## Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Mid-Coast\_(A) NSW

## Date: October 2022

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 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:

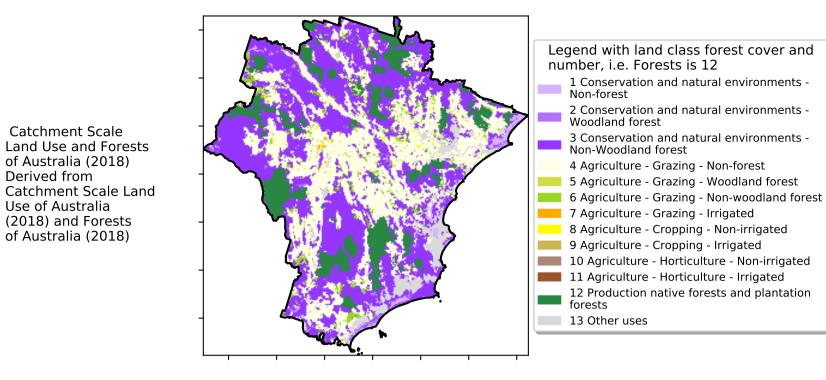
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## **Vegetation Cover Oct 2022**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area



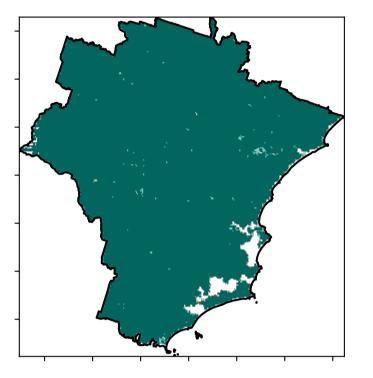
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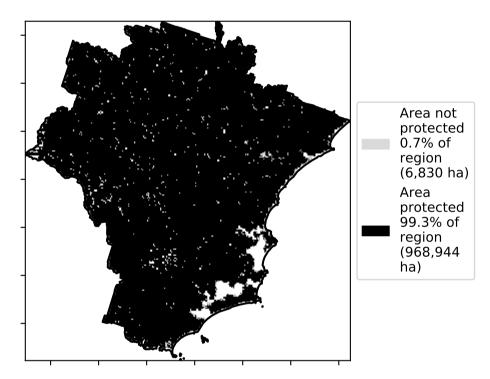
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#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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



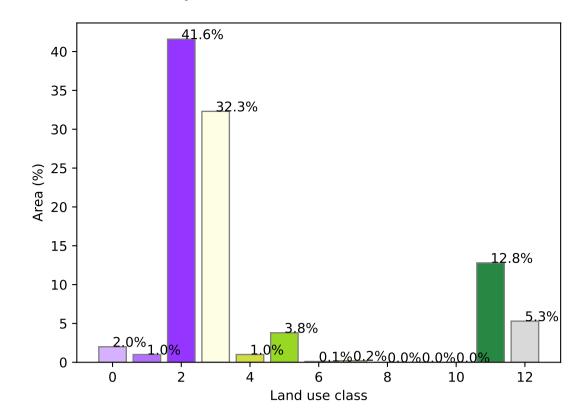
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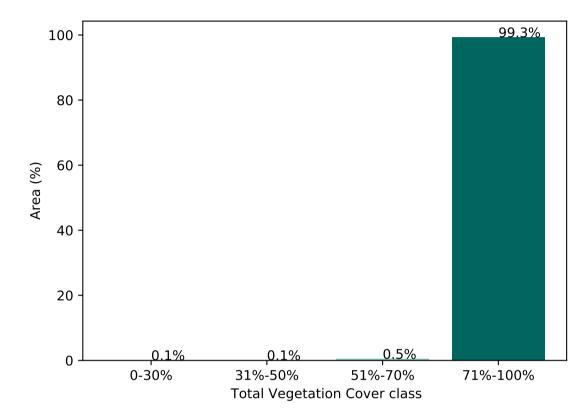
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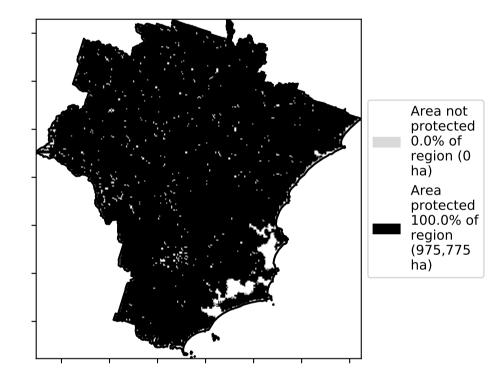
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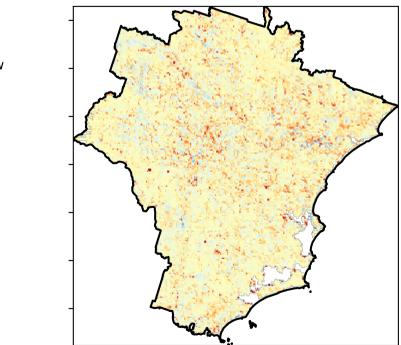
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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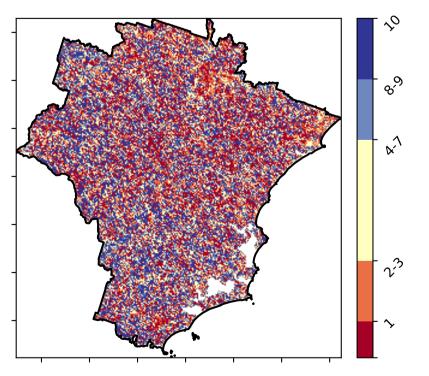


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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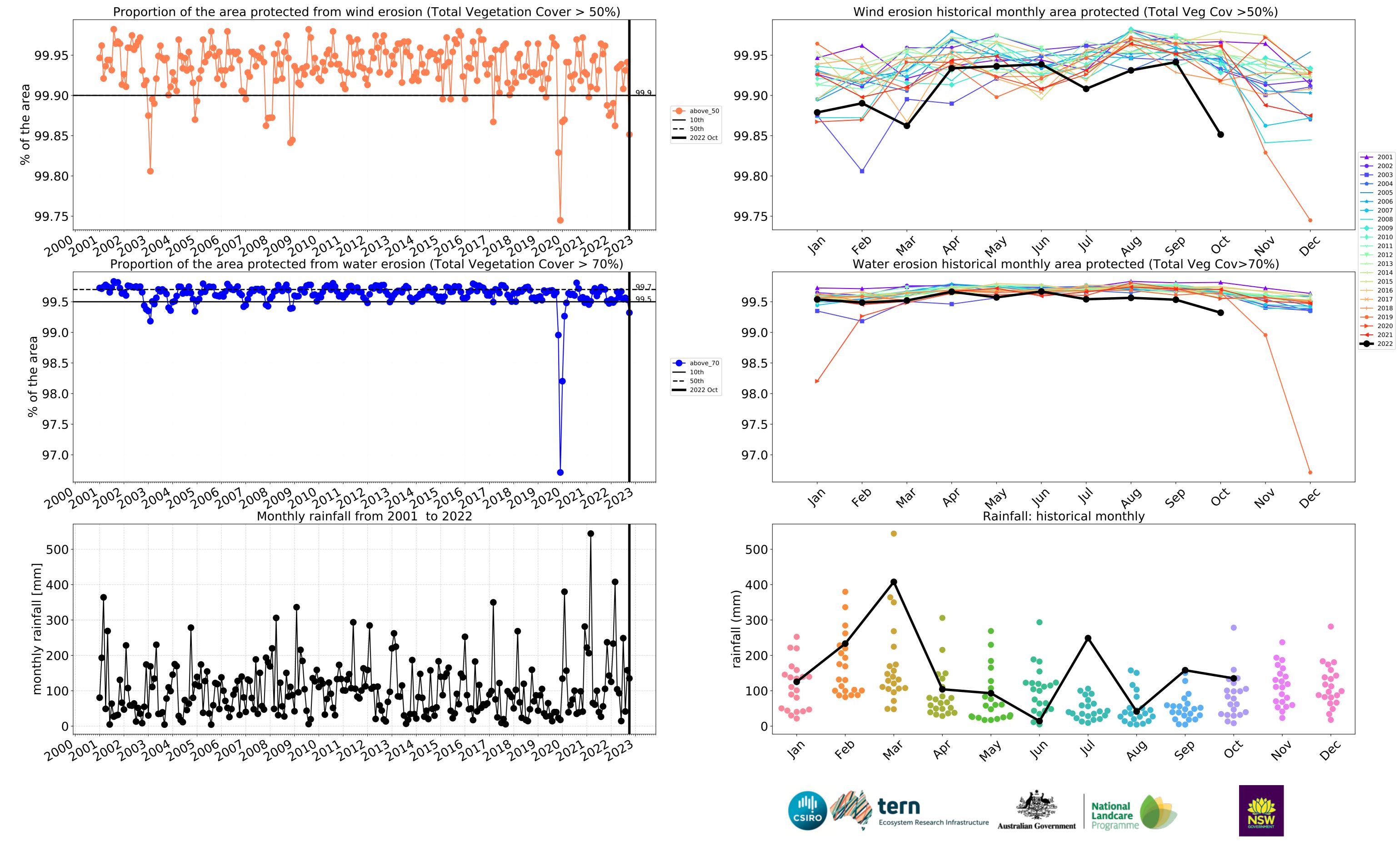
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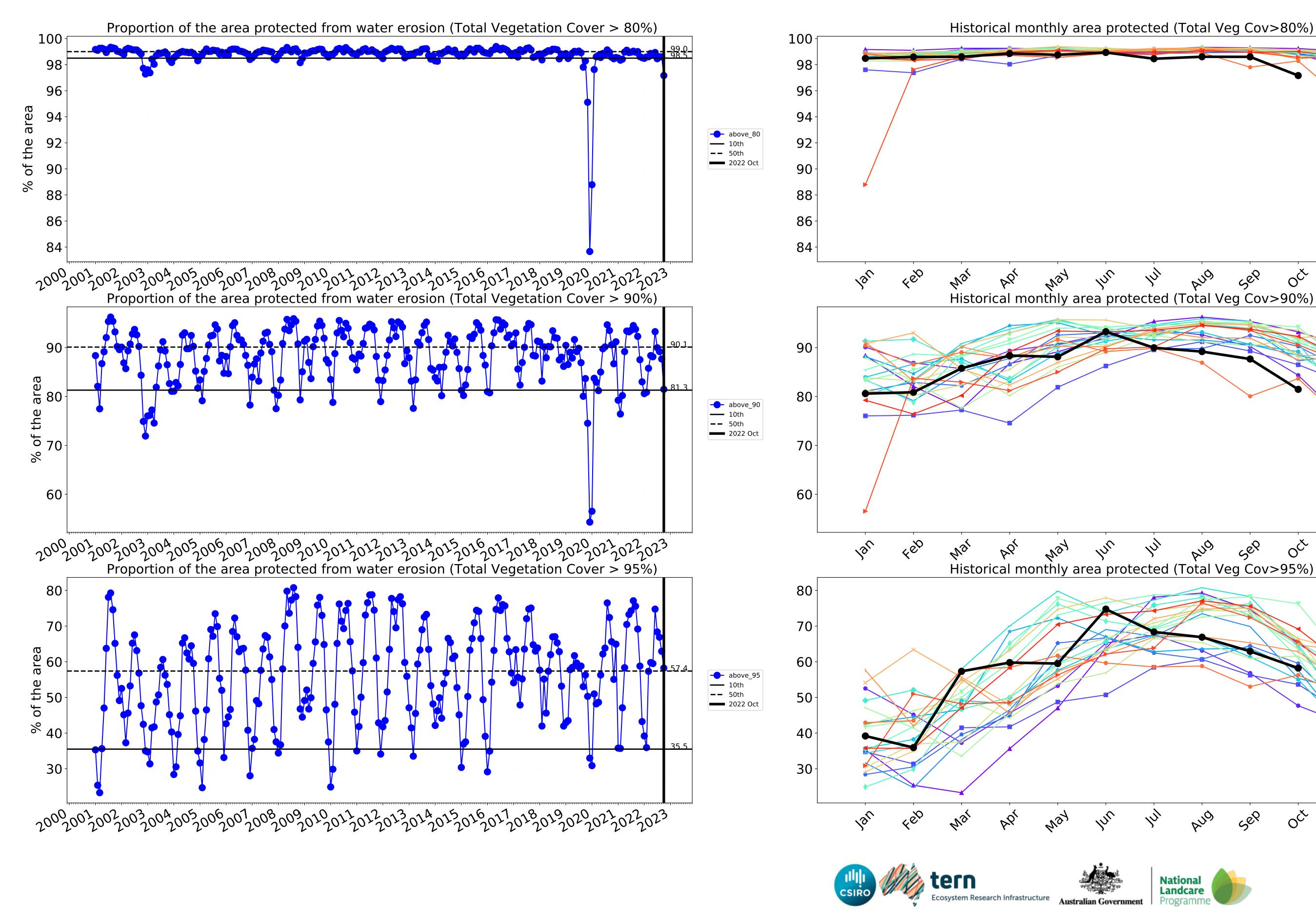
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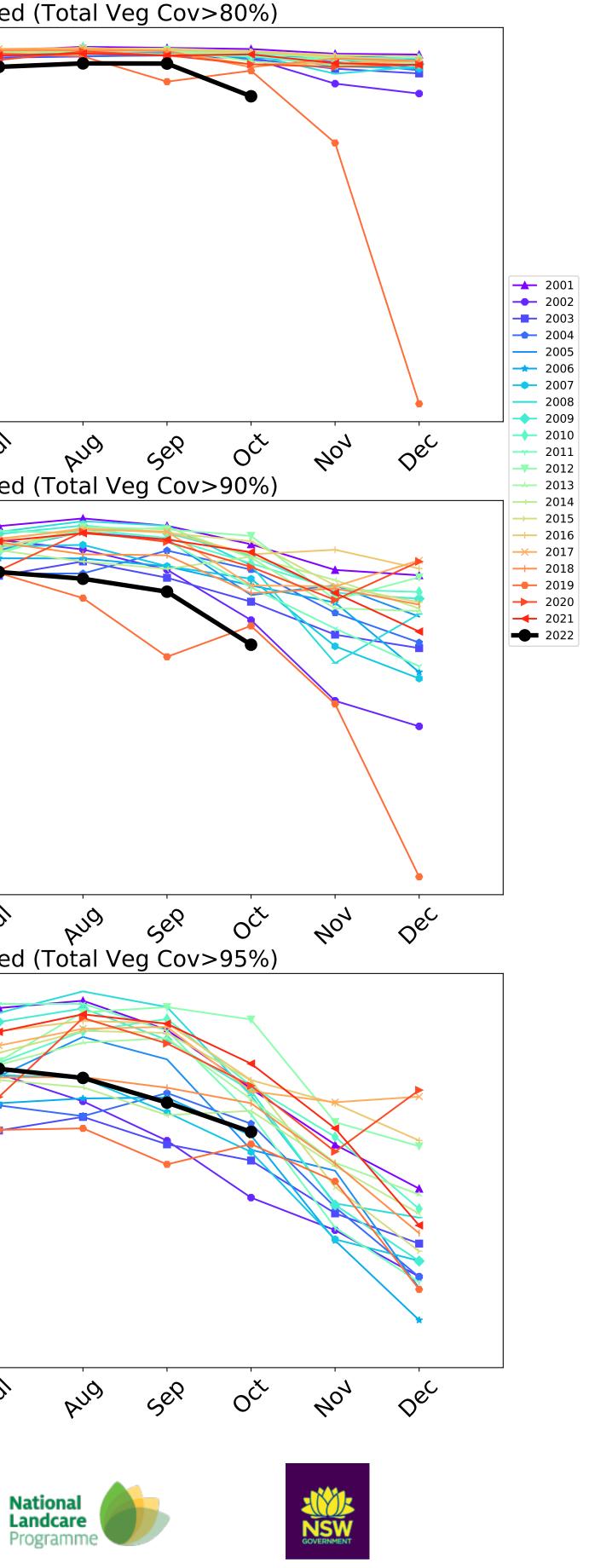
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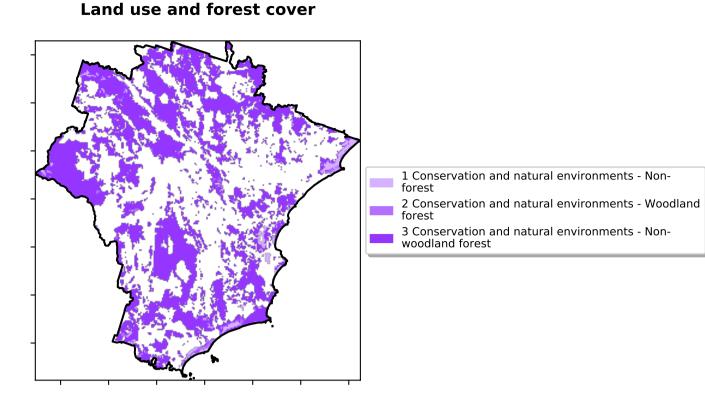




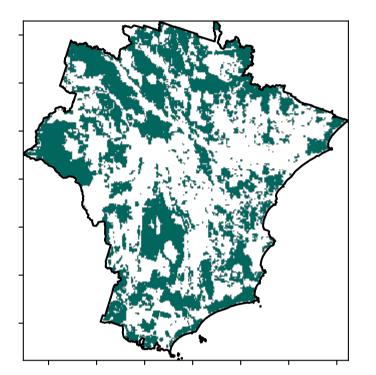


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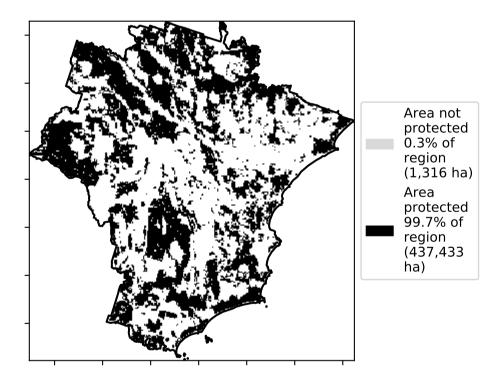
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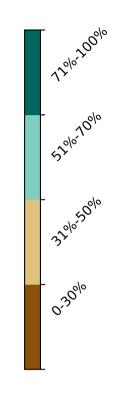


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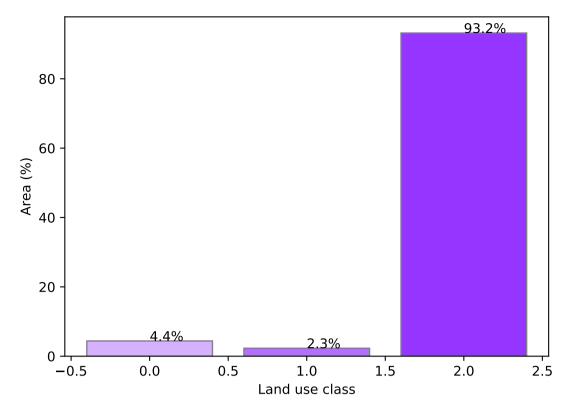


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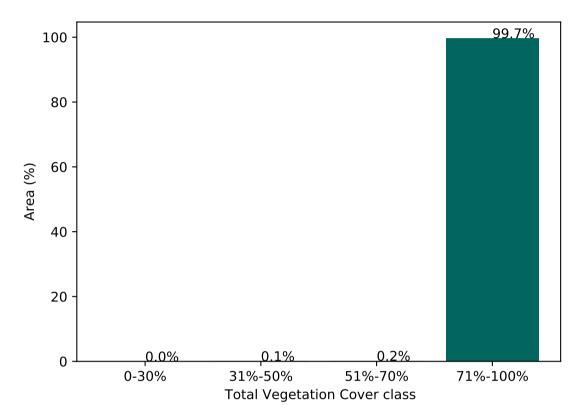




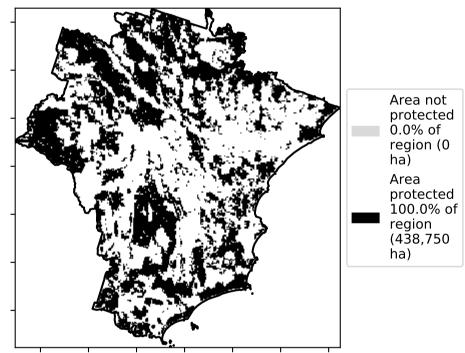
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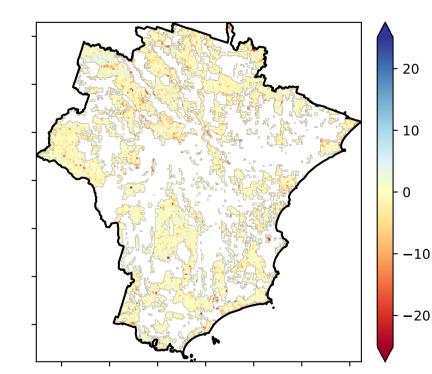
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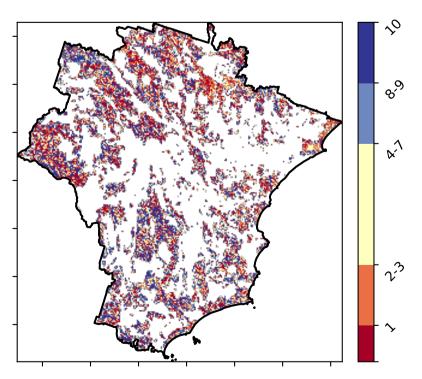


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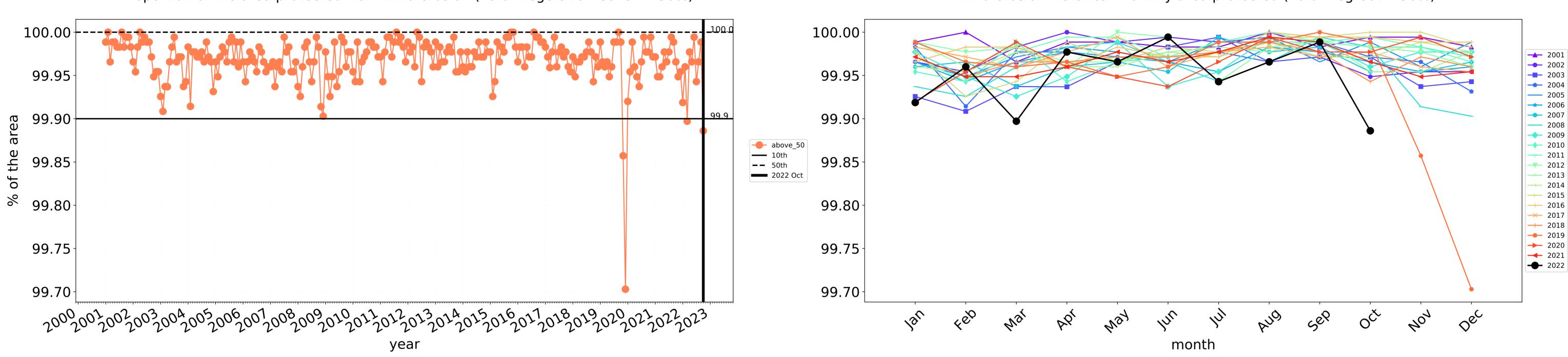
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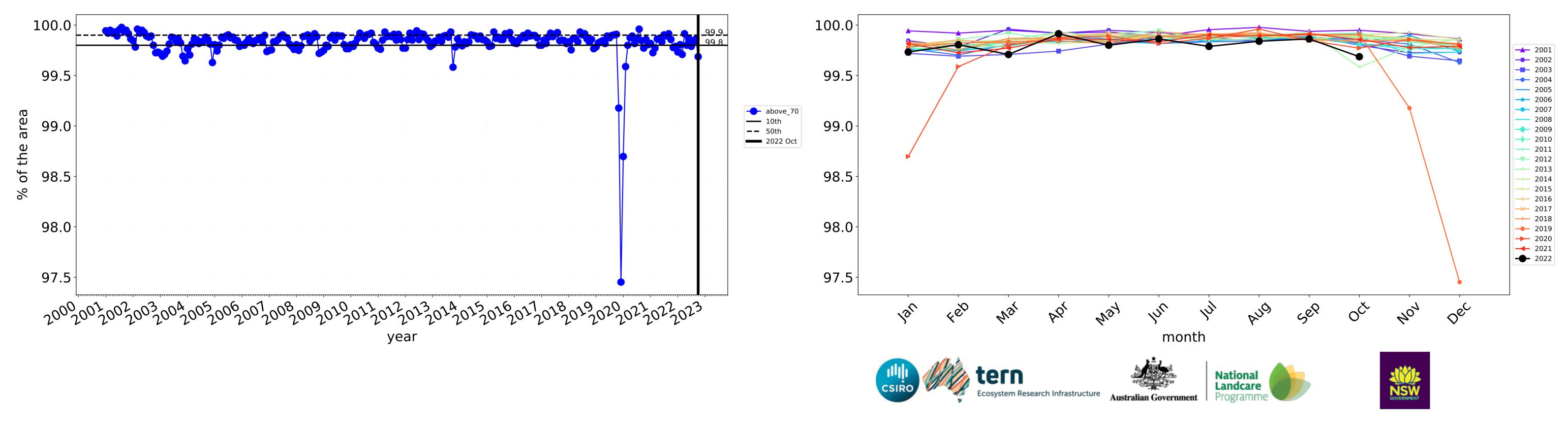


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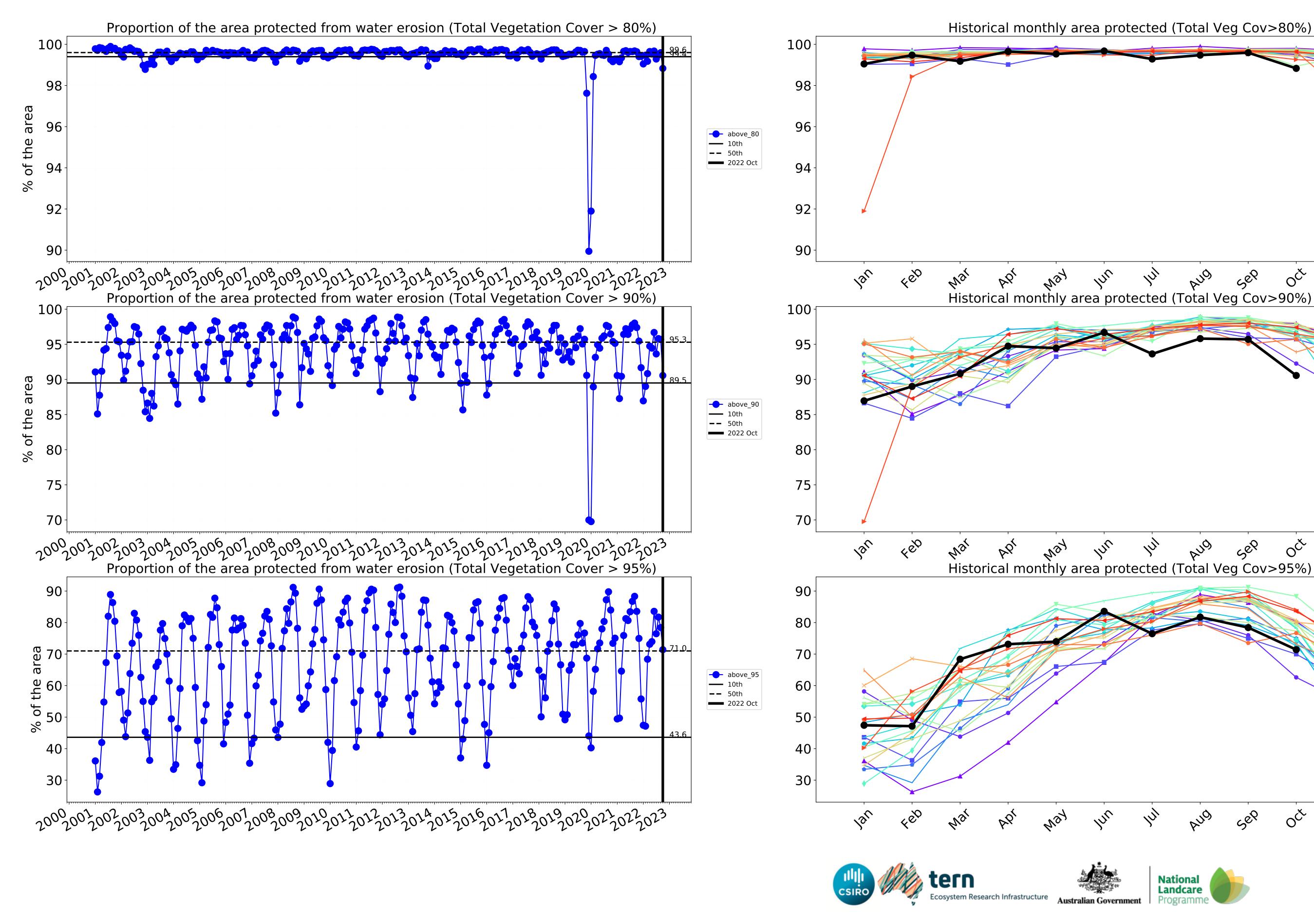
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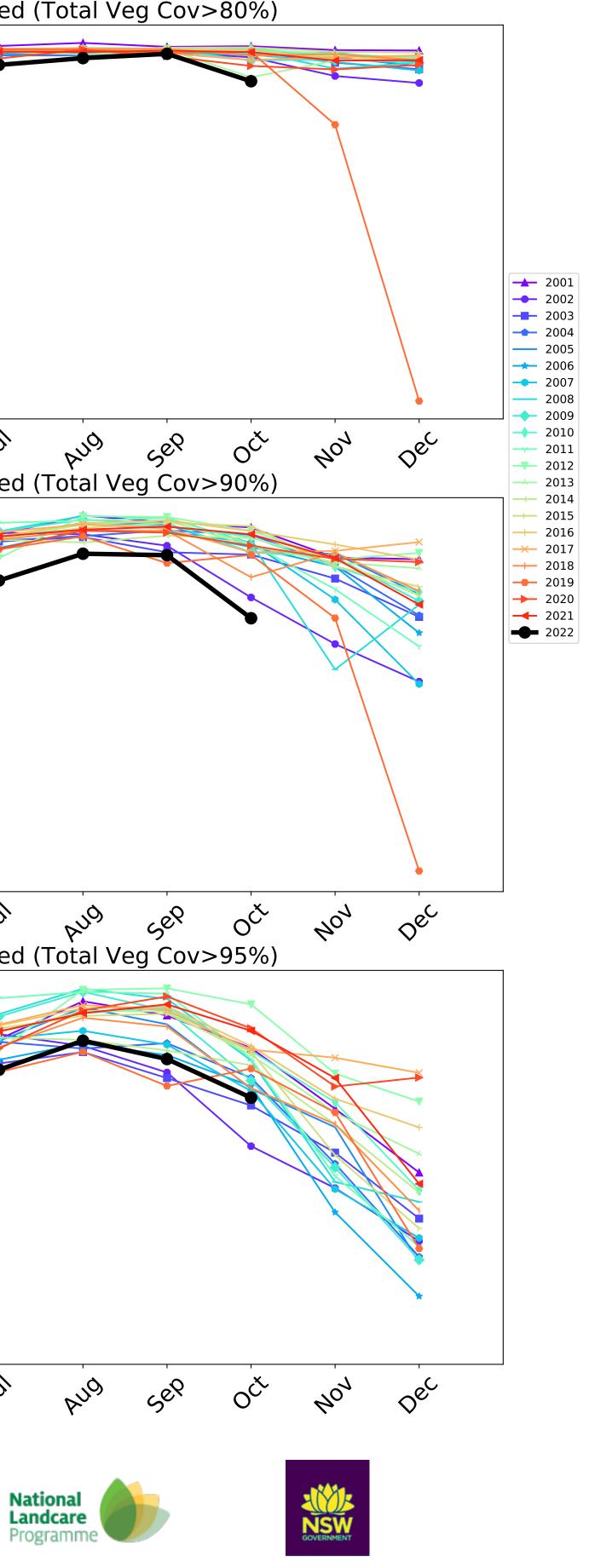
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

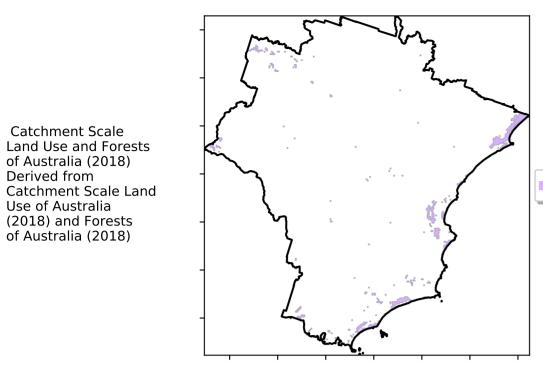
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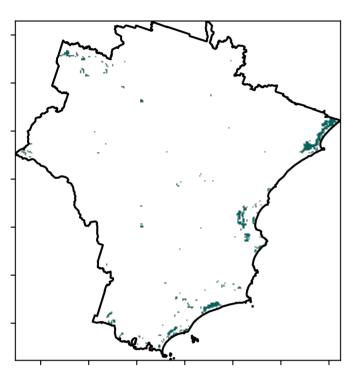
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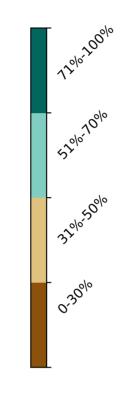
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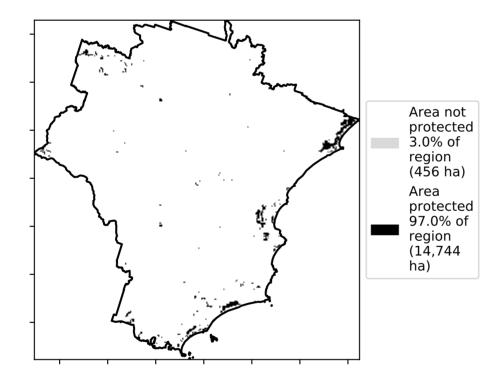
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

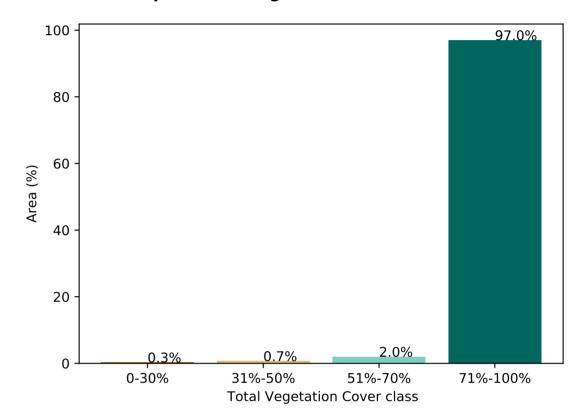




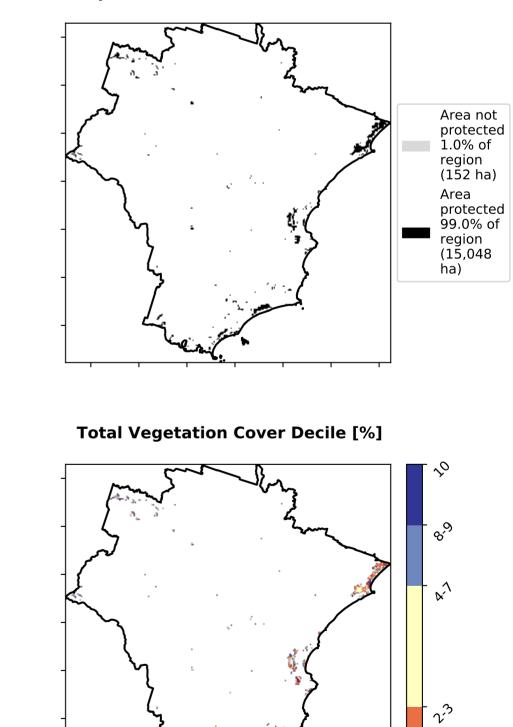
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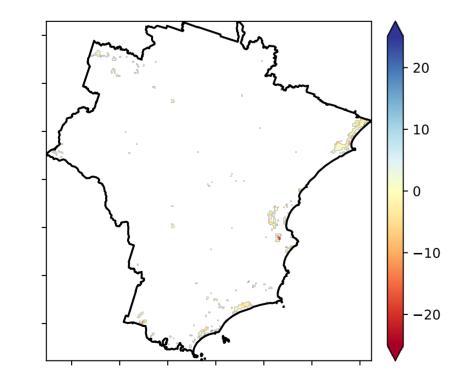
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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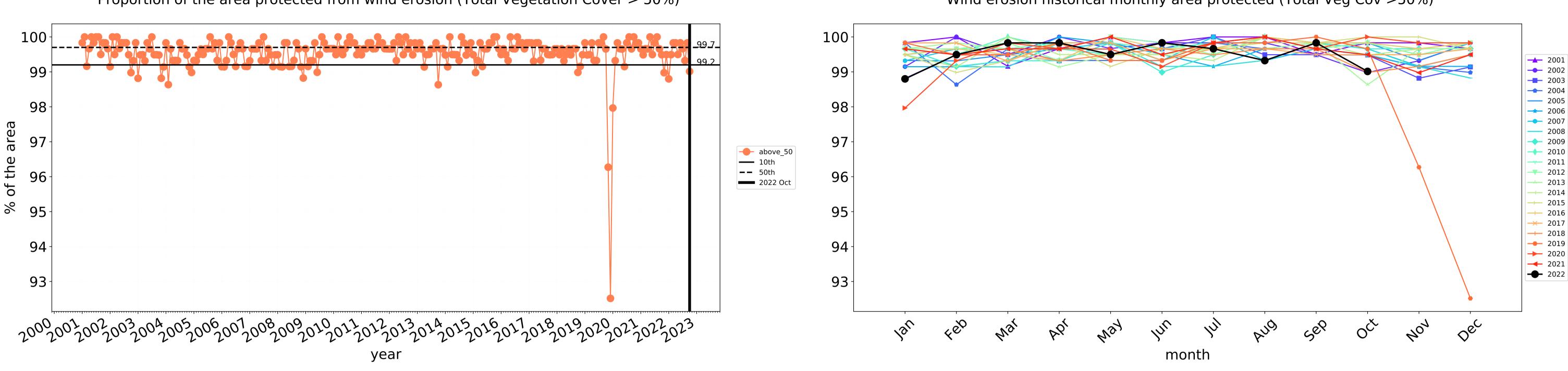
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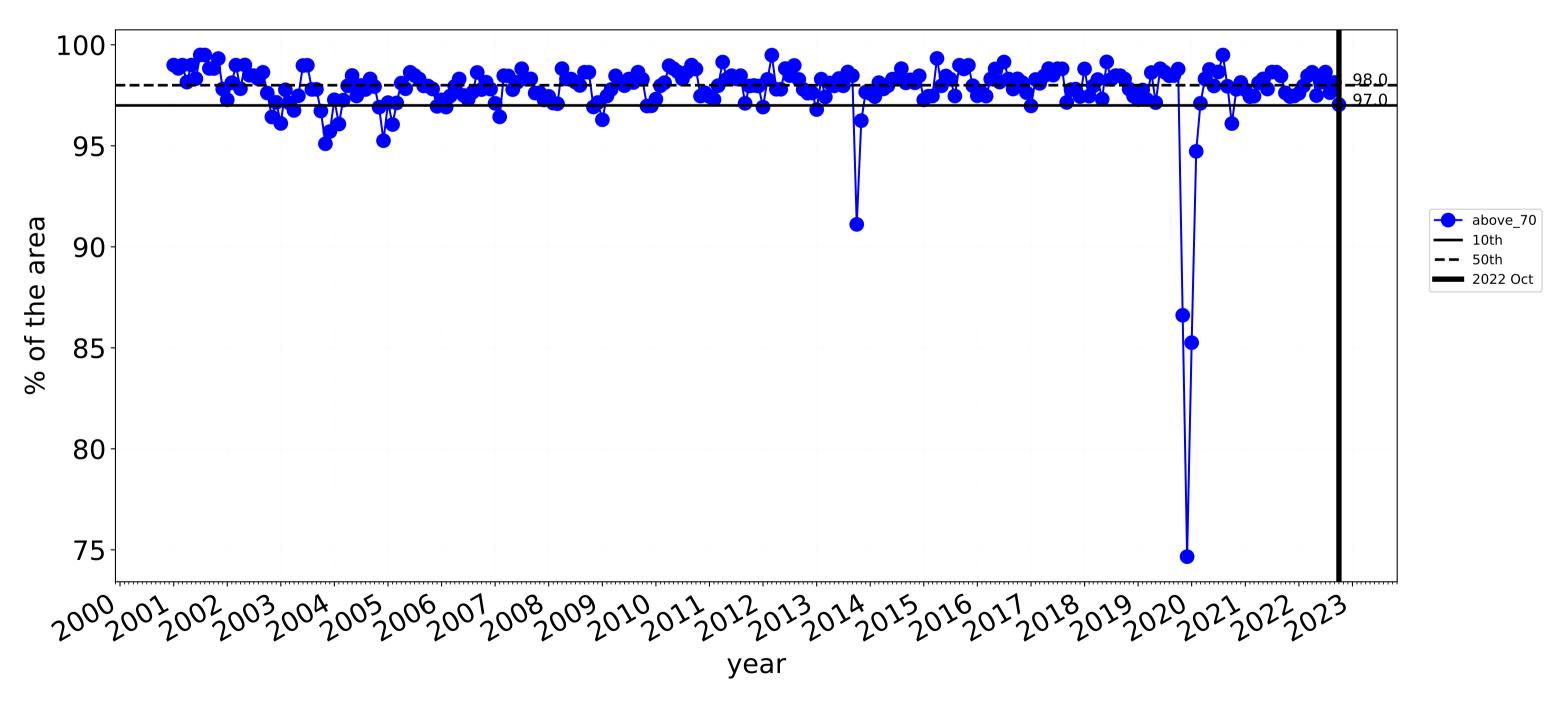
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## **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**



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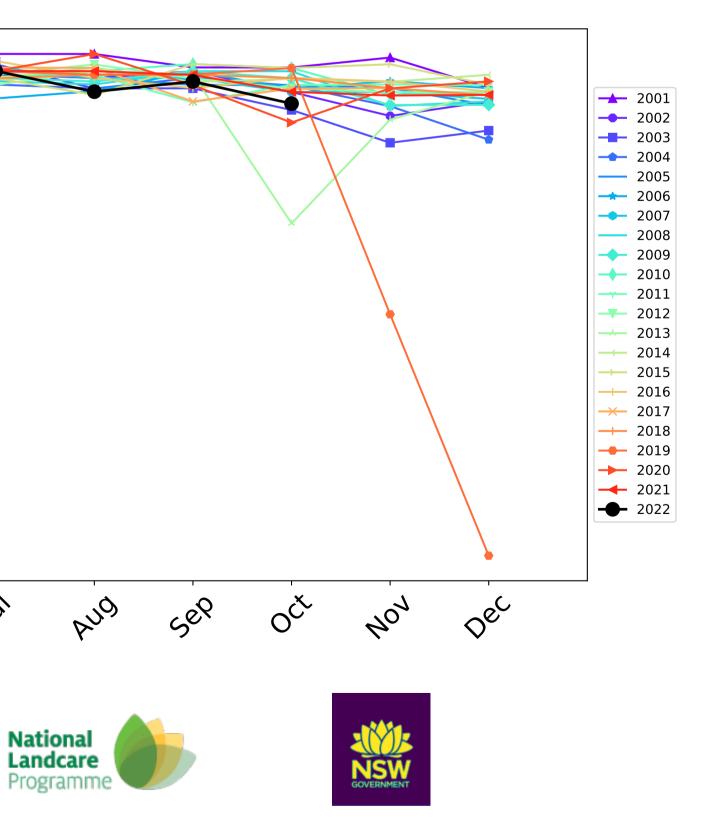
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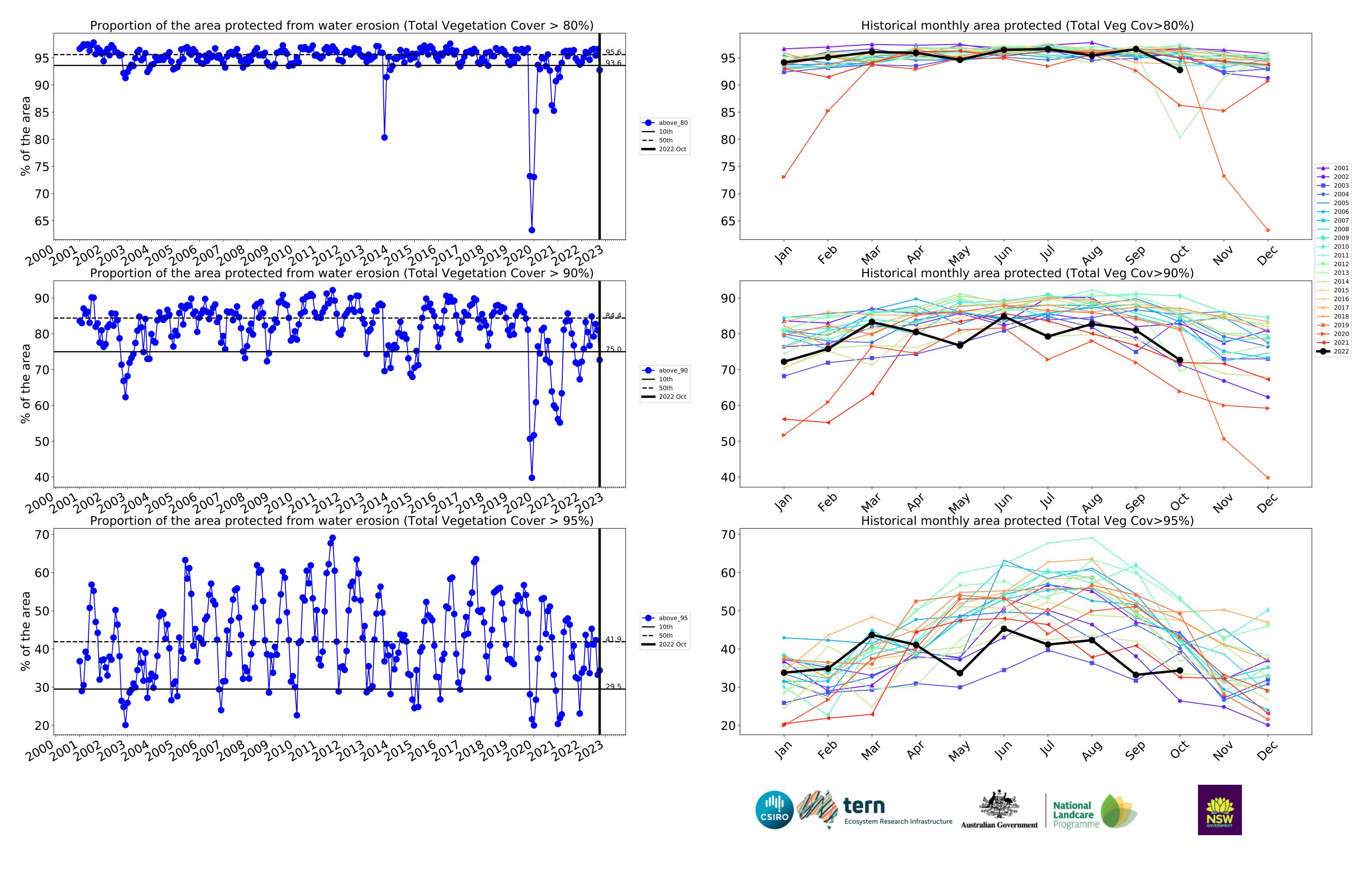


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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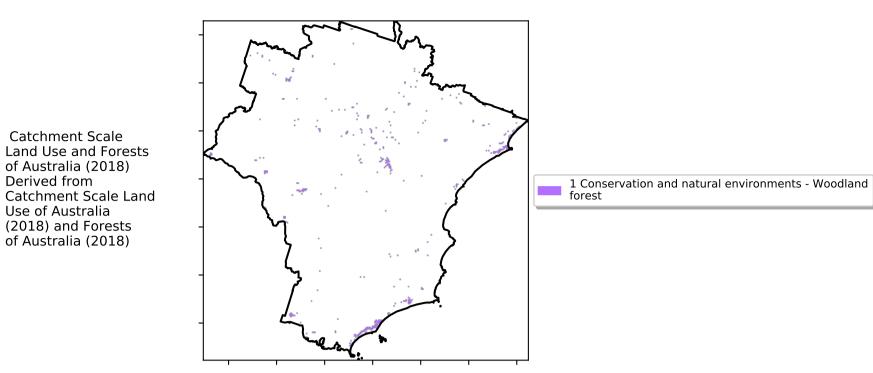
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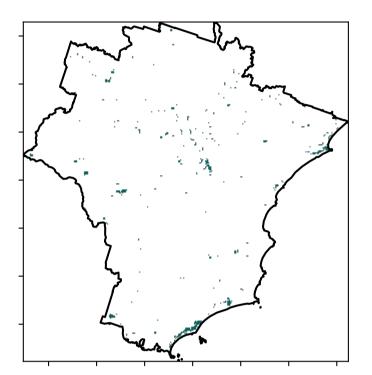


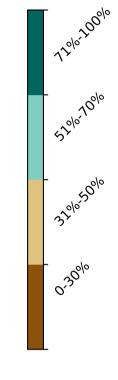
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Land use and forest cover

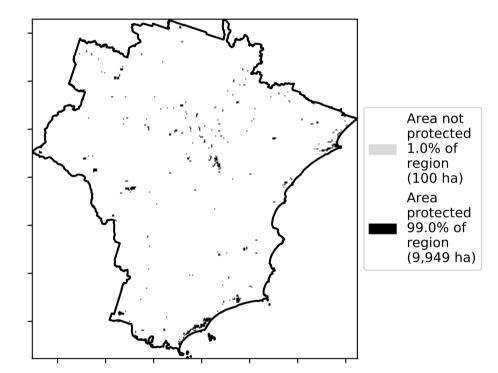


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

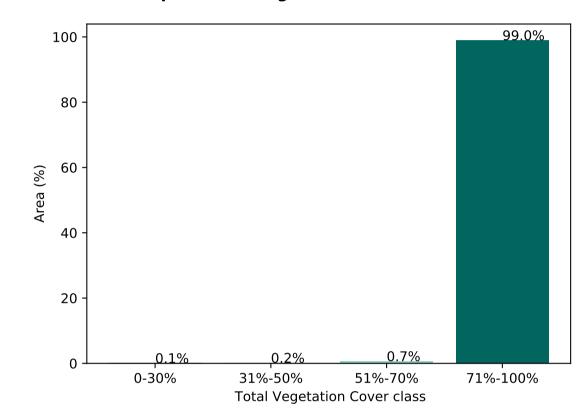




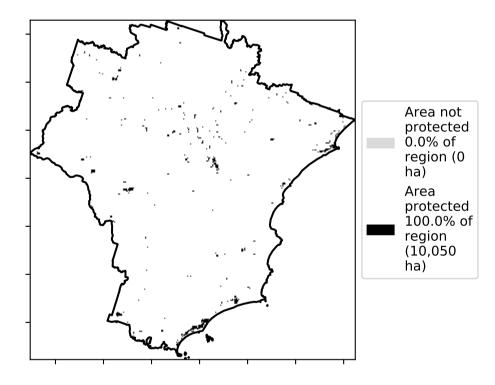
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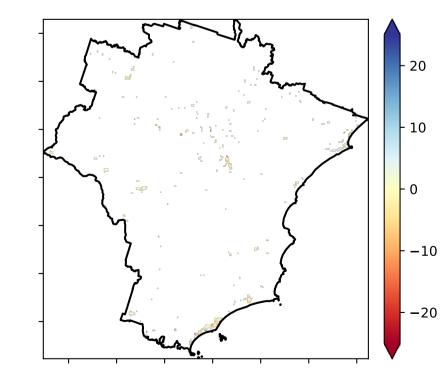
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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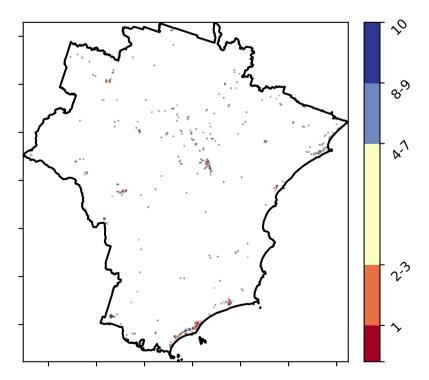


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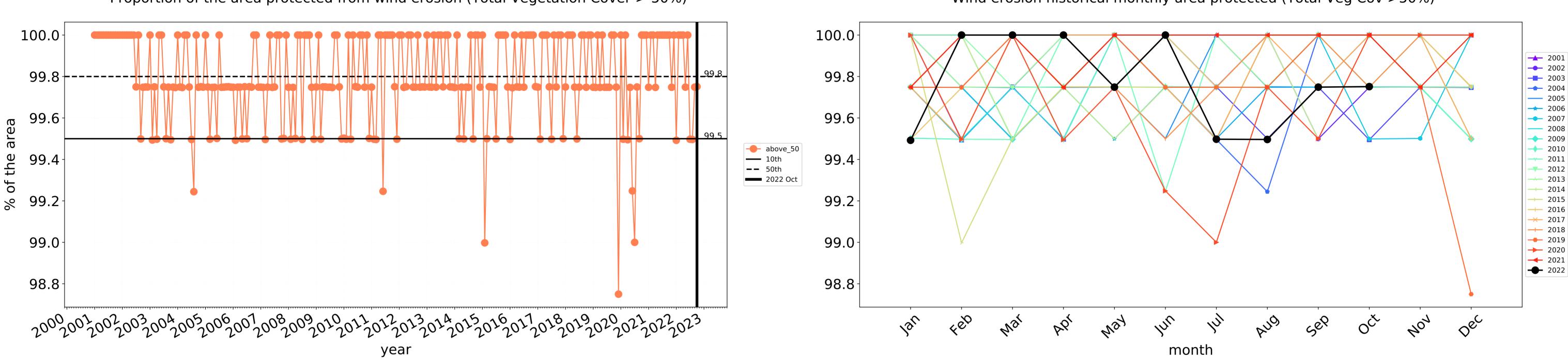






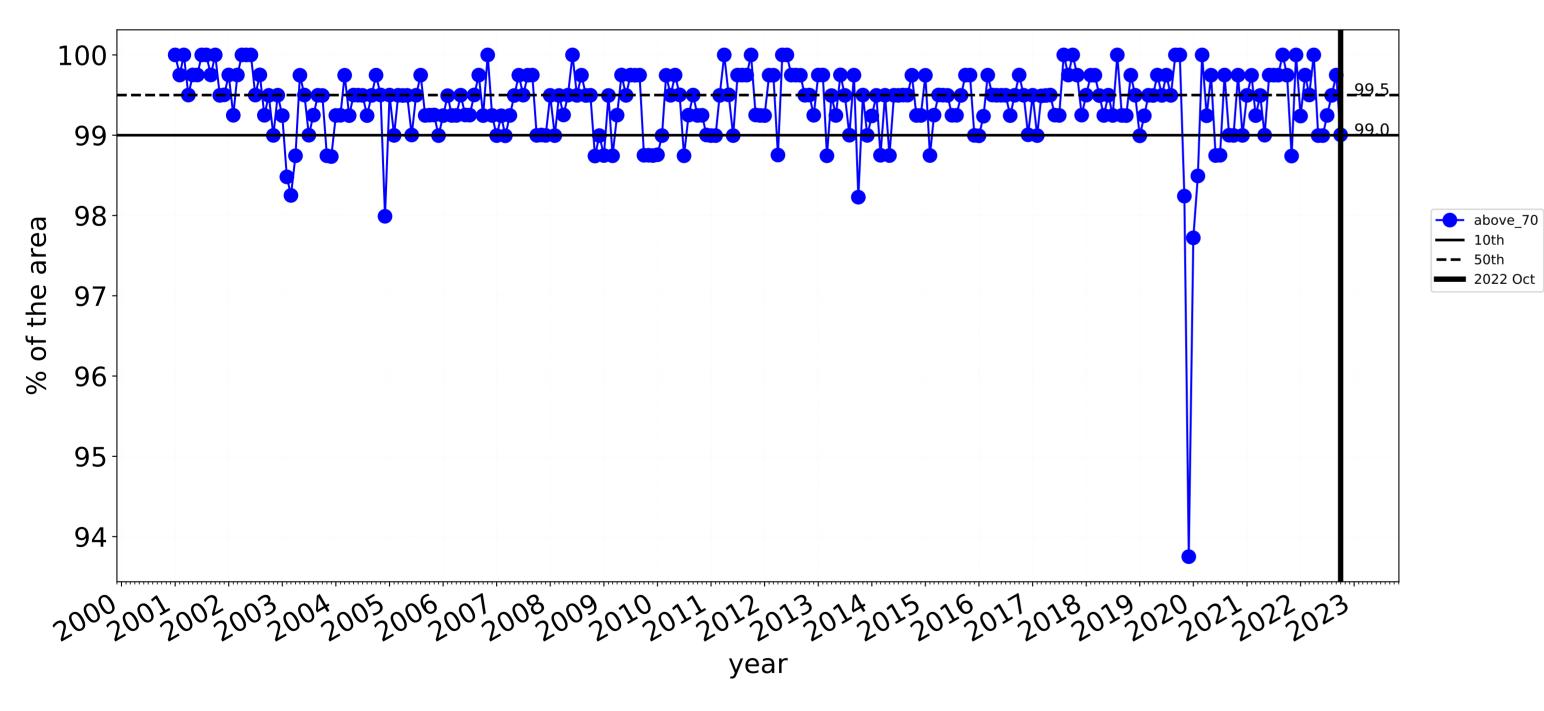
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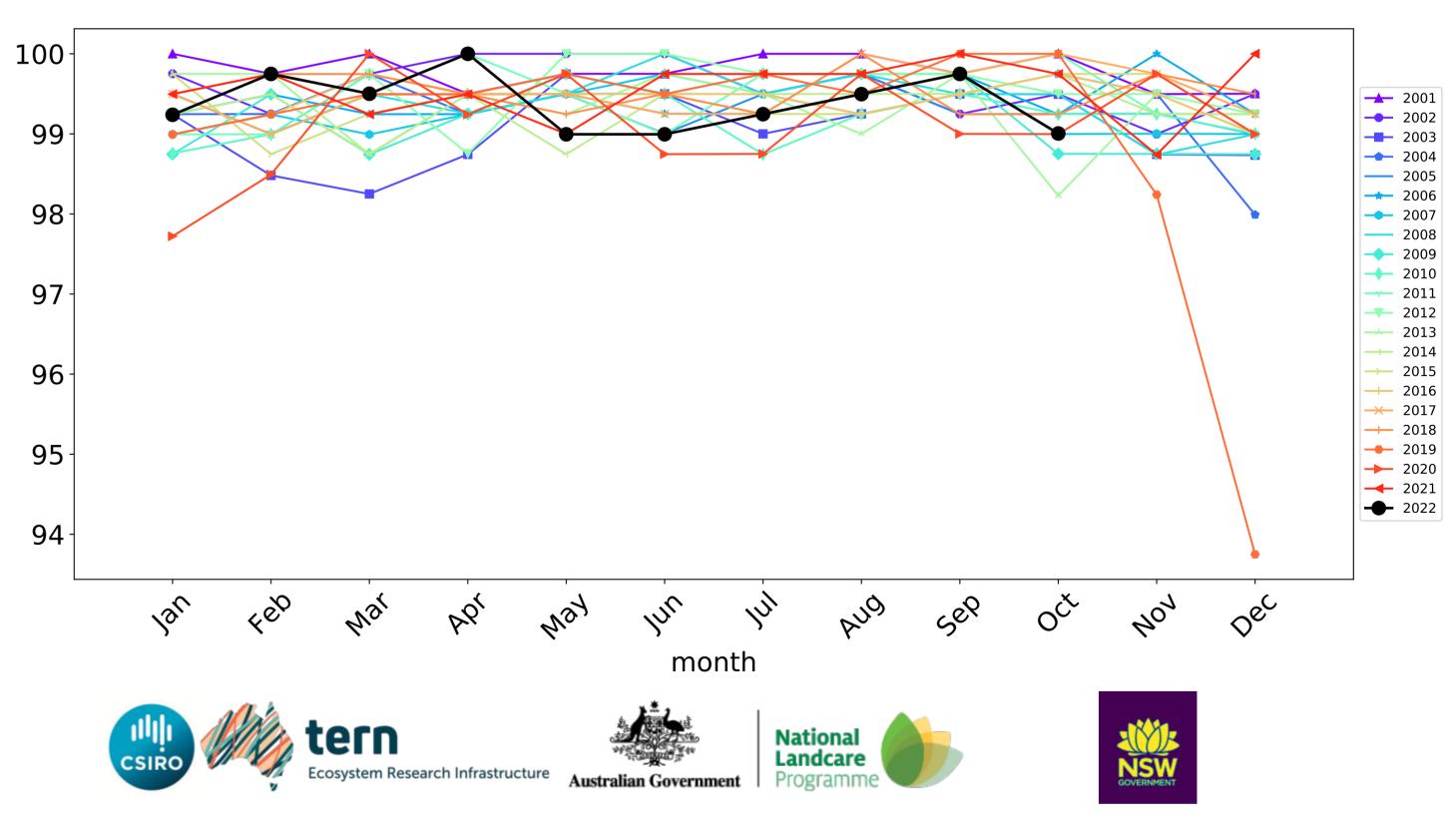


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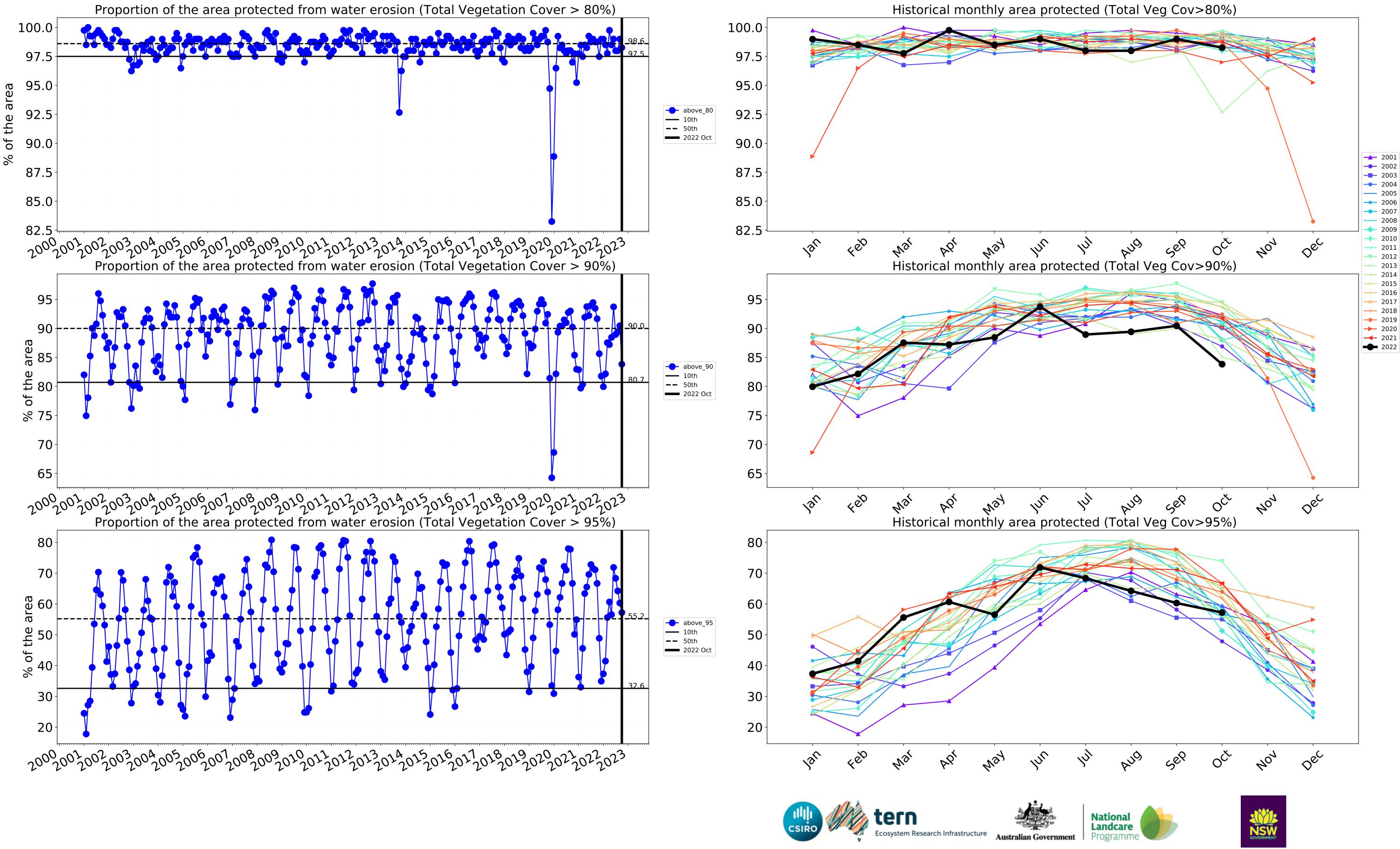
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



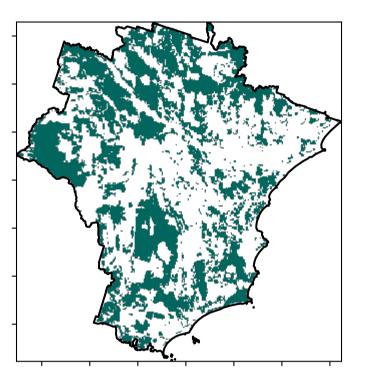
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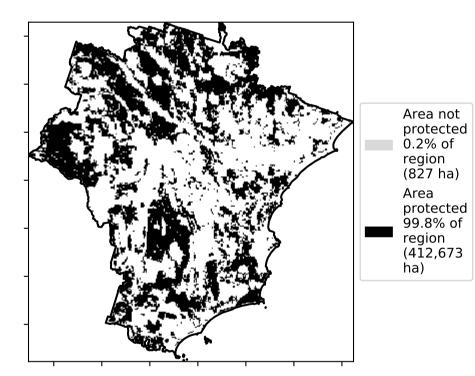
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Land use and forest cover 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

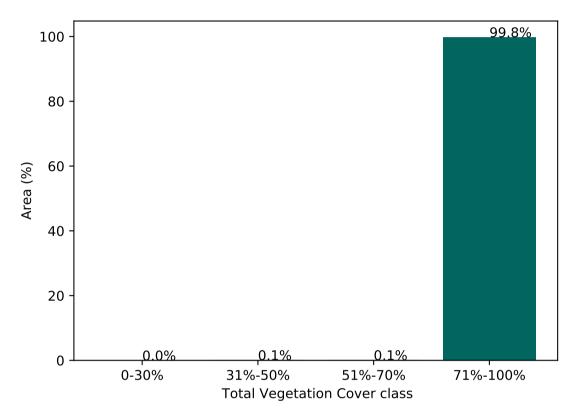


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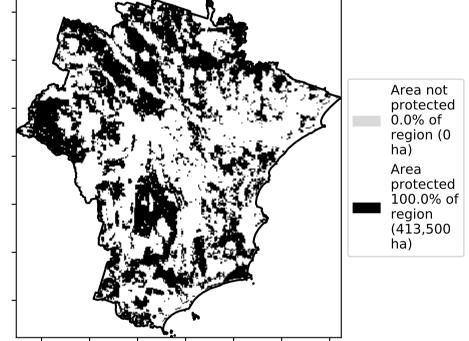


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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



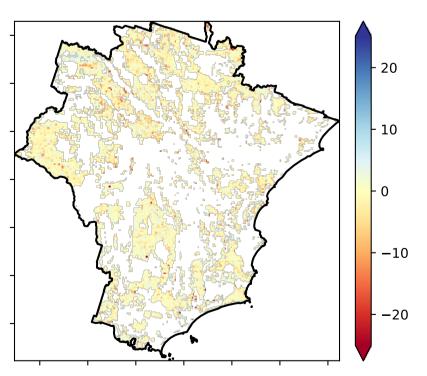
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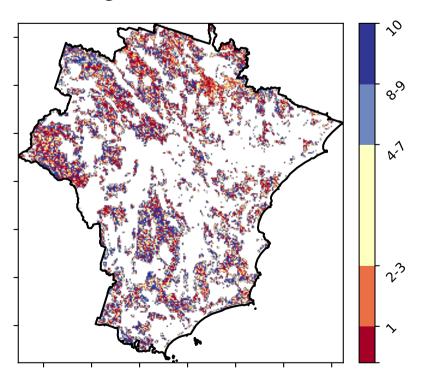
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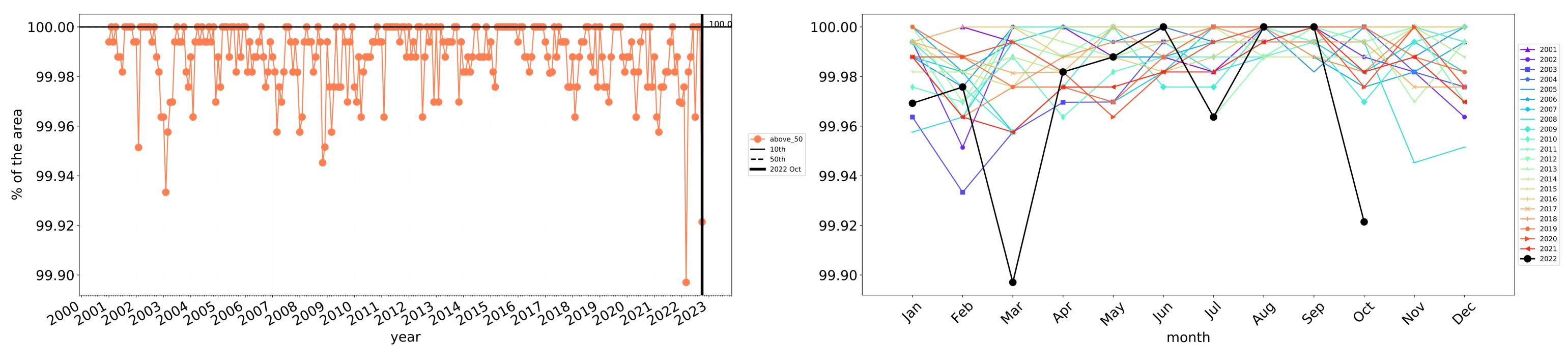


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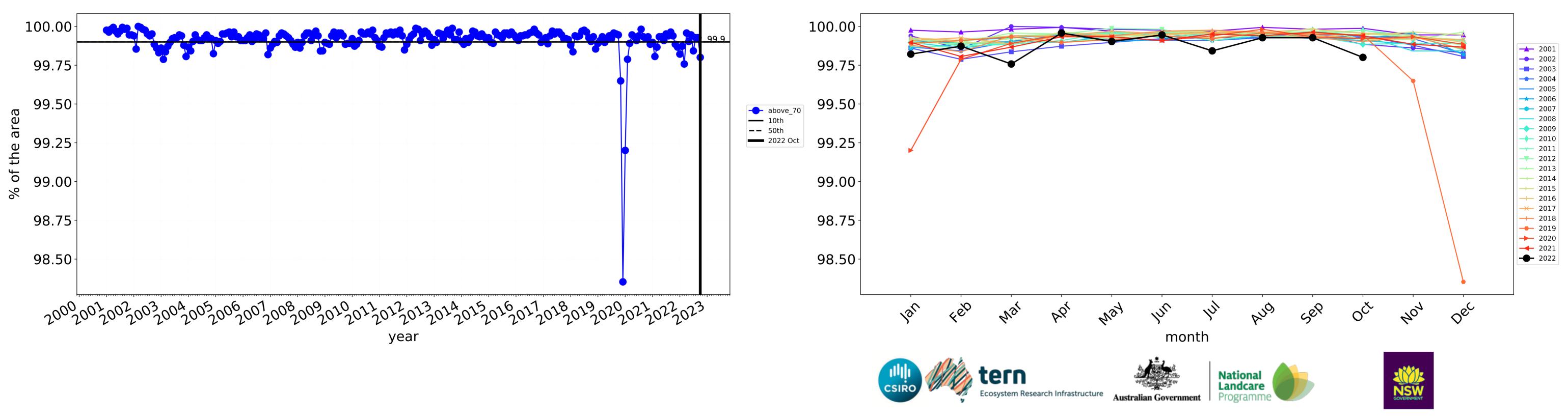






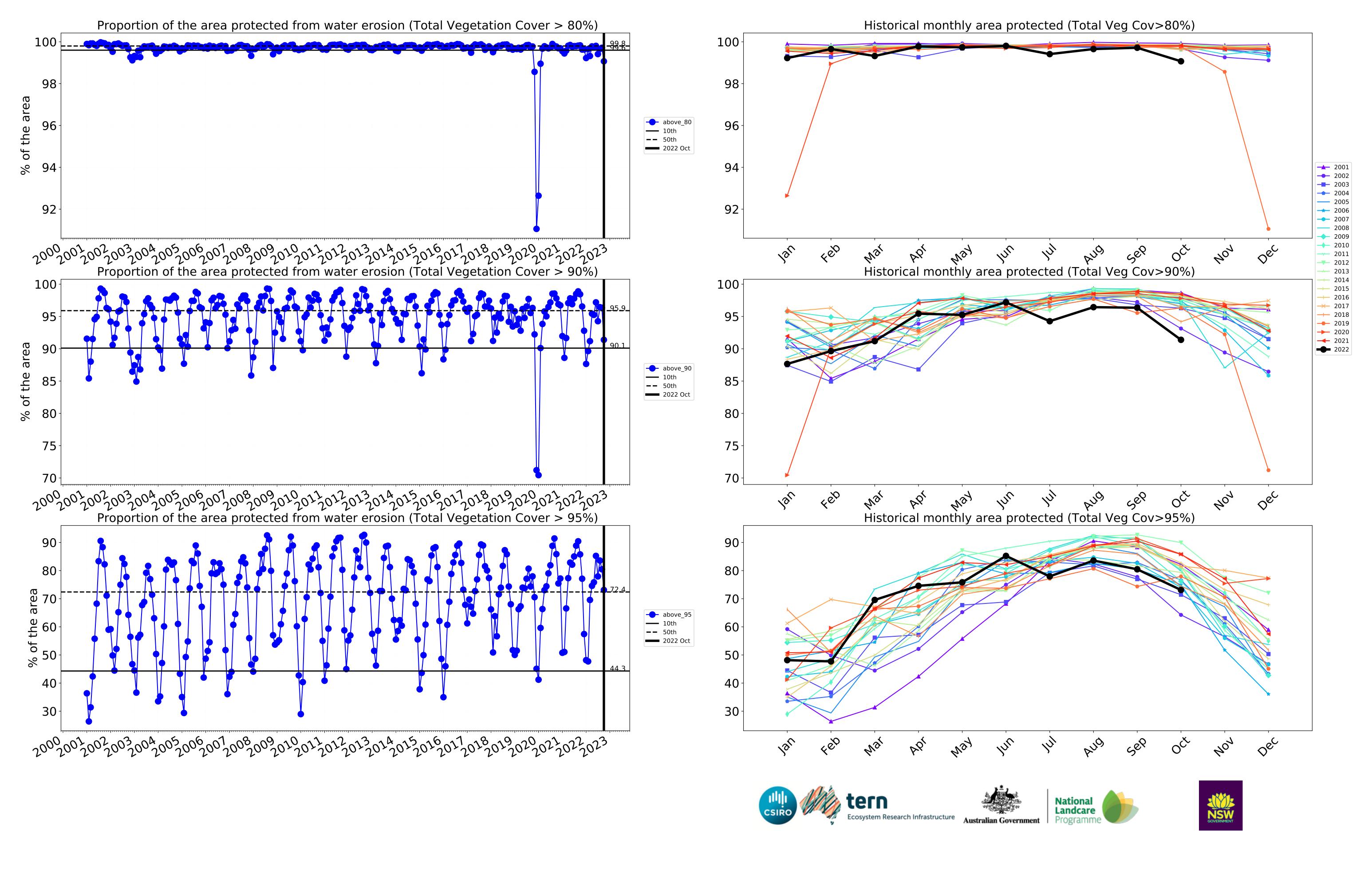
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

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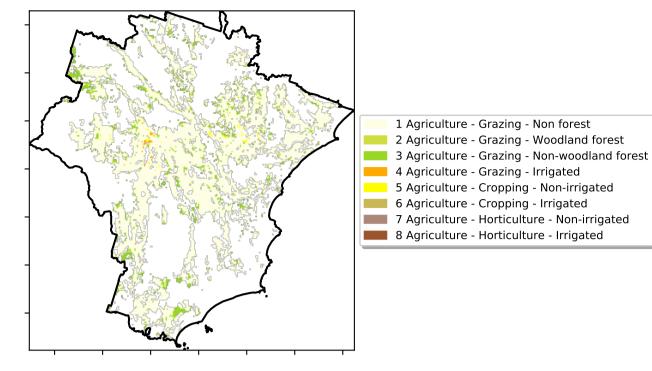


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#### Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



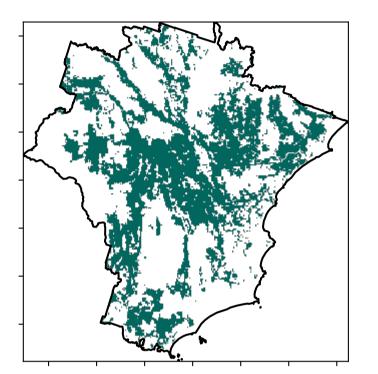
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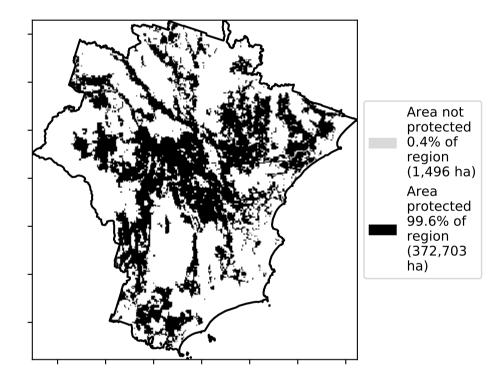
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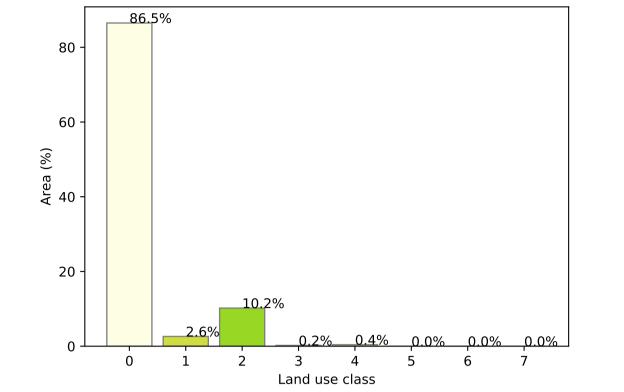
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

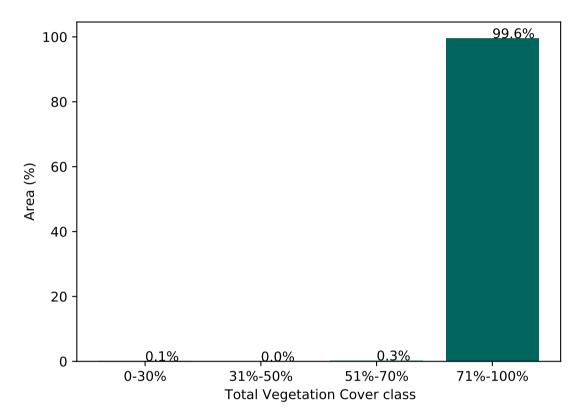


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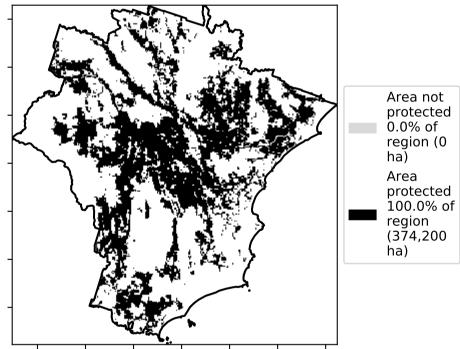




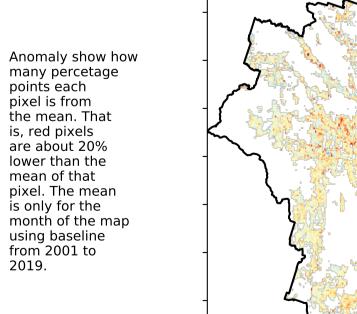
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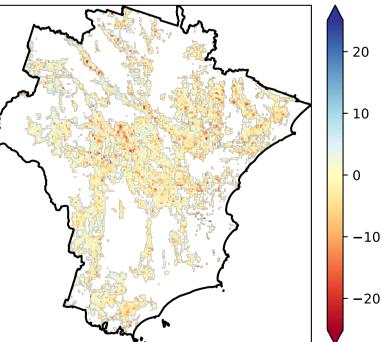


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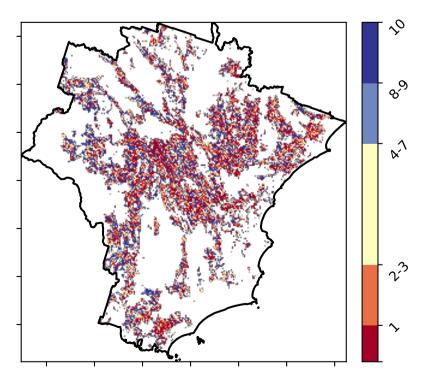
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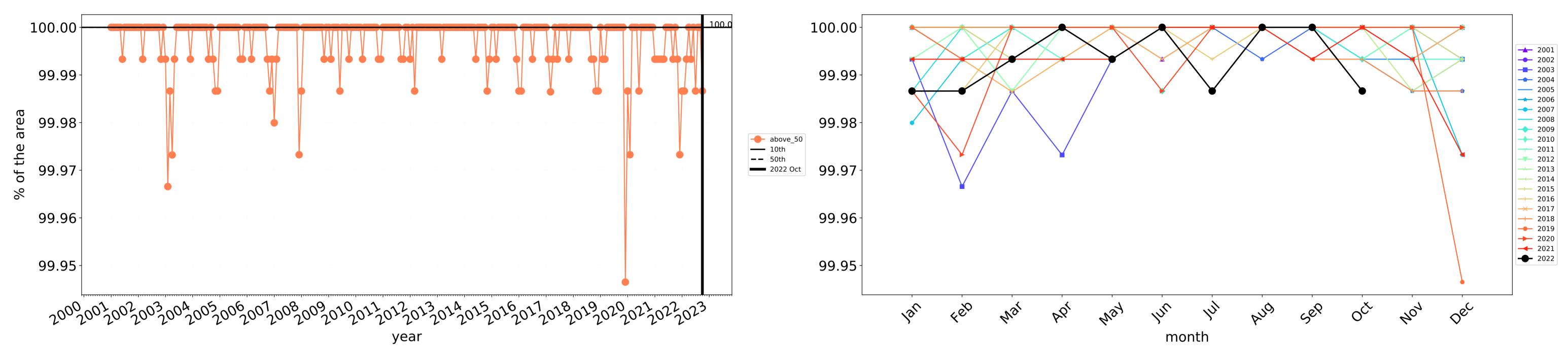
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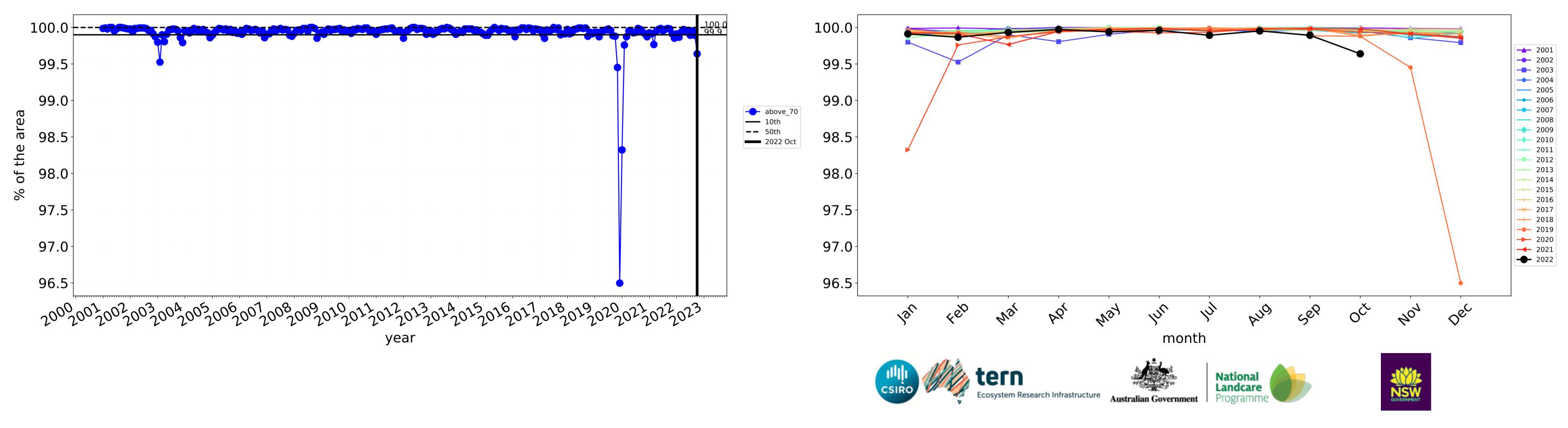






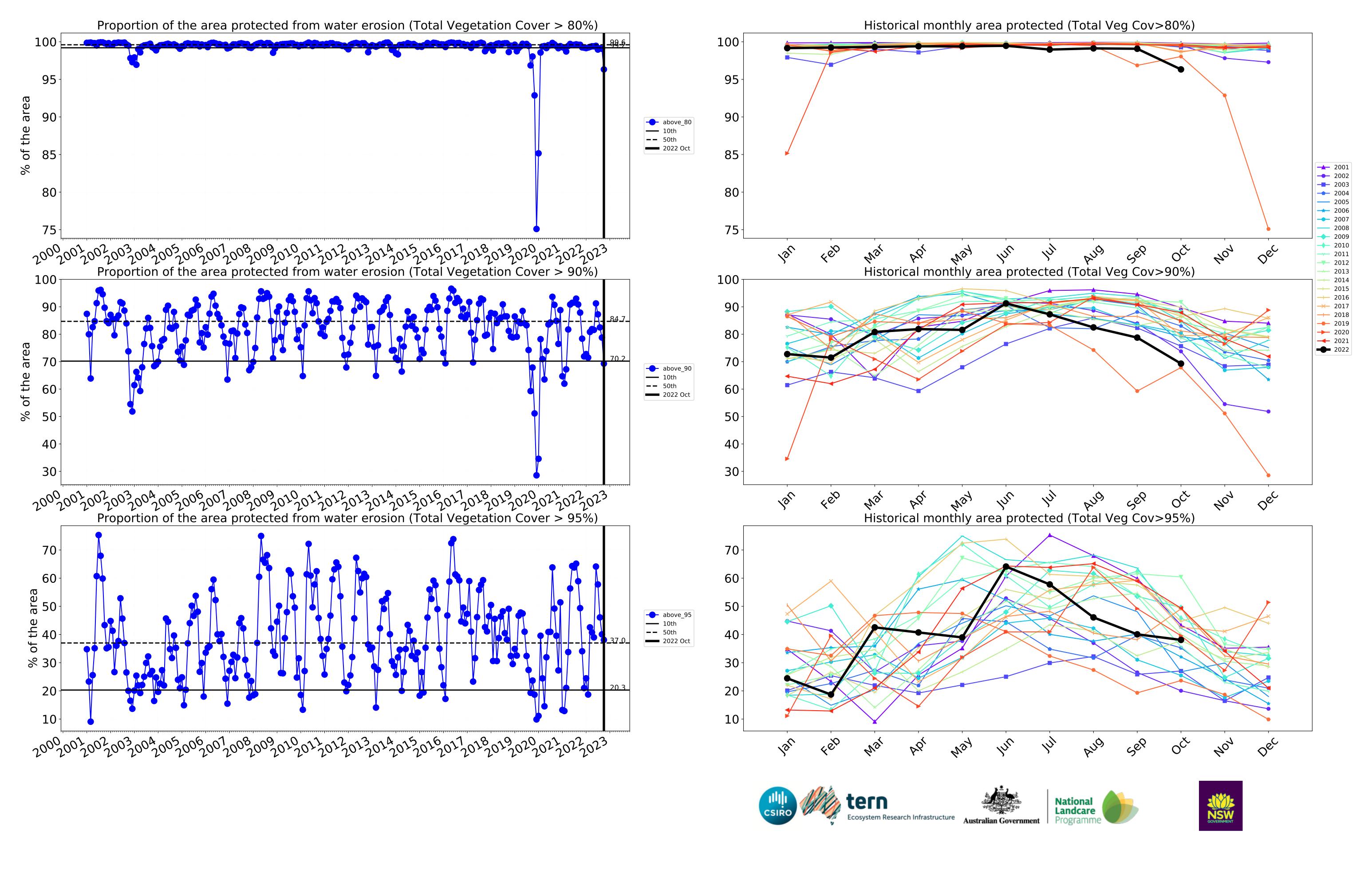
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



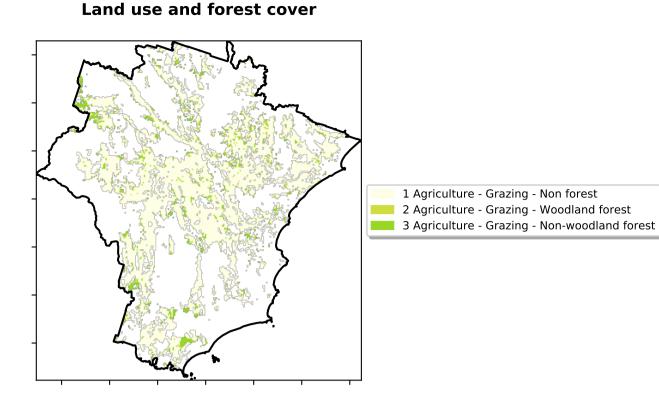
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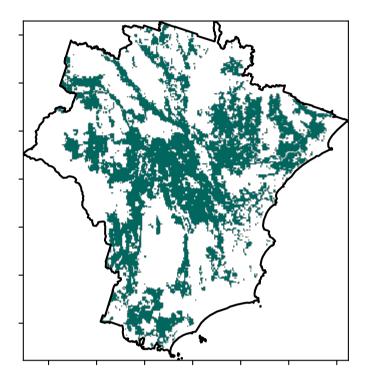


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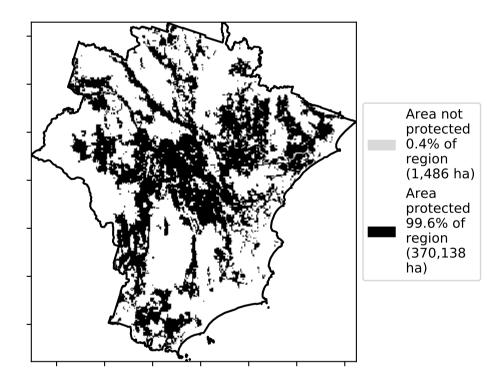
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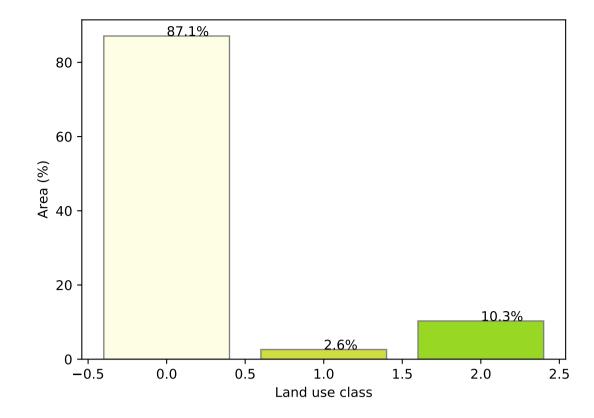
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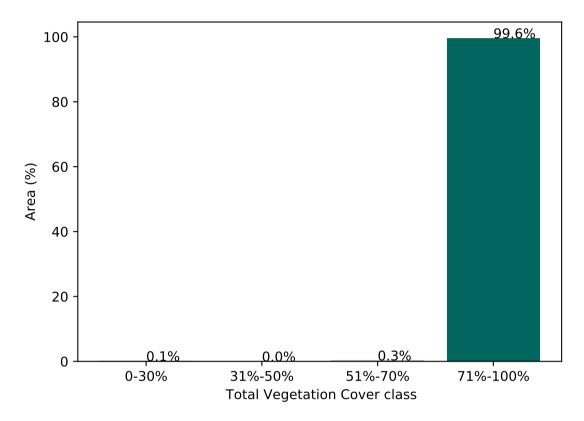


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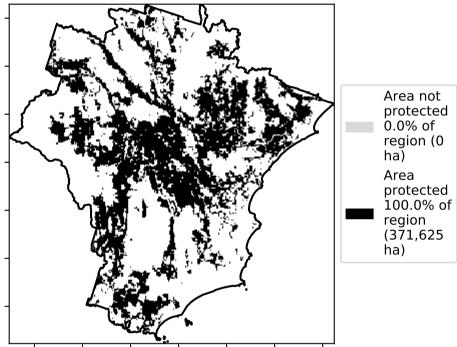


#### Proportion of each land class in area

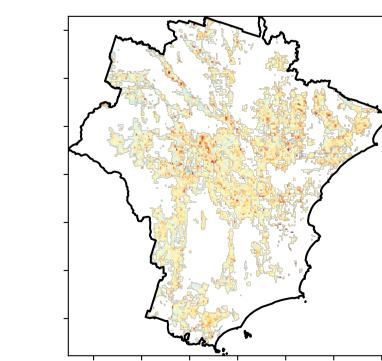
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

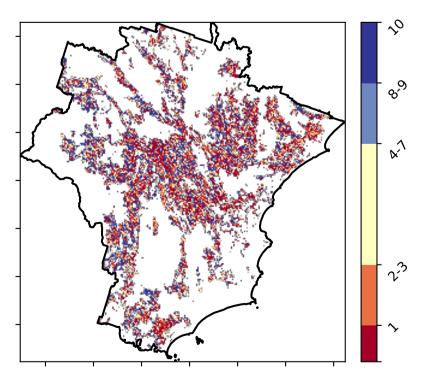


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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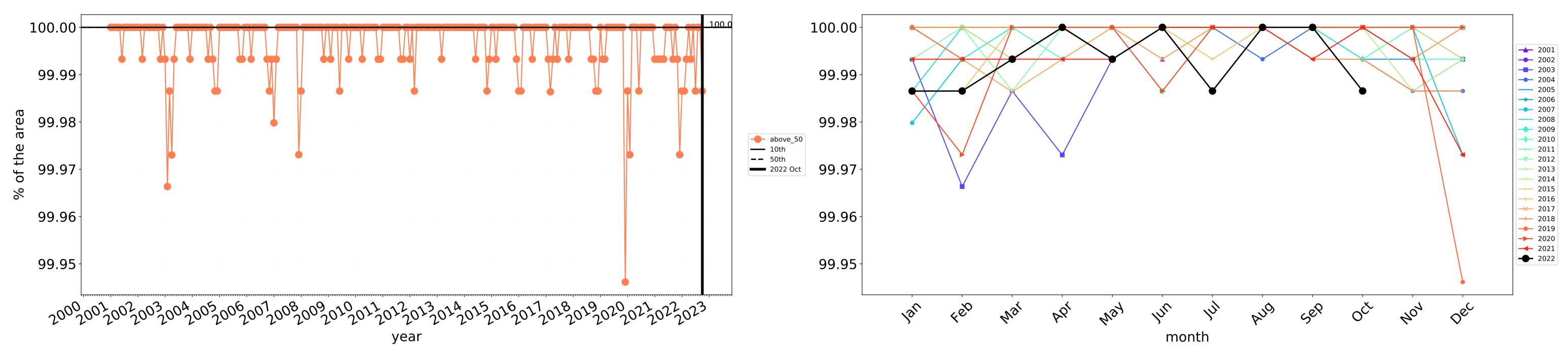
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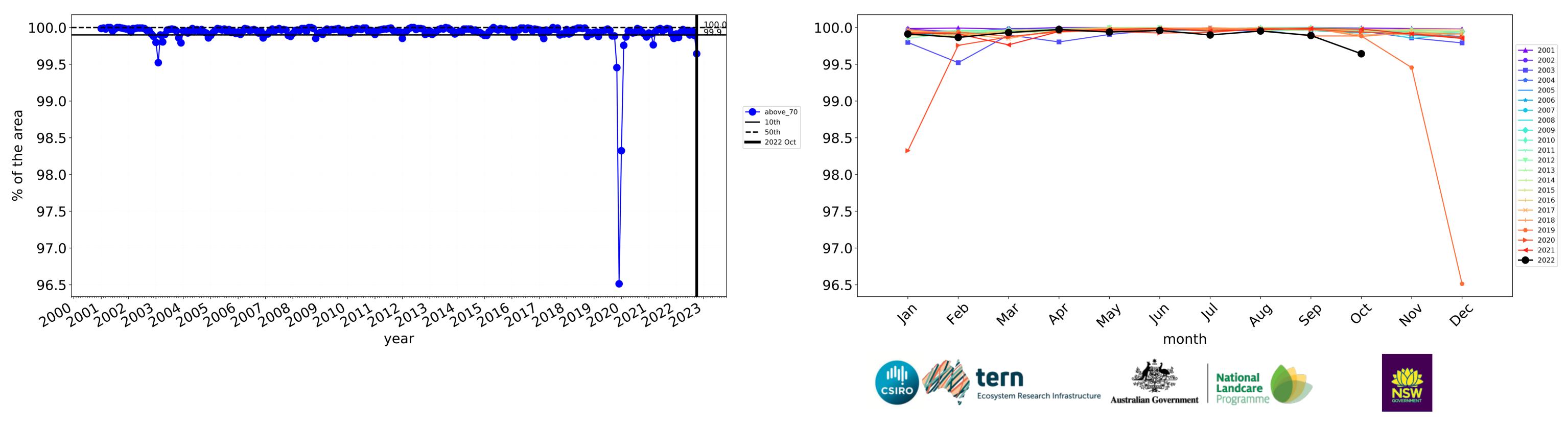
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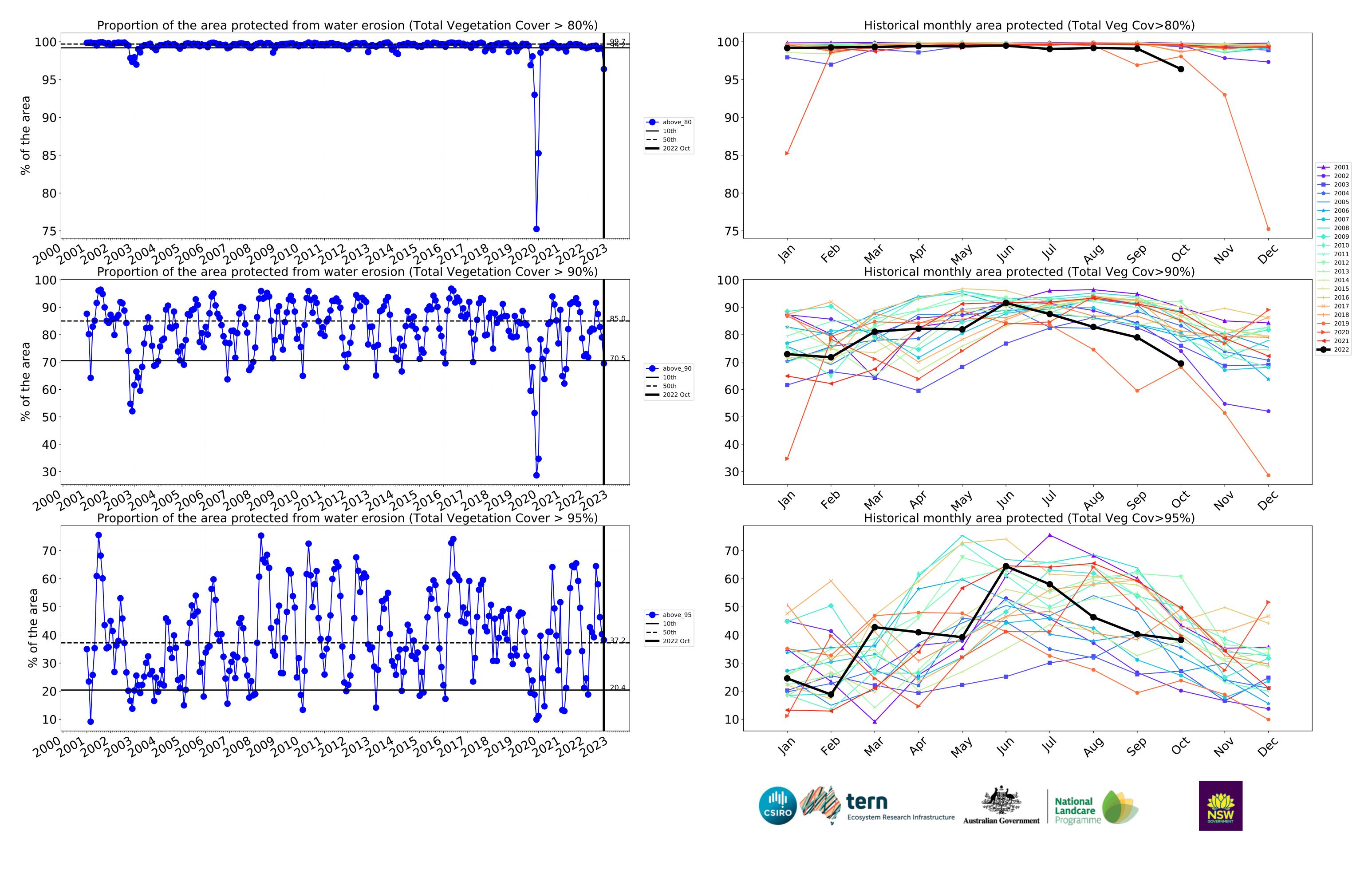
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

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



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## **Grazing non forest**

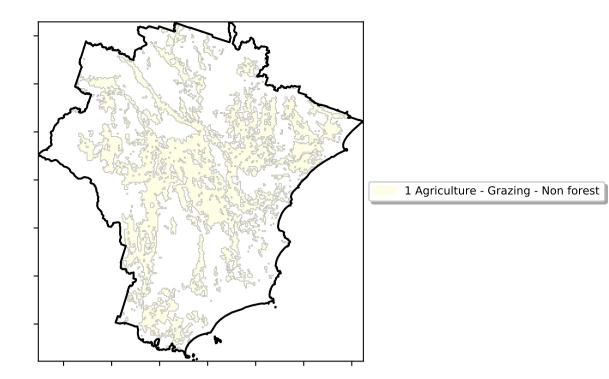
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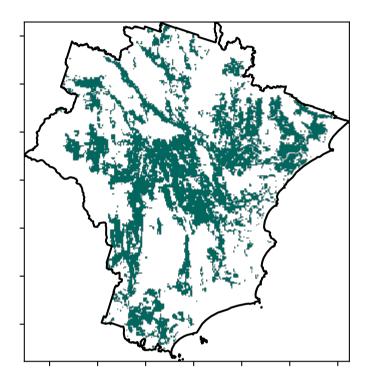
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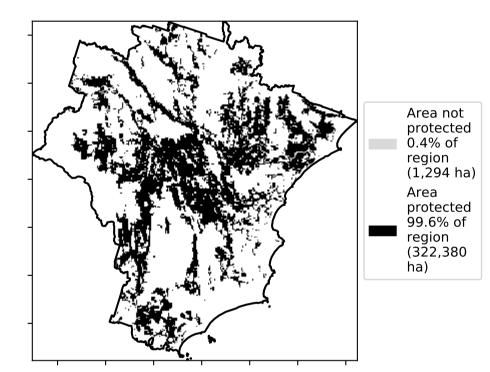
Land use and forest cover



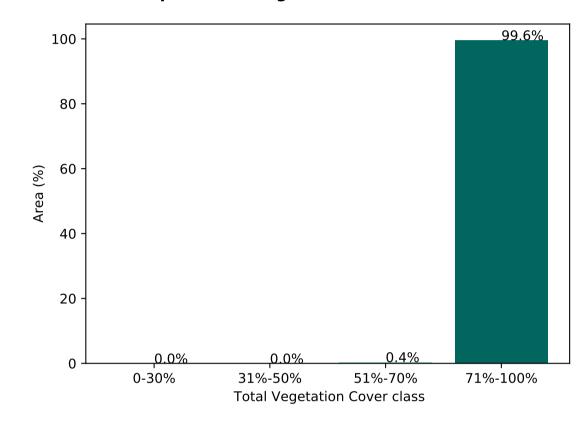
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



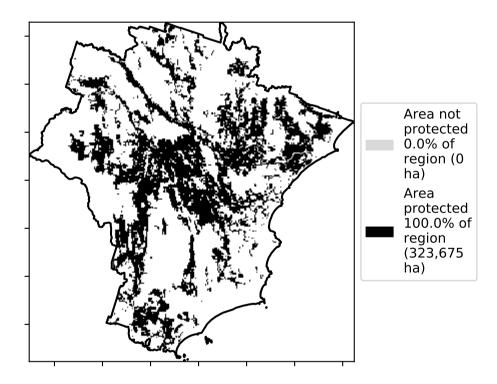




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

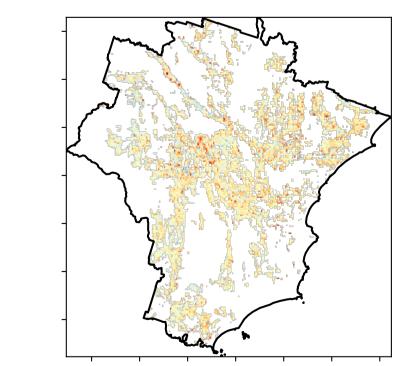


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



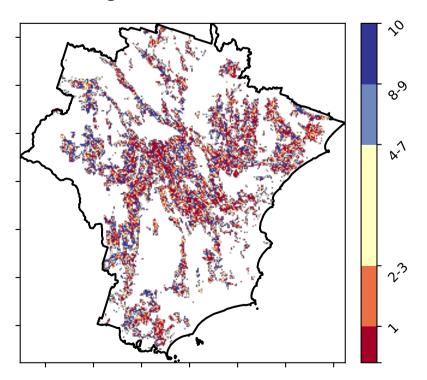
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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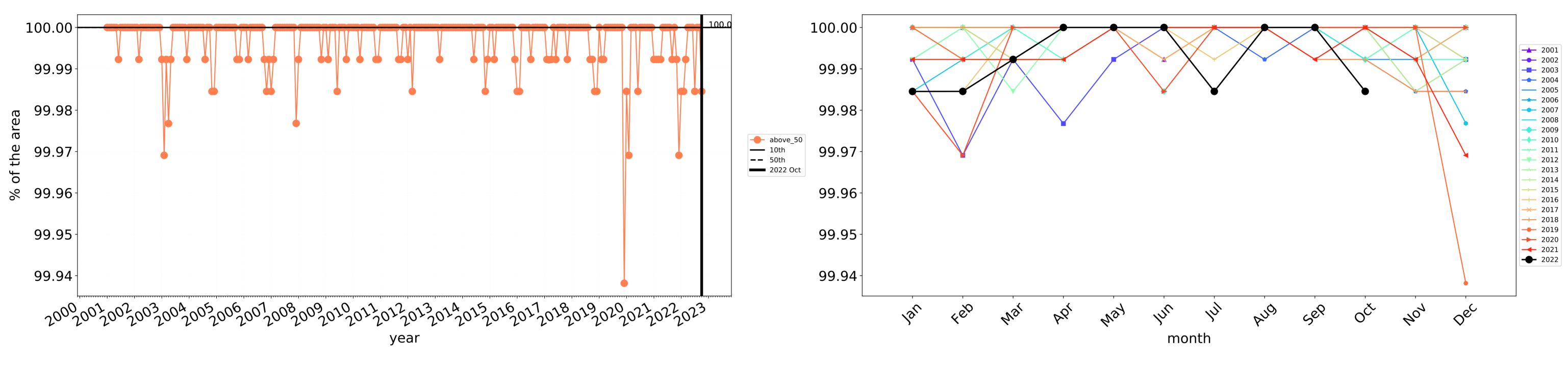
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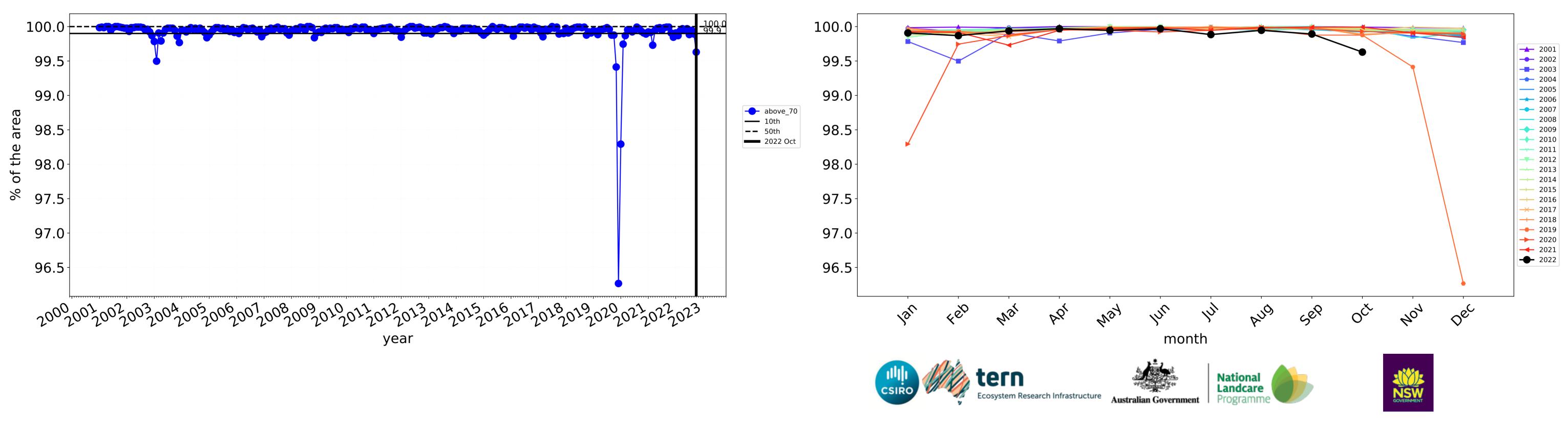
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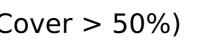




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

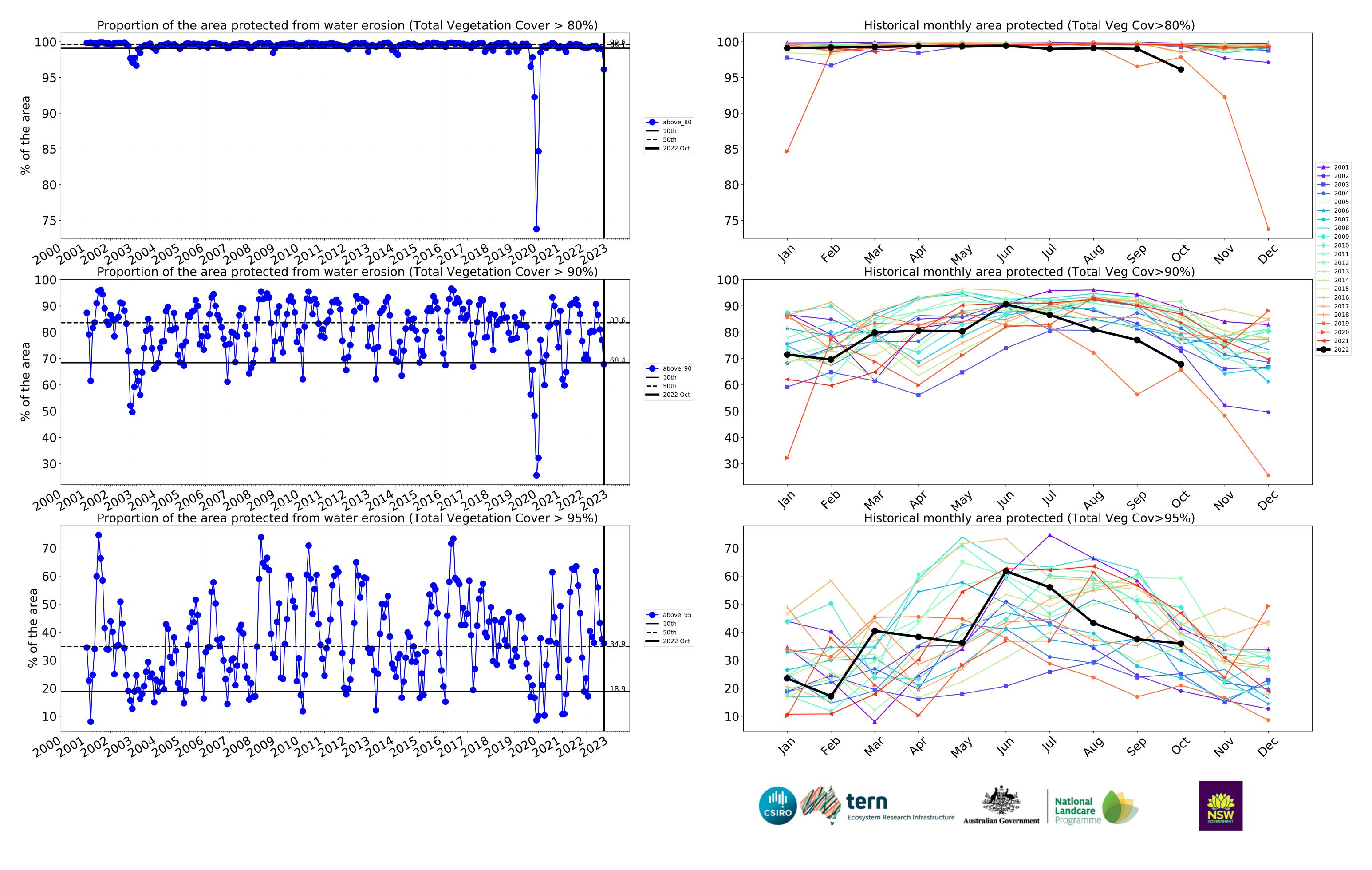
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





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

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



## **Grazing Woodland forest**

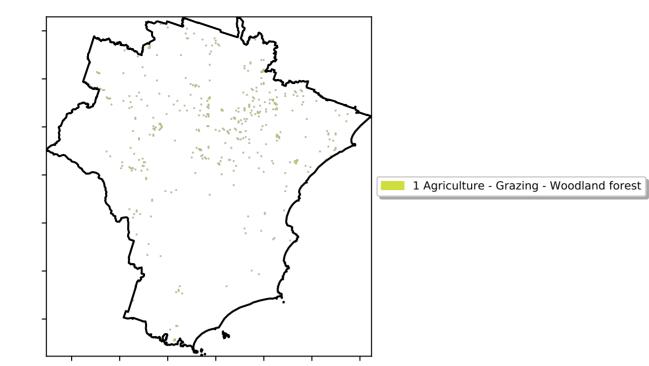
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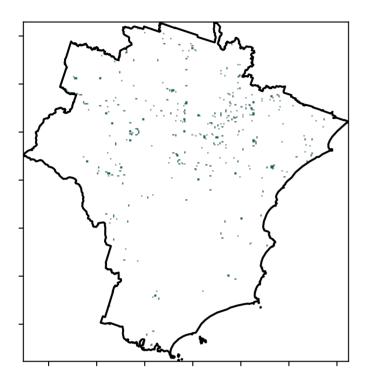
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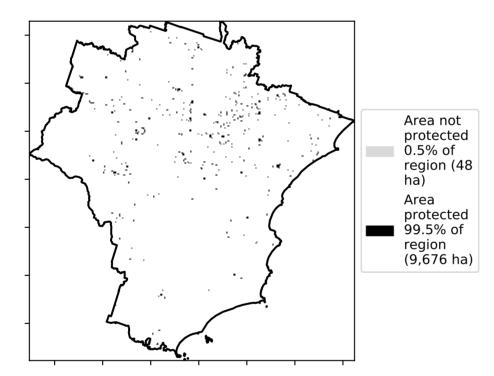
Land use and forest cover



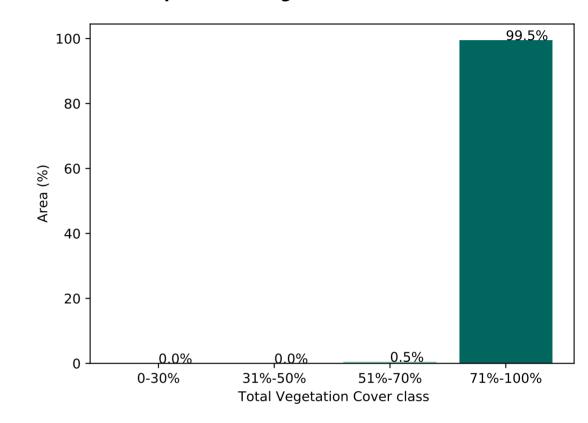
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



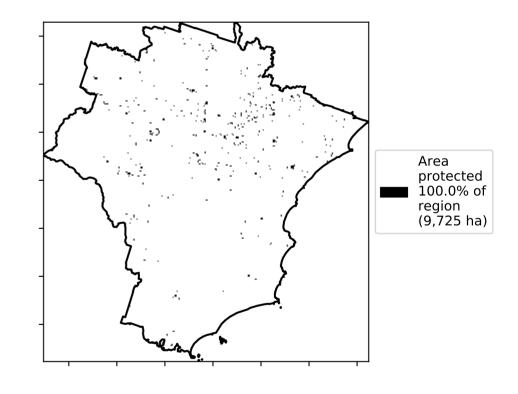




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

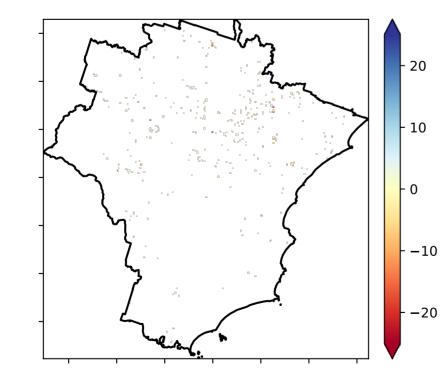


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



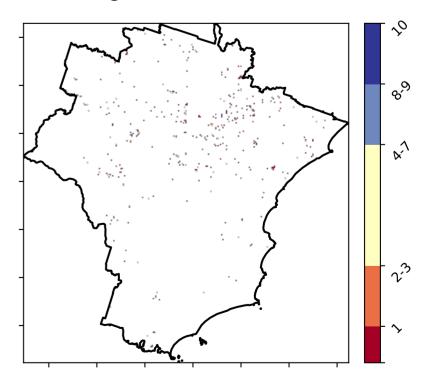


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

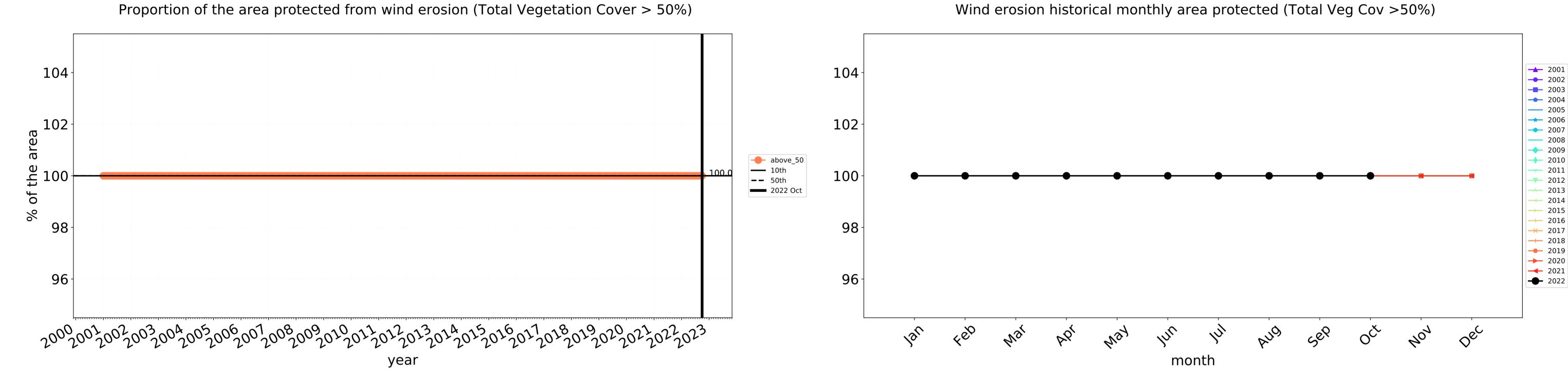




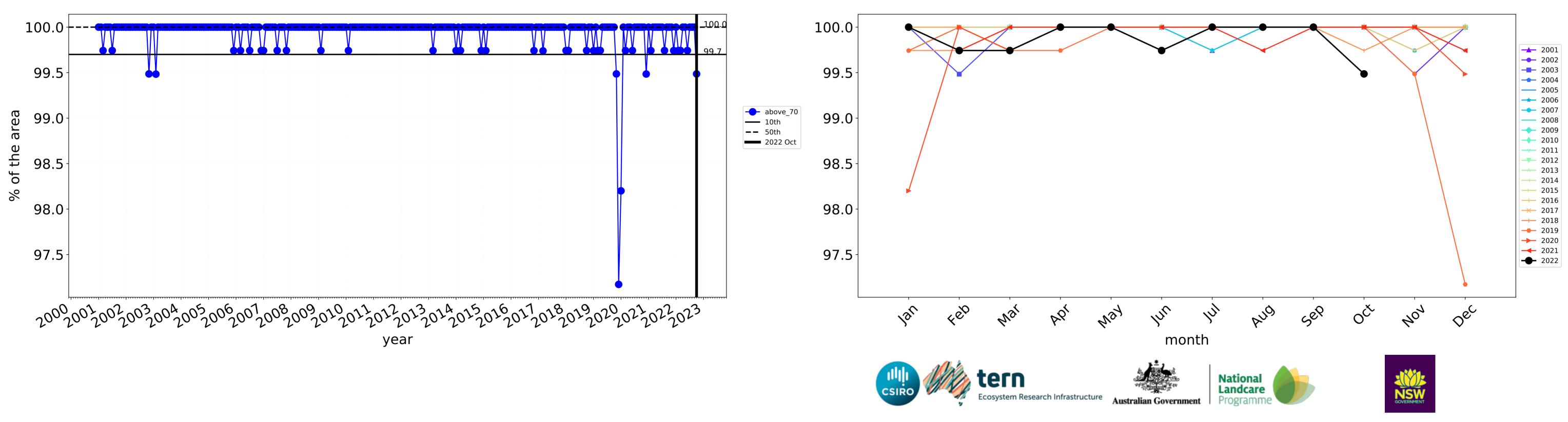
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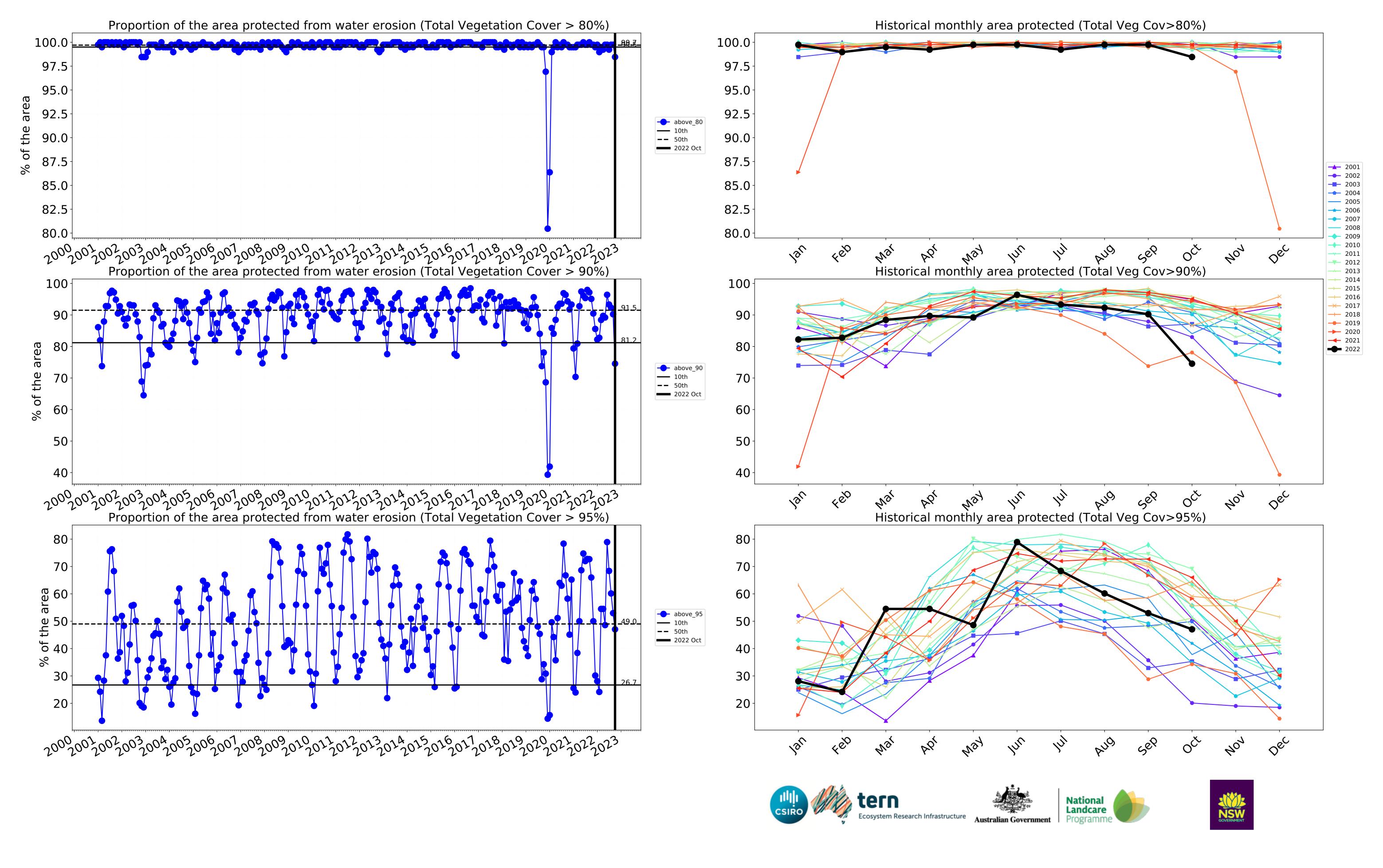
## Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



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)**

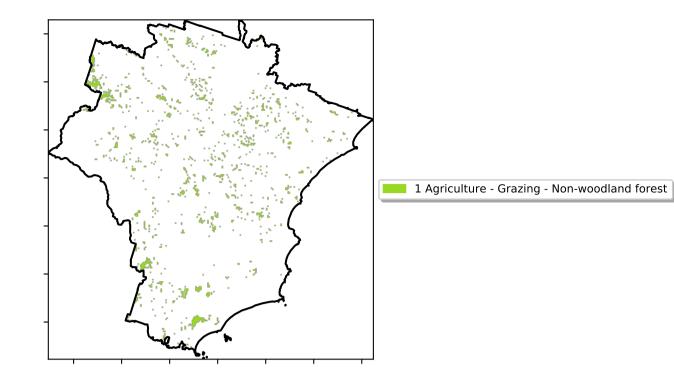
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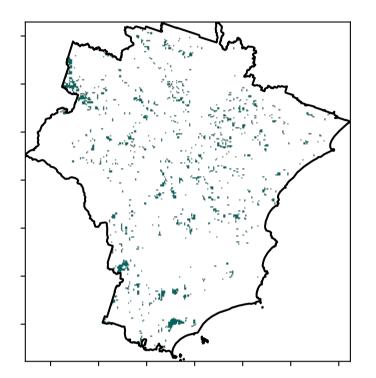
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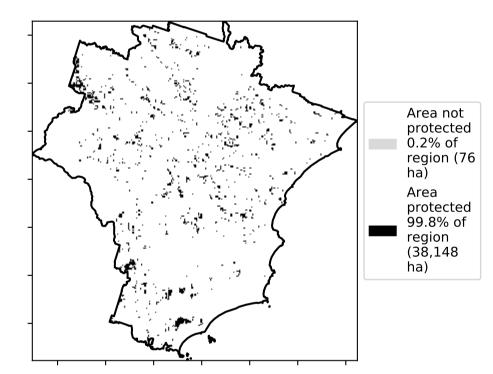
Land use and forest cover



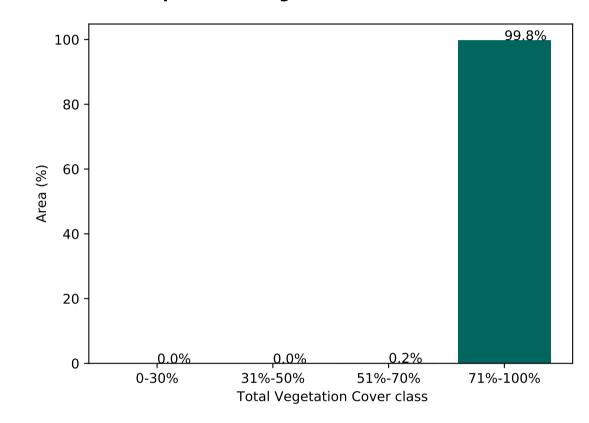
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



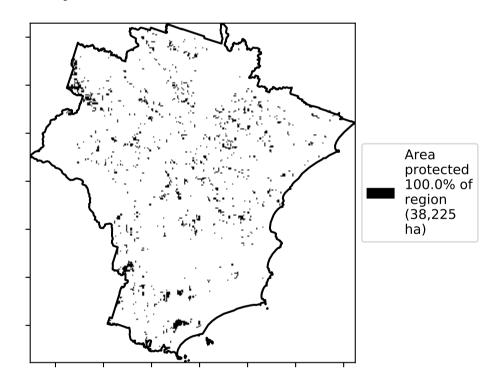




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

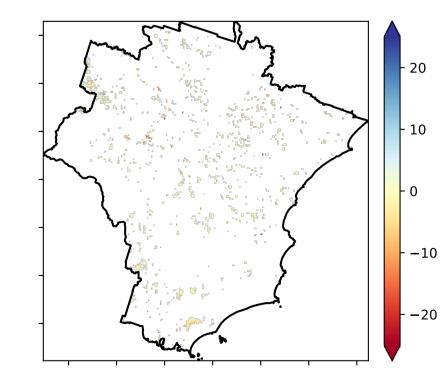


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

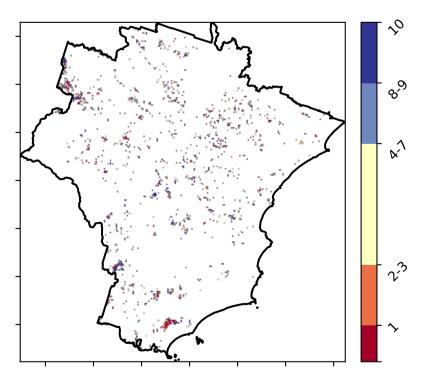


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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



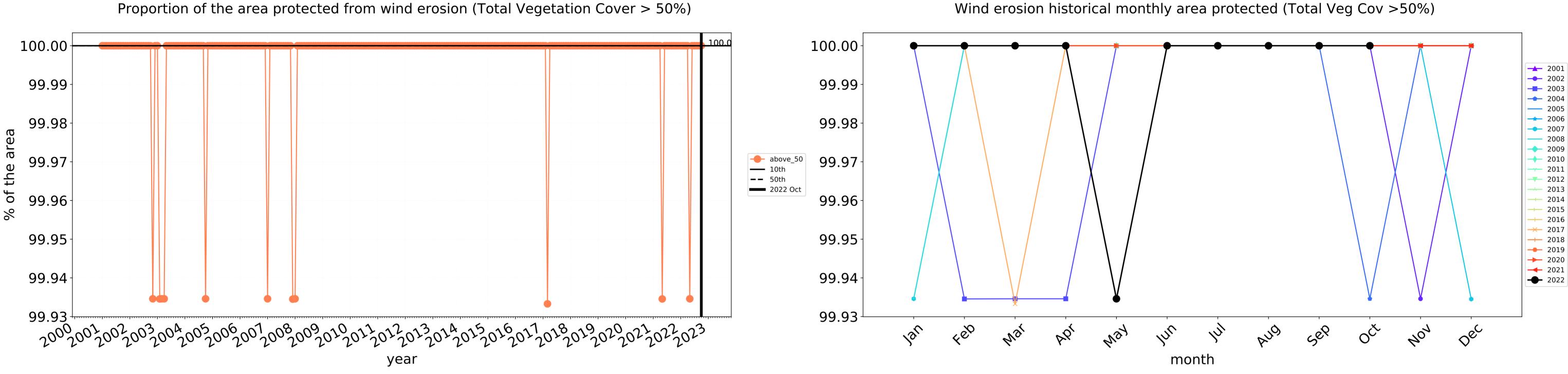
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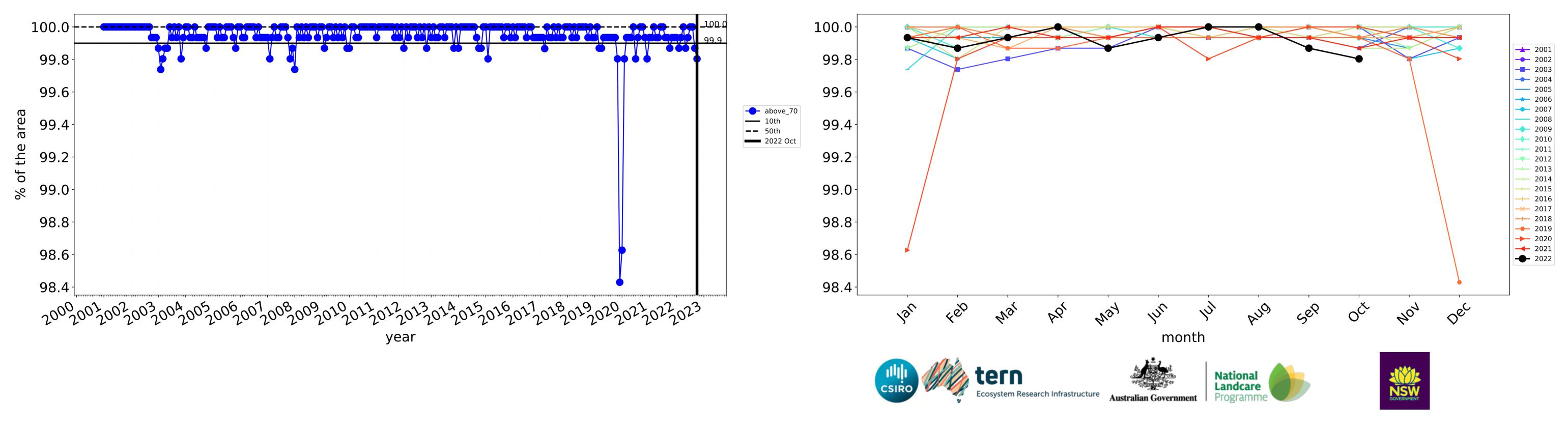
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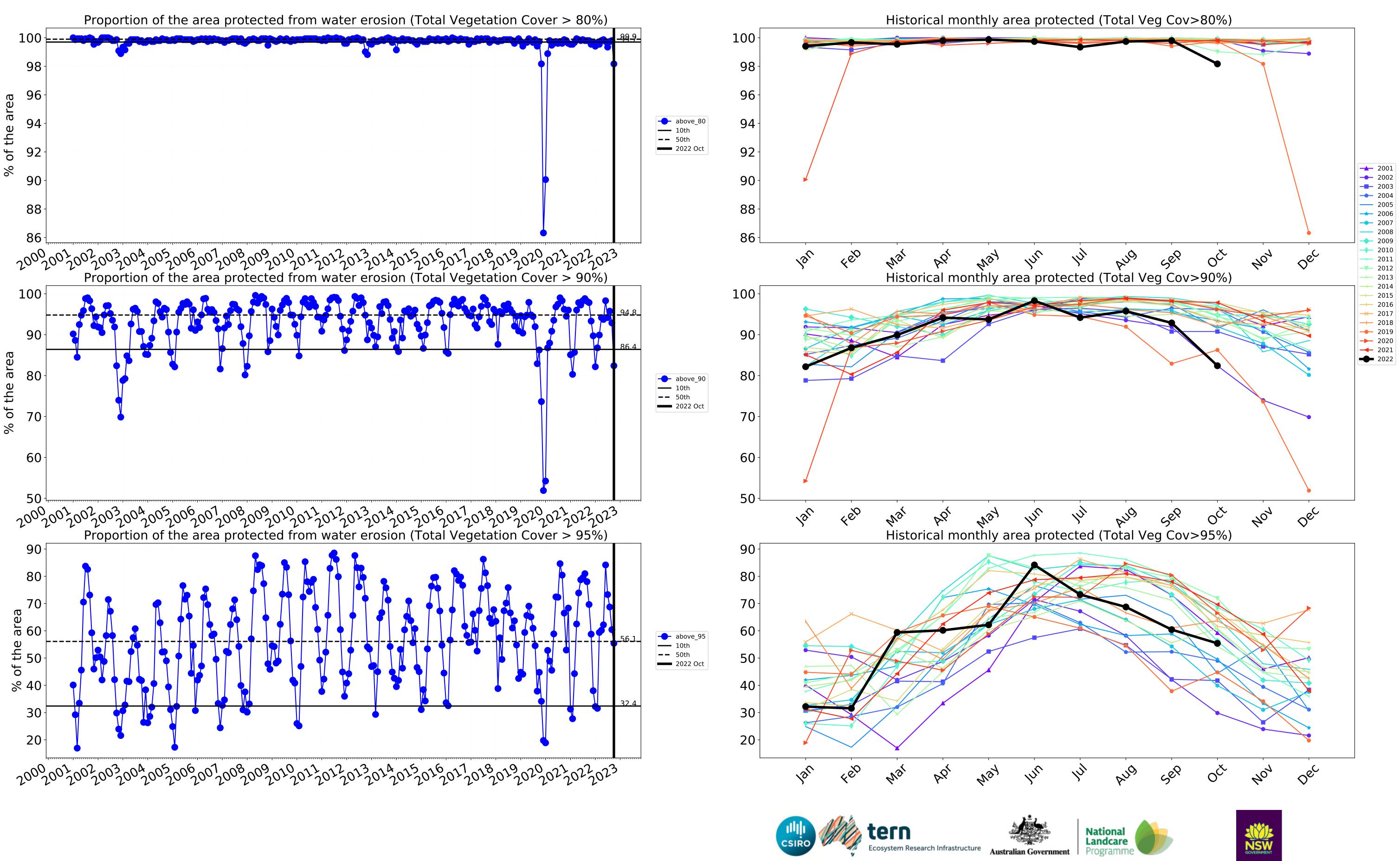


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

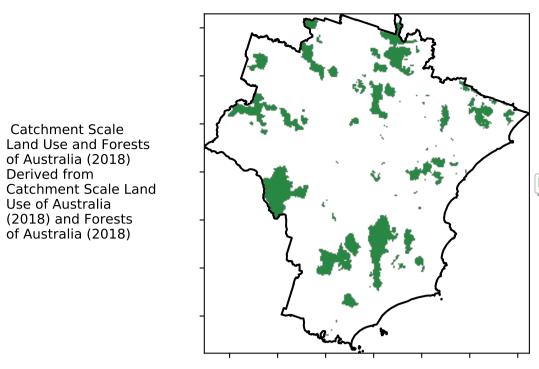


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



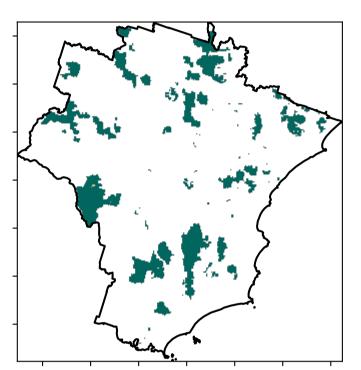
## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

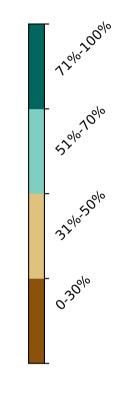
Land use and forest cover



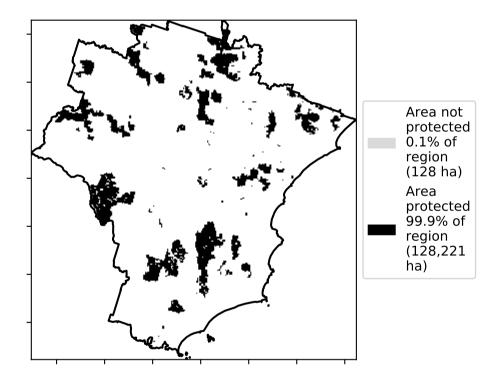
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

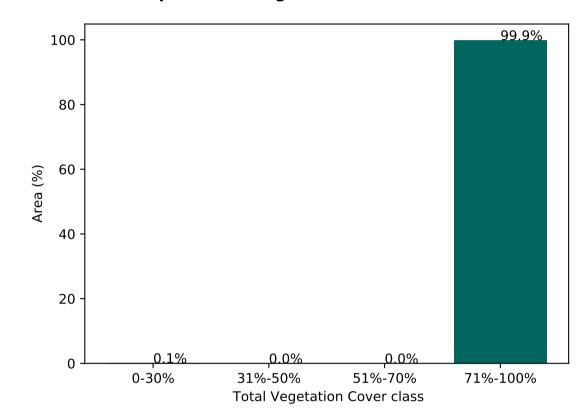




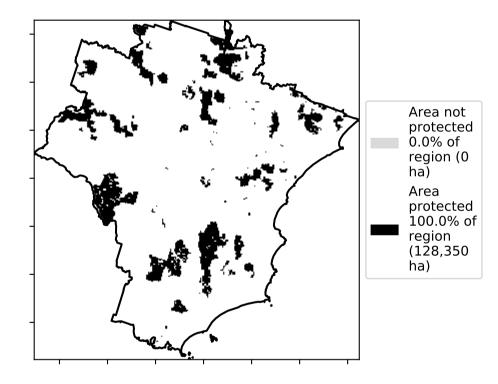
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



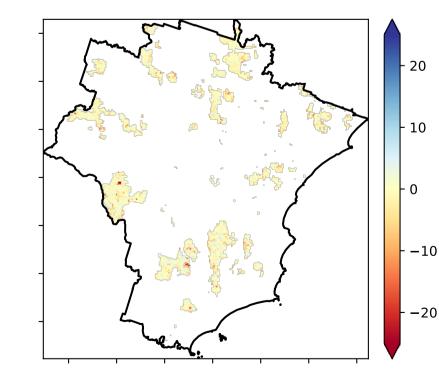
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

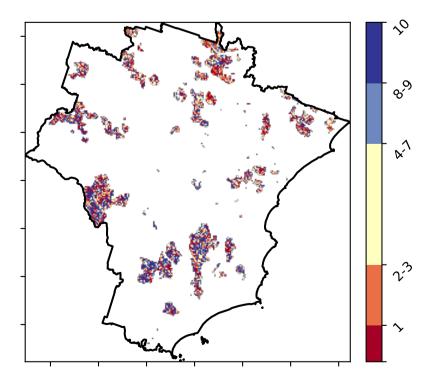


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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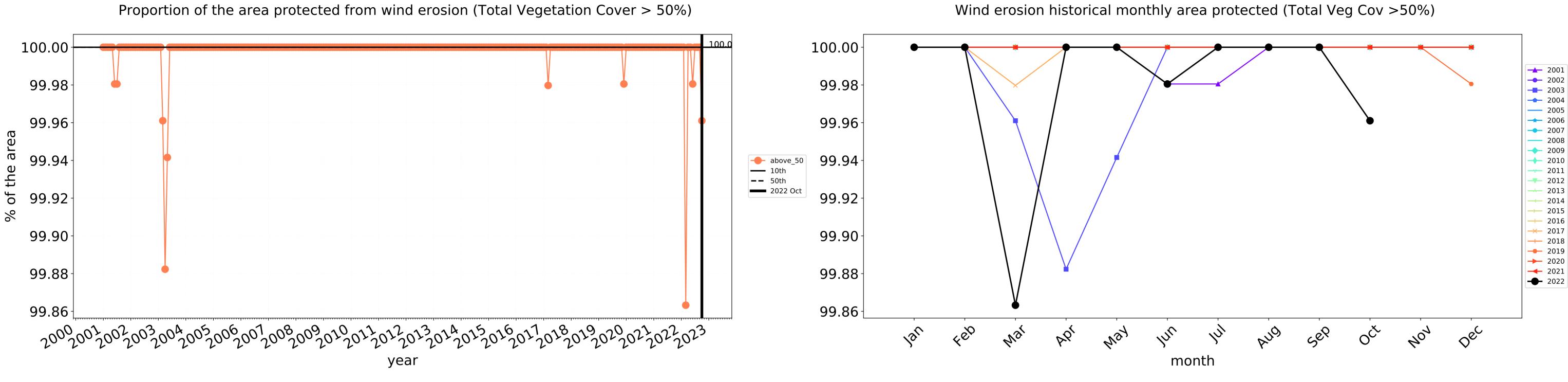
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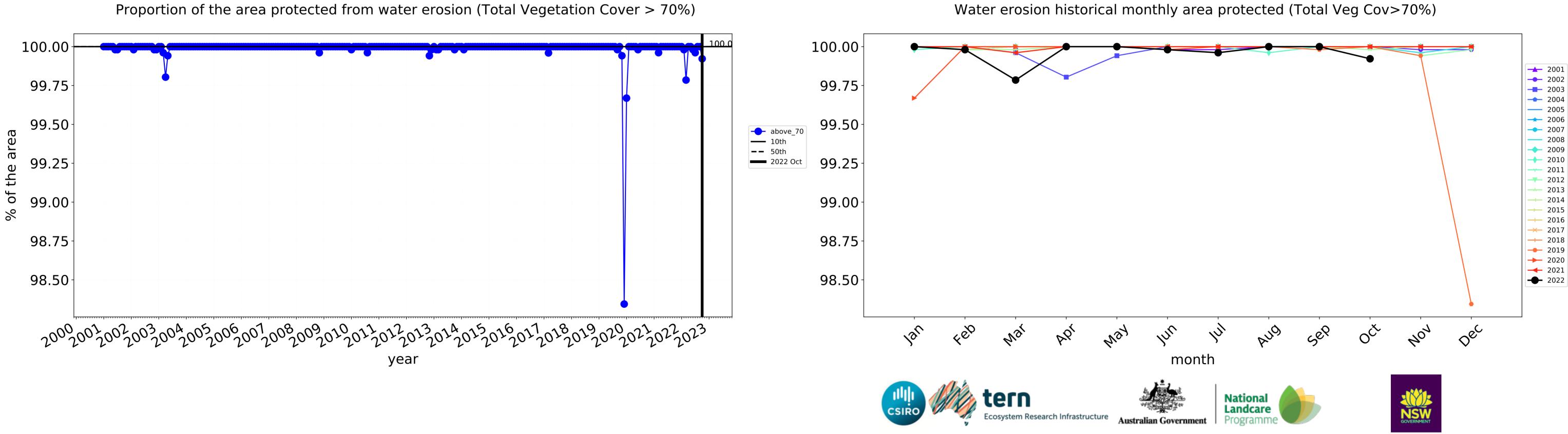
Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)



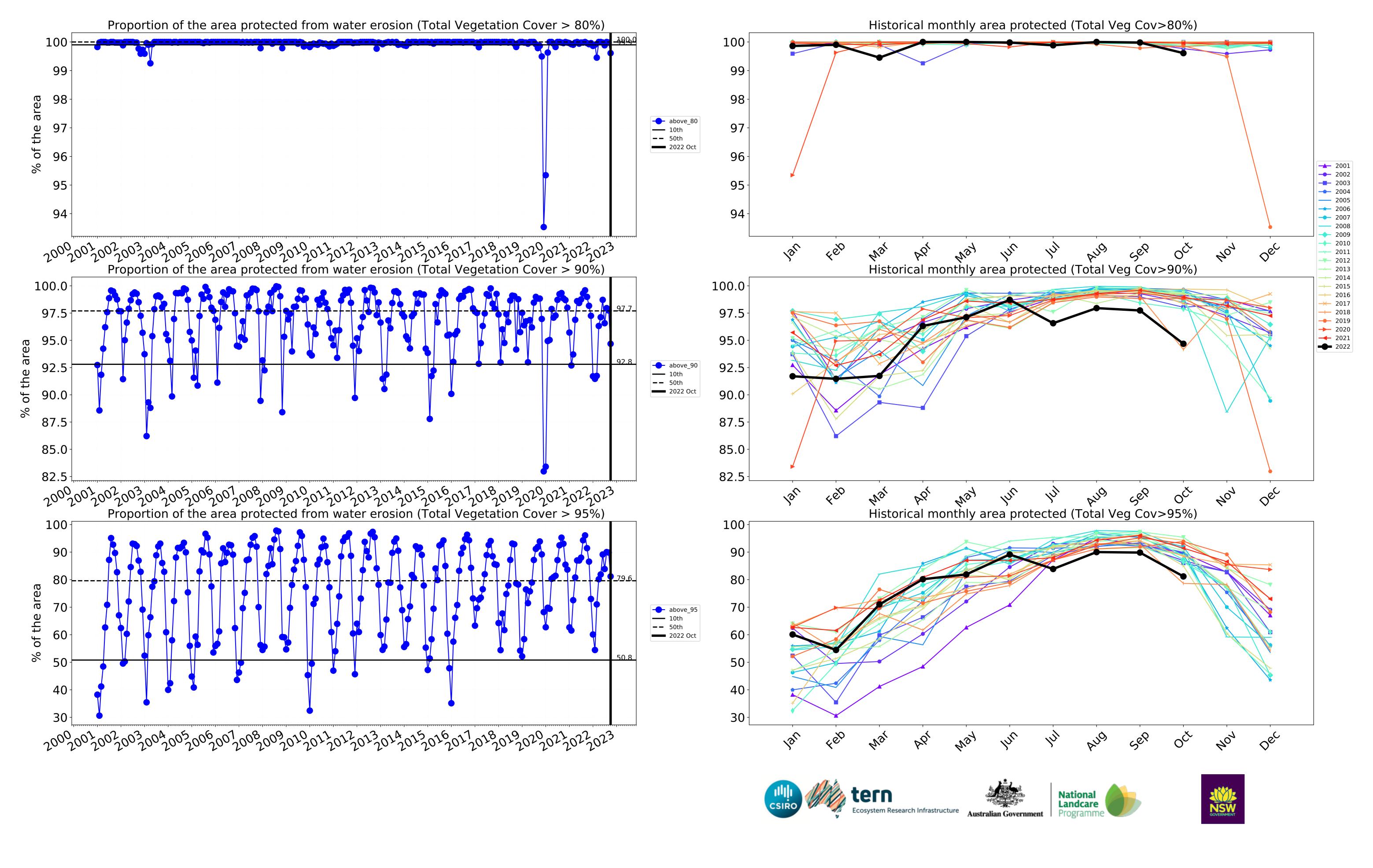
## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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



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# Mid-Coast\_(A) (975,775 ha and no data 29,746 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	975,775	99.9% 975,275	99.9% 974,325	99.3% 969,150	97.2% 948,100	81.5% 794,875	58.2% 568,225
Conservation and natural environments	438,750	100.0% 438,625	99.9% 438,250	99.7% 437,375	98.8% 433,625	90.6% 397,350	71.4% 313,275
Conservation and natural environments non forest	15,200	99.7% 15,150	99.0% 15,050	97.0% 14,750	92.8% 14,100	72.7% 11,050	34.4% 5,225
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	10,050	100.0% 10,050	99.8% 10,025	99.0% 9,950	98.3% 9,875	83.8% 8,425	57.2% 5,750
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	413,500	100.0% 413,425	99.9% 413,175	99.8% 412,675	99.1% 409,650	91.4% 377,875	73.1% 302,300
Agriculture	374,200	100.0% 374,200	100.0% 374,150	99.6% 372,850	96.3% 360,450	69.3% 259,275	38.1% 142,550
Grazing	371,625	100.0% 371,625	100.0% 371,575	99.6% 370,300	96.4% 358,200	69.5% 258,250	38.2% 142,100
Grazing non forest	323,675	100.0% 323,675	100.0% 323,625	99.6% 322,475	96.1% 311,100	67.8% 219,500	35.9% 116,350
Grazing Woodland forest	9,725	100.0% 9,725	100.0% 9,725	99.5% 9,675	98.5% 9,575	74.6% 7,250	47.0% 4,575
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	38,225	100.0% 38,225	100.0% 38,225	99.8% 38,150	98.2% 37,525	82.4% 31,500	55.4% 21,175
Production native forests and plantation forests	128,350	100.0% 128,350	100.0% 128,300	99.9% 128,250	99.6% 127,850	94.7% 121,525	81.2% 104,175

