# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Tenterfield\_(A) NSW

# Date: April 2023

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:

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

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



# **Vegetation Cover Apr 2023**

#### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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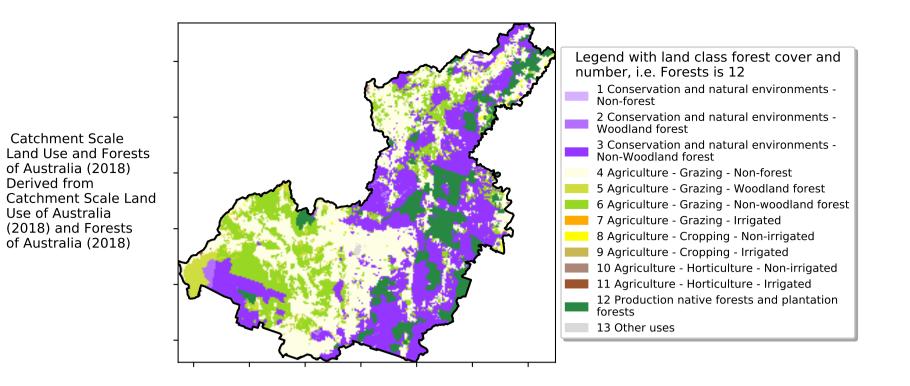
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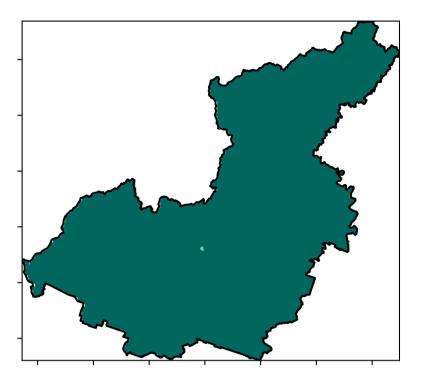
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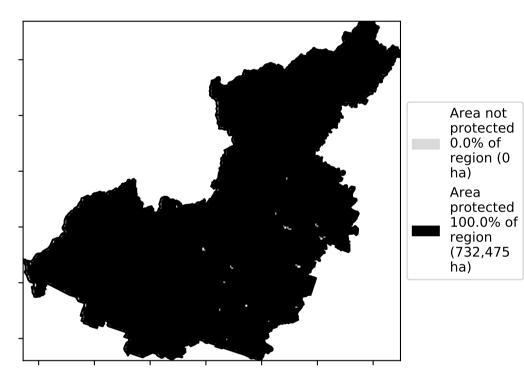
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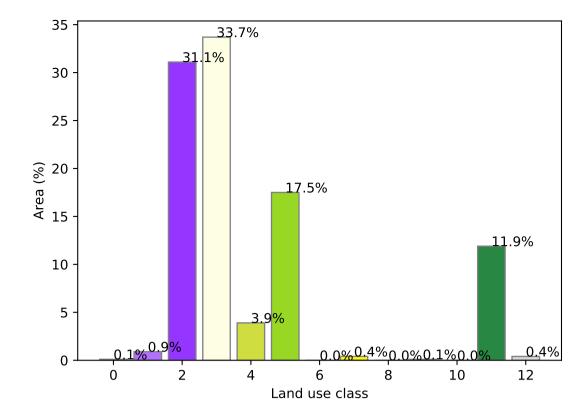
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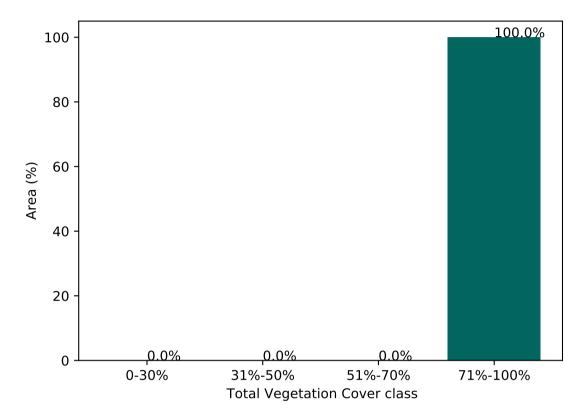


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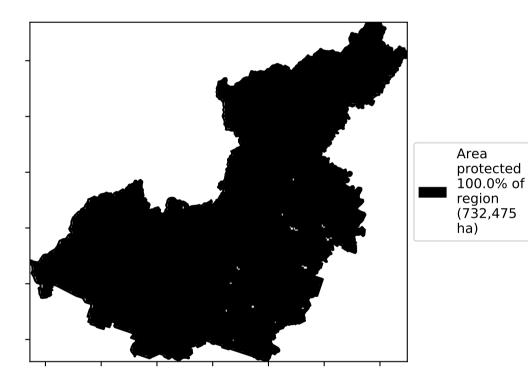




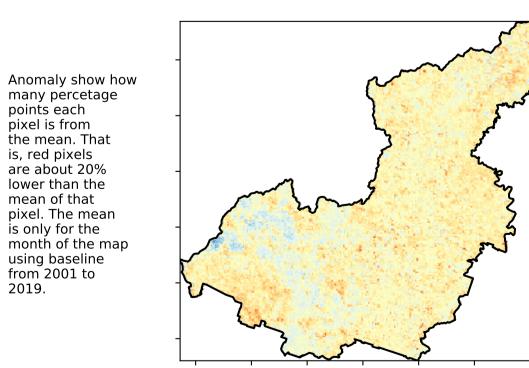
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

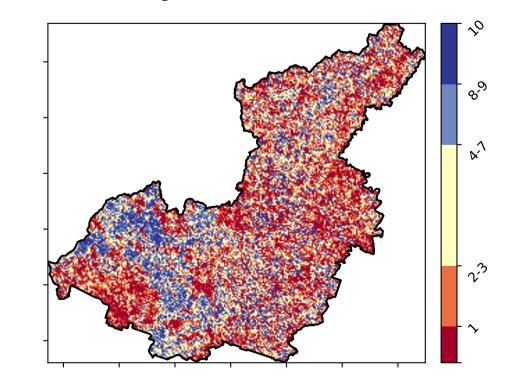


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





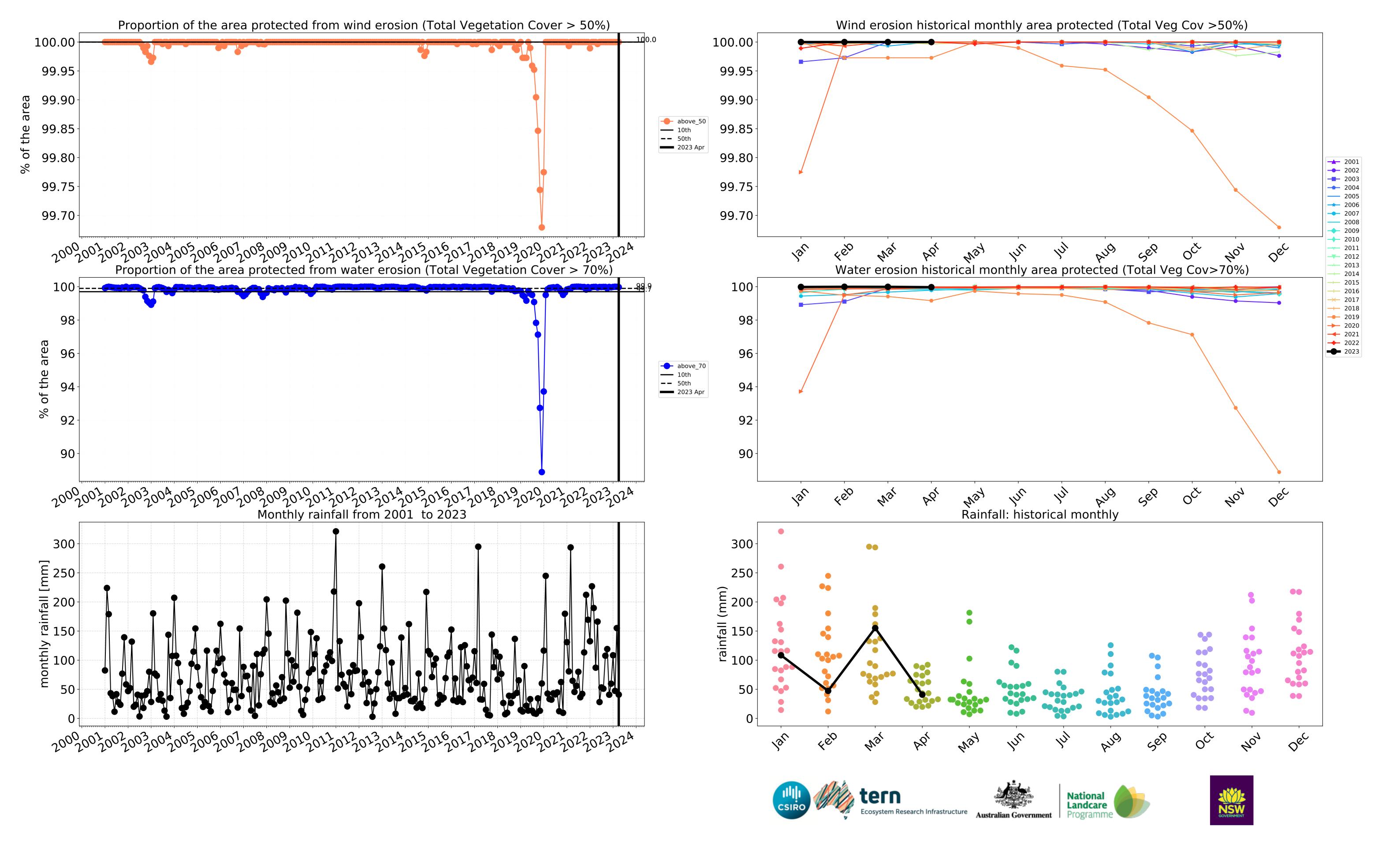
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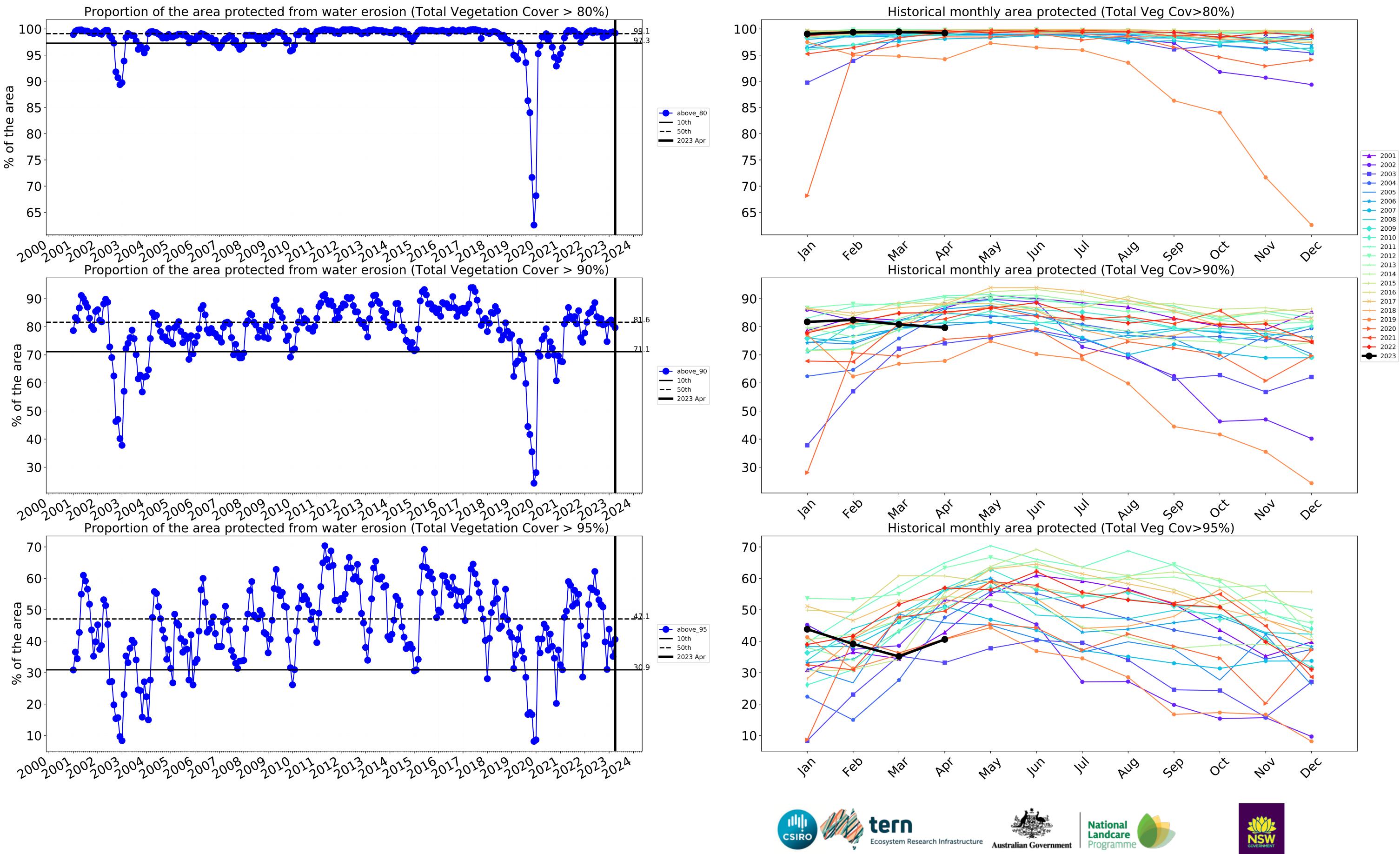
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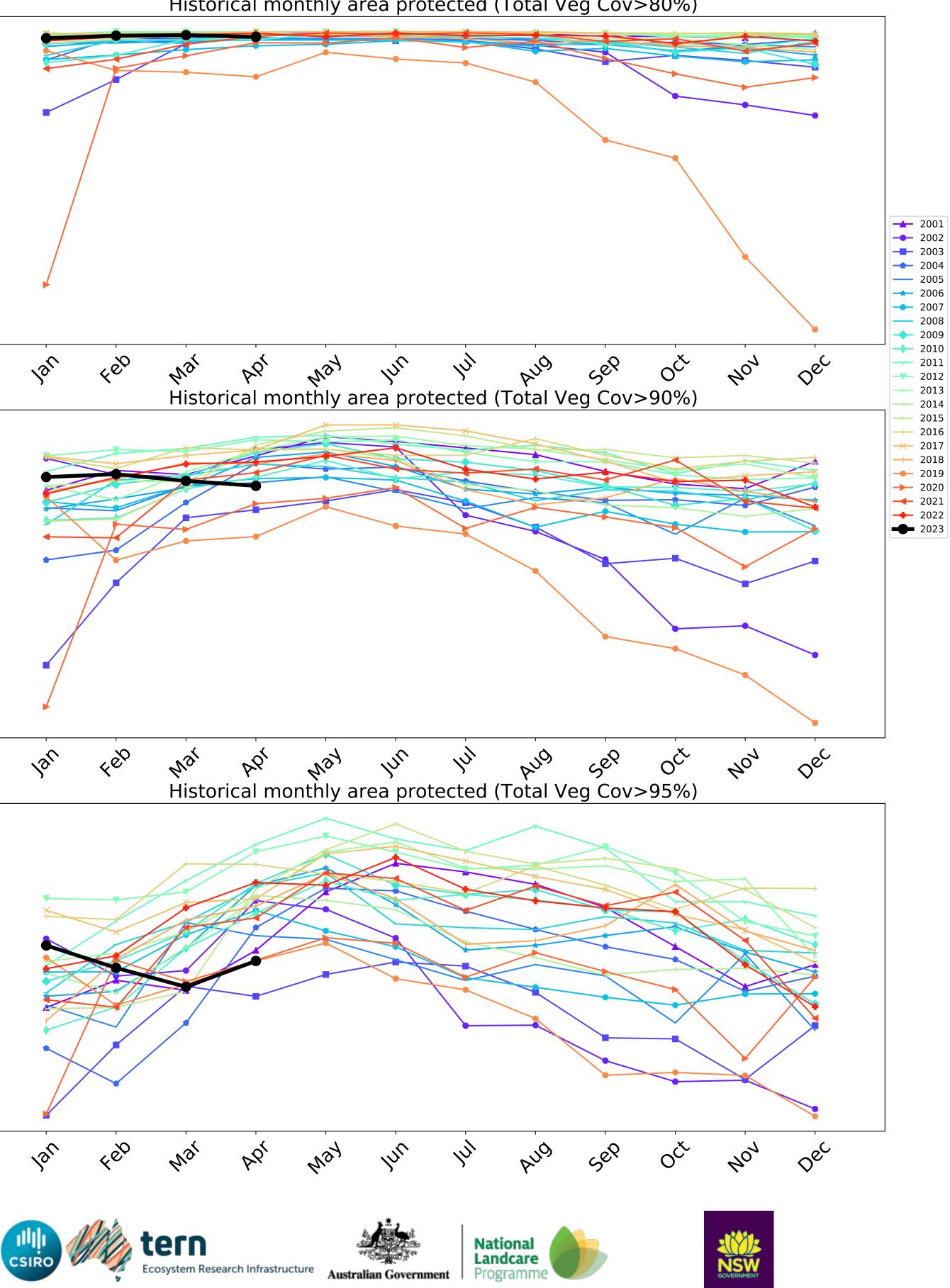
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### **Conservation and natural environments**

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

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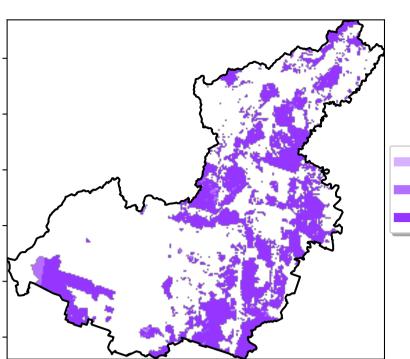
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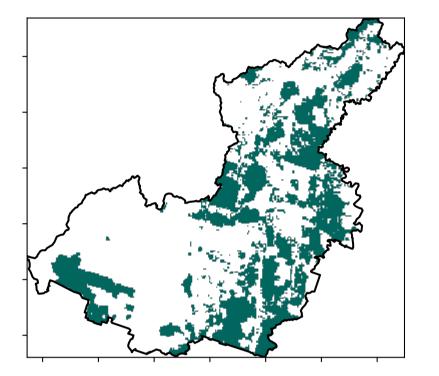
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using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

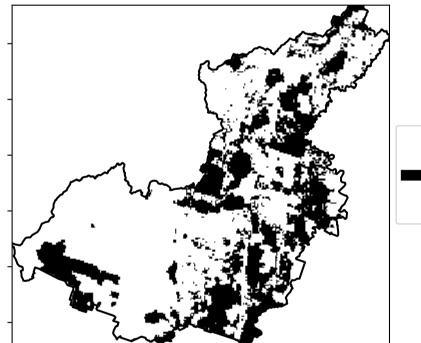


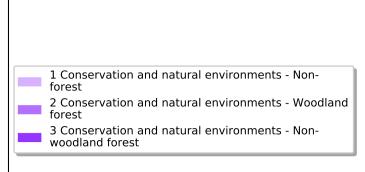
Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

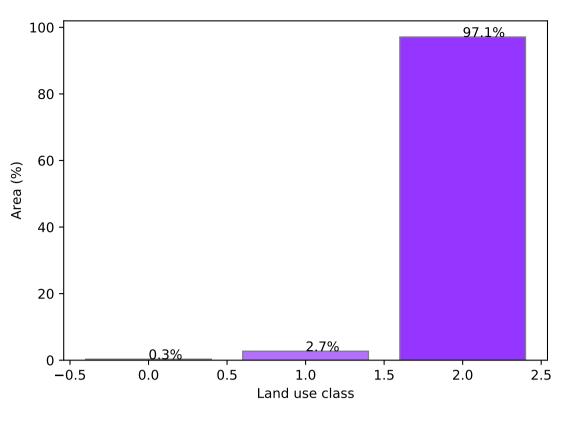


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

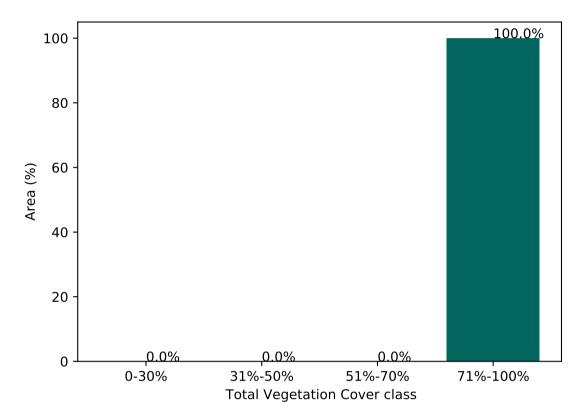




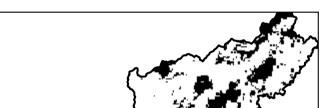
#### Proportion of each land class in area



#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

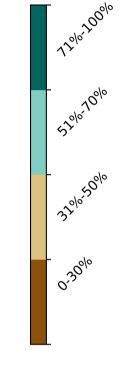


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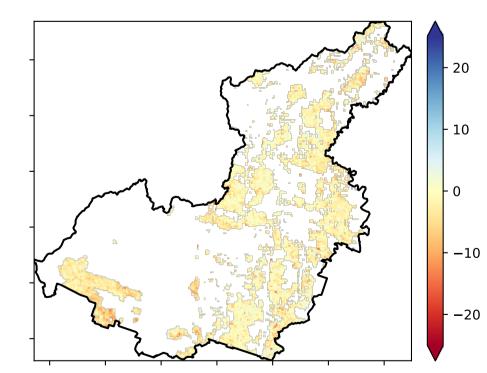
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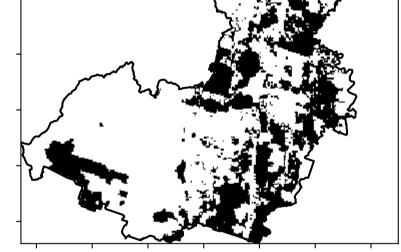


Area protected 100.0% of region (235,000 ha)

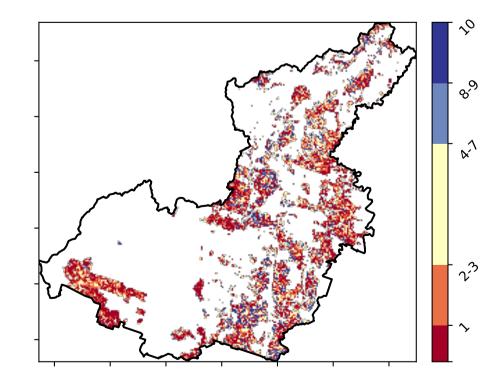
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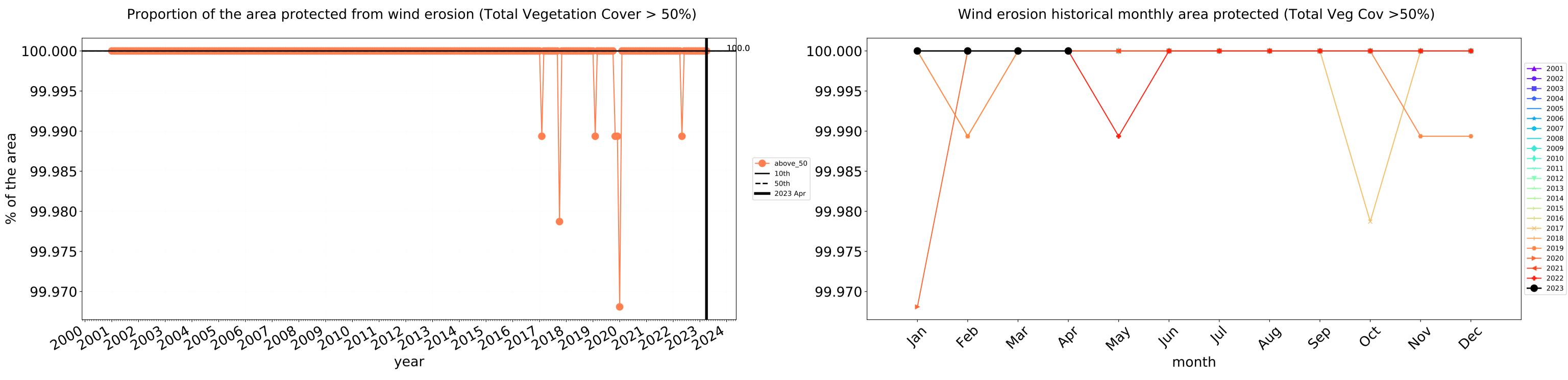
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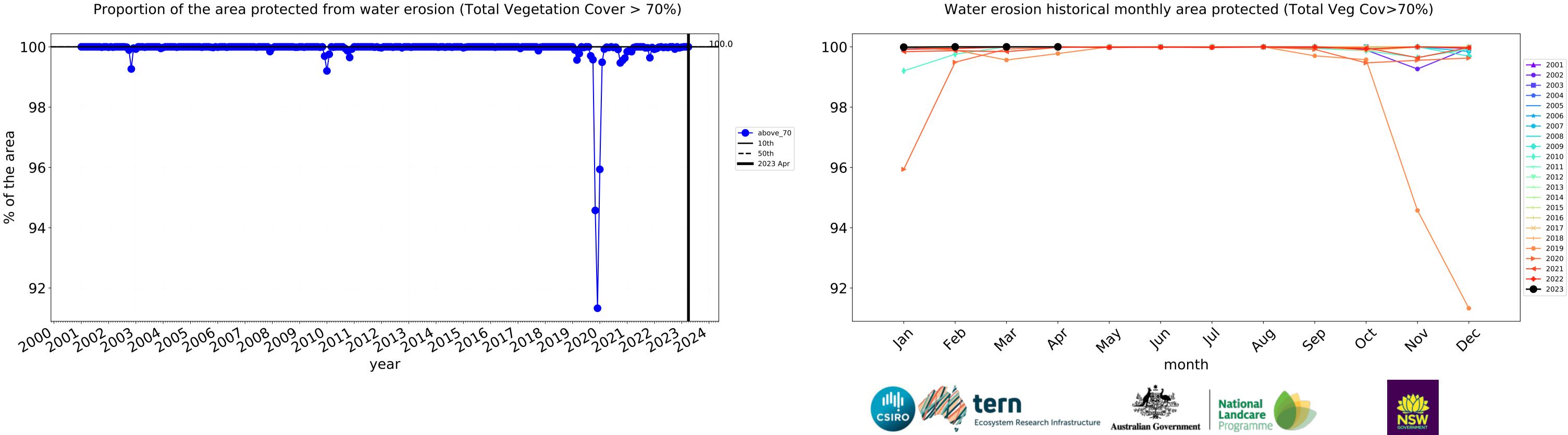


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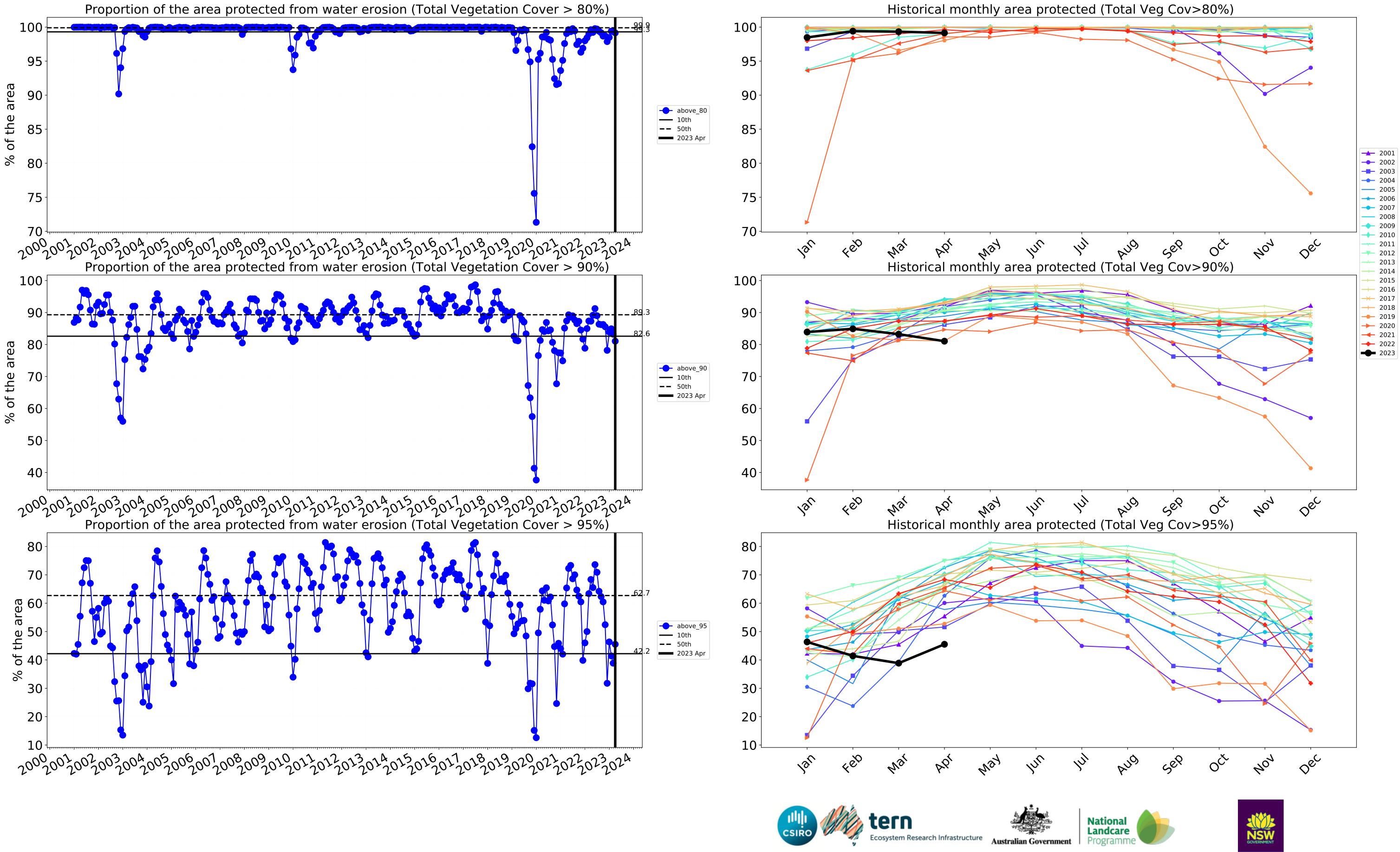






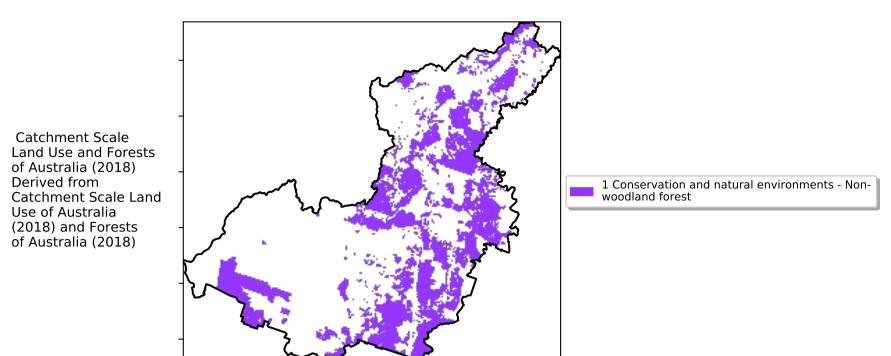


## **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**

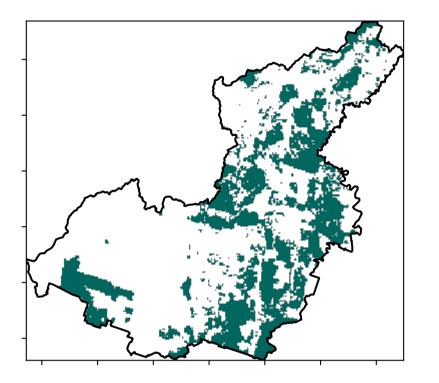


### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

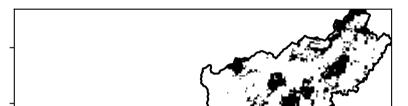
Land use and forest cover

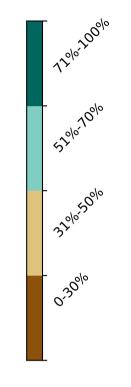


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

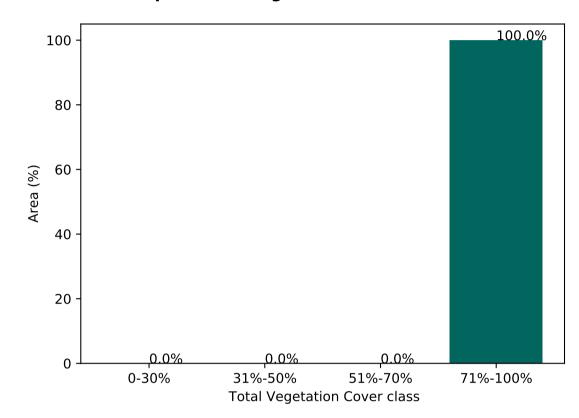


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

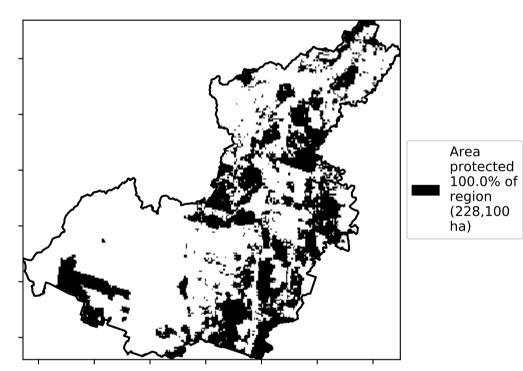




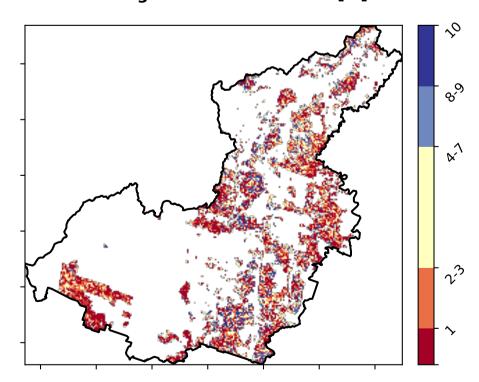
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

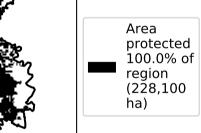


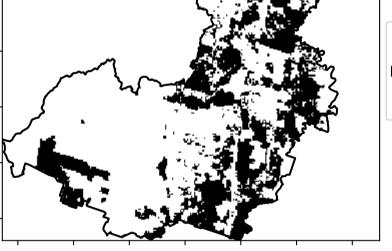
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



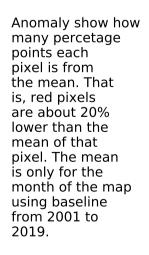
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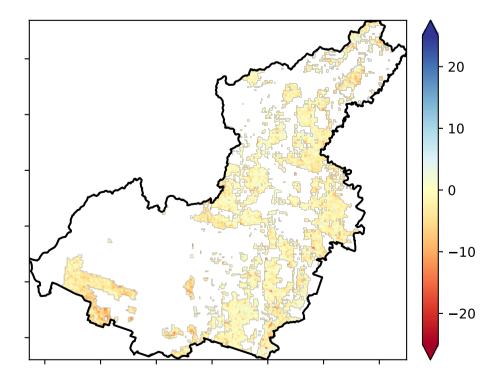






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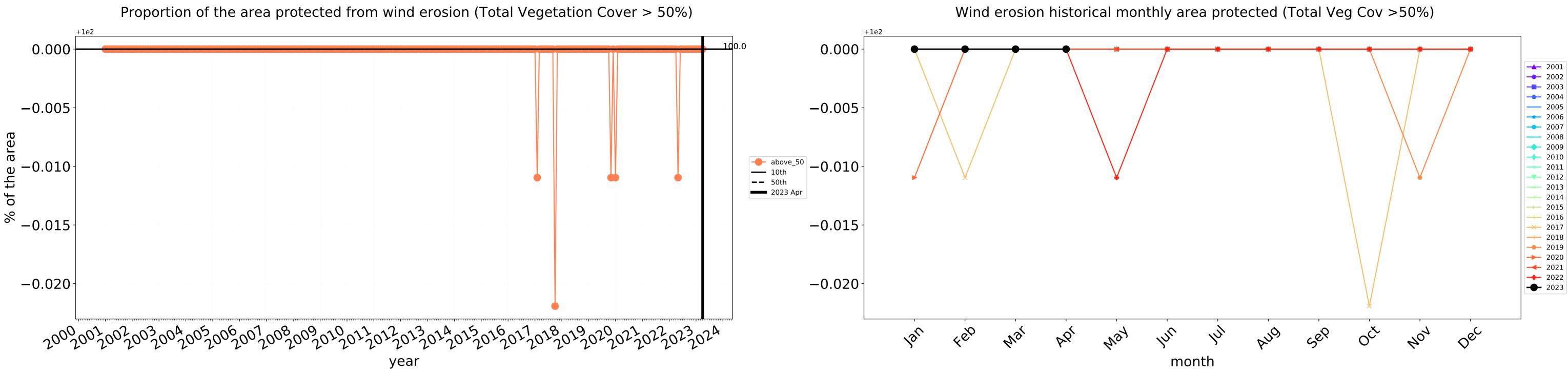


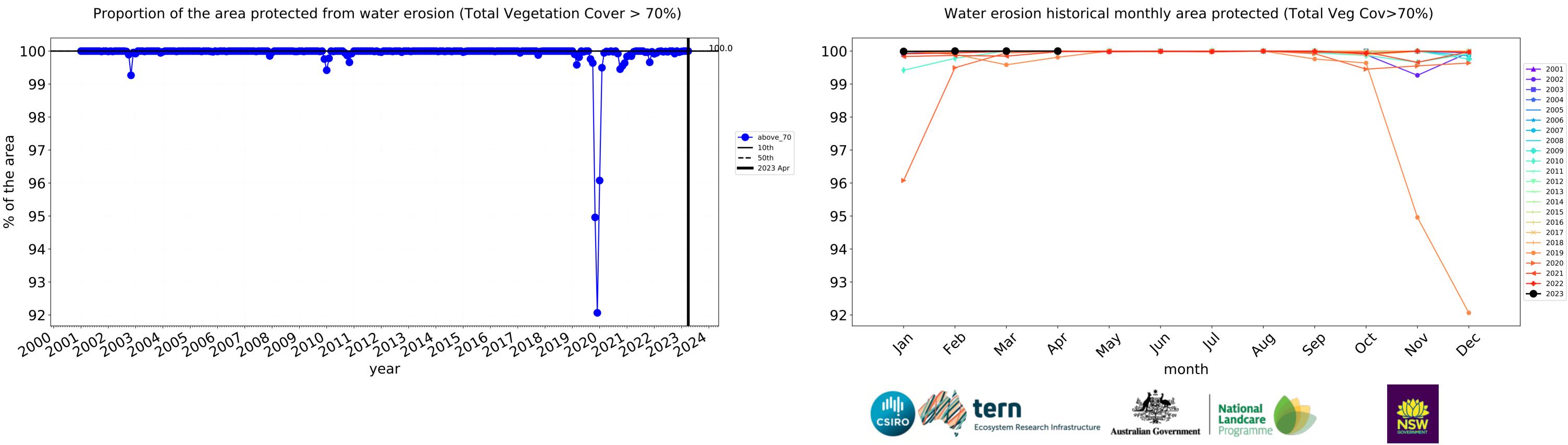
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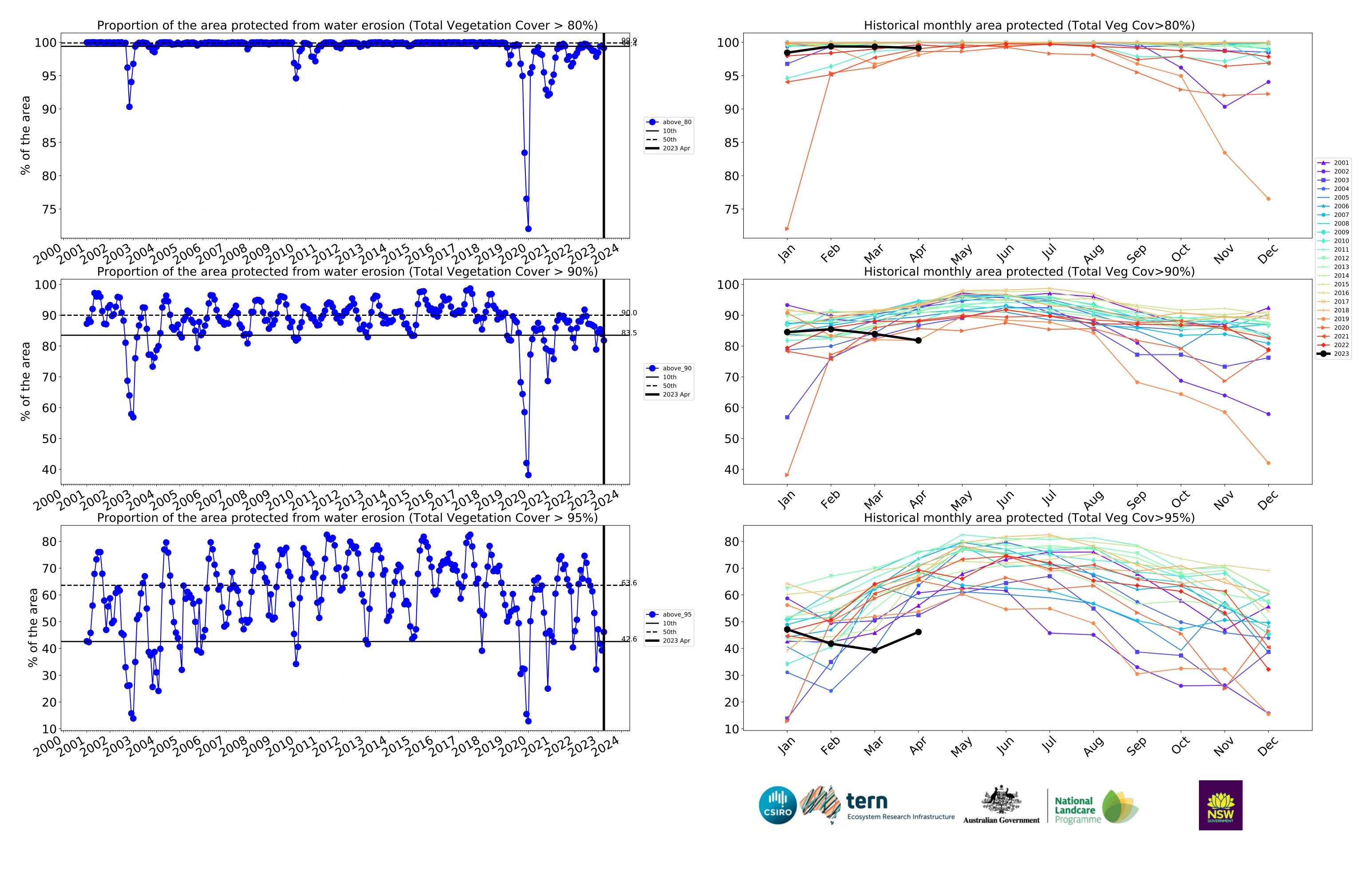




# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries**







### Agriculture

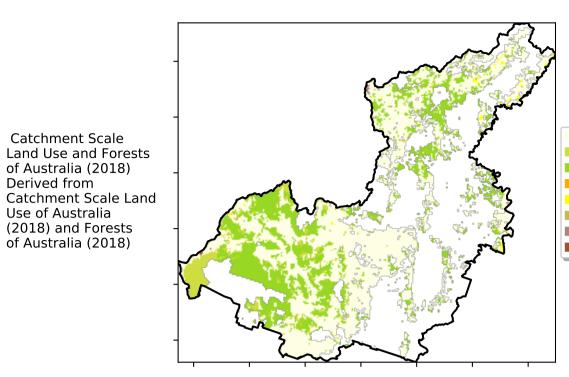
Land use and forest cover



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Catchment Scale

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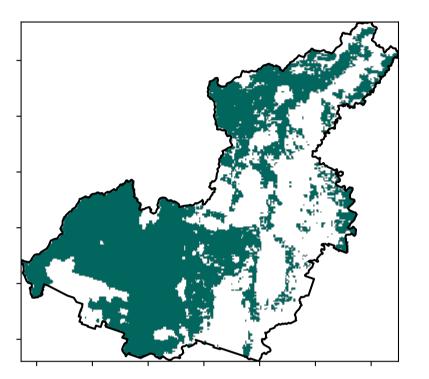
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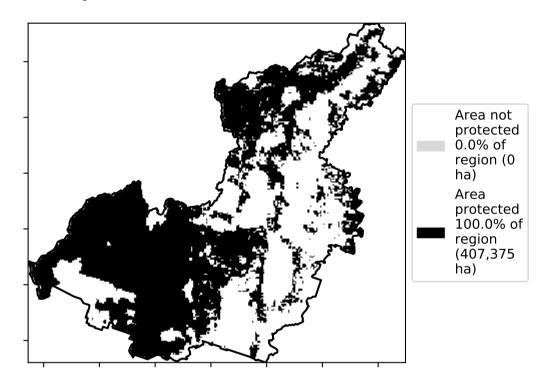
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





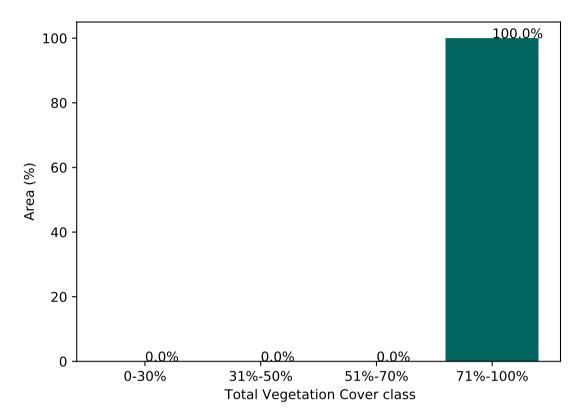
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52% 70%

32%50%

0.30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



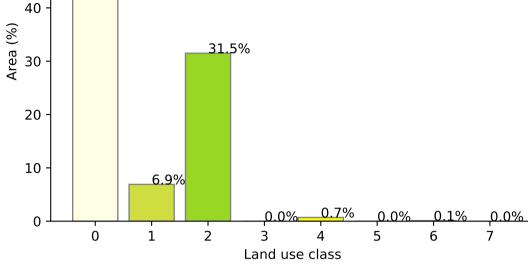
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



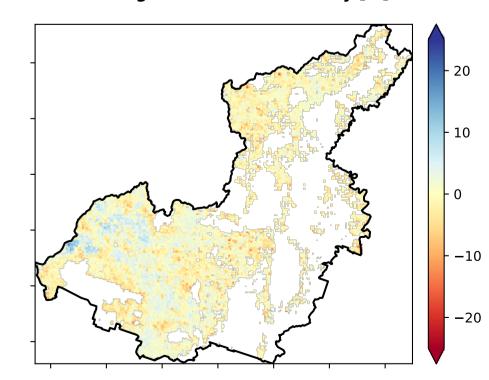
Area

protected 100.0% of

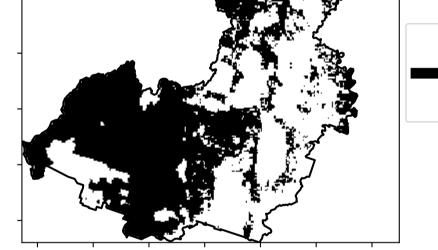
region (407,375 ha)



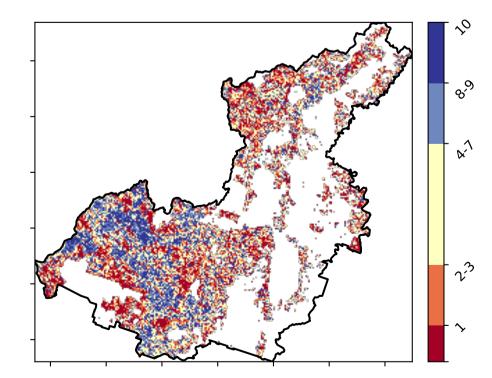
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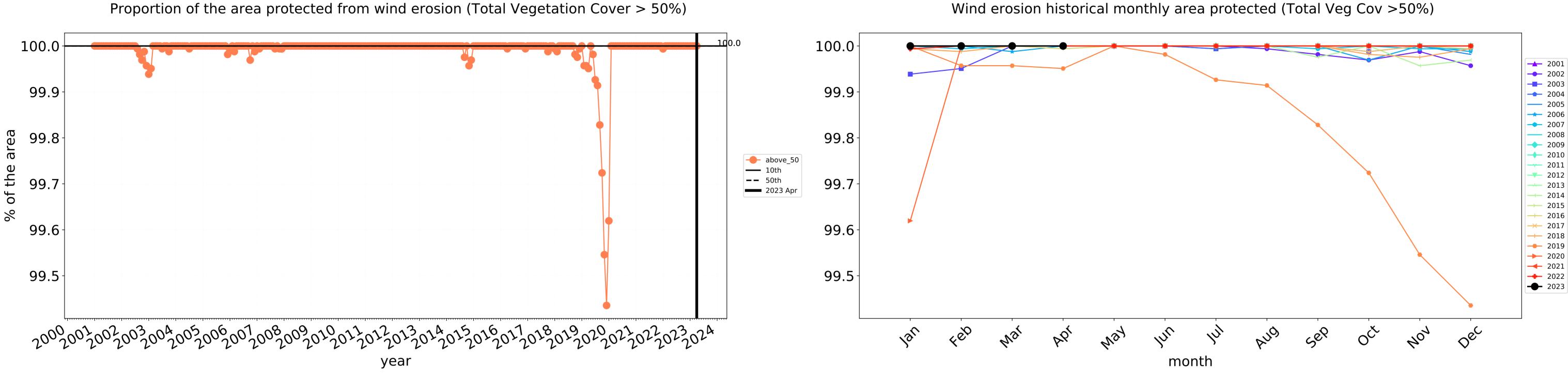


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



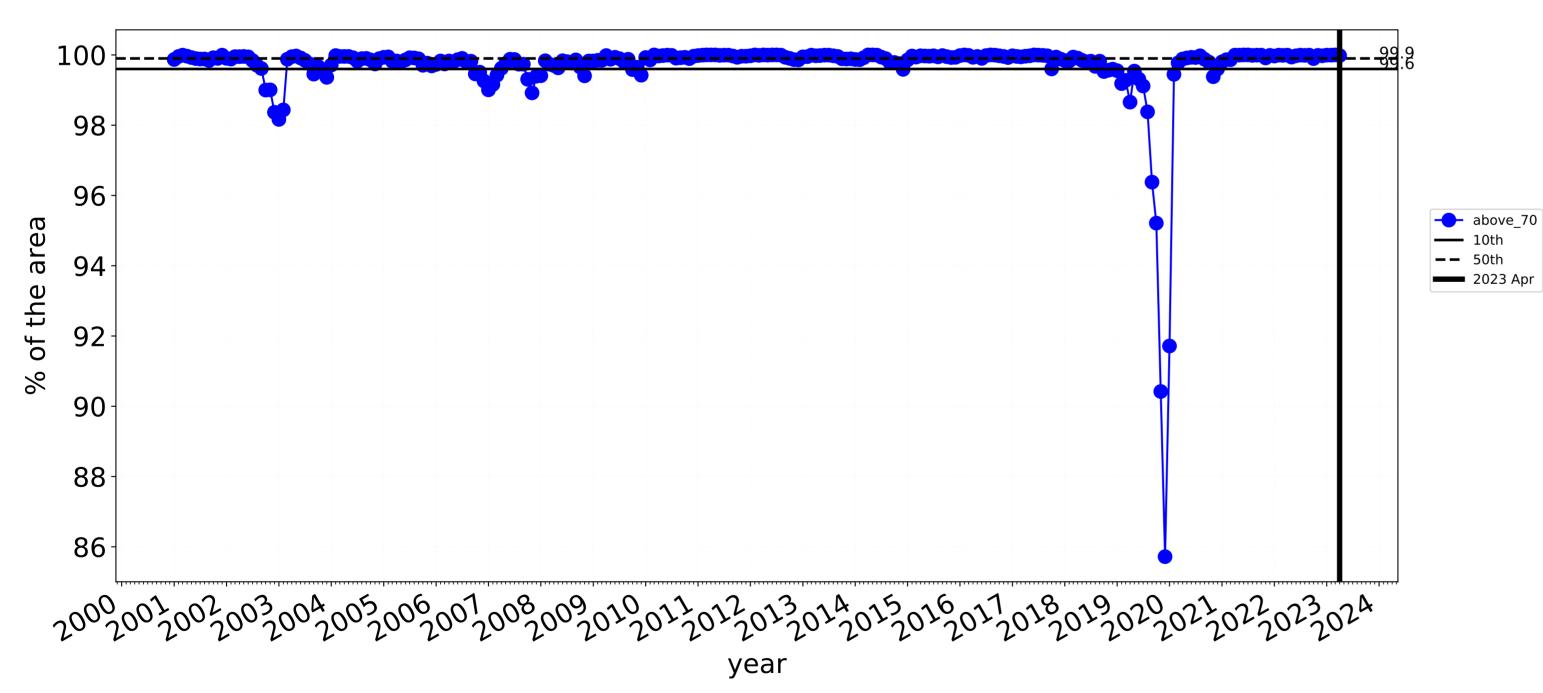




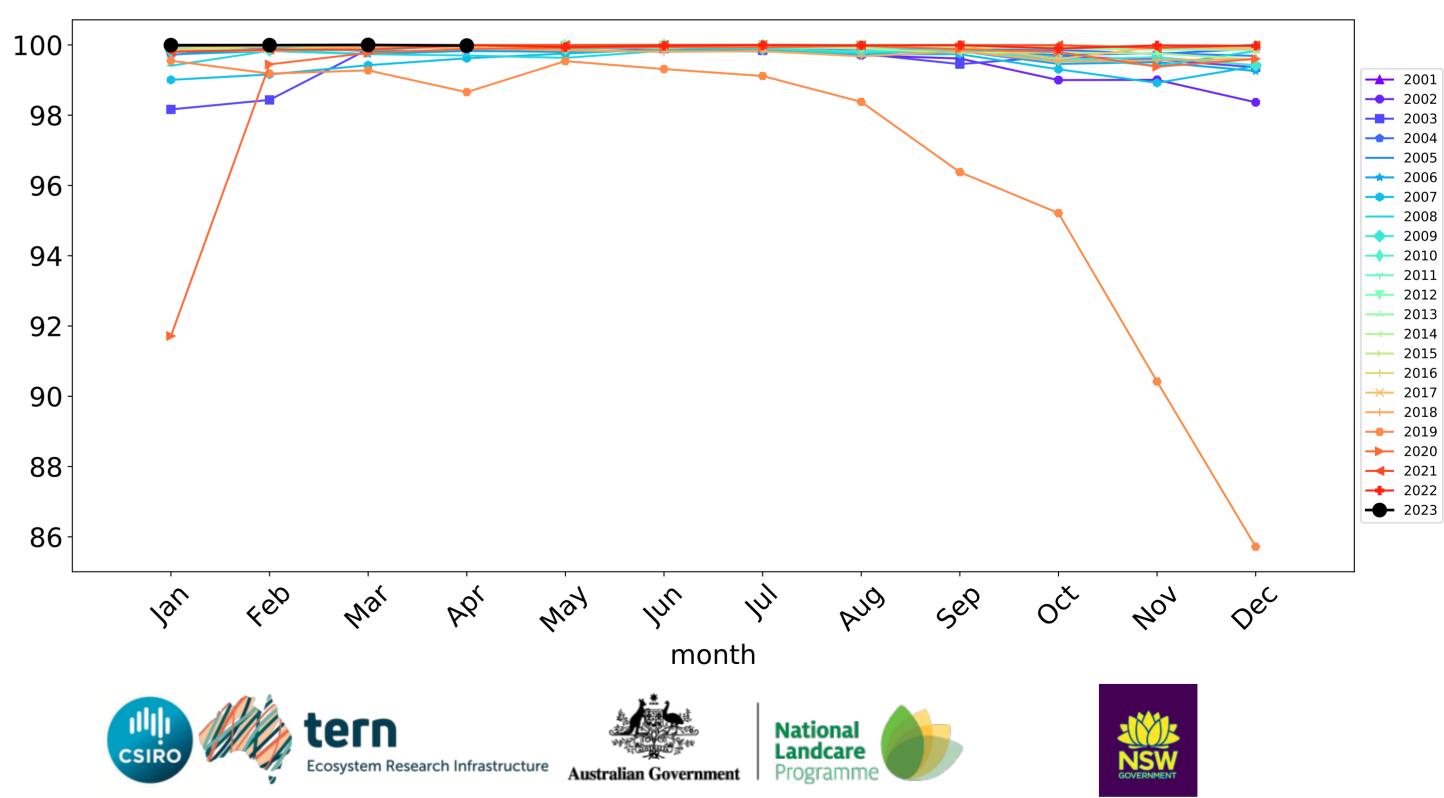


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

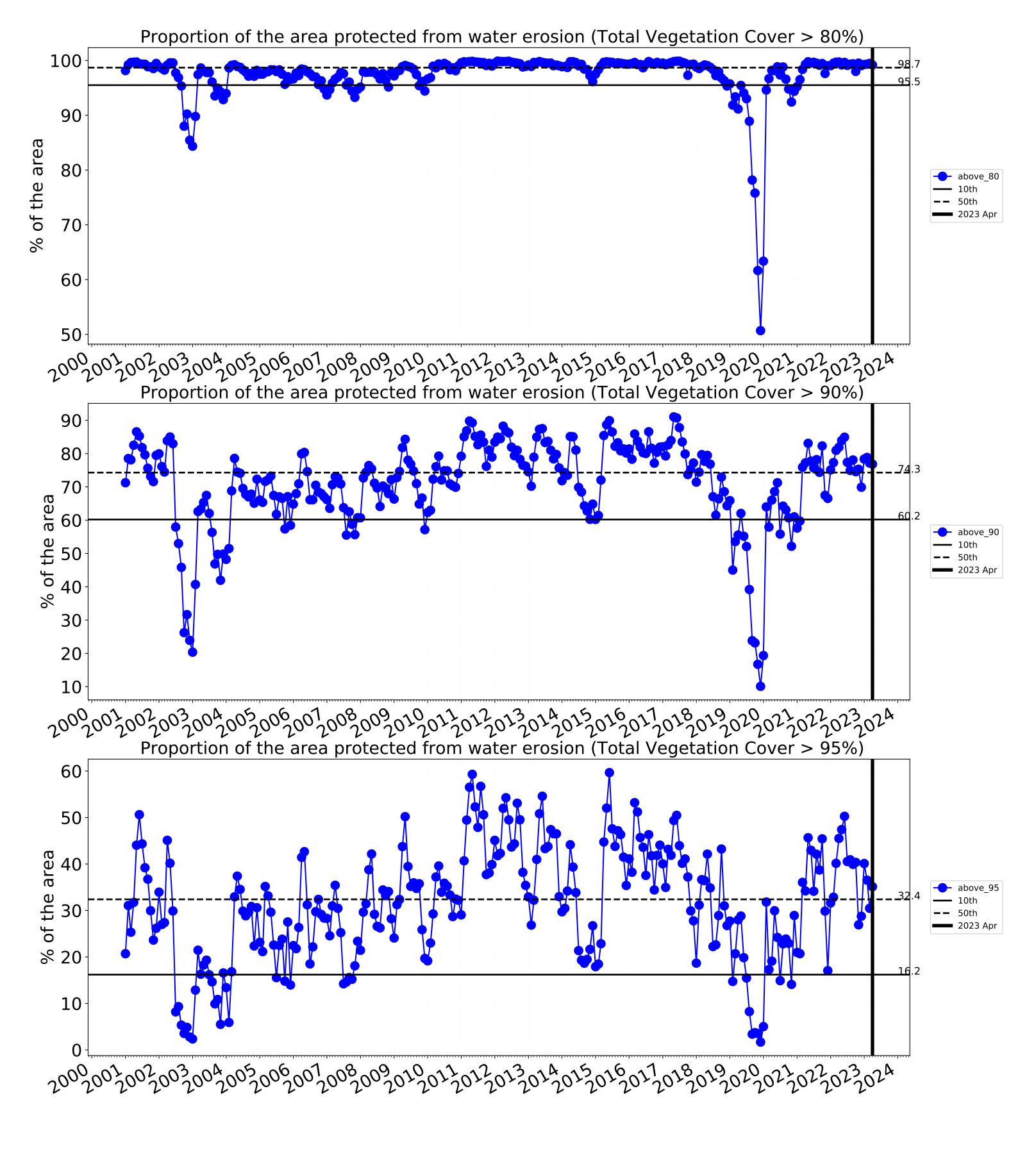
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

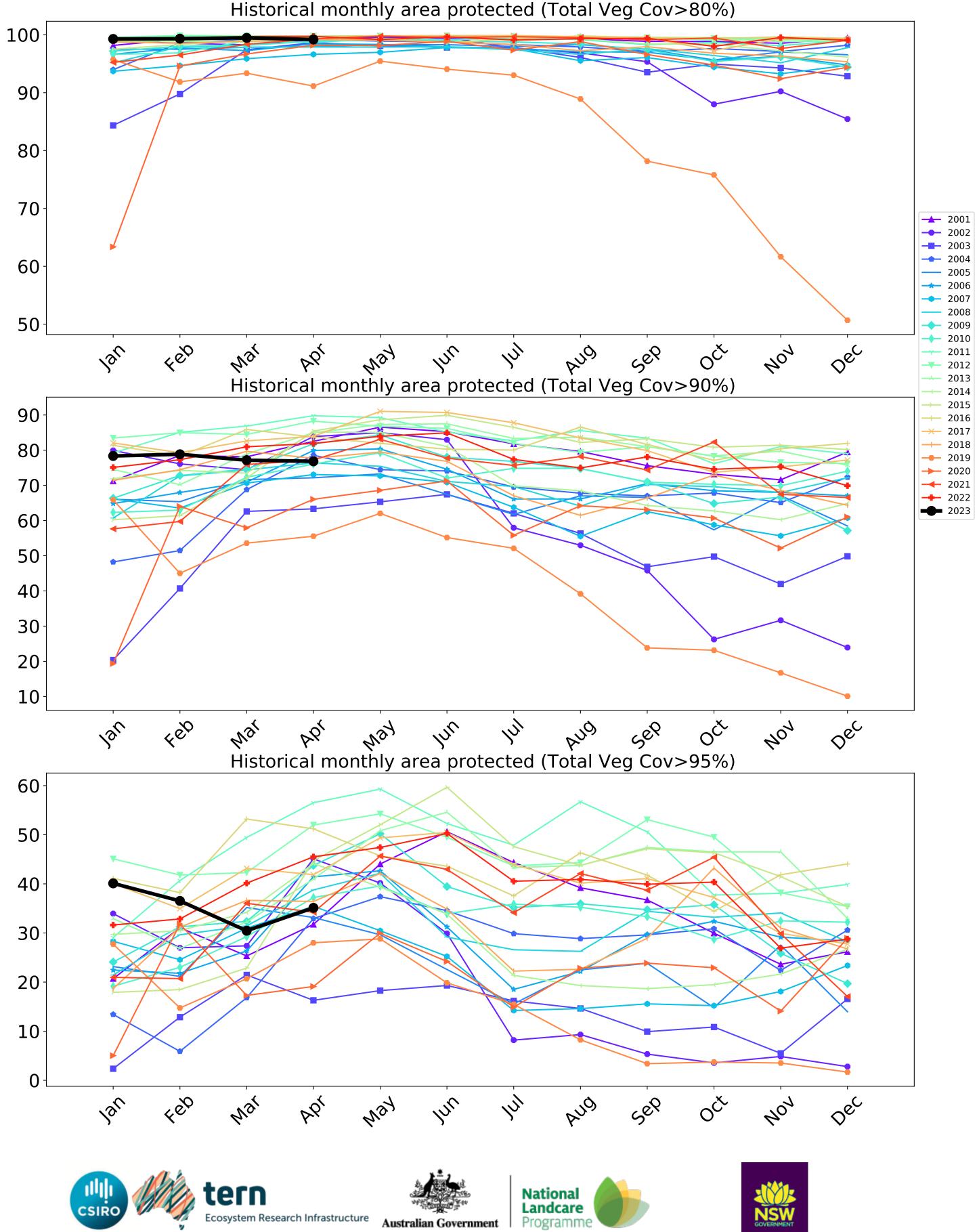


# Agriculture timeseries



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





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### Grazing

Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

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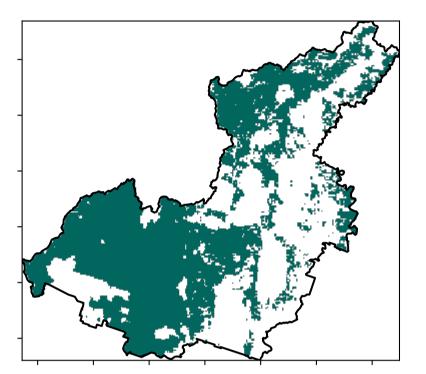
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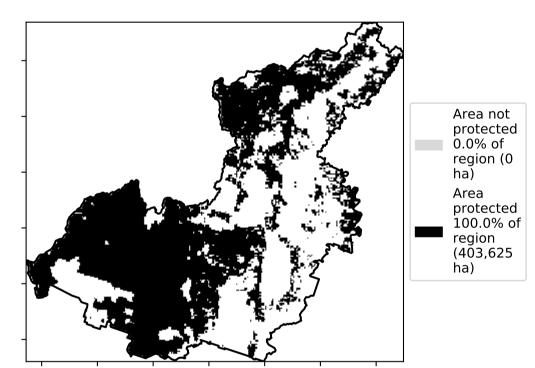
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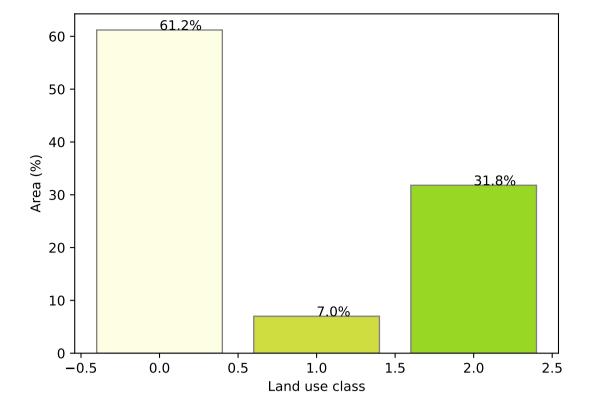
Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



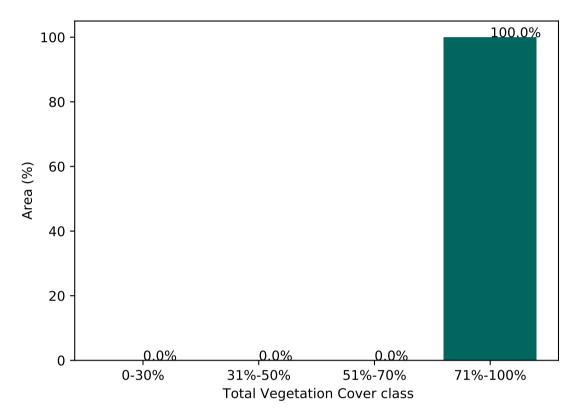
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



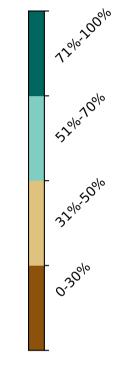
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area

protected 100.0% of

region (403,625 ha)

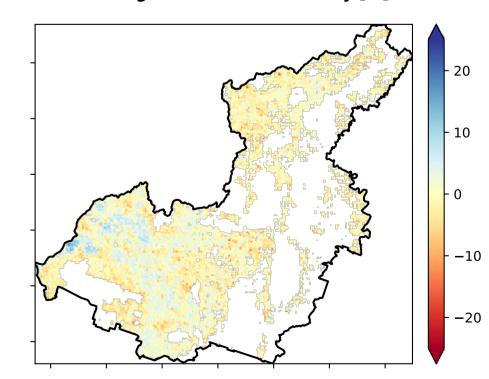


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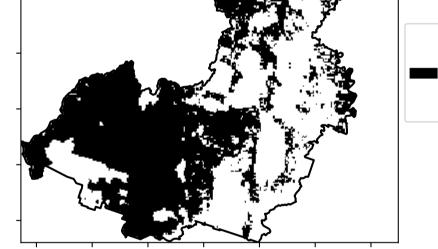
2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

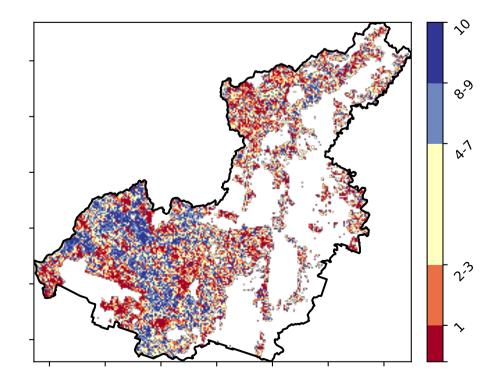
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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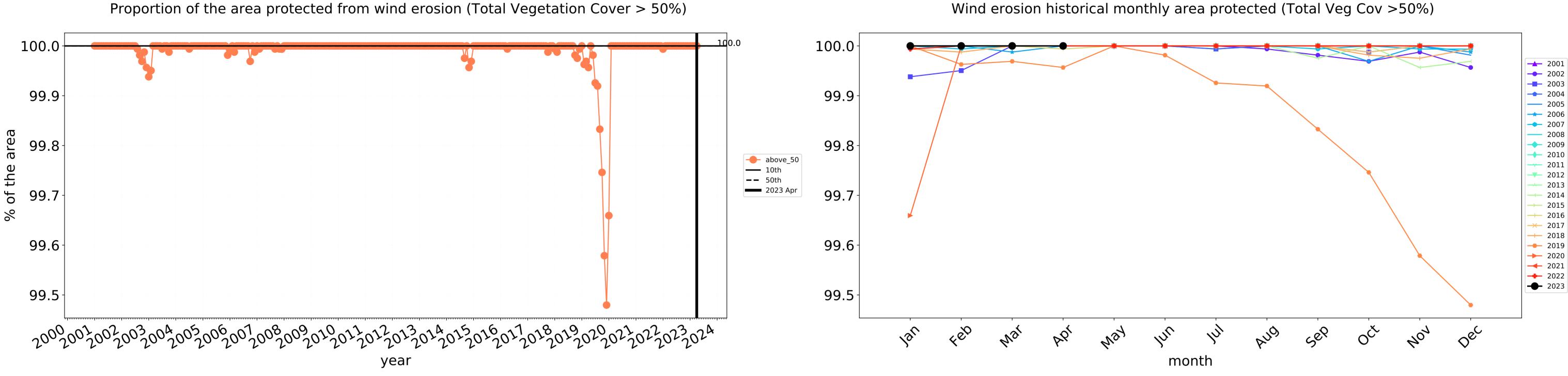


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



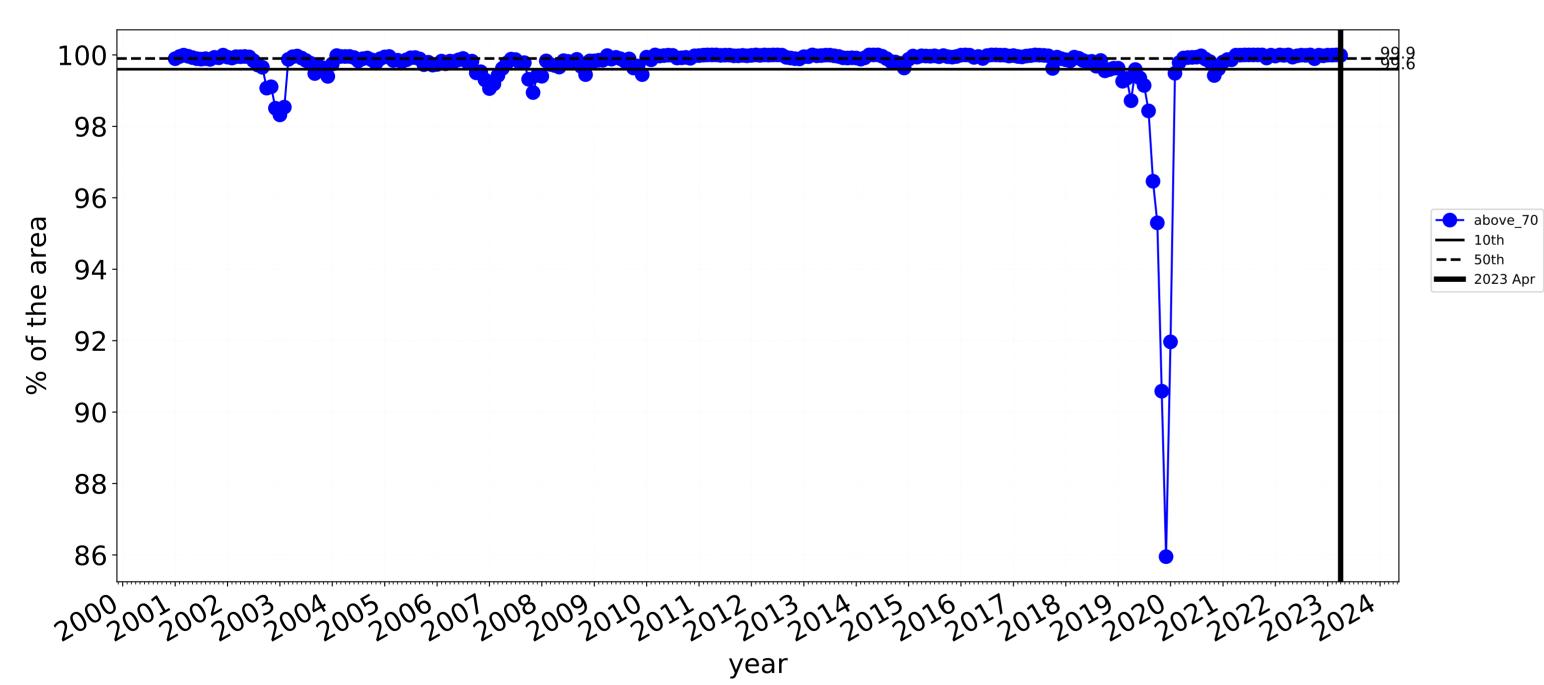




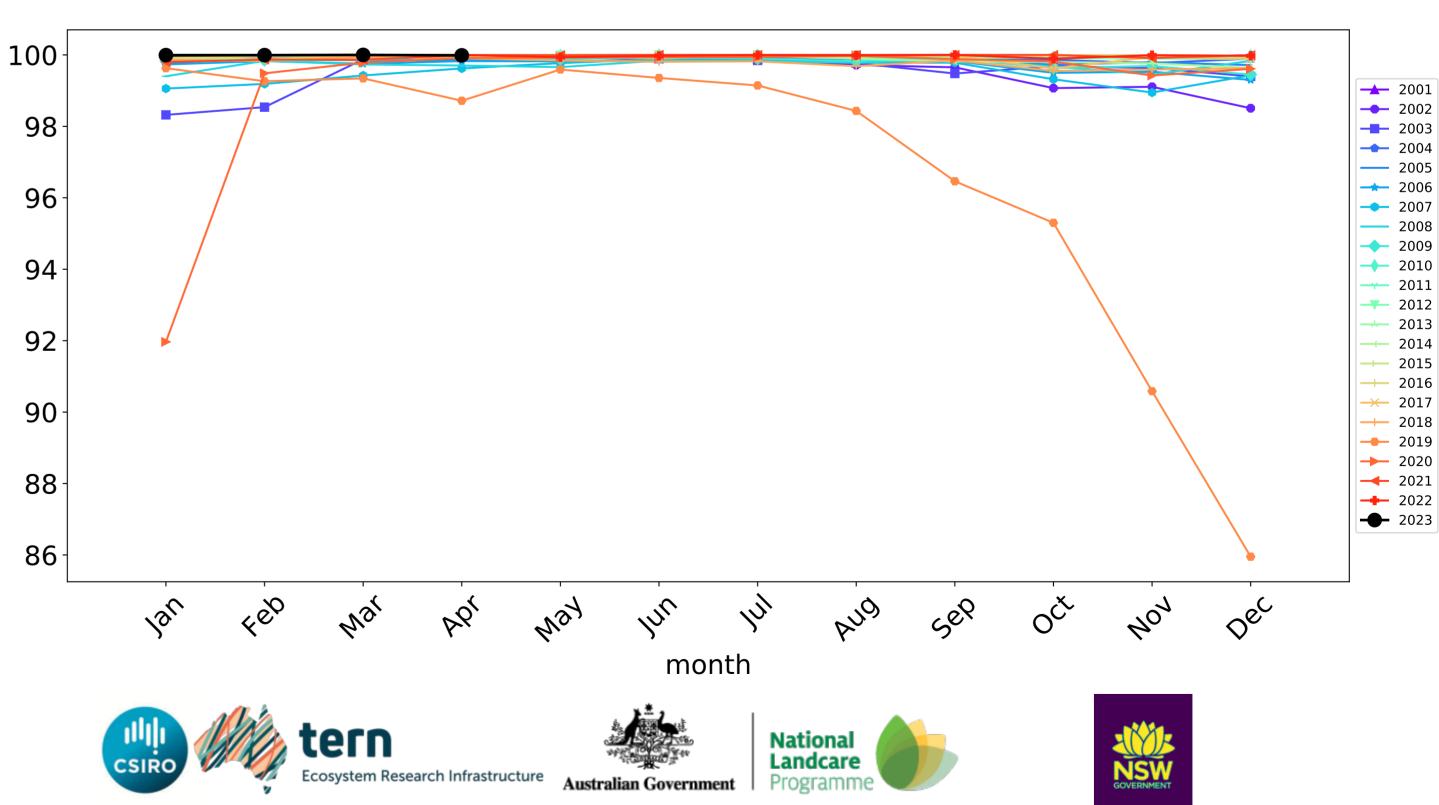


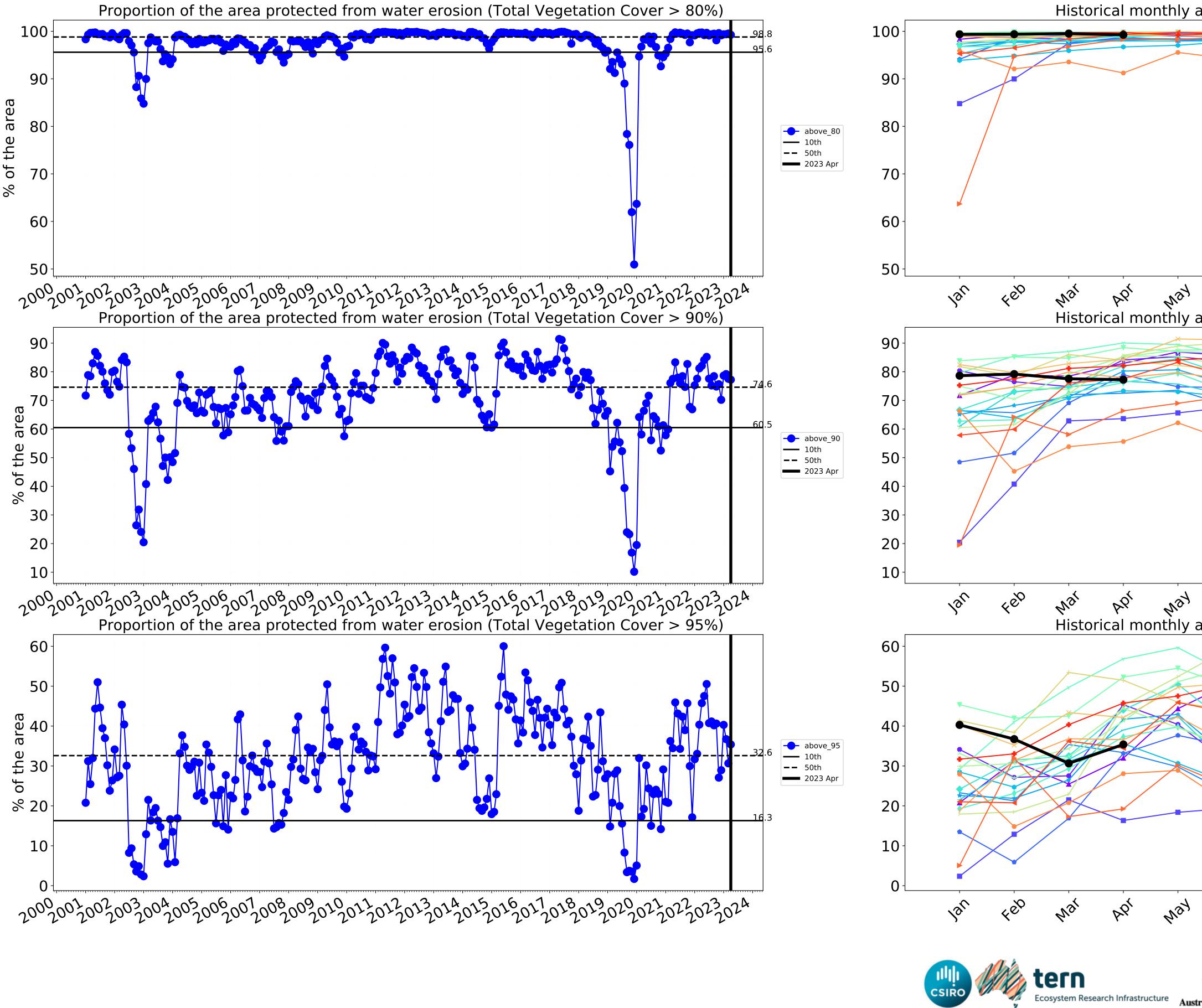


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



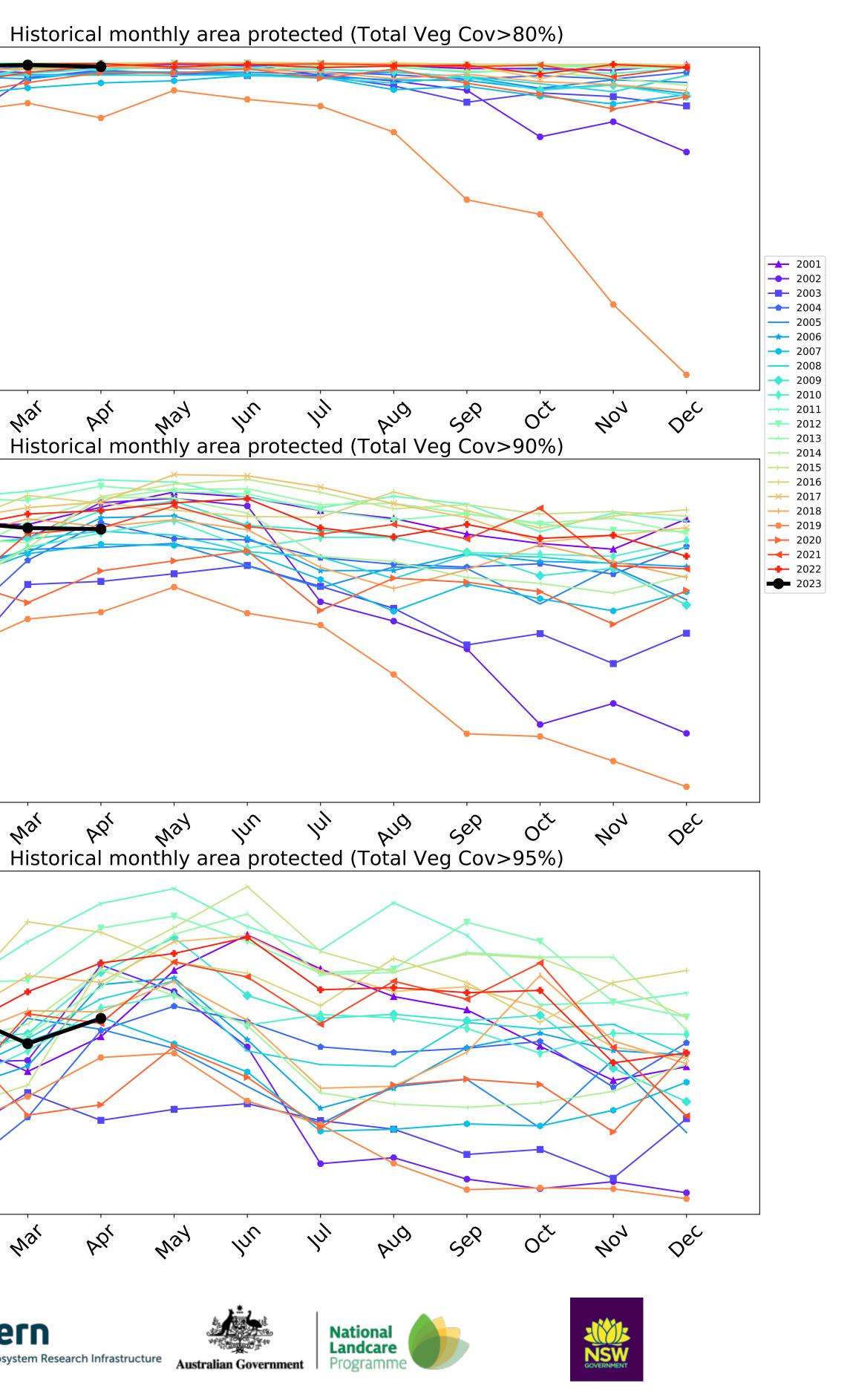




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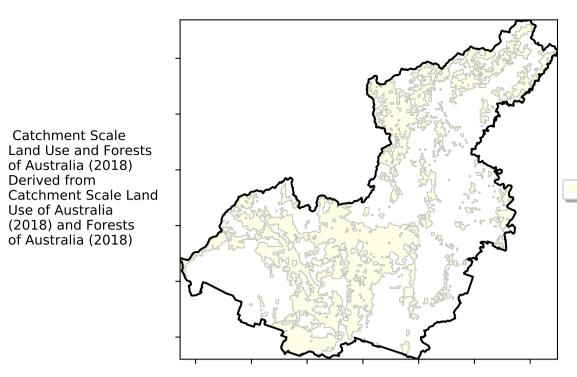
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## **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover



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Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean

pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

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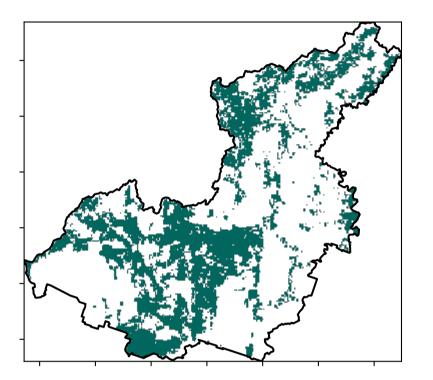
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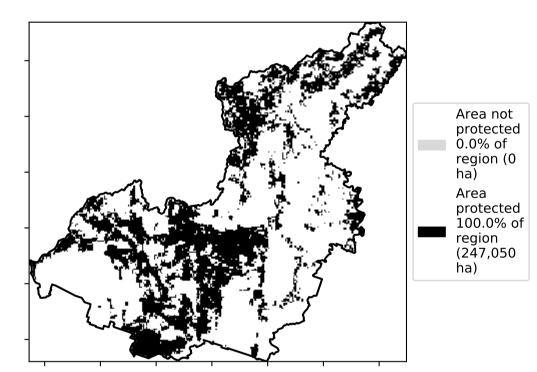
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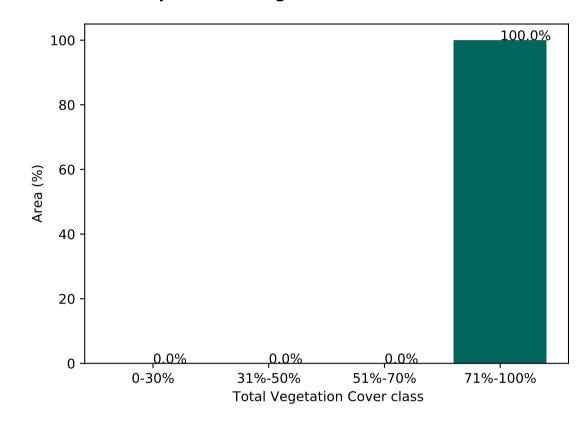
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



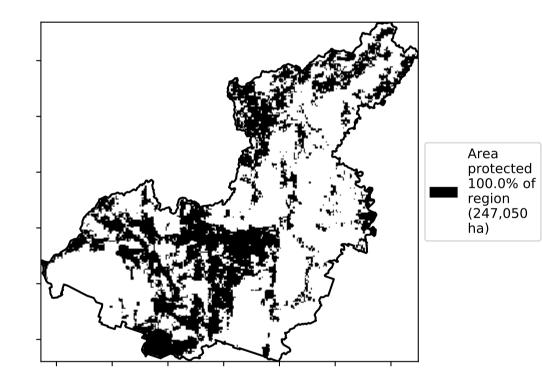
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



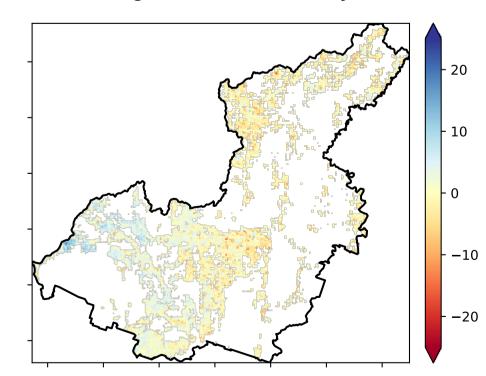
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

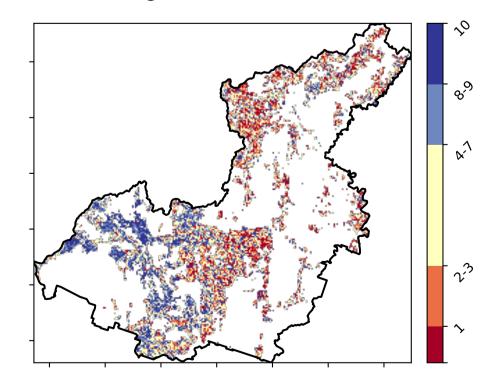


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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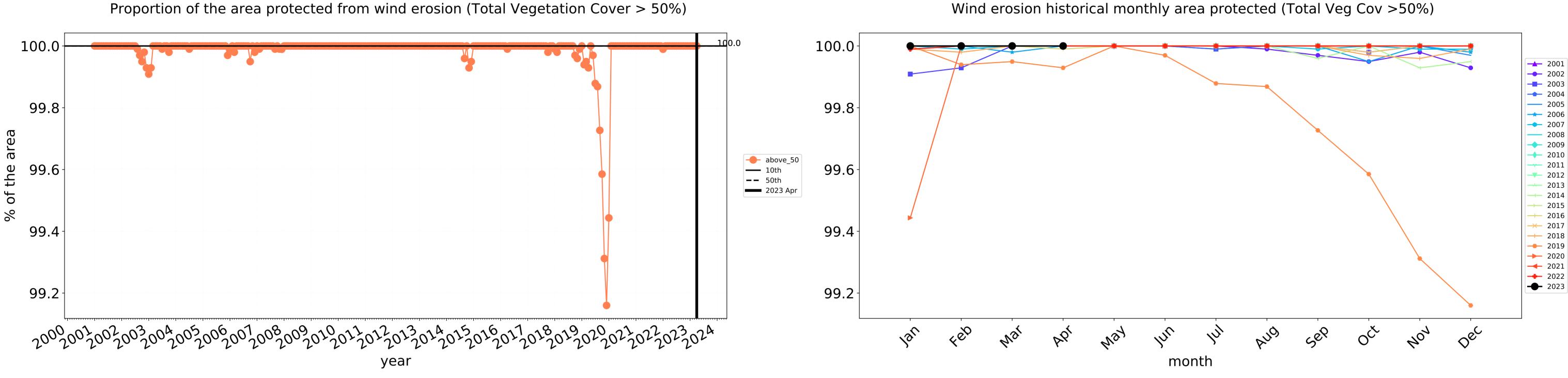
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





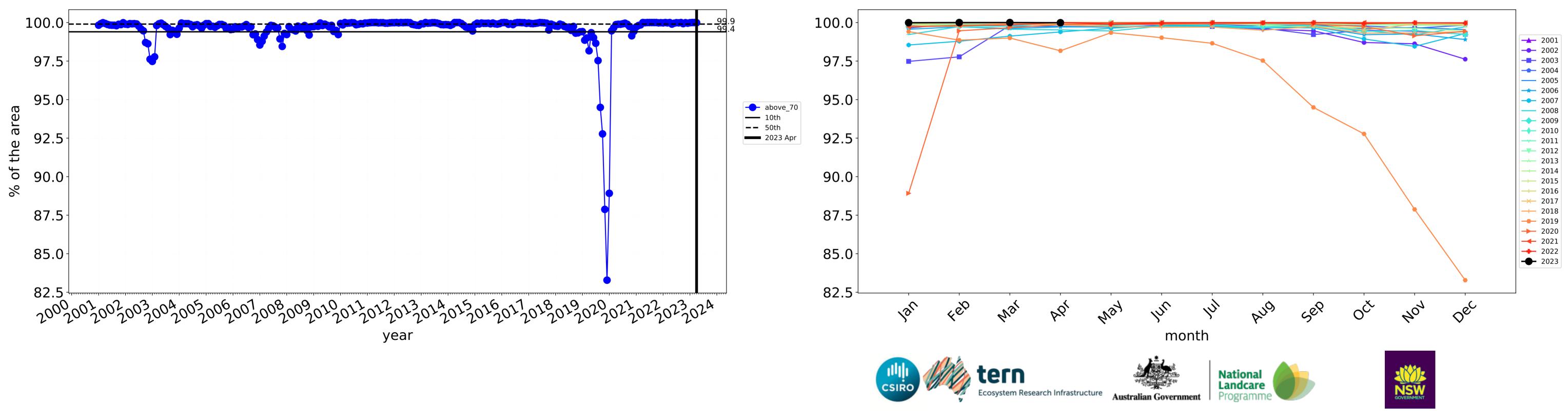




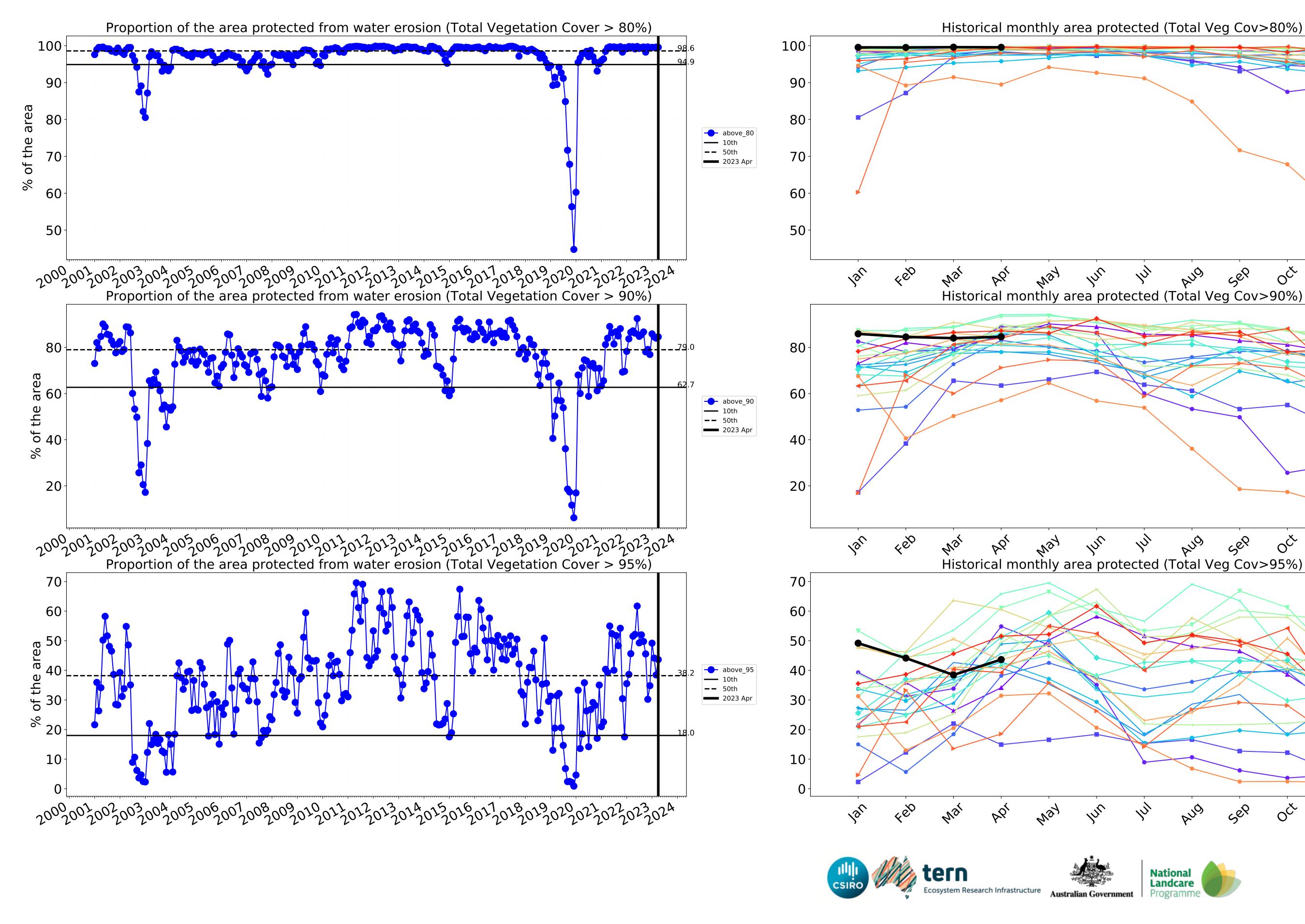


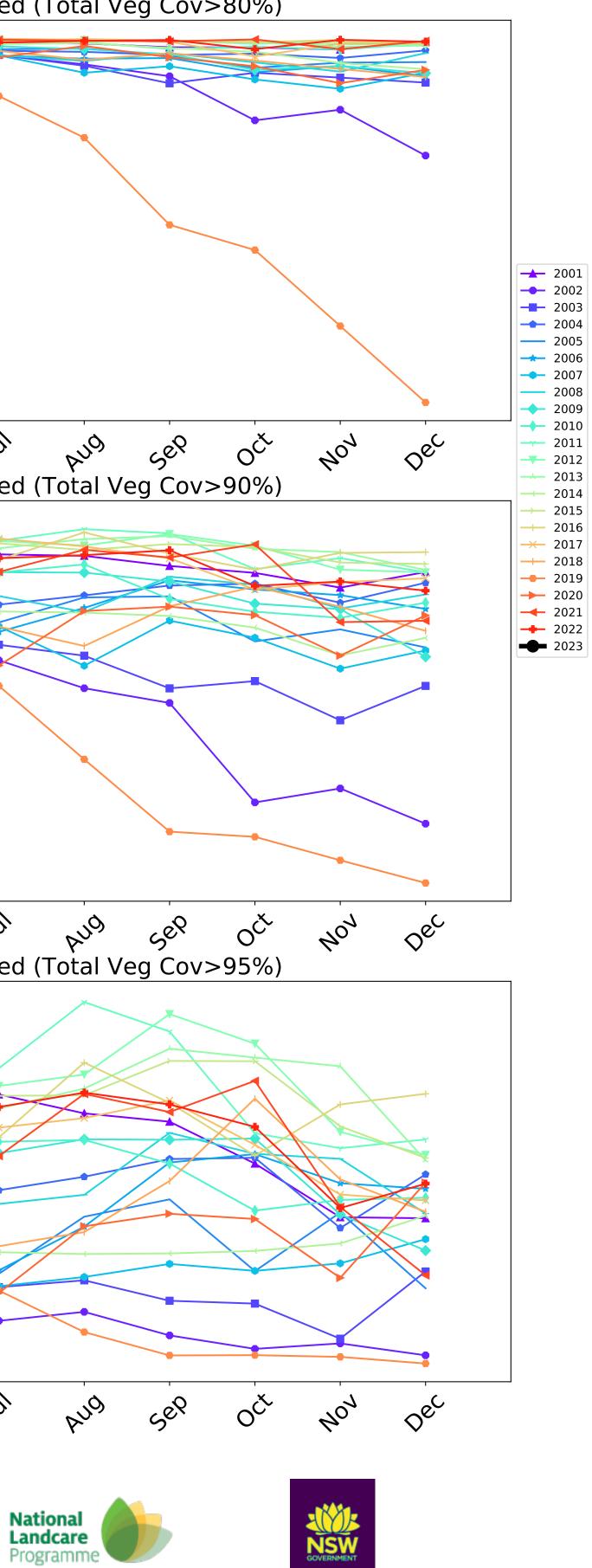
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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





## **Grazing Woodland forest**

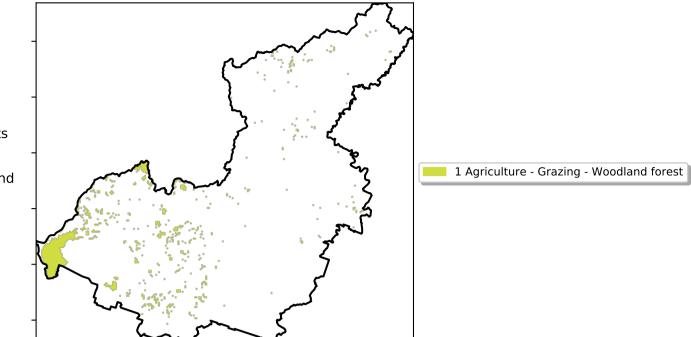
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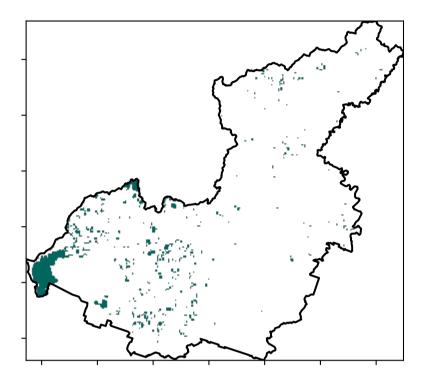
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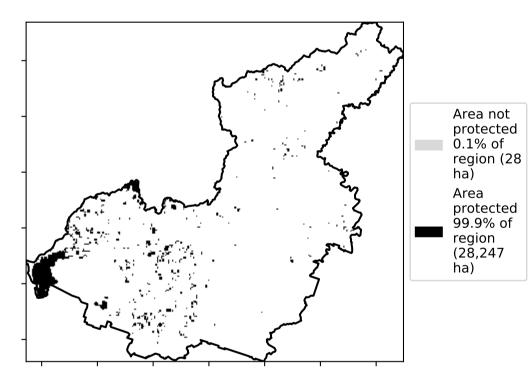
Land use and forest cover



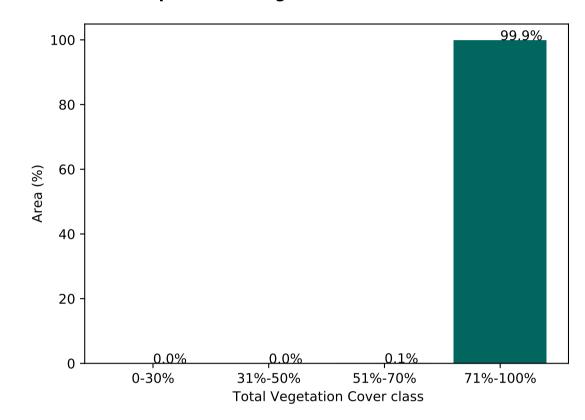
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



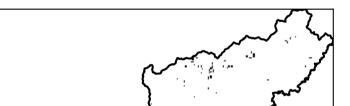




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

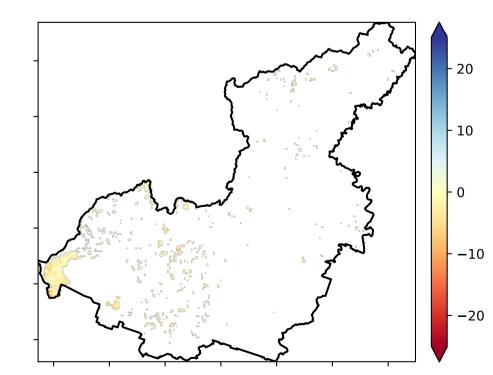


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

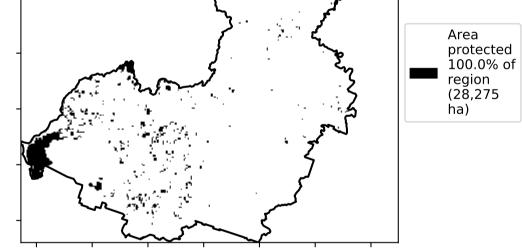


Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

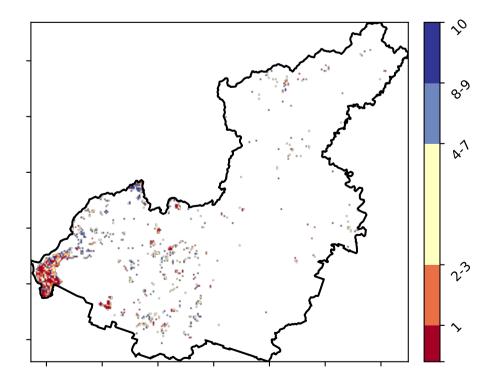
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

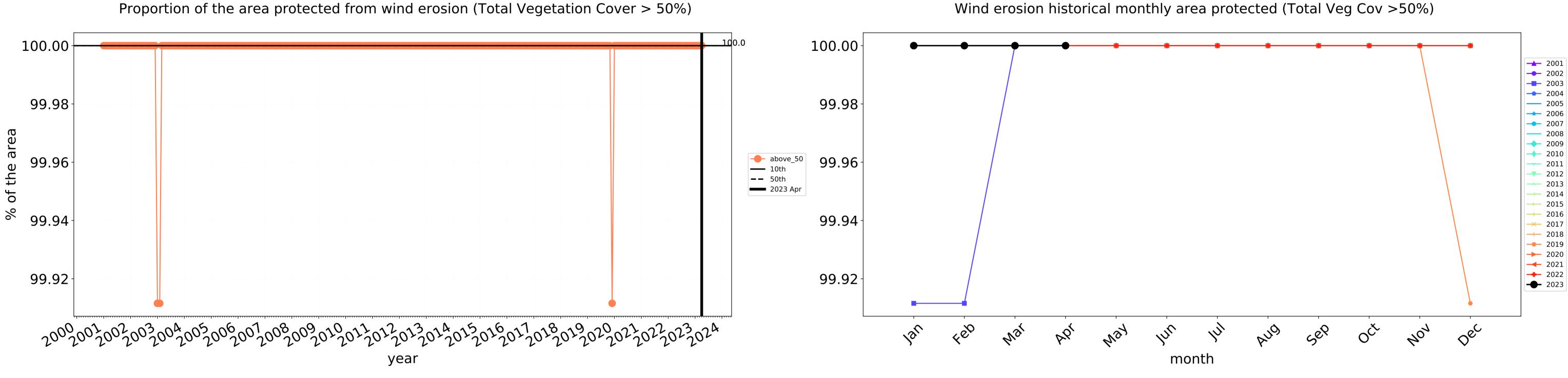




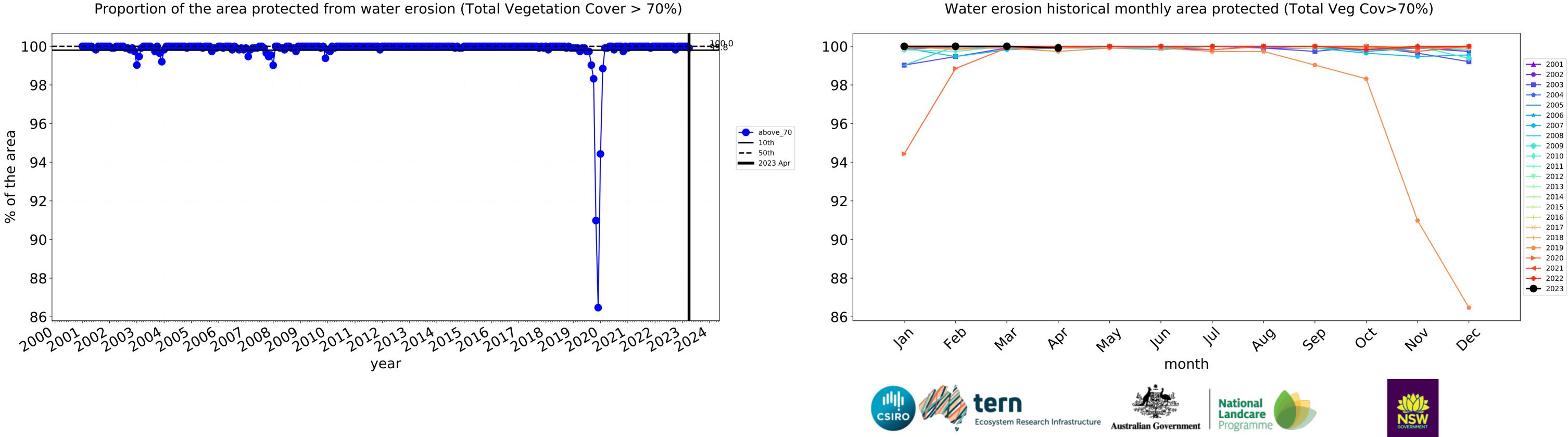


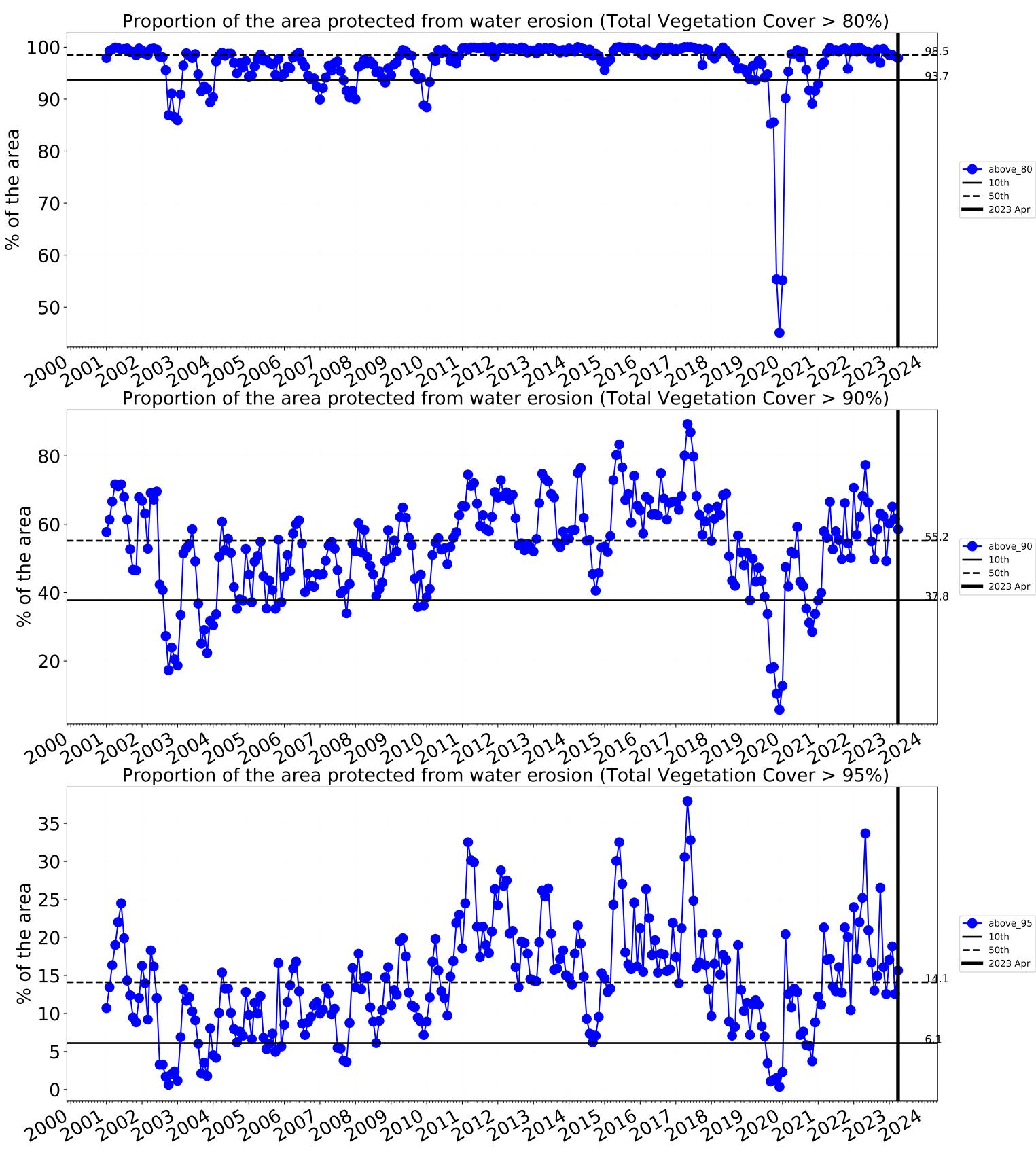
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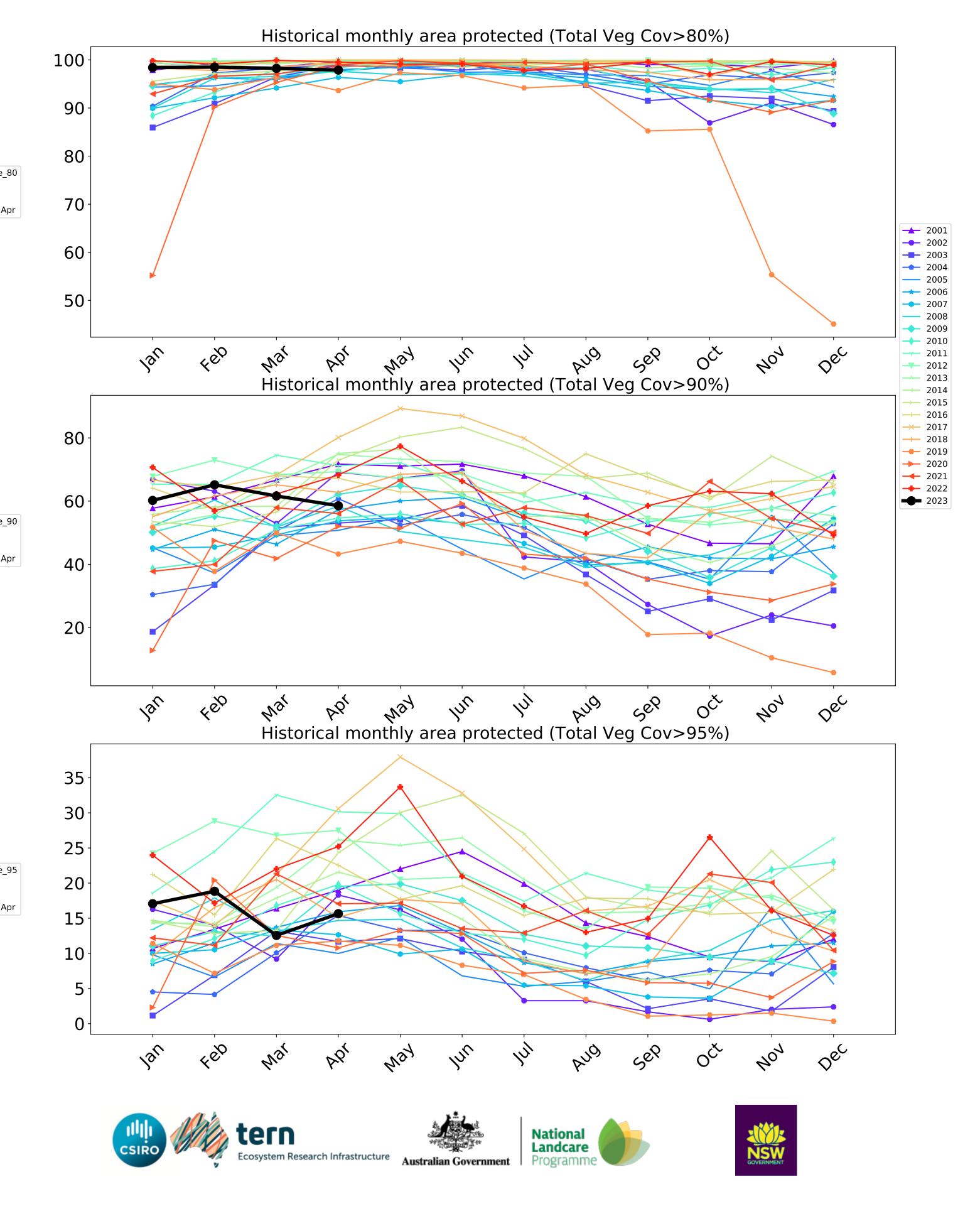




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)







### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

12/07/00%

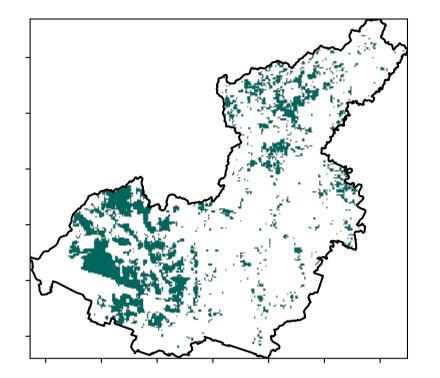
52%70%

32%50%

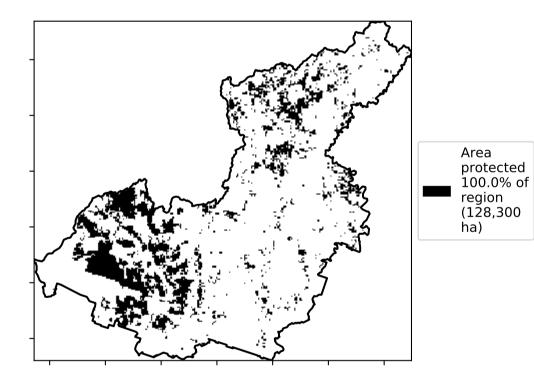
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1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

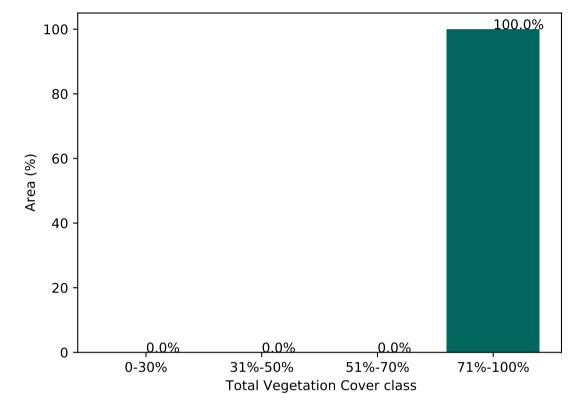
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



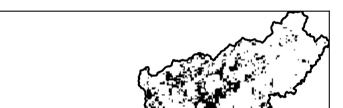
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







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



Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

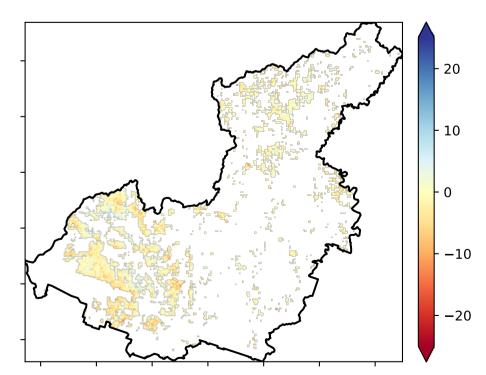
Anomaly show how many percetage points each

pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20%

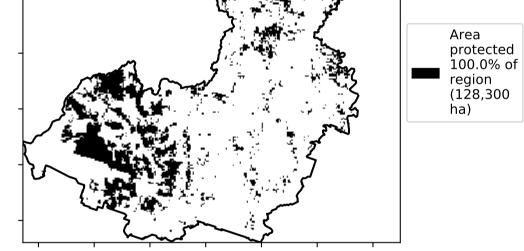
lower than the

pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

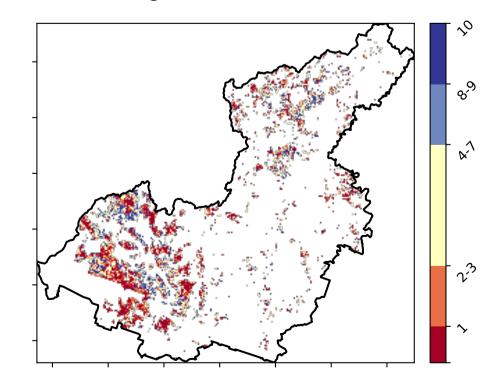
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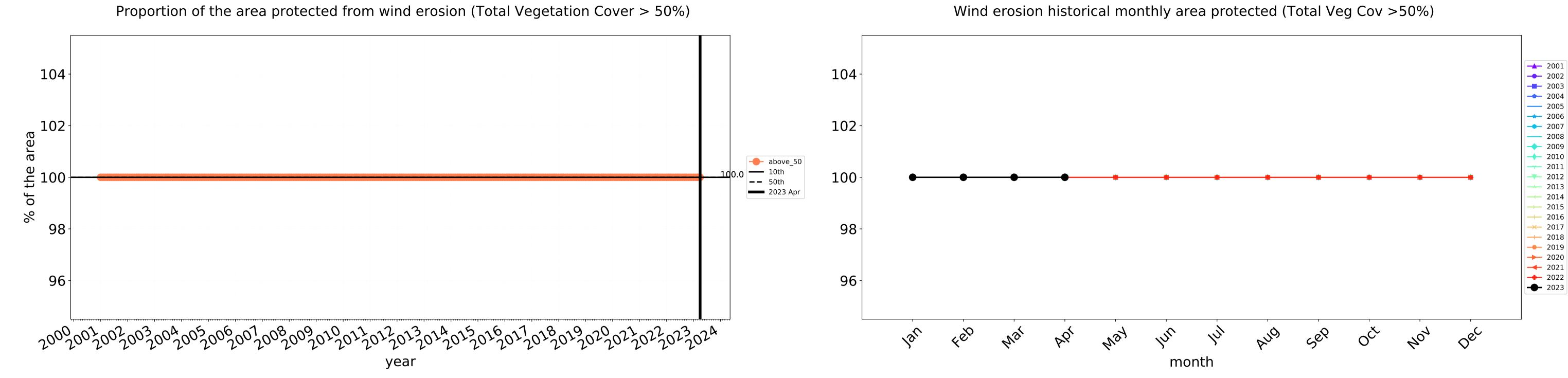
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



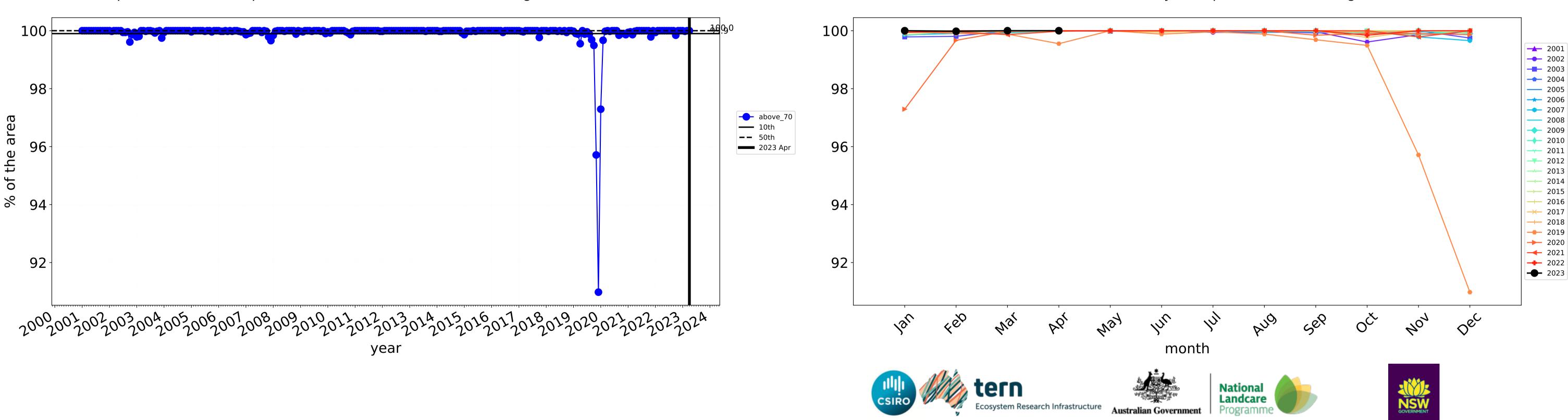






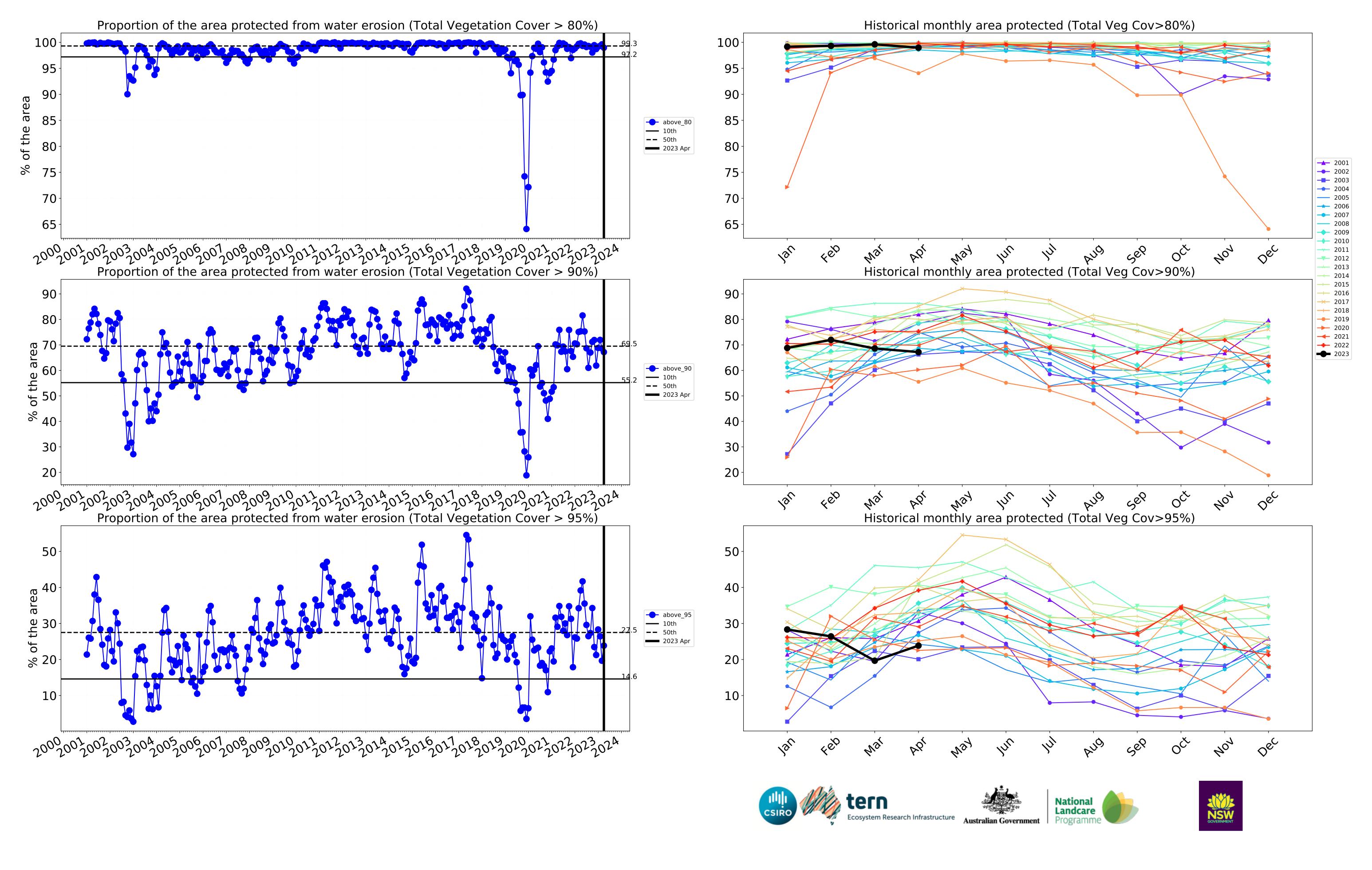






# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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



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

Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Production native forests and plantation forests Catchment Scale Land

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Anomaly show how many percetage points each

pixel is from the mean. That

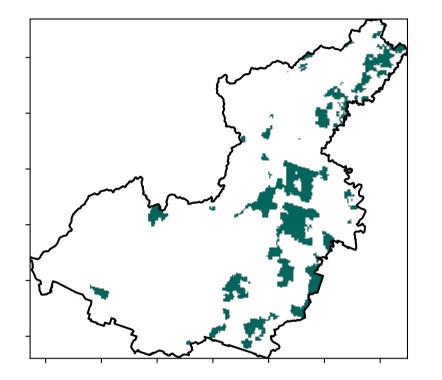
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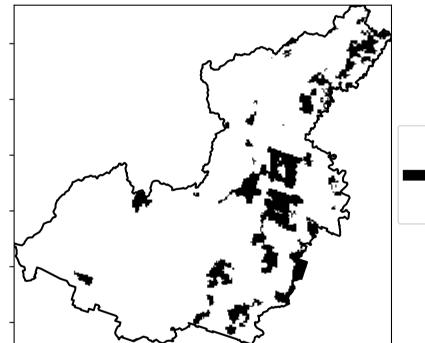
using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

is only for the month of the map

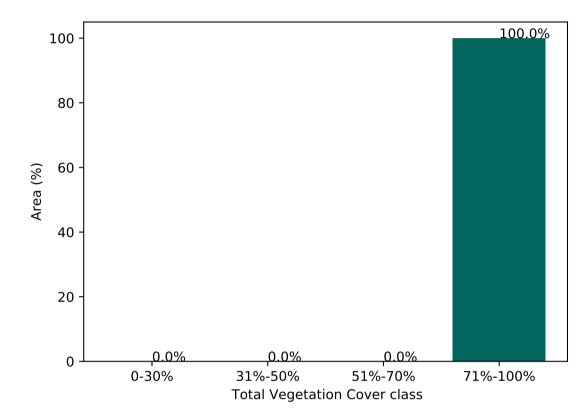
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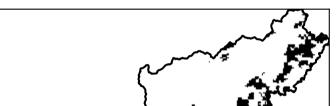
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area

protected 100.0% of

region (87,150 ha)

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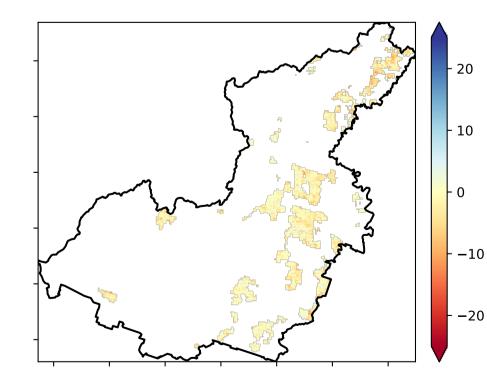
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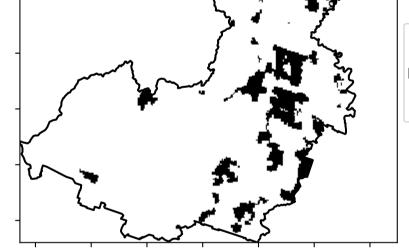
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· 0.30%

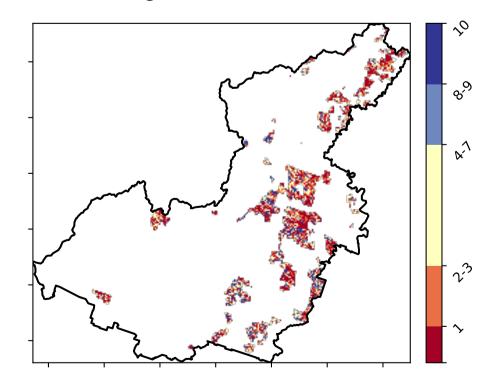
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

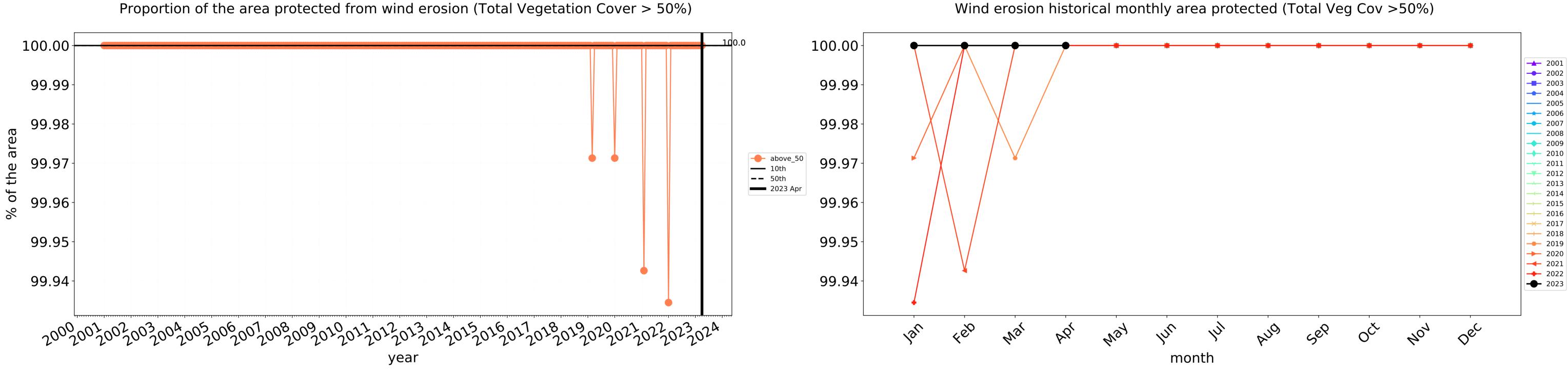




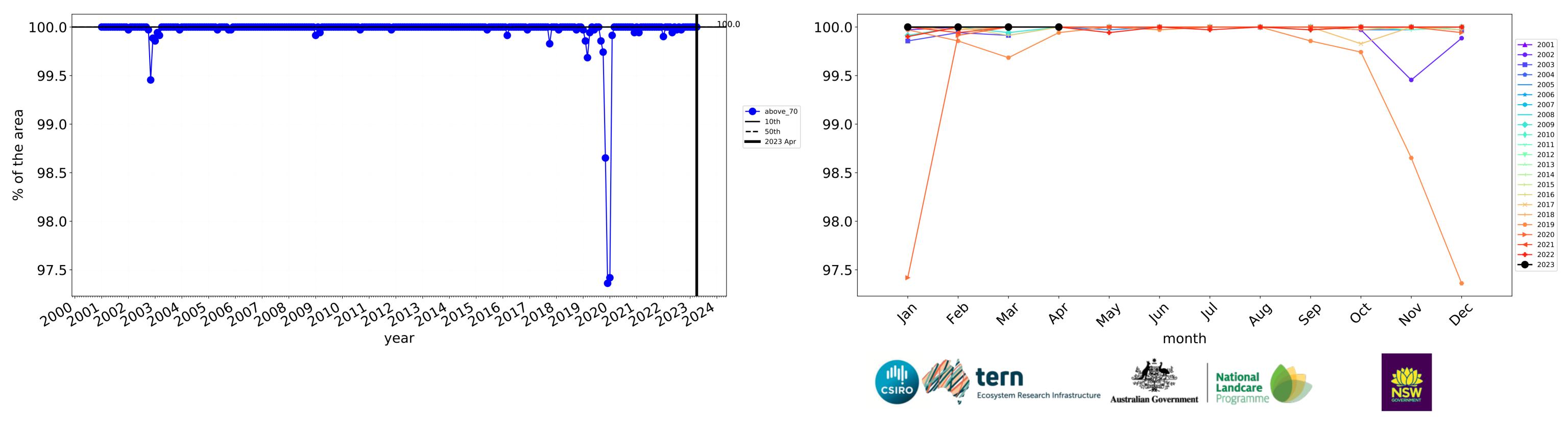




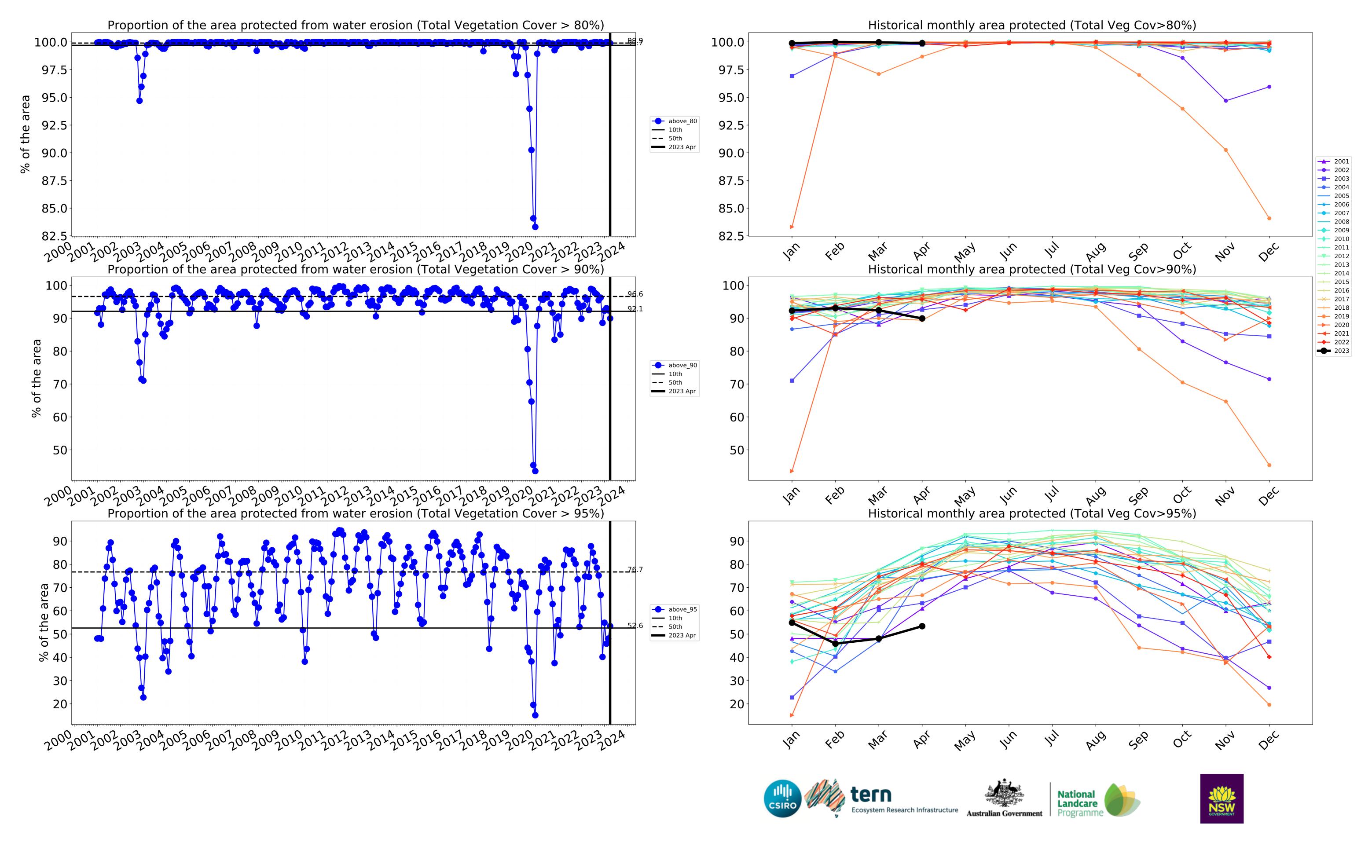
## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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



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



# Tenterfield\_(A) (total 732,475 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	732,475	100.0% 732,475	100.0% 732,475	100.0% 732,275	99.2% 726,725	79.7% 583,625	40.6% 297,275
Conservation and natural environments	235,000	100.0% 235,000	100.0% 235,000	100.0% 235,000	99.1% 233,000	81.0% 190,450	45.5% 106,975
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	228,100	100.0% 228,100	100.0% 228,100	100.0% 228,100	99.1% 226,150	81.8% 186,650	46.2% 105,300
Agriculture	407,375	100.0% 407,375	100.0% 407,375	100.0% 407,300	99.2% 404,050	76.8% 313,000	35.1% 143,075
Grazing	403,625	100.0% 403,625	100.0% 403,625	100.0% 403,575	99.3% 400,650	77.2% 311,725	35.4% 142,850
Grazing non forest	247,050	100.0% 247,050	100.0% 247,050	100.0% 247,025	99.6% 246,000	84.6% 208,975	43.6% 107,825
Grazing Woodland forest	28,275	100.0% 28,275	100.0% 28,275	99.9% 28,250	97.9% 27,675	58.5% 16,550	15.6% 4,425
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	128,300	100.0% 128,300	100.0% 128,300	100.0% 128,300	99.0% 126,975	67.2% 86,200	23.9% 30,600
Production native forests and plantation forests	87,150	100.0% 87,150	100.0% 87,150	100.0% 87,150	99.9% 87,050	89.9% 78,375	53.4% 46,525

