# LGA Dungog\_(A) (NSW) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

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o Map: Land use and forest cover

- o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month

   Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
   Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month

o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)

- o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
- Comparison with previous years
  - o Map: anomaly compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
  - o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
- Time series stacked by year
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines) in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines). in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example

- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- - Protected areas by forest classes if present
  - Explanatory notes:

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree 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



# **Vegetation Cover Aug 2019**

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· 52% 70%

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0-30%

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#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

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

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



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





### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

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.



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.











## **Conservation and natural environments**

Land use and forest cover



Landuse map of area based on 2015

catchment scale landuse and

Australia's National

where no forest is <

sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree

Forest Inventory,

20% tree cover,

cover.

Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest Conservation and natural environments - Nonwoodland forest

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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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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. Area protected 100.0% of region (67,750 ha)















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



## **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



Landuse map of area based on 2015

catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is <

20% tree cover,

cover.

sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree

















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



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

Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.



Conservation and natural environments – Nonwoodland forest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 









Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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



## Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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

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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 







Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



Landuse map of area based on 2015

catchment scale landuse and

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sparse is 20 to 50%

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Forest Inventory, where no forest is <

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# Agriculture timeseries



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



## Grazing

#### Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.



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

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





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 







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# Grazing timeseries



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







## **Grazing non forest**

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Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 











% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 







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



# Grazing non forest timeseries



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





## Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 











% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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Area protected 100.0% of region (16,025 ha)









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



# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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

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



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

Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 















## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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



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



# Dungog\_(A) (total 225,150 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	225,150	100.0% 225,150	100.0% 225,150	100.0% 225,150	100.0% 225,050	89.6% 201,750	48.2% 108,500
Conservation and natural environments	67,545	100.0% 67,545	100.0% 67,545	100.0% 67,545	100.0% 67,545	98.9% 66,797	85.8% 57,924
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	3,602	100.0% 3,602	100.0% 3,602	100.0% 3,602	100.0% 3,602	100.0% 3,602	98.0% 3,529
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	63,942	100.0% 63,942	100.0% 63,942	100.0% 63,942	100.0% 63,942	98.8% 63,192	85.1% 54,443
Agriculture	141,169	100.0% 141,169	100.0% 141,169	100.0% 141,169	100.0% 141,169	85.2% 120,217	27.4% 38,682
Grazing	140,718	100.0% 140,718	100.0% 140,718	100.0% 140,718	100.0% 140,718	85.3% 120,080	27.5% 38,702
Grazing non forest	123,382	100.0% 123,382	100.0% 123,382	100.0% 123,382	100.0% 123,382	83.6% 103,156	22.7% 28,051
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	15,985	100.0% 15,985	100.0% 15,985	100.0% 15,985	100.0% 15,985	97.3% 15,561	62.1% 9,925
Production native forests and plantation forests	12,158	100.0% 12,158	100.0% 12,158	100.0% 12,158	100.0% 12,158	98.4% 11,959	90.2% 10,964



