### LGA Orange (C) (NSW) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

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- Context
  - o Map: Land use and forest cover
  - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month
  - o Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
  - o Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month
  - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)
  - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
- Comparison with previous years
  - o Map: anomaly compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
  - o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
- Time series stacked by year
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines) in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines). in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example

- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- Protected areas by forest classes if present

### **Explanatory notes:**

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree cover

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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













### **Vegetation Cover Aug 2019**

### Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015

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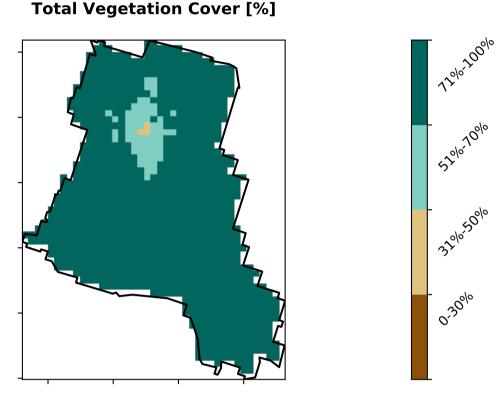
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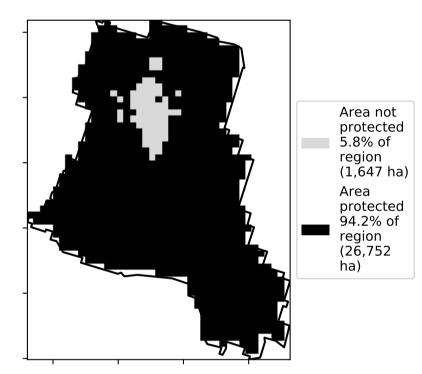
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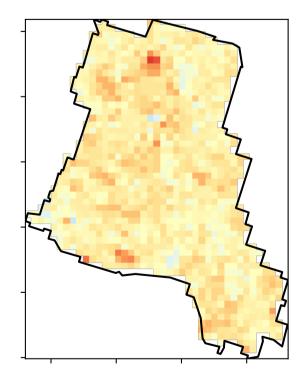
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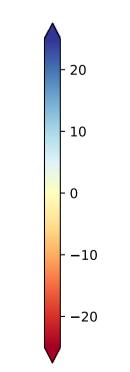


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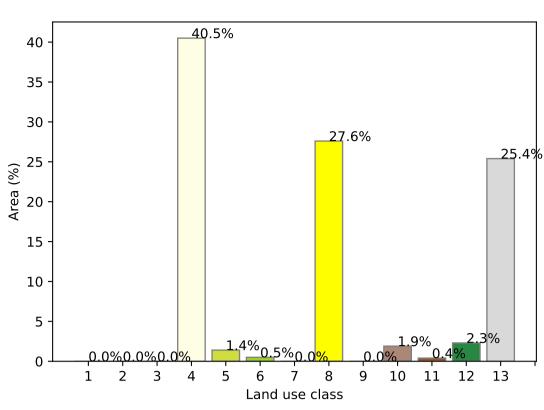
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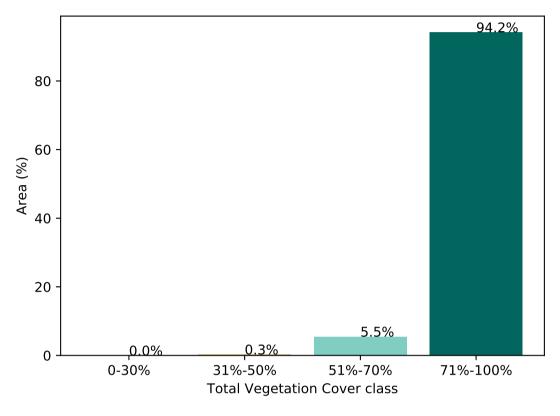


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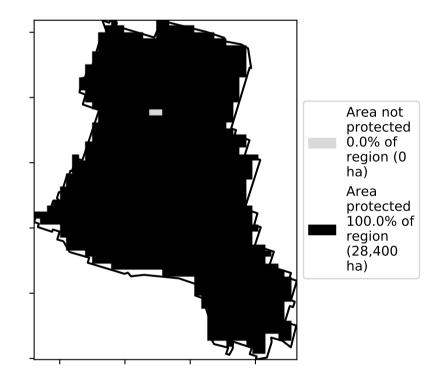
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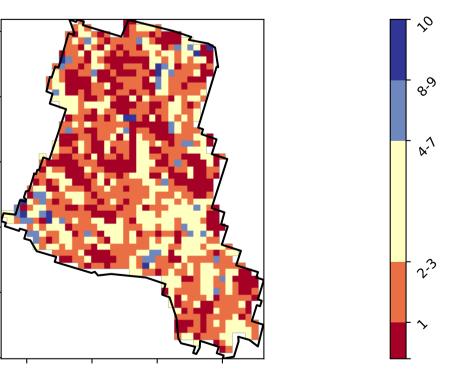


### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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







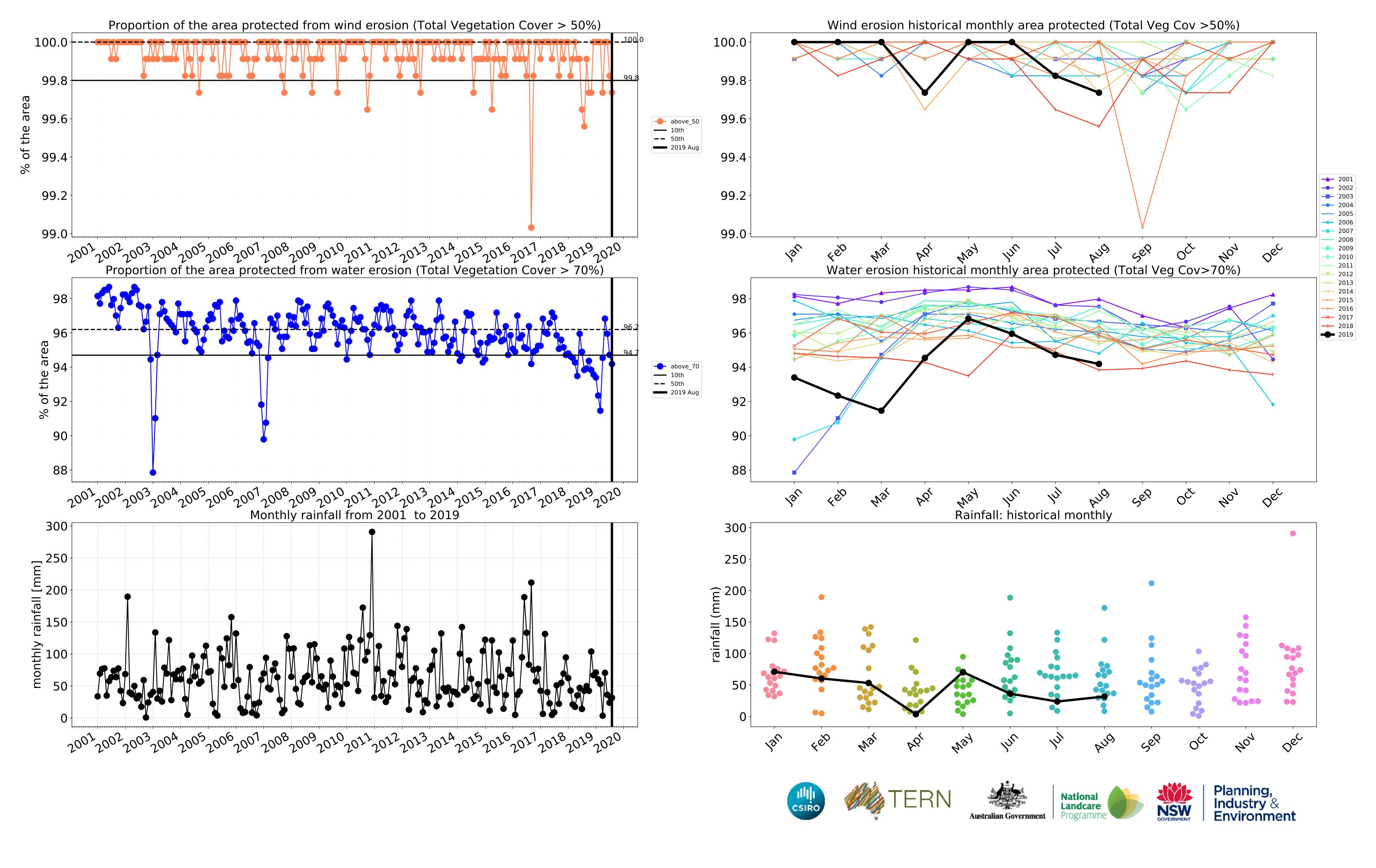


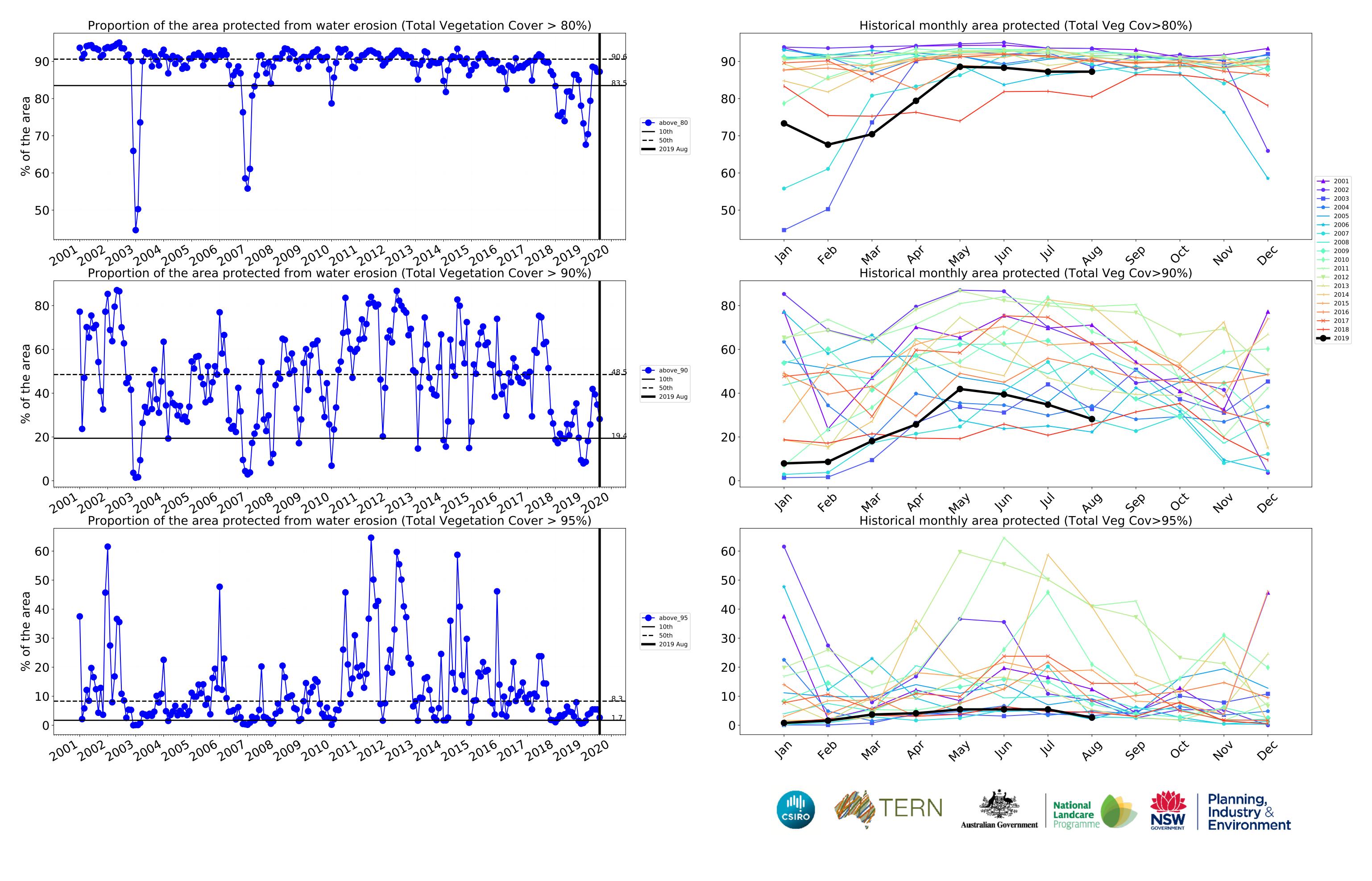












### **Agriculture**

### Land use and forest cover

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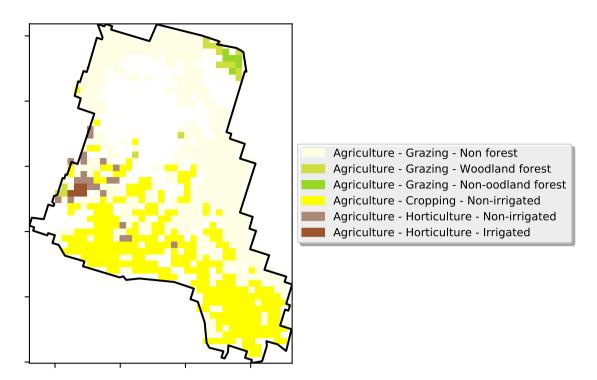
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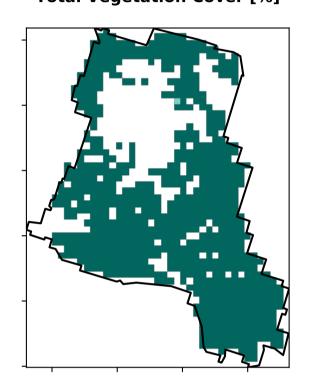
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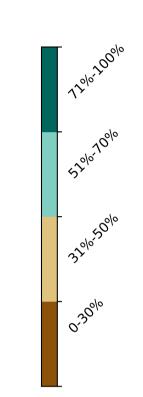
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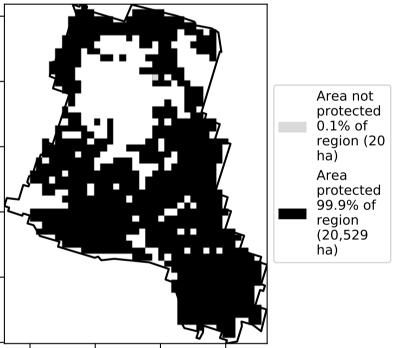
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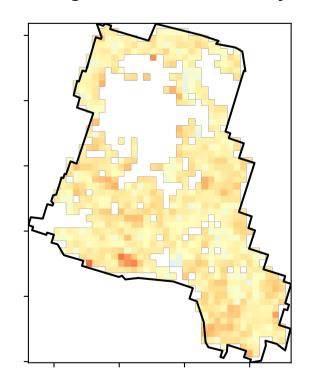


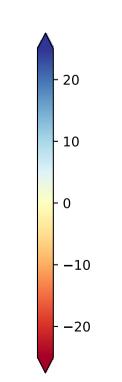
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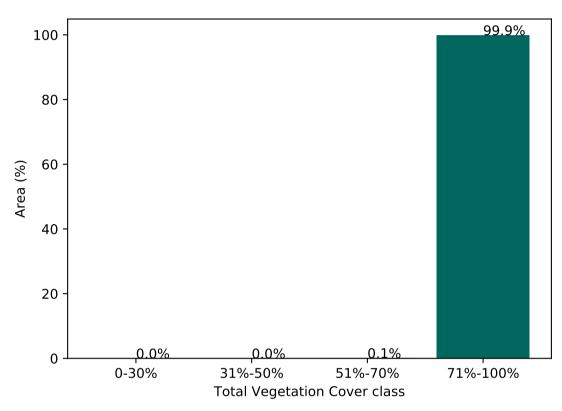
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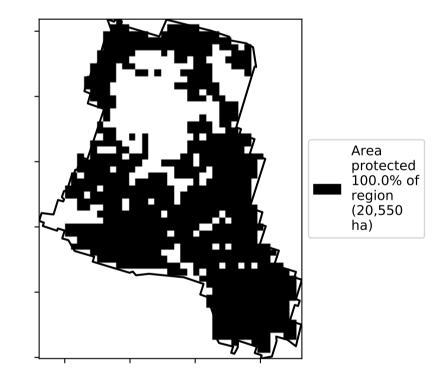


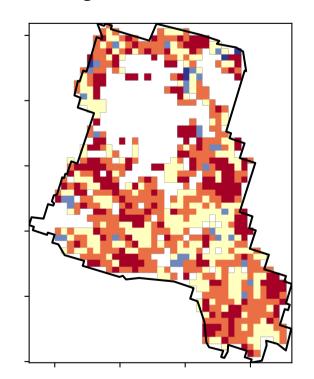
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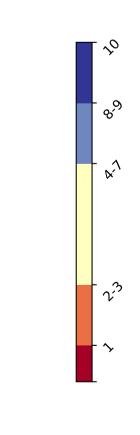
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### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)











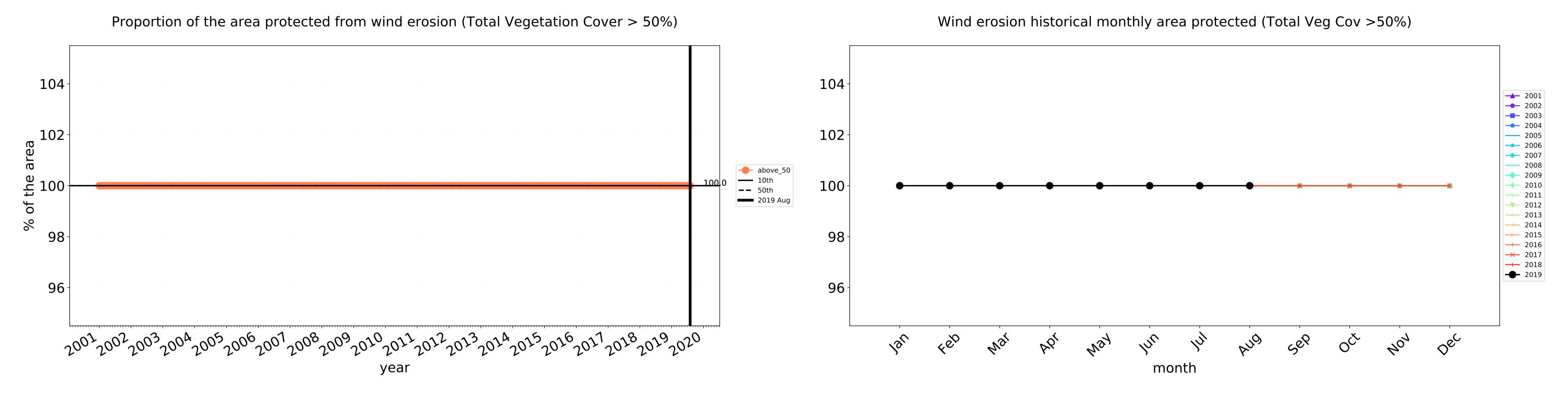


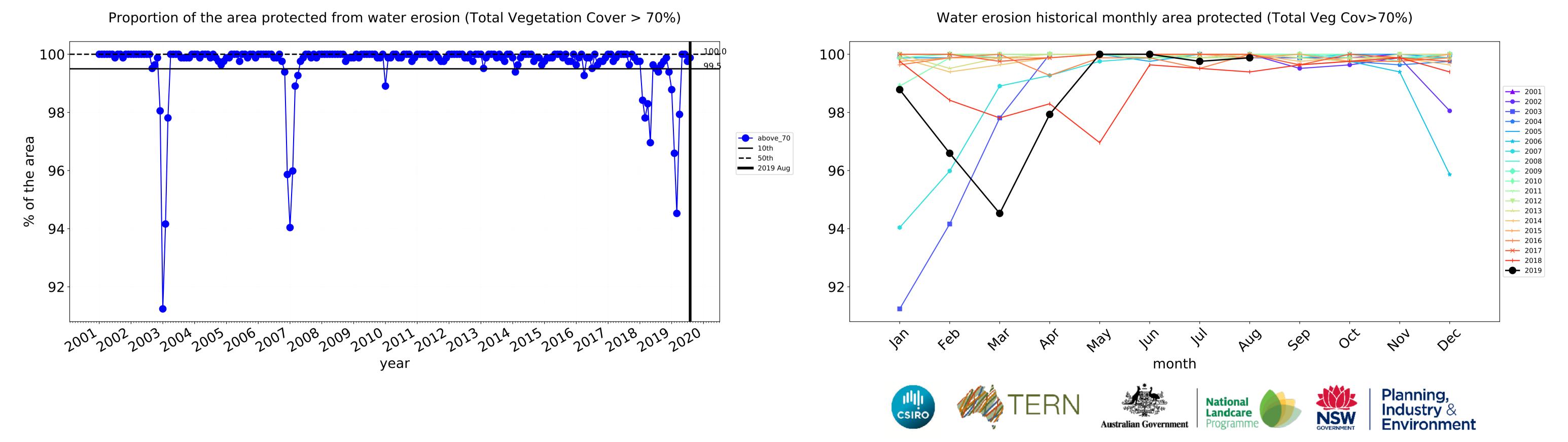


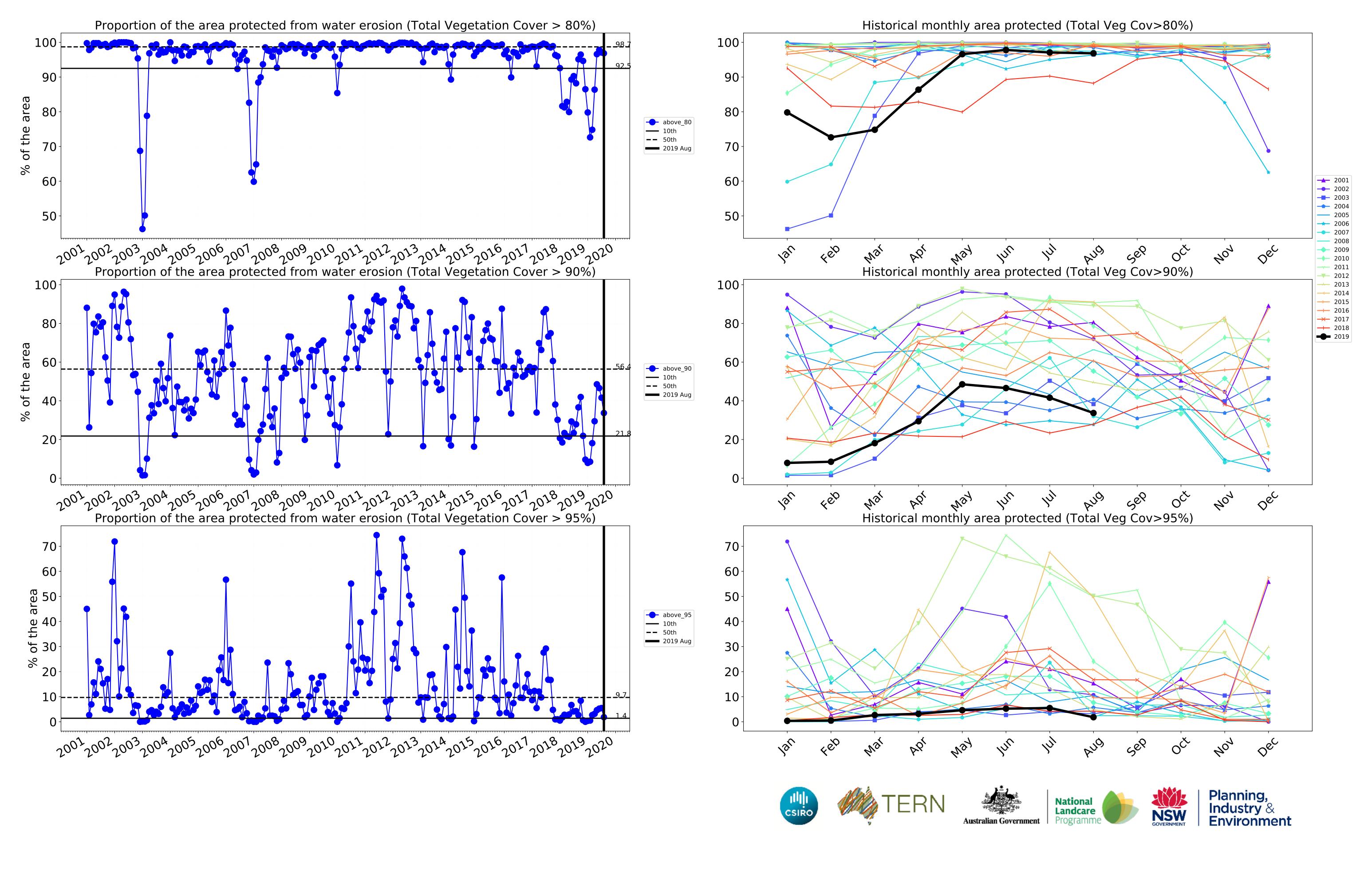




### **Agriculture timeseries**



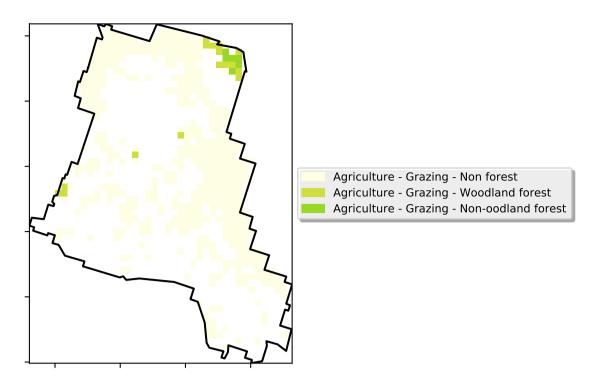




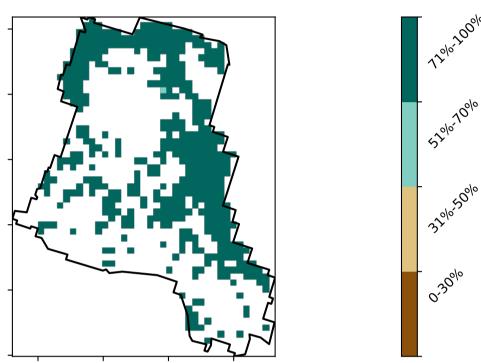
### **Grazing**

### Land use and forest cover

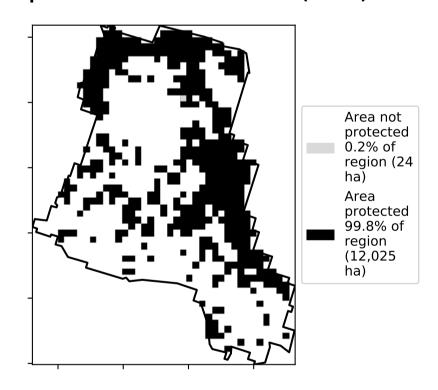
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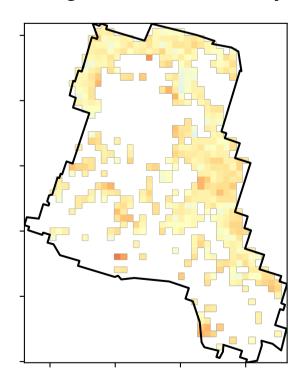
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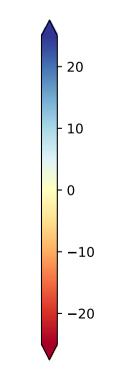


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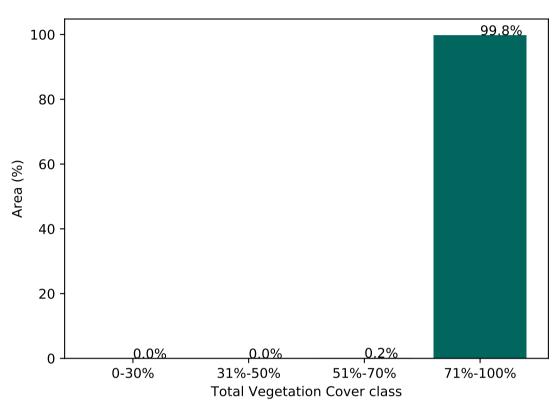
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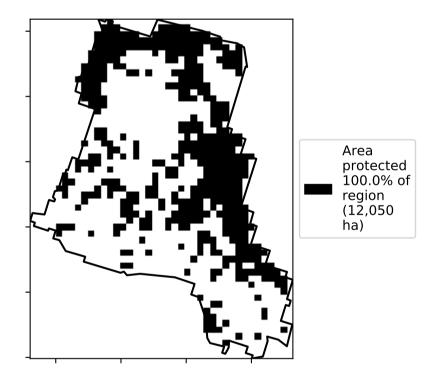


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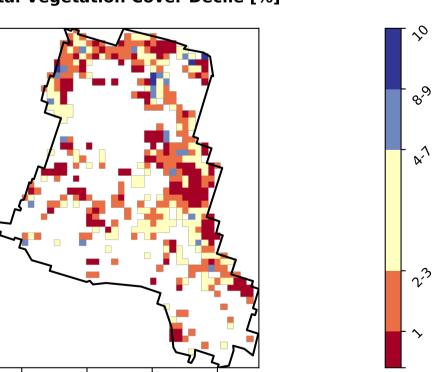
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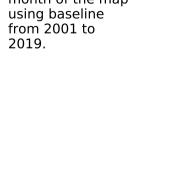


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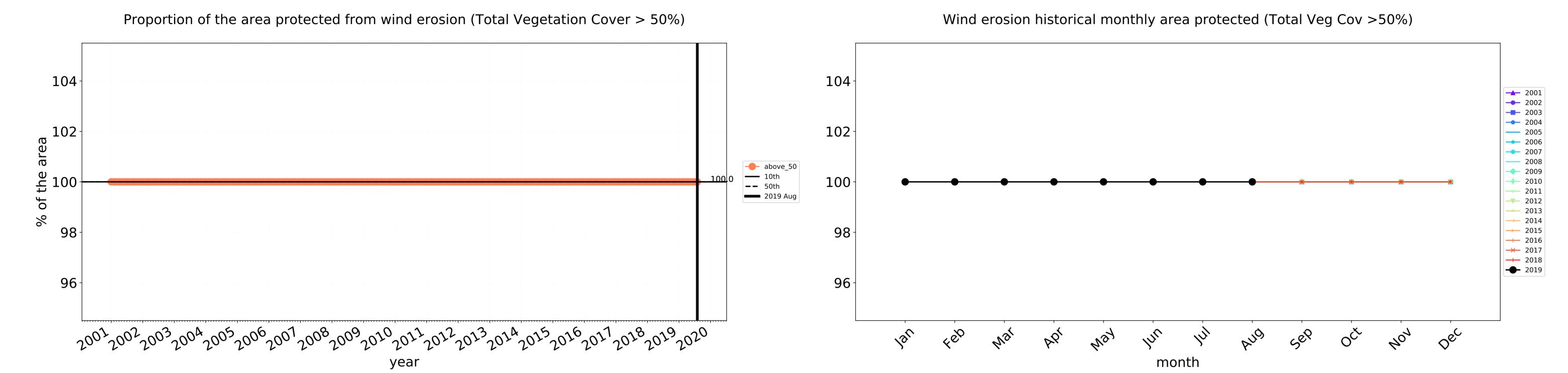


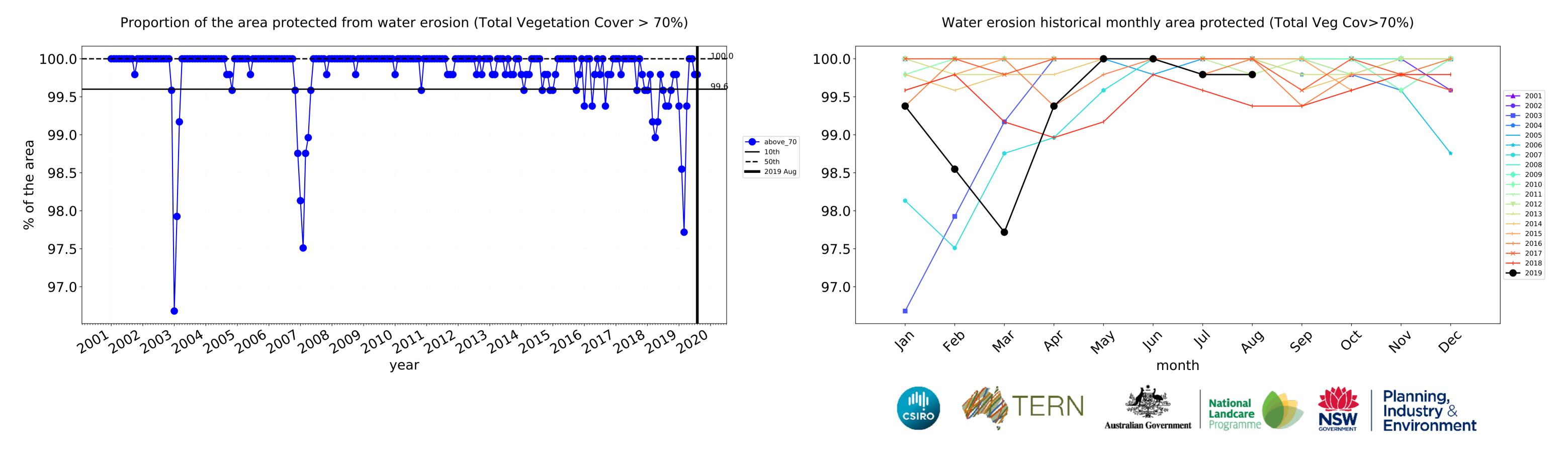


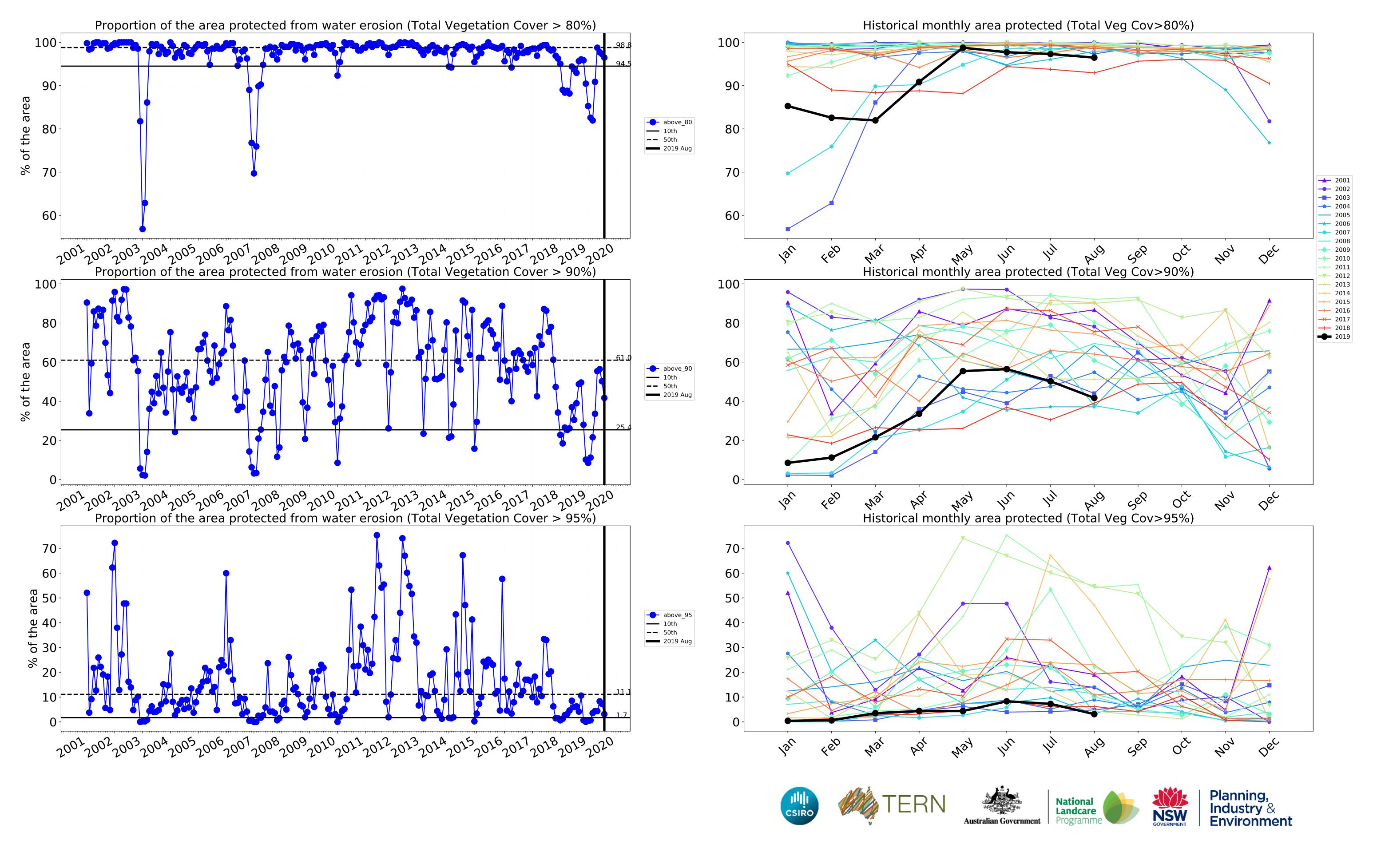




### **Grazing timeseries**



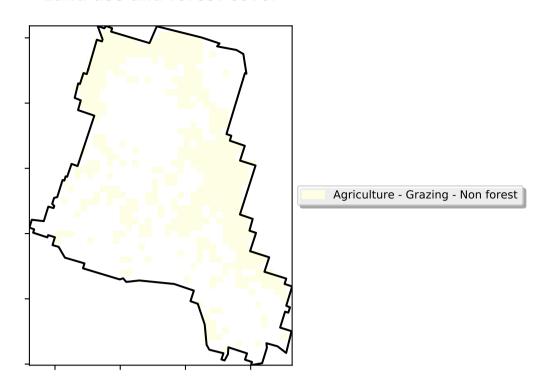




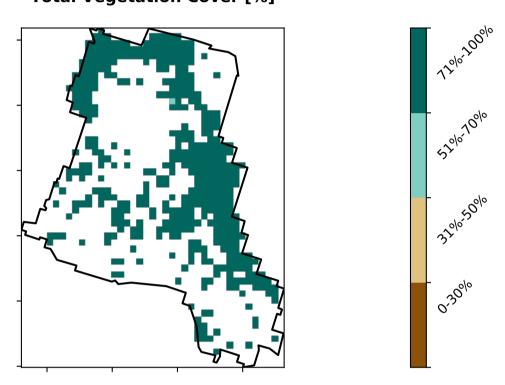
### **Grazing non forest**

### Land use and forest cover

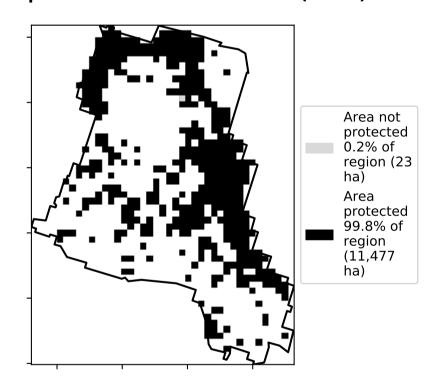
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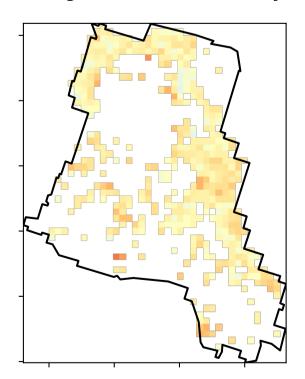
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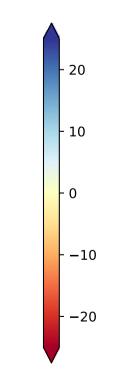


### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



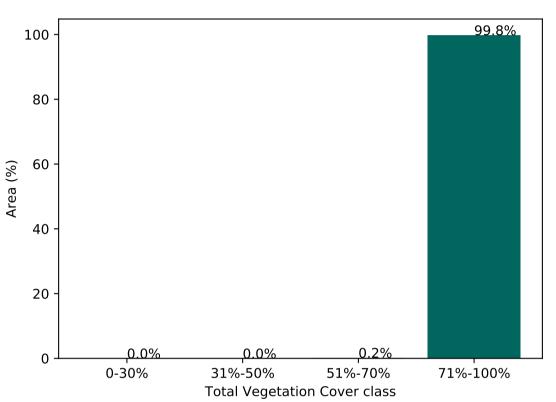
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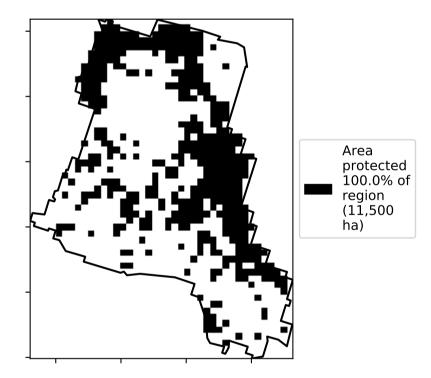


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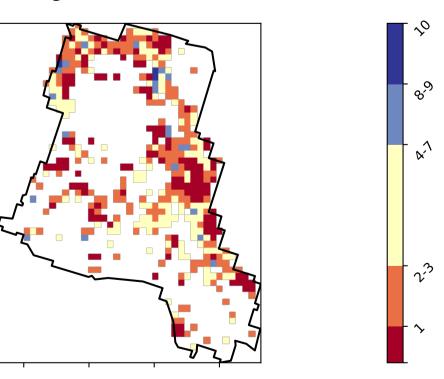
### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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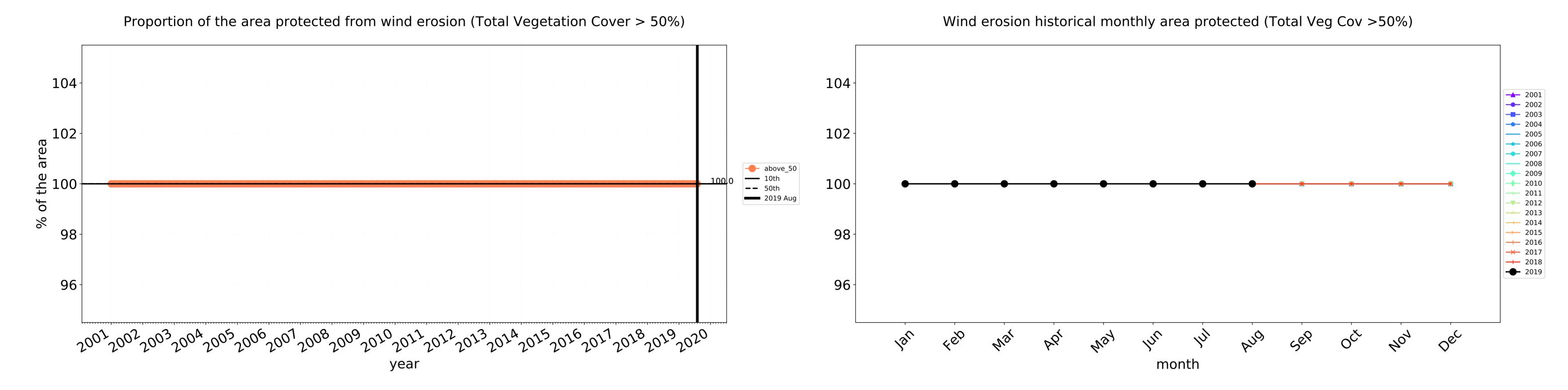


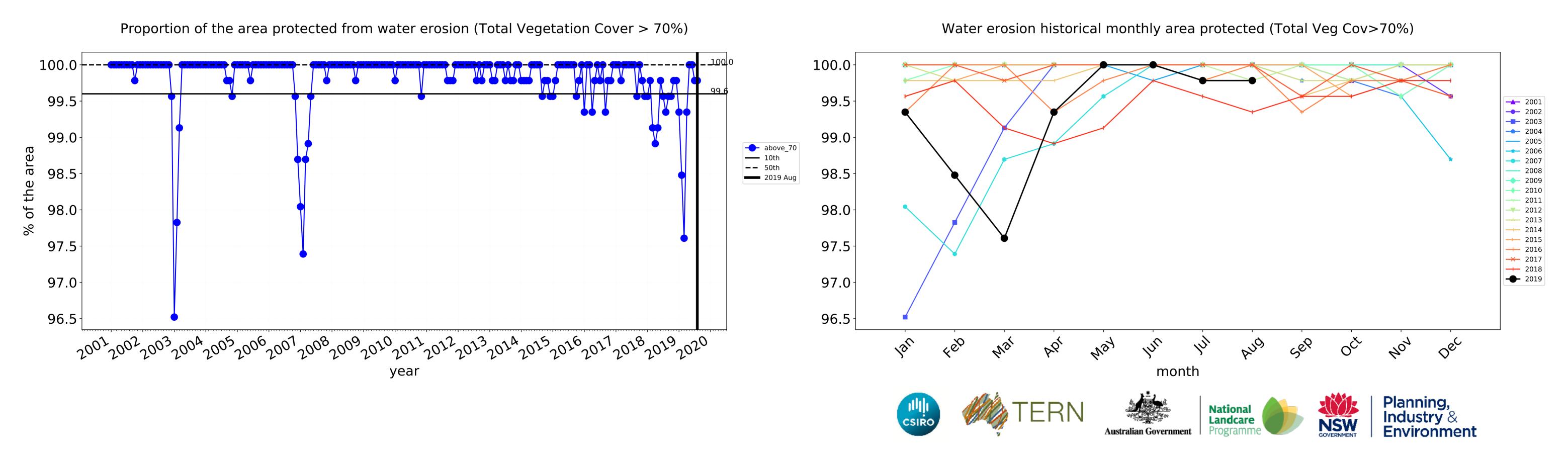


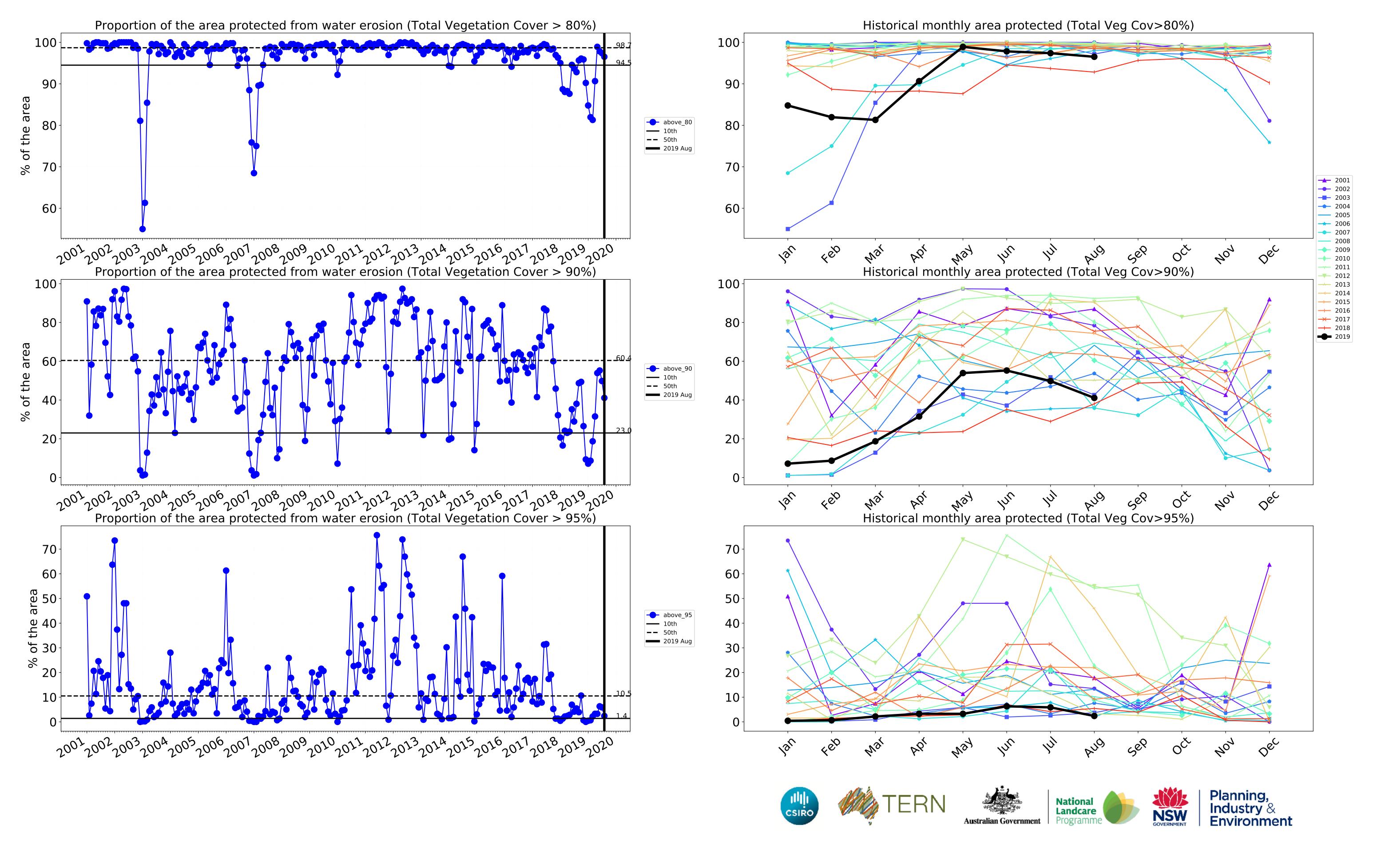




### **Grazing non forest timeseries**







### **Grazing Woodland forest**

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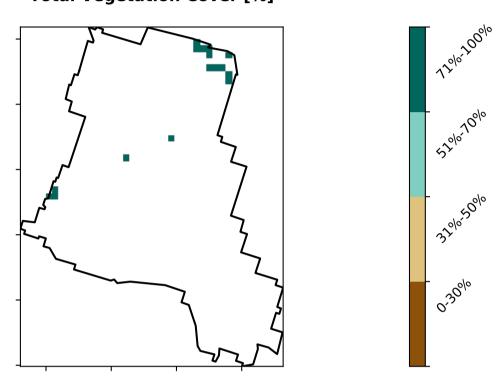
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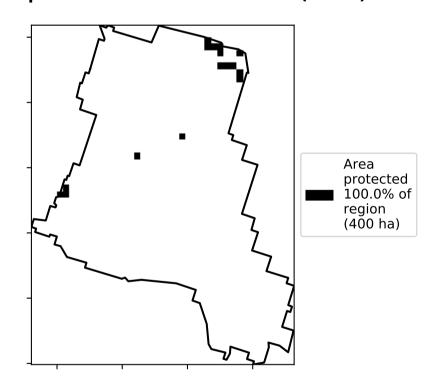
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### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

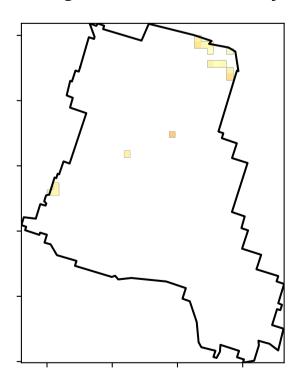
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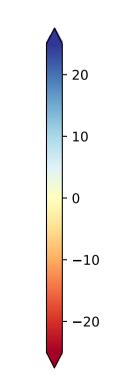


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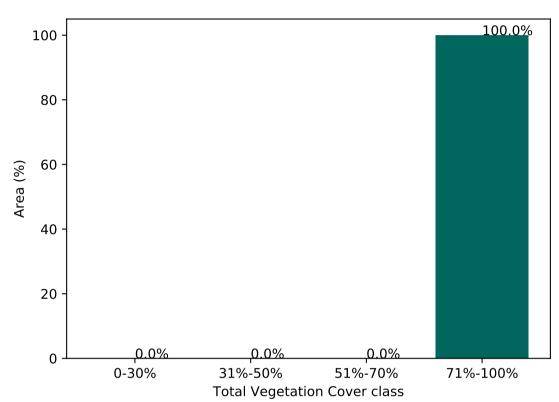
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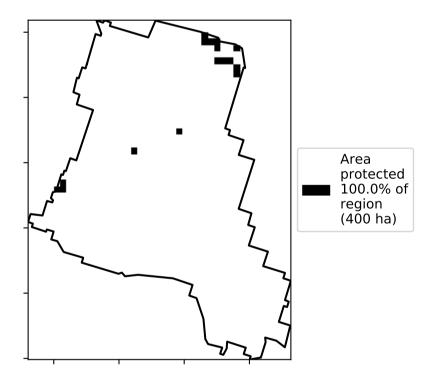


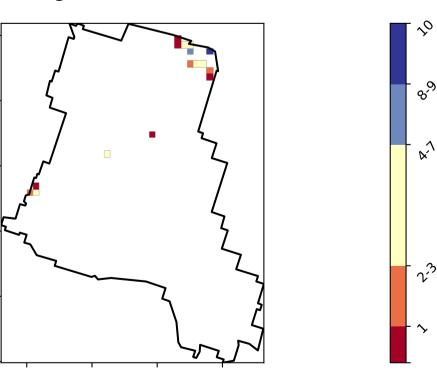
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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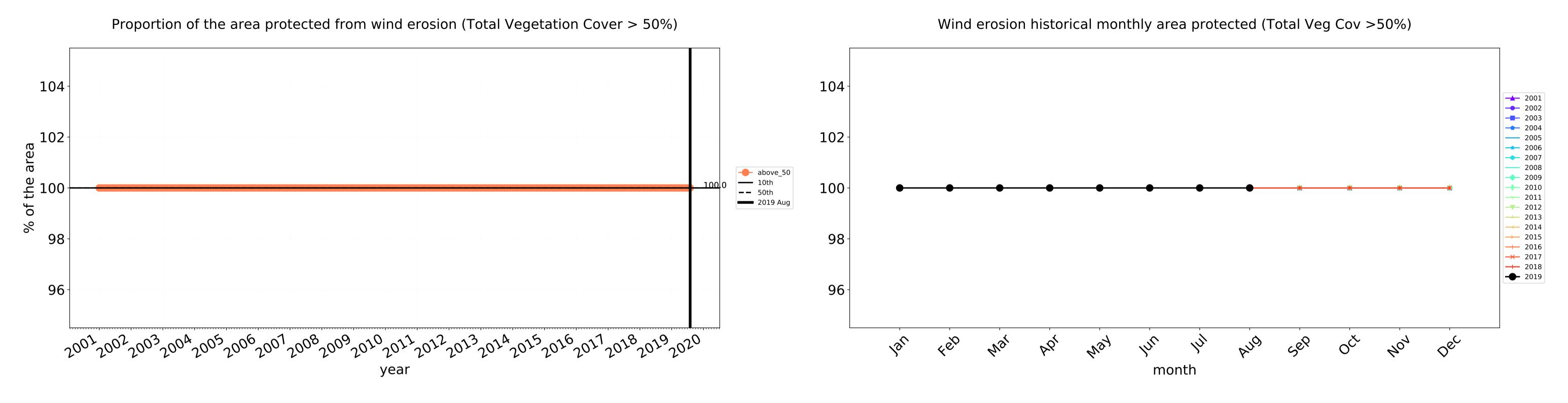


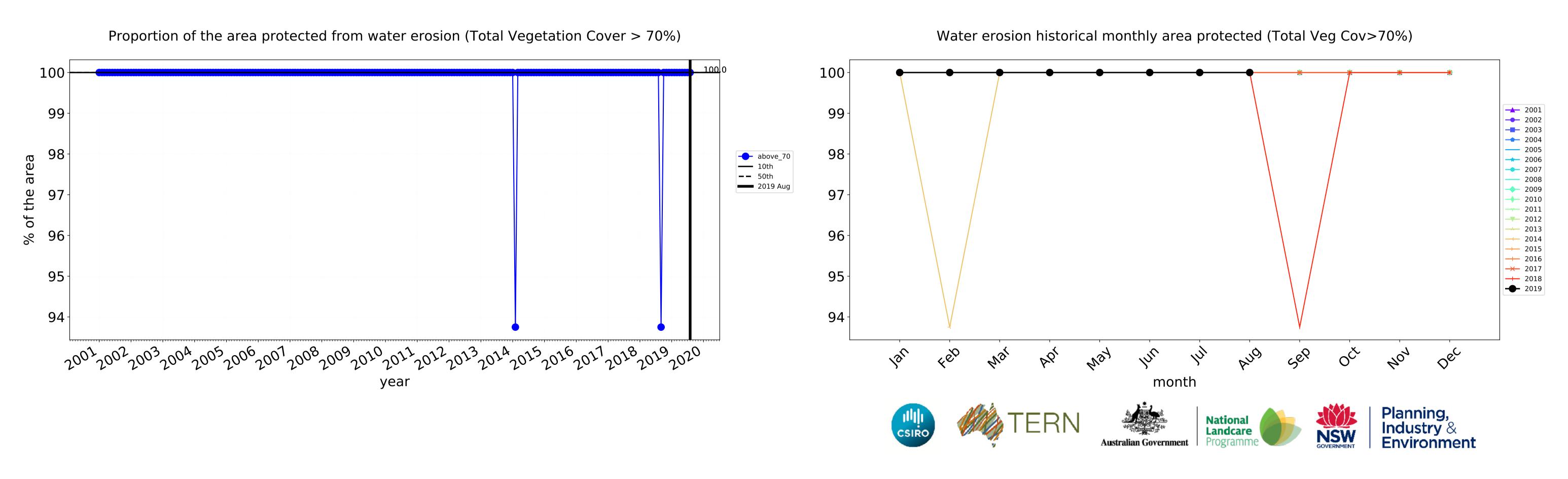


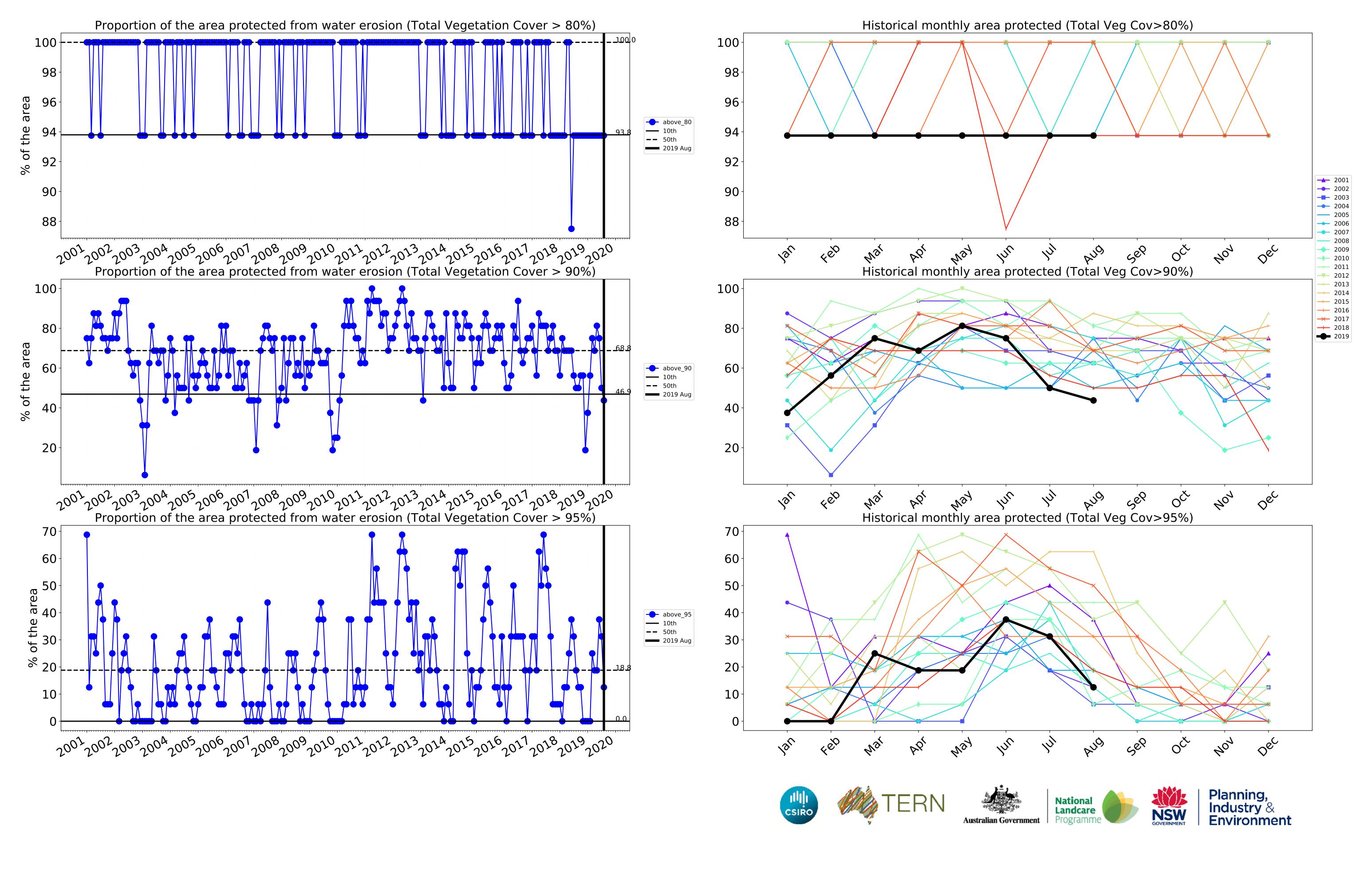




### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







### **Cropping**

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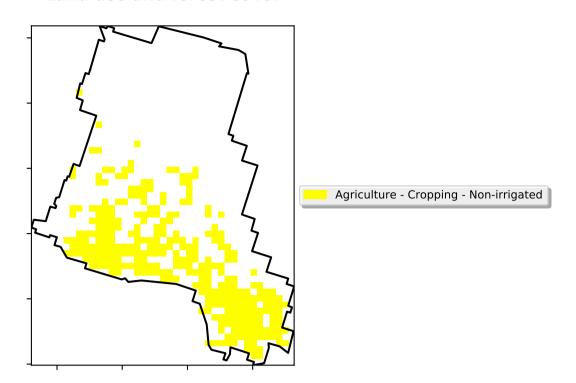
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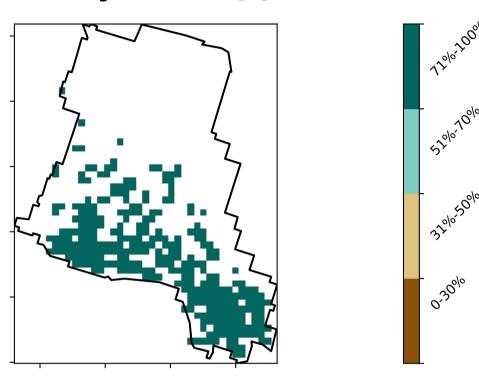
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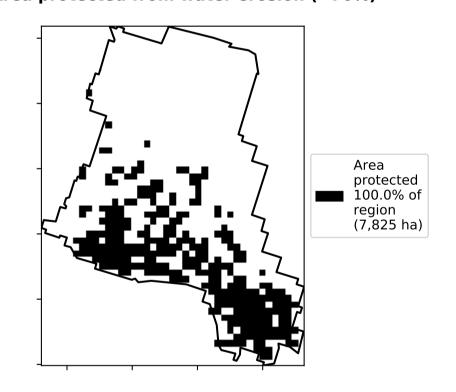
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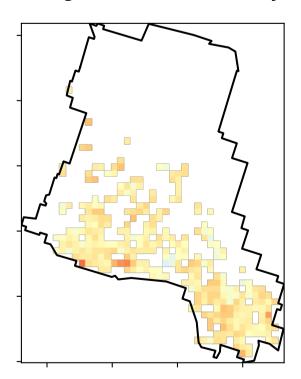
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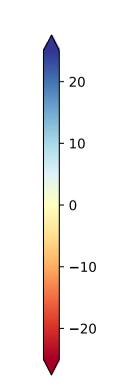


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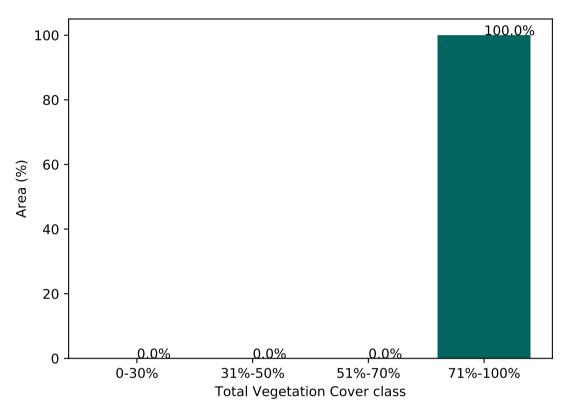
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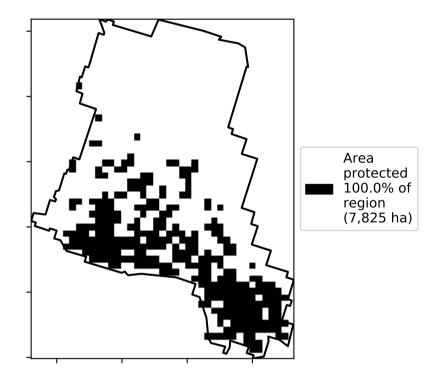


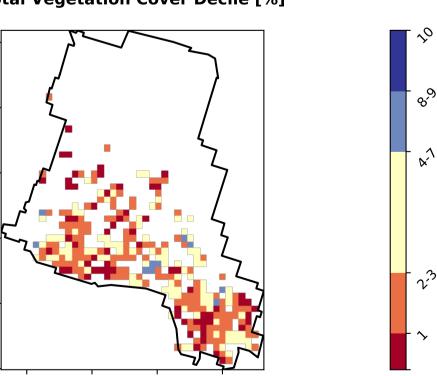
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









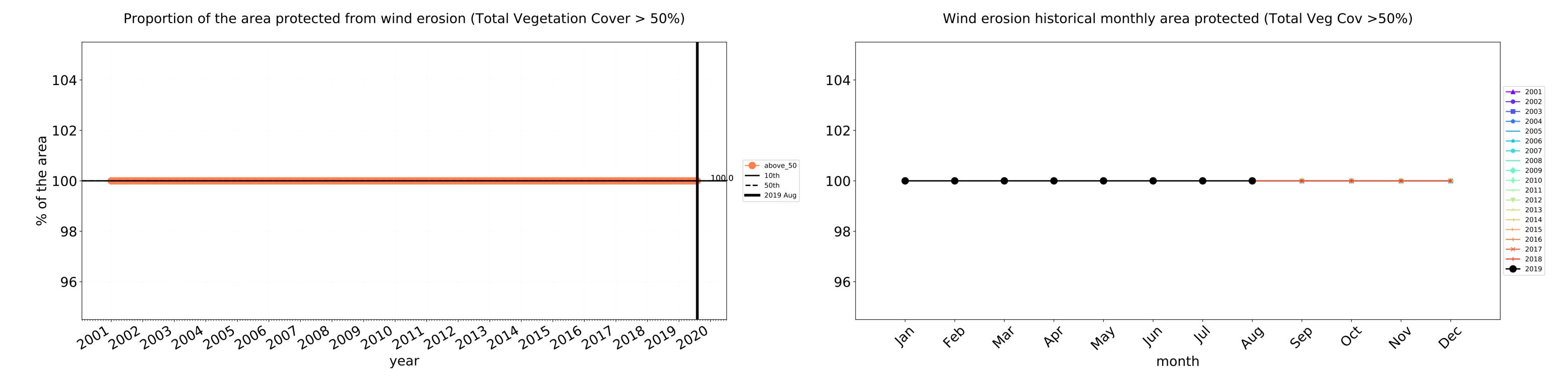


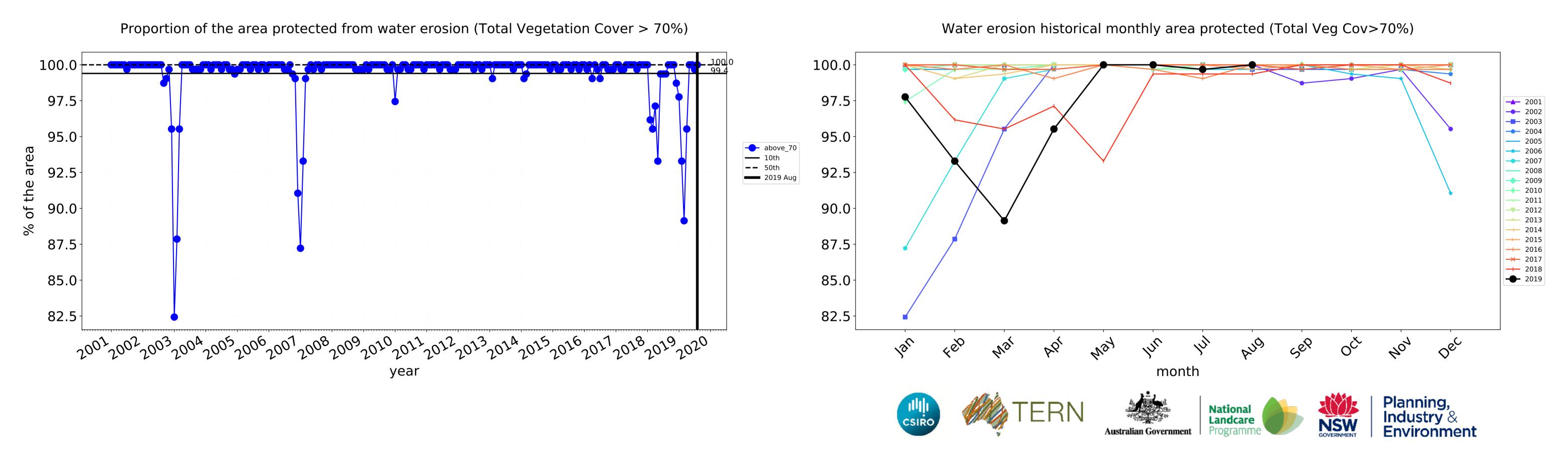


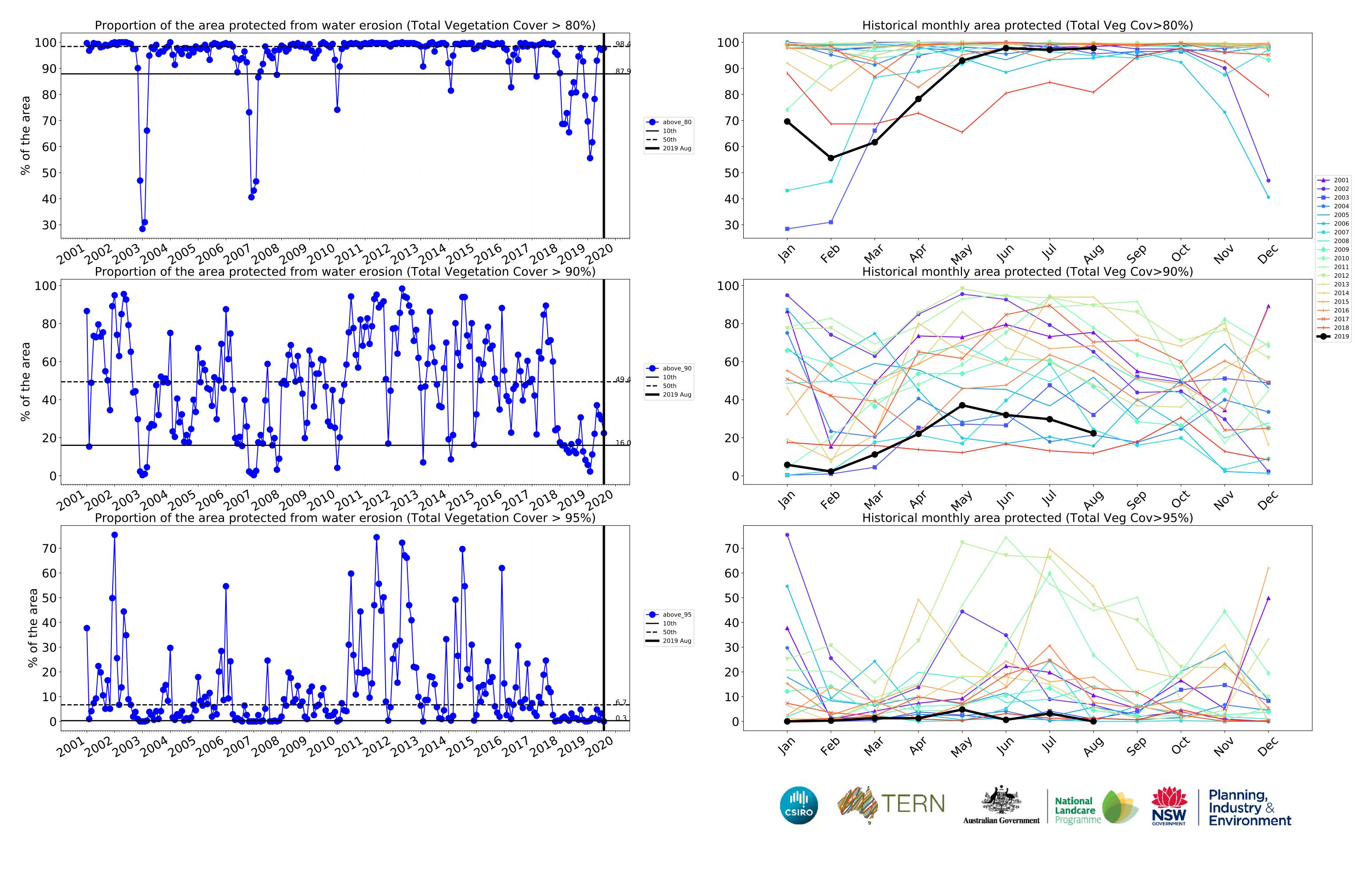




### **Cropping timeseries**







### Horticulture

### Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

Anomaly show how many percetage points each

pixel is from

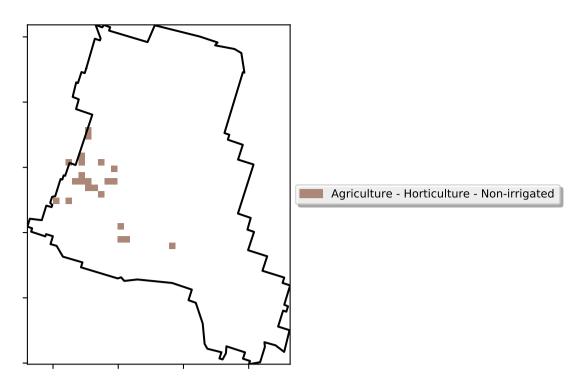
is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the

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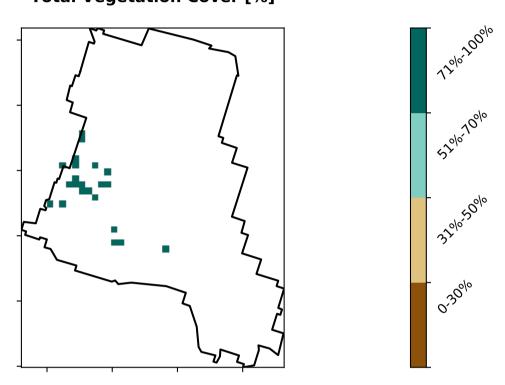
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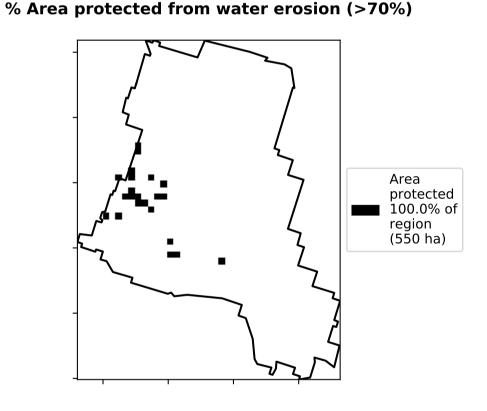
using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

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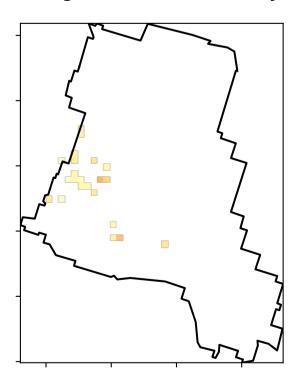


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**





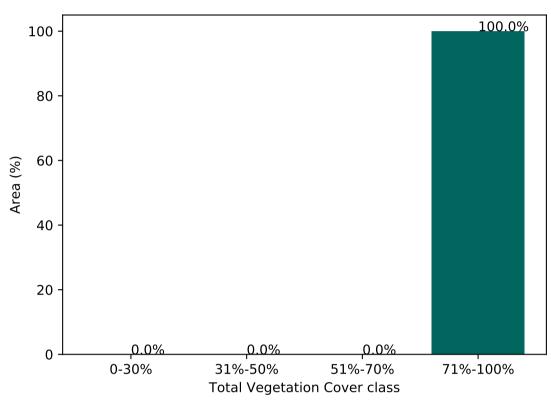
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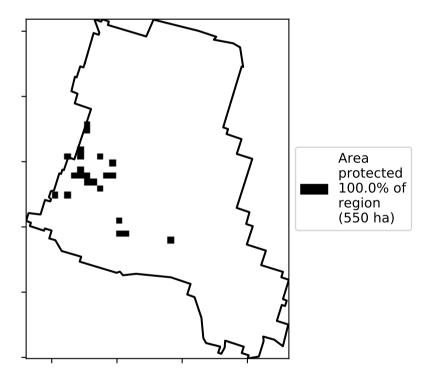
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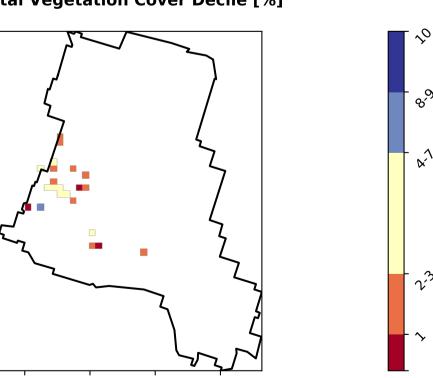
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









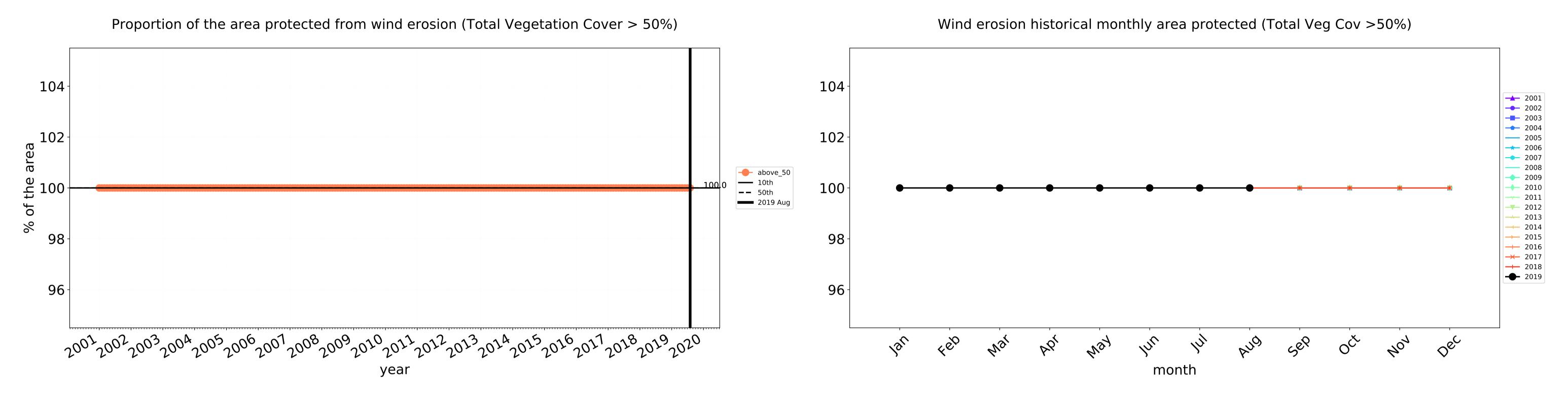


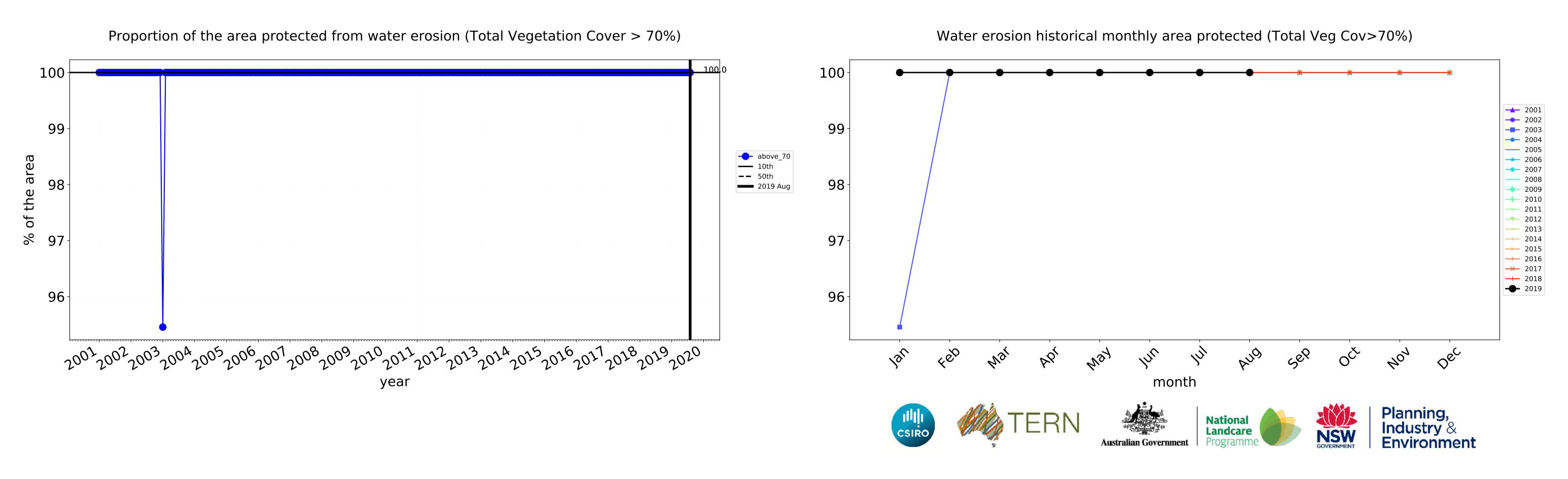


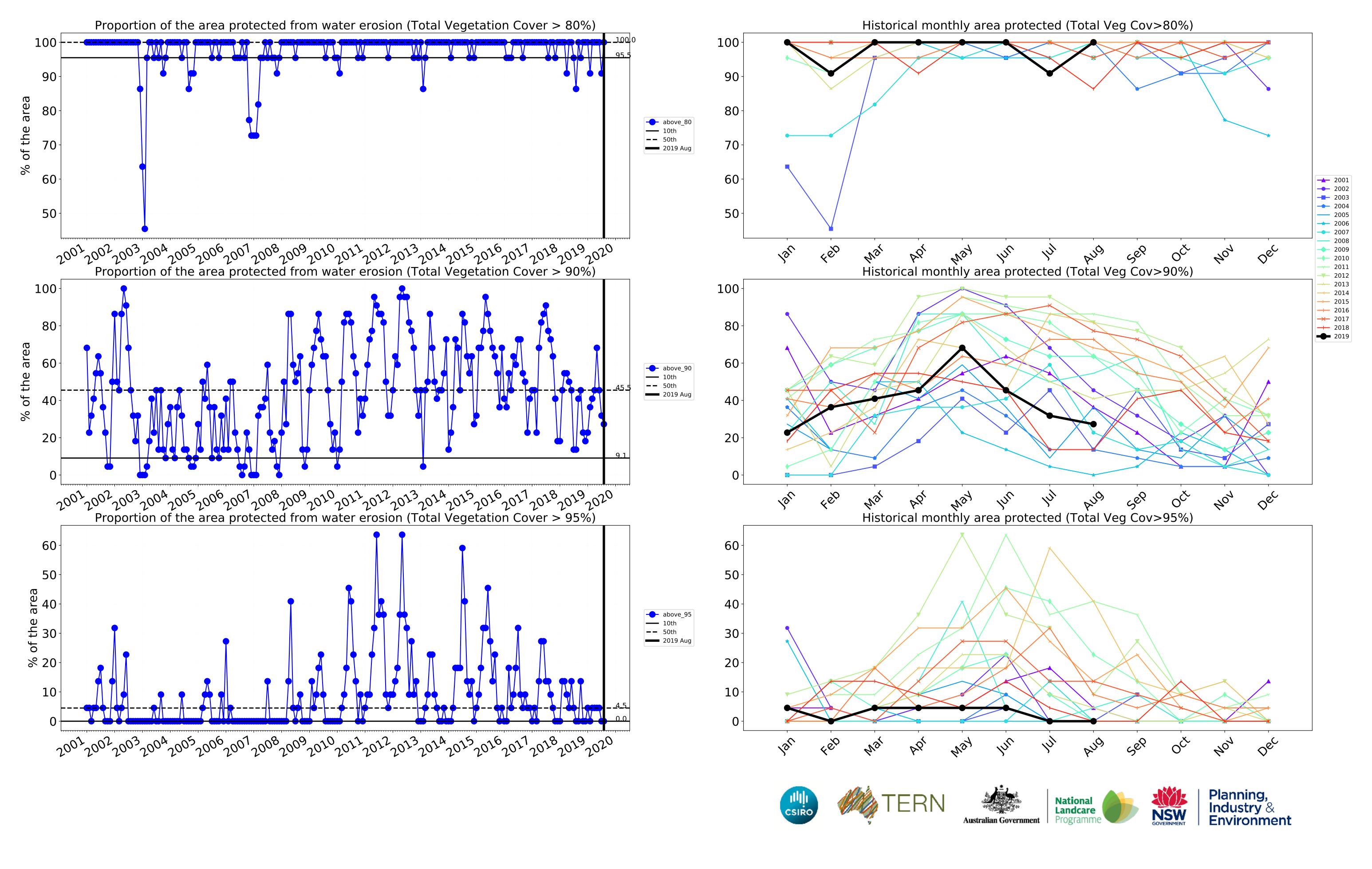




### **Horticulture timeseries**







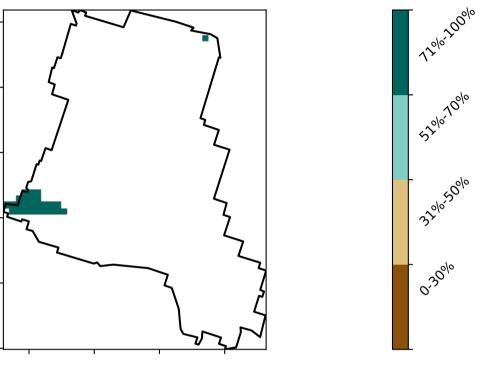
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

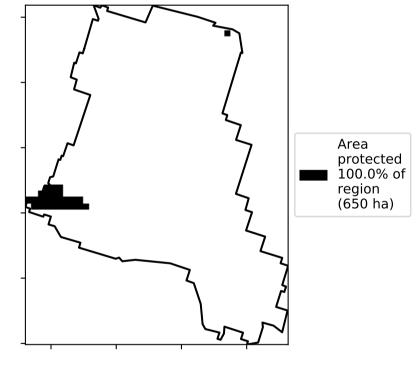
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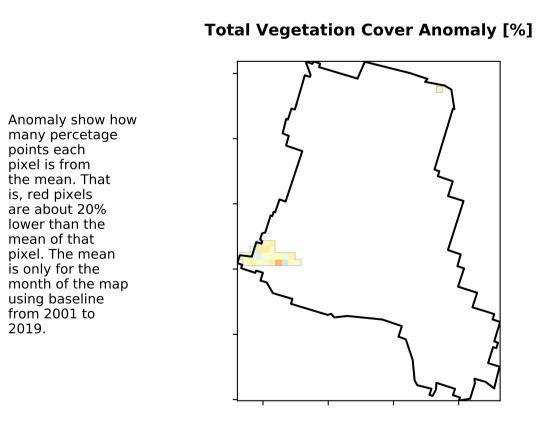
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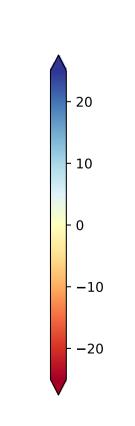
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area protected 100.0% of region (650 ha)





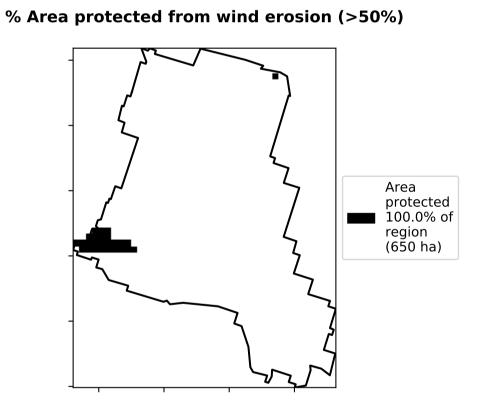


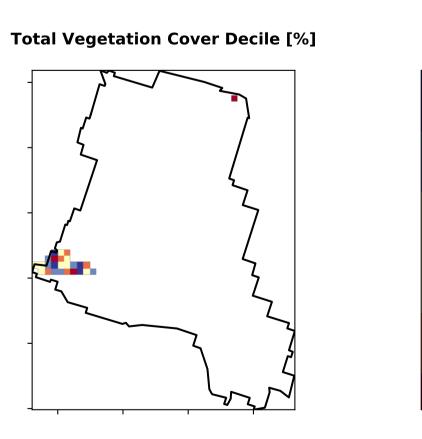
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### 100.0% 100 80 60 40 20 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100%

**Total Vegetation Cover class** 

**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 









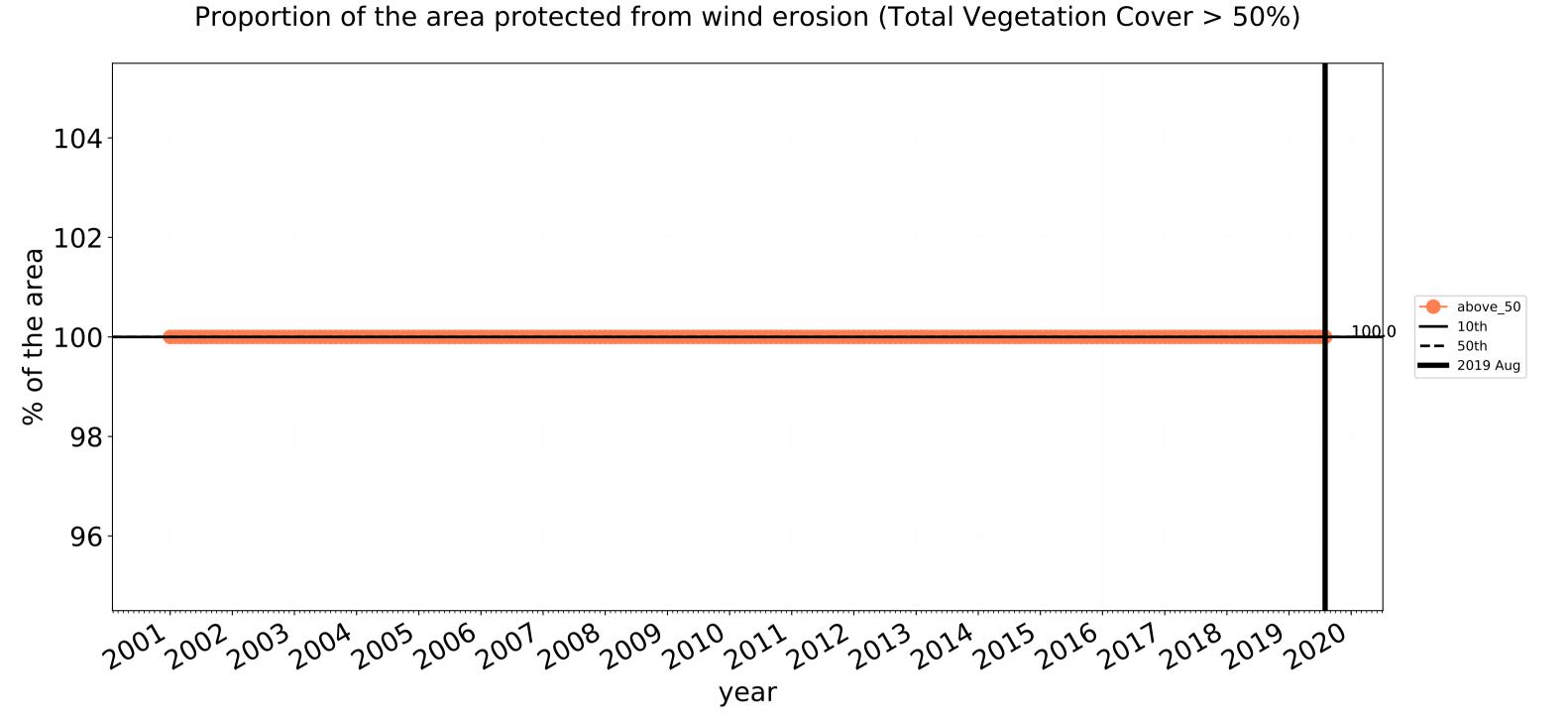


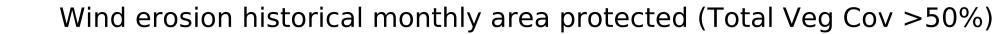


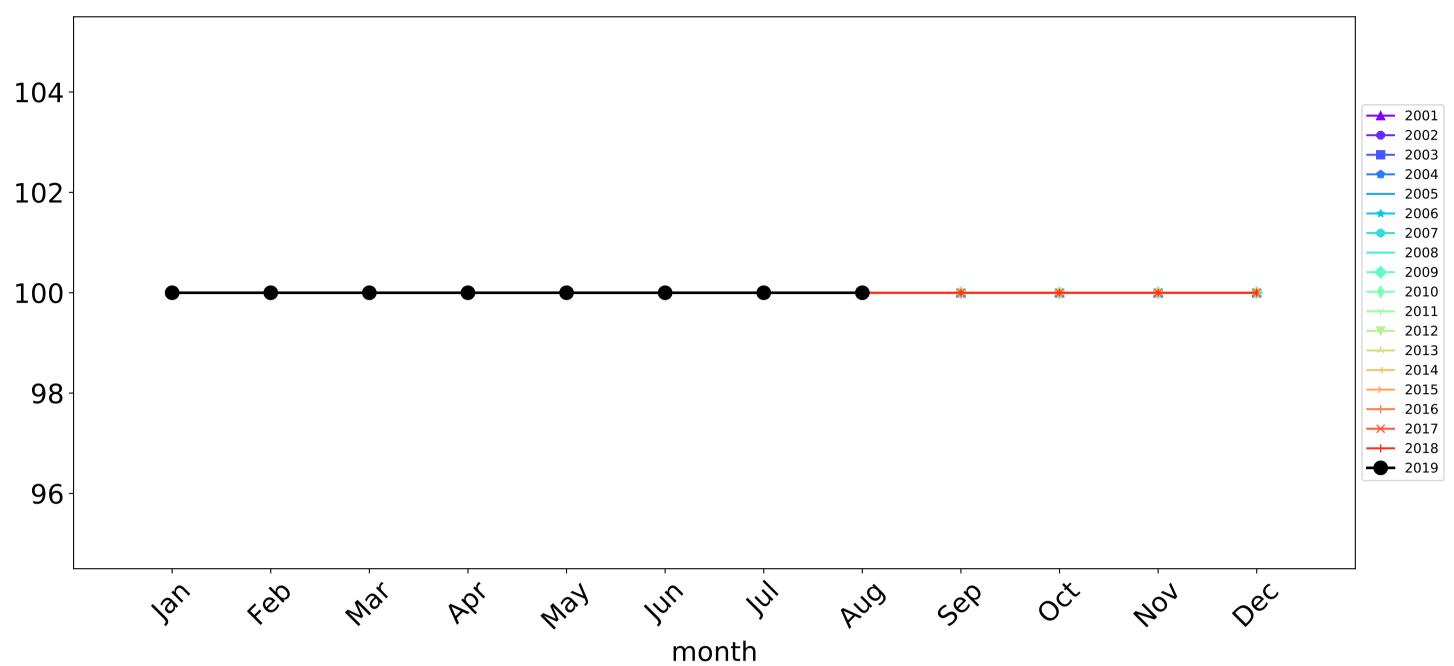




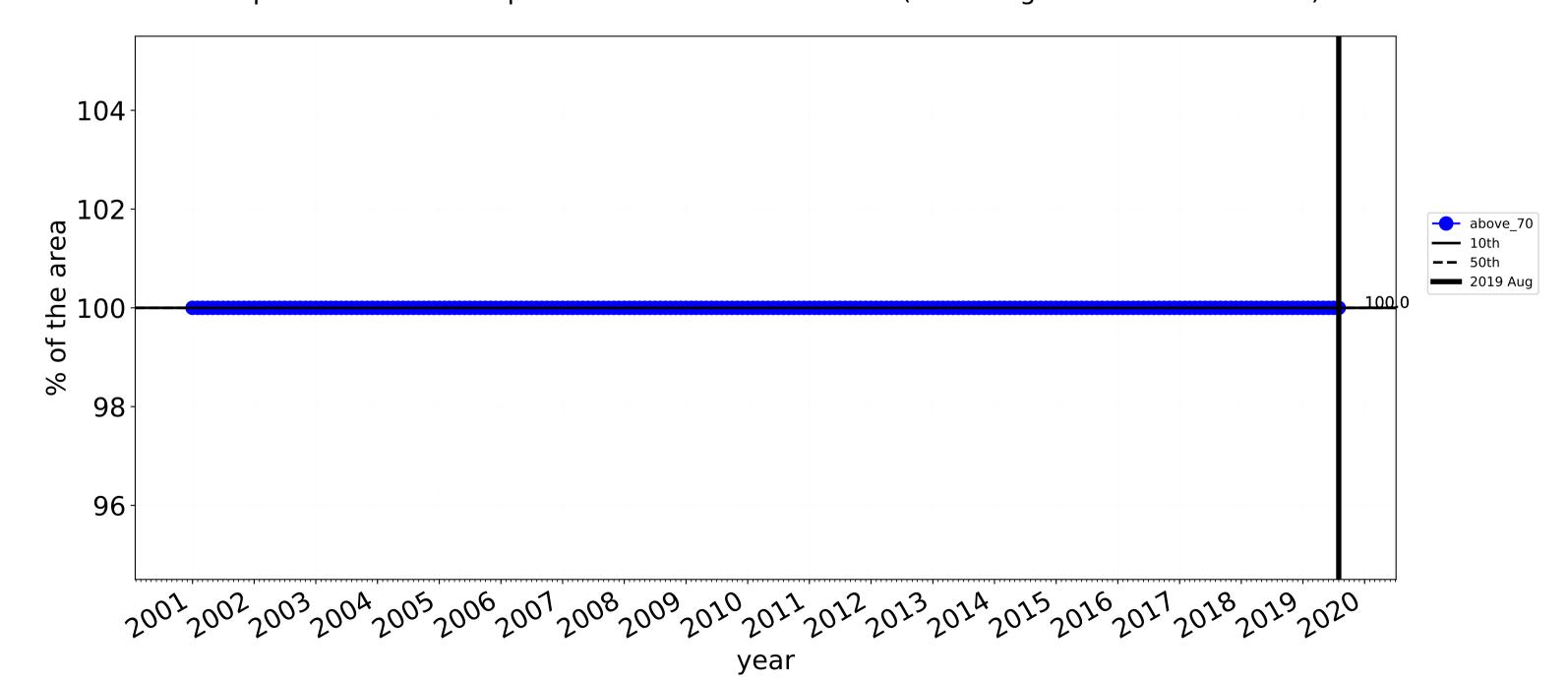
### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**



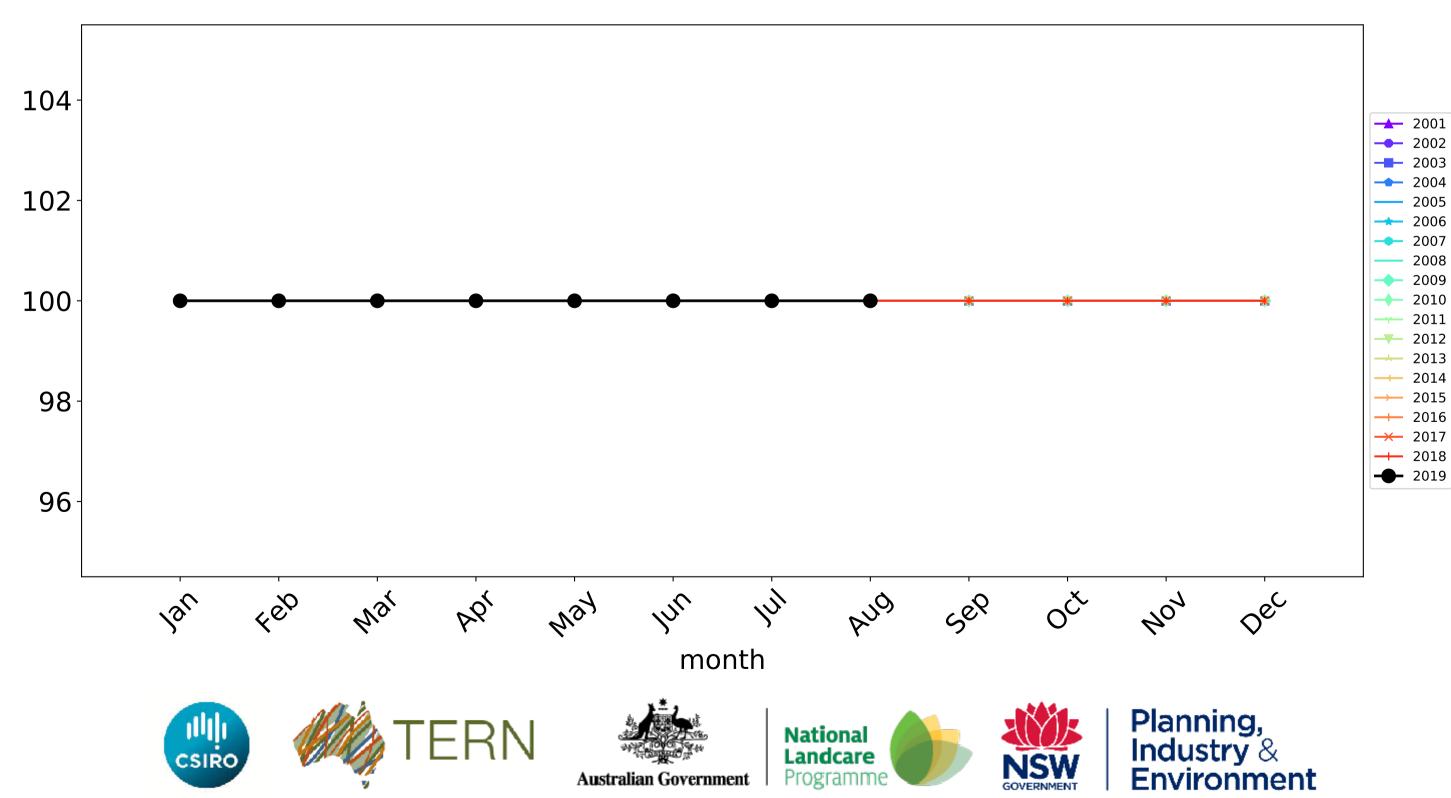


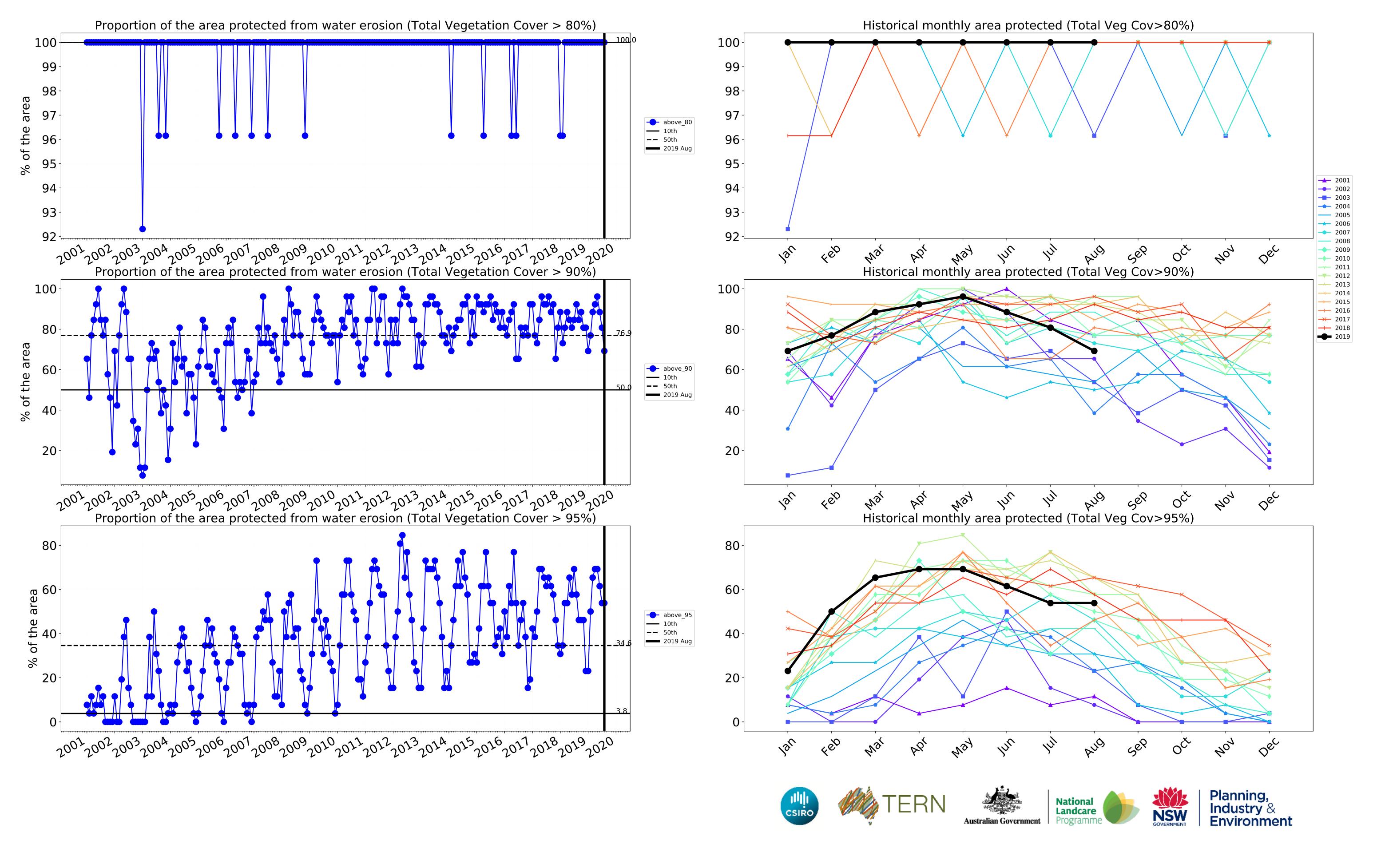


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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





### Orange\_(C) (28,400 ha and no data 19 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	28,400	100.0% 28,400	99.7% 28,325	94.2% 26,750	87.2% 24,775	28.2% 8,000	2.6% 750
Agriculture	20,646	100.0% 20,646	100.0% 20,646	99.9% 20,621	96.8% 19,993	33.7% 6,957	1.8% 376
Grazing	12,041	100.0% 12,041	100.0% 12,041	99.8% 12,016	96.5% 11,616	41.7% 5,021	3.1% 374
Grazing non forest	11,502	100.0% 11,502	100.0% 11,502	99.8% 11,476	96.5% 11,101	41.1% 4,725	2.4% 275
Grazing Woodland forest	397	100.0% 397	100.0% 397	100.0% 397	93.8% 372	43.8% 173	12.5% 49
Cropping	7,838	100.0% 7,838	100.0% 7,838	100.0% 7,838	97.8% 7,663	22.4% 1,752	0.0%
Horticulture	539	100.0% 539	100.0% 539	100.0% 539	100.0% 539	27.3% 147	0.0%
Production native forests and plantation forests	653	100.0% 653	100.0% 653	100.0% 653	100.0% 653	69.2% 452	53.8% 351











