

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Gwydir_(A) NSW

Date: July 2023

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool <https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia>. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps.

Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region.

Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

- 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover - protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover - not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover - not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available.

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

Acknowledgment of data:

1. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification>
2. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018>
3. <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover>
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:
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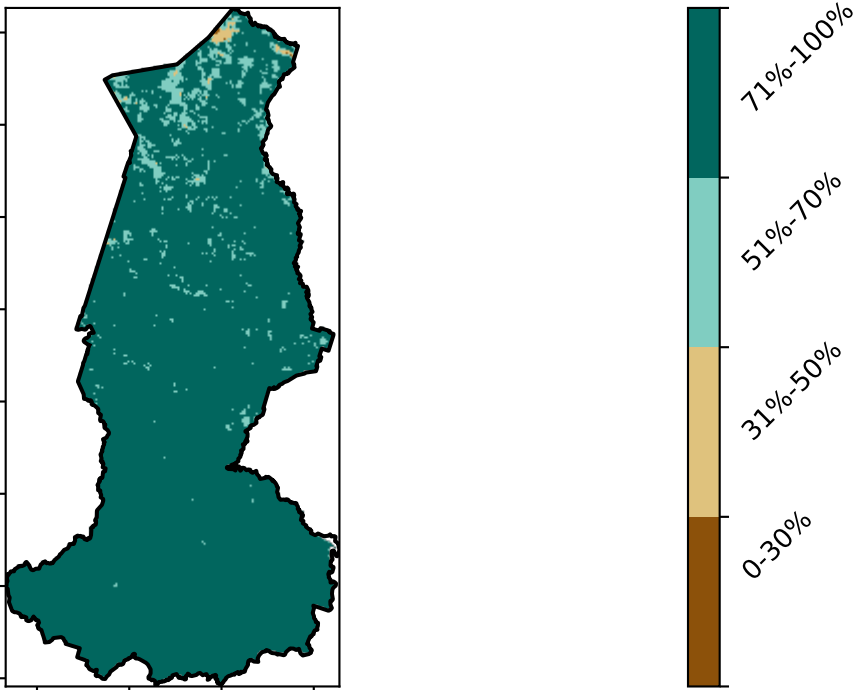


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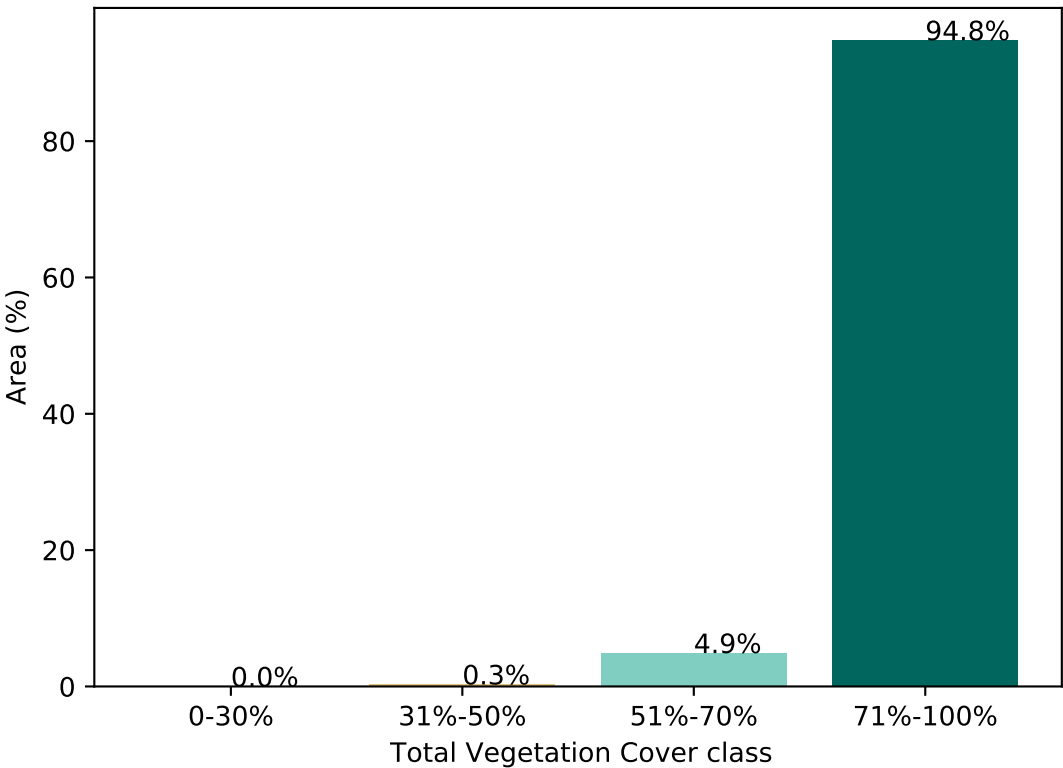
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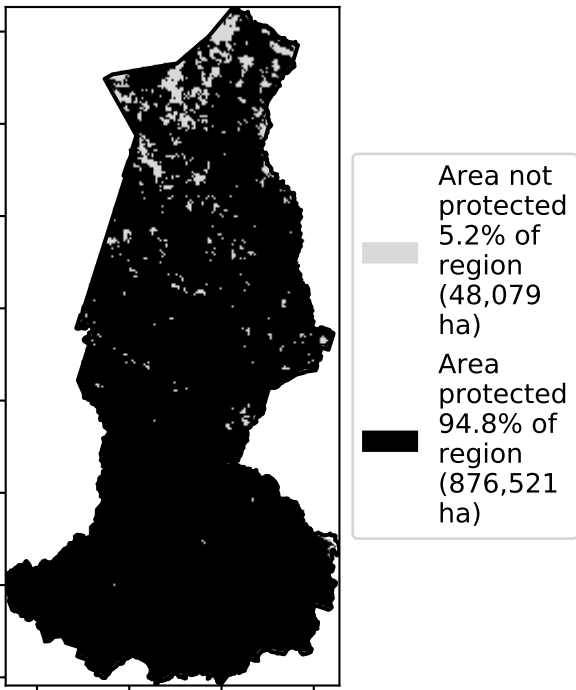
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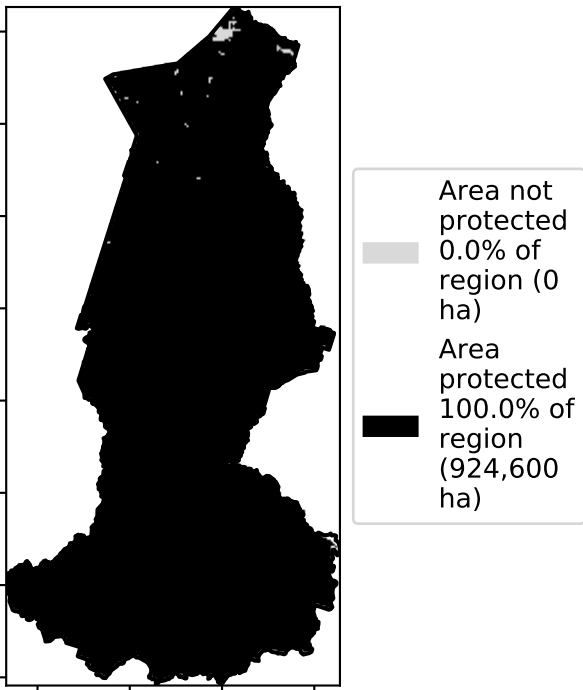
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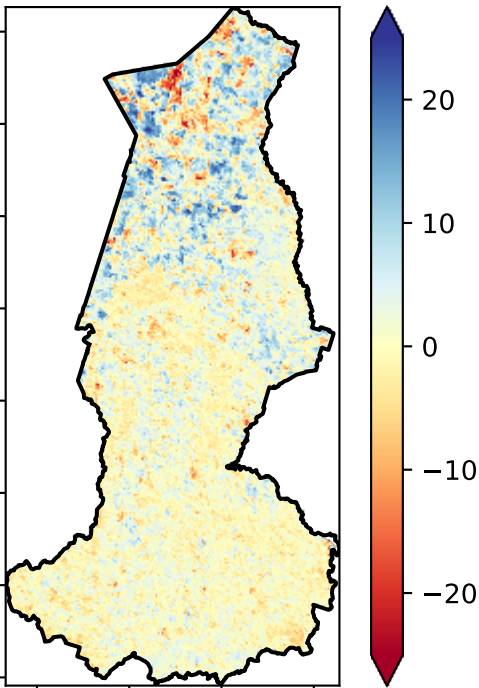
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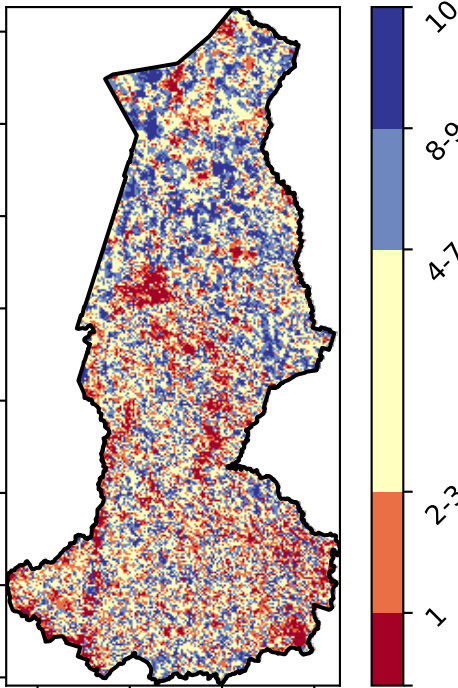
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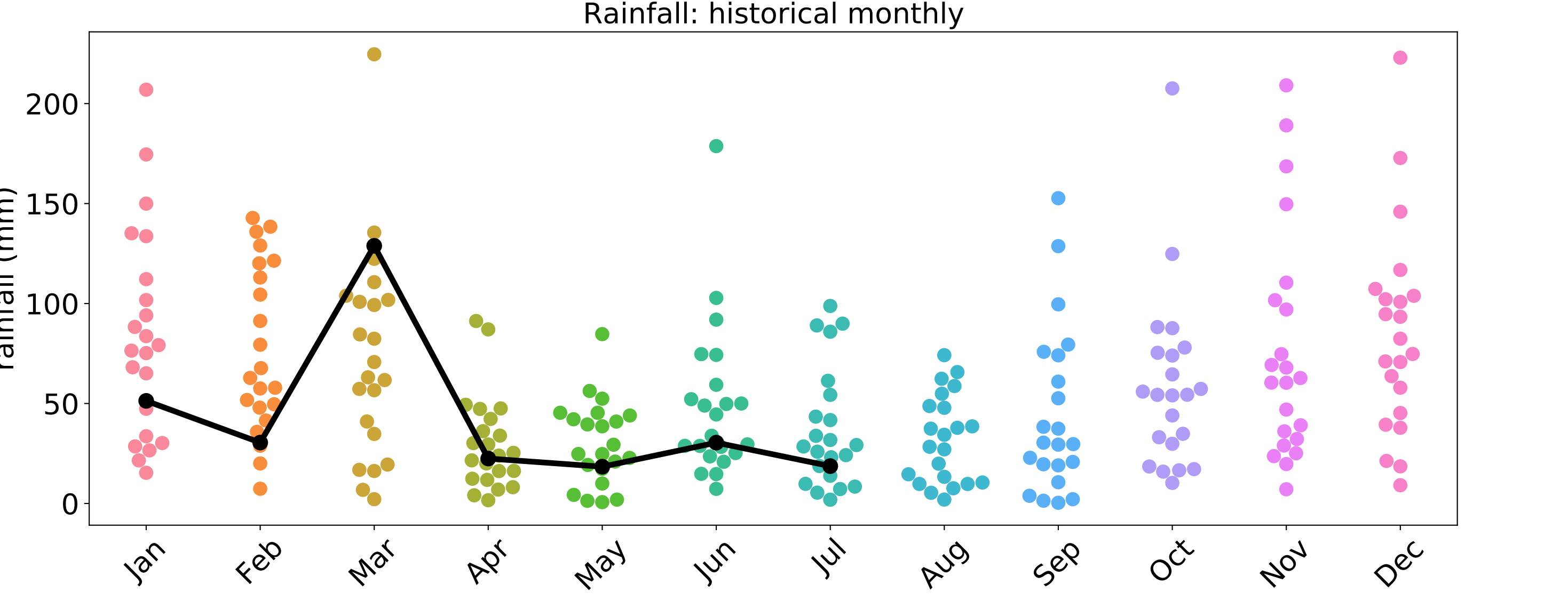
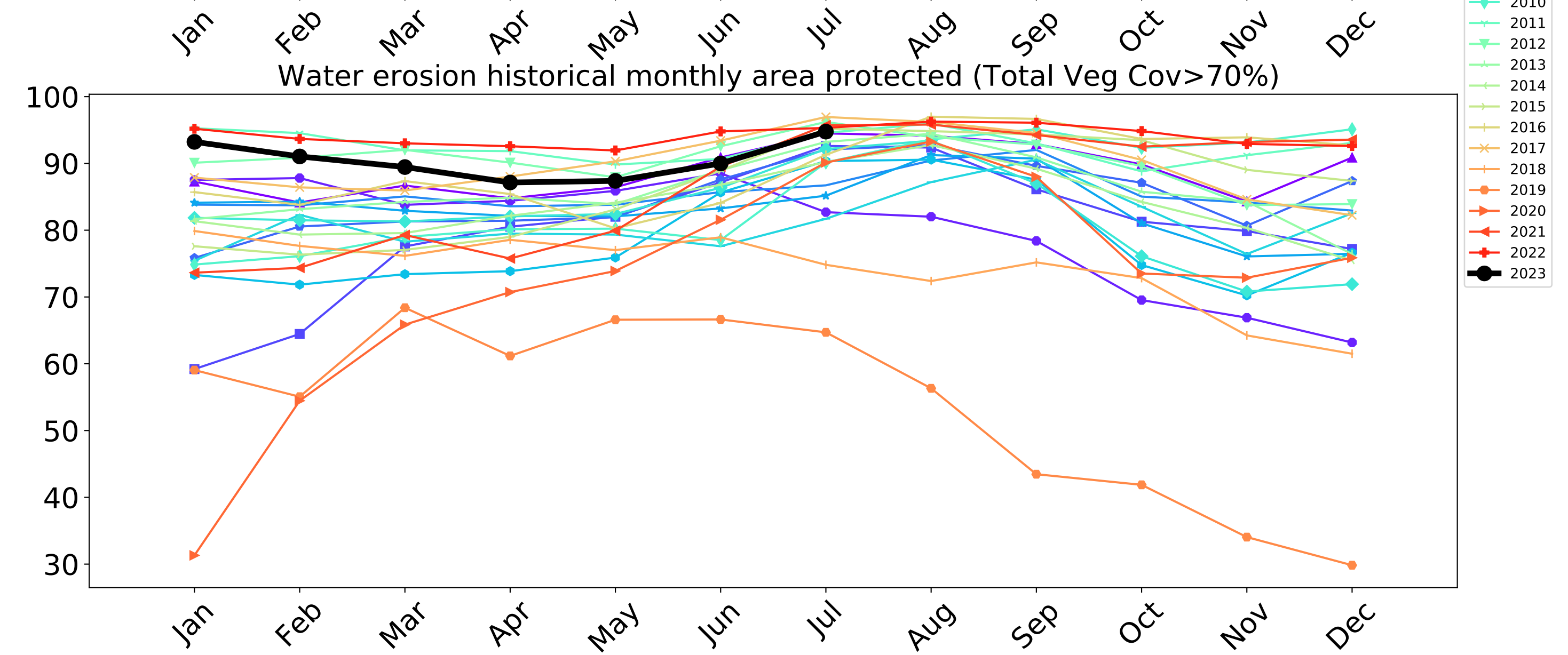
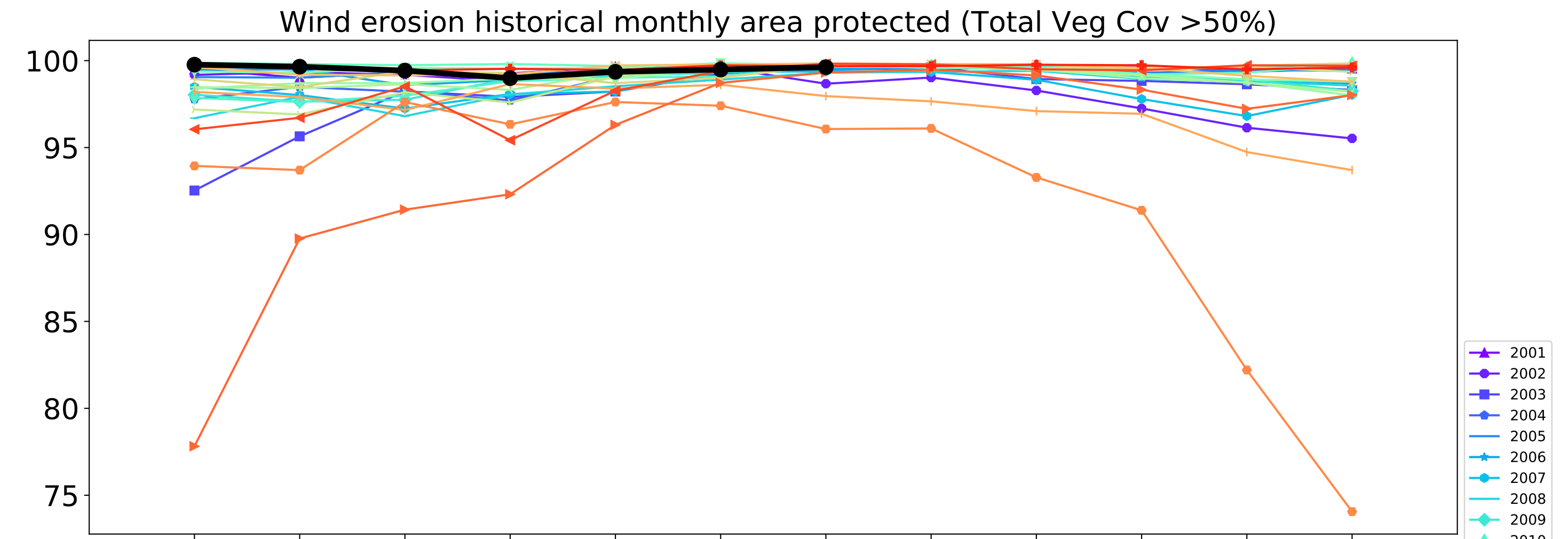
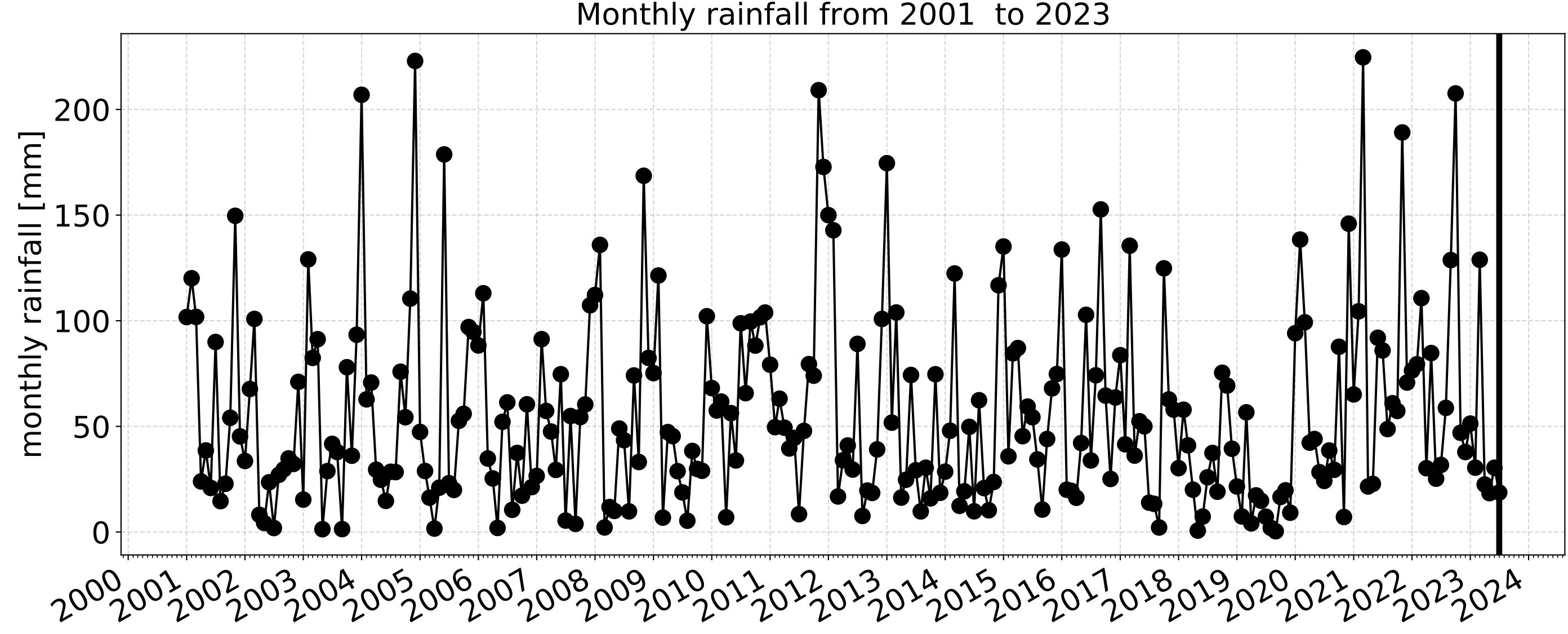
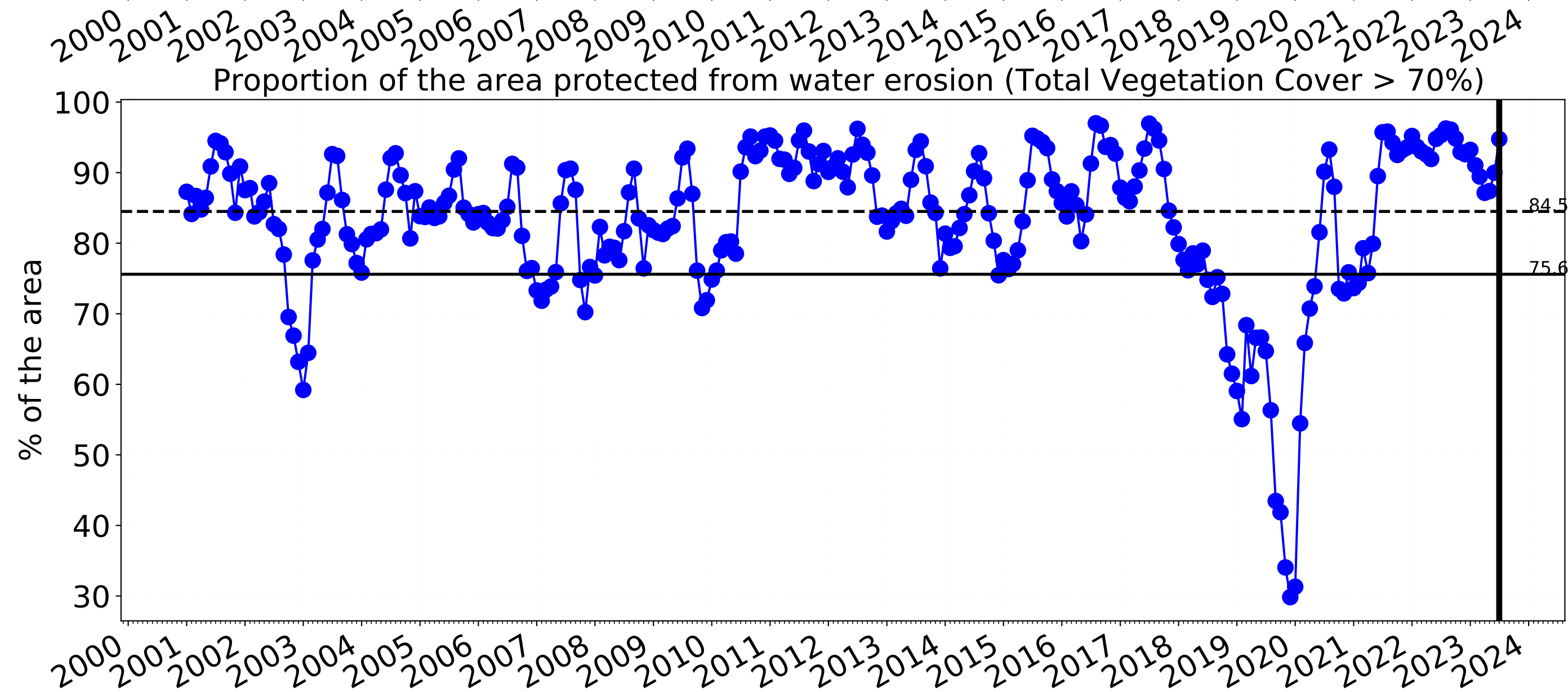
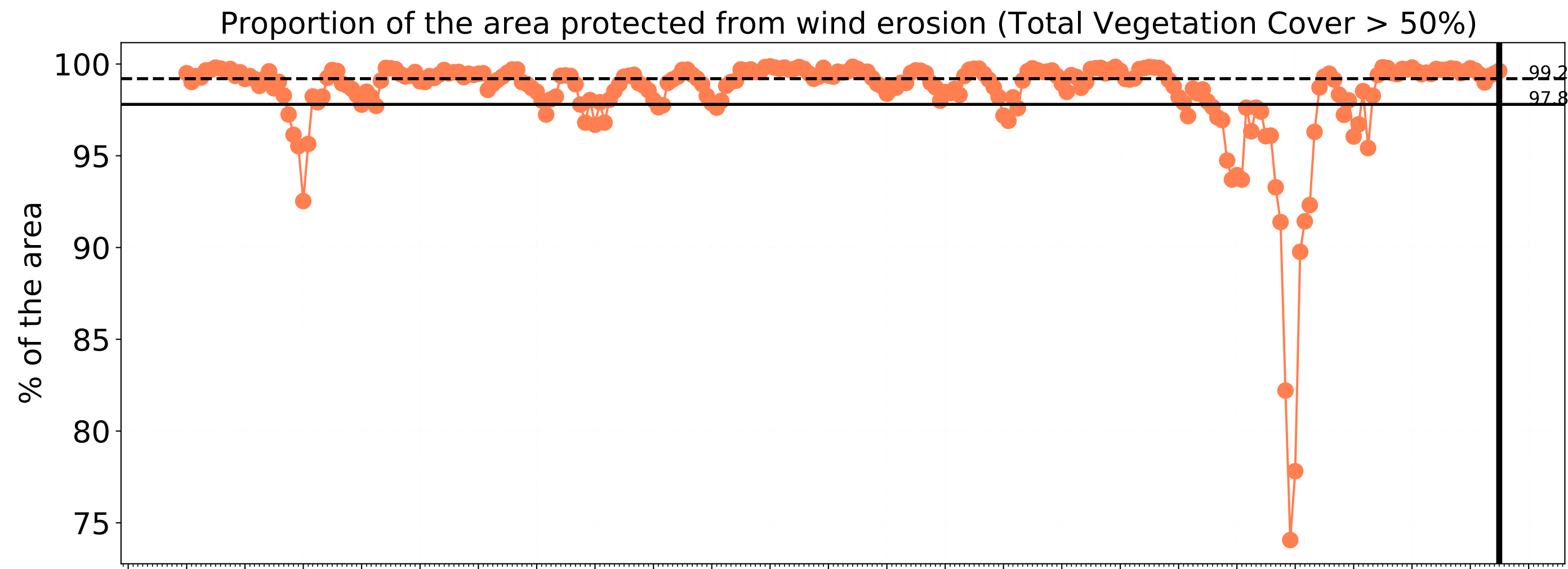
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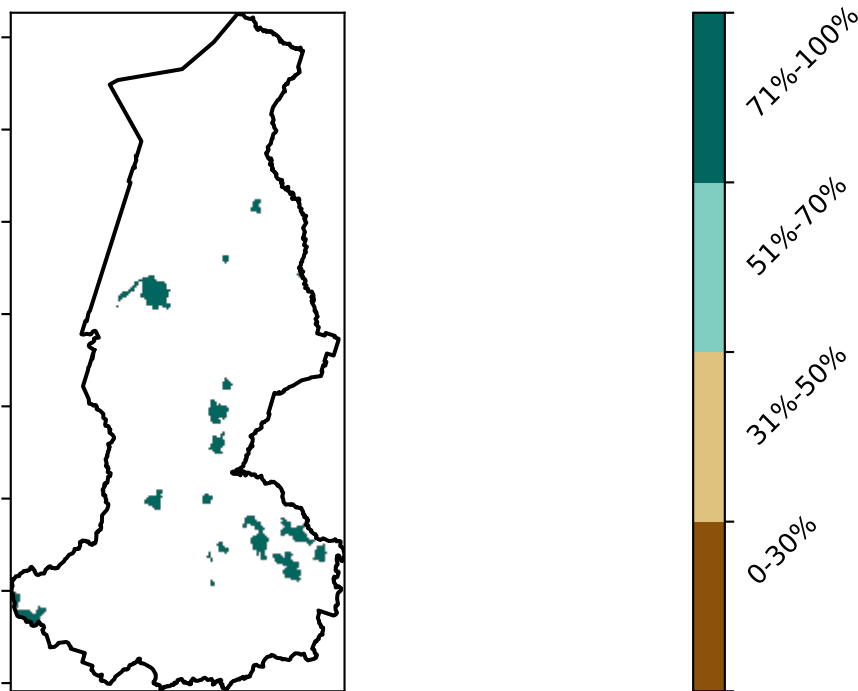
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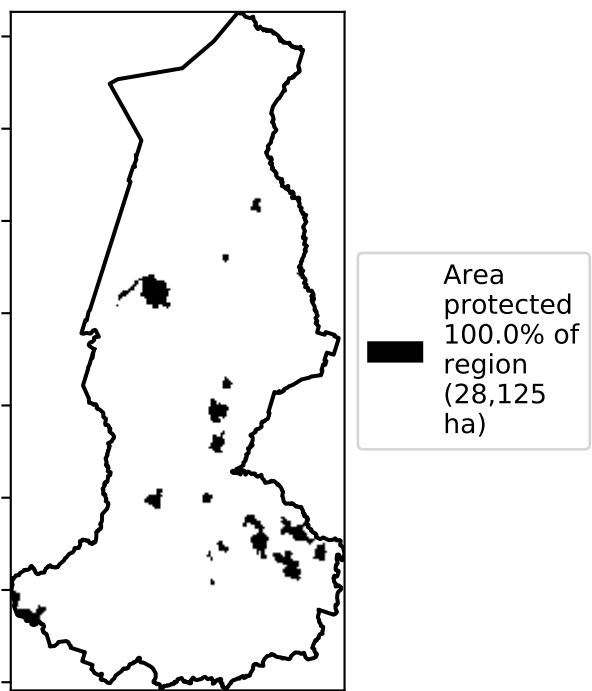
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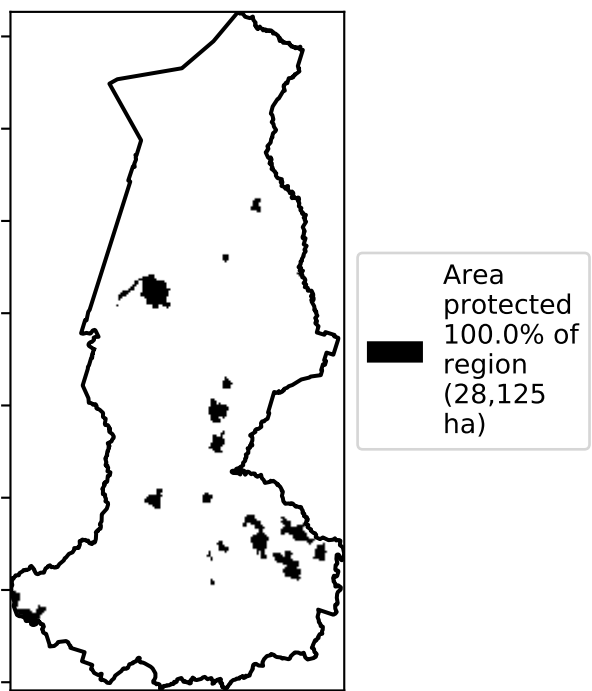
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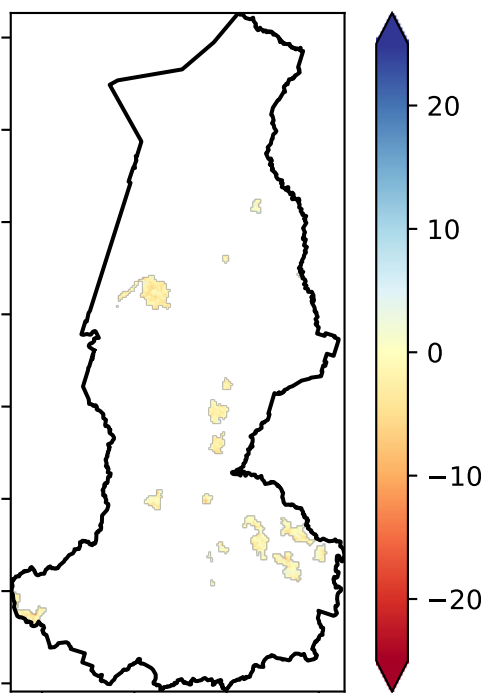
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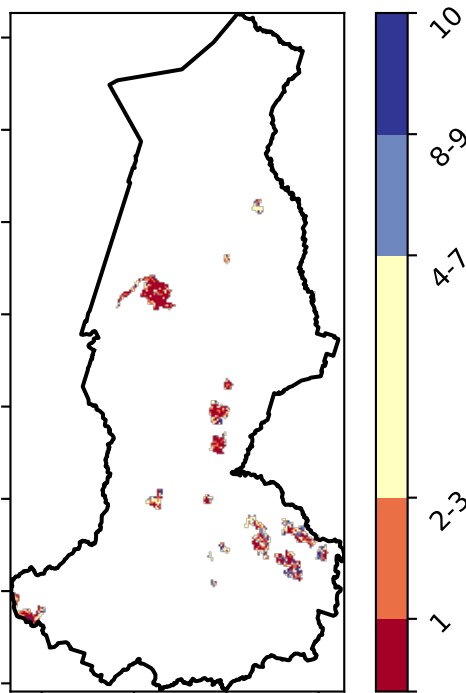


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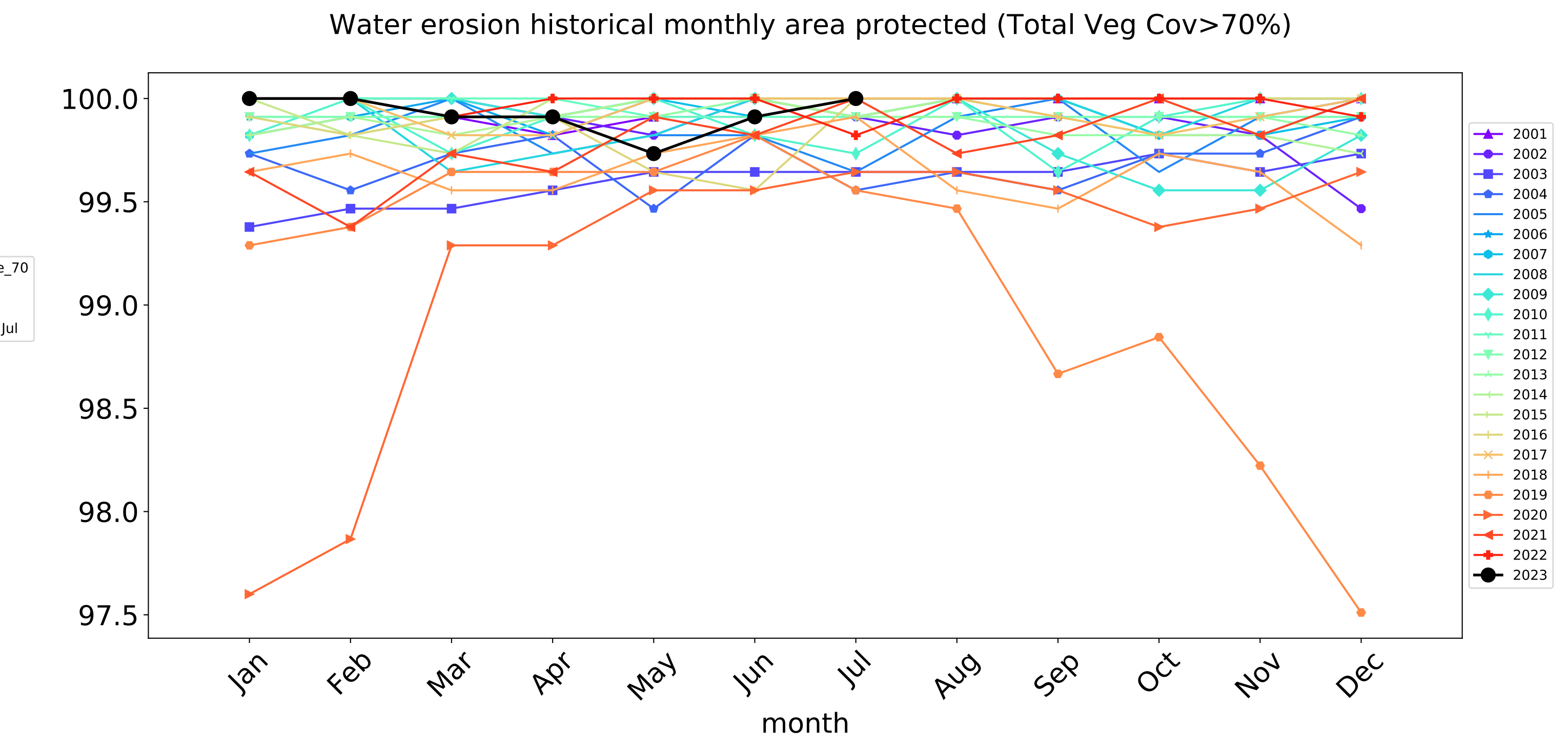
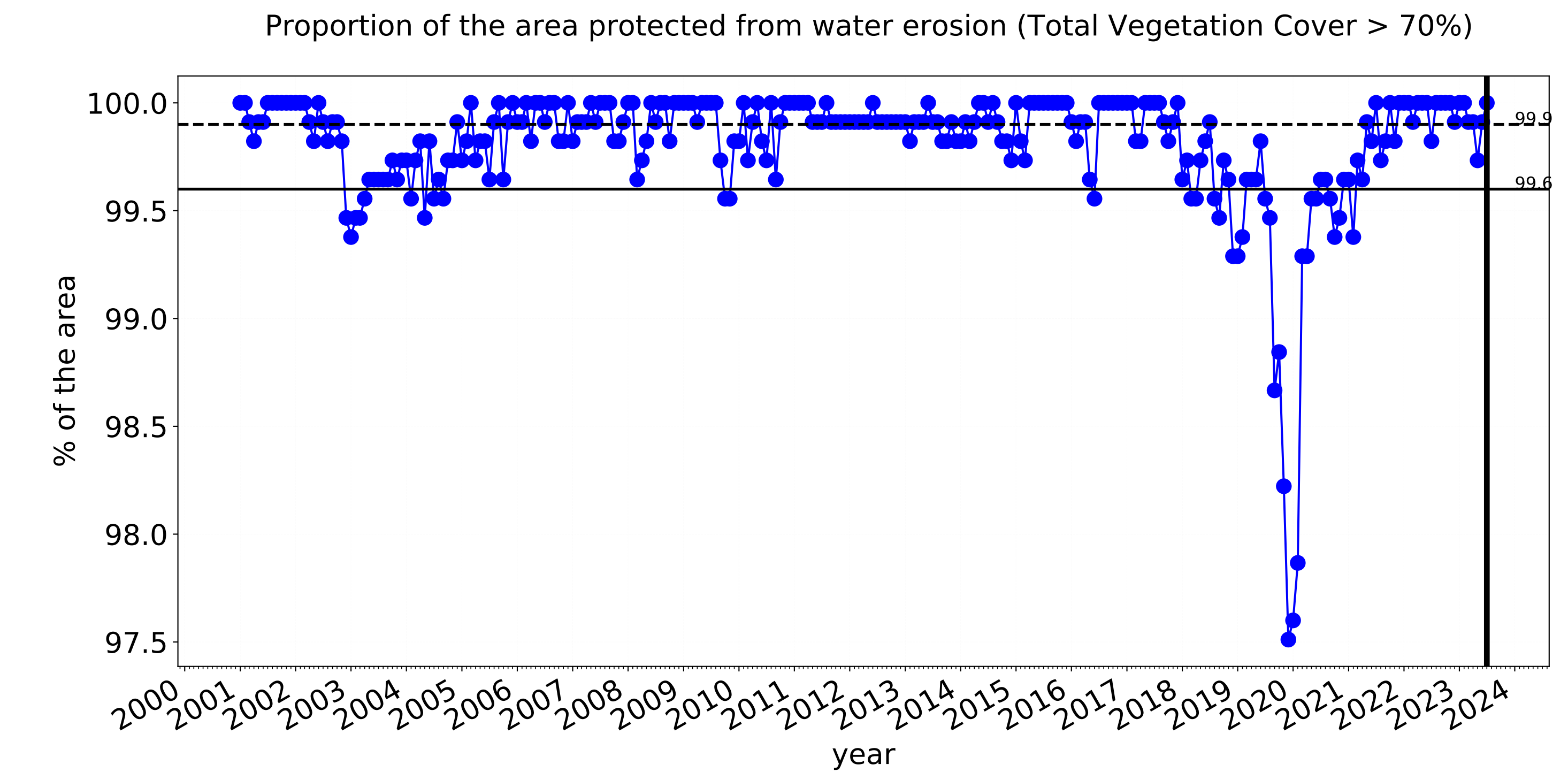
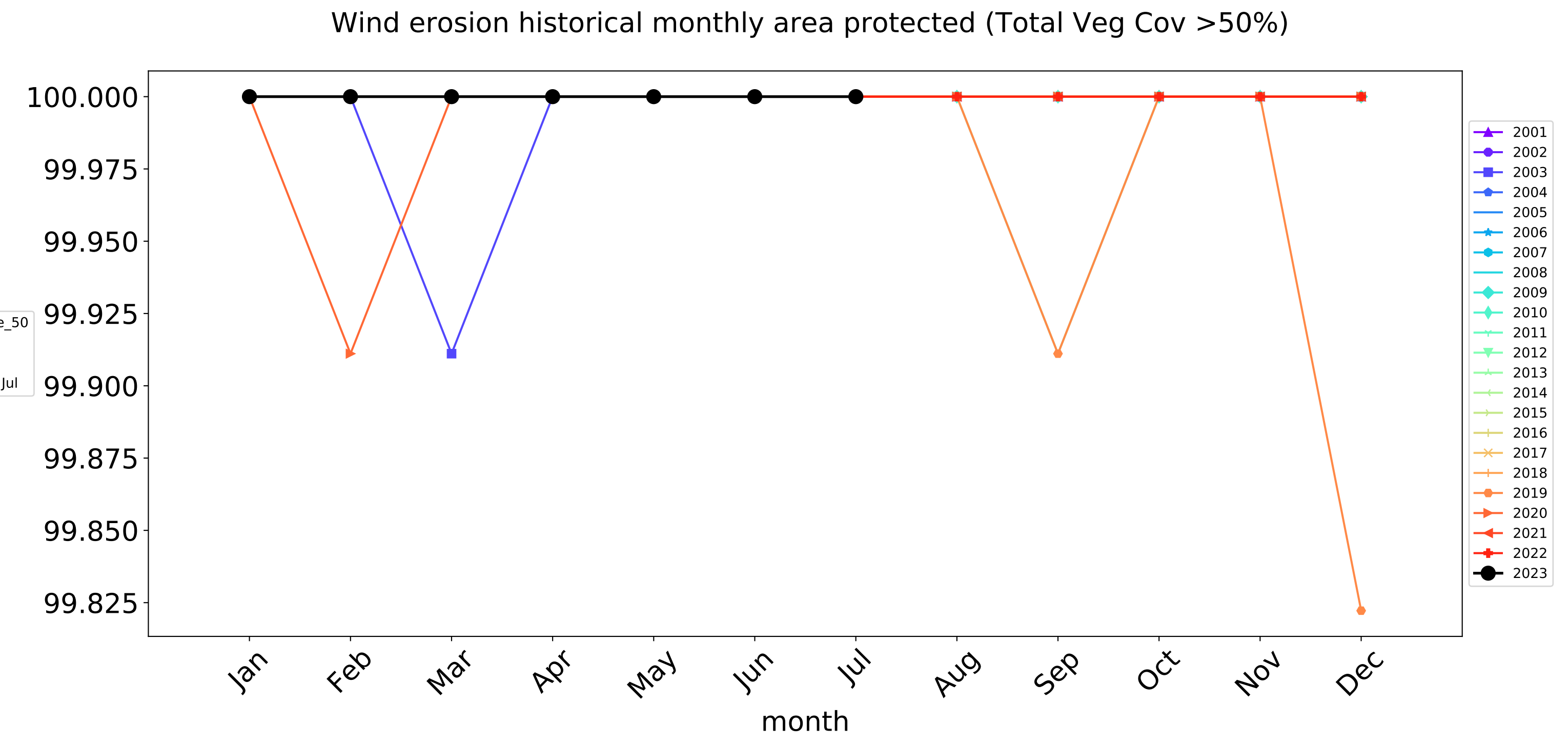
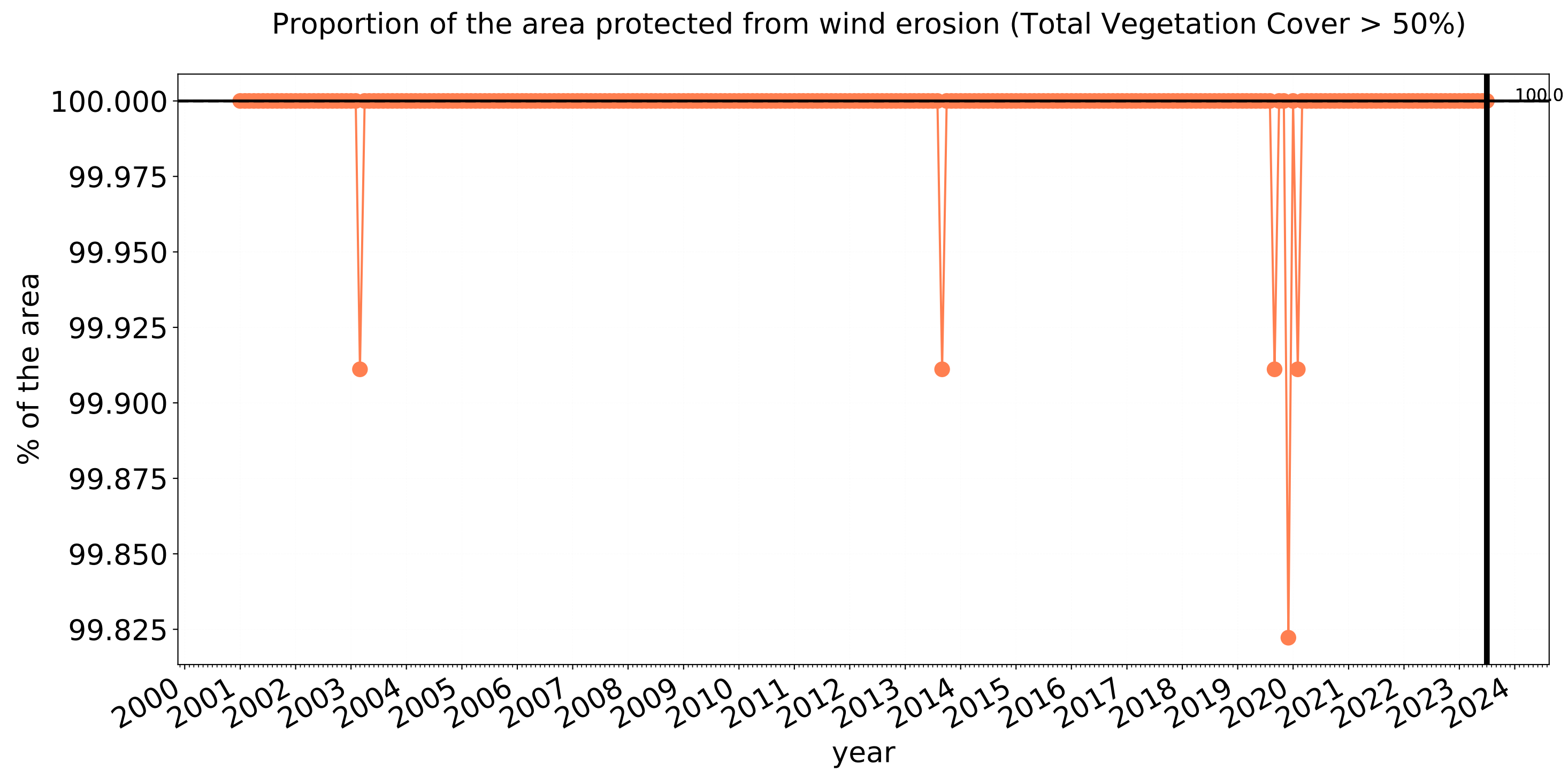


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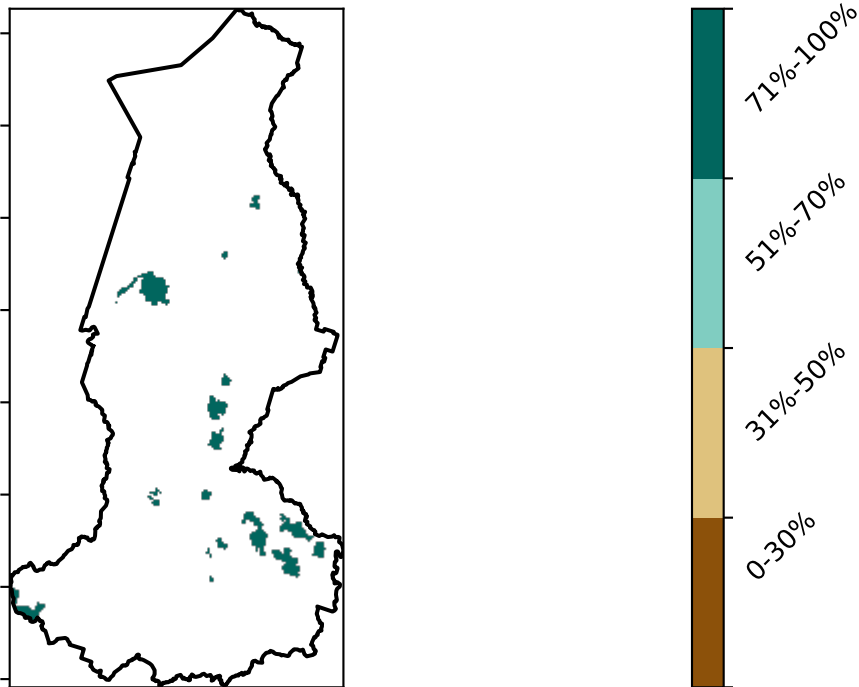


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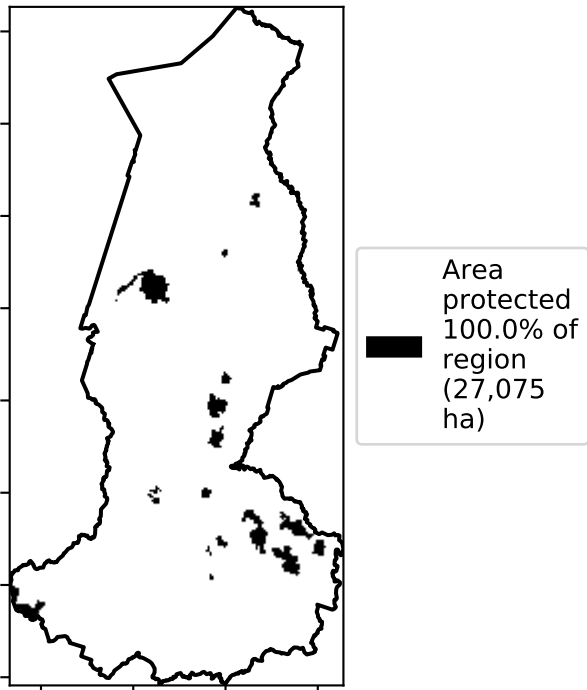
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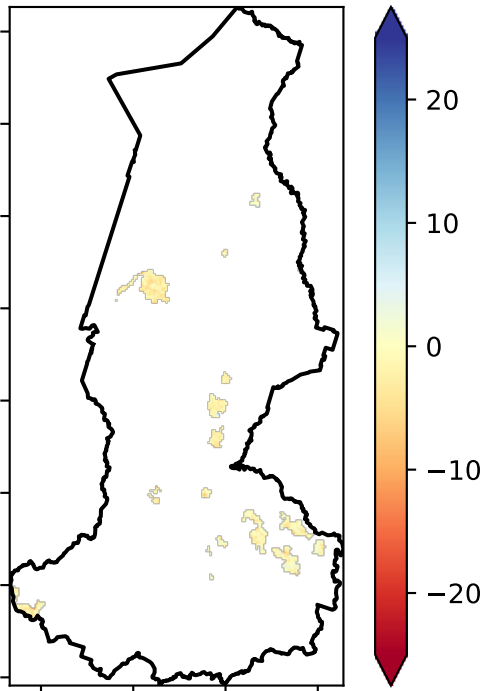
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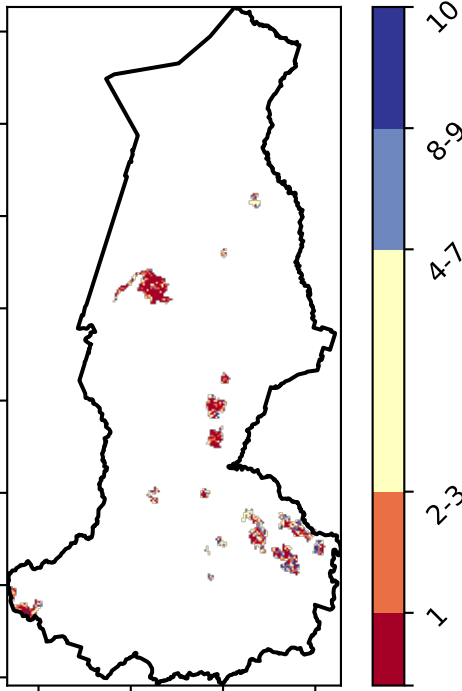


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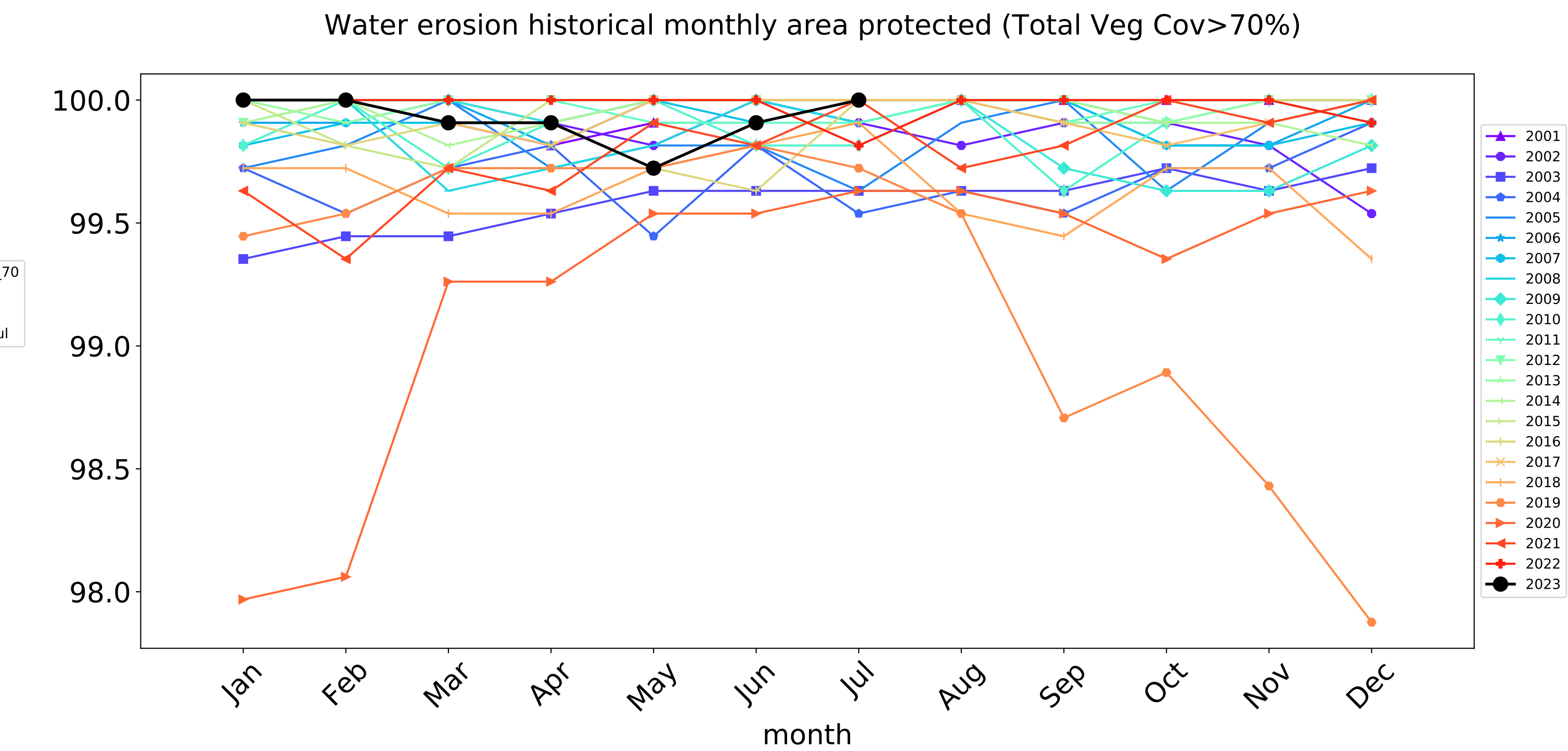
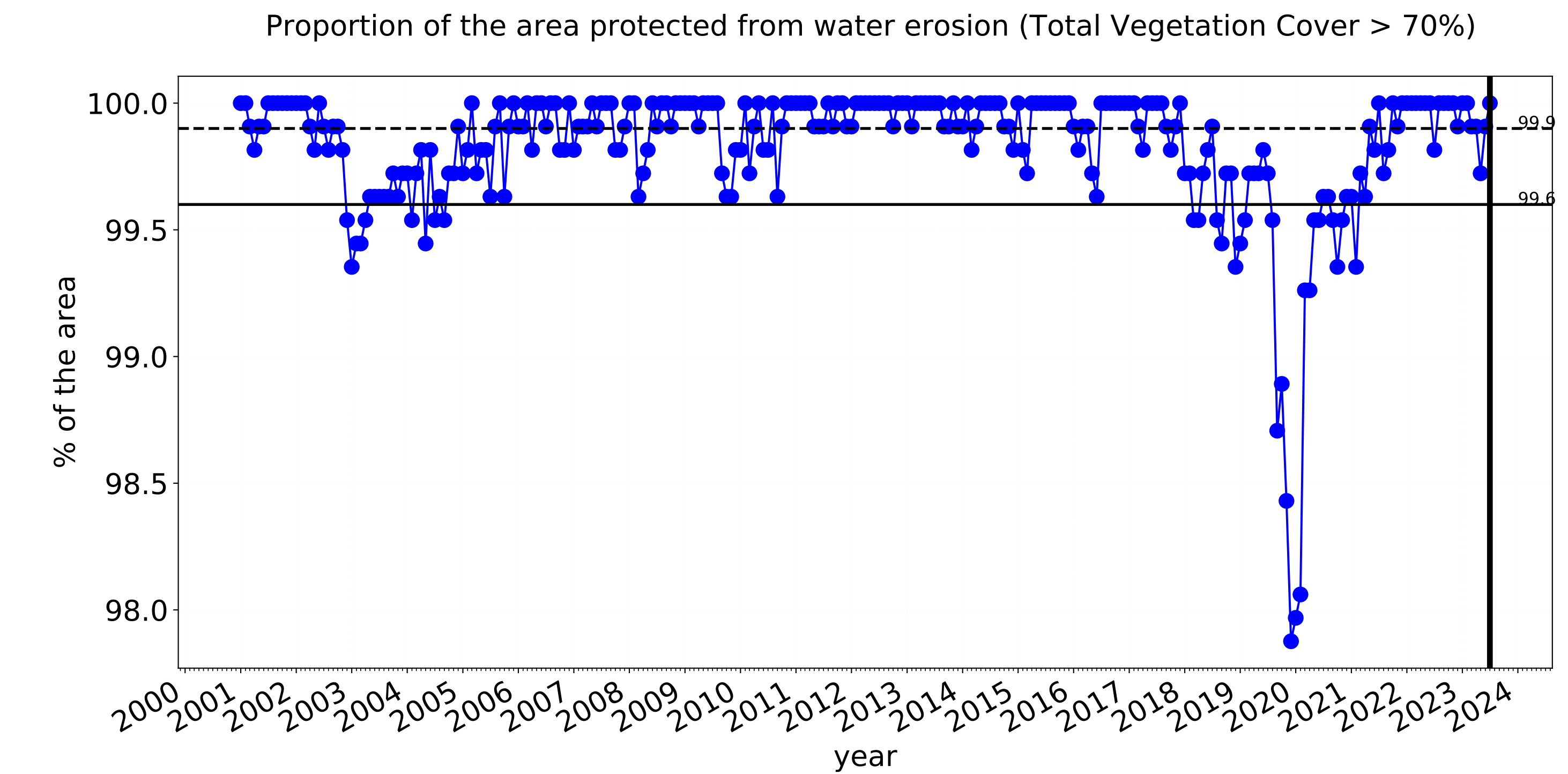
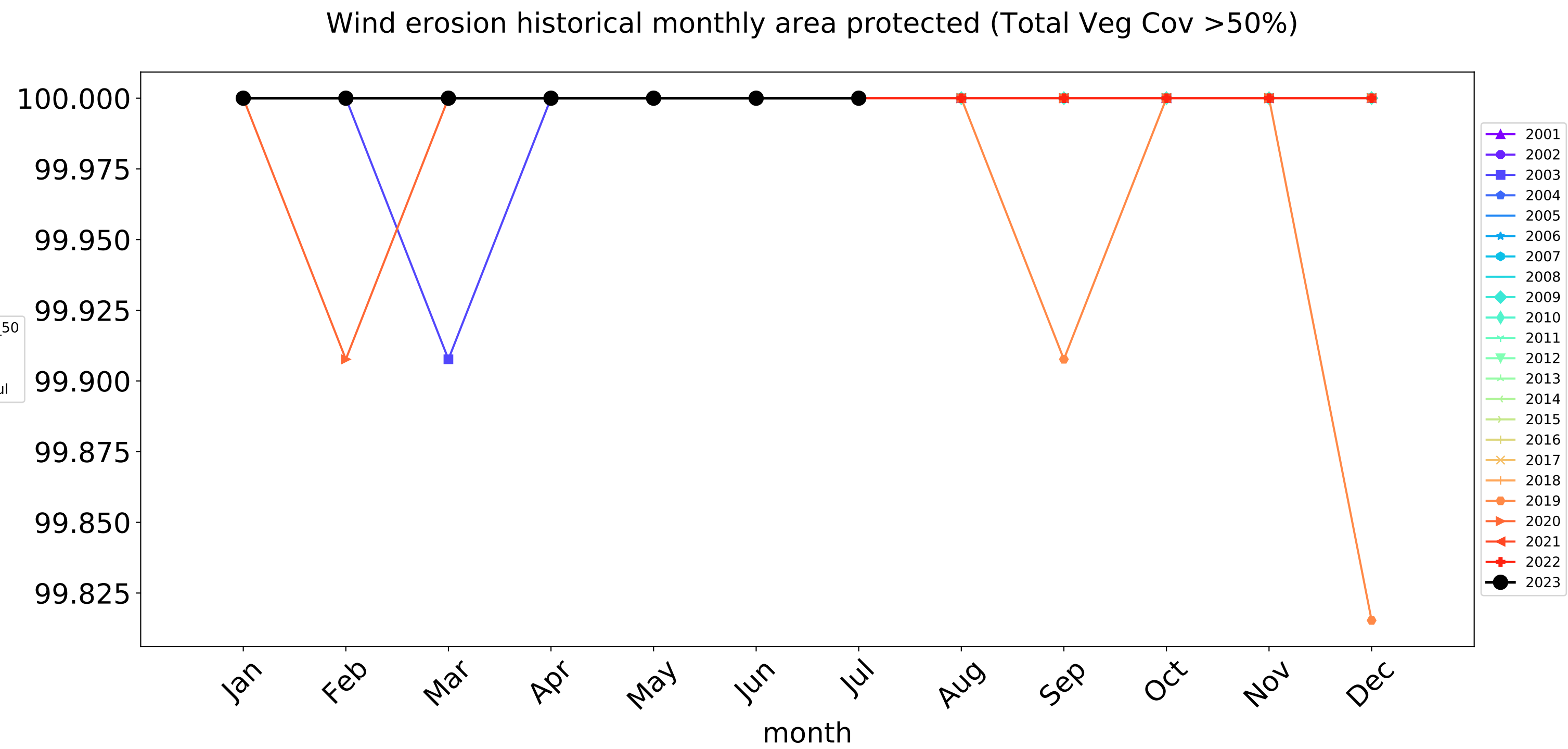
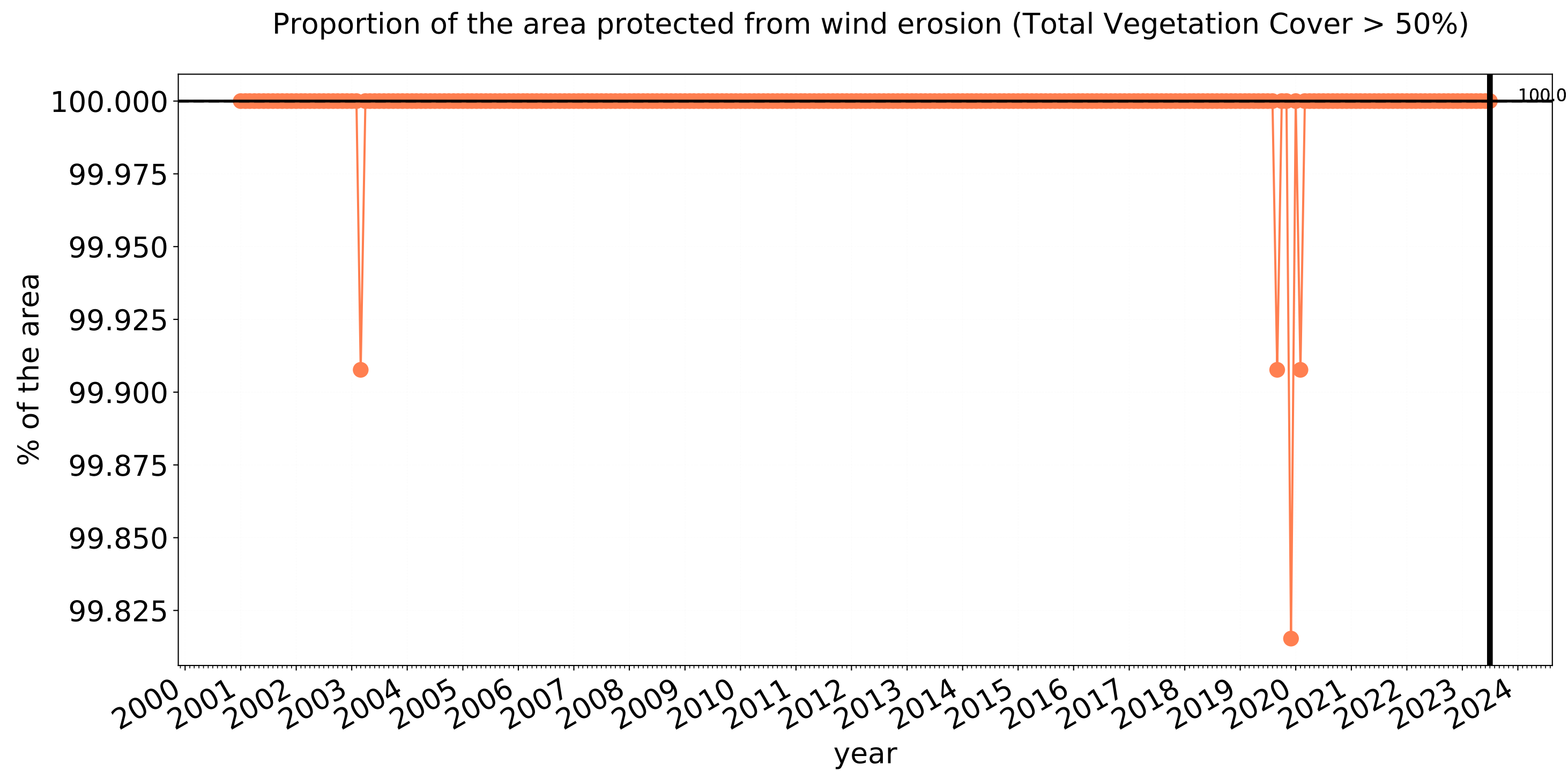


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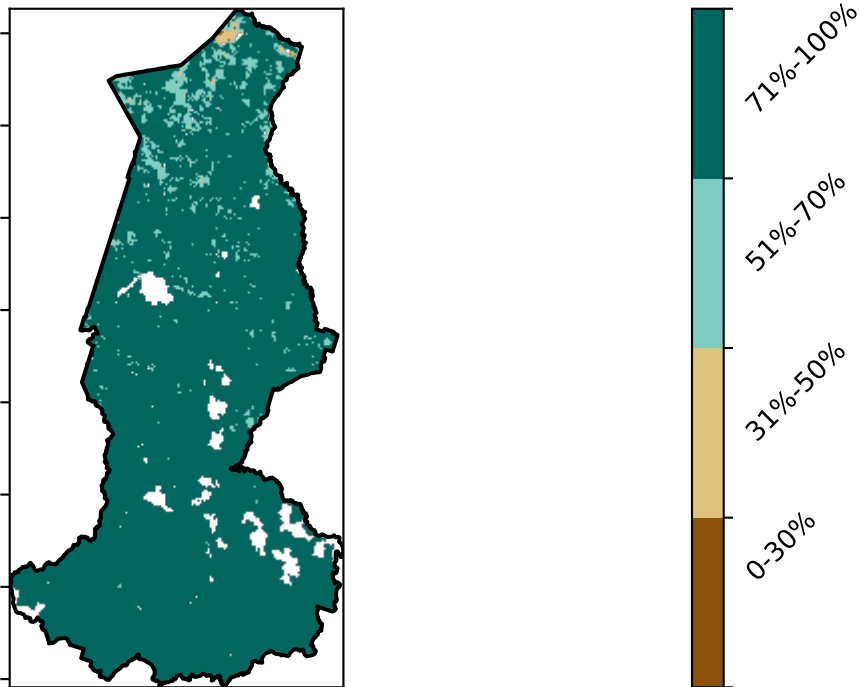
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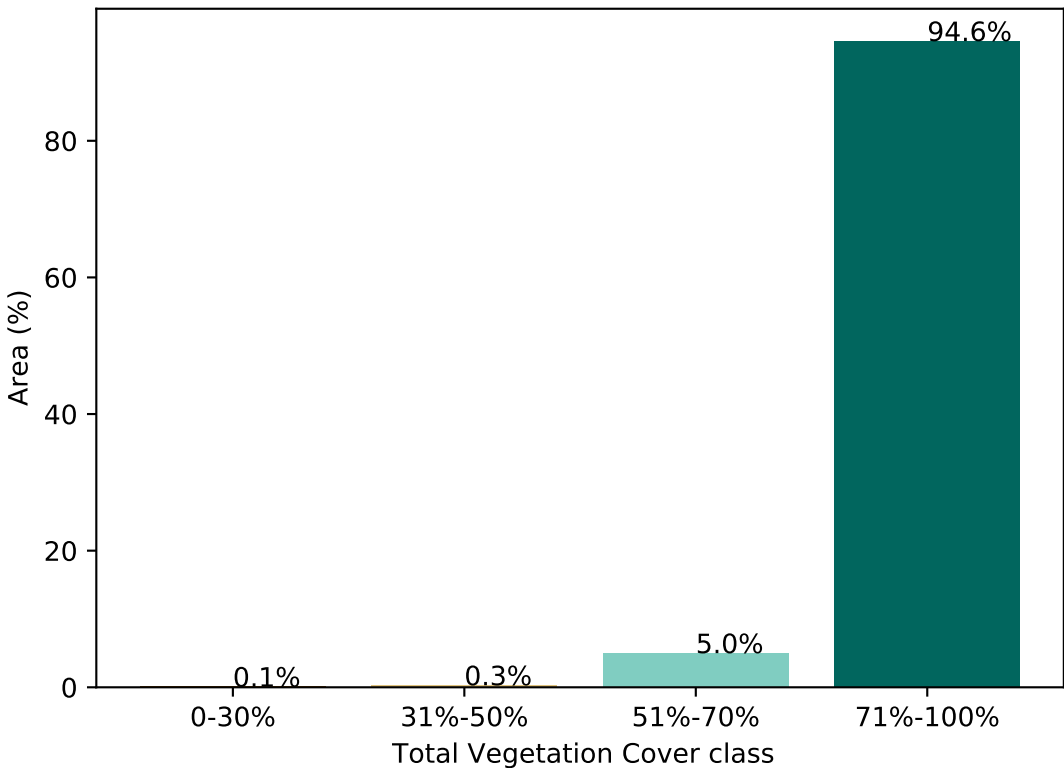
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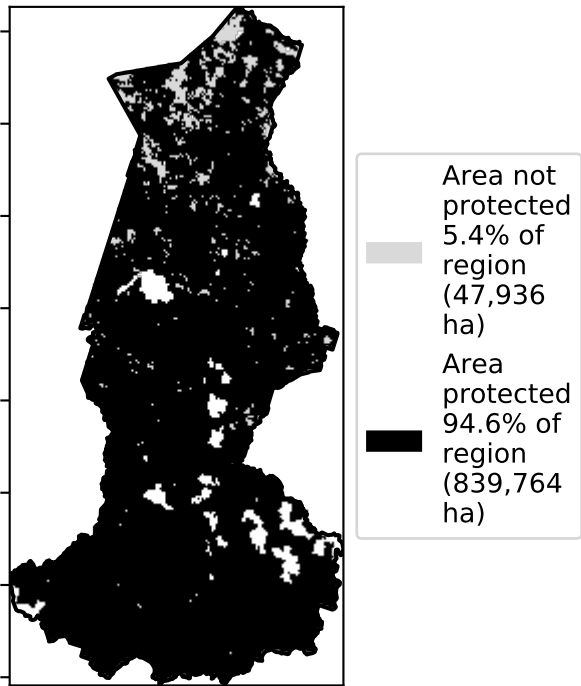
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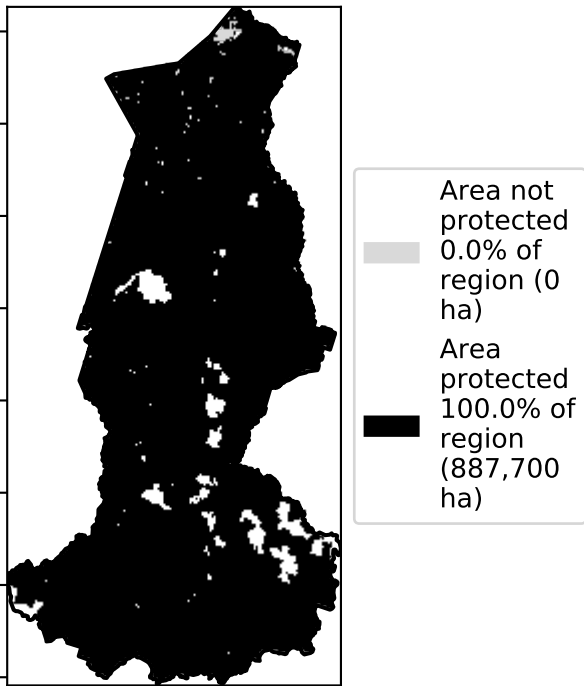
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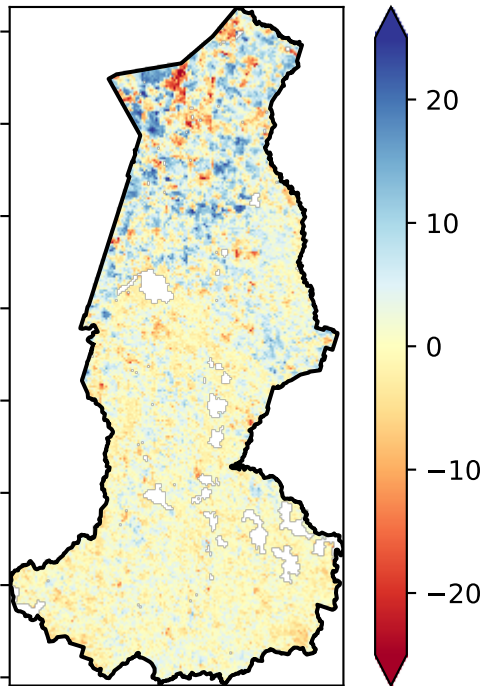
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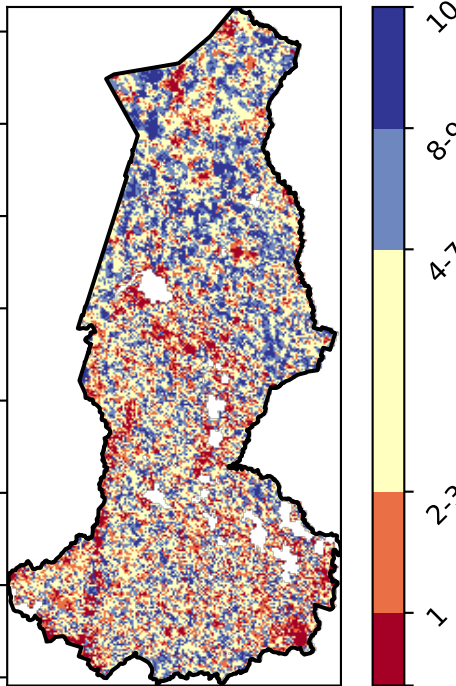
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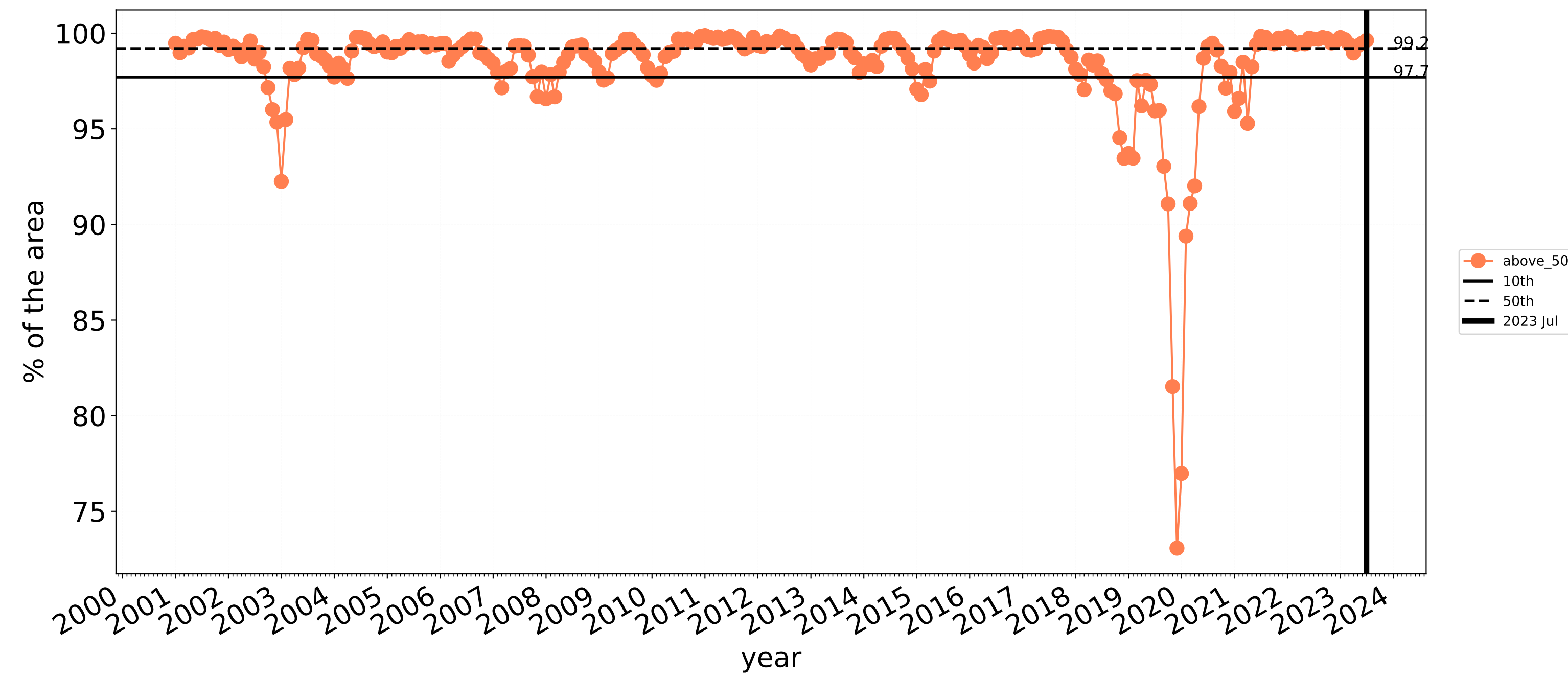
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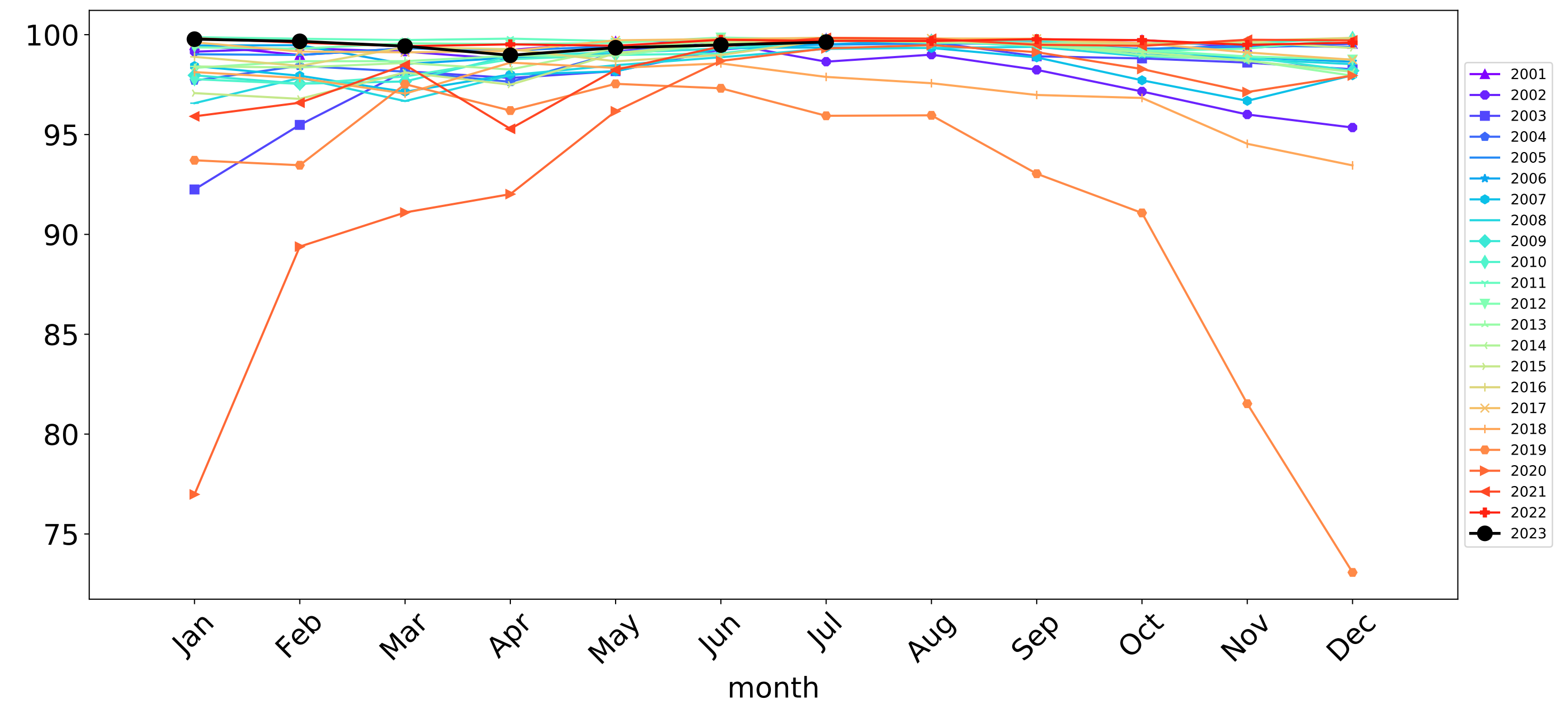


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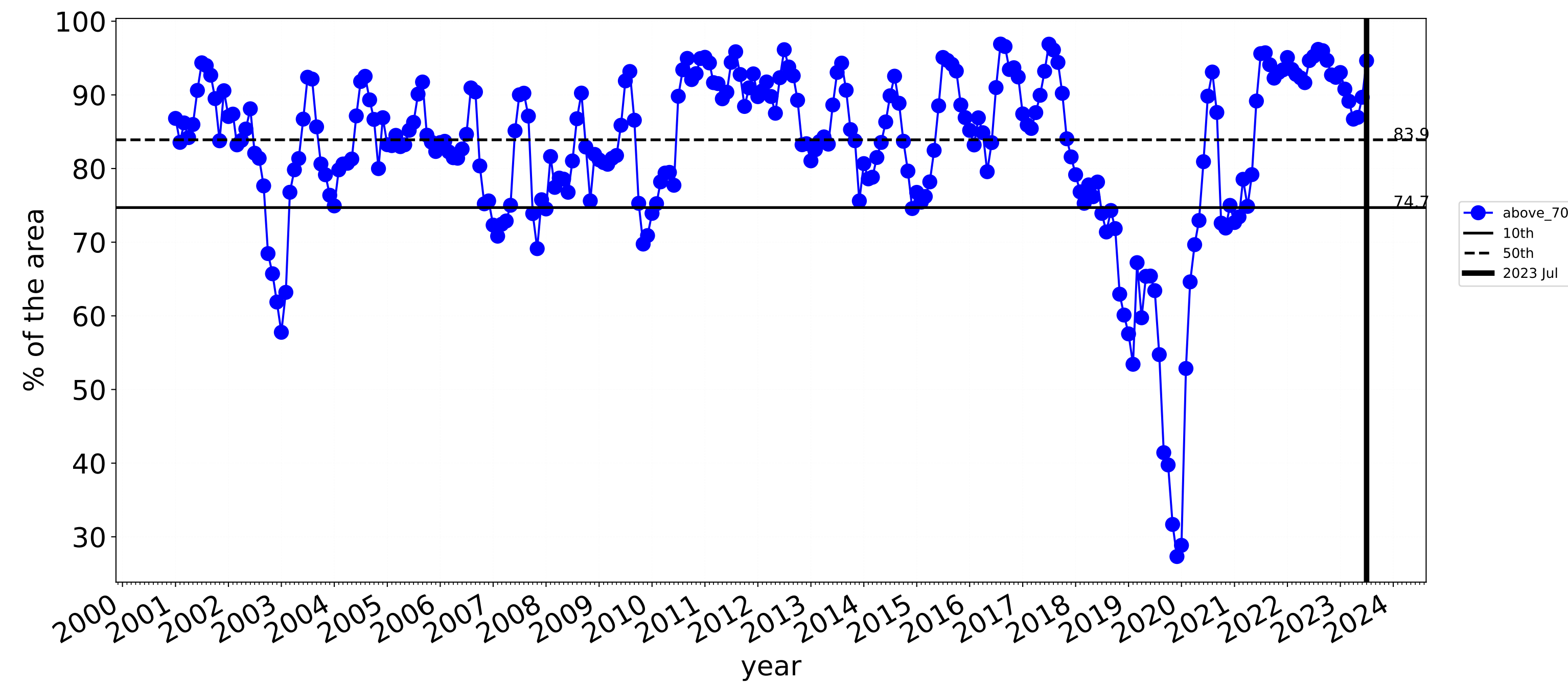
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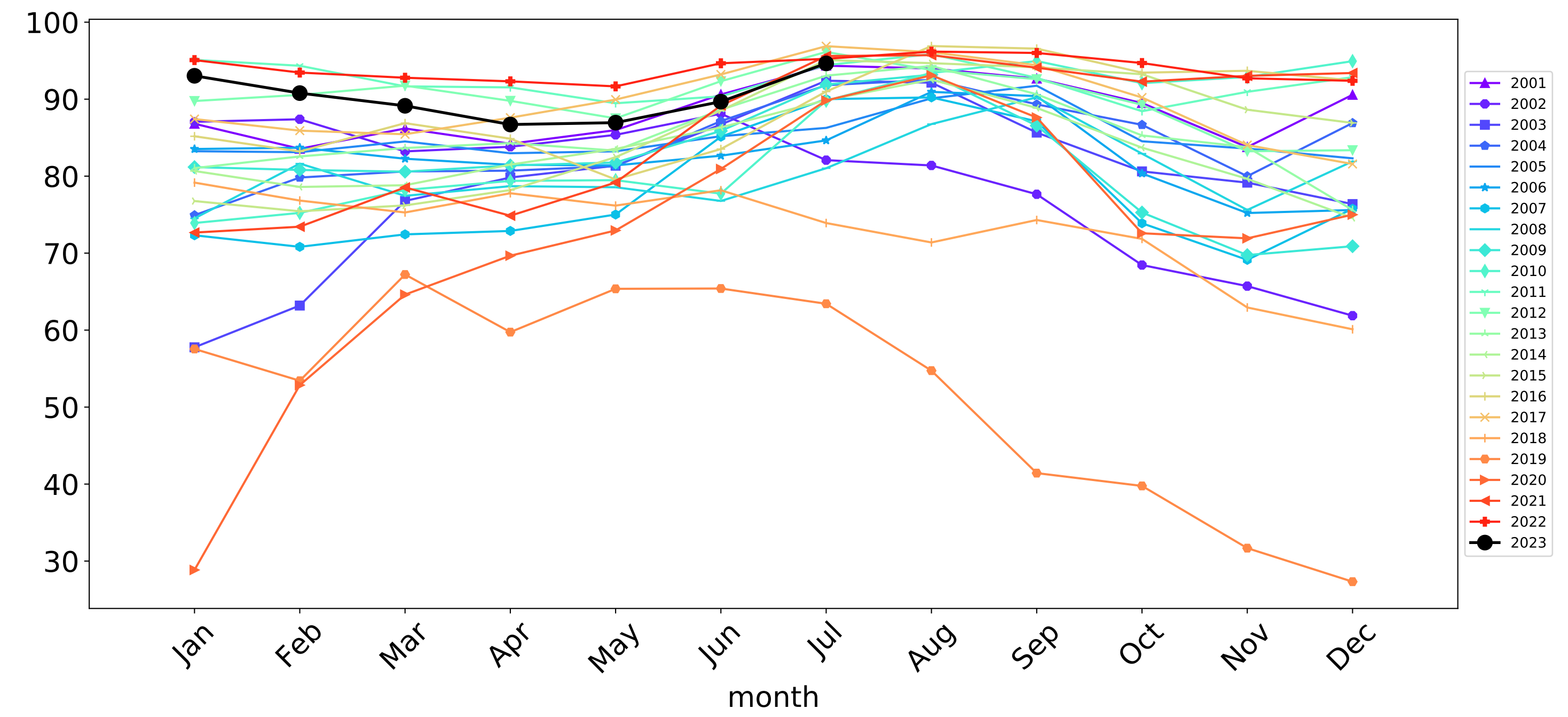
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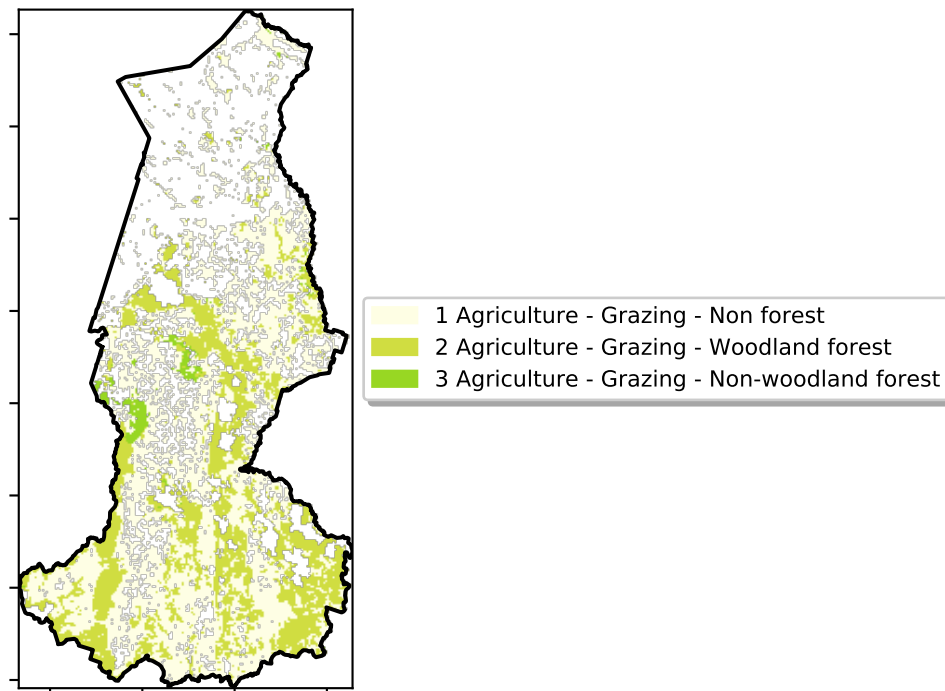
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Land use and forest cover

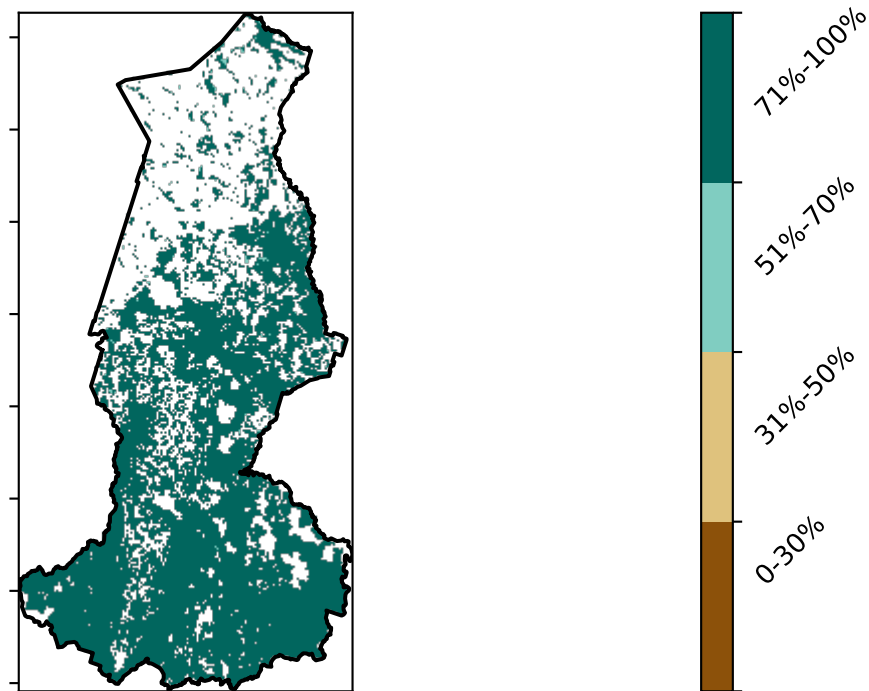
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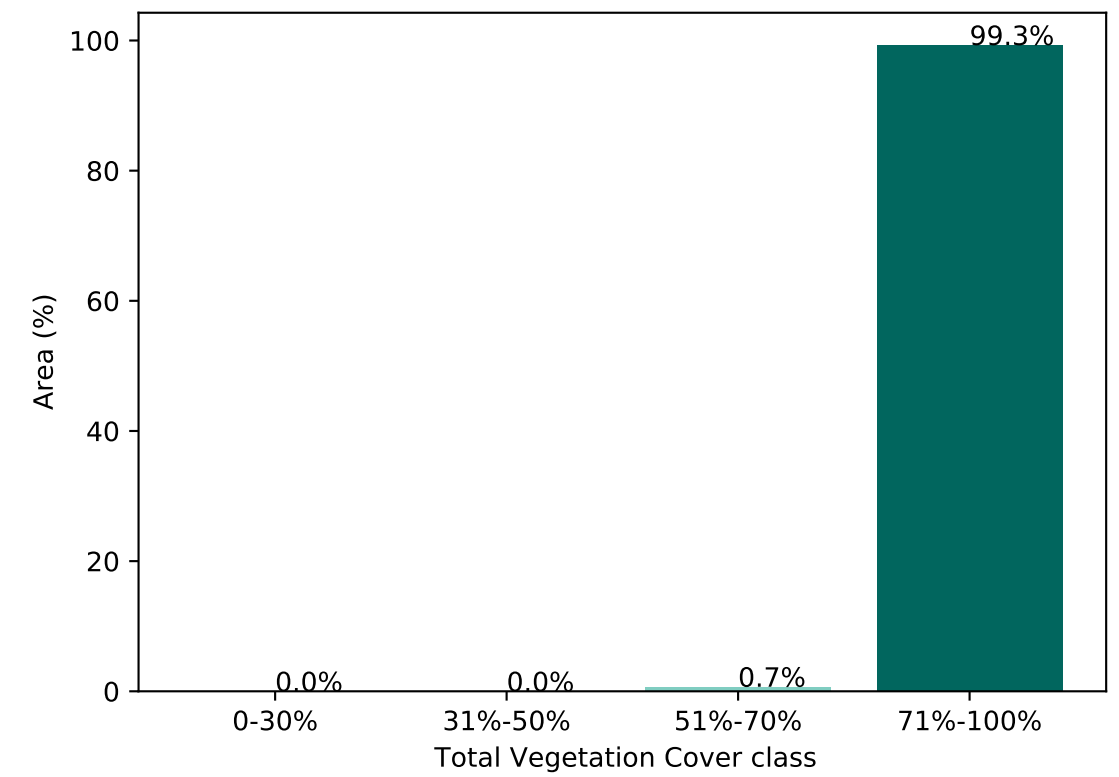
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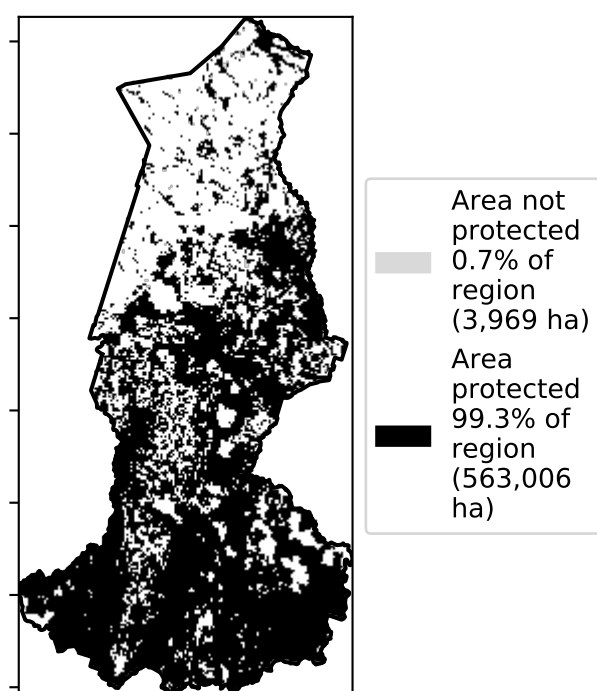
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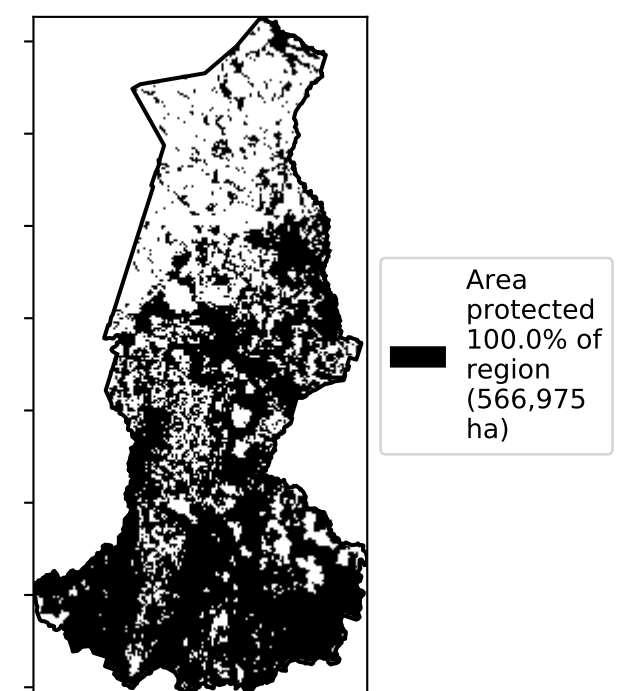
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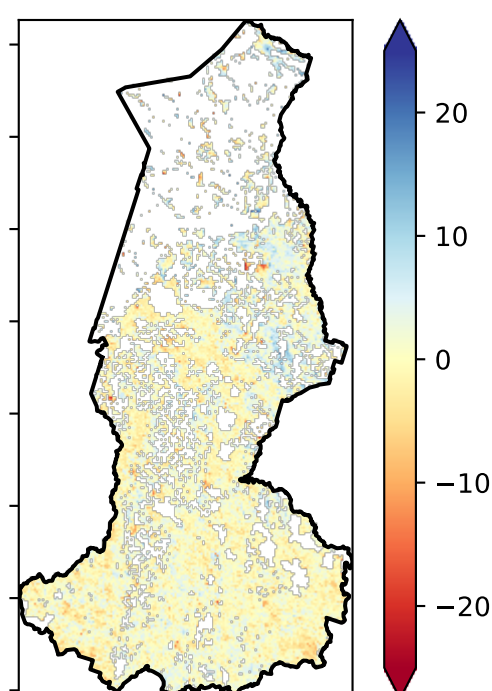


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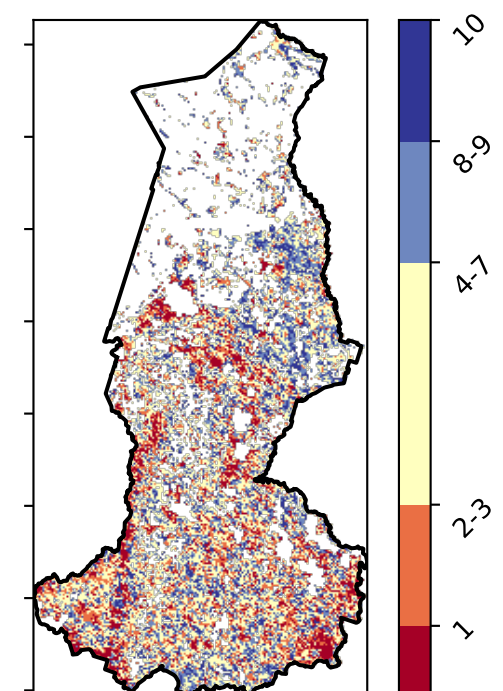
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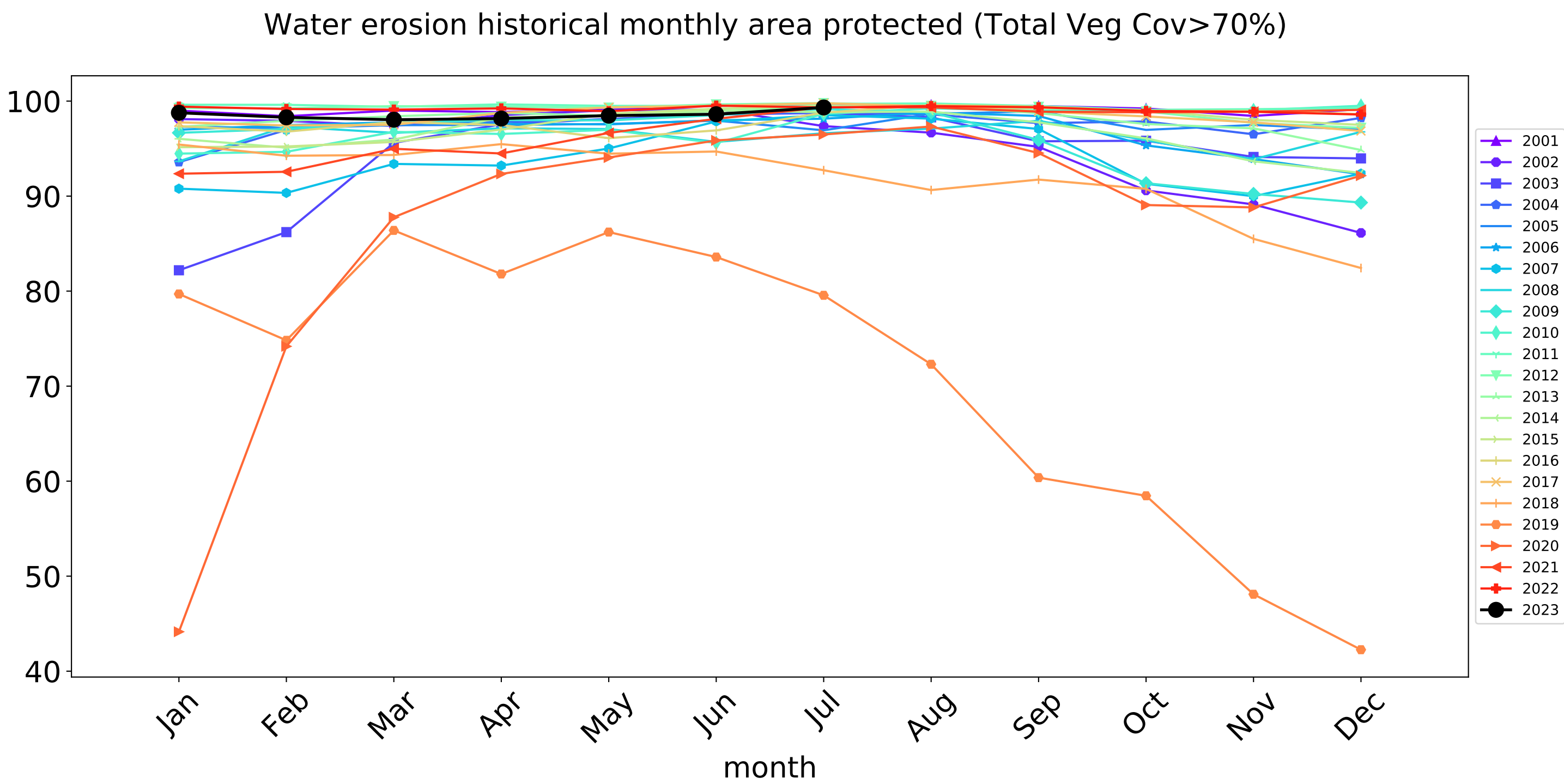
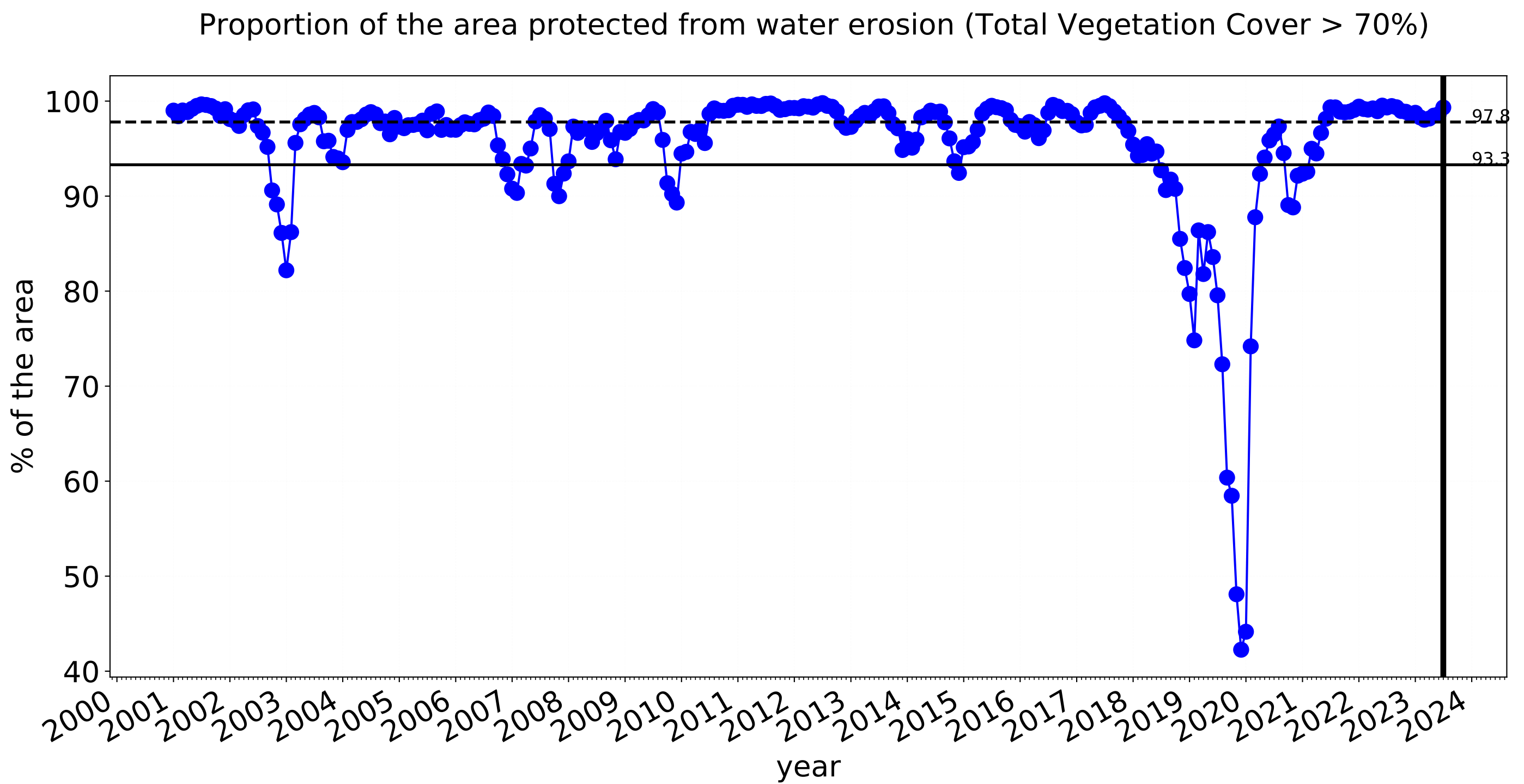
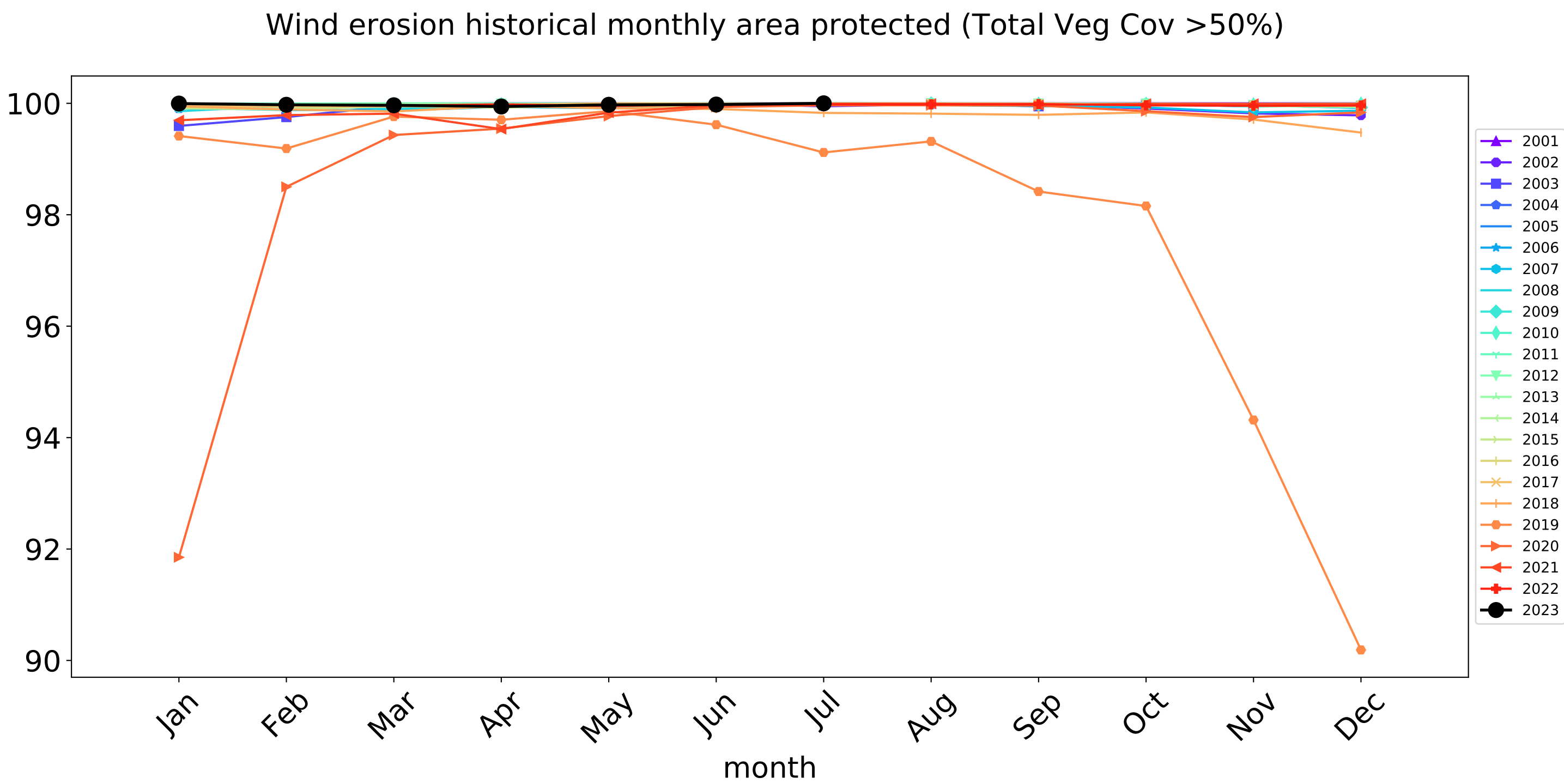
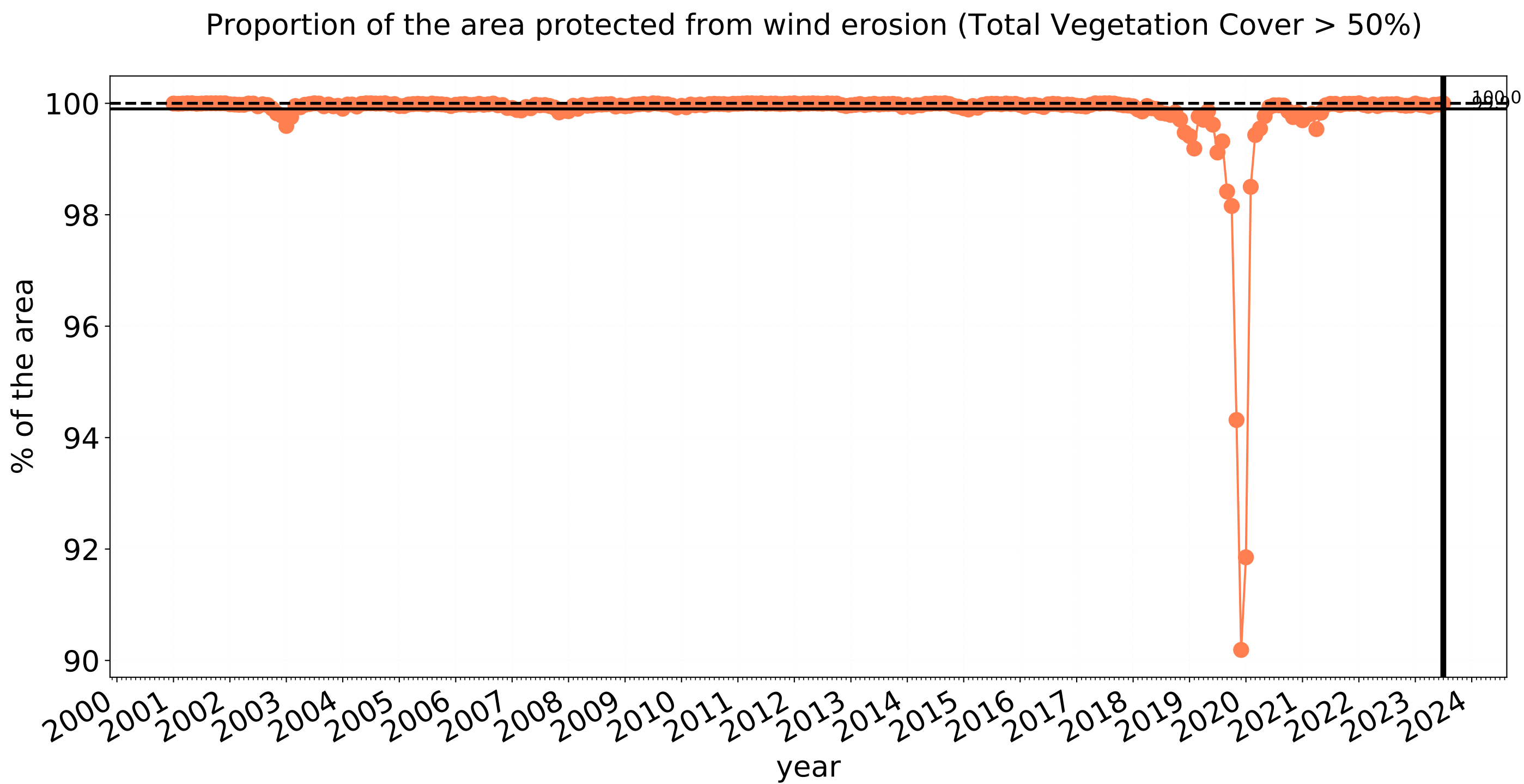


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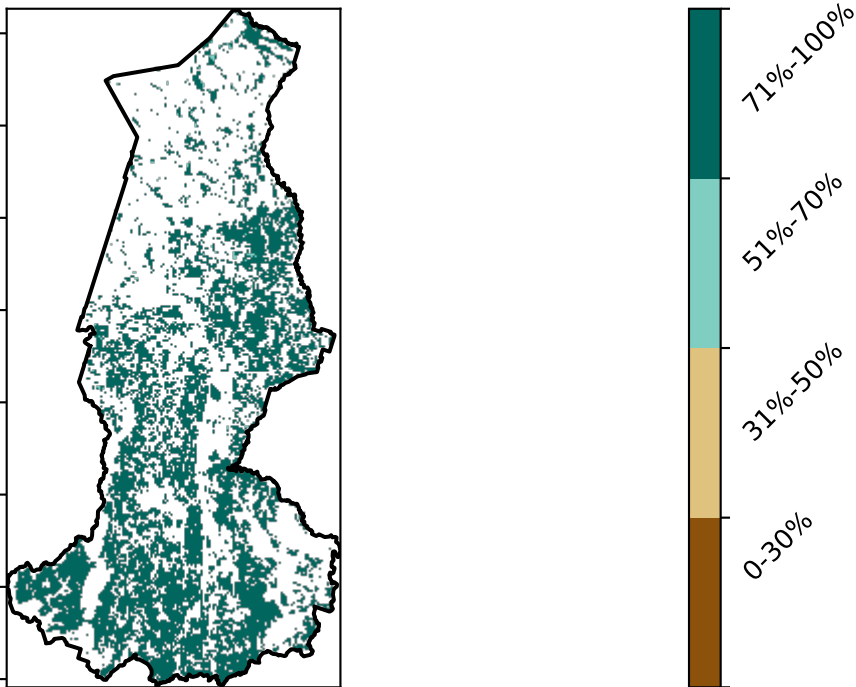
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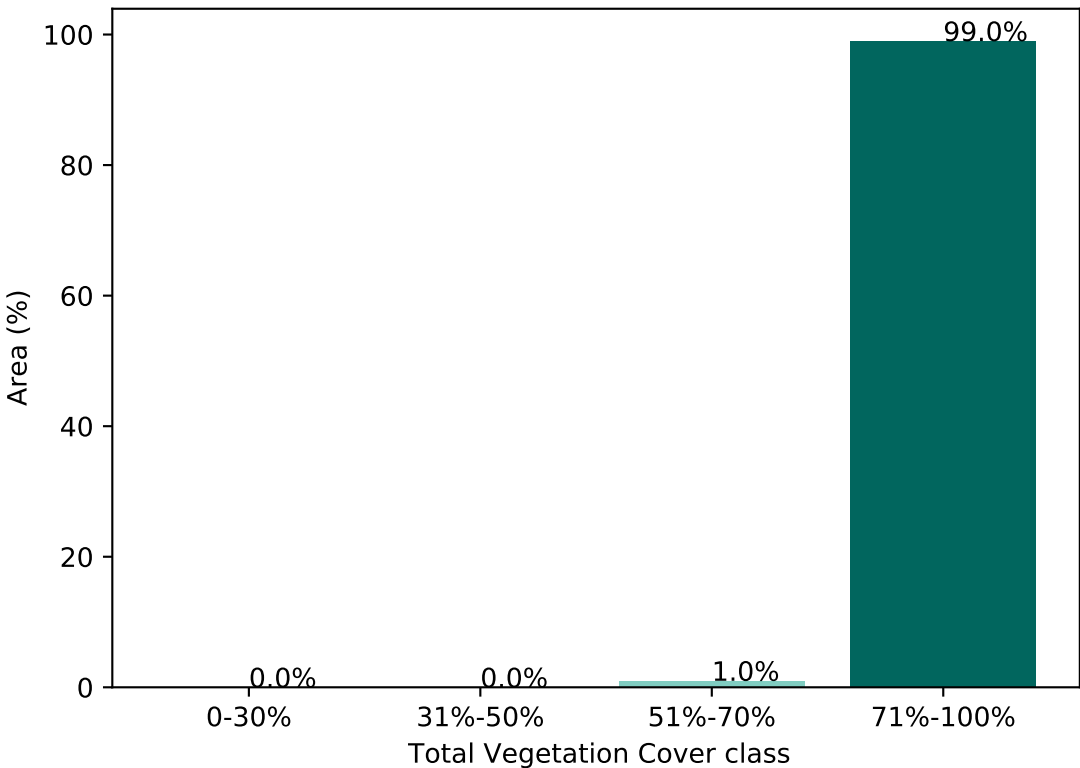


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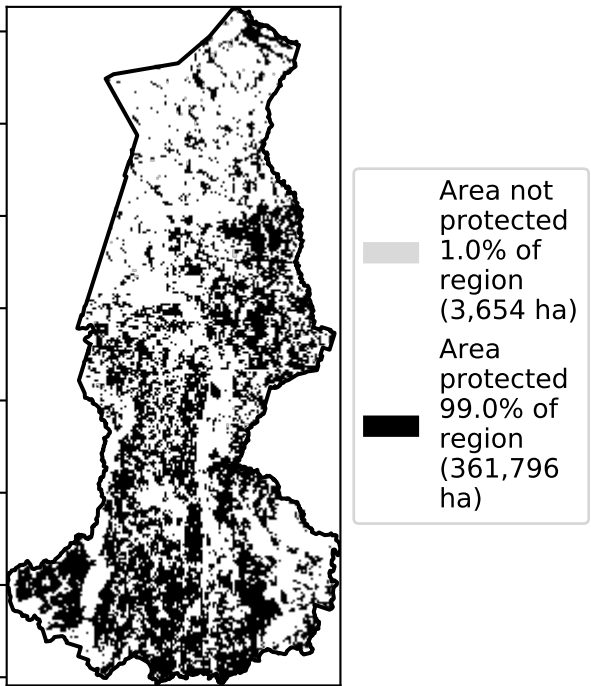
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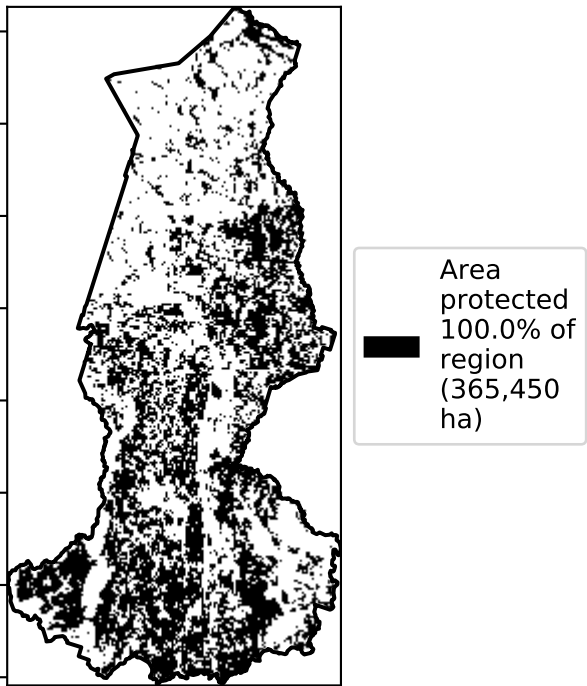
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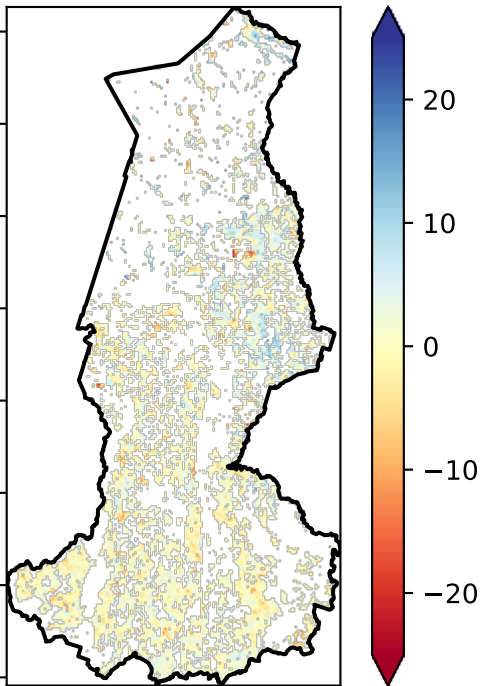
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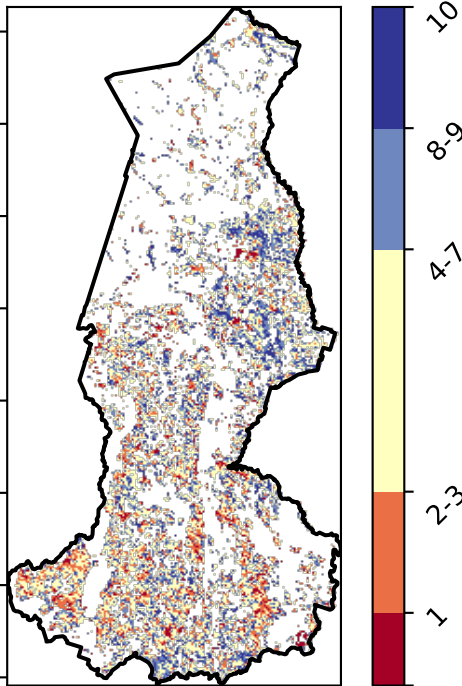
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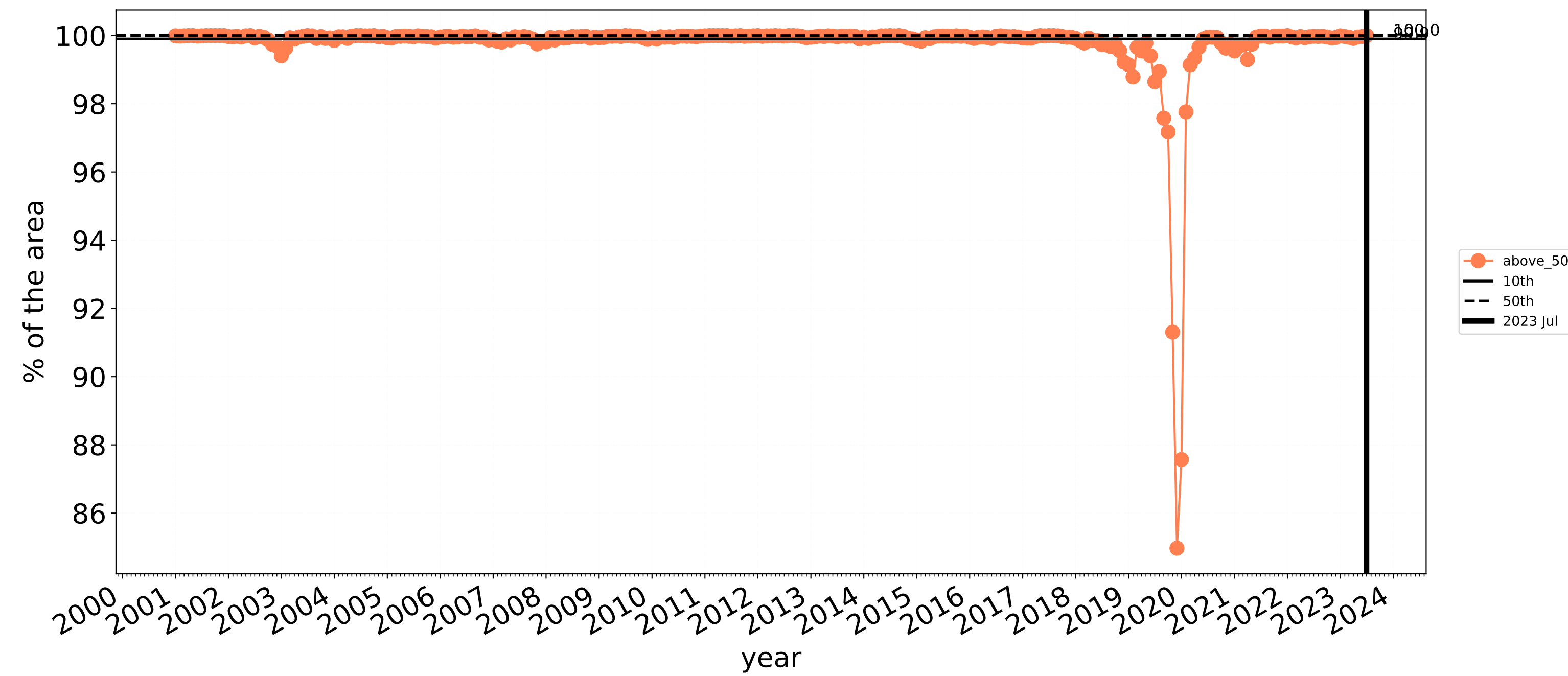
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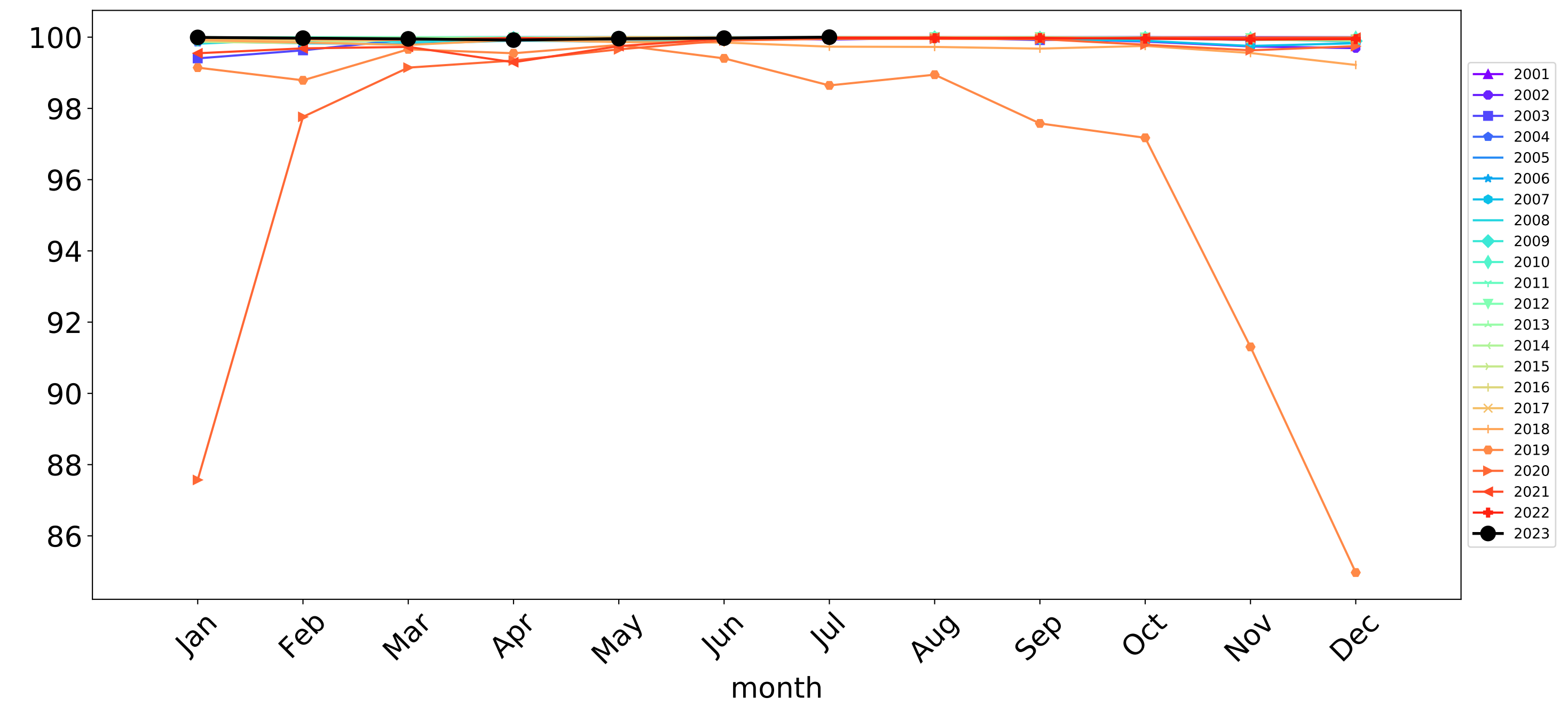


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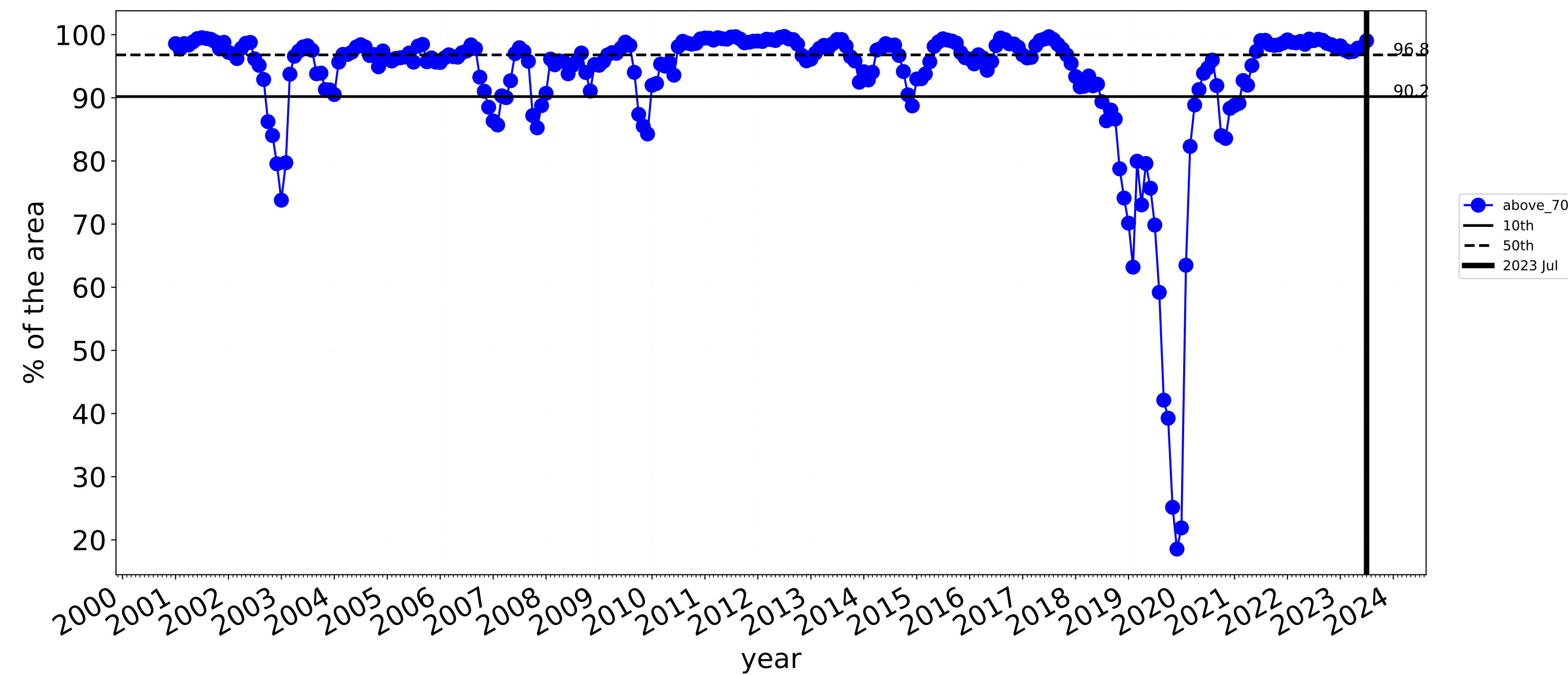
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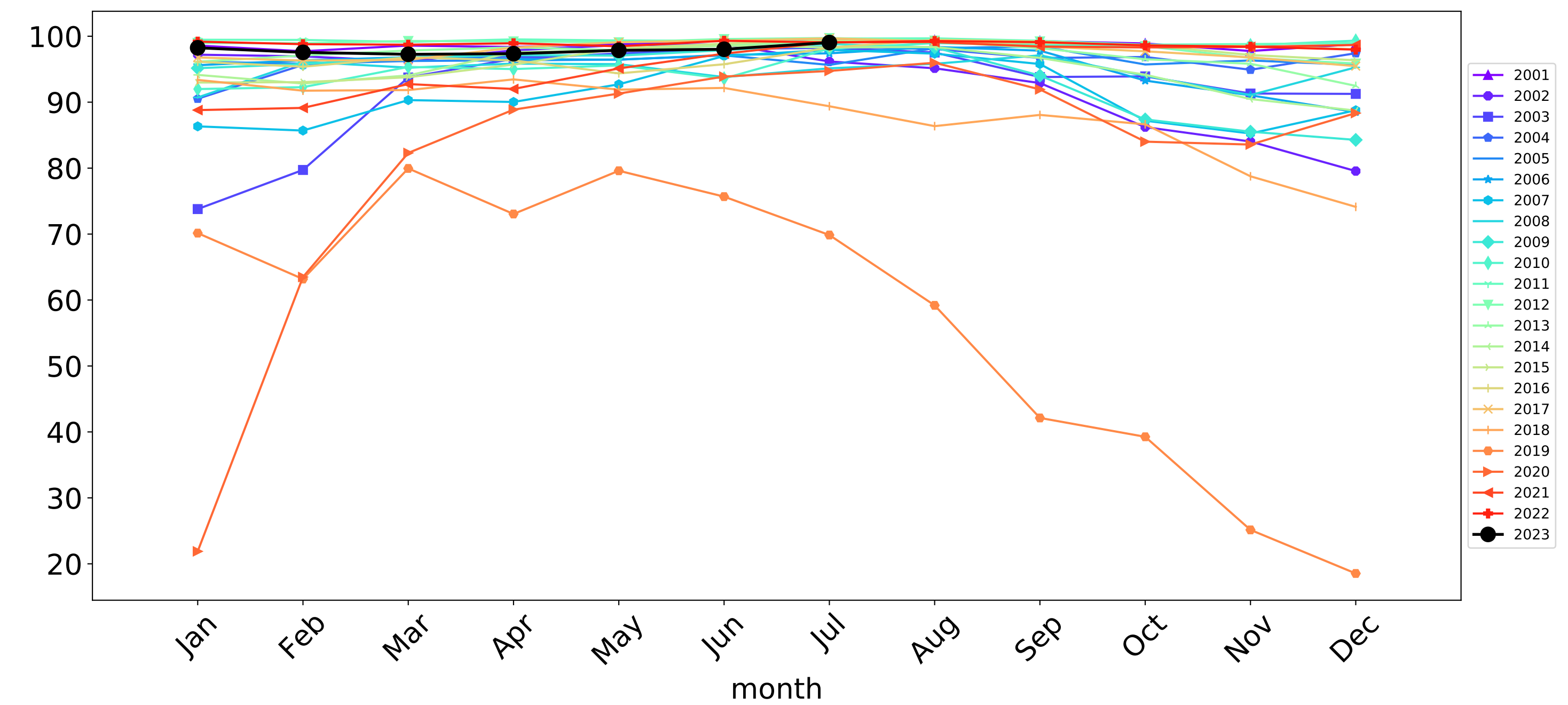
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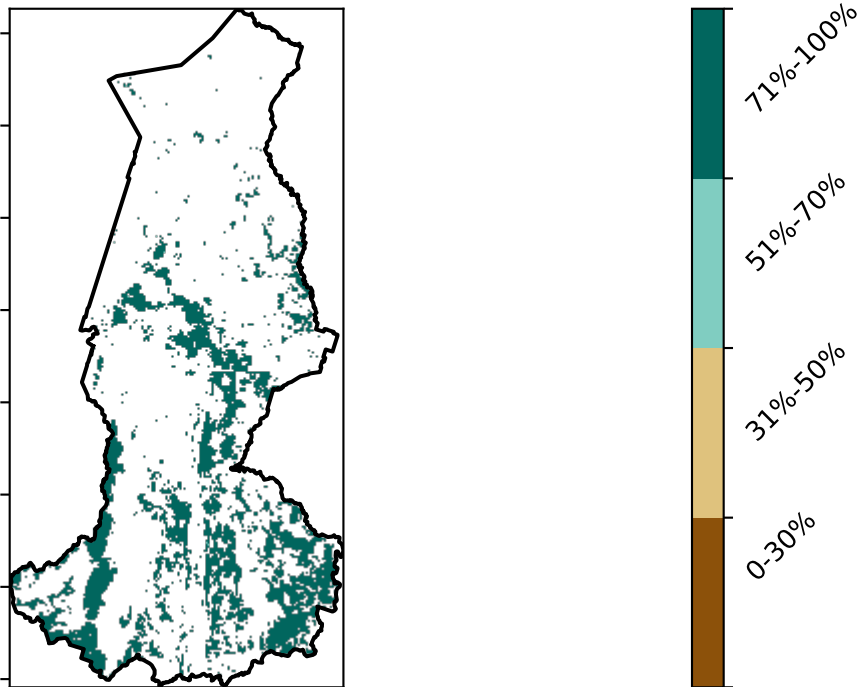


Grazing Woodland forest

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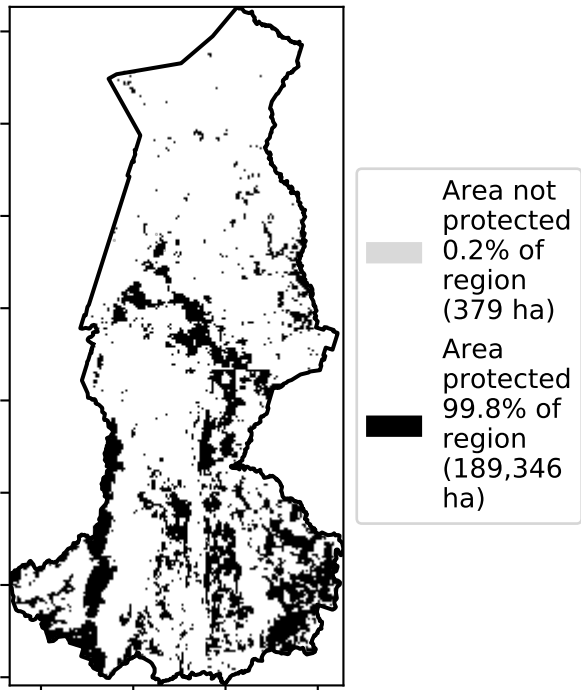
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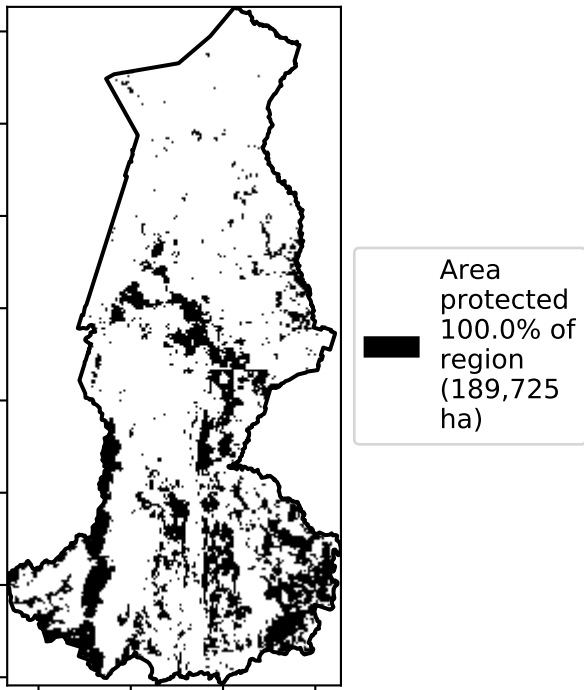
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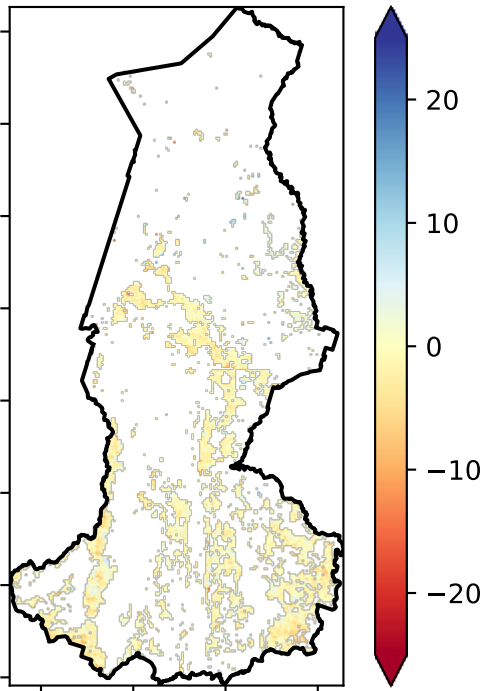
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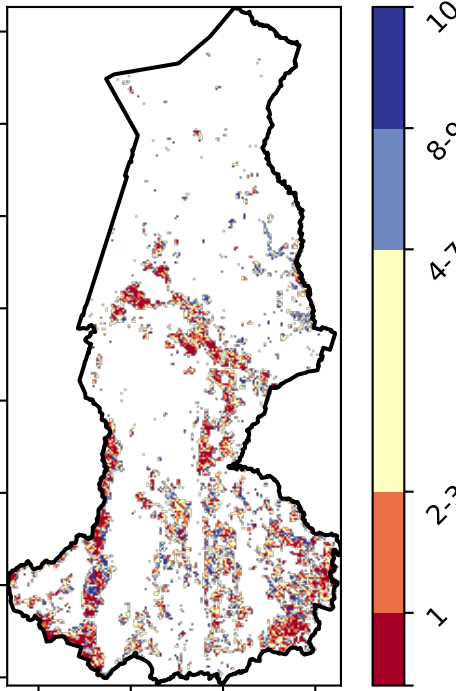


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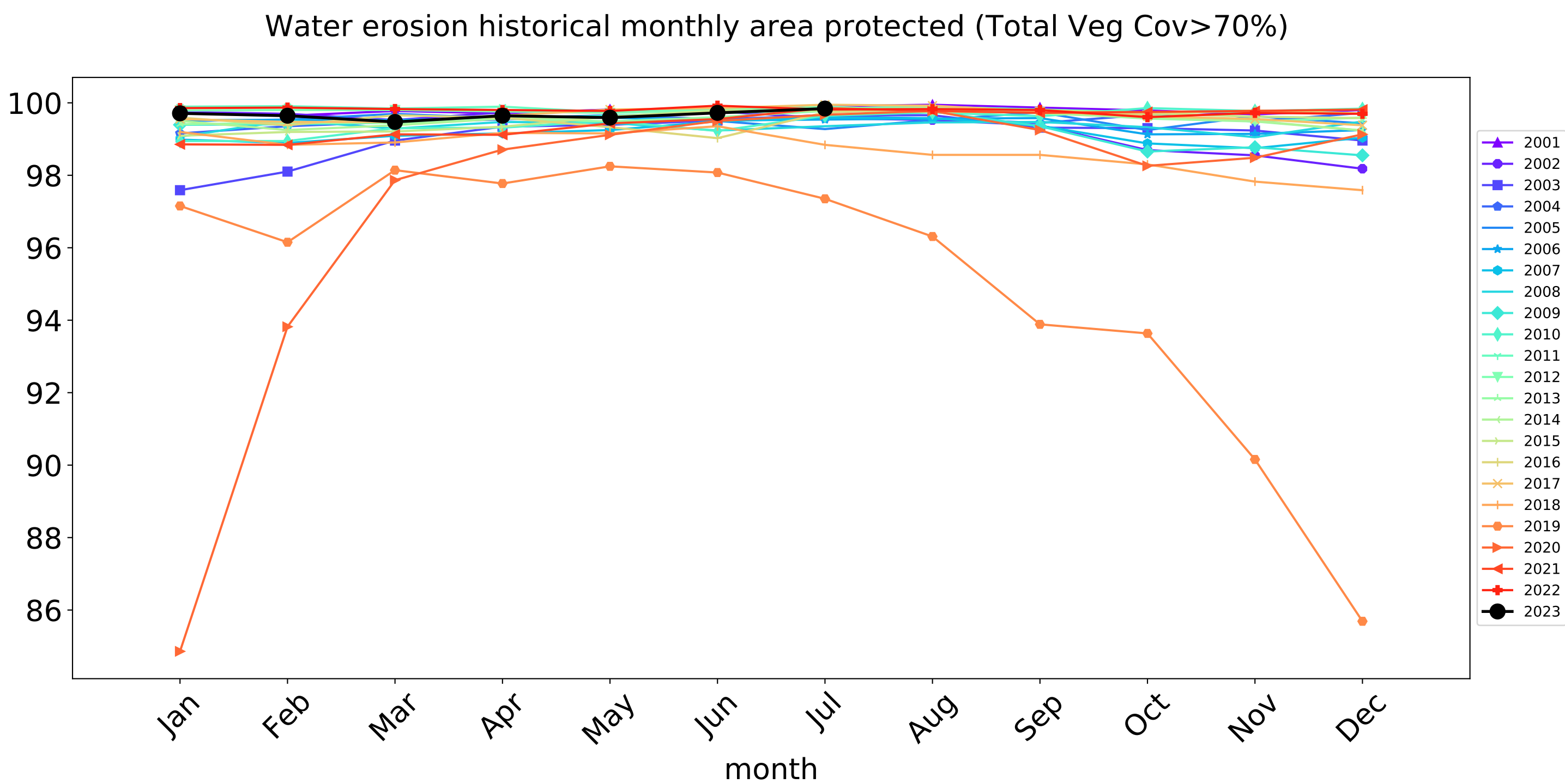
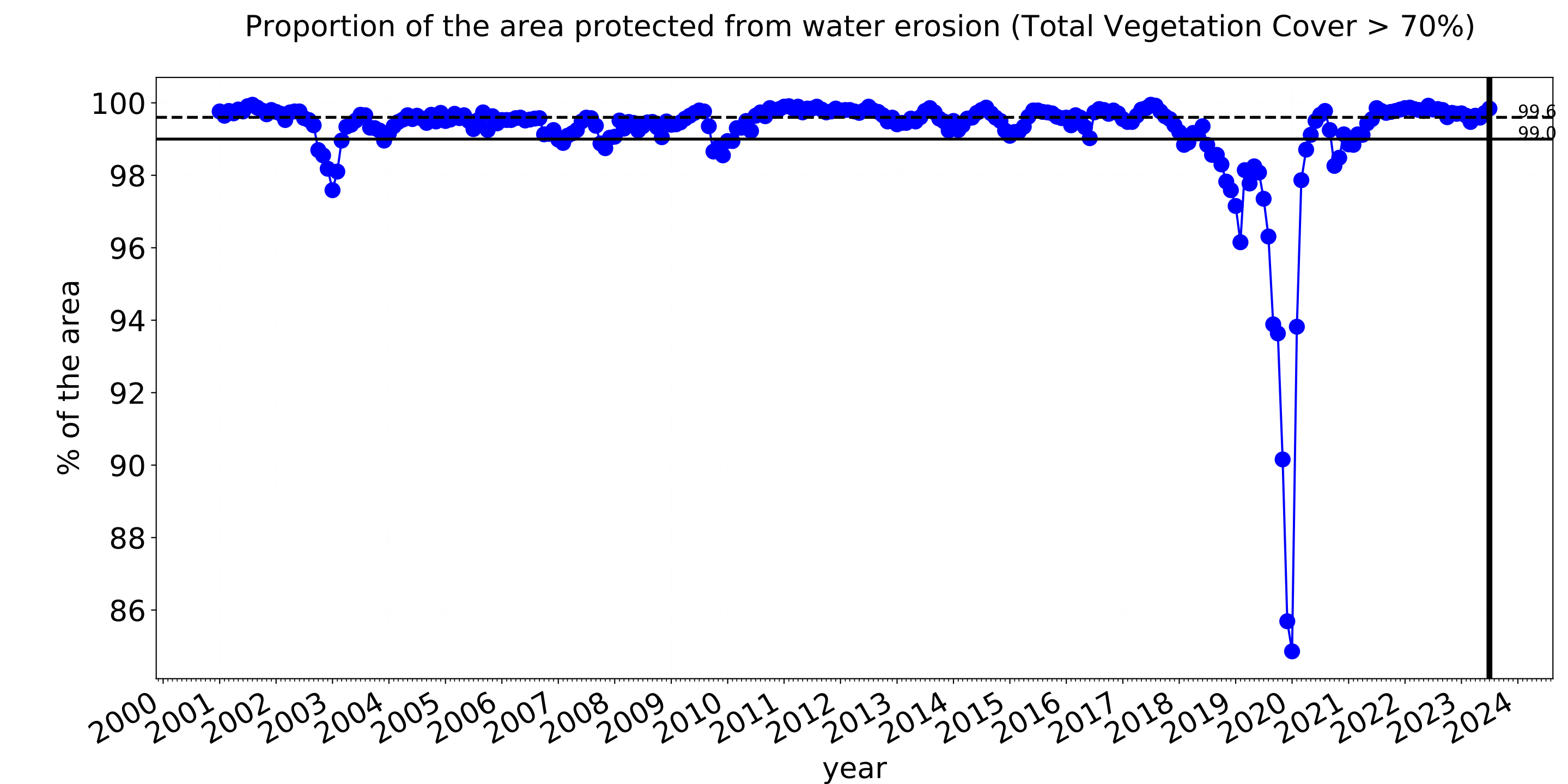
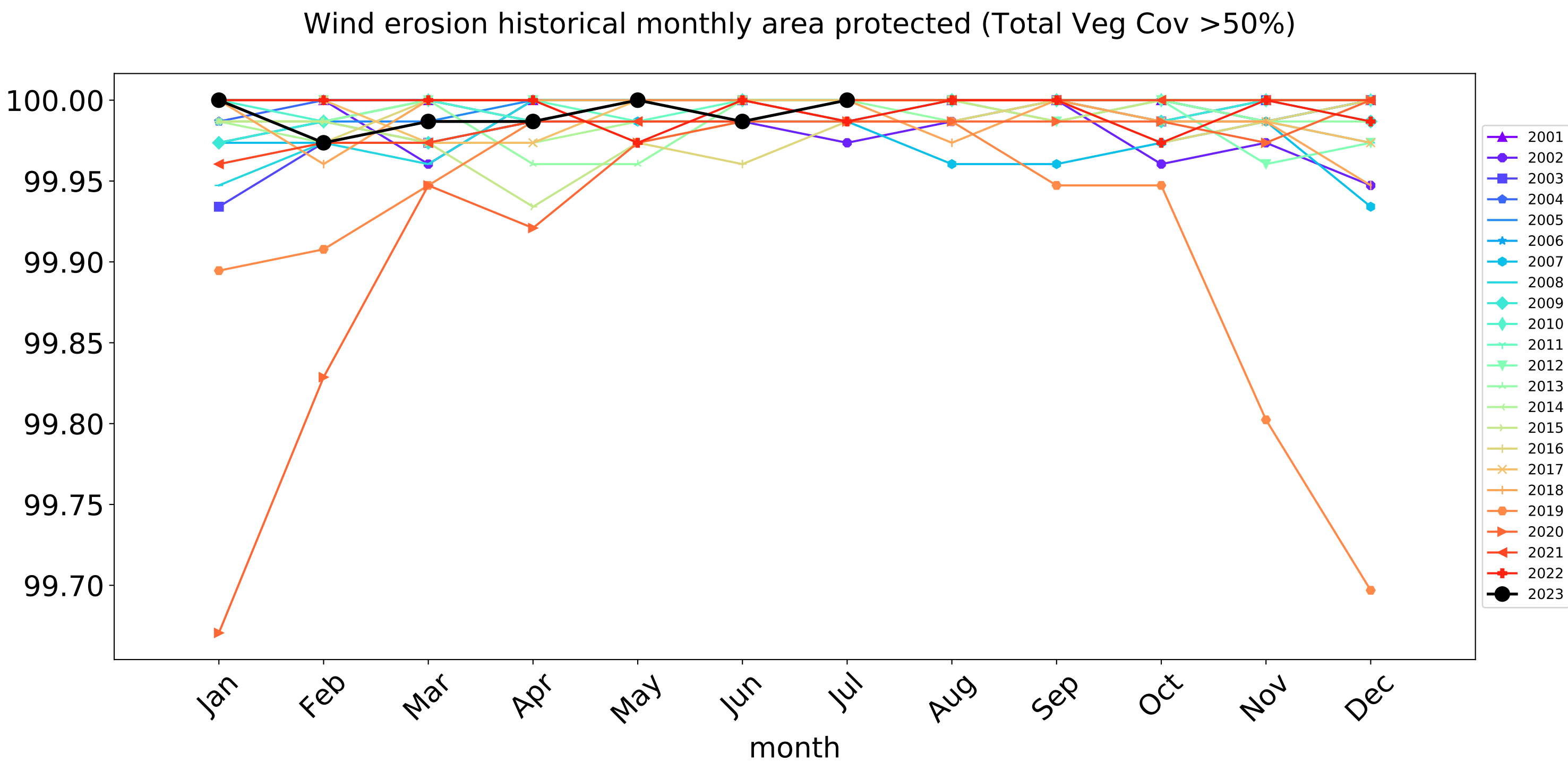
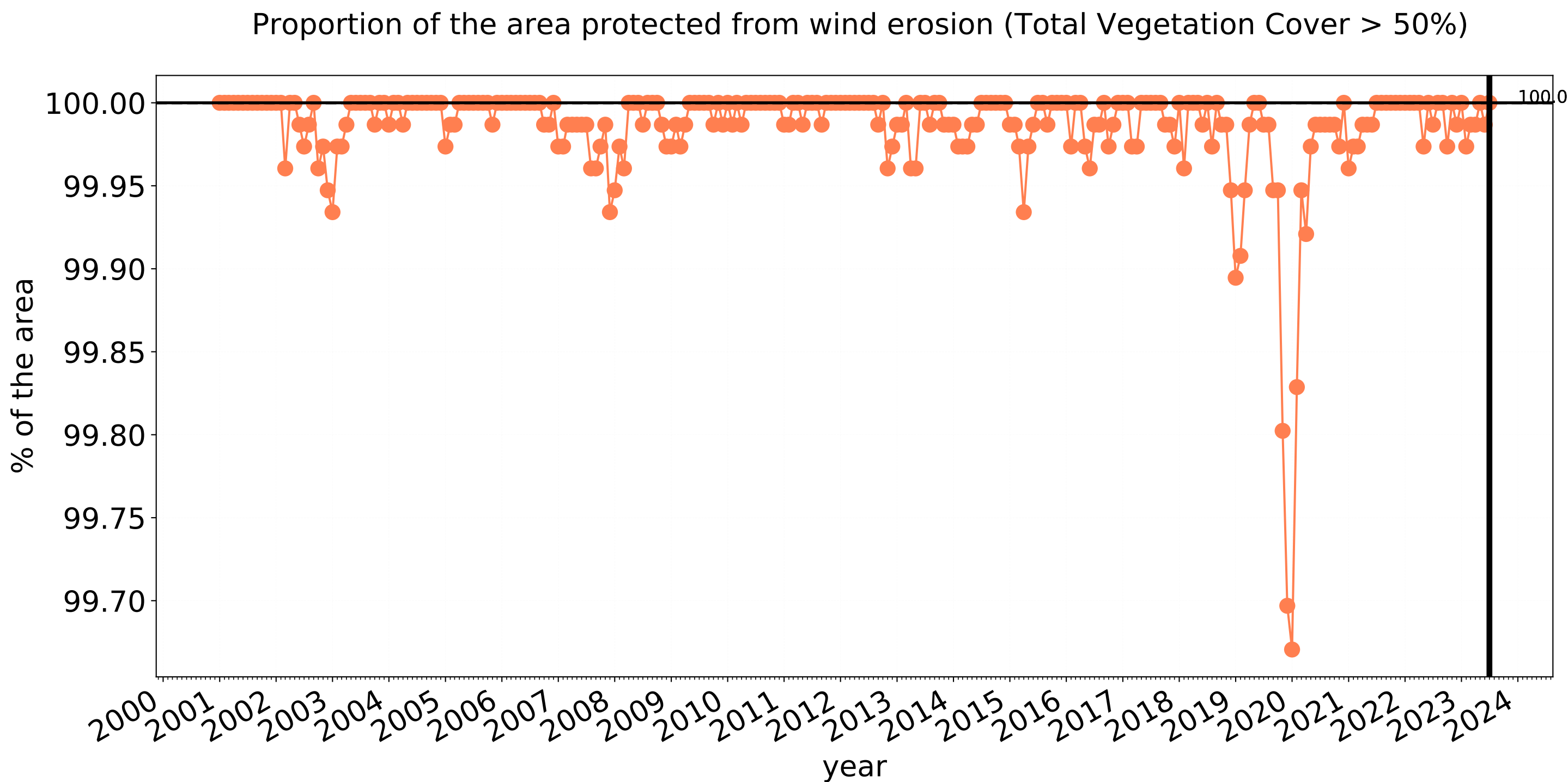


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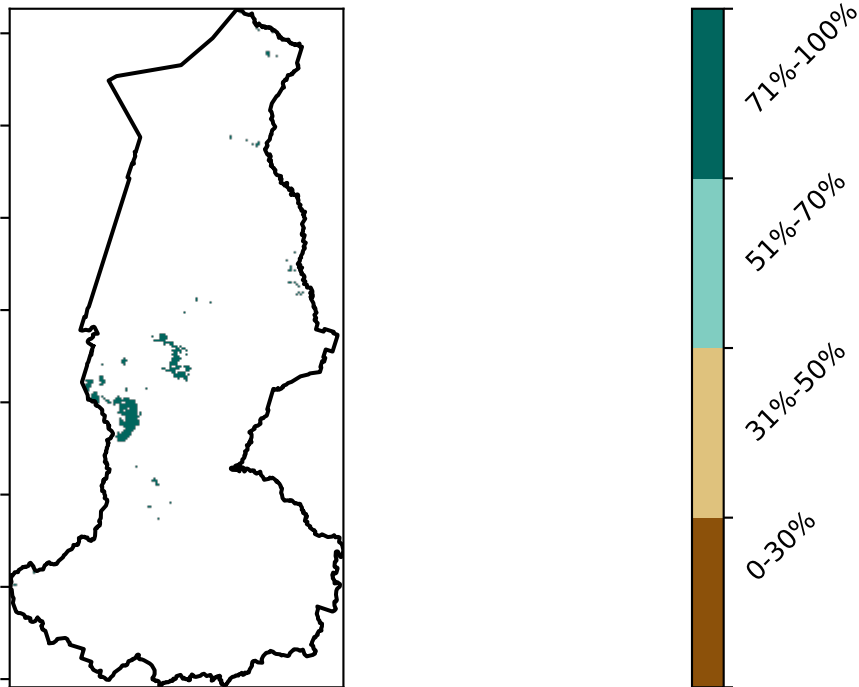


Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



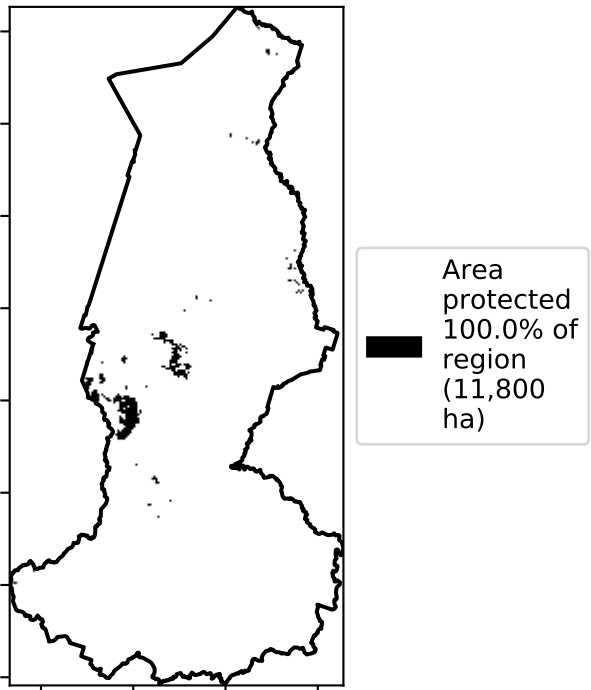
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



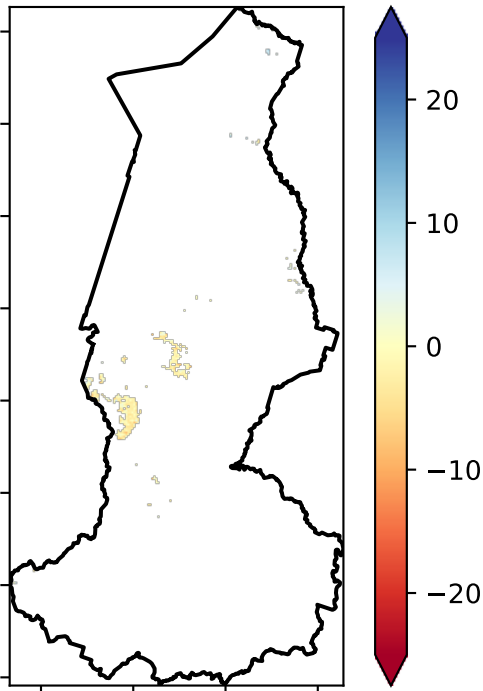
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

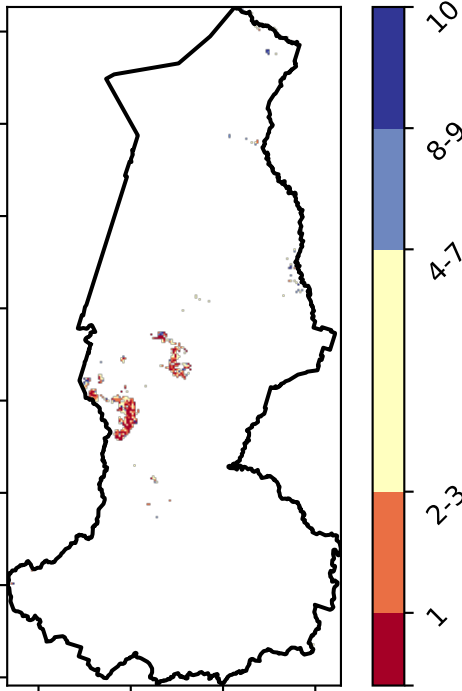


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



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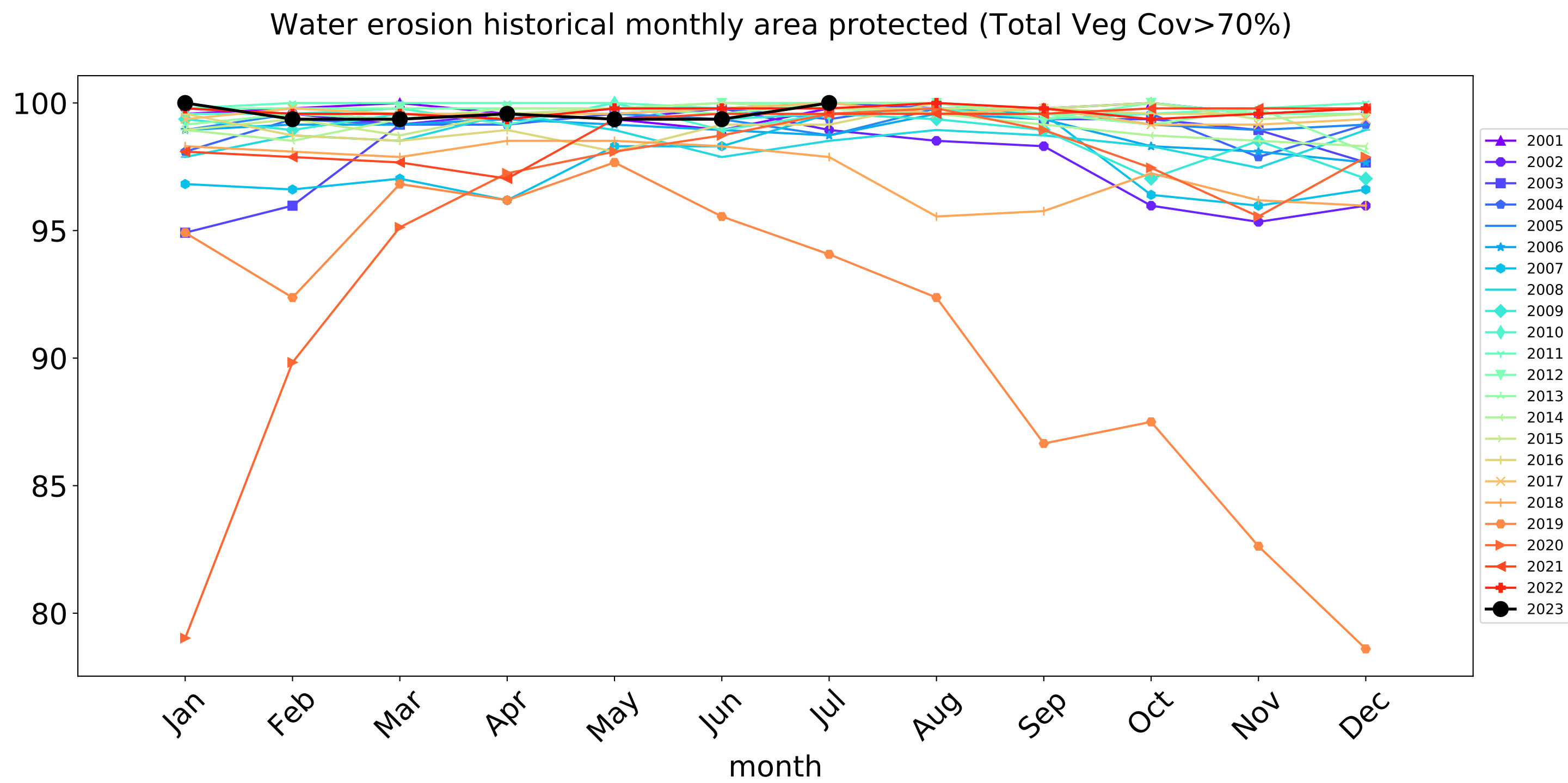
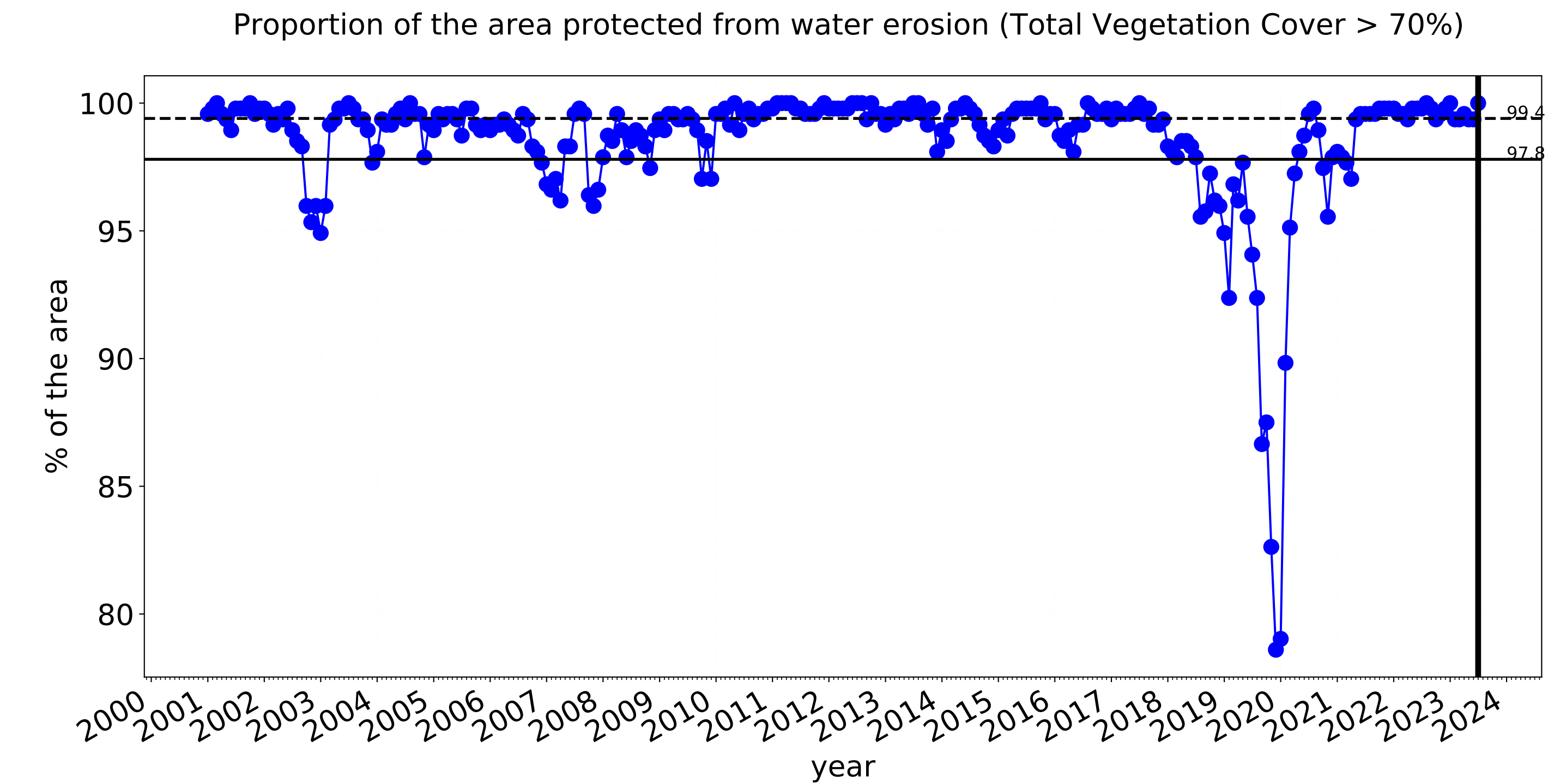
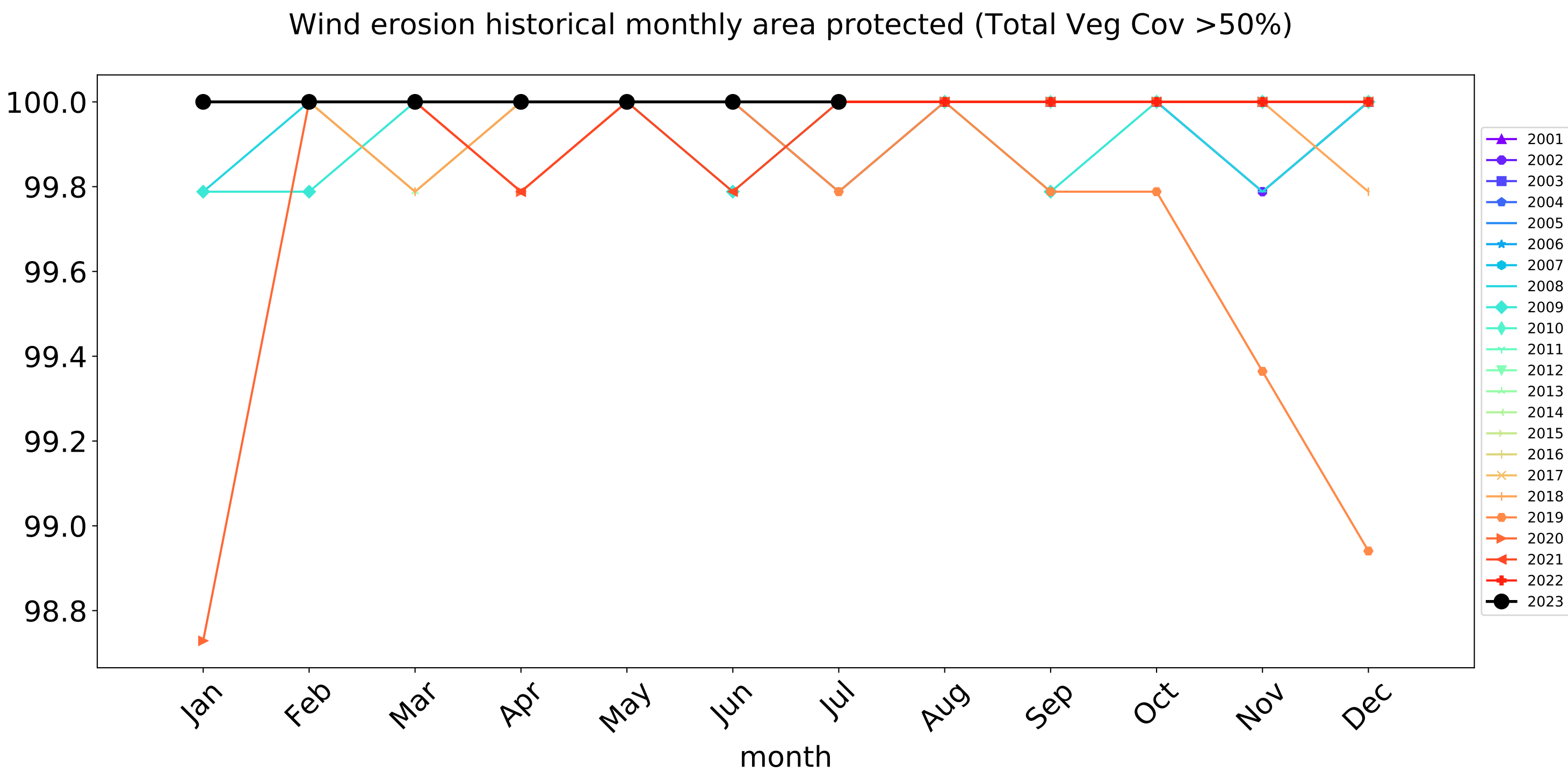
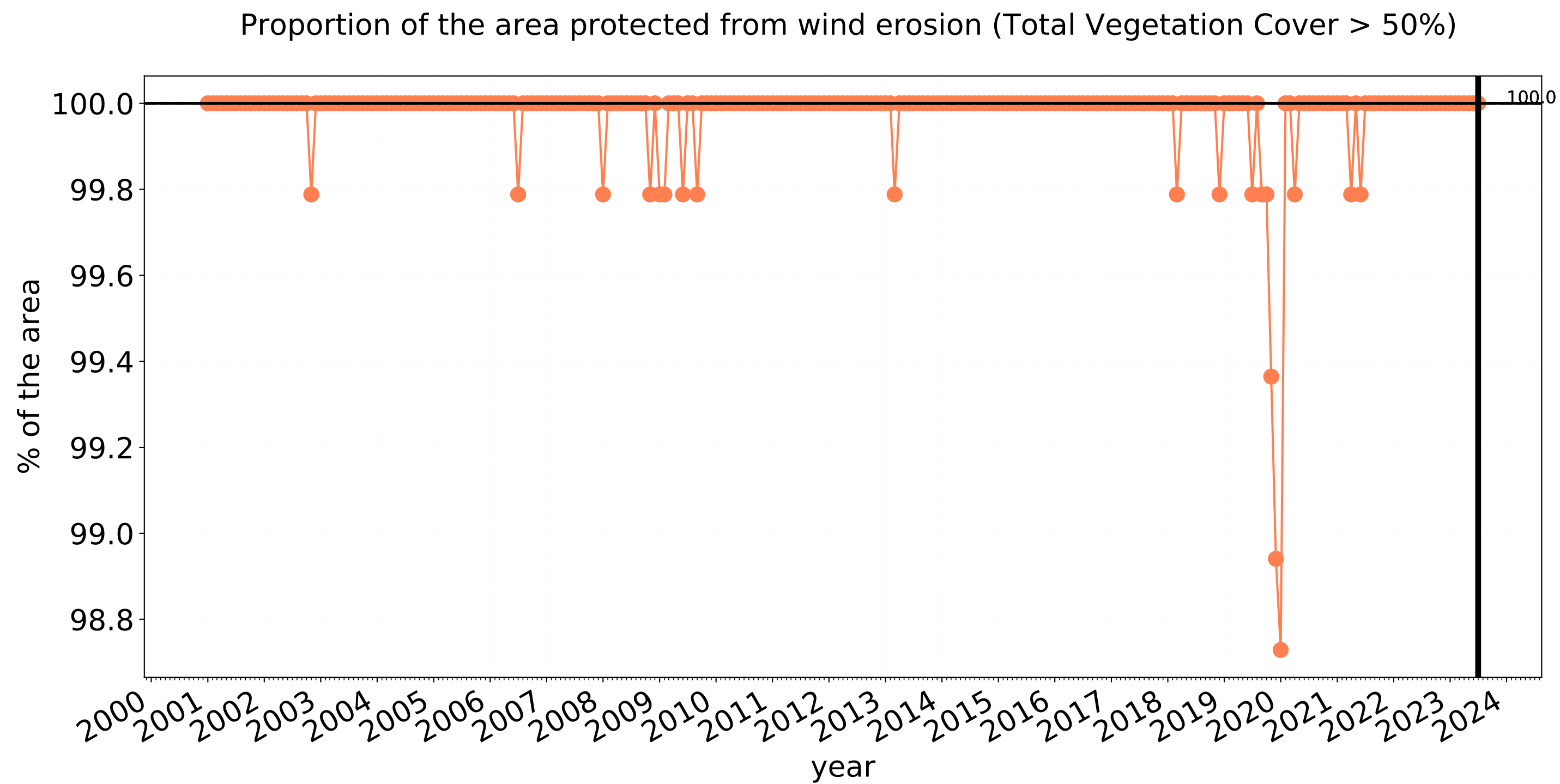


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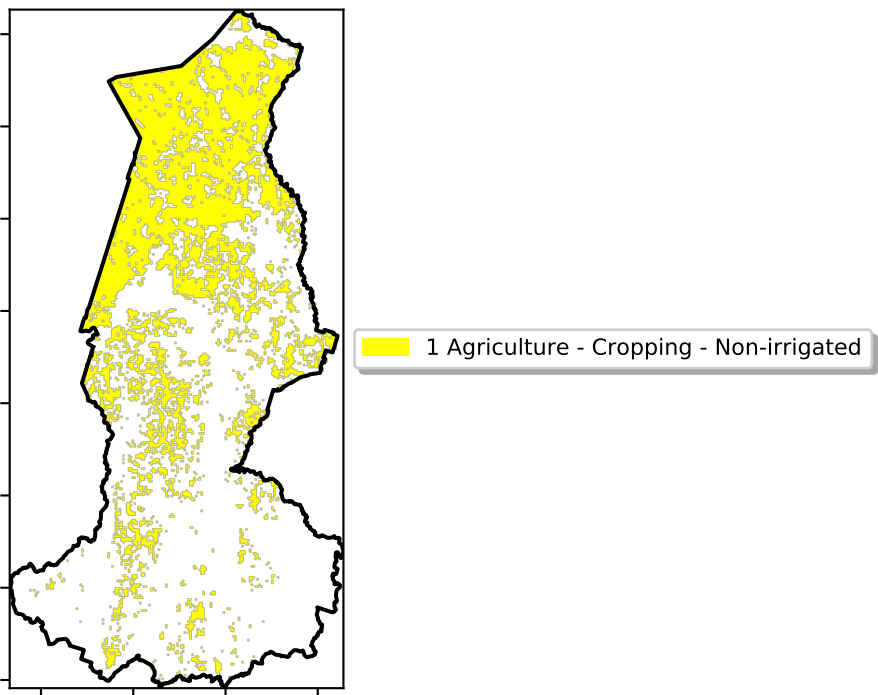


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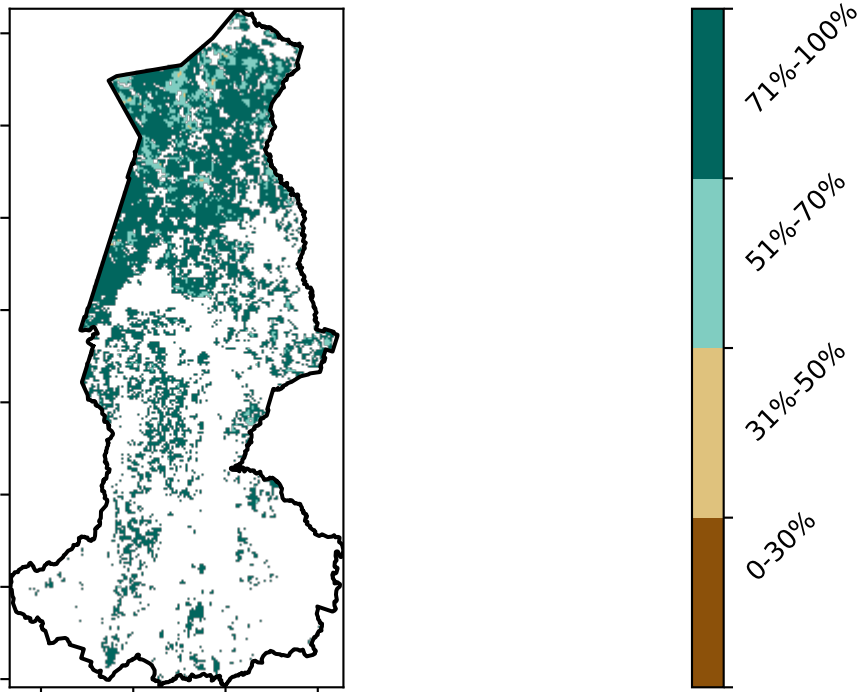


Cropping

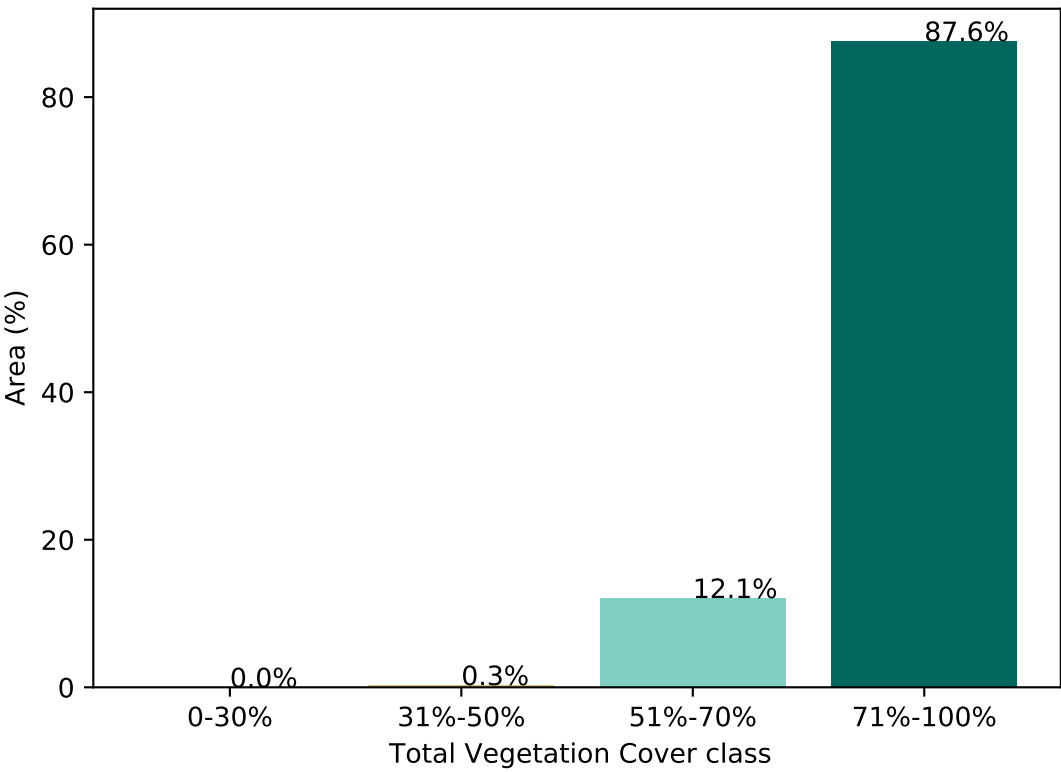
Land use and forest cover



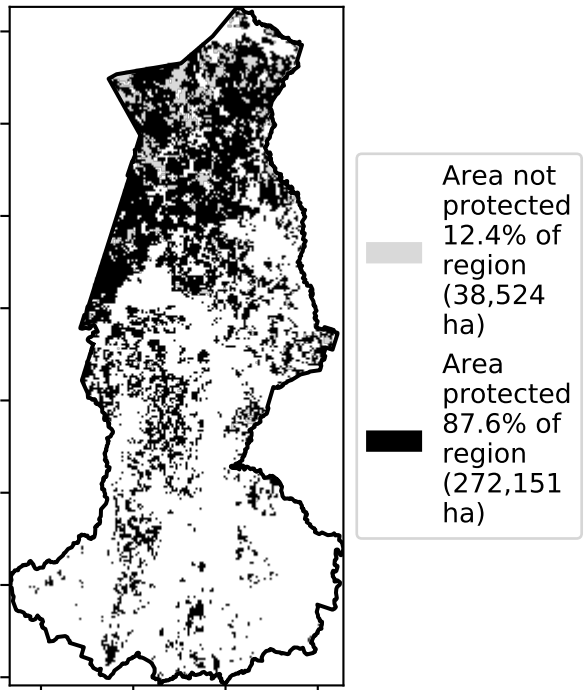
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



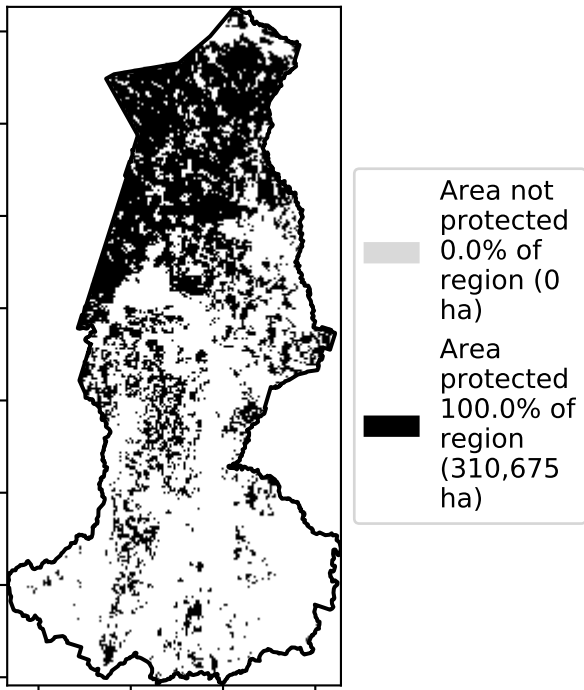
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



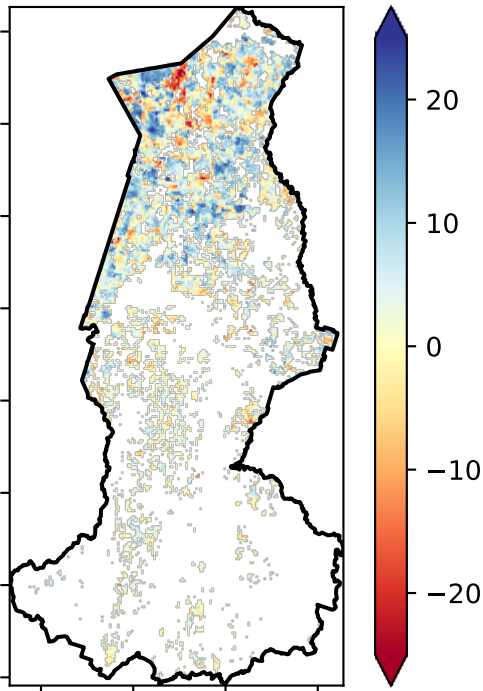
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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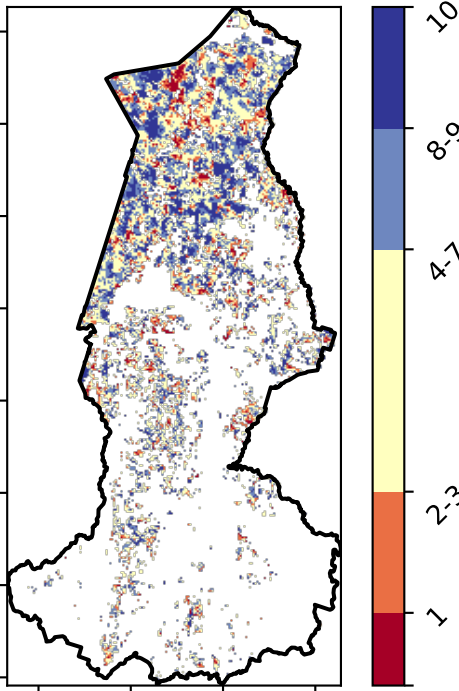


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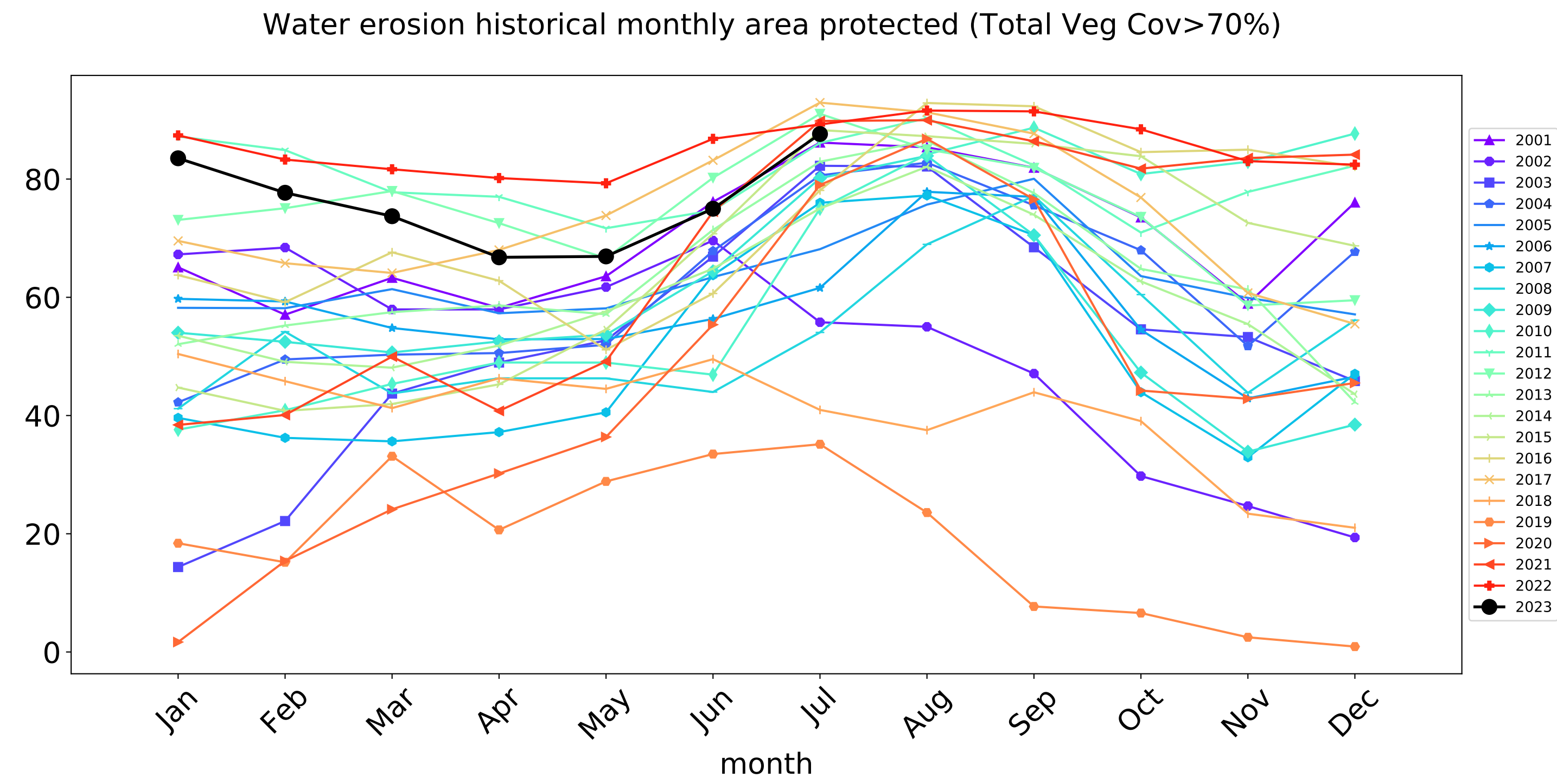
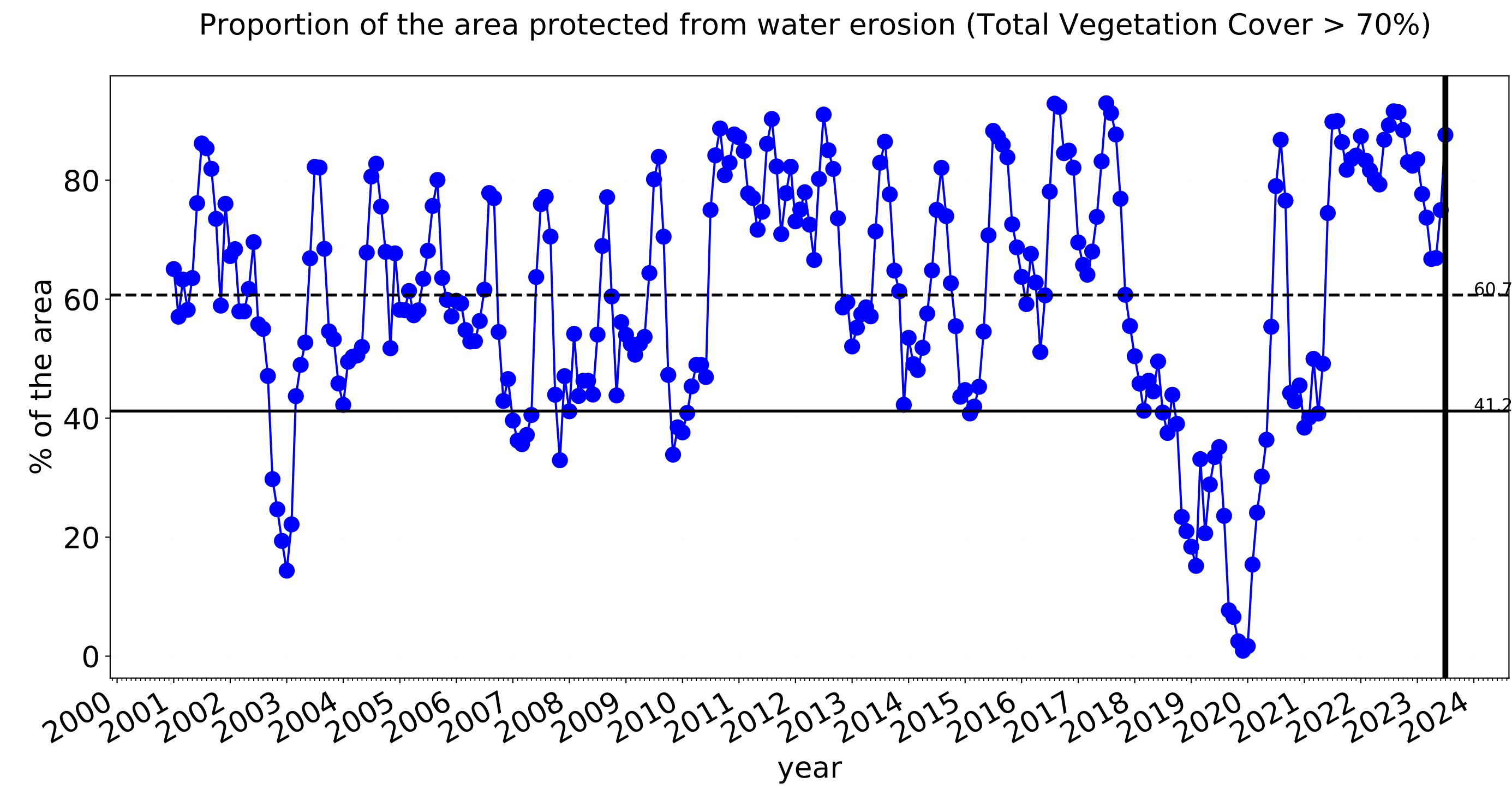
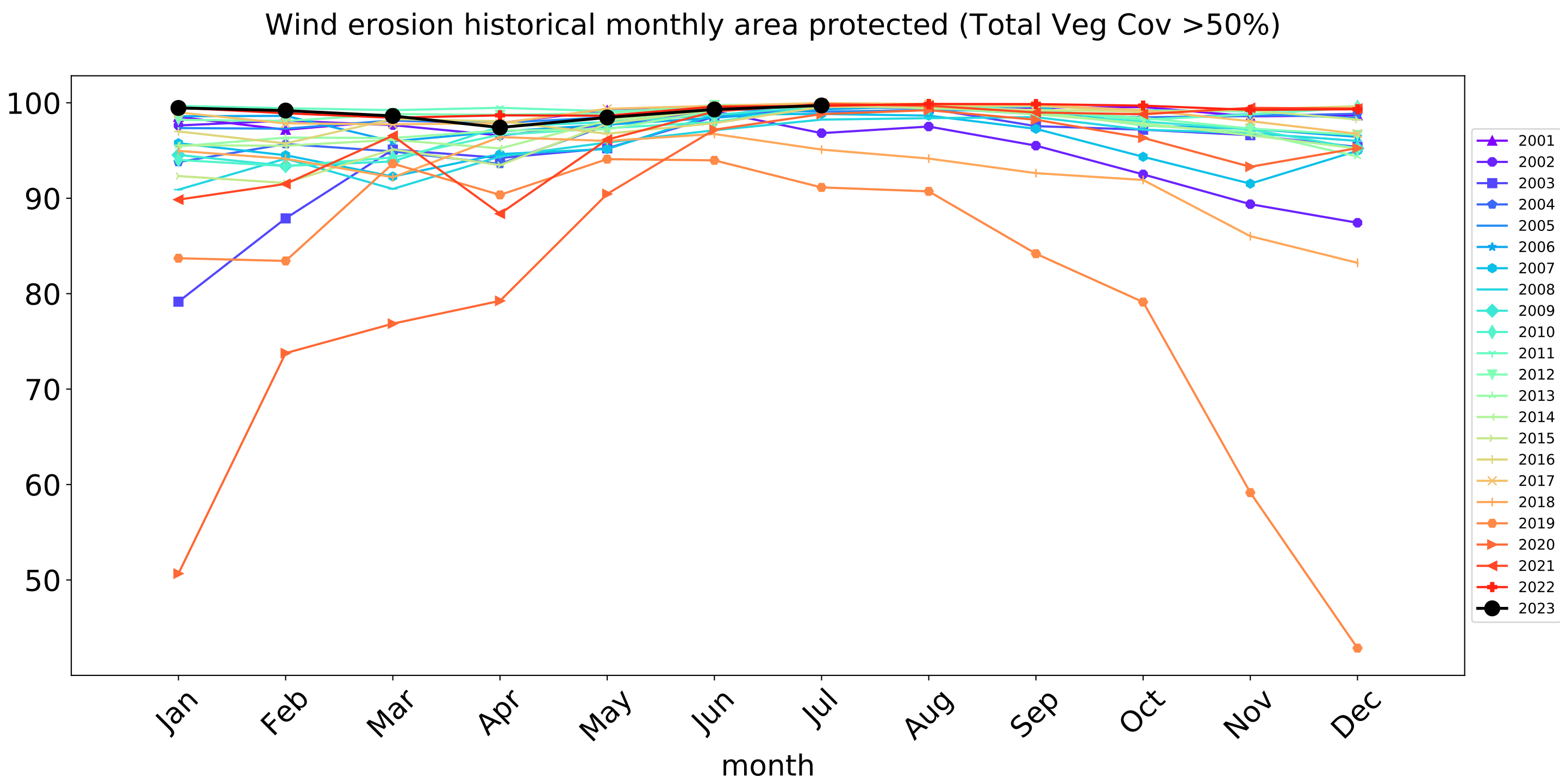
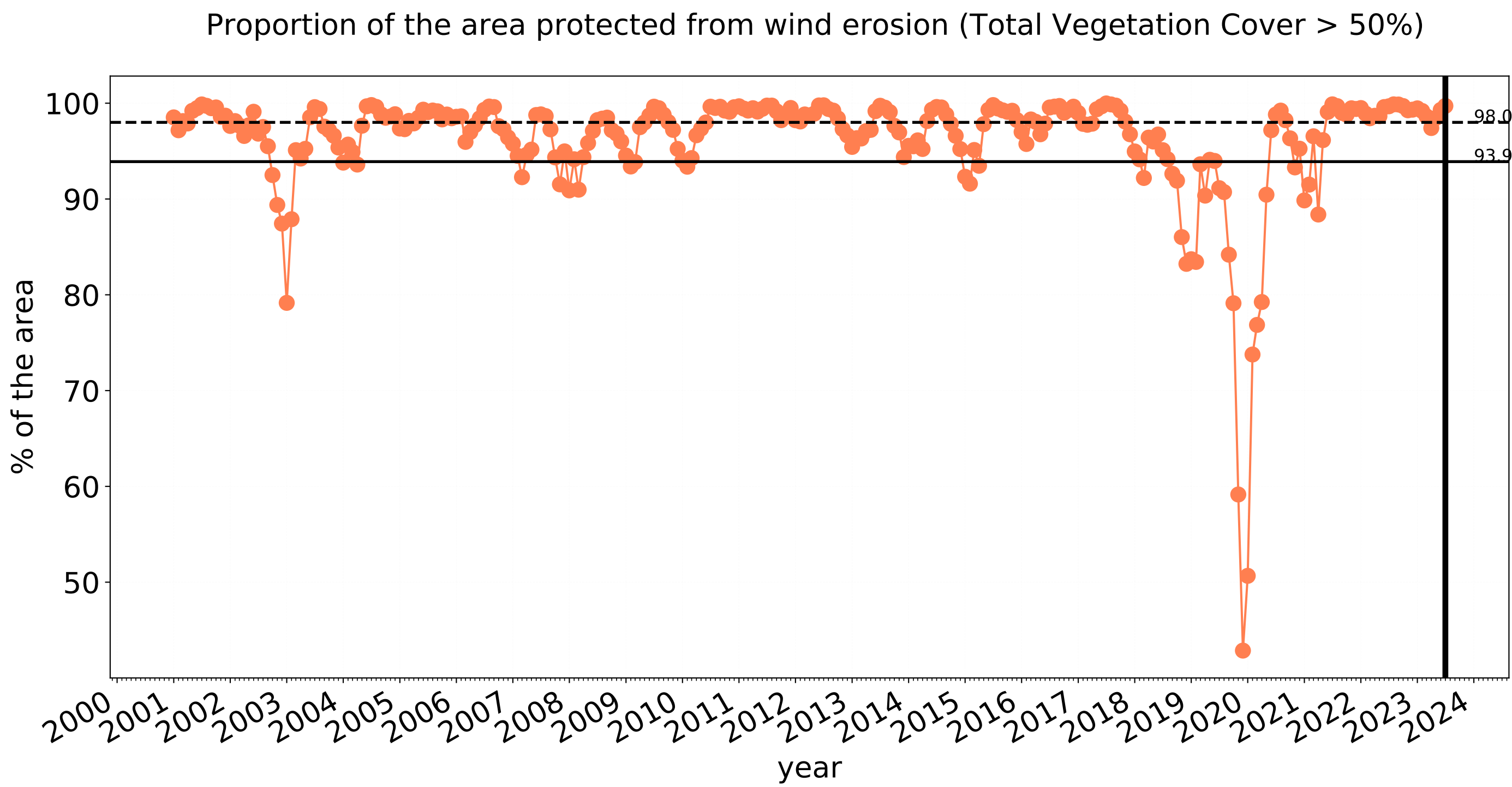


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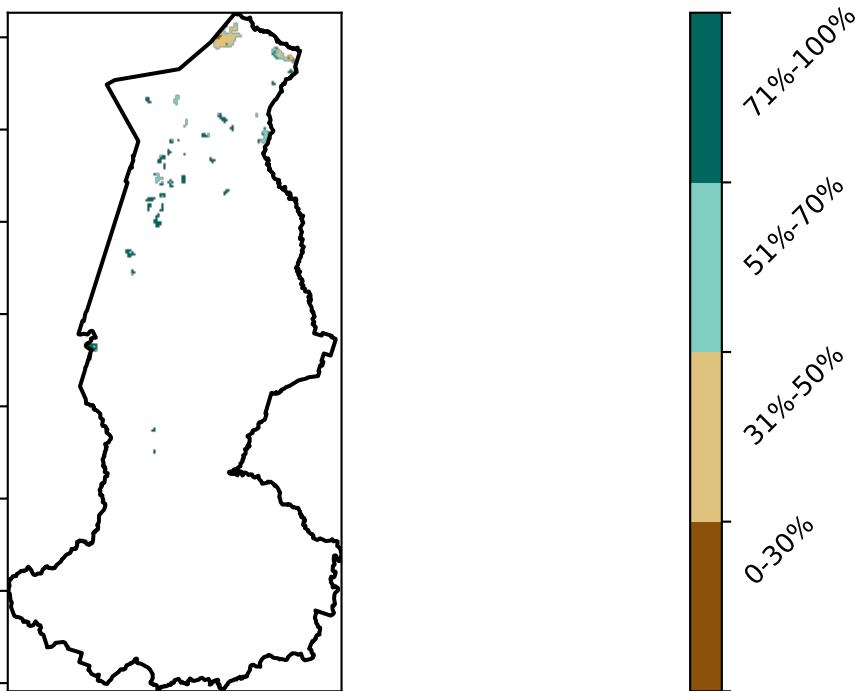
Land use and forest cover



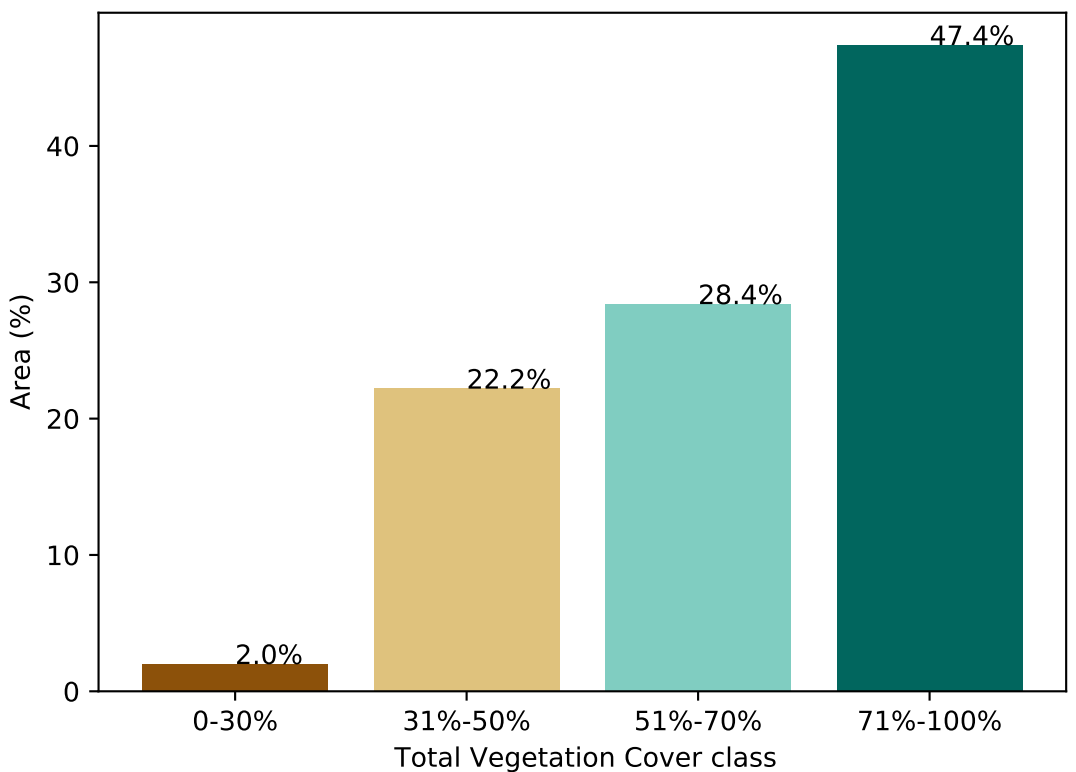
Proportion of each land class in area



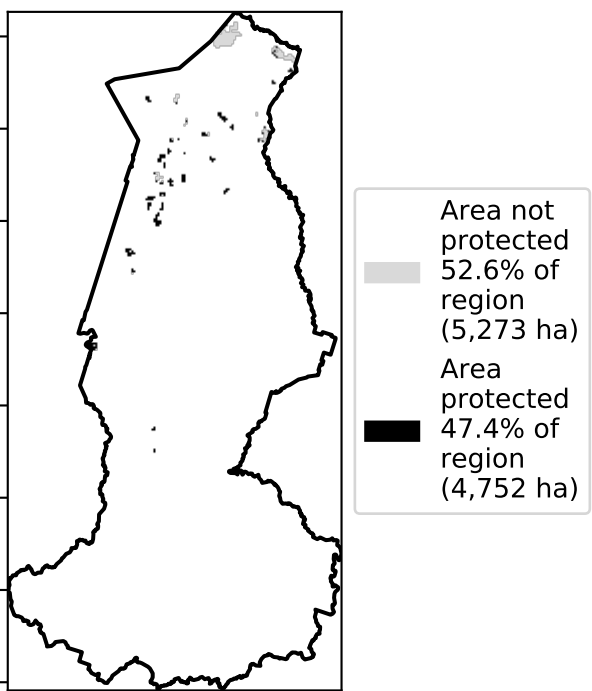
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



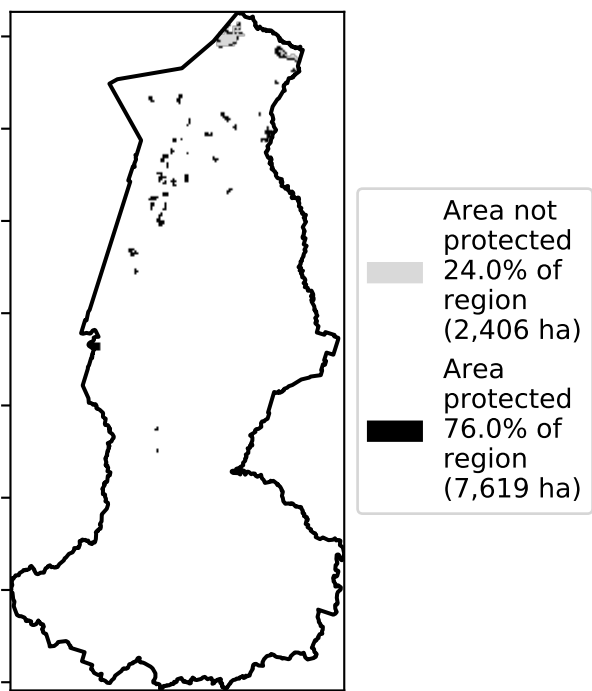
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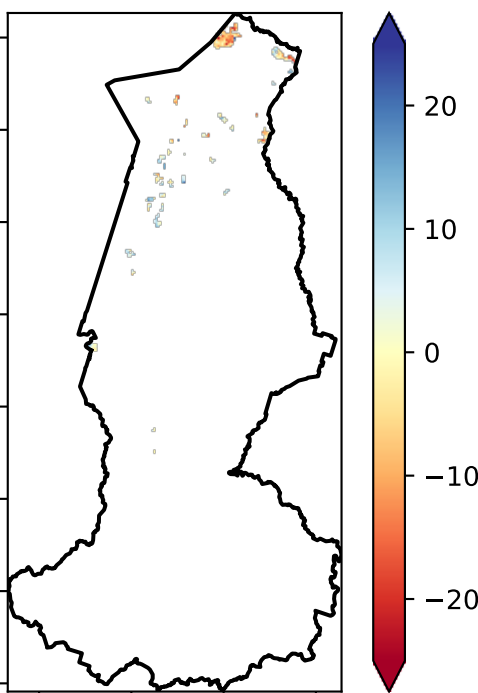
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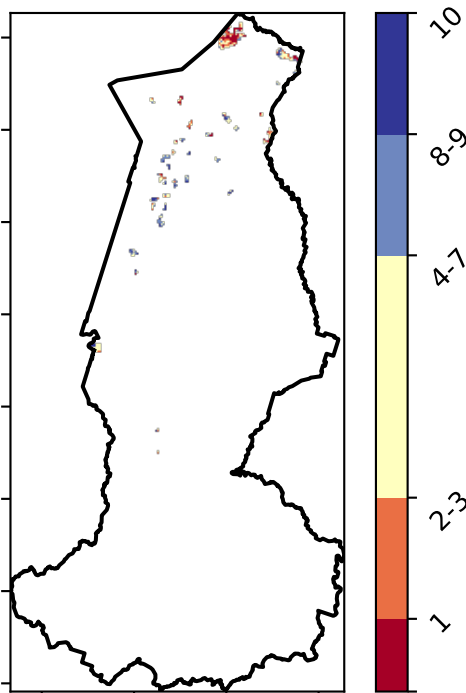
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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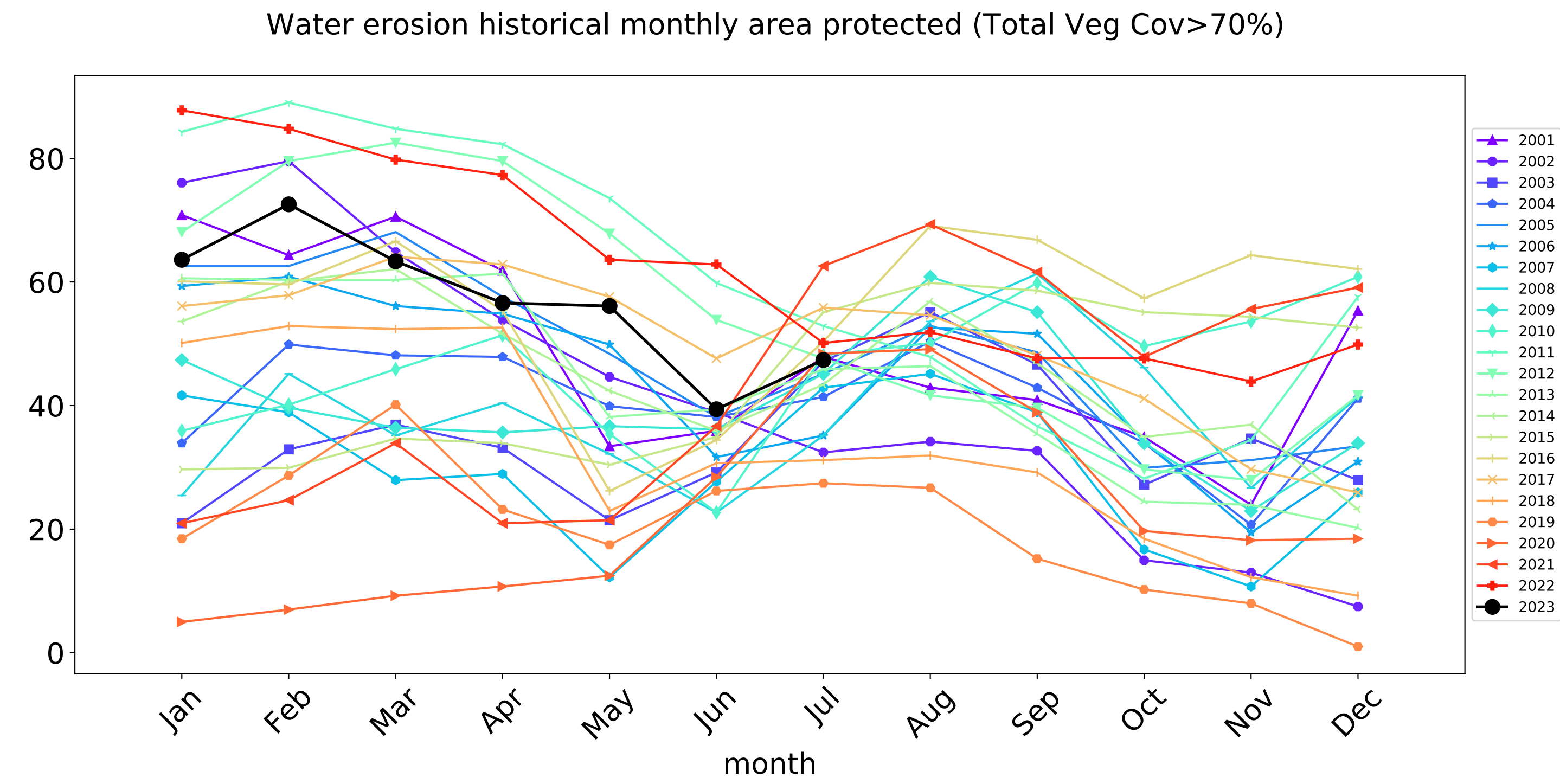
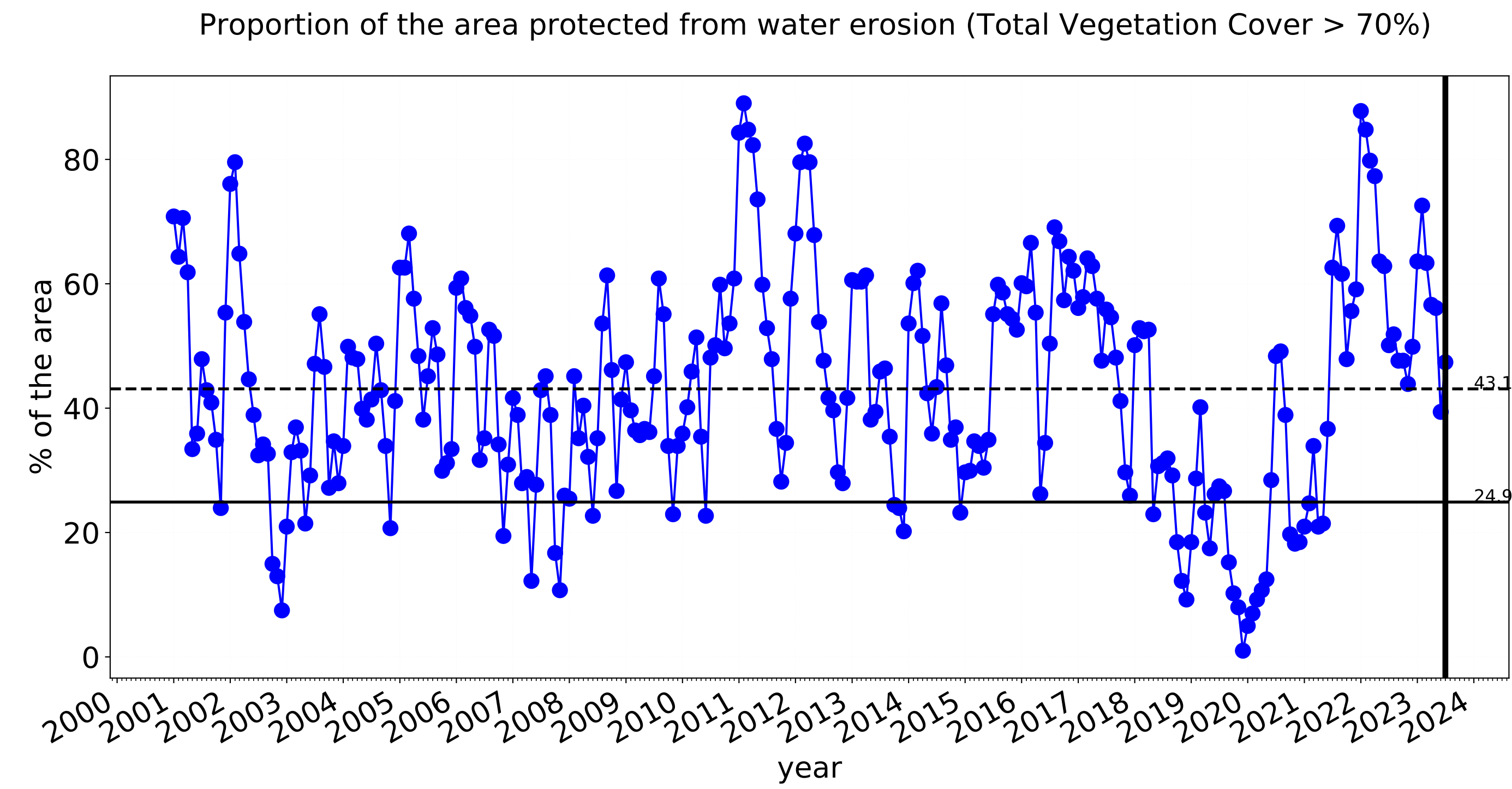
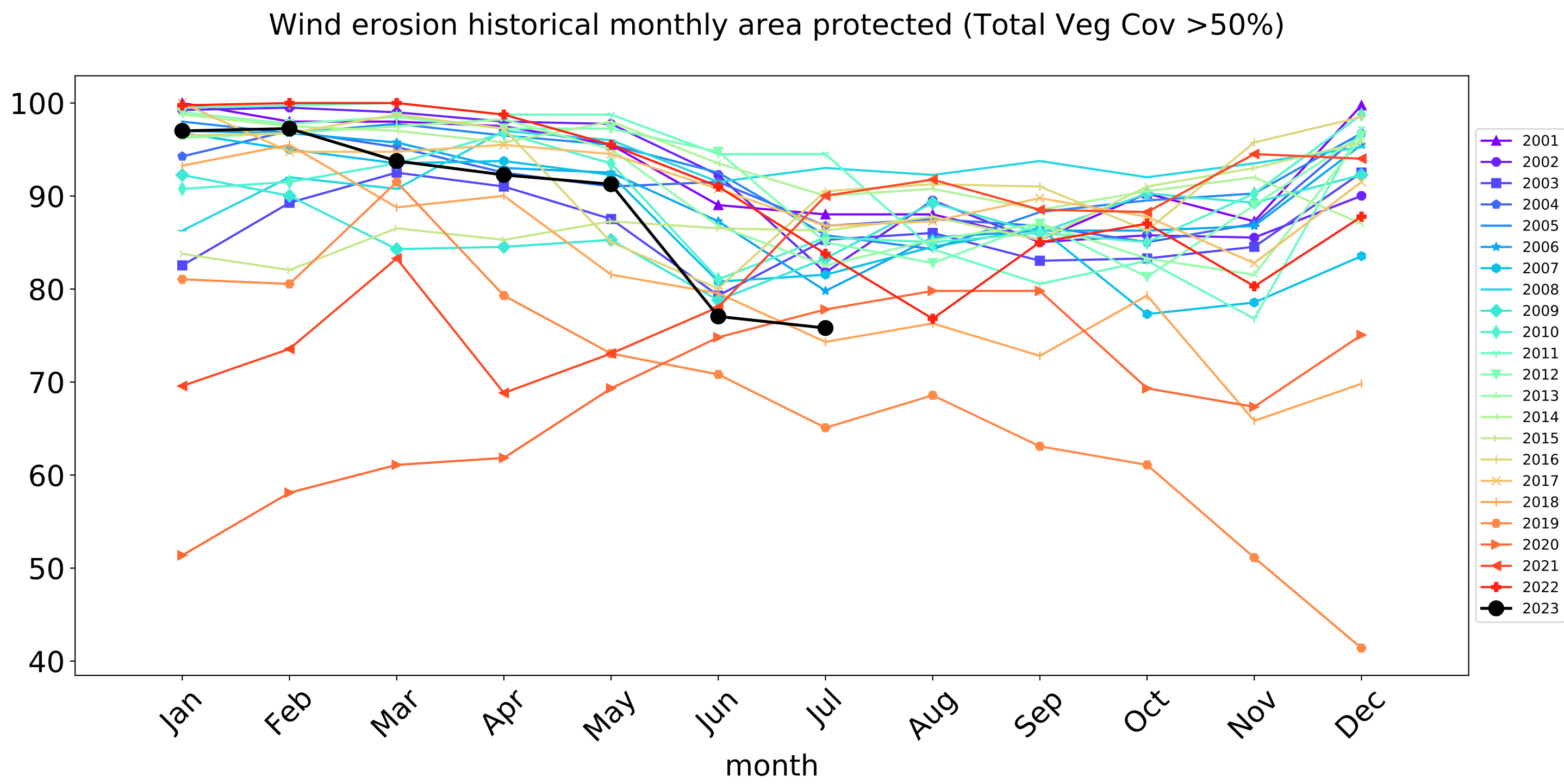
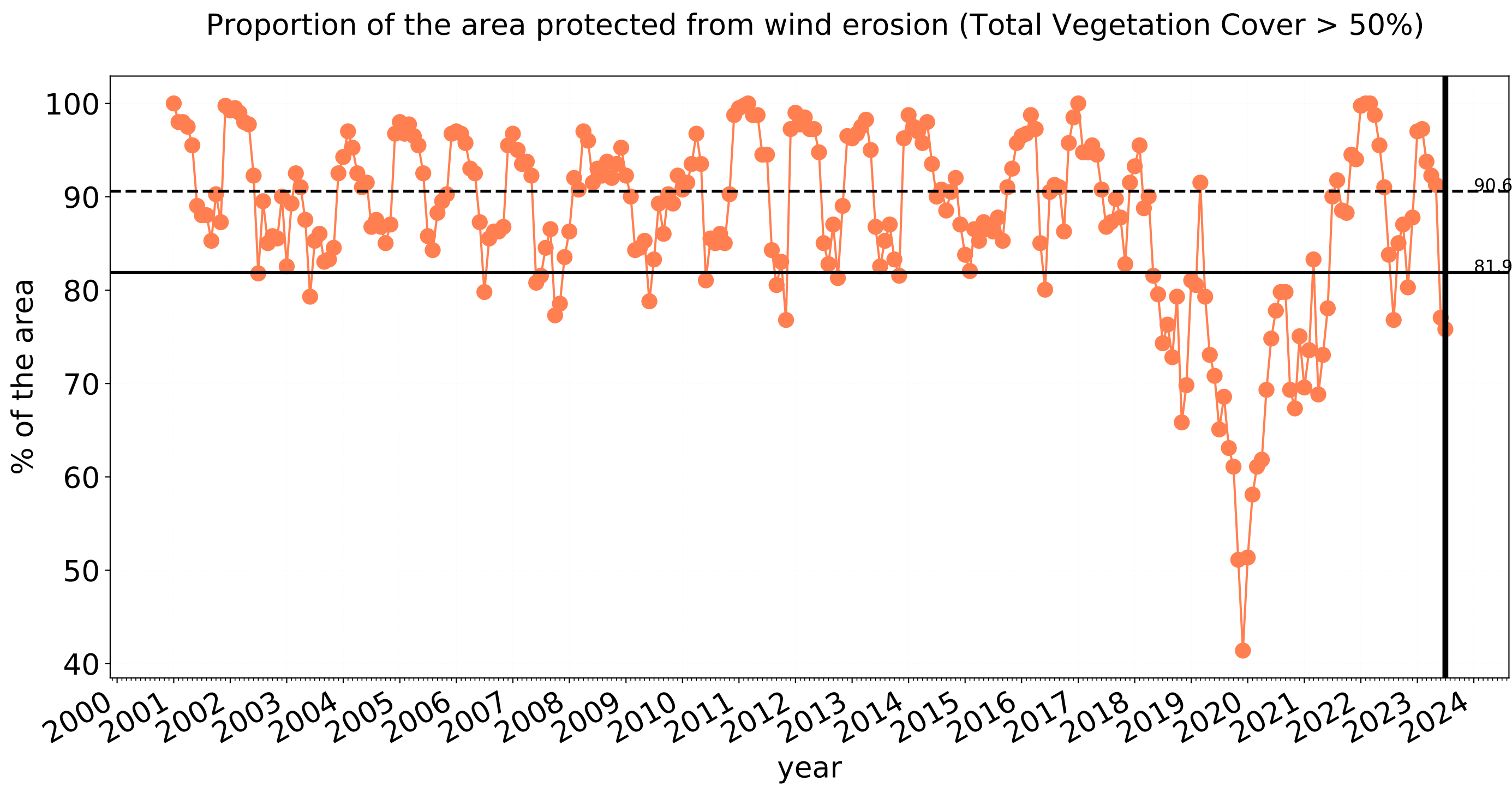


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Gwydir_(A) (924,600 ha and no data1,320 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	924,600	100.0% 924,325	99.6% 921,125	94.8% 876,100	77.2% 714,150	22.5% 207,625	1.8% 16,300
Conservation and natural environments	28,125	100.0% 28,125	100.0% 28,125	100.0% 28,125	97.7% 27,475	31.9% 8,975	1.8% 500
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	27,075	100.0% 27,075	100.0% 27,075	100.0% 27,075	97.6% 26,425	31.8% 8,600	1.7% 450
Agriculture	887,700	100.0% 887,500	99.6% 884,400	94.6% 840,175	76.6% 680,025	22.1% 196,600	1.8% 15,675
Grazing	566,975	100.0% 566,975	100.0% 566,975	99.3% 563,175	90.7% 514,350	30.1% 170,400	1.7% 9,875
Grazing non forest	365,450	100.0% 365,450	100.0% 365,450	99.0% 361,950	87.5% 319,625	27.9% 102,075	1.8% 6,625
Grazing Woodland forest	189,725	100.0% 189,725	100.0% 189,725	99.8% 189,425	96.7% 183,525	34.8% 66,025	1.7% 3,150
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	11,800	100.0% 11,800	100.0% 11,800	100.0% 11,800	94.9% 11,200	19.5% 2,300	0.8% 100
Cropping	310,675	100.0% 310,675	99.7% 309,800	87.6% 272,225	52.6% 163,475	8.3% 25,900	1.9% 5,775
Irrigation	10,025	98.0% 9,825	75.8% 7,600	47.4% 4,750	21.9% 2,200	3.0% 300	0.2% 25