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

# Date: July 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:

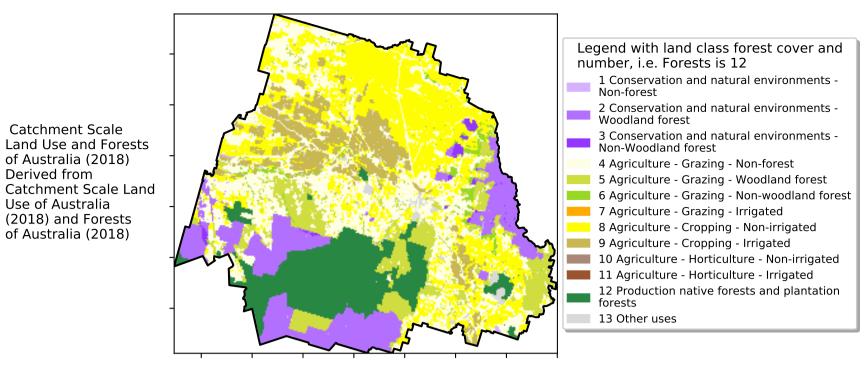
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## **Vegetation Cover Jul 2022**

#### Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



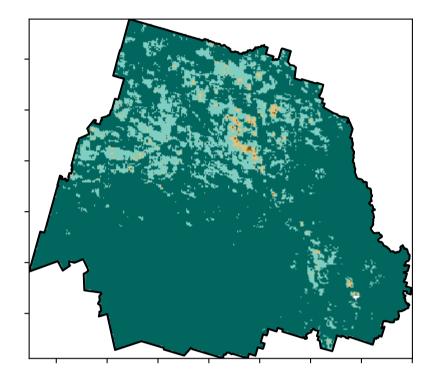
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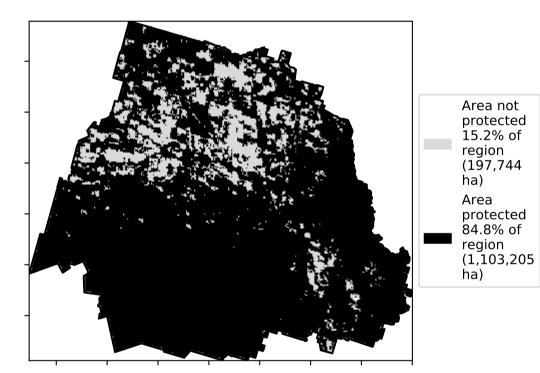
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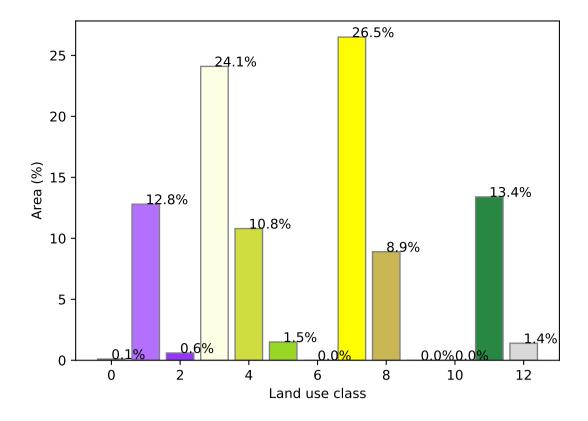
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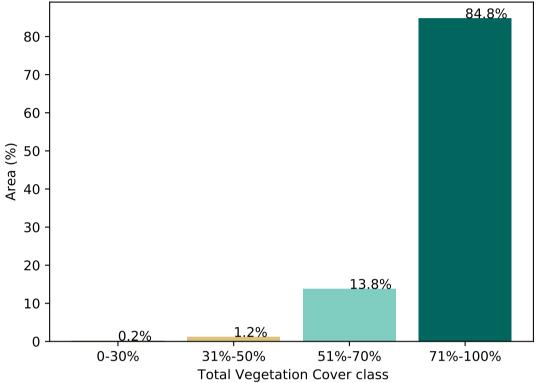


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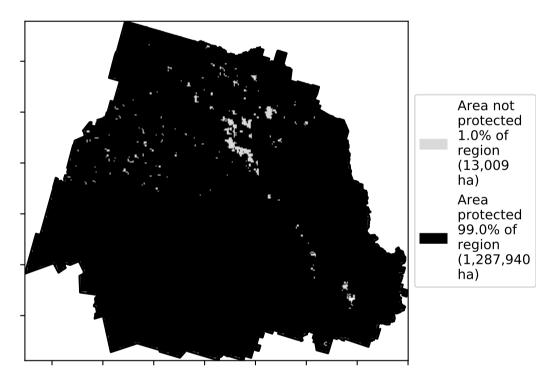




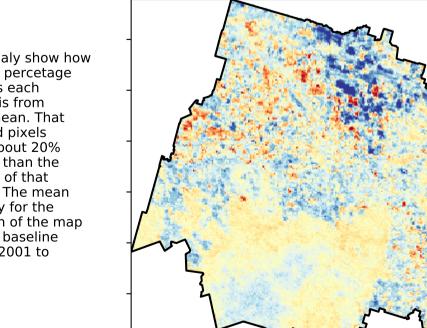
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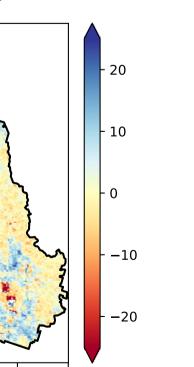


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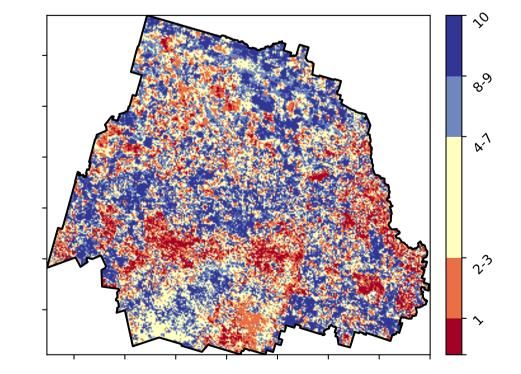
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



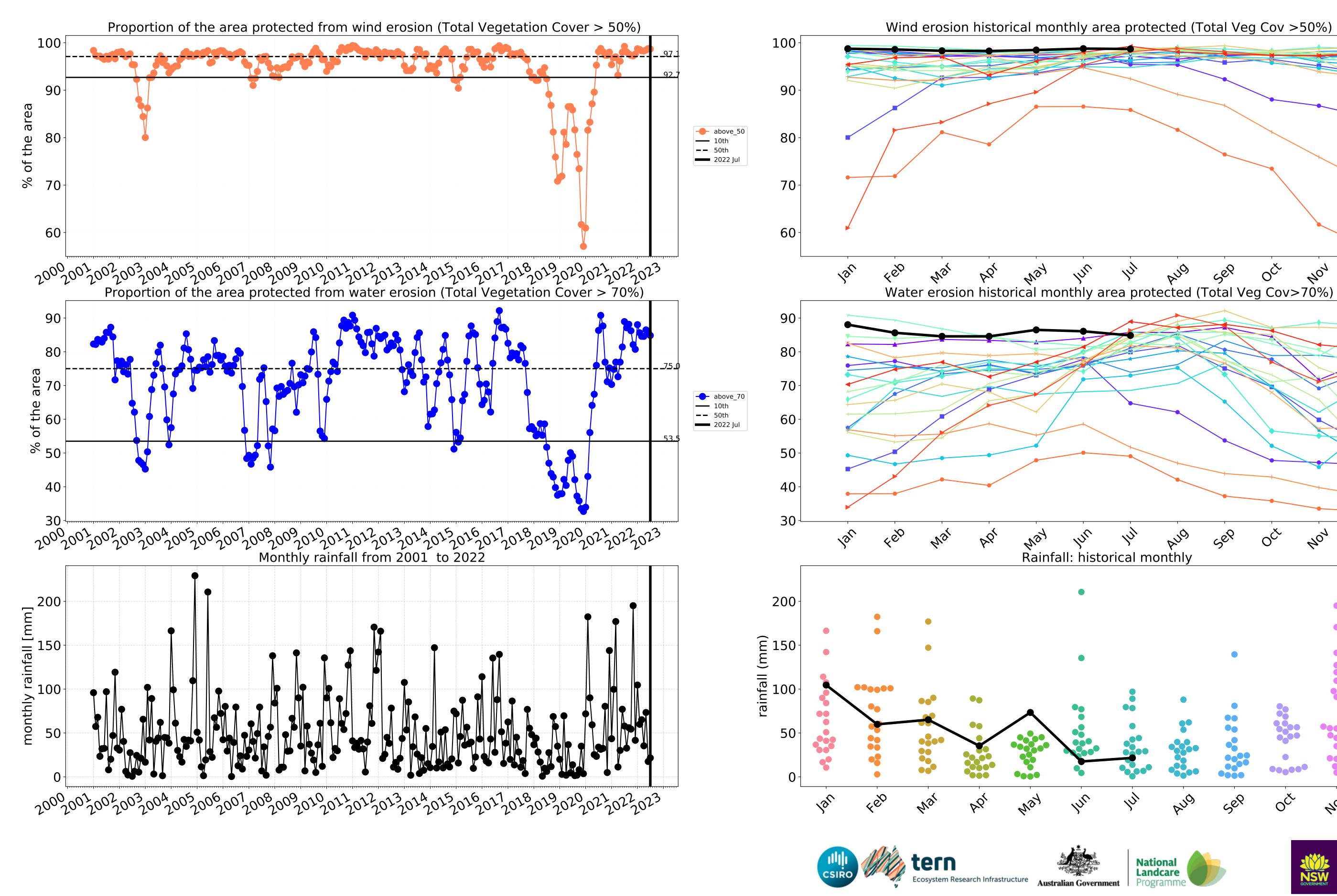


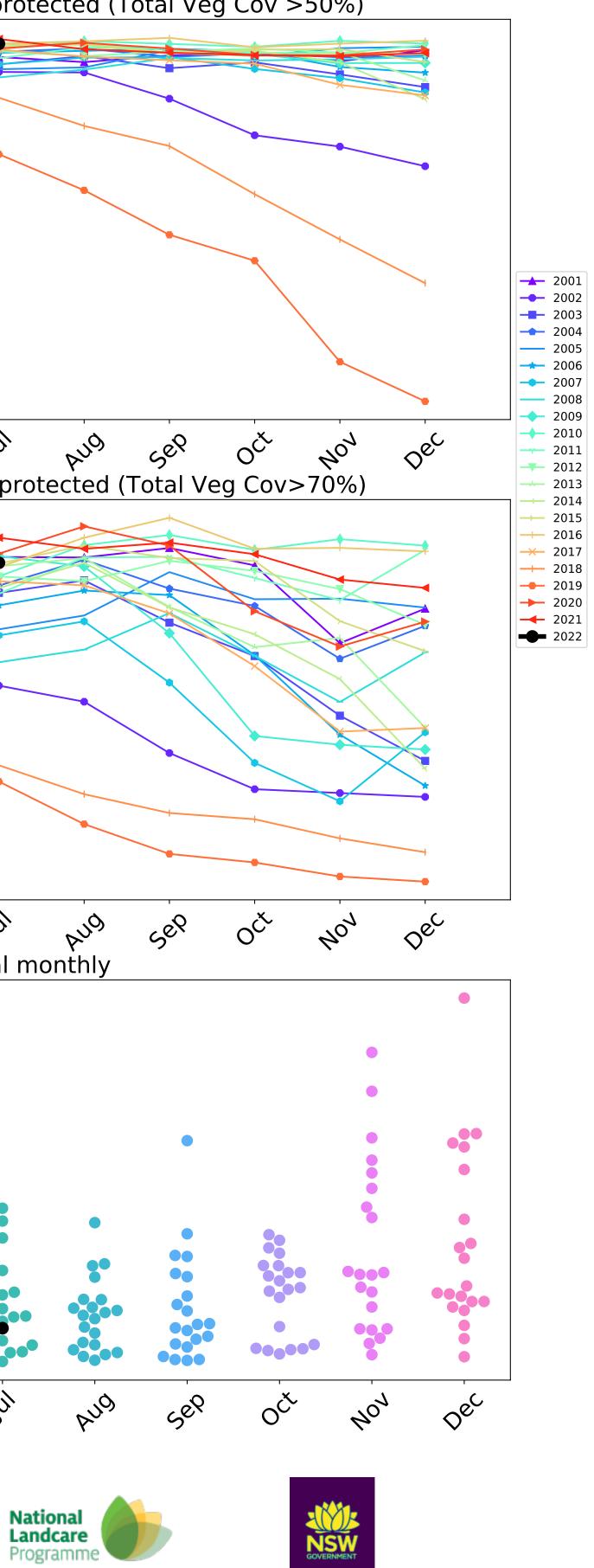
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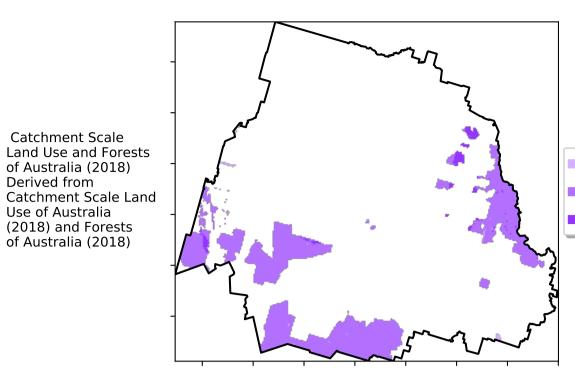




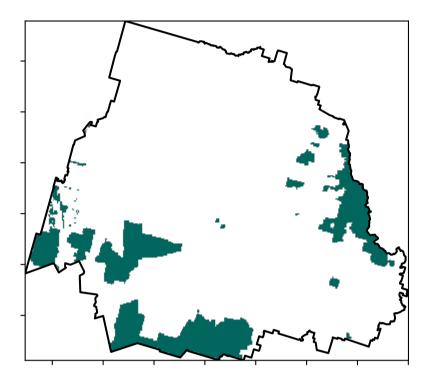
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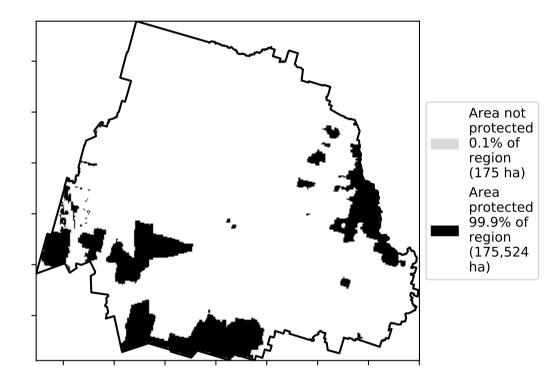
Land use and forest cover

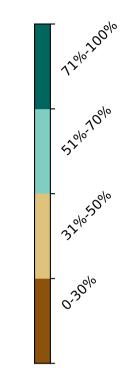


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



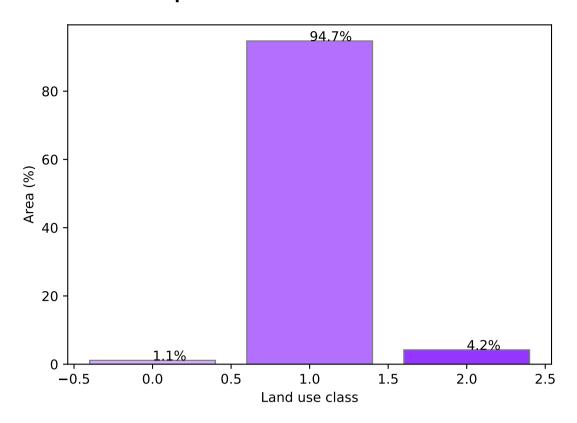


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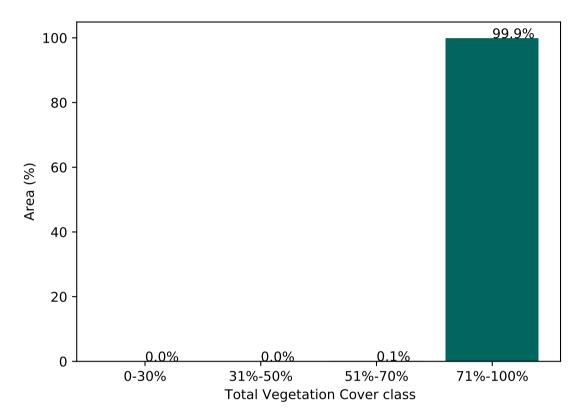
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2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland

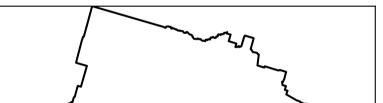
Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

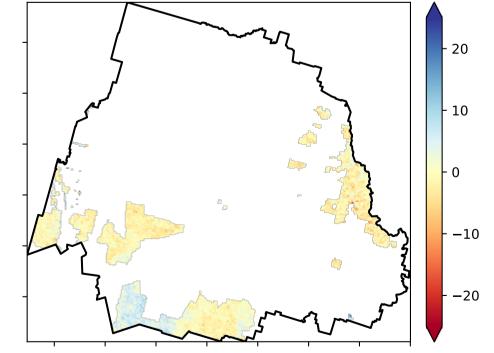


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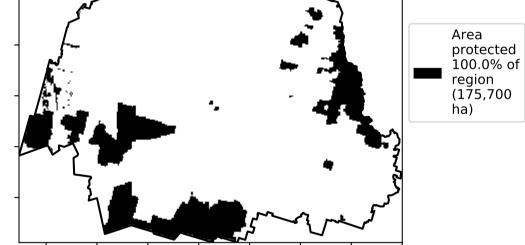
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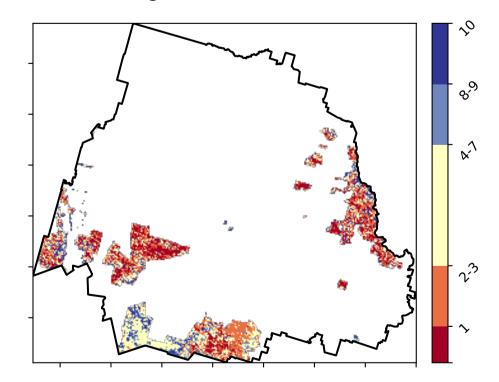
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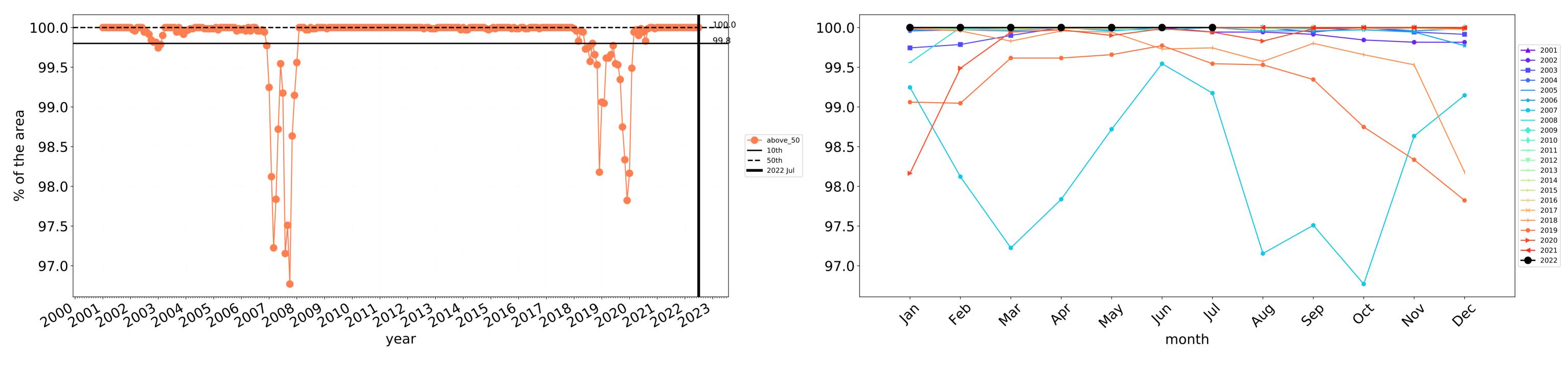
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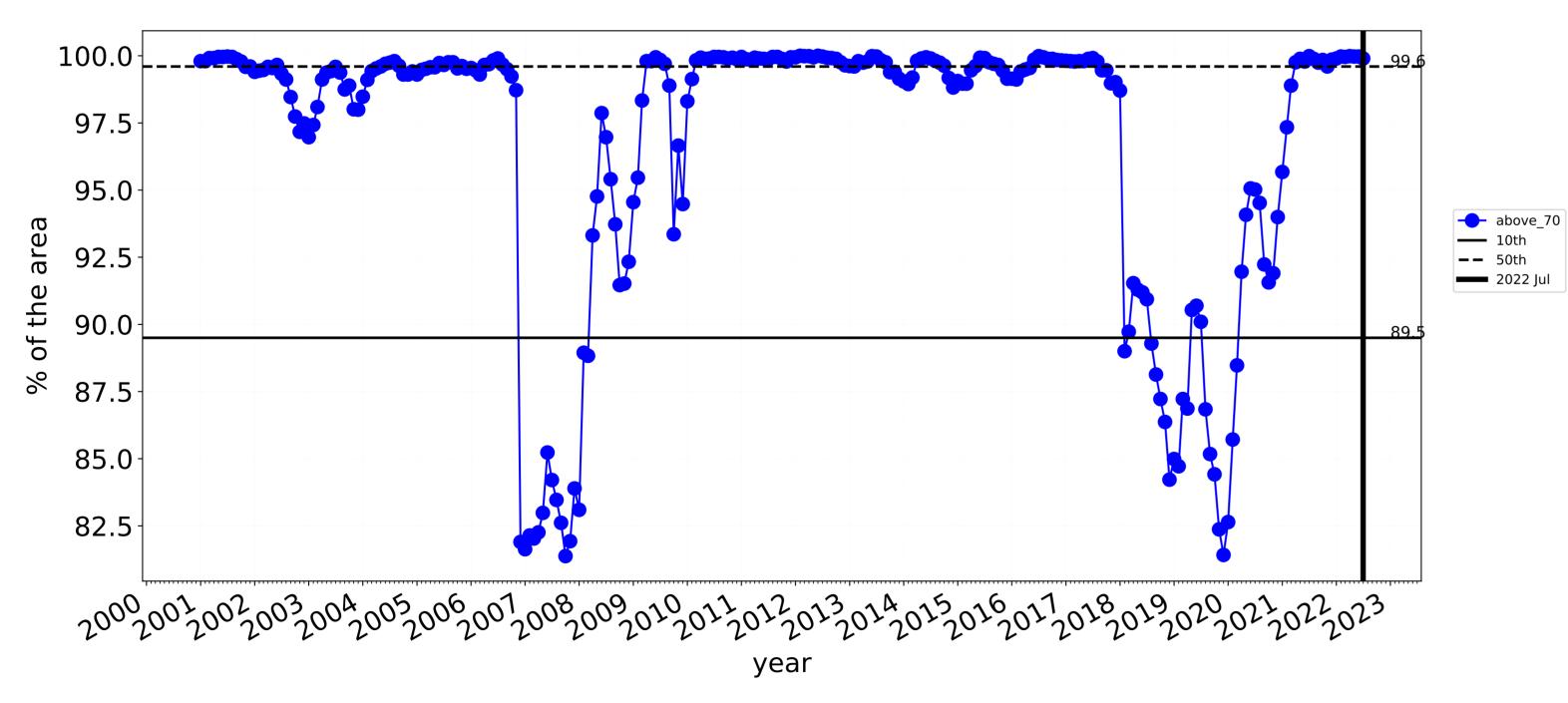


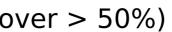




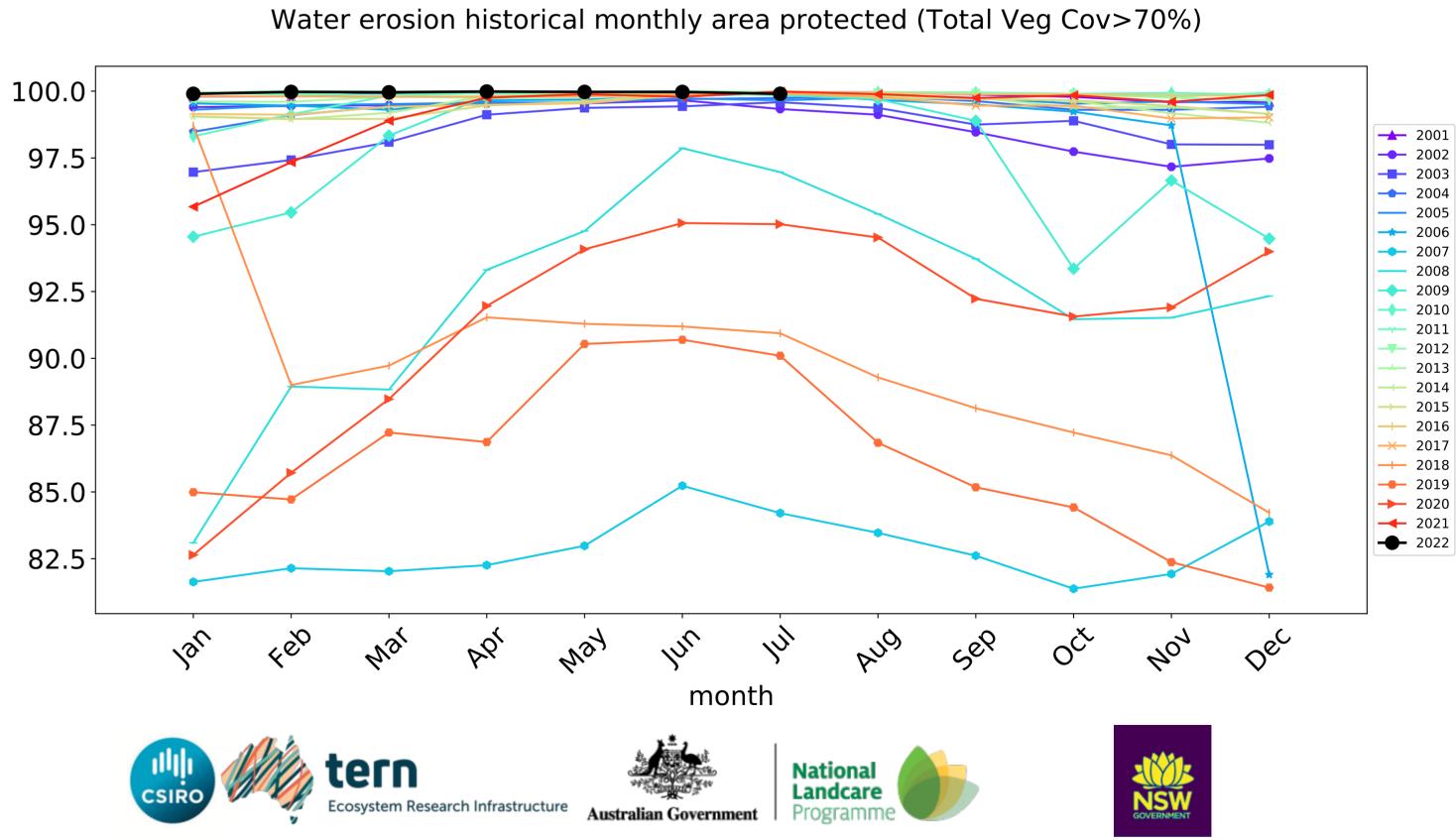
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



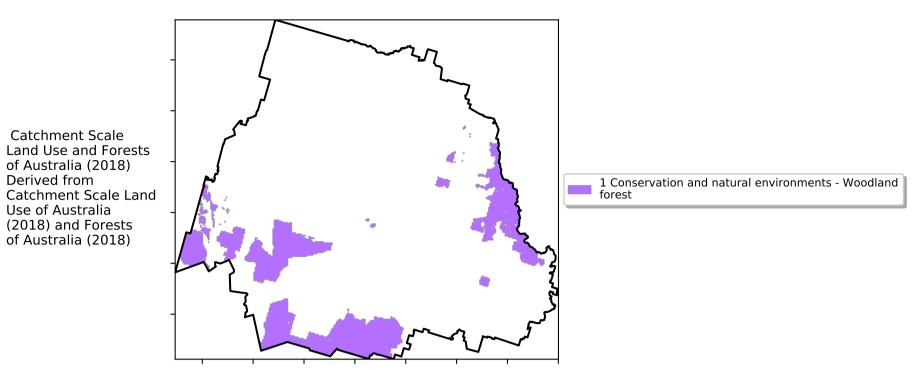


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

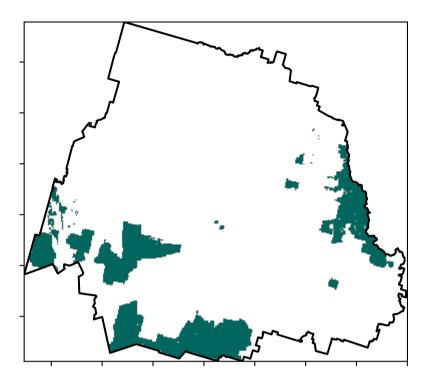


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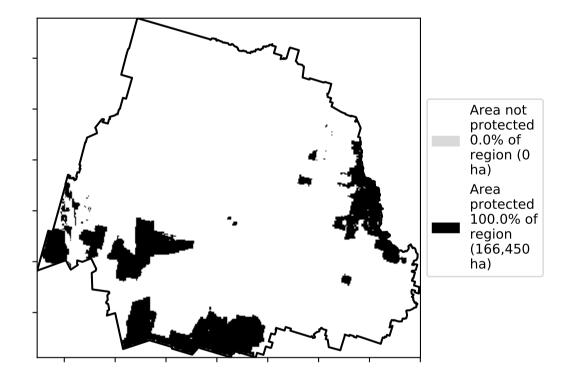
Land use and forest cover



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

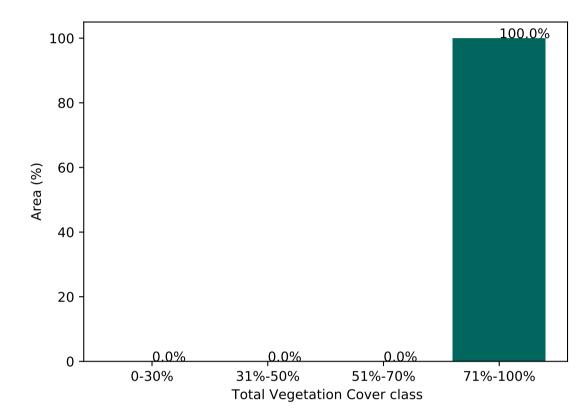


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

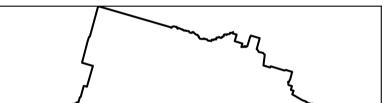




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

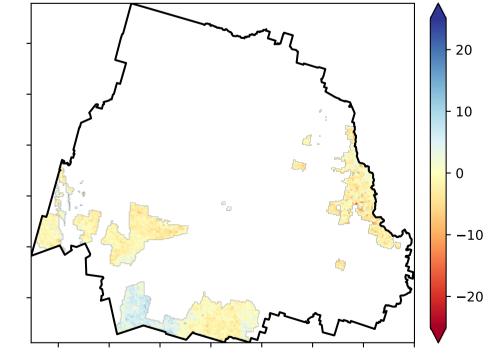


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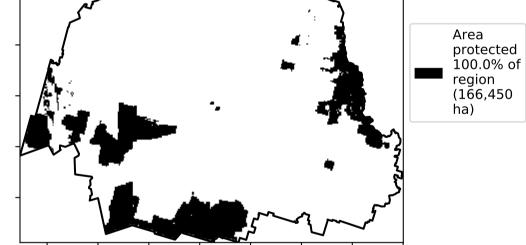


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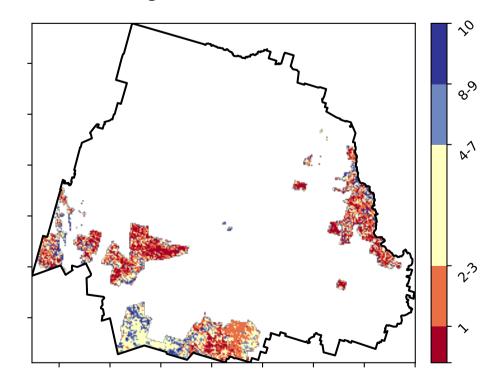
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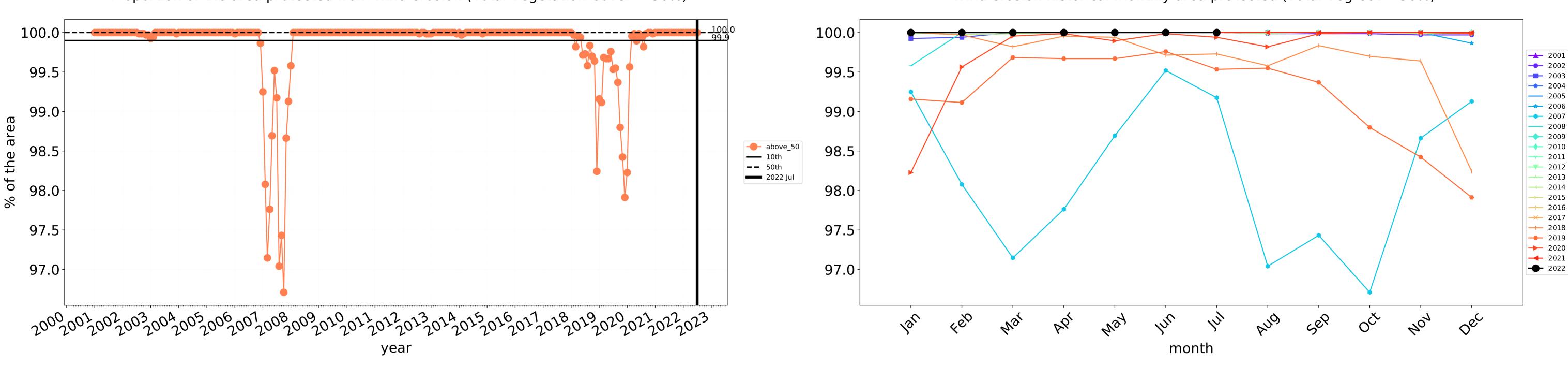






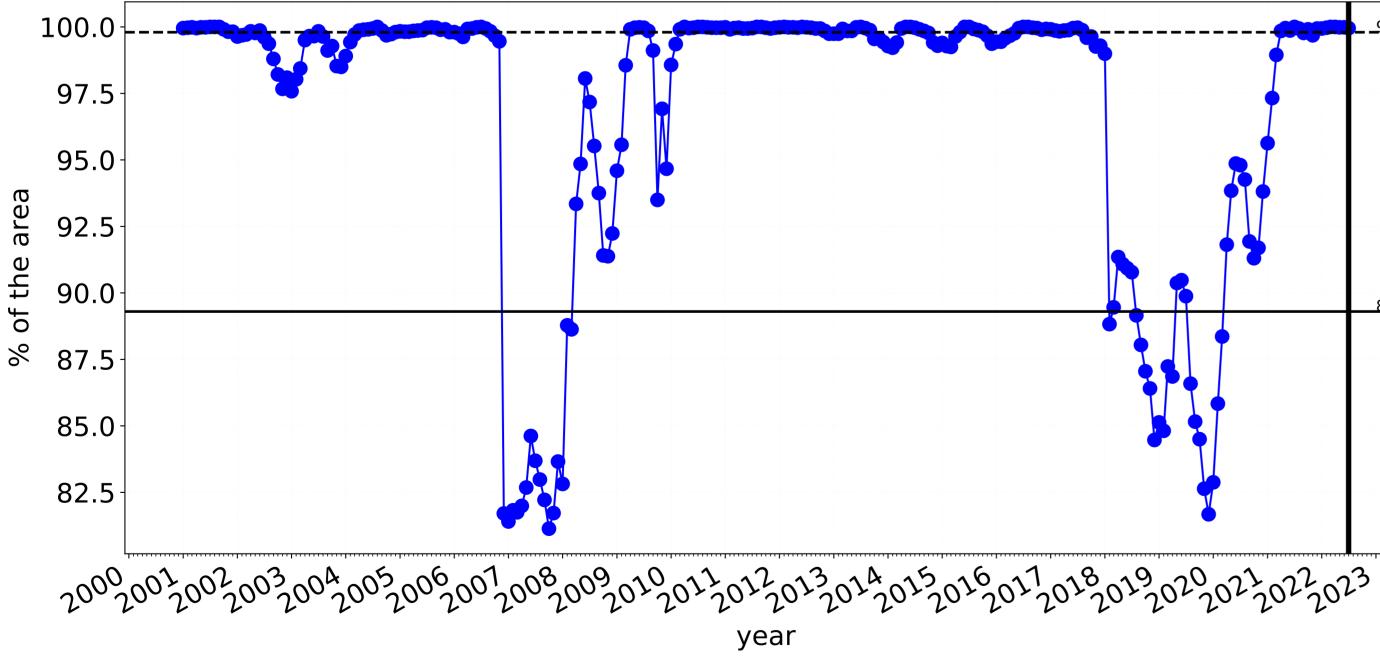
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### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**

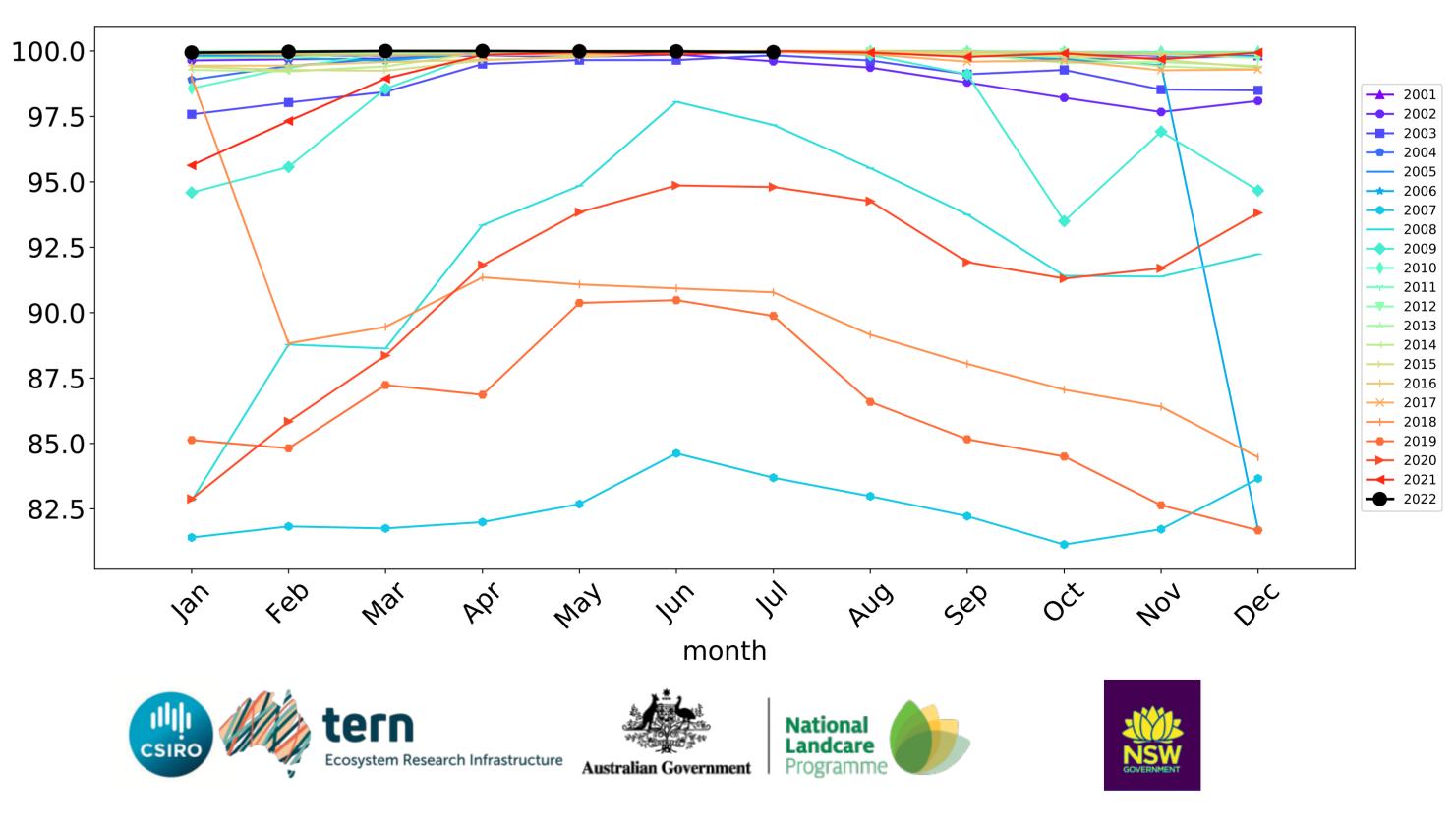


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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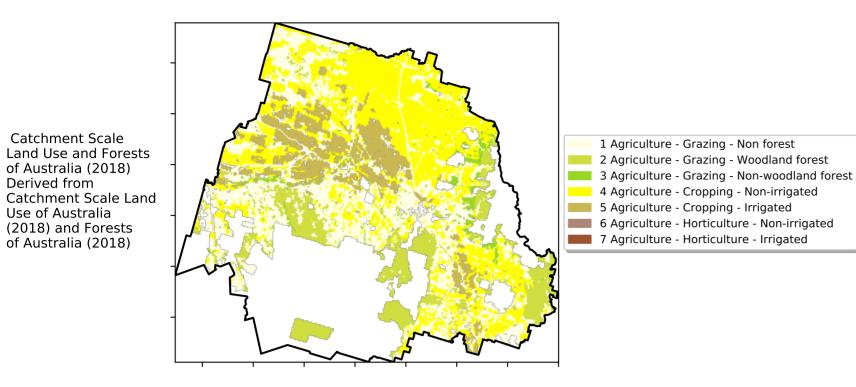
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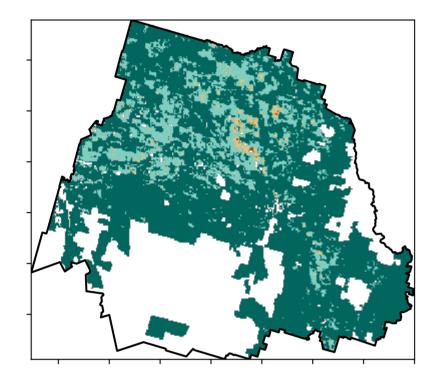
### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

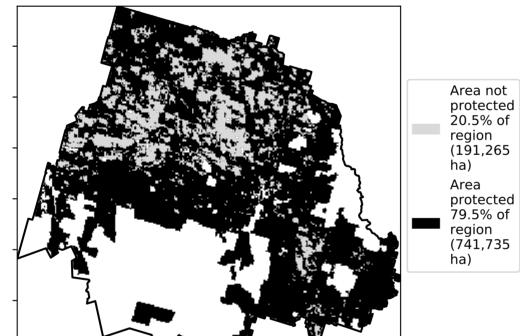


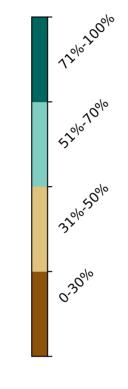


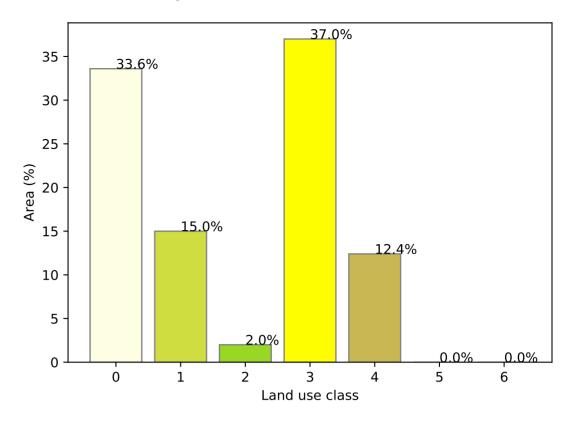
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



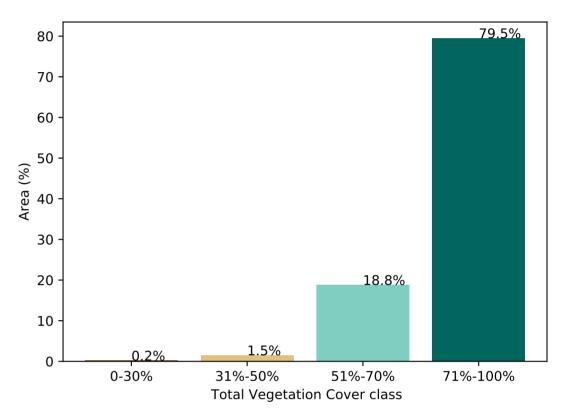
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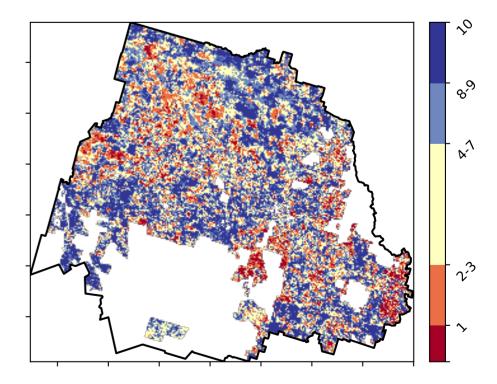
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



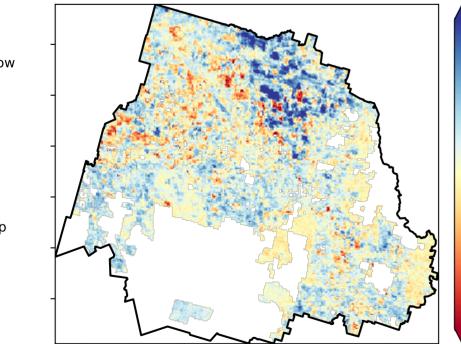
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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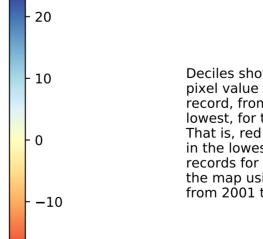




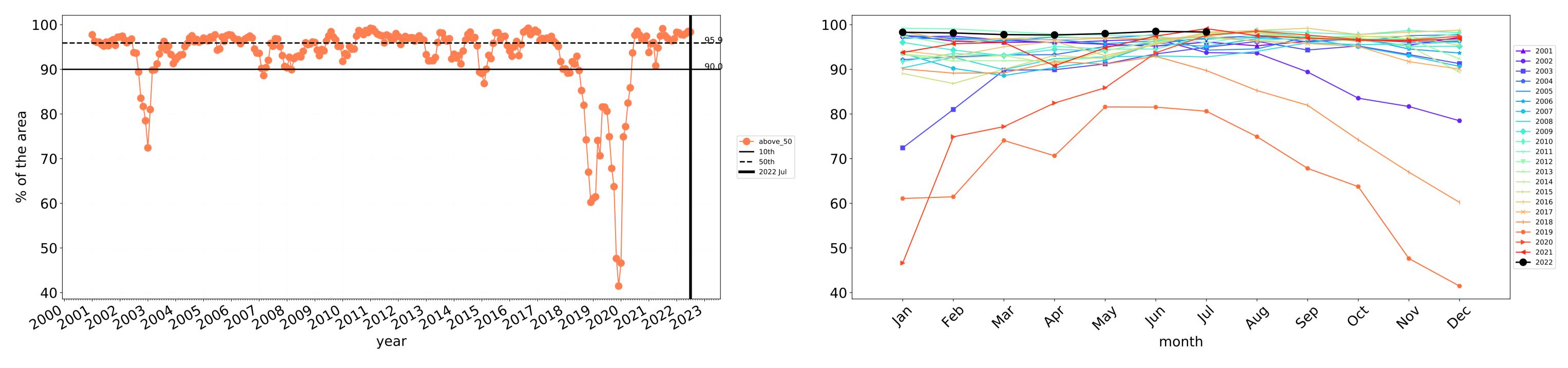
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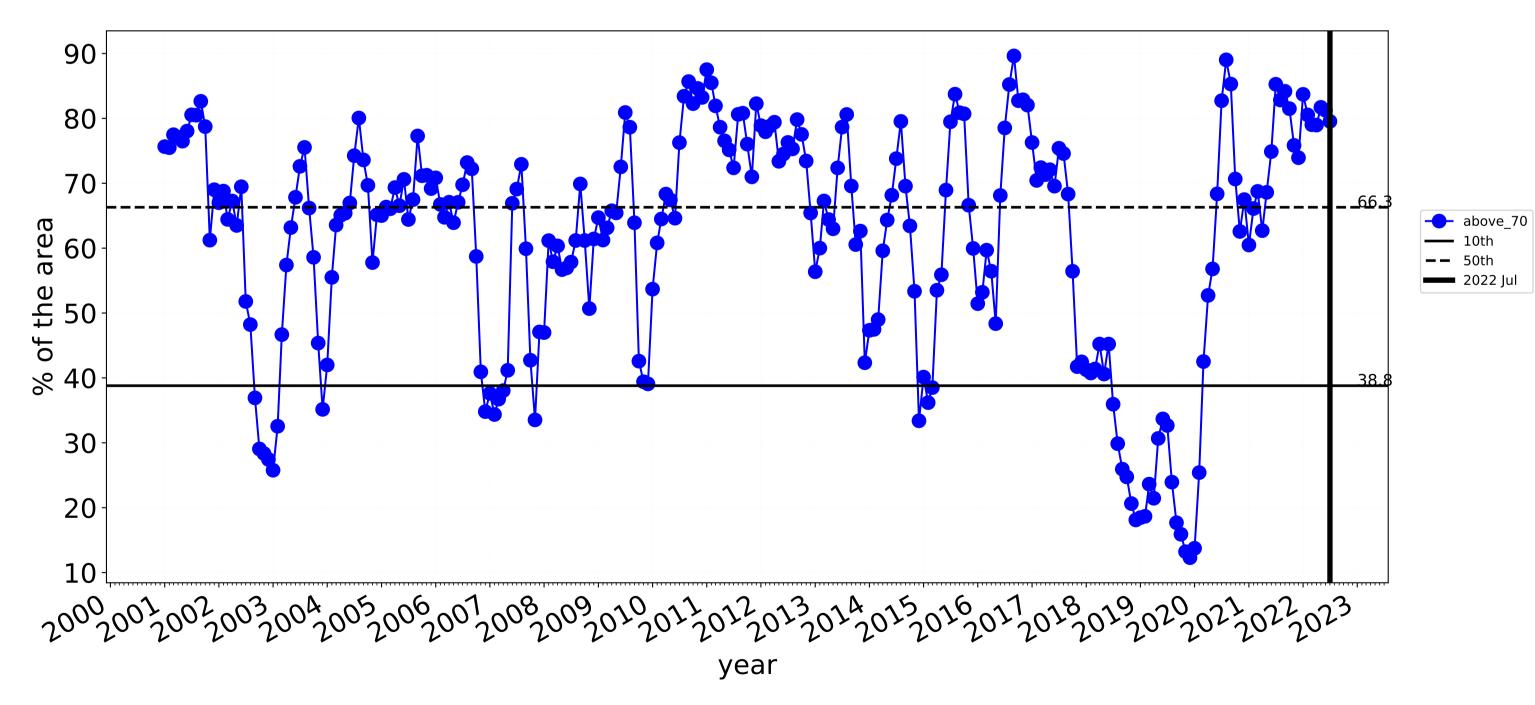


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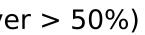


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



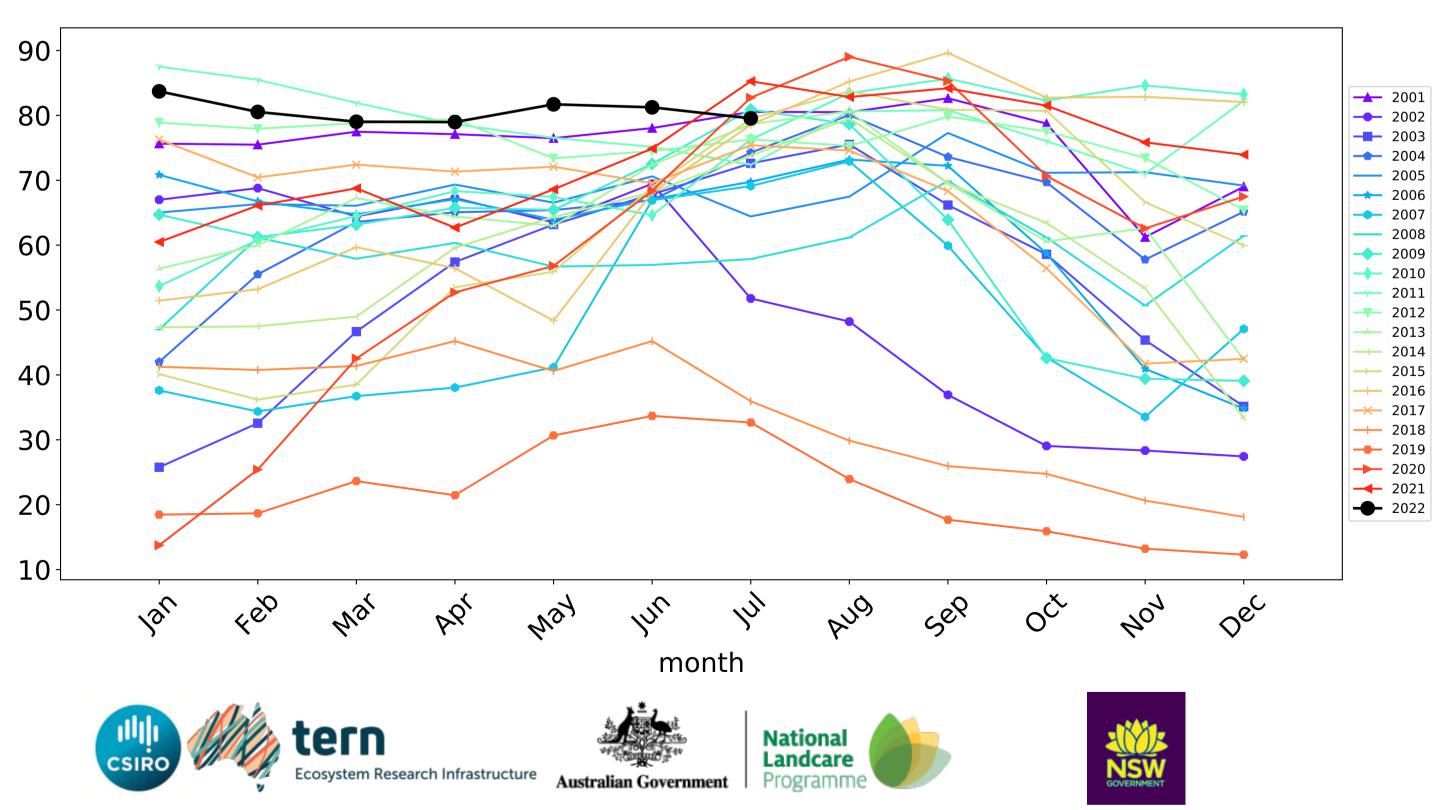


## **Agriculture timeseries**



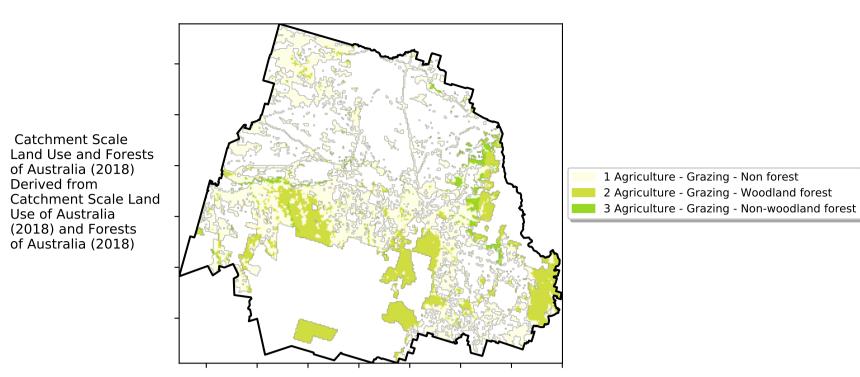
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

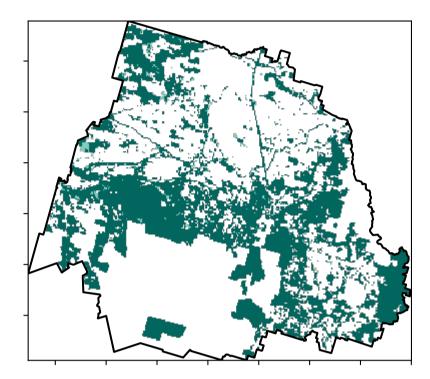


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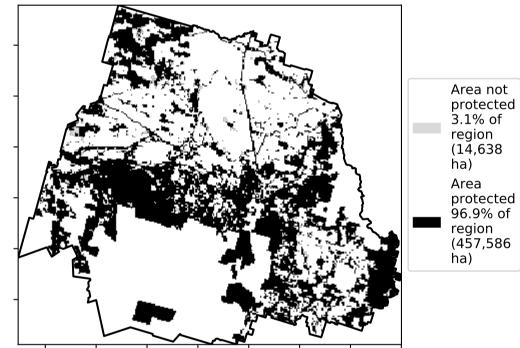
Land use and forest cover

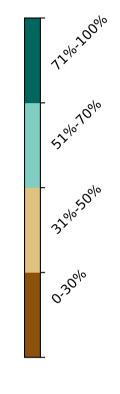


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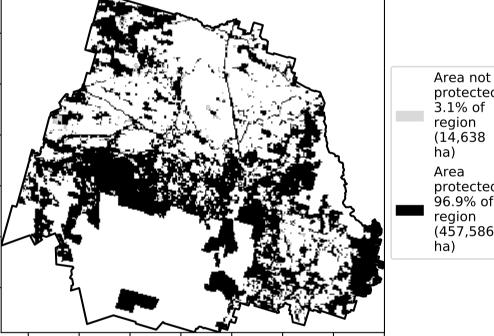


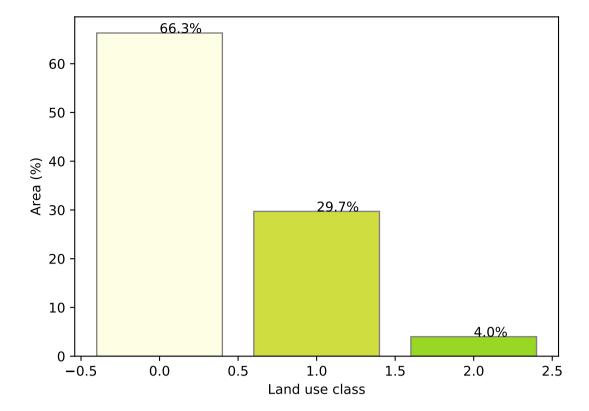
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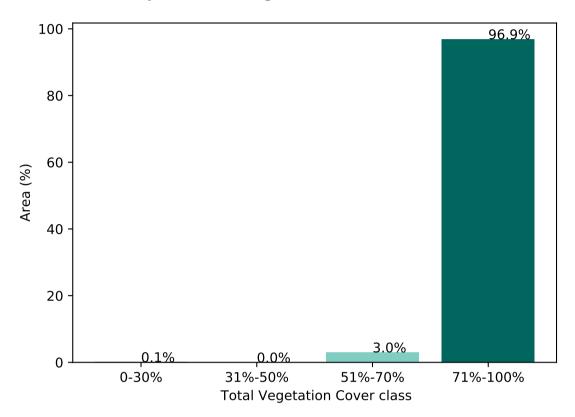
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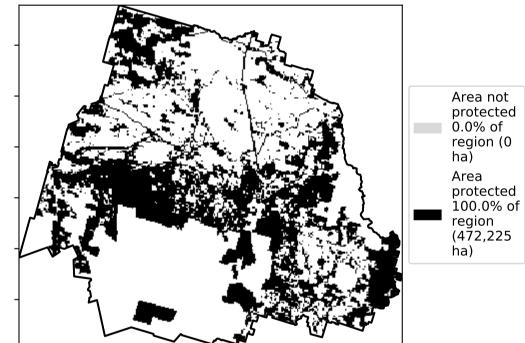


#### **Proportion of each land class in area**

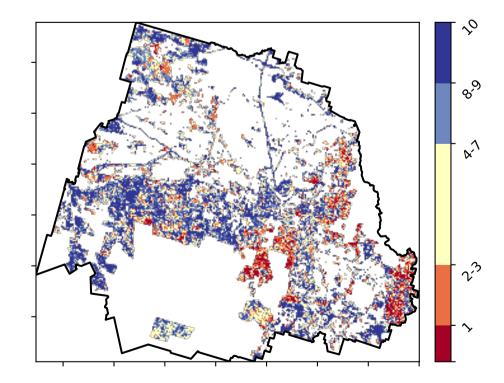
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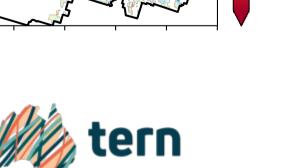
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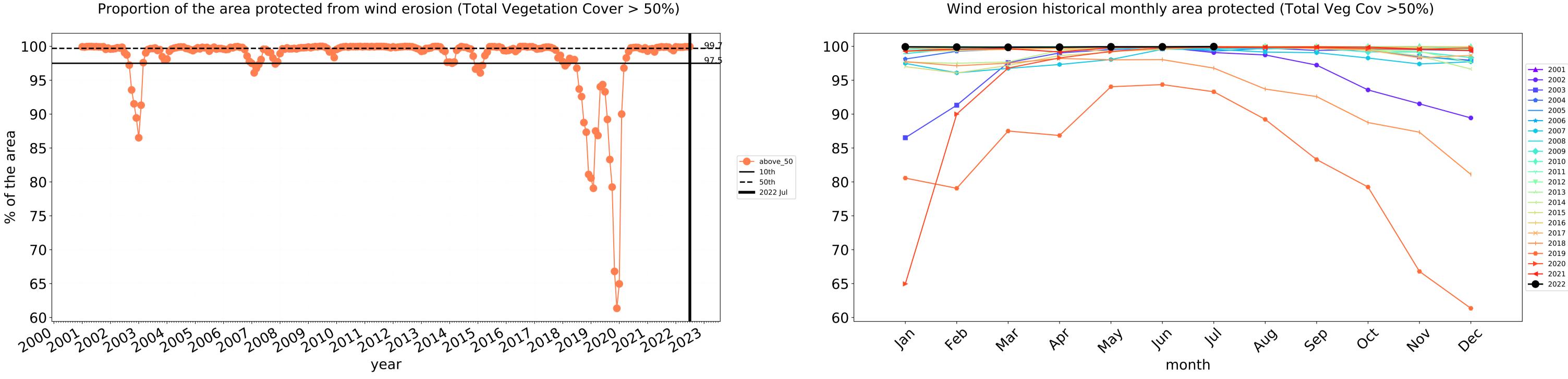
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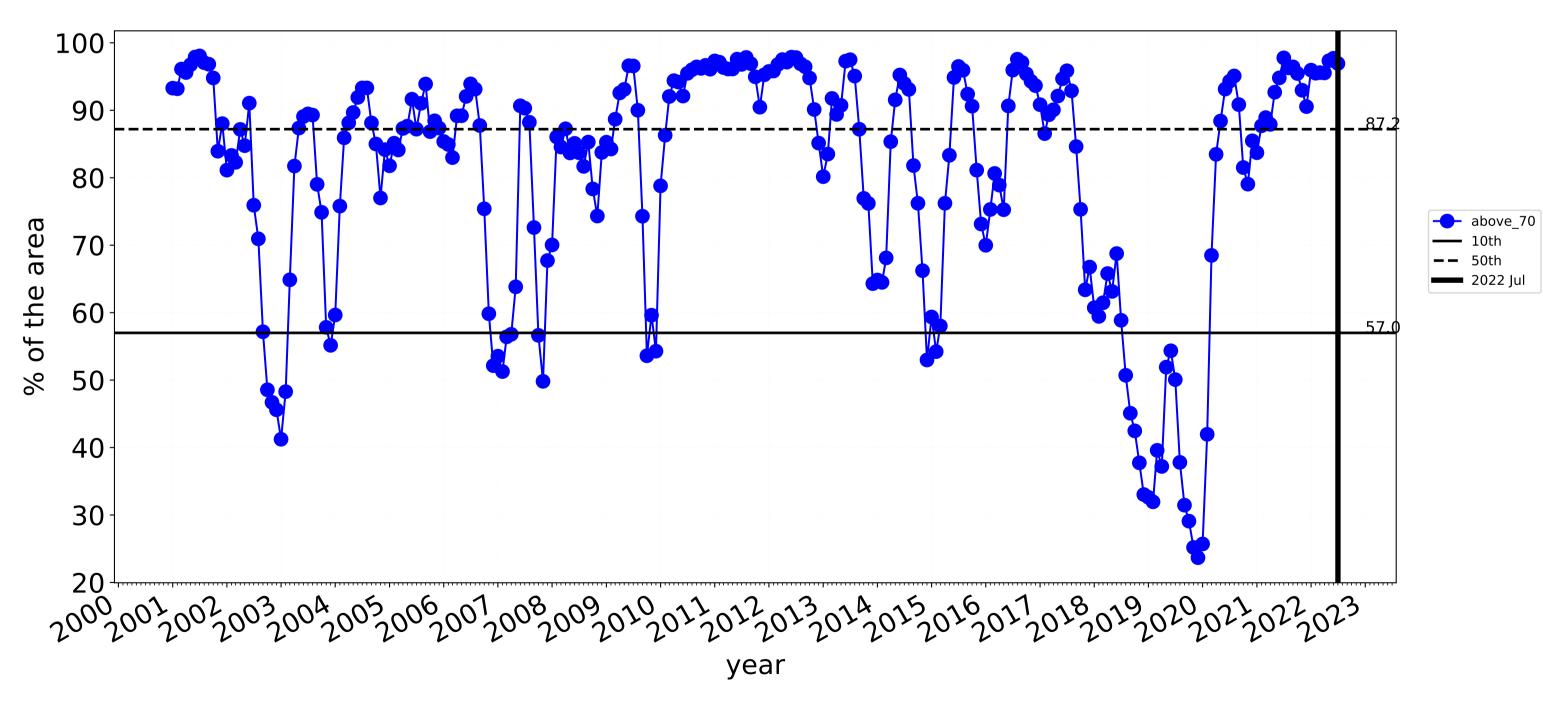
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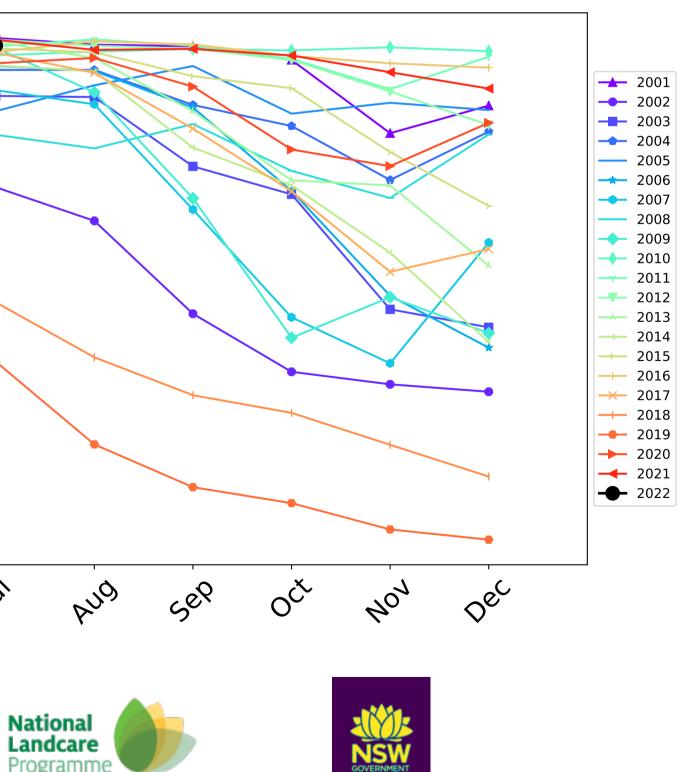




### Grazing timeseries

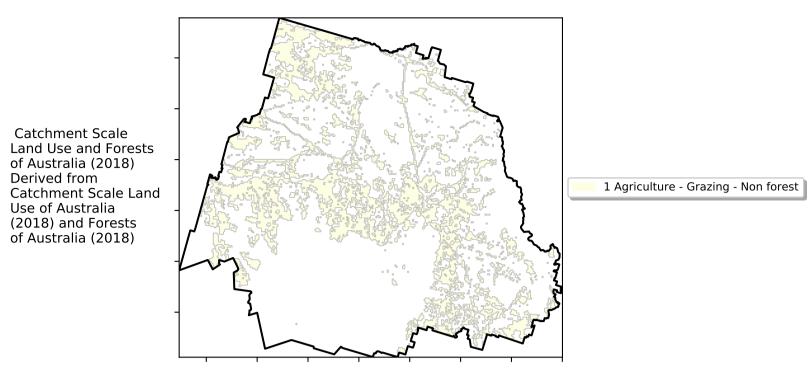
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

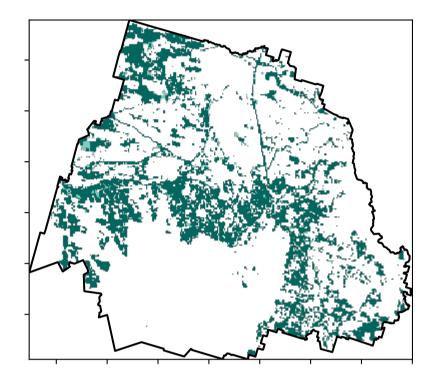


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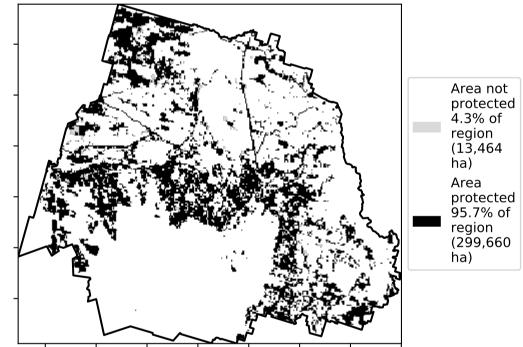
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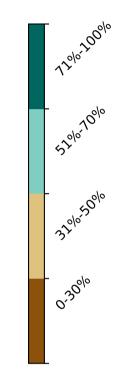


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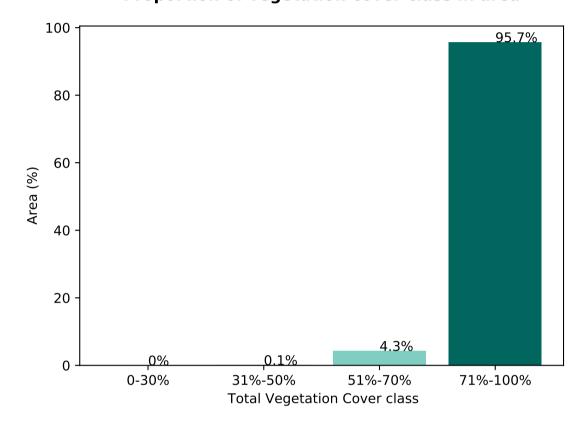
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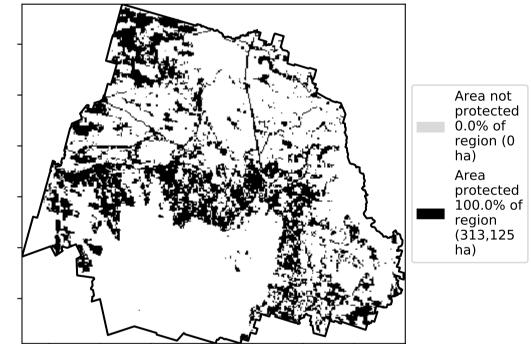




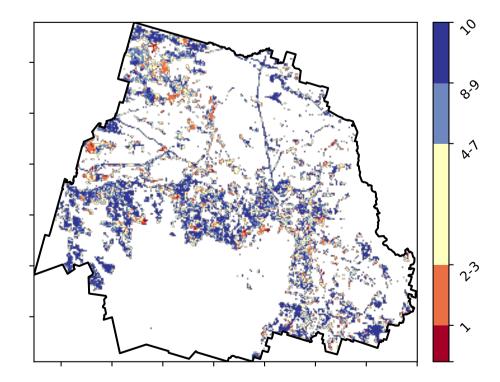
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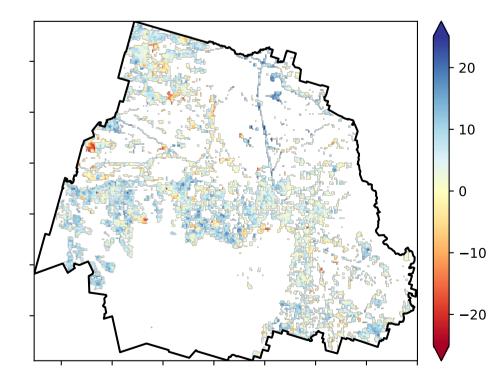
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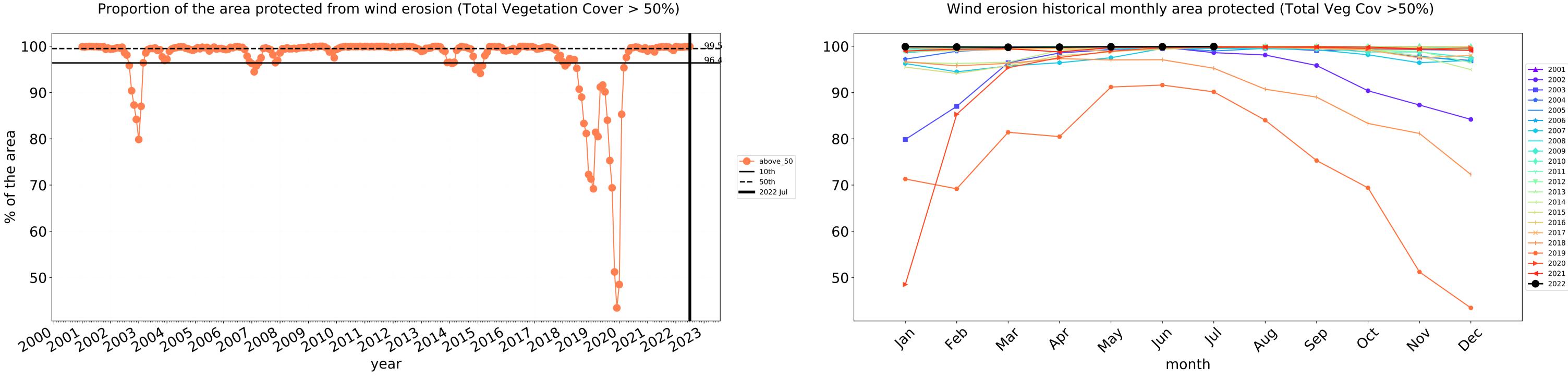
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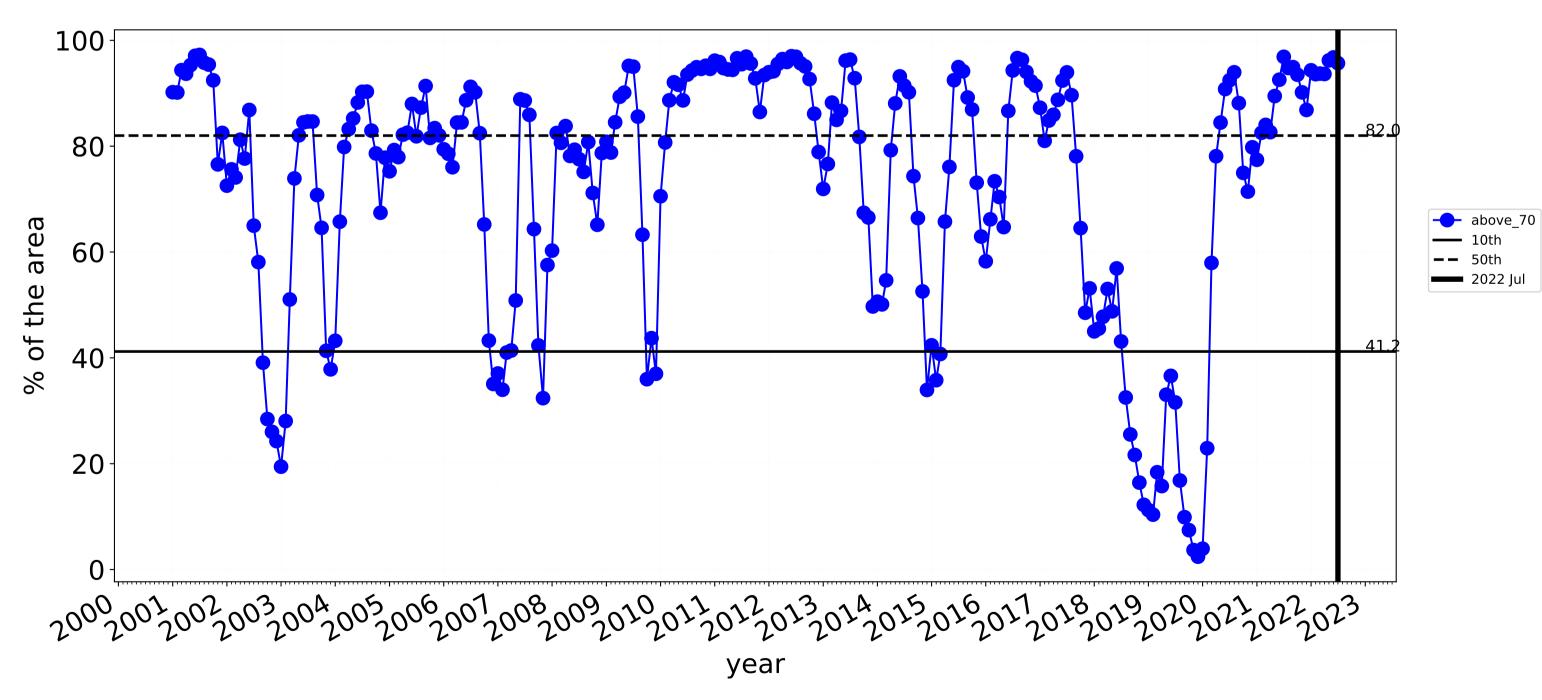


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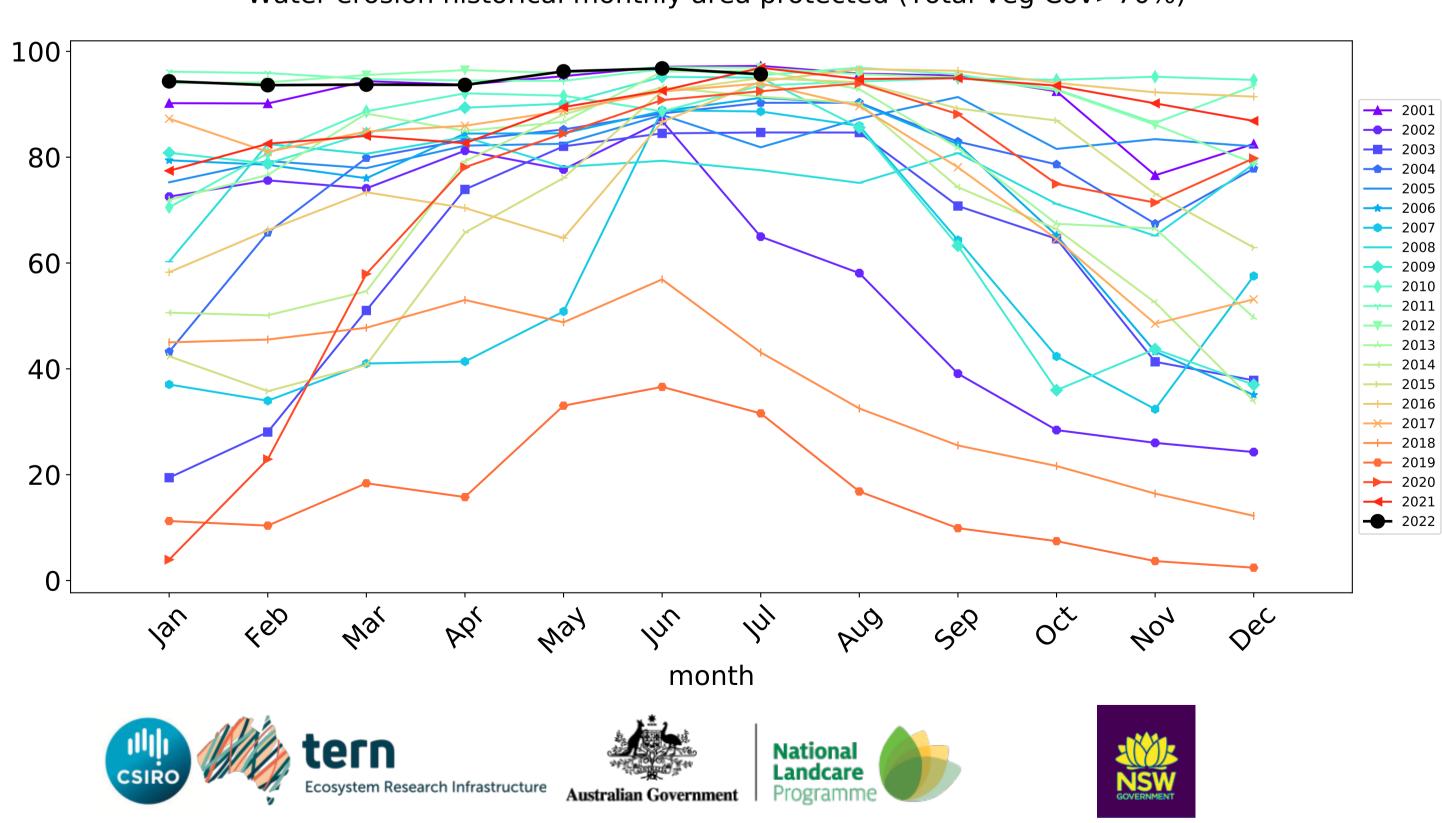


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





### Grazing non forest timeseries

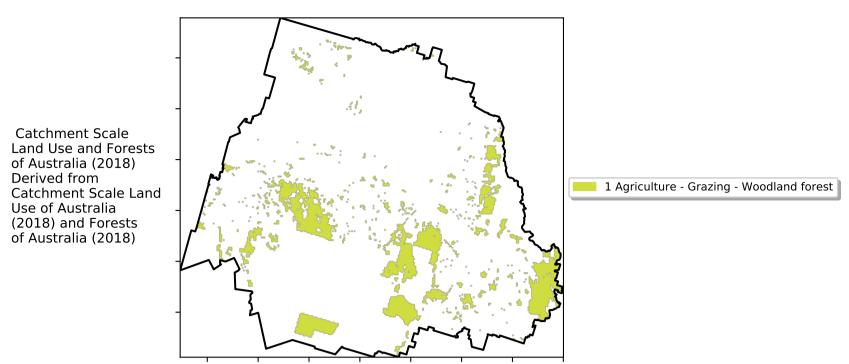


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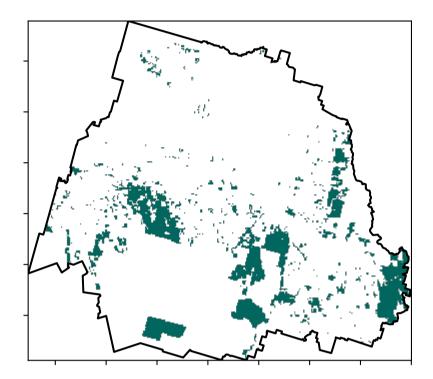
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### **Grazing Woodland forest**

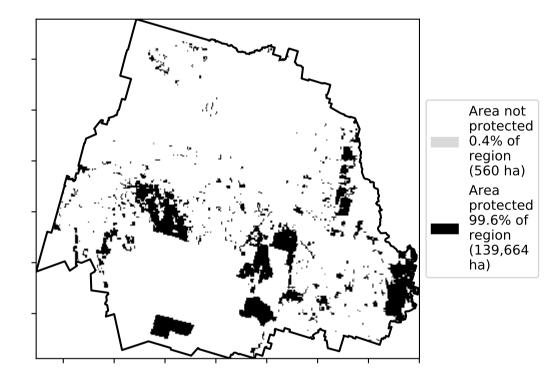
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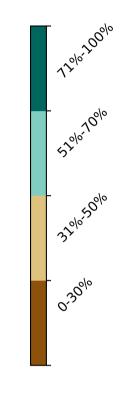


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

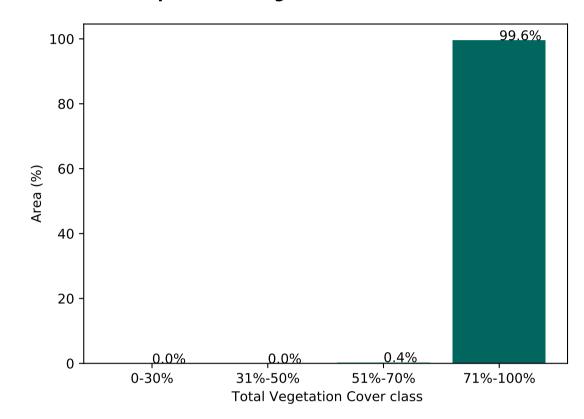


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

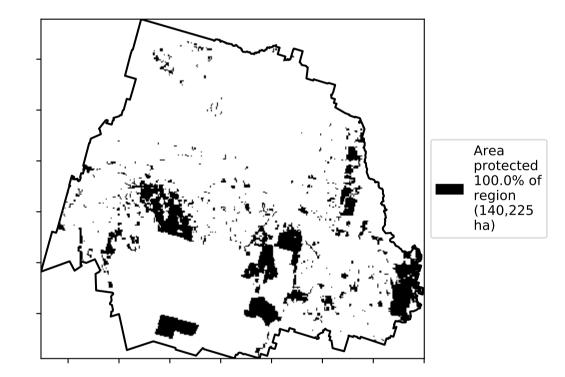




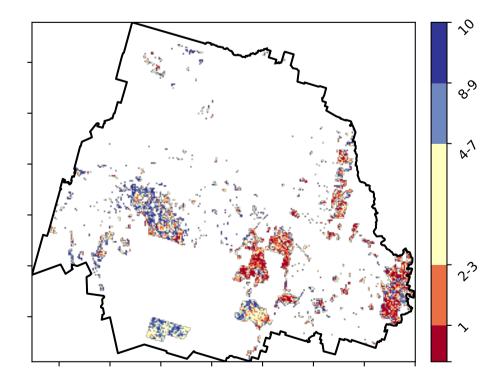
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



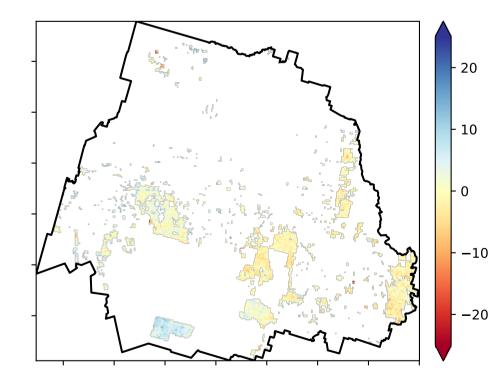
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



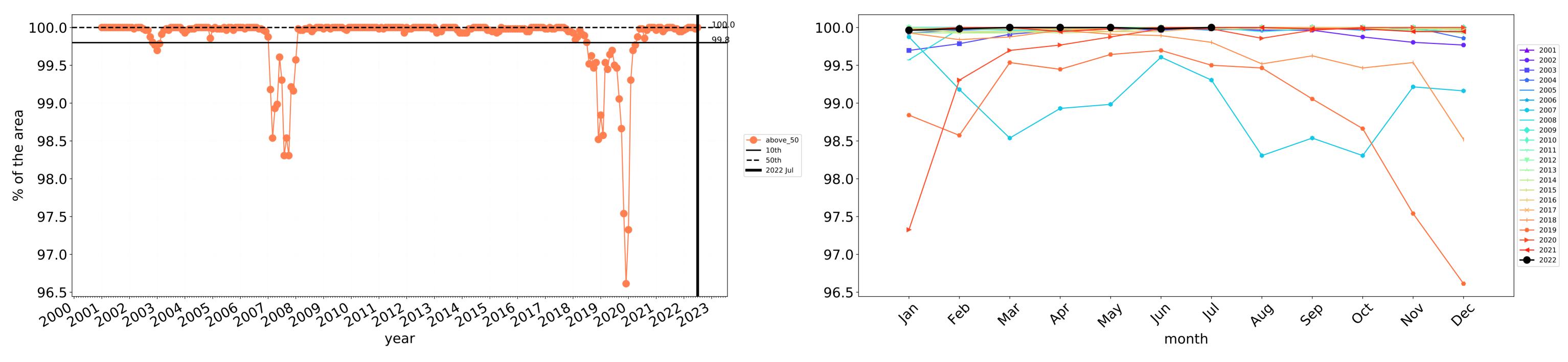
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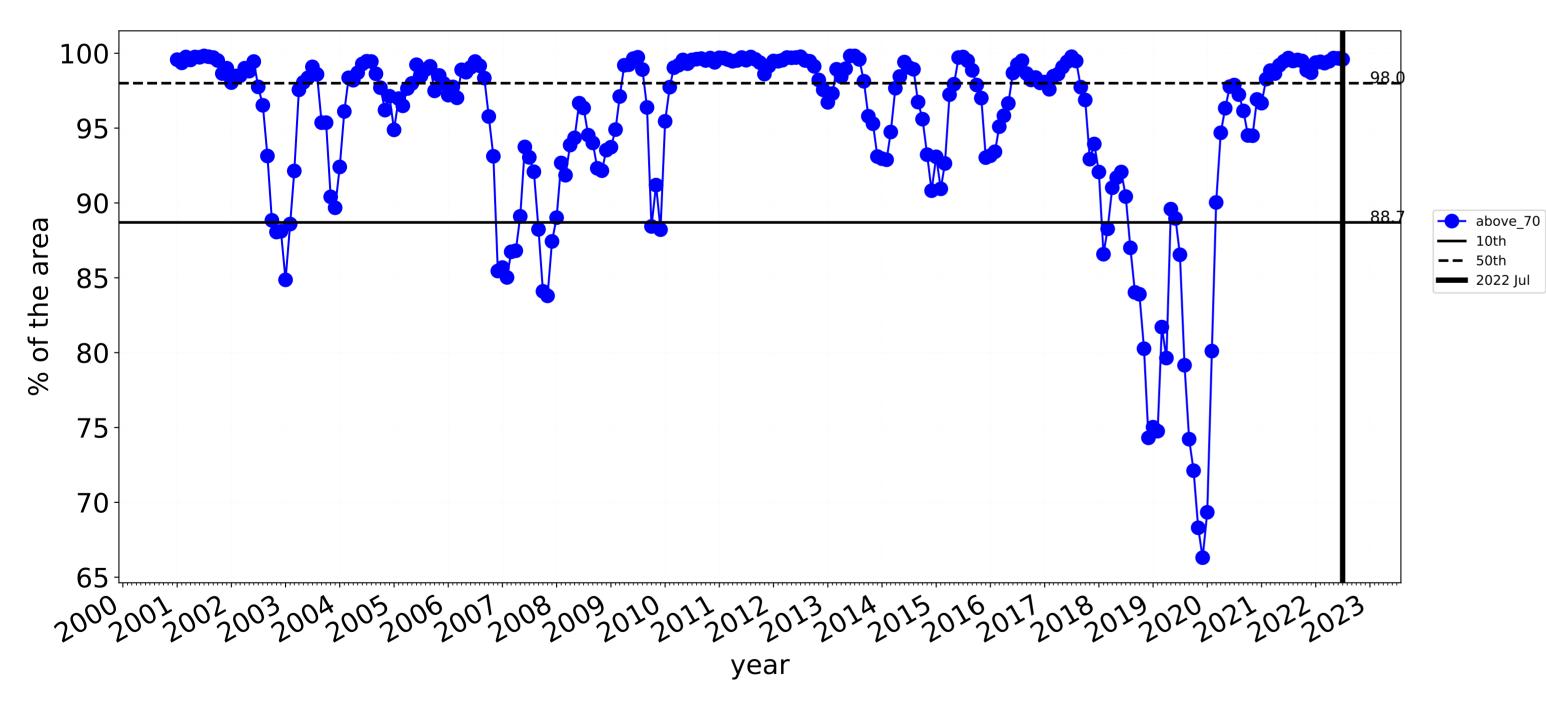
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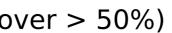




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





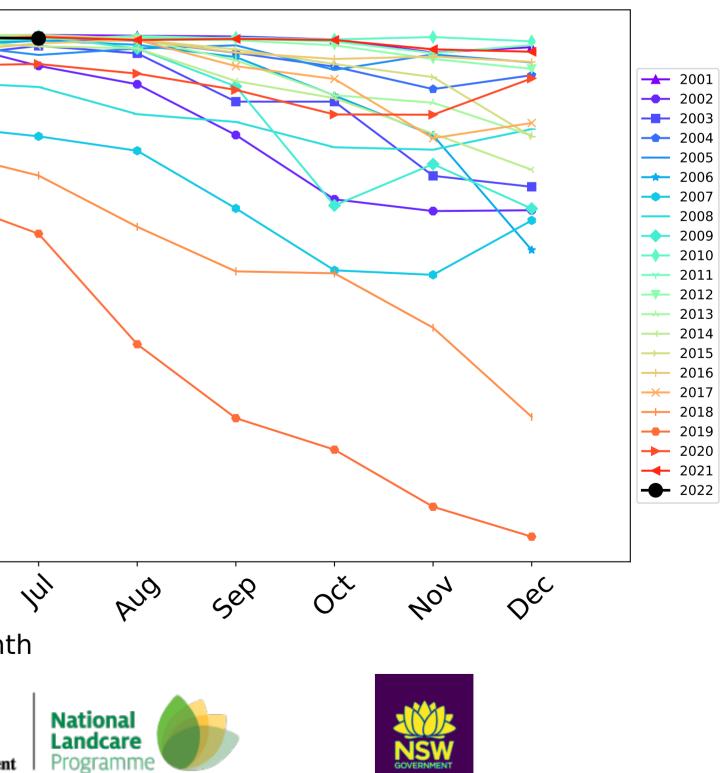
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

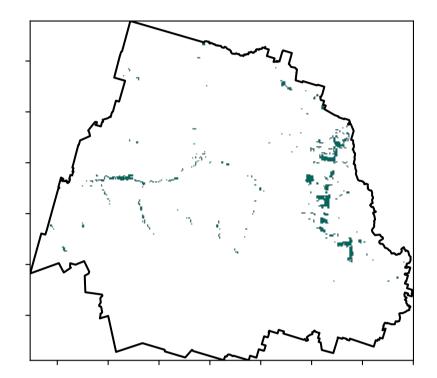


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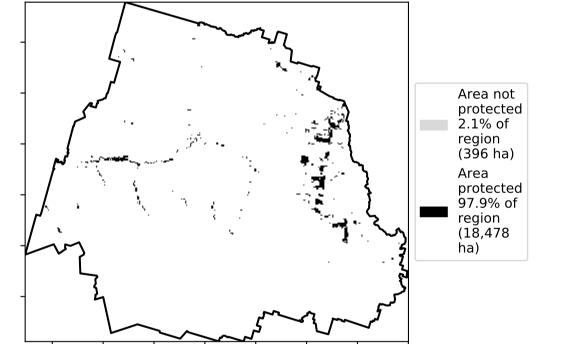
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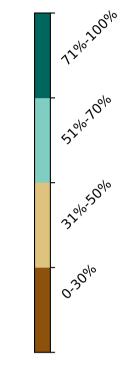
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



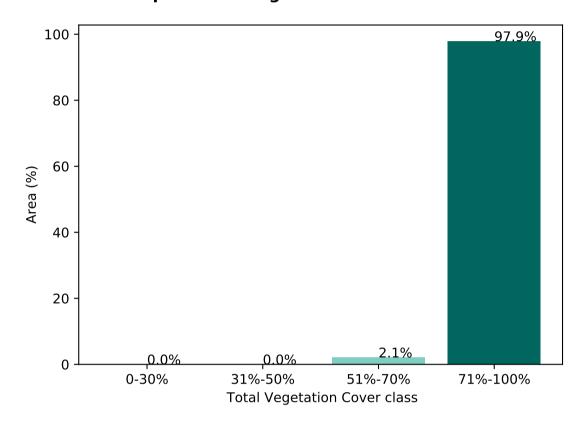
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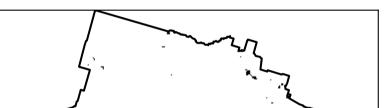




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



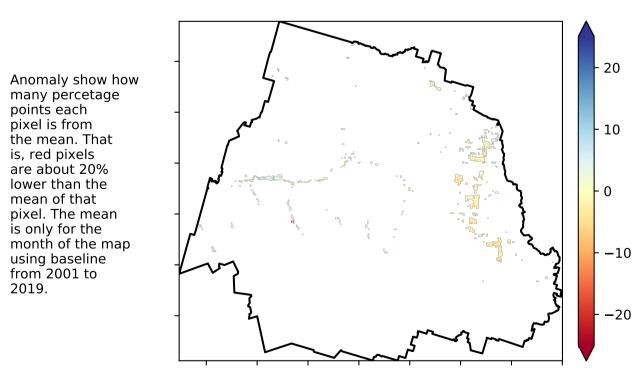
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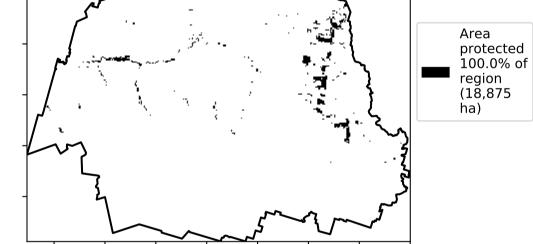
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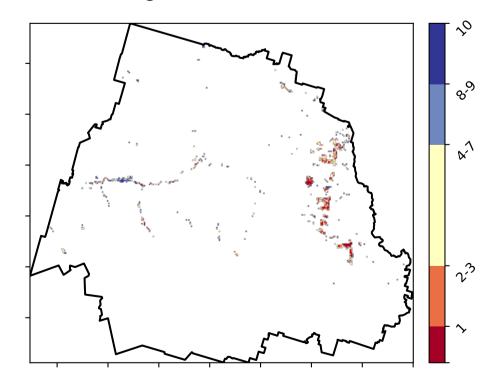
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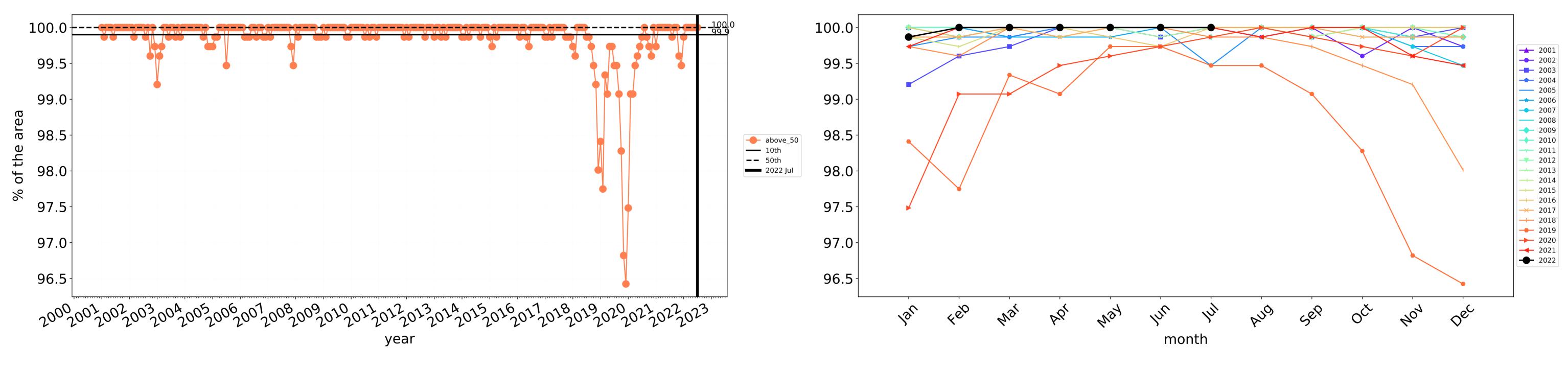


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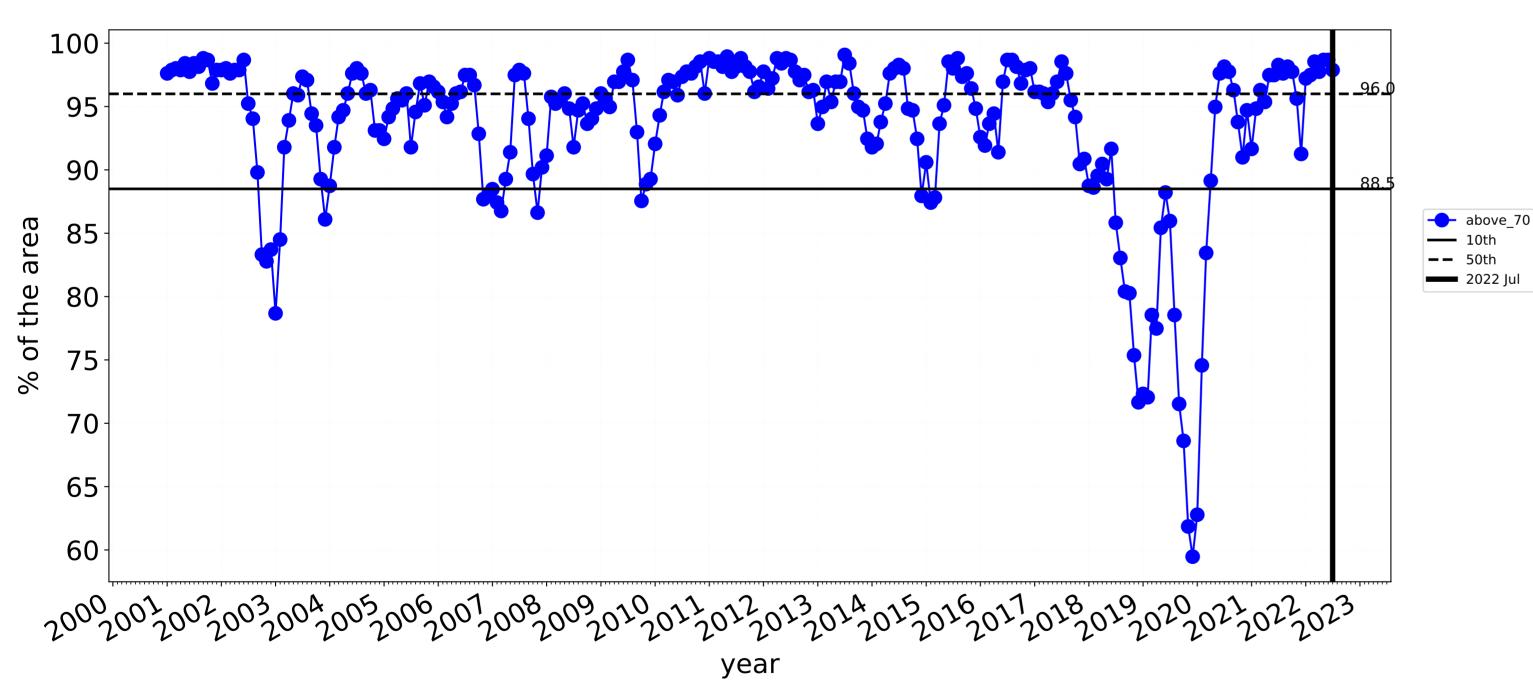


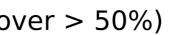
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

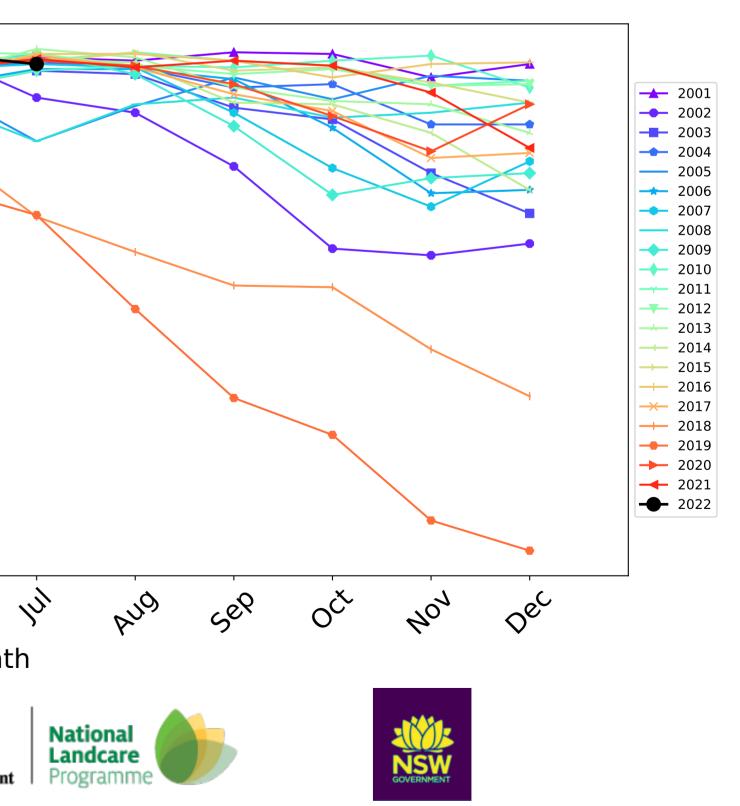




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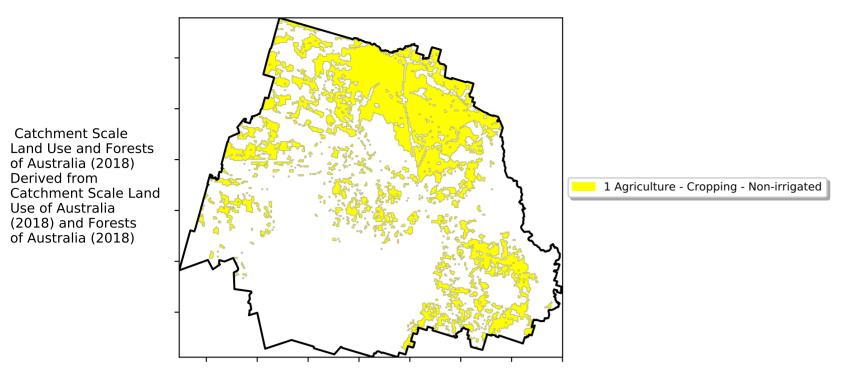
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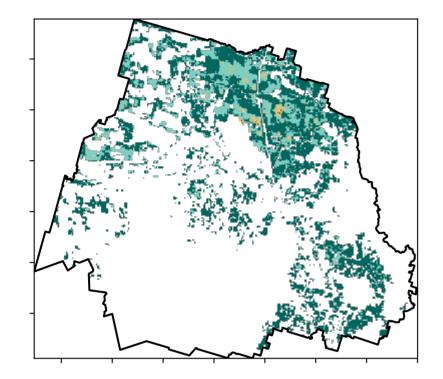
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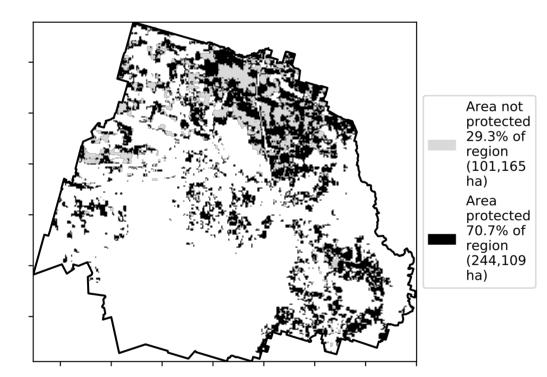
Land use and forest cover



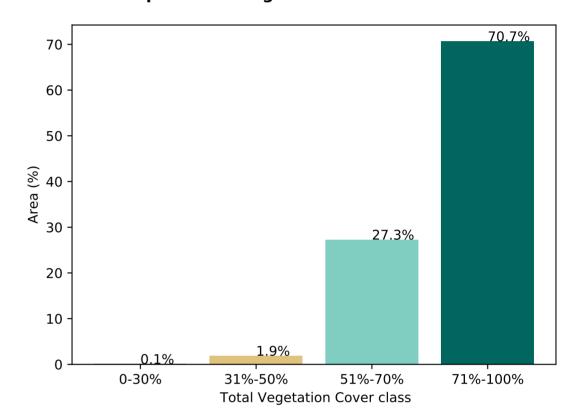
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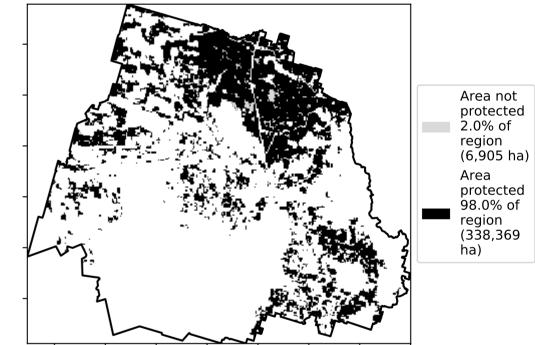
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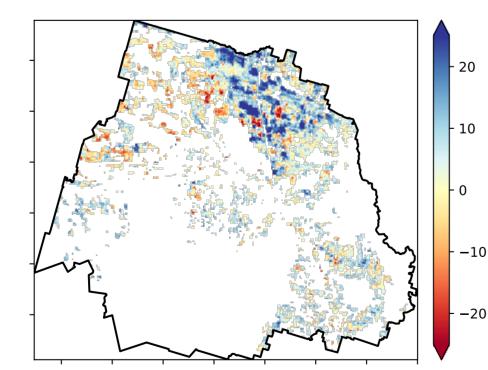
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

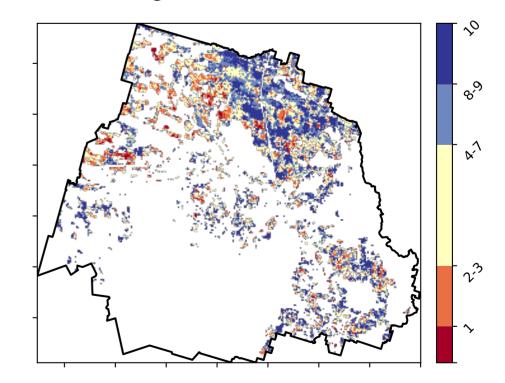


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

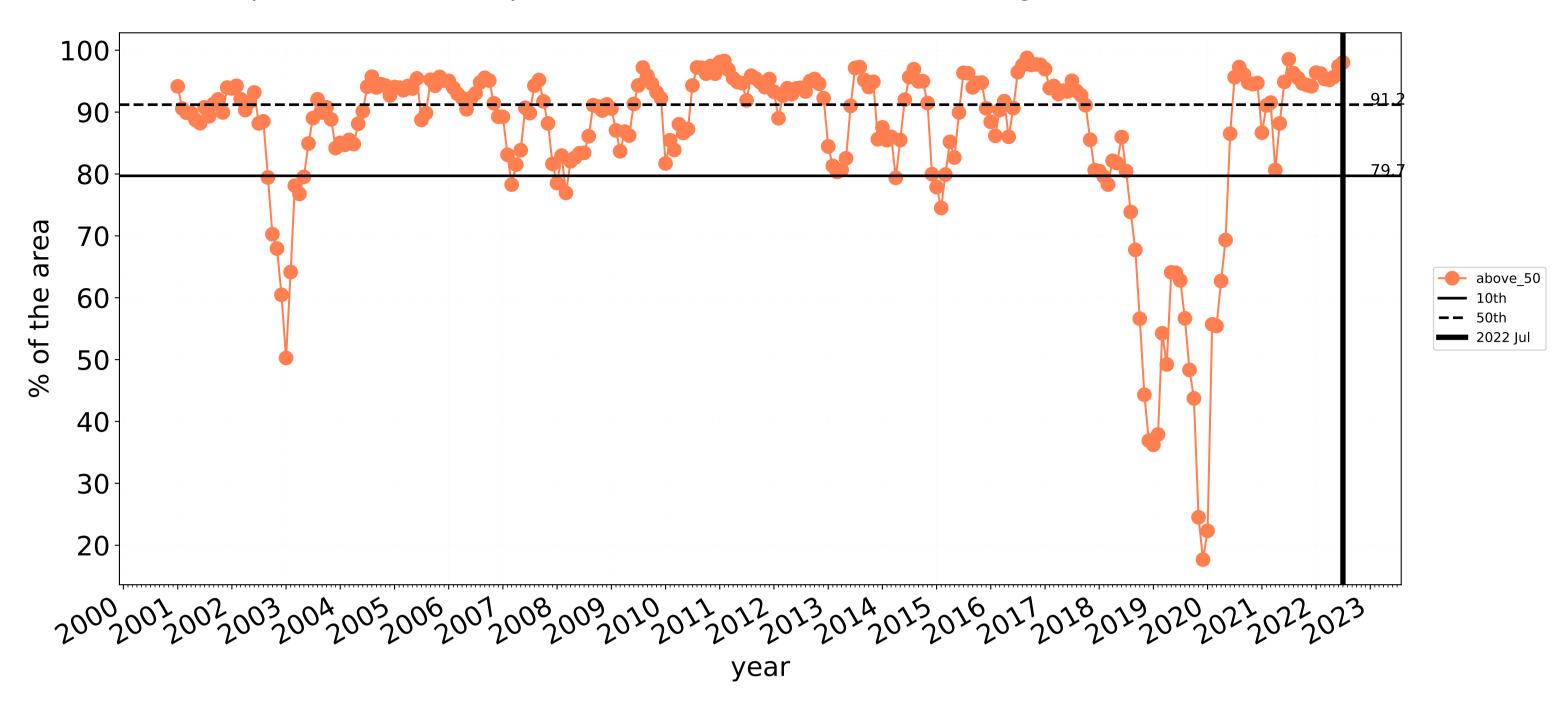






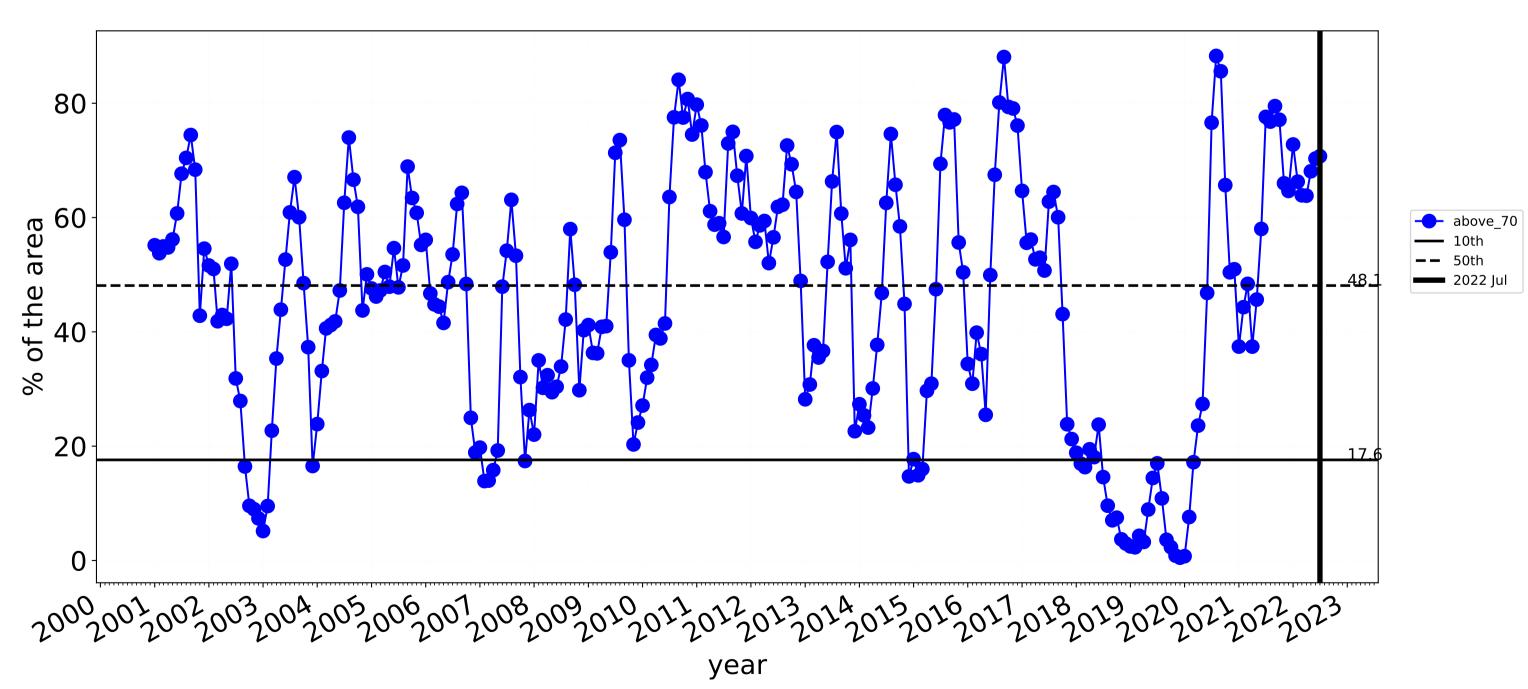
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



## **Cropping timeseries**



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

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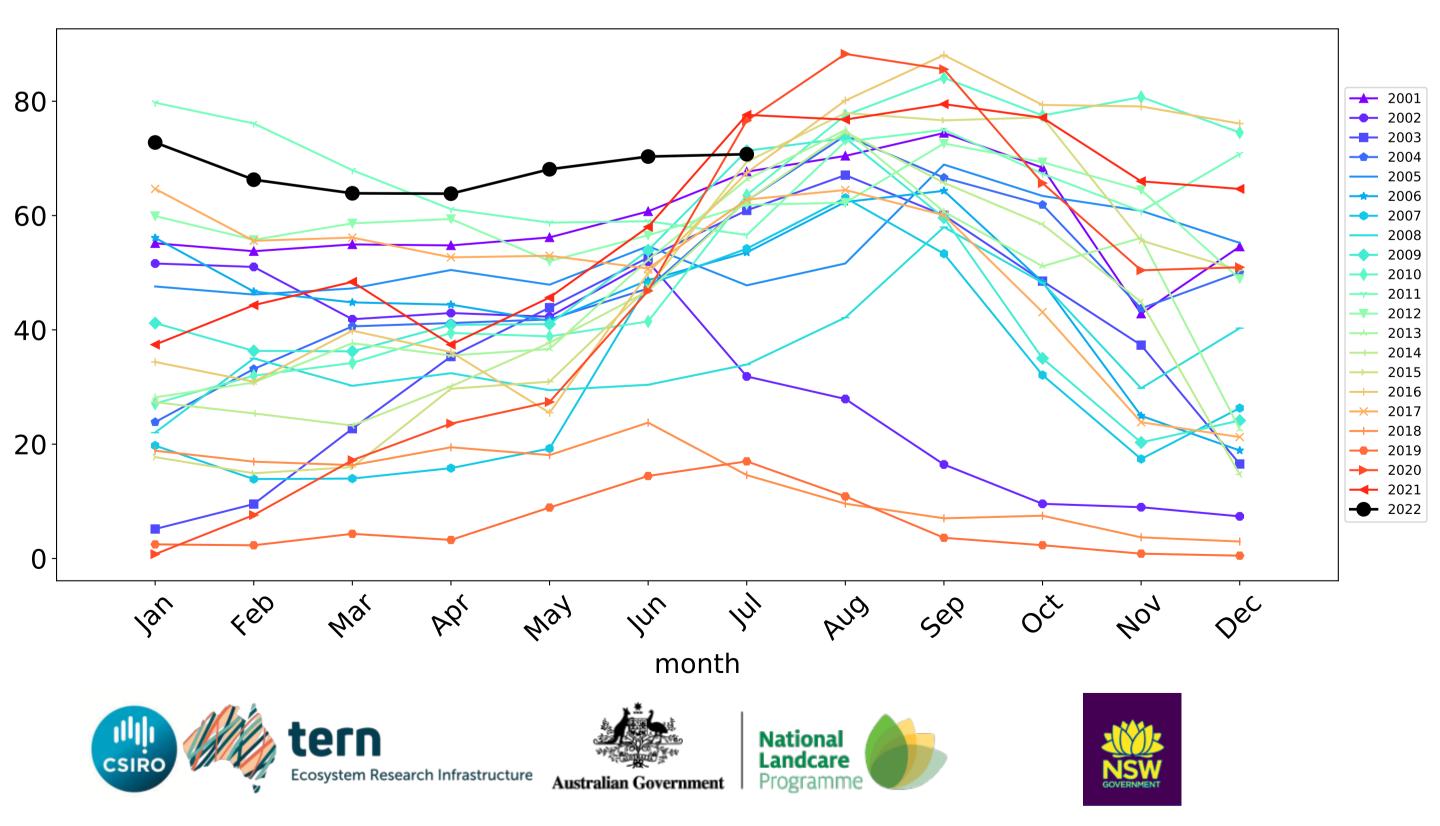
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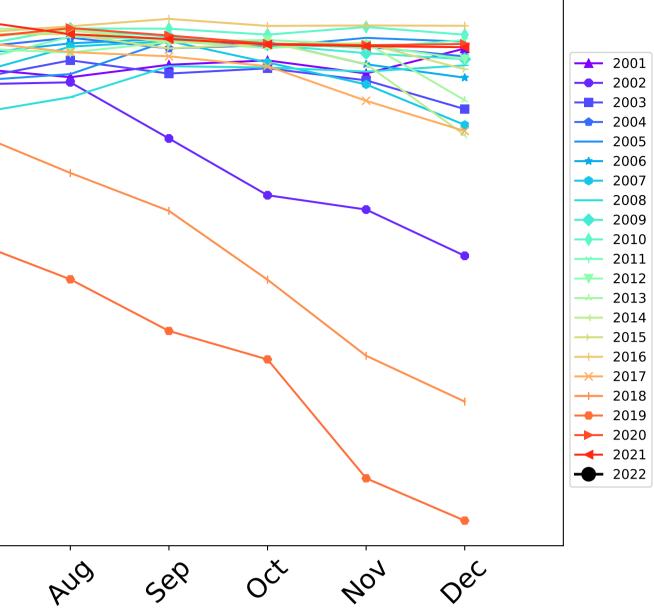
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





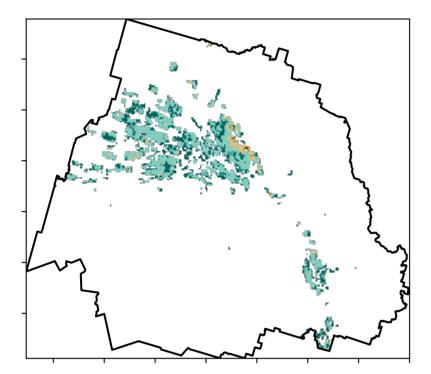
### Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

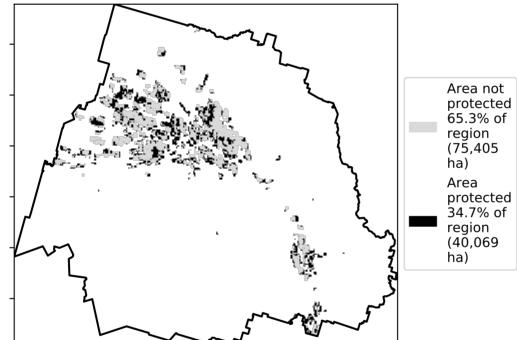
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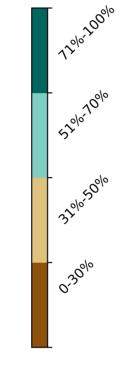
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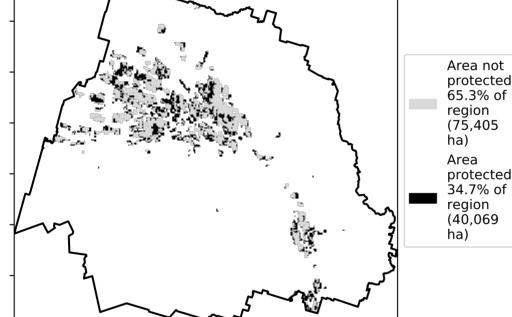


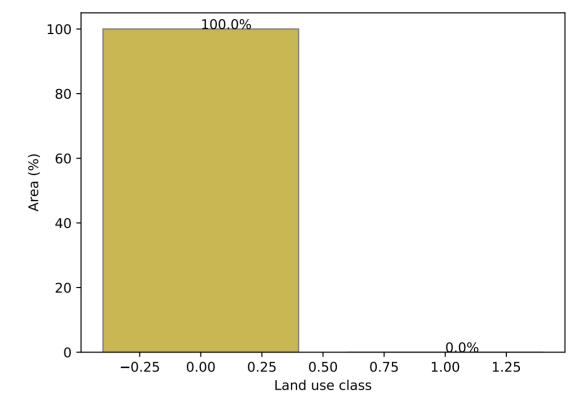


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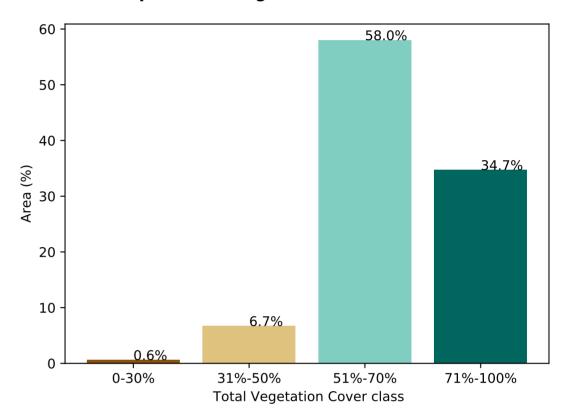




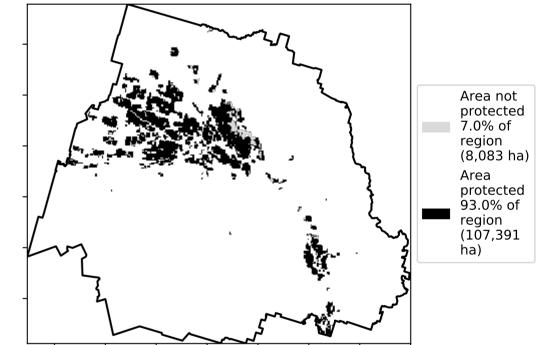


Proportion of each land class in area

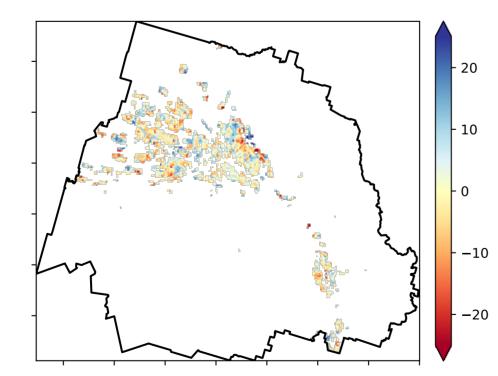
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

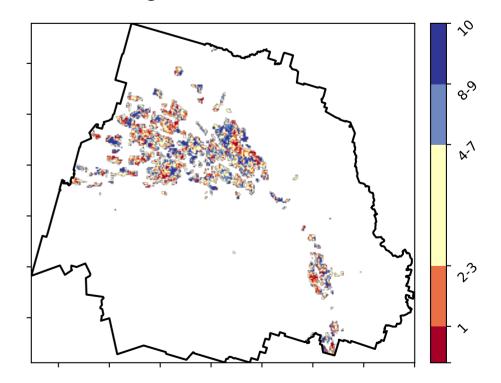


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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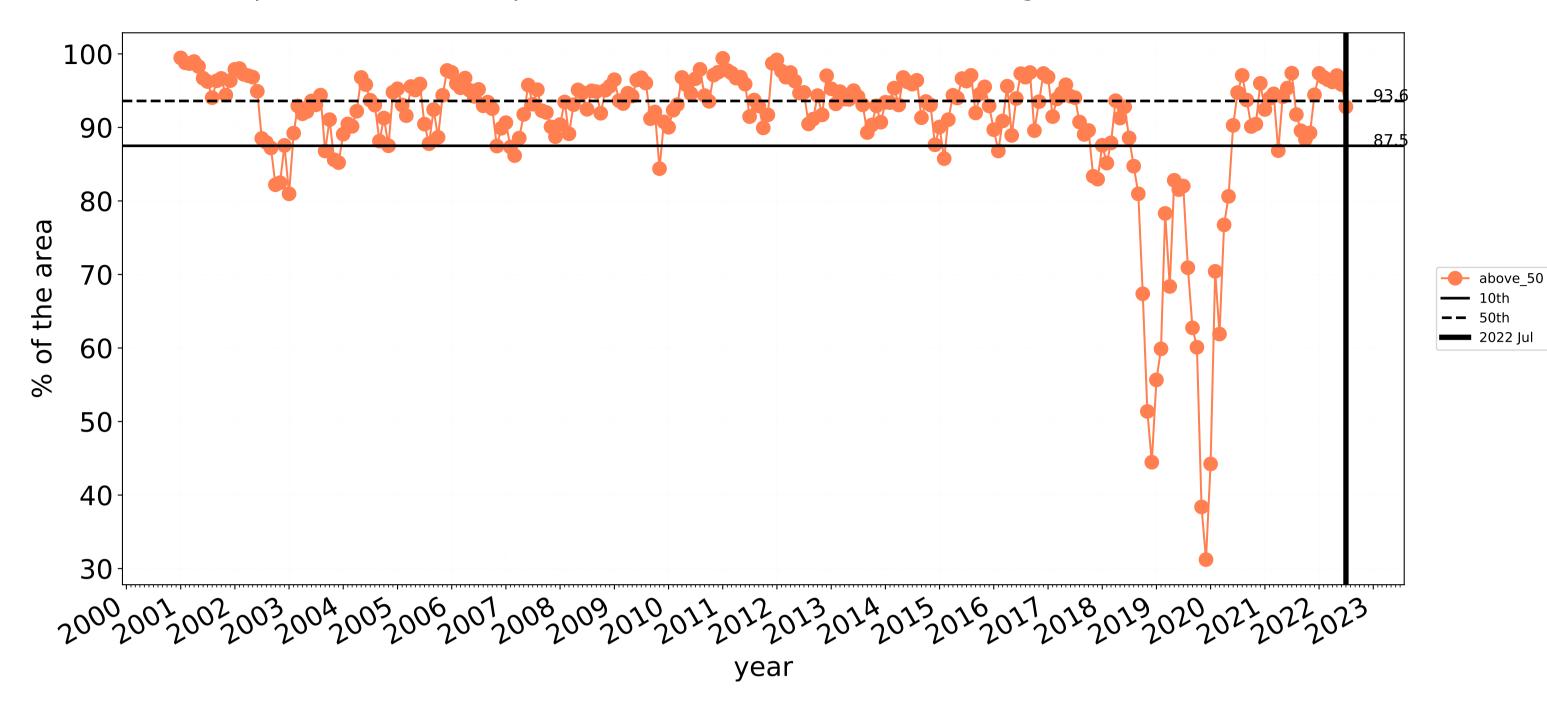
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





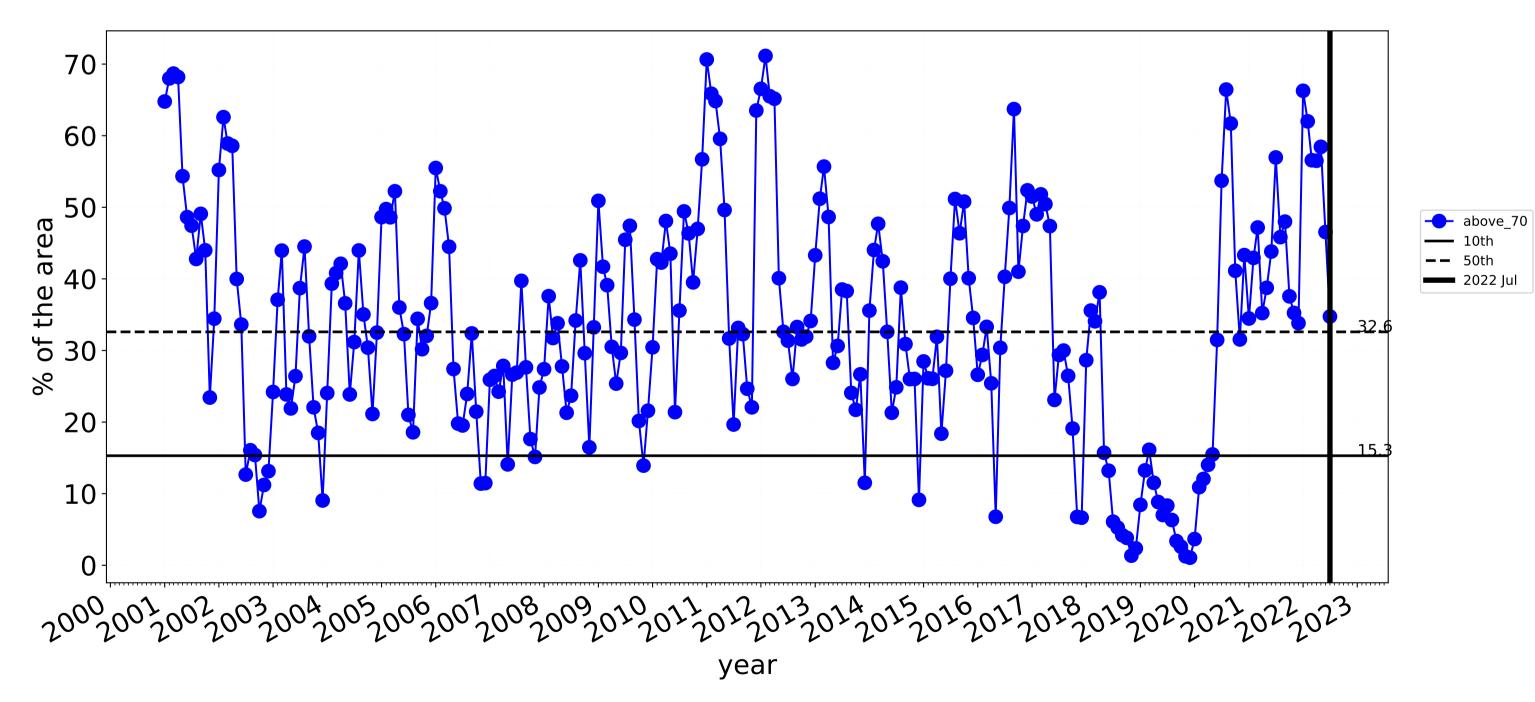


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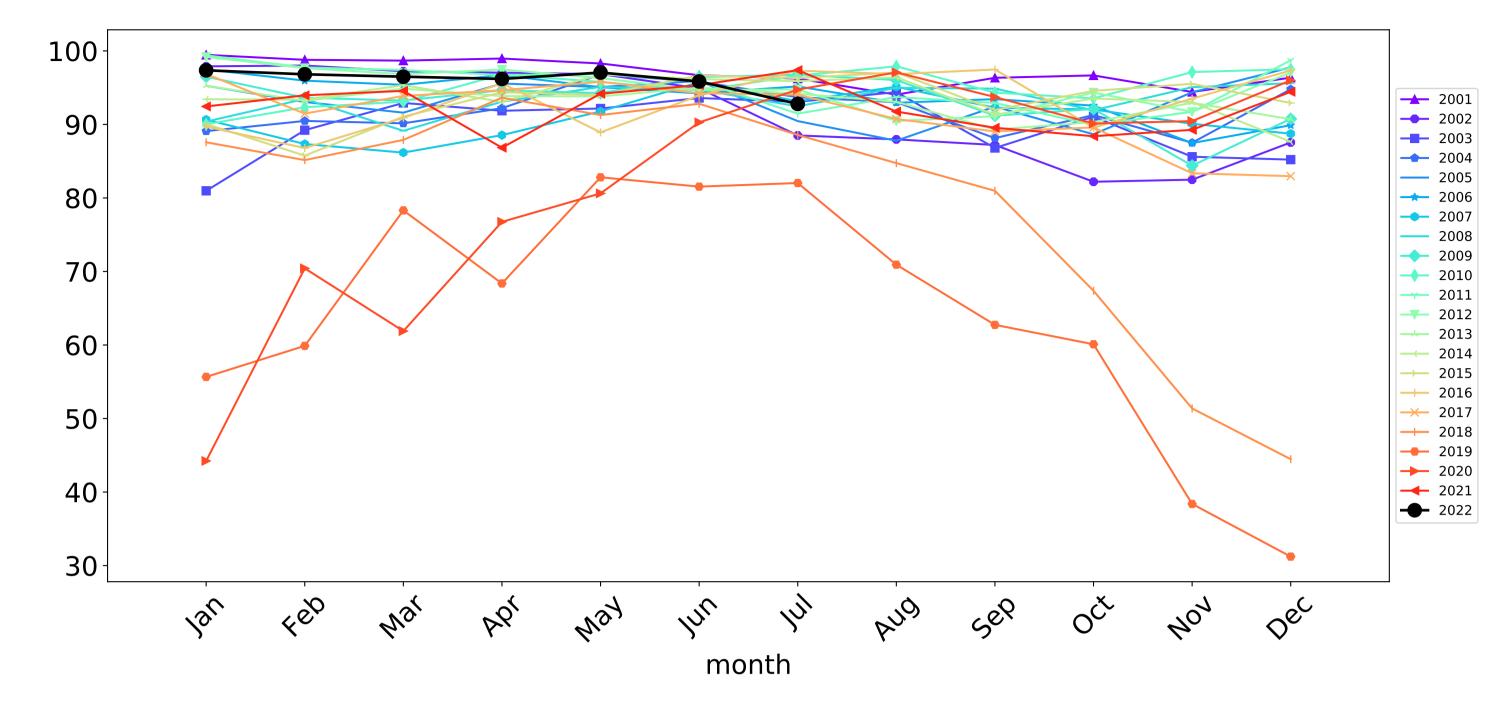
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





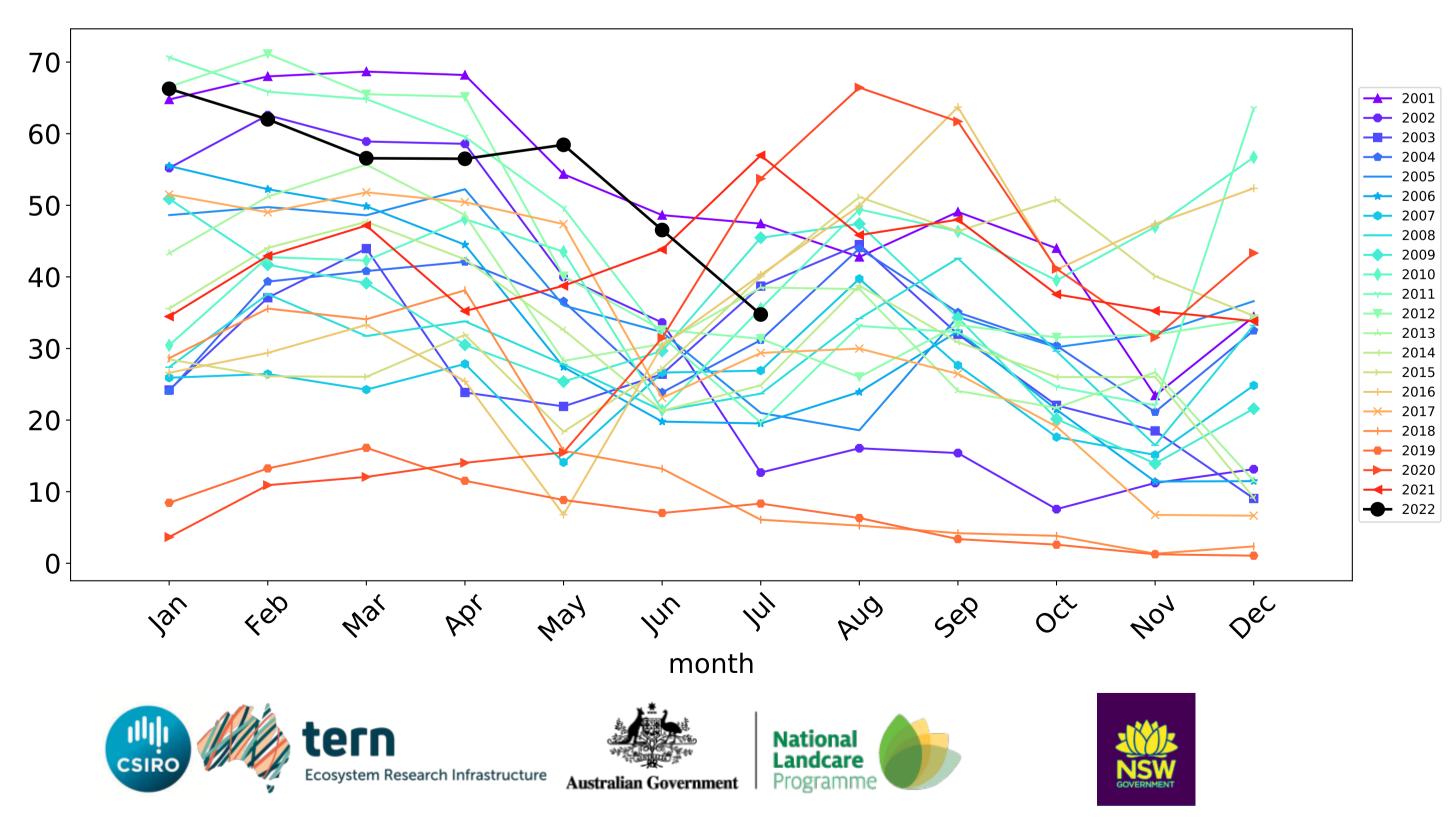
### Irrigation timeseries





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

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

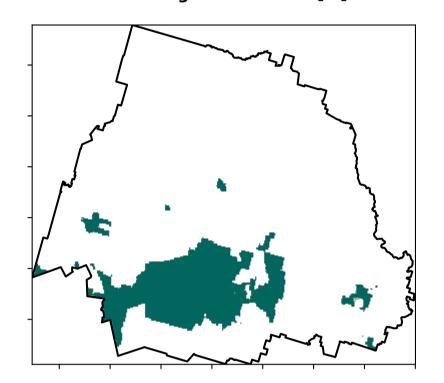


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

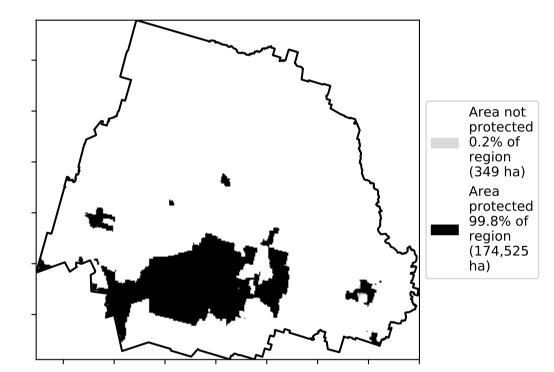
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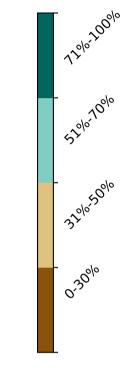
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

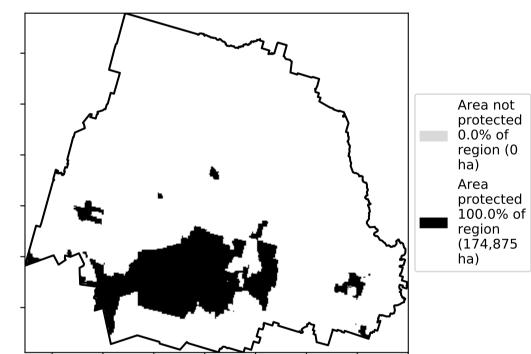
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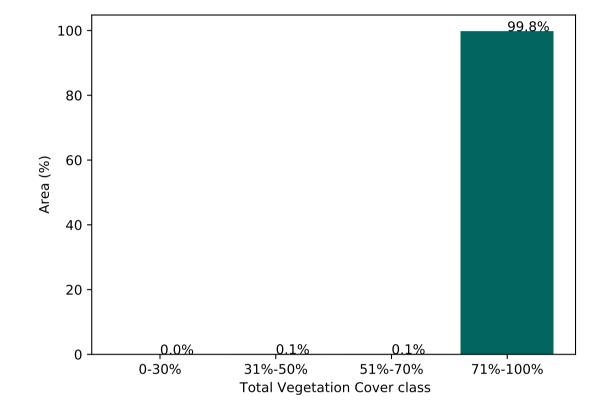








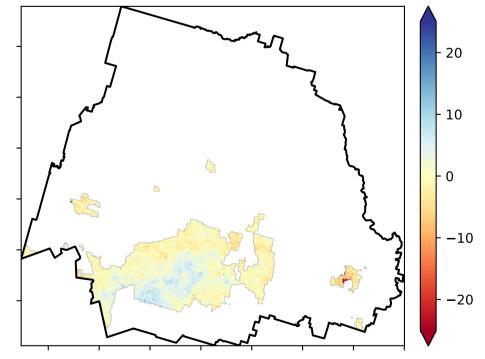
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

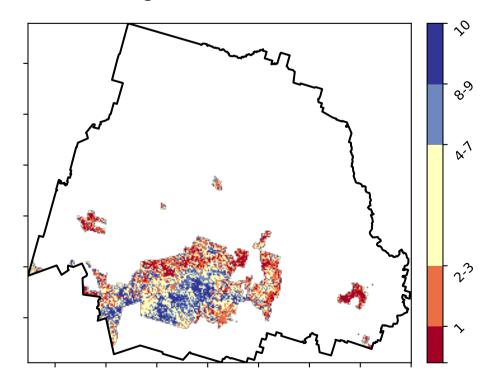
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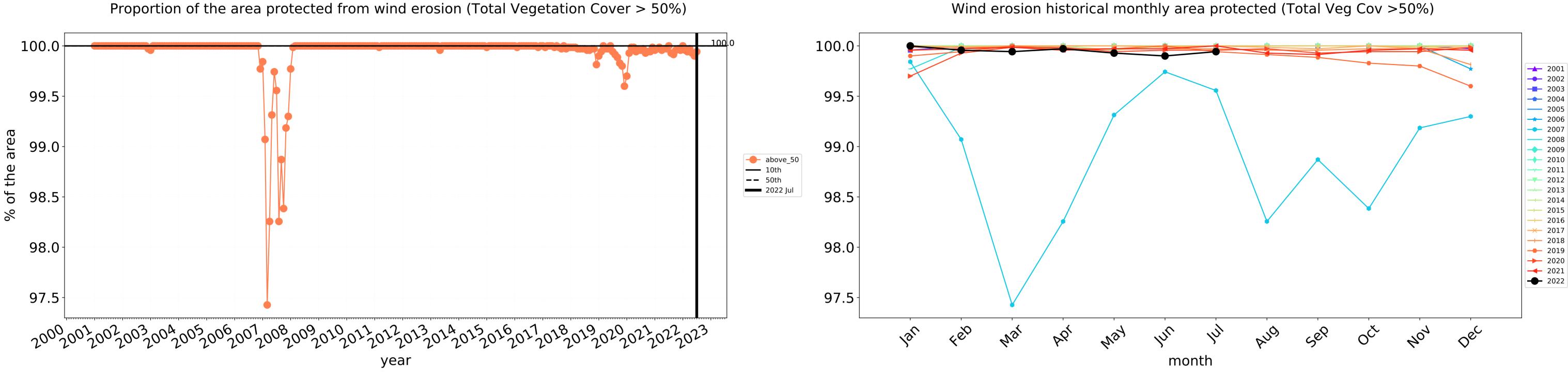
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



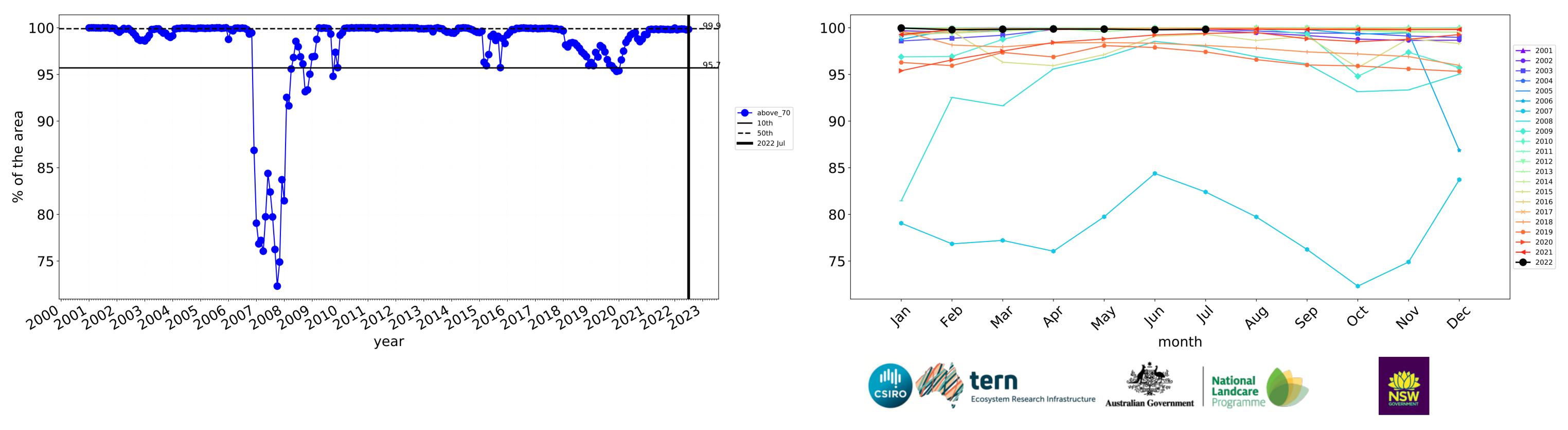


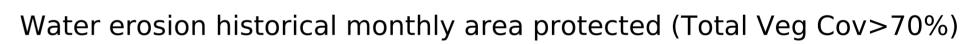


### Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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





### Narrabri\_(A) (1,300,950 ha and no data 486 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	1,300,950	99.9% 1,299,850	98.7% 1,283,925	84.8% 1,103,800	67.1% 873,250	19.4% 252,150	1.8% 23,825
Conservation and natural environments	175,700	100.0% 175,700	100.0% 175,700	99.9% 175,525	98.6% 173,225	33.5% 58,775	2.8% 5,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	166,450	100.0% 166,450	100.0% 166,450	100.0% 166,375	98.8% 164,400	33.7% 56,100	2.9% 4,900
Agriculture	933,000	99.9% 932,125	98.4% 917,675	79.5% 742,100	55.6% 518,775	11.6% 108,300	1.5% 13,925
Grazing	472,225	100.0% 472,200	100.0% 472,025	96.9% 457,725	81.6% 385,350	18.6% 88,050	2.1% 10,125
Grazing non forest	313,125	100.0% 313,100	99.9% 312,925	95.7% 299,600	75.2% 235,350	17.3% 54,075	2.7% 8,550
Grazing Woodland forest	140,225	100.0% 140,225	100.0% 140,225	99.6% 139,650	95.5% 133,850	22.9% 32,050	1.0% 1,375
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	18,875	100.0% 18,875	100.0% 18,875	97.9% 18,475	85.6% 16,150	10.2% 1,925	1.1% 200
Cropping	345,275	99.9% 344,975	98.0% 338,475	70.7% 244,225	36.0% 124,325	5.7% 19,700	1.0% 3,625
Irrigation	115,475	99.5% 114,925	92.8% 107,150	34.7% 40,125	7.9% 9,075	0.5% 525	0.1% 150
Production native forests and plantation forests	174,875	100.0% 174,875	99.9% 174,775	99.8% 174,575	99.4% 173,850	47.8% 83,600	2.7% 4,750

