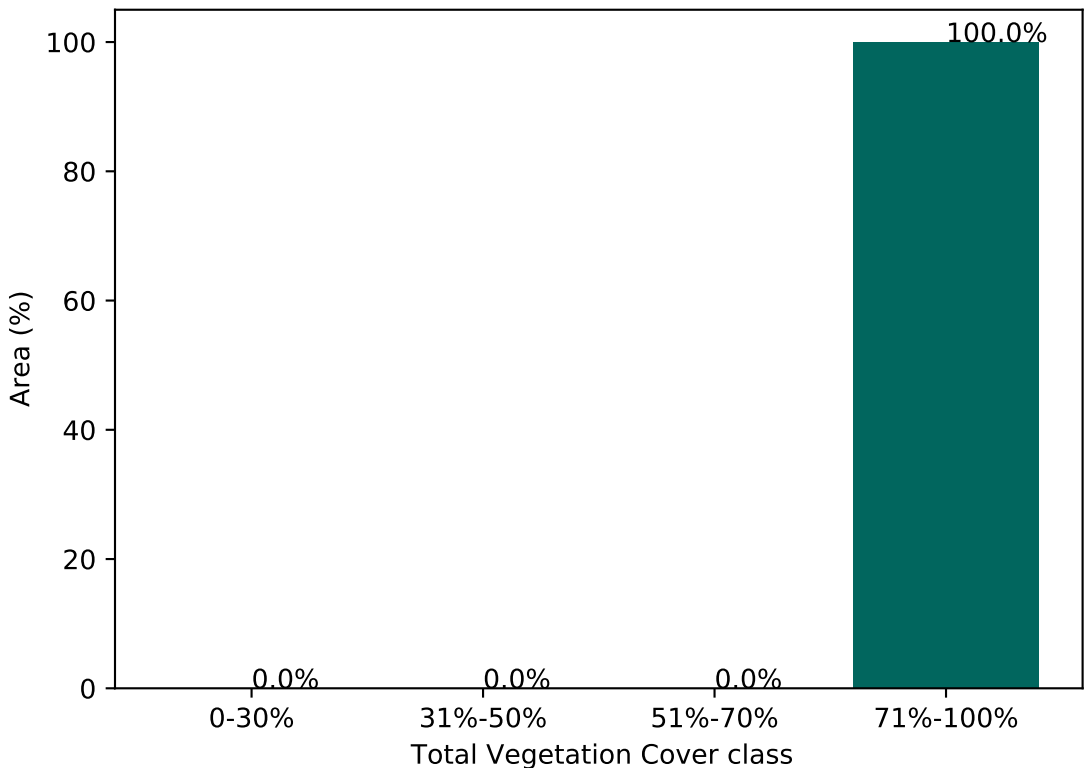
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)
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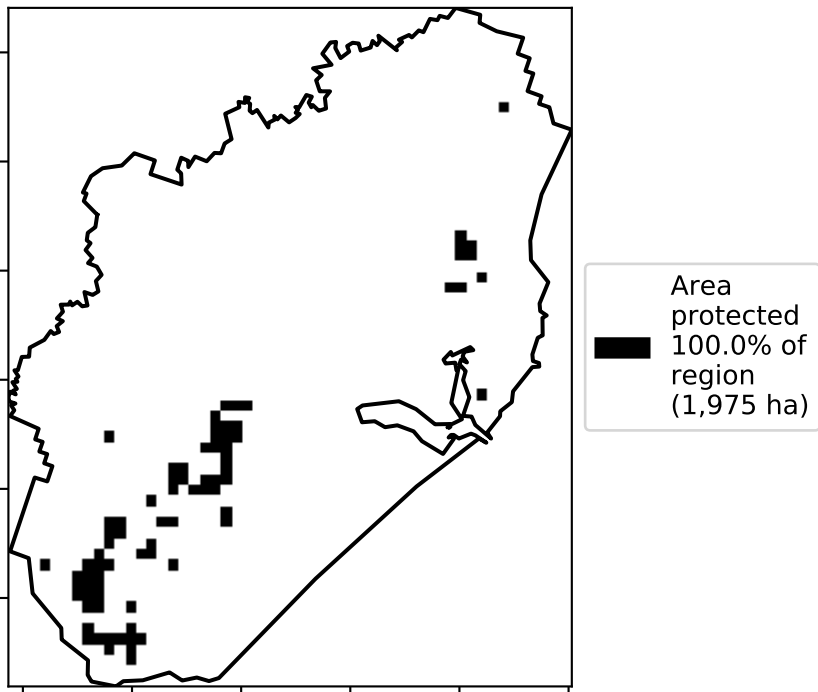
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



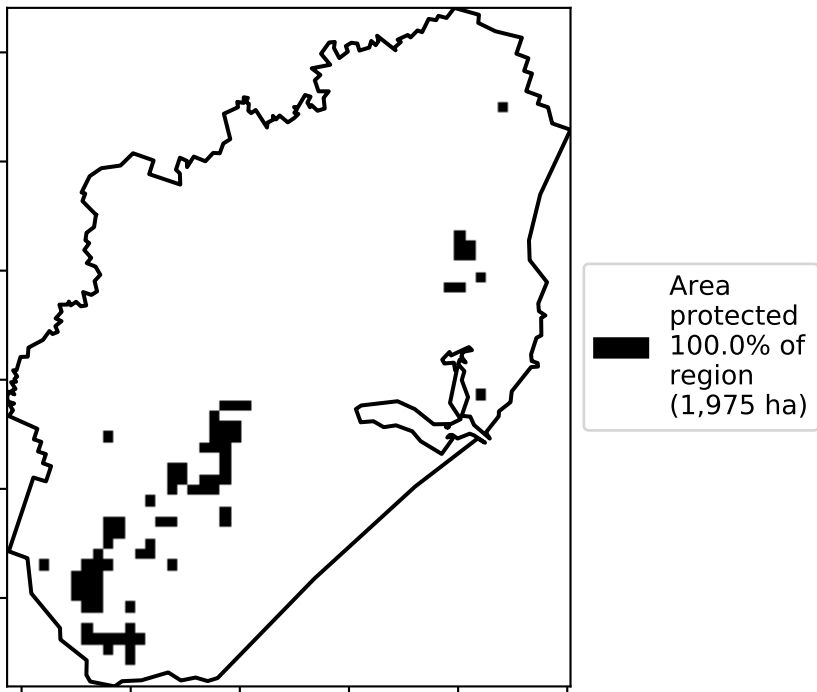
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

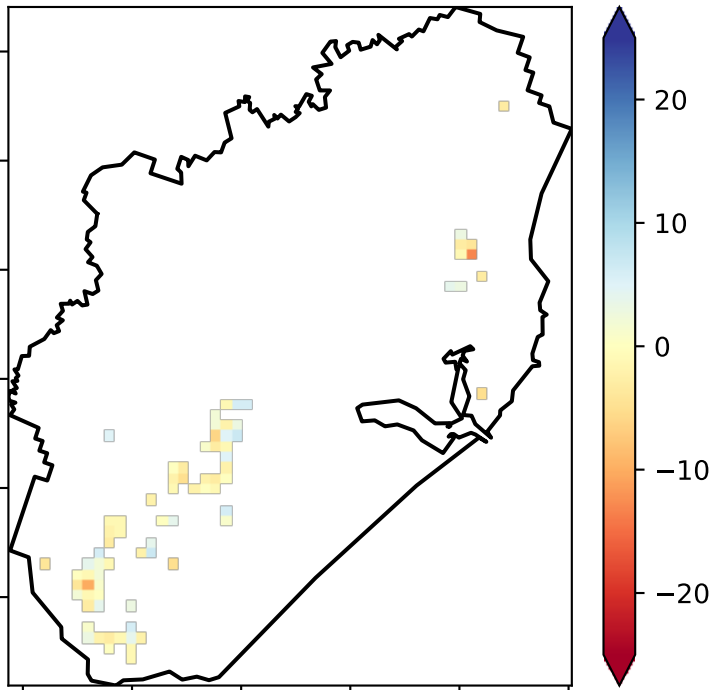


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



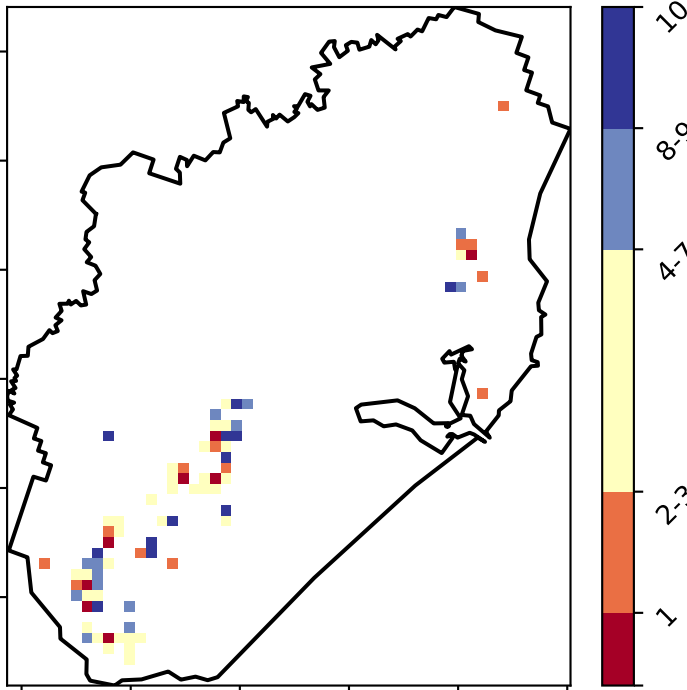
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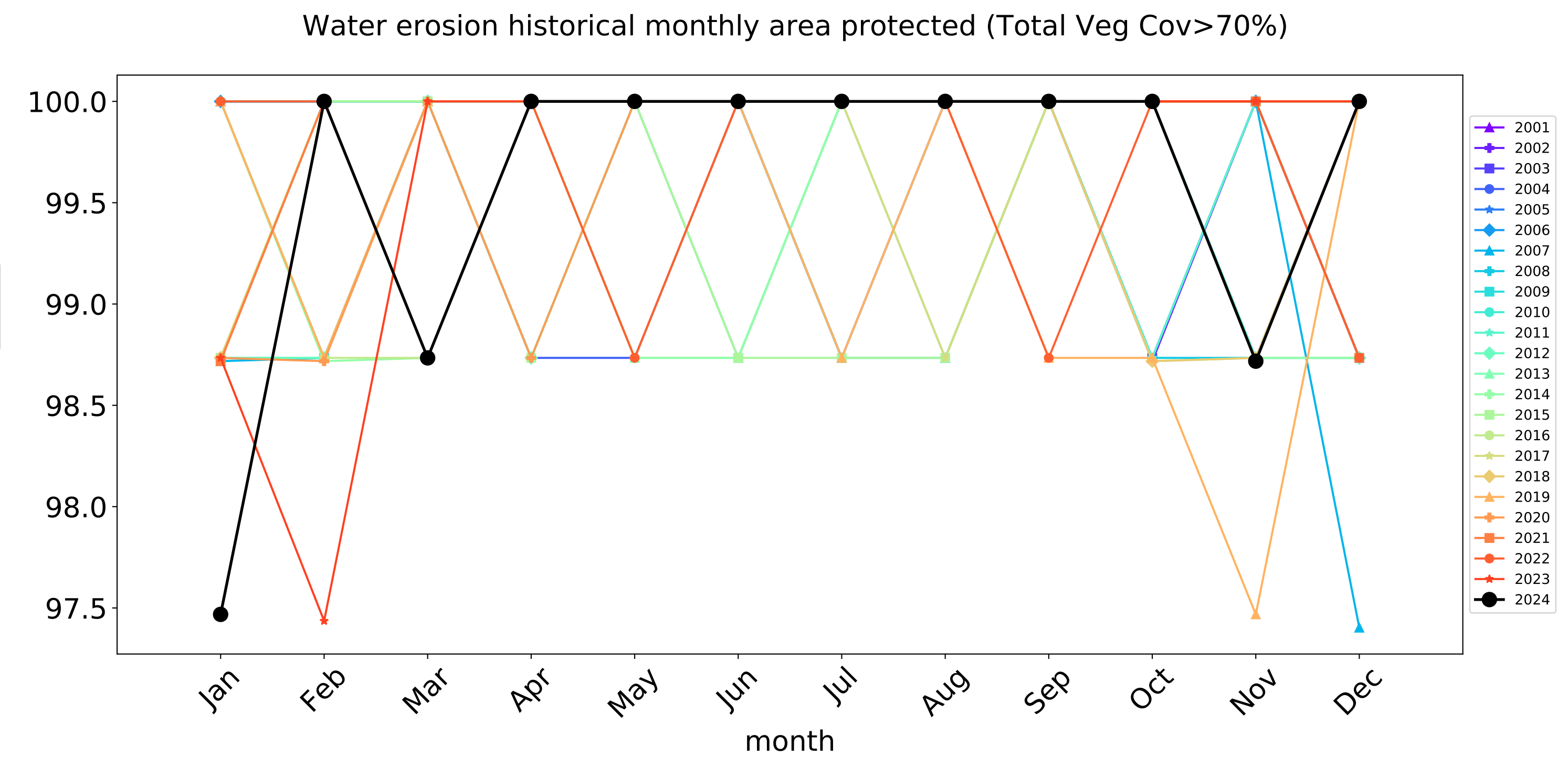
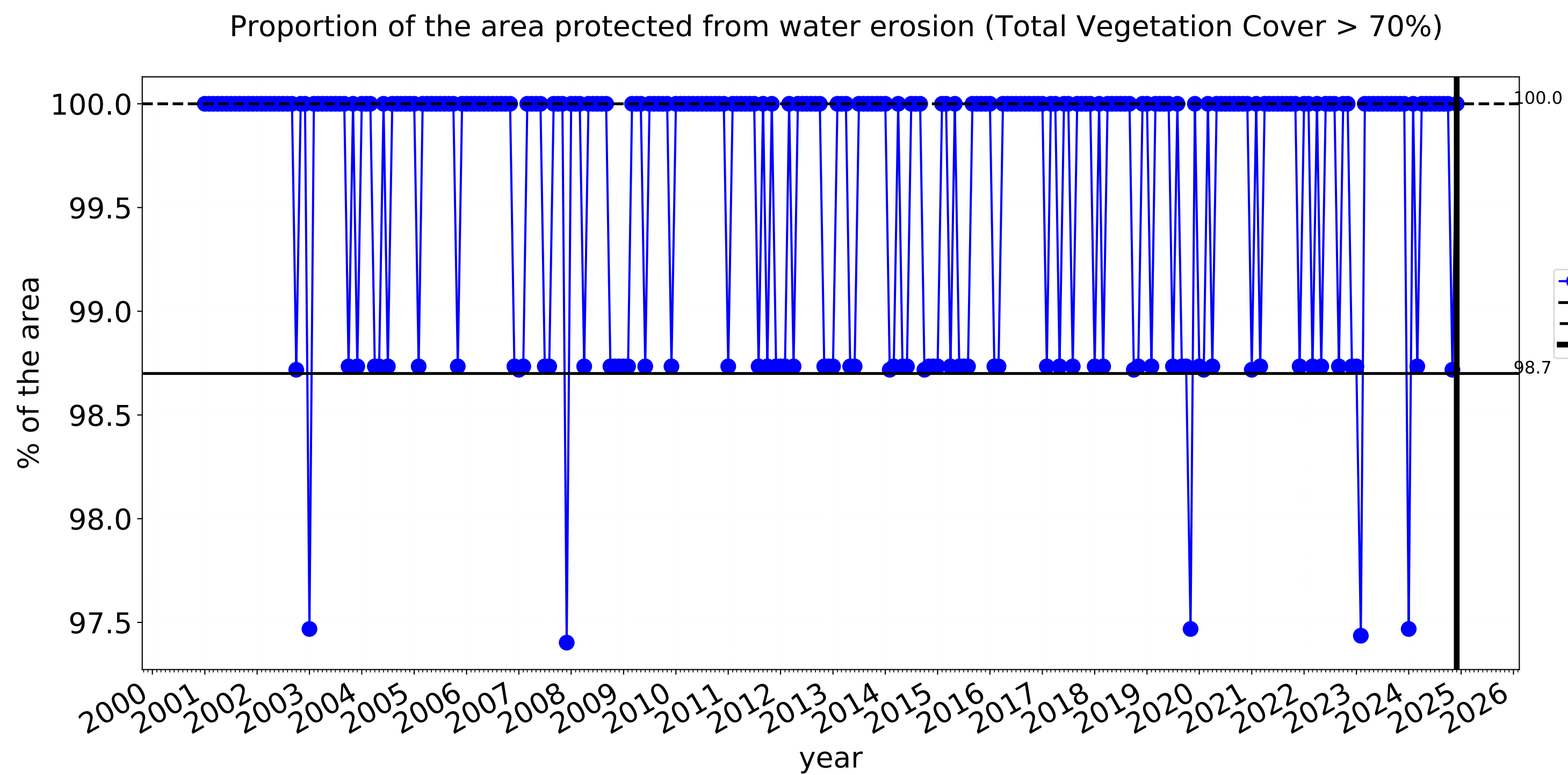
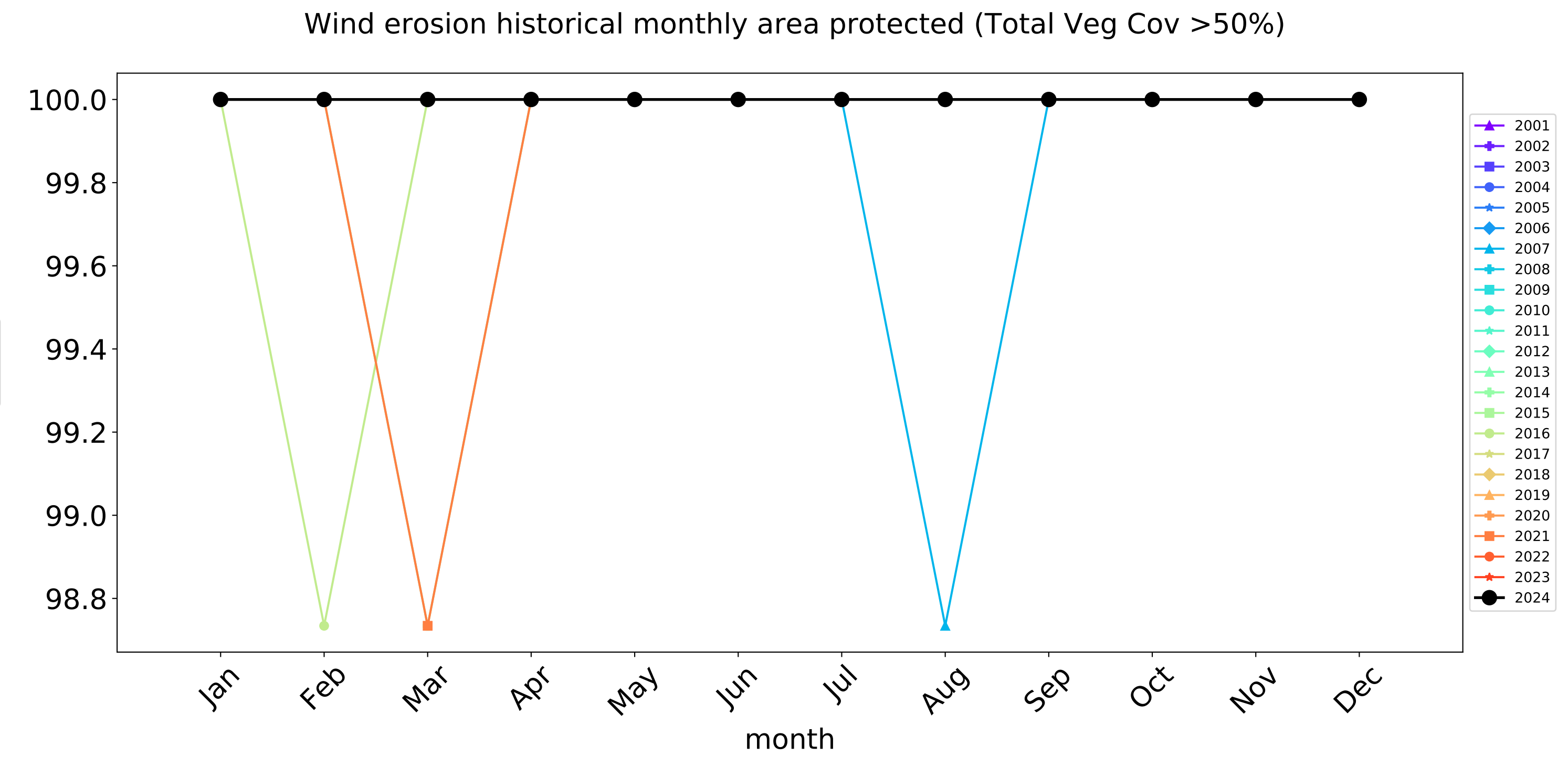
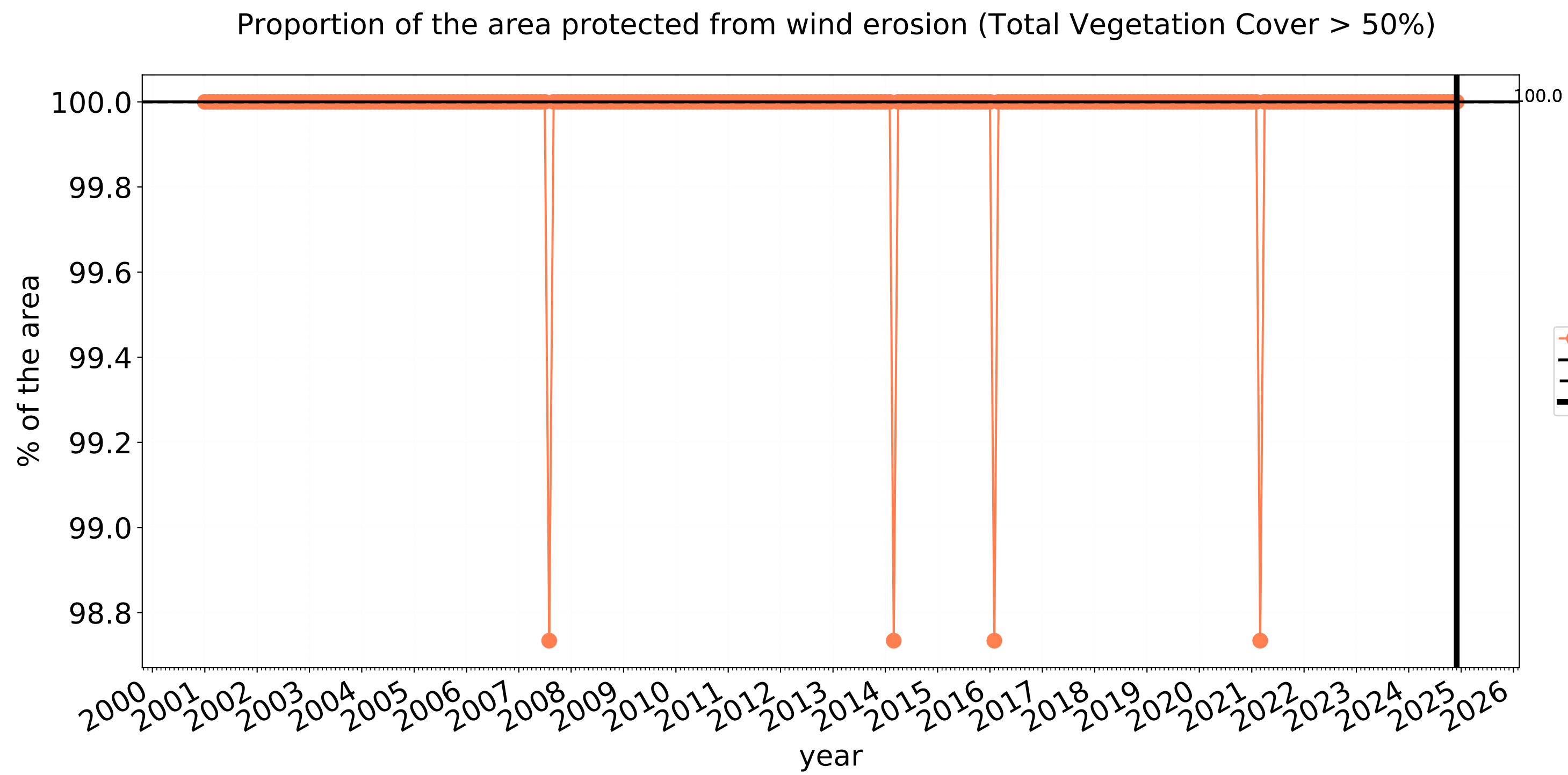


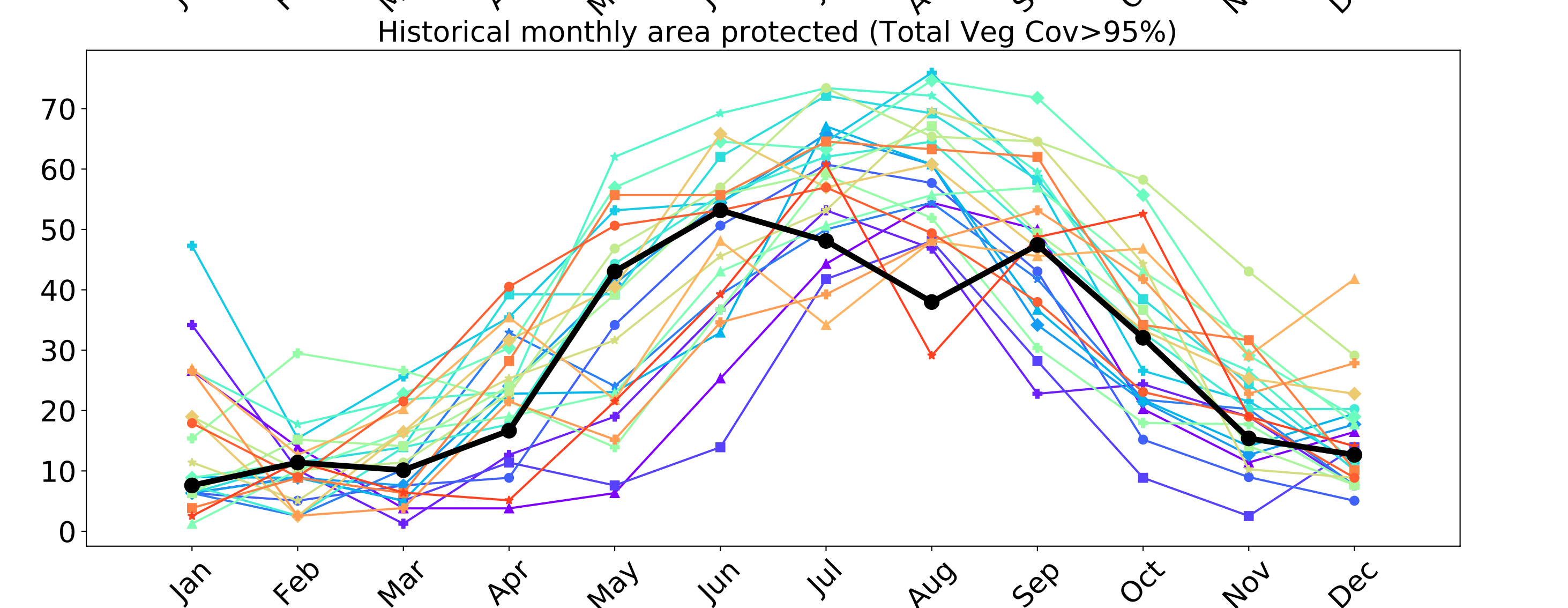
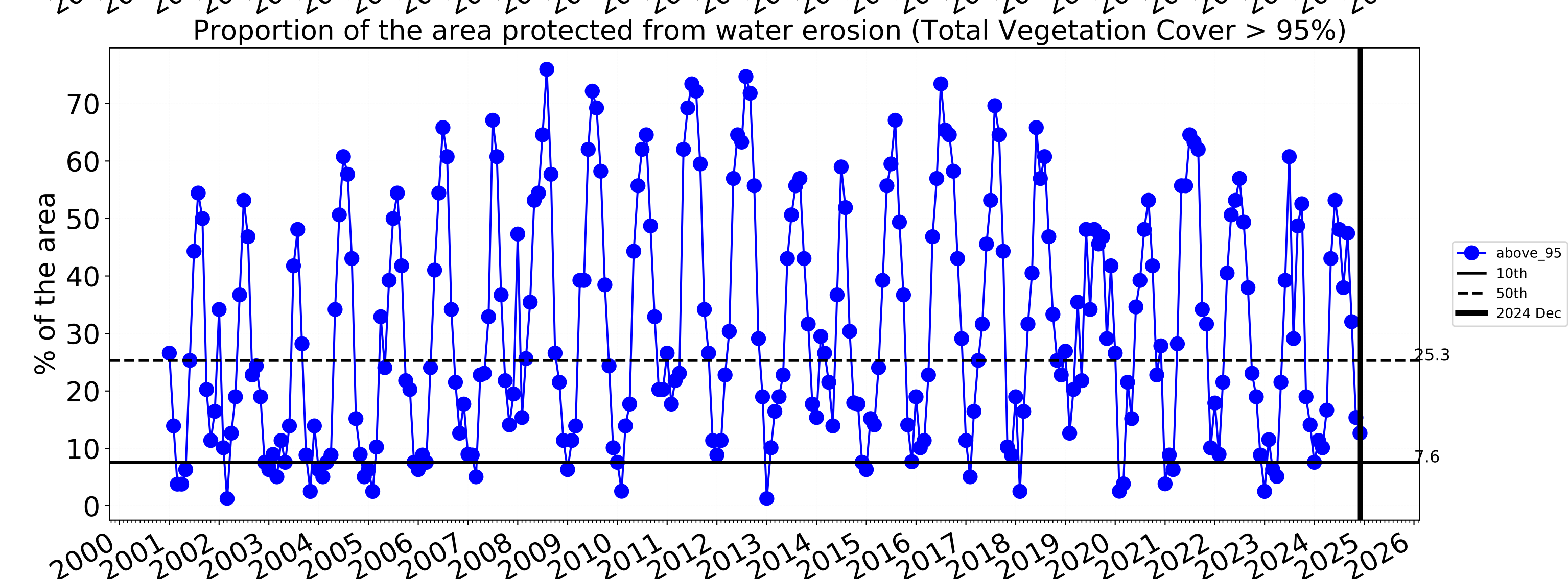
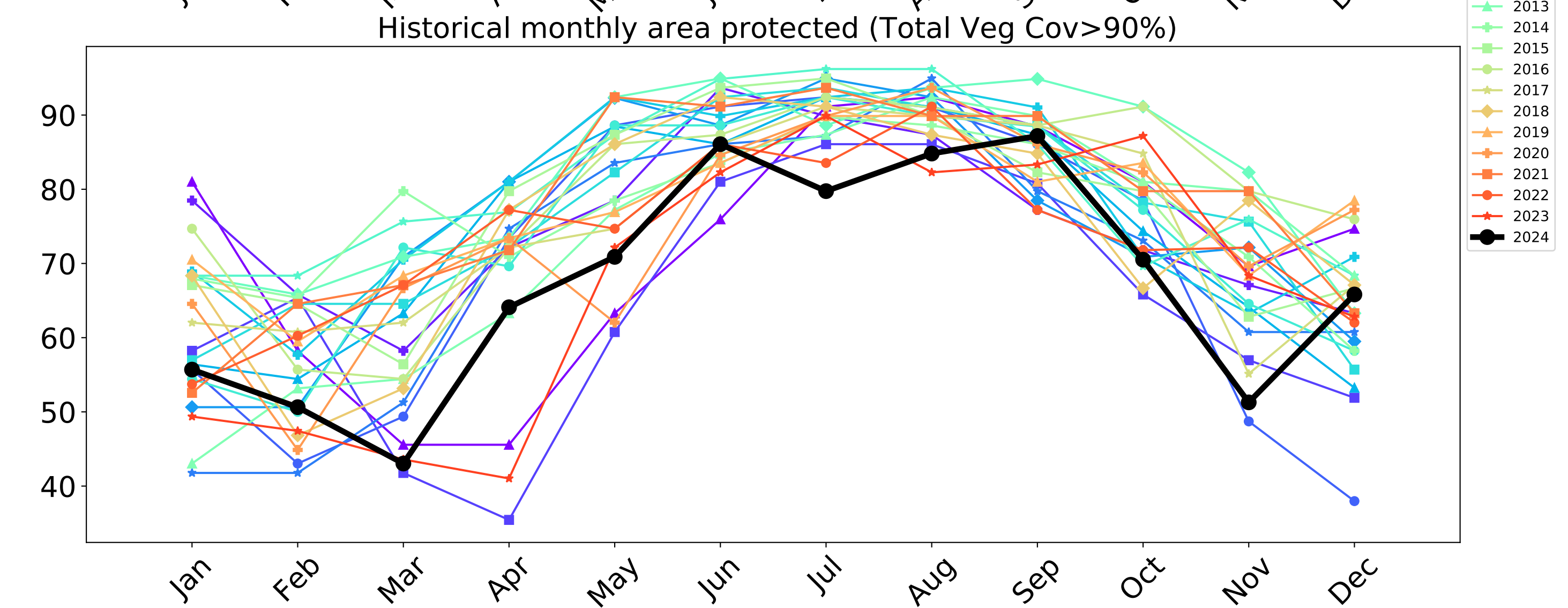
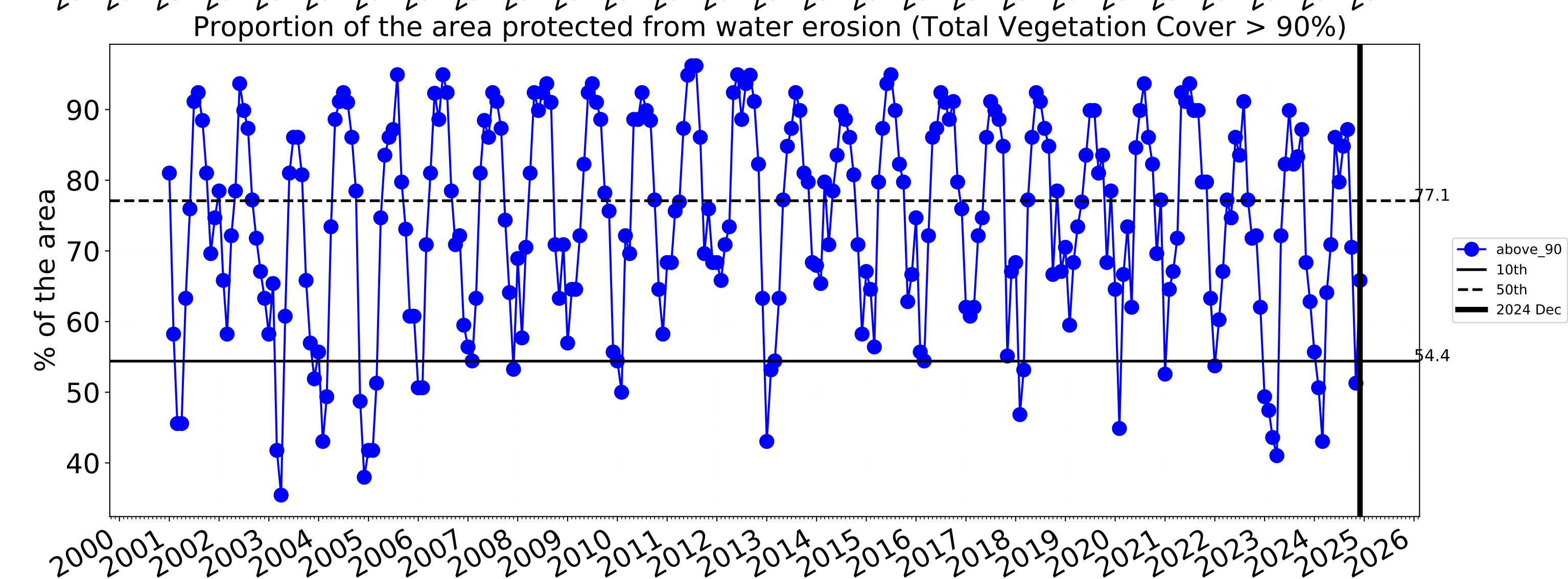
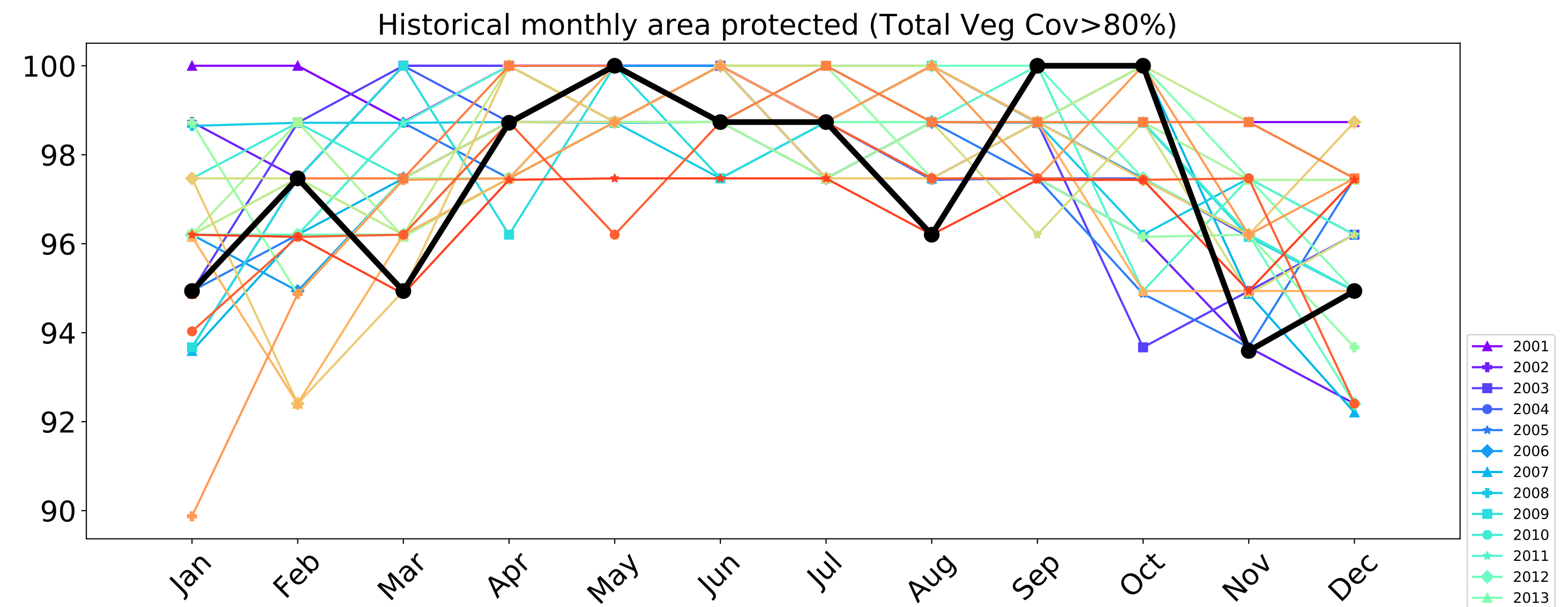
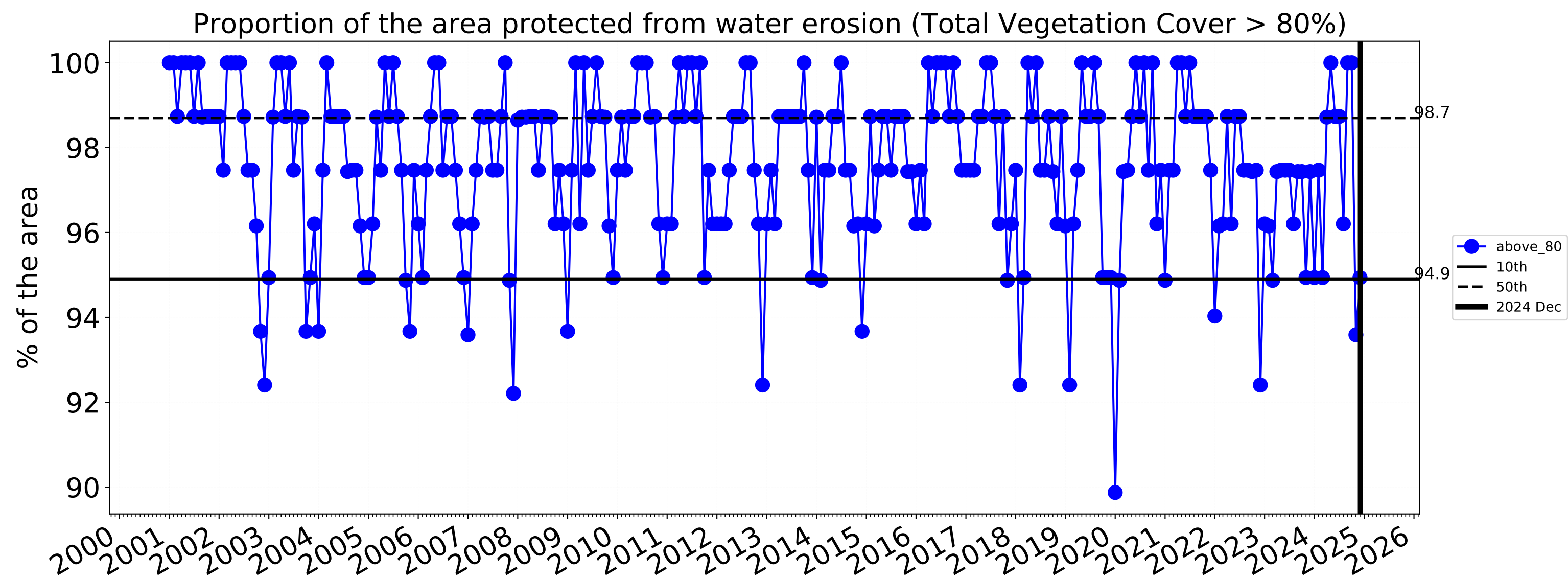
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



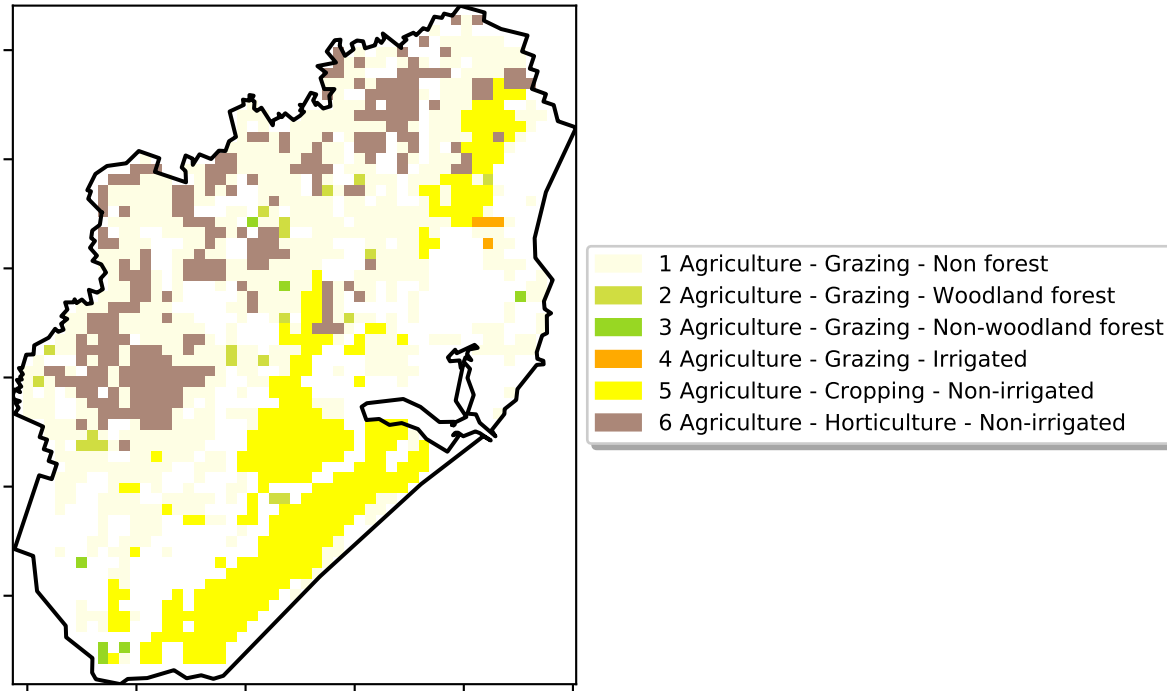
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries



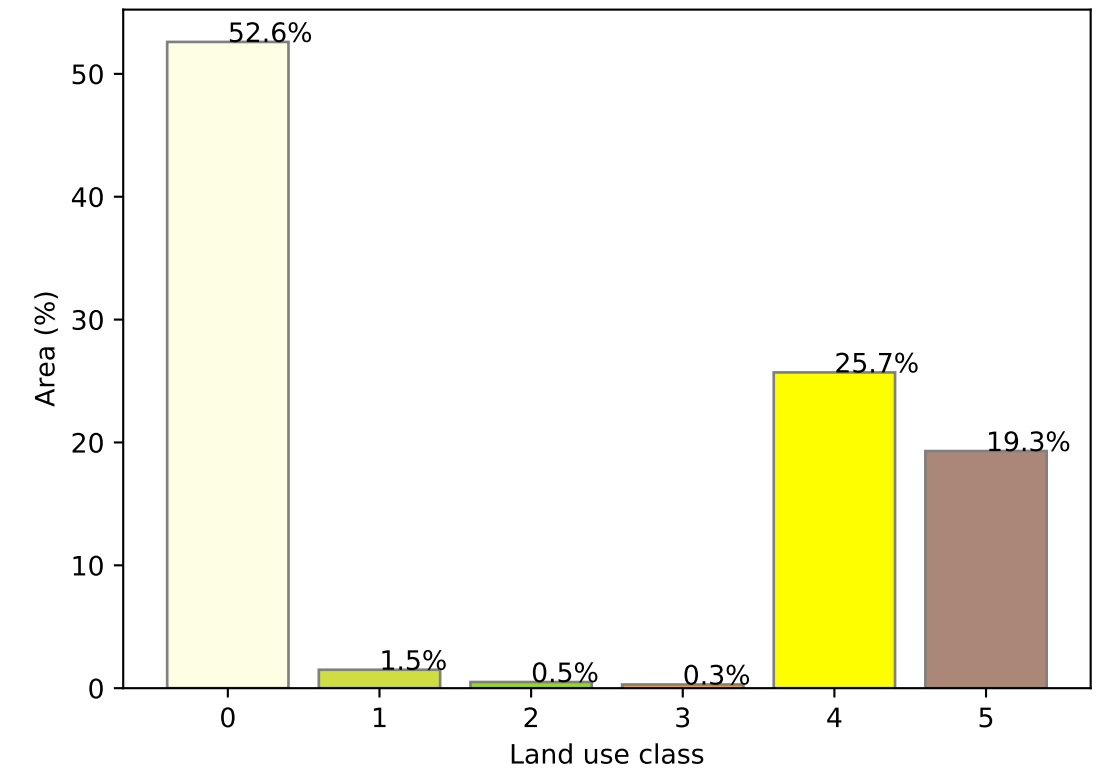


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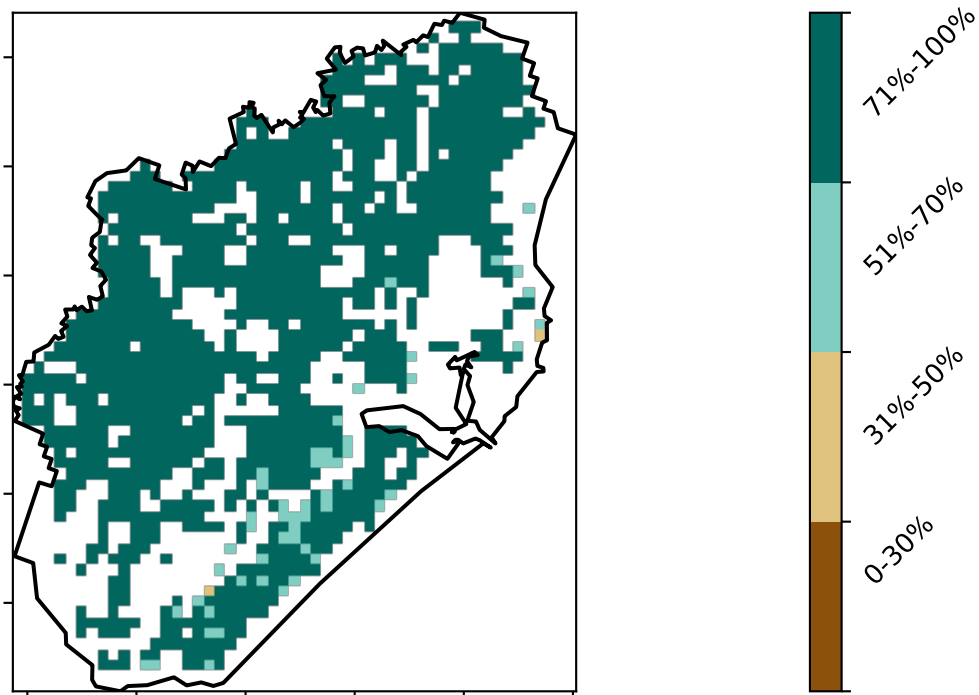
Land use and forest cover



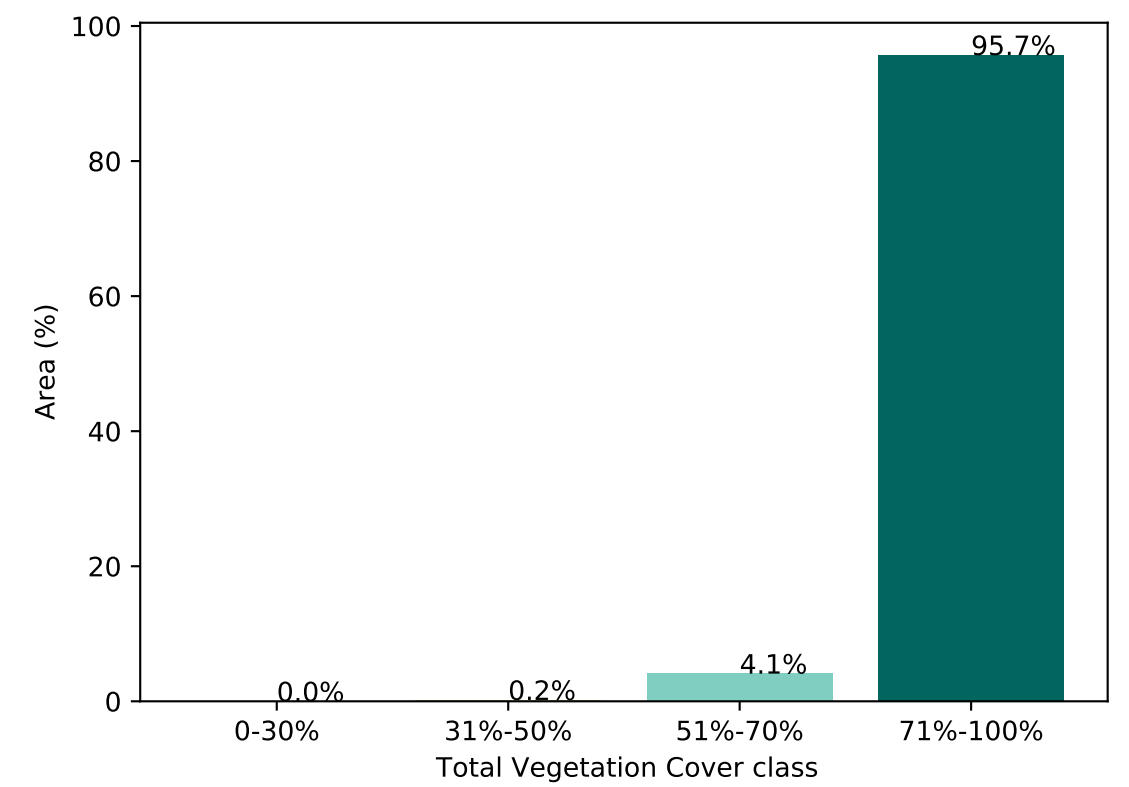
Proportion of each land class in area



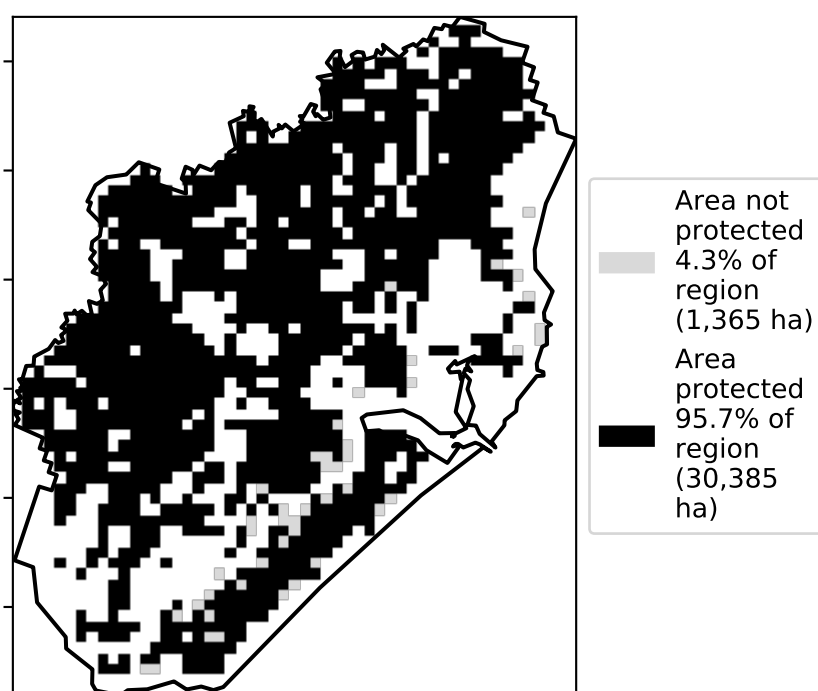
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



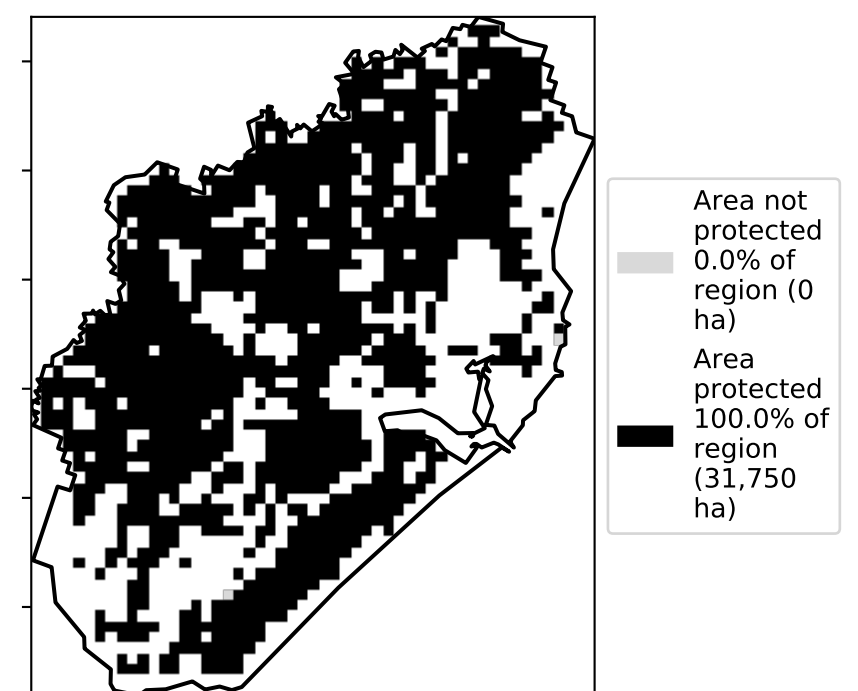
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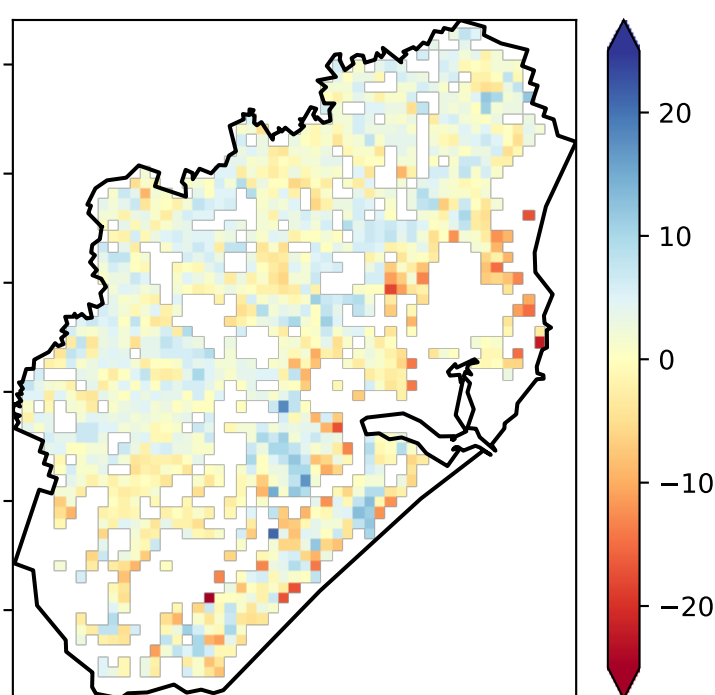
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

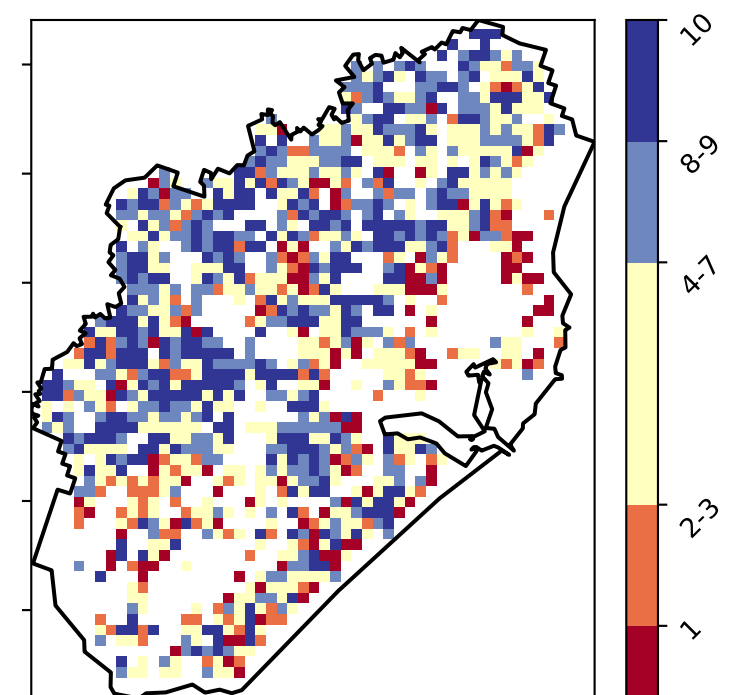


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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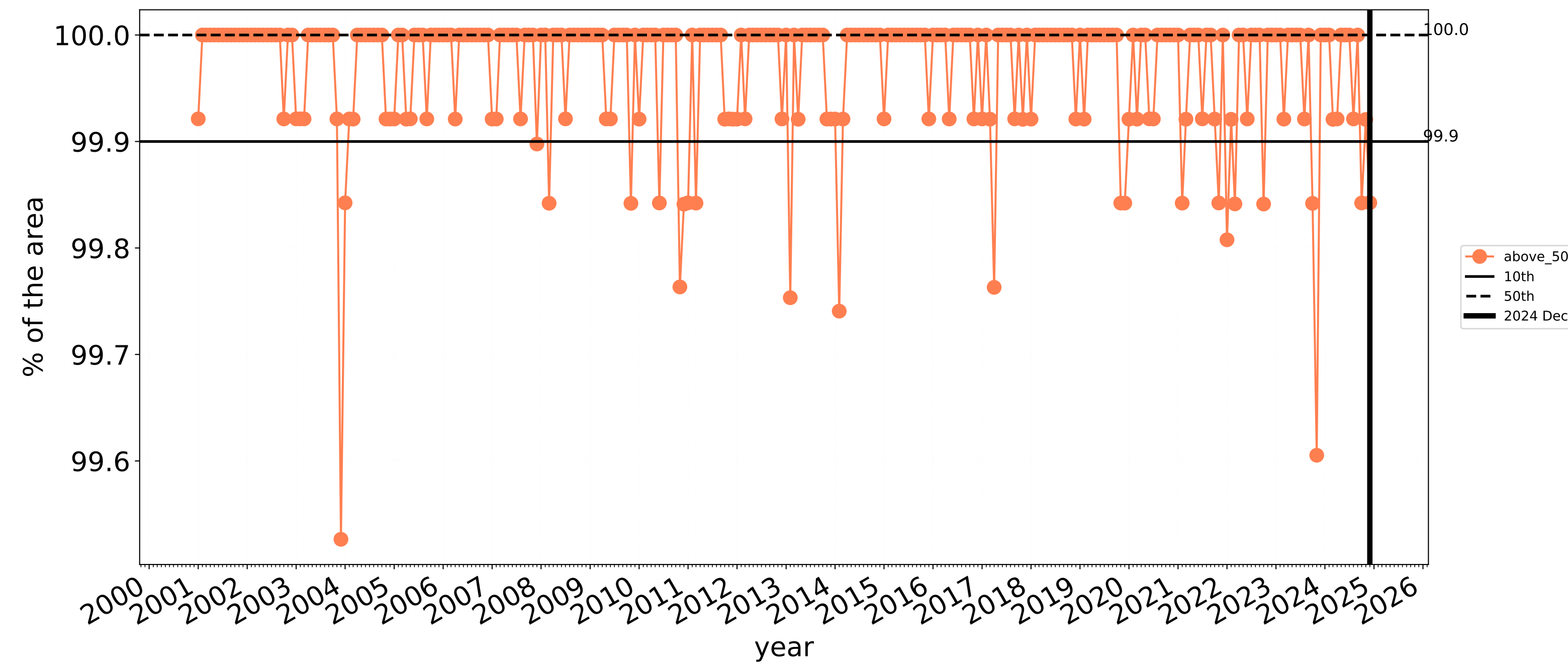
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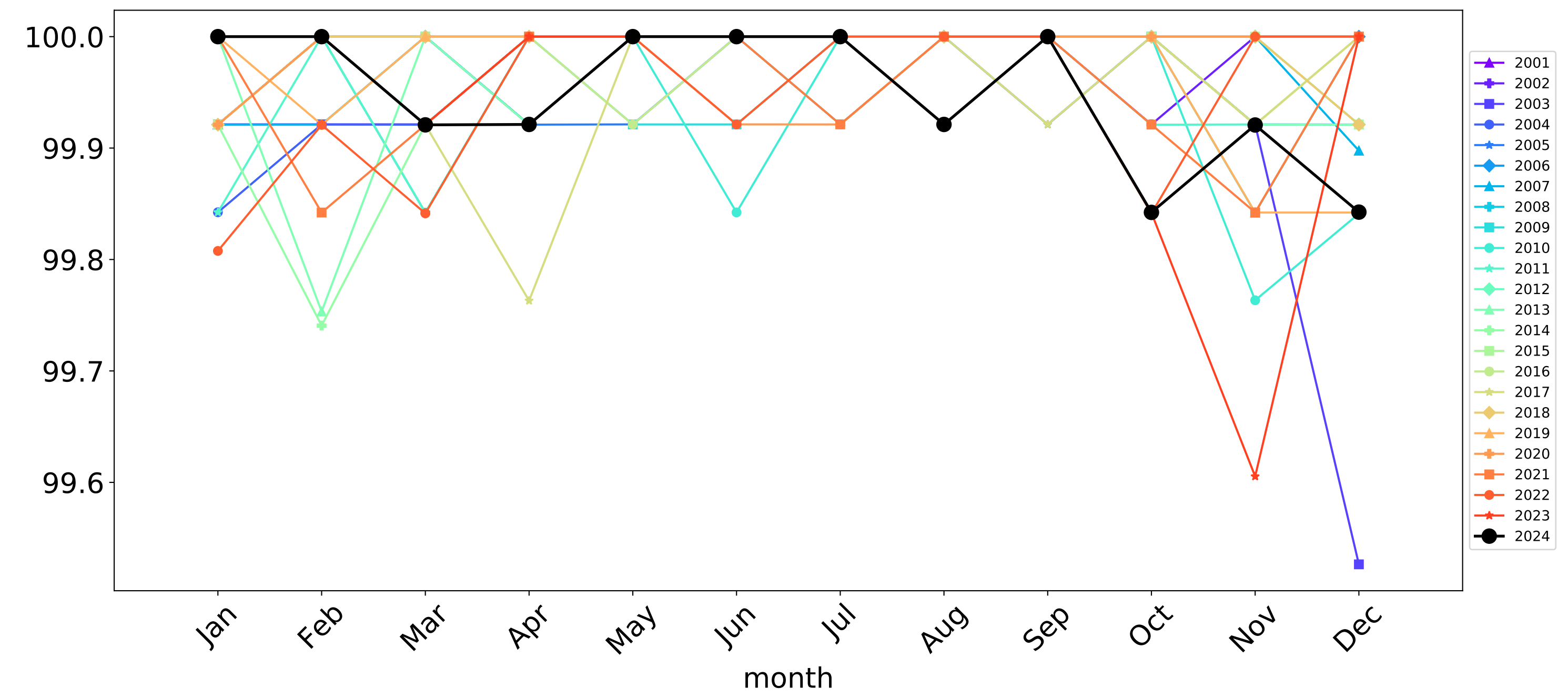


Agriculture timeseries

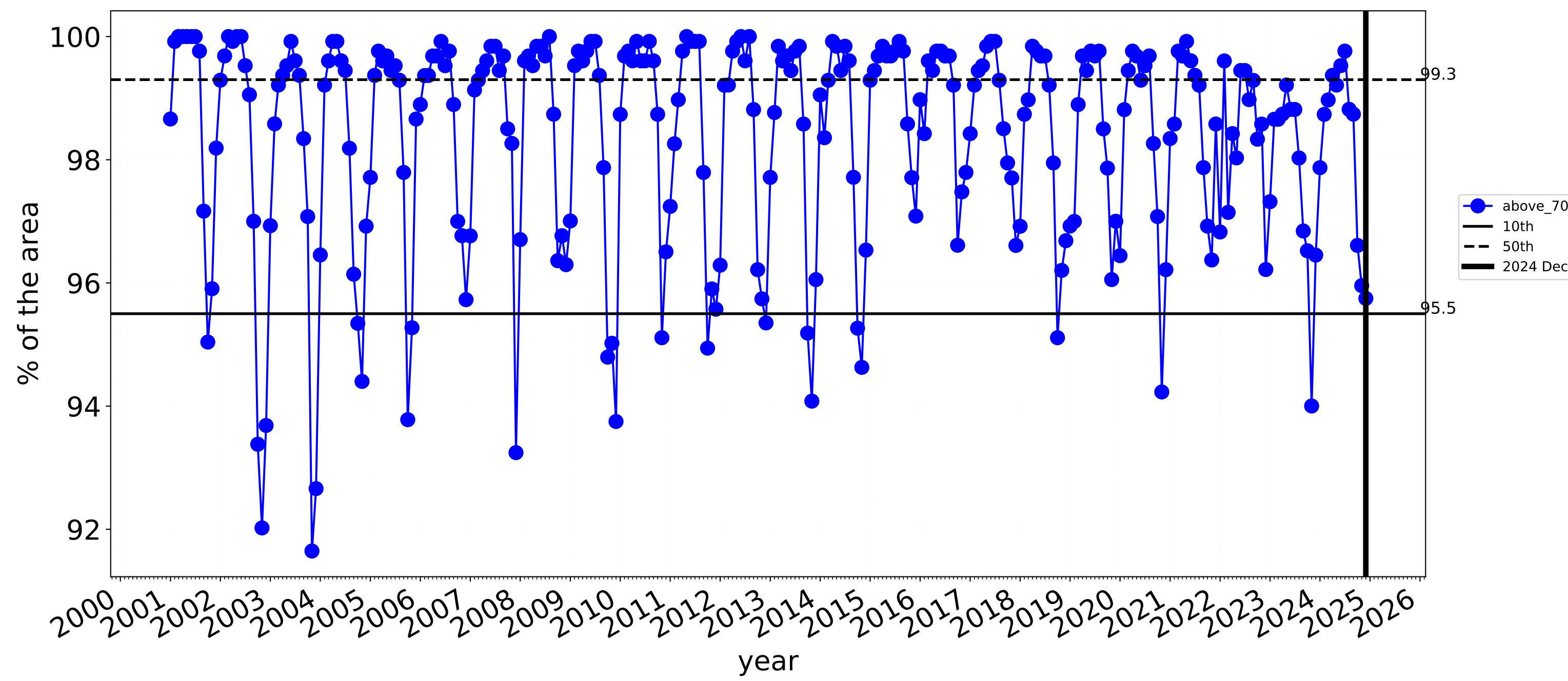
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



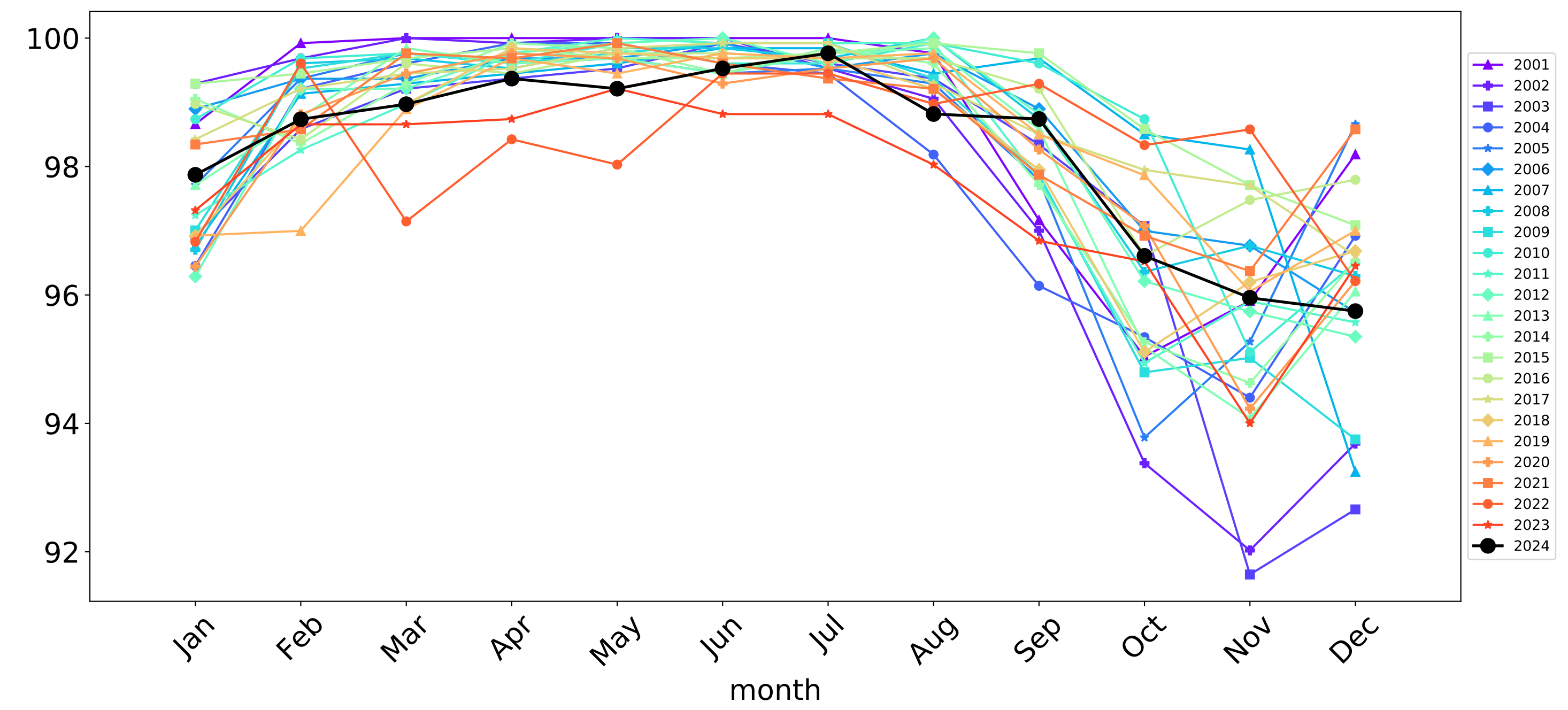
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

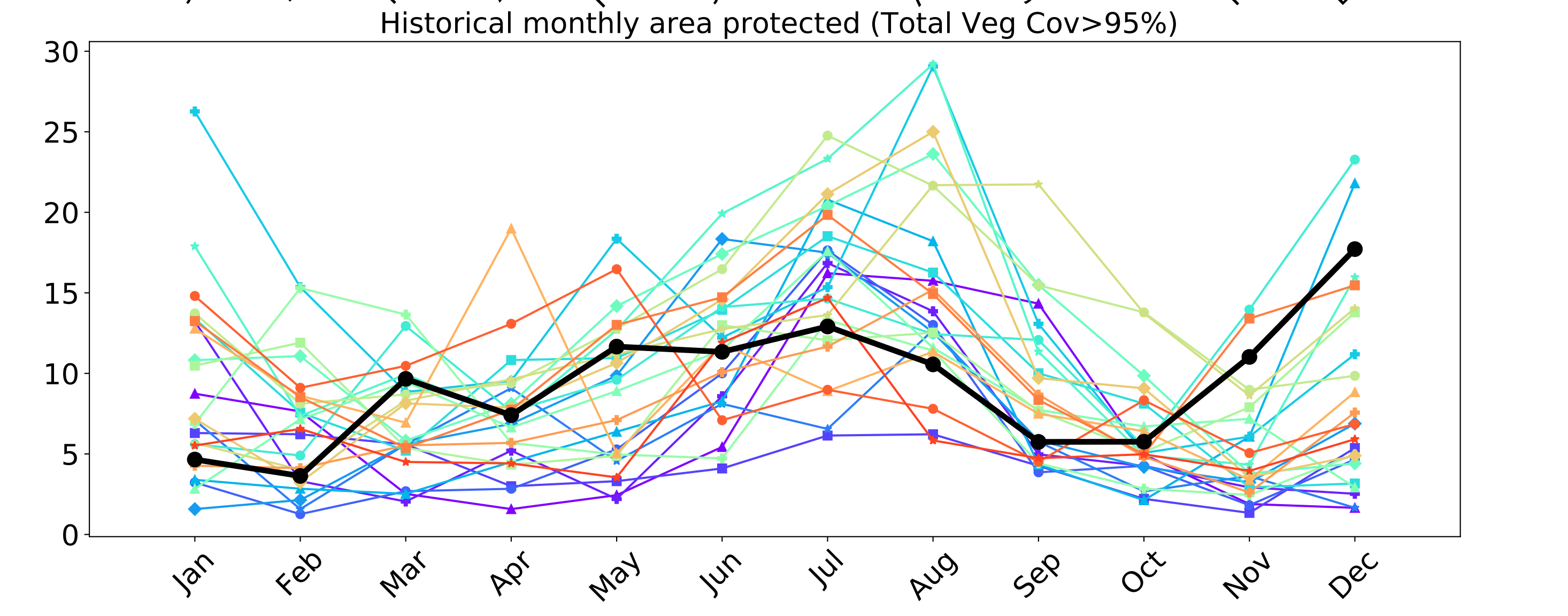
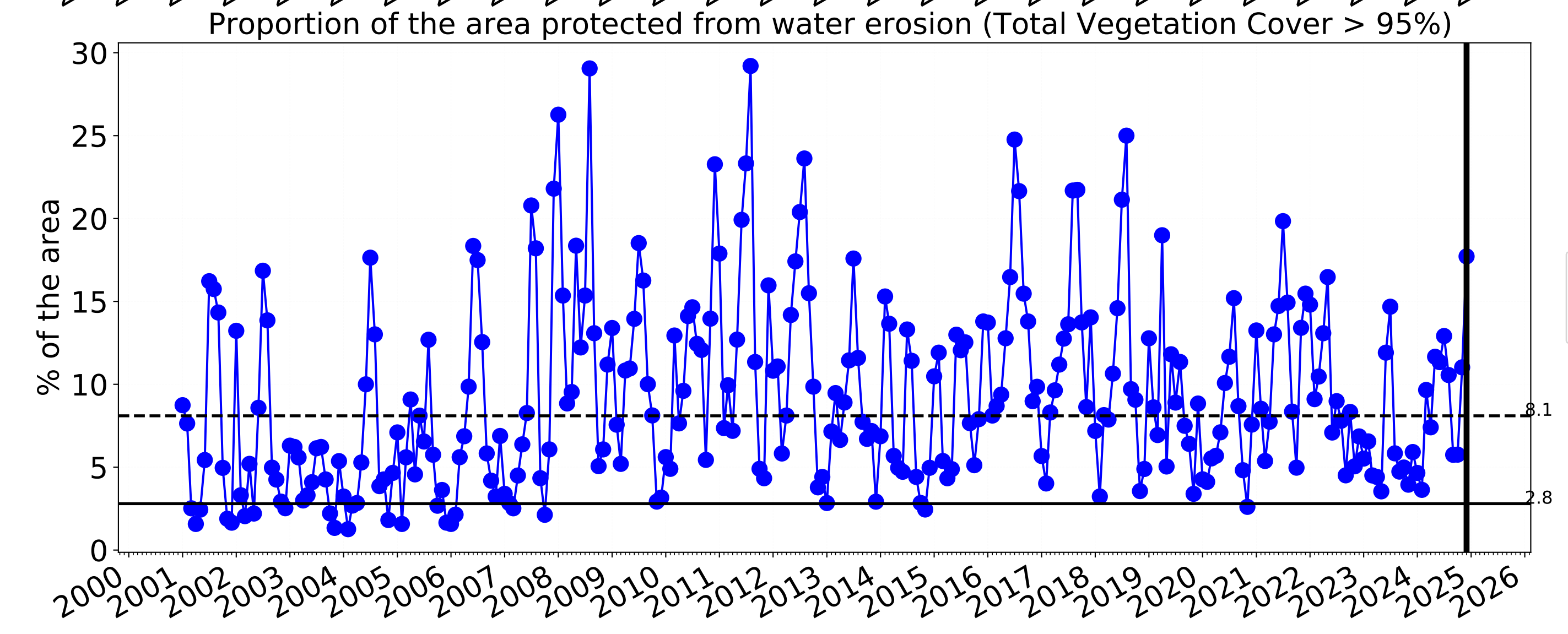
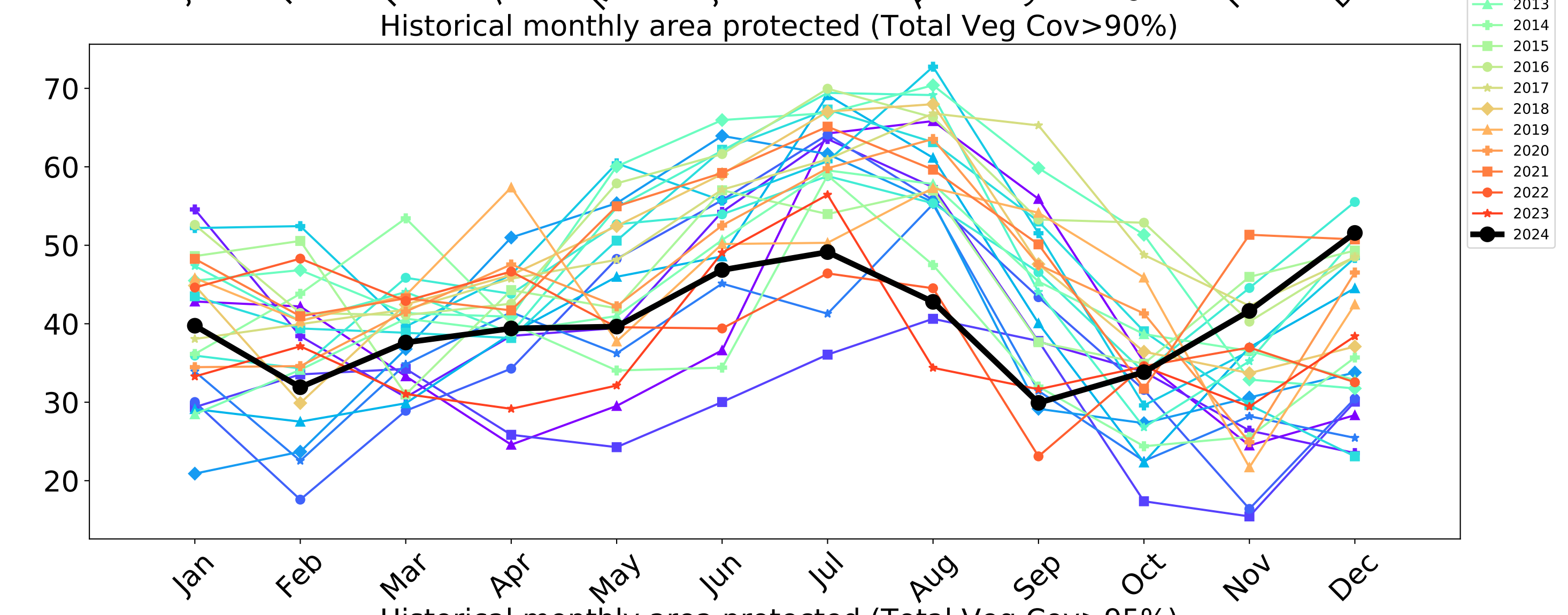
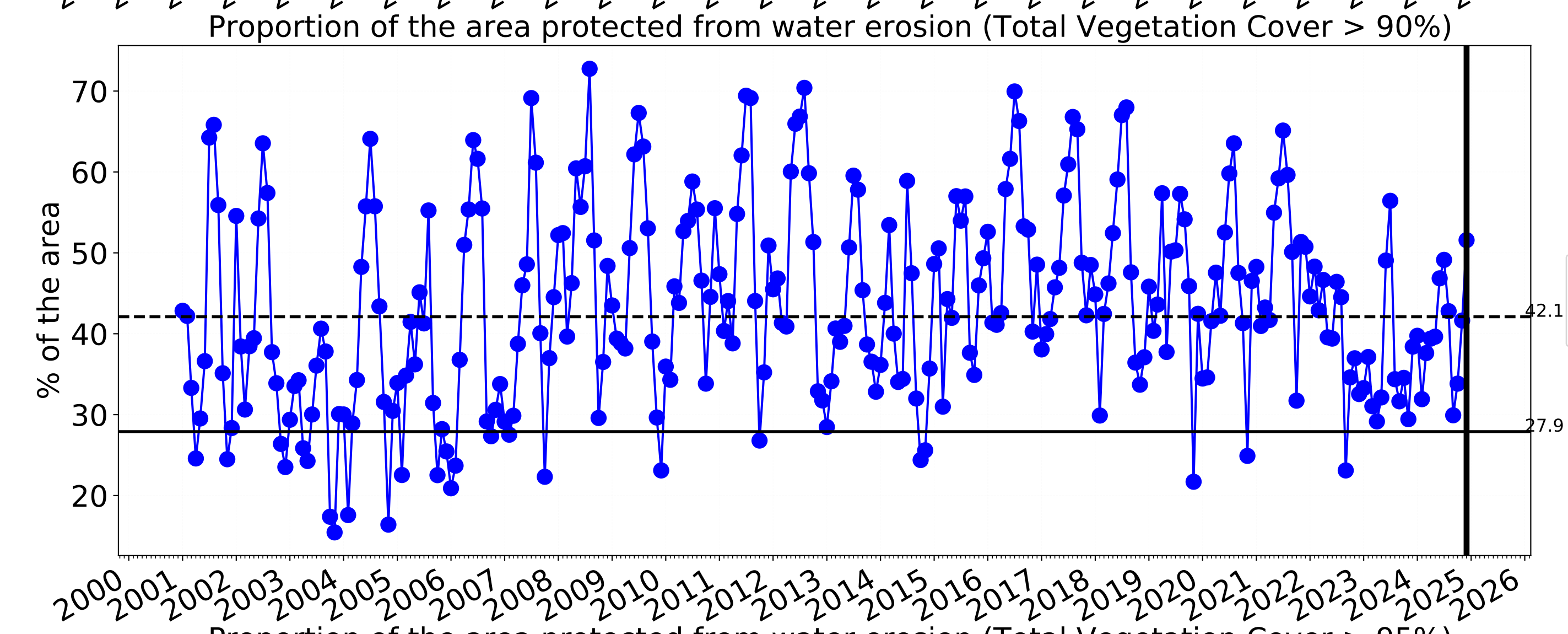
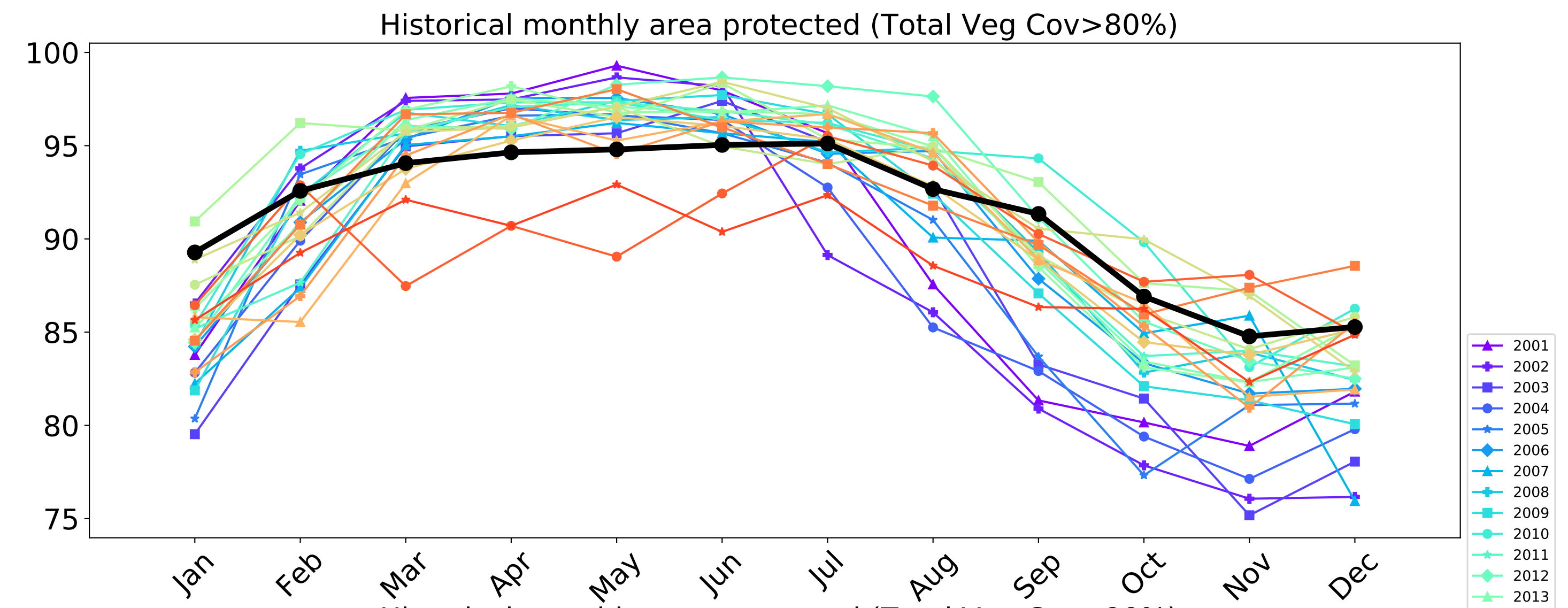
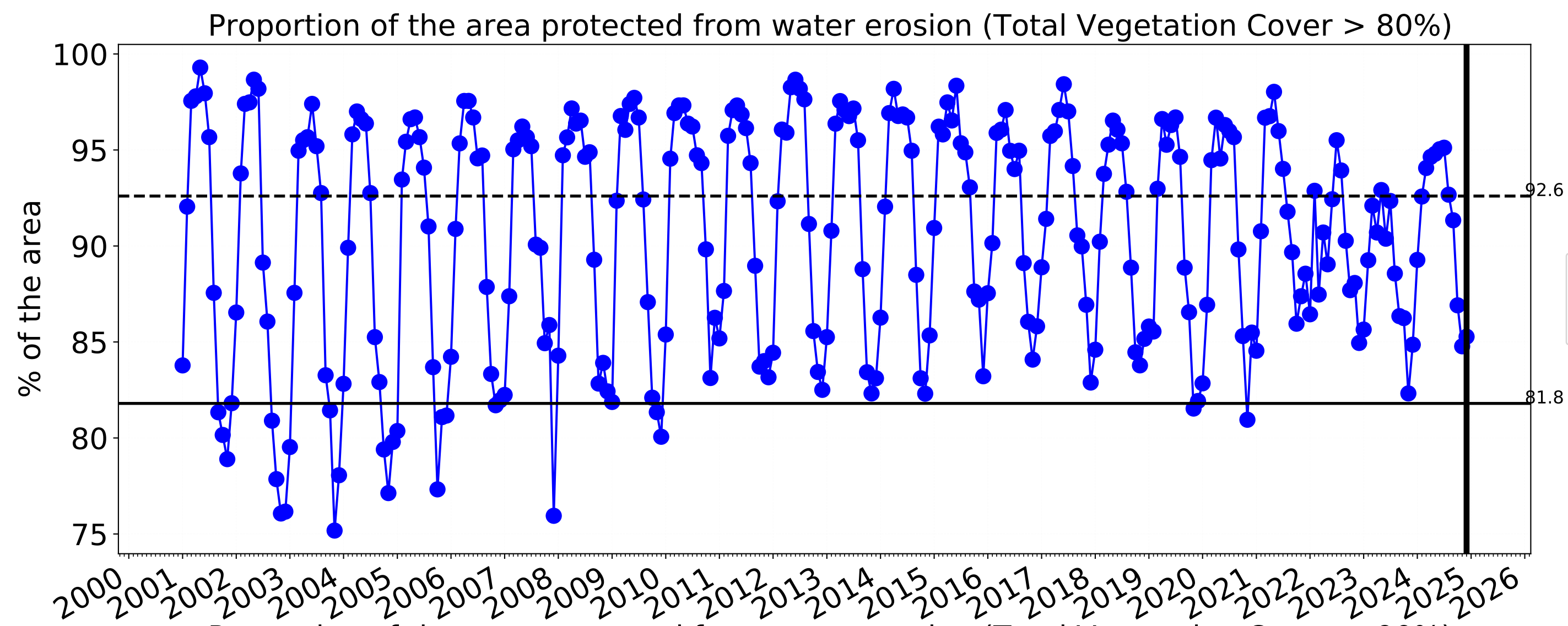


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



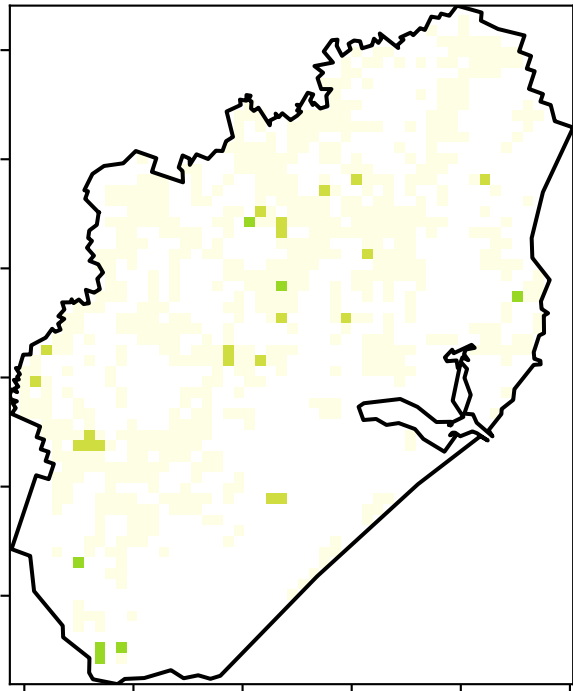
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Grazing

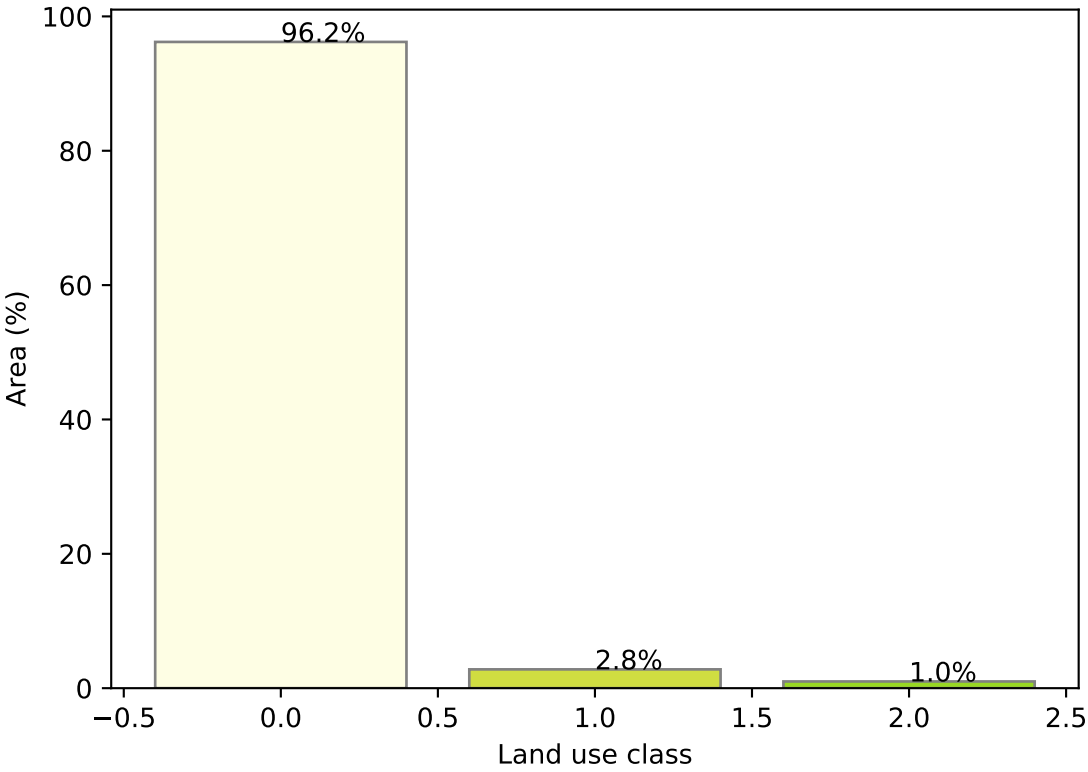
Land use and forest cover



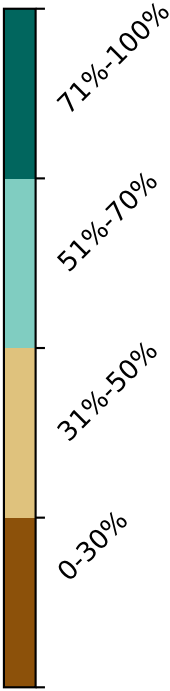
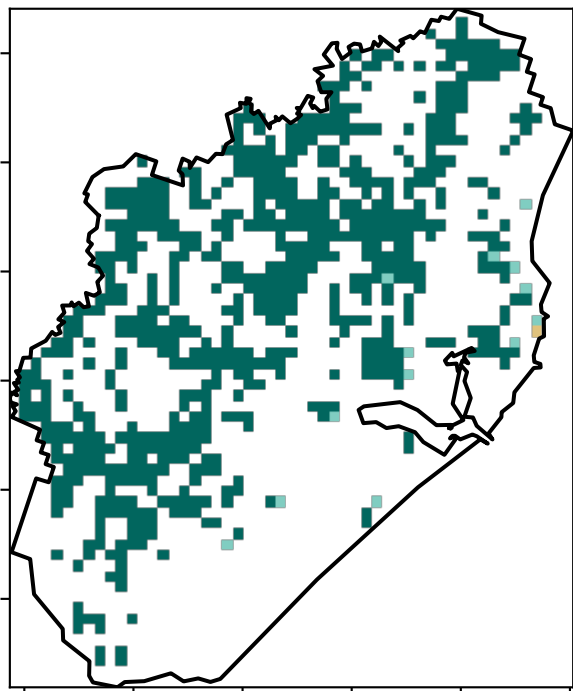
- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
- 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

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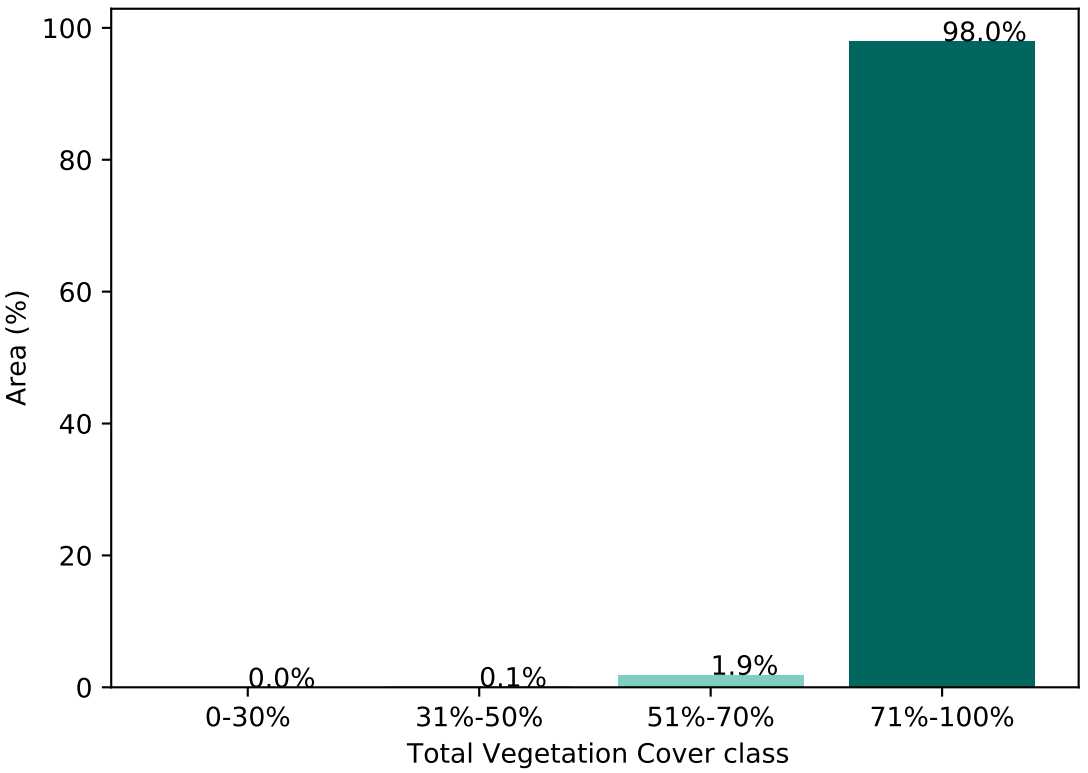
Proportion of each land class in area



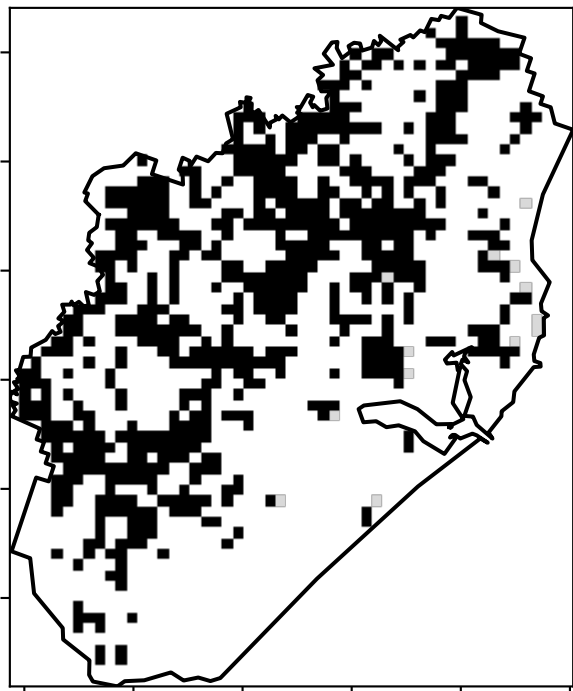
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

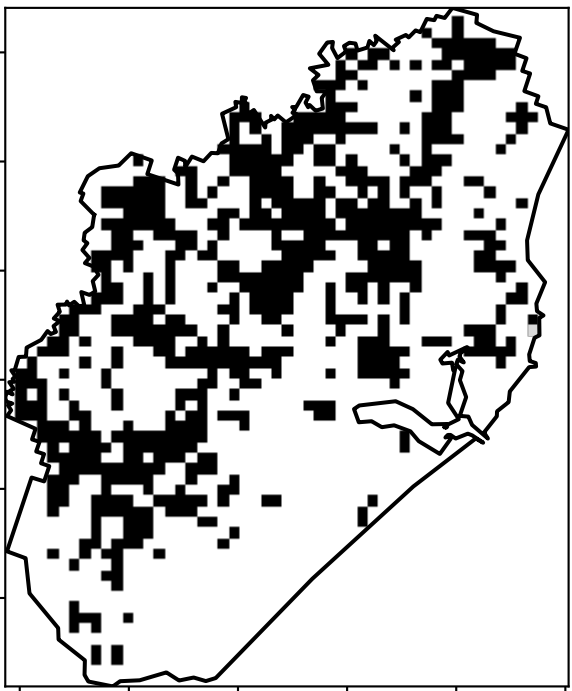


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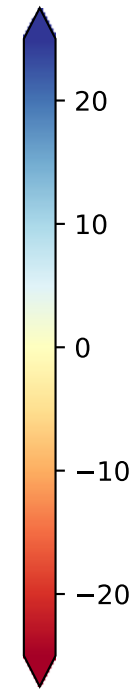
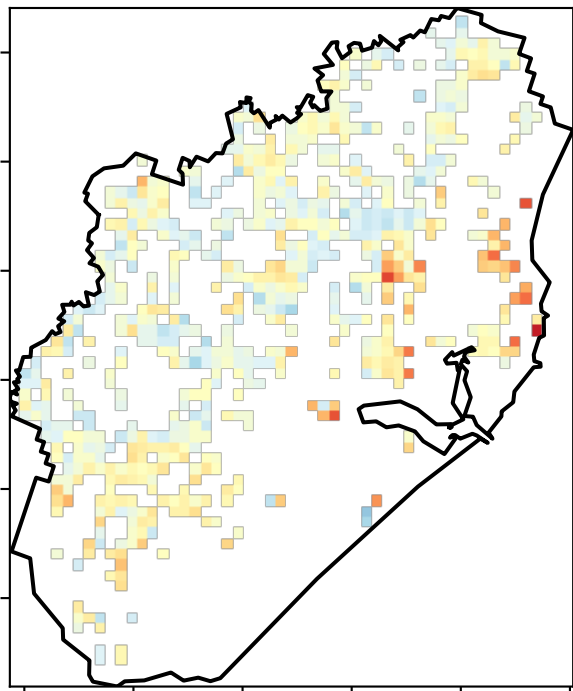
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(346 ha)
- Area protected
98.0% of region
(16,930 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



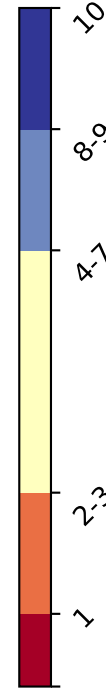
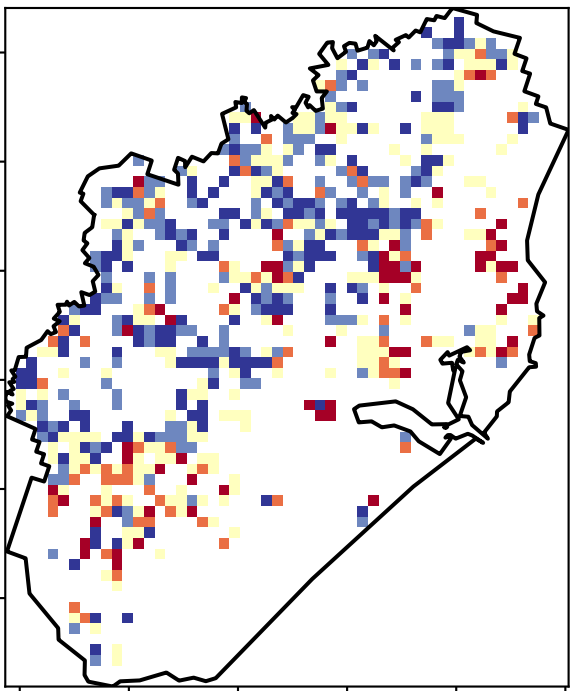
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- Area protected
100.0% of region
(17,275 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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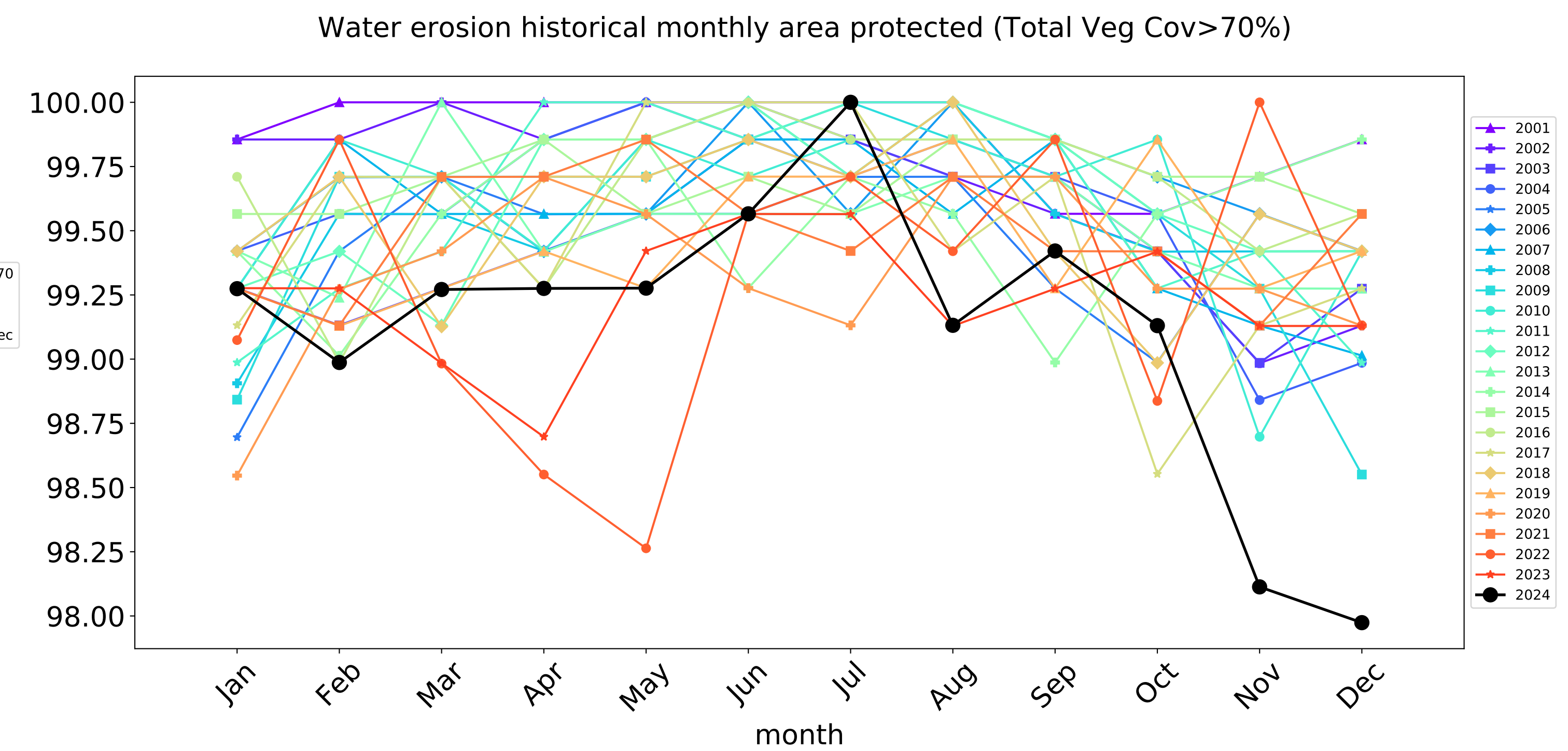
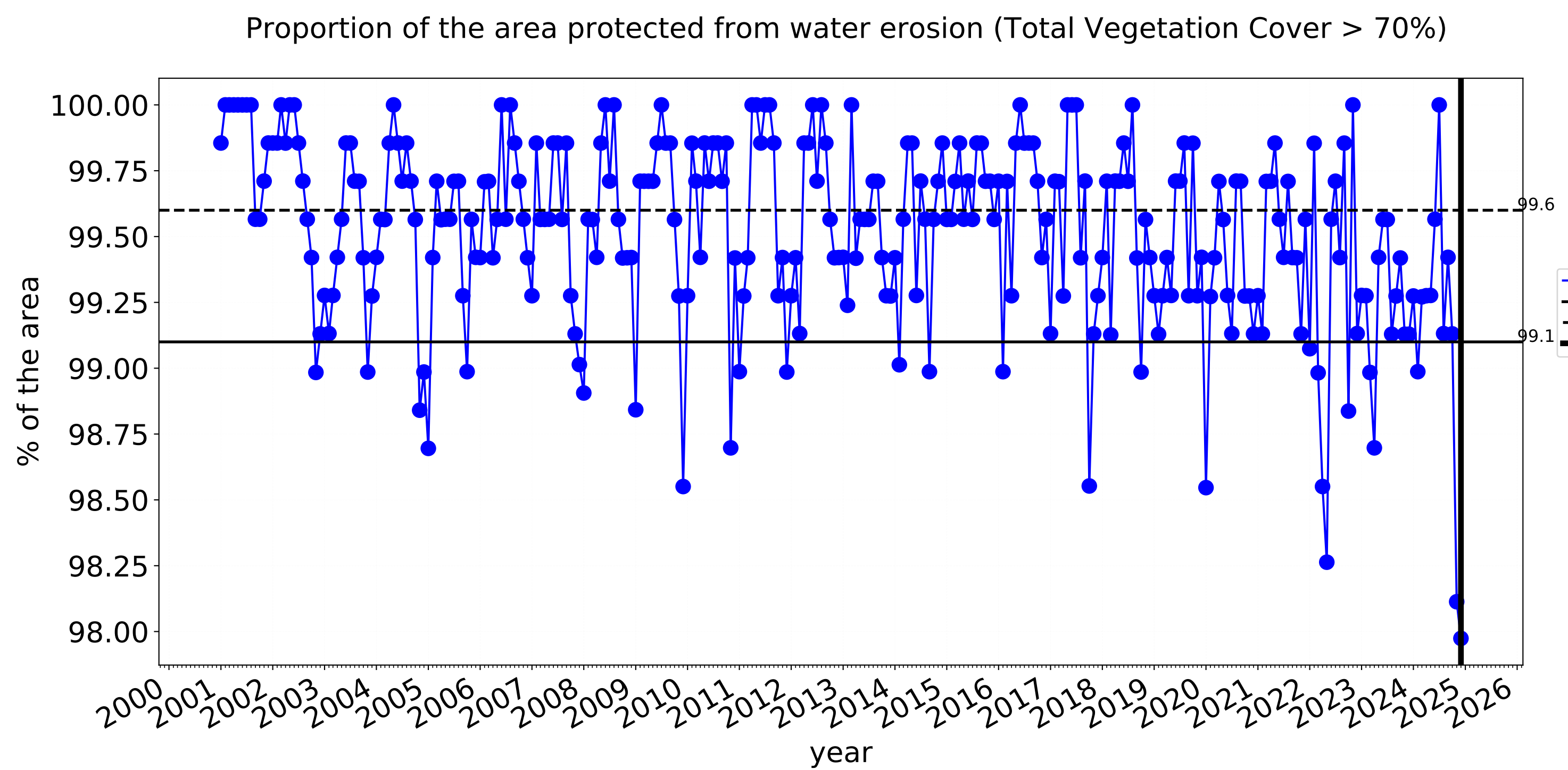
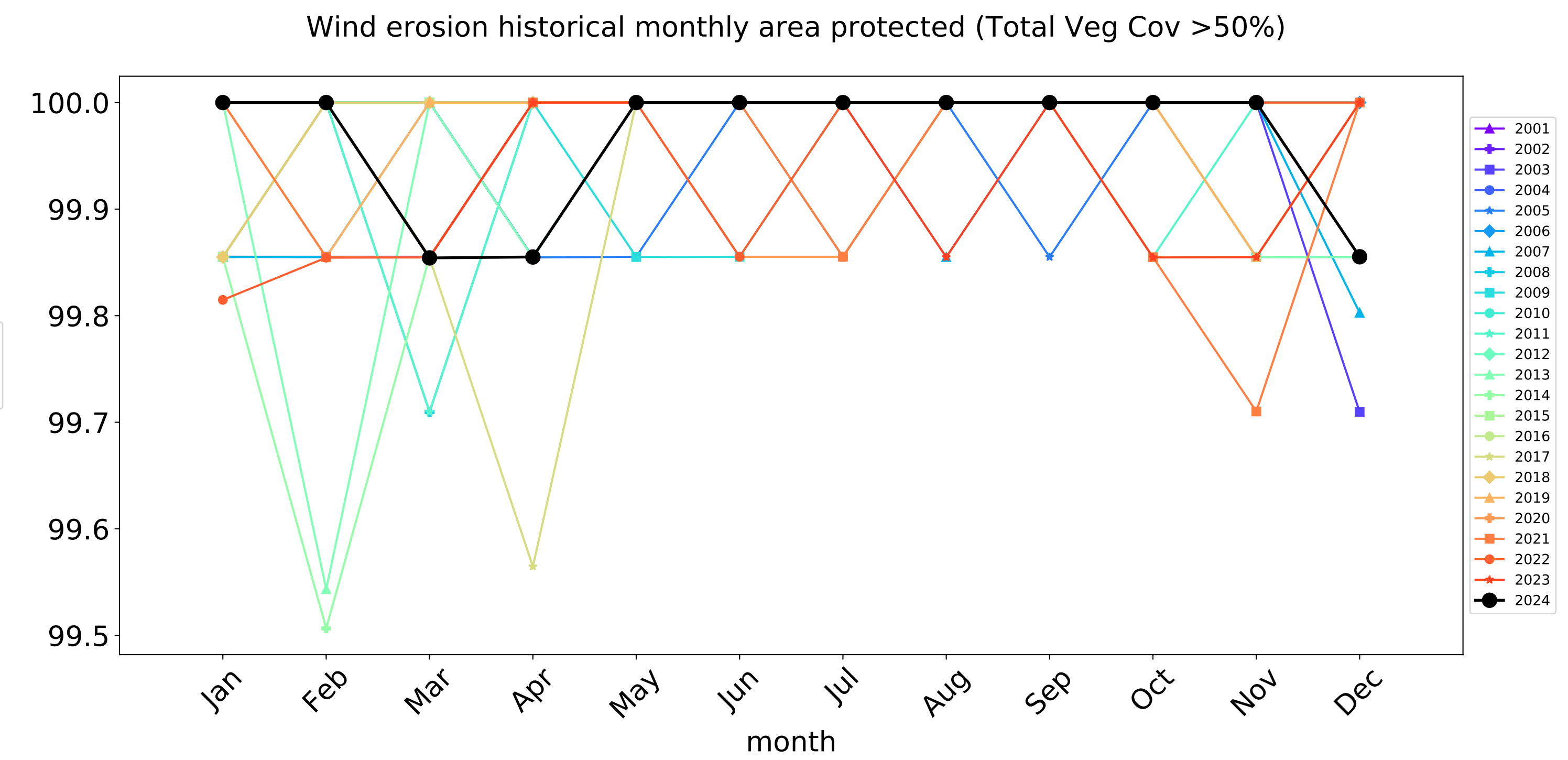
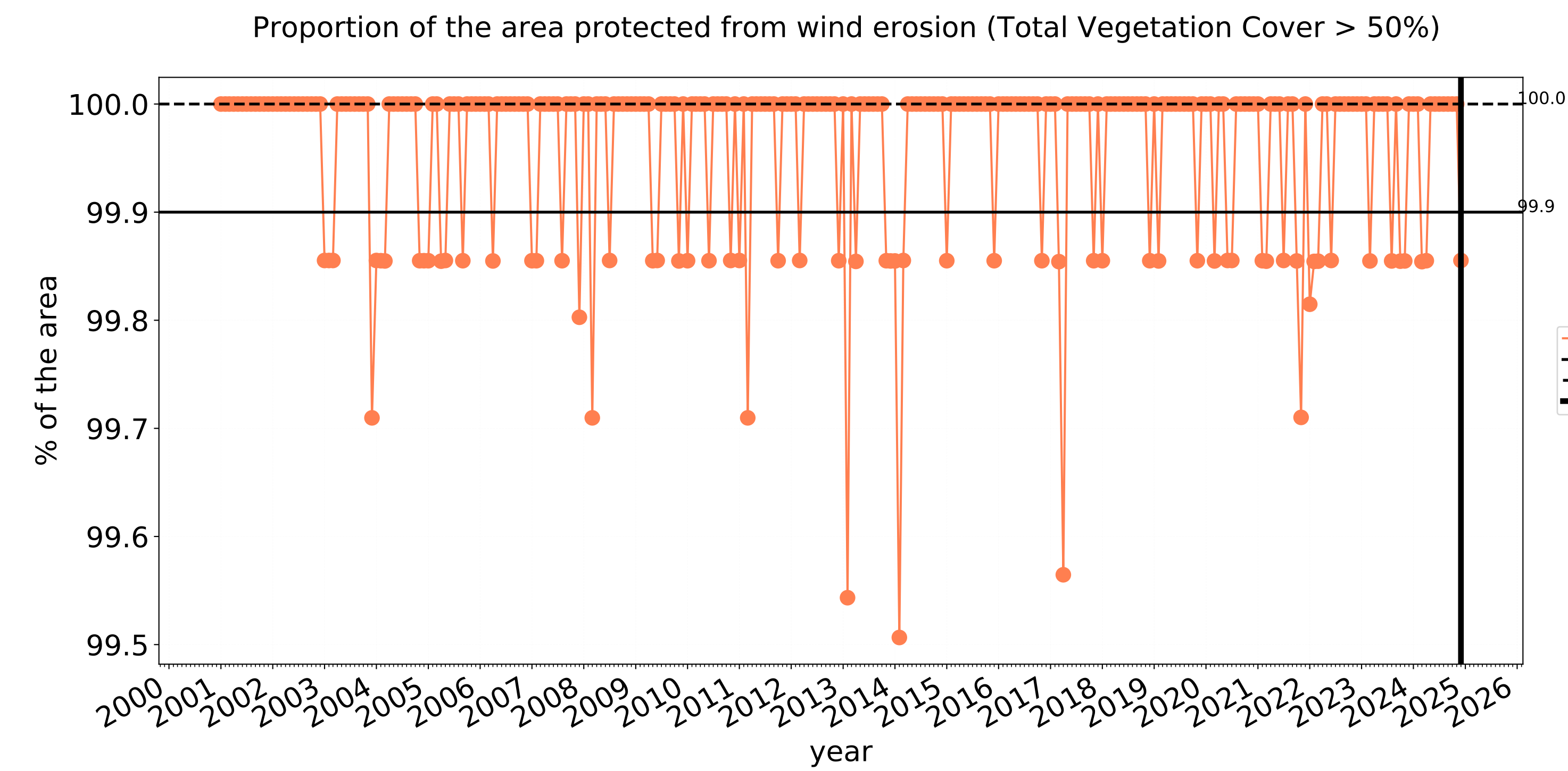


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Grazing timeseries

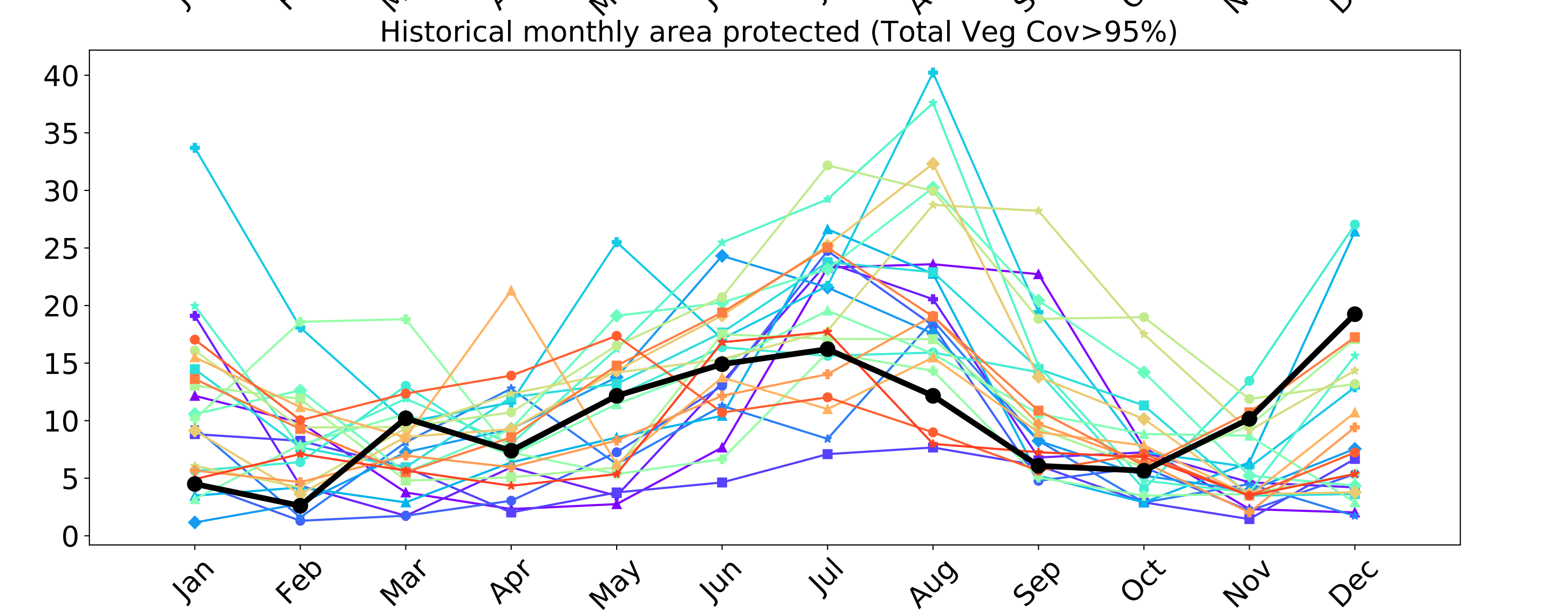
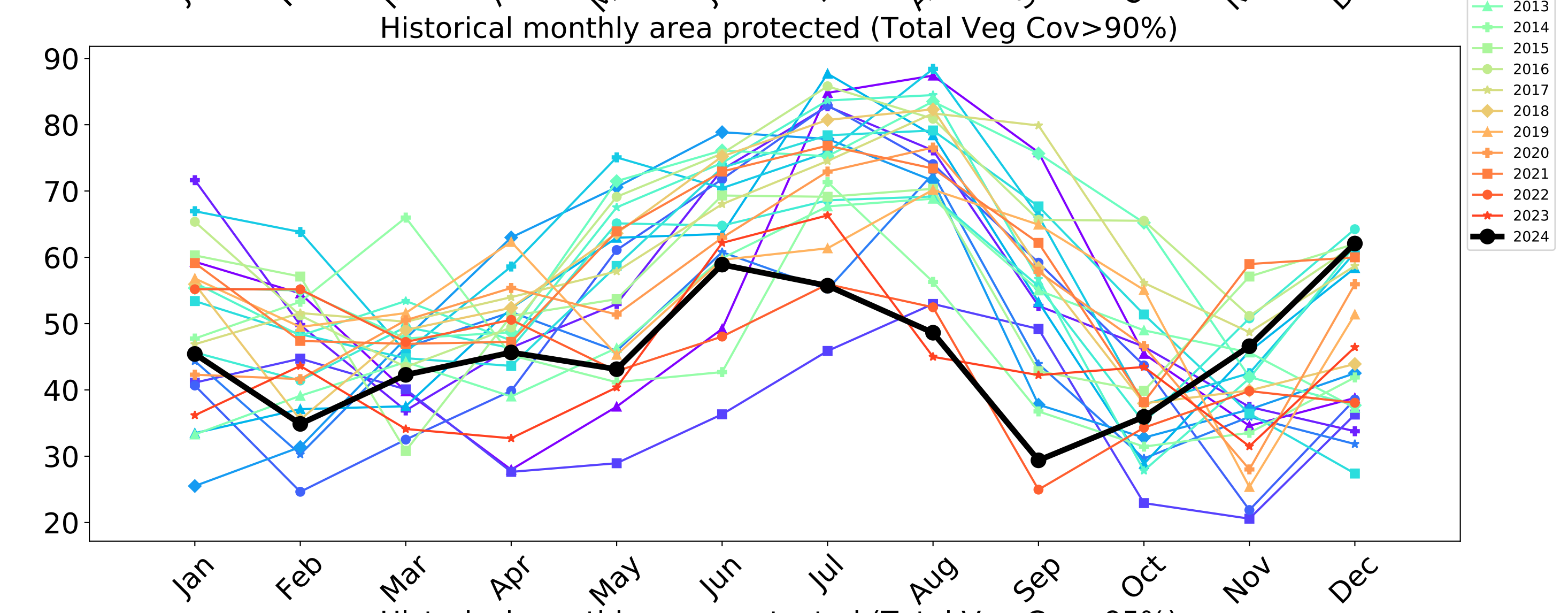
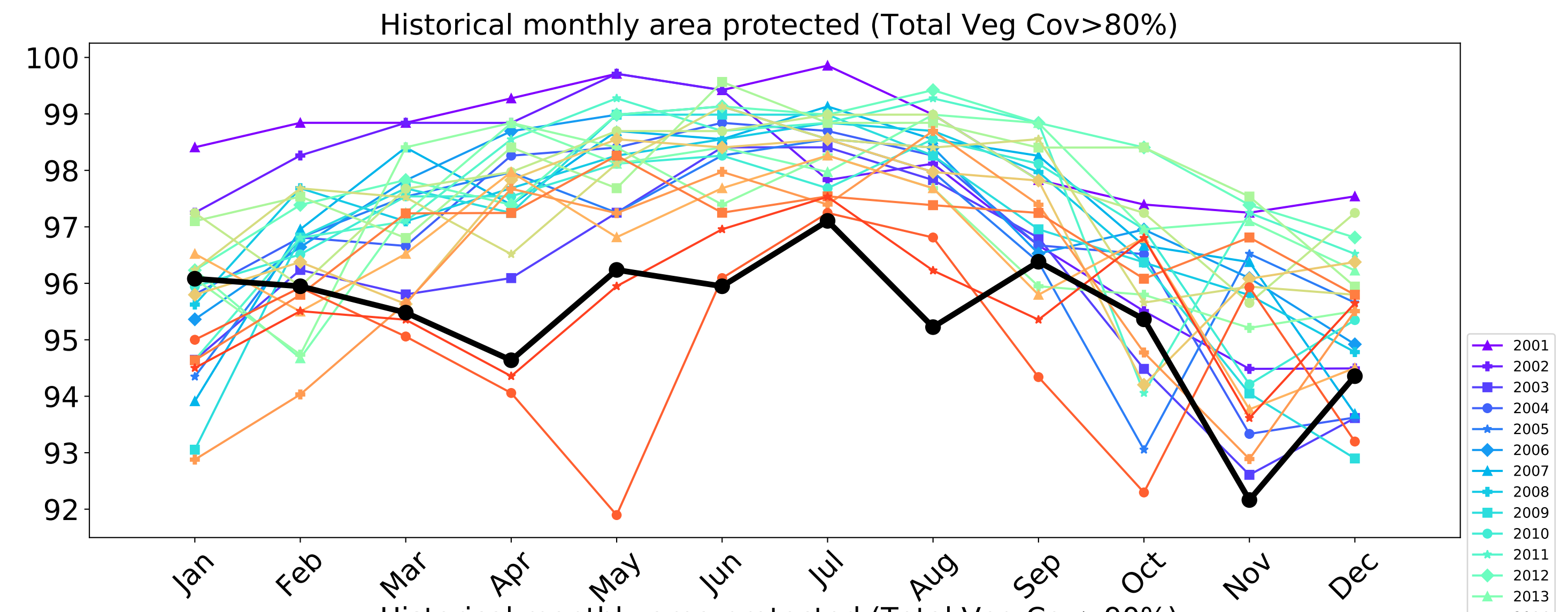
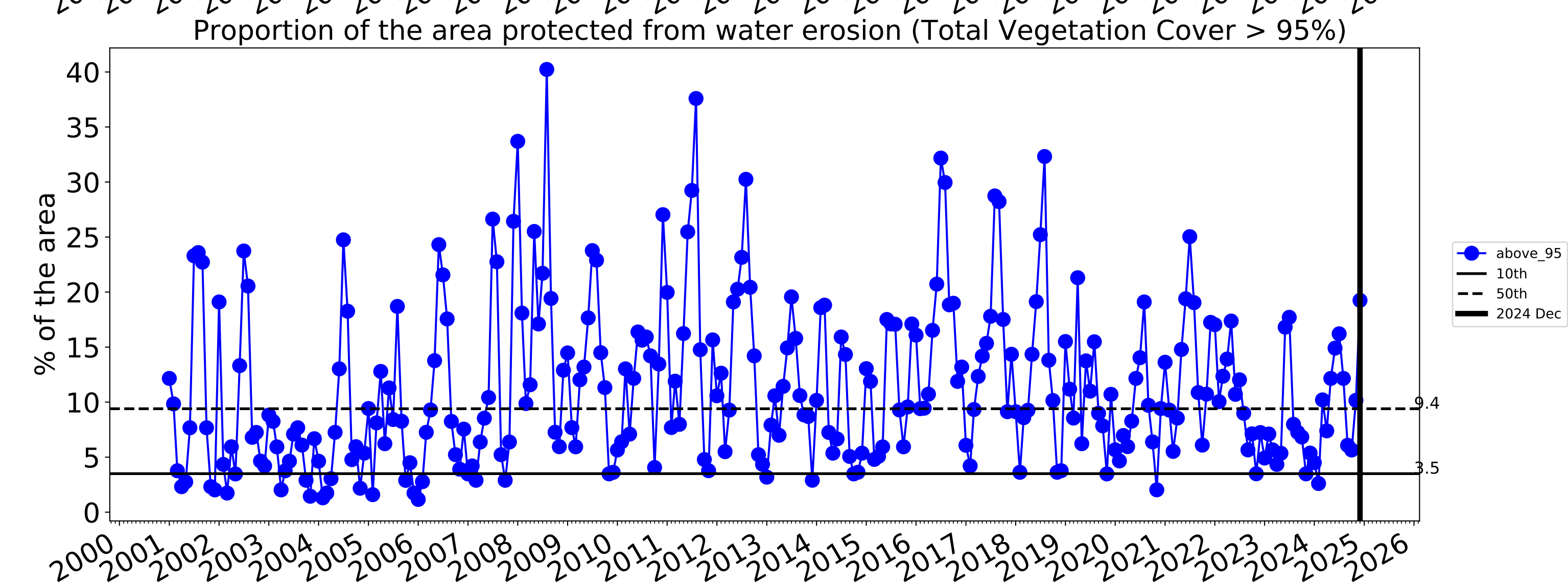
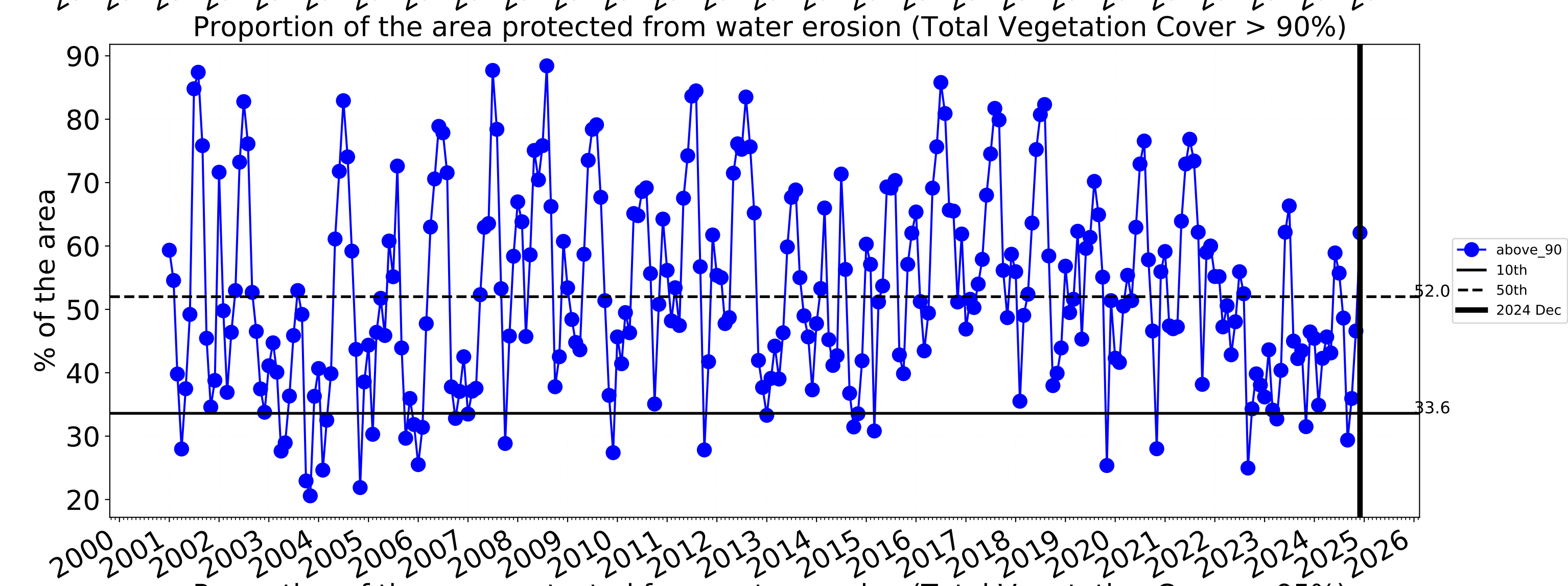
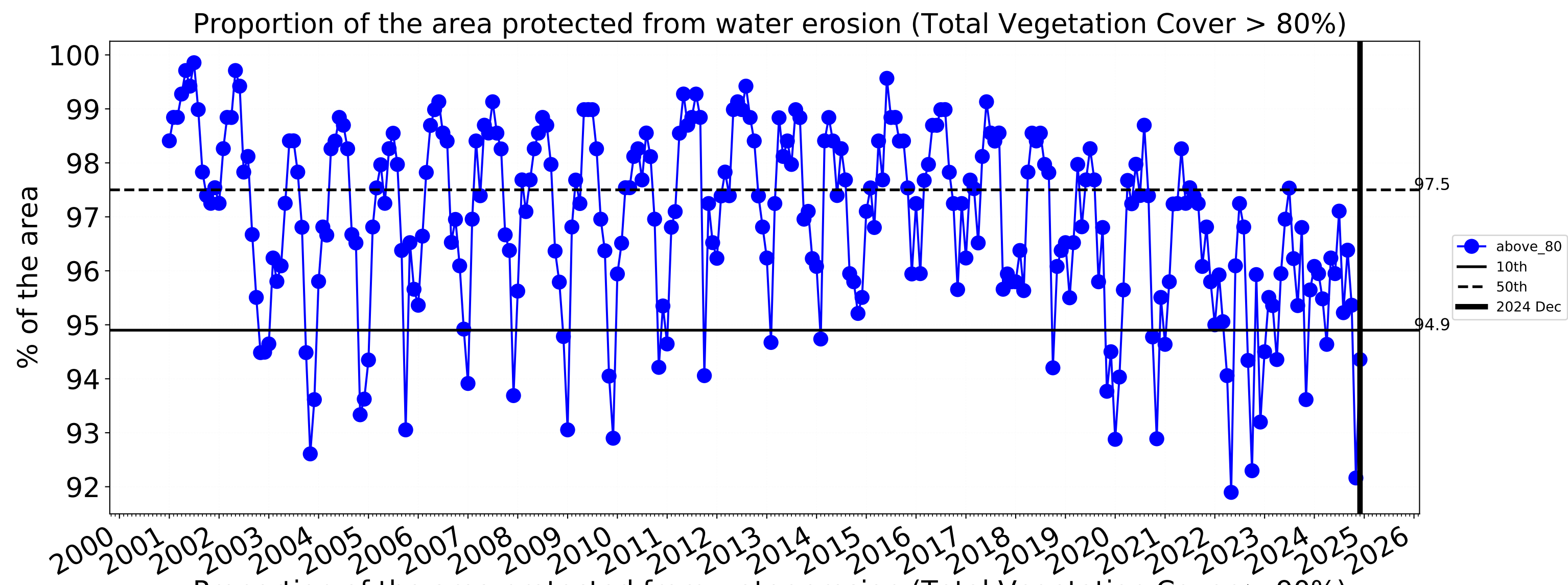


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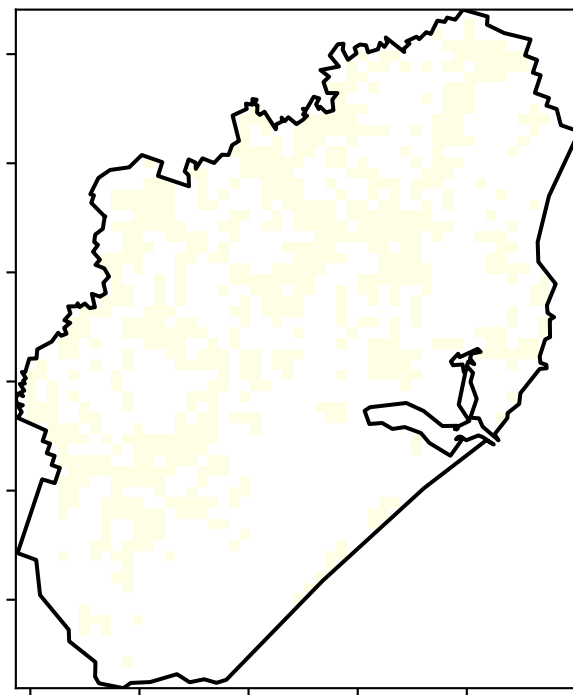
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Grazing non forest

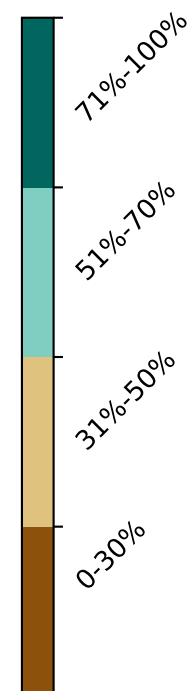
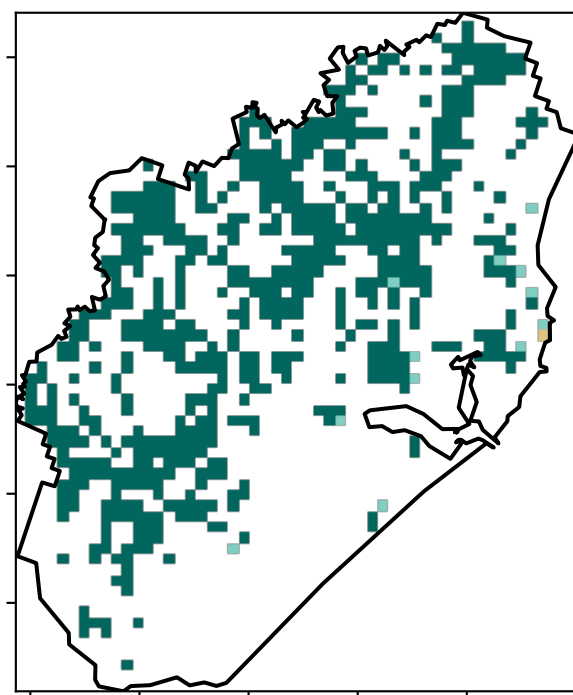
Land use and forest cover



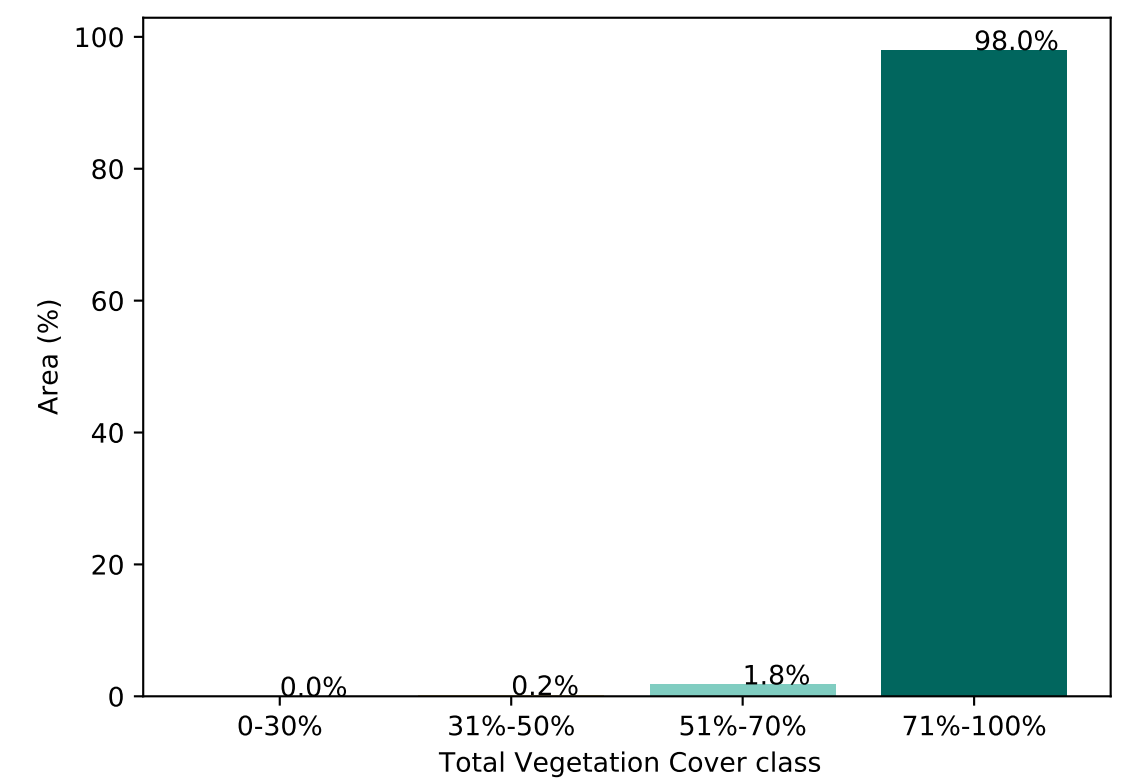
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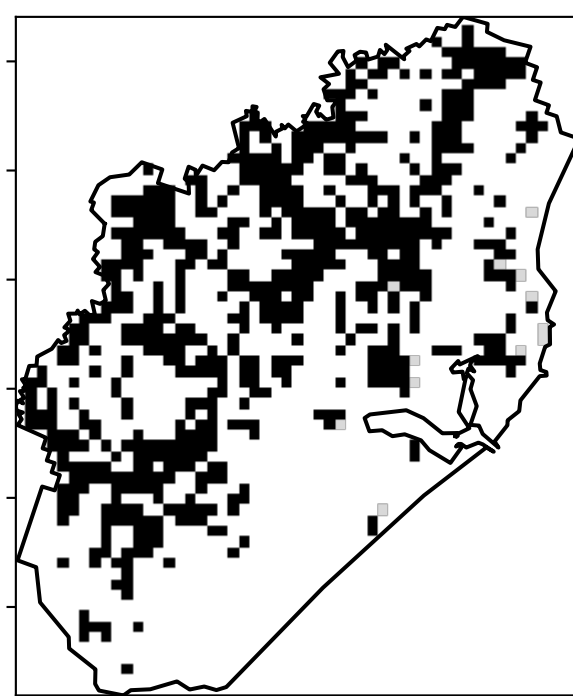
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

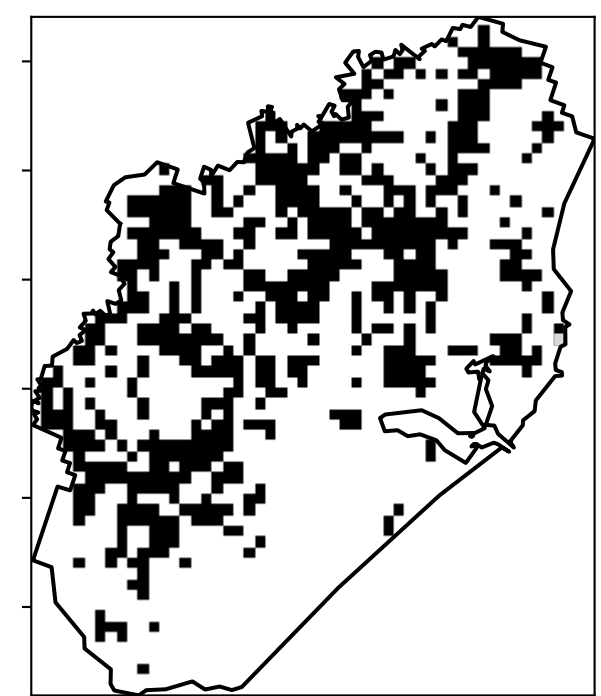


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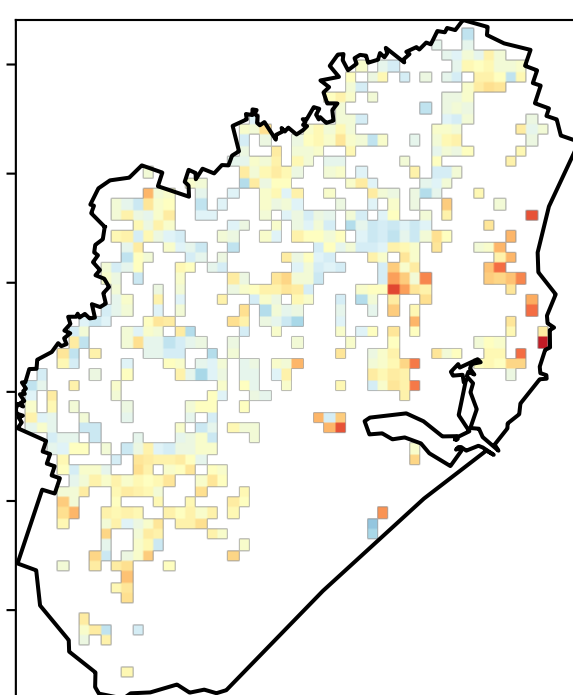
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region
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Area protected
98.0% of
region
(16,268
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

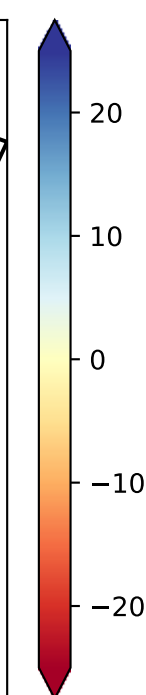


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ha)
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region
(16,600
ha)

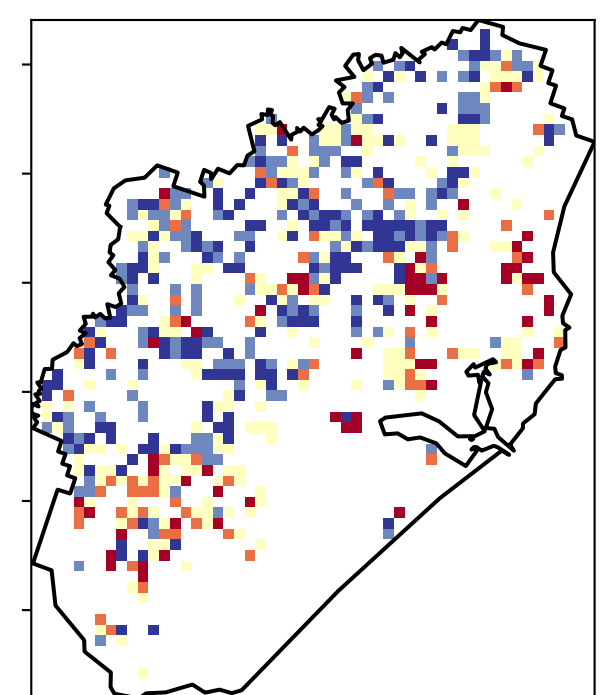
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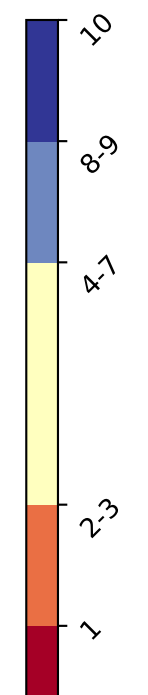
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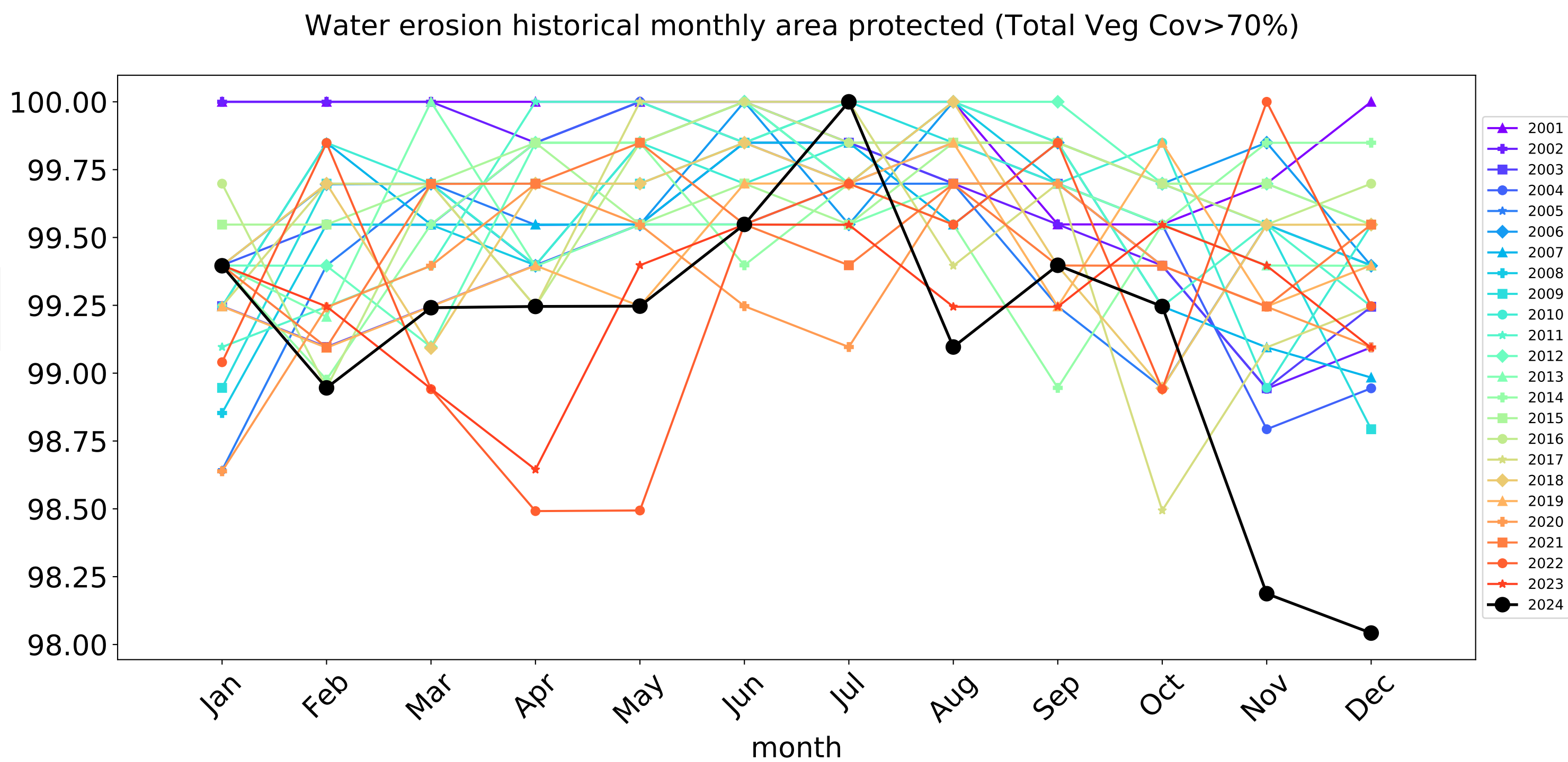
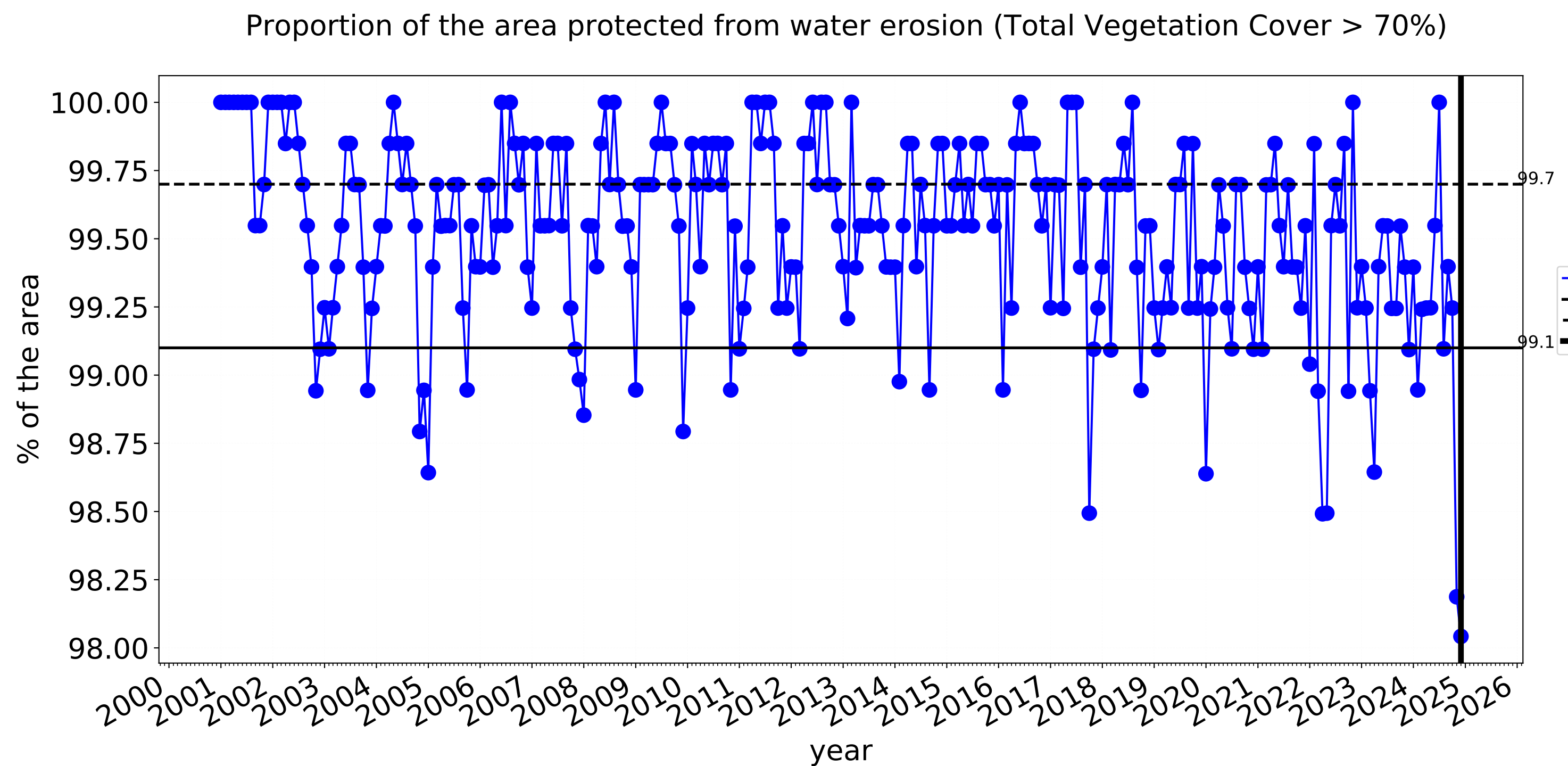
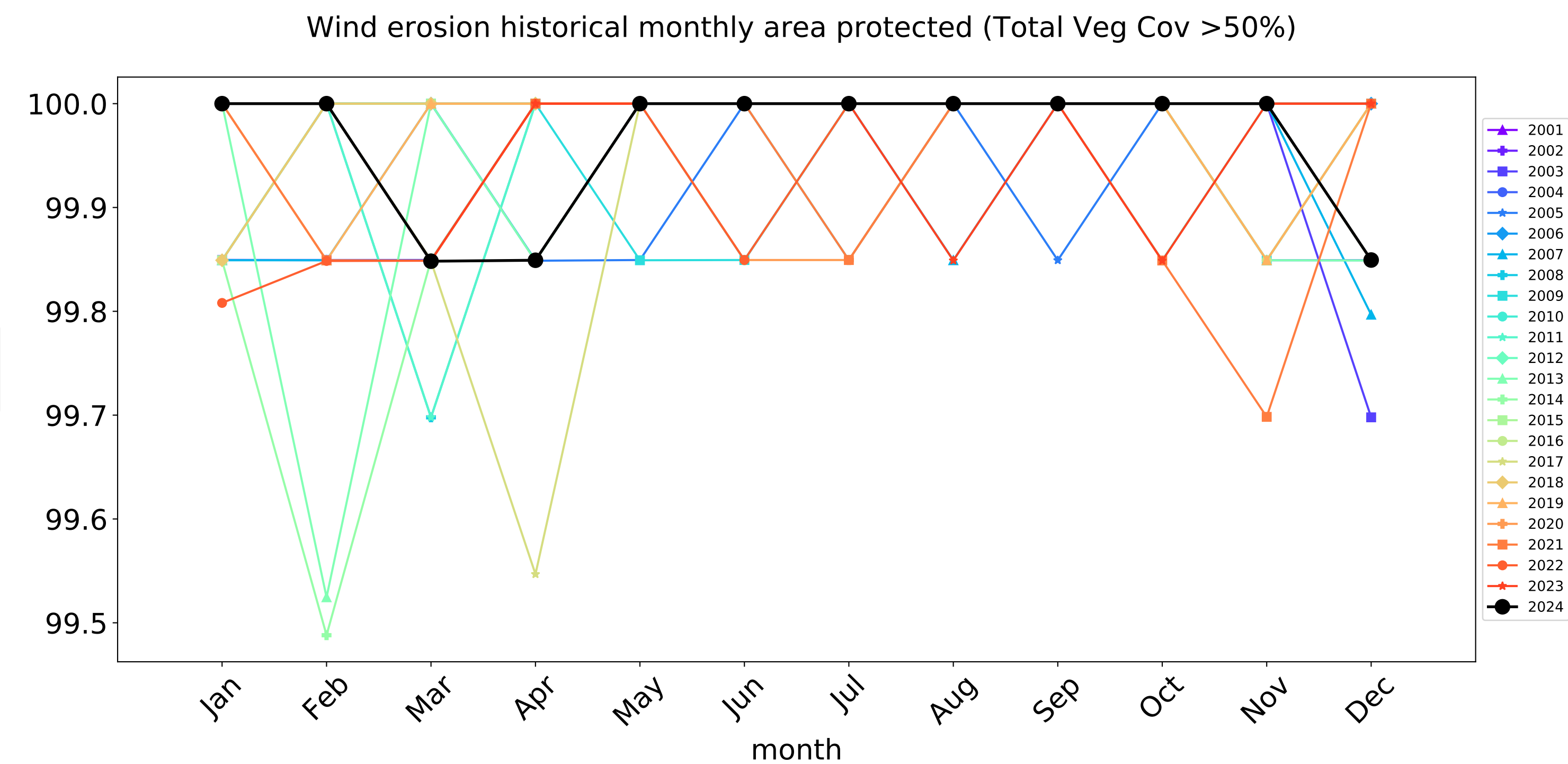
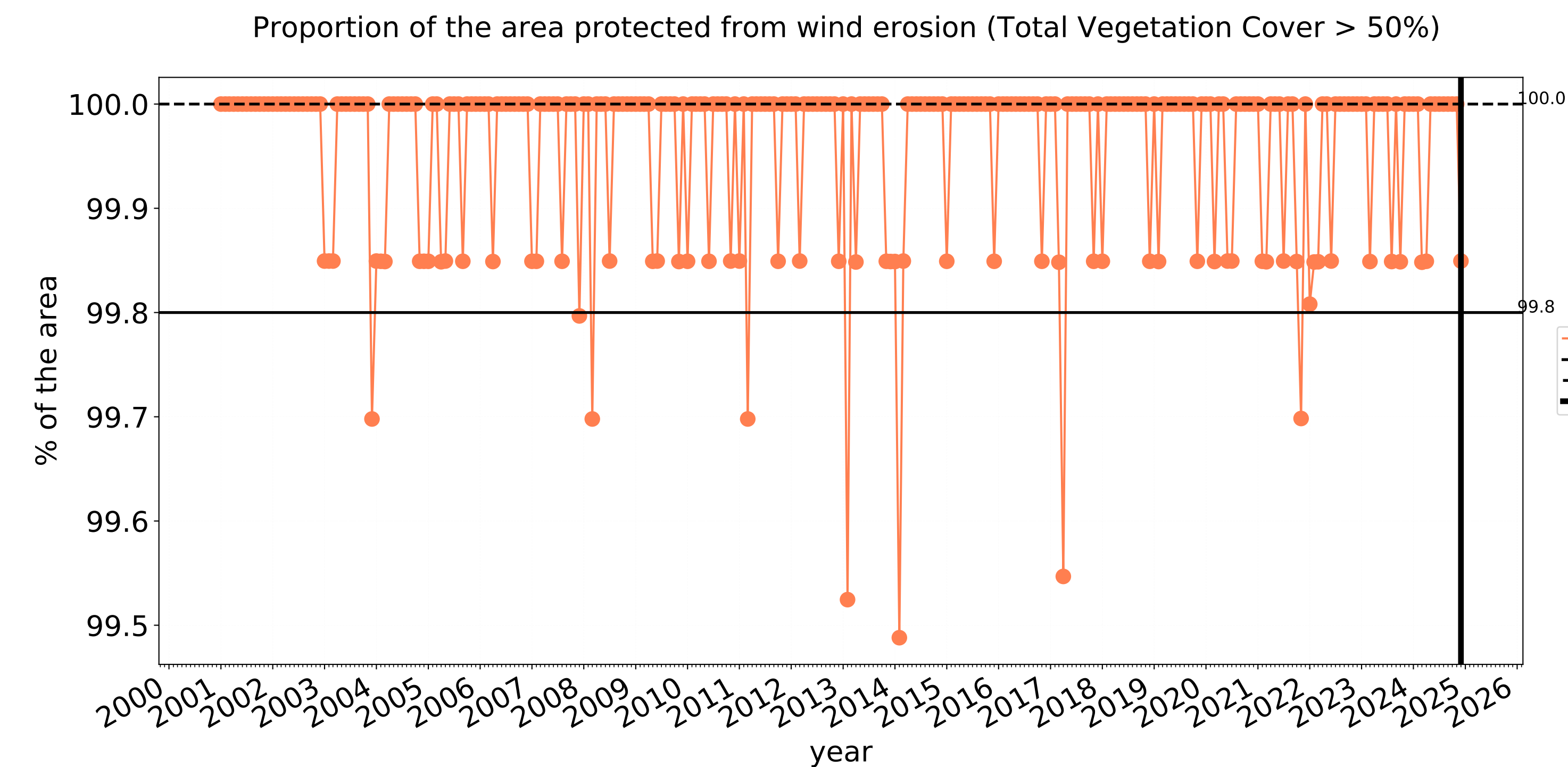


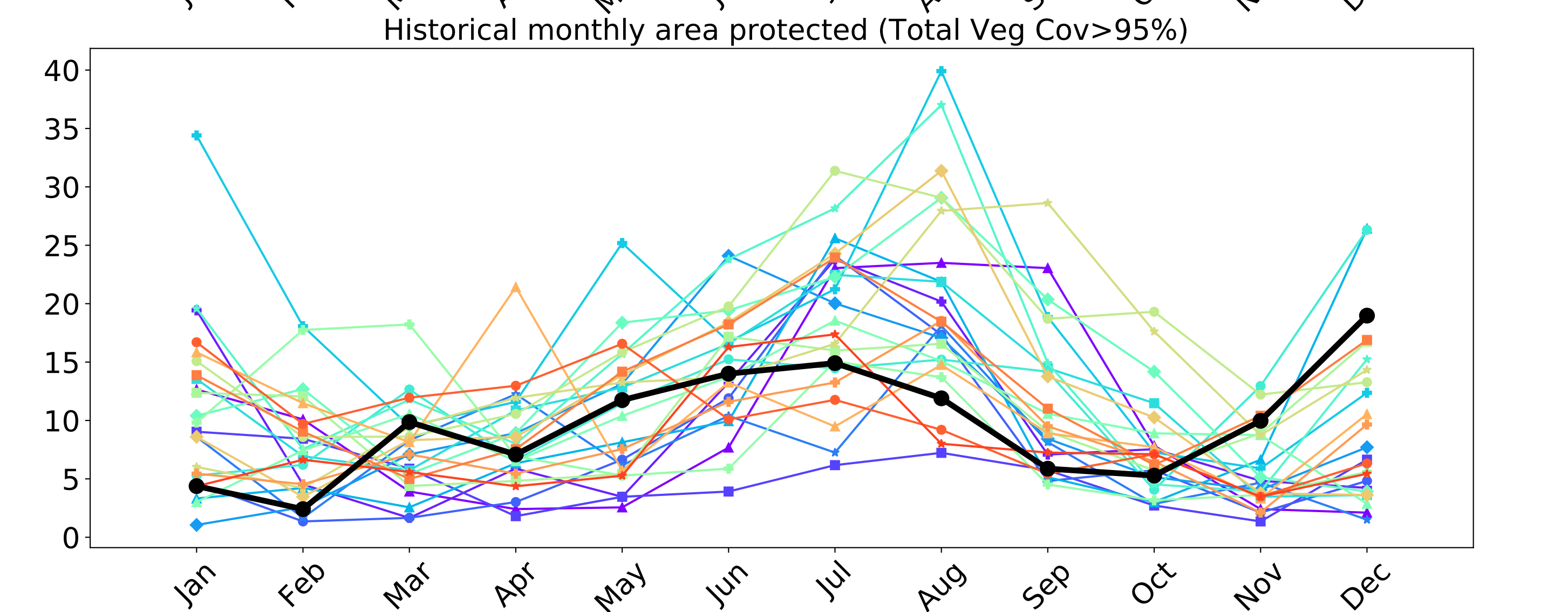
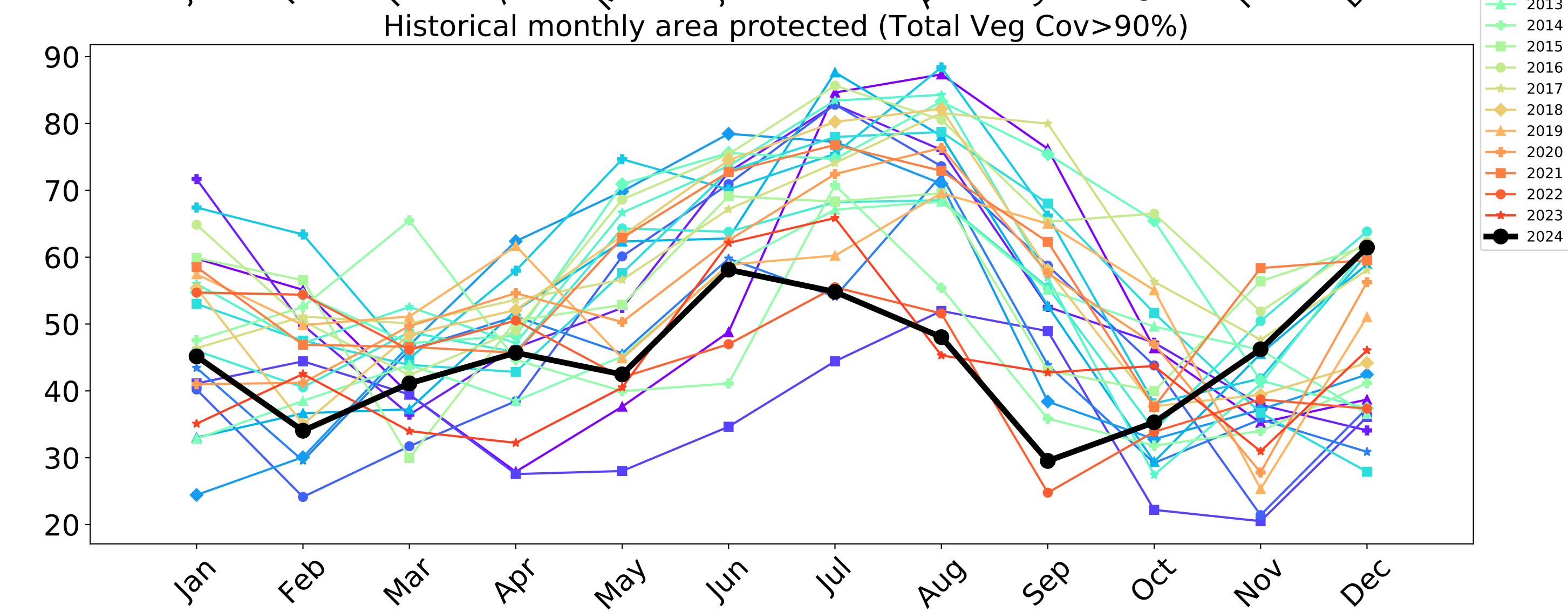
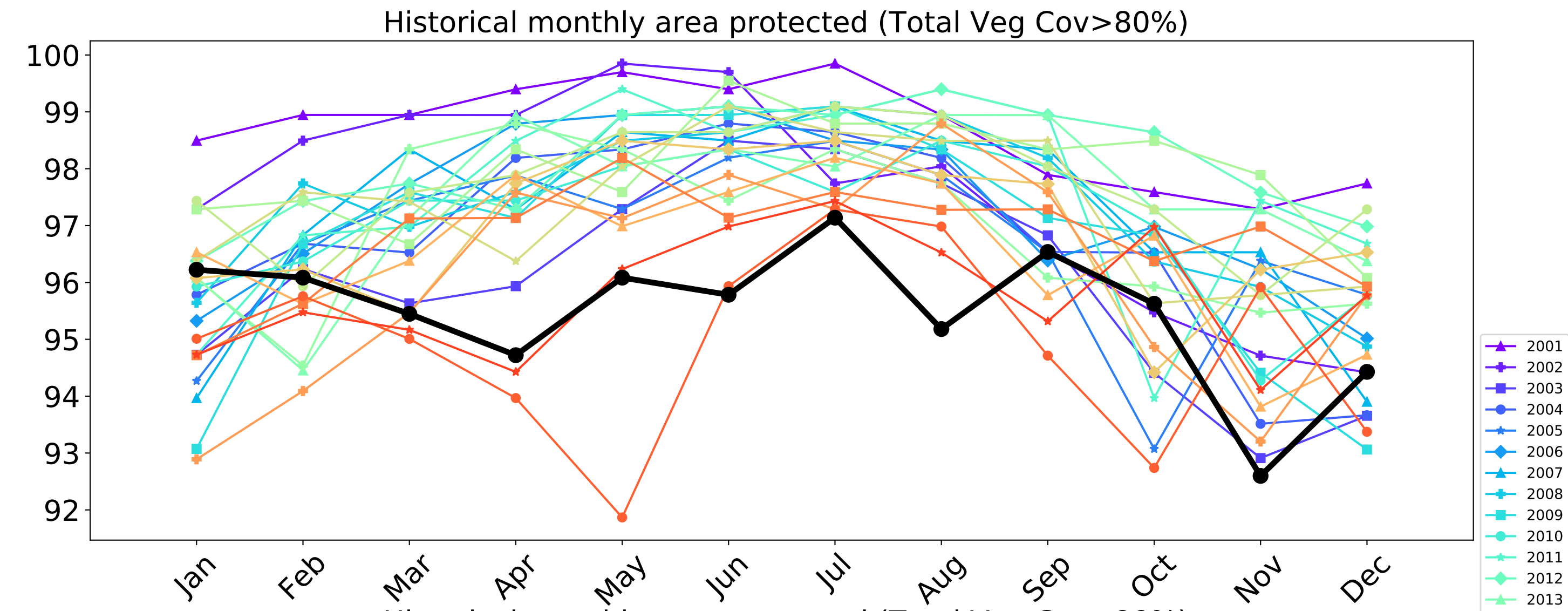
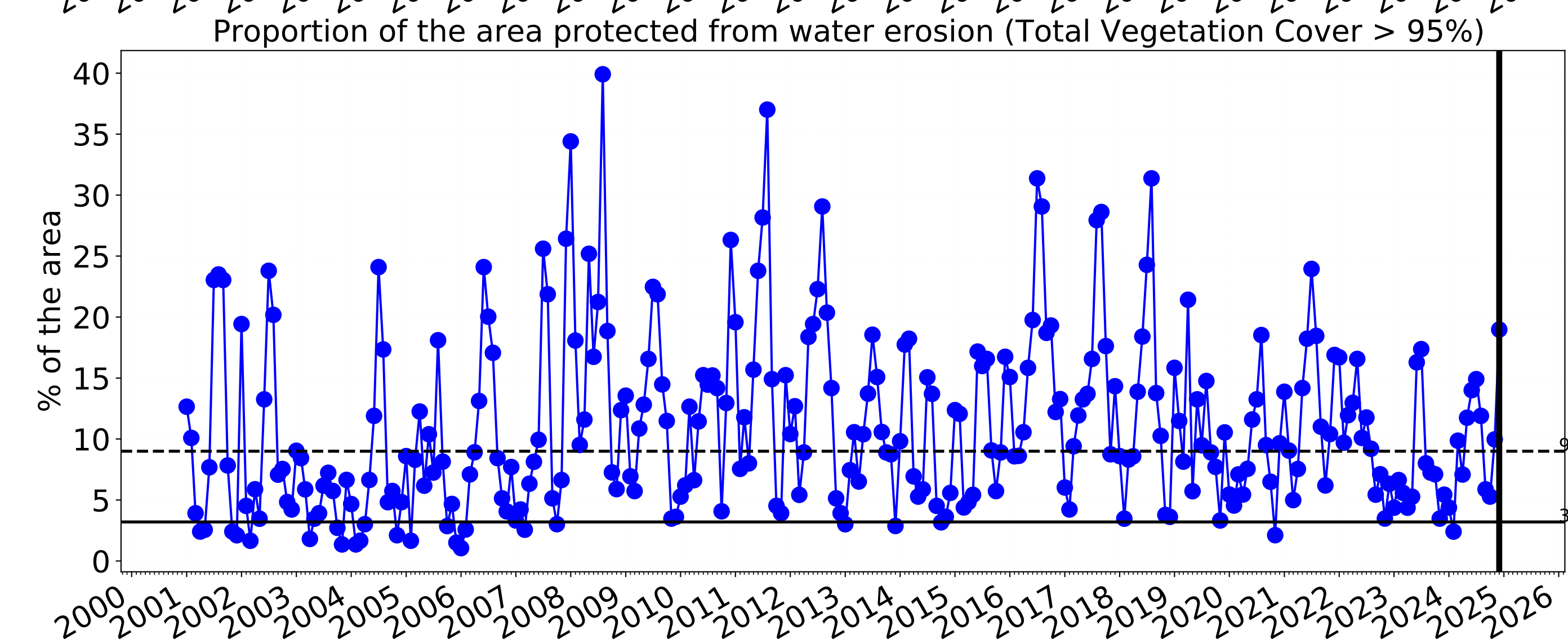
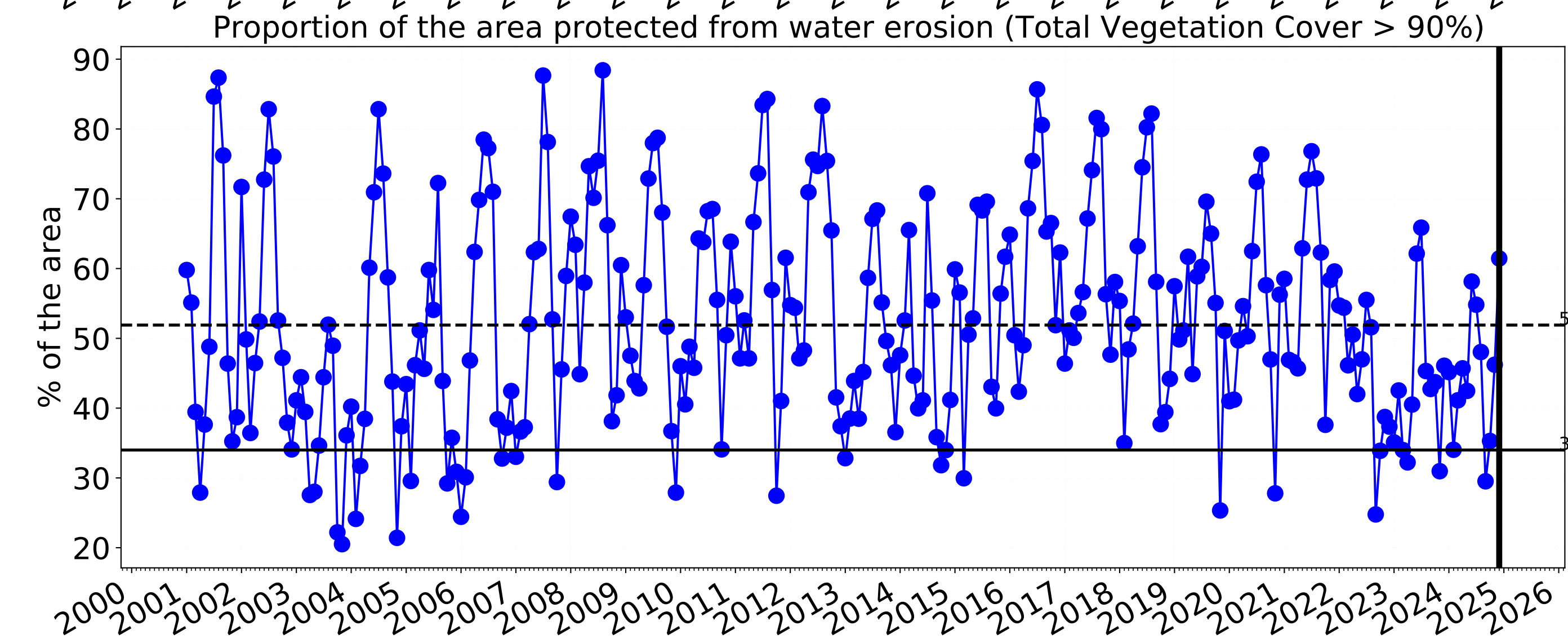
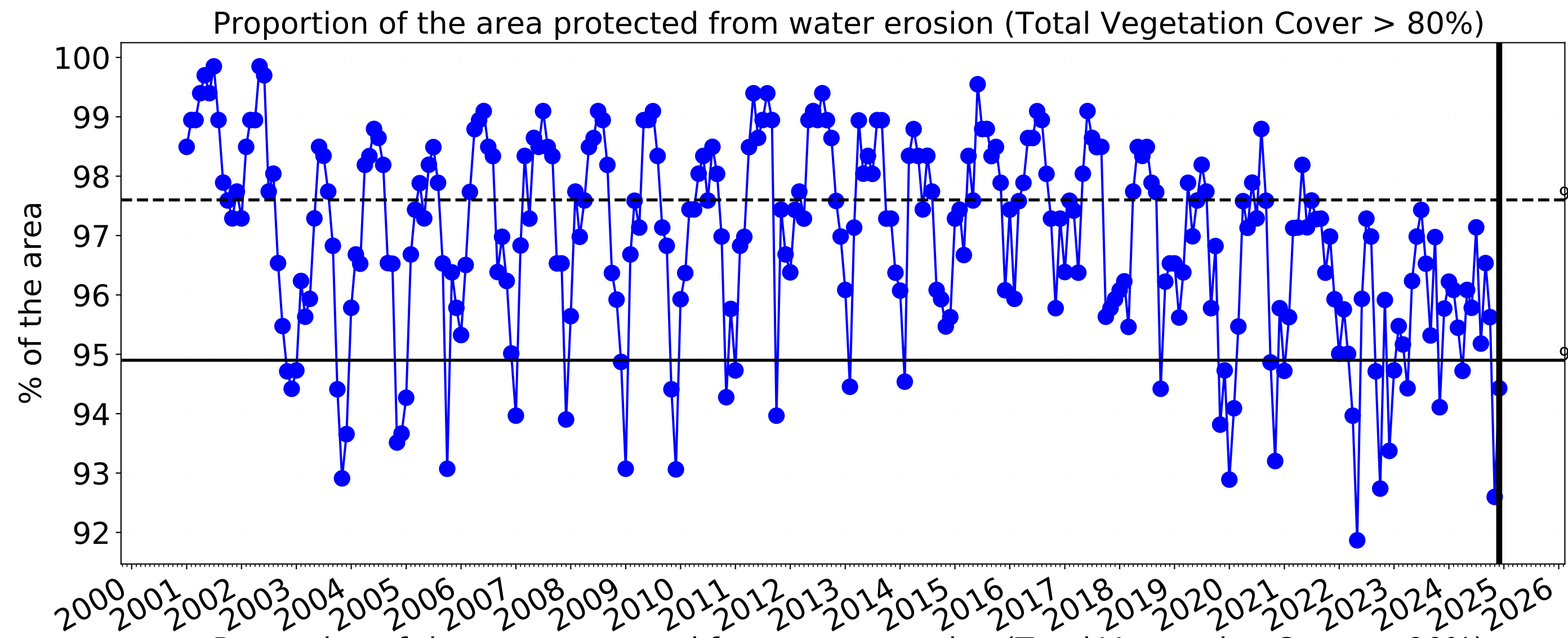
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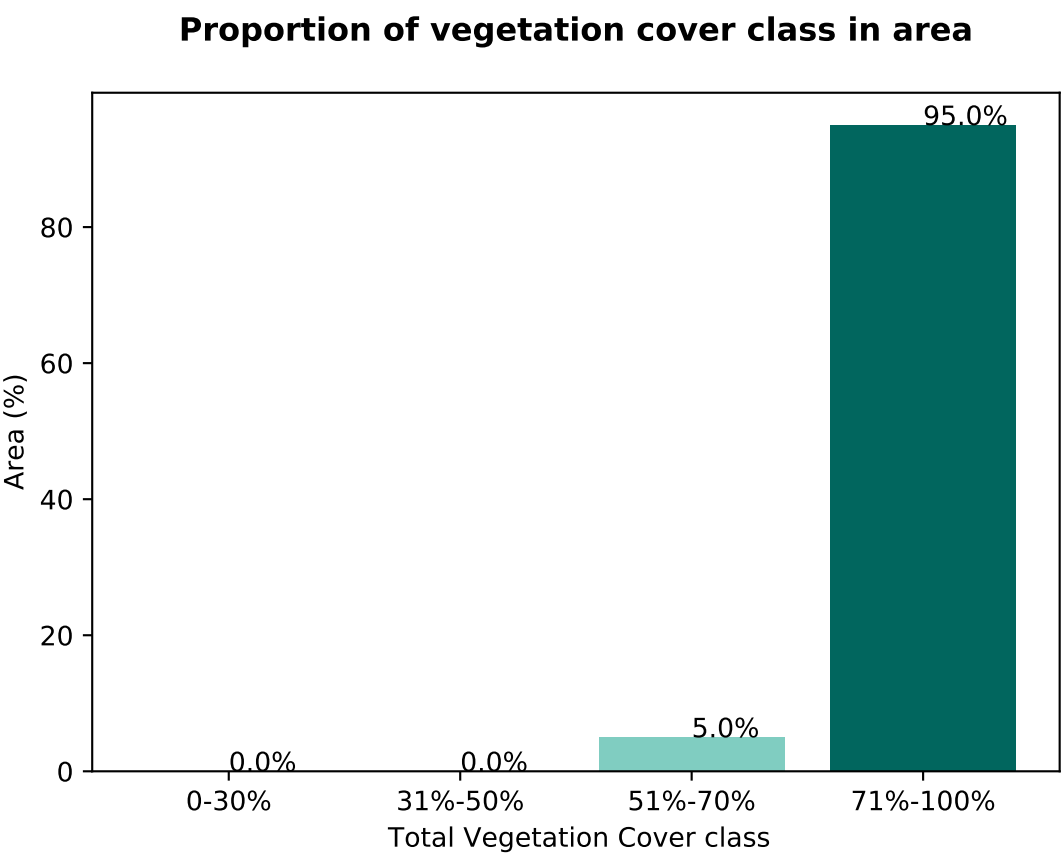
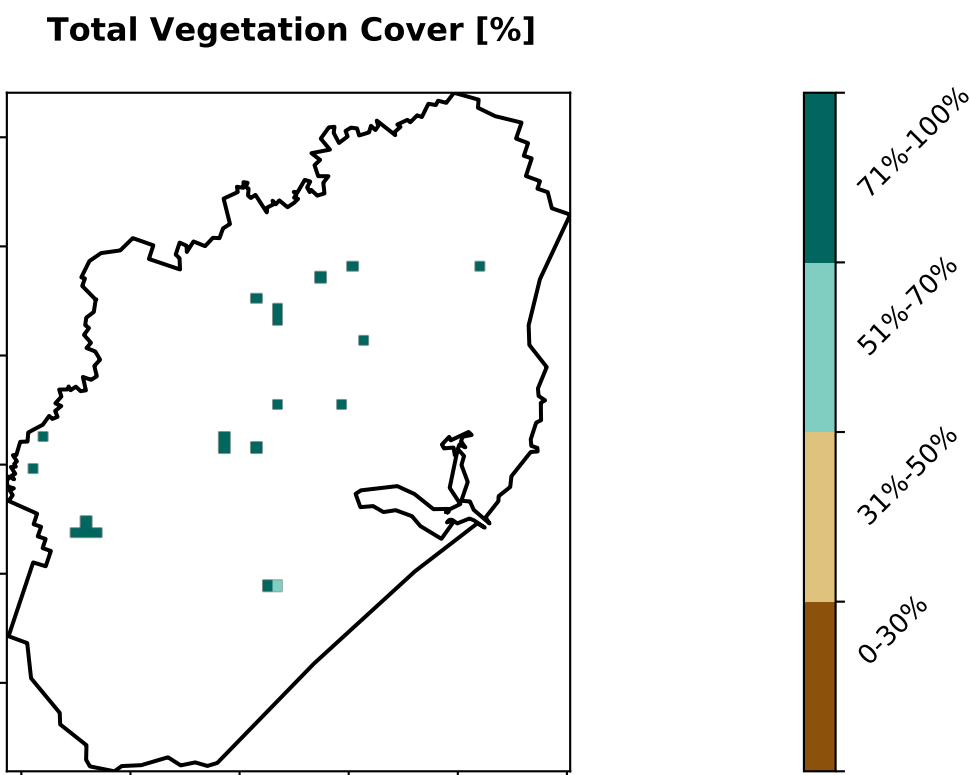
Grazing non forest timeseries



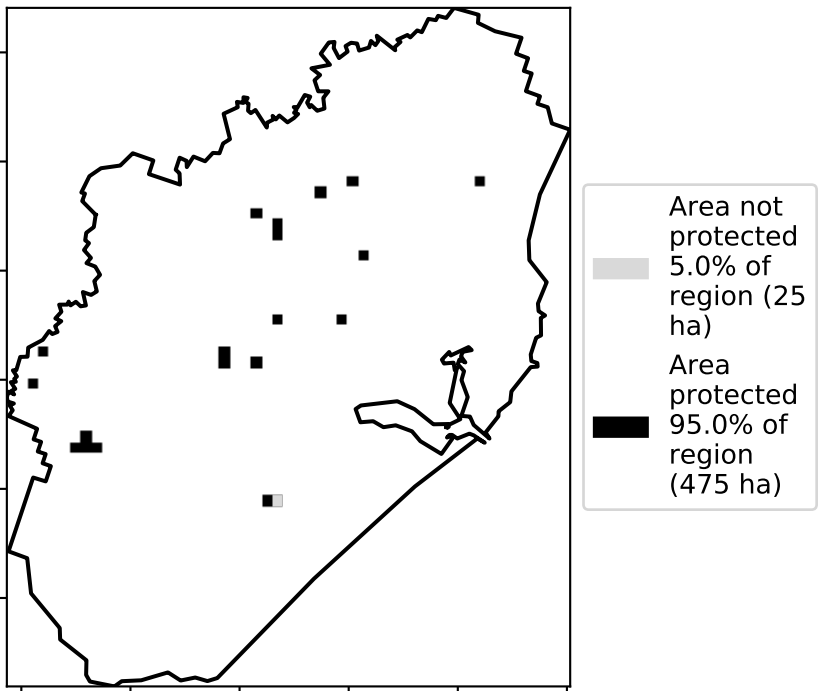


Grazing Woodland forest

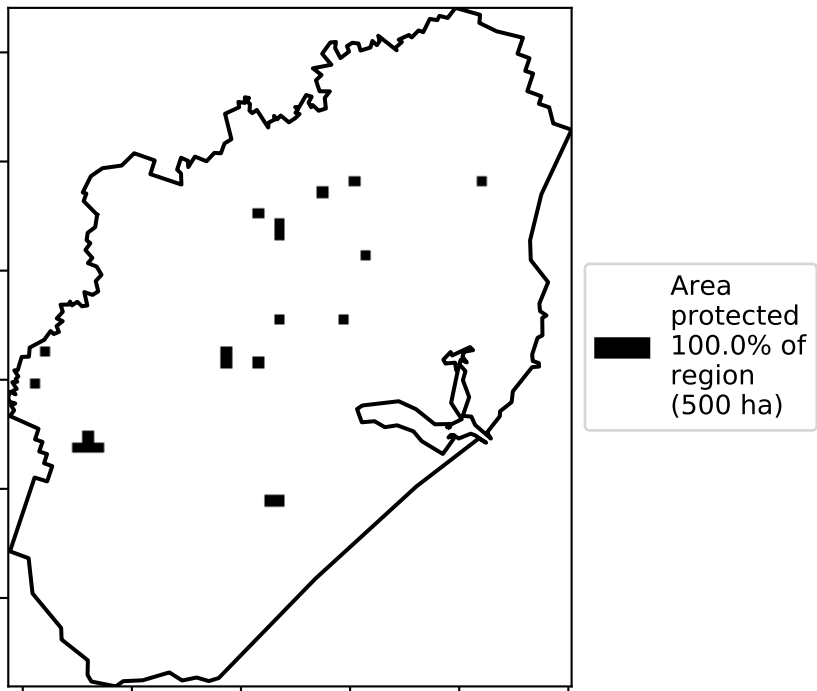
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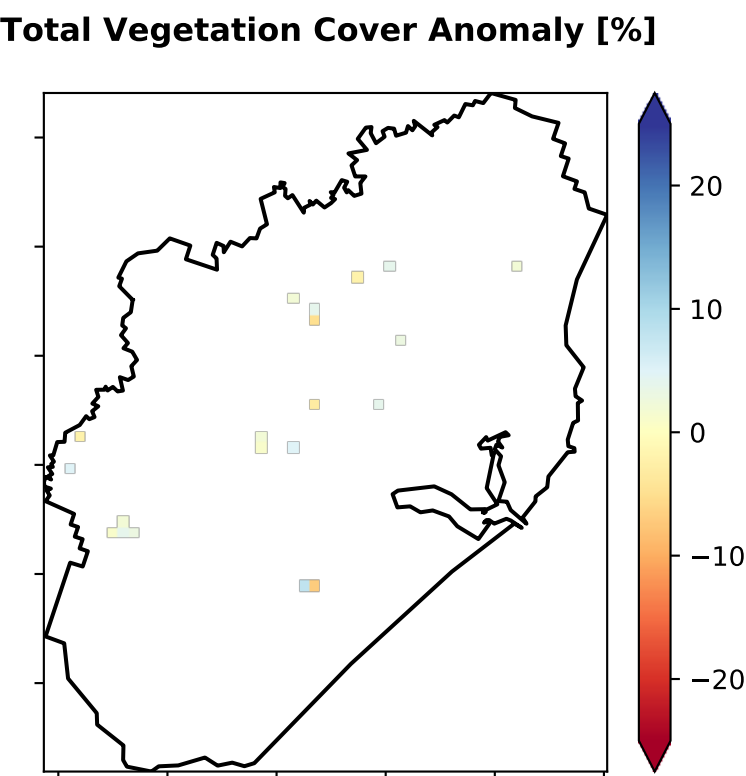
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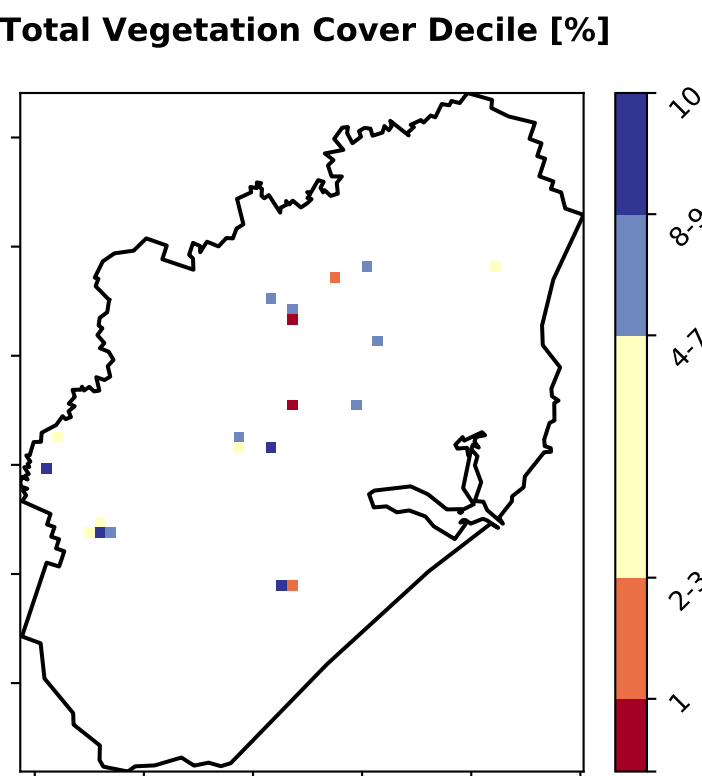
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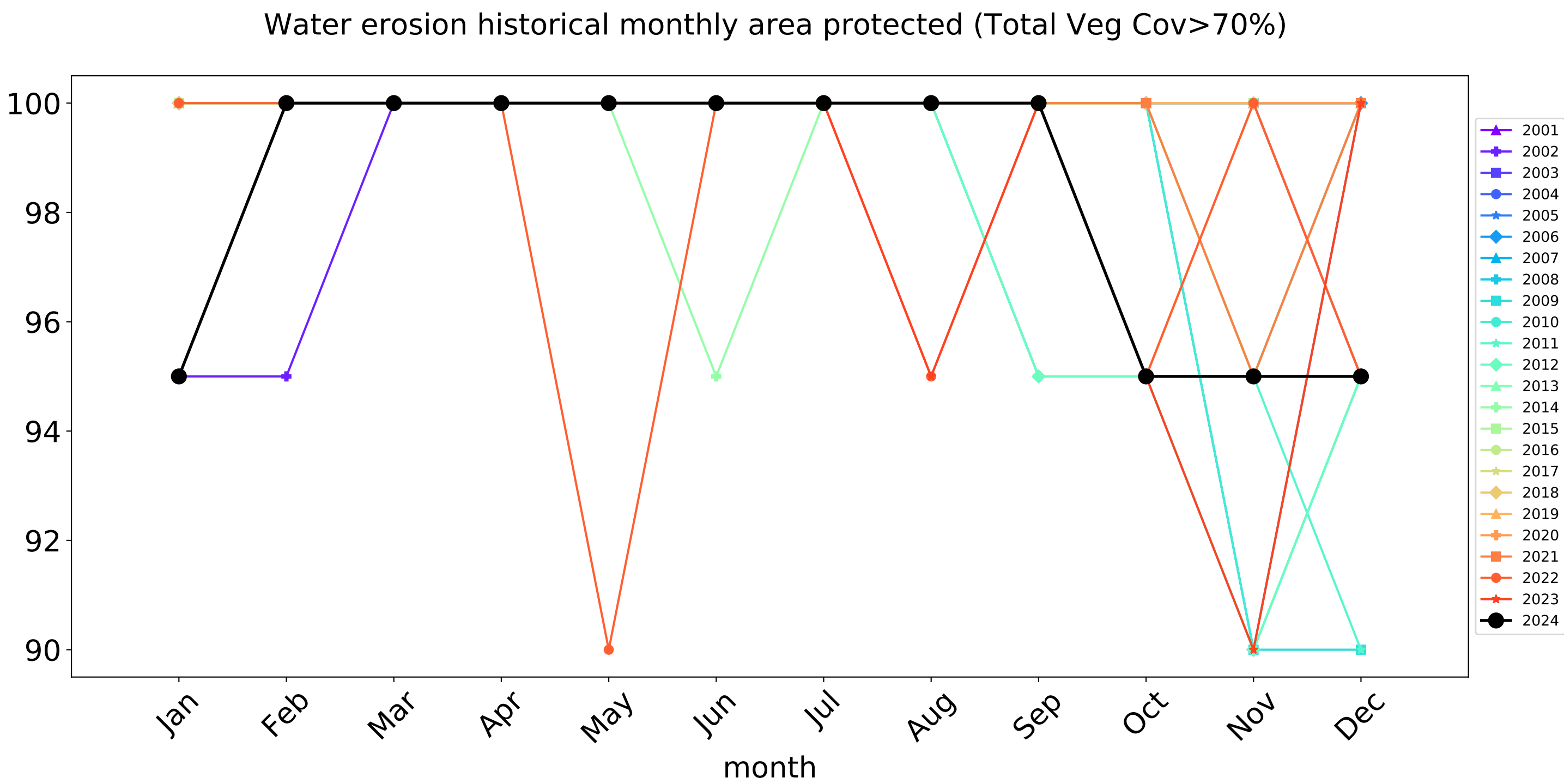
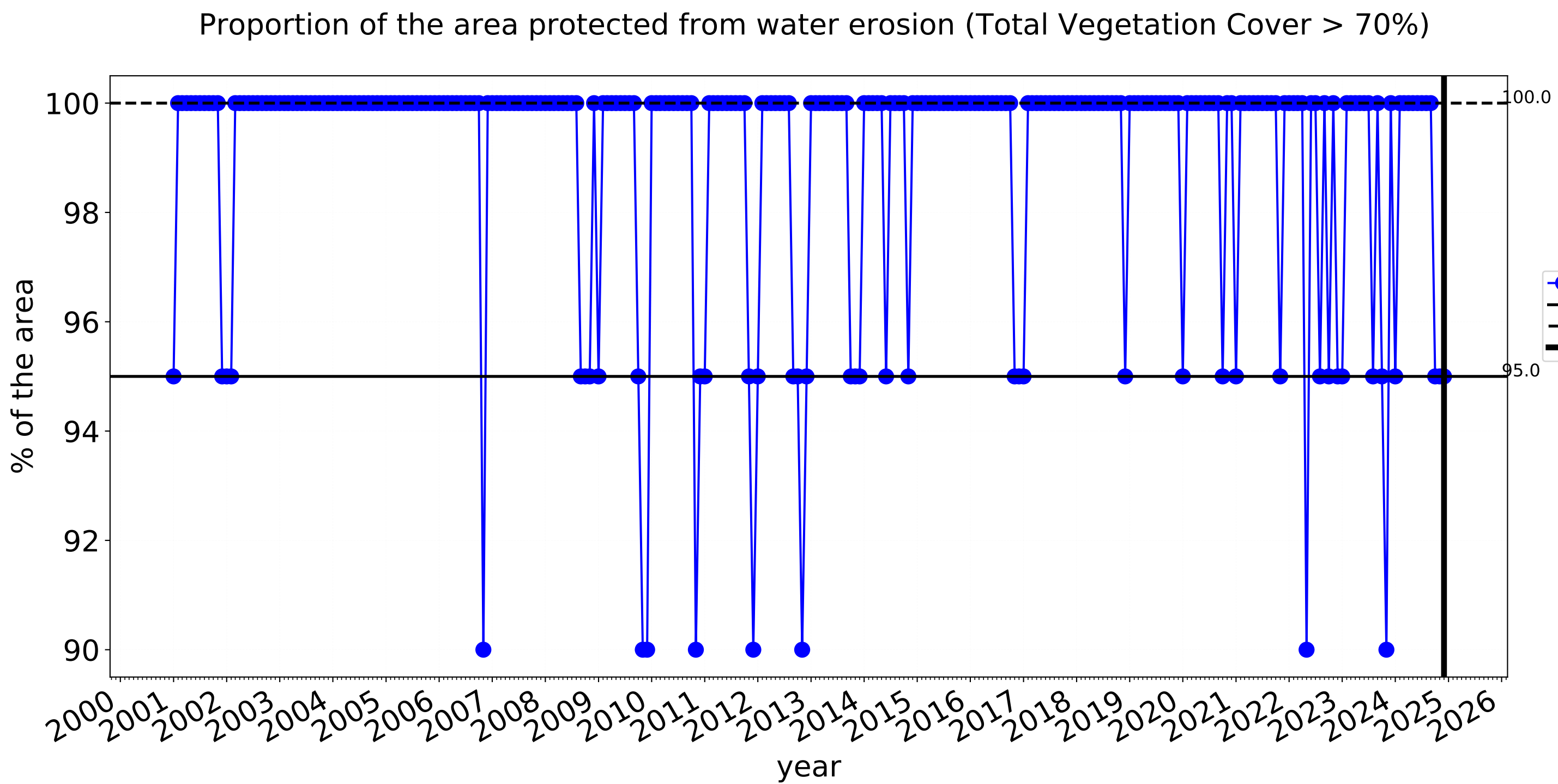
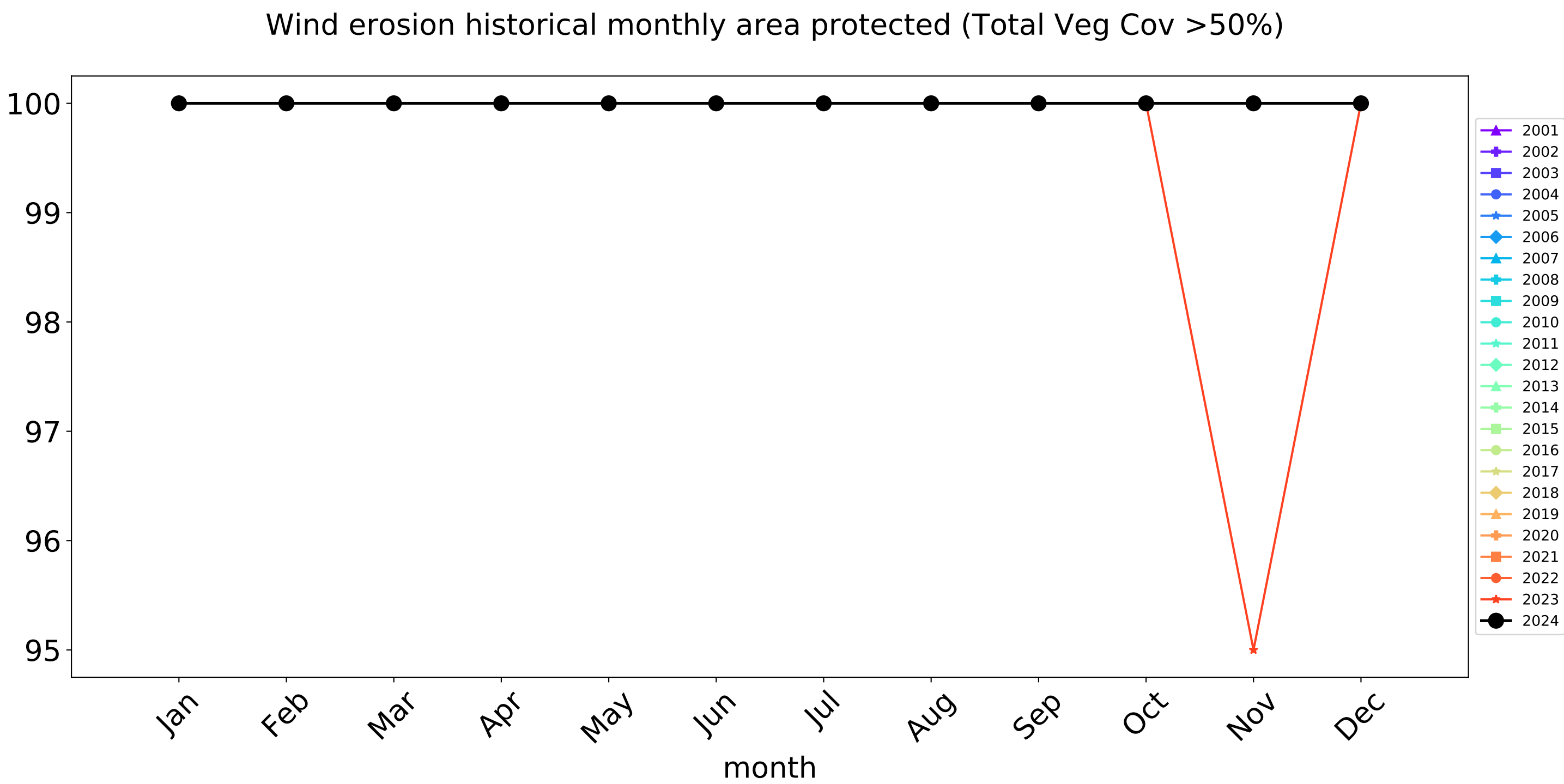
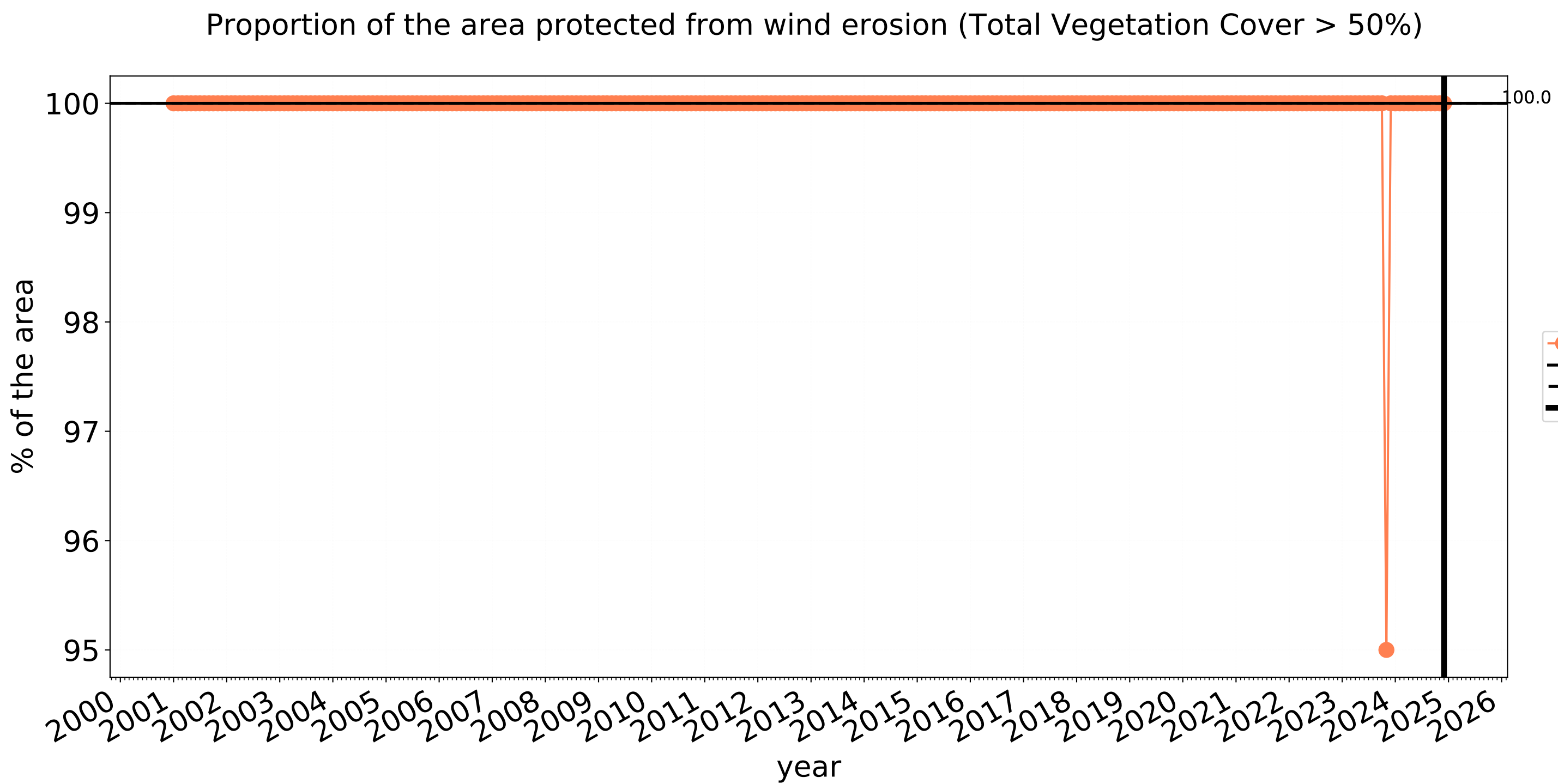


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Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

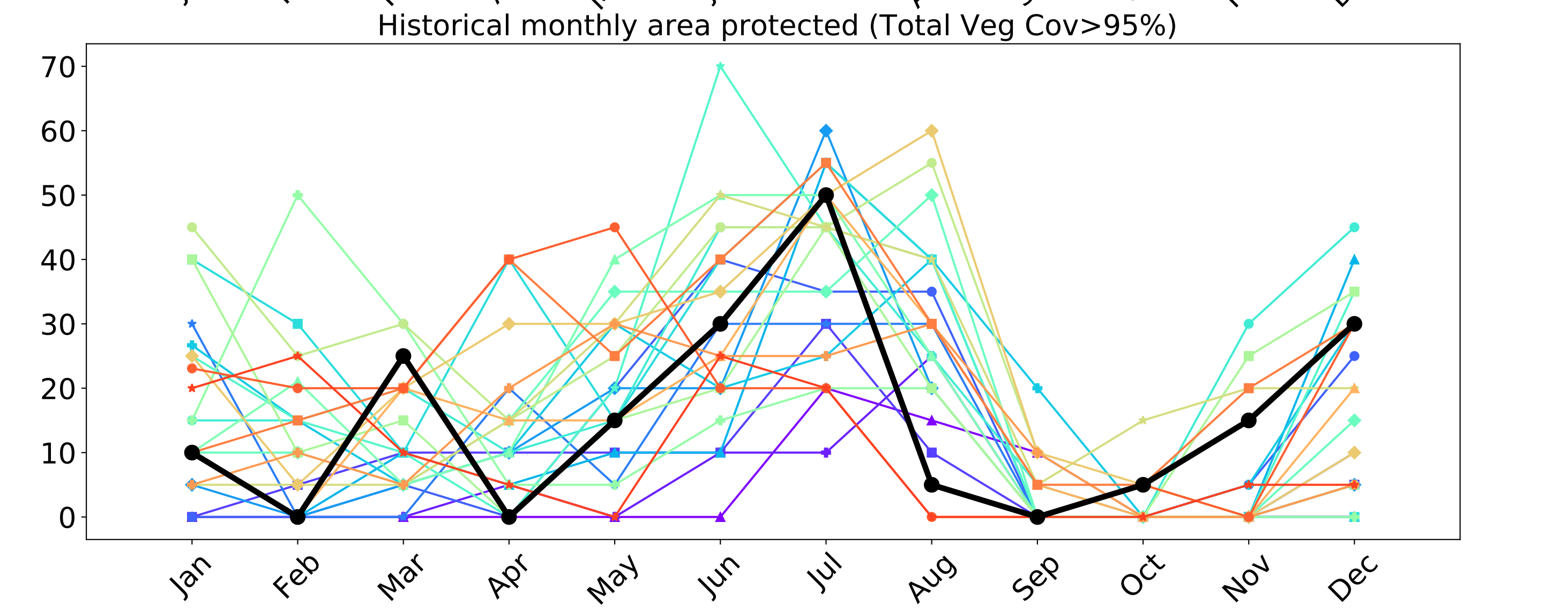
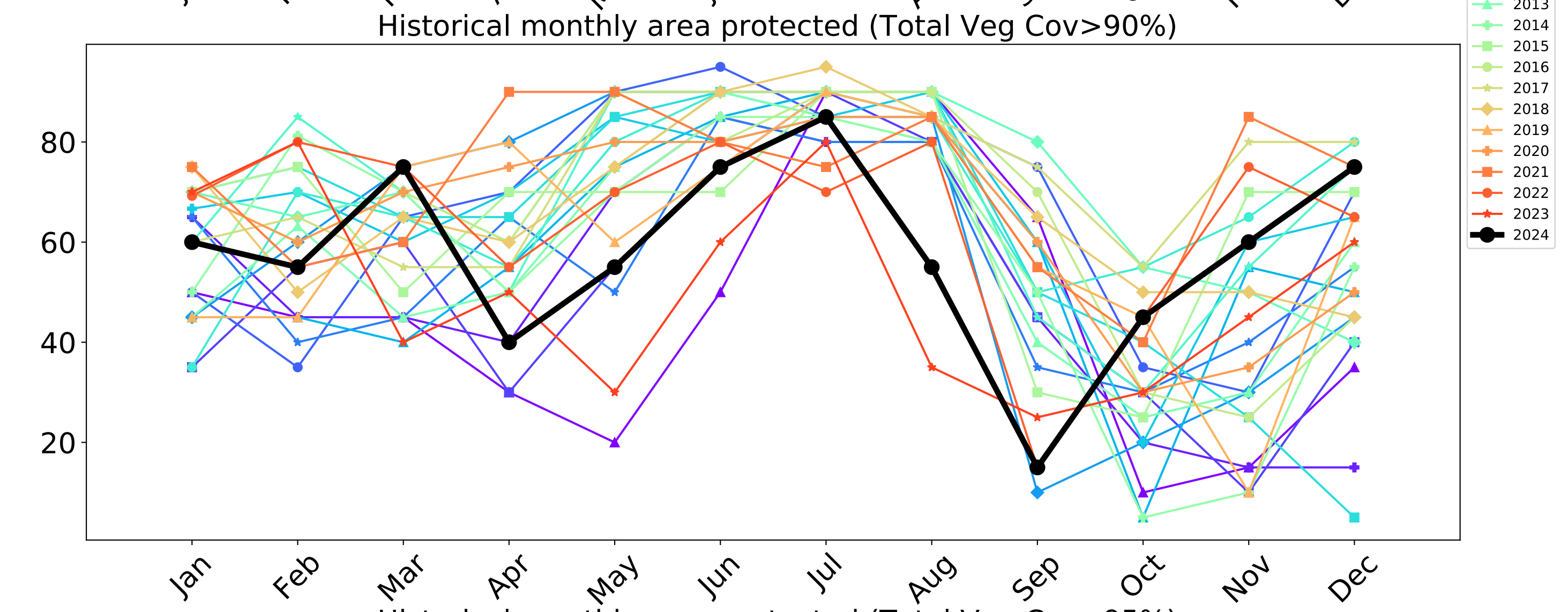
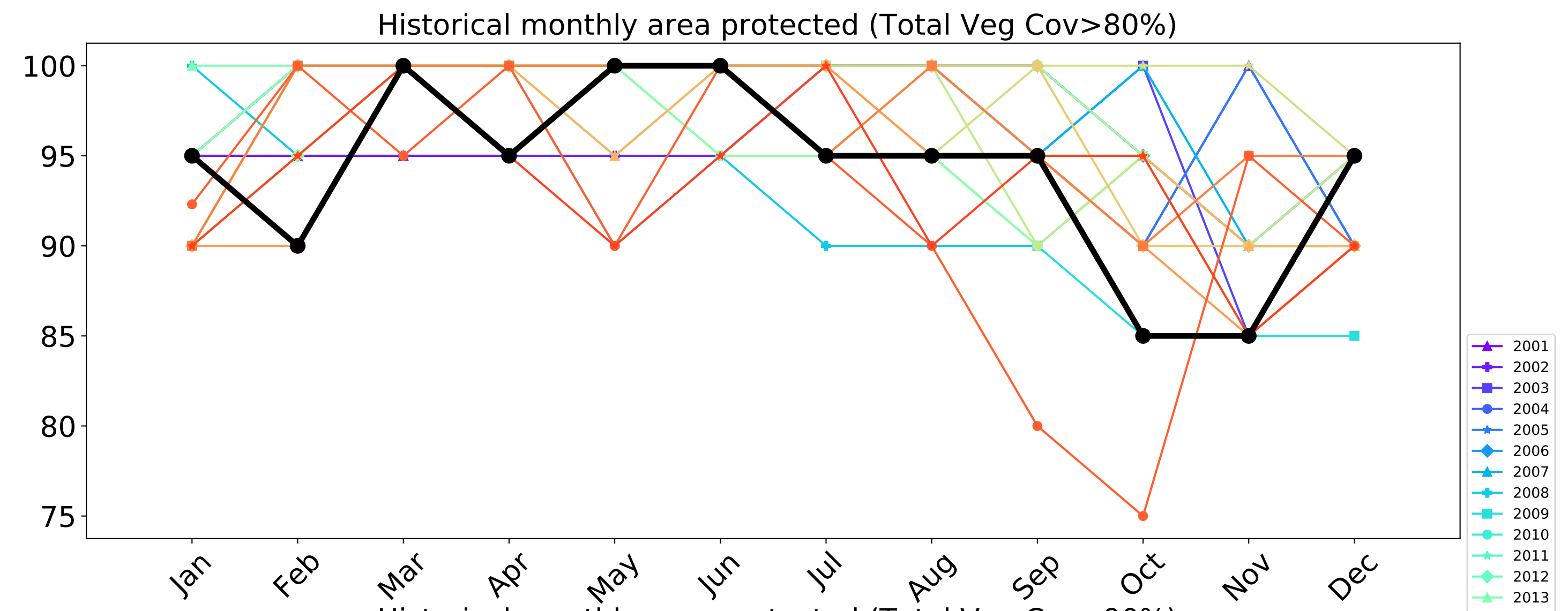
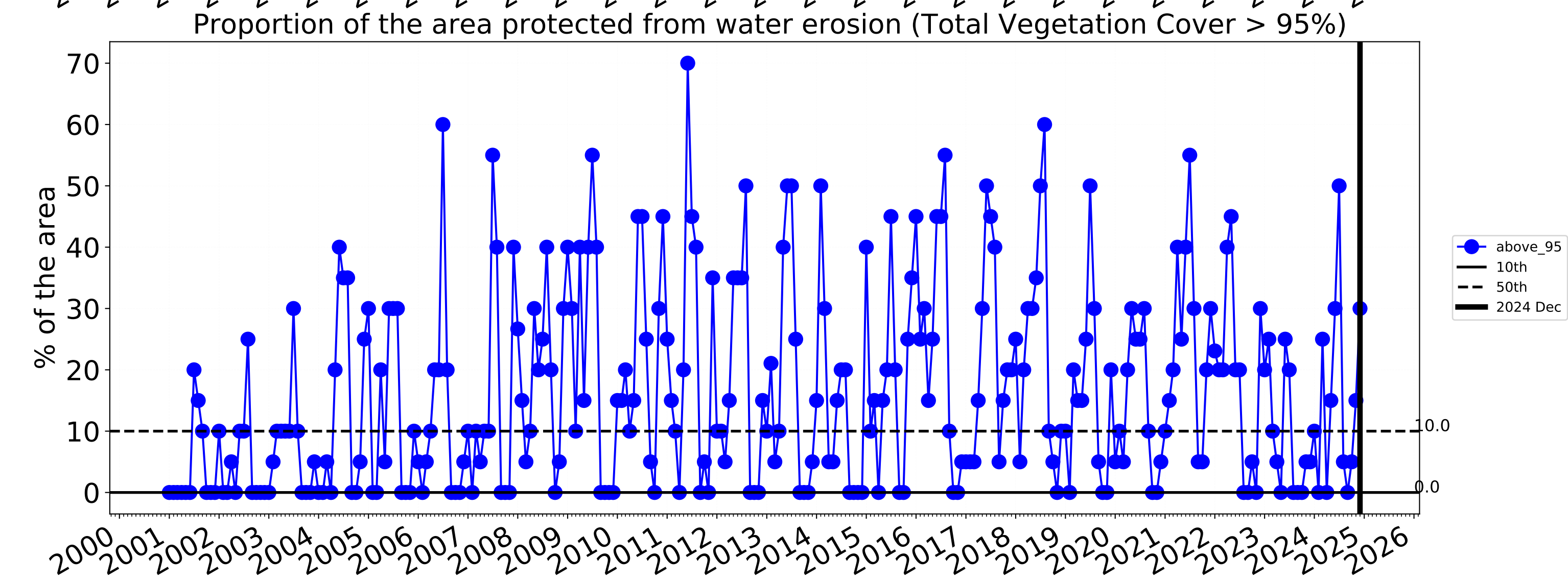
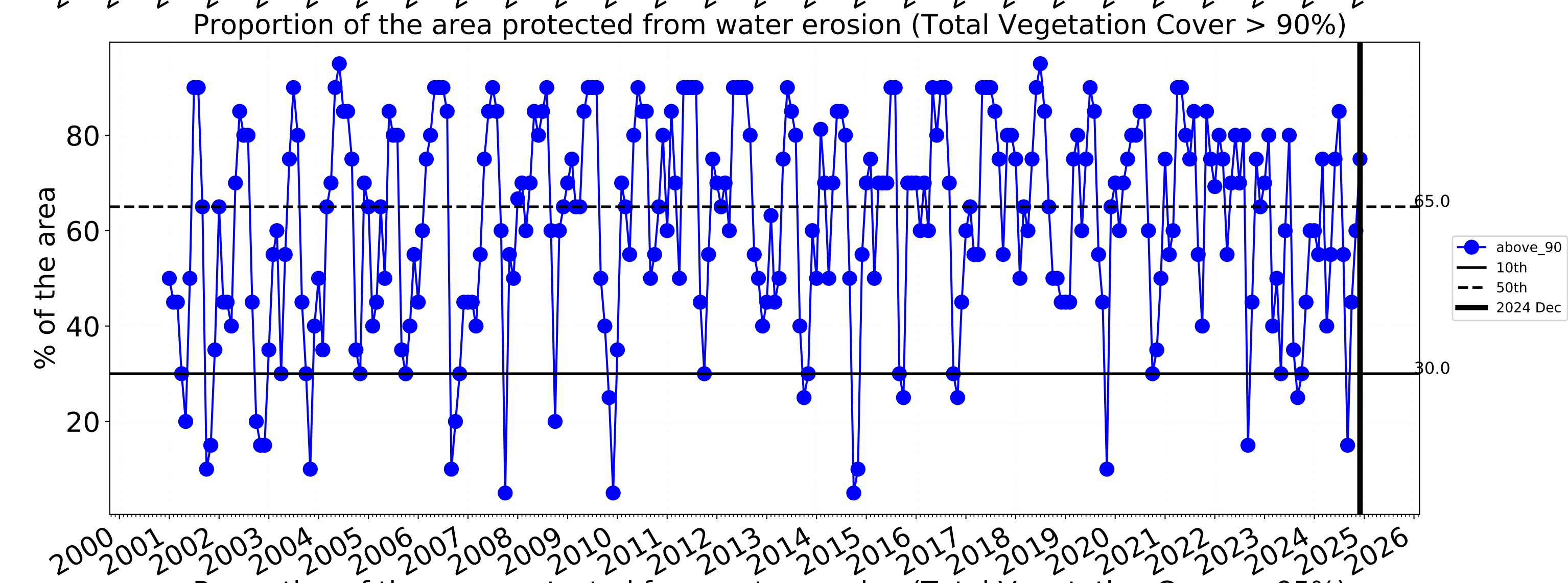
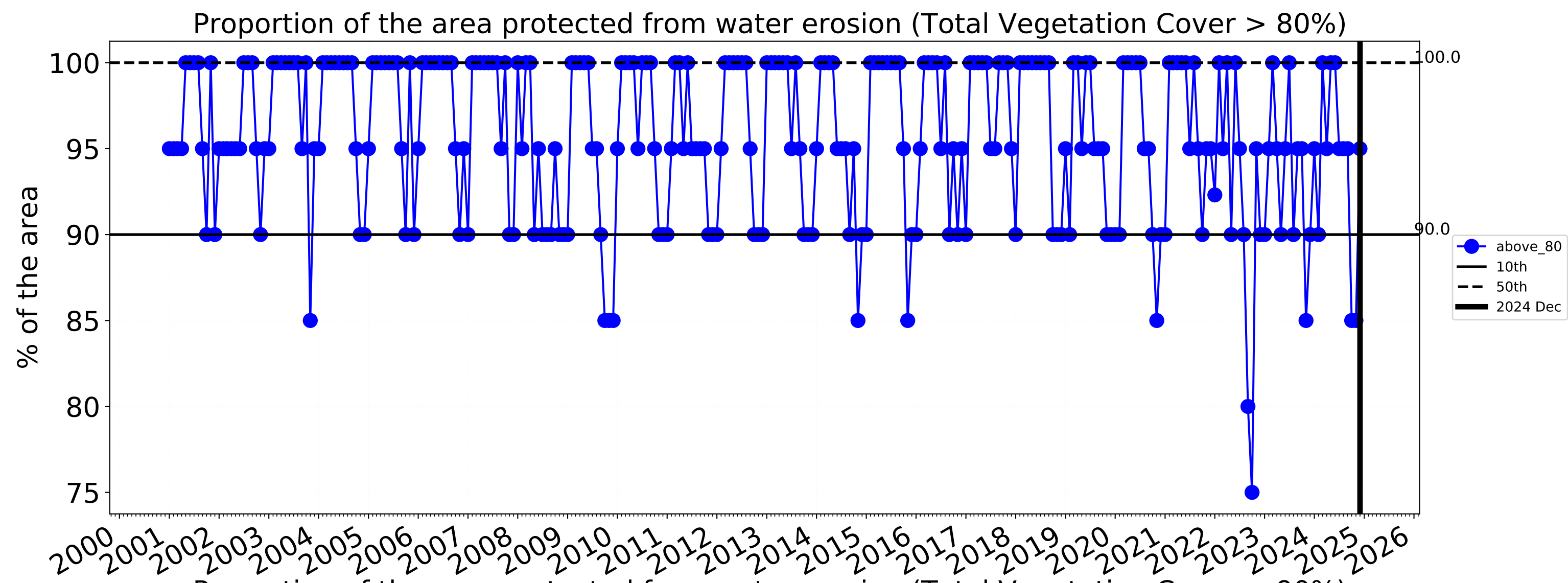


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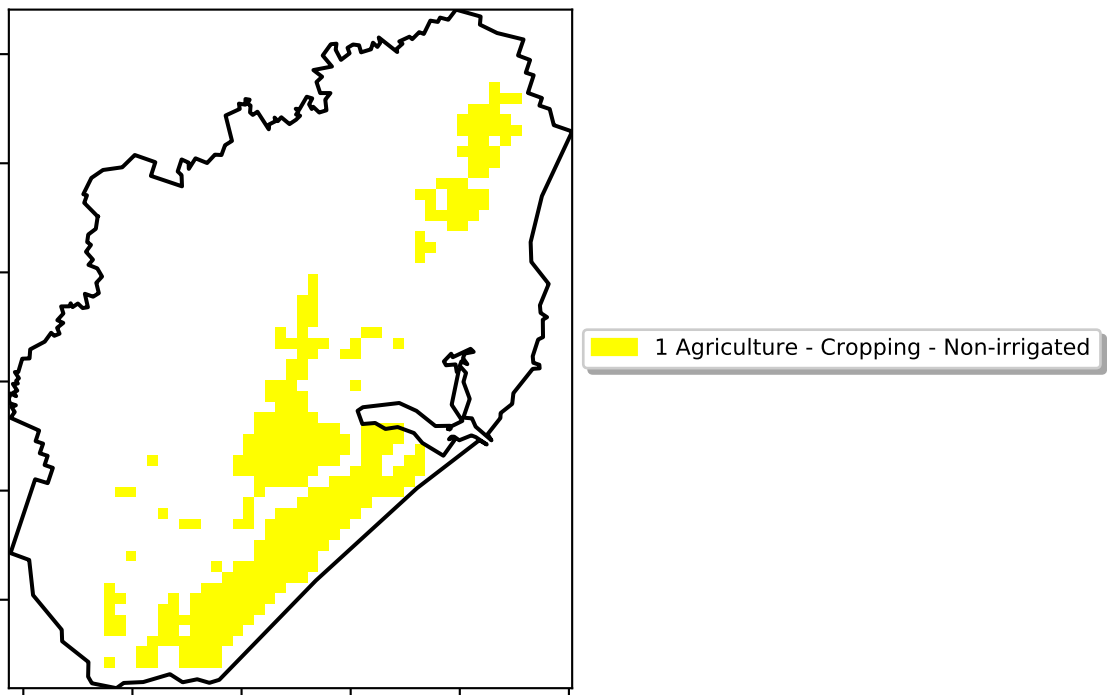
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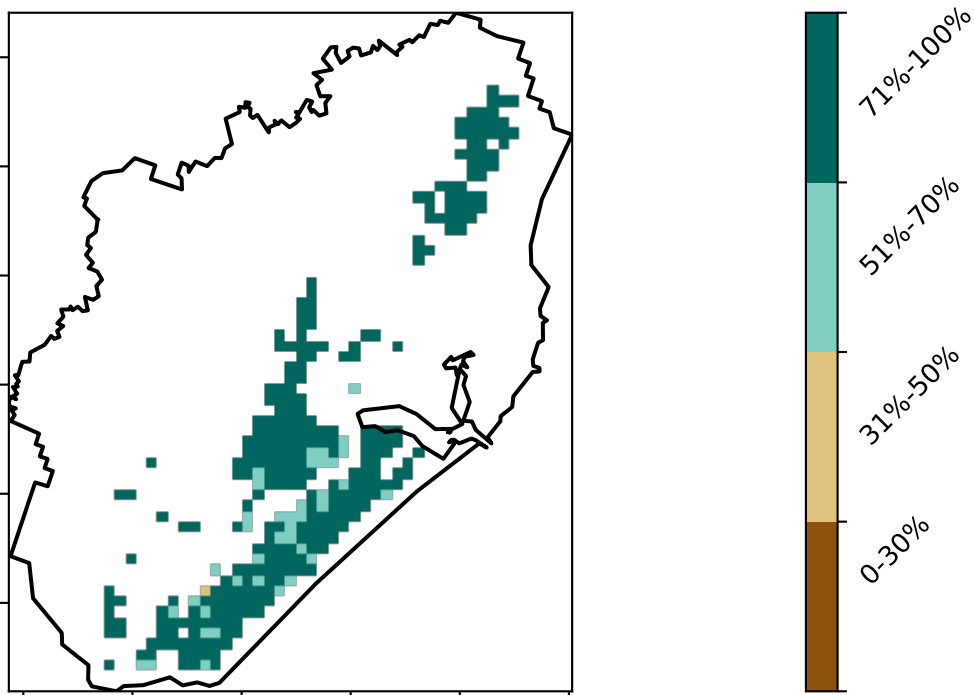
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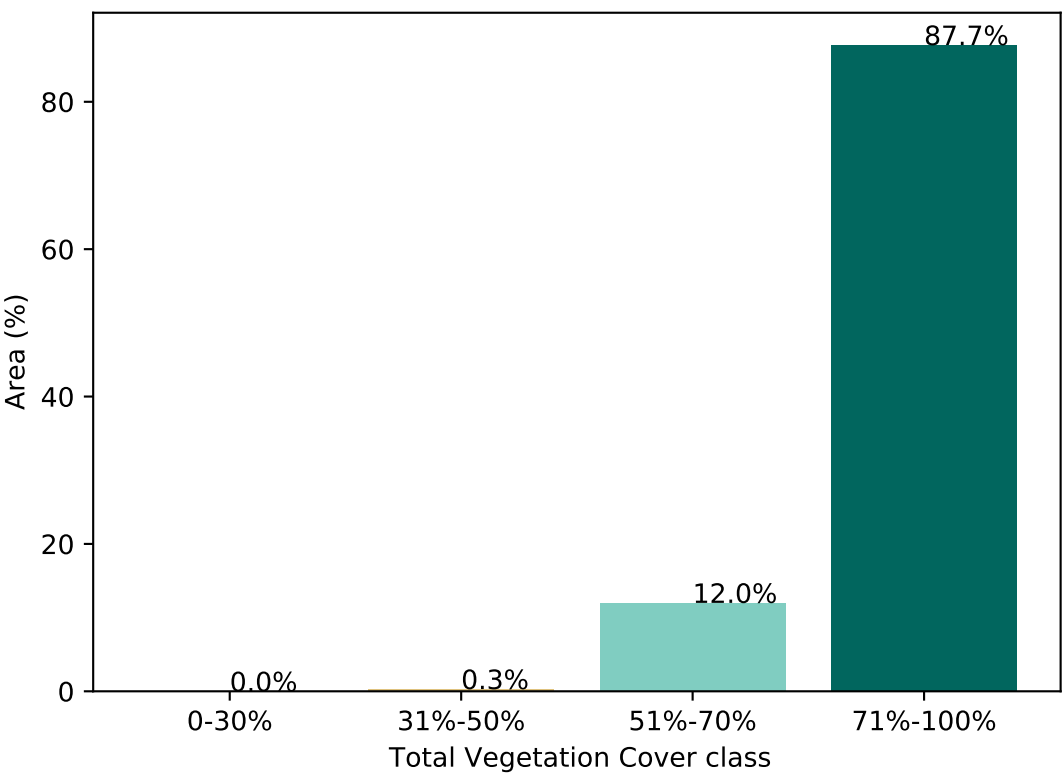


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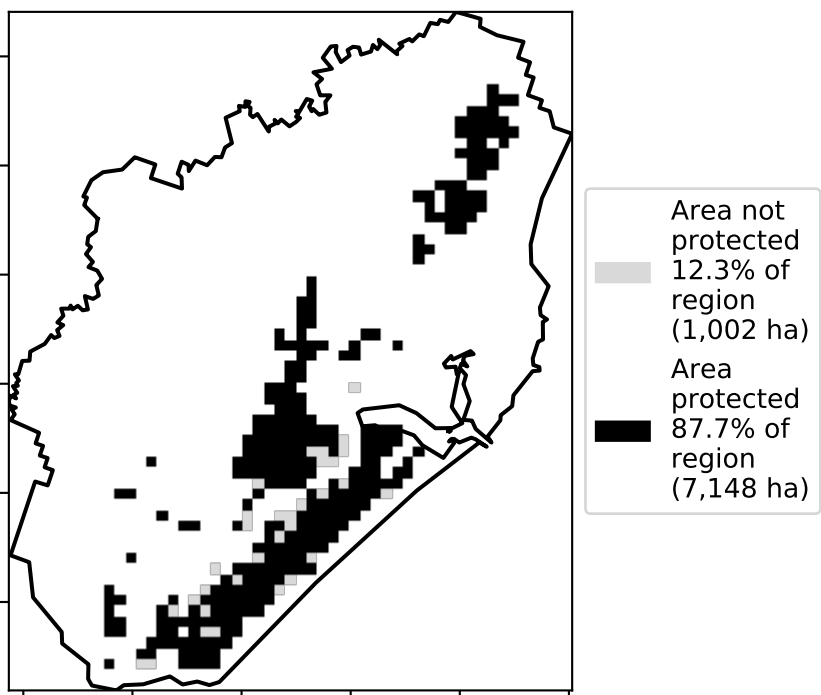
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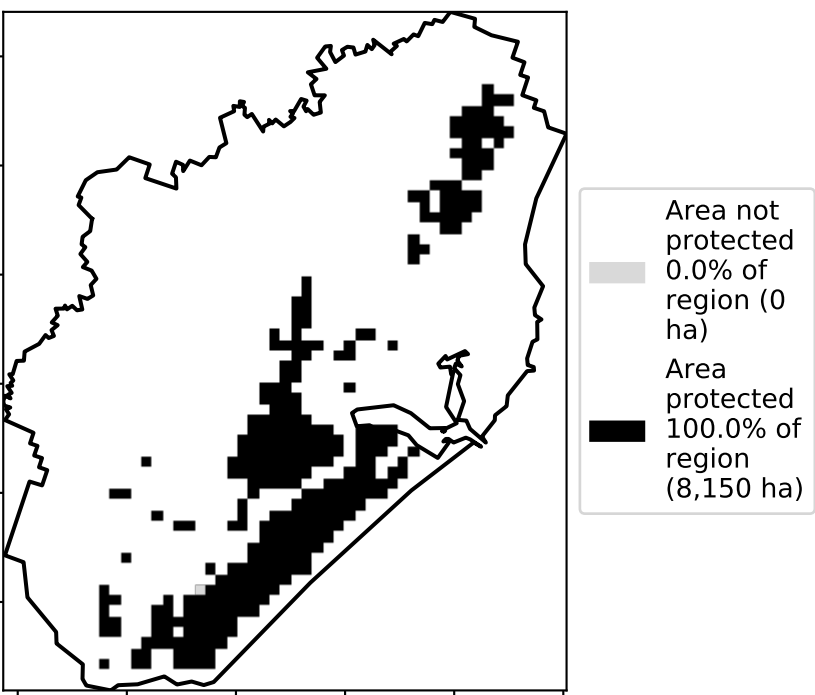
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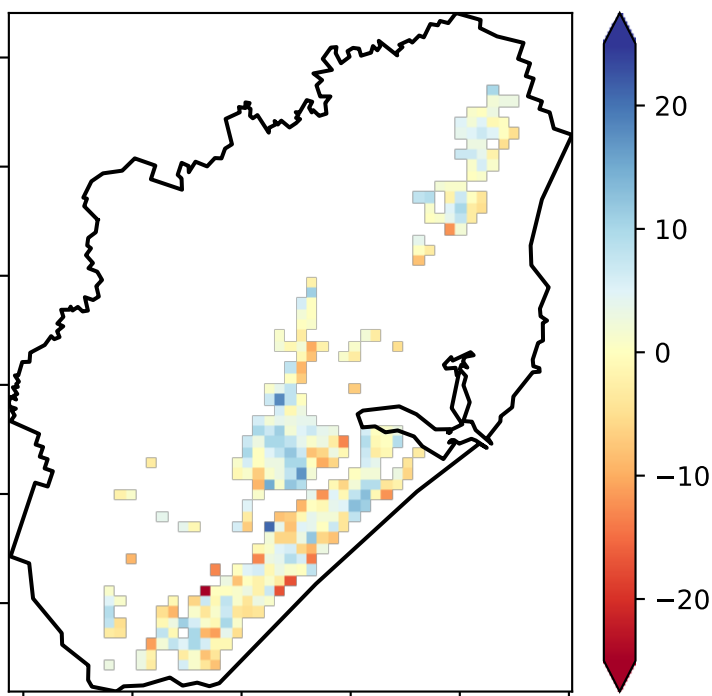
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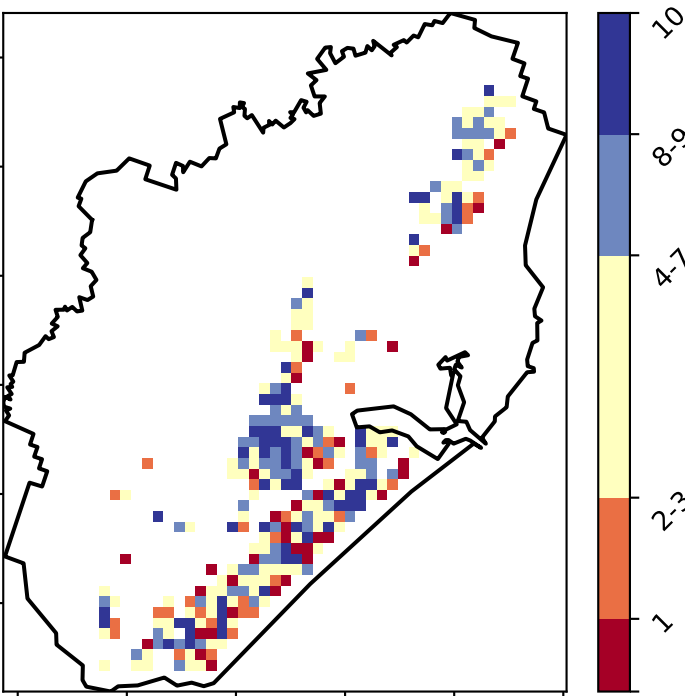


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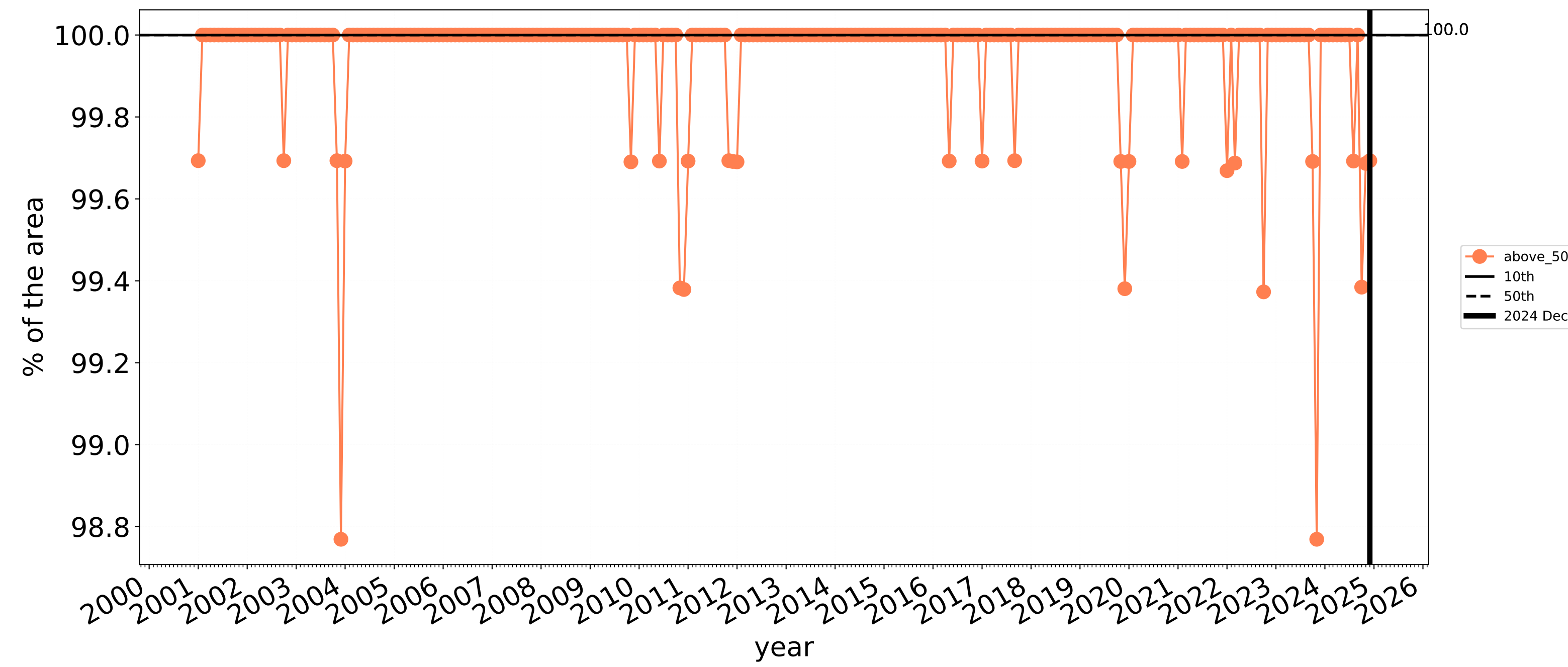
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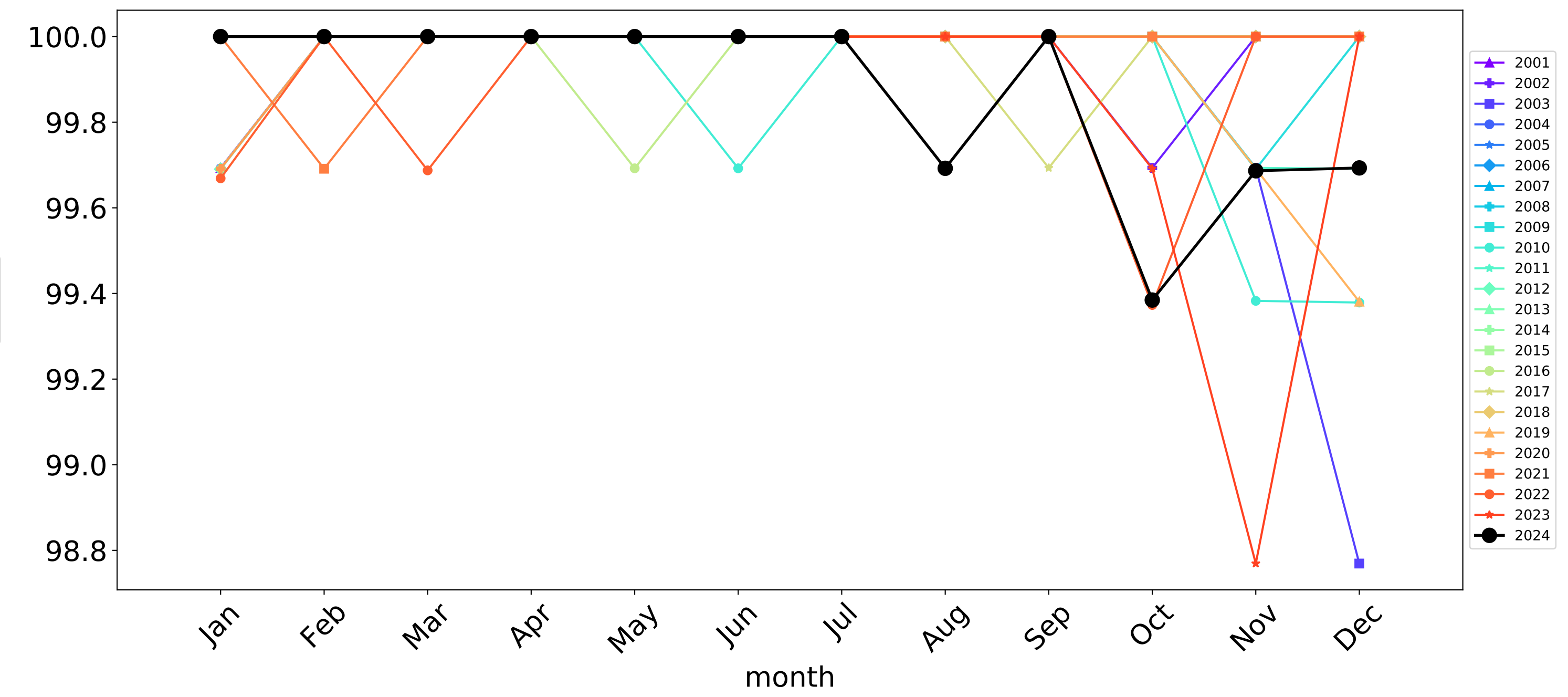


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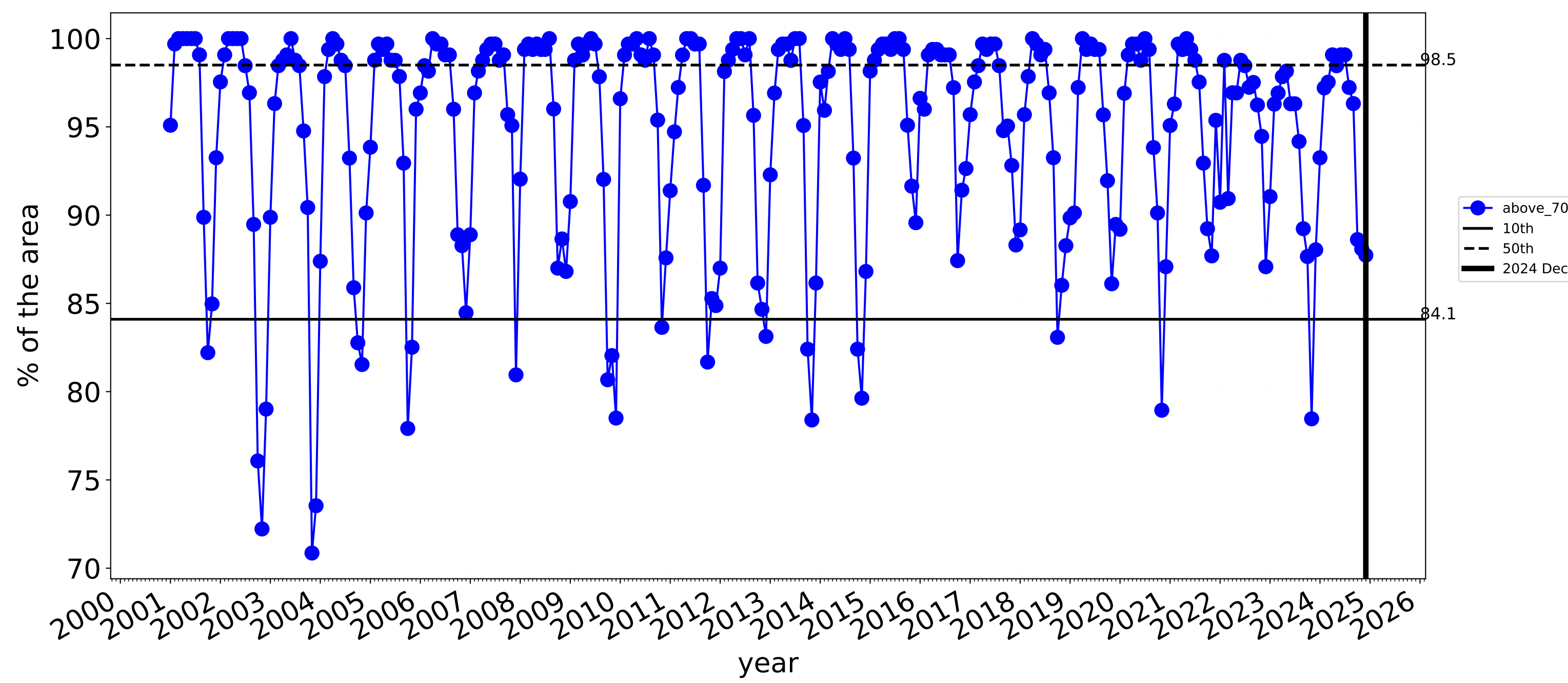
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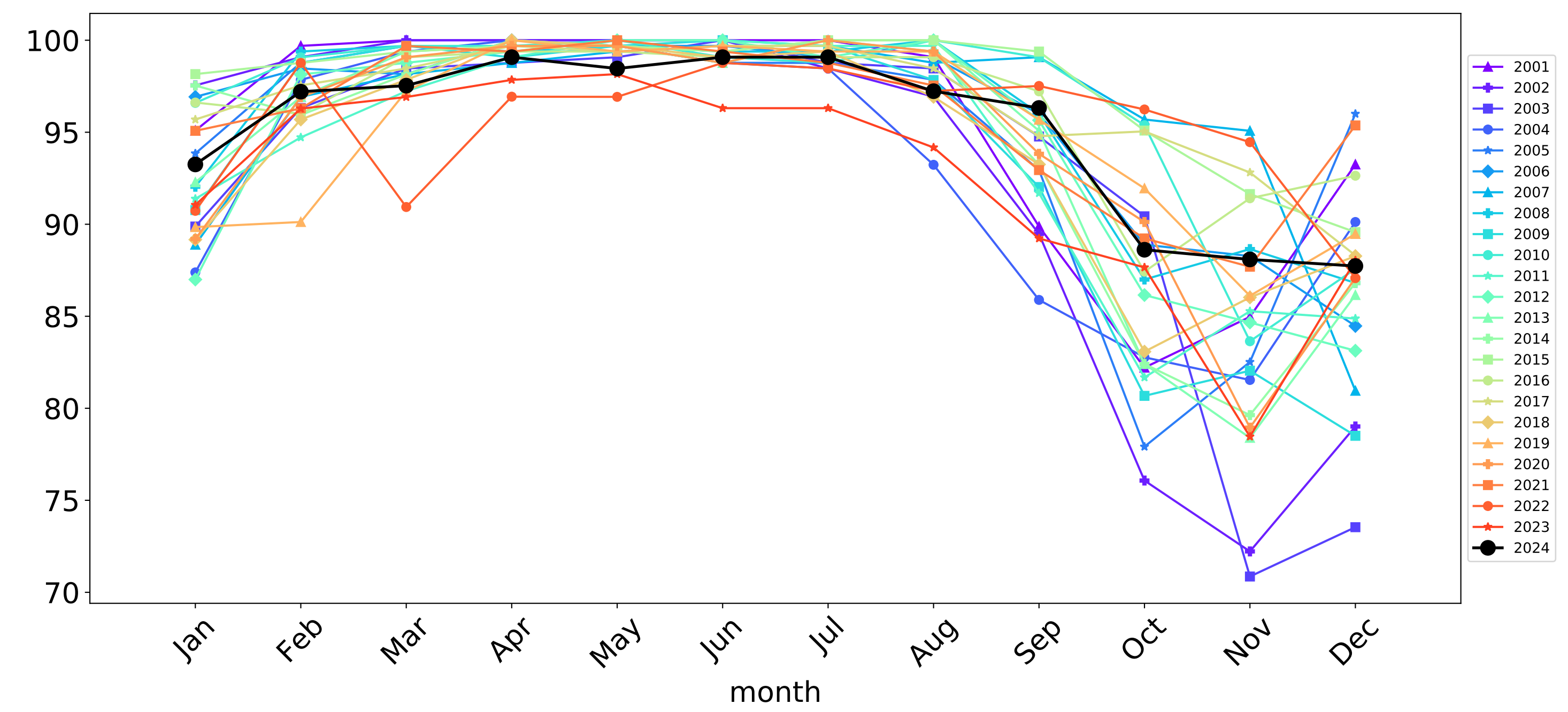
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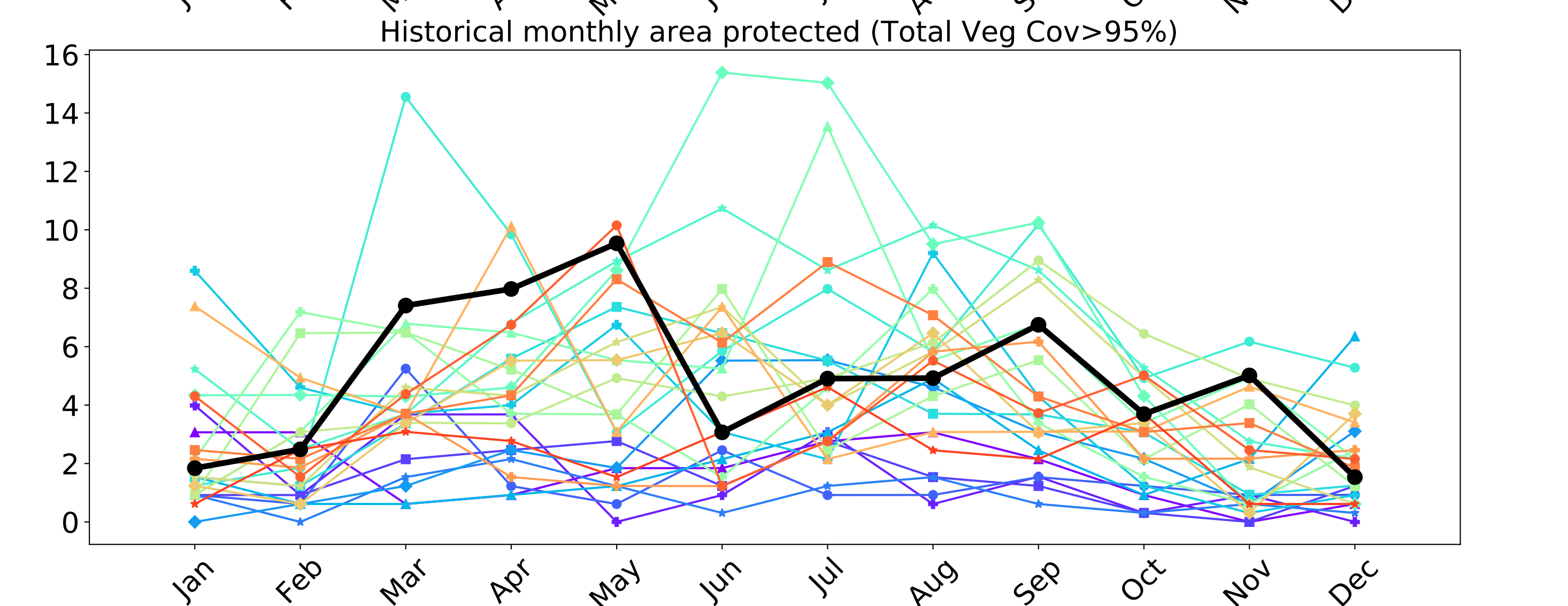
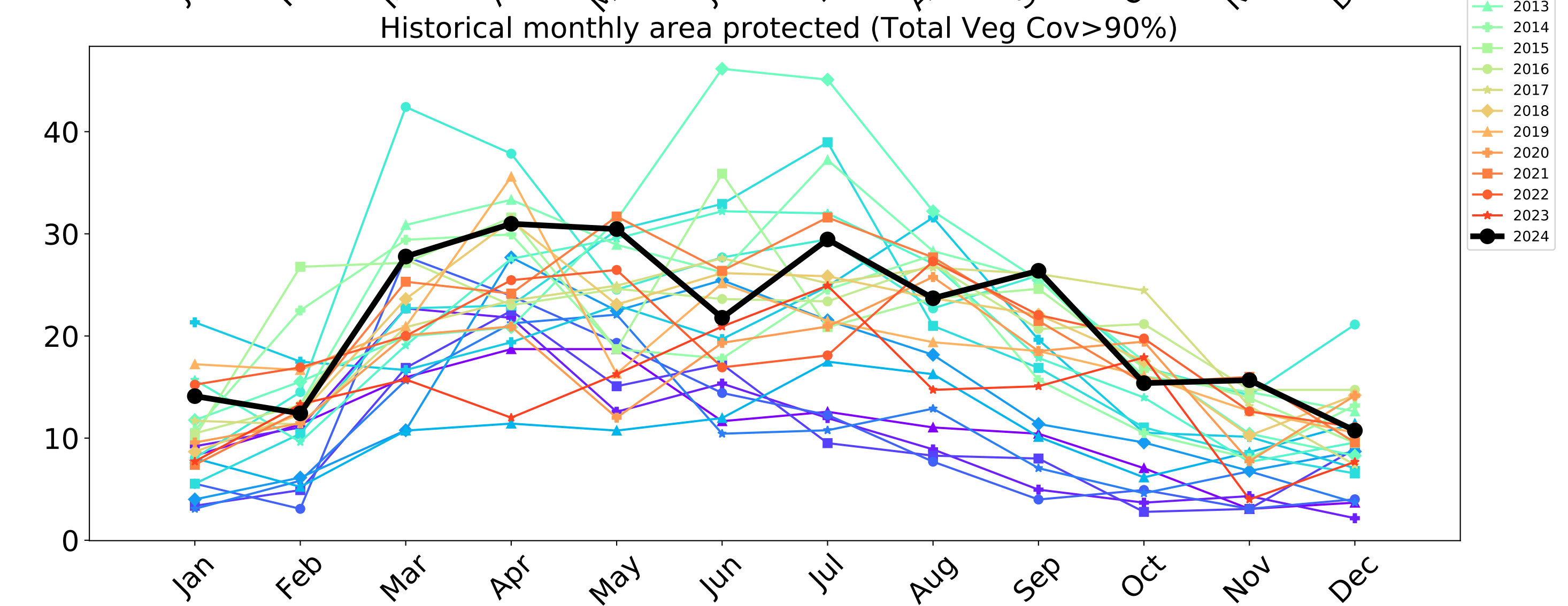
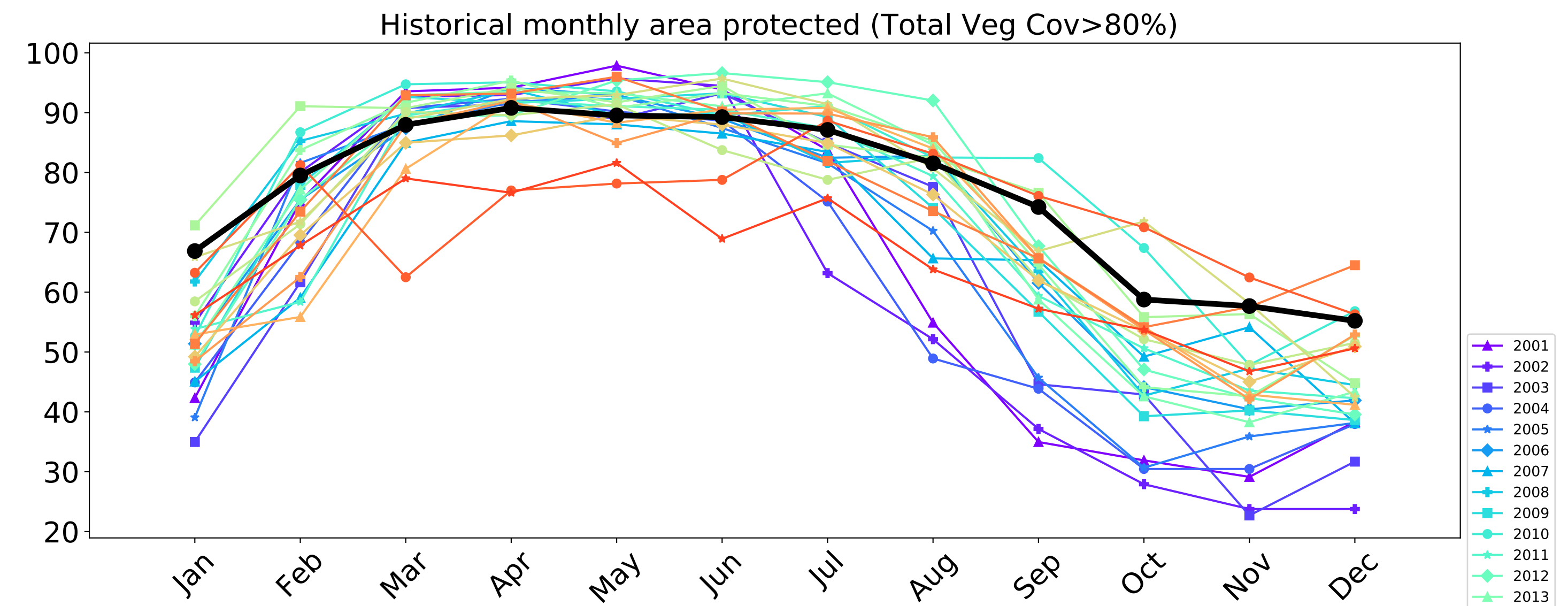
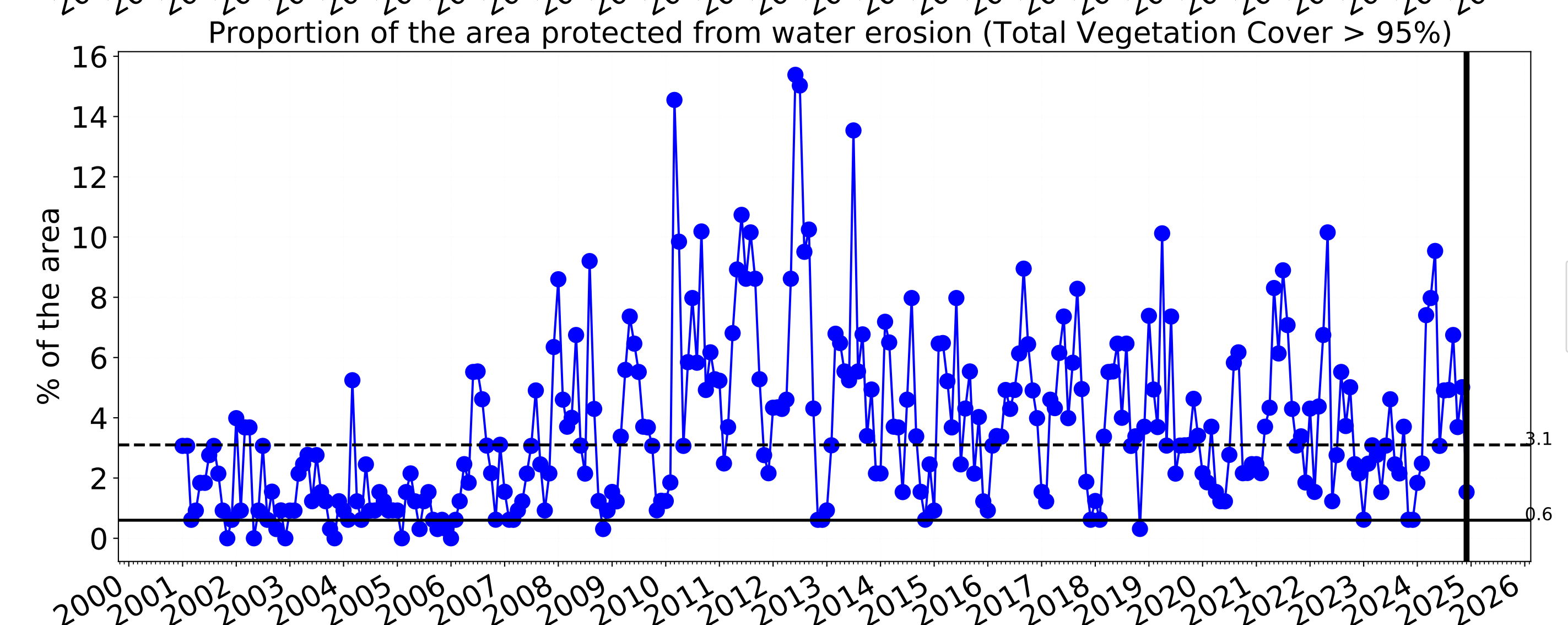
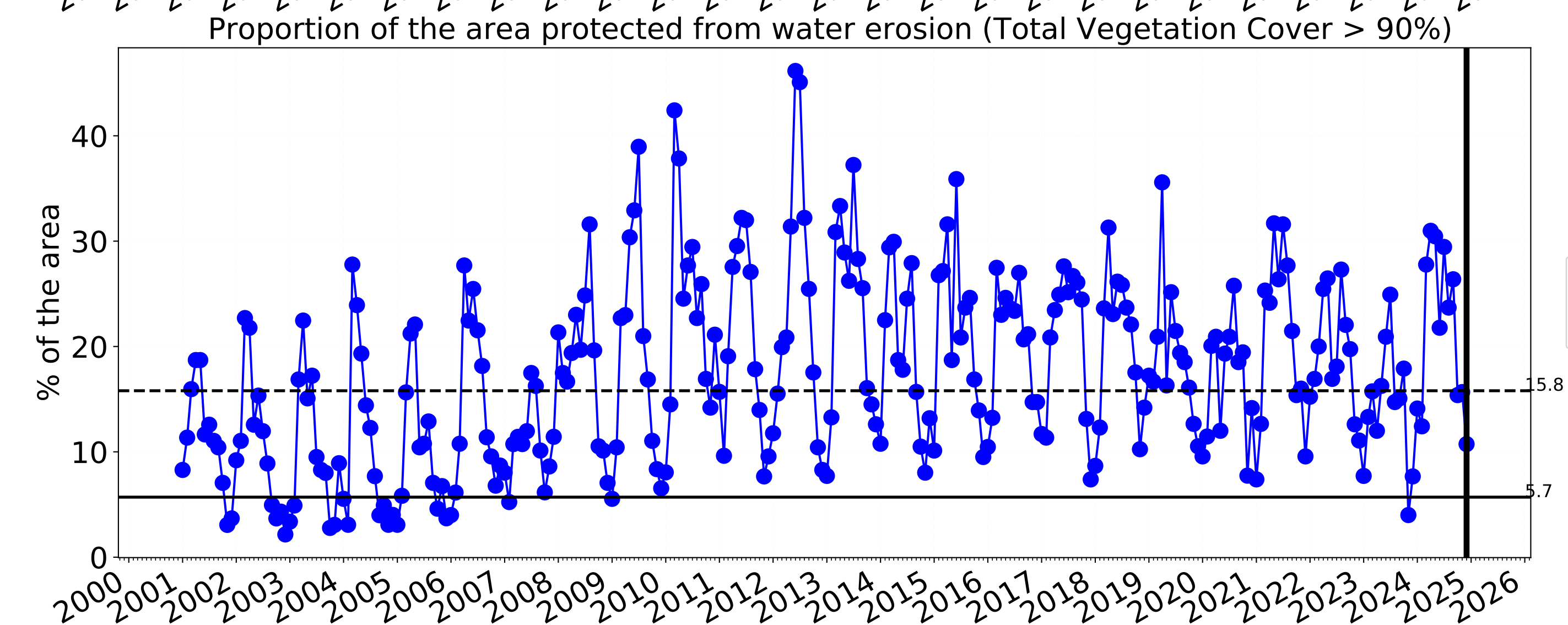
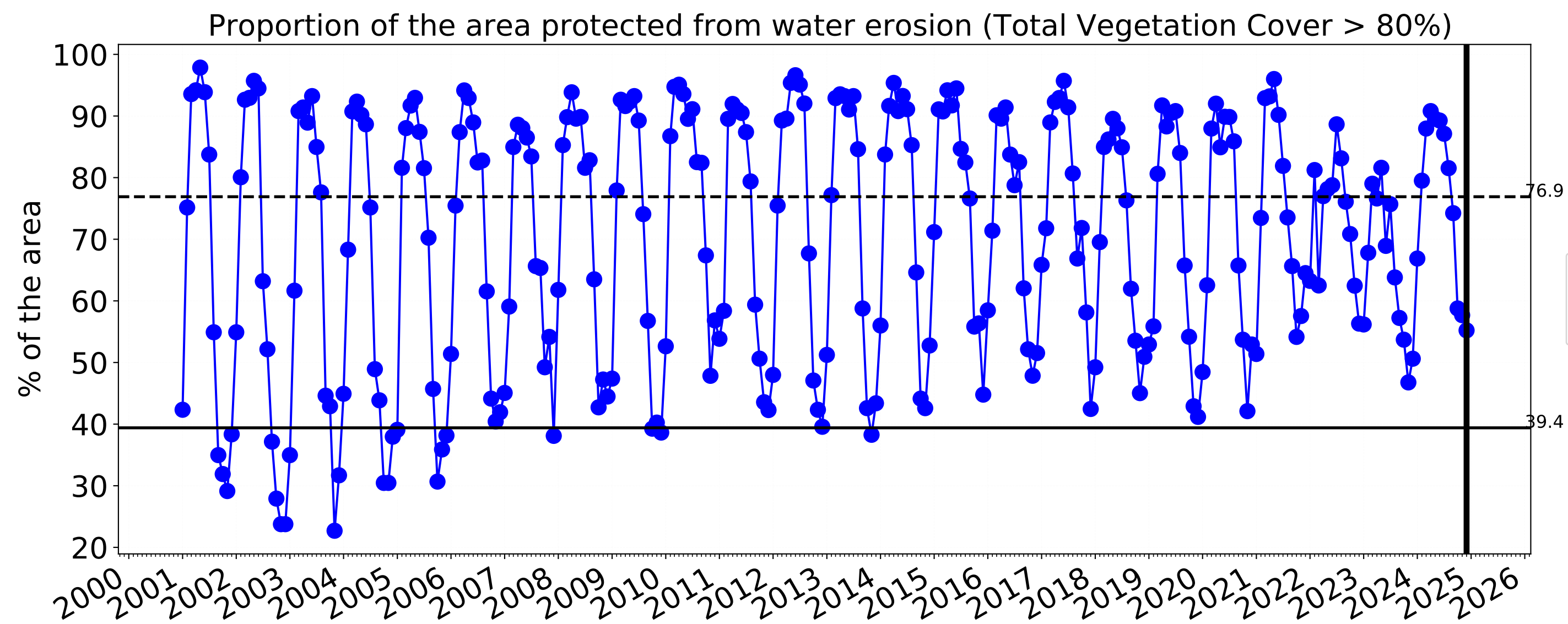


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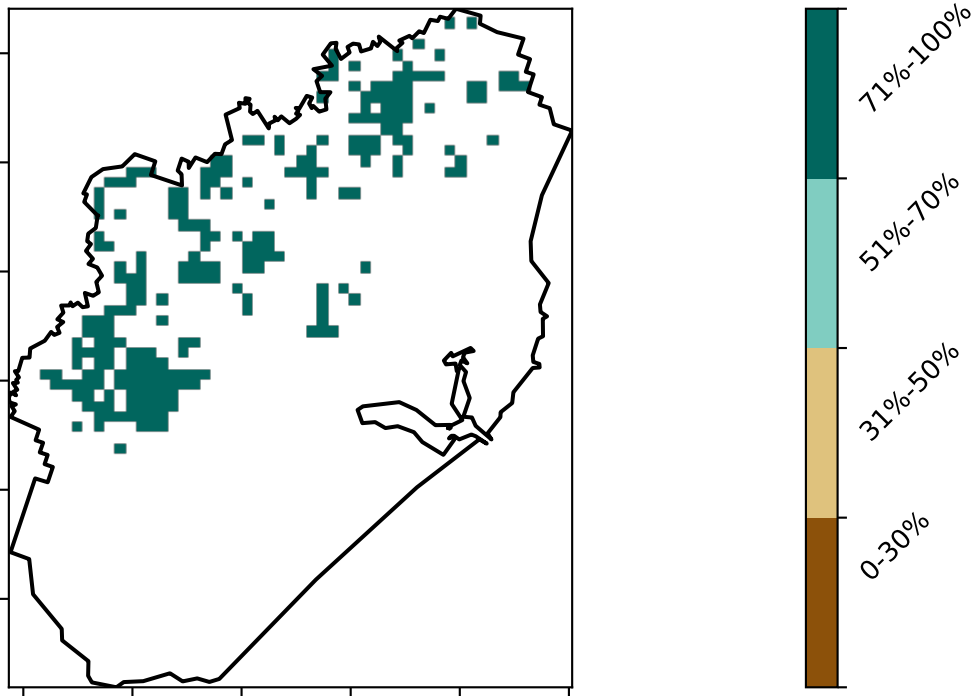
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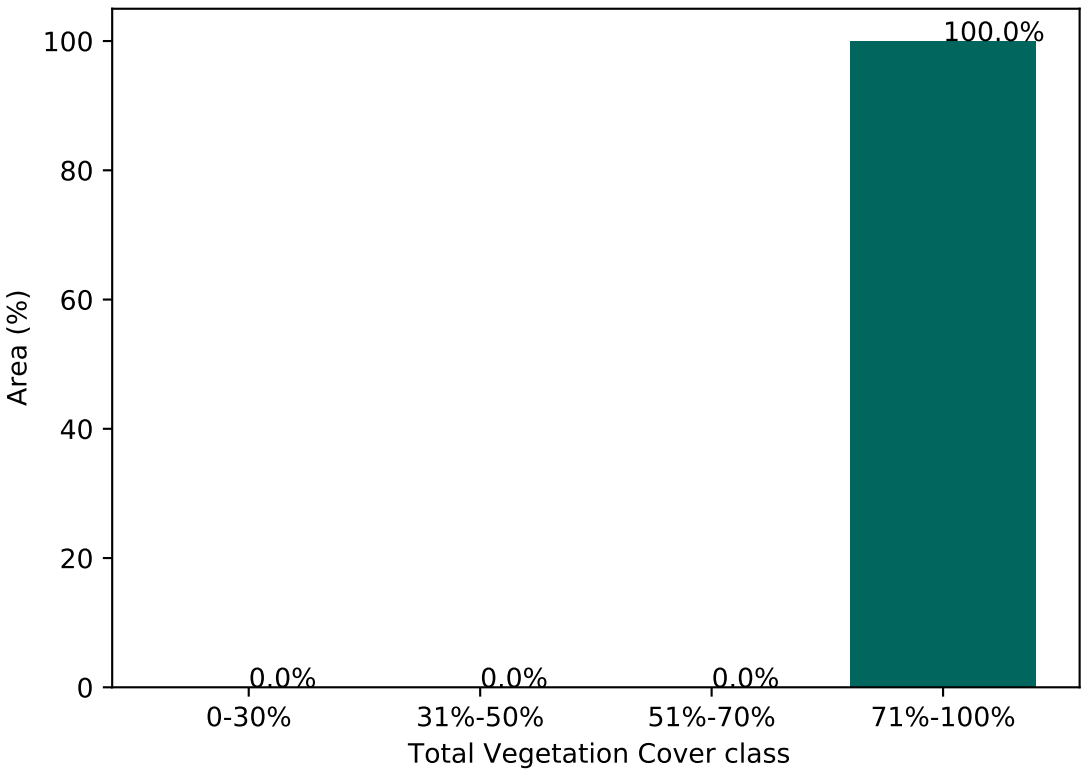


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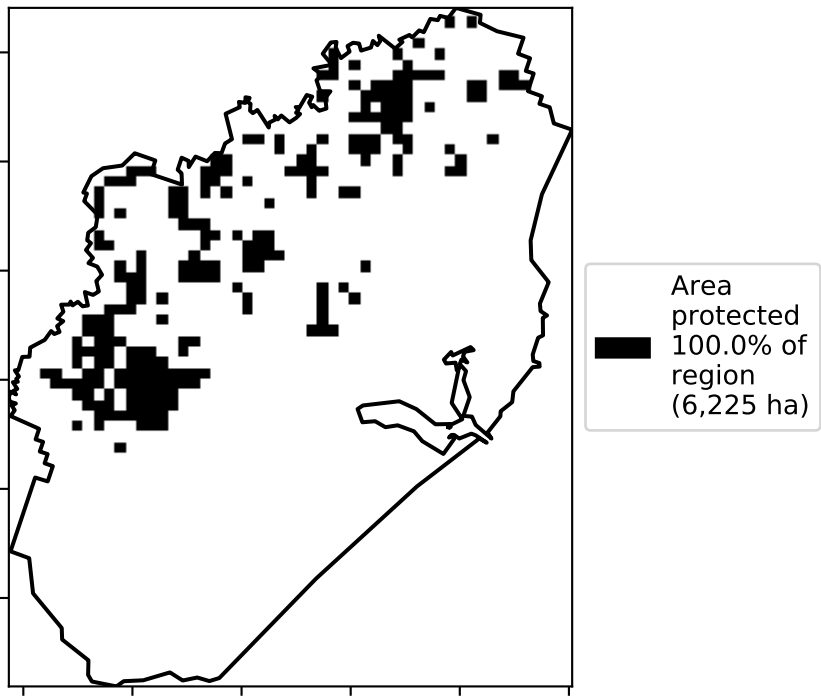
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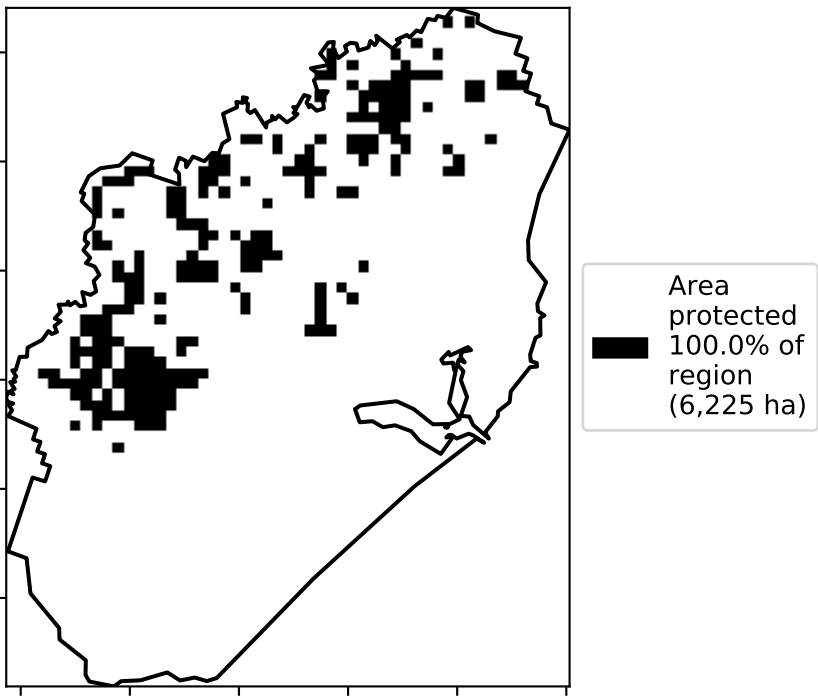
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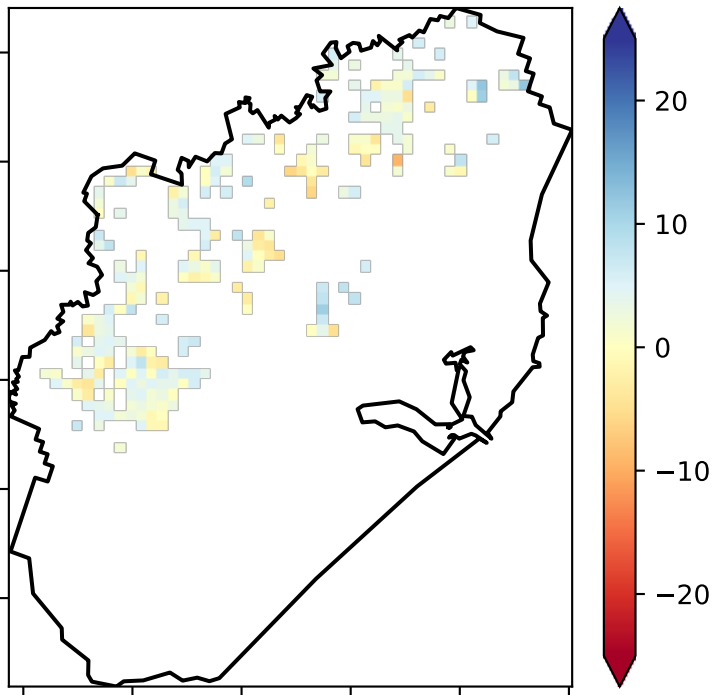
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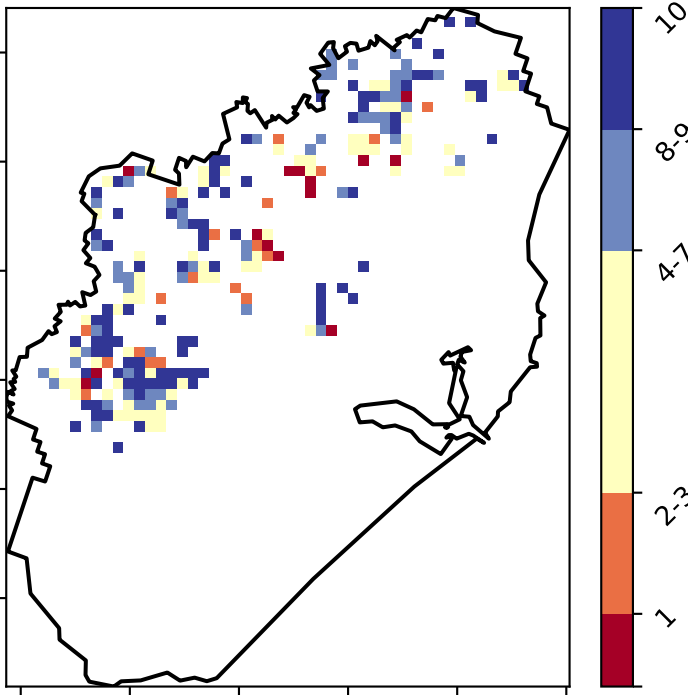


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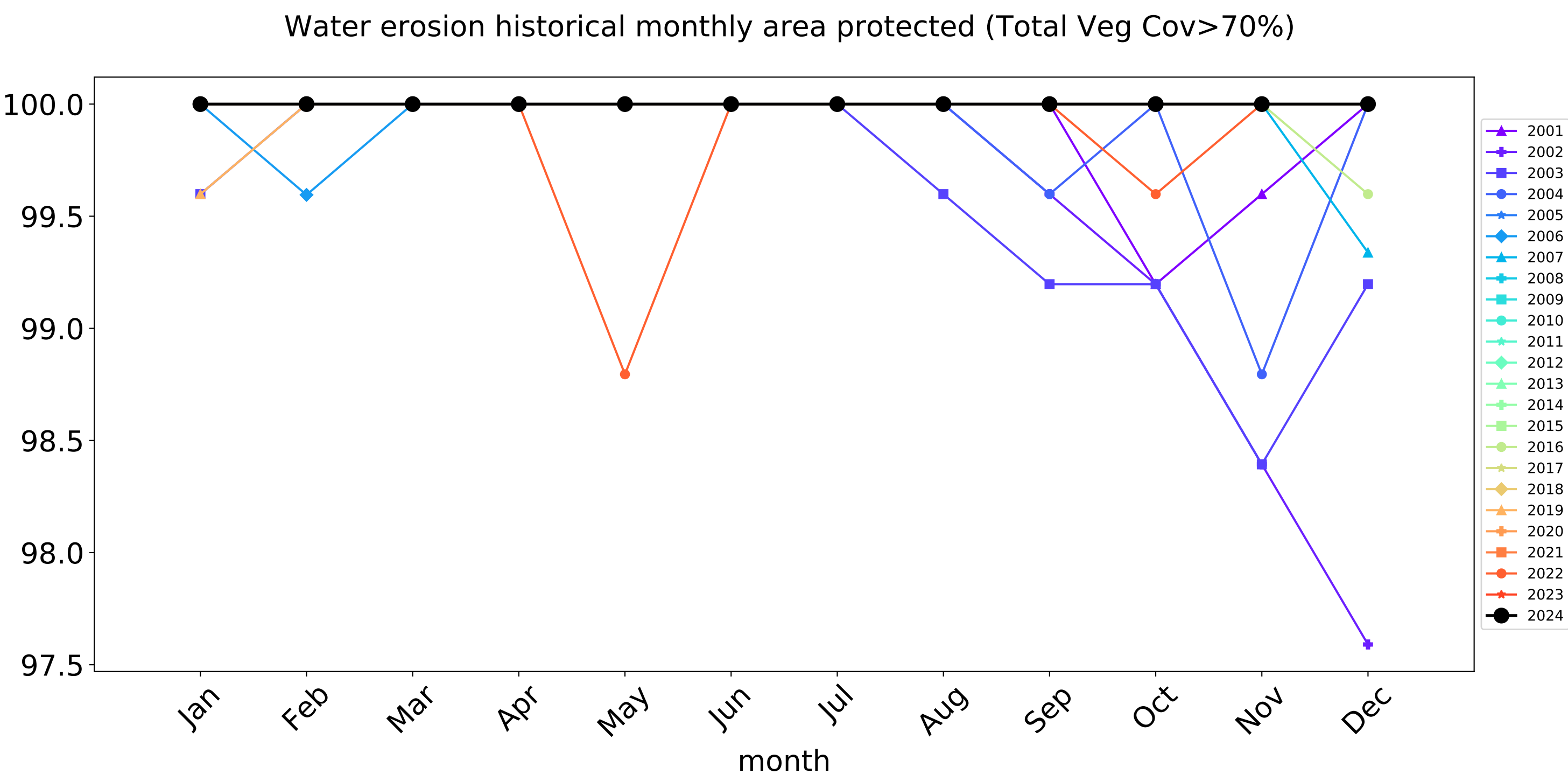
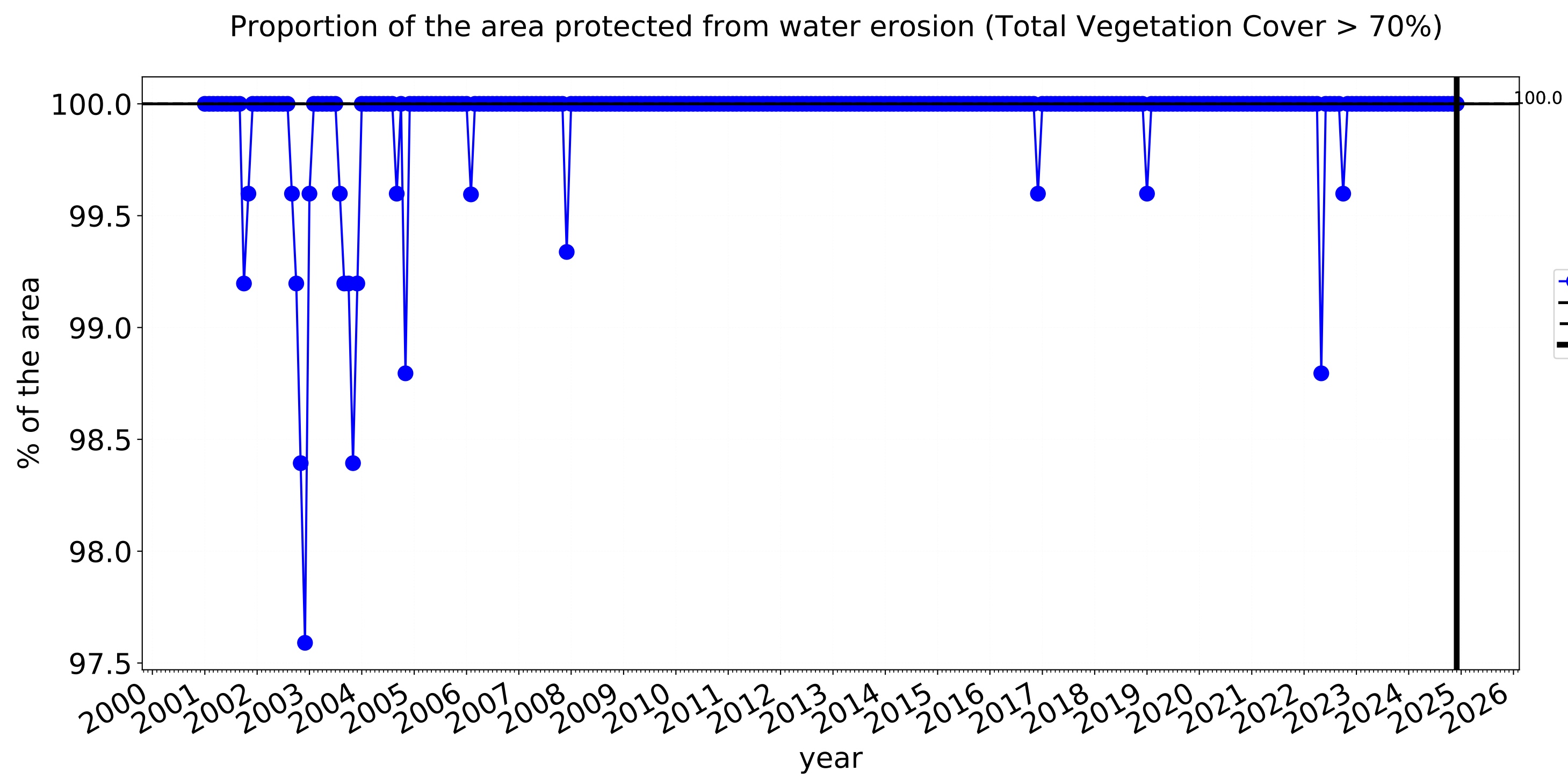
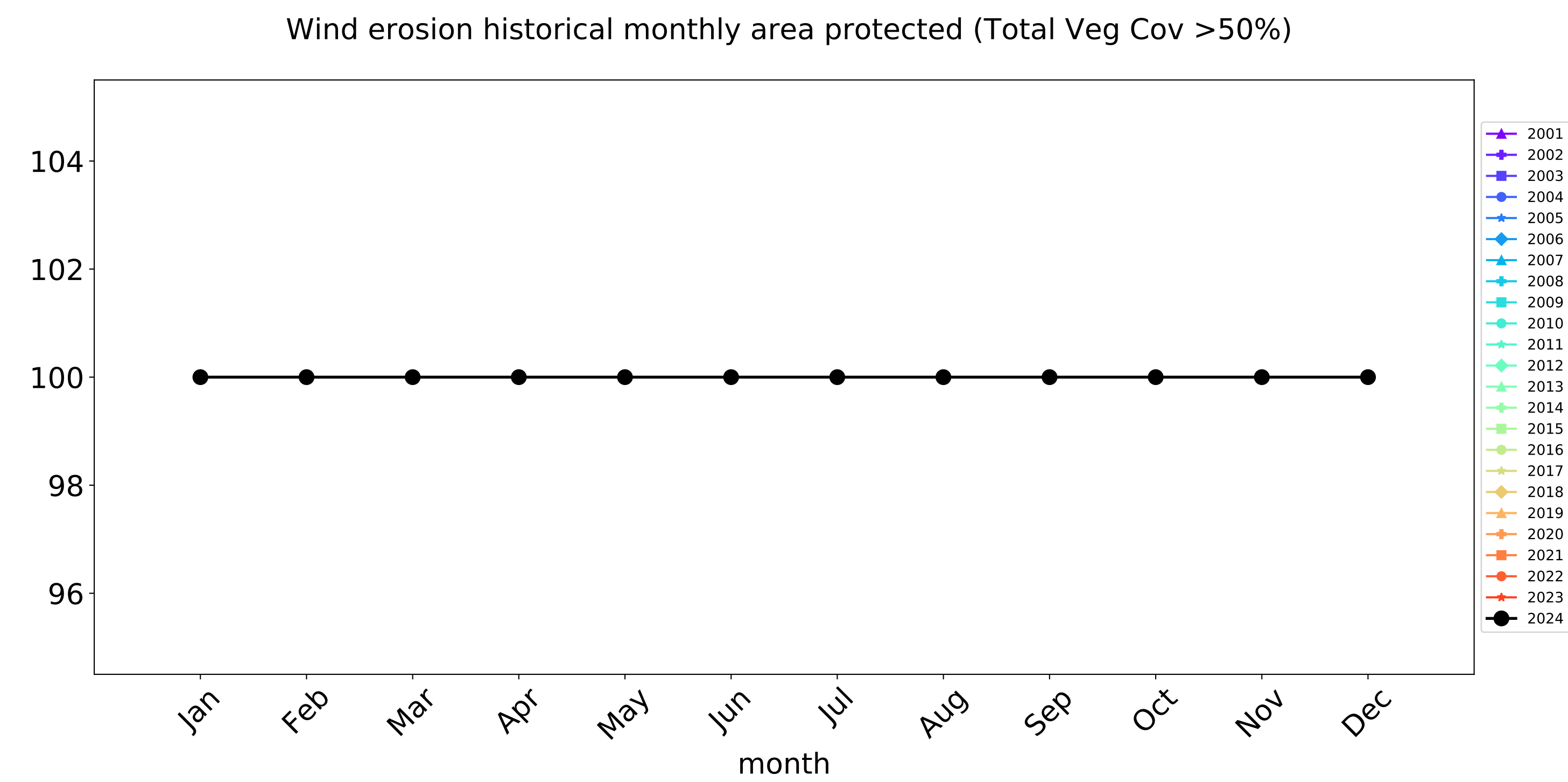
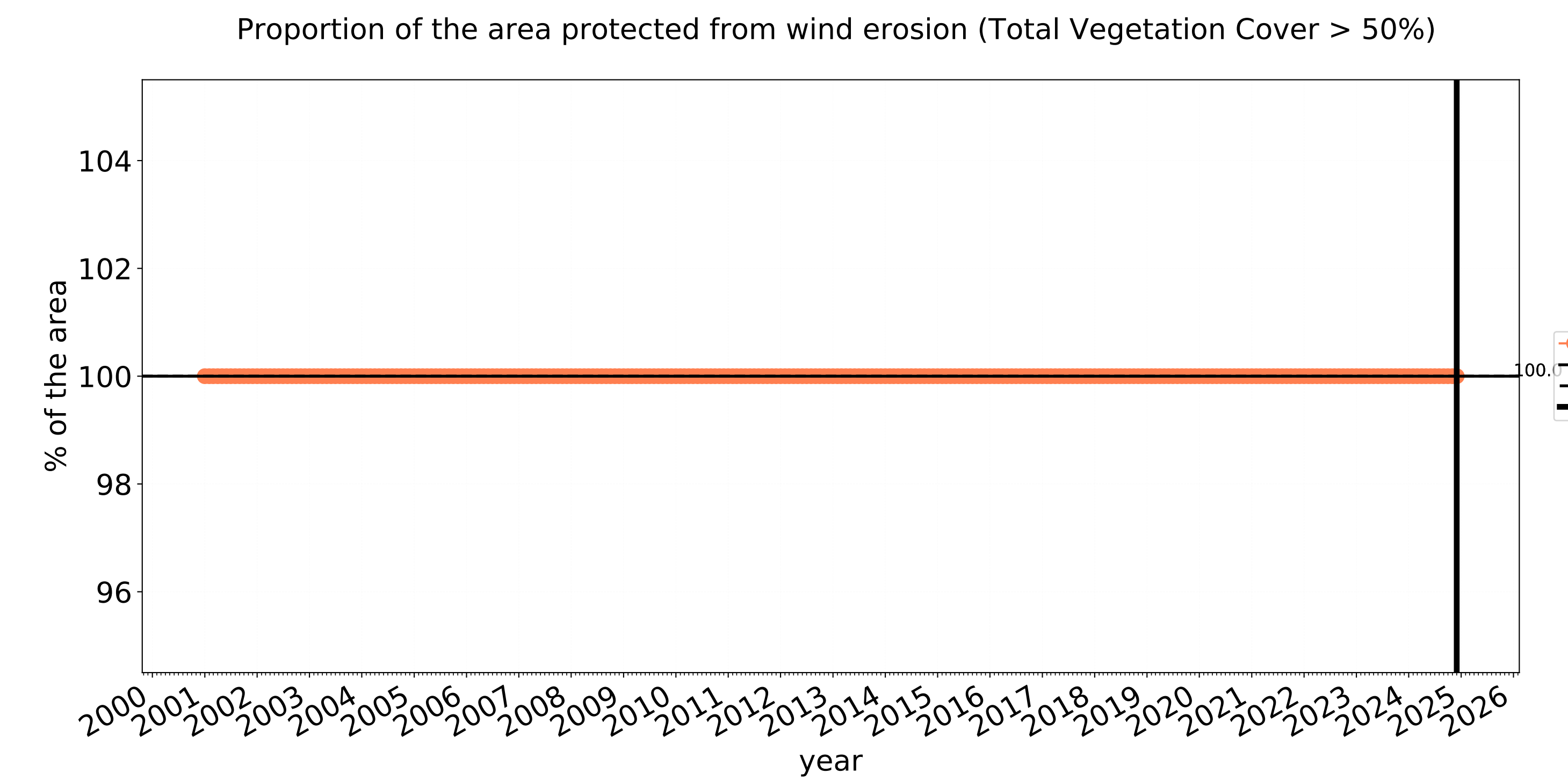
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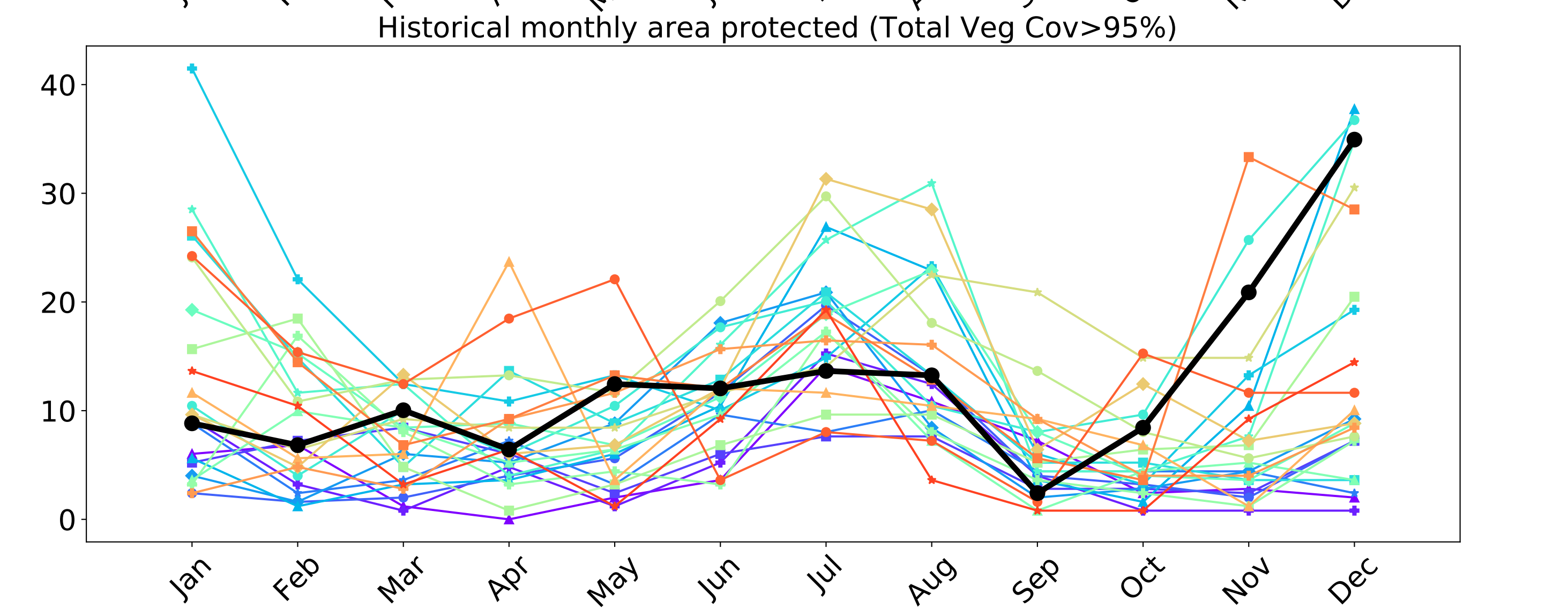
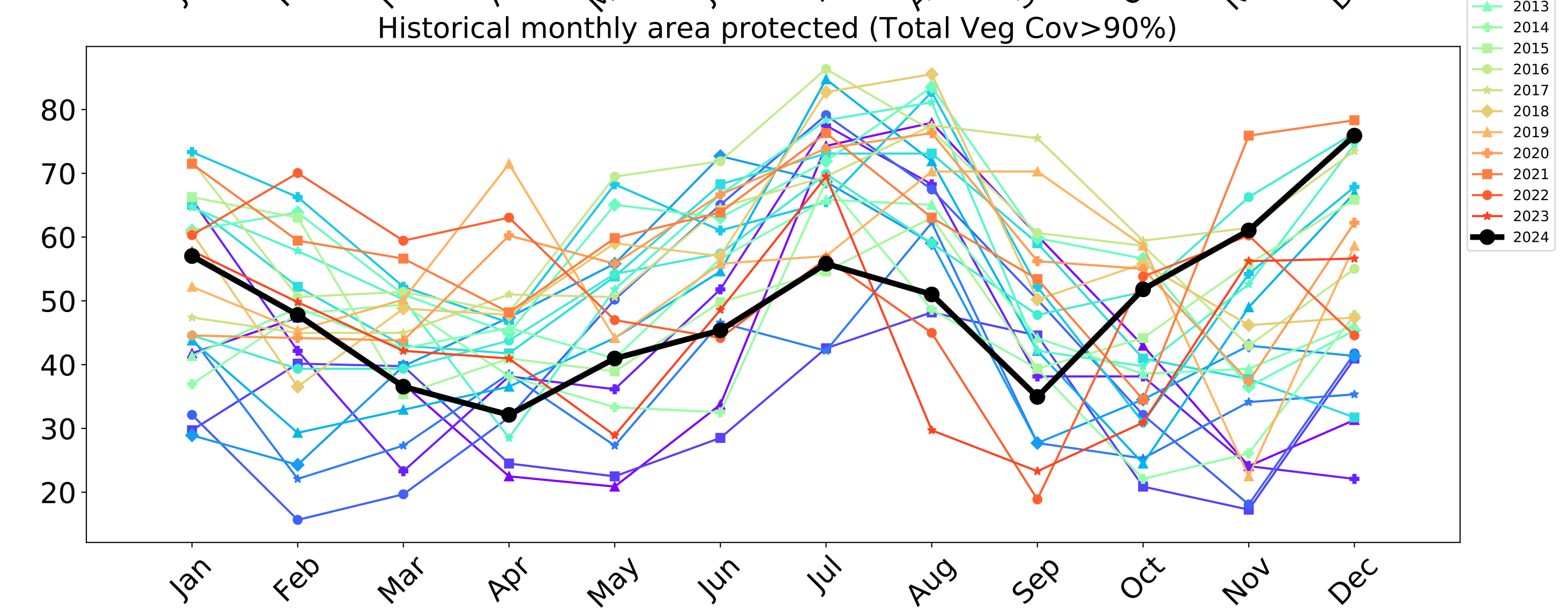
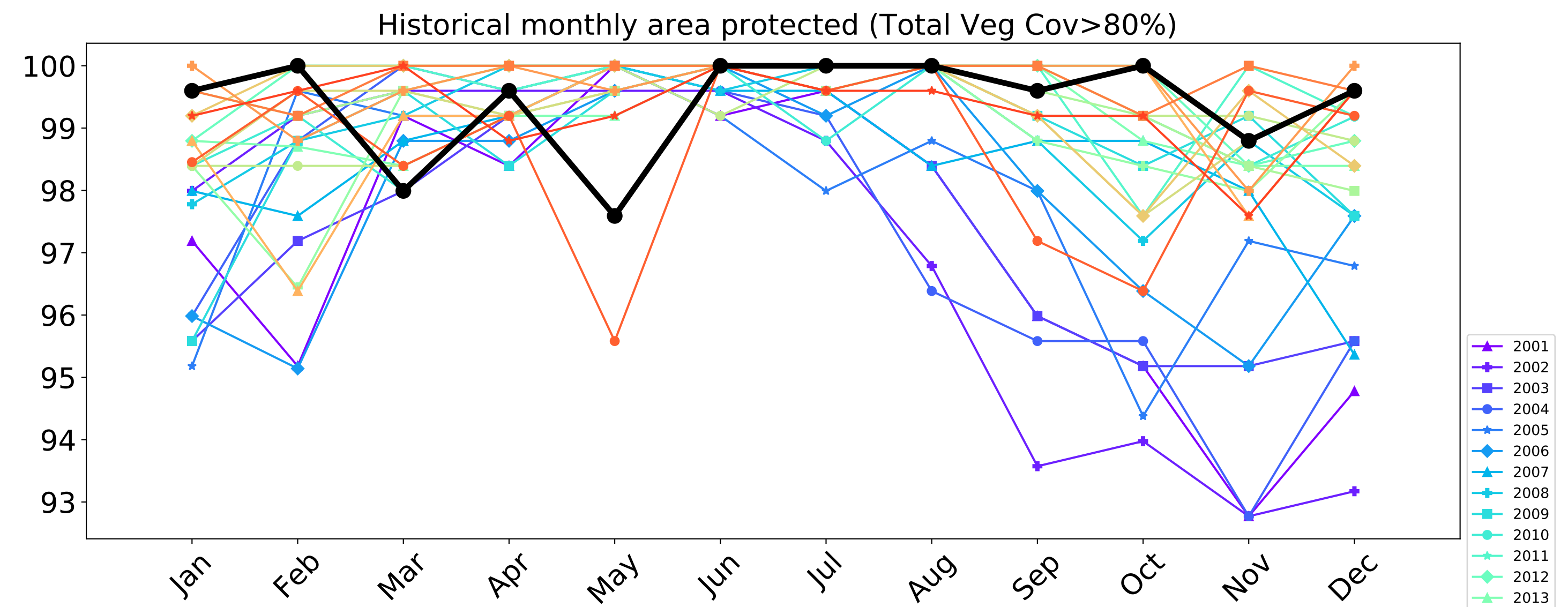
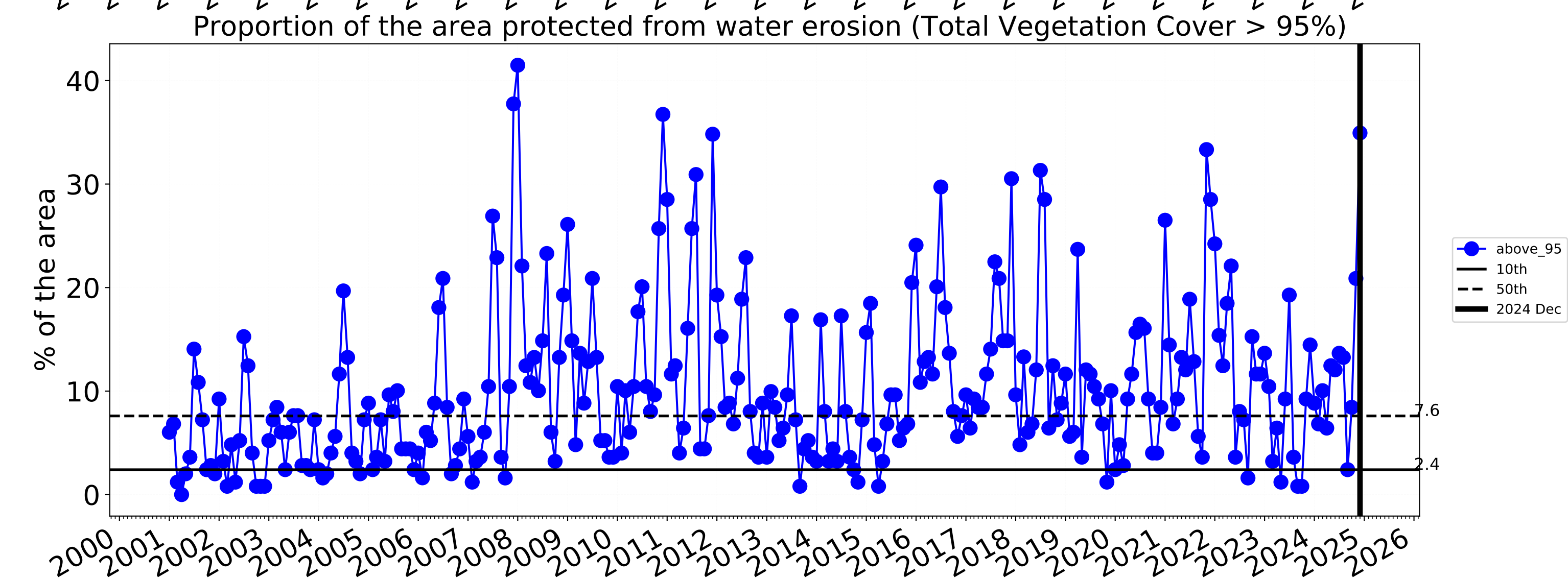
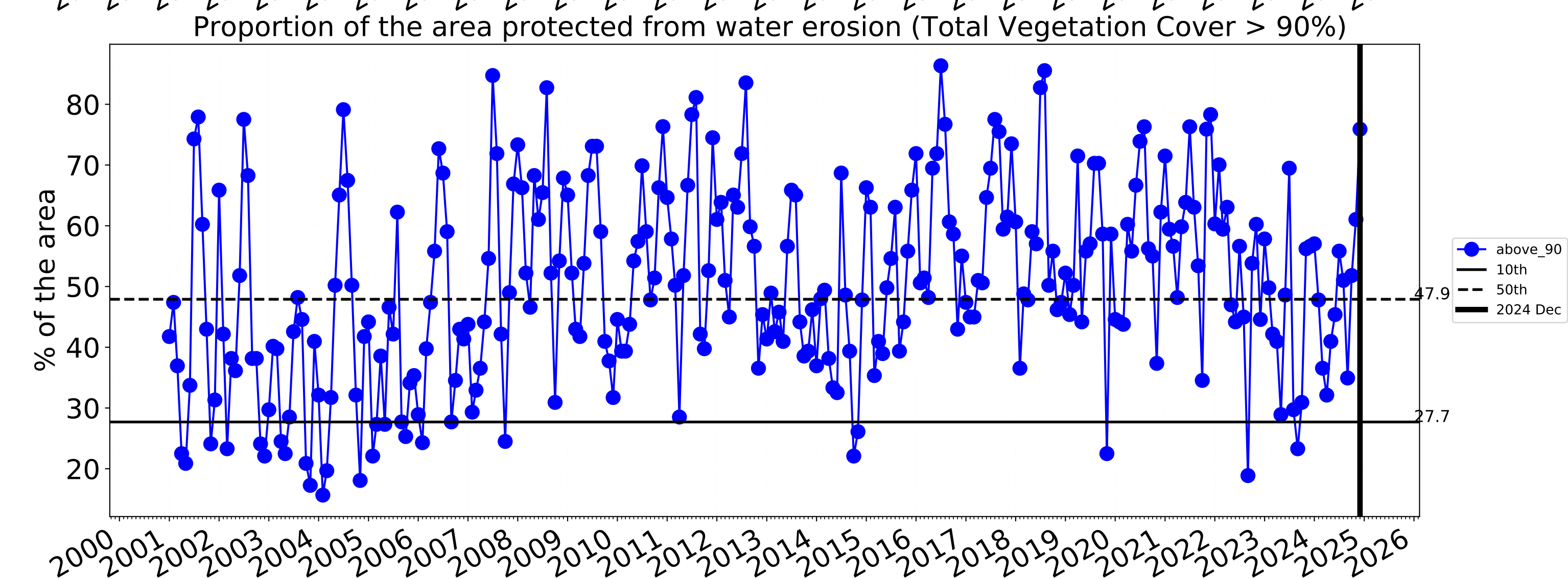
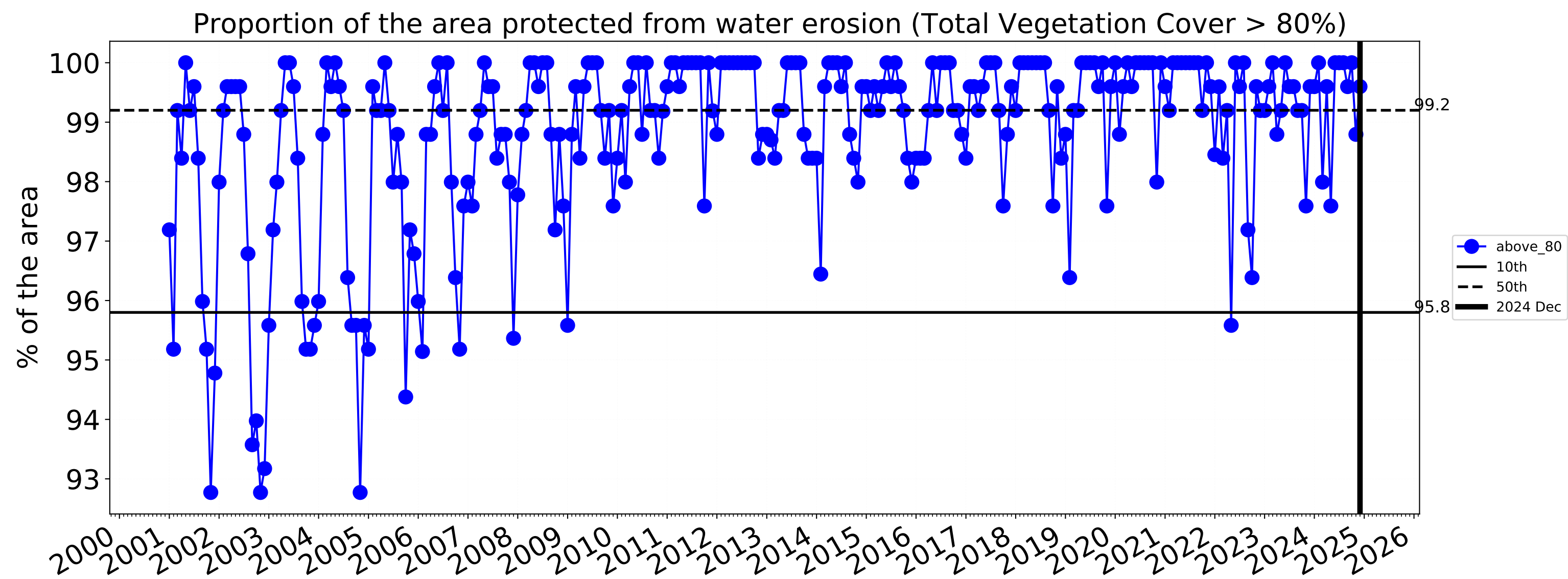
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Horticulture timeseries





Ballina_(A) (47,100 ha and no data 1,423 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	47,100	99.9% 47,050	99.7% 46,975	93.5% 44,050	81.3% 38,300	49.4% 23,250	16.0% 7,525
Conservation and natural environments	5,650	100.0% 5,650	100.0% 5,650	97.8% 5,525	87.6% 4,950	58.0% 3,275	17.7% 1,000
Conservation and natural environments non forest	2,300	100.0% 2,300	100.0% 2,300	95.7% 2,200	78.3% 1,800	53.3% 1,225	18.5% 425
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,375	100.0% 1,375	100.0% 1,375	98.2% 1,350	92.7% 1,275	54.5% 750	23.6% 325
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,975	100.0% 1,975	100.0% 1,975	100.0% 1,975	94.9% 1,875	65.8% 1,300	12.7% 250
Agriculture	31,750	100.0% 31,750	99.8% 31,700	95.7% 30,400	85.3% 27,075	51.6% 16,375	17.7% 5,625
Grazing	17,275	100.0% 17,275	99.9% 17,250	98.0% 16,925	94.4% 16,300	62.1% 10,725	19.2% 3,325
Grazing non forest	16,600	100.0% 16,600	99.8% 16,575	98.0% 16,275	94.4% 15,675	61.4% 10,200	19.0% 3,150
Grazing Woodland forest	500	100.0% 500	100.0% 500	95.0% 475	95.0% 475	75.0% 375	30.0% 150
Cropping	8,150	100.0% 8,150	99.7% 8,125	87.7% 7,150	55.2% 4,500	10.7% 875	1.5% 125
Horticulture	6,225	100.0% 6,225	100.0% 6,225	100.0% 6,225	99.6% 6,200	75.9% 4,725	34.9% 2,175