## 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.

Date: March 2025

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. Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
  - 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
  - 31-50% Low cover not protected
  - 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

#### **Erosion protection**

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

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

#### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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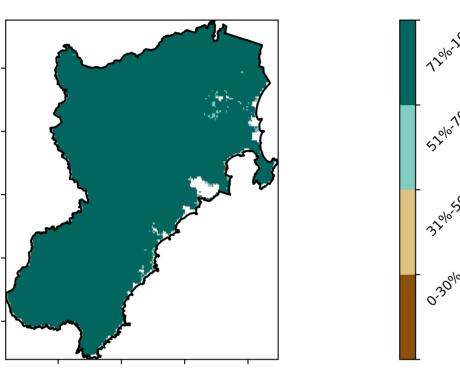
#### **Vegetation Cover Mar 2025**

#### Land use and forest cover

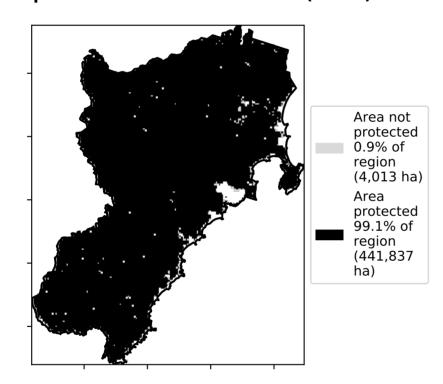
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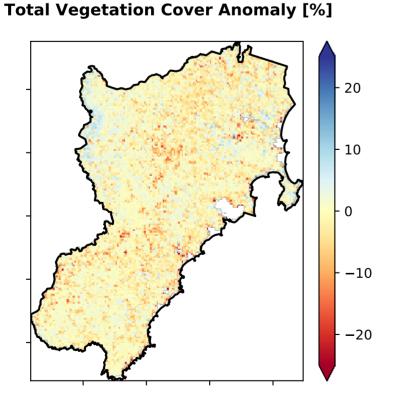
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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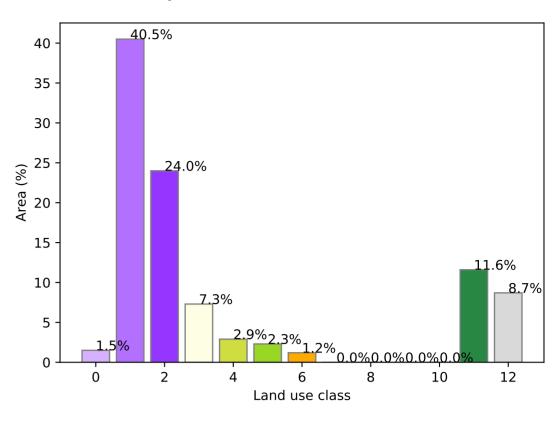
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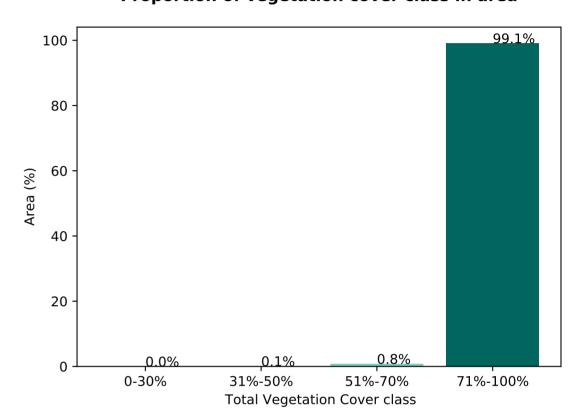
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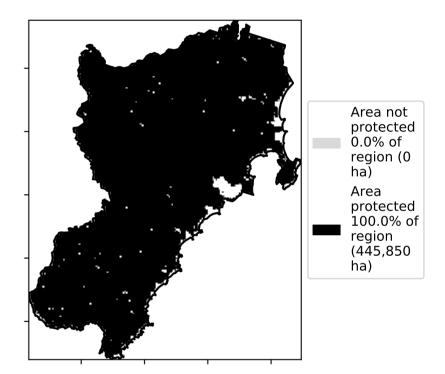
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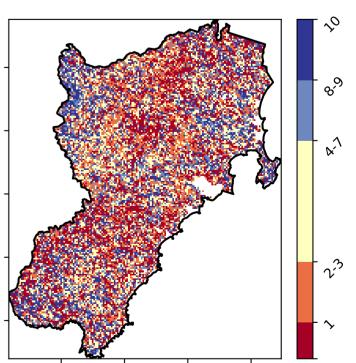
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



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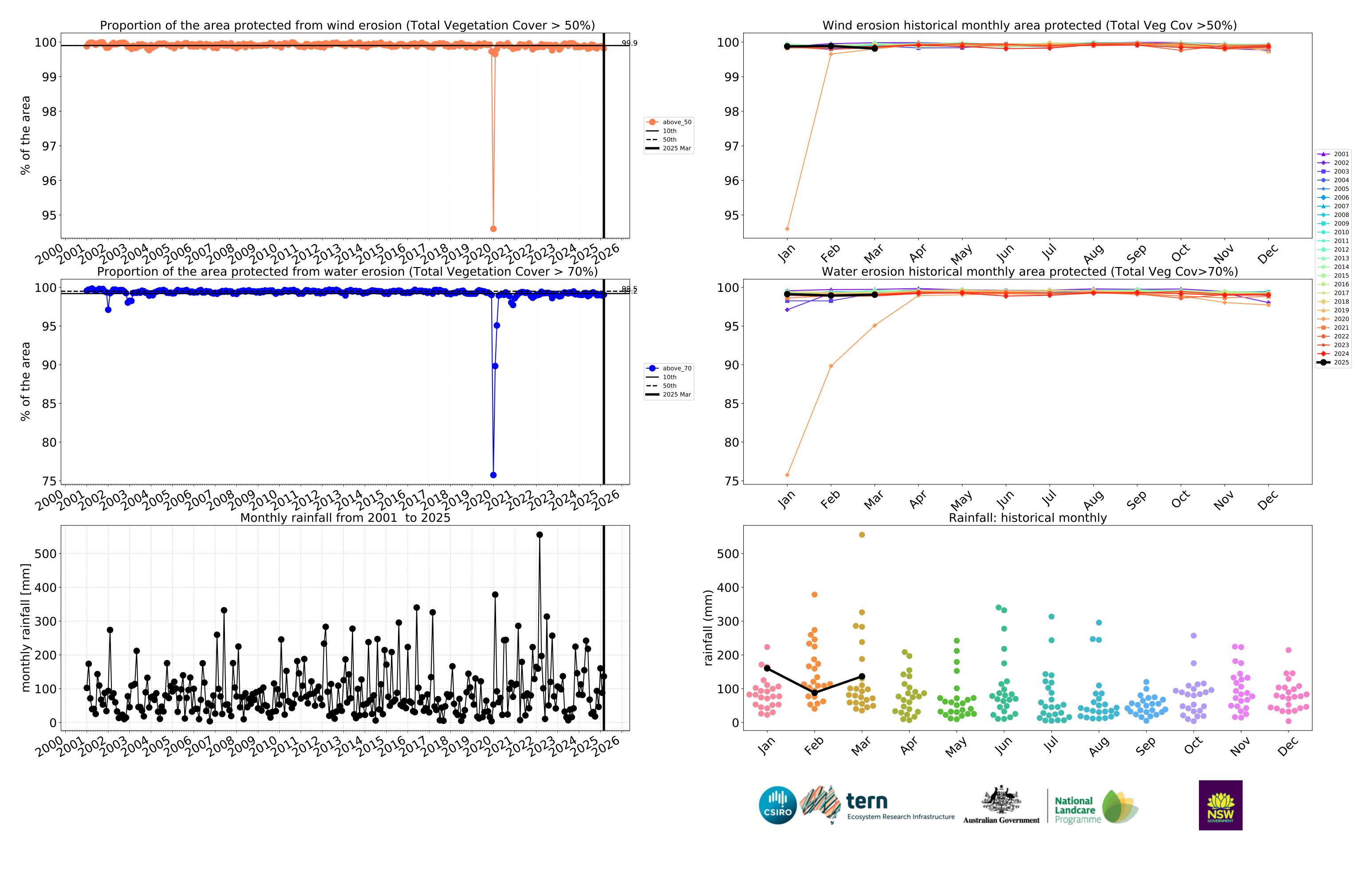


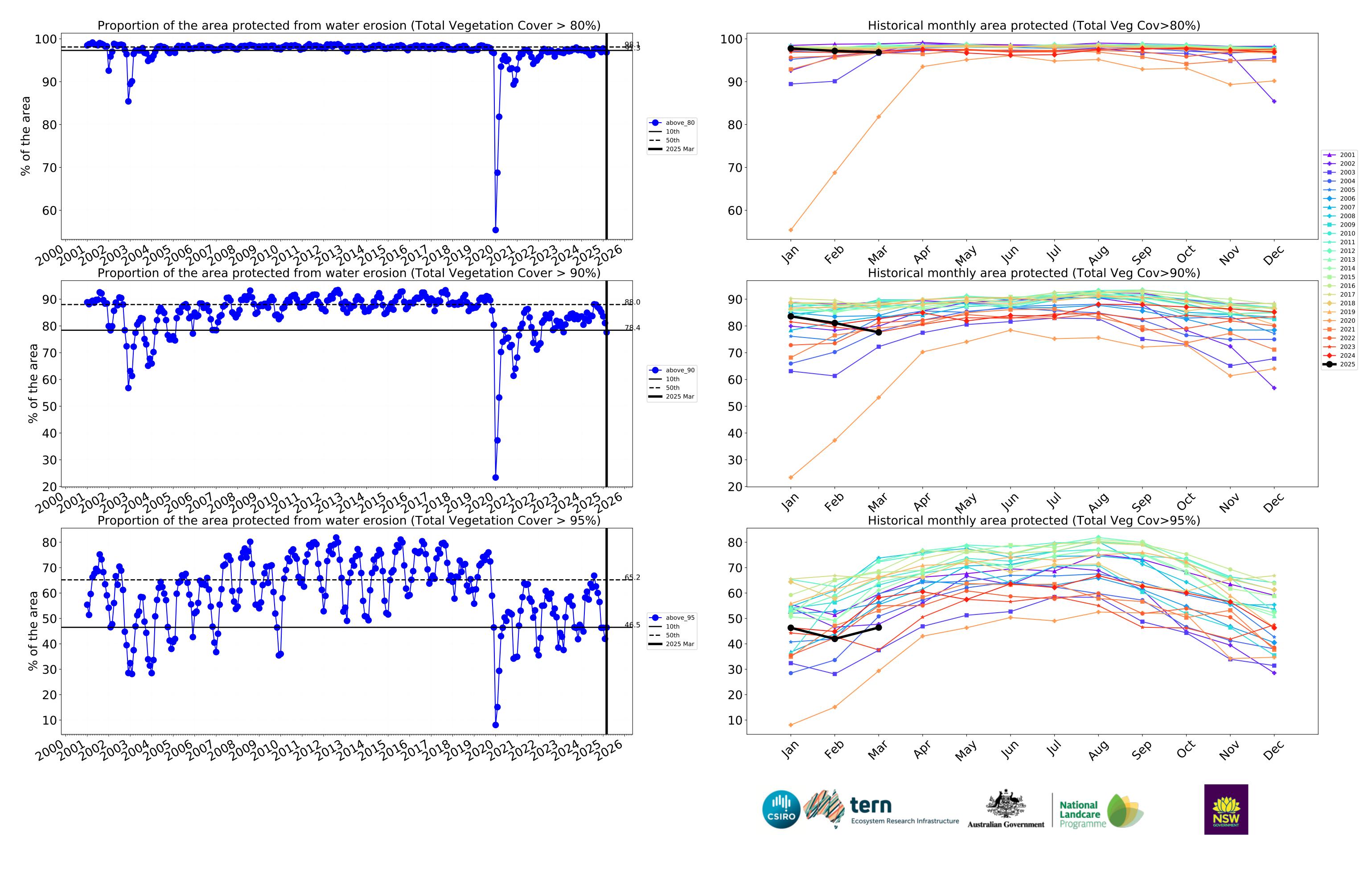












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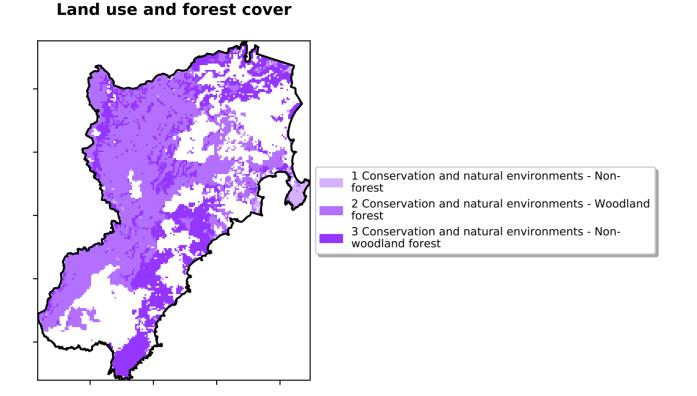
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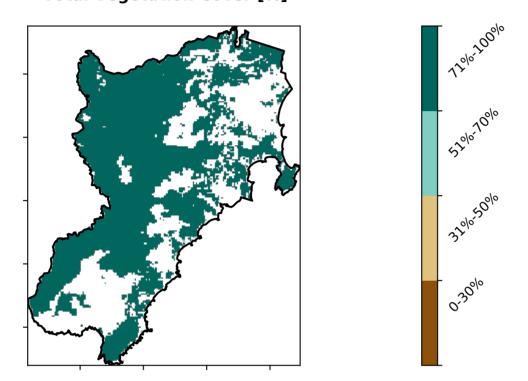
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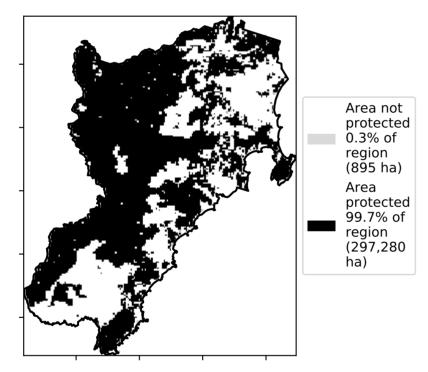
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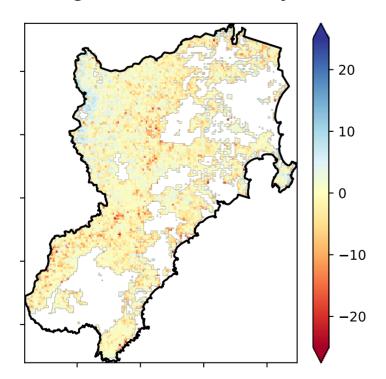
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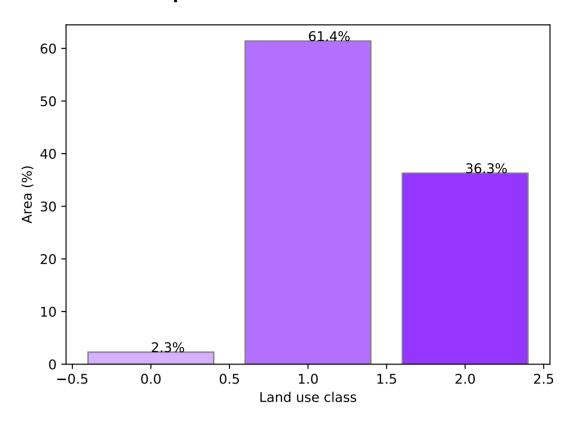


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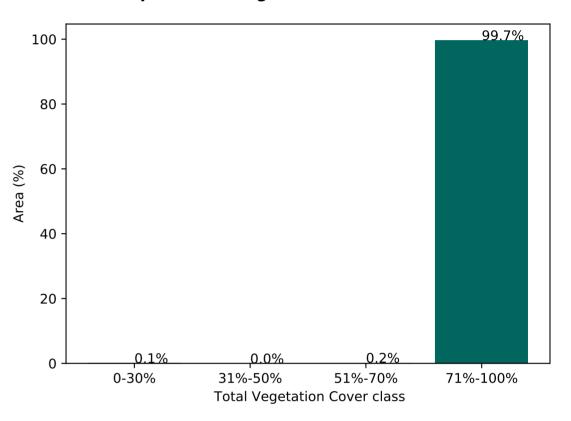


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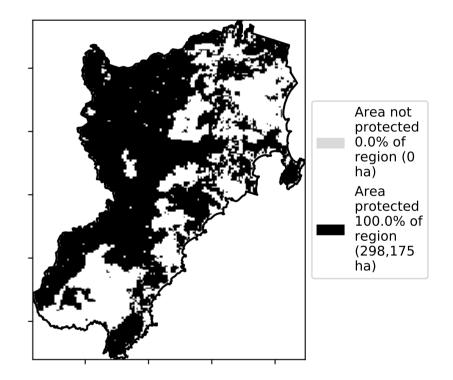
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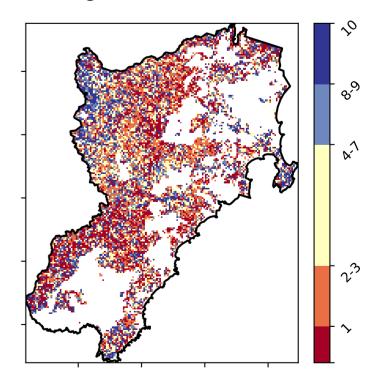


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#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





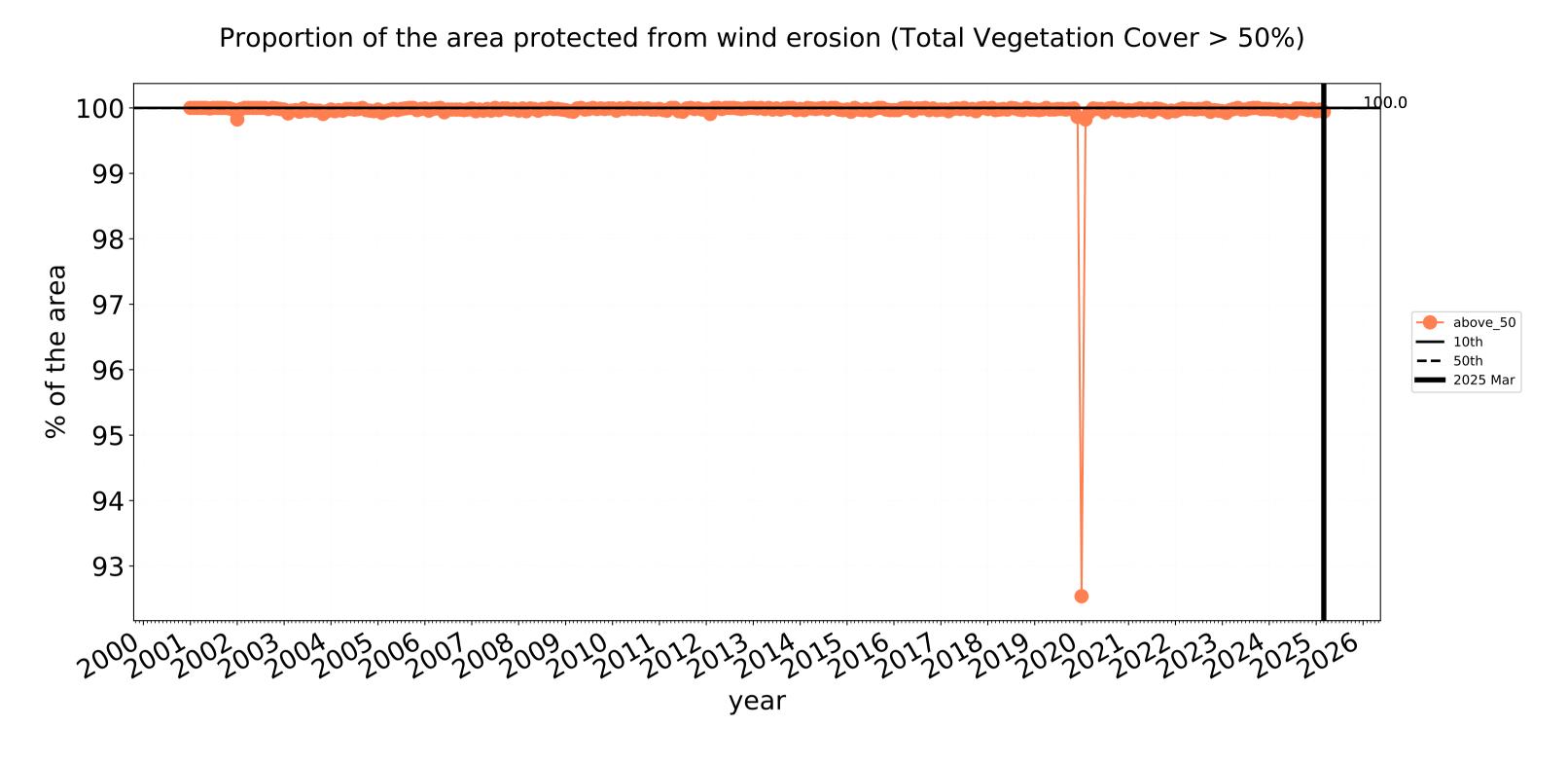


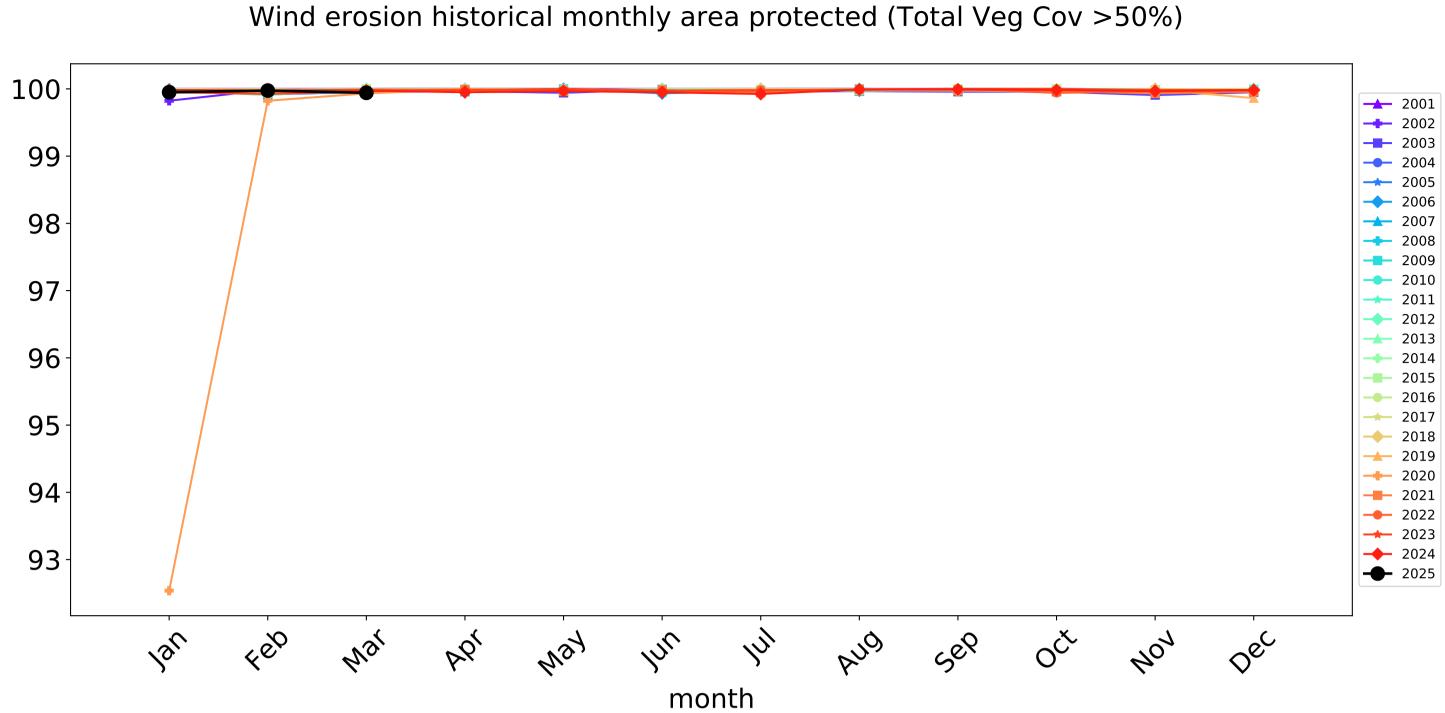


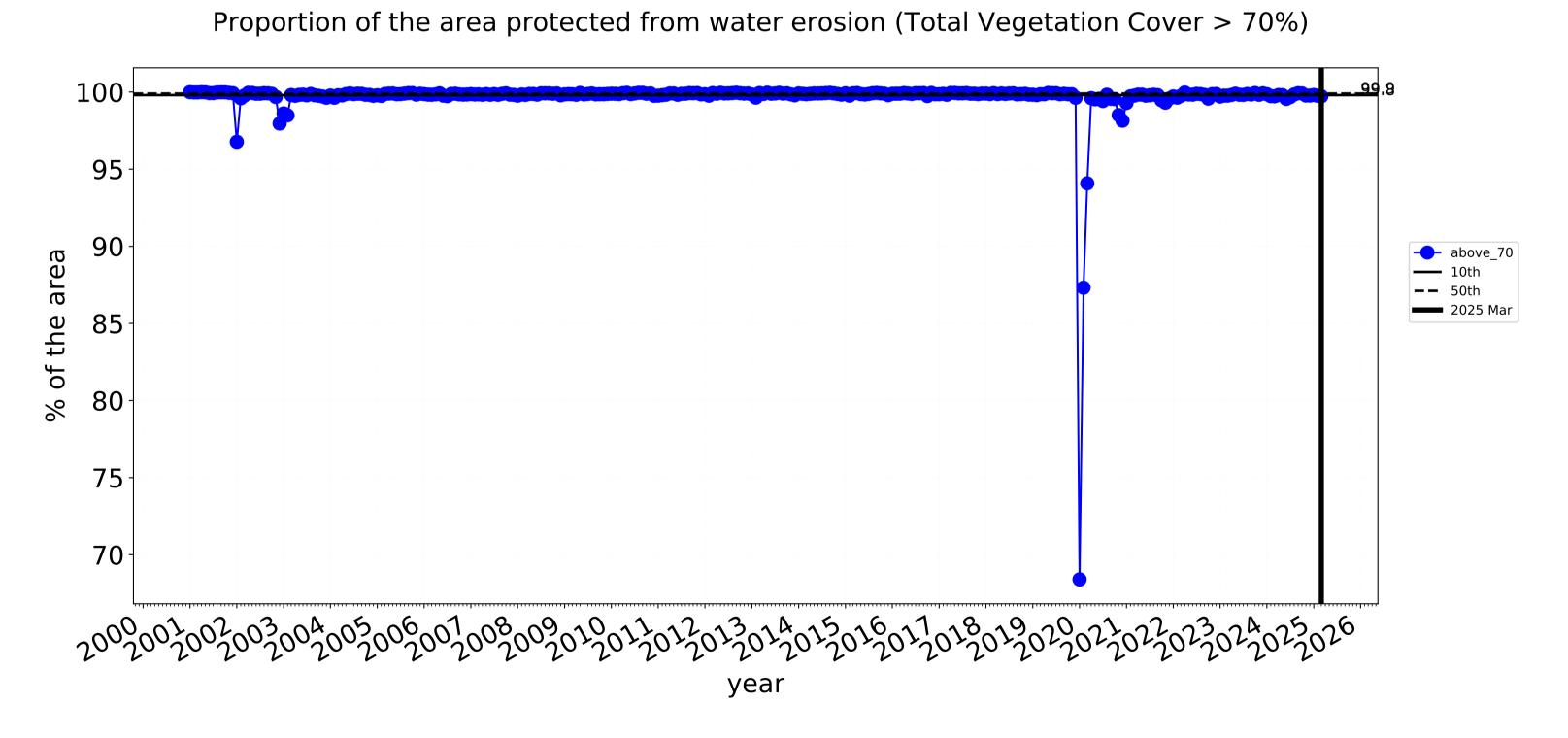


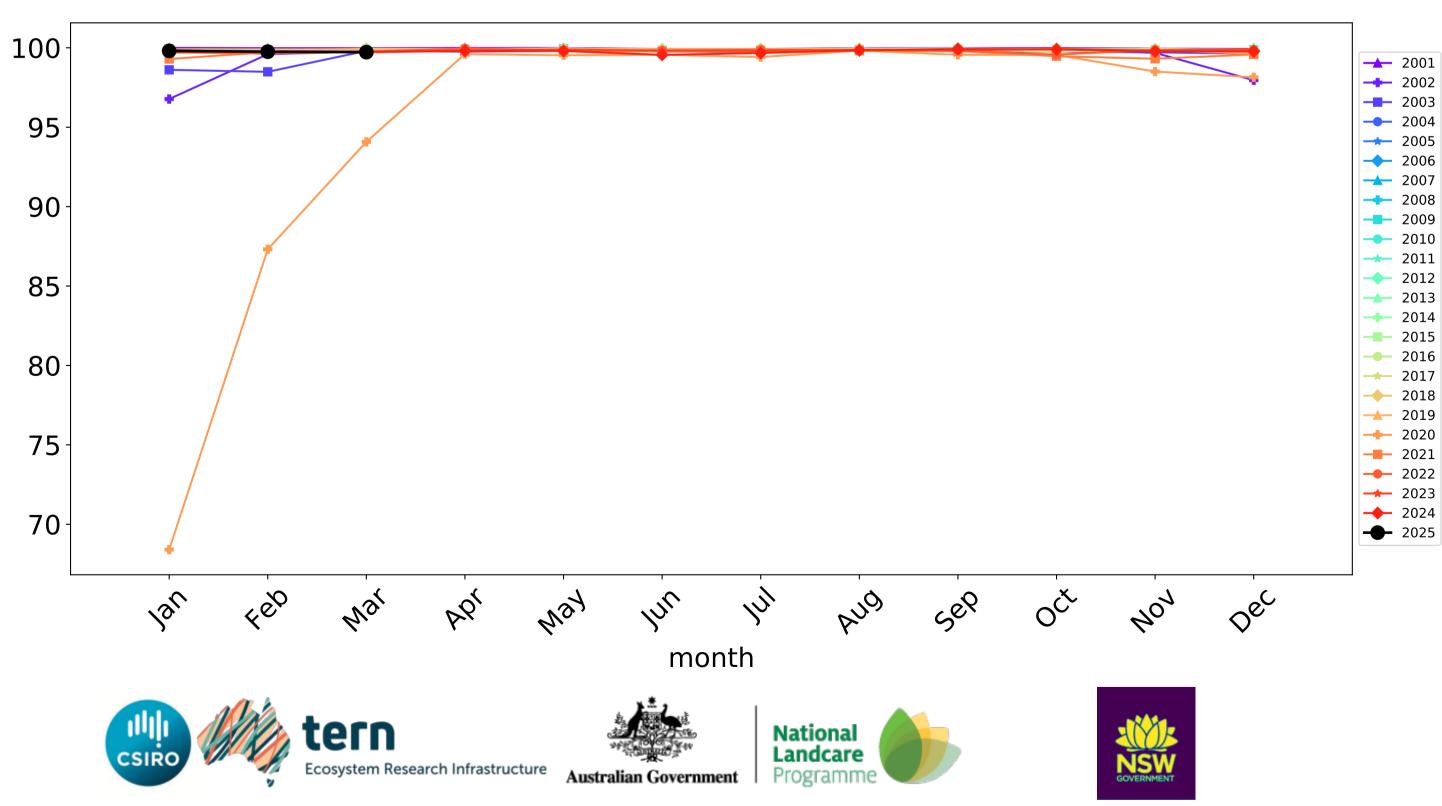


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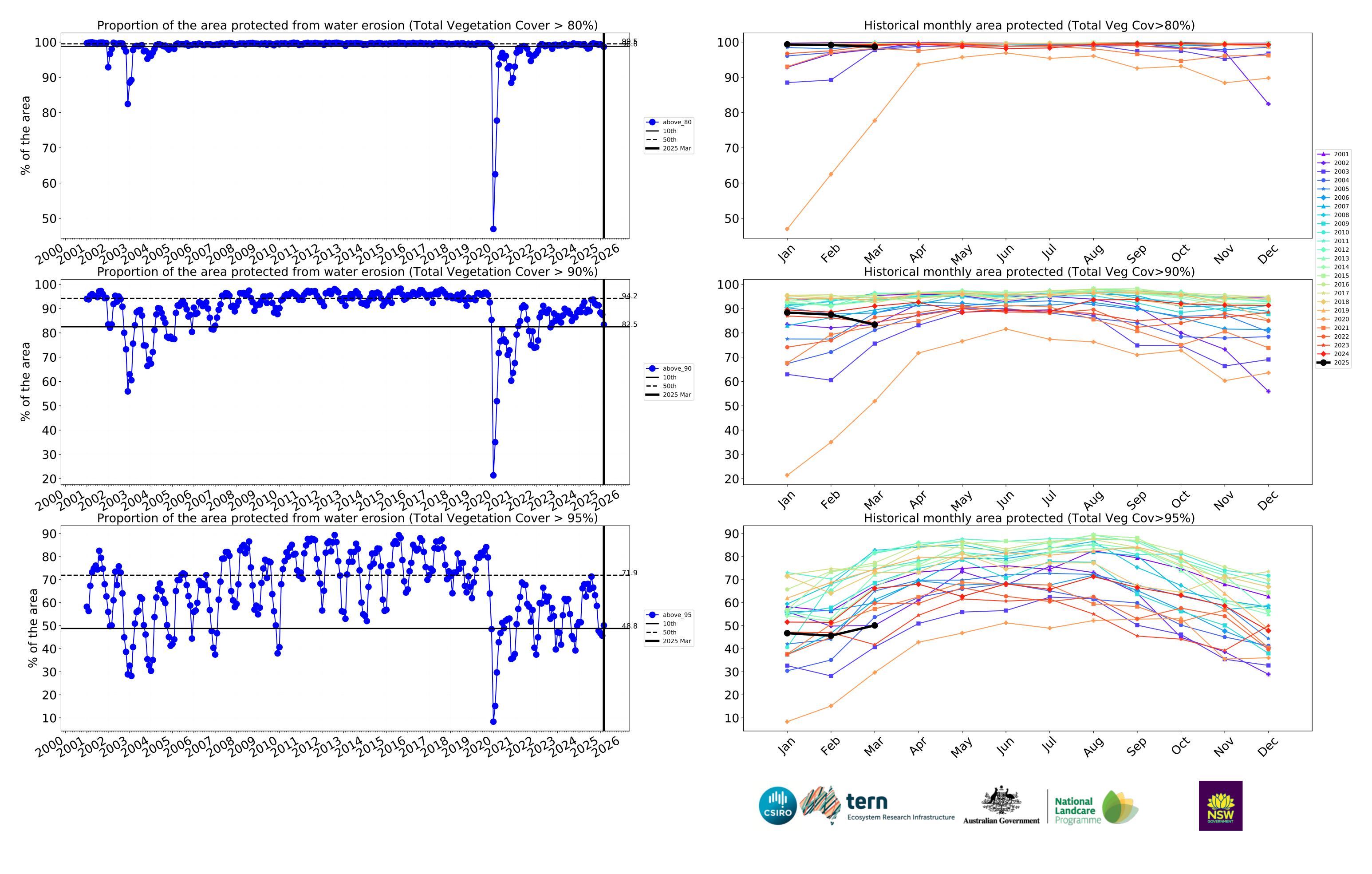








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



#### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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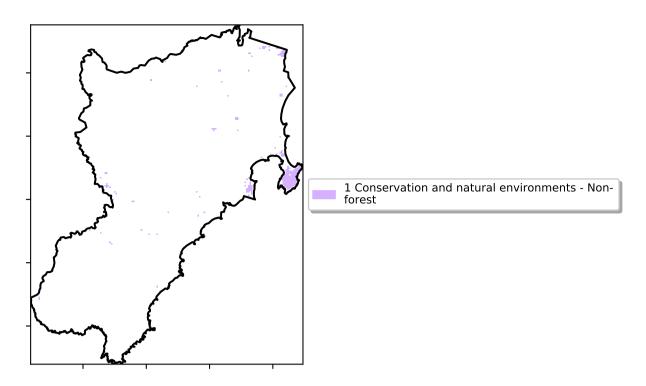
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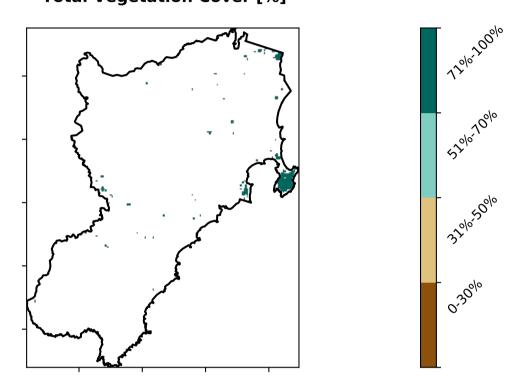
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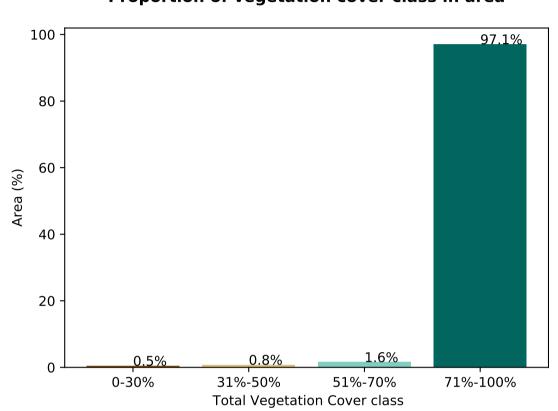
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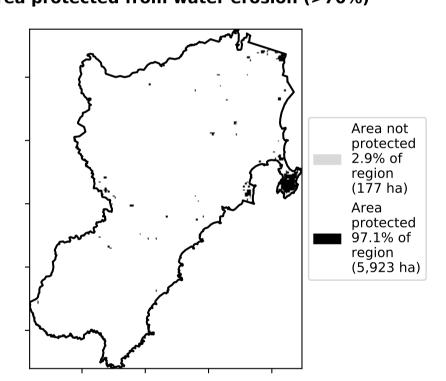
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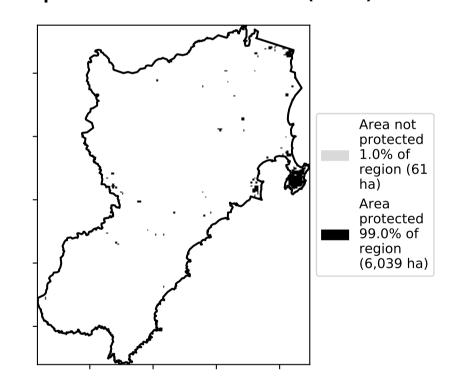
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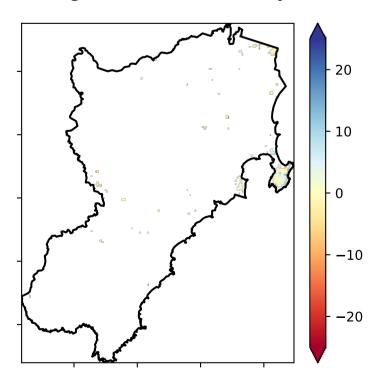
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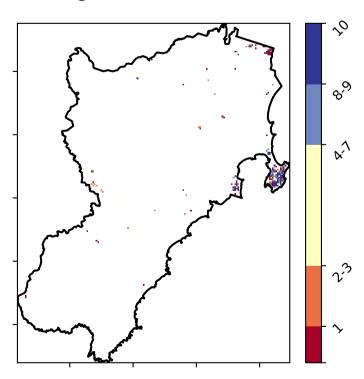
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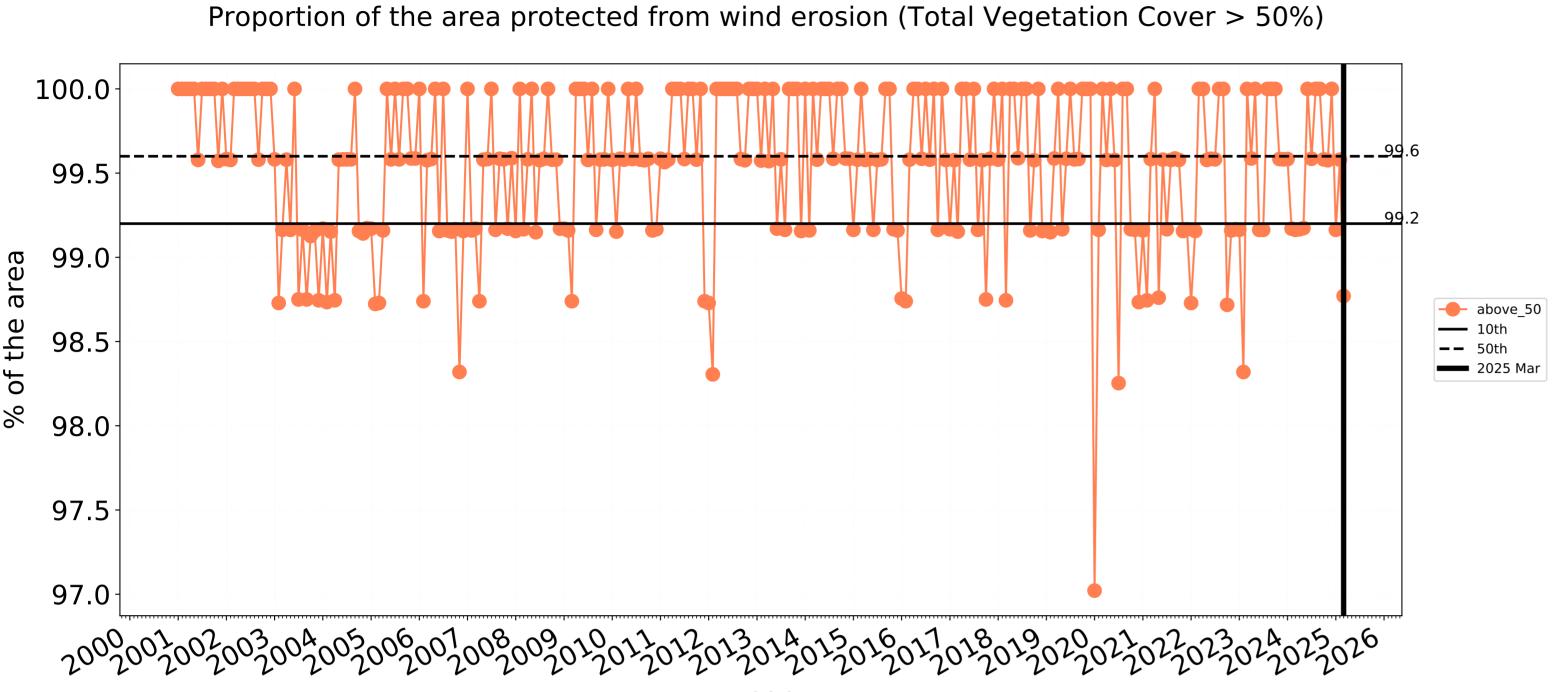




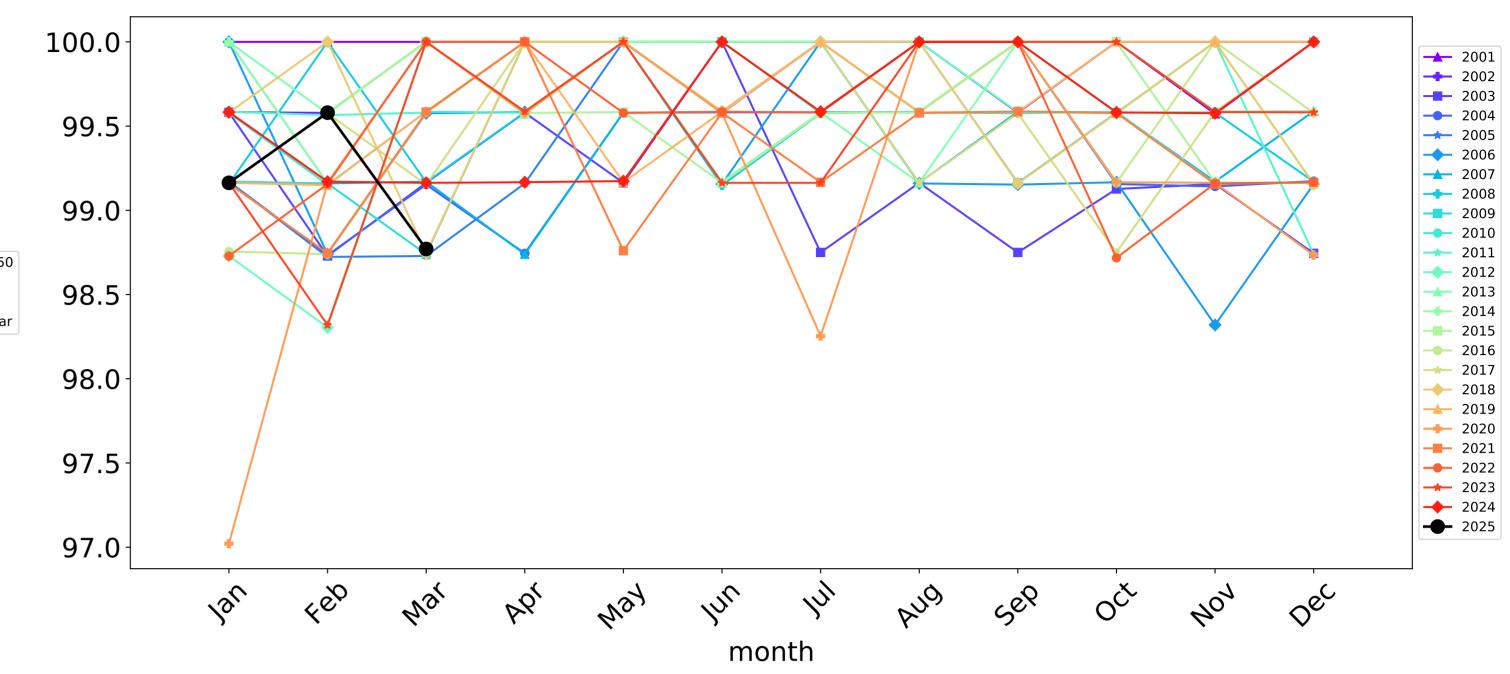


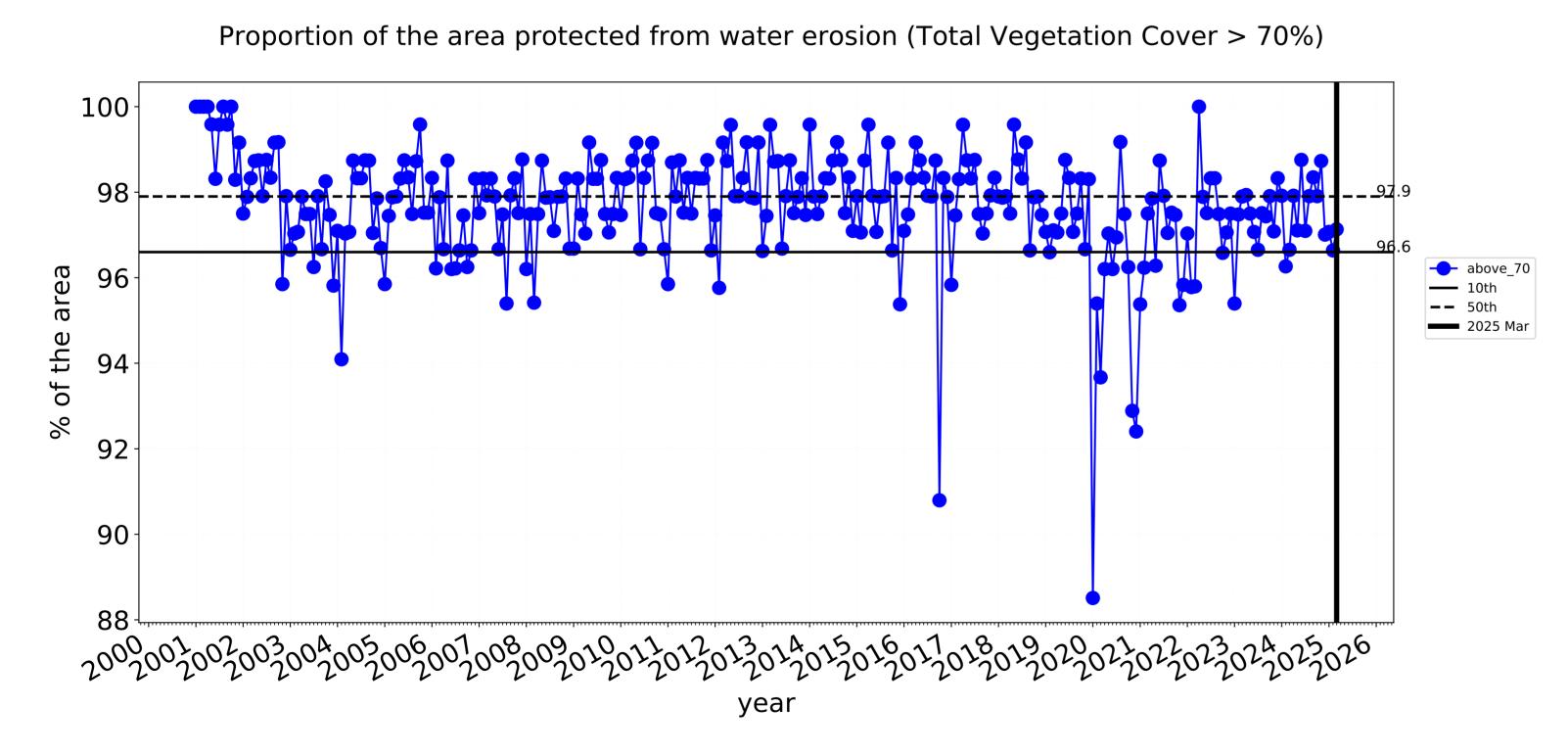


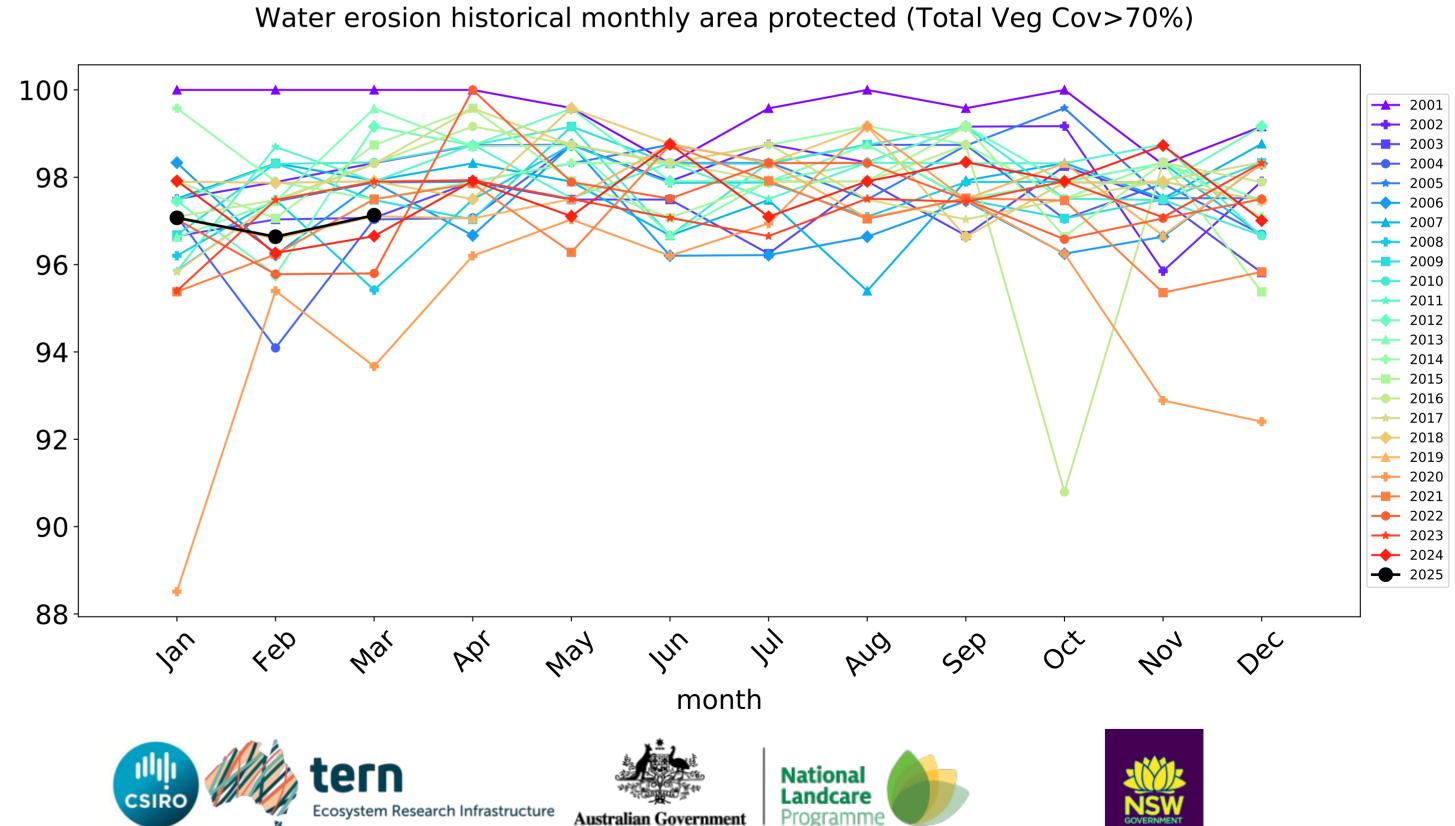
#### Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

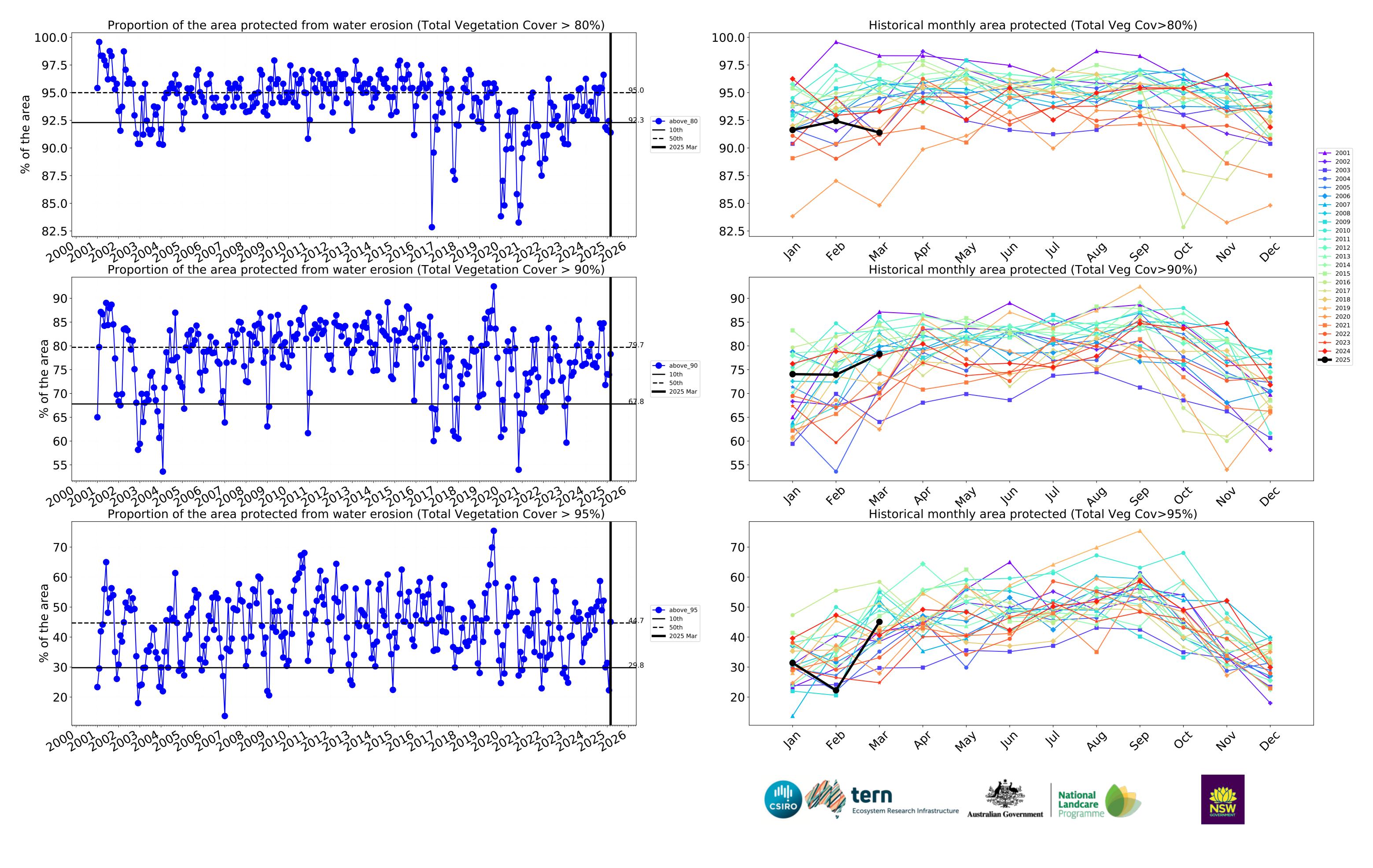


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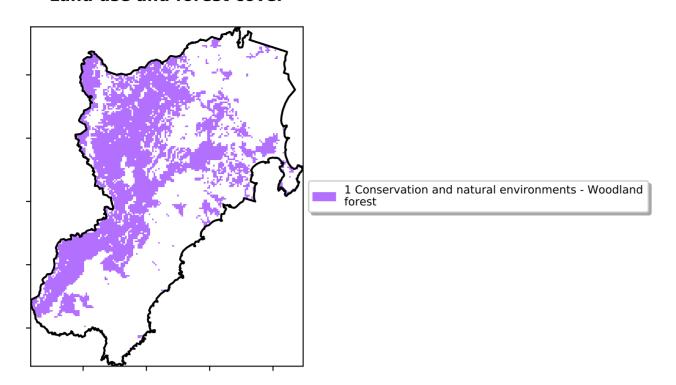
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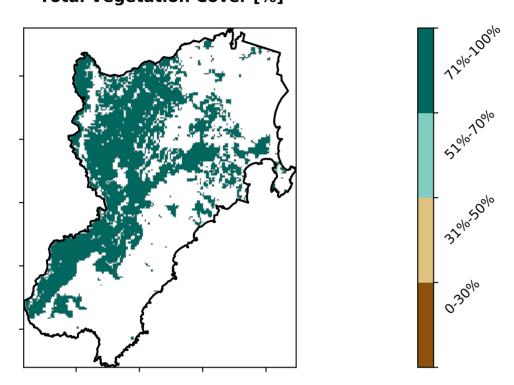
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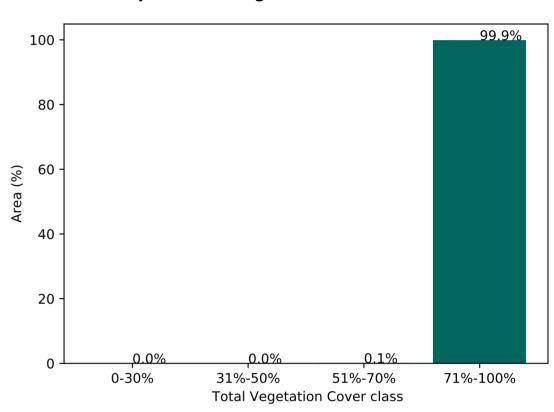
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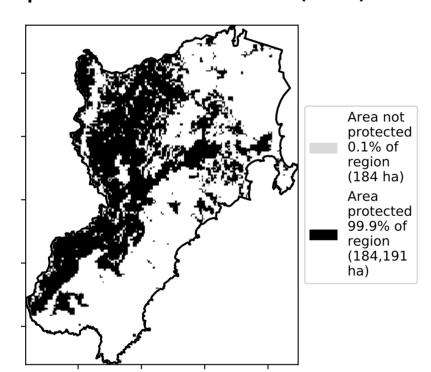
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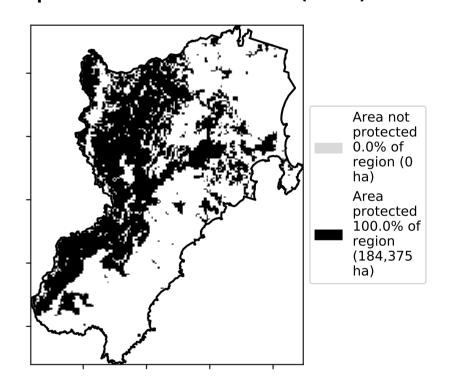
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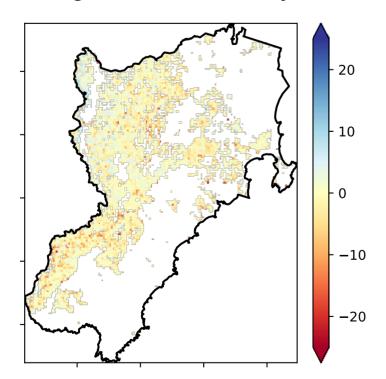
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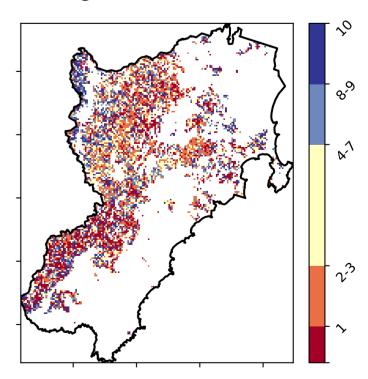
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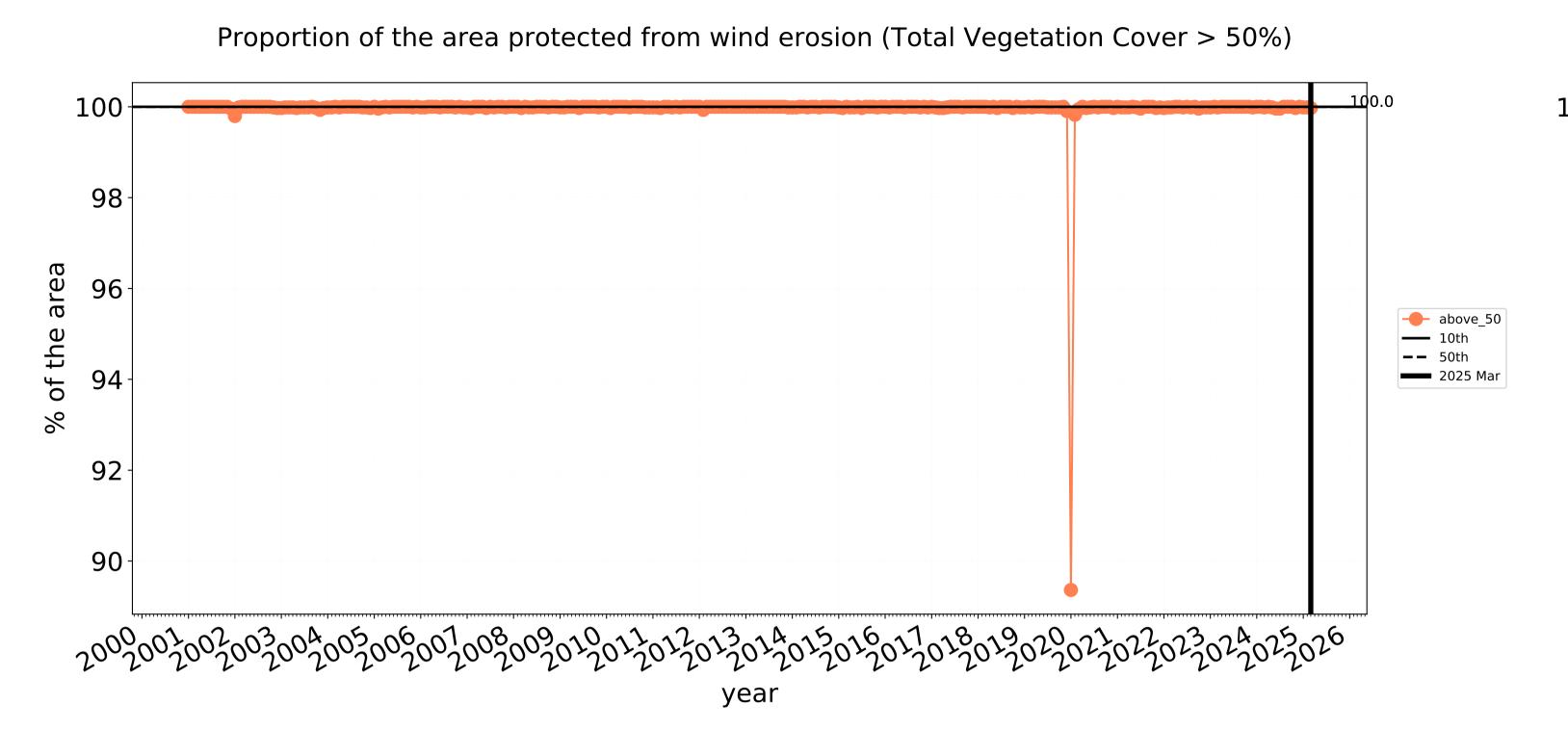


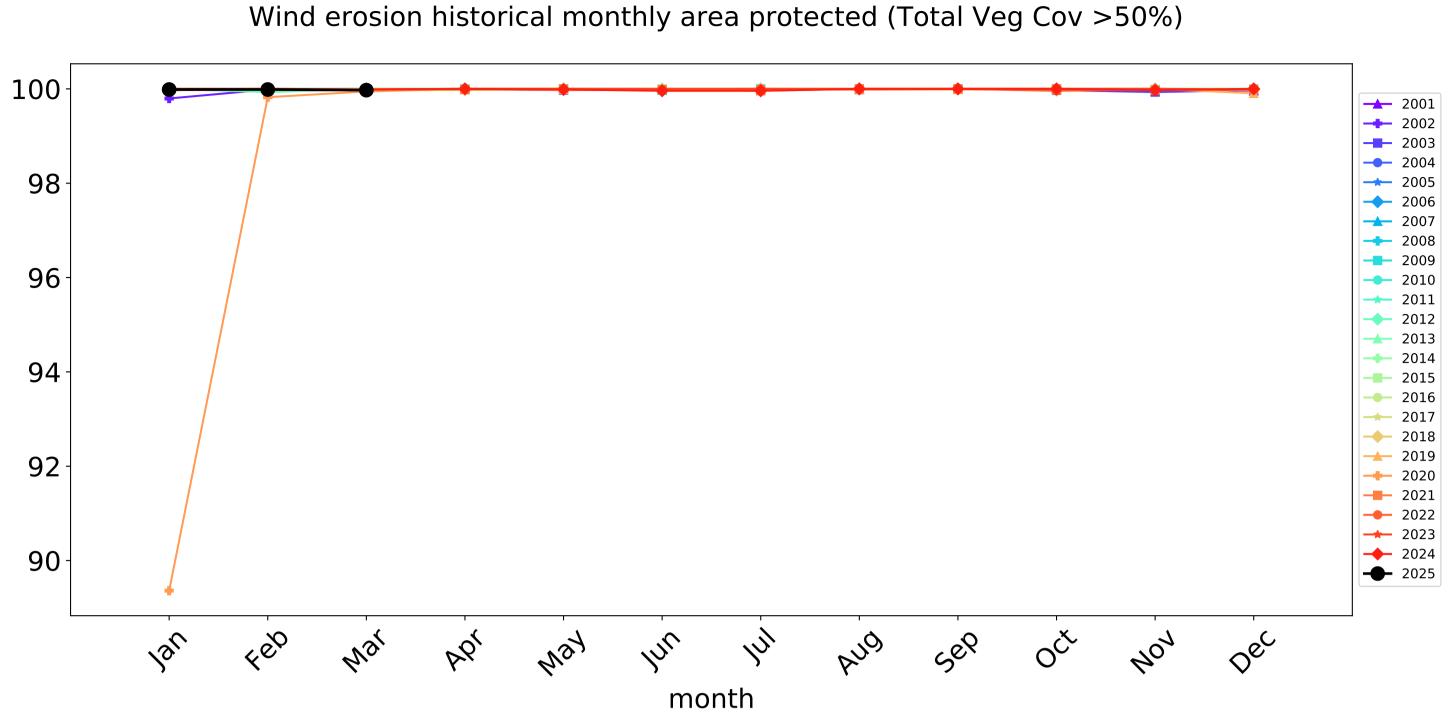


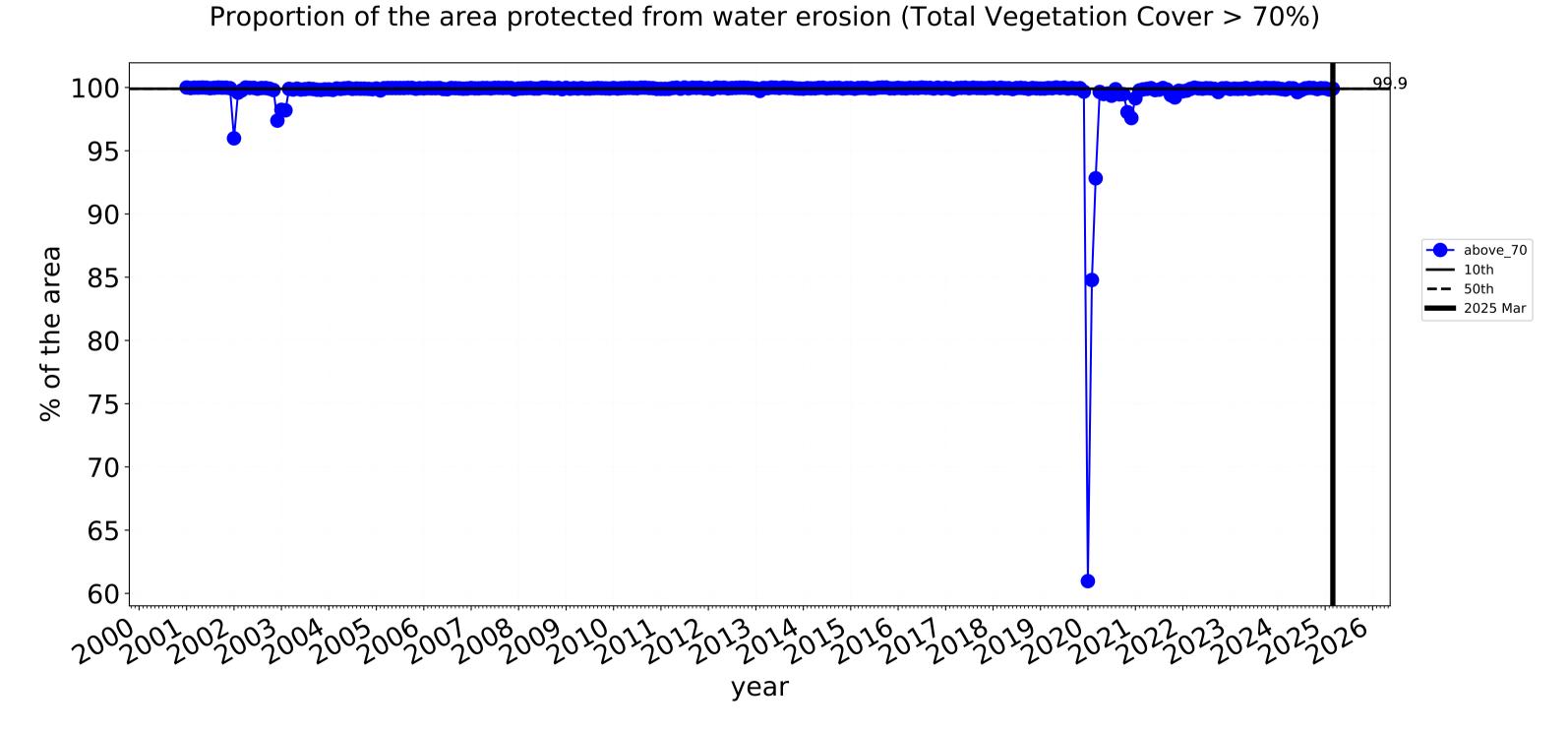


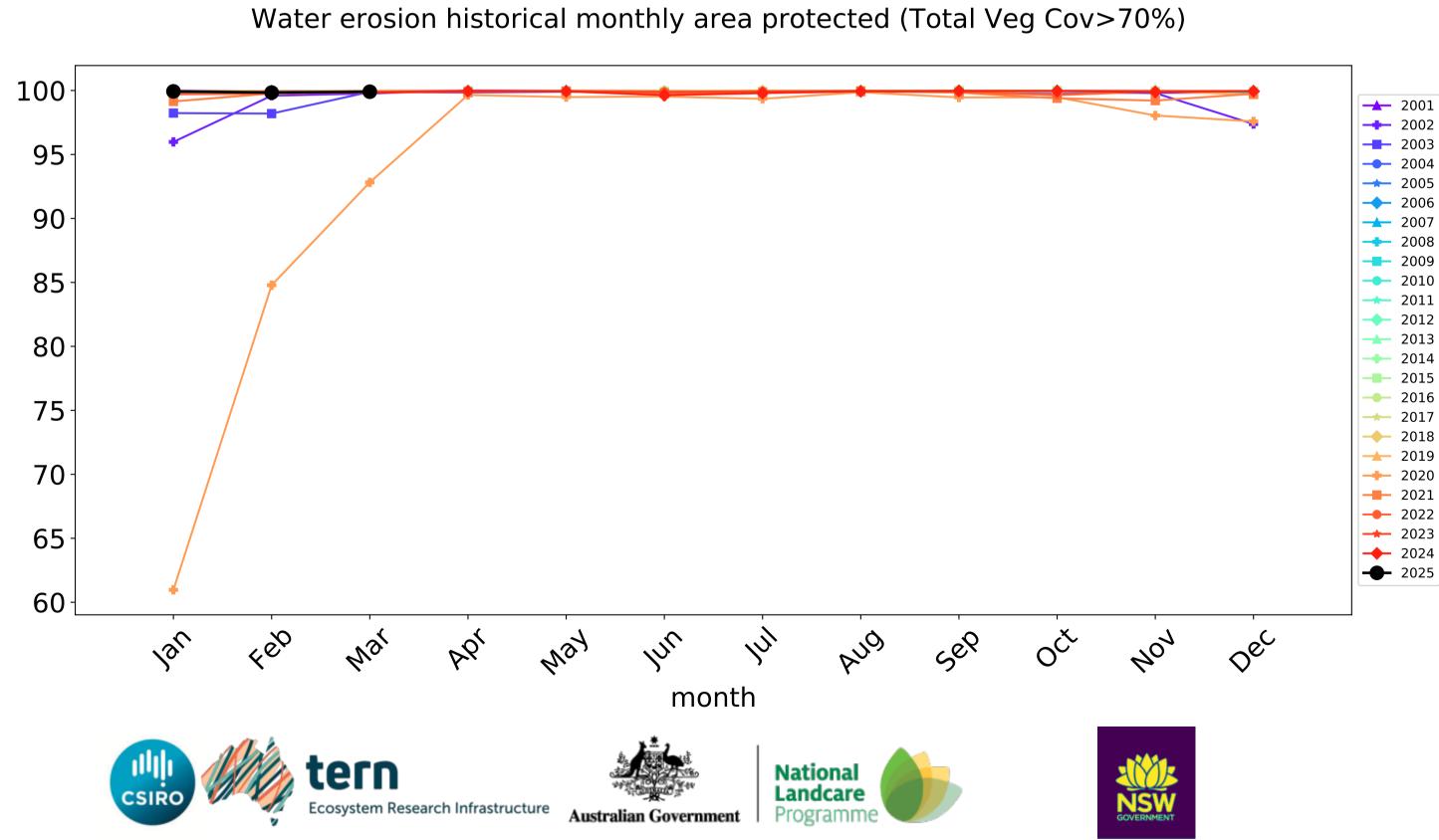


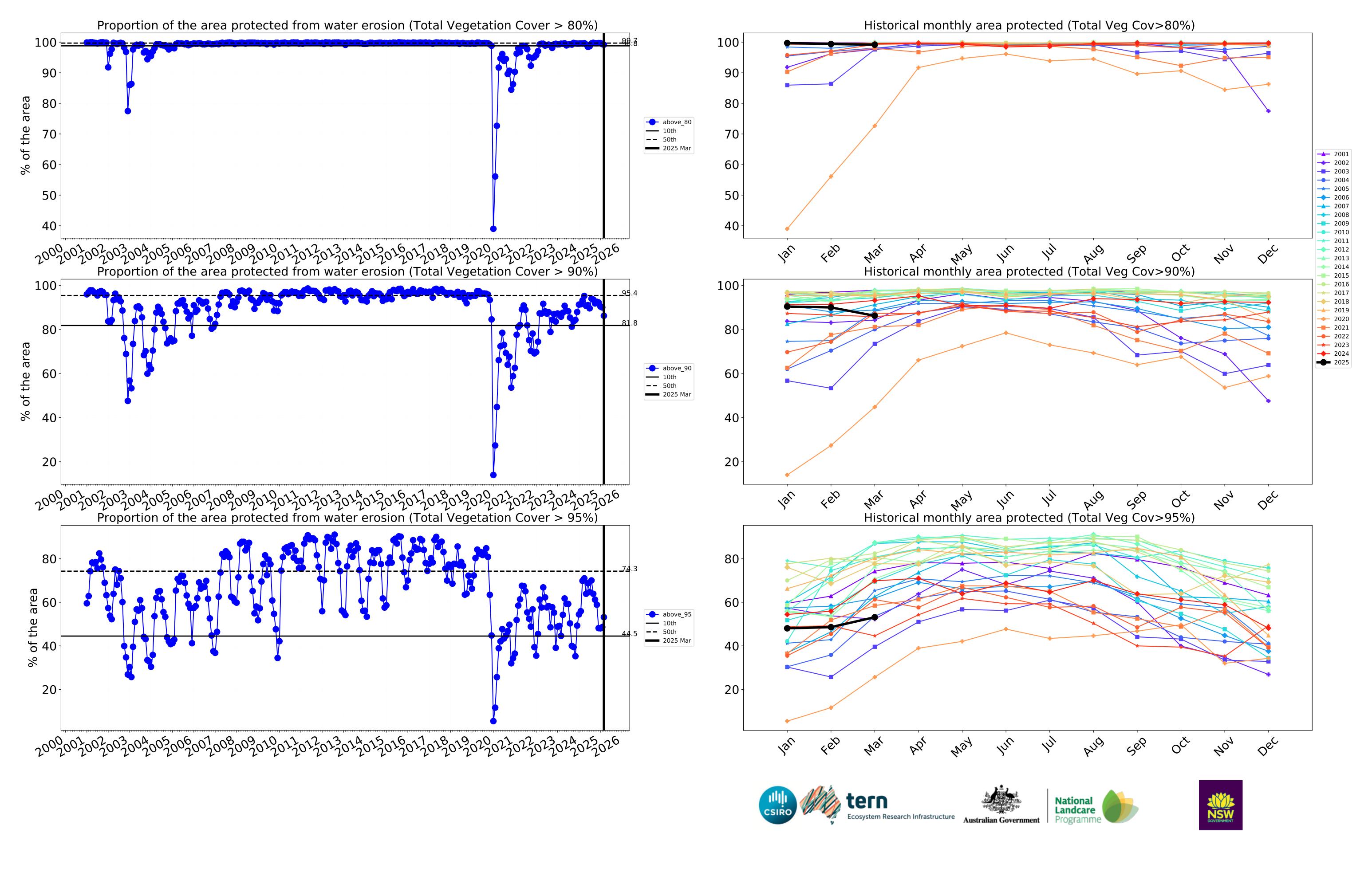
#### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**











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

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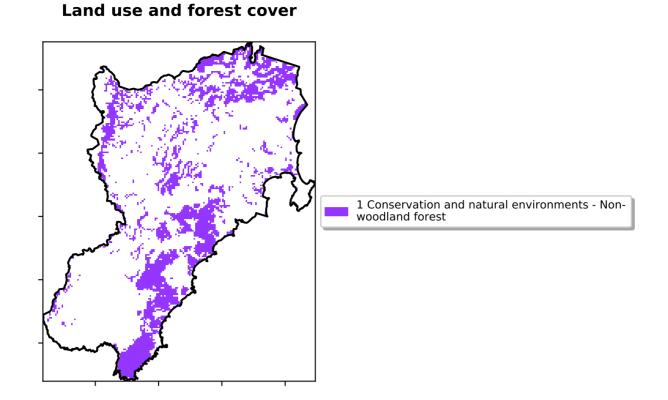
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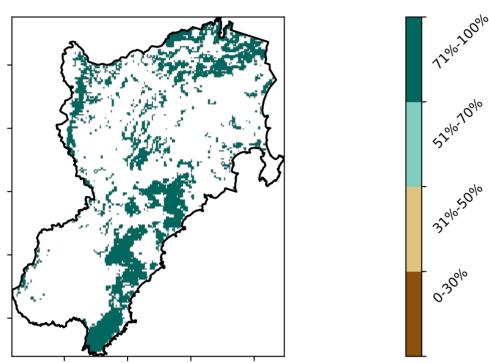
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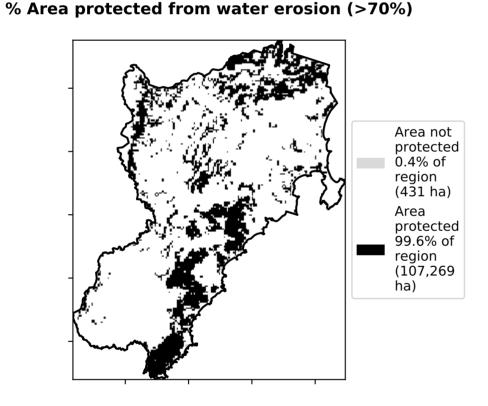
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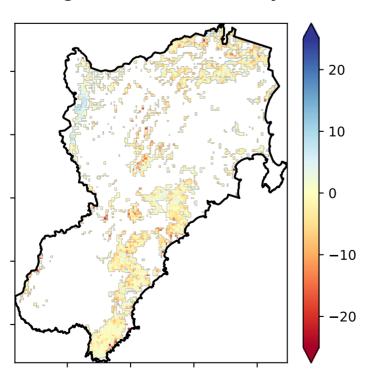


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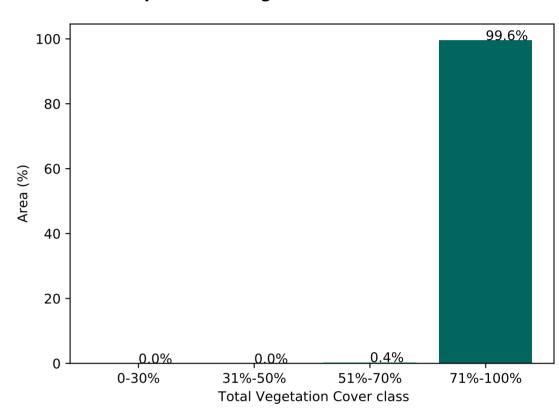


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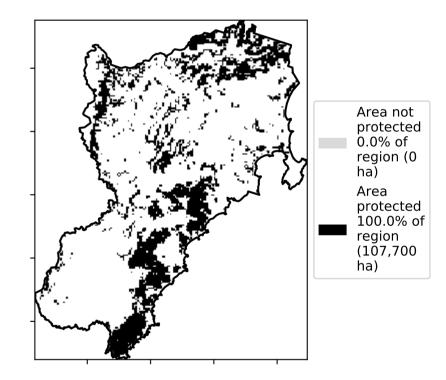


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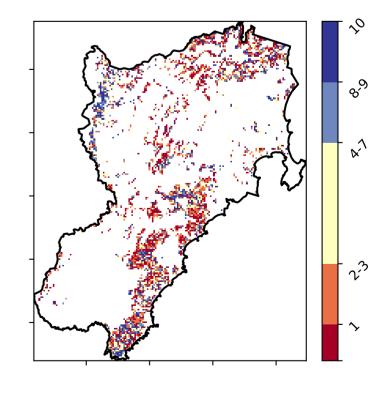
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#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



#### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





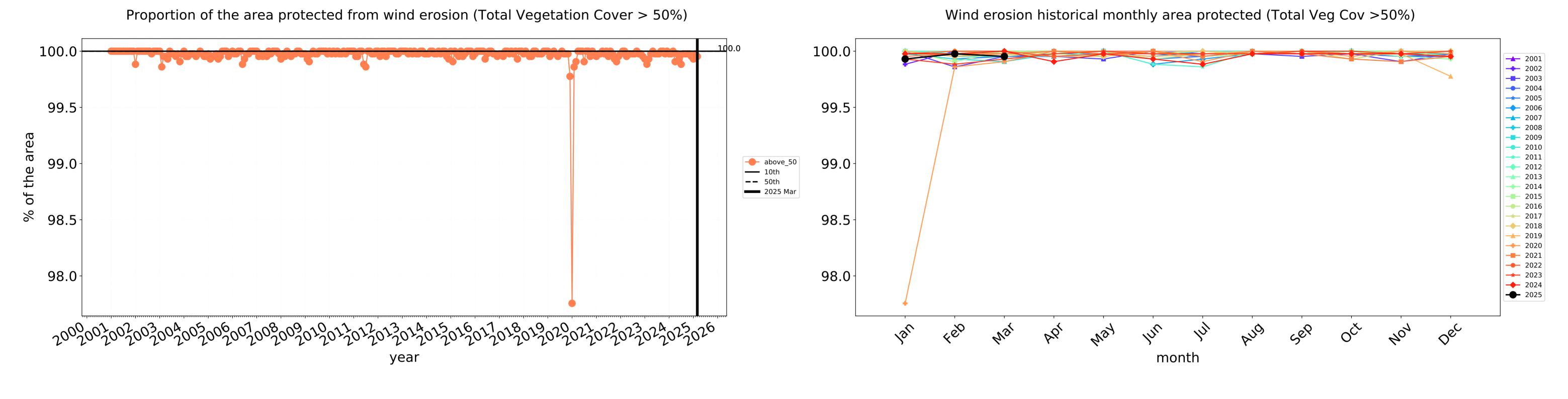


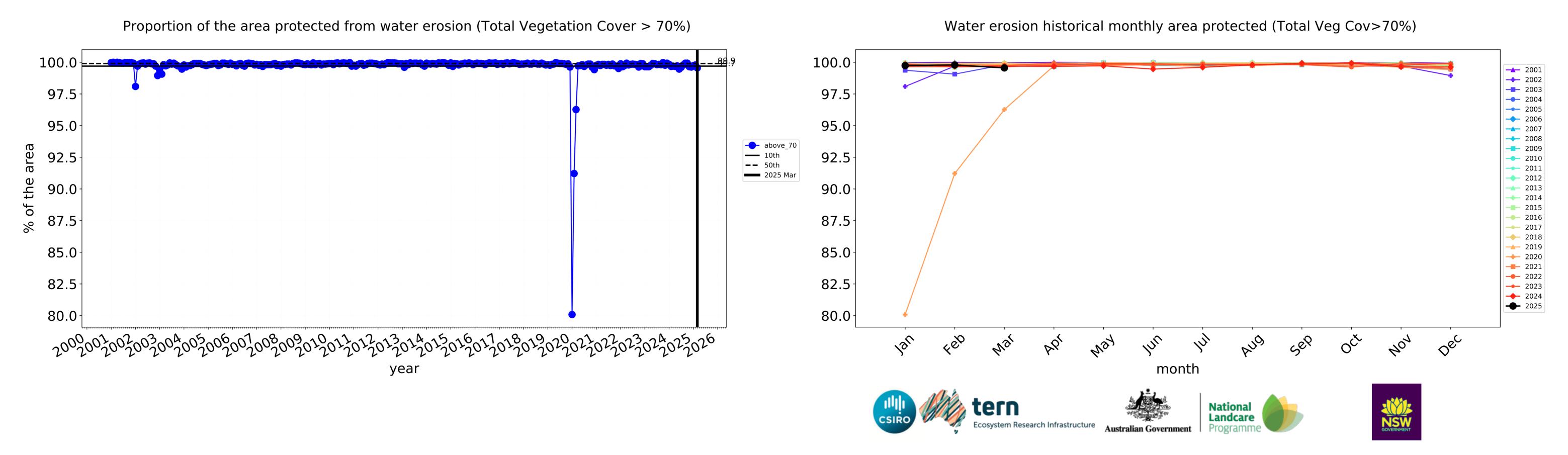
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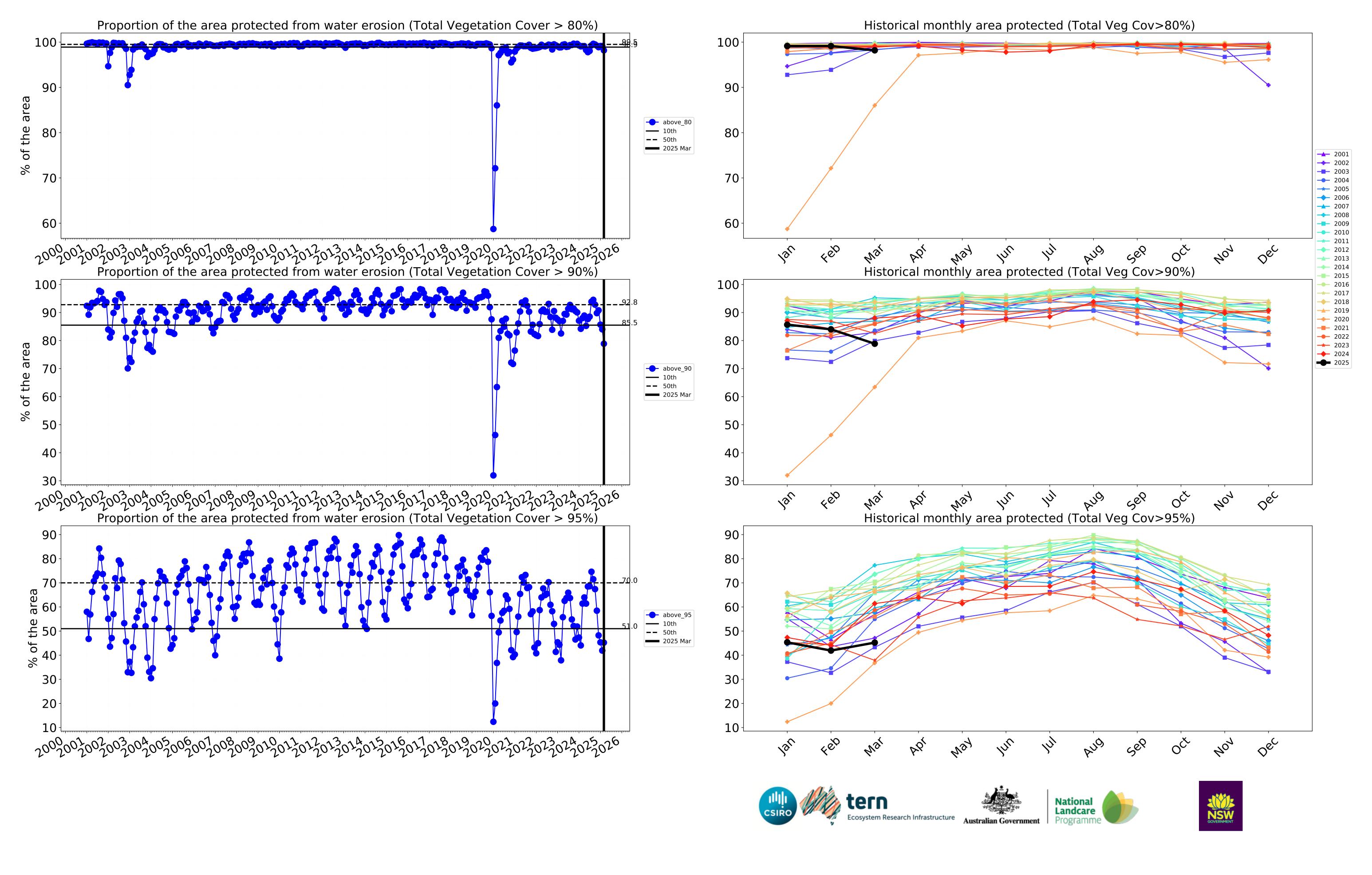










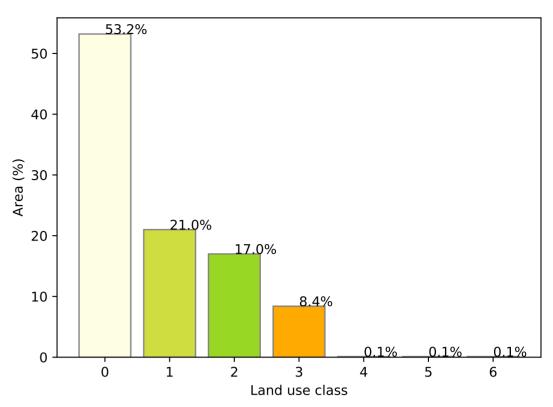


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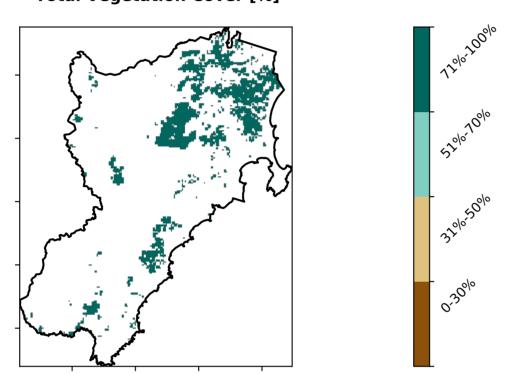
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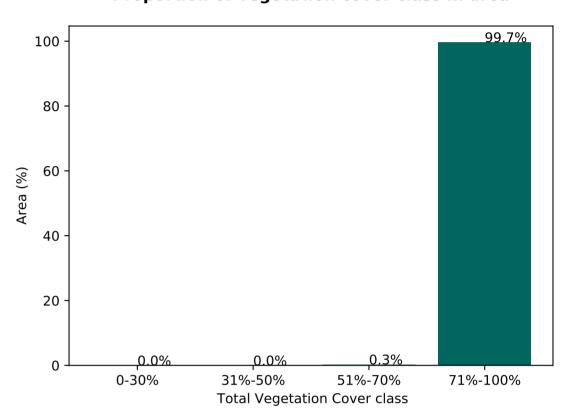
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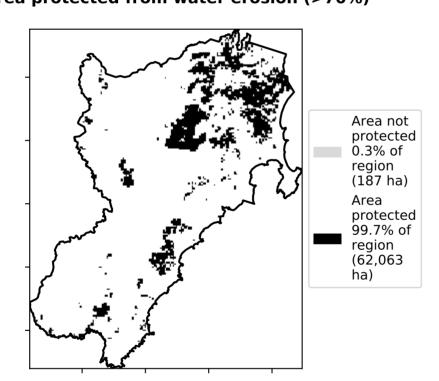
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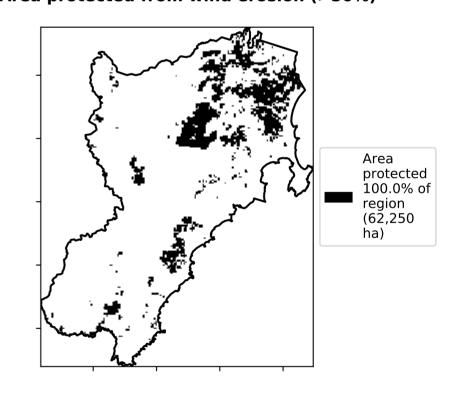
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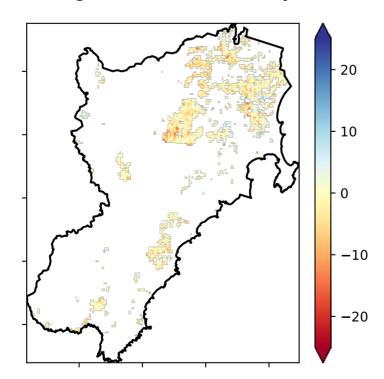
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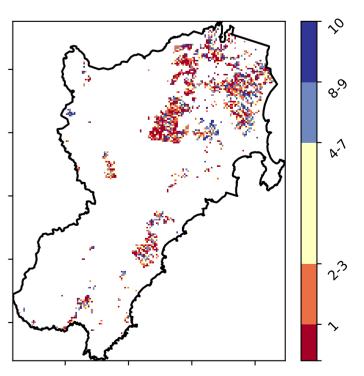
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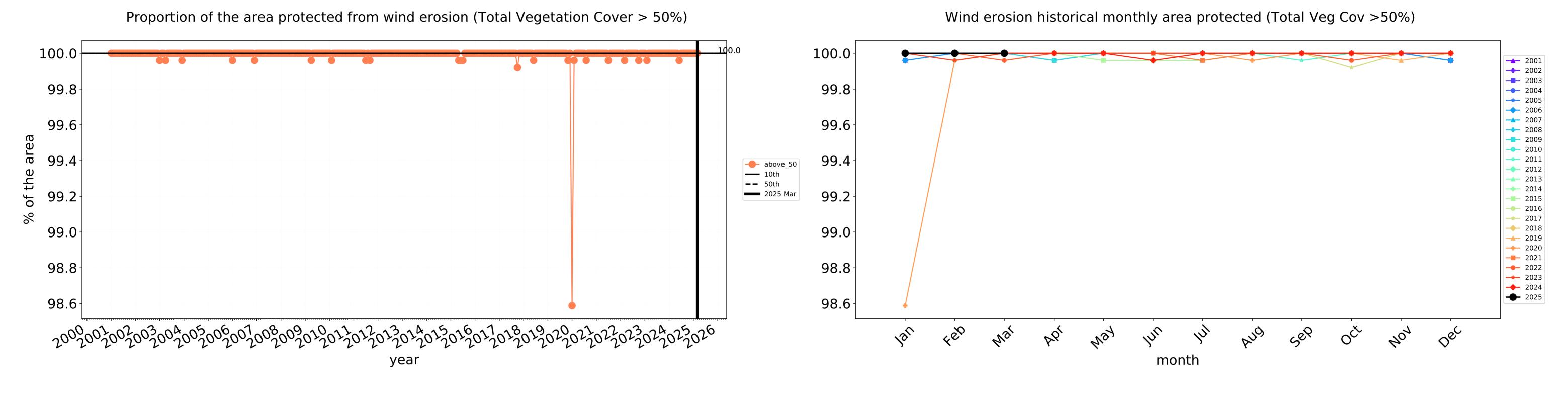


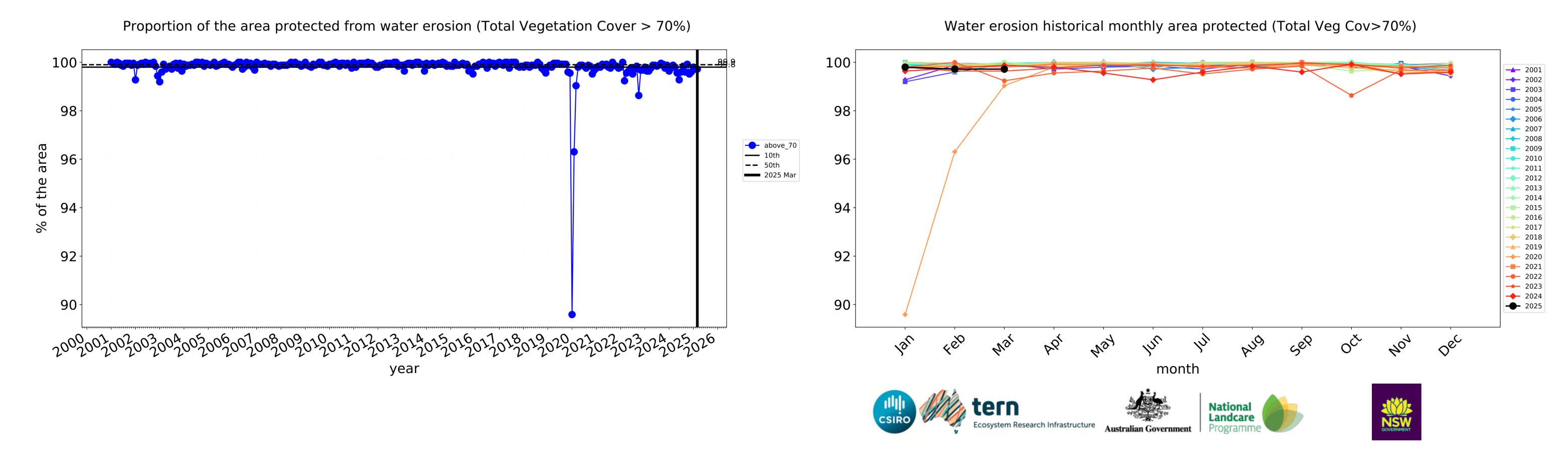


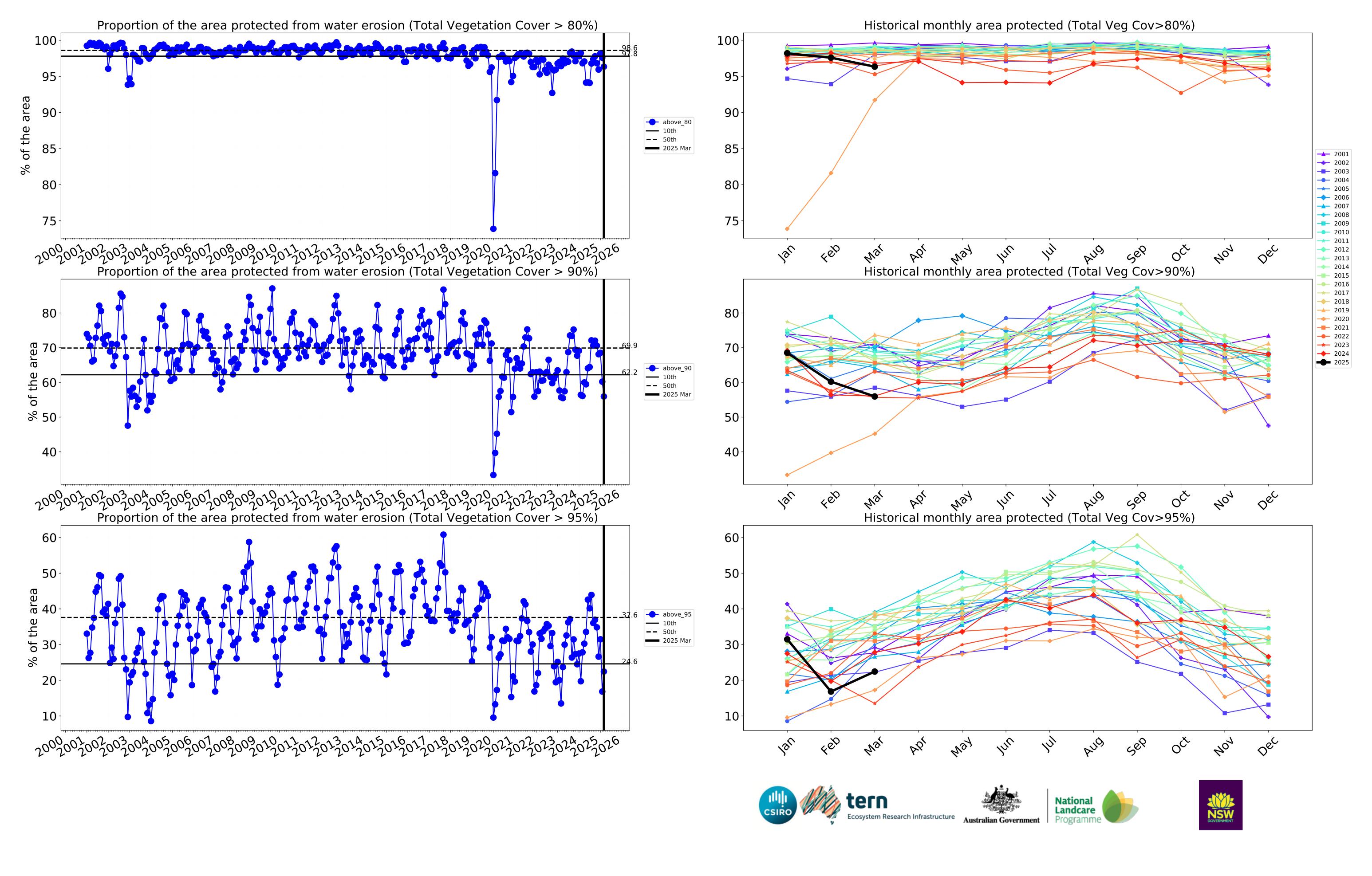




#### **Agriculture timeseries**







#### Grazing

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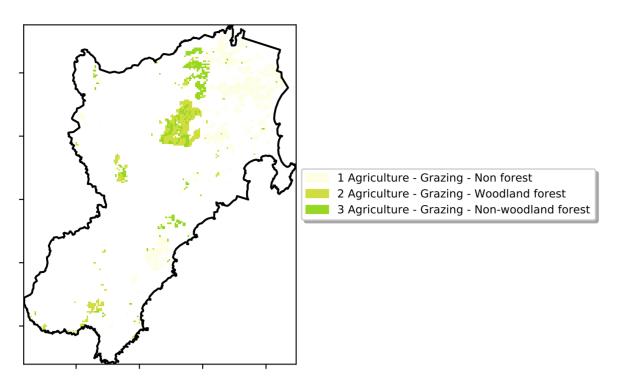
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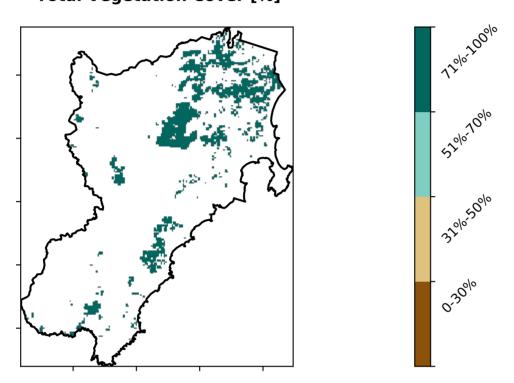
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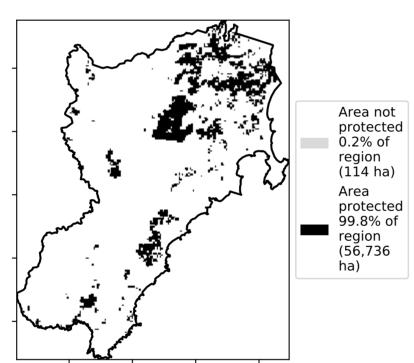
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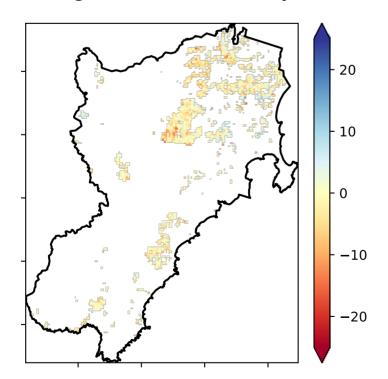
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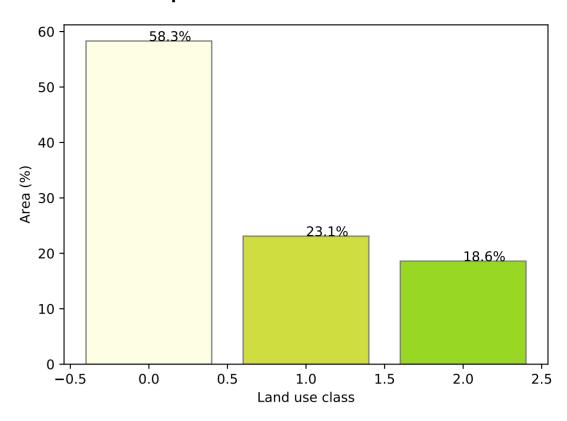


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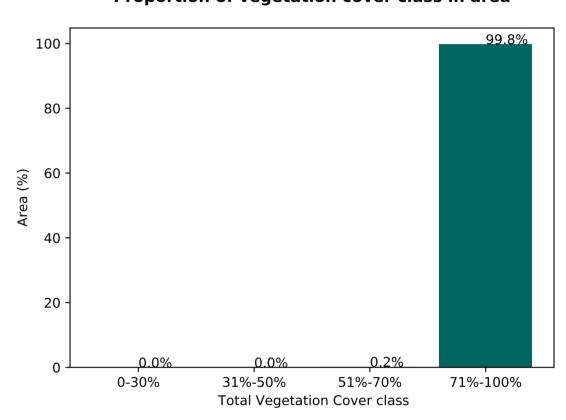


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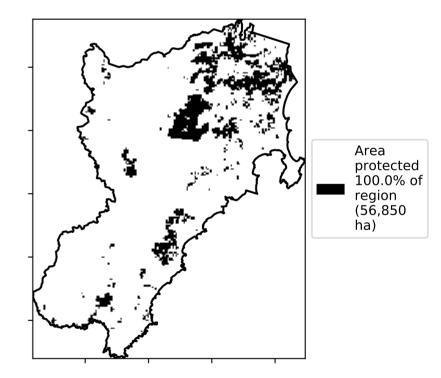
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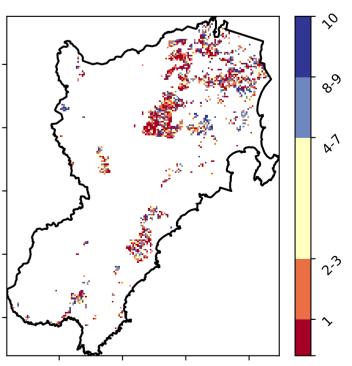


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





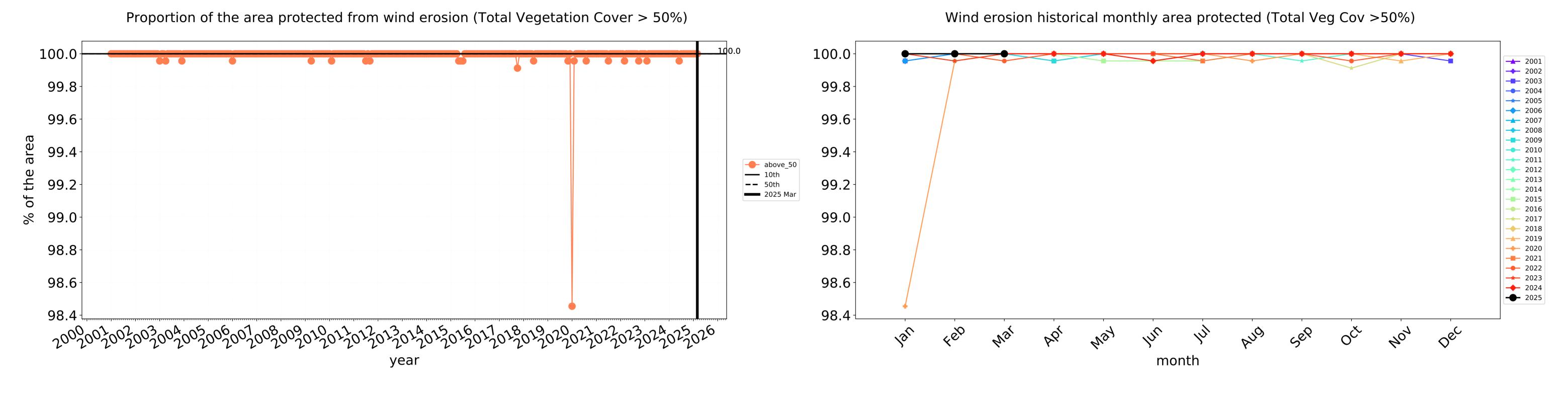


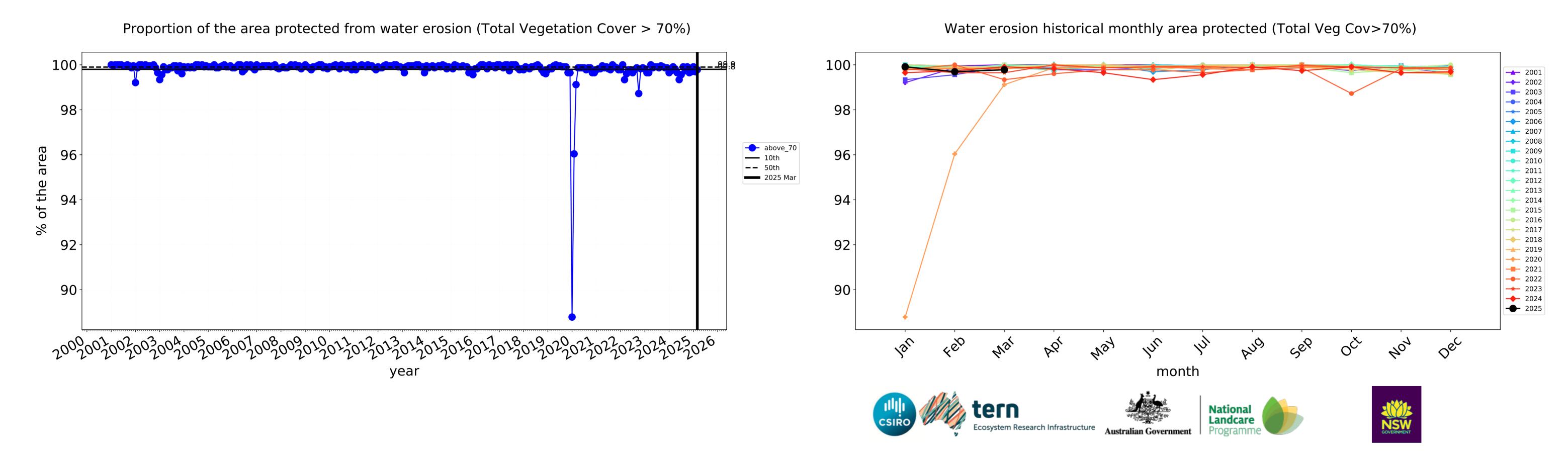


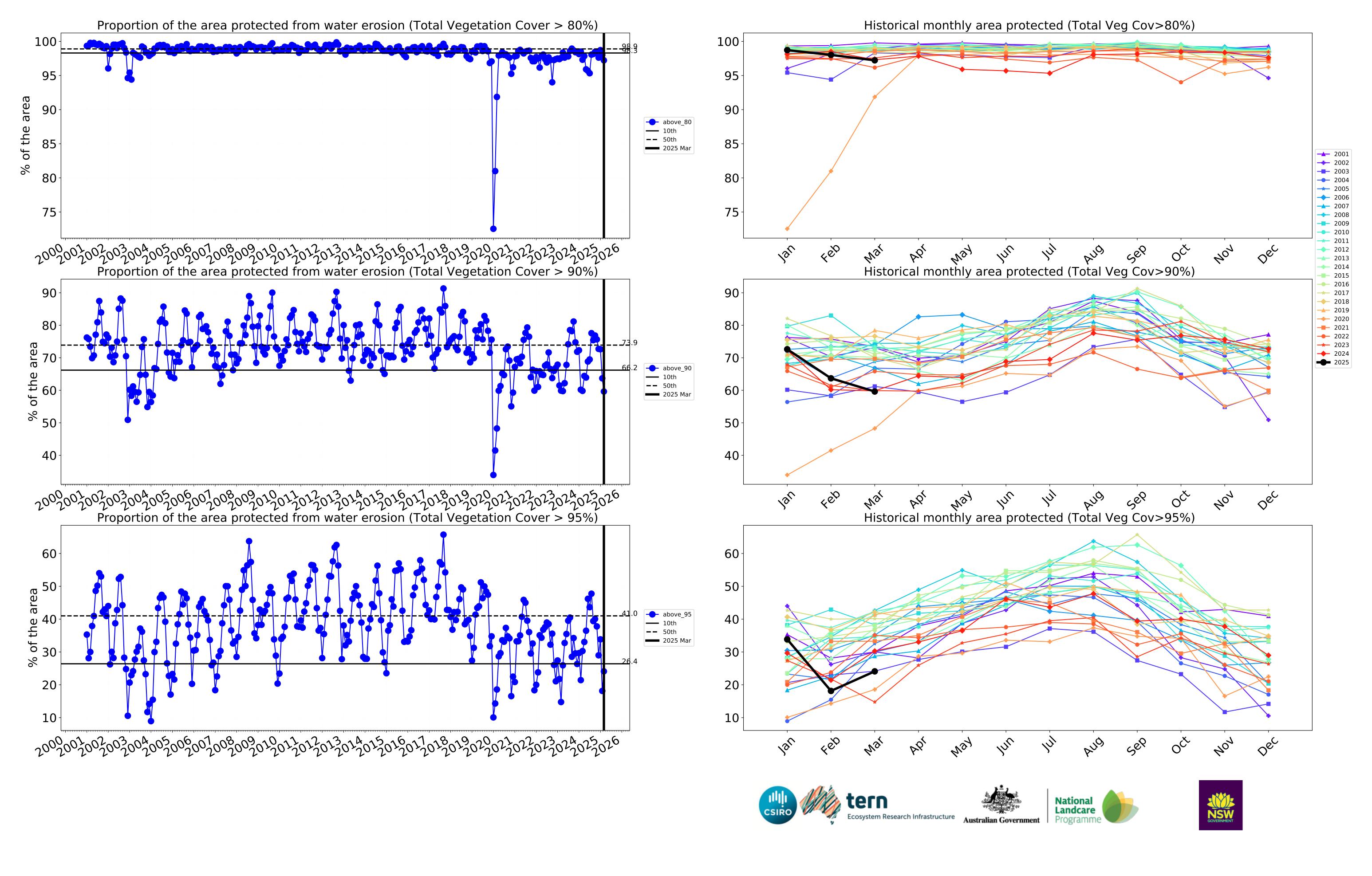




#### **Grazing timeseries**







#### **Grazing non forest**

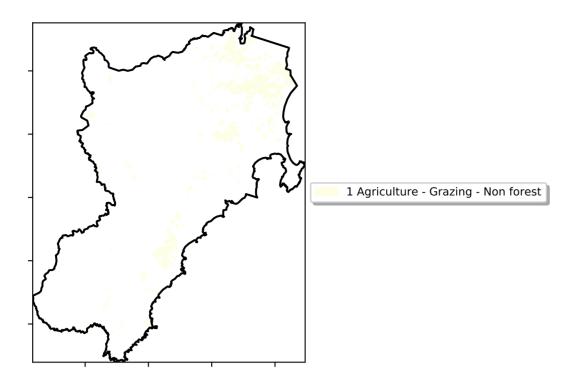
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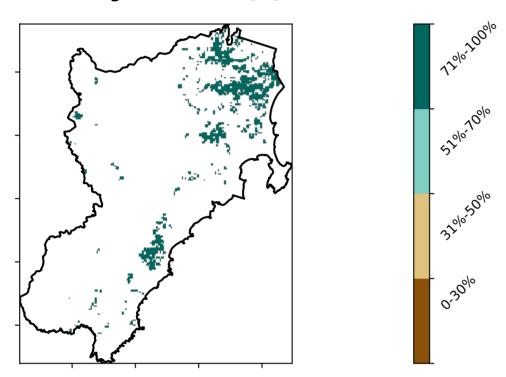
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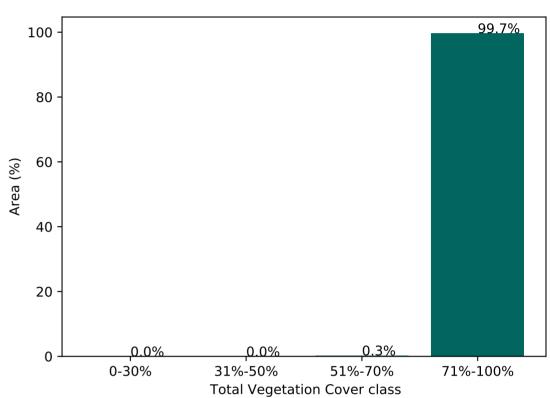
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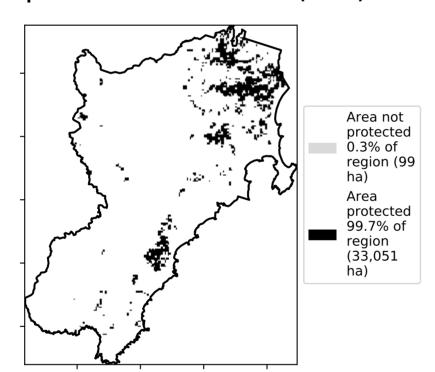
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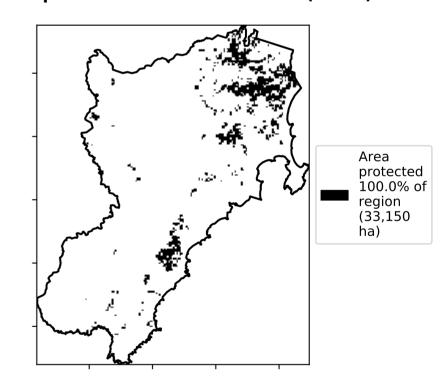
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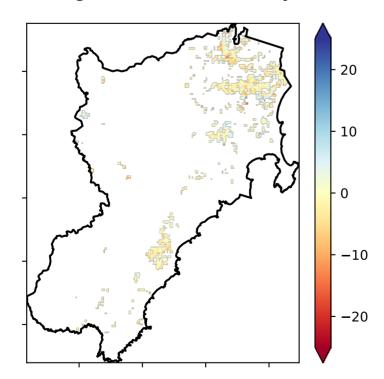
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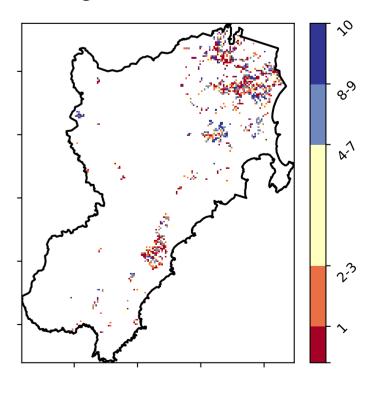
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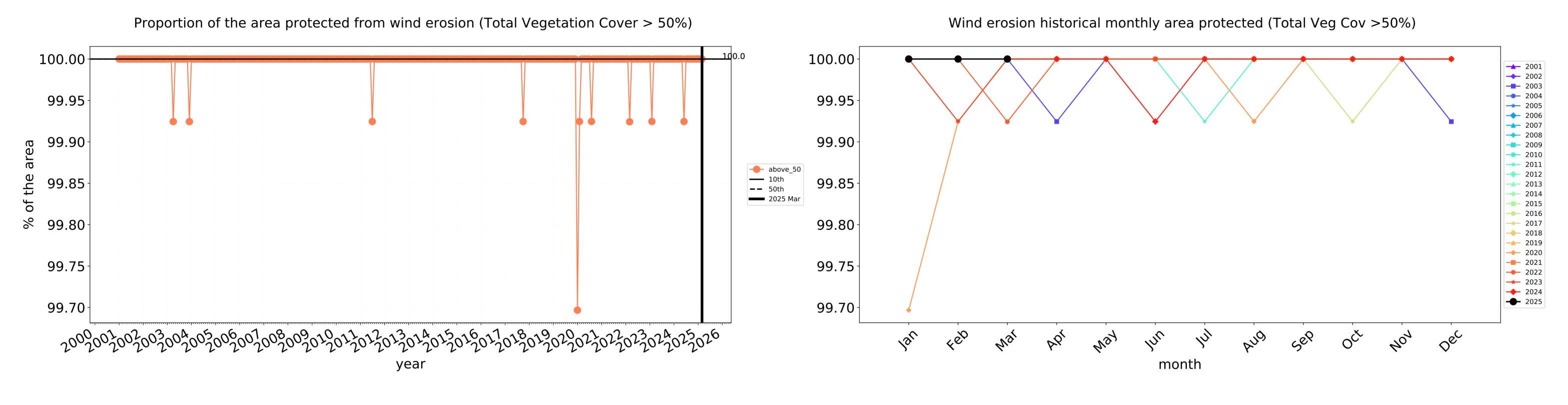


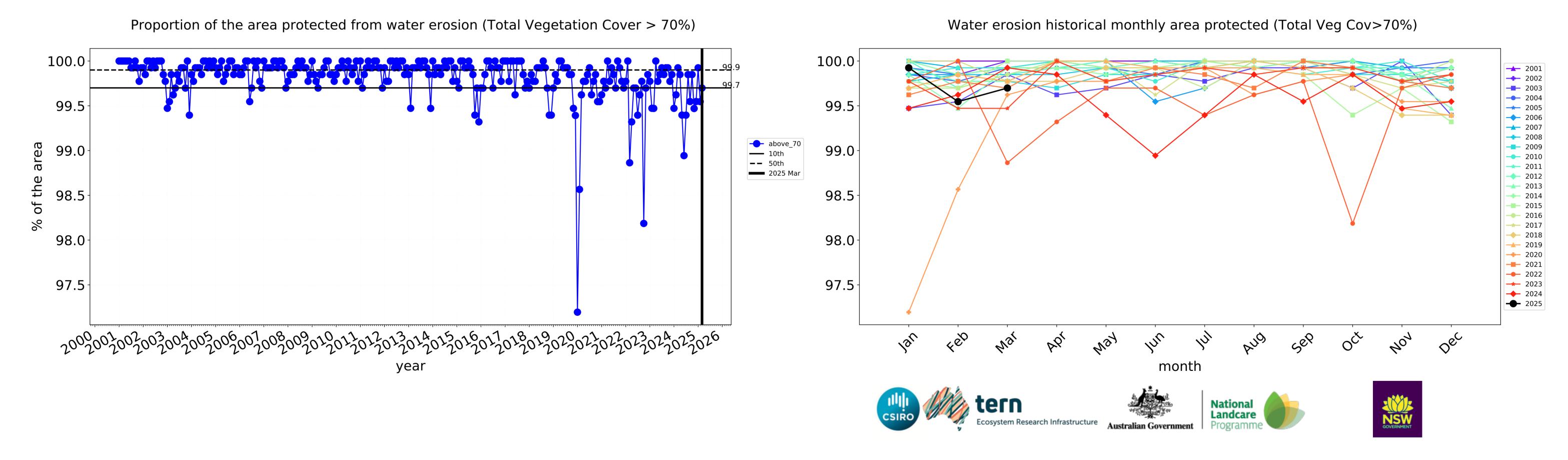


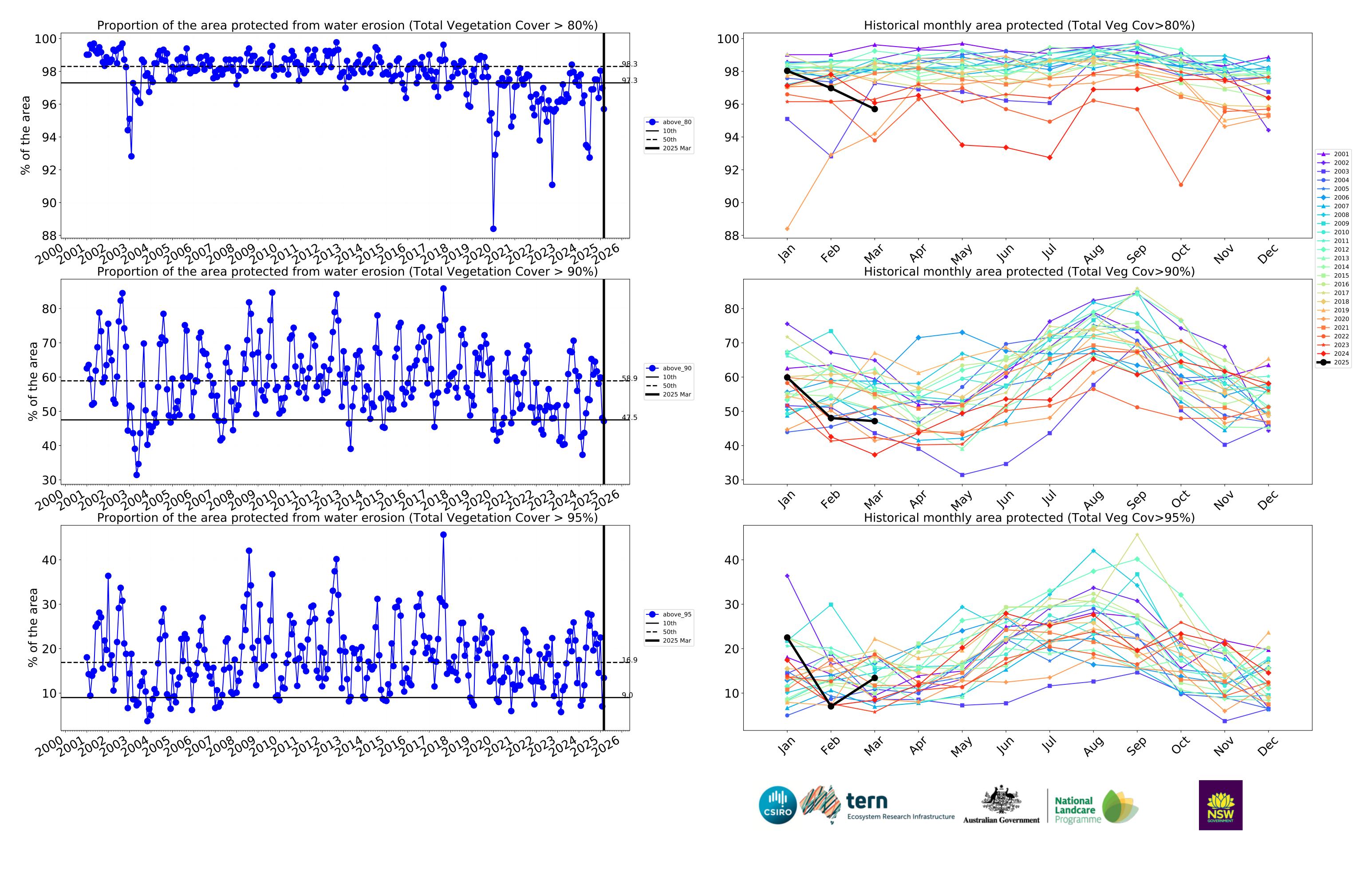




#### **Grazing non forest timeseries**







#### **Grazing Woodland forest**

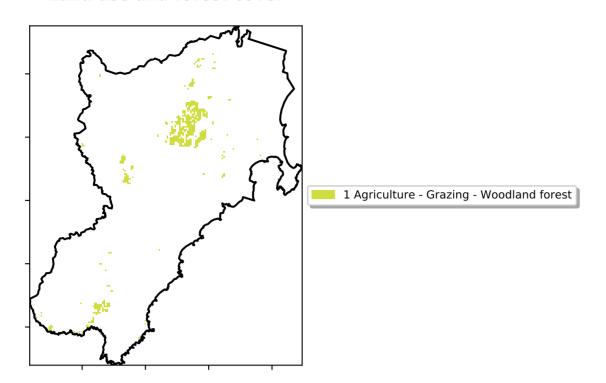
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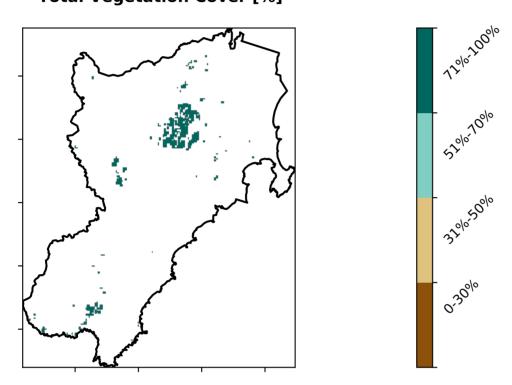
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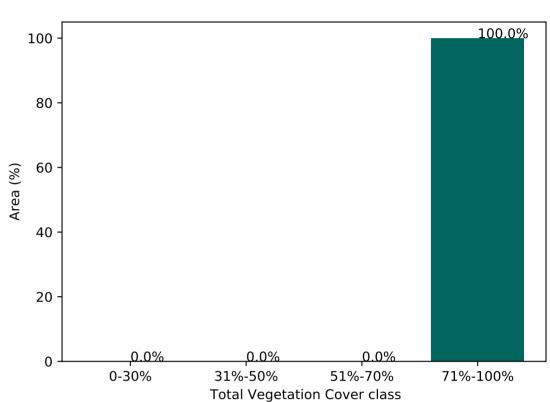
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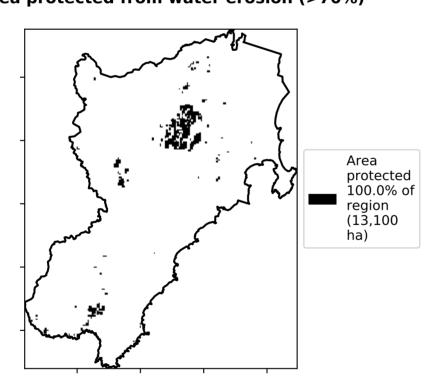
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



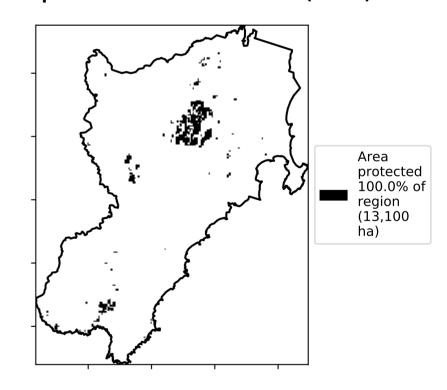
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



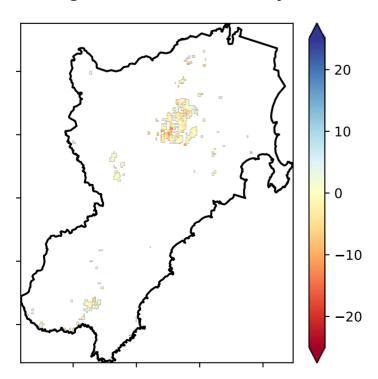
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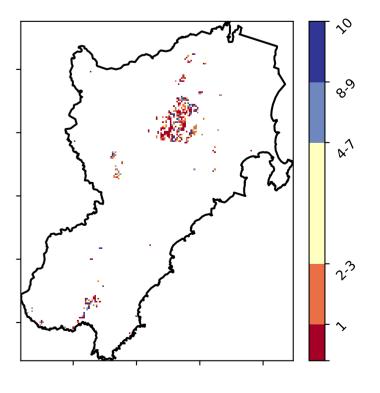
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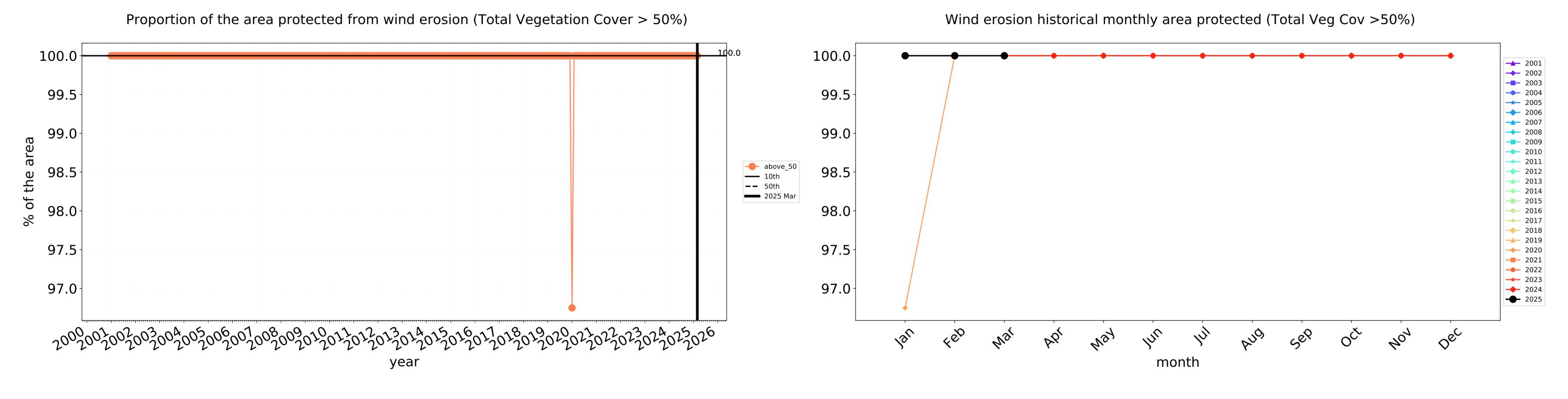


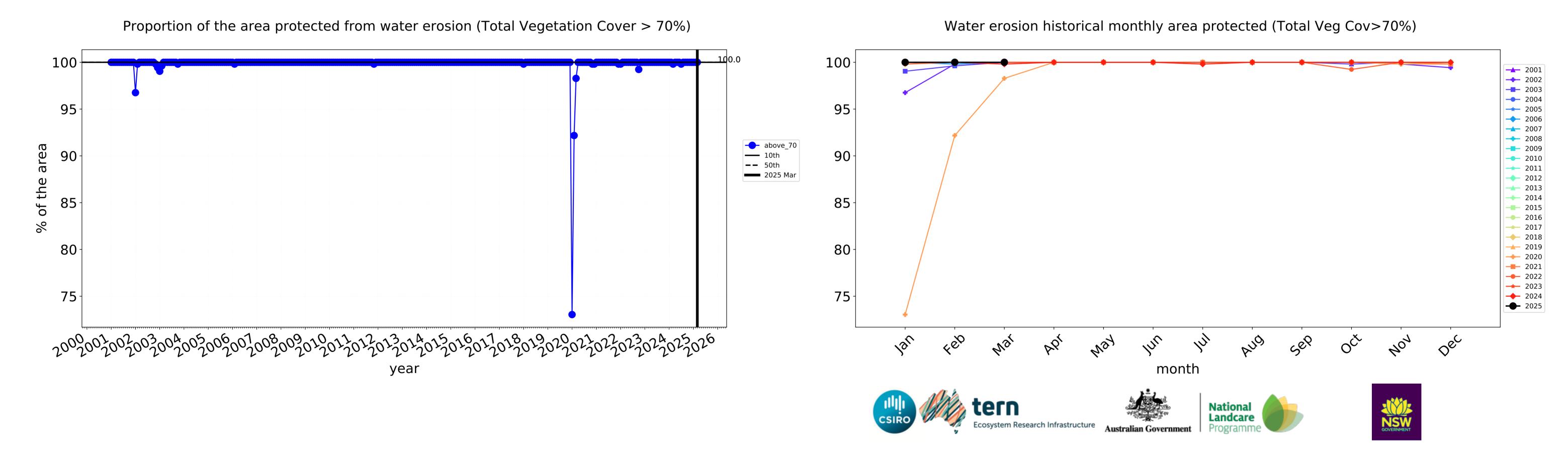


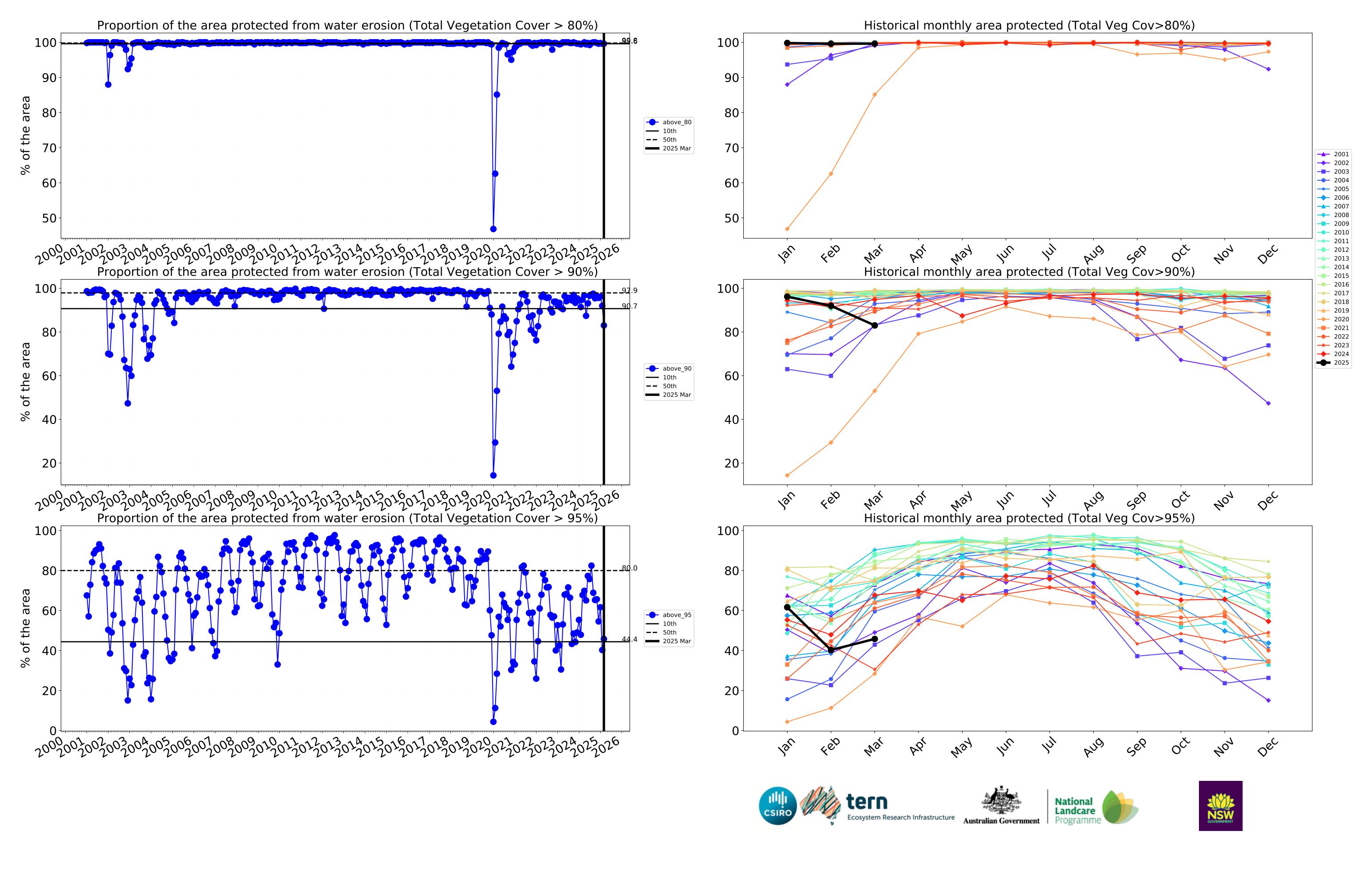




#### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







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

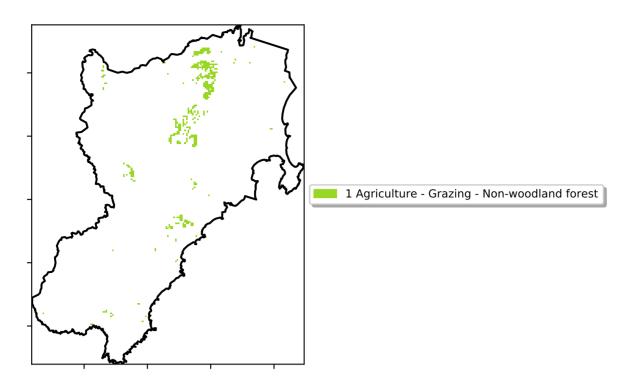
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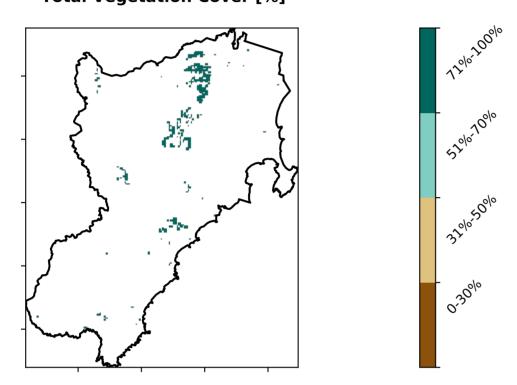
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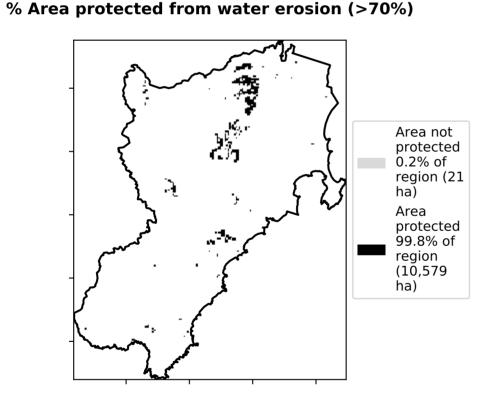
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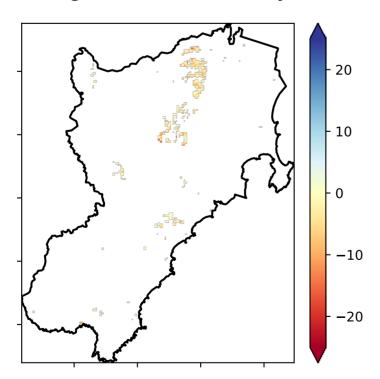


#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



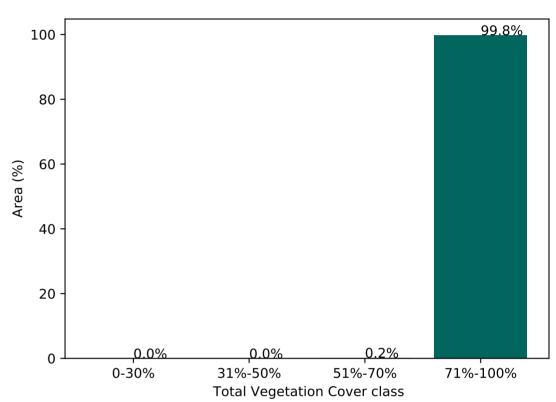


#### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

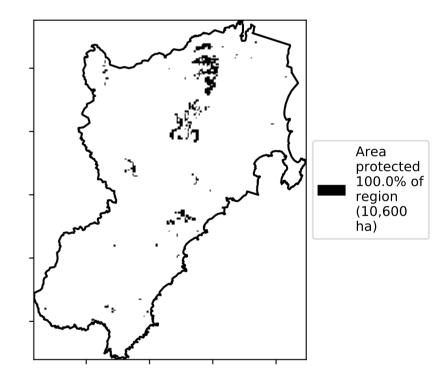


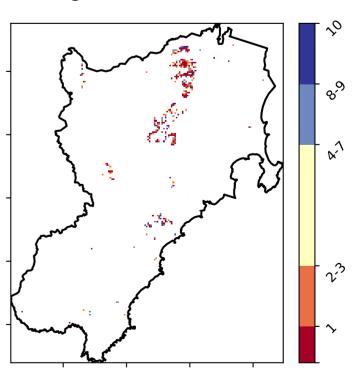
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



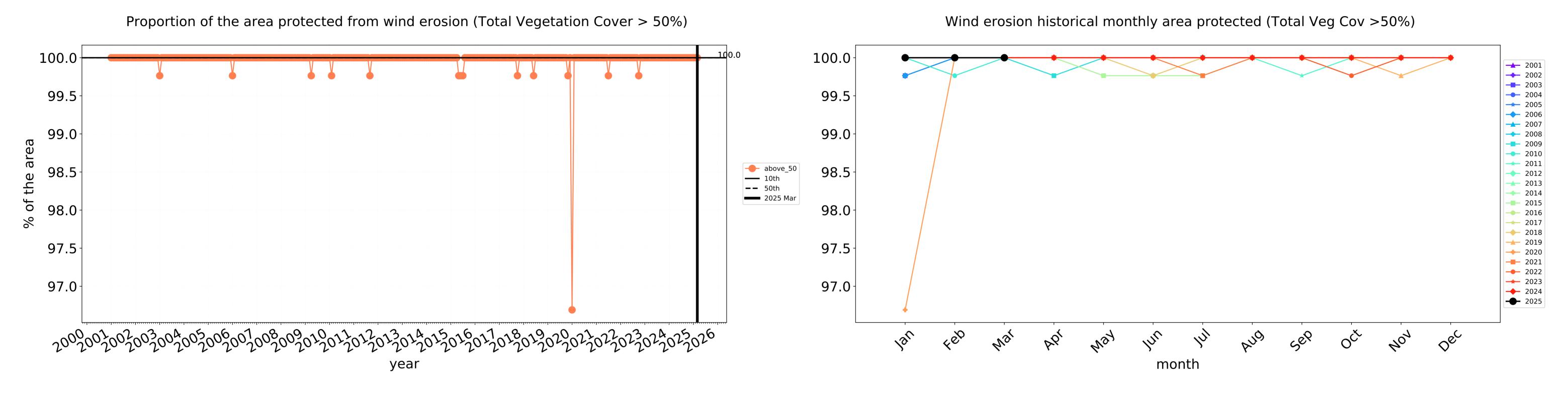


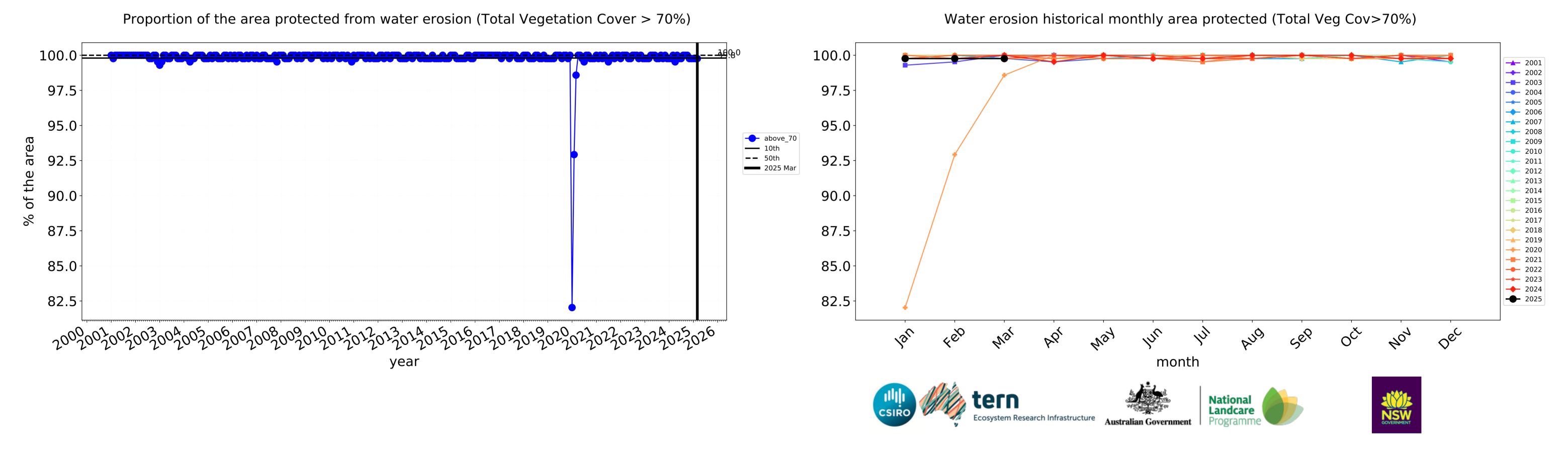


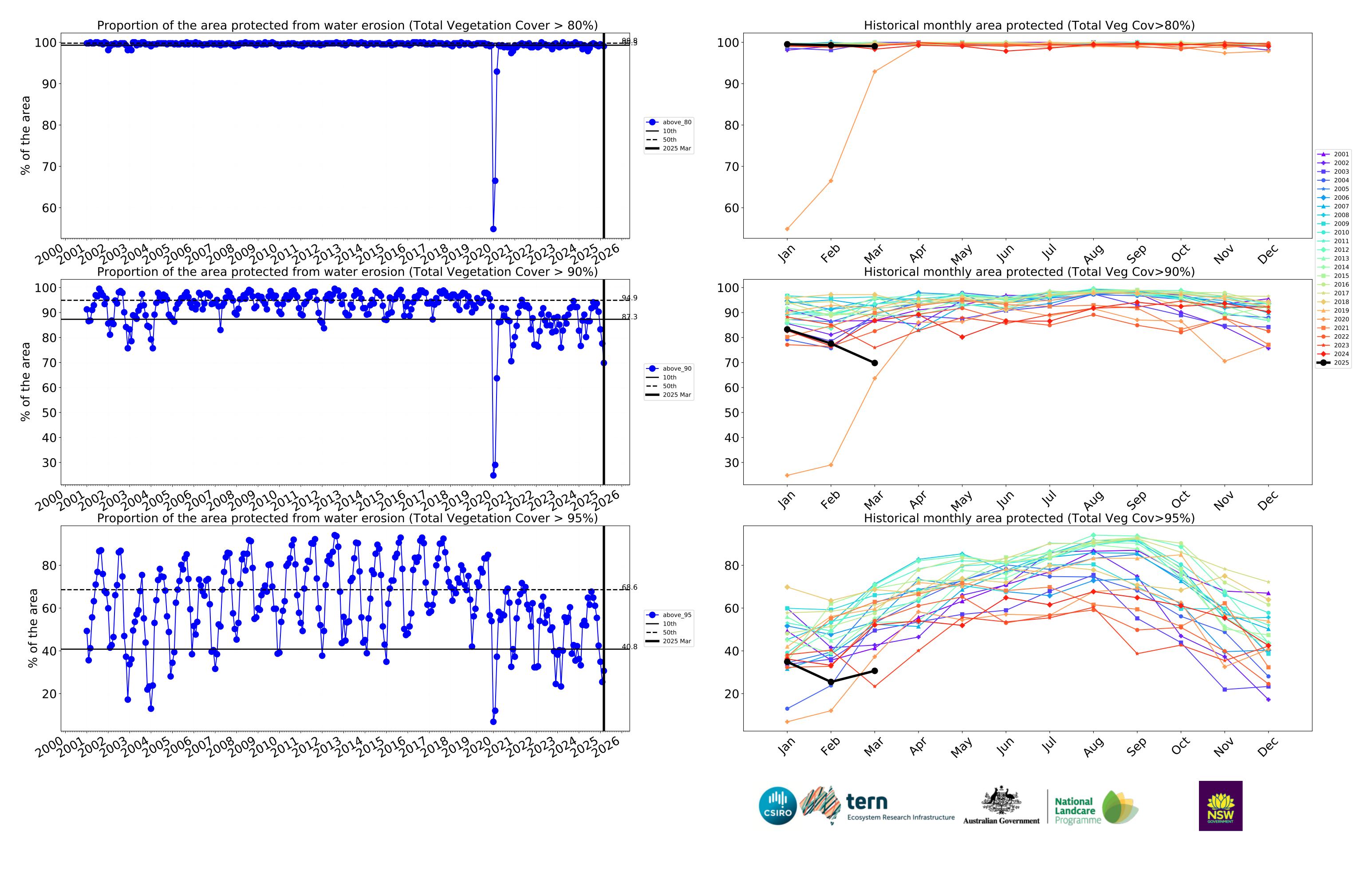












#### Irrigation

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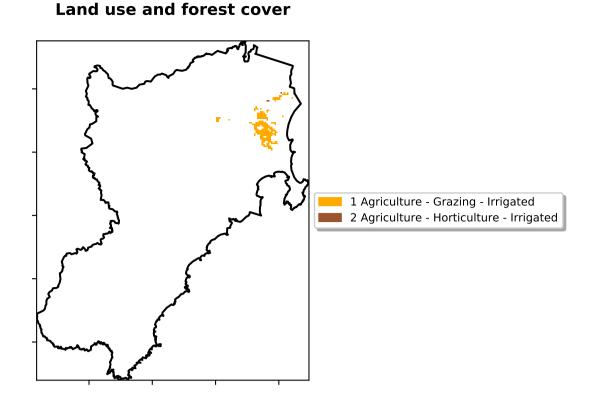
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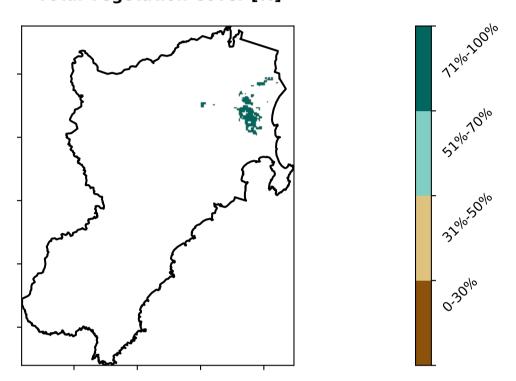
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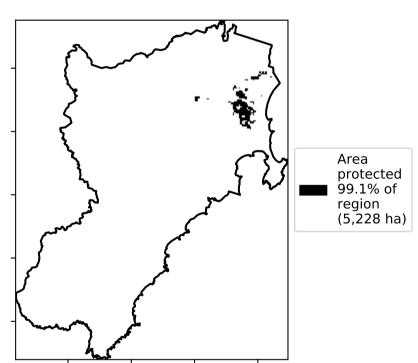
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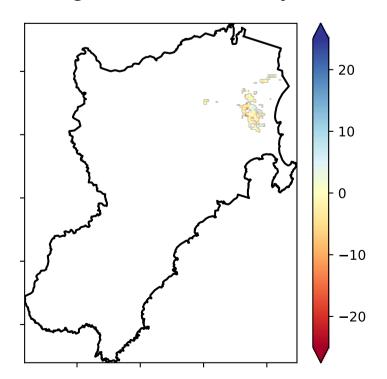
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

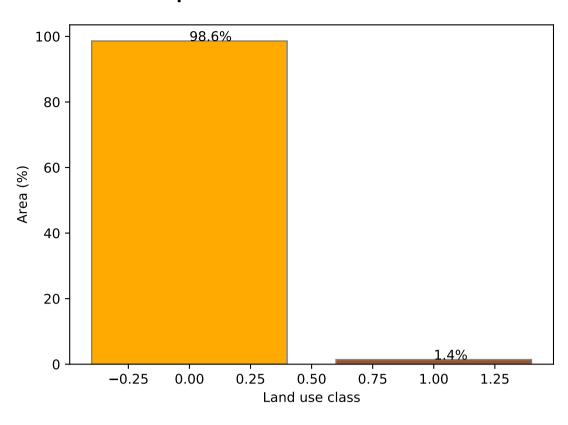


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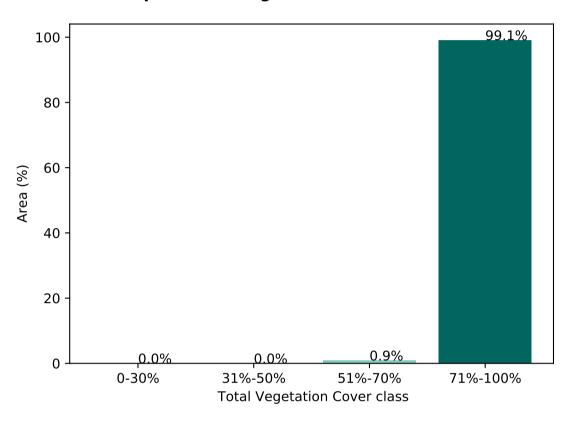


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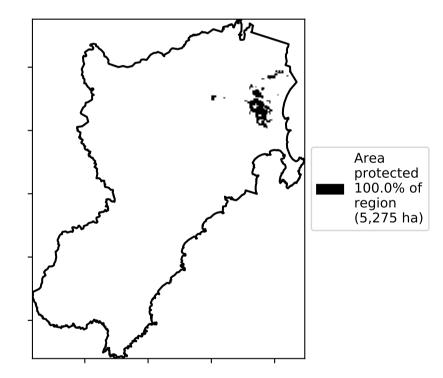
#### **Proportion of each land class in area**

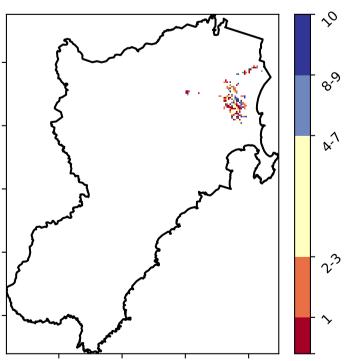


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







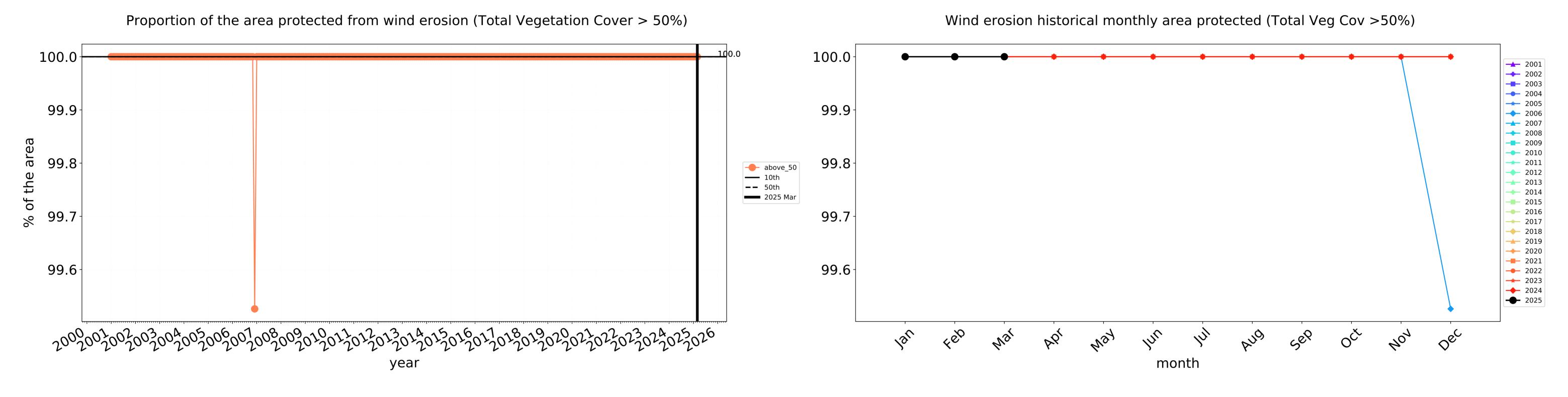


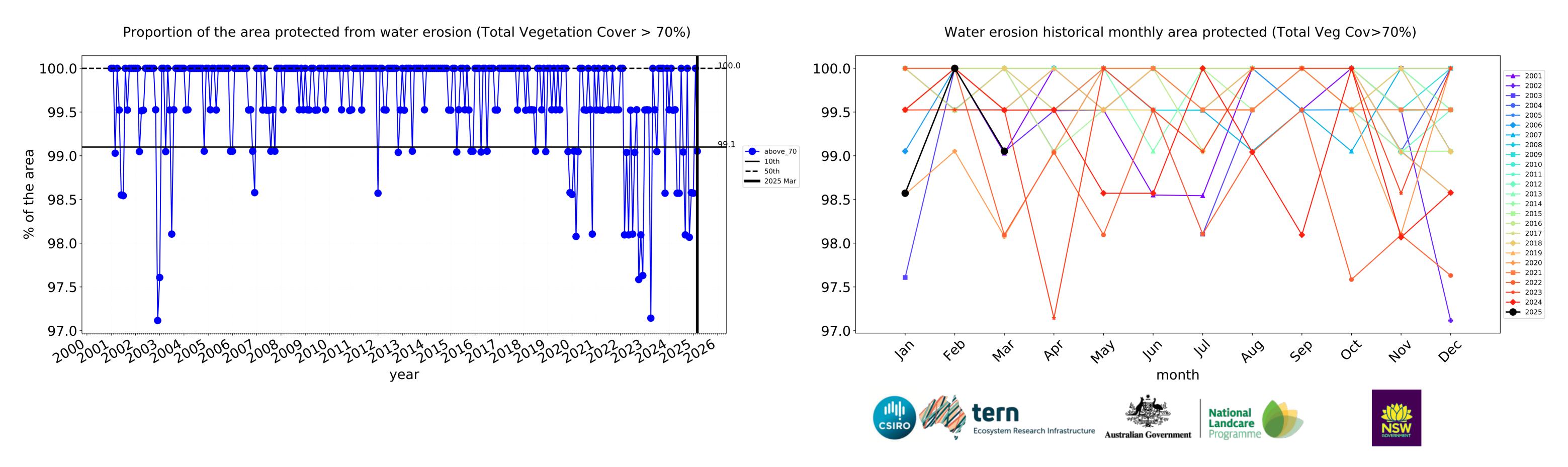


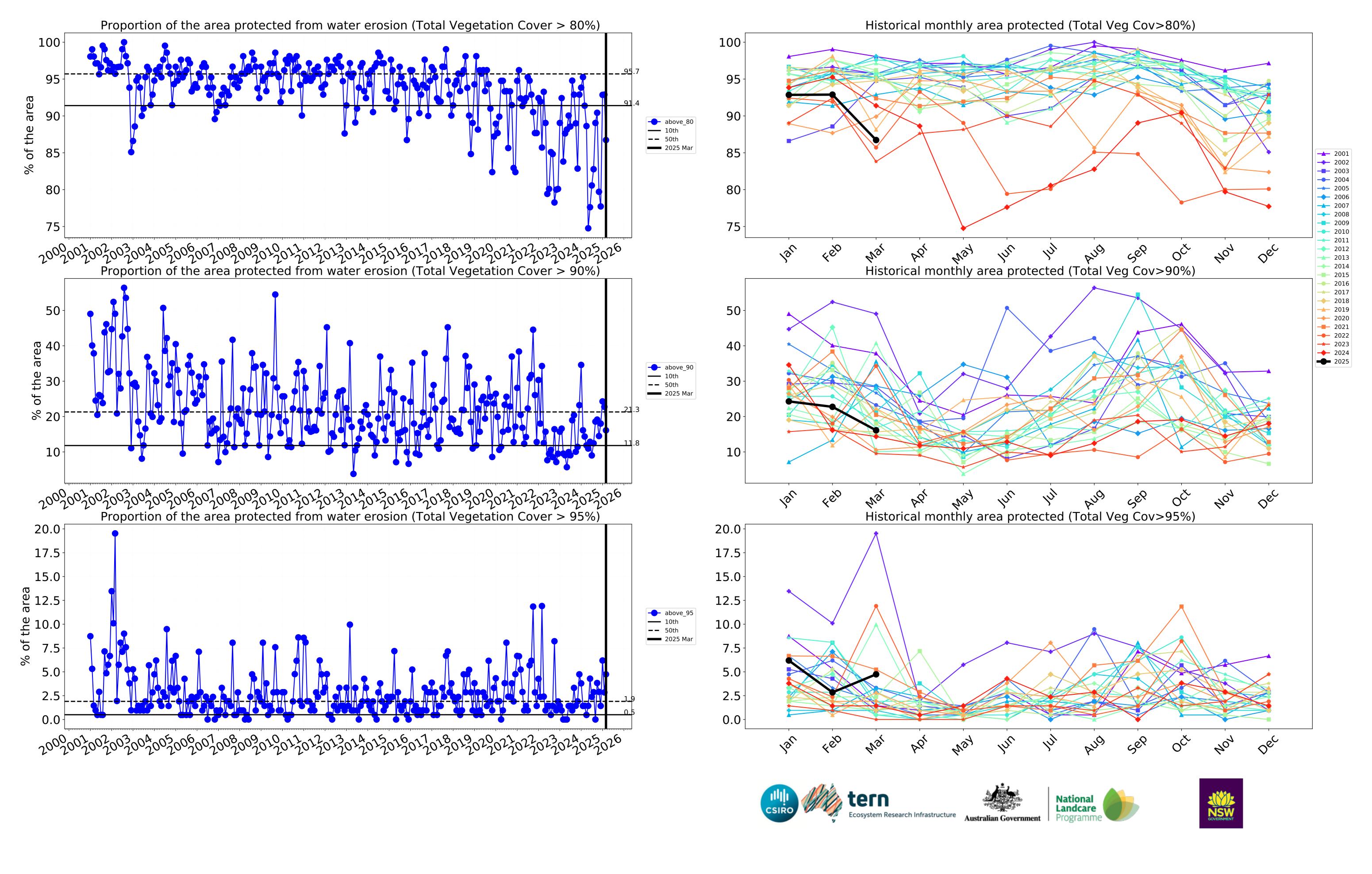




#### Irrigation timeseries







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

#### Land use and forest cover

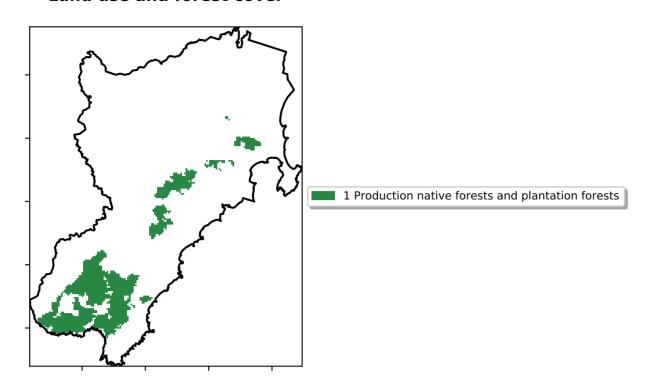
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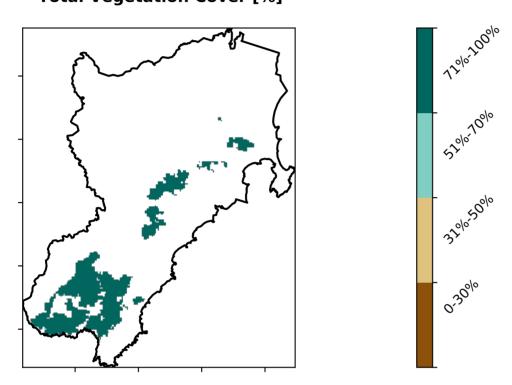
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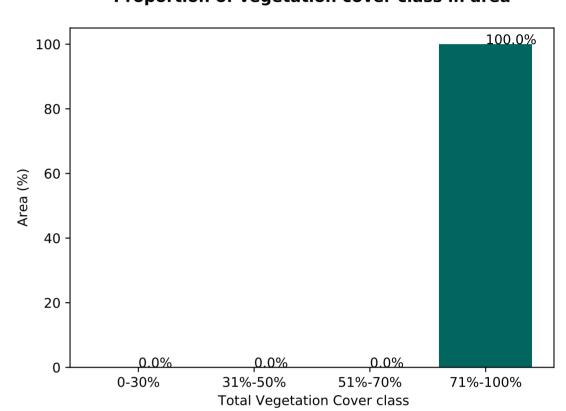
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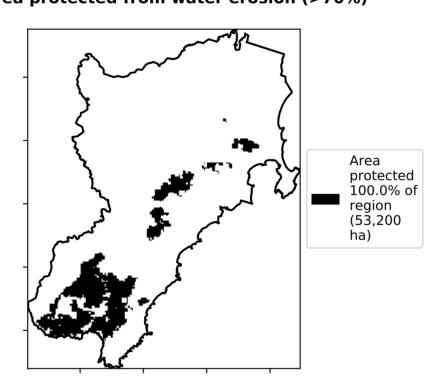
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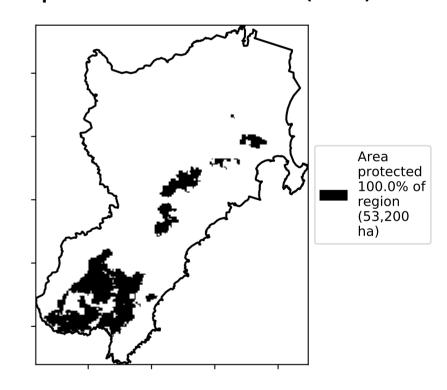
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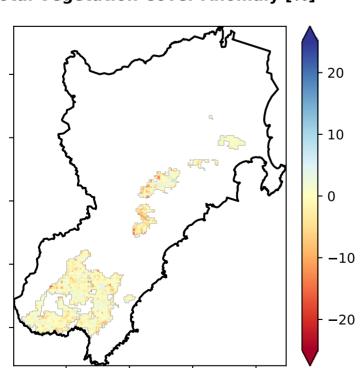
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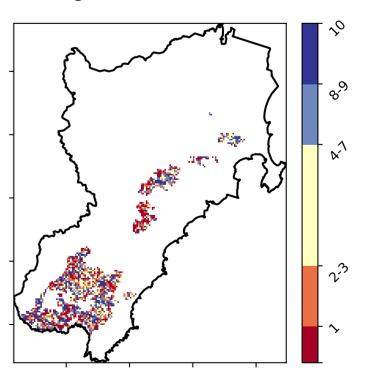
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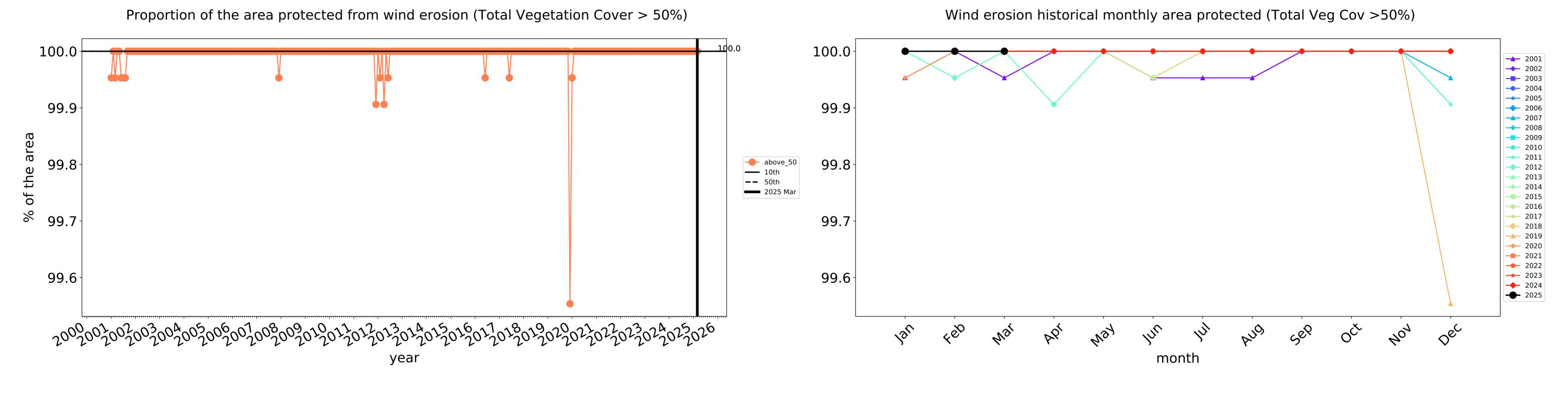


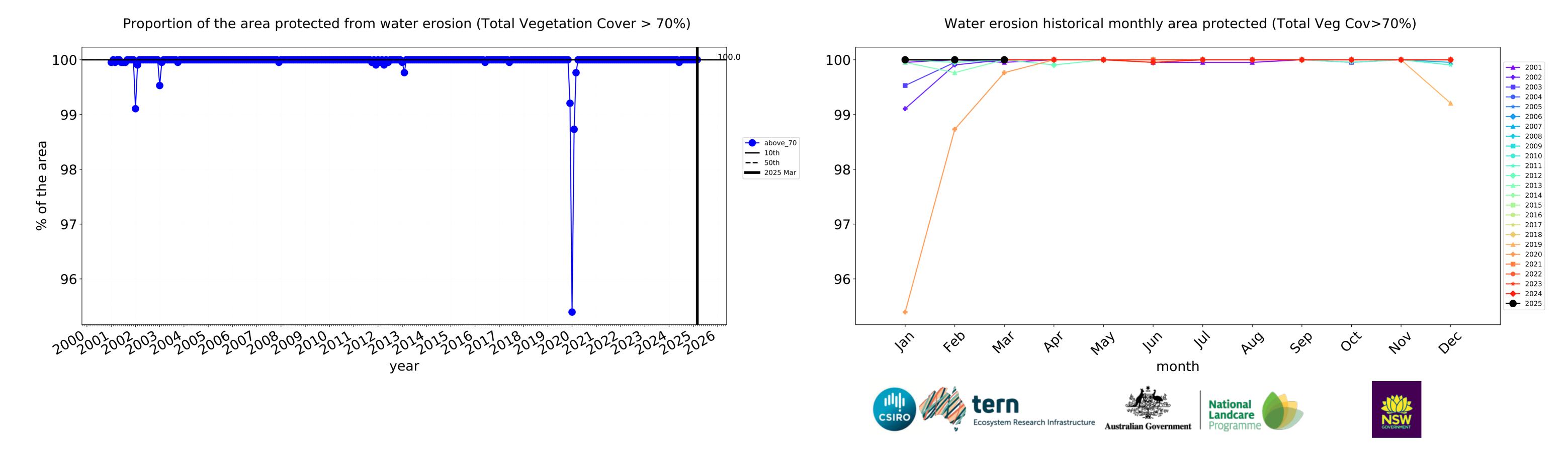


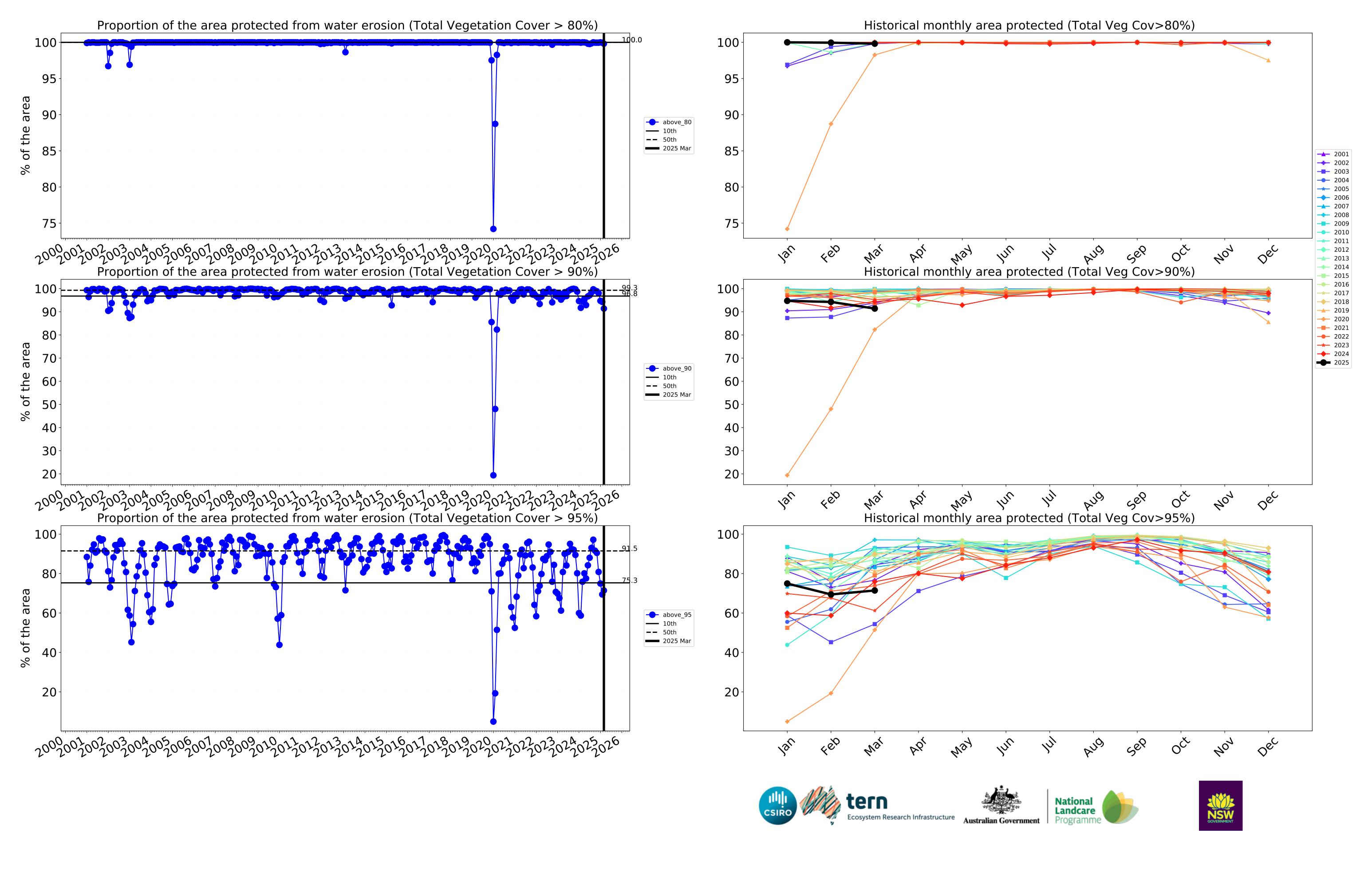




#### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Shoalhaven\_(C) (445,850 ha and no data 10,947 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	445,850	99.9% 445,550	99.8% 445,025	99.1% 441,650	96.8% 431,800	77.6% 346,025	46.4% 206,975
Conservation and natural environments	298,175	100.0% 298,075	99.9% 298,000	99.7% 297,350	98.7% 294,175	83.4% 248,675	50.1% 149,450
Conservation and natural environments non forest	6,100	99.6% 6,075	98.8% 6,025	97.1% 5,925	91.4% 5,575	78.3% 4,775	45.1% 2,750
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	184,375	100.0% 184,350	100.0% 184,325	99.9% 184,200	99.2% 182,850	86.2% 158,950	53.2% 98,000
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	107,700	100.0% 107,650	100.0% 107,650	99.6% 107,225	98.2% 105,750	78.9% 84,950	45.2% 48,700
Agriculture	62,250	100.0% 62,250	100.0% 62,250	99.7% 62,075	96.3% 59,975	55.9% 34,825	22.4% 13,975
Grazing	56,850	100.0% 56,850	100.0% 56,850	99.8% 56,725	97.2% 55,275	59.6% 33,900	24.1% 13,700
Grazing non forest	33,150	100.0% 33,150	100.0% 33,150	99.7% 33,050	95.7% 31,725	47.1% 15,625	13.4% 4,450
Grazing Woodland forest	13,100	100.0% 13,100	100.0% 13,100	100.0% 13,100	99.6% 13,050	83.0% 10,875	45.8% 6,000
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	10,600	100.0% 10,600	100.0% 10,600	99.8% 10,575	99.1% 10,500	69.8% 7,400	30.7% 3,250
Irrigation	5,275	100.0% 5,275	100.0% 5,275	99.1% 5,225	86.7% 4,575	16.1% 850	4.7% 250
Production native forests and plantation forests	53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	99.8% 53,100	91.4% 48,625	71.4% 38,000







