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

# Date: June 2023

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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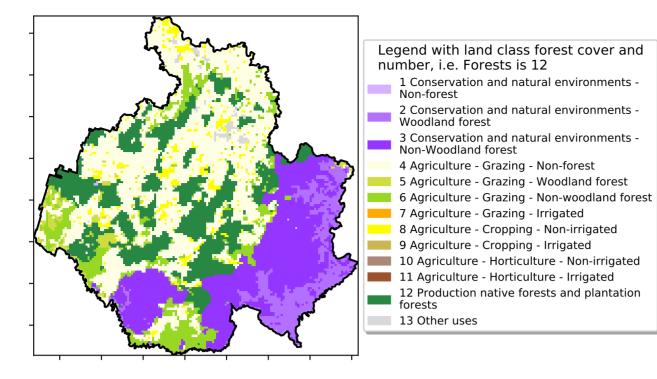


# **Vegetation Cover Jun 2023**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area





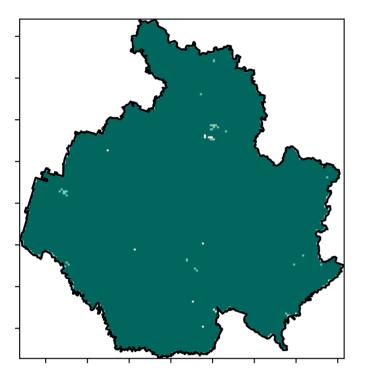
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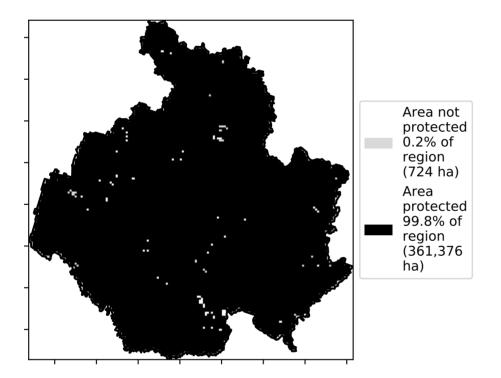
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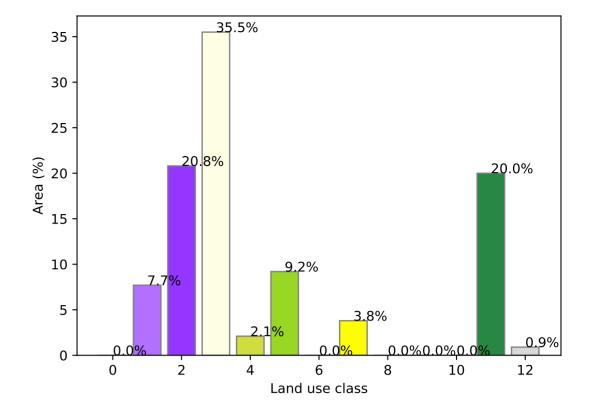
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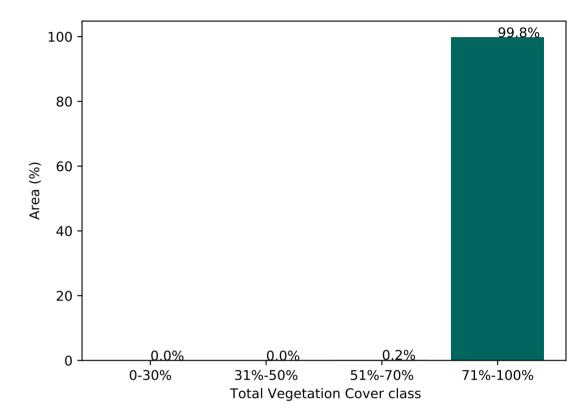


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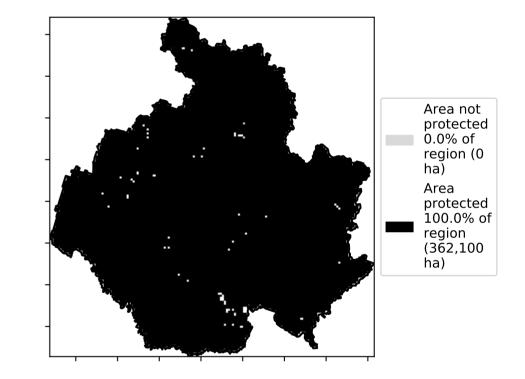




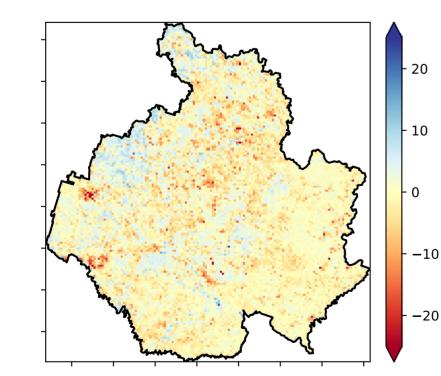
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



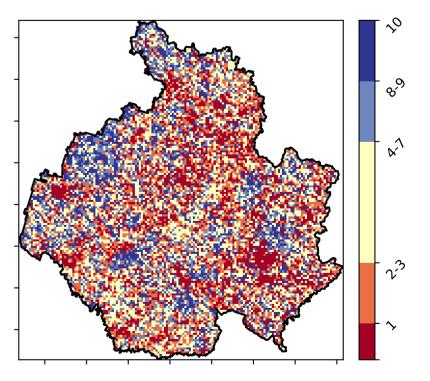
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



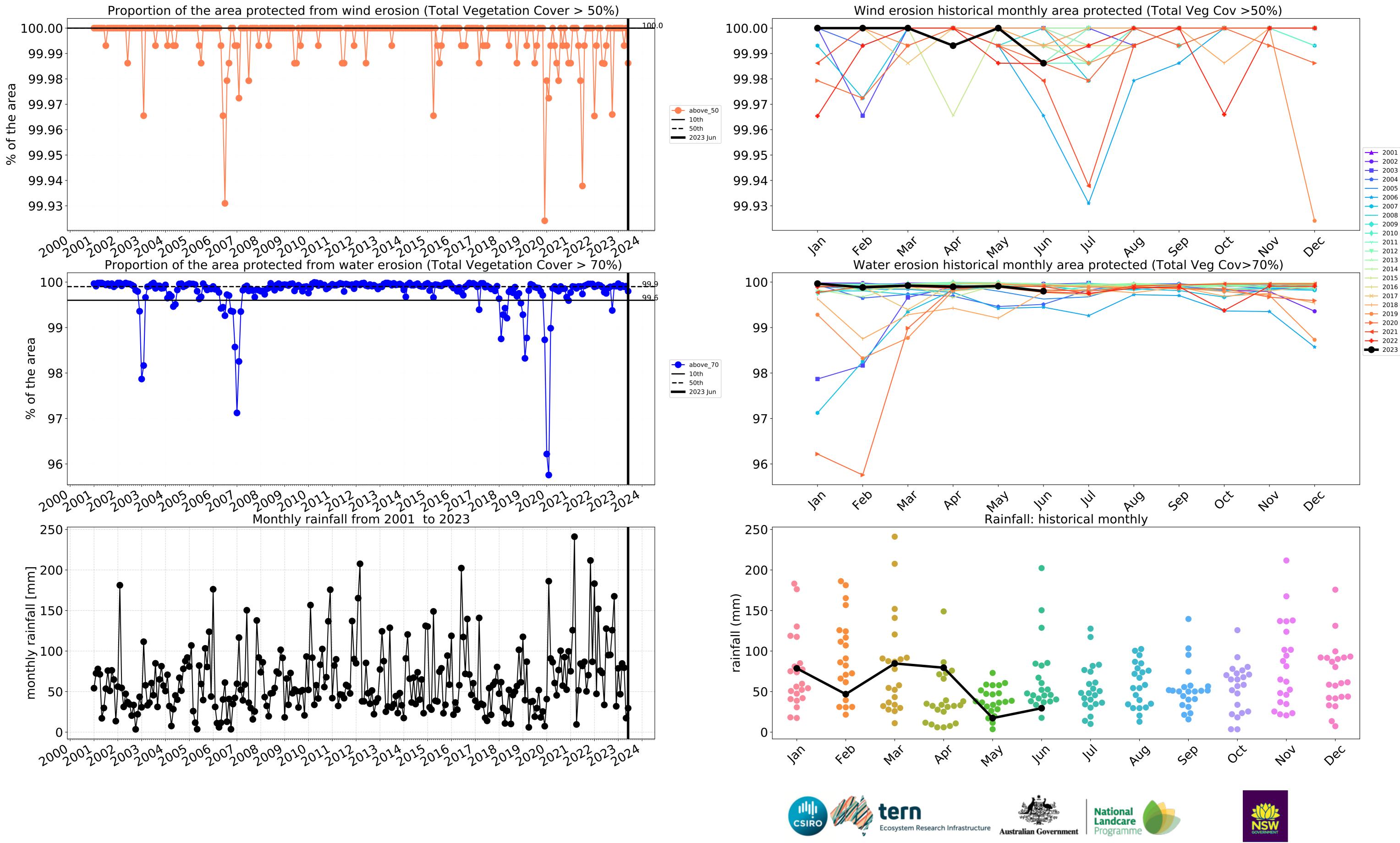
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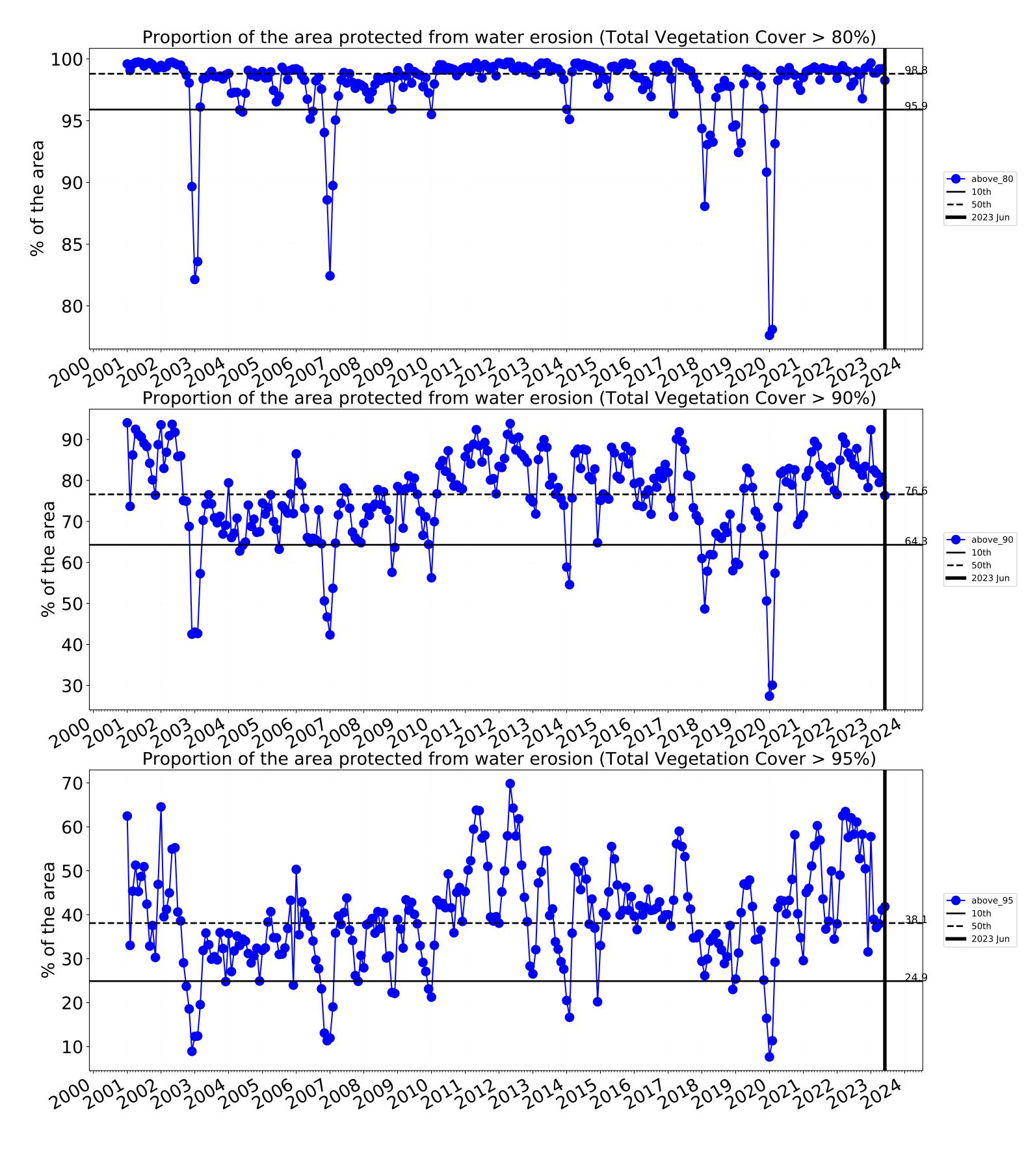


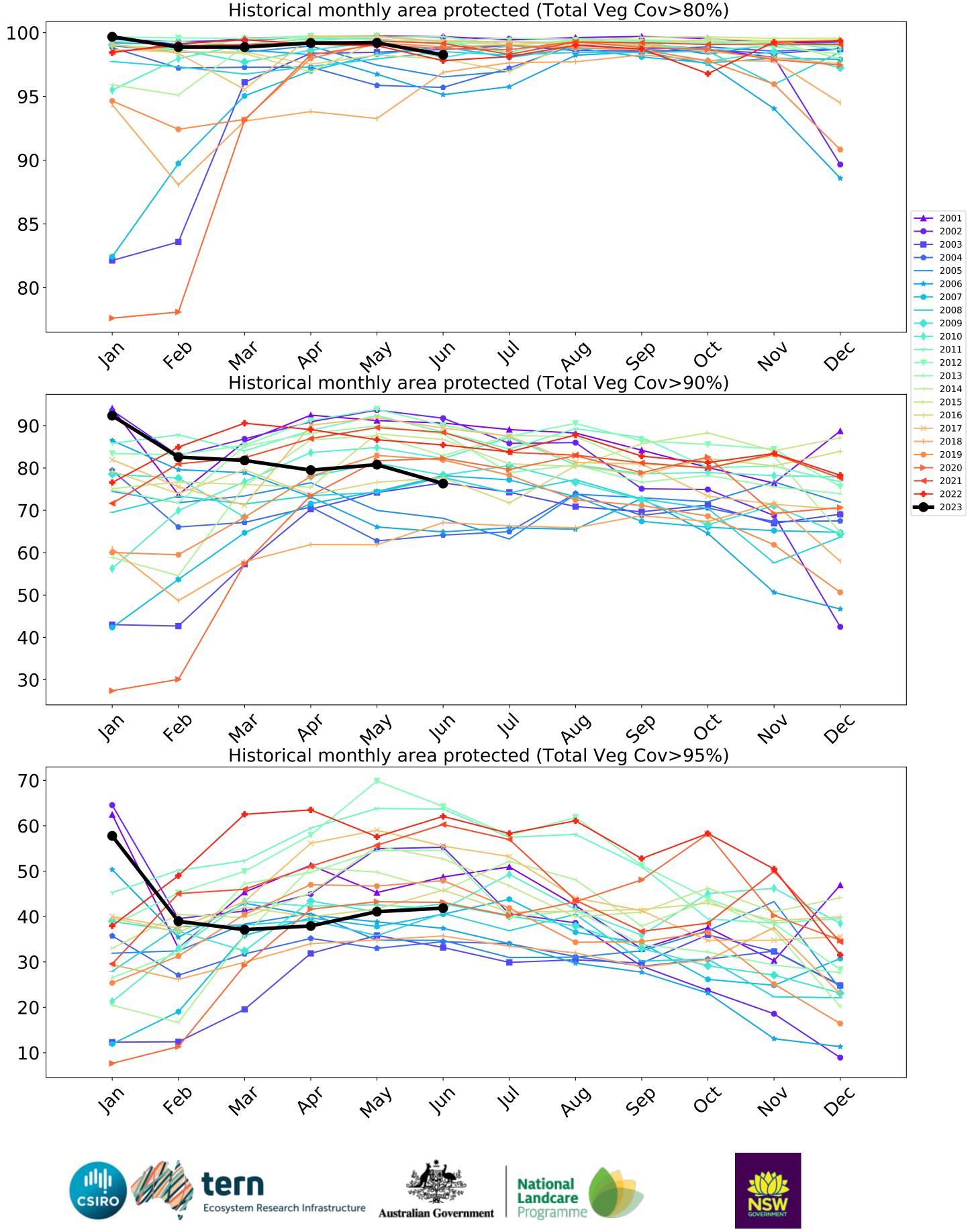


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#### **Conservation and natural environments**

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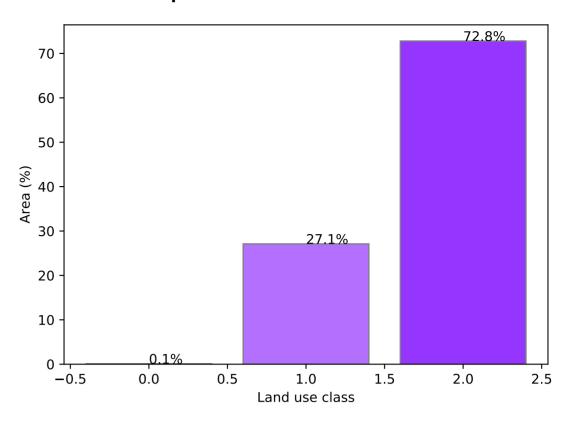
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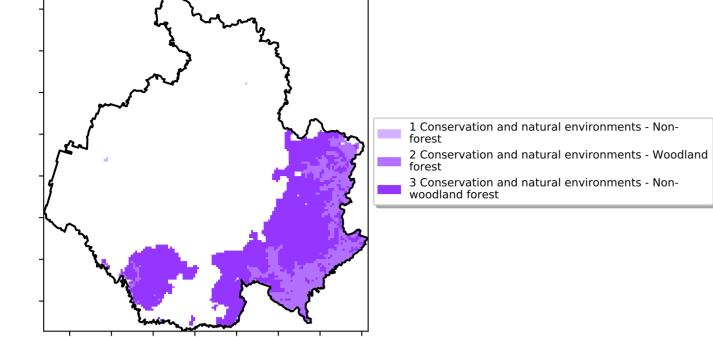
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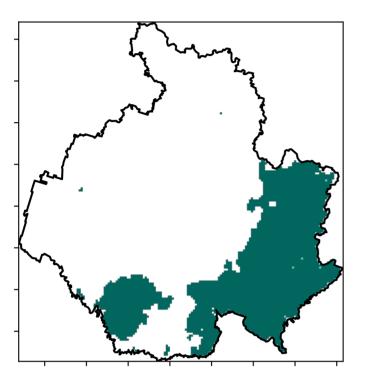
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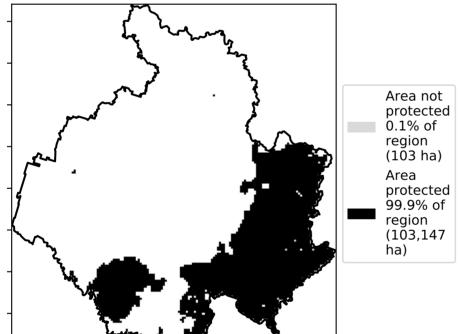


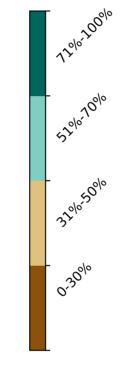


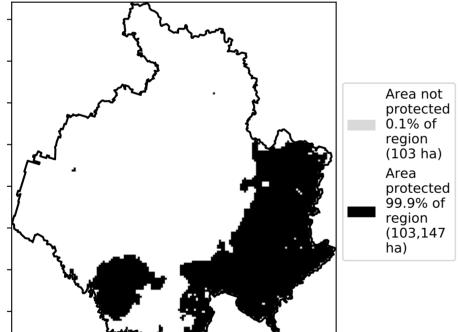
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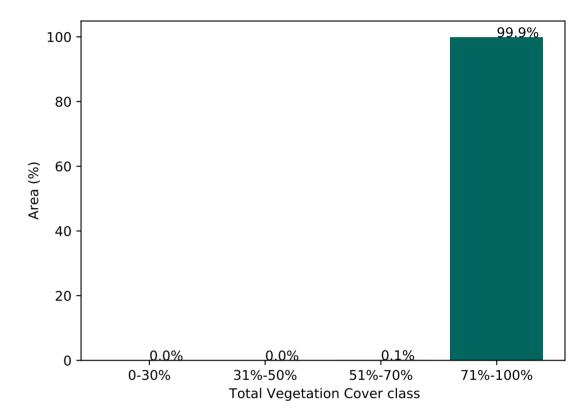
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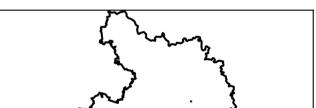




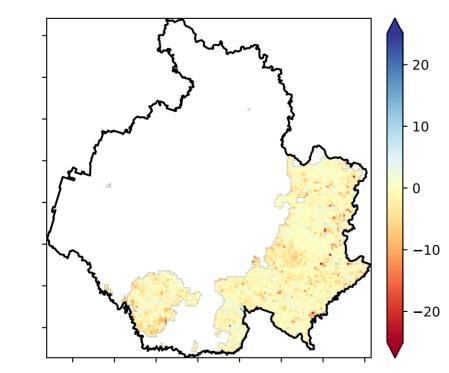
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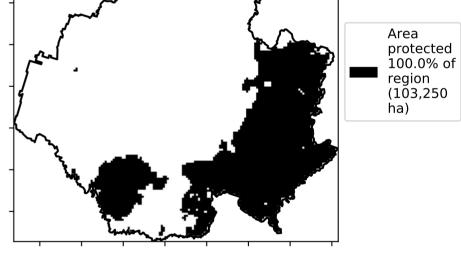
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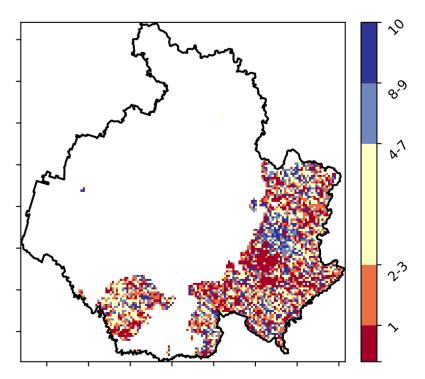
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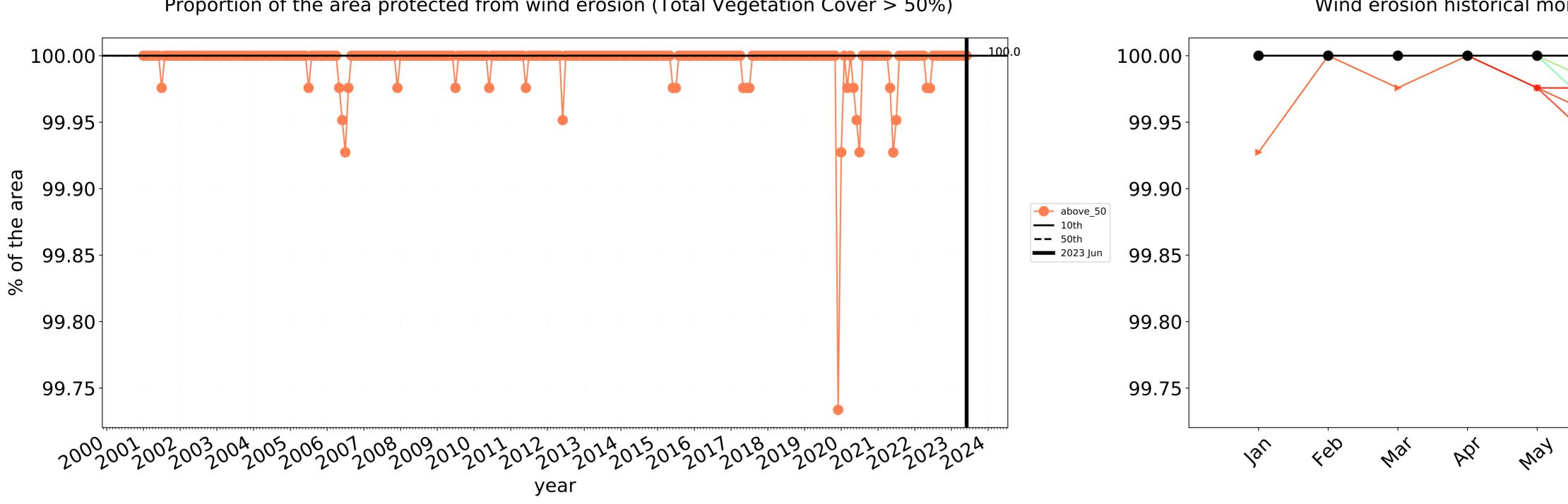


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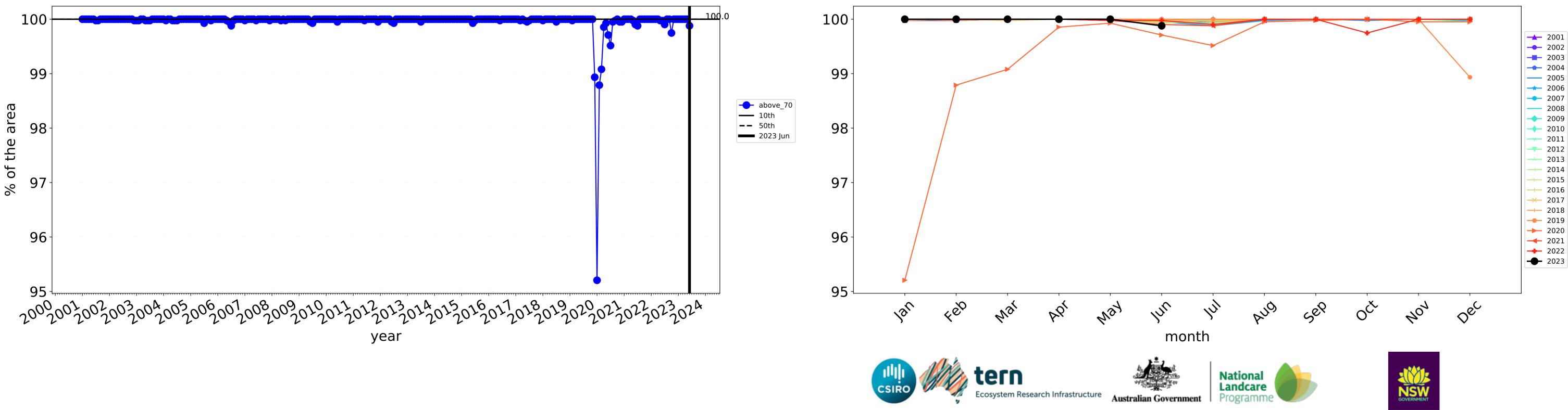




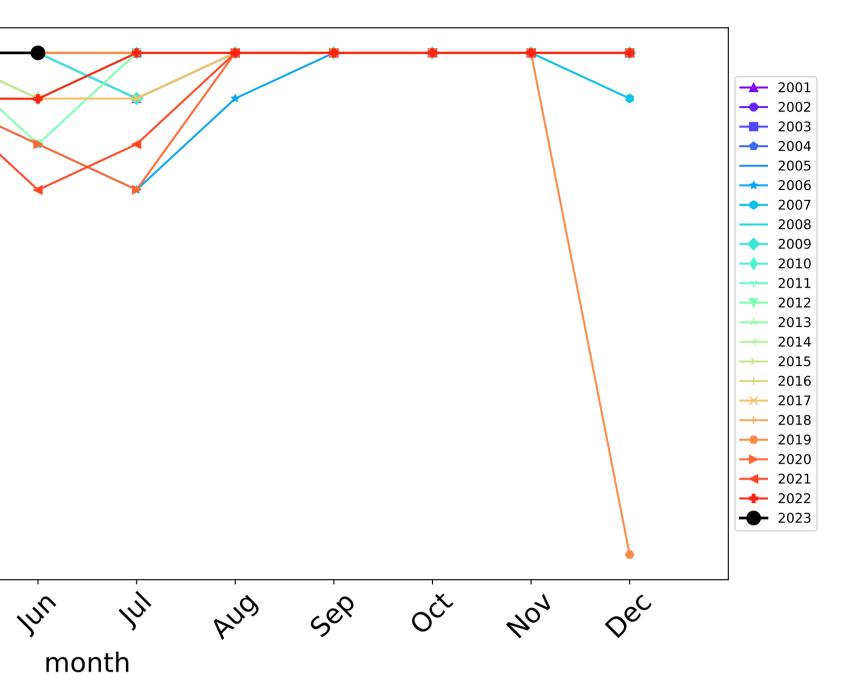
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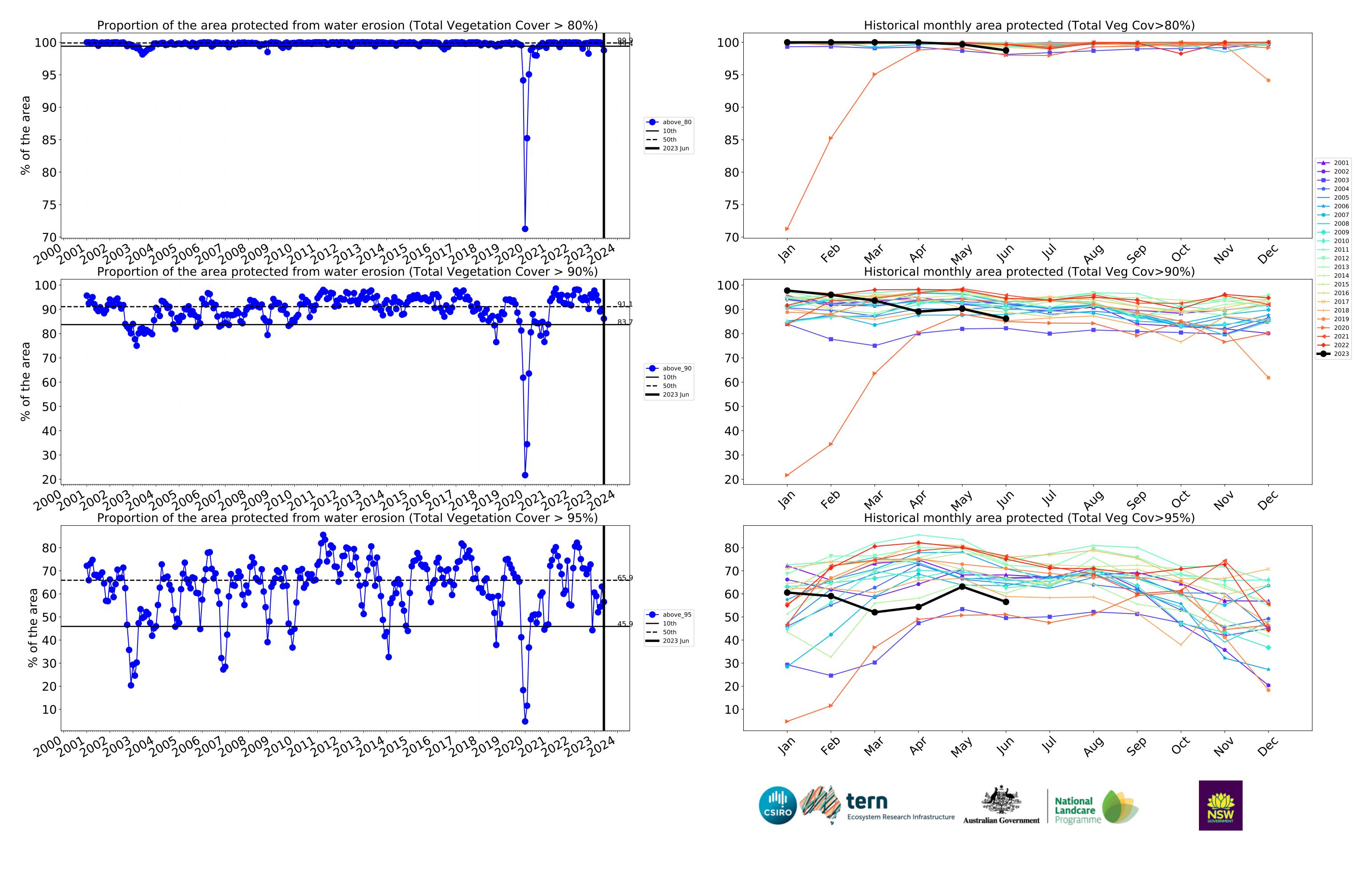
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

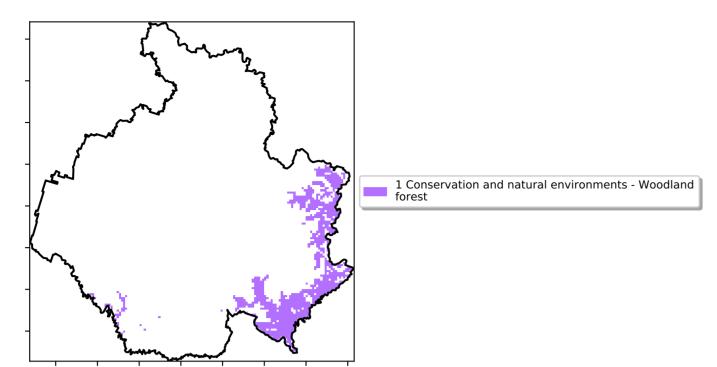


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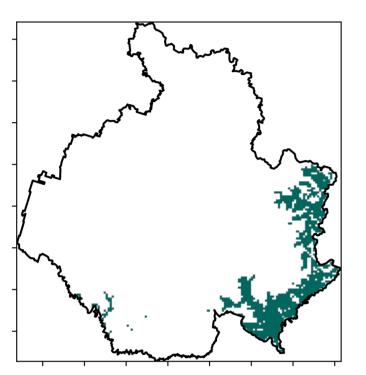


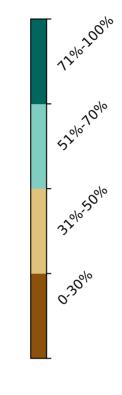
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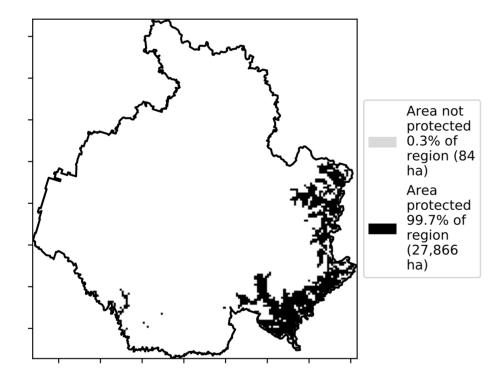


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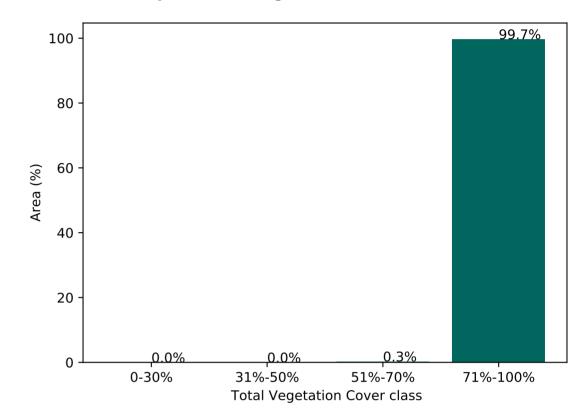




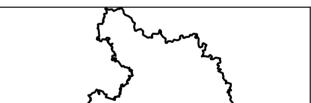
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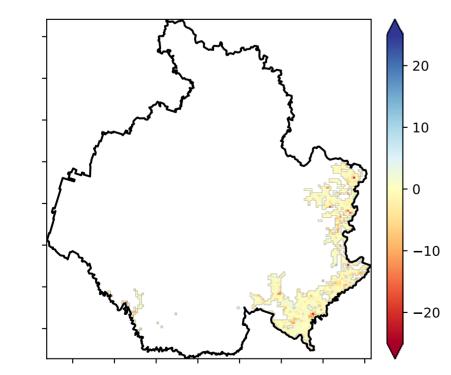




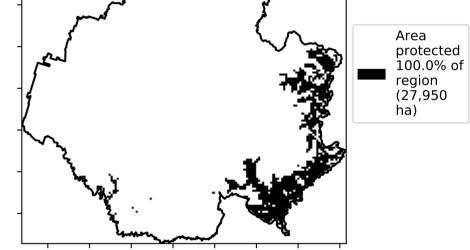
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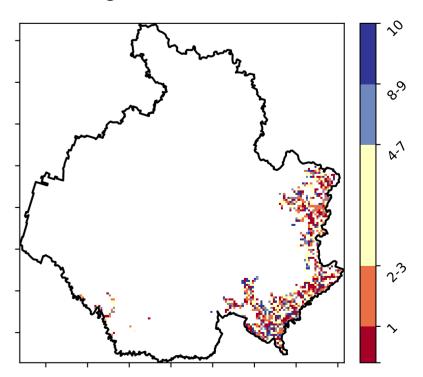
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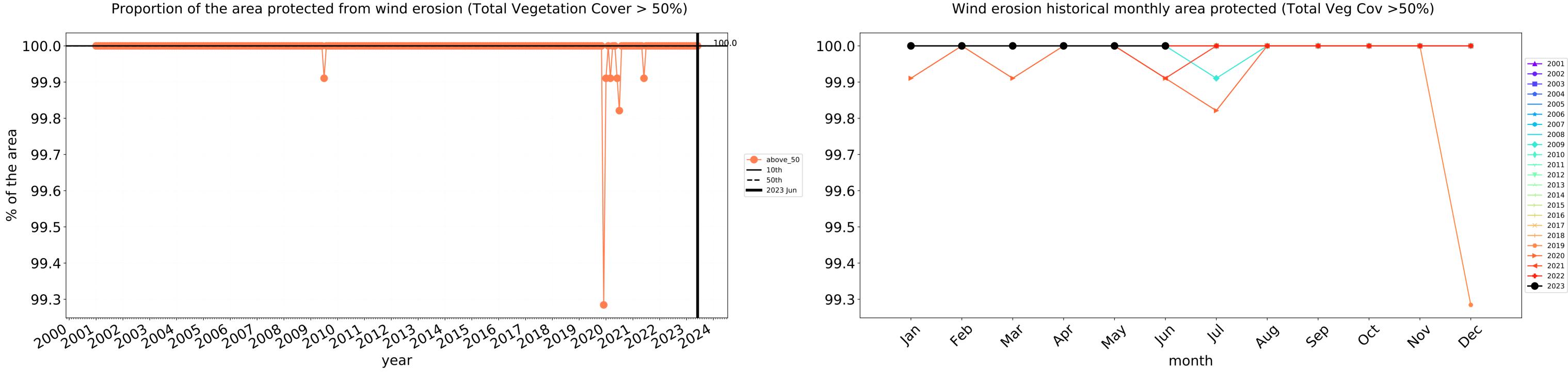




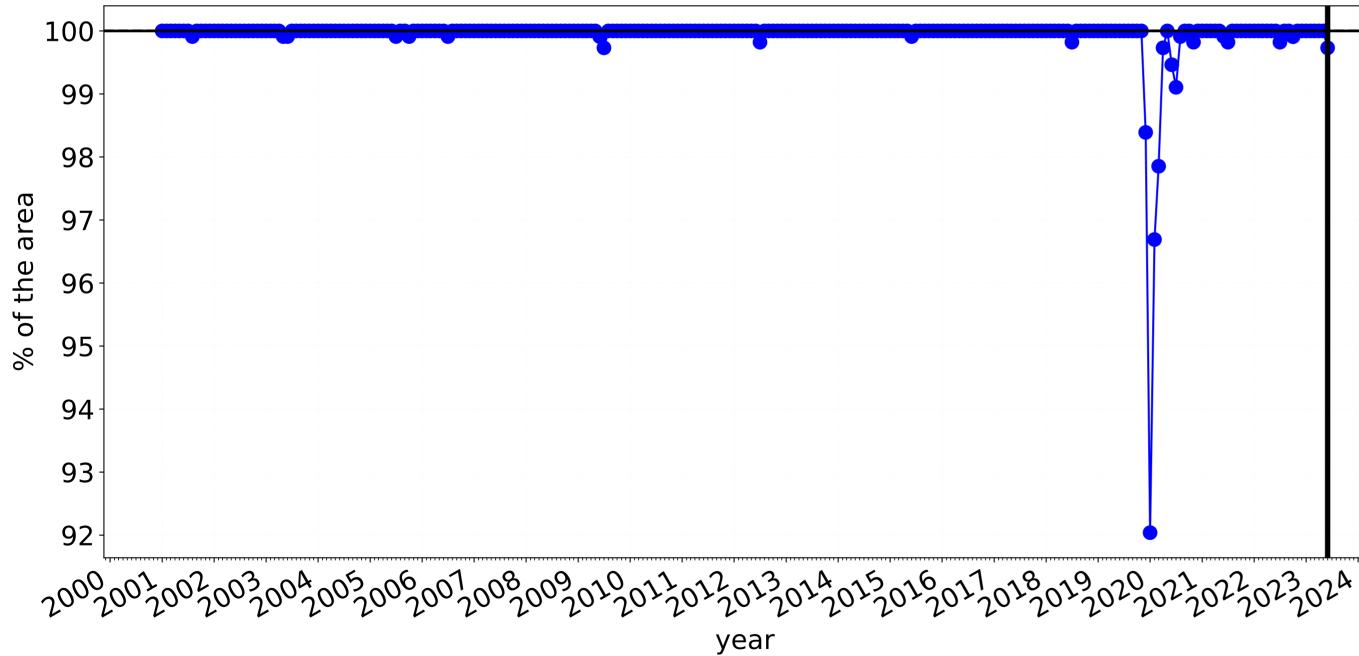


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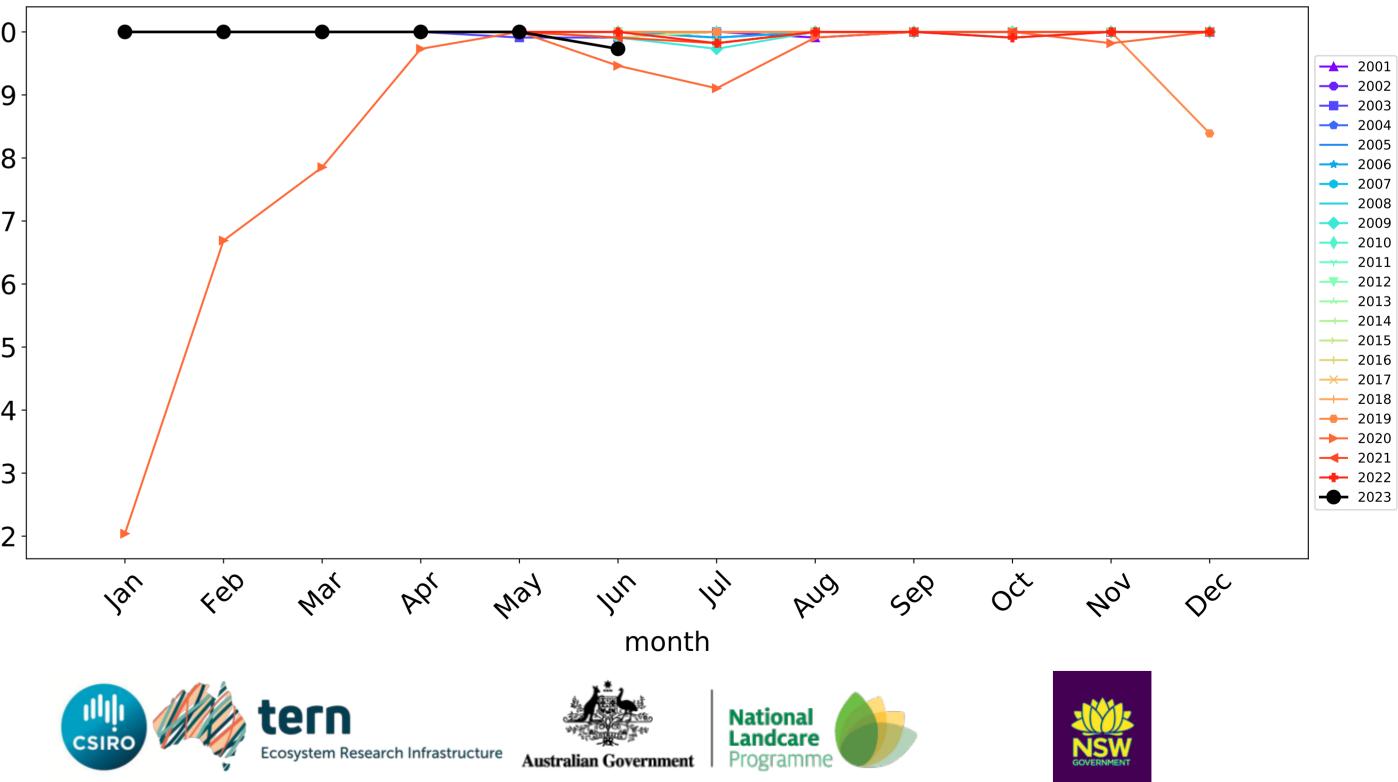
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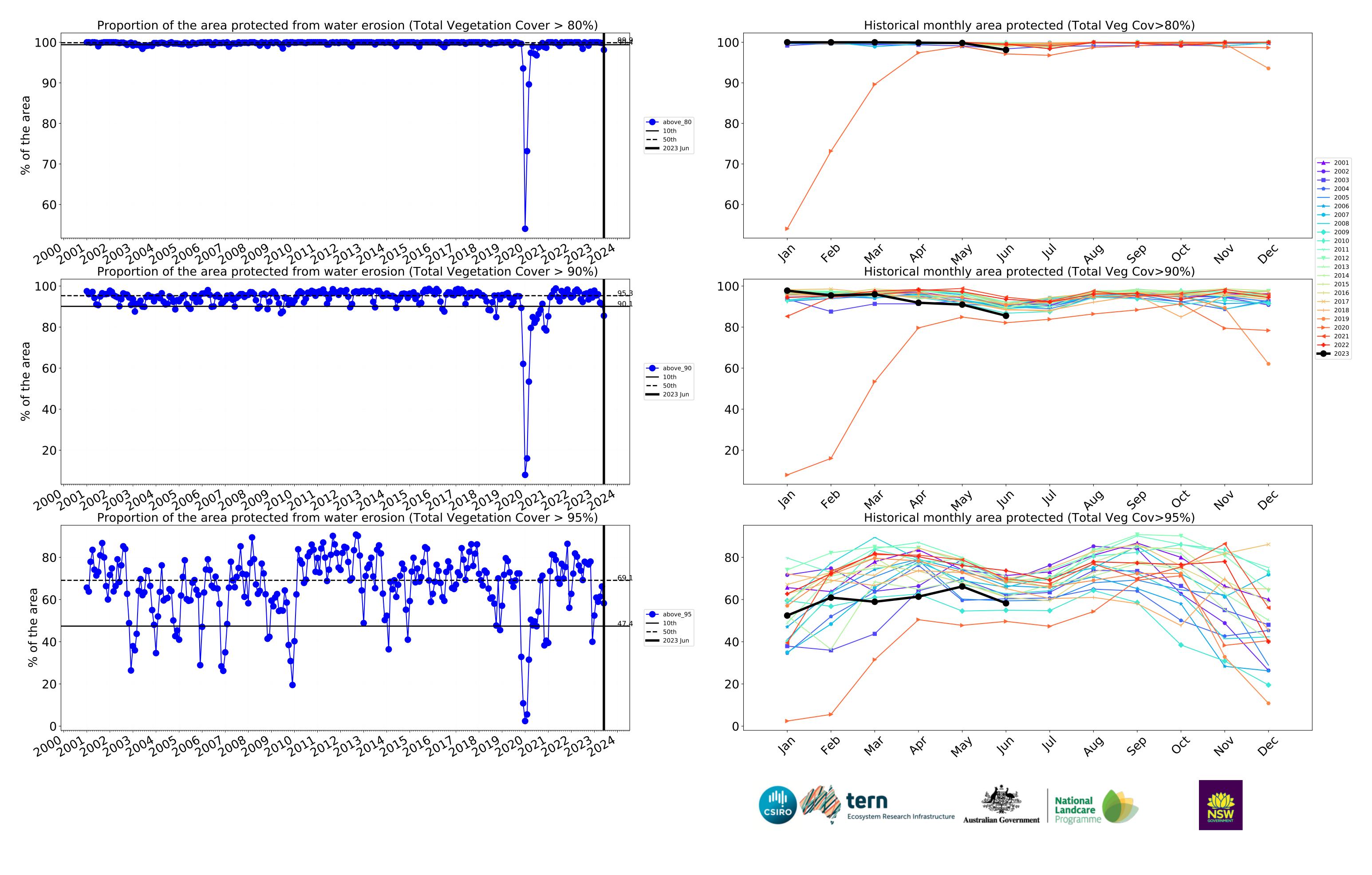
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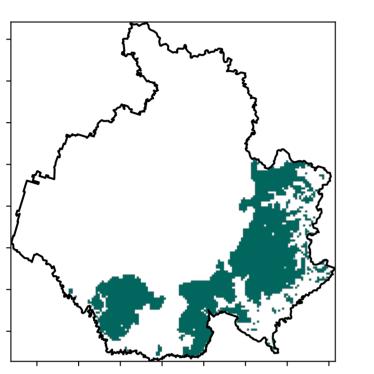


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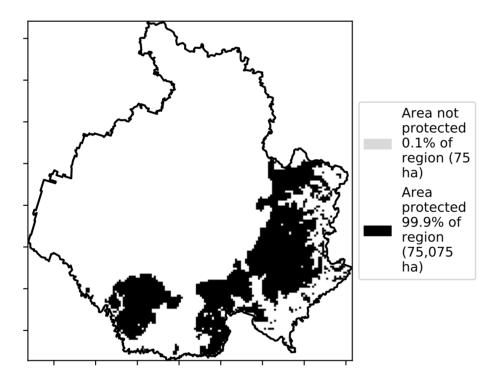
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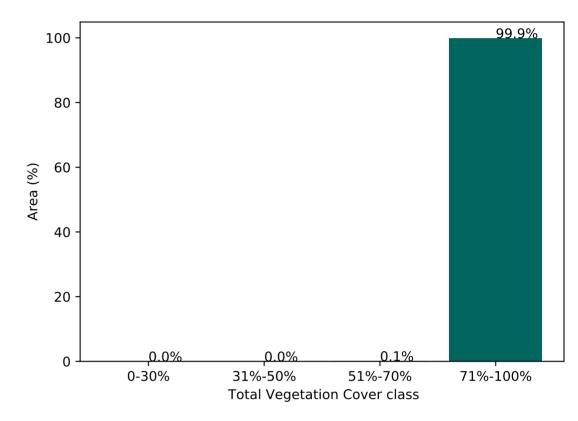
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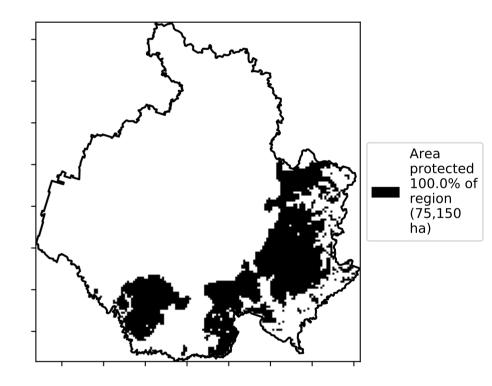
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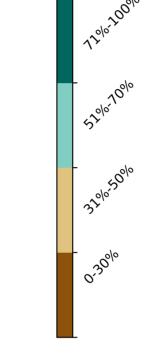


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



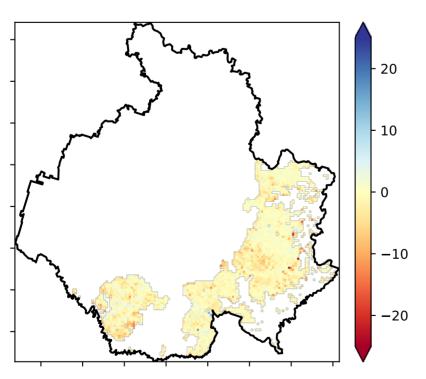
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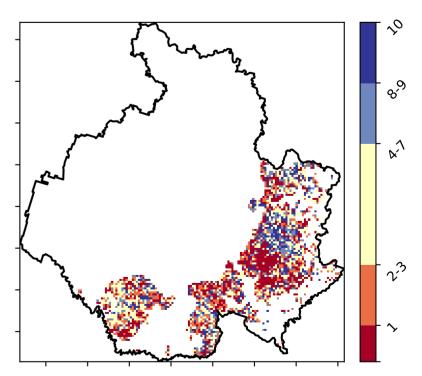
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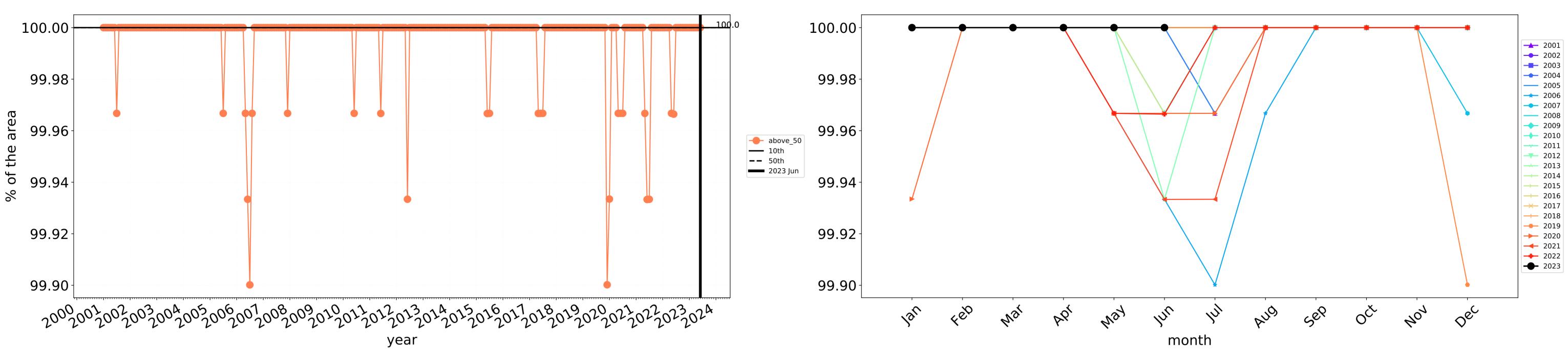


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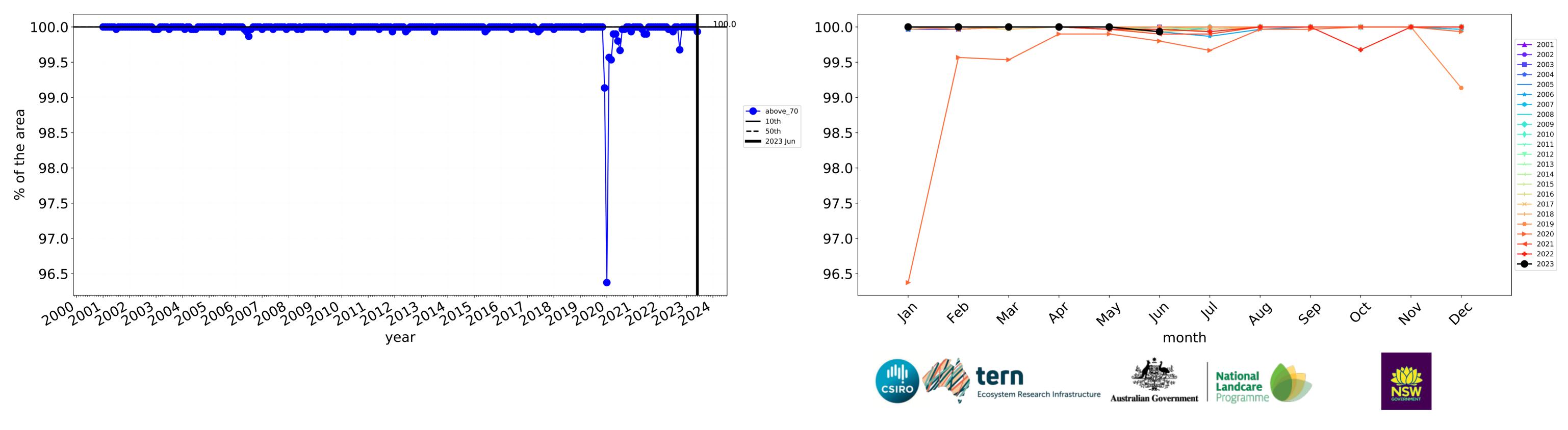
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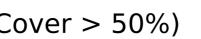




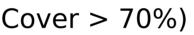


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

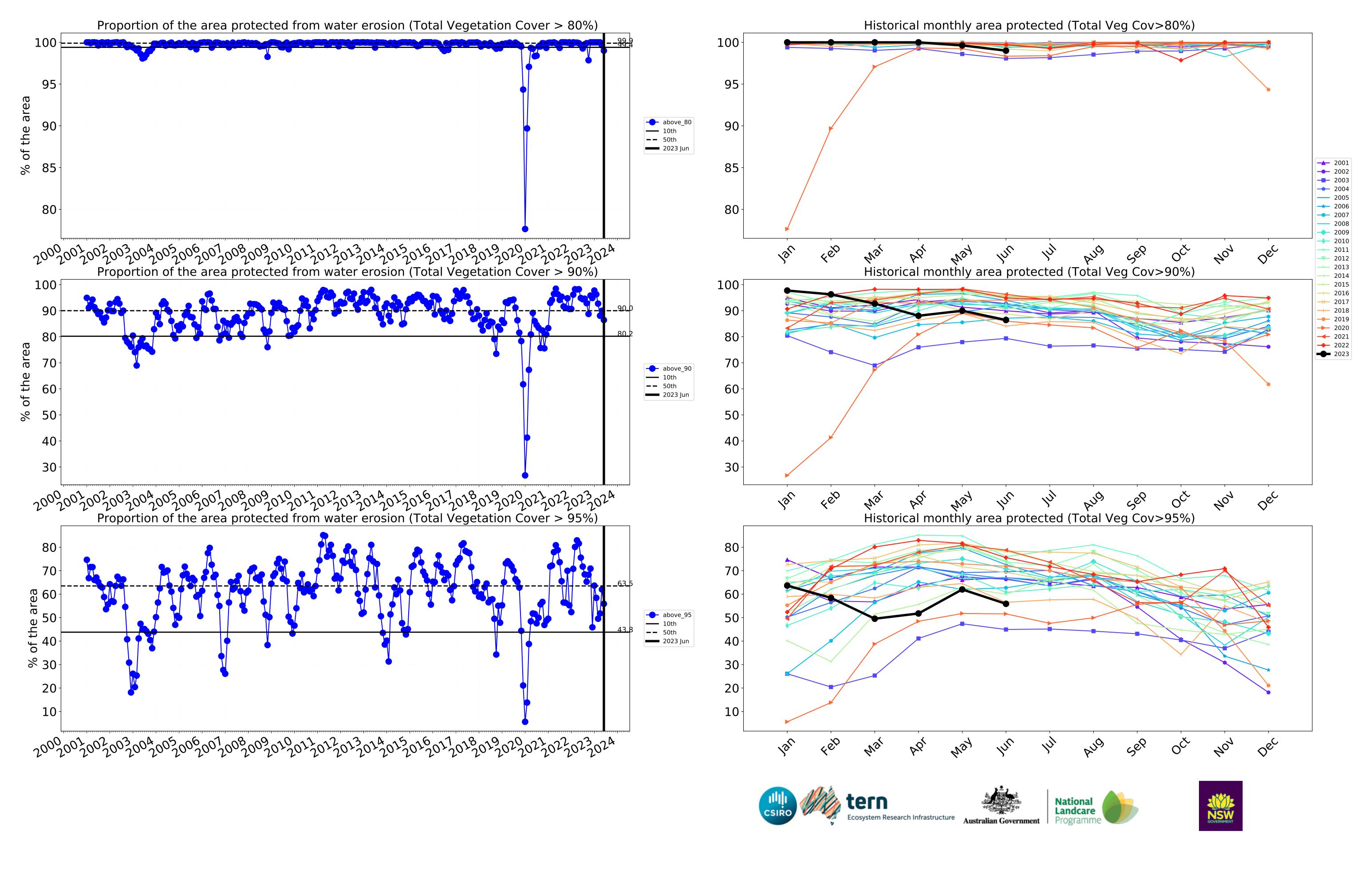




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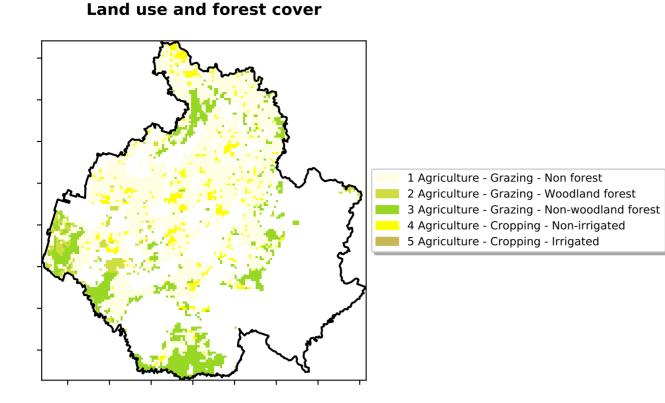


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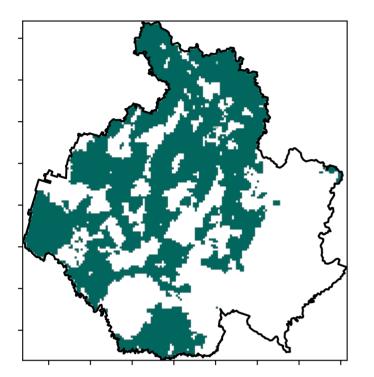


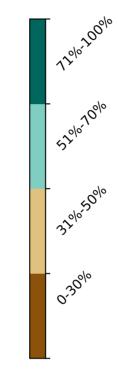
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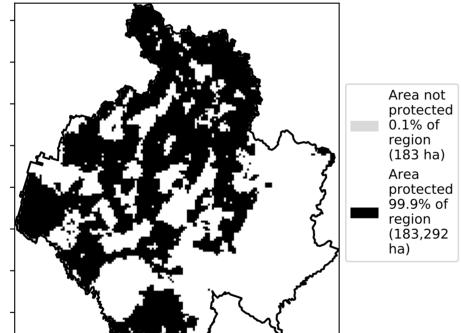


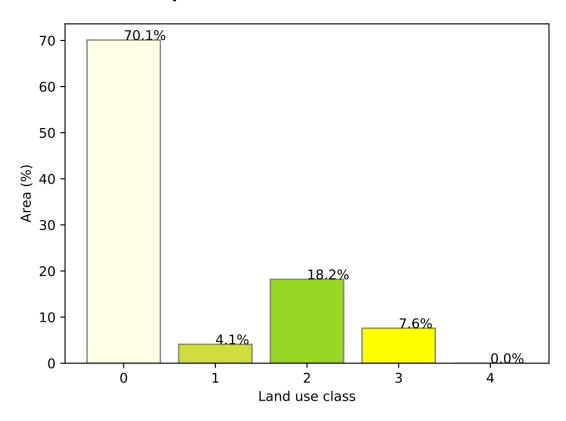
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





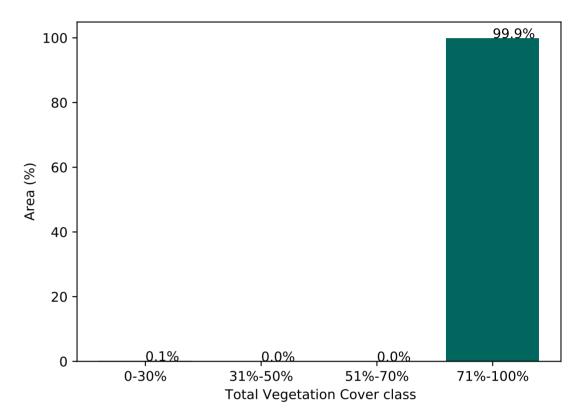
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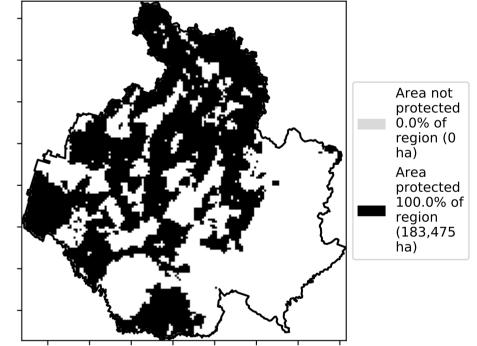


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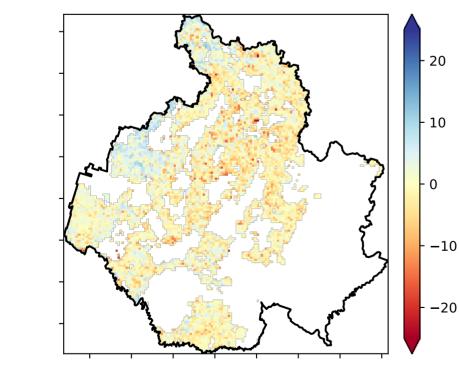
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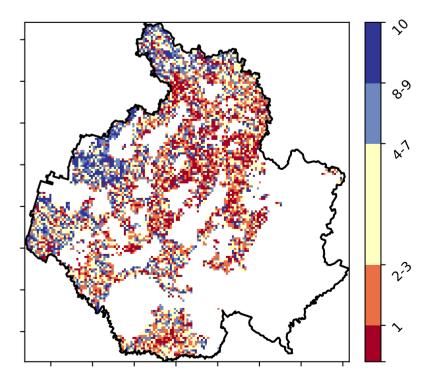


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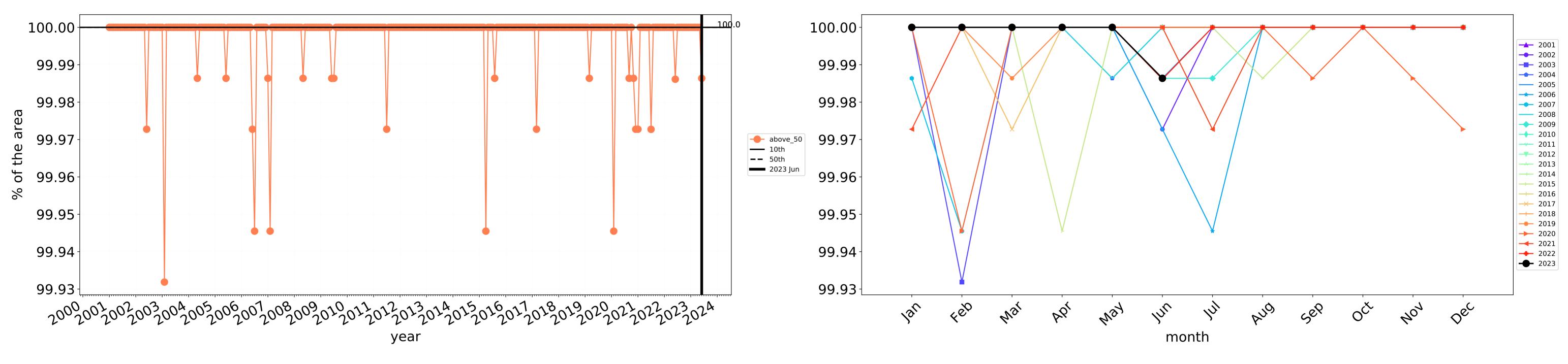
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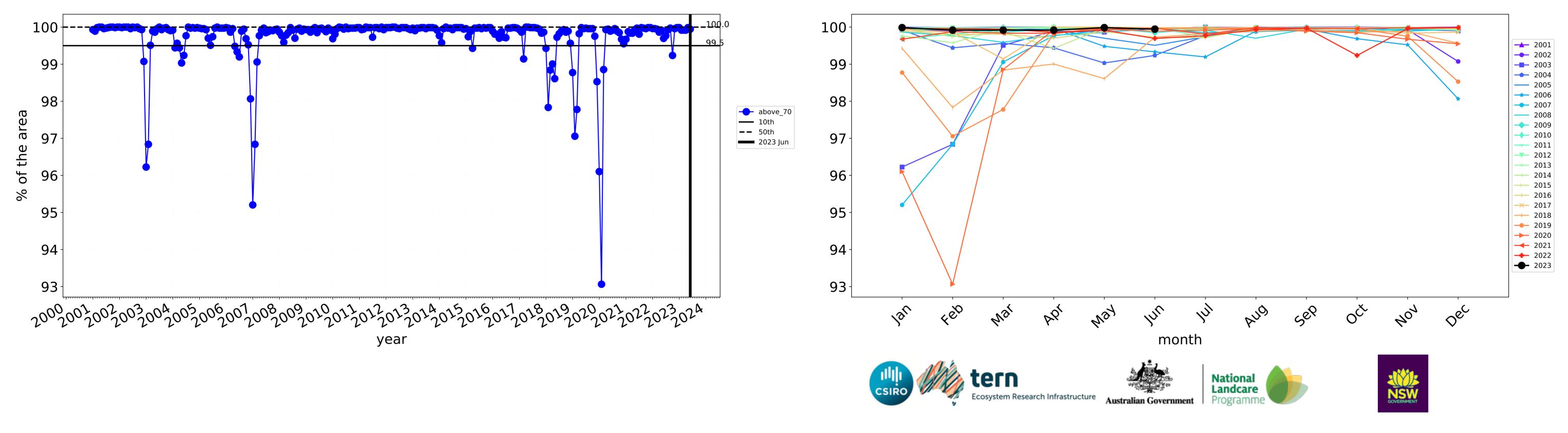


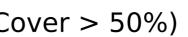


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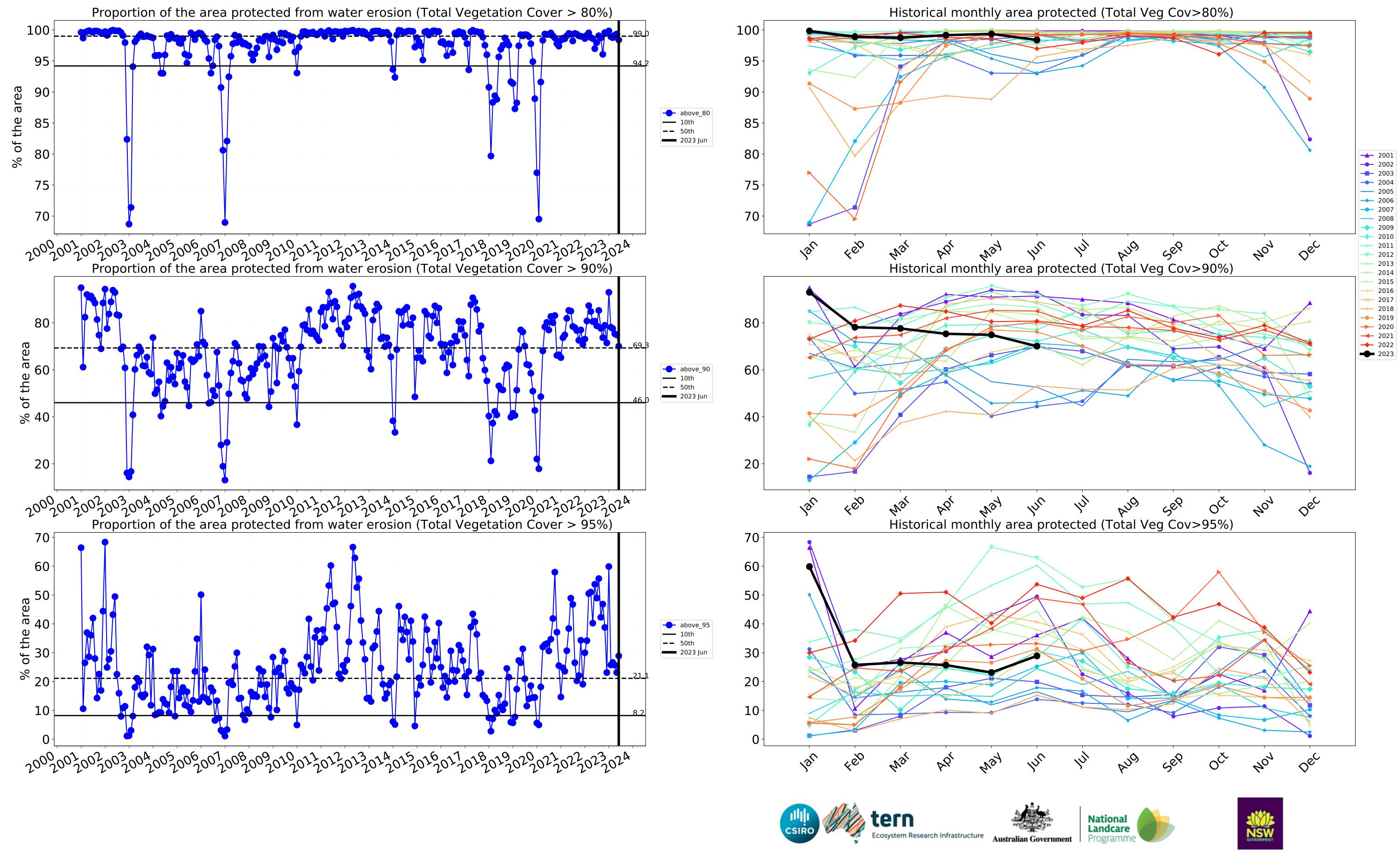
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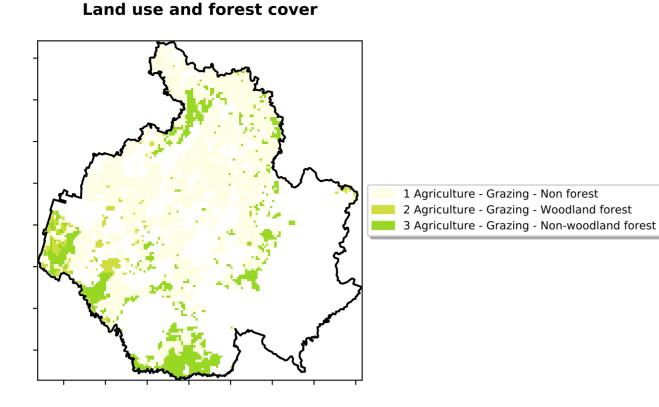
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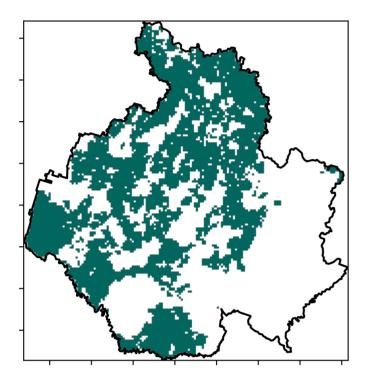


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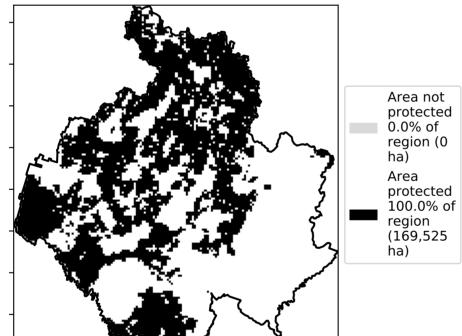
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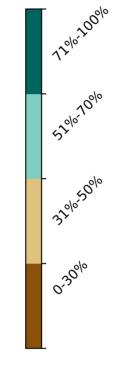


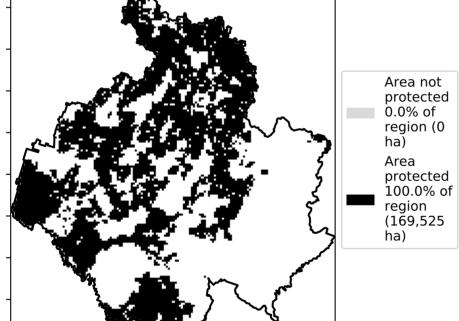
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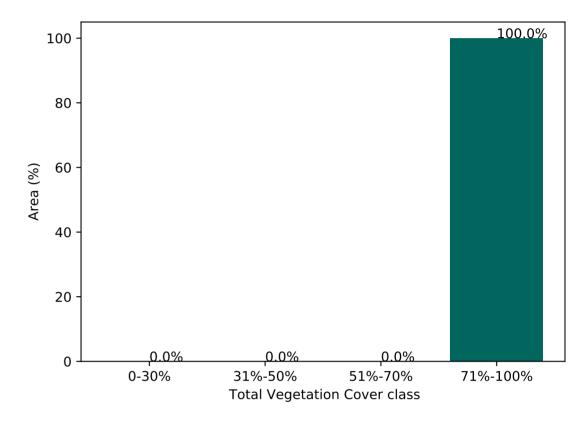




75.9% 70 60 50 Area (%) . . 30 19.7% 20 10 4.4% 0 1.0 2.5 -0.5 1.5 2.0 0.0 0.5 Land use class

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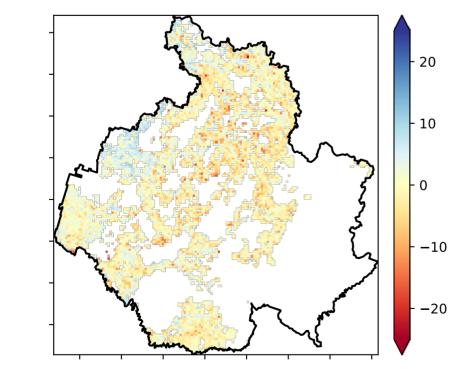
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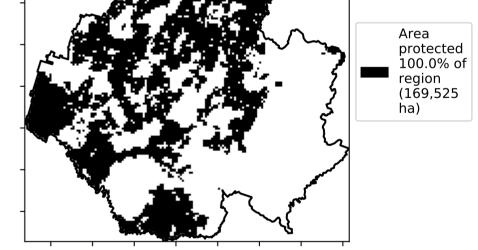
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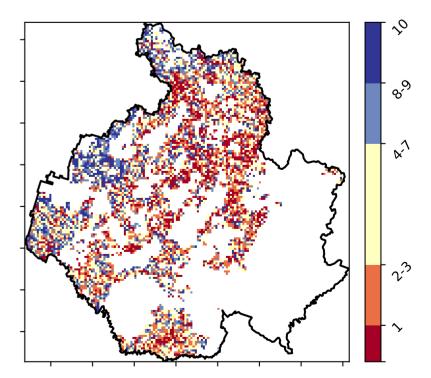
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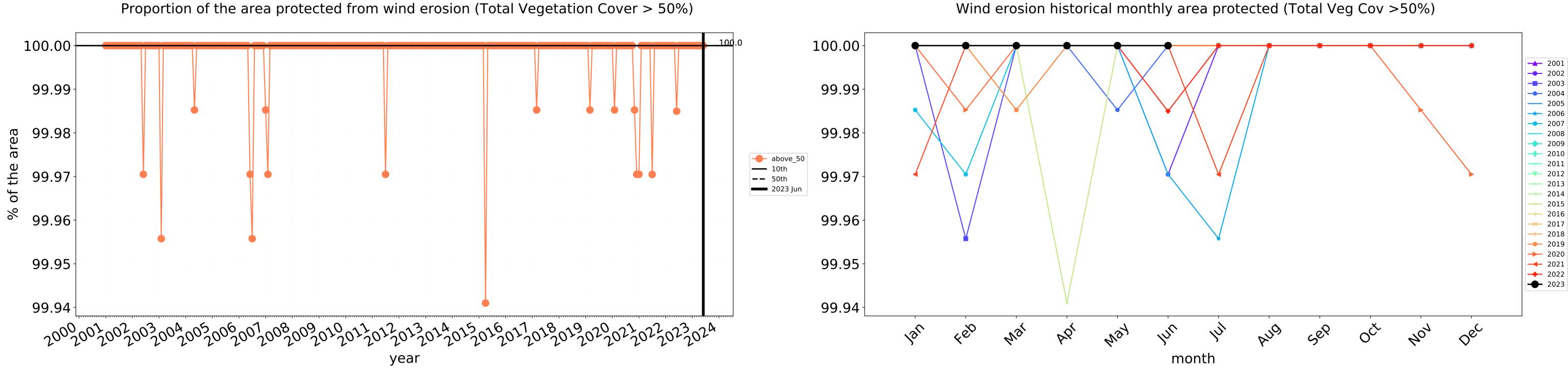
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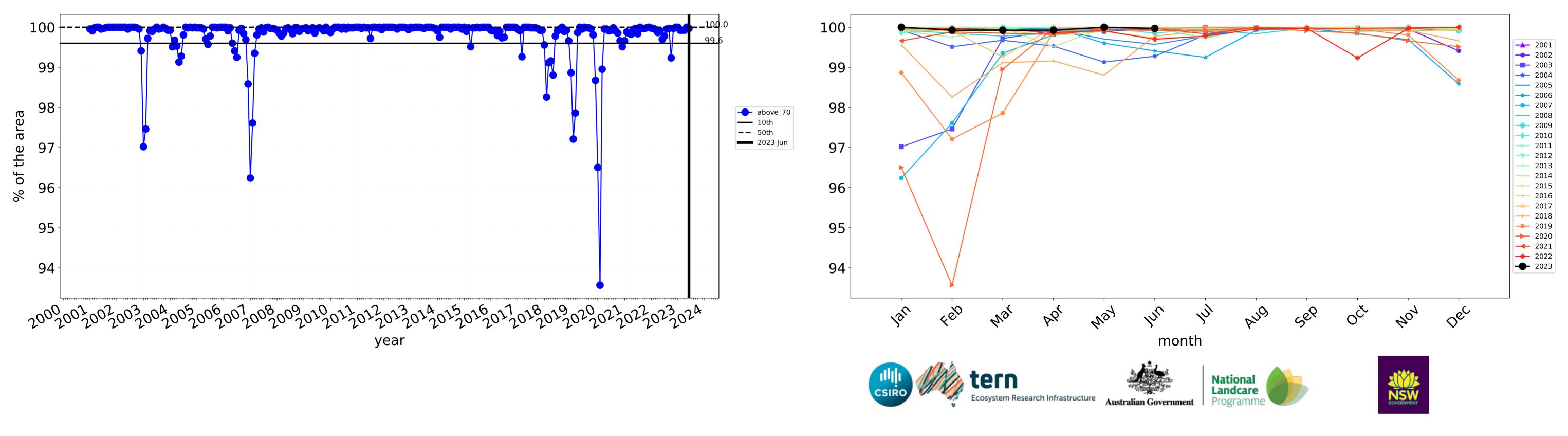




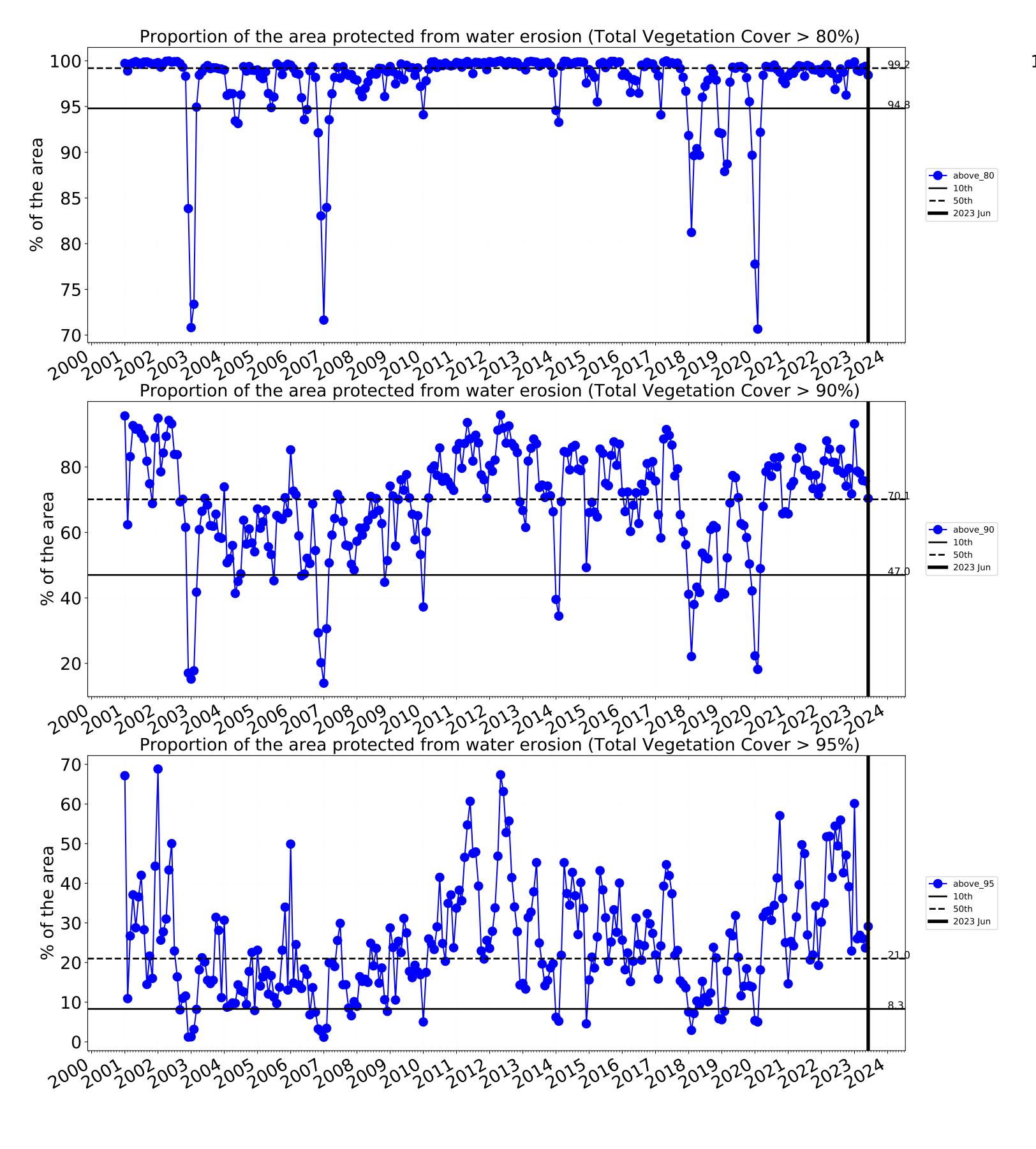


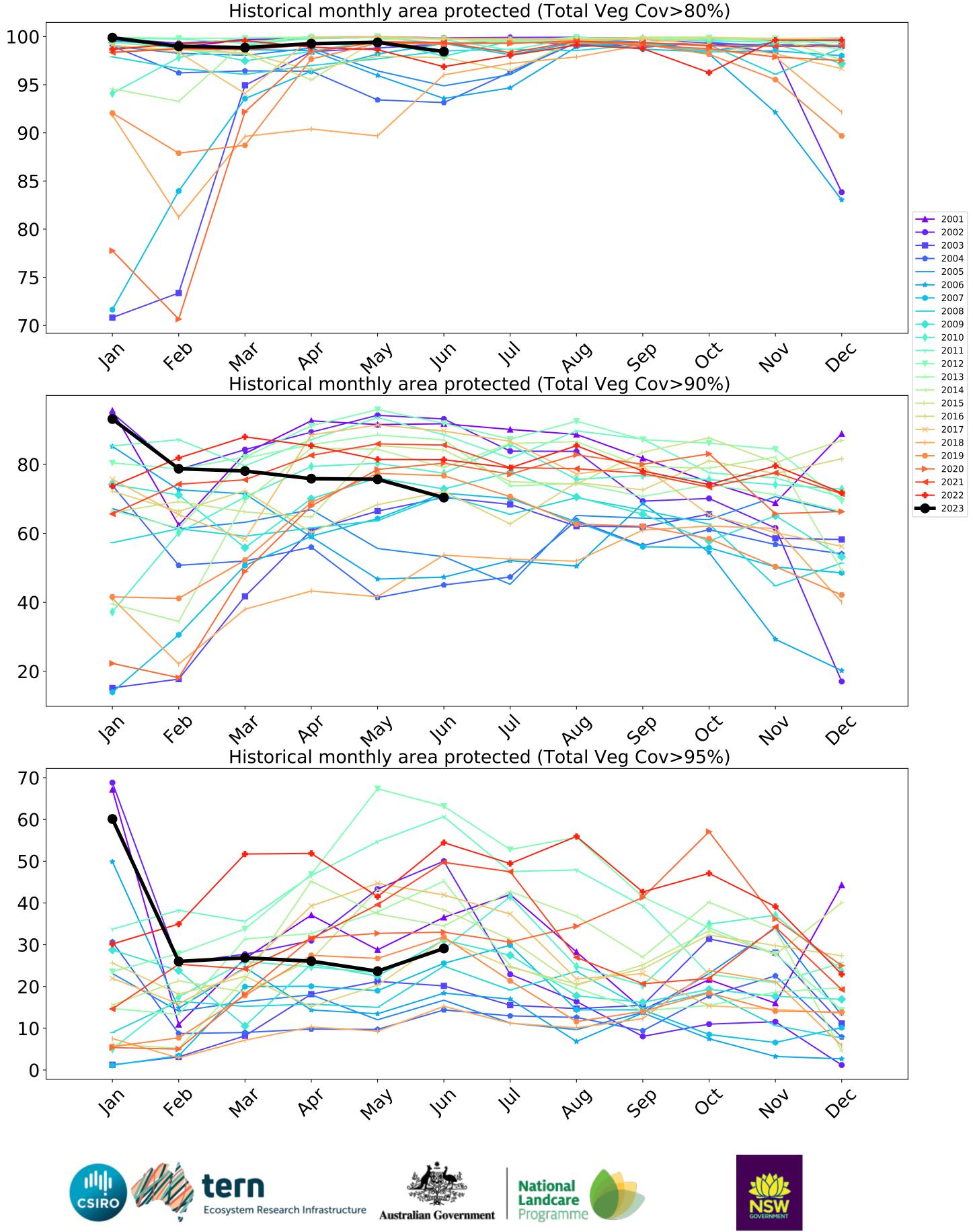
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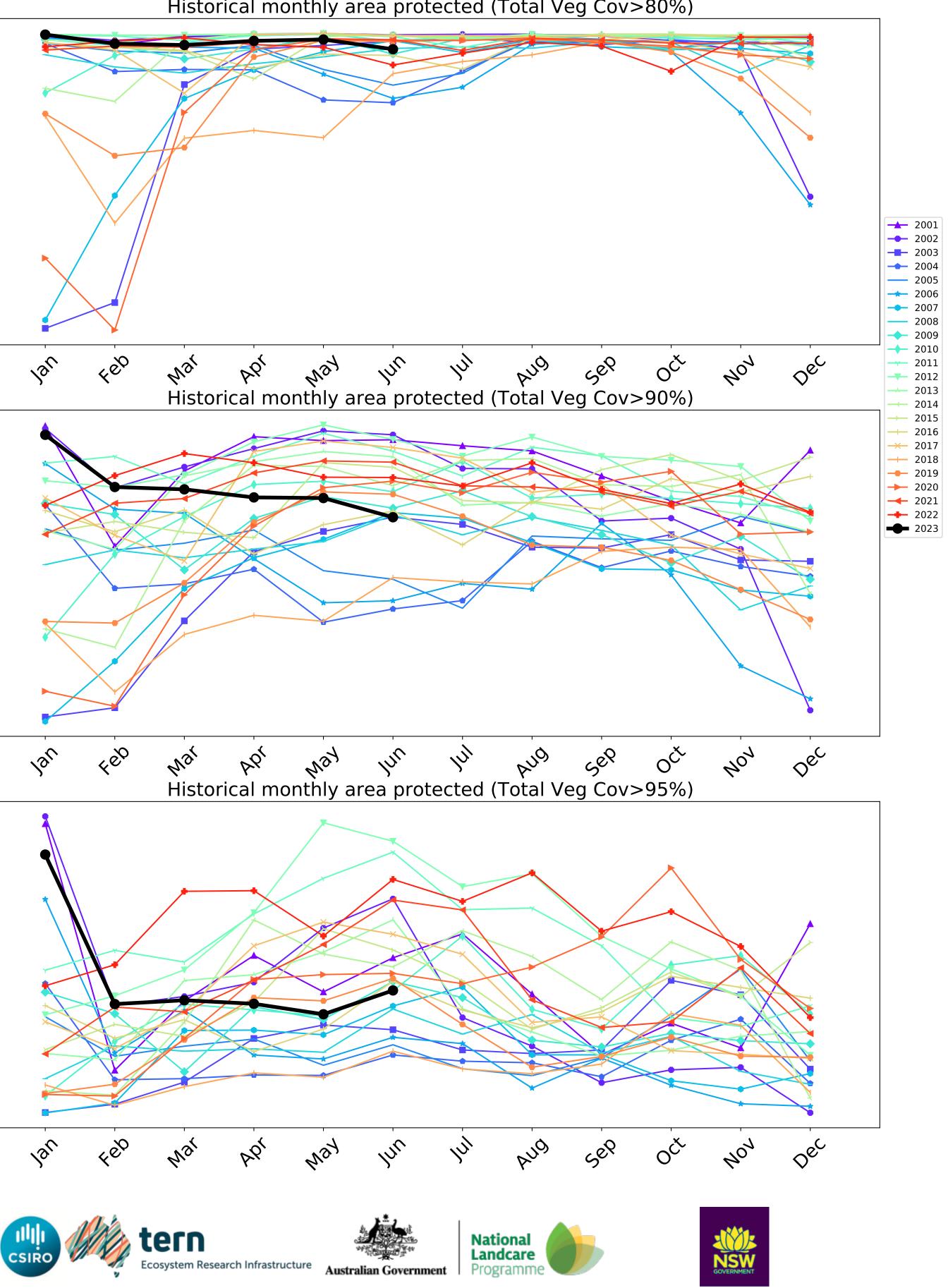




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

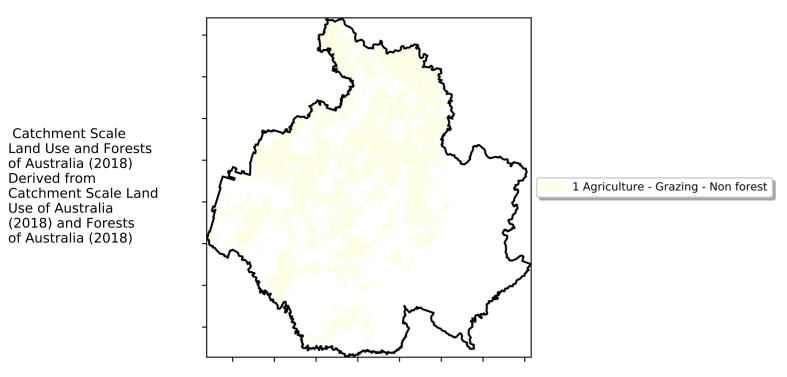




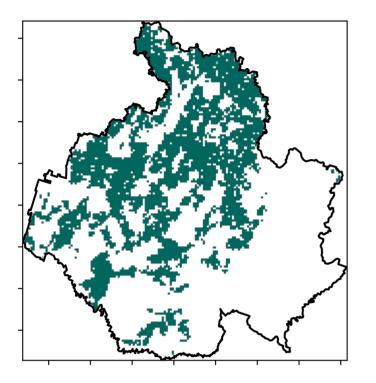


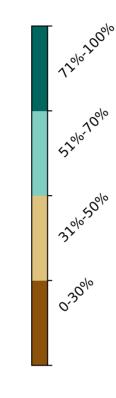
## **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover

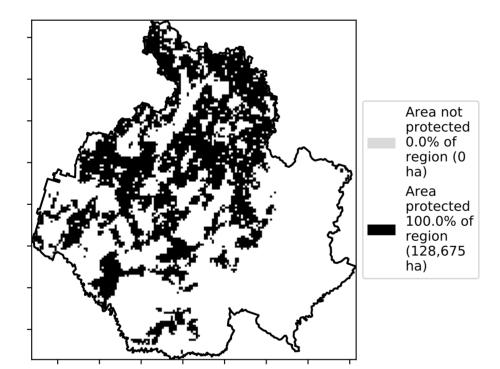


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

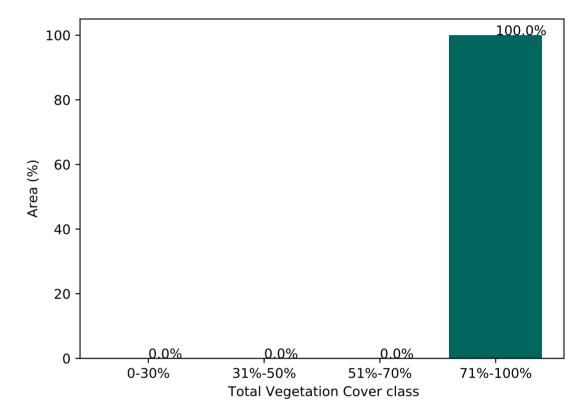




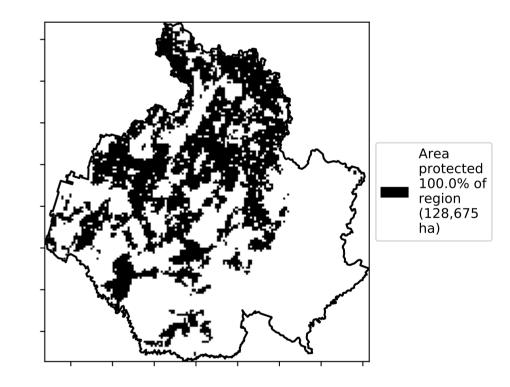
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



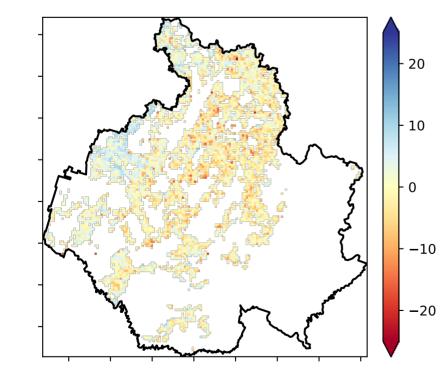




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

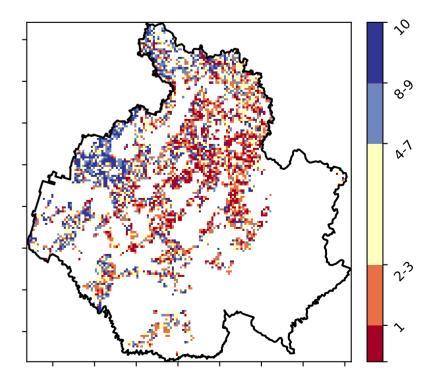


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



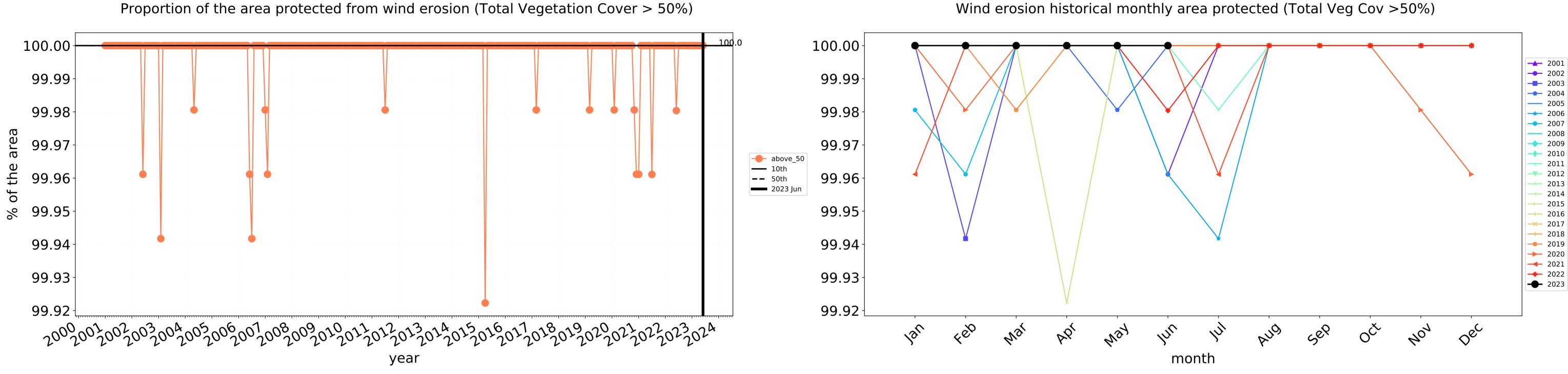


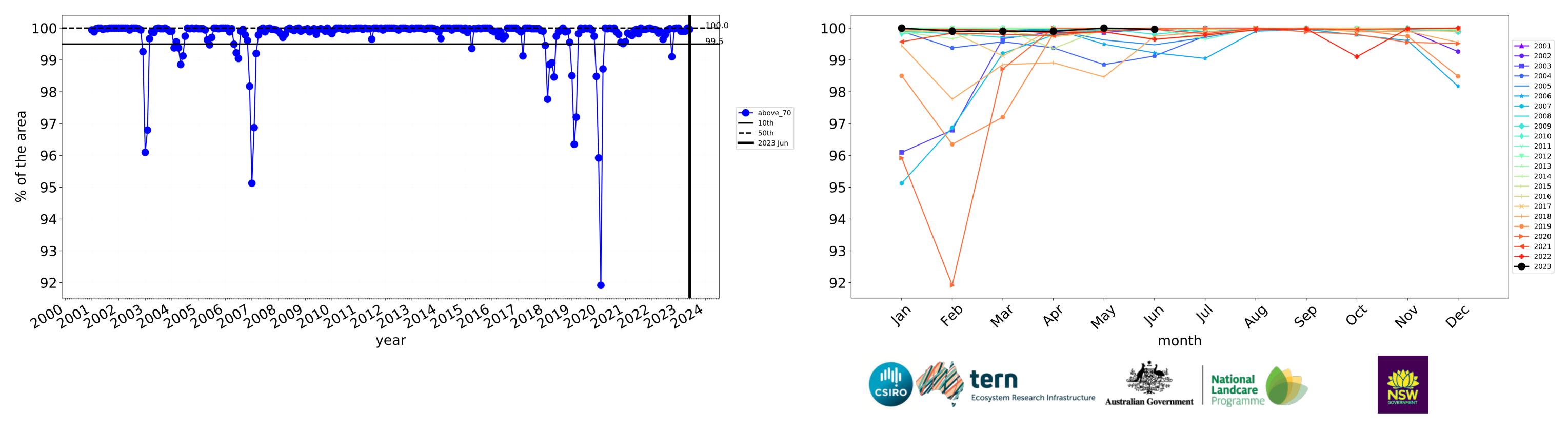


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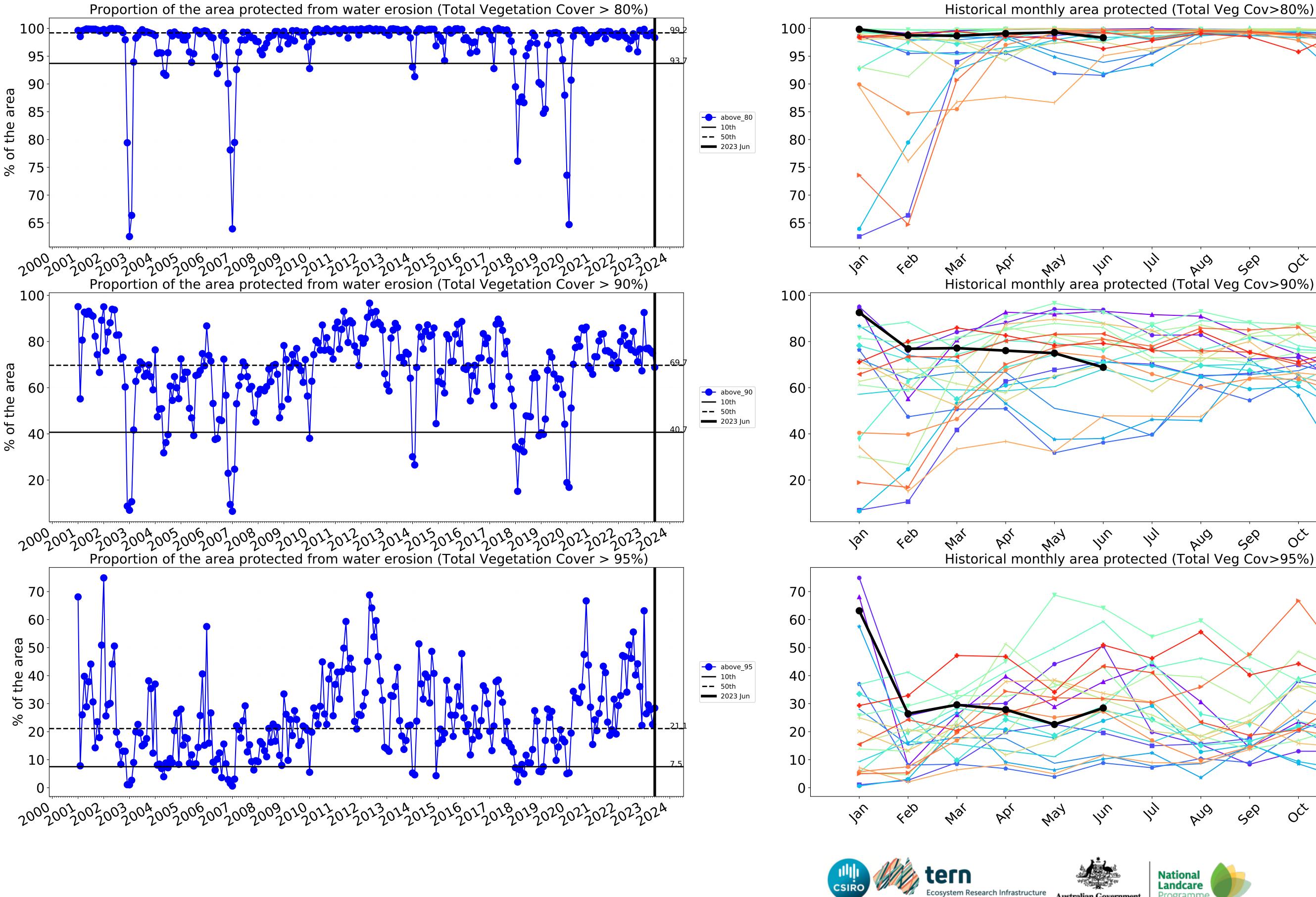
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



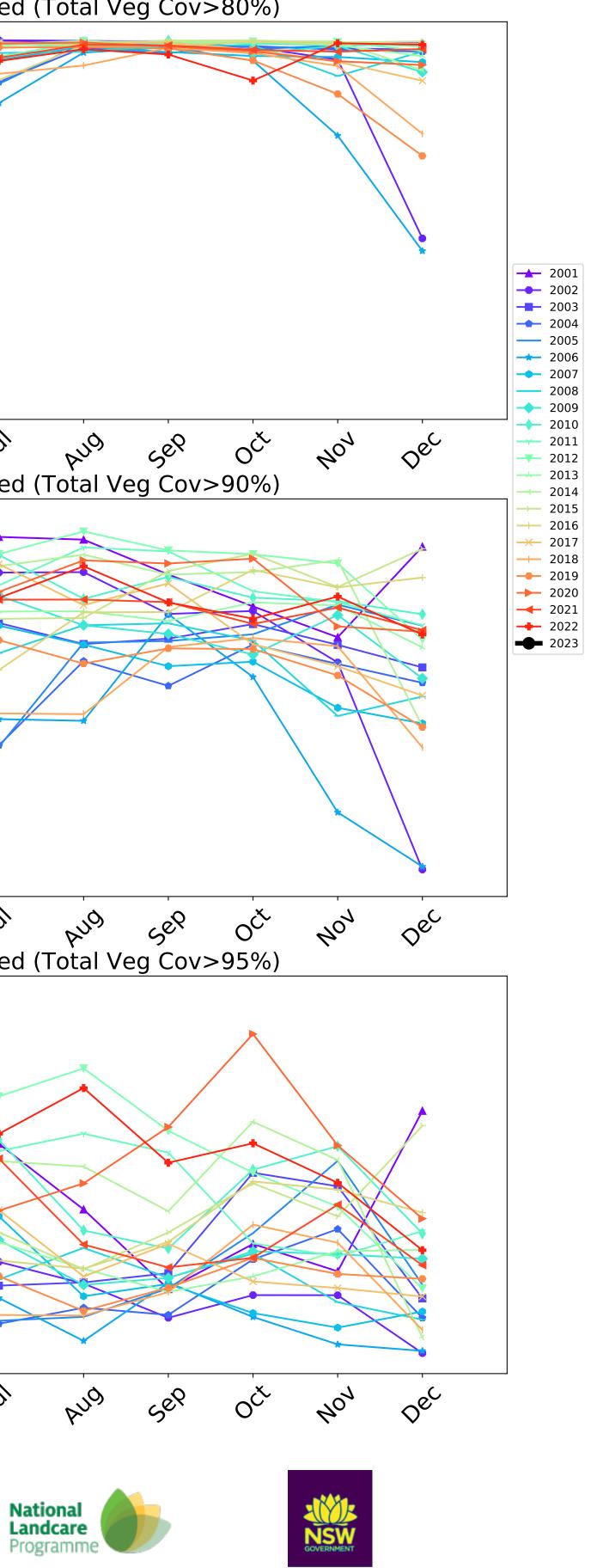
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

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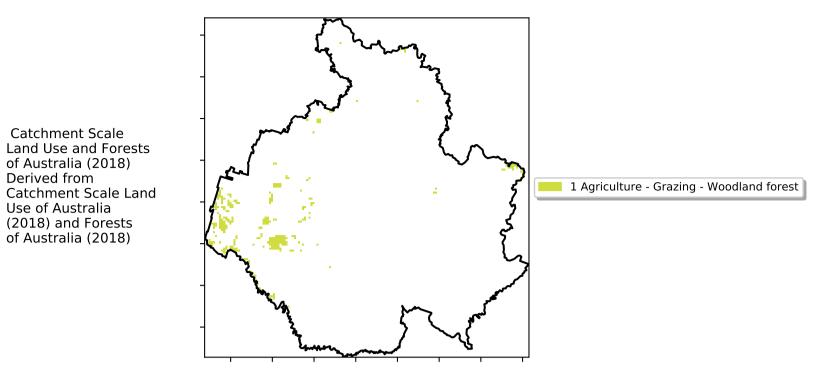
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Ecosystem Research Infrastructure

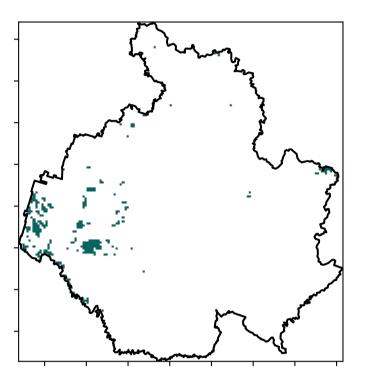


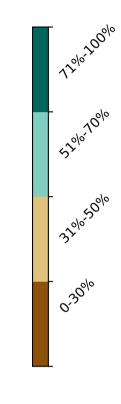
## **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

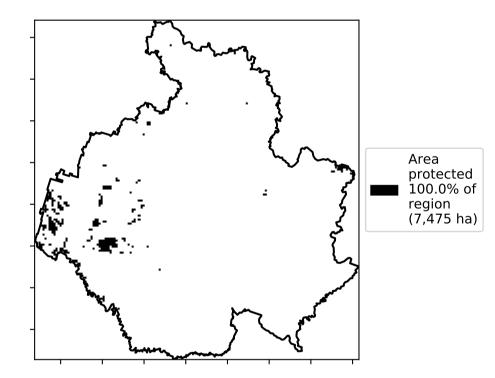


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

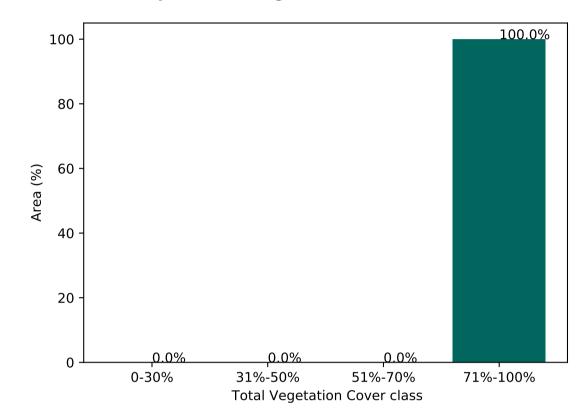




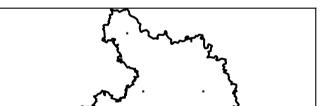
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



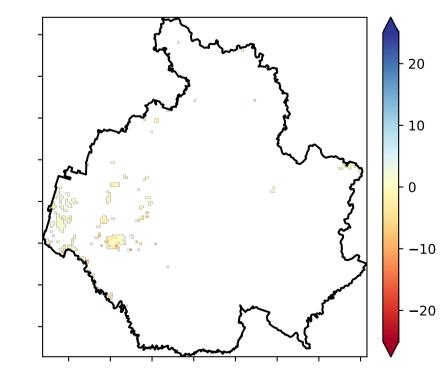




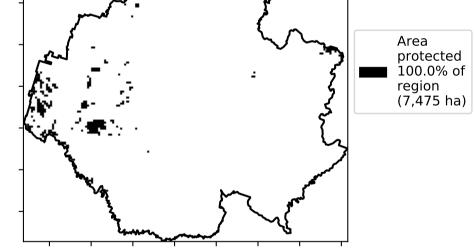
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



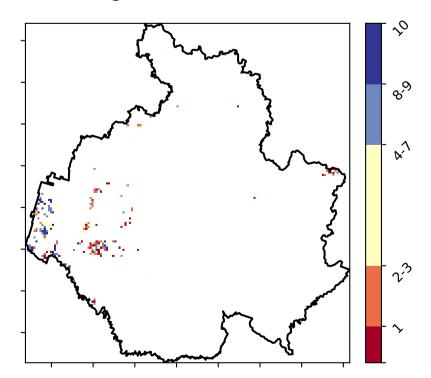
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





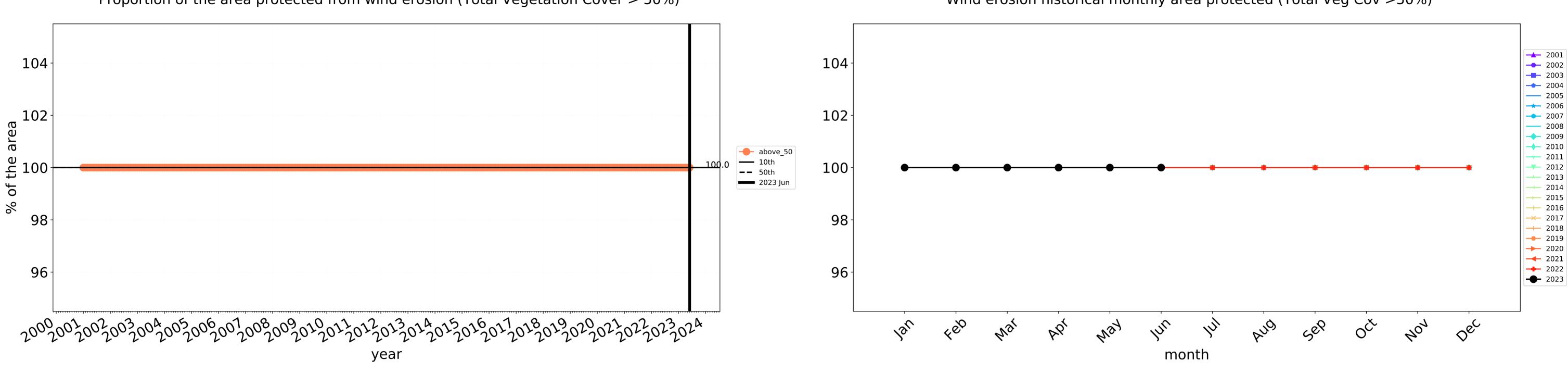
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Catchment Scale

Derived from

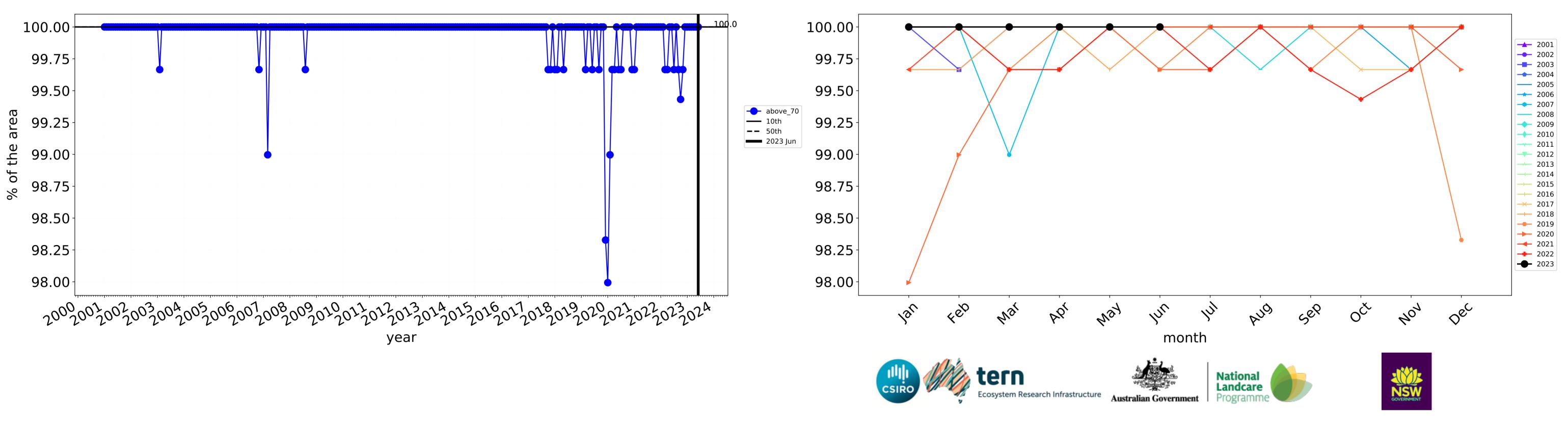
Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



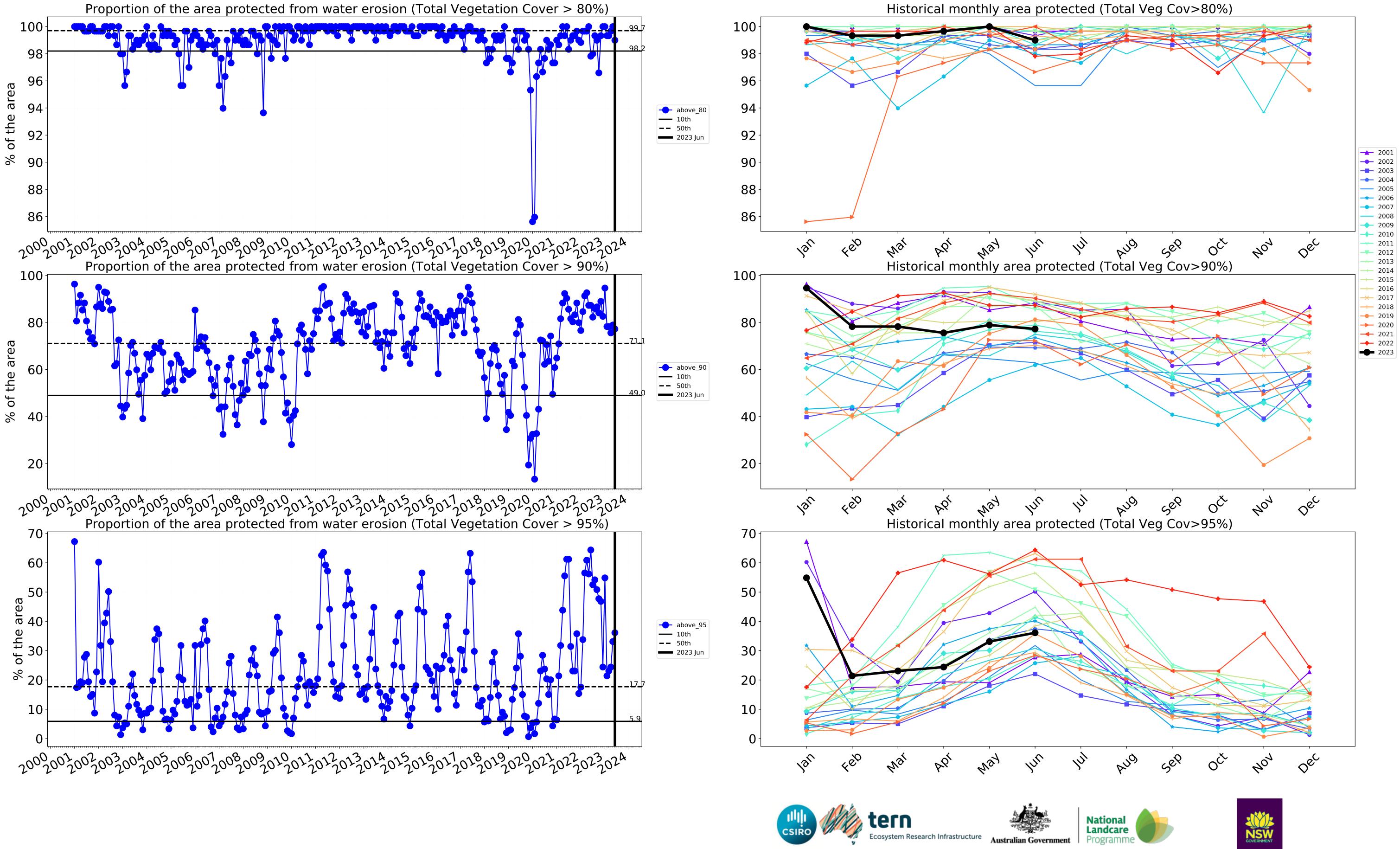
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

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



### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

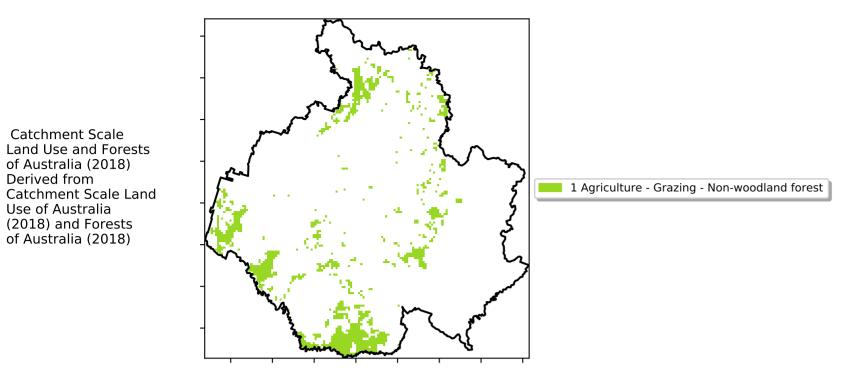
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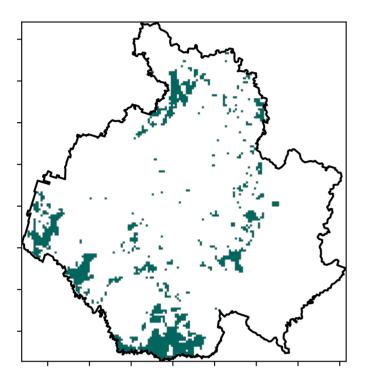
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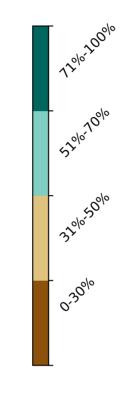
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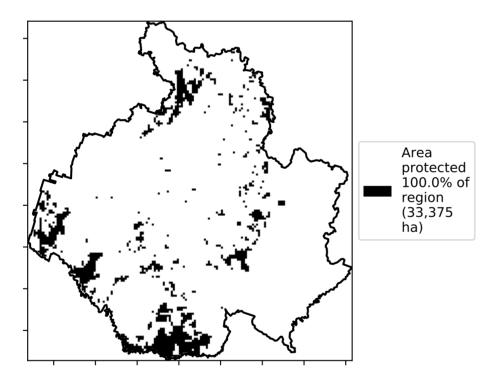


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

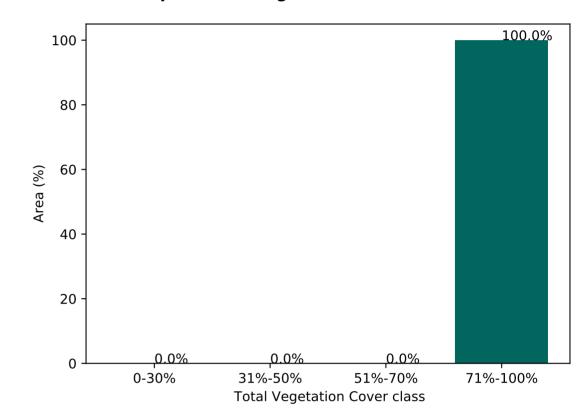




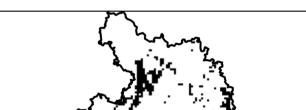
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



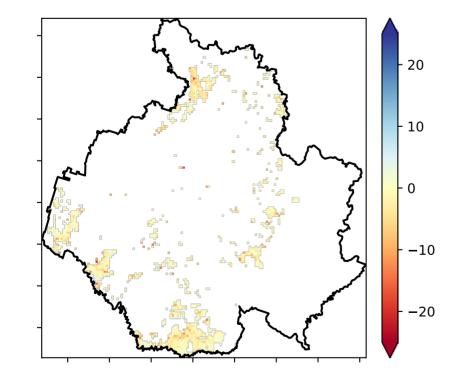
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



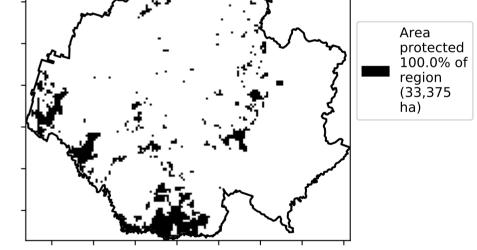
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



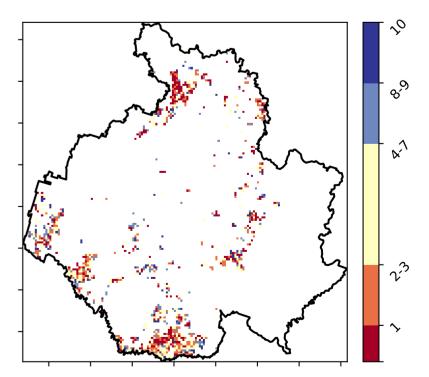
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



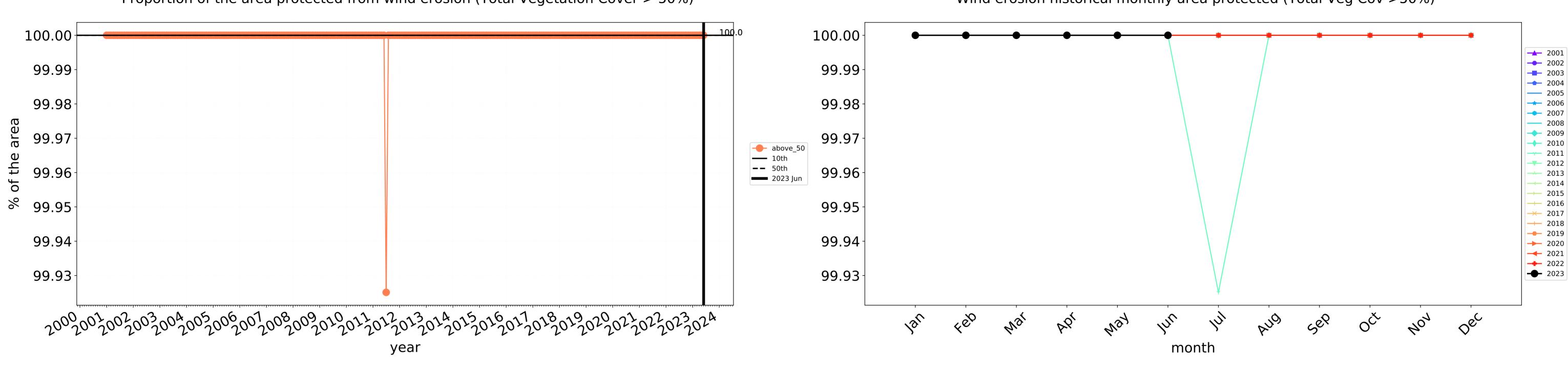
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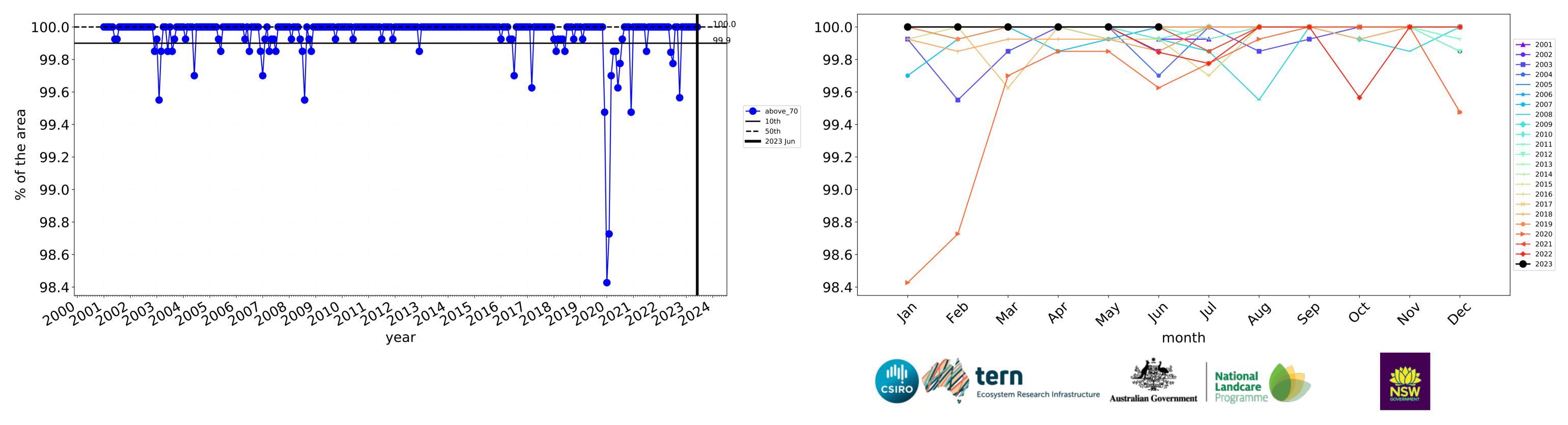
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





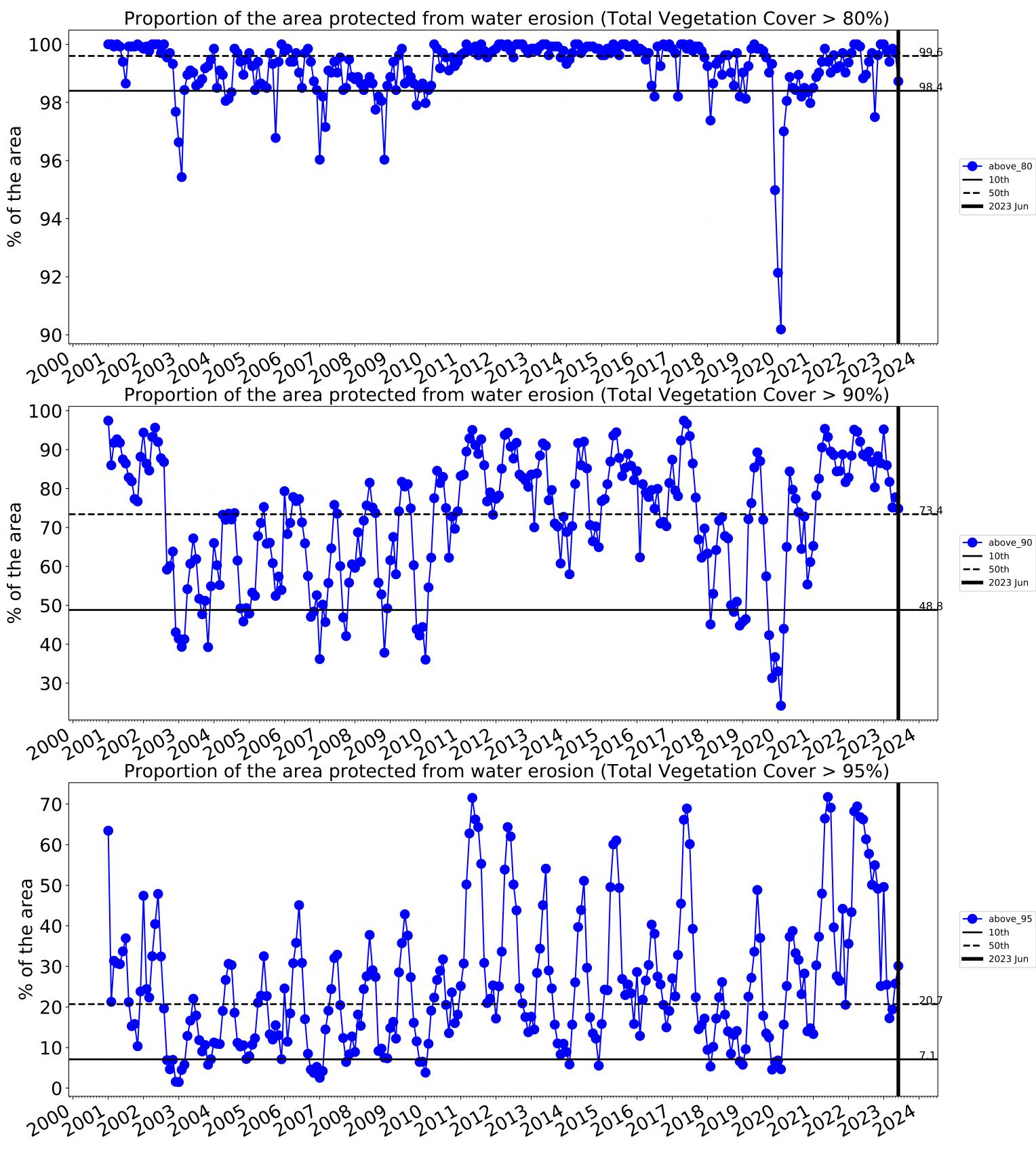


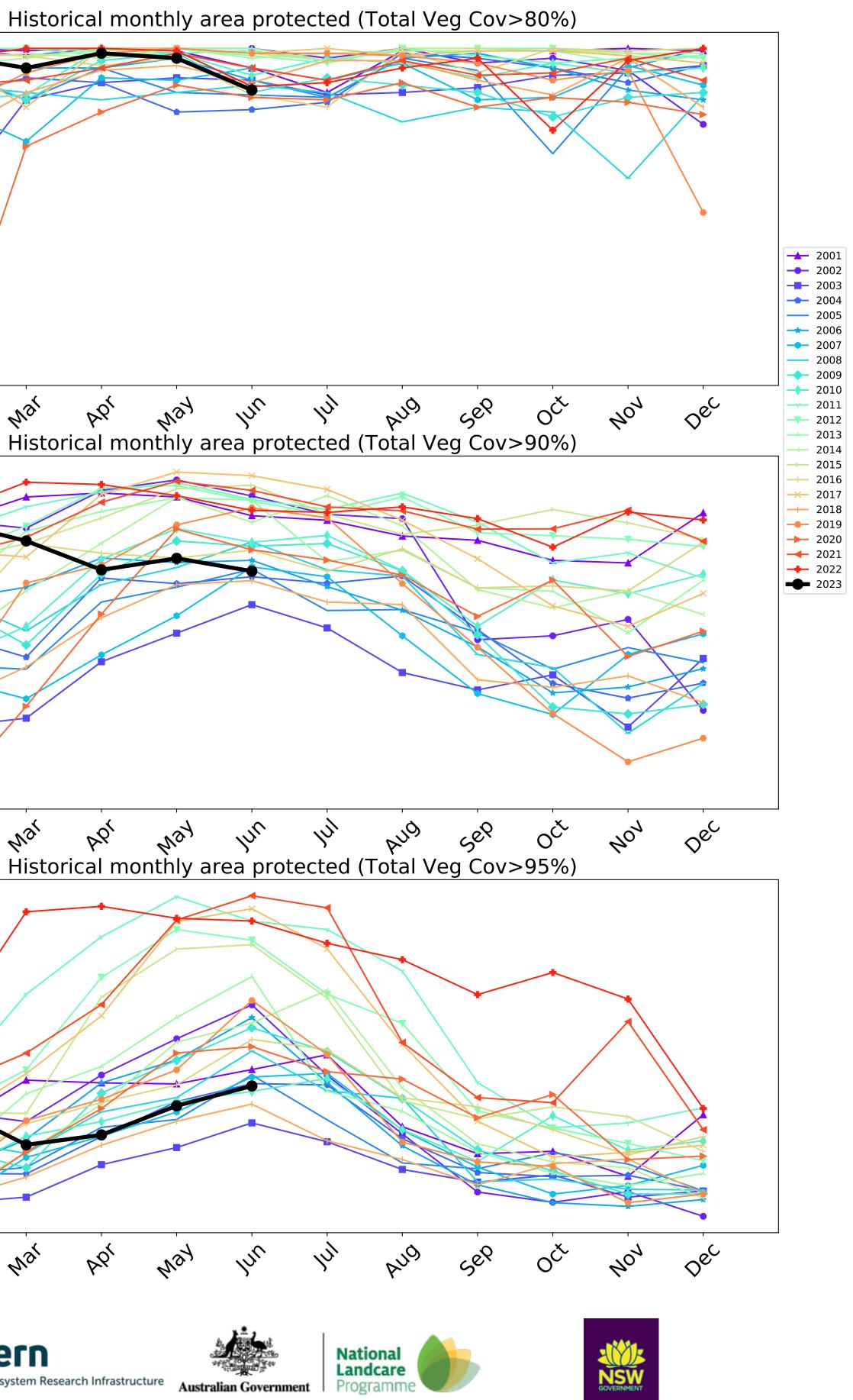
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

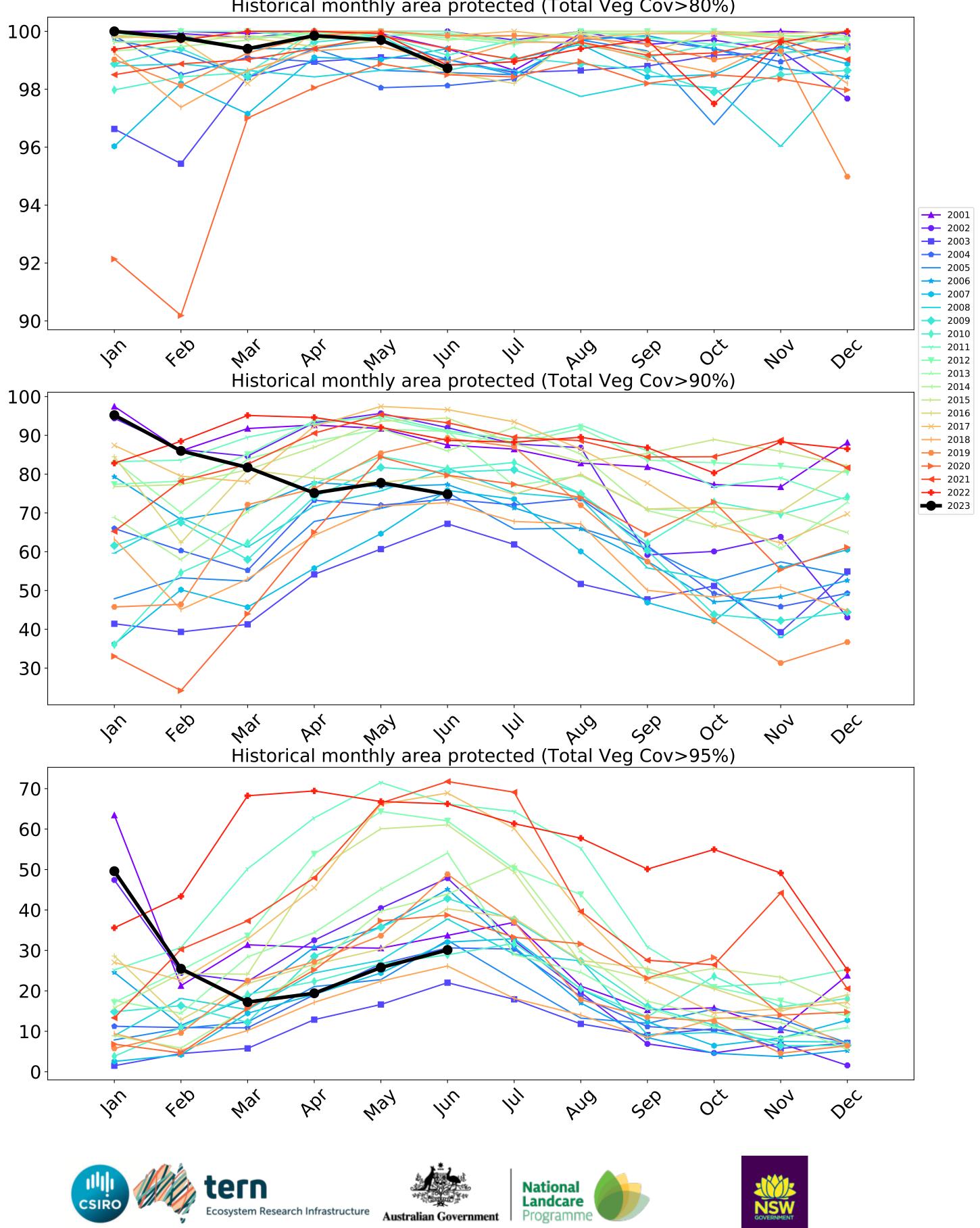


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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



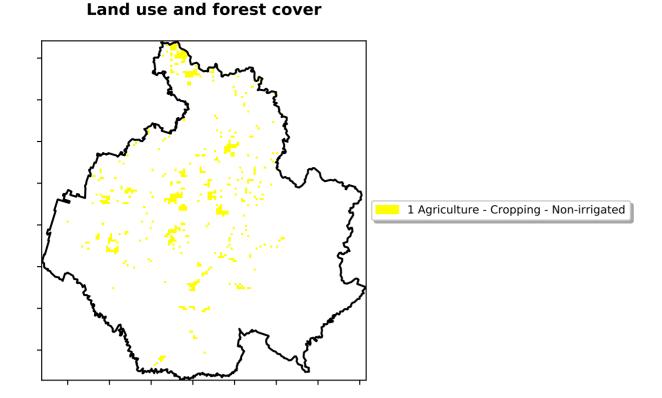




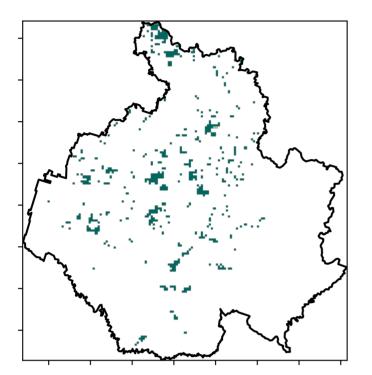


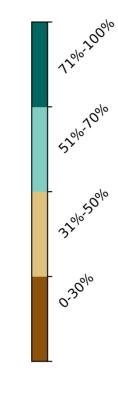
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Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

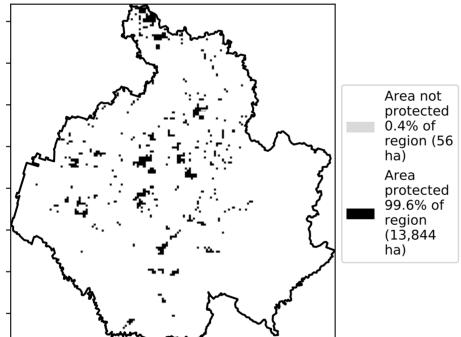


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

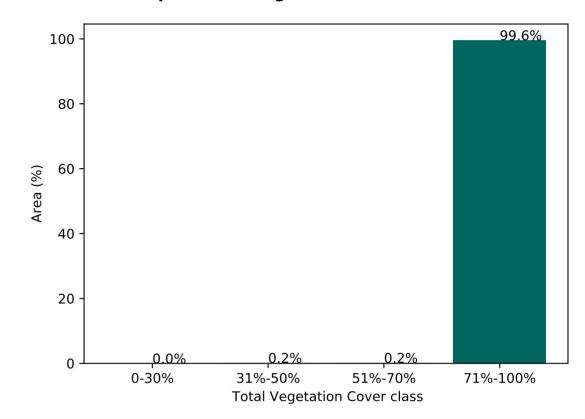




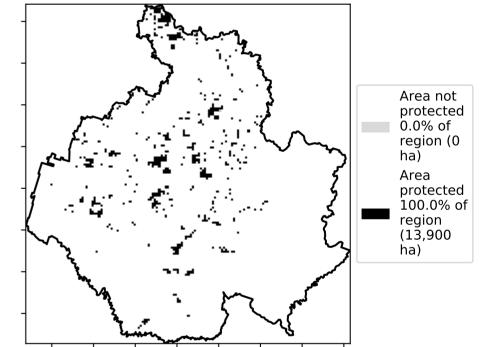
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



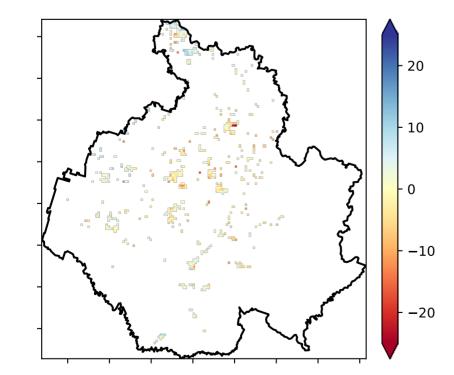
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

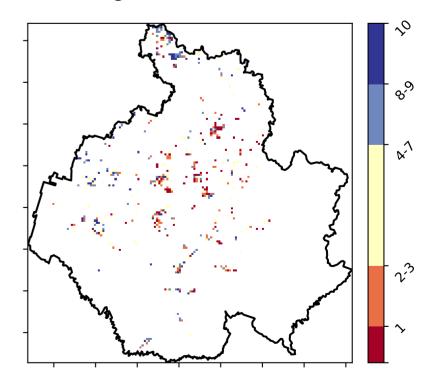


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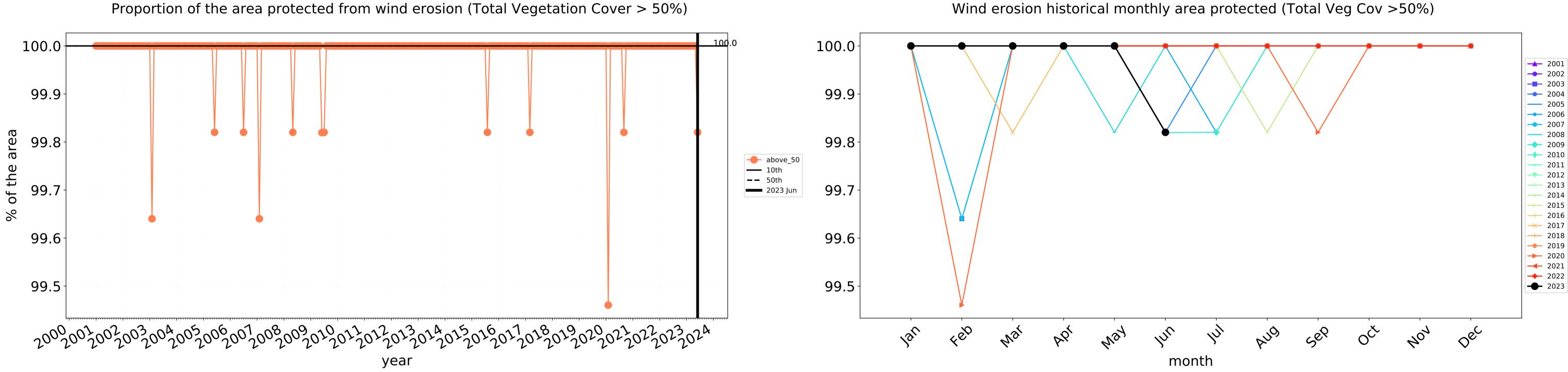
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

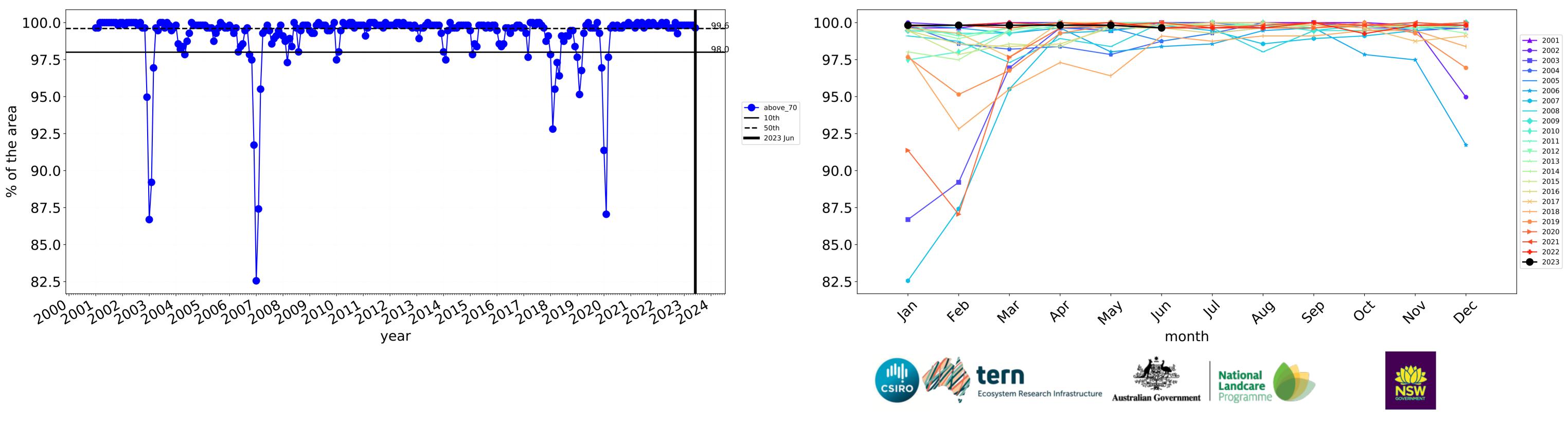




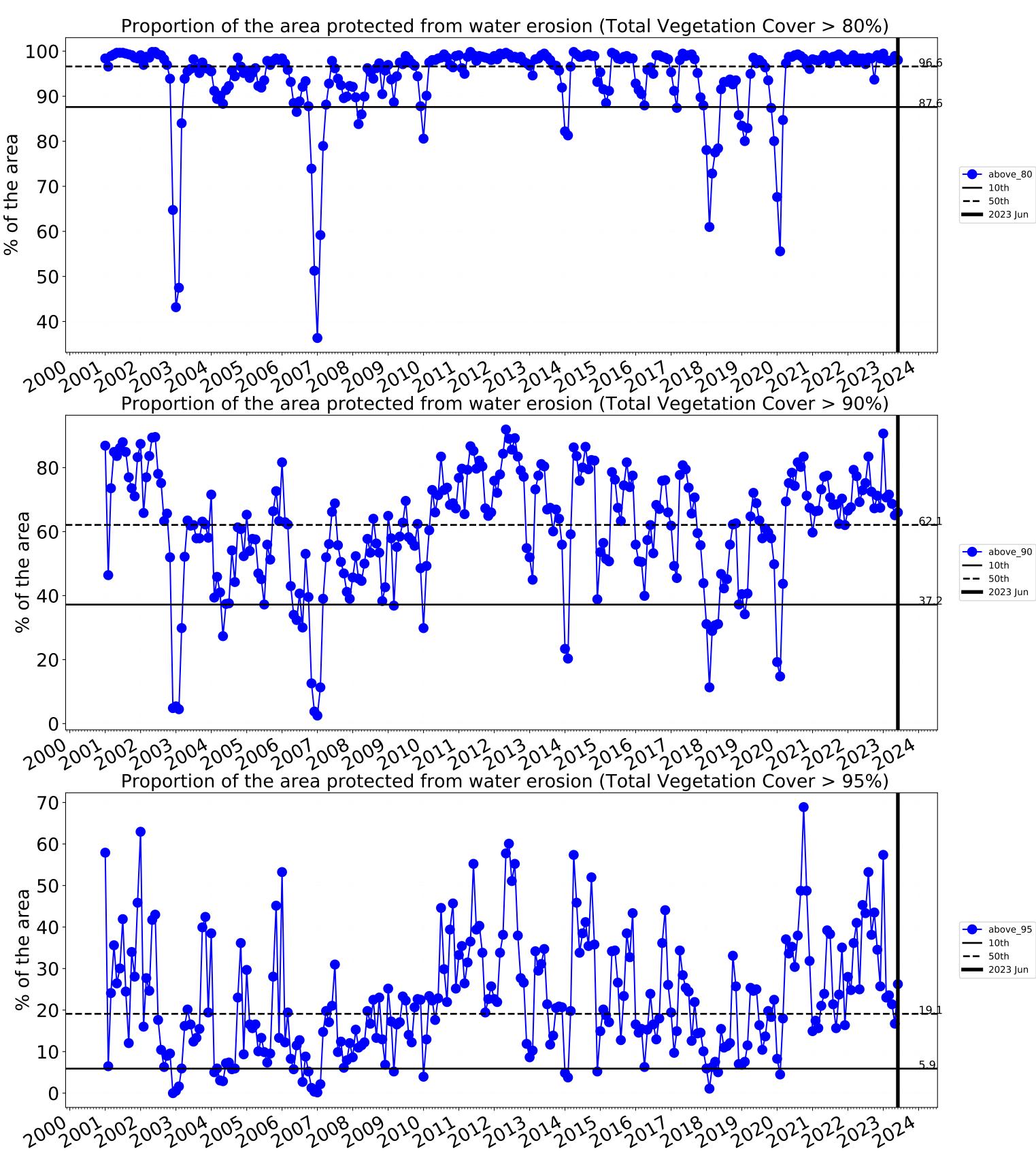
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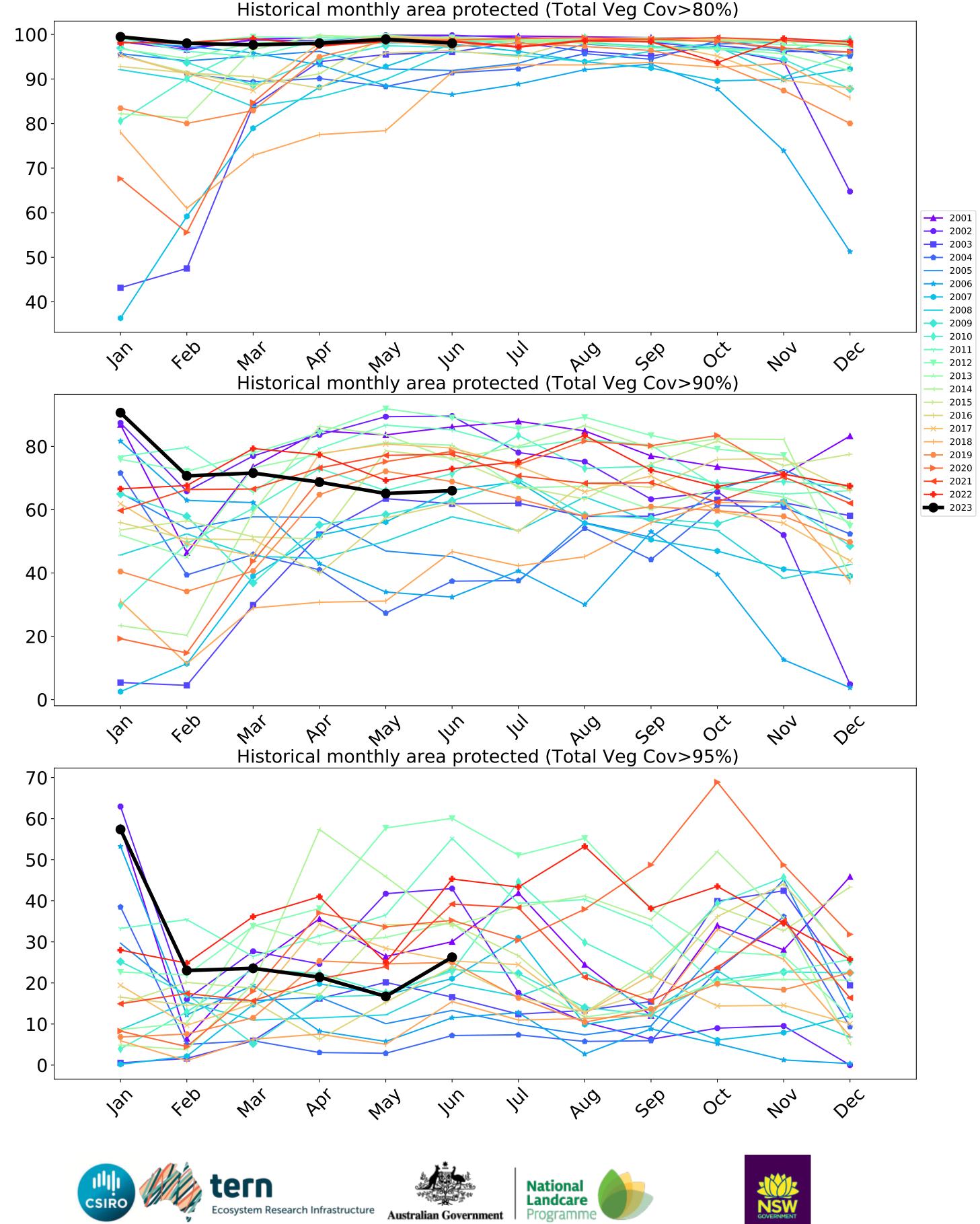








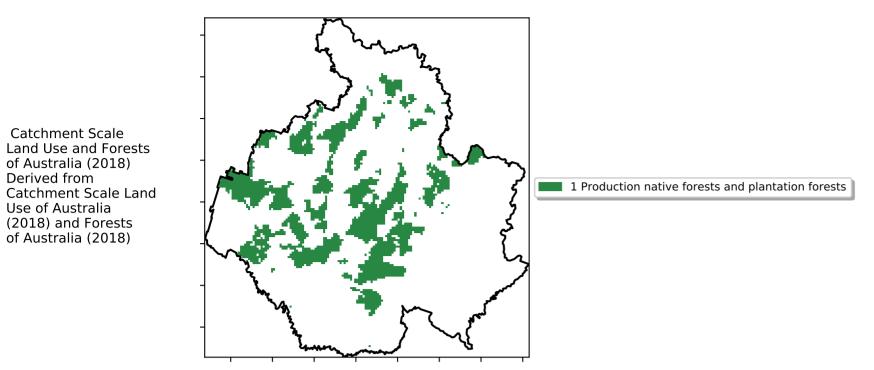




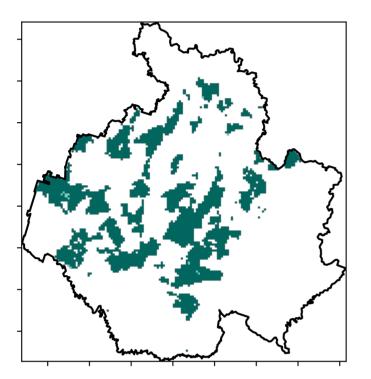


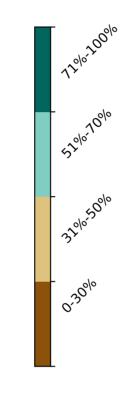
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

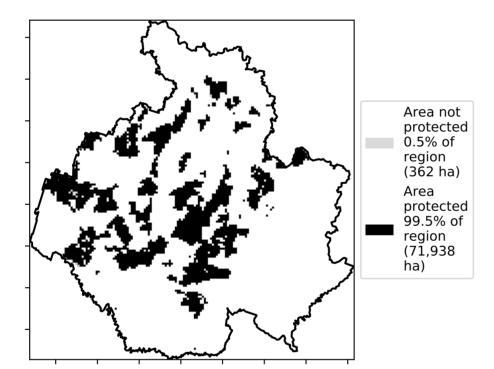


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

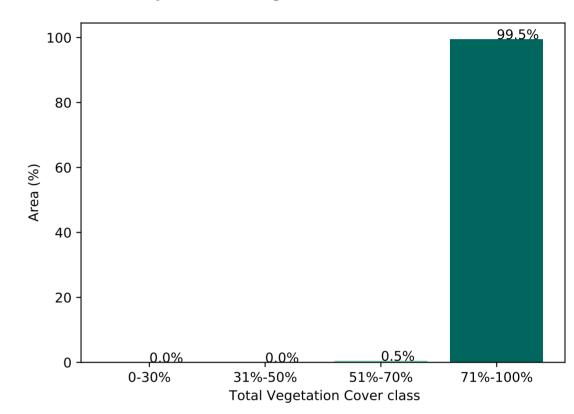




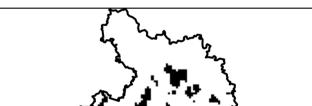
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



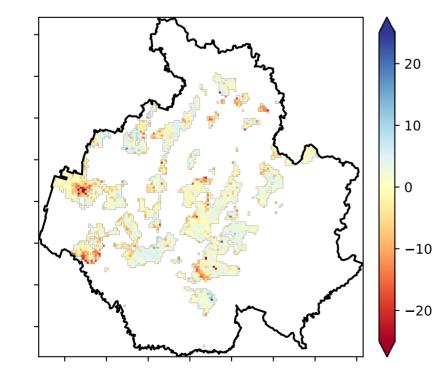




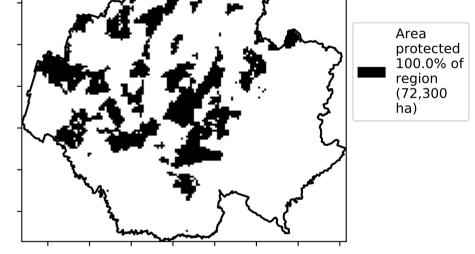
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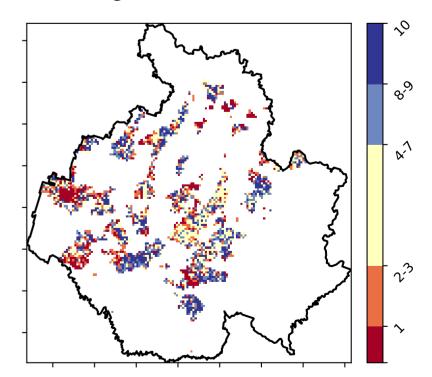
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





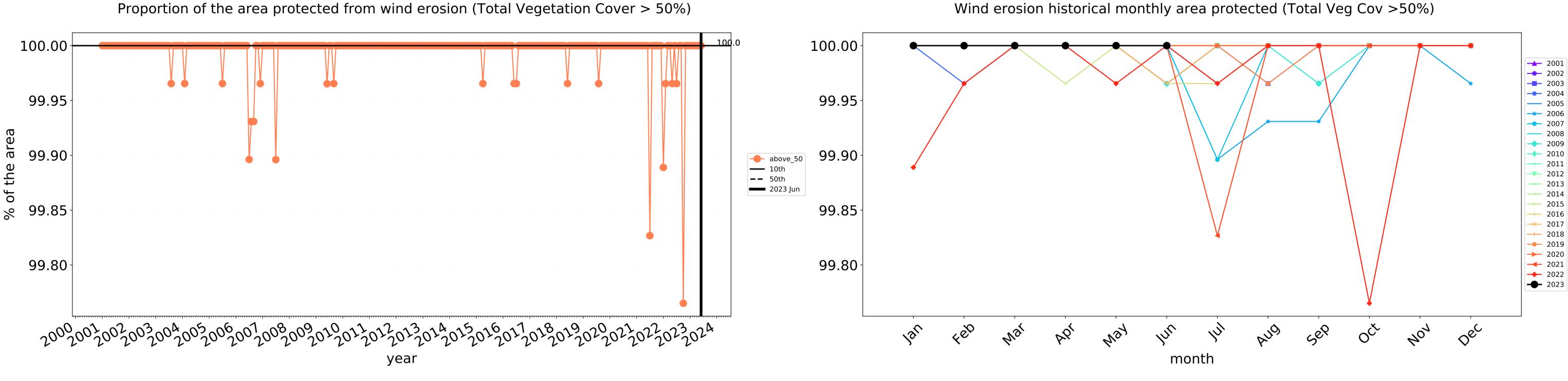
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Catchment Scale

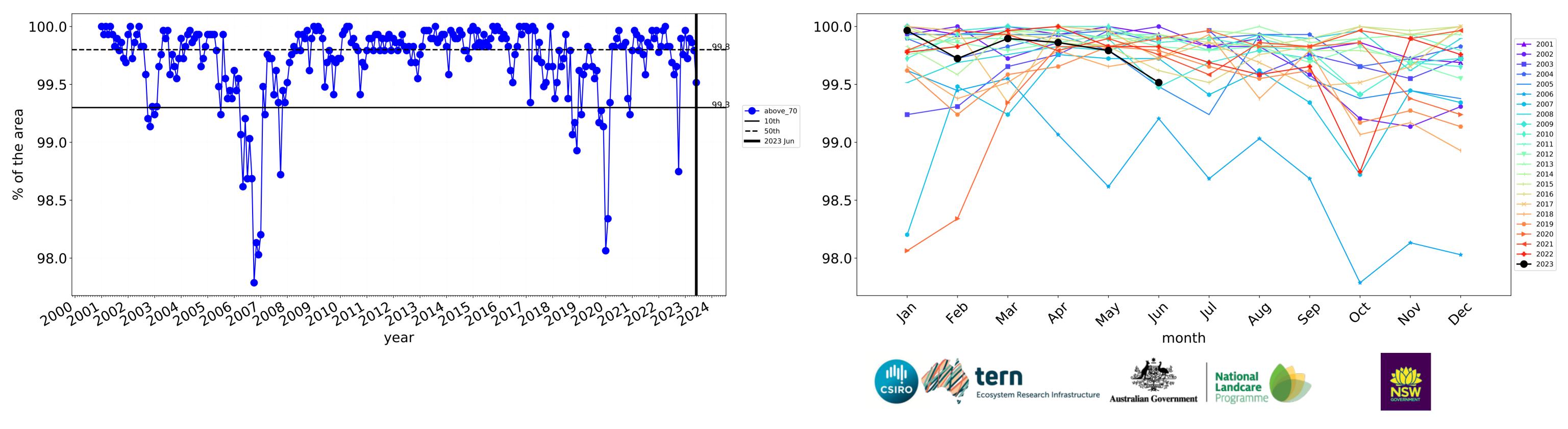
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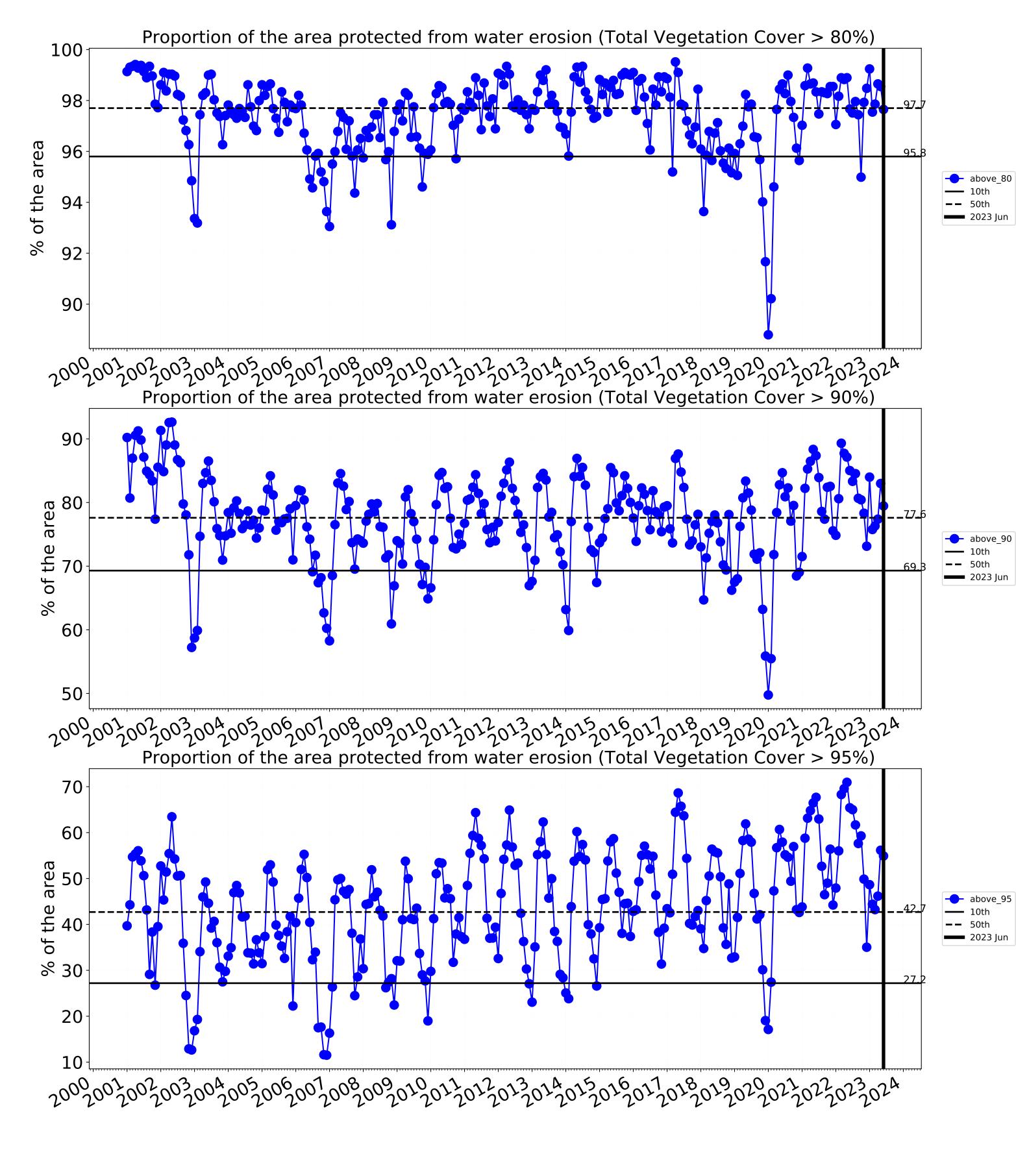
## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

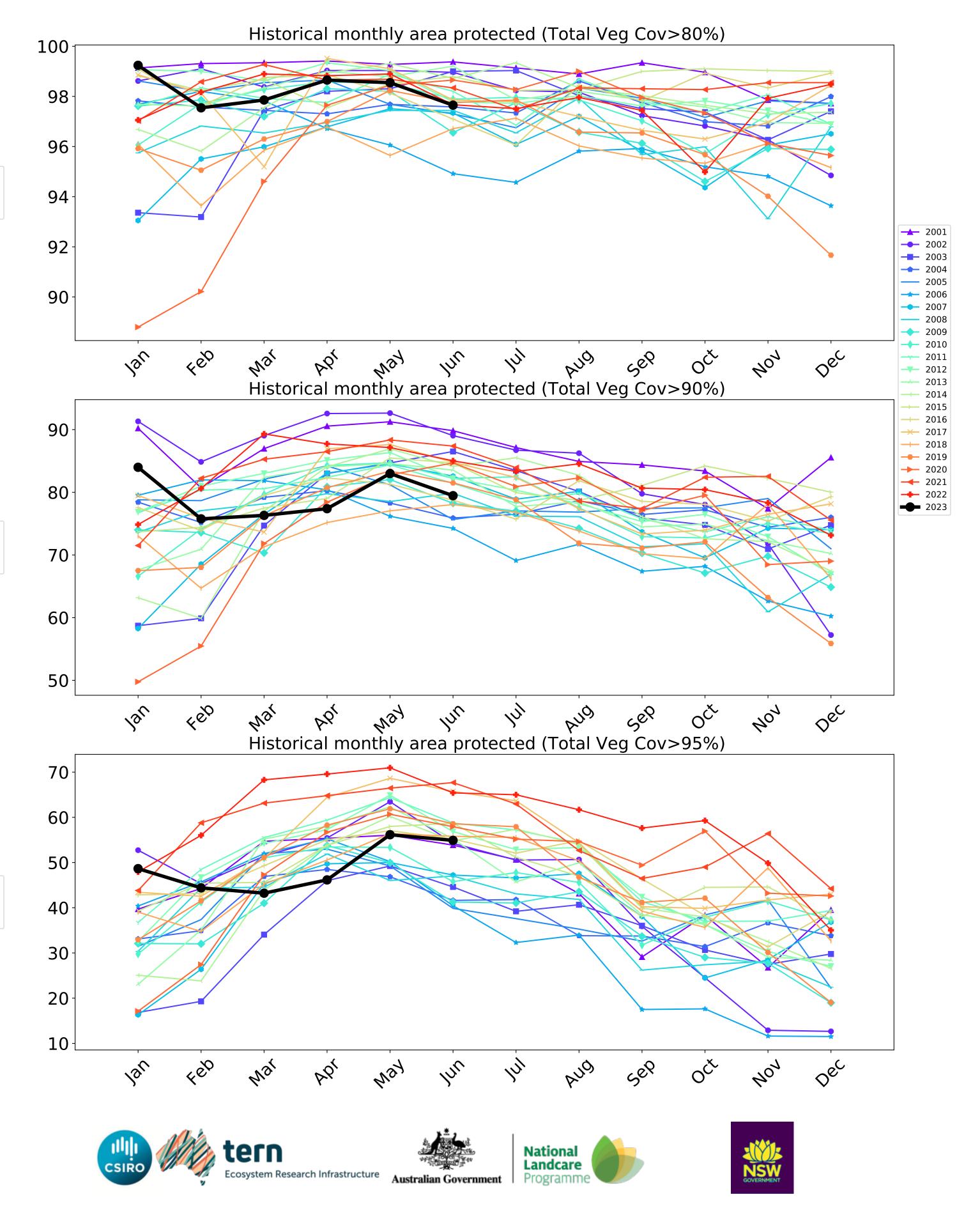


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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





# Oberon\_(A) (362,100 ha and no data 365 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	362,100	100.0% 362,100	100.0% 362,050	99.8% 361,375	98.3% 355,800	76.3% 276,350	41.8% 151,525
Conservation and natural environments	103,250	100.0% 103,250	100.0% 103,250	99.9% 103,125	98.8% 101,975	86.2% 88,975	56.5% 58,375
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	27,950	100.0% 27,950	100.0% 27,950	99.7% 27,875	98.1% 27,425	85.5% 23,900	58.2% 16,275
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	75,150	100.0% 75,150	100.0% 75,150	99.9% 75,100	99.0% 74,400	86.4% 64,950	55.9% 42,000
Agriculture	183,475	100.0% 183,475	100.0% 183,450	99.9% 183,375	98.4% 180,525	70.0% 128,500	28.9% 53,000
Grazing	169,525	100.0% 169,525	100.0% 169,525	100.0% 169,475	98.4% 166,875	70.4% 119,300	29.1% 49,350
Grazing non forest	128,675	100.0% 128,675	100.0% 128,675	100.0% 128,625	98.3% 126,525	68.8% 88,550	28.4% 36,600
Grazing Woodland forest	7,475	100.0% 7,475	100.0% 7,475	100.0% 7,475	99.0% 7,400	77.3% 5,775	36.1% 2,700
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	33,375	100.0% 33,375	100.0% 33,375	100.0% 33,375	98.7% 32,950	74.8% 24,975	30.1% 10,050
Cropping	13,900	100.0% 13,900	99.8% 13,875	99.6% 13,850	98.0% 13,625	66.0% 9,175	26.3% 3,650
Production native forests and plantation forests	72,300	100.0% 72,300	100.0% 72,300	99.5% 71,950	97.6% 70,600	79.5% 57,450	54.9% 39,700

