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

# Date: January 2021

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:

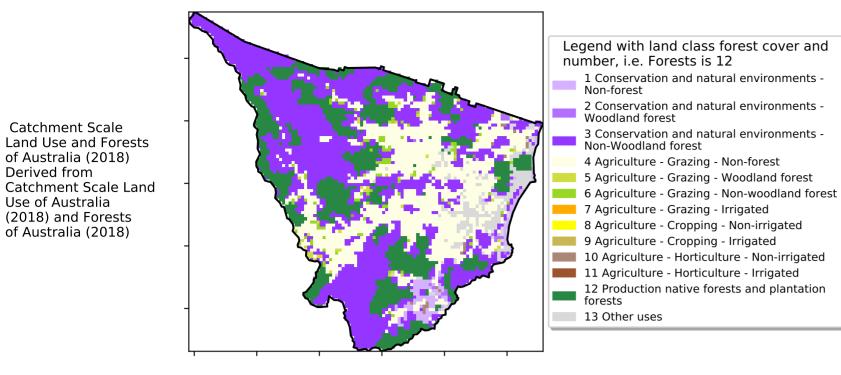
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# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2021**

### Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



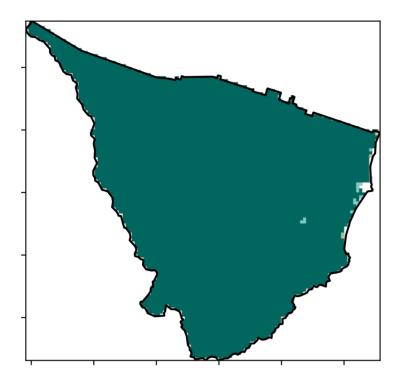
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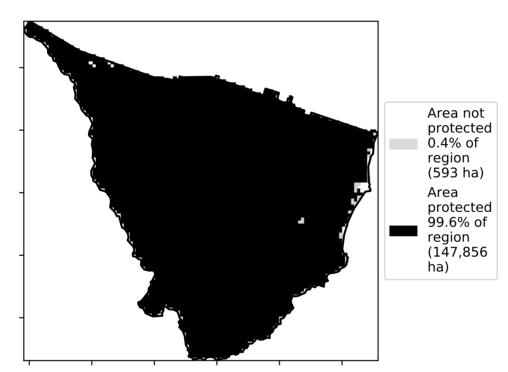
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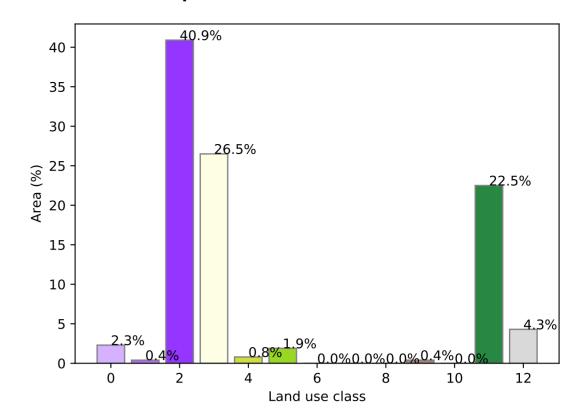
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

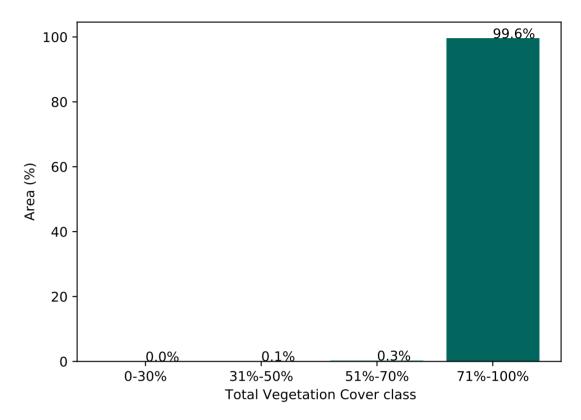


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

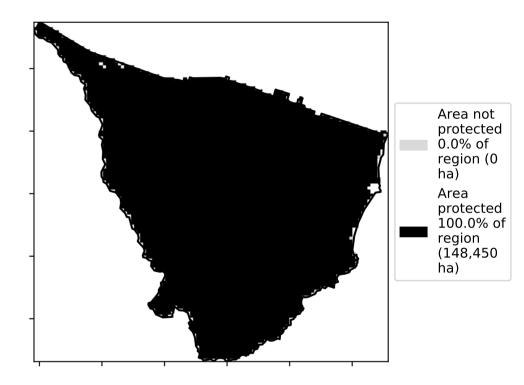




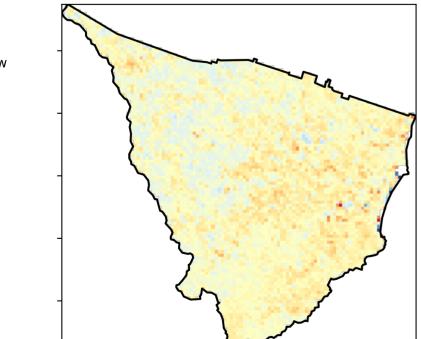
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

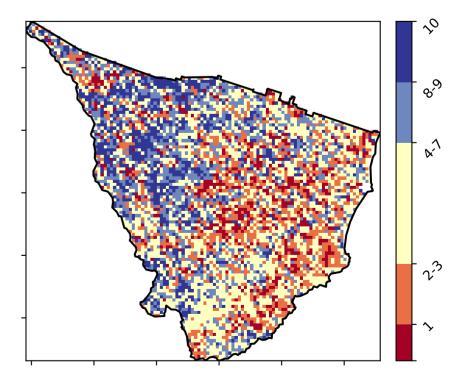


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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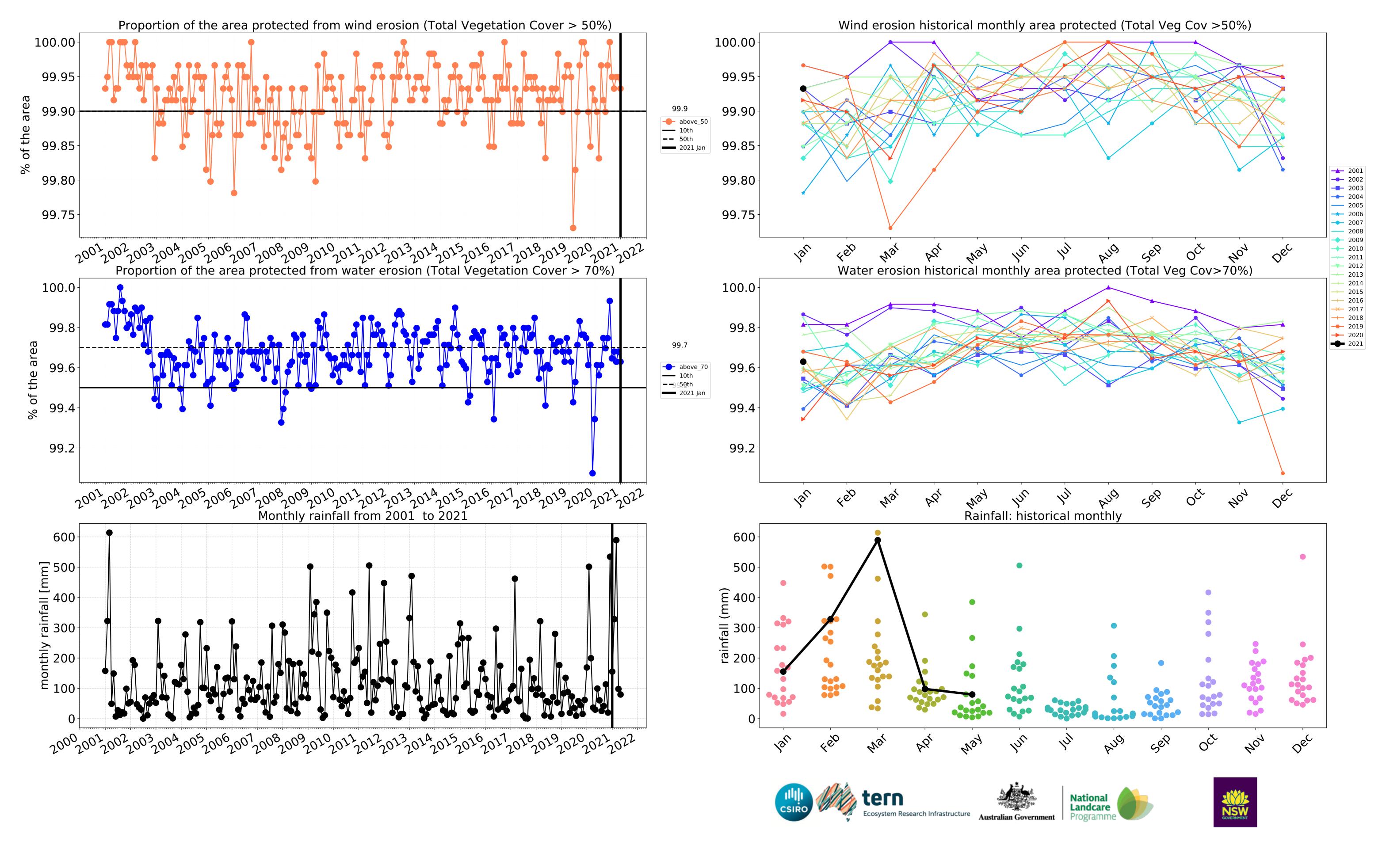
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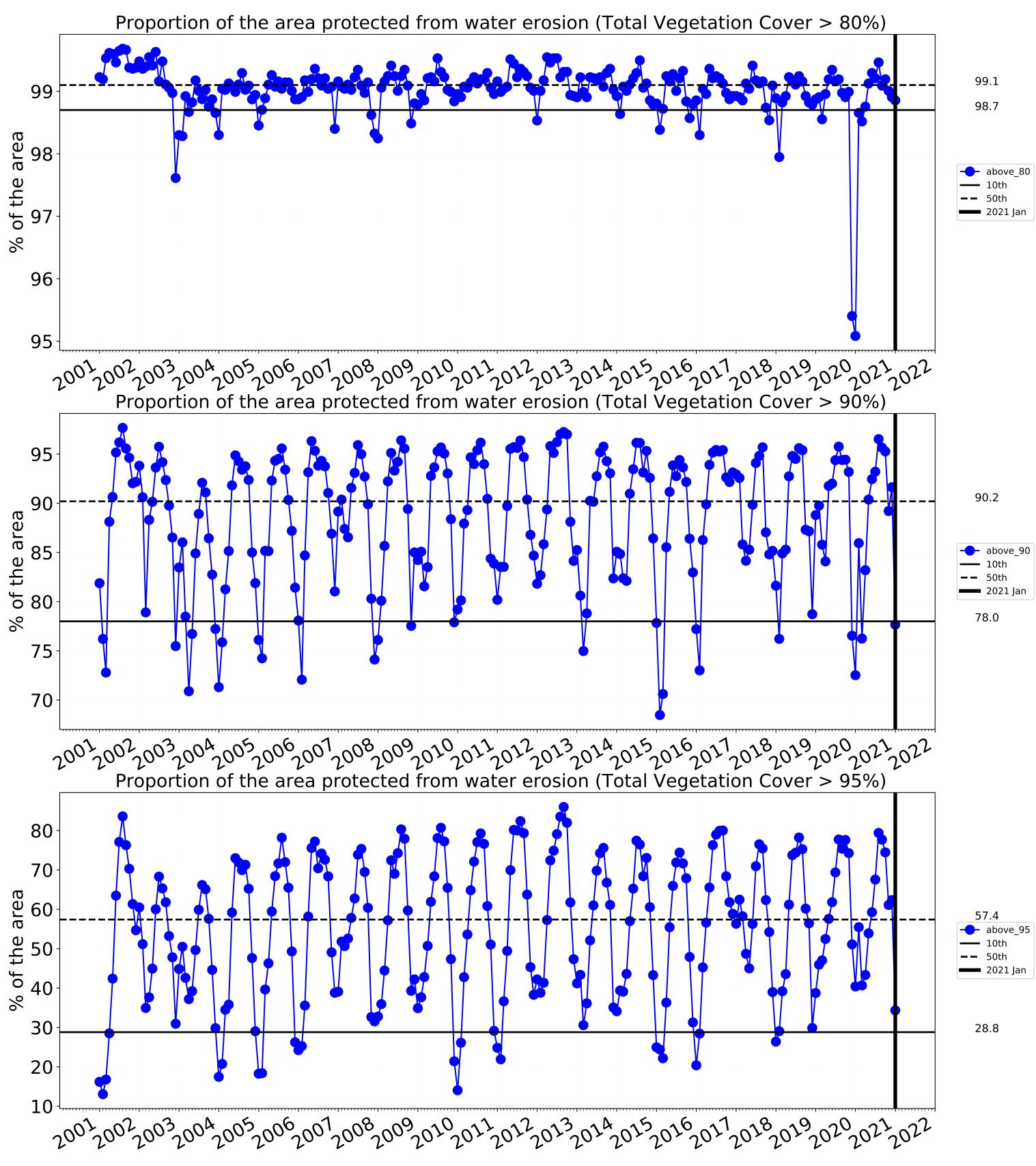
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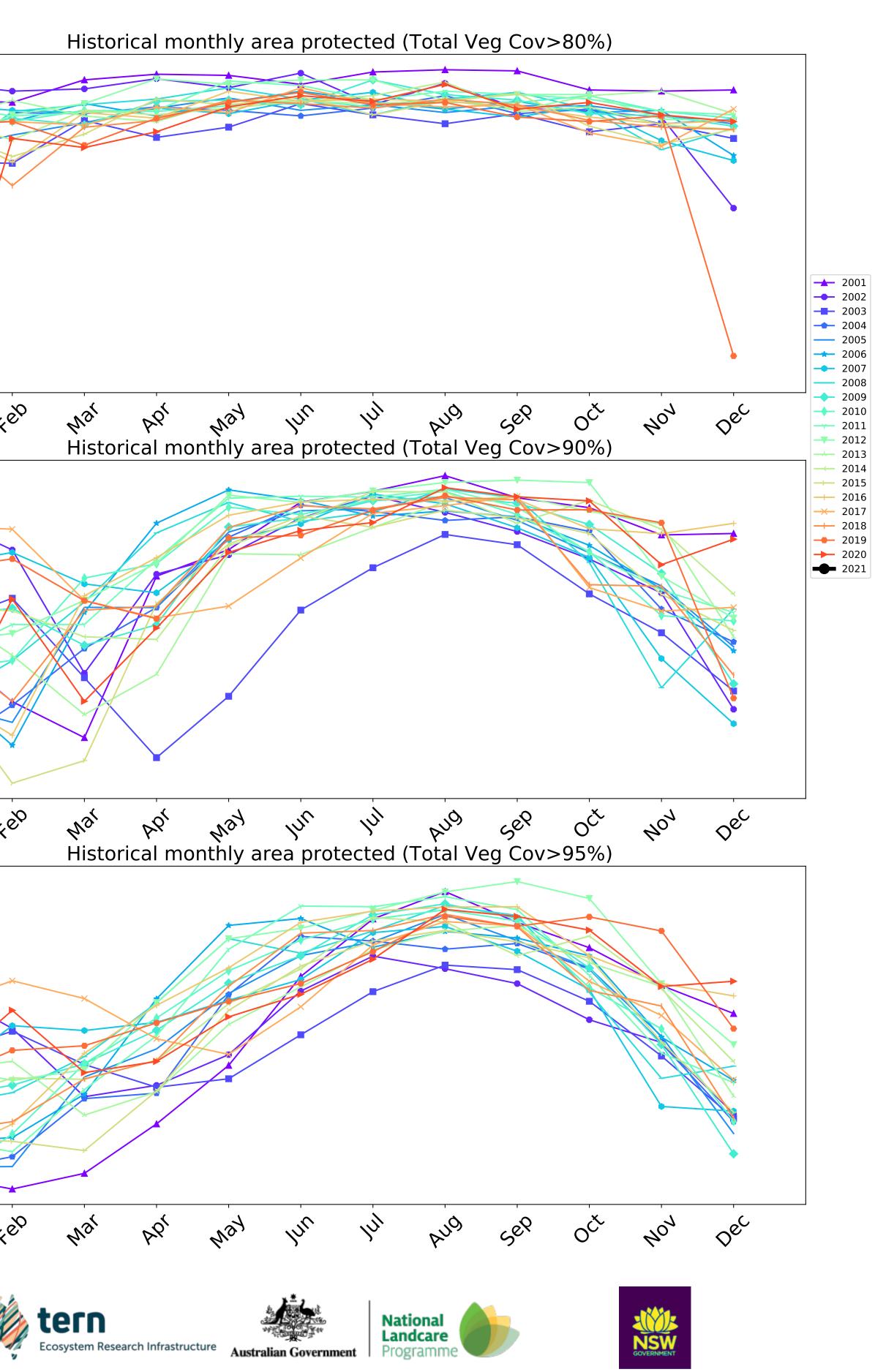
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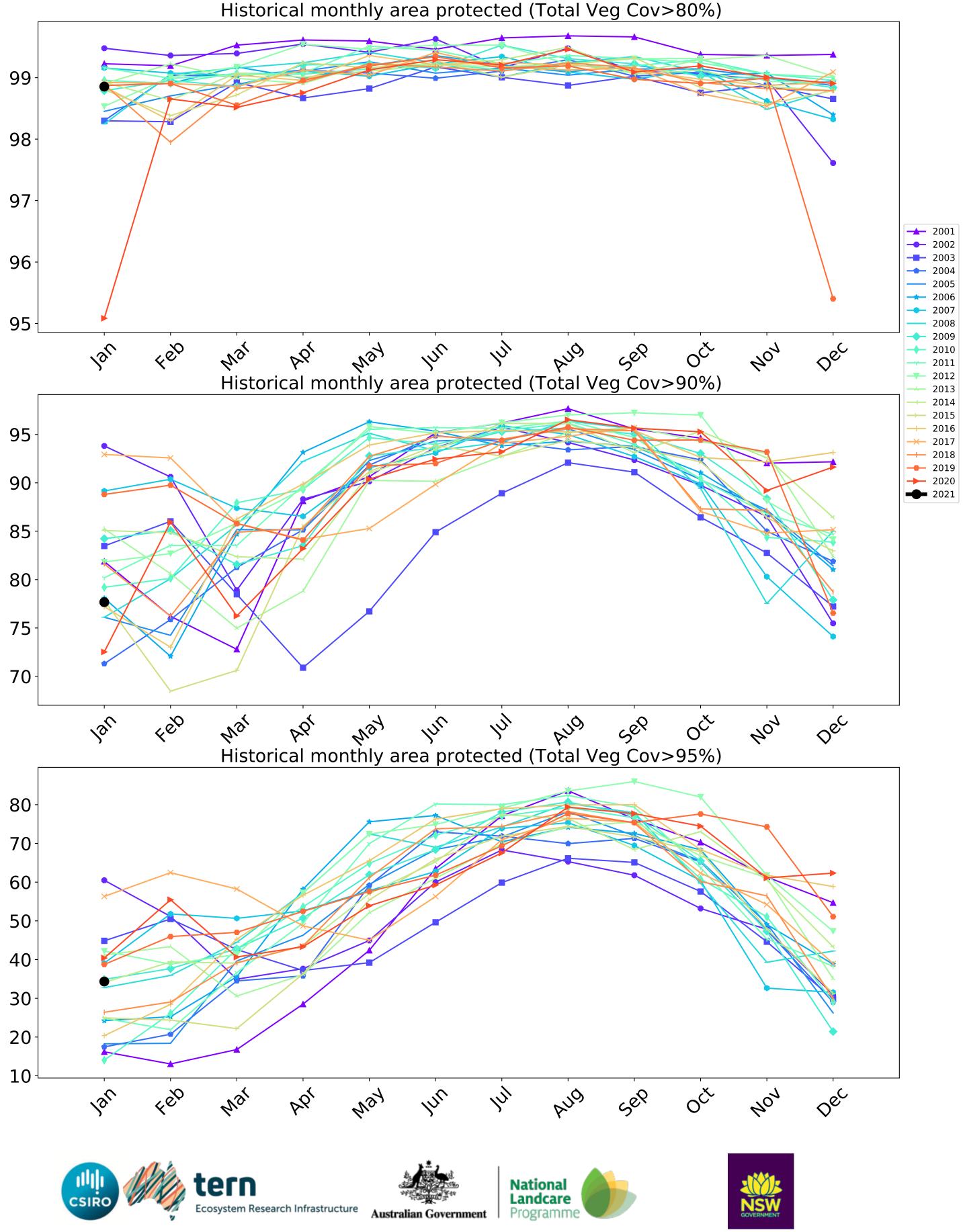














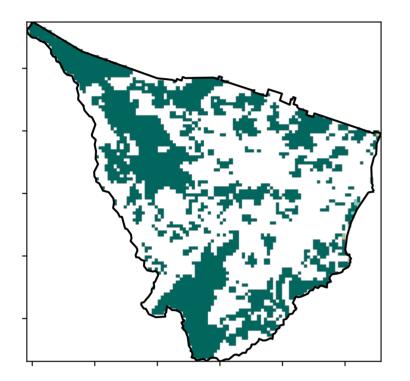
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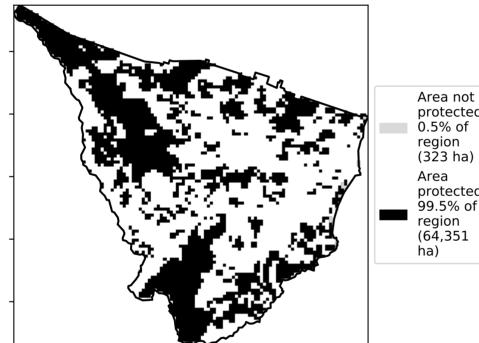
woodland forest

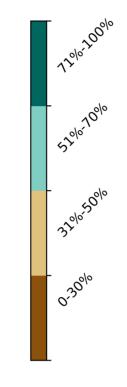
Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

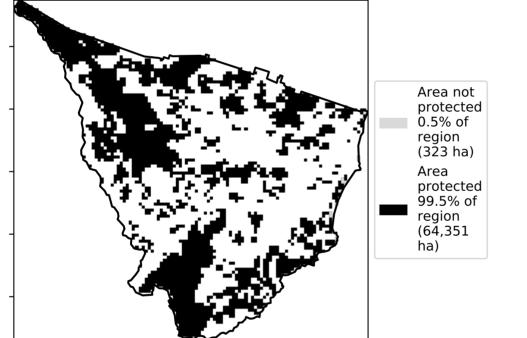




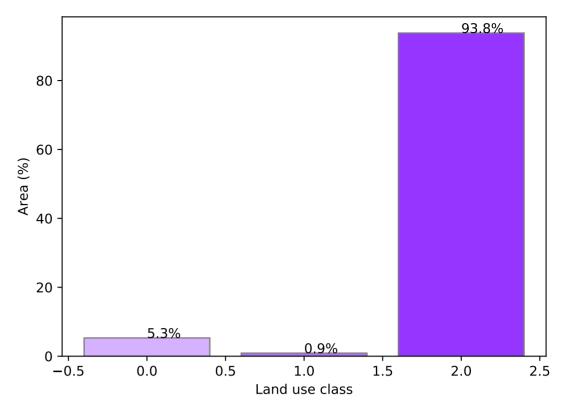
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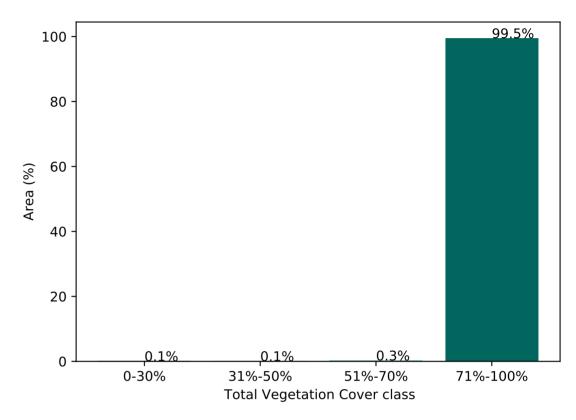
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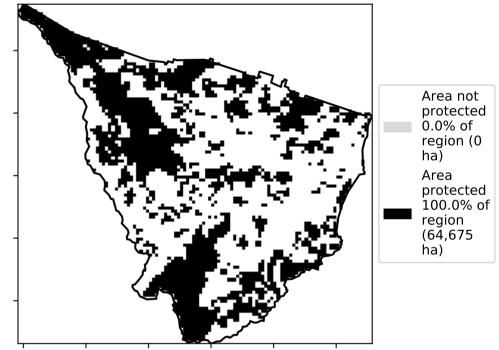




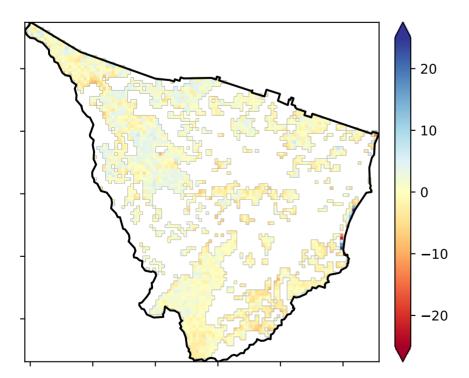
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



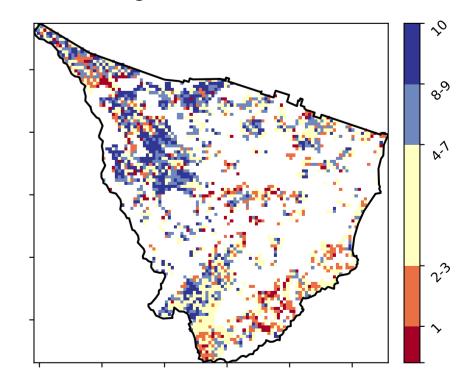
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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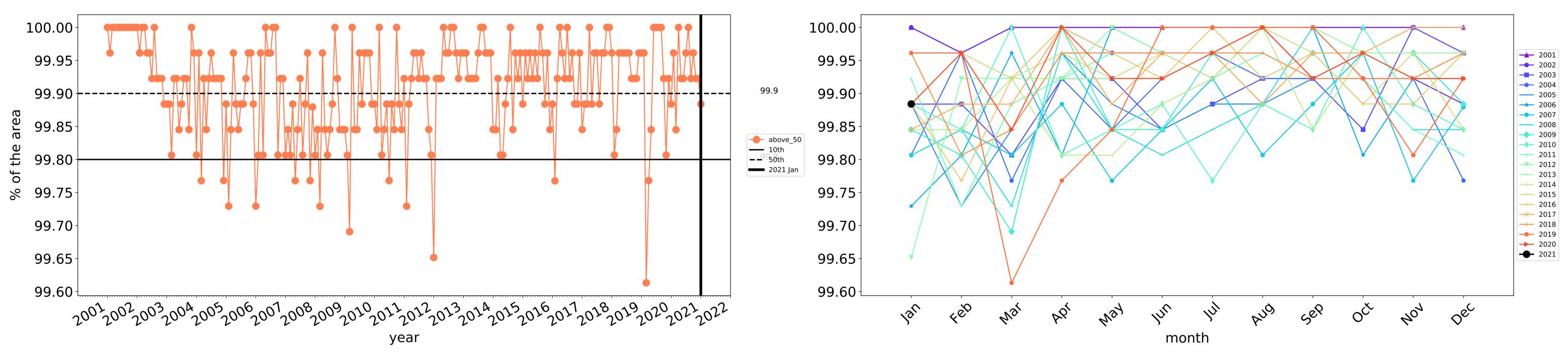
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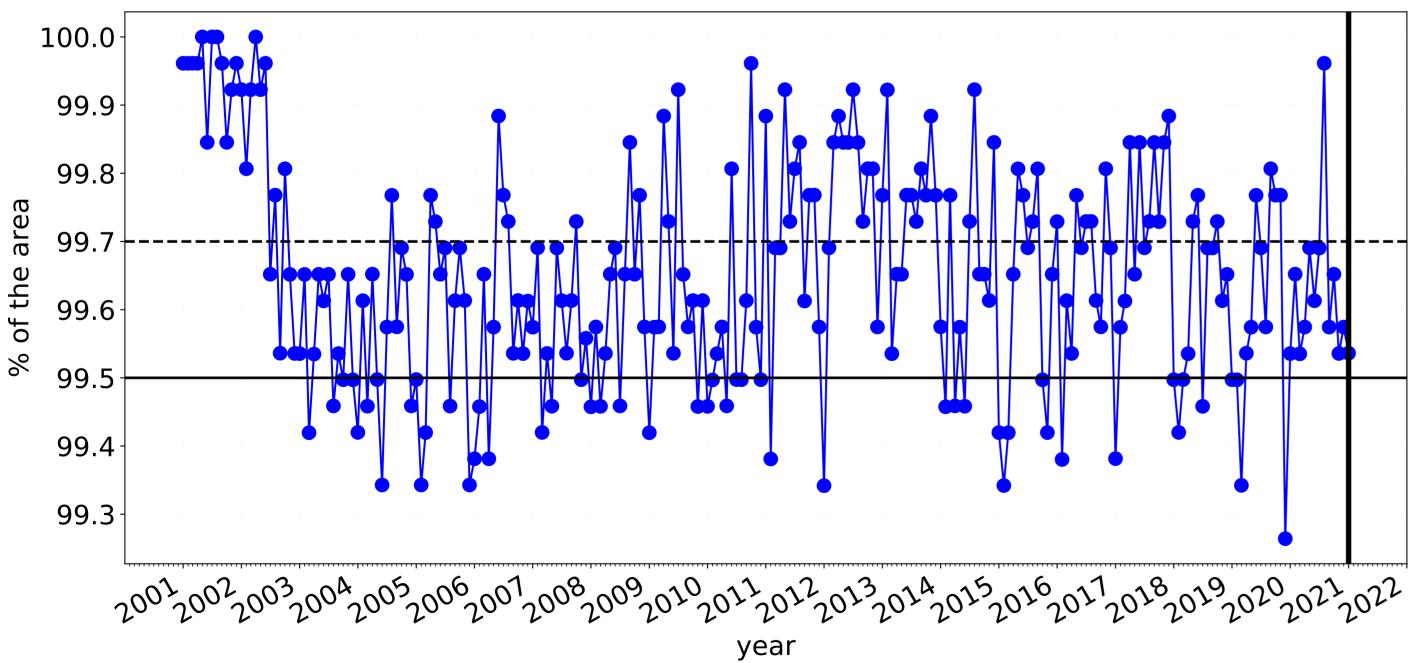
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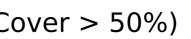
Use of Australia





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





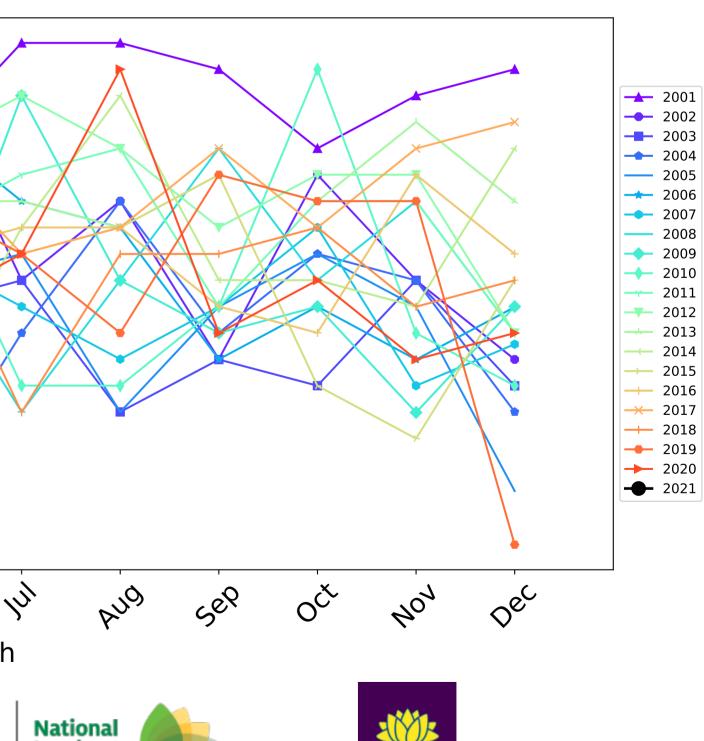
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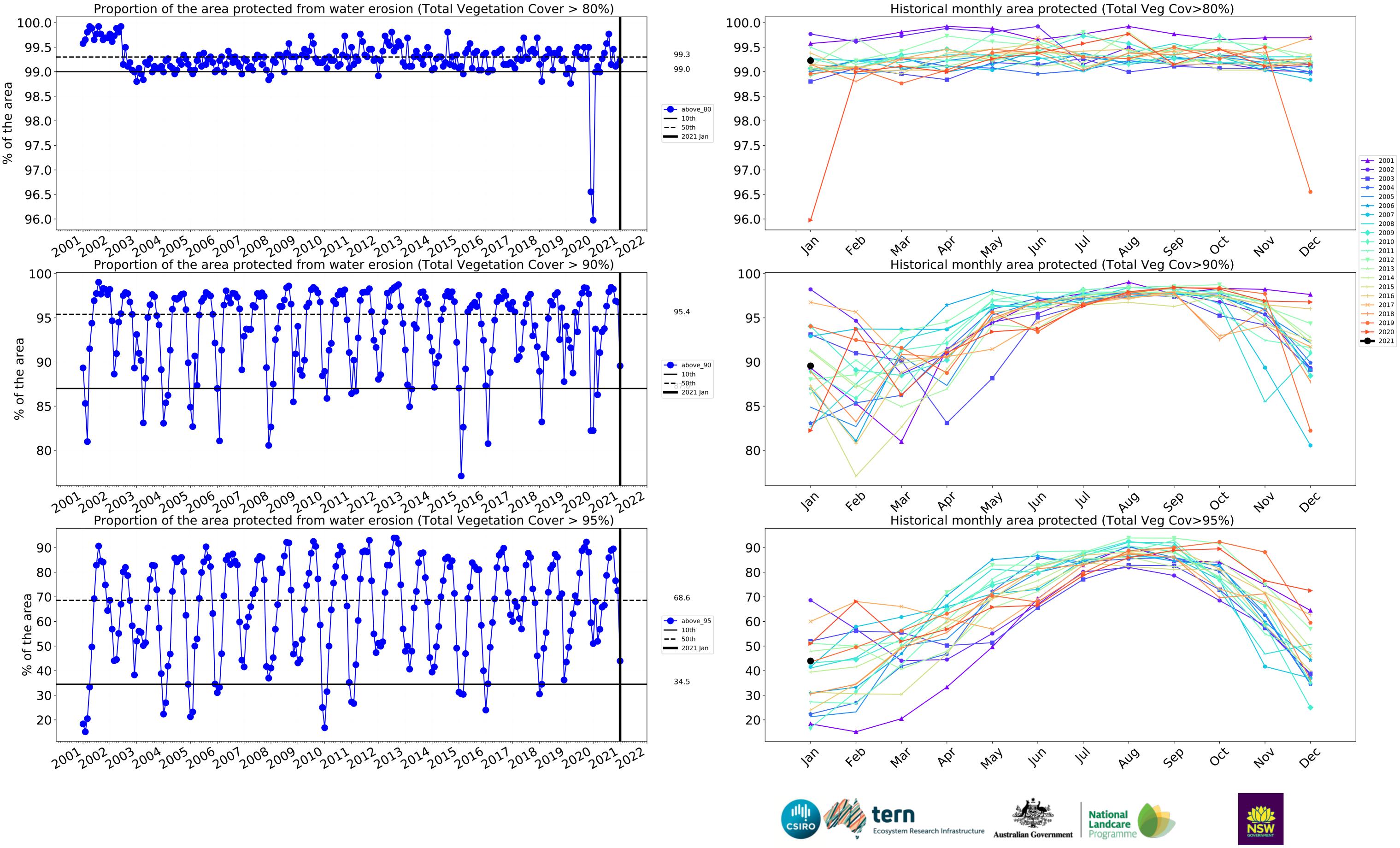
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Landcare

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





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

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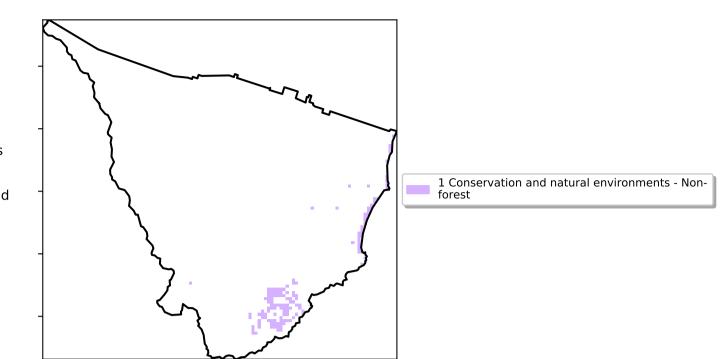
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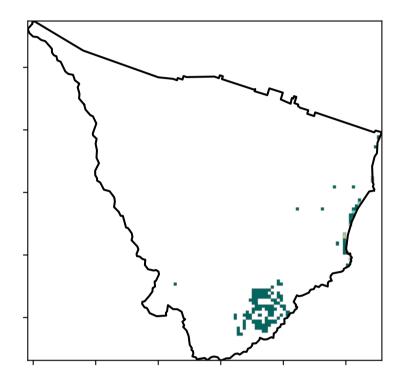
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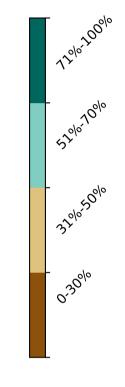
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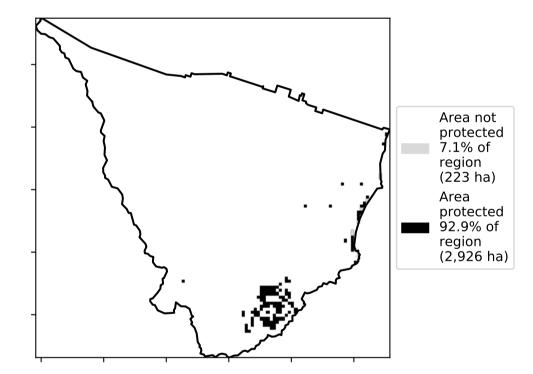
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover

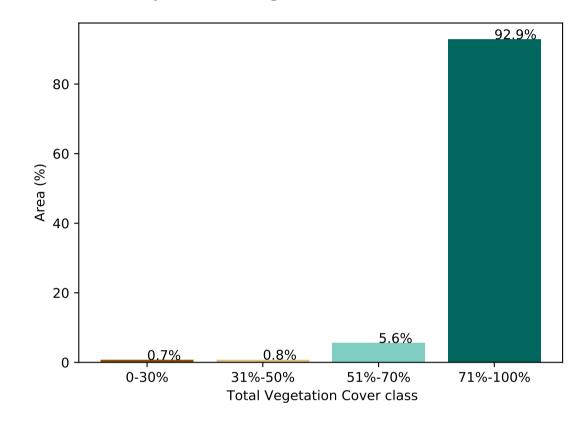




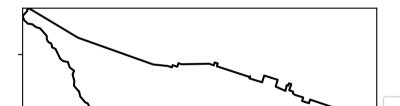
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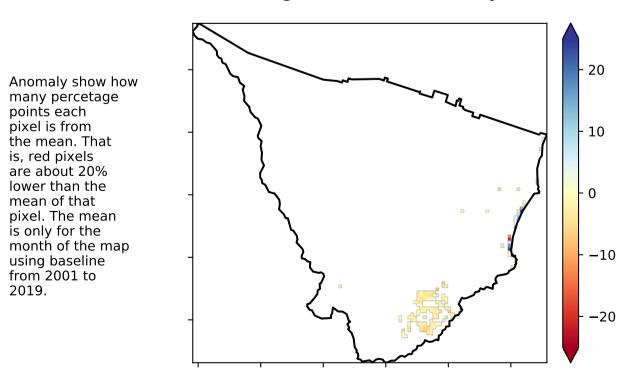
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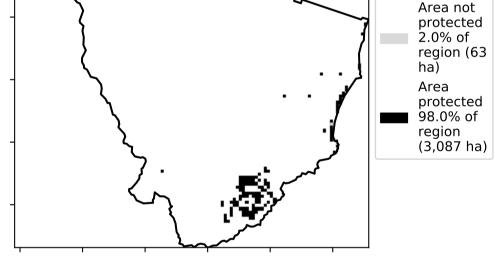
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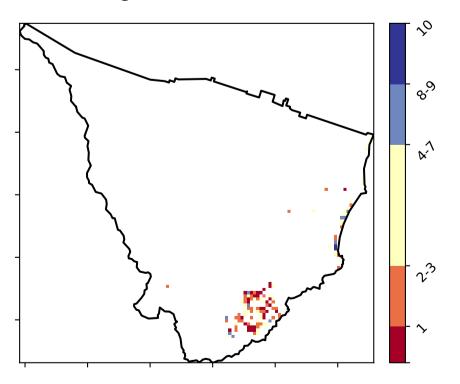
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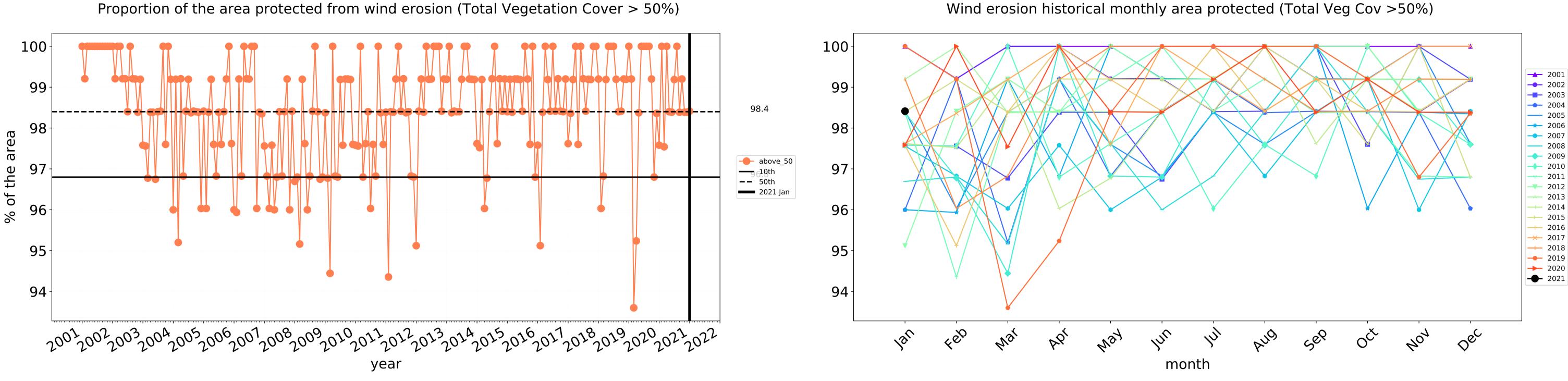


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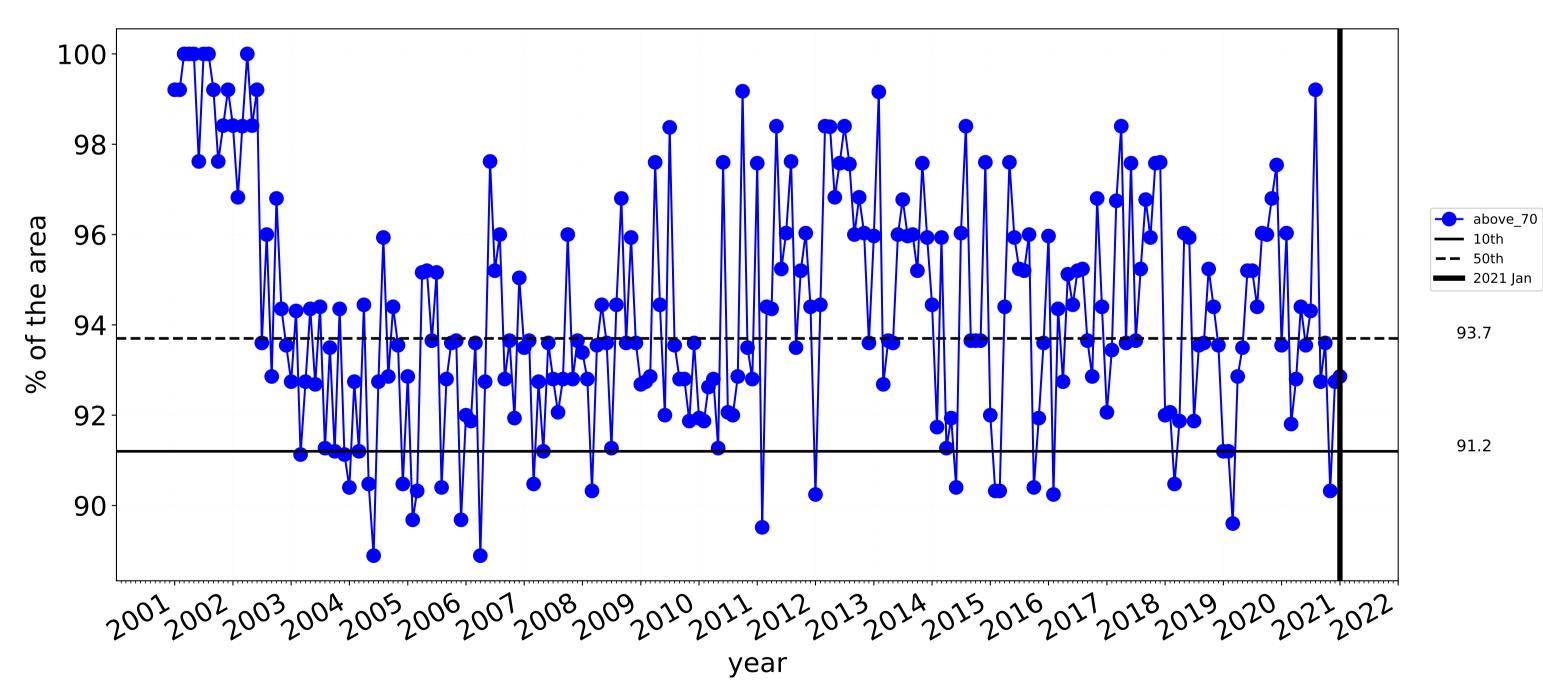




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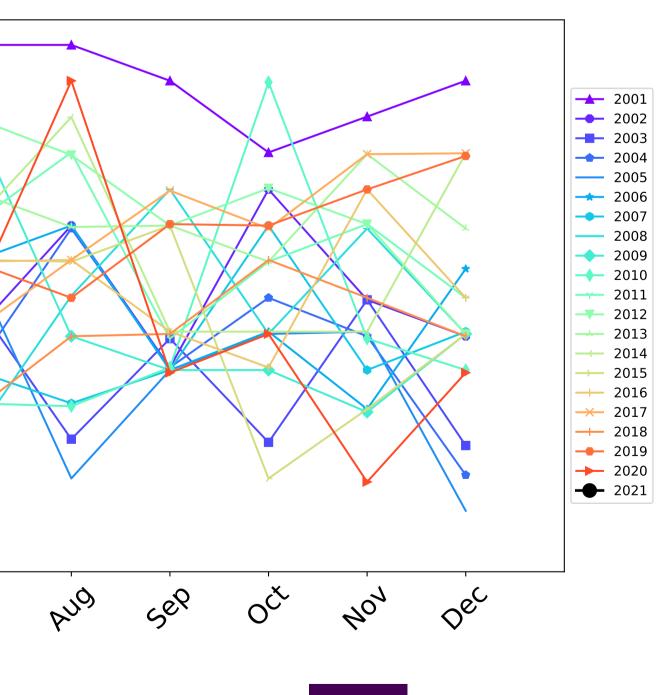
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



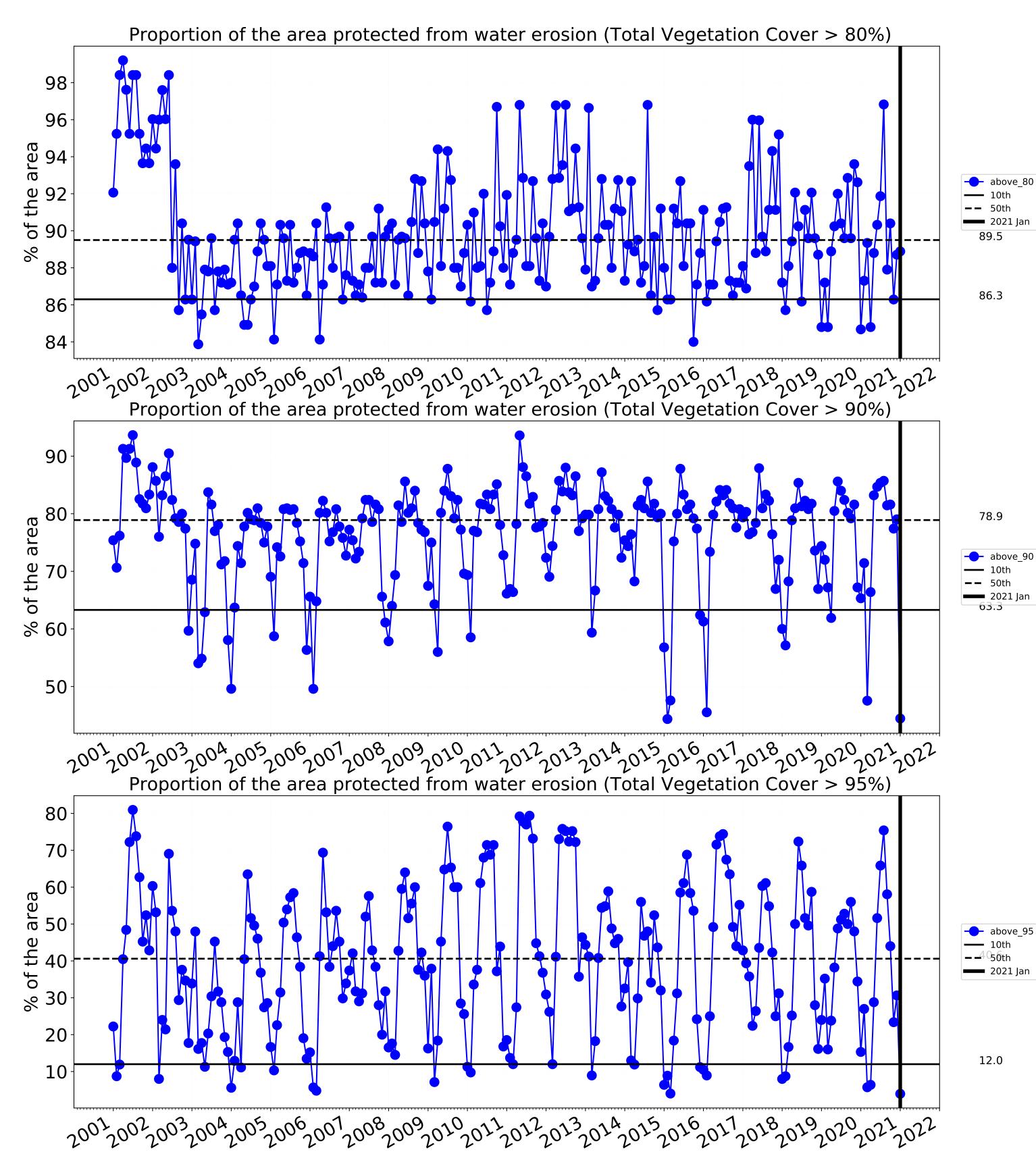
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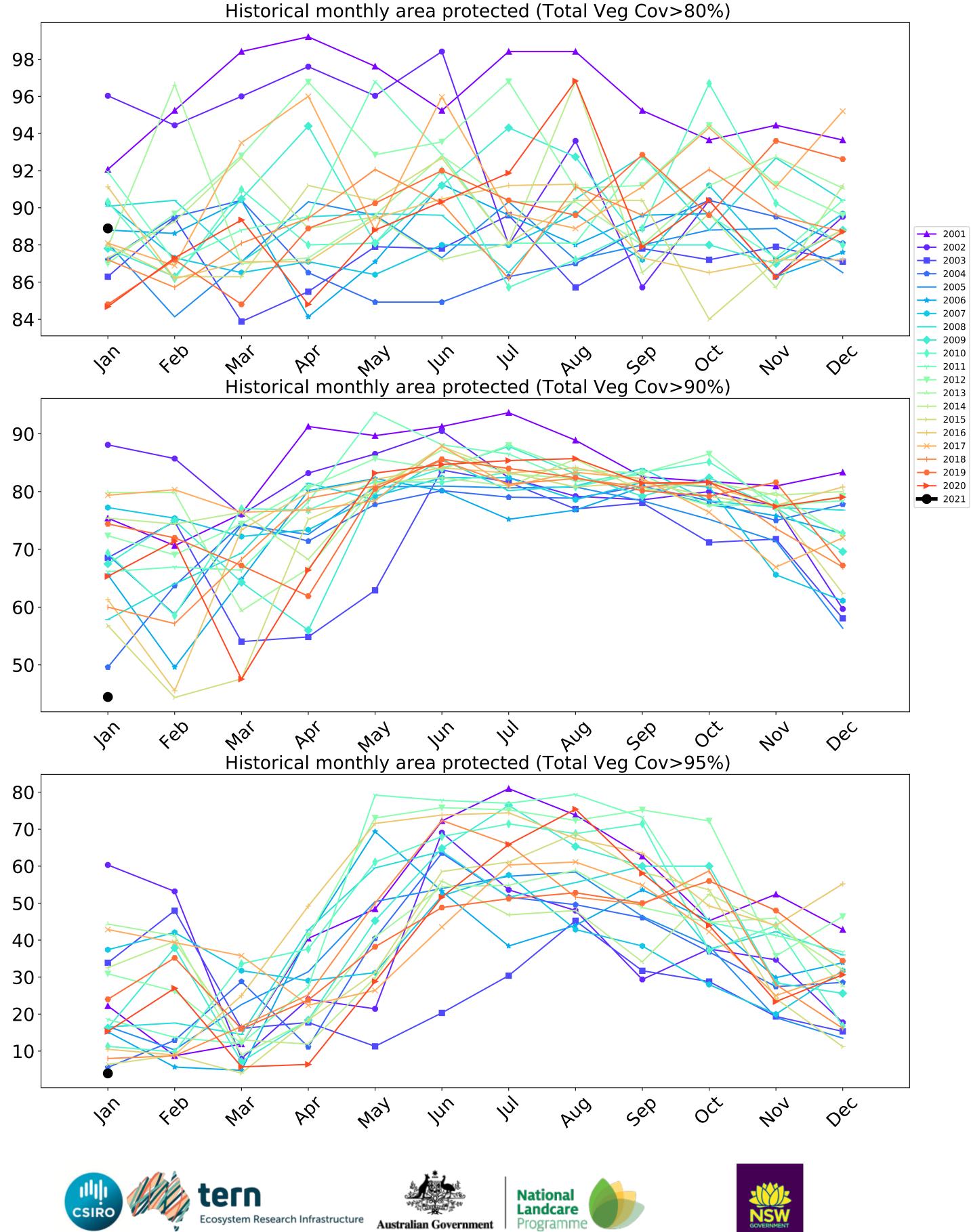
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)









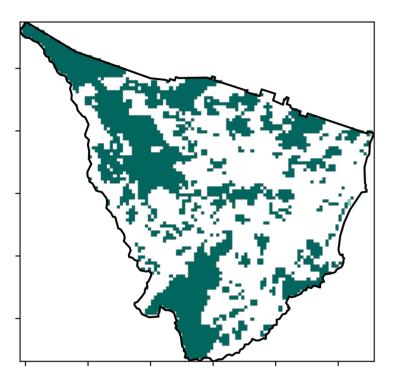




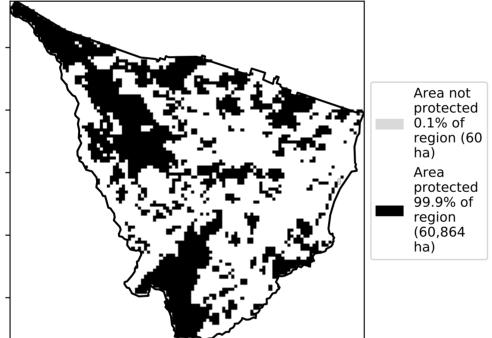
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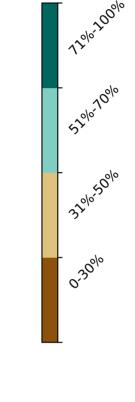
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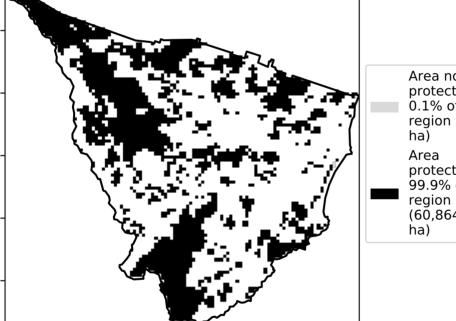
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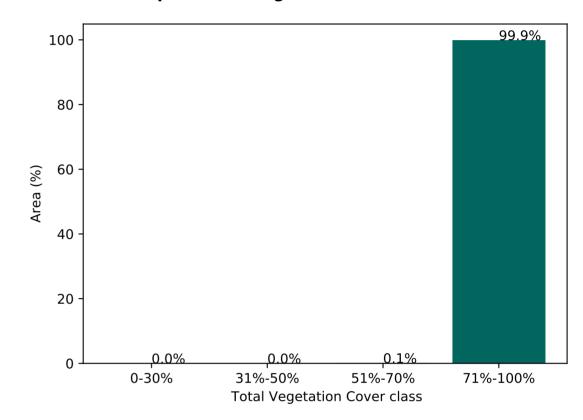
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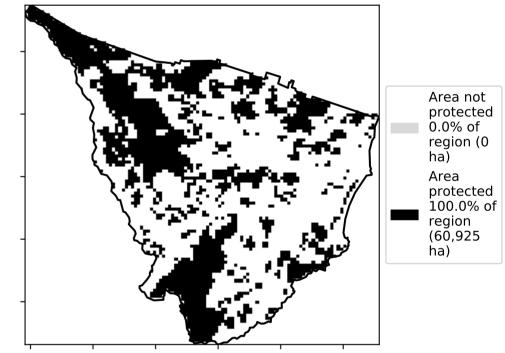




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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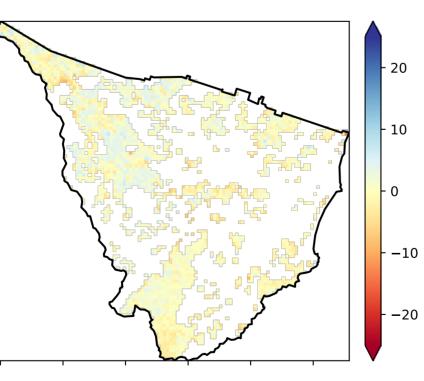
protected 99.9% of region (60,864

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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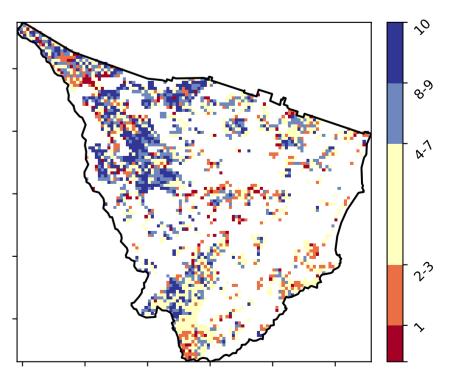
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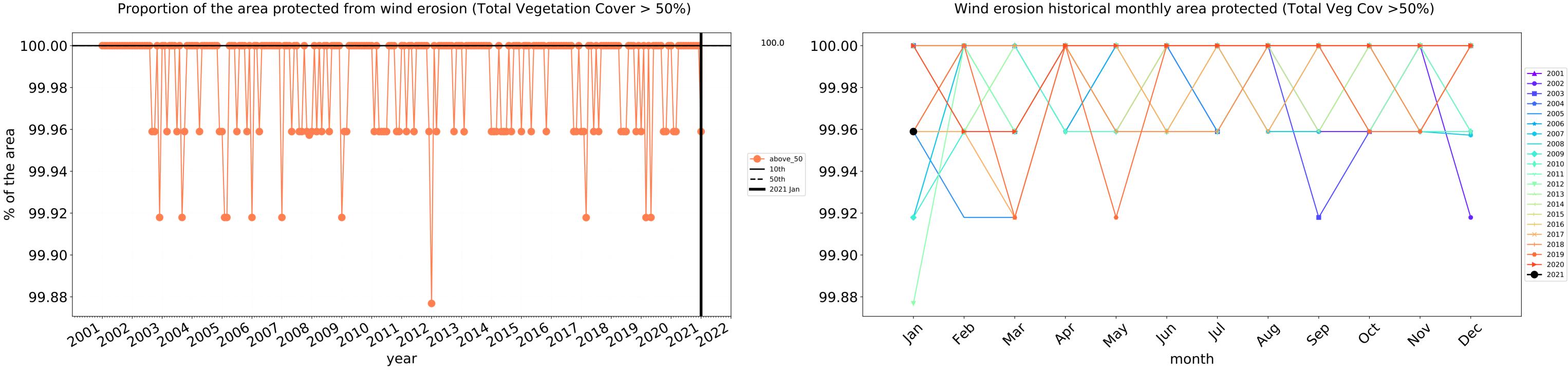


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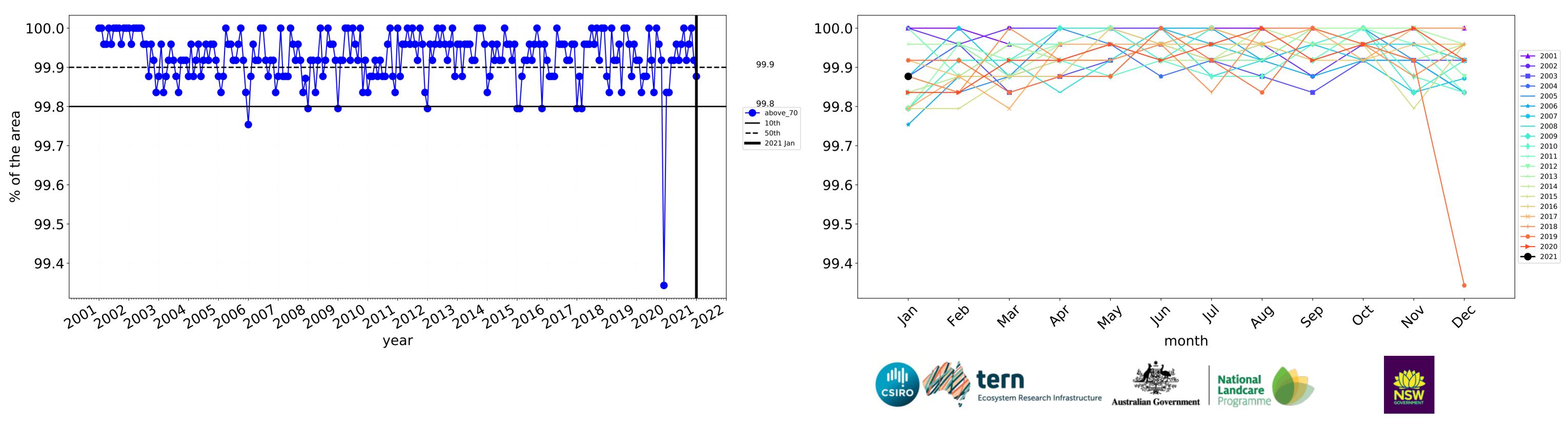
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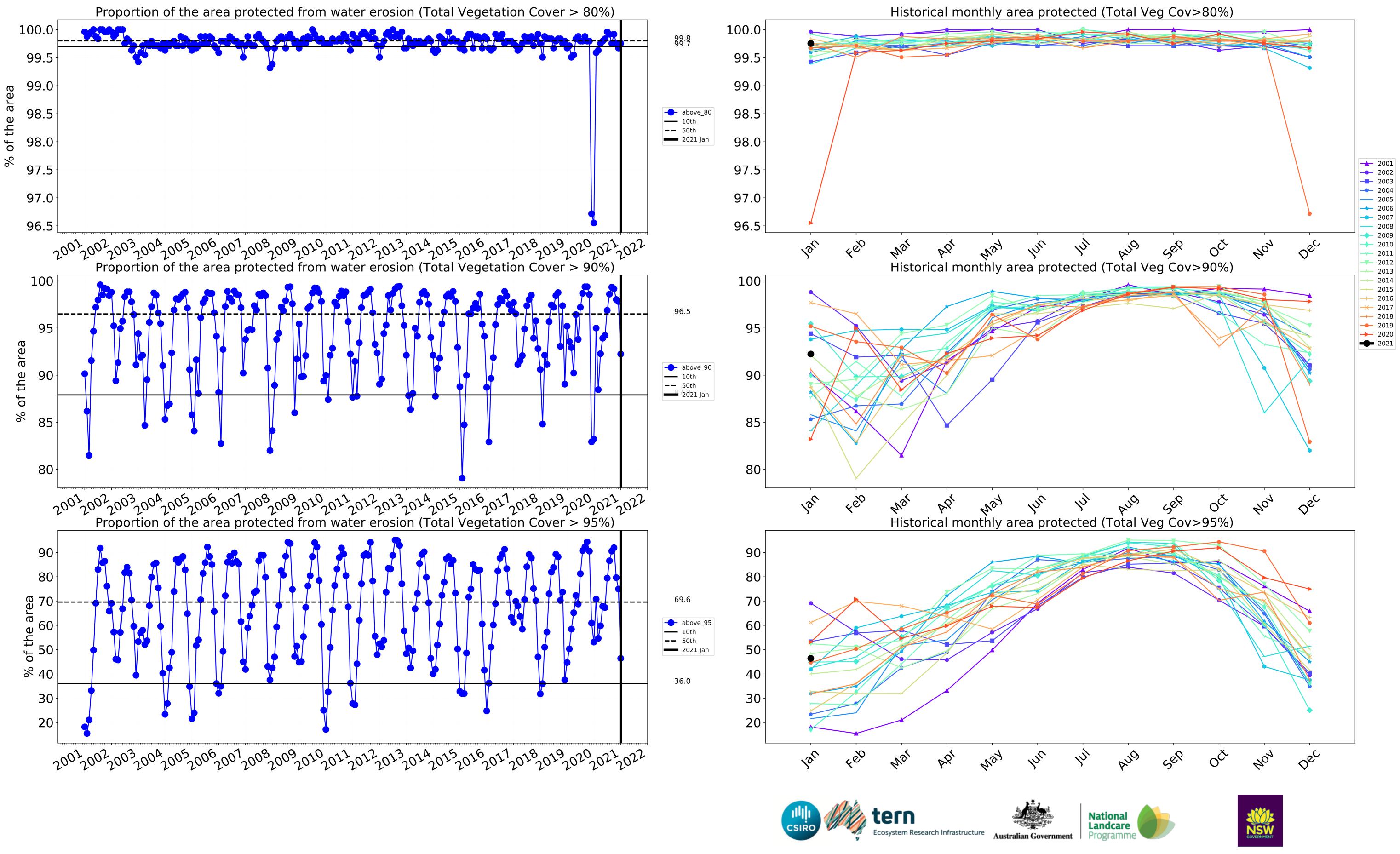




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

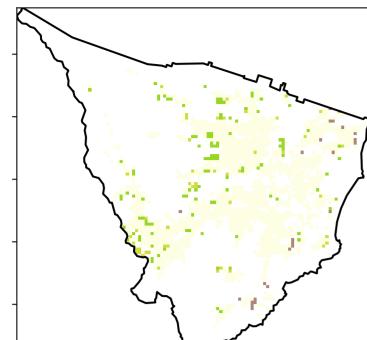


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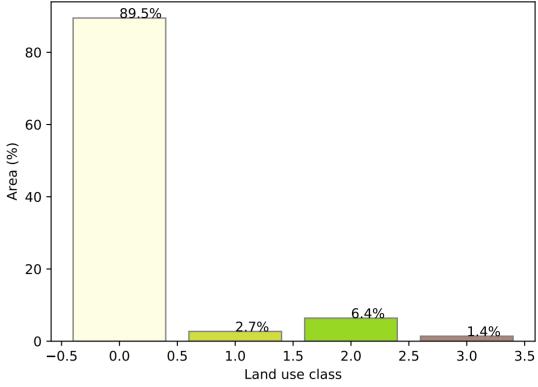
### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

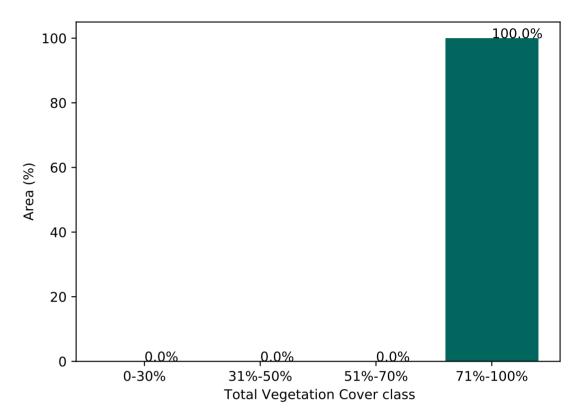


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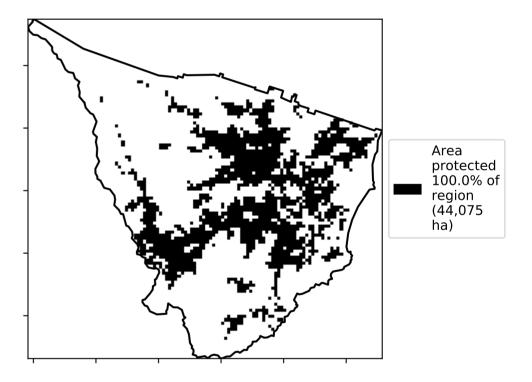
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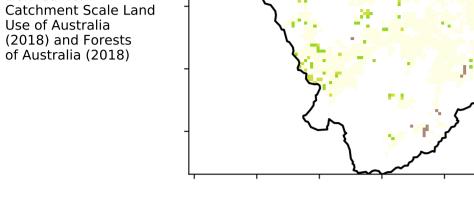


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





Catchment Scale

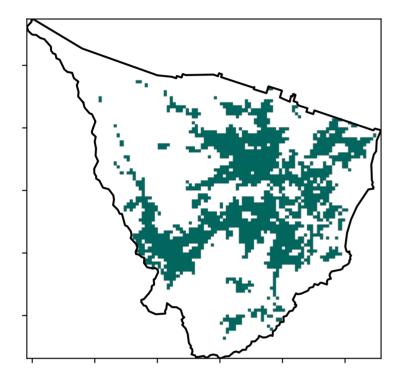
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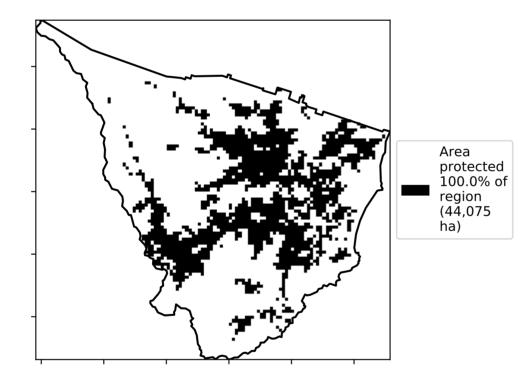
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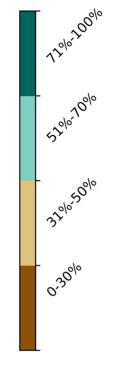
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

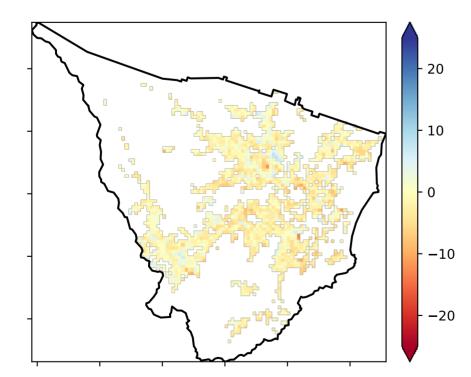






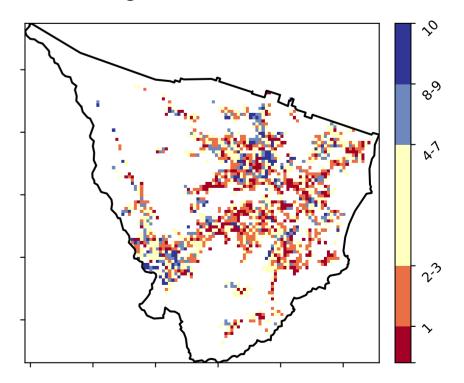


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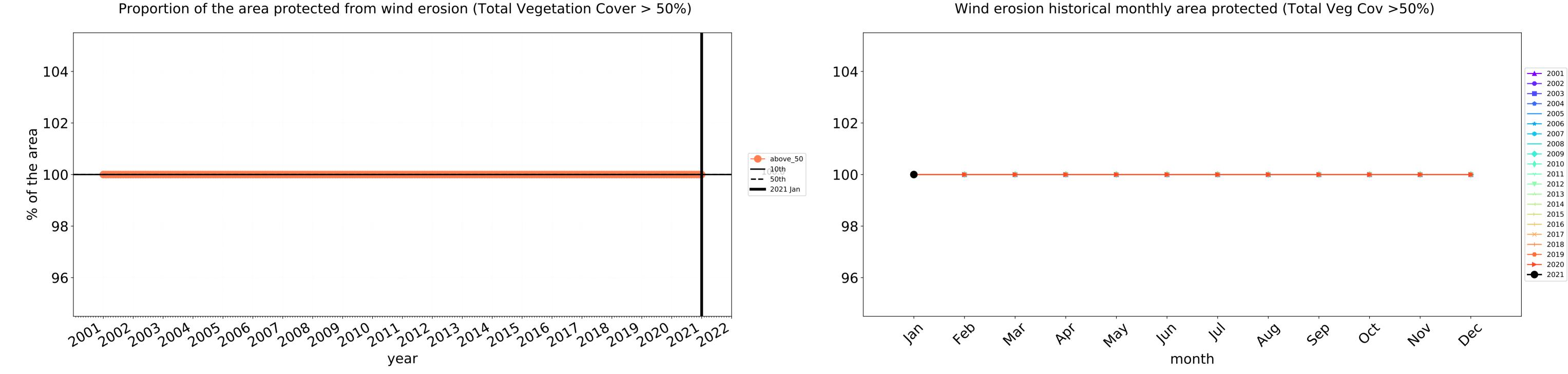
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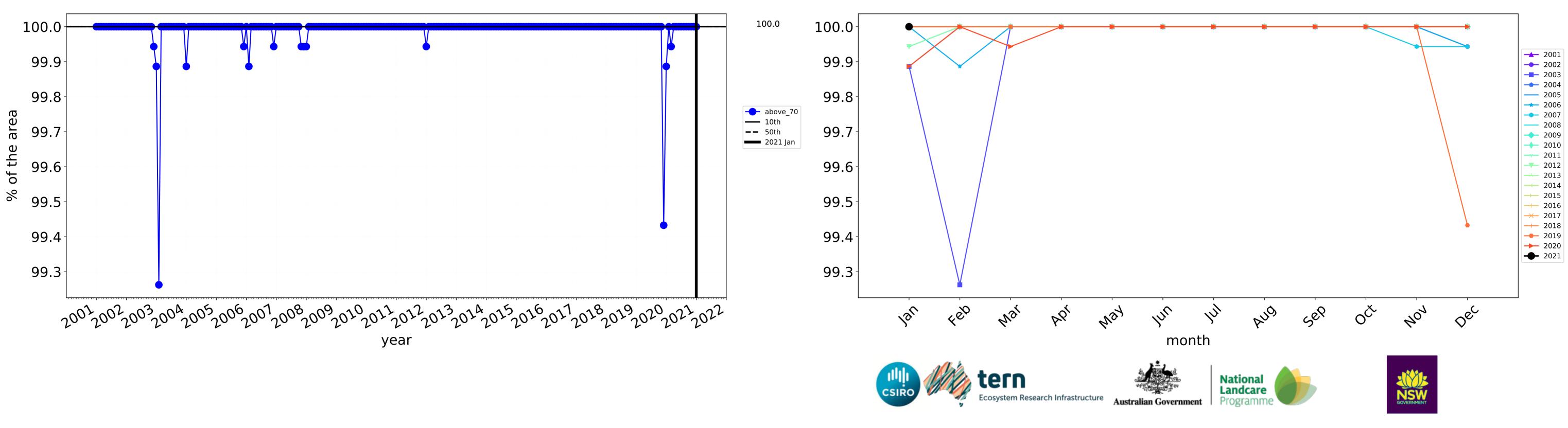




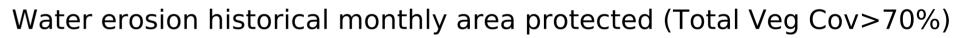


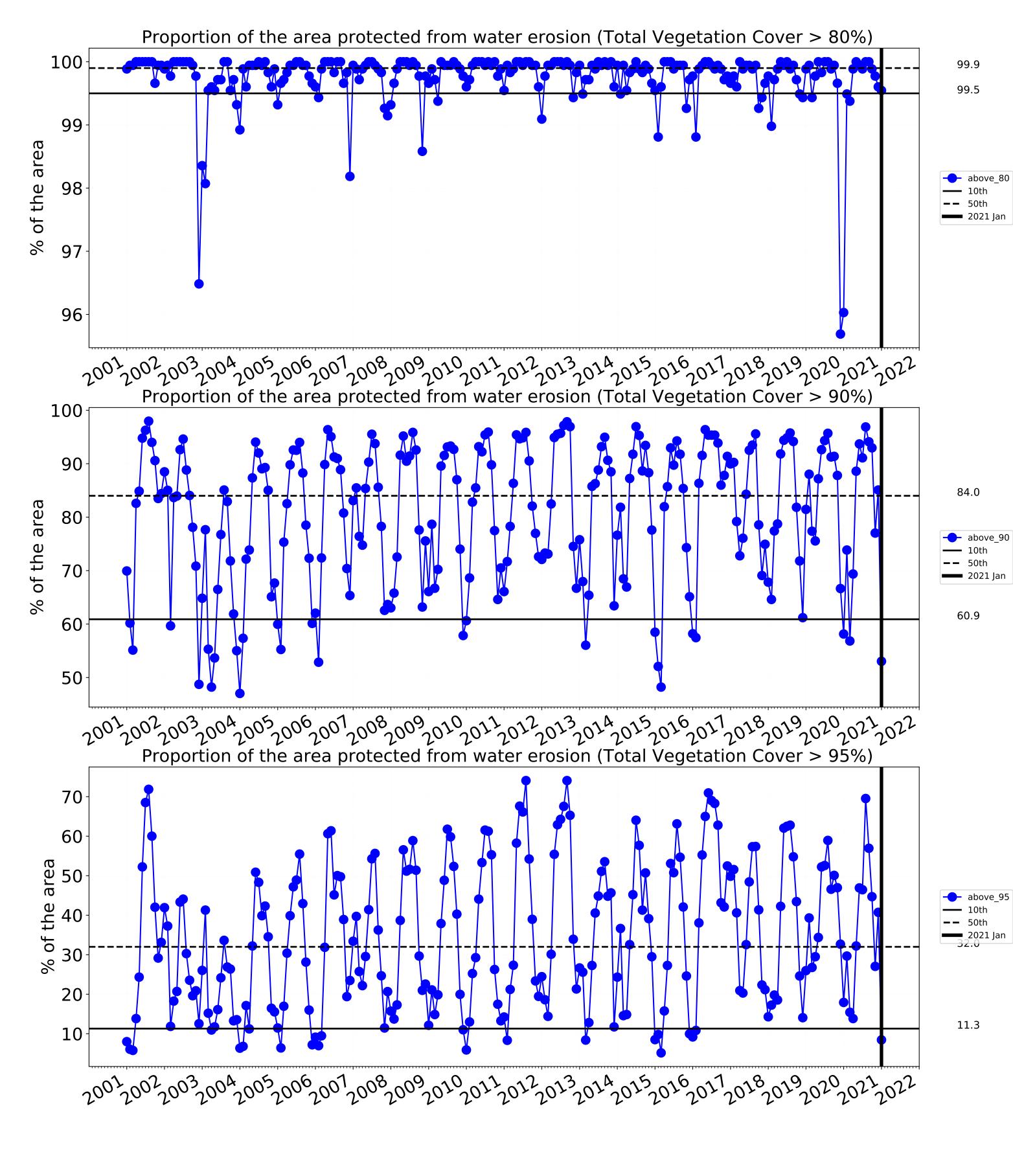
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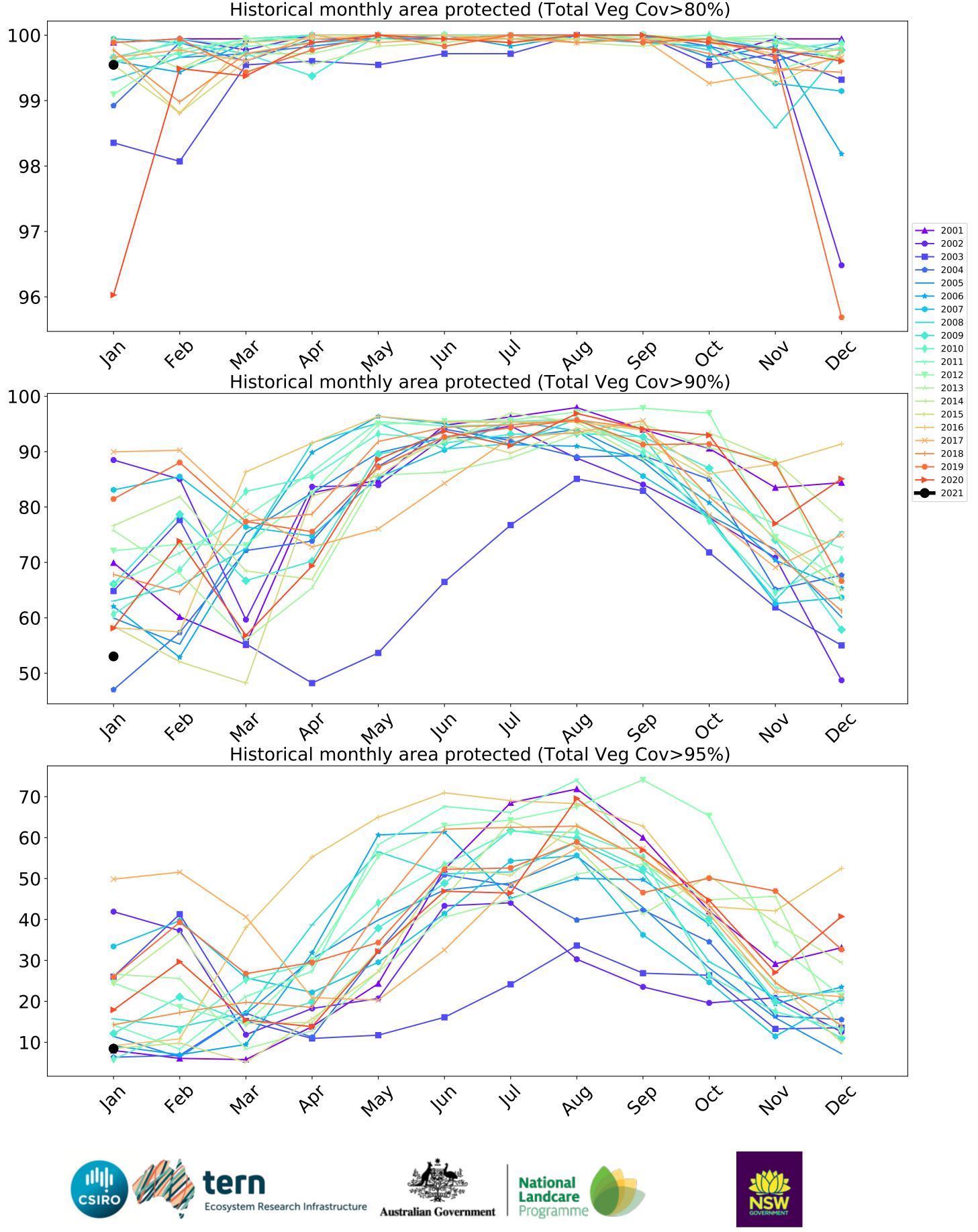


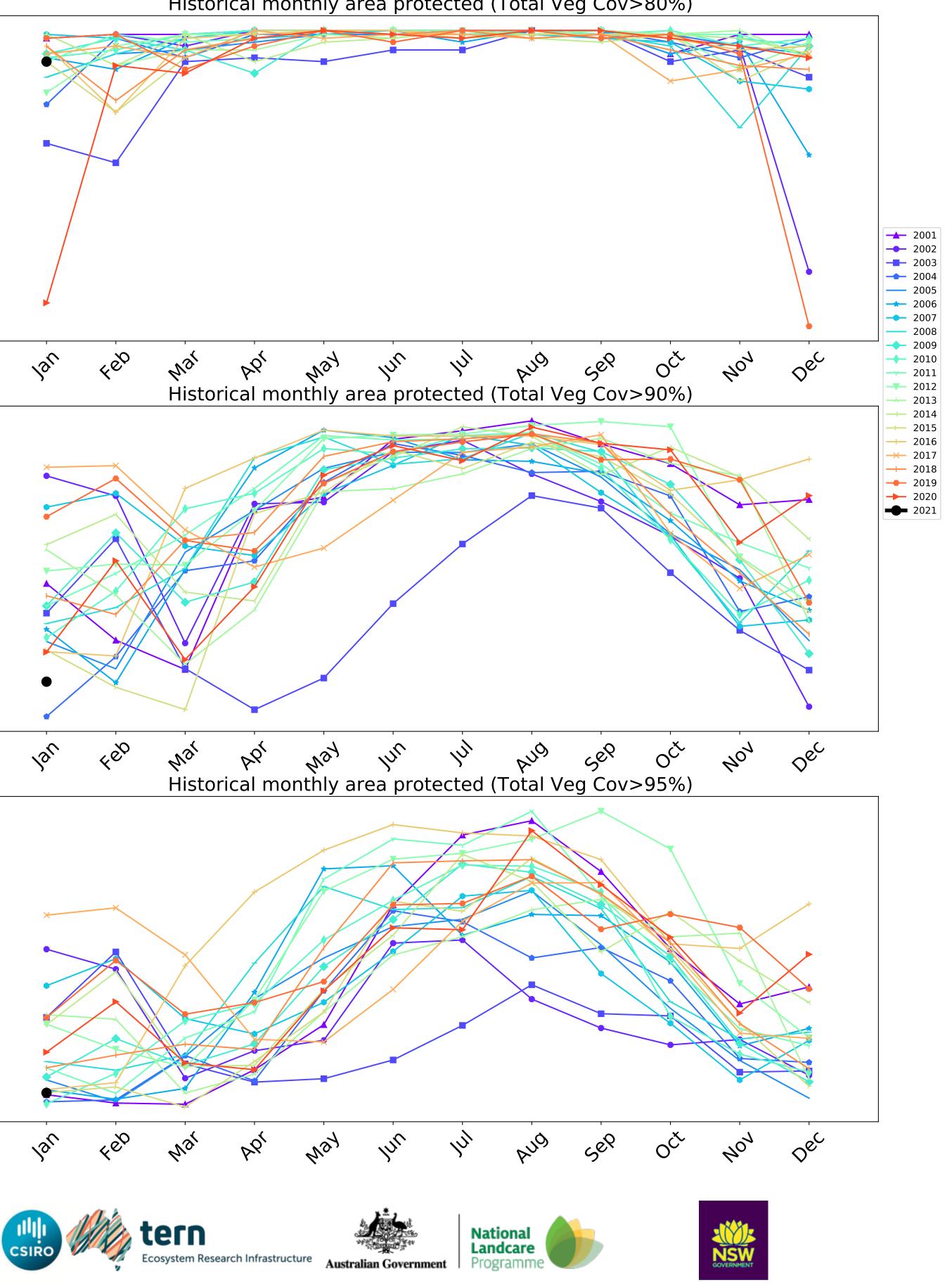


# Agriculture timeseries









### Grazing

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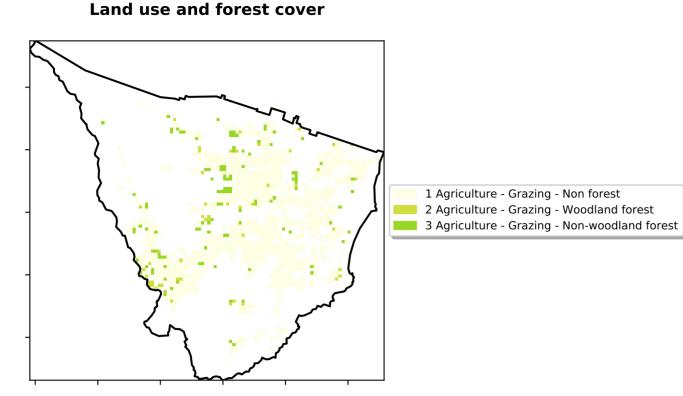
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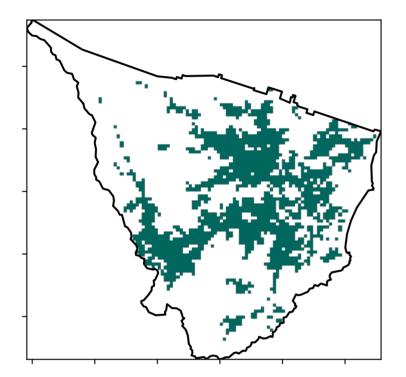
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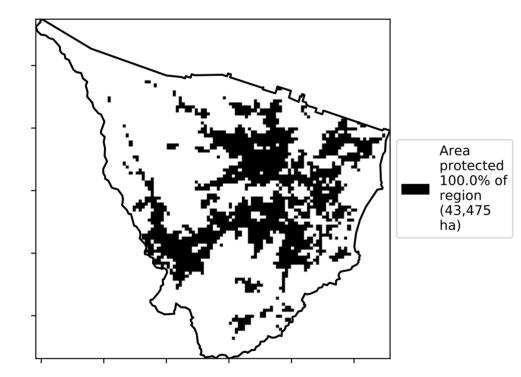
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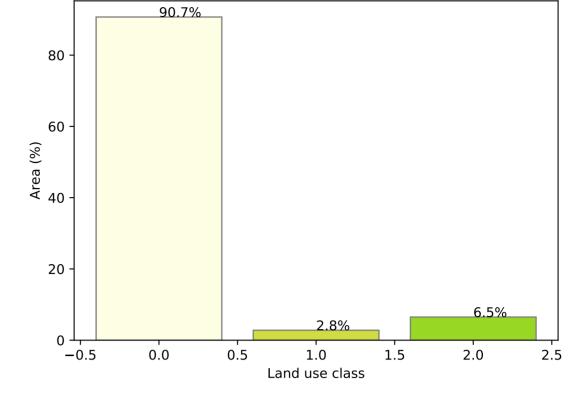


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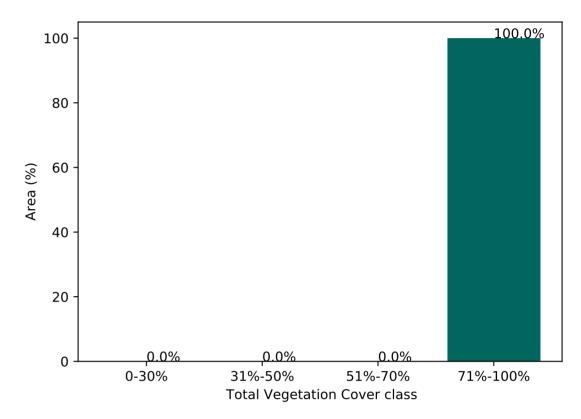
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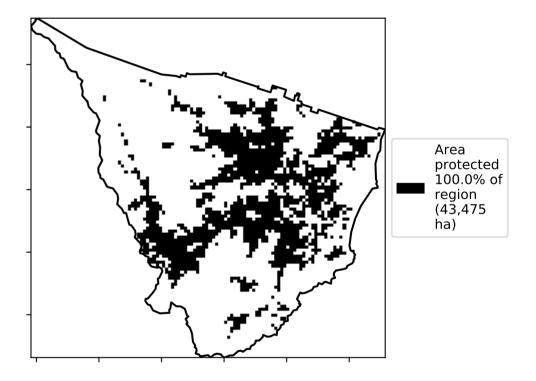


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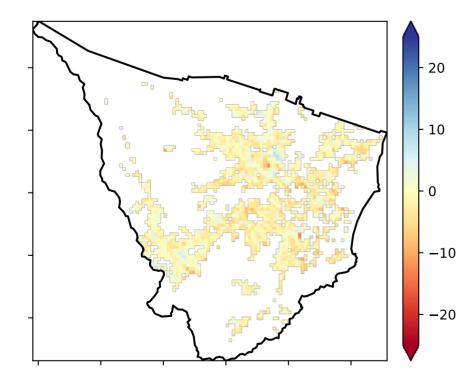
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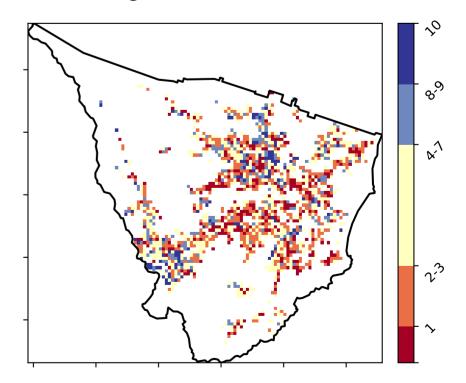
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

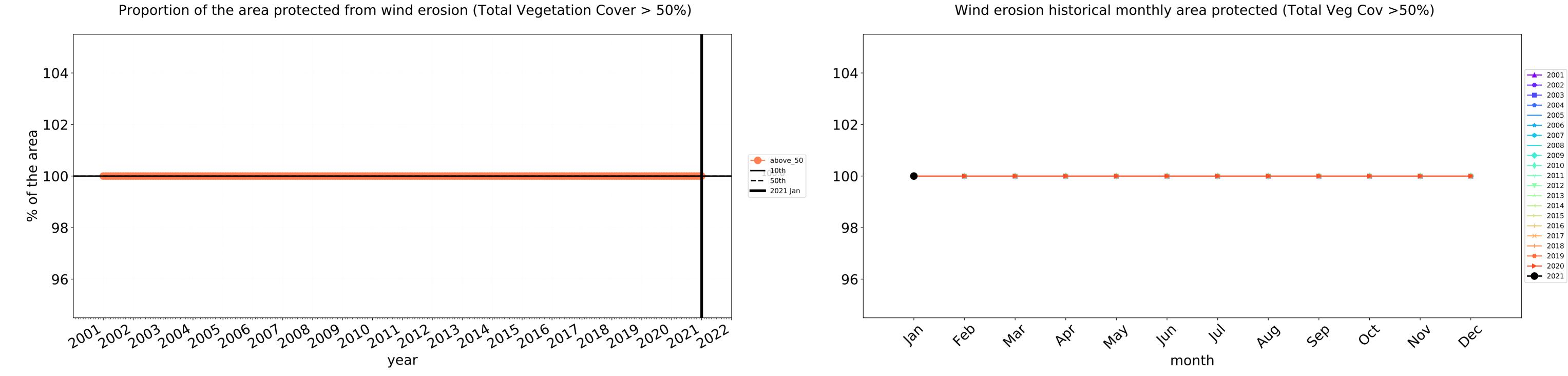


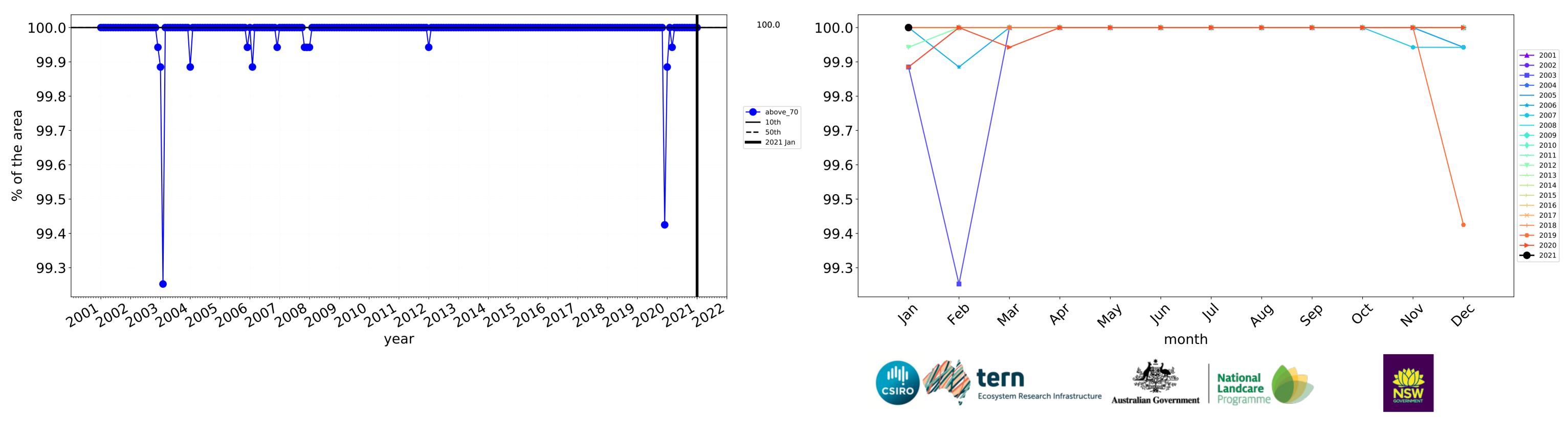
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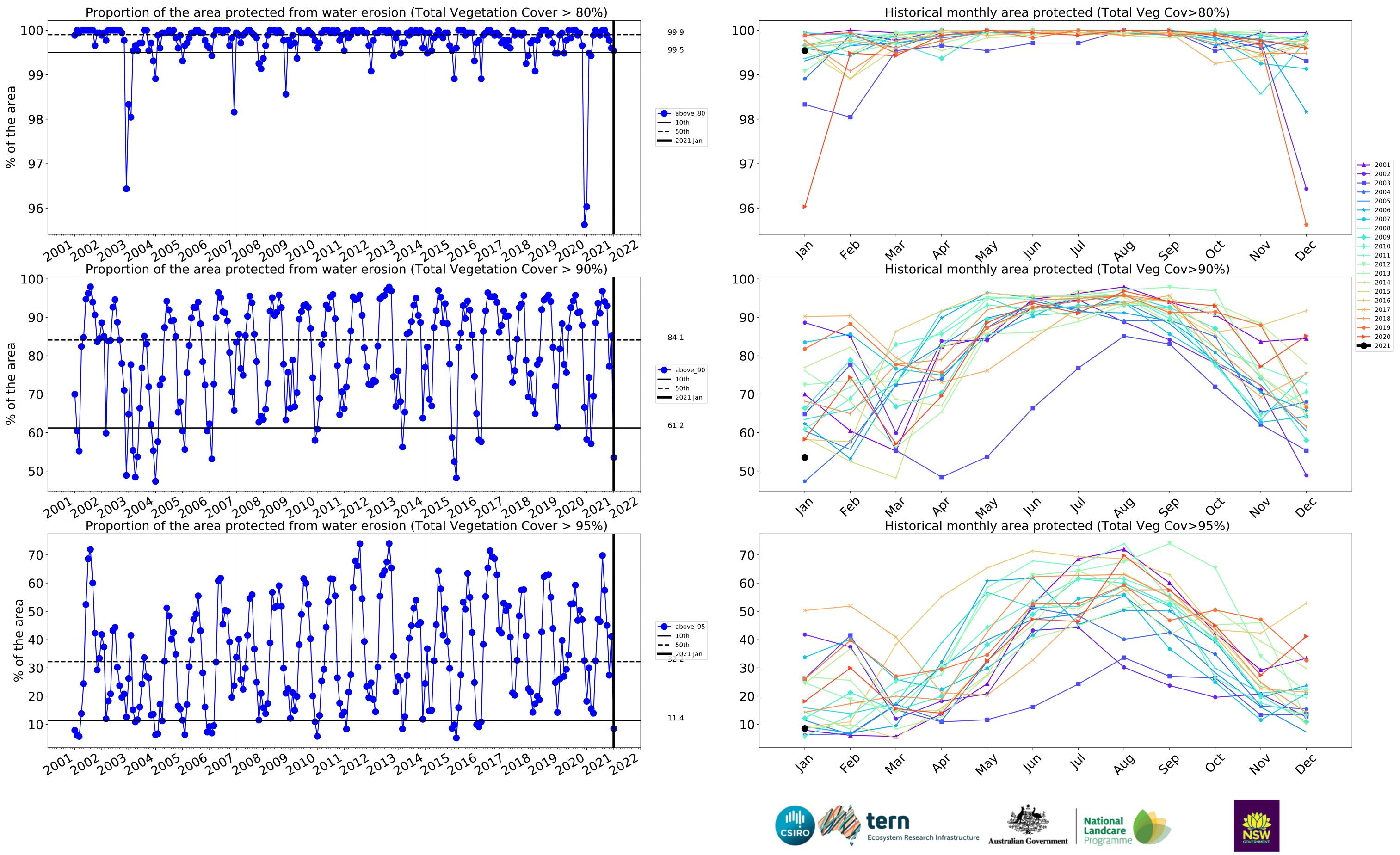
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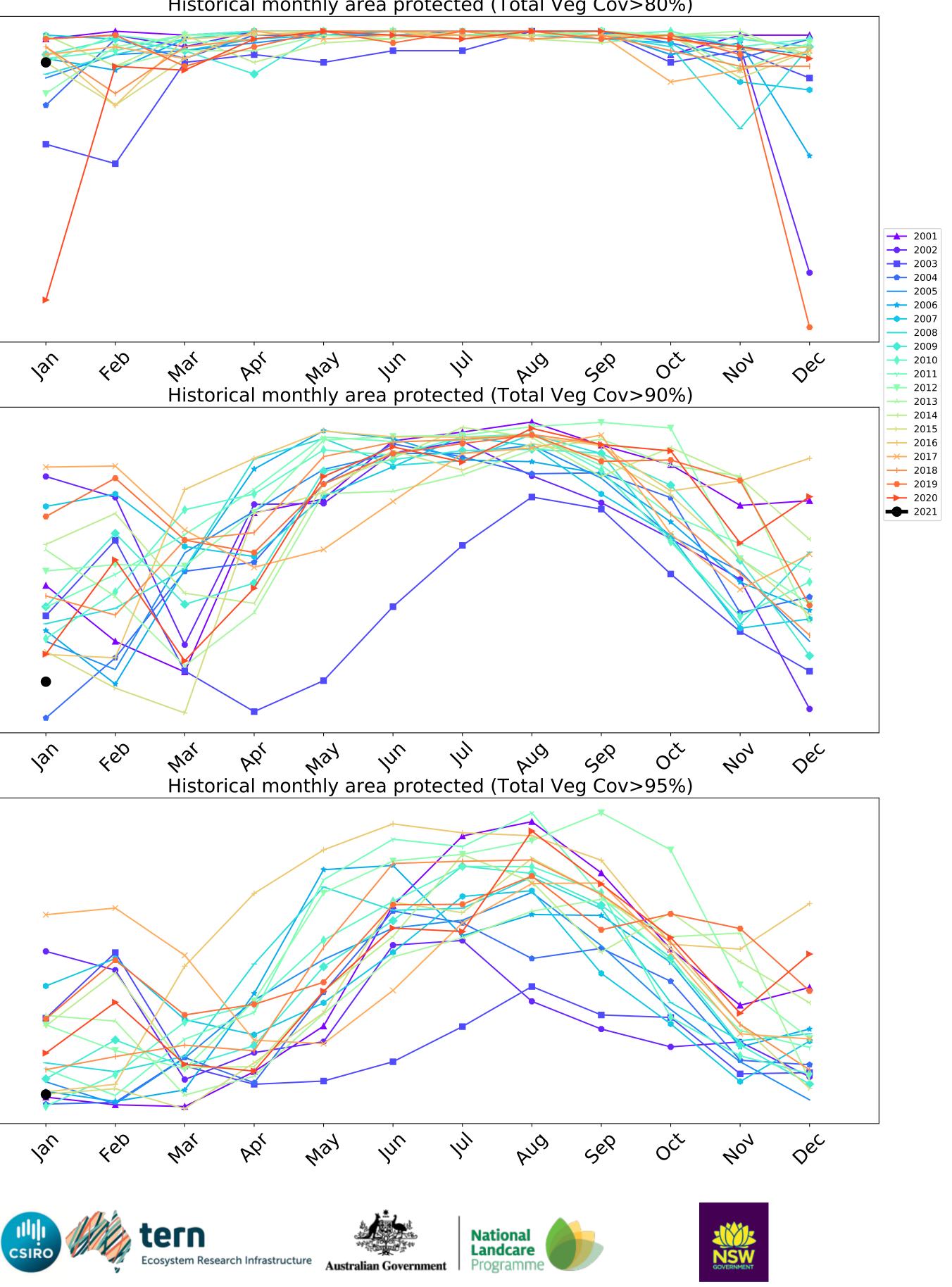




## Grazing timeseries

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





## **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

Derived from

Use of Australia

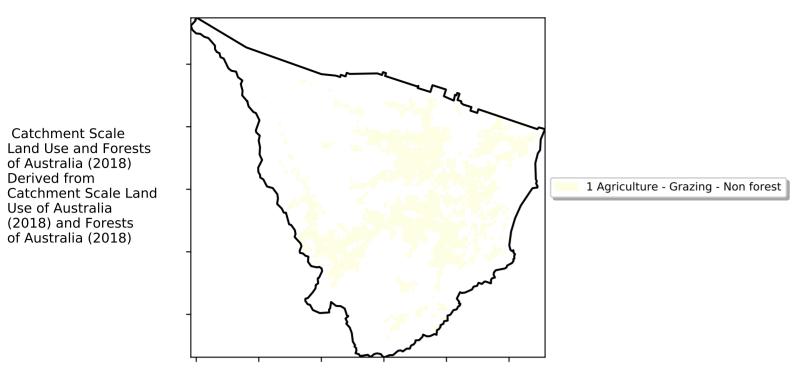
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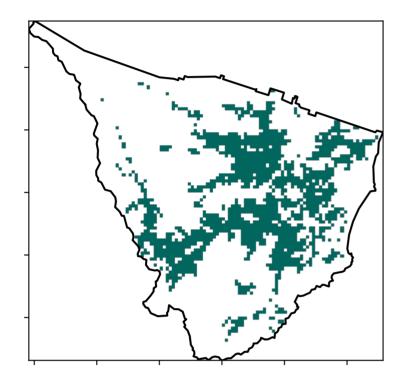
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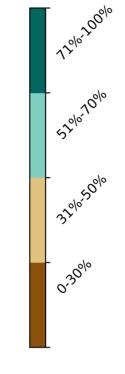
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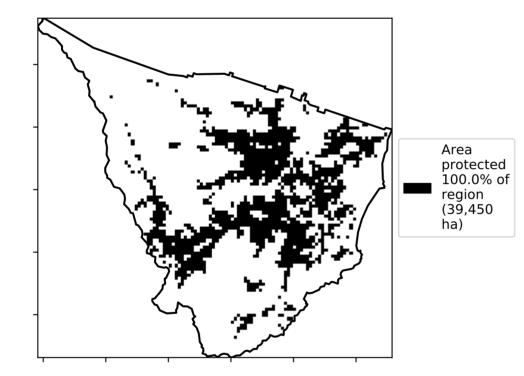


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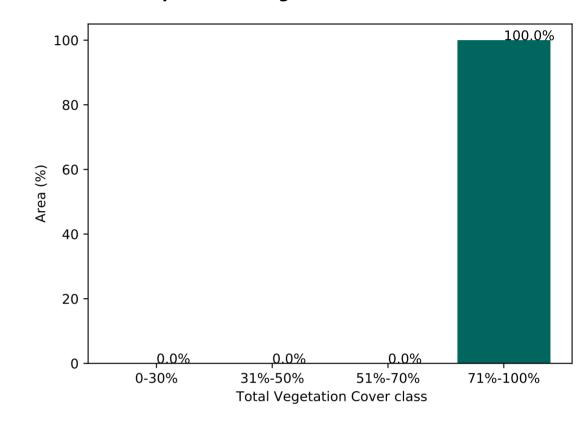




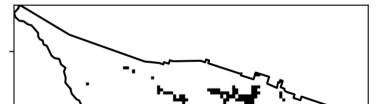
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



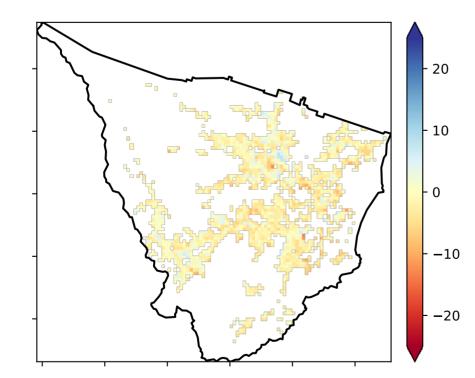
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



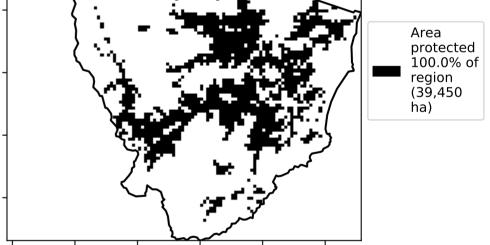
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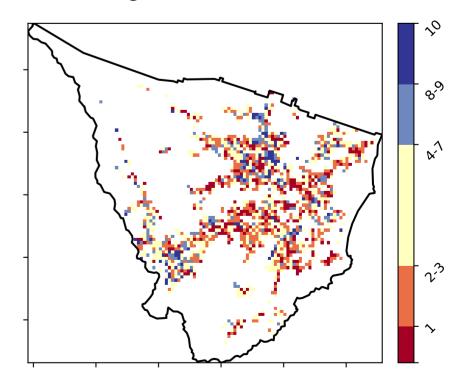
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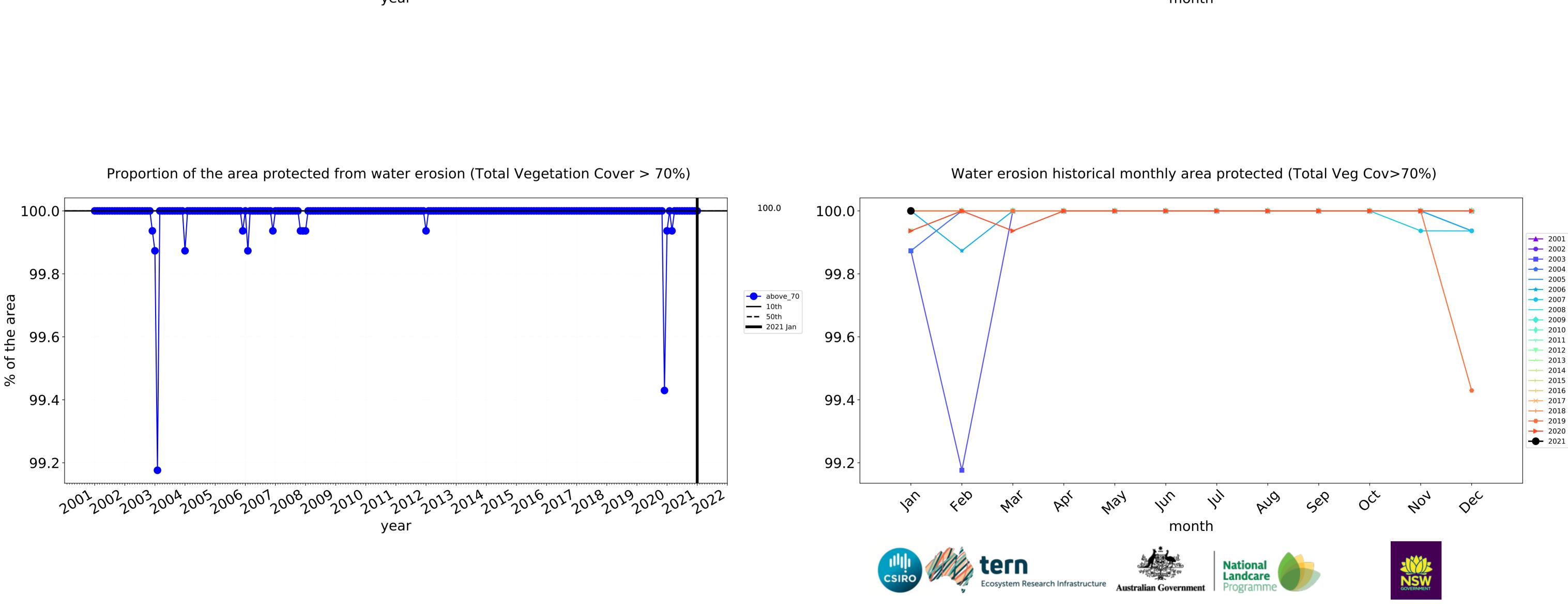


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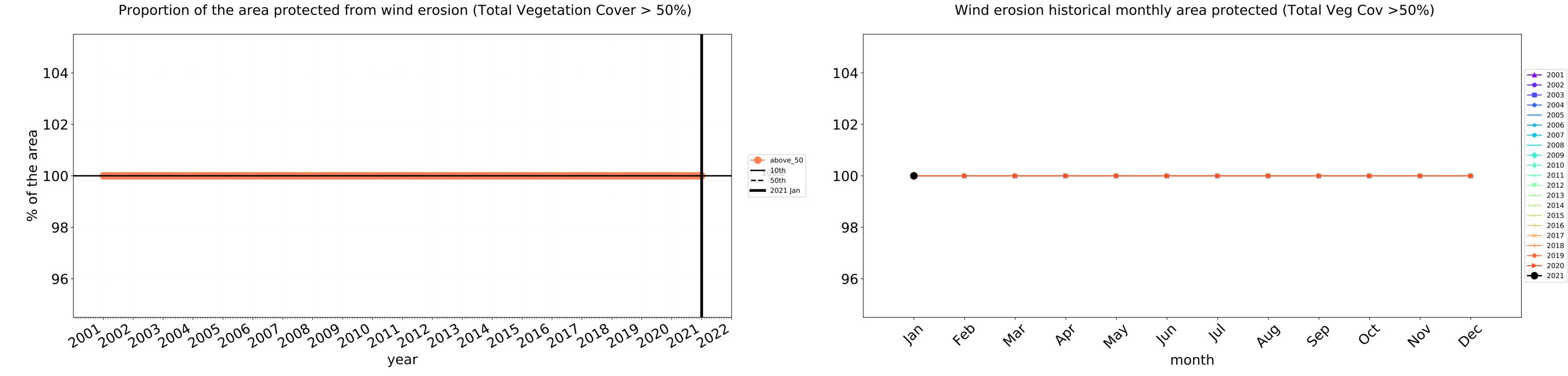




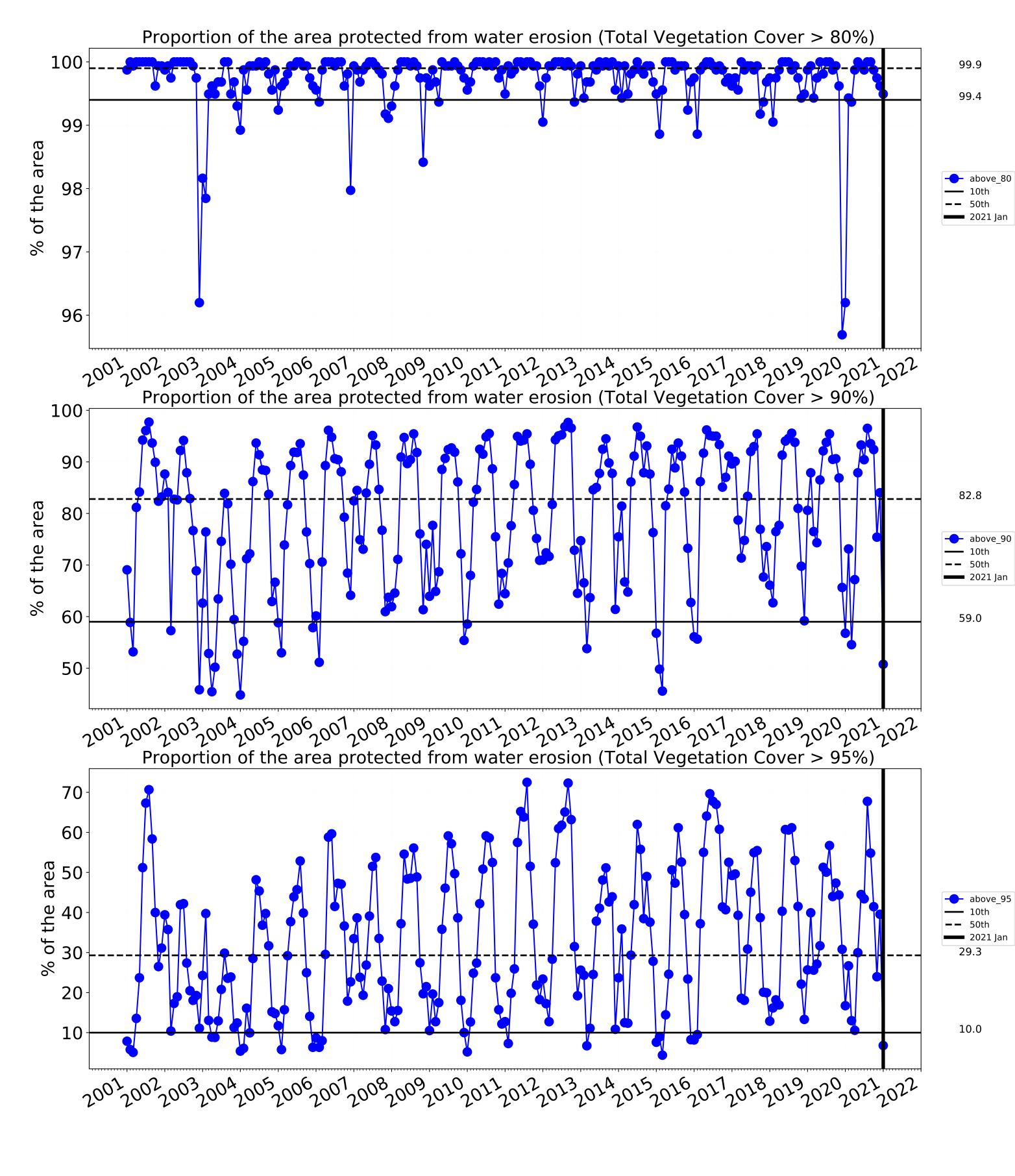
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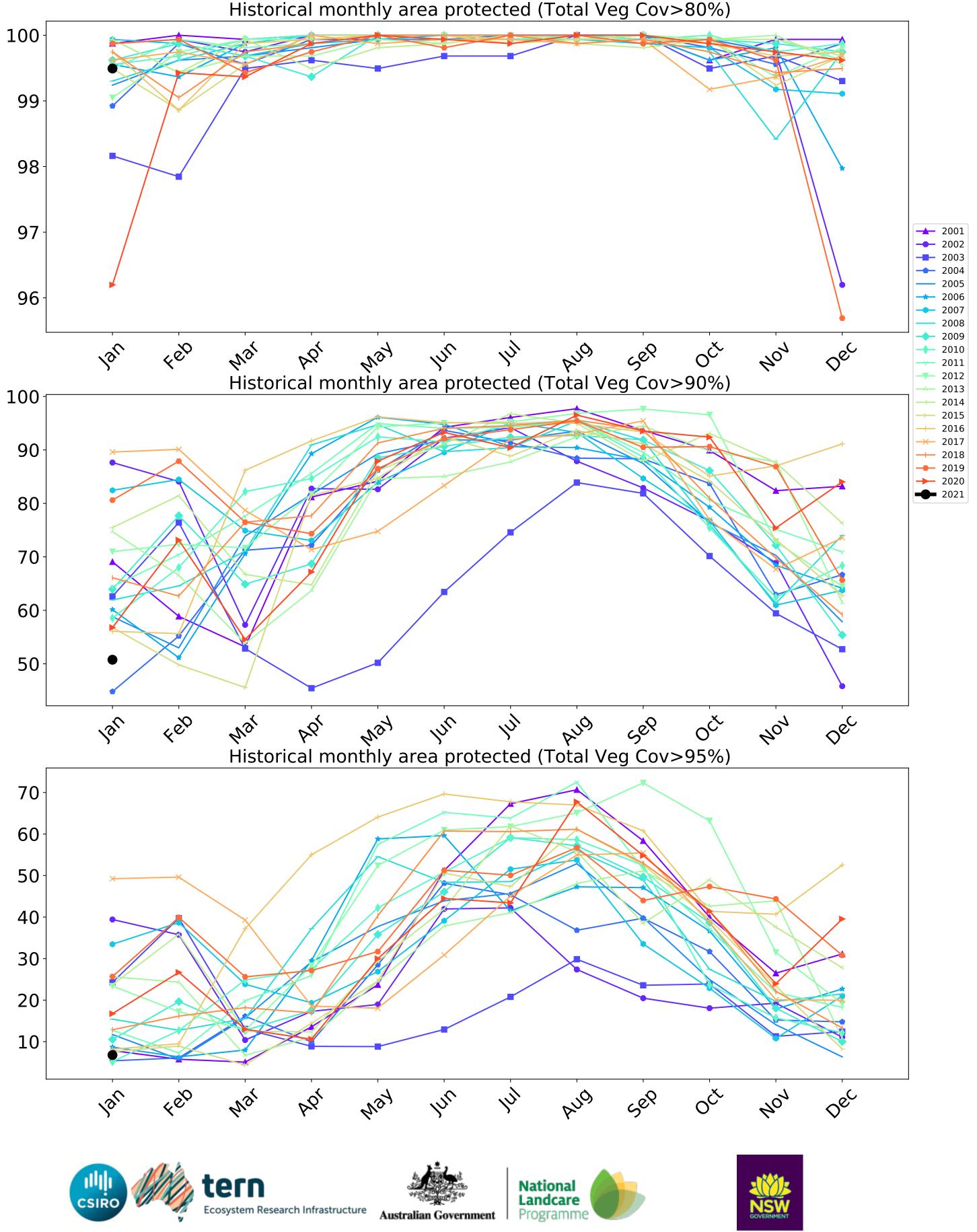


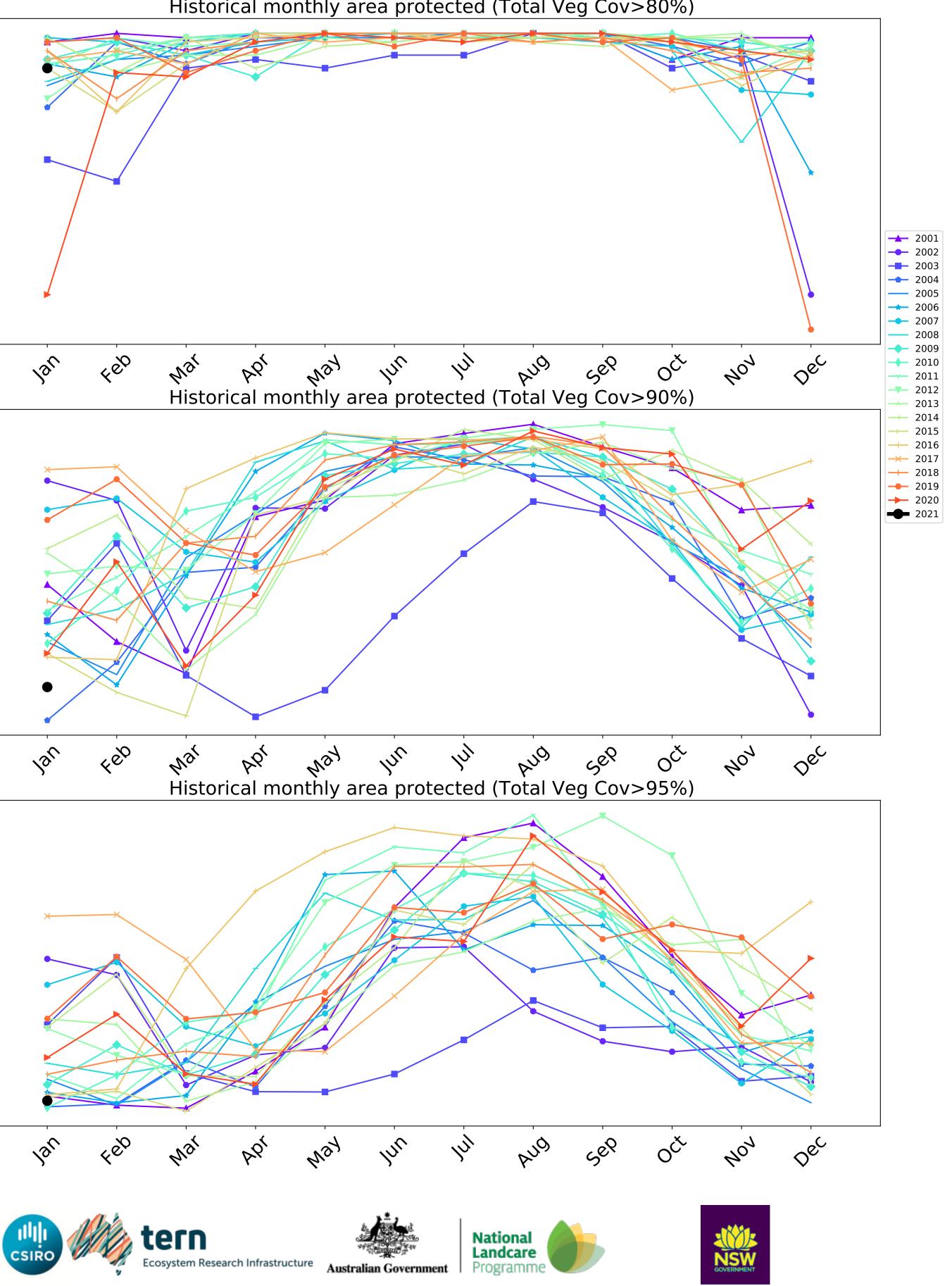




# Grazing non forest timeseries







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

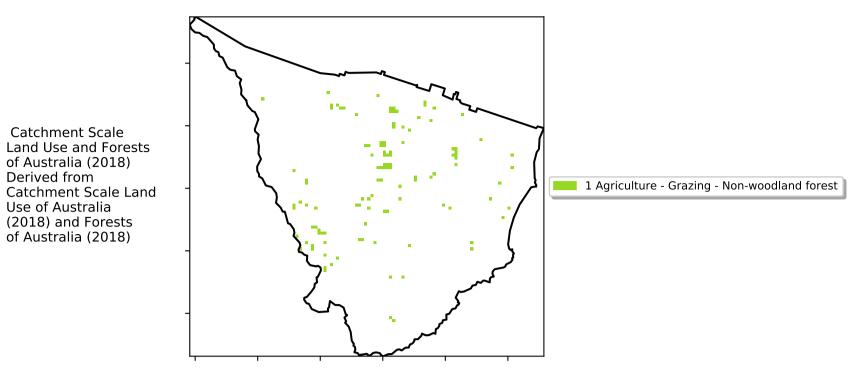
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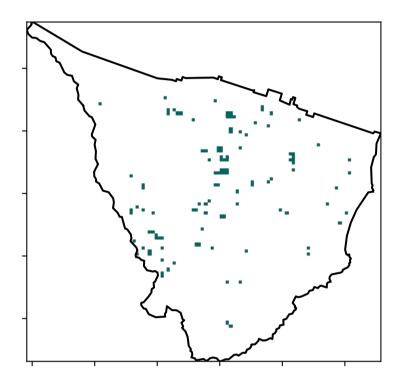
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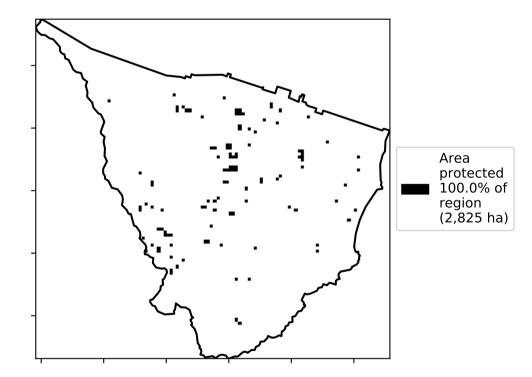
Land use and forest cover



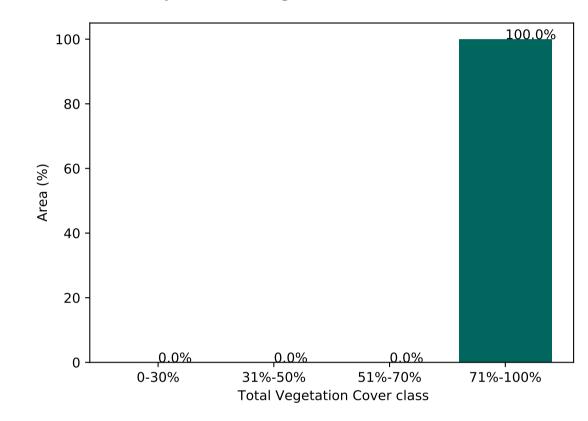
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 







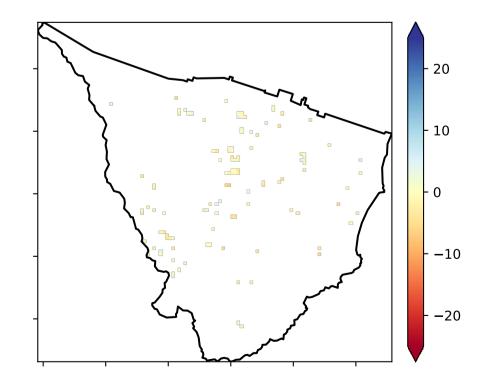




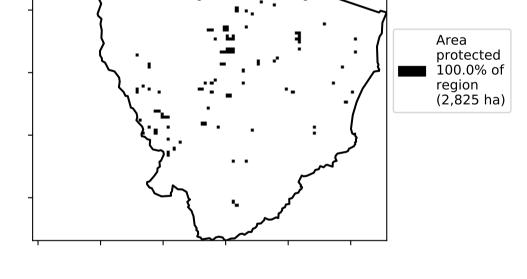
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



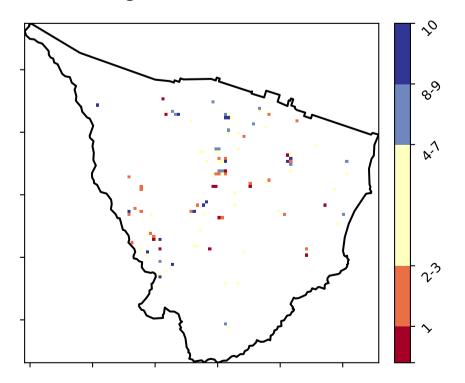
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

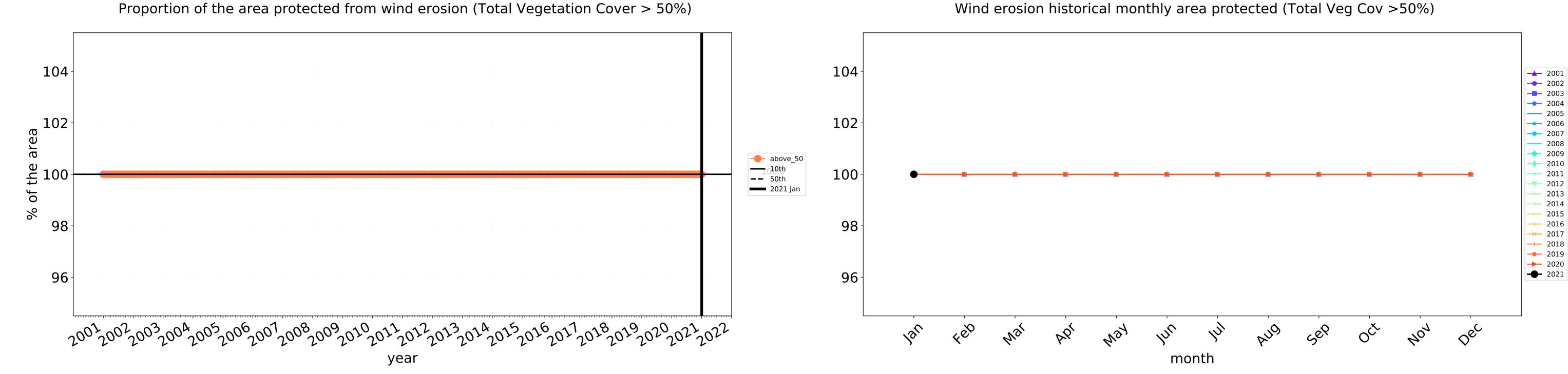


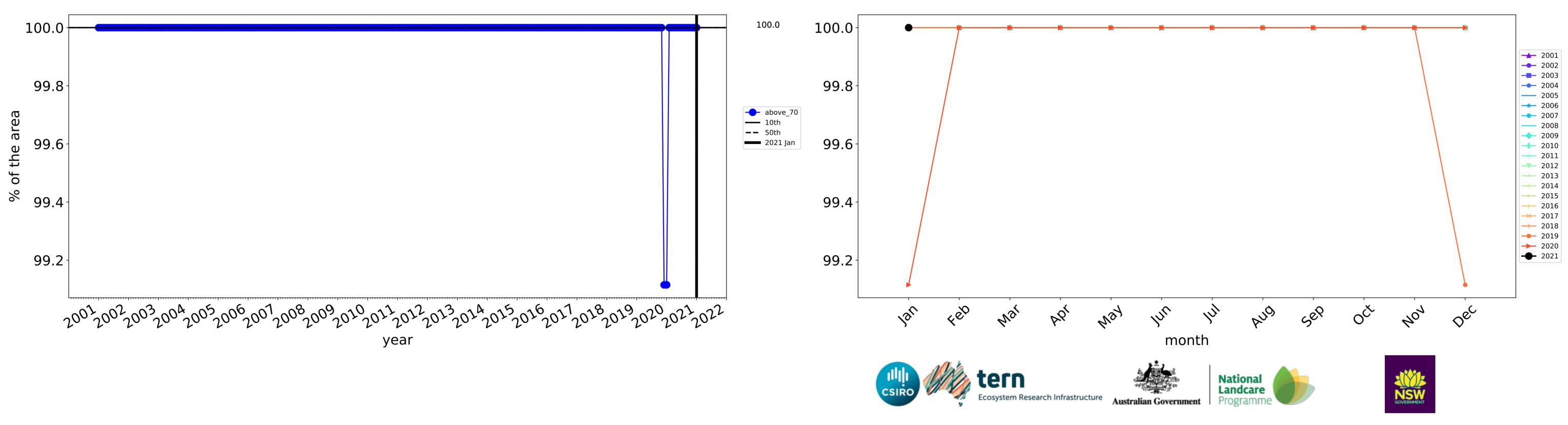




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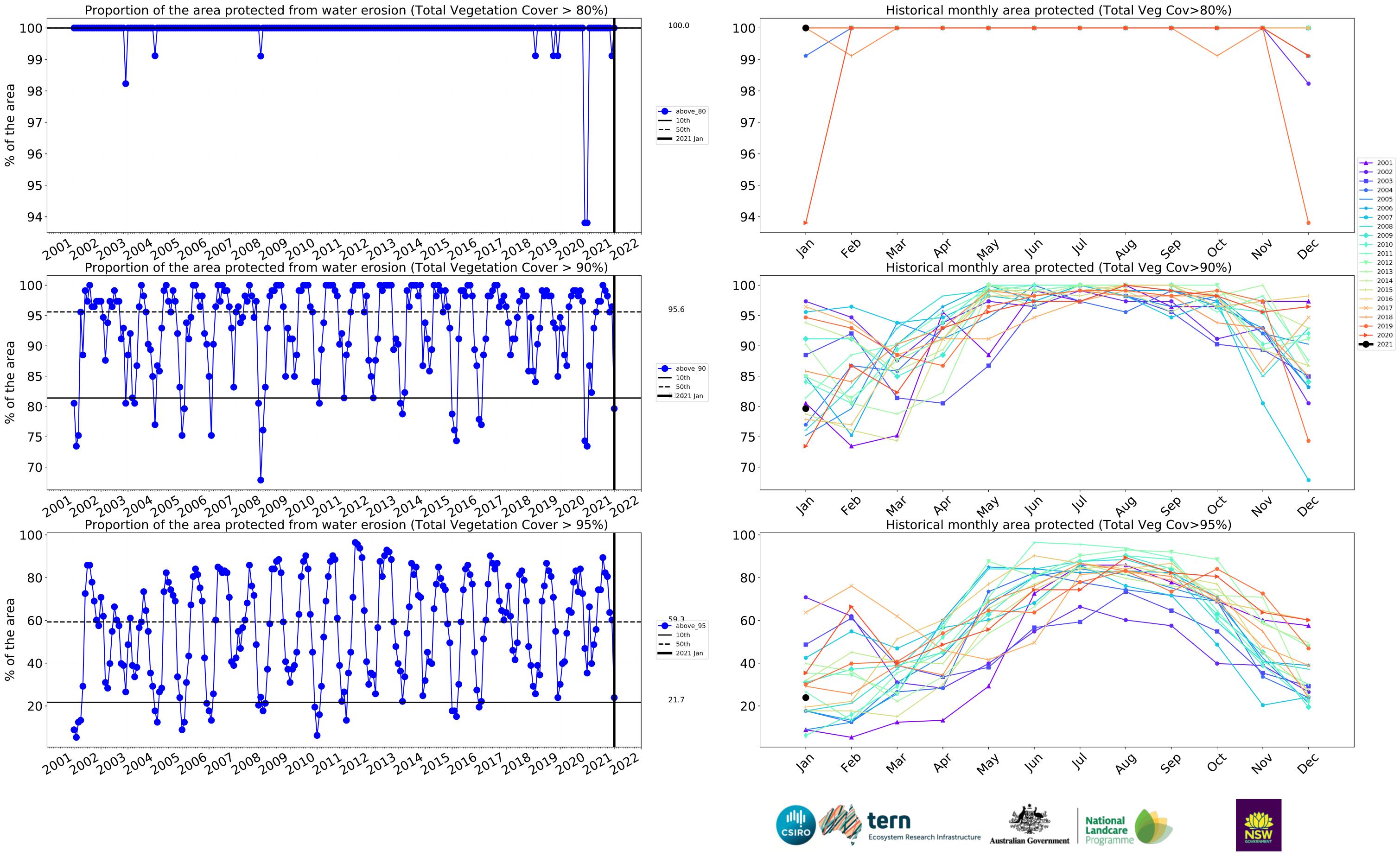






## Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

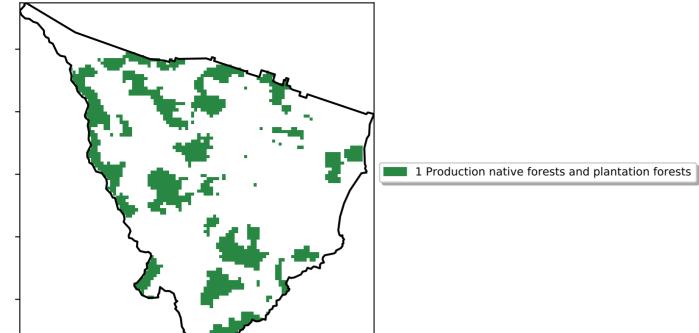
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



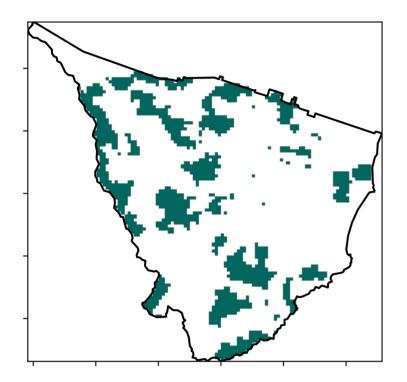


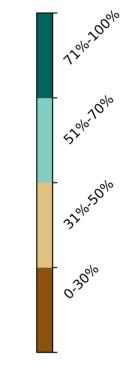
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

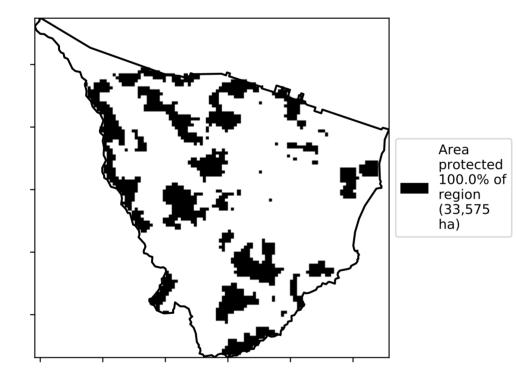


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

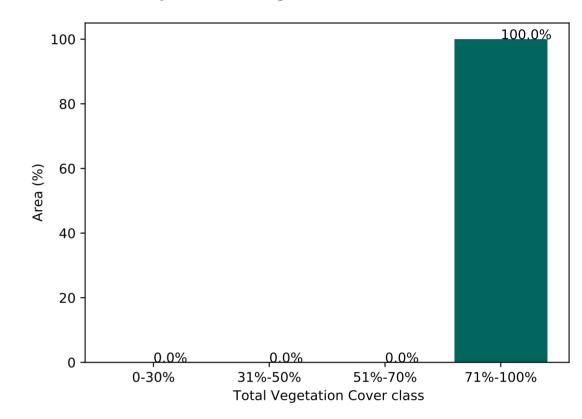




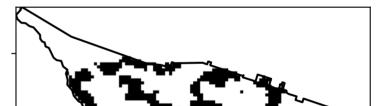
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

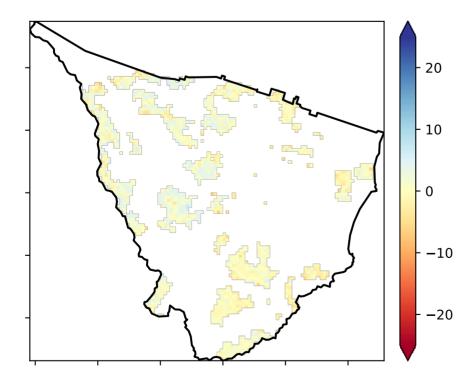


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

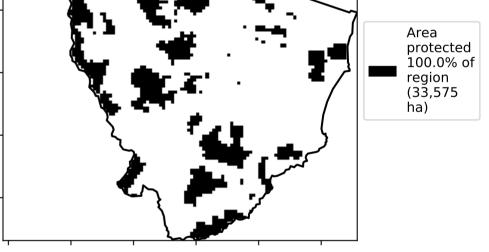


Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

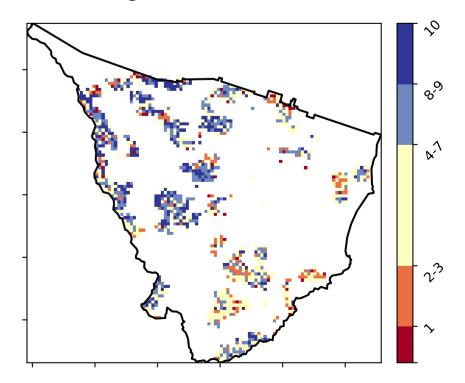
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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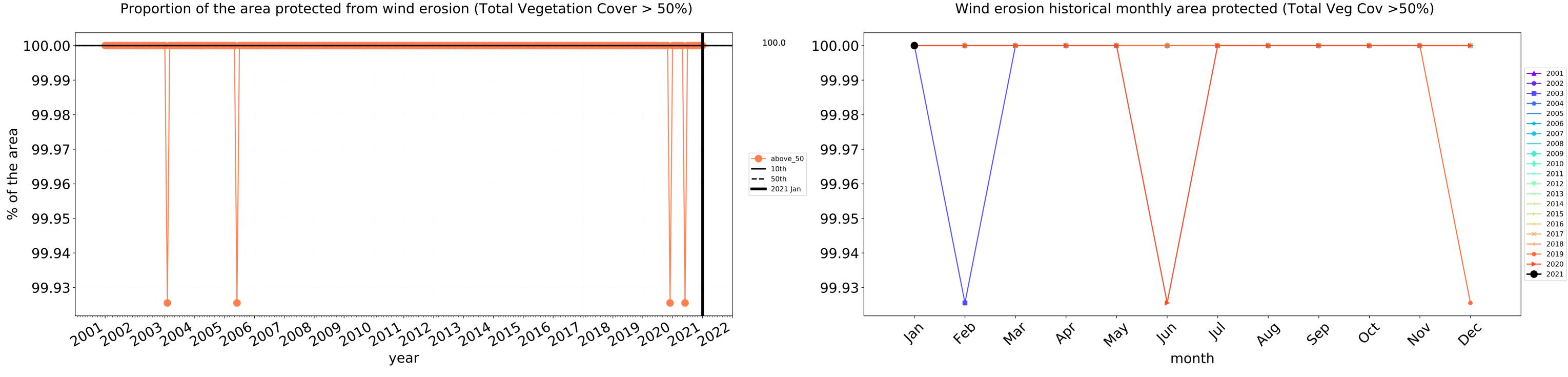


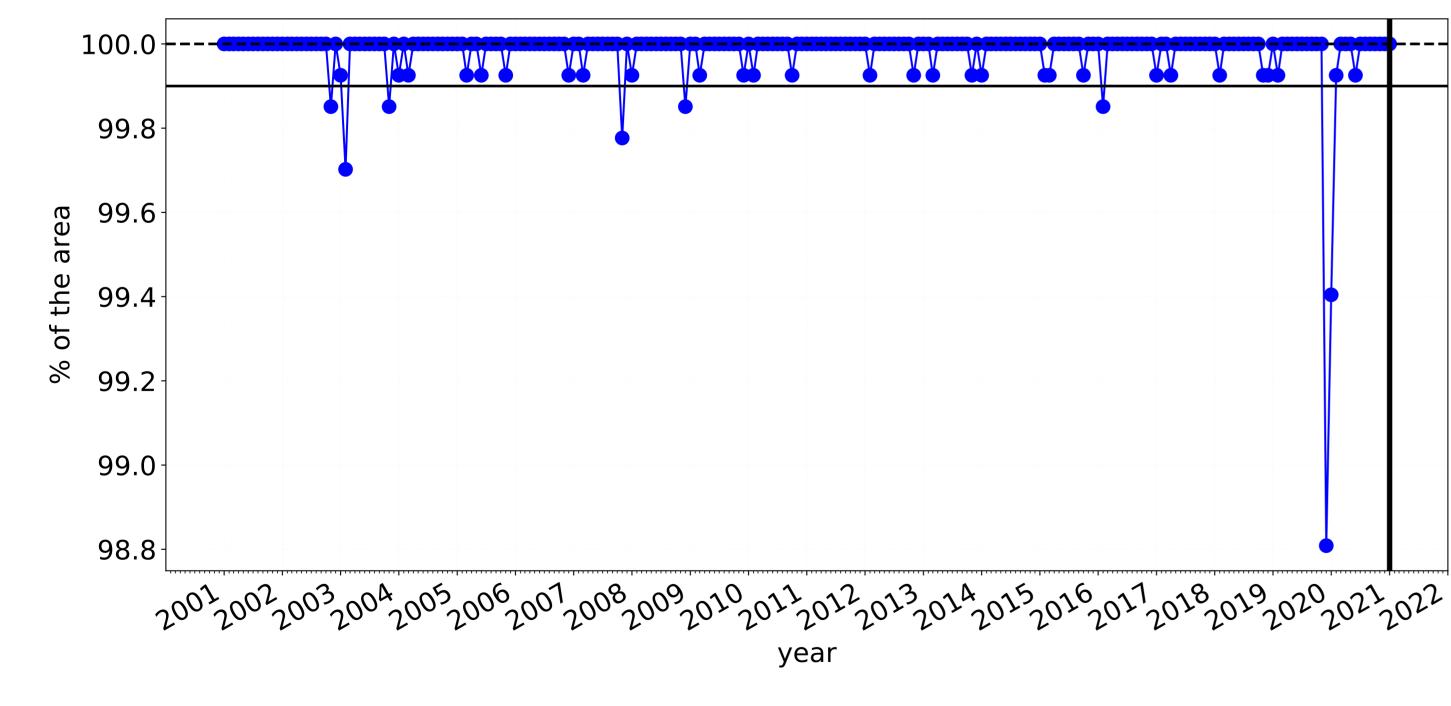




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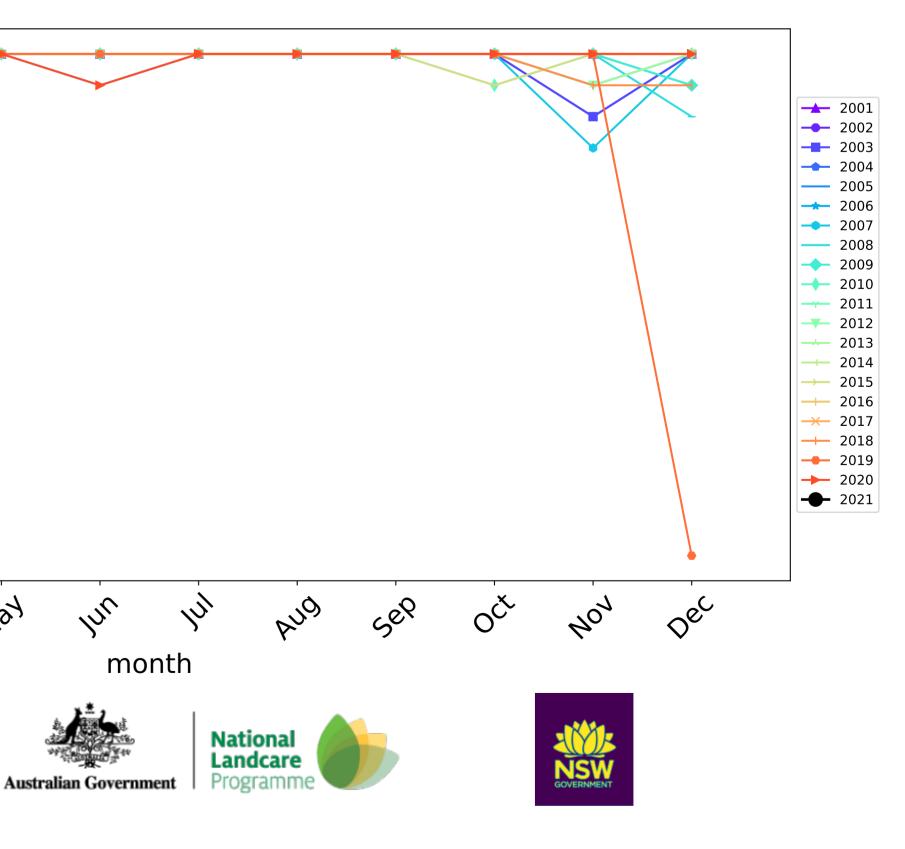


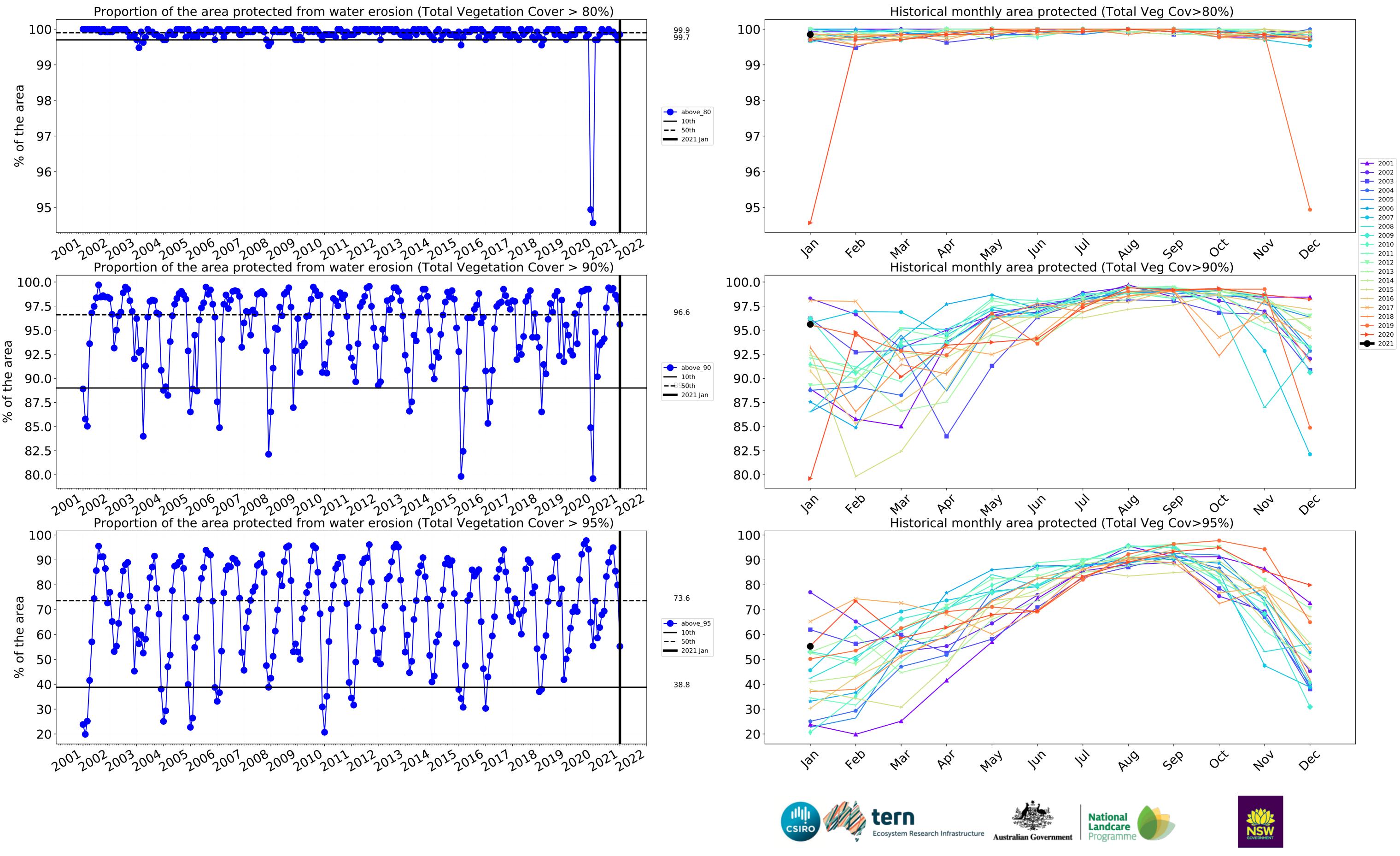
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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# Nambucca\_(A) (148,450 ha and no data 689 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	148,450	100.0% 148,425	99.9% 148,350	99.6% 147,900	98.9% 146,750	77.7% 115,300	34.3% 50,975
Conservation and natural environments	64,675	100.0% 64,650	99.9% 64,600	99.5% 64,375	99.2% 64,175	89.6% 57,925	44.0% 28,425
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,150	99.2% 3,125	98.4% 3,100	92.9% 2,925	88.9% 2,800	44.4% 1,400	4.0% 125
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	60,925	100.0% 60,925	100.0% 60,900	99.9% 60,850	99.8% 60,775	92.2% 56,200	46.4% 28,275
Agriculture	44,075	100.0% 44,075	100.0% 44,075	100.0% 44,075	99.5% 43,875	53.0% 23,375	8.5% 3,725
Grazing	43,475	100.0% 43,475	100.0% 43,475	100.0% 43,475	99.5% 43,275	53.5% 23,275	8.6% 3,725
Grazing non forest	39,450	100.0% 39,450	100.0% 39,450	100.0% 39,450	99.5% 39,250	50.8% 20,025	6.8% 2,675
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	2,825	100.0% 2,825	100.0% 2,825	100.0% 2,825	100.0% 2,825	79.6% 2,250	23.9% 675
Production native forests and plantation forests	33,575	100.0% 33,575	100.0% 33,575	100.0% 33,575	99.9% 33,525	95.6% 32,100	55.2% 18,550



