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

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

Land use forest cover:

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

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:

Total vegetation Cover:

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

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

# **Erosion protection**

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

# Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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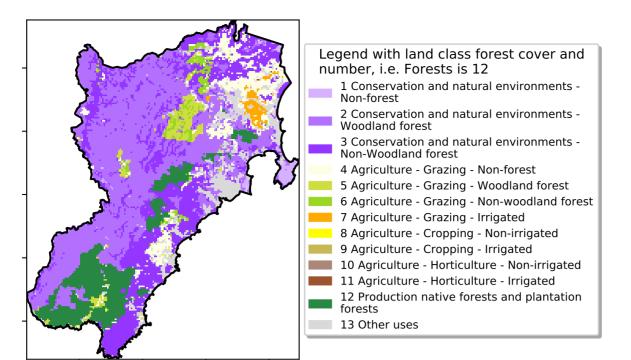




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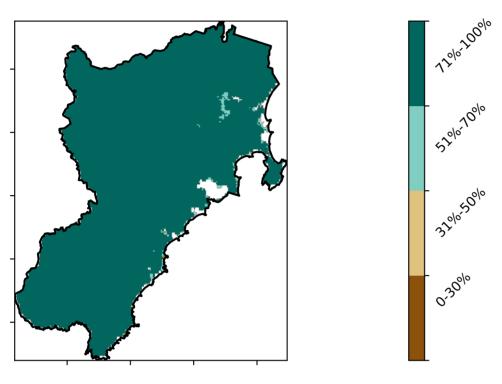
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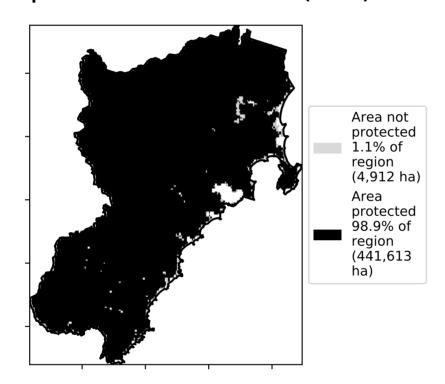


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#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

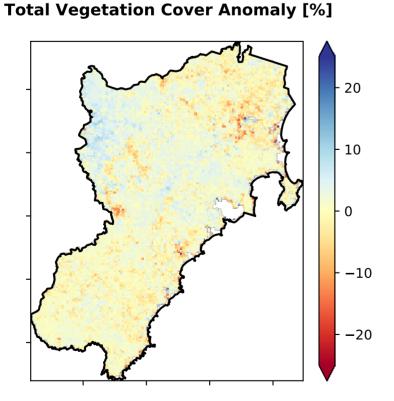


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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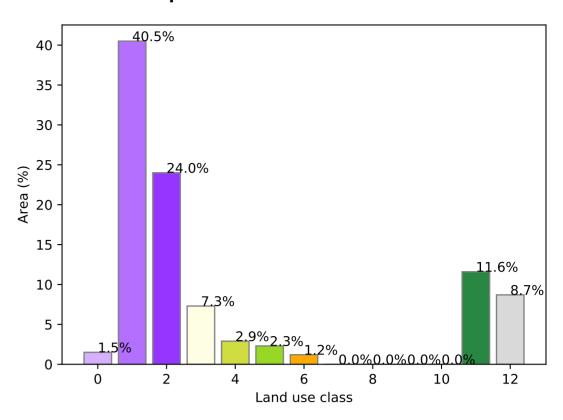


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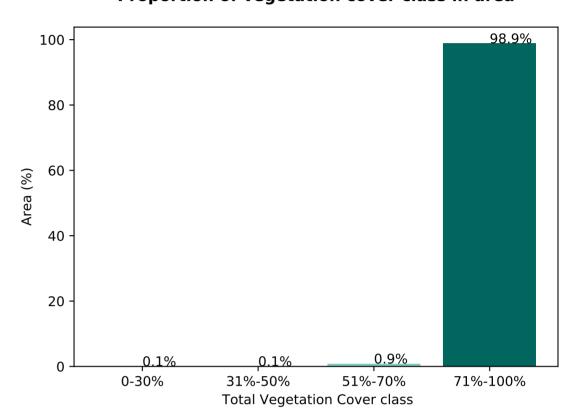
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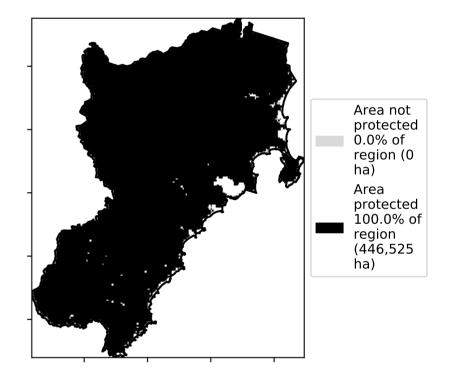
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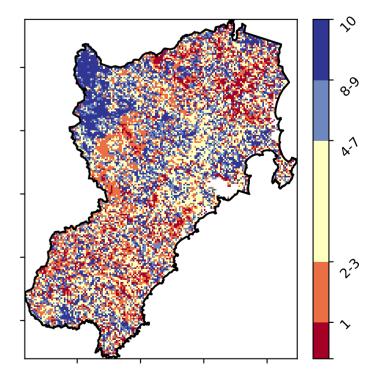
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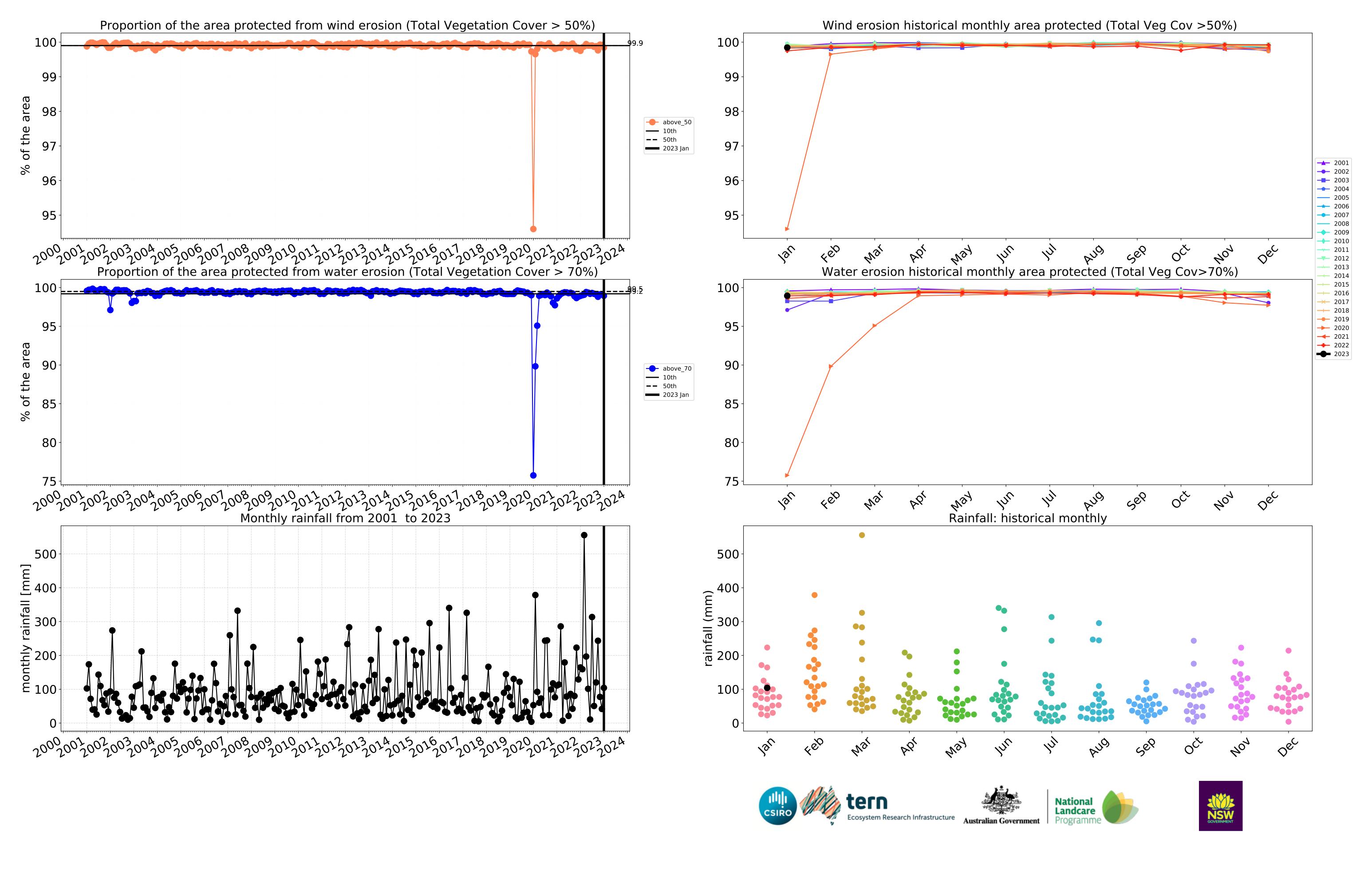
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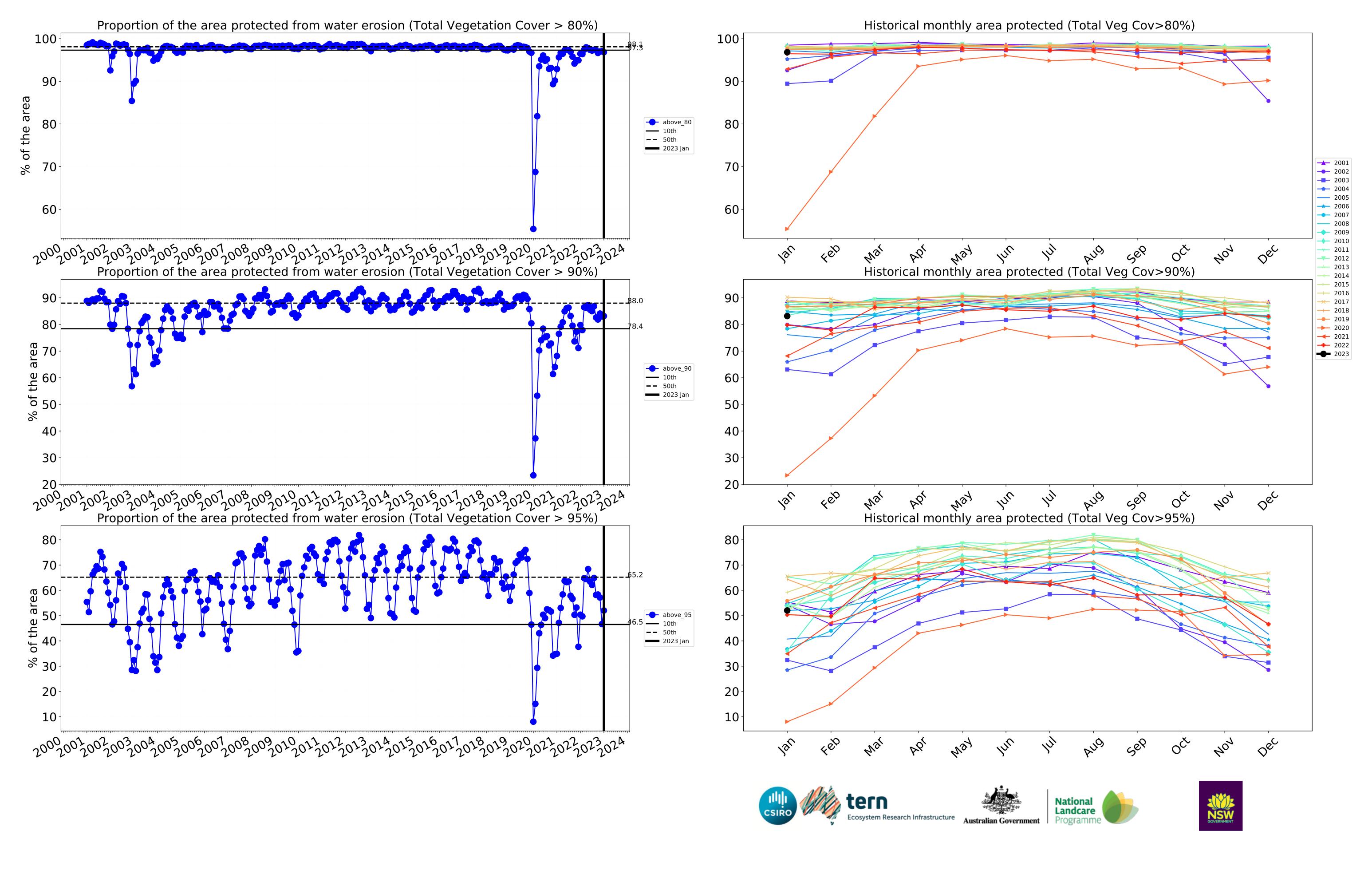


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Ecosystem Research Infrastructure** 





# **Conservation and natural environments**

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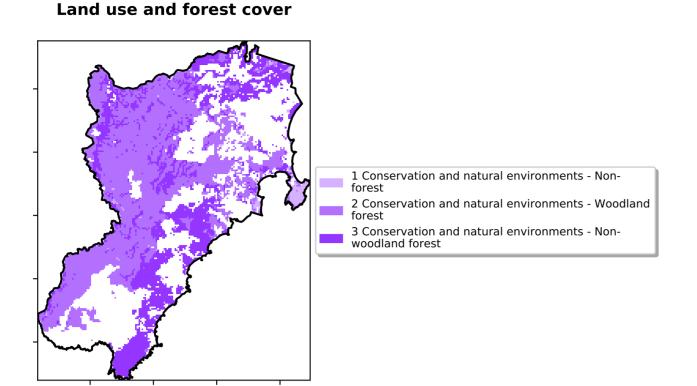
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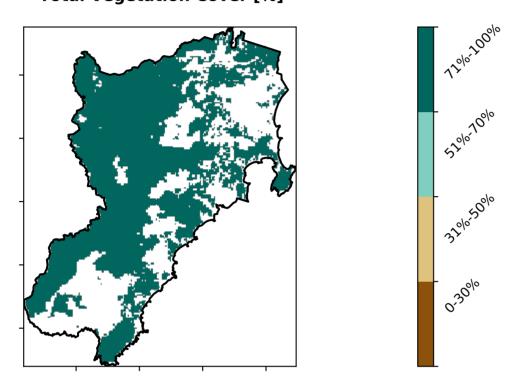
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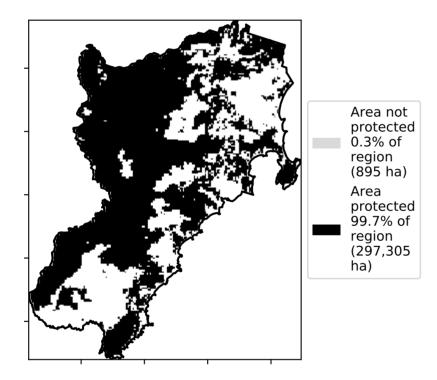
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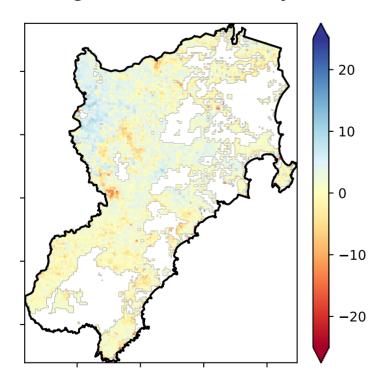
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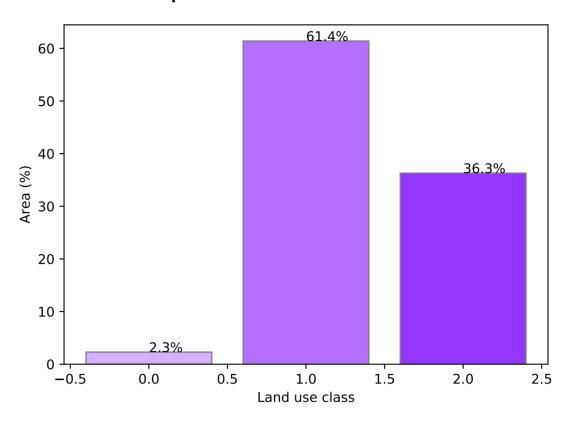


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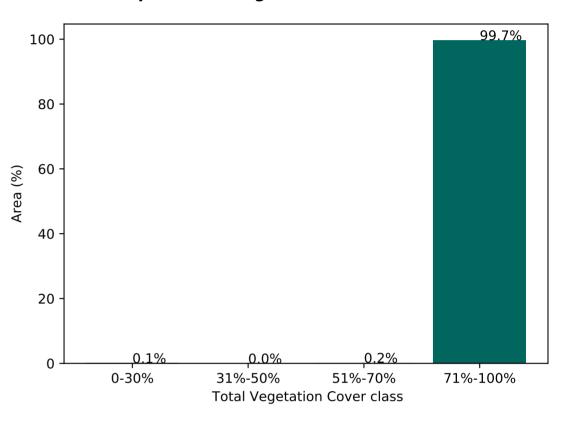


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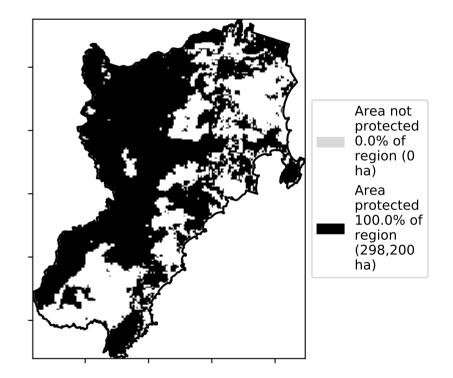
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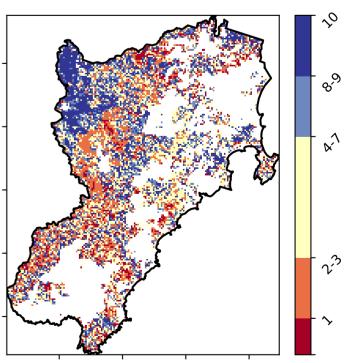


#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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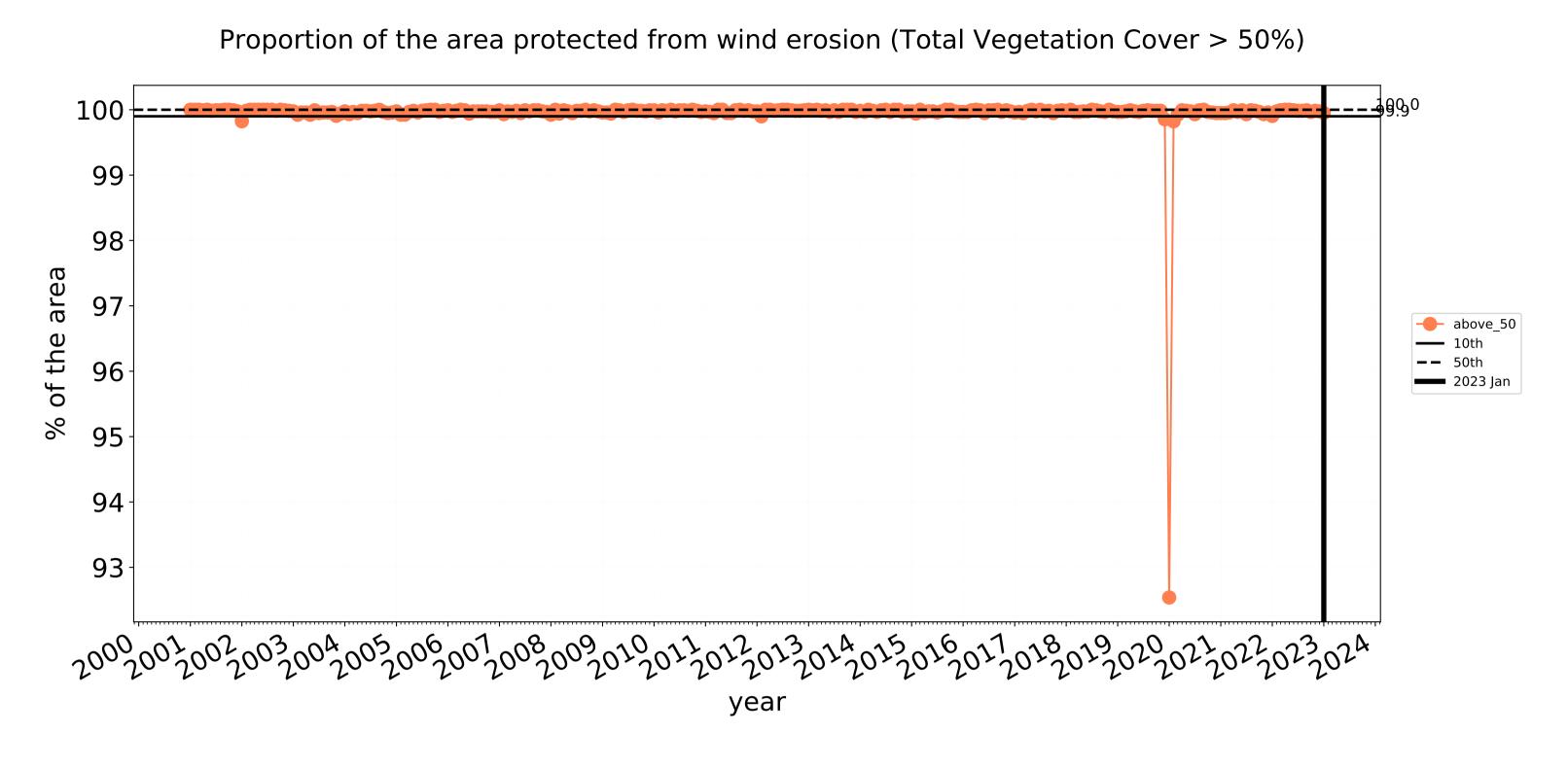


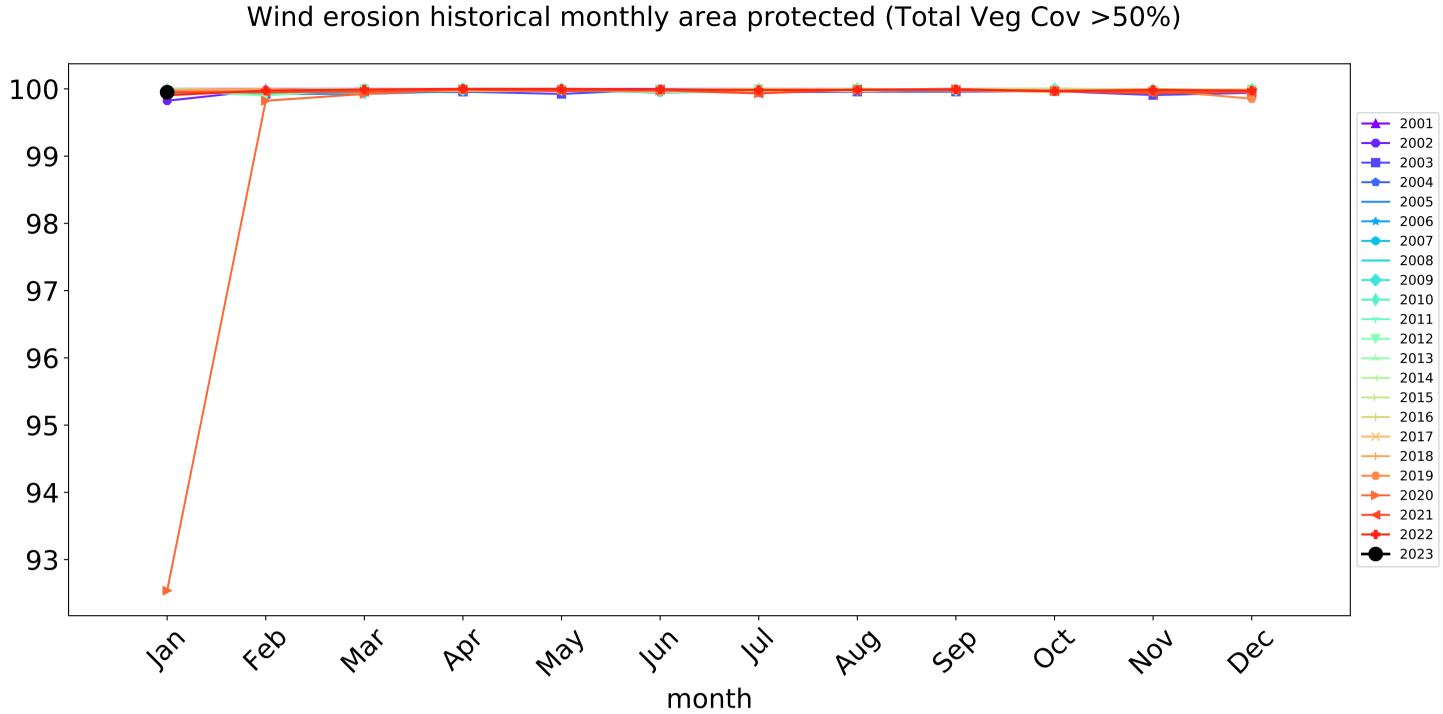


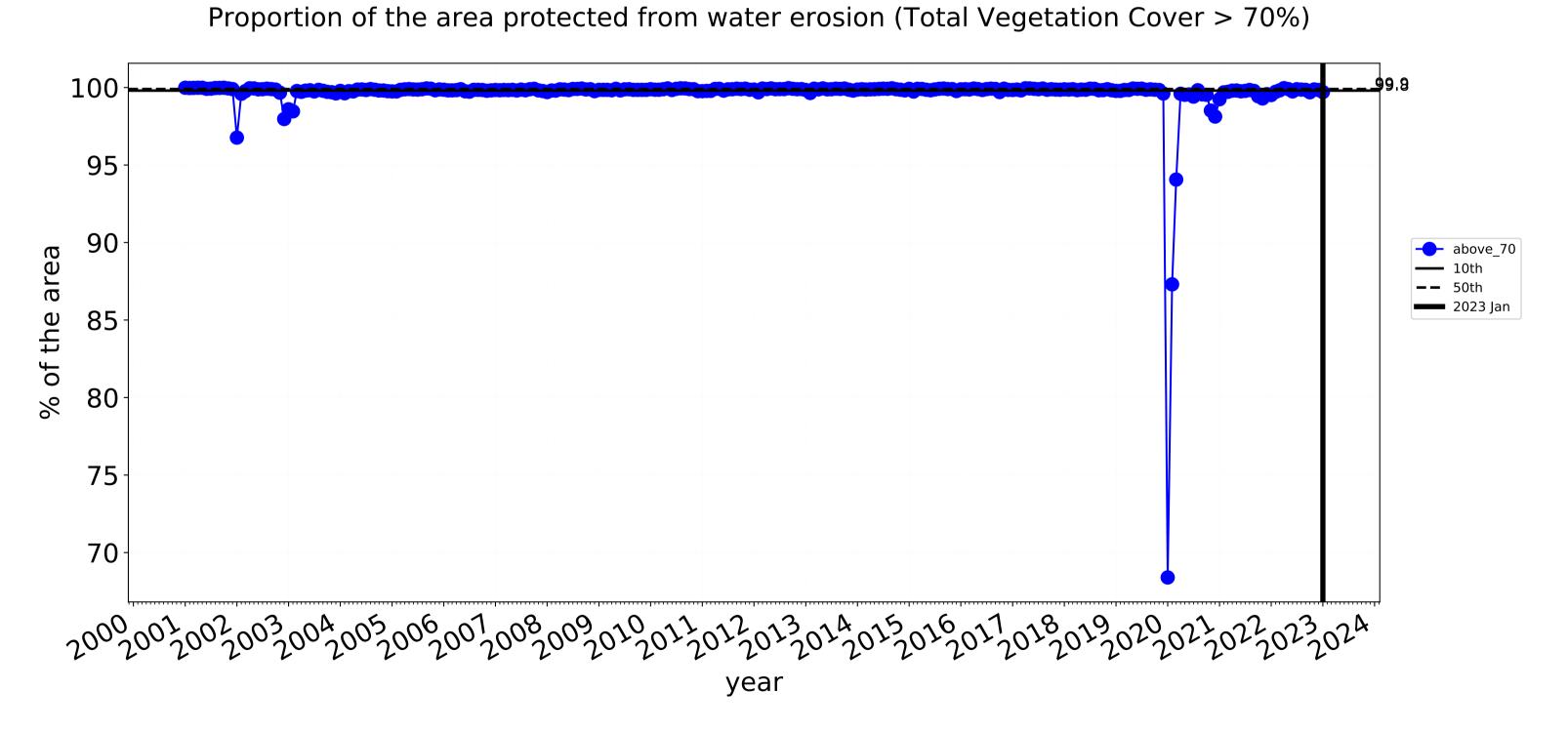


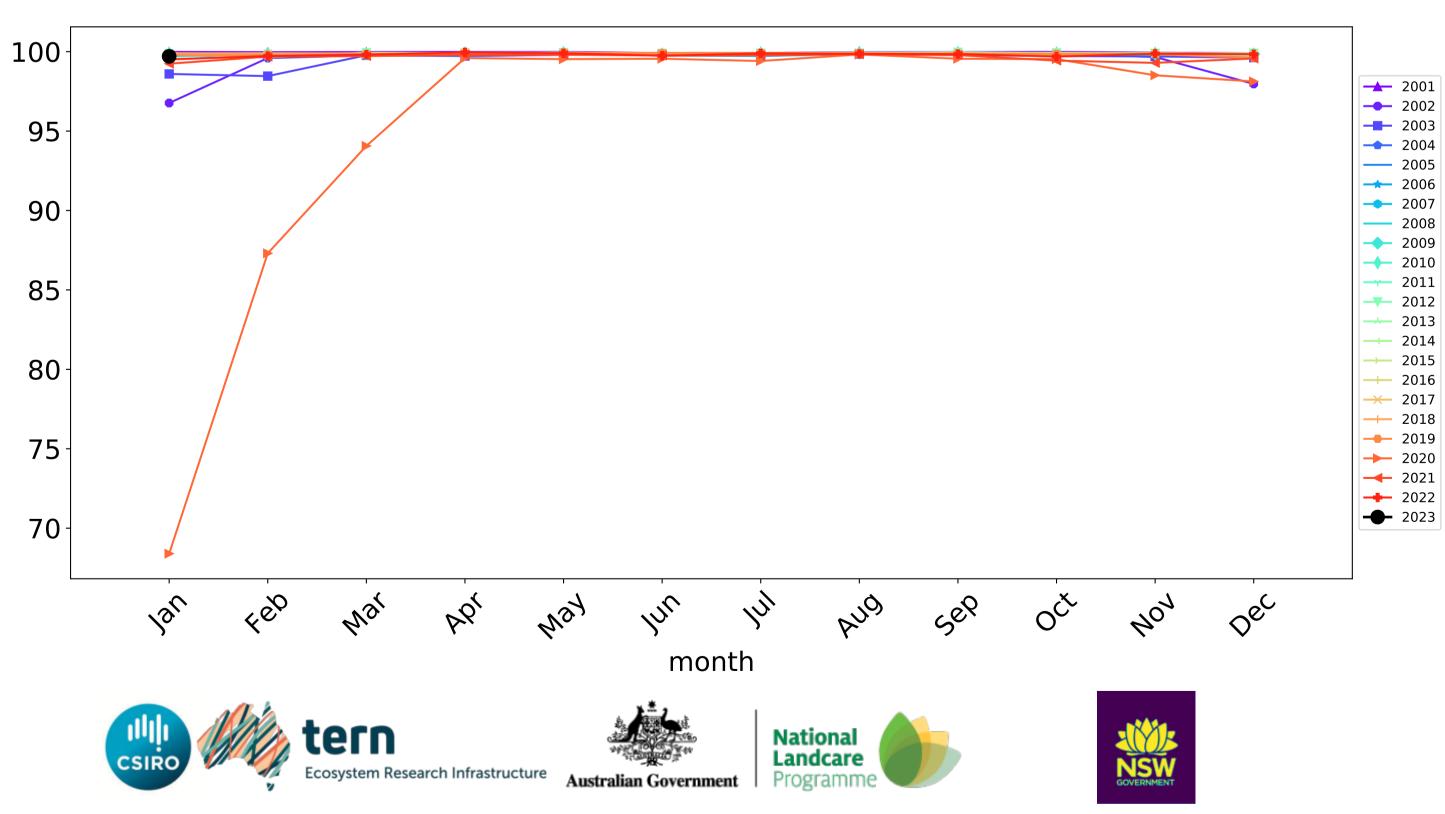


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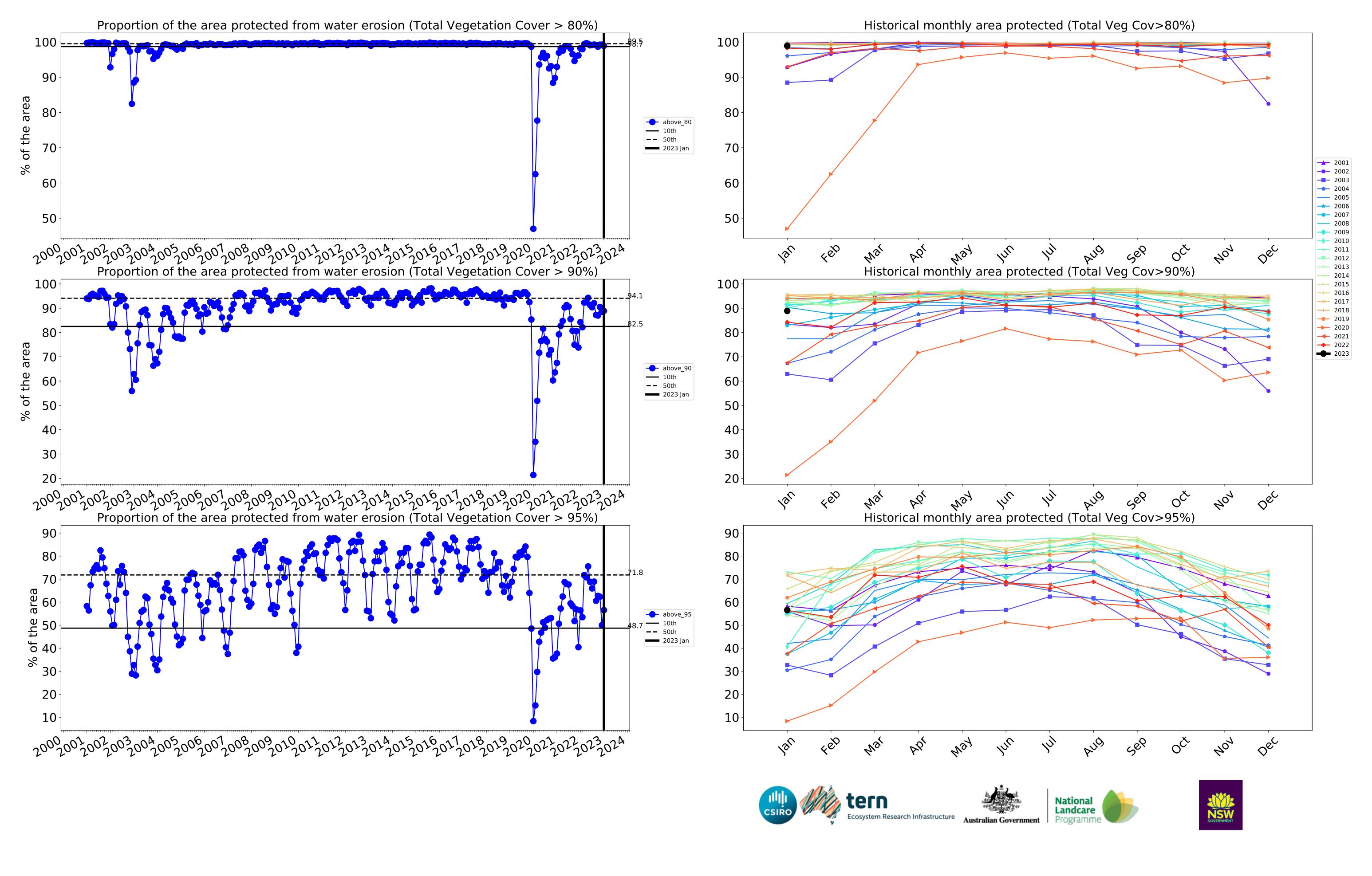








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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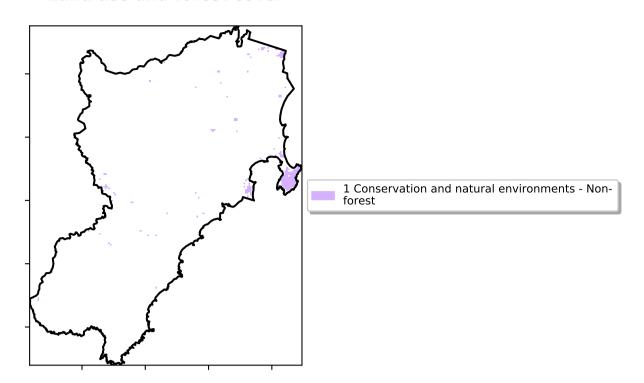
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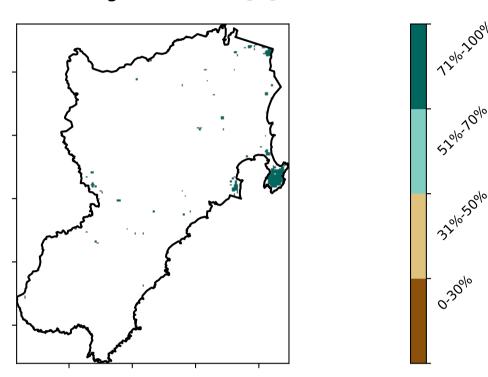
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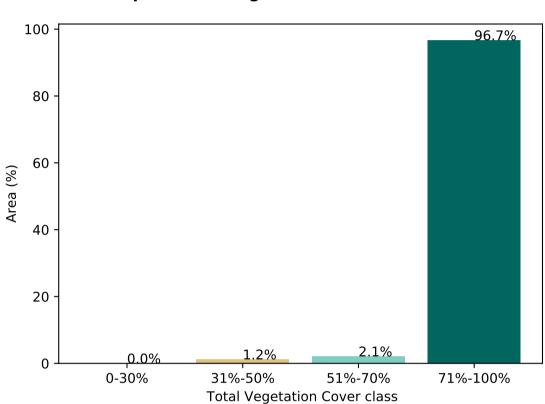
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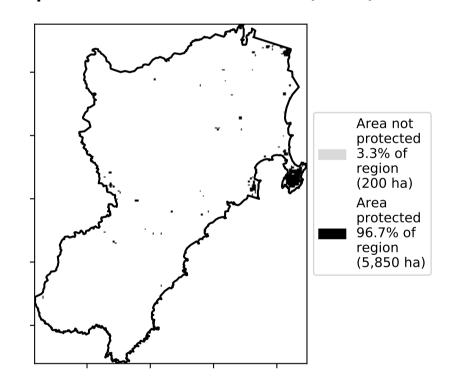
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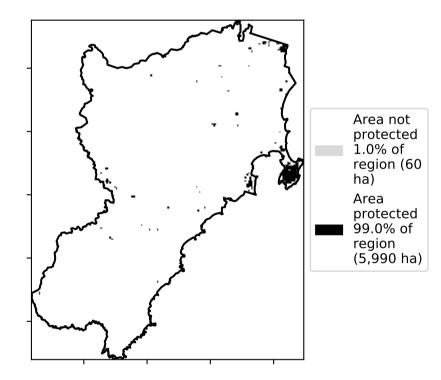
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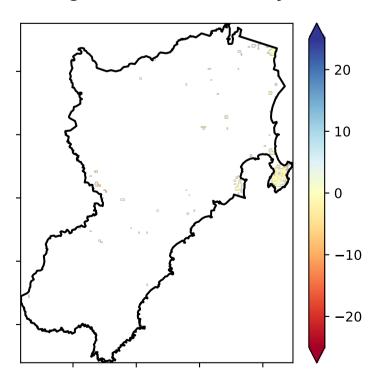
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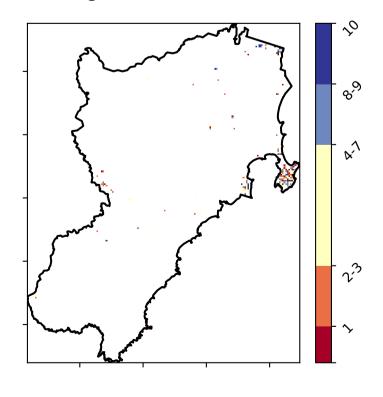
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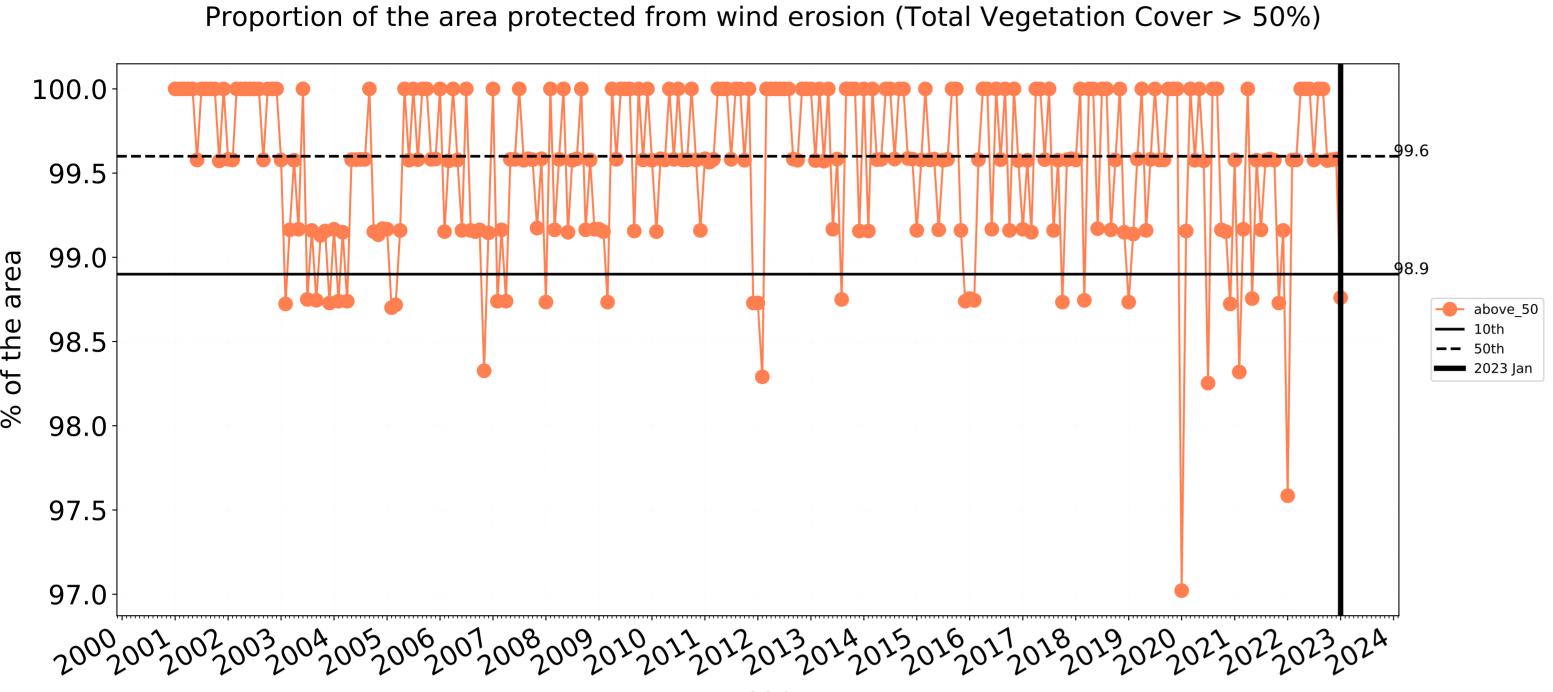


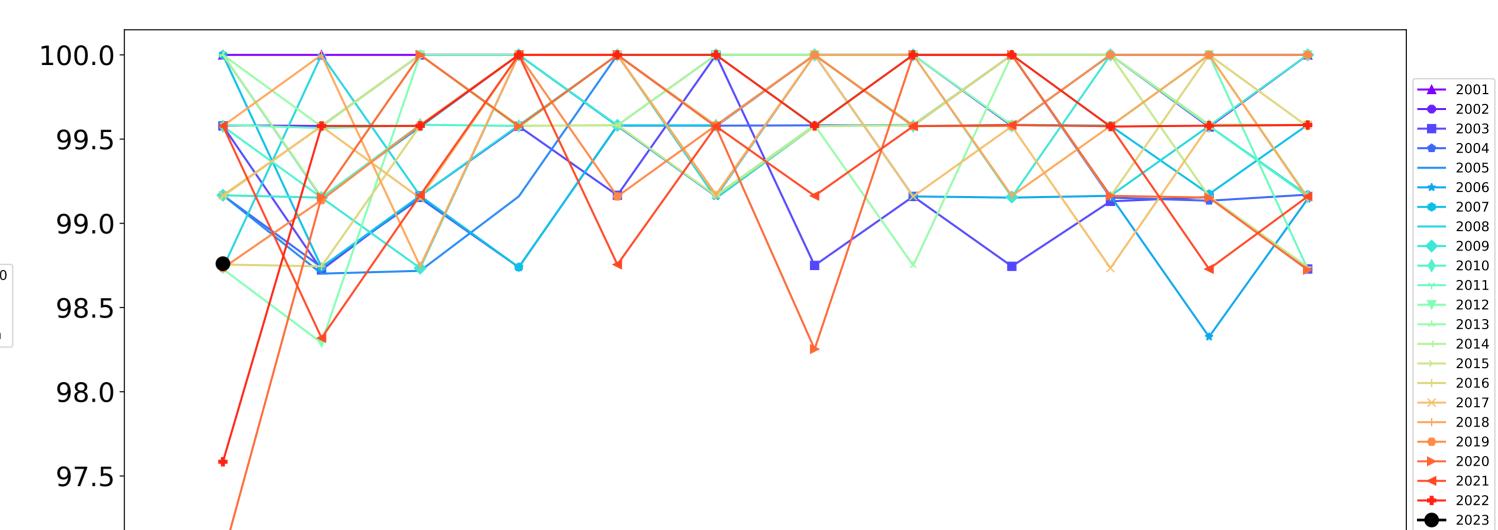




# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

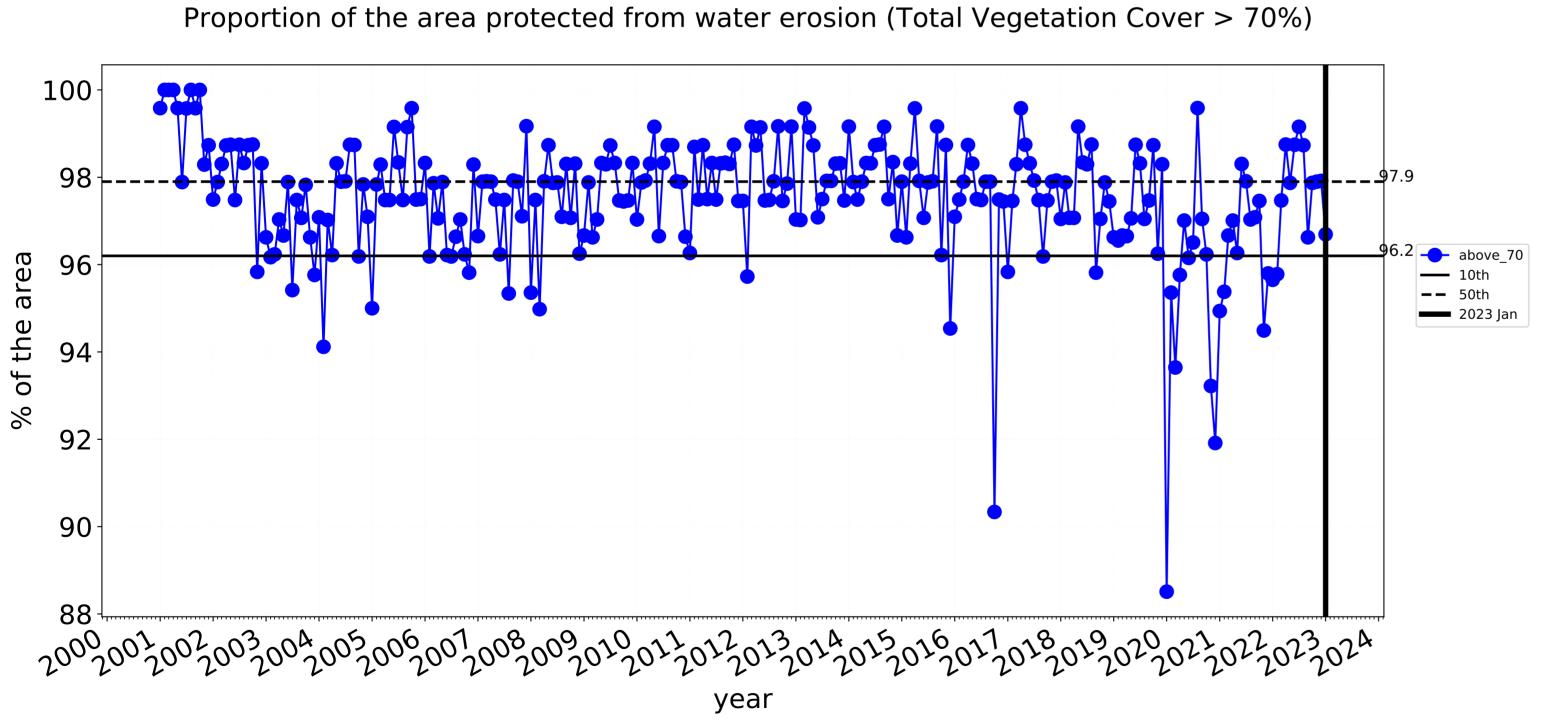
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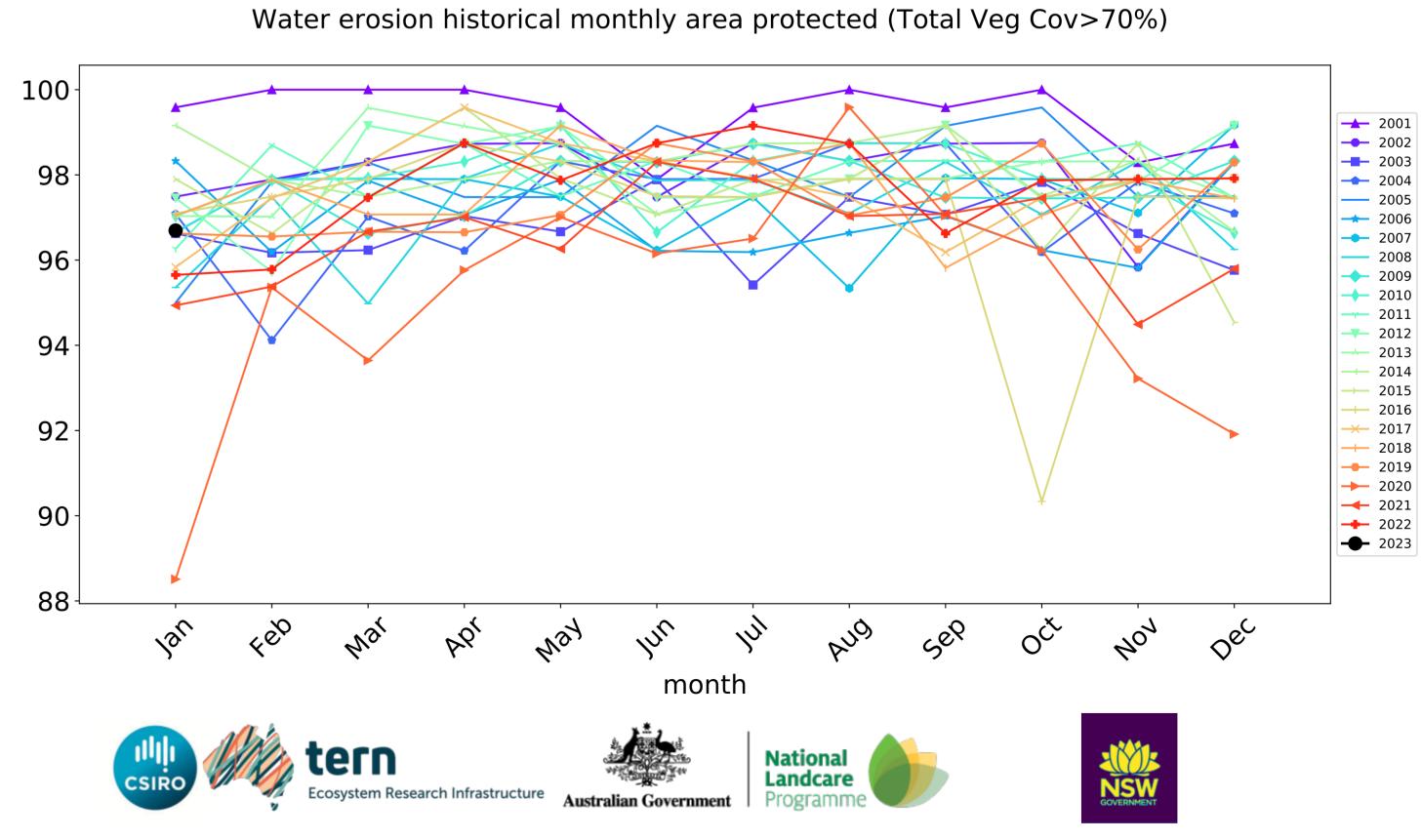


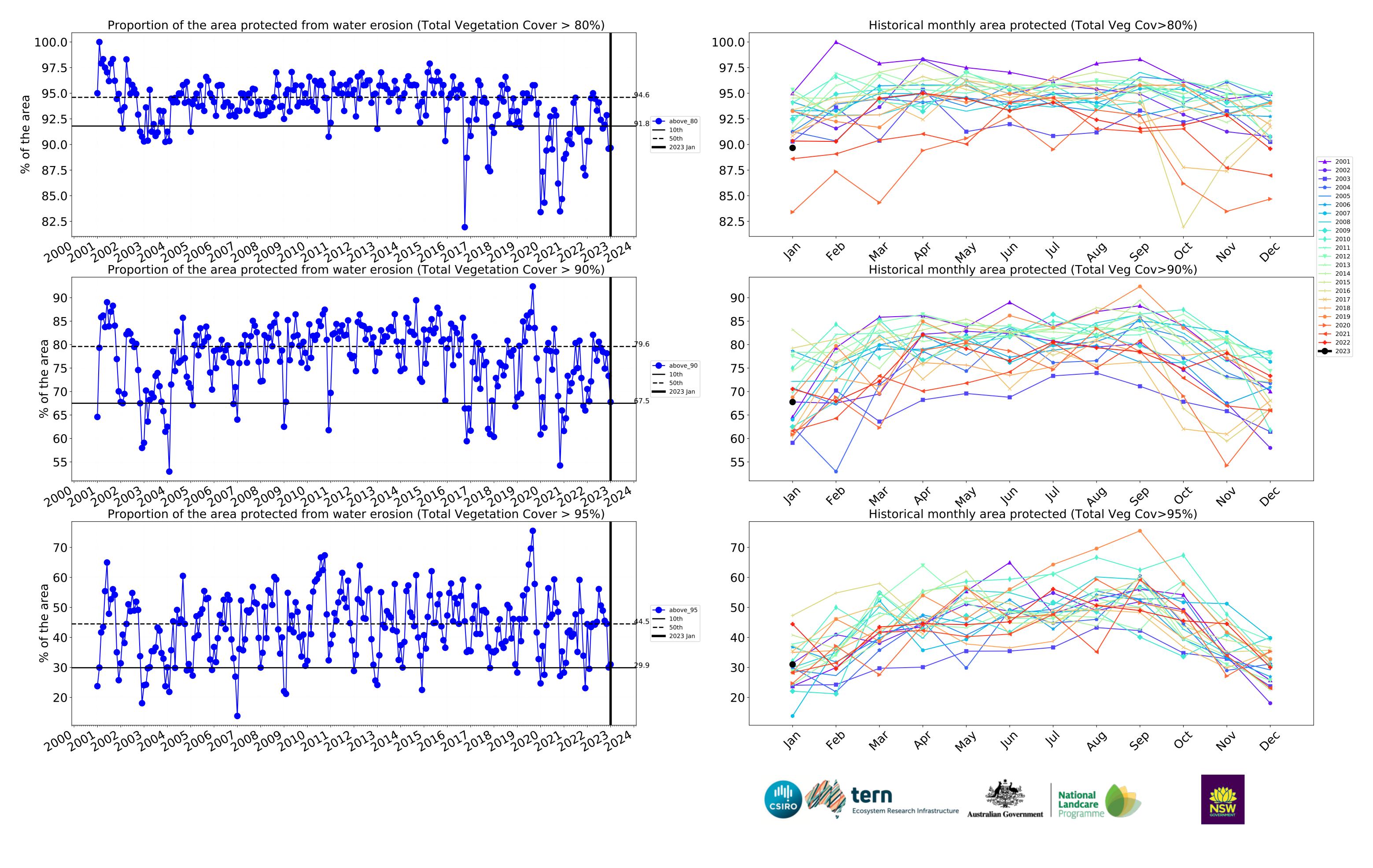


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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

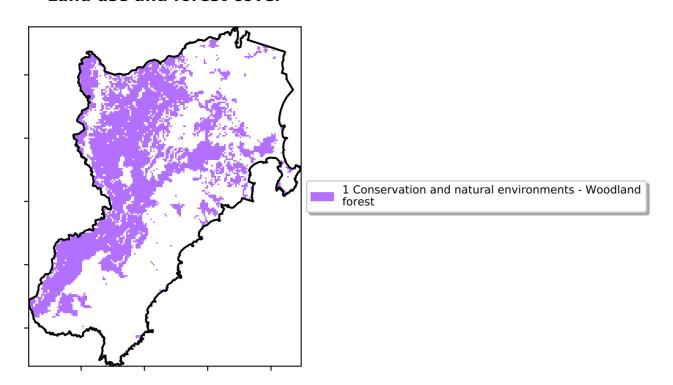
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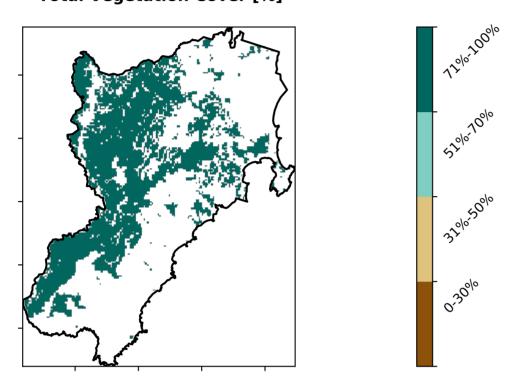
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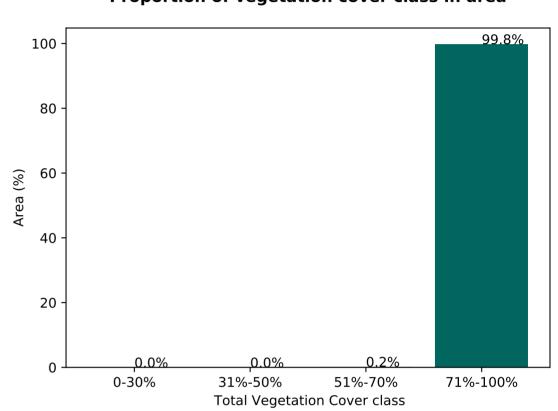
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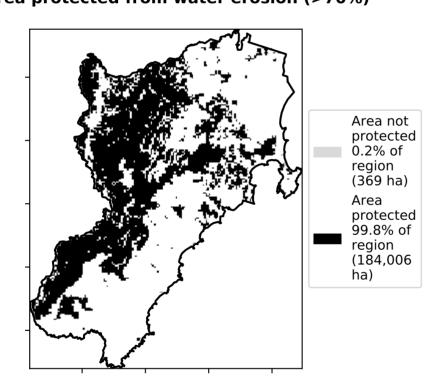
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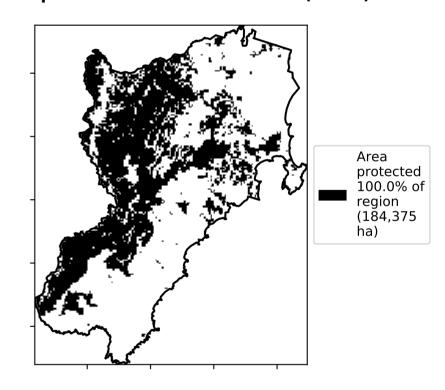
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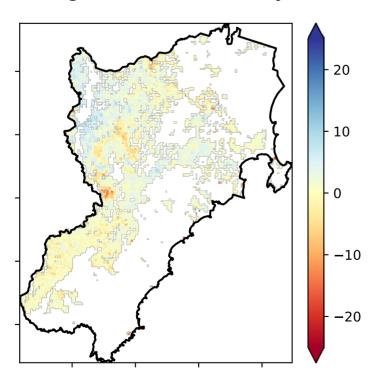
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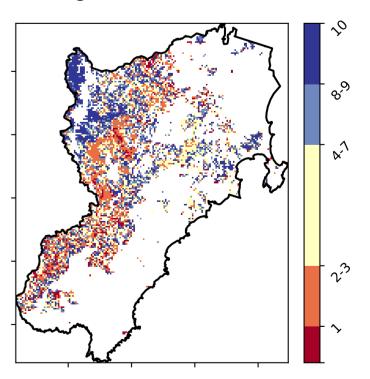
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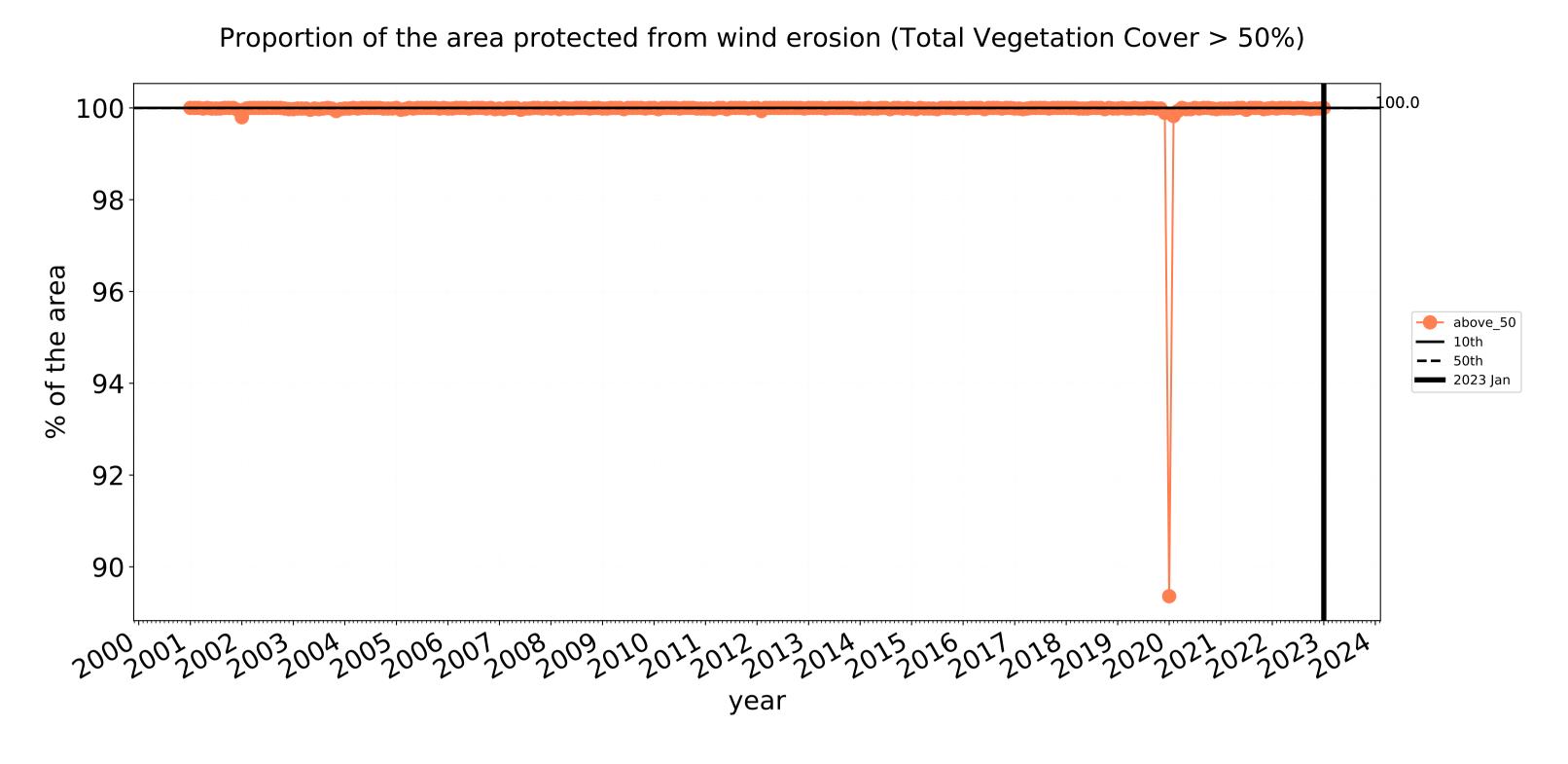


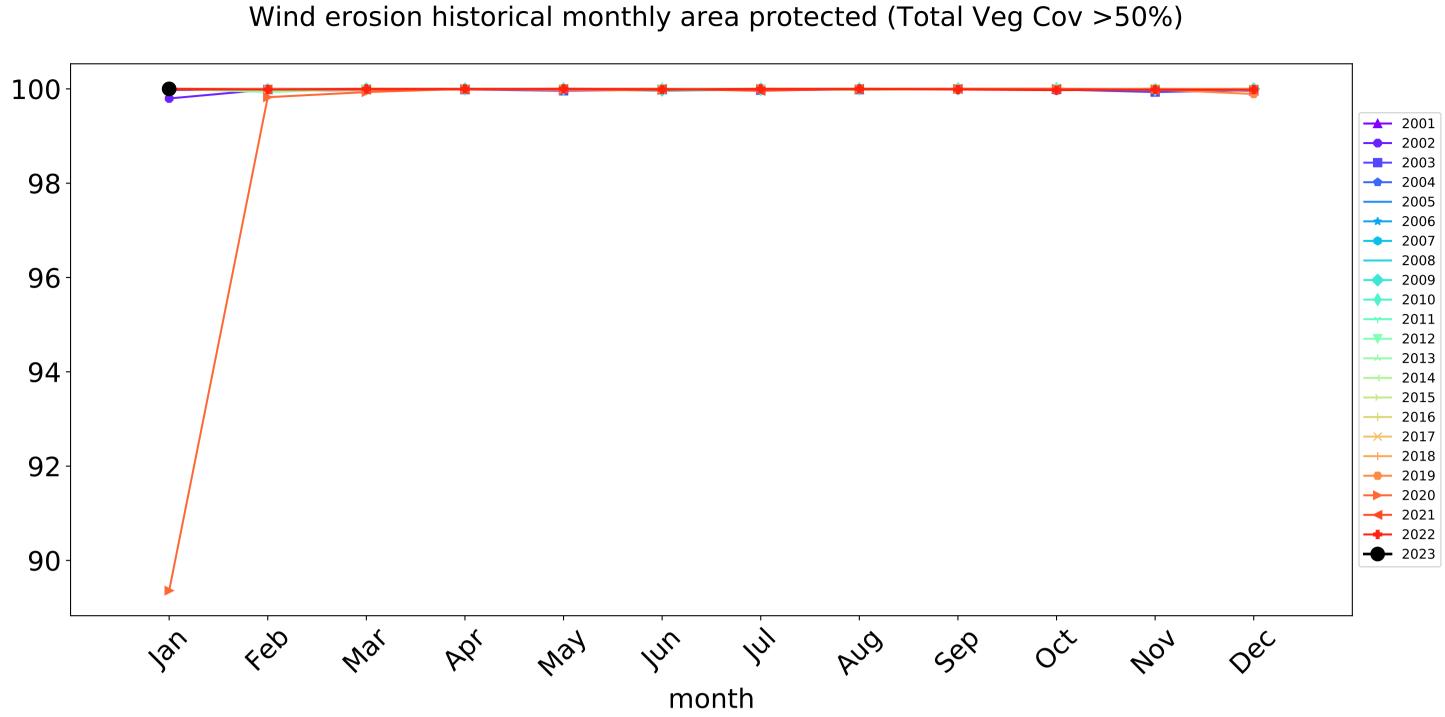


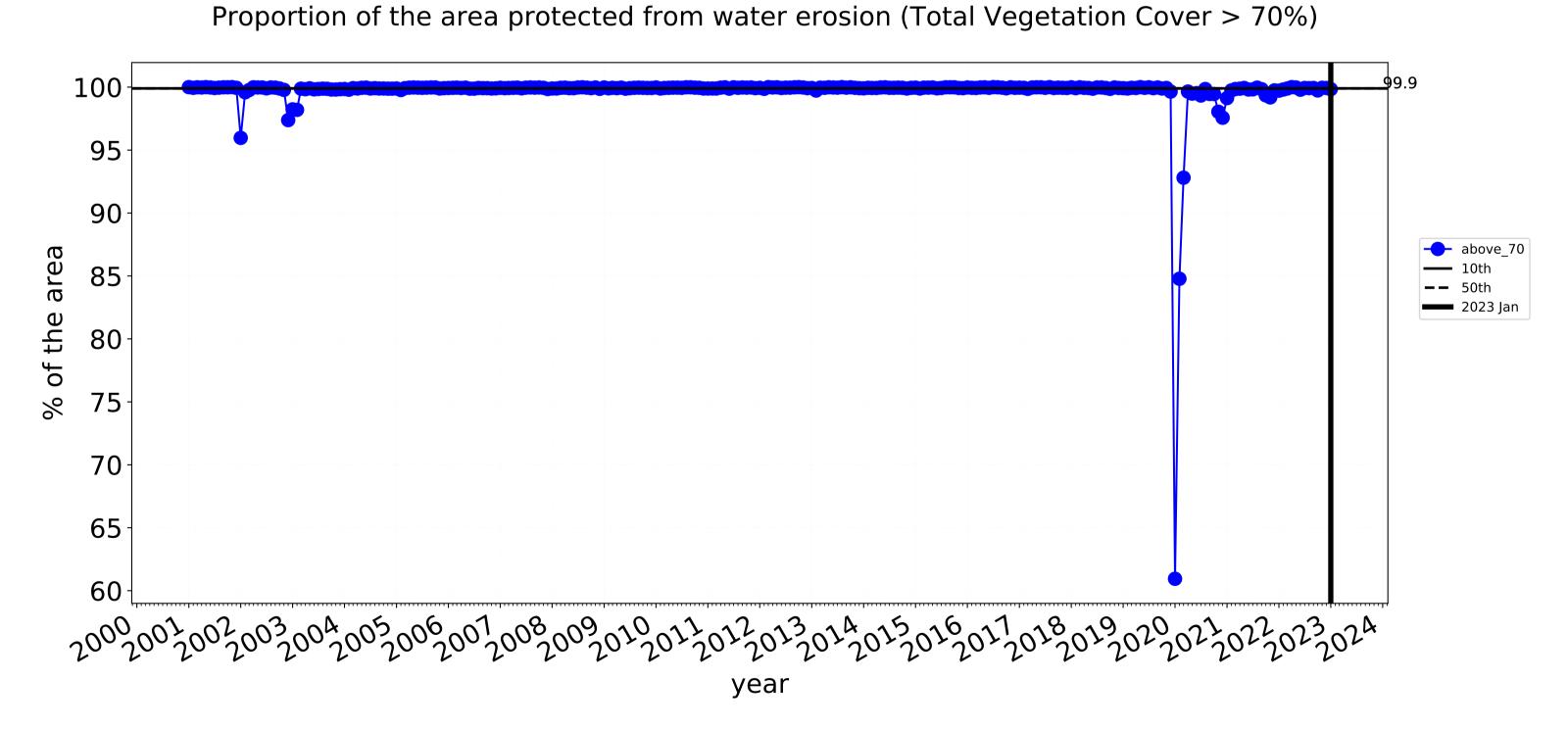


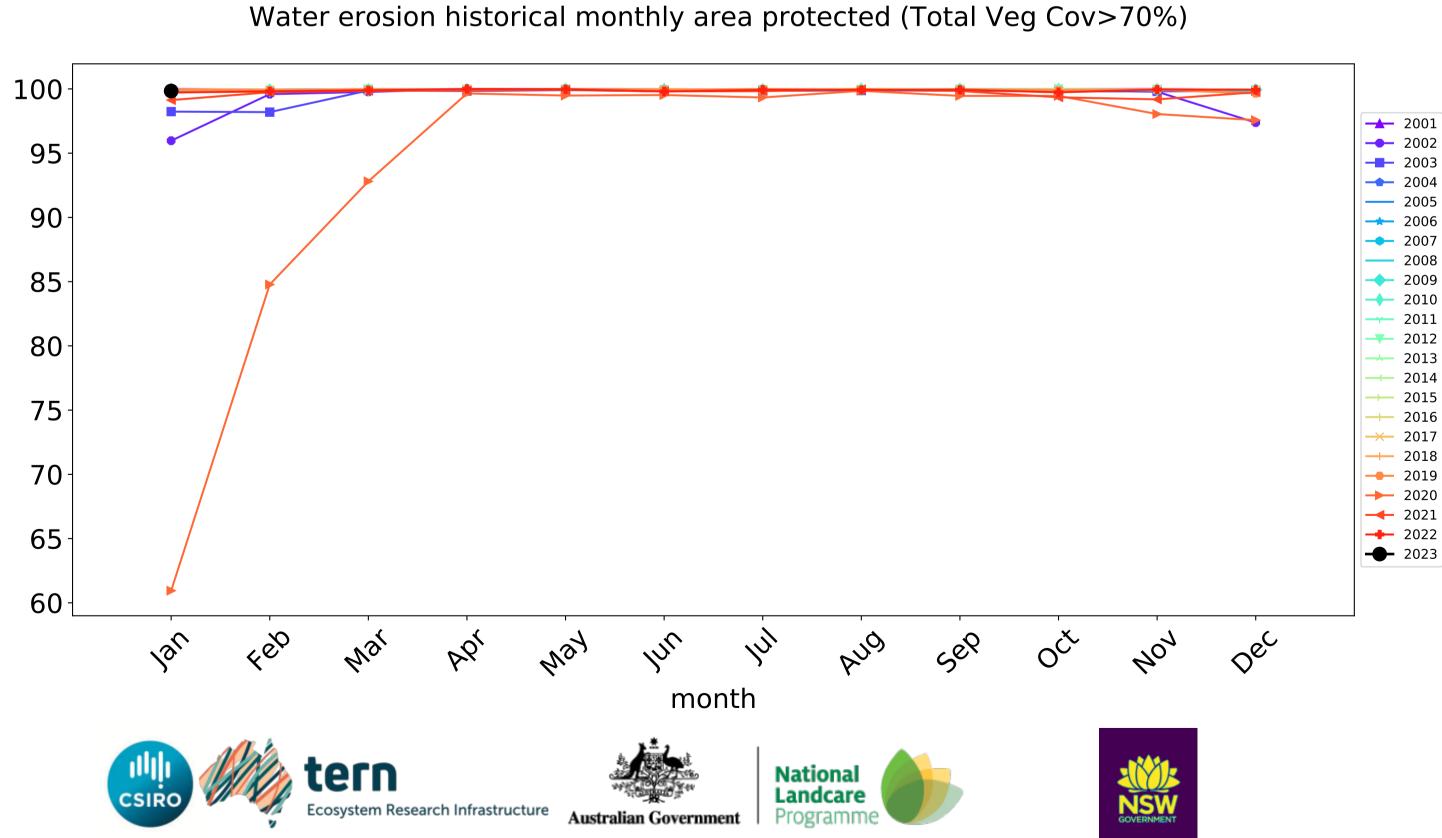


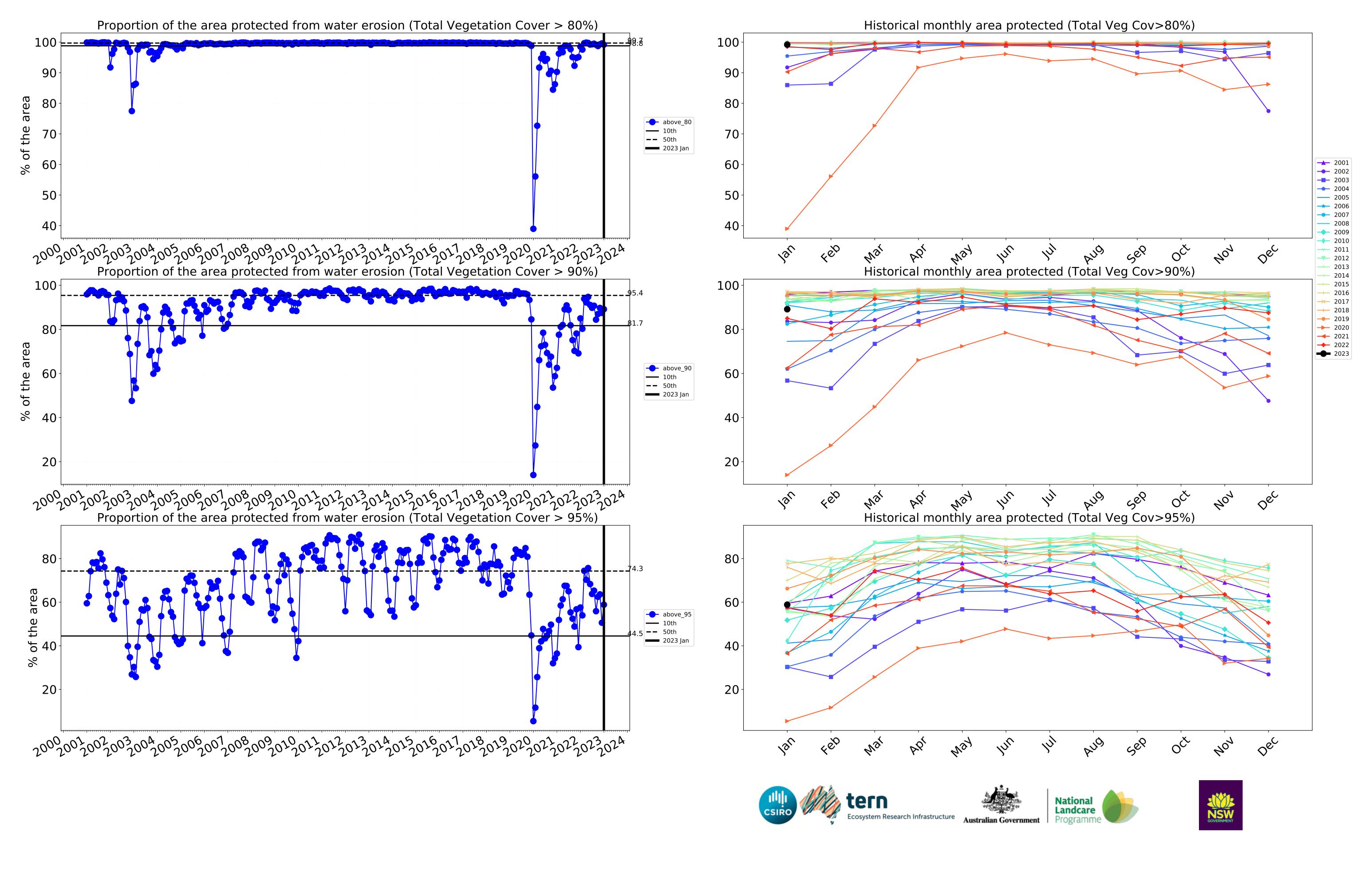
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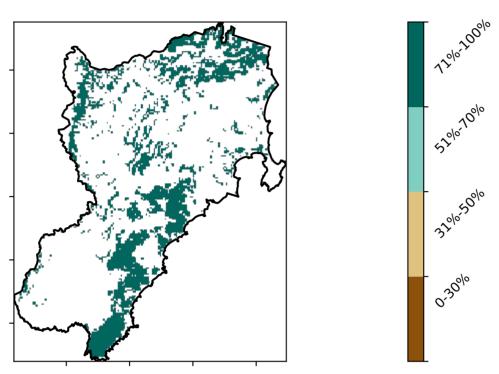
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Land use and forest cover

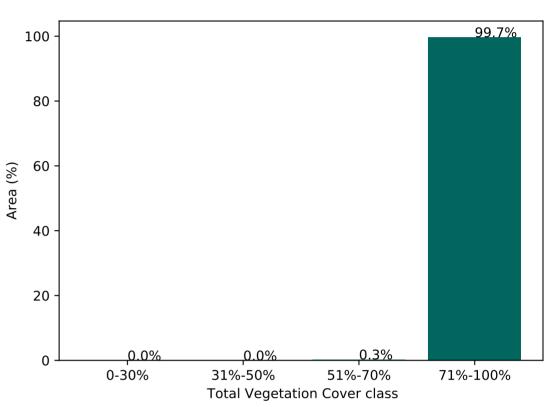
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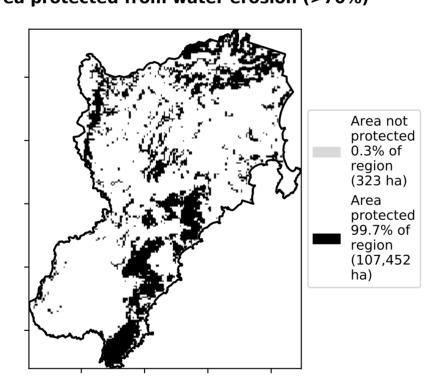
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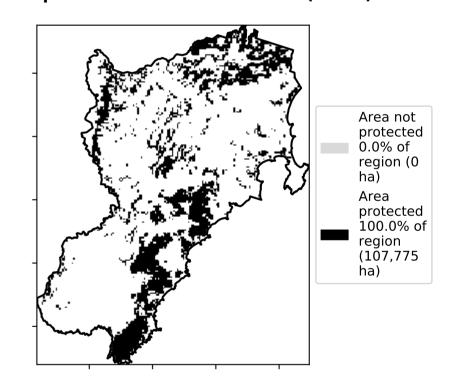
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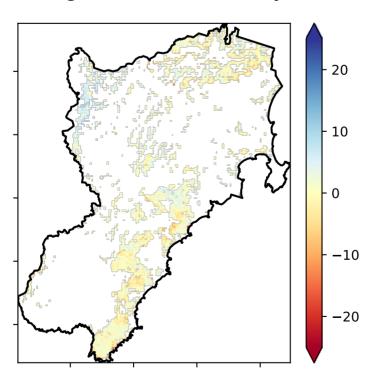
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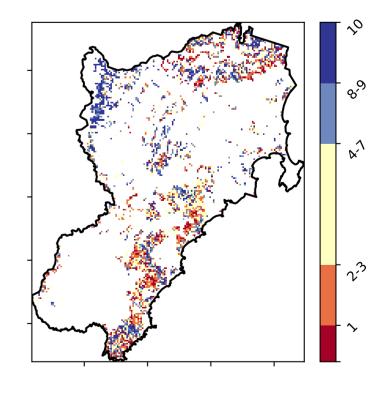
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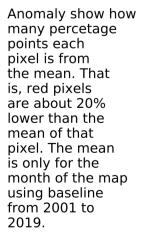


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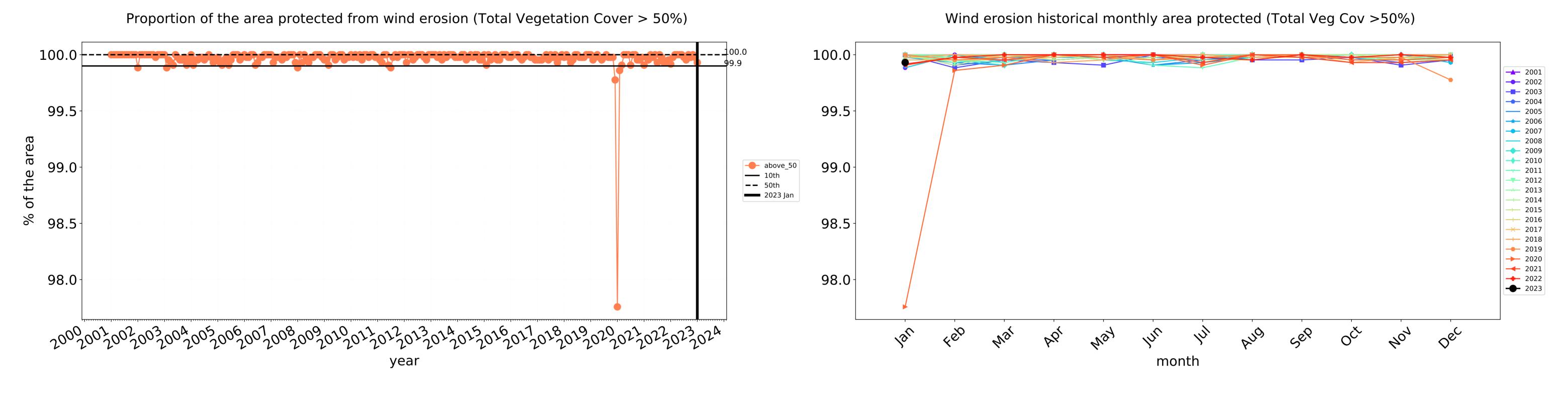


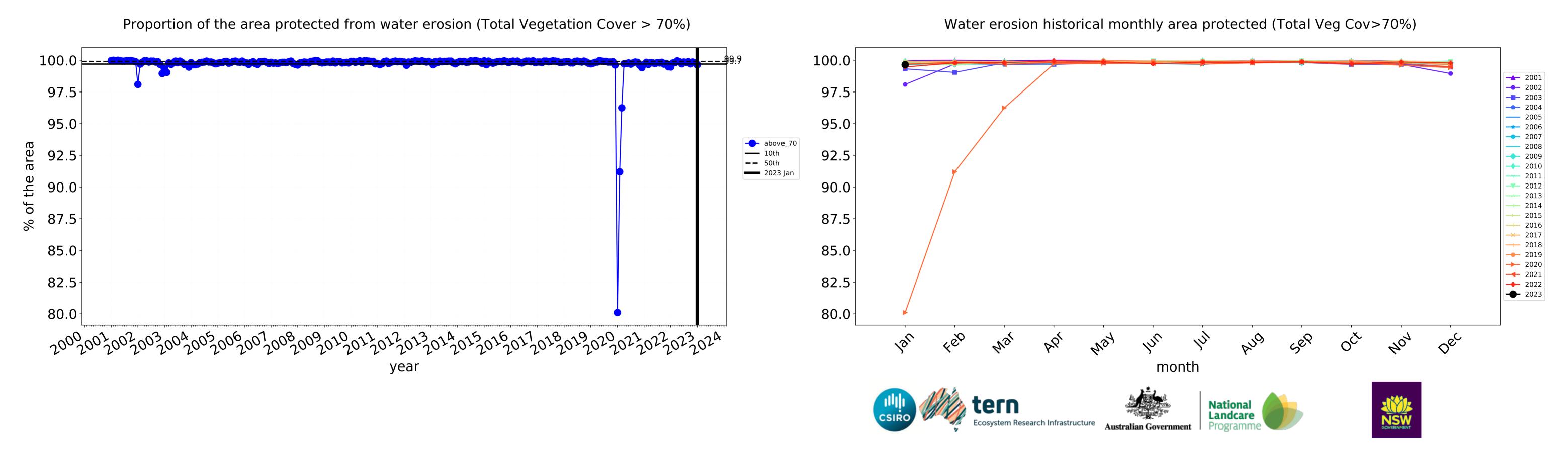


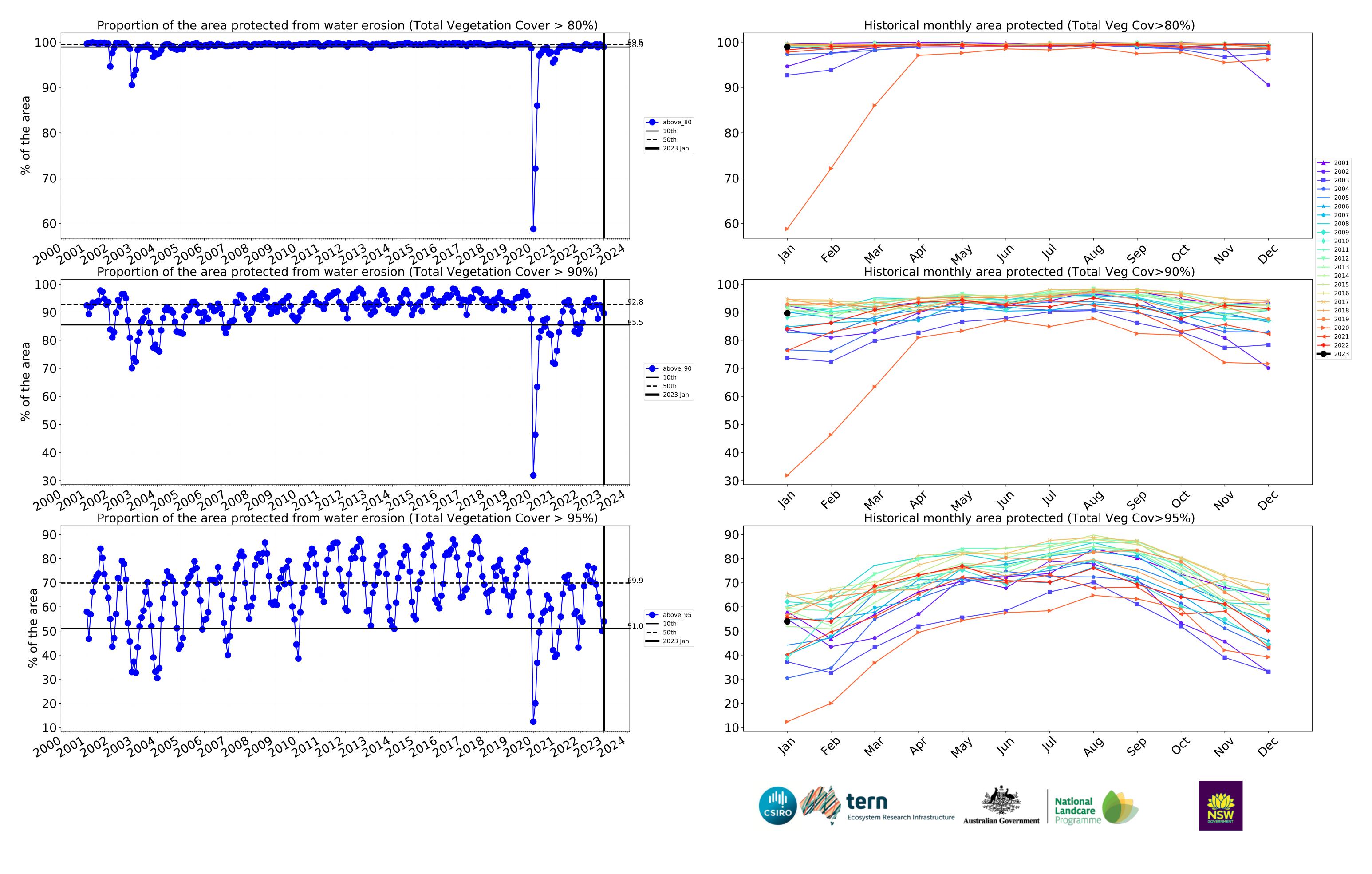












# **Agriculture**

#### Land use and forest cover

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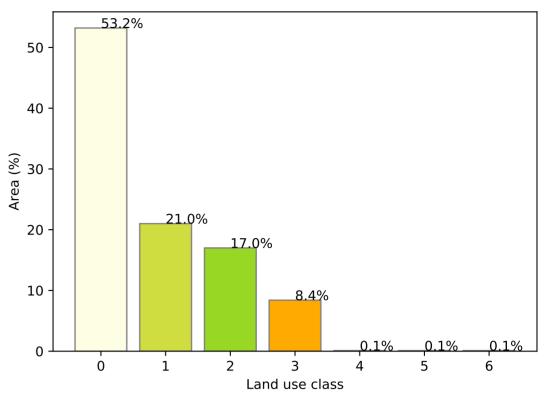
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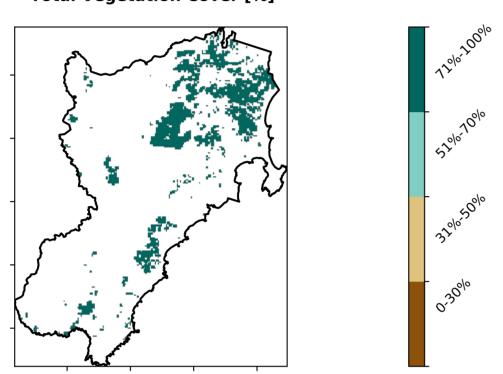
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Catchment Scale Land

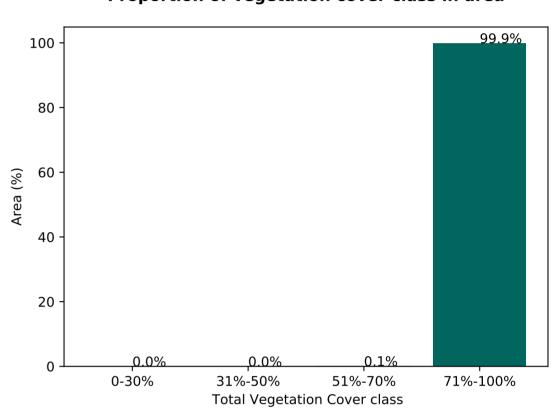
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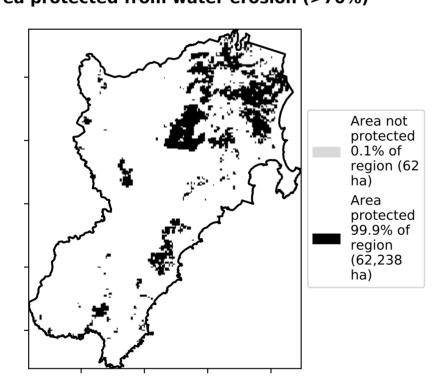
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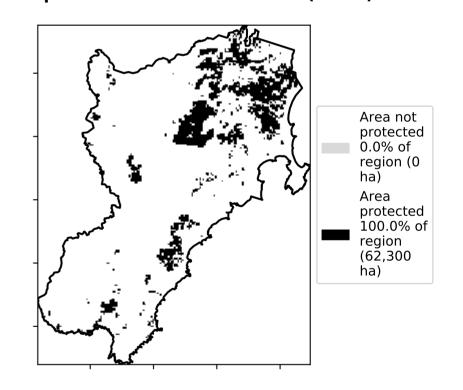
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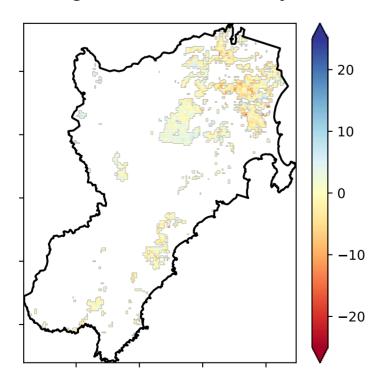
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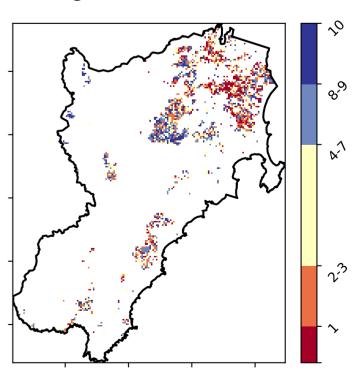
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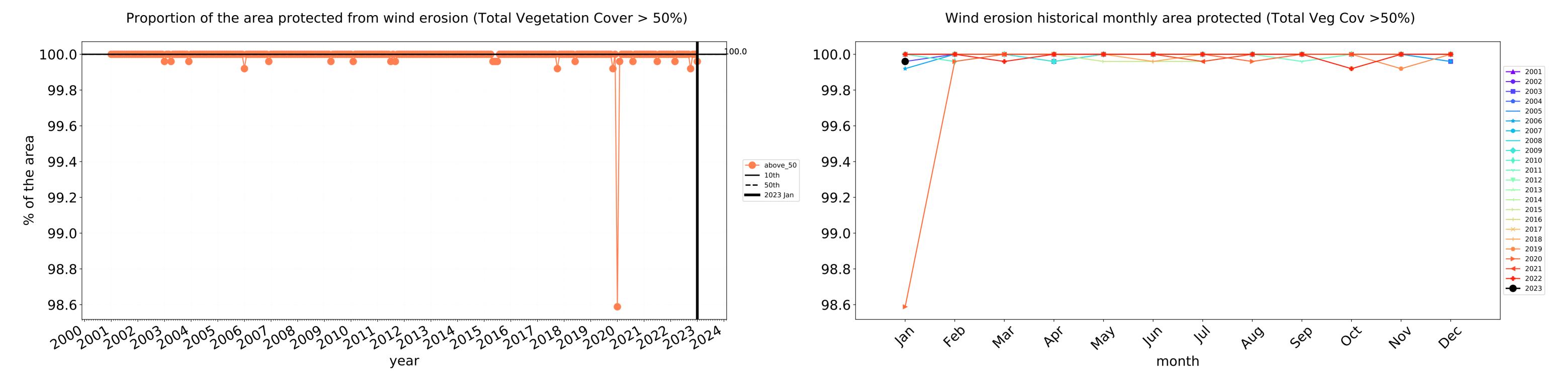


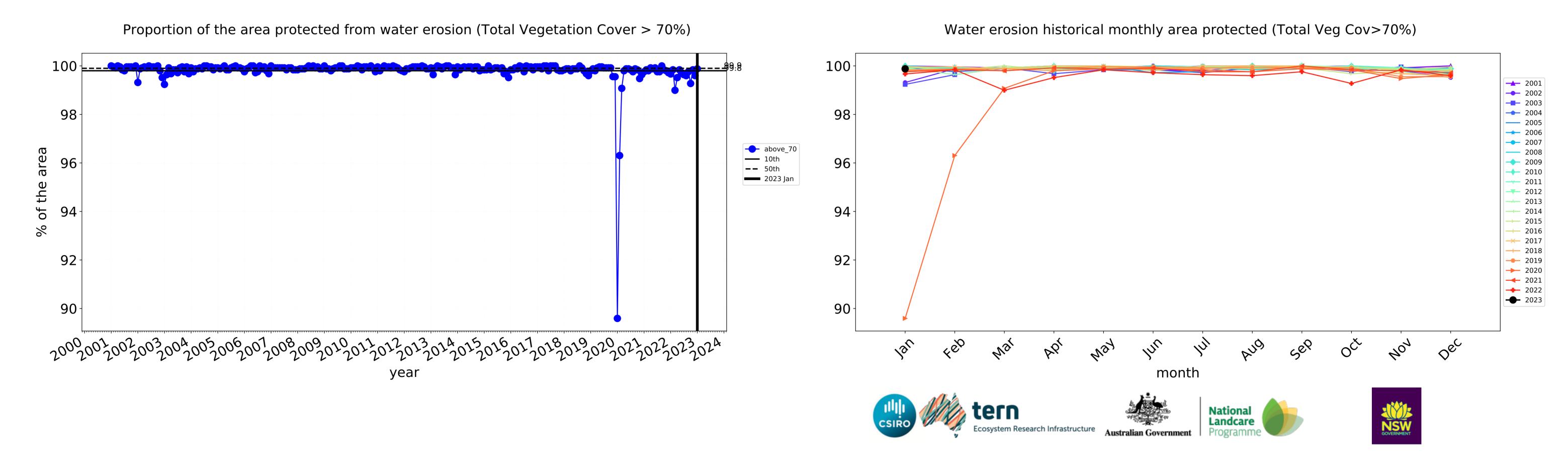


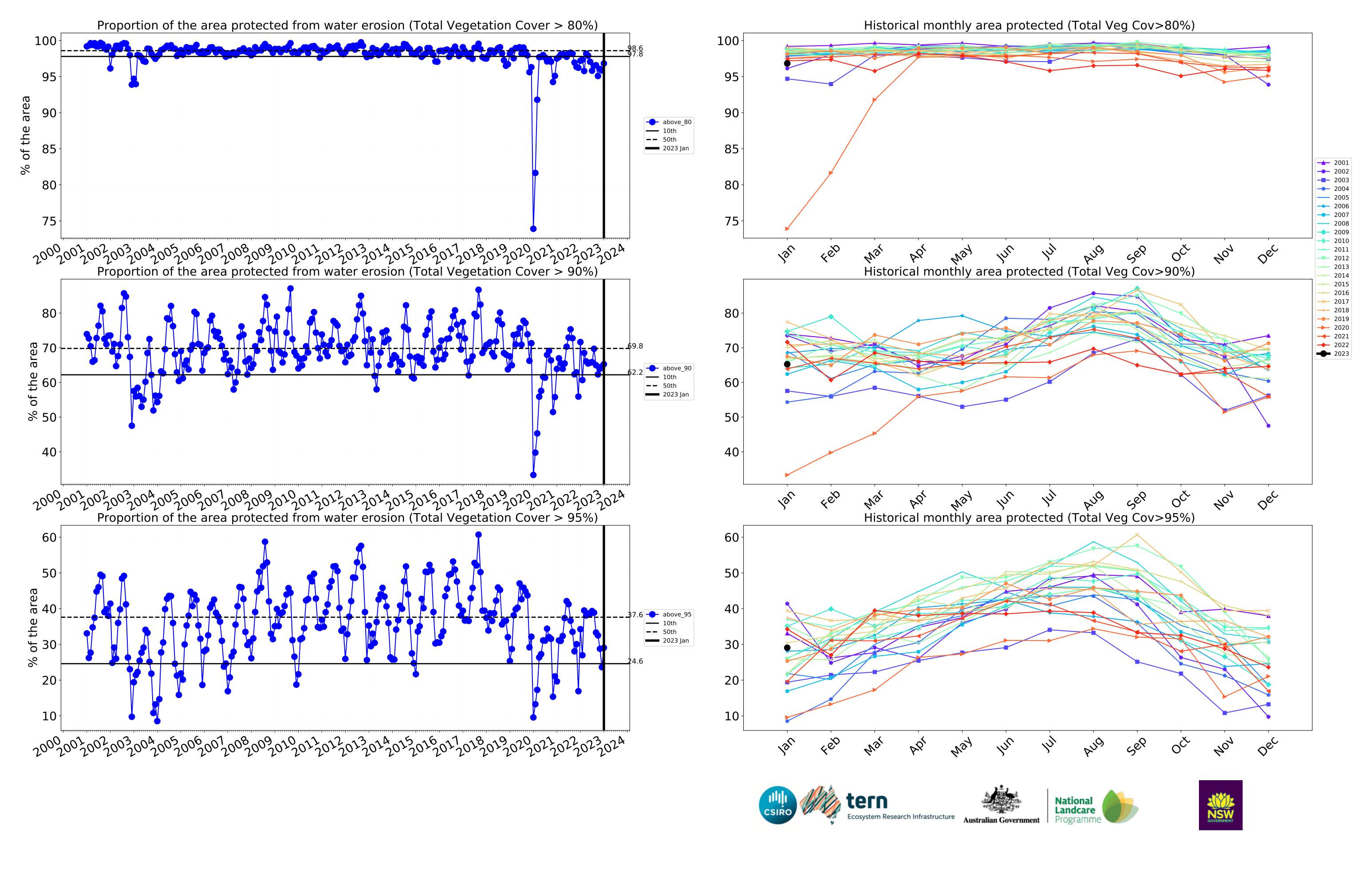




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# Grazing

# Land use and forest cover

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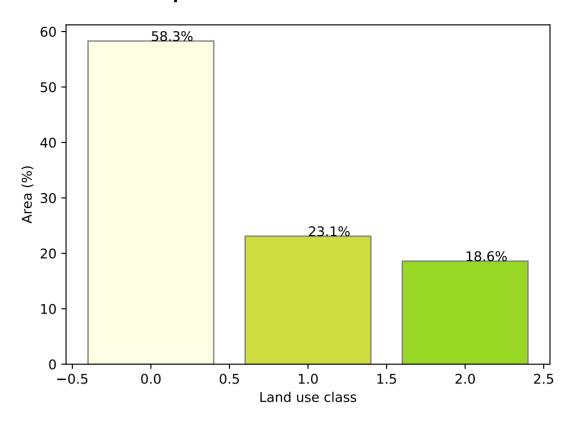
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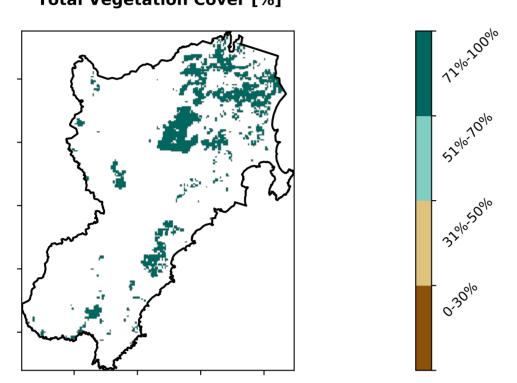
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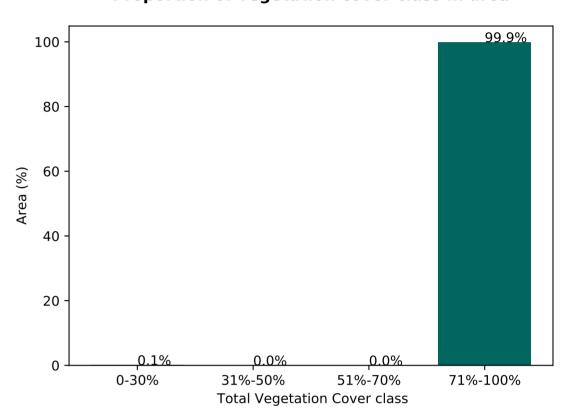
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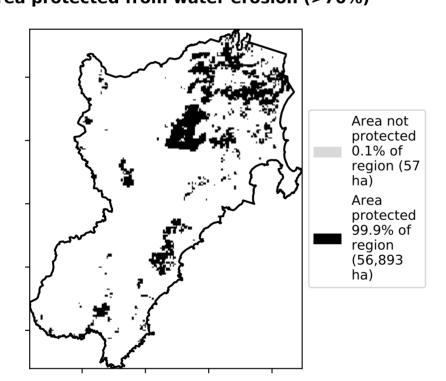
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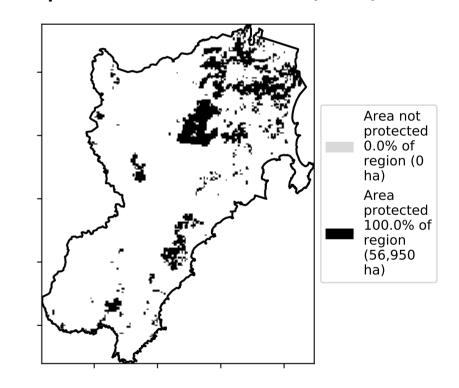
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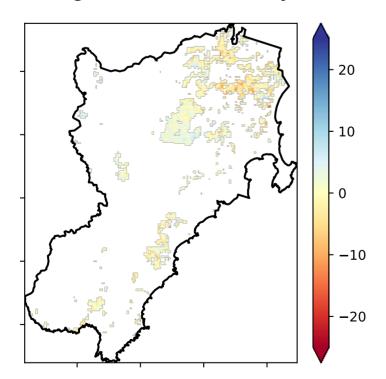
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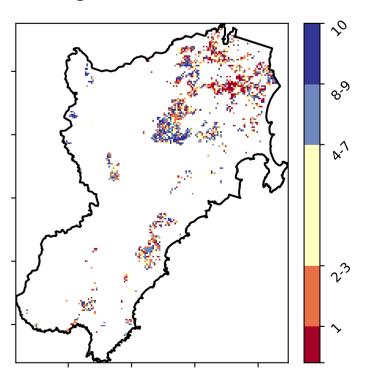
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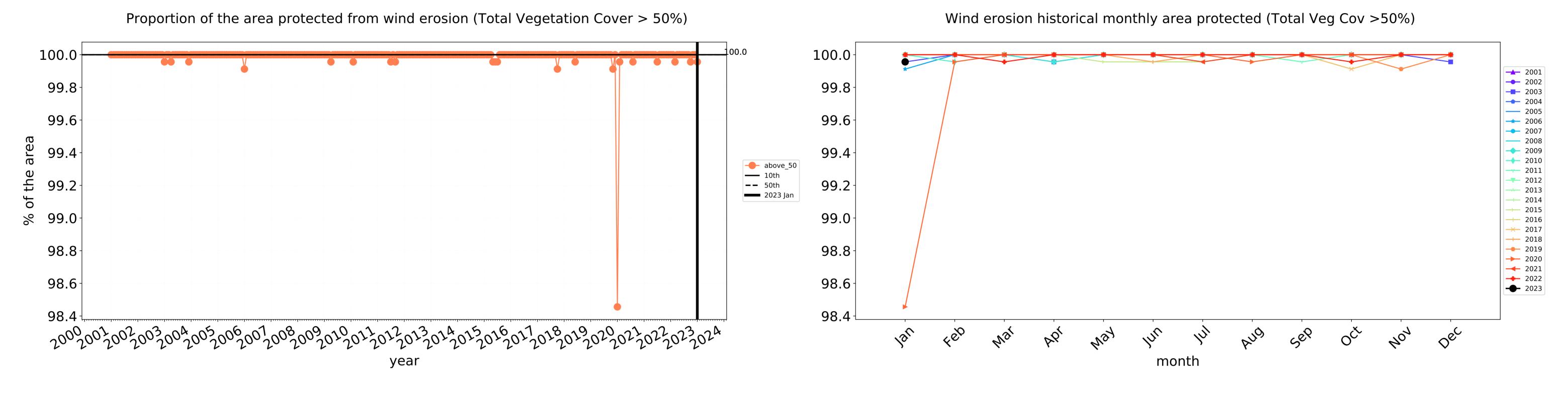


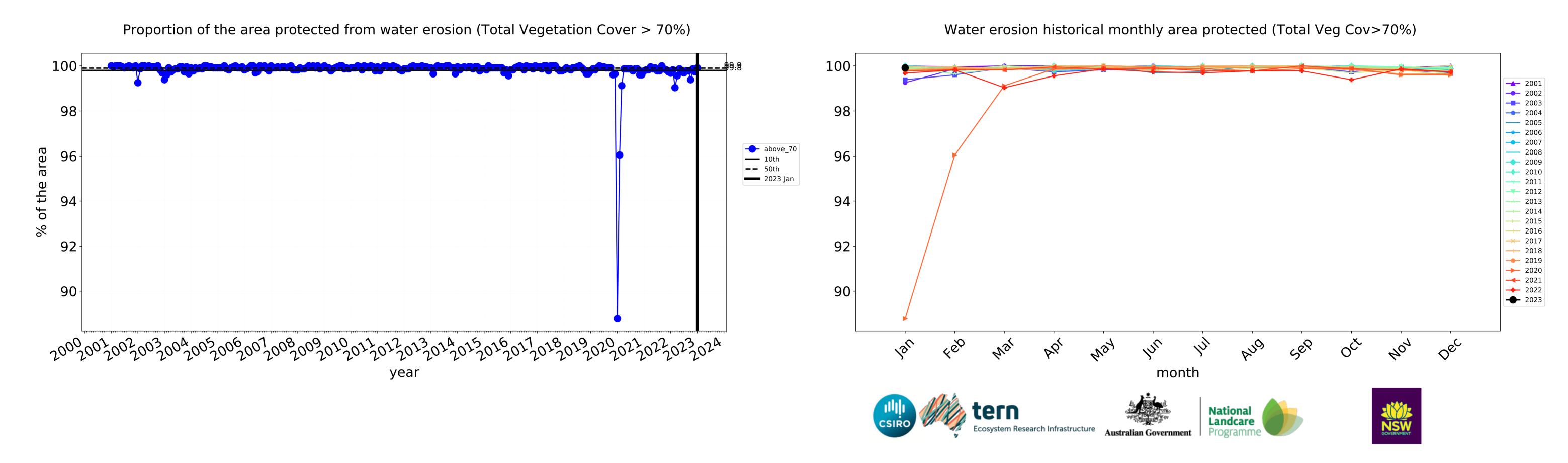


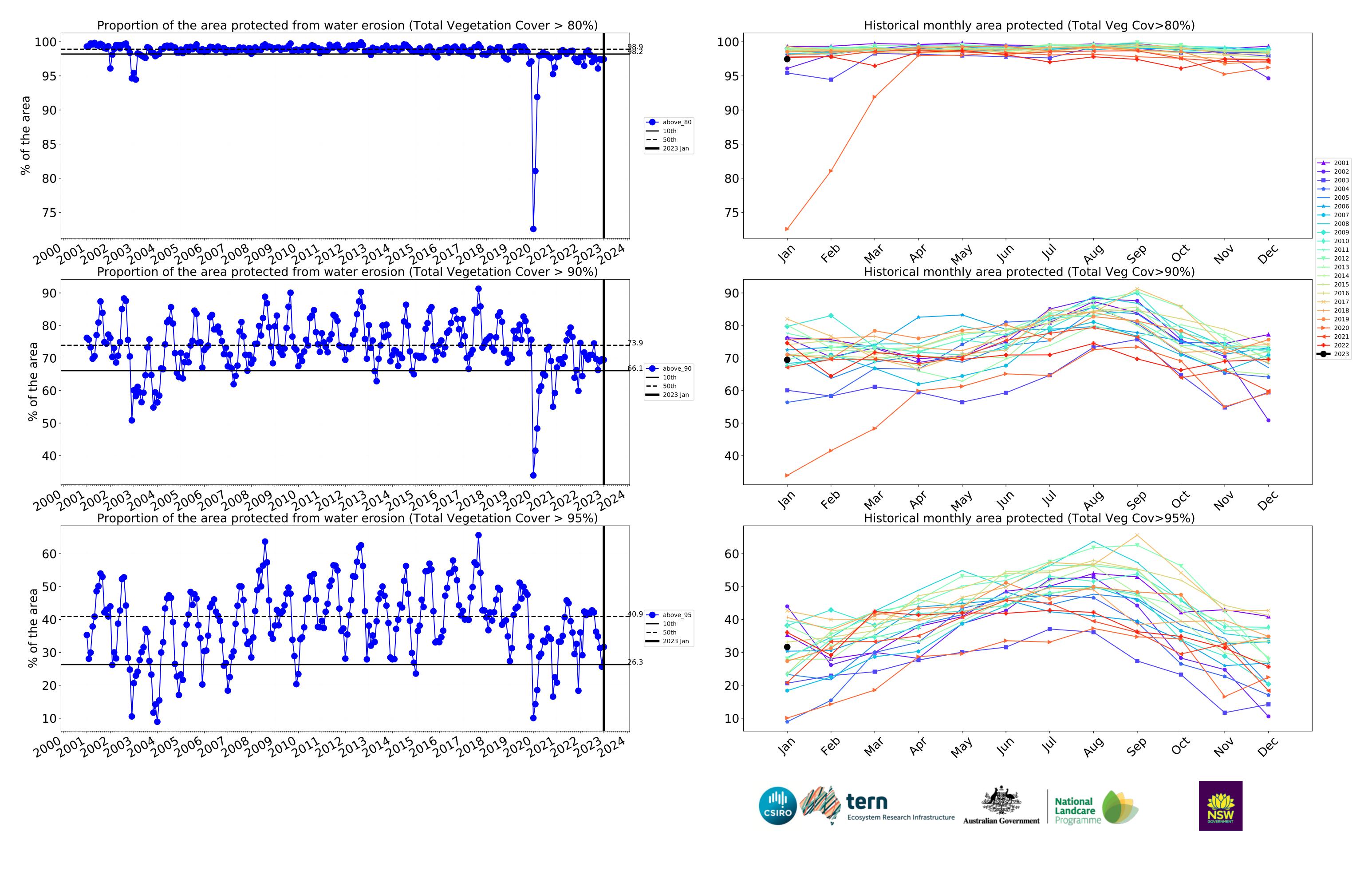




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

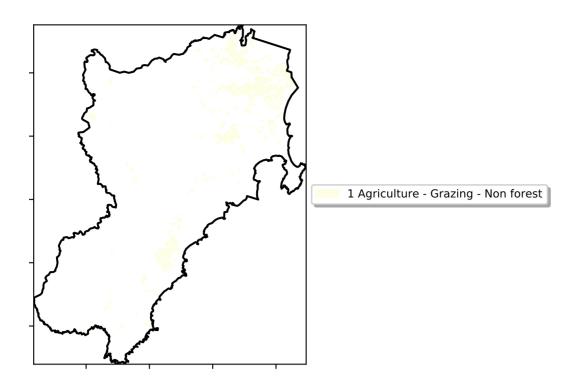
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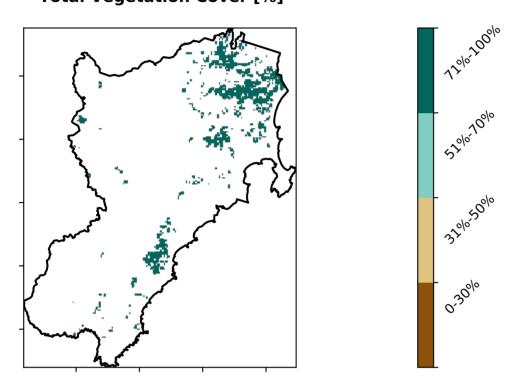
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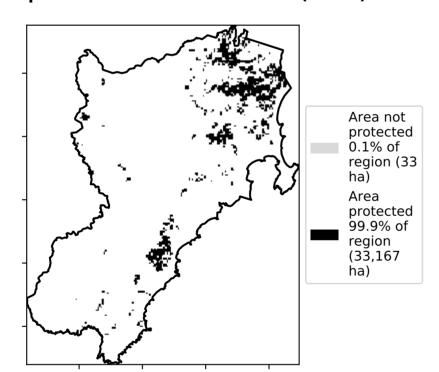
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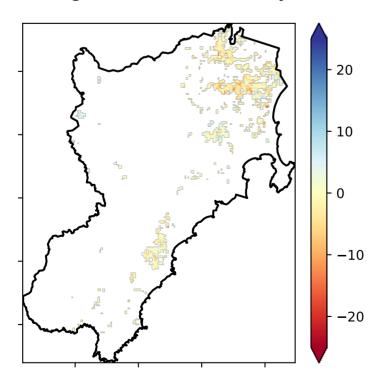
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

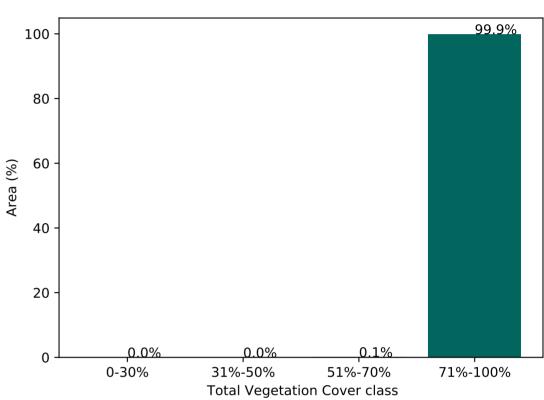


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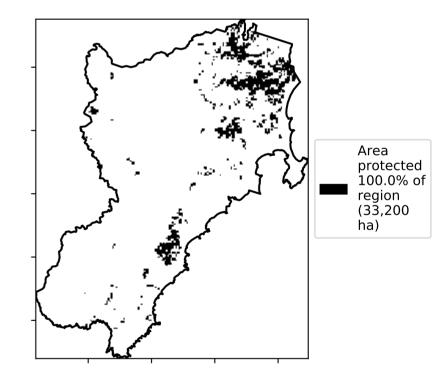


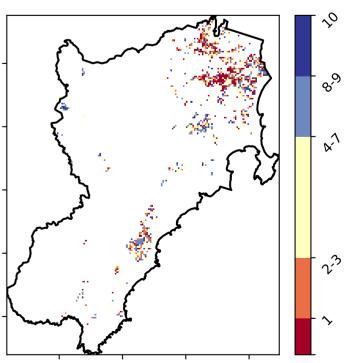
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





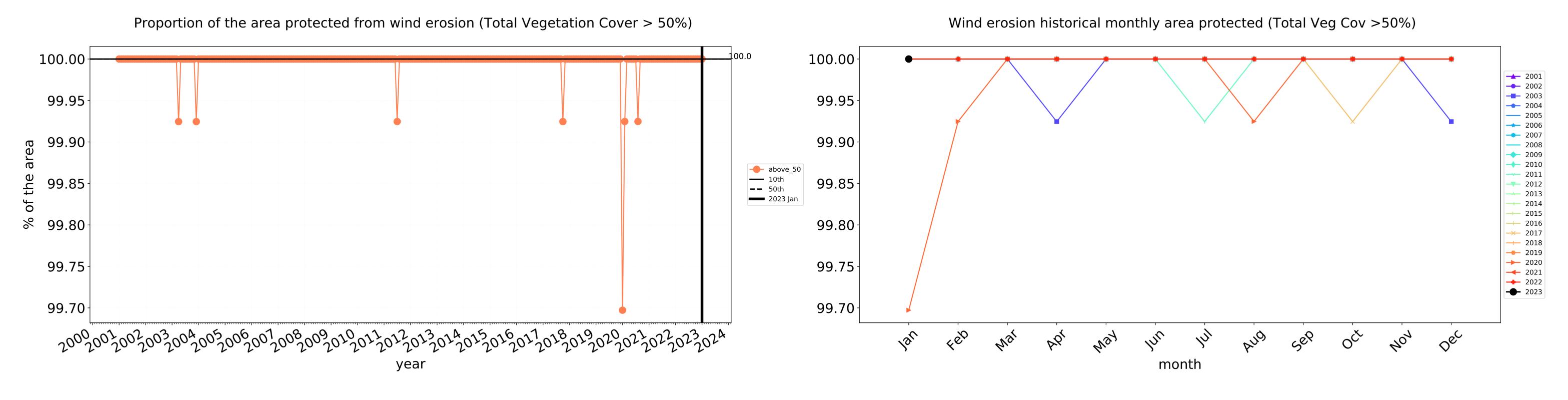


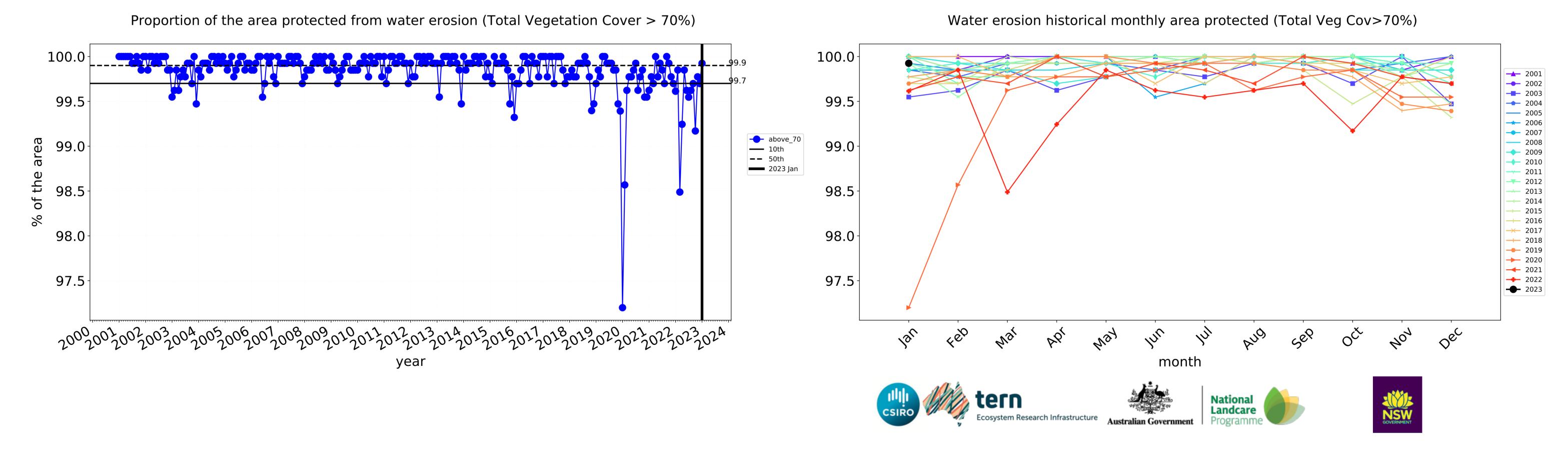


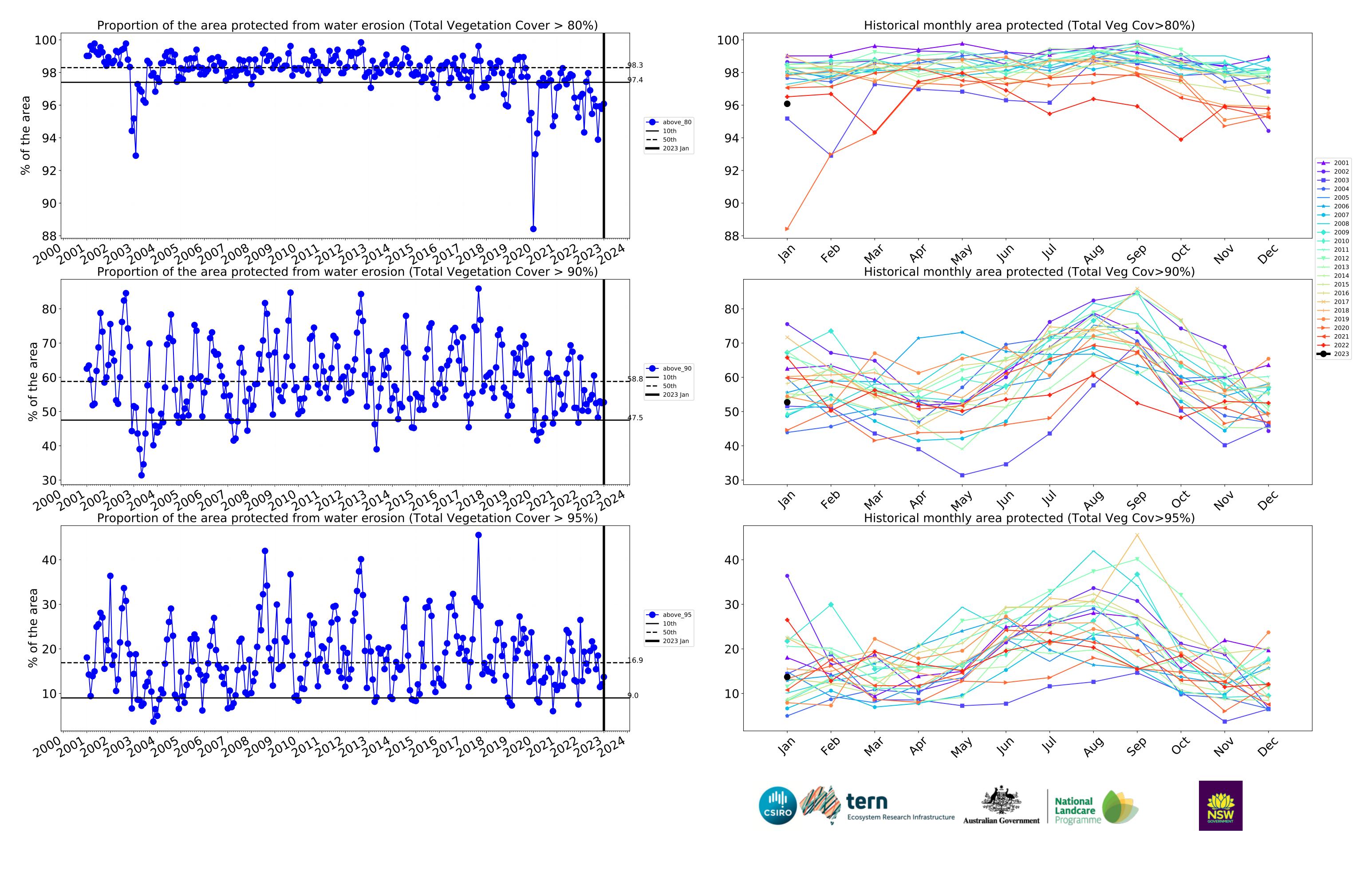




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

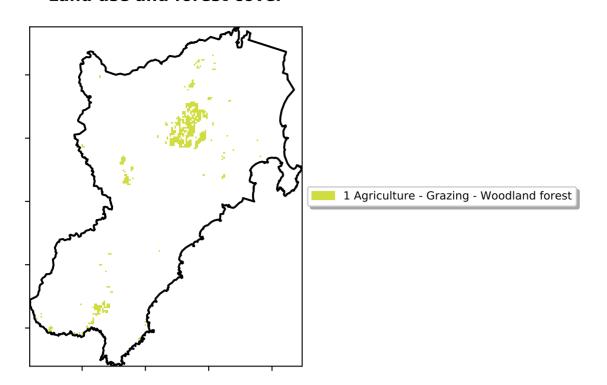
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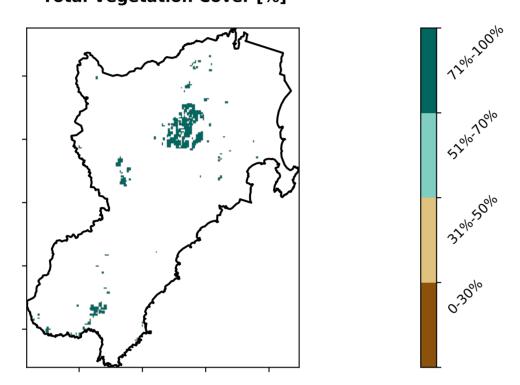
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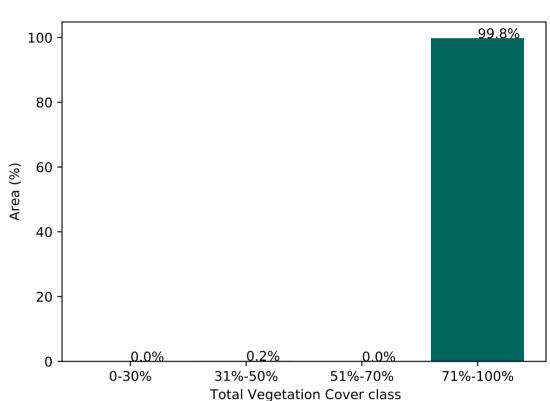
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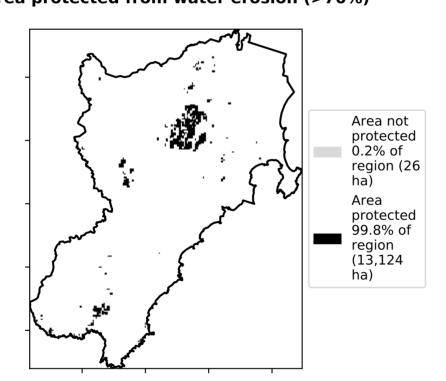
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



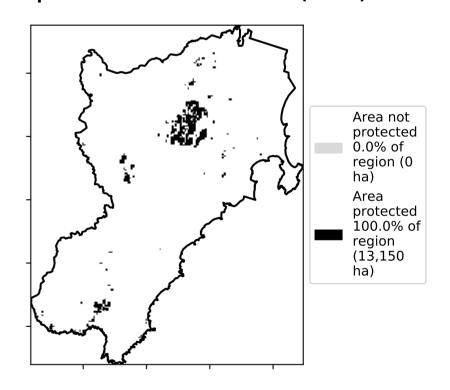
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



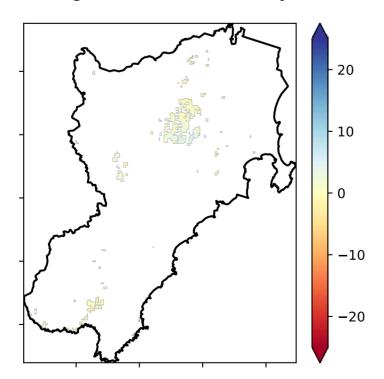
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



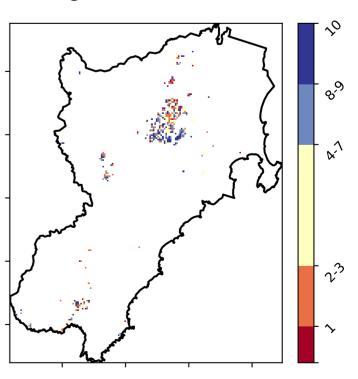
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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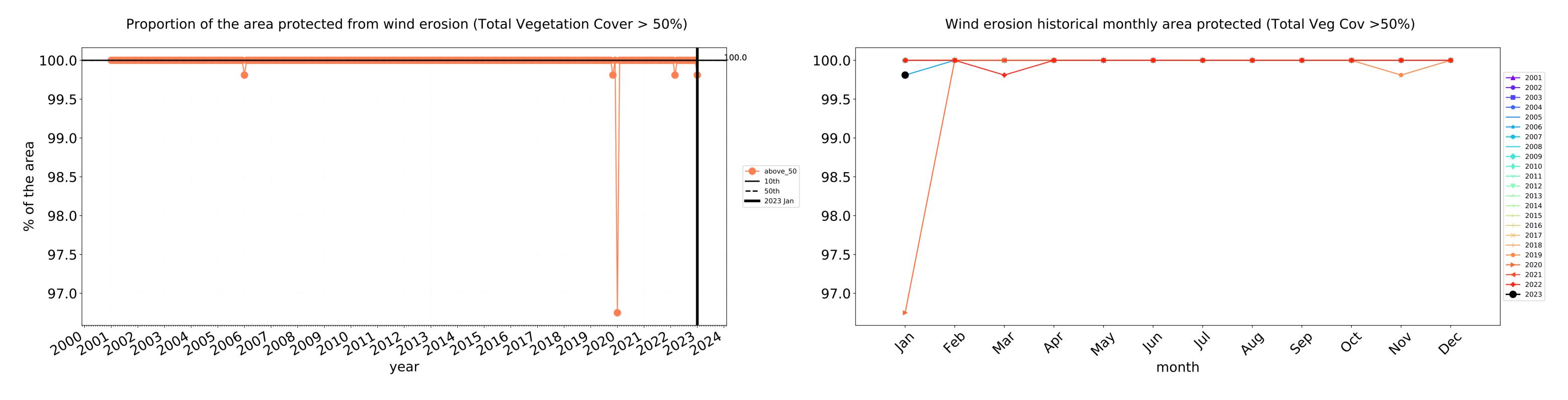


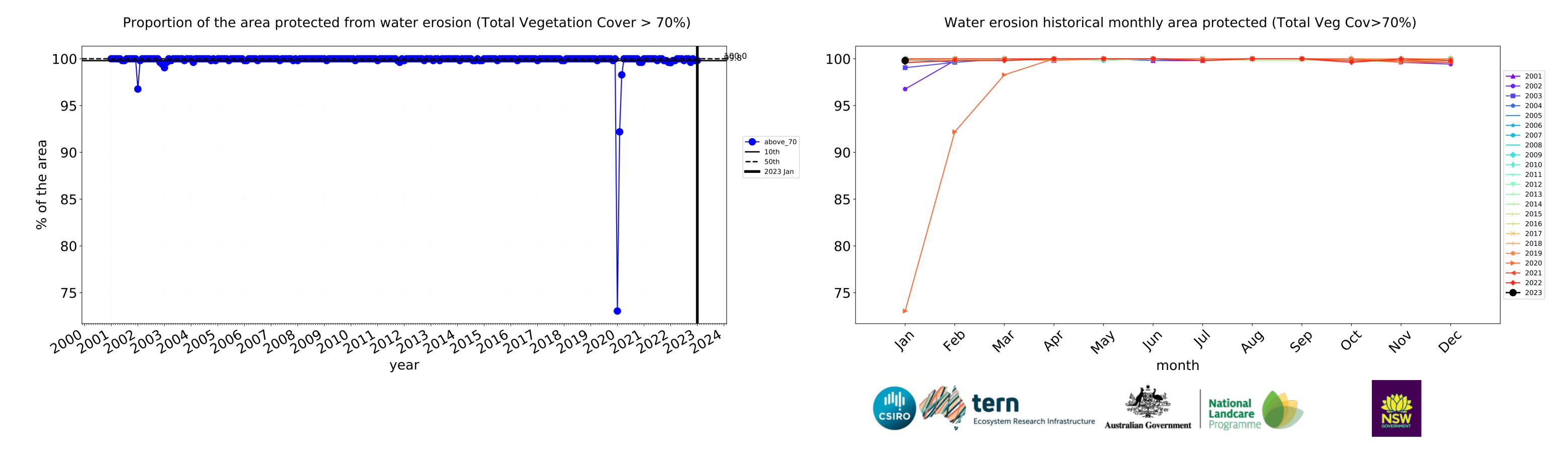


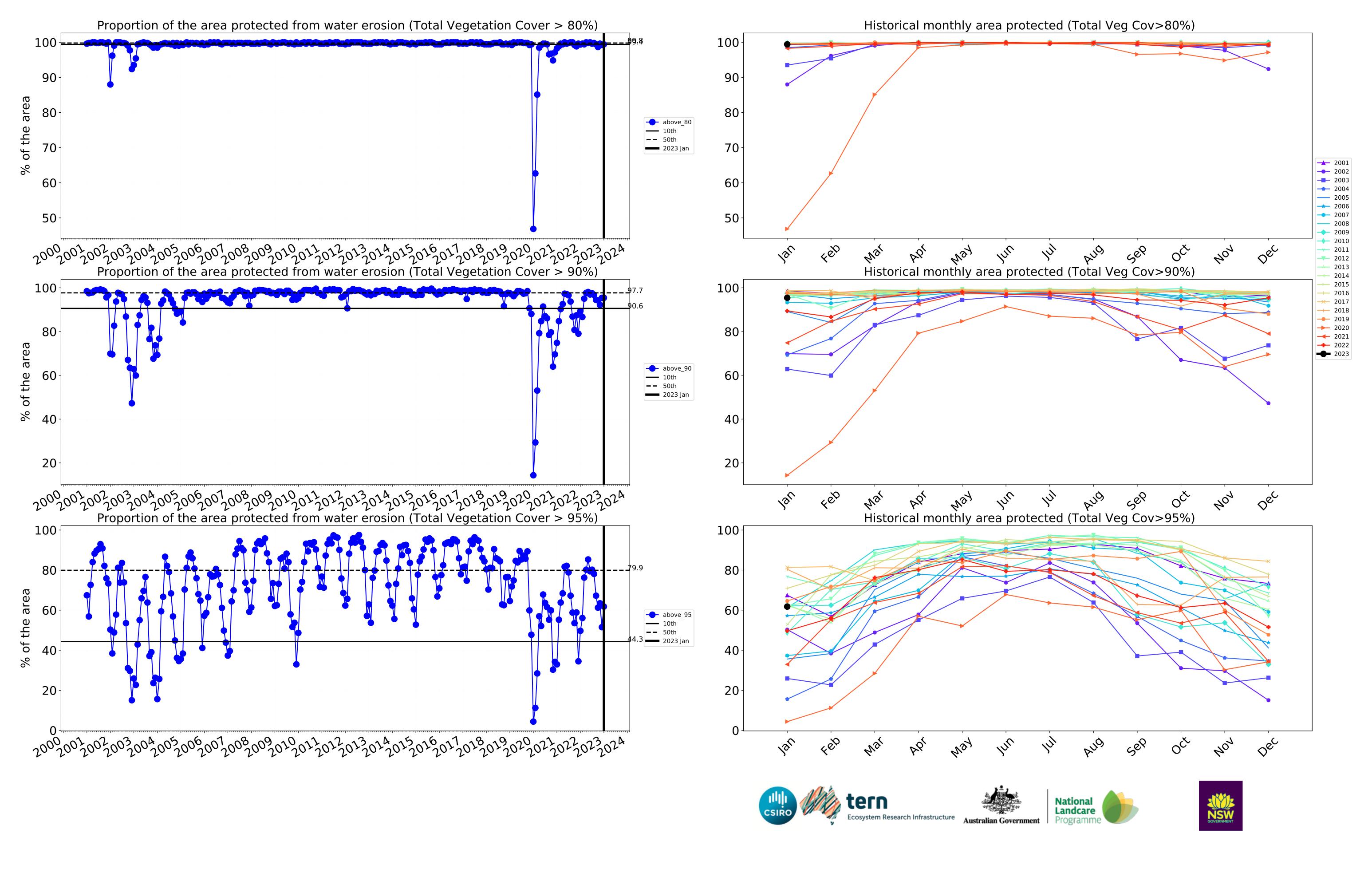




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







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

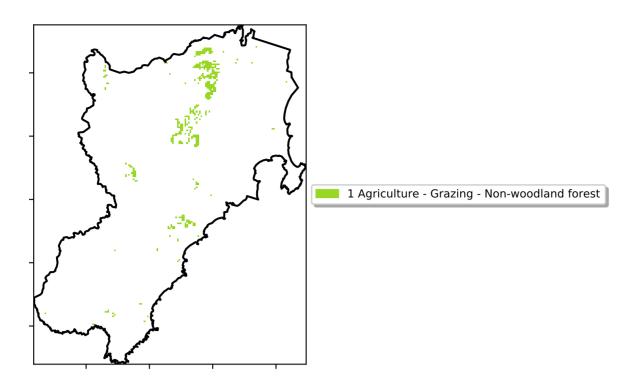
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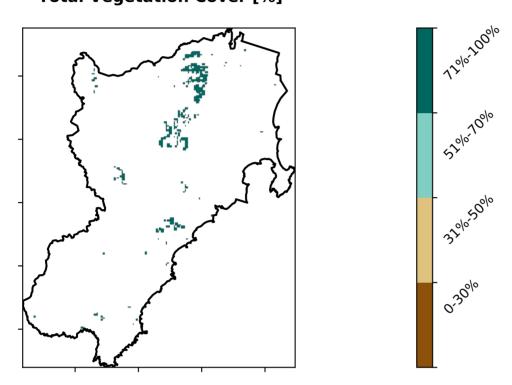
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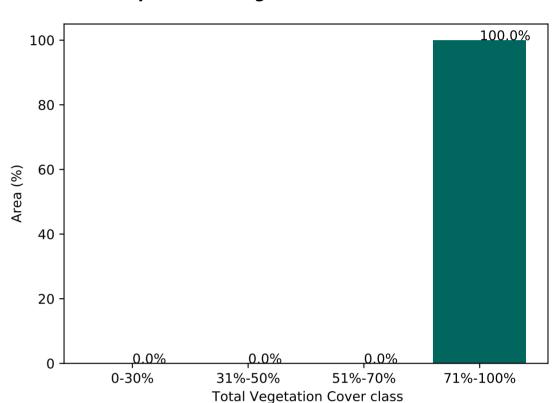
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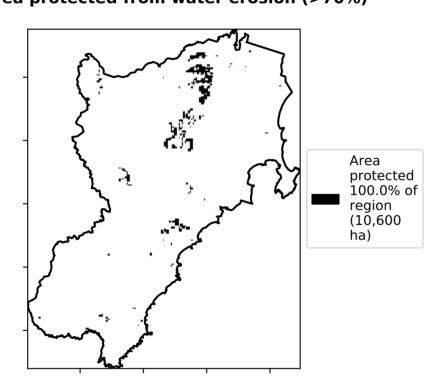
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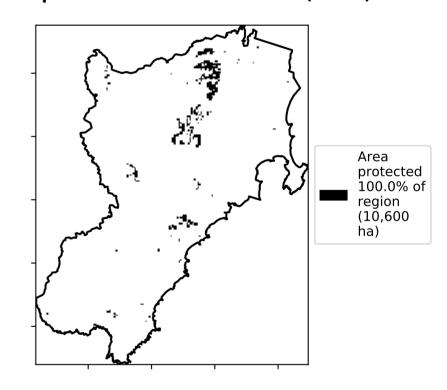
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



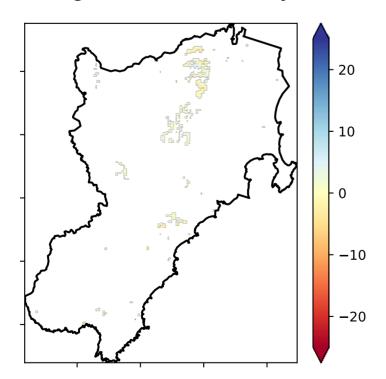
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



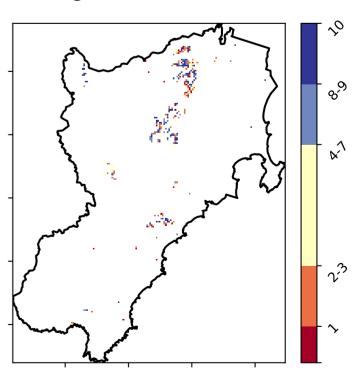
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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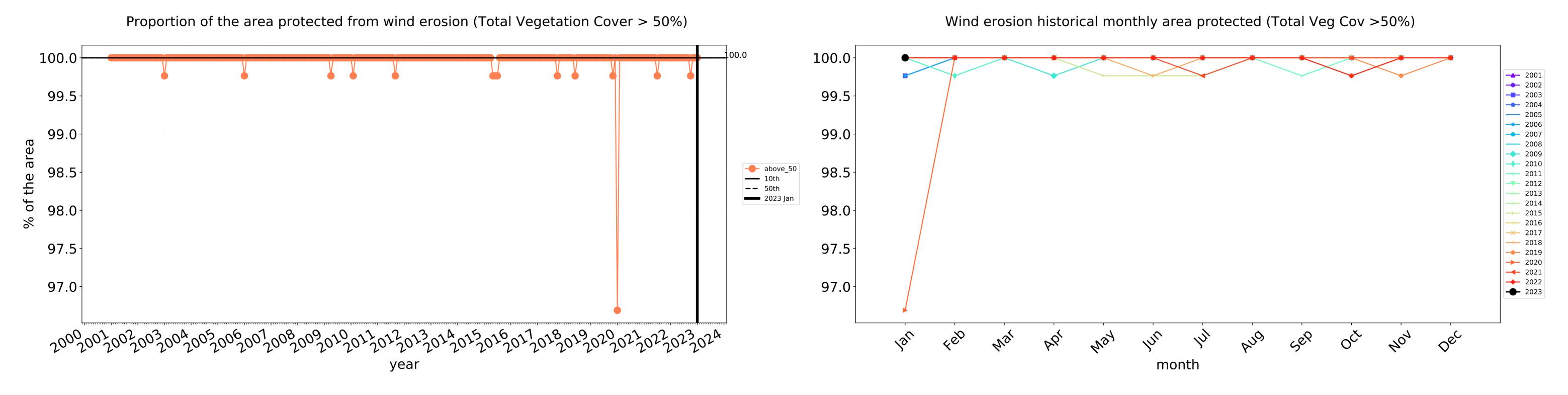


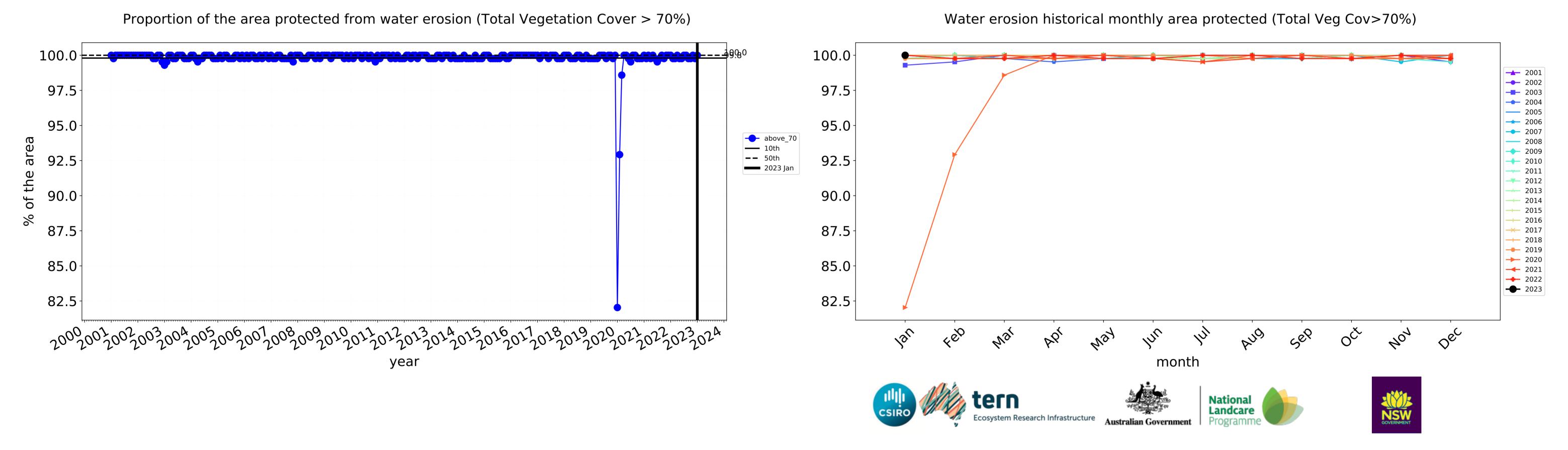


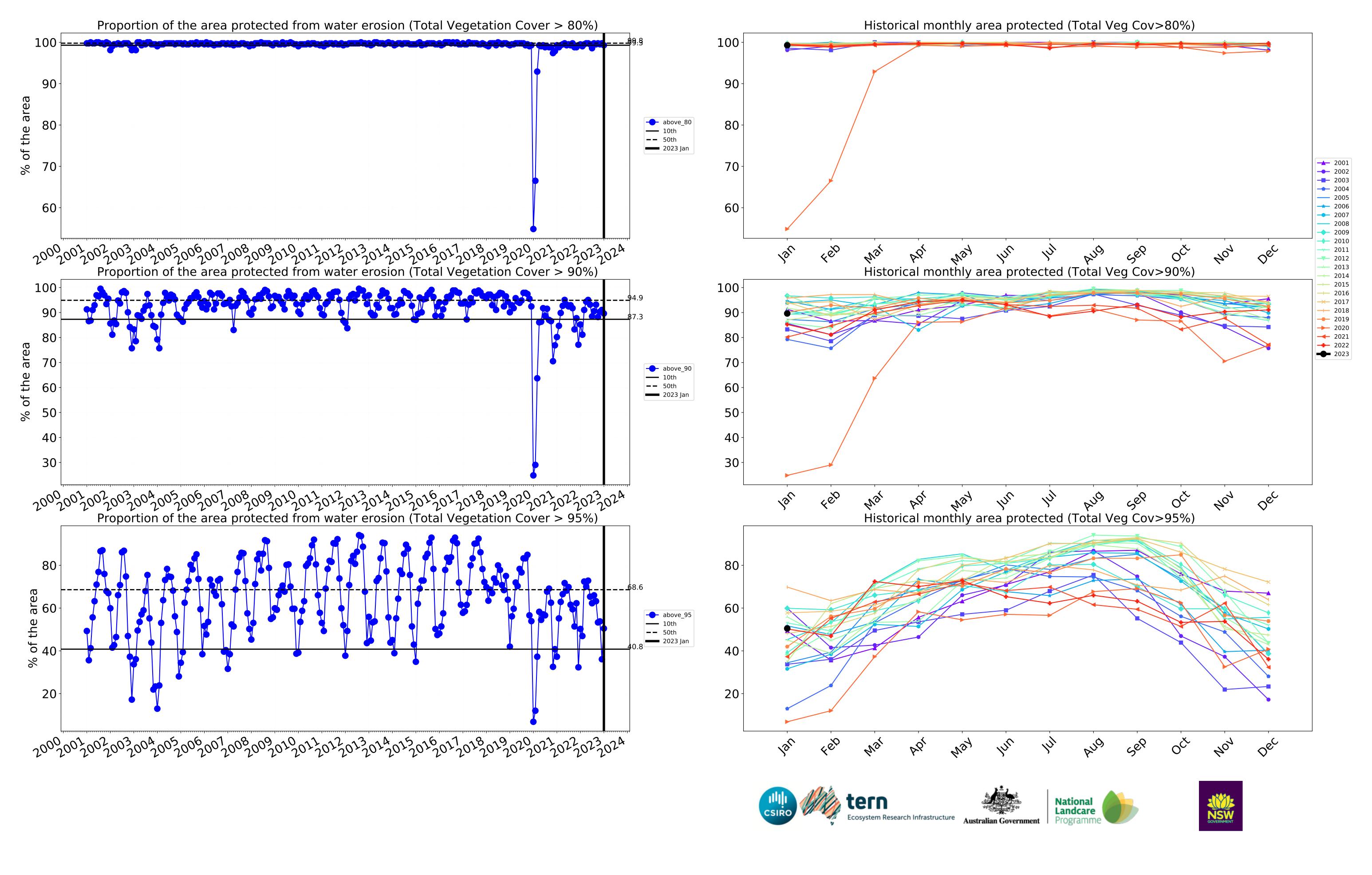












# Irrigation

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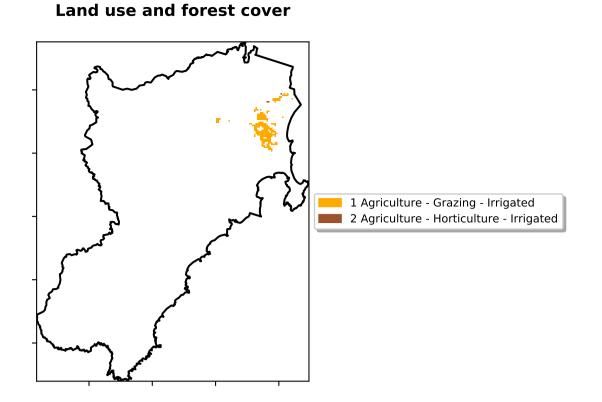
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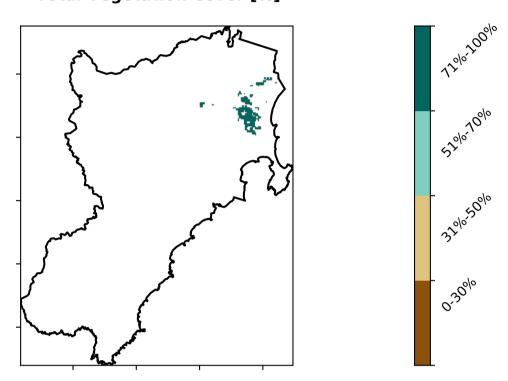
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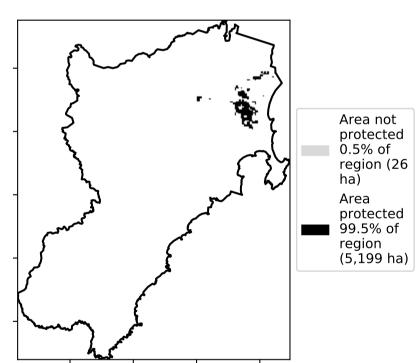
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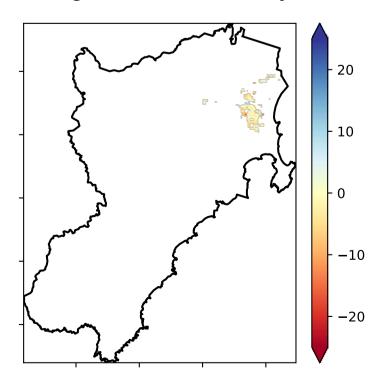
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

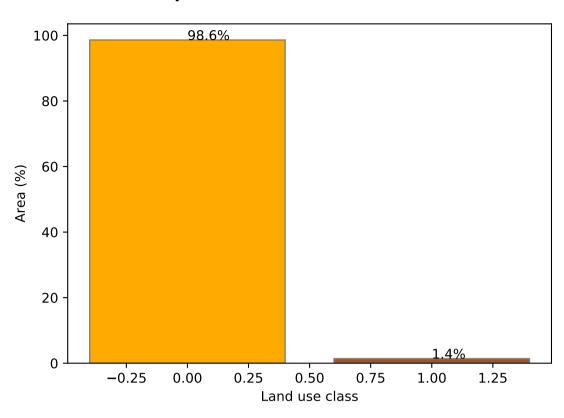


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

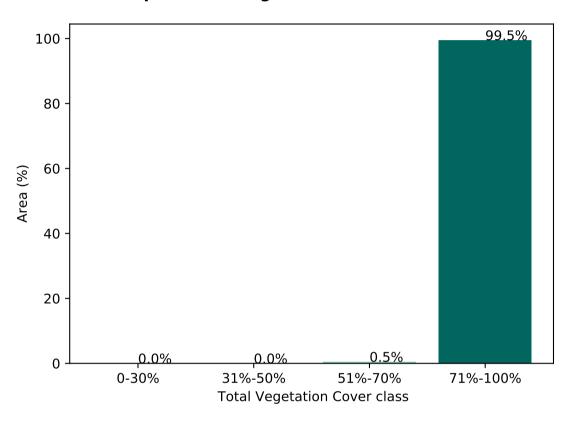


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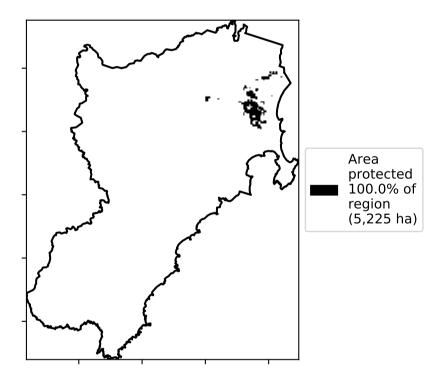
#### Proportion of each land class in area

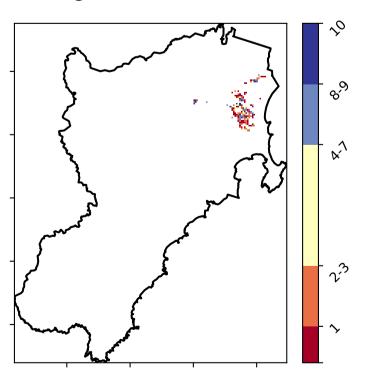


#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





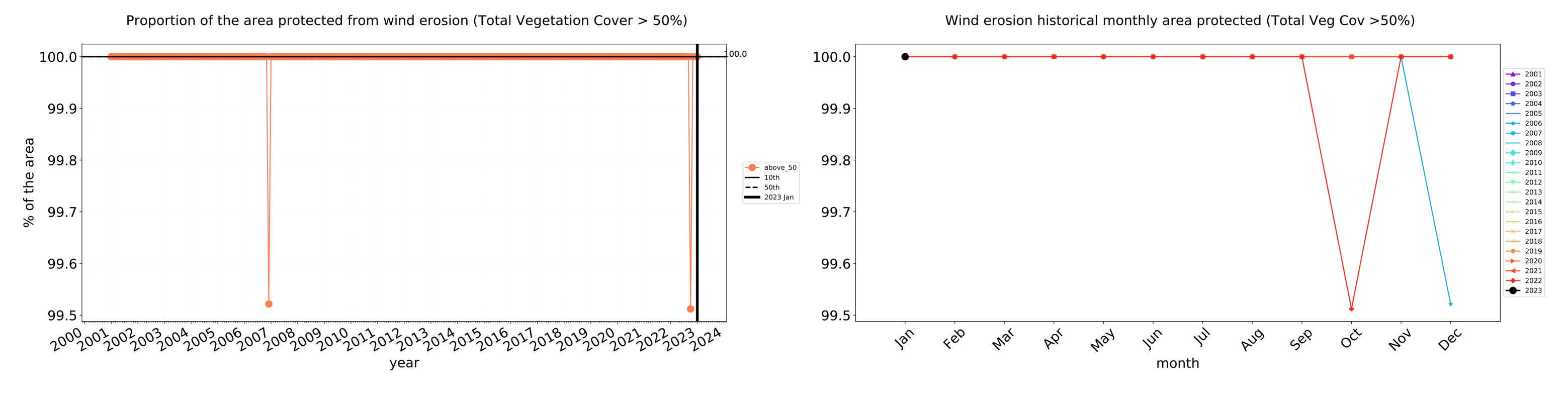


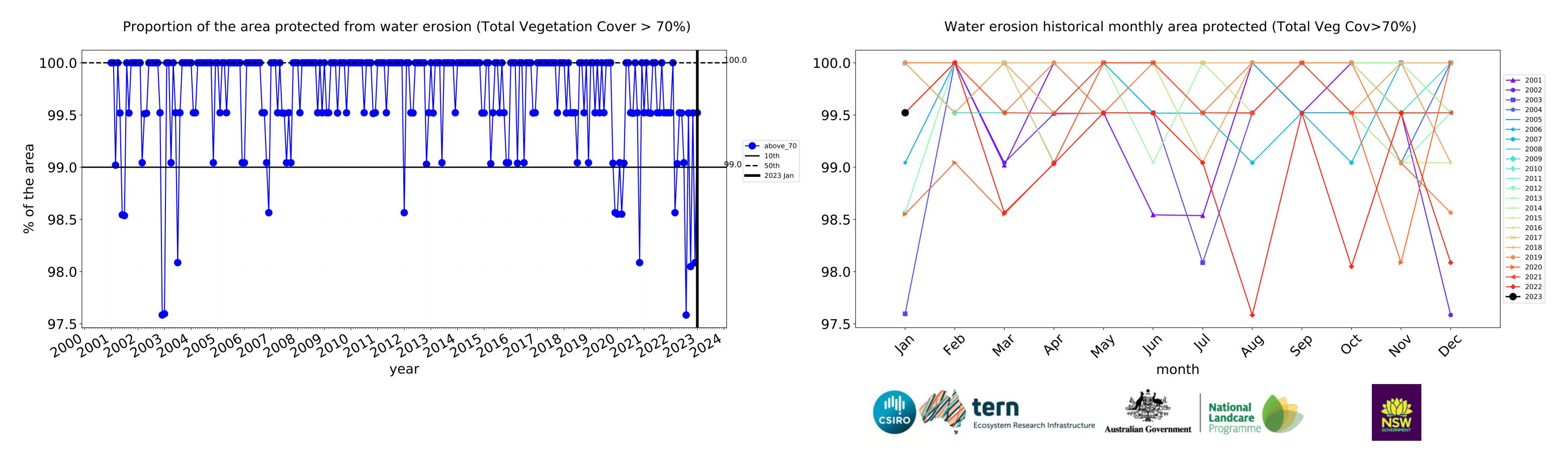


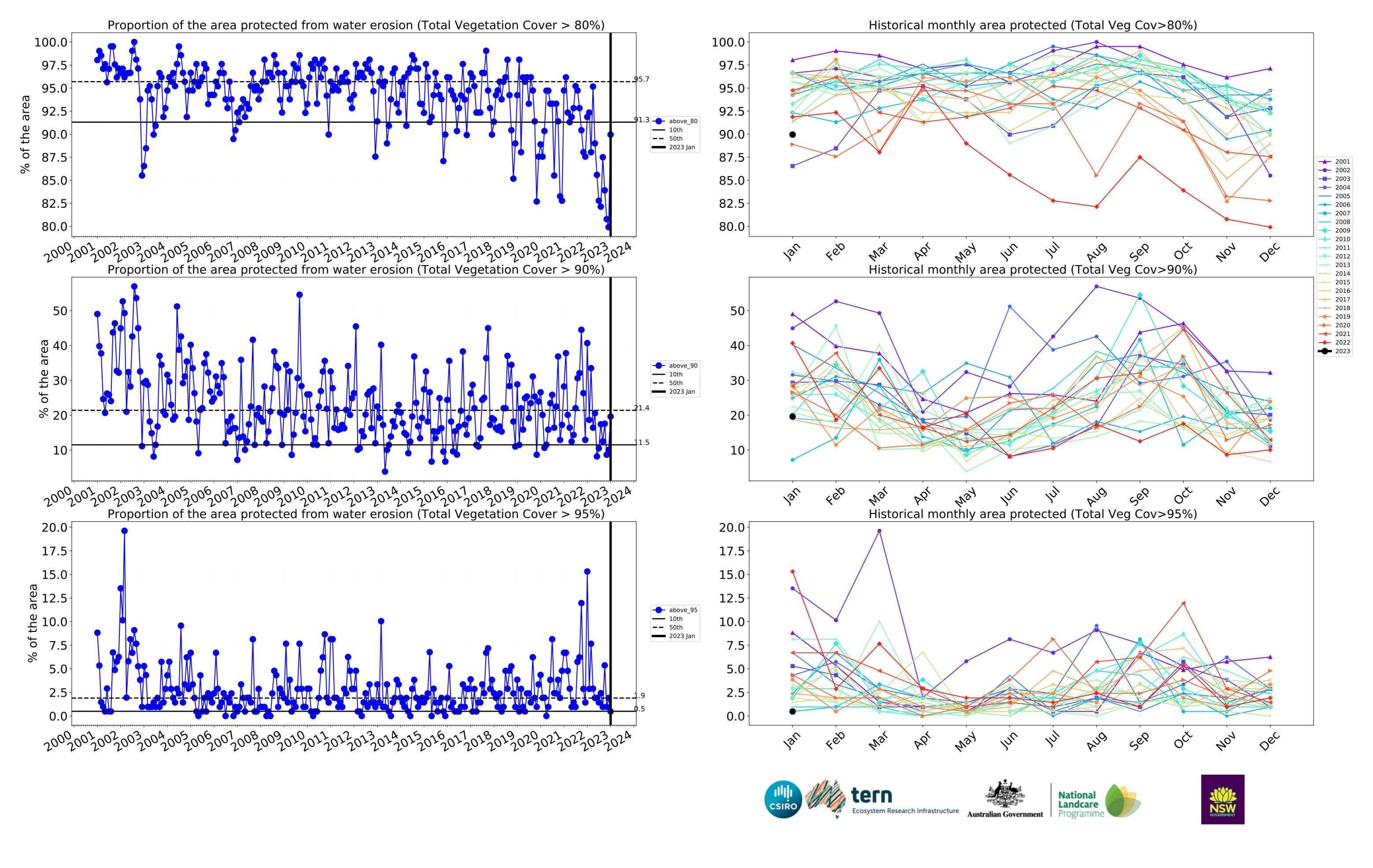




# Irrigation timeseries







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

#### Land use and forest cover

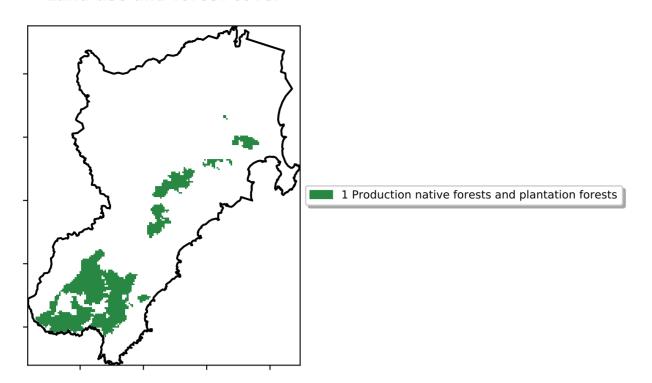
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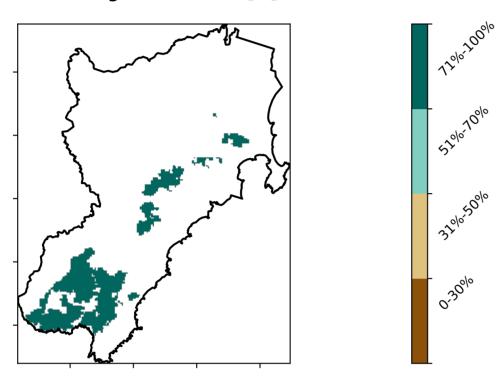
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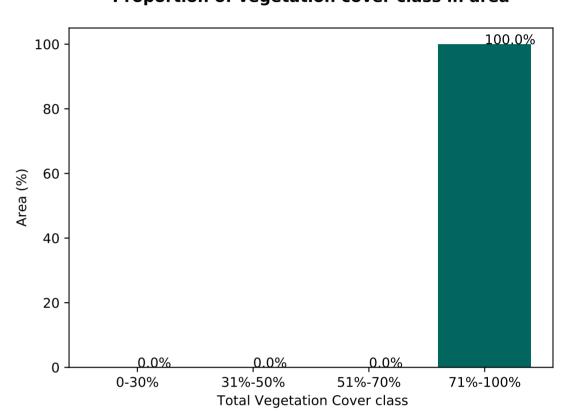
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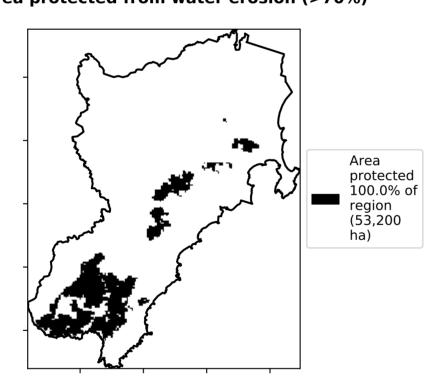
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



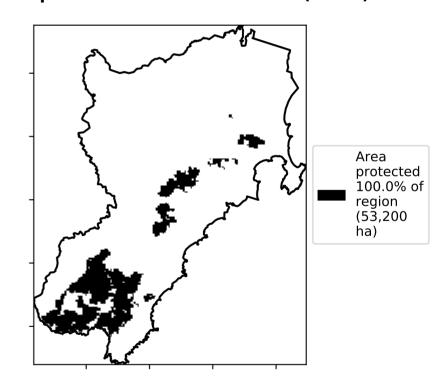
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



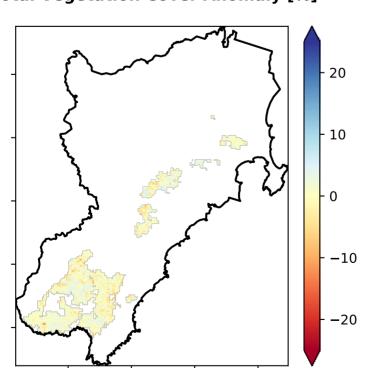
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



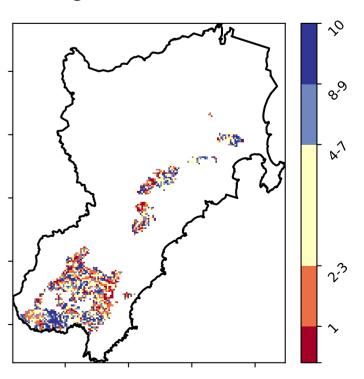
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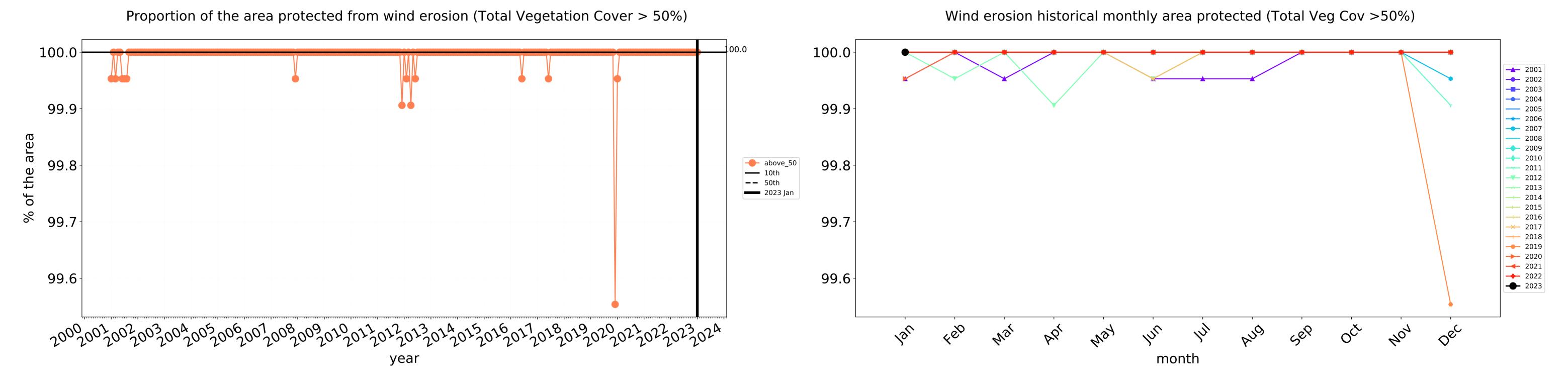


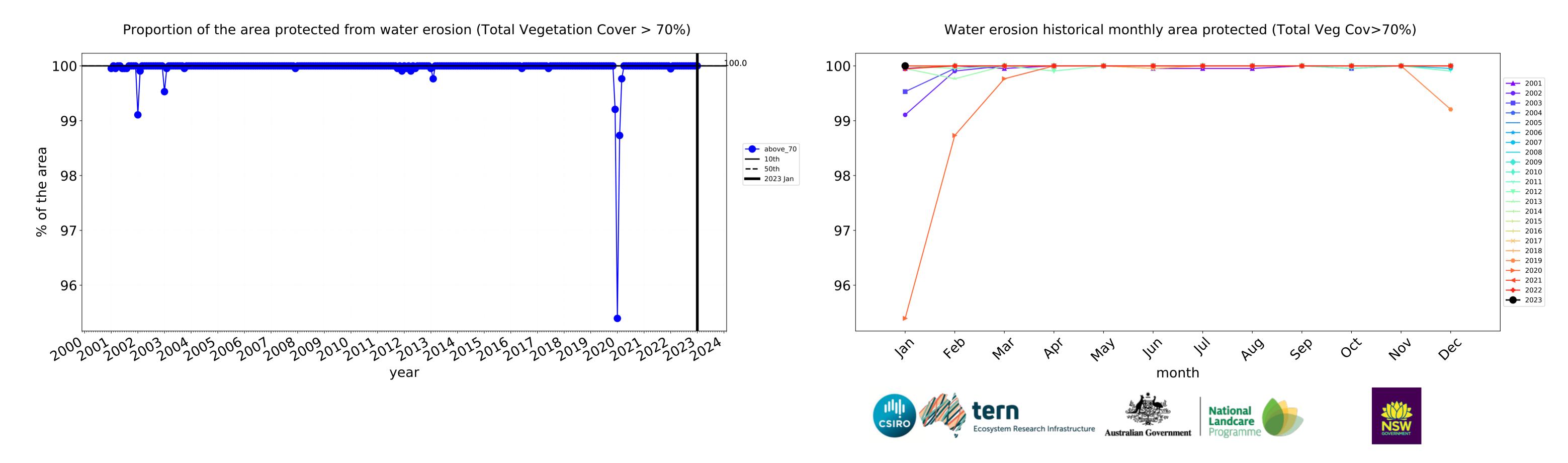


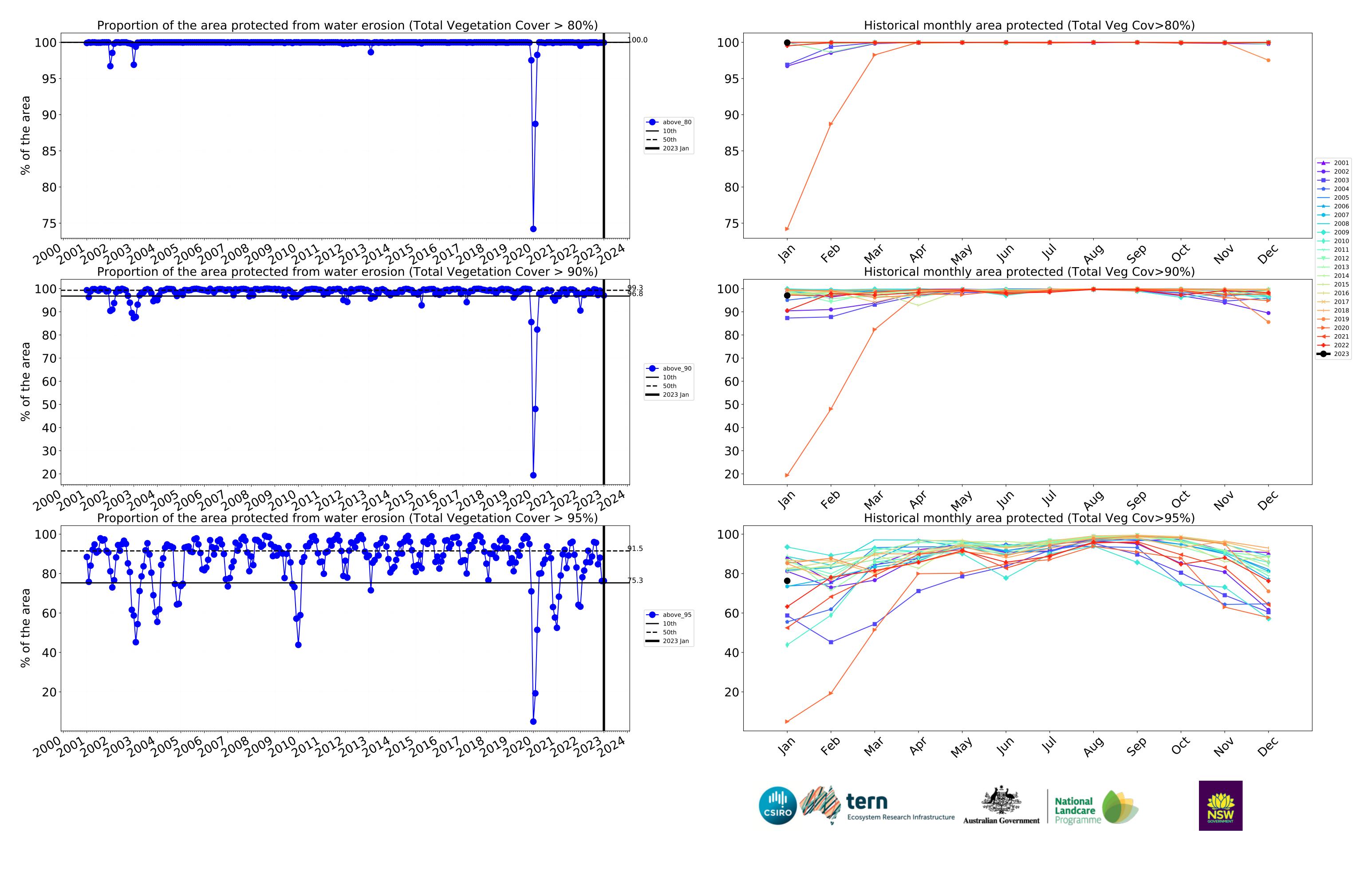




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Shoalhaven\_(C) (446,525 ha and no data 10,272 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	446,525	99.9% 446,300	99.8% 445,825	98.9% 441,800	96.8% 432,350	83.2% 371,300	52.0% 232,325
Conservation and natural environments	298,200	100.0% 298,150	99.9% 298,050	99.7% 297,325	98.9% 294,950	88.9% 265,025	56.5% 168,575
Conservation and natural environments non forest	6,050	100.0% 6,050	98.8% 5,975	96.7% 5,850	89.7% 5,425	67.8% 4,100	31.0% 1,875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	184,375	100.0% 184,375	100.0% 184,375	99.8% 184,075	99.2% 182,875	89.1% 164,350	58.9% 108,525
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	107,775	100.0% 107,725	99.9% 107,700	99.7% 107,400	99.0% 106,650	89.6% 96,575	54.0% 58,175
Agriculture	62,300	100.0% 62,300	100.0% 62,275	99.9% 62,225	96.8% 60,325	65.2% 40,650	29.1% 18,100
Grazing	56,950	100.0% 56,950	100.0% 56,925	99.9% 56,900	97.5% 55,500	69.4% 39,550	31.7% 18,025
Grazing non forest	33,200	100.0% 33,200	100.0% 33,200	99.9% 33,175	96.1% 31,900	52.7% 17,500	13.7% 4,550
Grazing Woodland forest	13,150	100.0% 13,150	99.8% 13,125	99.8% 13,125	99.4% 13,075	95.4% 12,550	61.8% 8,125
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	10,600	100.0% 10,600	100.0% 10,600	100.0% 10,600	99.3% 10,525	89.6% 9,500	50.5% 5,350
Irrigation	5,225	100.0% 5,225	100.0% 5,225	99.5% 5,200	90.0% 4,700	19.6% 1,025	0.5% 25
Production native forests and plantation forests	53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,175	97.0% 51,625	76.3% 40,600







