Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Blayney_(A) NSW Date: October 2026

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.

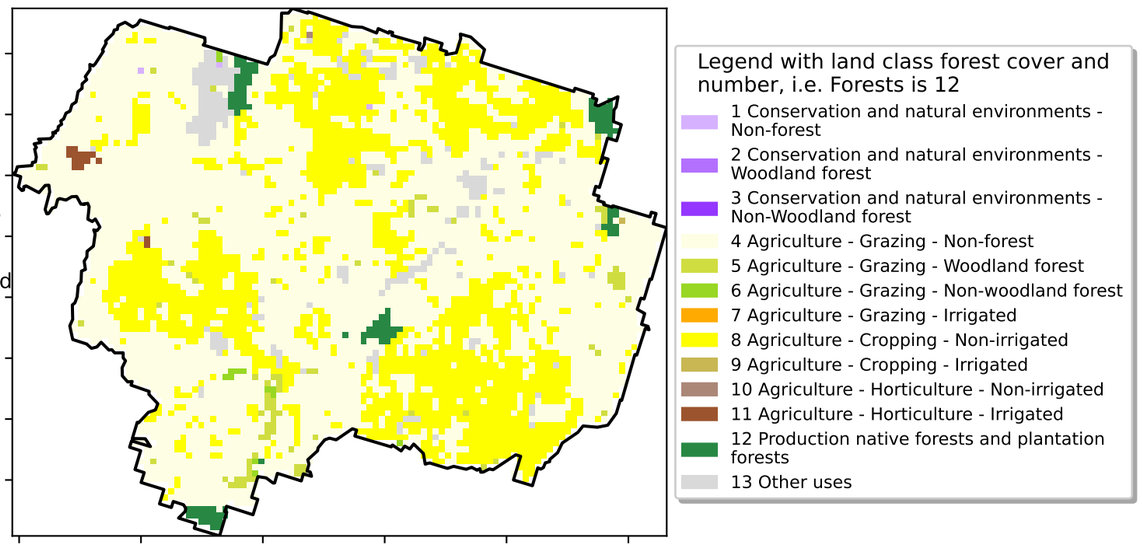
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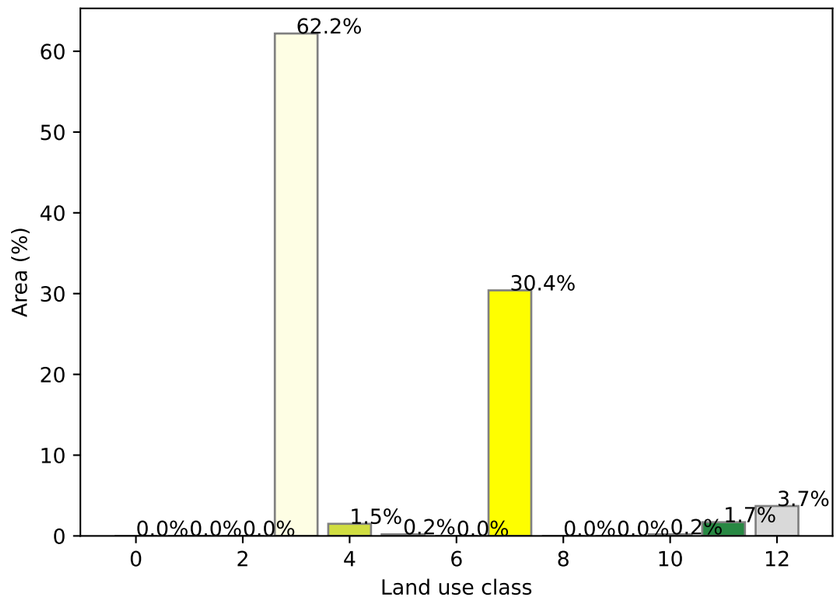
Vegetation Cover Oct 2026

Land use and forest cover



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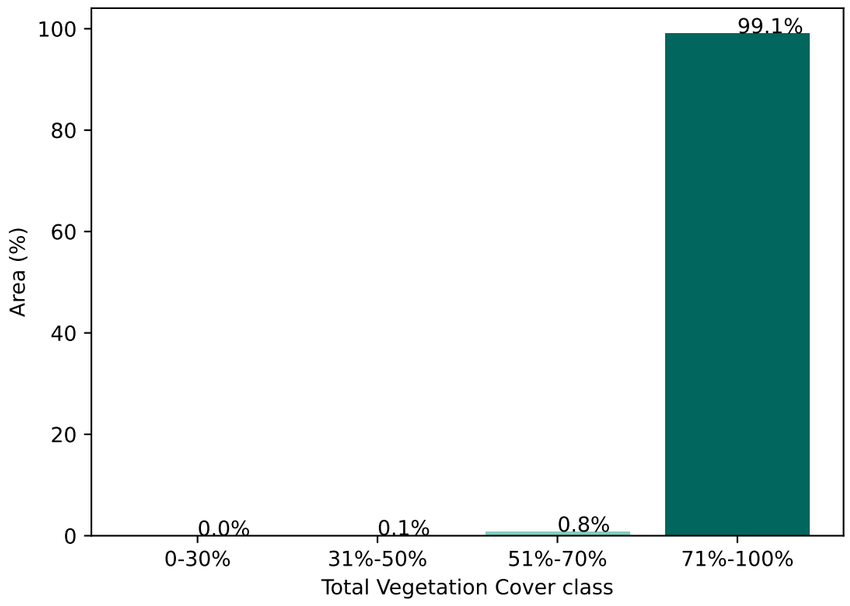
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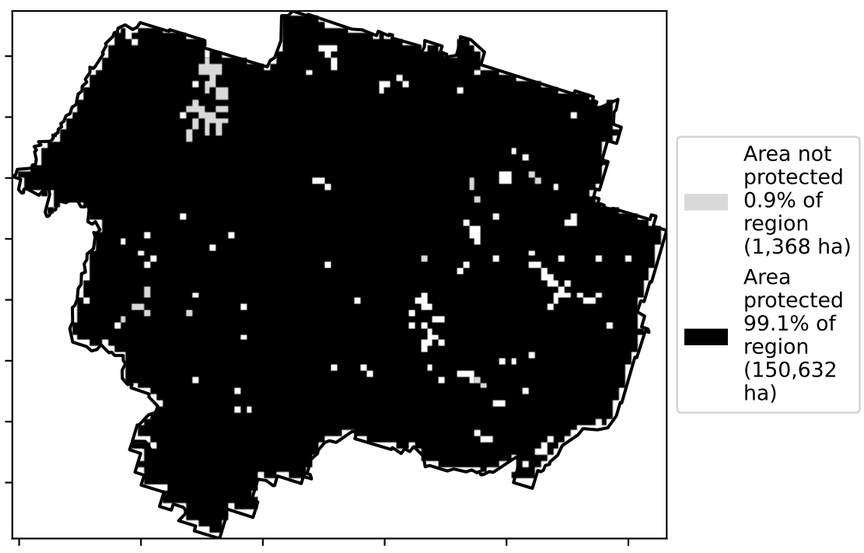
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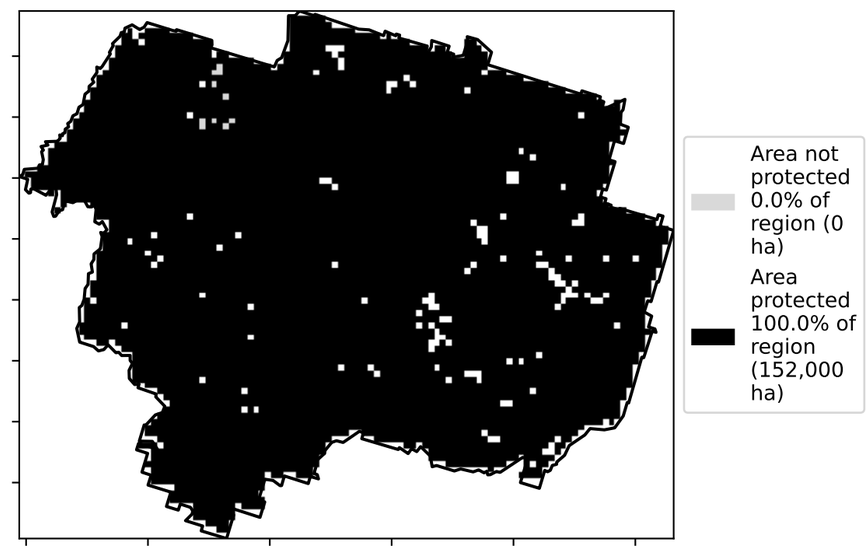
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

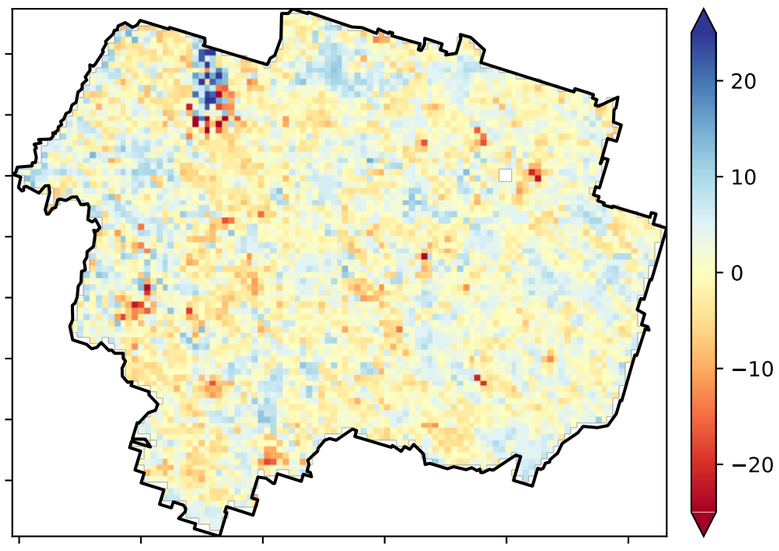


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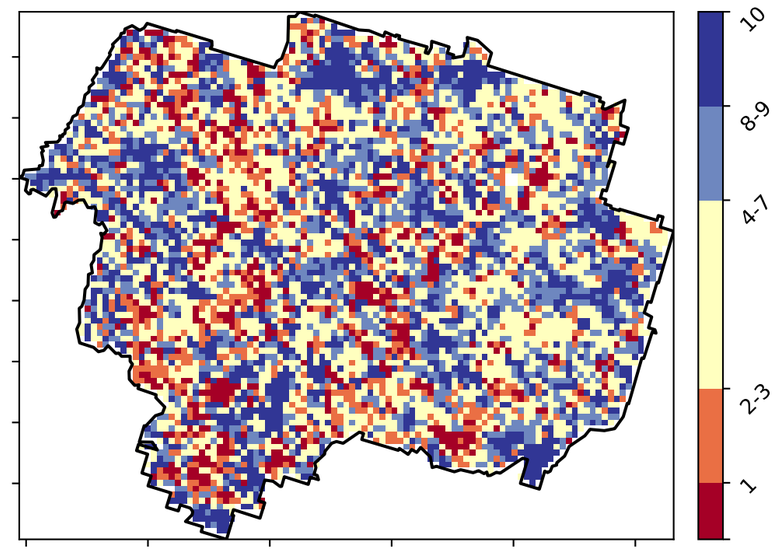
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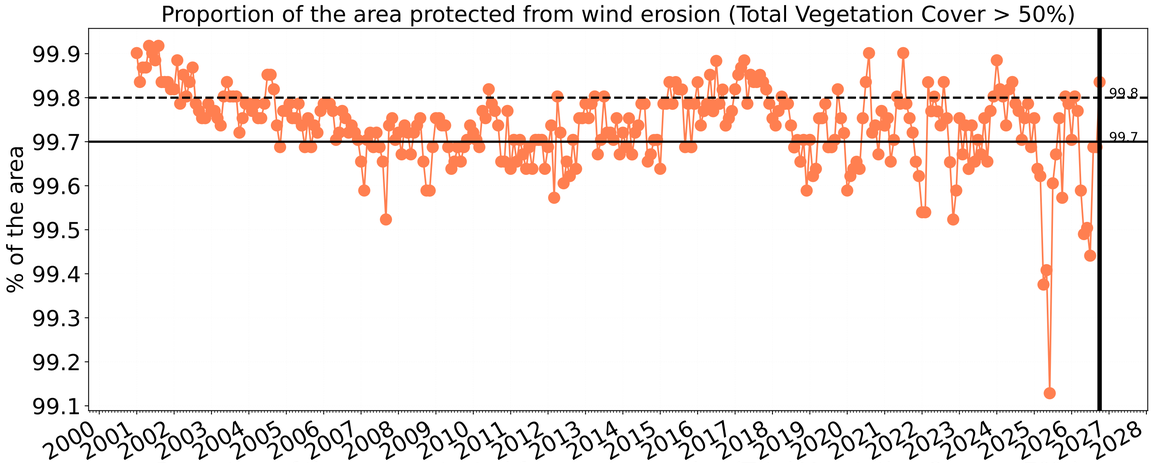
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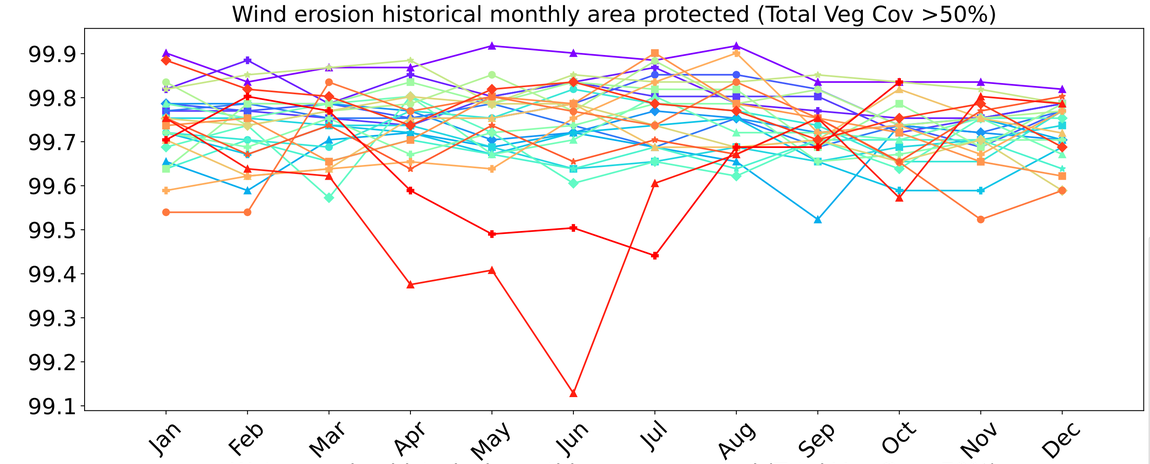


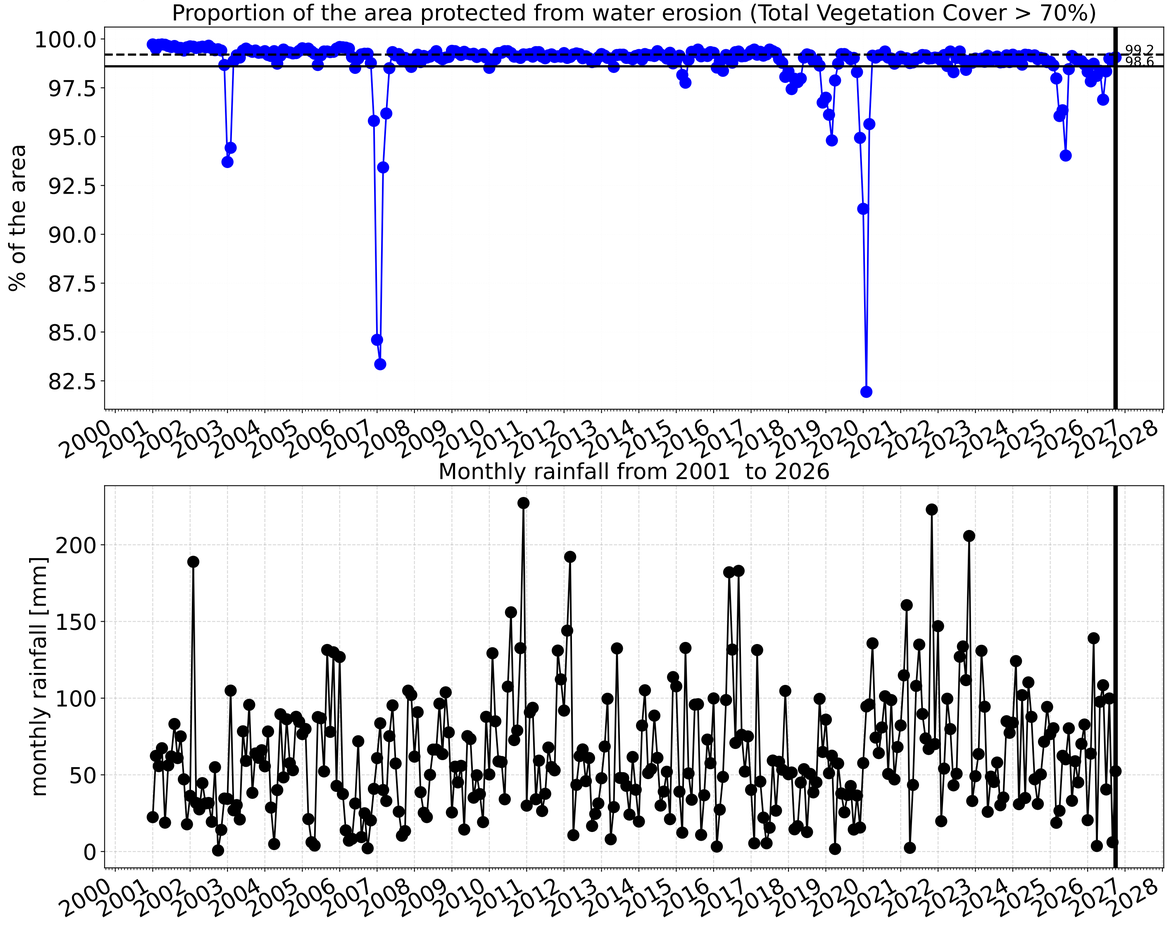
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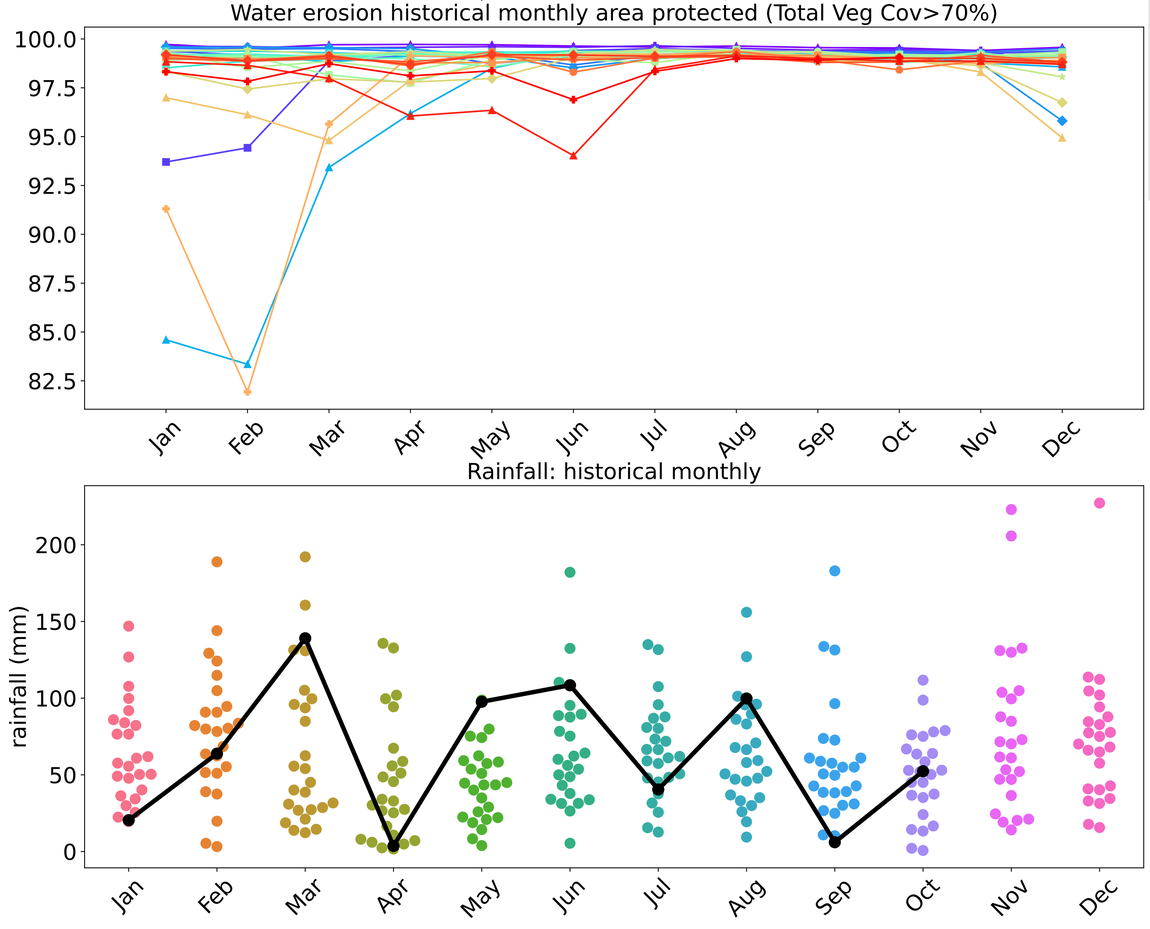
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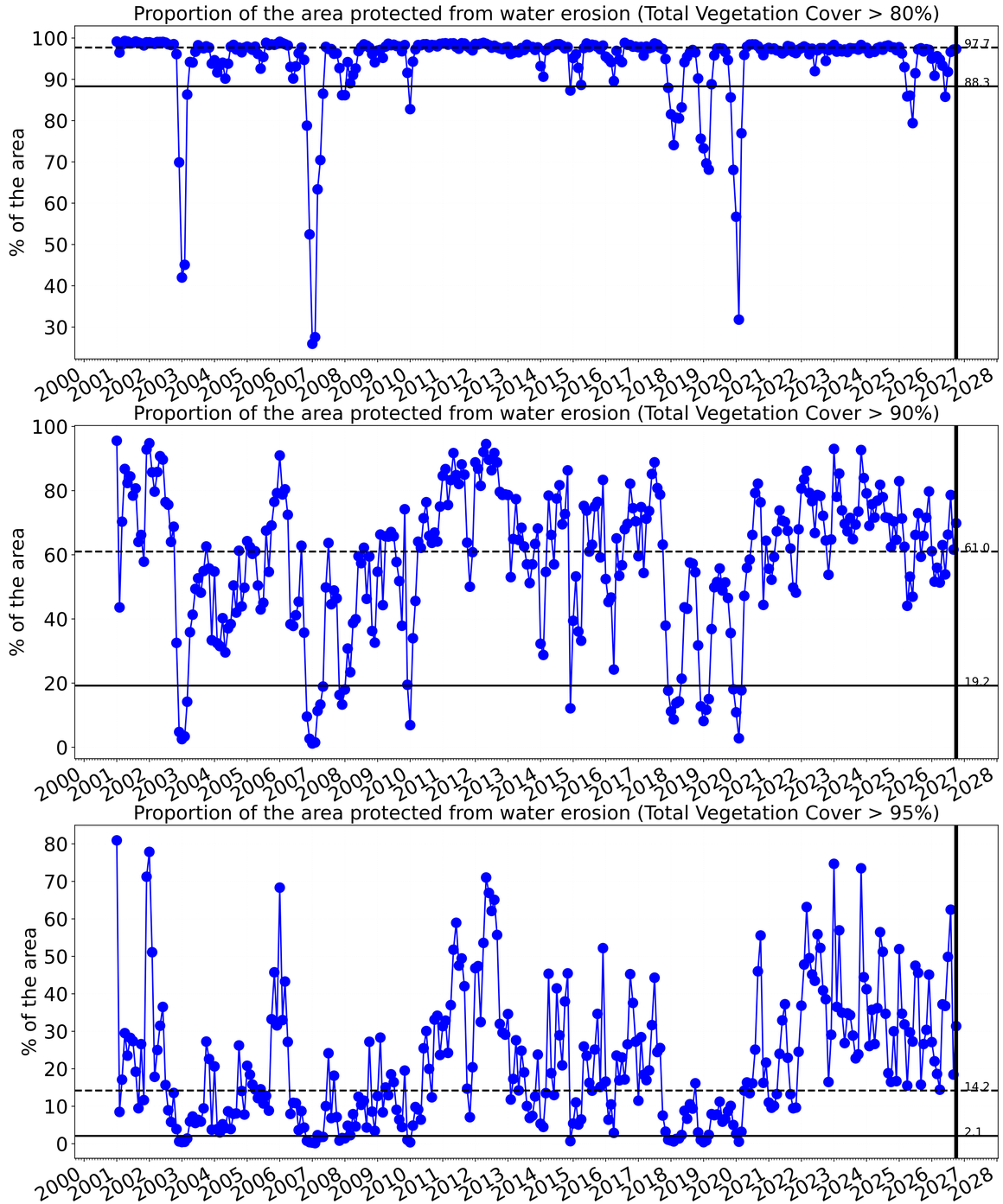


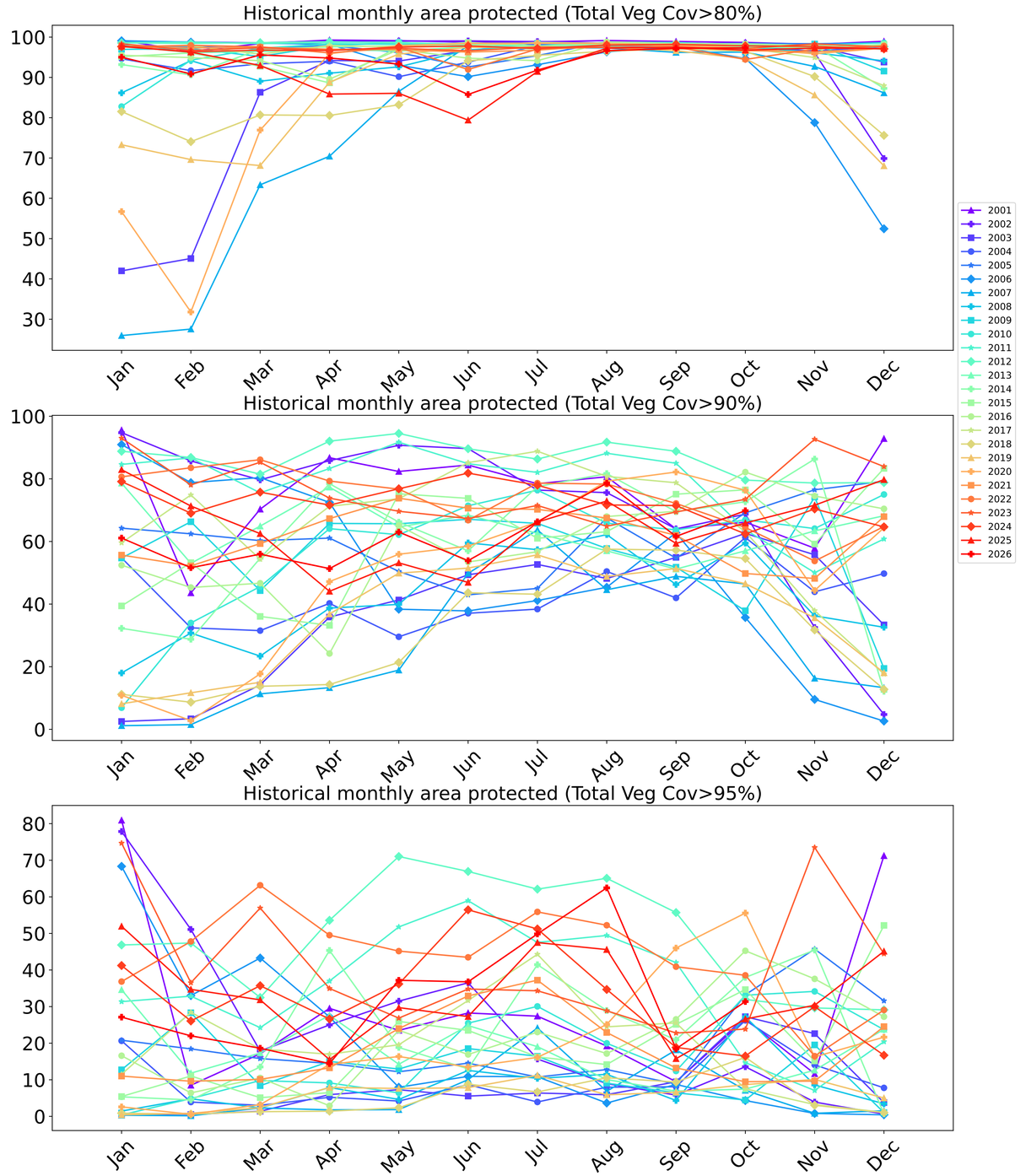

Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
% of the area
99.8
99.7
above_50
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2026 Oct


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)
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2026 Oct
Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2026
monthly rainfall [mm]

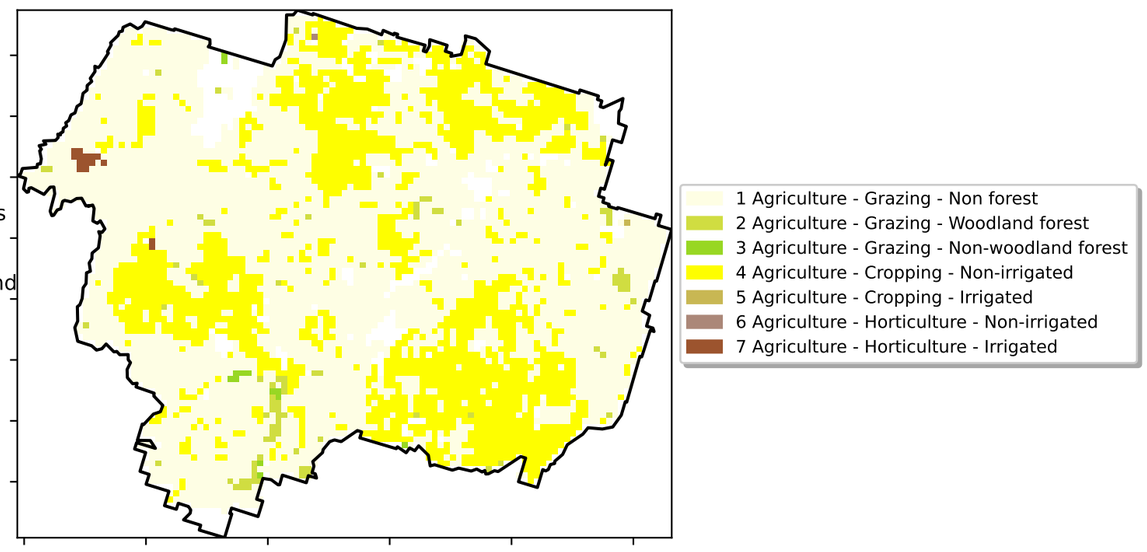

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Rainfall: historical monthly
rainfall (mm)


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
97.7
88.3
above_80
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
61.0
19.2
above_90
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
14.2
2.1
above_95
10th
50th
2026 Oct


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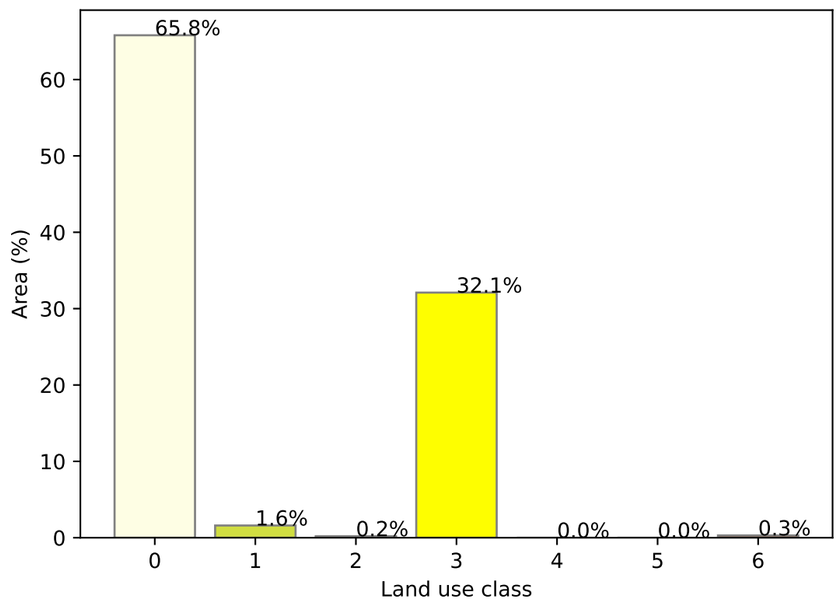
Agriculture

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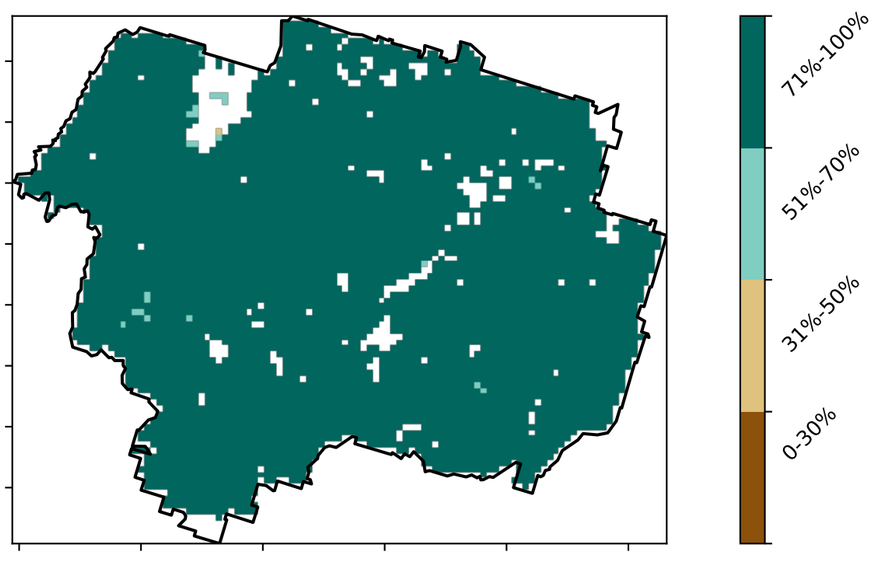


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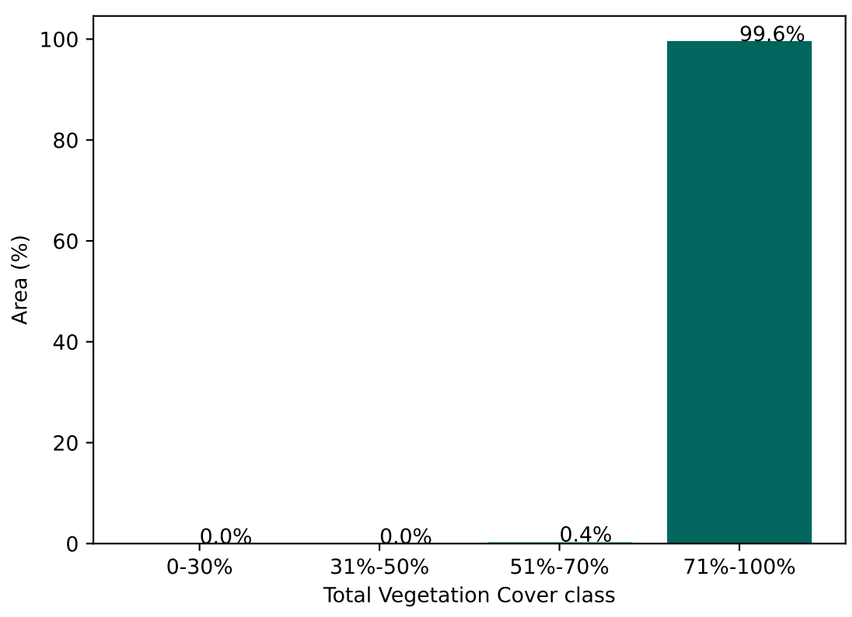
Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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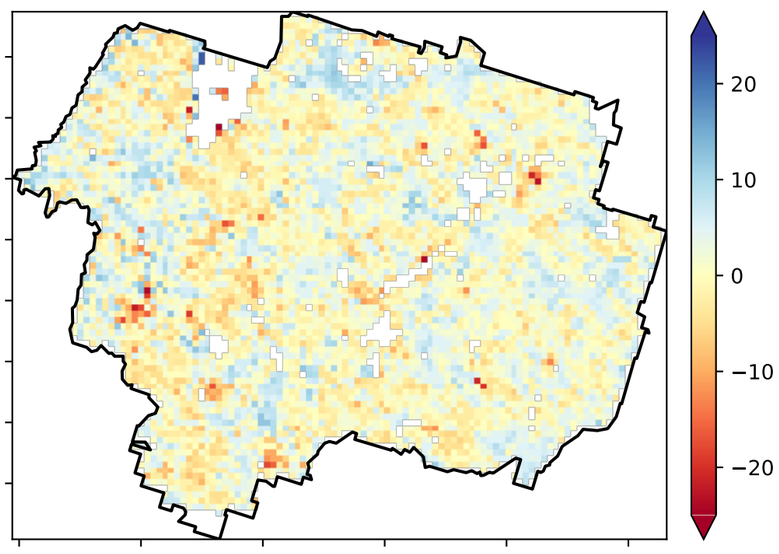


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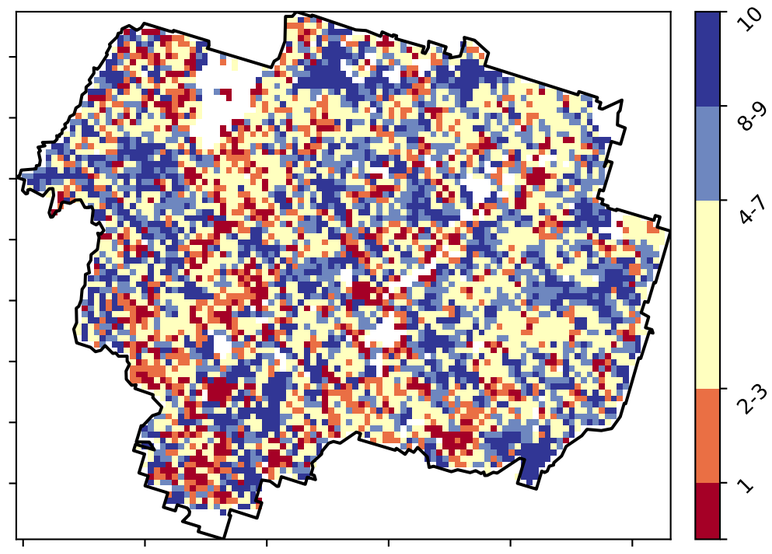
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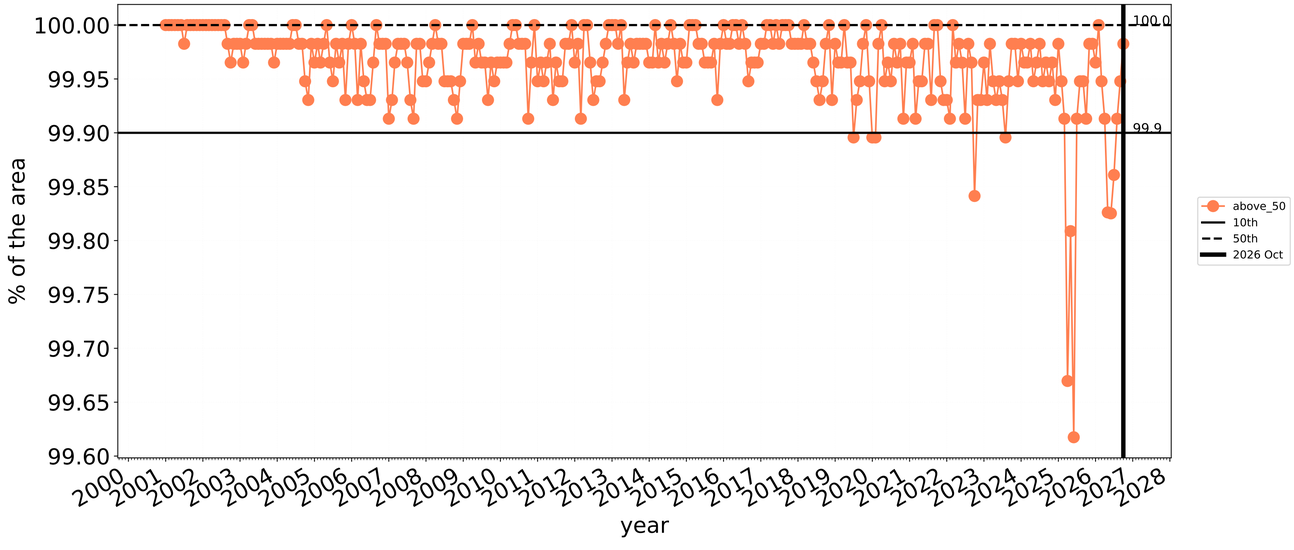
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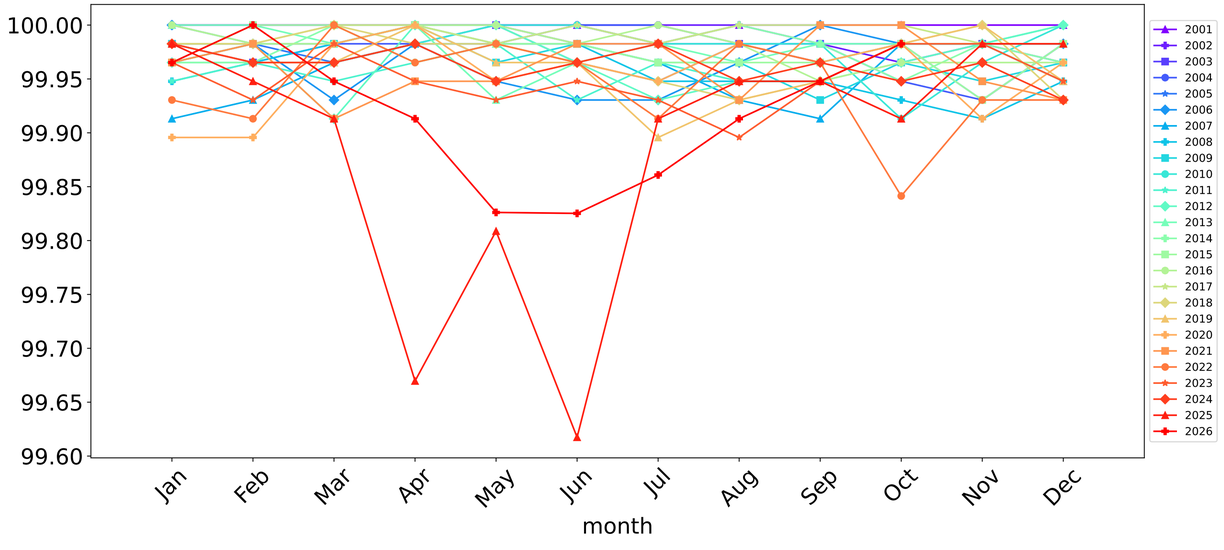


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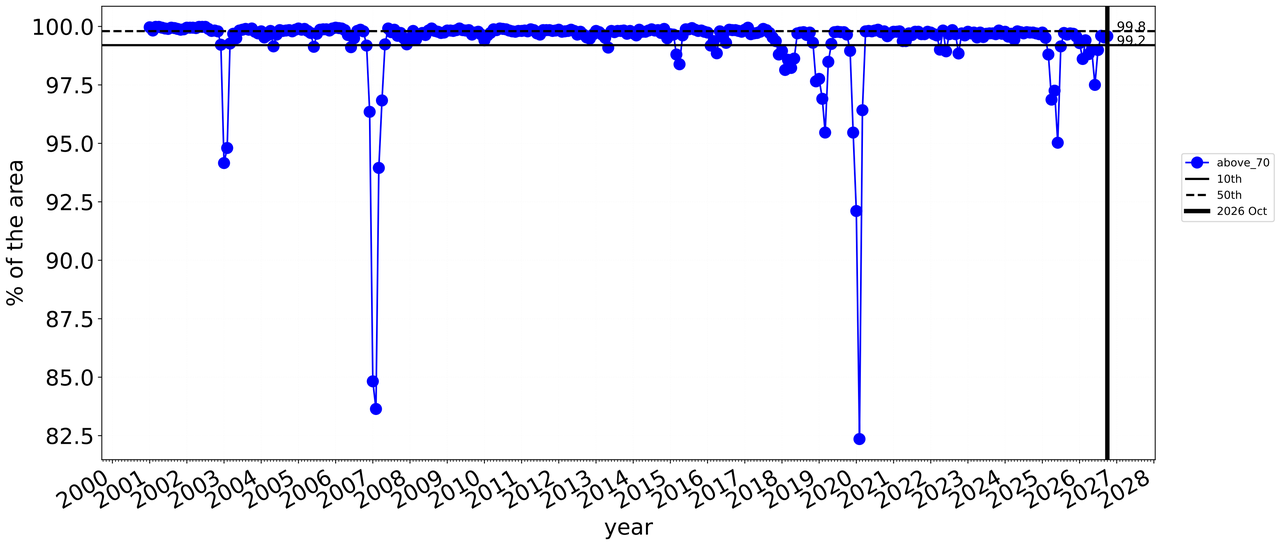
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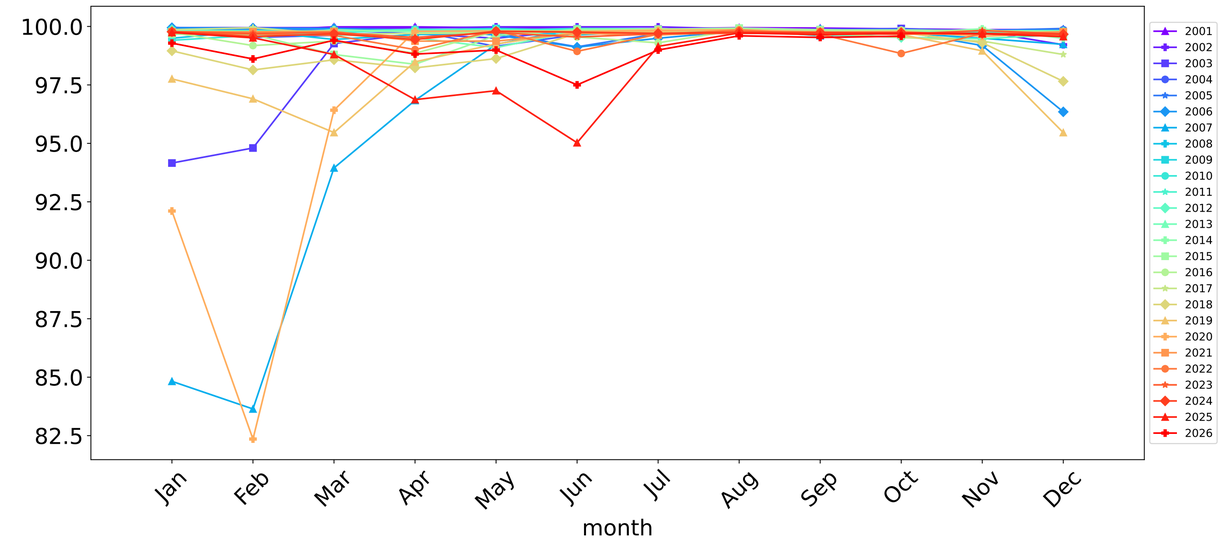
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

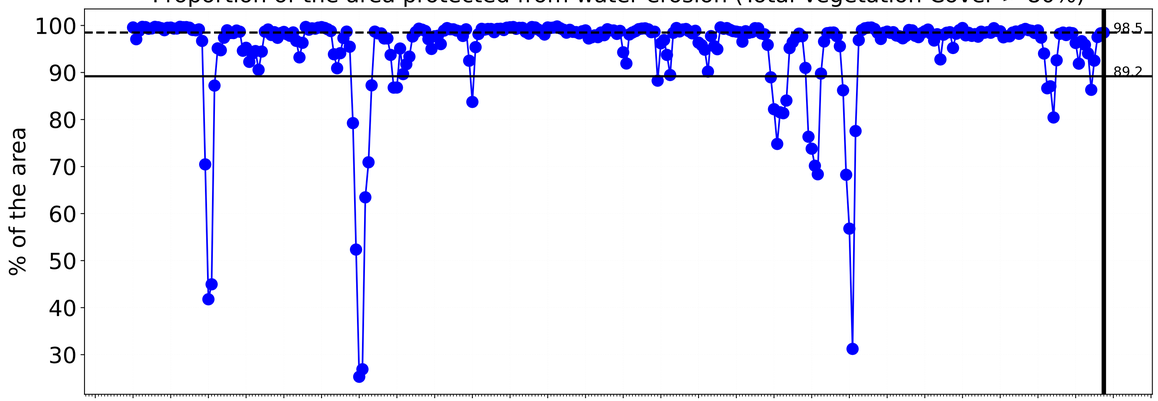


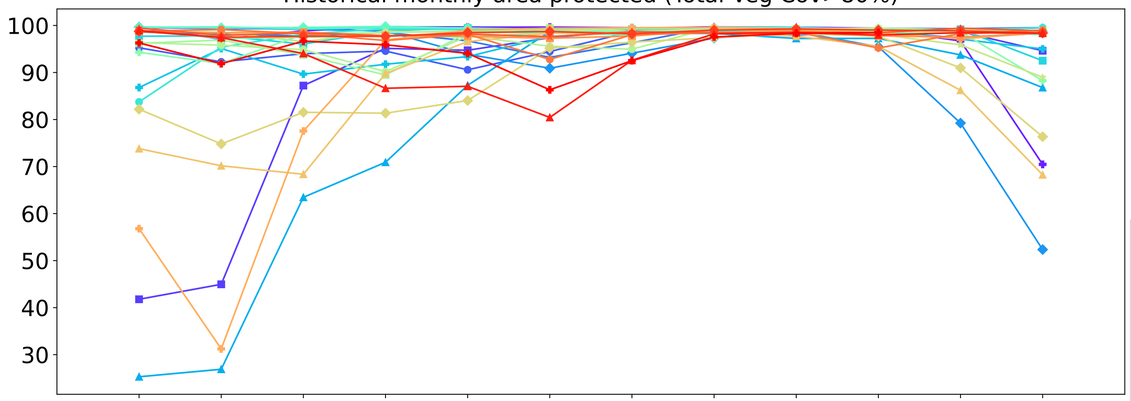
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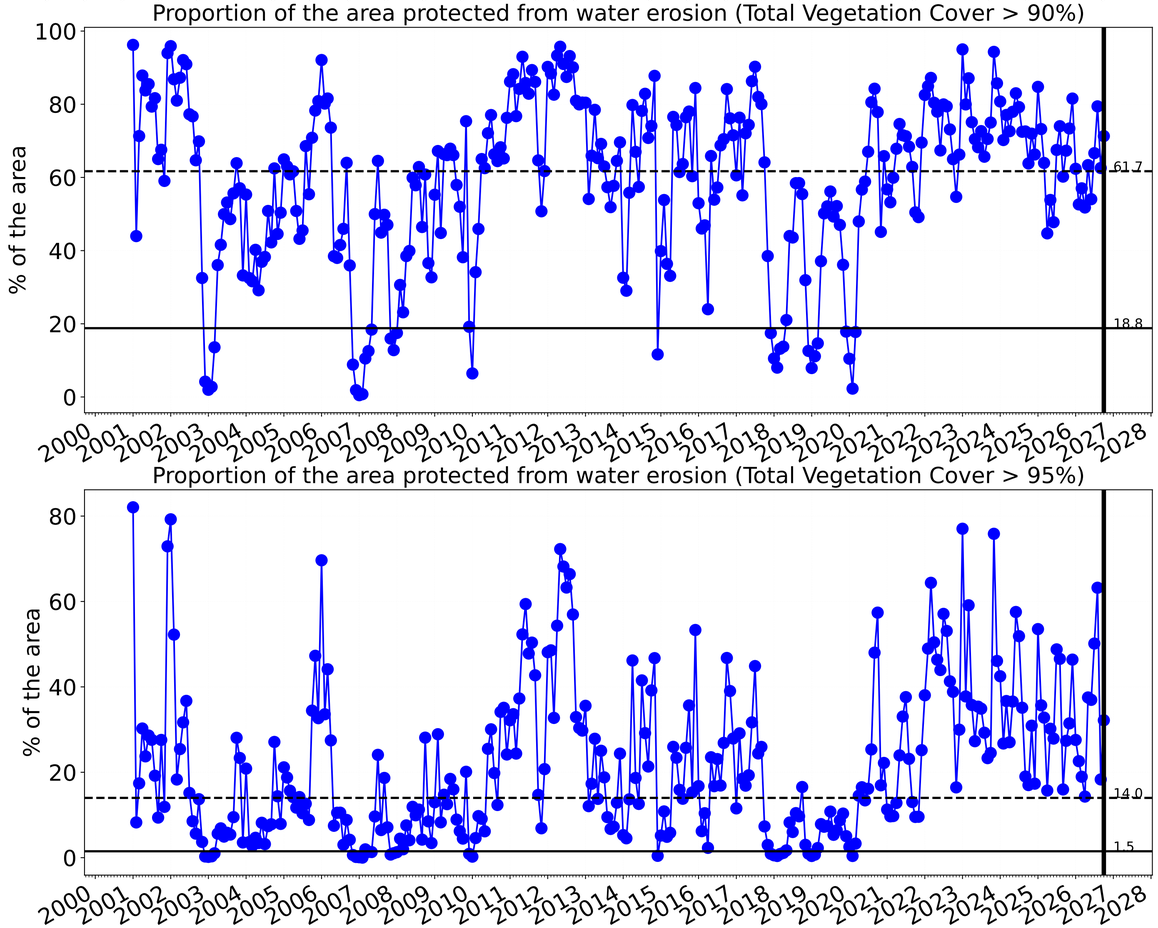


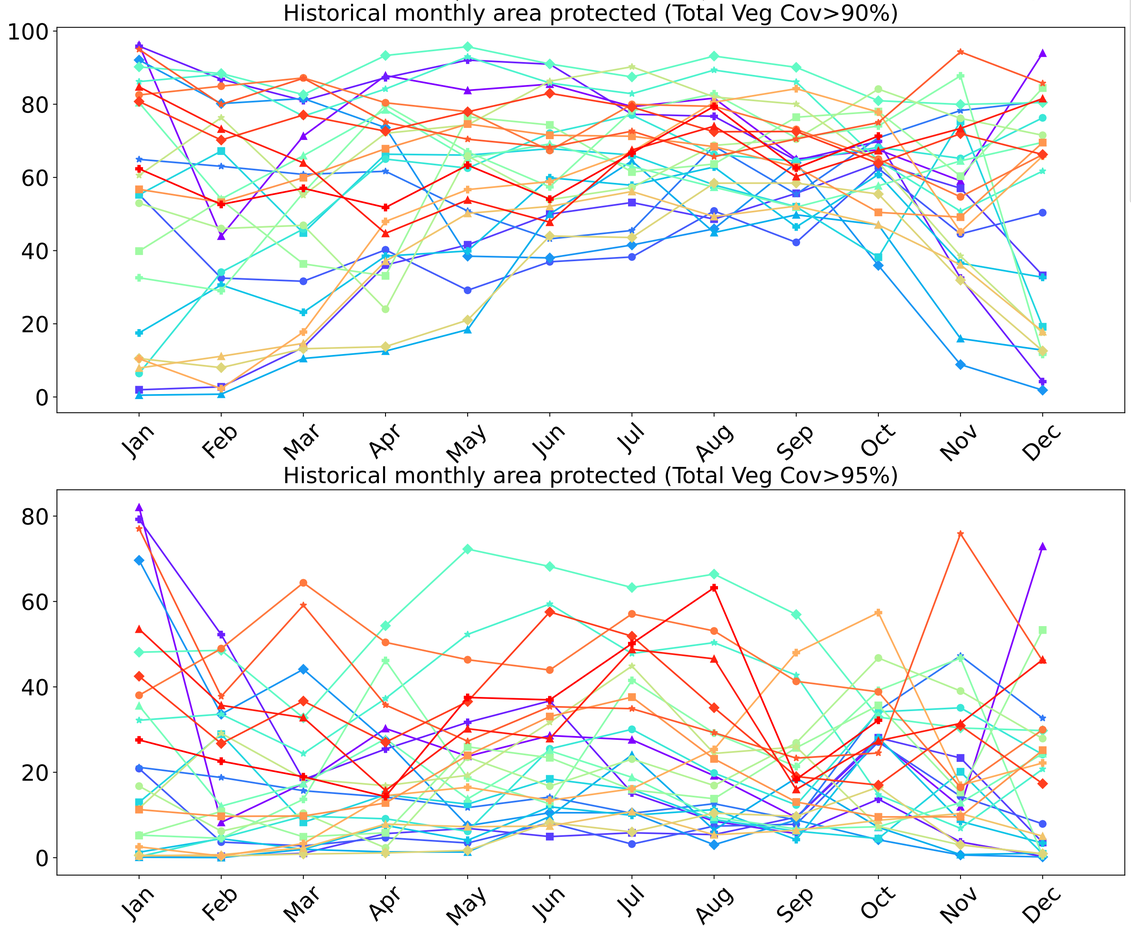
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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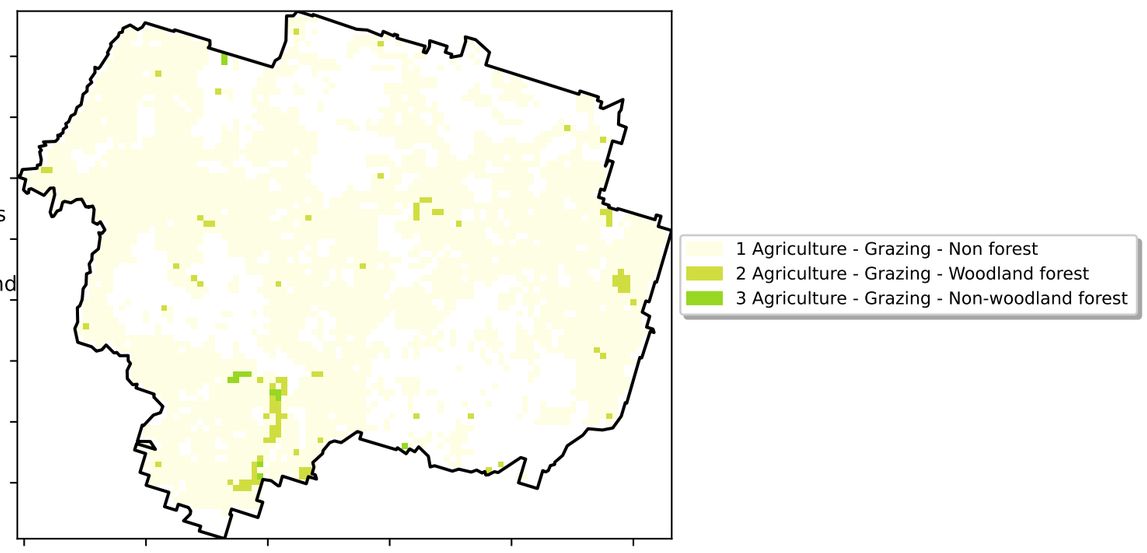

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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
61.7
18.8
above_90
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
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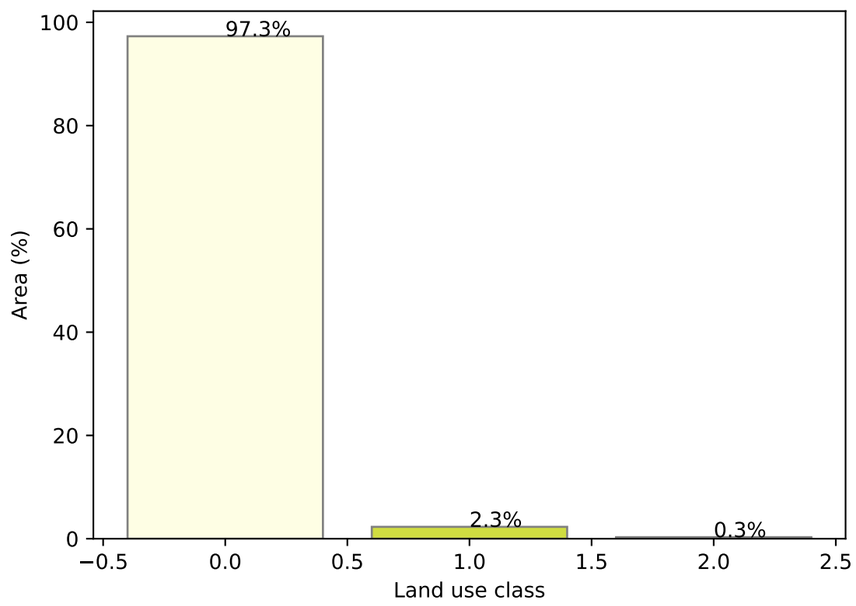
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

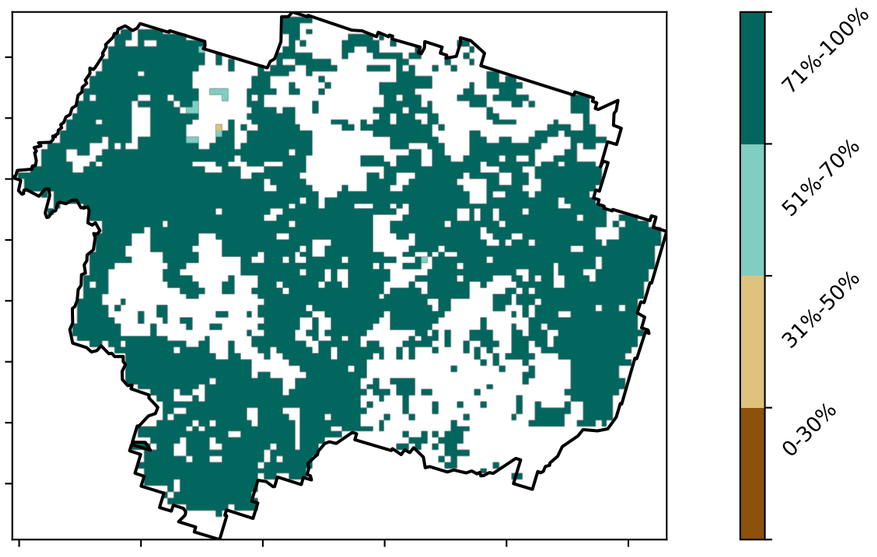


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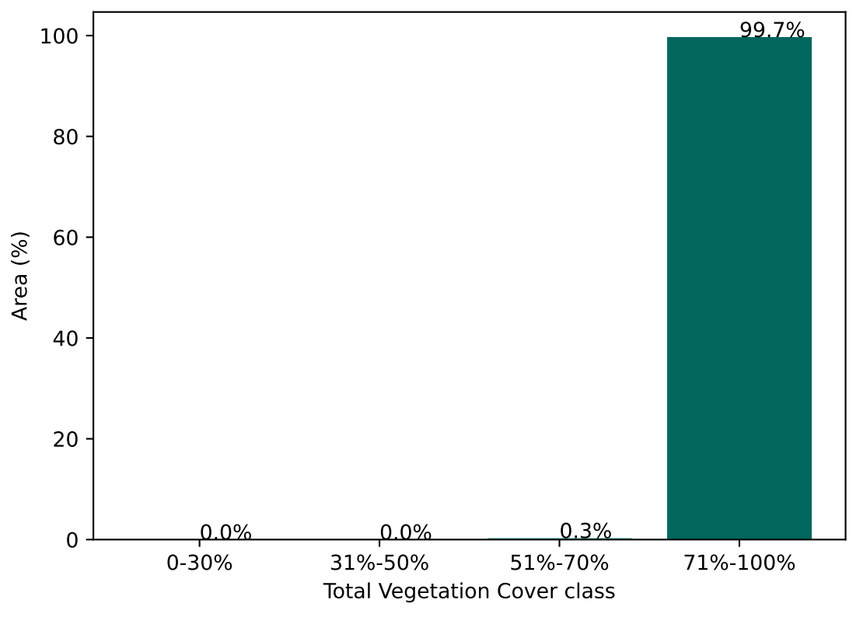
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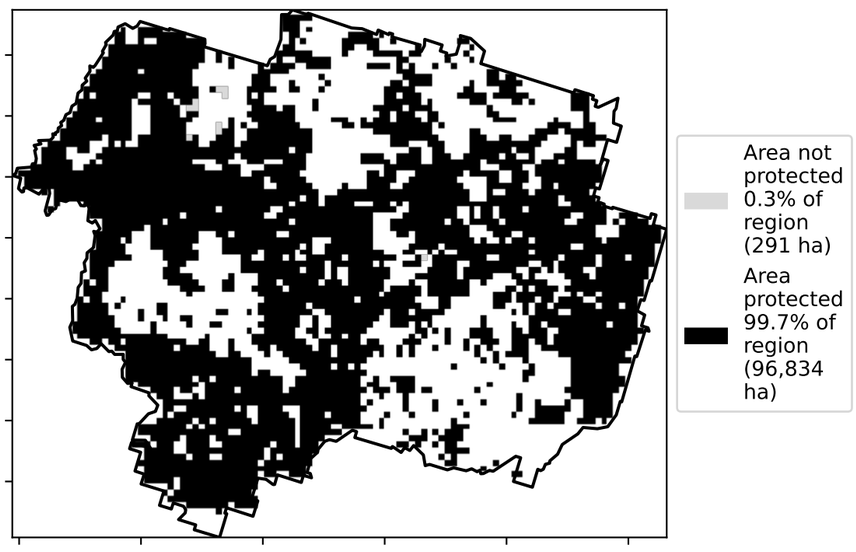
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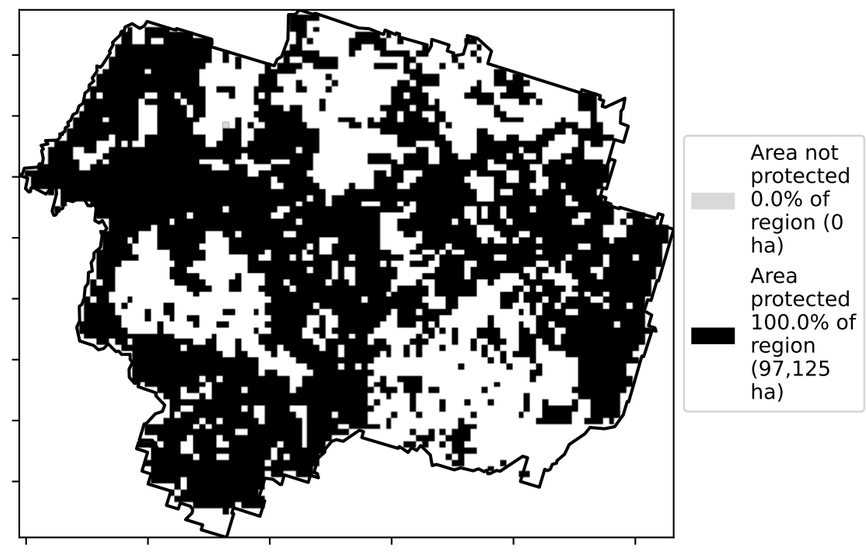
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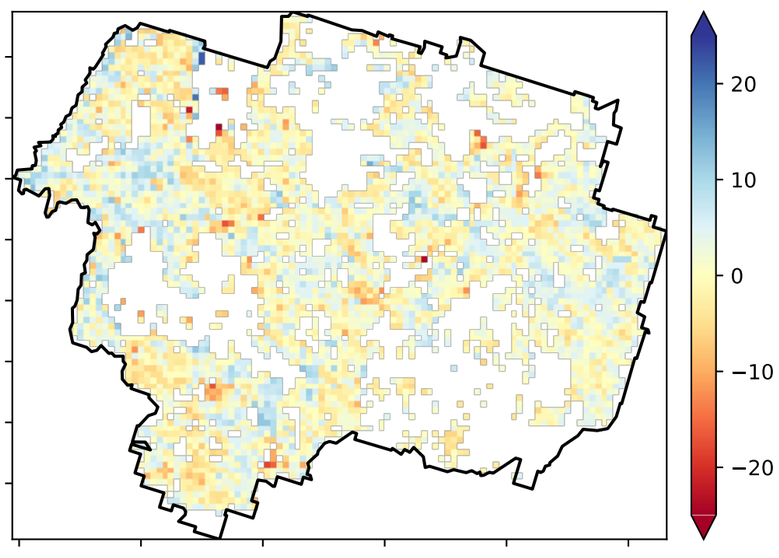


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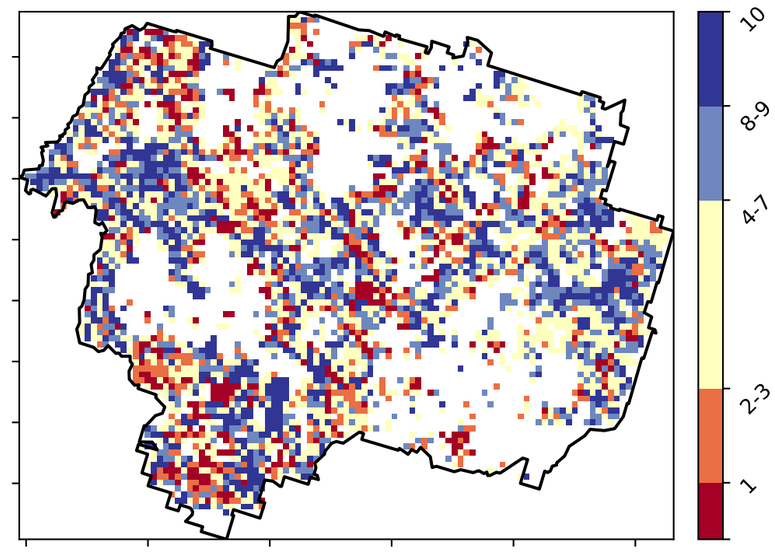
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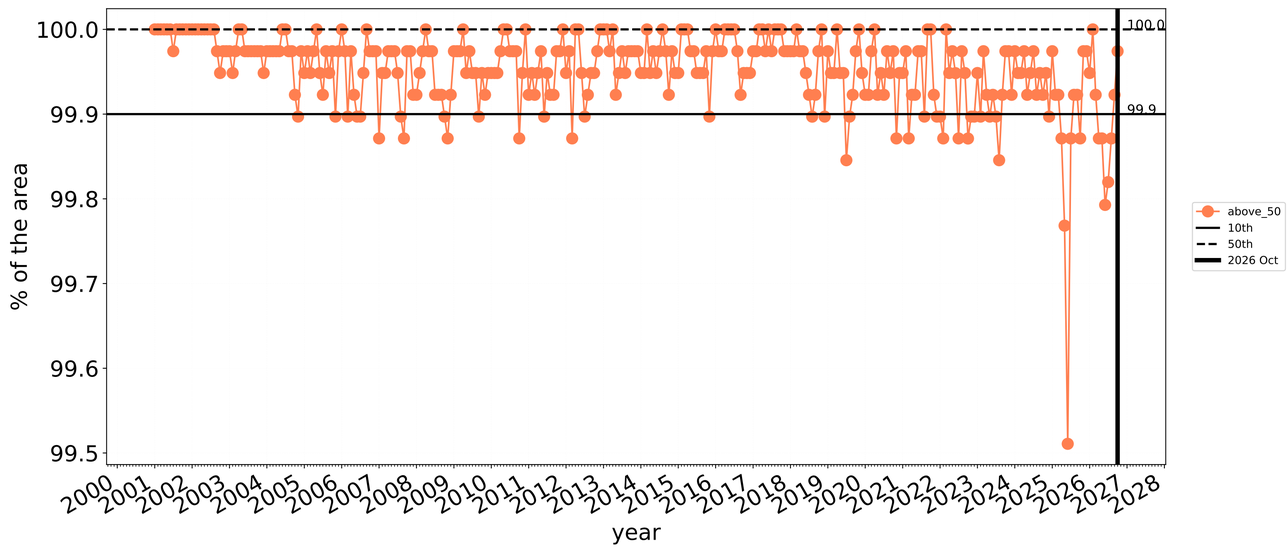
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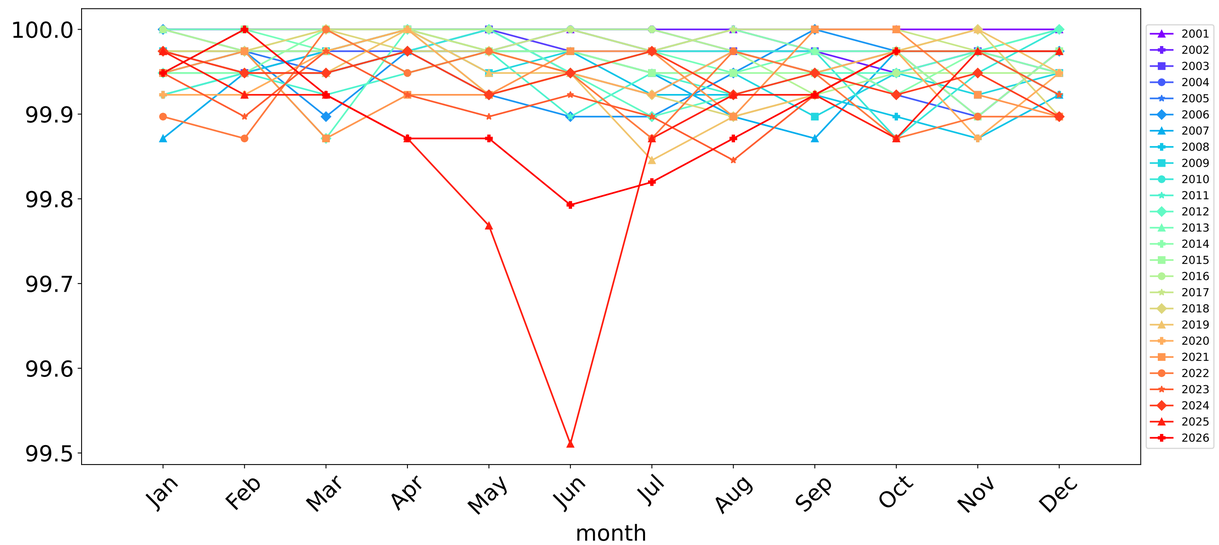


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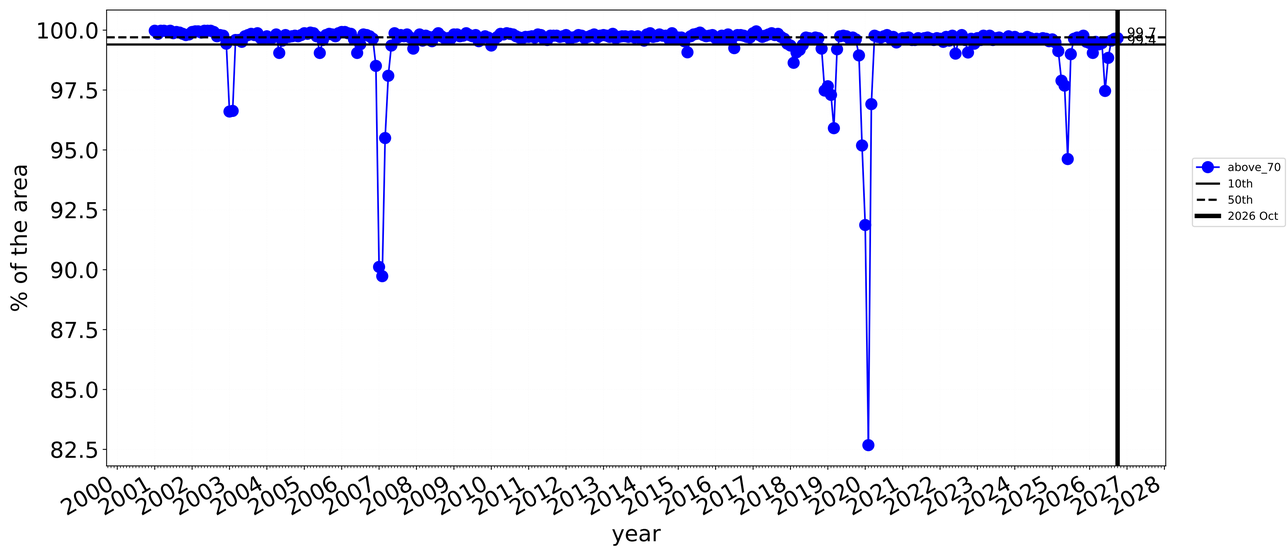
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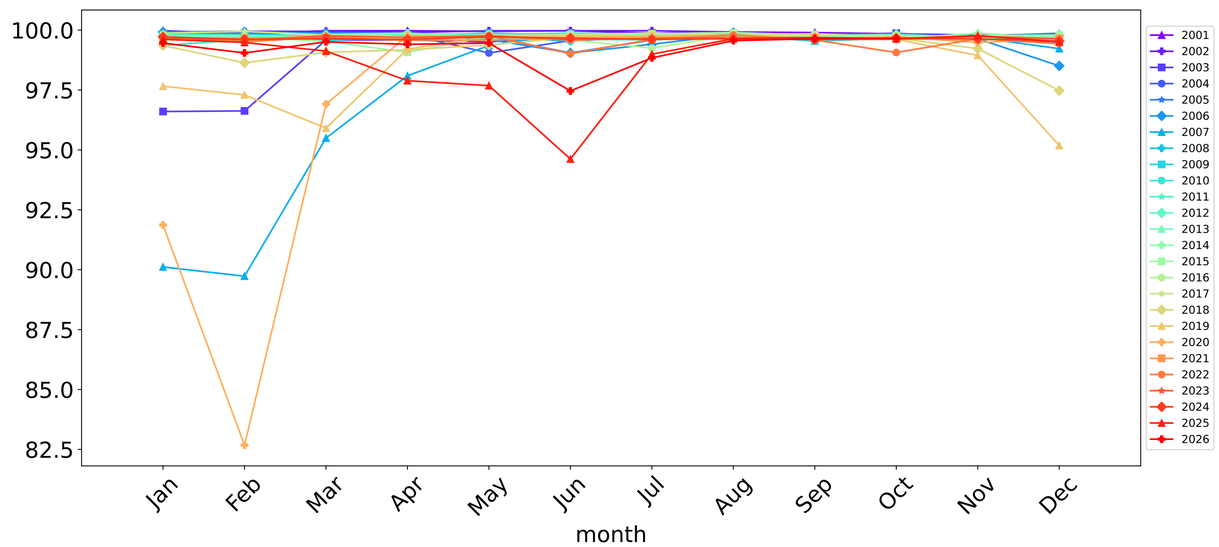
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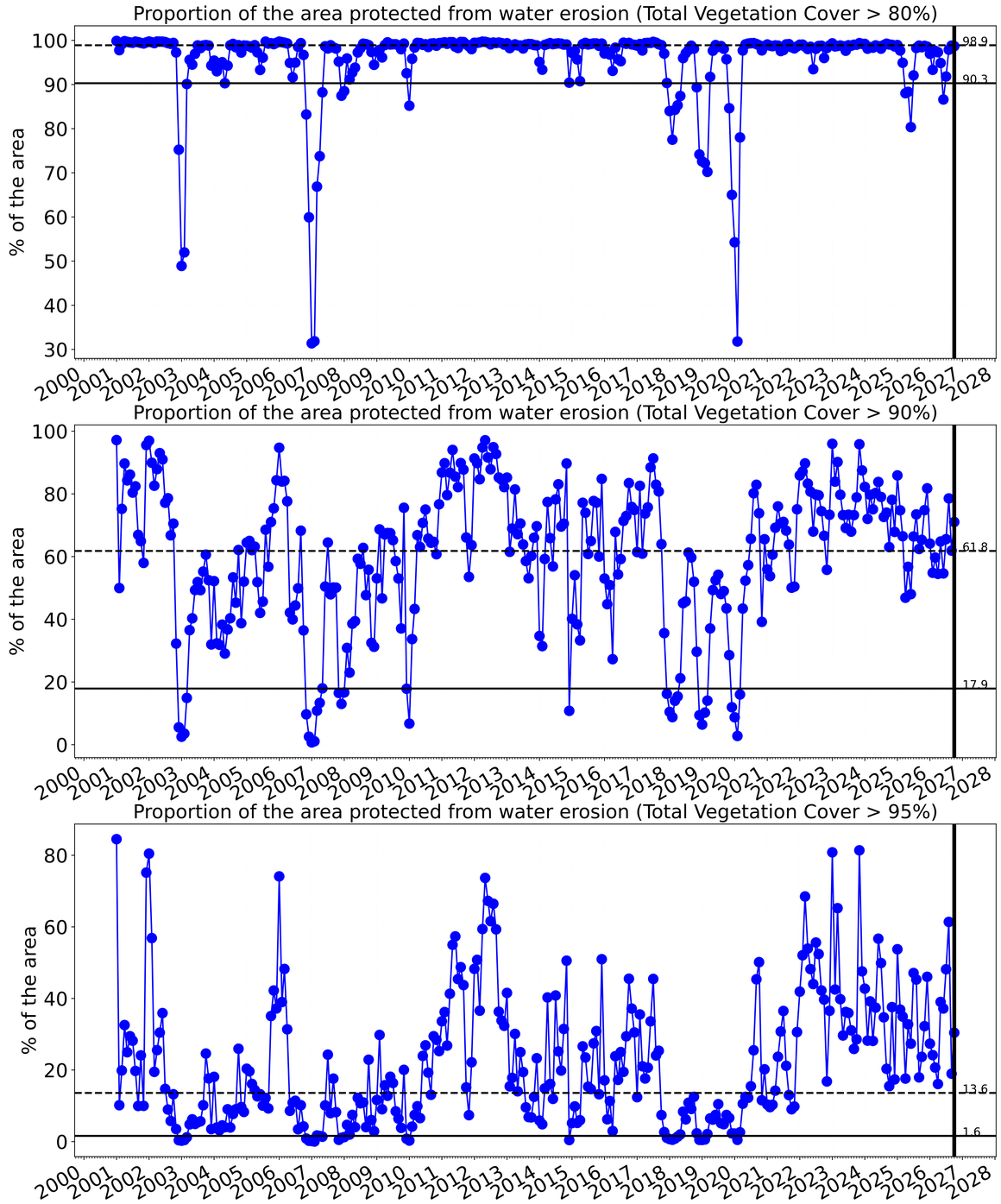


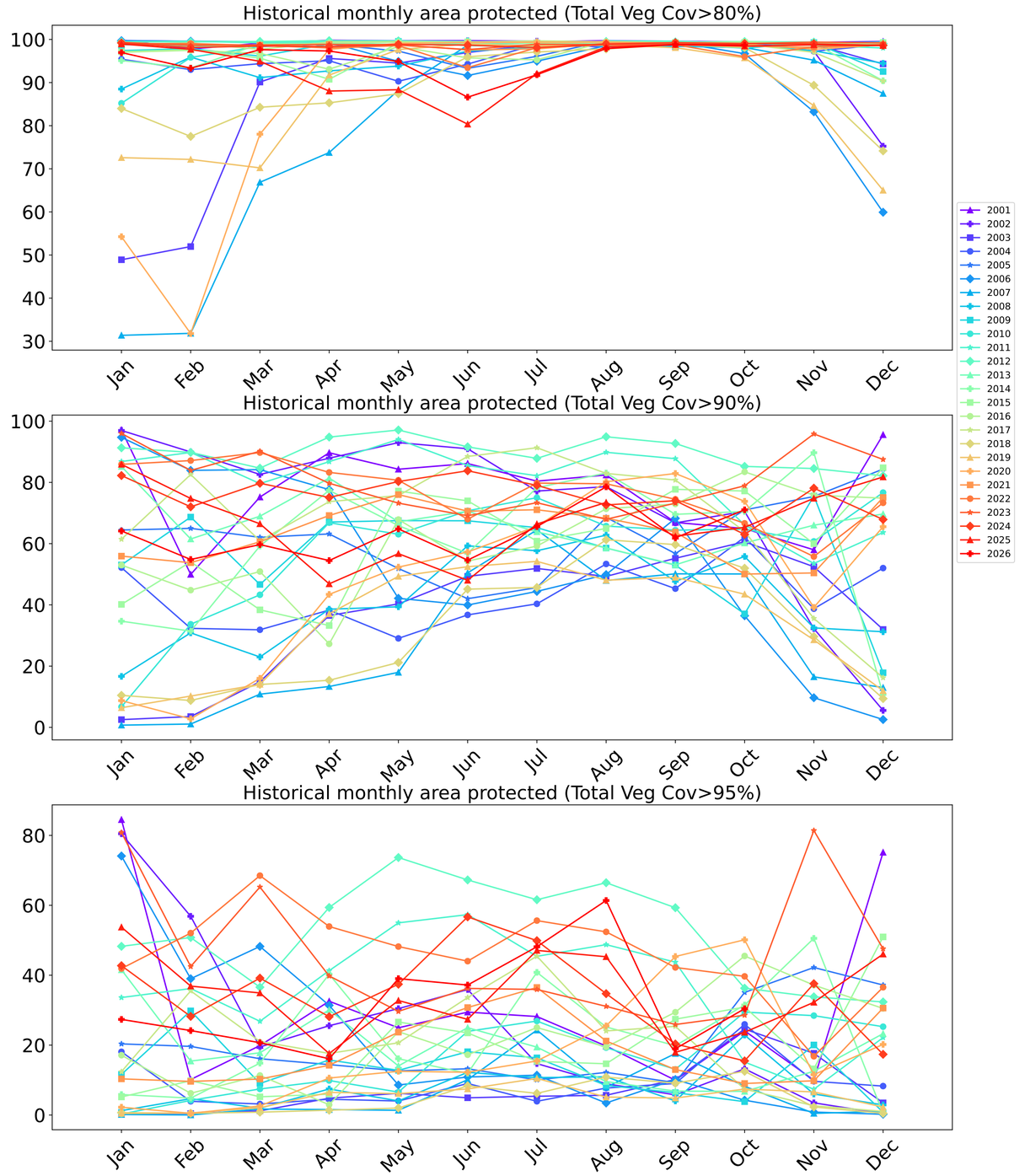
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

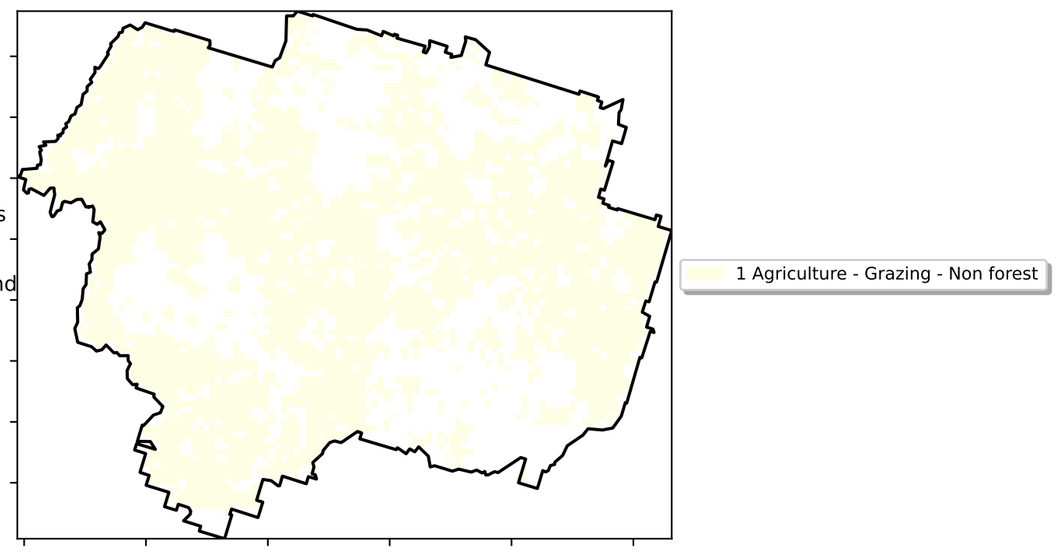



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
98.9
90.3
above_80
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
61.8
17.9
above_90
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
13.6
1.6
above_95
10th
50th
2026 Oct


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)
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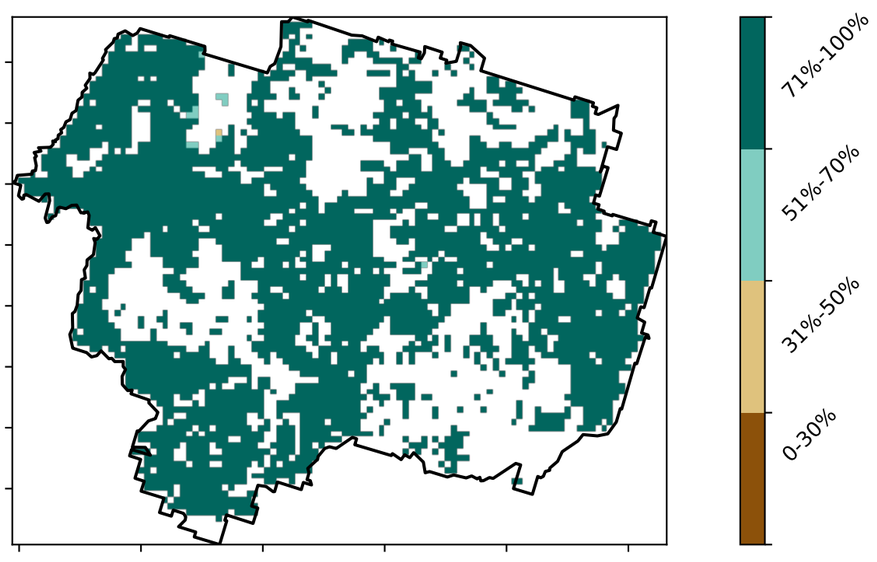
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

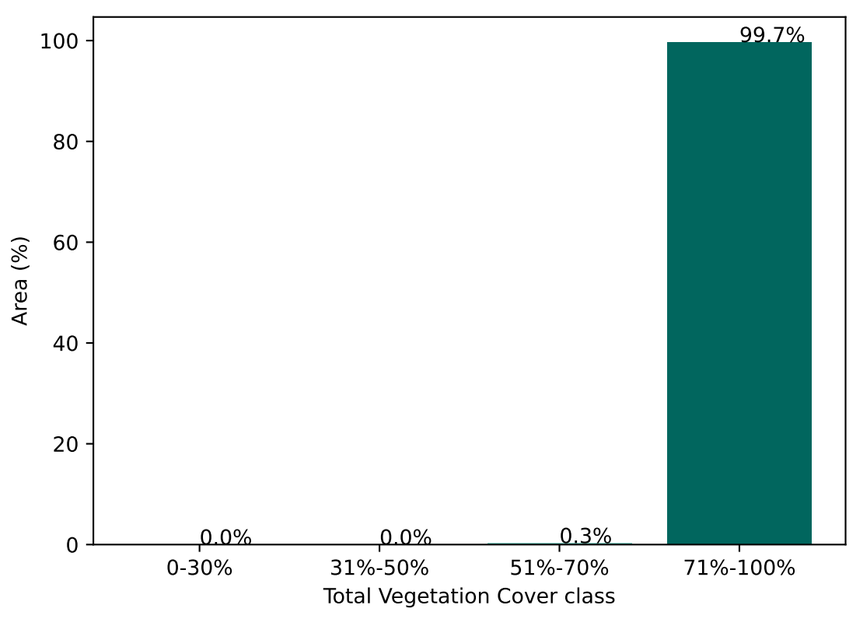


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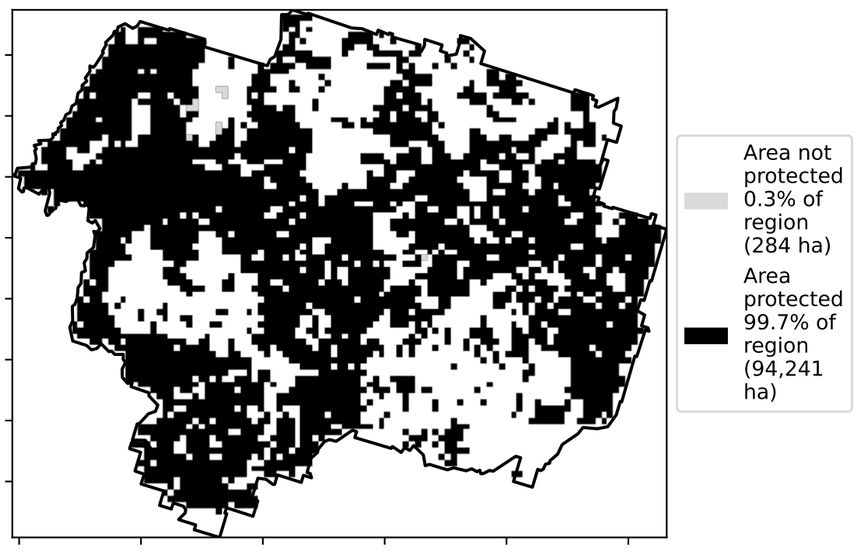
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



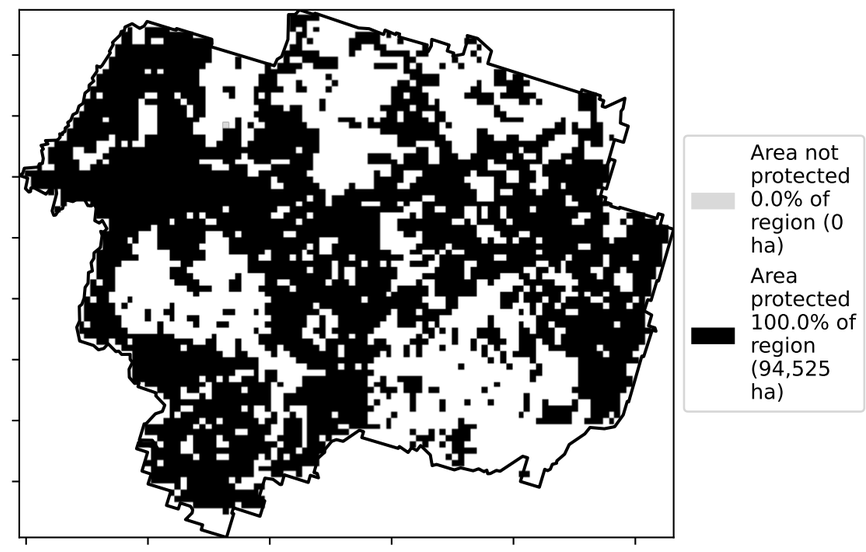
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

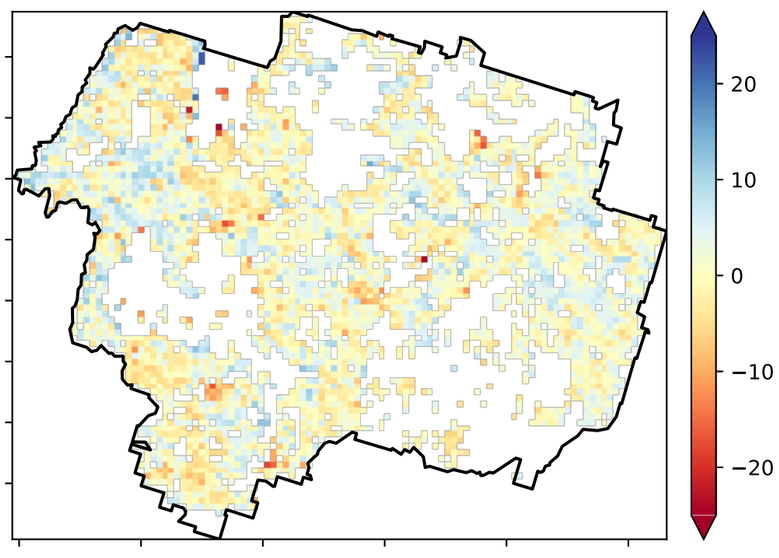


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



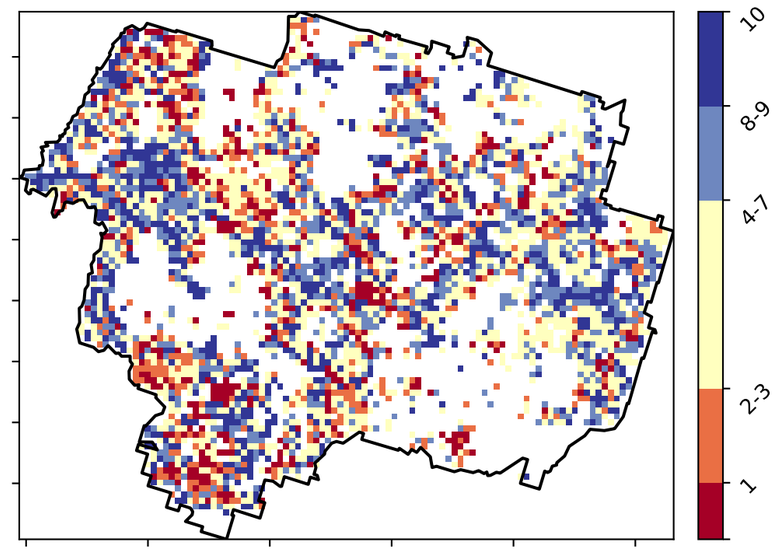
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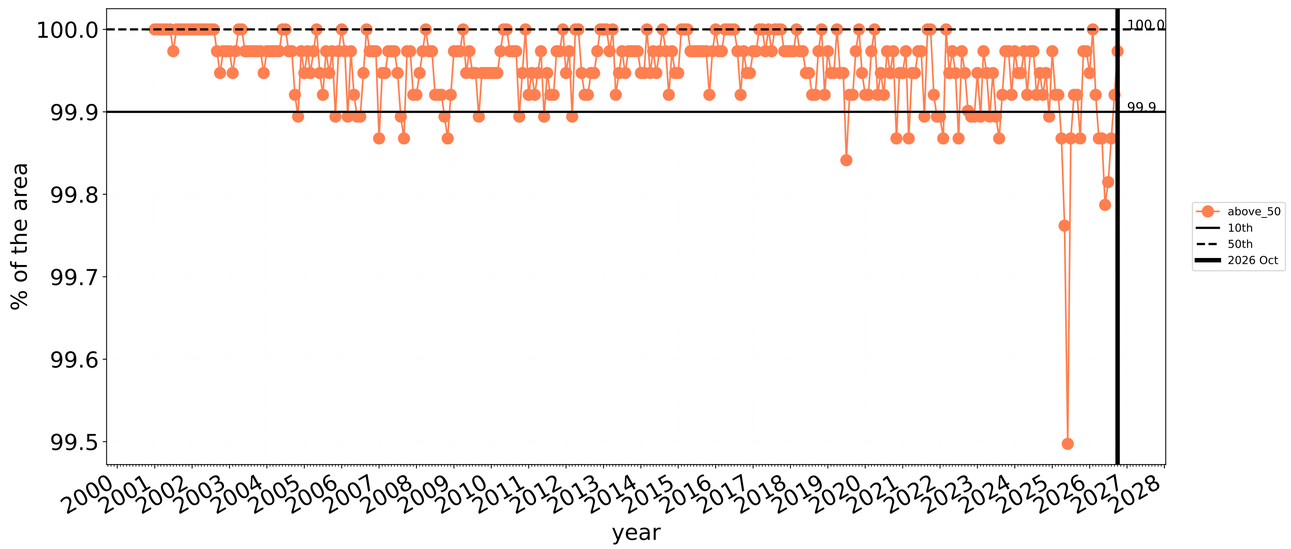
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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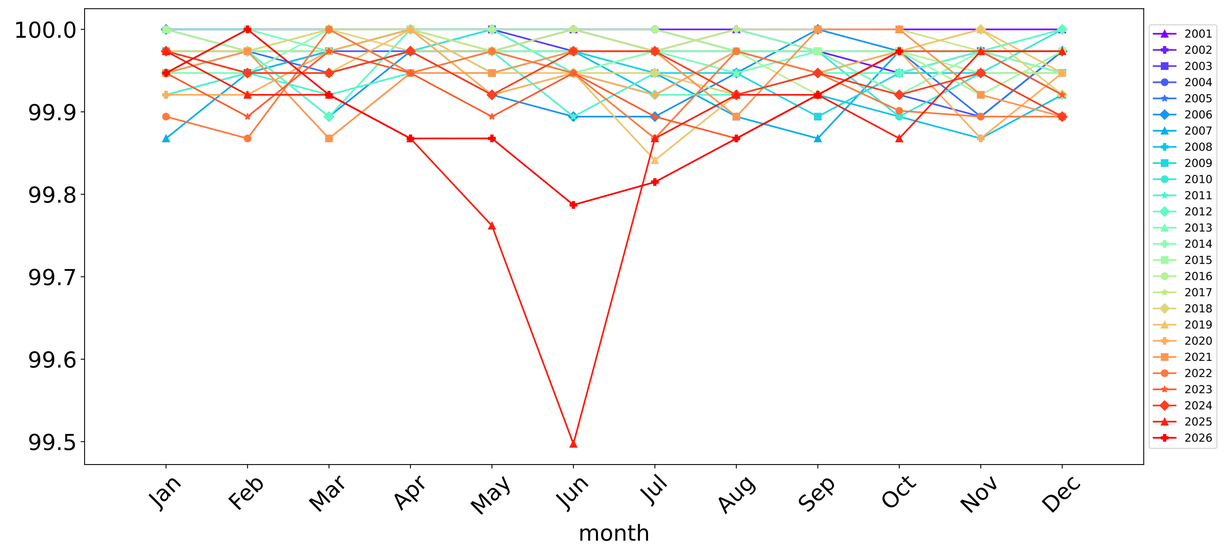


Grazing non forest timeseries

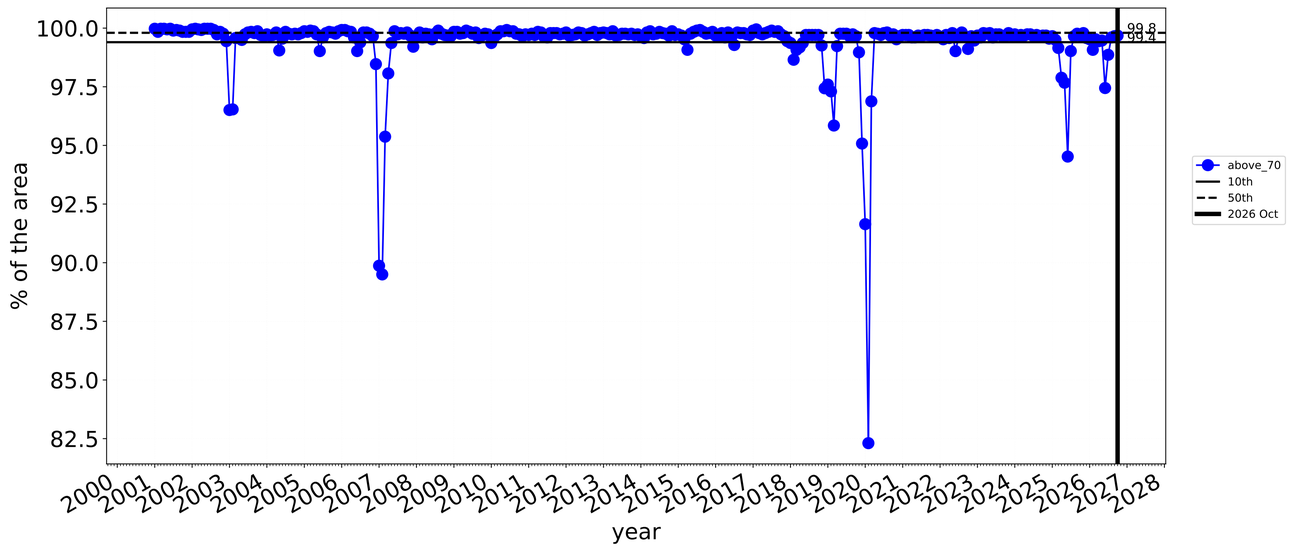
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



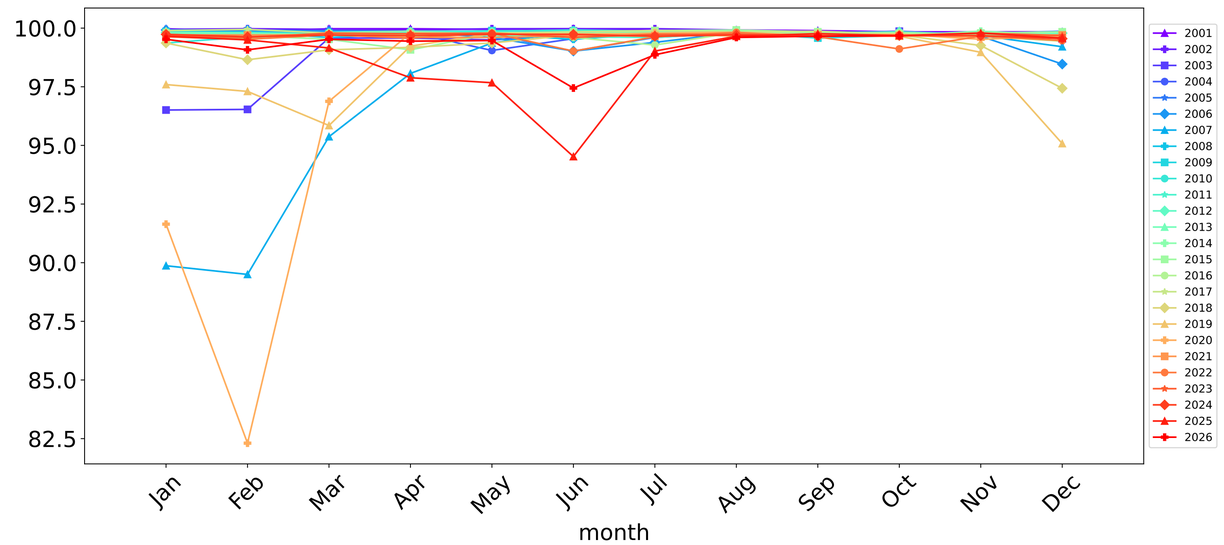
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

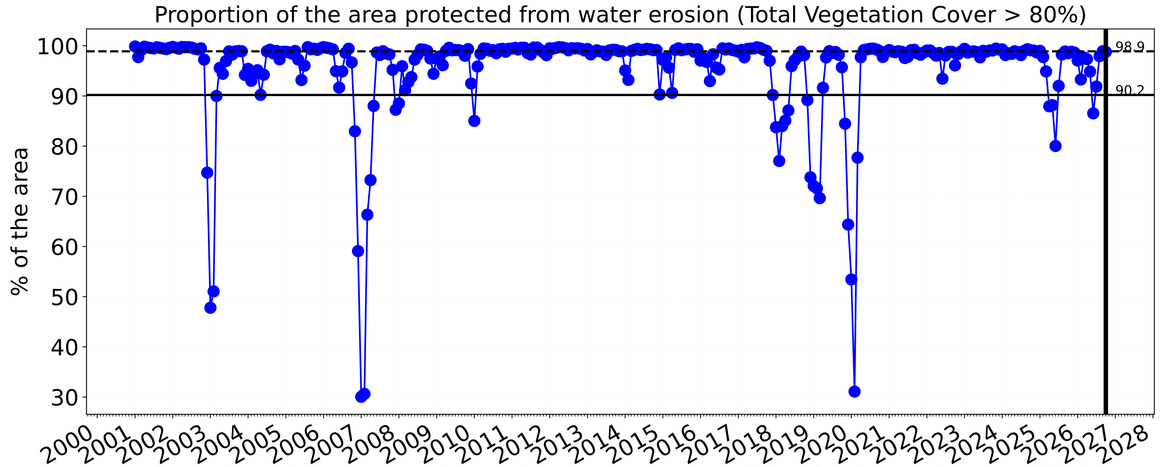


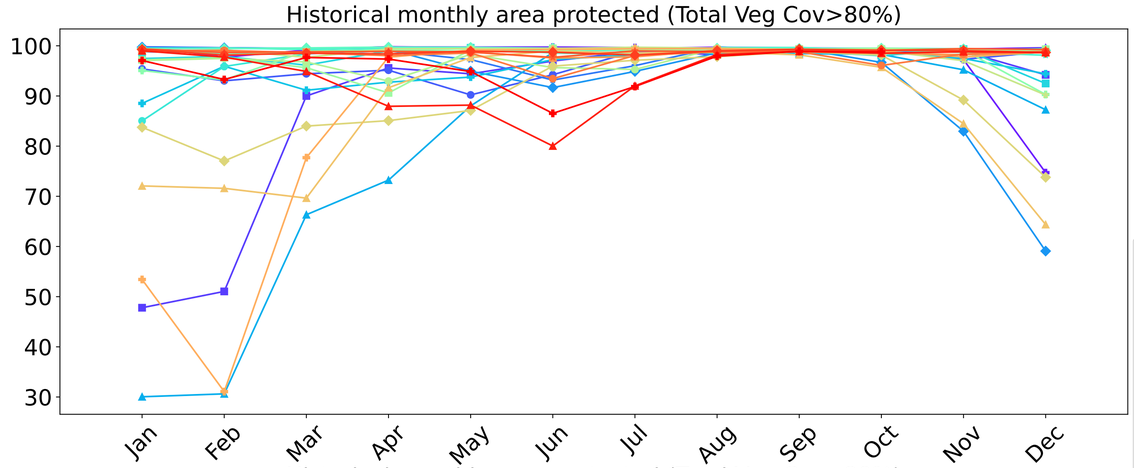
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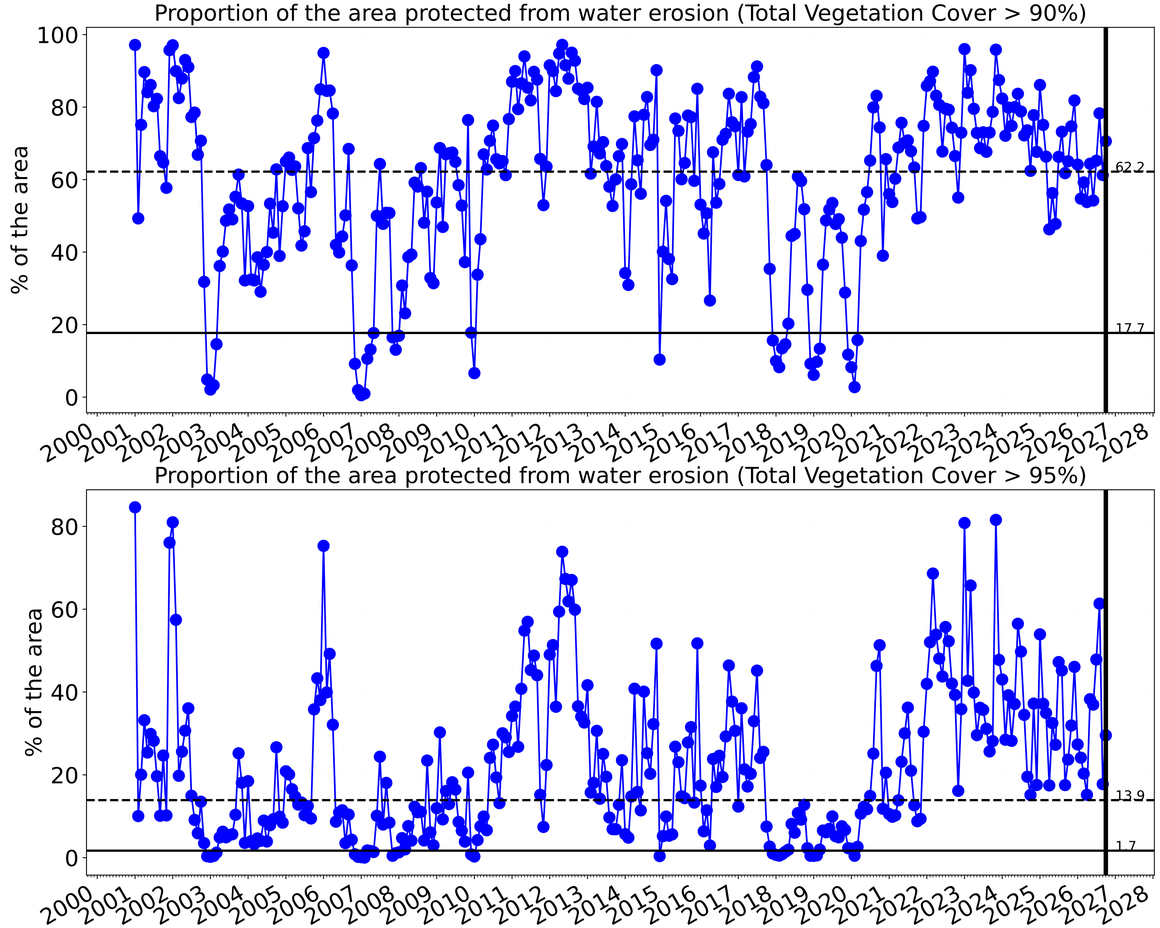


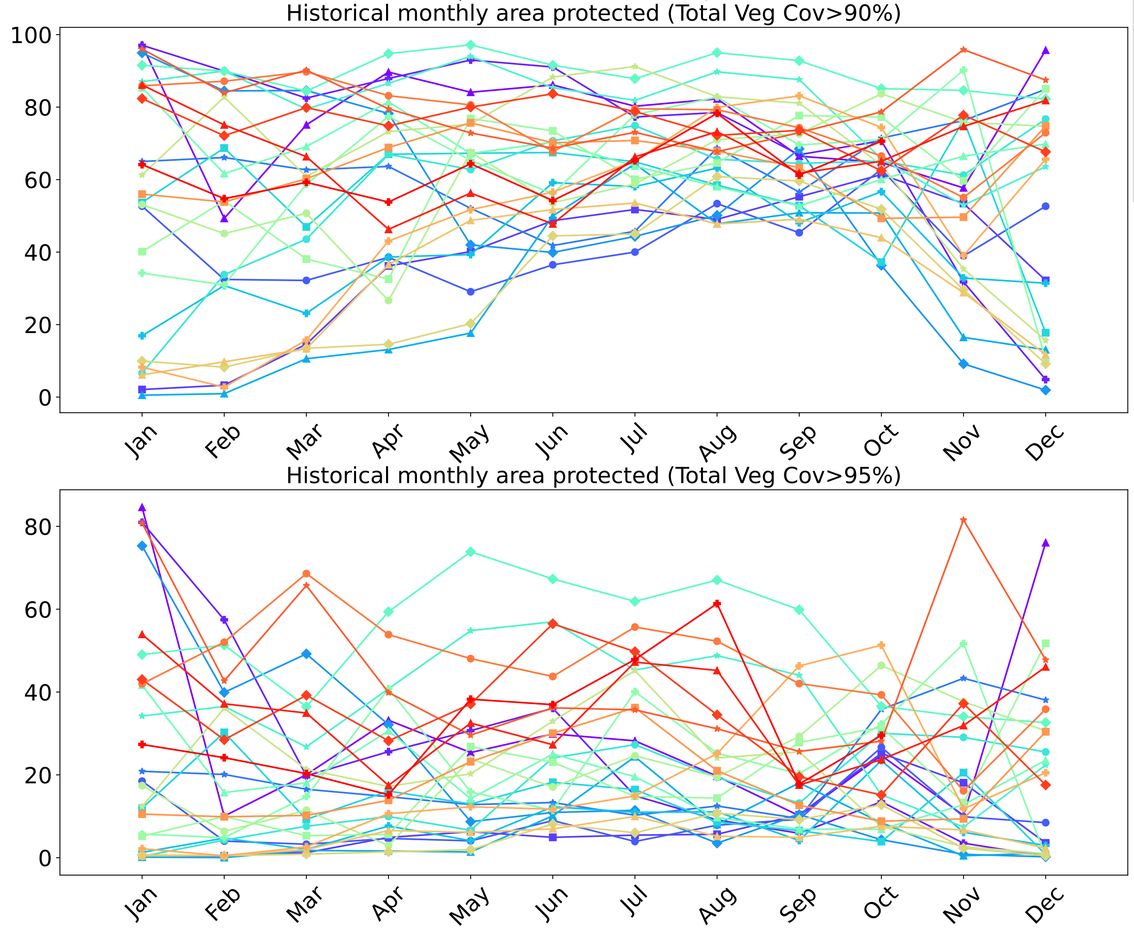
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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above_80
10th
50th
2026 Oct

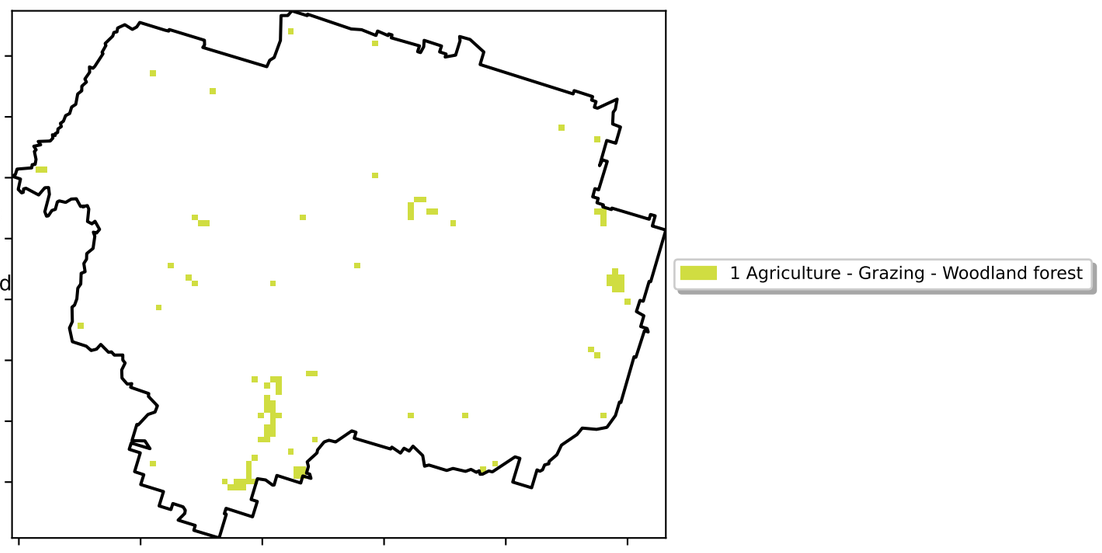

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
62.2
17.7
above_90
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
13.9
1.7
above_95
10th
50th
2026 Oct


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
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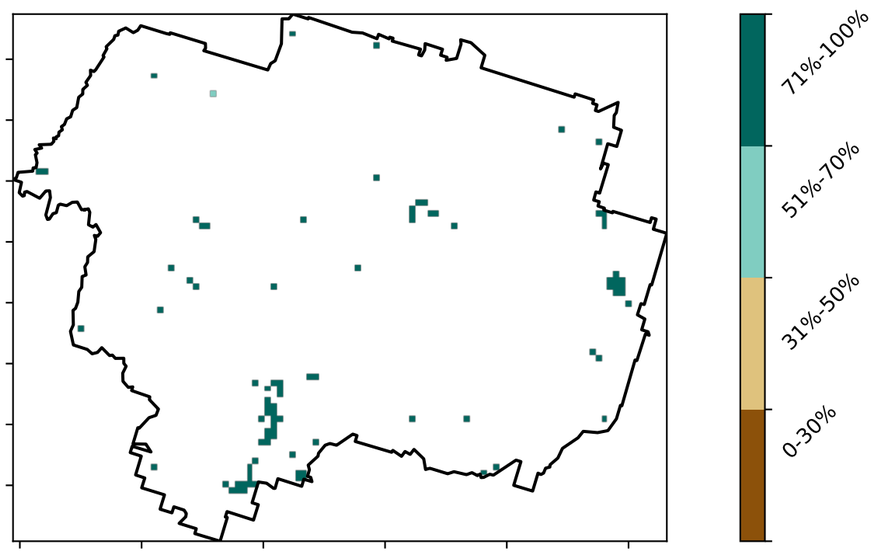
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

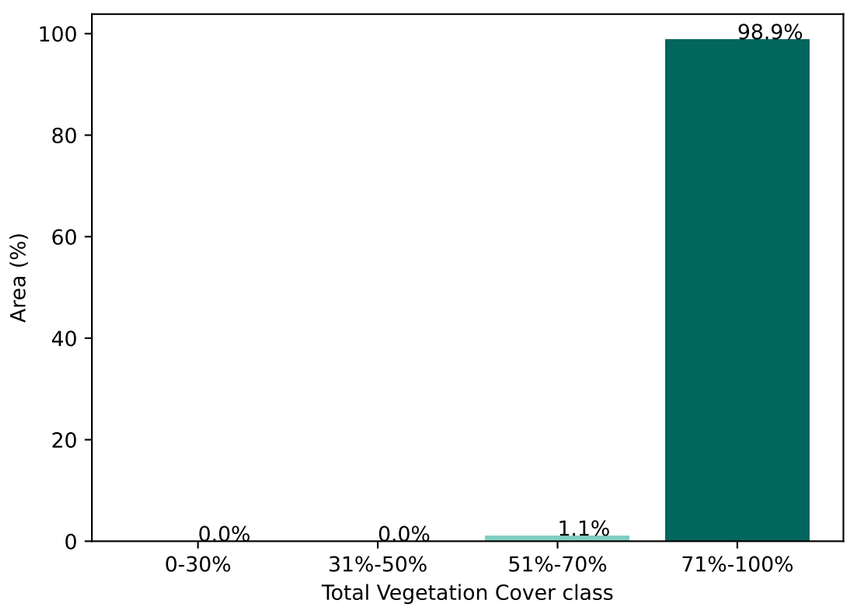


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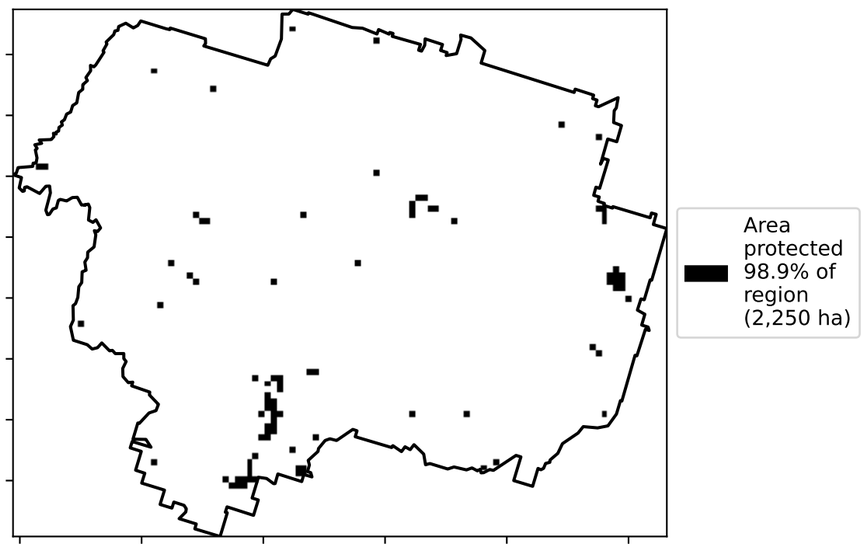
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



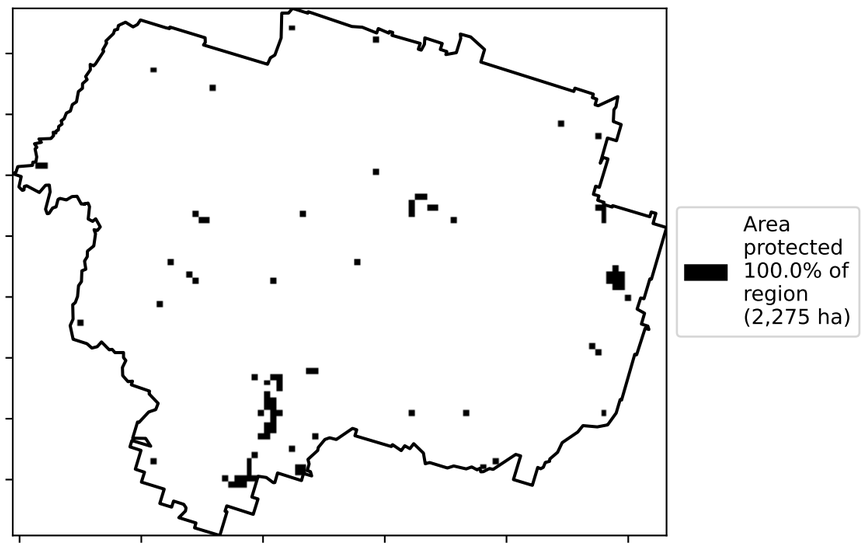
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

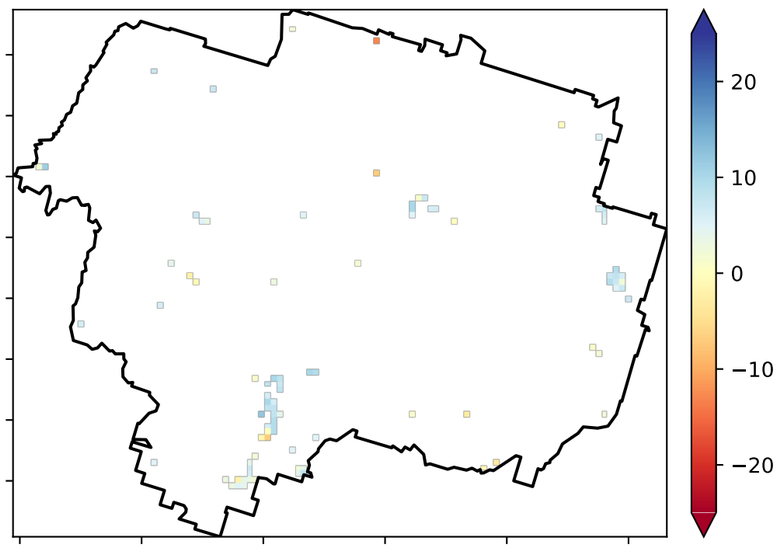


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



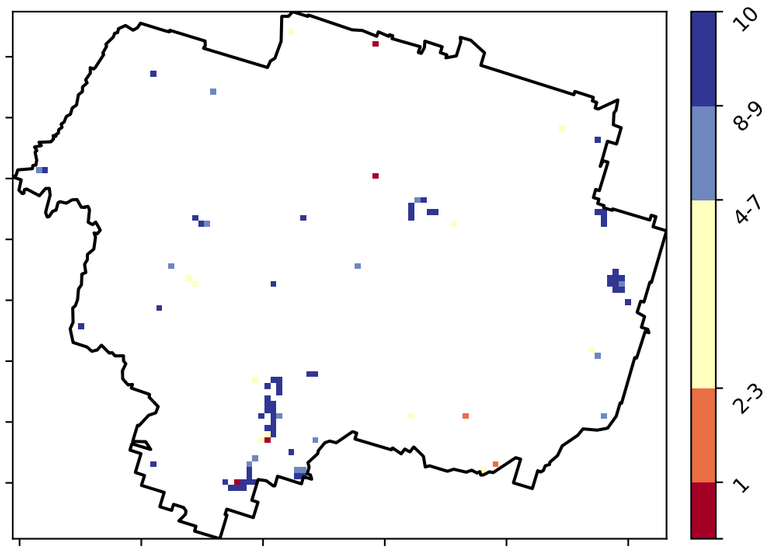
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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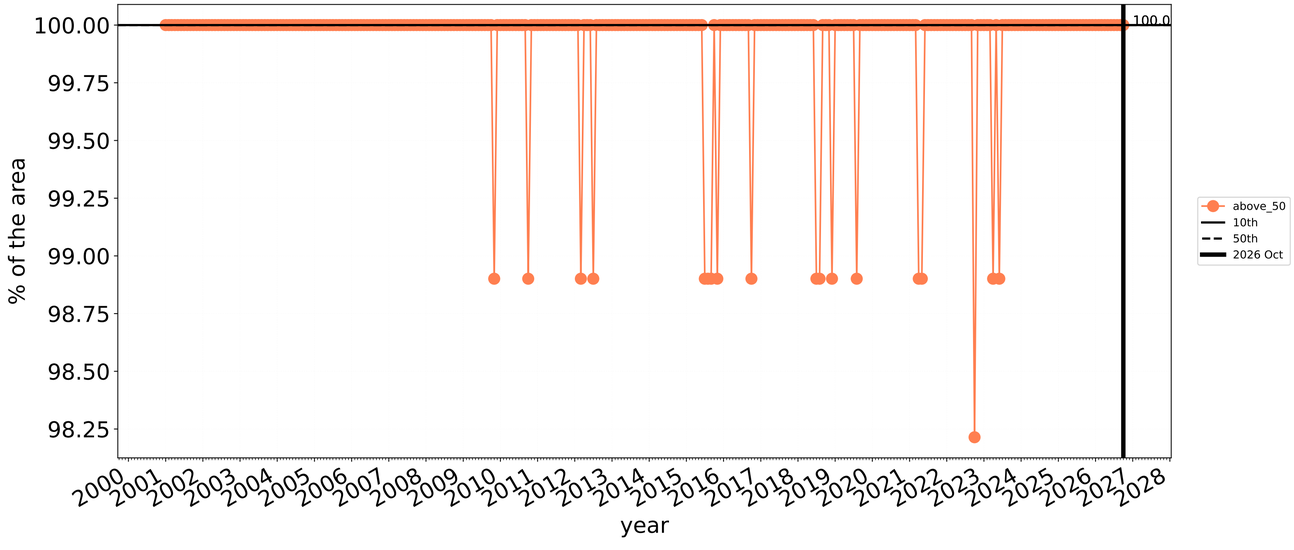
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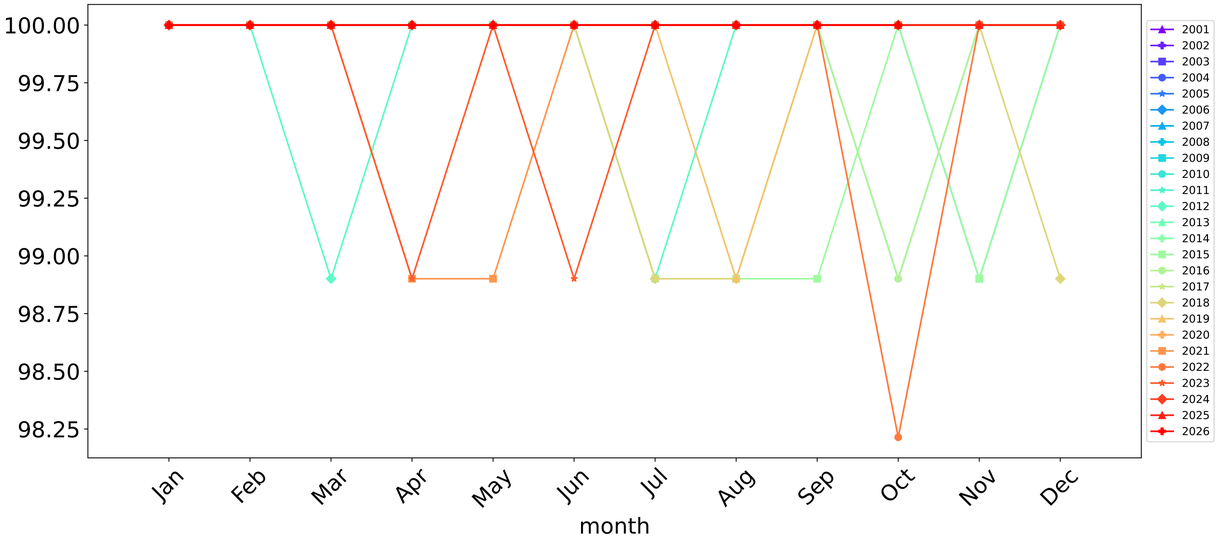


Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

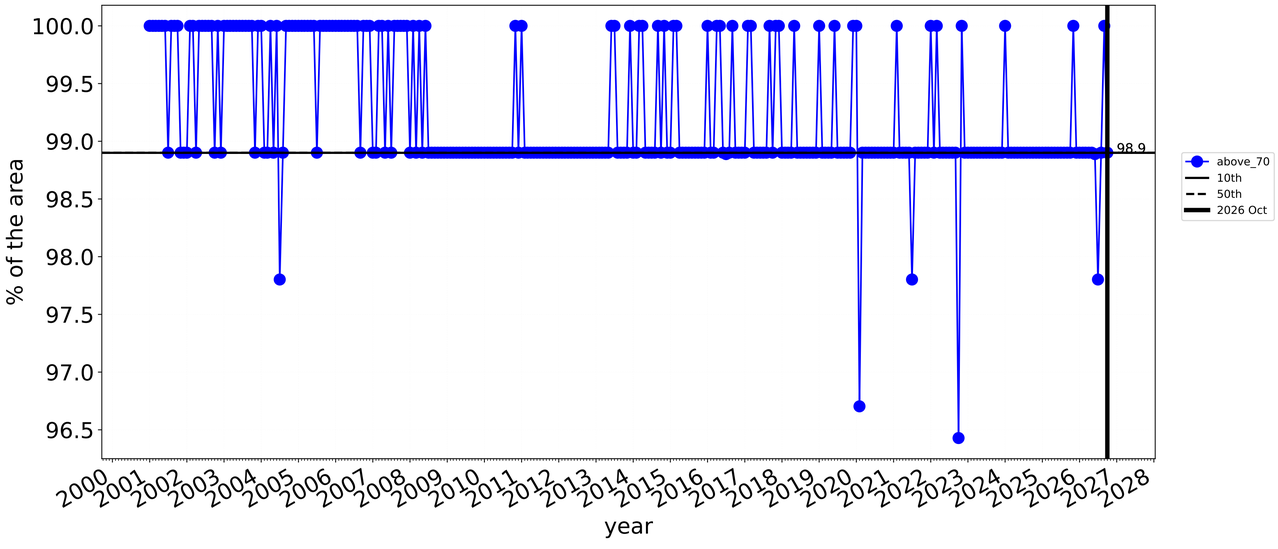
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



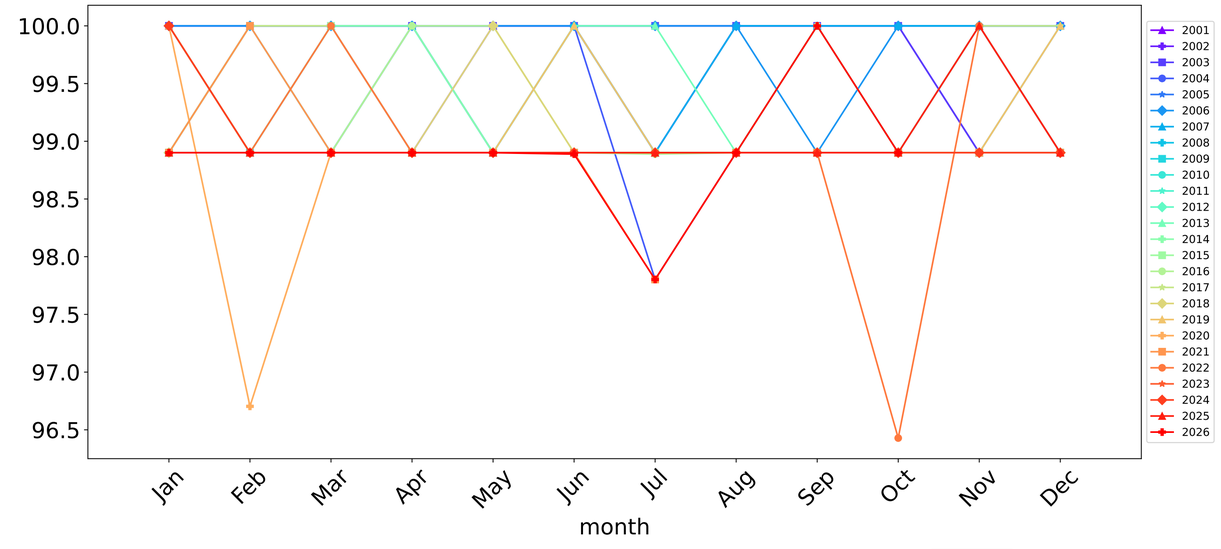
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

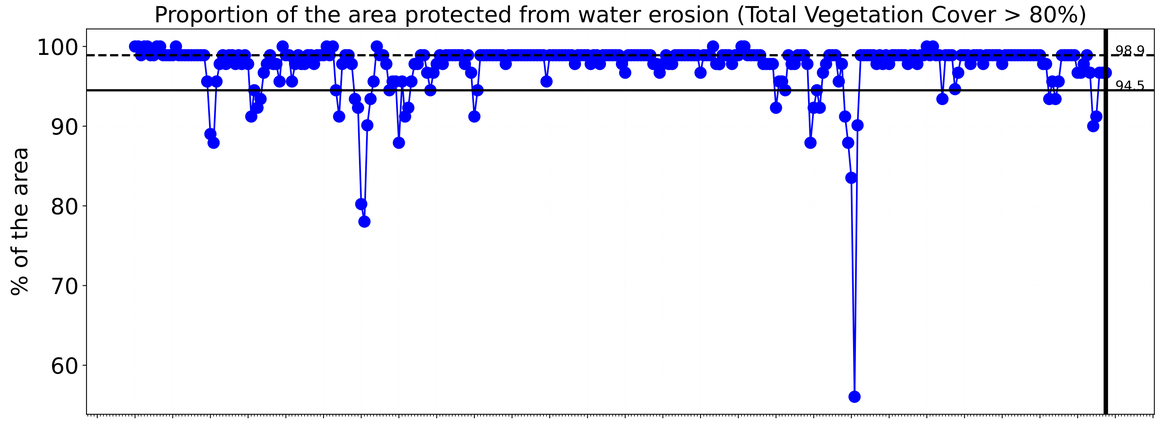


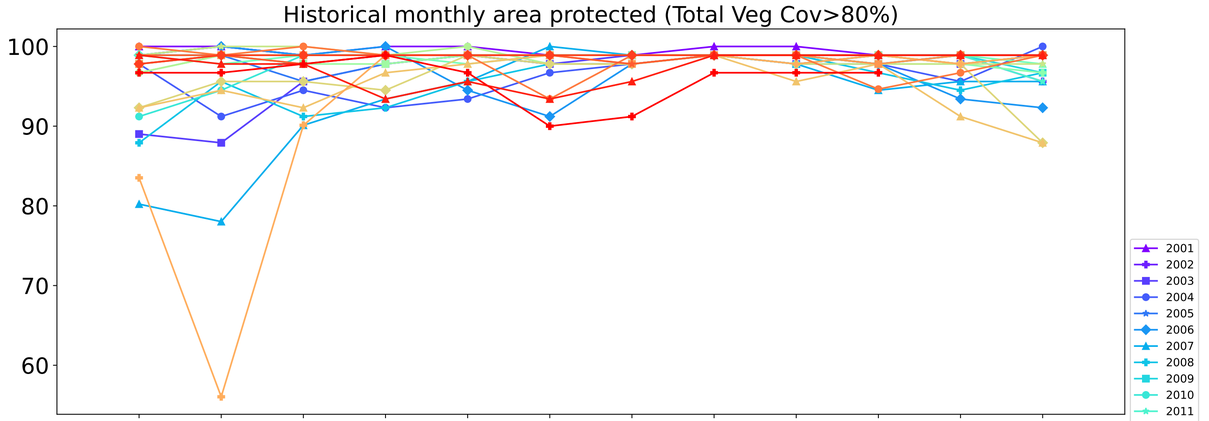
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

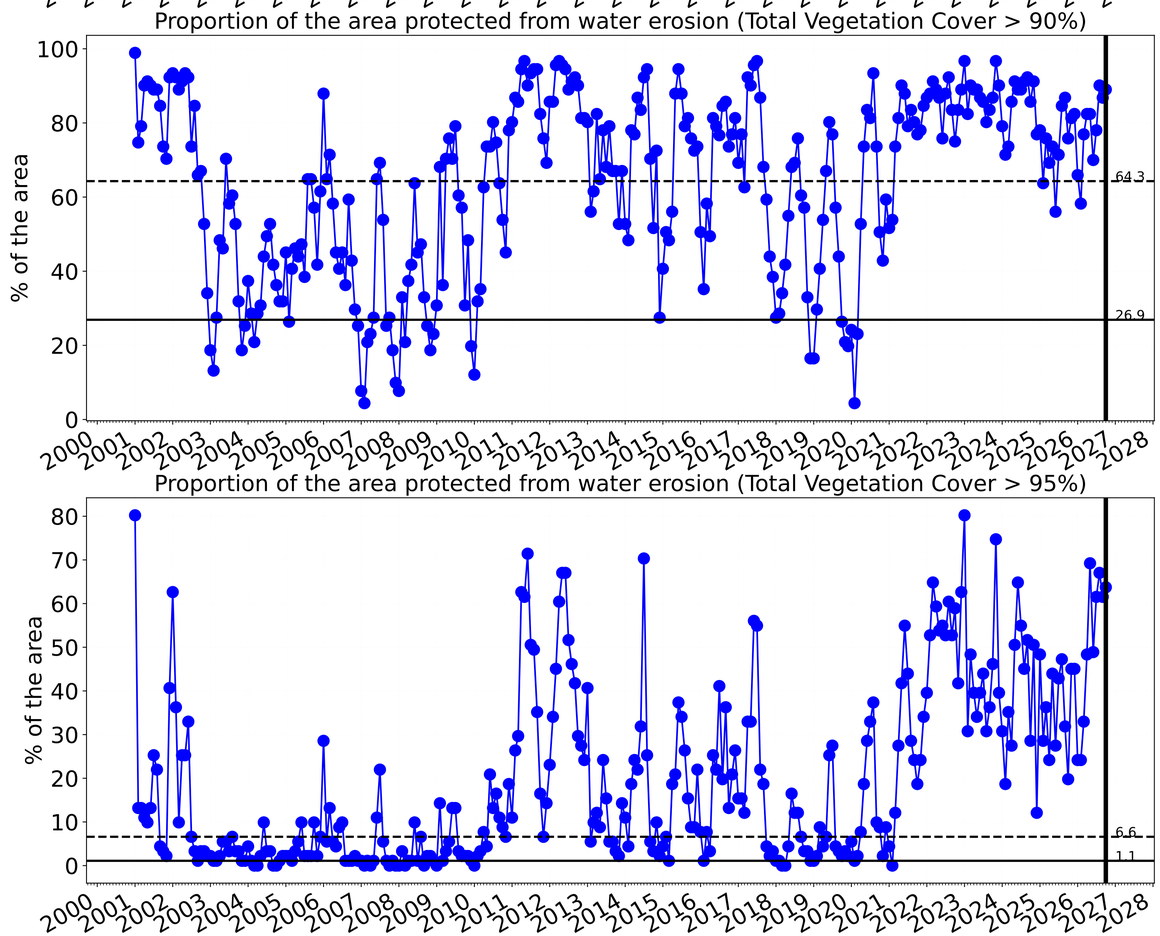


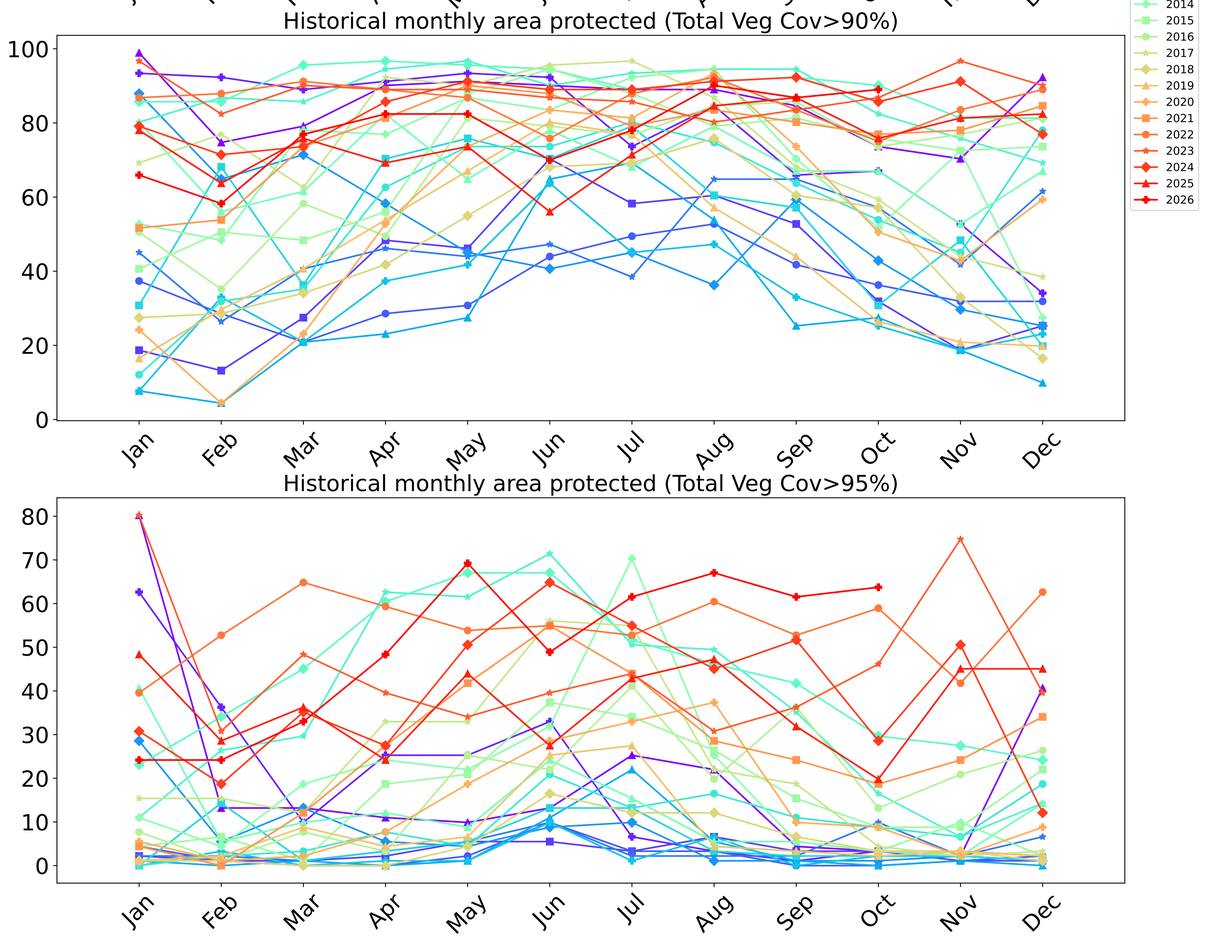
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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94.5
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10th
50th
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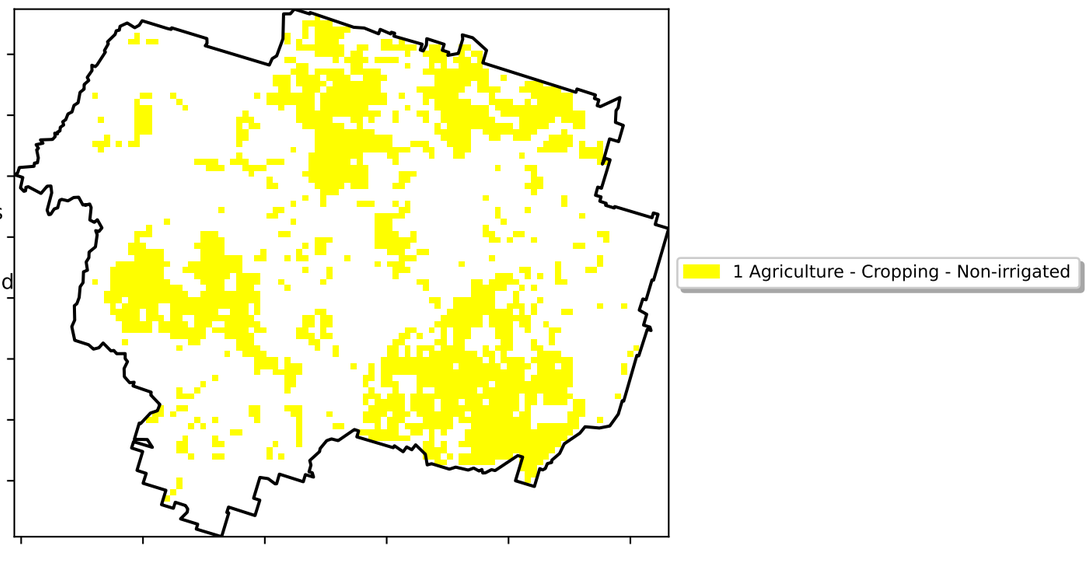

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
64.3
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2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
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50th
2026 Oct


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
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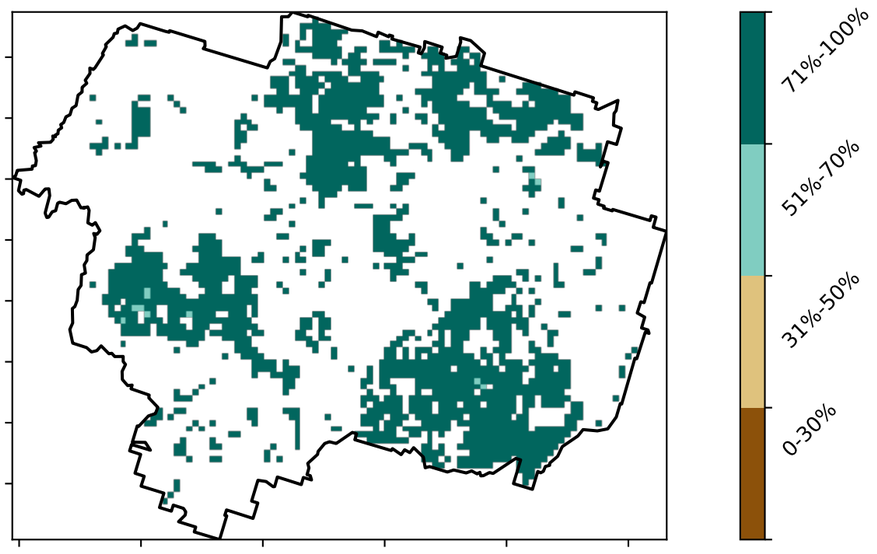
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Land use and forest cover

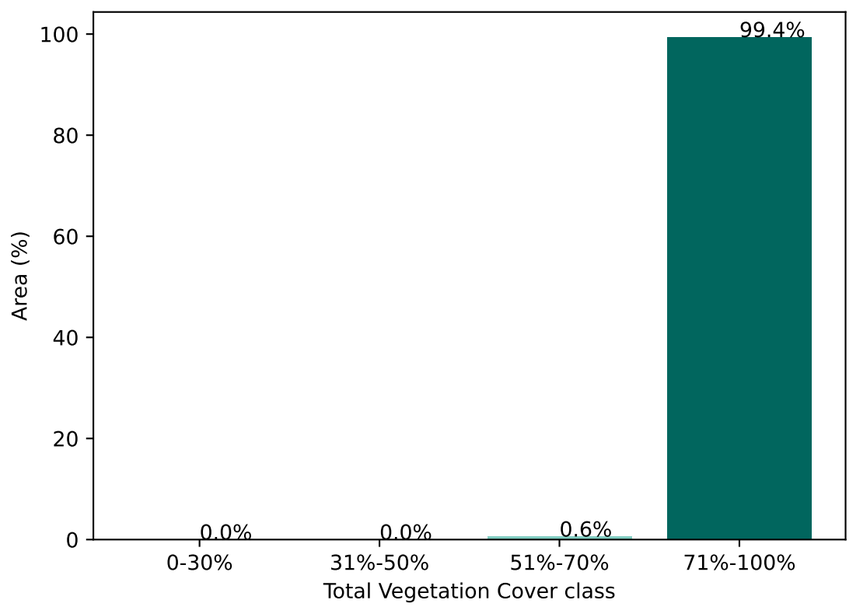


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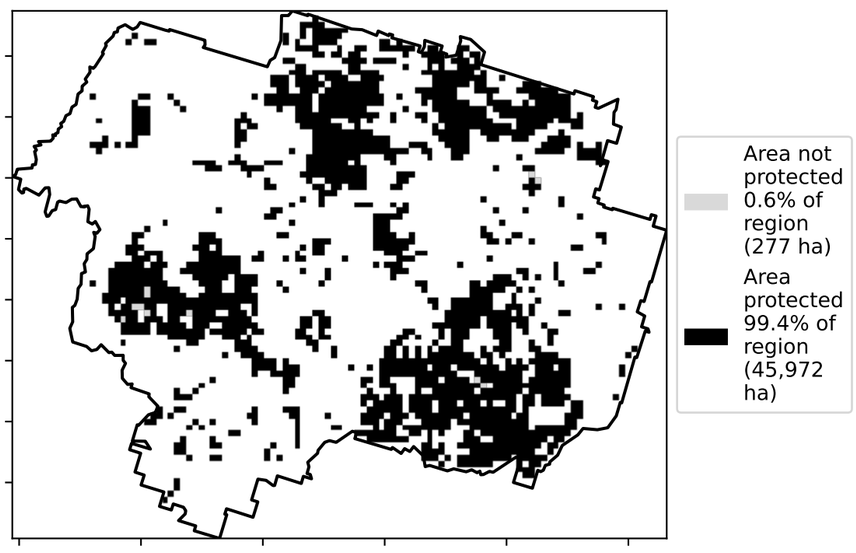
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



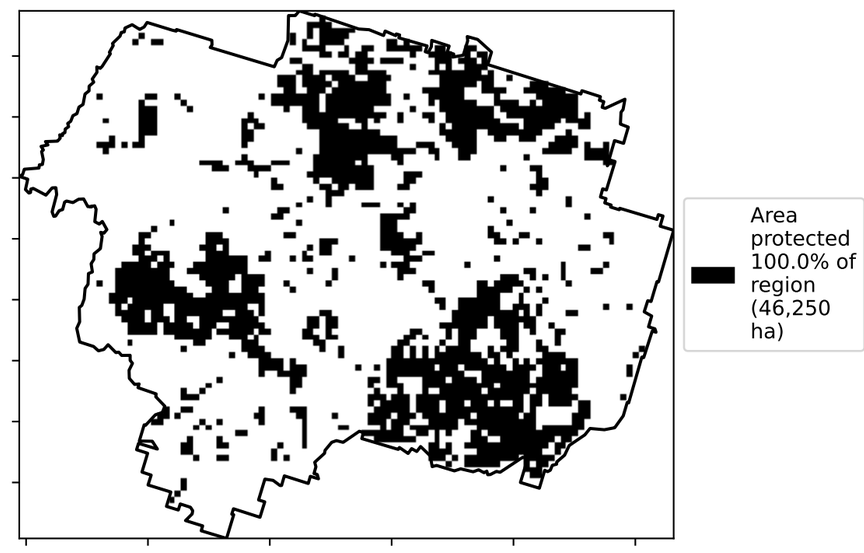
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

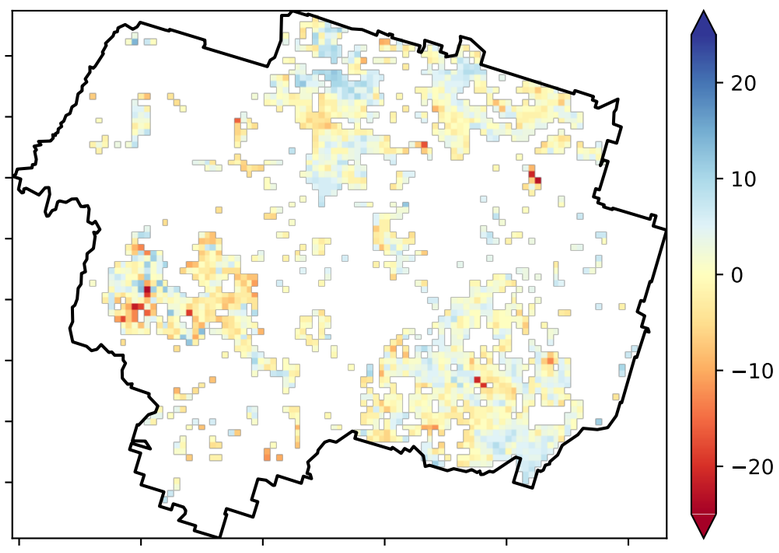


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



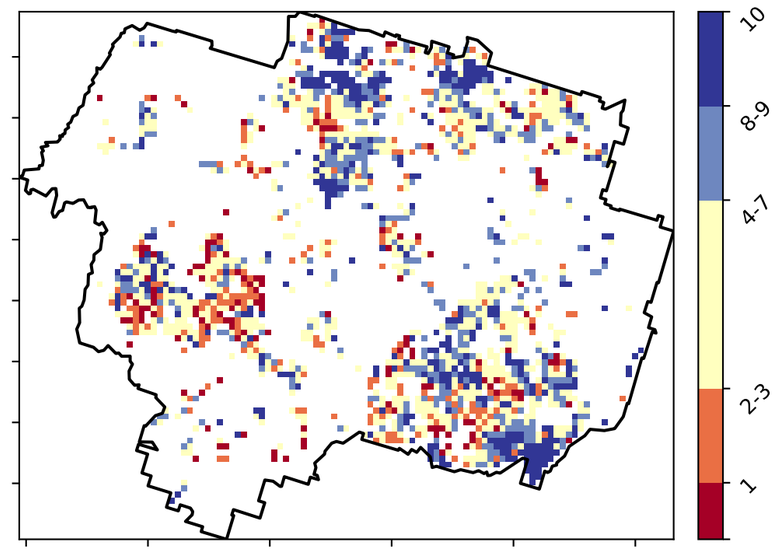
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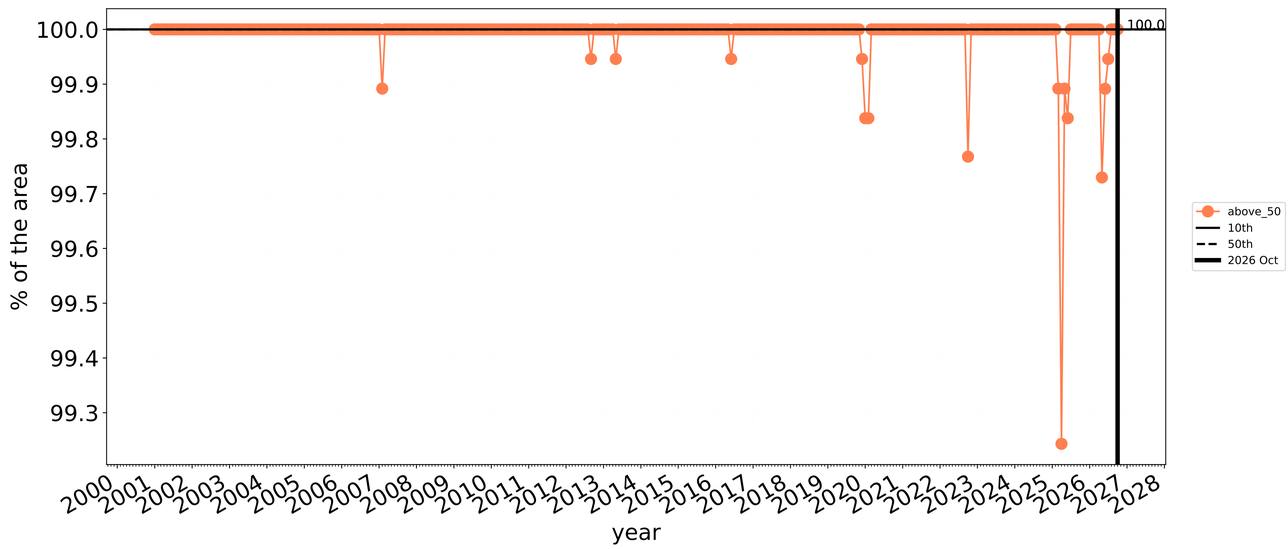
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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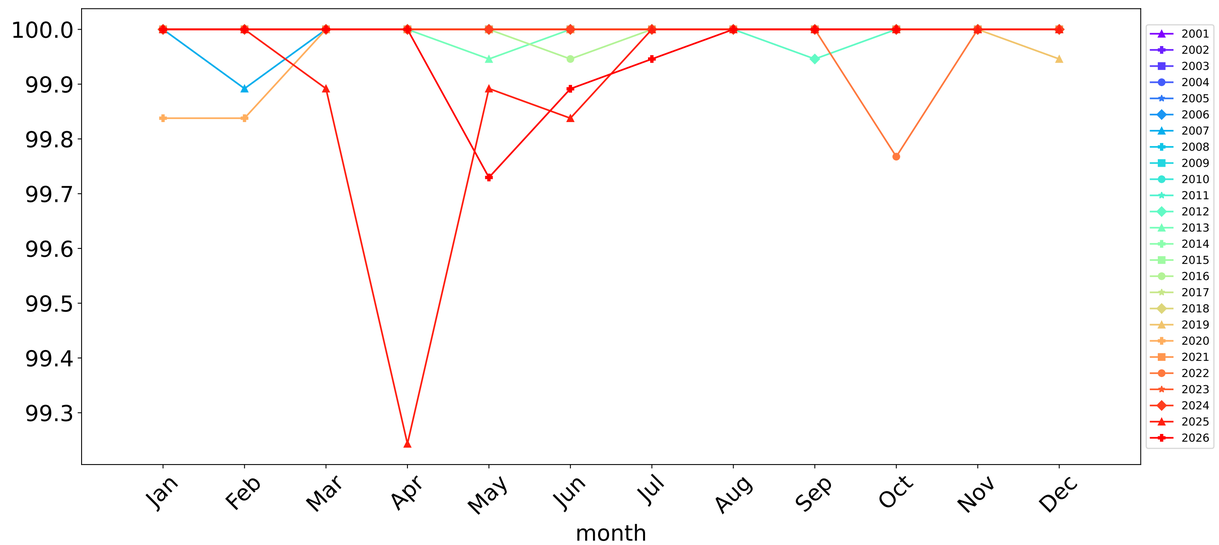


Cropping timeseries

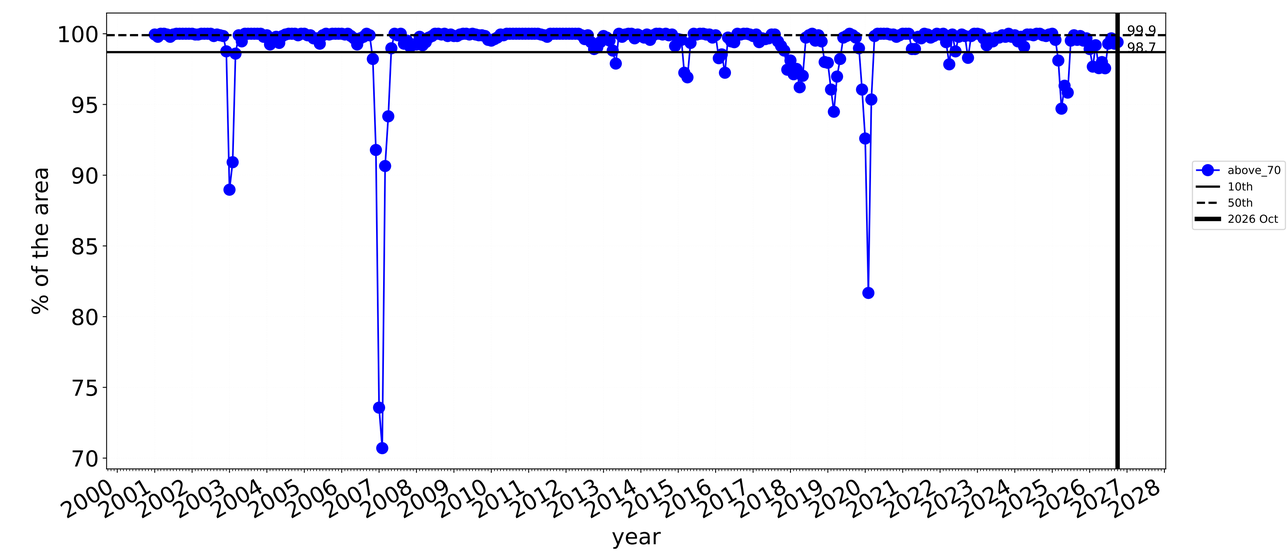
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



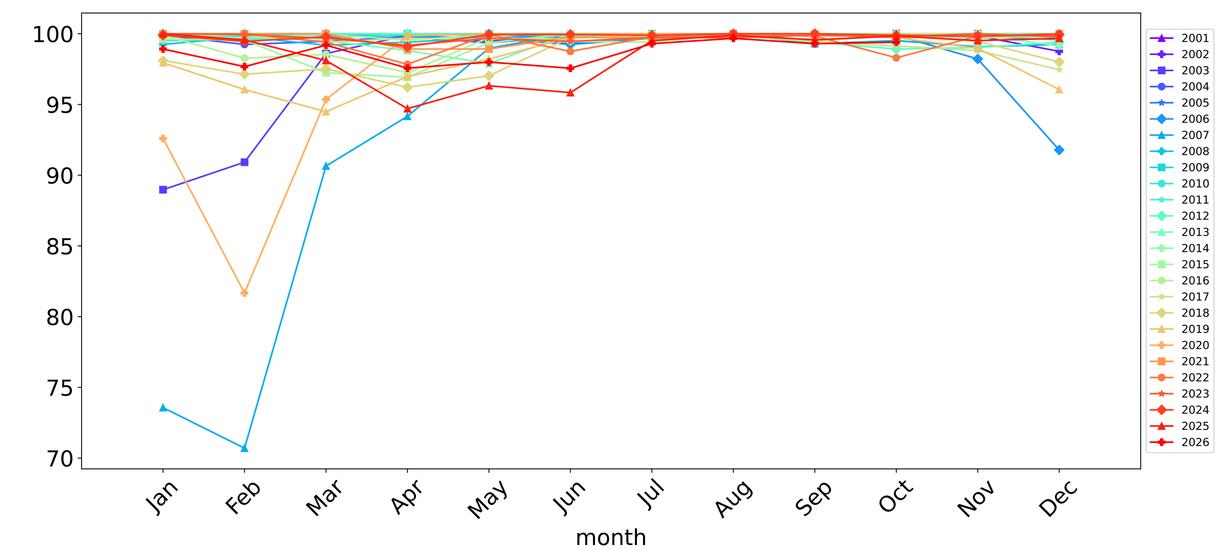
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

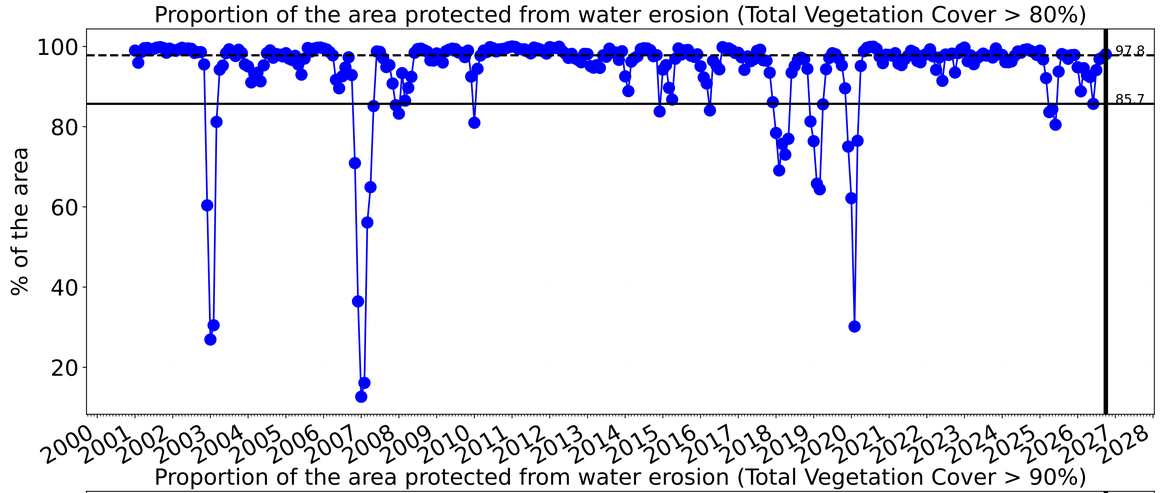


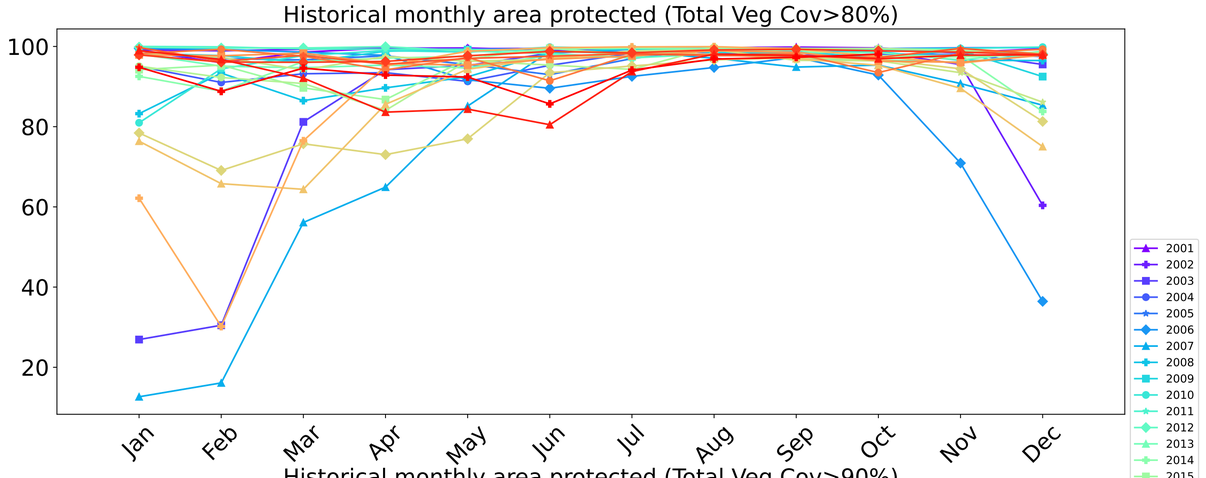
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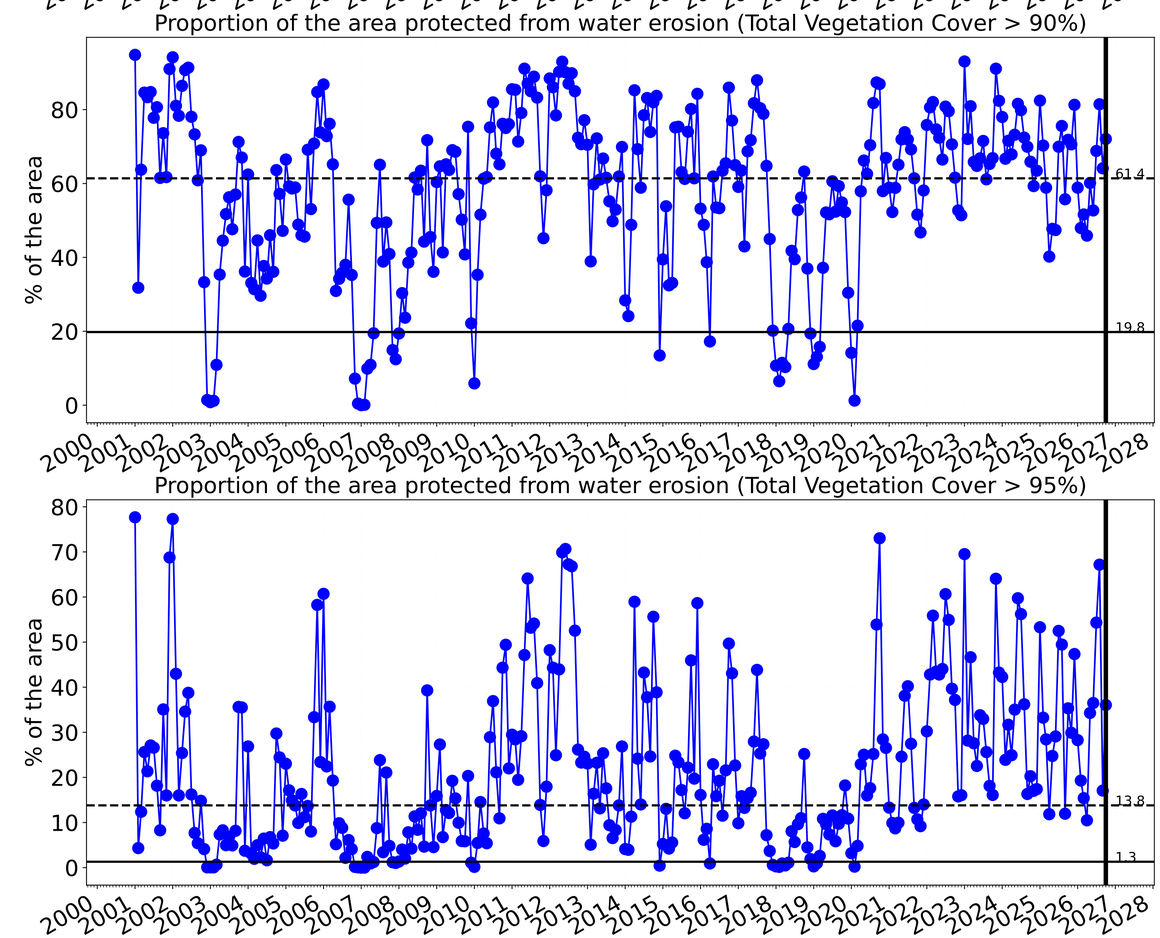


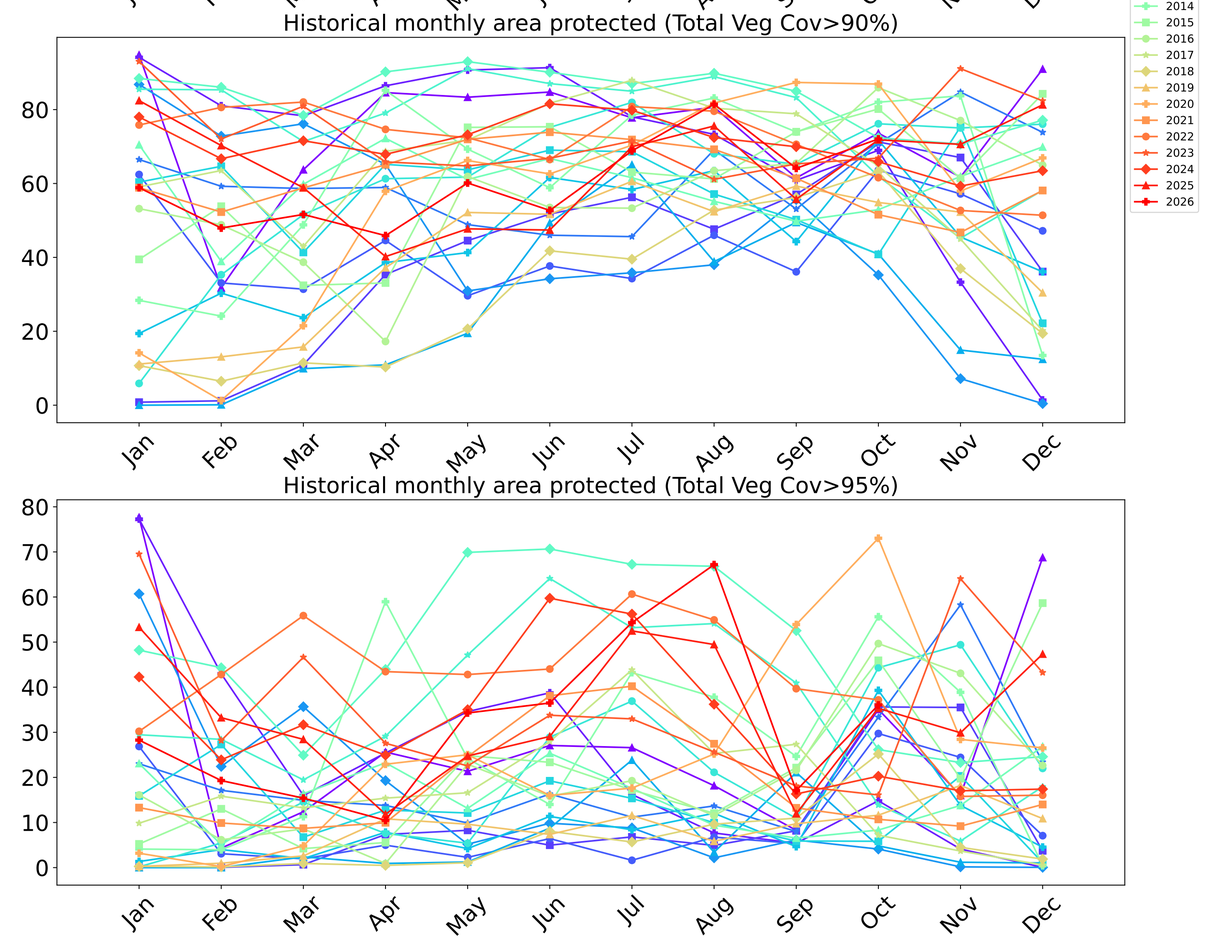
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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10th
50th
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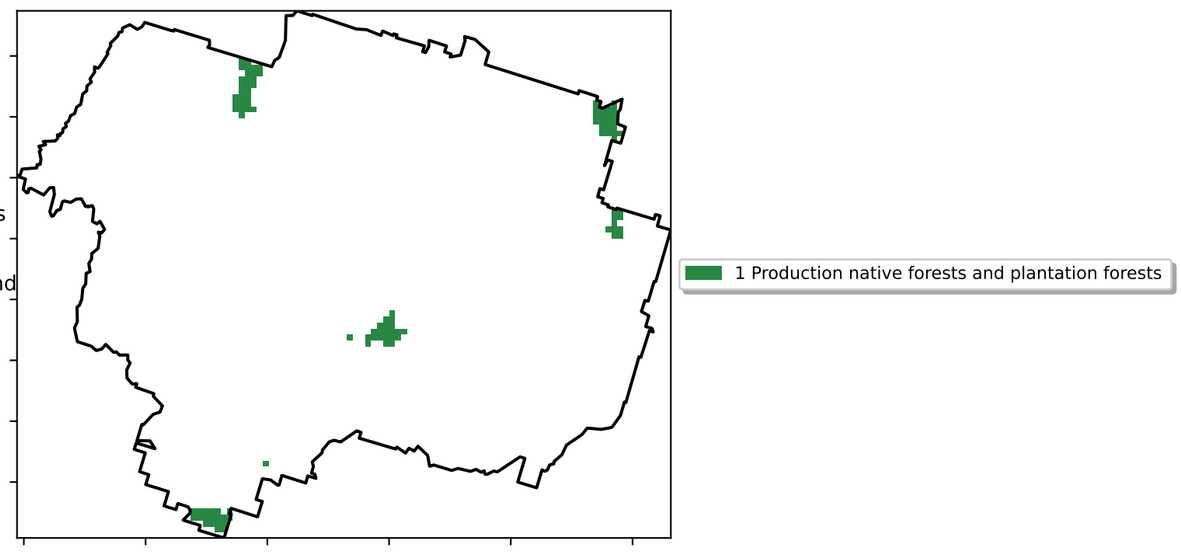

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
61.4
19.8
above_90
10th
50th
2026 Oct
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
13.8
1.3
above_95
10th
50th
2026 Oct


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)
Jan
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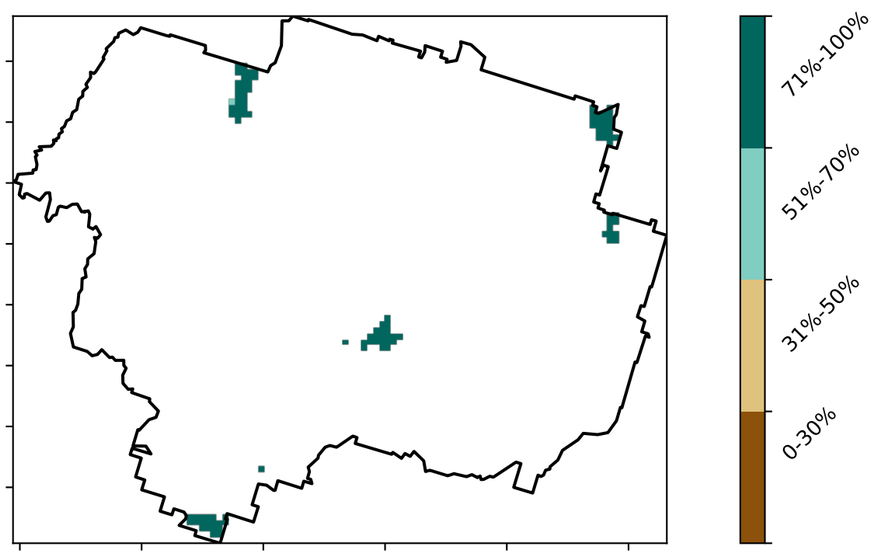
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

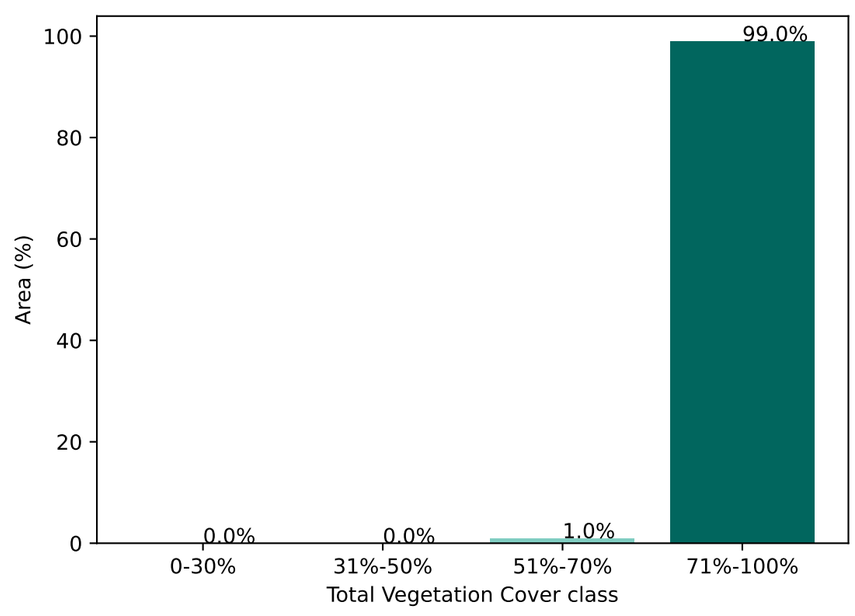


Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

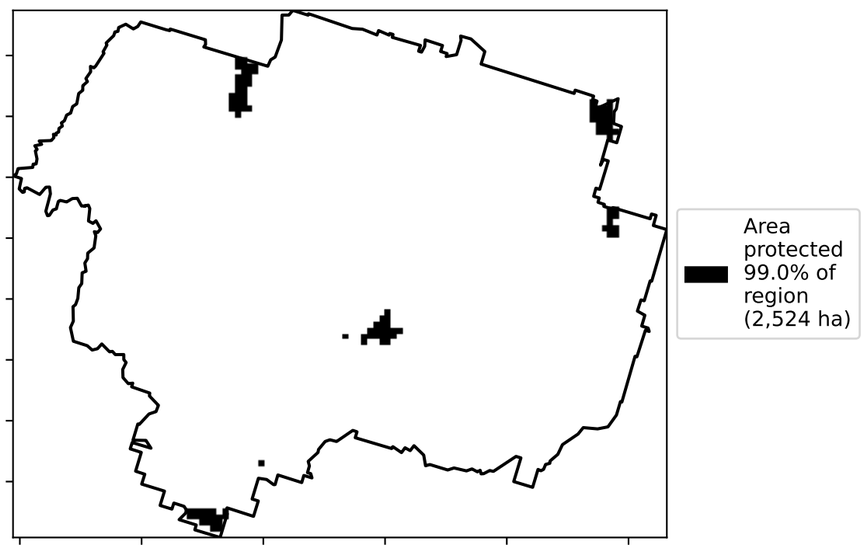
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



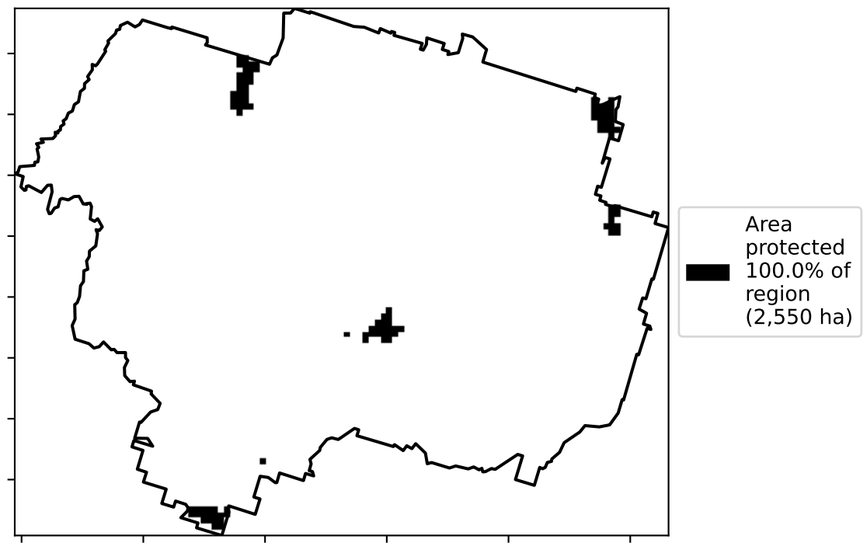
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

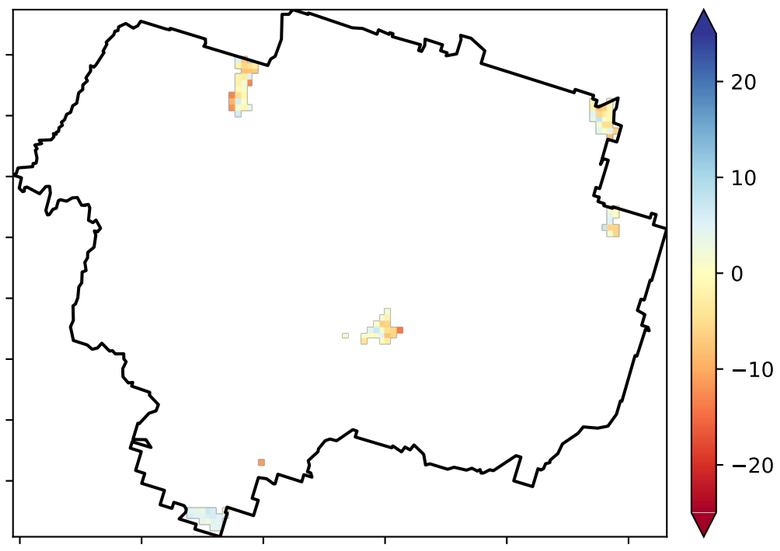


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



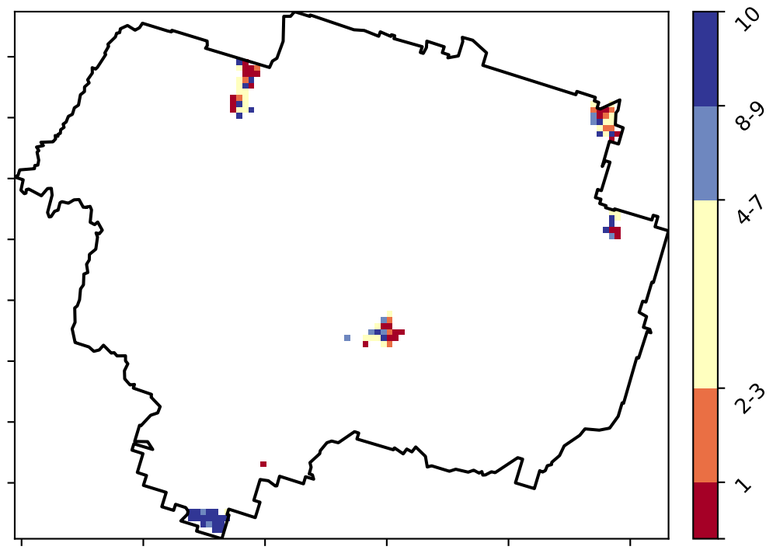
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



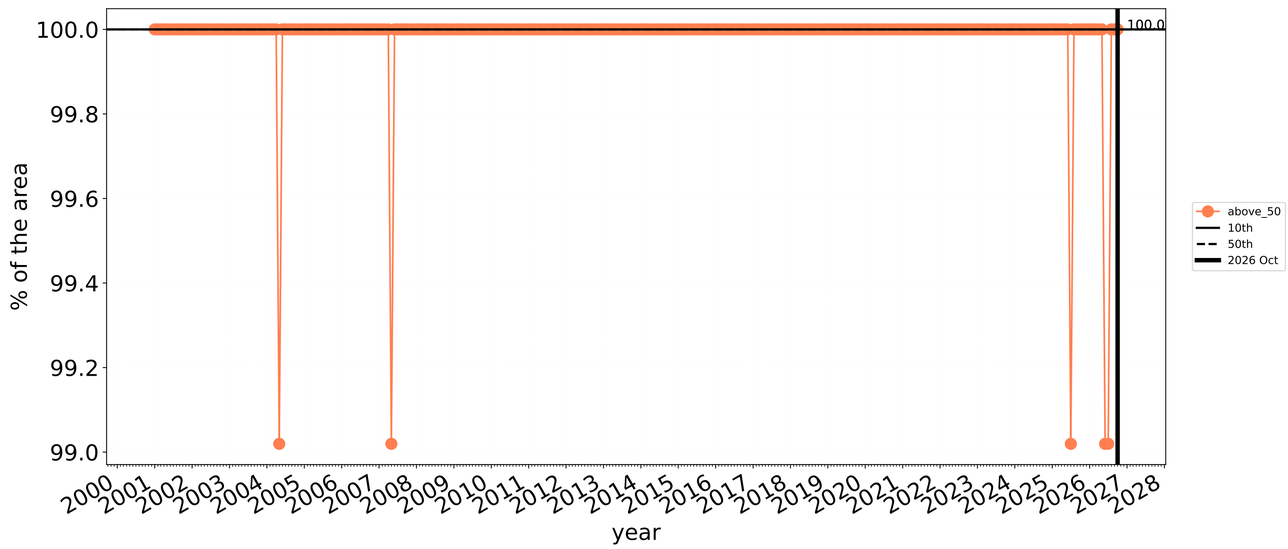
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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.

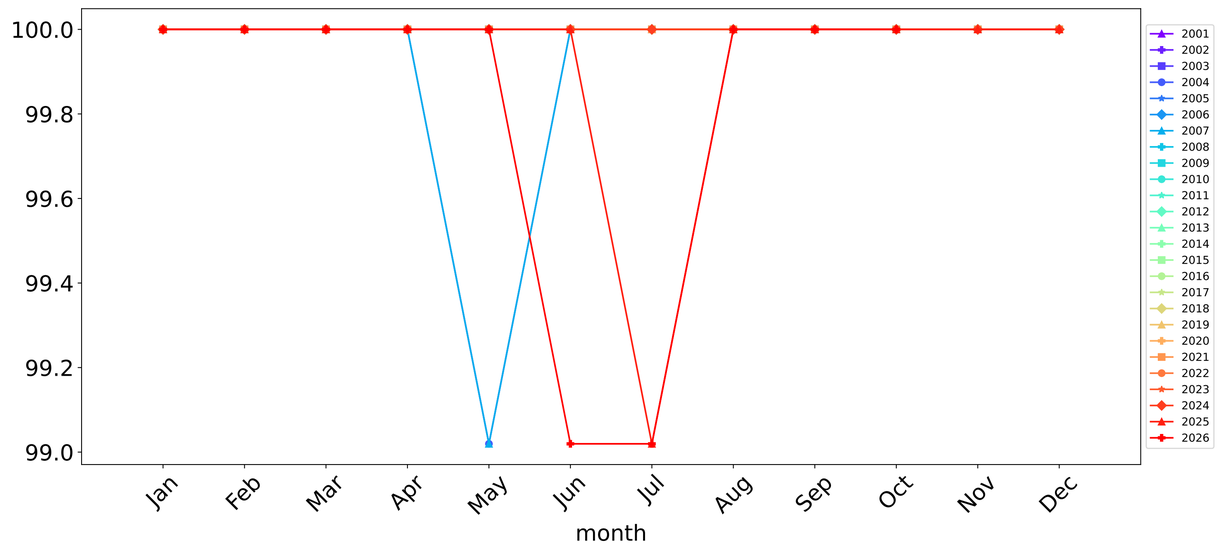


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

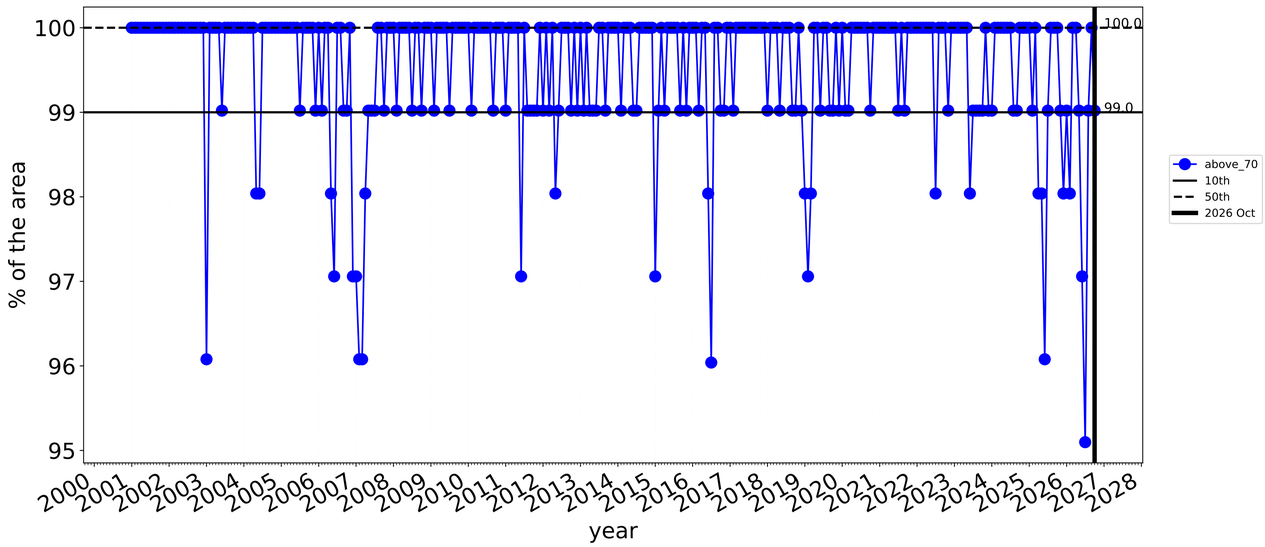
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



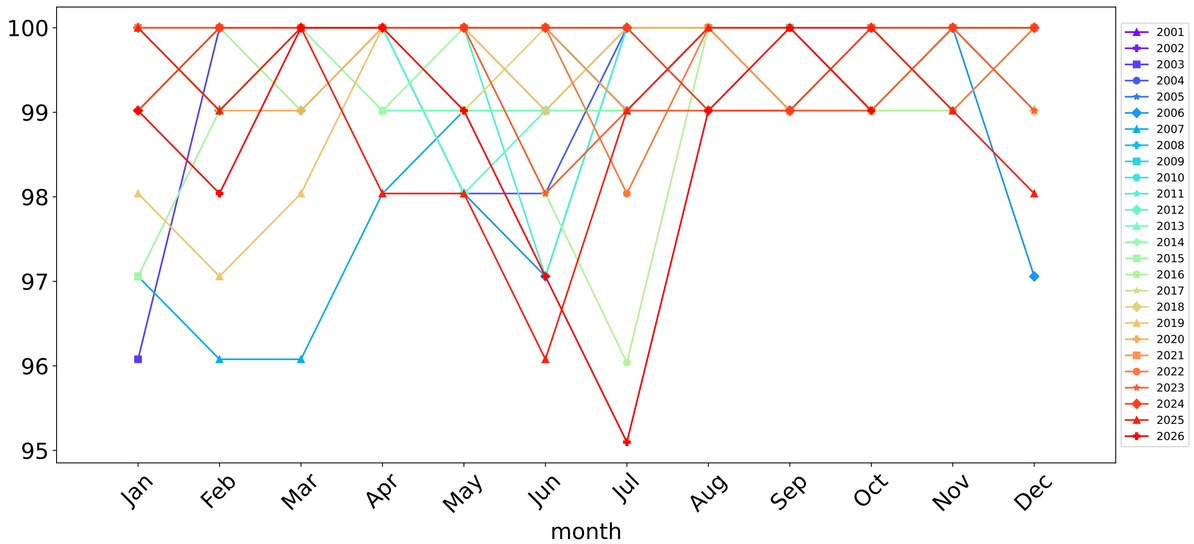
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



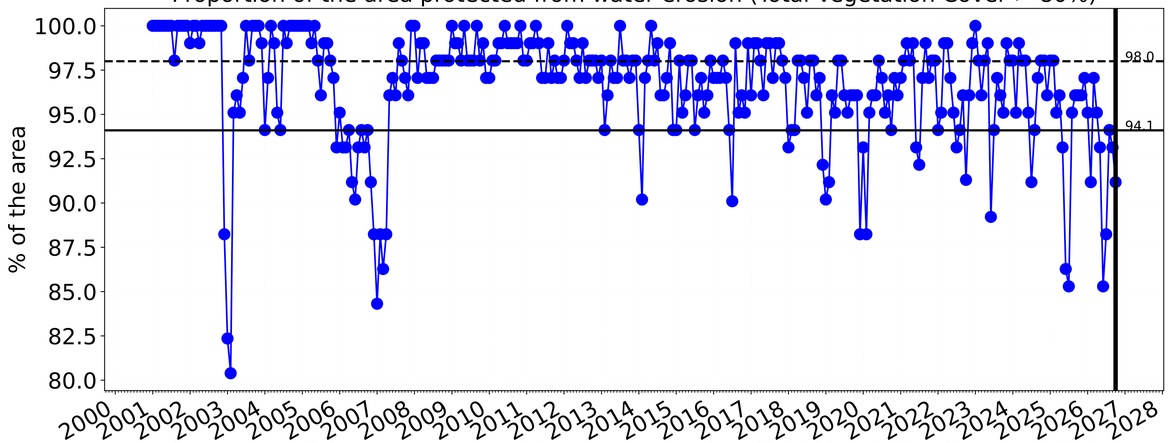
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



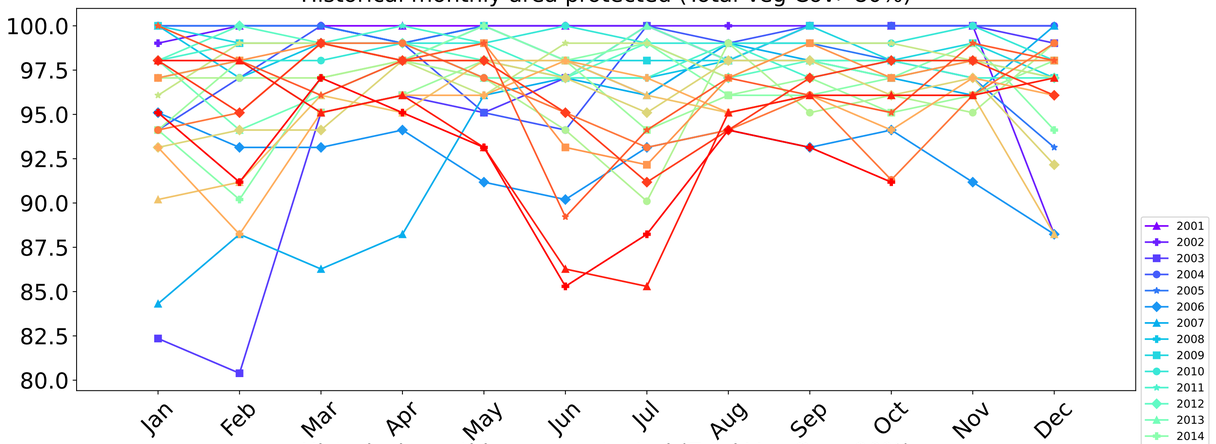
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



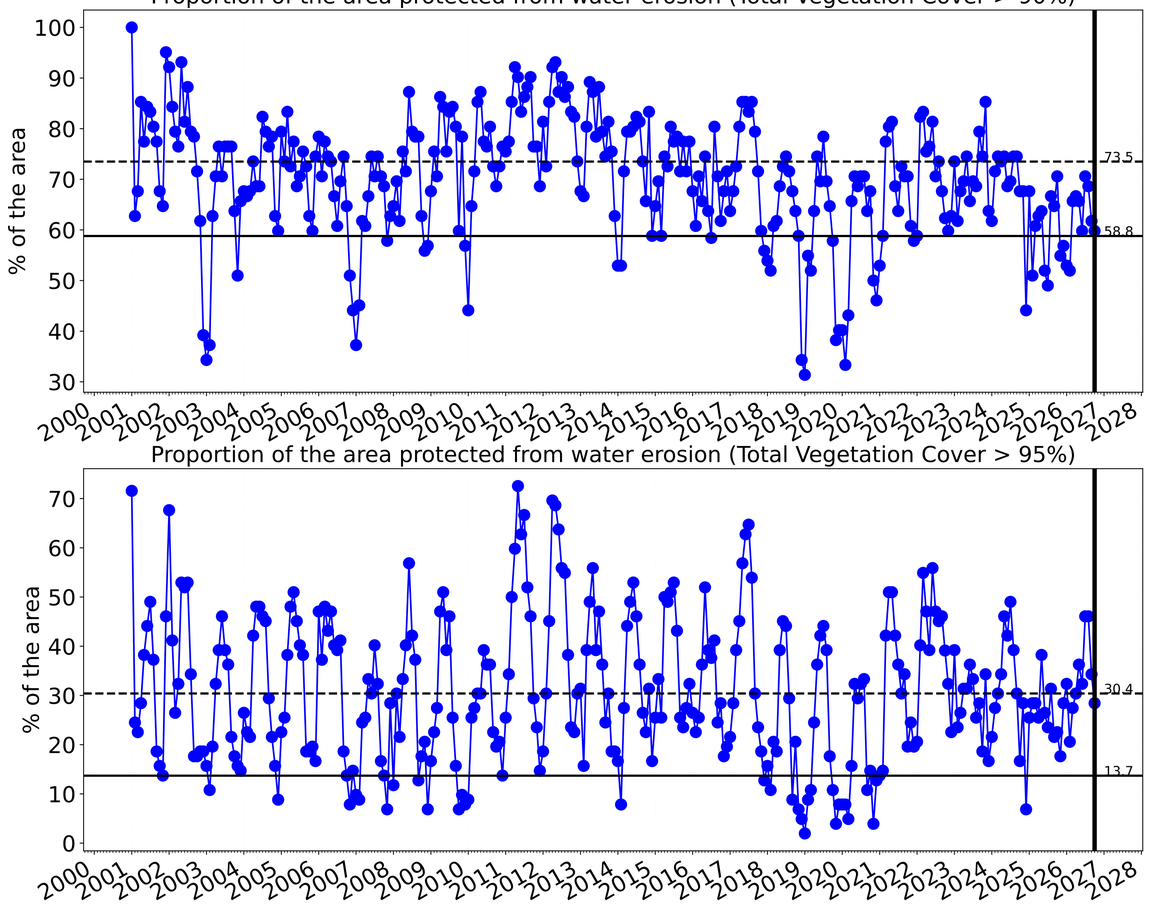
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



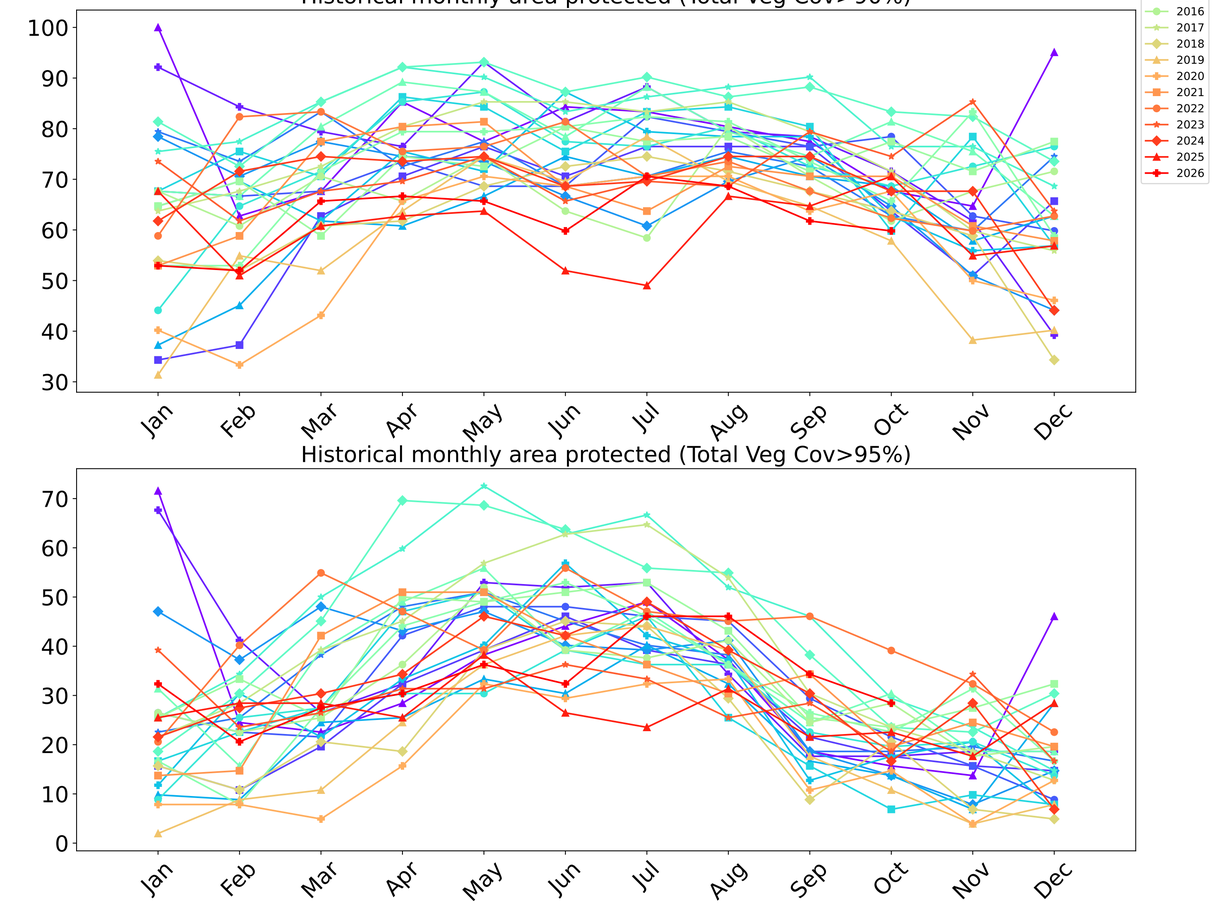
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)



Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)

Blayney_(A) (152,000 ha and no data 460 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	152,000	100.0% 151,950	99.8% 151,750	99.1% 150,575	97.3% 147,950	69.8% 106,150	31.4% 47,700
Agriculture	143,800	100.0% 143,800	100.0% 143,775	99.6% 143,200	98.5% 141,625	71.3% 102,525	32.2% 46,275
Grazing	97,125	100.0% 97,125	100.0% 97,100	99.7% 96,800	98.7% 95,850	71.0% 69,000	30.4% 29,550
Grazing non forest	94,525	100.0% 94,525	100.0% 94,500	99.7% 94,225	98.8% 93,375	70.6% 66,725	29.5% 27,925
Grazing Woodland forest	2,275	100.0% 2,275	100.0% 2,275	98.9% 2,250	96.7% 2,200	89.0% 2,025	63.7% 1,450
Cropping	46,250	100.0% 46,250	100.0% 46,250	99.4% 45,975	98.1% 45,350	72.1% 33,325	36.1% 16,675
Production native forests and plantation forests	2,550	100.0% 2,550	100.0% 2,550	99.0% 2,525	91.2% 2,325	59.8% 1,525	28.4% 725