# LGA Parkes\_(A) (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

   Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
   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:

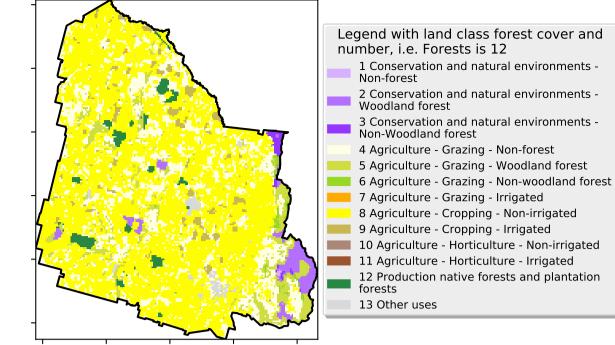
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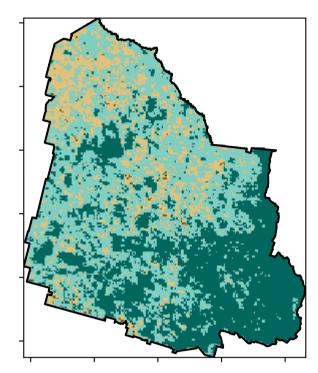
# **Vegetation Cover Aug 2019**

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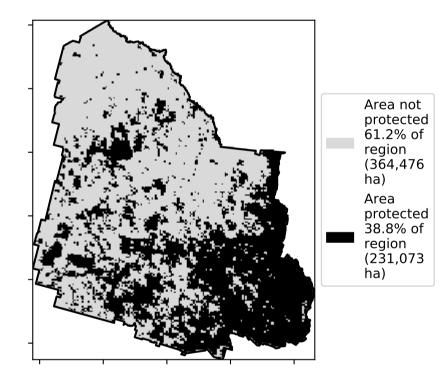
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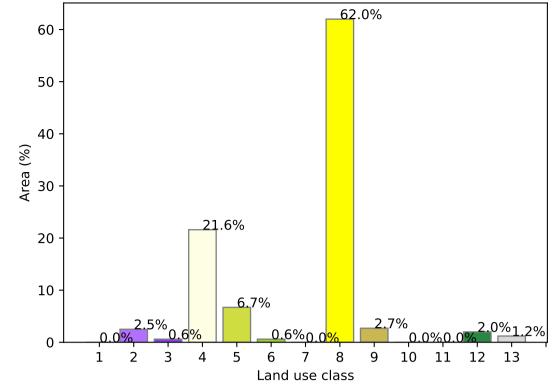


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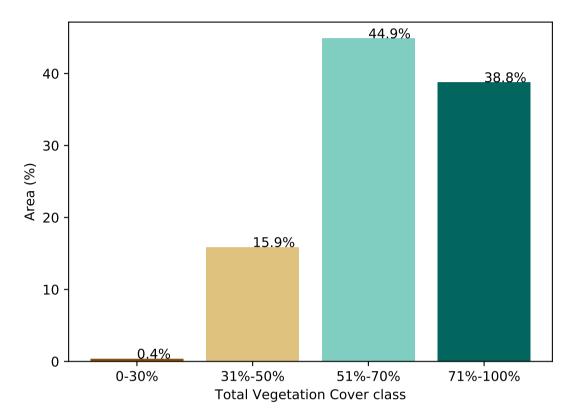


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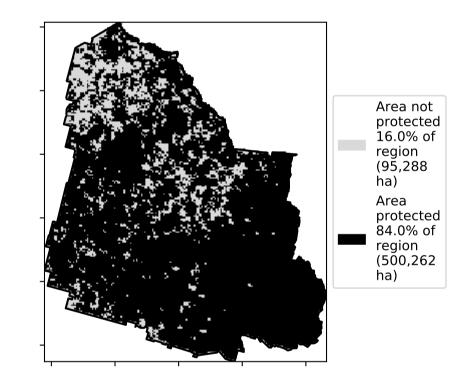




#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

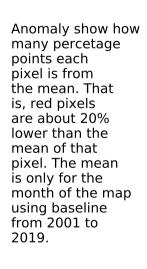
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Landuse map of area

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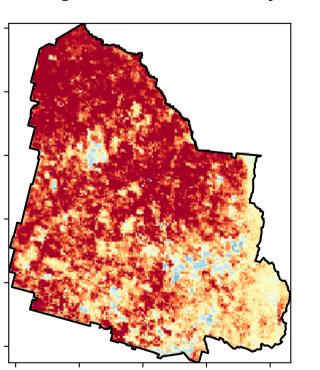
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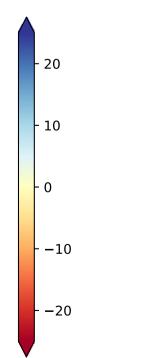
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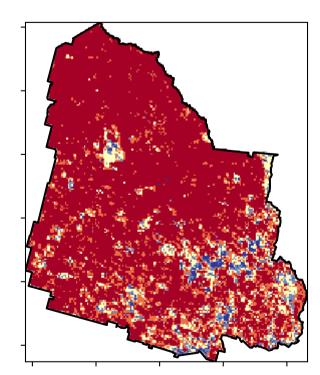
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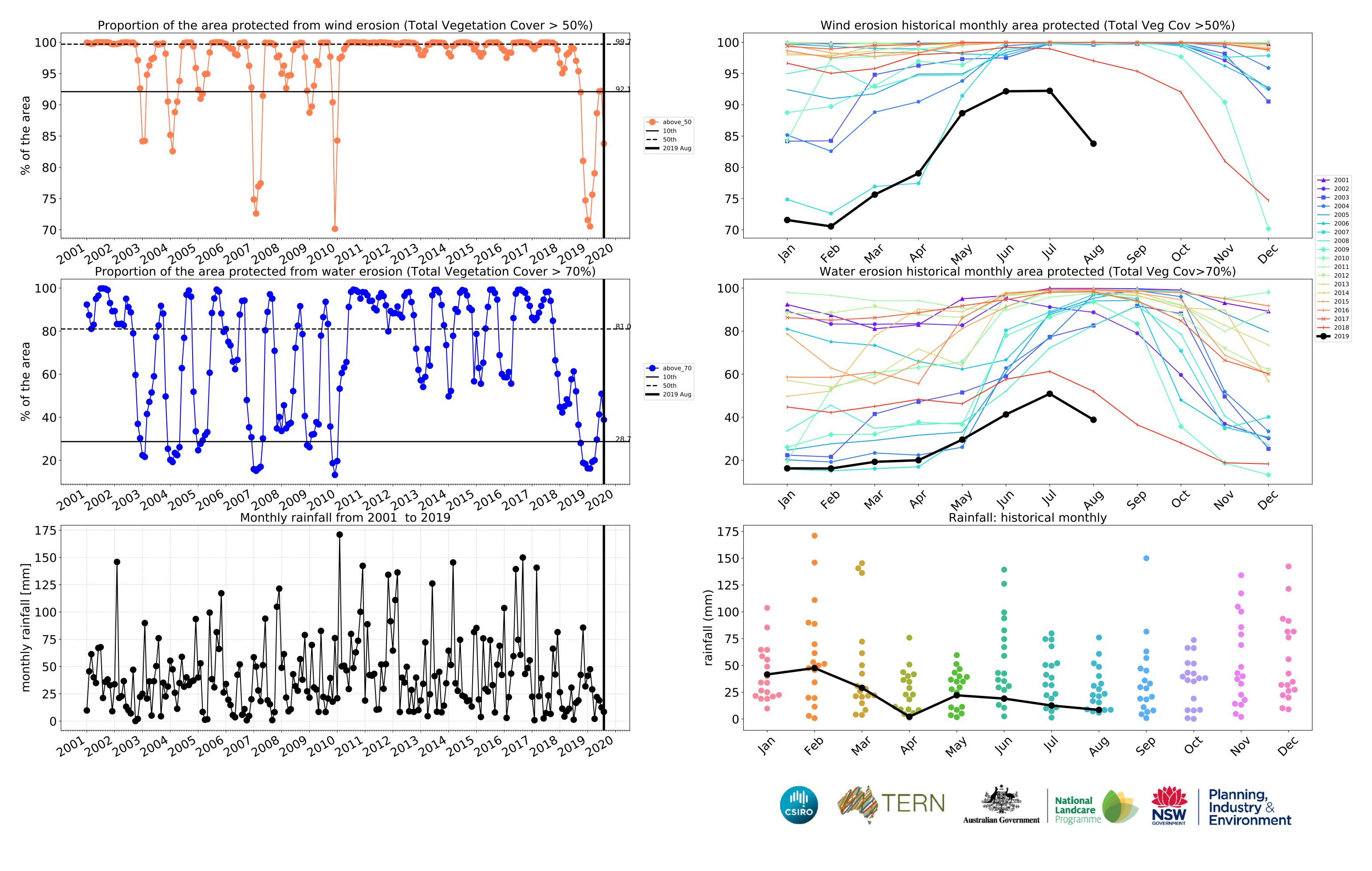




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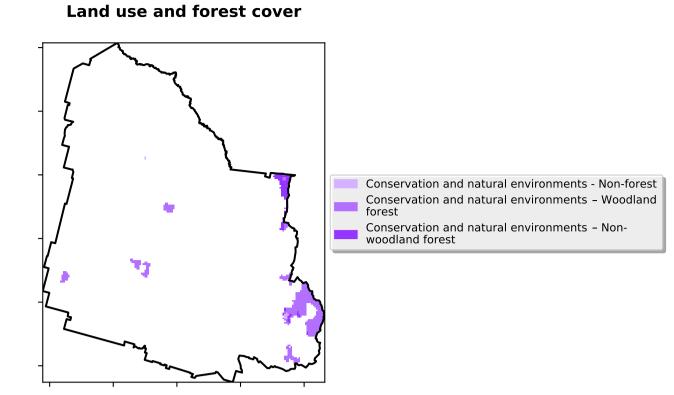




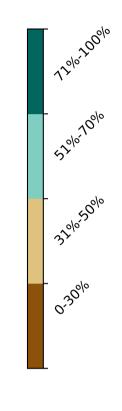


#### **Conservation and natural environments**

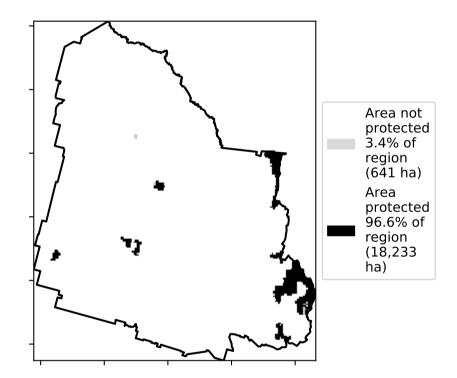
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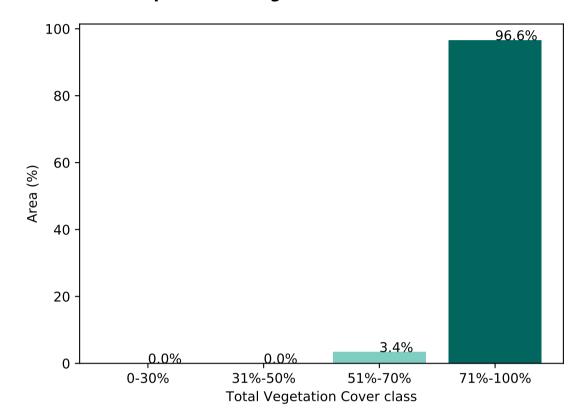
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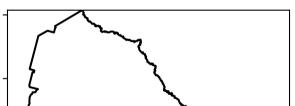
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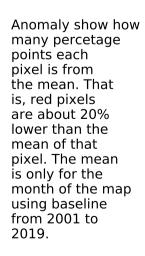
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

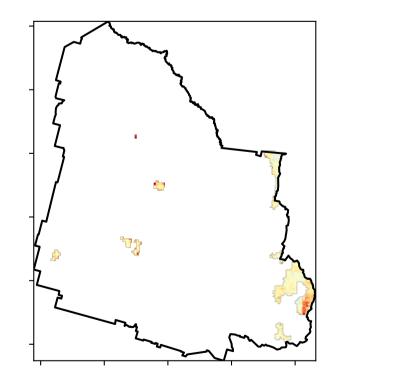


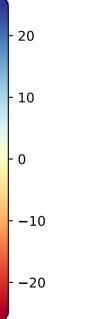
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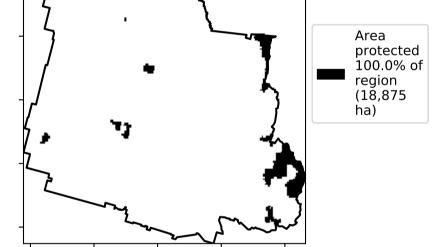


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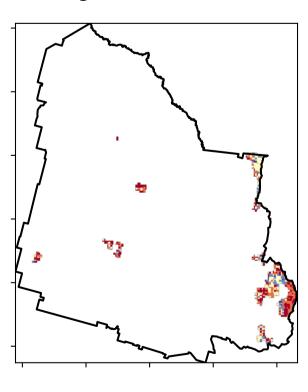


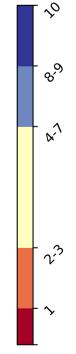






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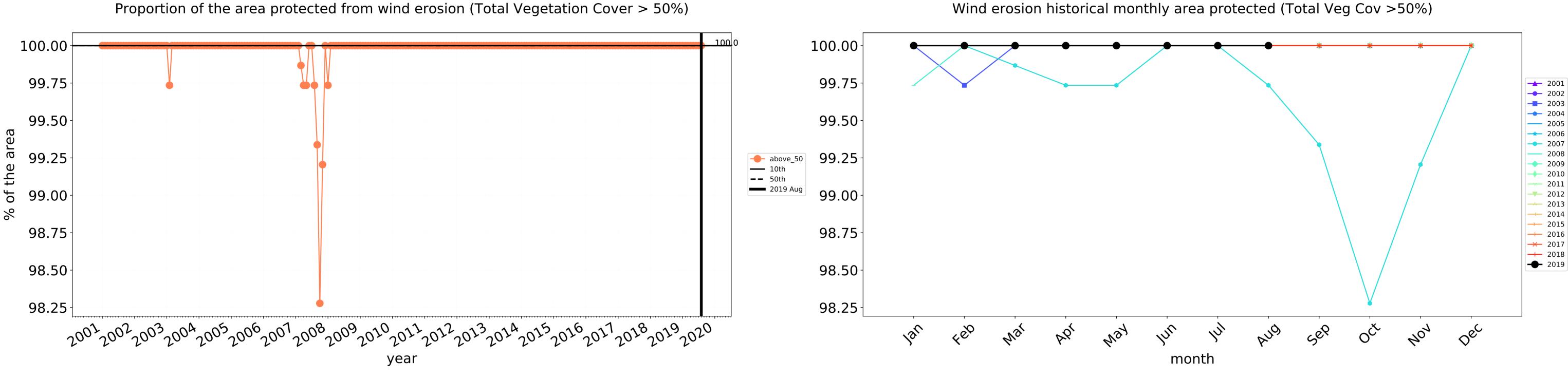
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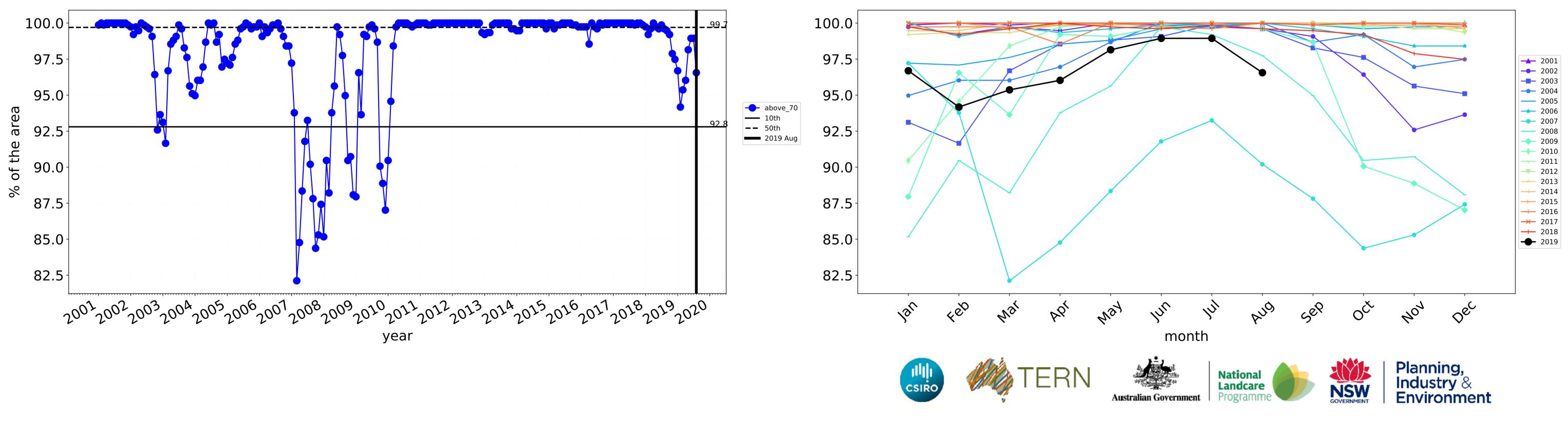
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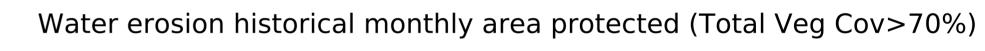
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

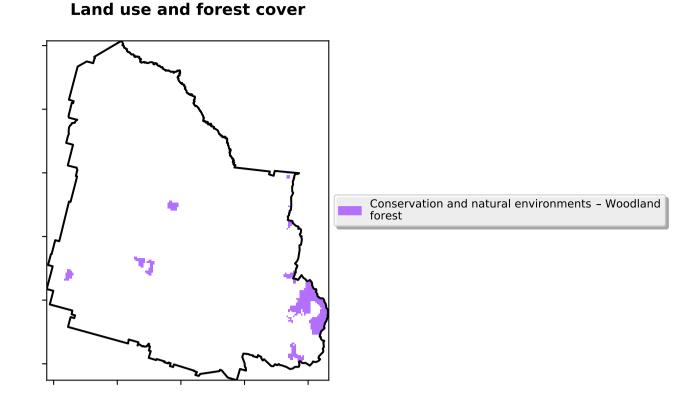


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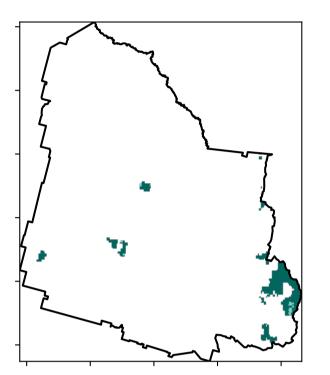


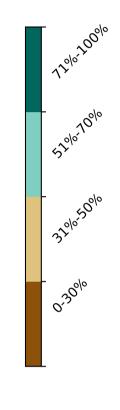
#### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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.

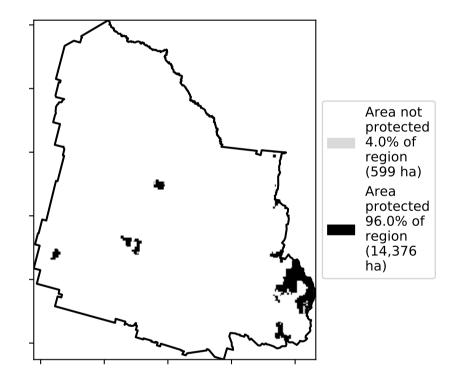


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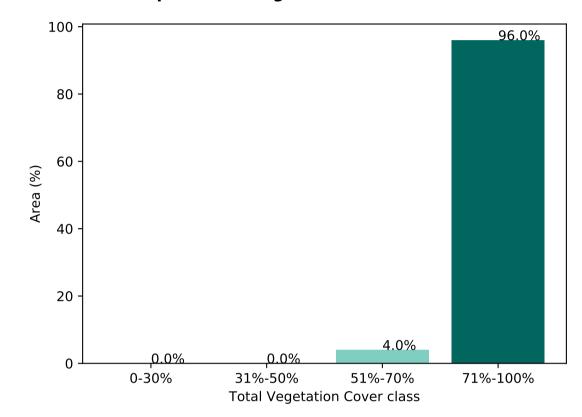




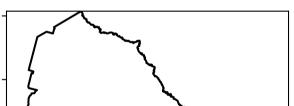
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



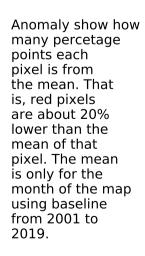
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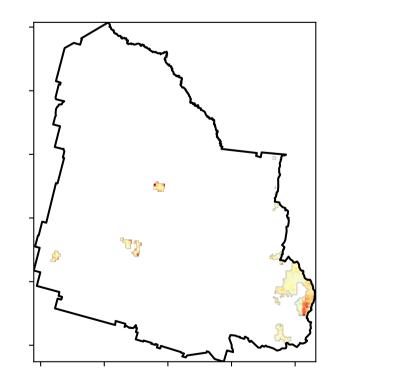


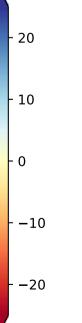
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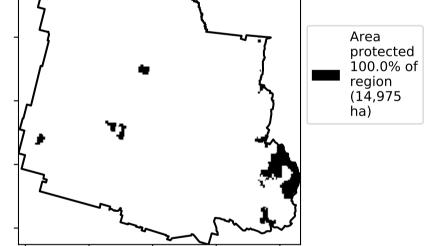


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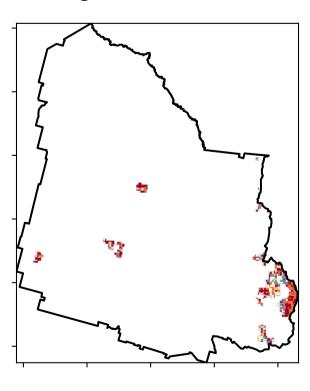


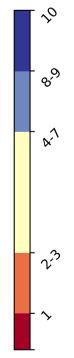






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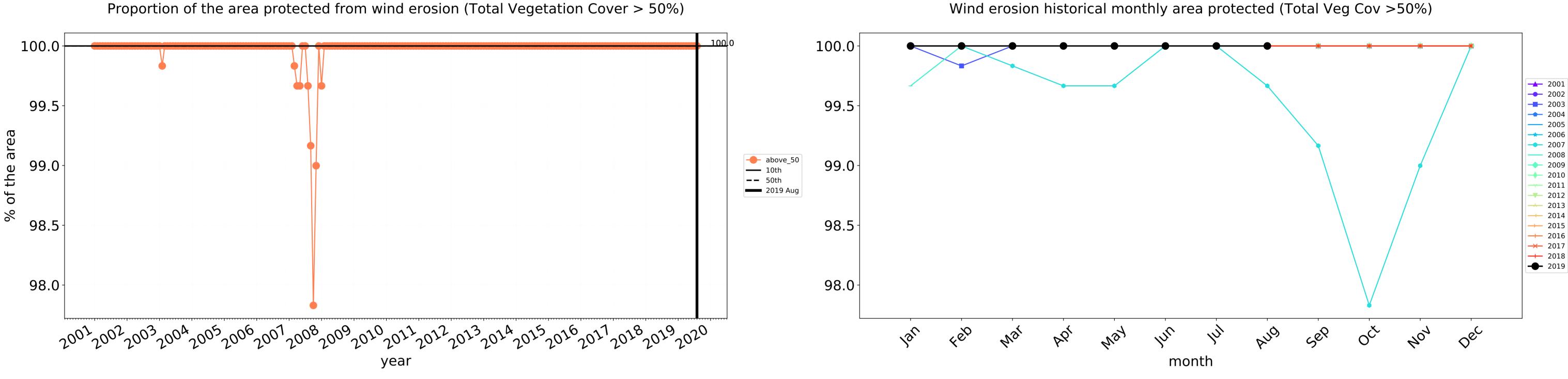
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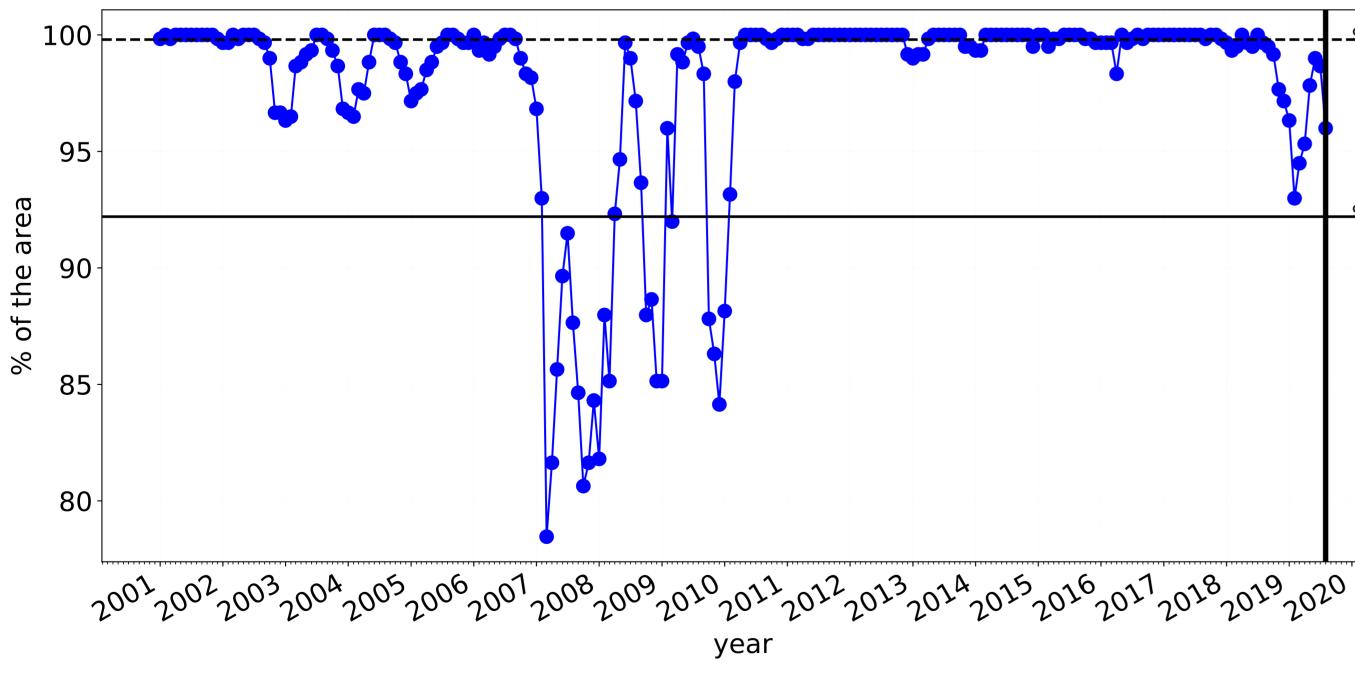
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# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**



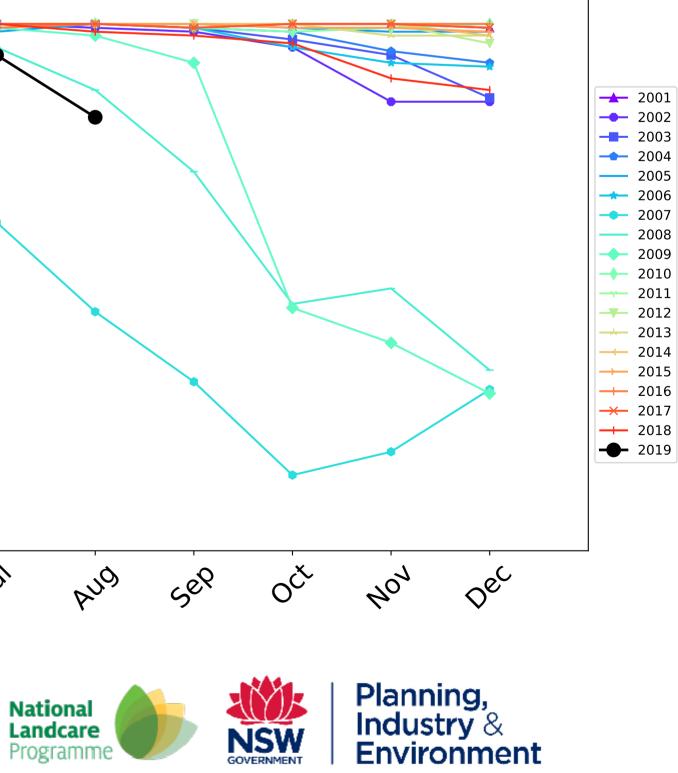
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



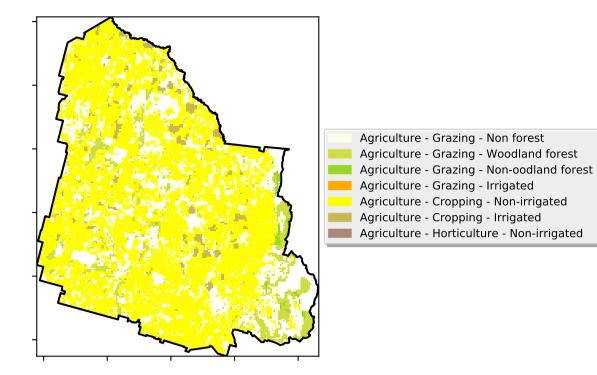
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

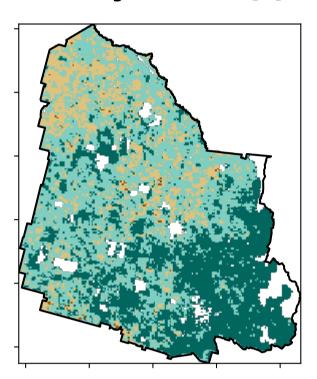


#### Agriculture

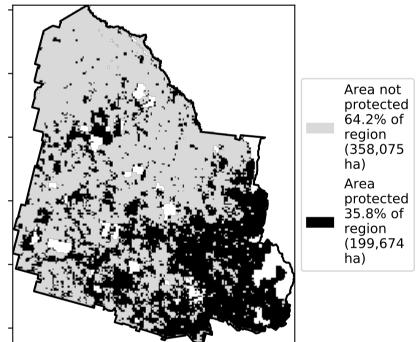
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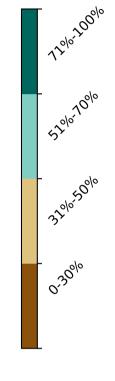


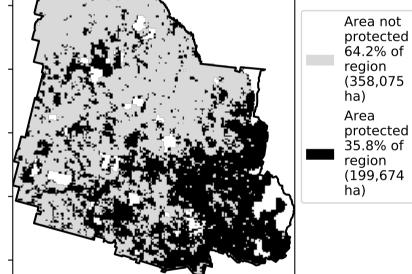
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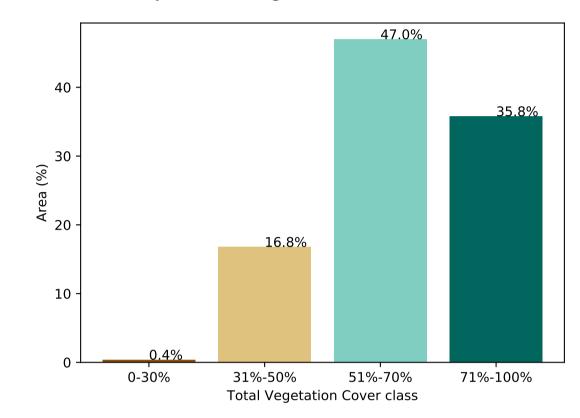
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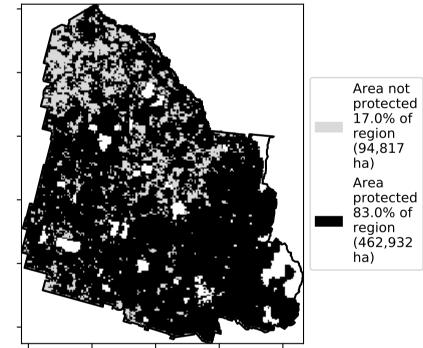




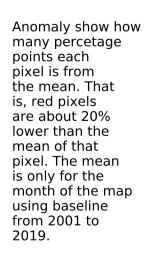
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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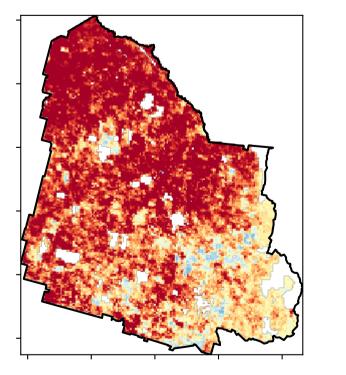
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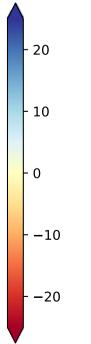
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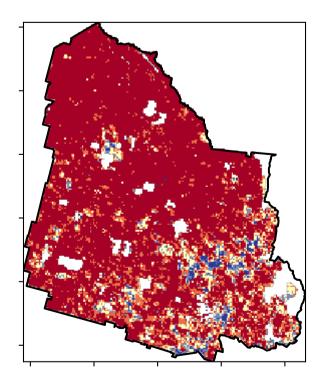
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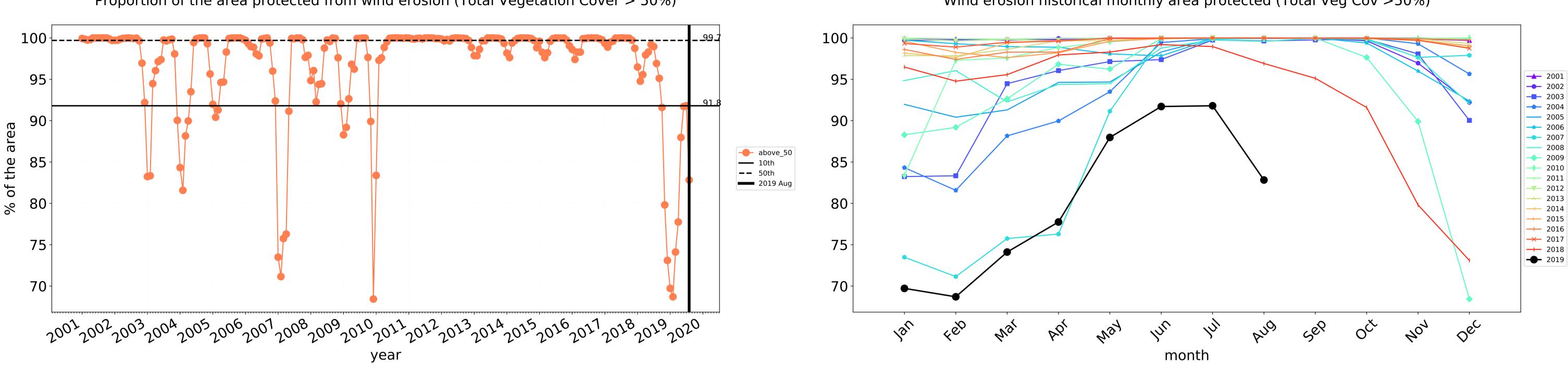






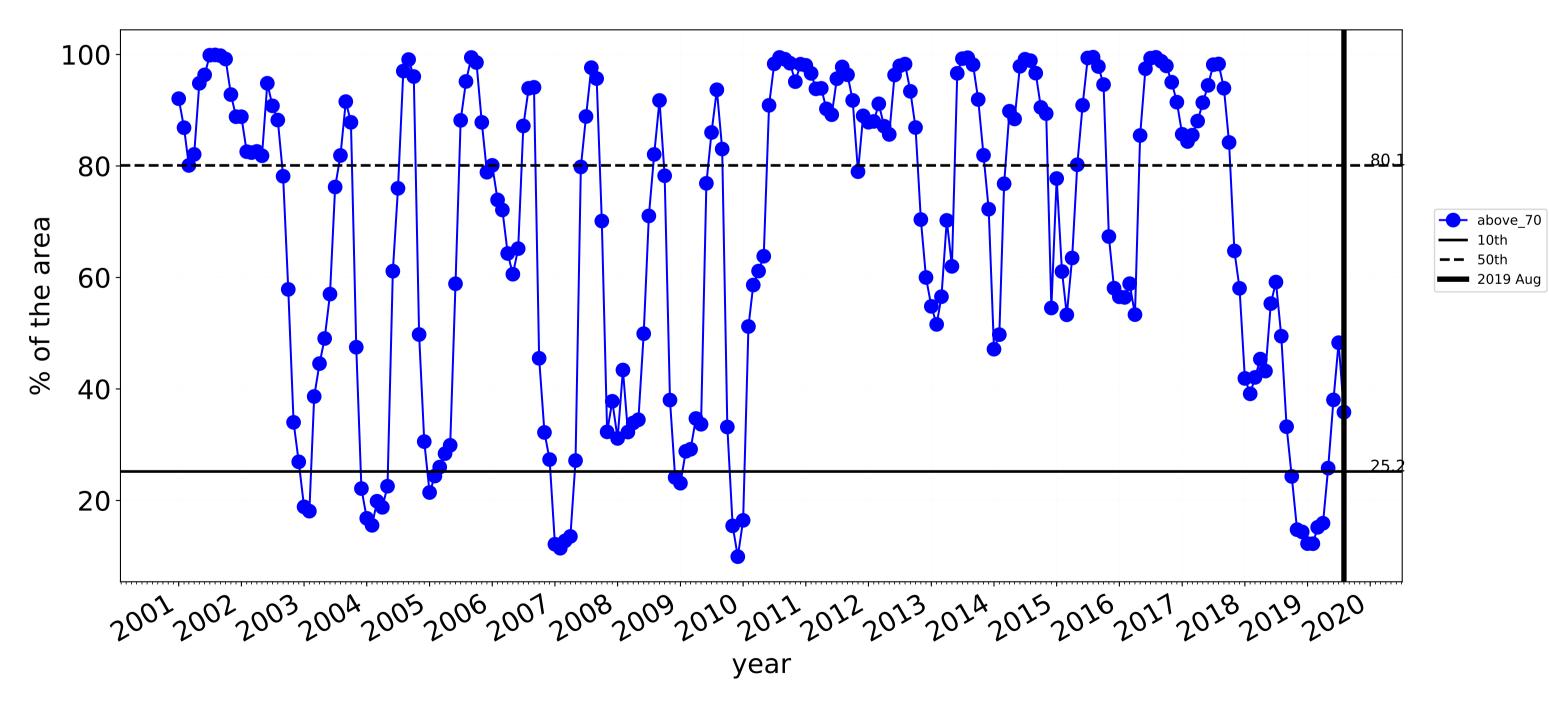






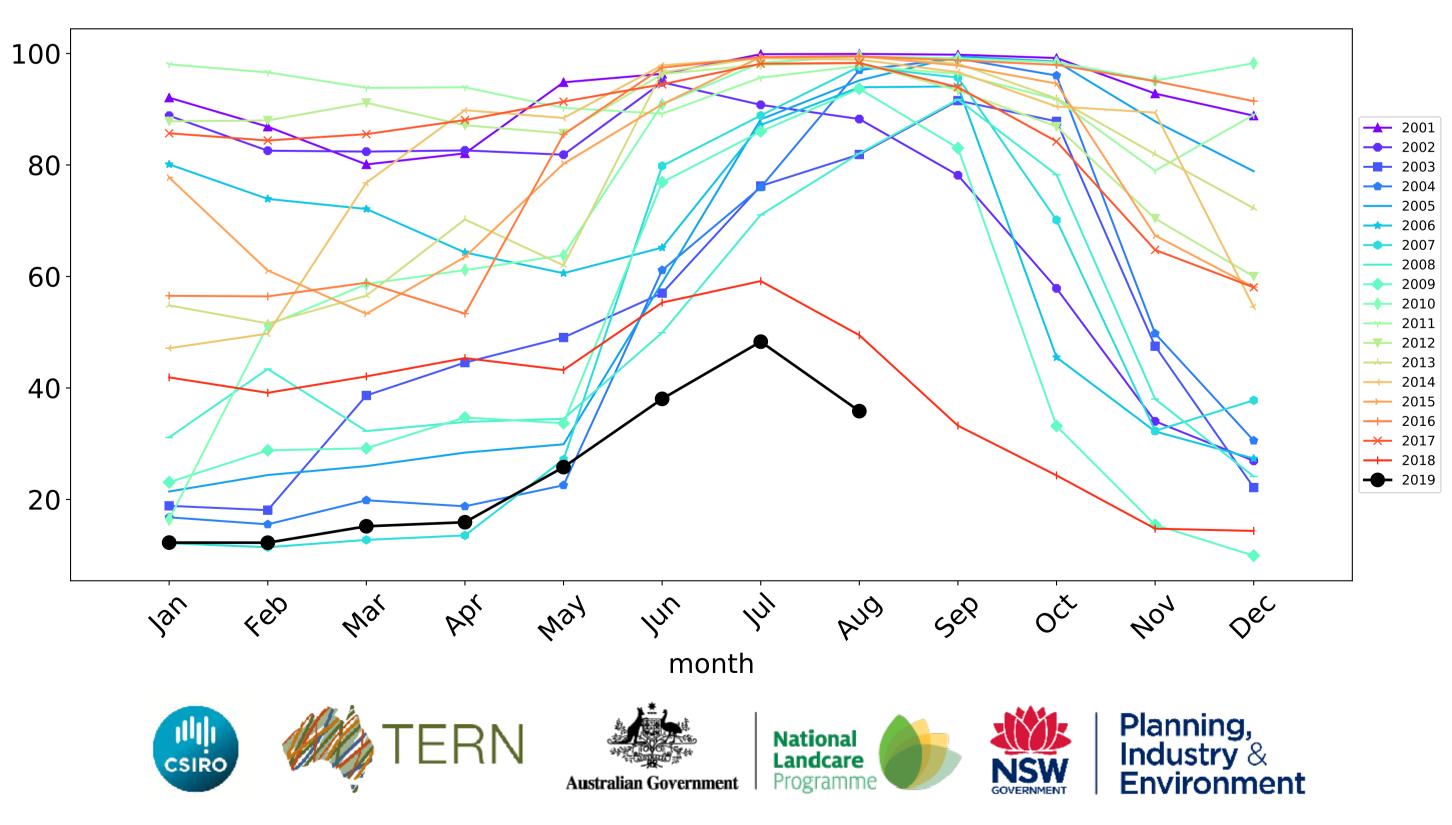
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





# **Agriculture timeseries**

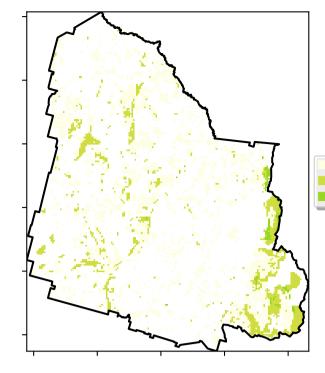
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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

#### Grazing

Land use and forest cover



Landuse map of area based on 2015

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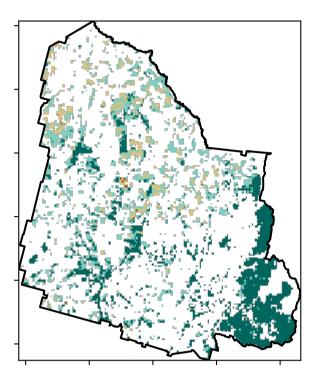
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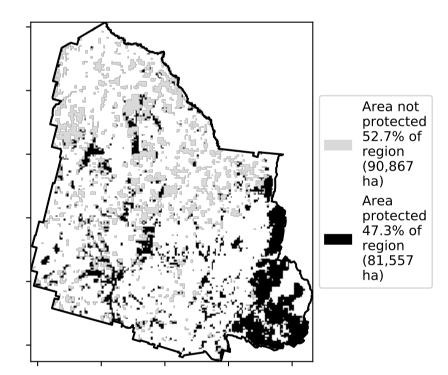
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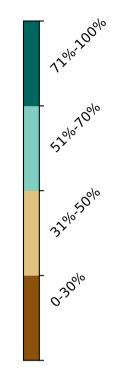
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



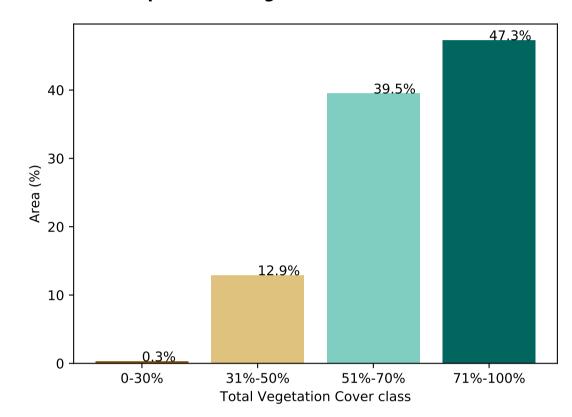
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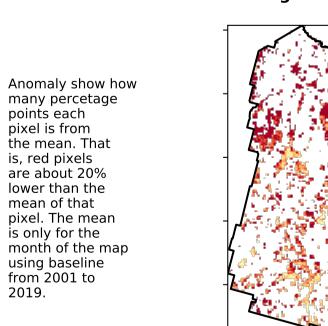
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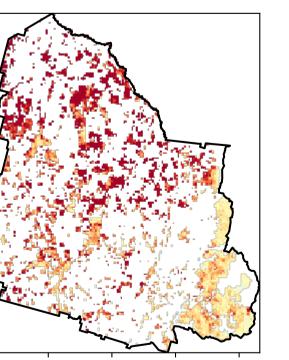
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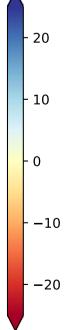
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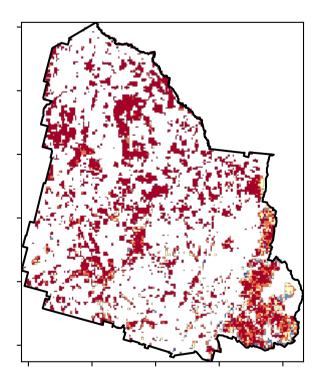
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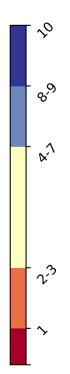




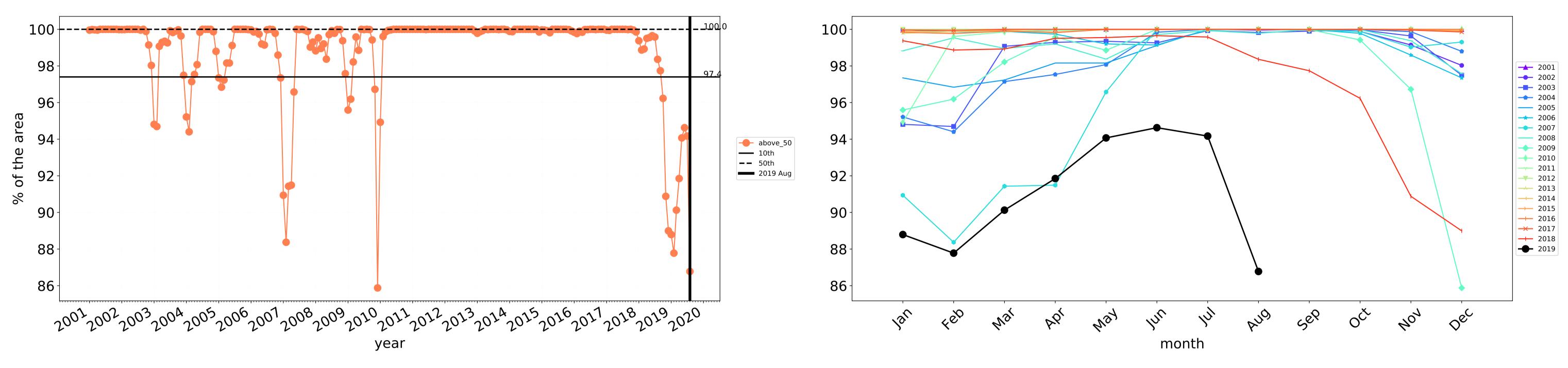
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protected 13.0% of region (22,415 ha) Area protected 87.0% of region (150,009 ha)



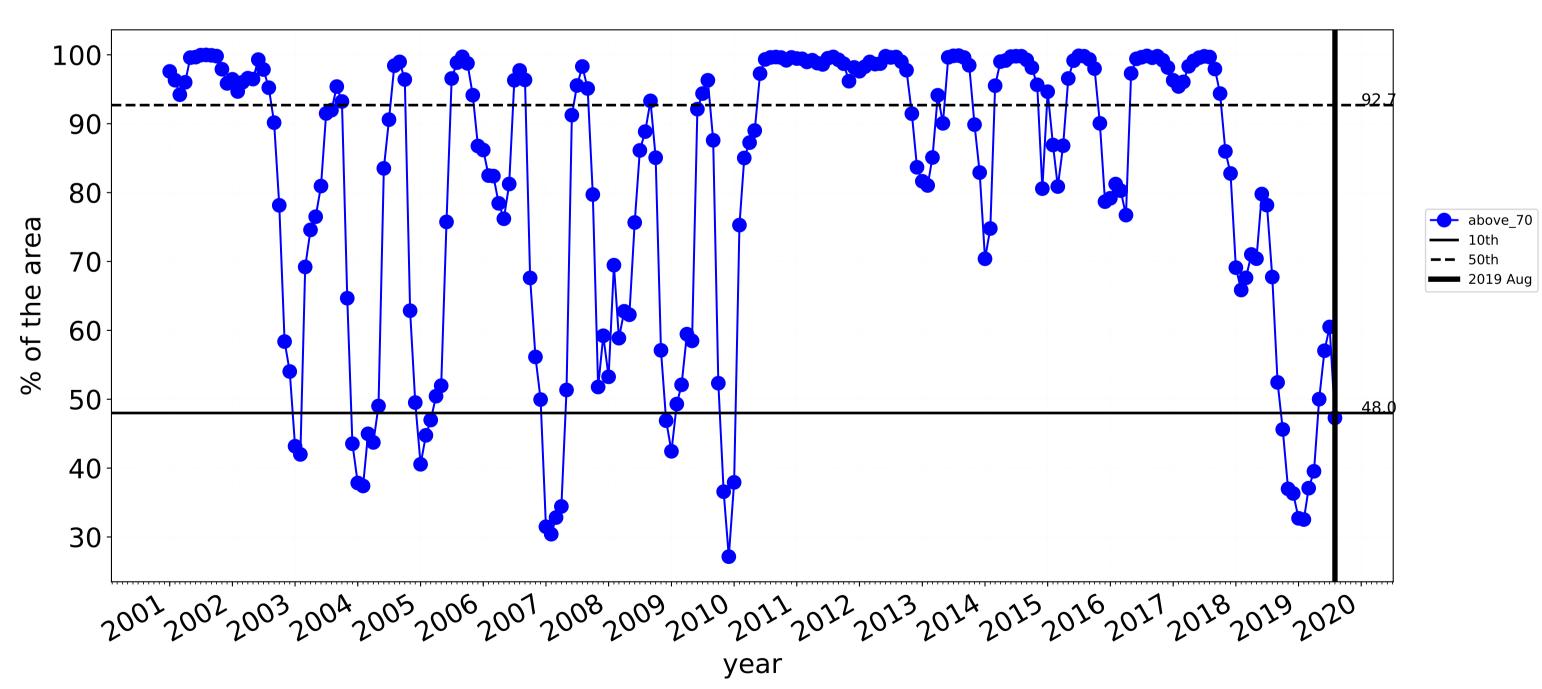






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

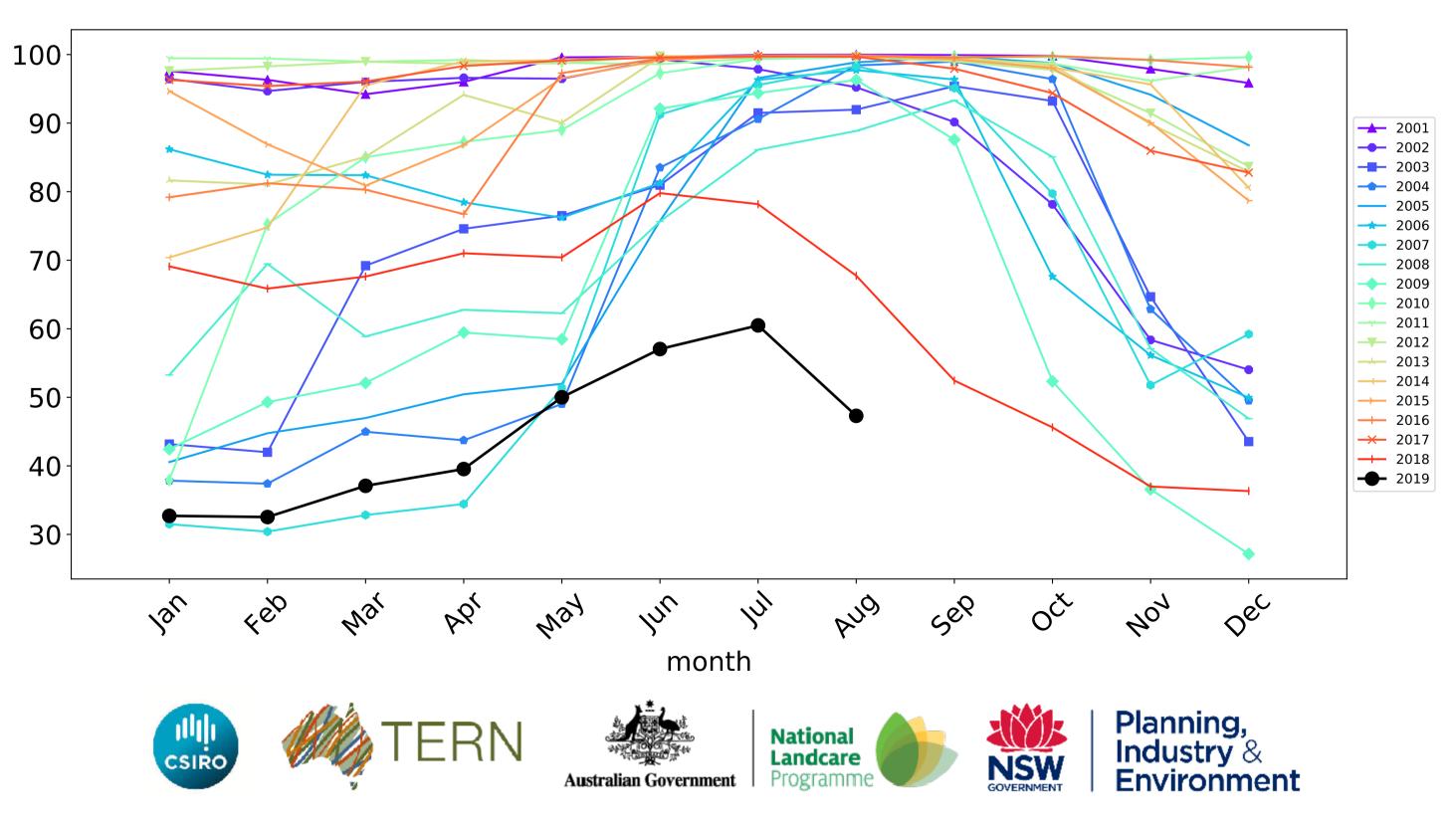


### Grazing timeseries



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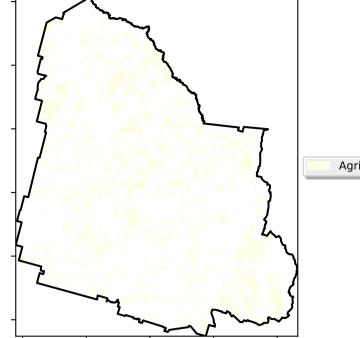
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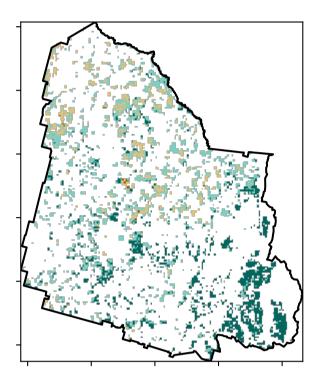
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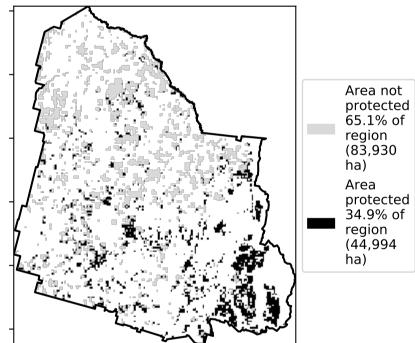


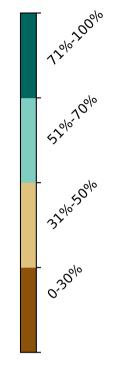
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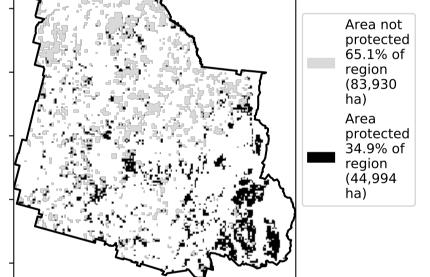
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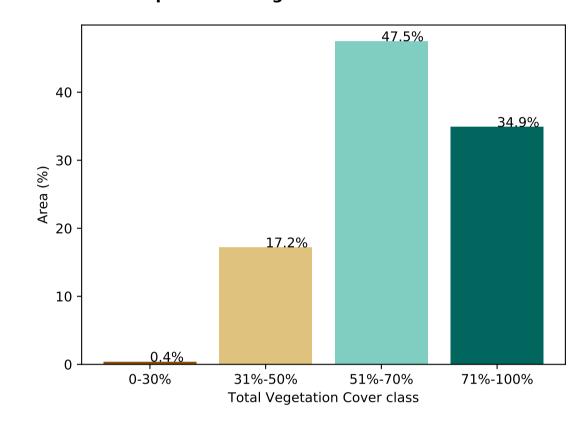
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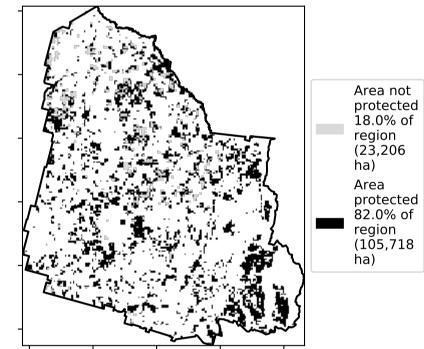




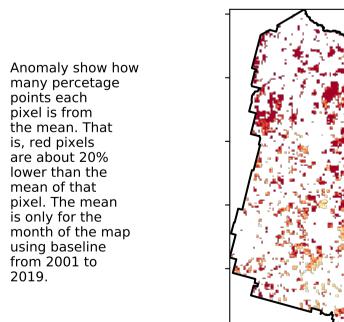
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

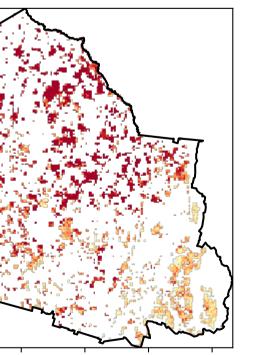


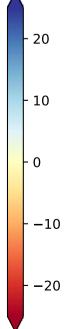
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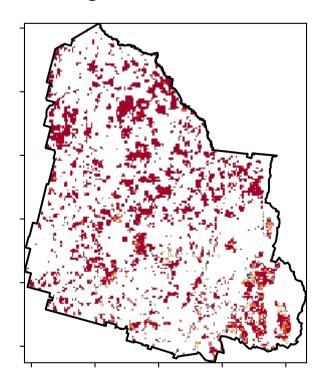
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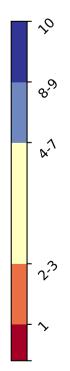
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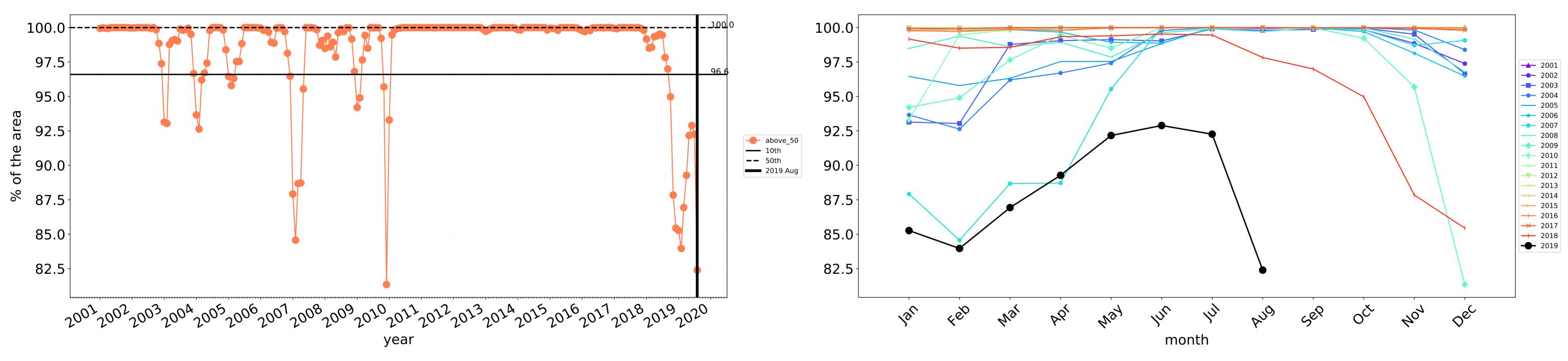












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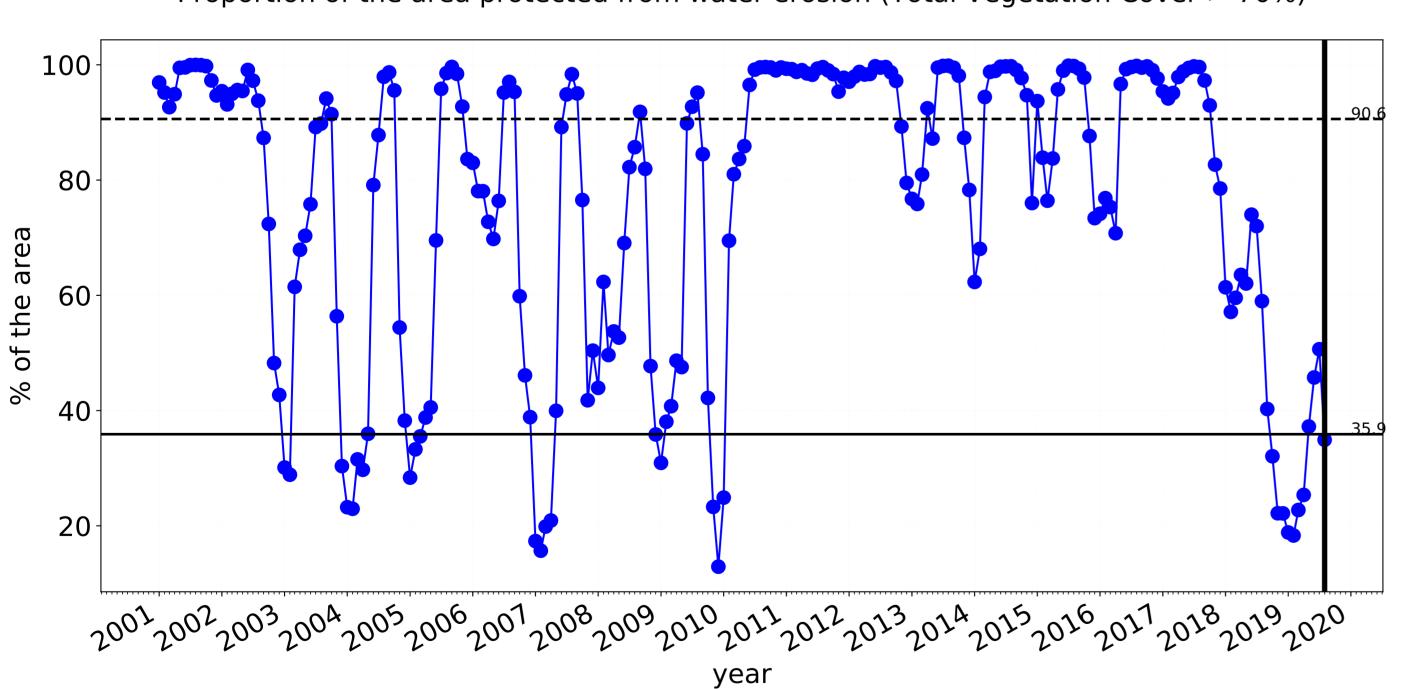
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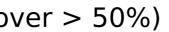
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



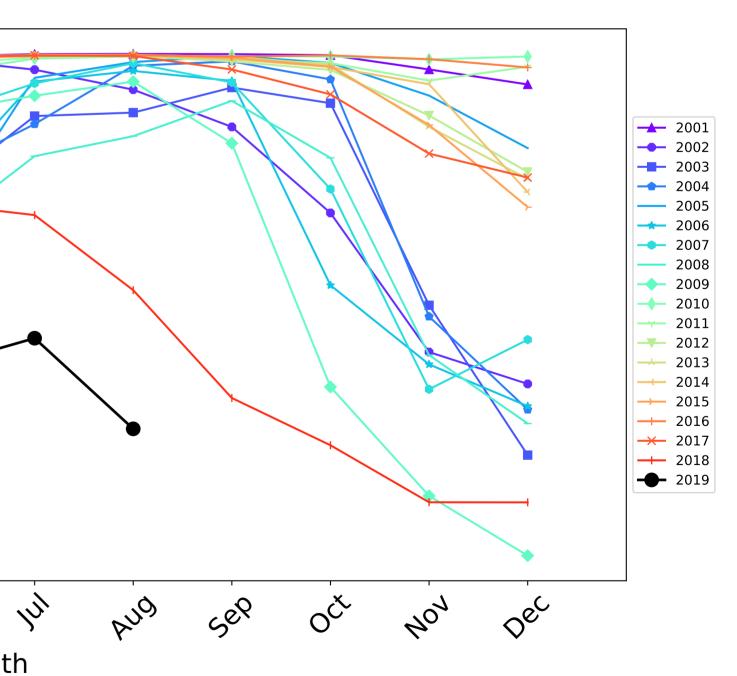
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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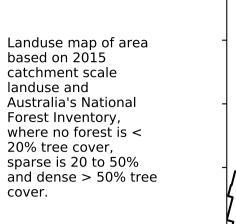
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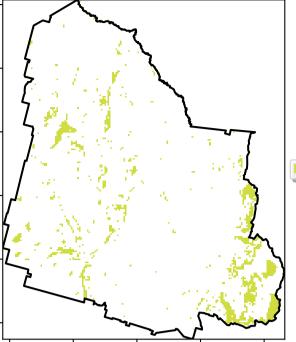




#### **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

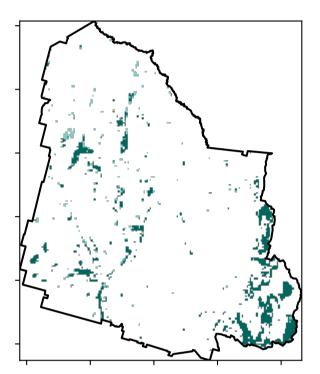


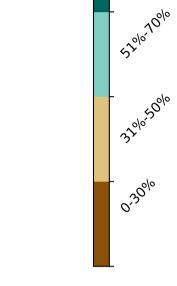


Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

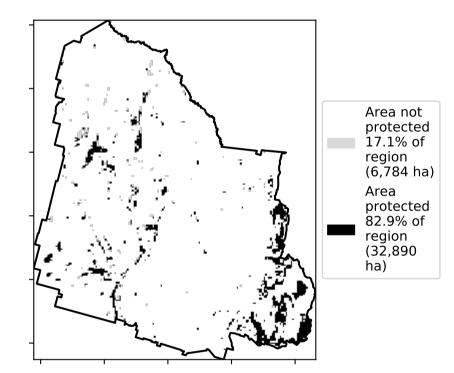
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

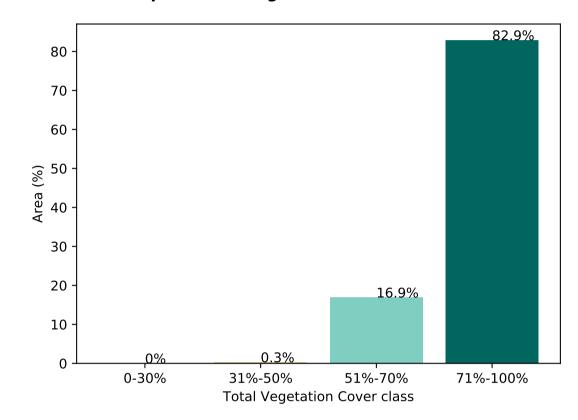




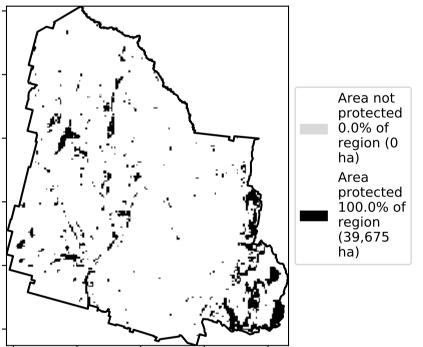
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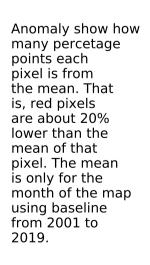
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

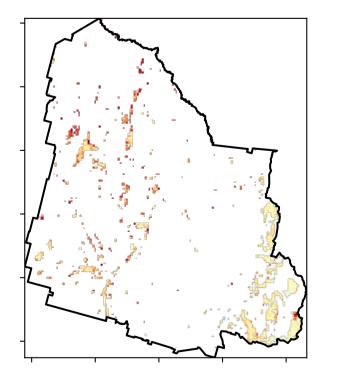


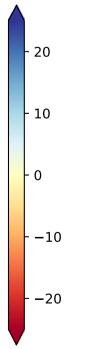
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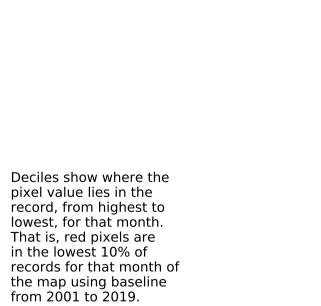


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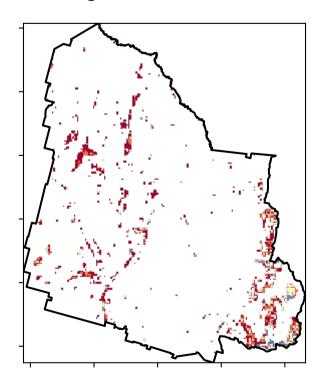


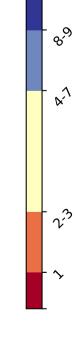






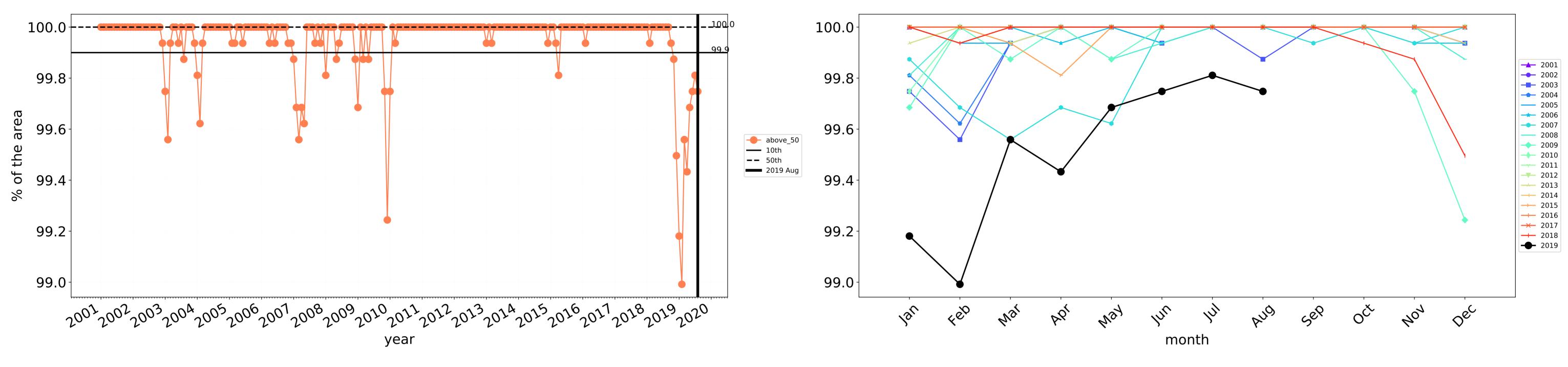
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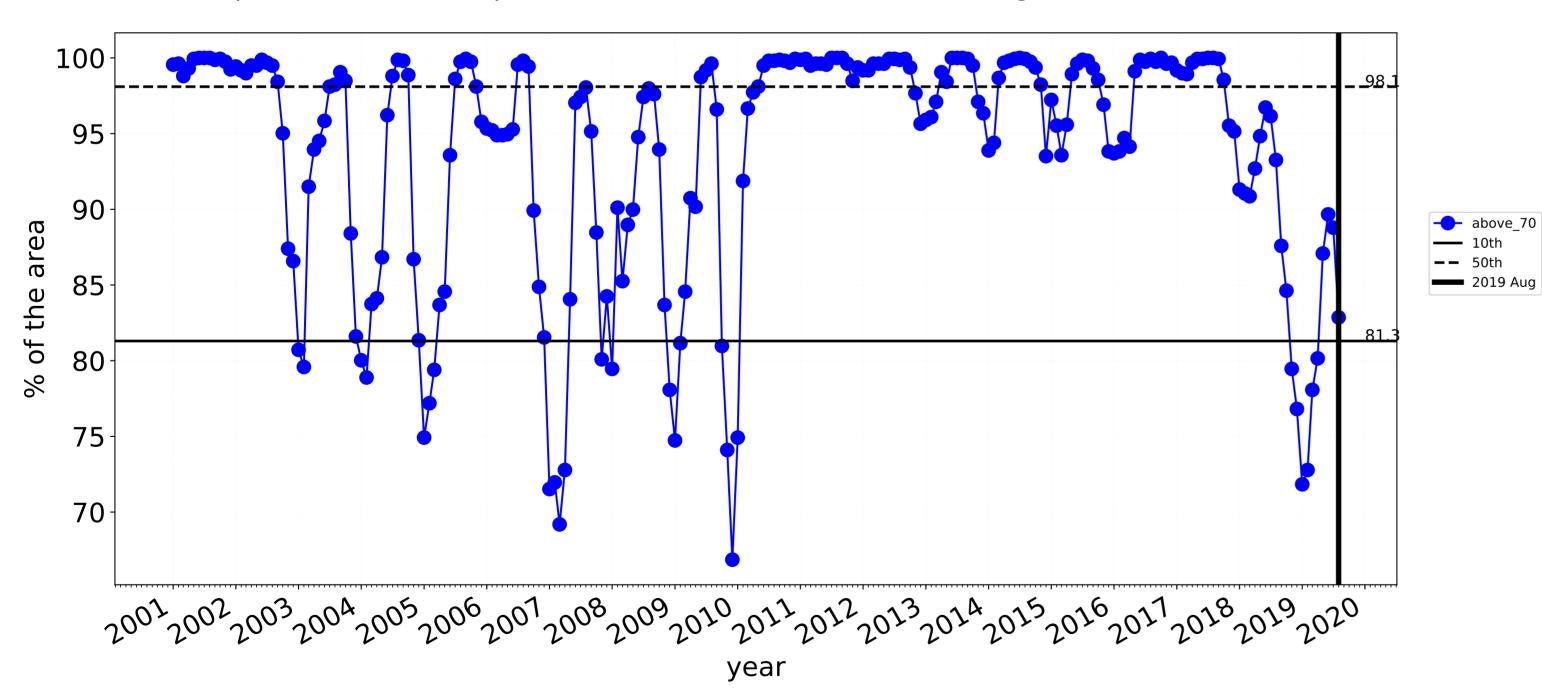
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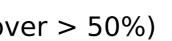




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

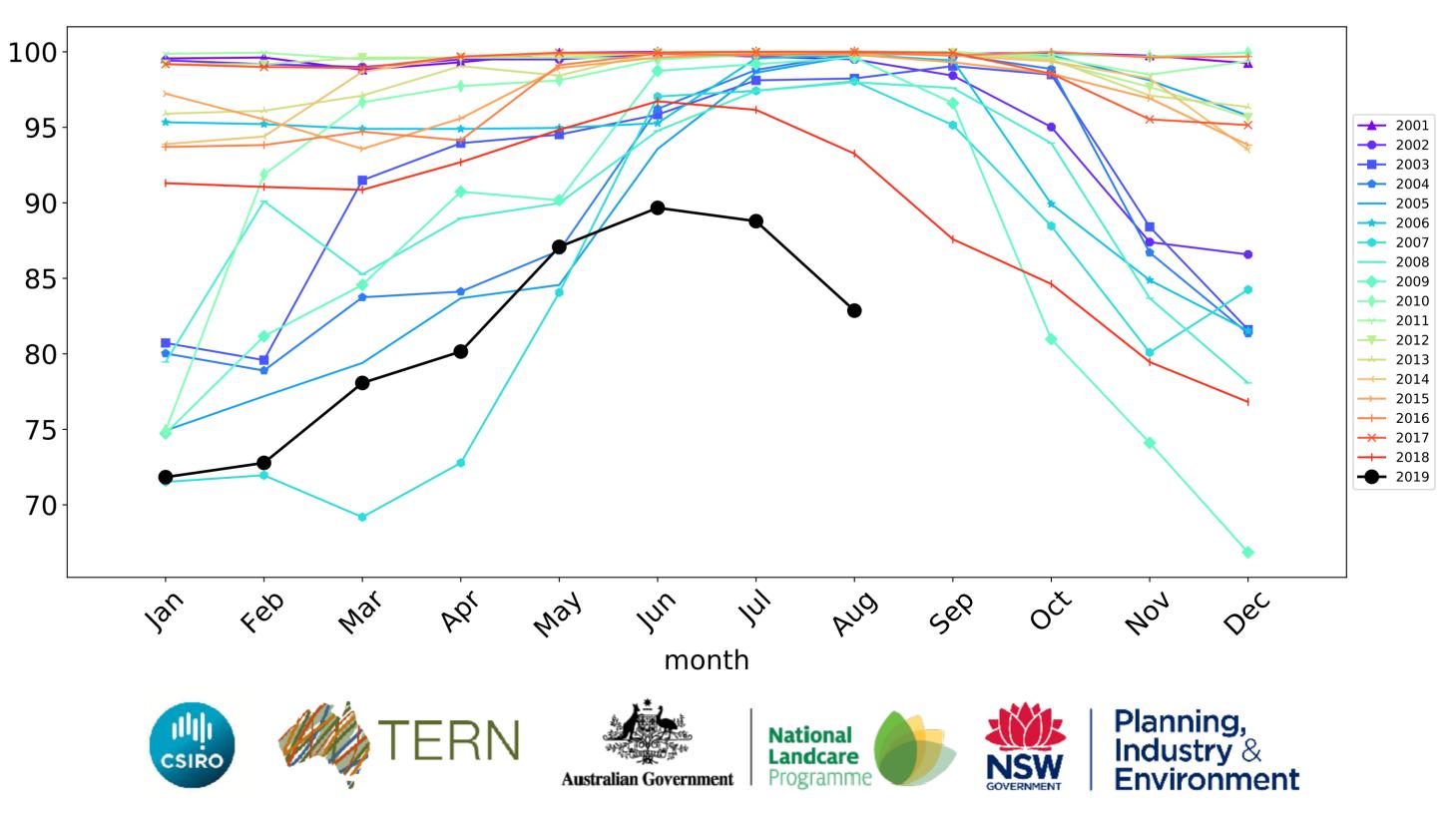






Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

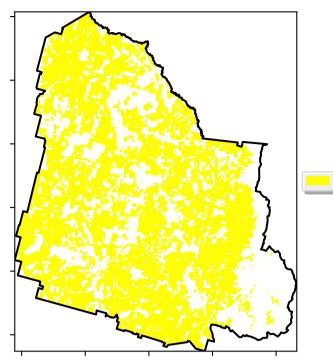
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#### Cropping

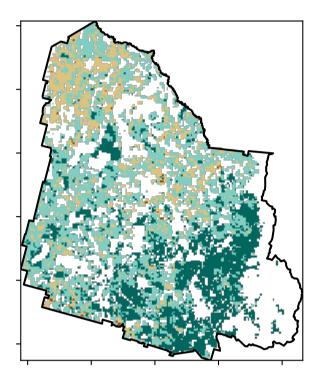
Land use and forest cover



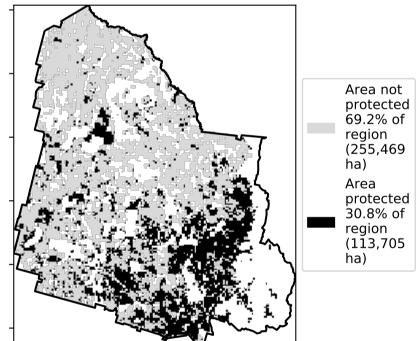


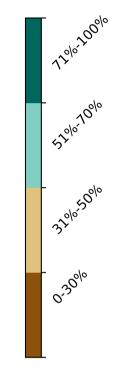
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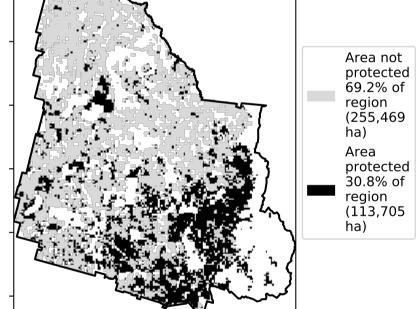
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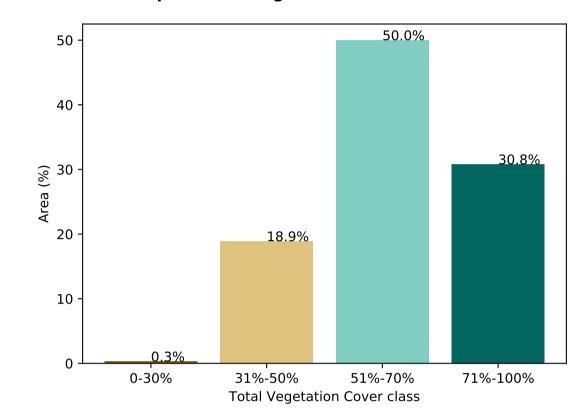
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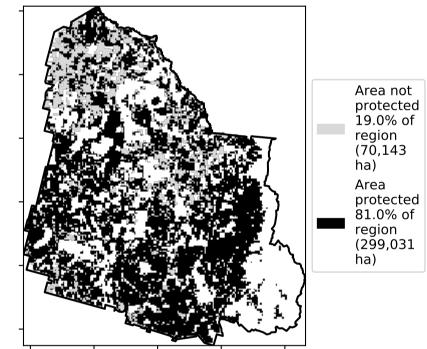




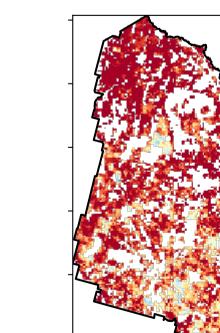
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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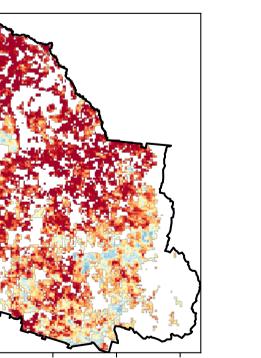
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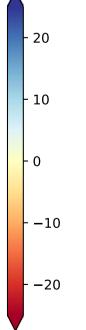
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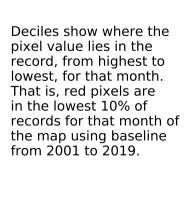
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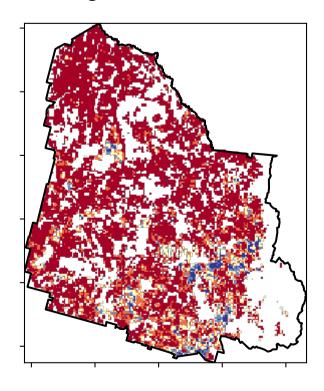
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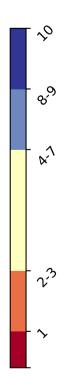
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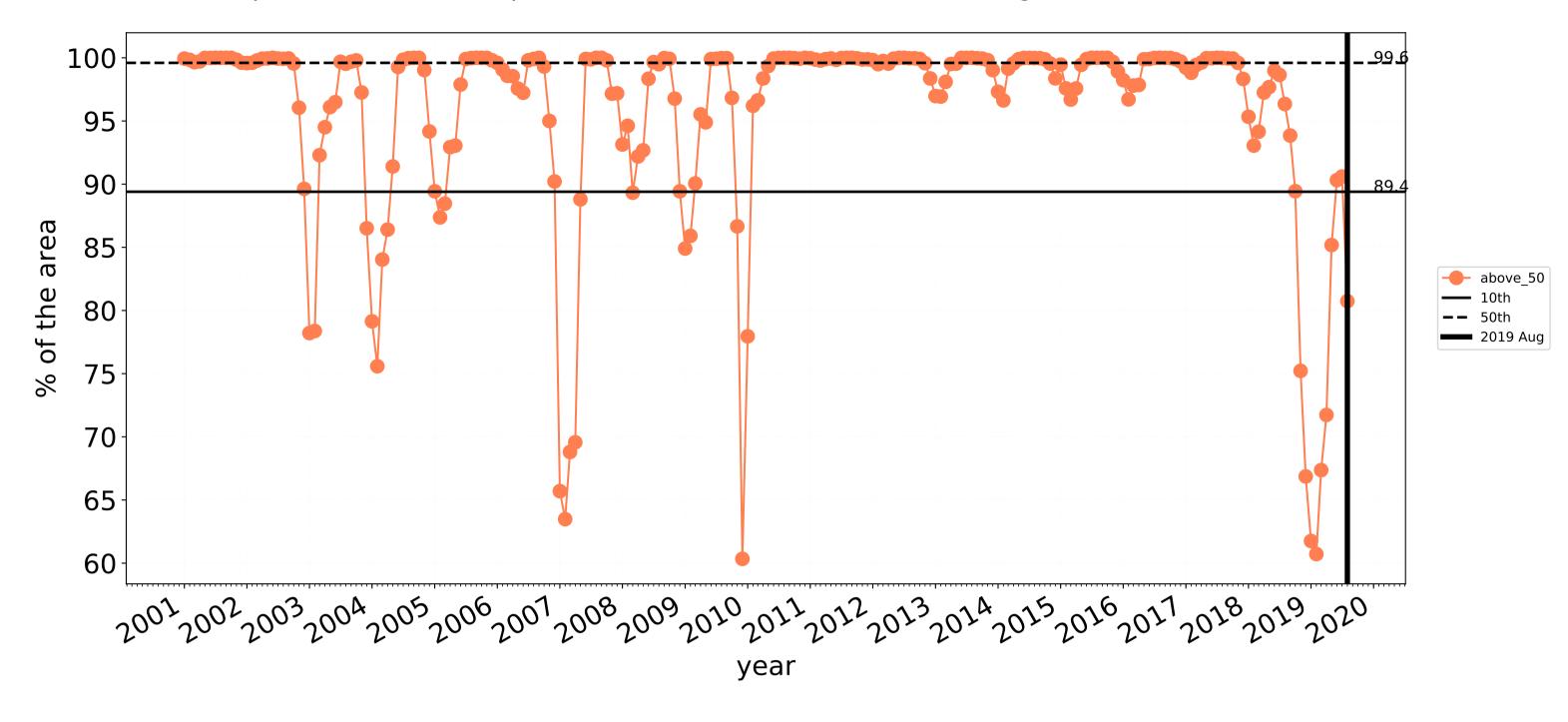




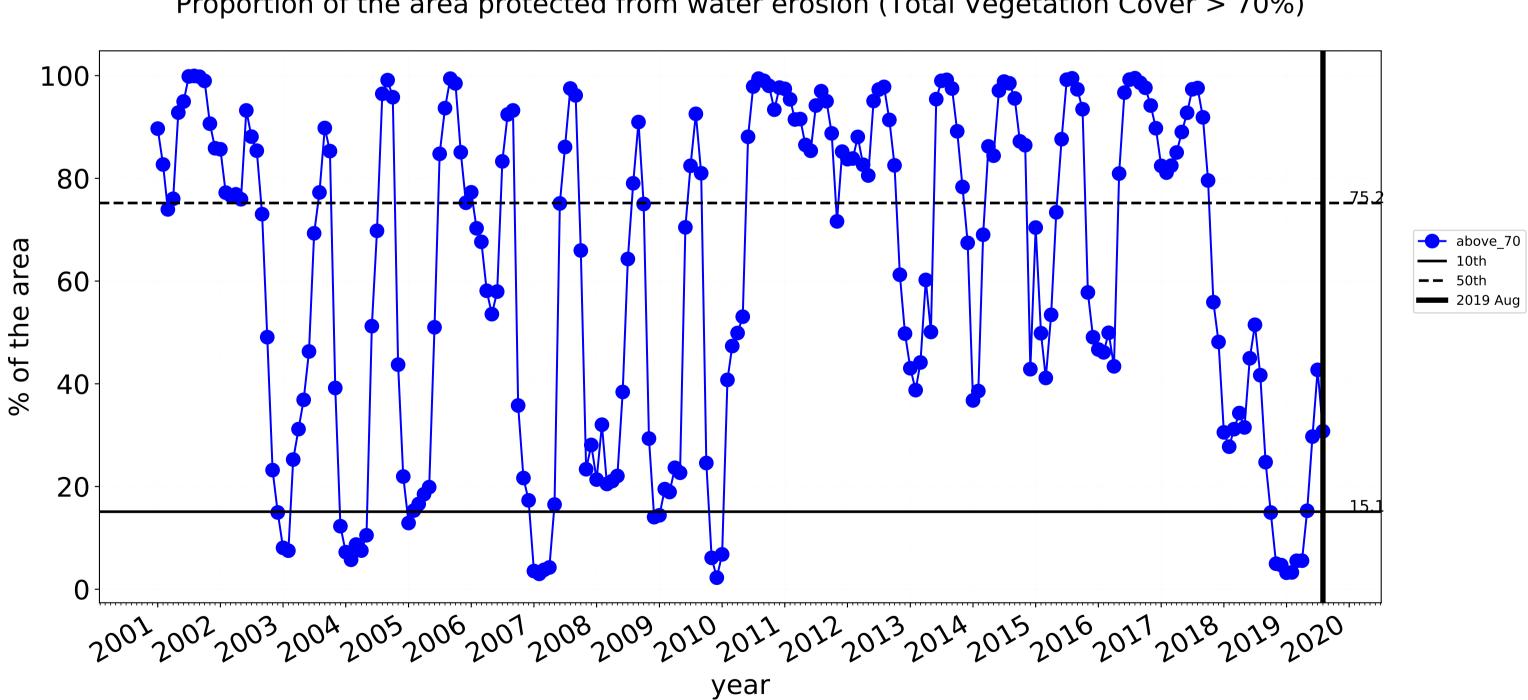








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

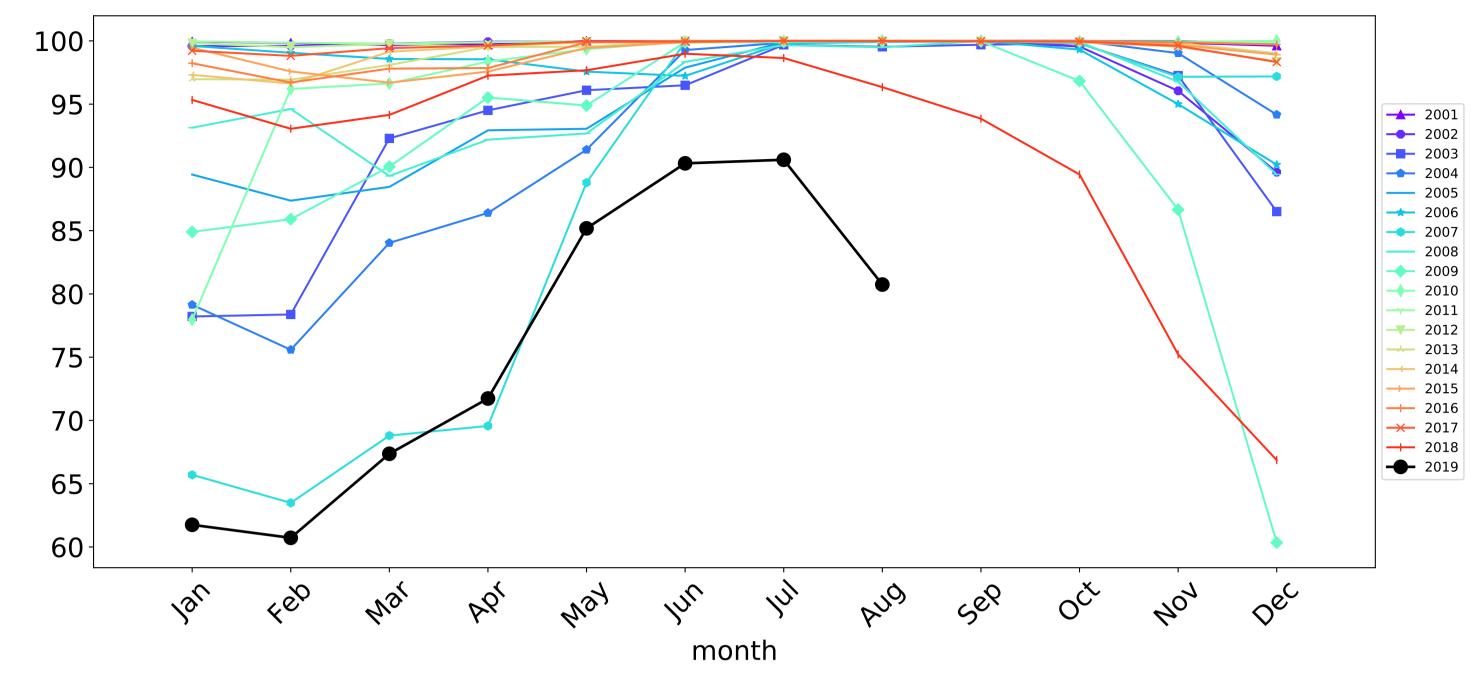


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

# **Cropping timeseries**



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



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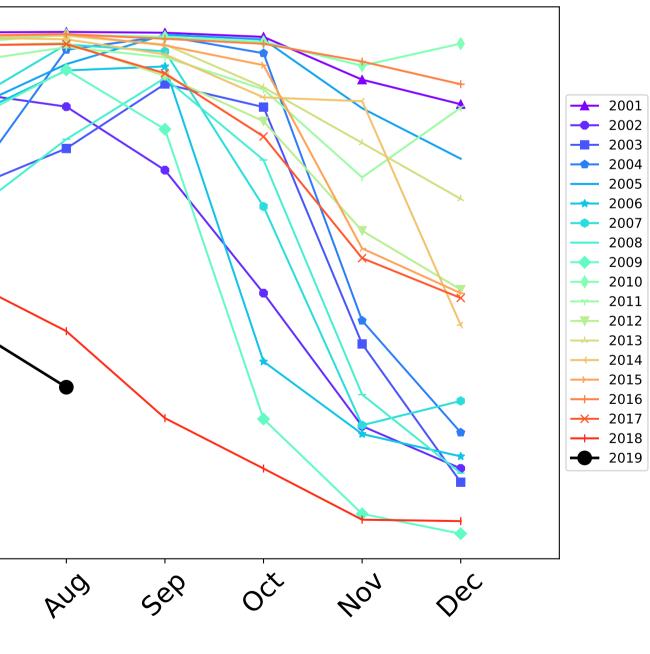
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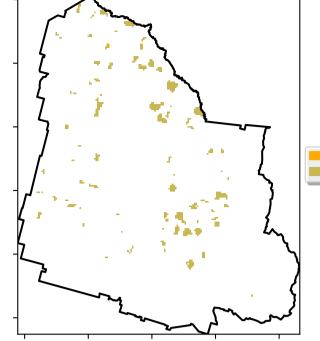
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





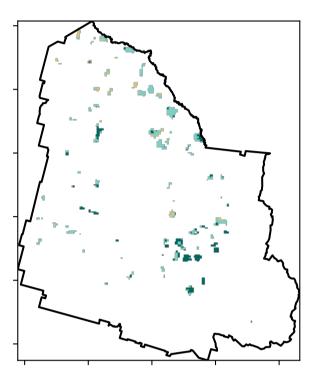
#### Irrigation

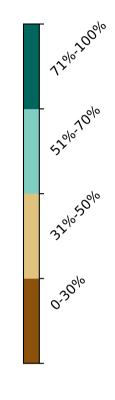
Land use and forest cover



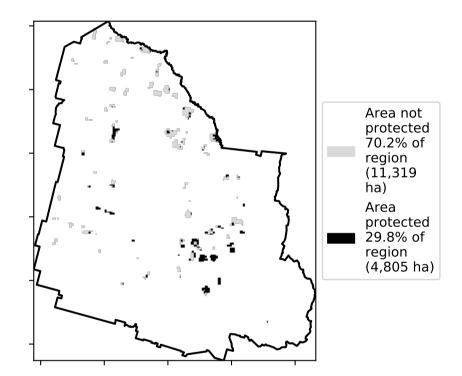
Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

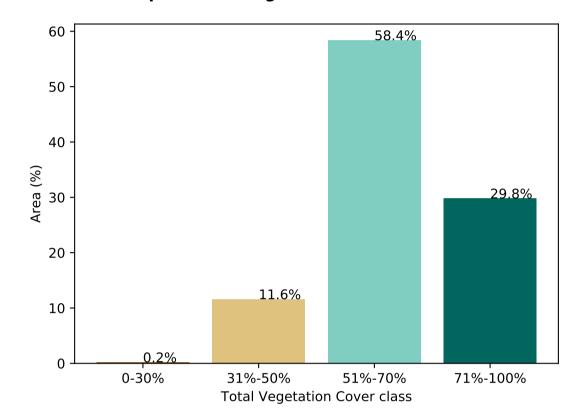




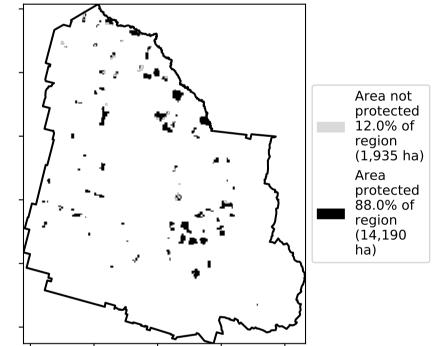
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



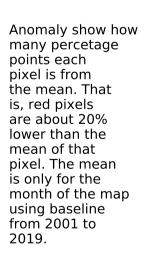
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



Landuse map of area based on 2015

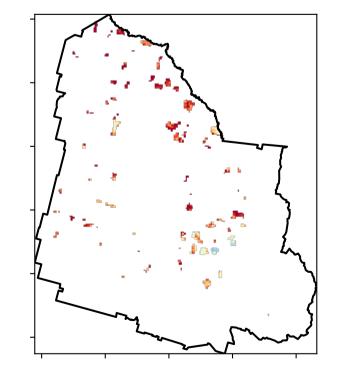
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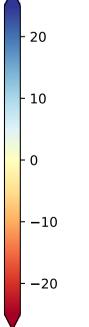
20% tree cover,

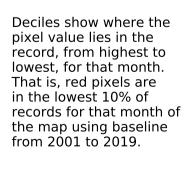
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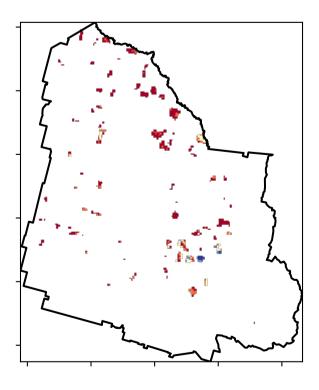
Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is <

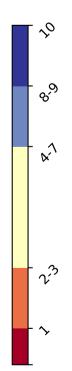
sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree



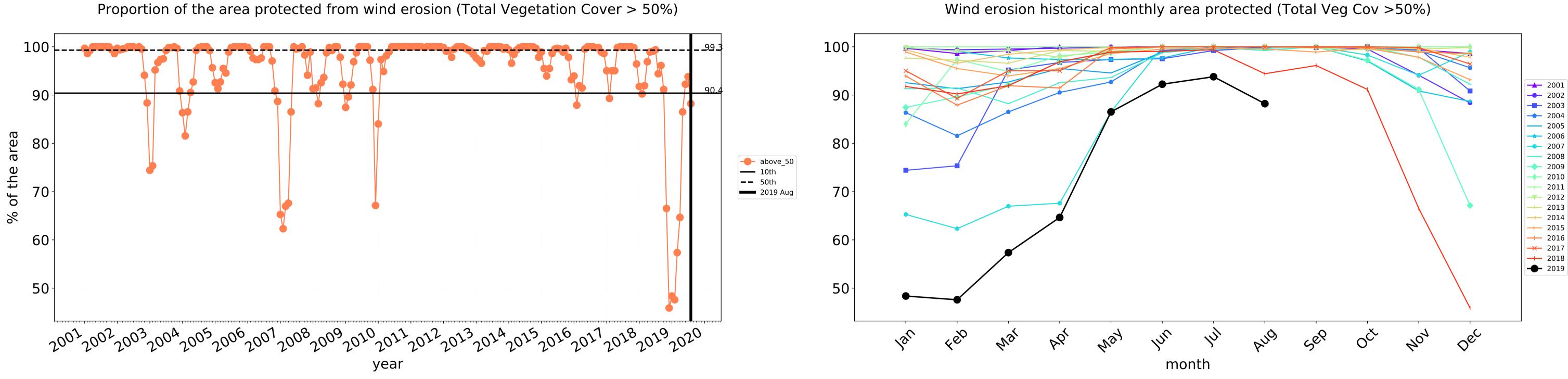




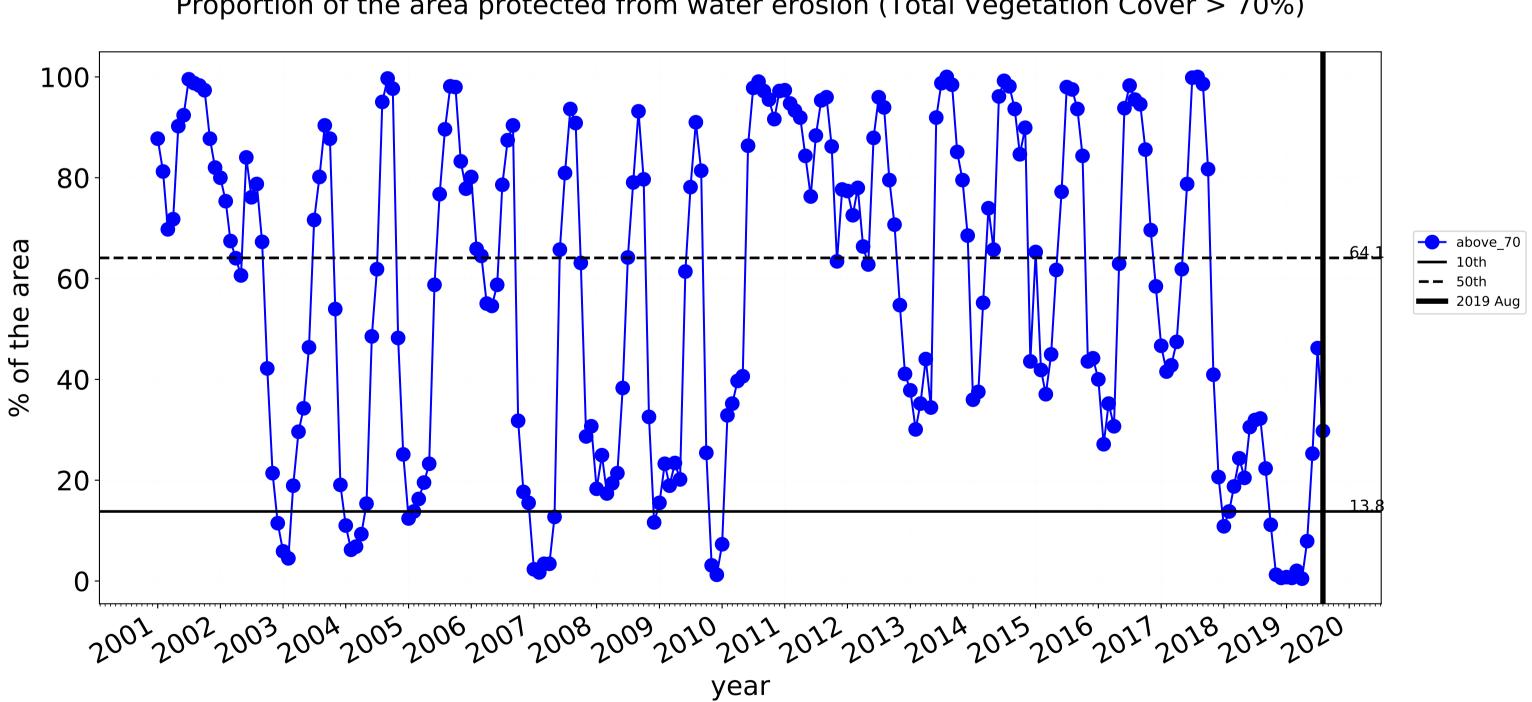








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

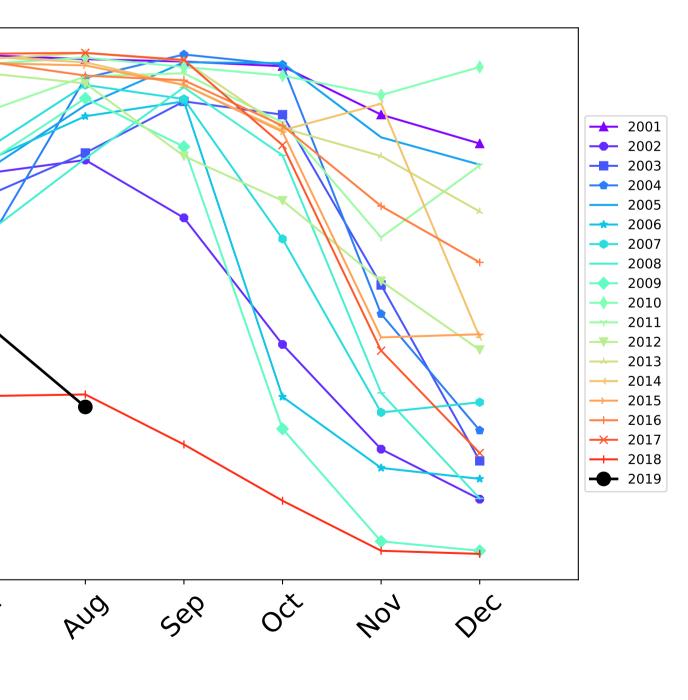


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

# Irrigation timeseries

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

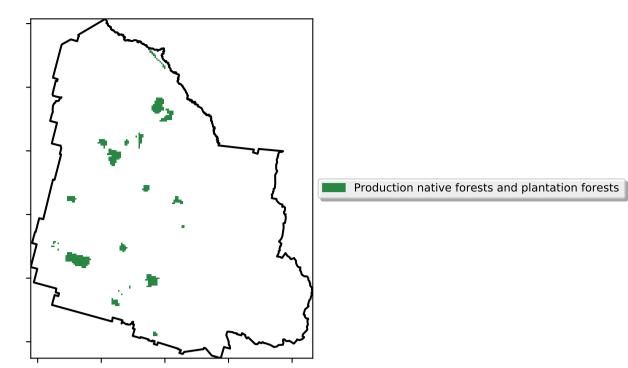




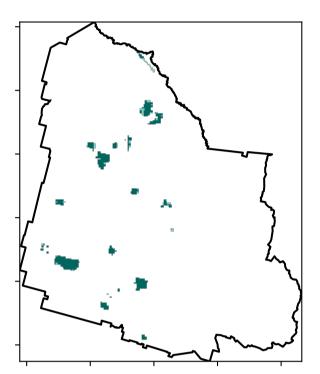
#### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

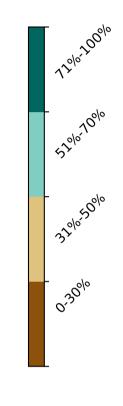
Land use and forest cover

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.

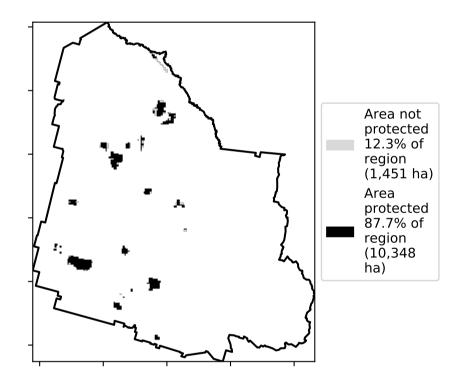


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

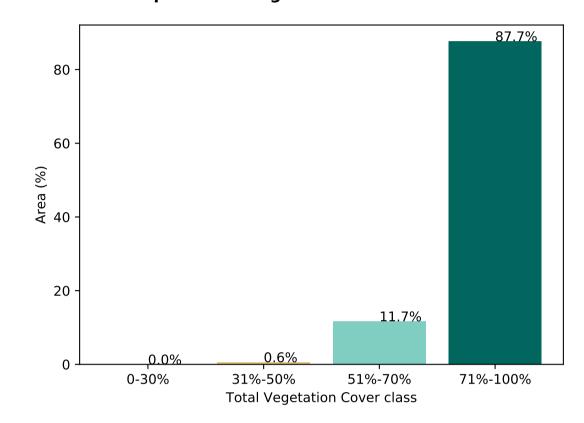




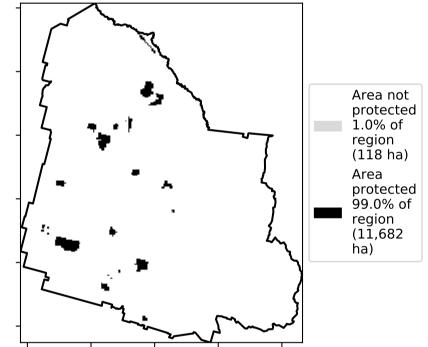
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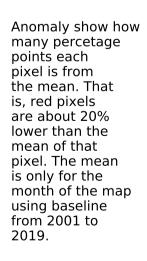
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

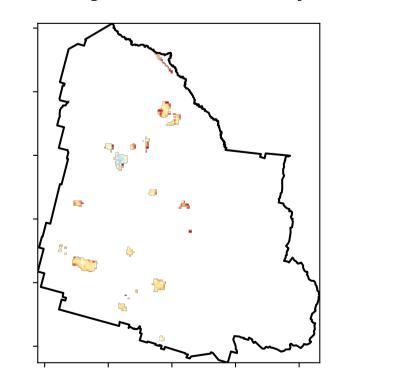


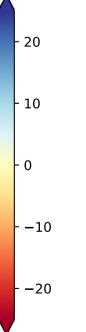
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

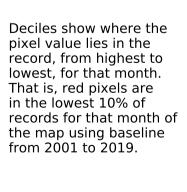


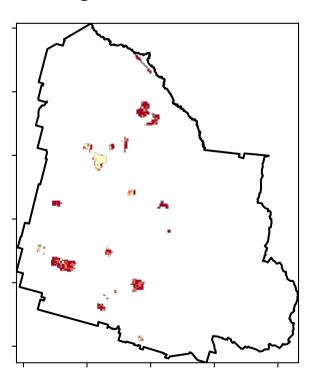
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

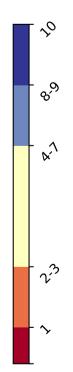




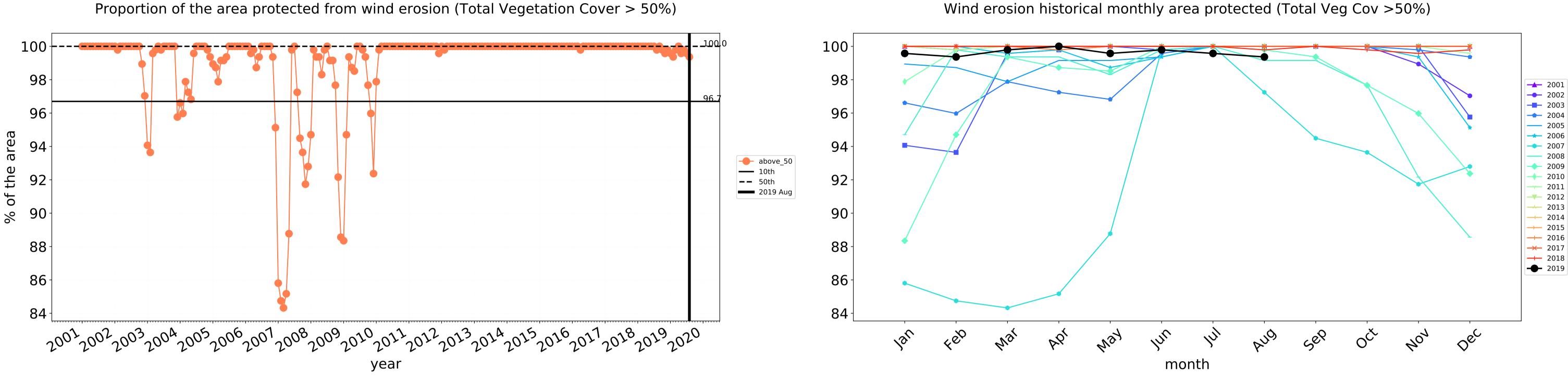




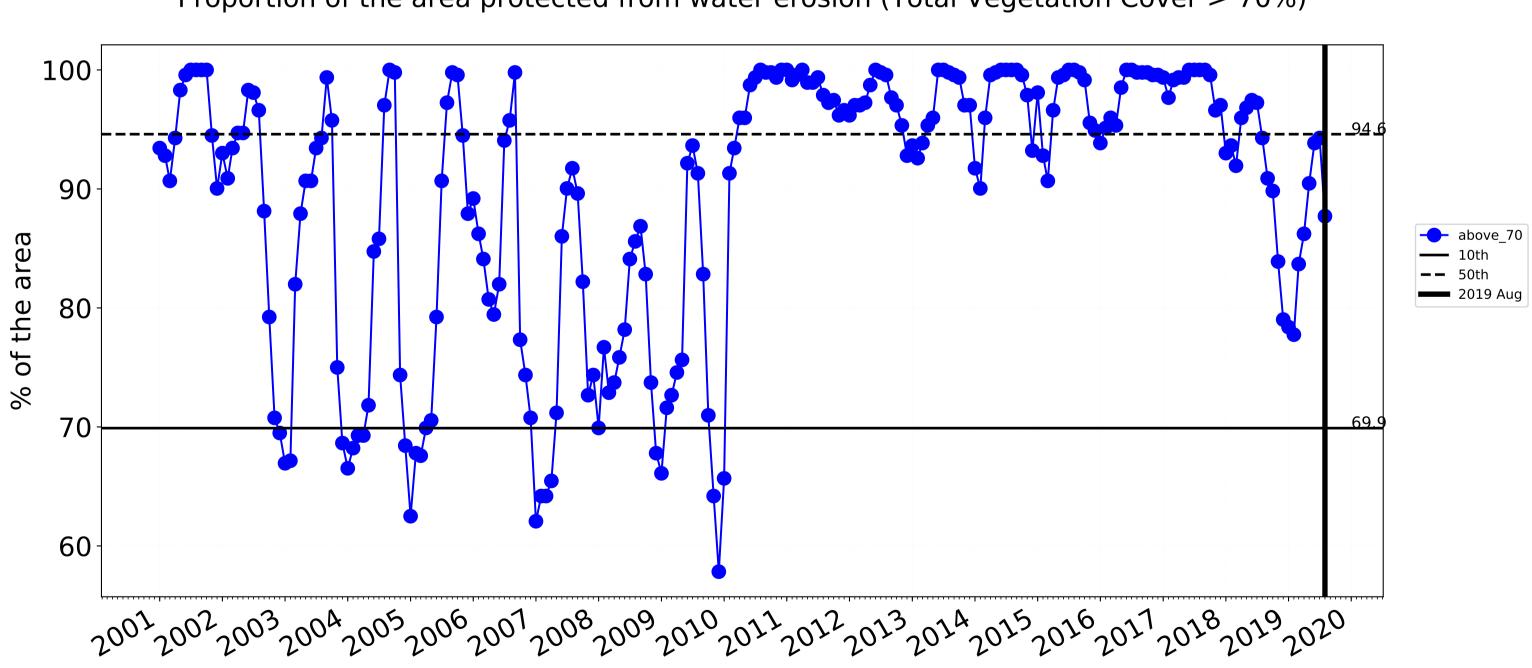








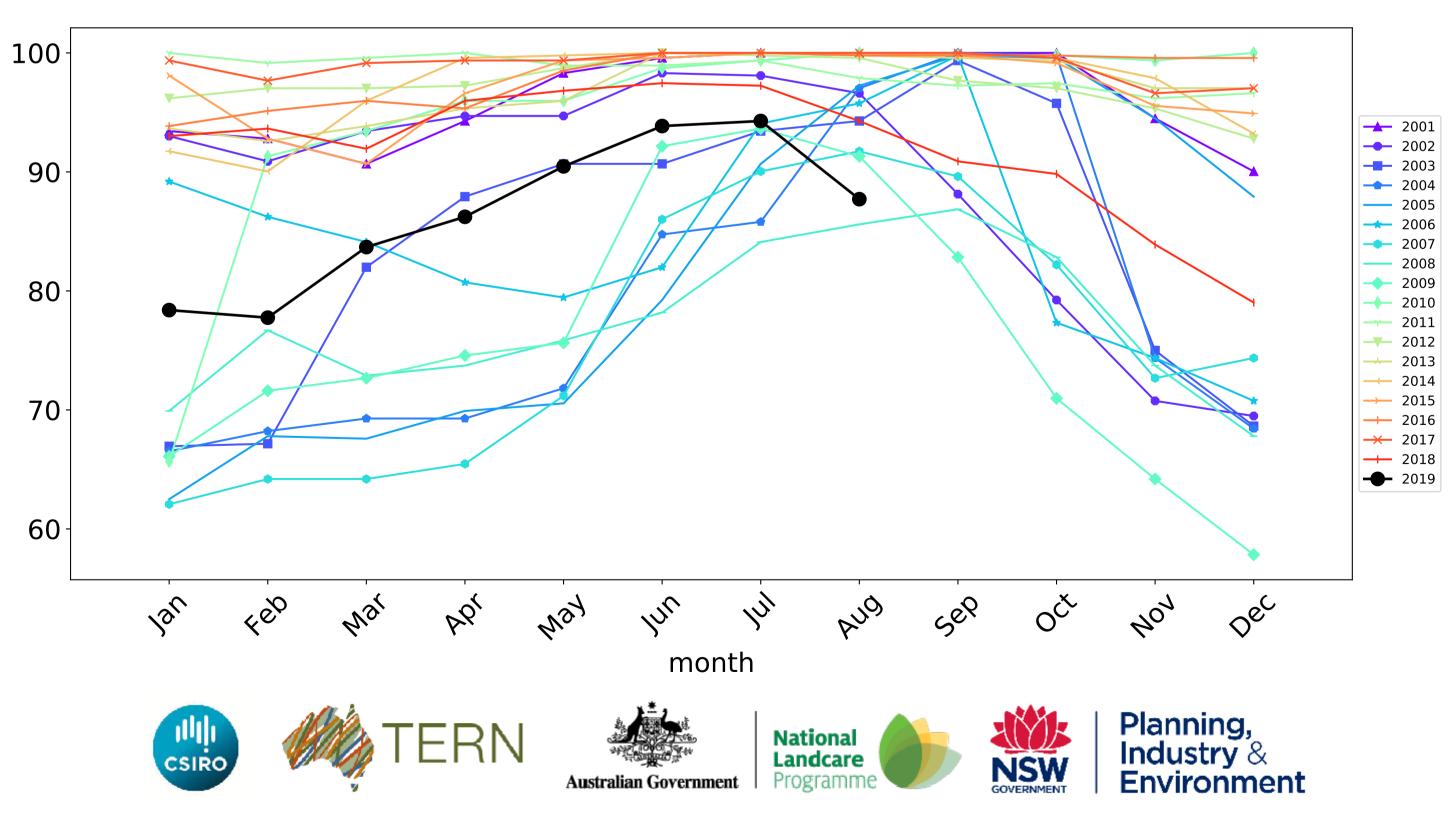
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



# Parkes\_(A) (595,550 ha and no data 149 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

| Land use and<br>forest cover<br>Class                          | area(ha) | above_30         | above_50         | above_70         | above_80         | above_90       | above_95      |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Entire region  | 595,550  | 99.7%<br>593,525 | 83.8%<br>498,975 | 38.8%<br>231,325 | 19.9%<br>118,350 | 3.9%<br>23,475 | 0.8%<br>4,900 |
| Conservation and<br>natural<br>environments                    | 18,462   | 100.0%<br>18,462 | 100.0%<br>18,462 | 96.6%<br>17,826  | 88.2%<br>16,285  | 27.3%<br>5,037 | 1.2%<br>220   |
| Conservation and<br>natural<br>environments<br>Woodland forest | 14,888   | 100.0%<br>14,888 | 100.0%<br>14,888 | 96.0%<br>14,292  | 86.8%<br>12,925  | 26.2%<br>3,902 | 1.5%<br>223   |
| Agriculture  | 557,434  | 99.7%<br>555,560 | 82.8%<br>461,688 | 35.8%<br>199,812 | 16.7%<br>92,922  | 3.1%<br>17,140 | 0.8%<br>4,597 |
| Grazing  | 172,113  | 99.7%<br>171,639 | 86.8%<br>149,355 | 47.3%<br>81,402  | 24.8%<br>42,747  | 3.8%<br>6,563  | 0.2%<br>324   |
| Grazing non<br>forest  | 128,638  | 99.6%<br>128,164 | 82.4%<br>105,989 | 34.9%<br>44,925  | 12.6%<br>16,188  | 0.7%<br>922    | 0.1%<br>124   |
| Grazing Woodland<br>forest                                     | 39,901   | 100.0%<br>39,901 | 99.7%<br>39,801  | 82.9%<br>33,062  | 58.6%<br>23,382  | 12.3%<br>4,902 | 0.5%<br>201   |
| Cropping   | 369,241  | 99.6%<br>367,865 | 80.7%<br>298,128 | 30.8%<br>113,595 | 13.1%<br>48,283  | 2.7%<br>10,001 | 1.1%<br>3,925 |
| Irrigation   | 16,079   | 99.8%<br>16,054  | 88.2%<br>14,185  | 29.8%<br>4,786   | 11.6%<br>1,869   | 3.6%<br>573    | 2.2%<br>349   |
| Production native<br>forests and<br>plantation<br>forests      | 11,911   | 100.0%<br>11,911 | 99.4%<br>11,835  | 87.7%<br>10,447  | 68.0%<br>8,100   | 10.0%<br>1,186 | 0.6%<br>75    |





