This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind (>=50% total vegetation cover) and water/hillslope (>=70% total vegetation cover) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and forest cover class. This is because different land use / forest cover classes are likely to have different cover patterns and targets.

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The six maps and two graphs provide a report for the month with:

- Land use and forest cover information for the area:
  - o Map: Land use and forest cover
  - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month:
  - o Map: total vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
  - o Chart: total vegetation cover percentage area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month:
  - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares
  - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares
- Comparison with previous years:
  - o Map: anomaly compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
  - o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series from January 2001 to current:
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month since January 2001 (orange line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month since January 2001 (blue line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black line). Vertical line is month of report.
- Time series for each month stacked by year
  - o Same data as time series from January 2001 to current month, grouped by month. Black line is current year of data.
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion.

The thresholds reported are:

- o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
- o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
- o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example

- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- Protected areas by forest classes if present

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class if 1% or more of area makes up a land use and forest cover class. Four land uses are reported: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests, and other. Agriculture is further divided into grazing,

crops and horticulture are then divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. Land use is further divided by forest class if present: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest.

Explanatory notes:

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Report uses baseline from January 2001 to September 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. Post September 2019 all similar months are used to calculate anomalies and deciles.

# **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 Sep 2019**

### Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015

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Australia's National

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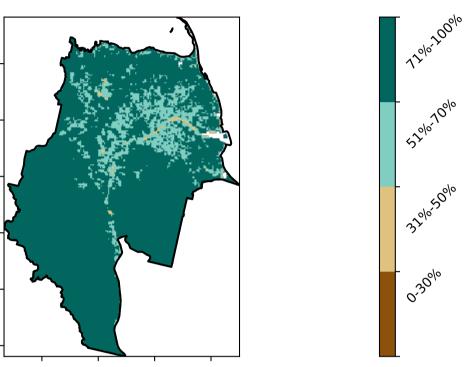
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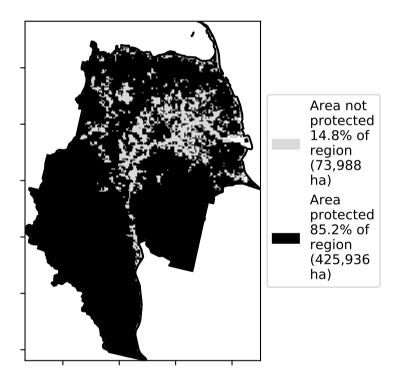
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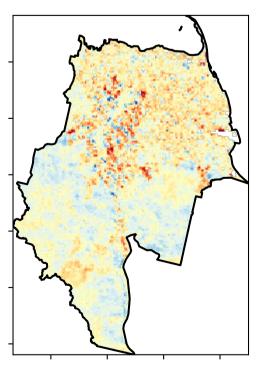
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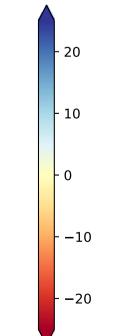
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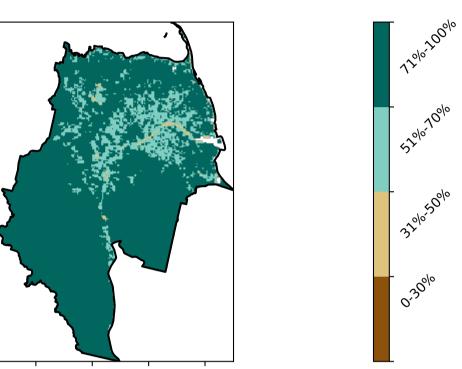
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



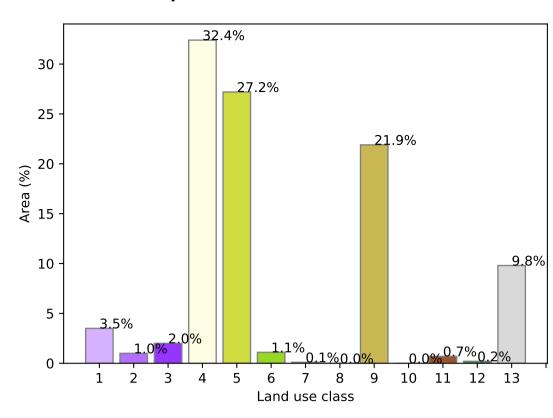




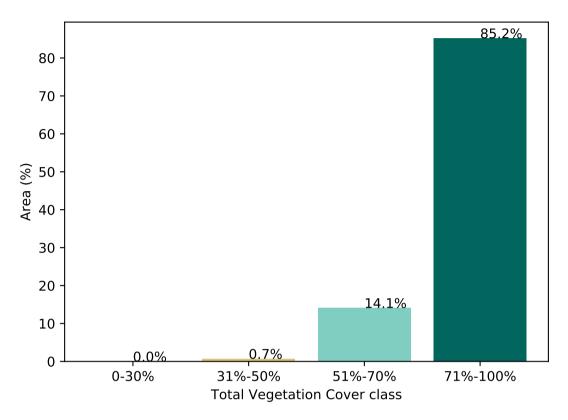
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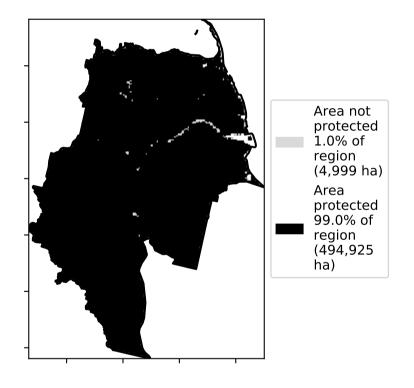
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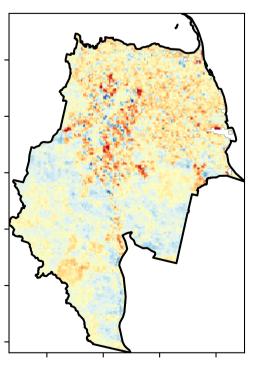
## **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**

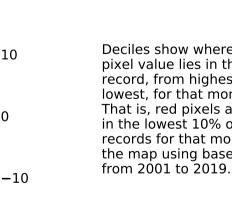


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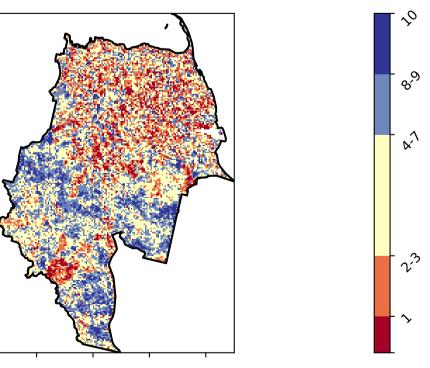


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**











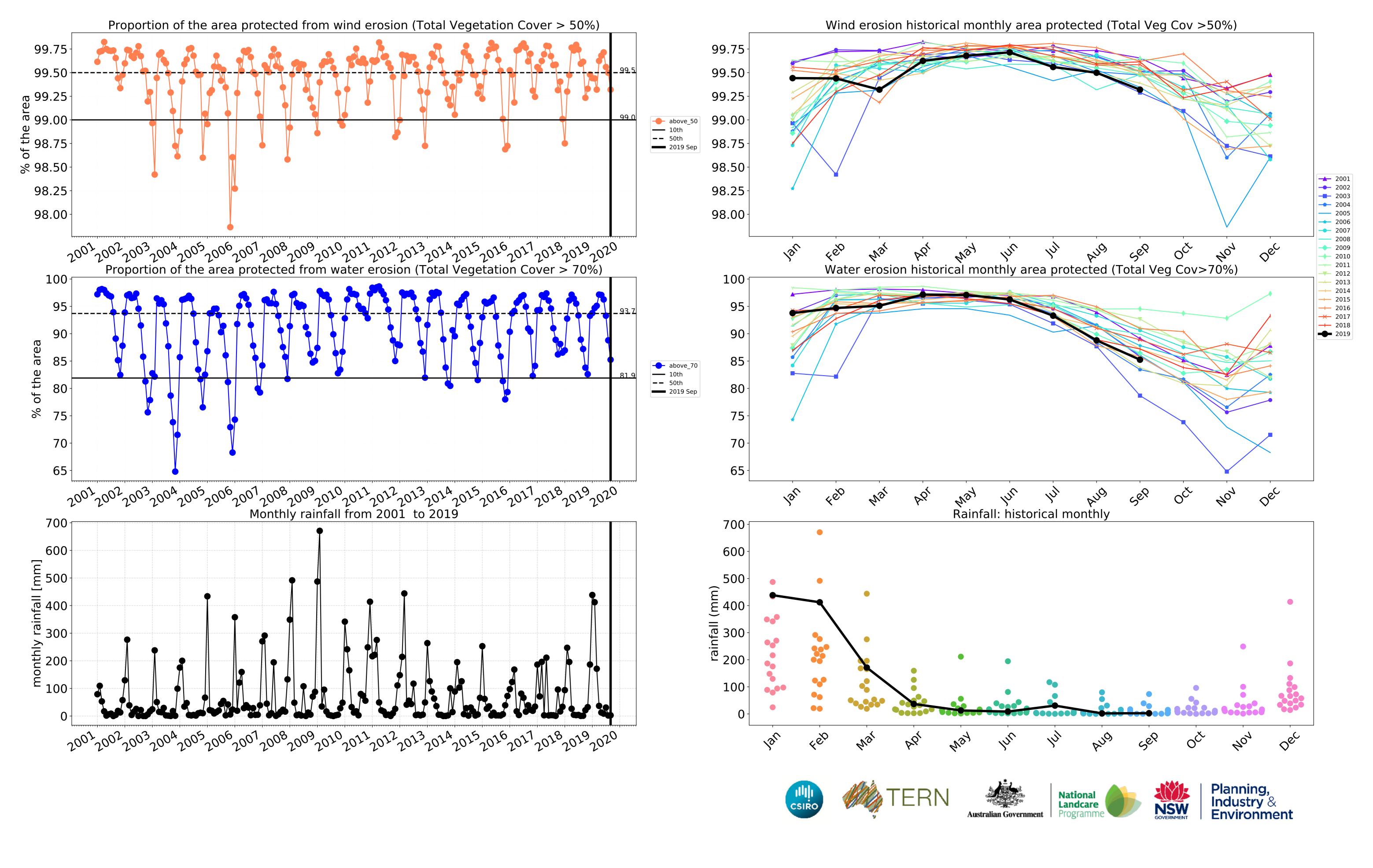












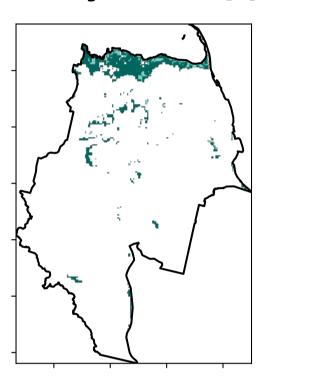
# **Conservation and natural environments**

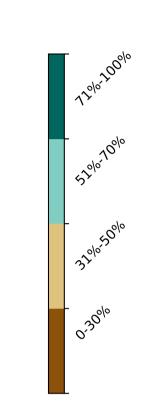
Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

# Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest Conservation and natural environments - Woodland Conservation and natural environments – Non-woodland forest

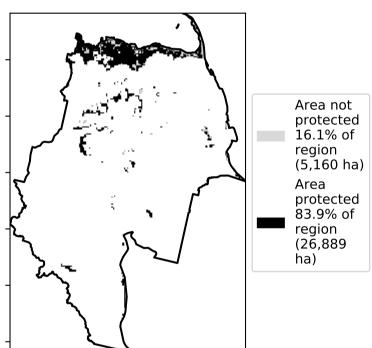
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

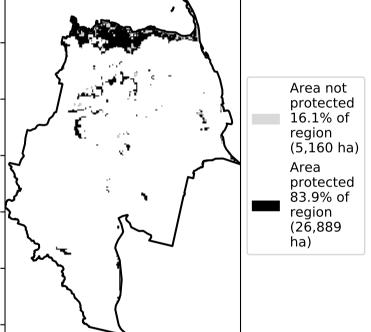
Land use and forest cover



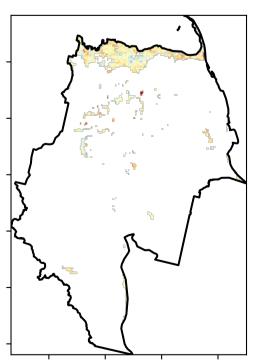


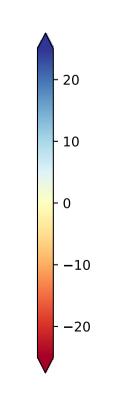
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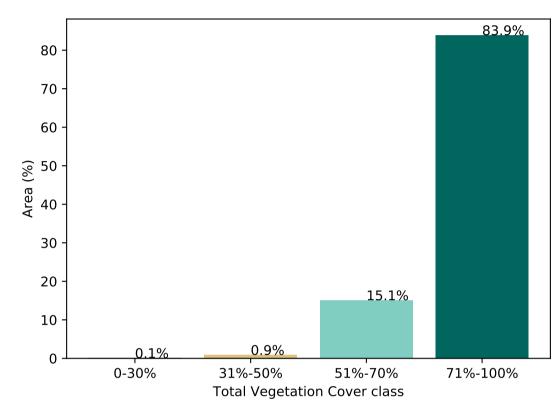
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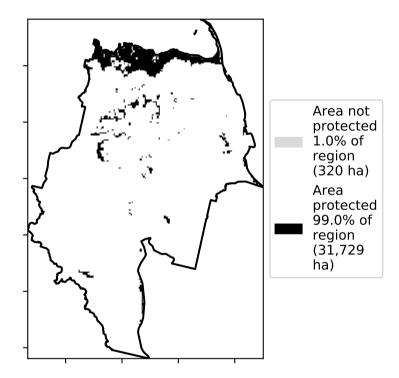


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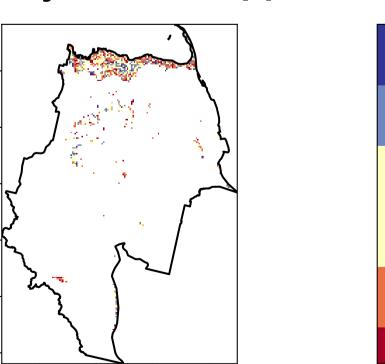
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



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





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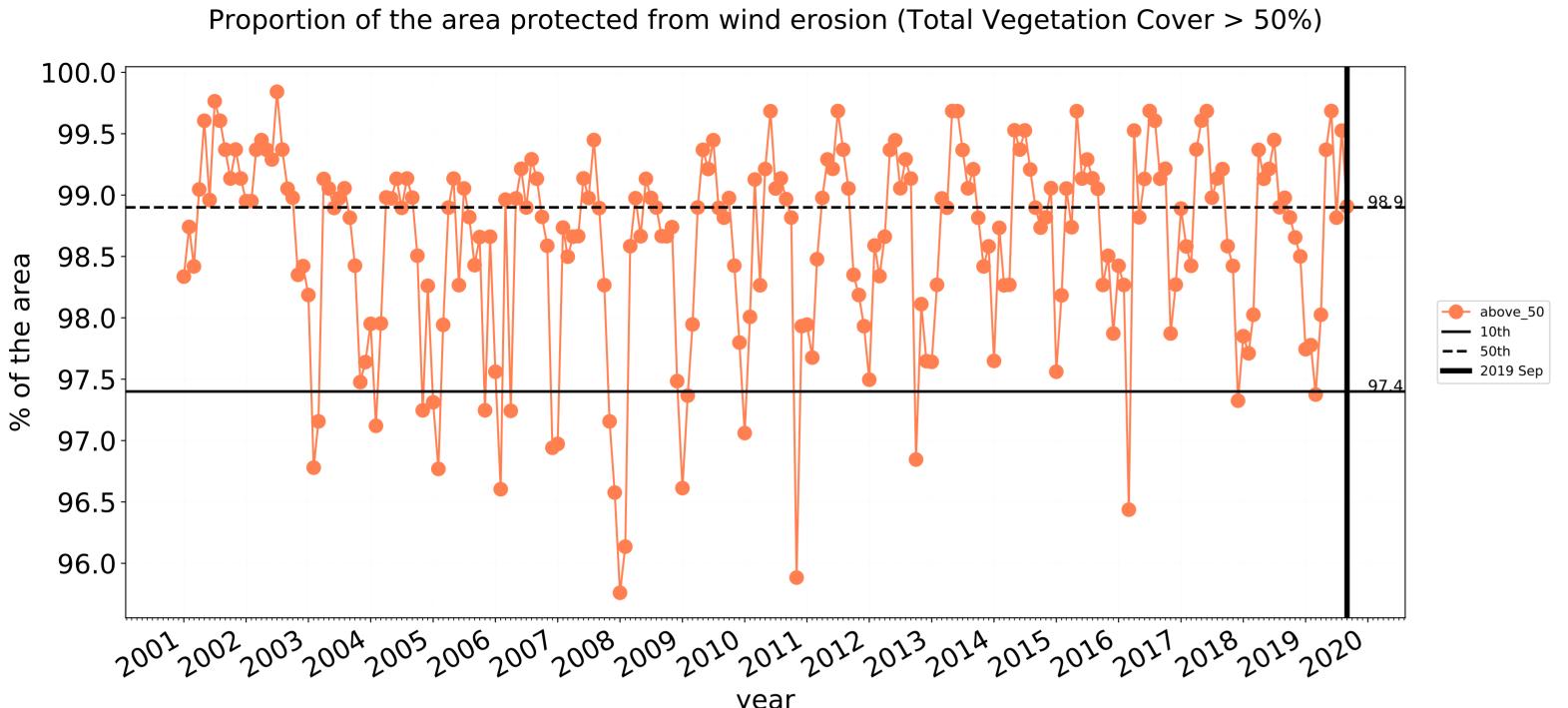


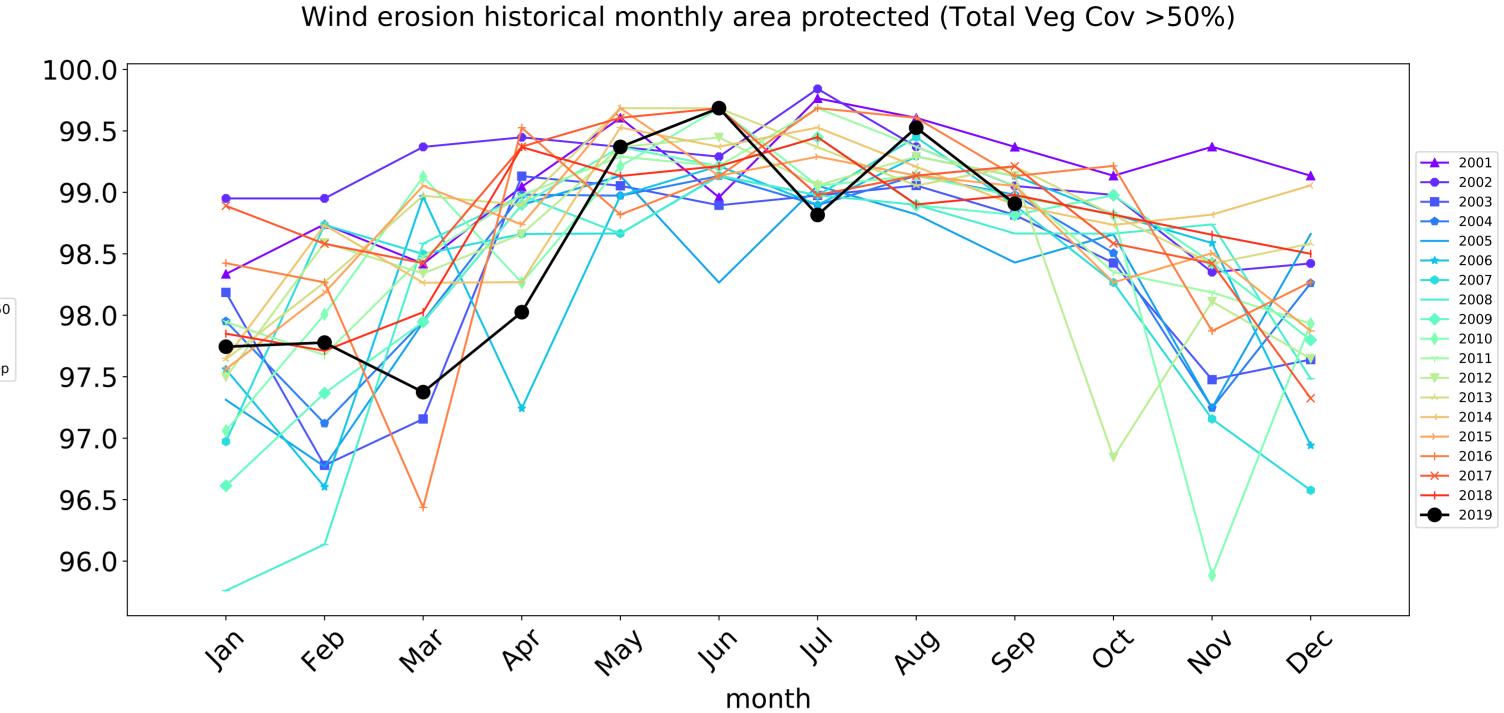


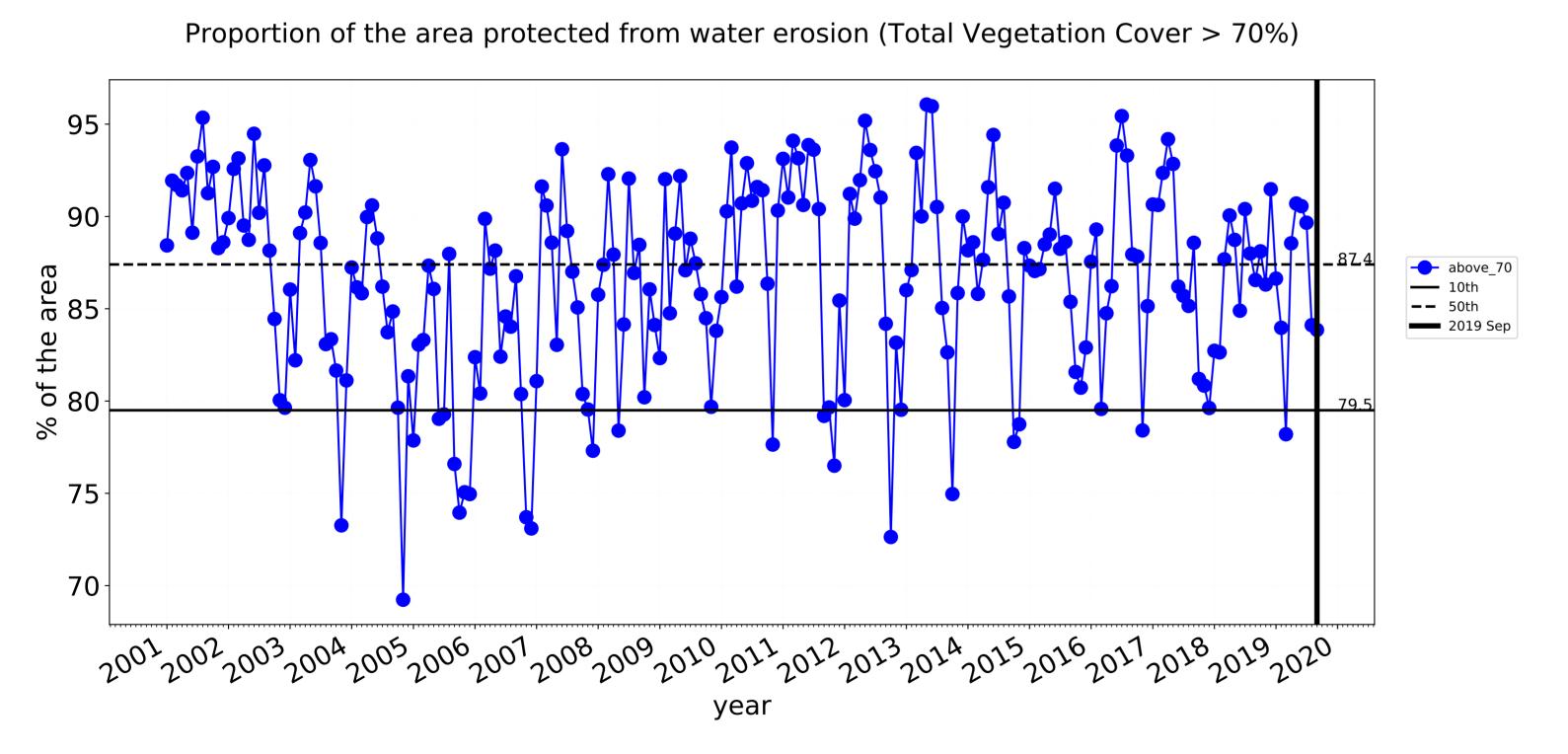


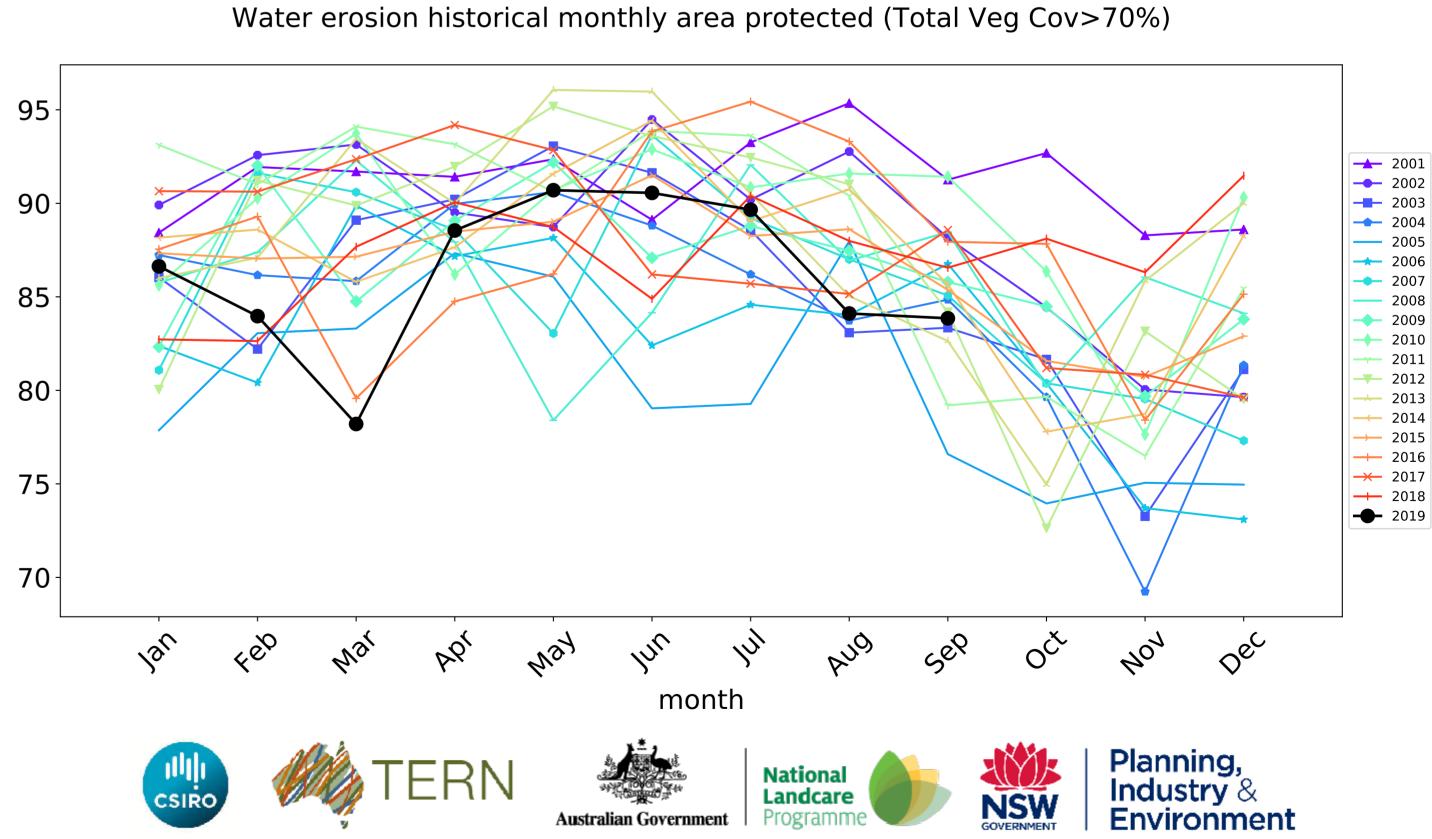


# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**









# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

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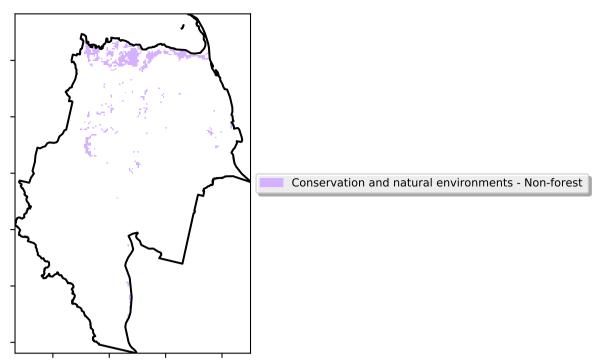
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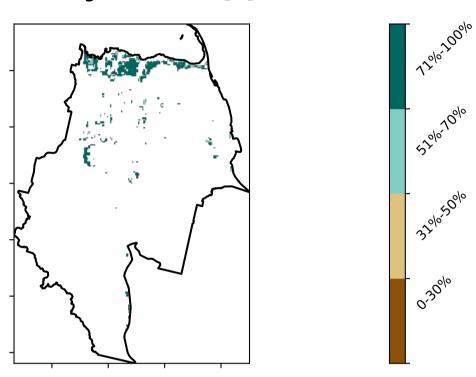
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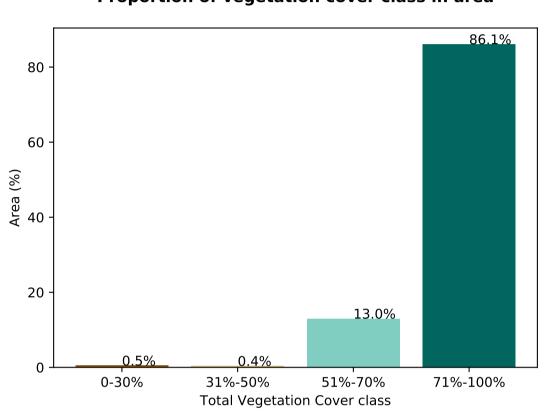
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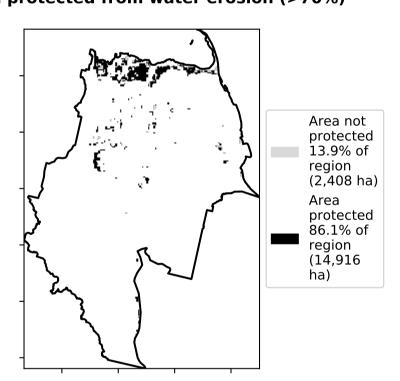
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



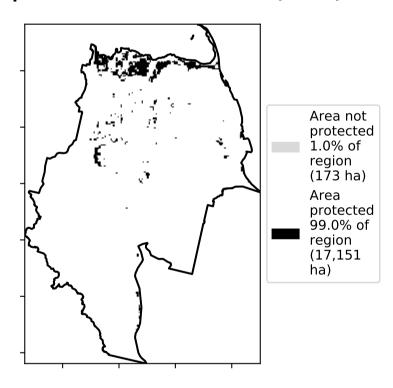
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



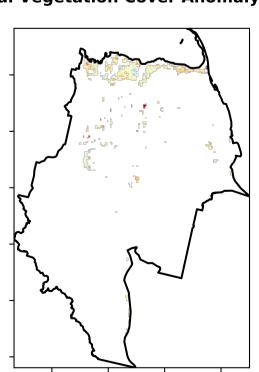
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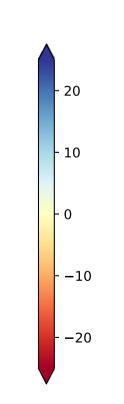


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

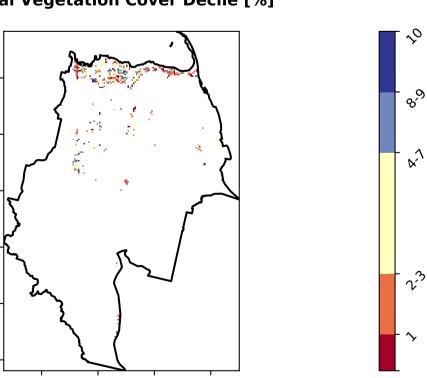


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**





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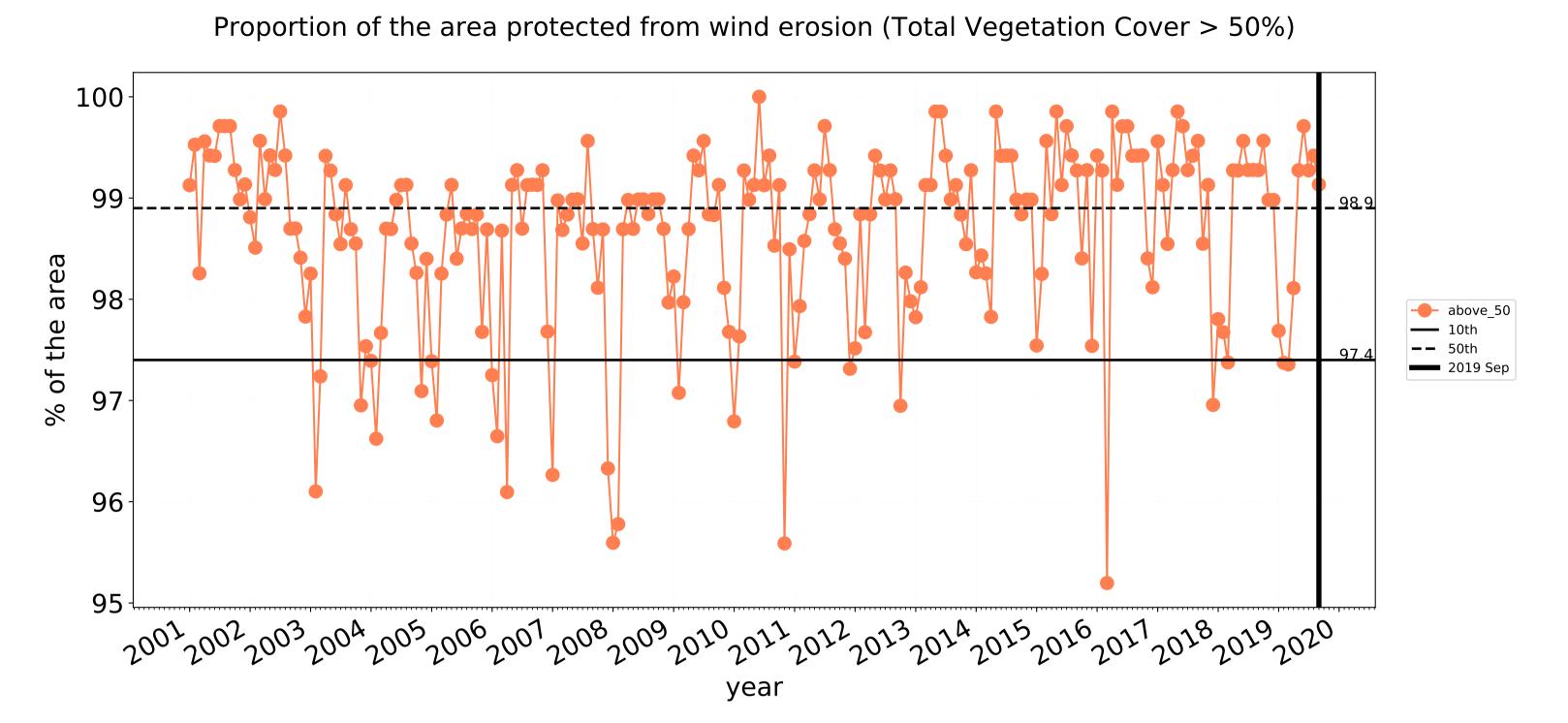


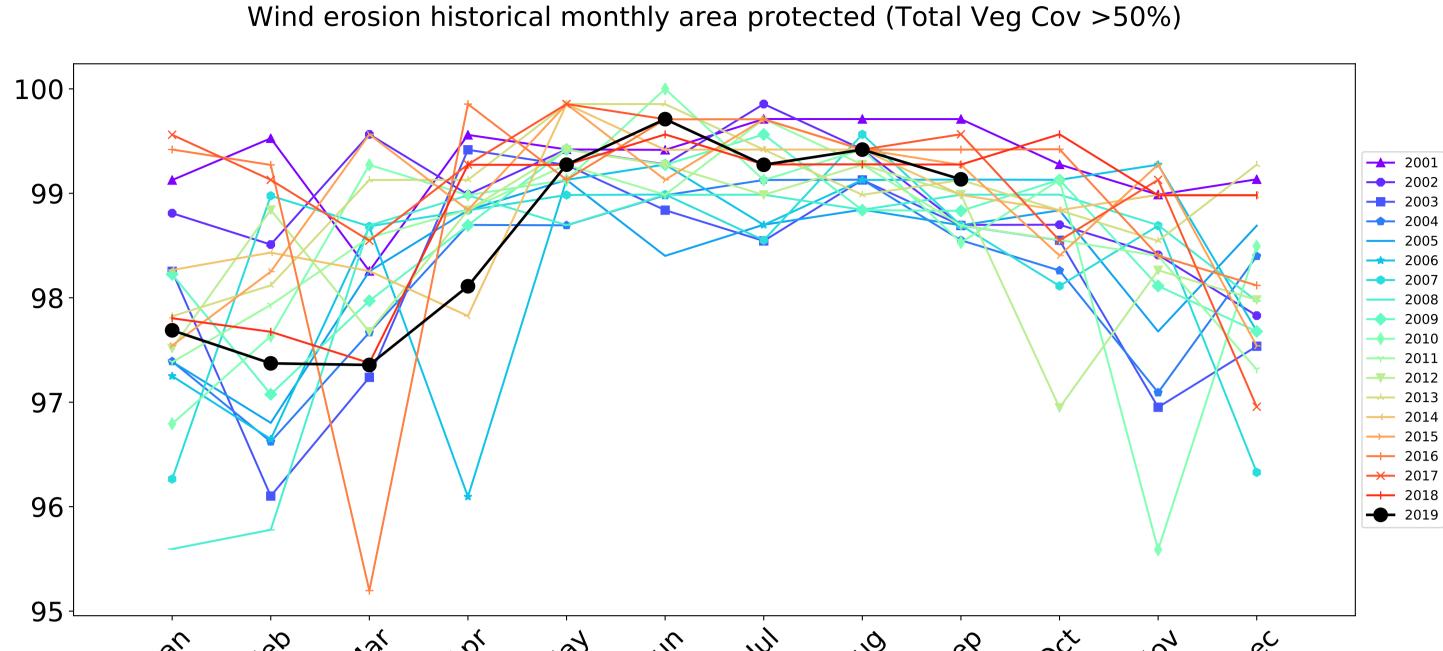




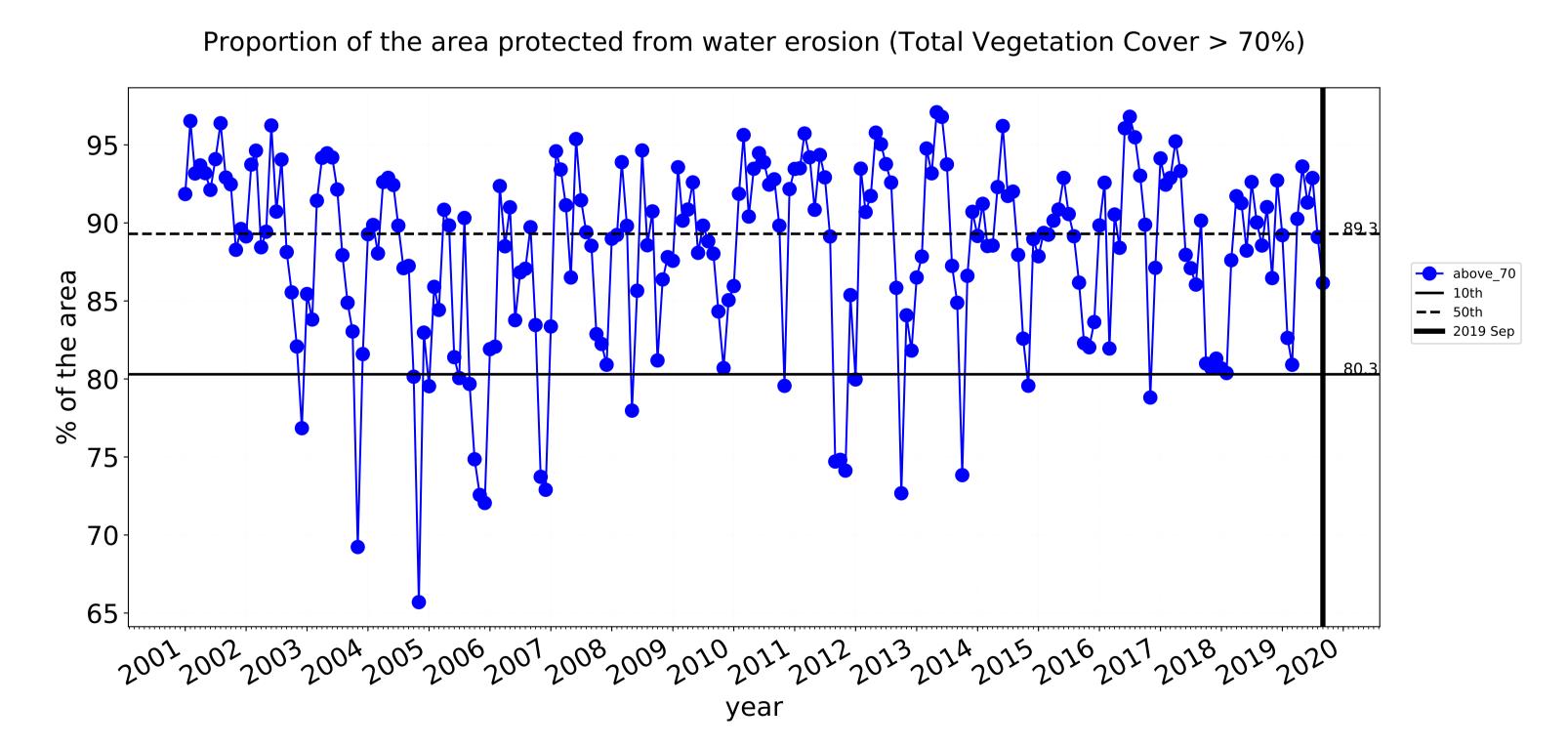


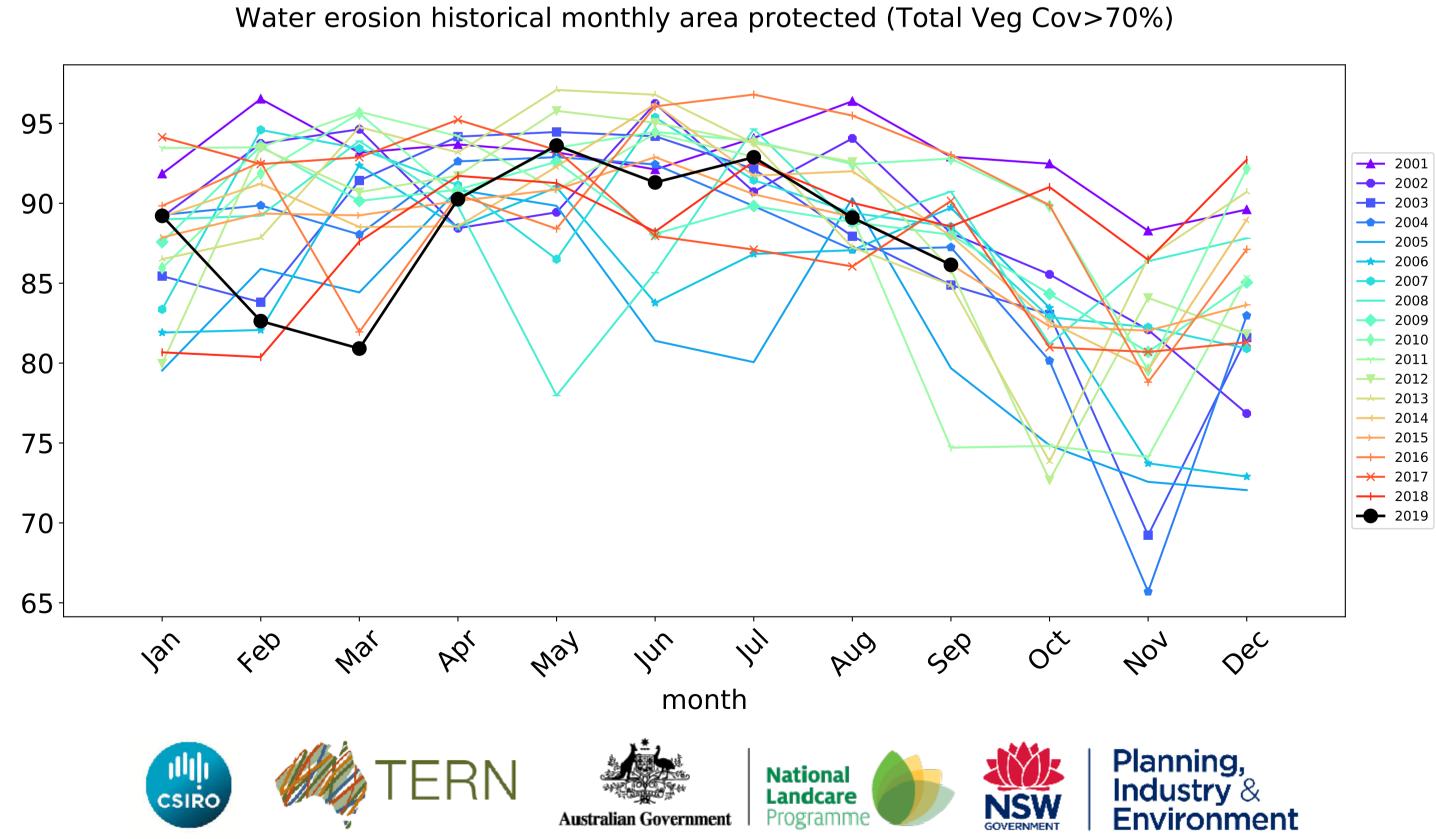
# **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**





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# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

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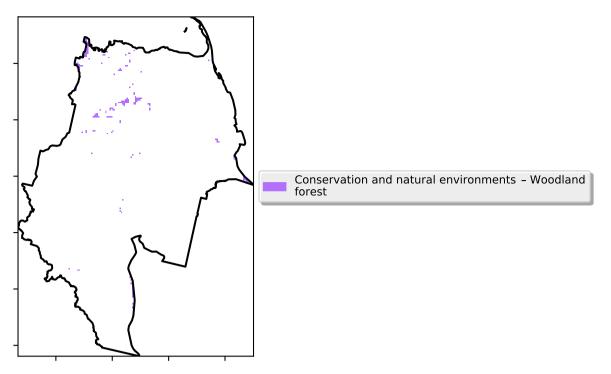
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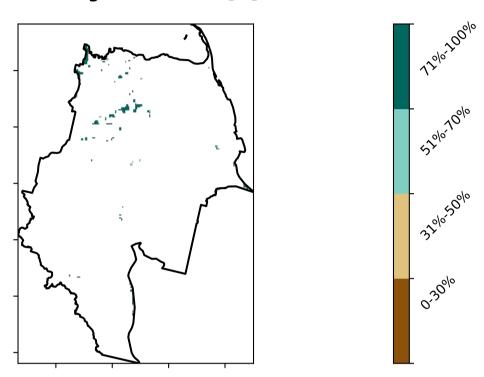
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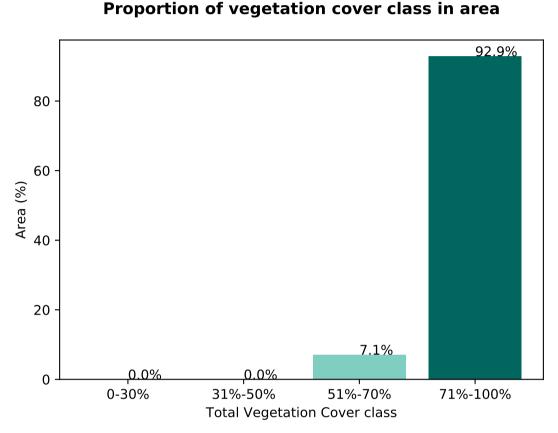
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# Land use and forest cover

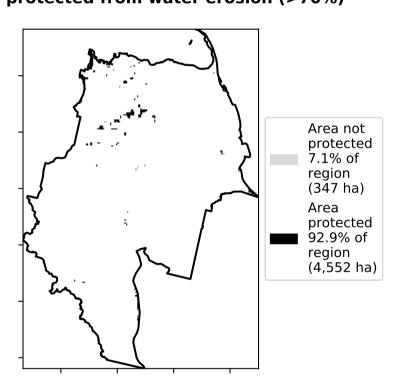


# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

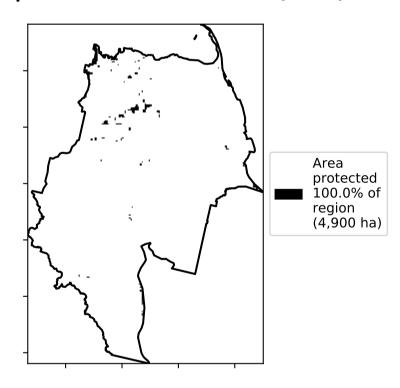




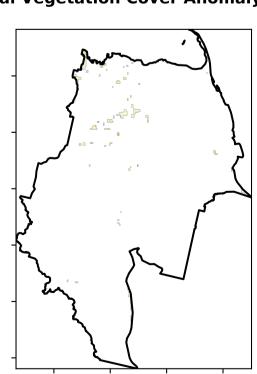
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

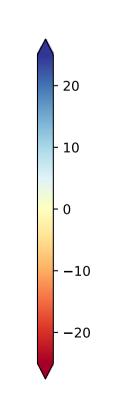


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

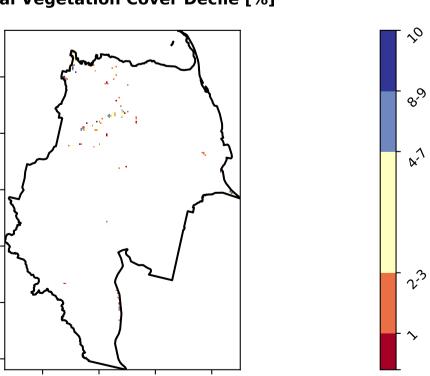


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**





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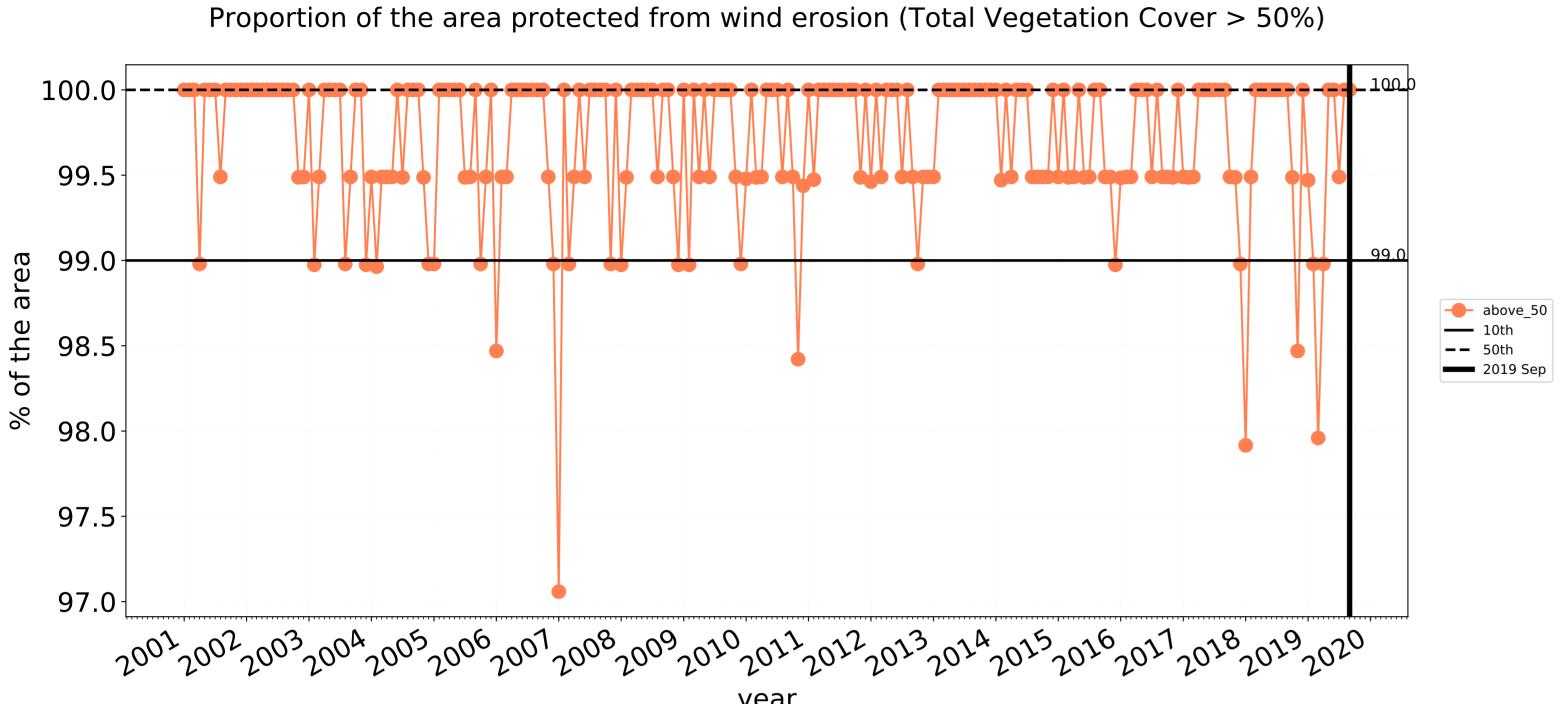


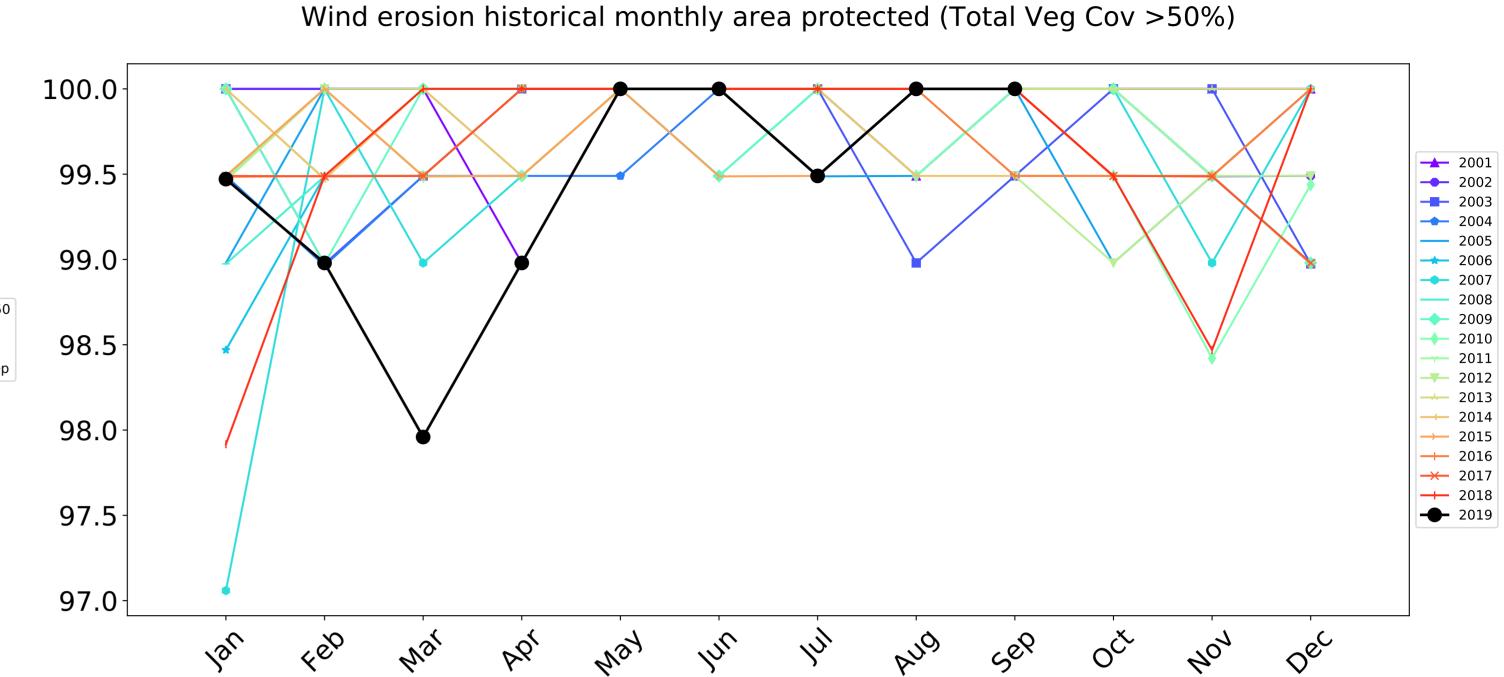




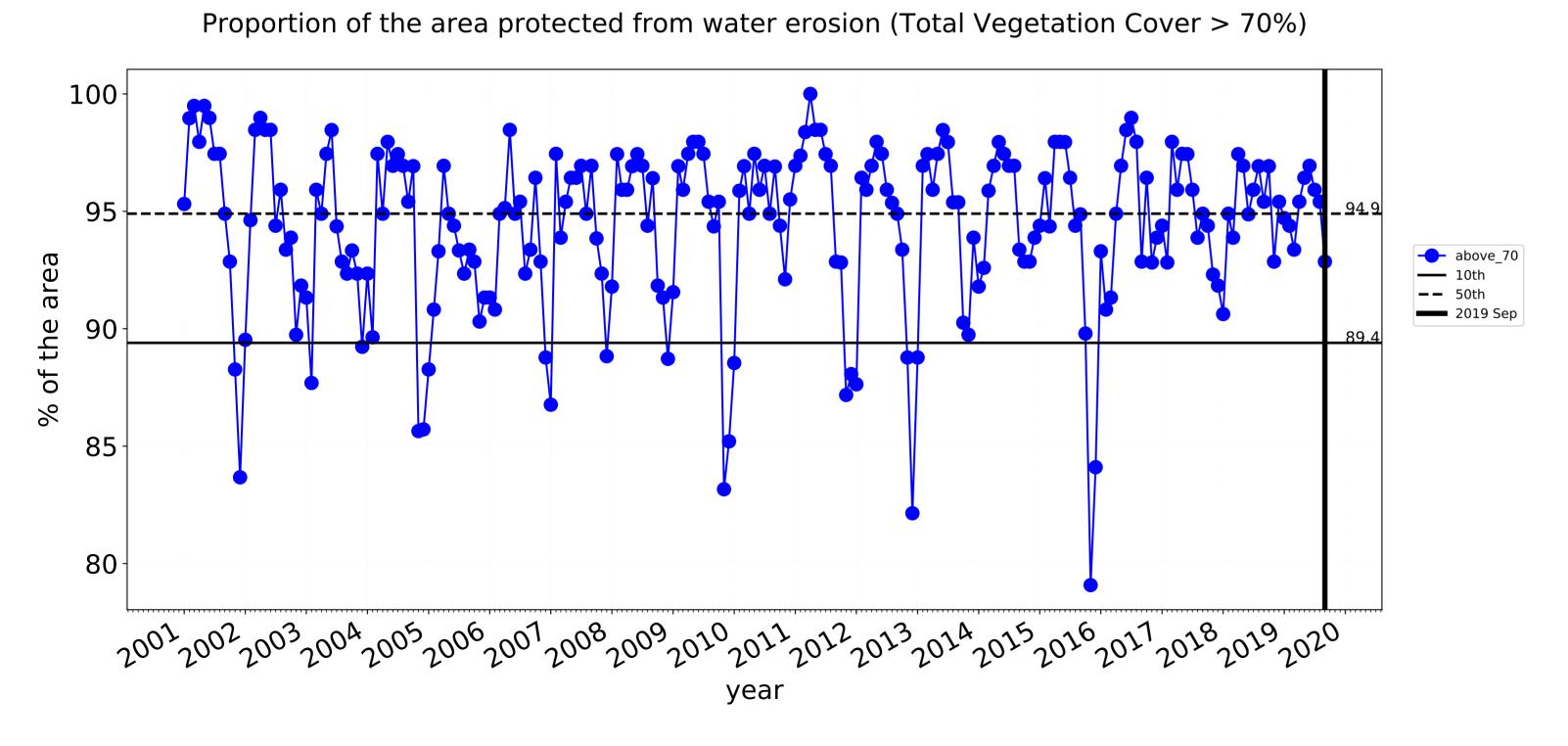


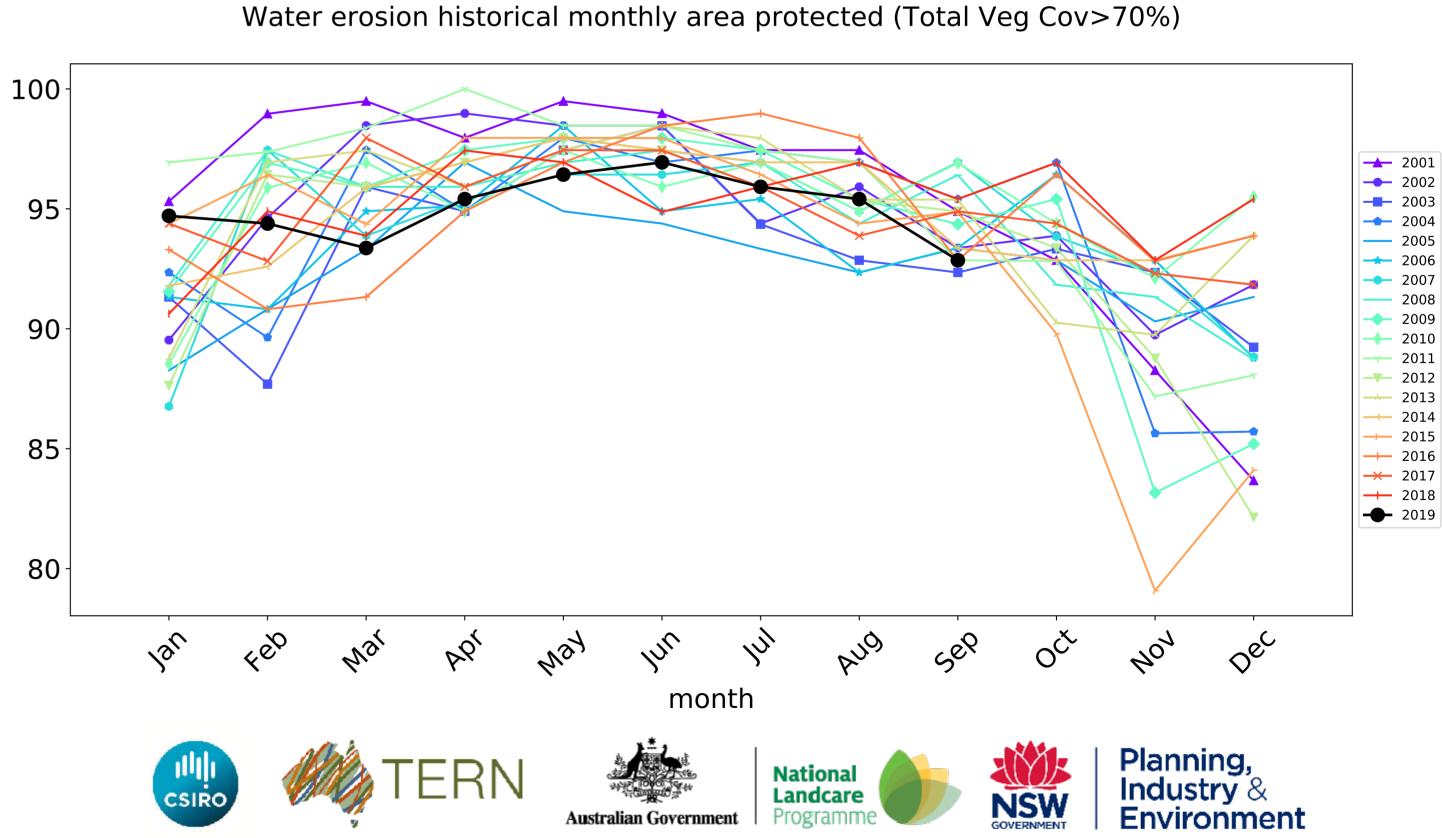






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# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover

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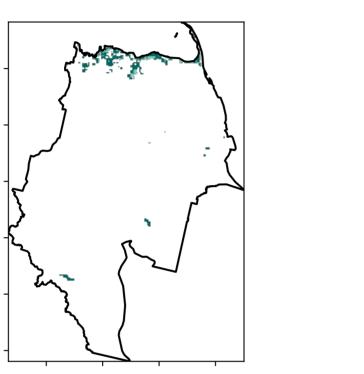
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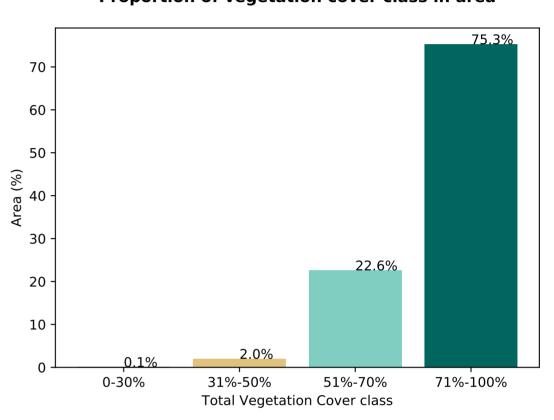
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# Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

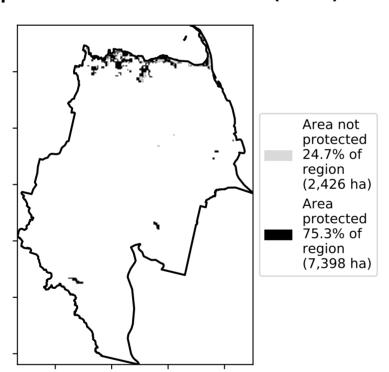
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



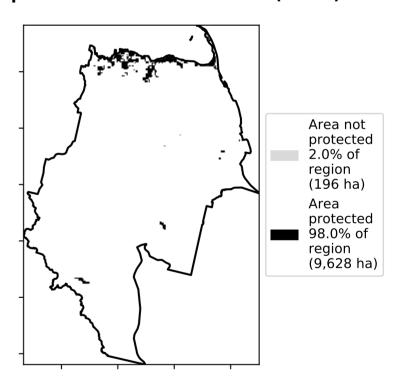
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



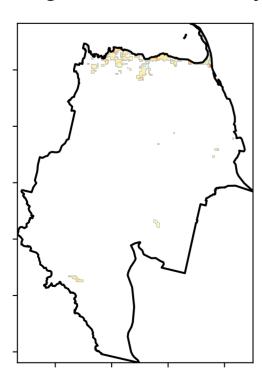
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

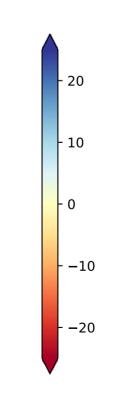


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

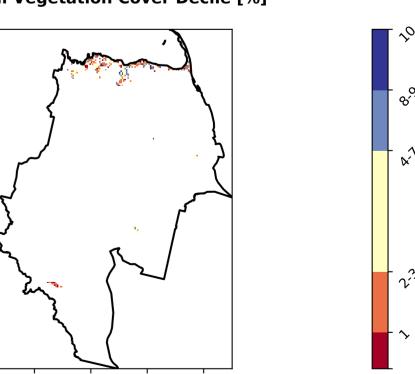


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**





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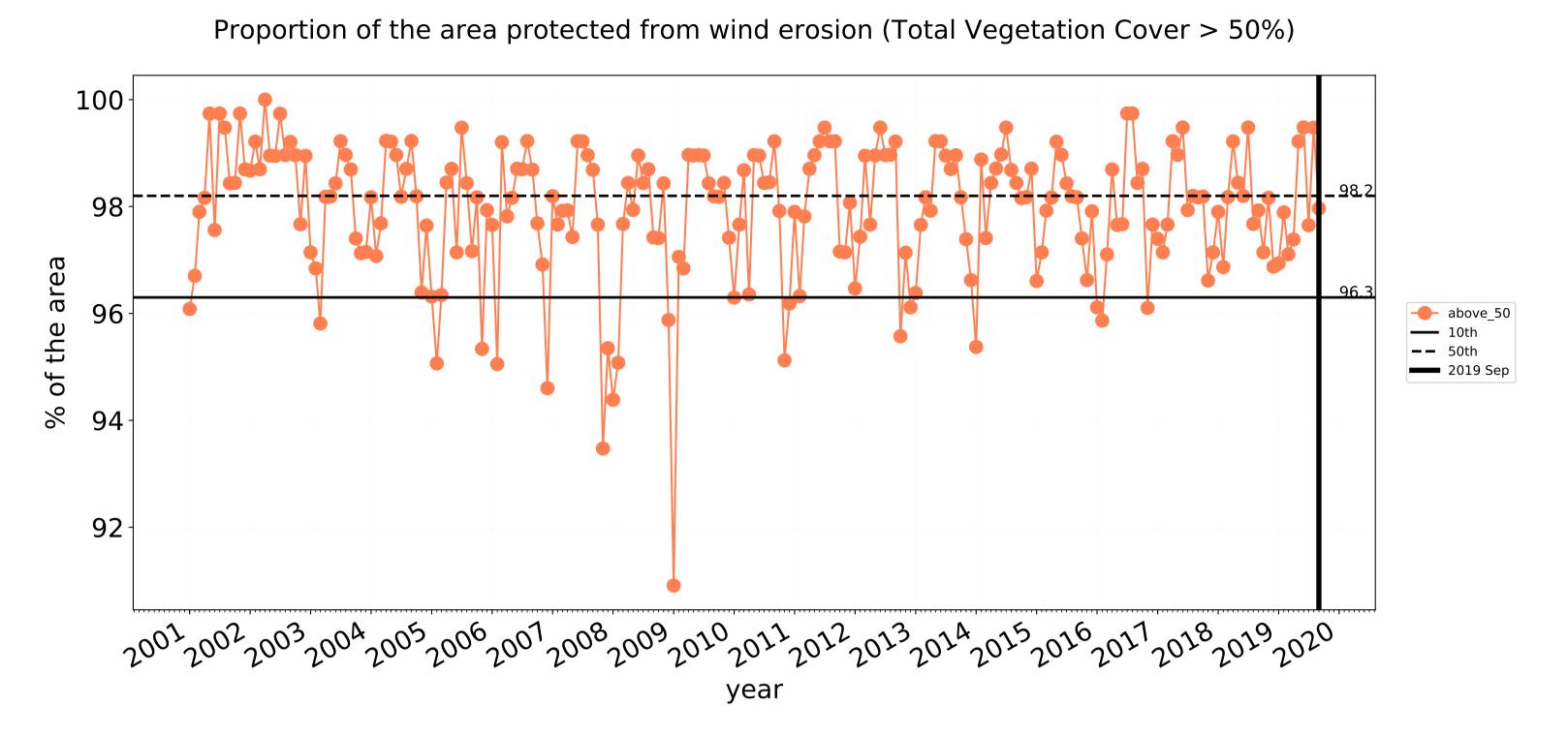


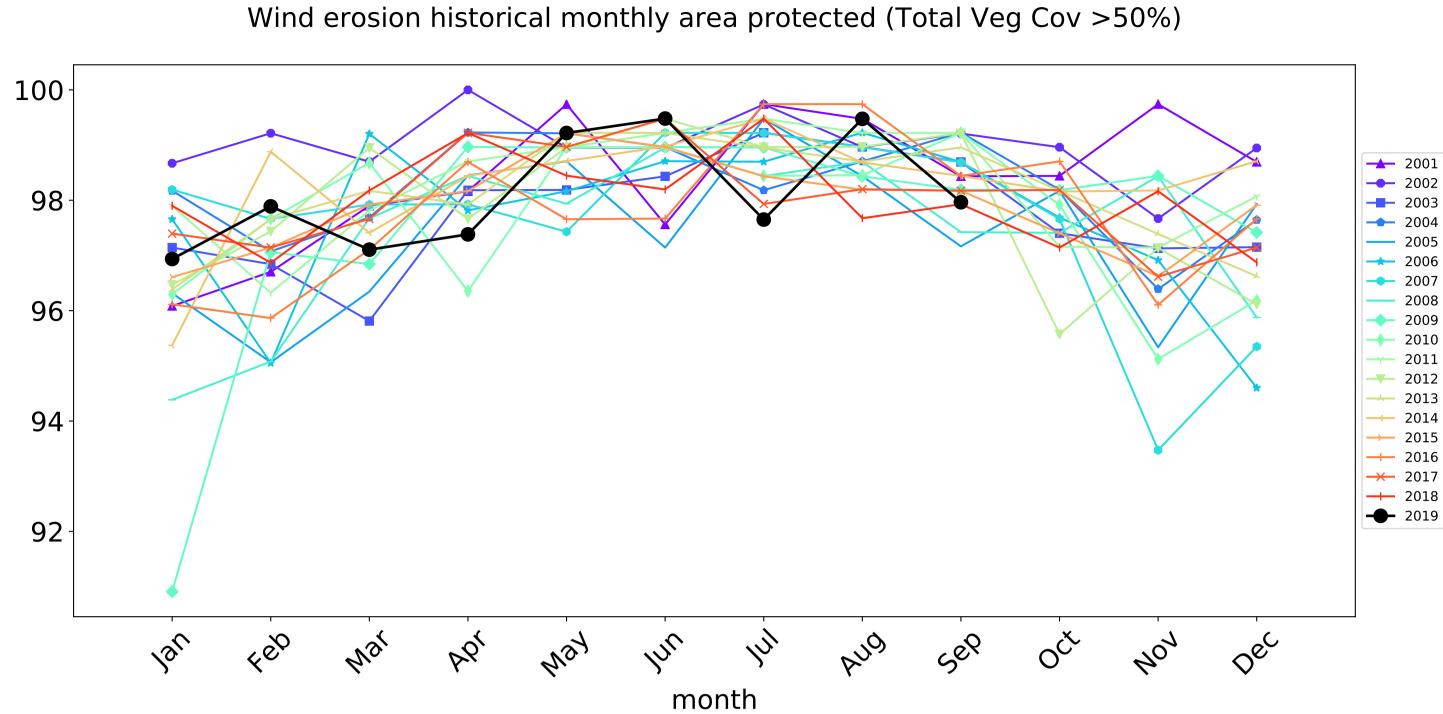


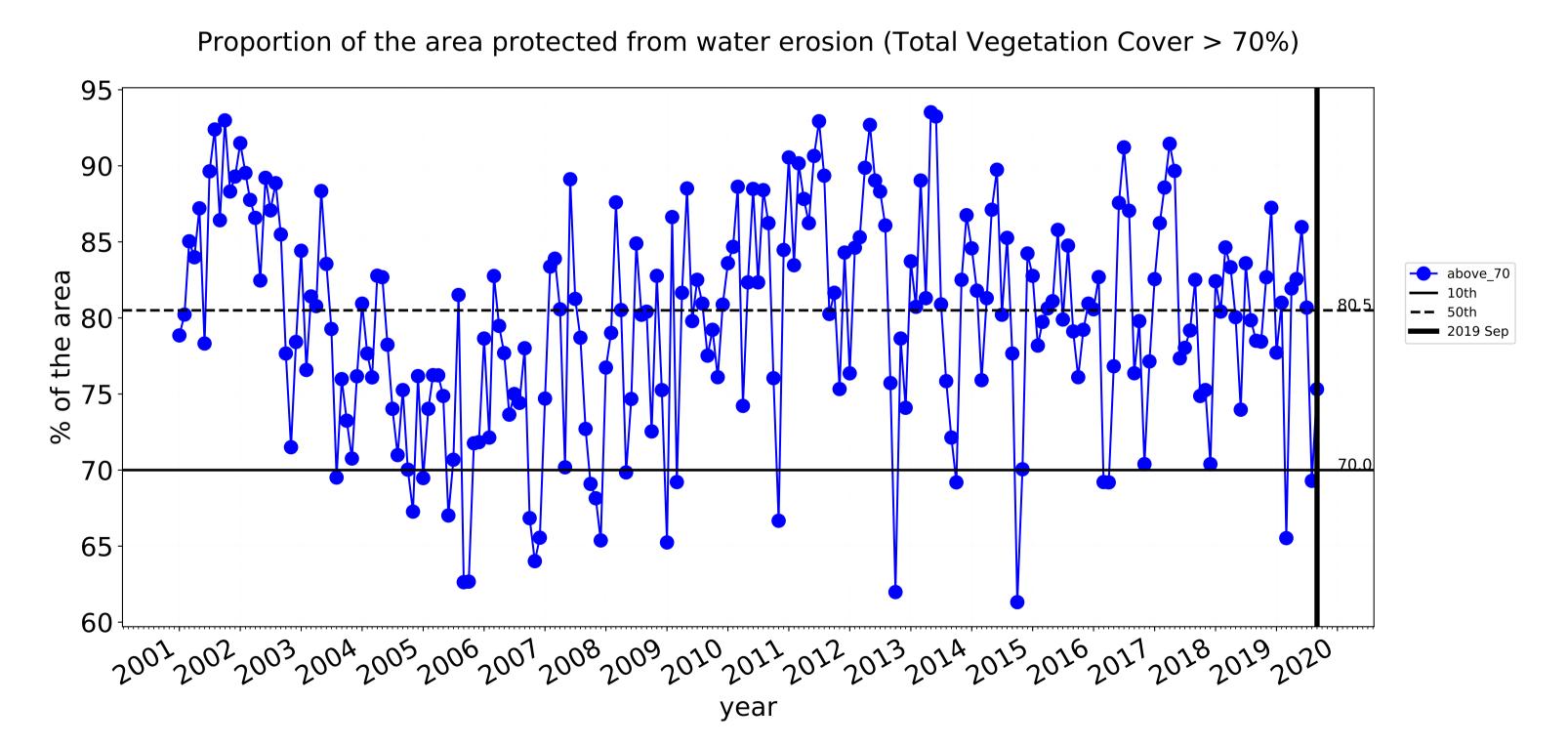


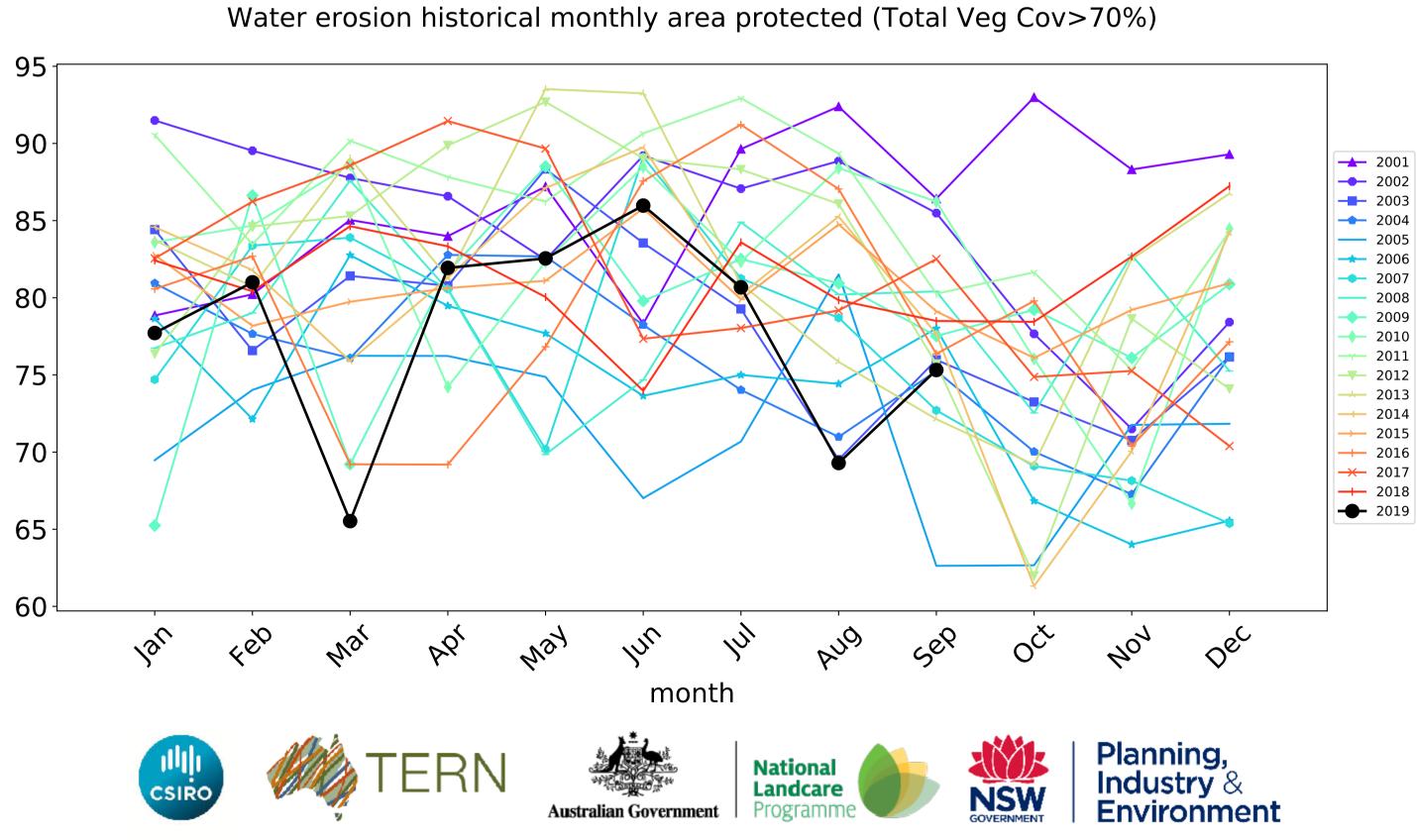












# **Agriculture**

# Land use and forest cover

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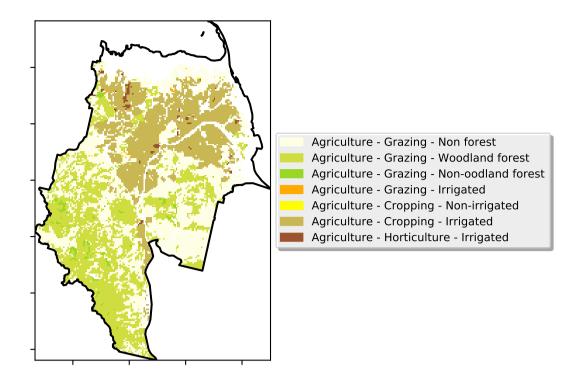
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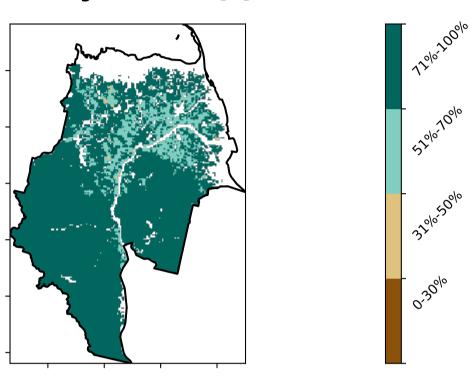
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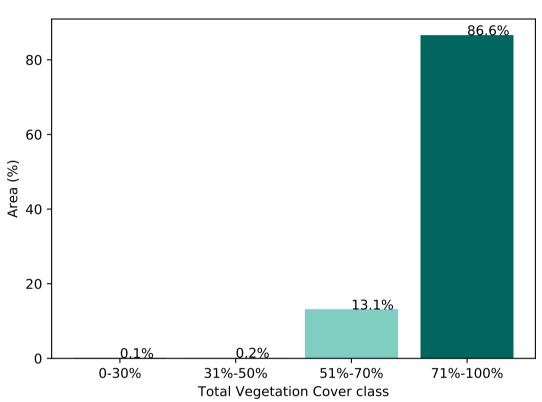
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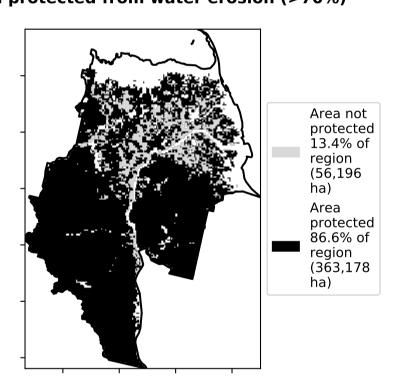
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



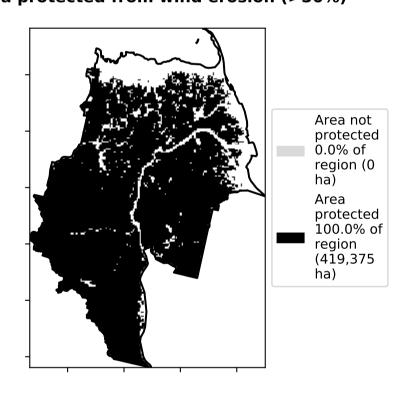
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



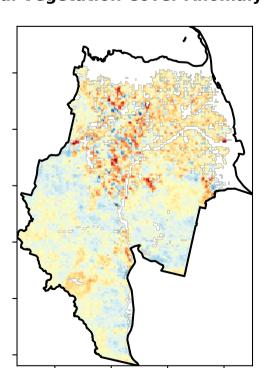
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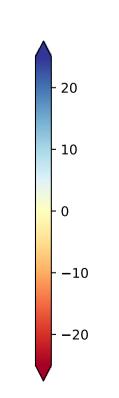


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



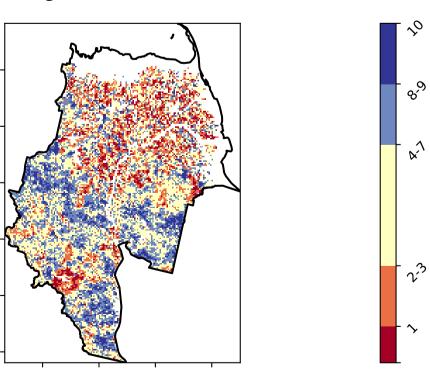
# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**





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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 









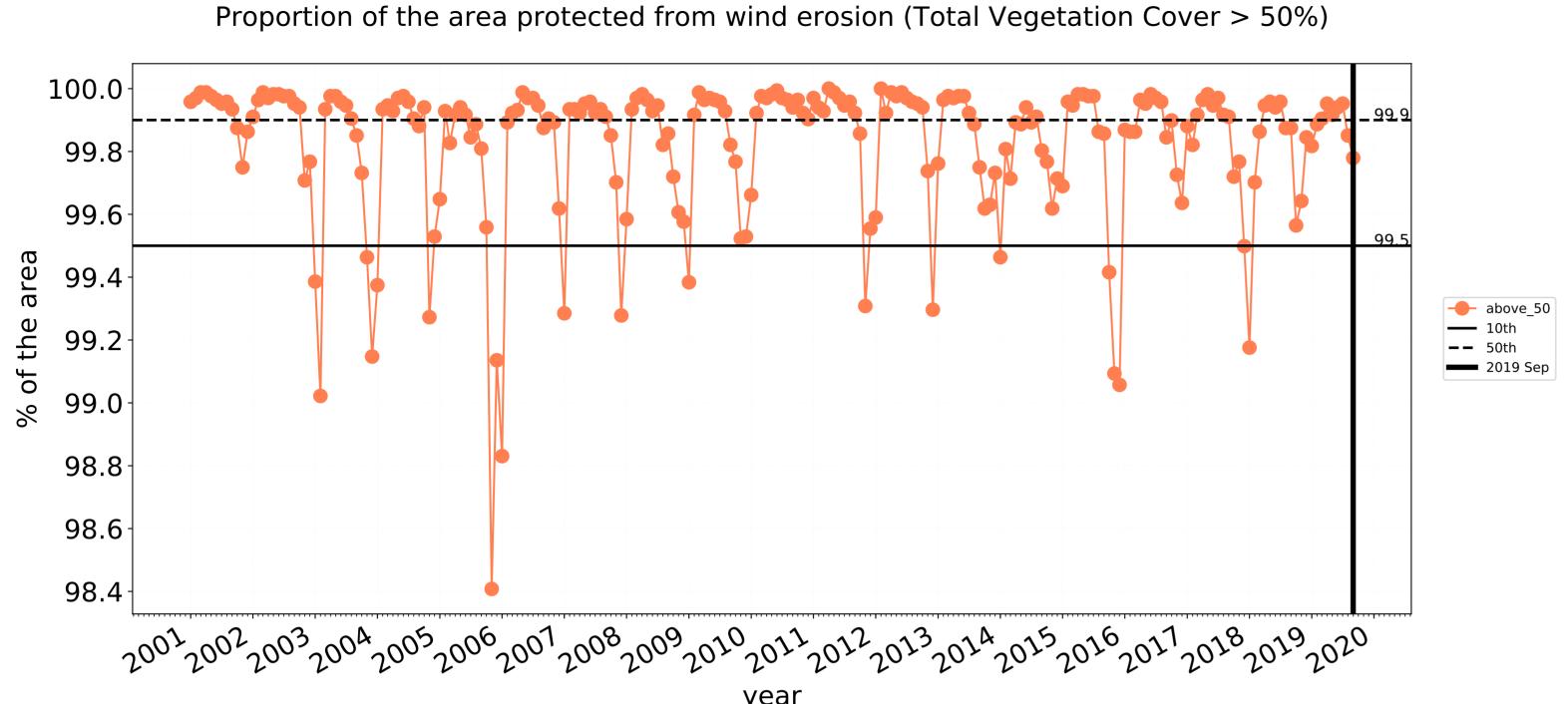


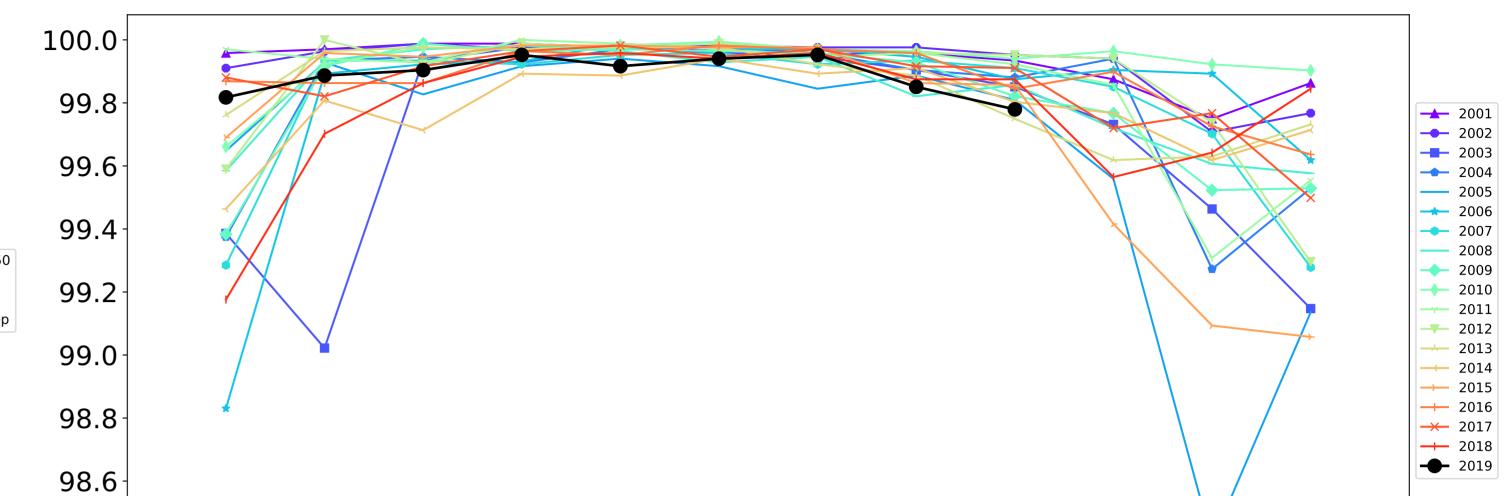




# **Agriculture timeseries**

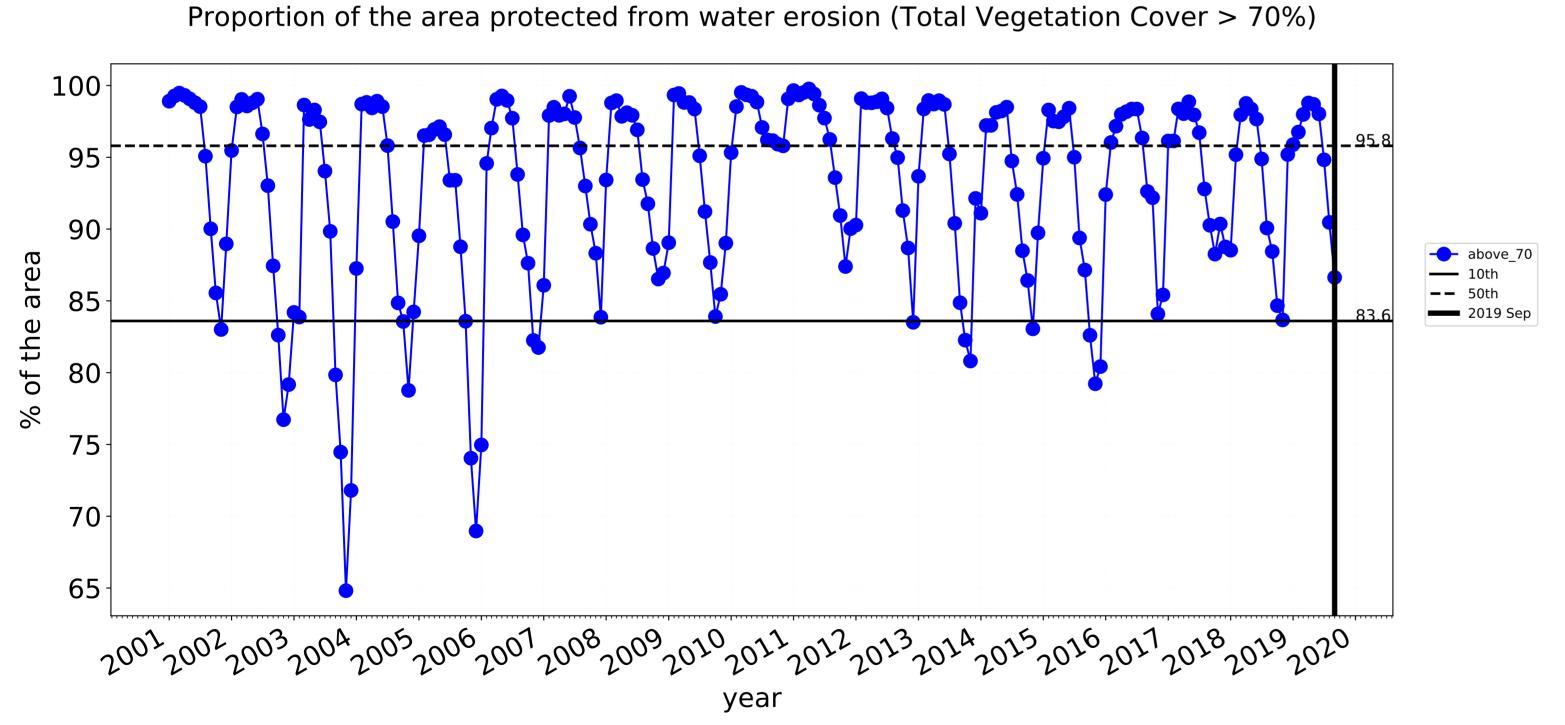
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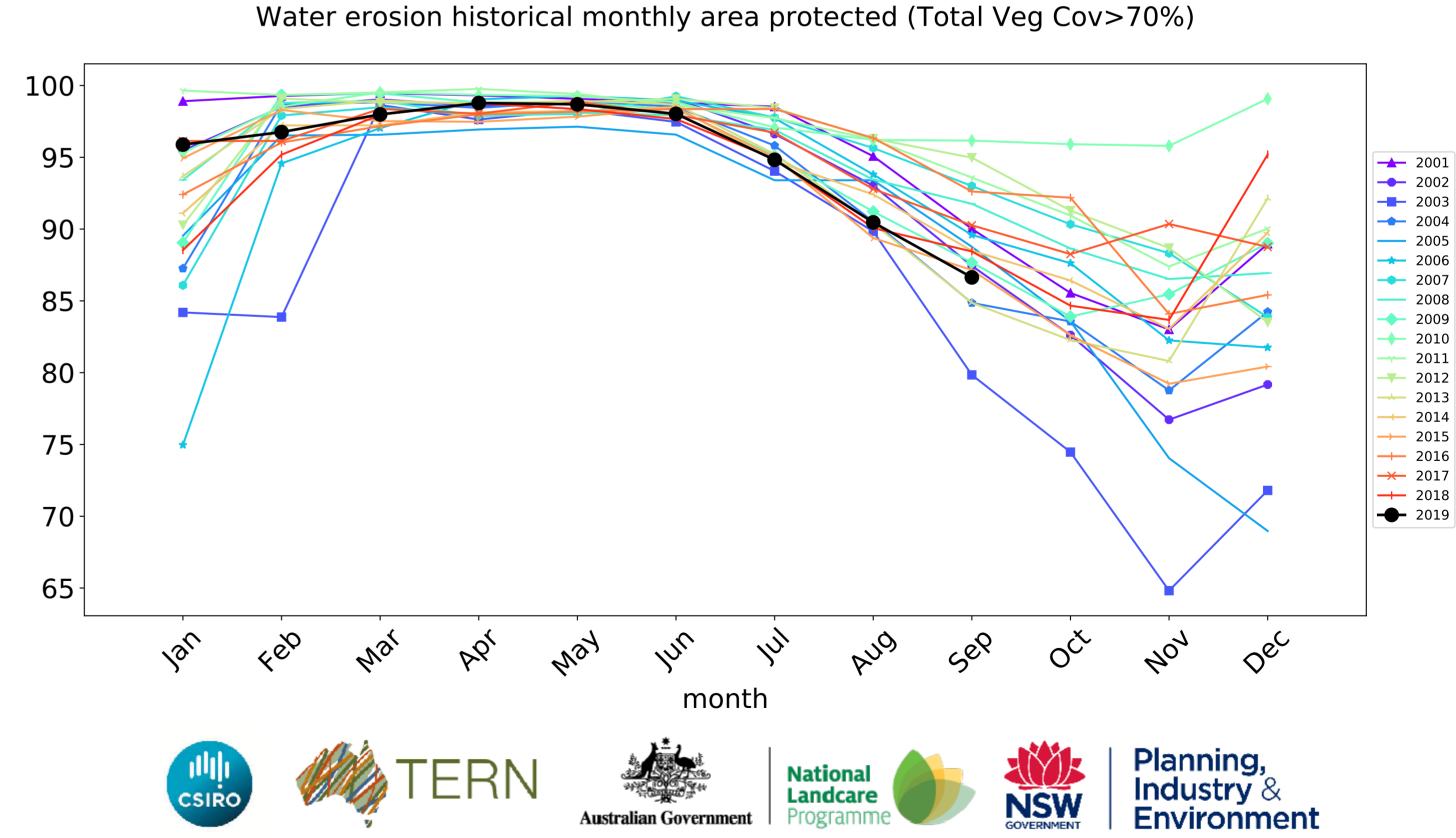




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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





# **Grazing**

# **Land use and forest cover**

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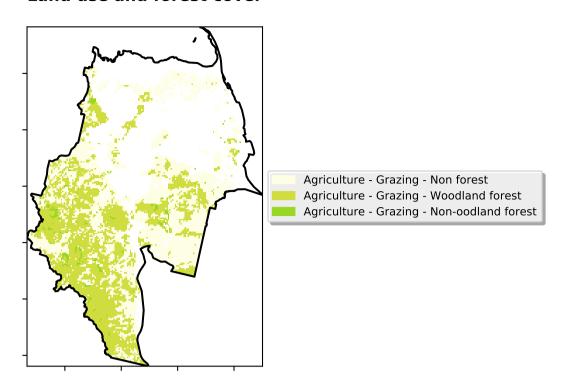
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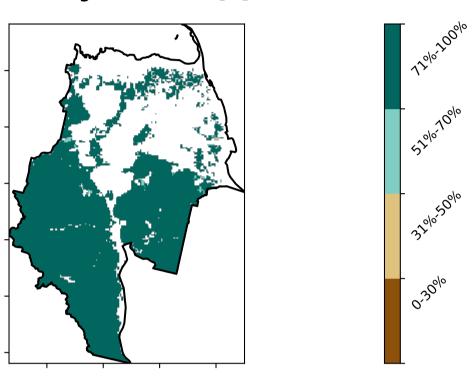
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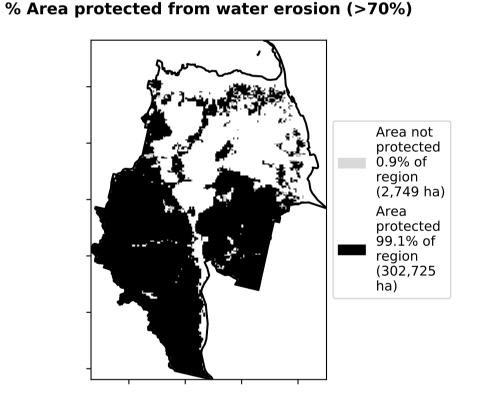
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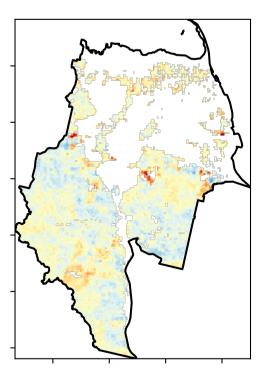


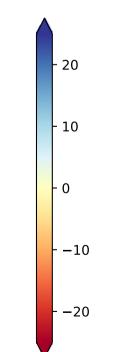
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**





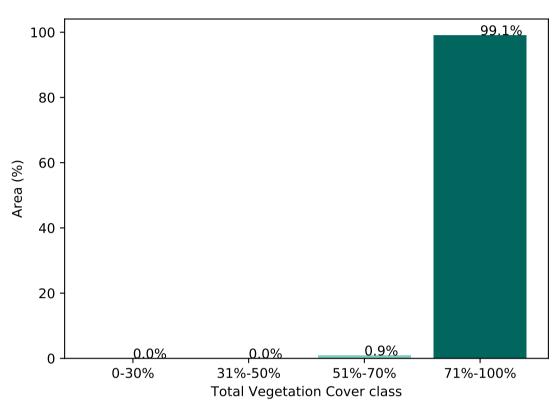
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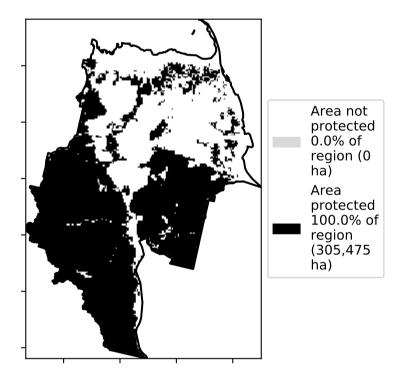


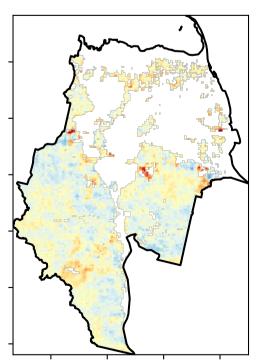
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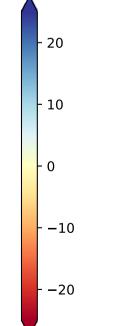
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**

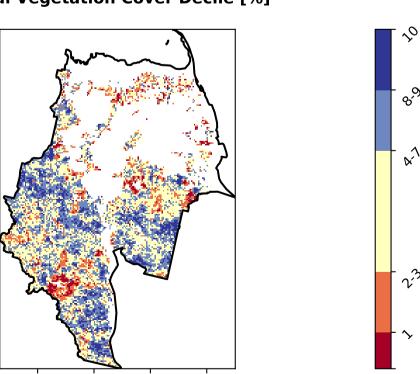


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)













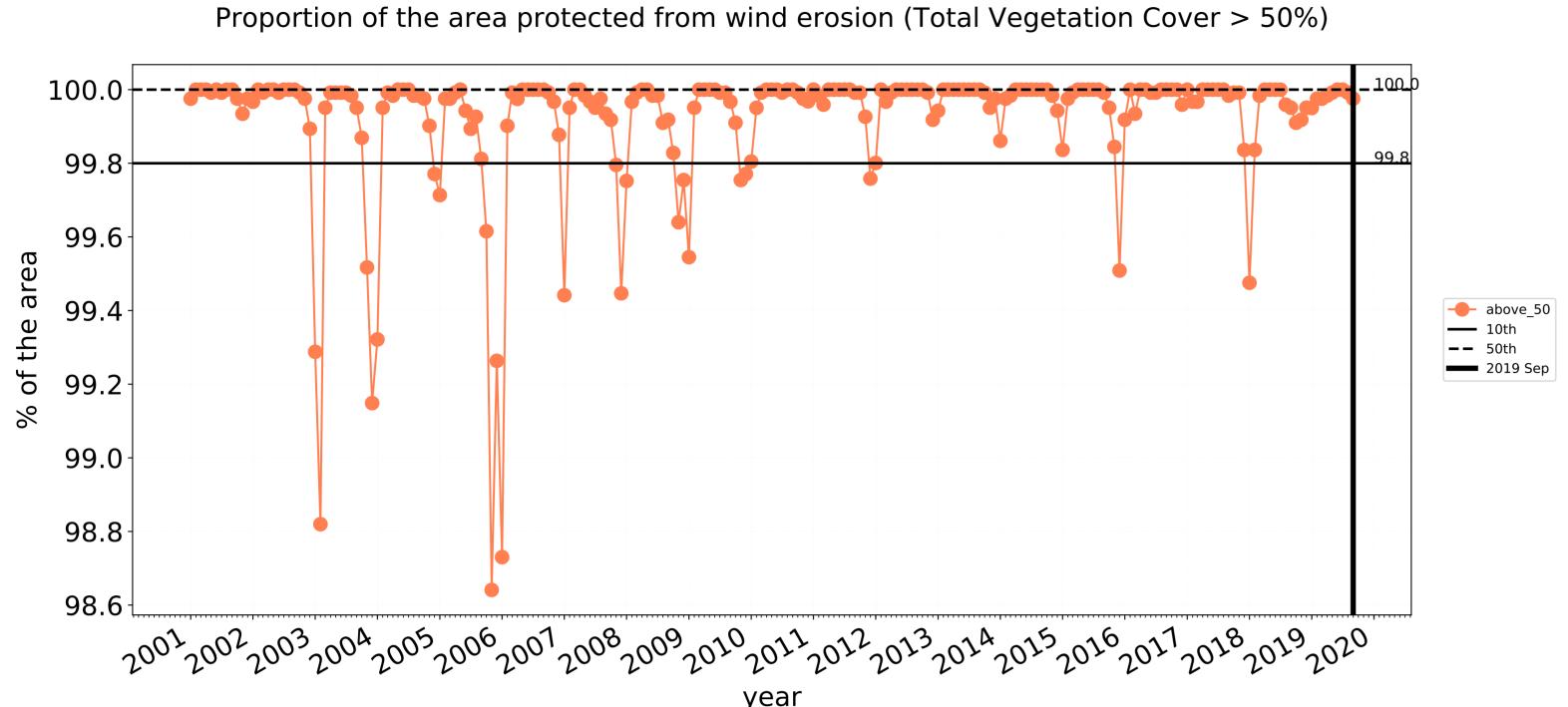


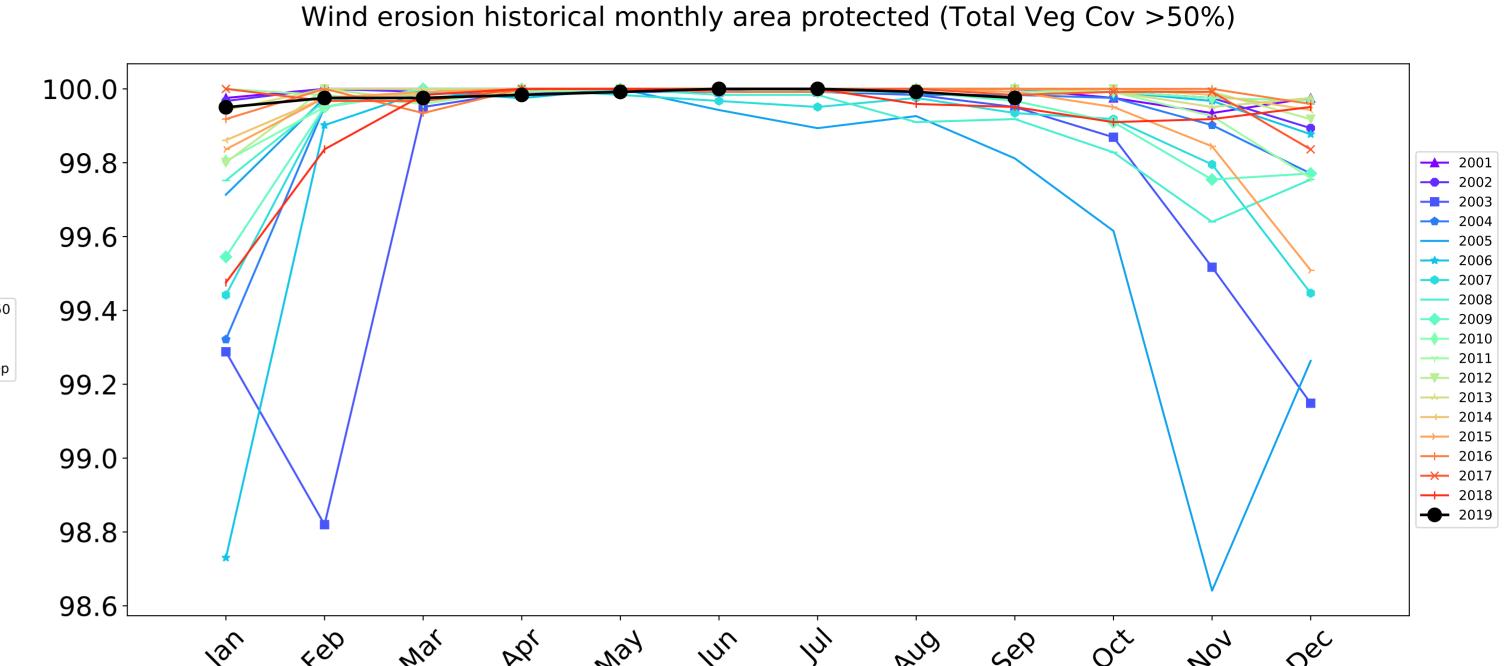




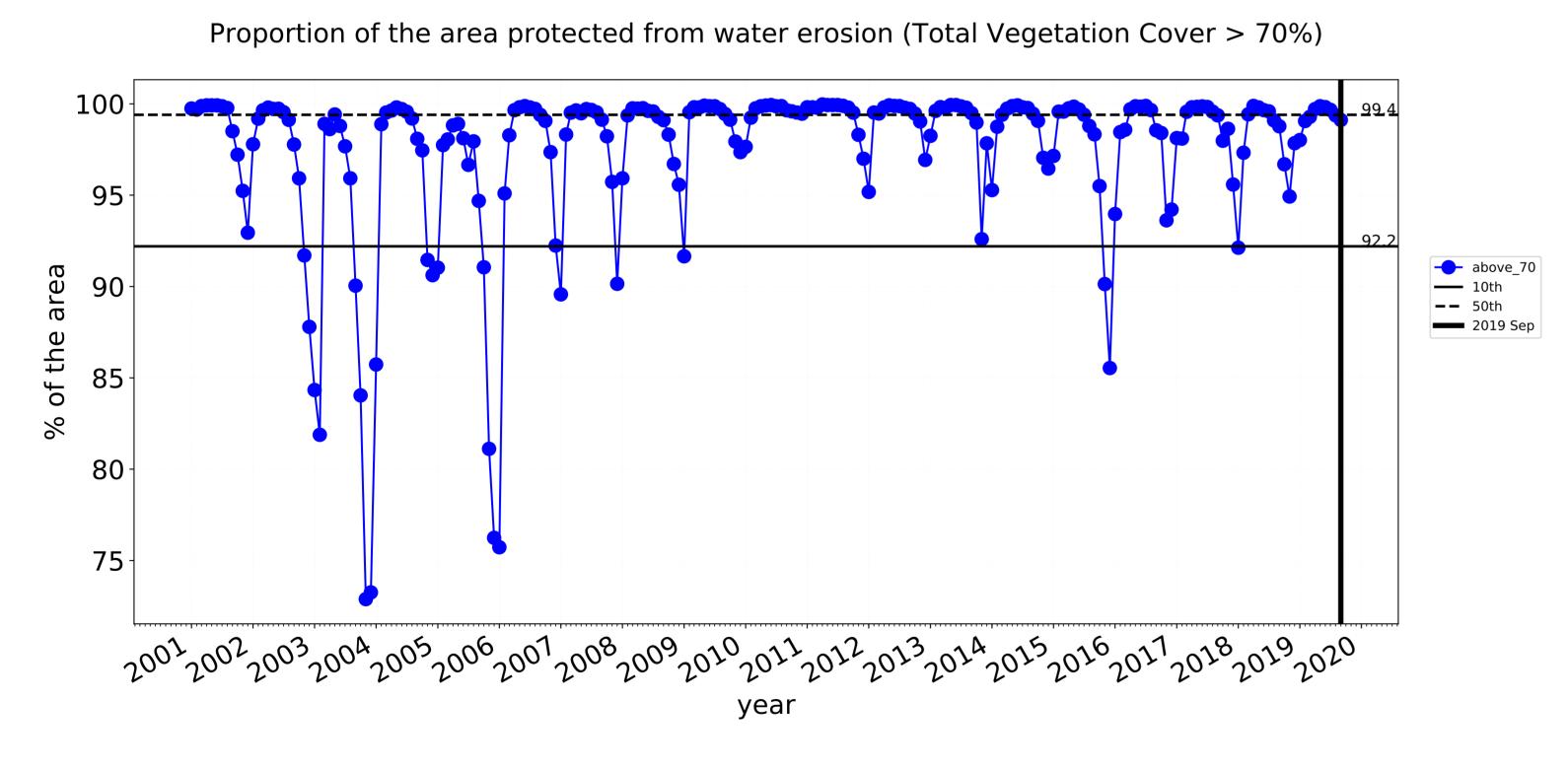


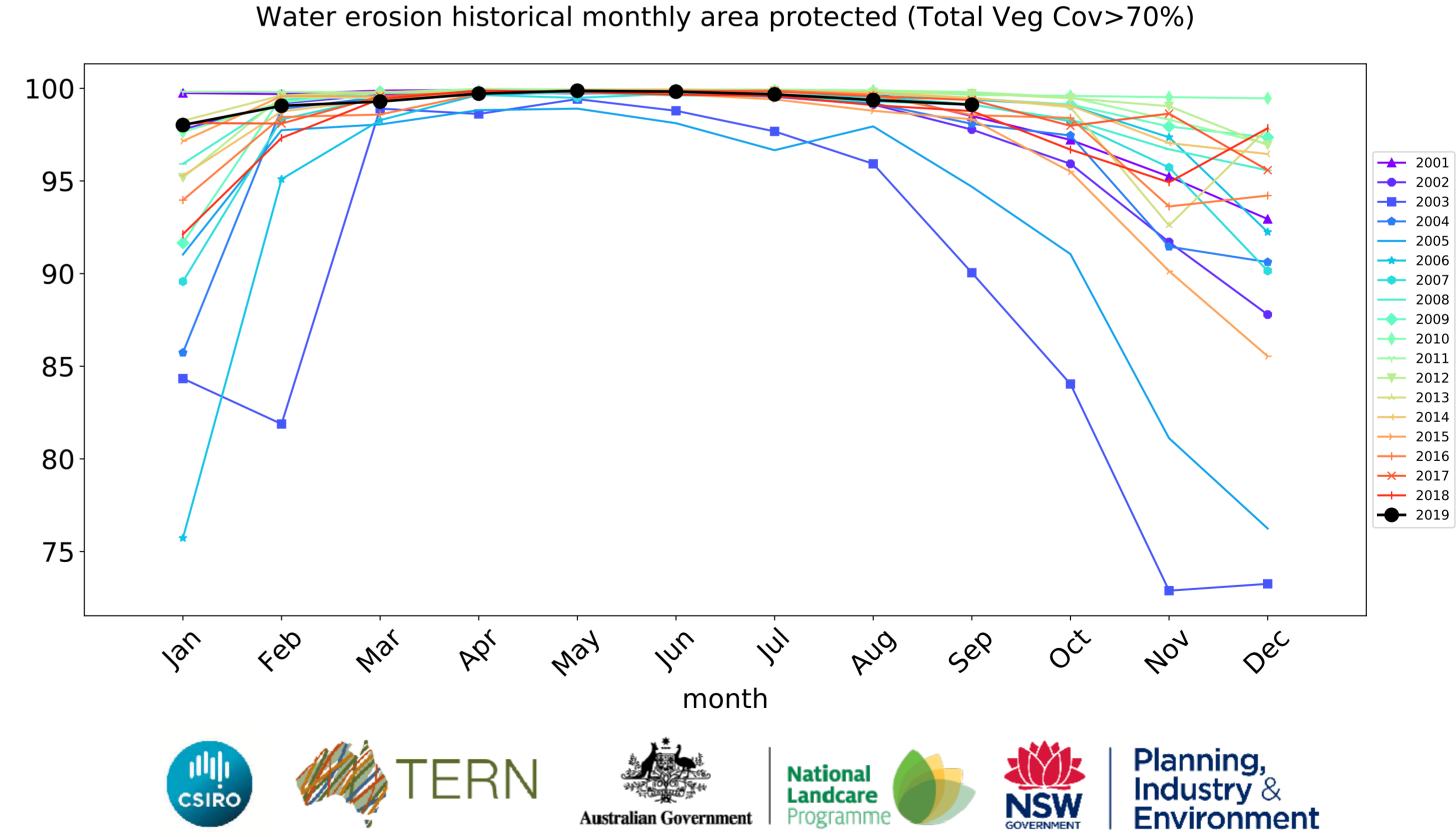
# **Grazing timeseries**





month

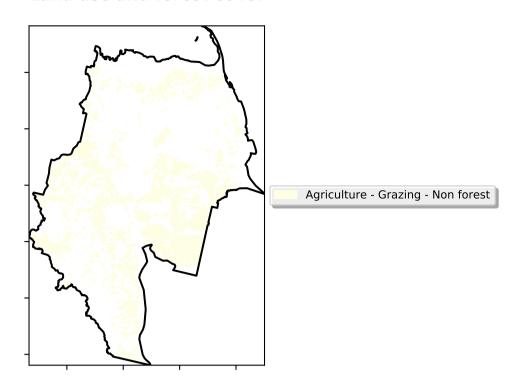




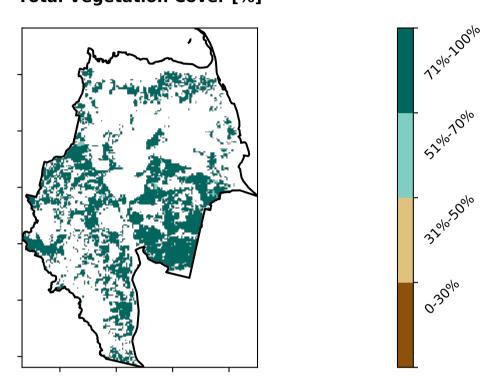
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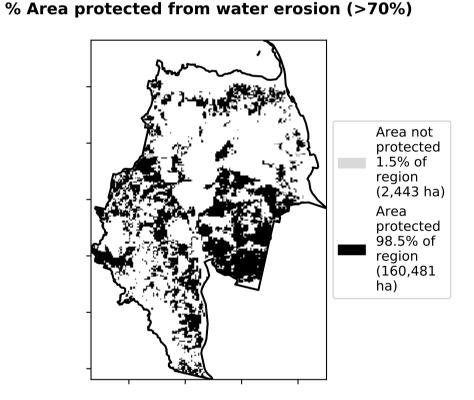
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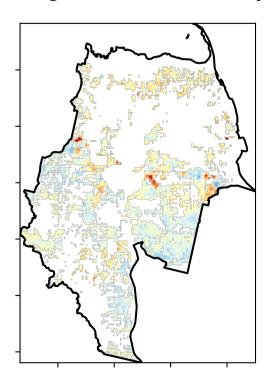


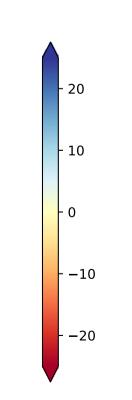
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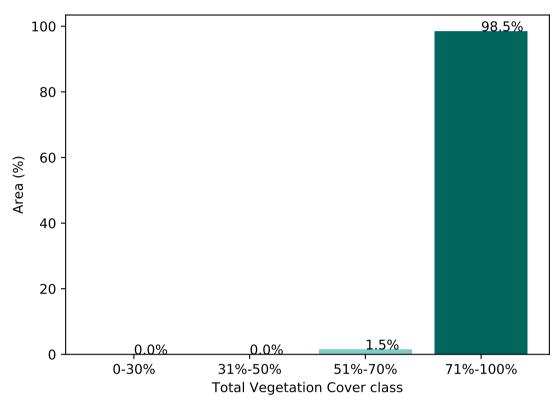
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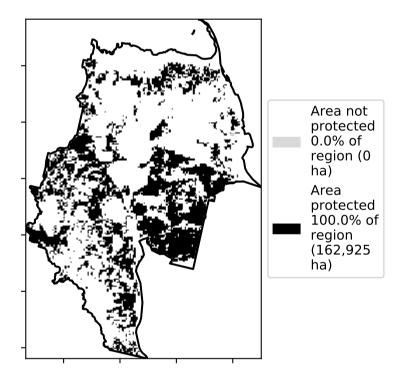


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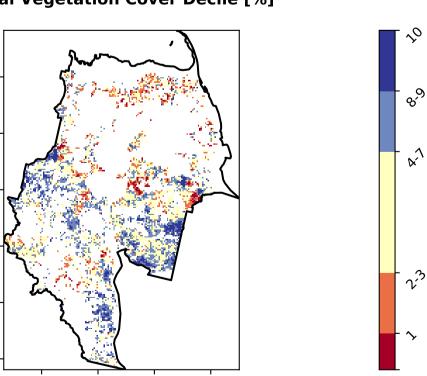
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



# Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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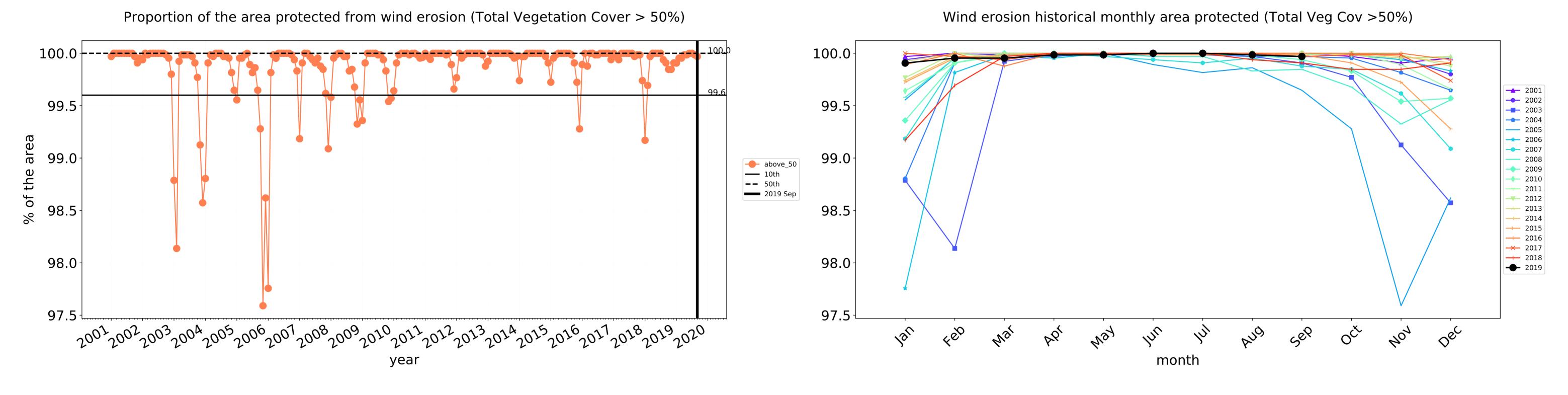


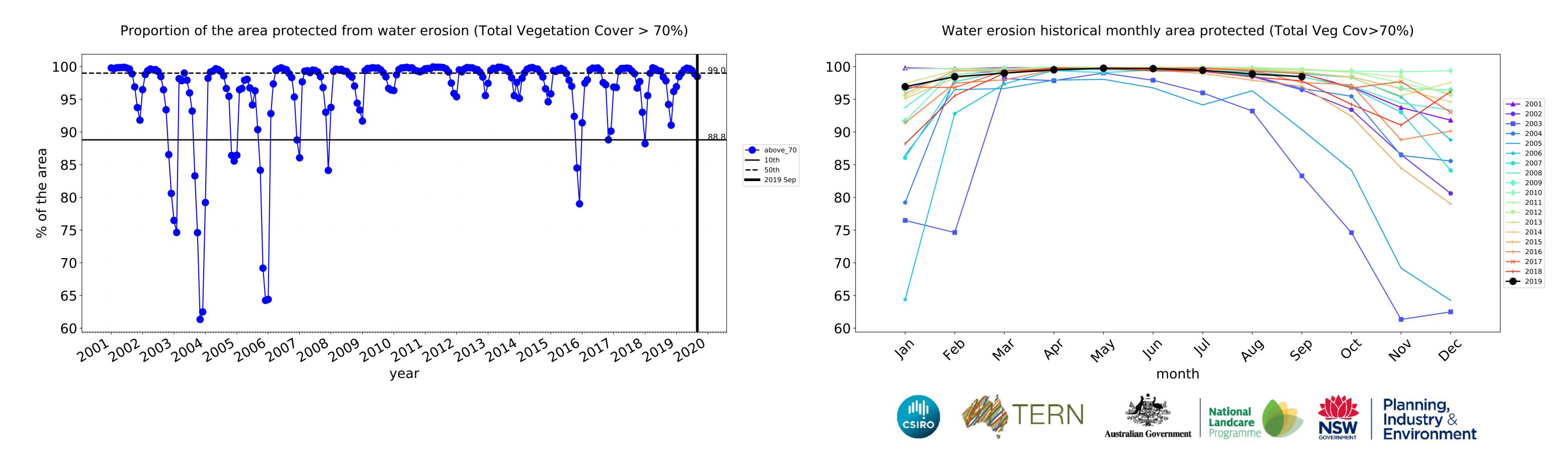






# **Grazing non forest timeseries**





# **Grazing Woodland forest**

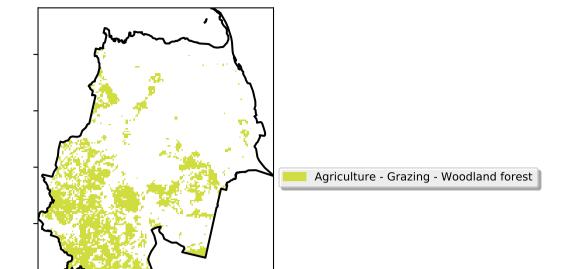
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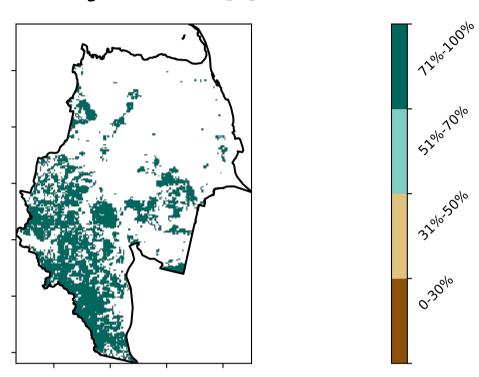
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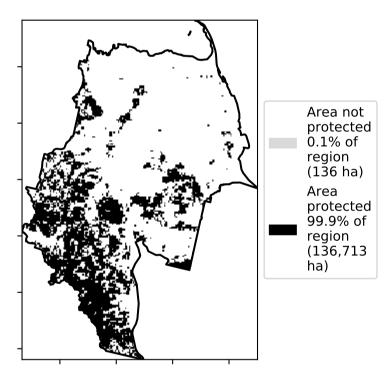


# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

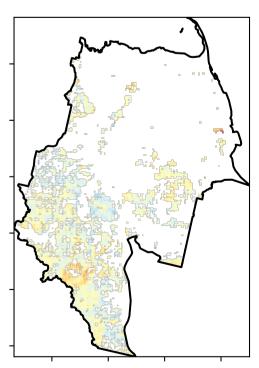
Land use and forest cover

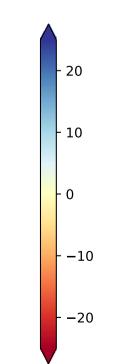


# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



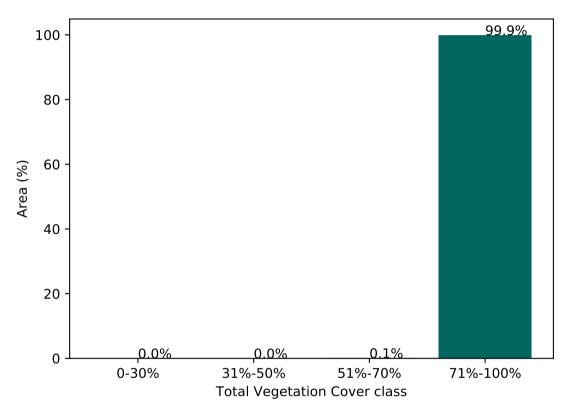
# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



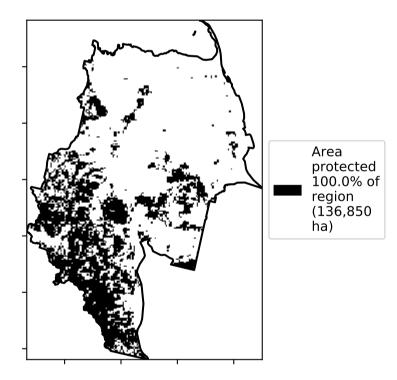


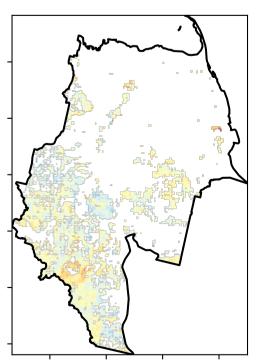
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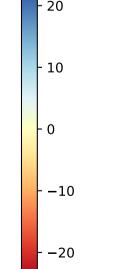
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**

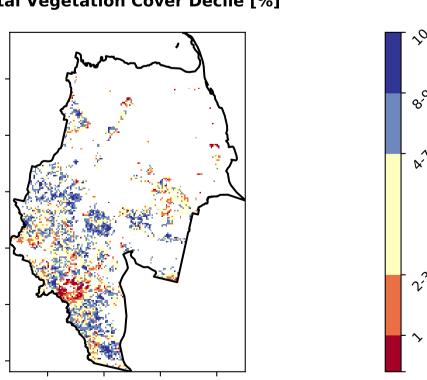


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





















# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**

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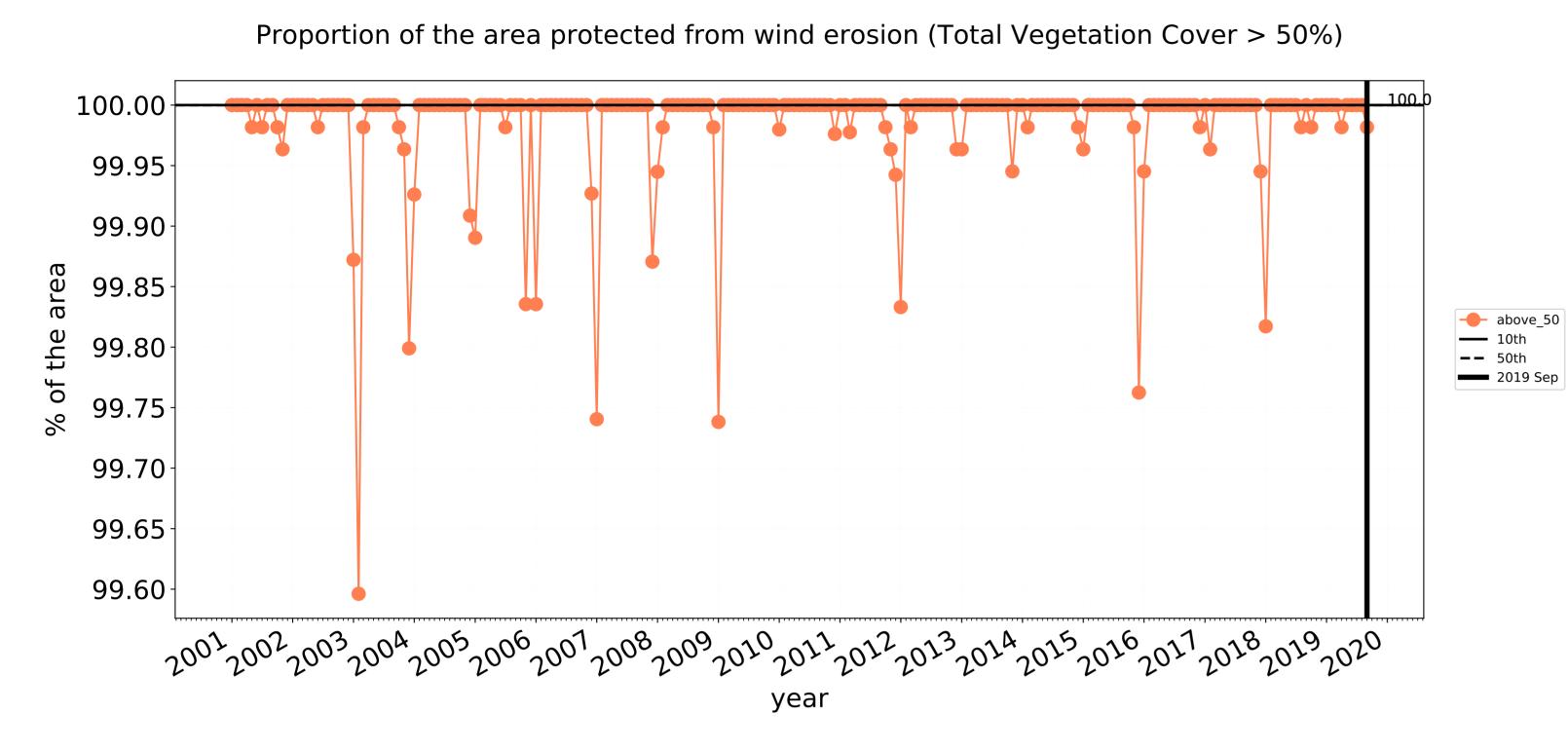
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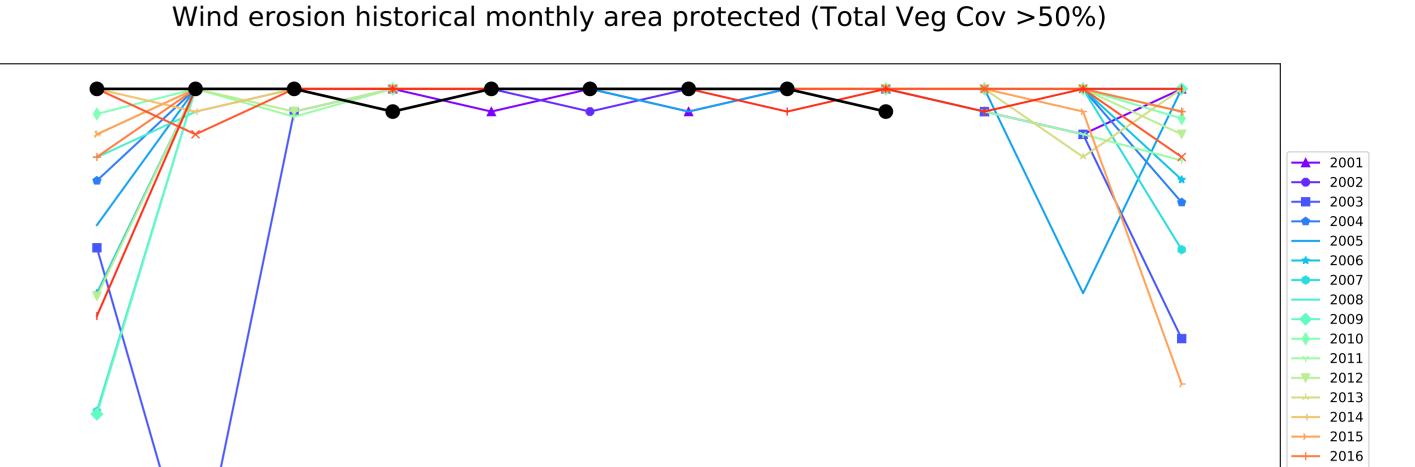
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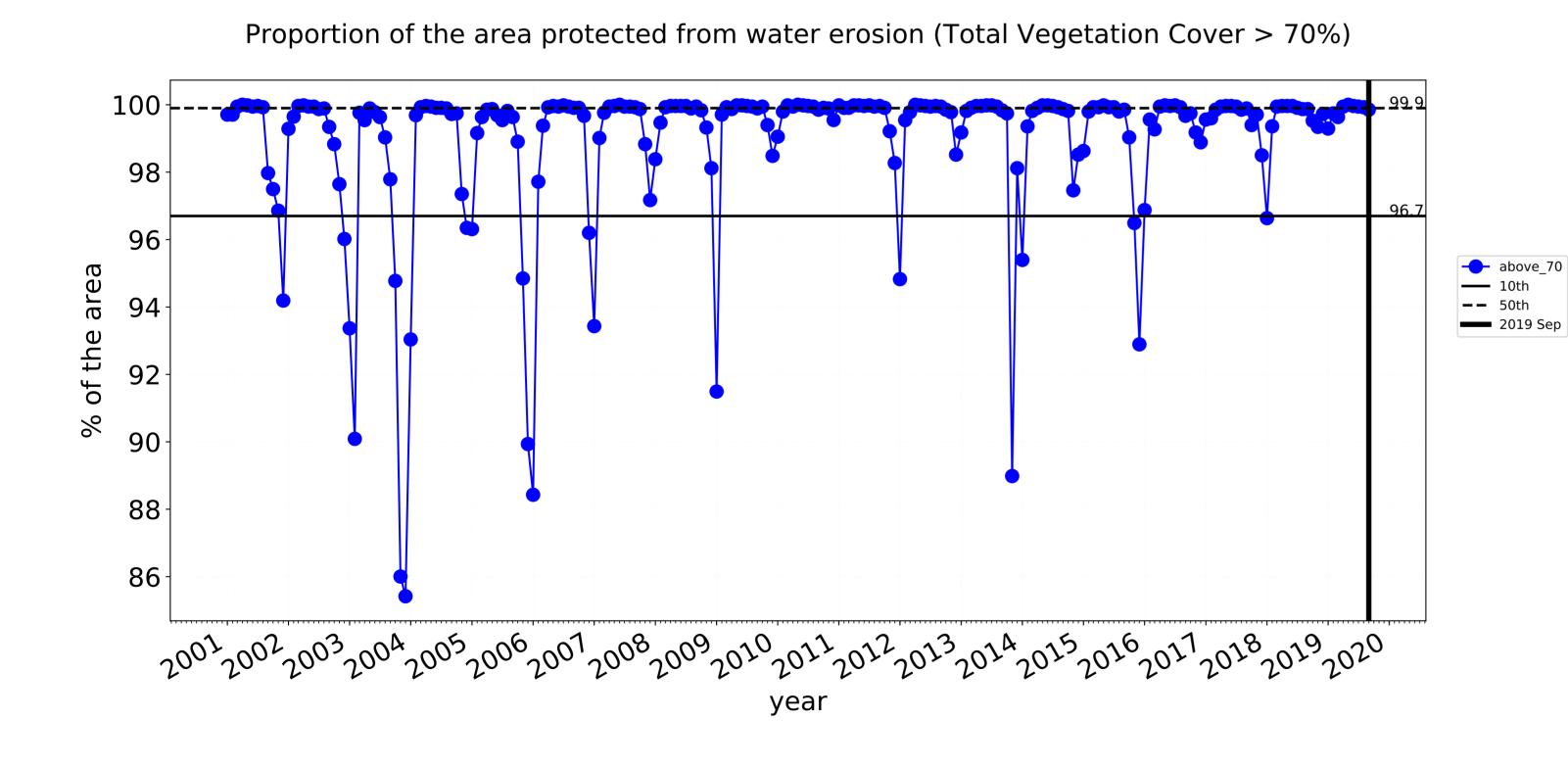
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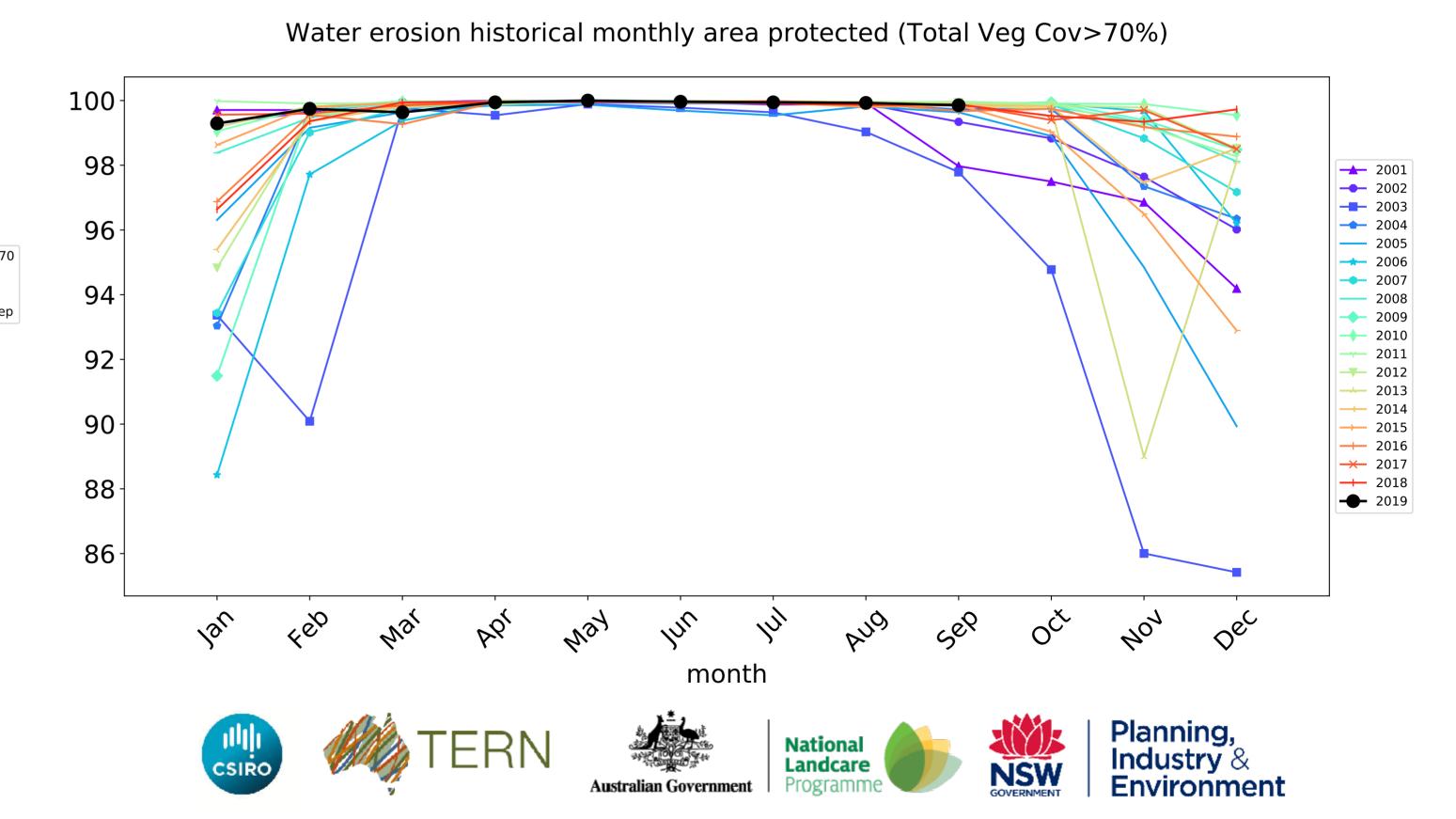
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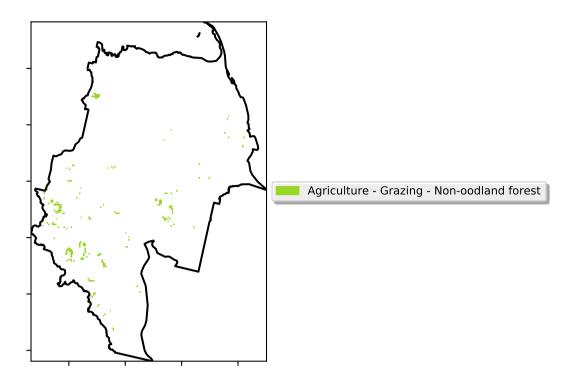
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# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

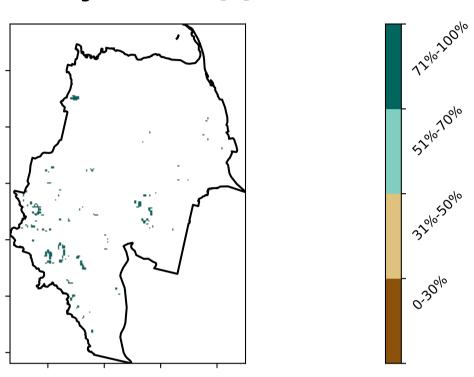
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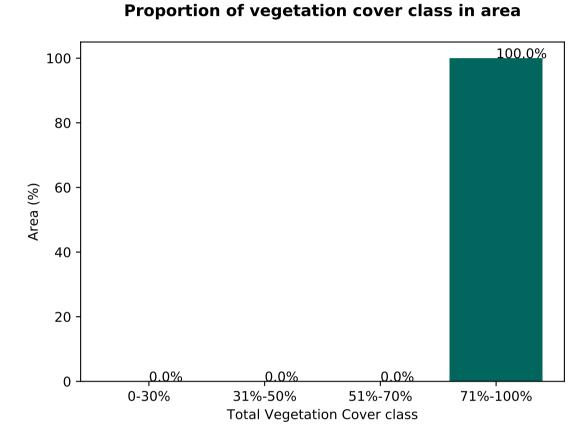
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## Land use and forest cover

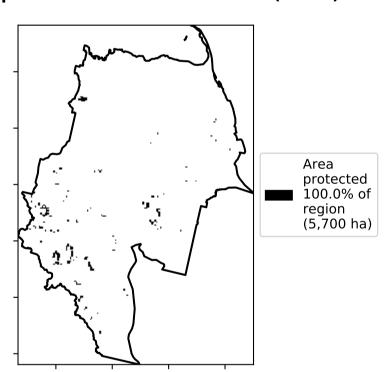


# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

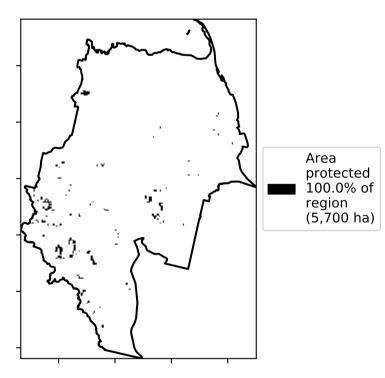




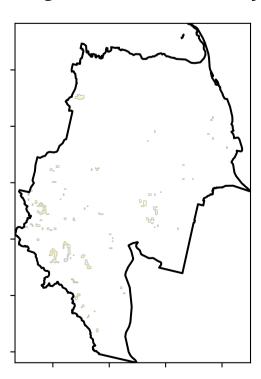
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

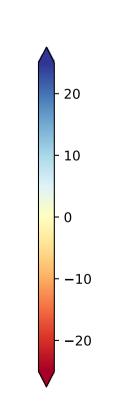


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



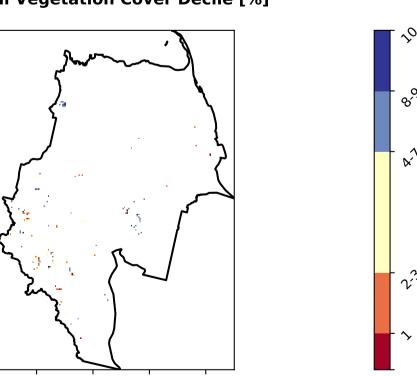
# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**





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



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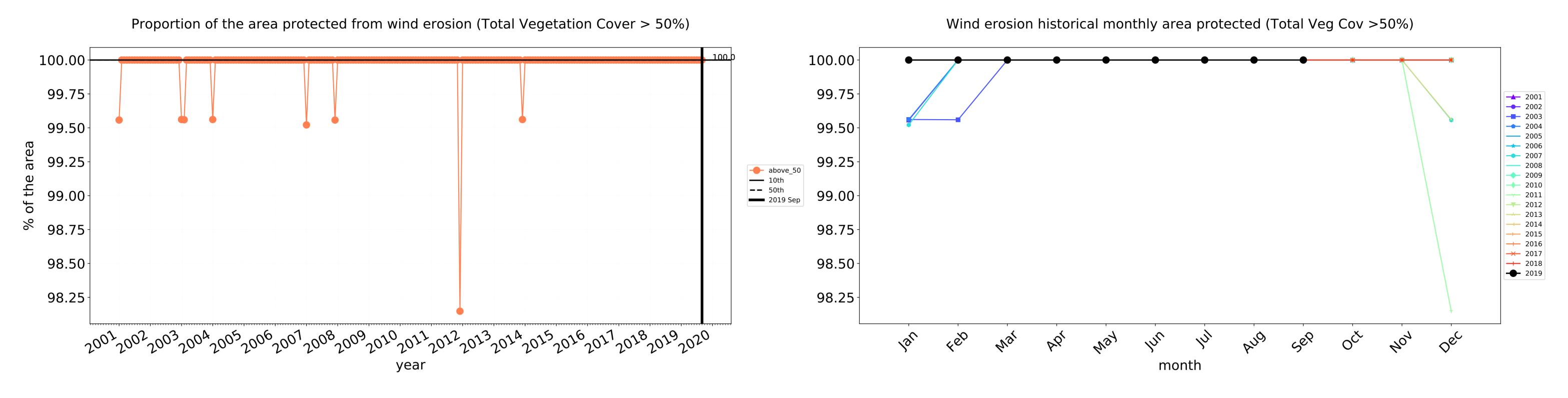


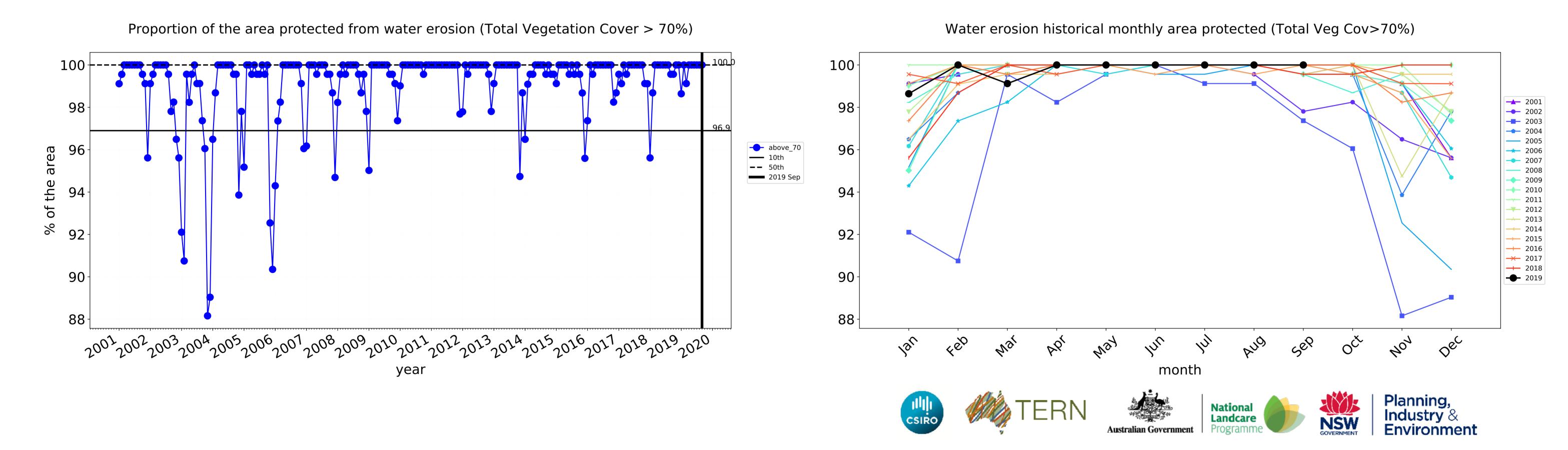












# **Irrigation**

# **Land use and forest cover**

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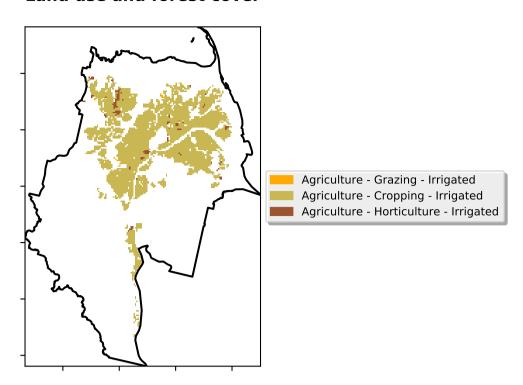
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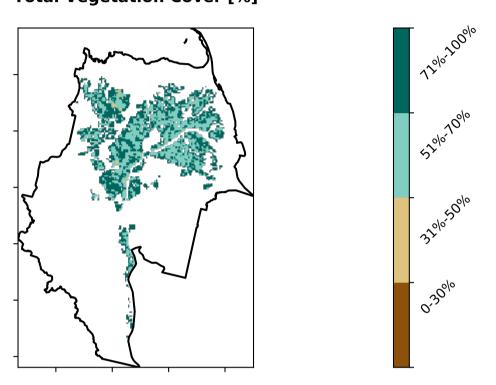
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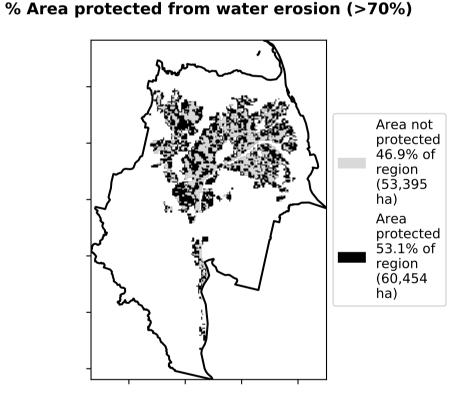
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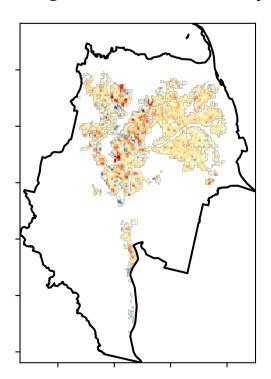


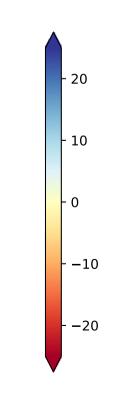
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**





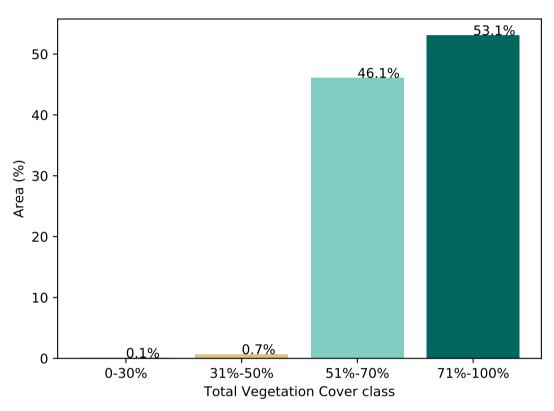
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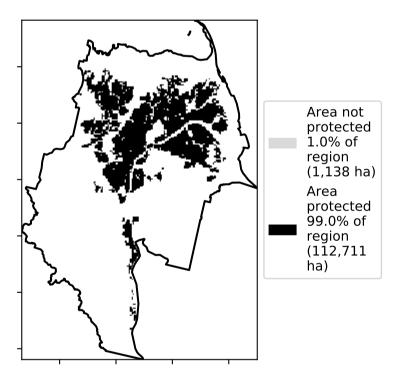


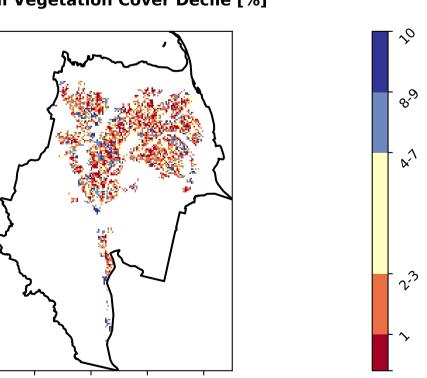
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









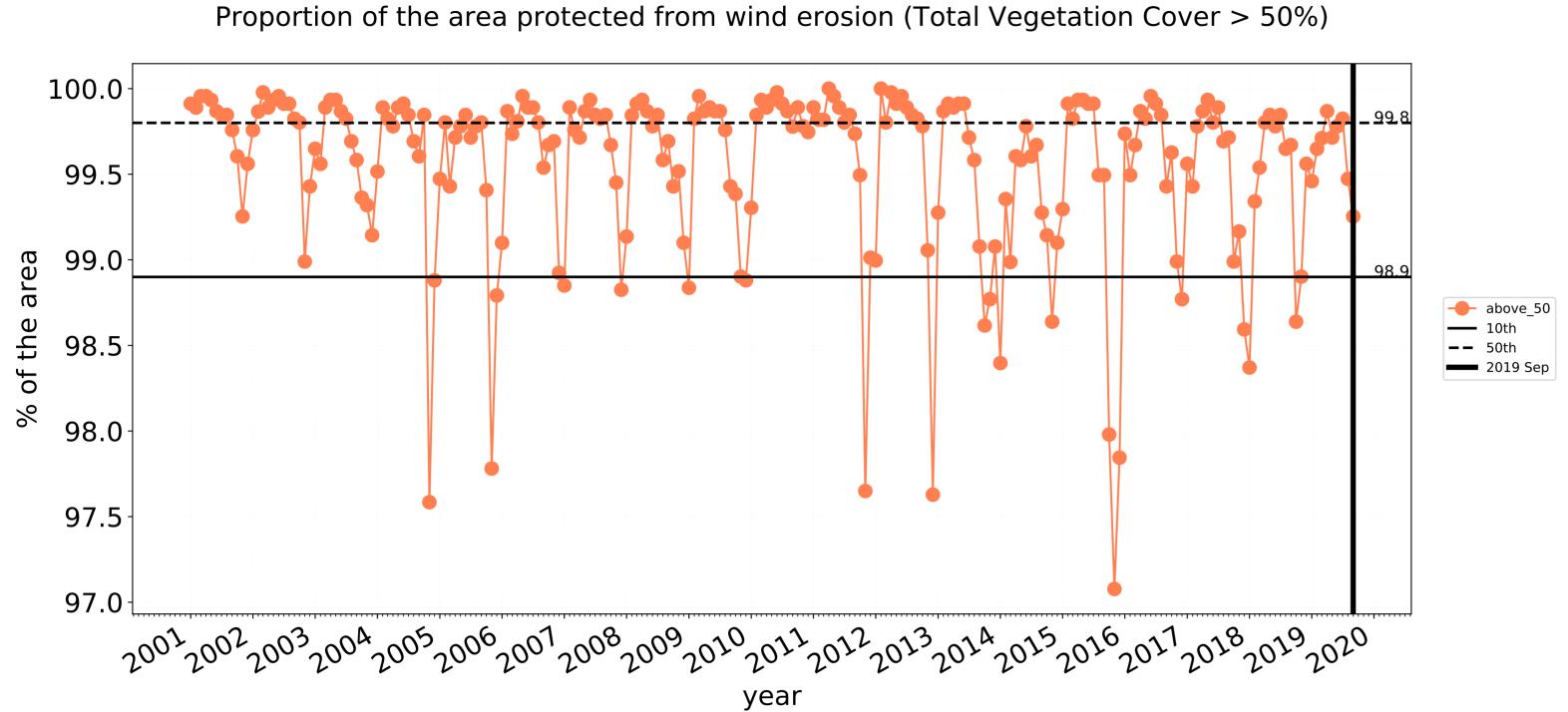


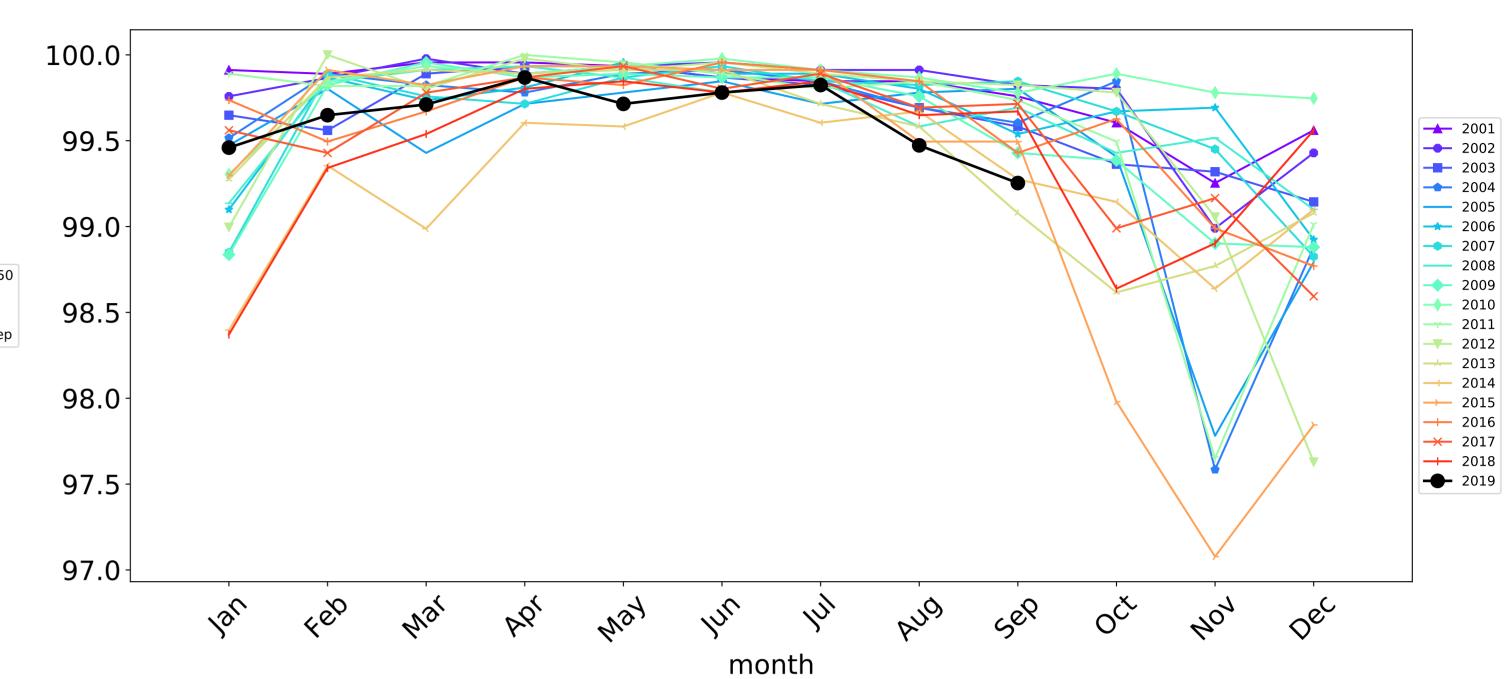




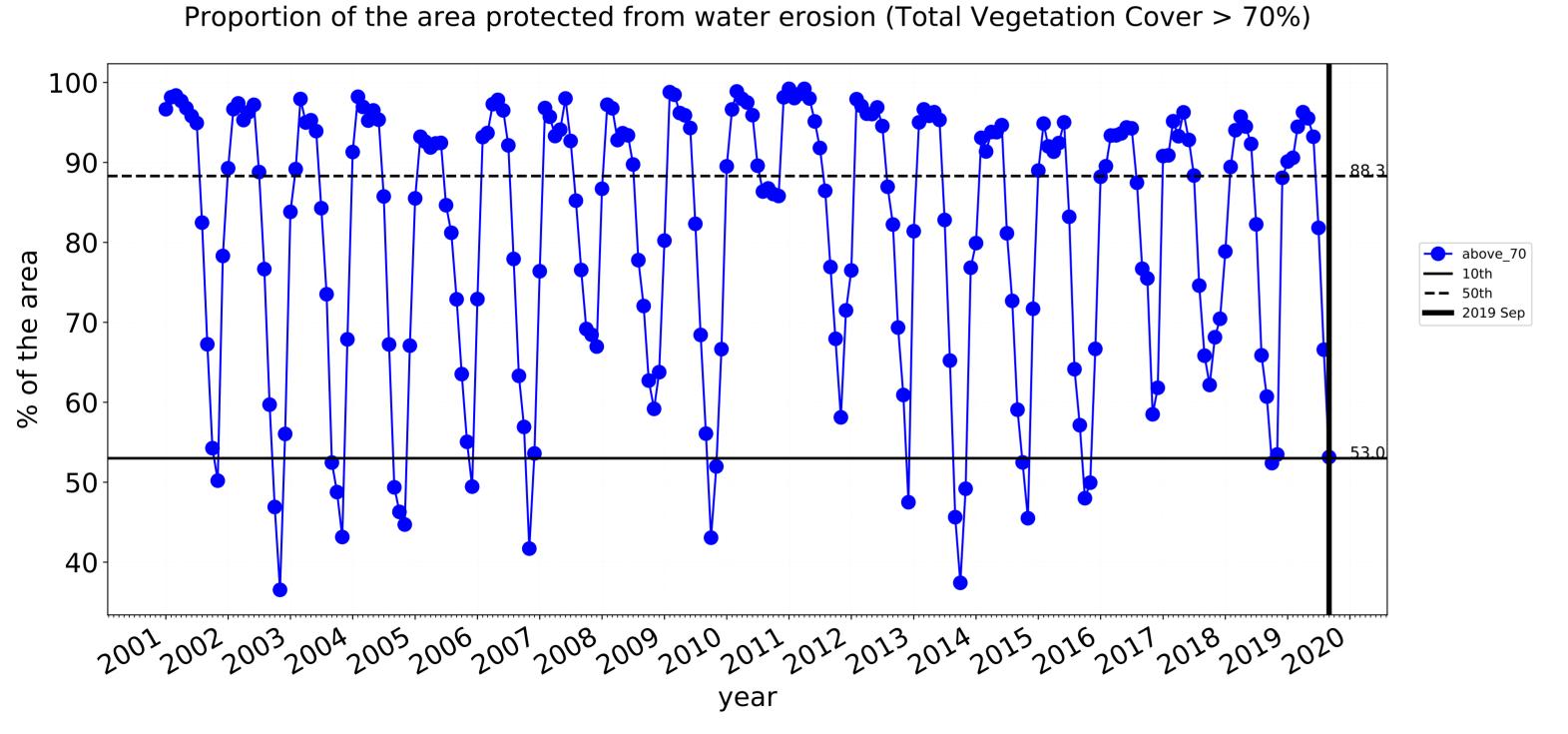


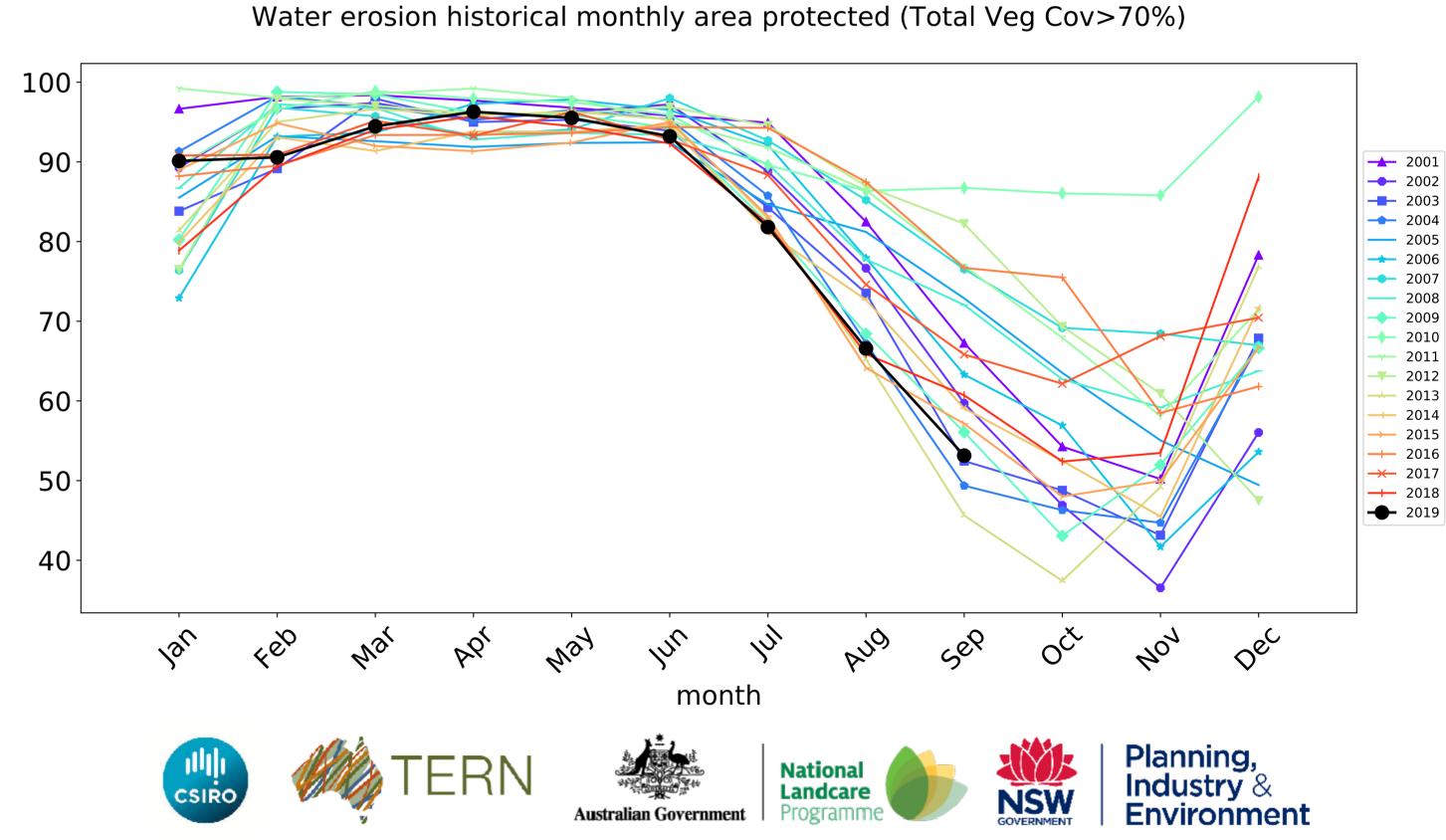
# Irrigation timeseries





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





# Burdekin\_(S) (499,925 ha and no data 4,422 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	499,925	100.0% 499,850	99.3% 496,525	85.2% 426,175	68.1% 340,450	33.4% 167,100	6.3% 31,650
Conservation and natural environments	32,495	99.8% 32,419	98.9% 32,140	83.9% 27,248	47.8% 15,537	14.2% 4,613	2.3% 760
Conservation and natural environments non forest	17,497	99.6% 17,421	99.1% 17,345	86.1% 15,073	53.7% 9,392	12.6% 2,196	1.9% 328
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	4,999	100.0% 4,999	100.0% 4,999	92.9% 4,642	73.5% 3,672	31.1% 1,555	6.6% 331
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	9,998	100.0% 9,998	98.0% 9,794	75.3% 7,530	24.7% 2,467	8.7% 865	1.0% 101
Agriculture	420,436	100.0% 420,436	99.8% 419,509	86.6% 364,244	72.7% 305,521	38.1% 160,104	7.2% 30,401
Grazing	303,454	100.0% 303,454	100.0% 303,379	99.1% 300,772	93.7% 284,480	51.3% 155,762	9.6% 29,081
Grazing non forest	161,975	100.0% 161,975	100.0% 161,925	98.5% 159,490	89.5% 144,900	43.0% 69,716	7.5% 12,178
Grazing Woodland forest	135,979	100.0% 135,979	100.0% 135,954	99.9% 135,780	98.7% 134,191	61.1% 83,142	12.2% 16,568
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	5,499	100.0% 5,499	100.0% 5,499	100.0% 5,499	97.8% 5,378	52.6% 2,894	6.1% 337
Irrigation	113,482	100.0% 113,482	99.3% 112,635	53.1% 60,304	16.1% 18,265	2.5% 2,890	0.9% 1,046











