Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Cobar_(A) NSW   Date: October 2019

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

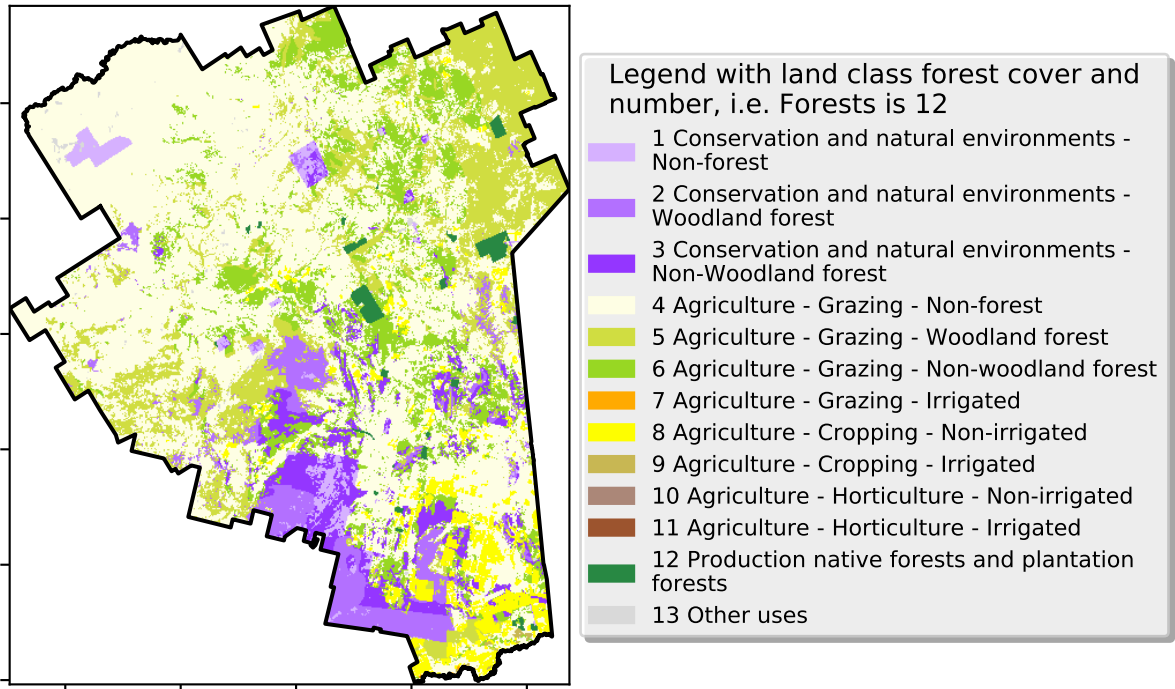2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018

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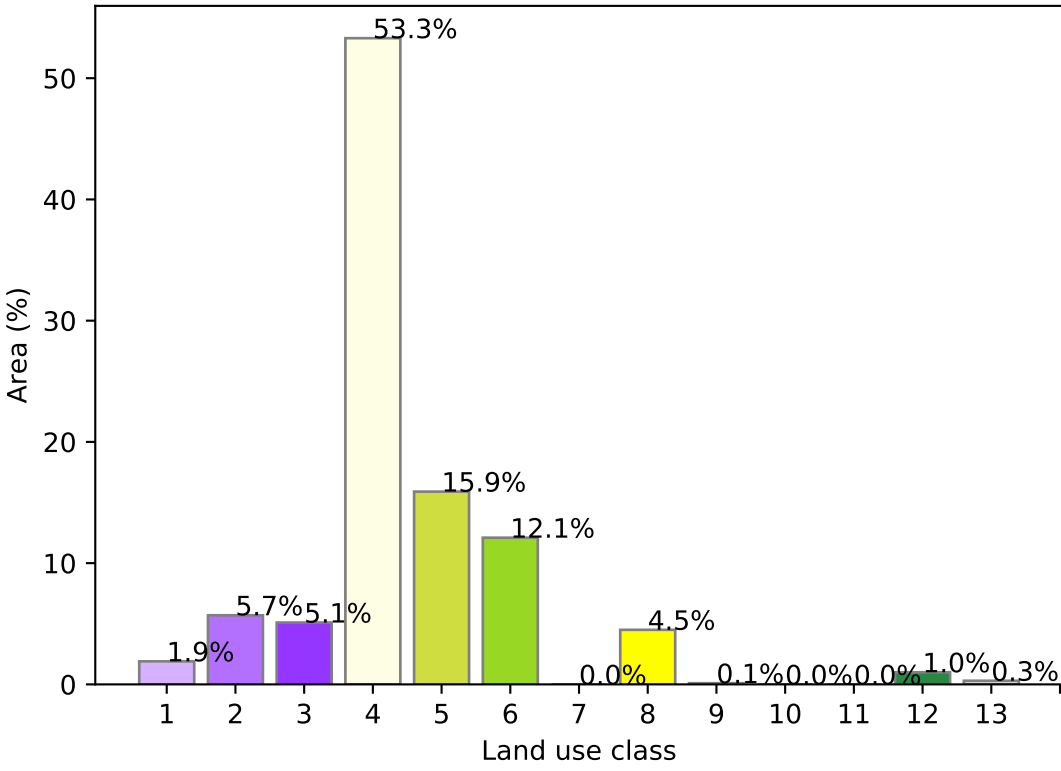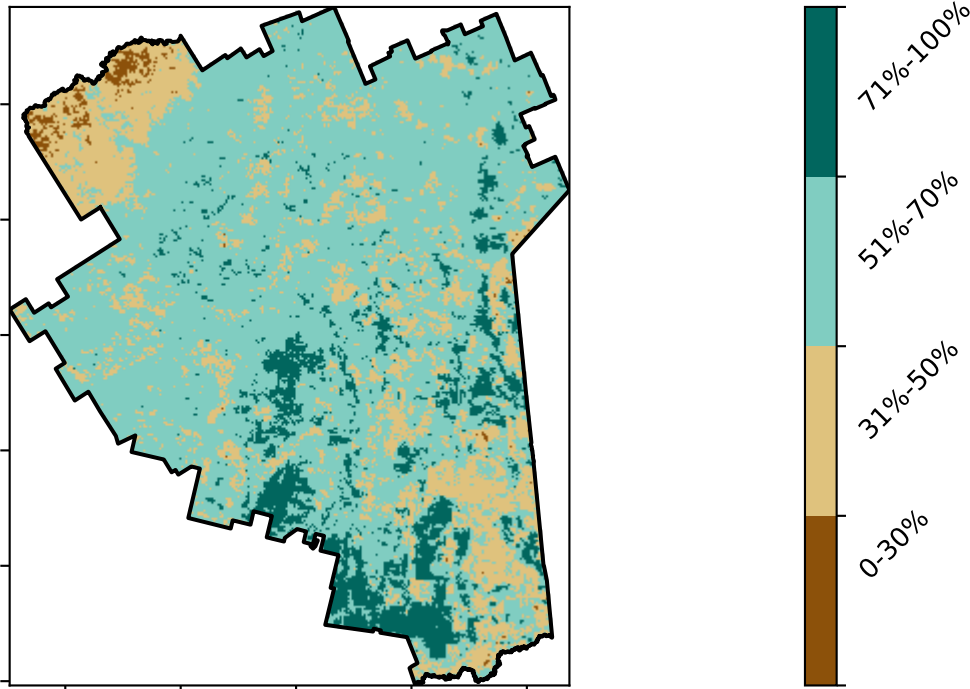
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

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Vegetation Cover Oct 2019

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)

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12

1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
12 Production native forests and plantation forests
13 Other uses

Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area
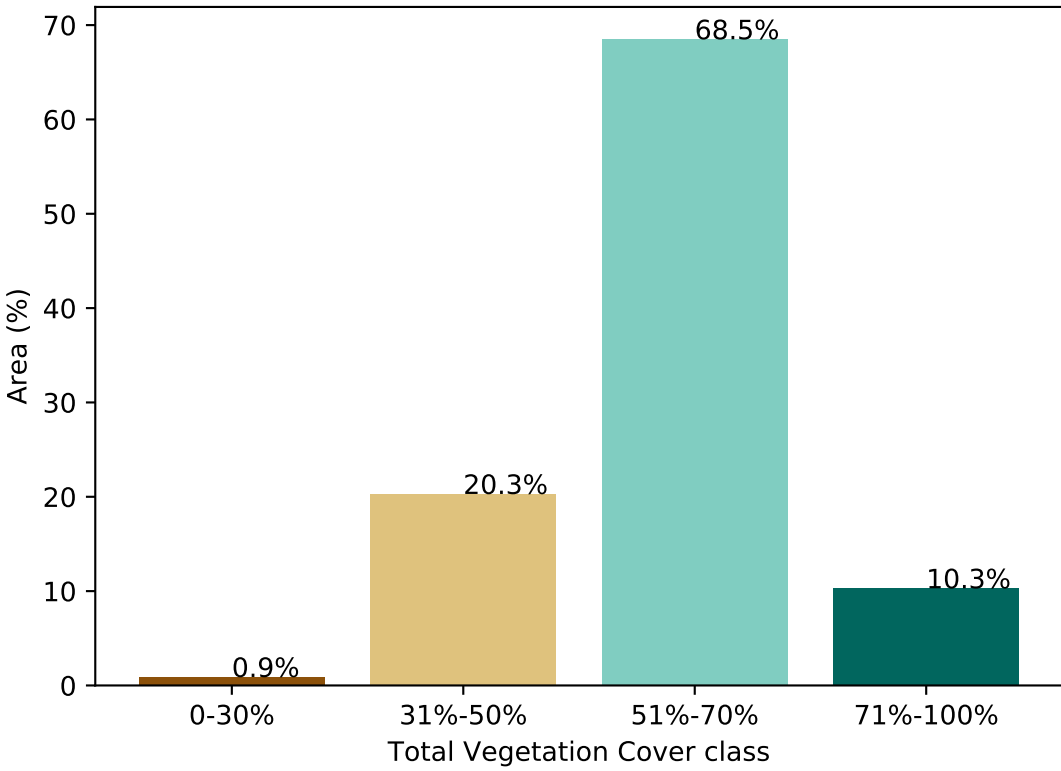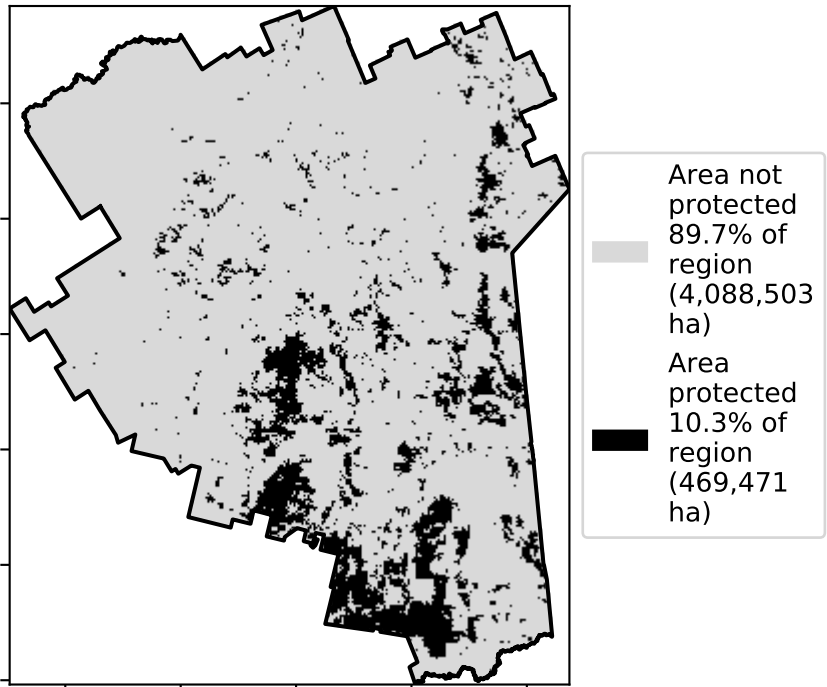
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 89.7% of region (4,088,503 ha)

Area protected 10.3% of region (469,471 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 21.0% of region (957,174 ha)

Area protected 79.0% of region (3,600,800 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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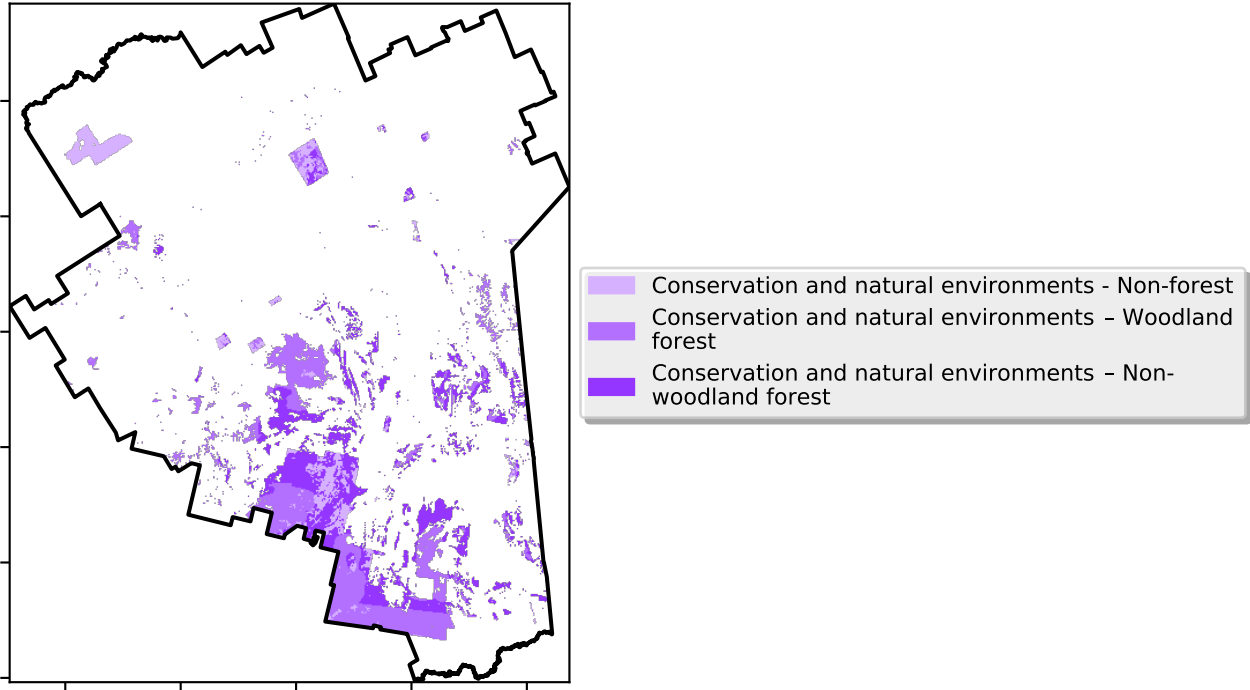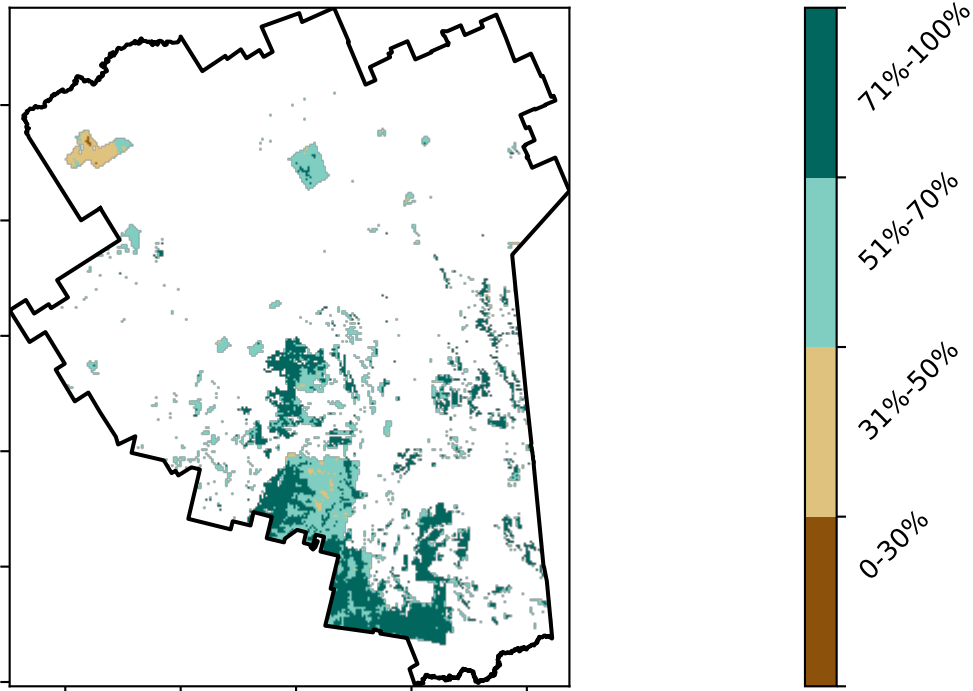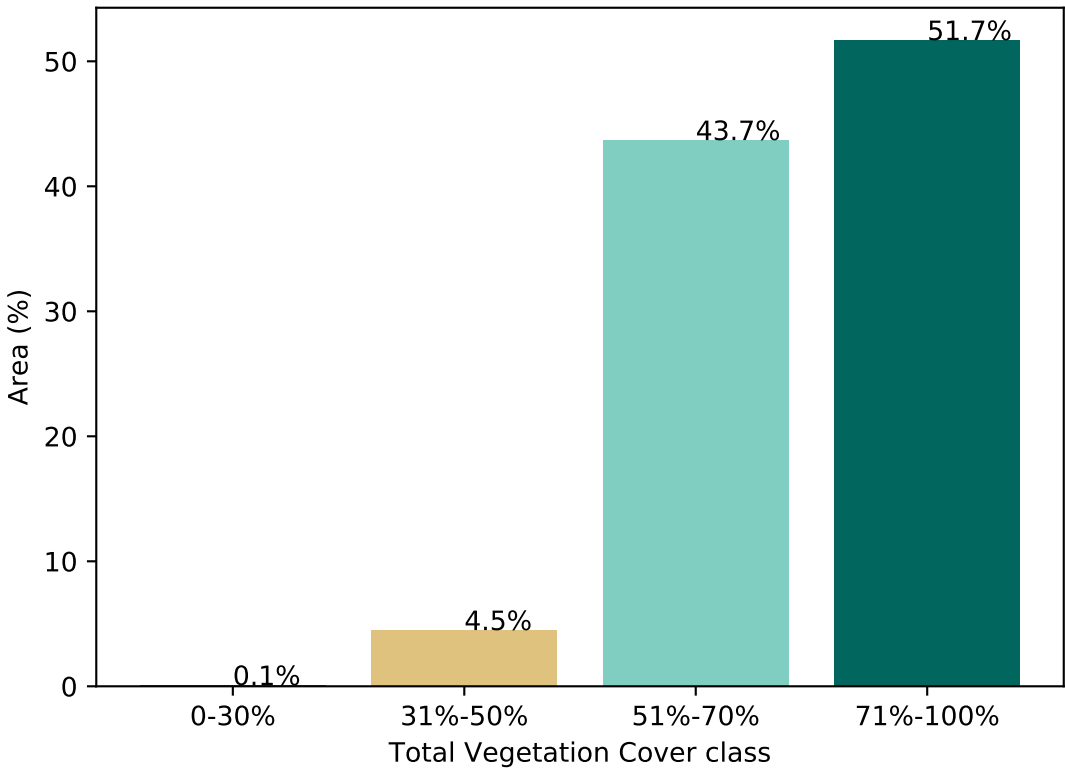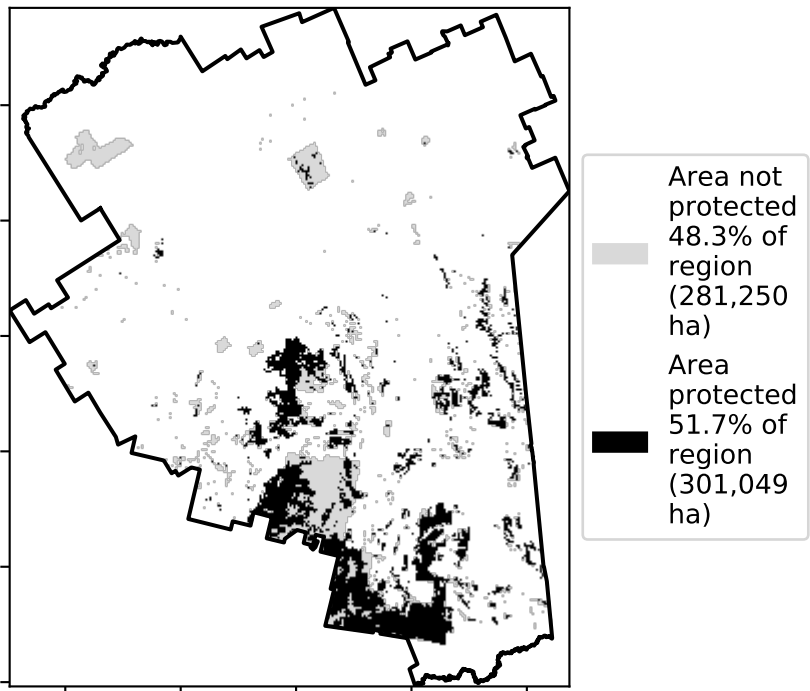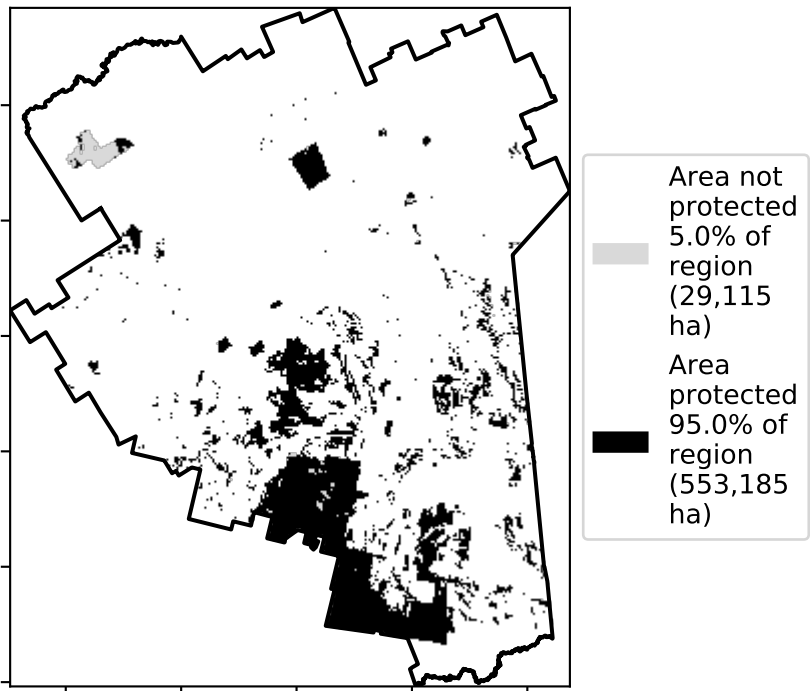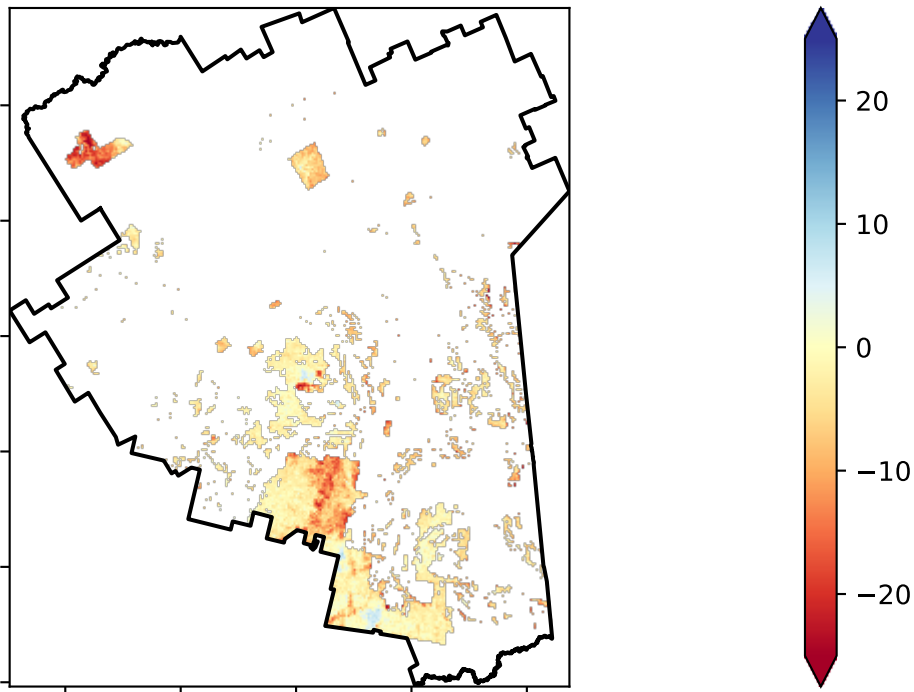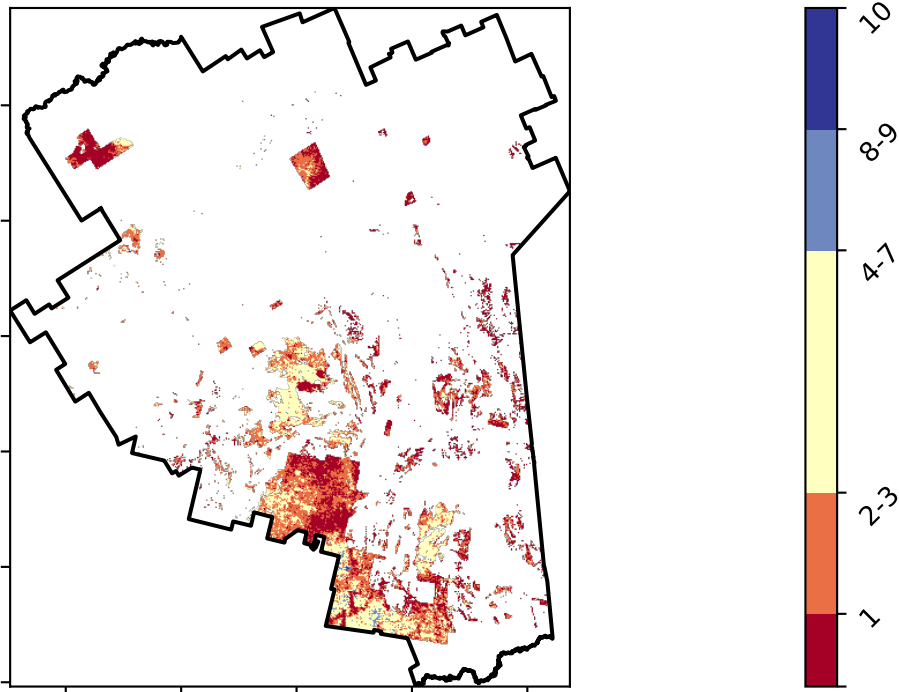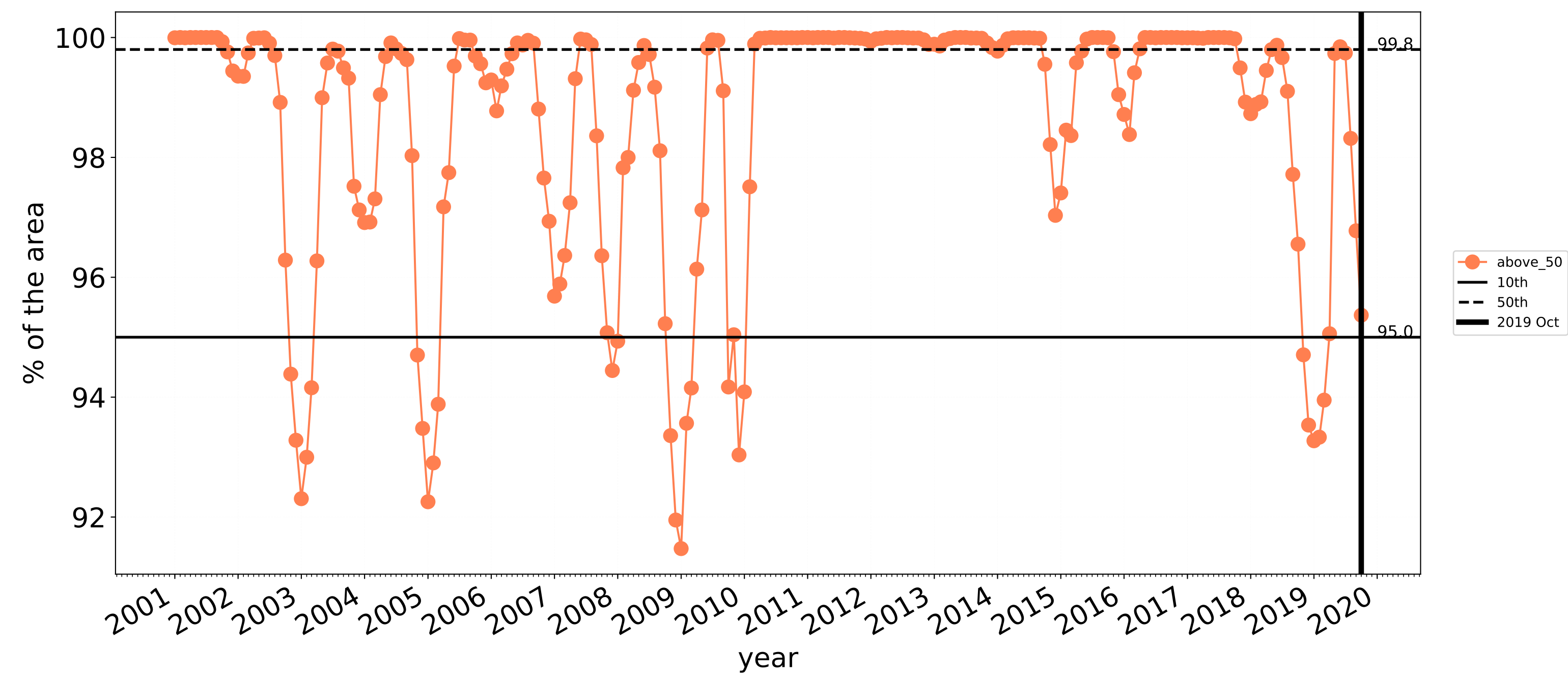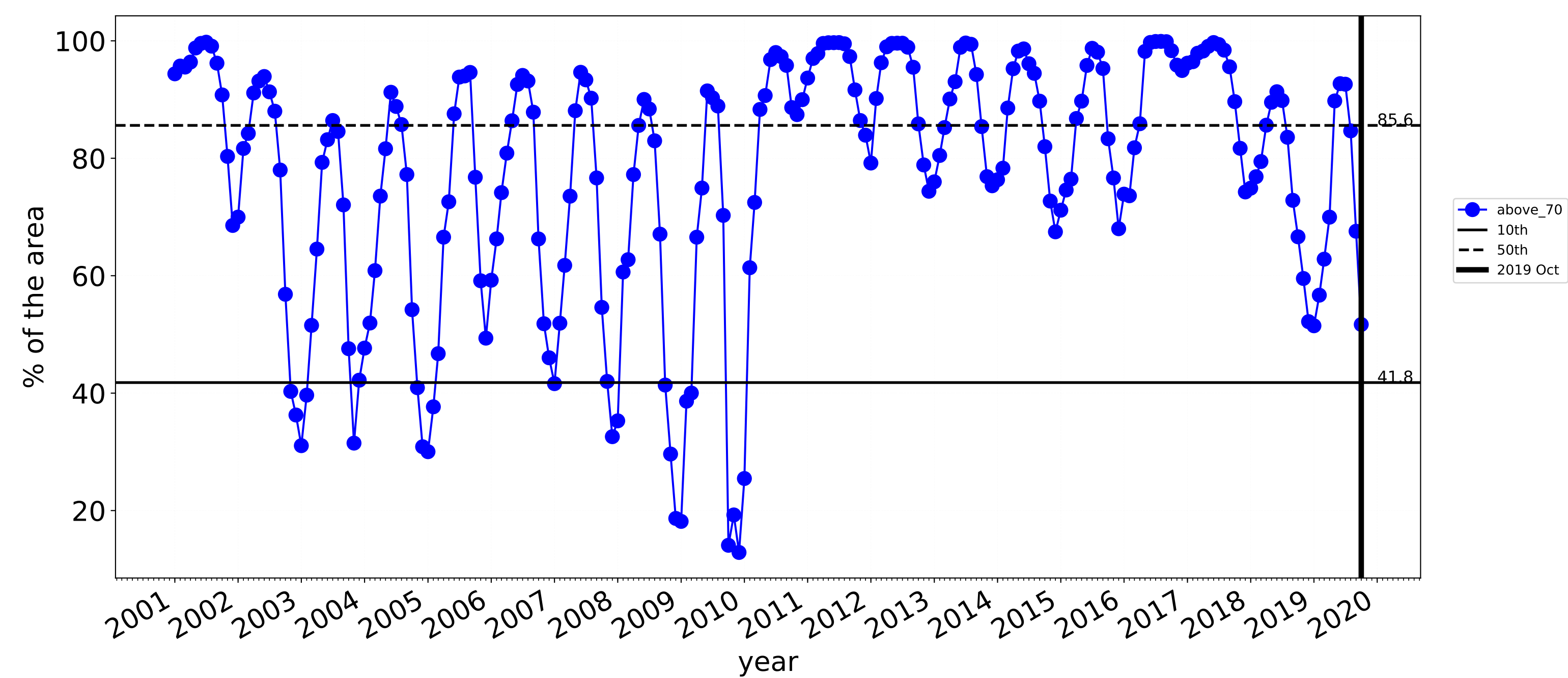

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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
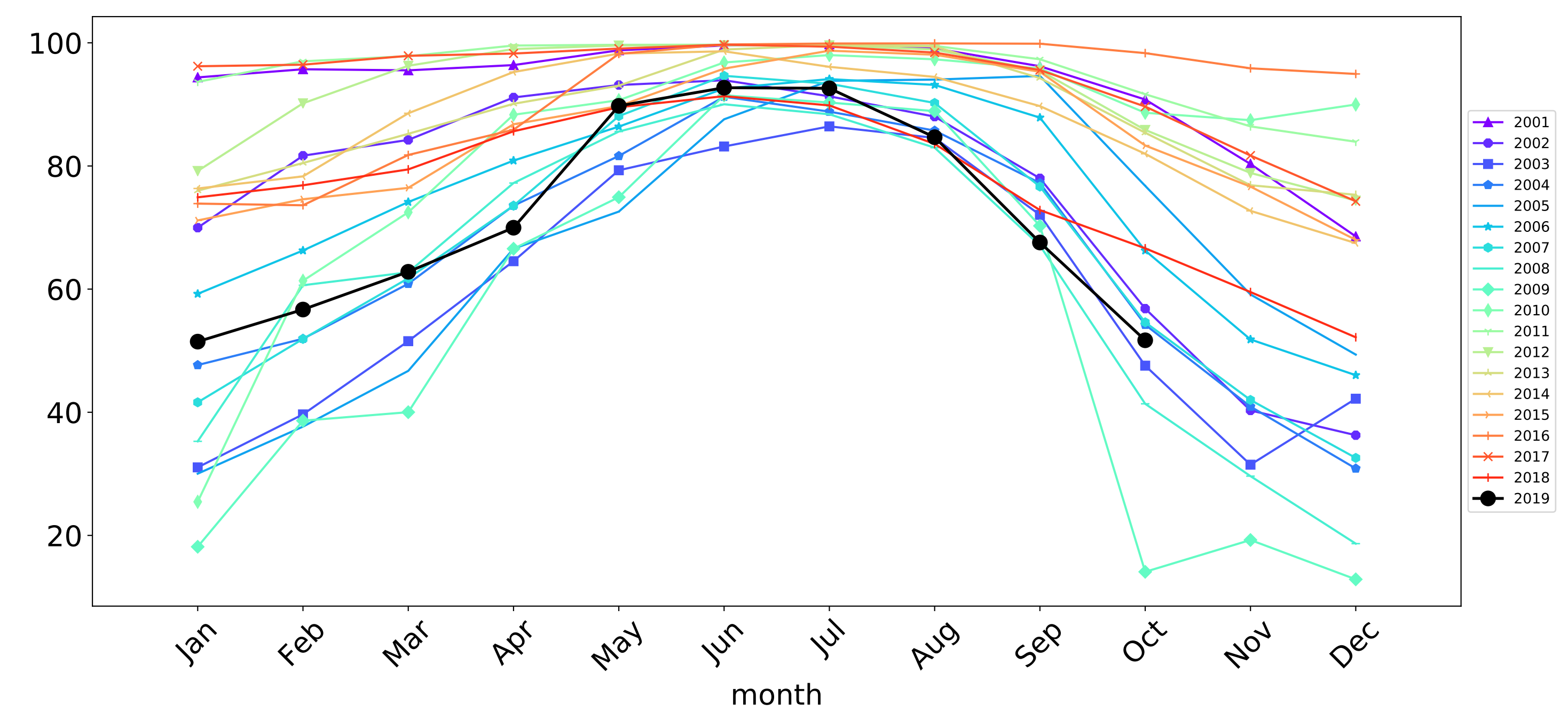
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

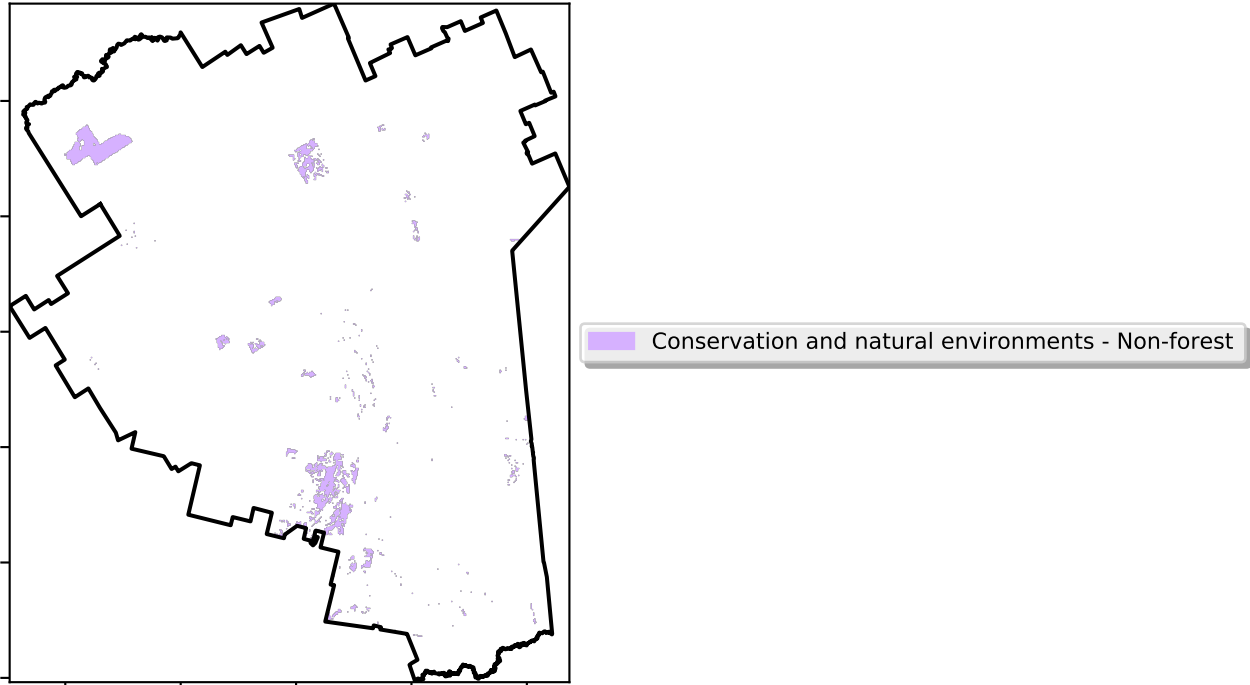Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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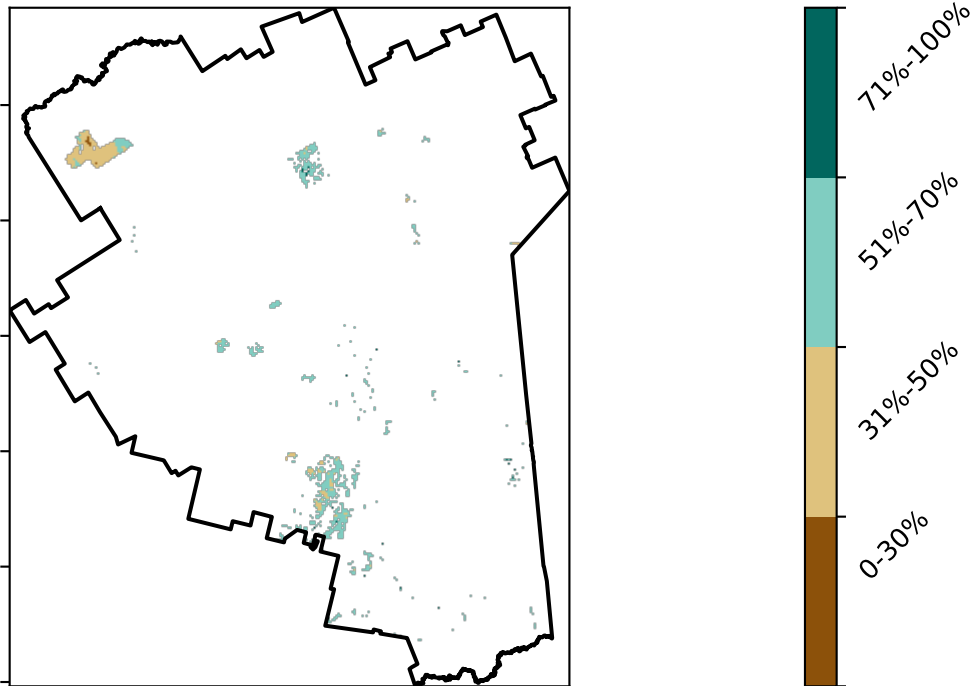
Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2019

Rainfall: historical monthly
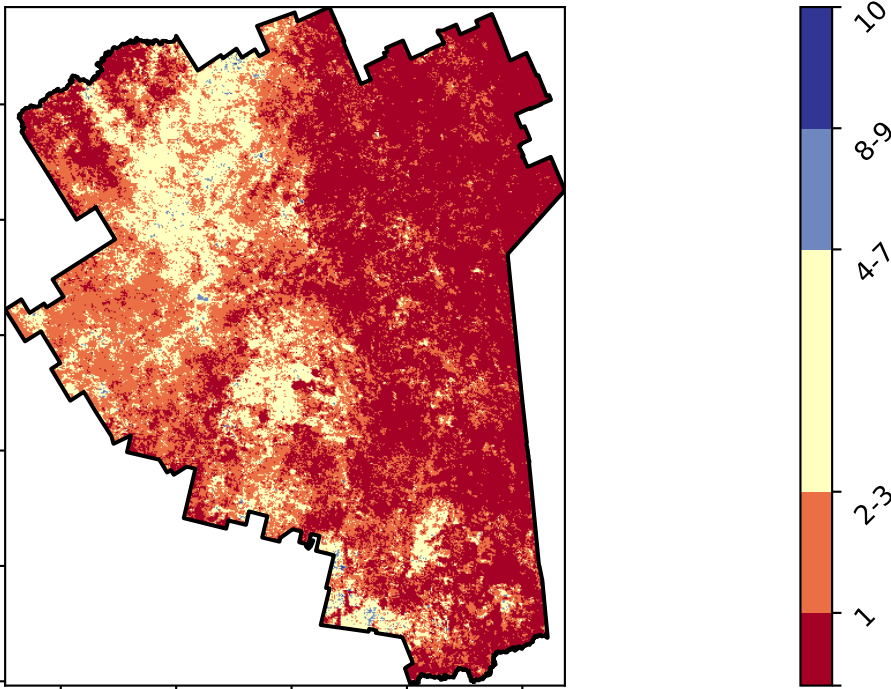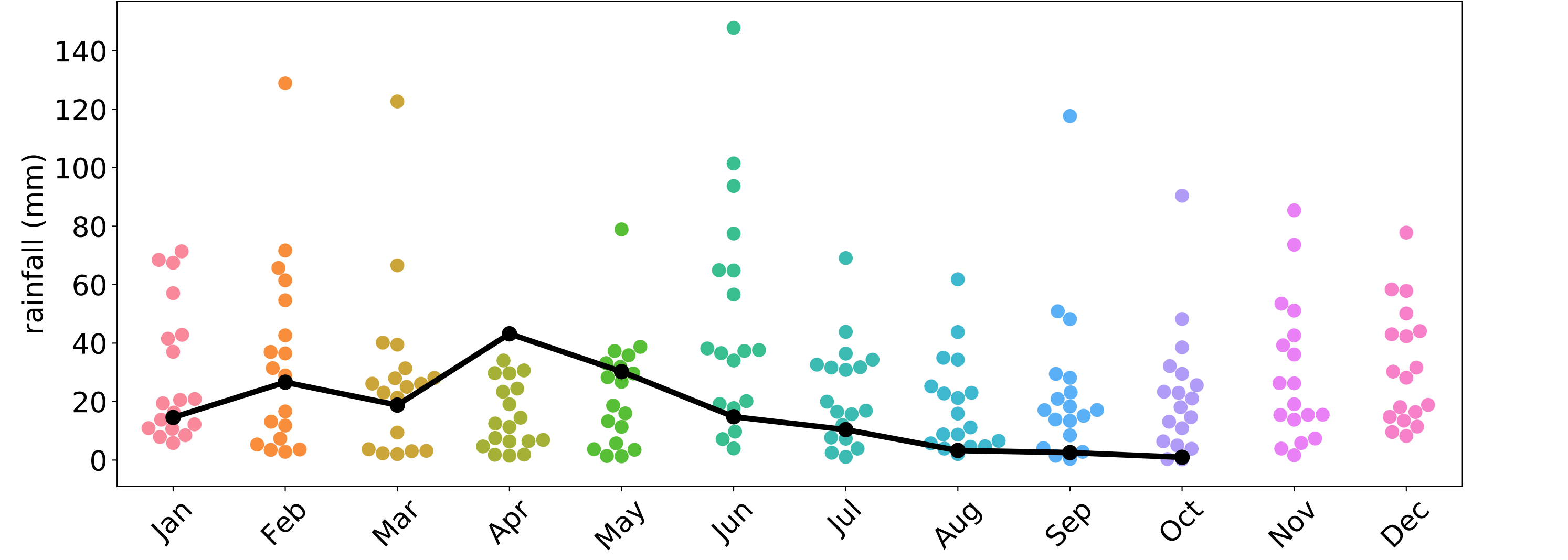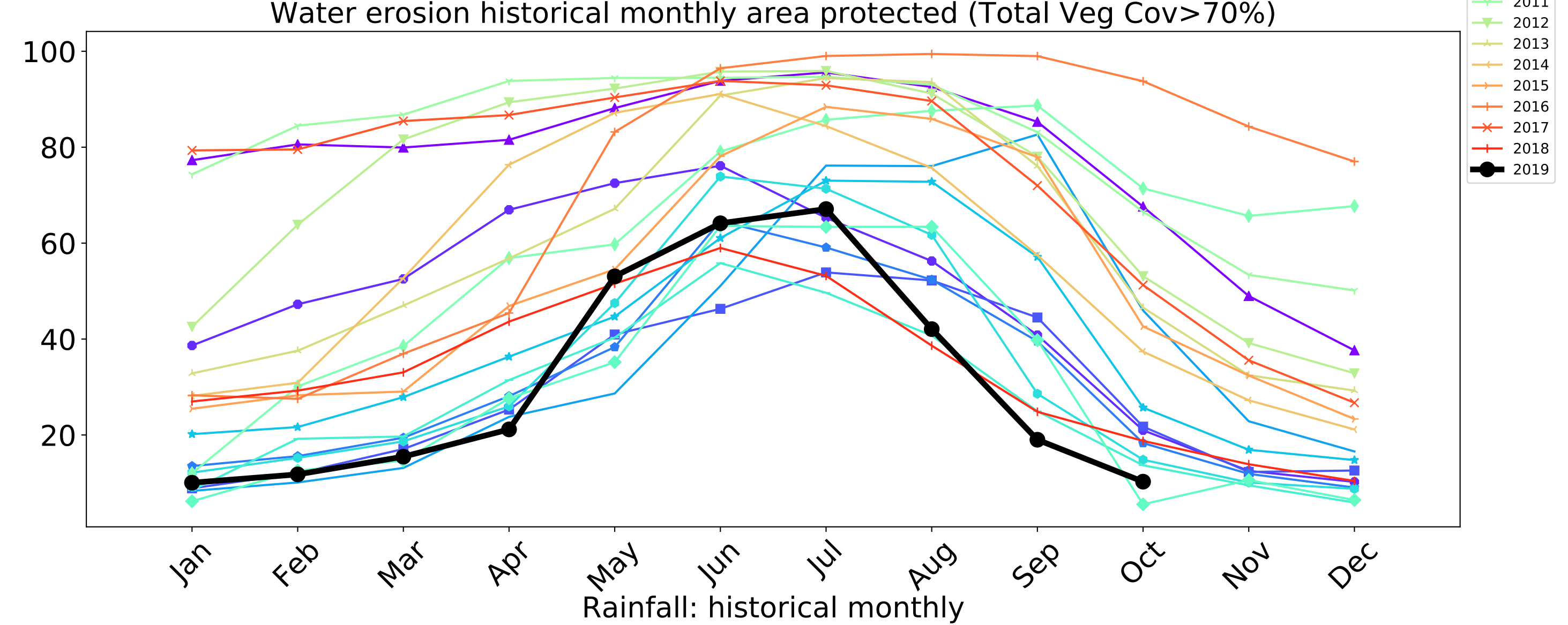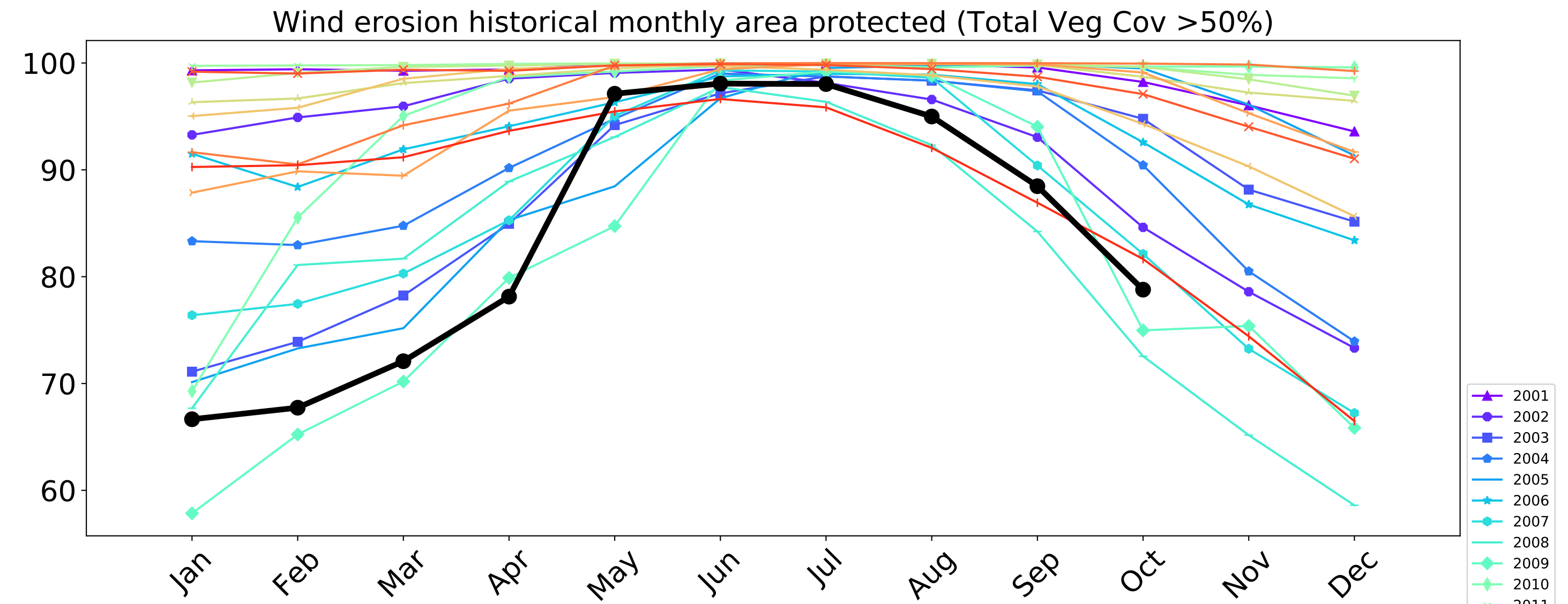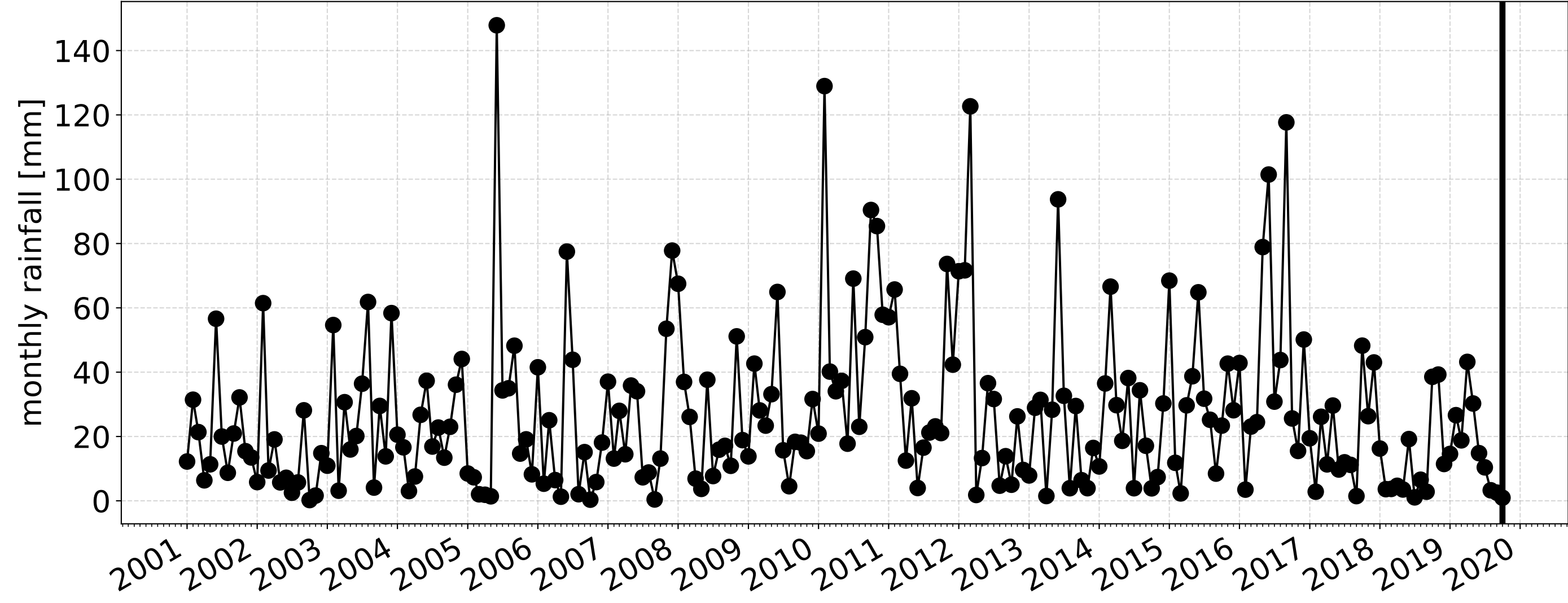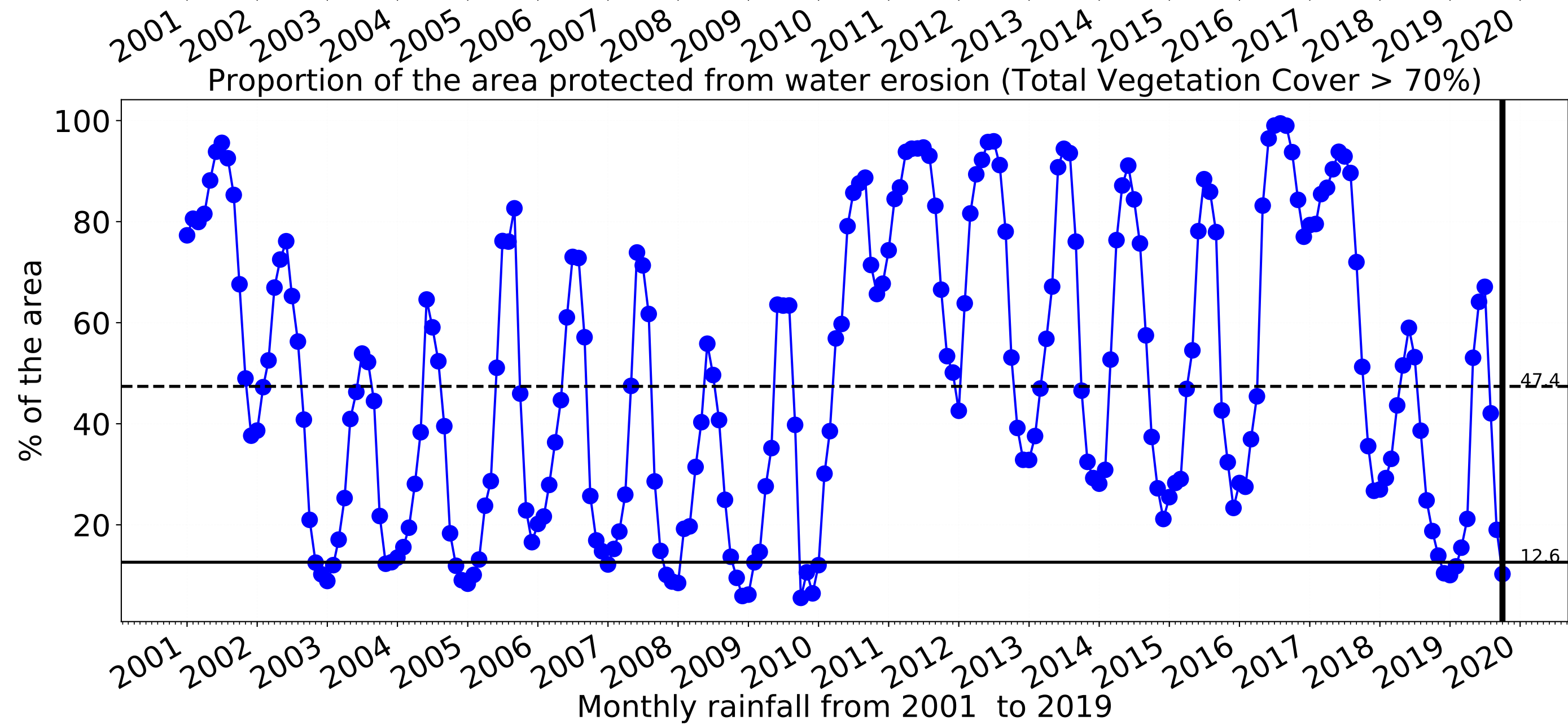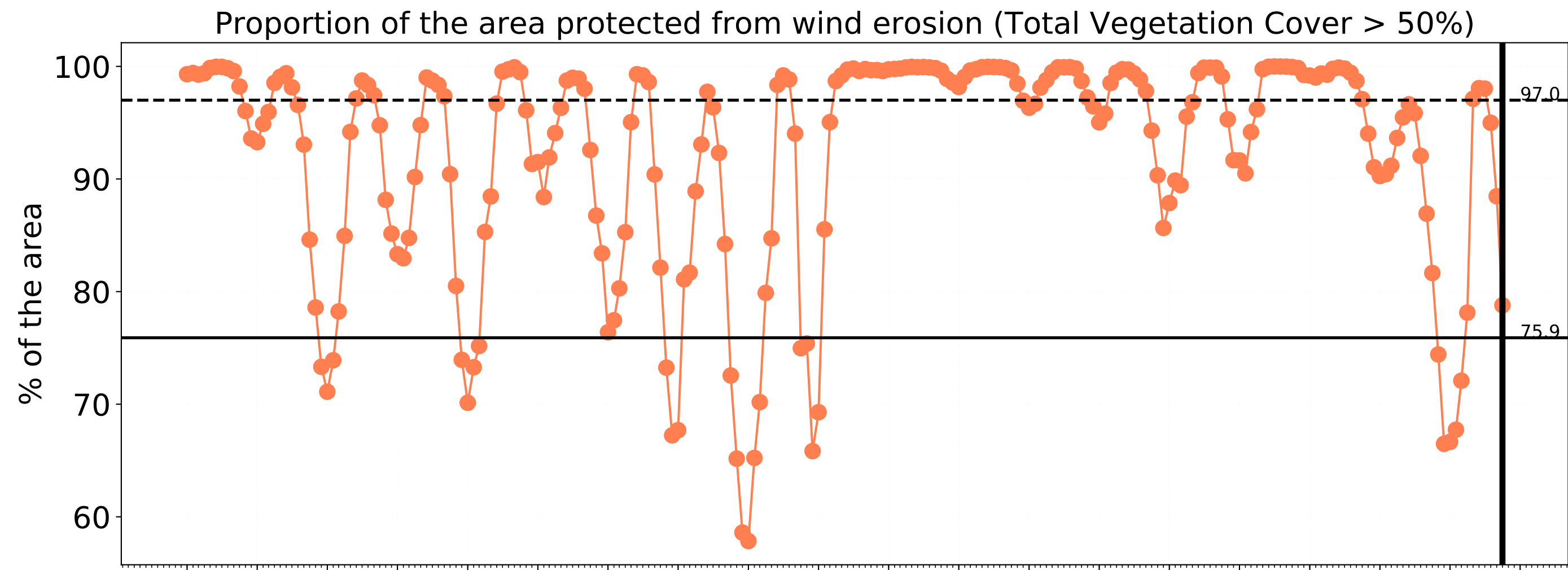
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

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Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
Conservation and natural environments – Woodland forest
Conservation and natural environments – Non-woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

51.7%
43.7%
4.5%
0.1%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 48.3% of region (281,250 ha)

Area protected 51.7% of region (301,049 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 5.0% of region (29,115 ha)
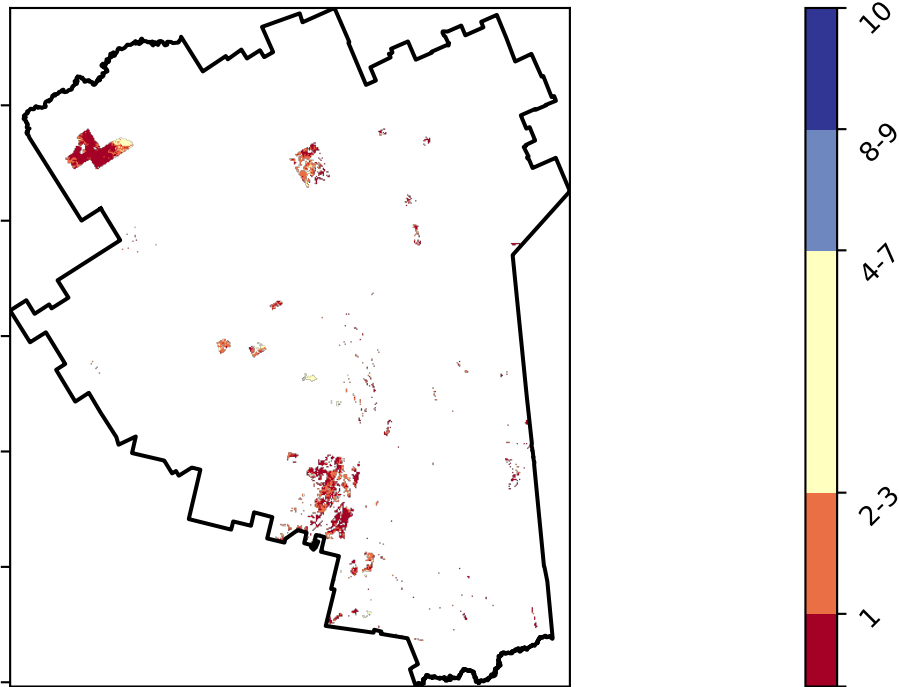
Area protected 95.0% of region (553,185 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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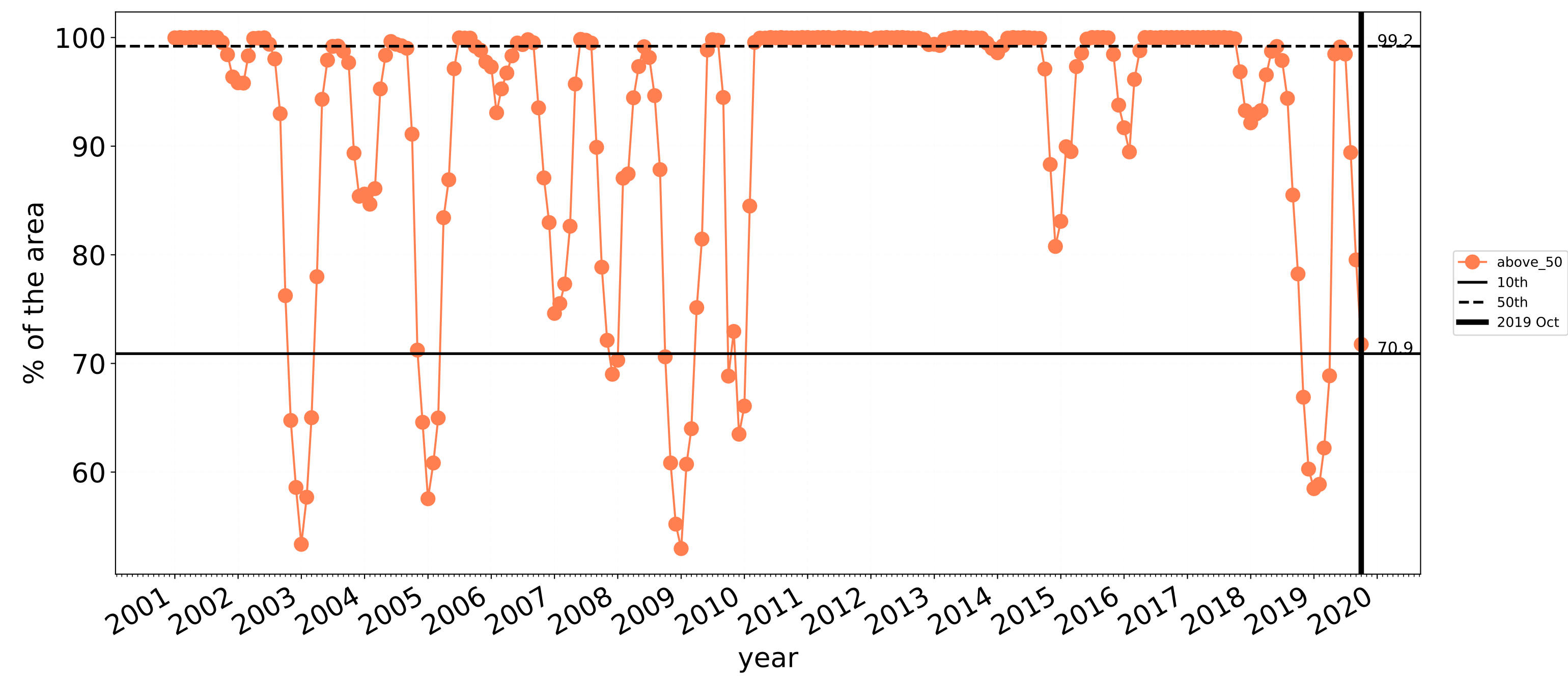
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Conservation and natural environments timeseries

Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

70.1%

27.6%

1.6%

0.7%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 98.4% of region (87,379 ha)

Area protected 1.6% of region (1,420 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 28.0% of region (24,864 ha)

Area protected 72.0% of region (63,936 ha)

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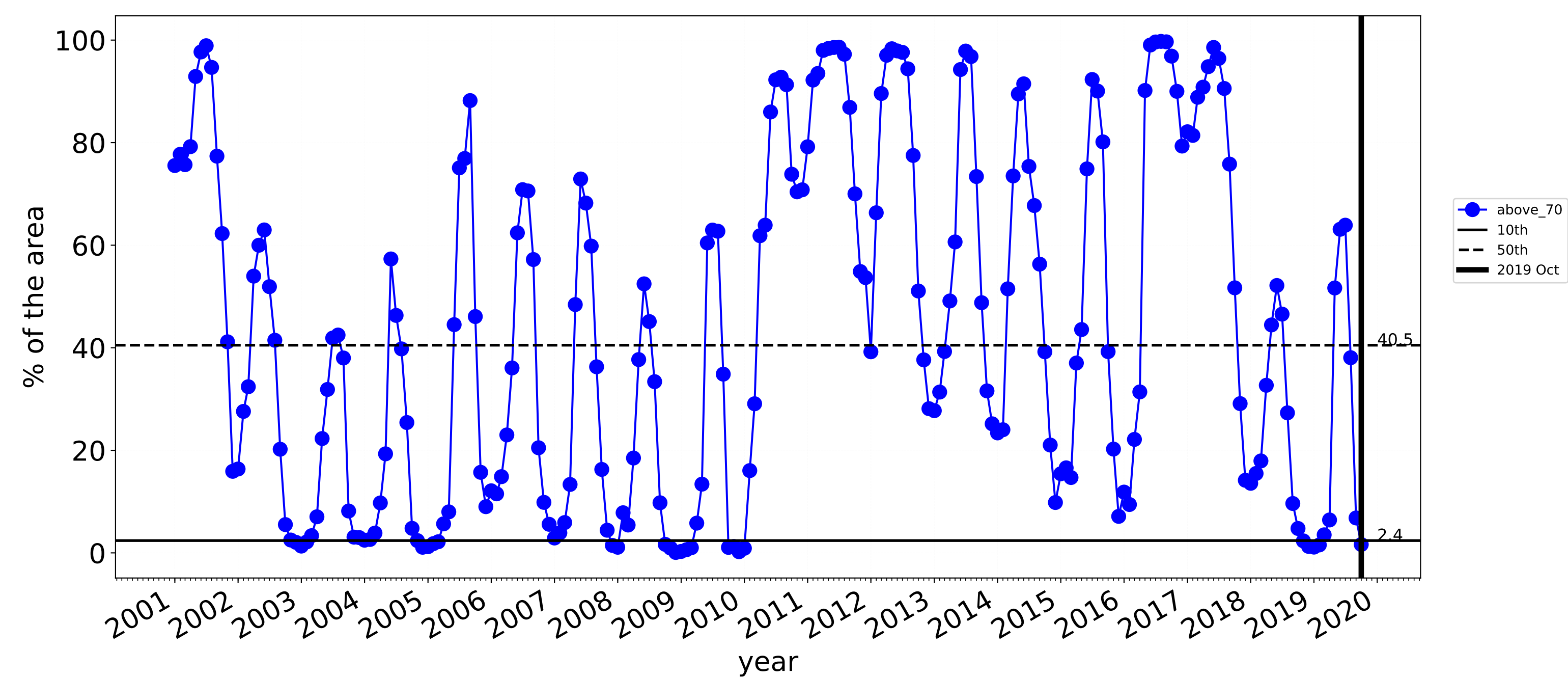# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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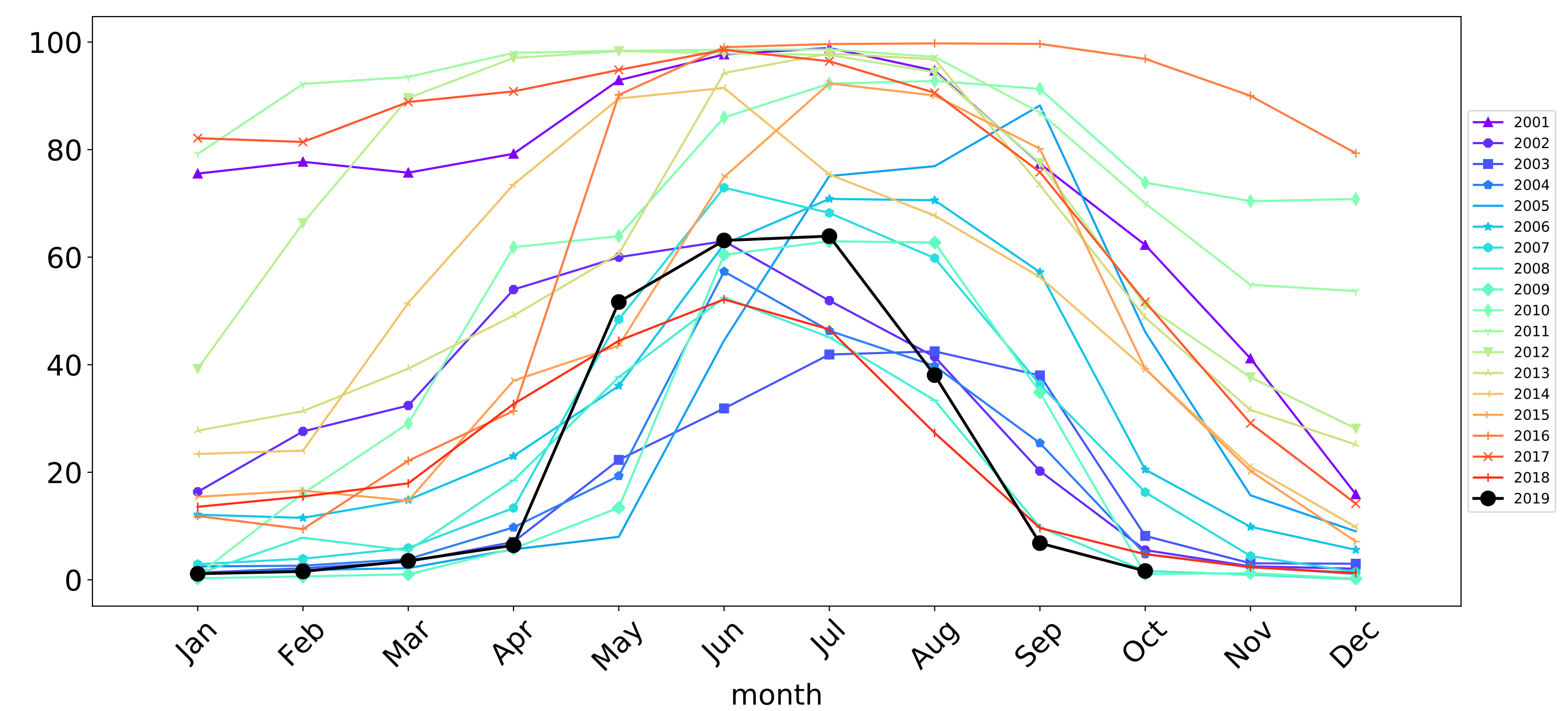

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

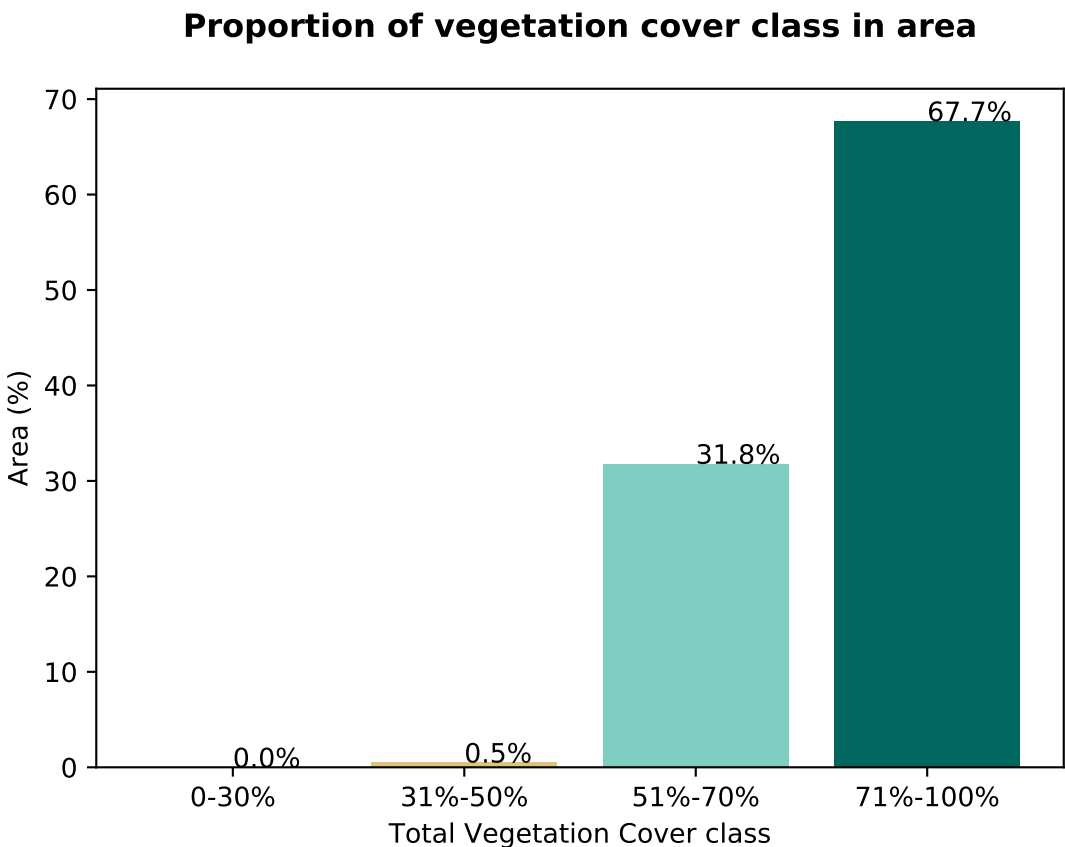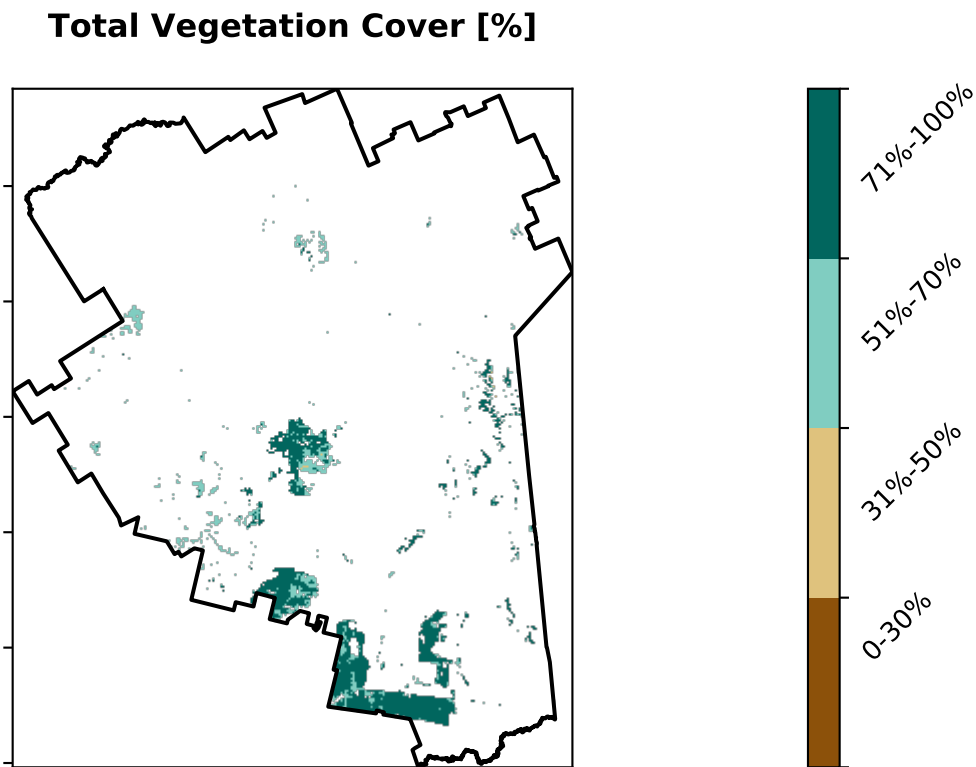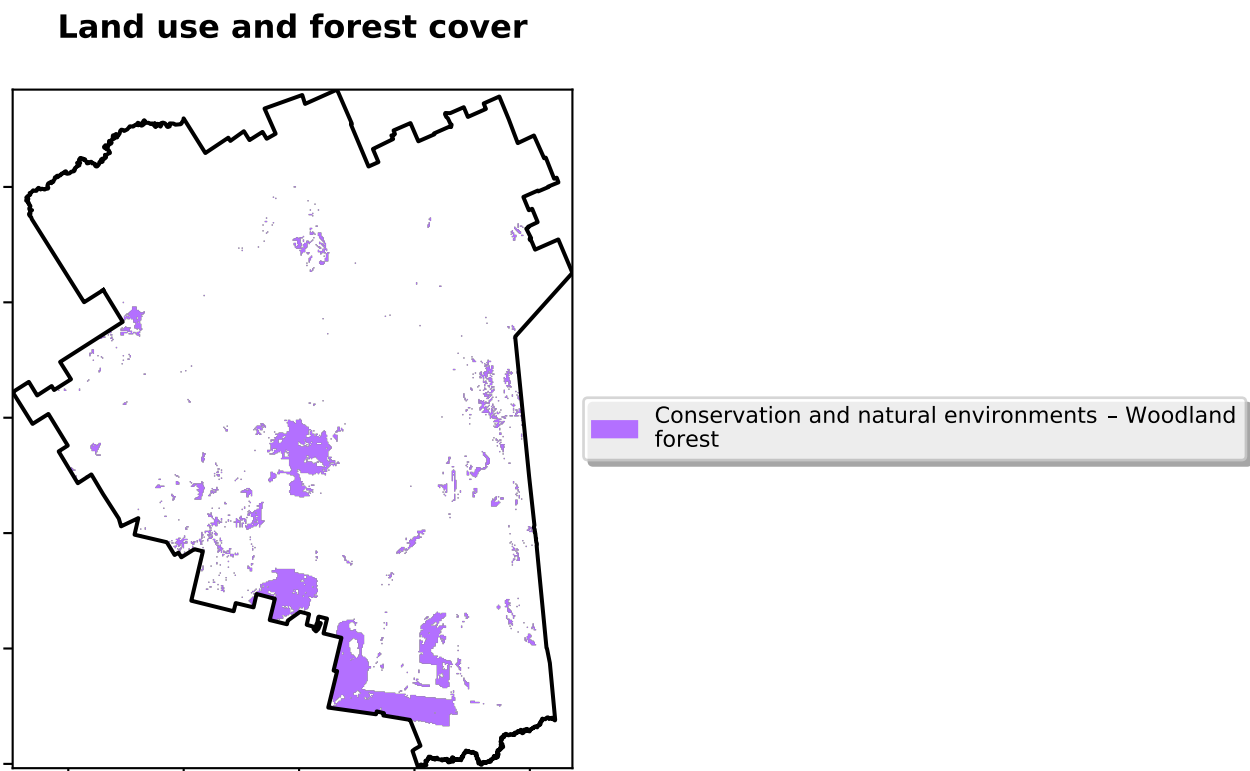Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

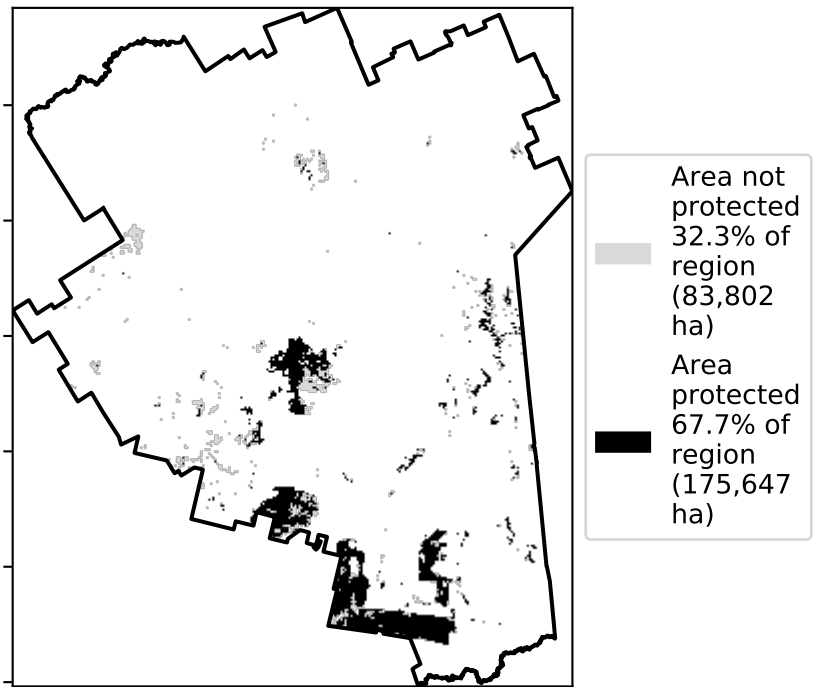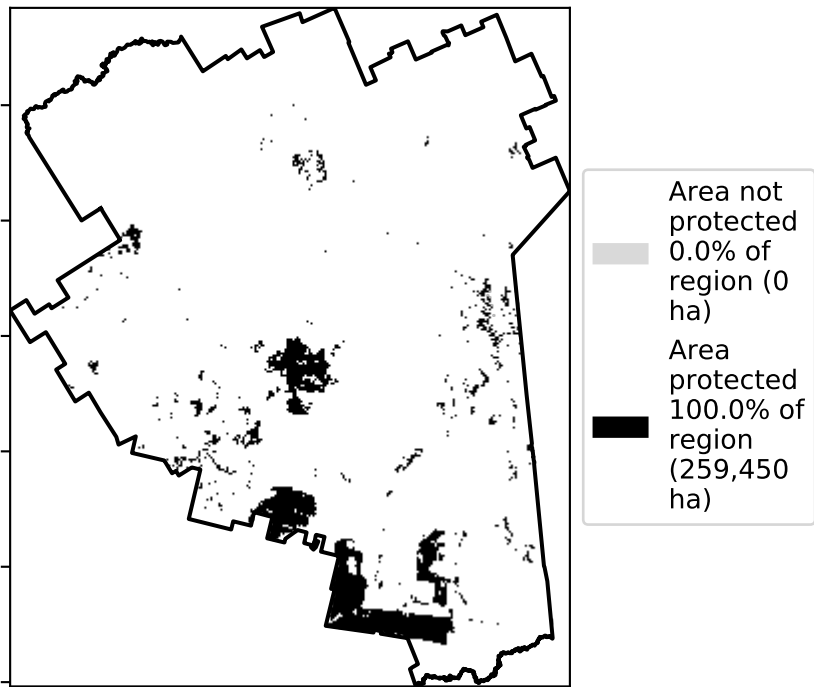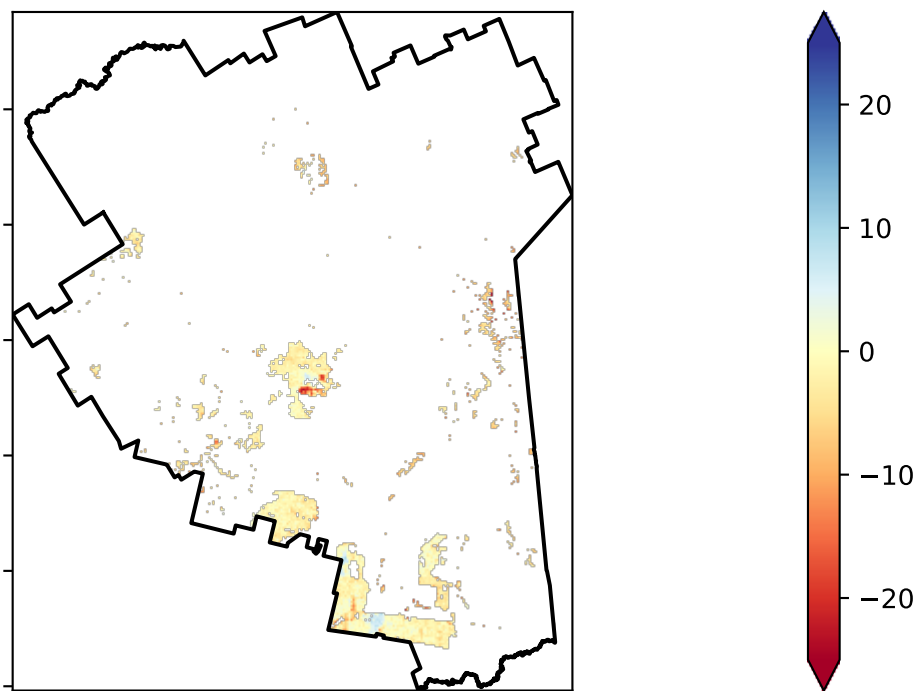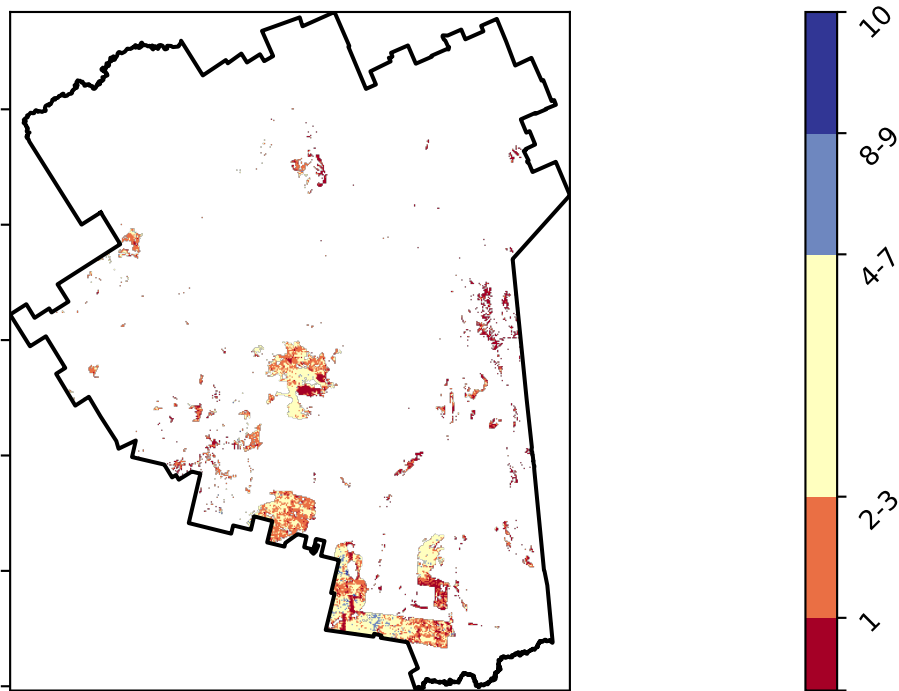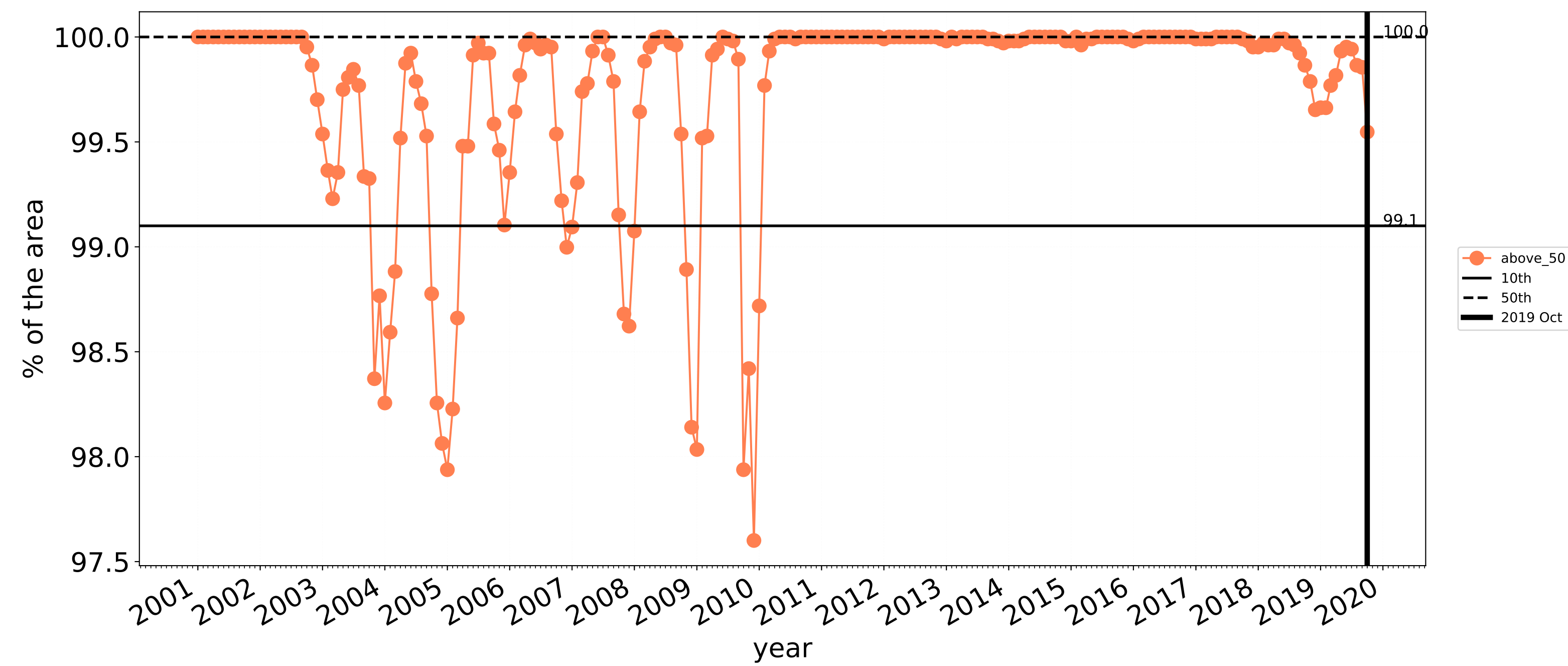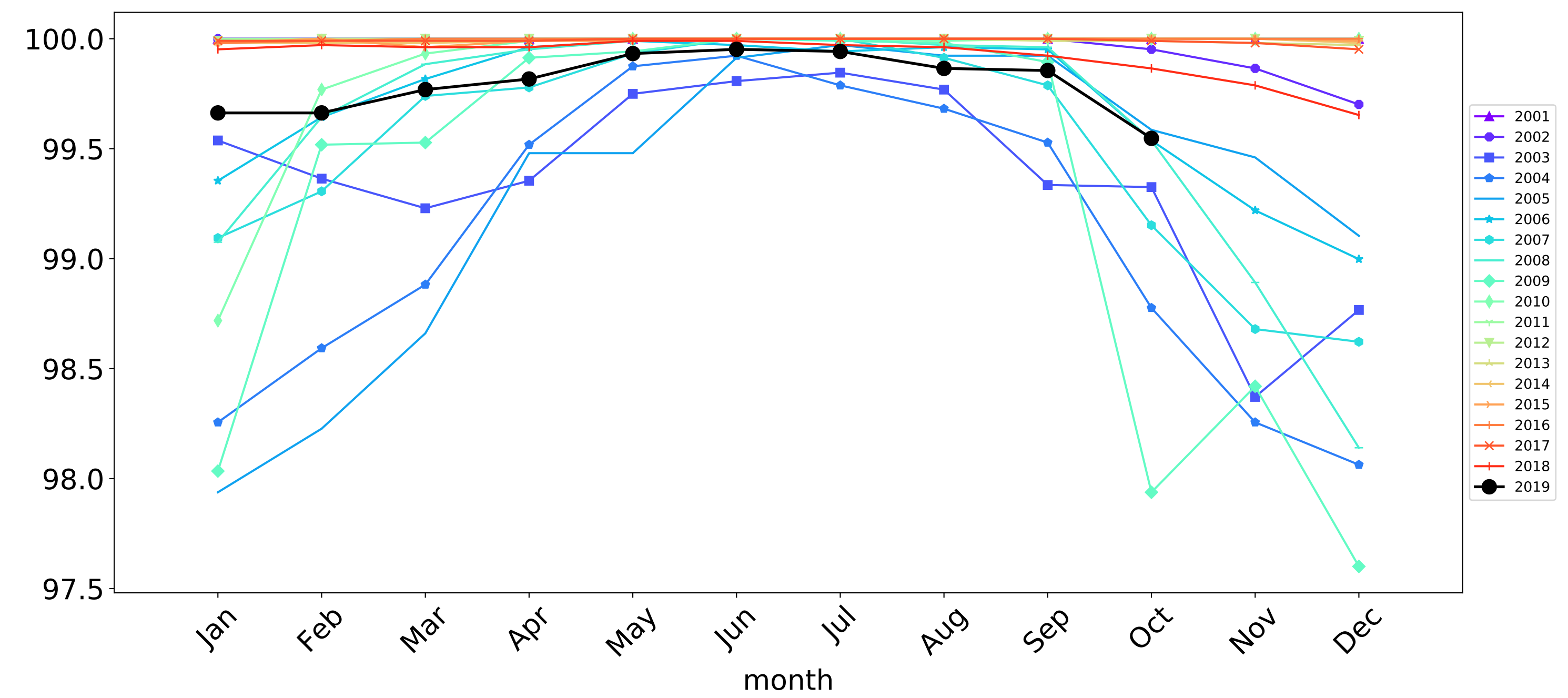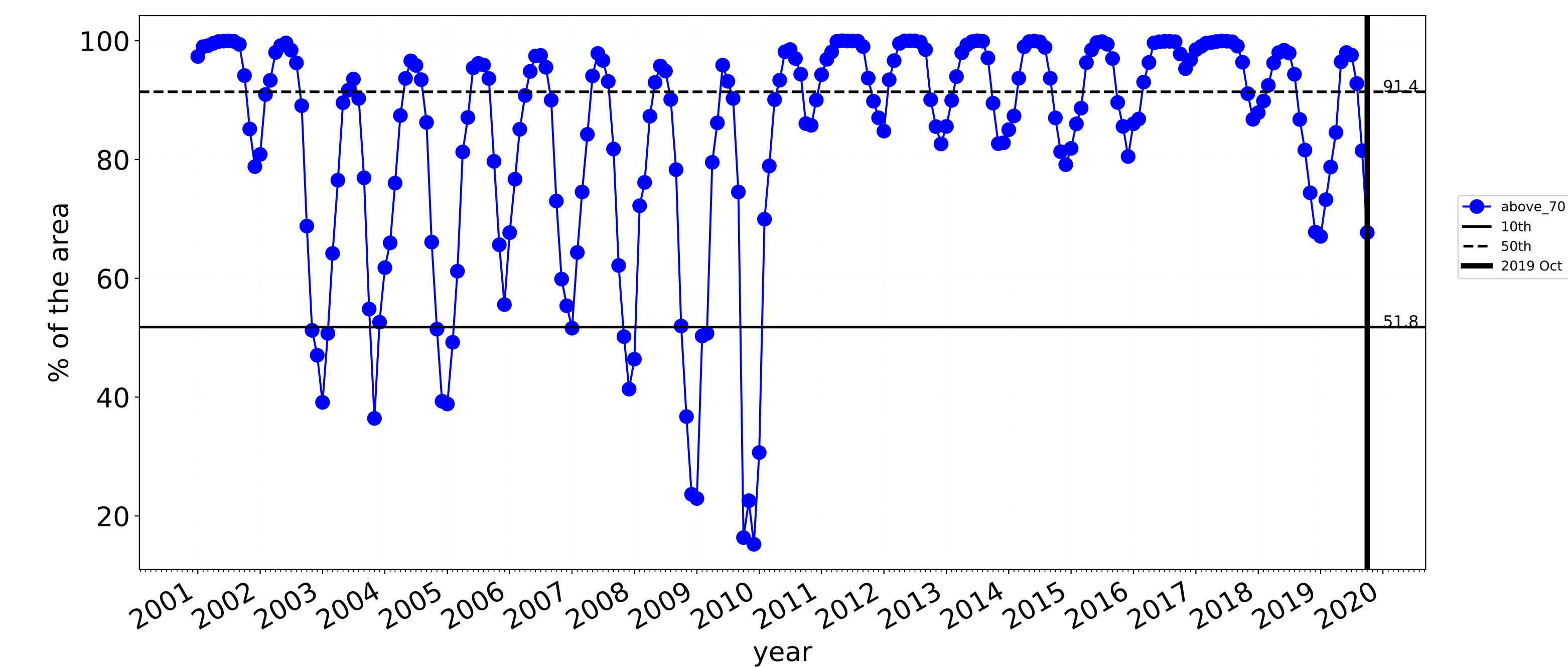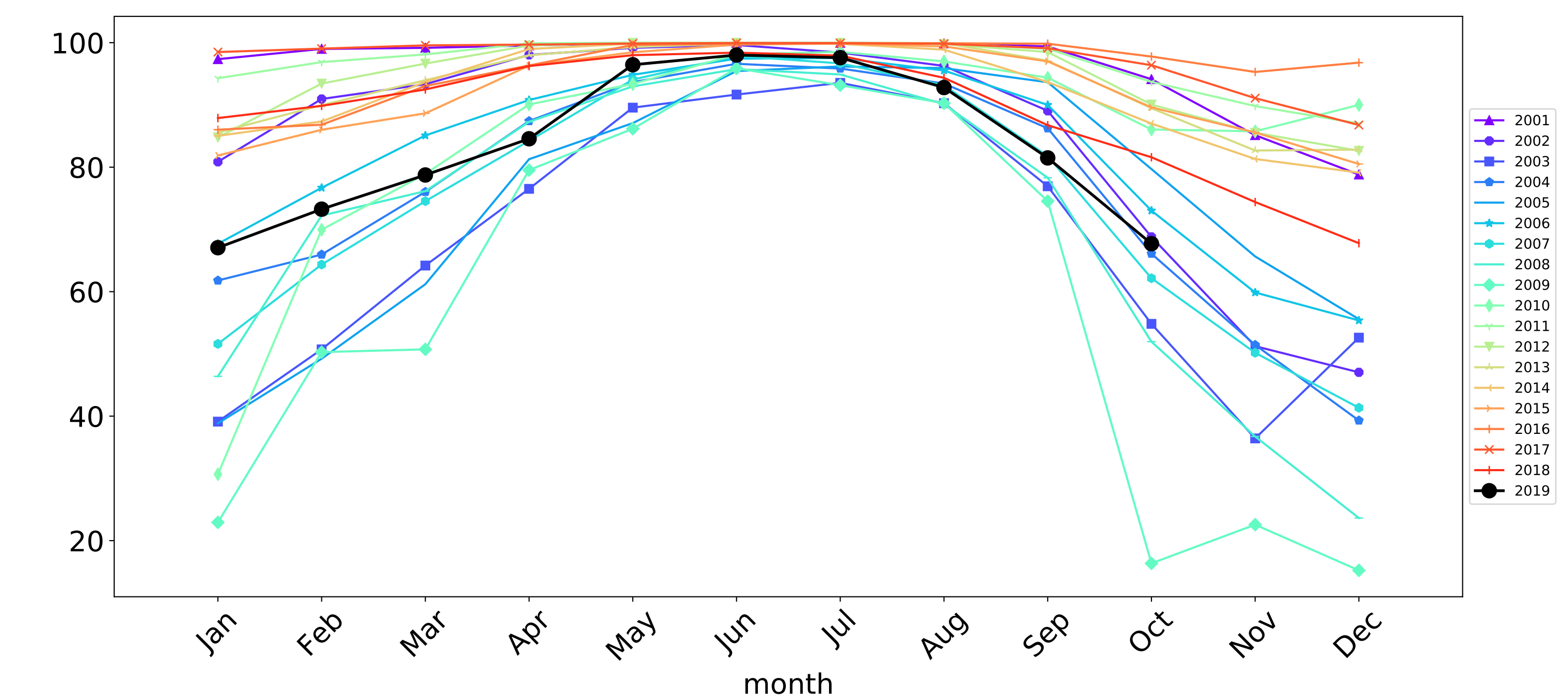Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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Conservation and natural environments – Woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 32.3% of region (83,802 ha)

Area protected 67.7% of region (175,647 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (259,450 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Conservation and natural environments 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%)

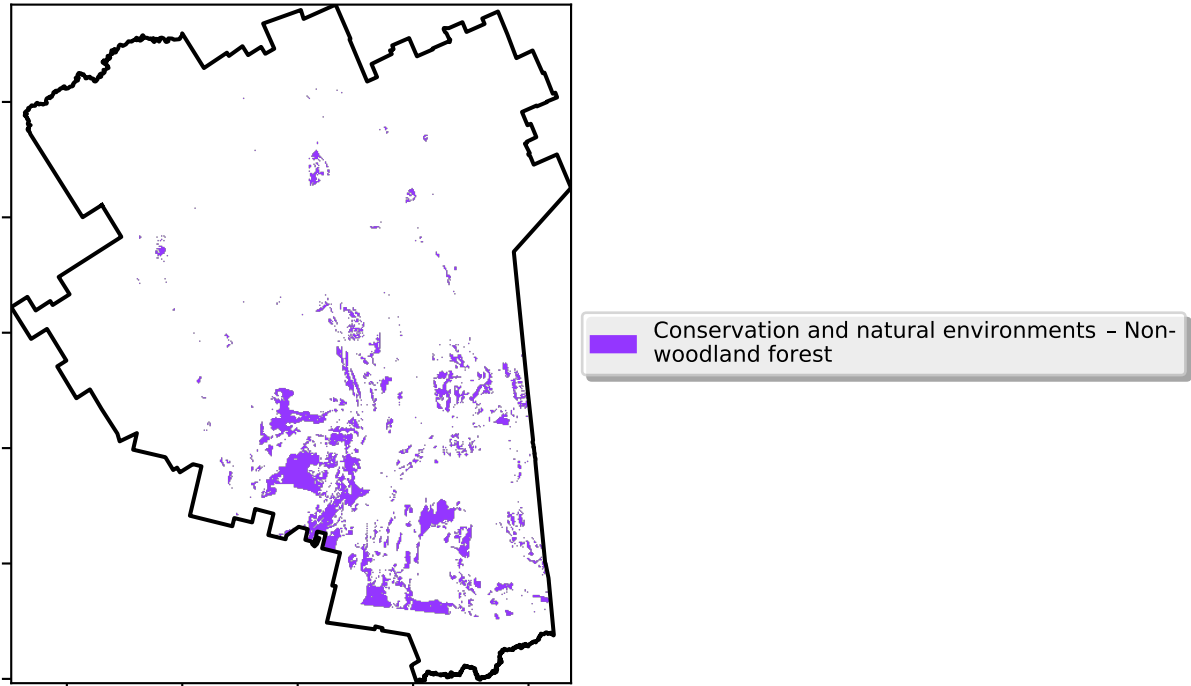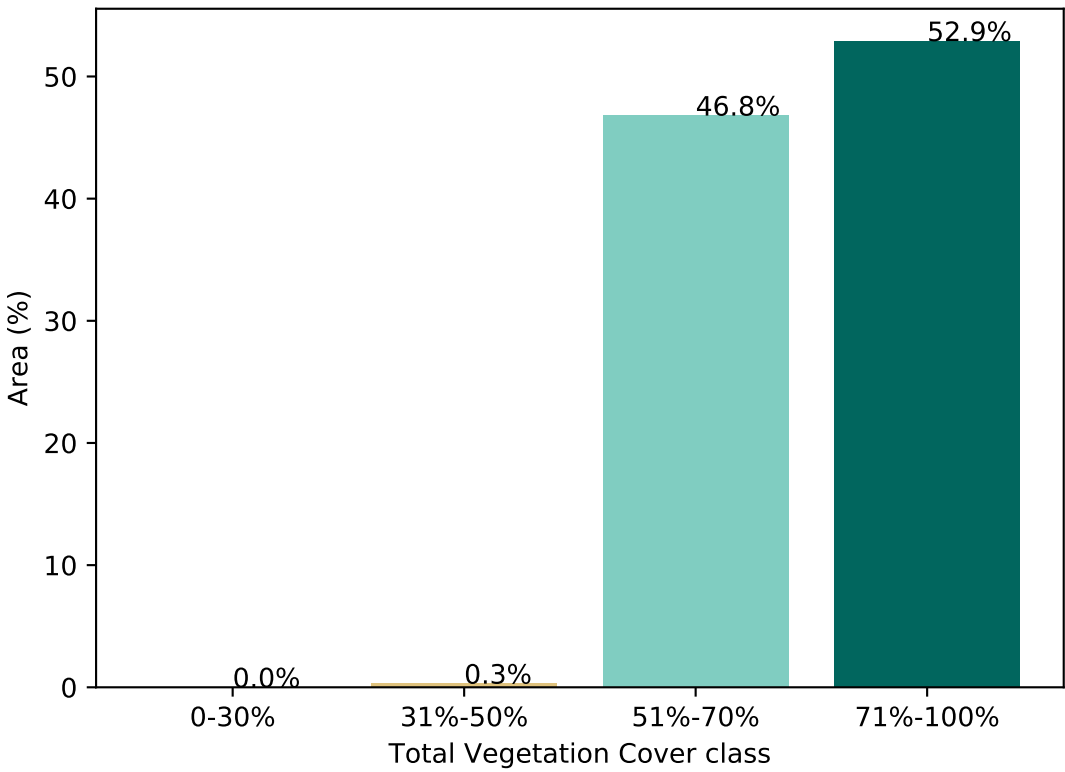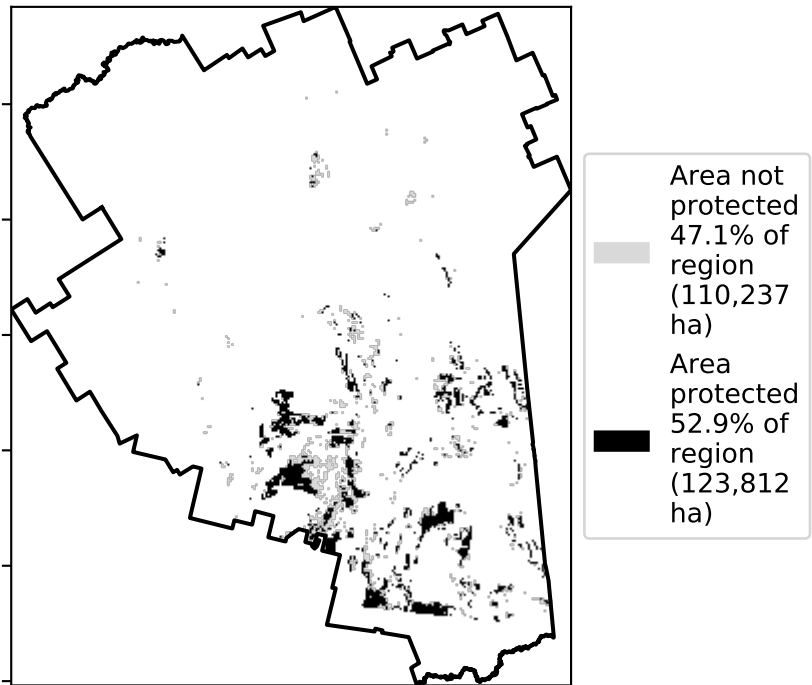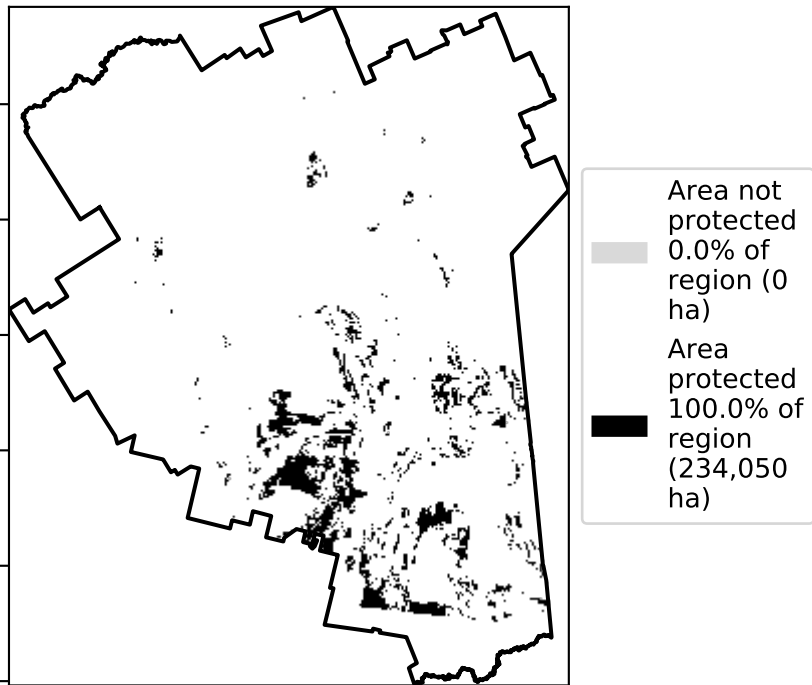Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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

Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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Conservation and natural environments – Non-woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

0.0%   0.3%   46.8%   52.9%

Total Vegetation Cover class

Area (%)

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 47.1% of region (110,237 ha)

Area protected 52.9% of region (123,812 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (234,050 ha)

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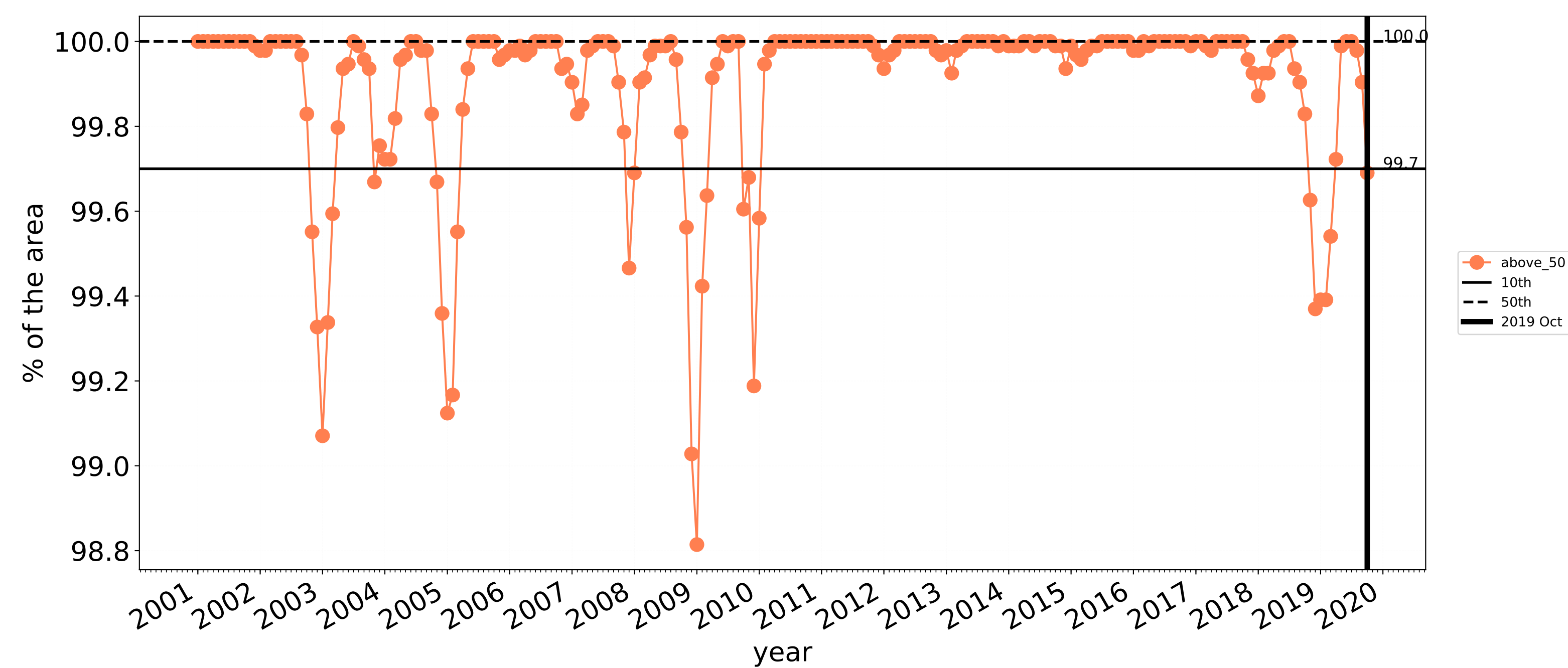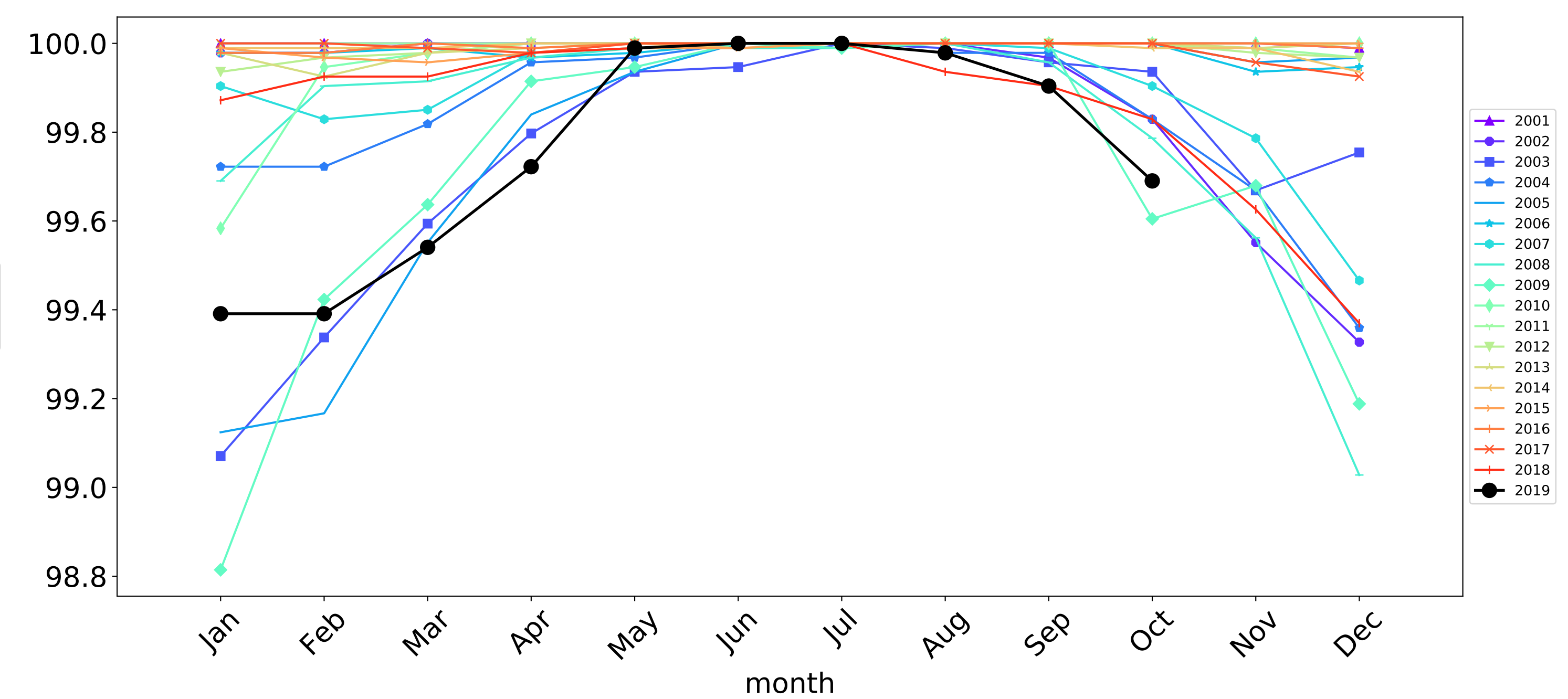
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries
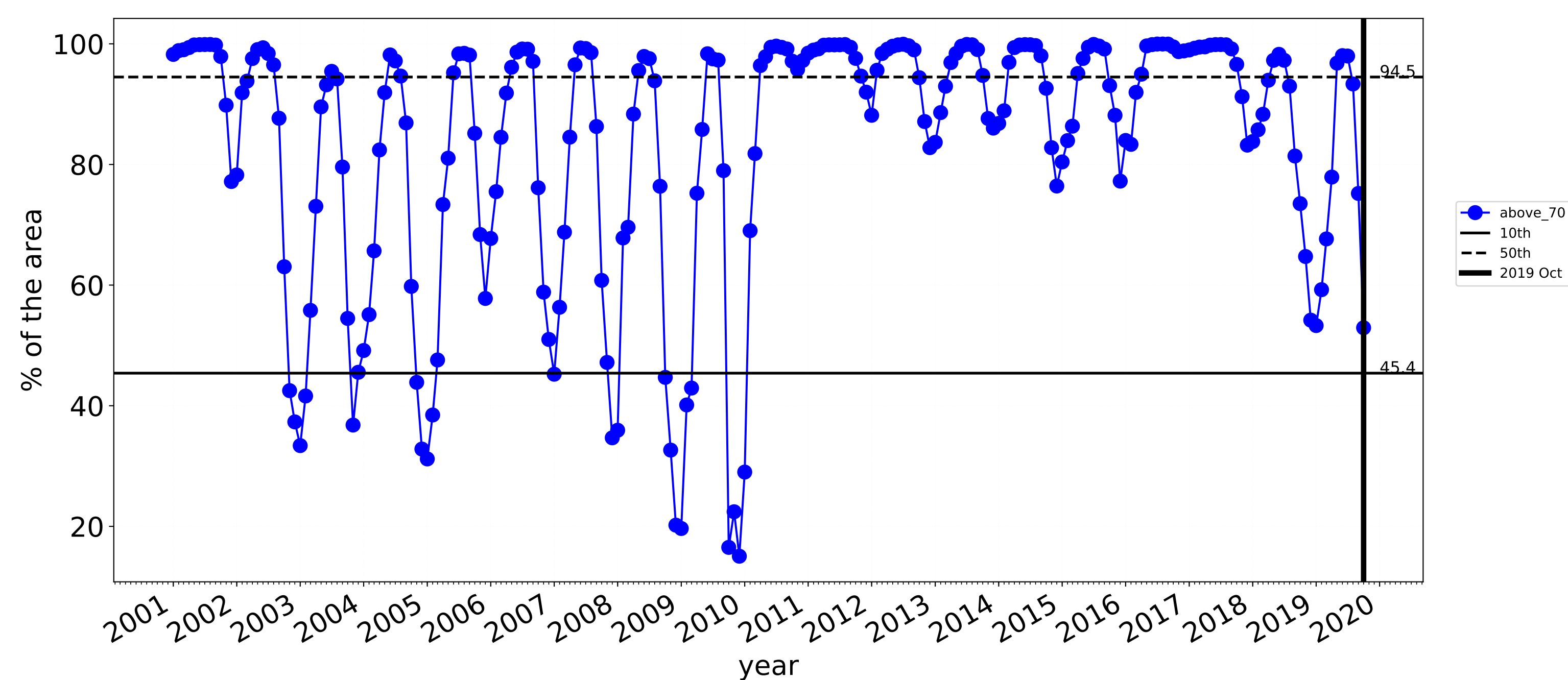

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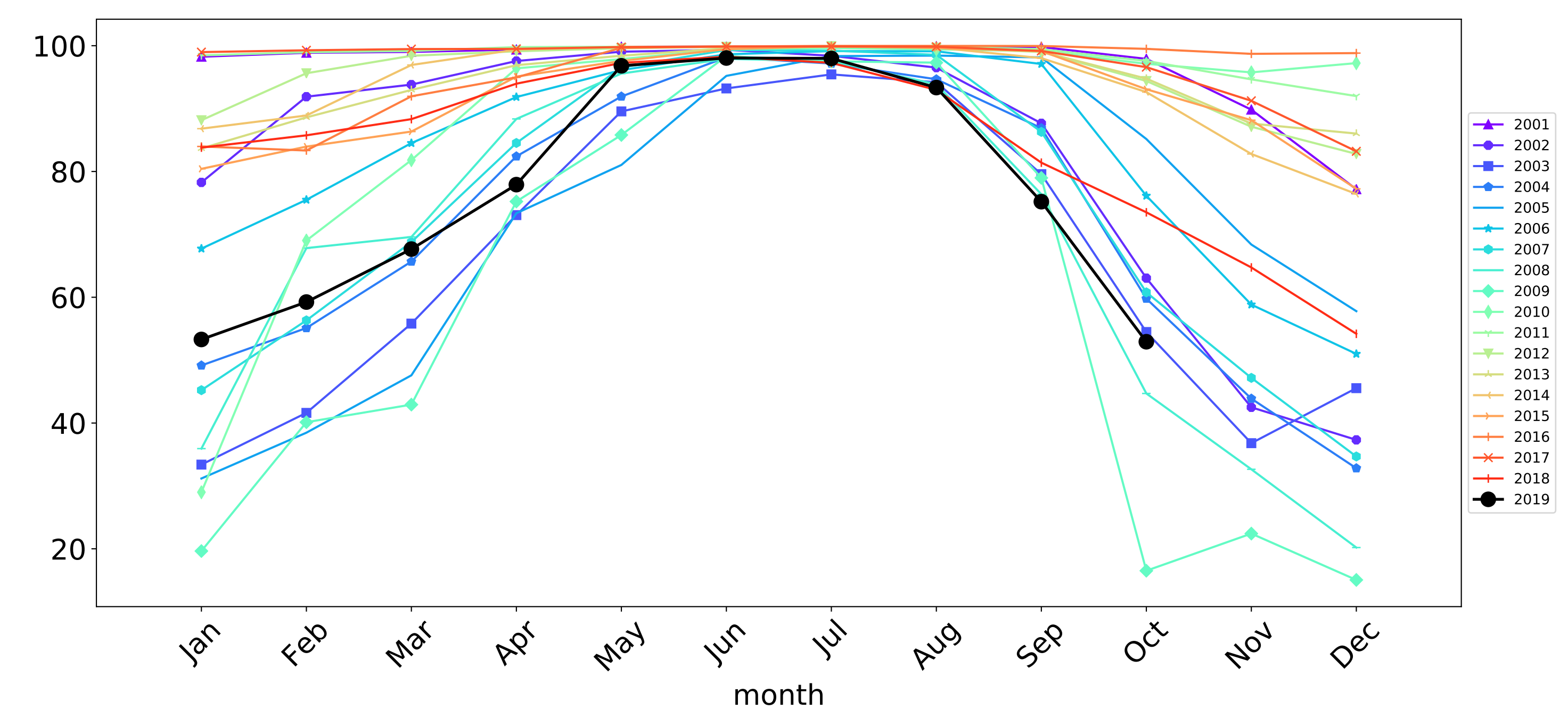

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

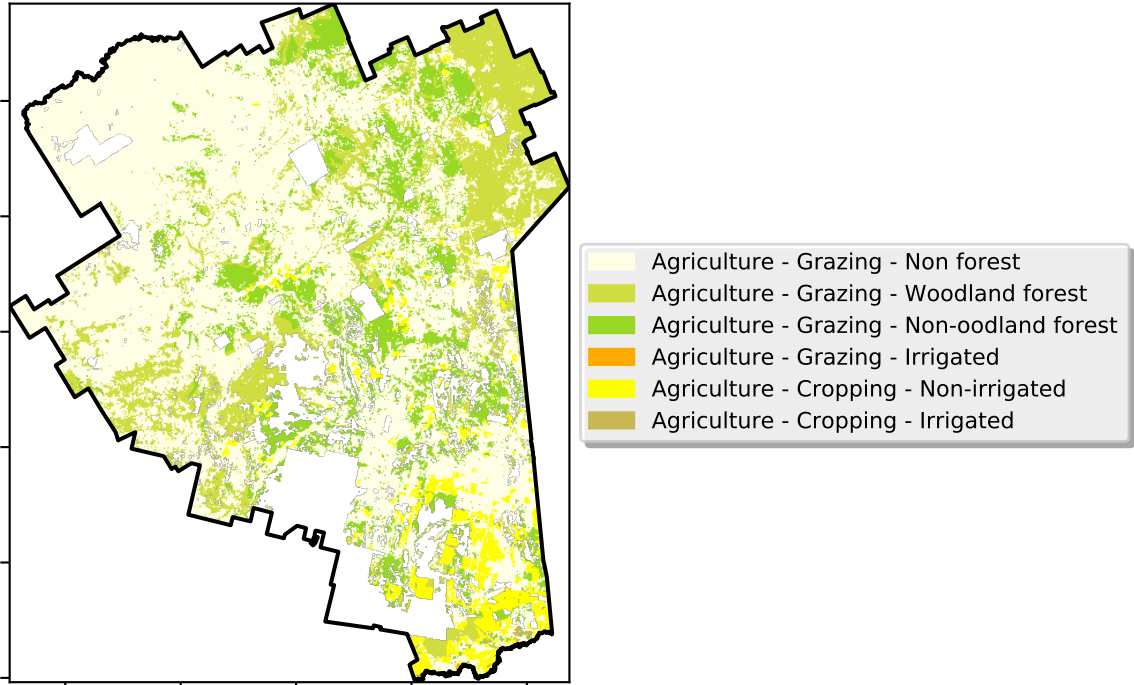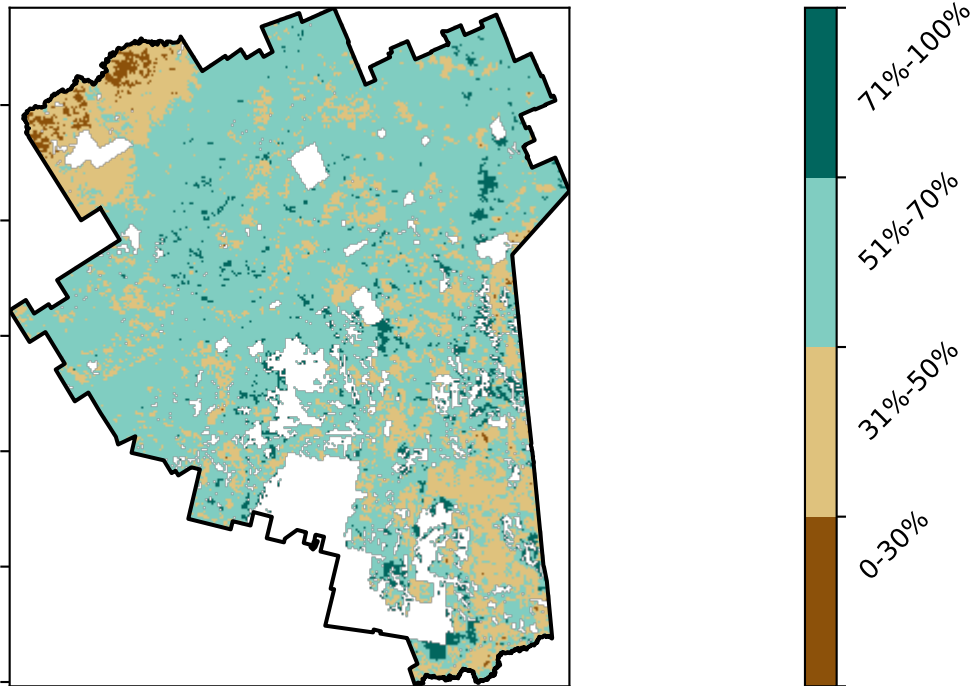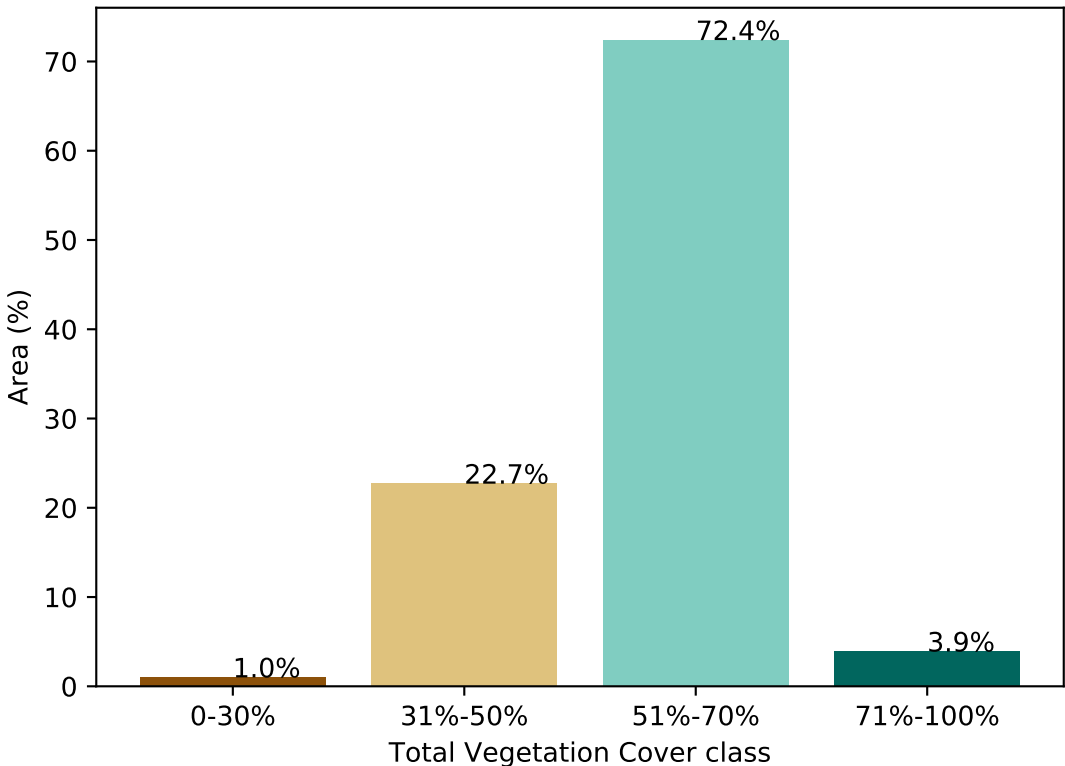Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Agriculture

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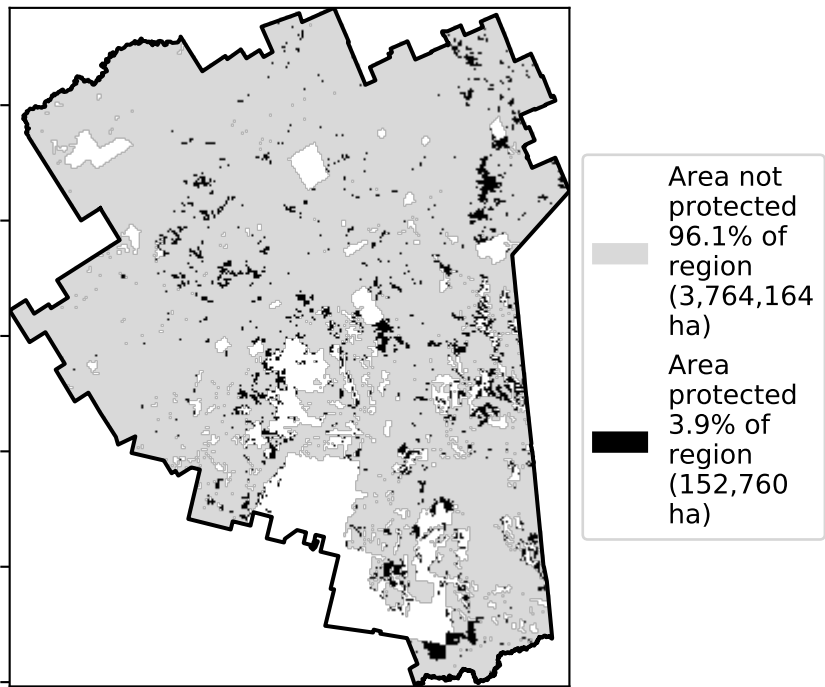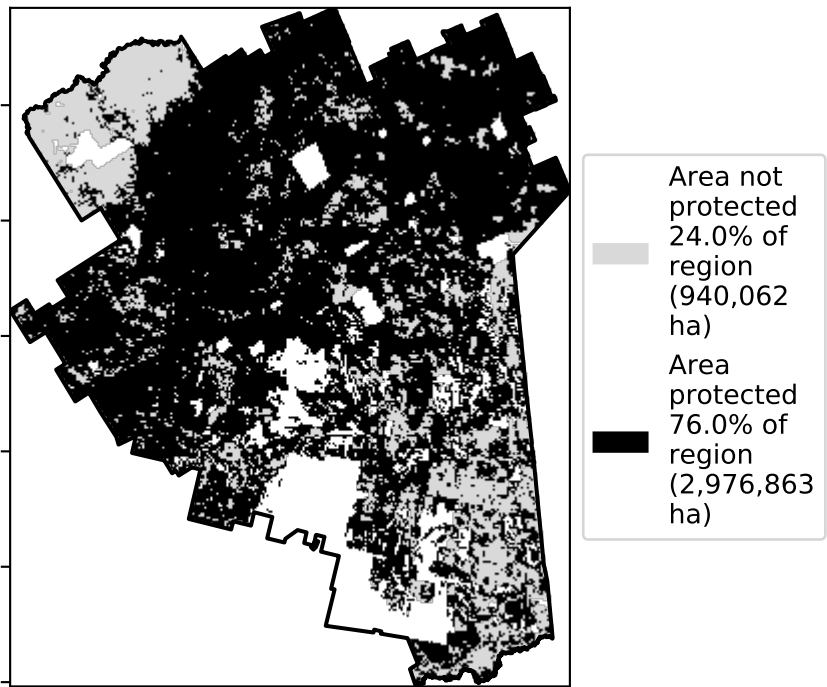
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 96.1% of region (3,764,164 ha)

Area protected 3.9% of region (152,760 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 24.0% of region (940,062 ha)
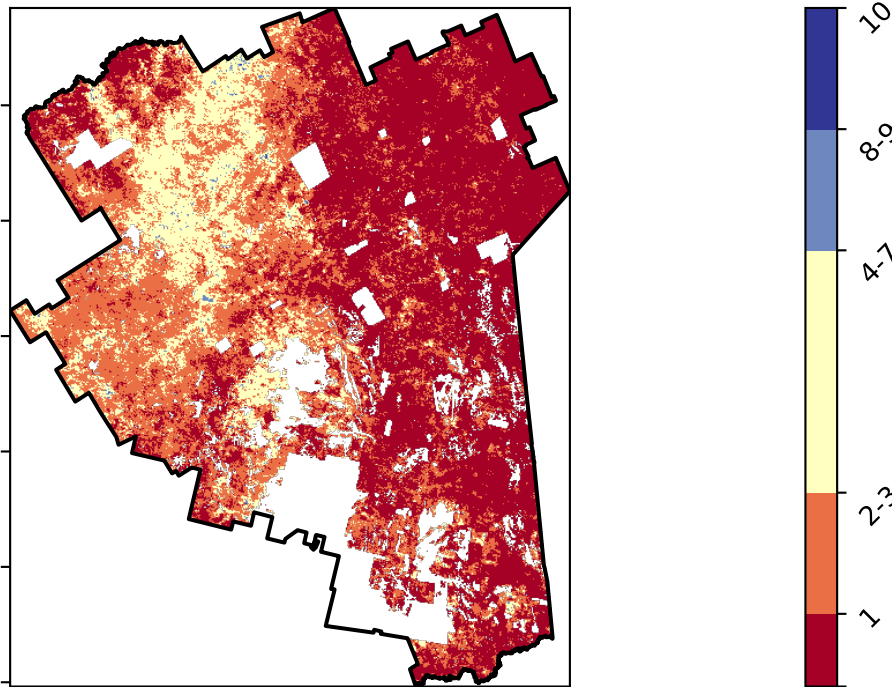
Area protected 76.0% of region (2,976,863 ha)

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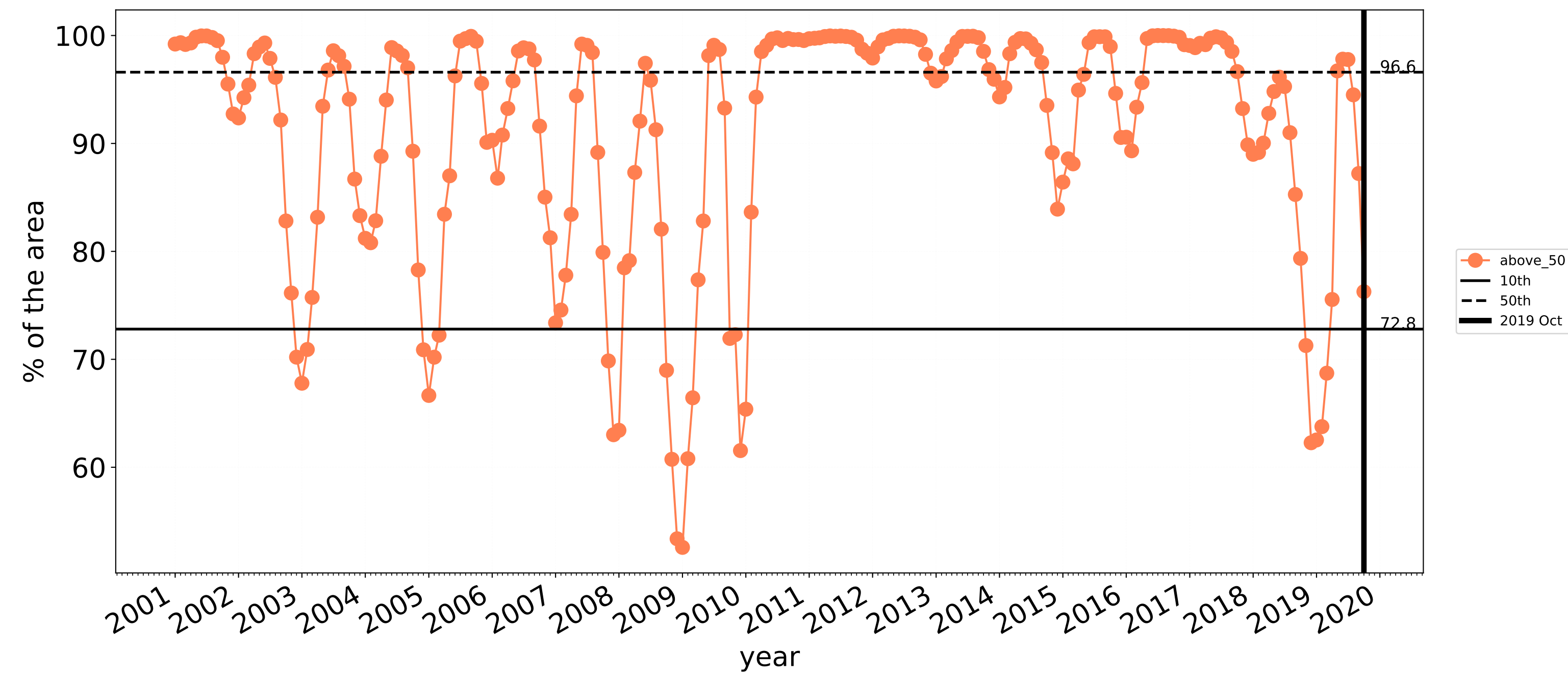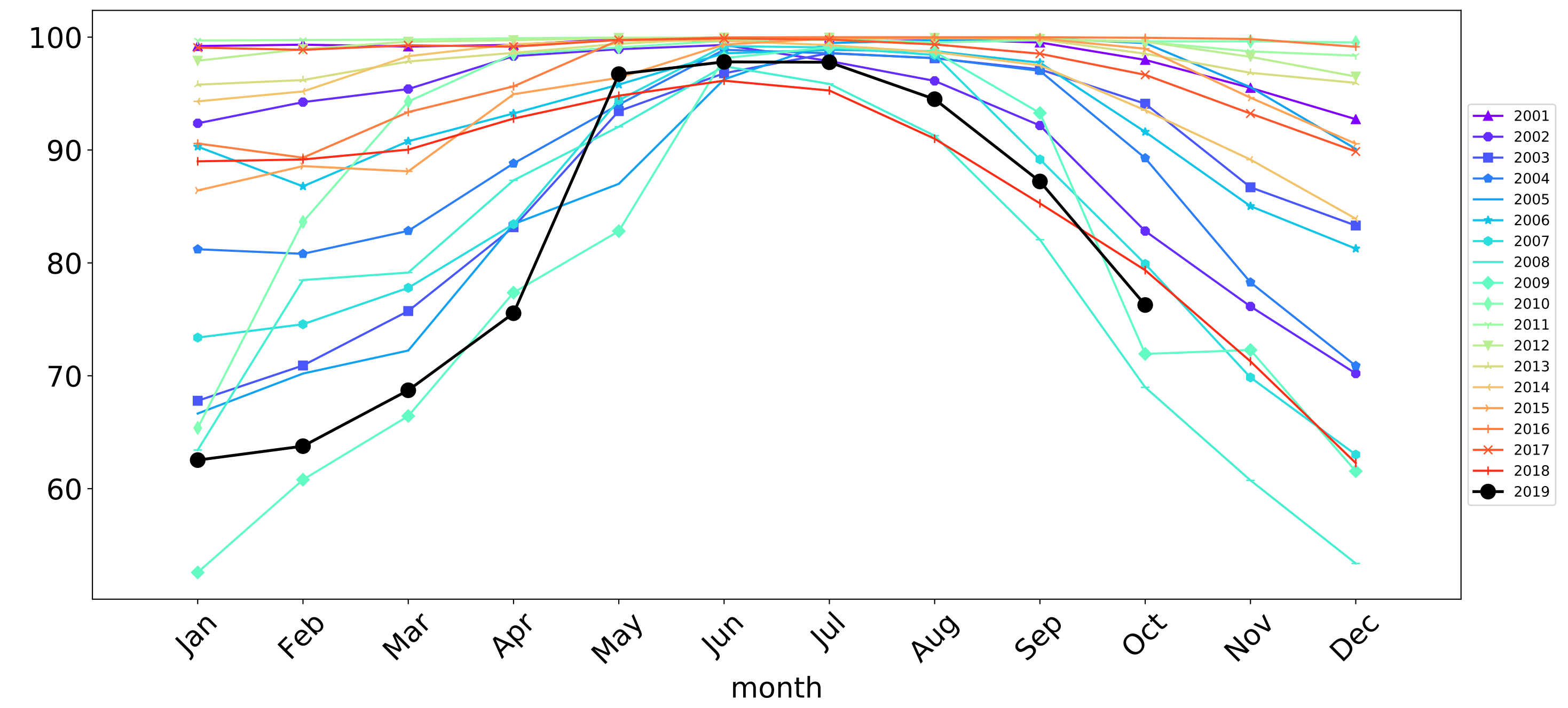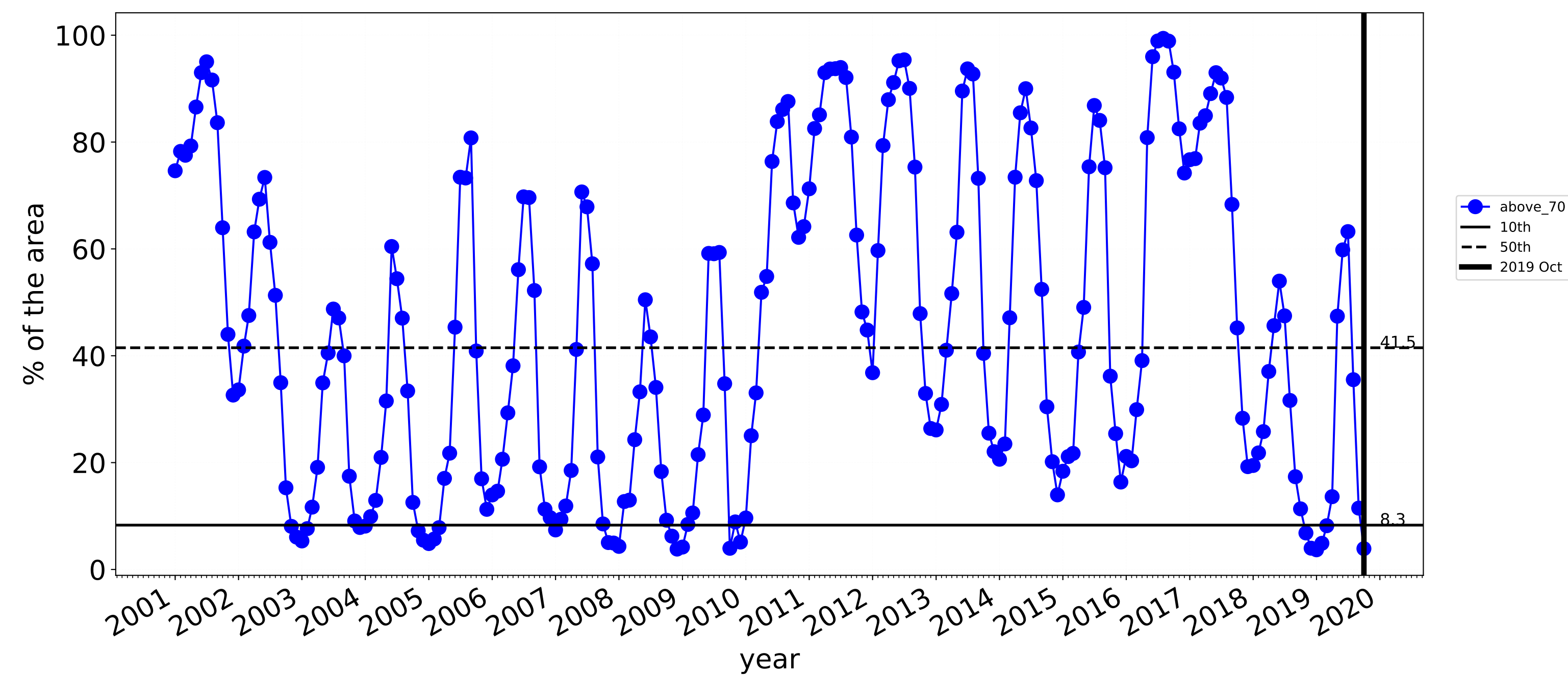
Agriculture timeseries

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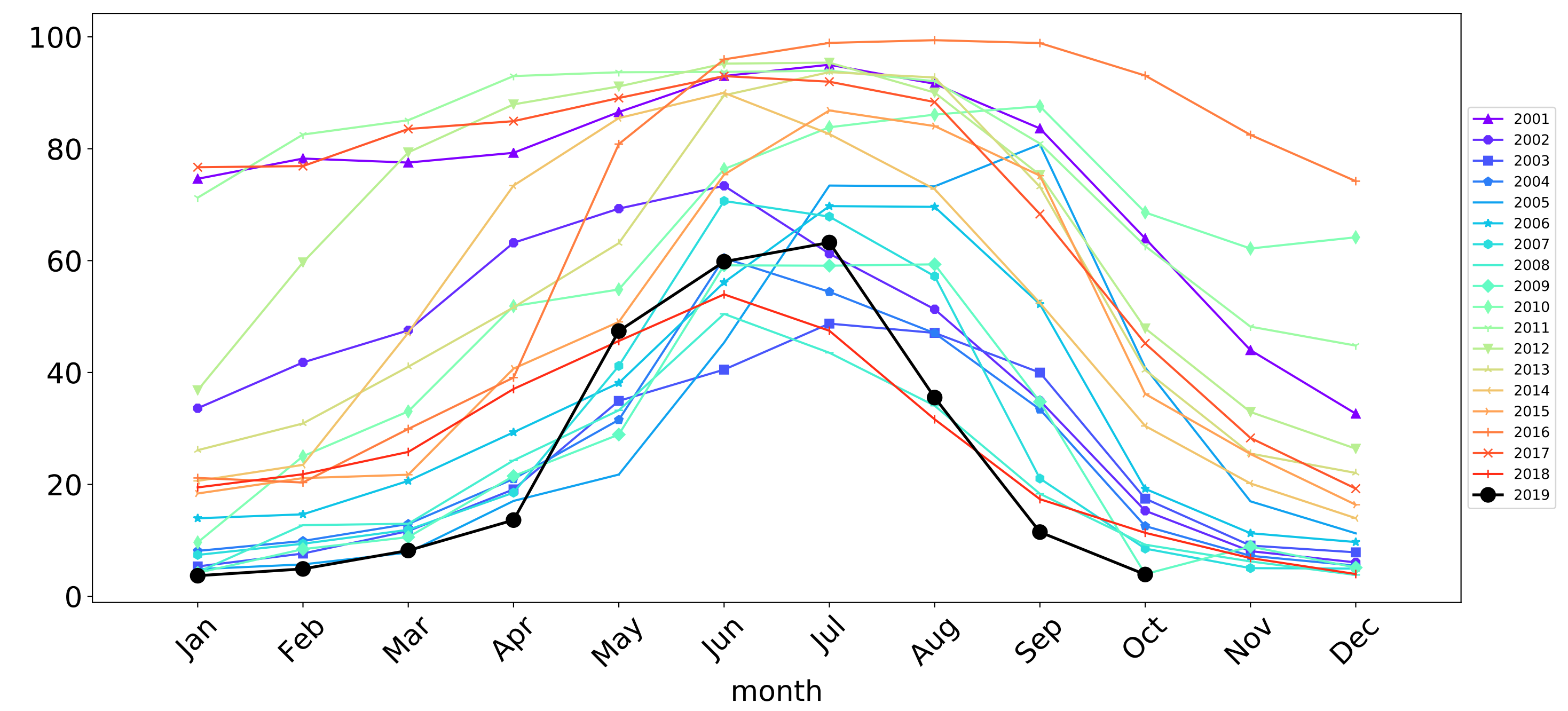

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

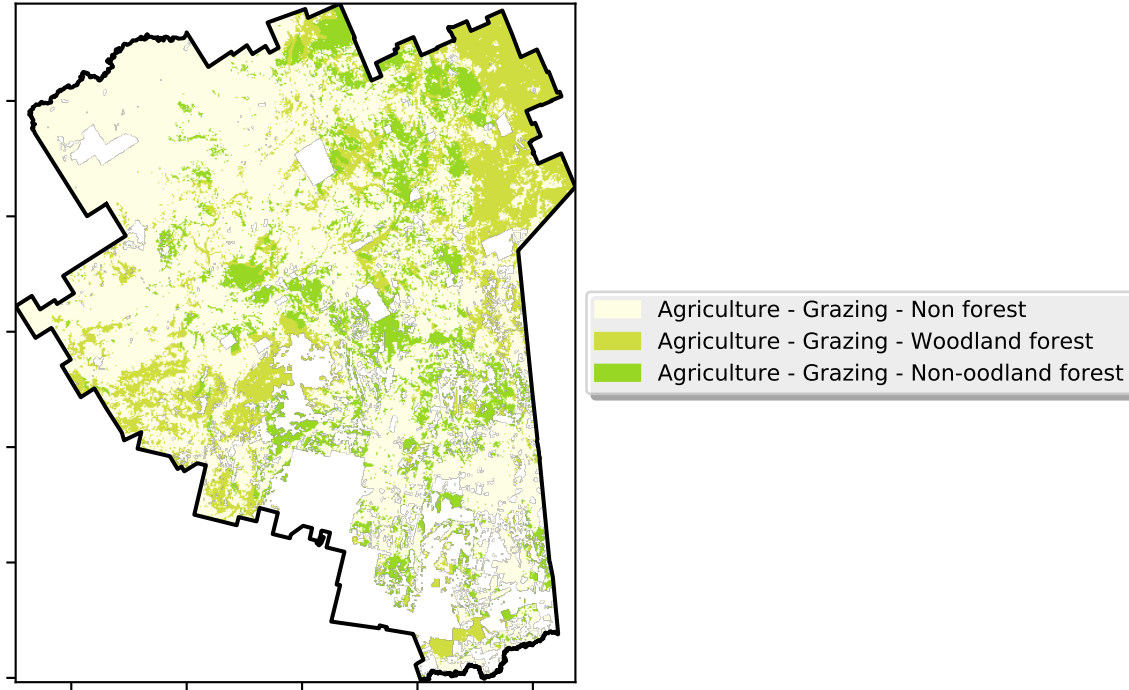### Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
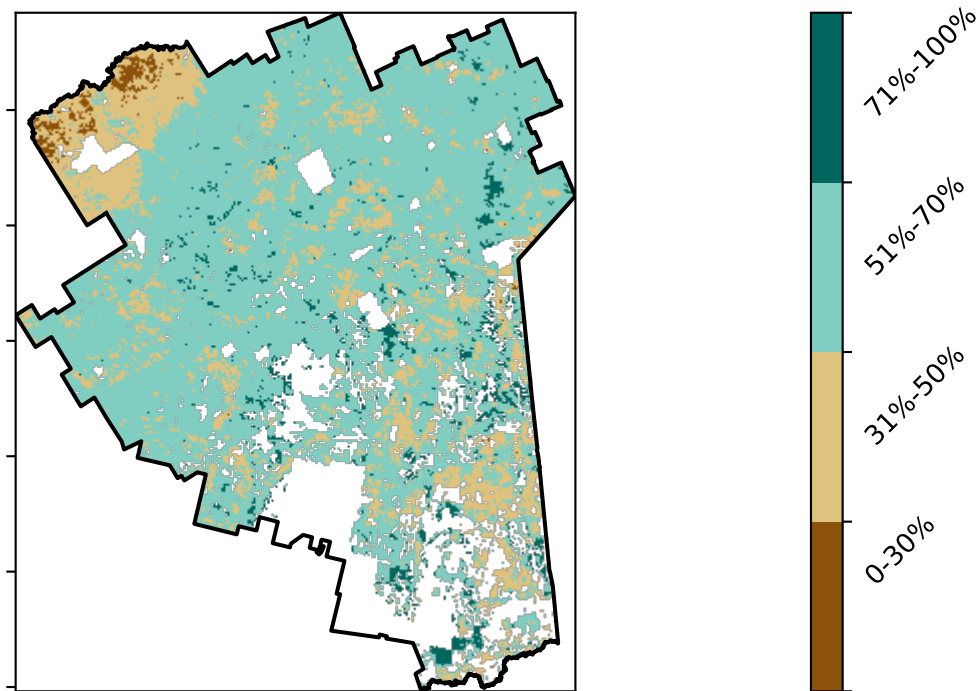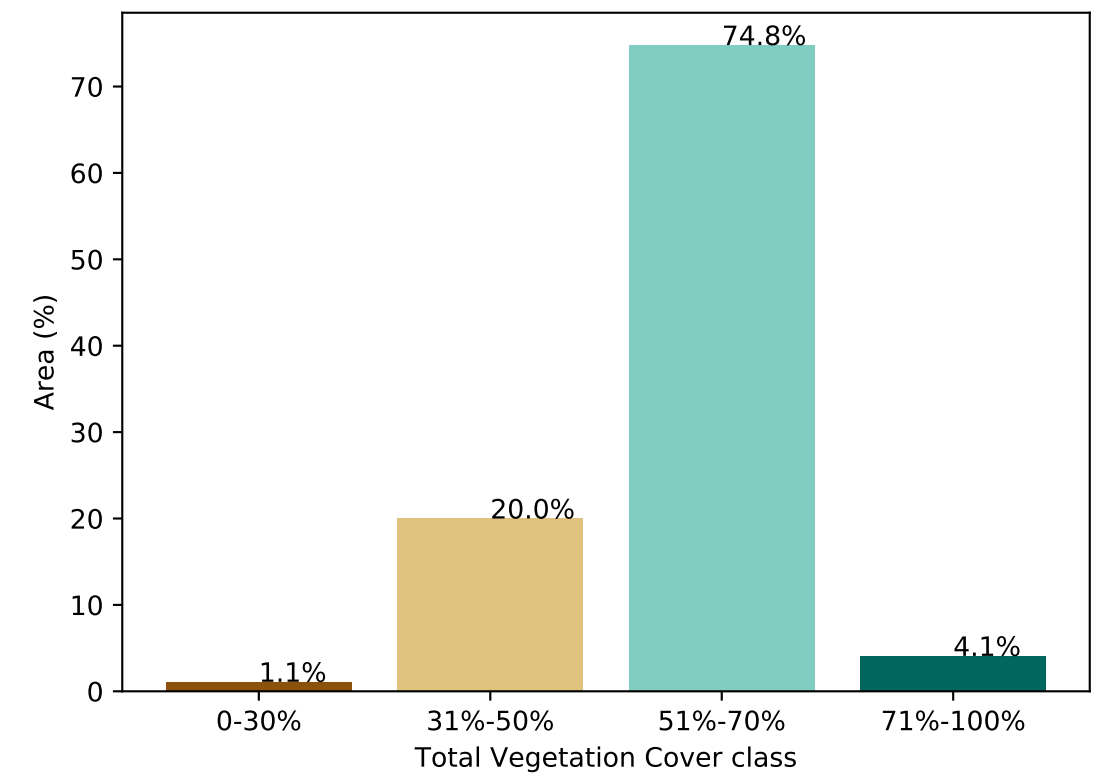
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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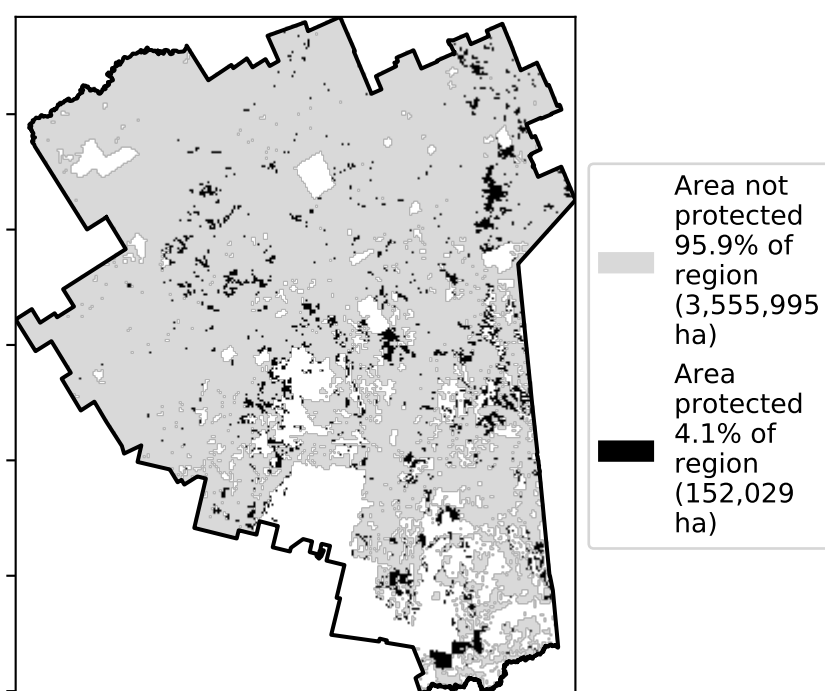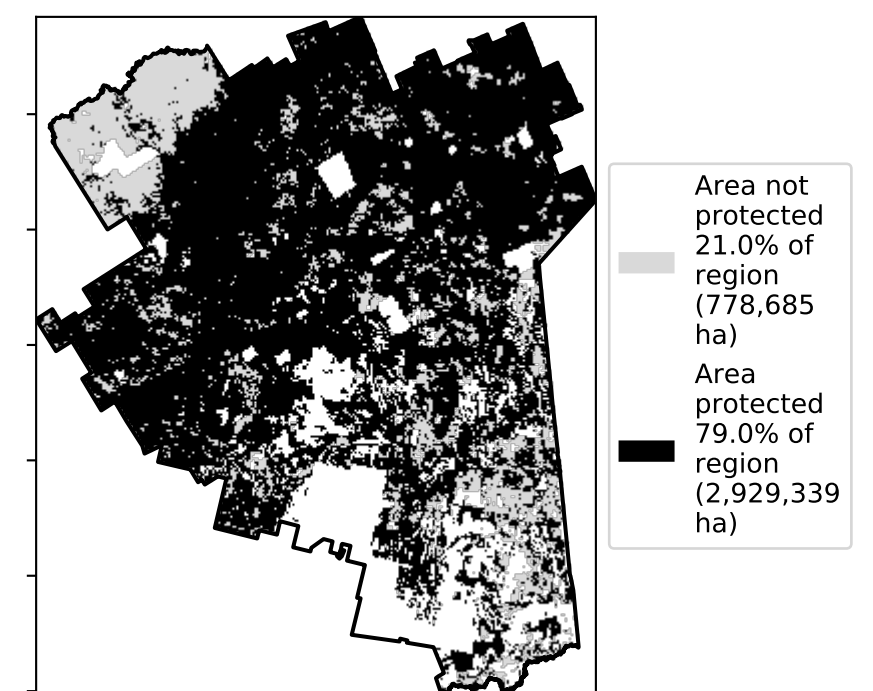(2018) and Forests
of Australia (2018)

Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
Agriculture - Grazing - Non-oodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

74.8%

20.0%

1.1%

4.1%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class
0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
95.9% of
region
(3,555,995
ha)

Area
protected
4.1% of
region
(152,029
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
21.0% of
region
(778,685
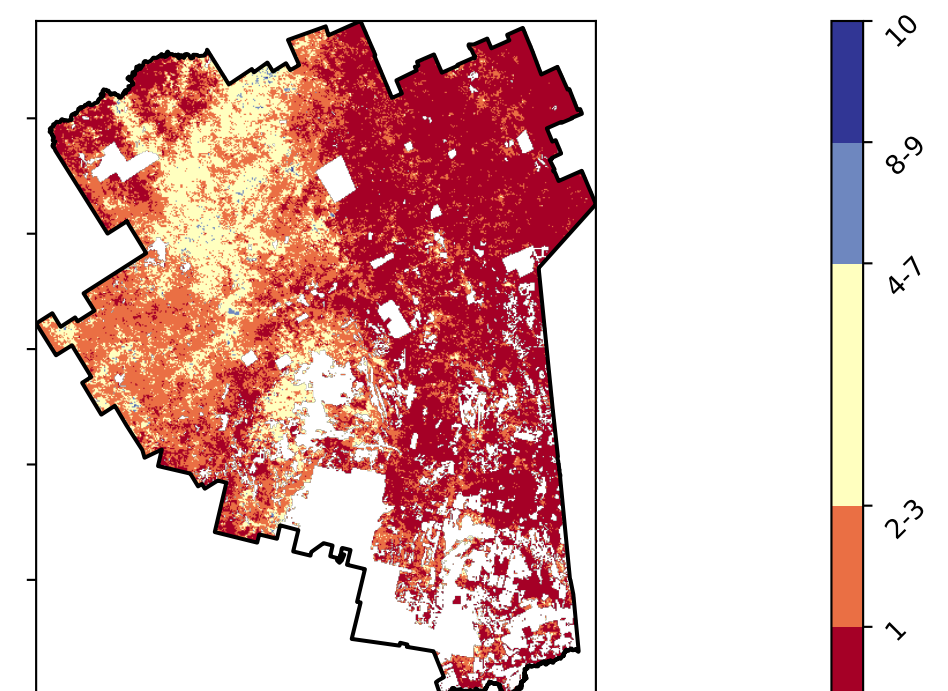ha)

Area
protected
79.0% of
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(2,929,339
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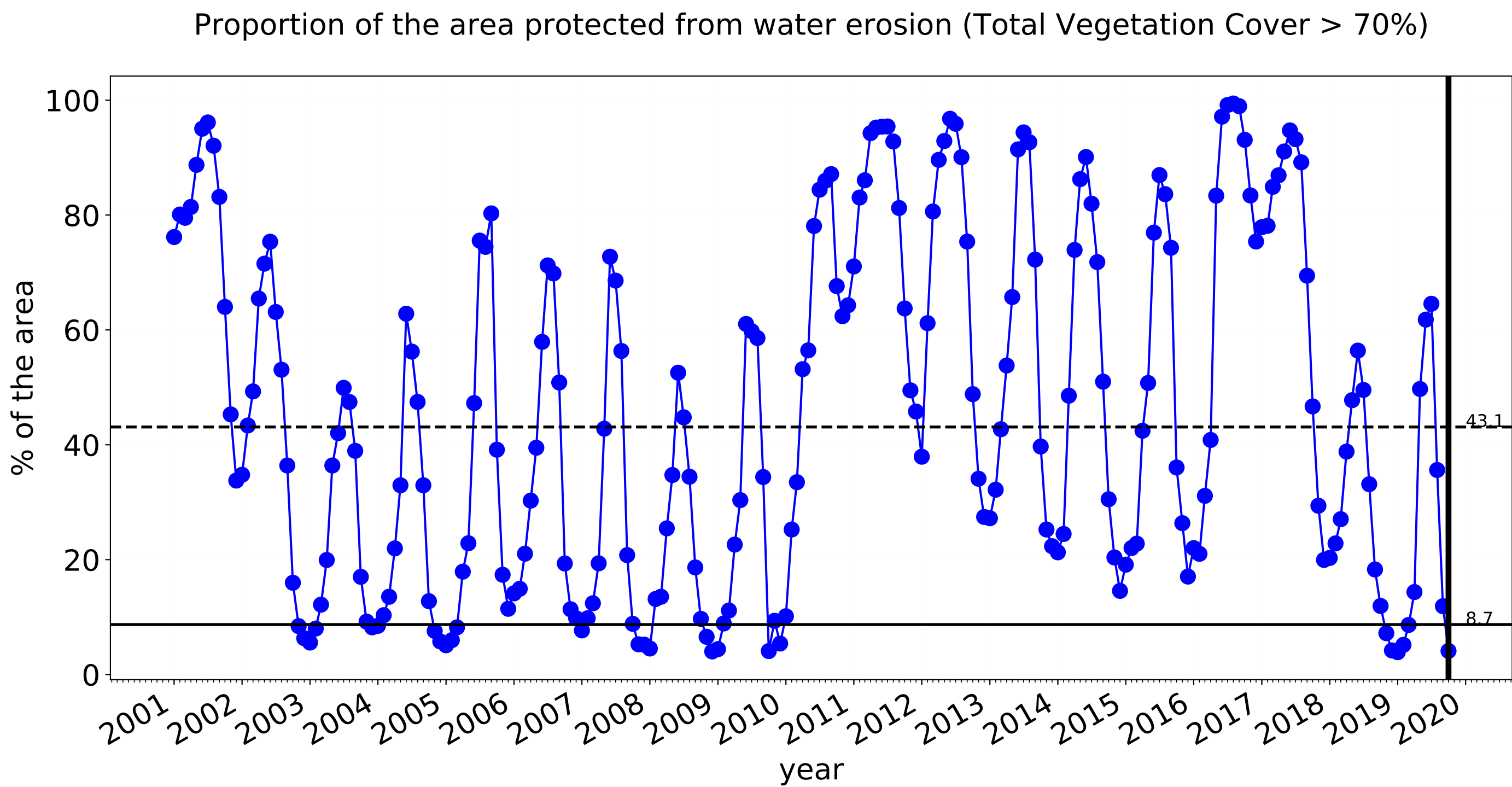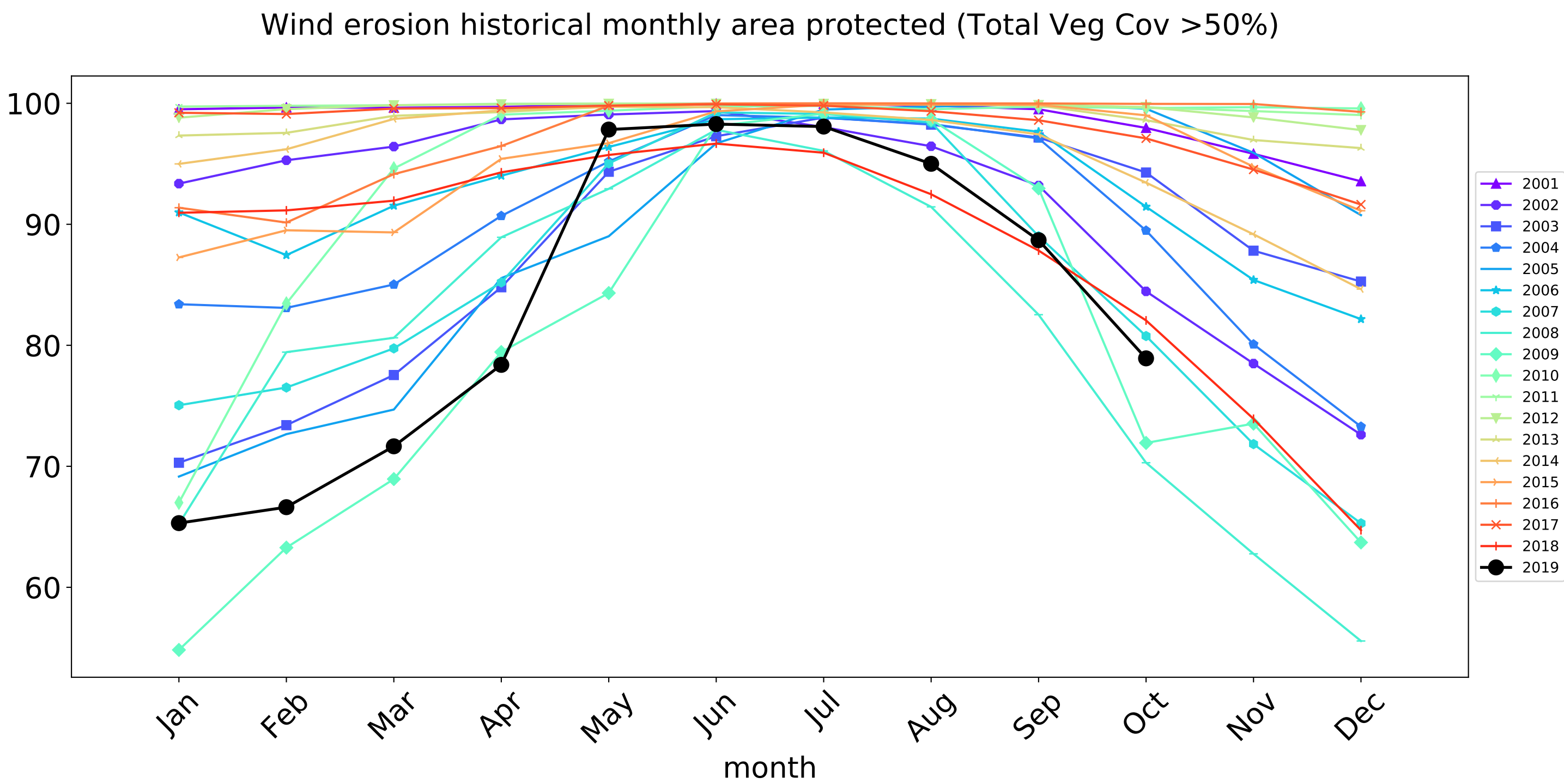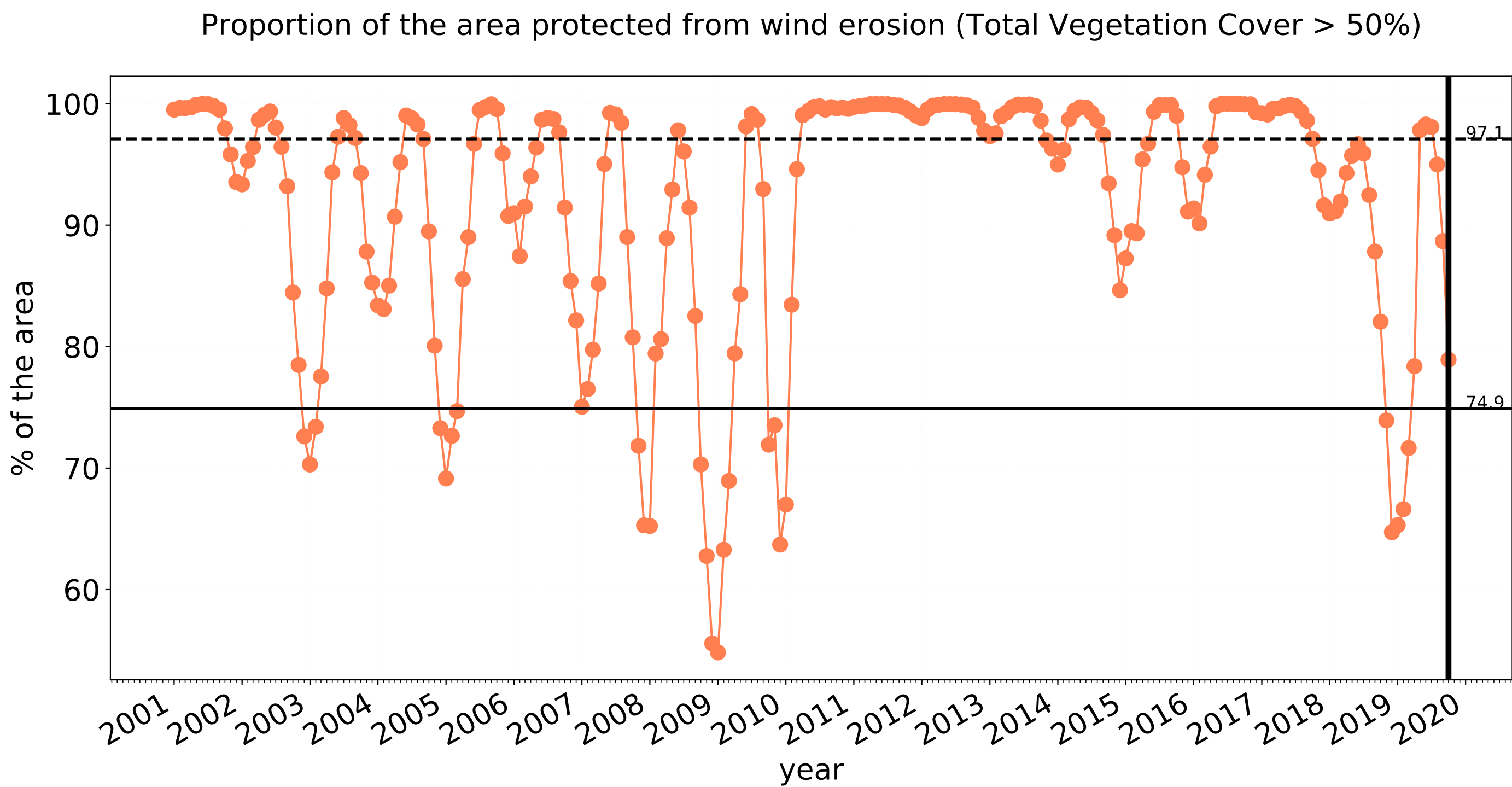records for that month of
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Grazing timeseries

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%)

Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

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Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
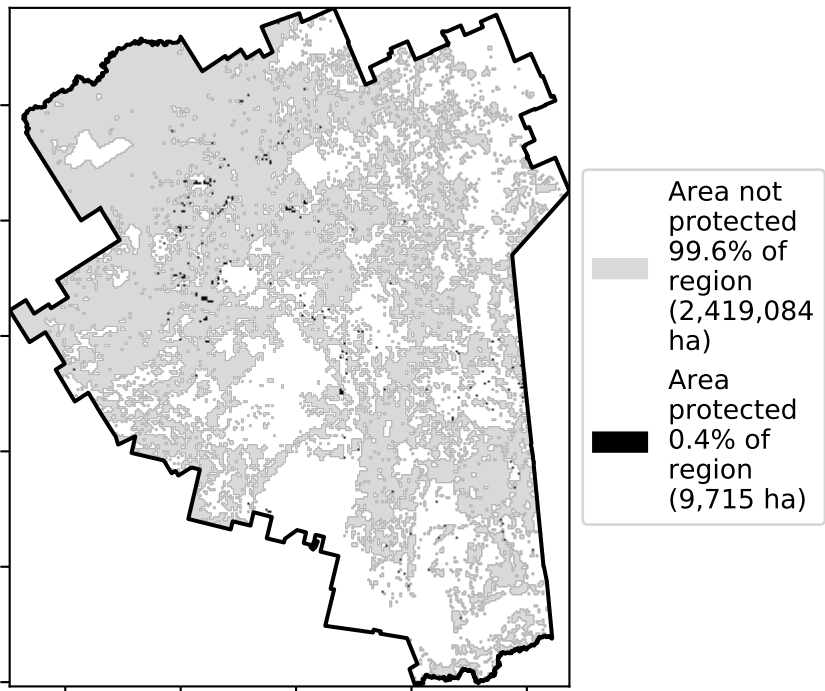
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 99.6% of region (2,419,084 ha)

Area protected 0.4% of region (9,715 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 31.0% of region (752,928 ha)

Area protected 69.0% of region (1,675,872 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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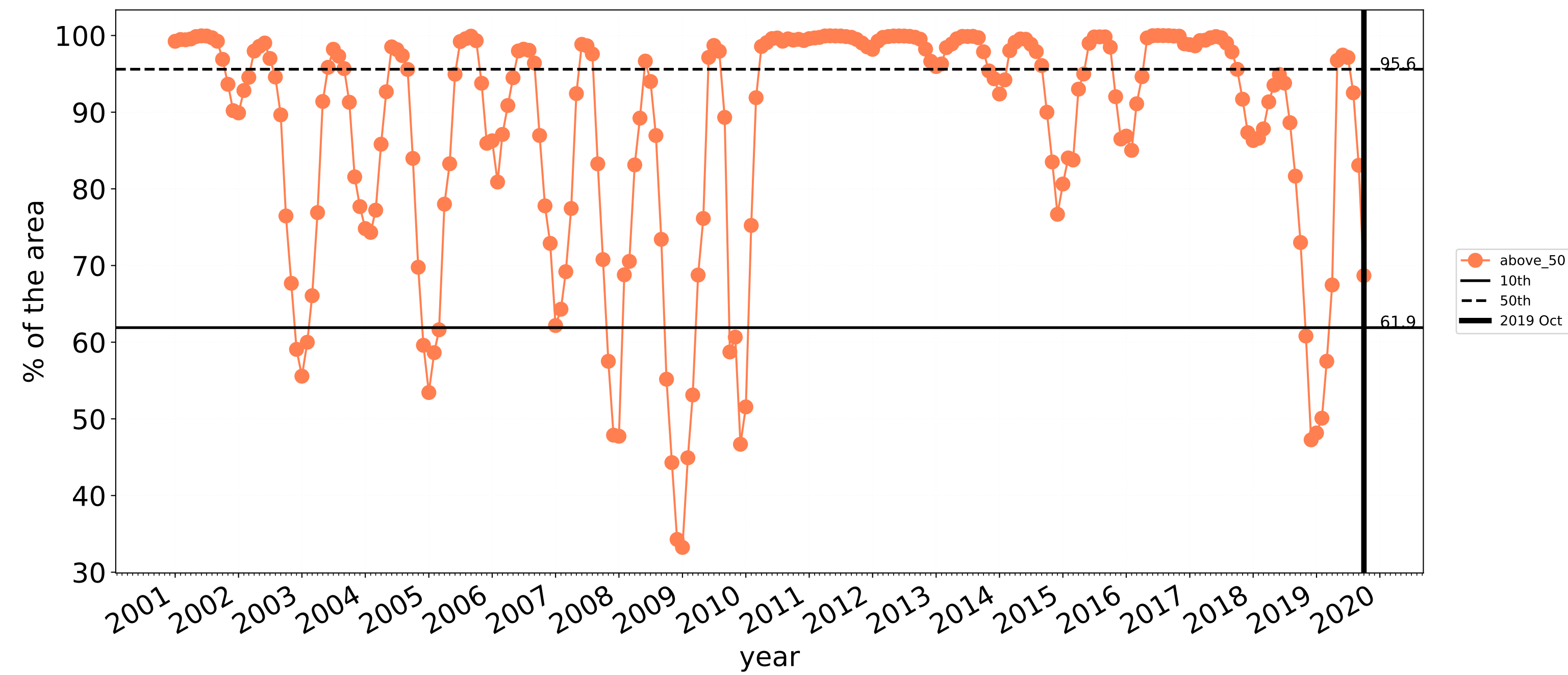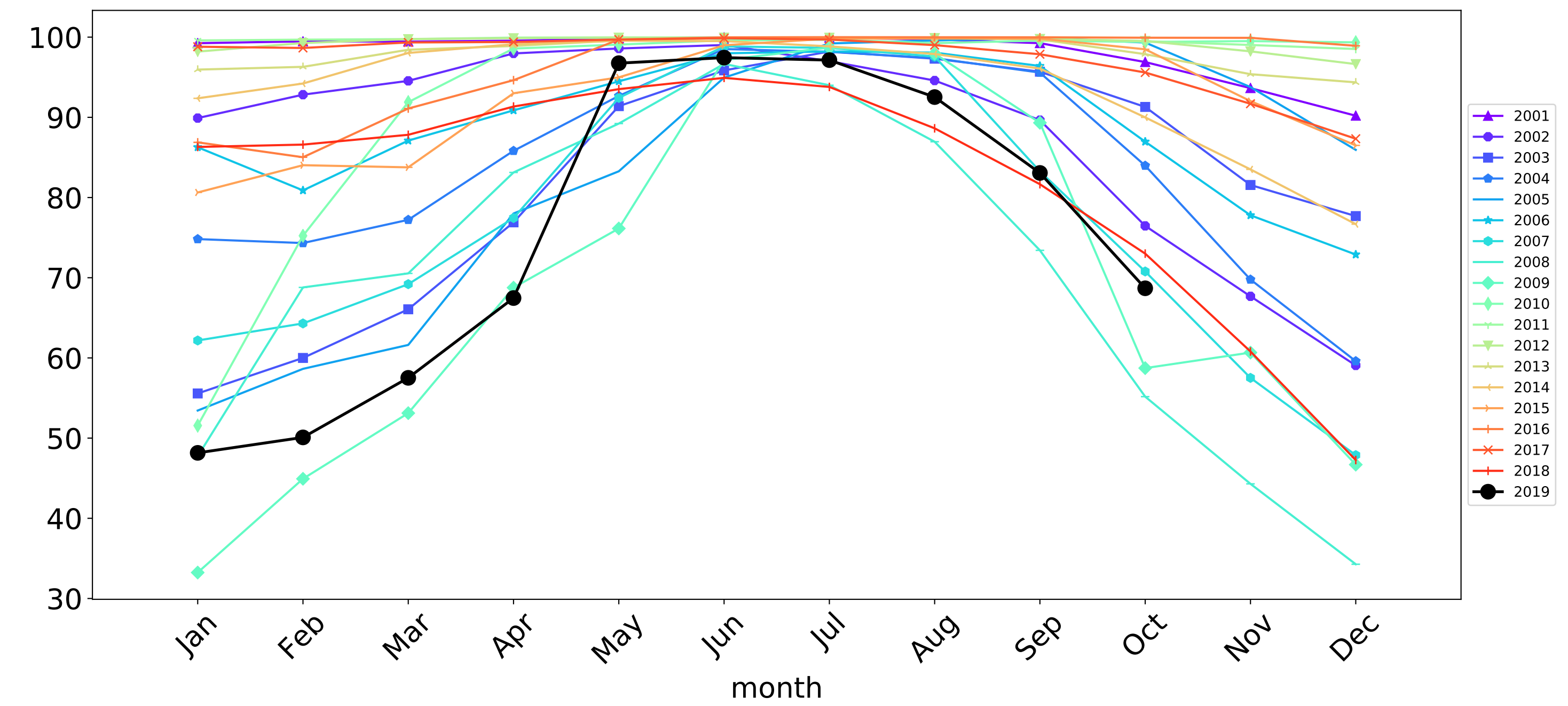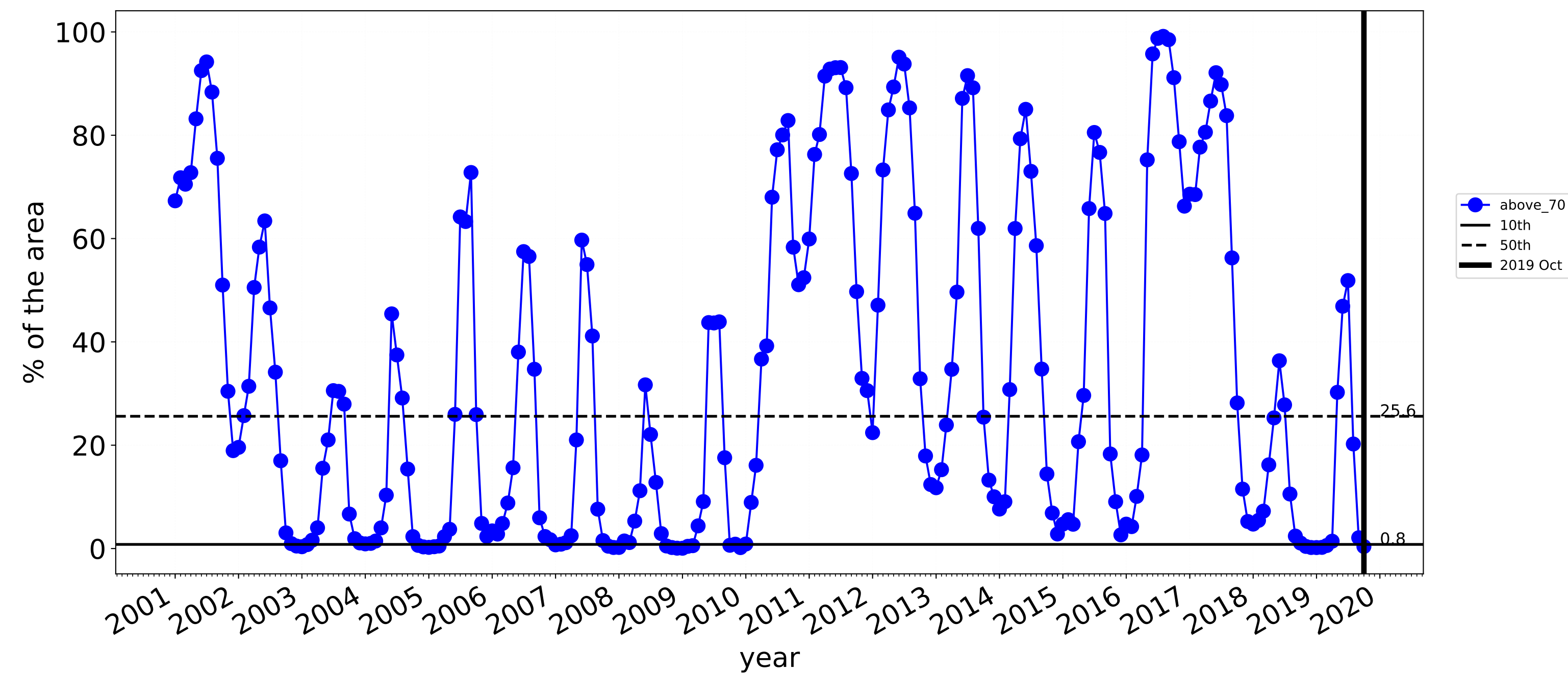
Grazing non forest timeseries

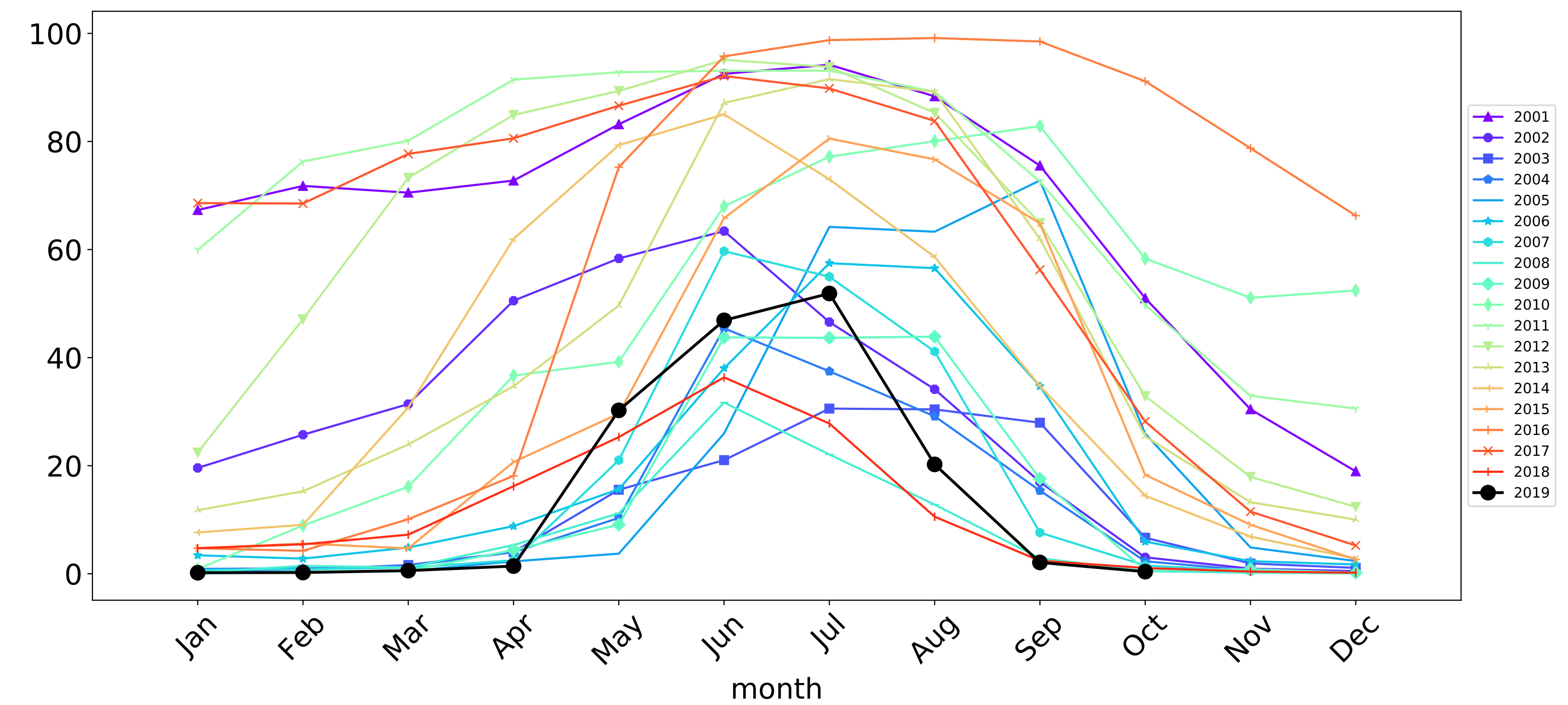Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

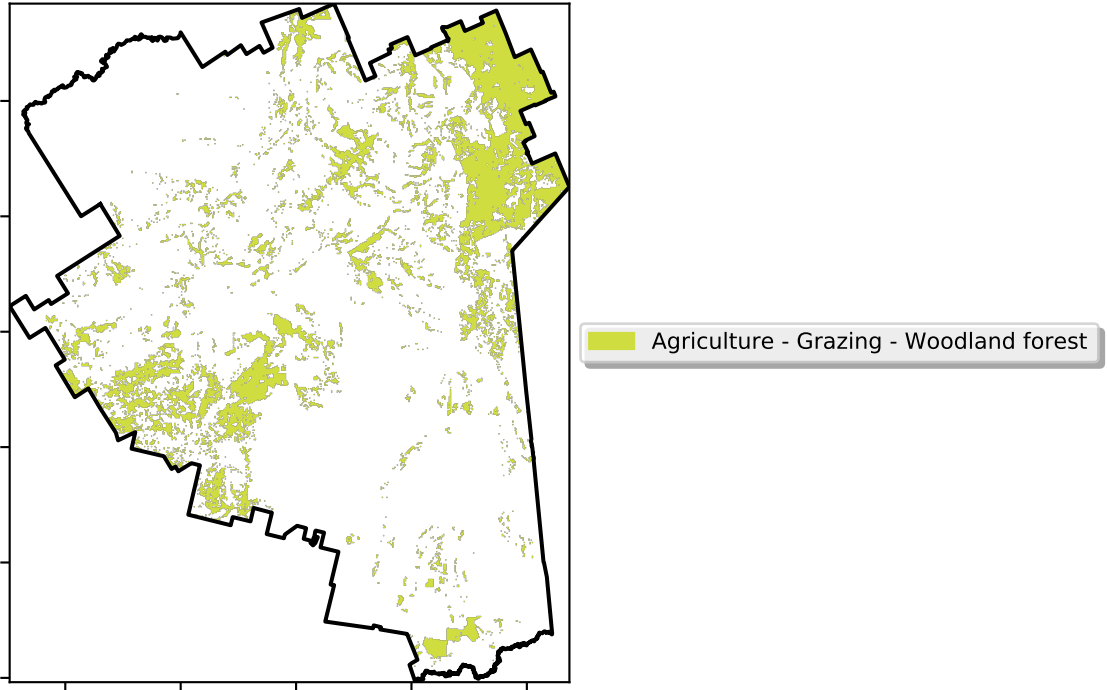Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

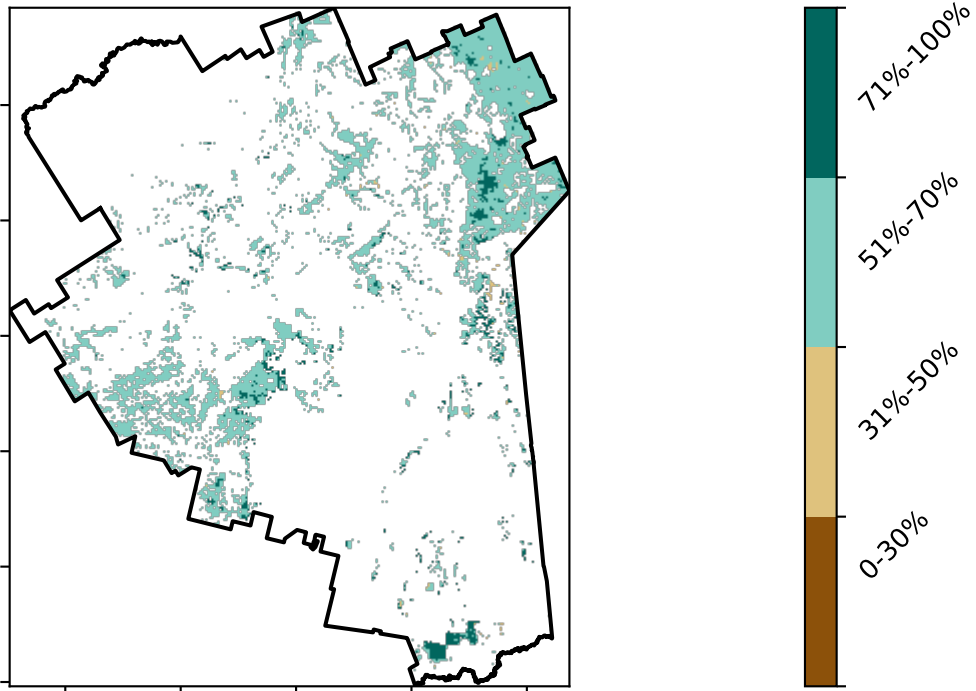Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
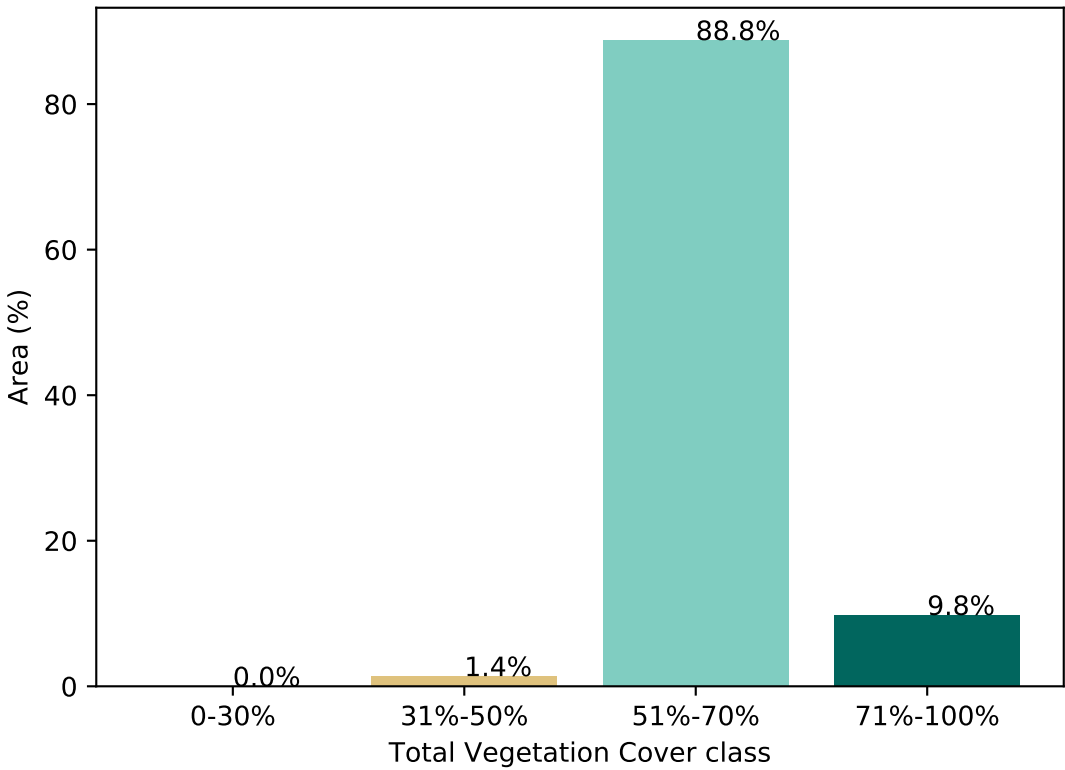
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale
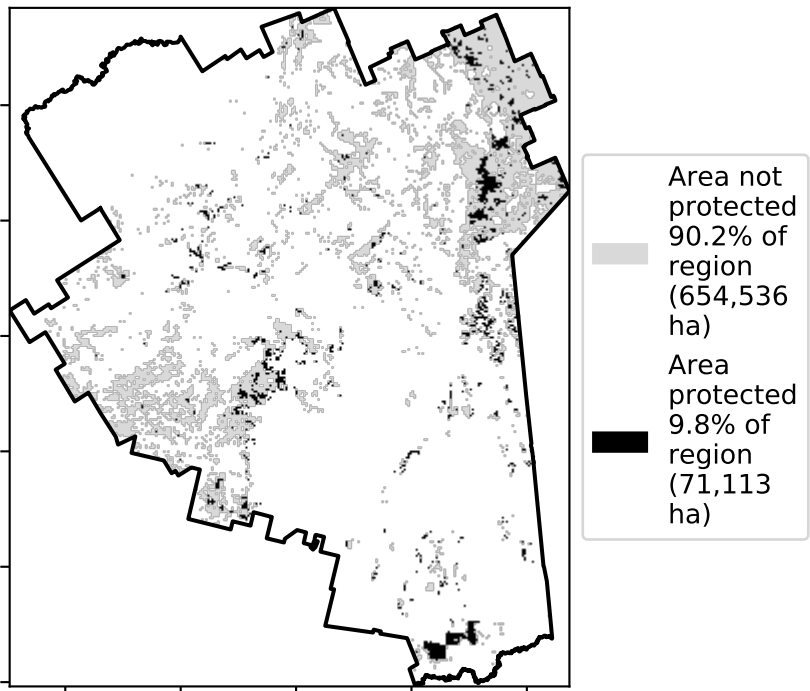Land Use and Forests
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Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

88.8%

9.8%

0.0%   1.4%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

0-30   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
90.2% of
region
(654,536
ha)

Area
protected
9.8% of
region
(71,113
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
1.0% of
region
(7,256 ha)

Area
protected
99.0% of
region
(718,393
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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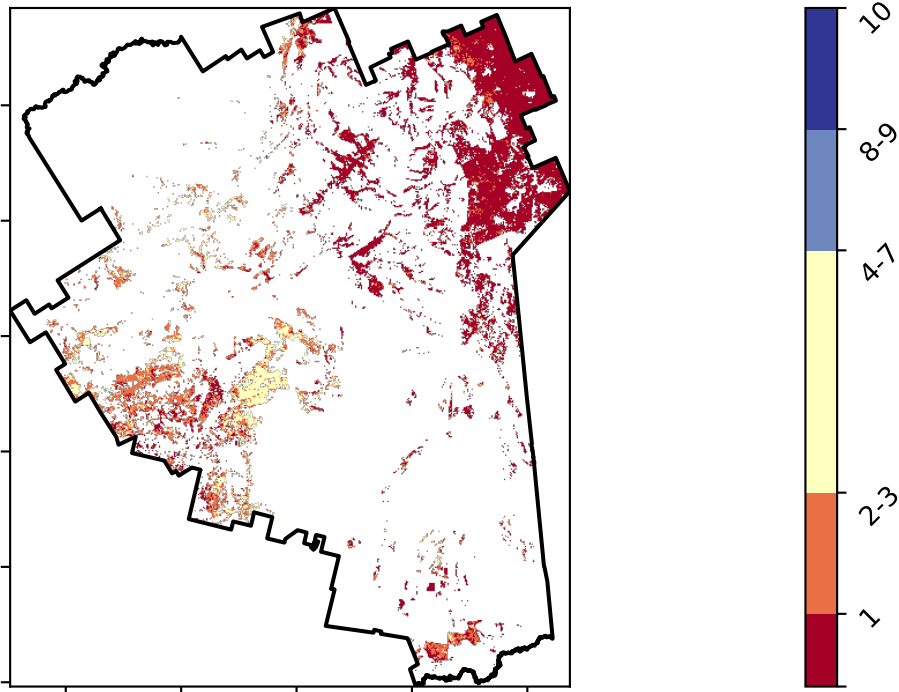### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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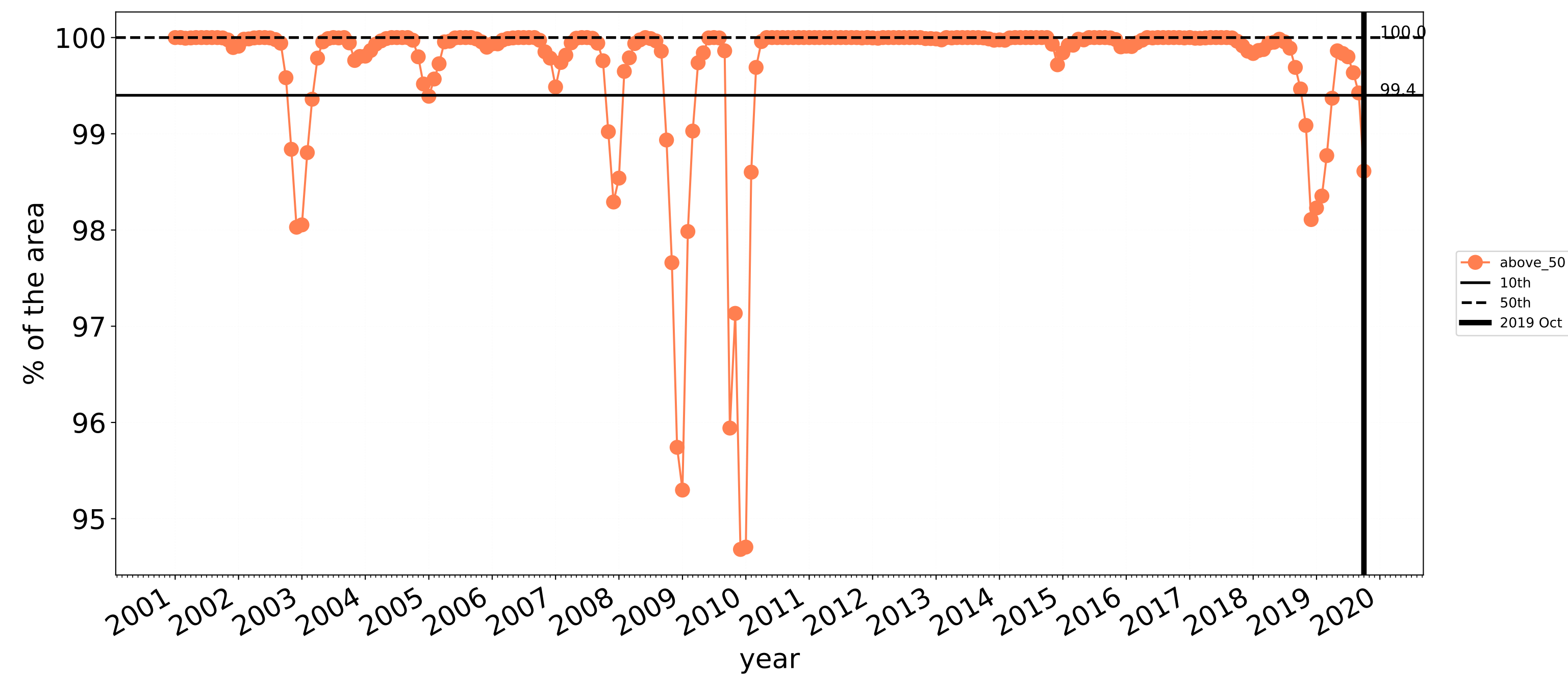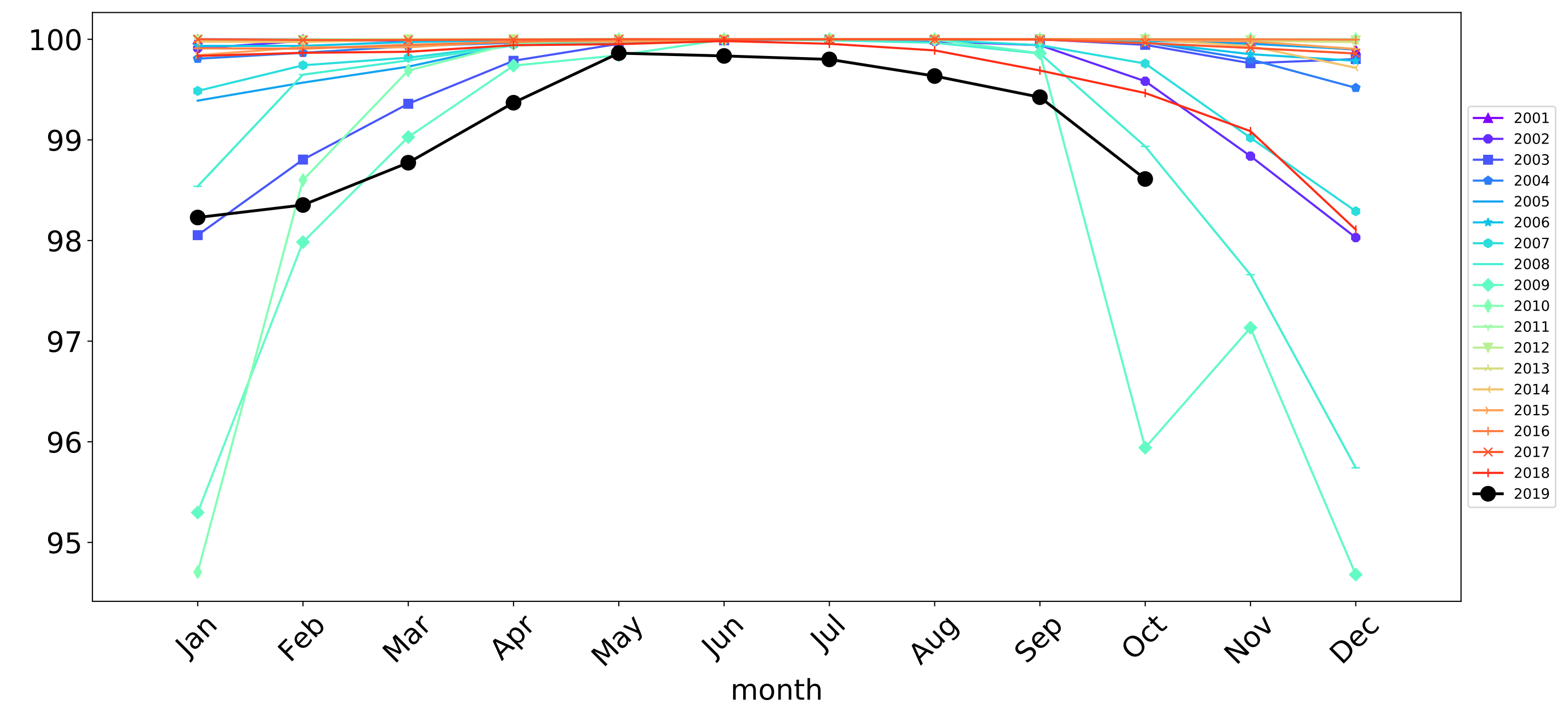1
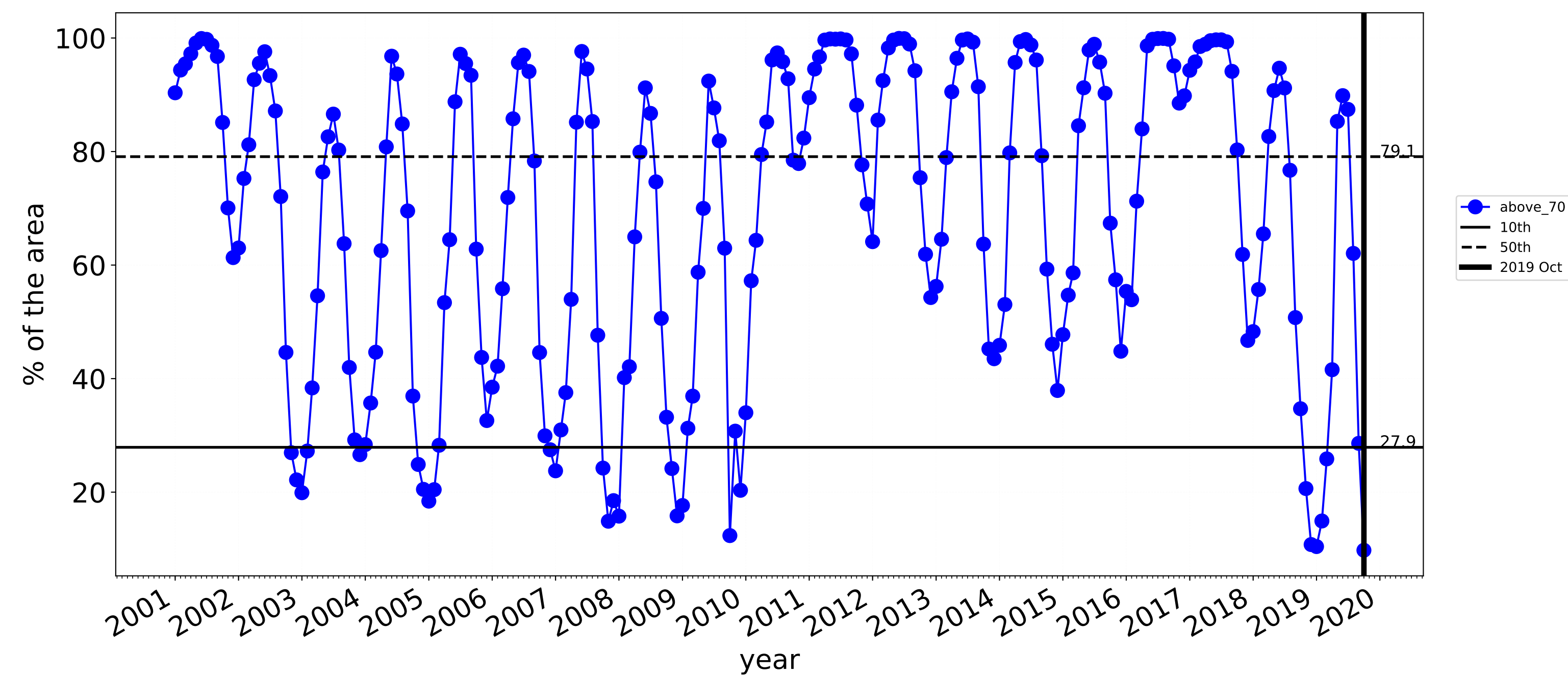
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

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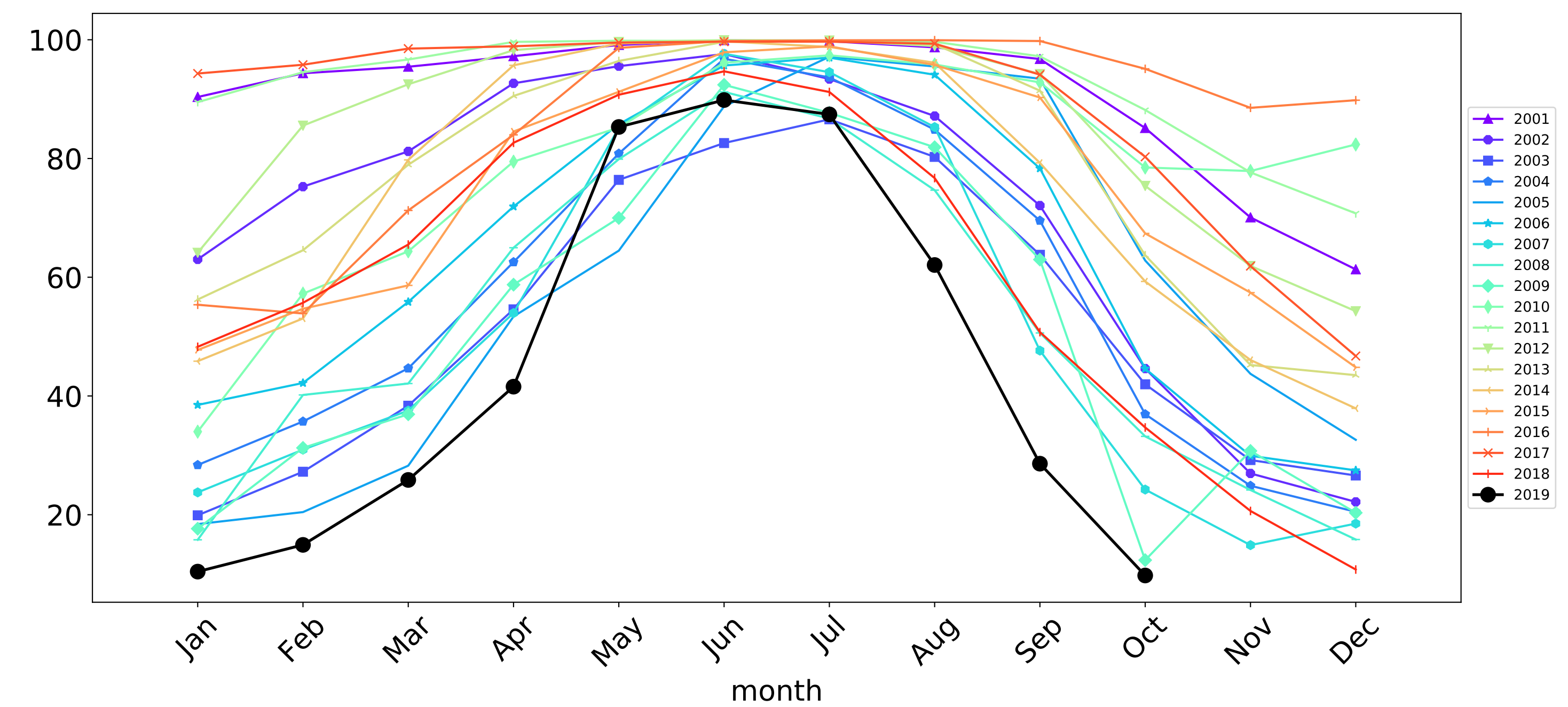

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

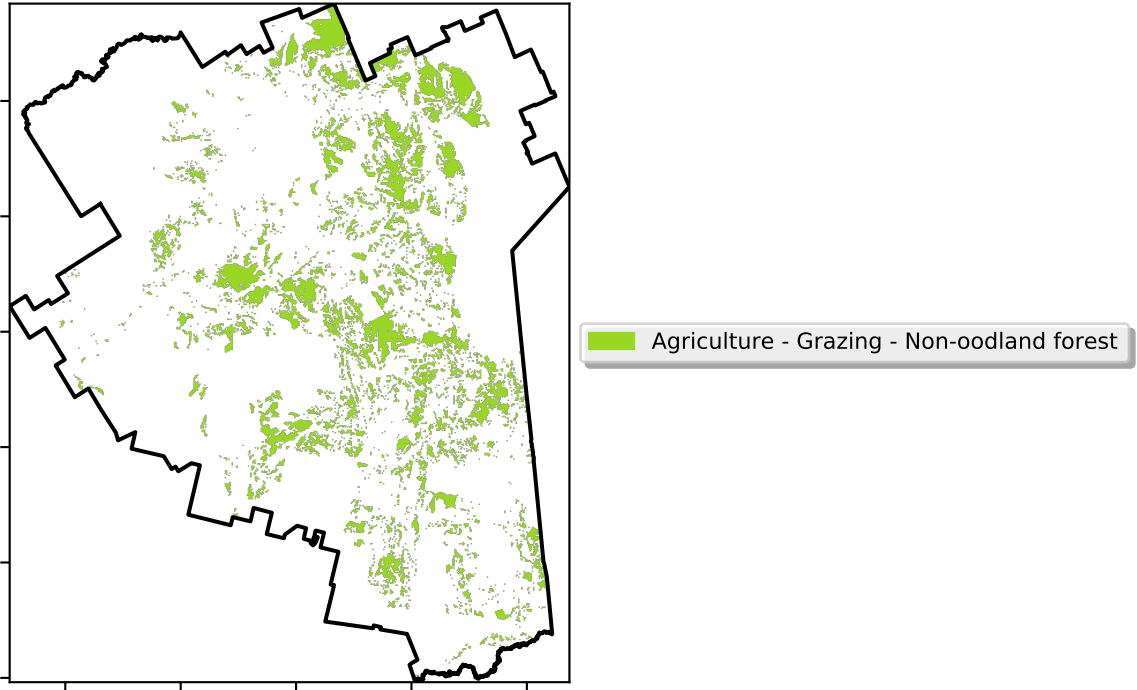Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

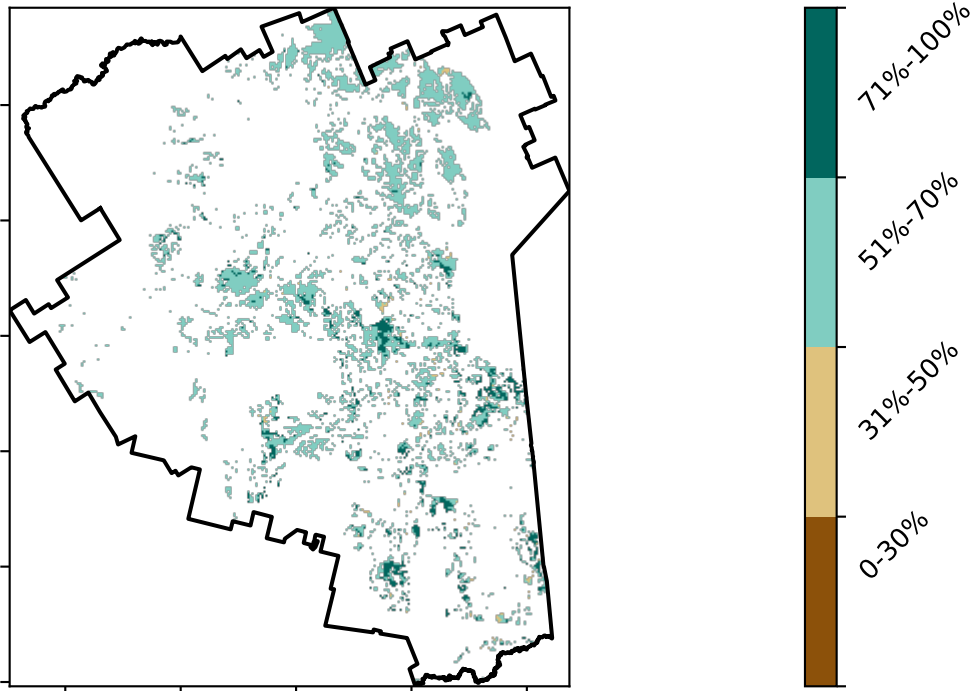Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
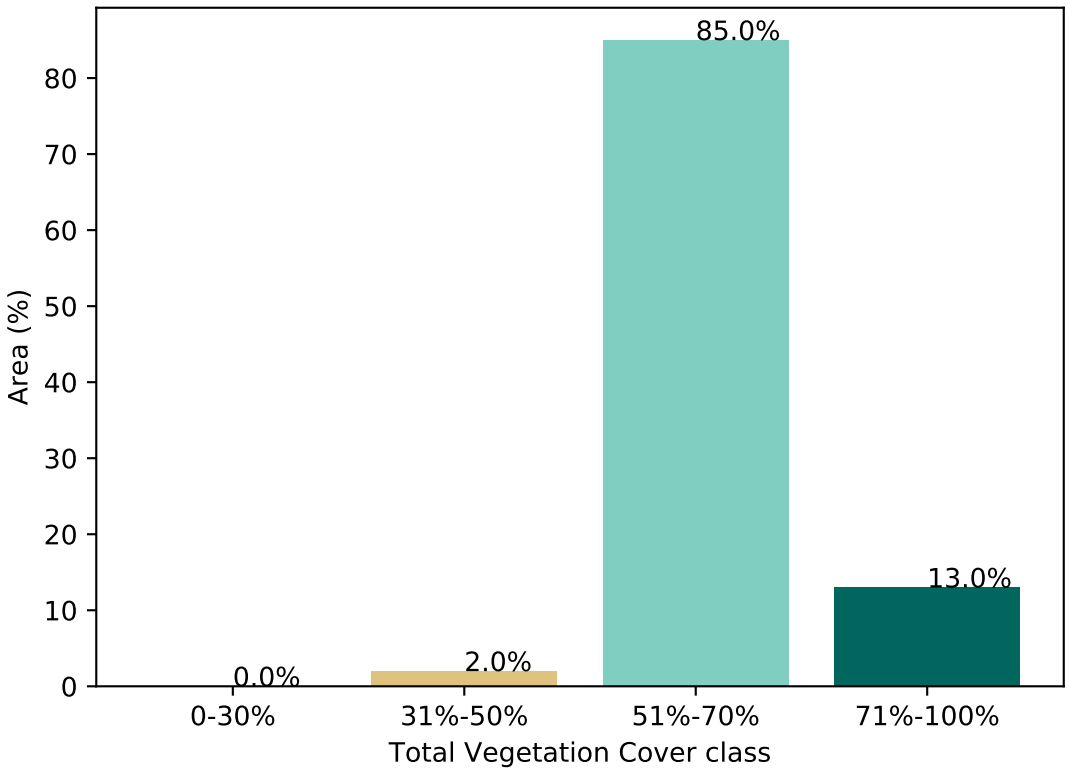
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

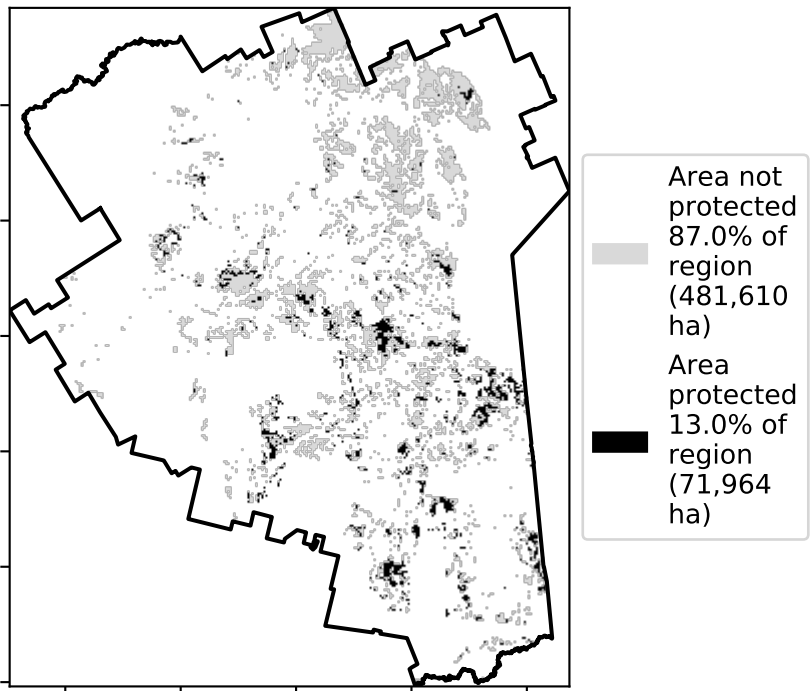Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Agriculture - Grazing - Non-oodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

0.0% | 2.0% | 85.0% | 13.0%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 87.0% of region (481,610 ha)

Area protected 13.0% of region (71,964 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 2.0% of region (11,071 ha)

Area protected 98.0% of region (542,503 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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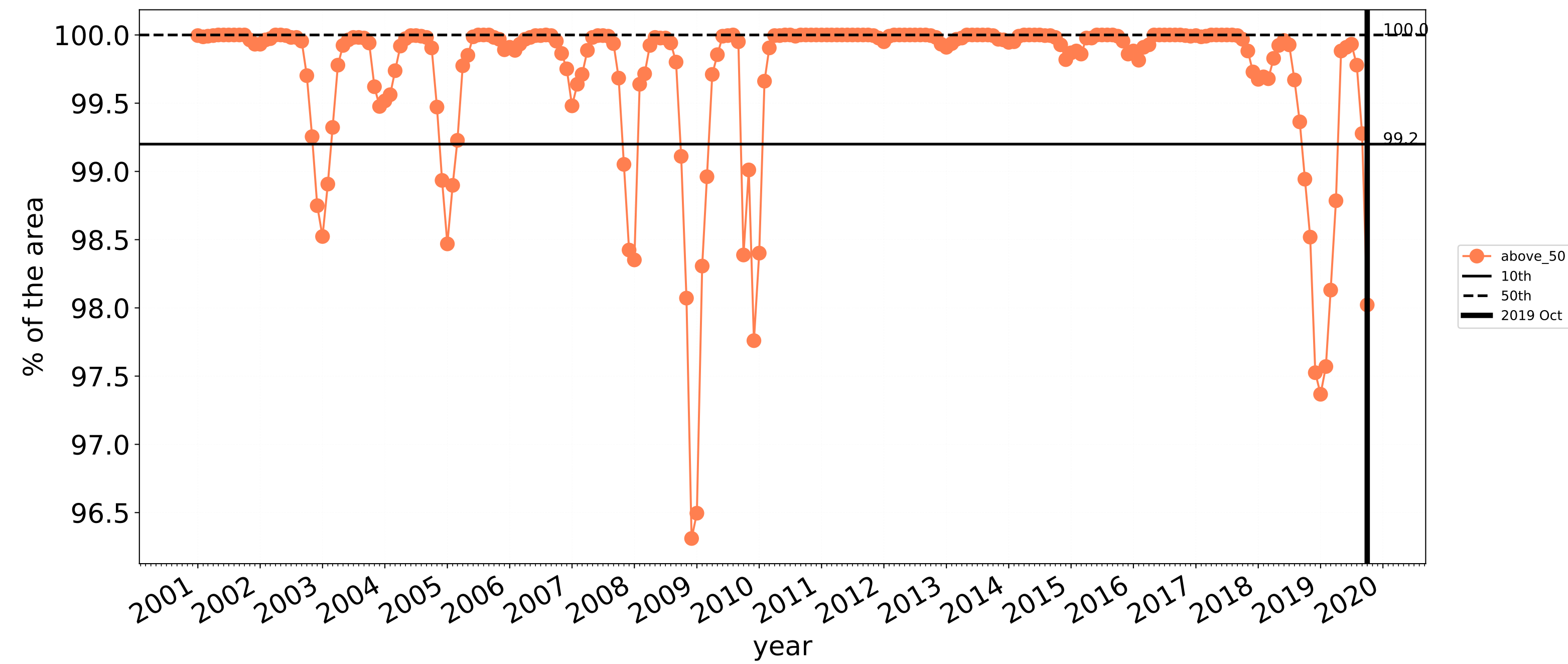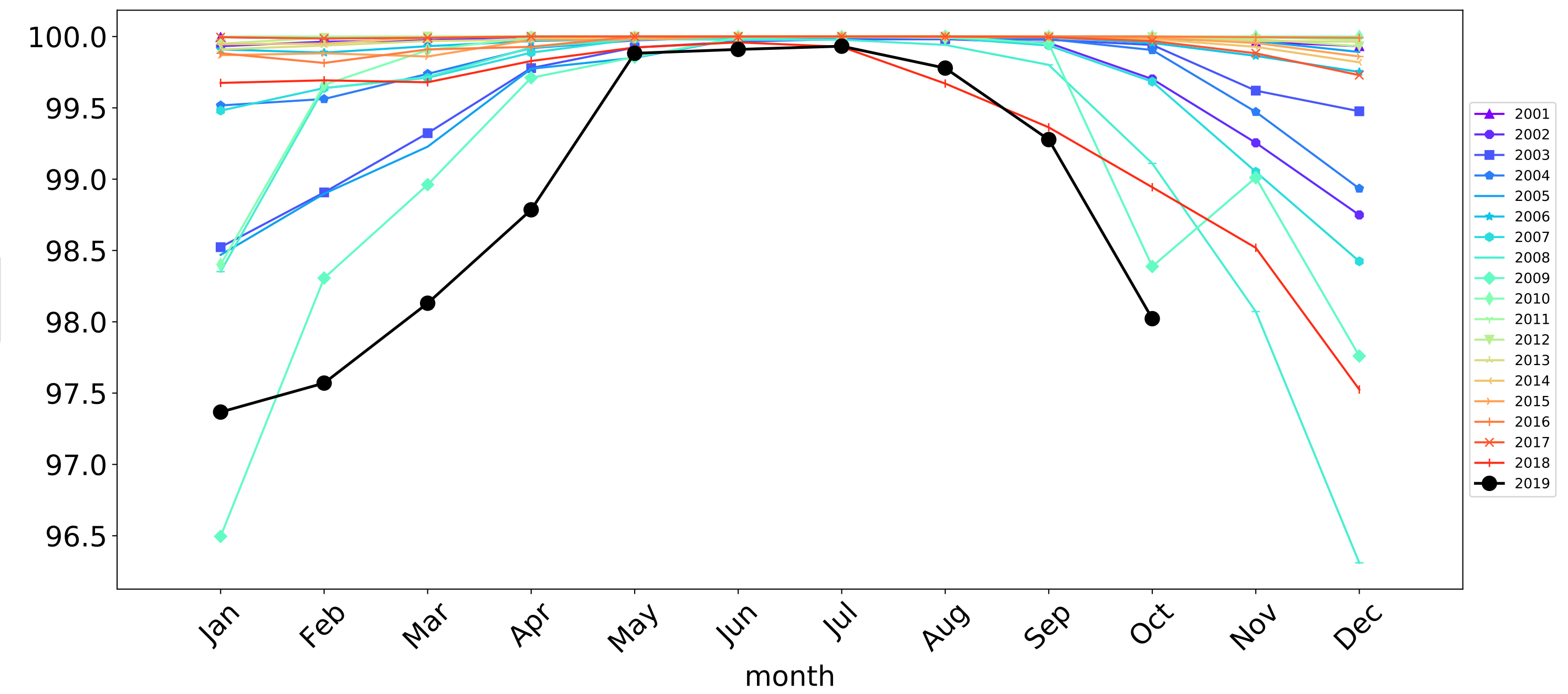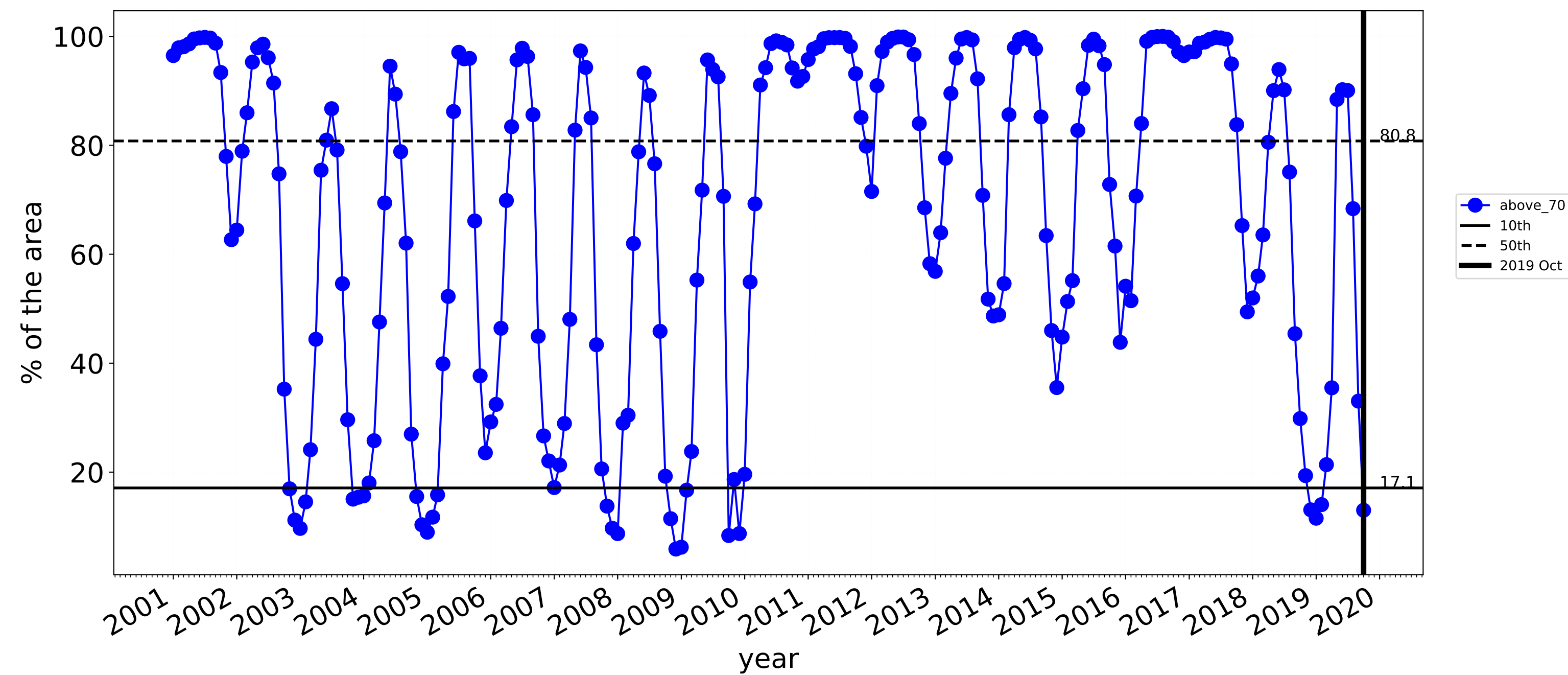
Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

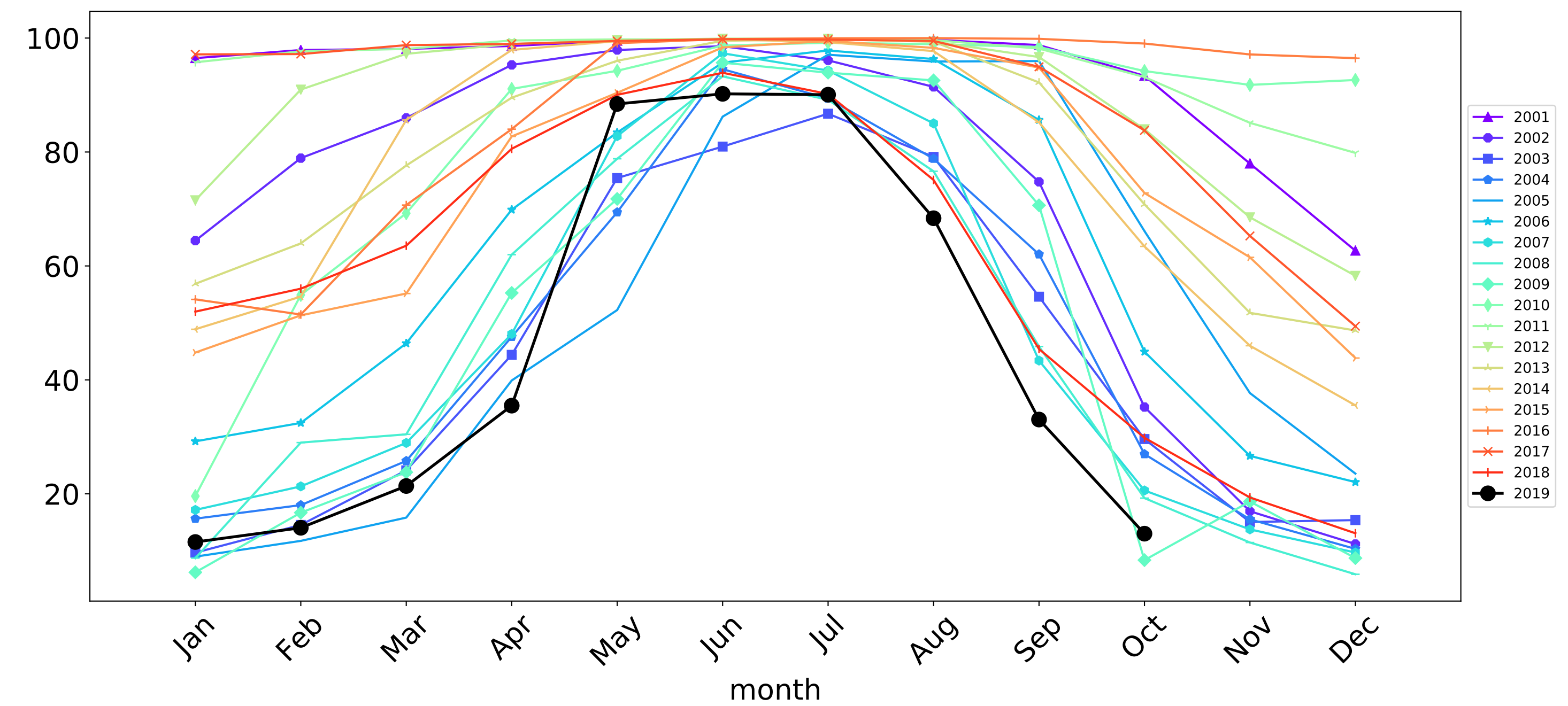Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

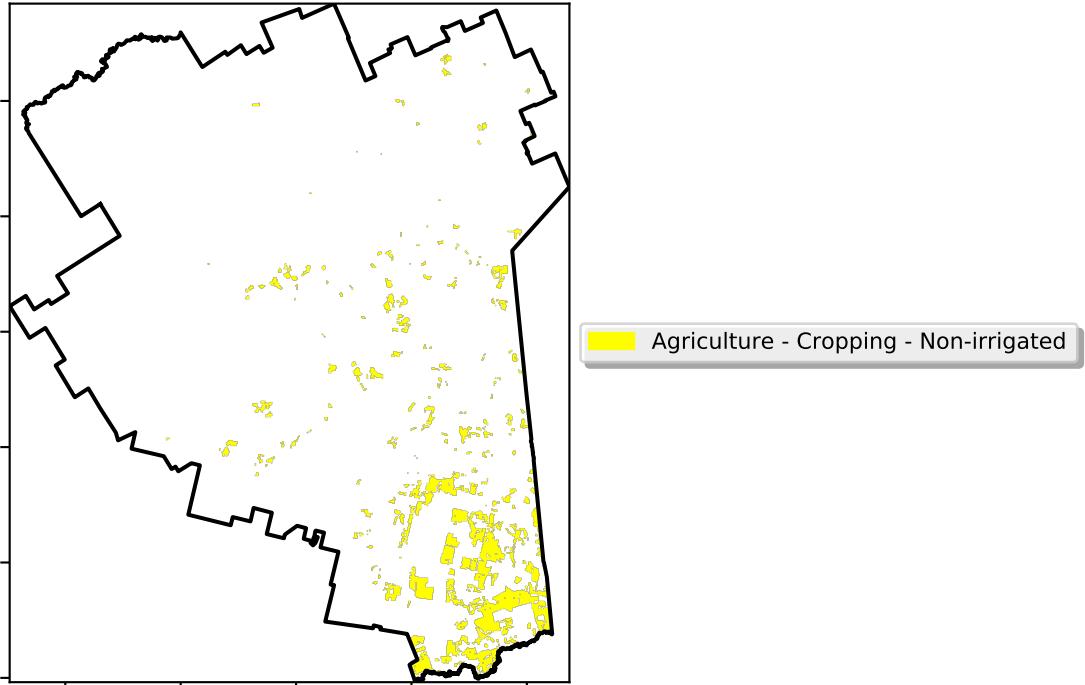Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

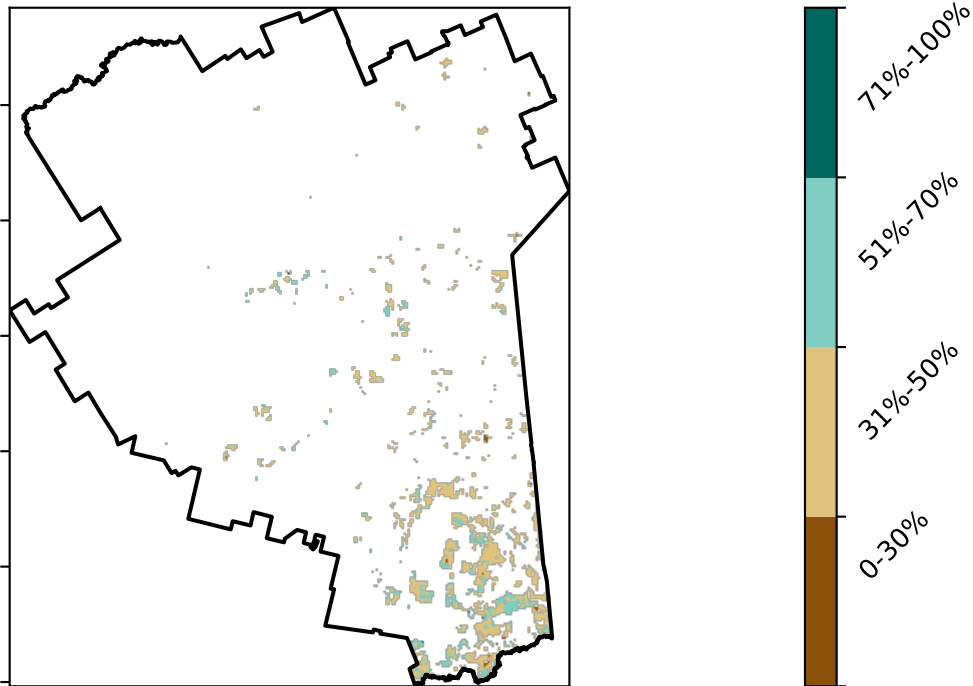Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
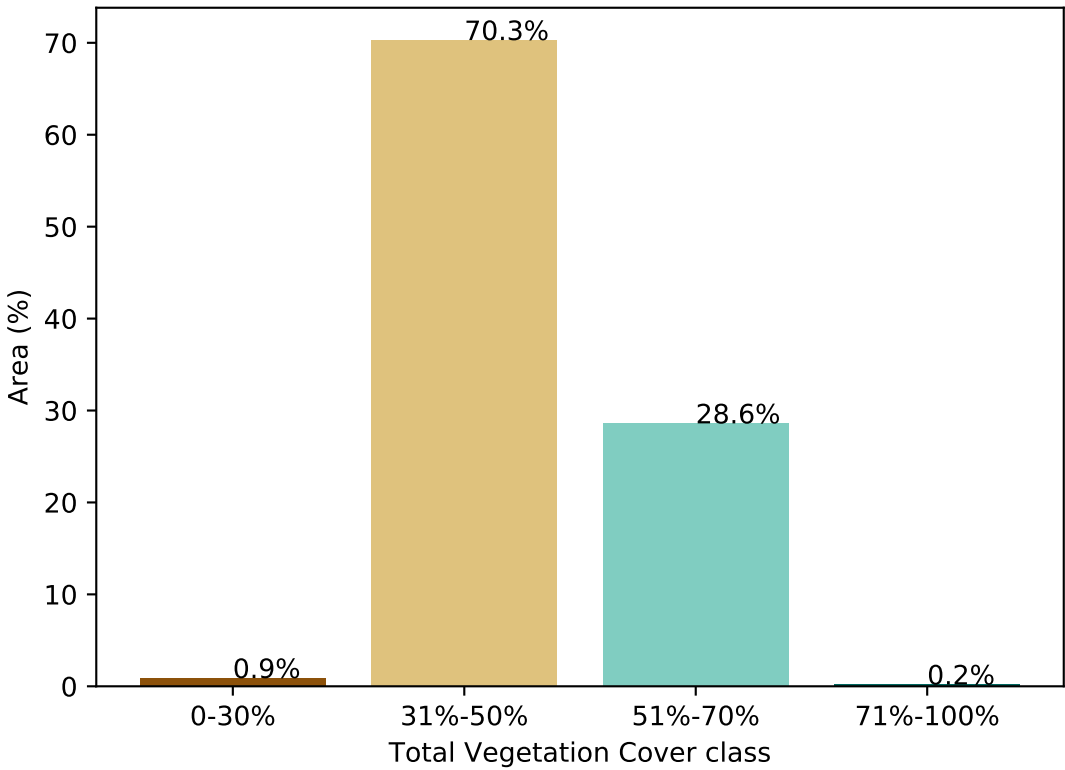
Cropping

Land use and forest cover

Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Area (%)

70.3%

28.6%

0.9%

0.2%

Total Vegetation Cover class

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
99.8% of
region
(203,392
ha)

Area
protected
0.2% of
region
(407 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
71.0% of
region
(144,698
ha)

Area
protected
29.0% of
region
(59,102
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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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%)

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

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

Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover
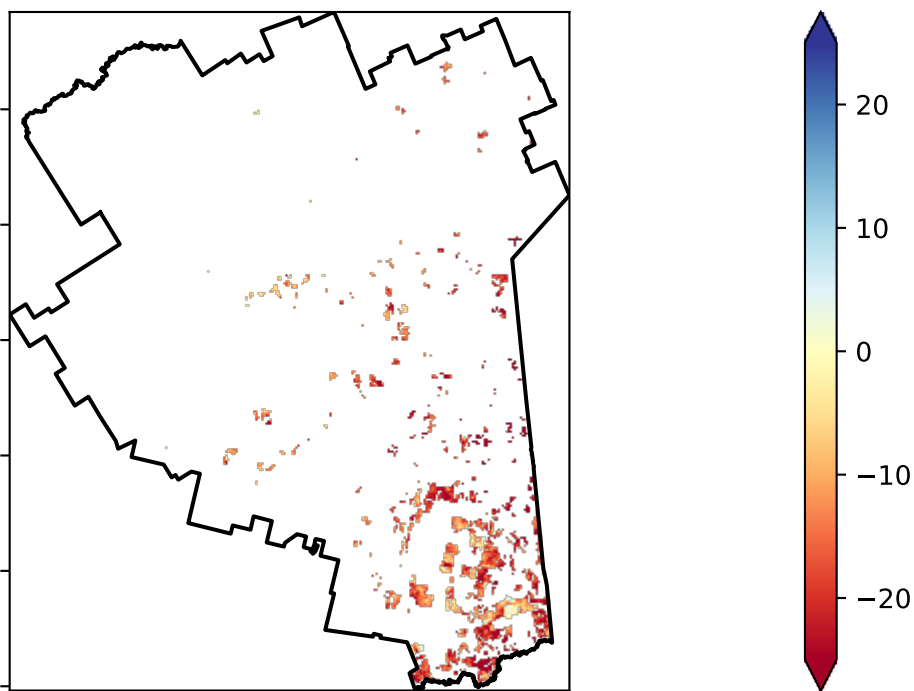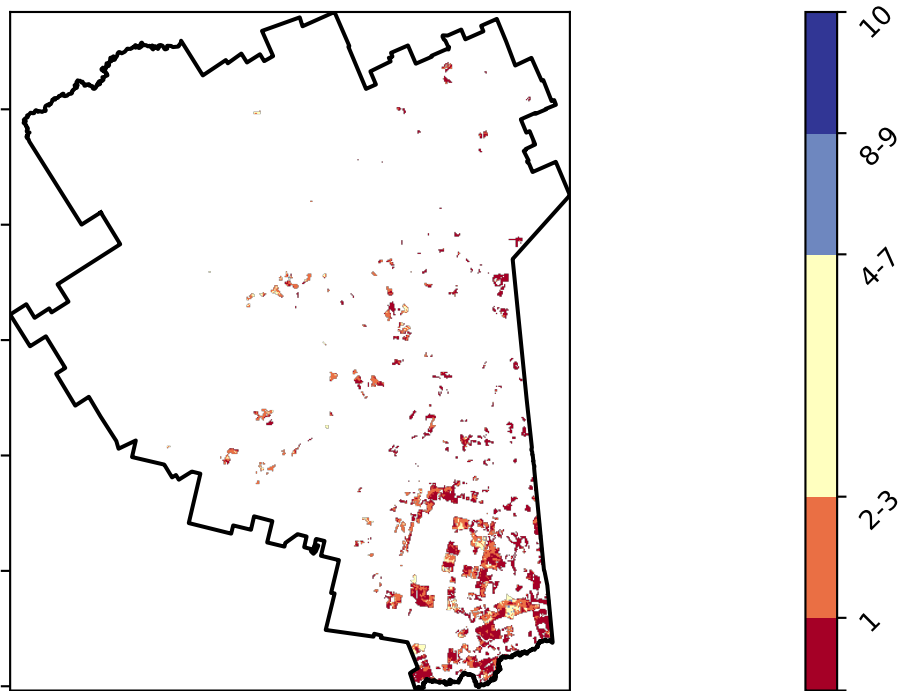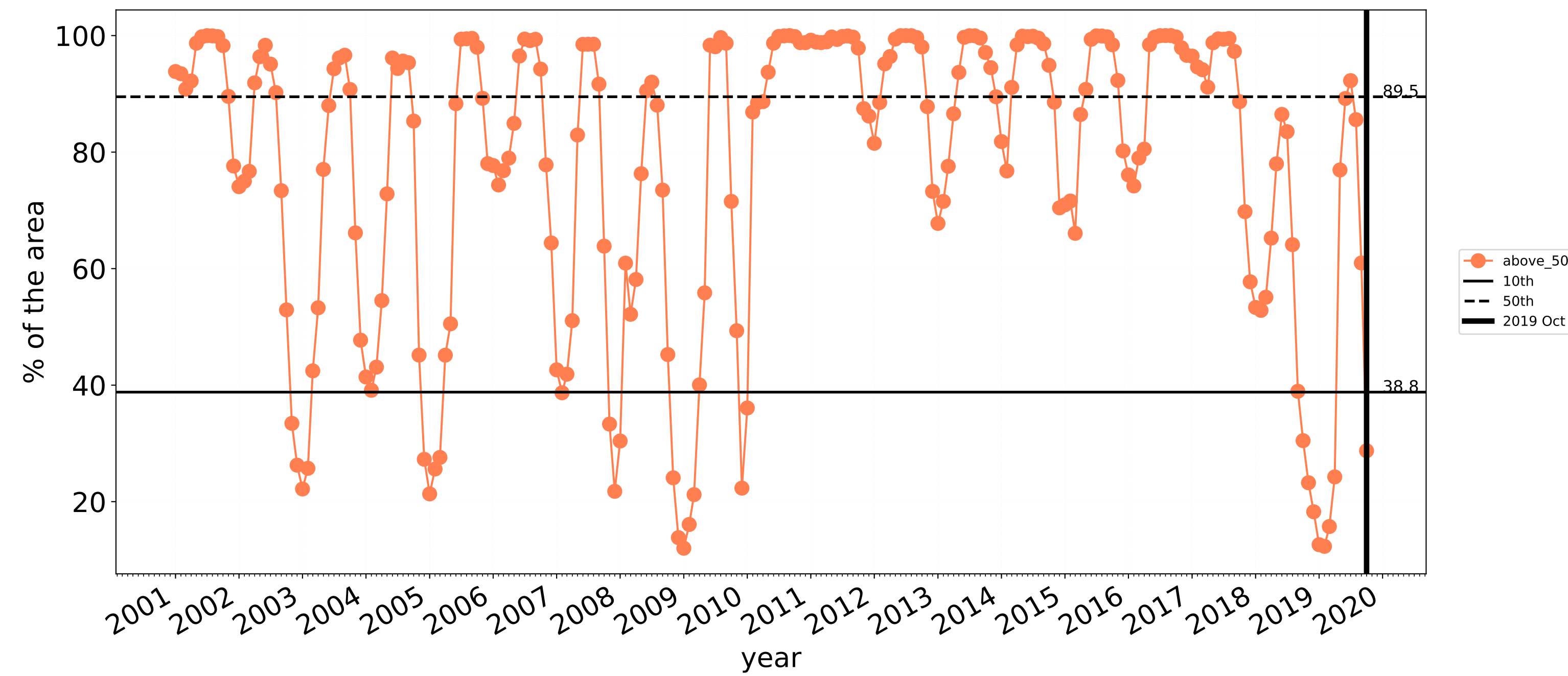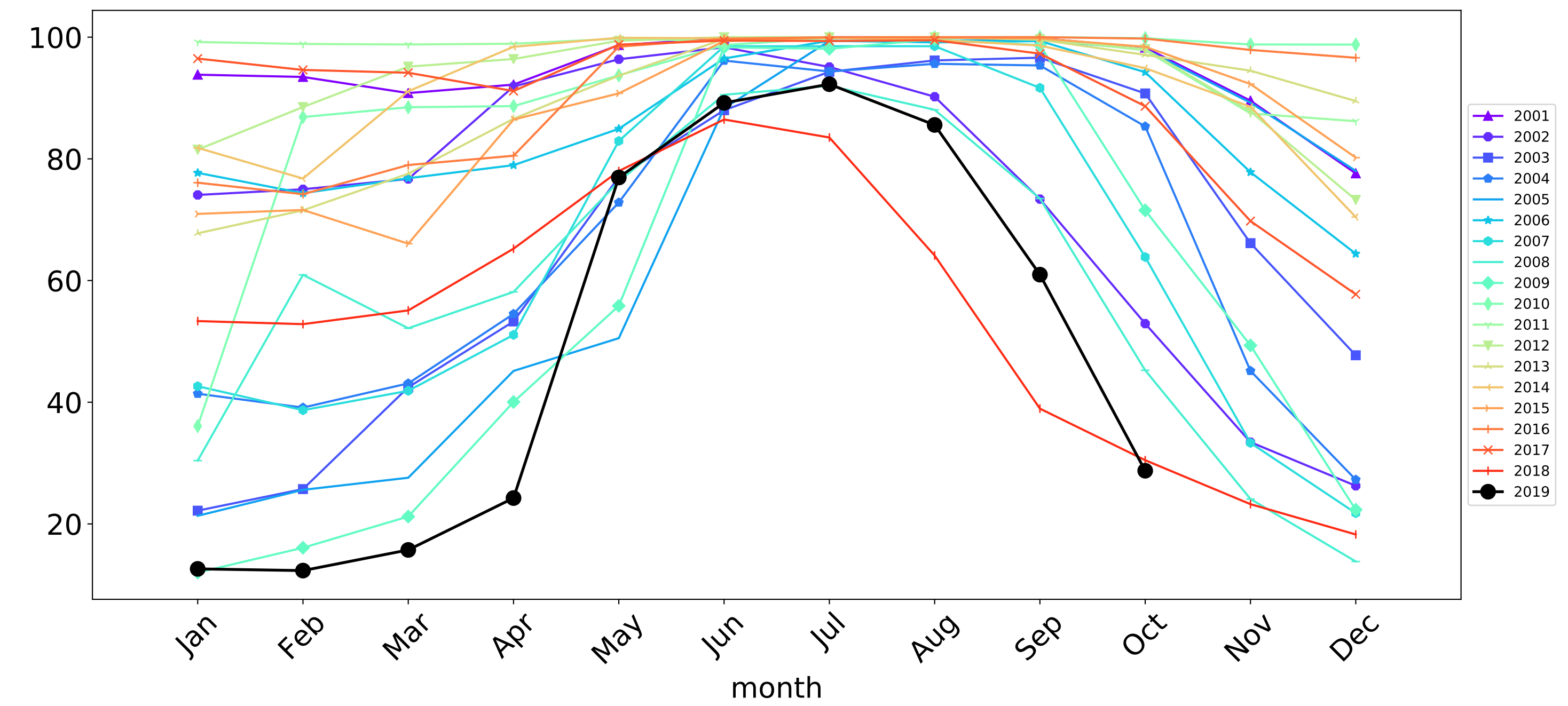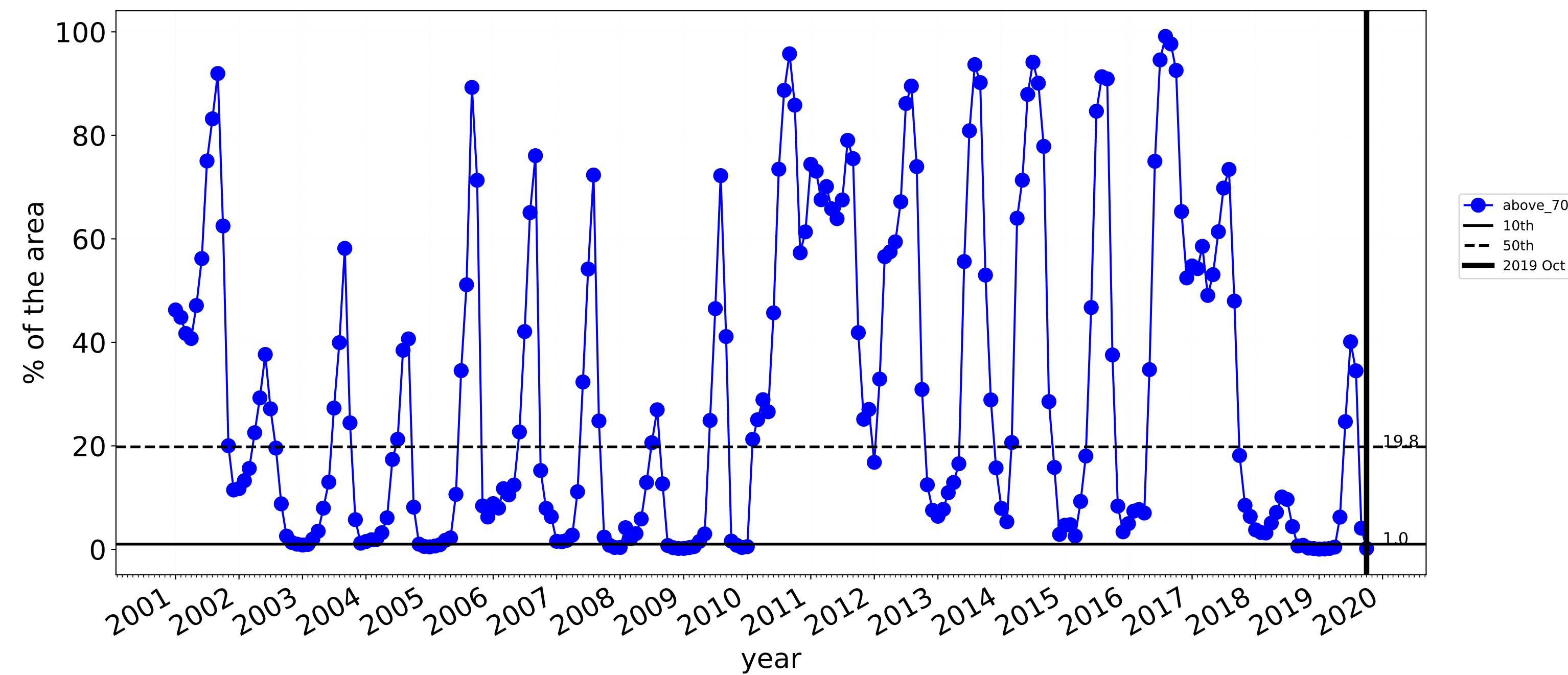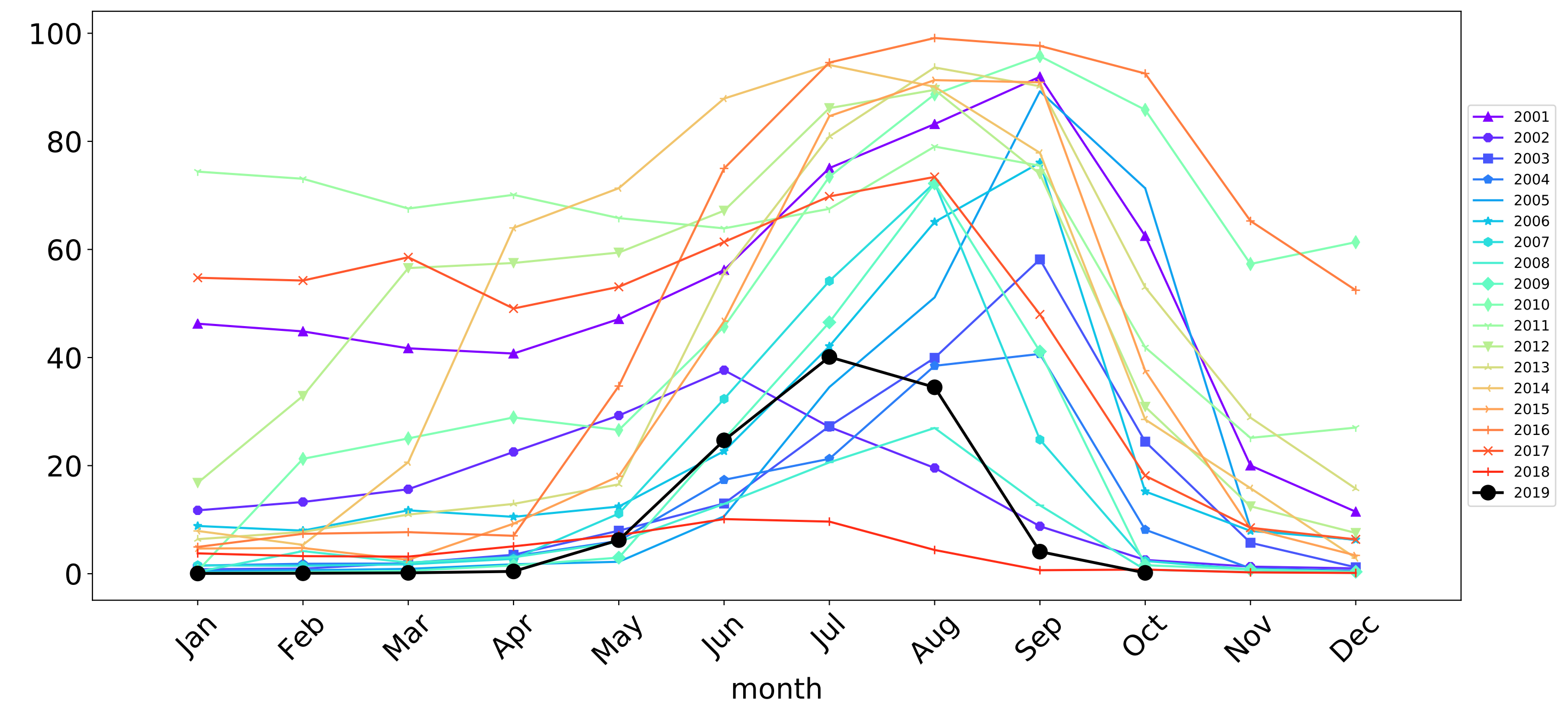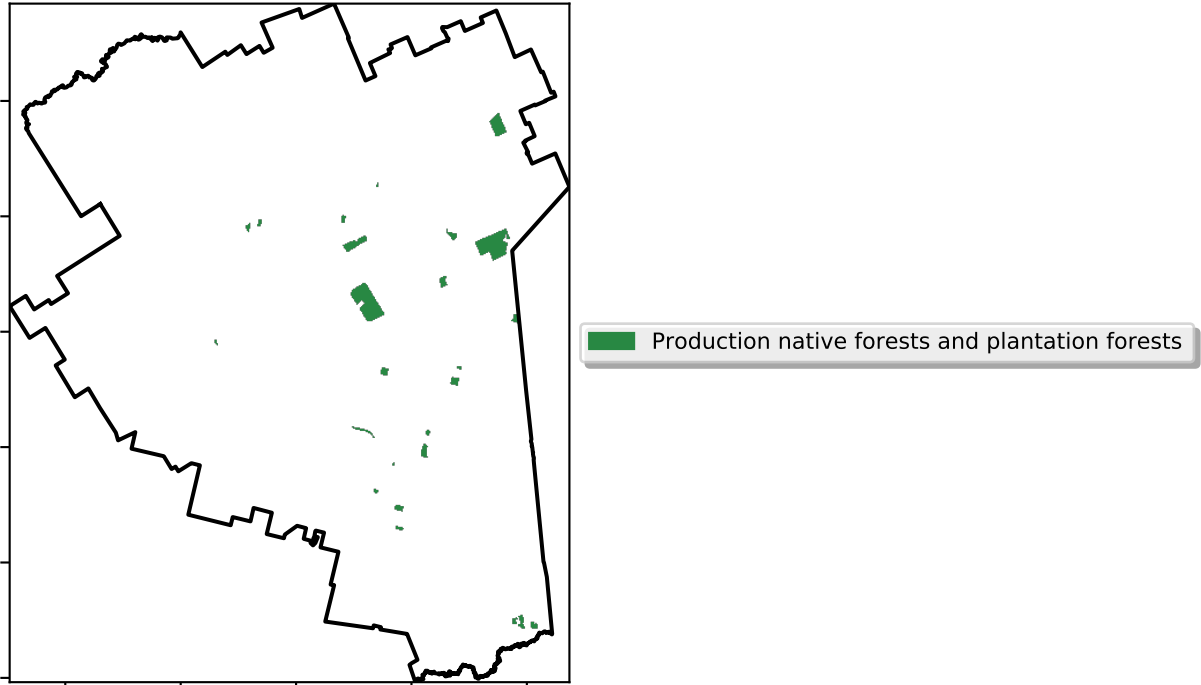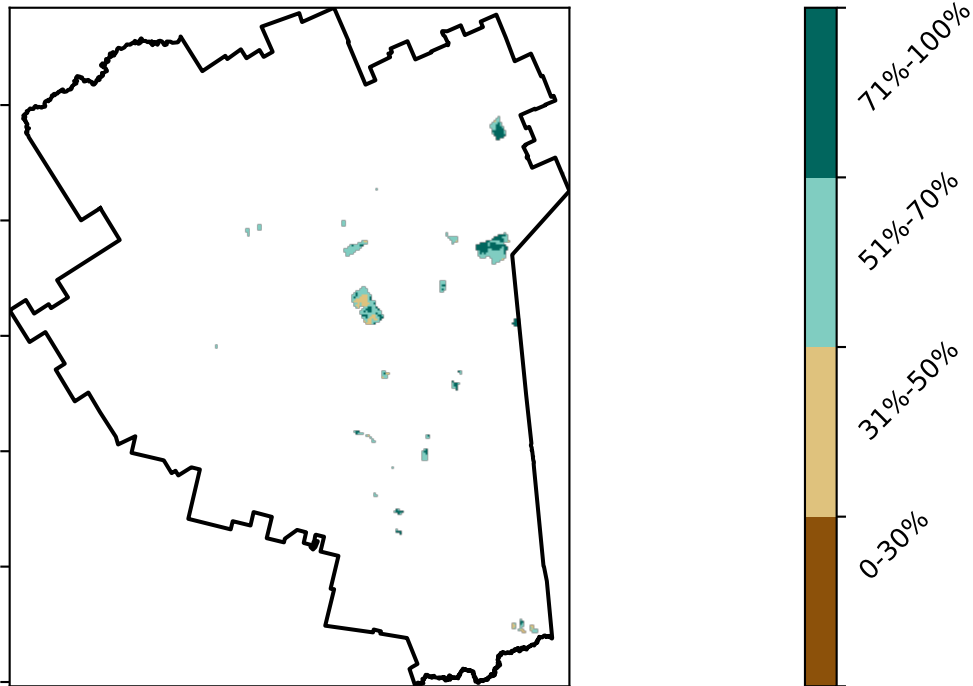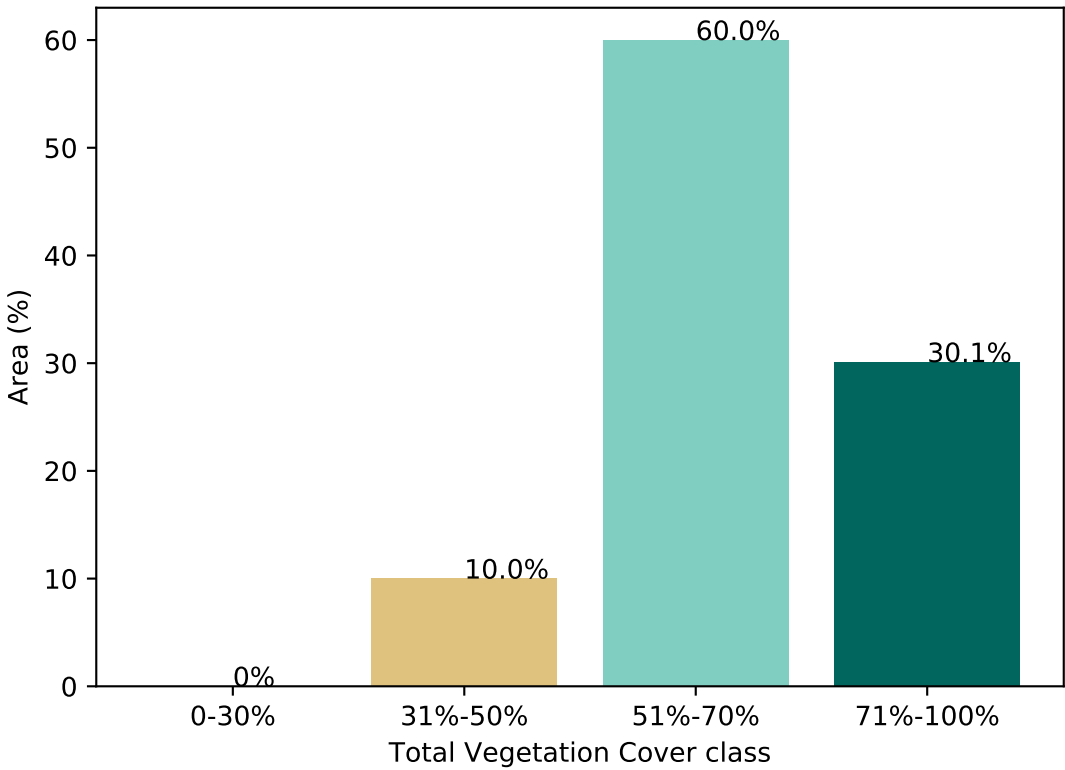

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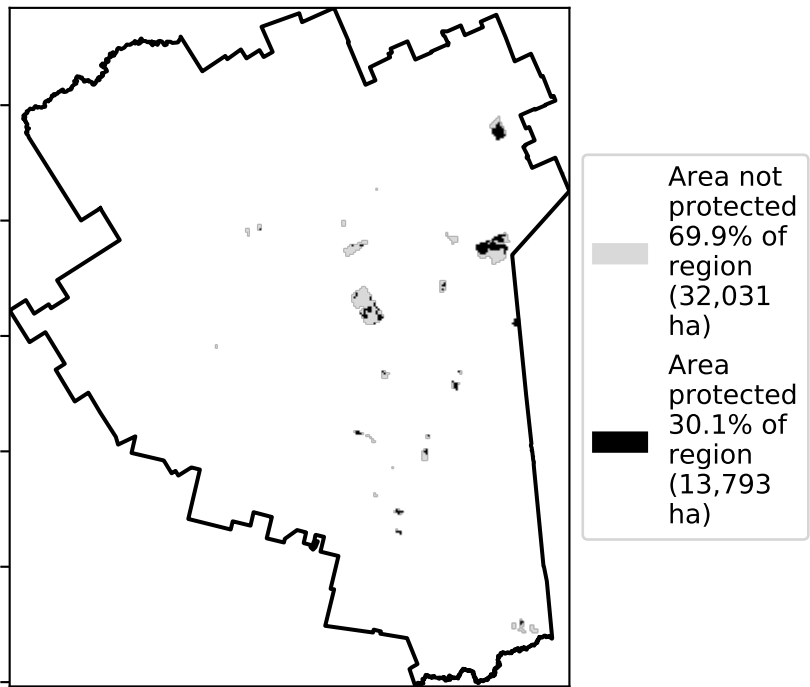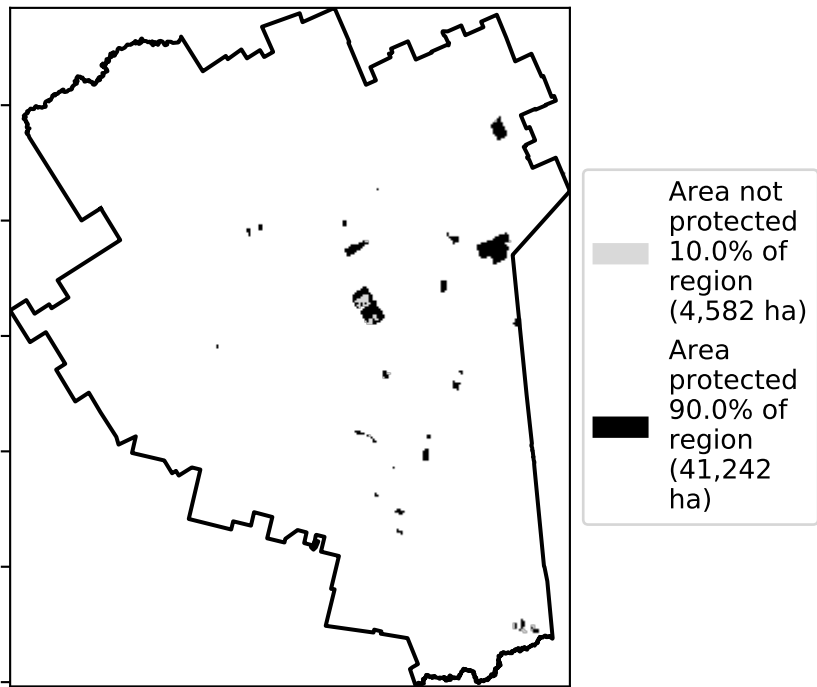
Production native forests and plantation forests

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 69.9% of region (32,031 ha)

Area protected 30.1% of region (13,793 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 10.0% of region (4,582 ha)

Area protected 90.0% of region (41,242 ha)

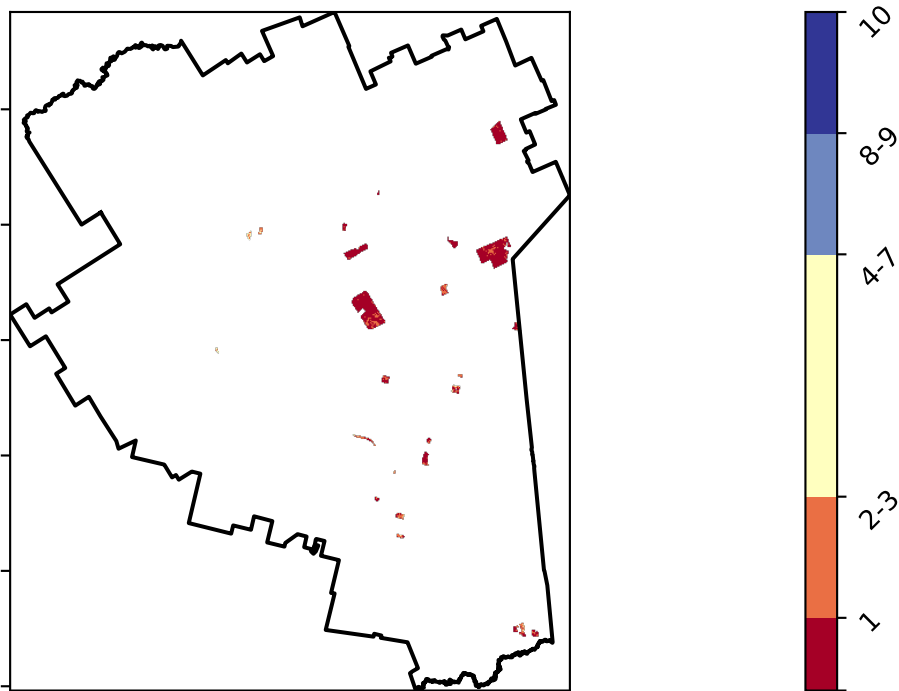## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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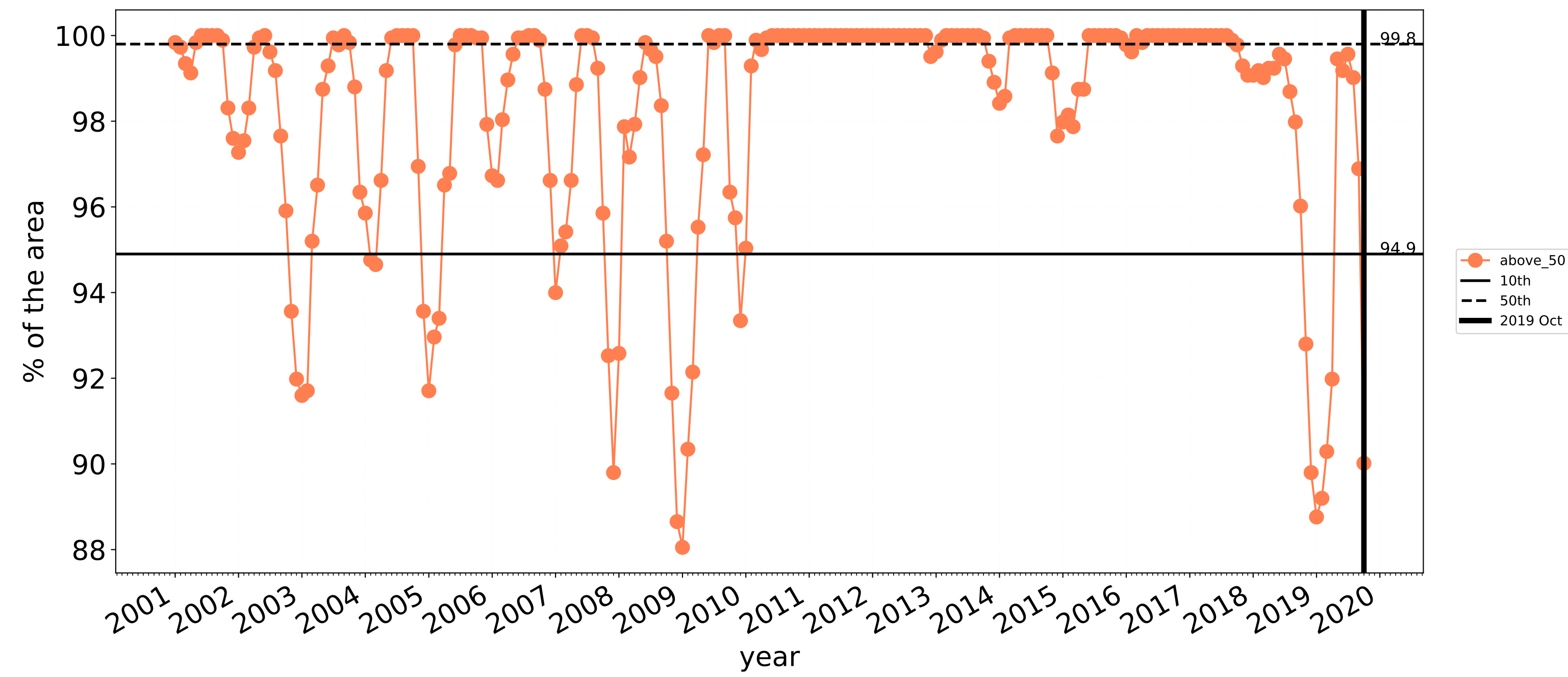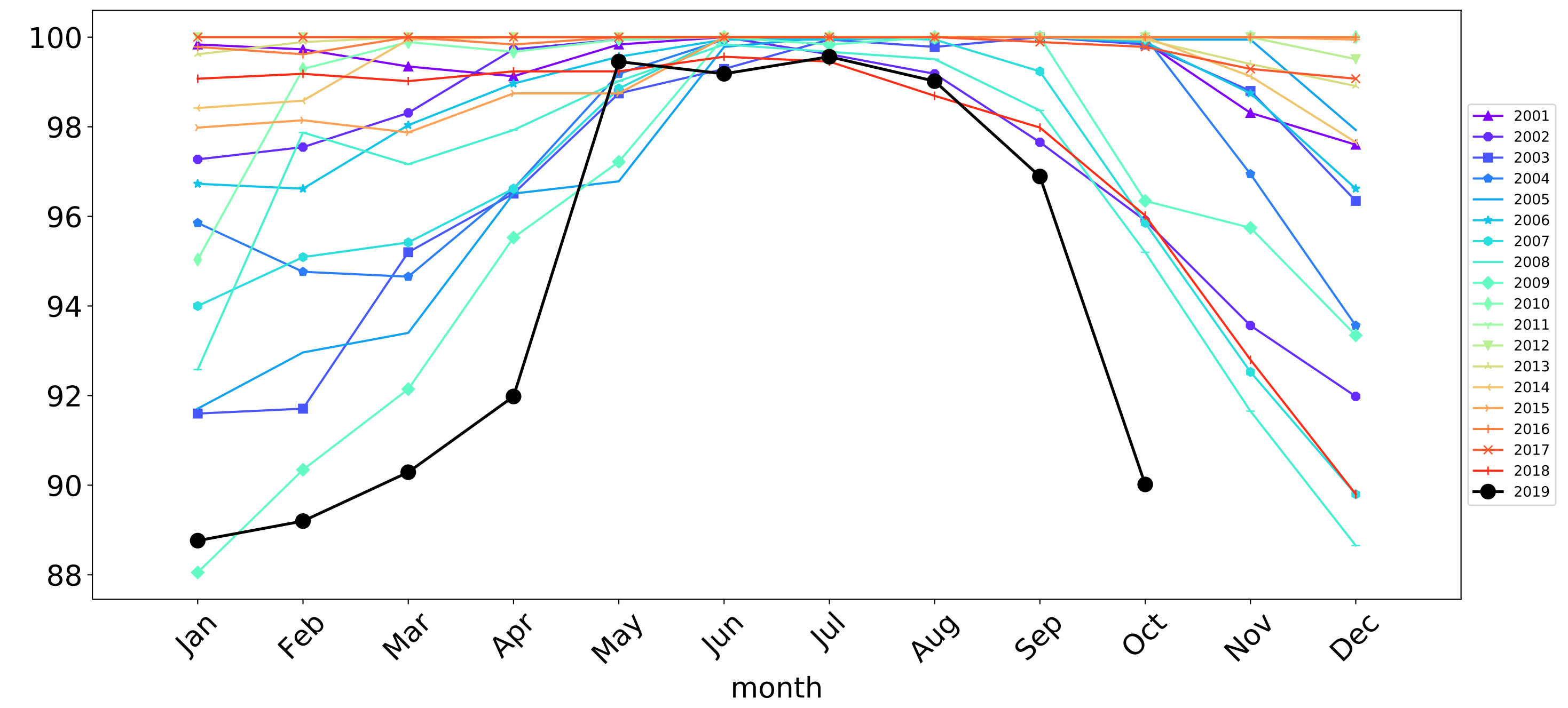
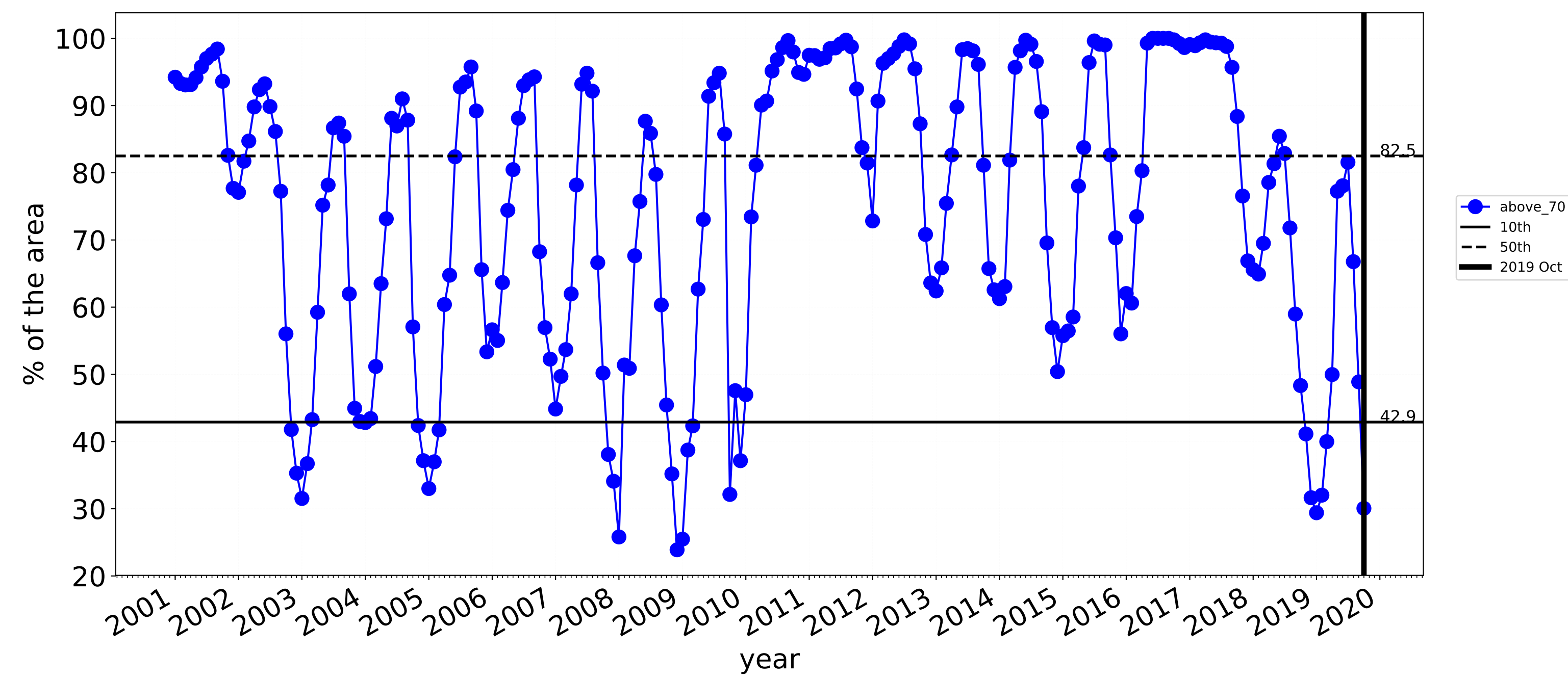# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

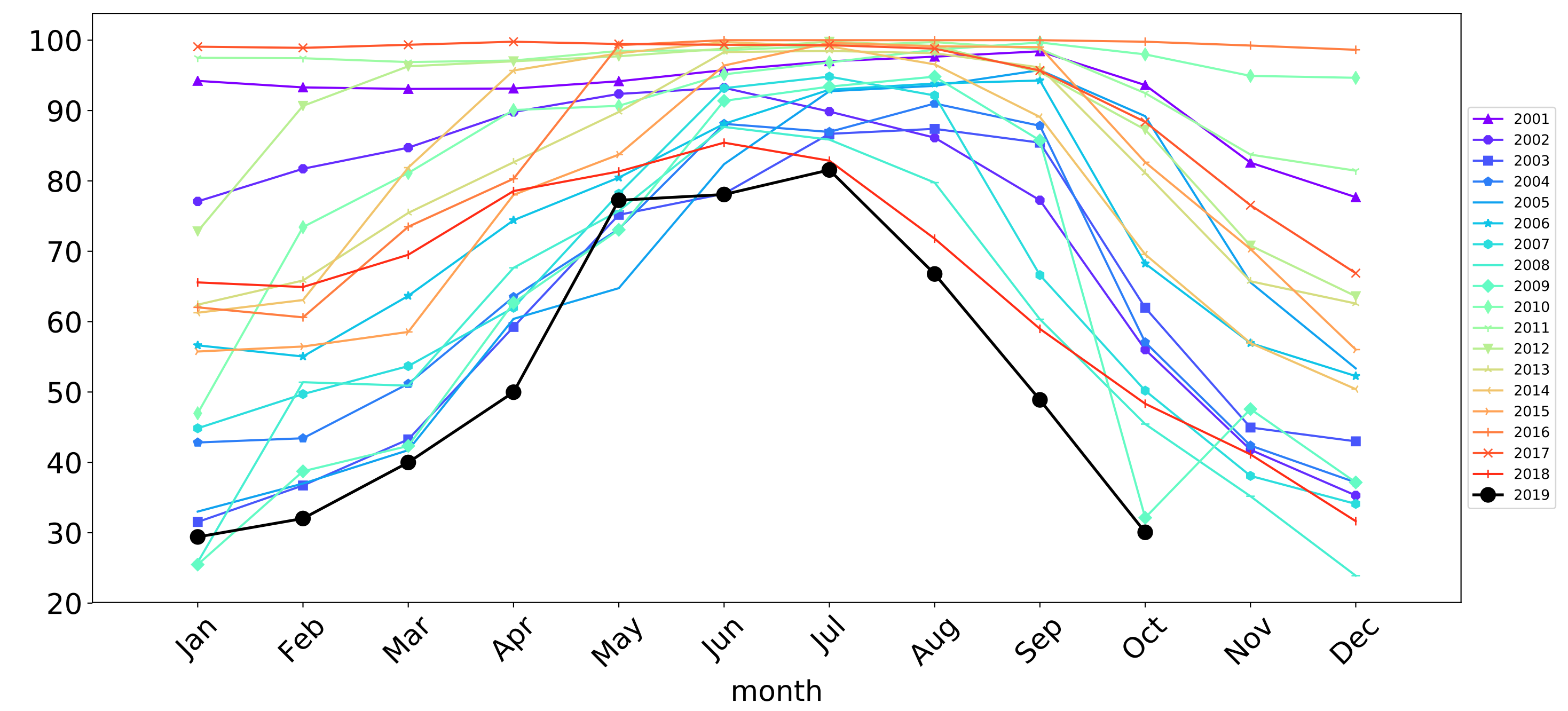Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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%)

Cobar_(A) (total 4,557,975 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	4,557,975	99.1% 4,516,625	78.8% 3,591,050	10.3% 467,900	0.2% 9,775	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Conservation and natural environments	582,300	99.9% 581,700	95.4% 555,325	51.7% 301,000	1.4% 8,150	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Conservation and natural environments non forest	88,800	99.3% 88,200	71.8% 63,725	1.6% 1,450	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	259,450	100.0% 259,450	99.5% 258,275	67.7% 175,675	1.7% 4,375	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	234,050	100.0% 234,050	99.7% 233,325	52.9% 123,875	1.6% 3,775	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Agriculture	3,916,925	99.0% 3,876,425	76.3% 2,987,425	3.9% 152,750	0.0% 1,550	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Grazing	3,708,025	99.0% 3,669,450	78.9% 2,926,400	4.1% 152,325	0.0% 1,525	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Grazing non forest	2,428,800	98.4% 2,390,225	68.7% 1,668,200	0.4% 9,450	0.0% 200	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Grazing Woodland forest	725,650	100.0% 725,650	98.6% 715,575	9.8% 70,875	0.1% 700	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	553,575	100.0% 553,575	98.0% 542,625	13.0% 72,000	0.1% 625	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Cropping	203,800	99.1% 201,925	28.7% 58,575	0.2% 325	0.0% 25	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Production native forests and plantation forests	45,825	100.0% 45,825	90.0% 41,250	30.1% 13,775	0.2% 75	0.0% 0	0.0% 0