# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Narrandera (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:

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

# **Erosion protection**

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

# Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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









**Date: December 2021** 

# **Vegetation Cover Dec 2021**

#### 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 13 Other uses

Catchment Scale

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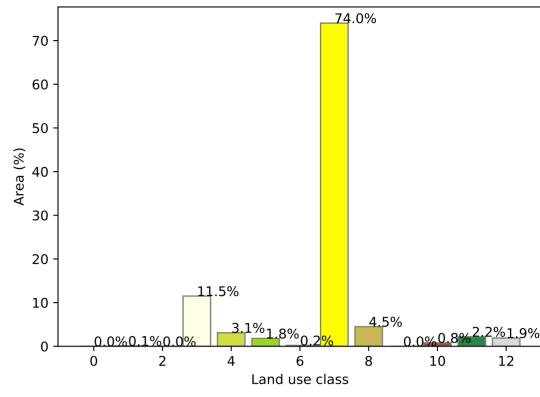
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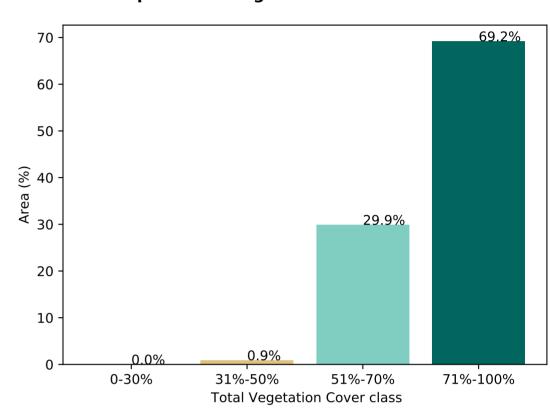
Land Use and Forests

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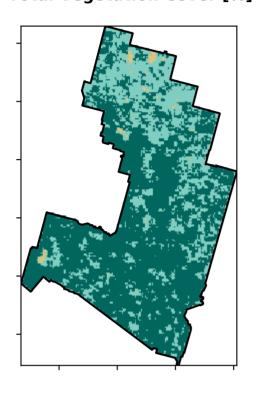


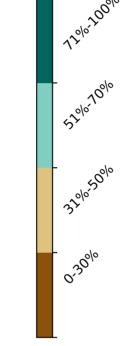
Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

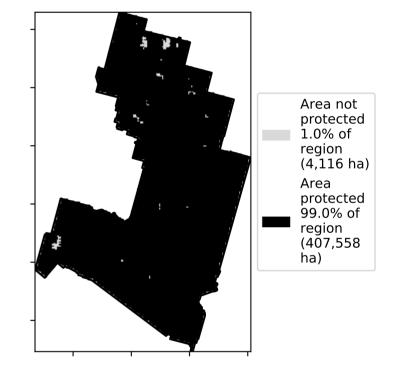


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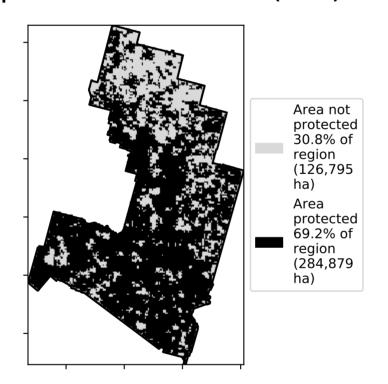




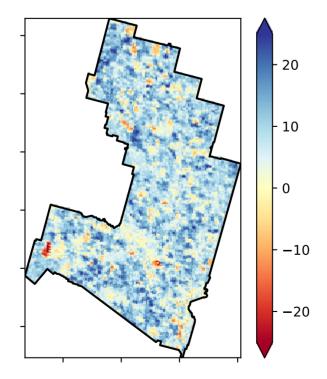
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

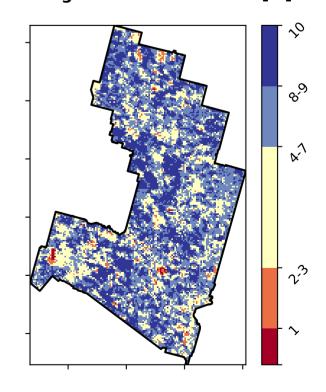


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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# Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



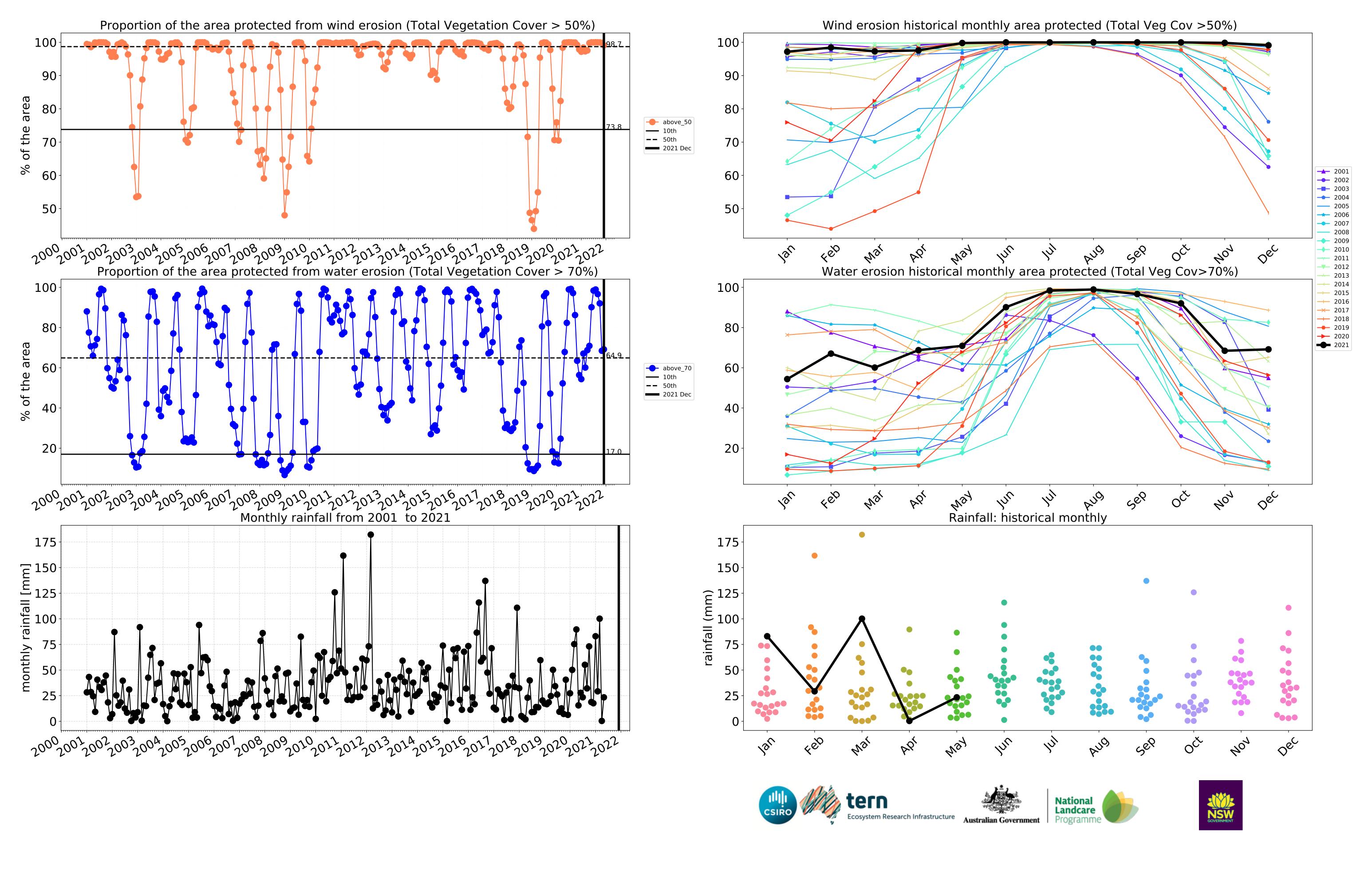
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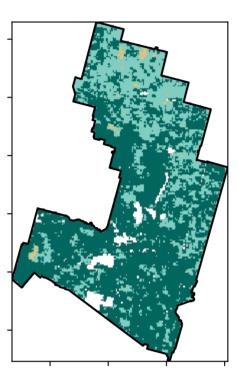
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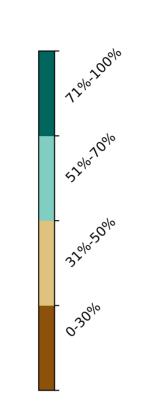
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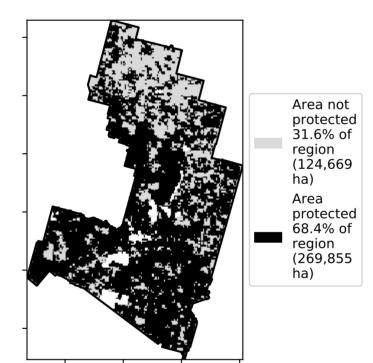
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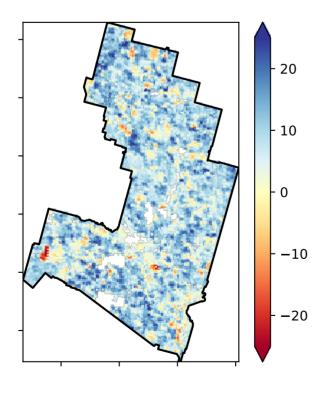
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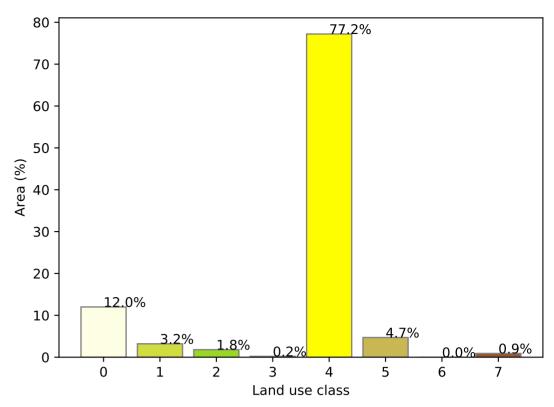
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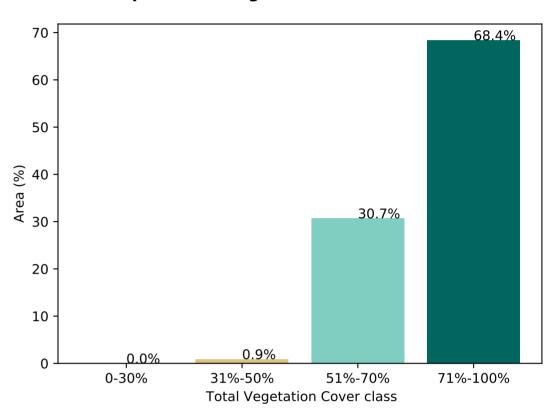


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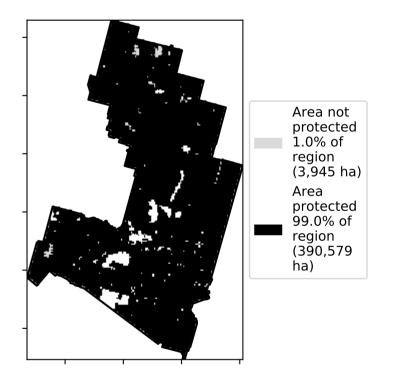
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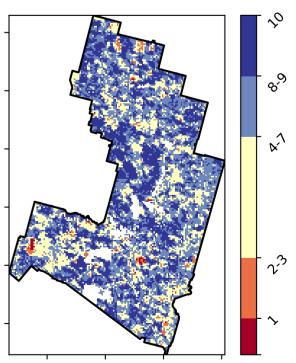


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









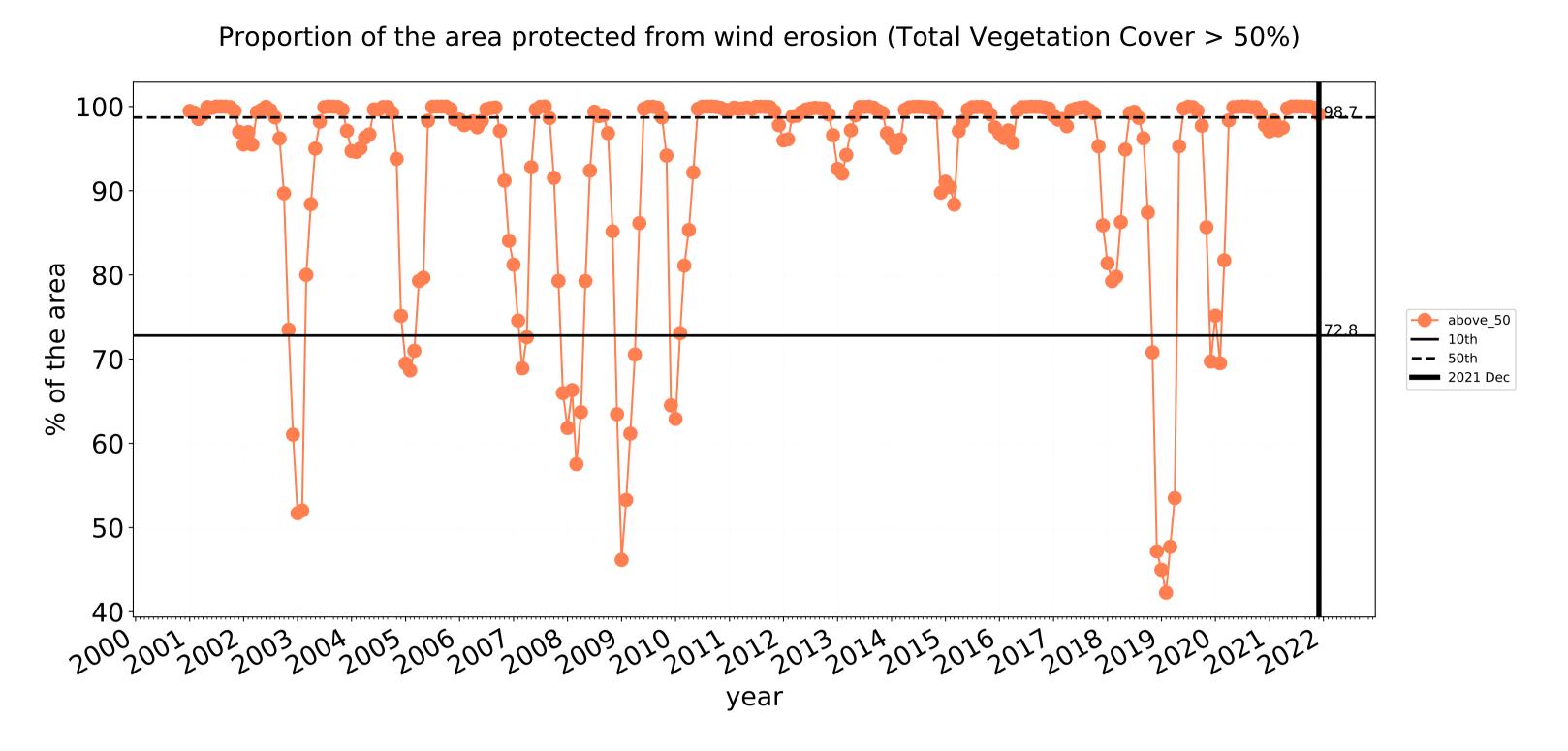


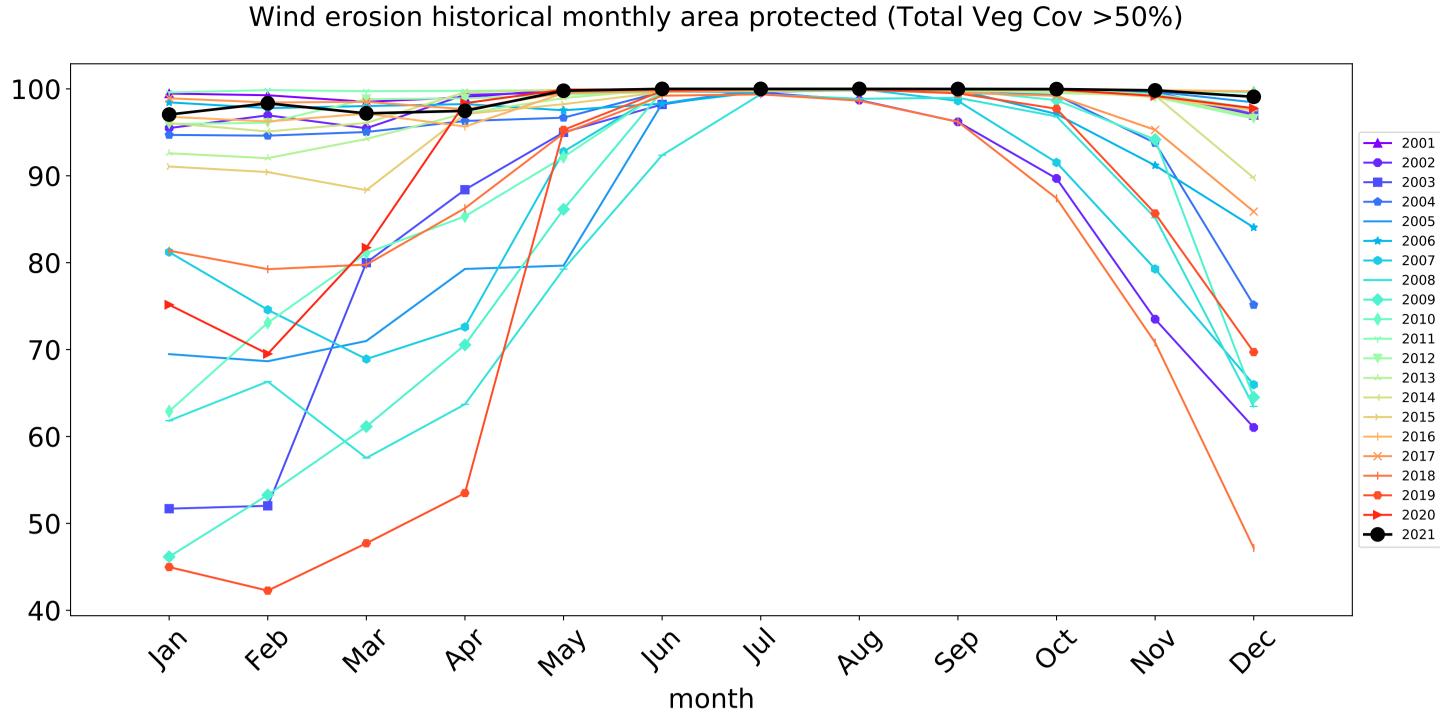


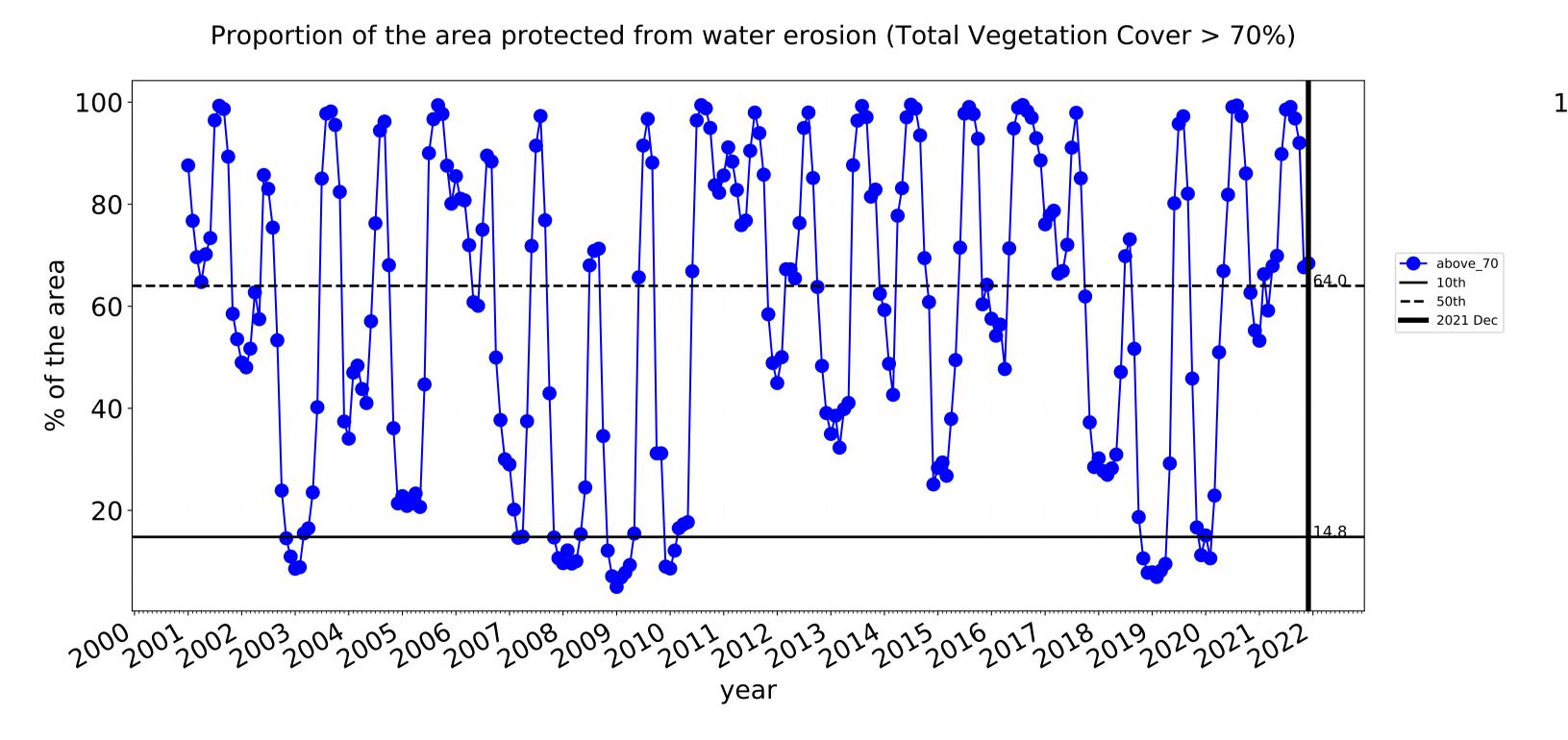


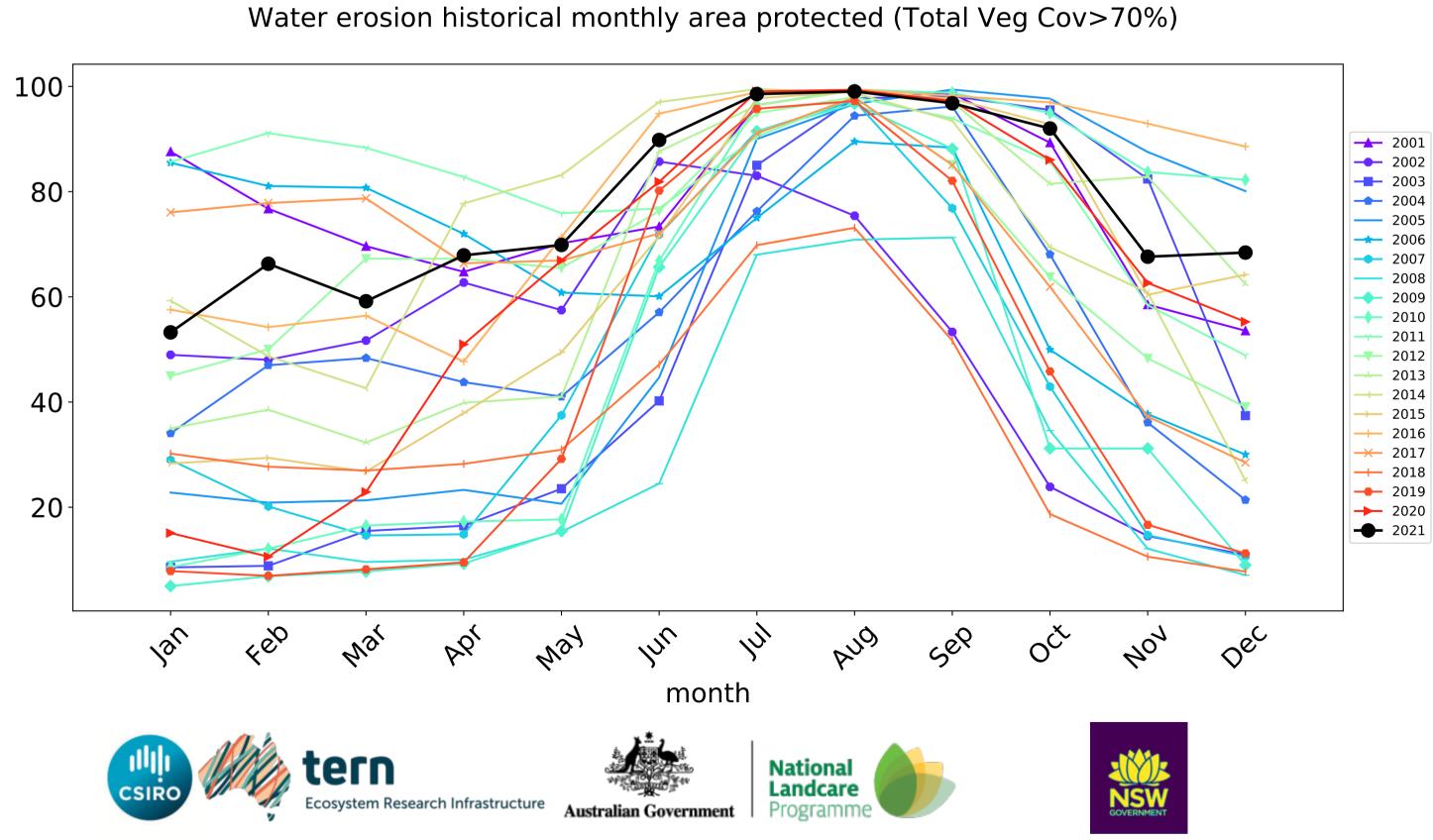


# **Agriculture timeseries**









# Grazing

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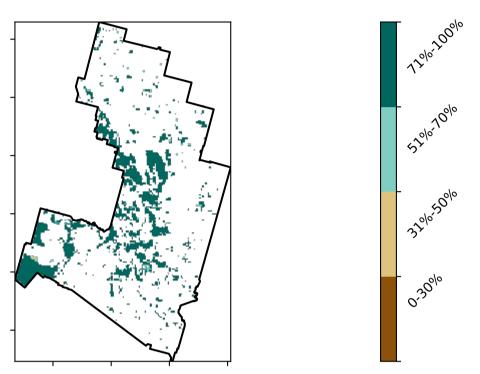
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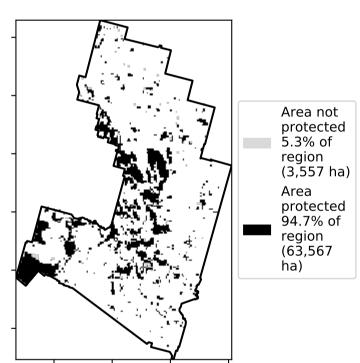
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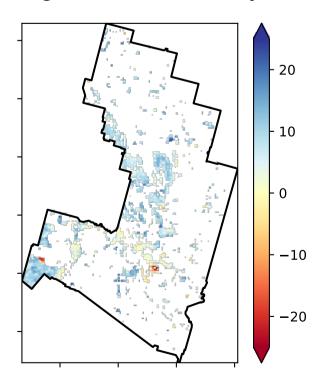
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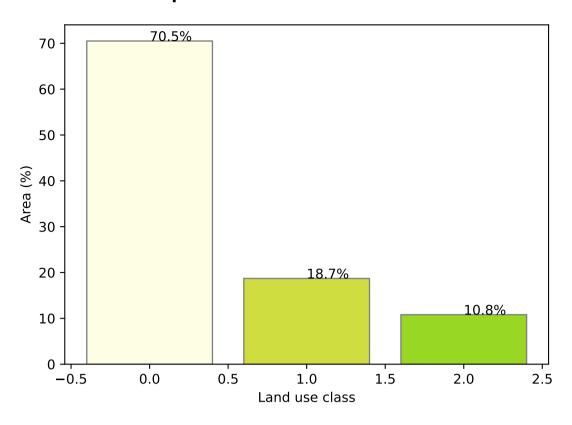


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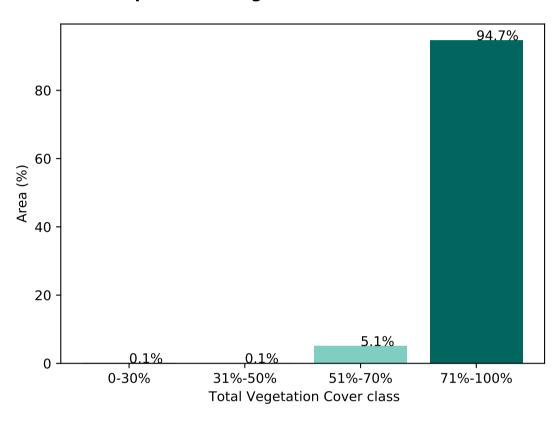


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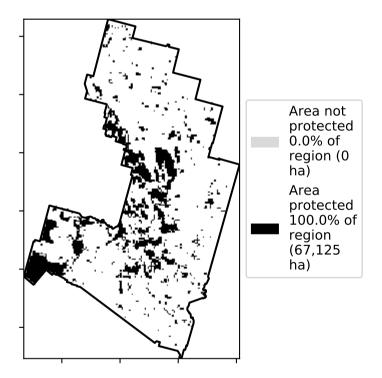
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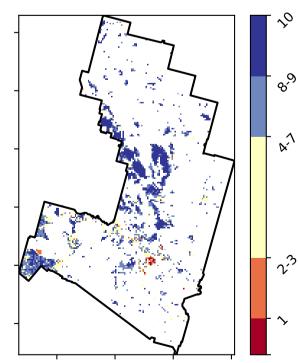
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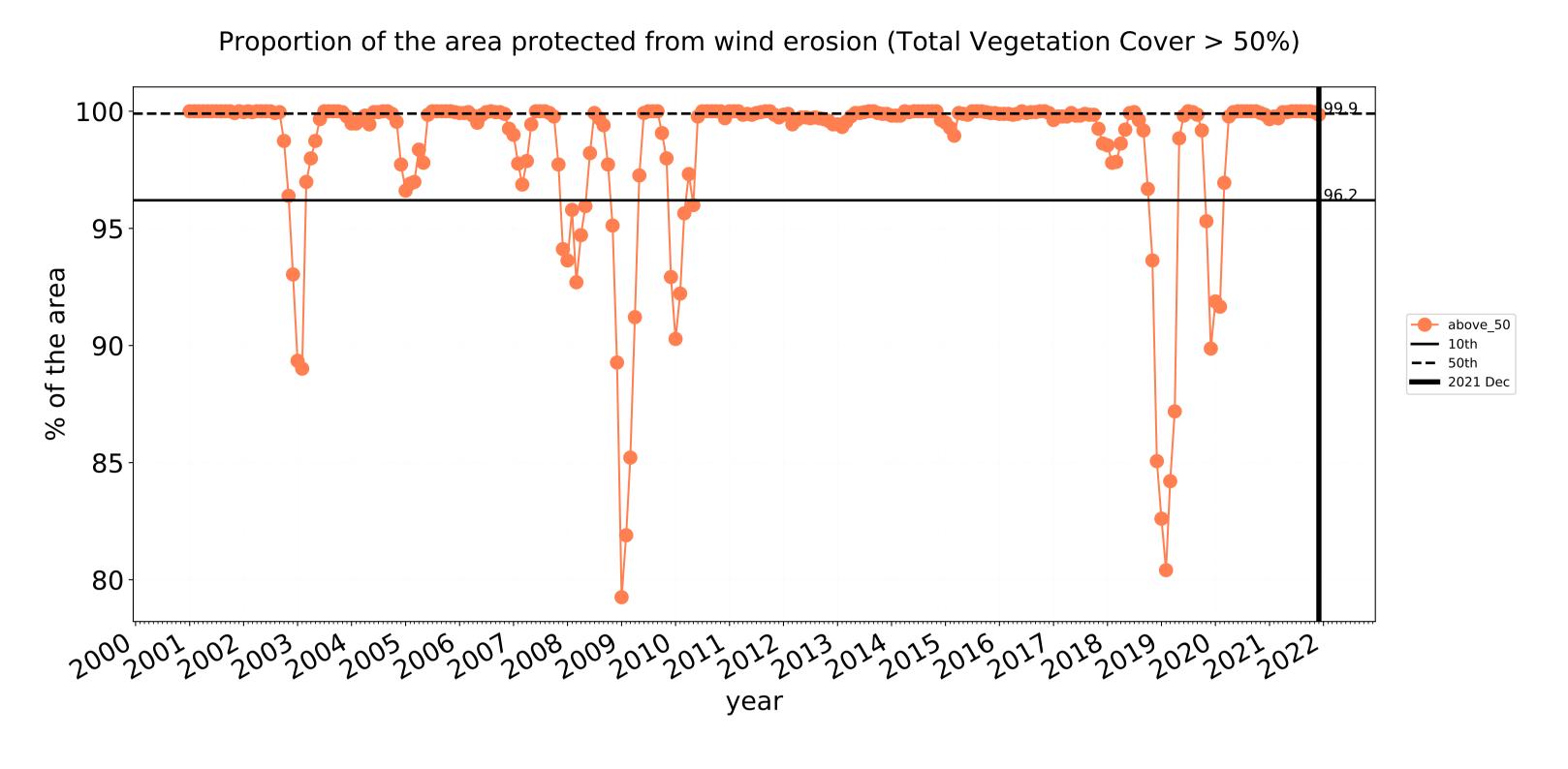


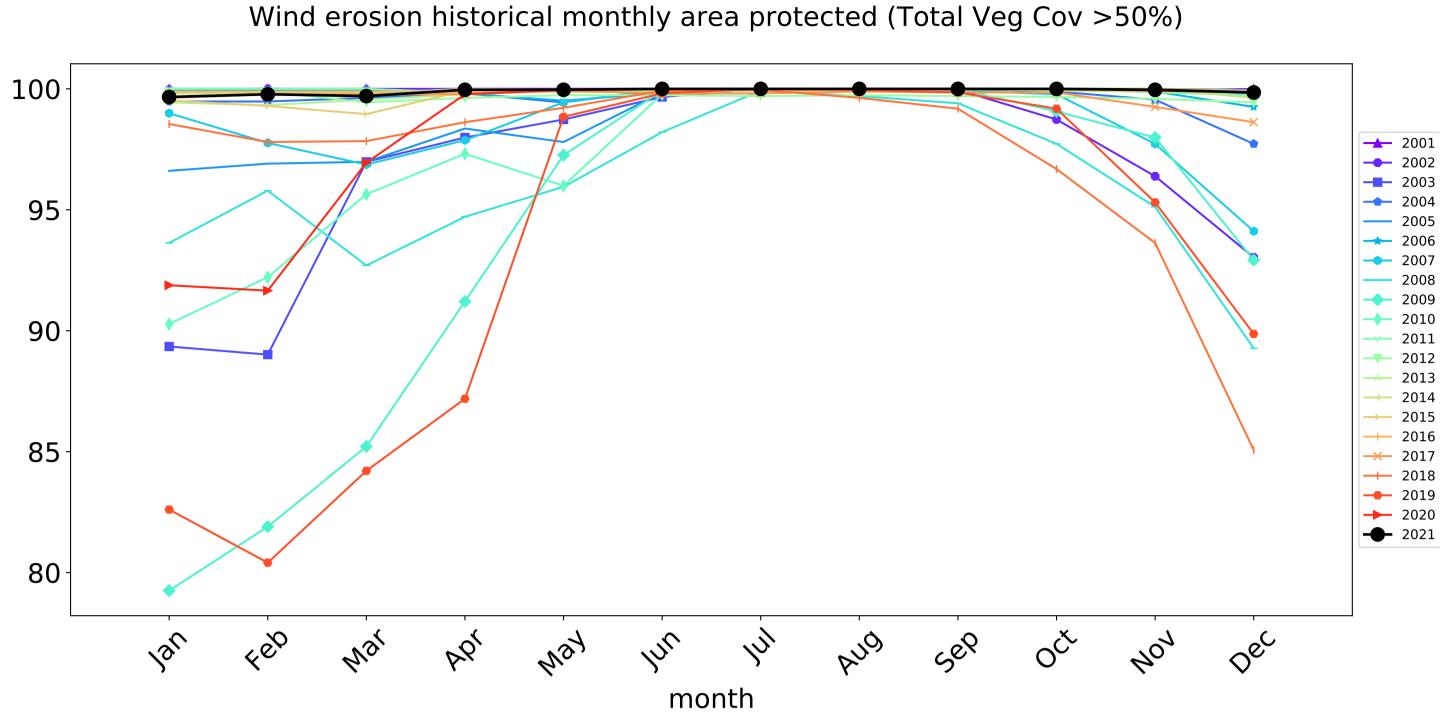


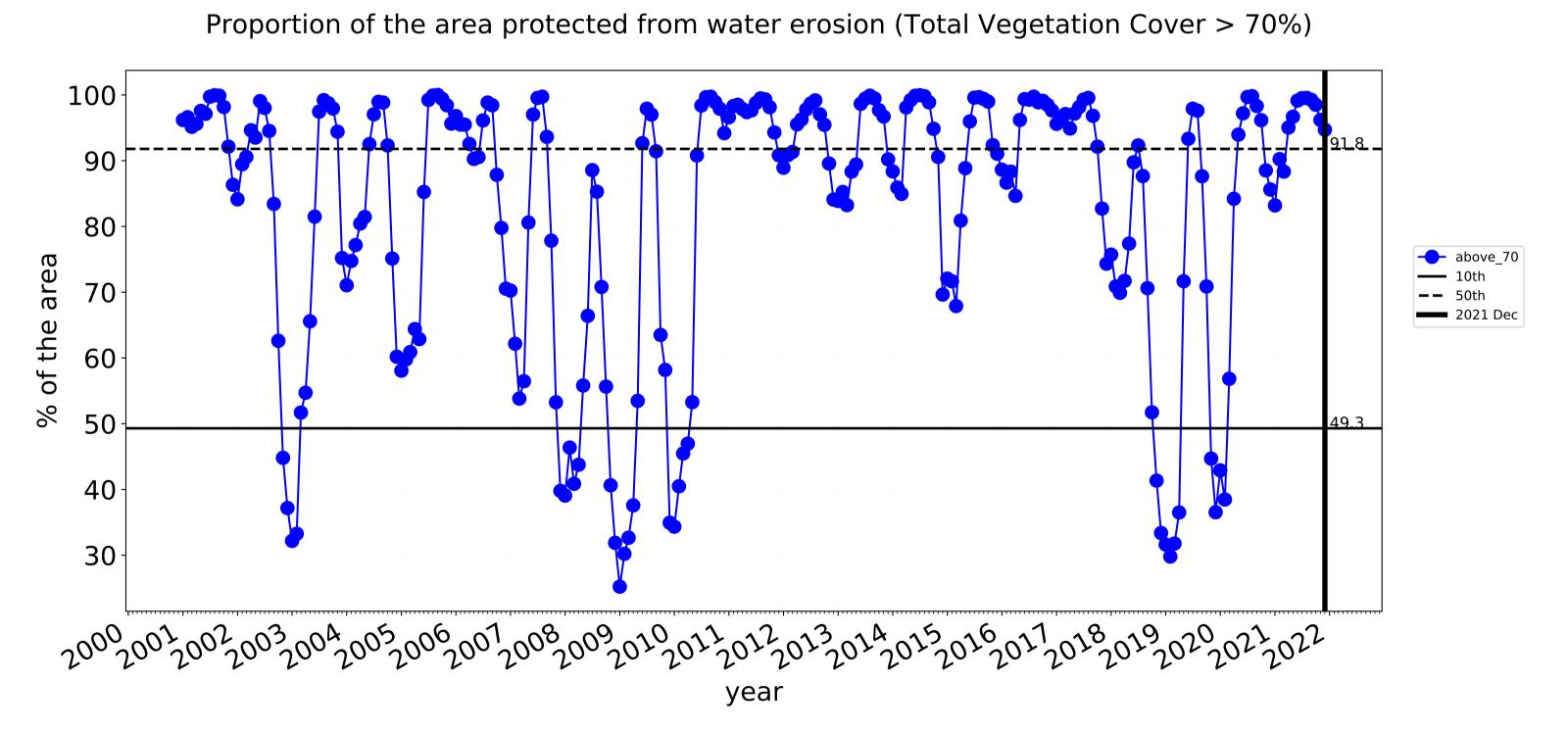


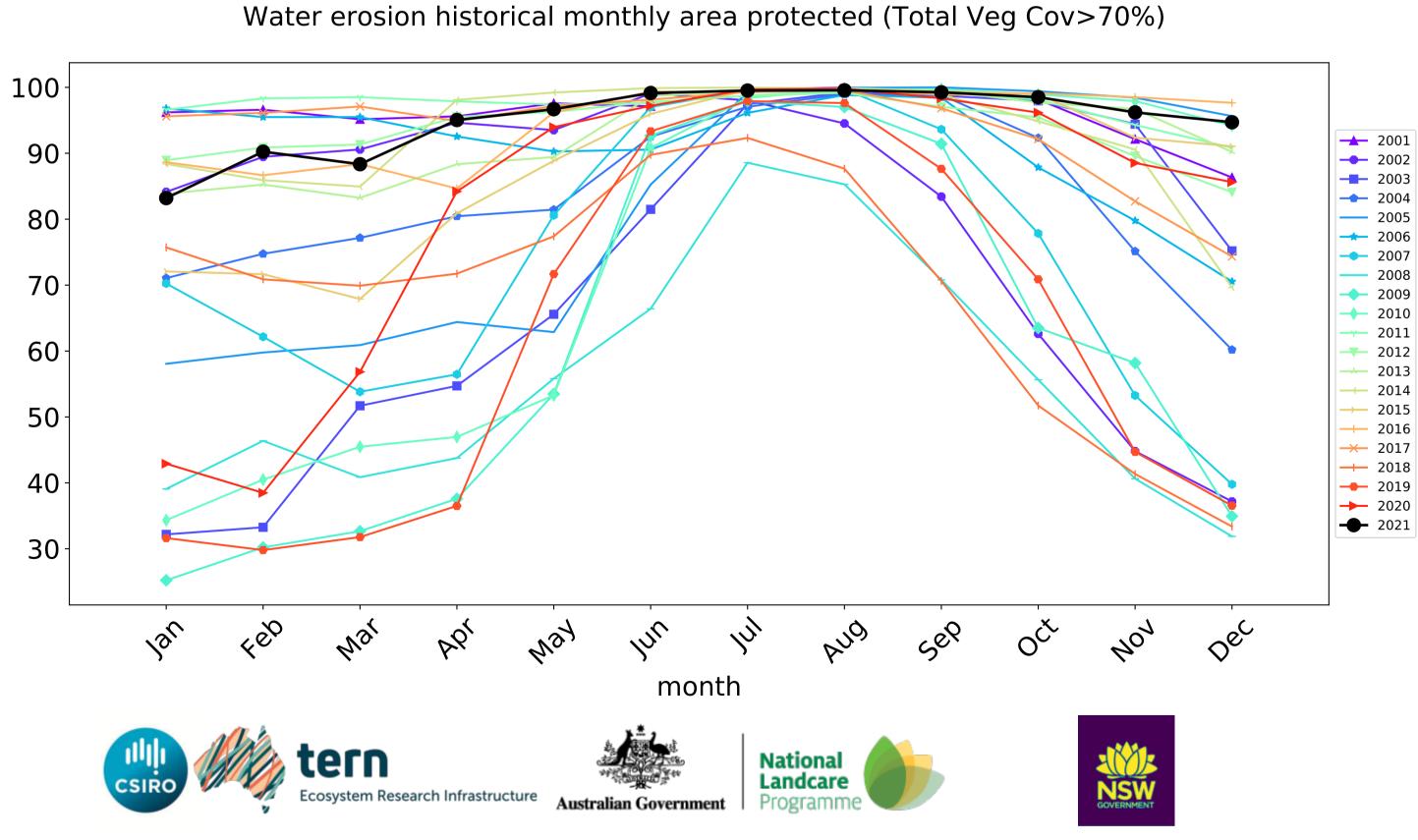


# **Grazing timeseries**









# **Grazing non forest**

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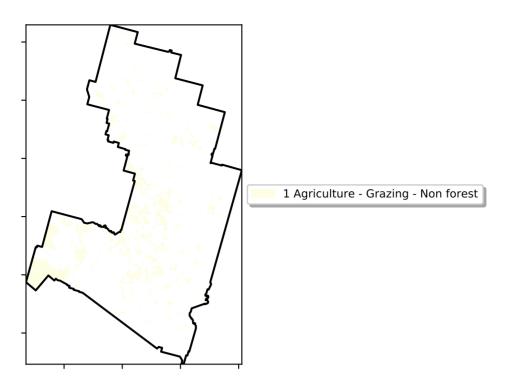
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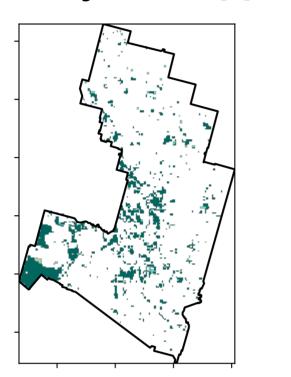
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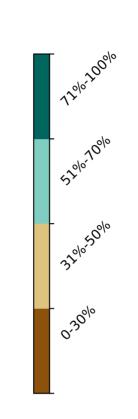
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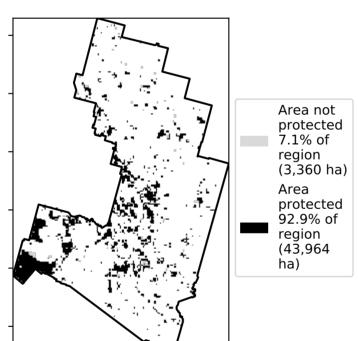


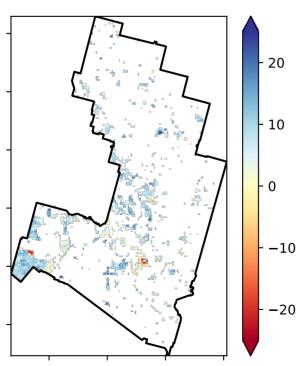
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**





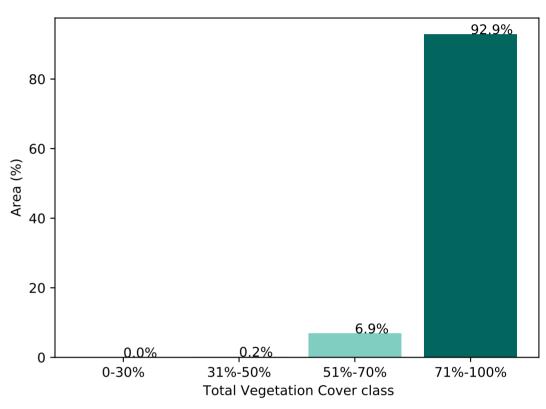
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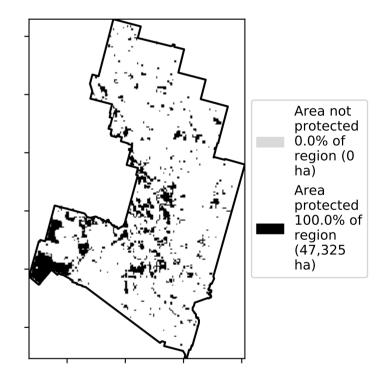


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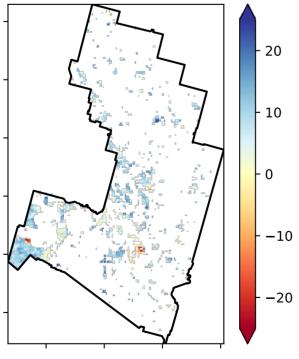
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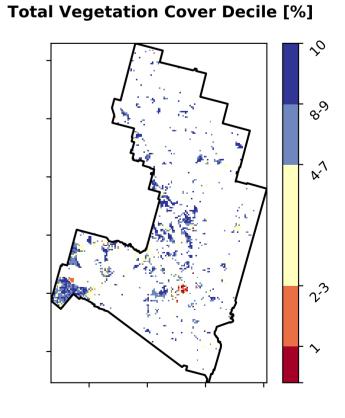
# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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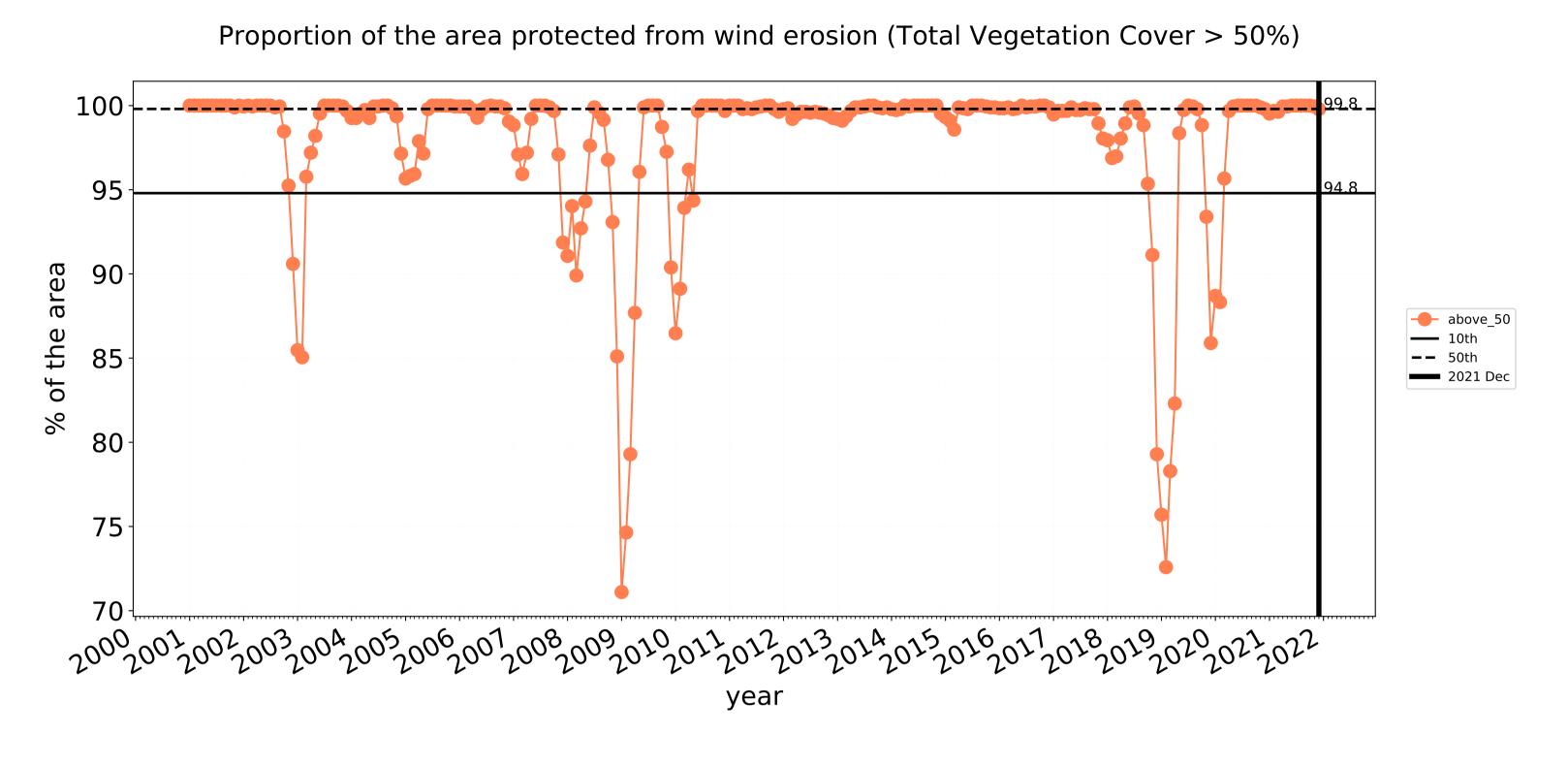


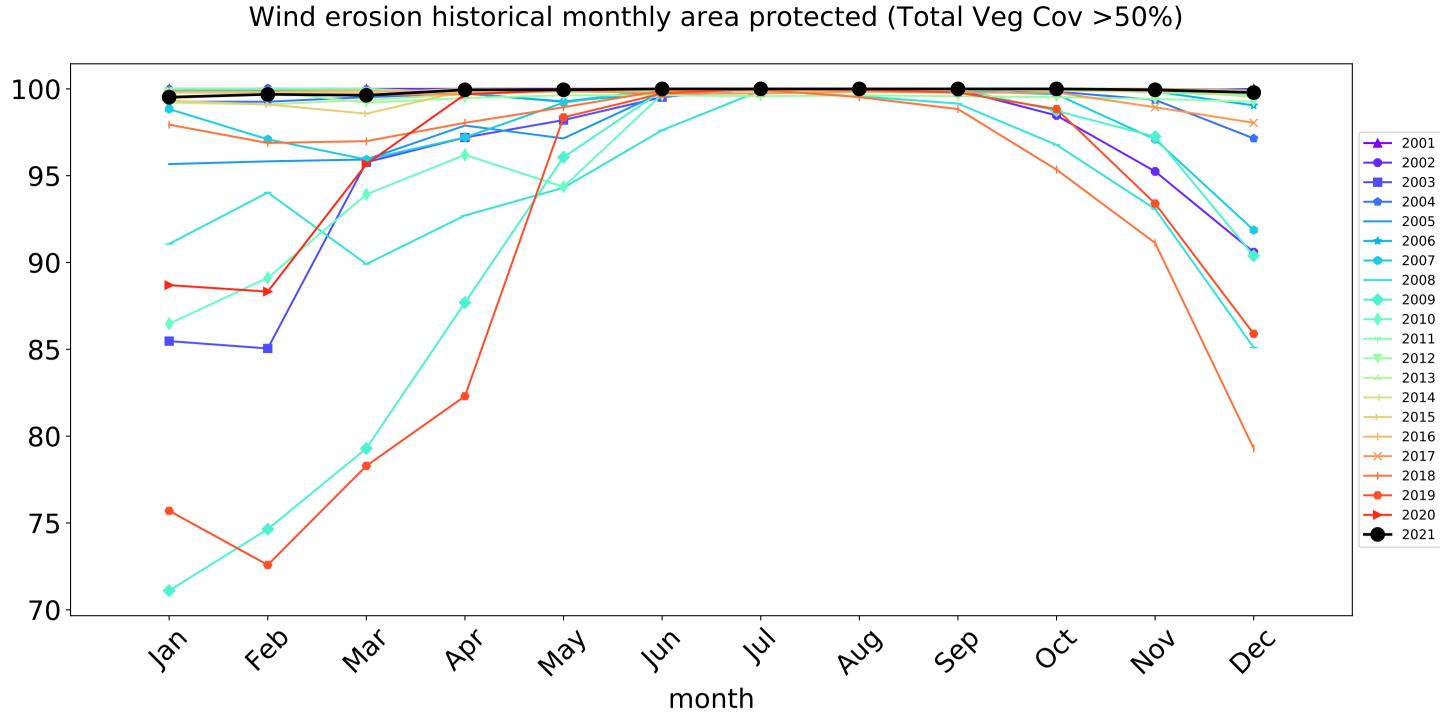


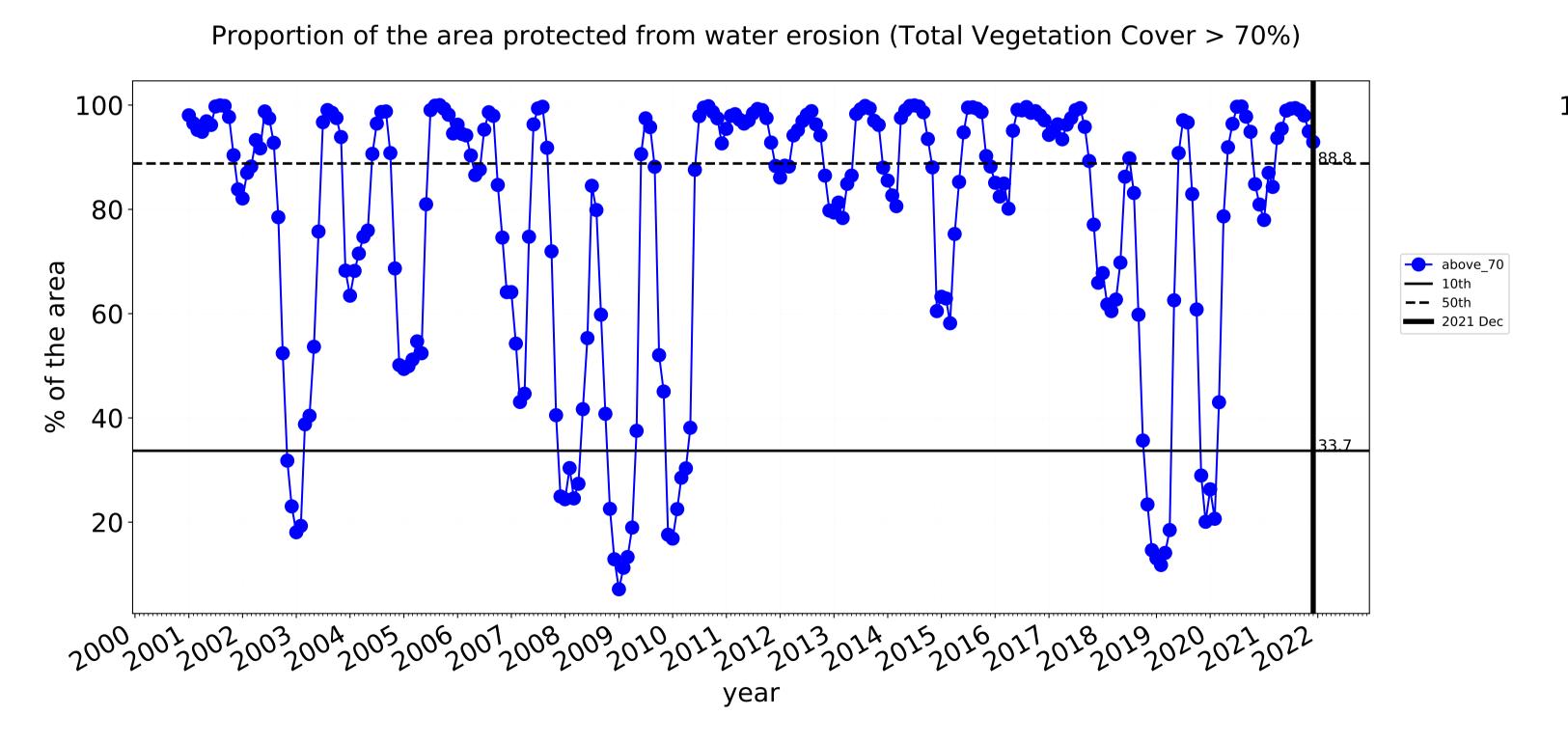


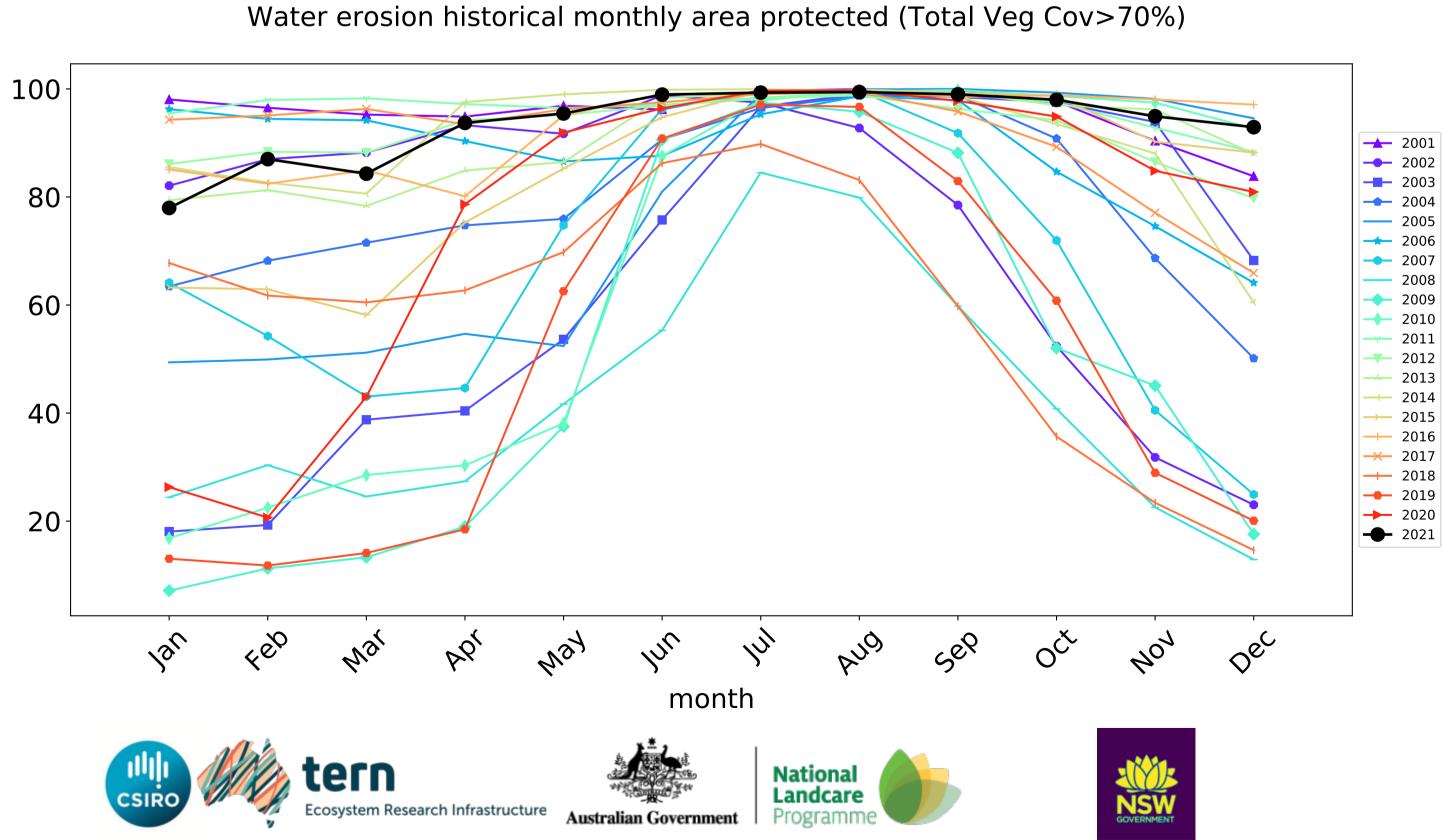


# **Grazing non forest timeseries**





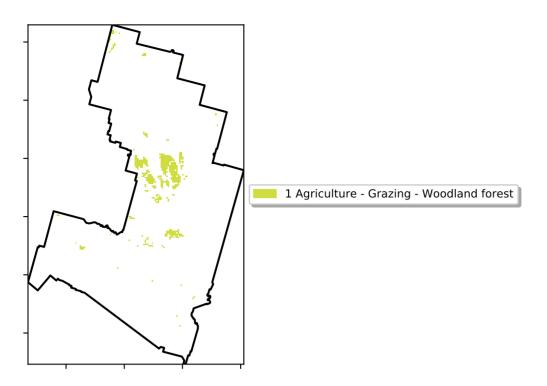




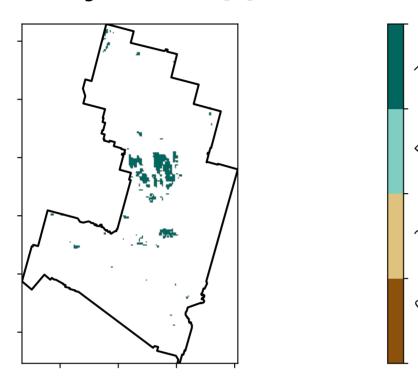
# **Grazing Woodland forest**

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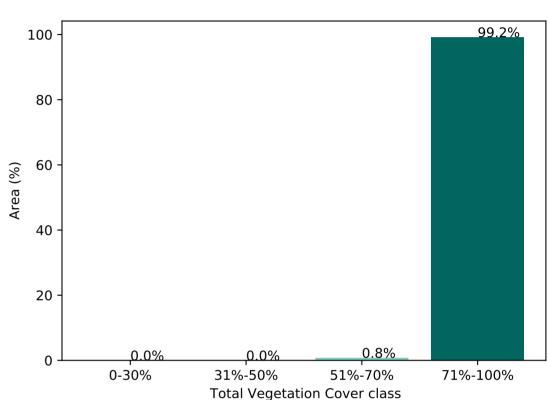
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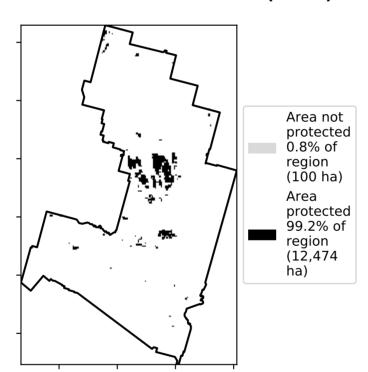
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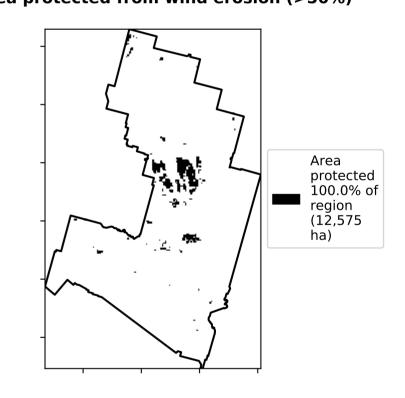
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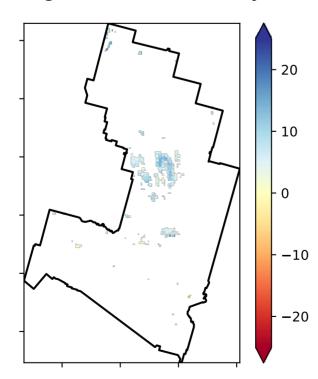
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

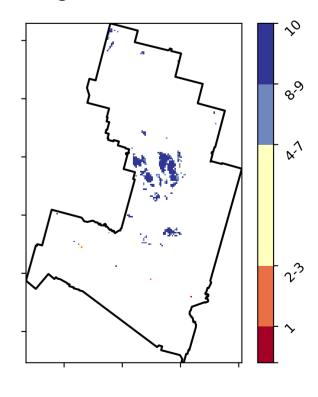


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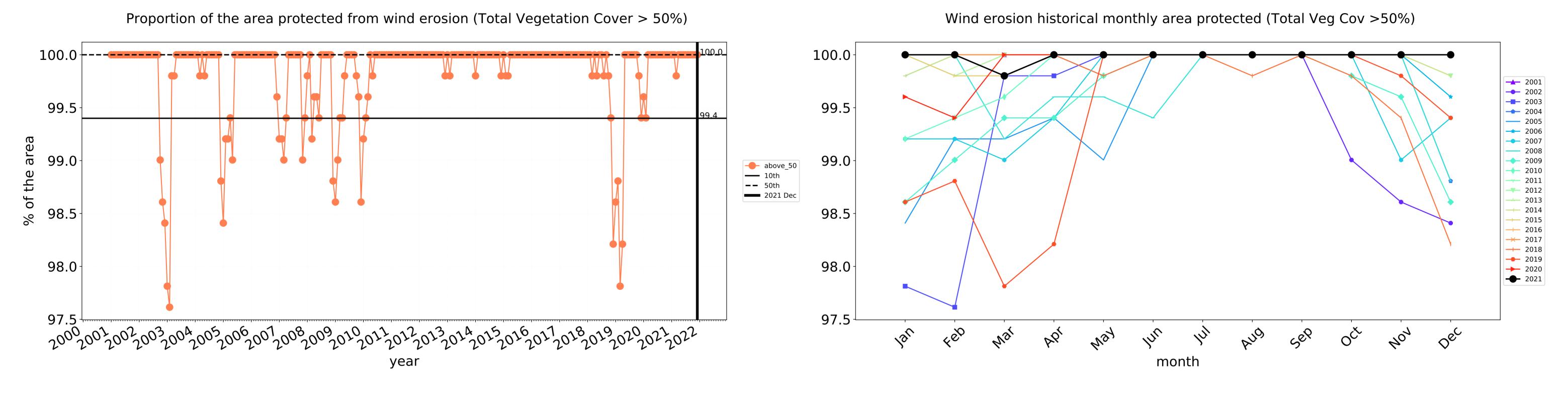


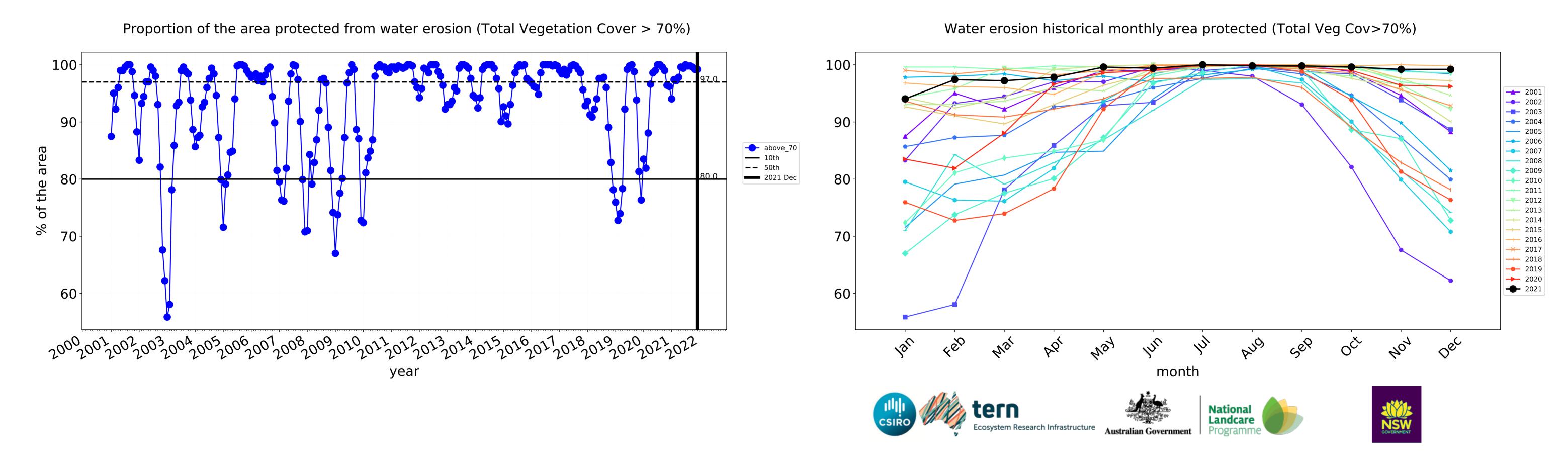






# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**





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

#### Land use and forest cover

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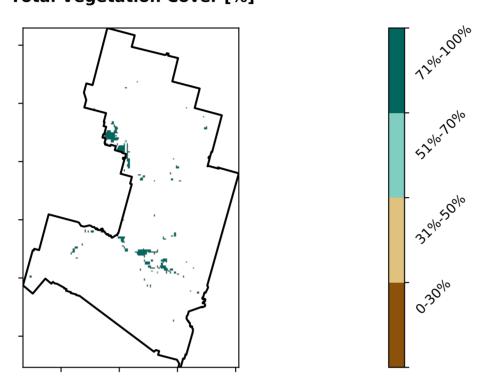
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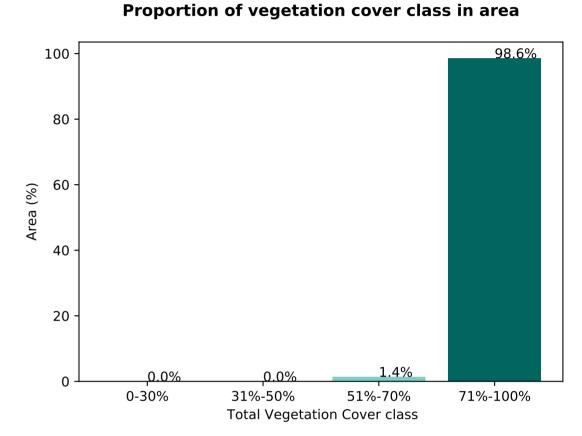
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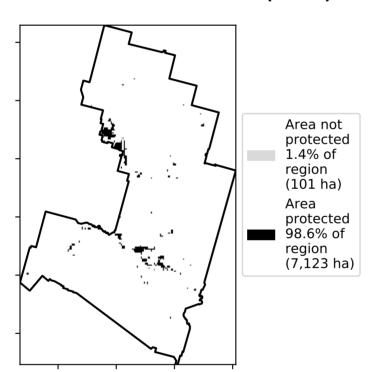


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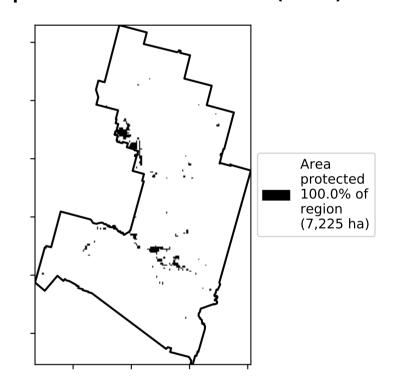




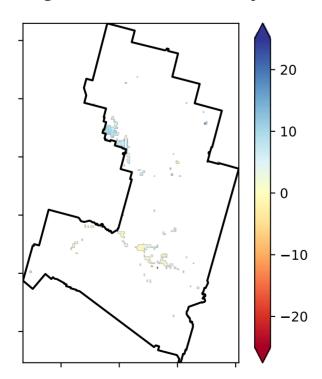
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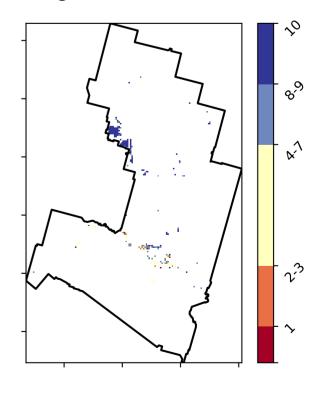
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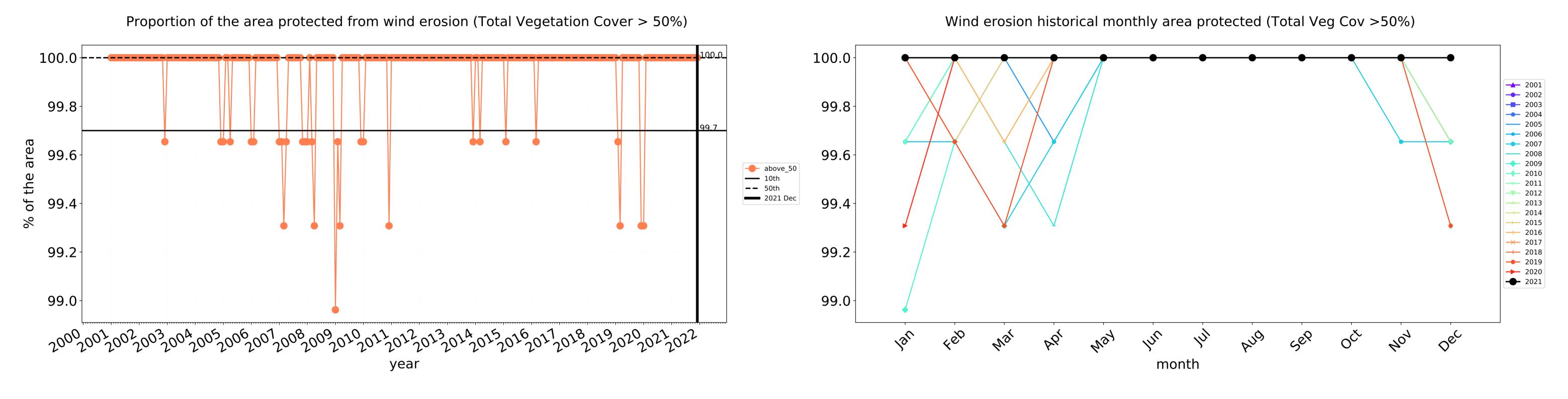


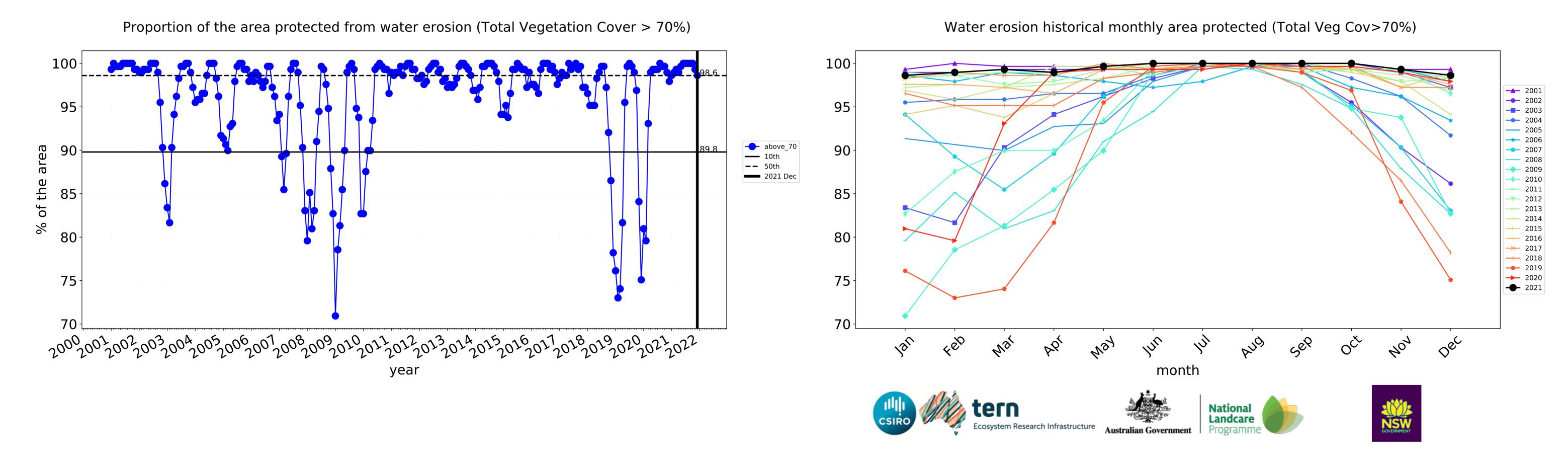








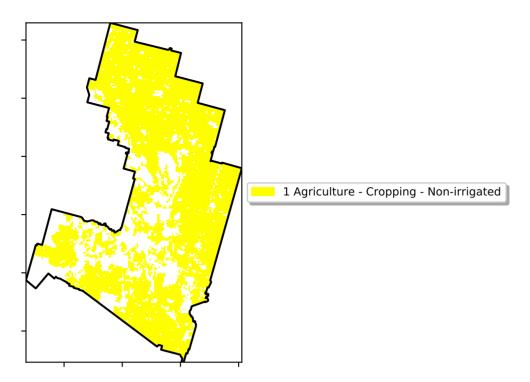




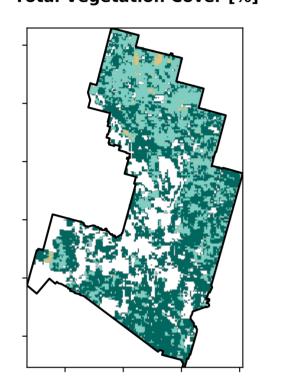
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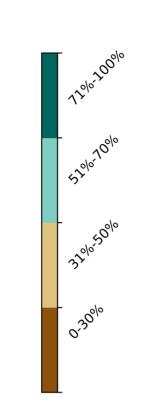
#### Land use and forest cover

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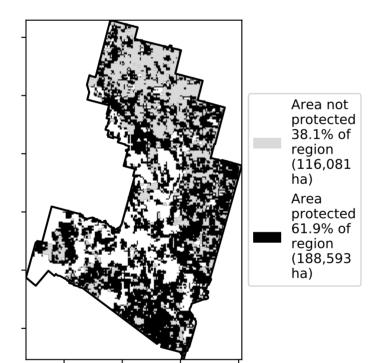


# Total Vegetation Cover [%]





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



# 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% Total Vegetation Cover class

0.1%

60

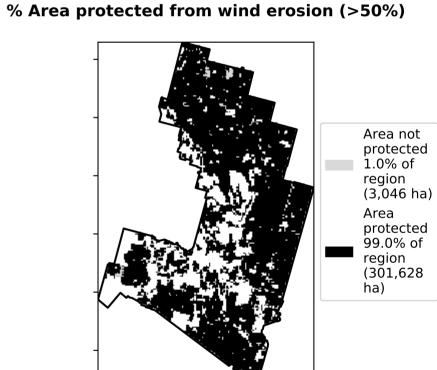
50

40

20

10

Area (%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

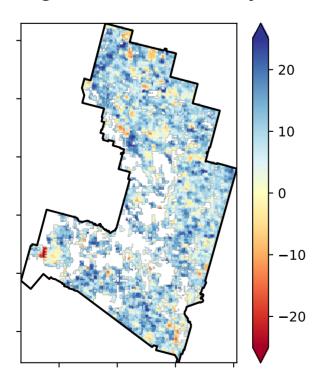
1.1%

36.9%

61.9%

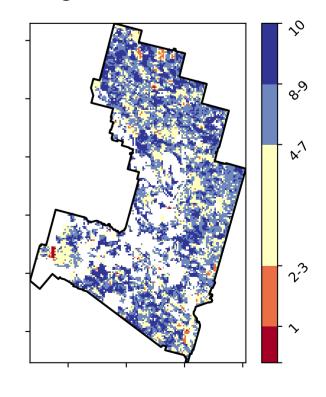
71%-100%

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



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

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



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

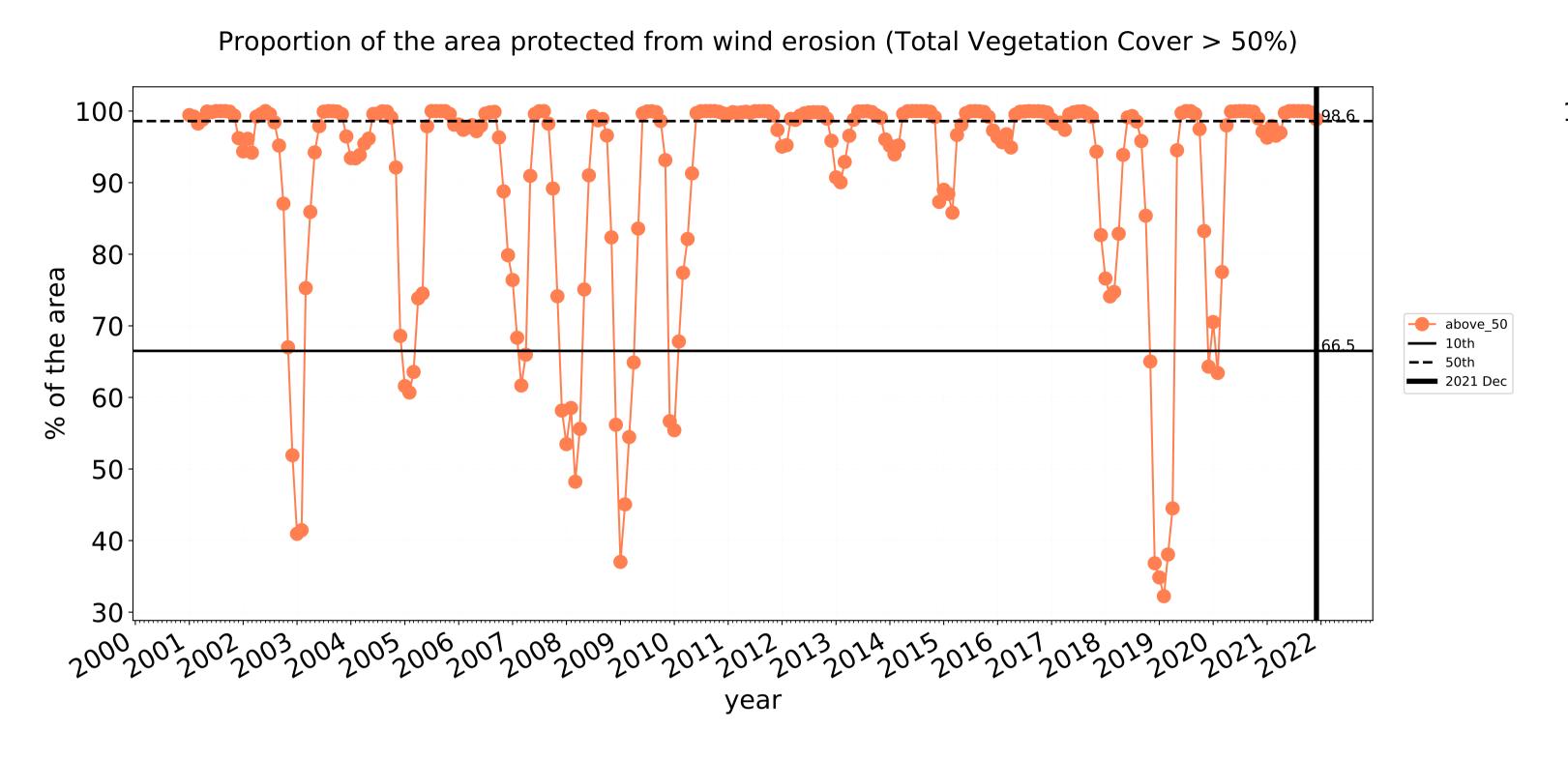


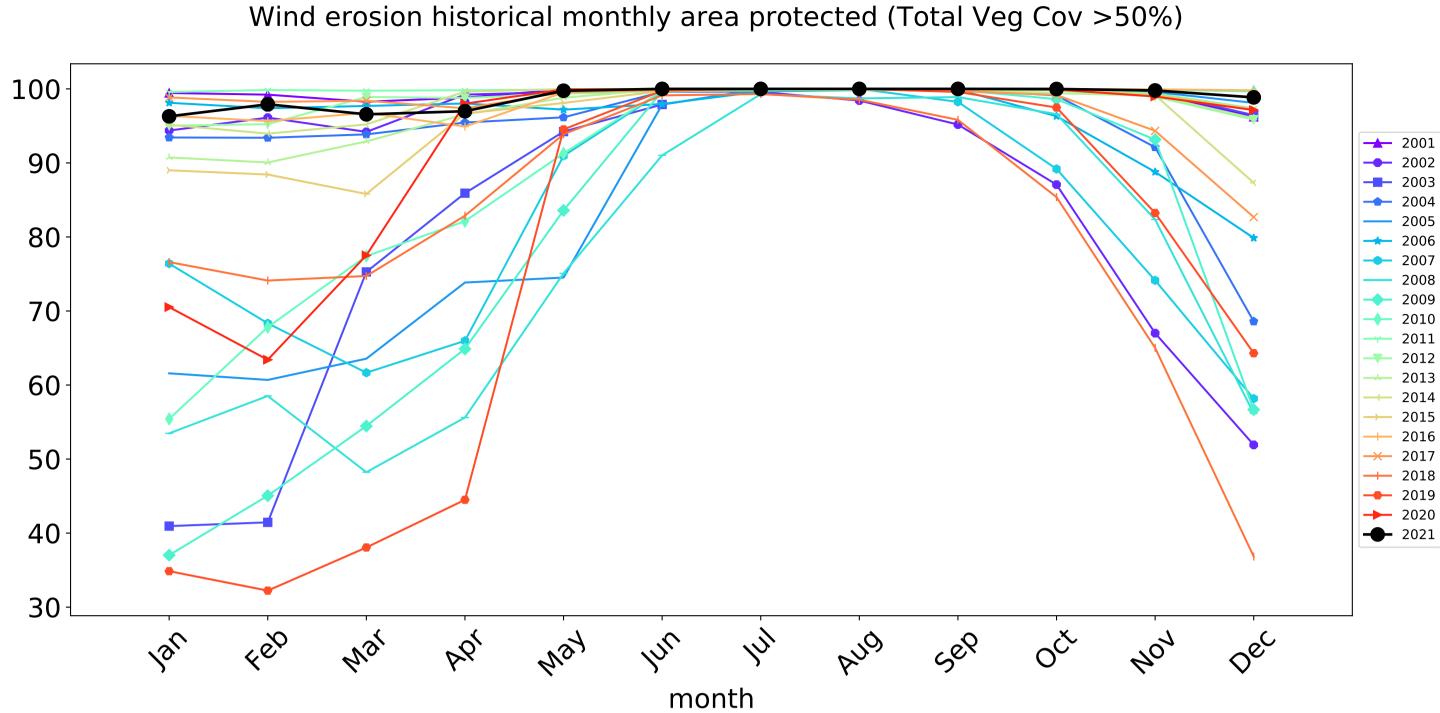


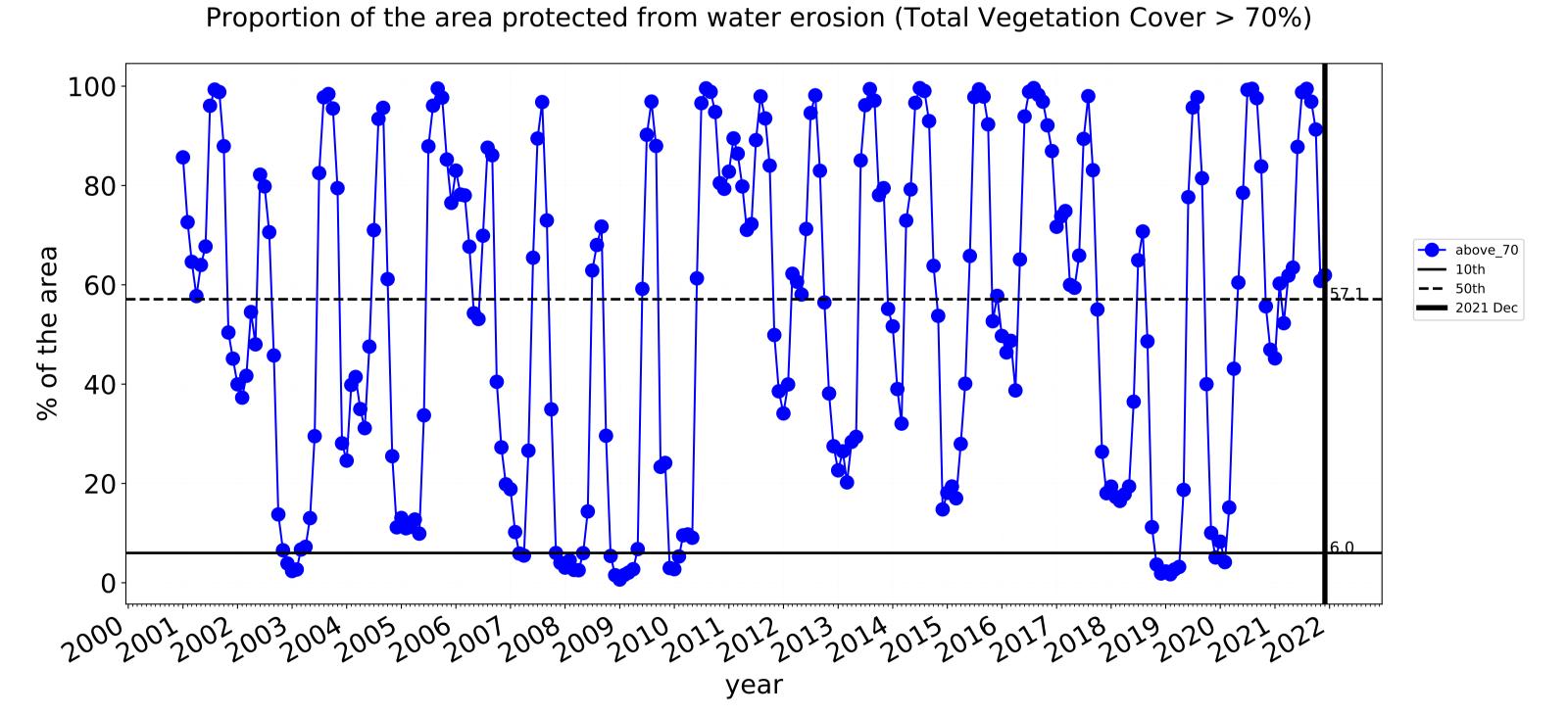


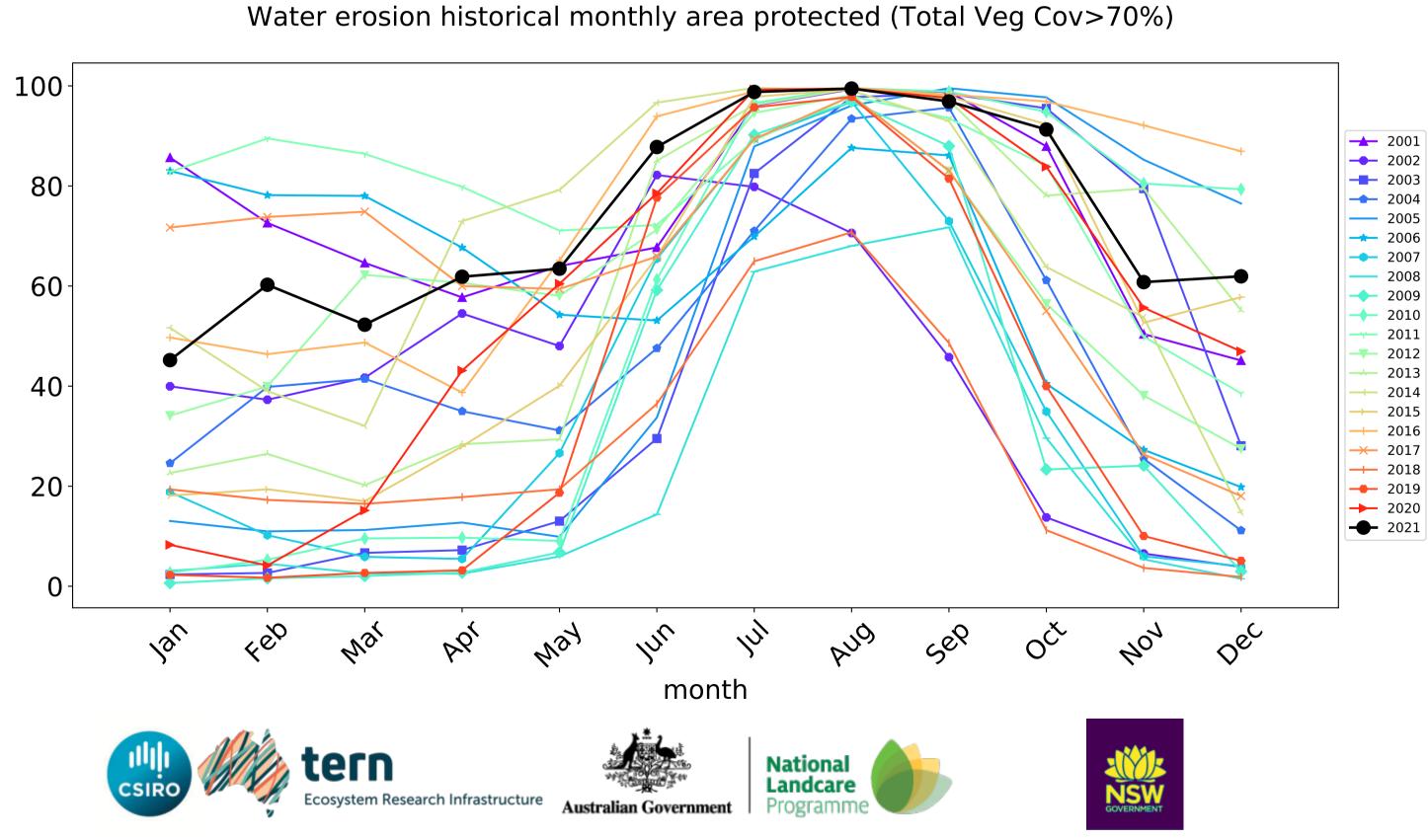


# **Cropping timeseries**









# **Irrigation**

# **Land use and forest cover**

Catchment Scale

of Australia (2018)

Anomaly show how many percetage points each

pixel is from the mean. That

is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the

mean of that

pixel. The mean

using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

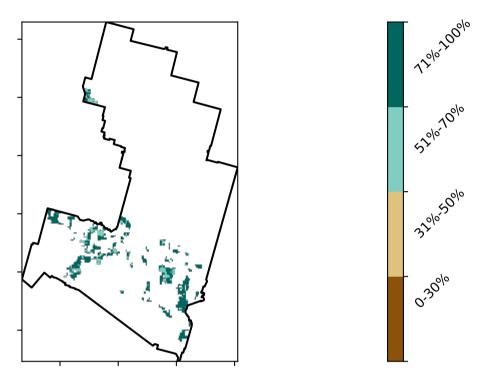
is only for the month of the map

Derived from

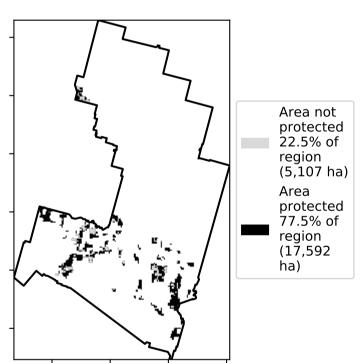
Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

# Land Use and Forests 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated Catchment Scale Land 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

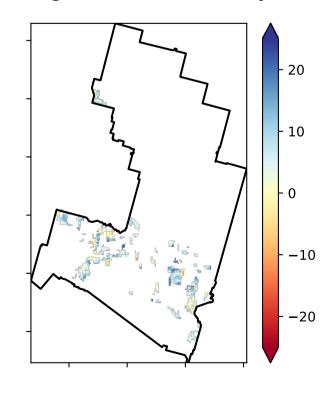
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

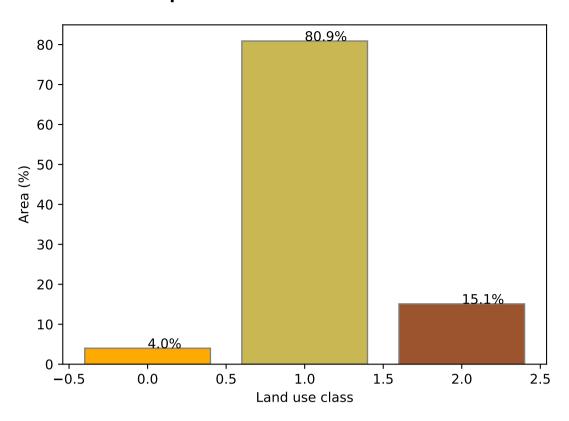


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

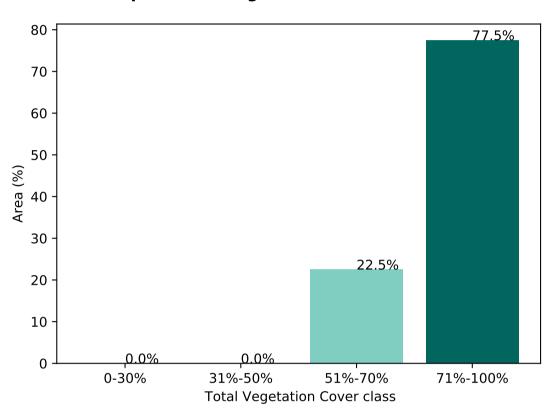


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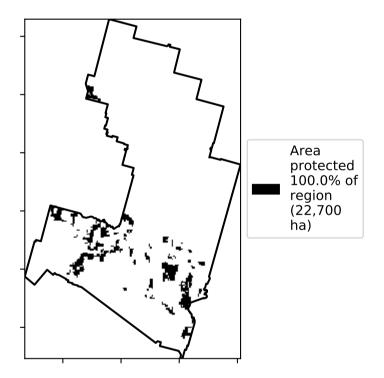
#### Proportion of each land class in area

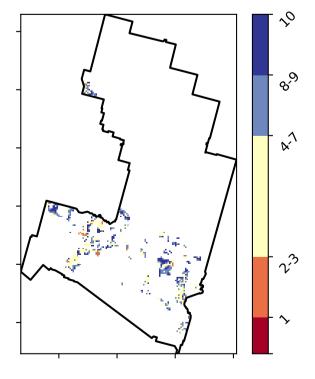


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



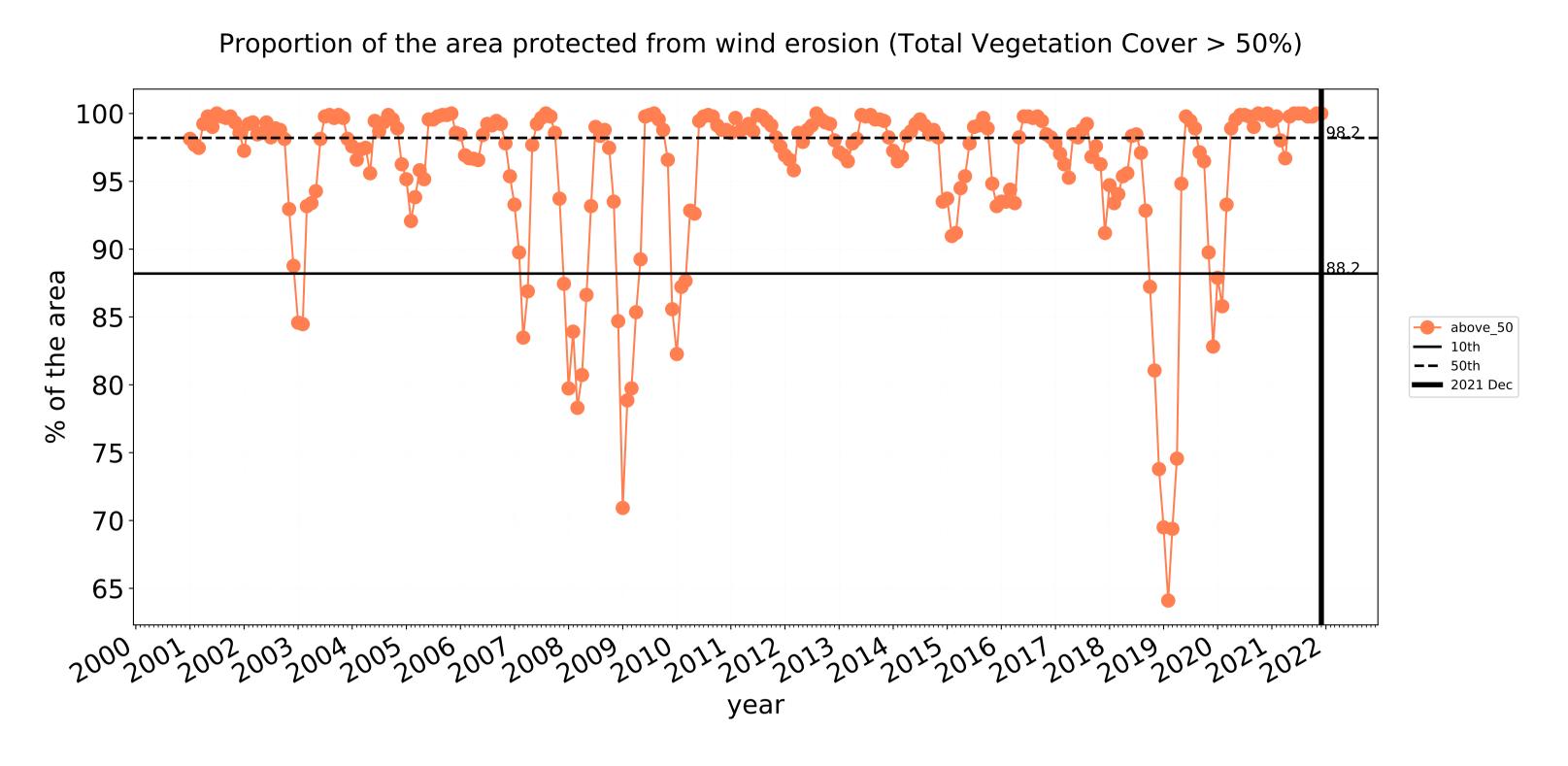


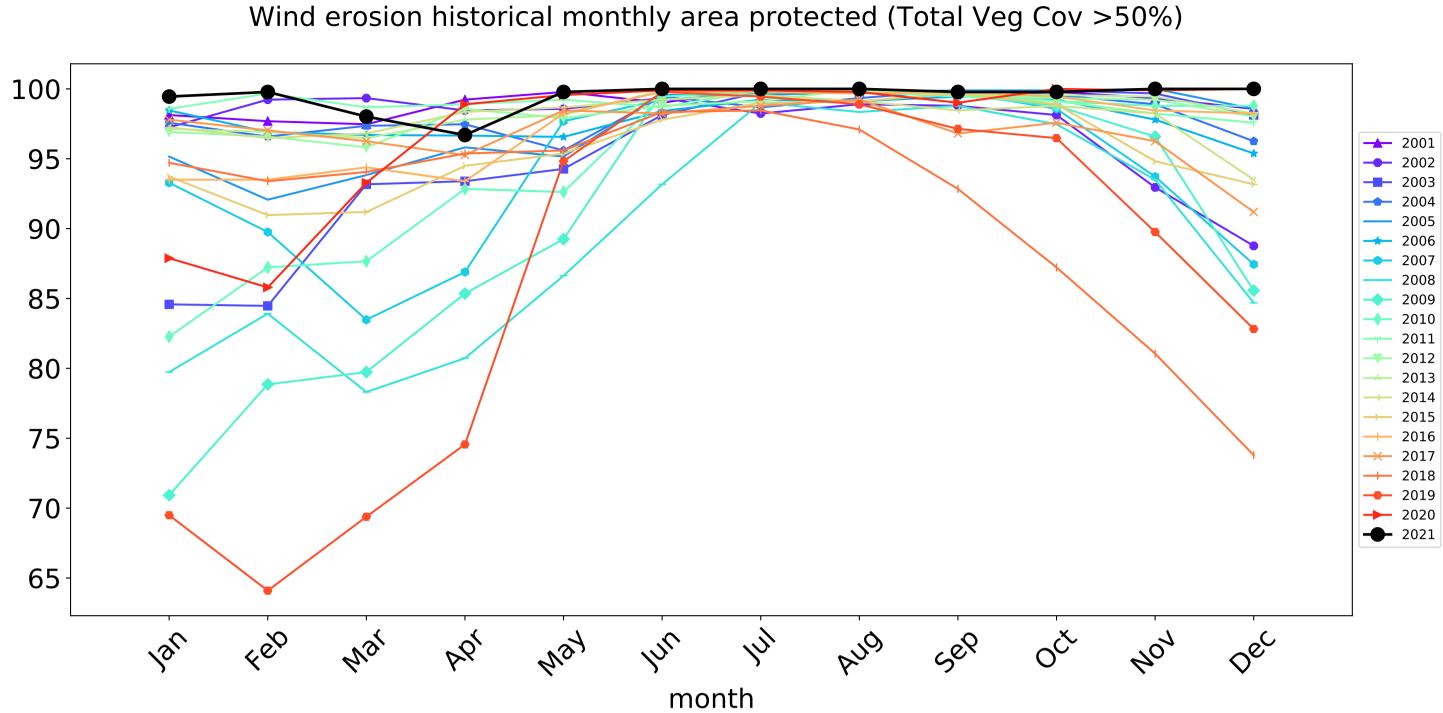


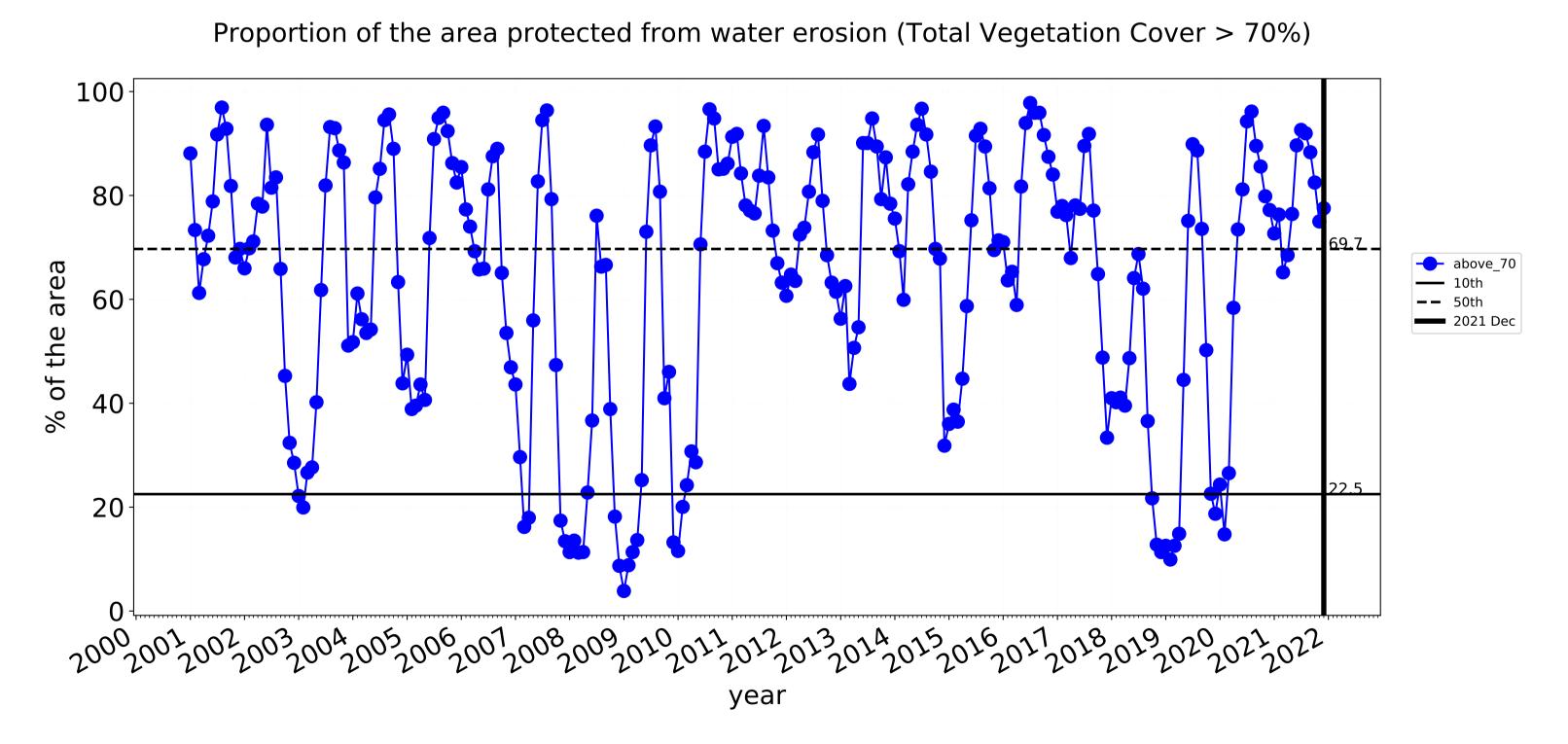


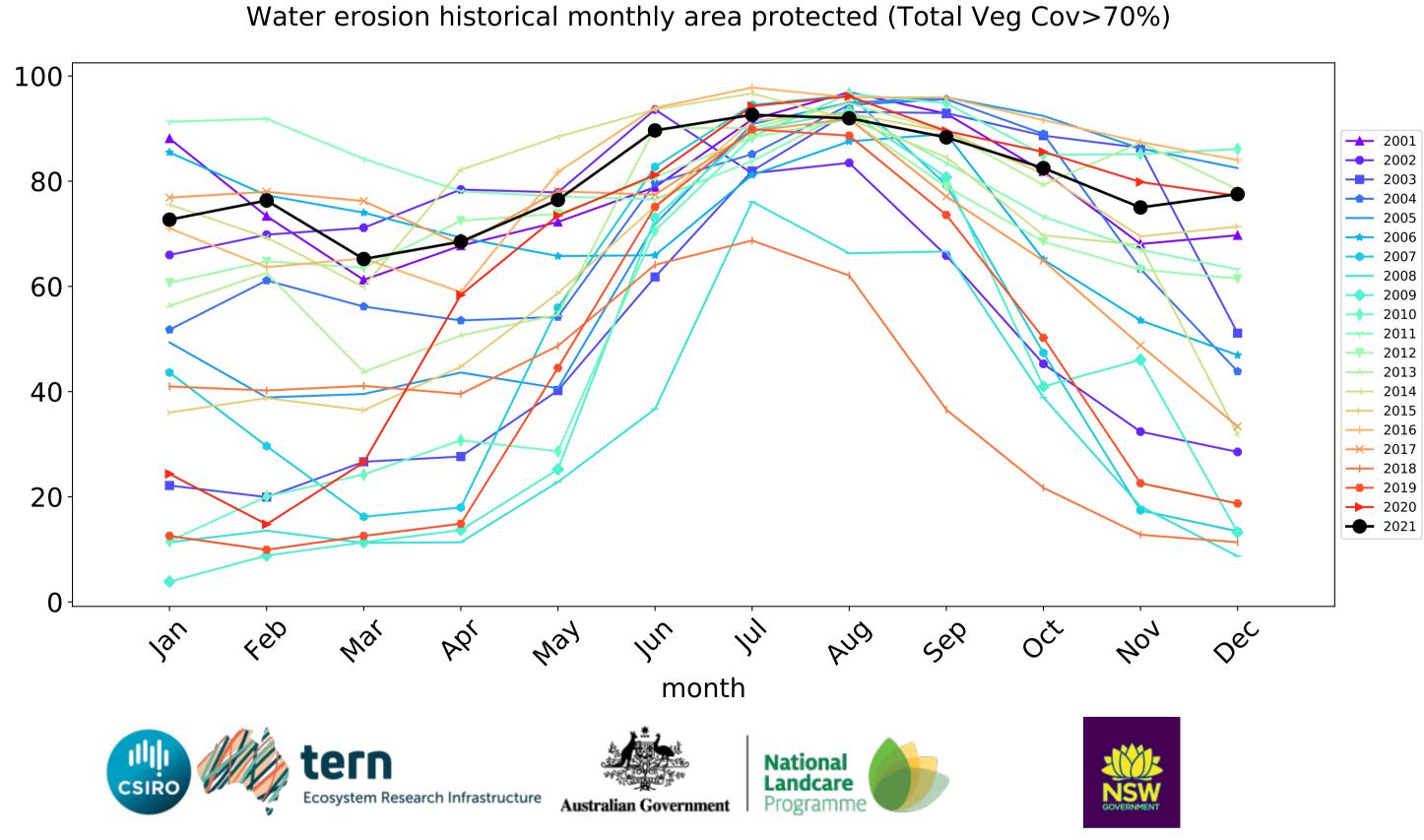












# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

#### Land use and forest cover

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the mean. That is, red pixels

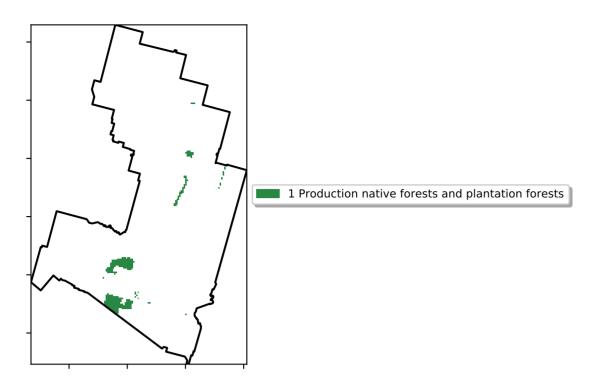
are about 20% lower than the

mean of that

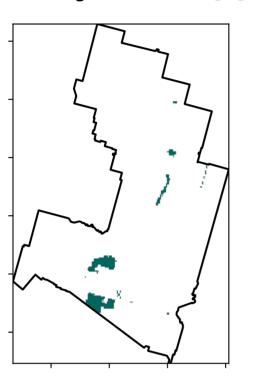
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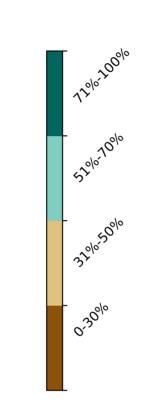
using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

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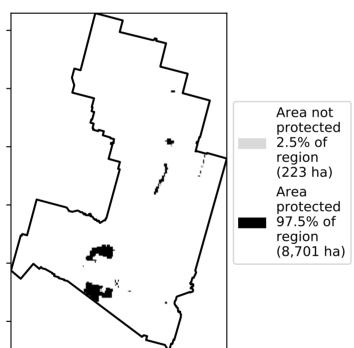


#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

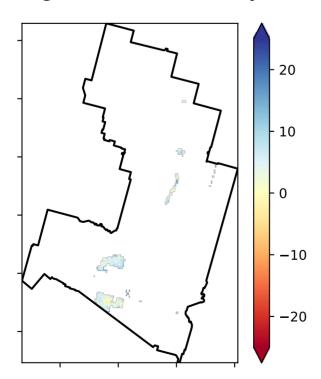




# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

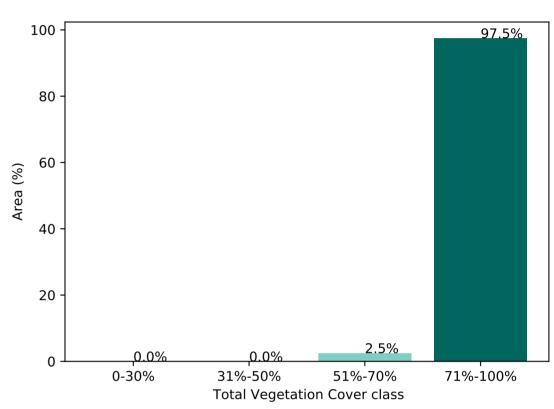


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

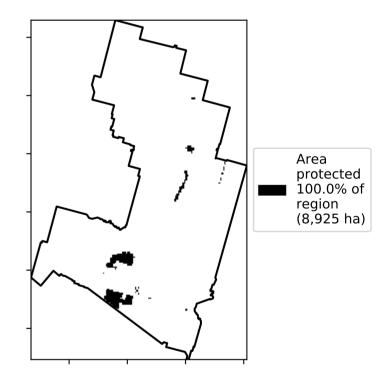


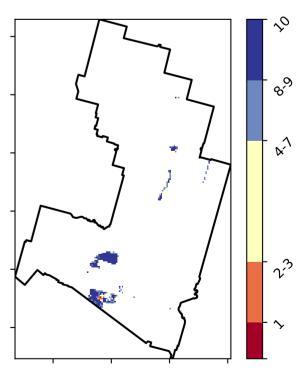
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









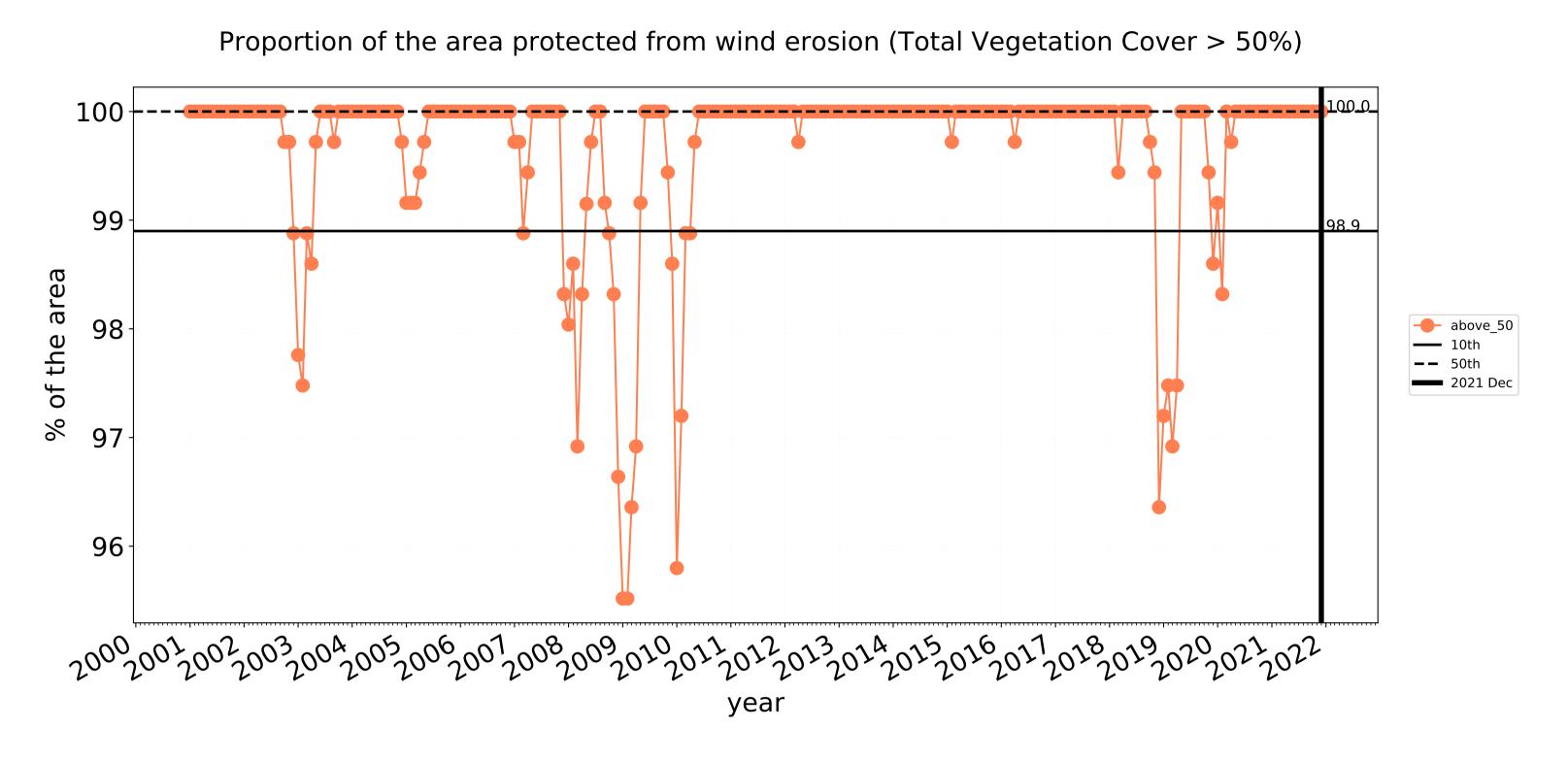


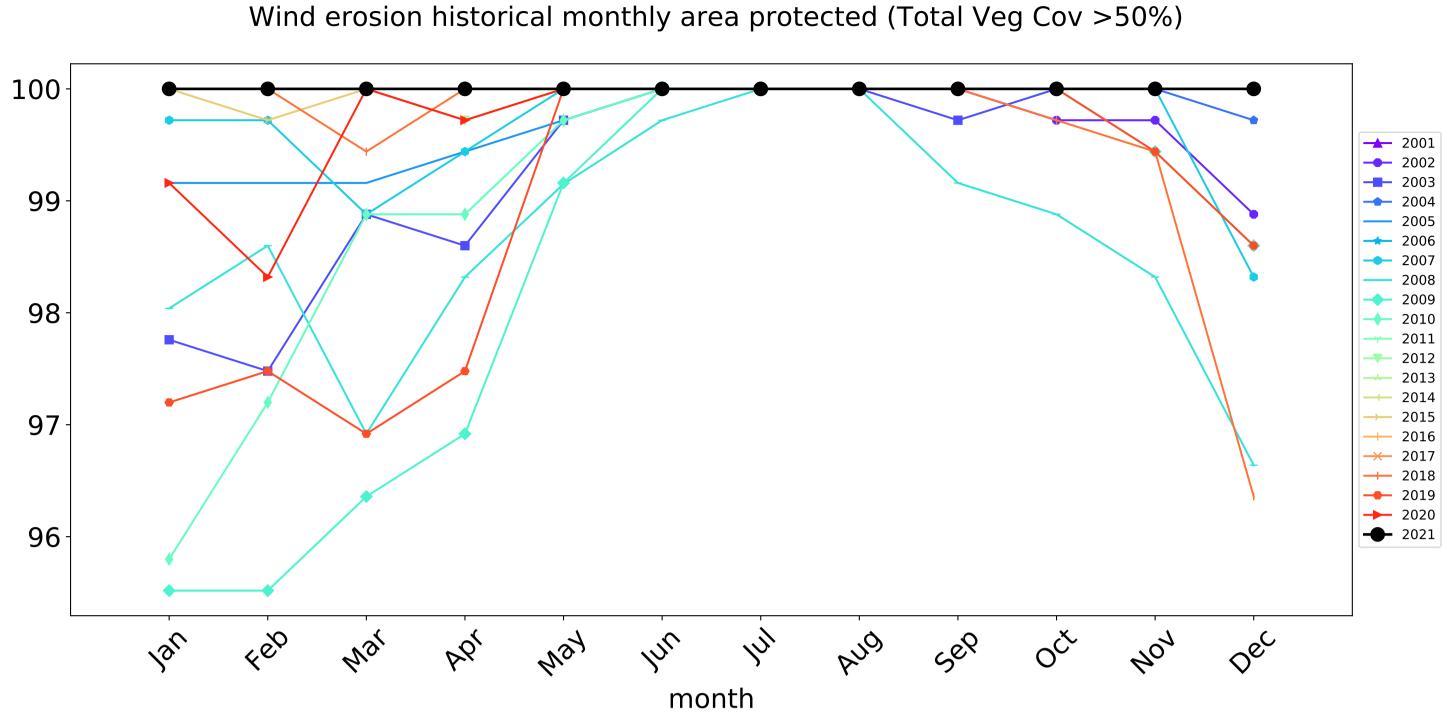


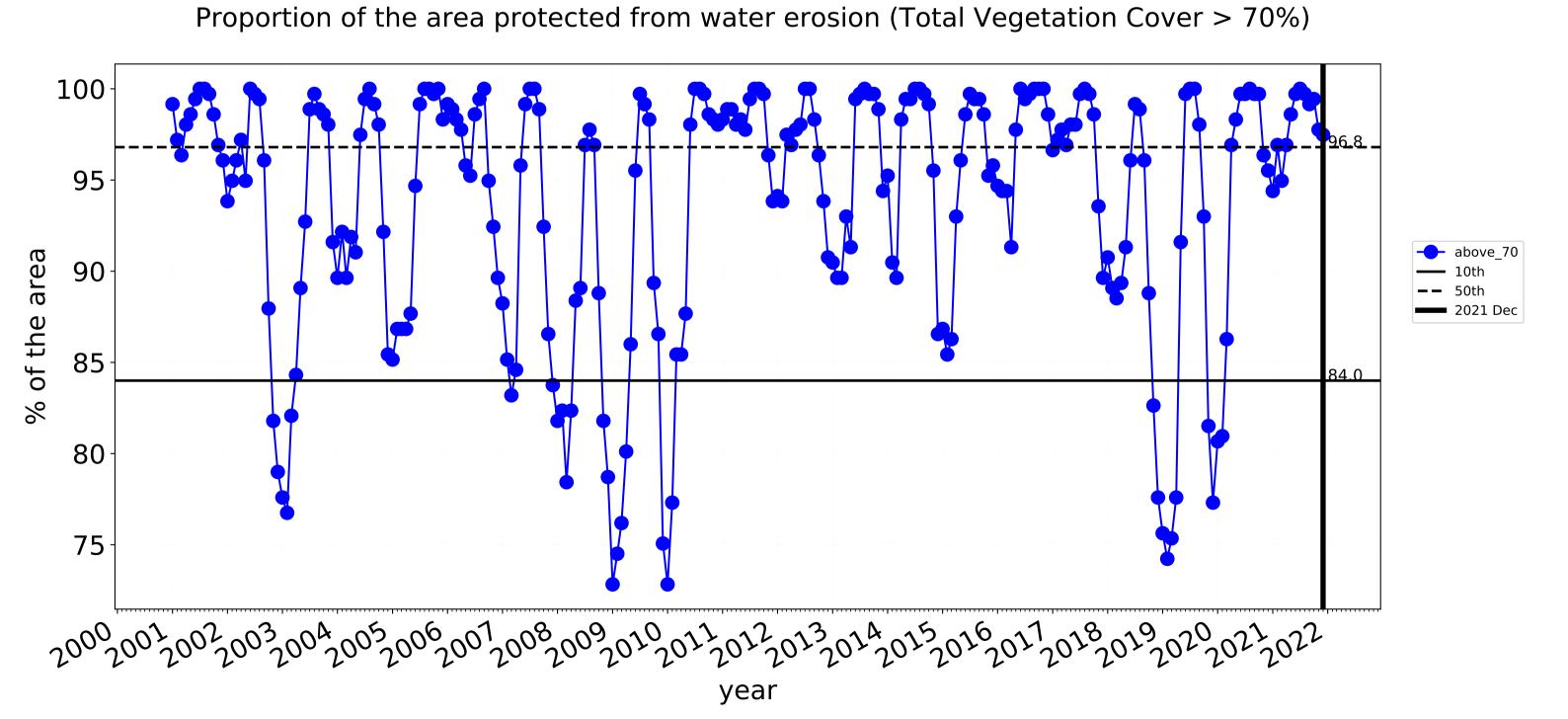


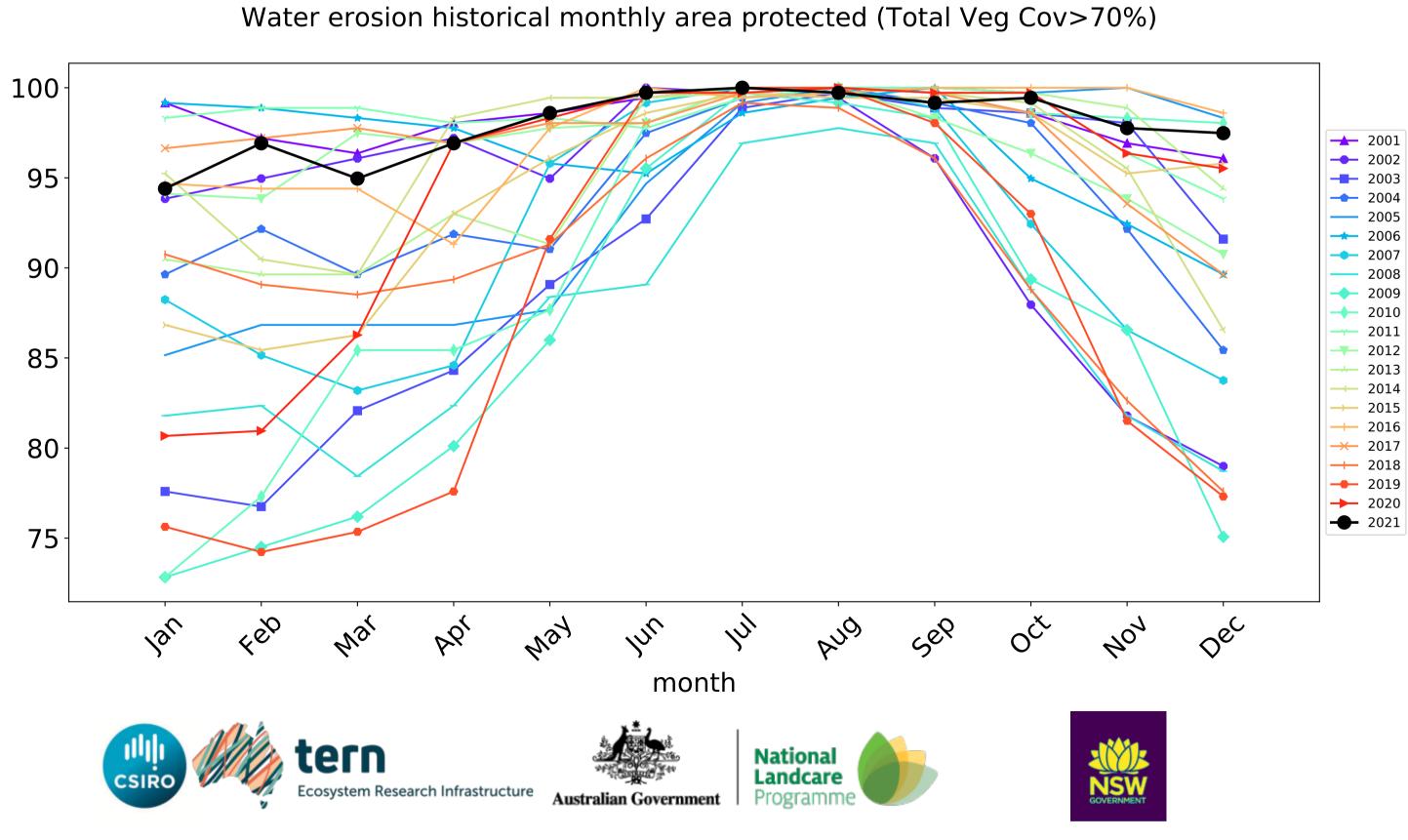


# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**









# Narrandera\_(A) (total 411,675 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	411,675	100.0% 411,675	99.1% 407,950	69.2% 284,750	27.9% 115,000	3.7% 15,300	0.6% 2,550
Agriculture	394,525	100.0% 394,525	99.1% 390,925	68.4% 269,925	26.7% 105,325	3.1% 12,375	0.6% 2,300
Grazing	67,125	100.0% 67,125	99.9% 67,025	94.7% 63,575	66.2% 44,450	14.6% 9,800	3.1% 2,100
Grazing non forest	47,325	100.0% 47,325	99.8% 47,225	92.9% 43,975	58.3% 27,600	7.1% 3,350	0.5% 225
Grazing Woodland forest	12,575	100.0% 12,575	100.0% 12,575	99.2% 12,475	85.7% 10,775	37.0% 4,650	11.1% 1,400
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	7,225	100.0% 7,225	100.0% 7,225	98.6% 7,125	84.1% 6,075	24.9% 1,800	6.6% 475
Cropping	304,675	100.0% 304,675	98.9% 301,175	61.9% 188,725	18.0% 54,700	0.8% 2,400	0.0% 150
Irrigation	22,700	100.0% 22,700	100.0% 22,700	77.5% 17,600	27.2% 6,175	0.8% 175	0.2% 50
Production native forests and plantation forests	8,925	100.0% 8,925	100.0% 8,925	97.5% 8,700	84.9% 7,575	32.5% 2,900	2.8% 250







