# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Byron\_(A) NSW

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:

**Date: December 2024** 

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:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3









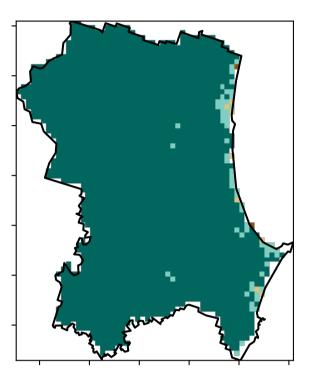
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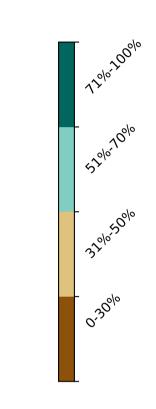
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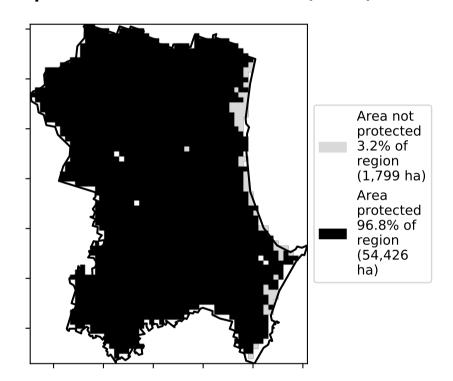
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### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



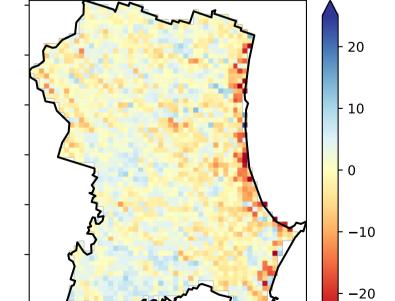


### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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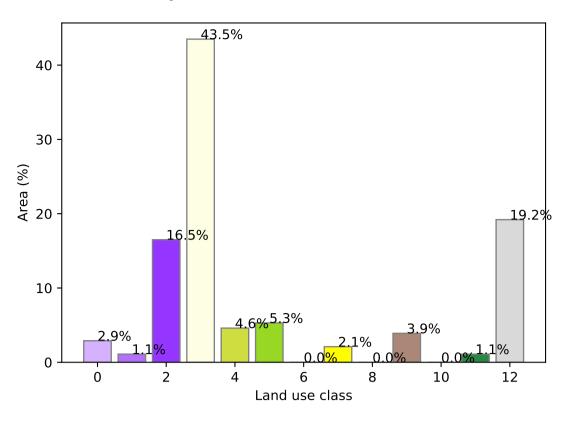


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

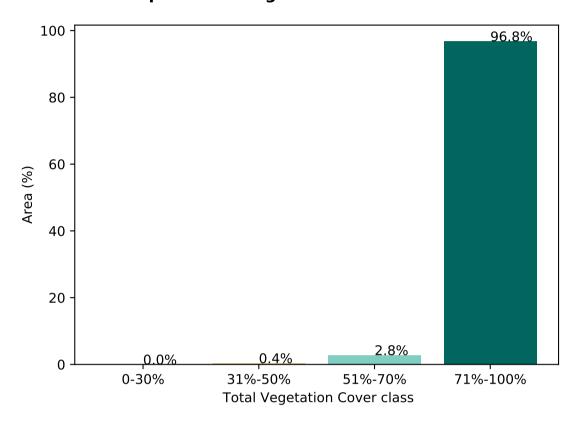
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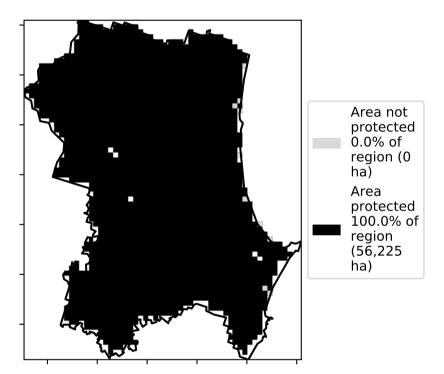
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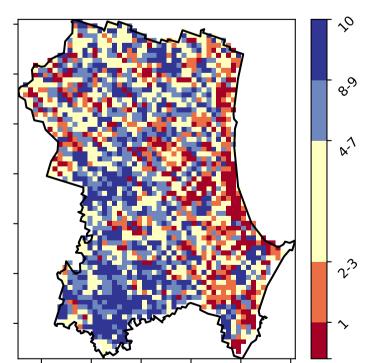
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



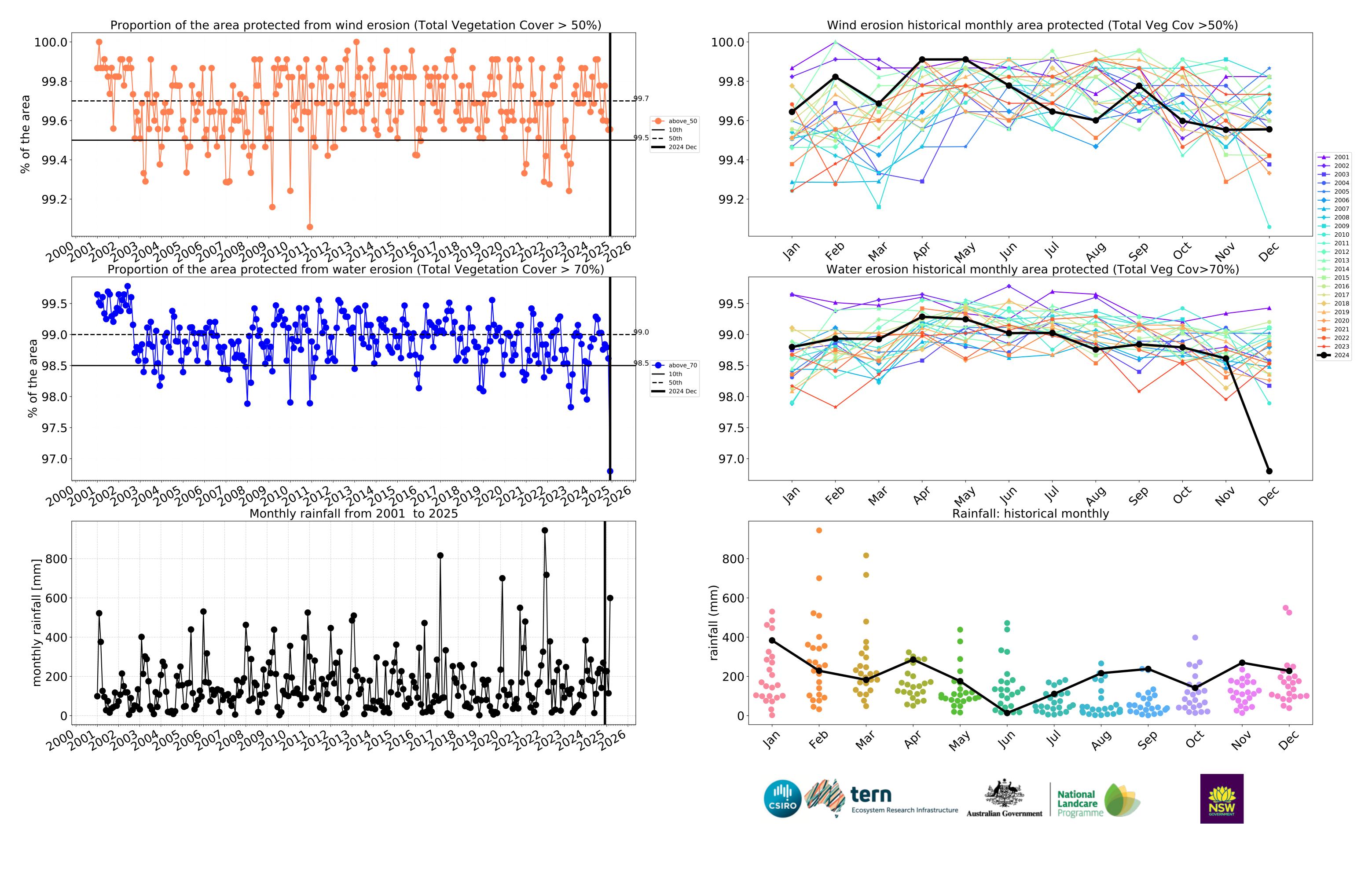
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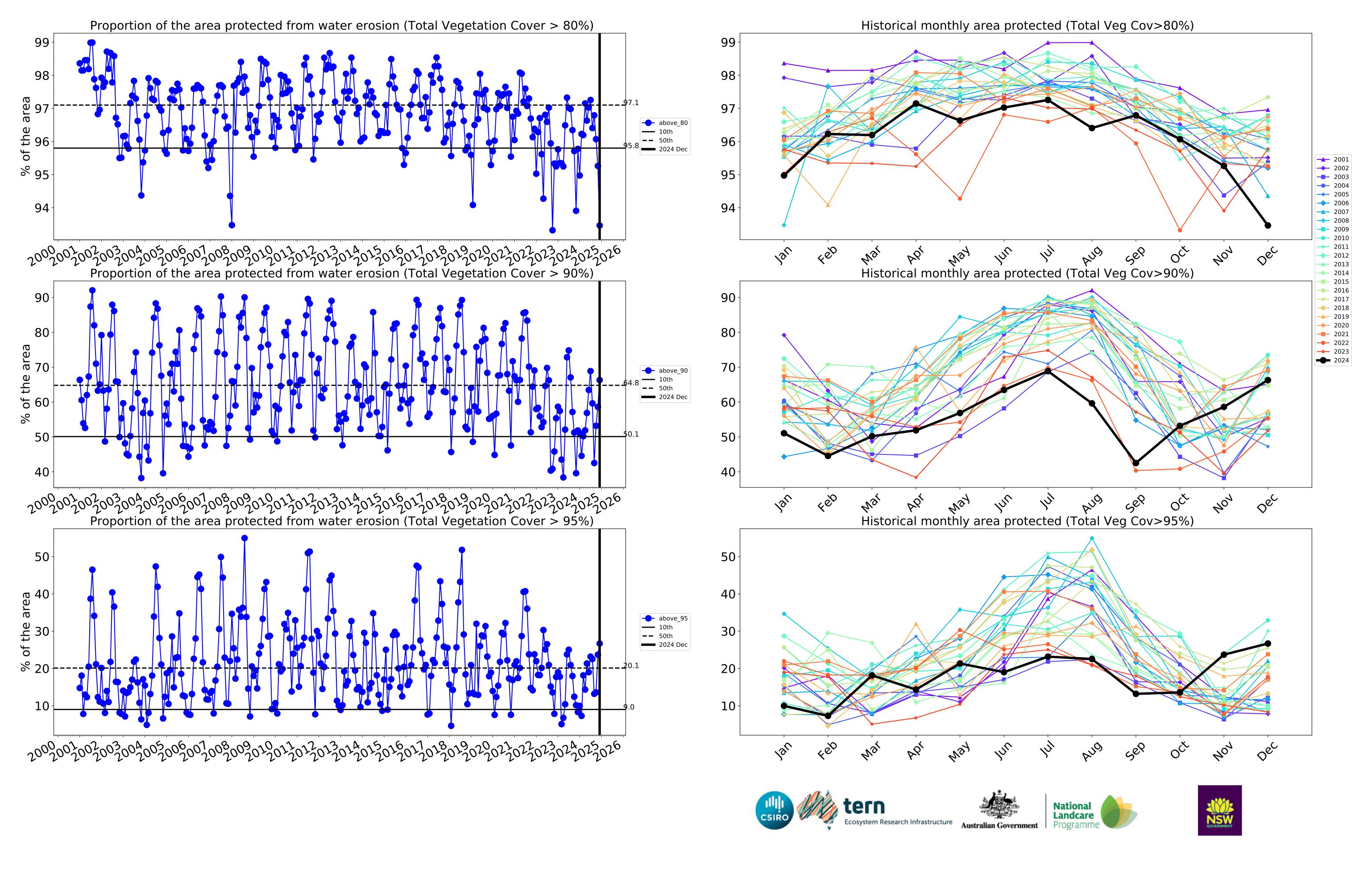






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# **Conservation and natural environments**

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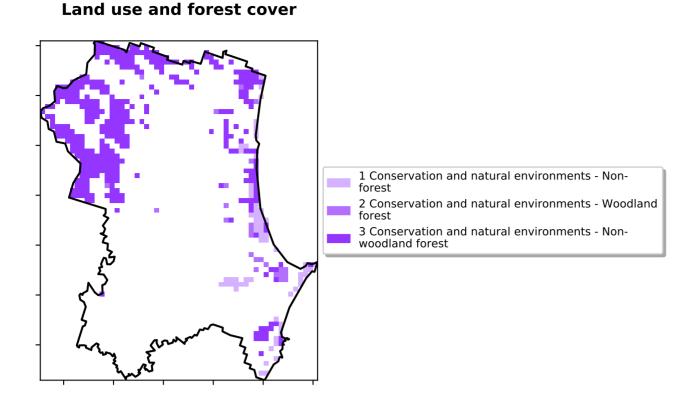
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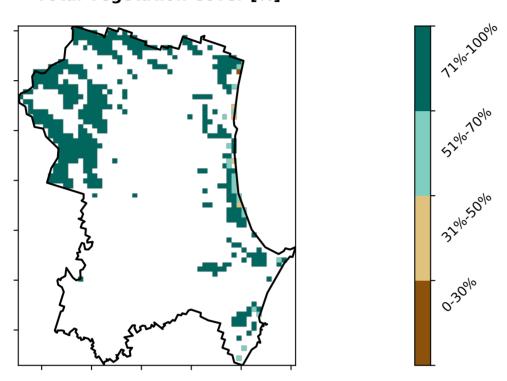
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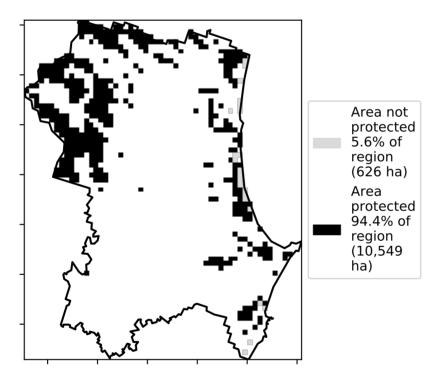
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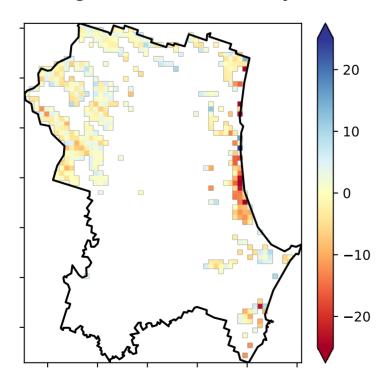
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

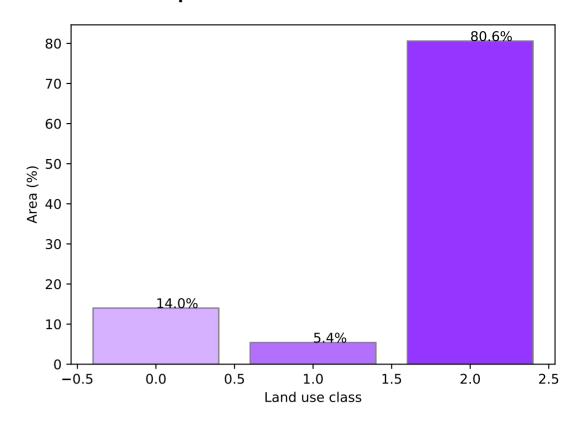


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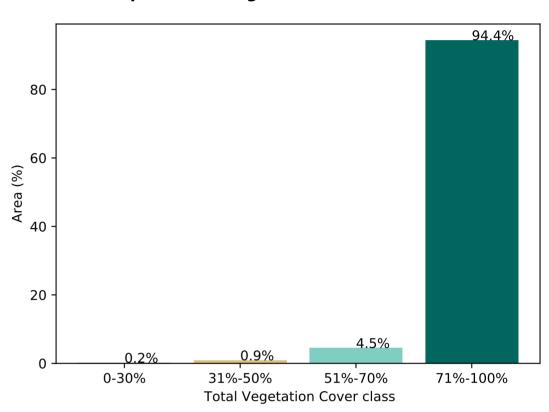


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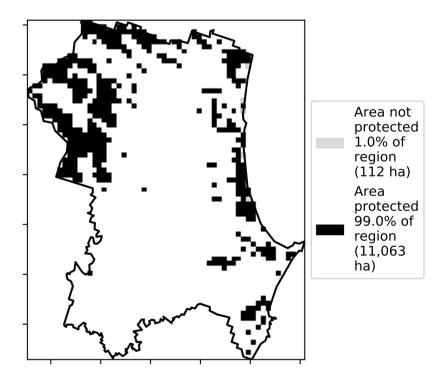
### Proportion of each land class in area

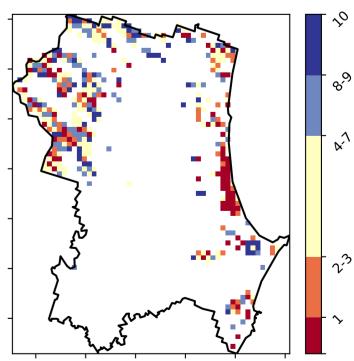


### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





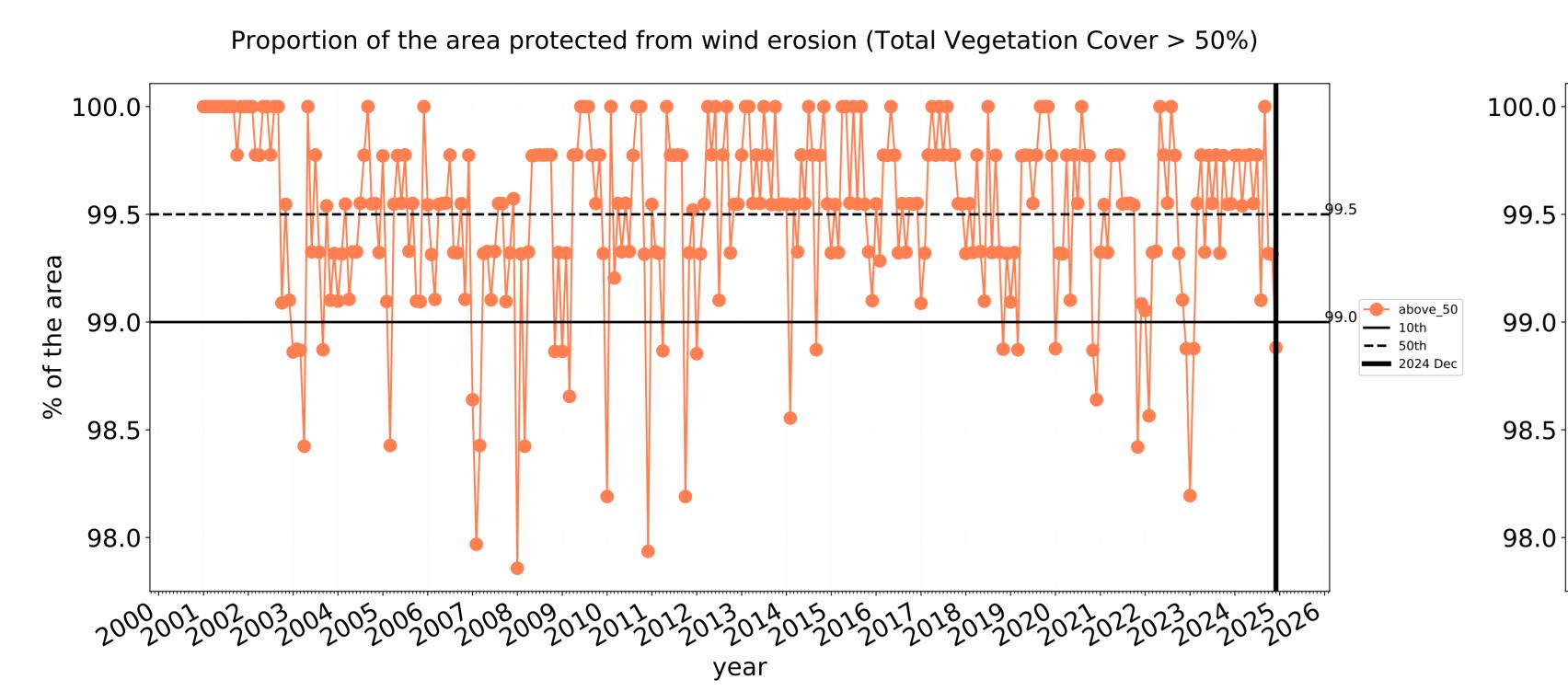


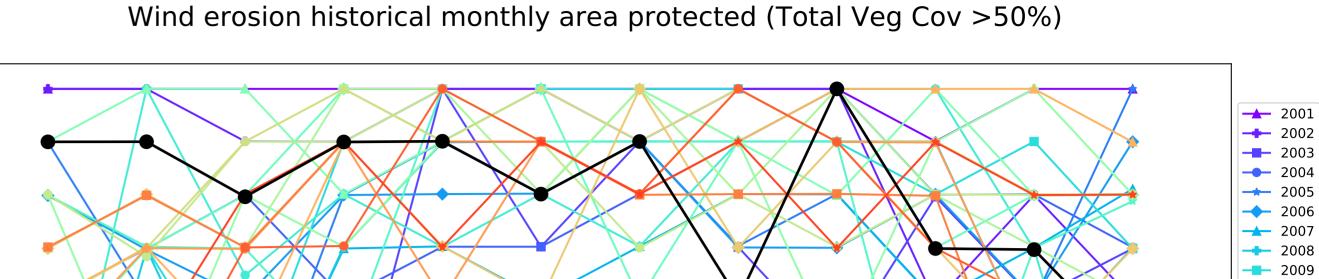


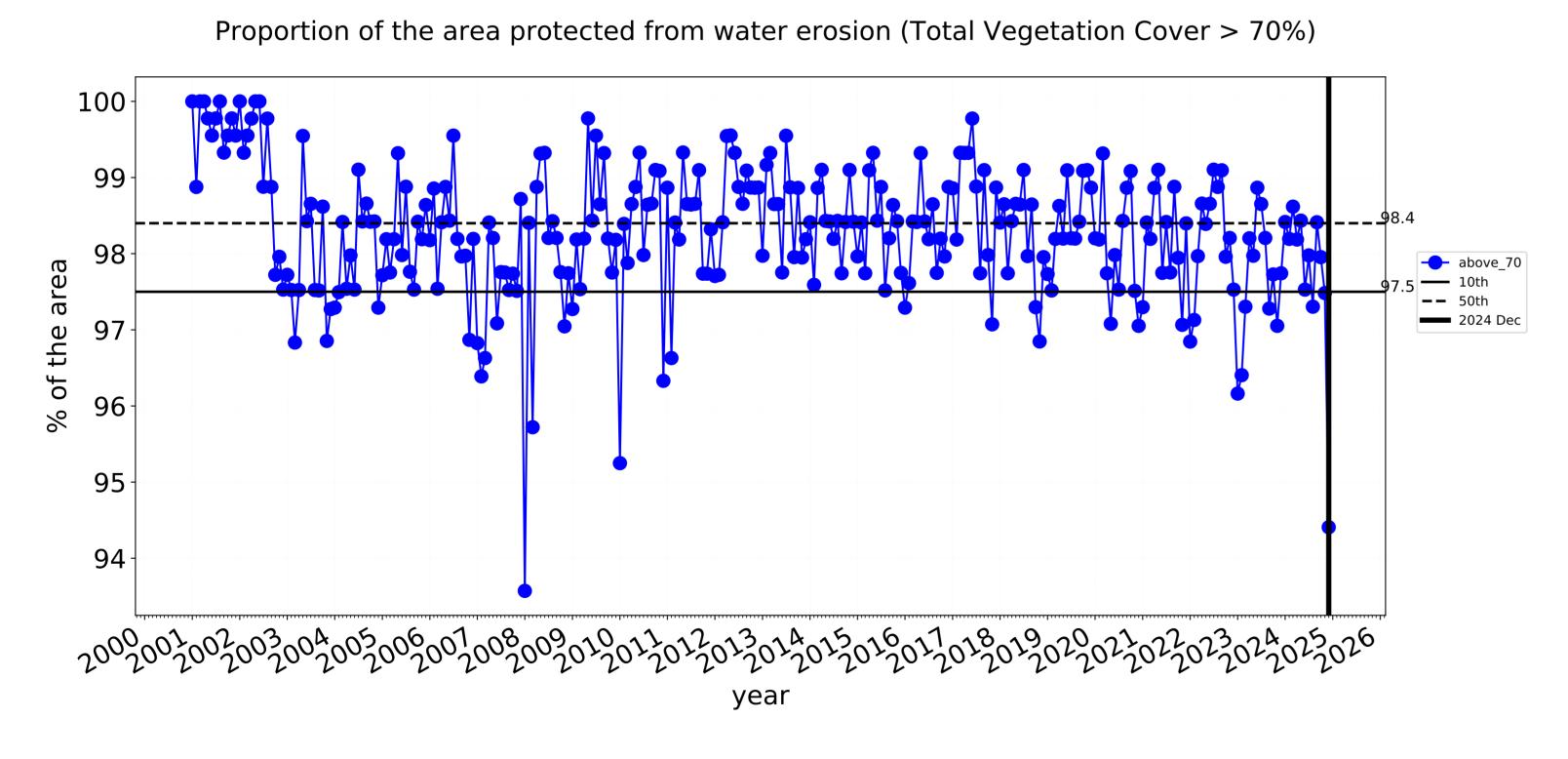


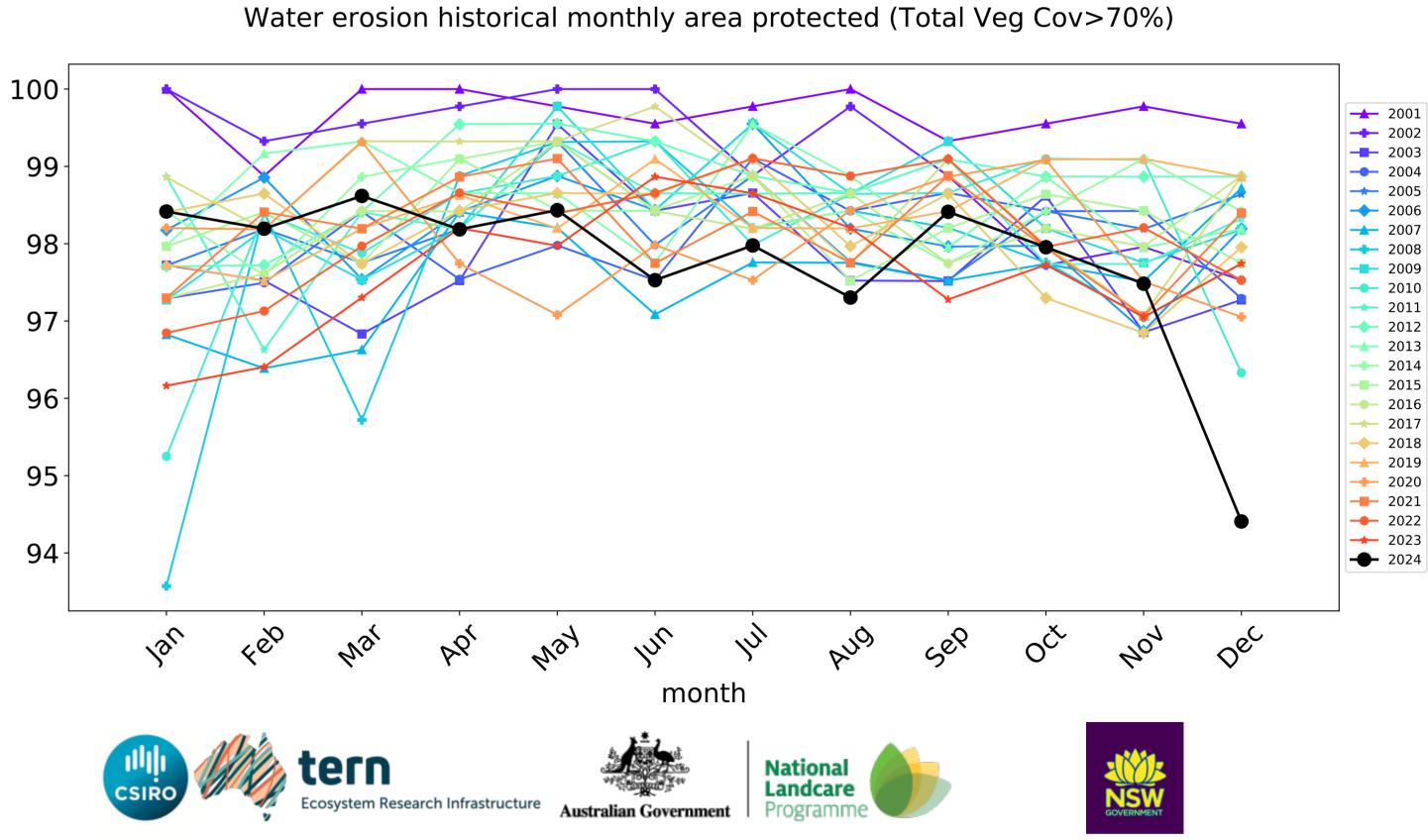


# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**

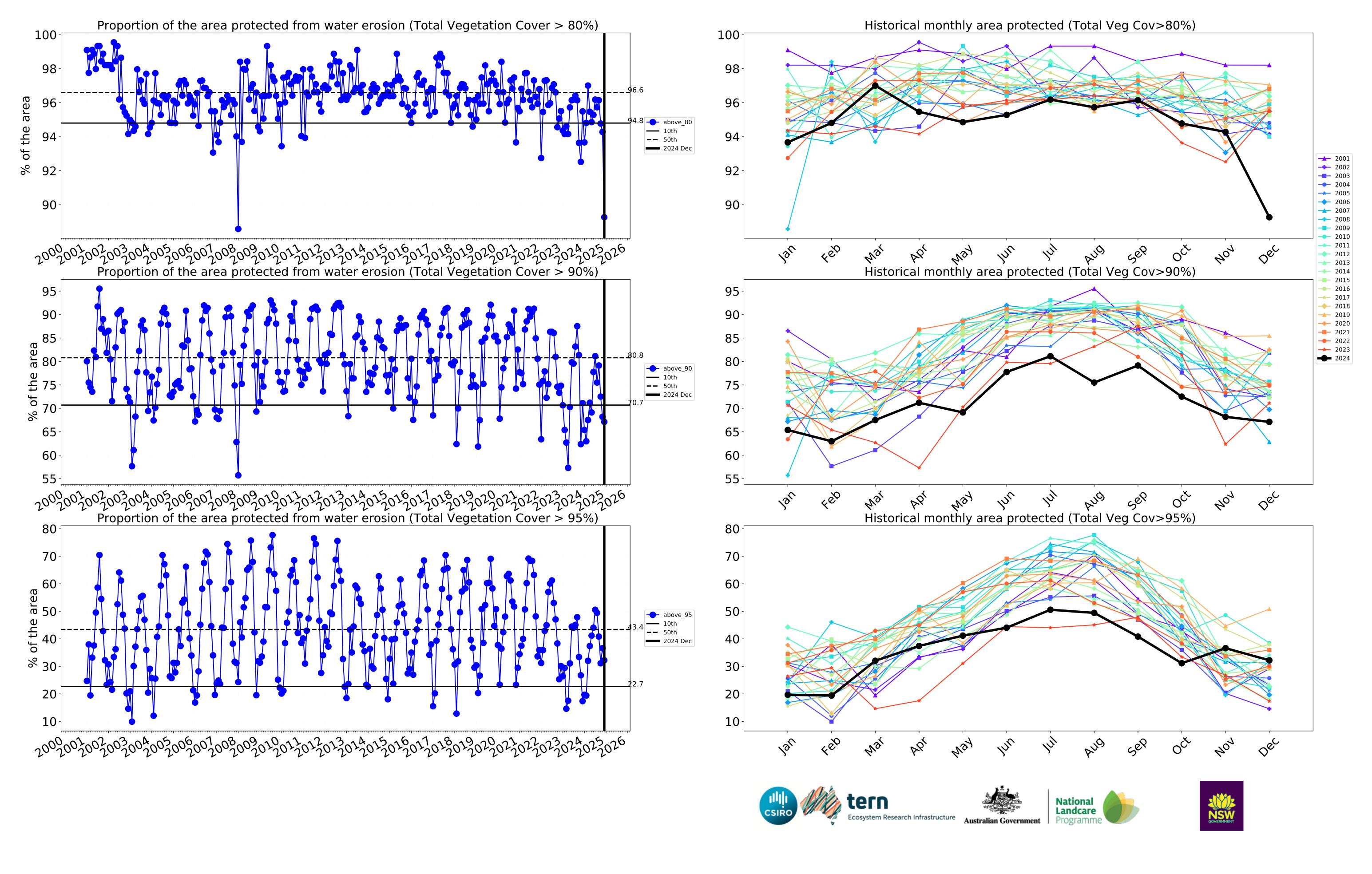








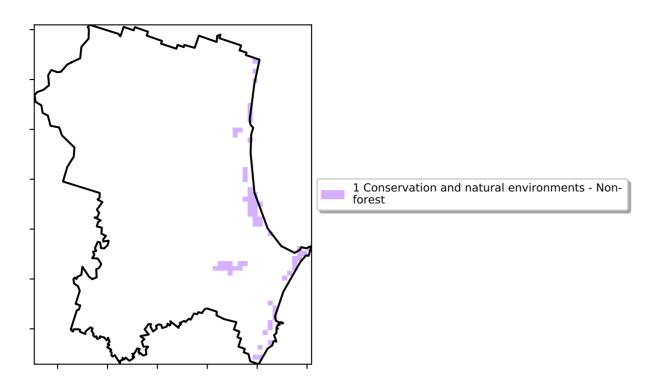
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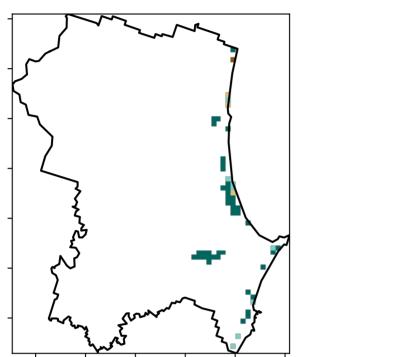
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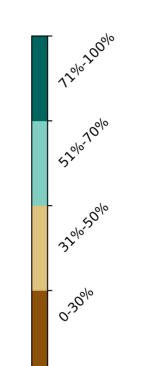
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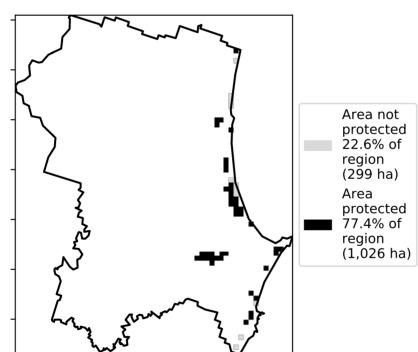


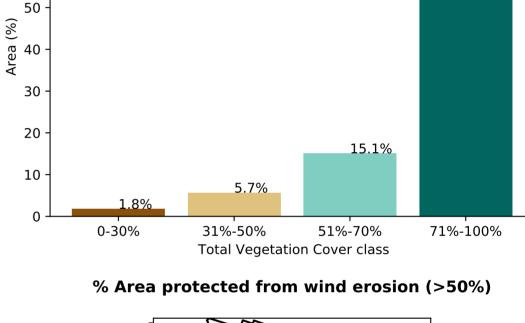
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**





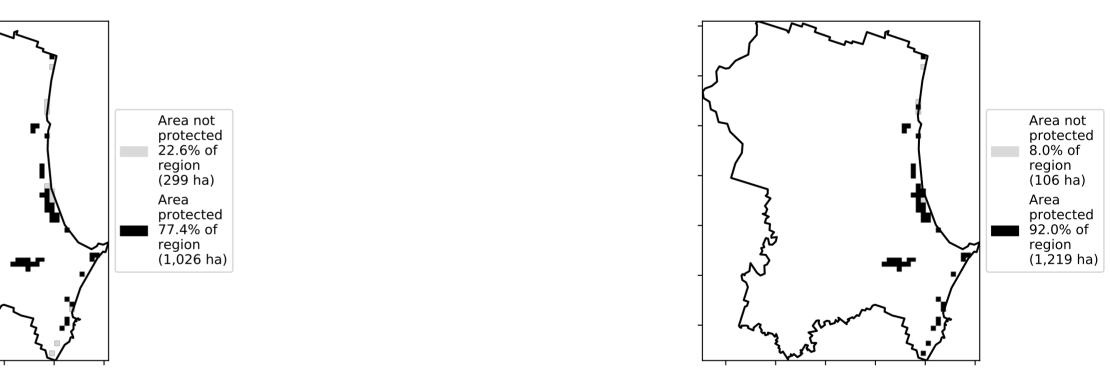
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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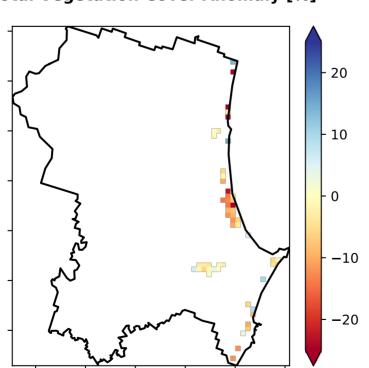


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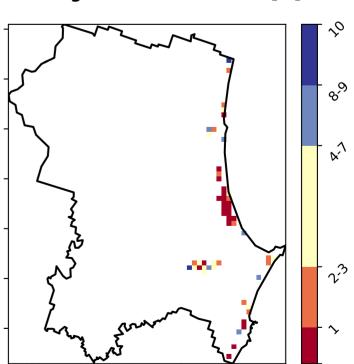
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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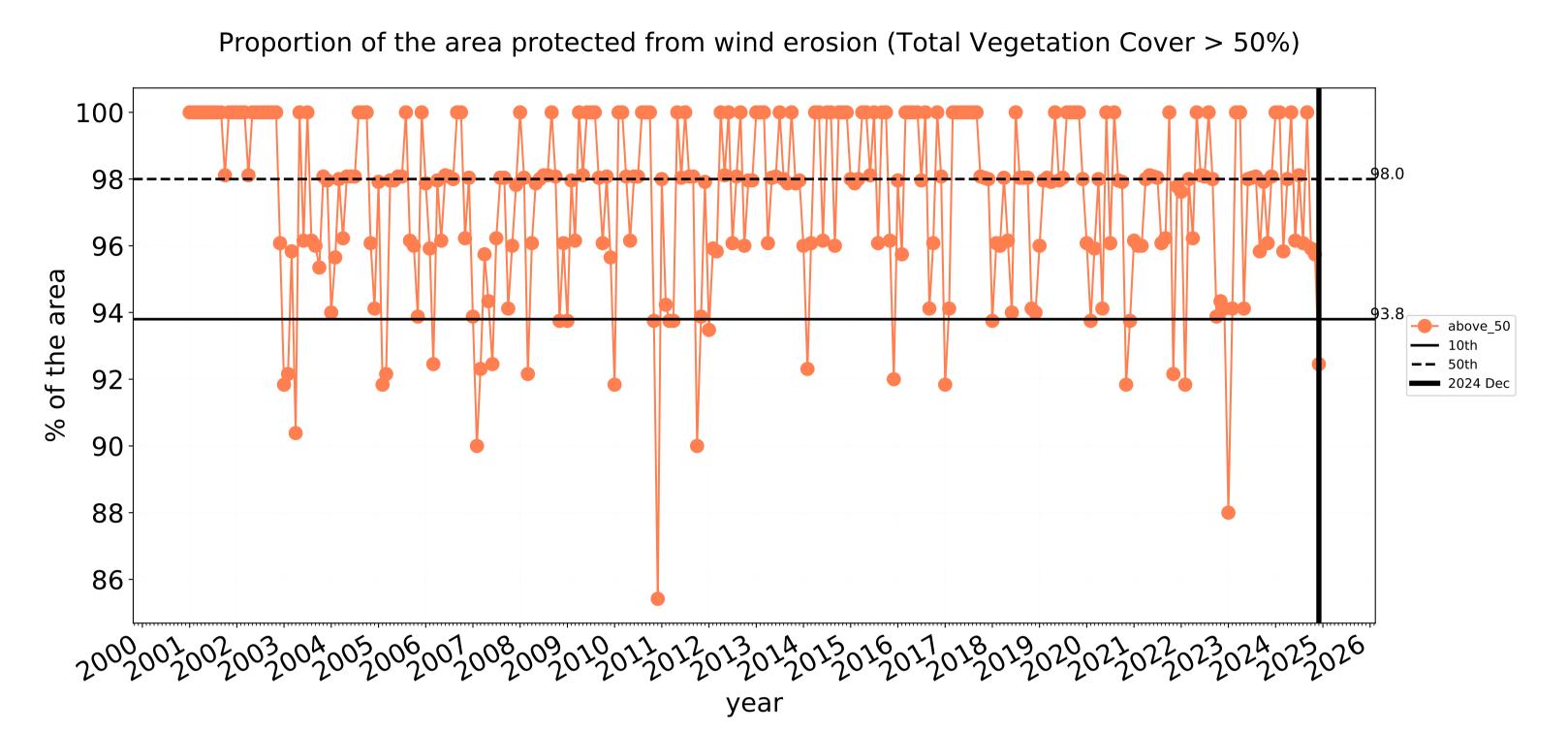


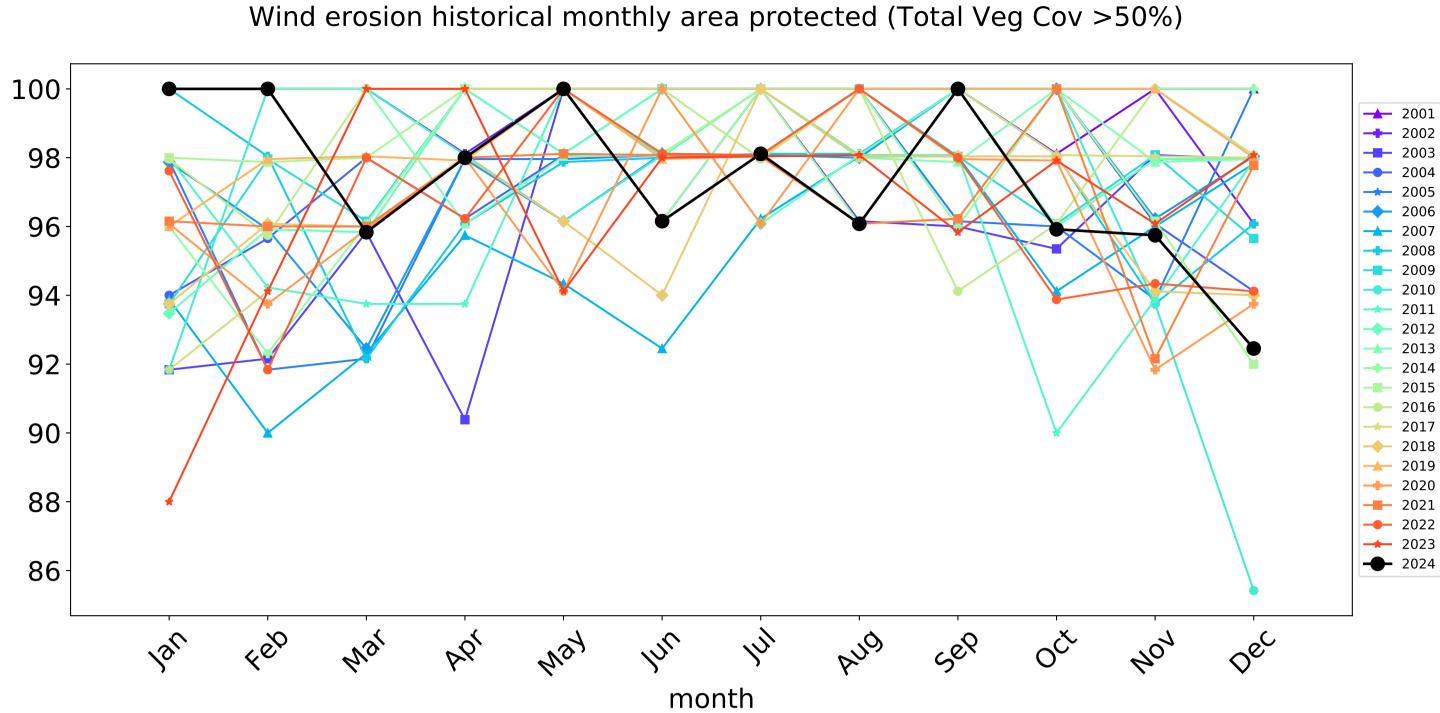


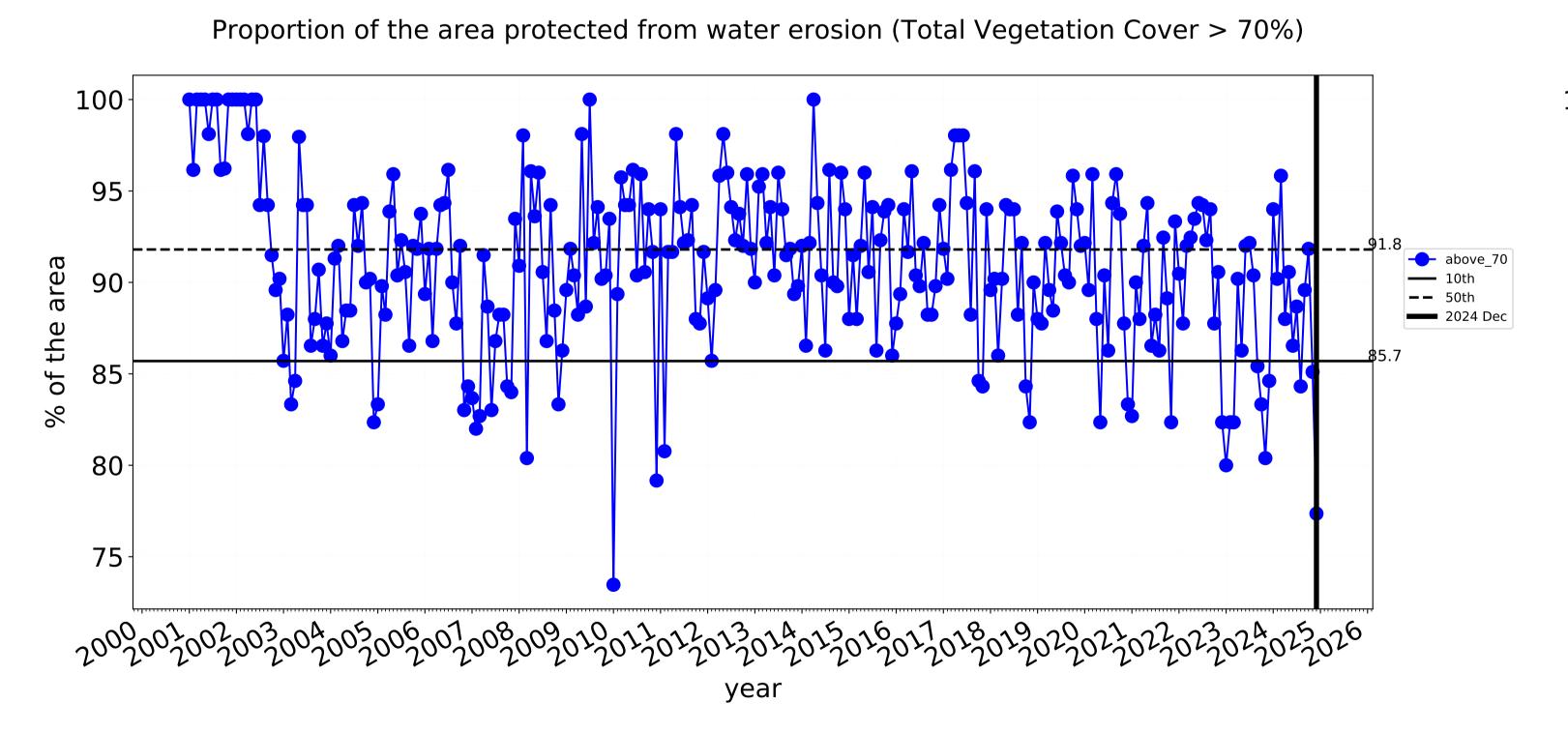


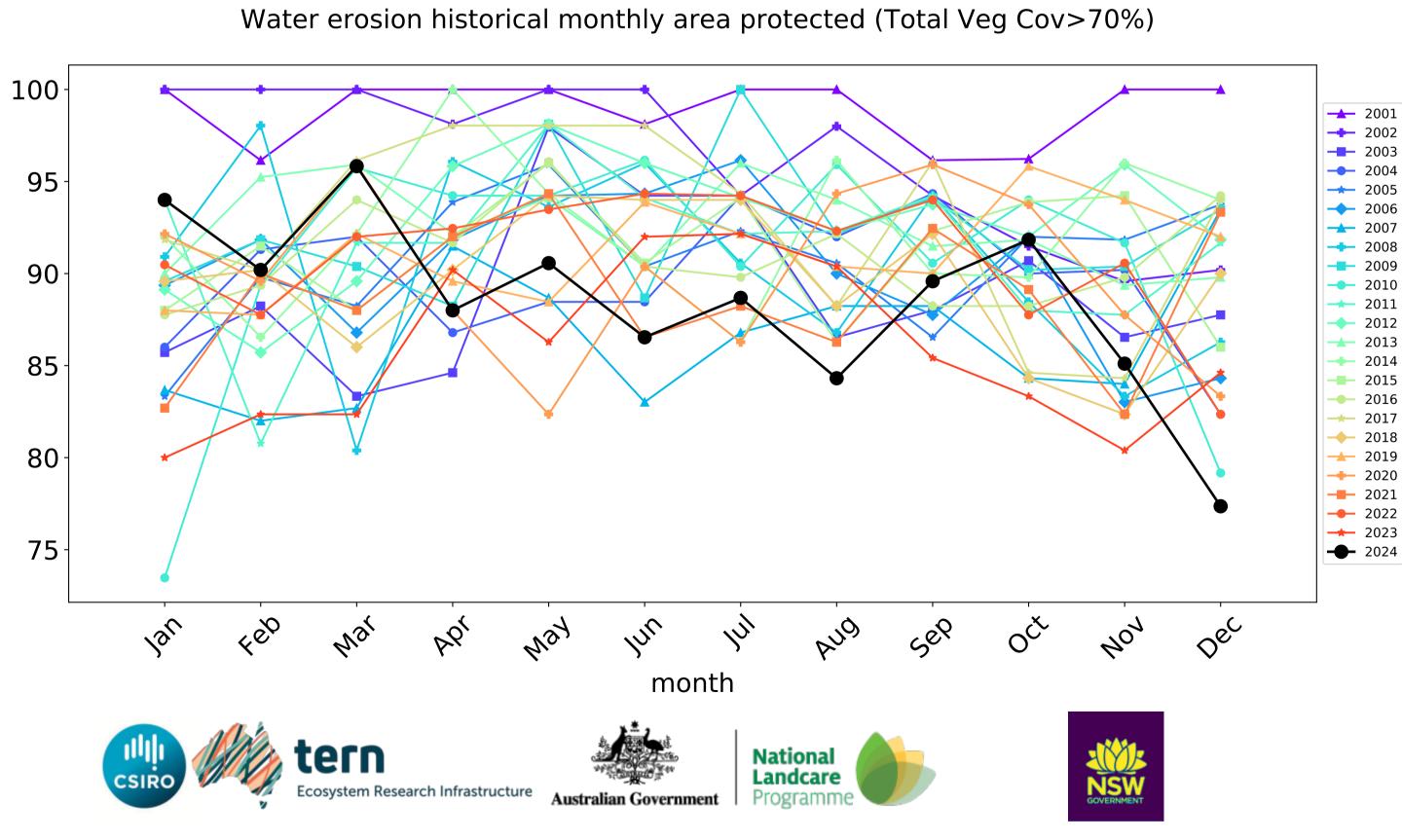


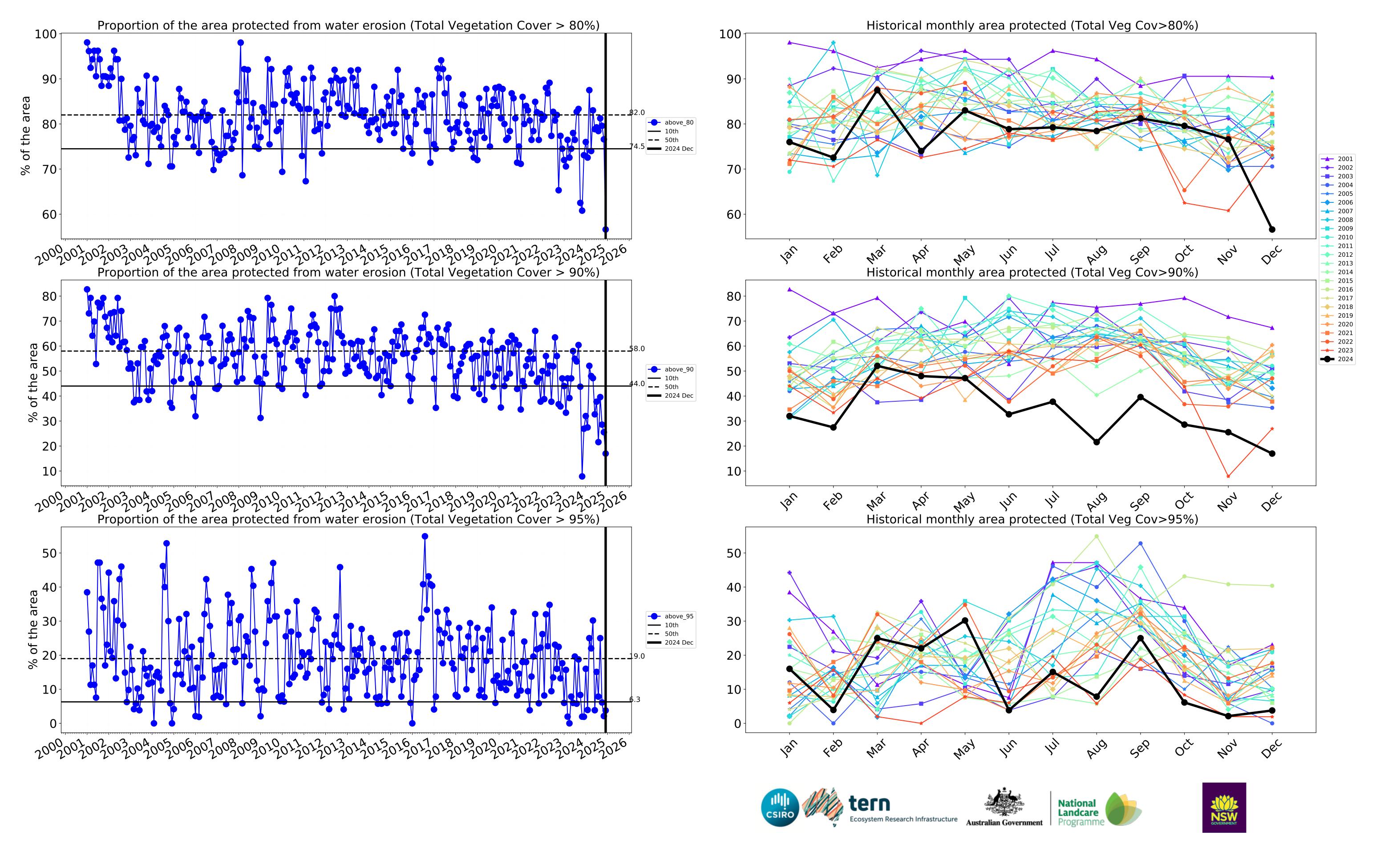
# **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**











# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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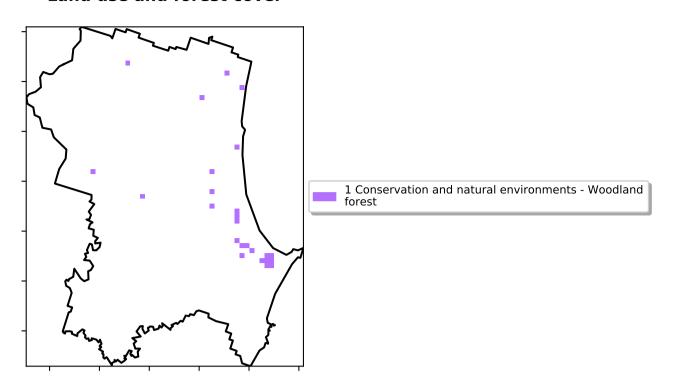
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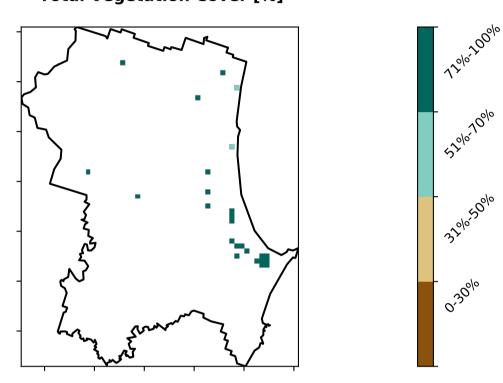
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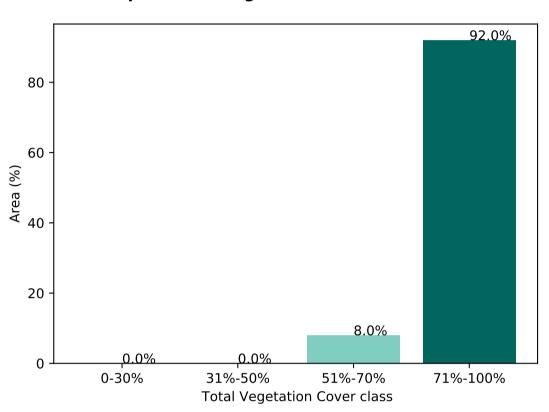
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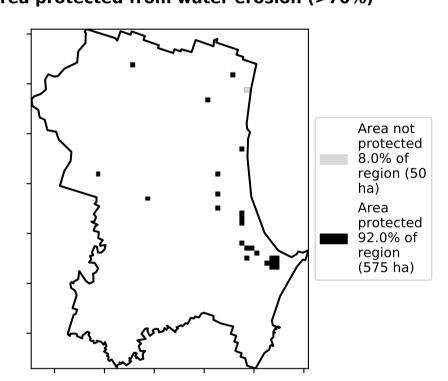
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



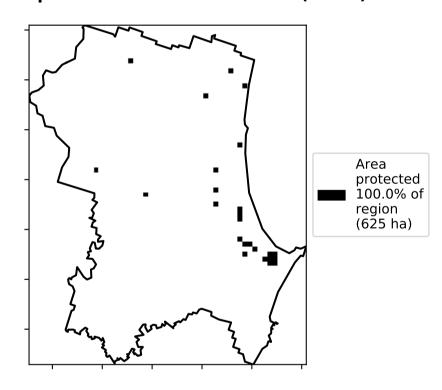
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



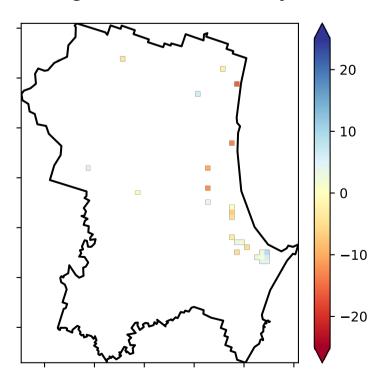
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

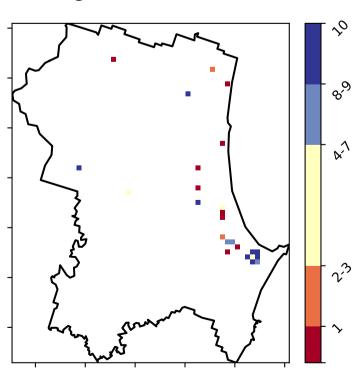


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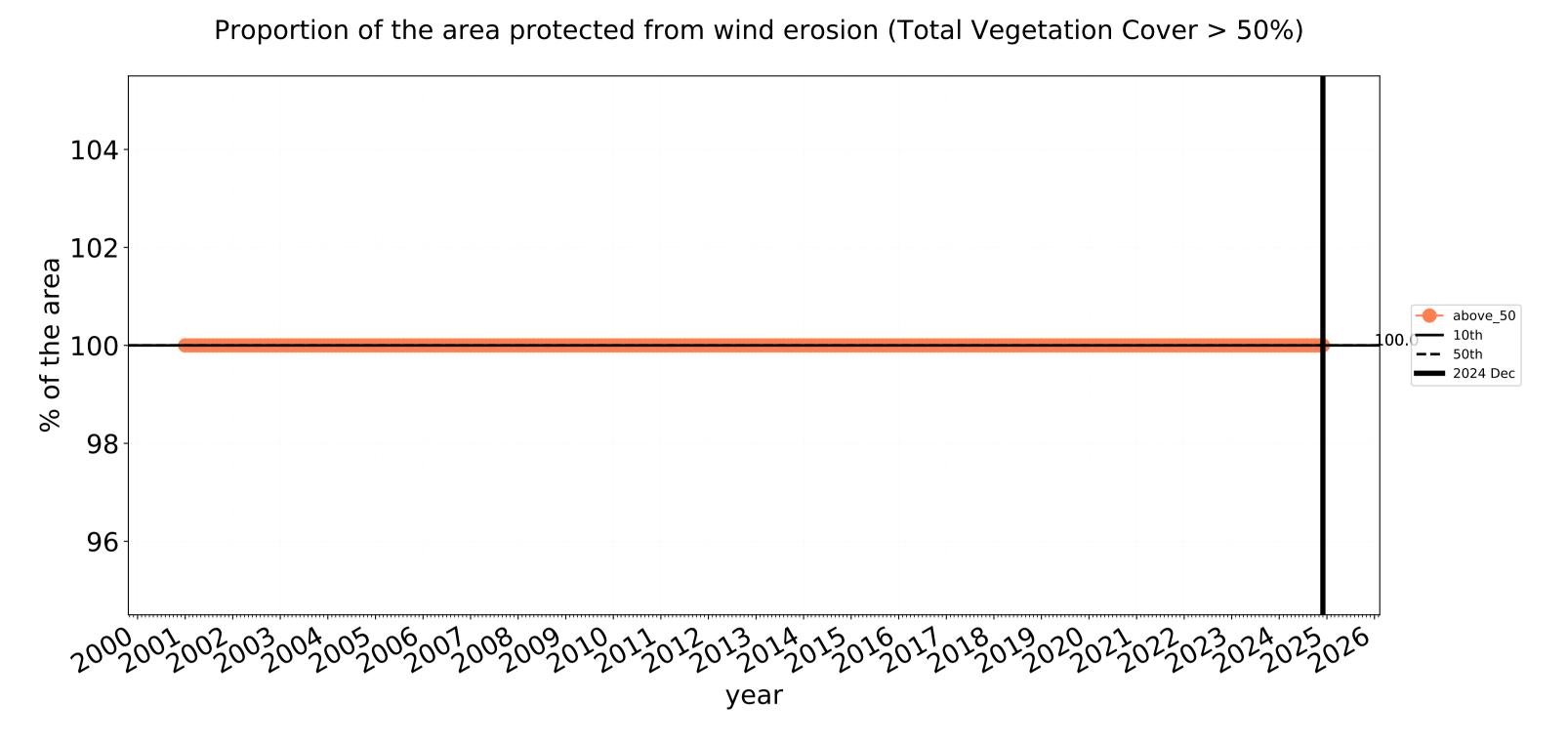




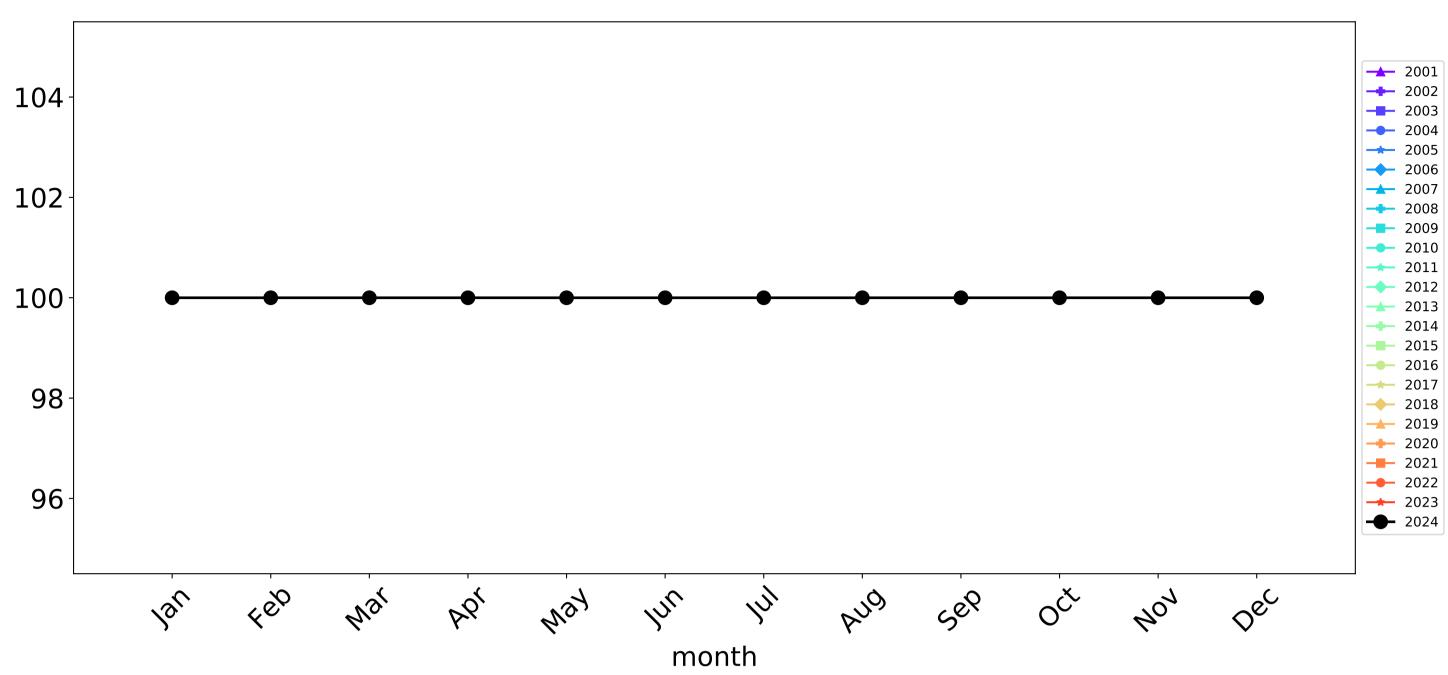


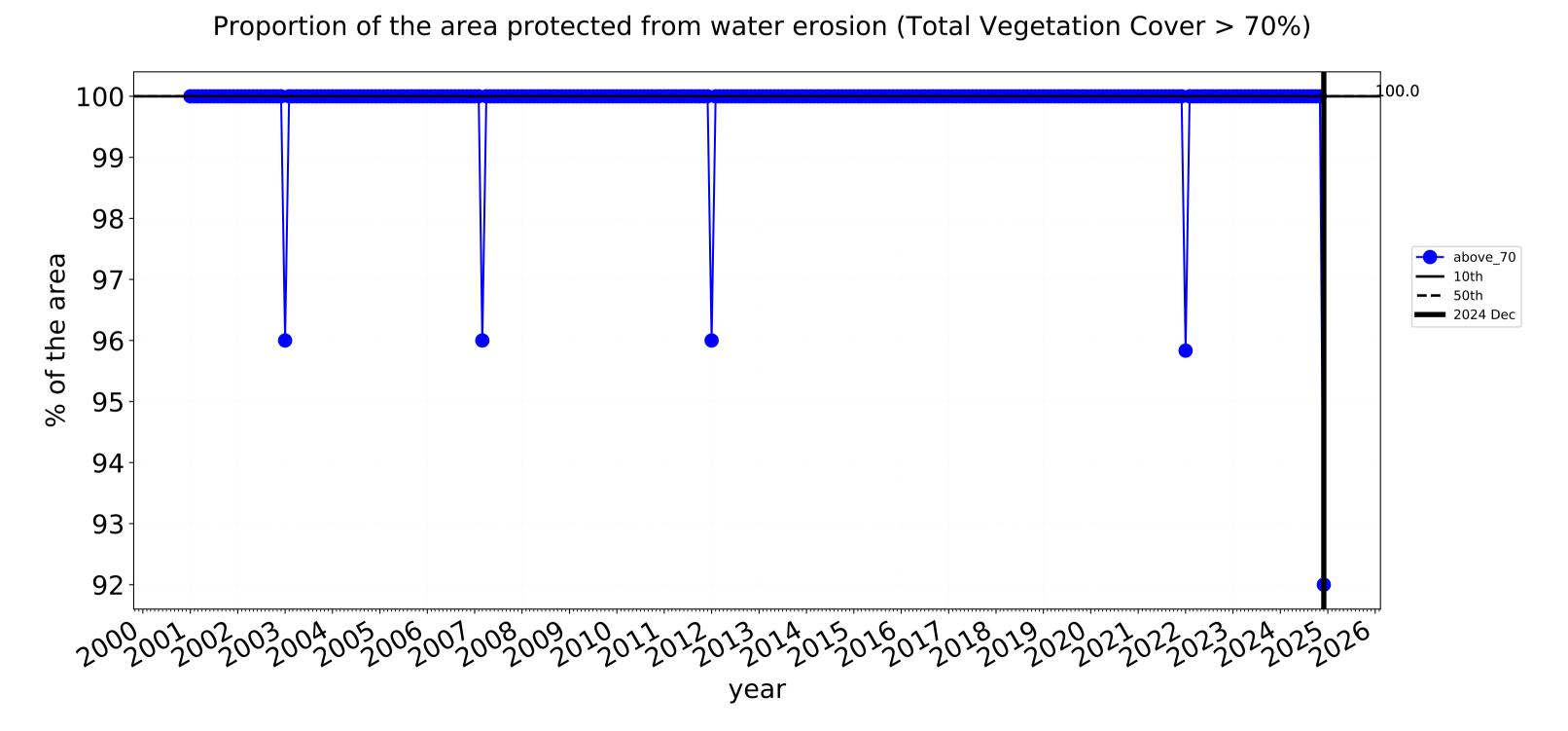


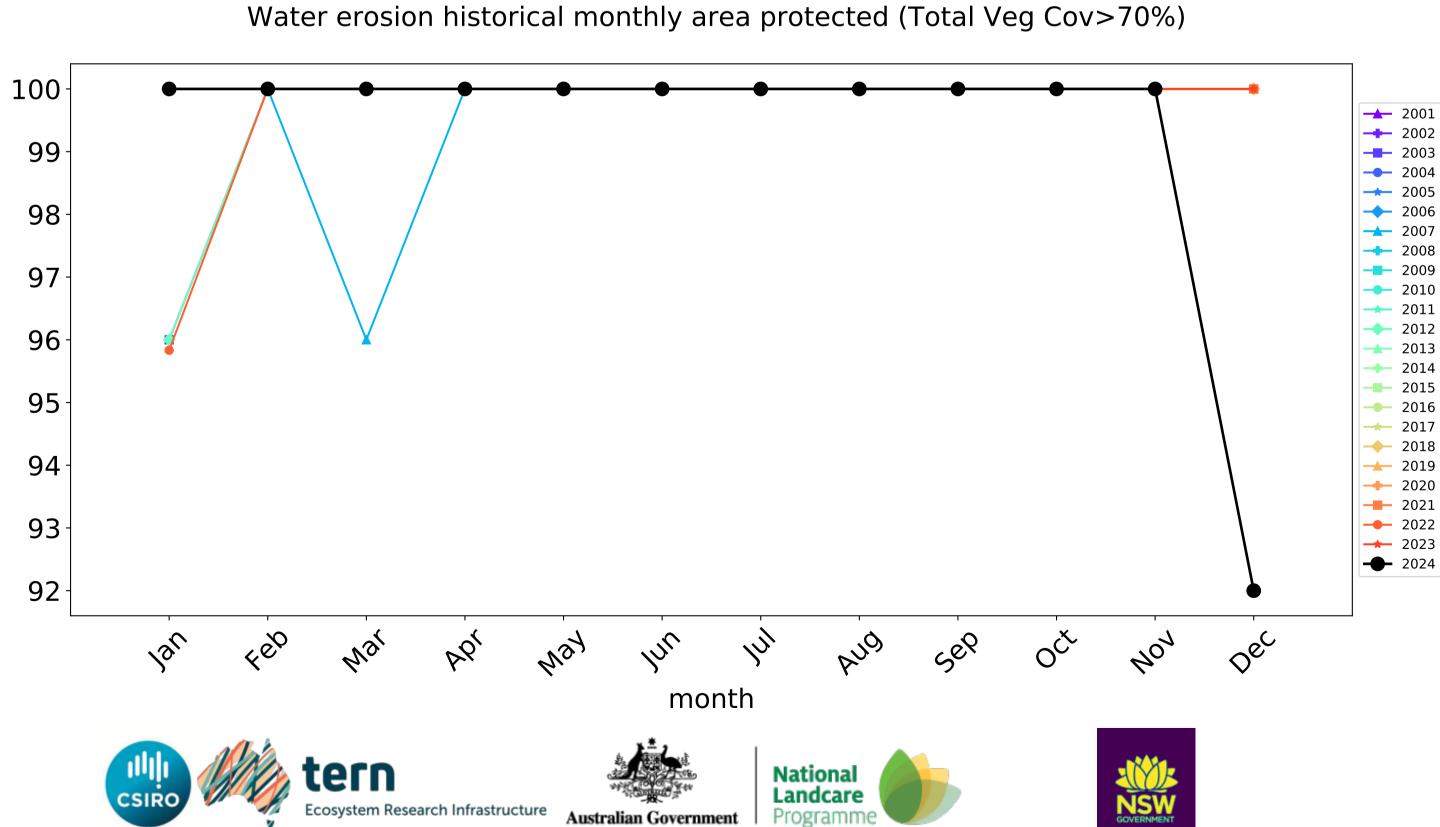
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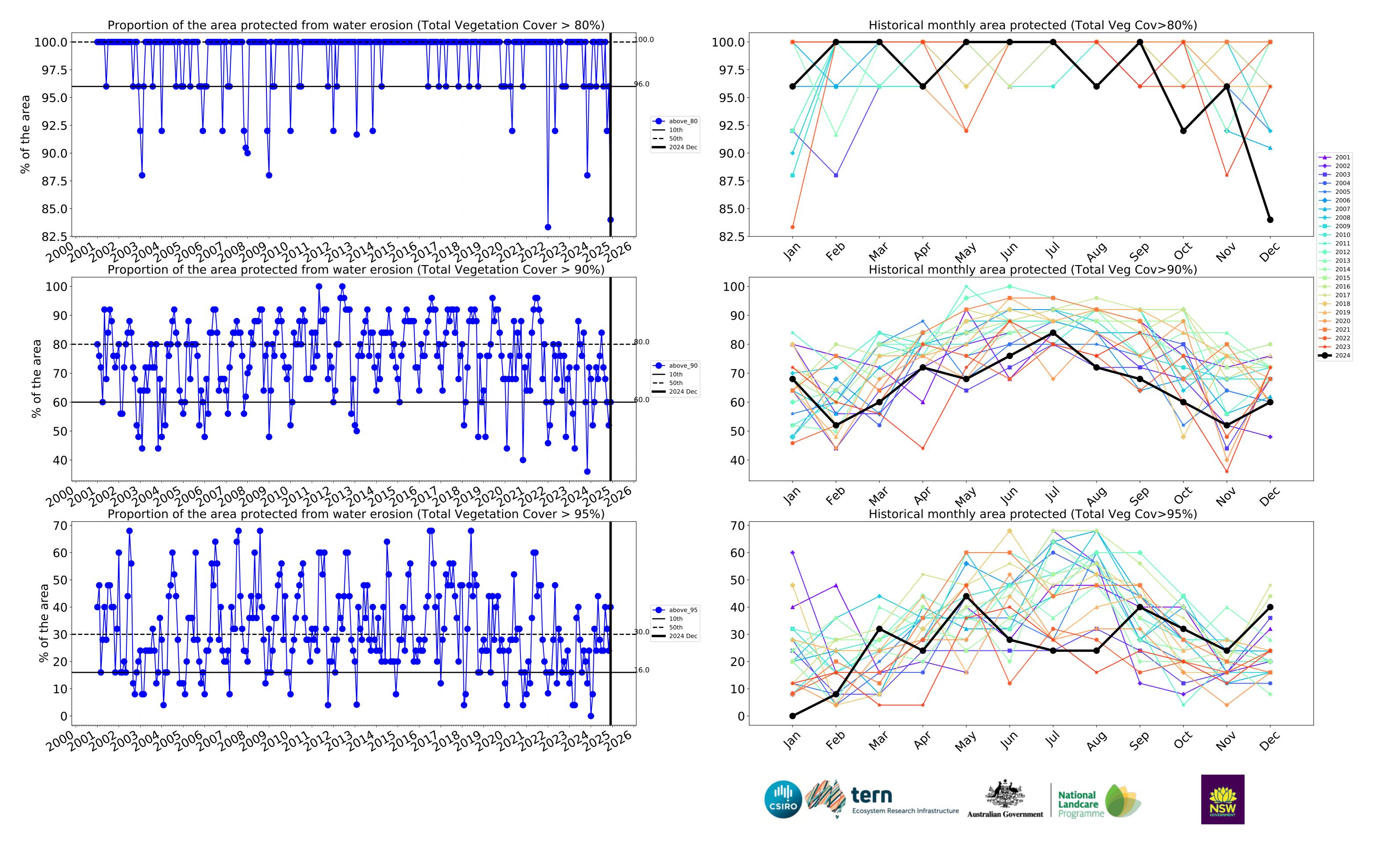


# Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)









# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

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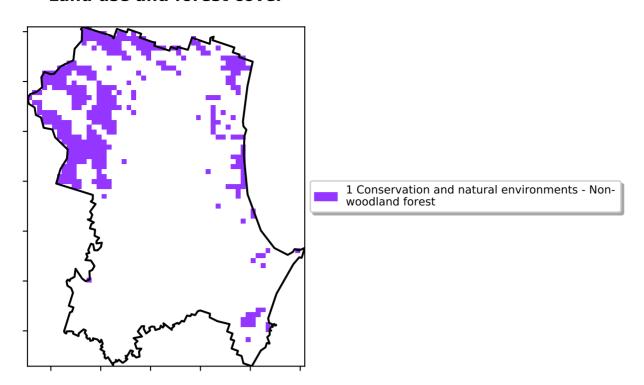
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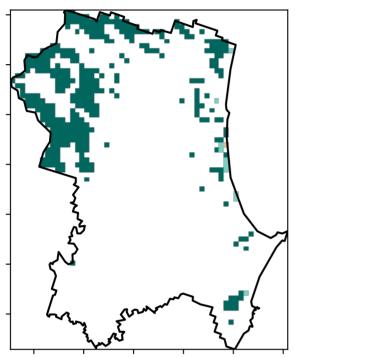
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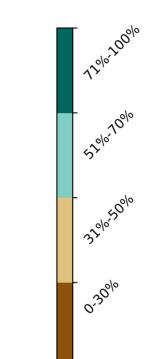
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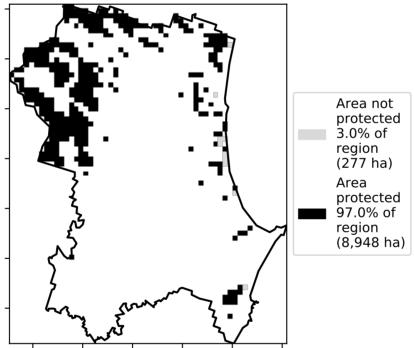


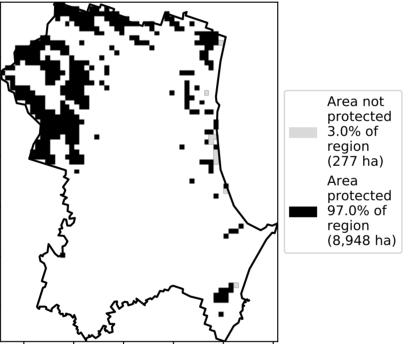
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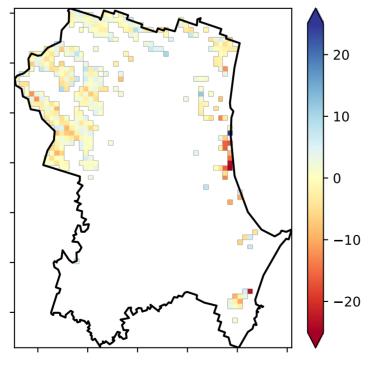


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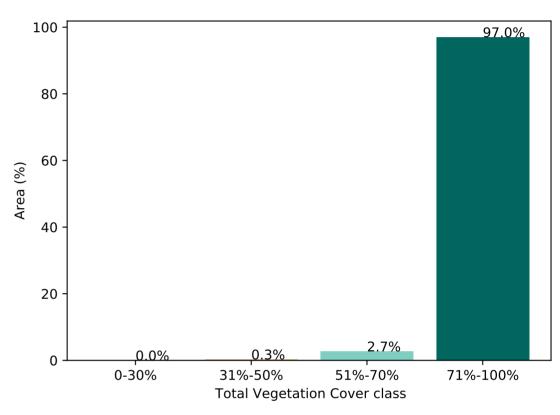


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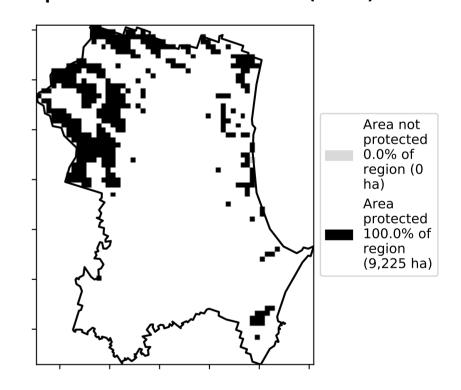


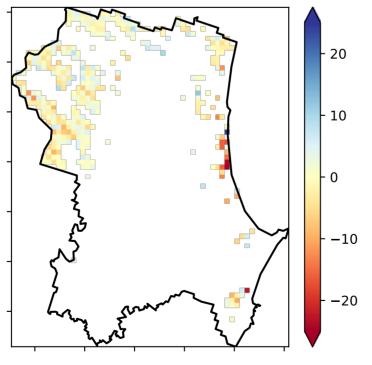
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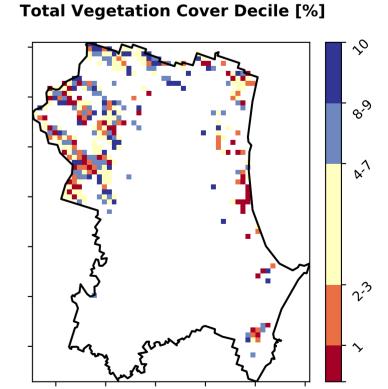
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









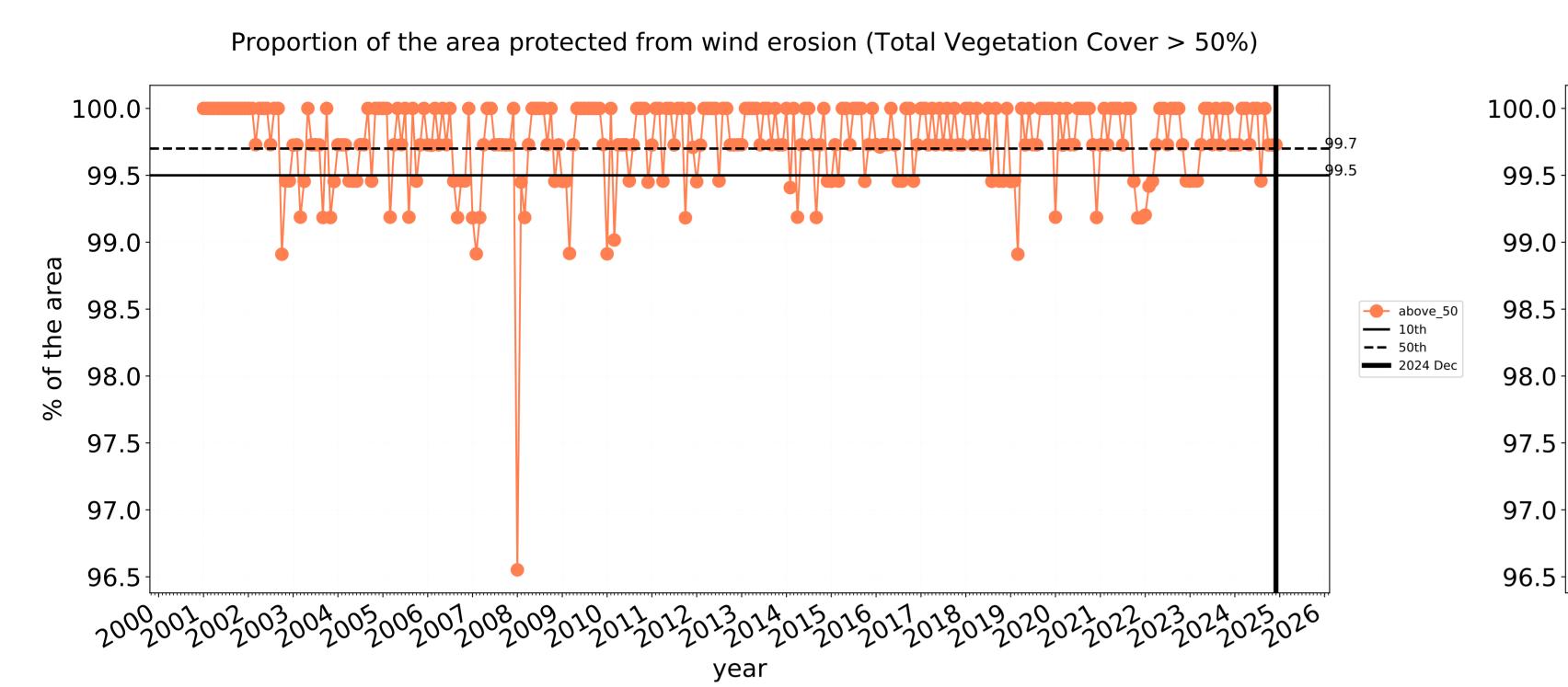












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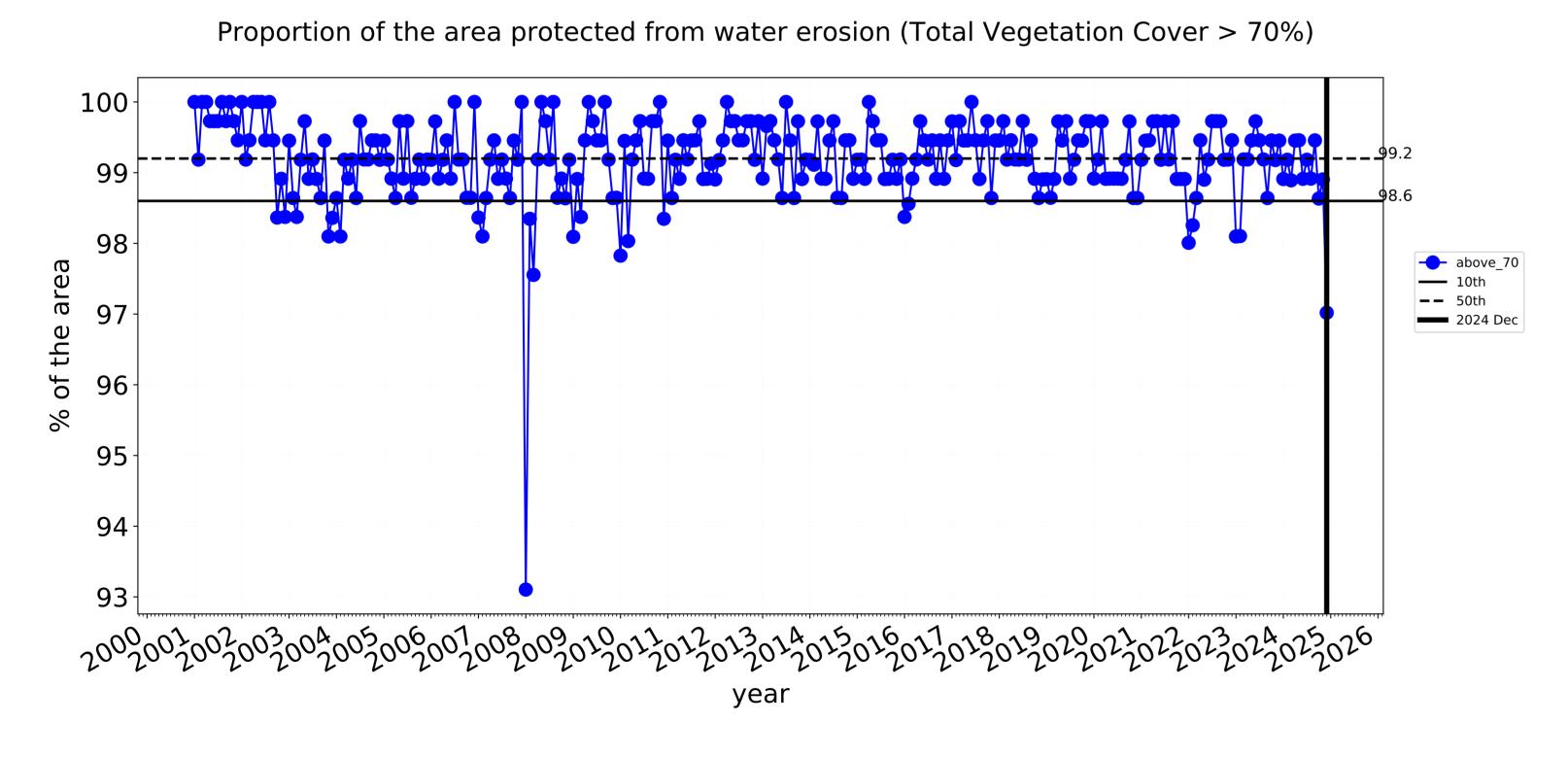
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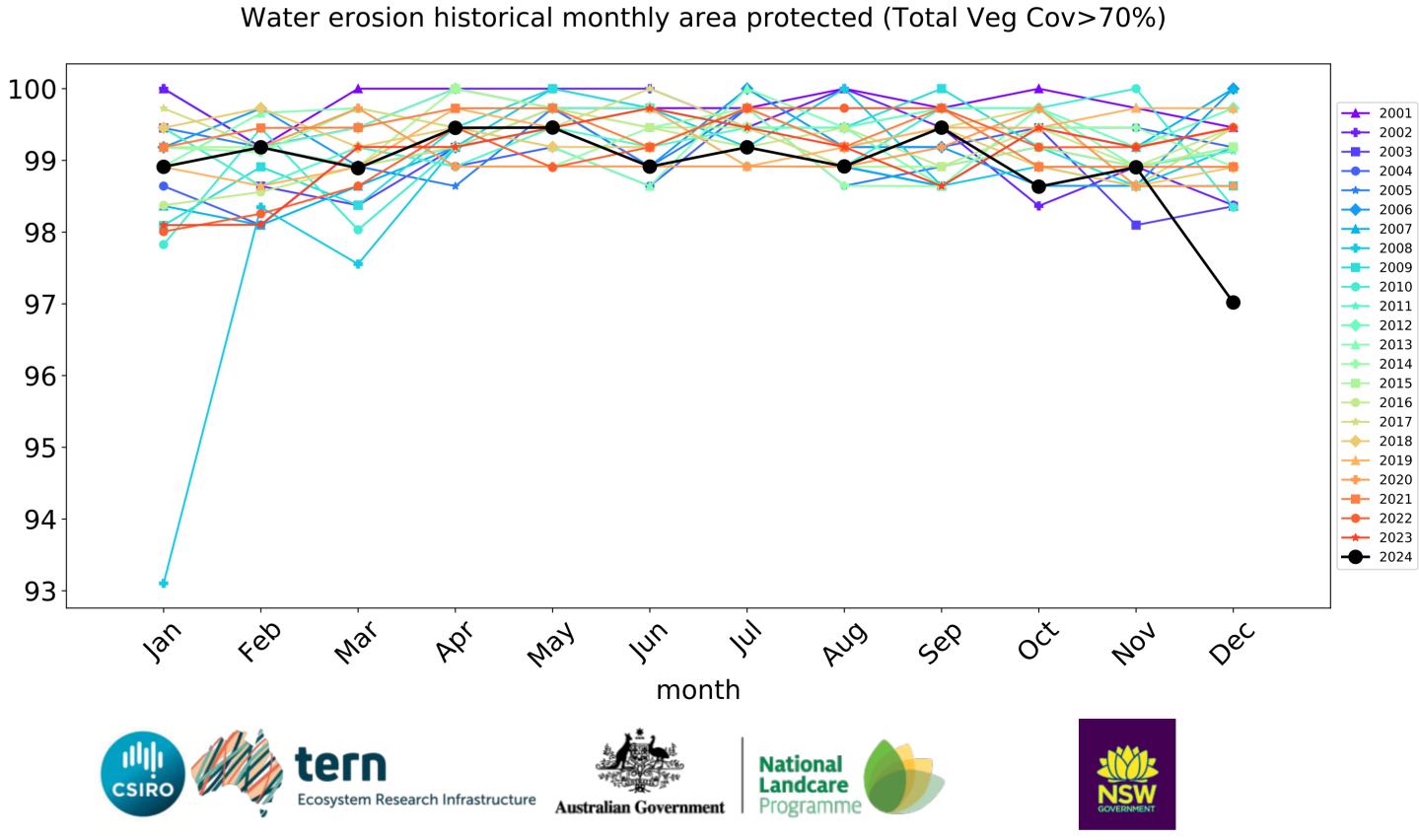
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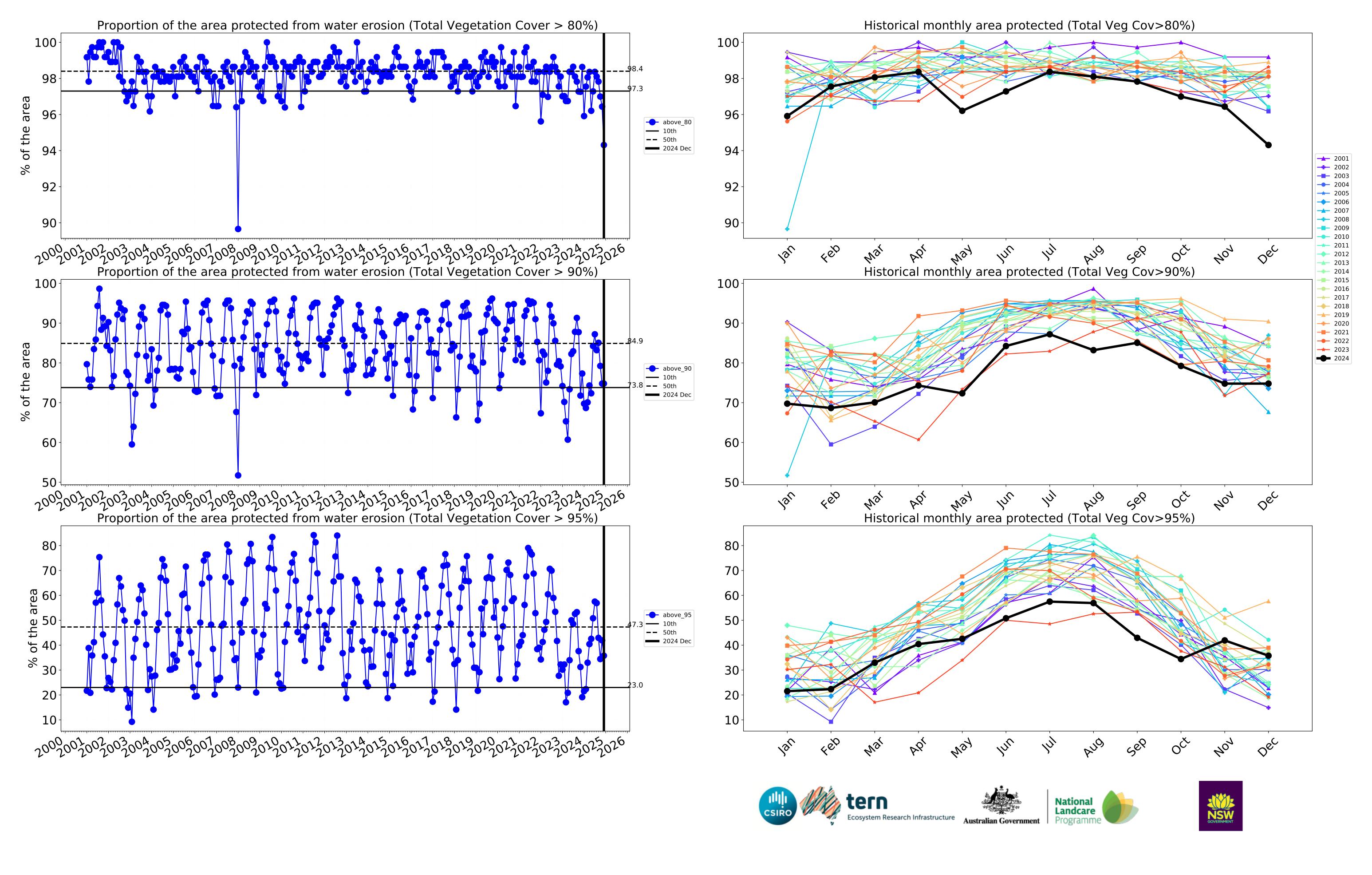
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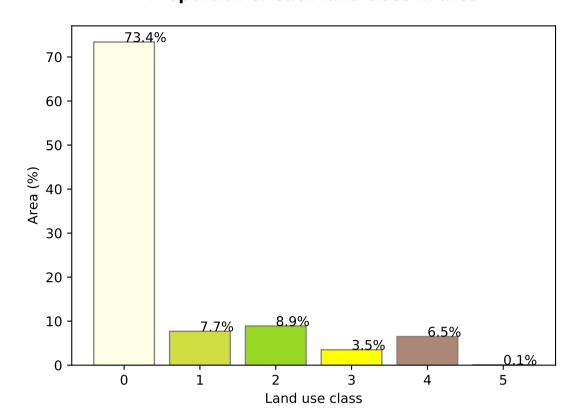


# **Agriculture**

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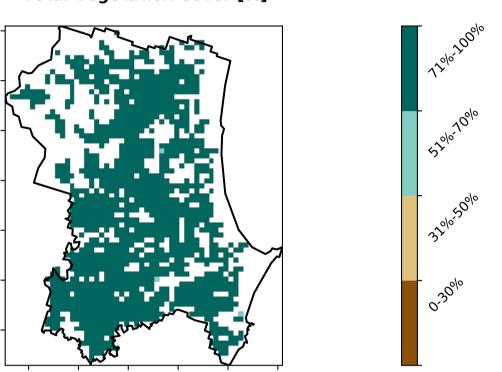
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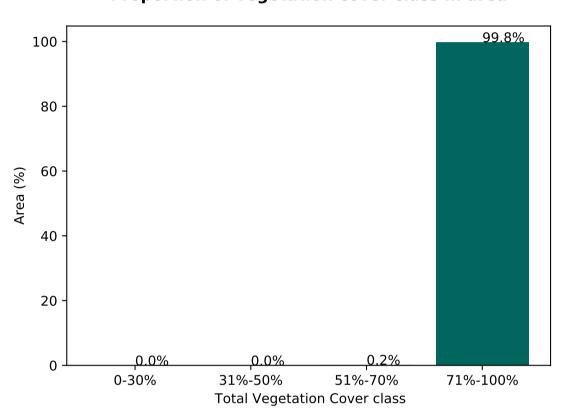


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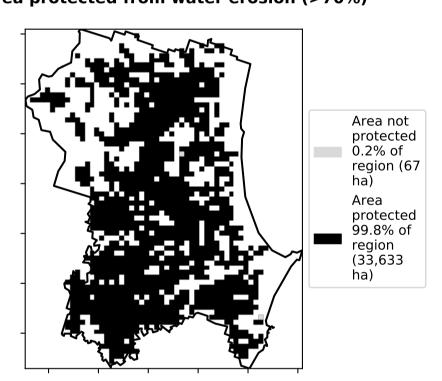




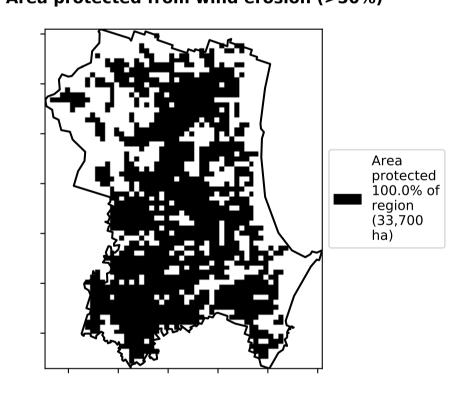
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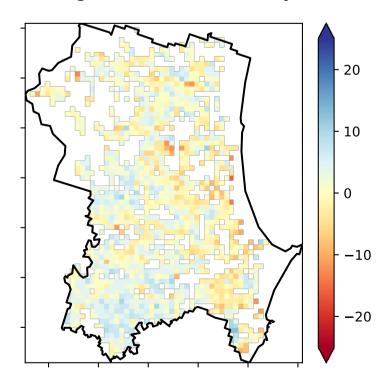
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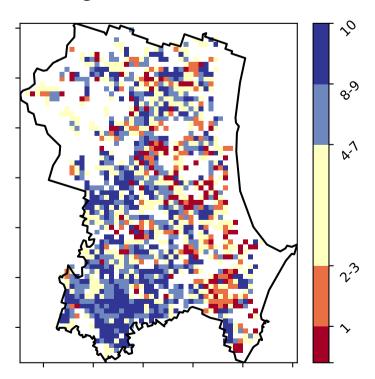


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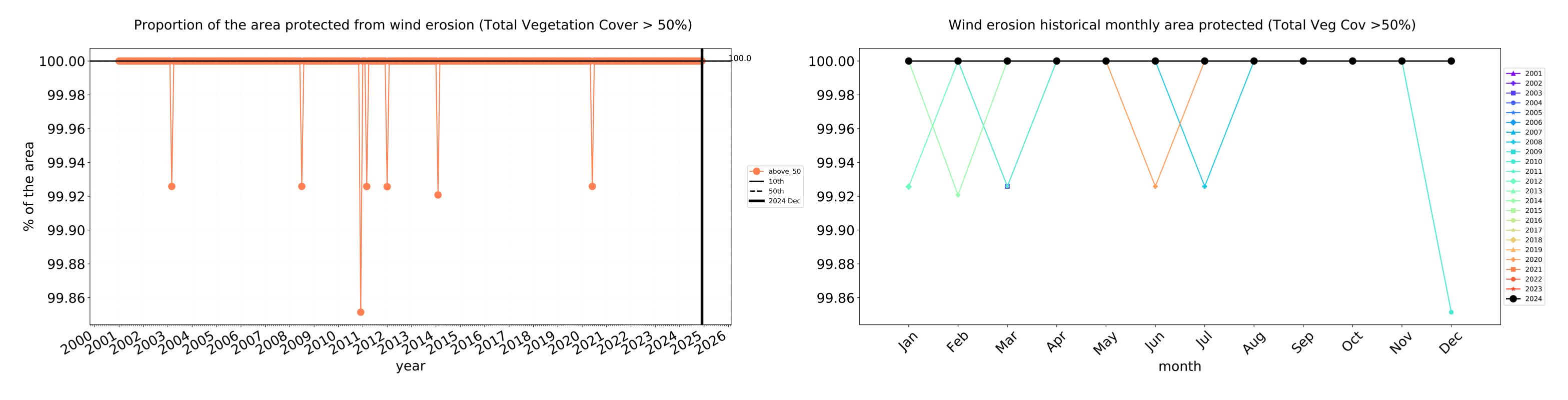


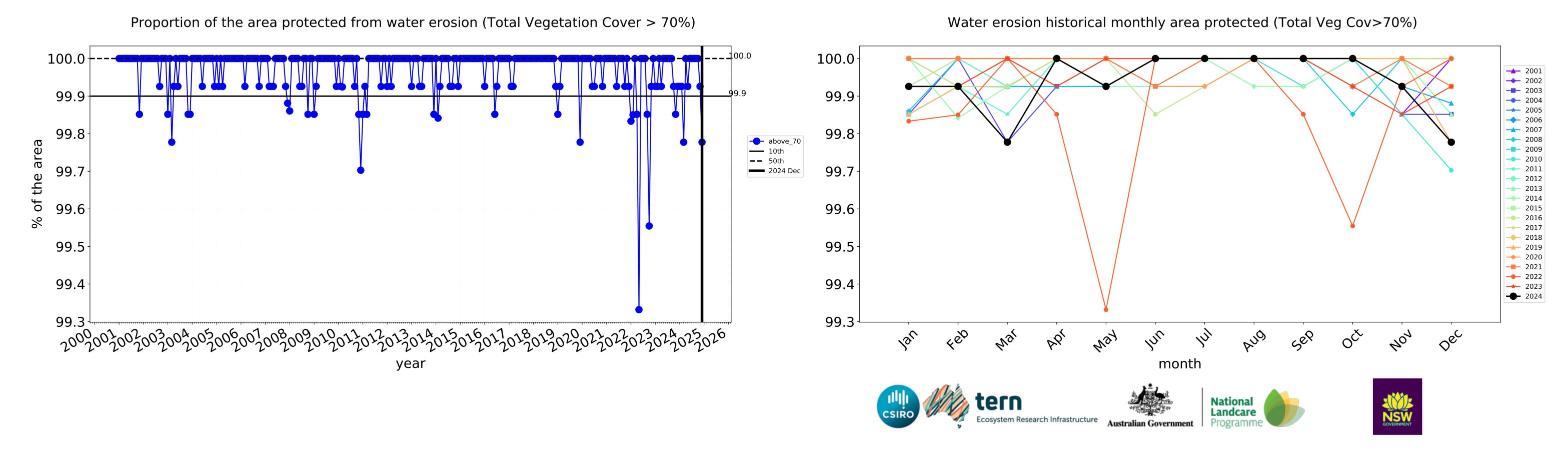


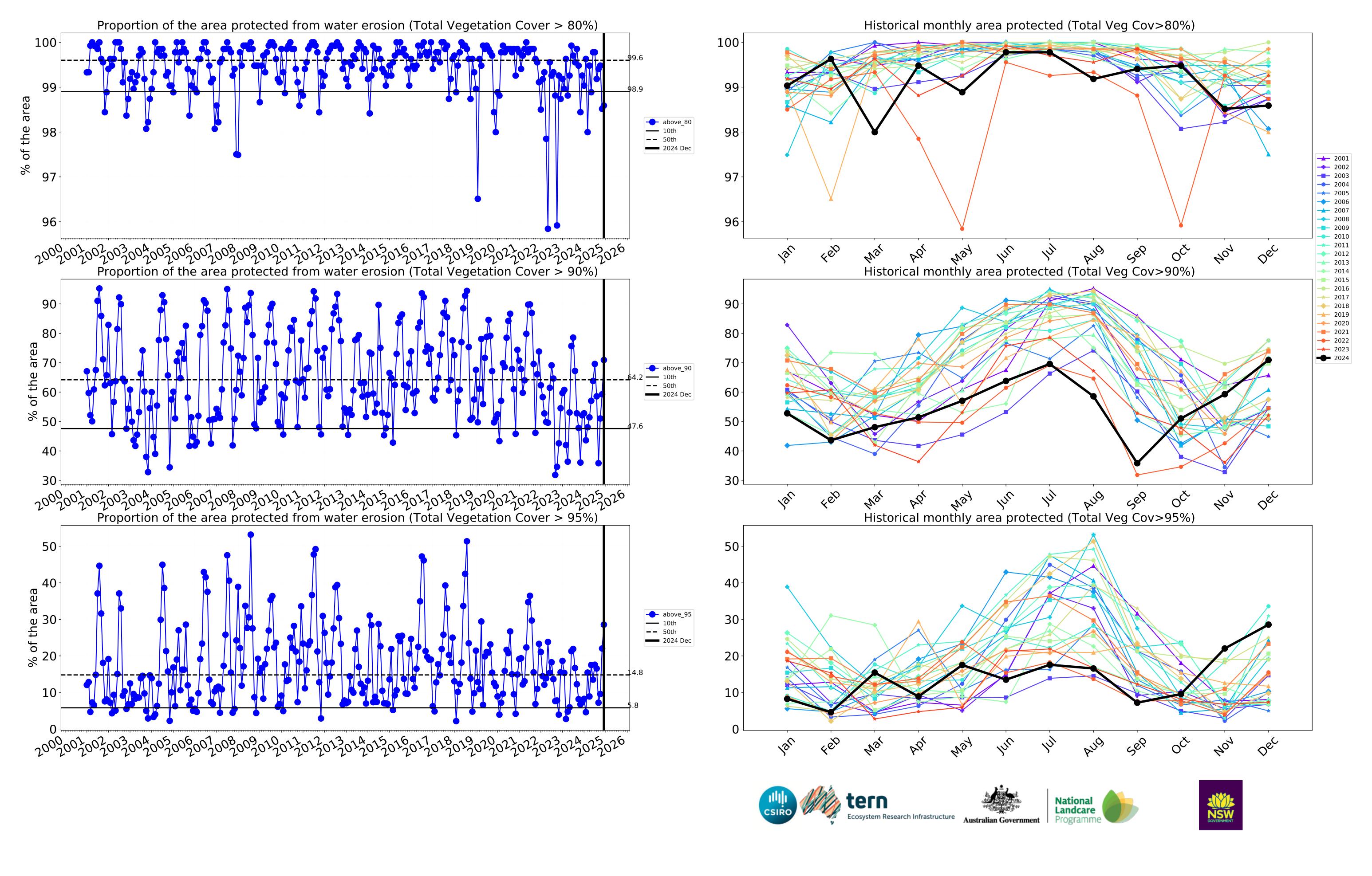




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# **Grazing**

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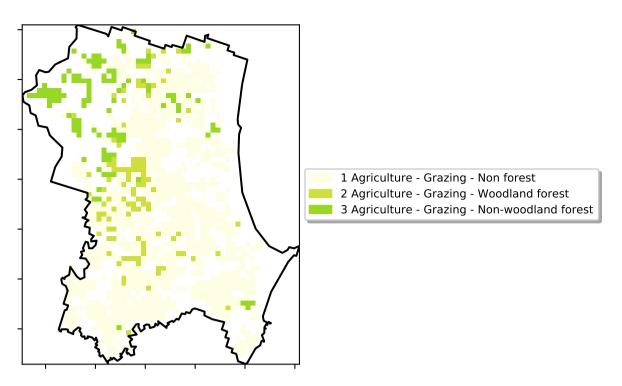
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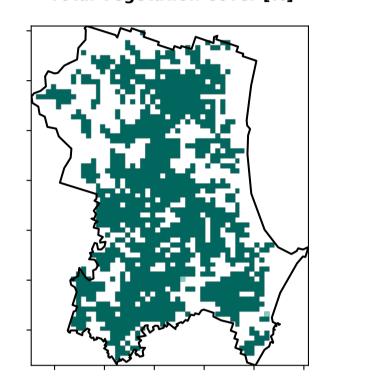
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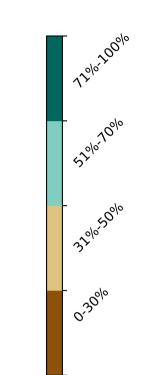
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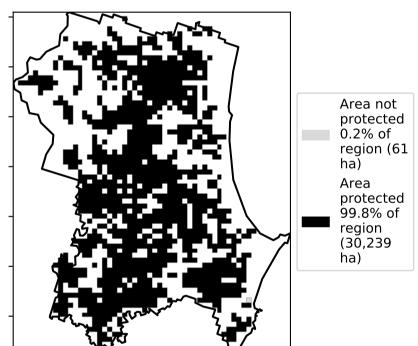


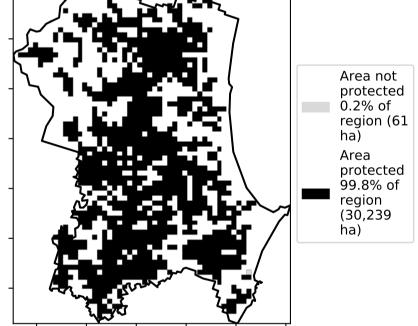
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



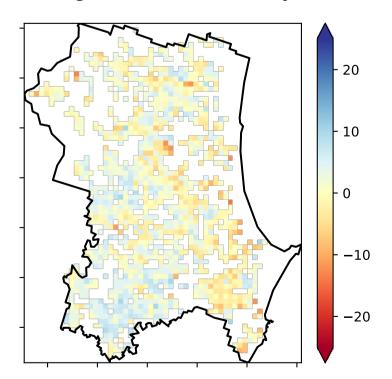


### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



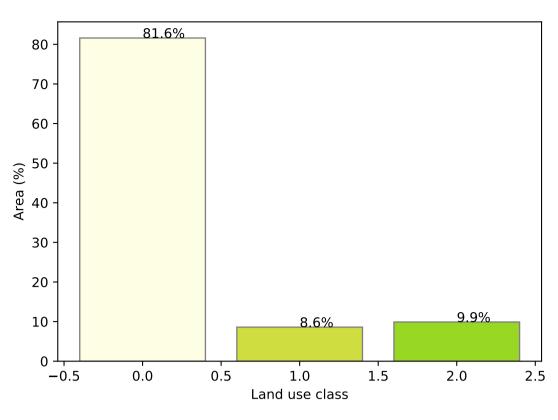


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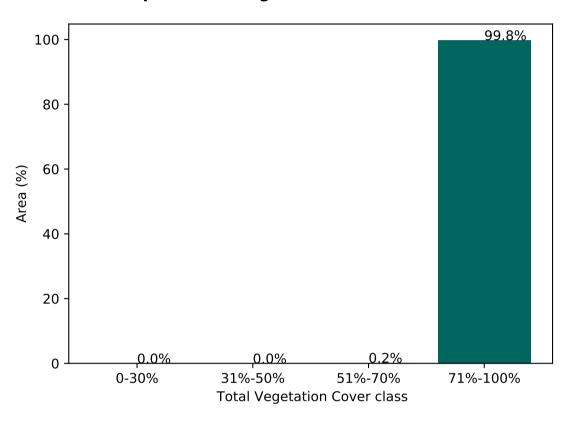


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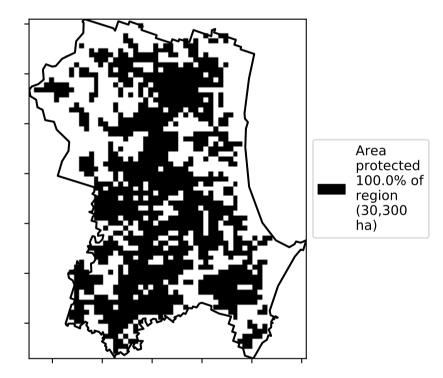
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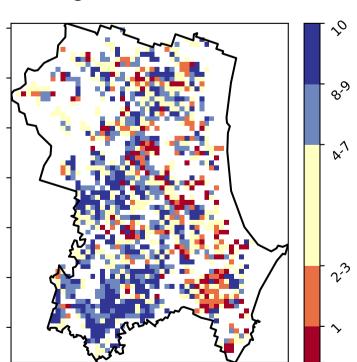
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



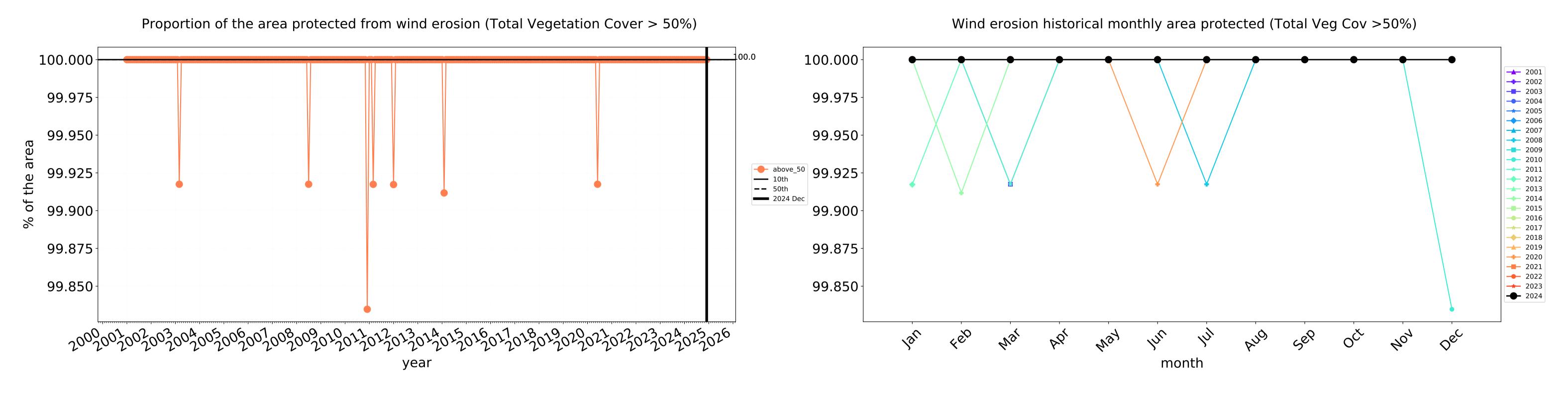


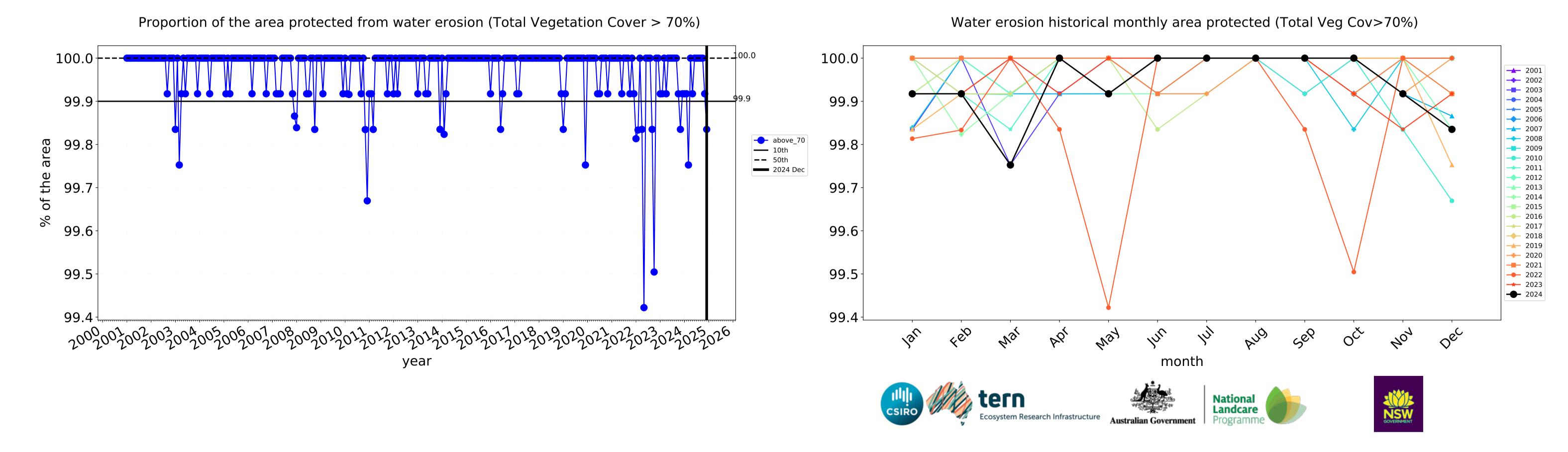


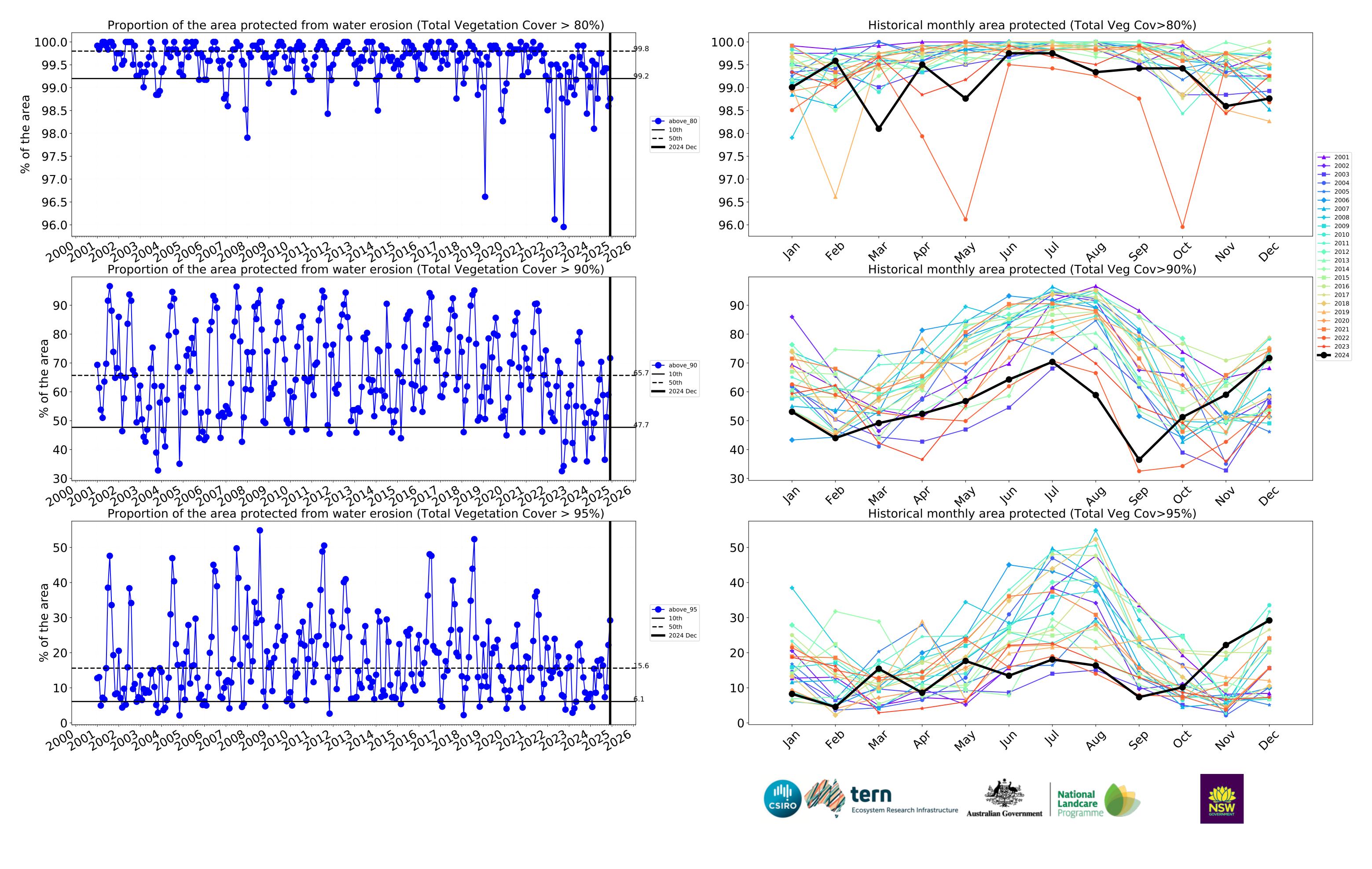




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

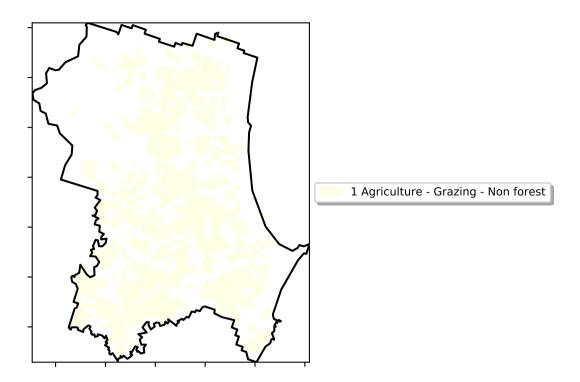
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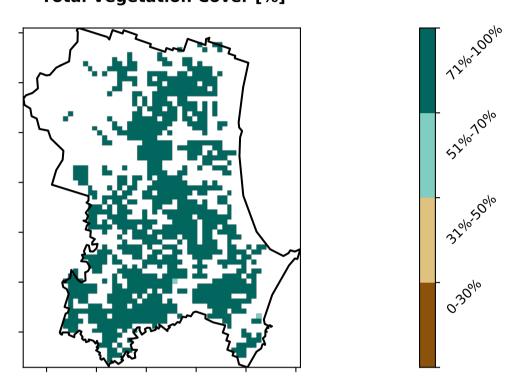
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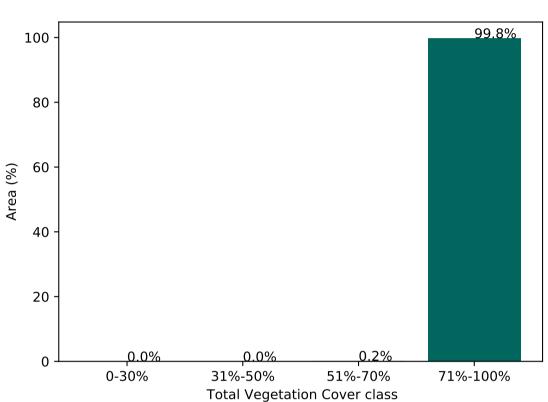
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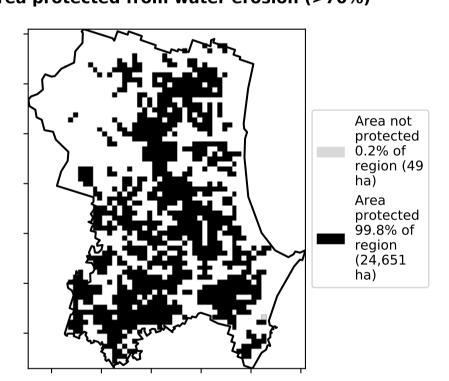
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



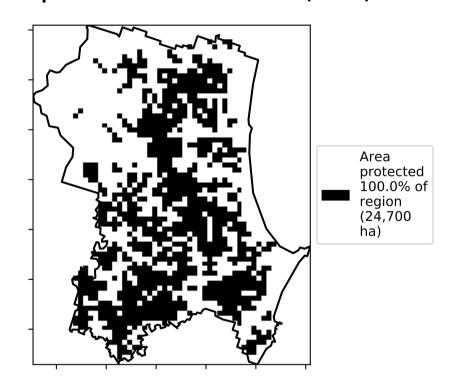
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



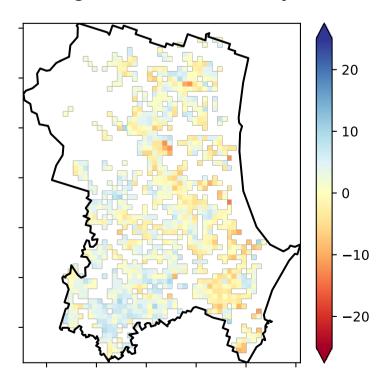
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



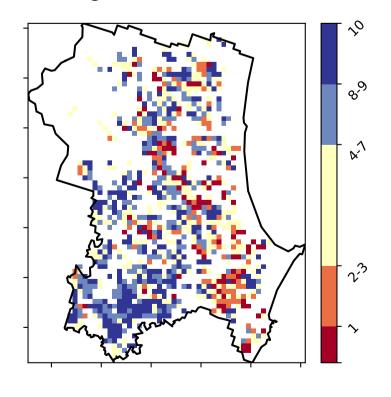
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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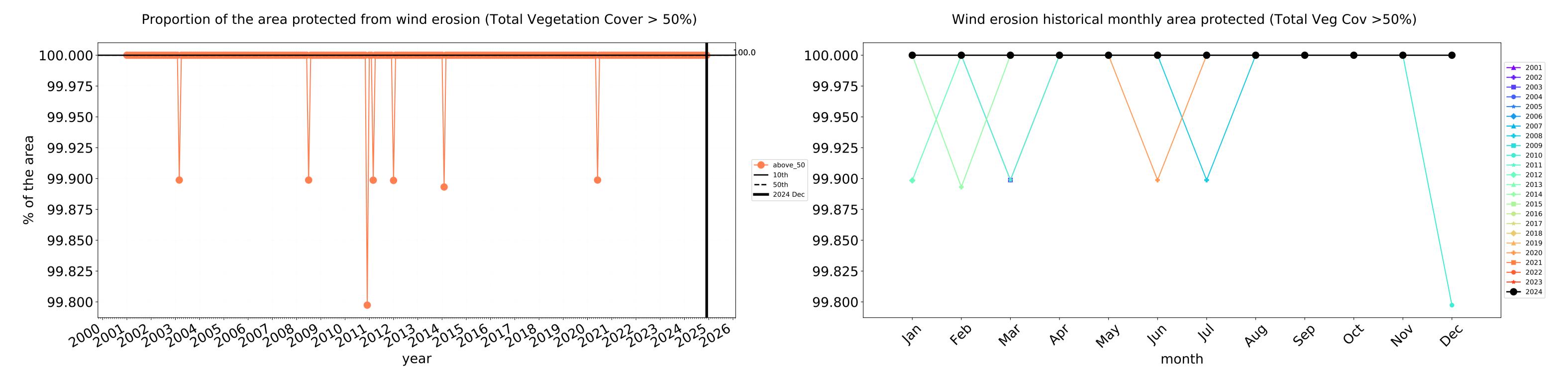


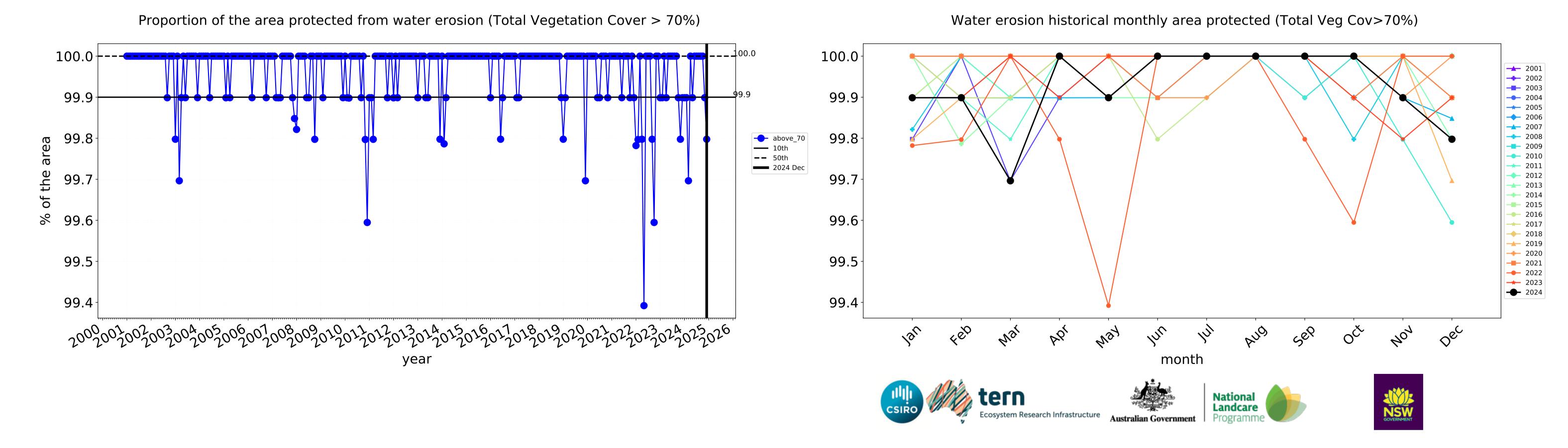


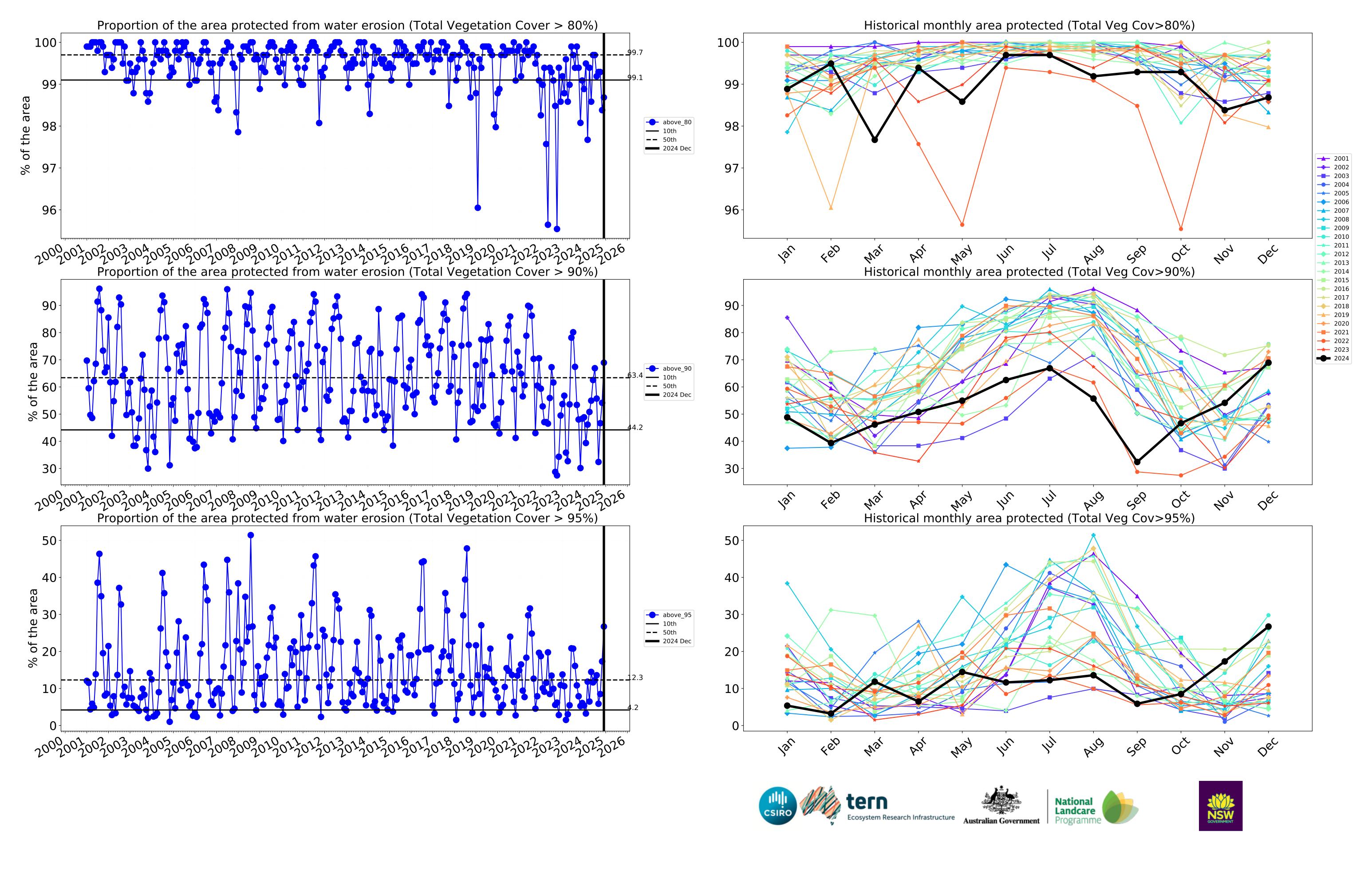




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

### Land use and forest cover

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Anomaly show how many percetage points each

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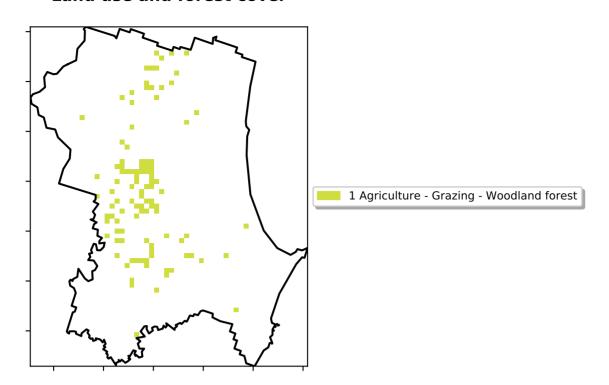
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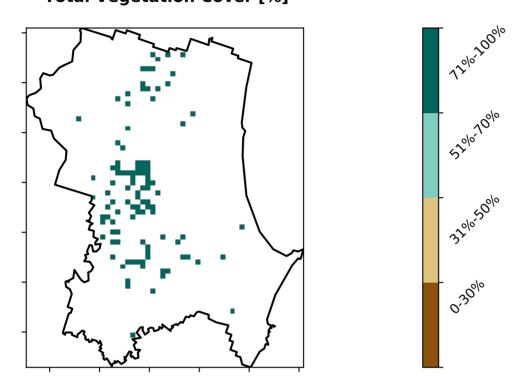
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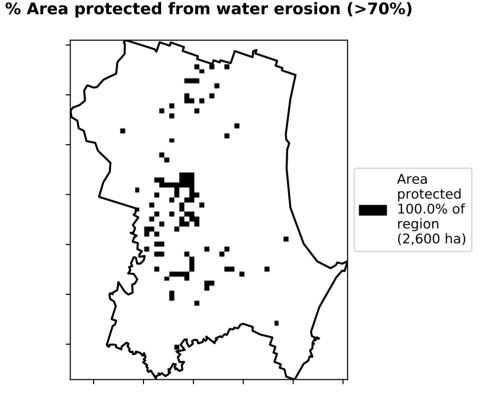
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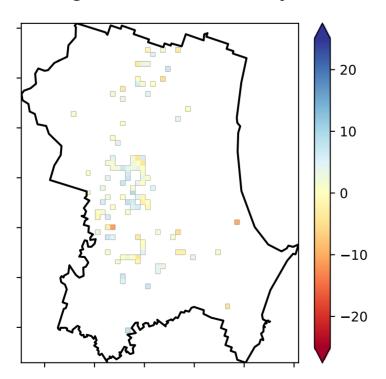


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



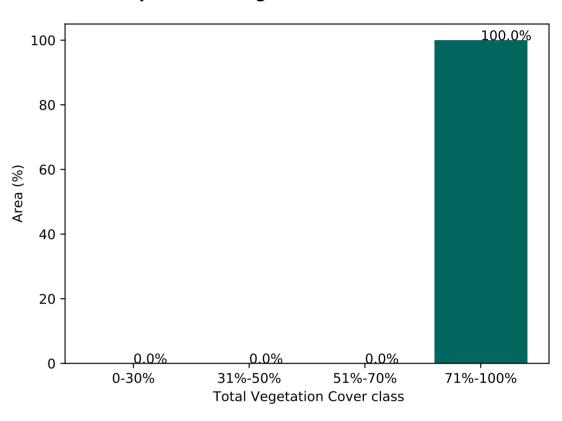


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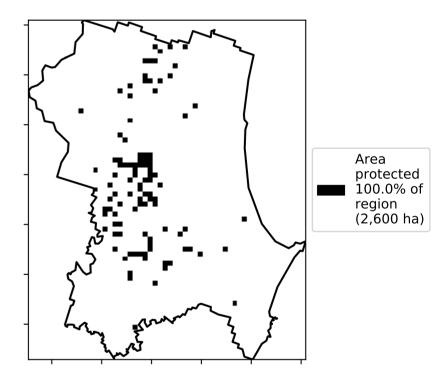


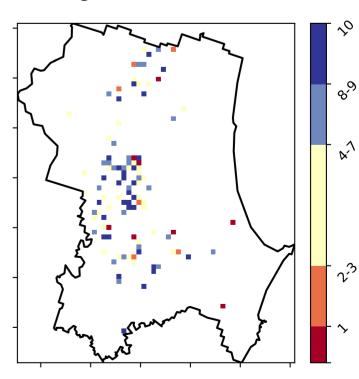
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)







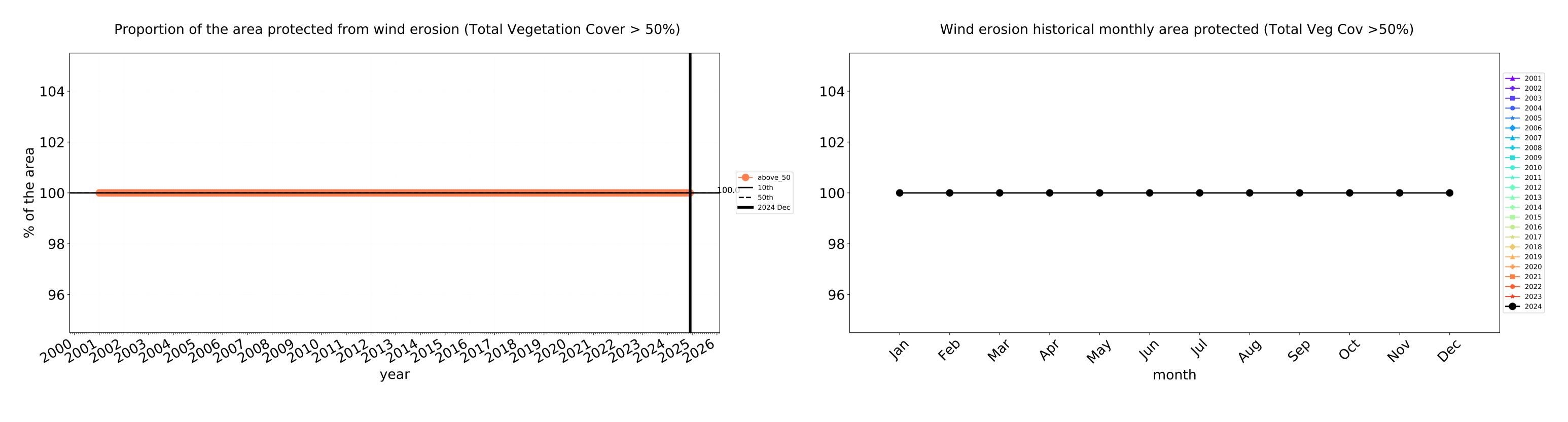


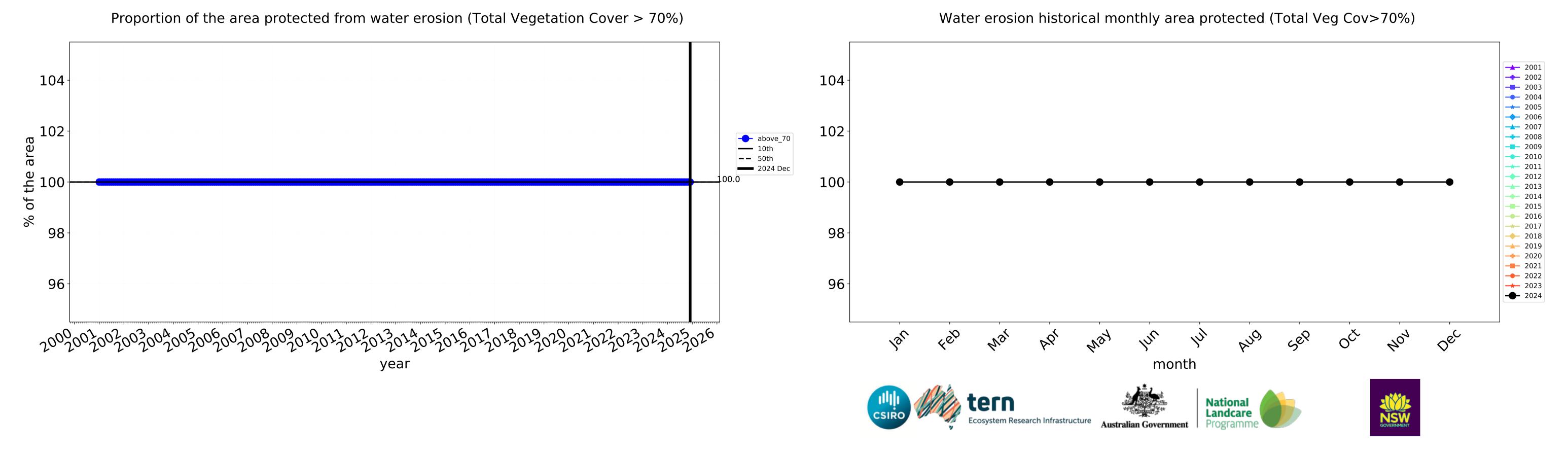


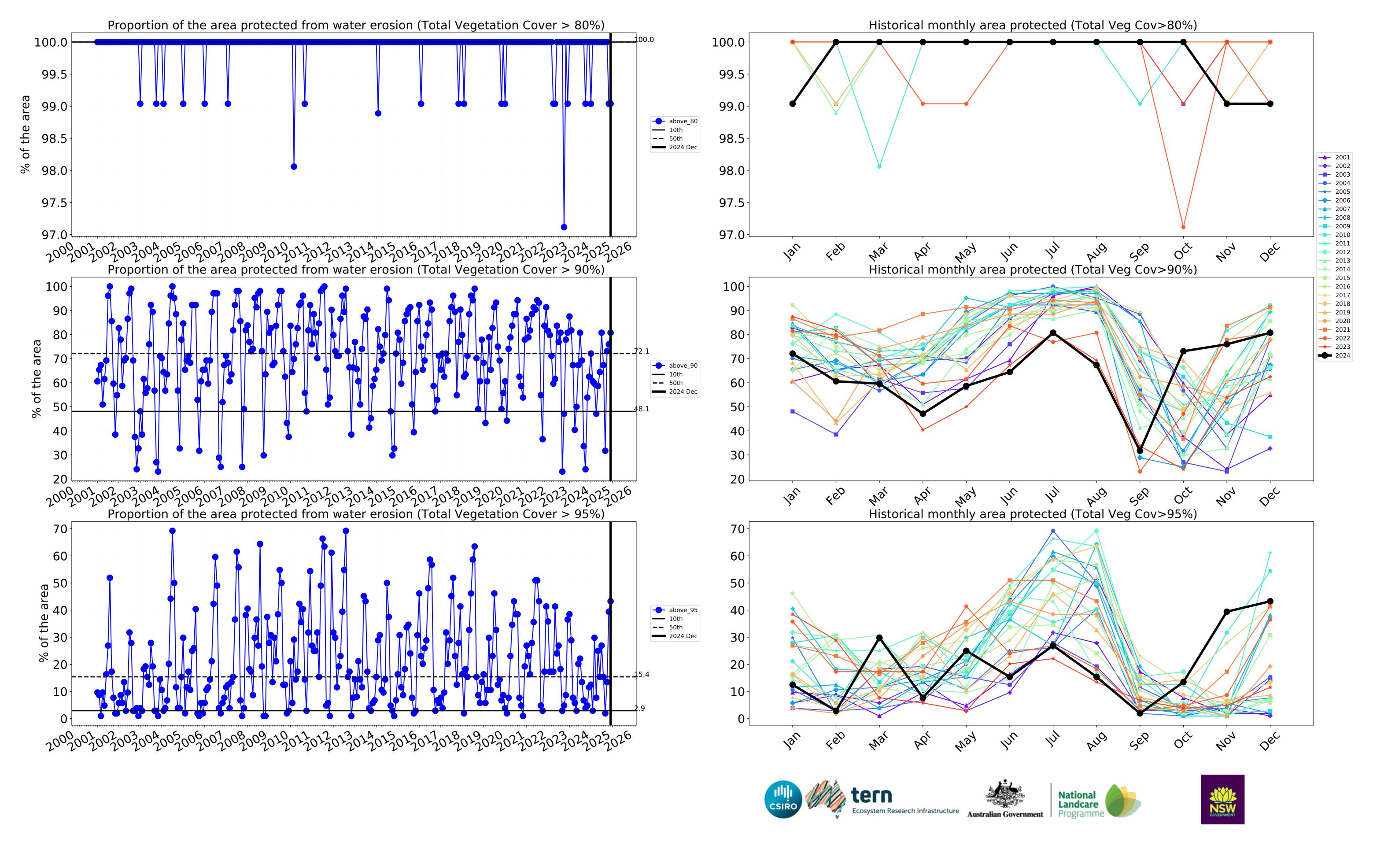




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

### Land use and forest cover

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Anomaly show how many percetage points each

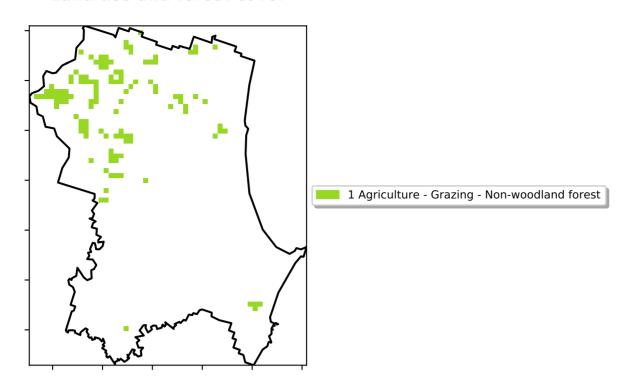
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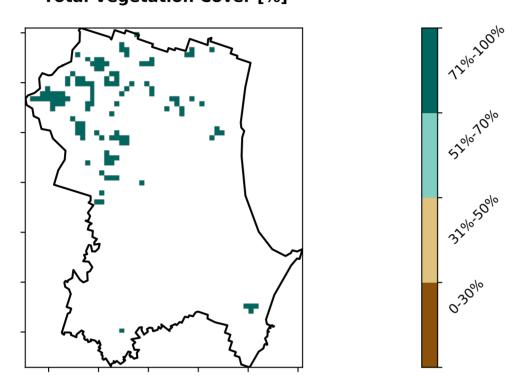
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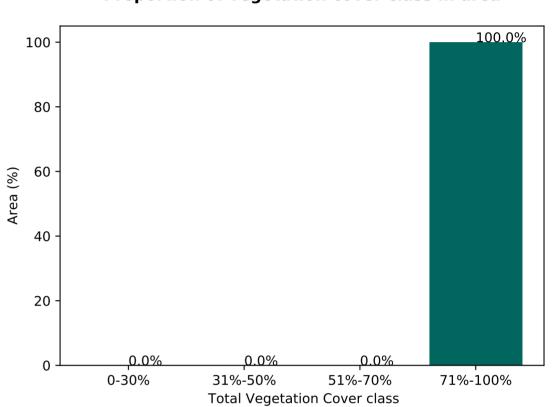
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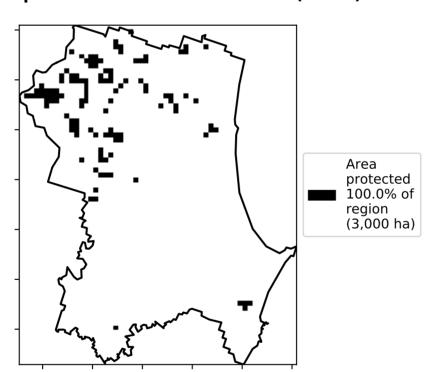
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



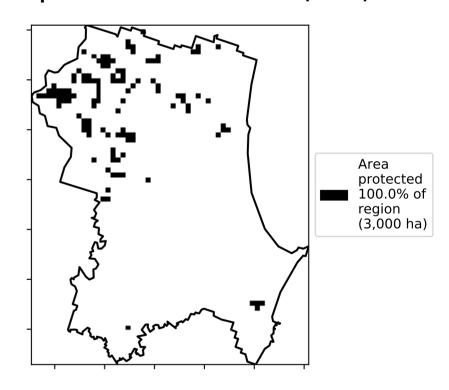
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



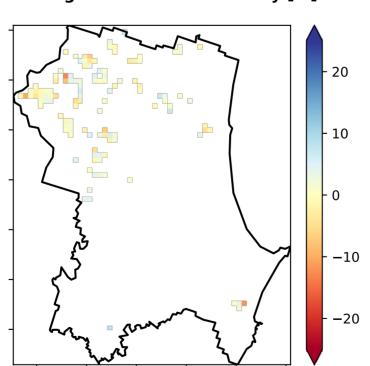
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



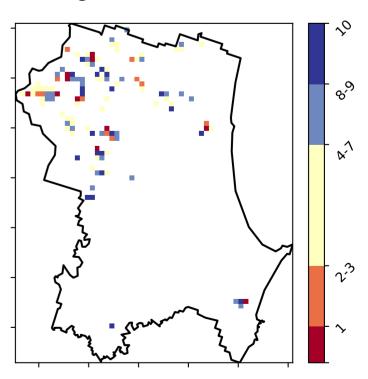
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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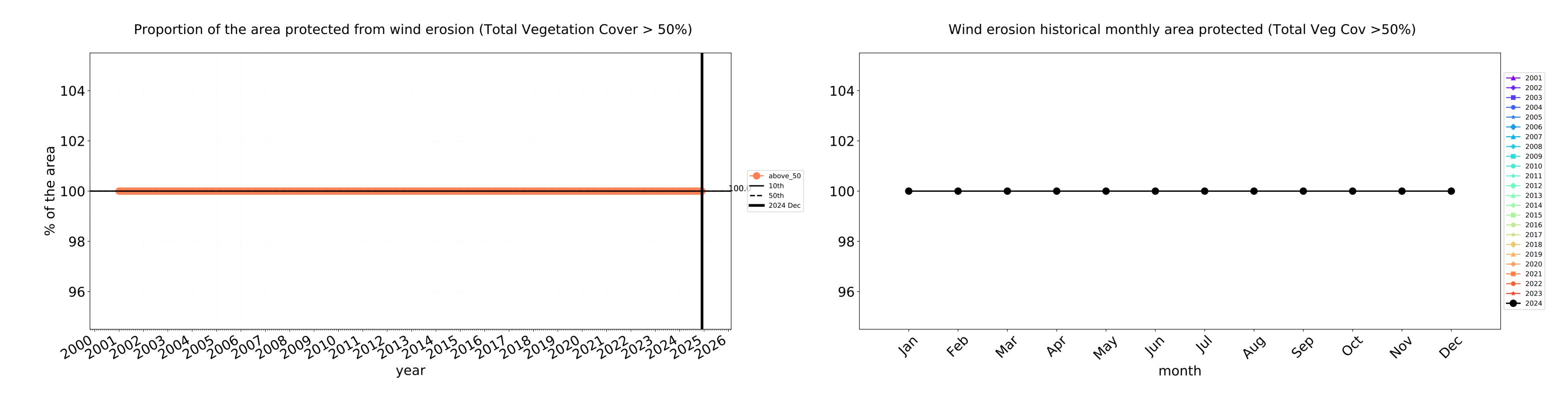


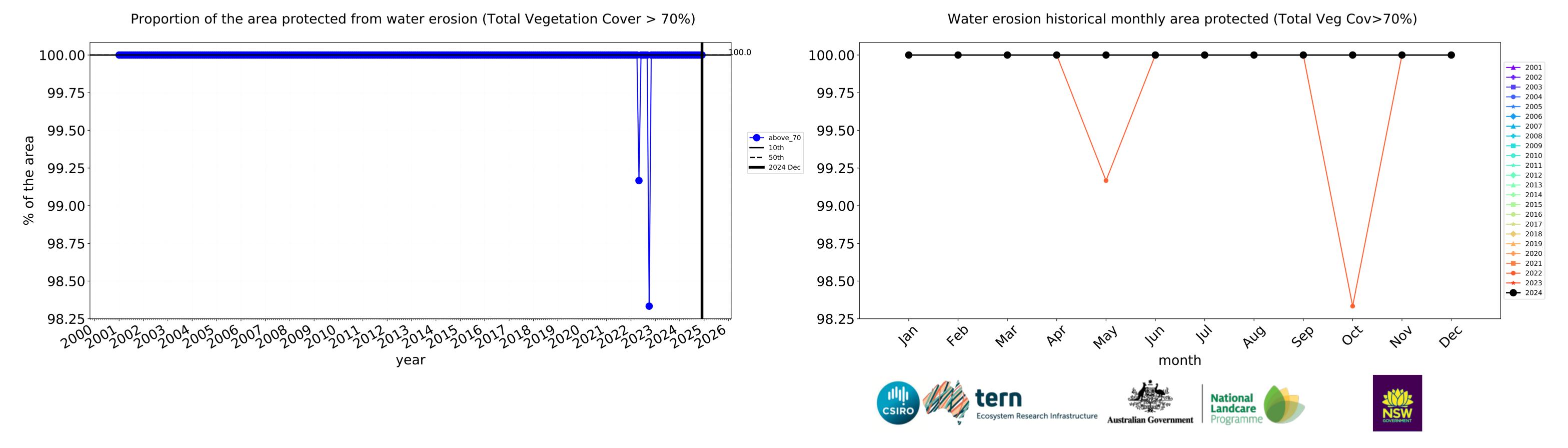


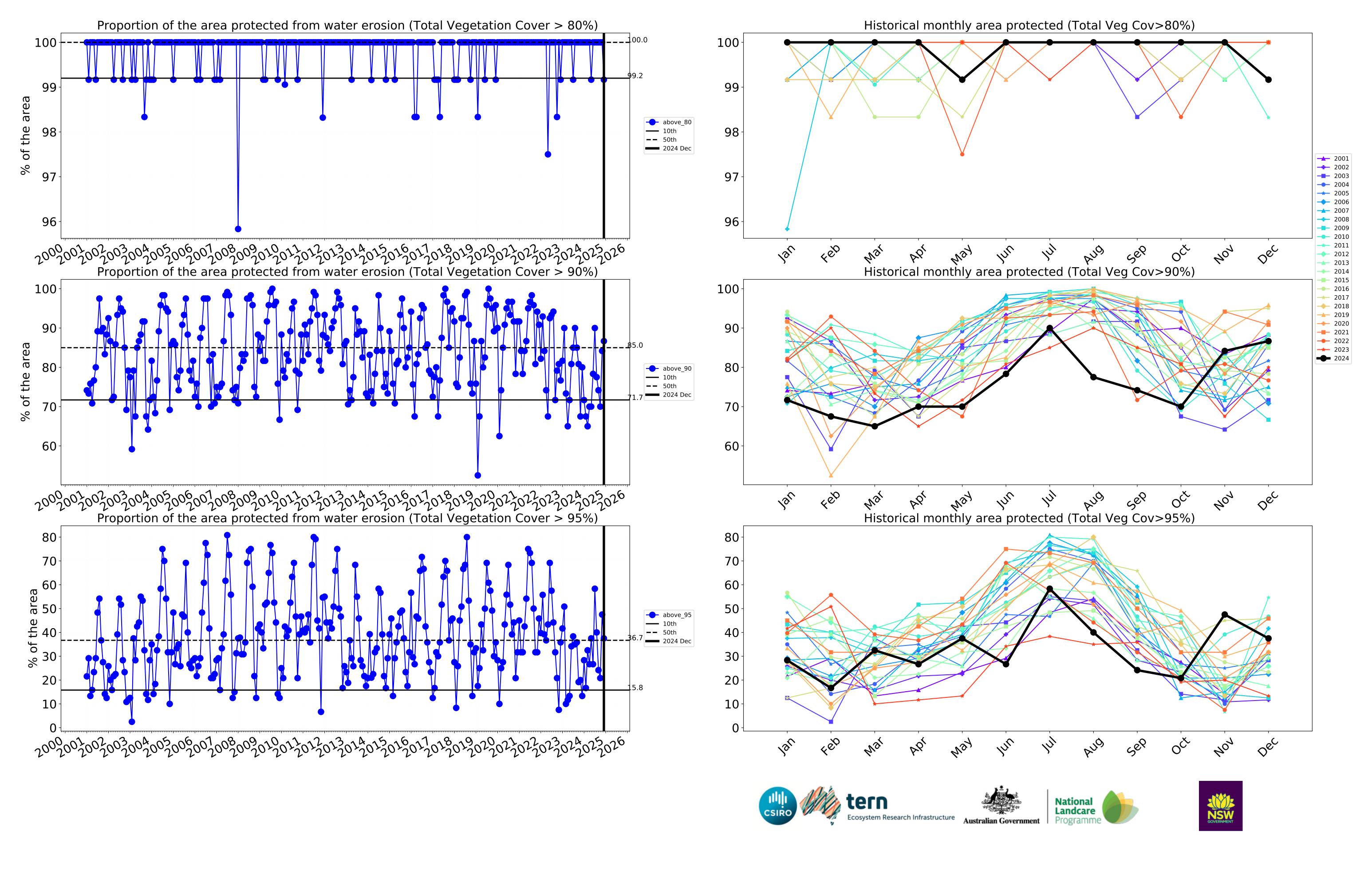












# **Cropping**

### Land use and forest cover

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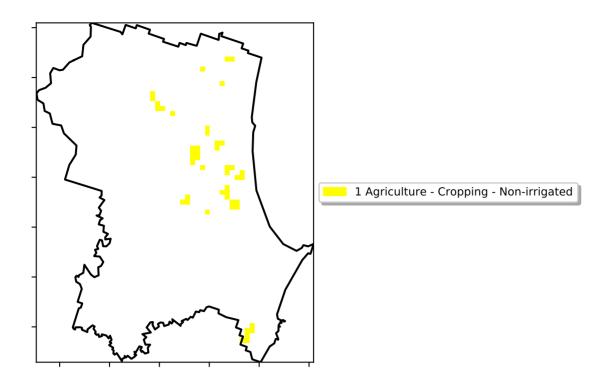
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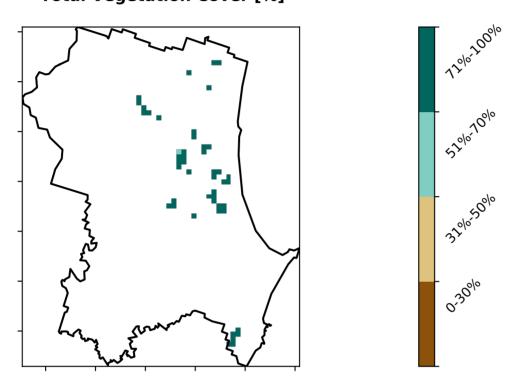
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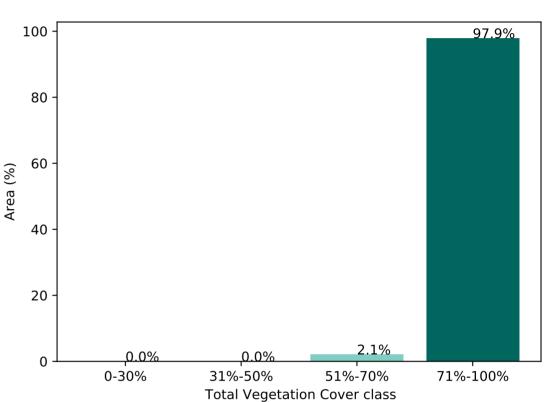
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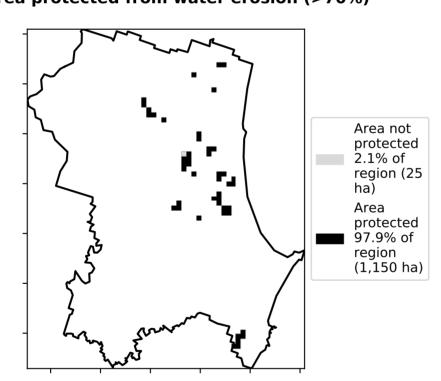
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]



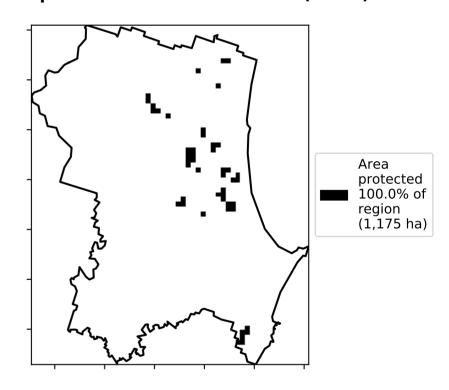
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



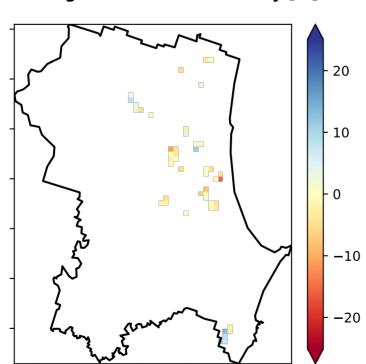
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



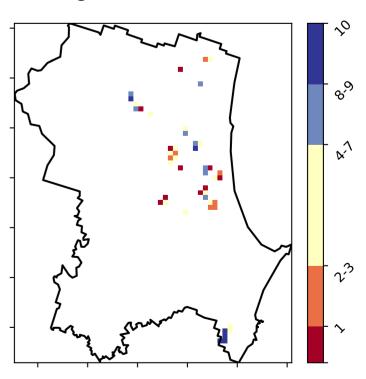
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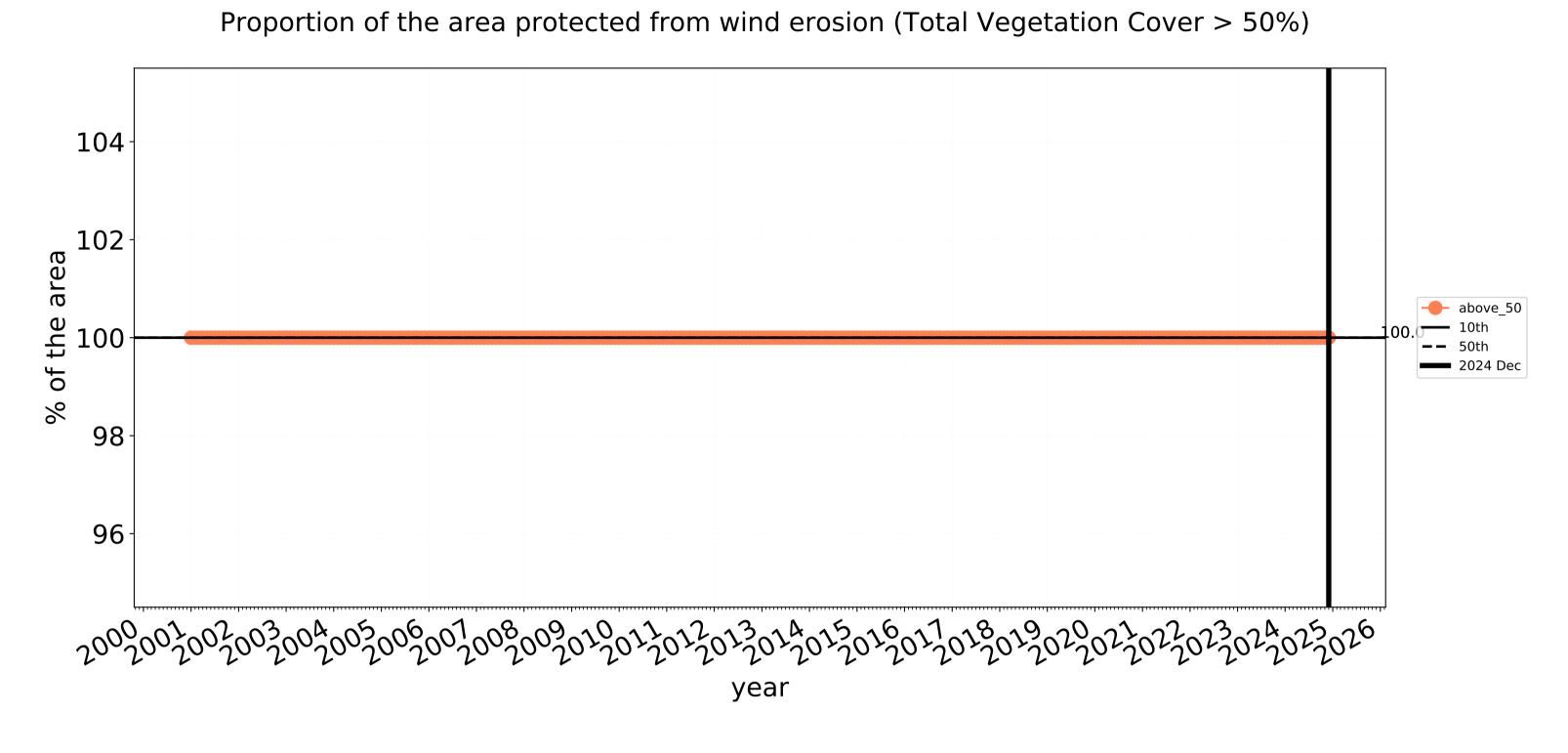




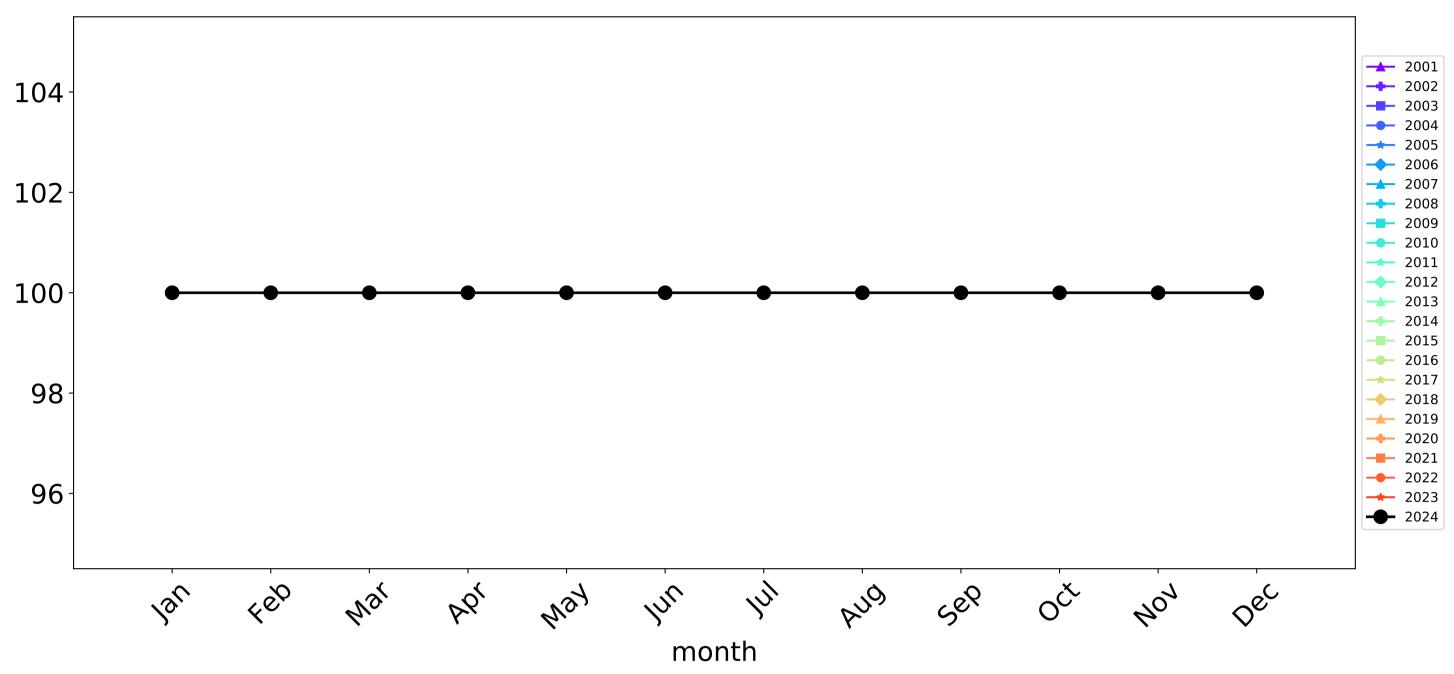


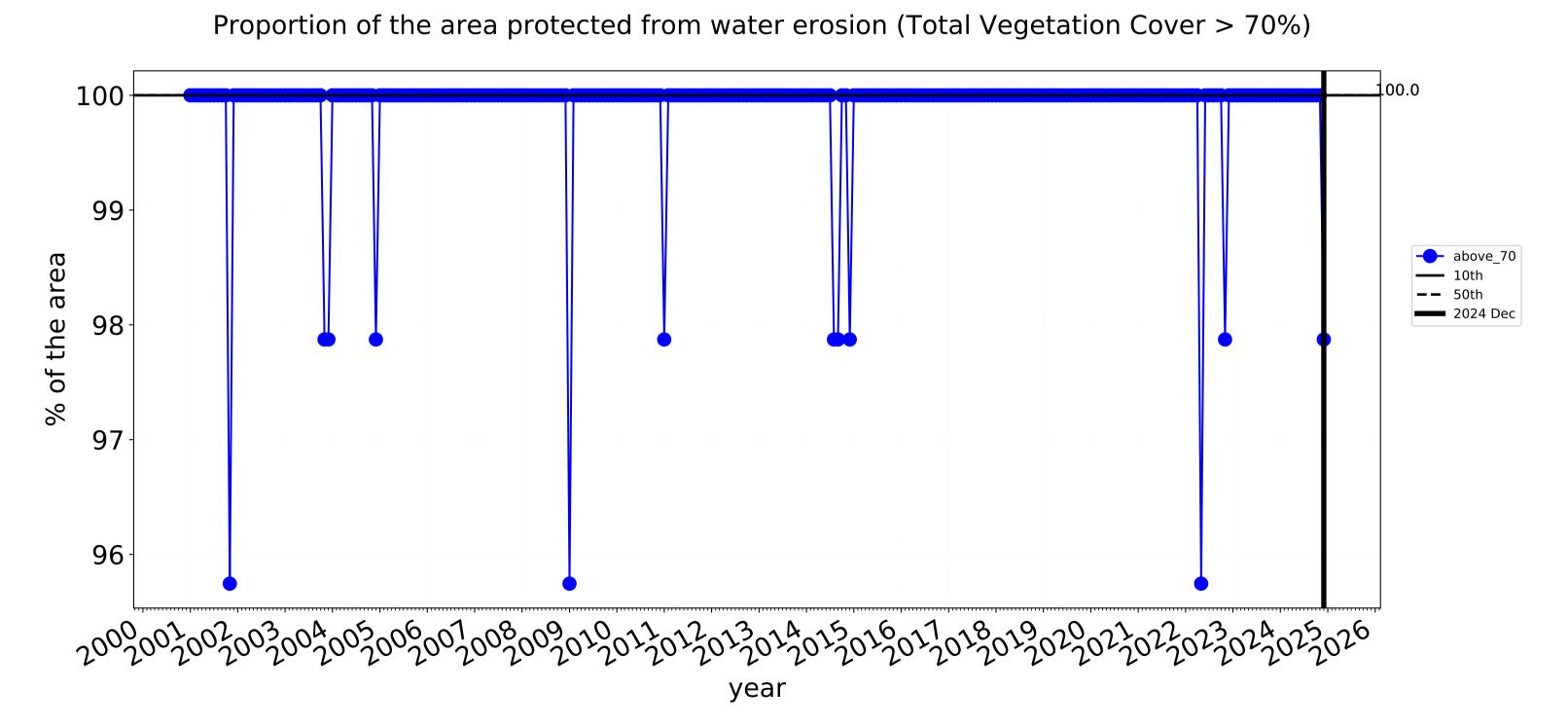


# **Cropping timeseries**





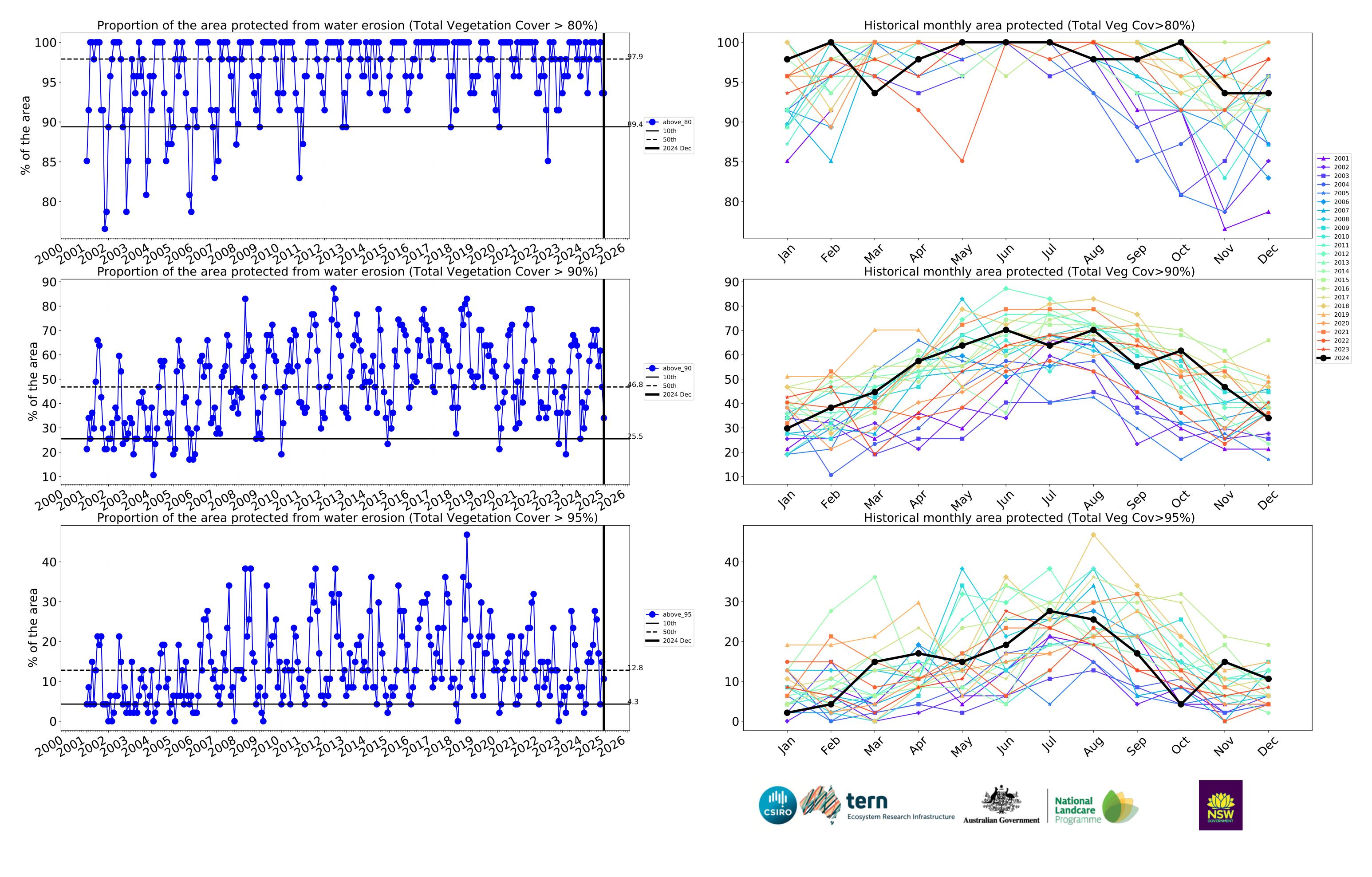




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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# **Horticulture**

### Land use and forest cover

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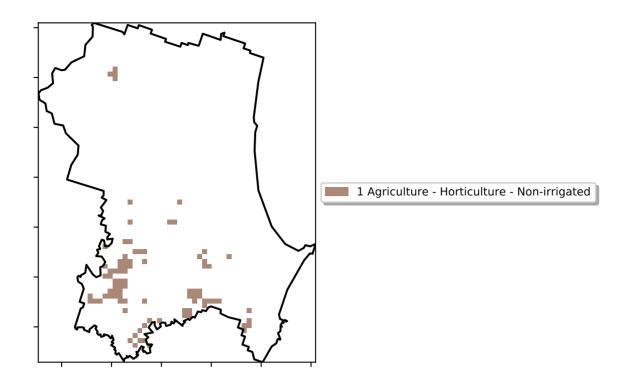
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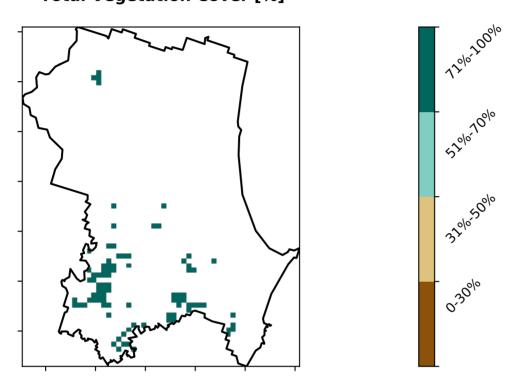
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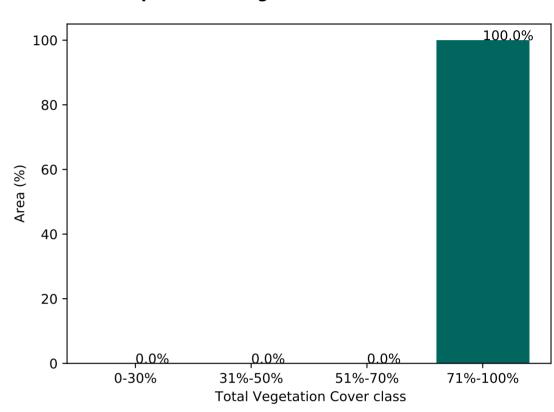
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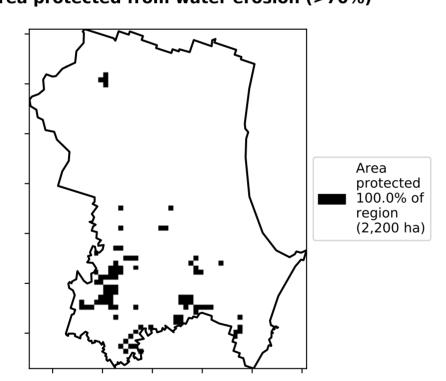
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



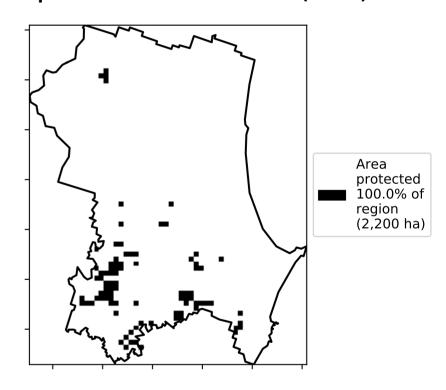
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



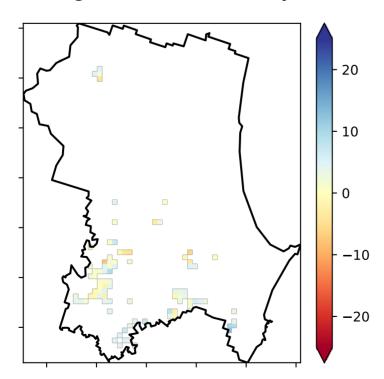
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



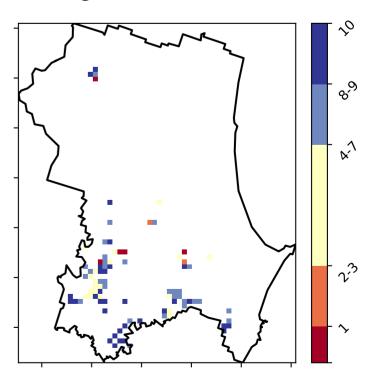
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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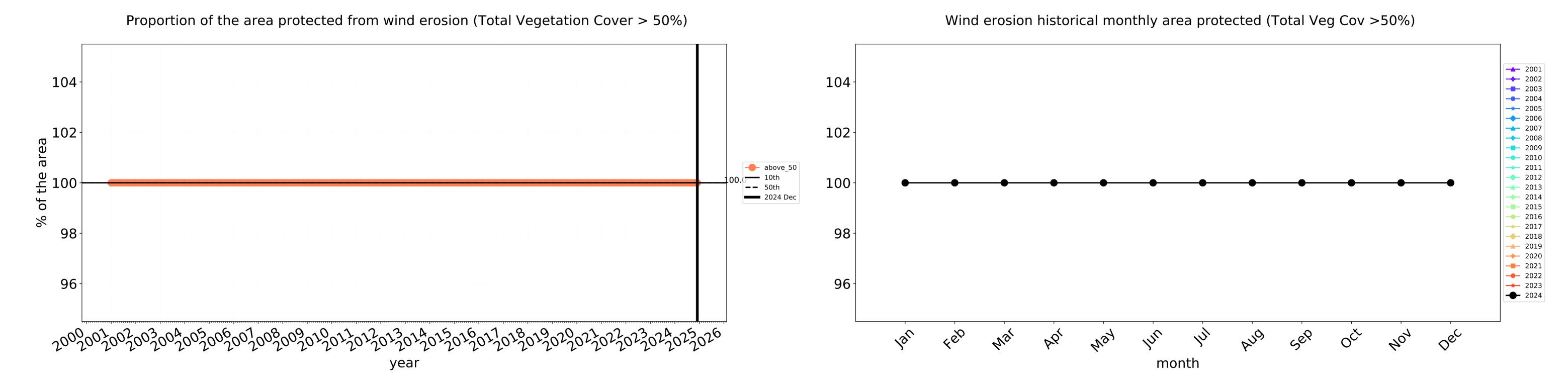


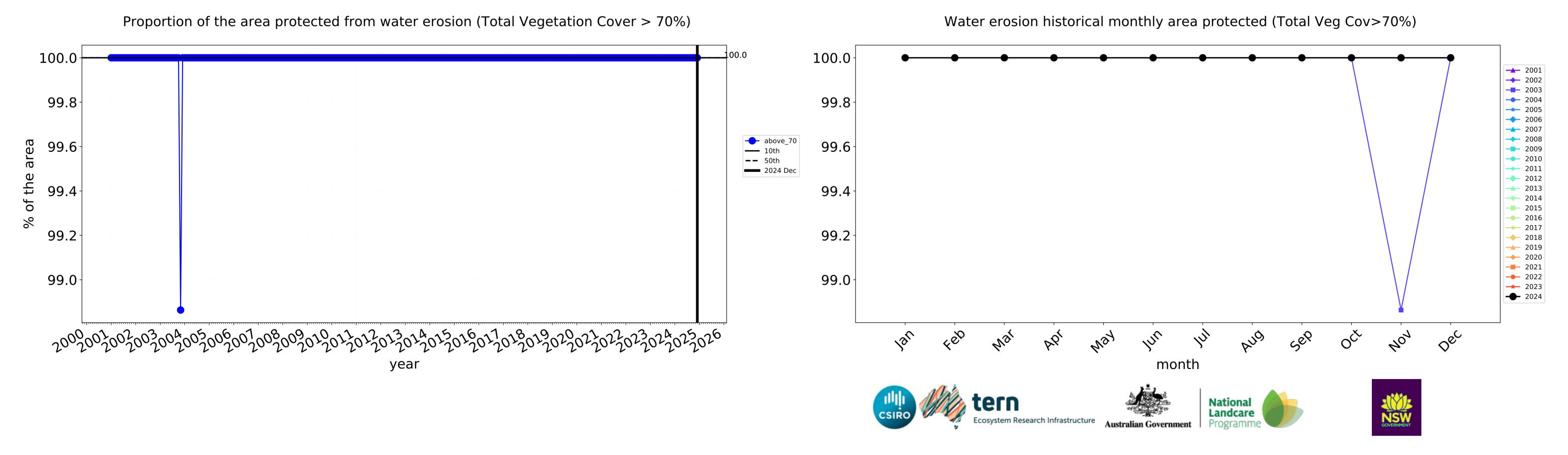


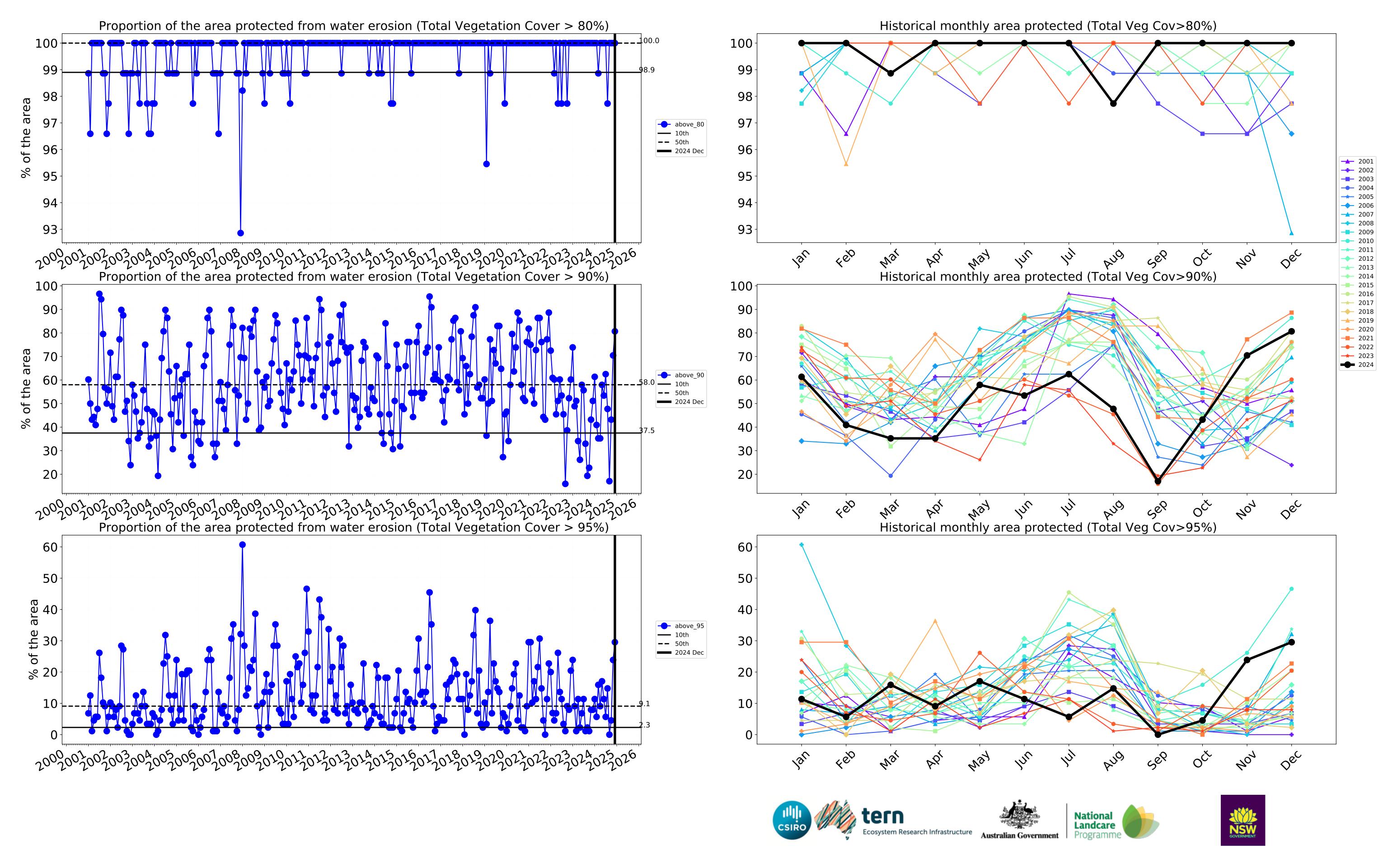




# **Horticulture timeseries**



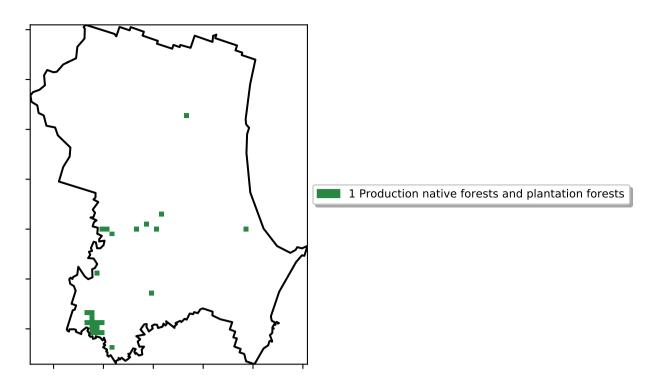




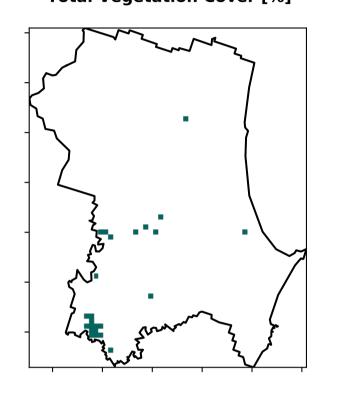
# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

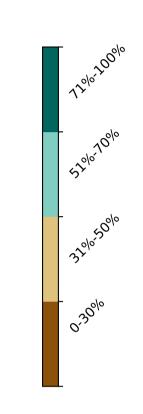
### Land use and forest cover

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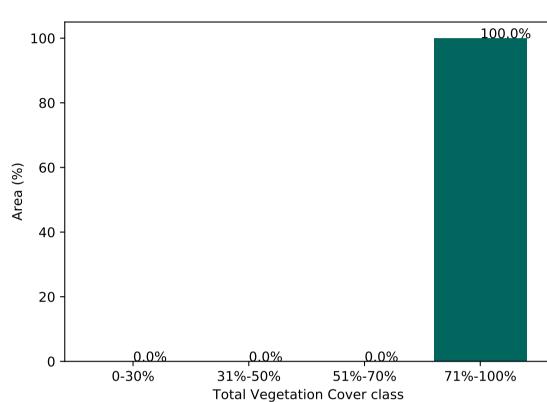


# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

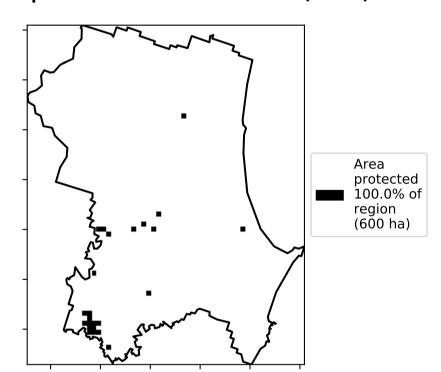




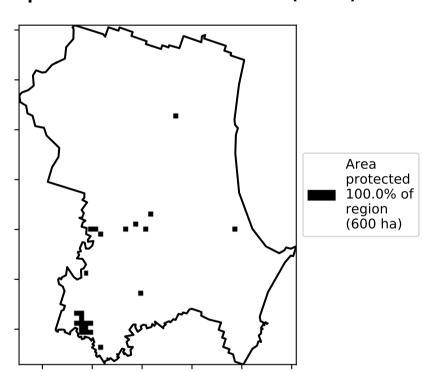
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



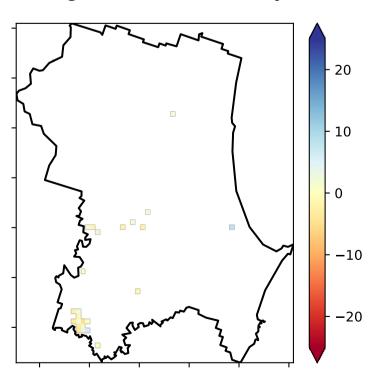
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

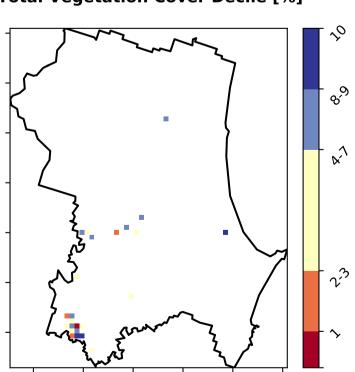


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



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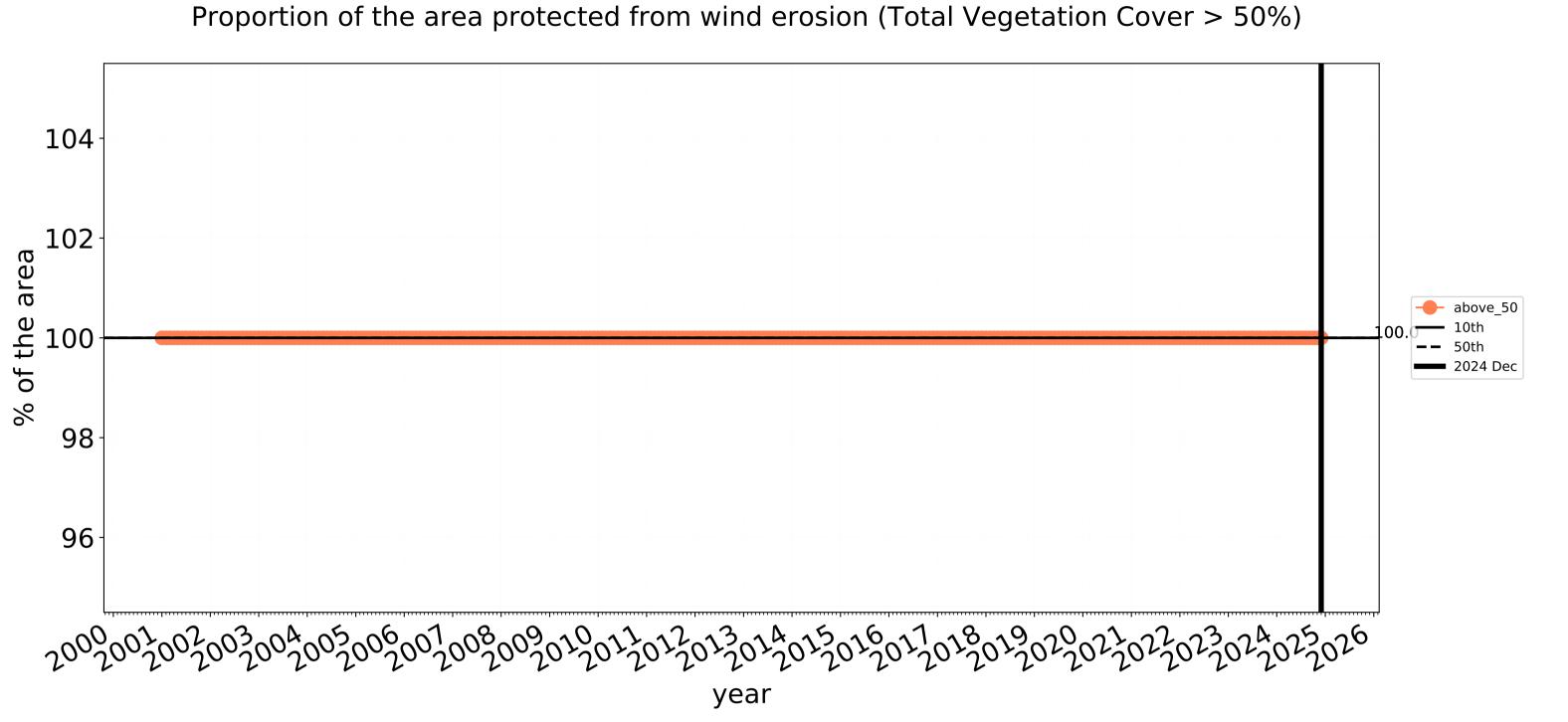




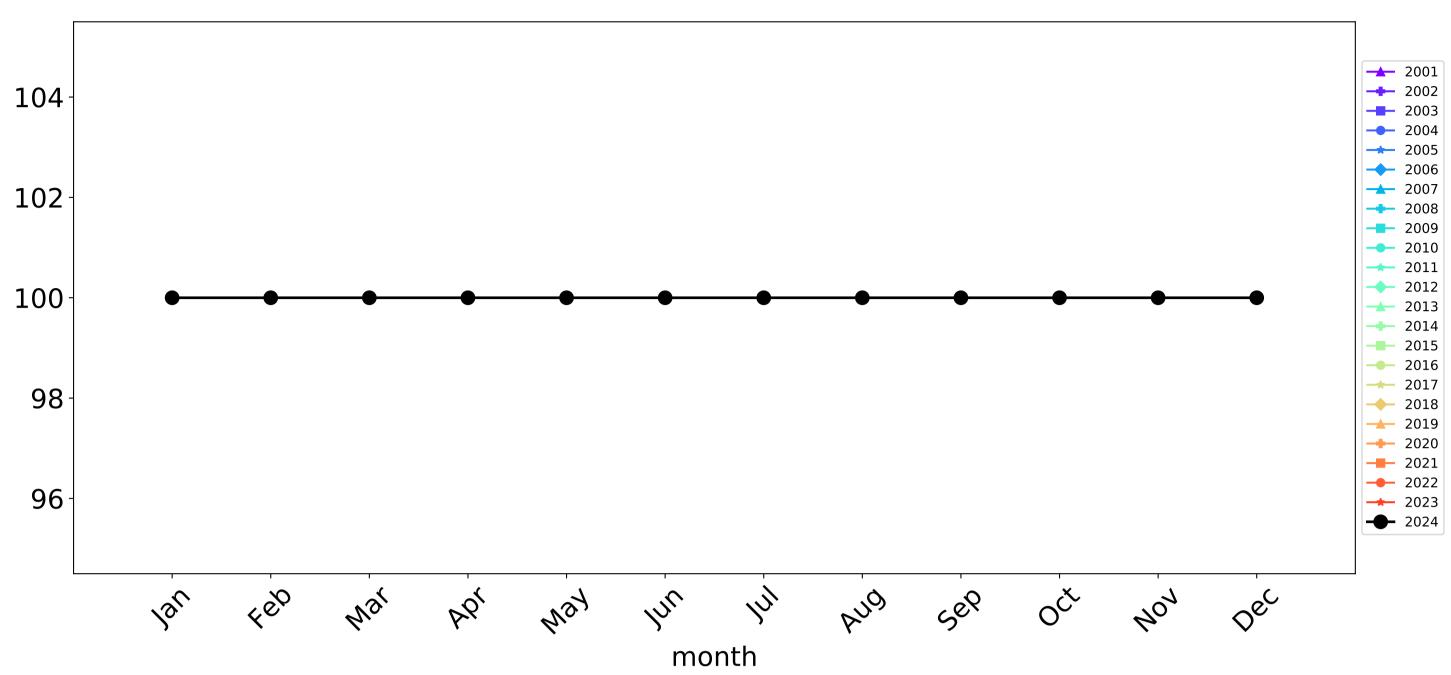




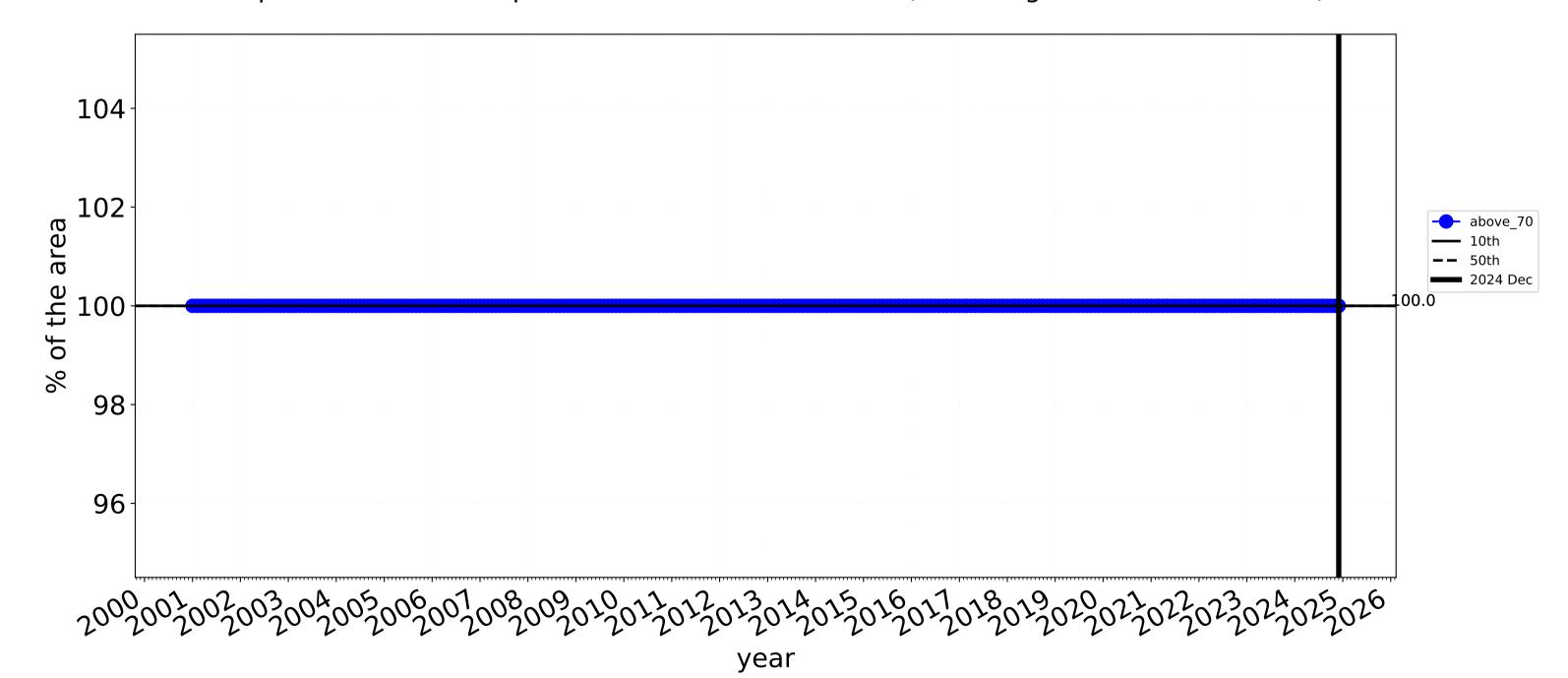
# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**



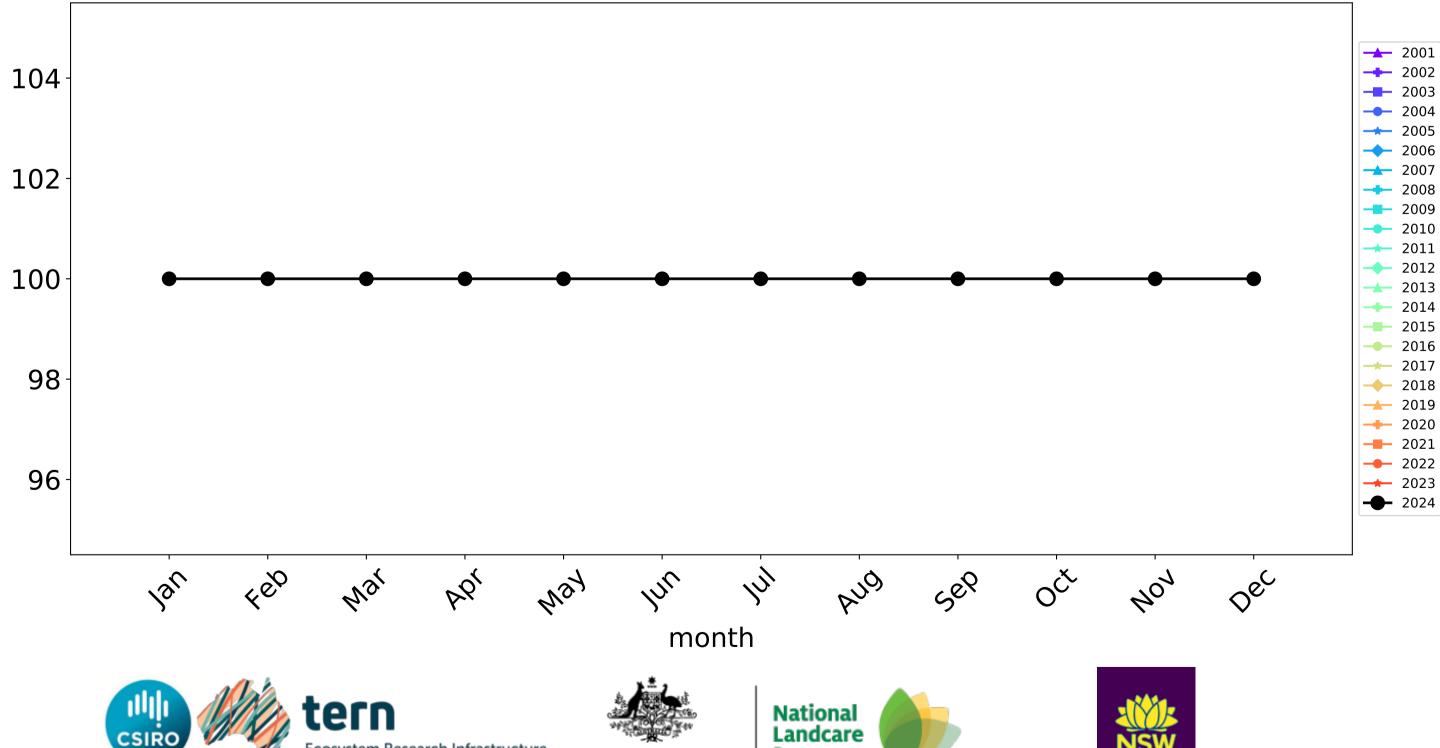
# Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







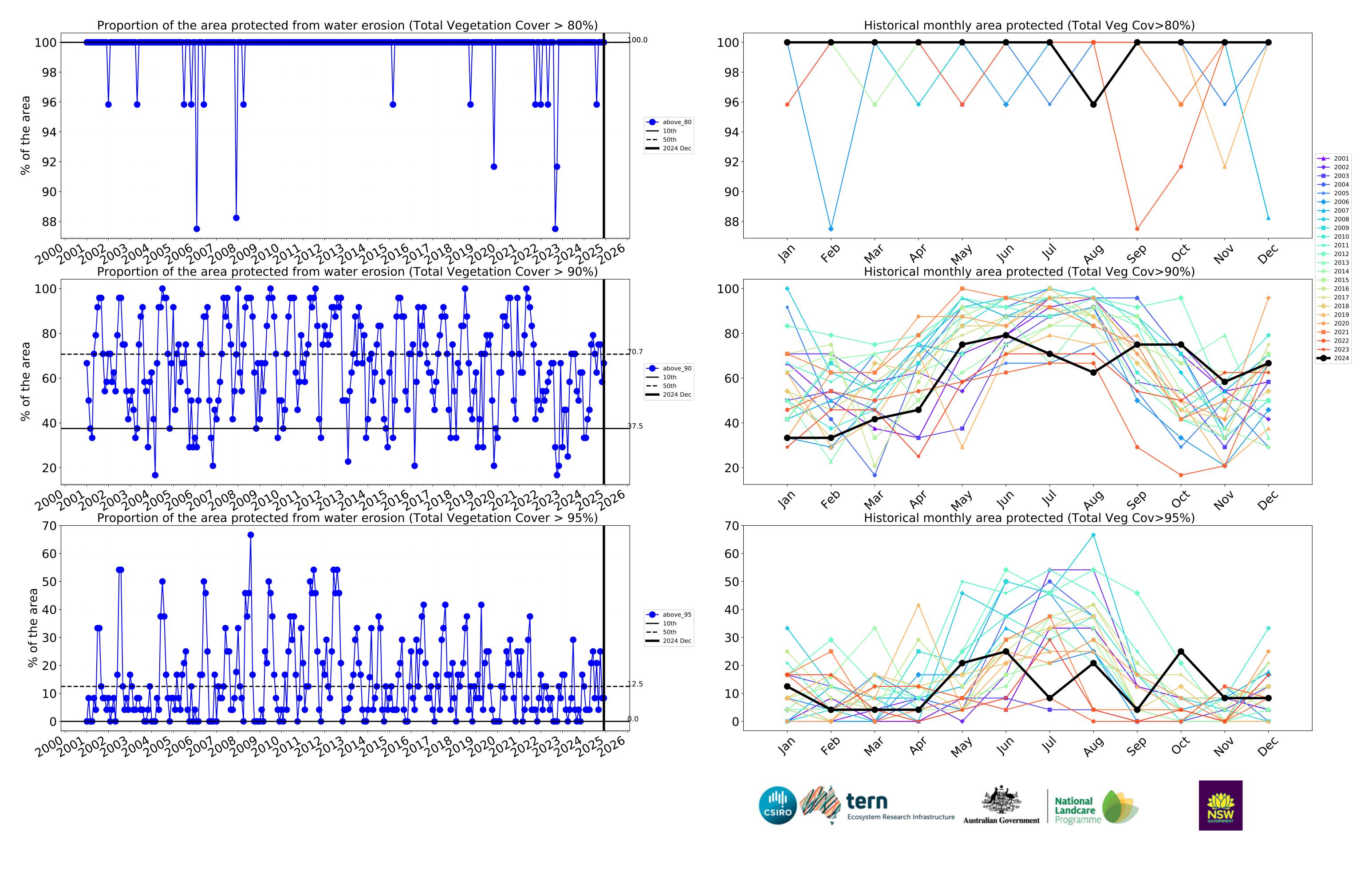
# Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)











# Byron\_(A) (56,225 ha and no data 470 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	56,225	99.9% 56,175	99.6% 55,975	96.8% 54,425	93.5% 52,550	66.3% 37,275	26.7% 15,000
Conservation and natural environments	11,175	99.8% 11,150	98.9% 11,050	94.4% 10,550	89.3% 9,975	67.1% 7,500	32.2% 3,600
Conservation and natural environments non forest	1,325	98.1% 1,300	92.5% 1,225	77.4% 1,025	56.6% 750	17.0% 225	3.8% 50
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	625	100.0% 625	100.0% 625	92.0% 575	84.0% 525	60.0% 375	40.0% 250
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	9,225	100.0% 9,225	99.7% 9,200	97.0% 8,950	94.3% 8,700	74.8% 6,900	35.8% 3,300
Agriculture	33,700	100.0% 33,700	100.0% 33,700	99.8% 33,625	98.6% 33,225	70.9% 23,900	28.6% 9,625
Grazing	30,300	100.0% 30,300	100.0% 30,300	99.8% 30,250	98.8% 29,925	71.7% 21,725	29.2% 8,850
Grazing non forest	24,700	100.0% 24,700	100.0% 24,700	99.8% 24,650	98.7% 24,375	68.9% 17,025	26.7% 6,600
Grazing Woodland forest	2,600	100.0% 2,600	100.0% 2,600	100.0% 2,600	99.0% 2,575	80.8% 2,100	43.3% 1,125
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	3,000	100.0% 3,000	100.0% 3,000	100.0% 3,000	99.2% 2,975	86.7% 2,600	37.5% 1,125
Cropping	1,175	100.0% 1,175	100.0% 1,175	97.9% 1,150	93.6% 1,100	34.0% 400	10.6% 125
Horticulture	2,200	100.0% 2,200	100.0% 2,200	100.0% 2,200	100.0% 2,200	80.7% 1,775	29.5% 650
Production native forests and plantation forests	600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	66.7% 400	8.3% 50







