

# Total vegetation cover soil protection

## Region:LGA Aurukun\_(S) QLD

Date: August 2022

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

Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest 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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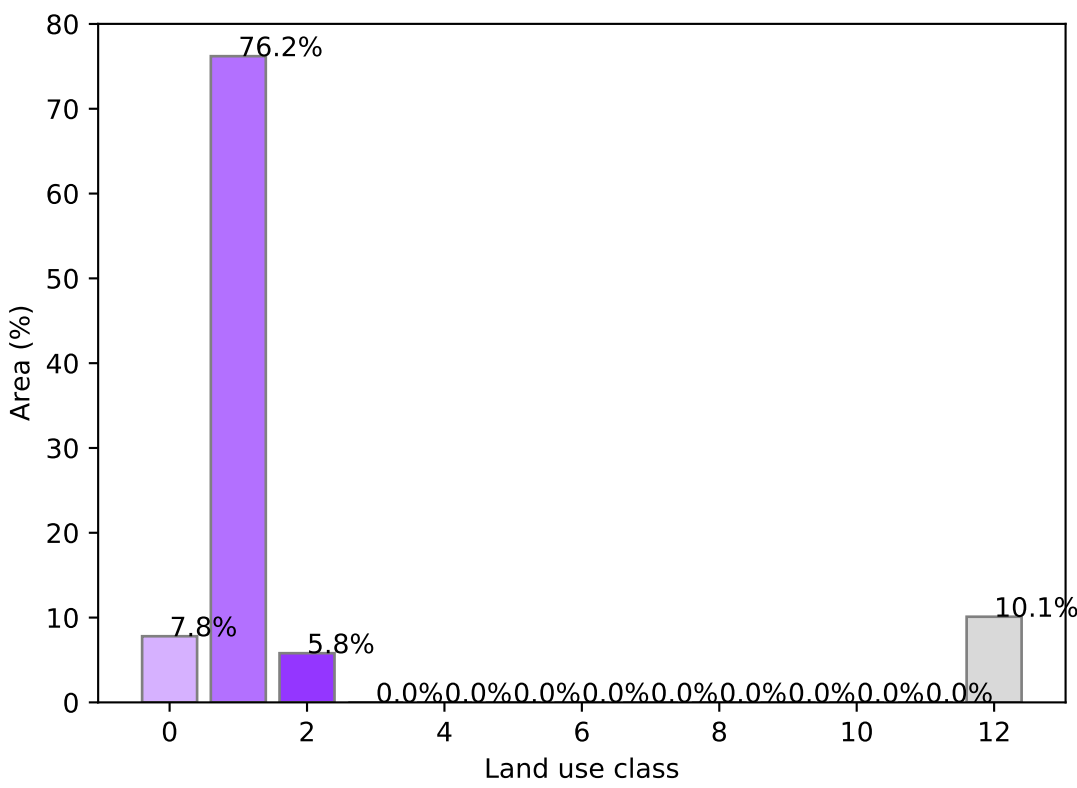
# Vegetation Cover Aug 2022

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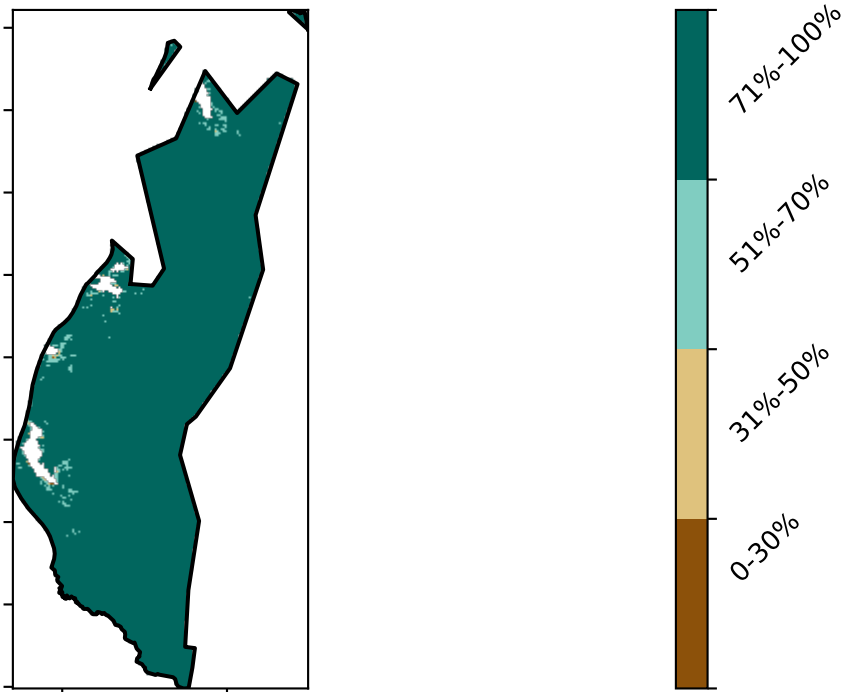


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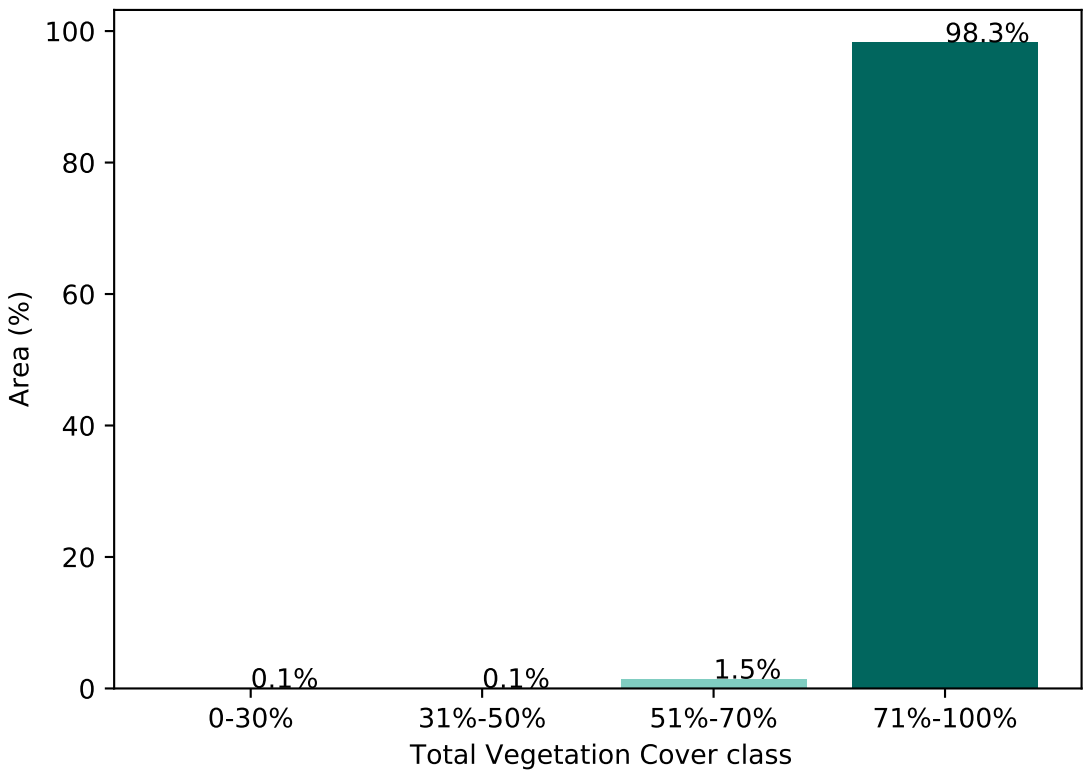
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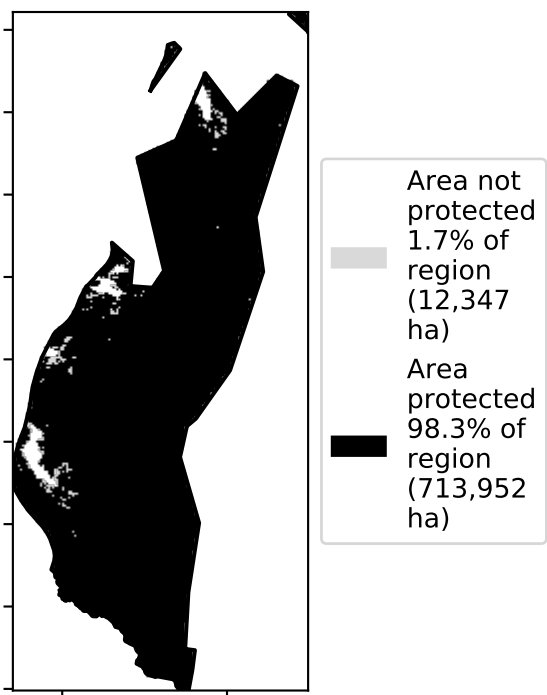
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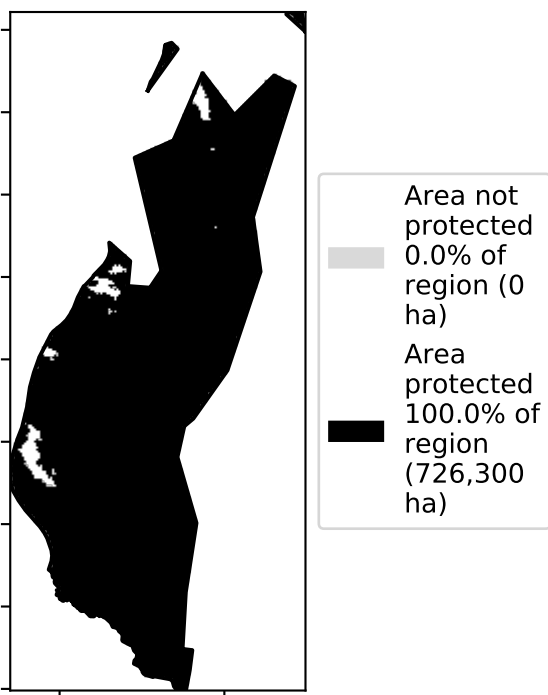
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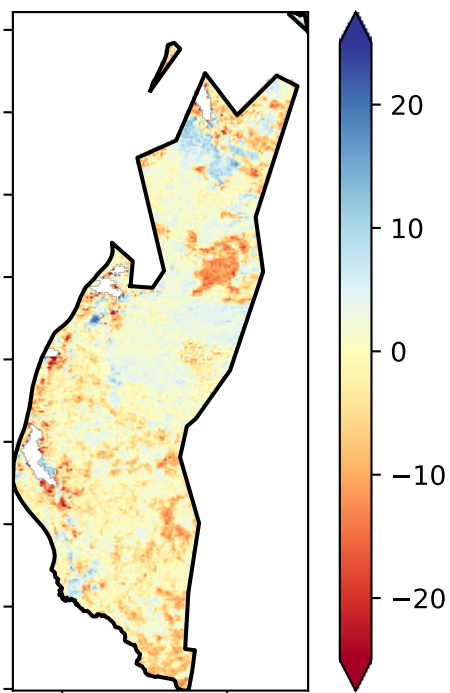
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



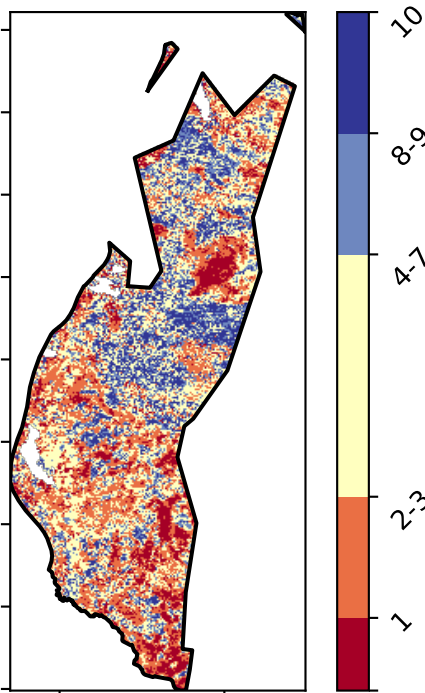
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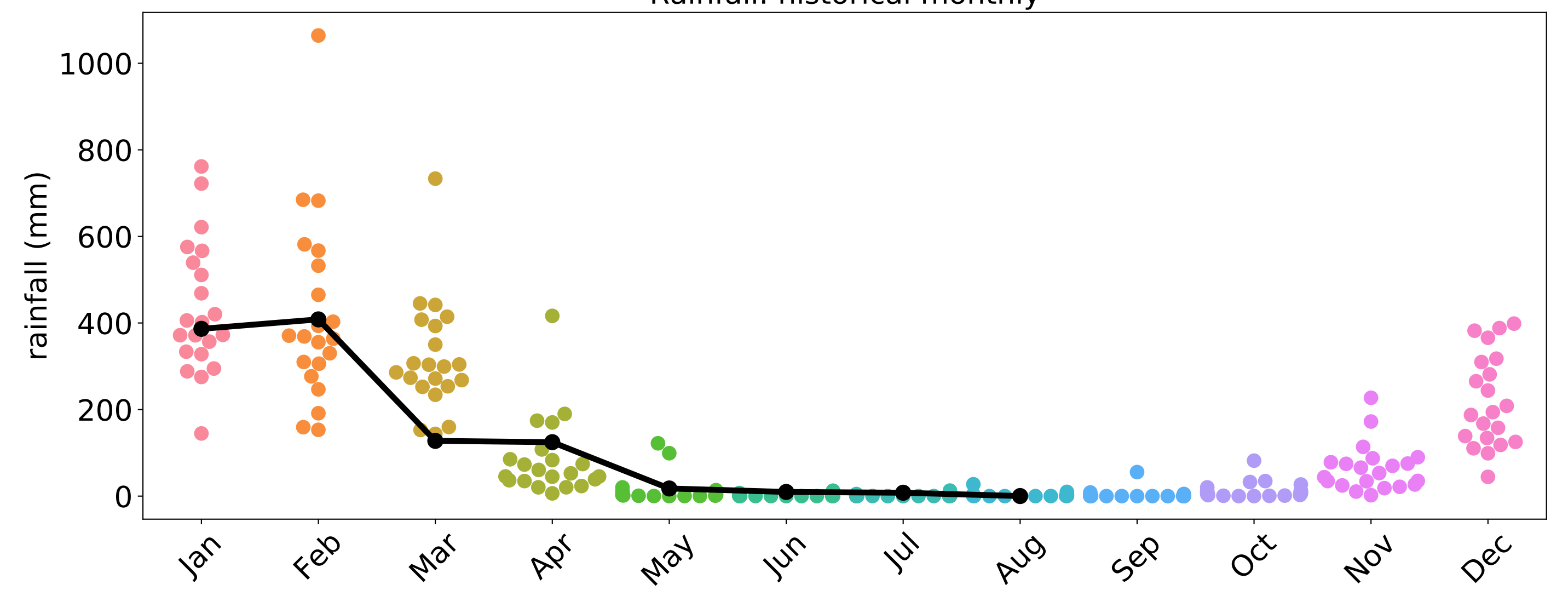
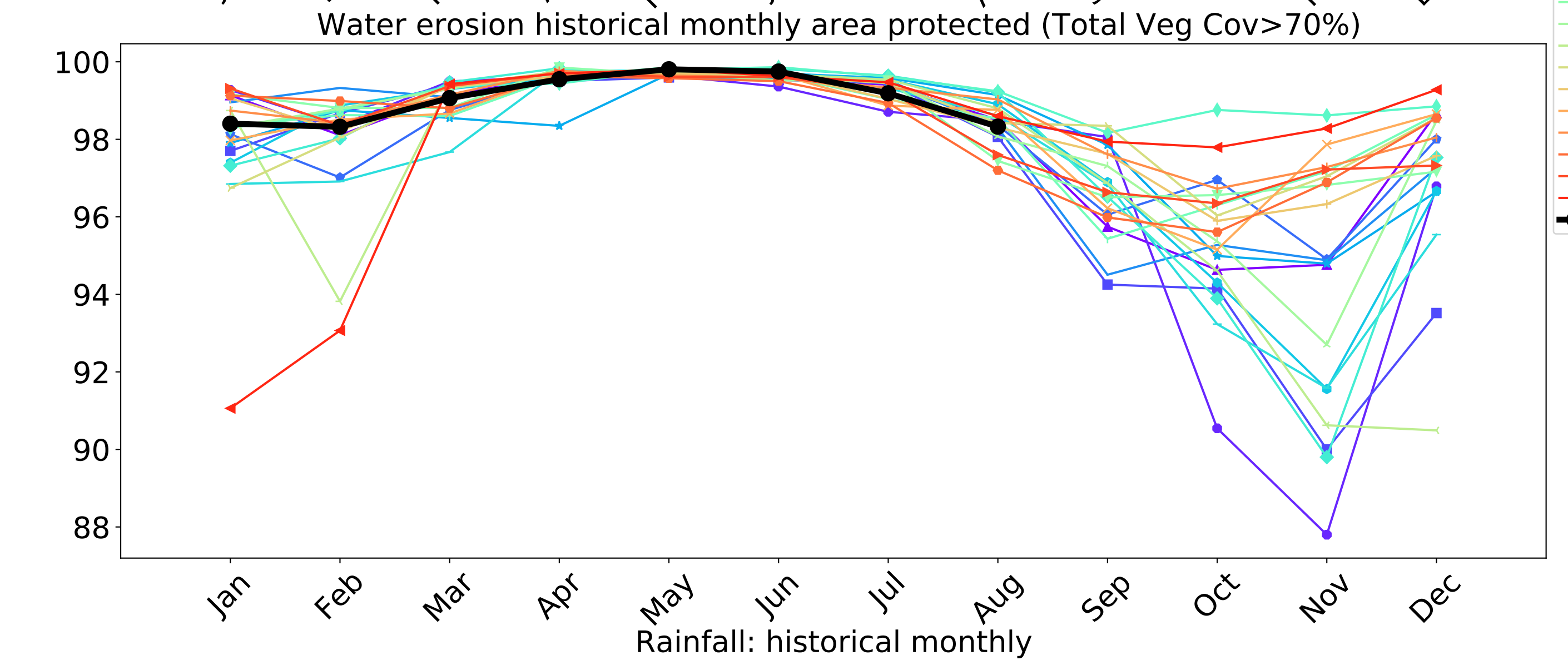
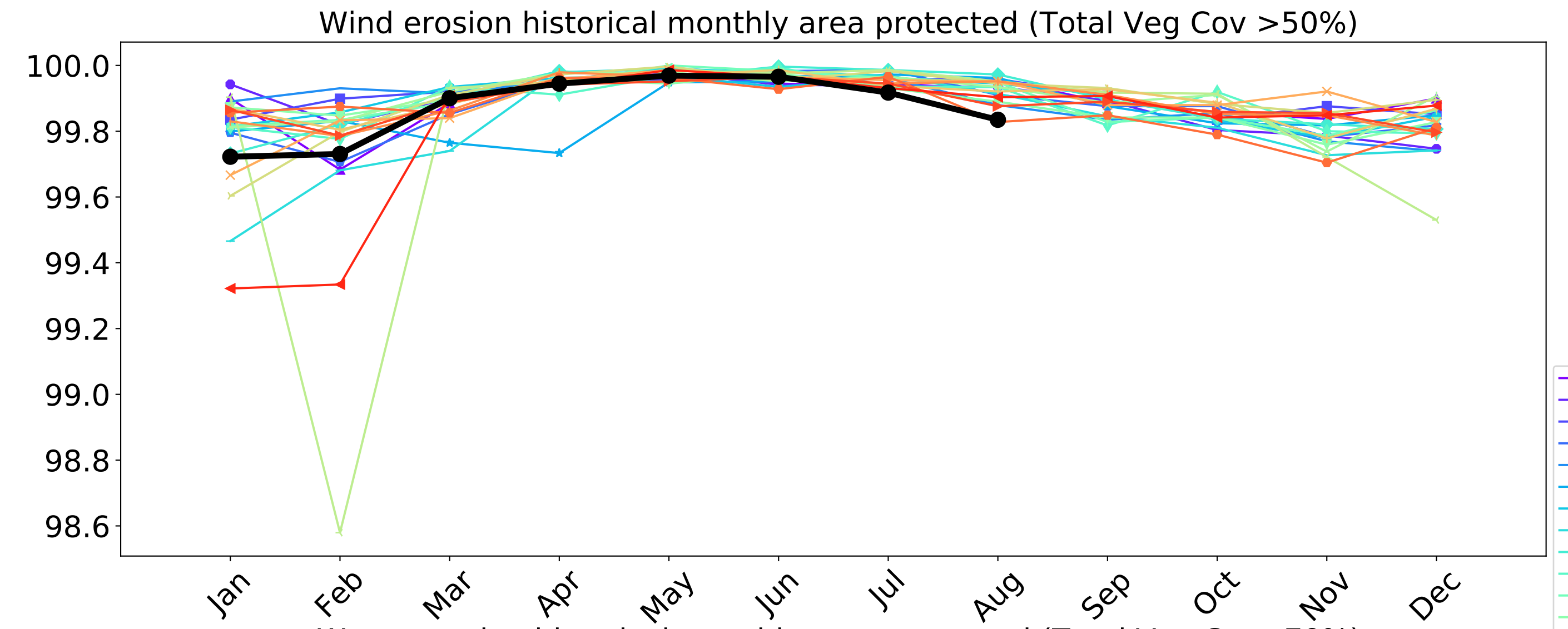
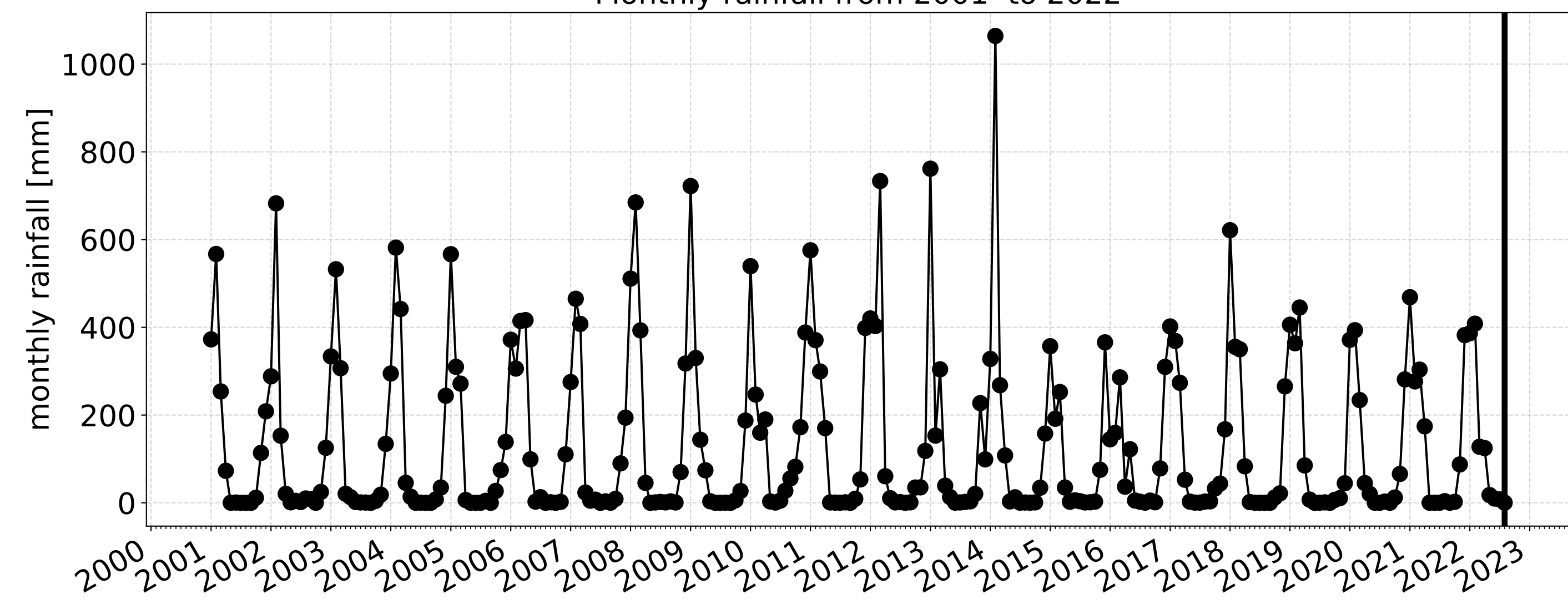
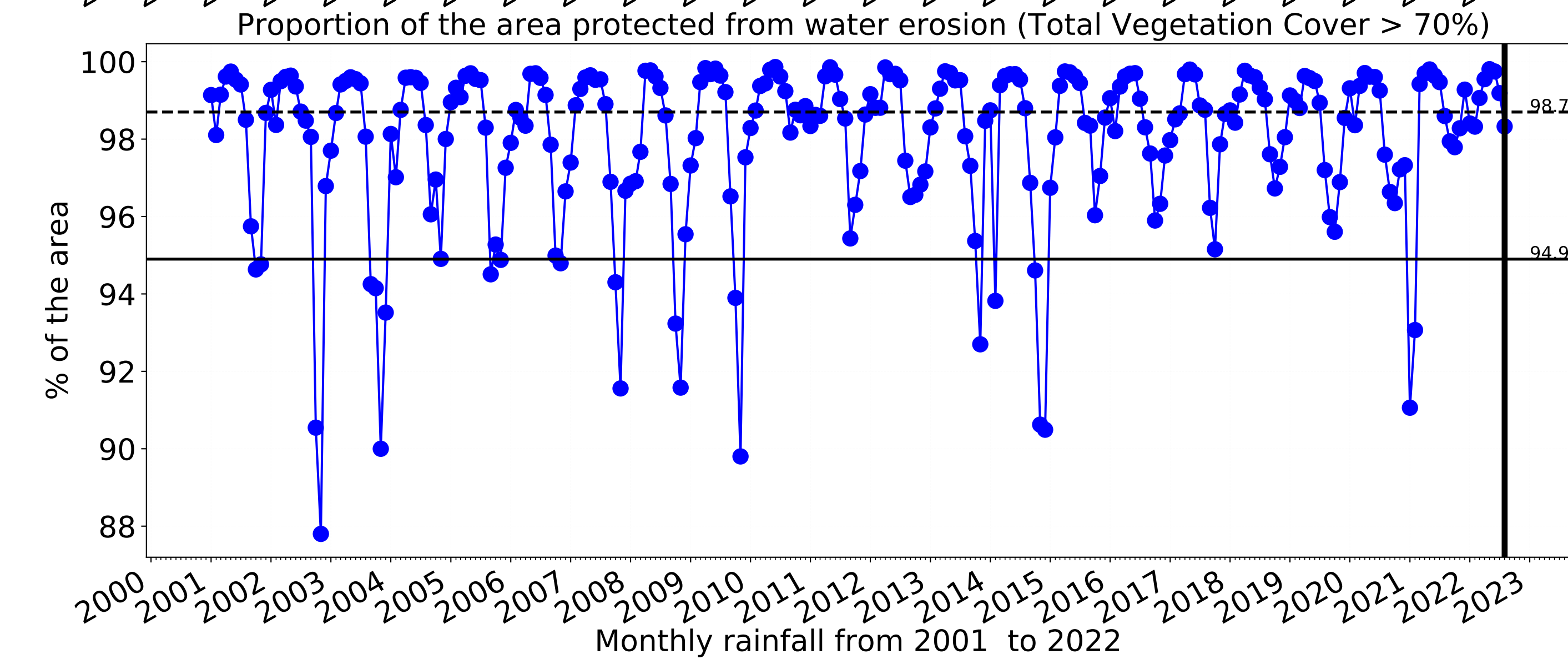
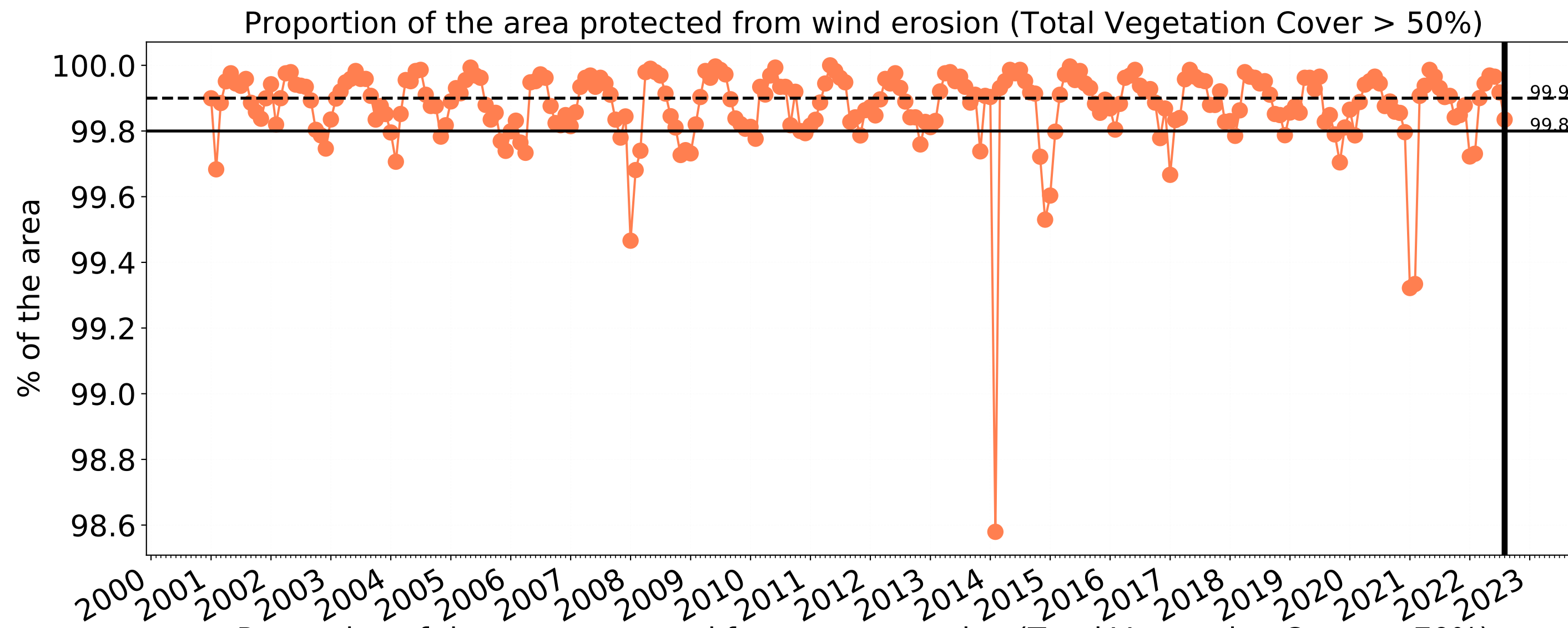


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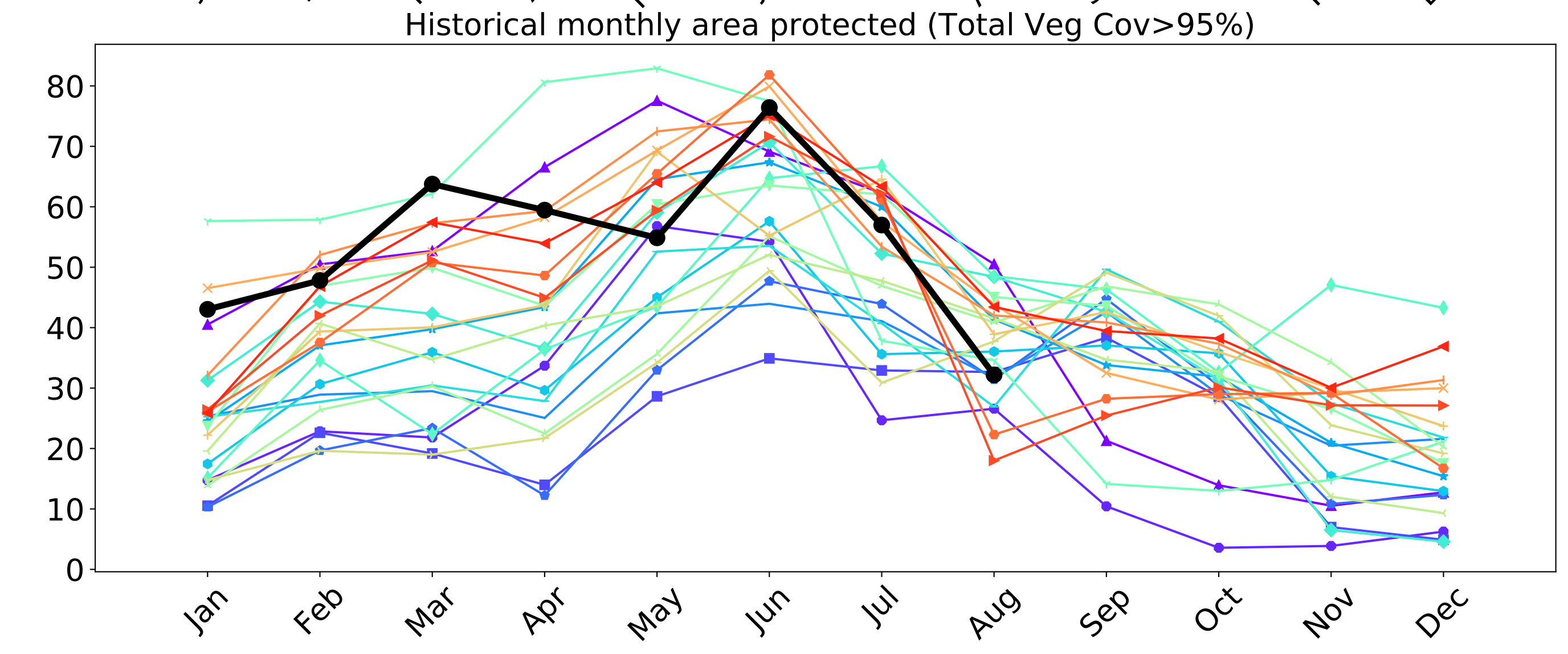
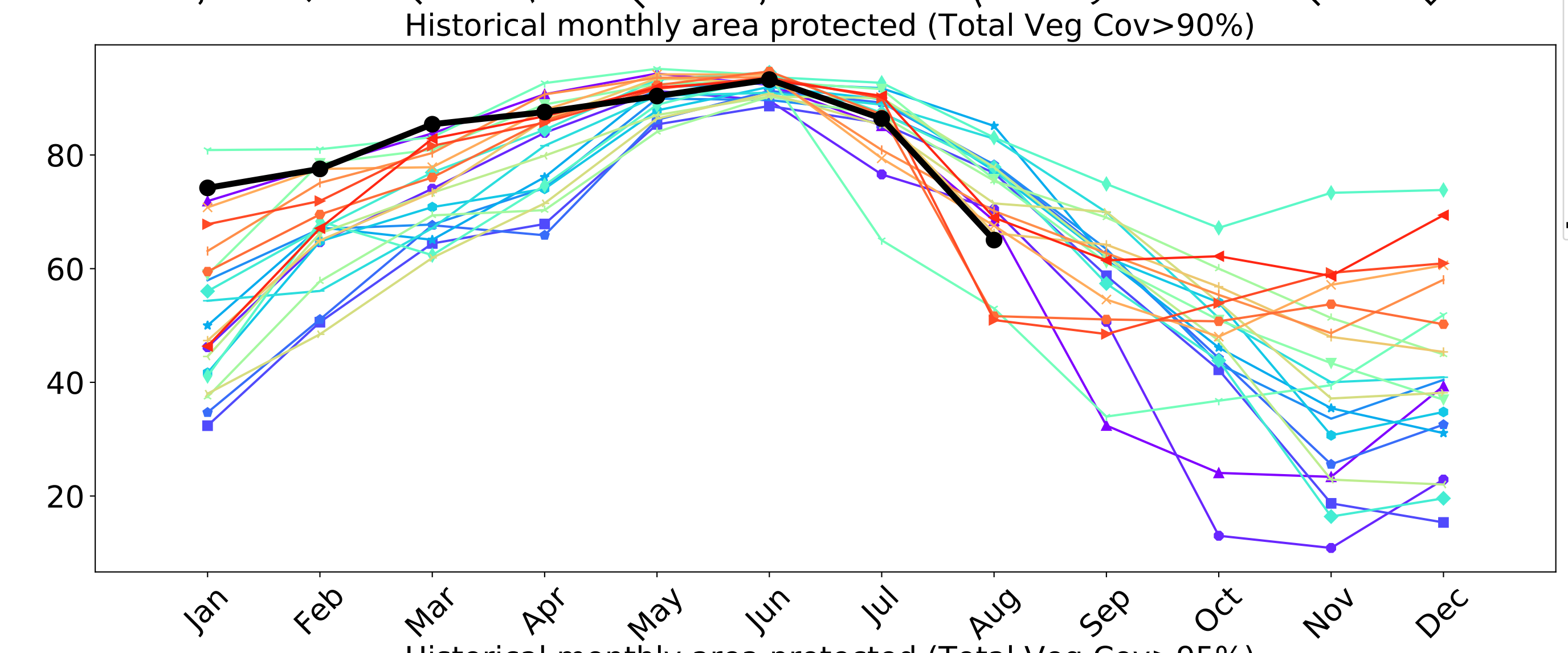
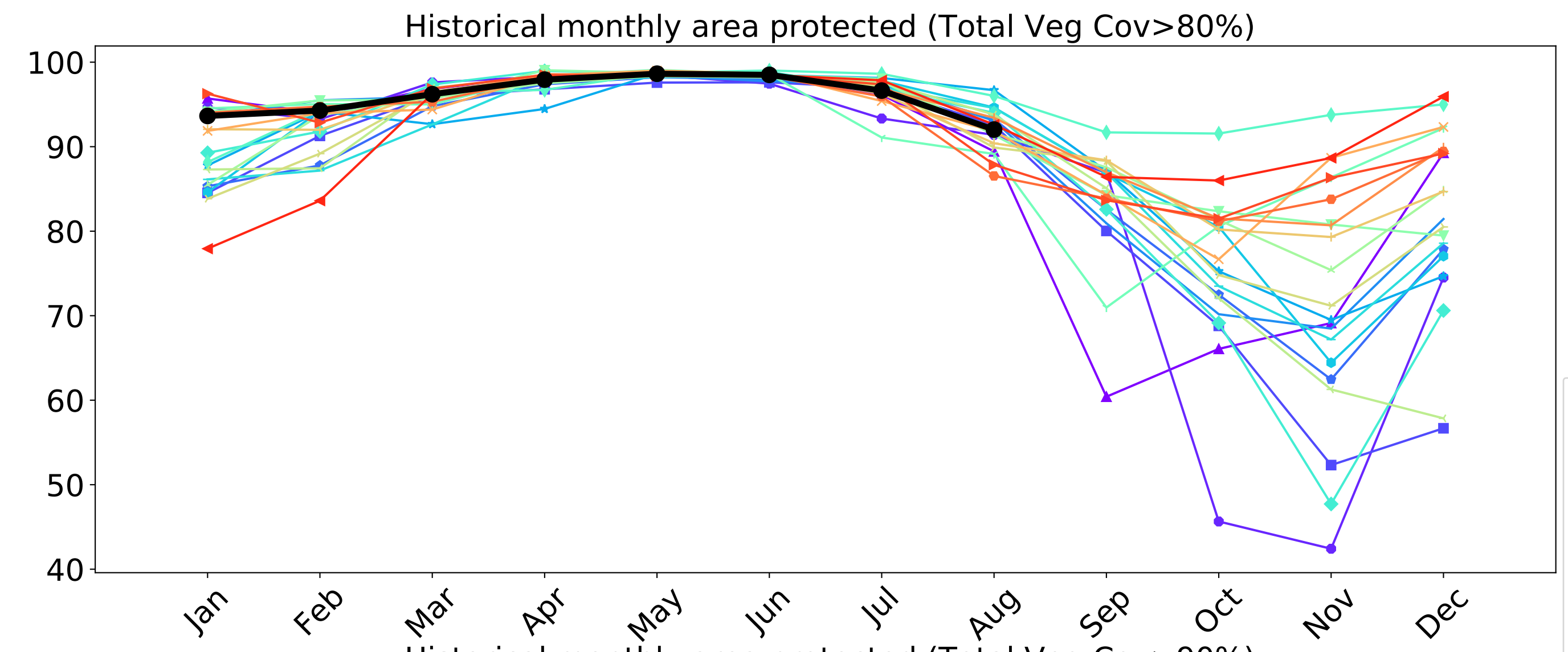
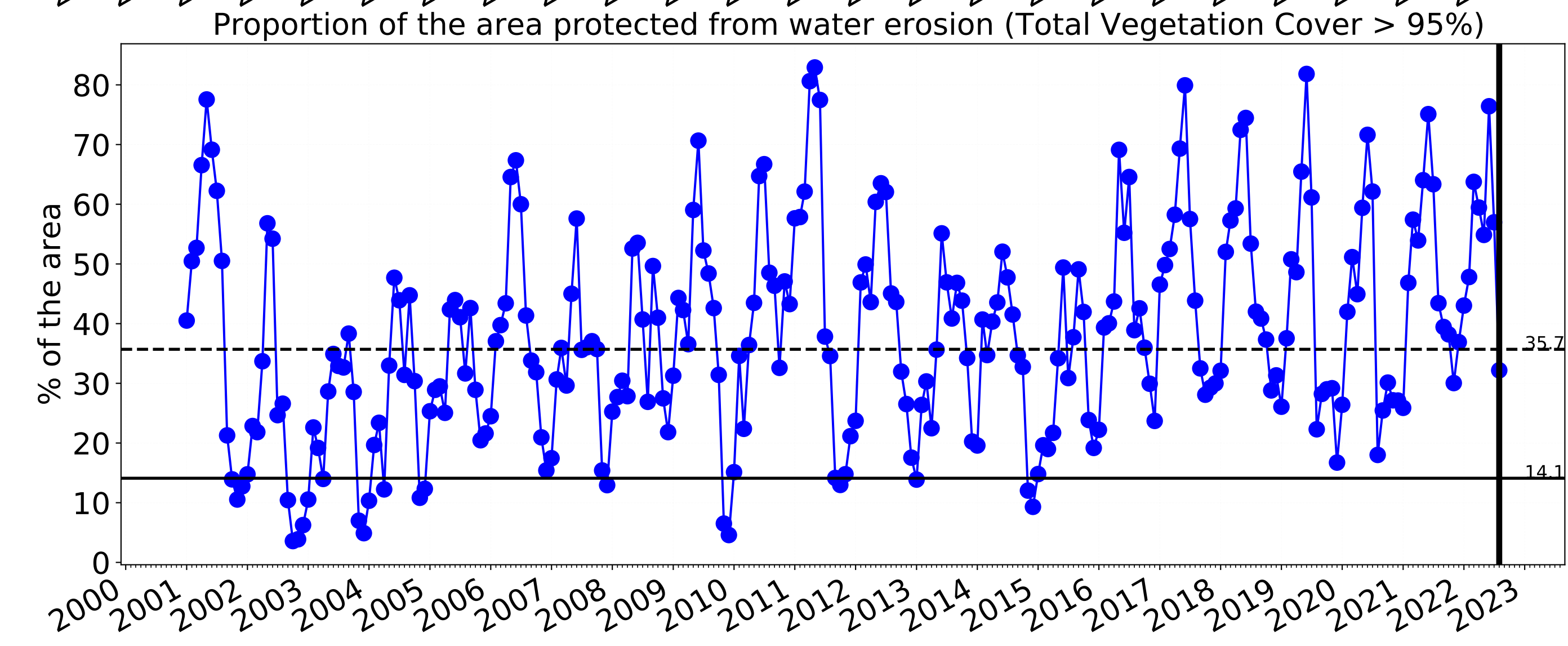
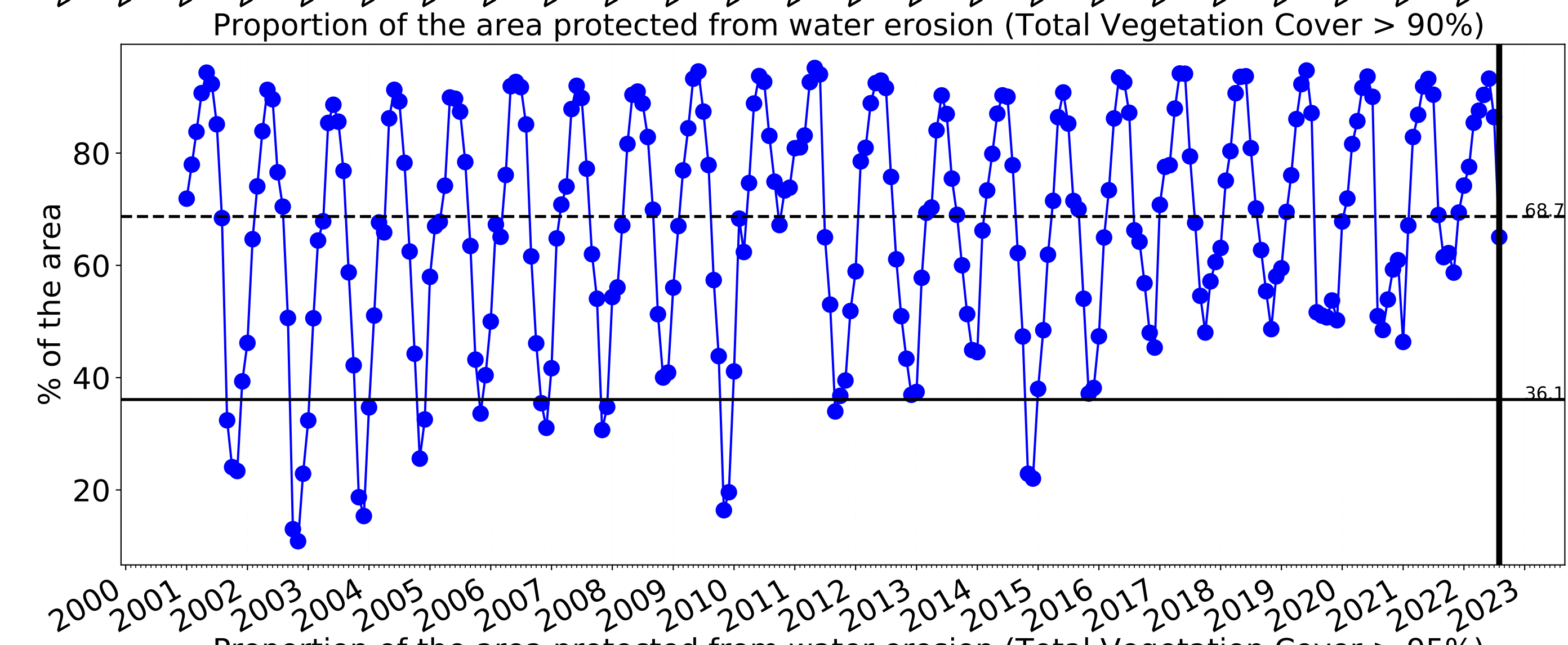
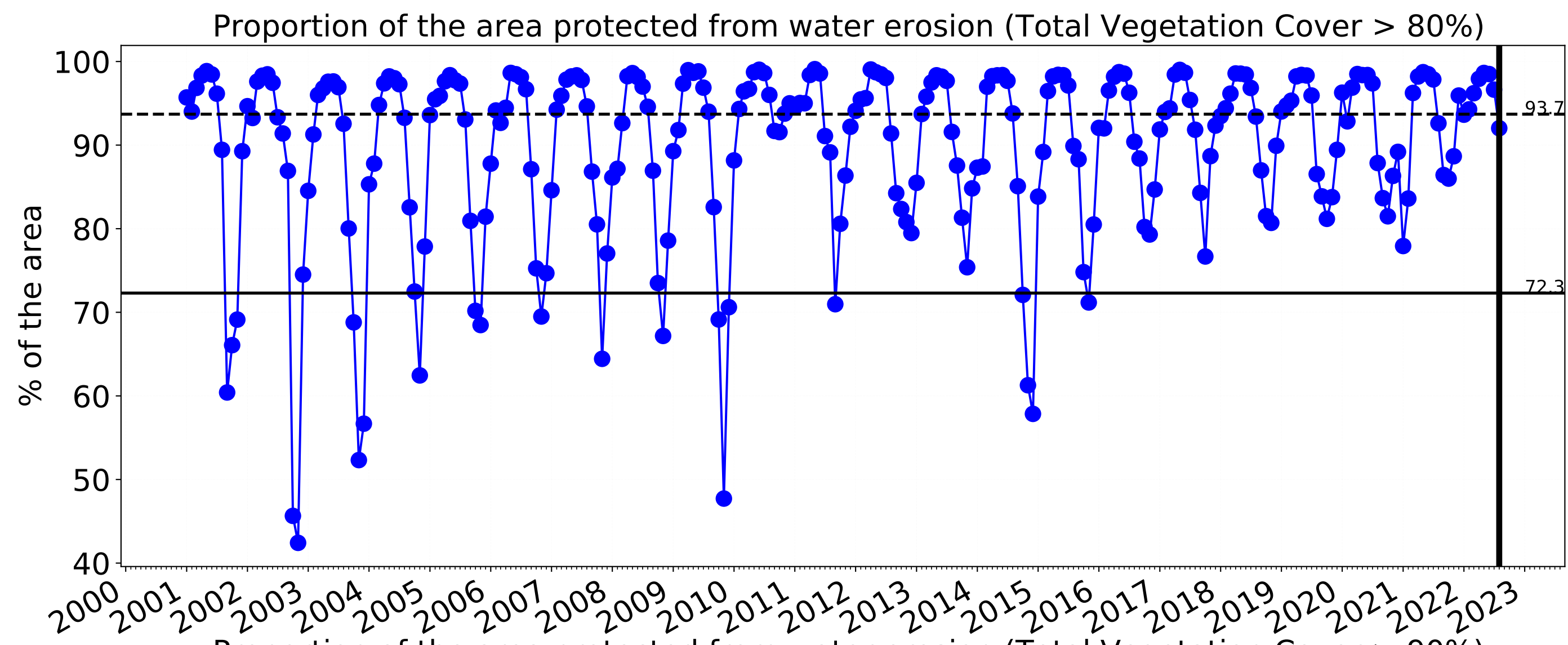
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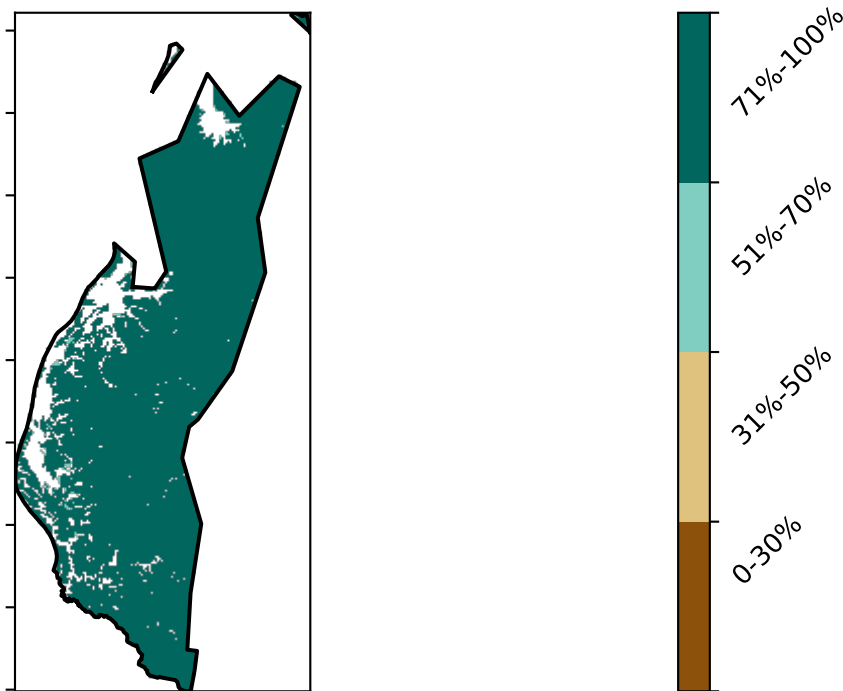
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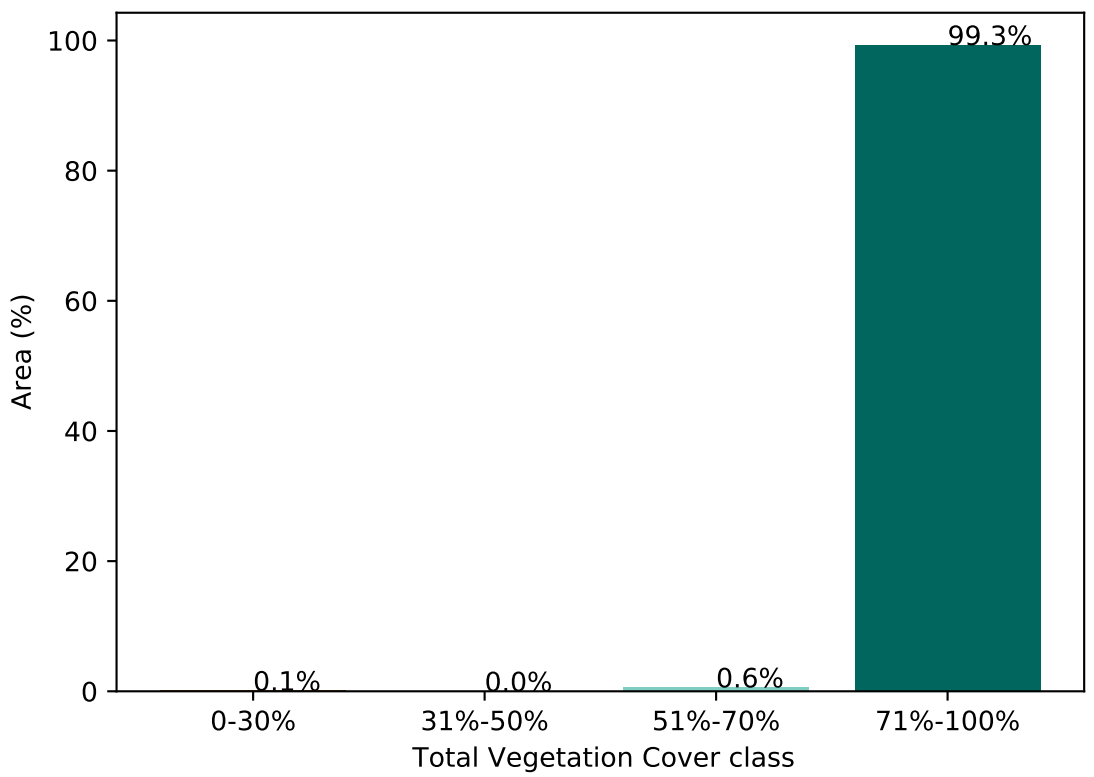
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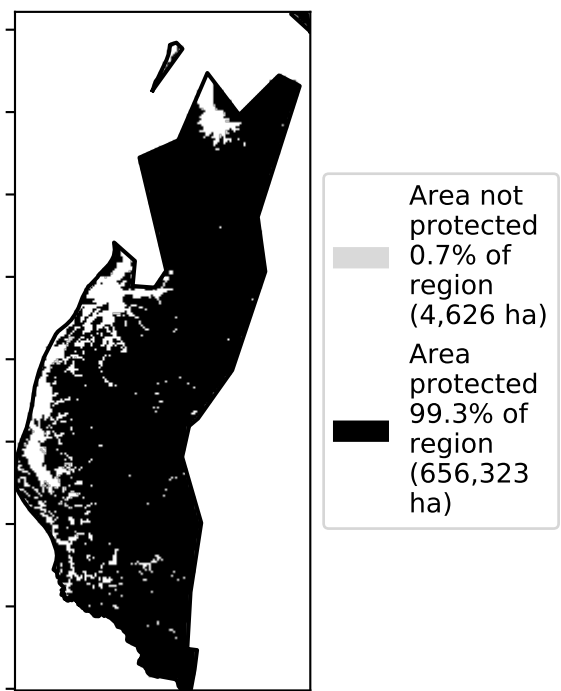
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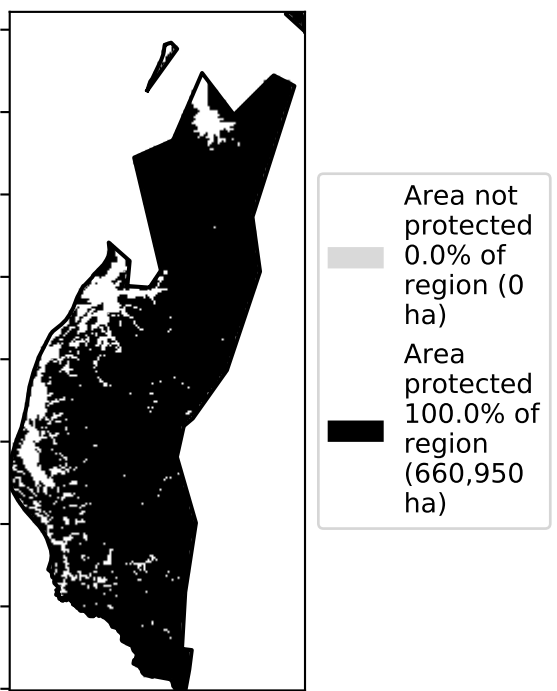
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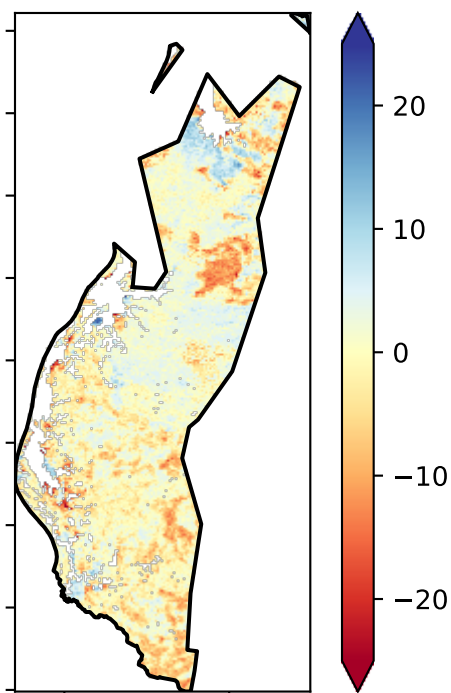
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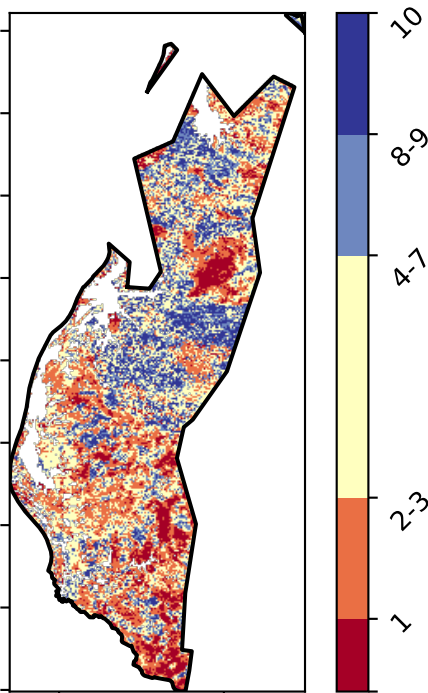
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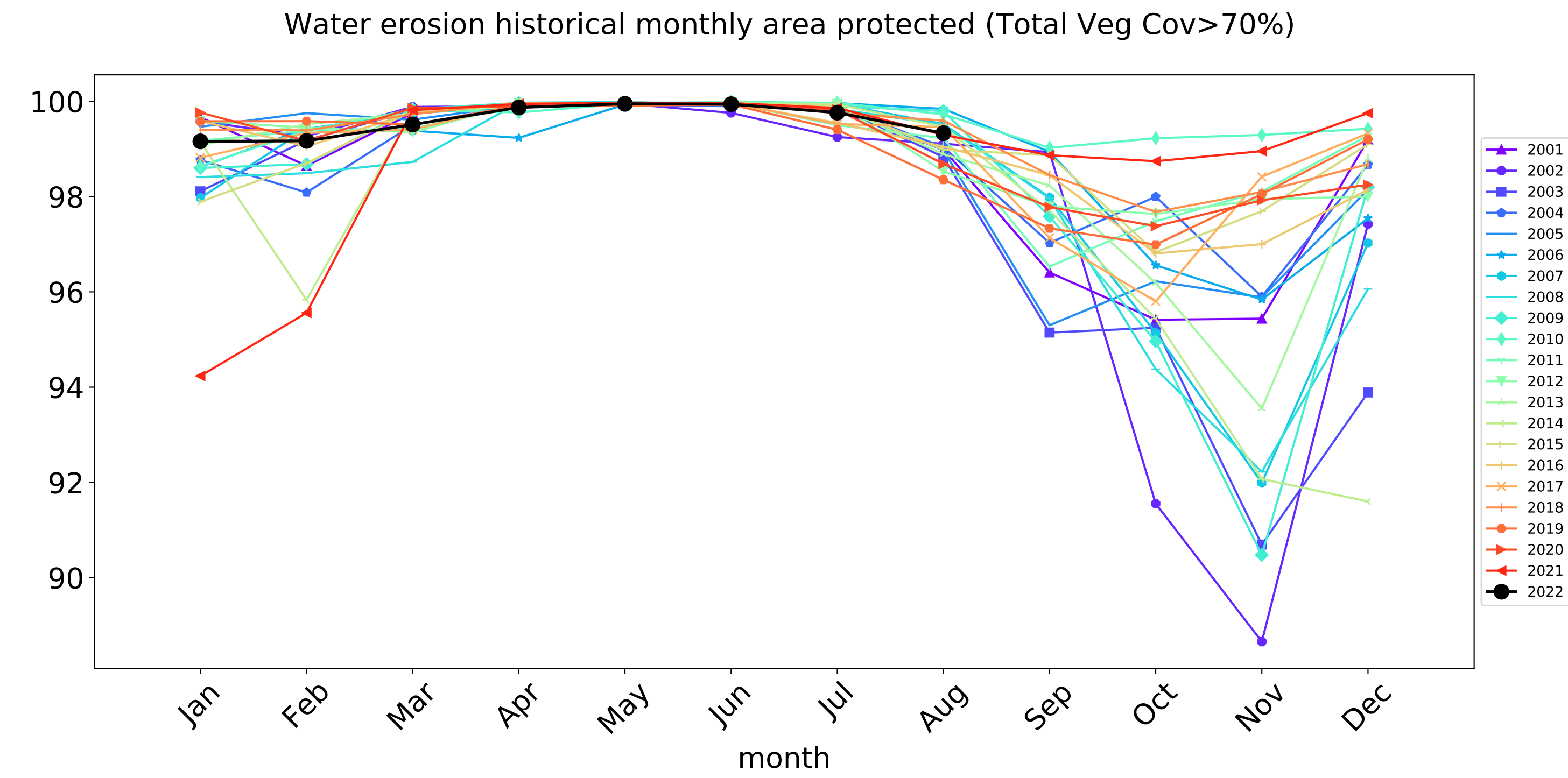
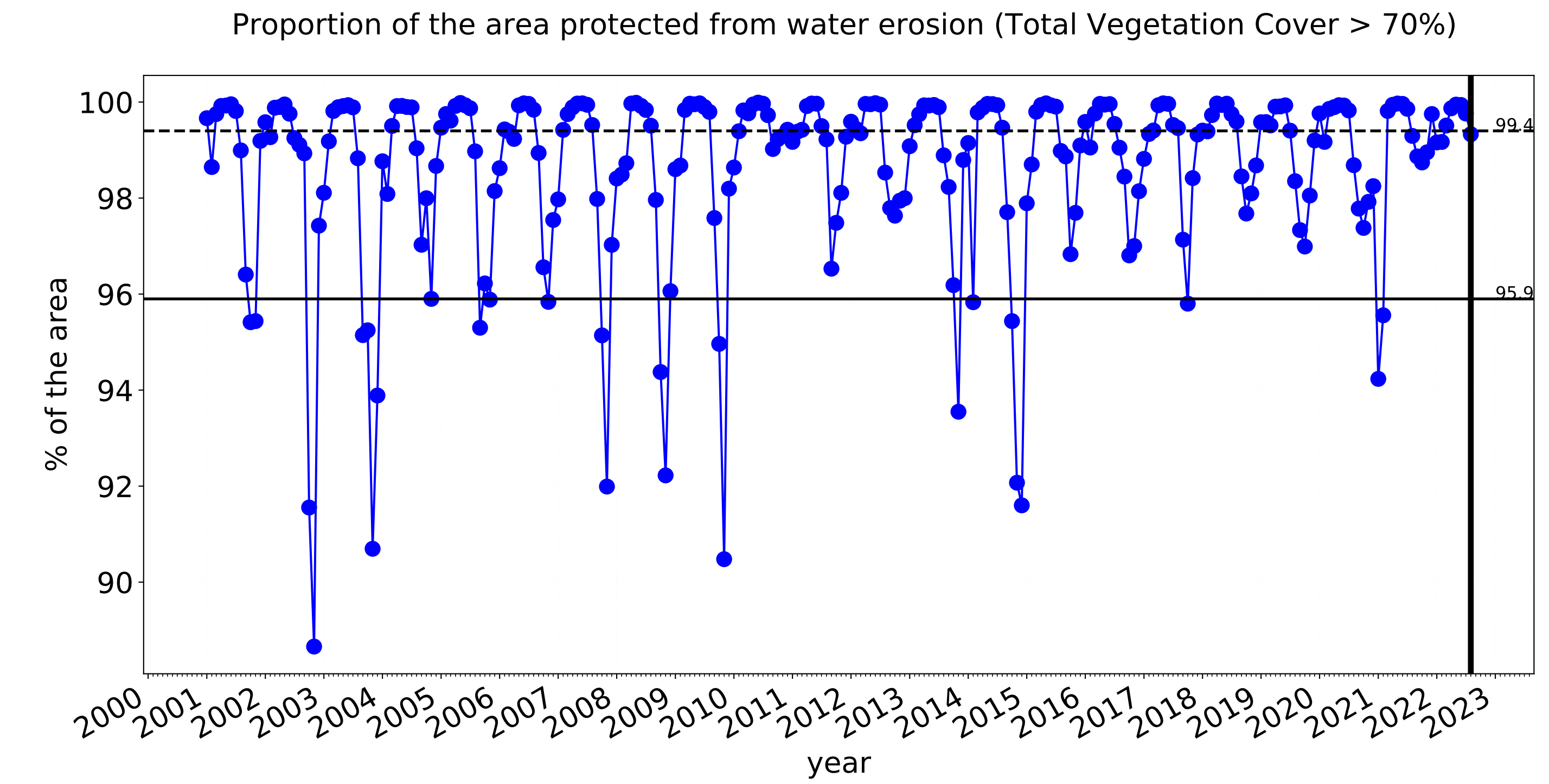
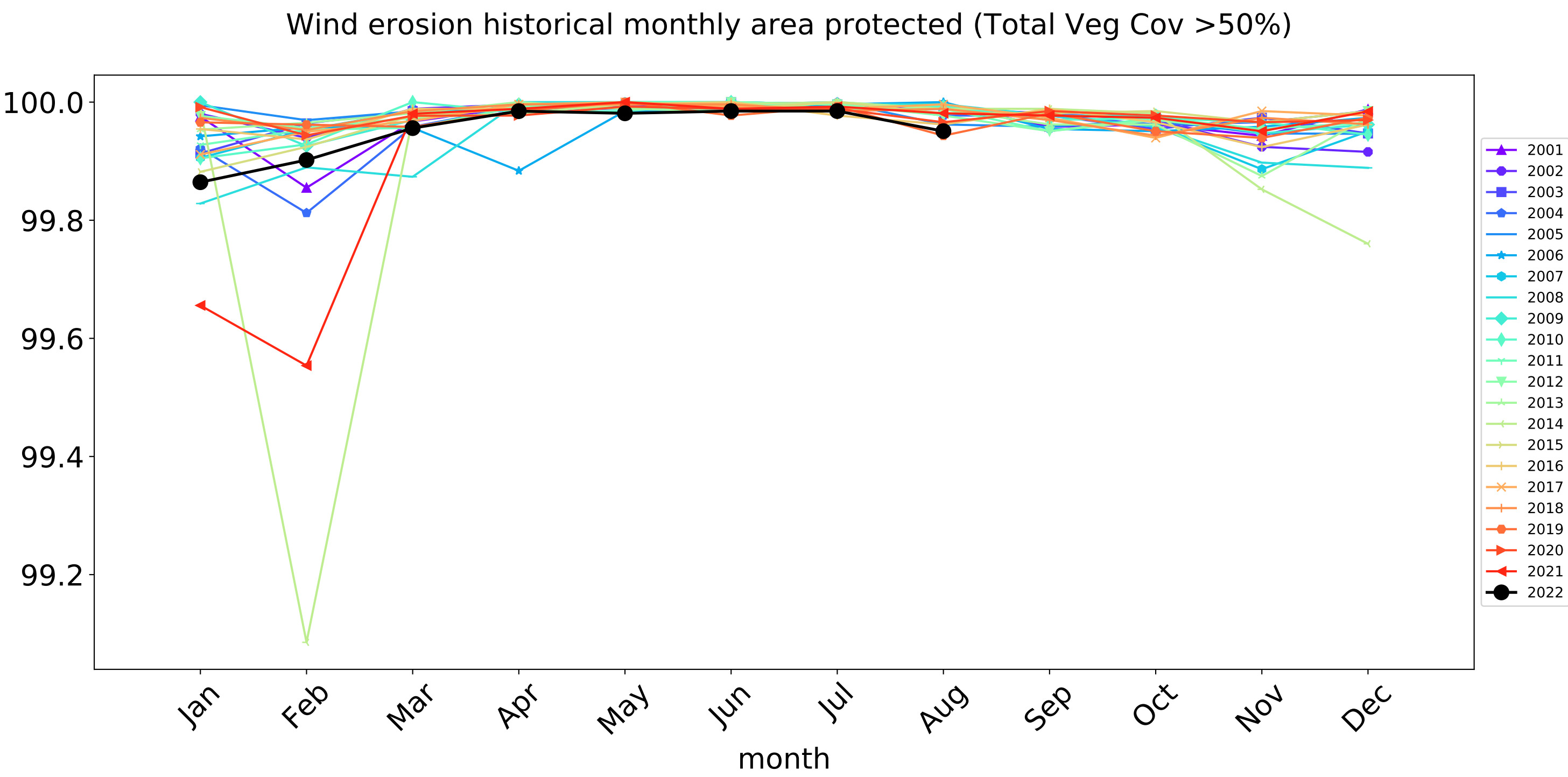
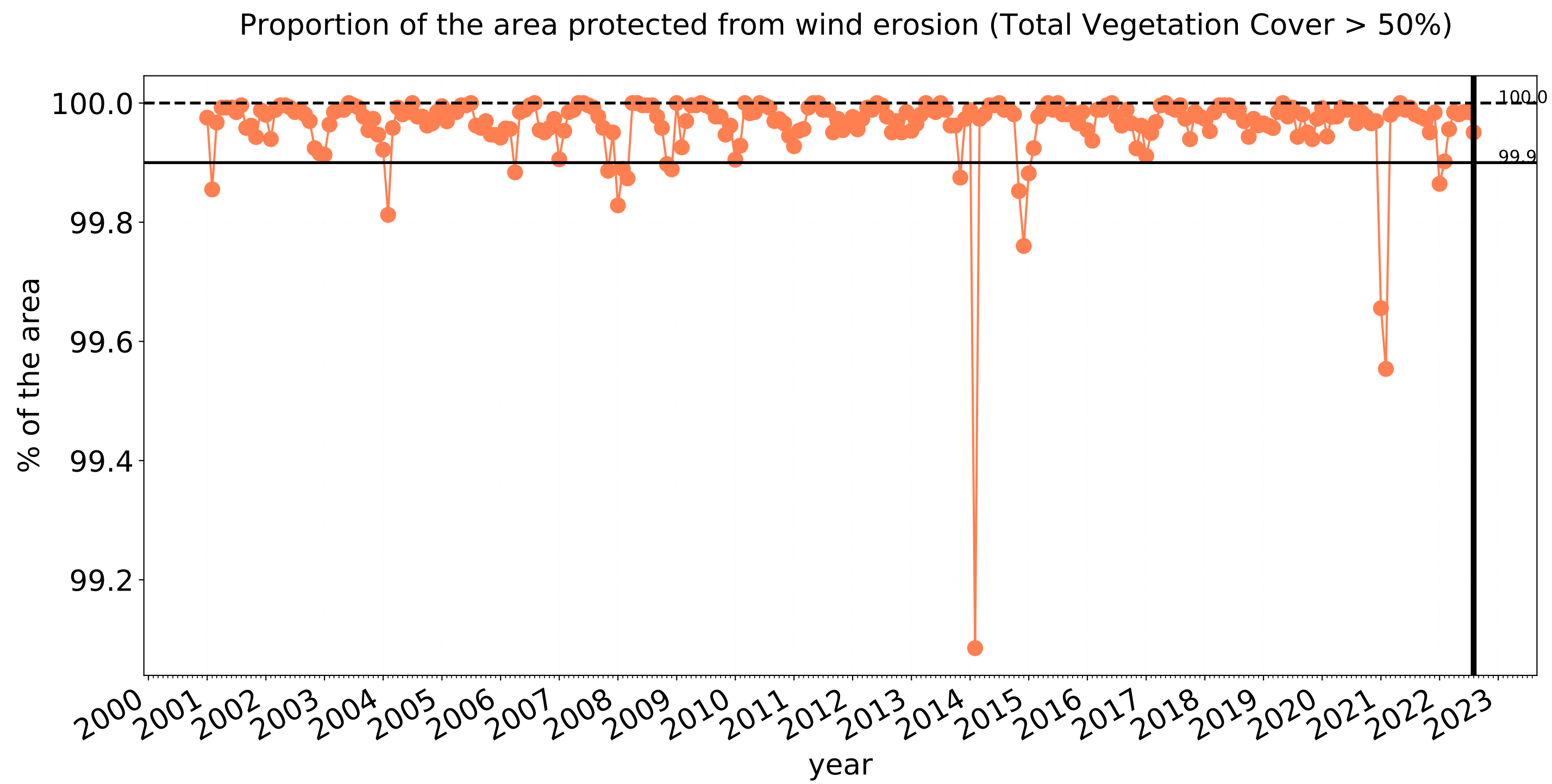


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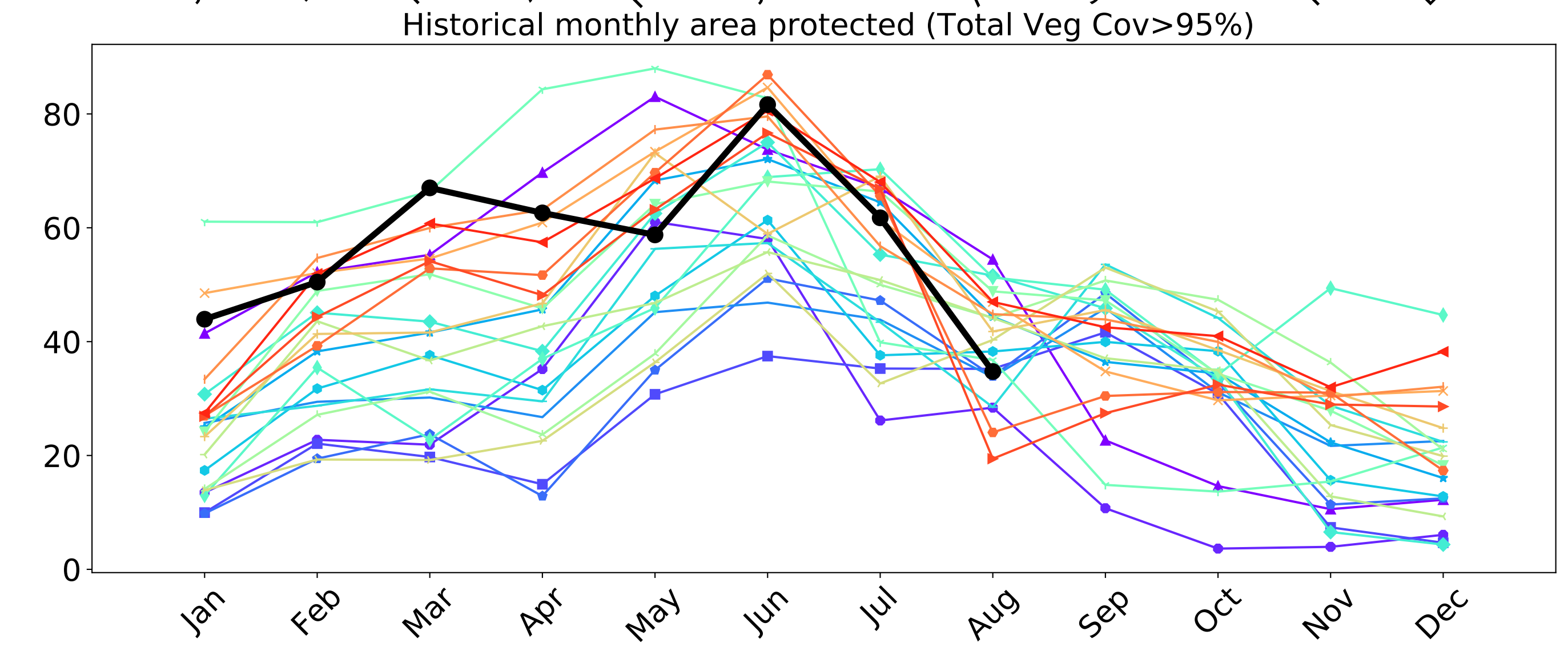
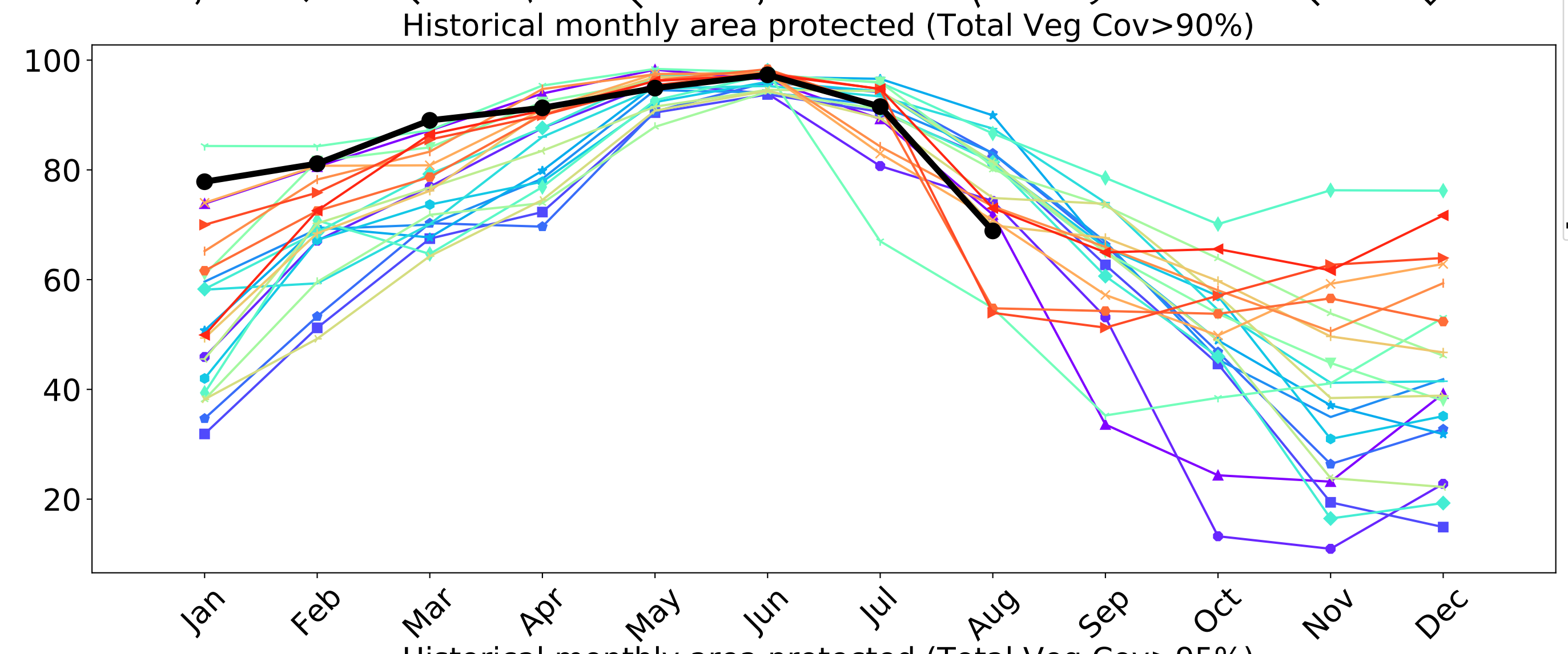
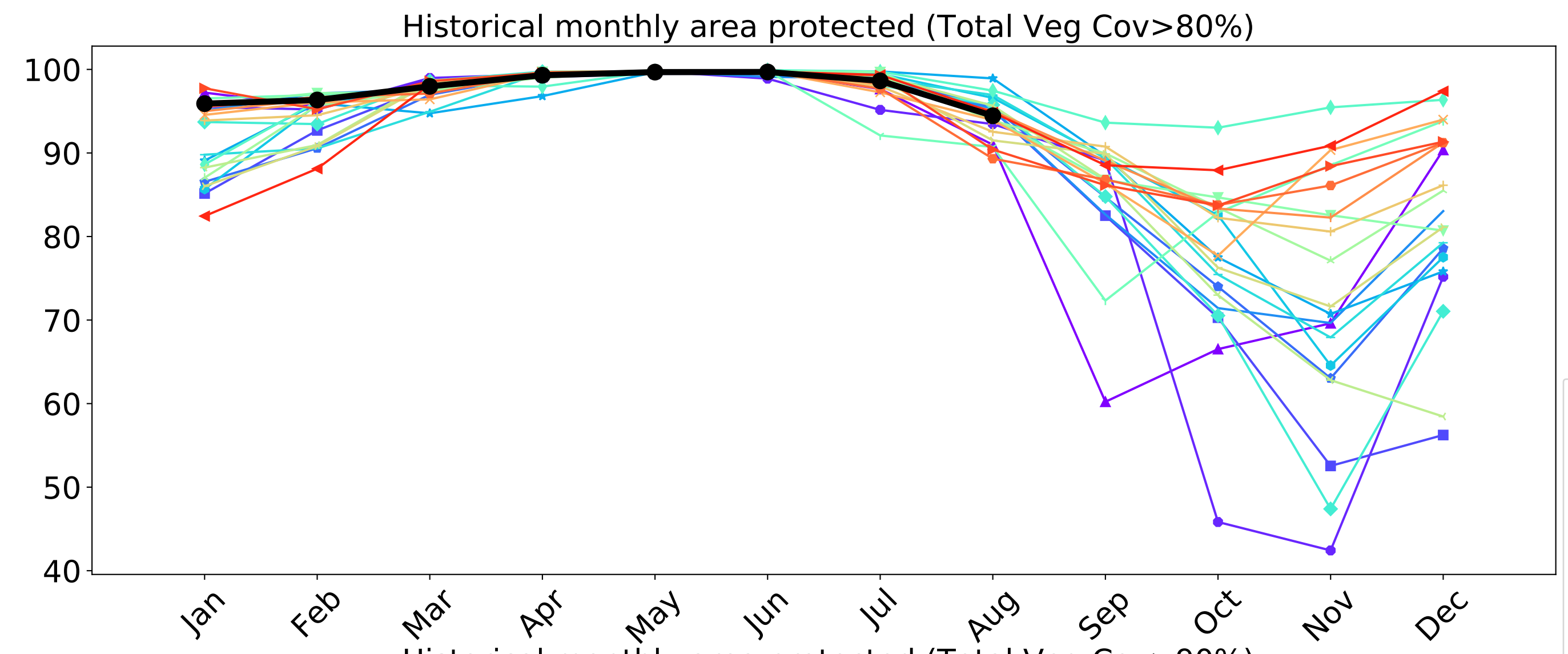
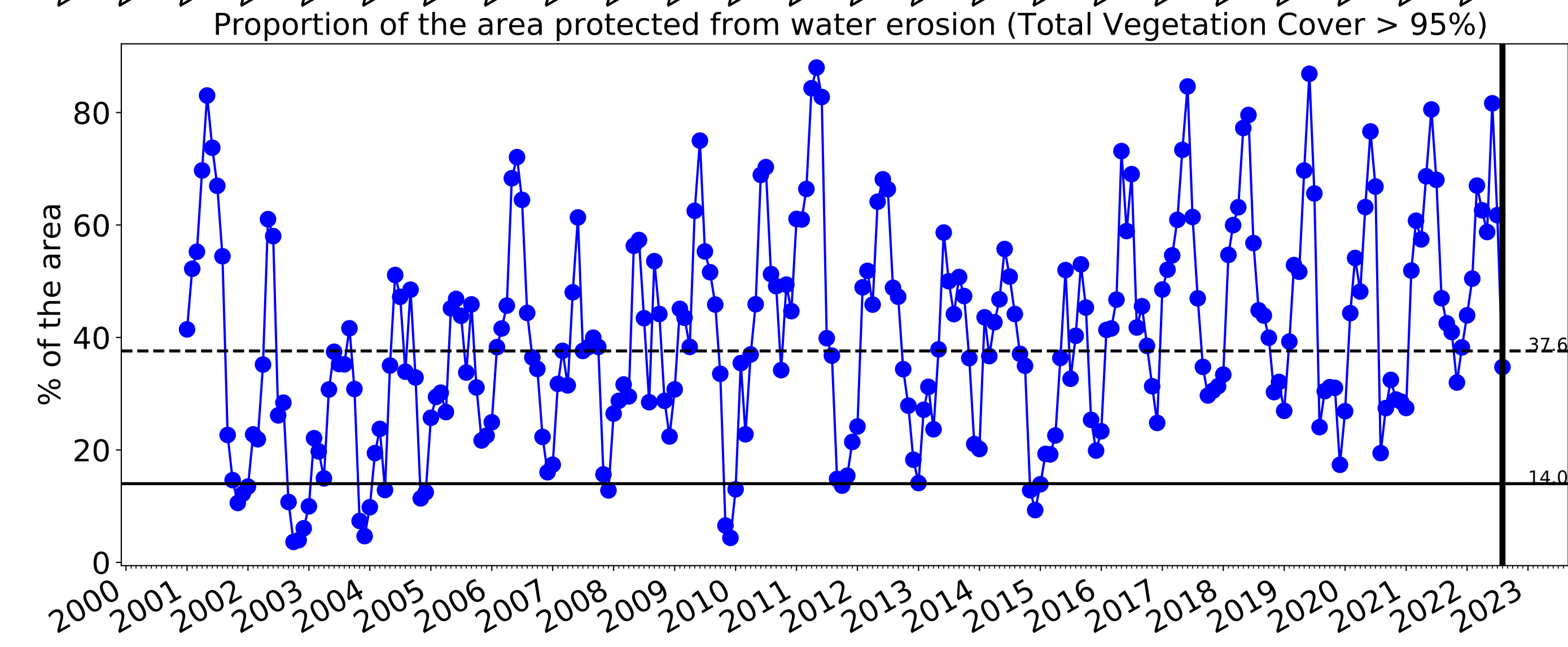
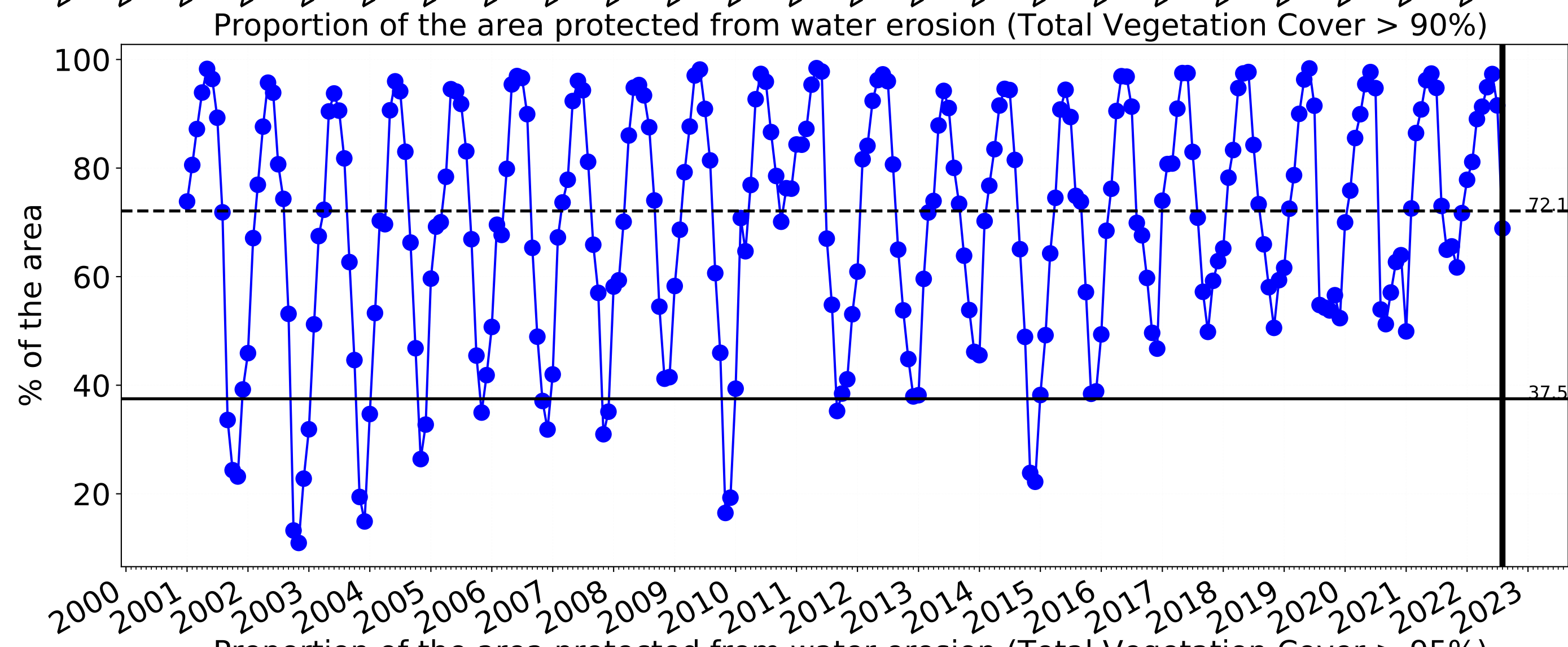
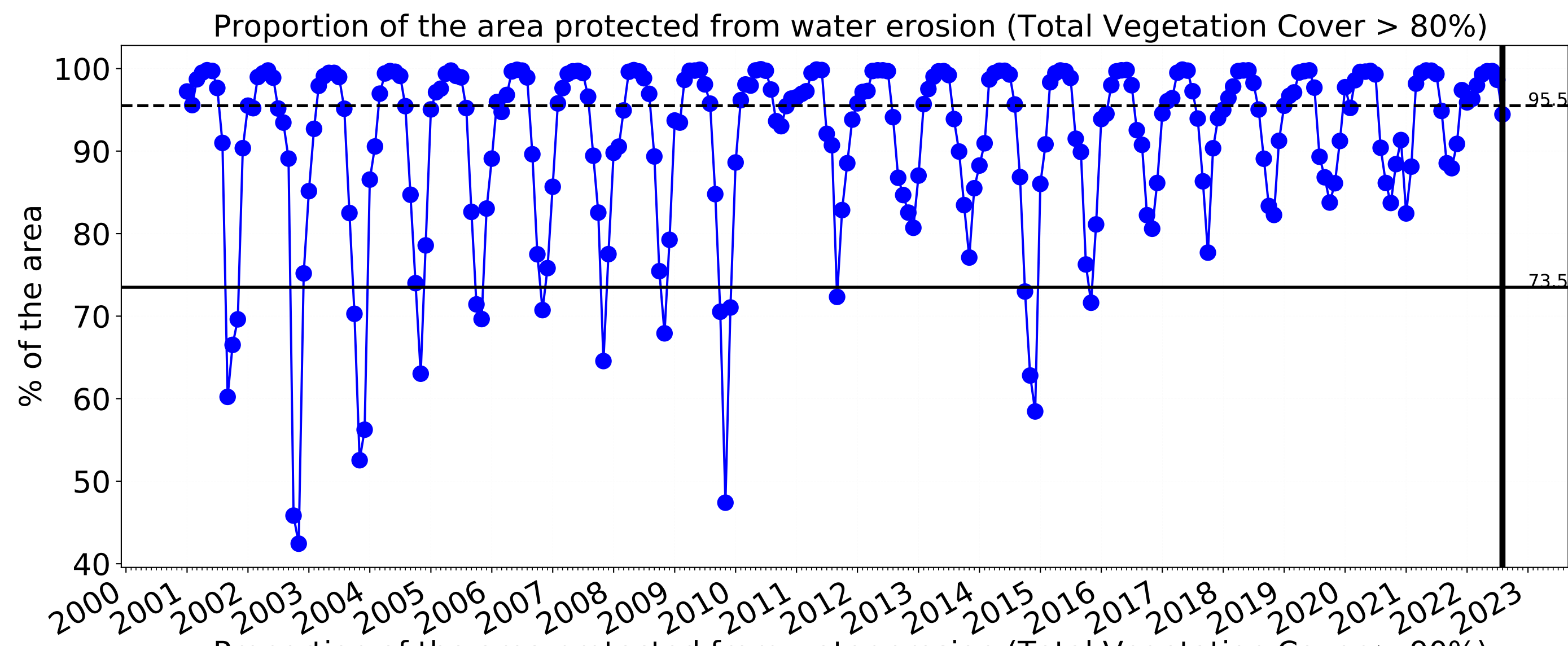
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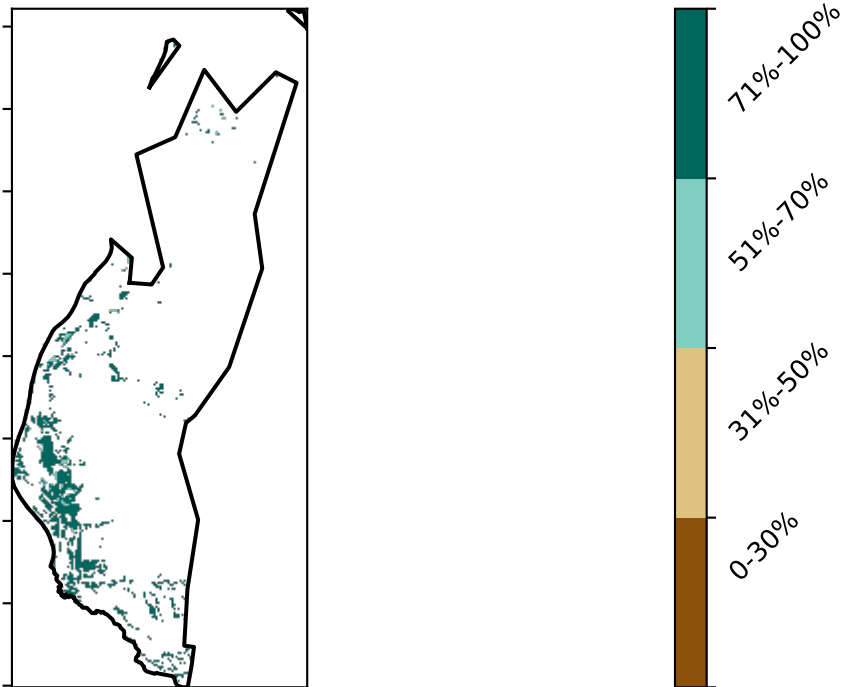
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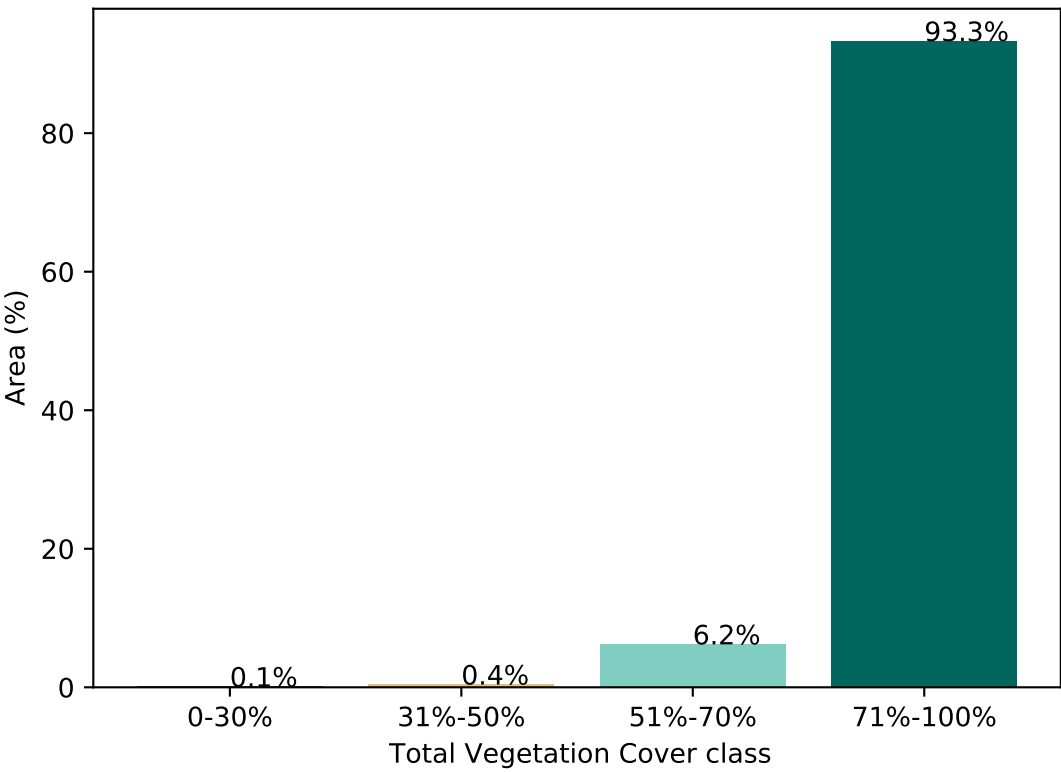


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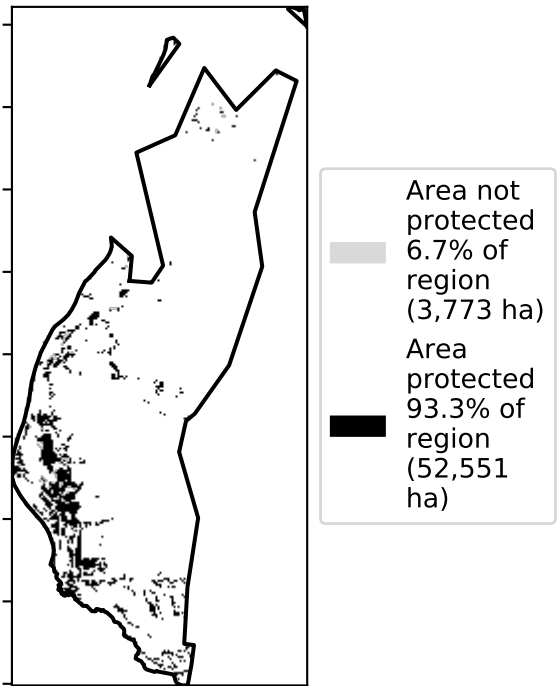
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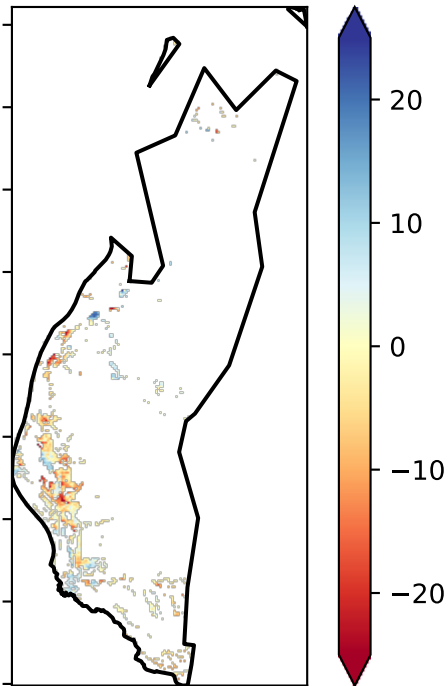


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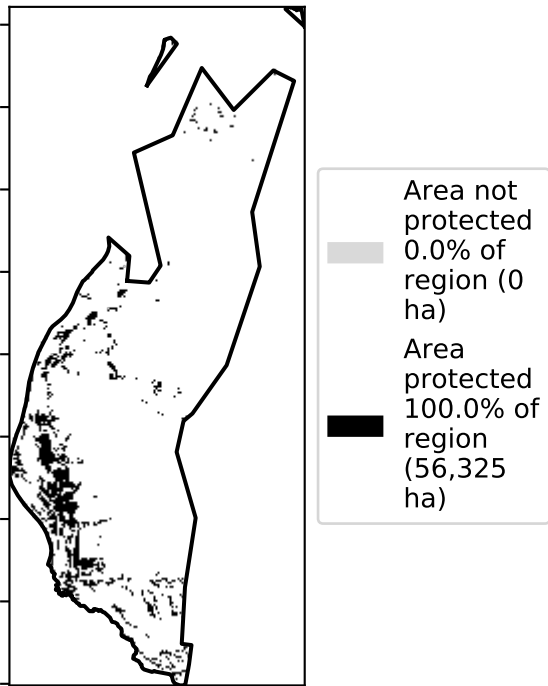


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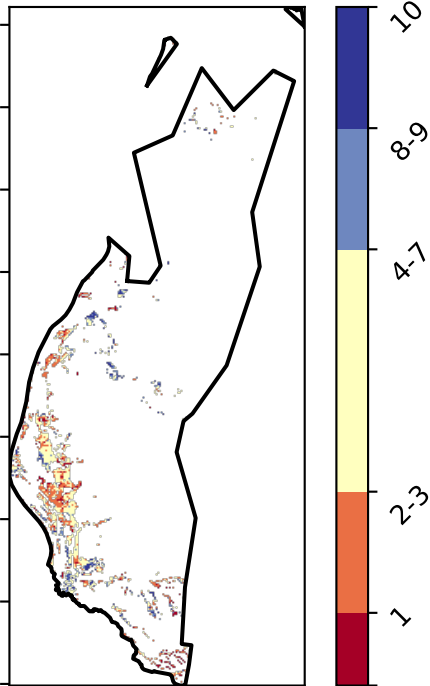


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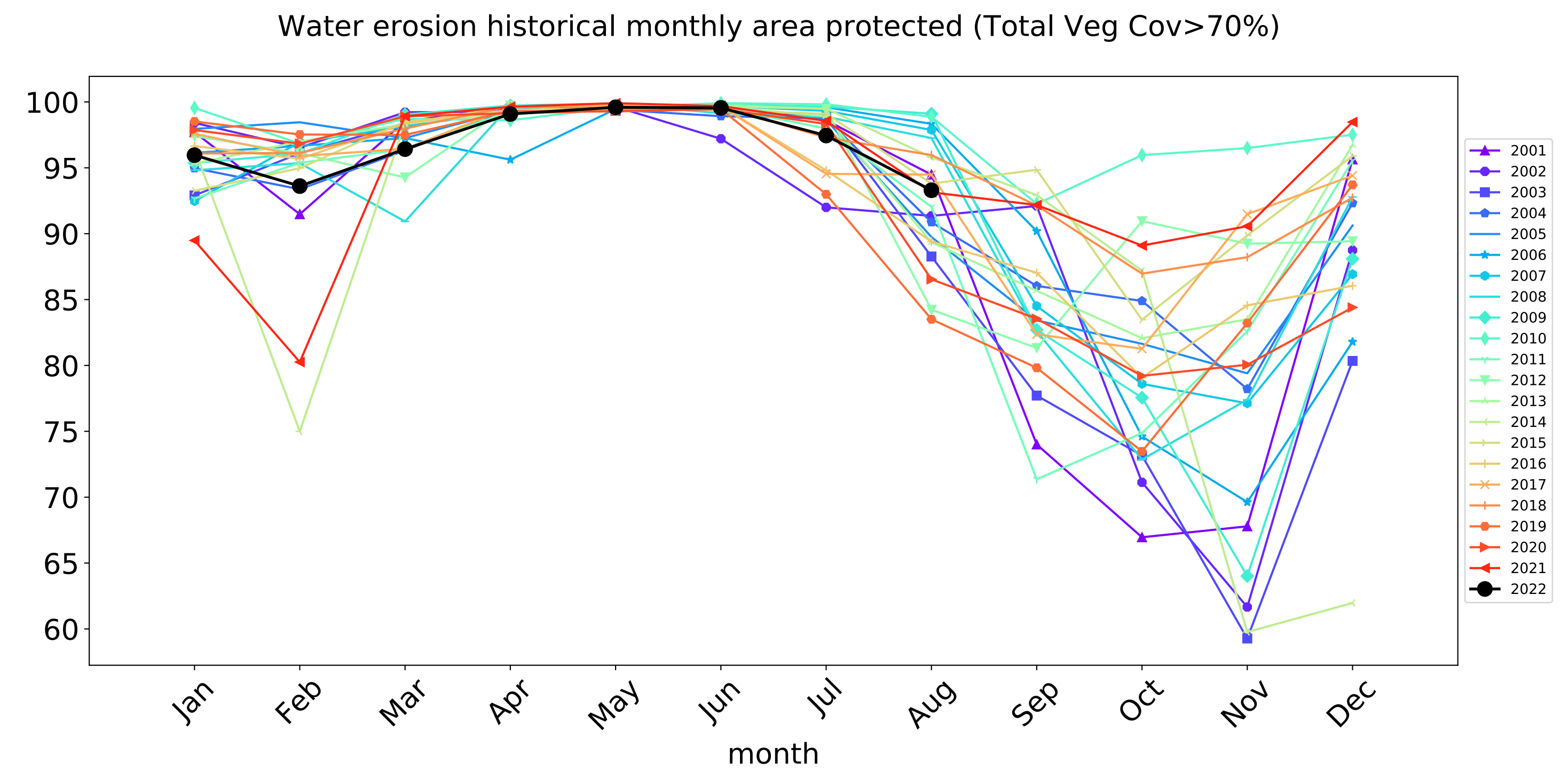
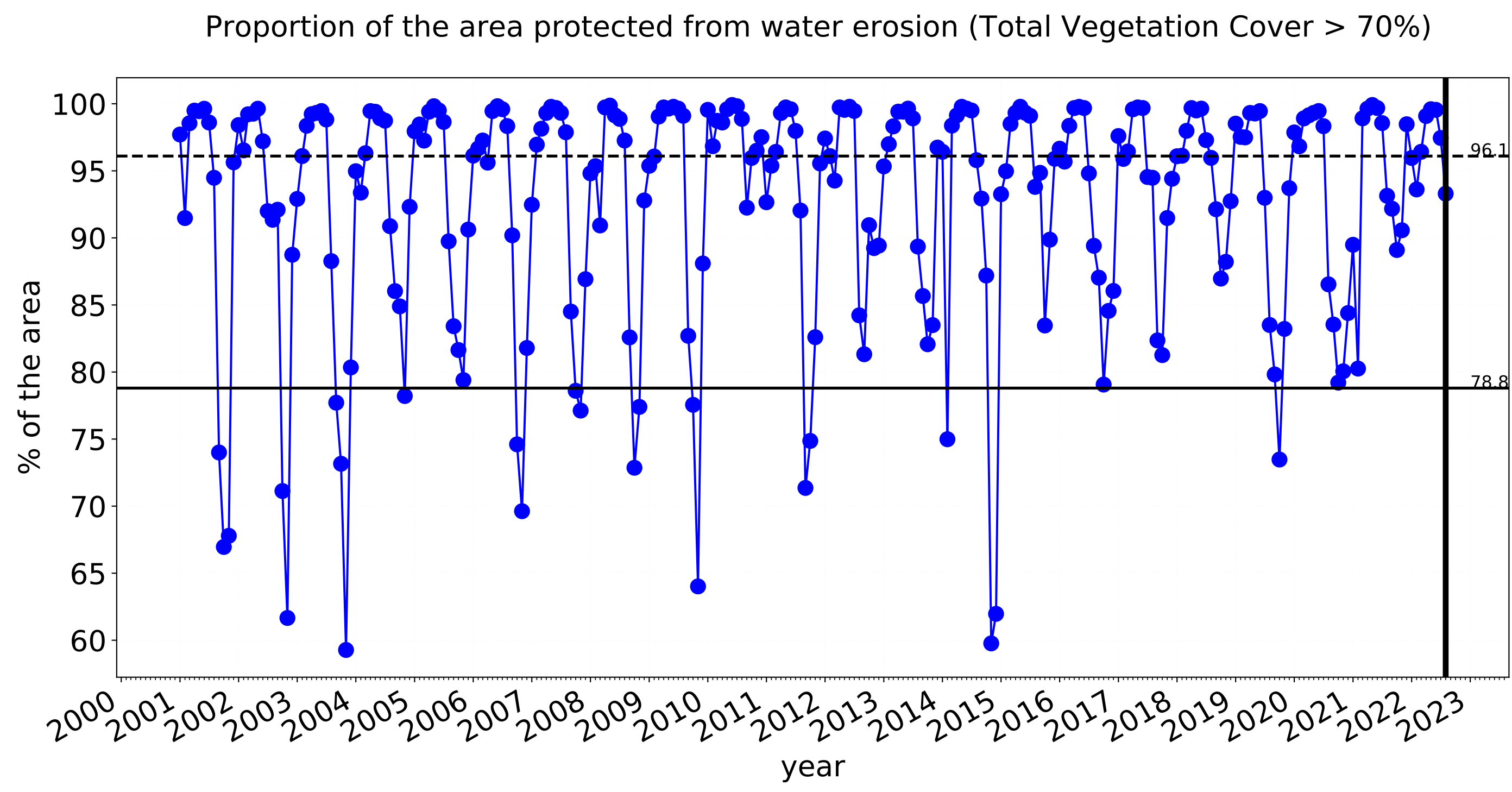
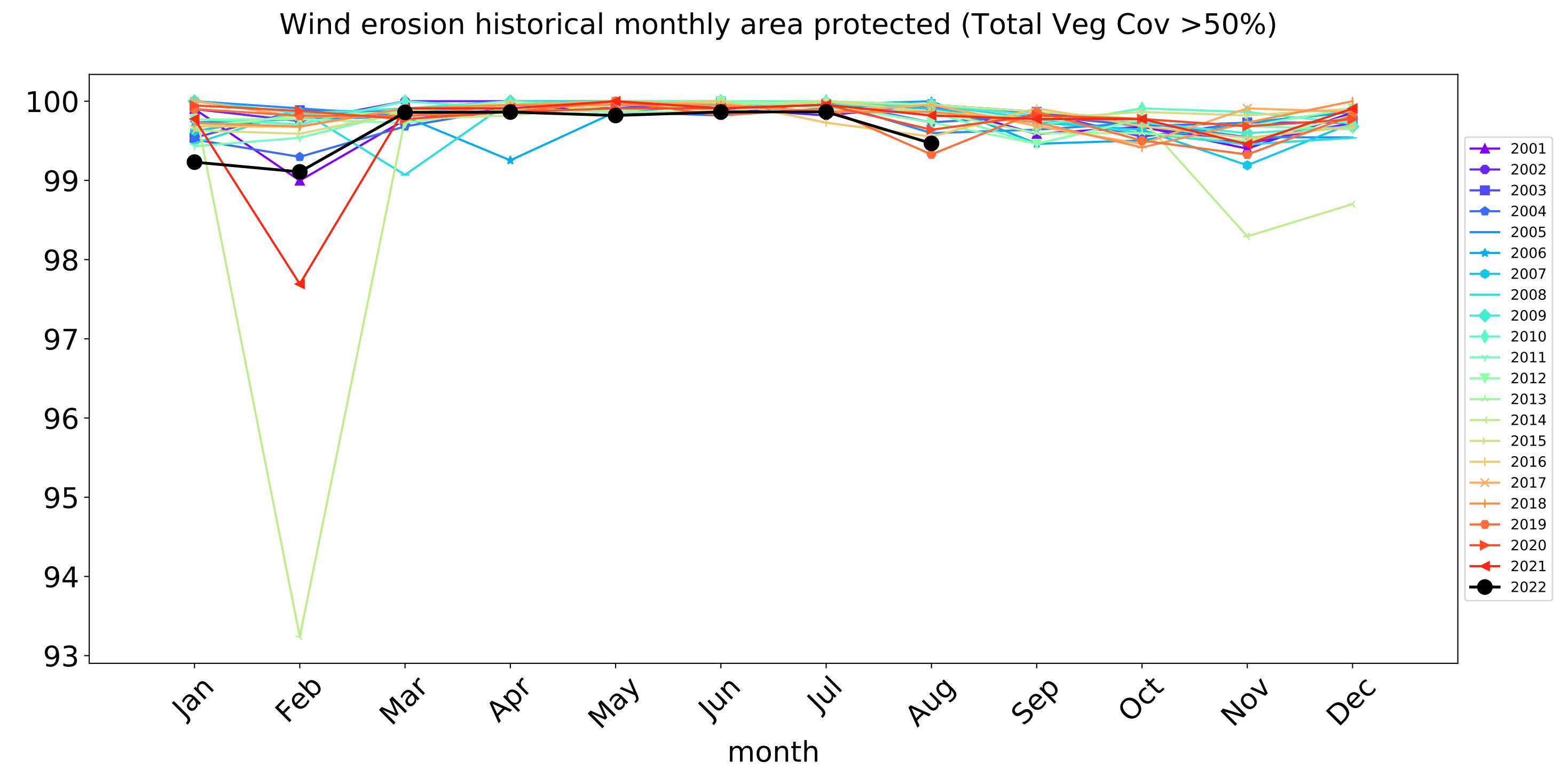
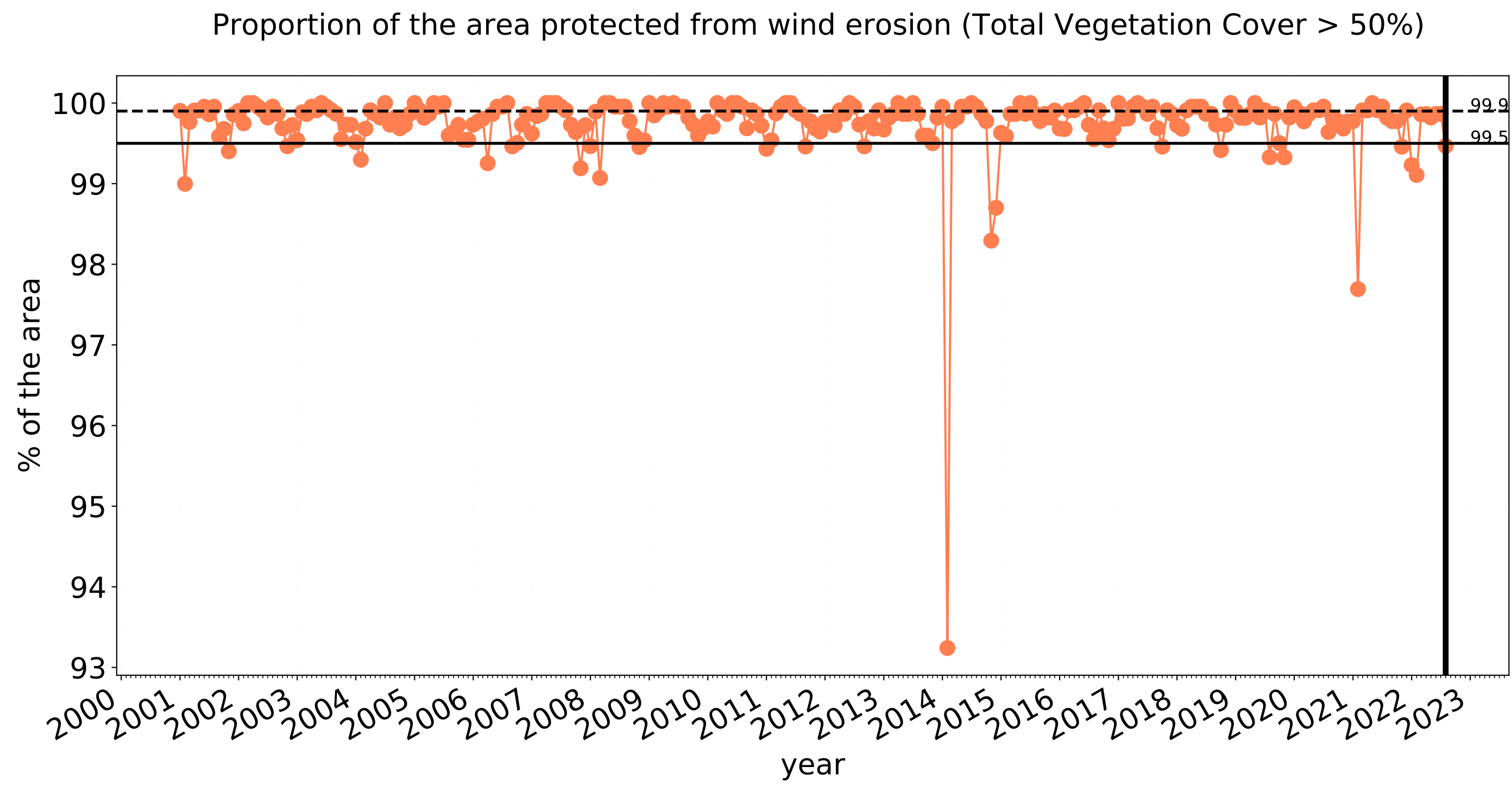
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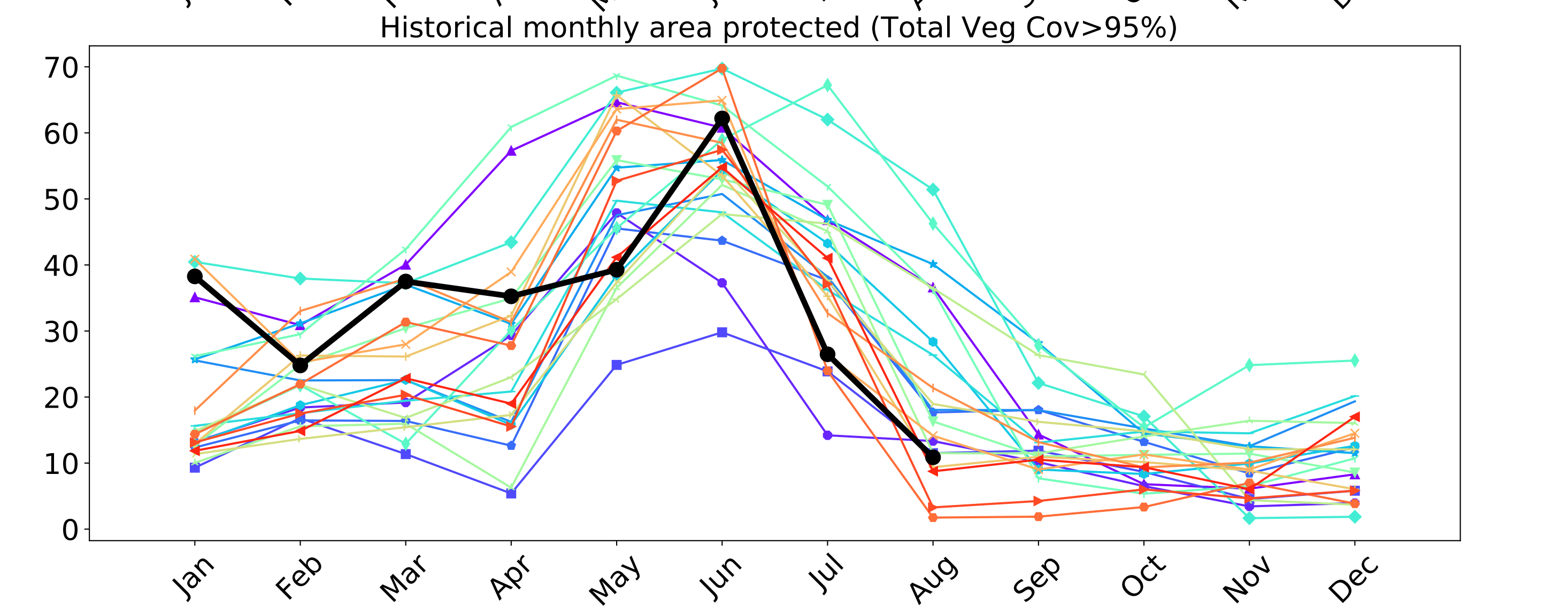
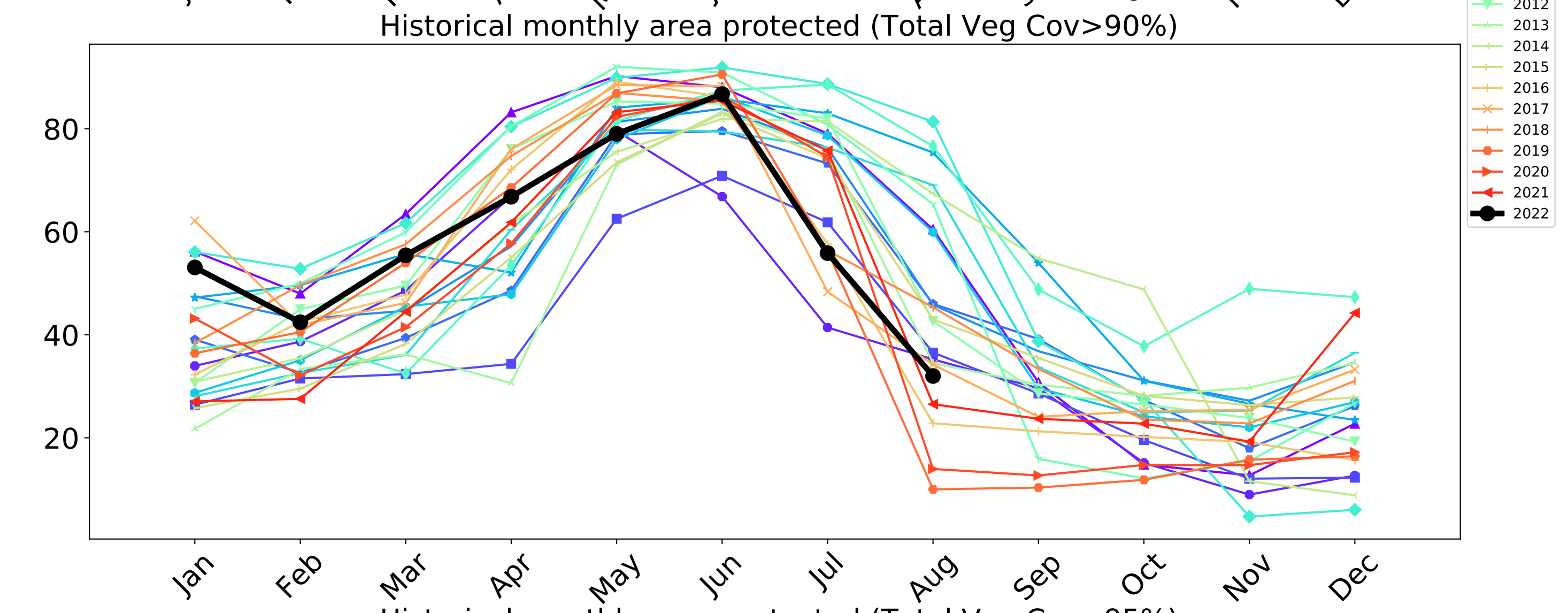
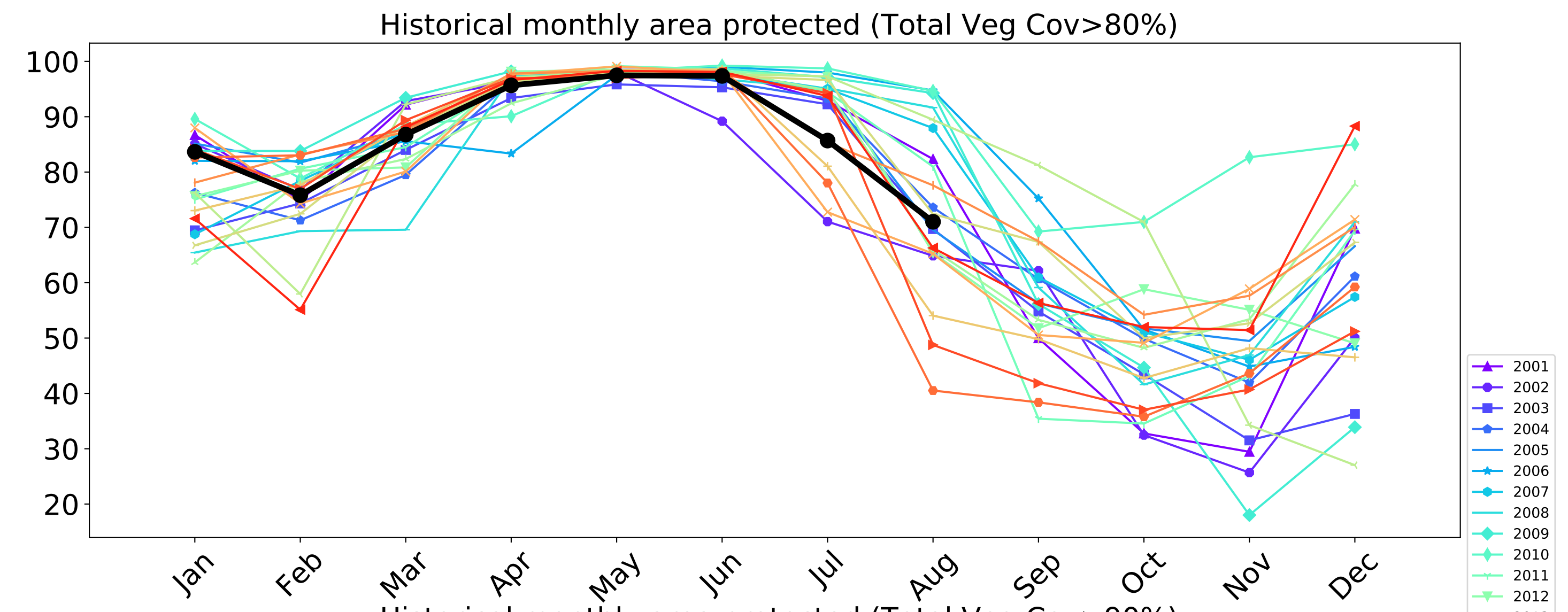
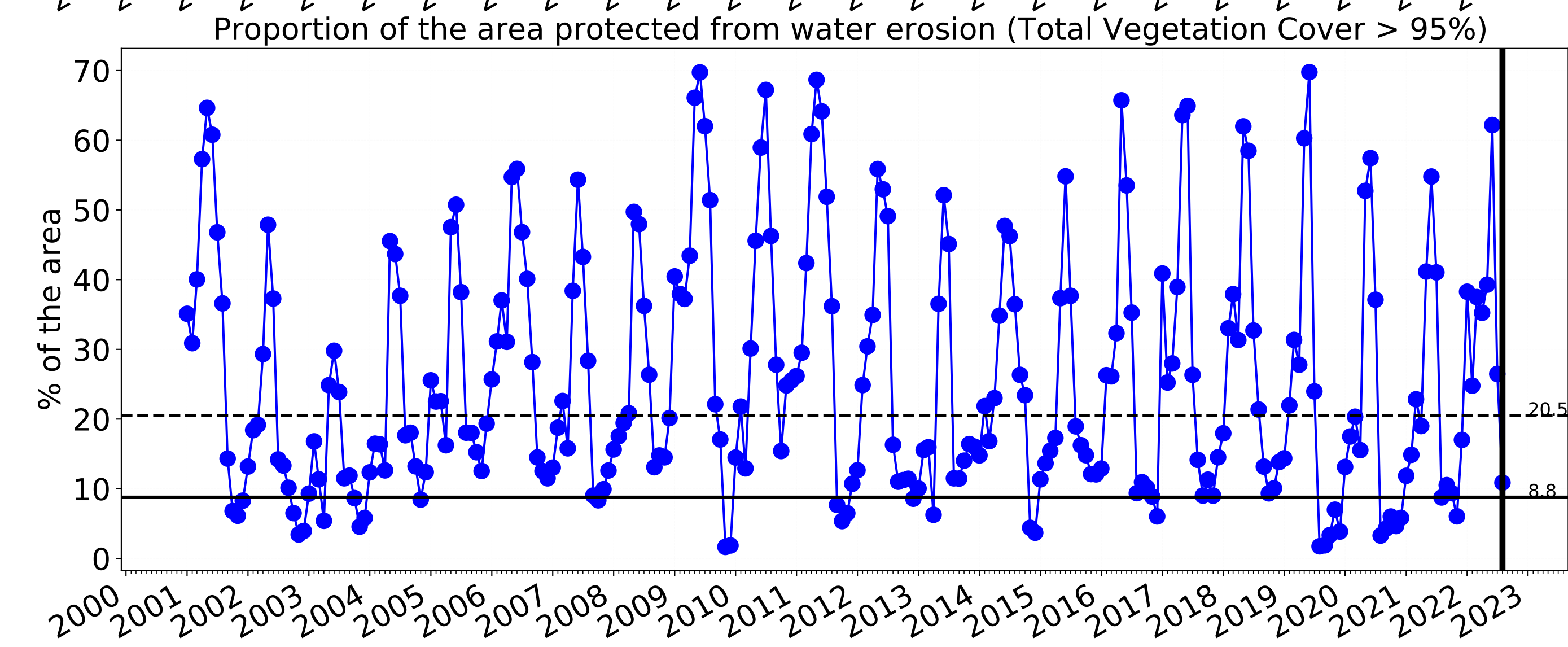
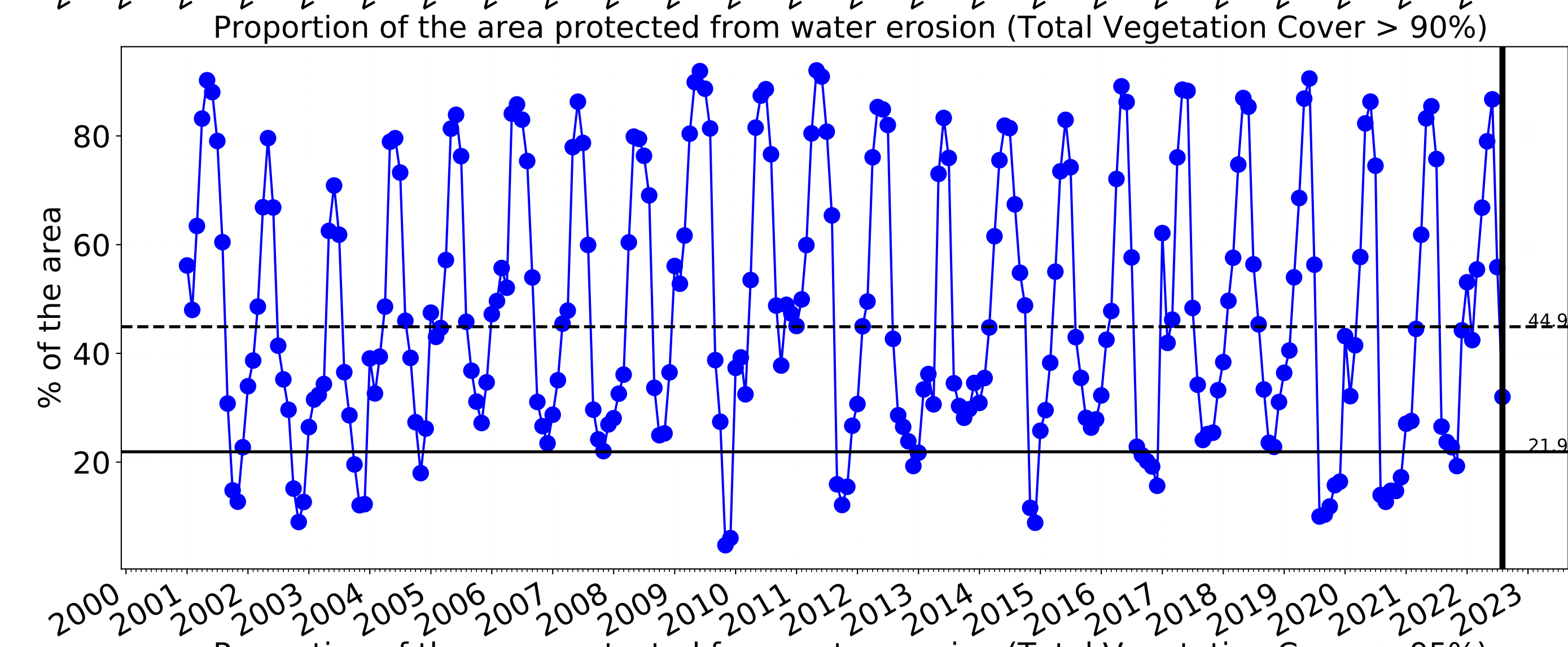
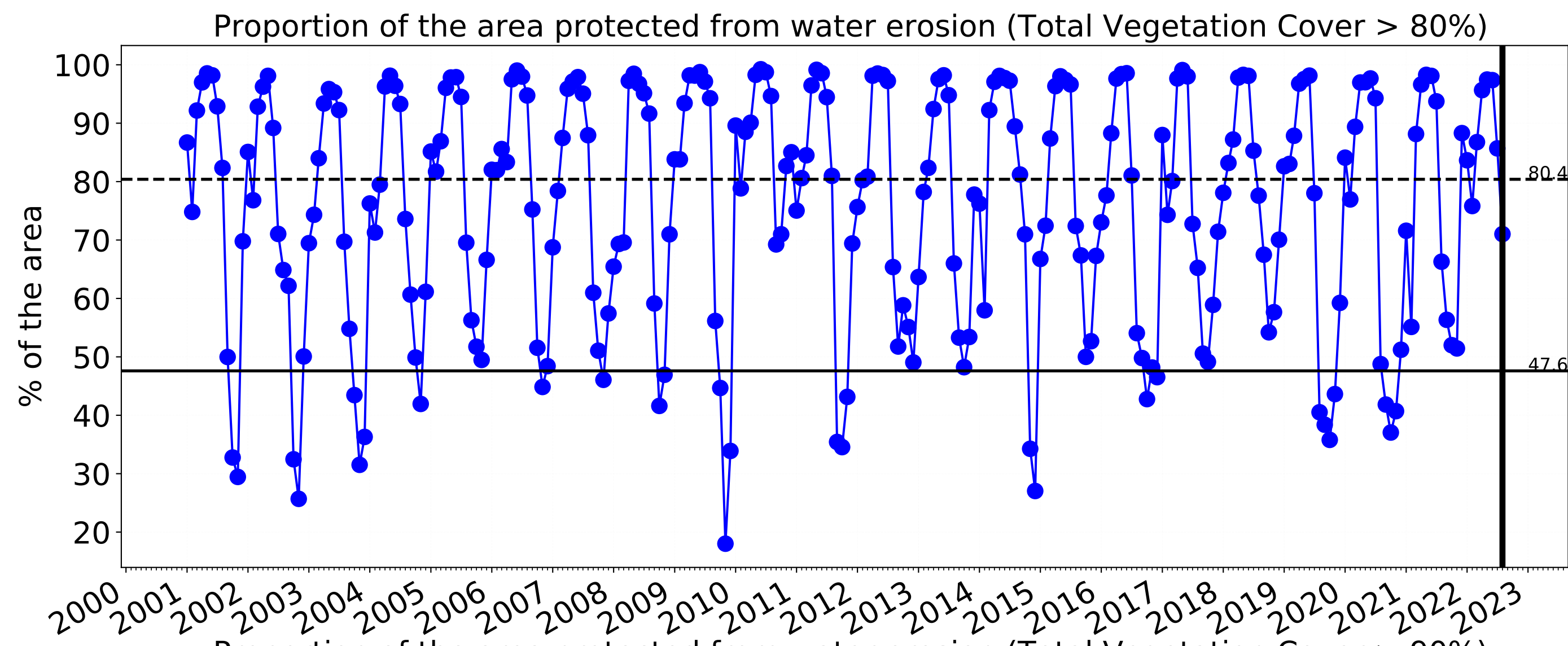




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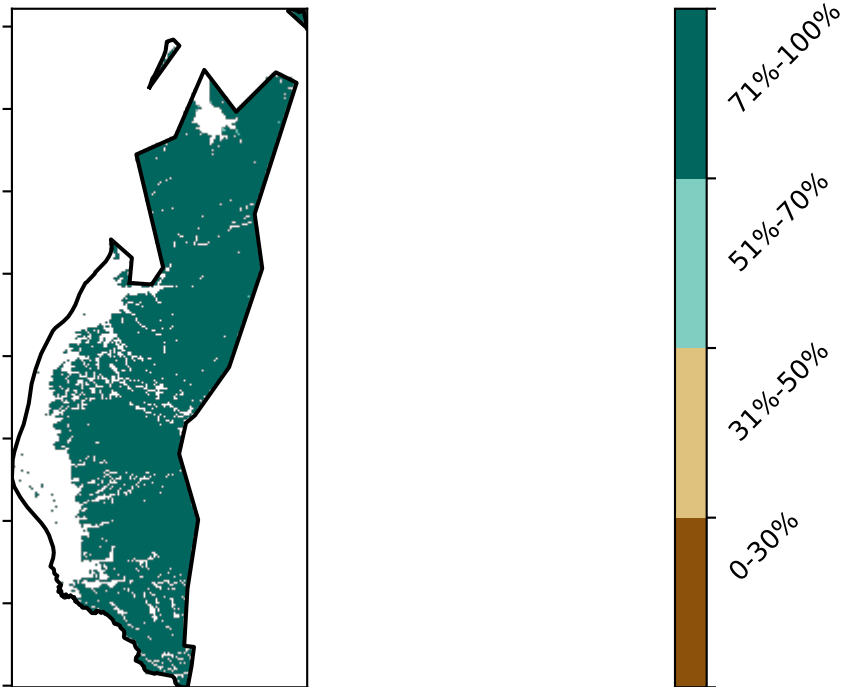


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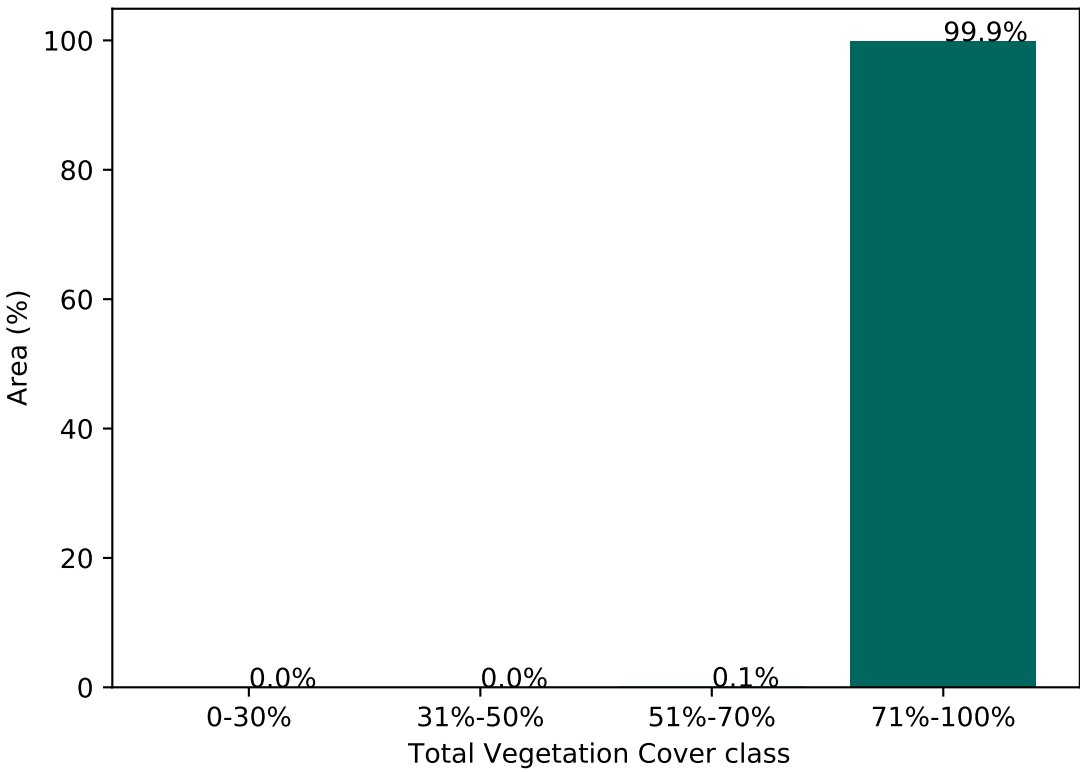
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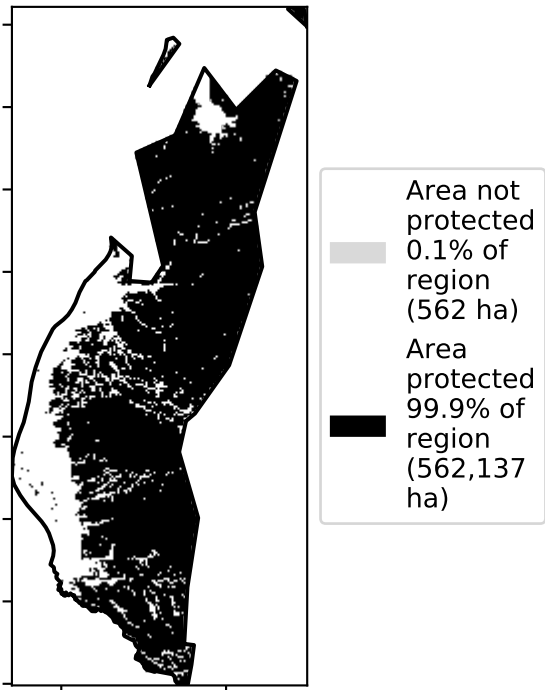
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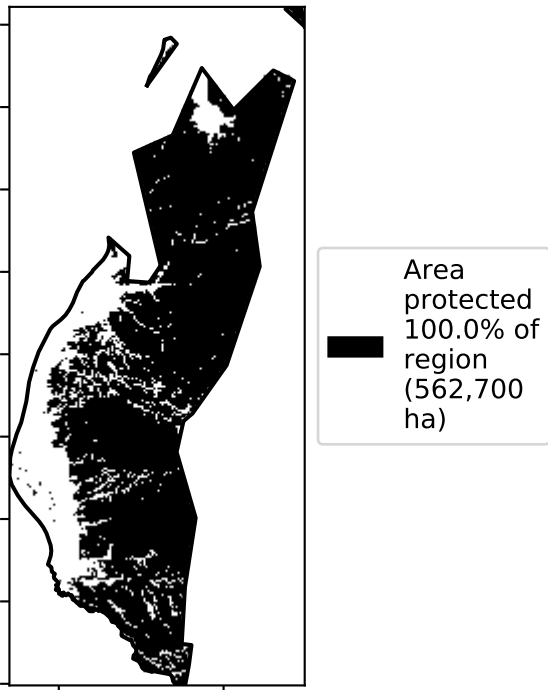
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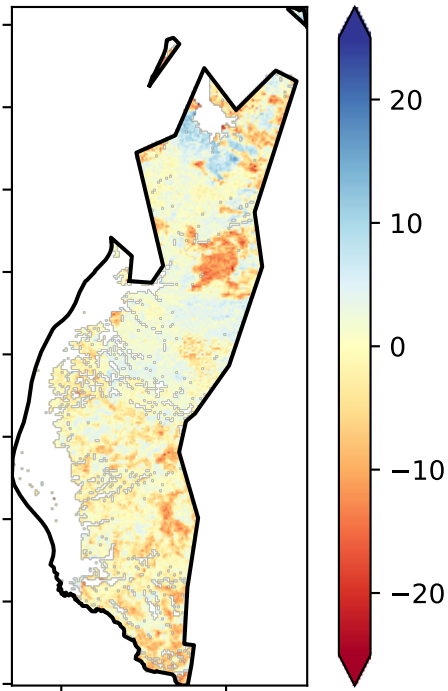
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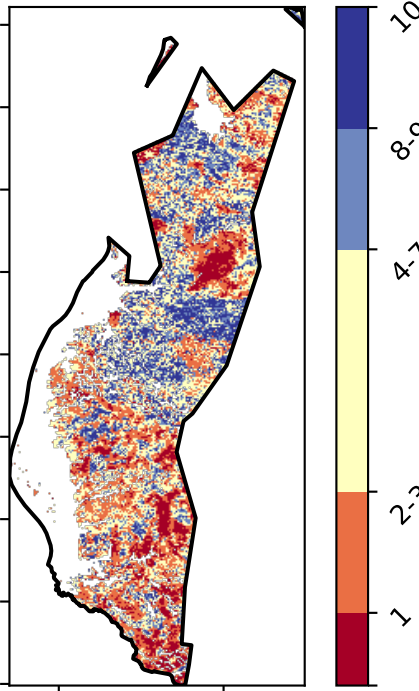


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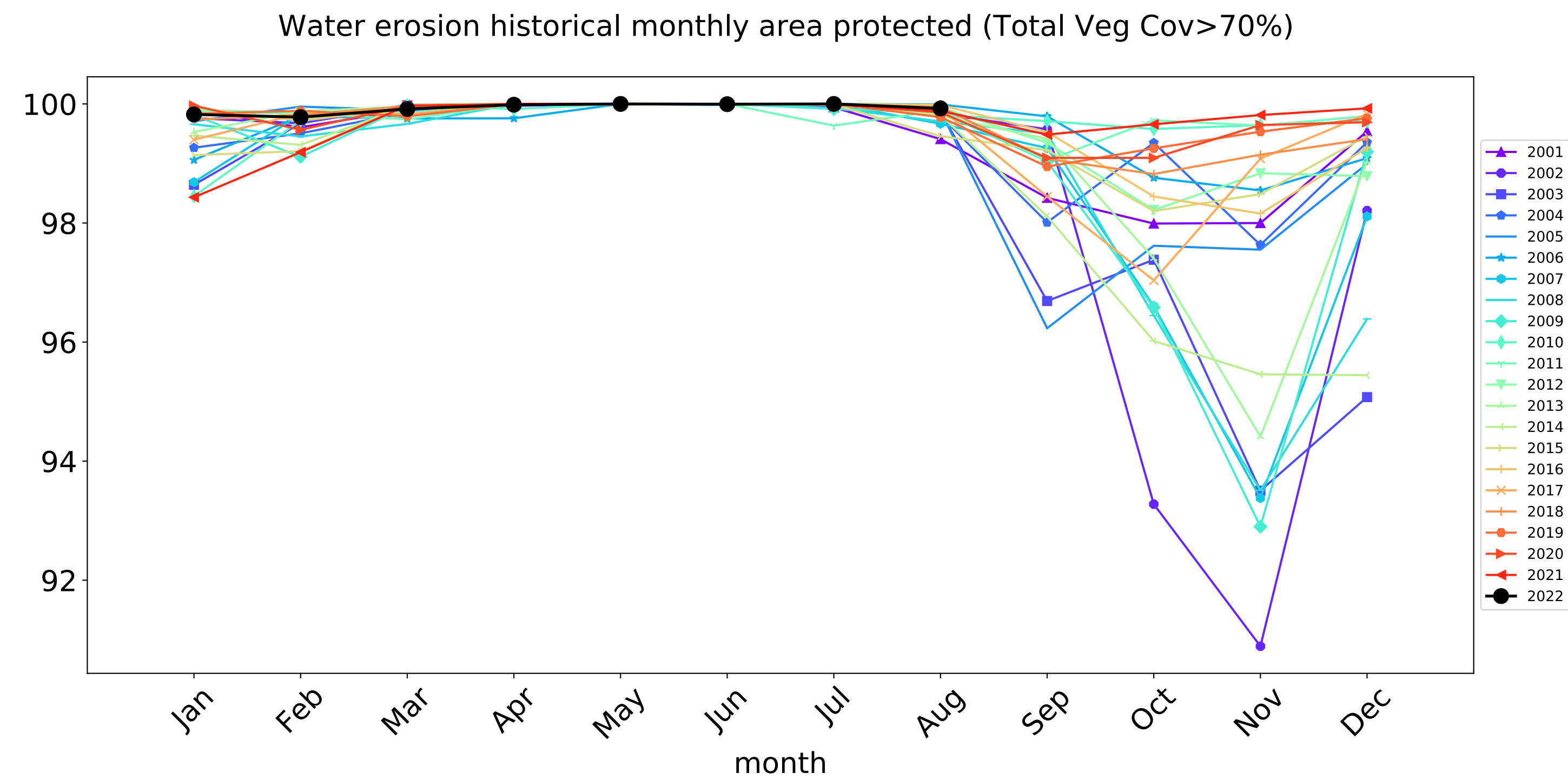
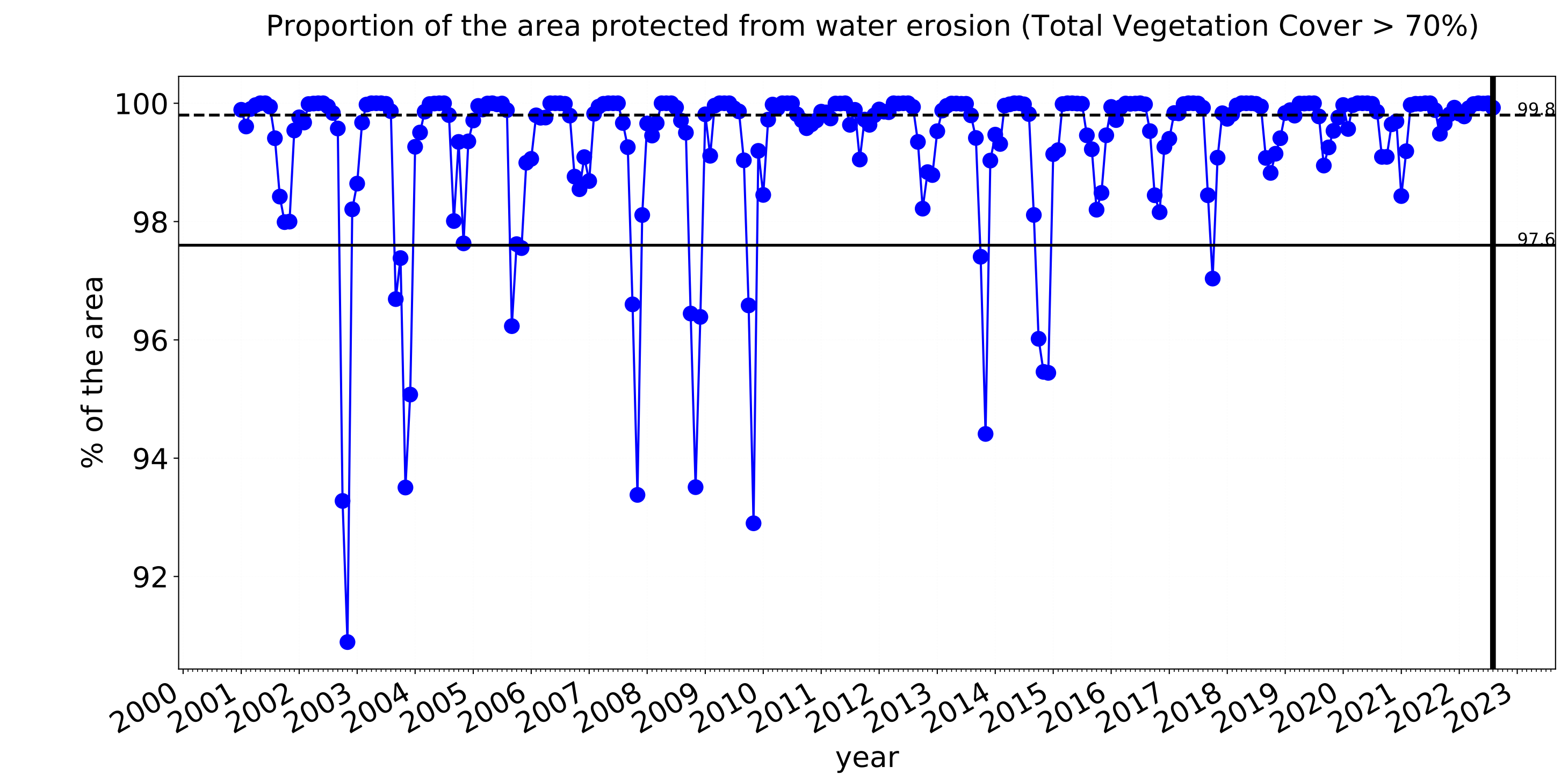
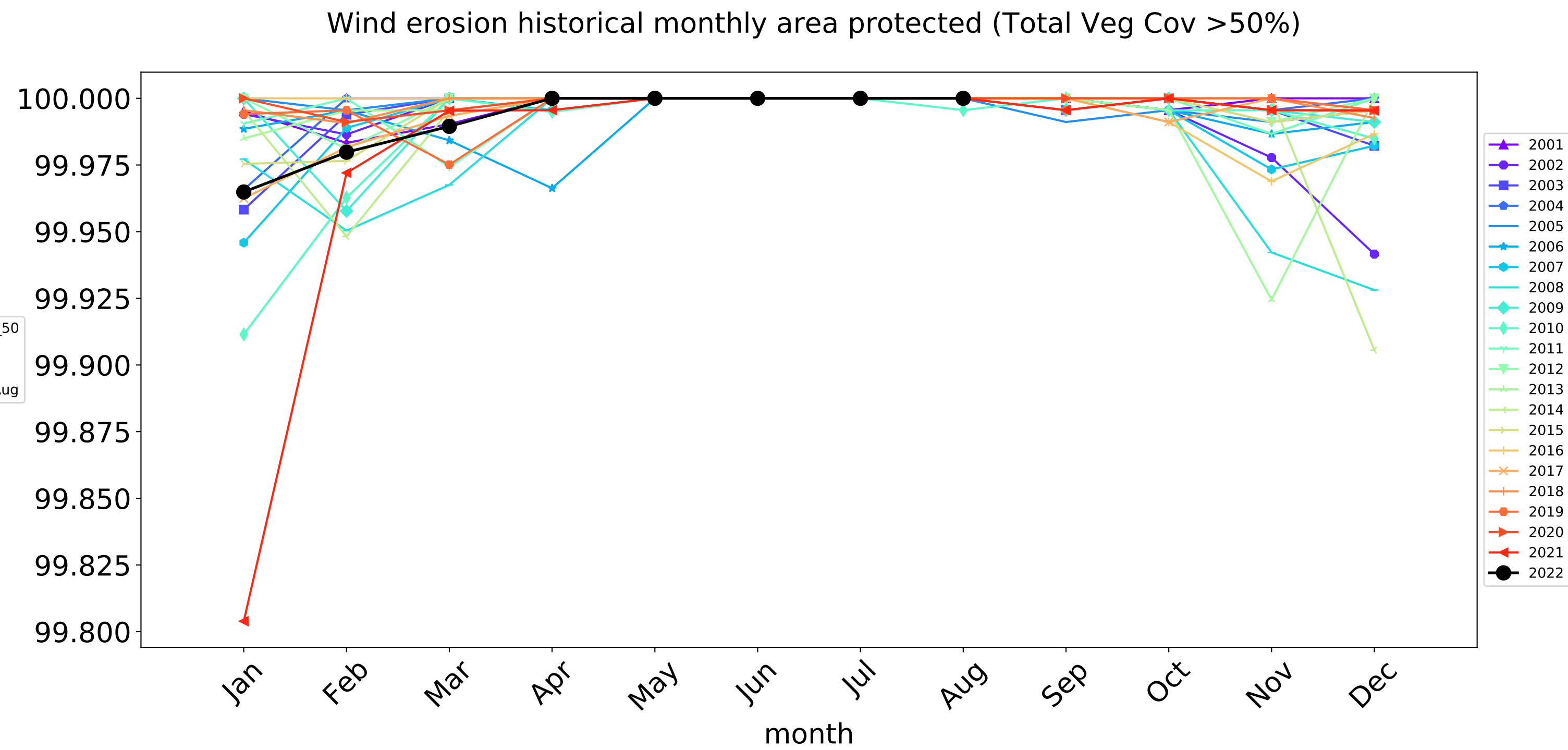
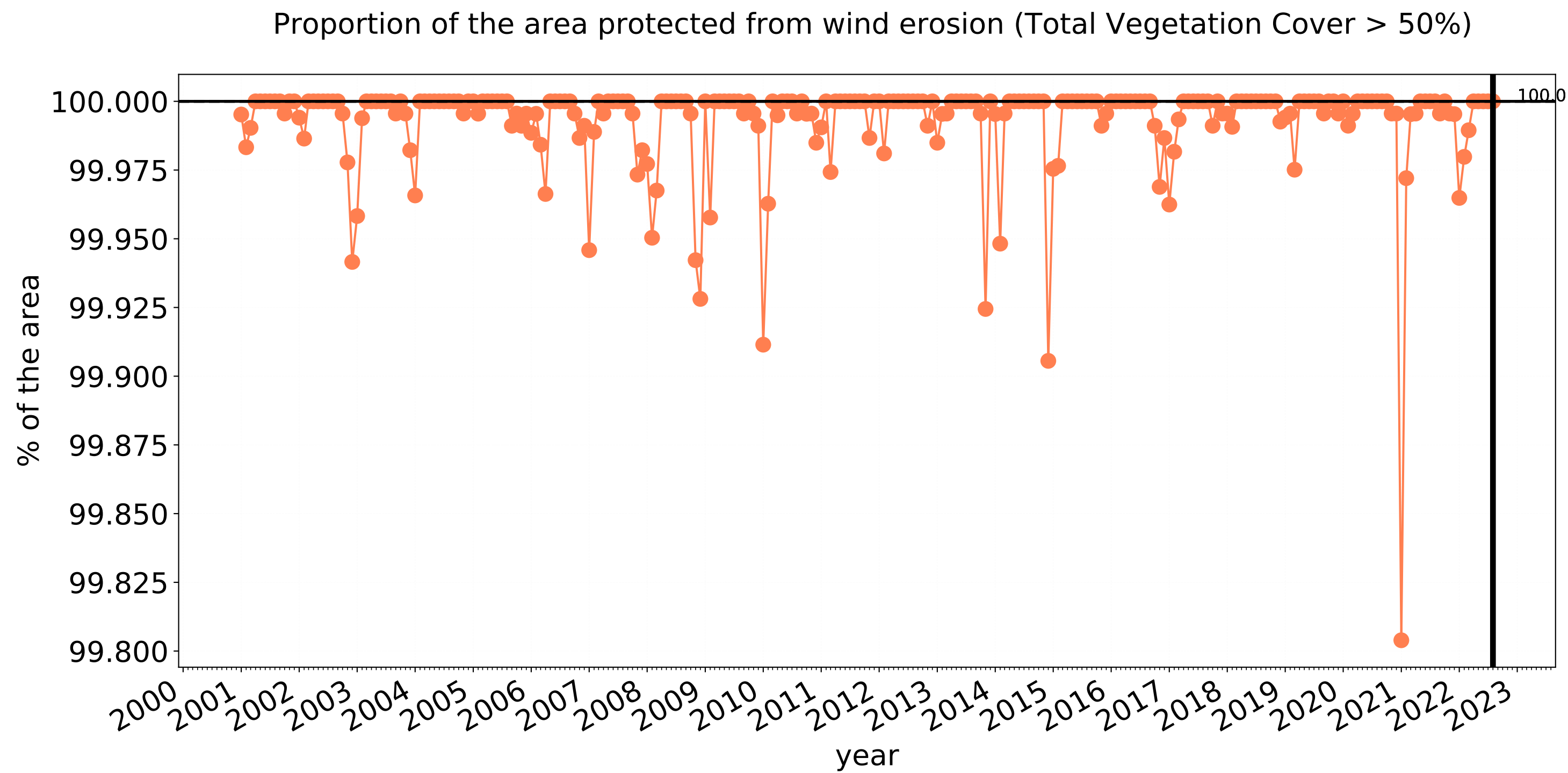


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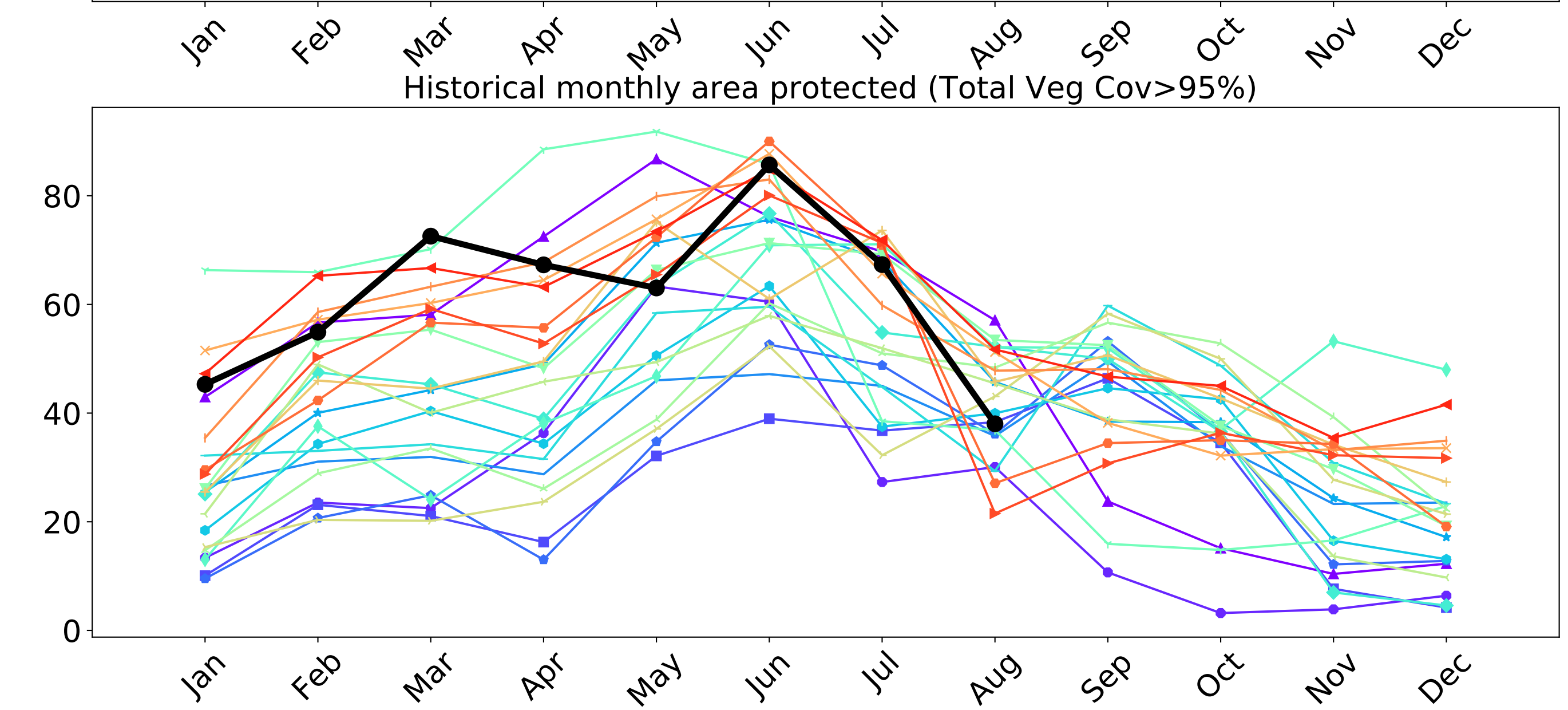
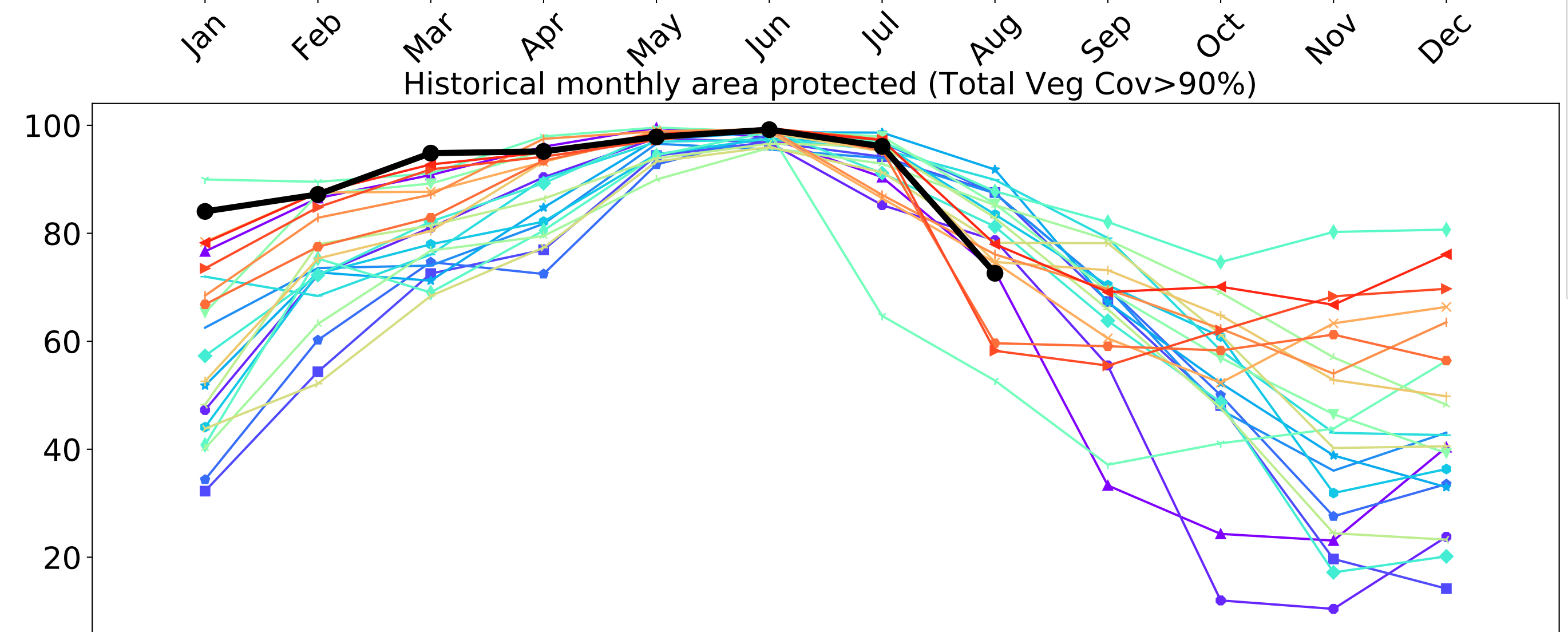
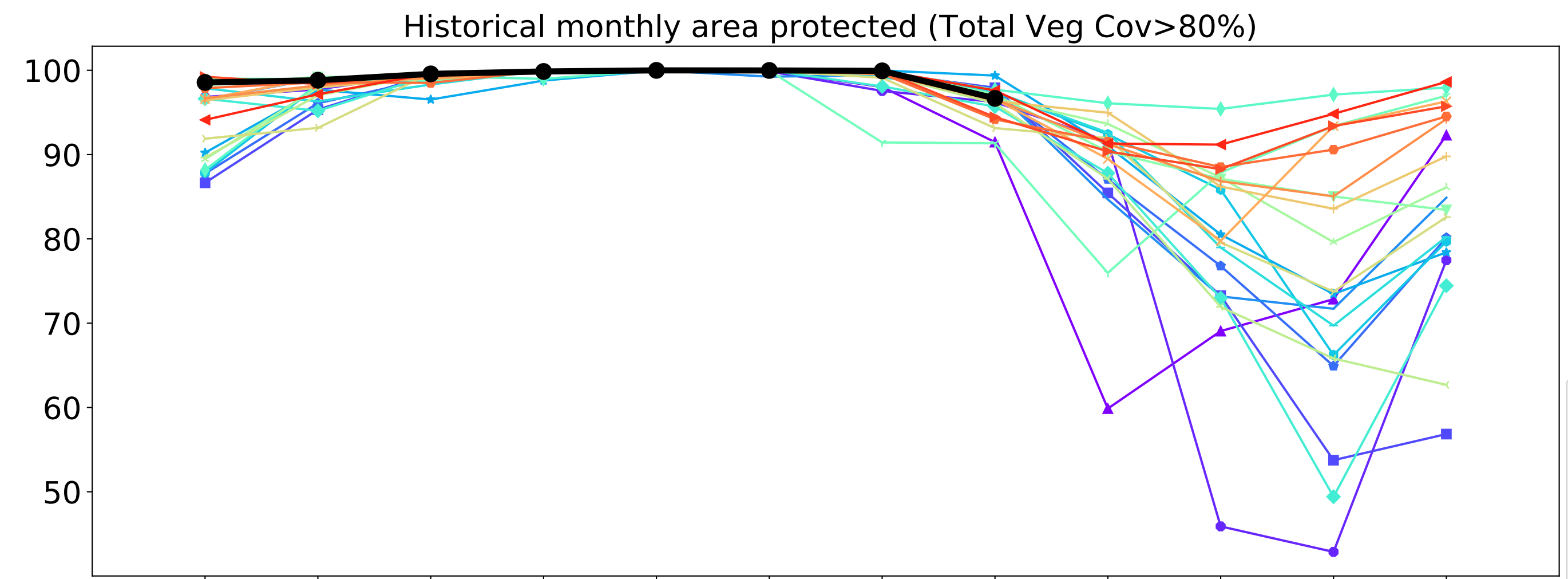
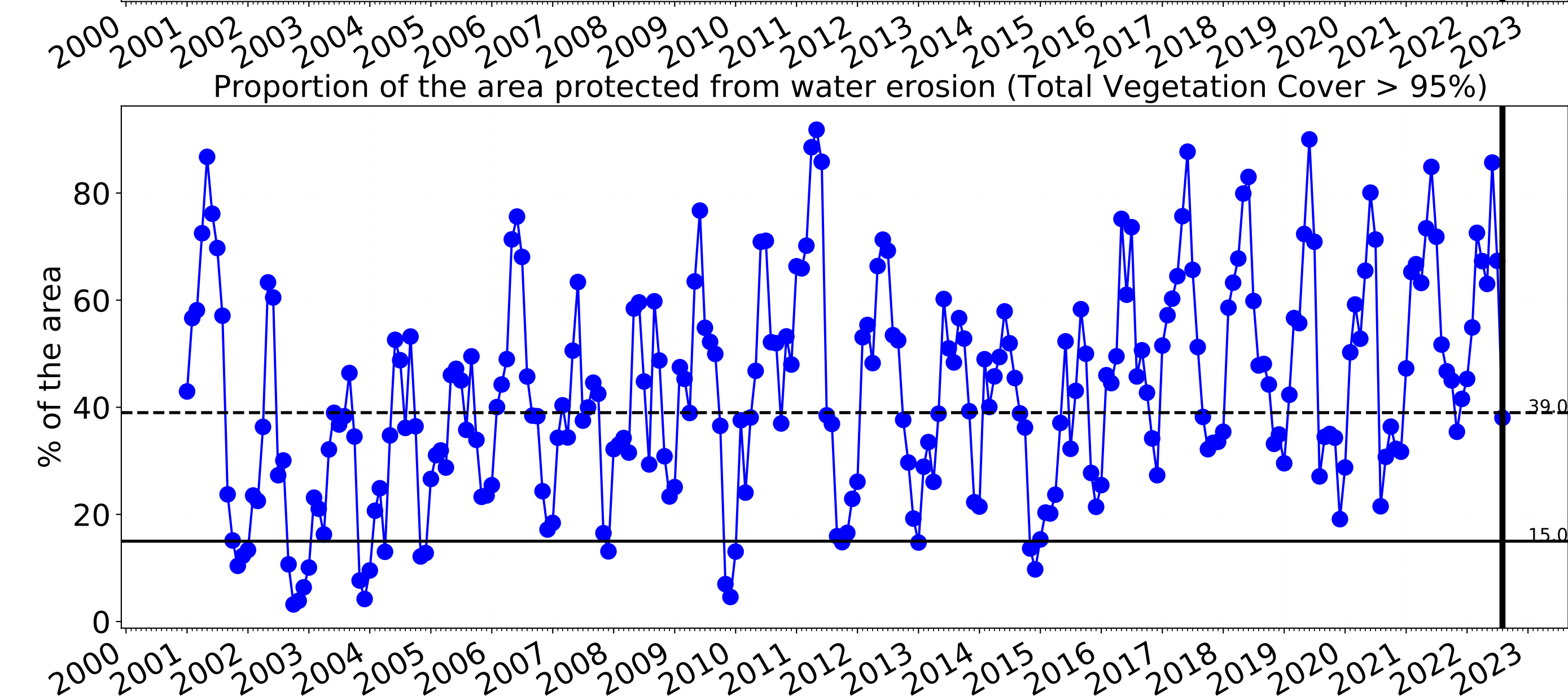
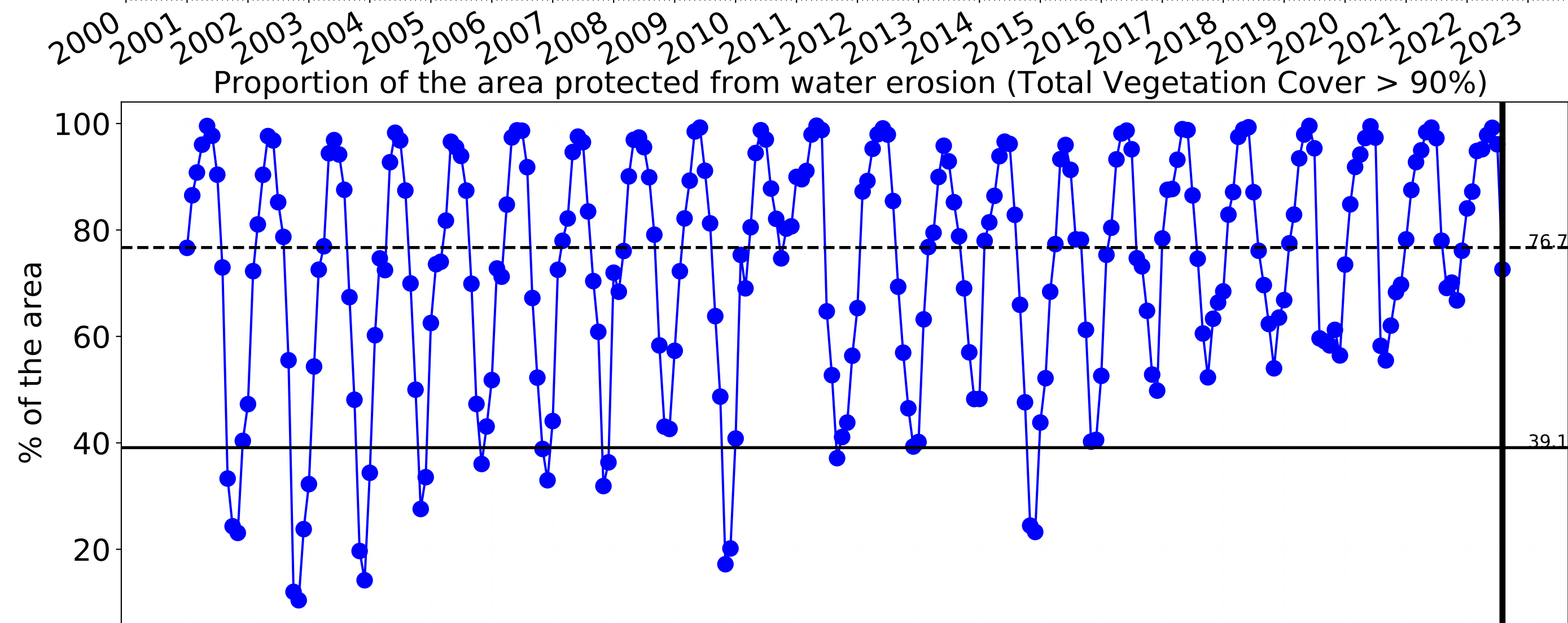
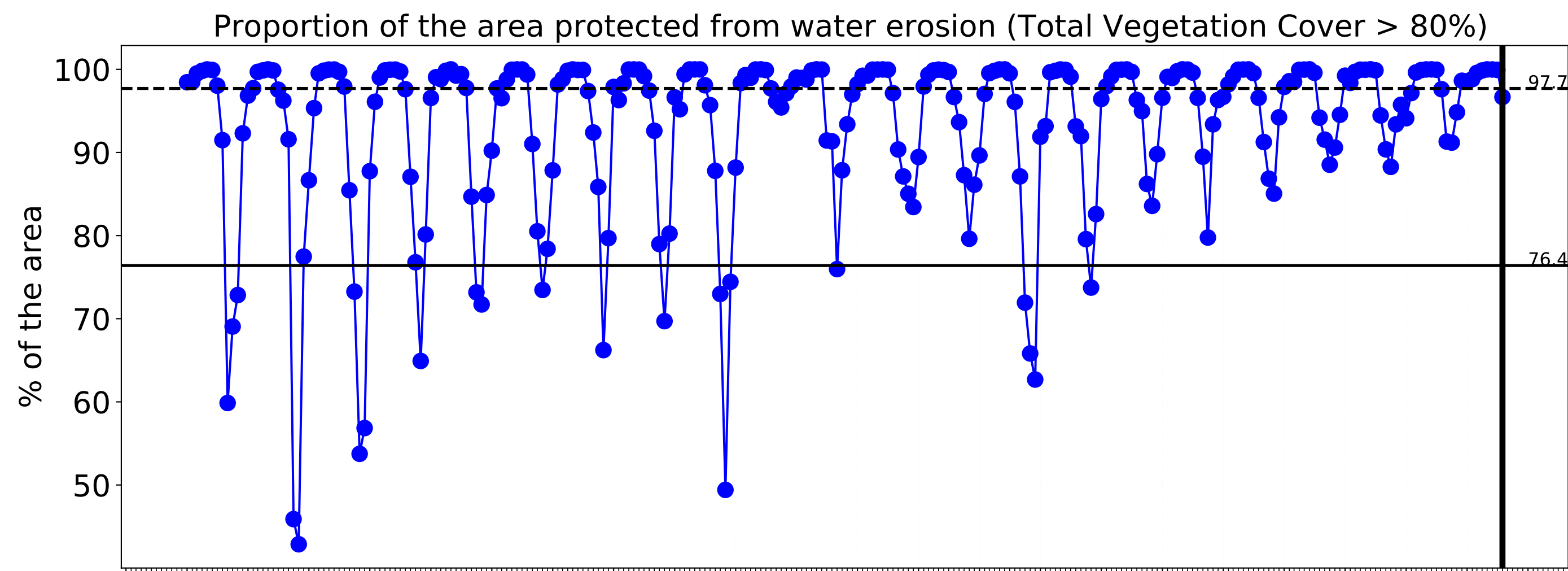
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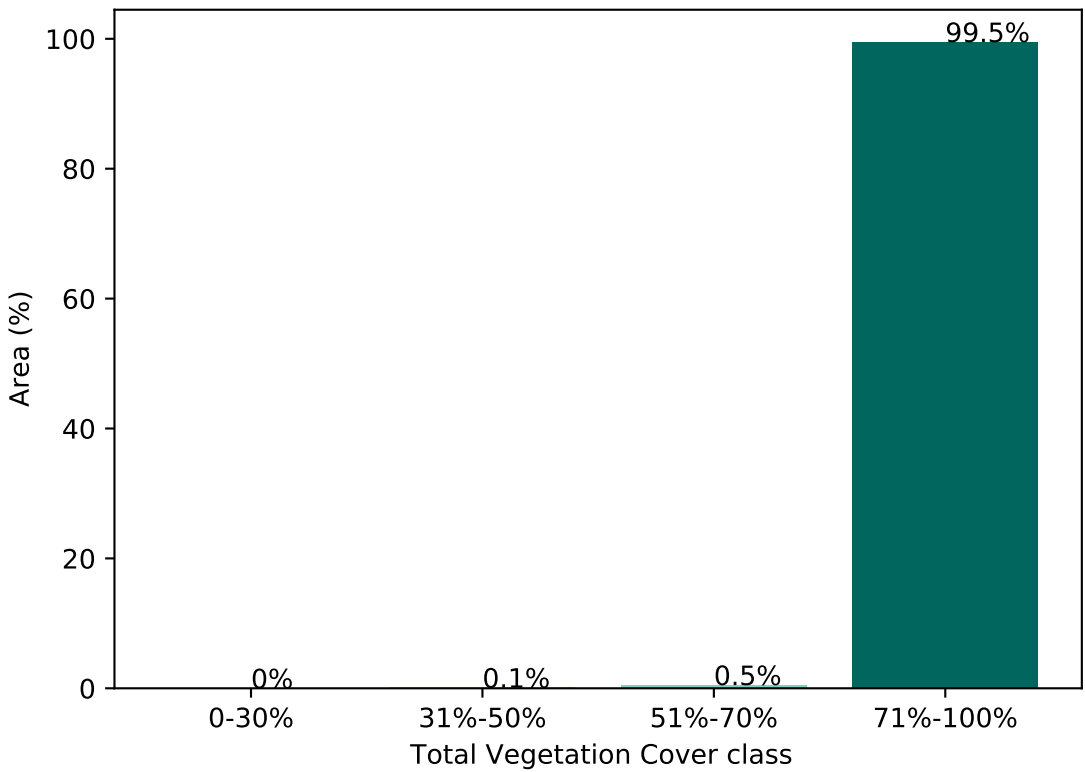


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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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Area not protected  
0.5% of region  
(209 ha)  
Area protected  
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(41,715 ha)

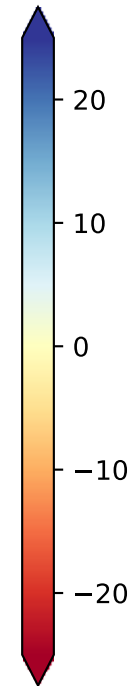
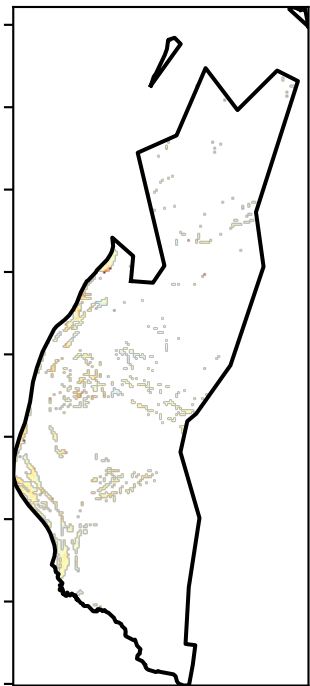
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(41,925 ha)

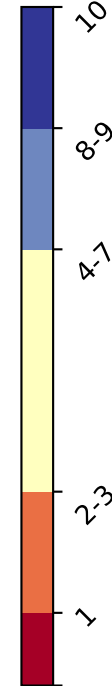
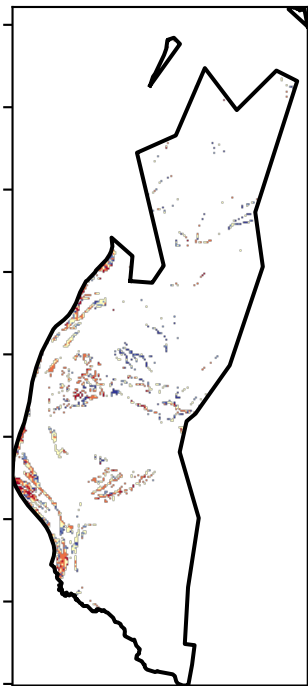
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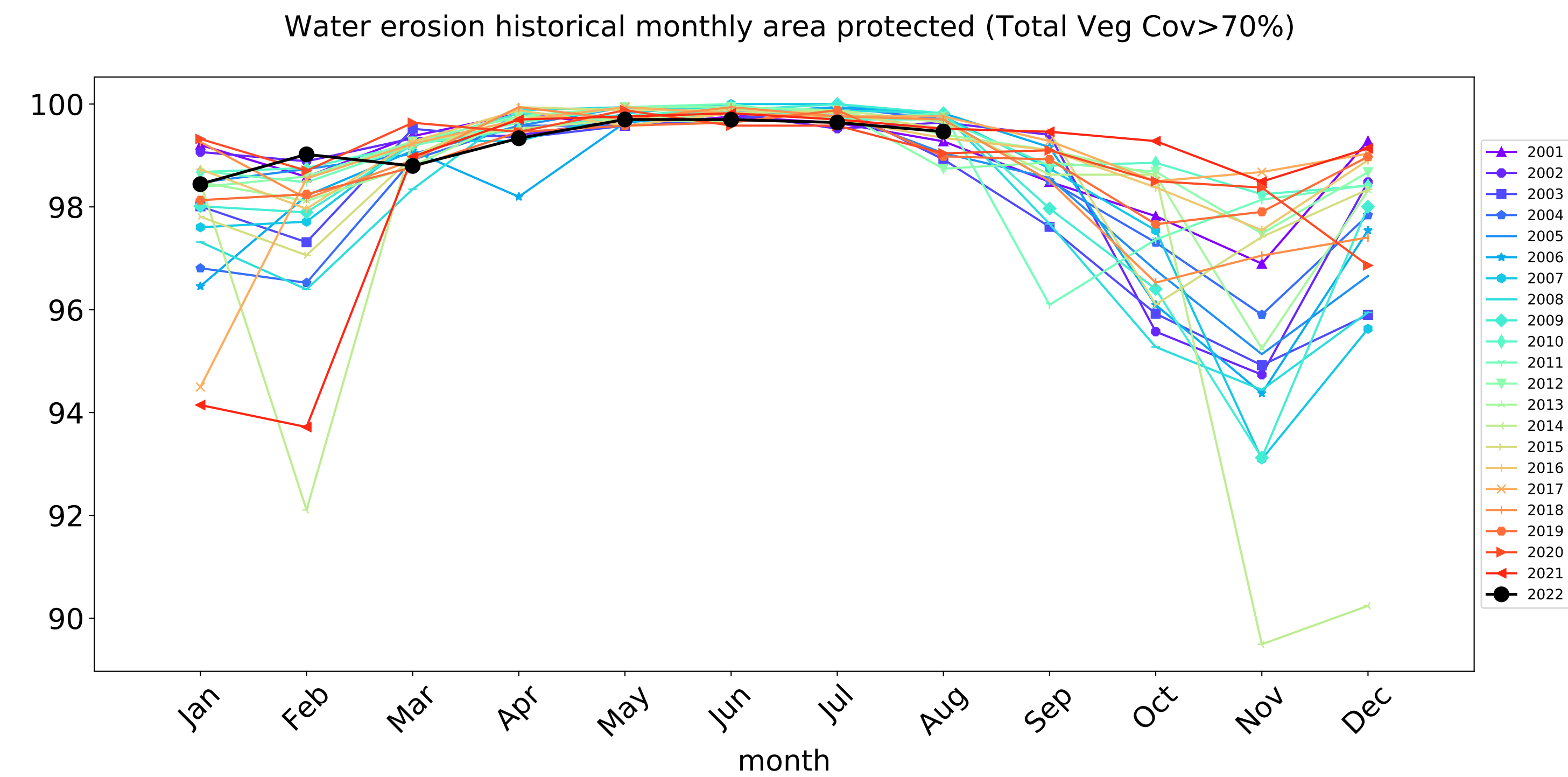
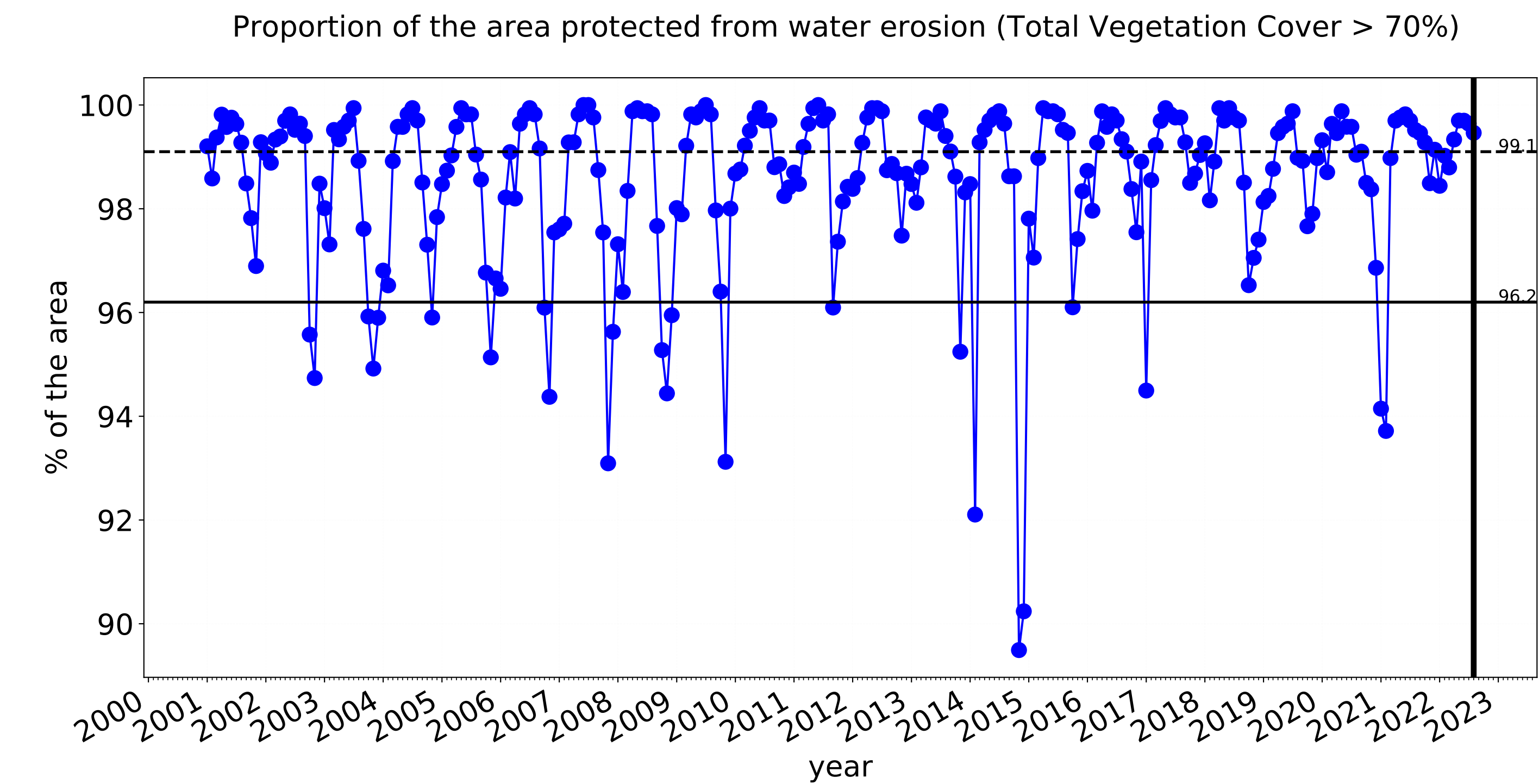
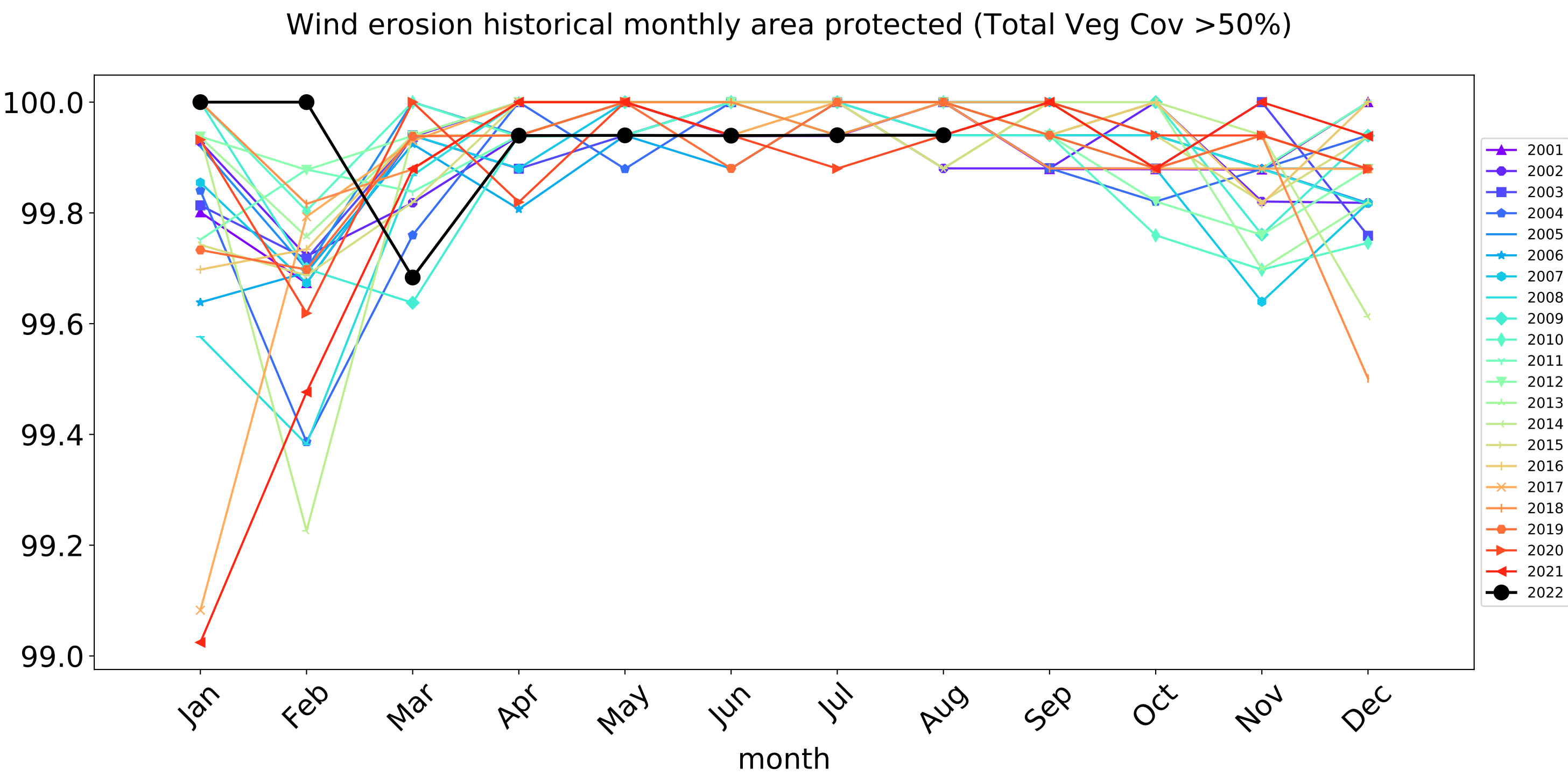
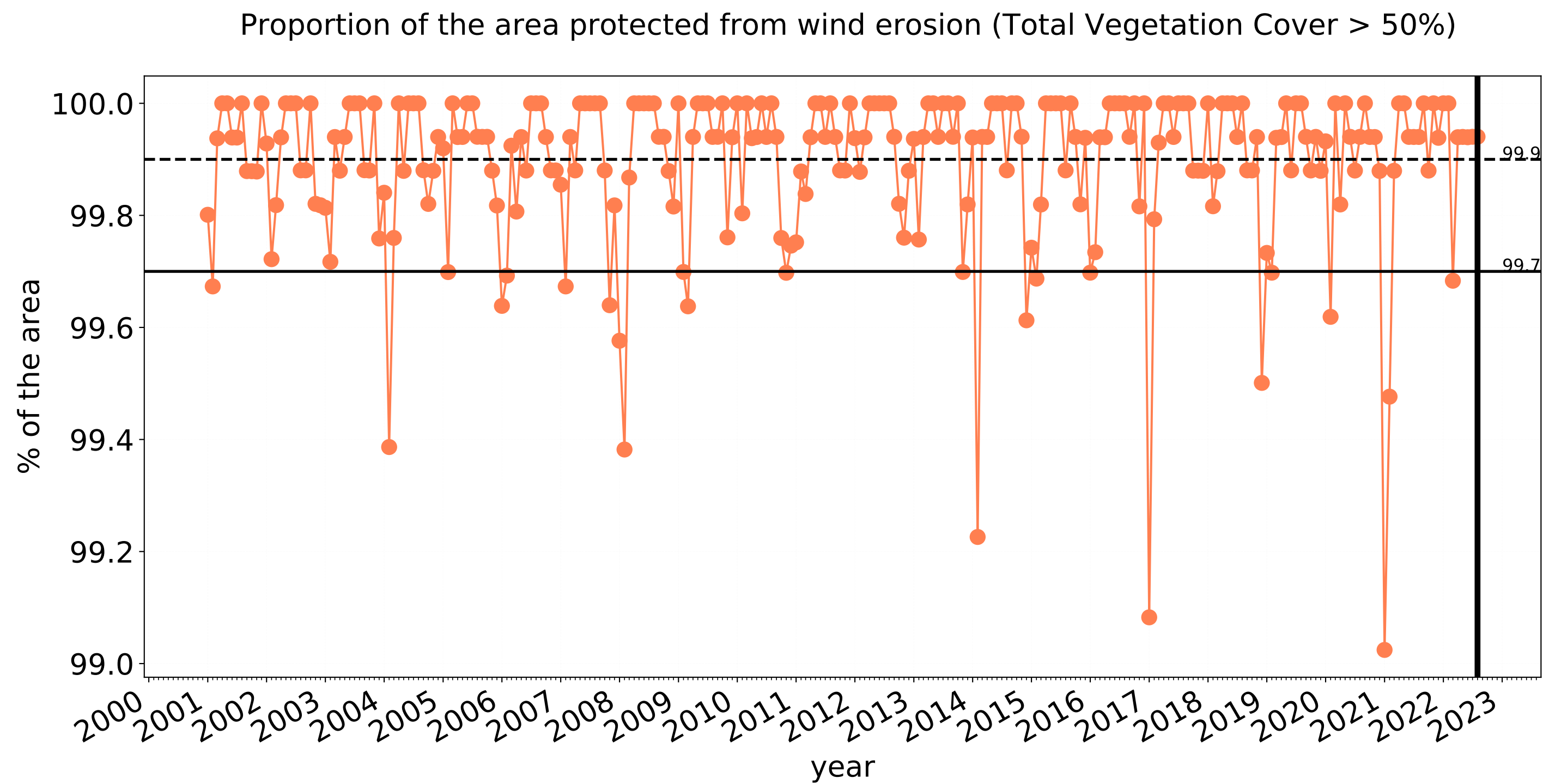
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

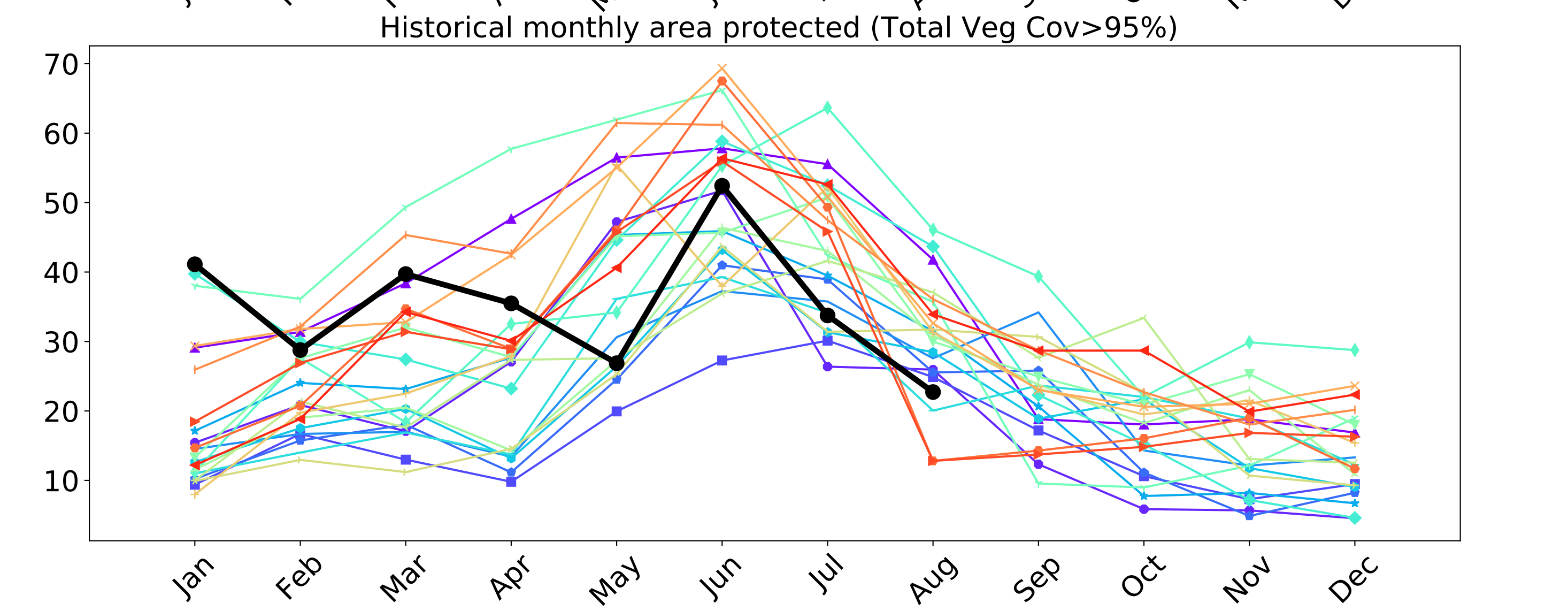
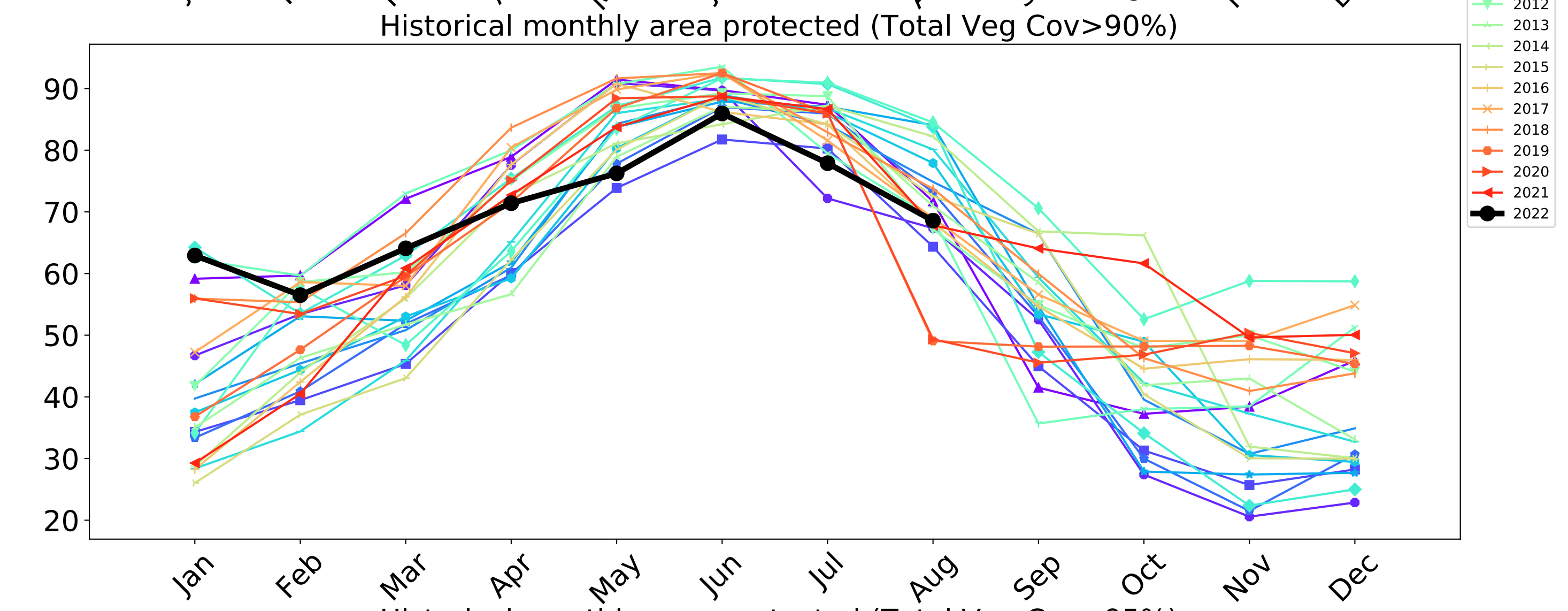
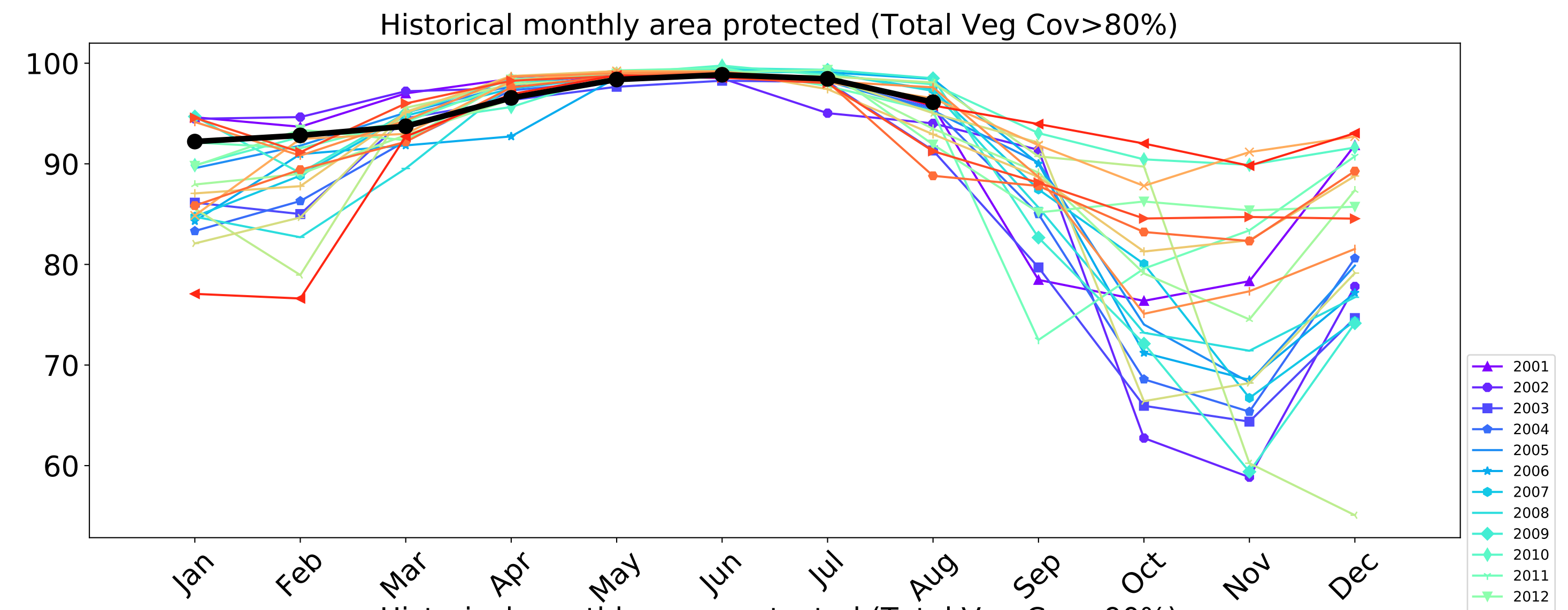
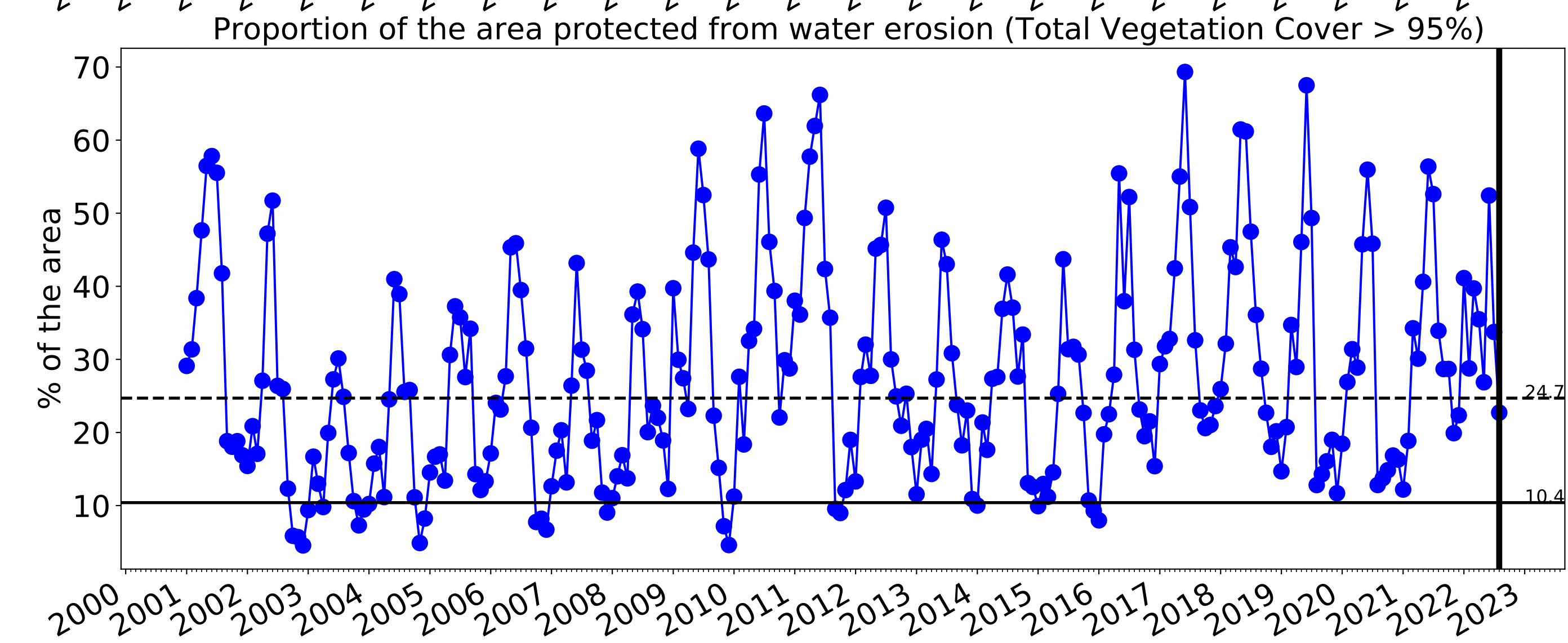
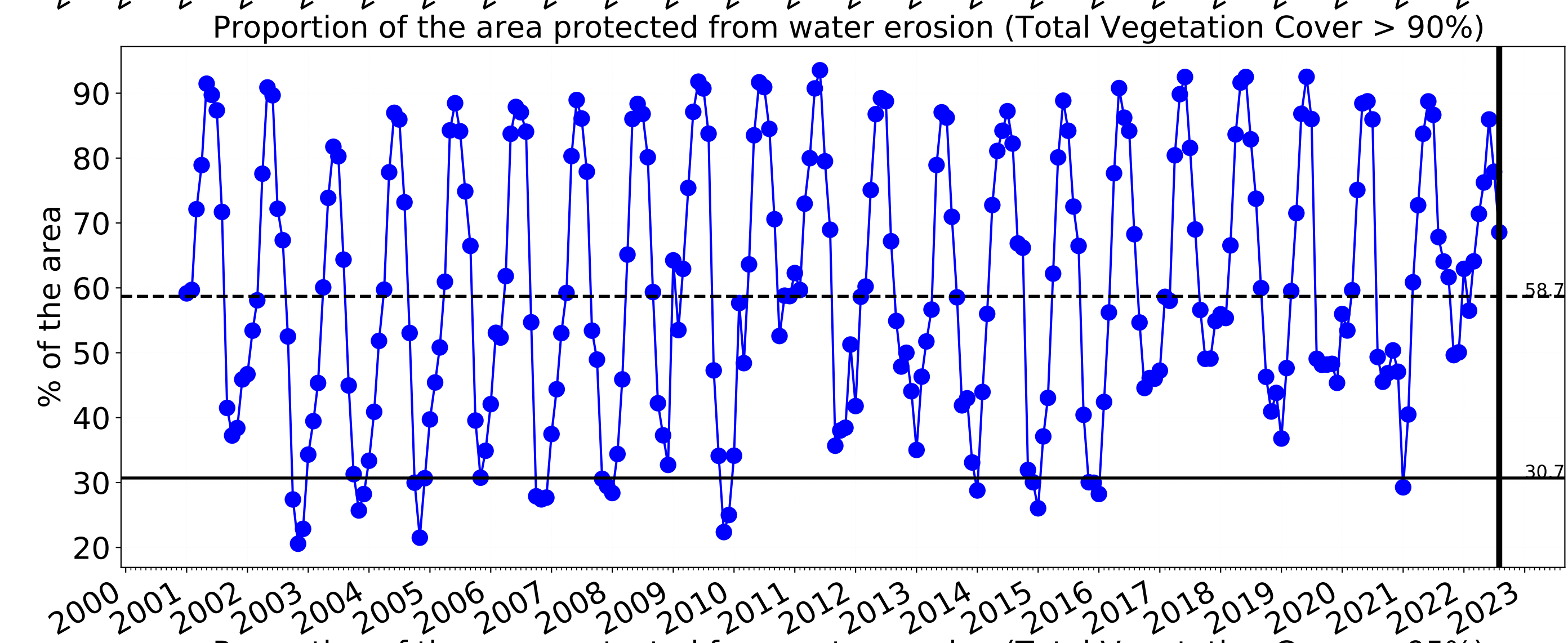
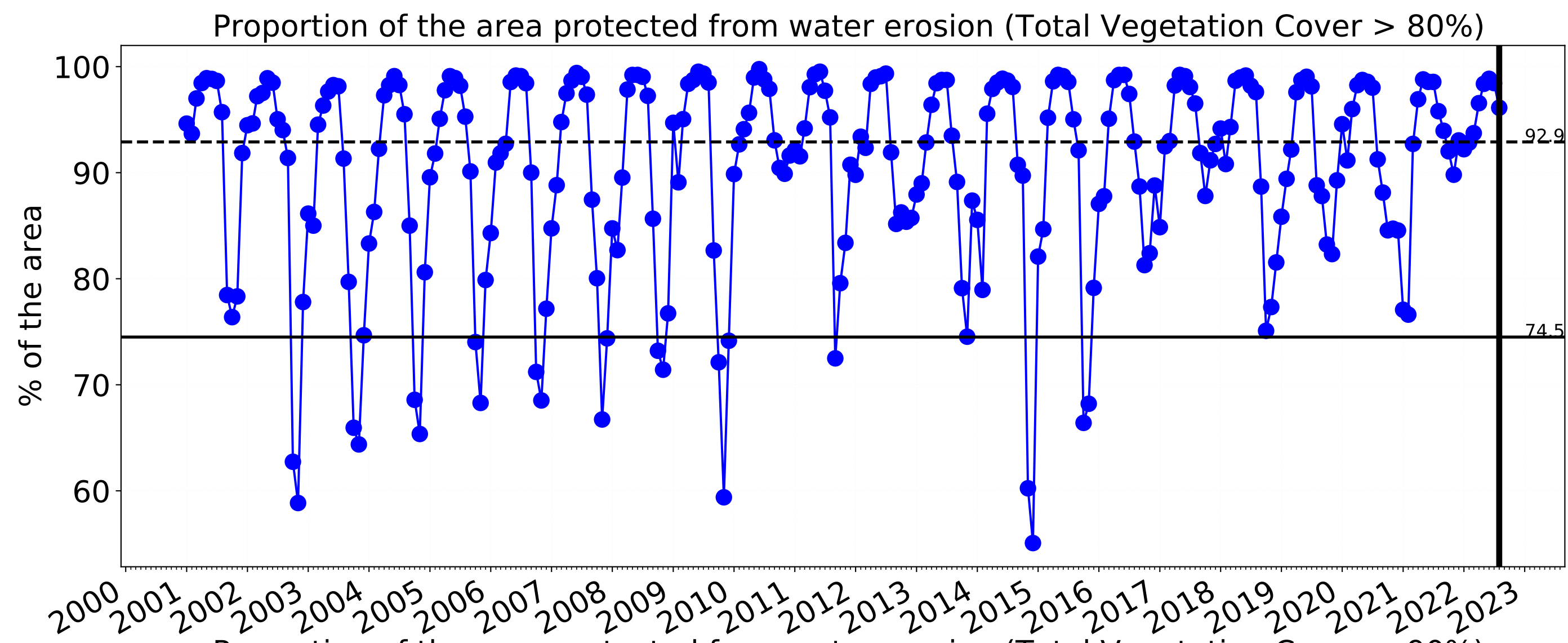




Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries









**Aurukun\_(S) (726,300 ha and no data16,090 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	726,300	100.0% 726,100	99.8% 725,100	98.3% 714,150	92.0% 668,350	65.0% 472,325	32.2% 233,725
Conservation and natural environments	660,950	100.0% 660,875	100.0% 660,625	99.3% 656,525	94.4% 624,250	68.9% 455,250	34.7% 229,650
Conservation and natural environments non forest	56,325	99.9% 56,250	99.5% 56,025	93.3% 52,550	71.0% 40,000	32.0% 18,025	10.9% 6,125
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	562,700	100.0% 562,700	100.0% 562,700	99.9% 562,275	96.7% 543,950	72.6% 408,475	38.0% 214,000
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	41,925	100.0% 41,925	99.9% 41,900	99.5% 41,700	96.1% 40,300	68.6% 28,750	22.7% 9,525