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

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:

Date: August 2022

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.

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:

Total vegetation Cover:

- 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:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3









# **Vegetation Cover Aug 2022**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest 3 Conservation and natural environments -Non-Woodland forest 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 12 Production native forests and plantation forests 13 Other uses

Catchment Scale

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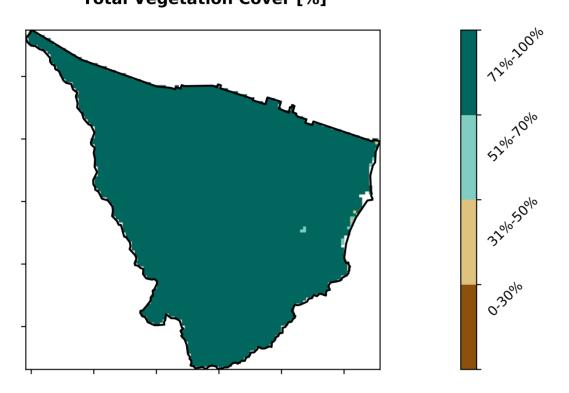
Land Use and Forests

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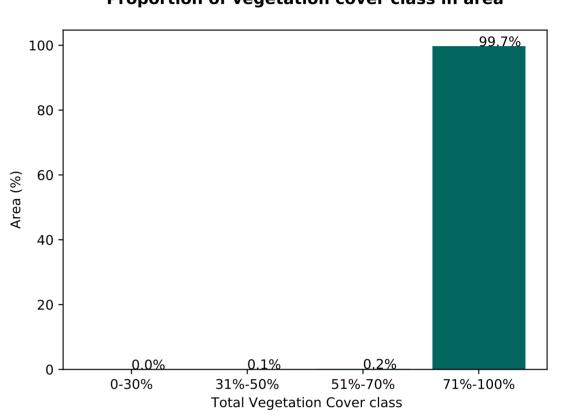
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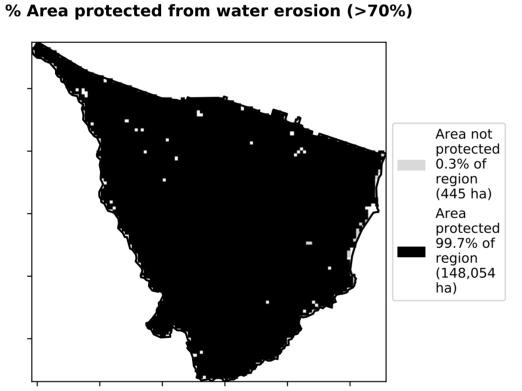
Proportion of each land class in area

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

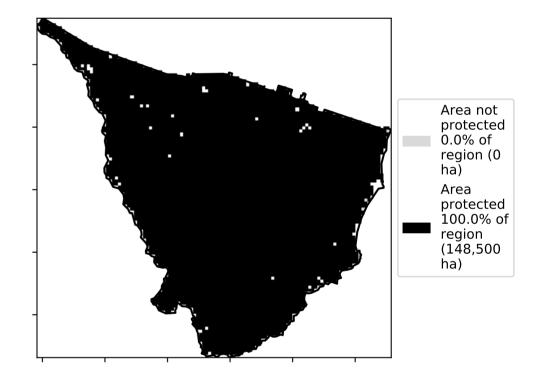


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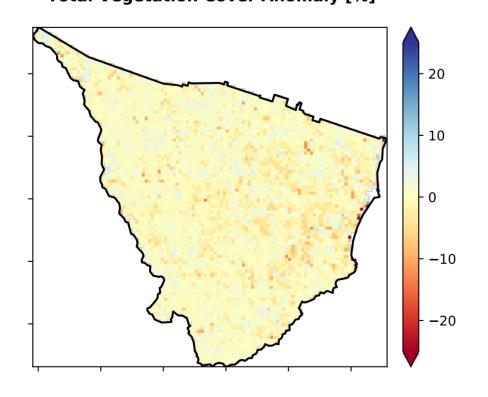




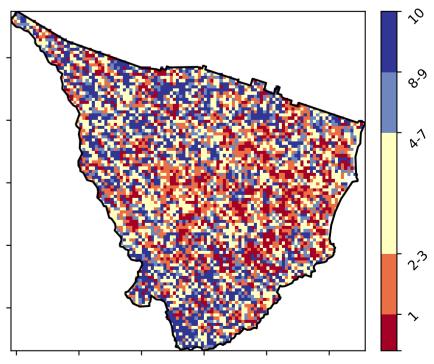
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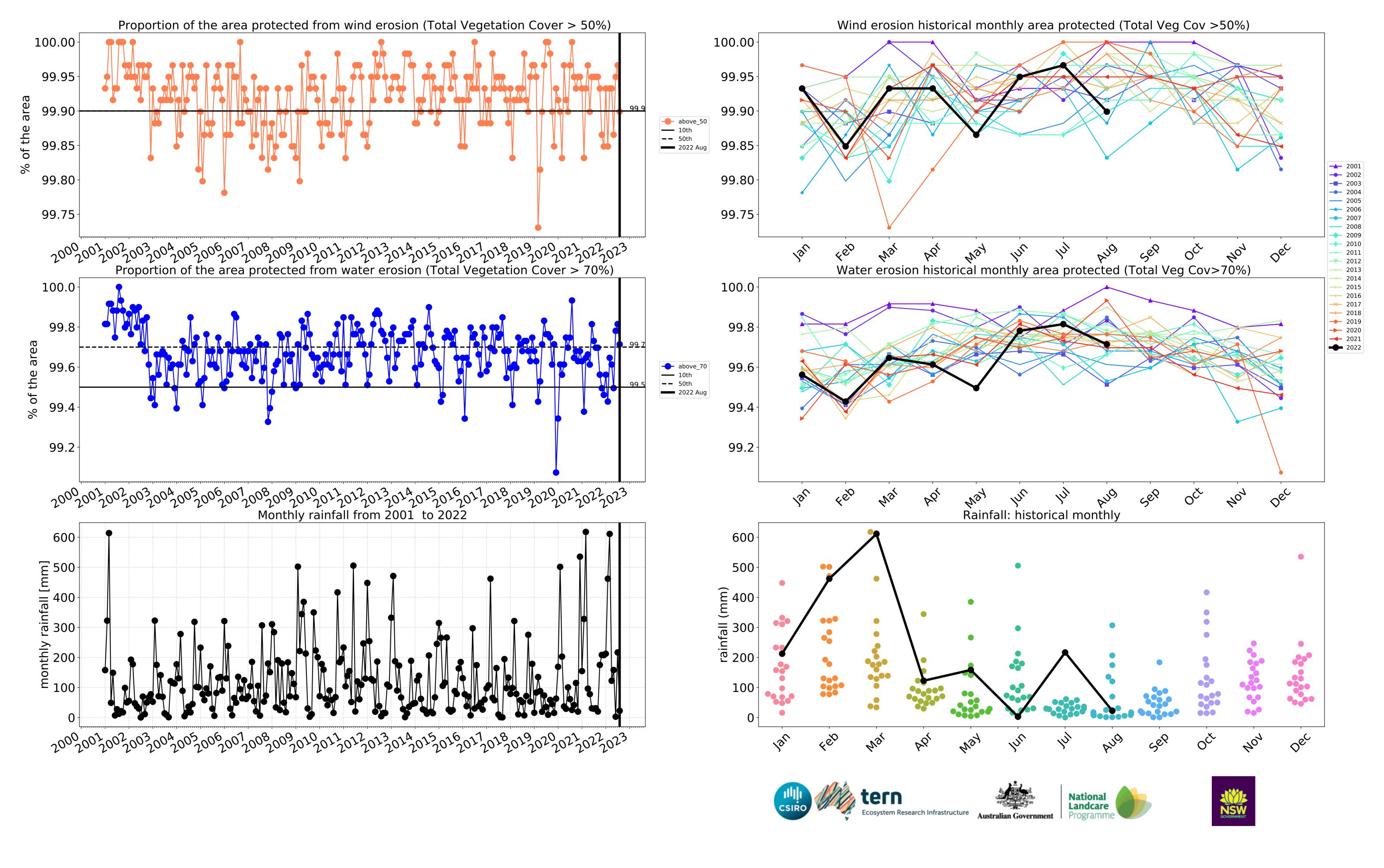


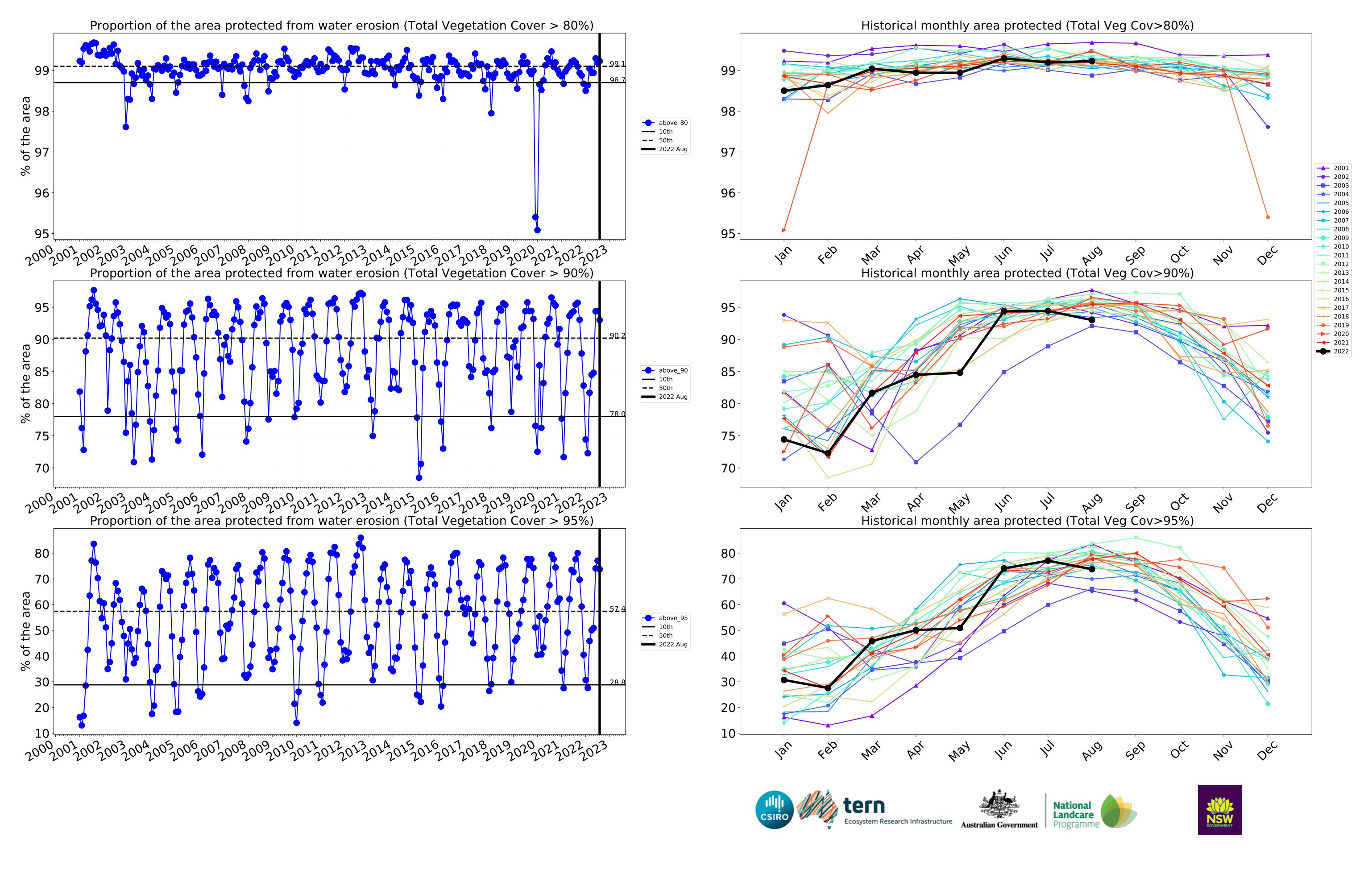
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## **Conservation and natural environments**

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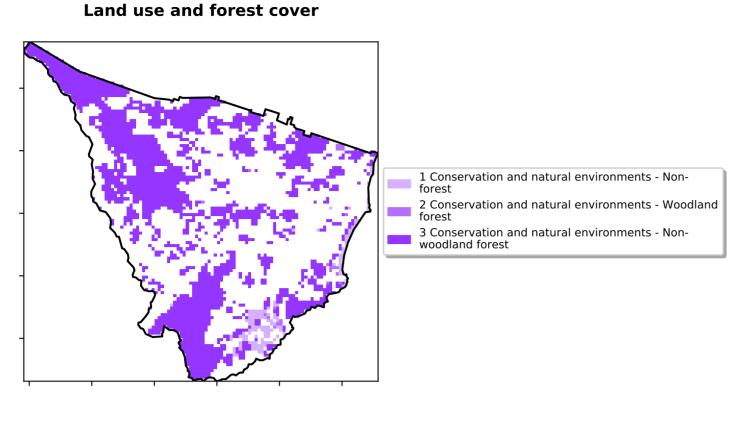
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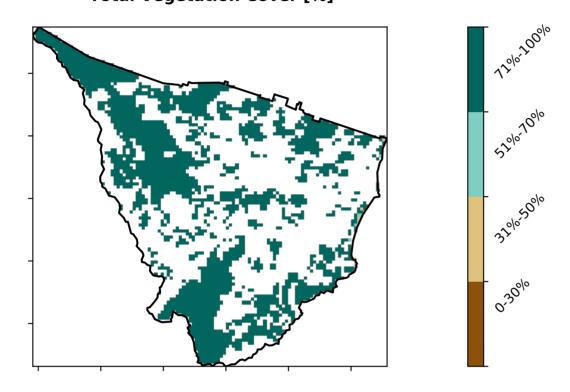
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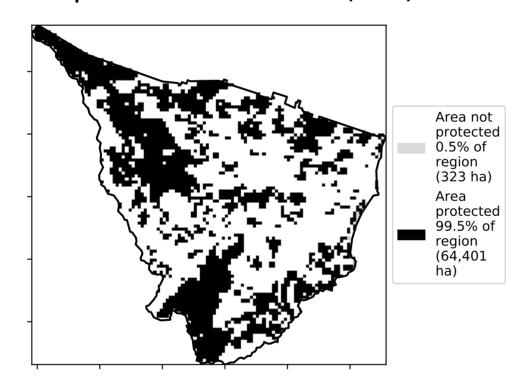
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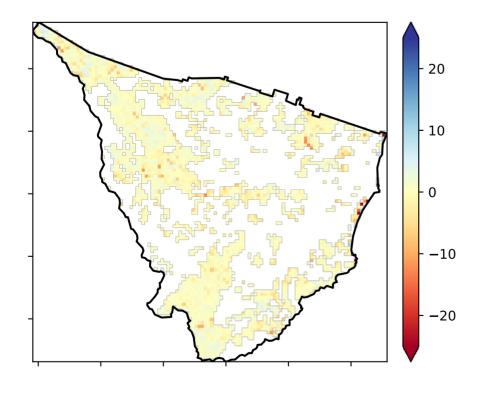
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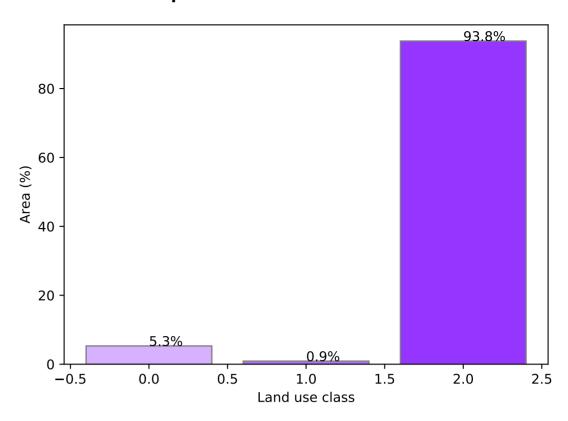


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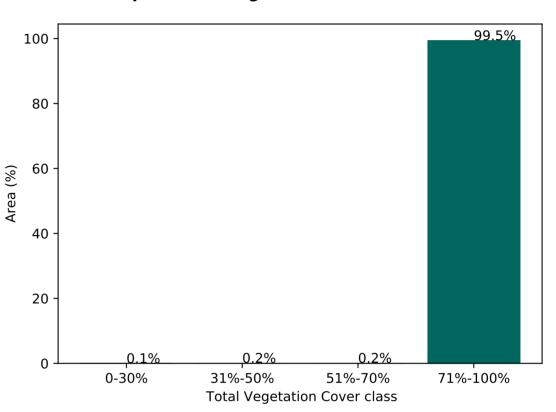


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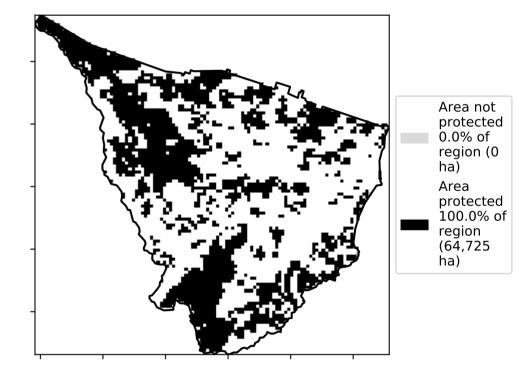
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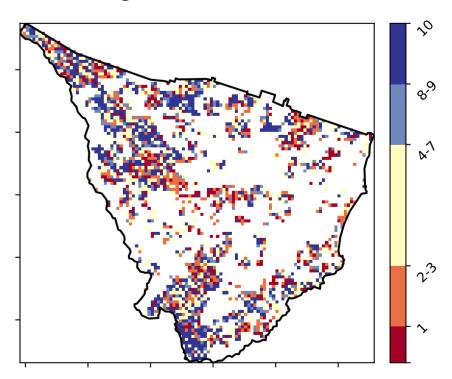
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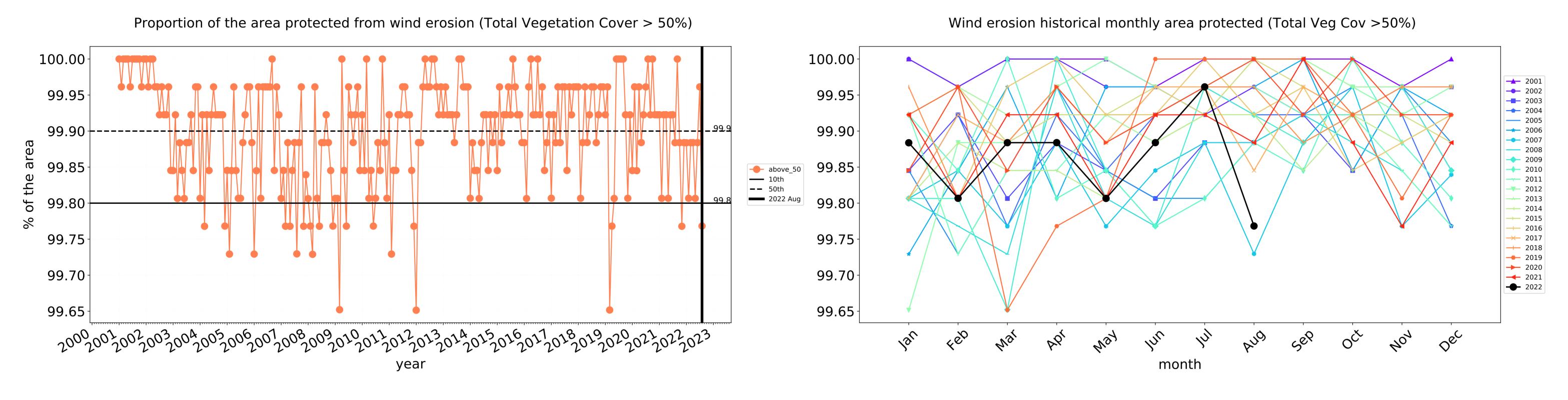


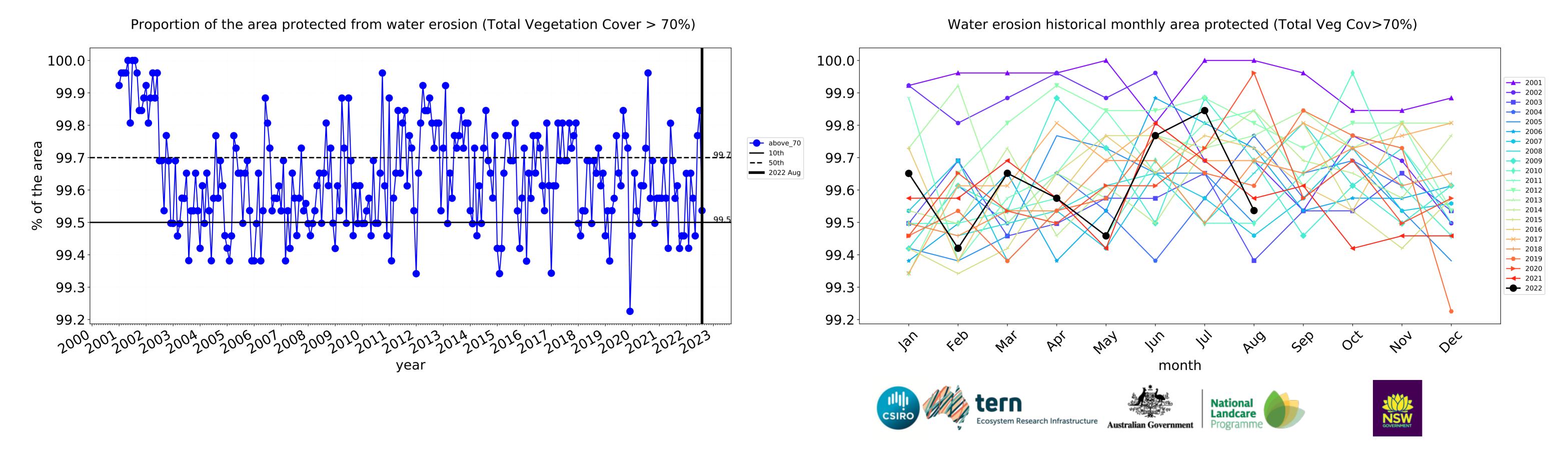


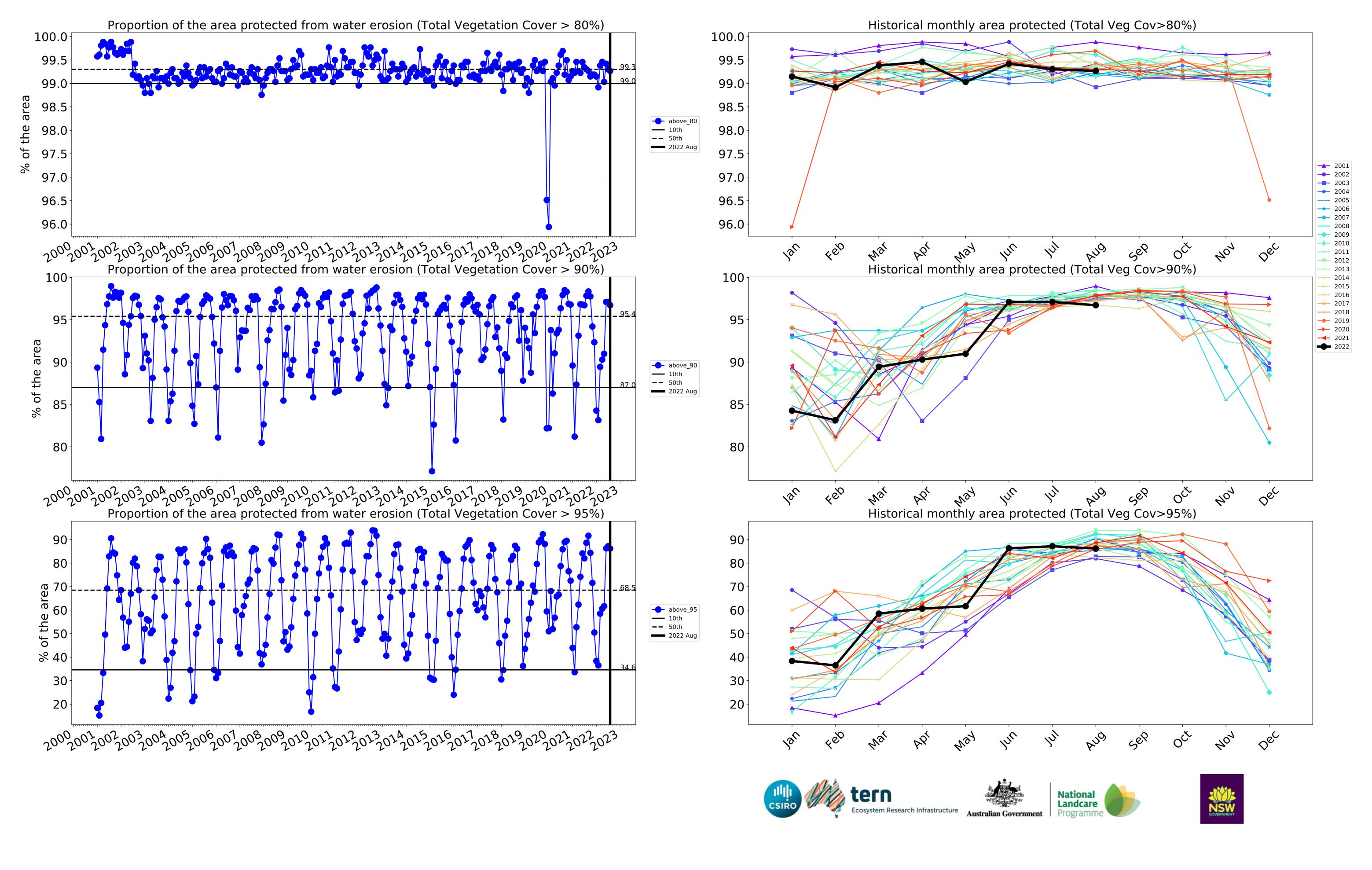




# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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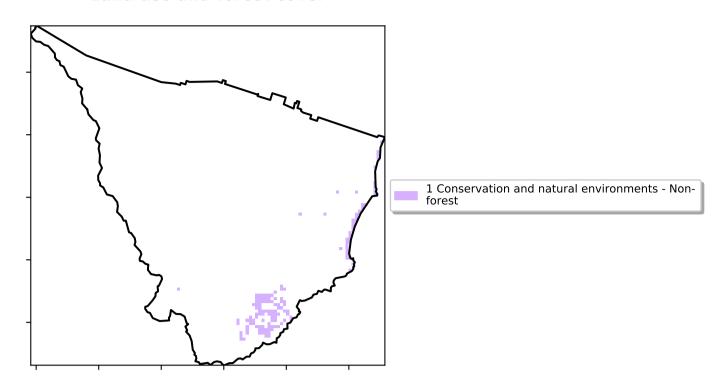
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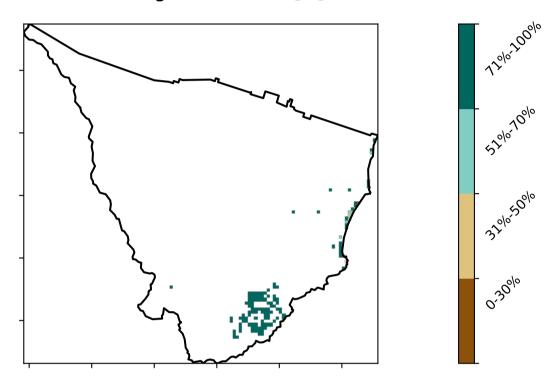
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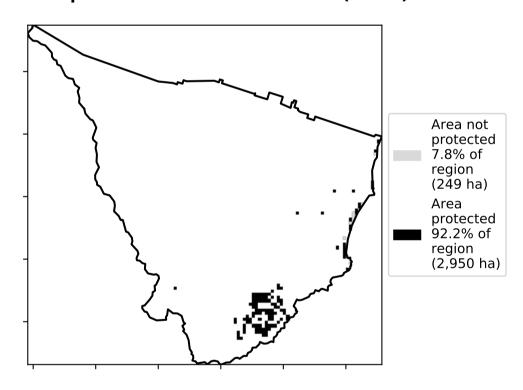
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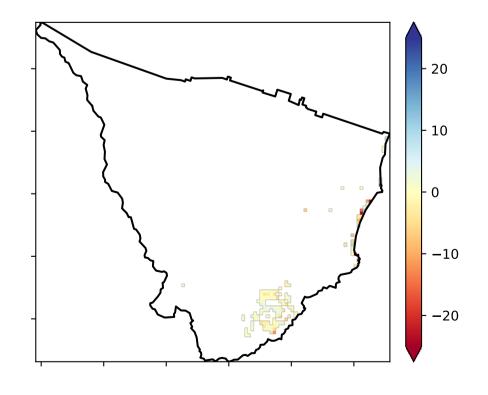
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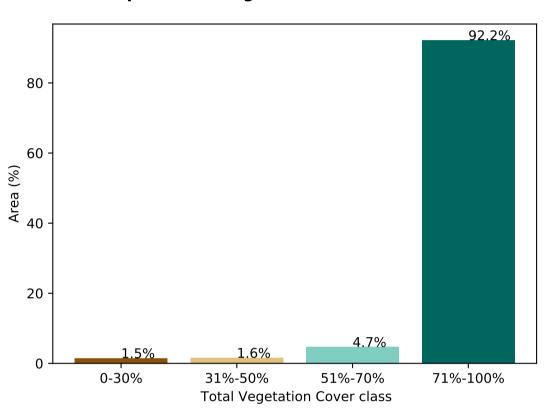


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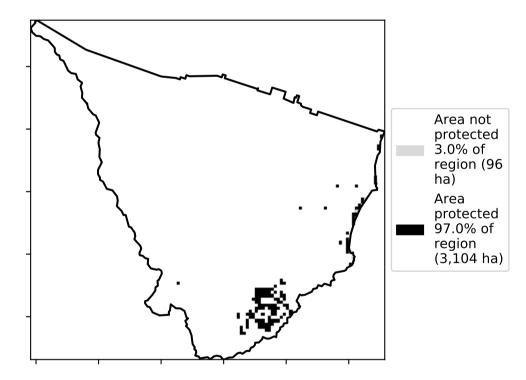


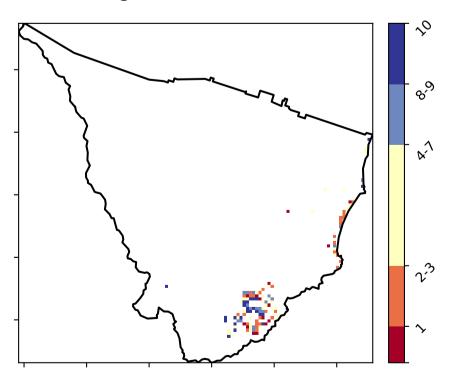
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





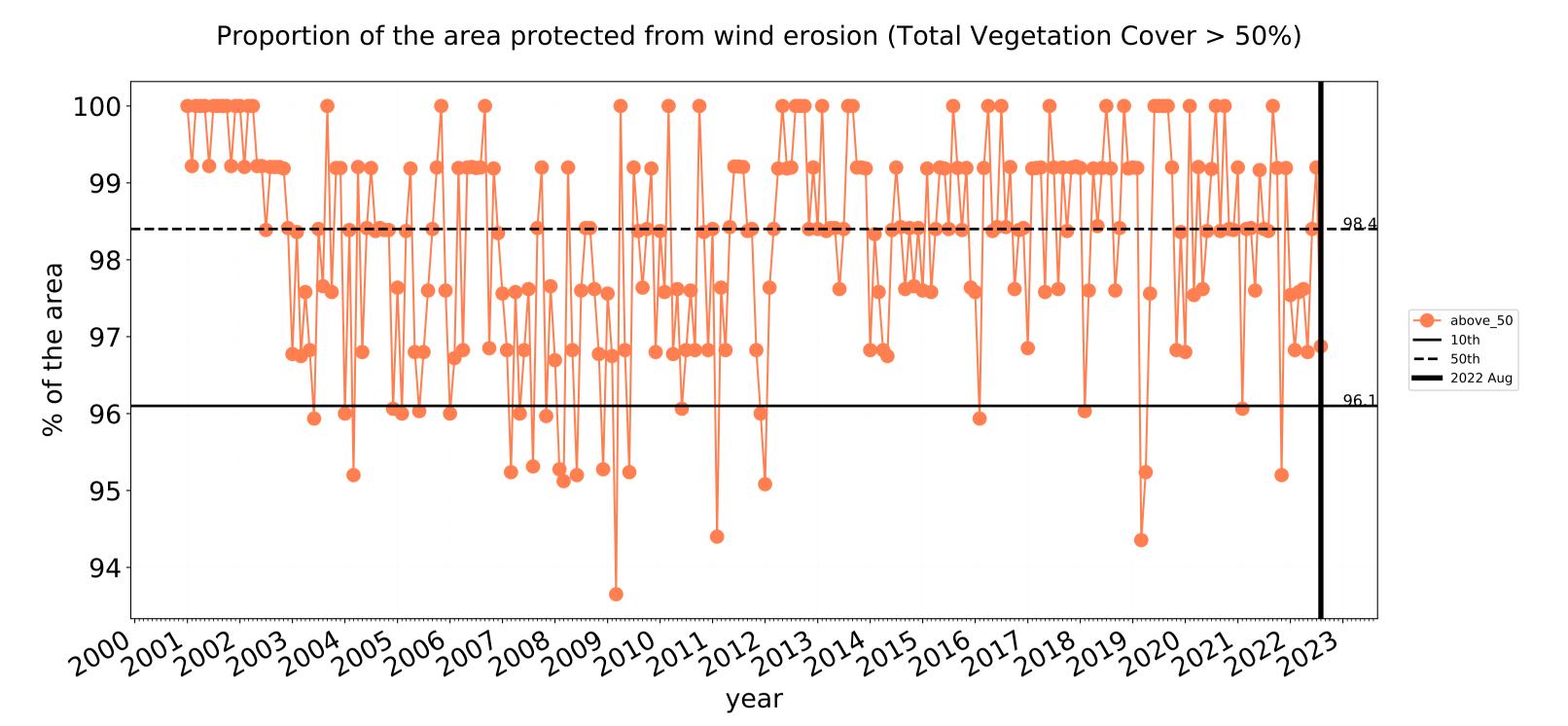


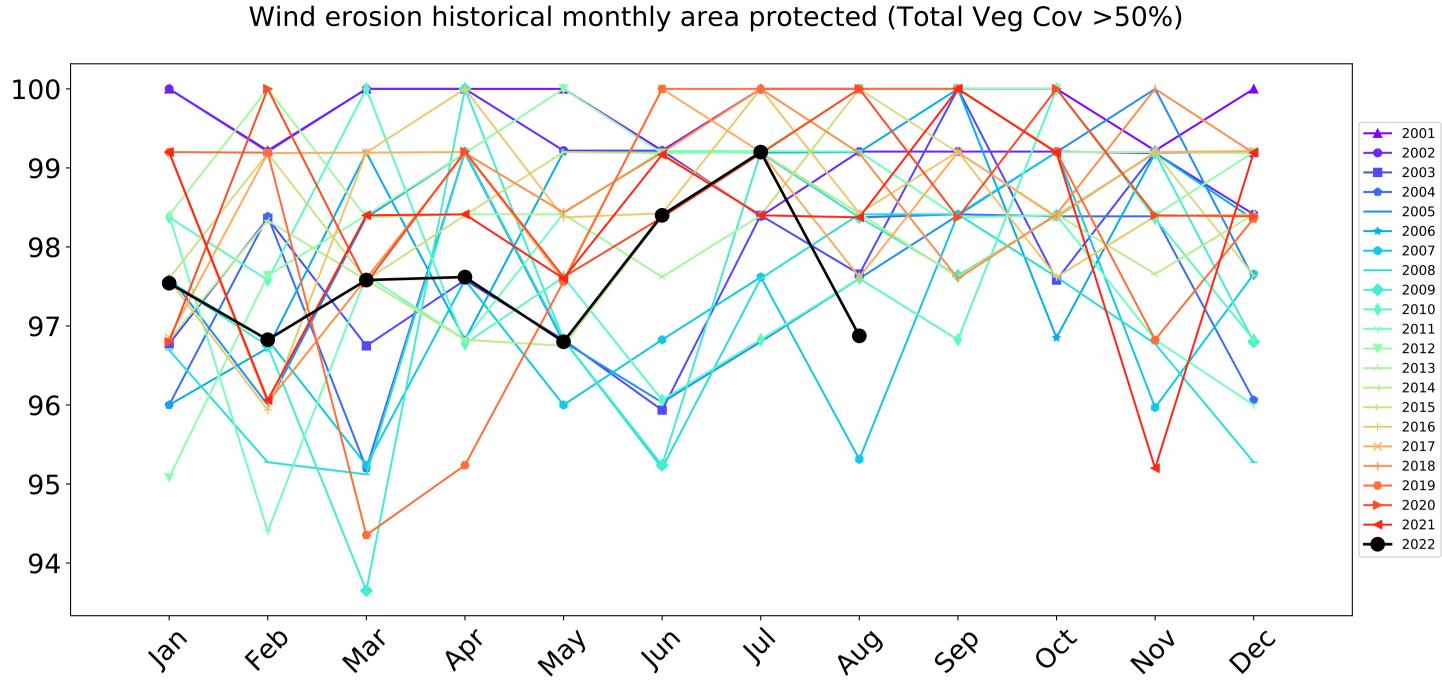




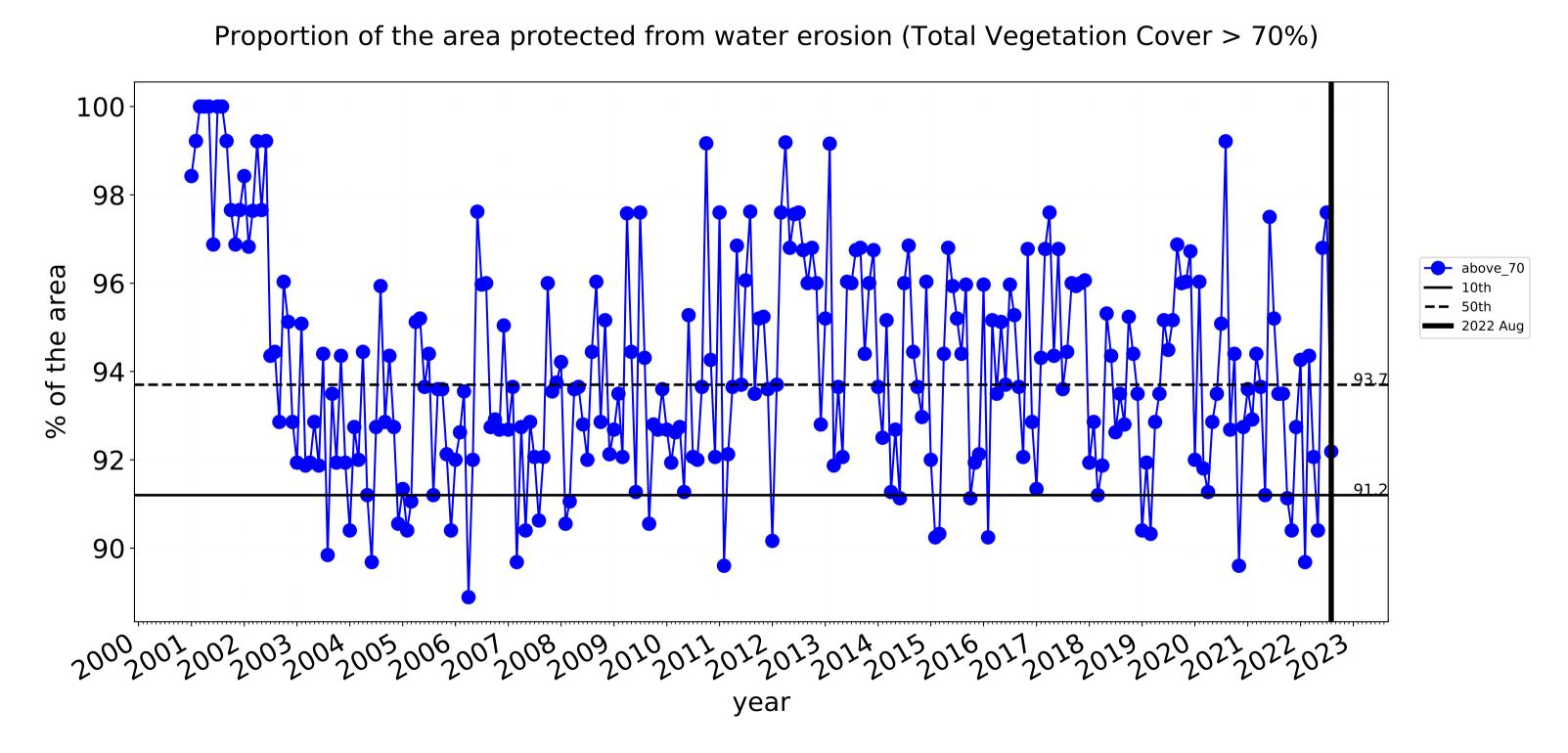


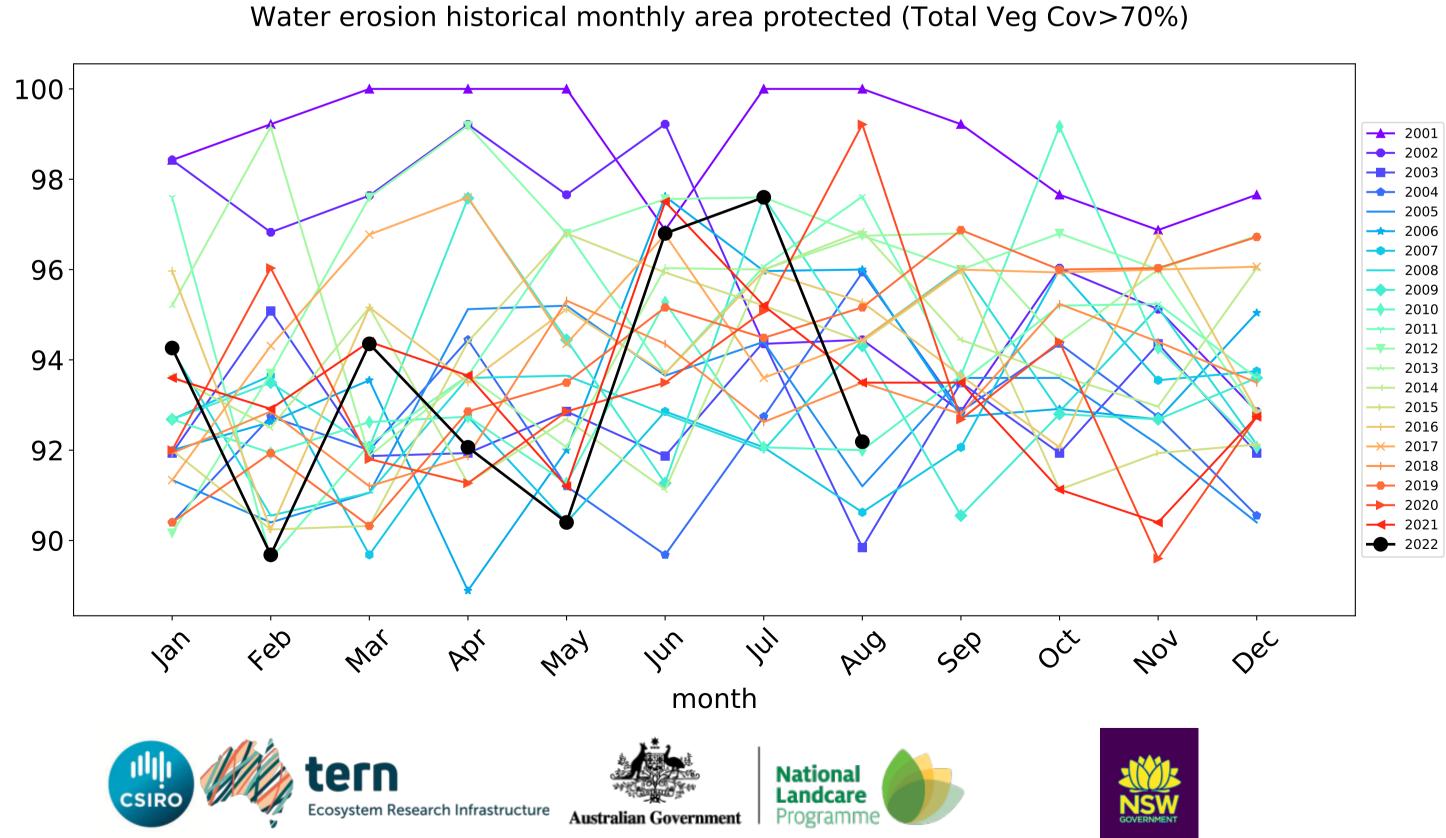
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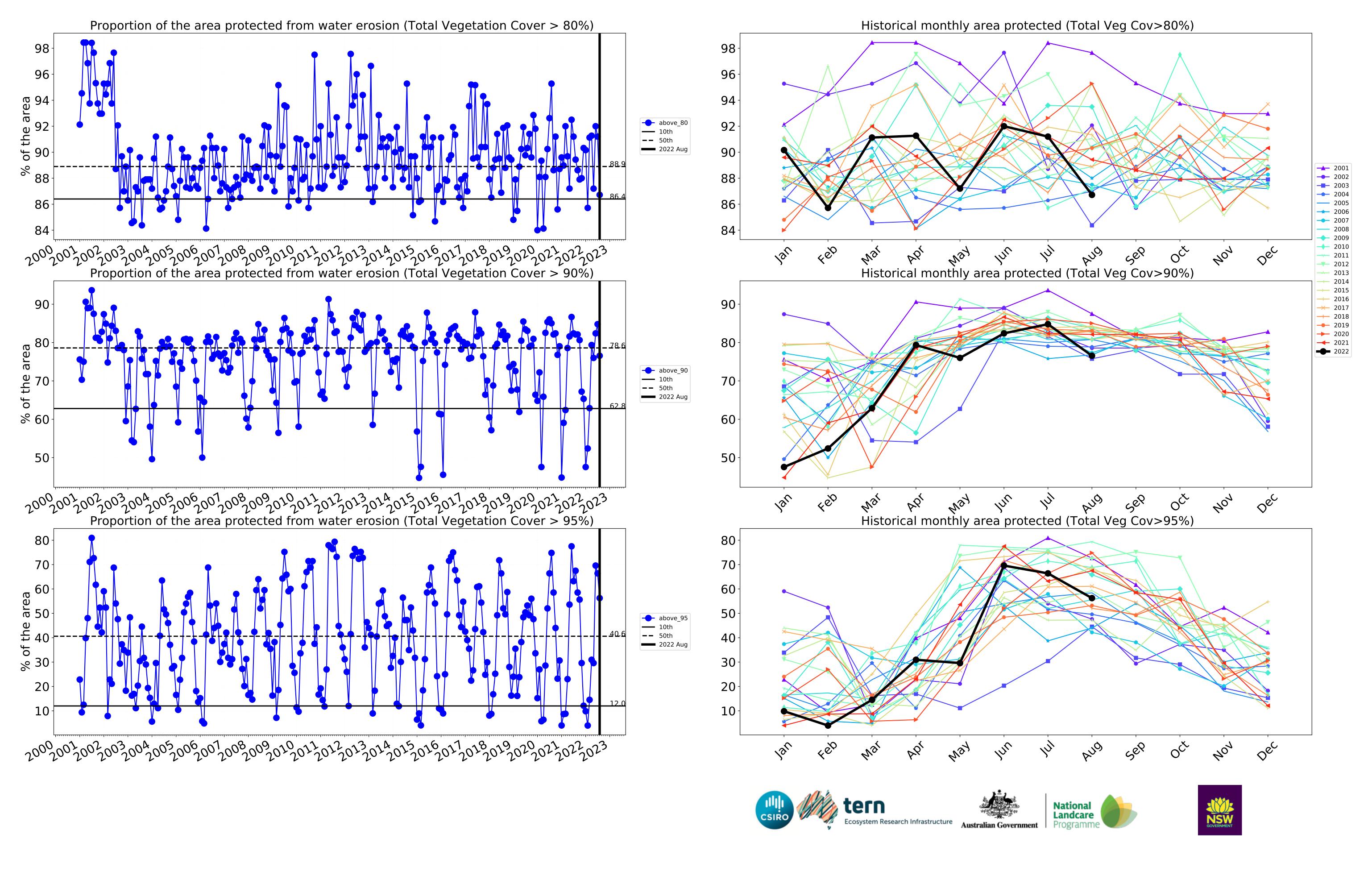




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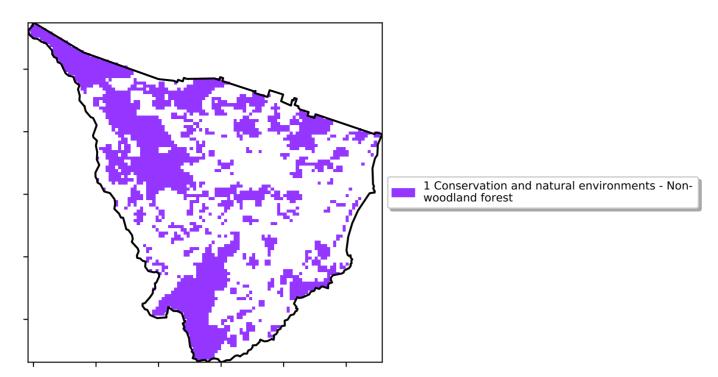




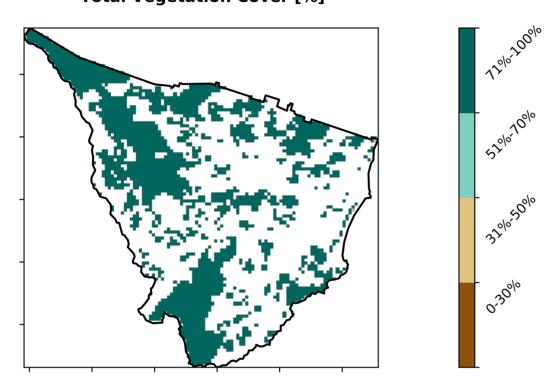
# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

#### Land use and forest cover

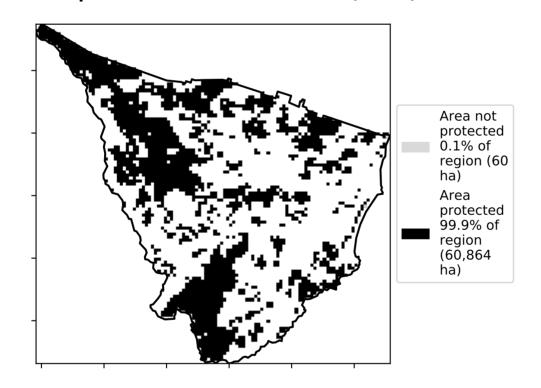
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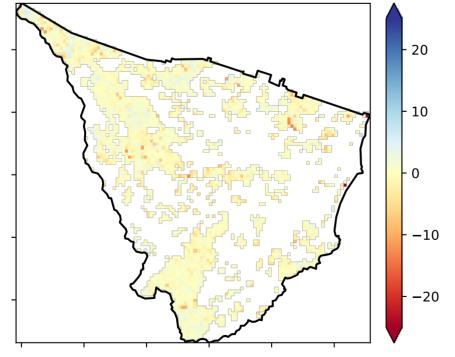
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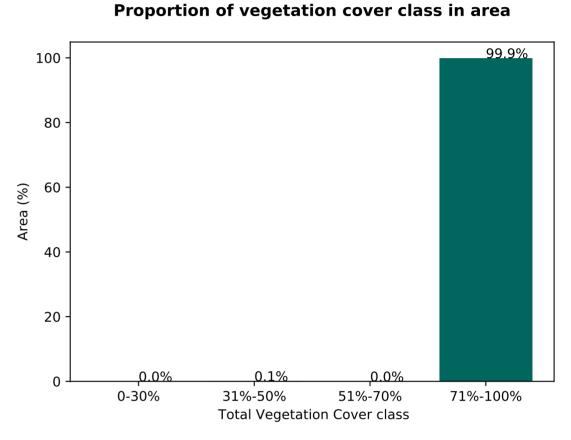


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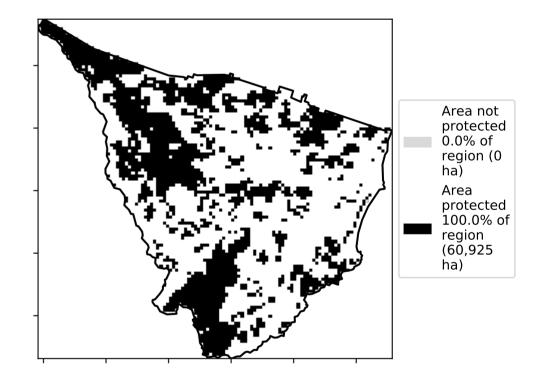


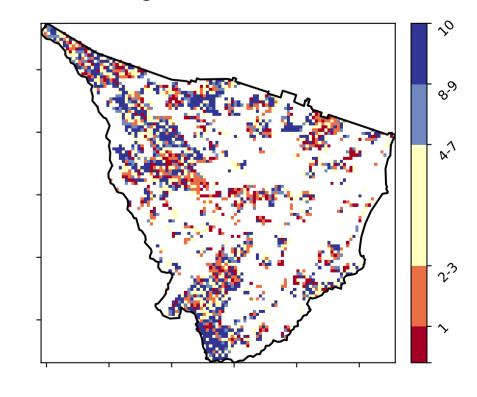
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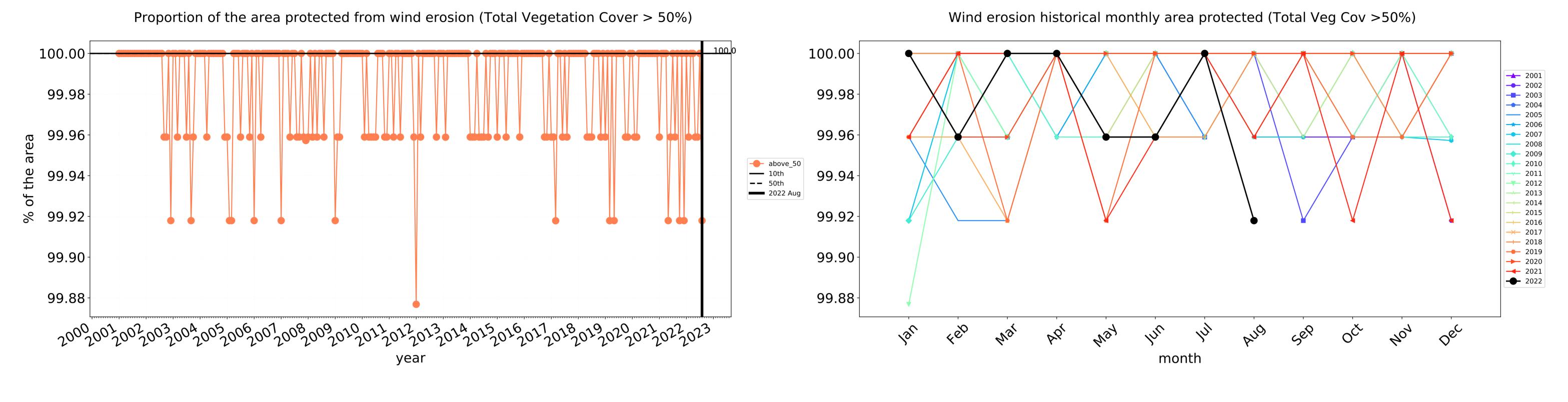


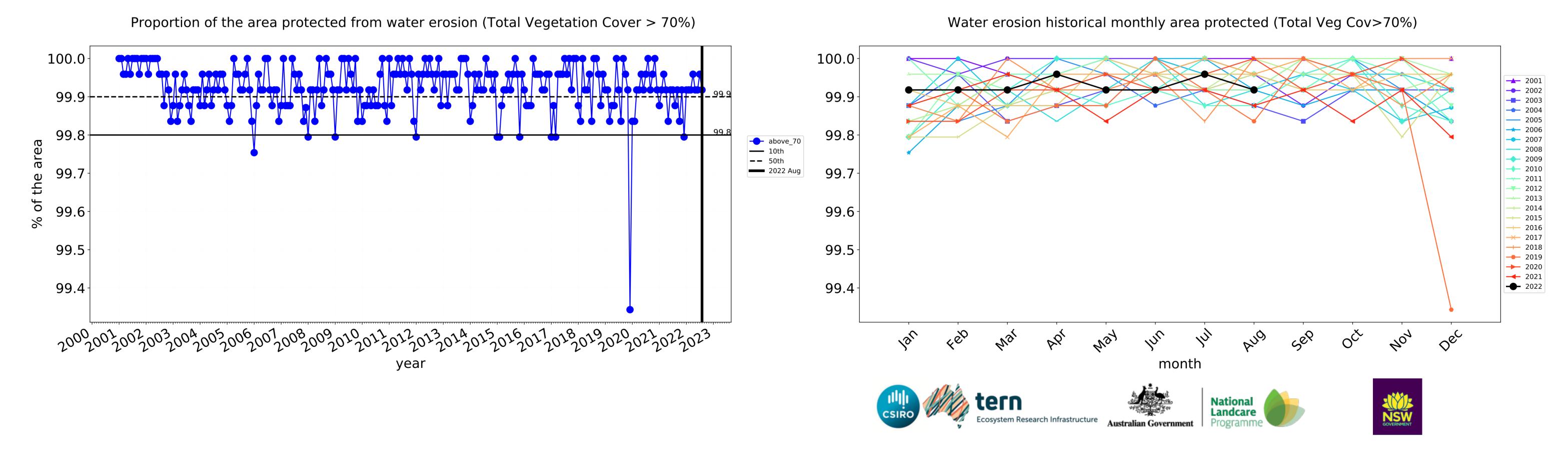


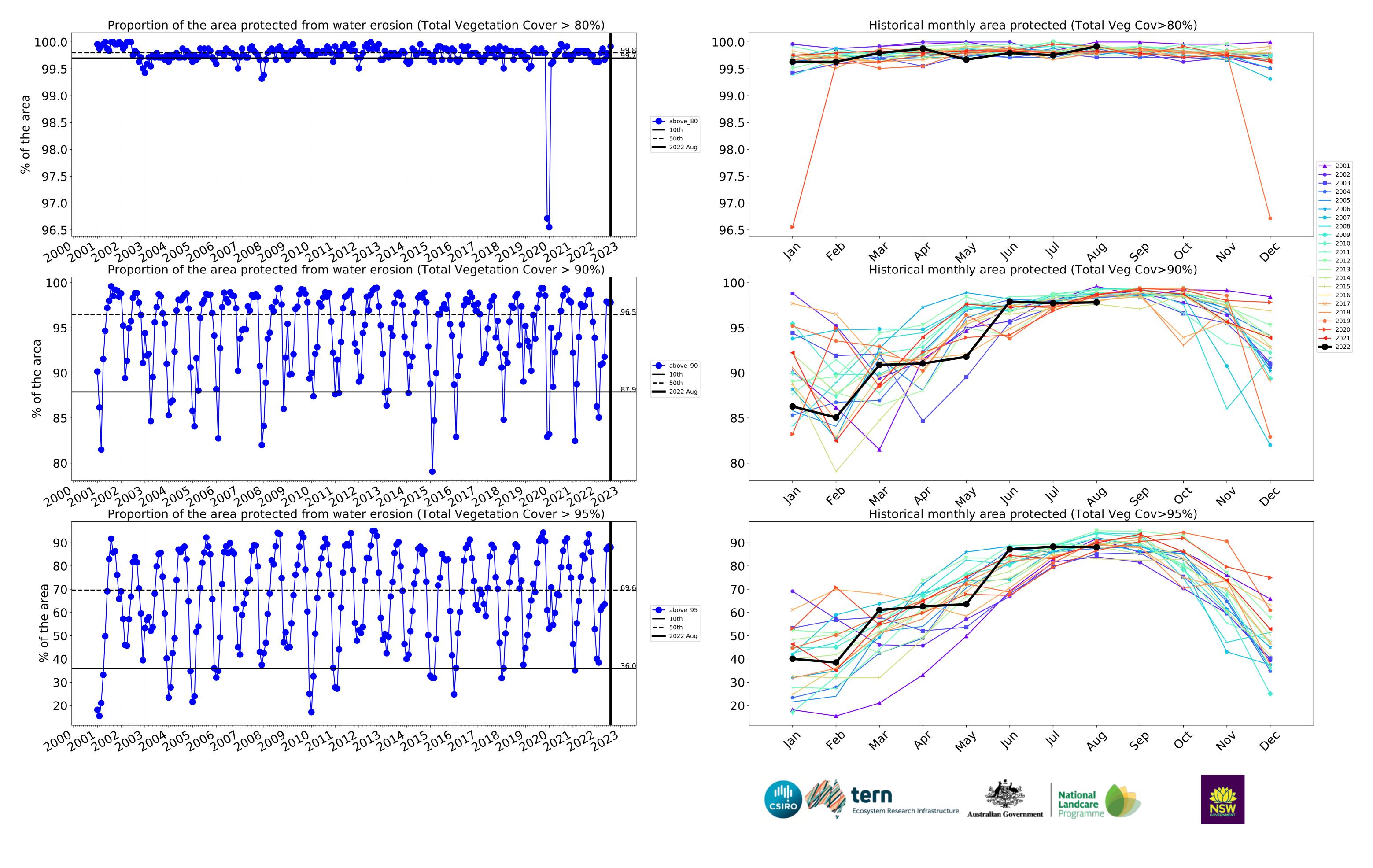




# Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries







# **Agriculture**

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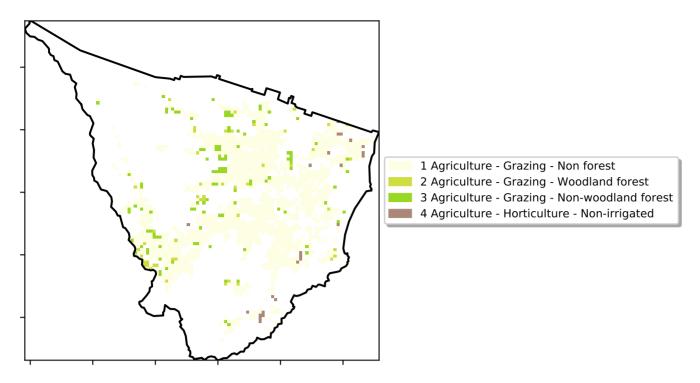
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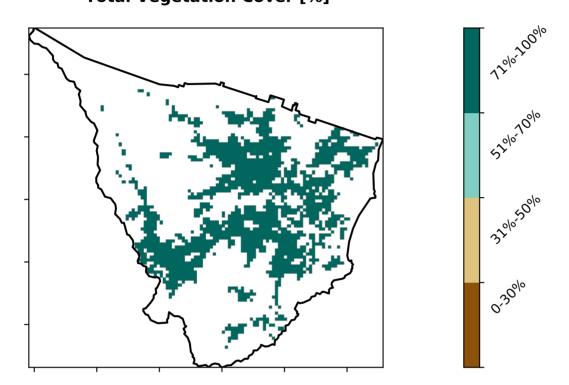
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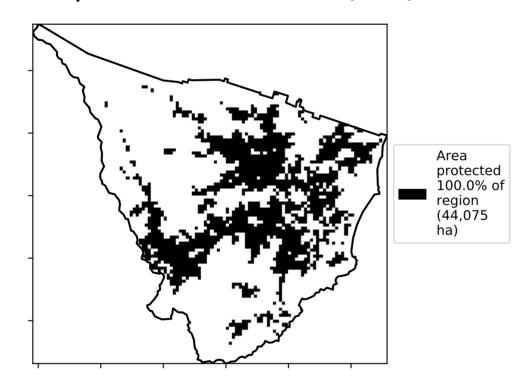
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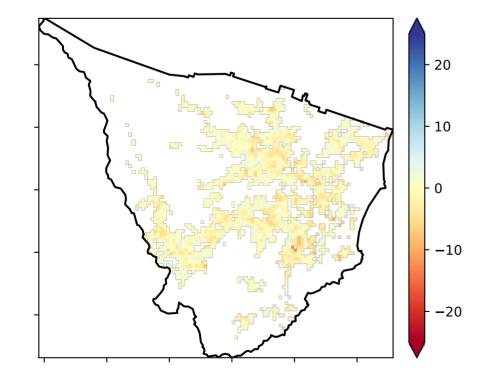
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#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

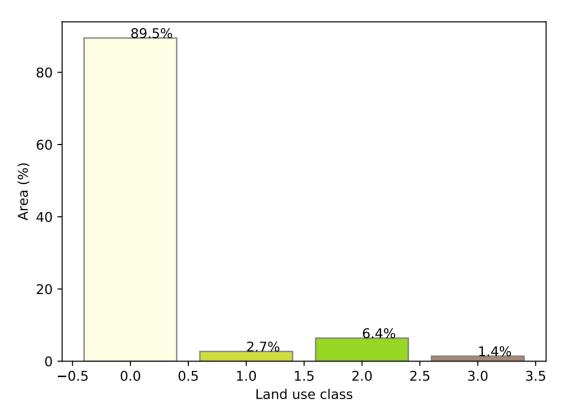


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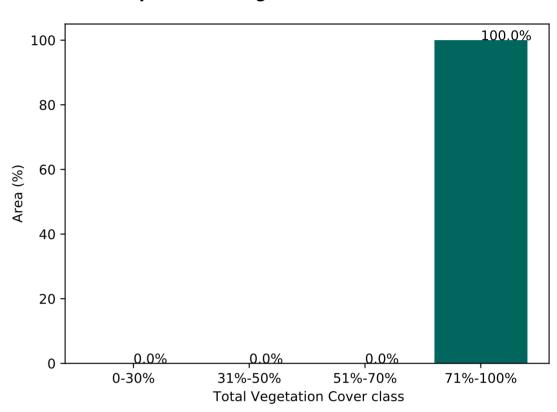


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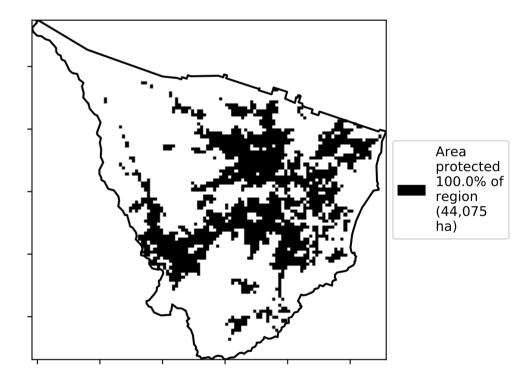
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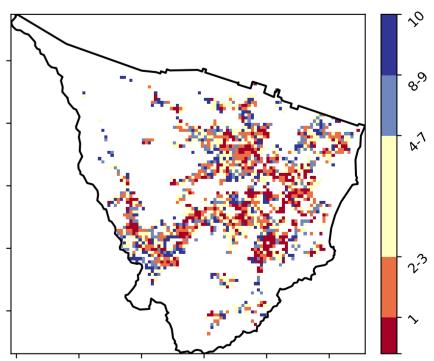


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







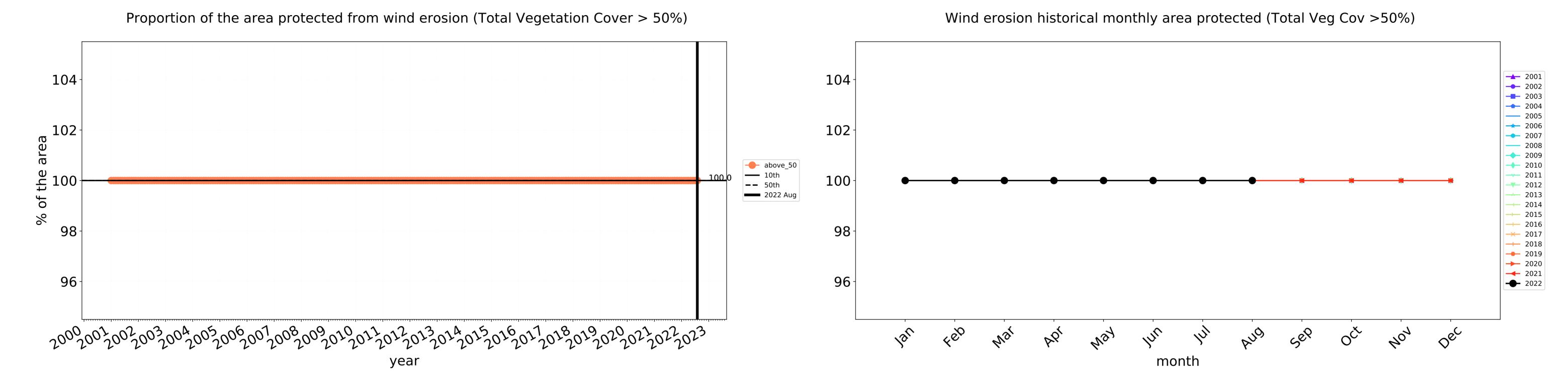


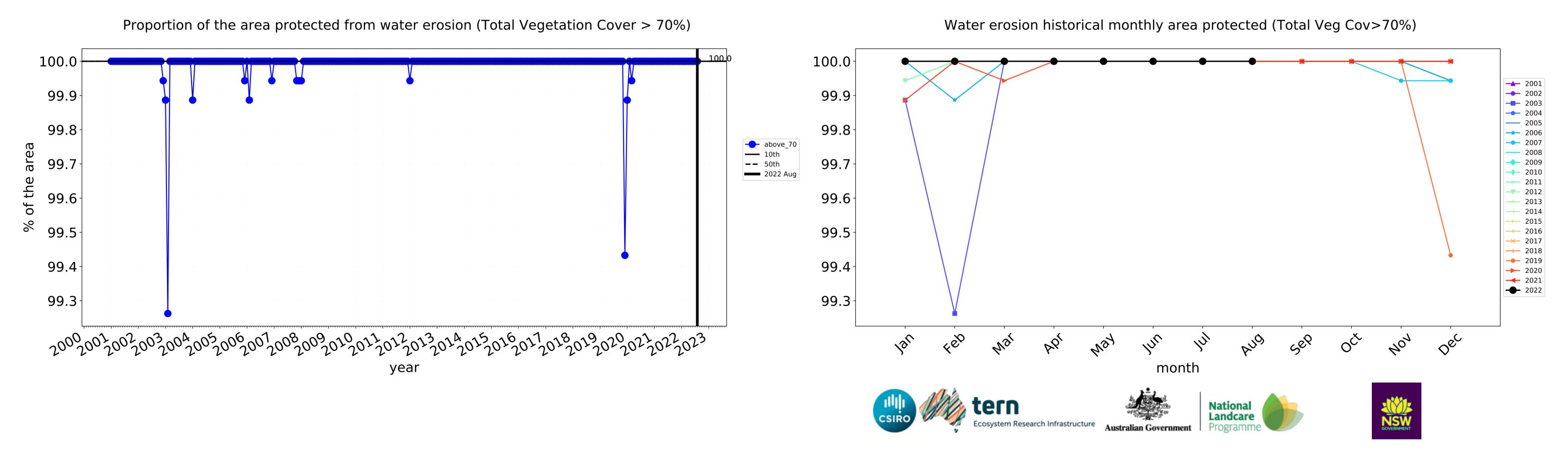


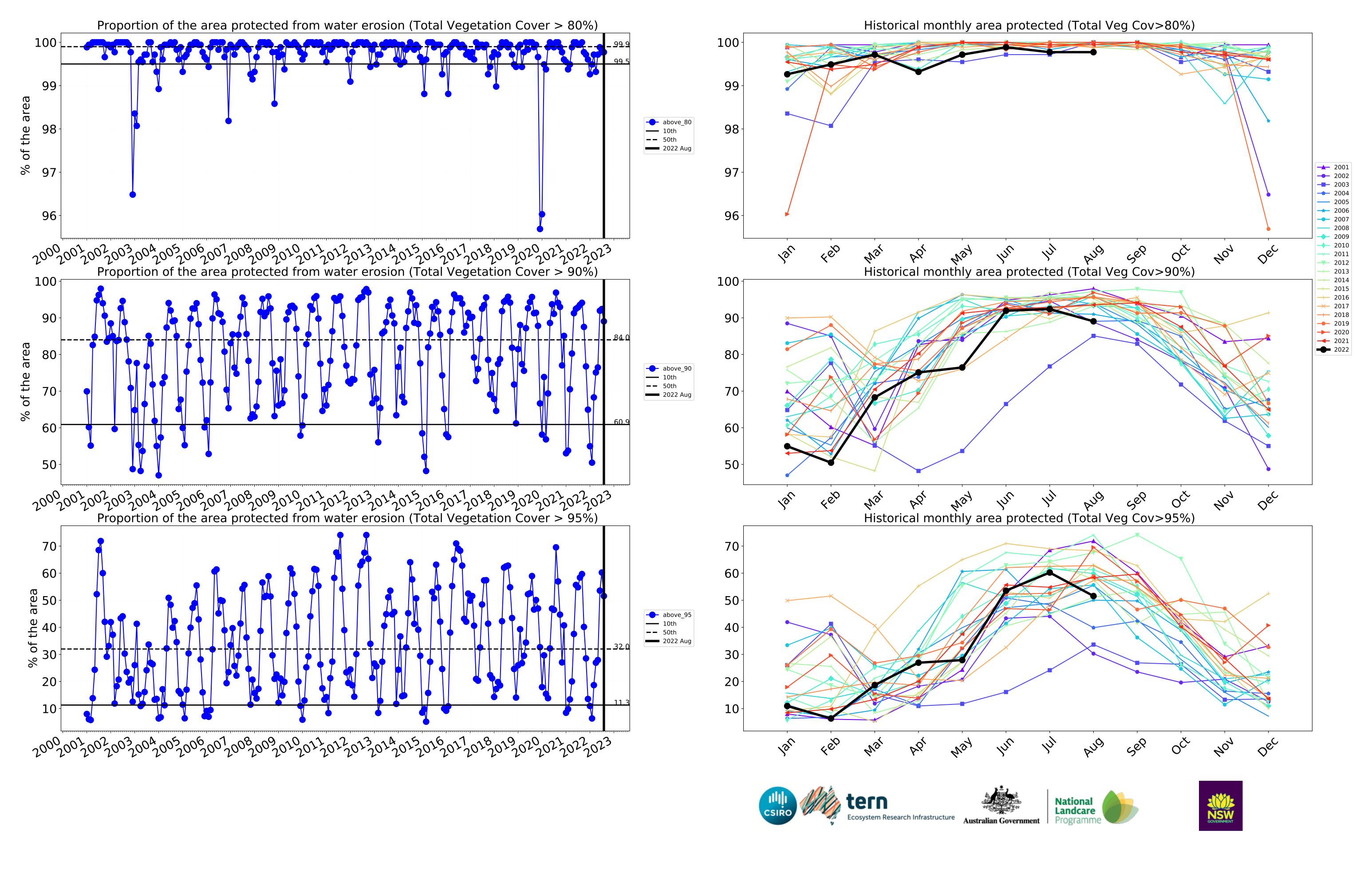




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# Grazing

# Land use and forest cover

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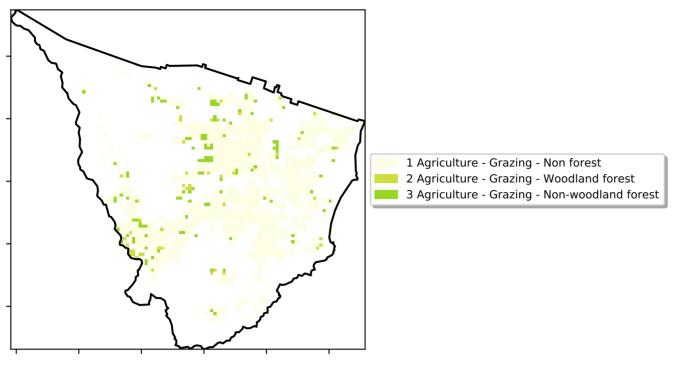
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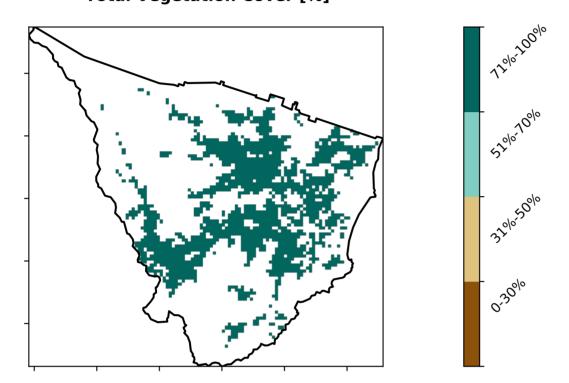
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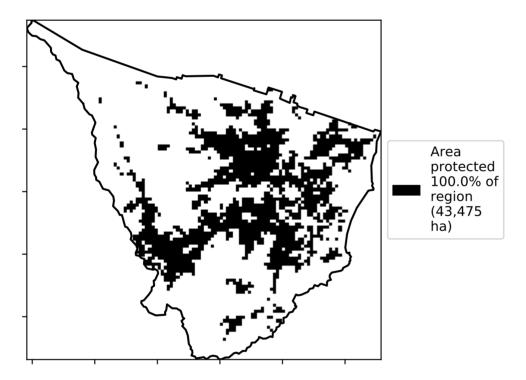
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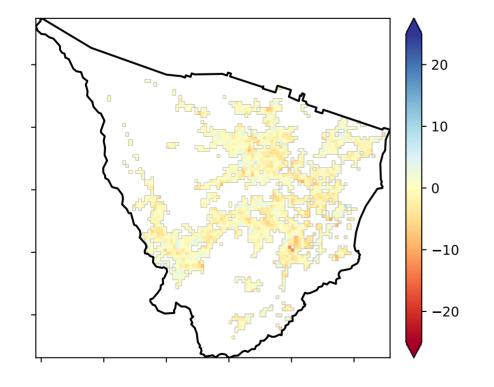
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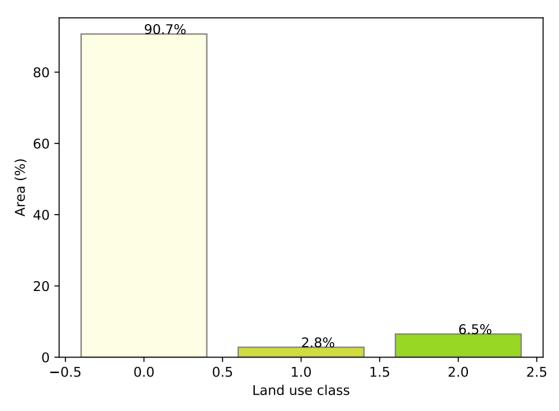


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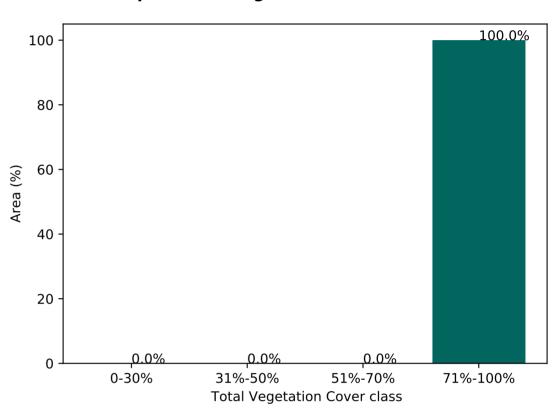


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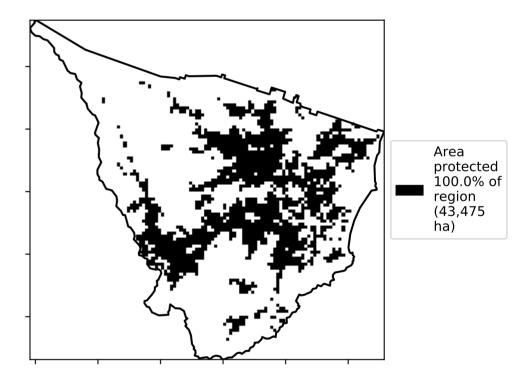
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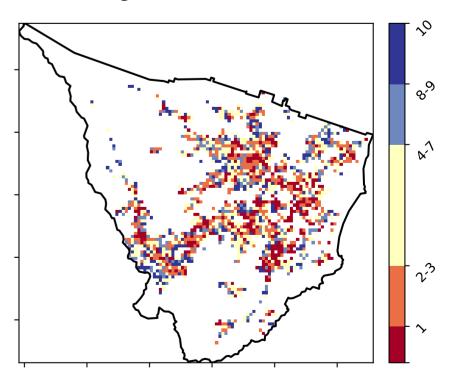
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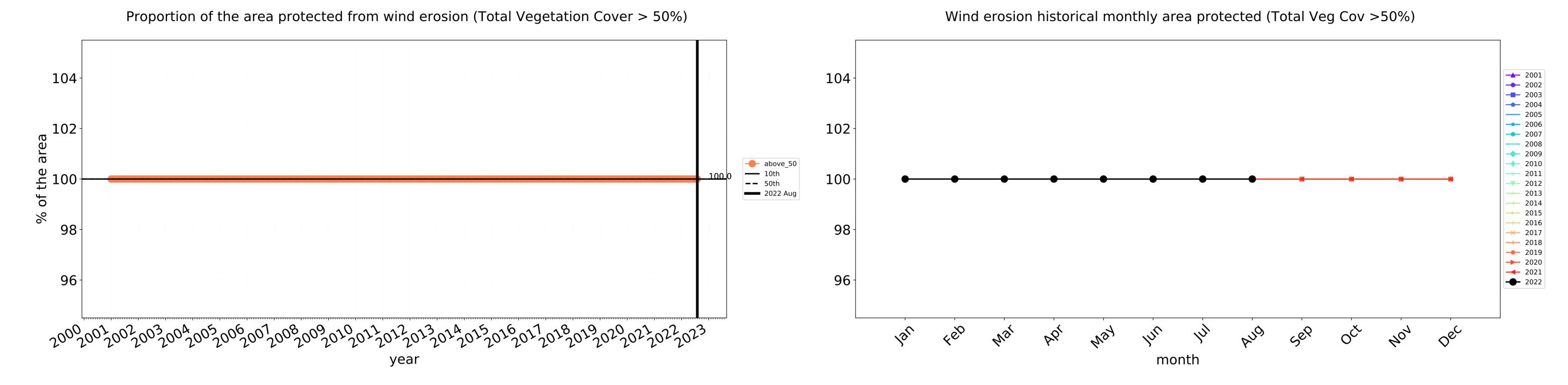


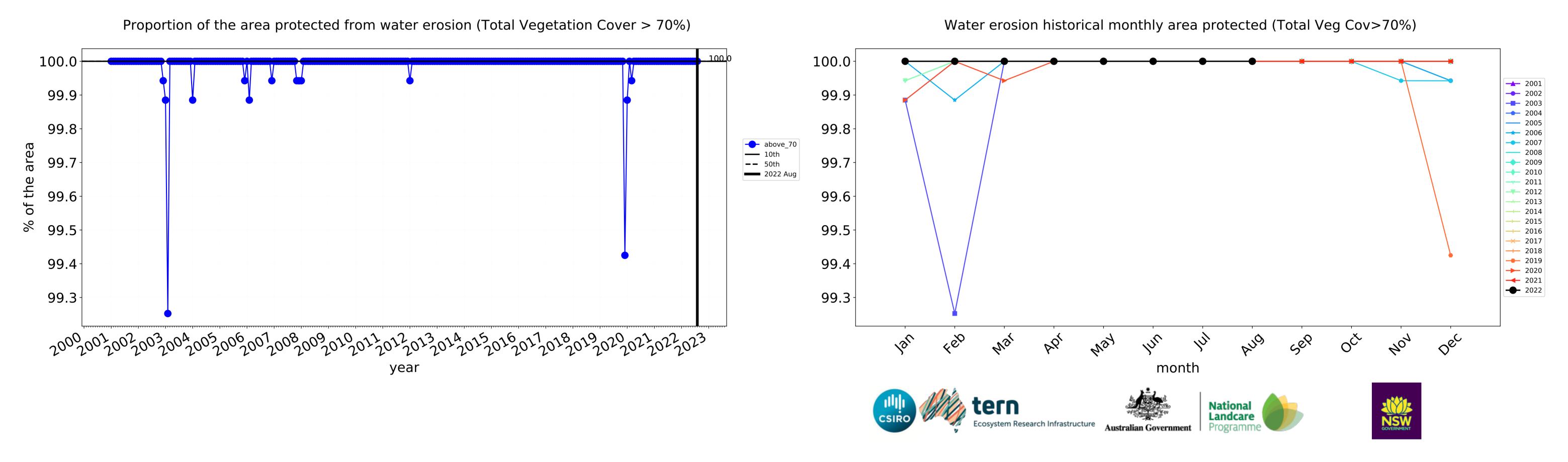


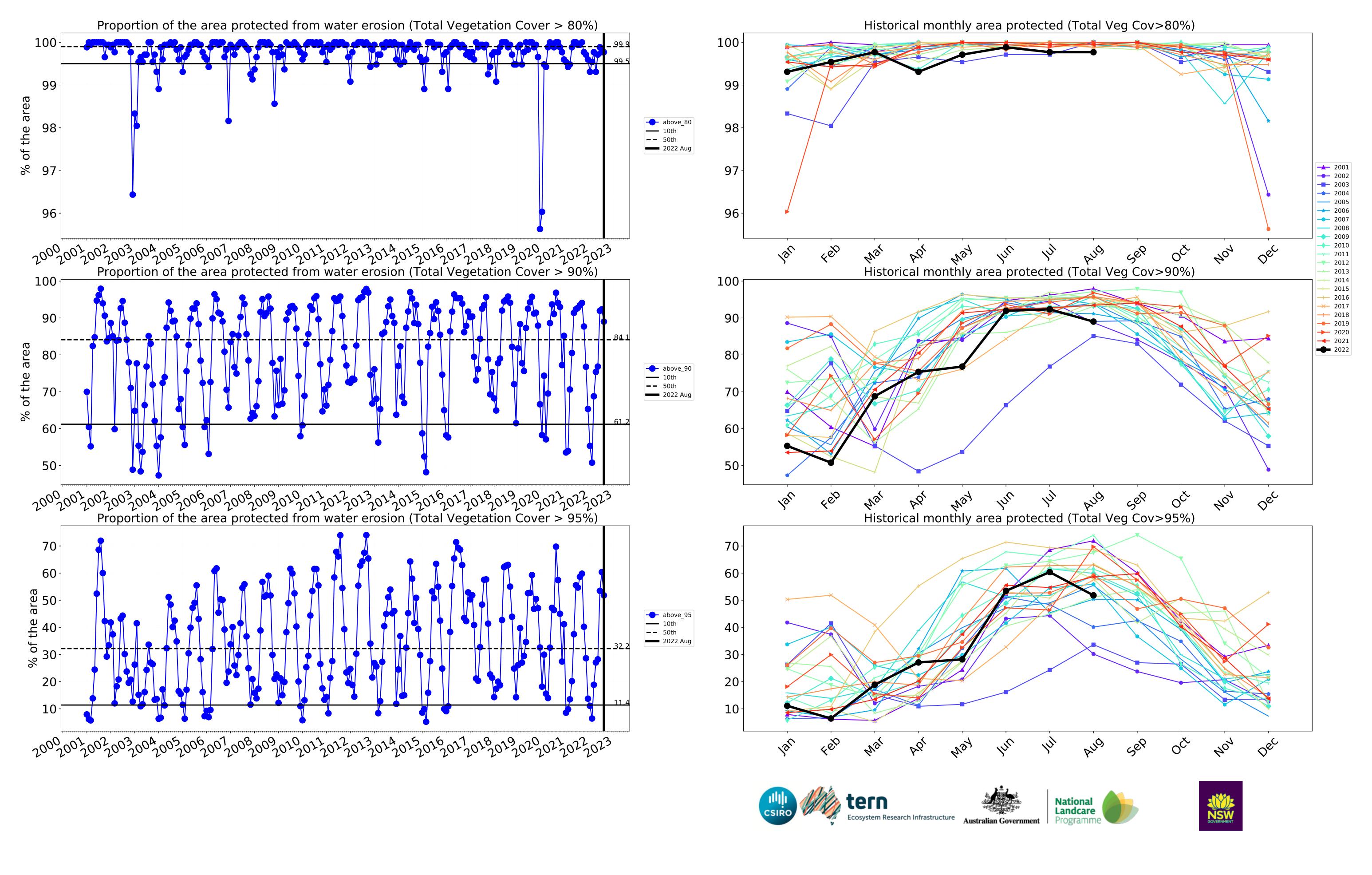




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

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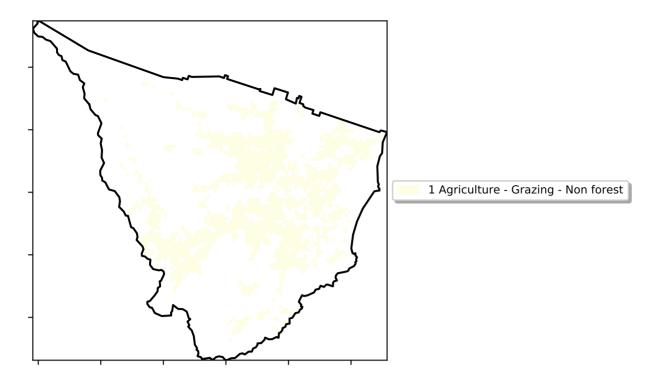
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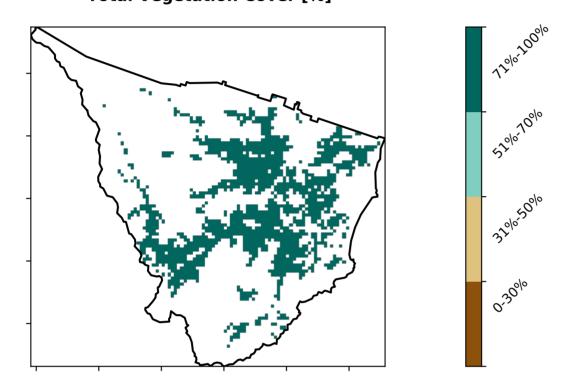
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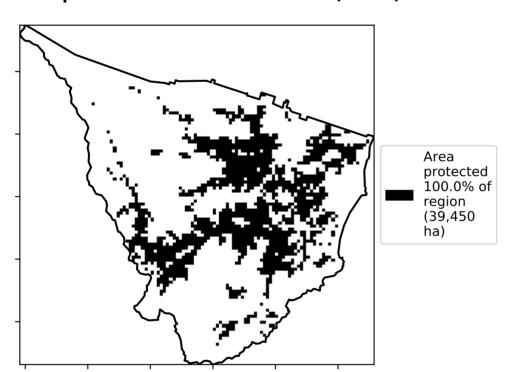
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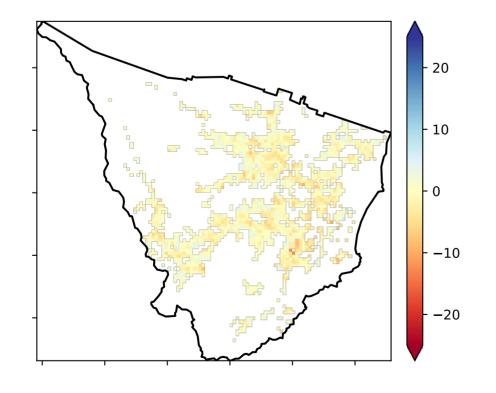
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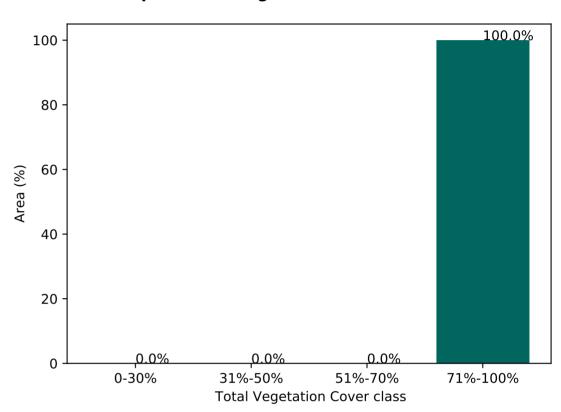


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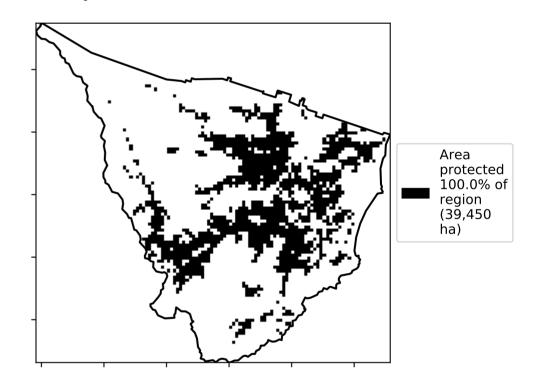


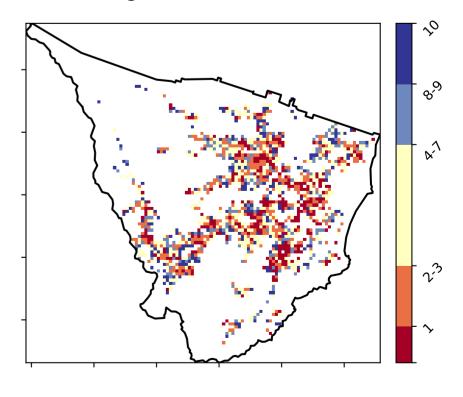
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









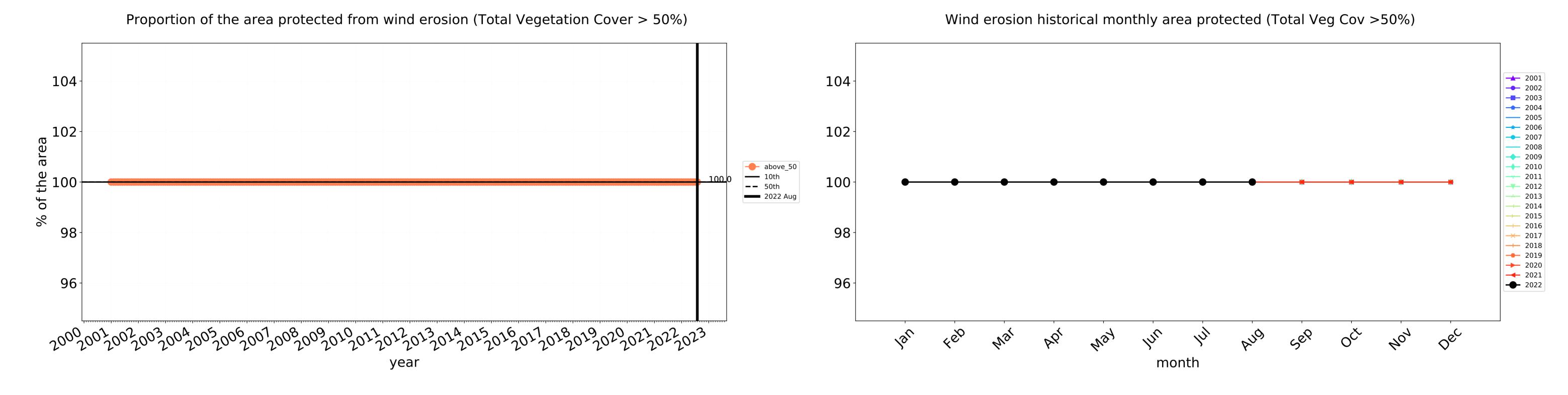


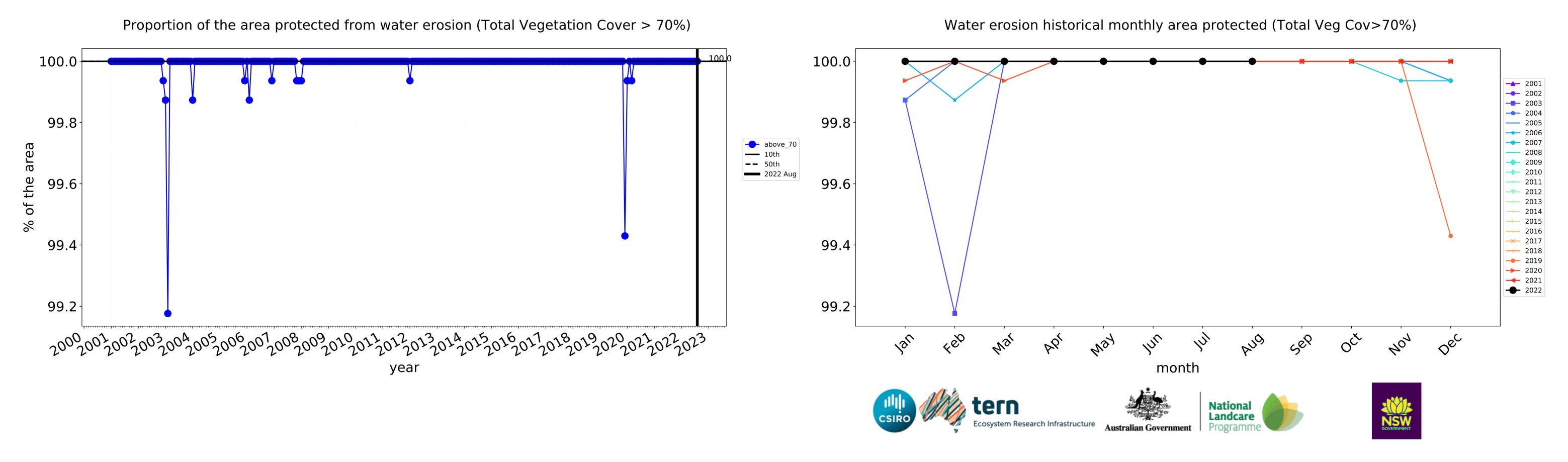


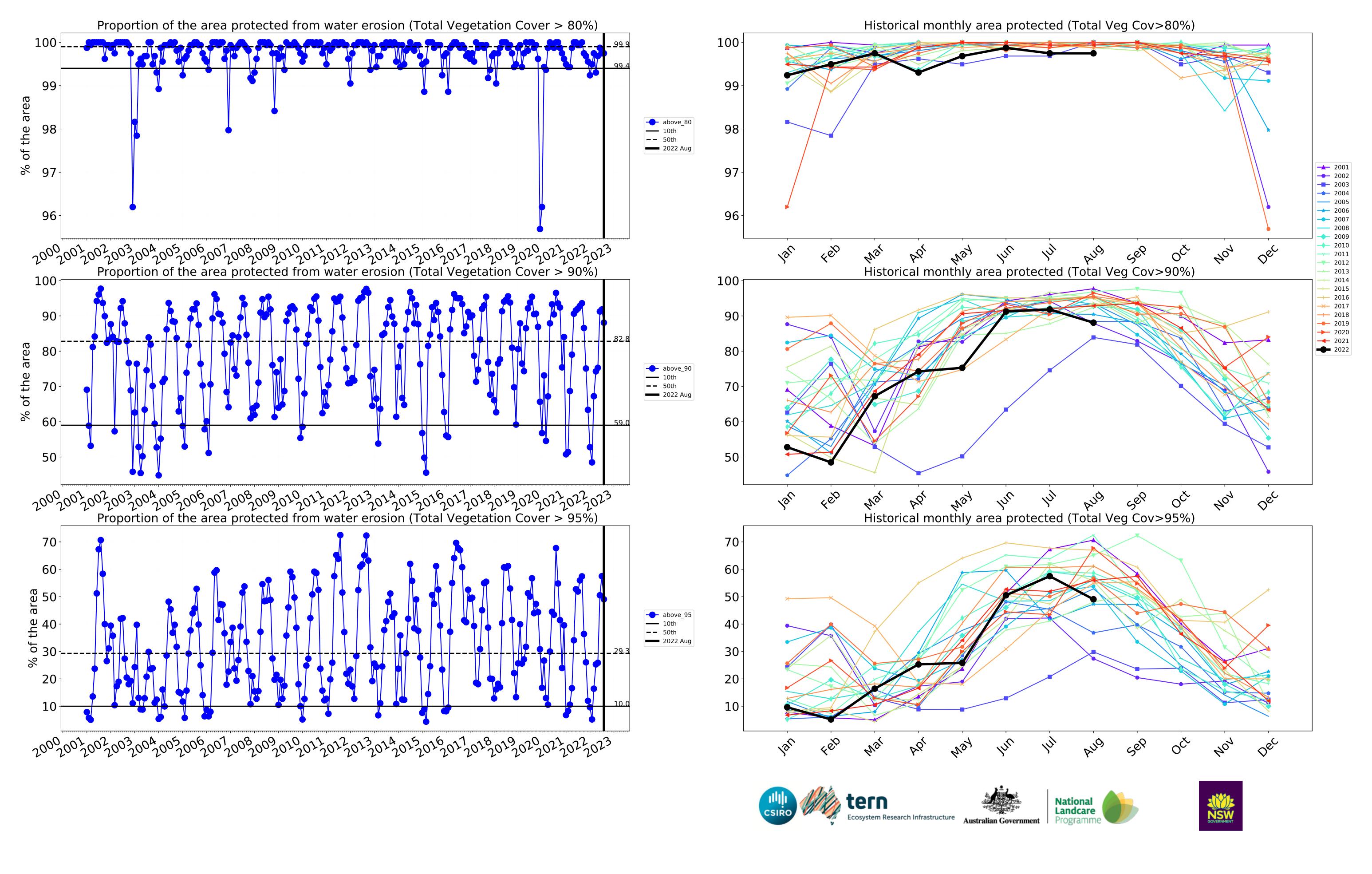




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







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

#### Land use and forest cover

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

Anomaly show how many percetage points each

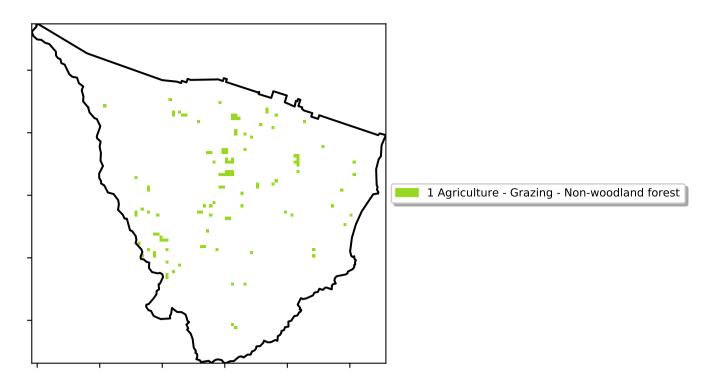
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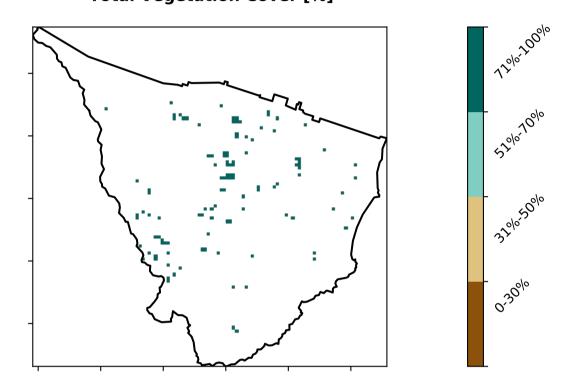
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pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map

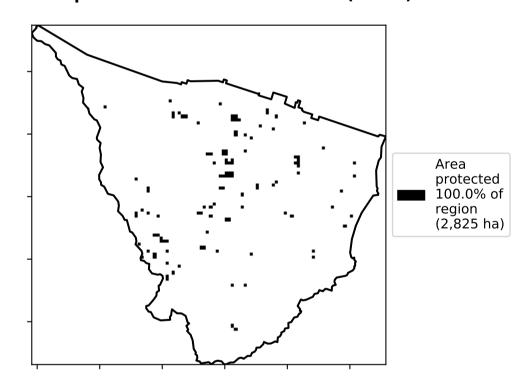
using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



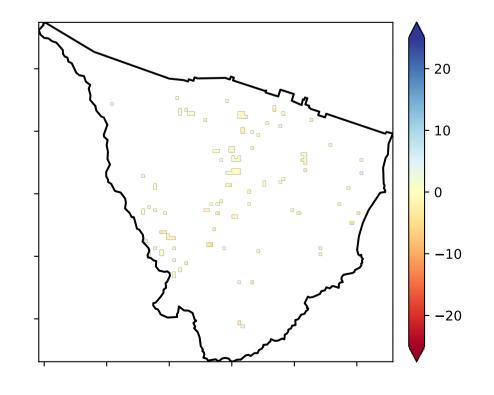
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

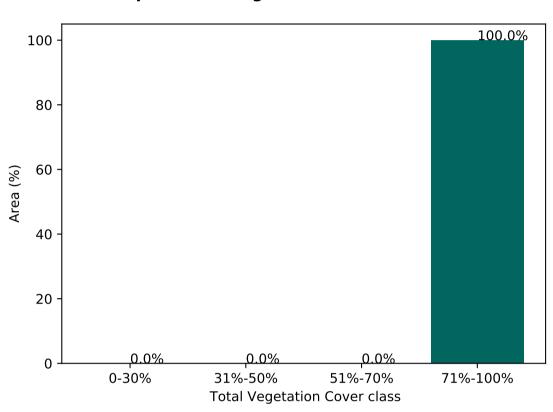


#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

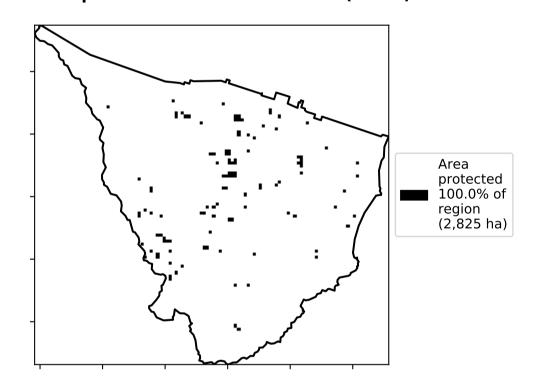


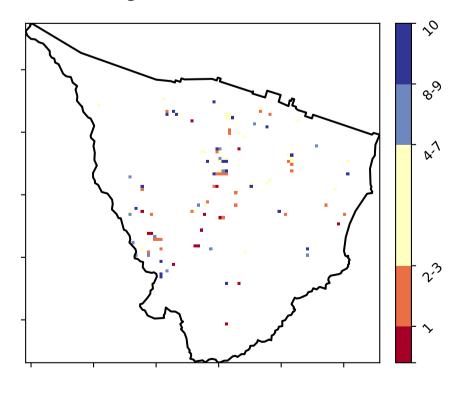
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



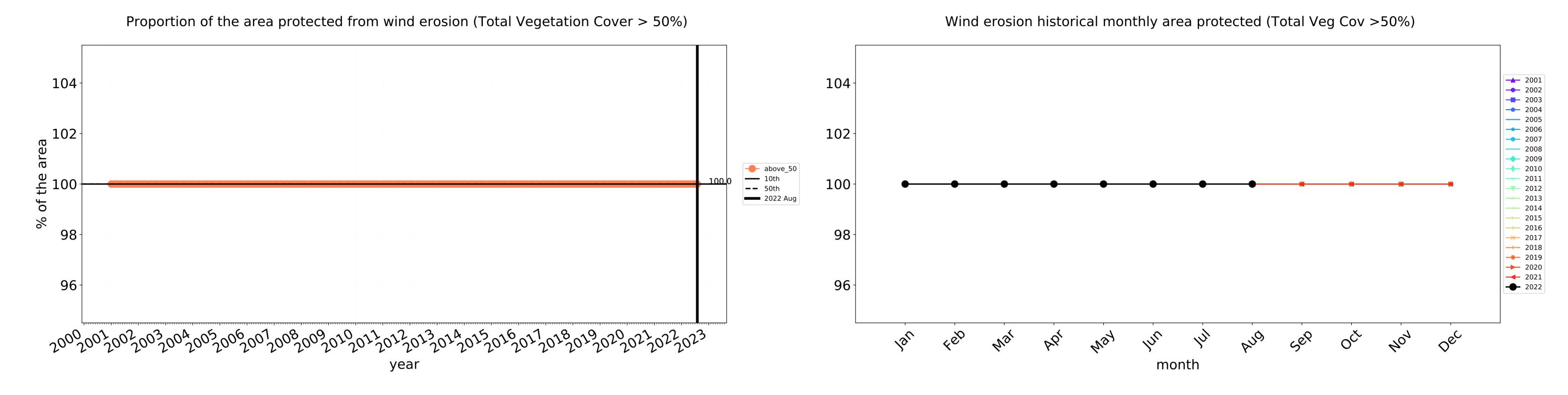


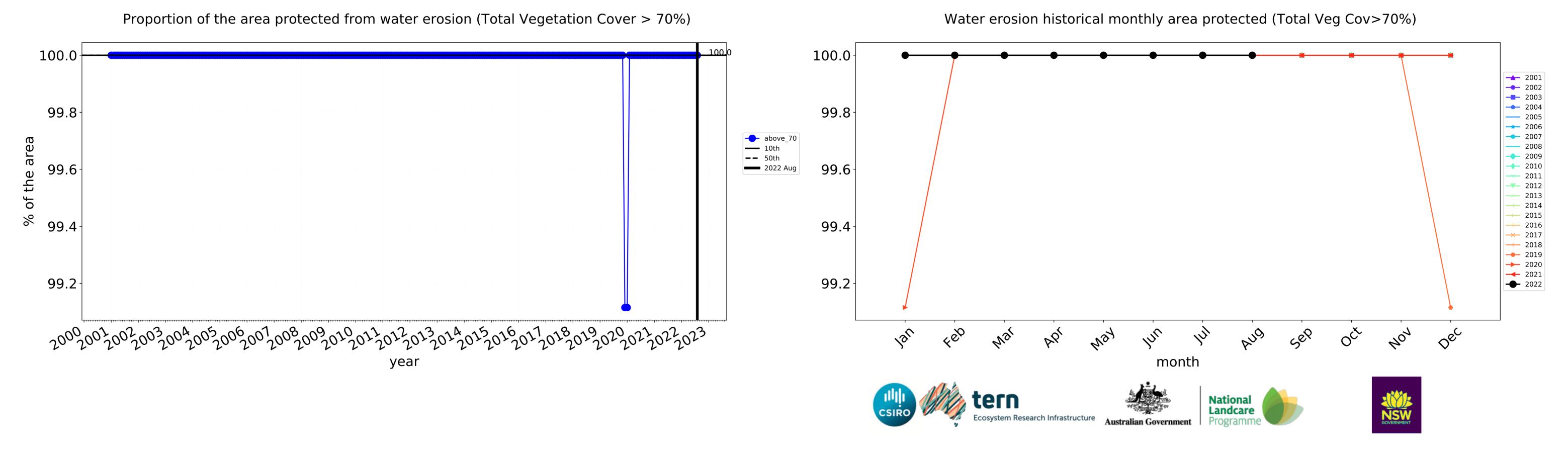


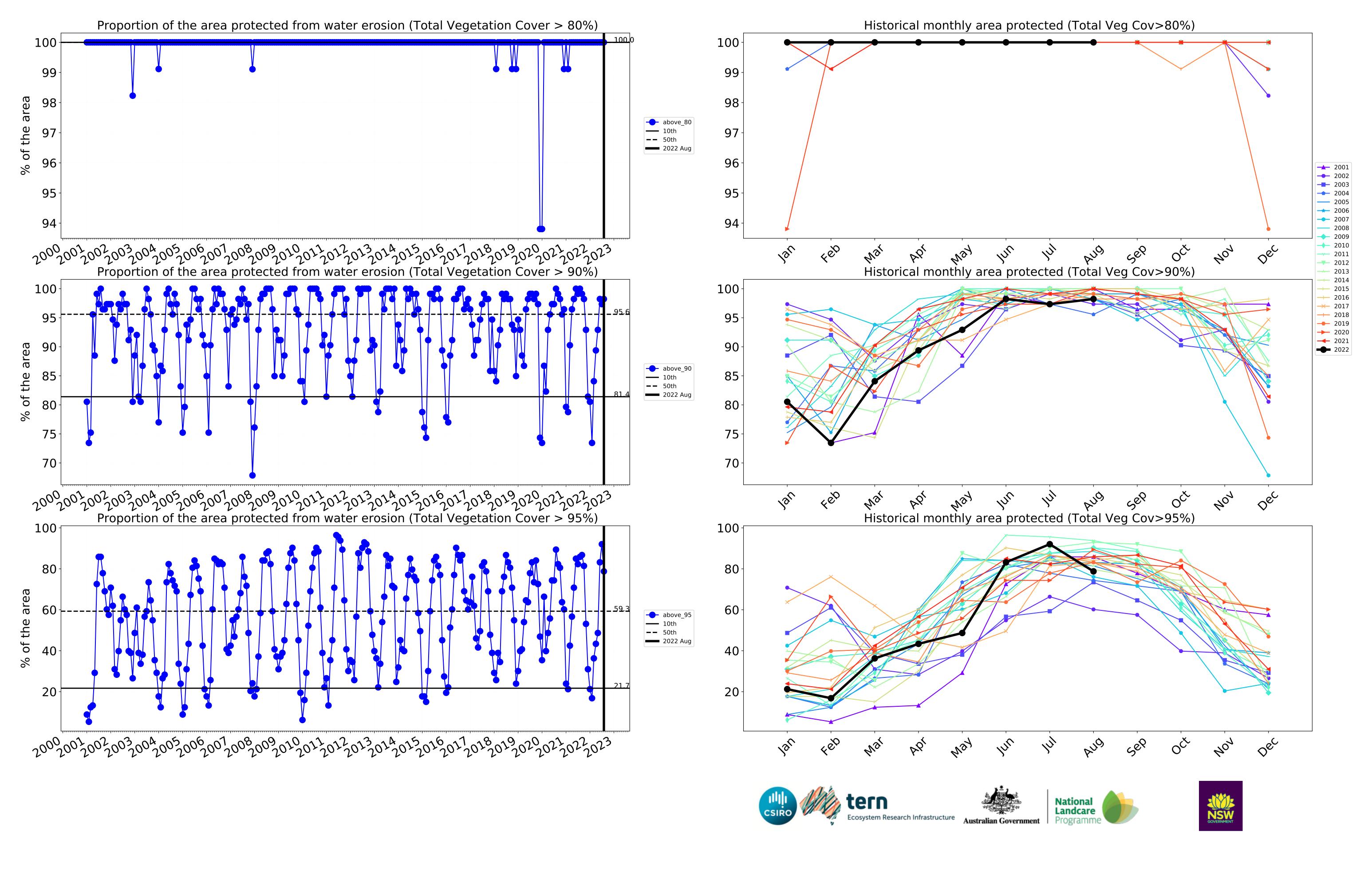












# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

#### Land use and forest cover

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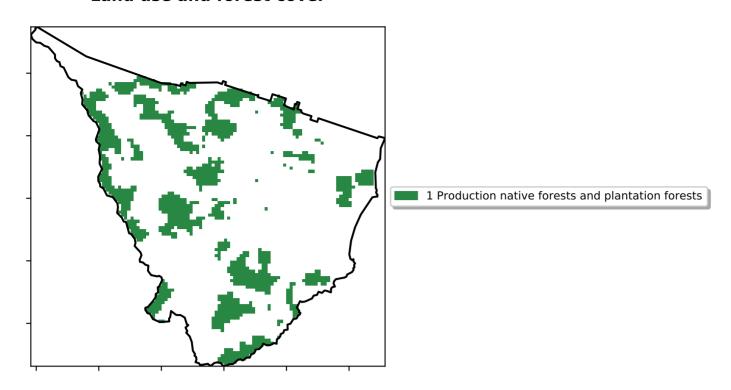
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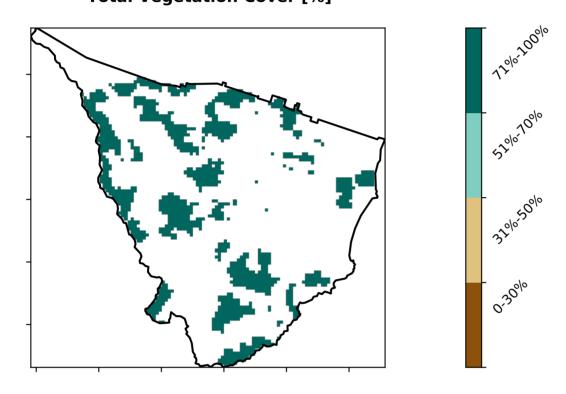
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is only for the month of the map

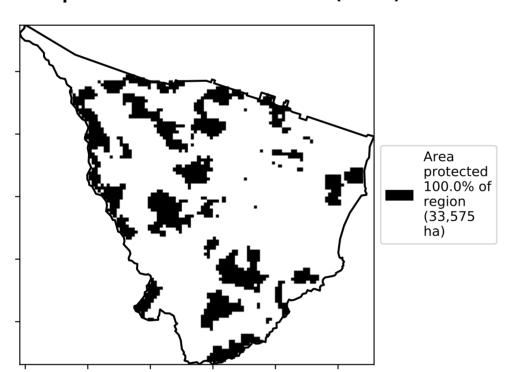
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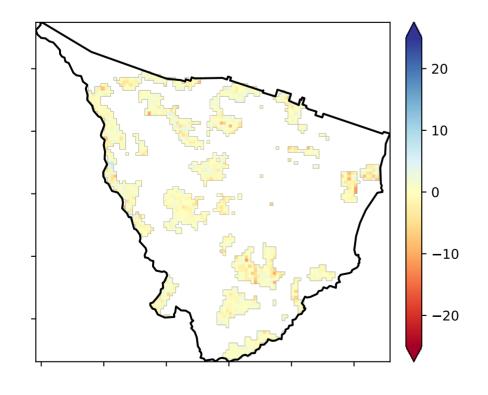
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

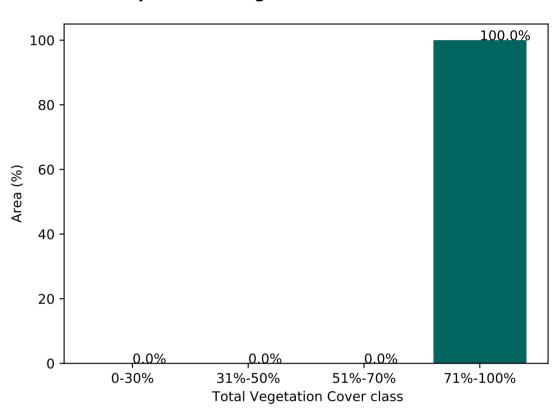


#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

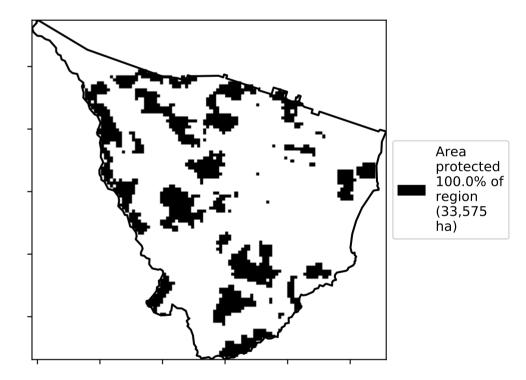


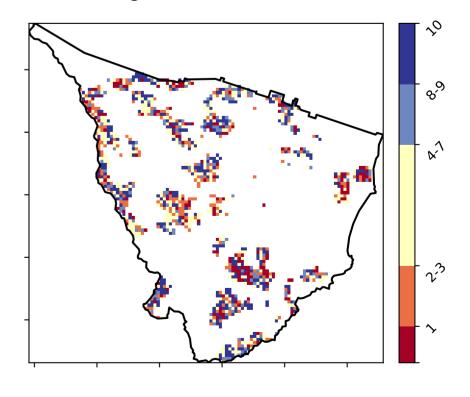
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





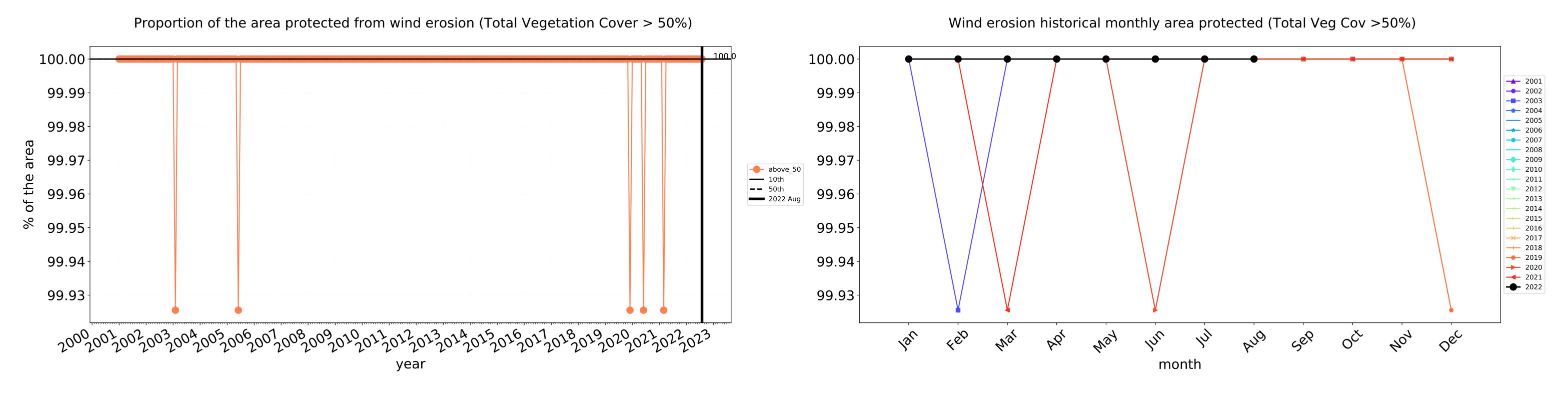


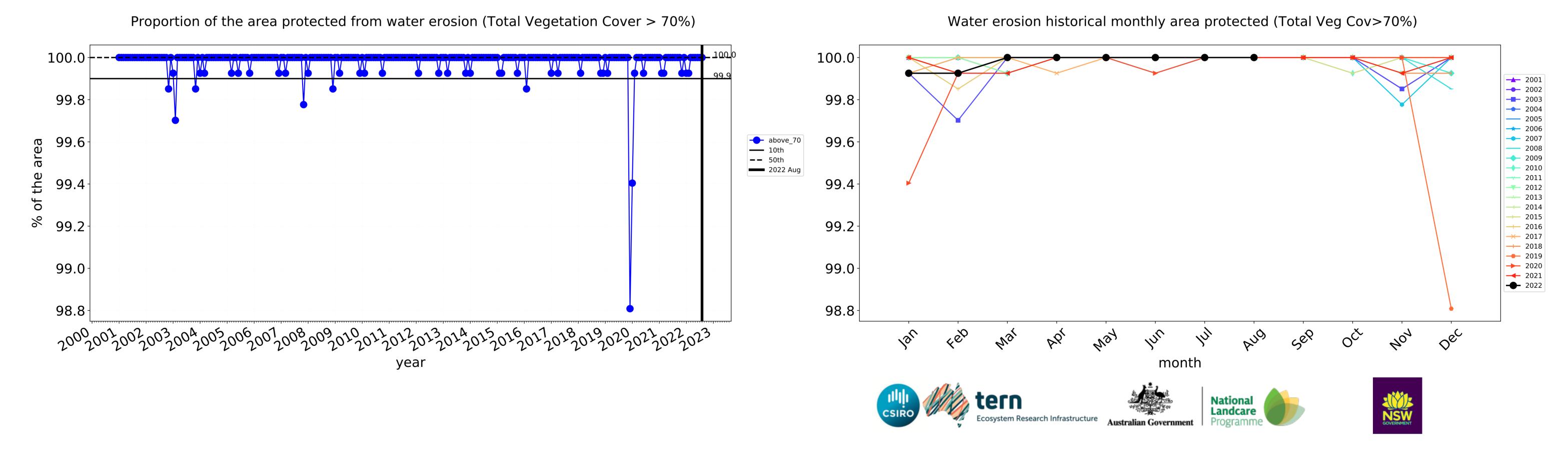


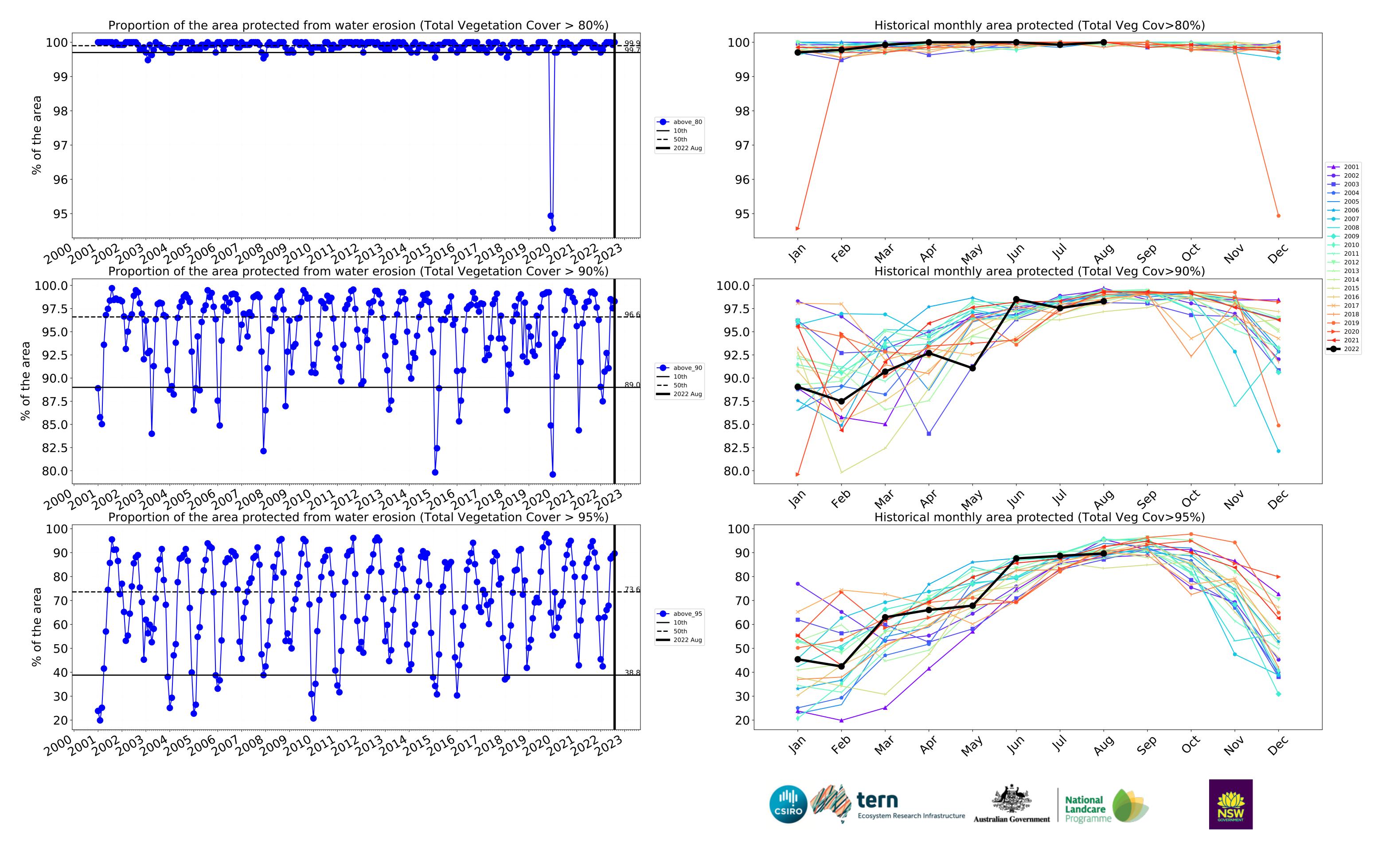




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Nambucca\_(A) (148,500 ha and no data 639 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	148,500	100.0% 148,450	99.9% 148,350	99.7% 148,075	99.2% 147,350	93.0% 138,125	73.8% 109,525
Conservation and natural environments	64,725	99.9% 64,675	99.8% 64,575	99.5% 64,425	99.3% 64,250	96.7% 62,600	86.2% 55,800
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,200	98.4% 3,150	96.9% 3,100	92.2% 2,950	86.7% 2,775	76.6% 2,450	56.2% 1,800
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	60,925	100.0% 60,925	99.9% 60,875	99.9% 60,875	99.9% 60,875	97.8% 59,600	88.1% 53,650
Agriculture	44,075	100.0% 44,075	100.0% 44,075	100.0% 44,075	99.8% 43,975	89.1% 39,250	51.6% 22,725
Grazing	43,475	100.0% 43,475	100.0% 43,475	100.0% 43,475	99.8% 43,375	89.0% 38,700	51.8% 22,525
Grazing non forest	39,450	100.0% 39,450	100.0% 39,450	100.0% 39,450	99.7% 39,350	88.1% 34,750	49.0% 19,350
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	2,825	100.0% 2,825	100.0% 2,825	100.0% 2,825	100.0% 2,825	98.2% 2,775	78.8% 2,225
Production native forests and plantation forests	33,575	100.0% 33,575	100.0% 33,575	100.0% 33,575	100.0% 33,575	98.3% 33,000	89.7% 30,100







