## Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Shoalhaven\_(C) NSW

# Date: July 2022

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

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

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

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

## **Erosion protection**

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

## Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

## Acknowledgment of data:

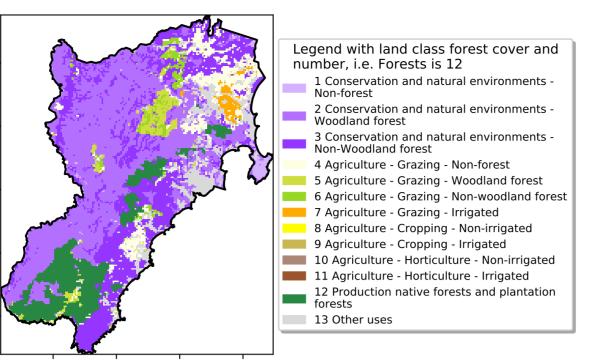
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- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
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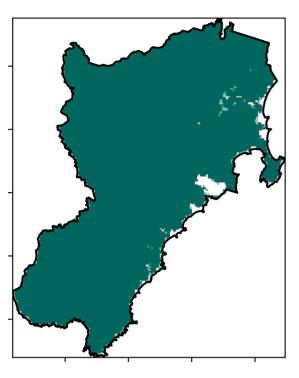


# **Vegetation Cover Jul 2022**

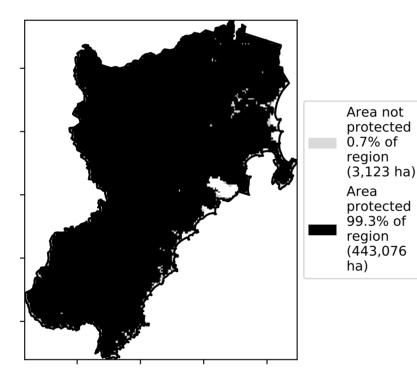
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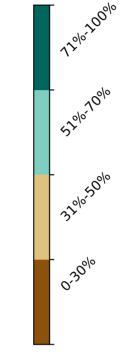


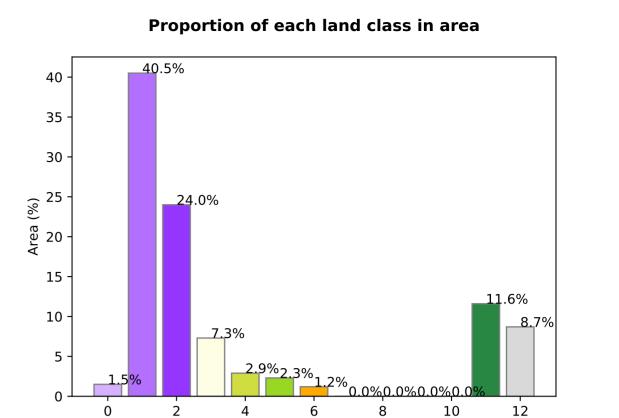
## **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

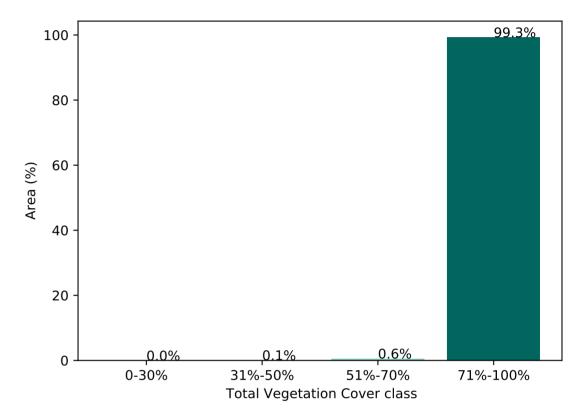




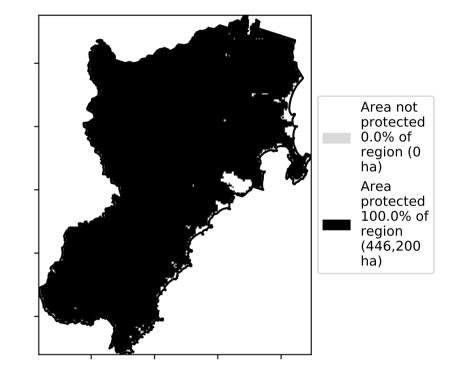


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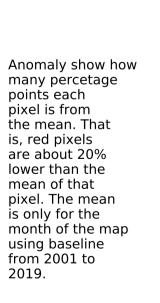
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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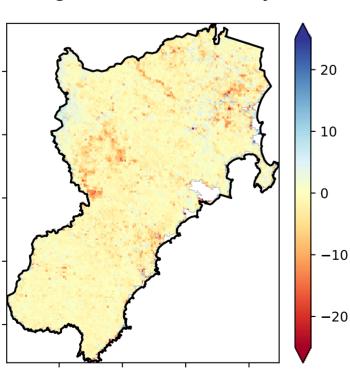
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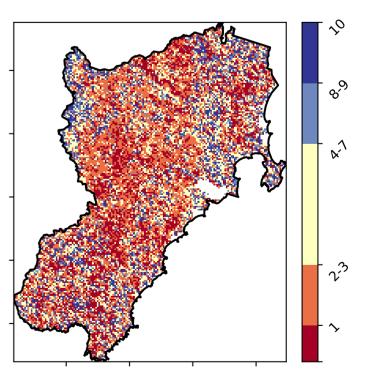
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Catchment Scale Land

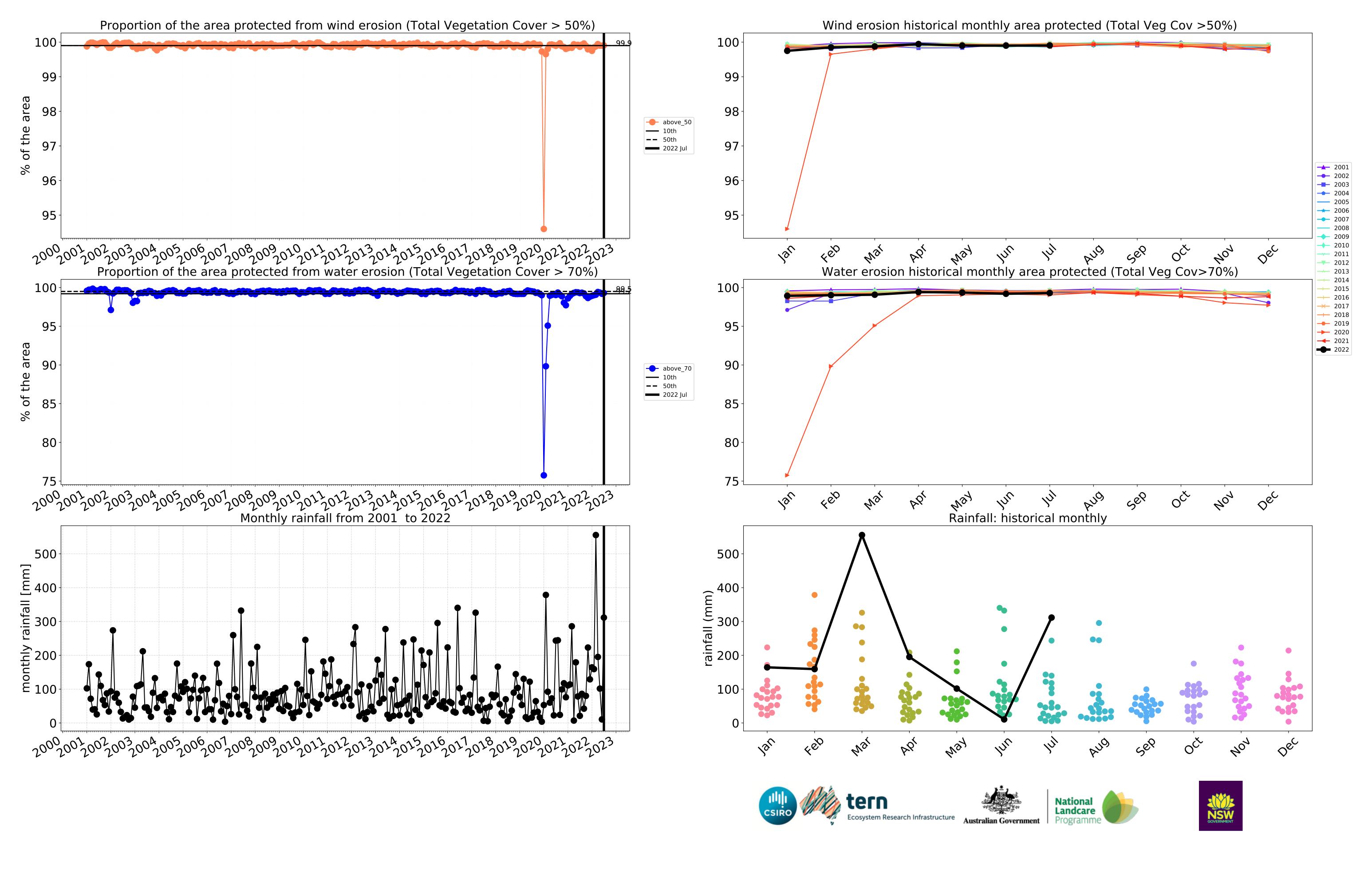


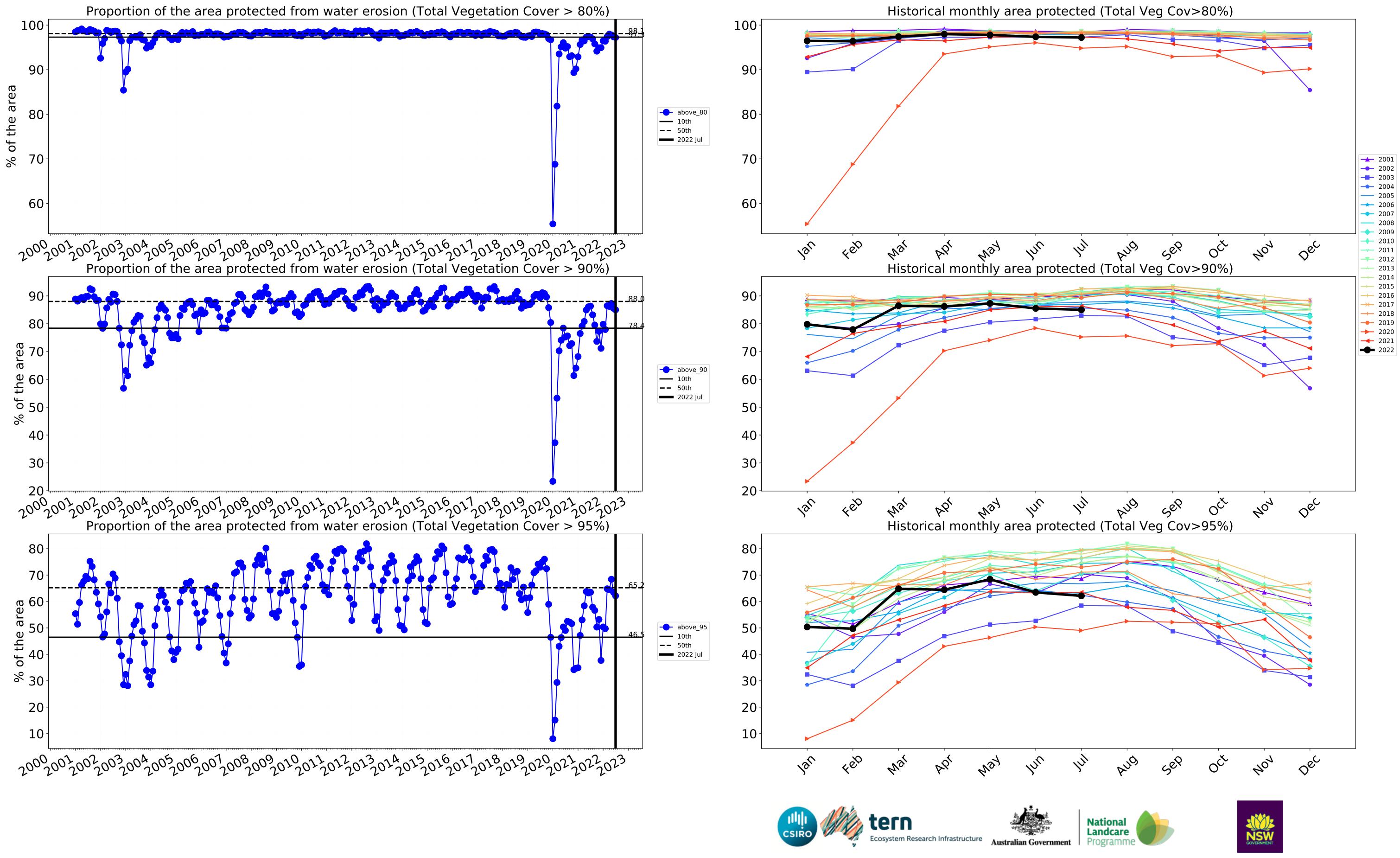
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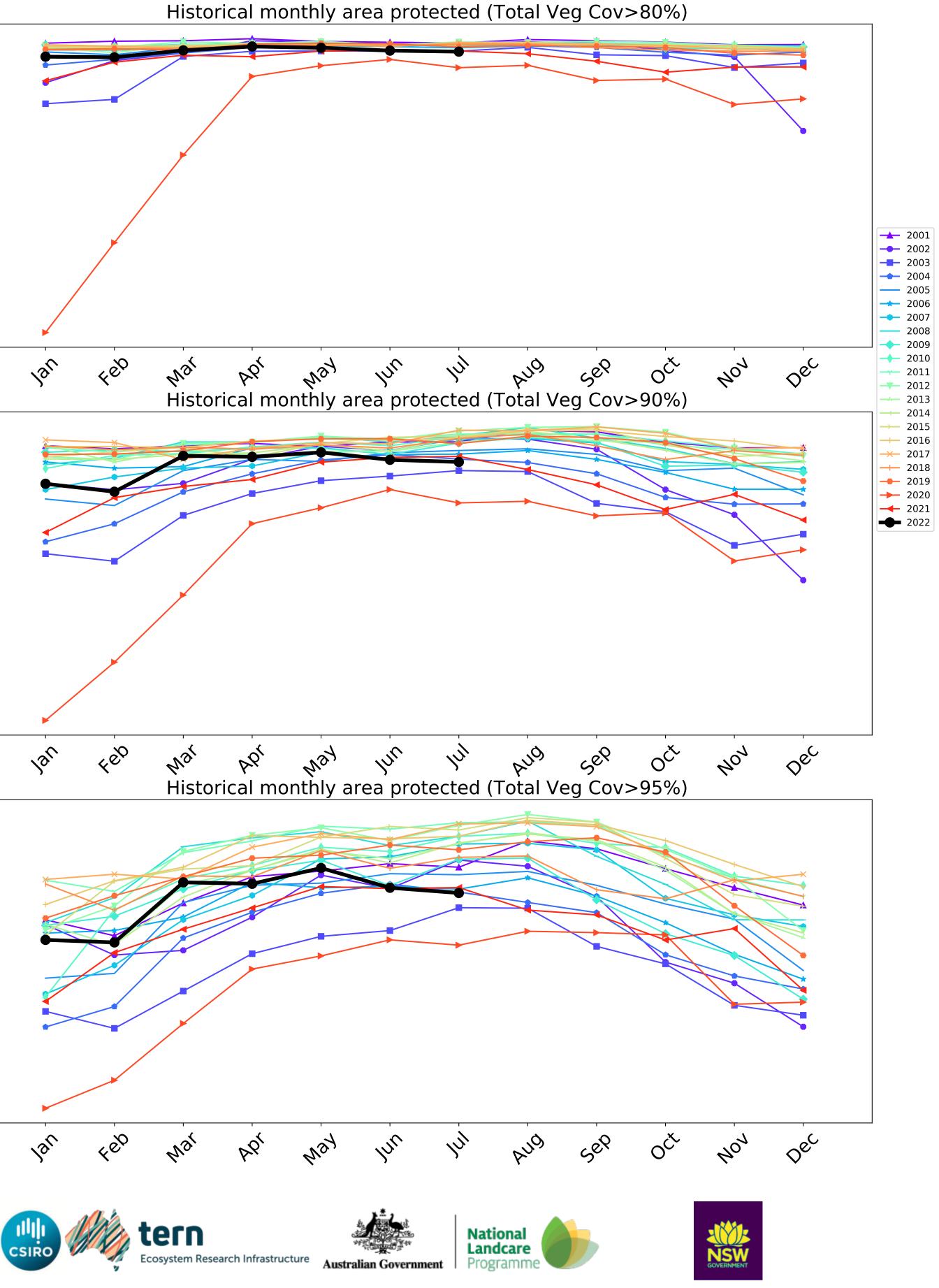






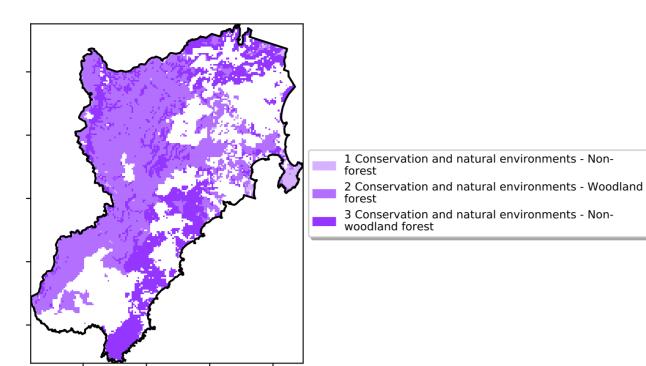






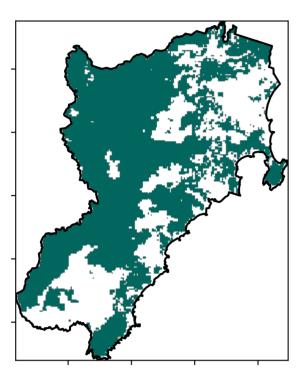
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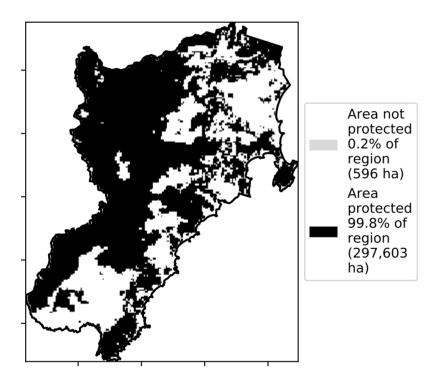


Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

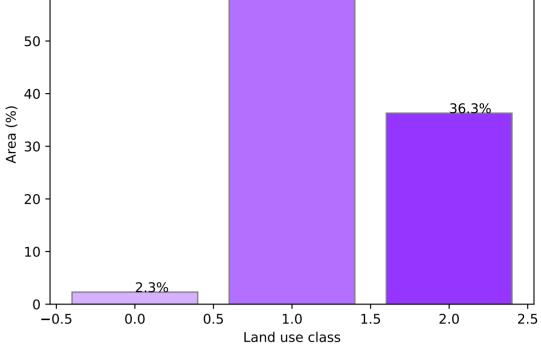


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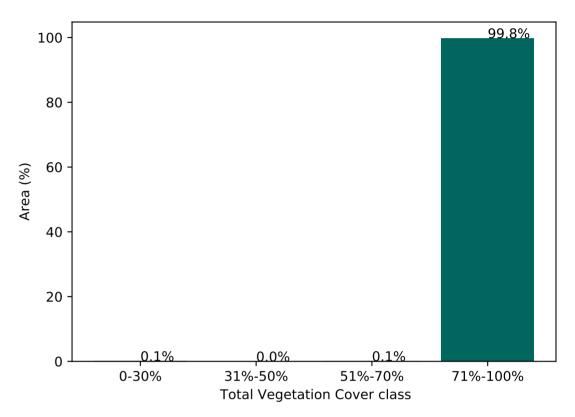


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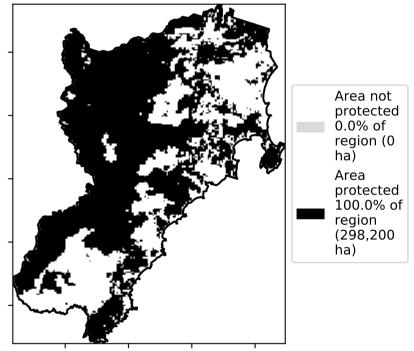
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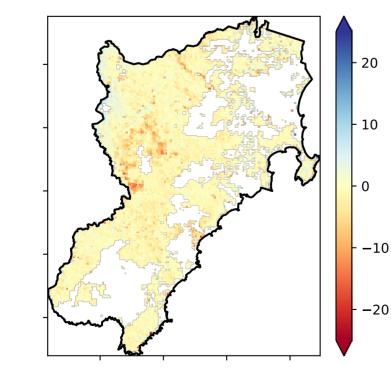
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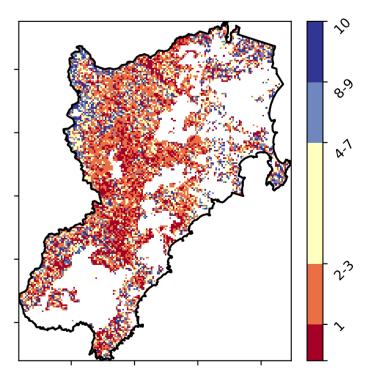


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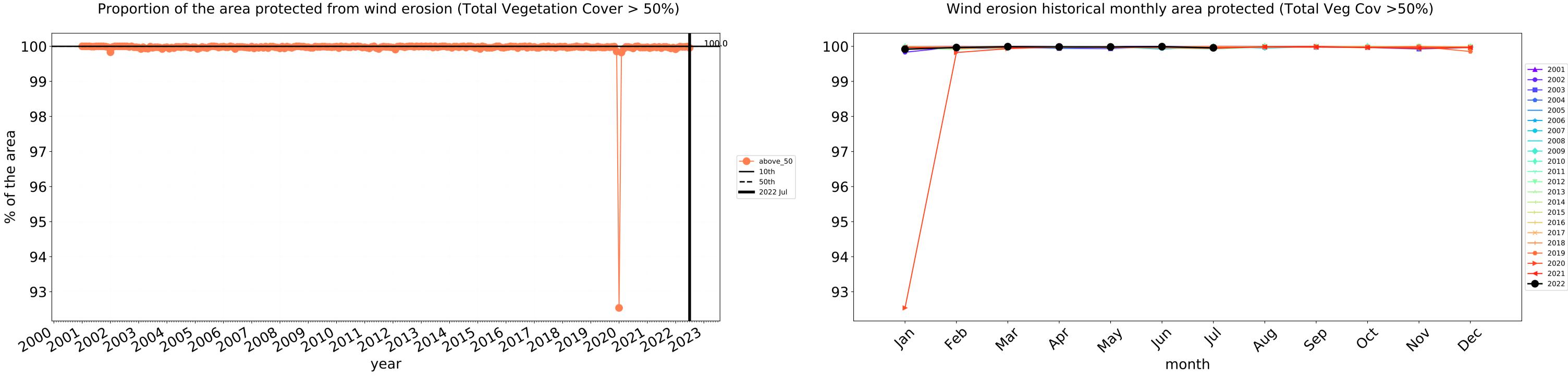
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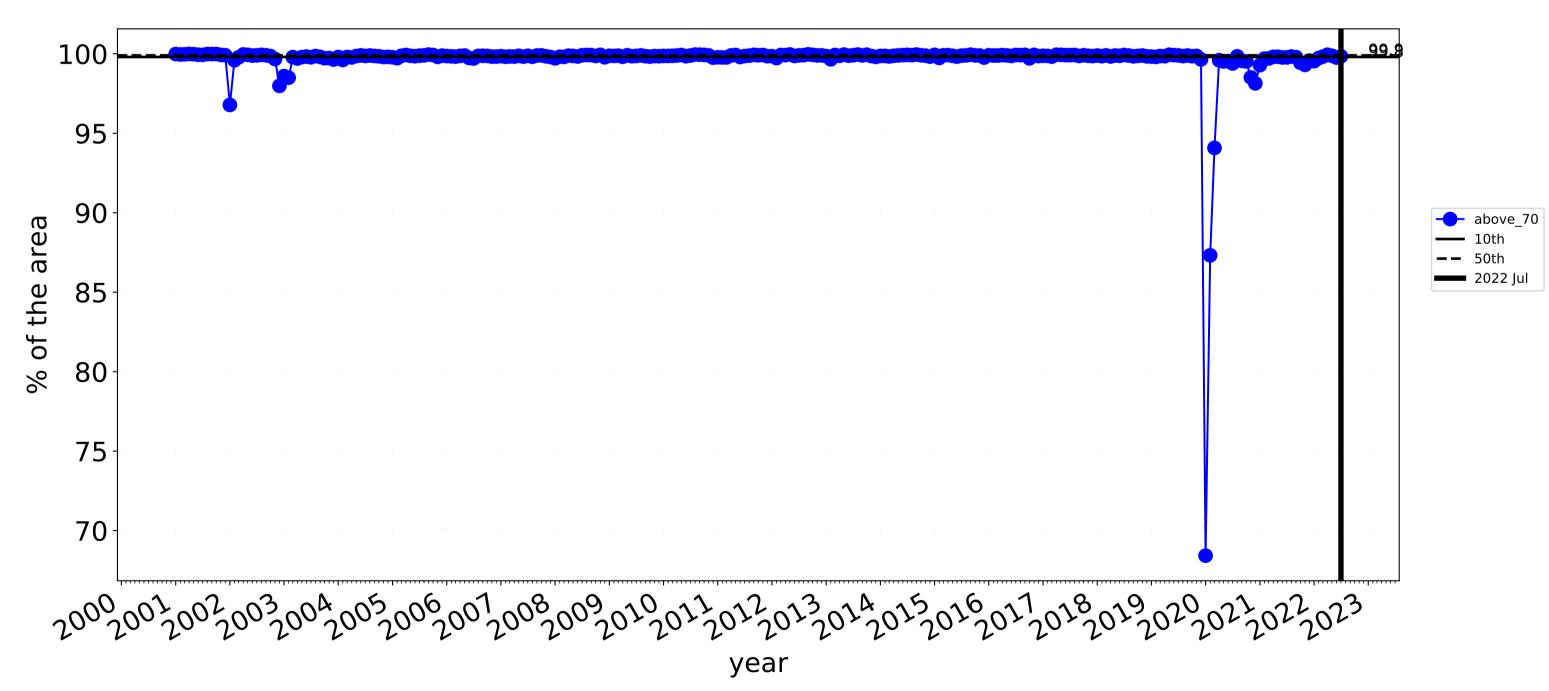
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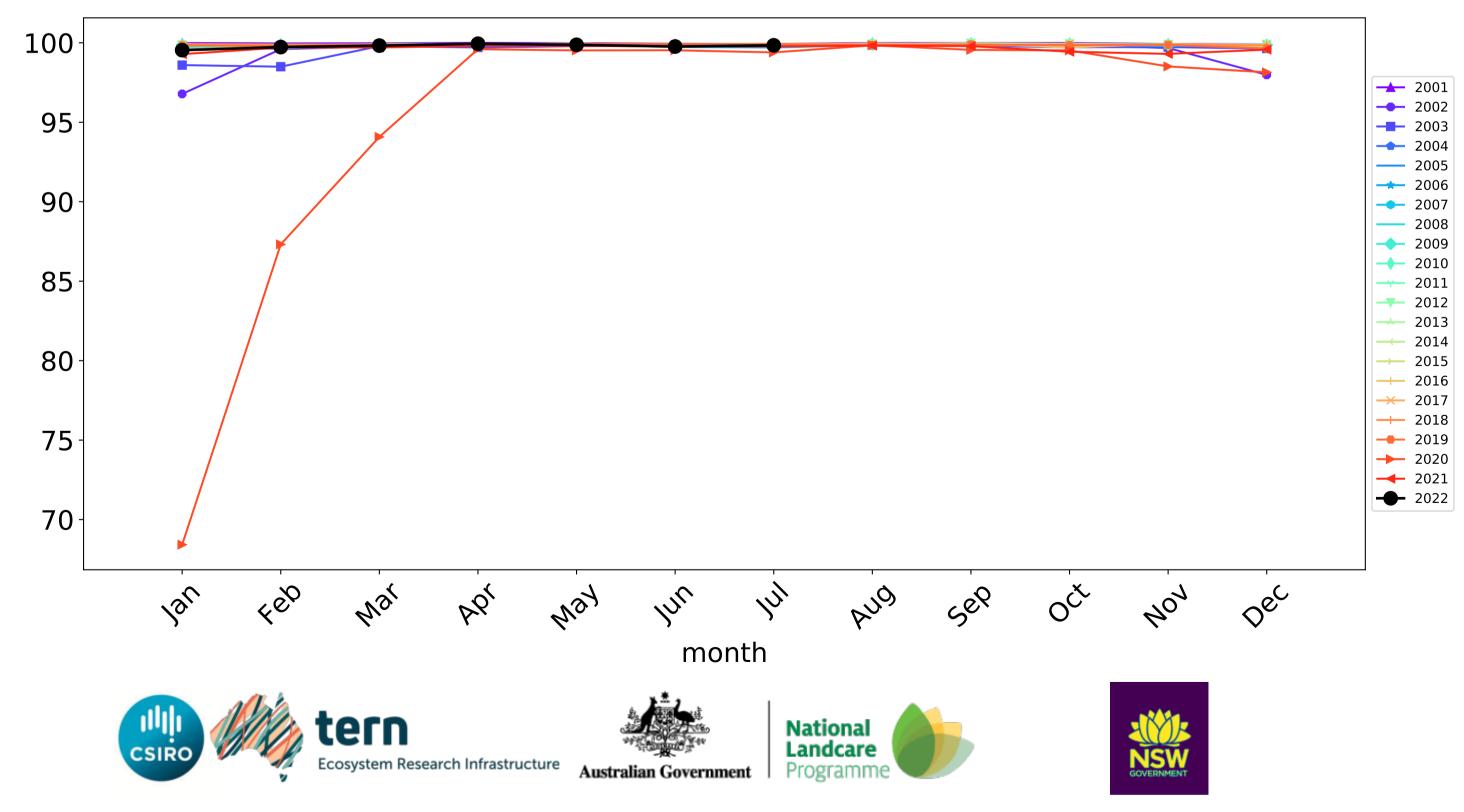
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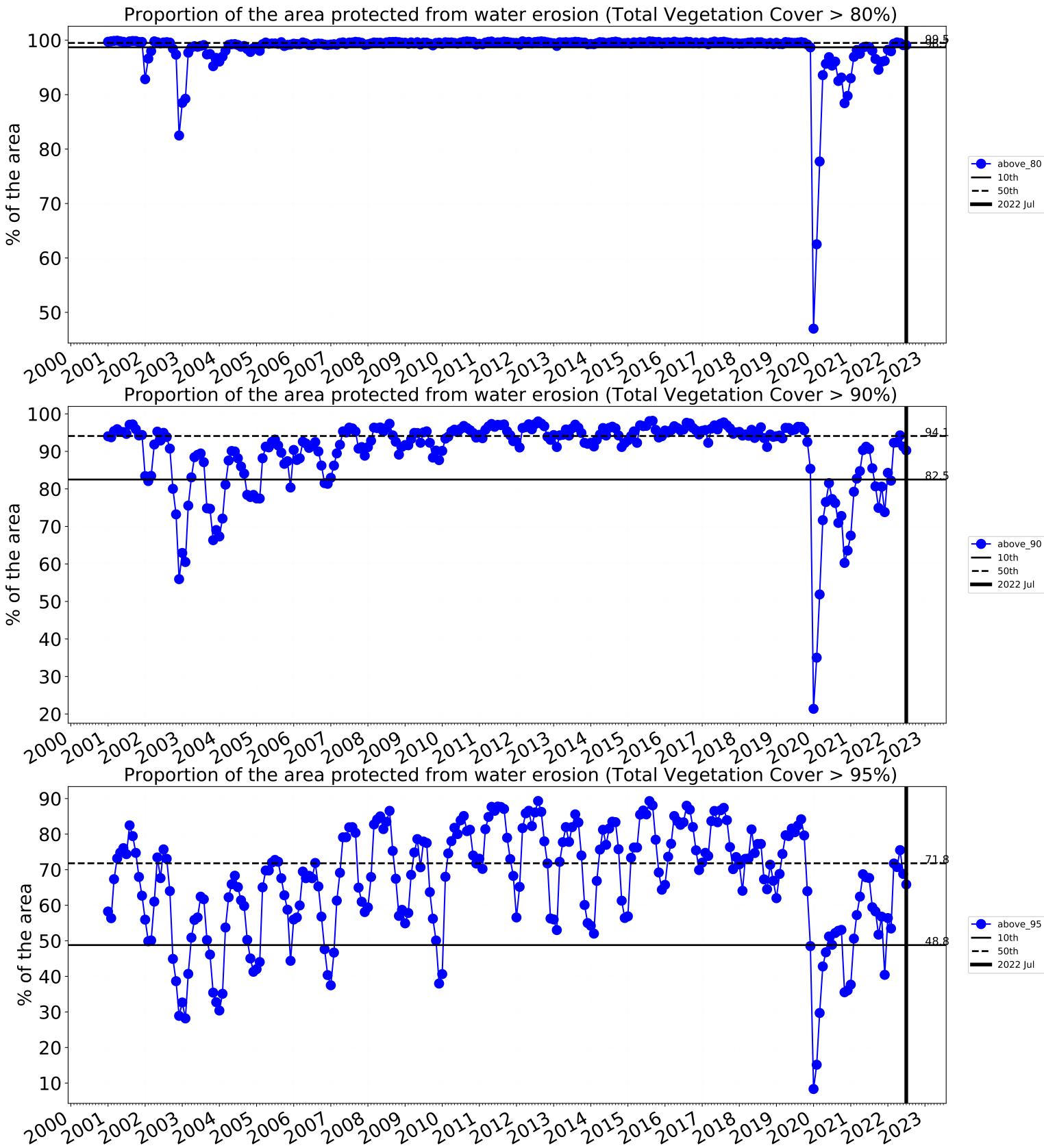
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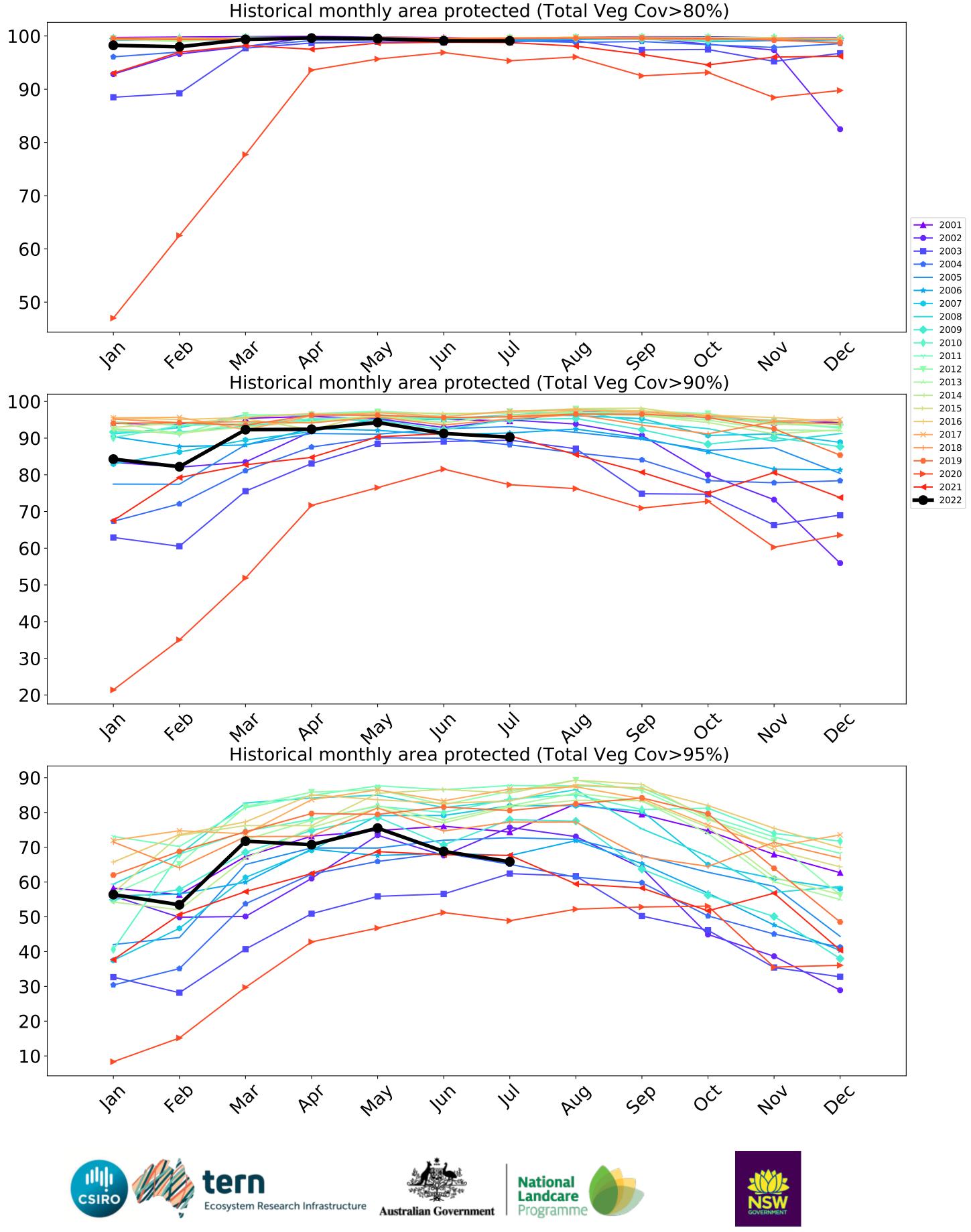
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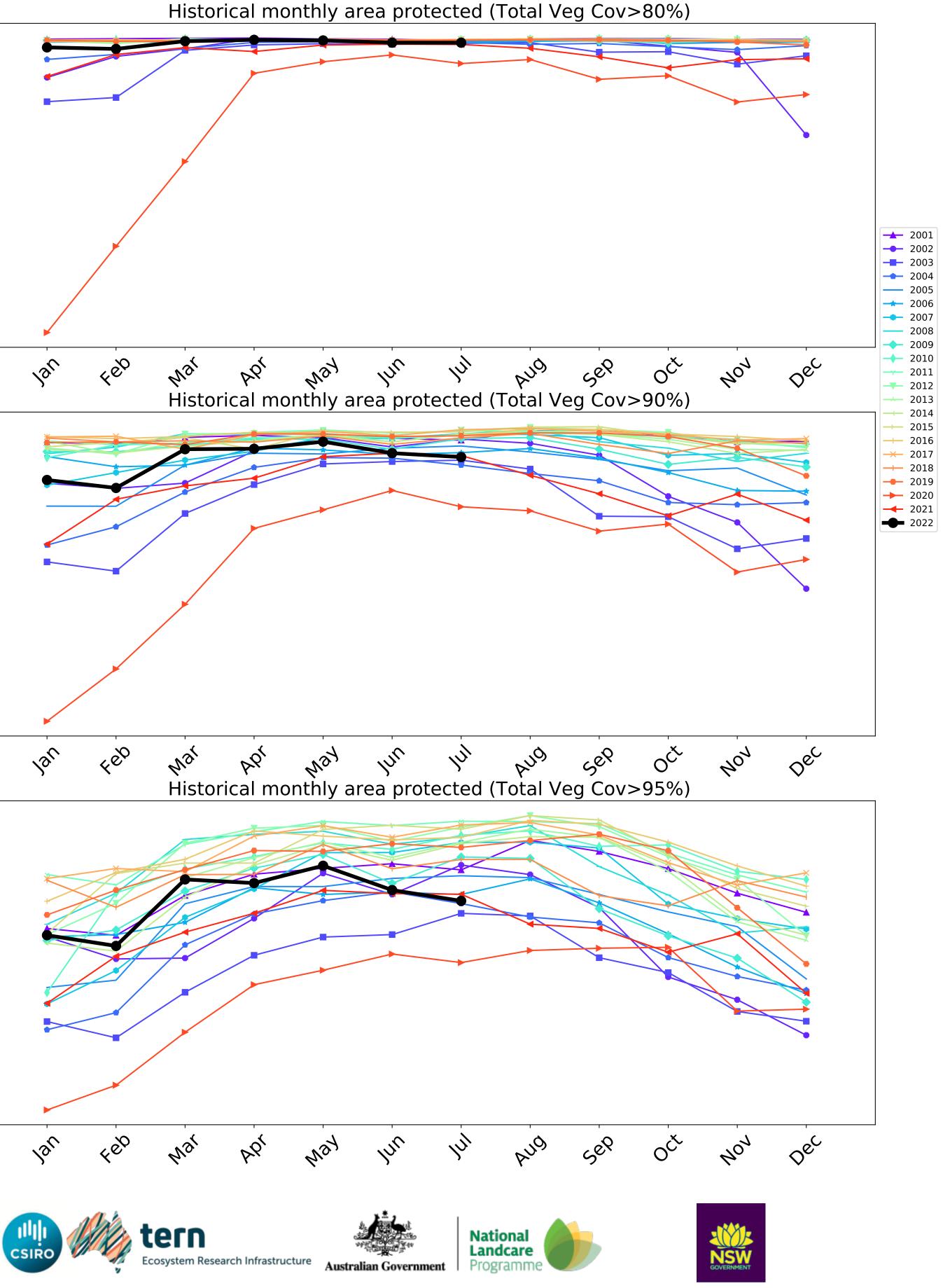
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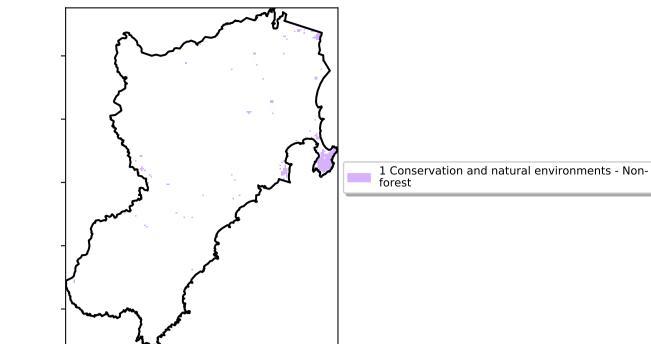
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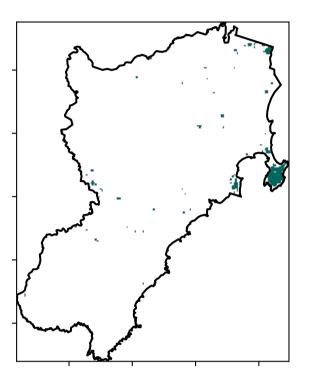


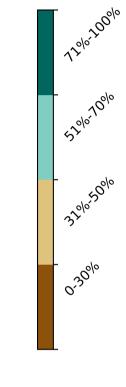
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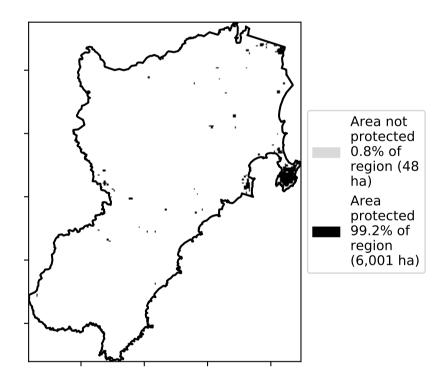


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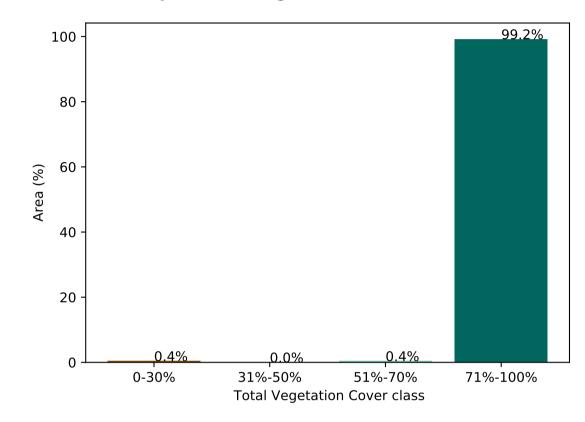




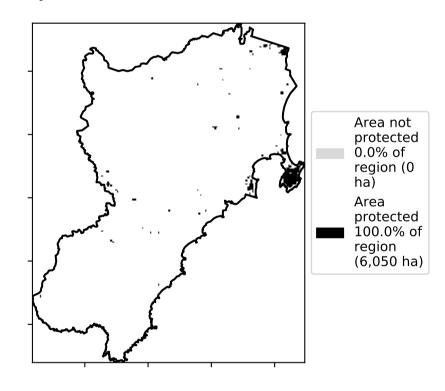
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



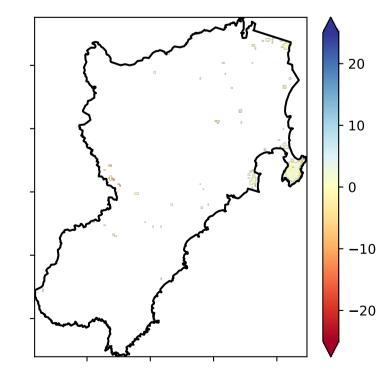
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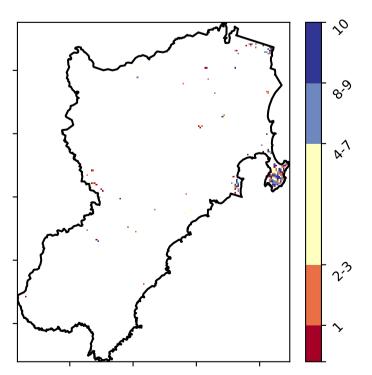
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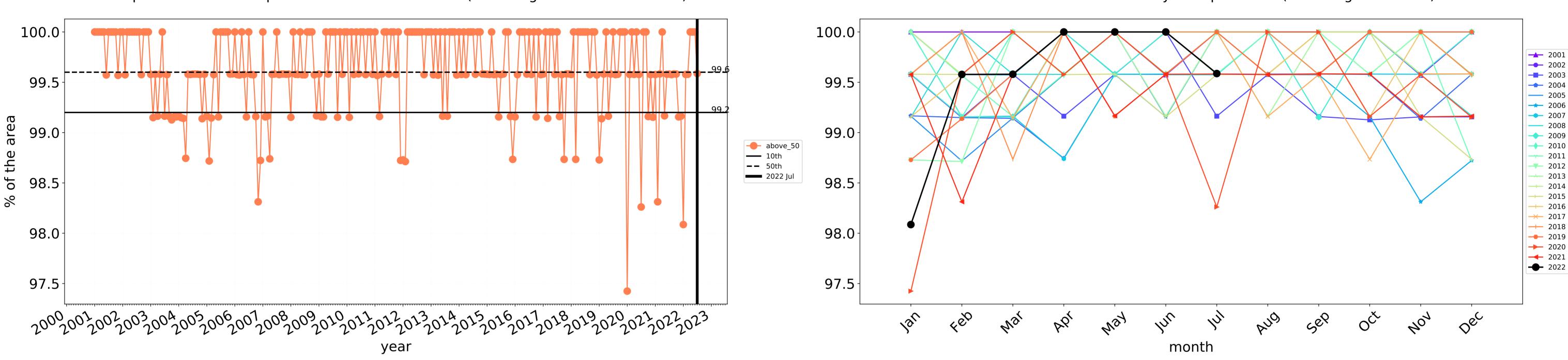
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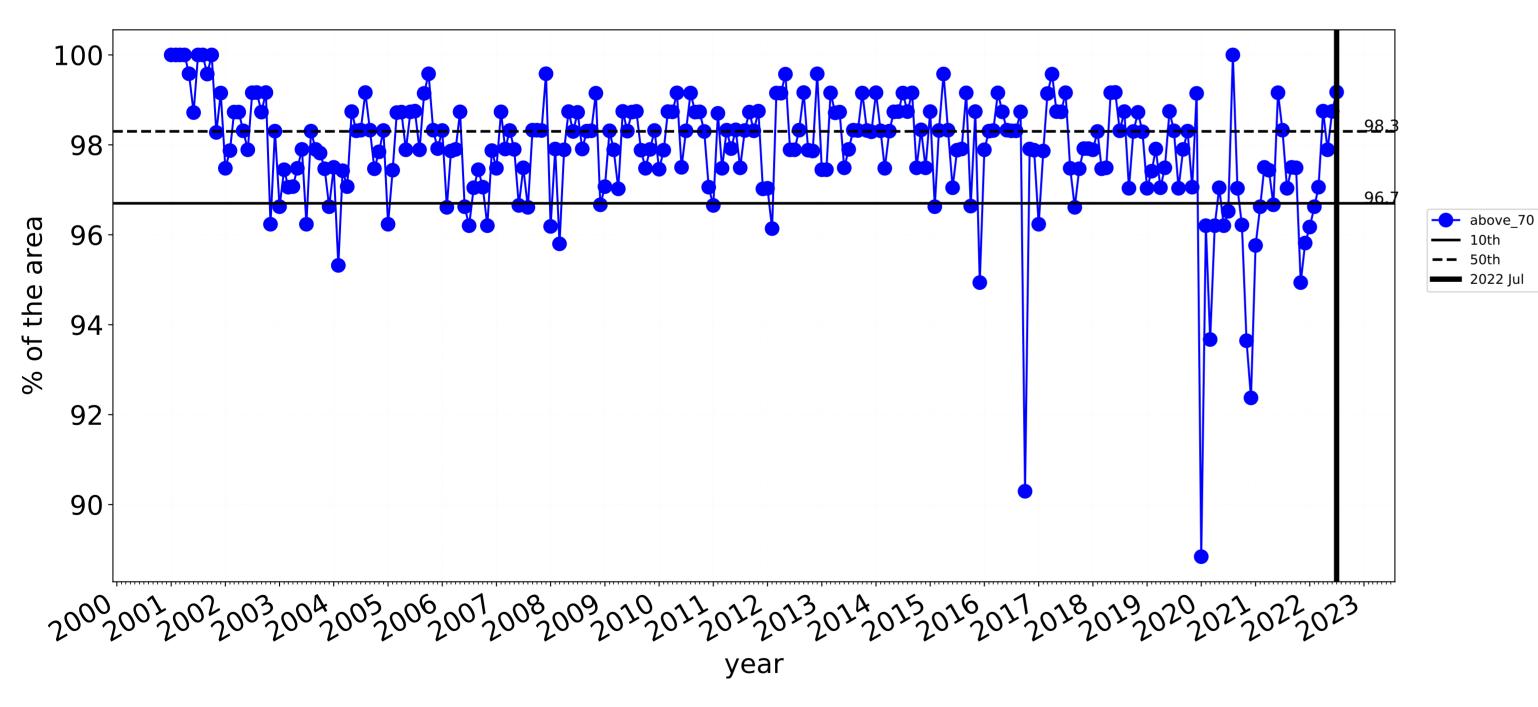


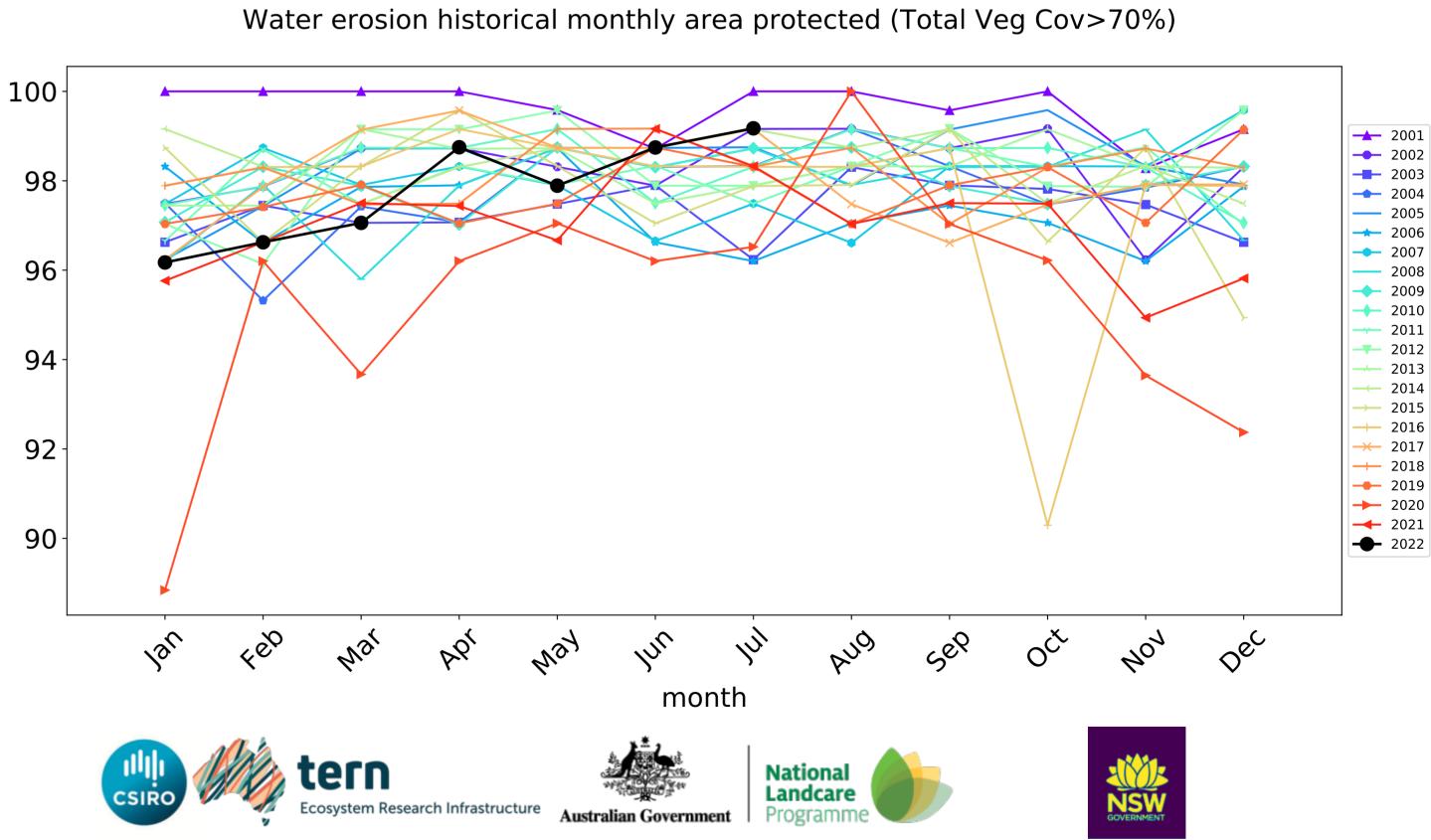




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

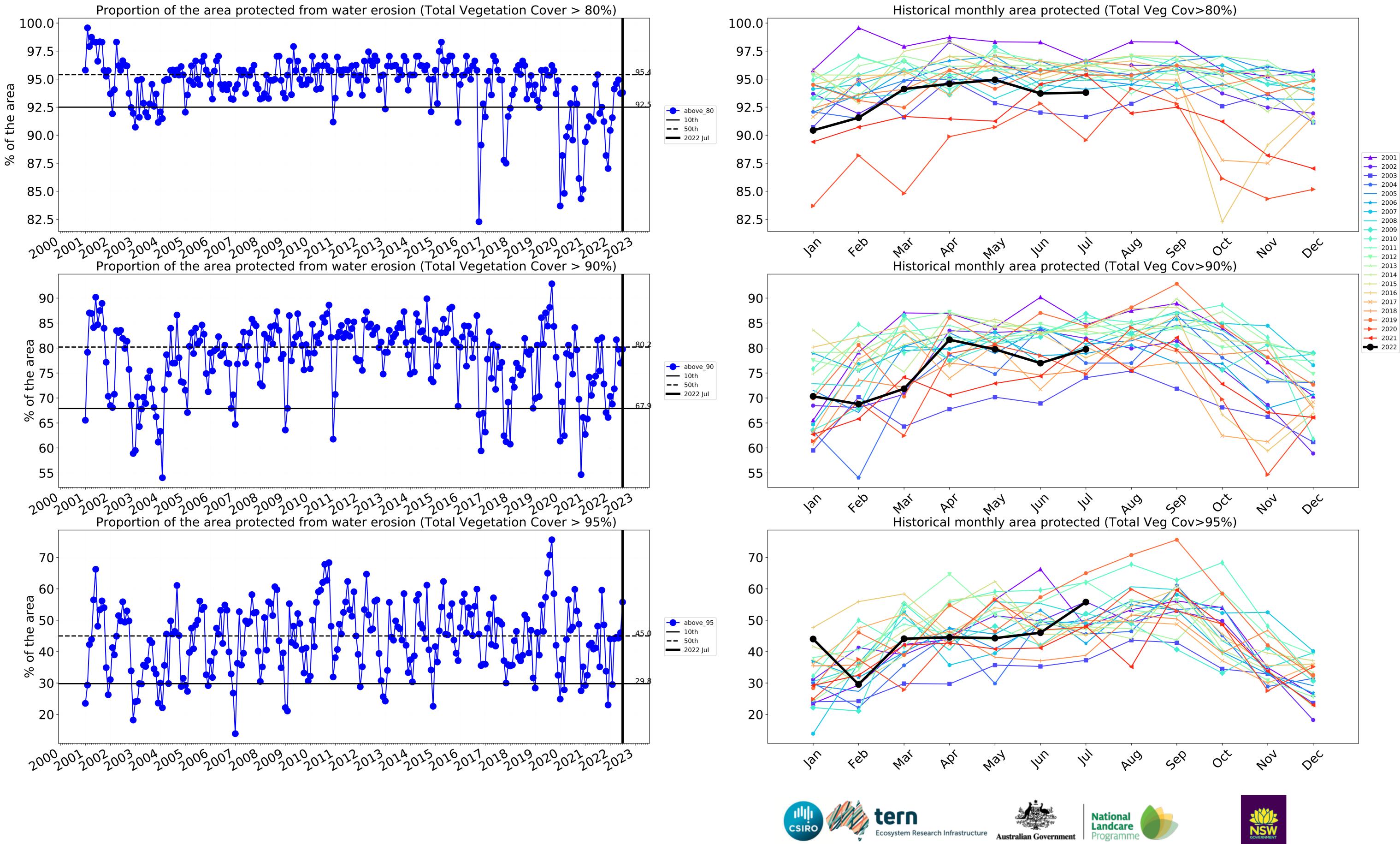
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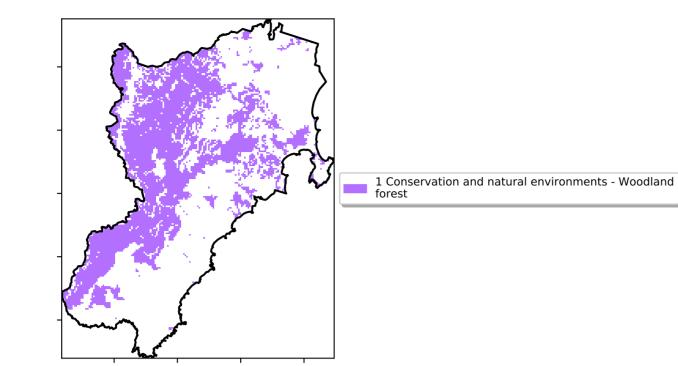
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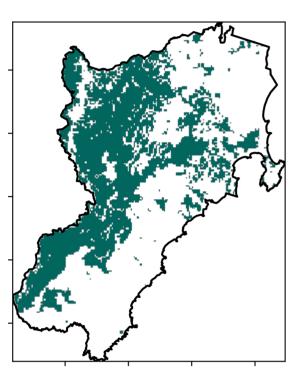
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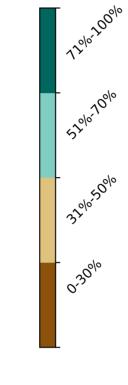
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Land use and forest cover

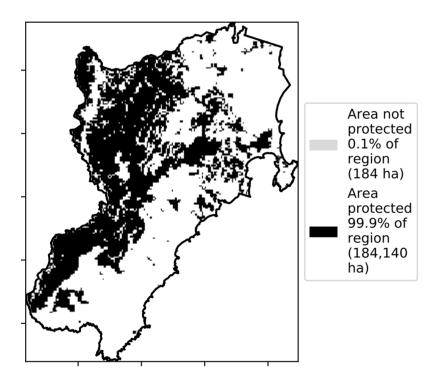


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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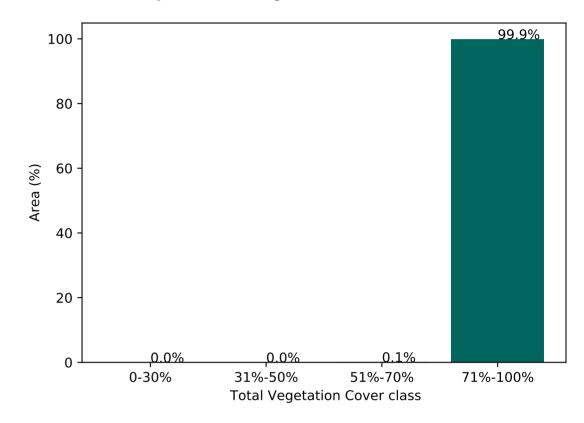
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

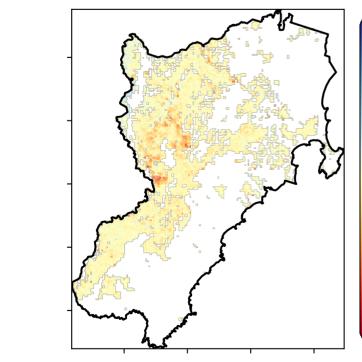


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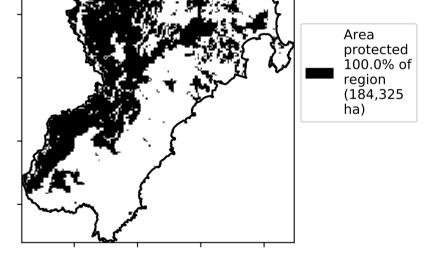


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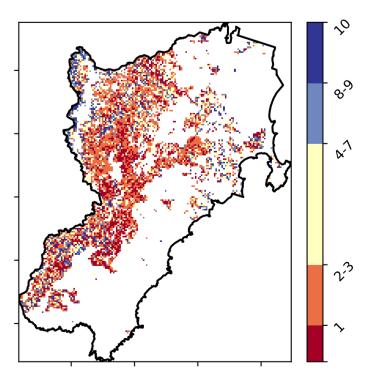
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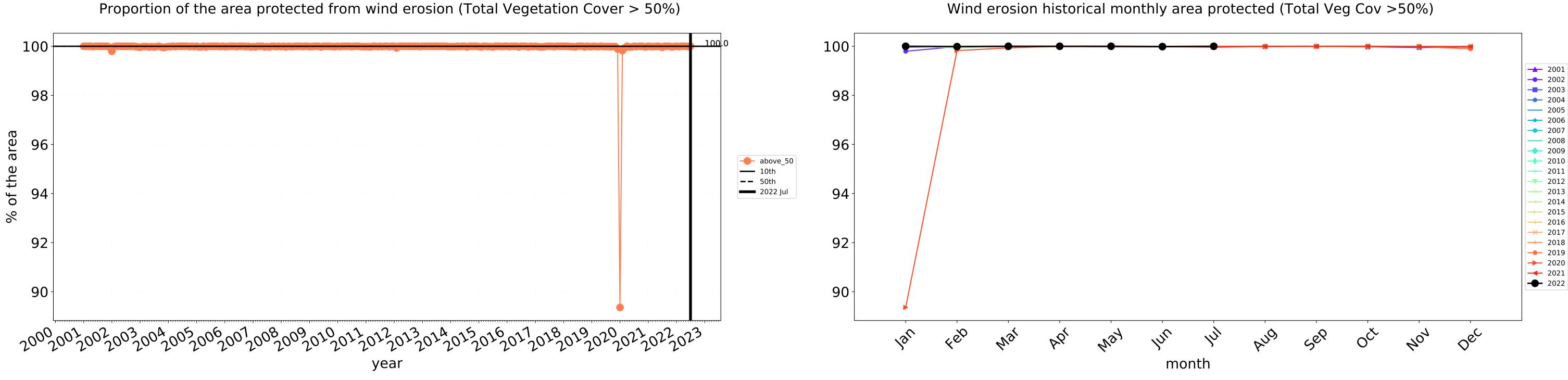
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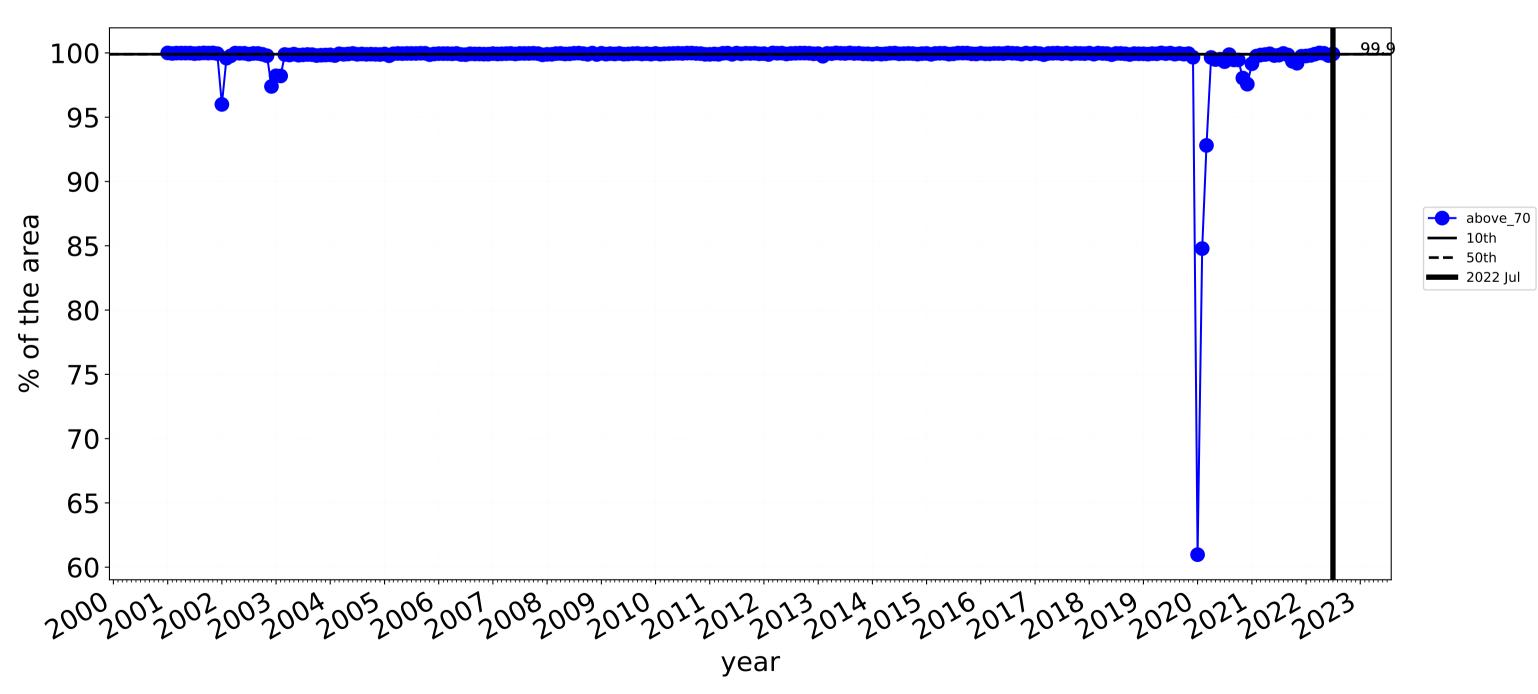


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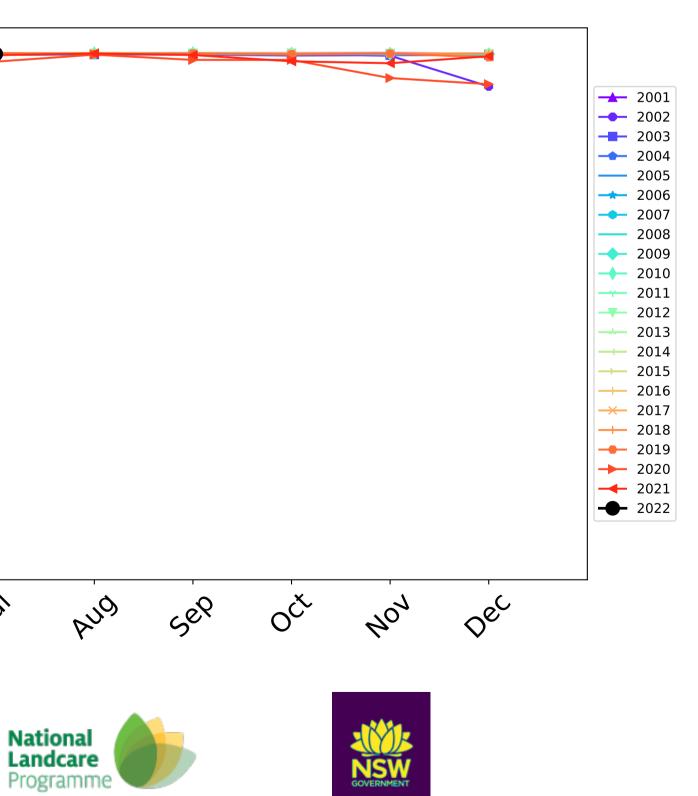


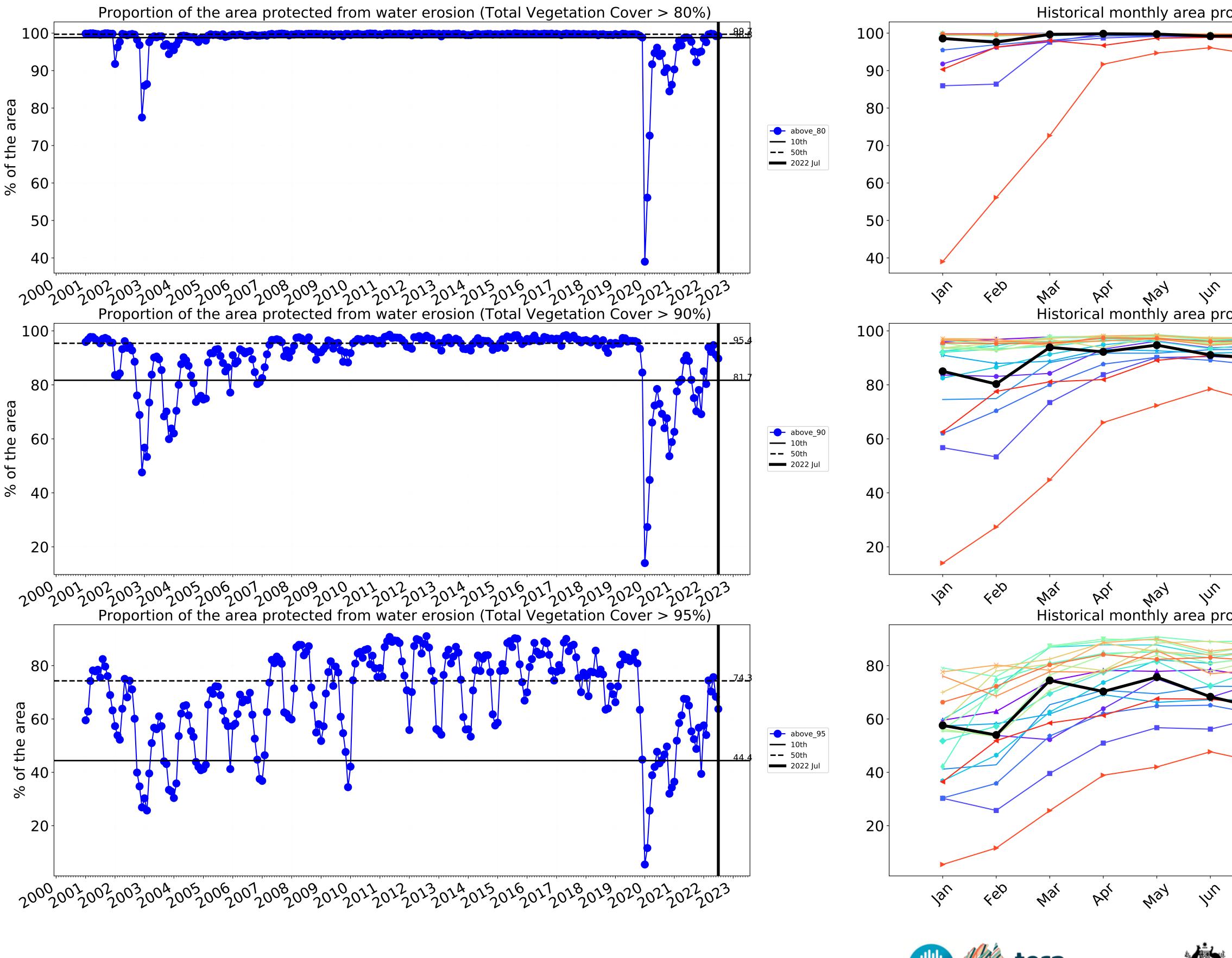
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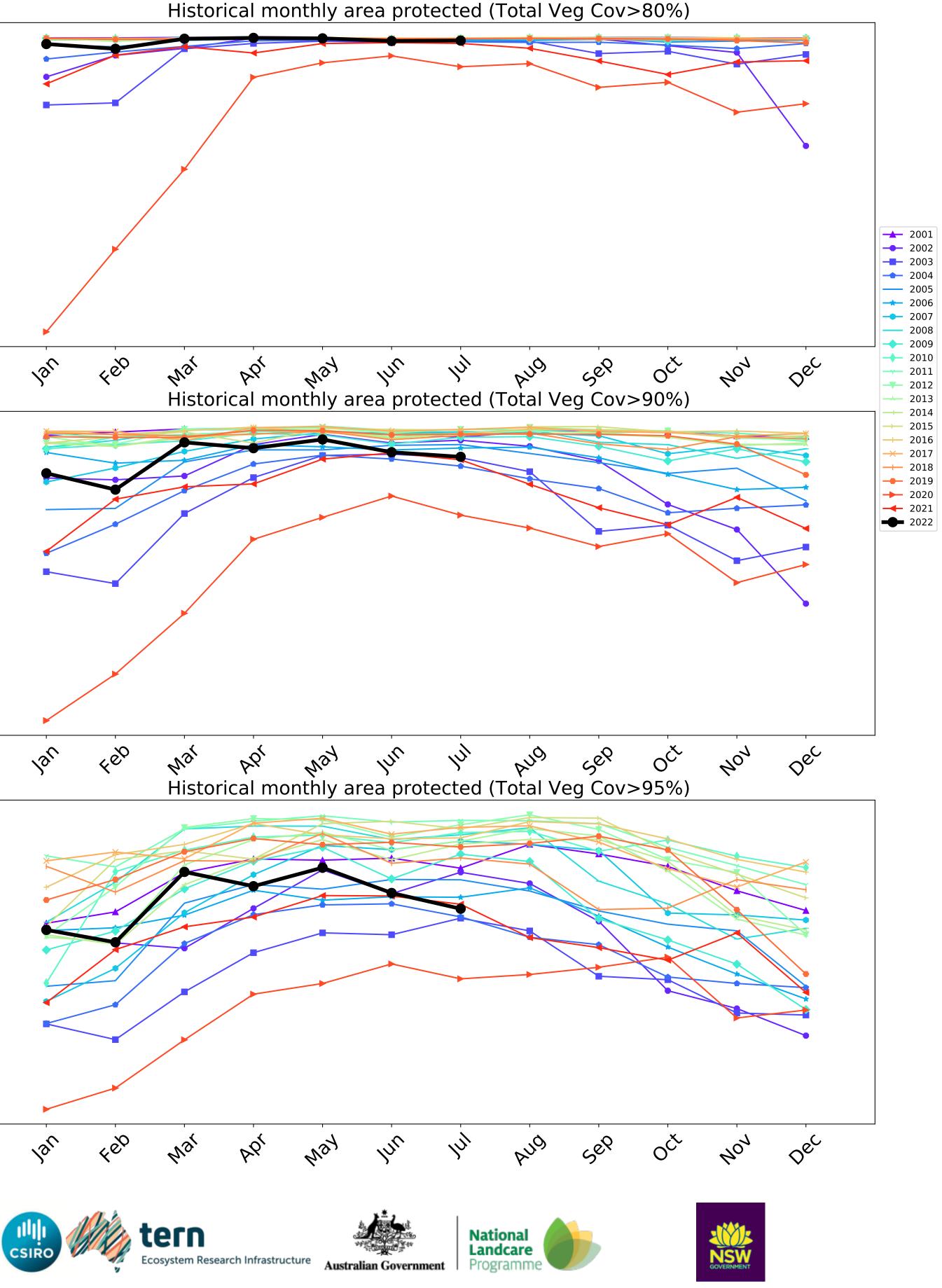


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



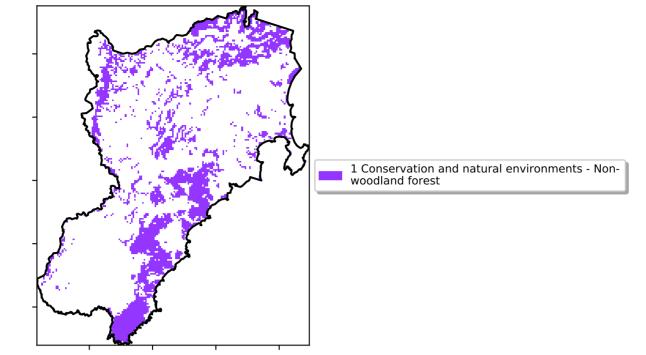




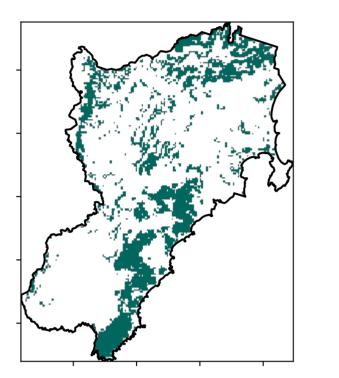
## **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover

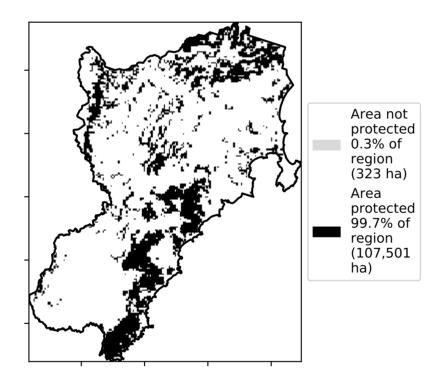


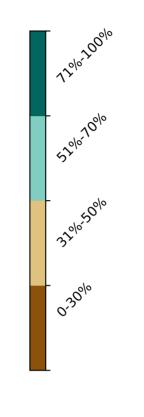


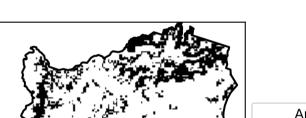
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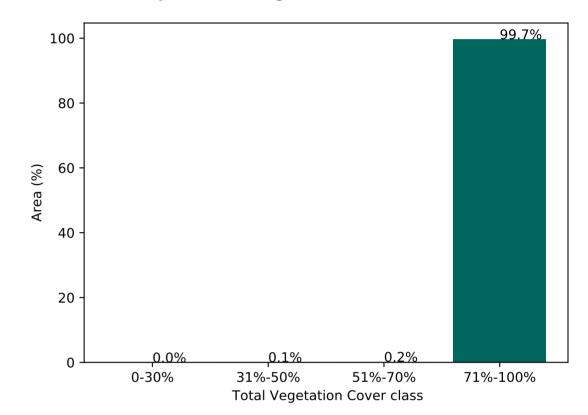
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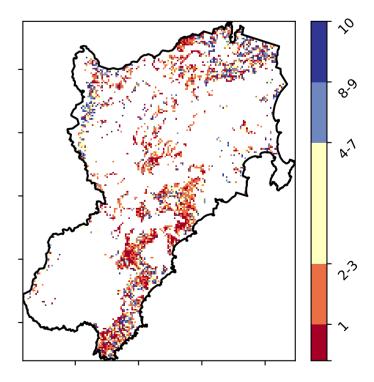


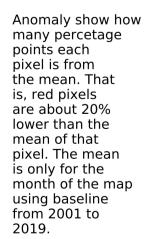
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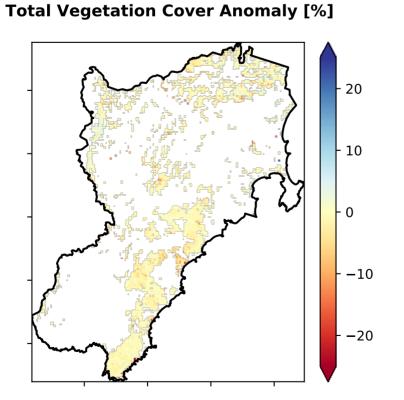


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha) Area protected 100.0% of region (107,825 ha)



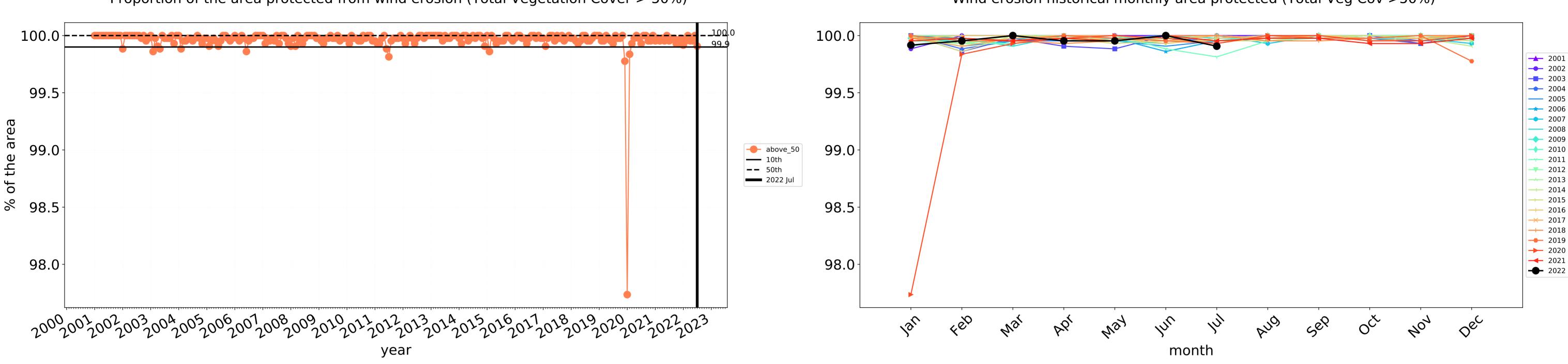




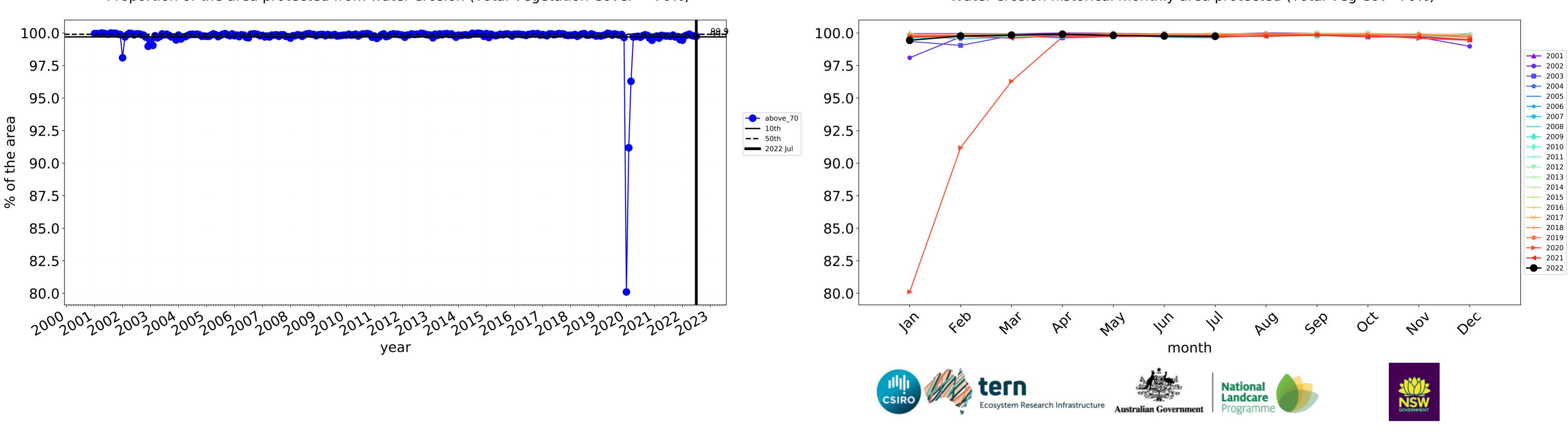
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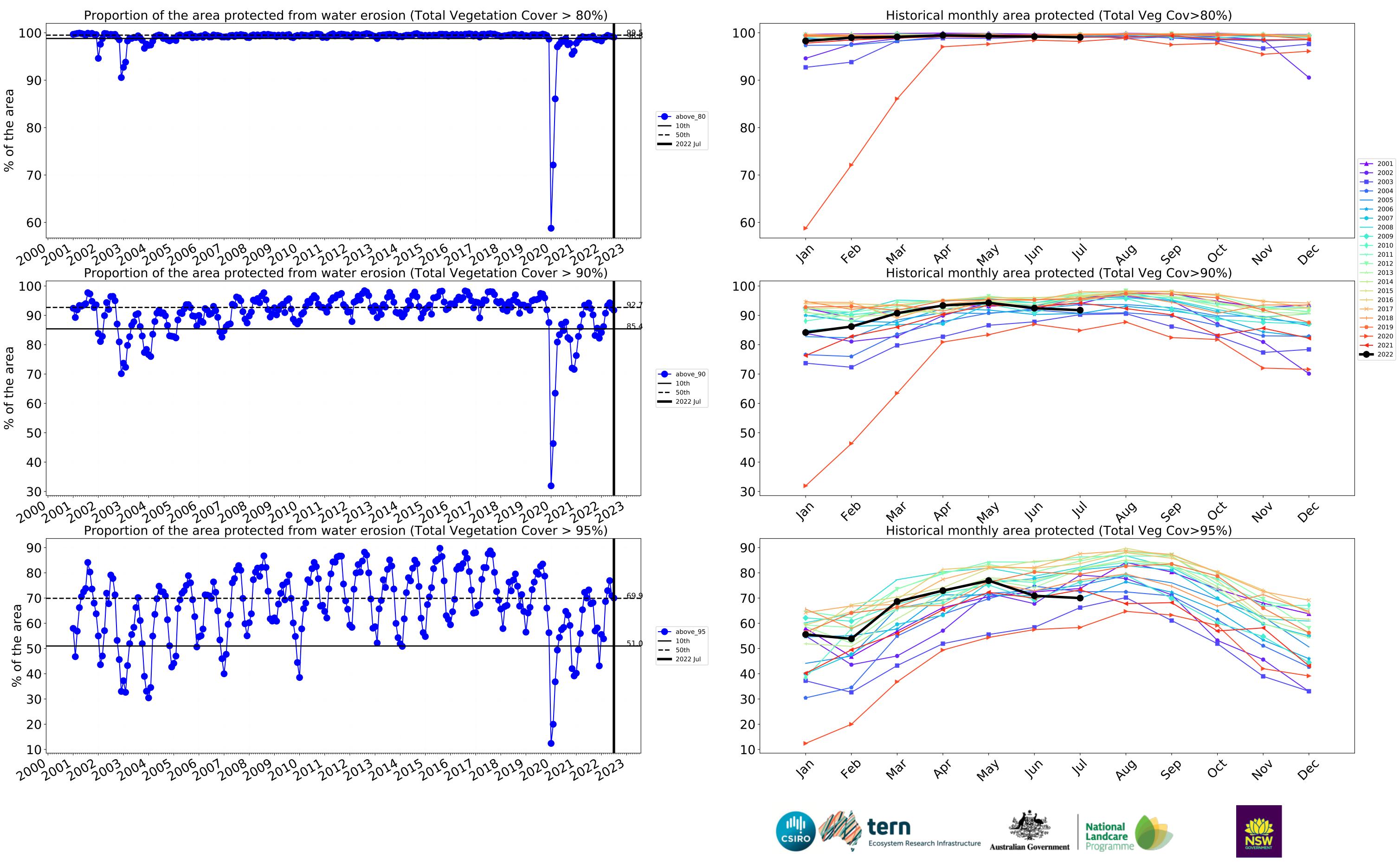


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



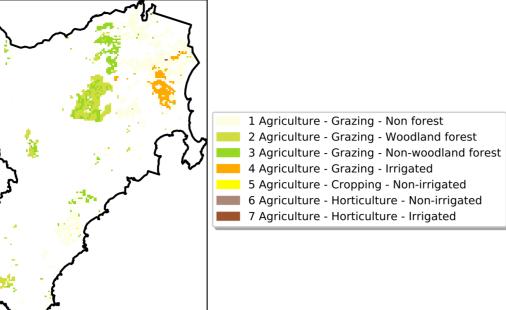


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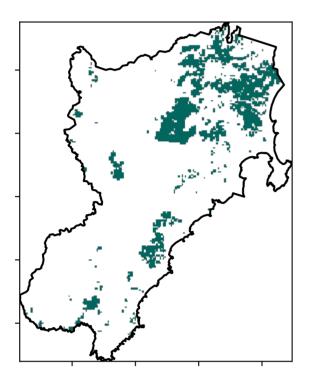
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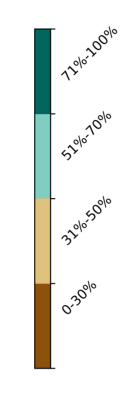
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Proportion of each land class in area

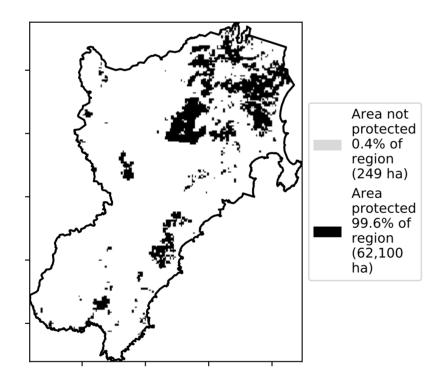


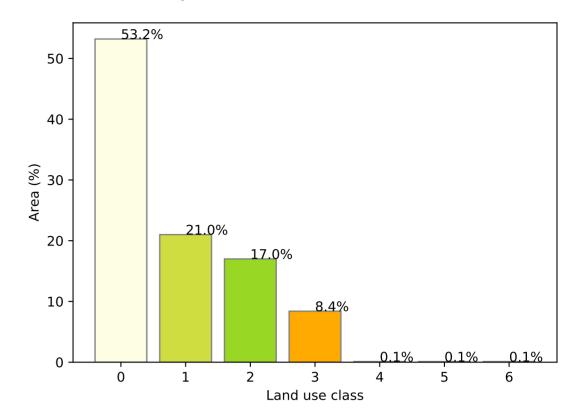
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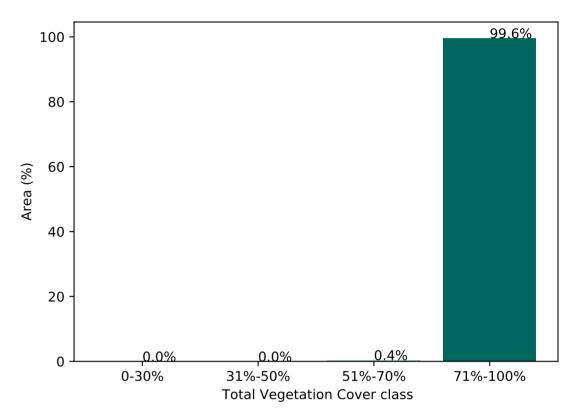


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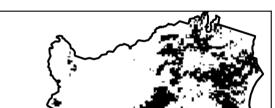




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



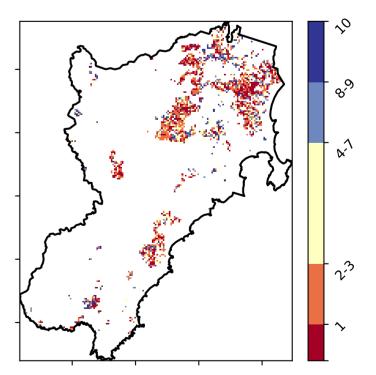
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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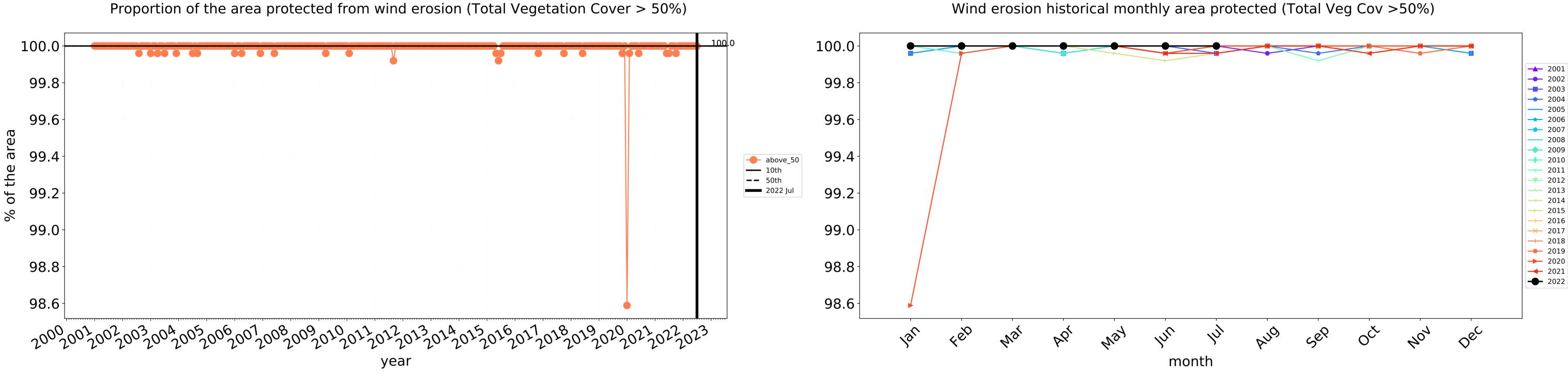
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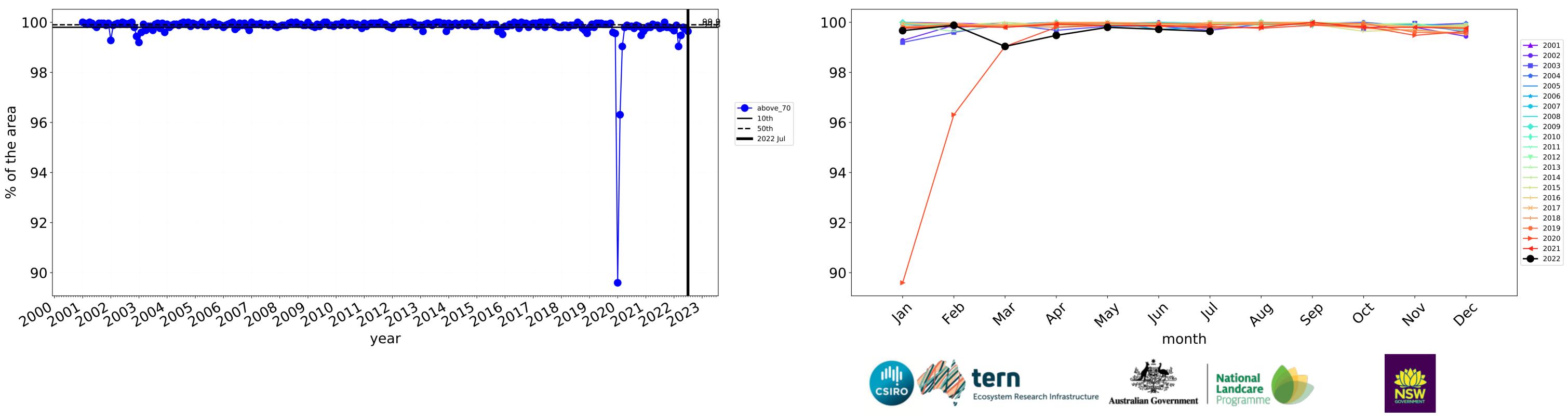




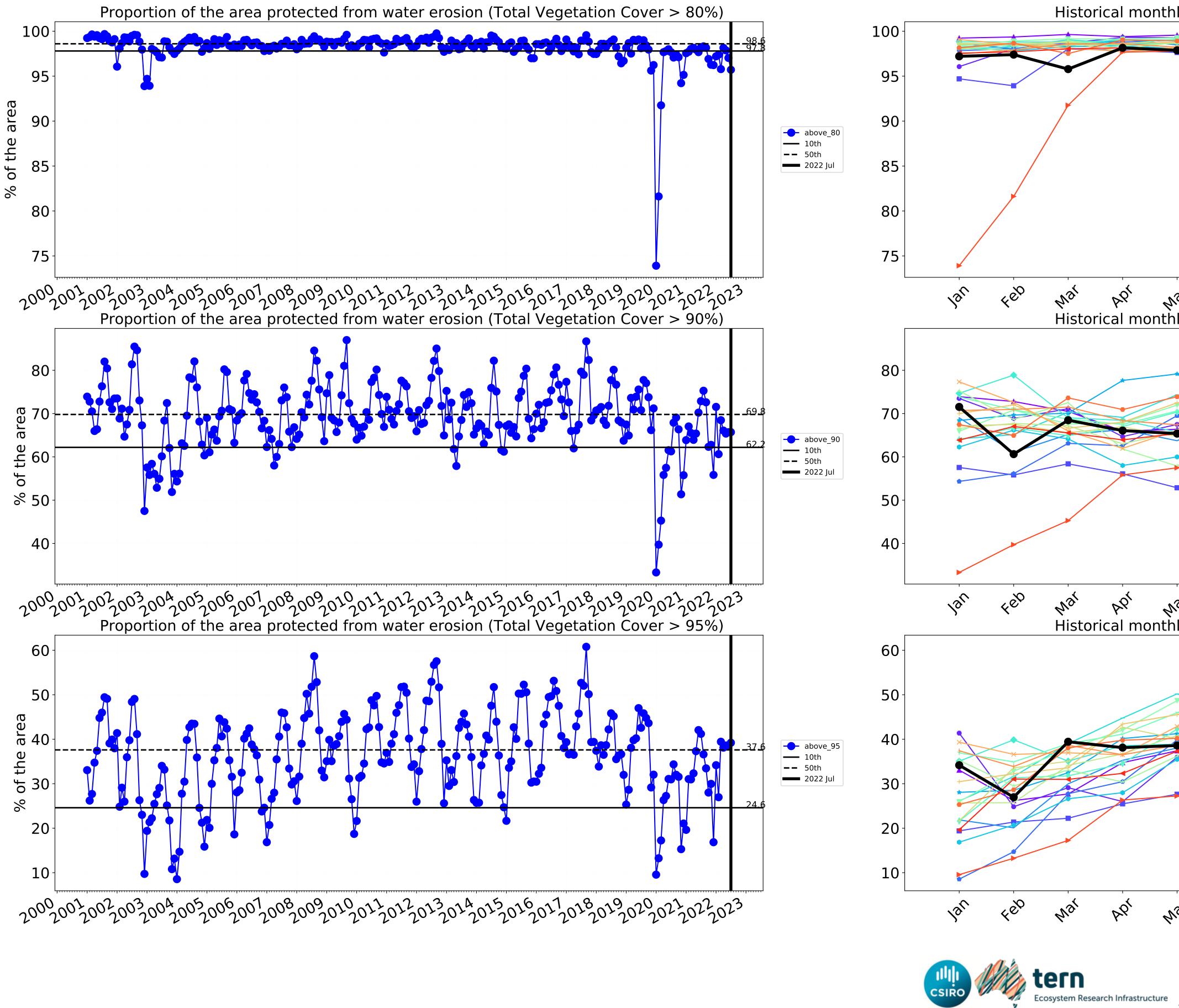
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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

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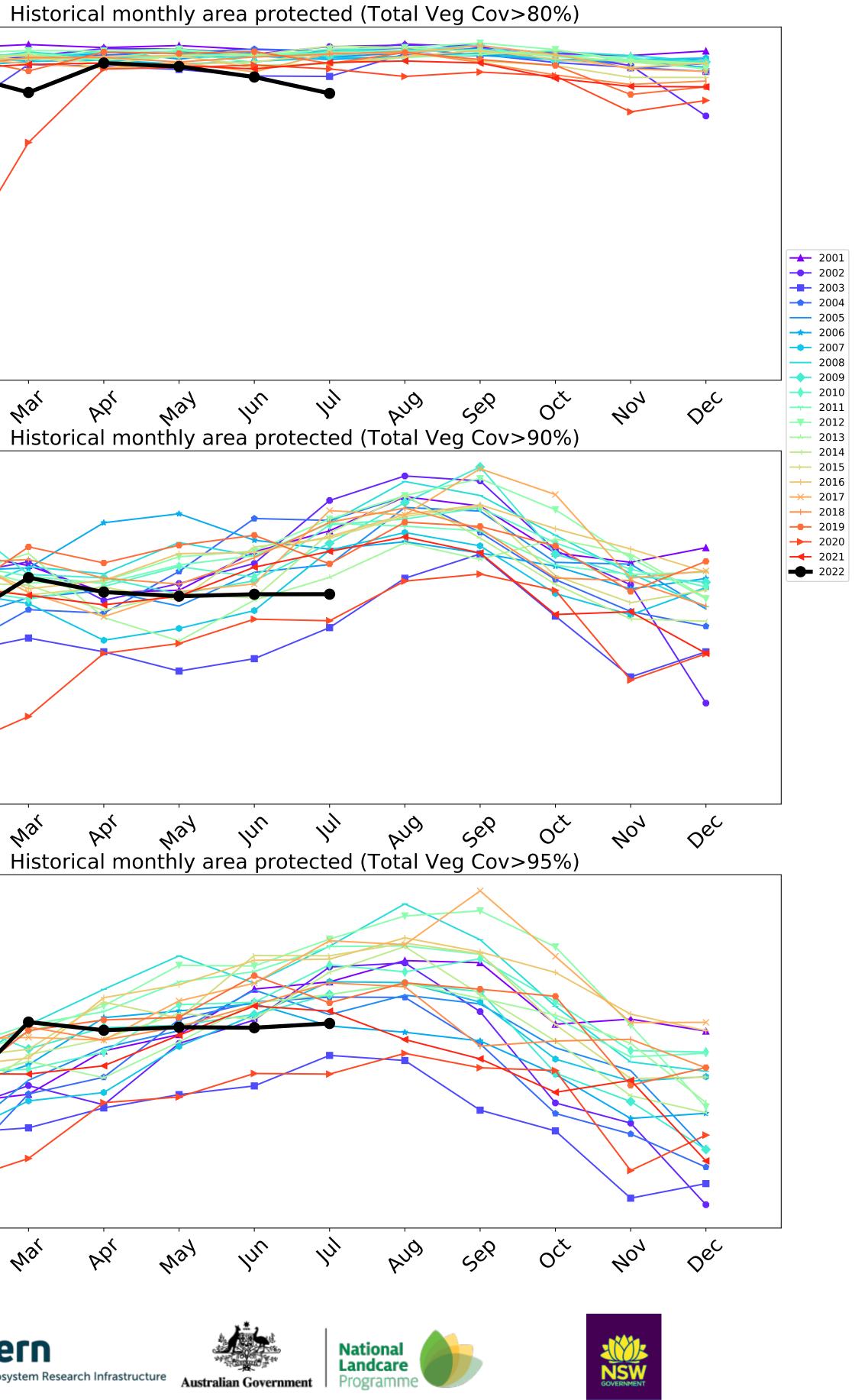
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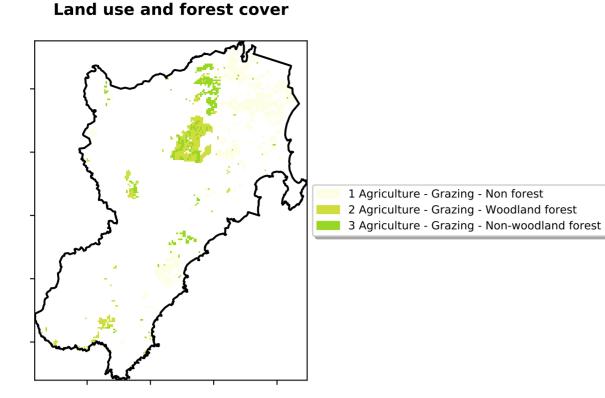
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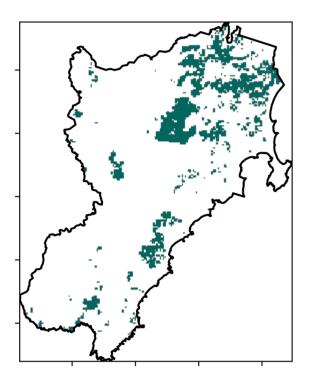


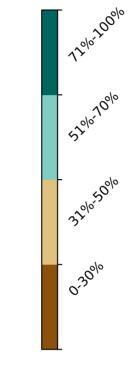
## Grazing

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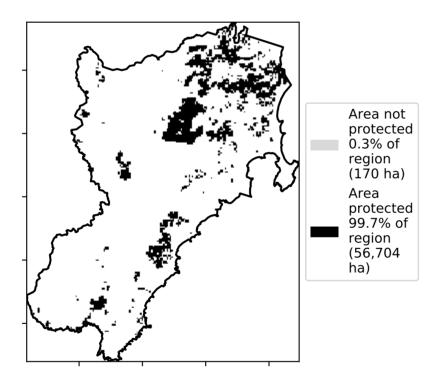


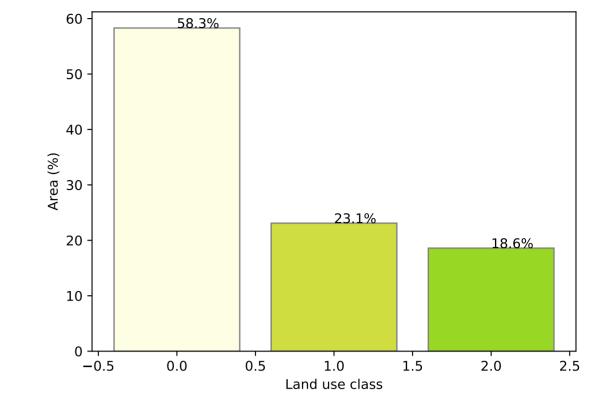
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





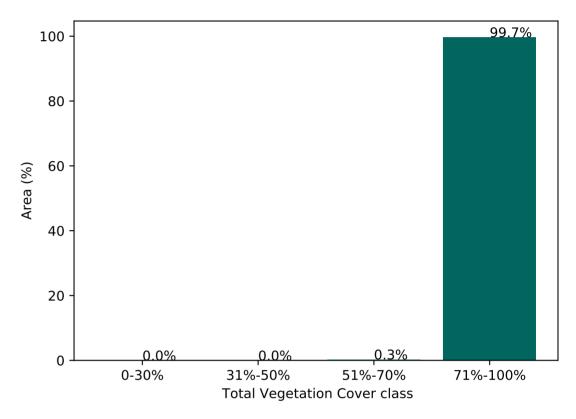
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



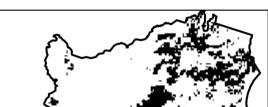


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

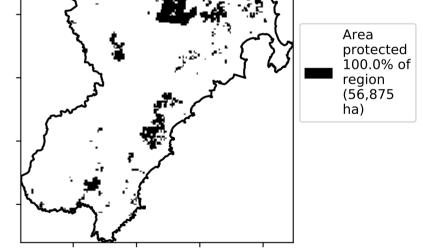


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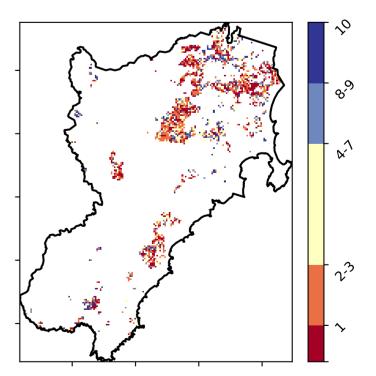


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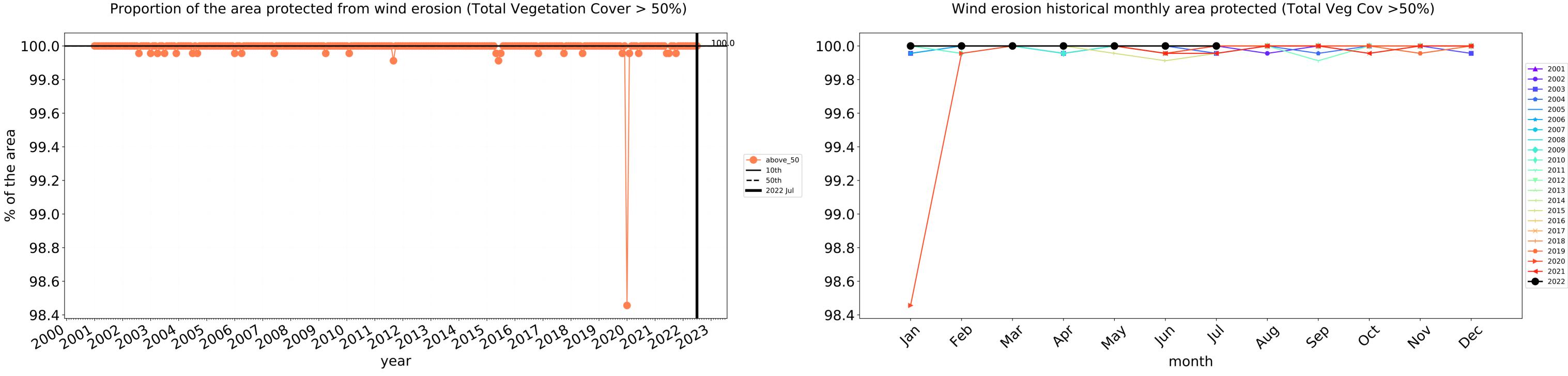
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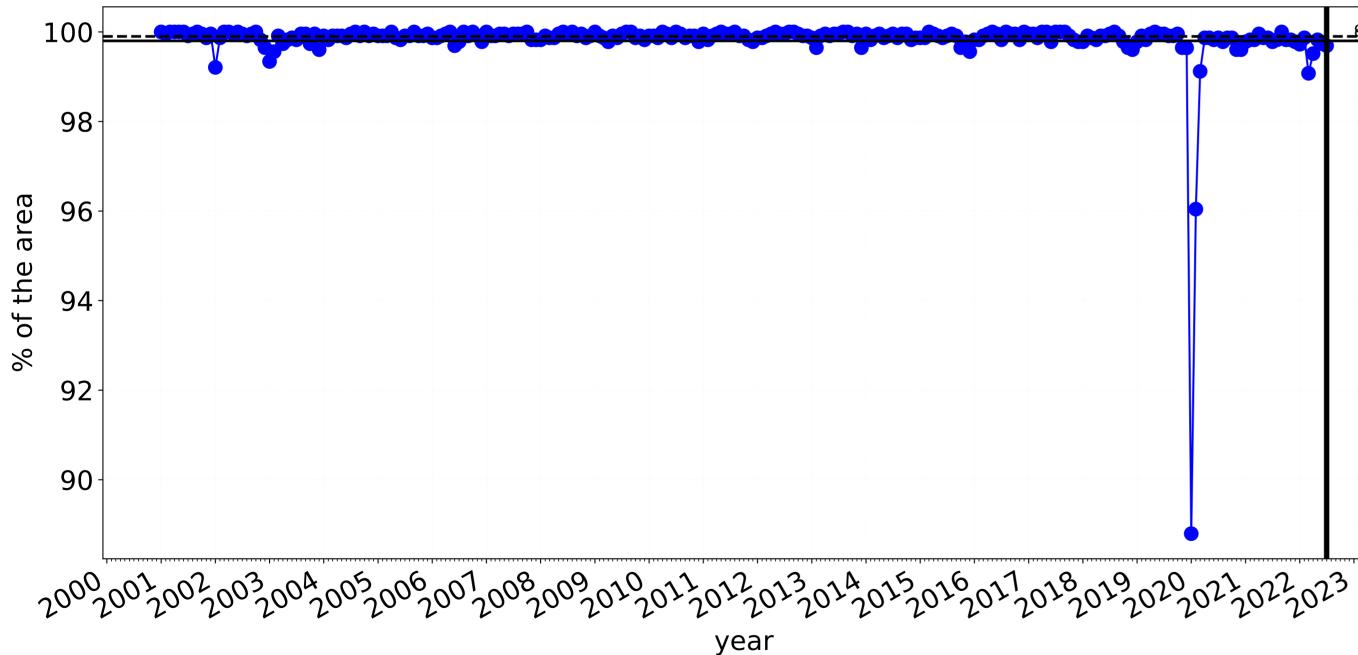




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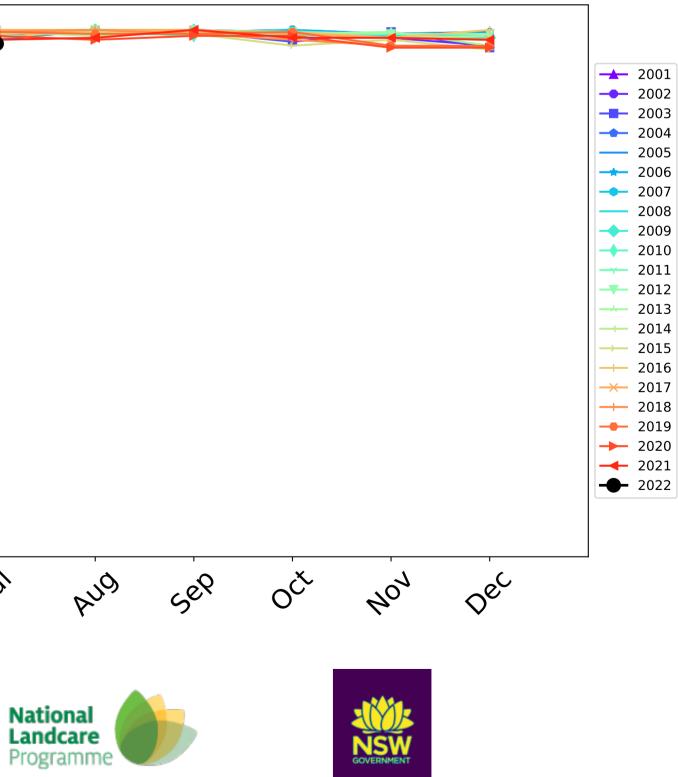
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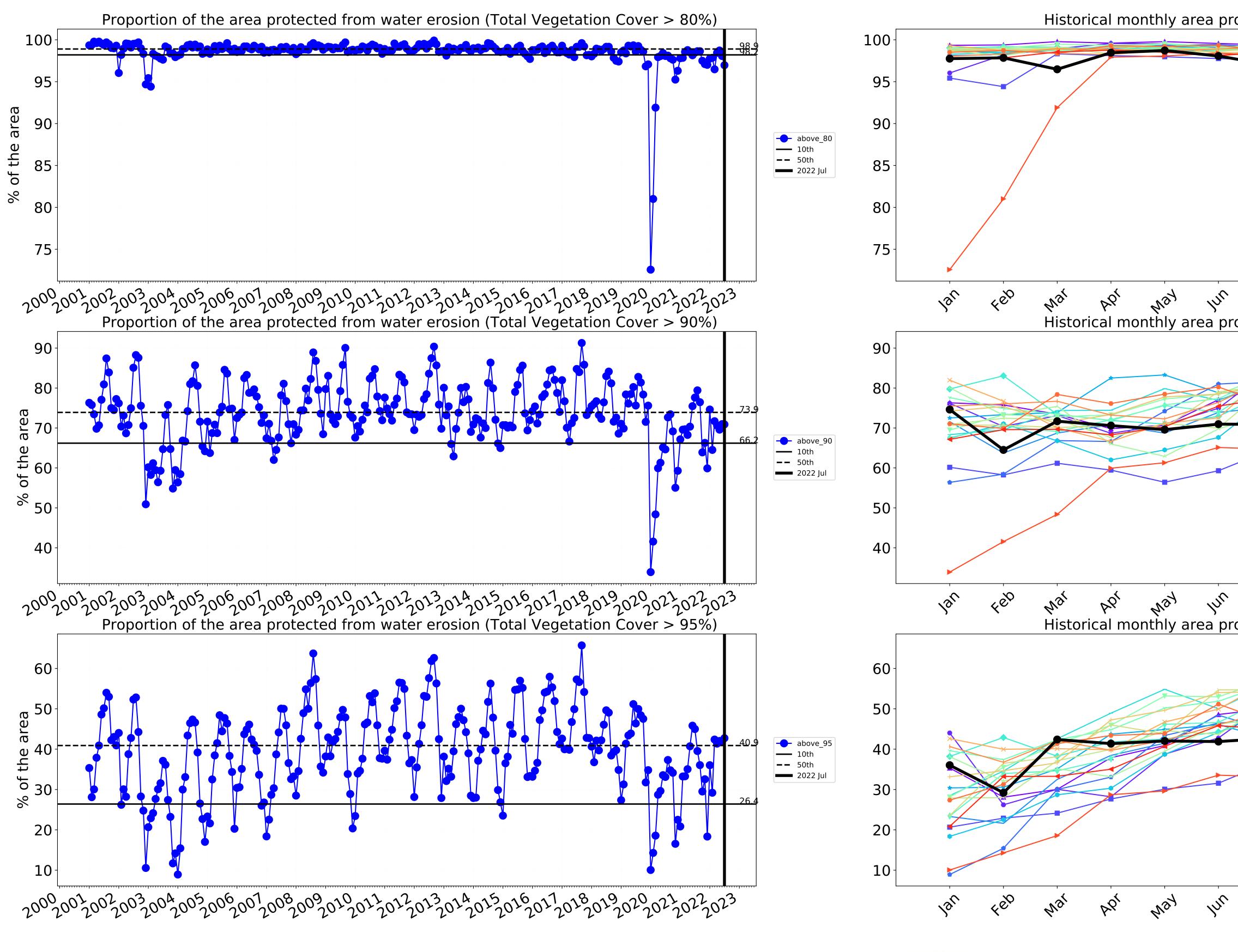




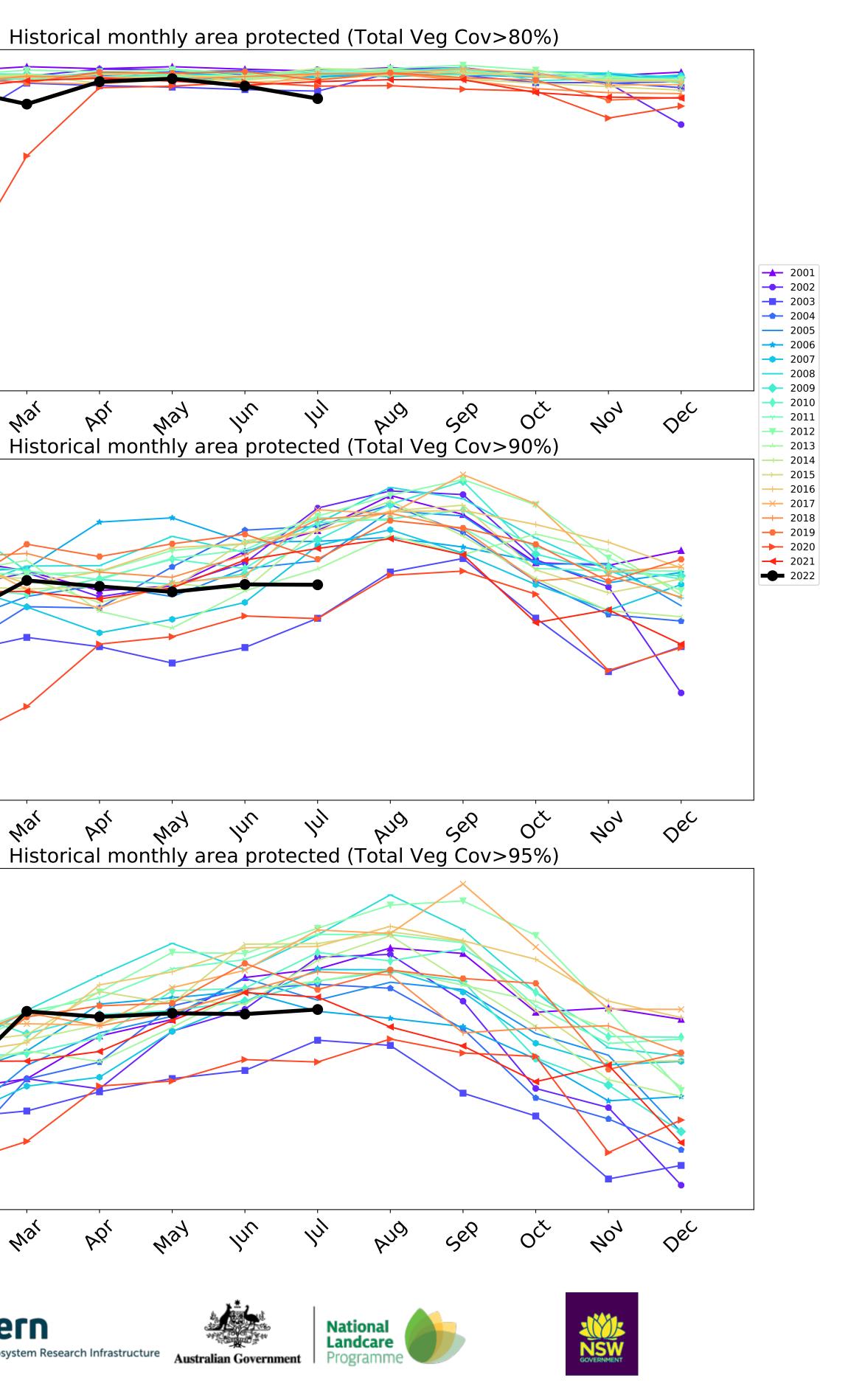
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



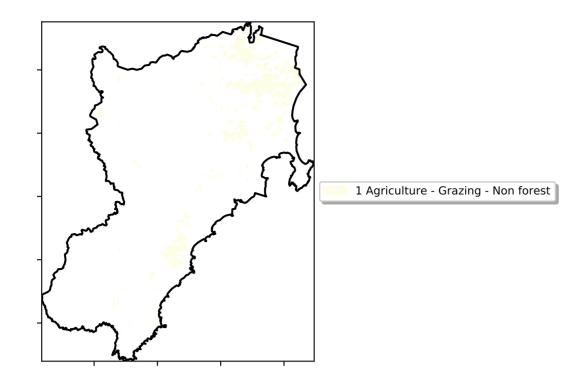




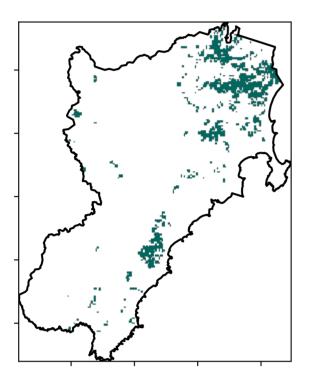


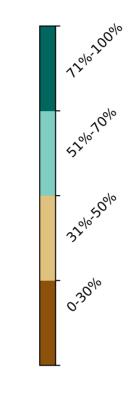
## **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover

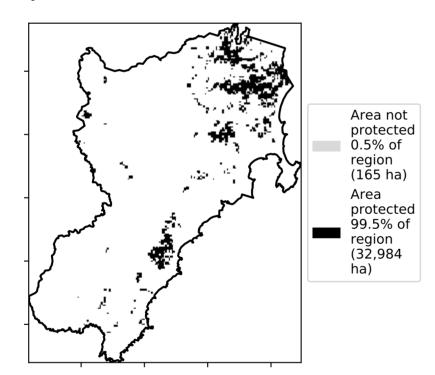


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

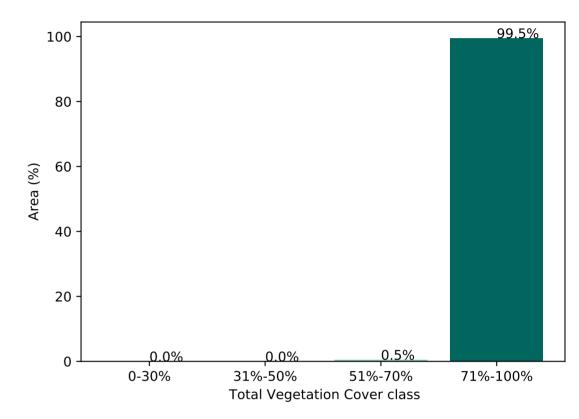




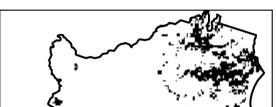
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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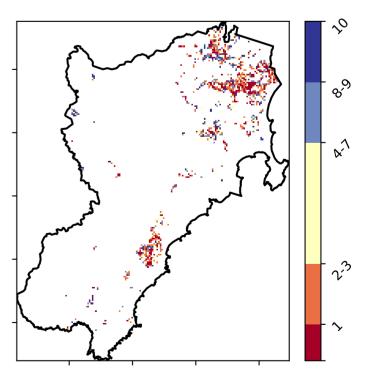
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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Area protected 100.0% of region (33,150 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

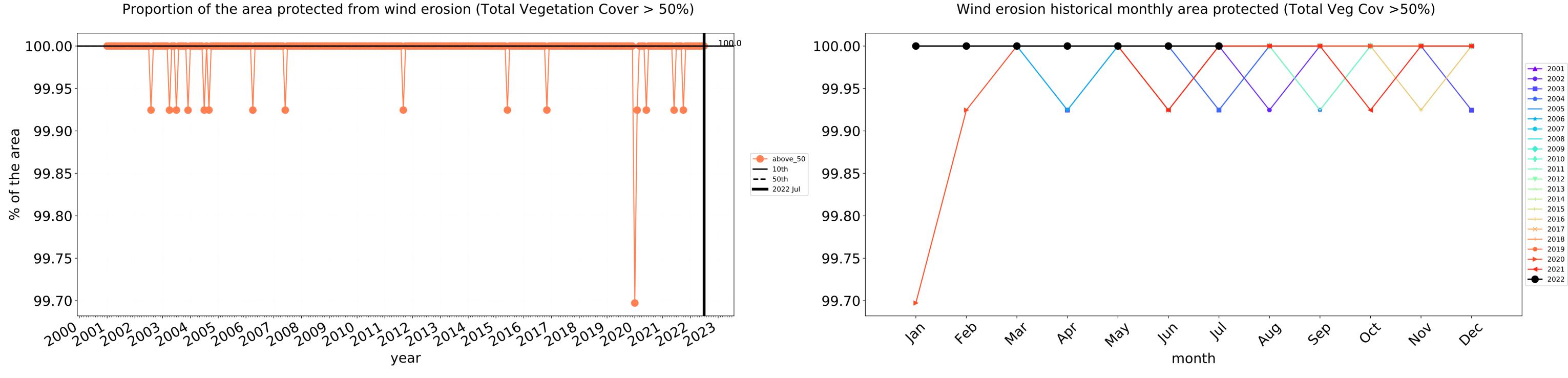


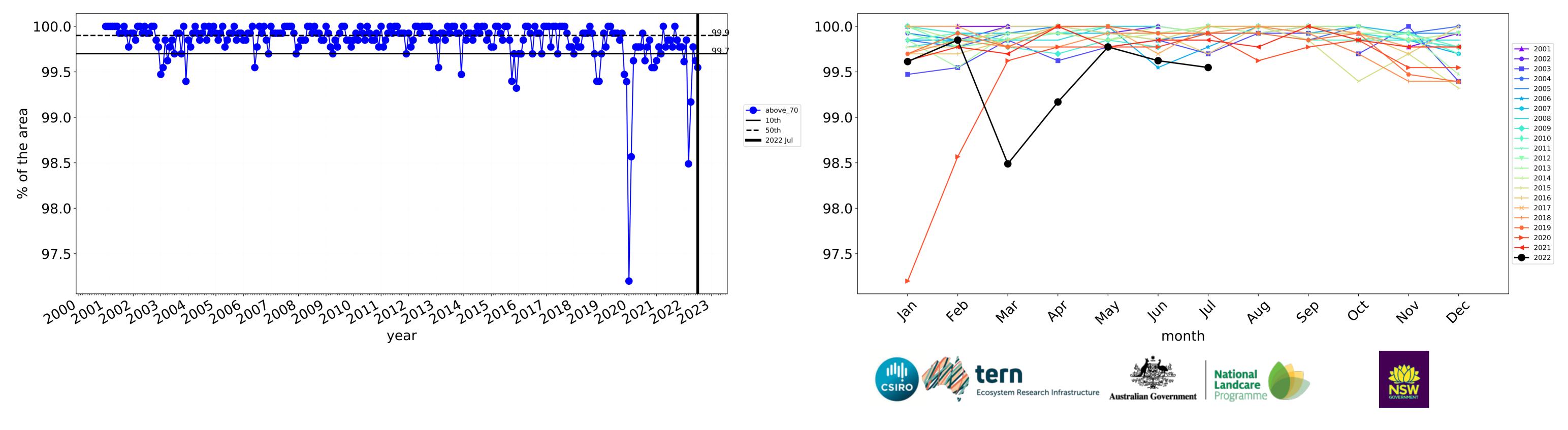




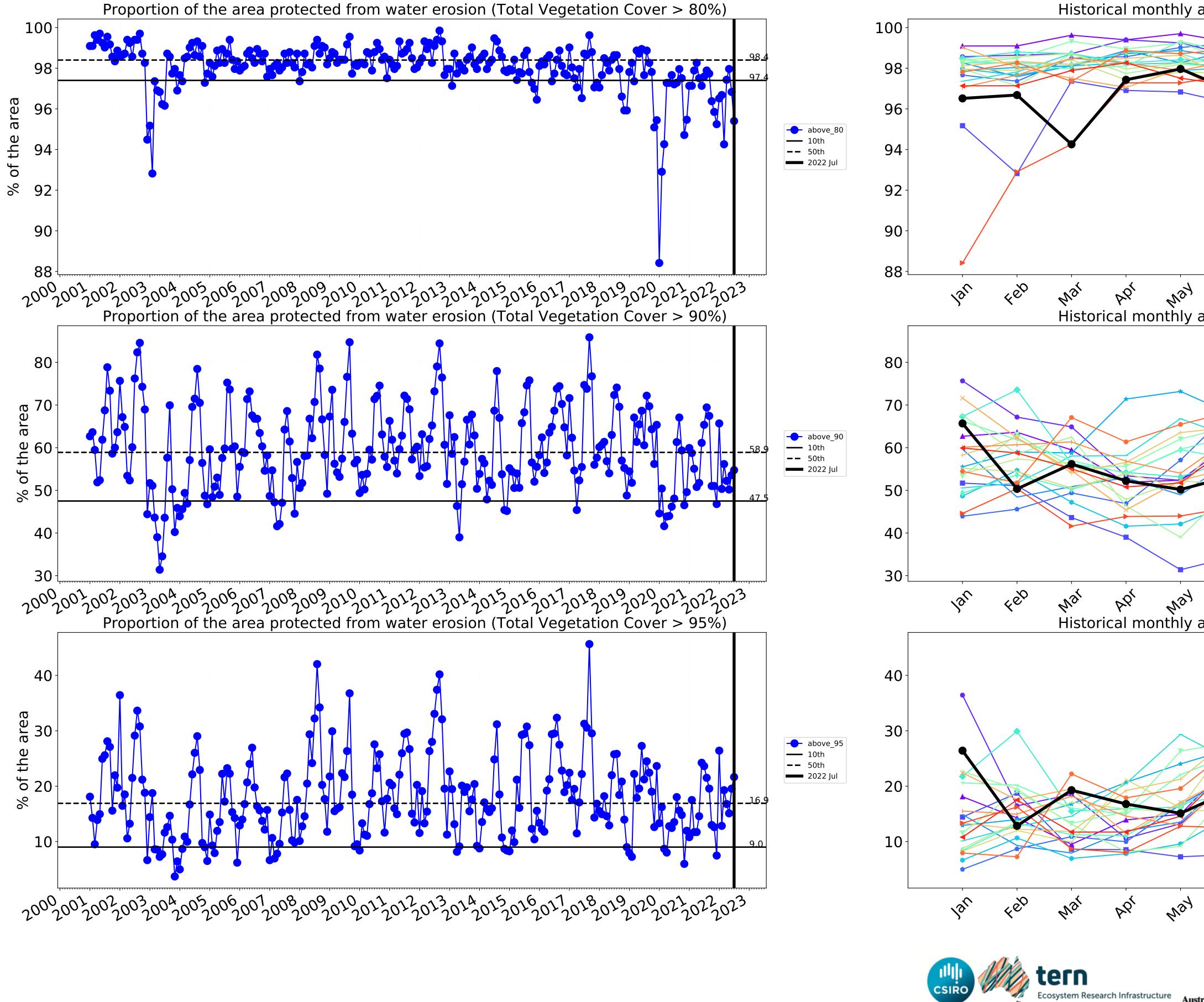
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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

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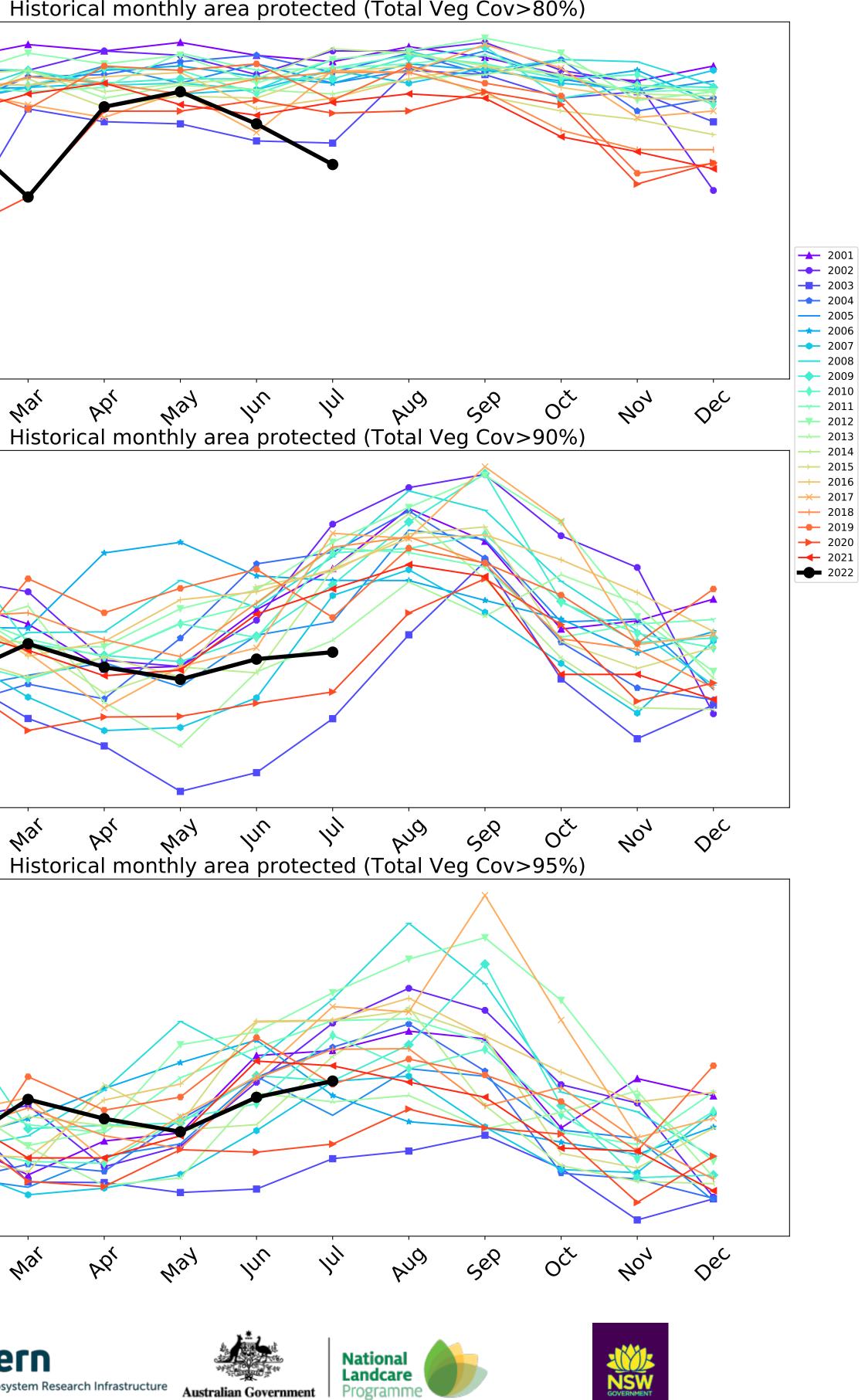
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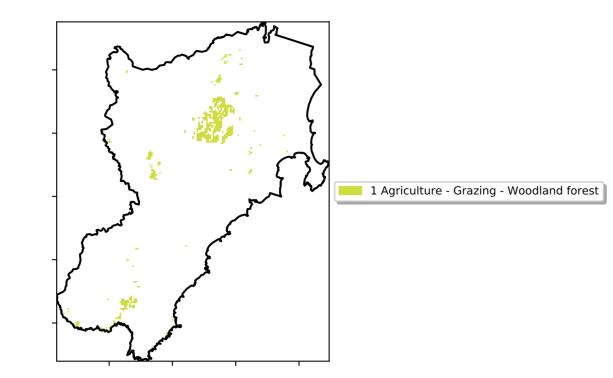
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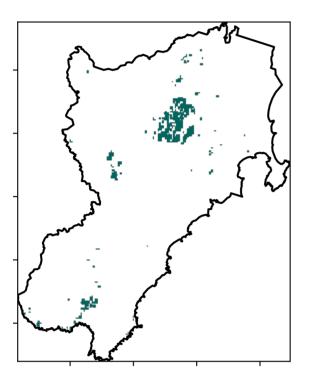


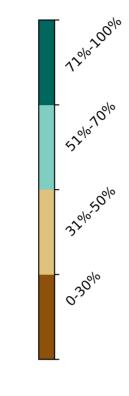
## **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

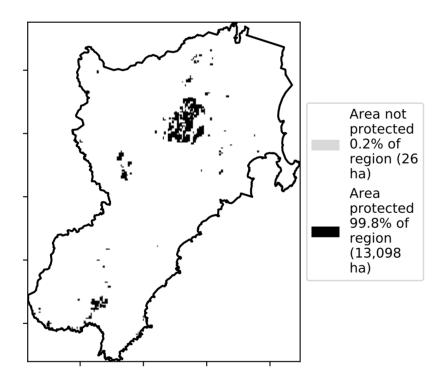


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

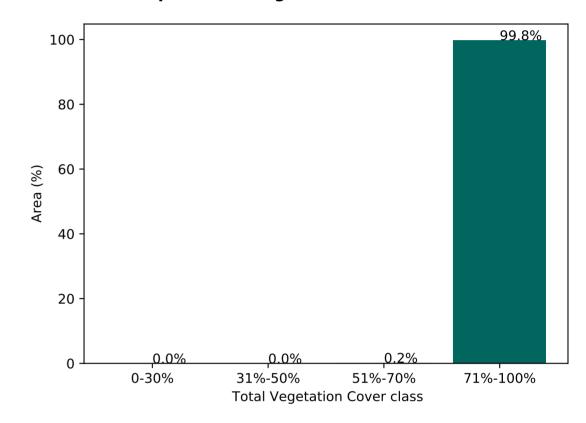




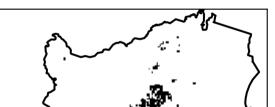
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



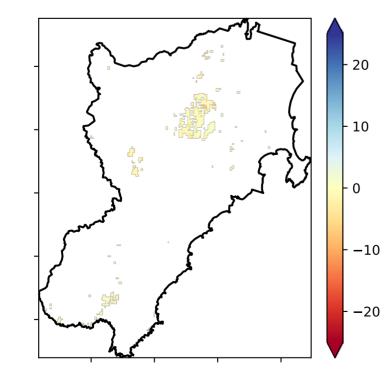
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



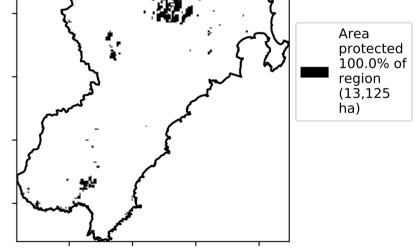
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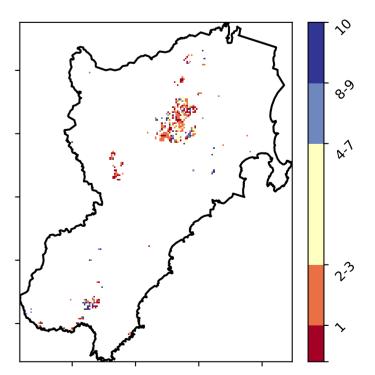
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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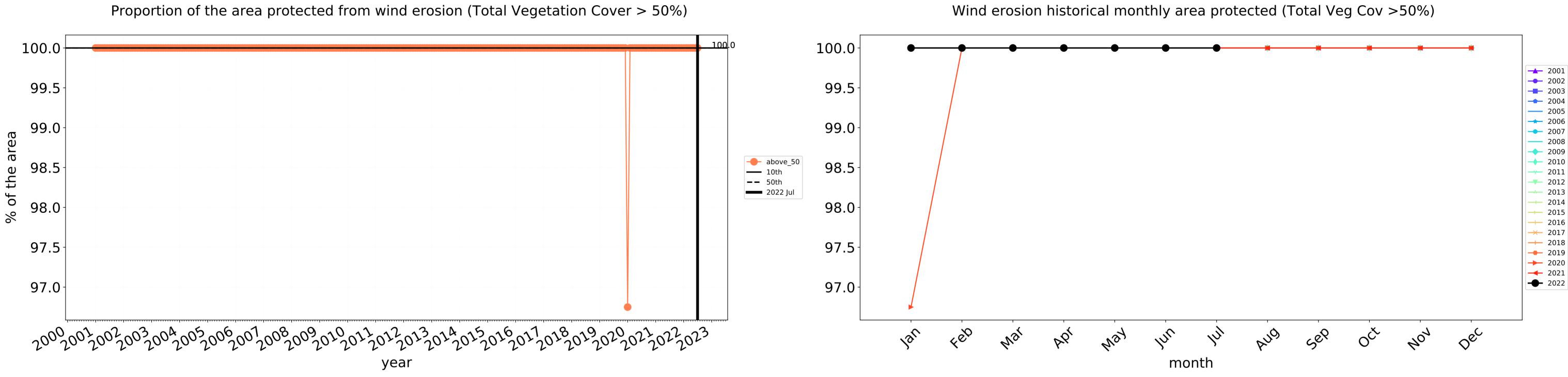


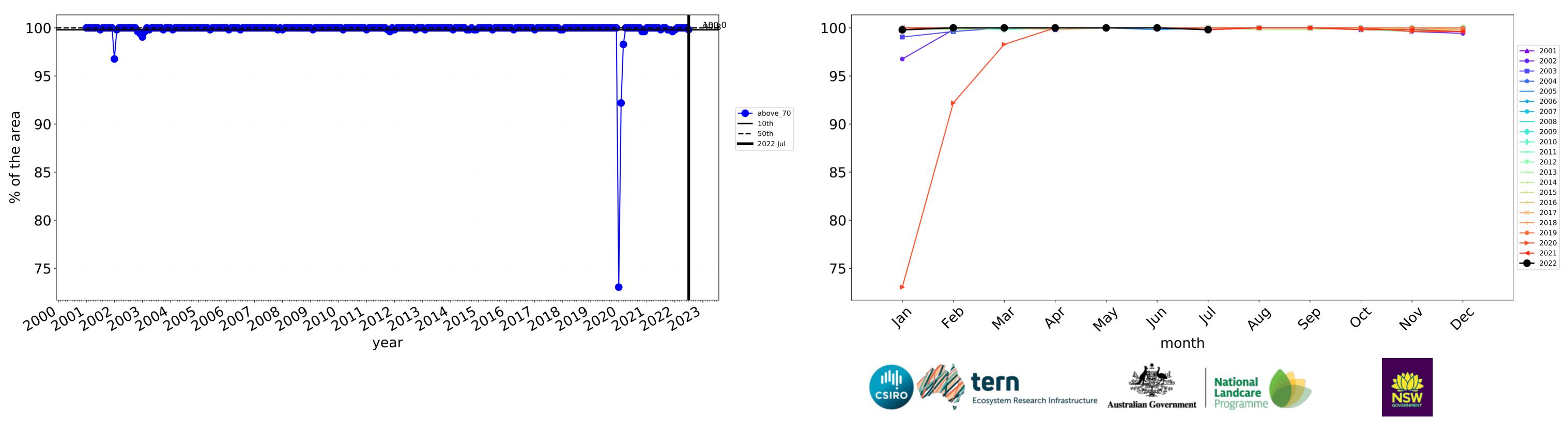
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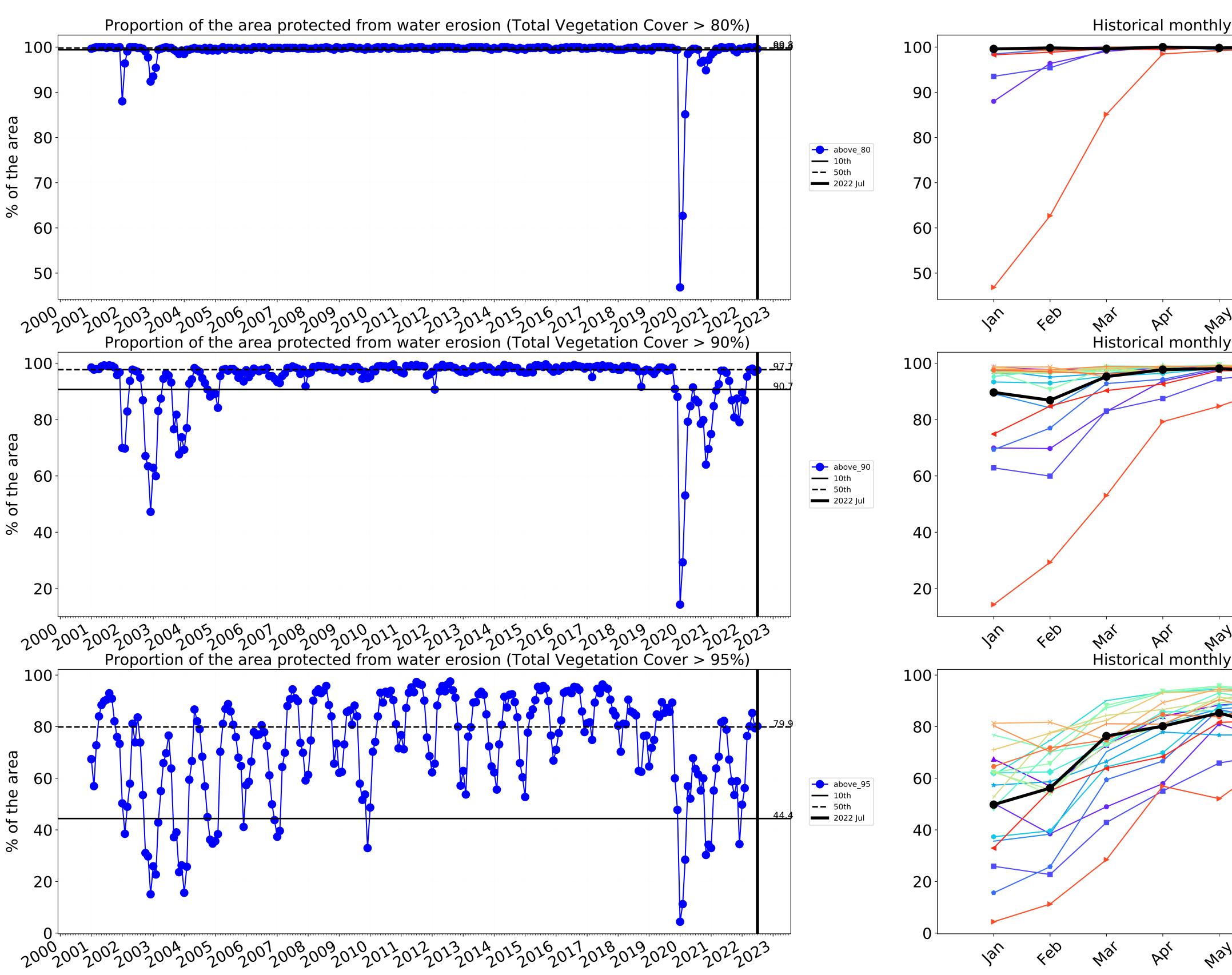


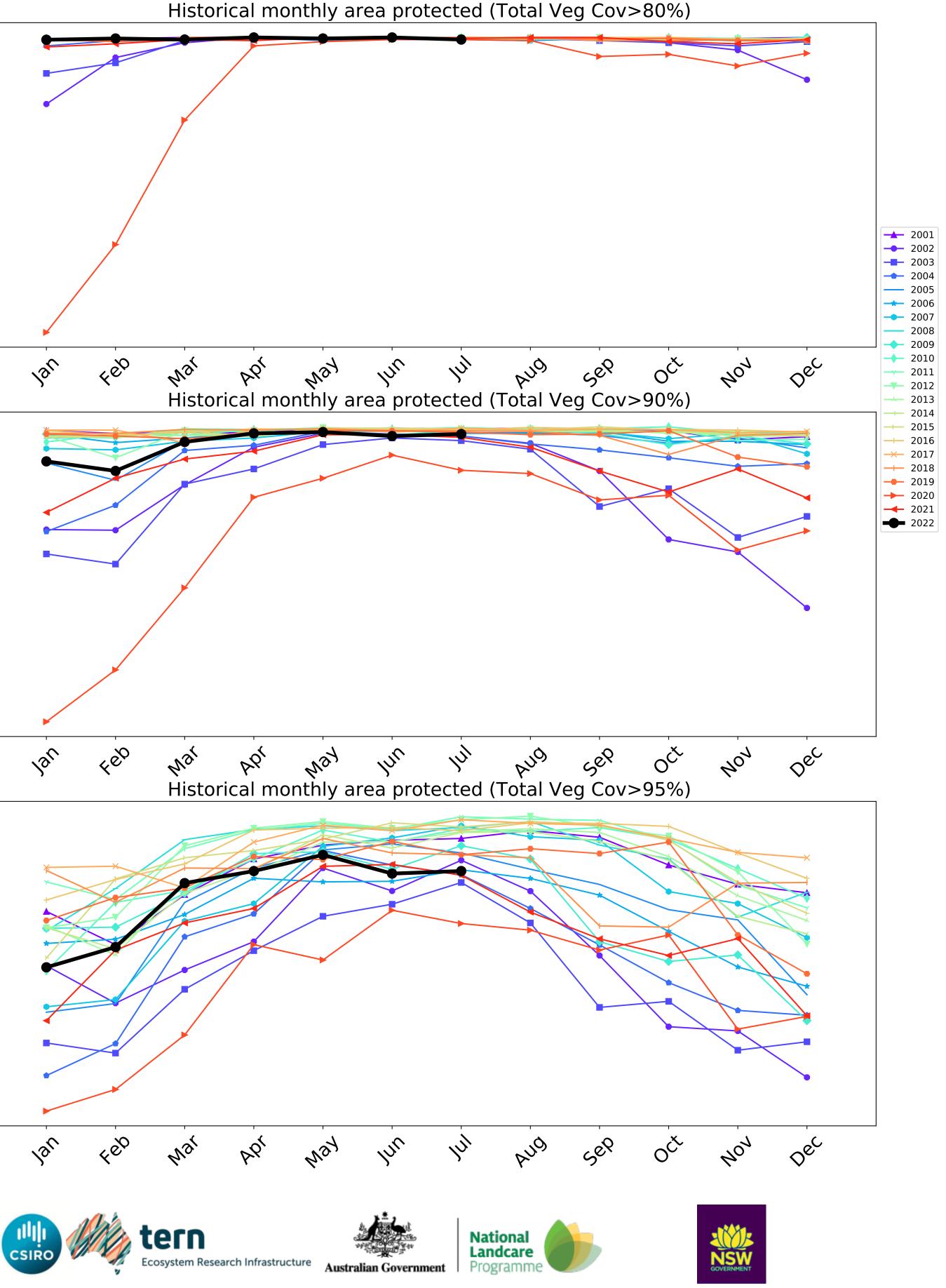






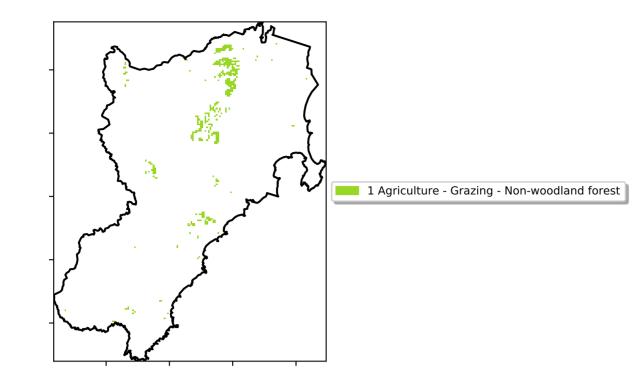
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



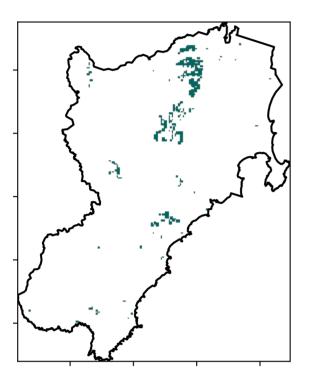


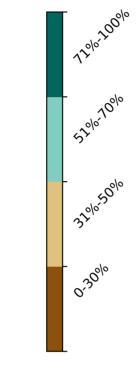
## Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

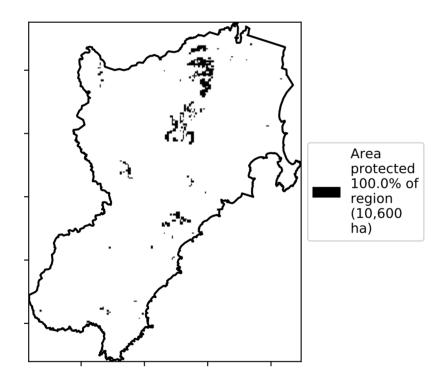


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

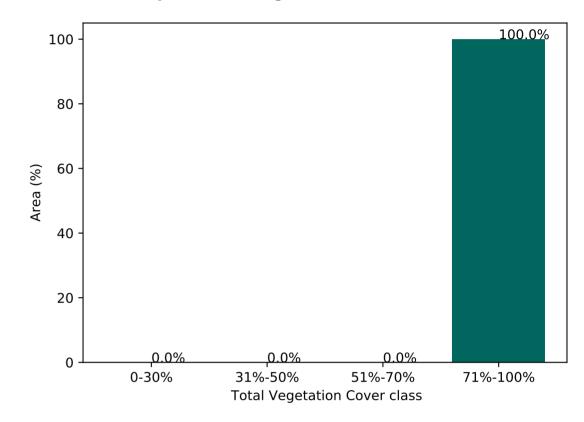




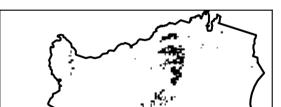
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



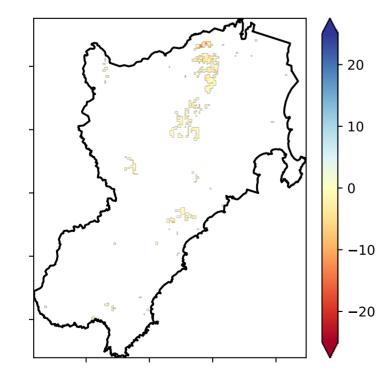
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



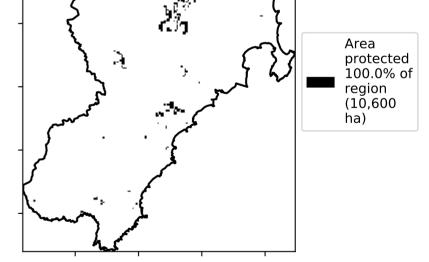
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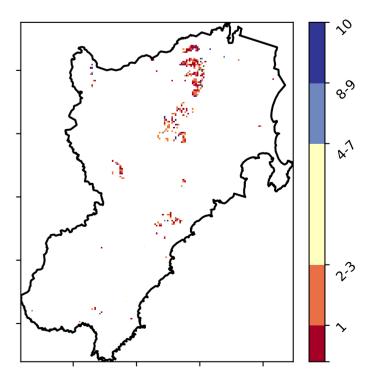
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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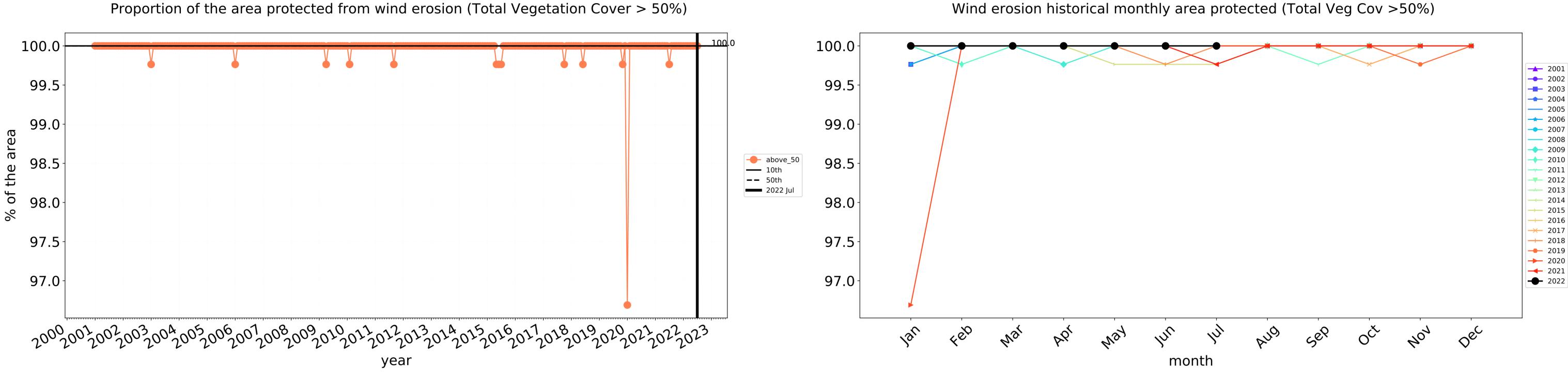


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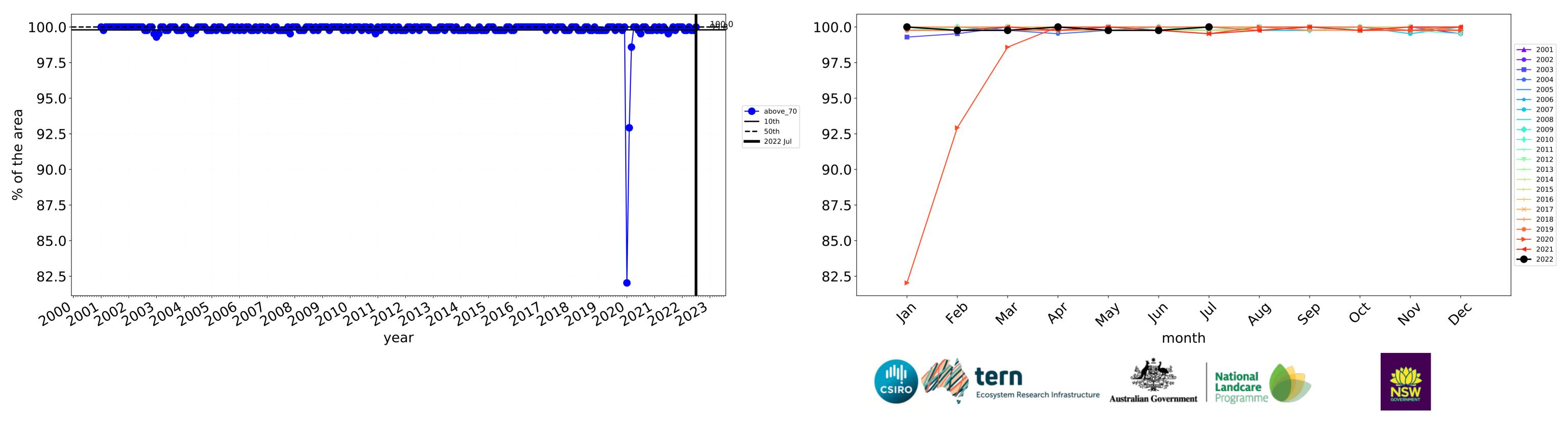




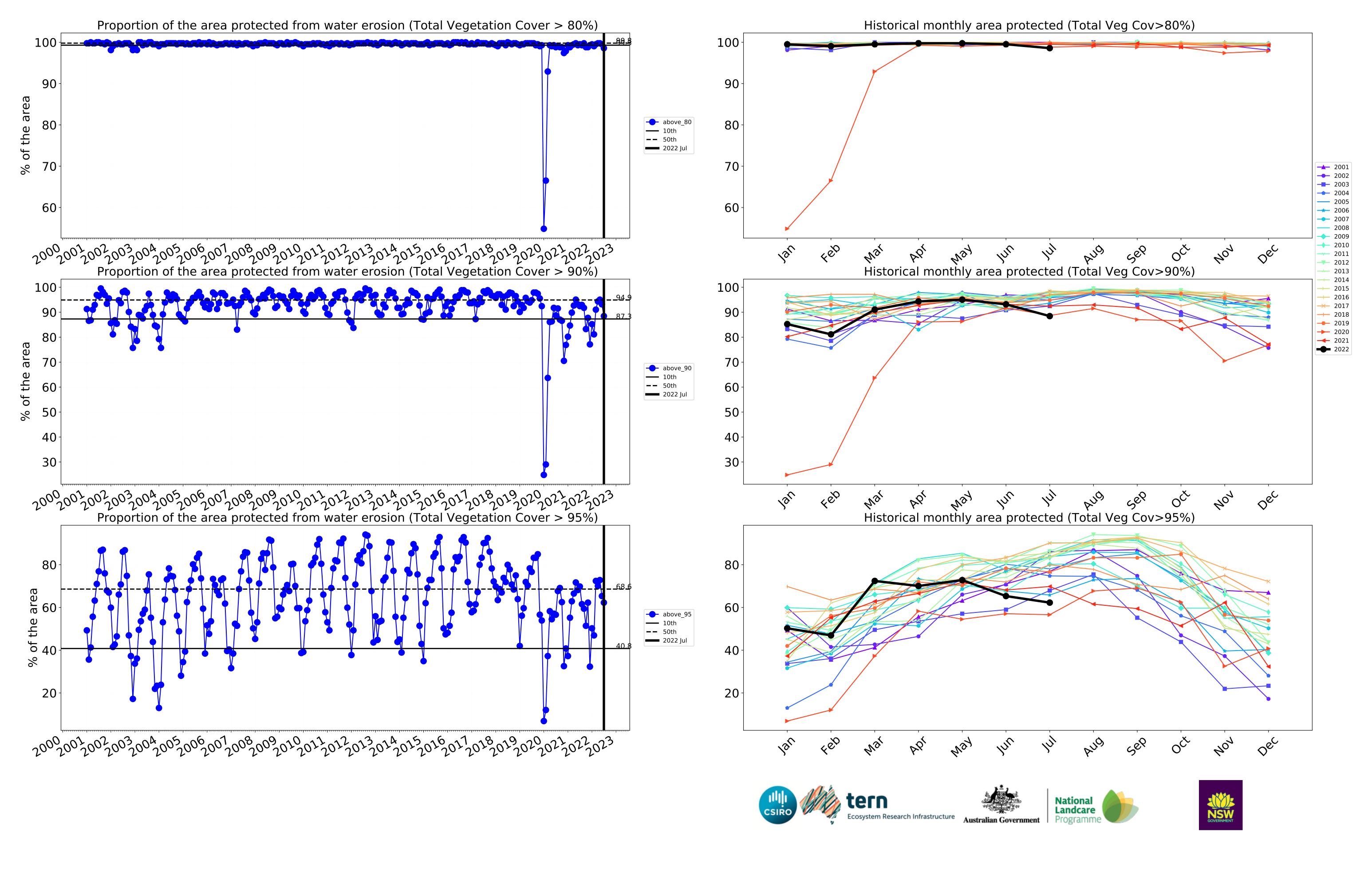




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

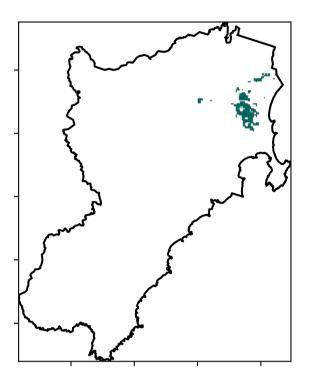


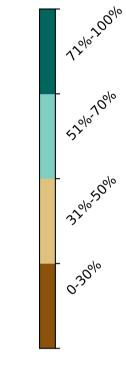
## Irrigation

Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
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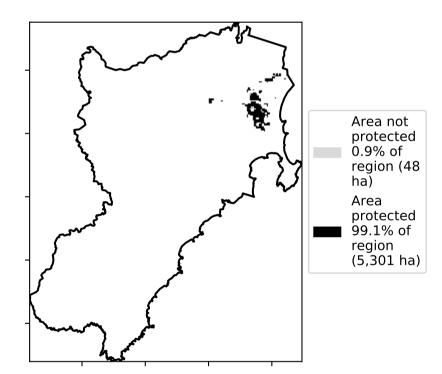
Land use and forest cover

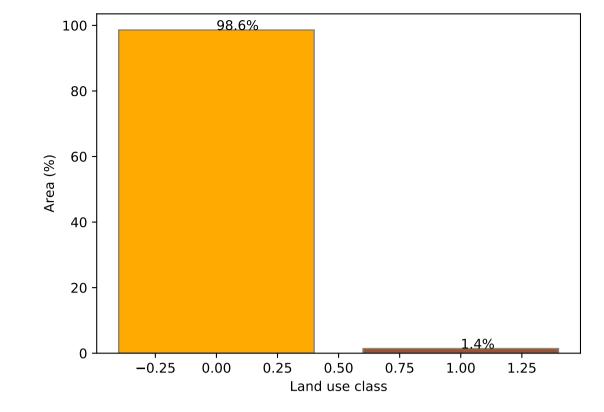
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





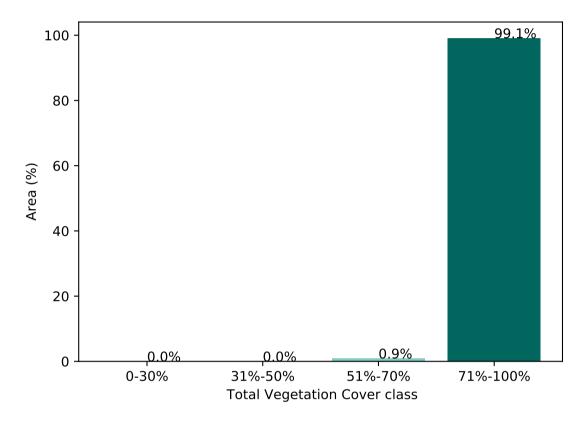
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



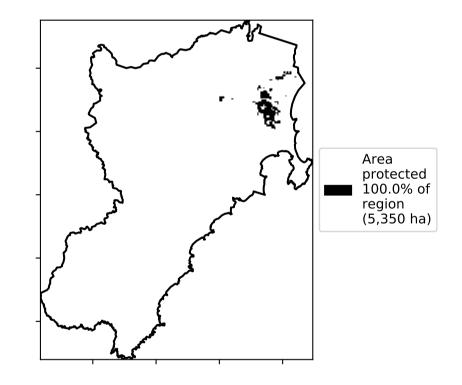


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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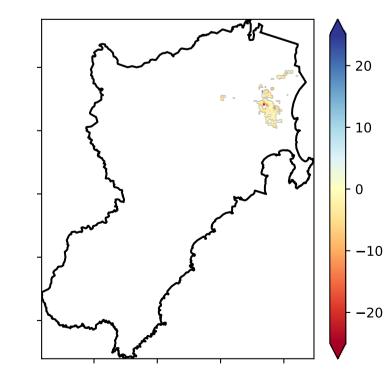
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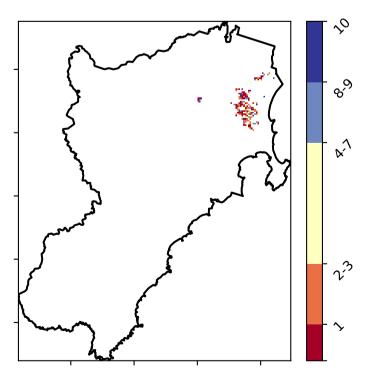
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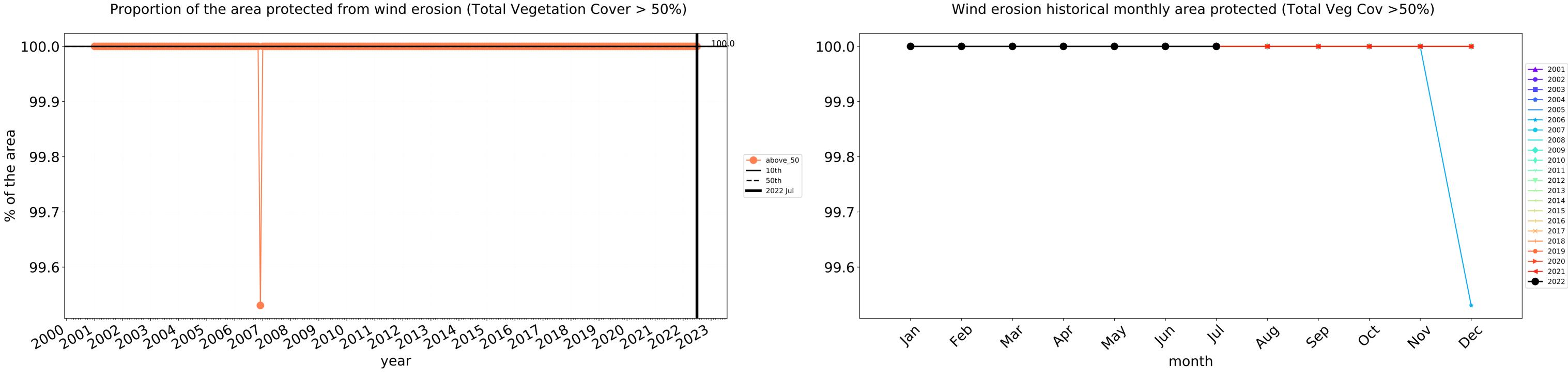
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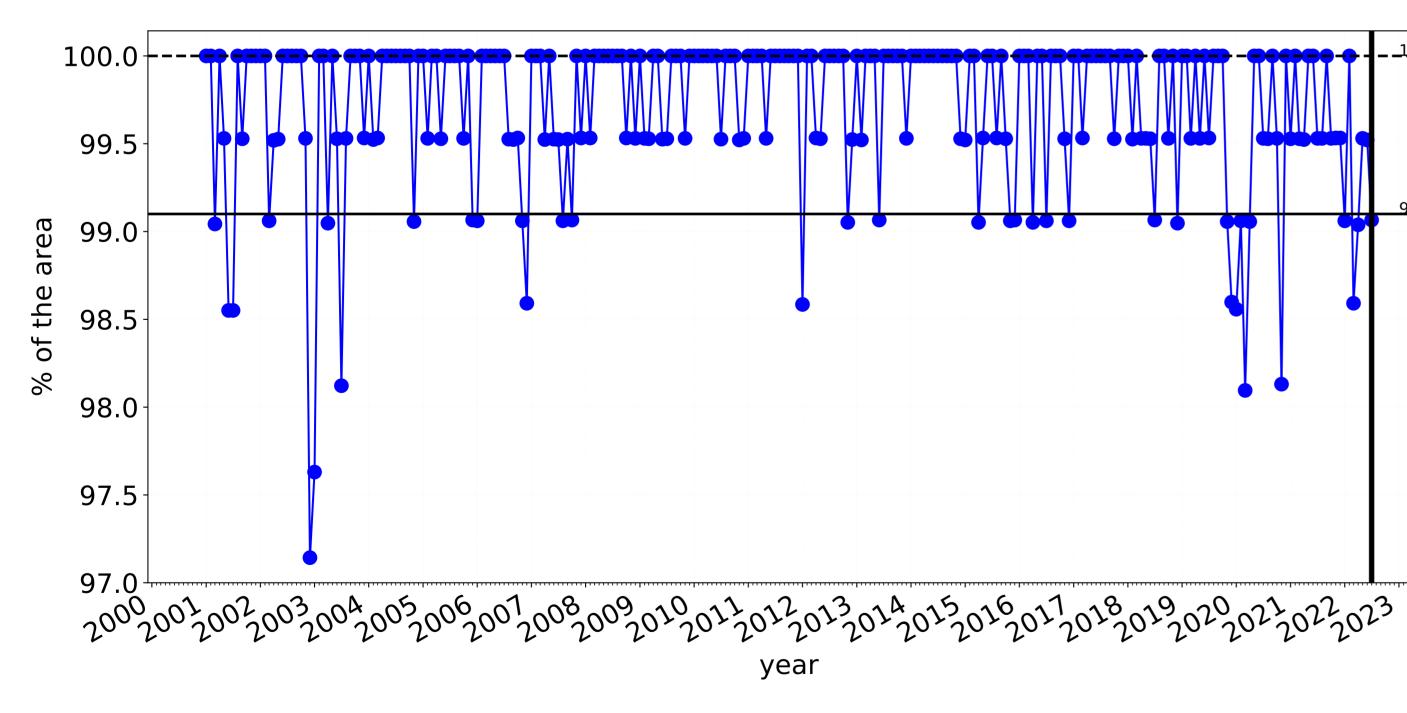
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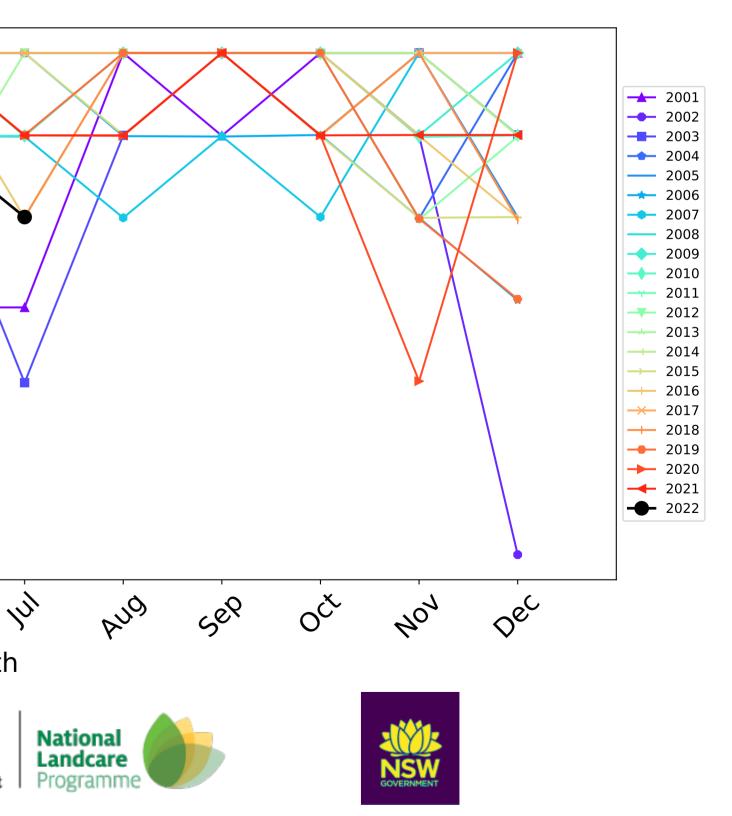


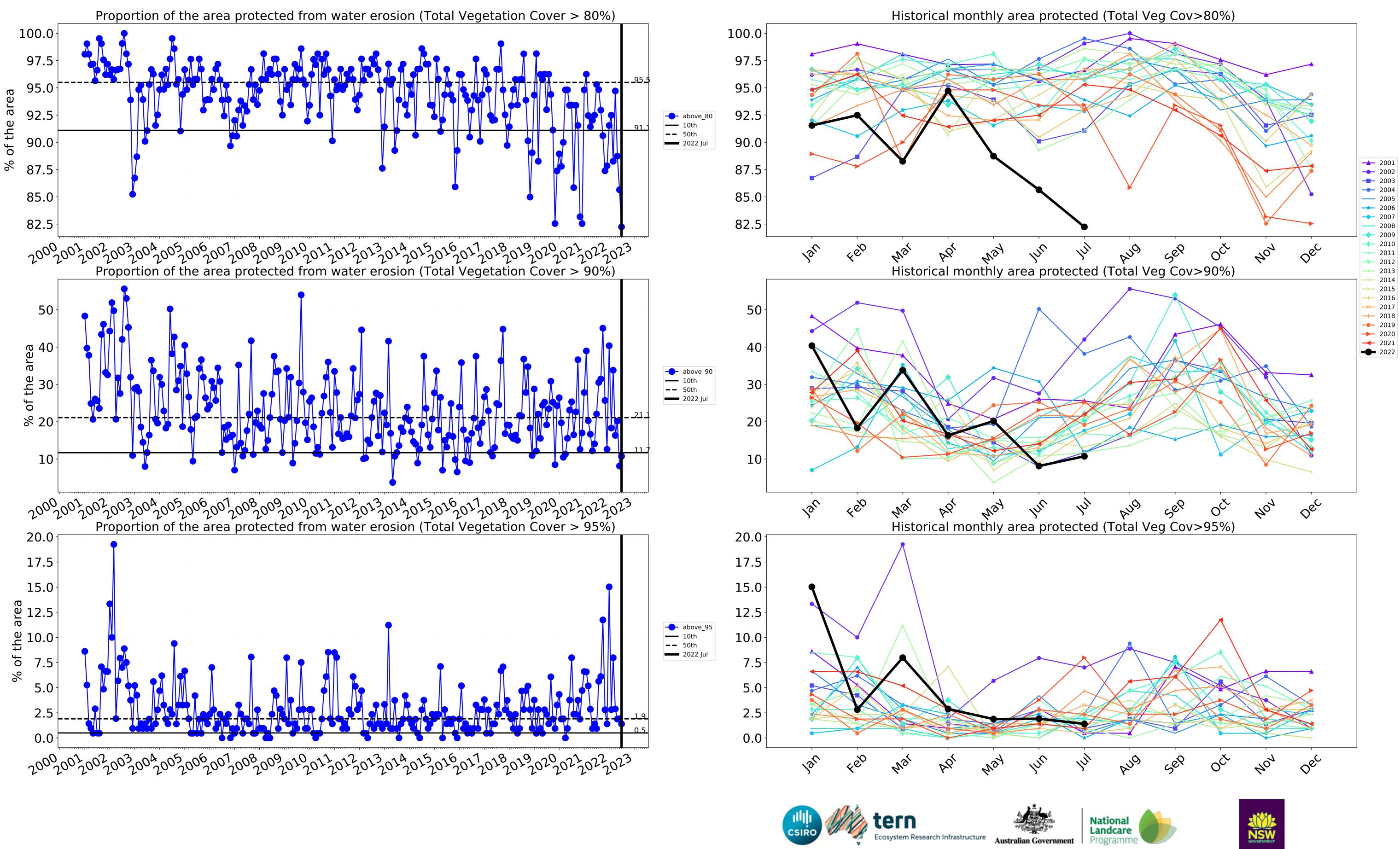
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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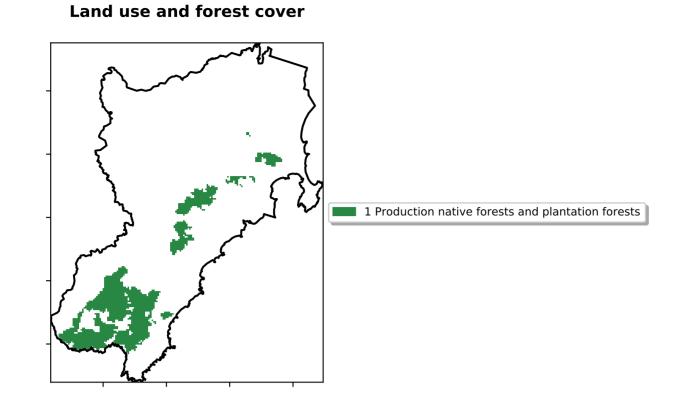
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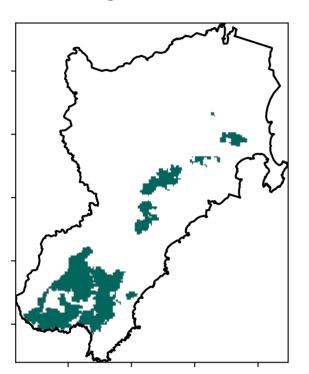


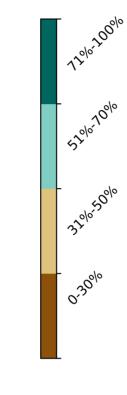
## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

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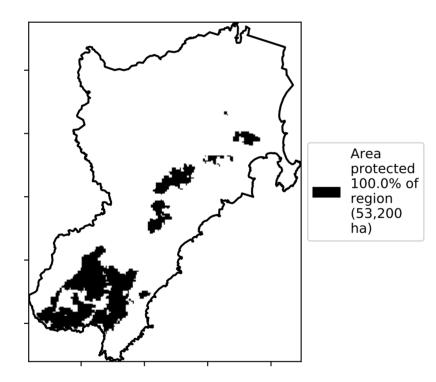


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

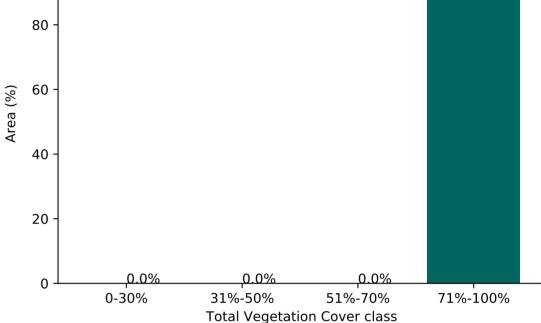




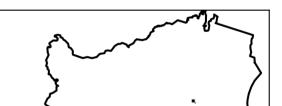
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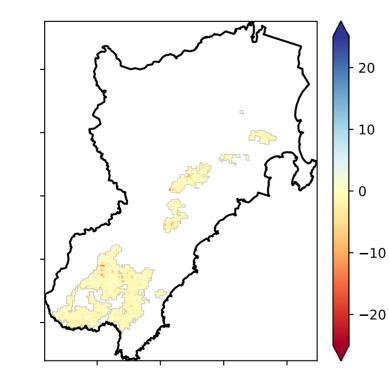
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



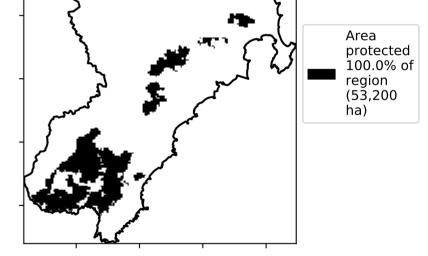
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

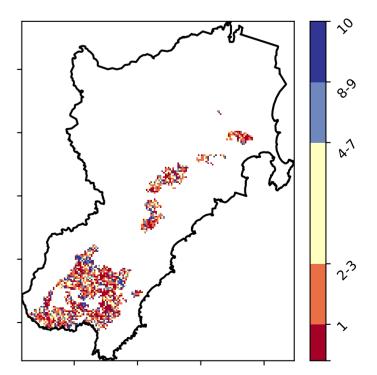
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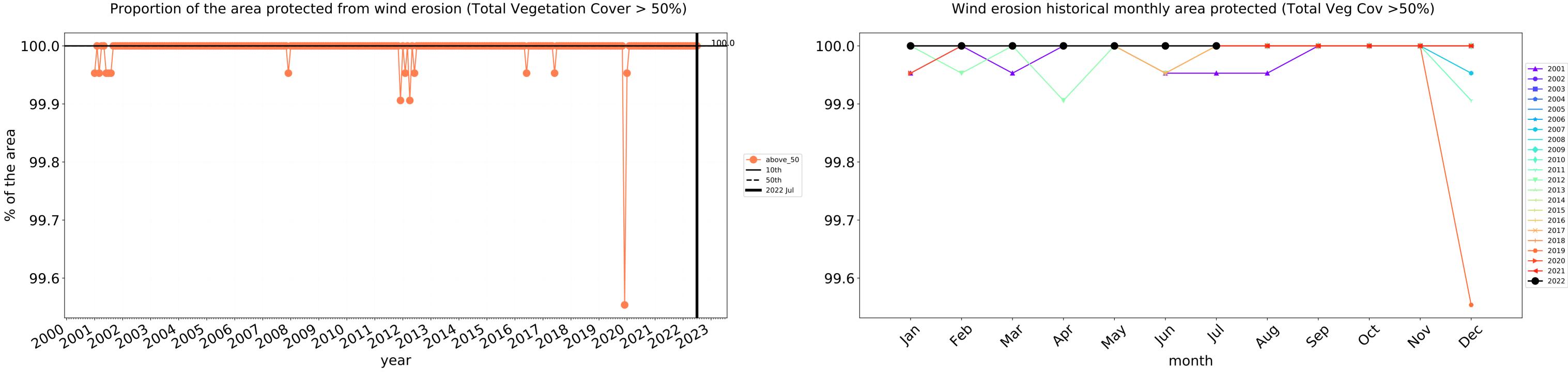


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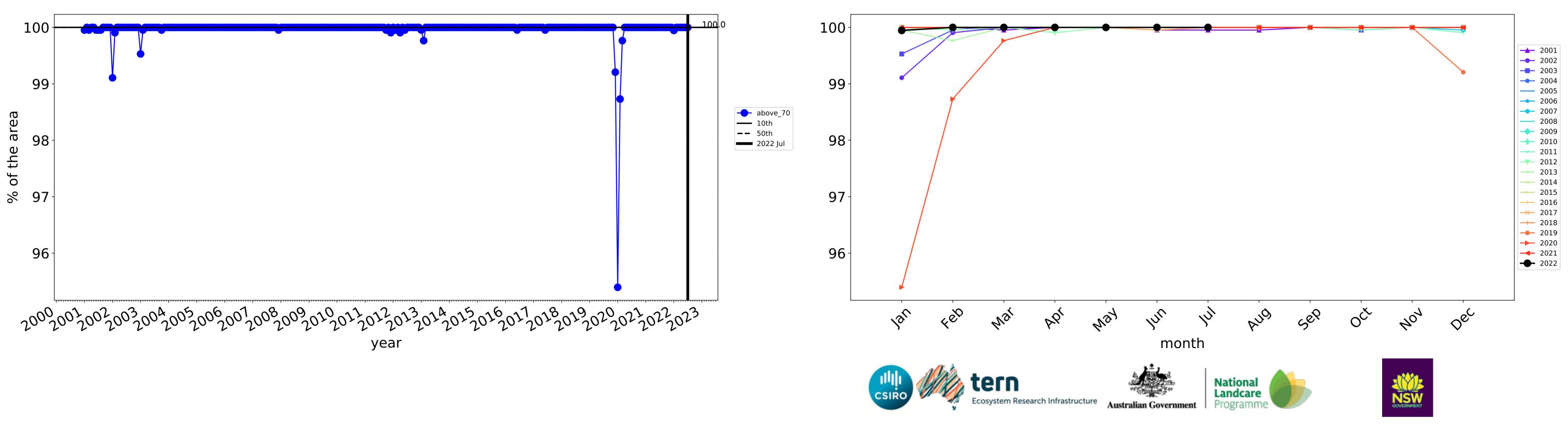




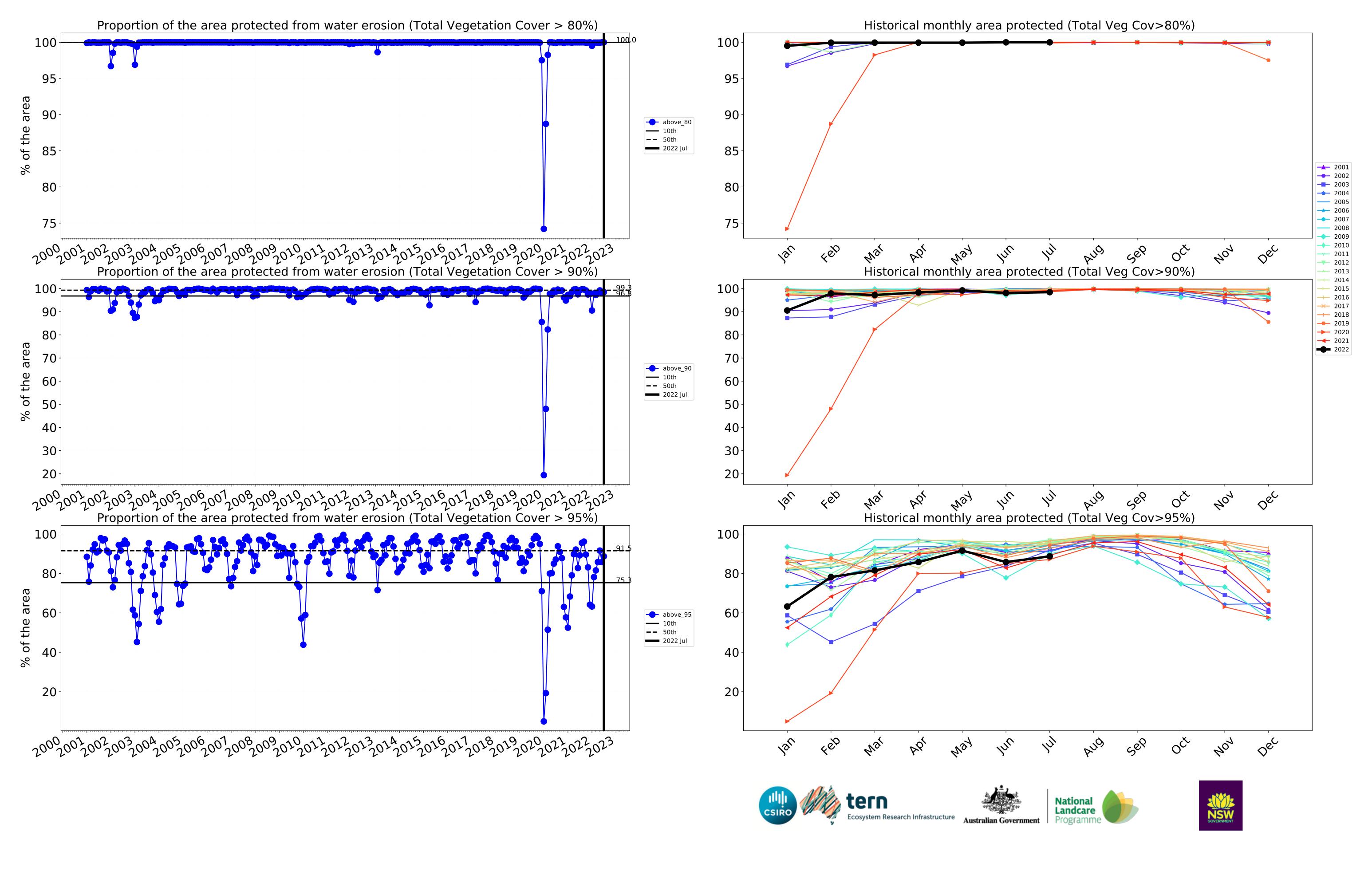




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



# Shoalhaven\_(C) (446,200 ha and no data 10,597 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	446,200	100.0% 446,075	99.9% 445,775	99.3% 443,075	97.2% 433,775	85.0% 379,225	62.1% 277,275
Conservation and natural environments	298,200	100.0% 298,150	100.0% 298,075	99.8% 297,725	99.1% 295,475	90.3% 269,150	65.8% 196,350
Conservation and natural environments non forest	6,050	99.6% 6,025	99.6% 6,025	99.2% 6,000	93.8% 5,675	79.8% 4,825	55.8% 3,375
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	184,325	100.0% 184,325	100.0% 184,325	99.9% 184,175	99.3% 183,000	89.7% 165,400	63.7% 117,500
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	107,825	100.0% 107,800	99.9% 107,725	99.7% 107,550	99.0% 106,800	91.7% 98,925	70.0% 75,475
Agriculture	62,350	100.0% 62,350	100.0% 62,350	99.6% 62,125	95.7% 59,675	65.7% 40,975	39.2% 24,450
Grazing	56,875	100.0% 56,875	100.0% 56,875	99.7% 56,700	97.0% 55,150	70.9% 40,325	42.7% 24,300
Grazing non forest	33,150	100.0% 33,150	100.0% 33,150	99.5% 33,000	95.4% 31,625	54.8% 18,150	21.6% 7,175
Grazing Woodland forest	13,125	100.0% 13,125	100.0% 13,125	99.8% 13,100	99.6% 13,075	97.5% 12,800	80.2% 10,525
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	10,600	100.0% 10,600	100.0% 10,600	100.0% 10,600	98.6% 10,450	88.4% 9,375	62.3% 6,600
Irrigation	5,350	100.0% 5,350	100.0% 5,350	99.1% 5,300	82.2% 4,400	10.7% 575	1.4% 75
Production native forests and plantation forests	53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	98.4% 52,375	88.7% 47,175

