

# Total vegetation cover soil protection

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

Date: August 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 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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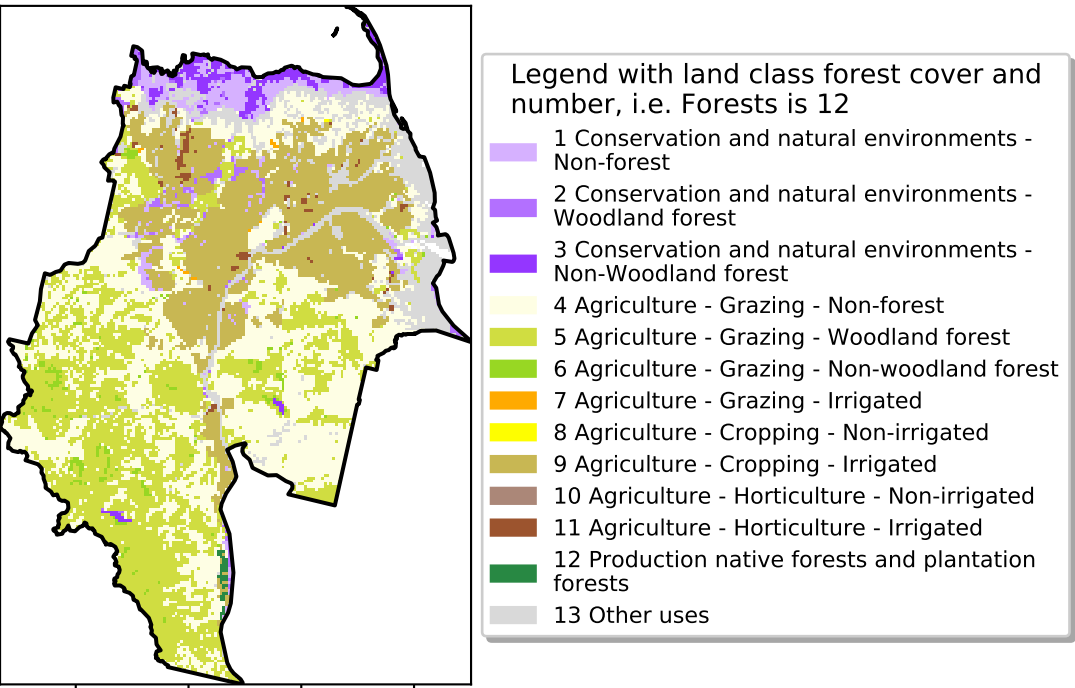


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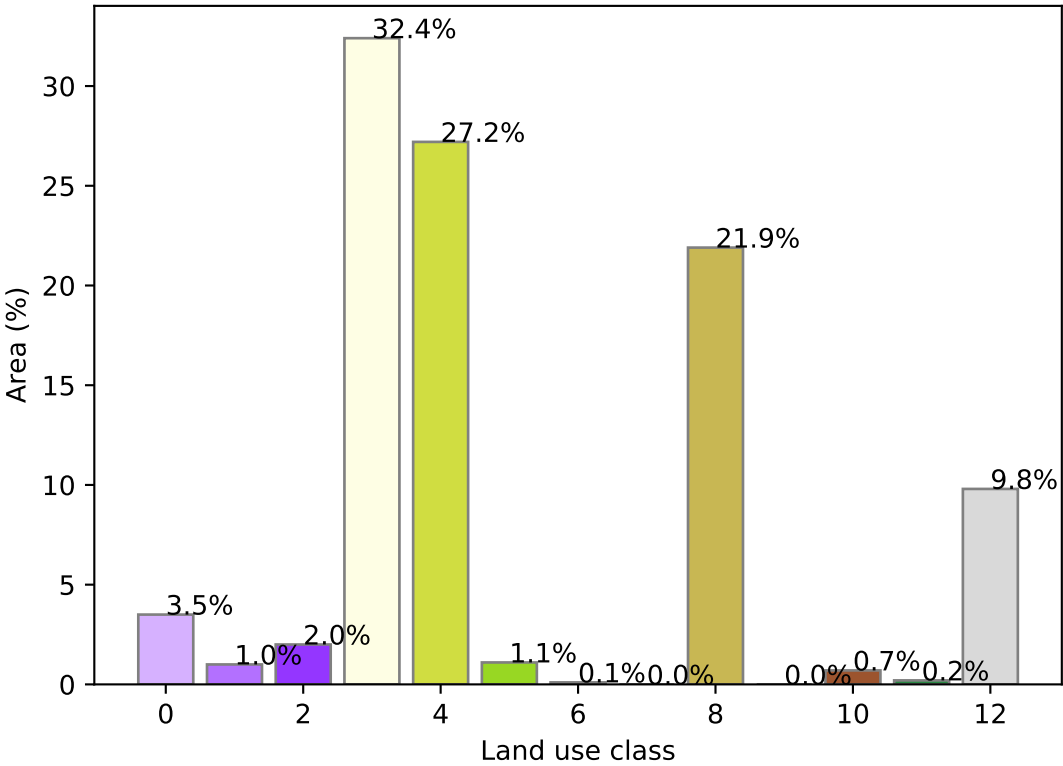
# Vegetation Cover Aug 2023

Land use and forest cover

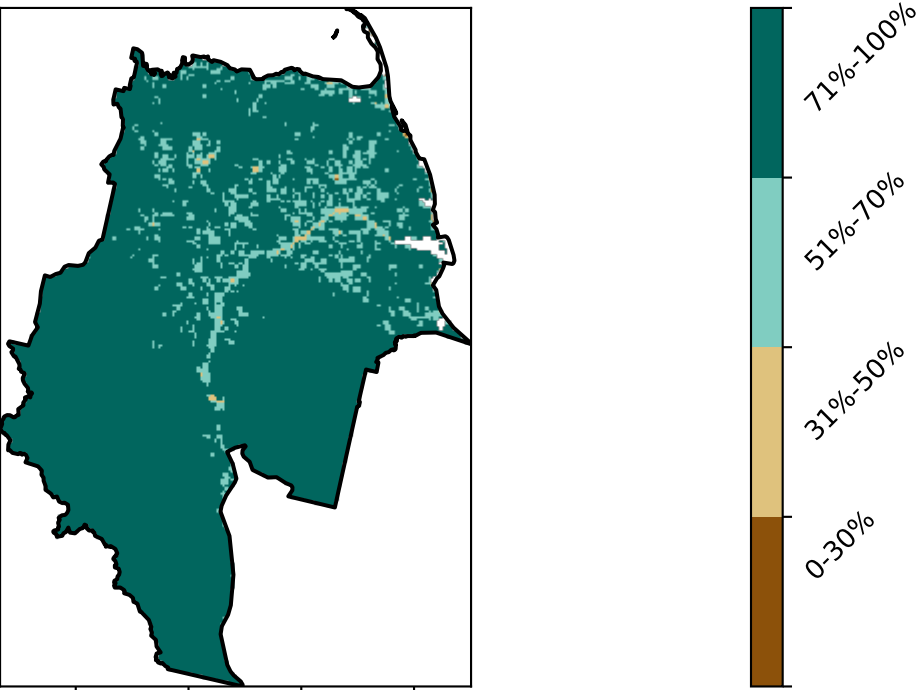


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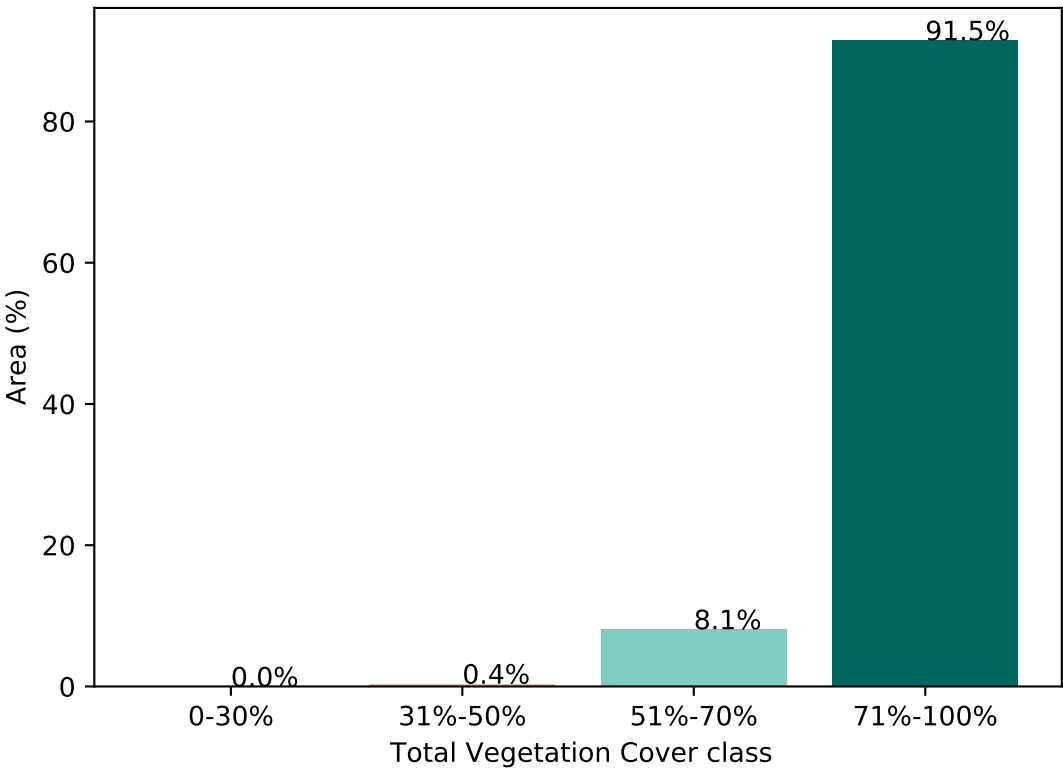
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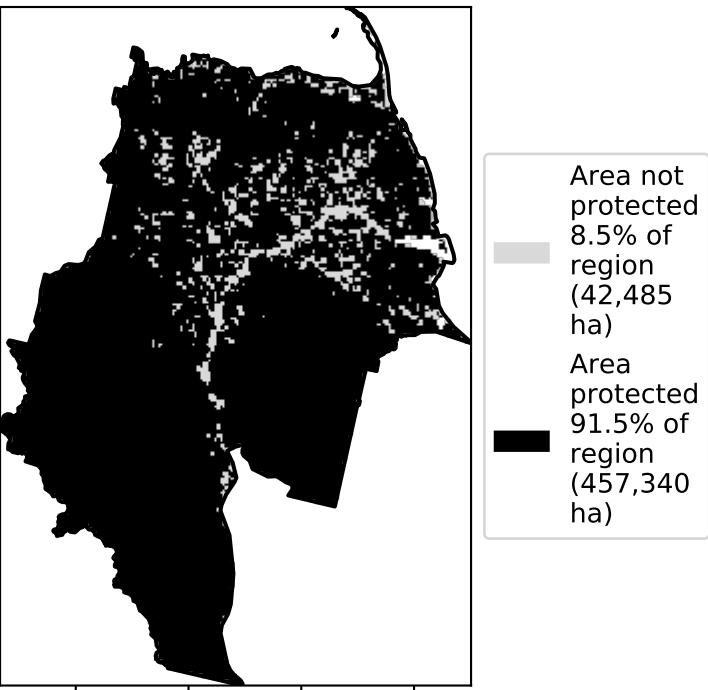
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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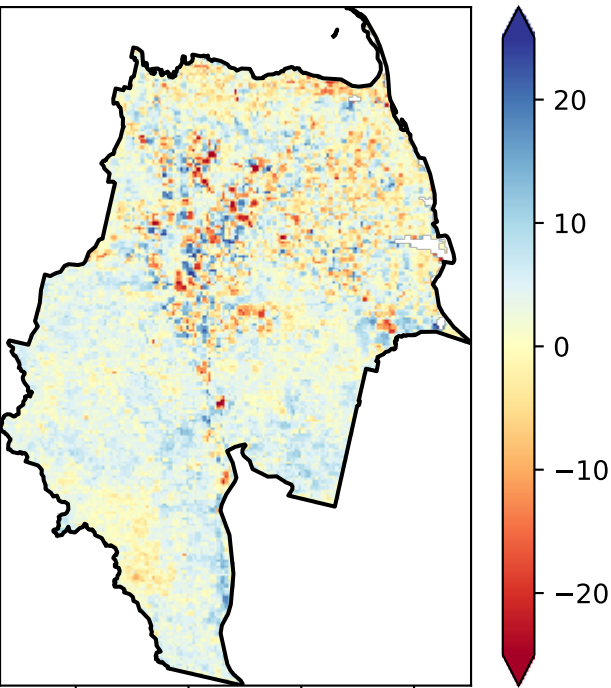
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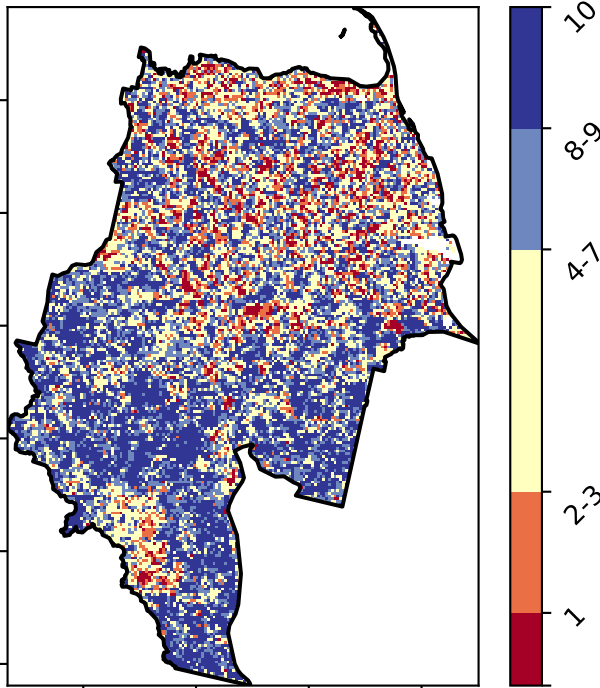
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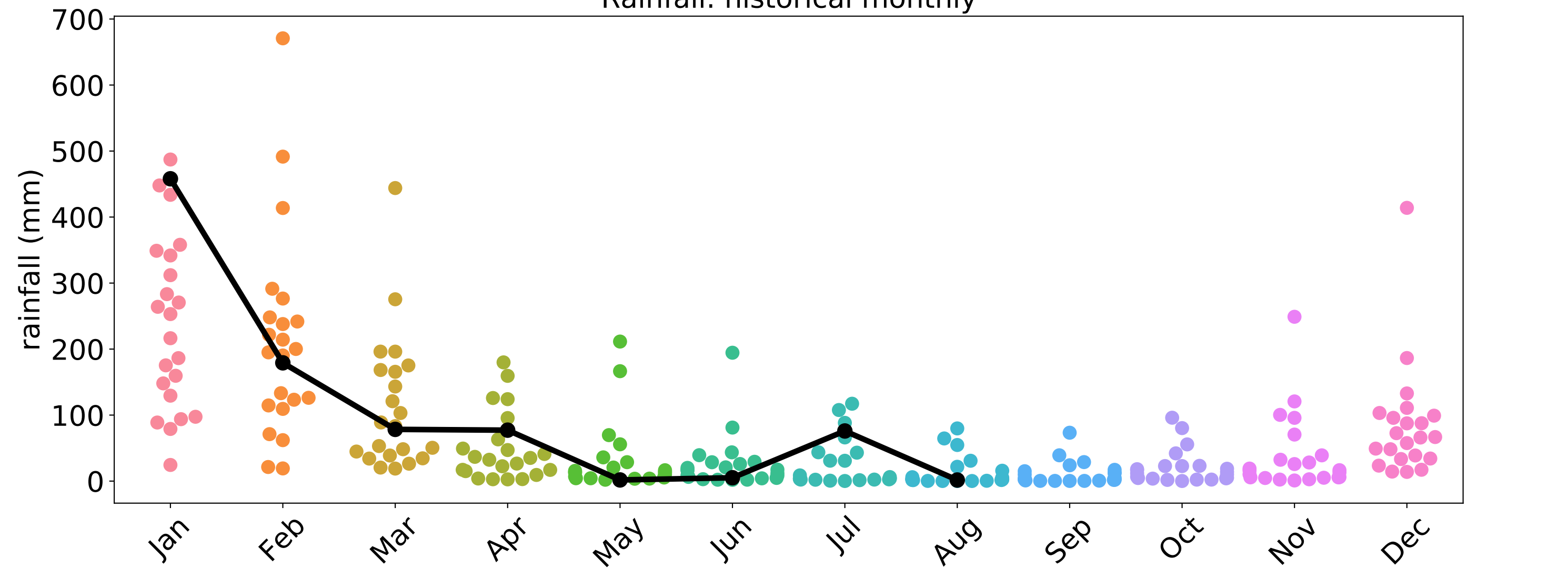
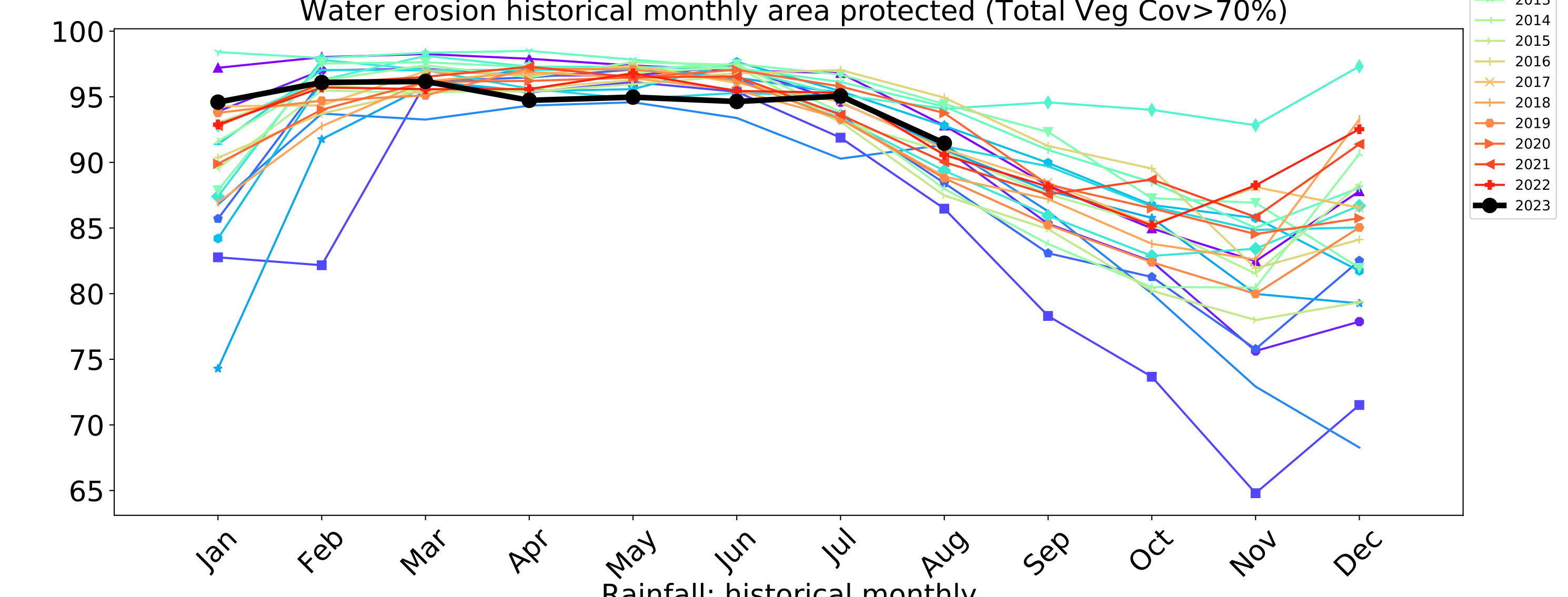
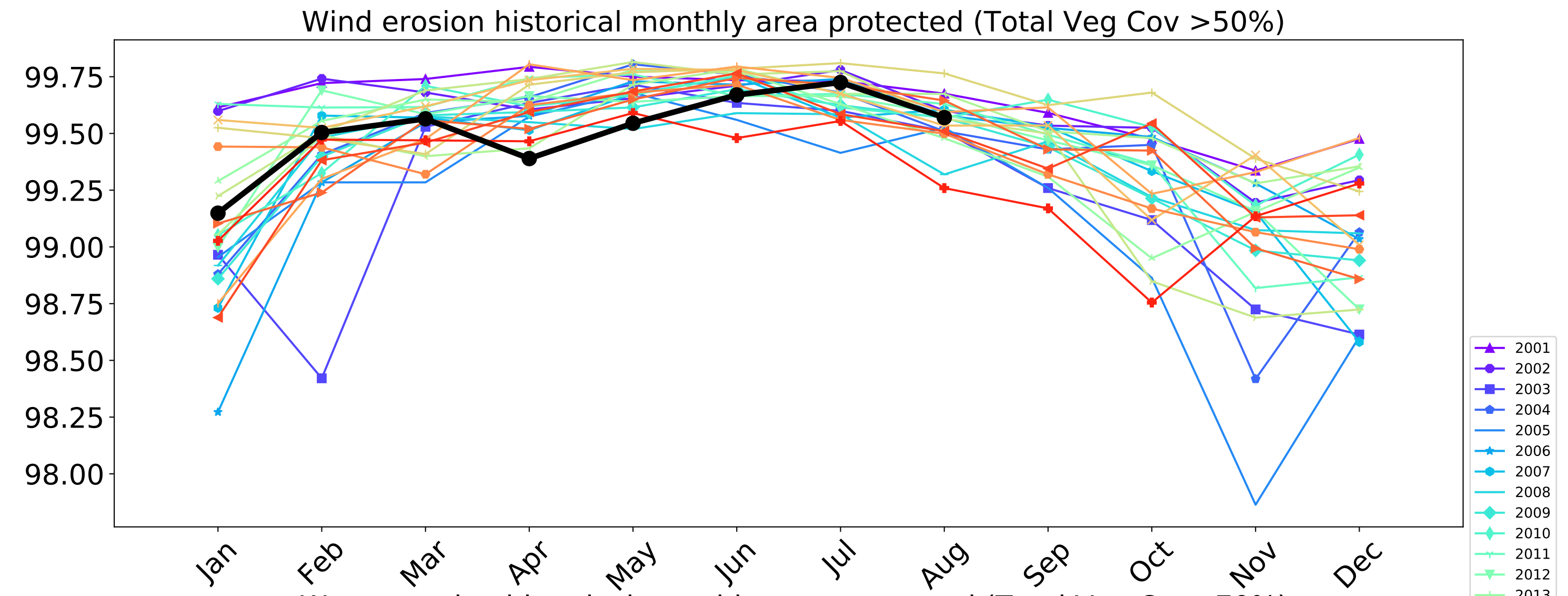
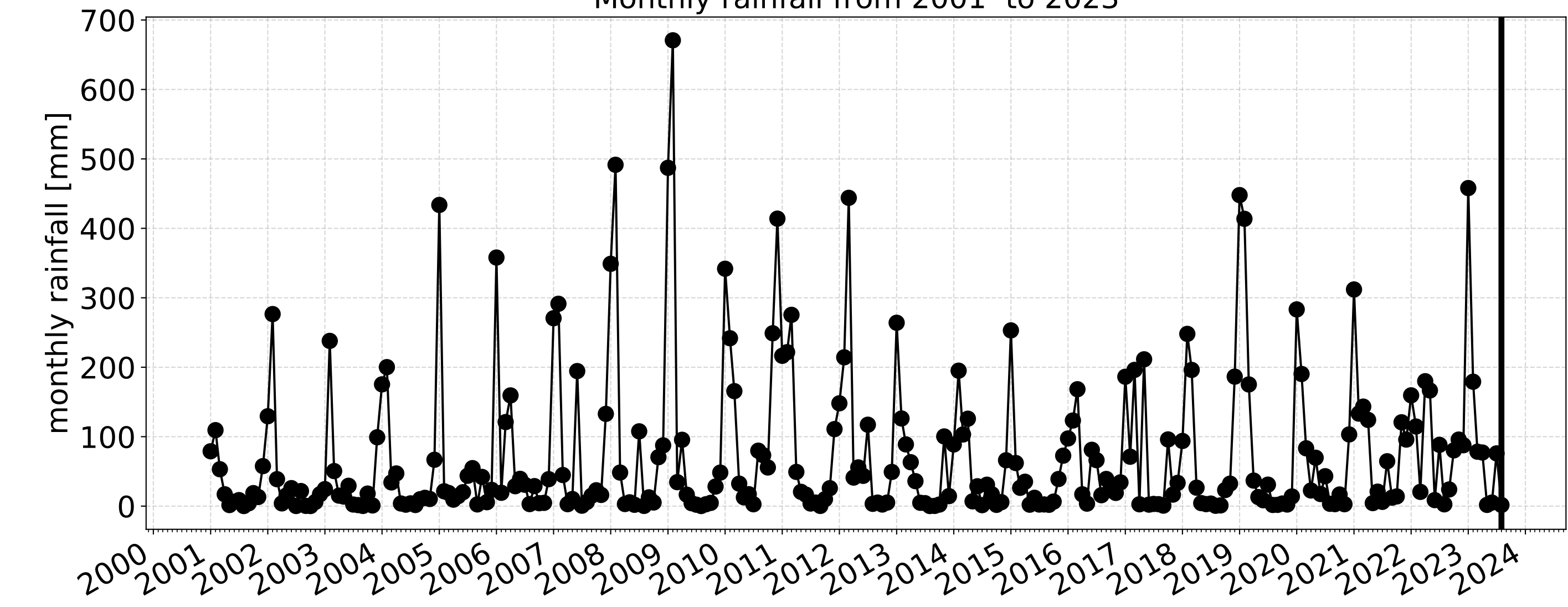
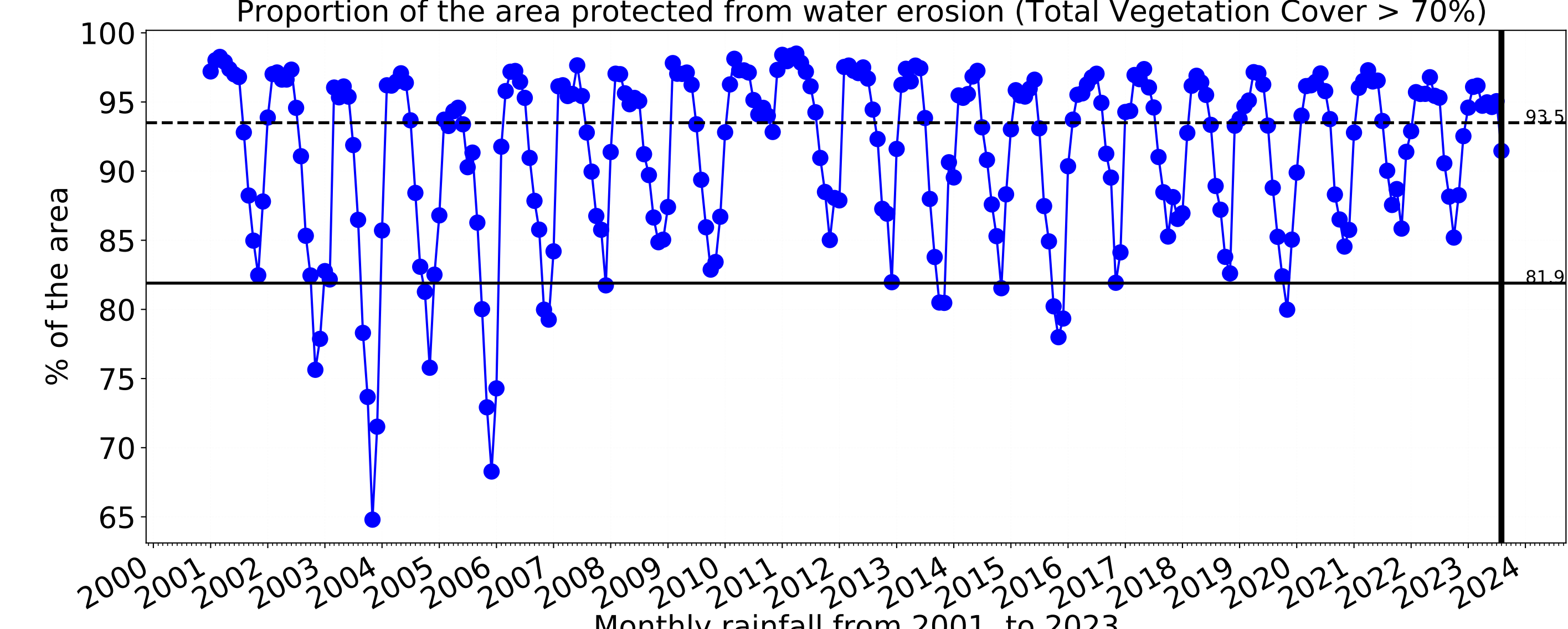
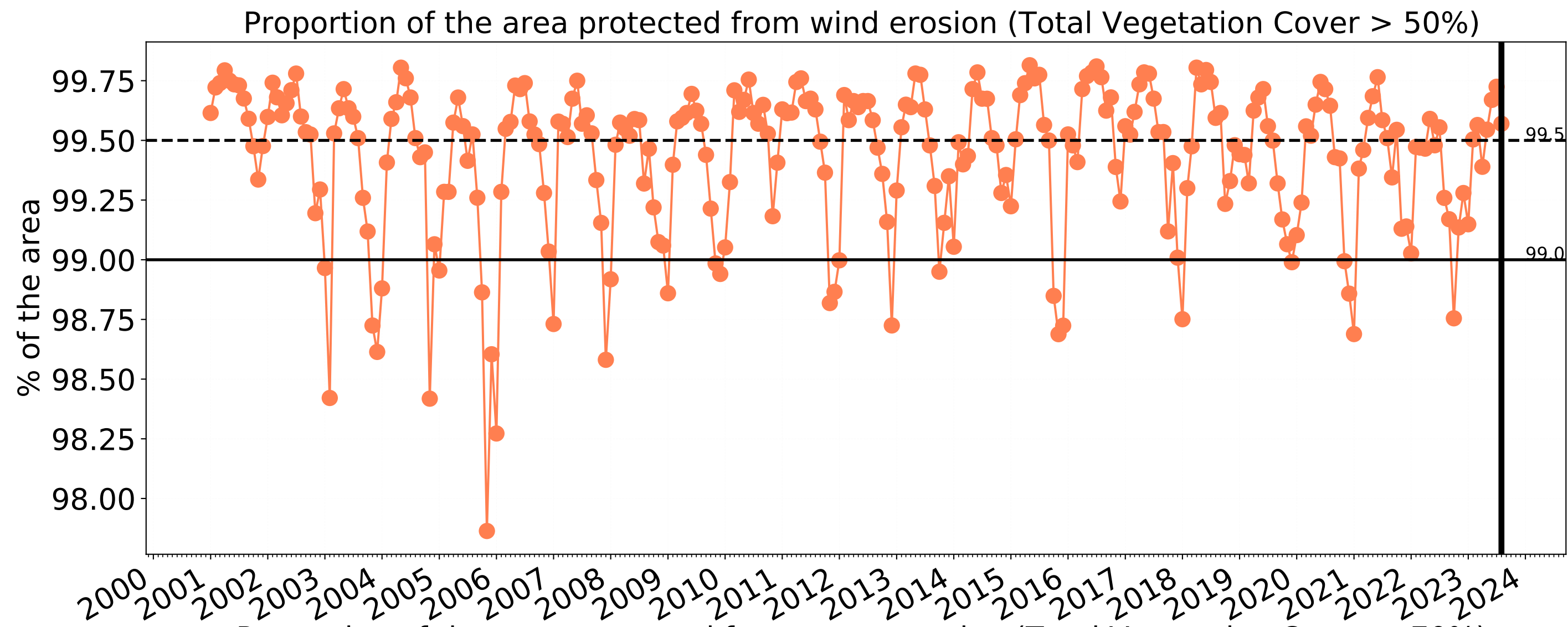


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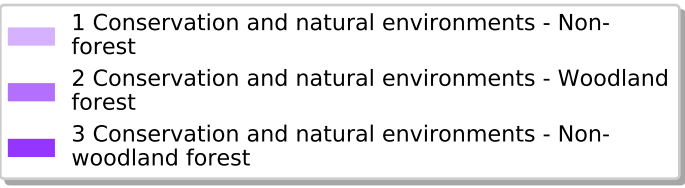
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Land use and forest cover

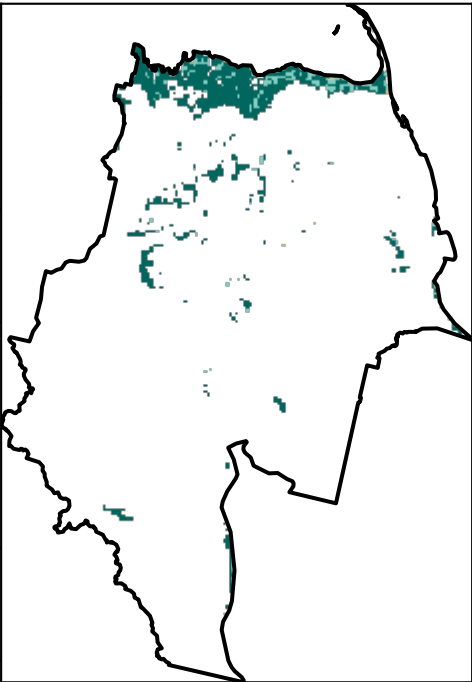
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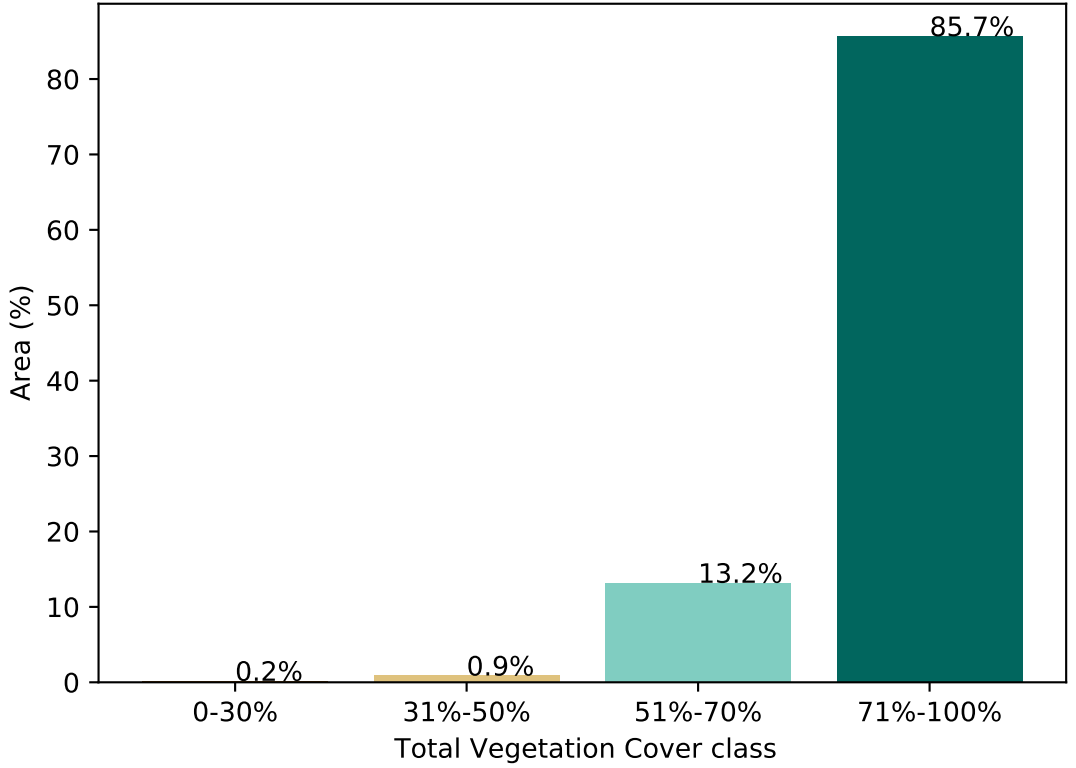
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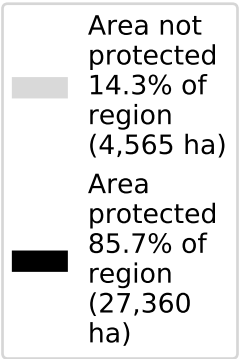
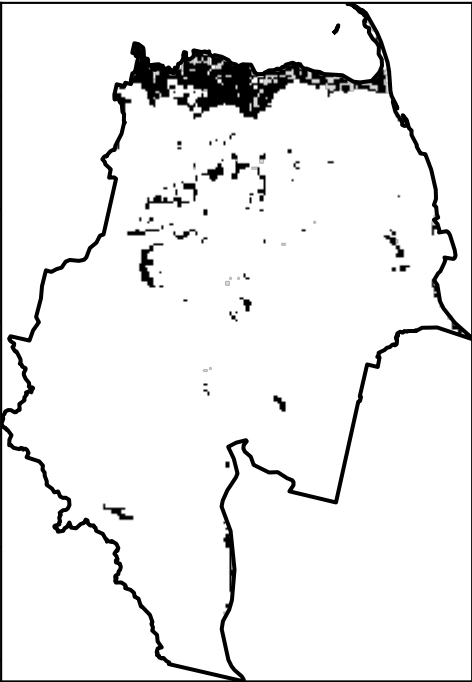
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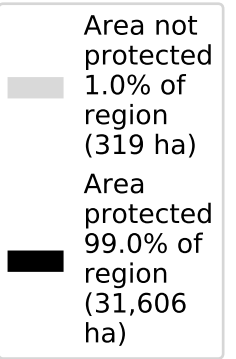
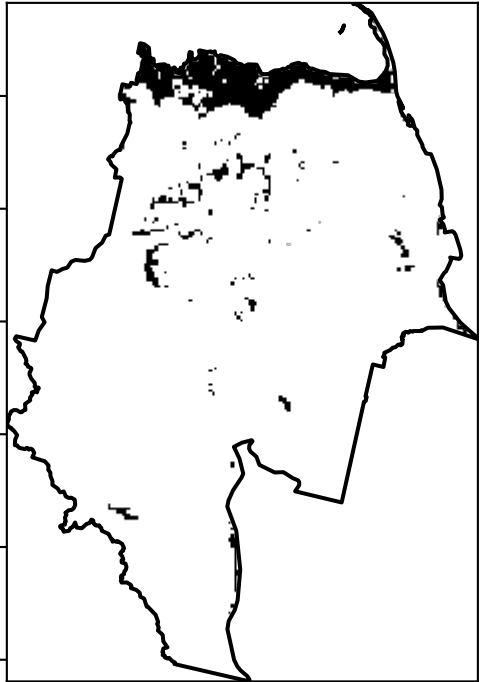
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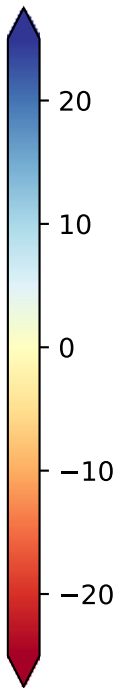
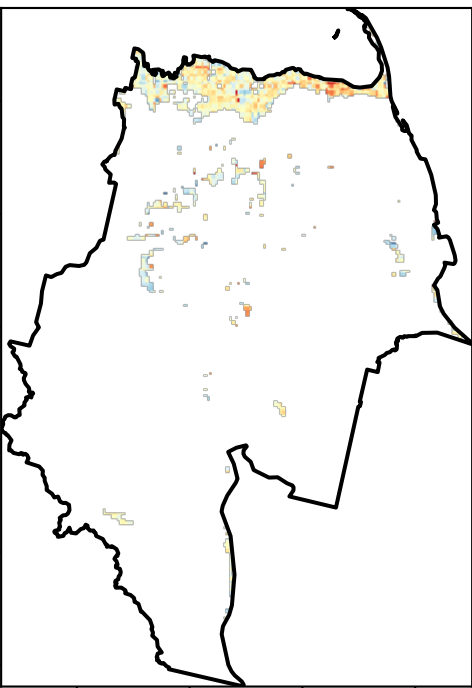


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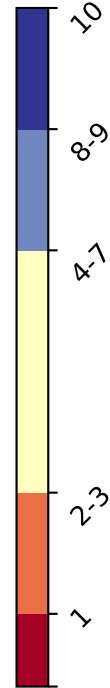
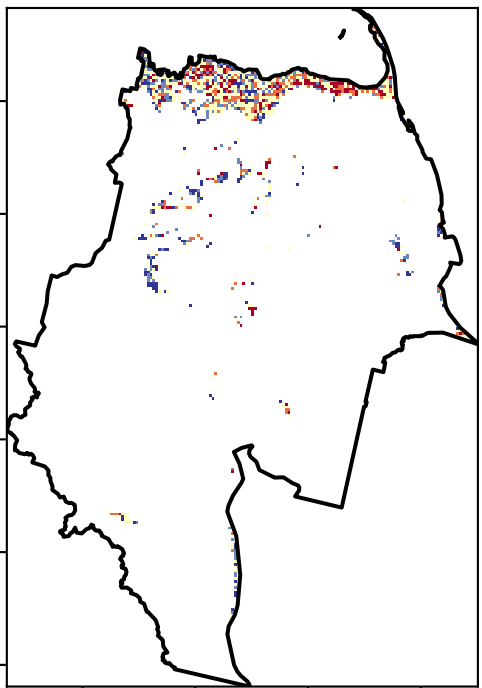
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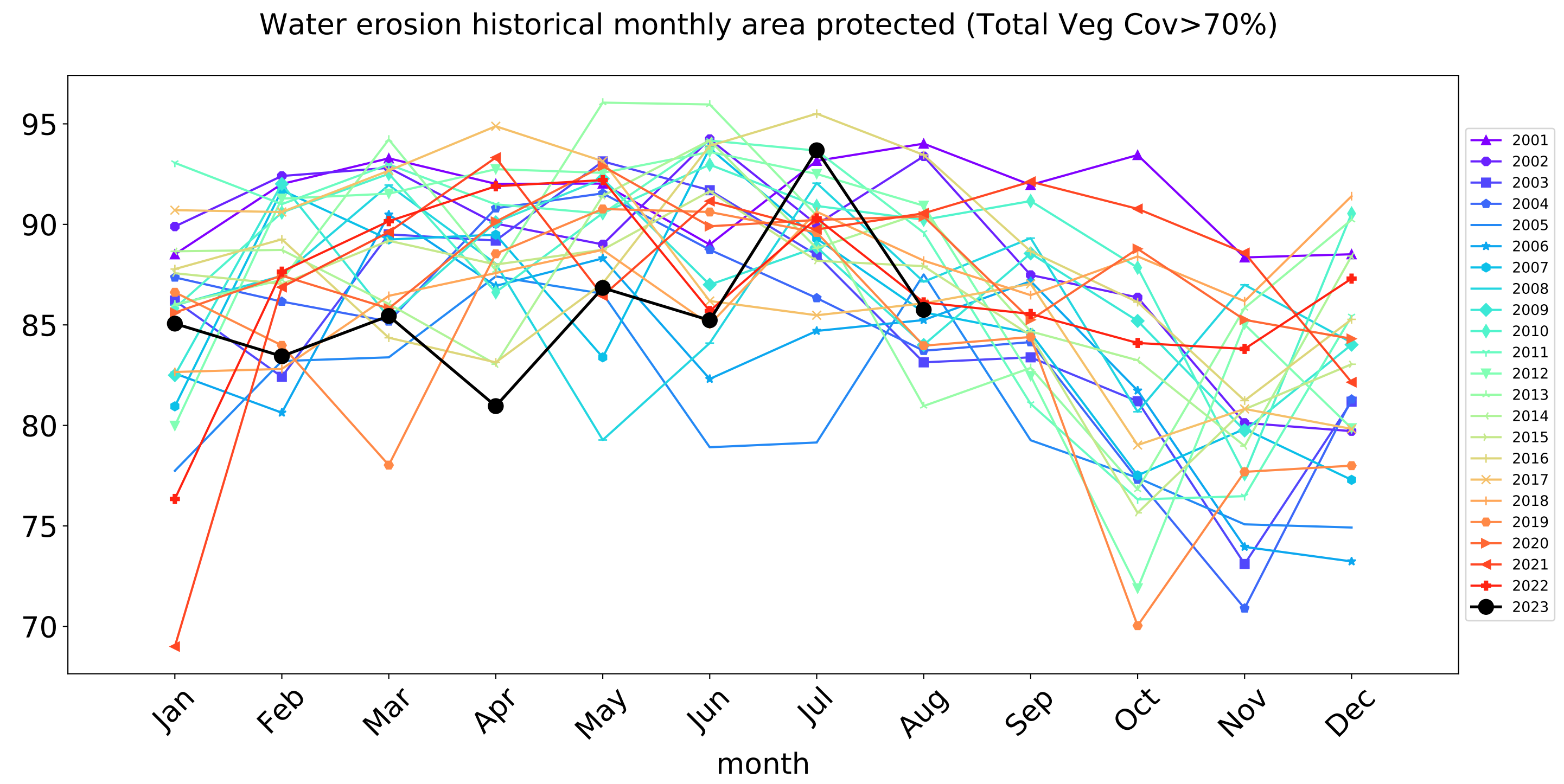
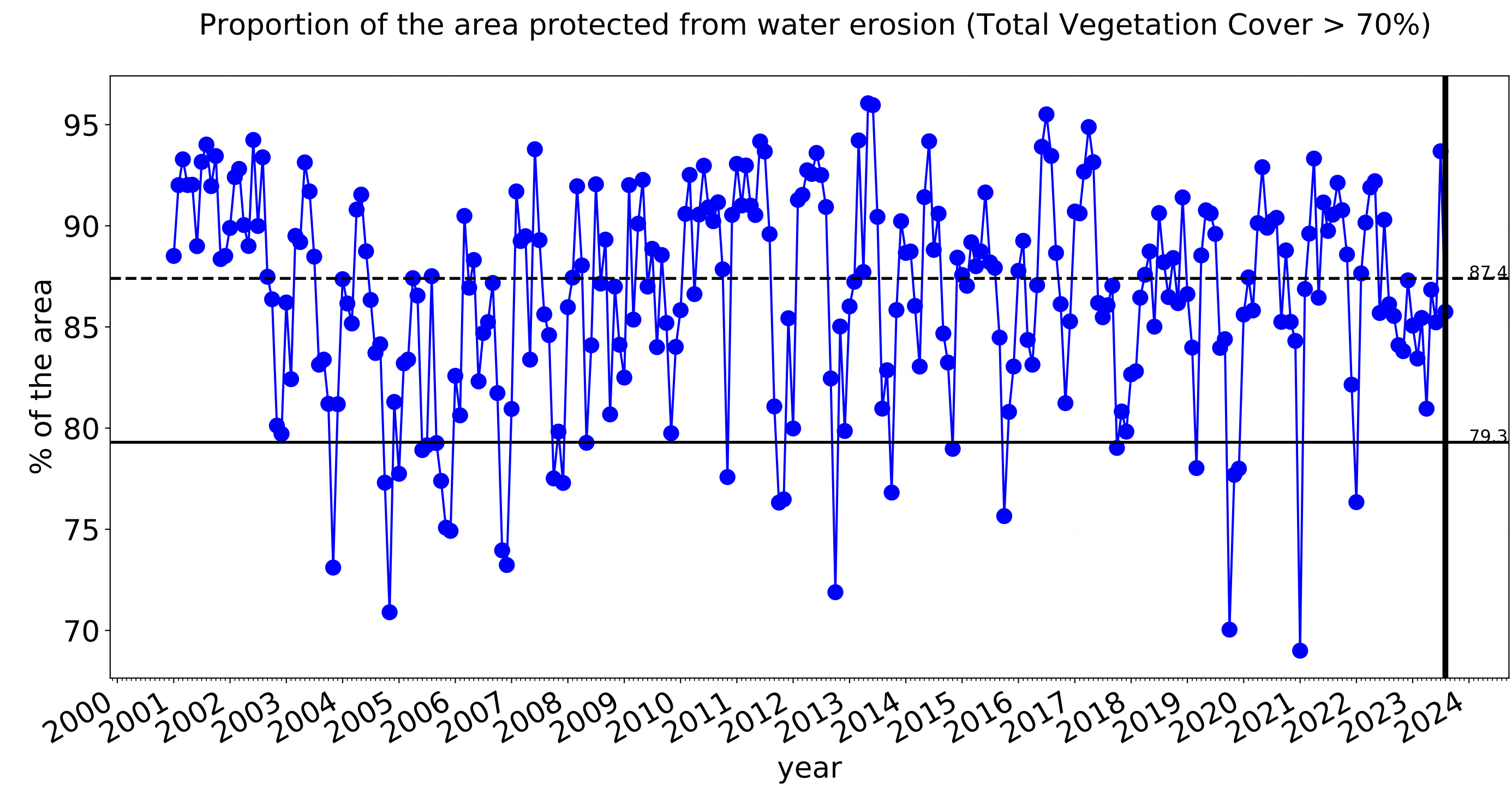
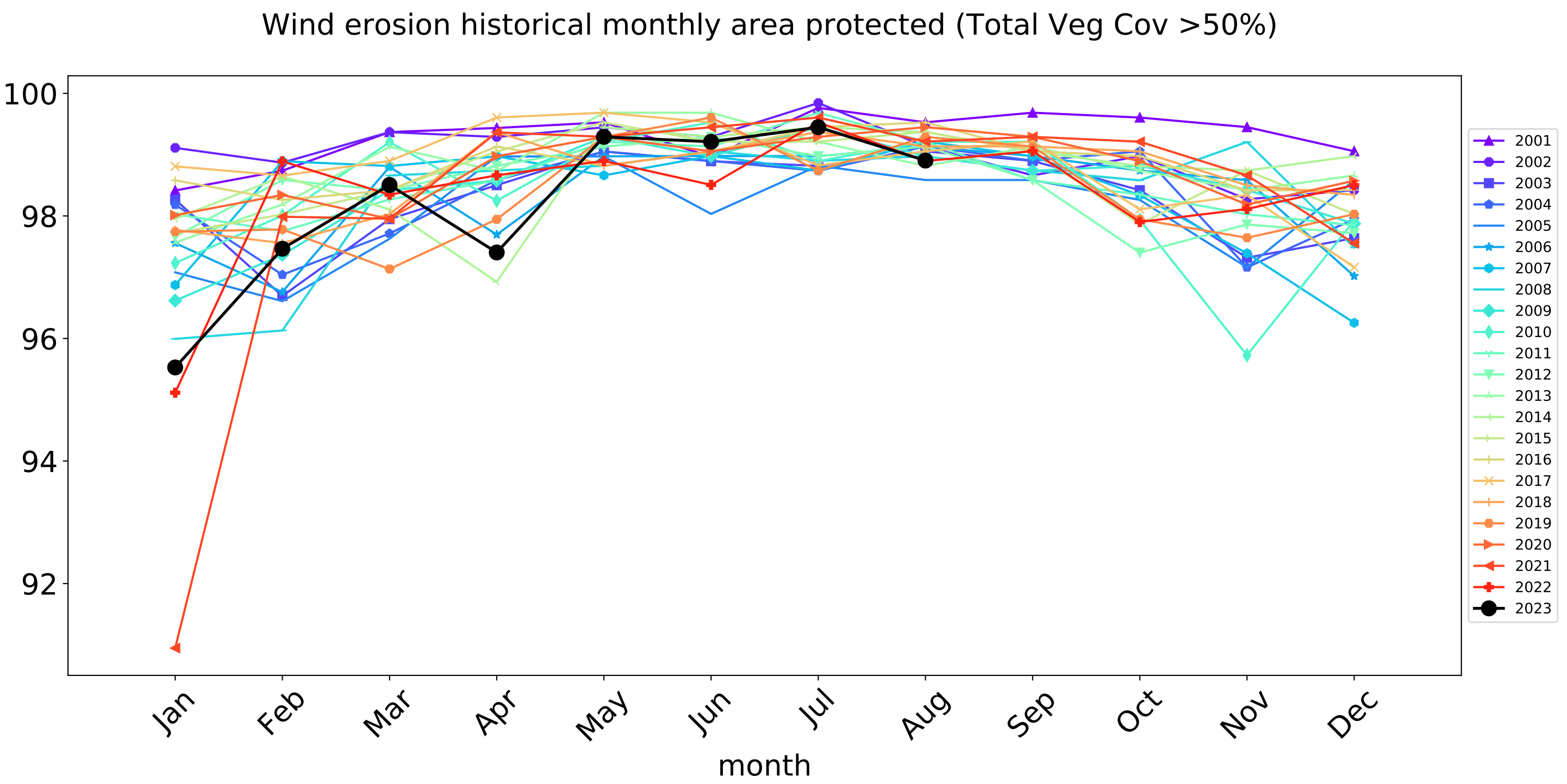
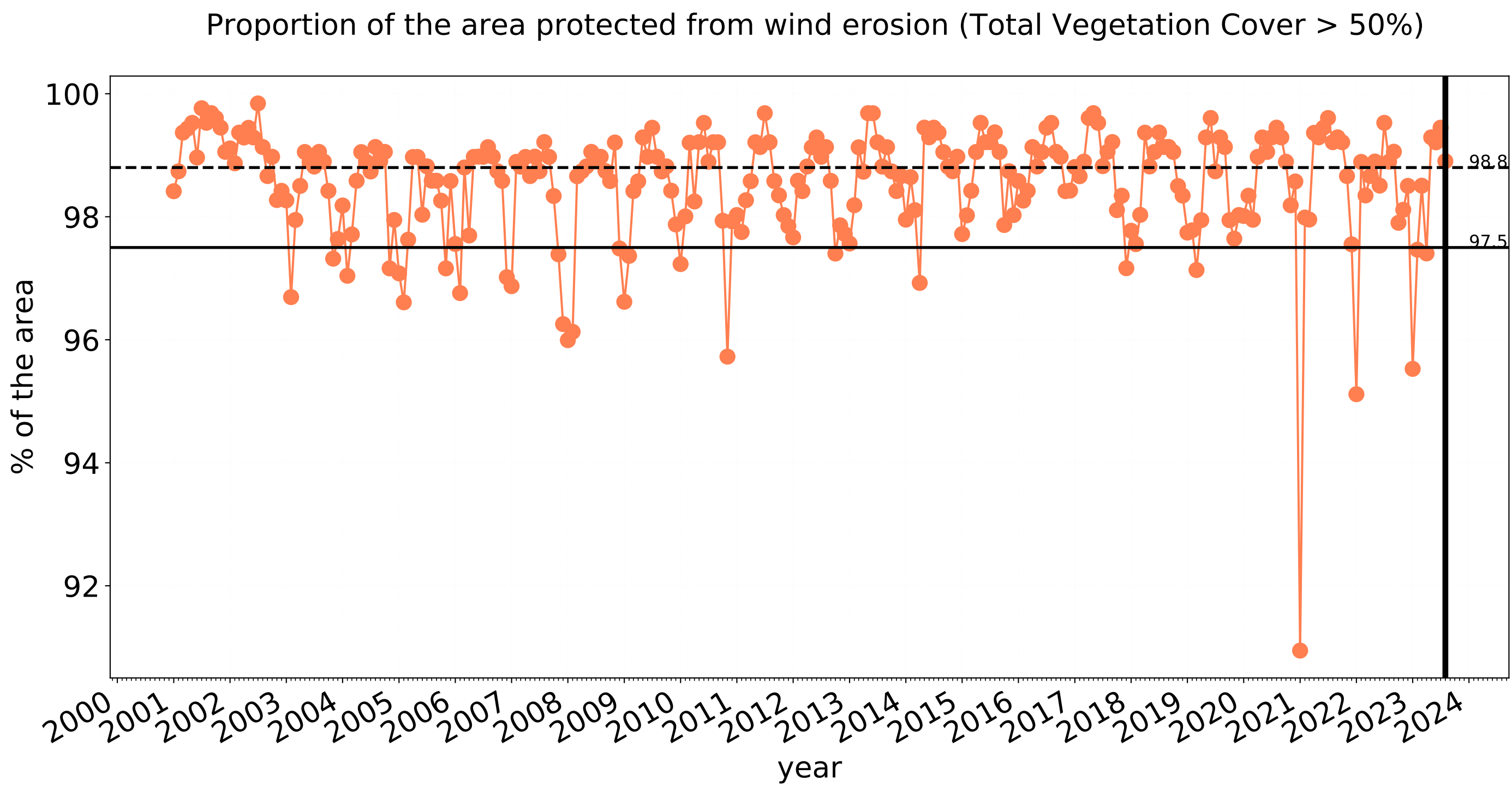
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Conservation and natural environments timeseries

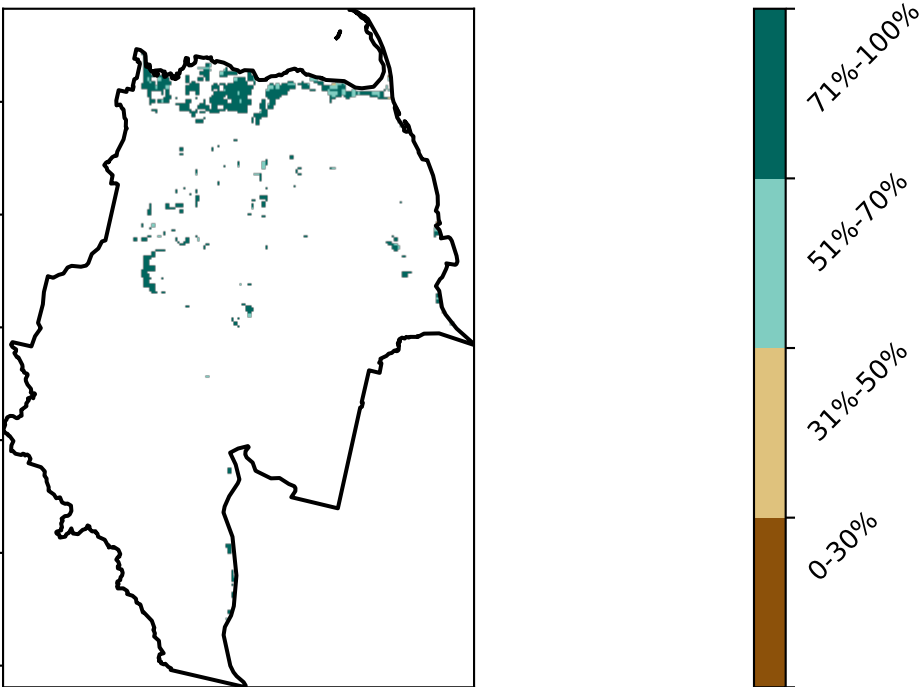


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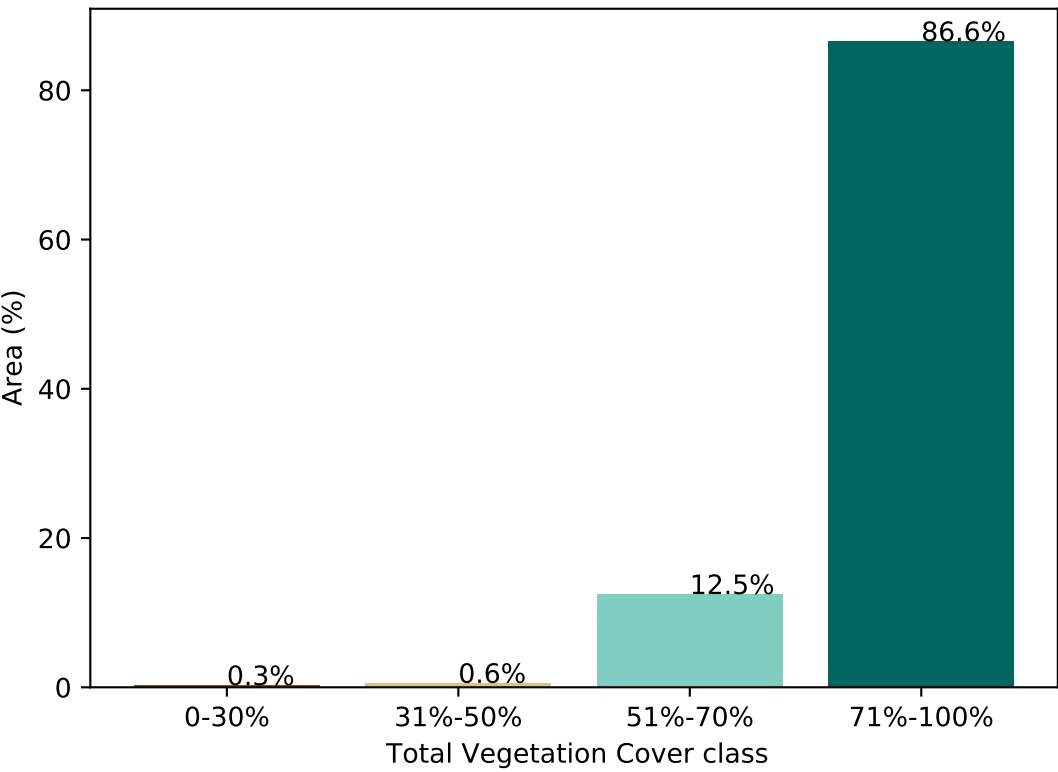
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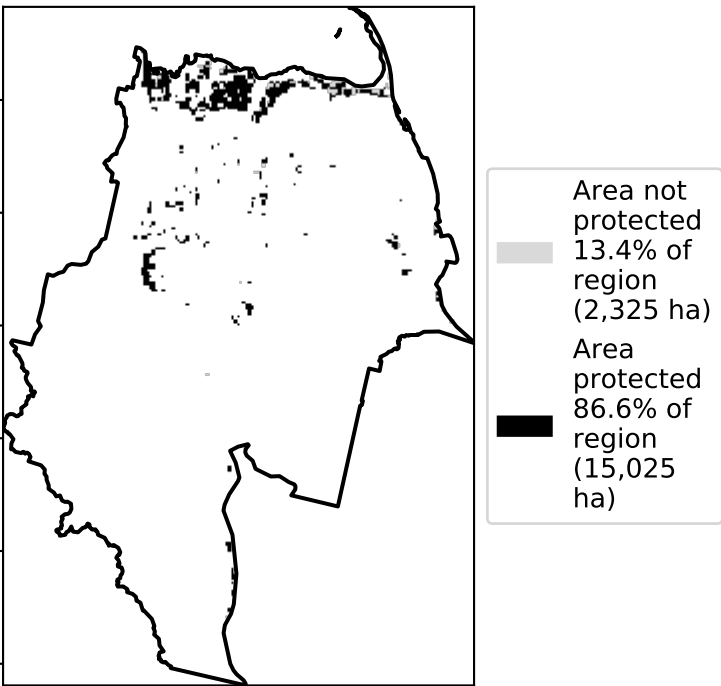
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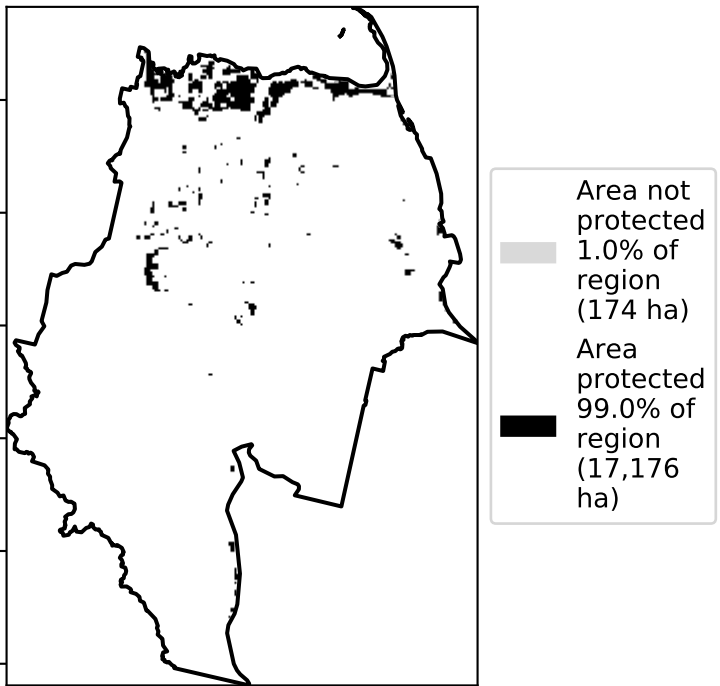
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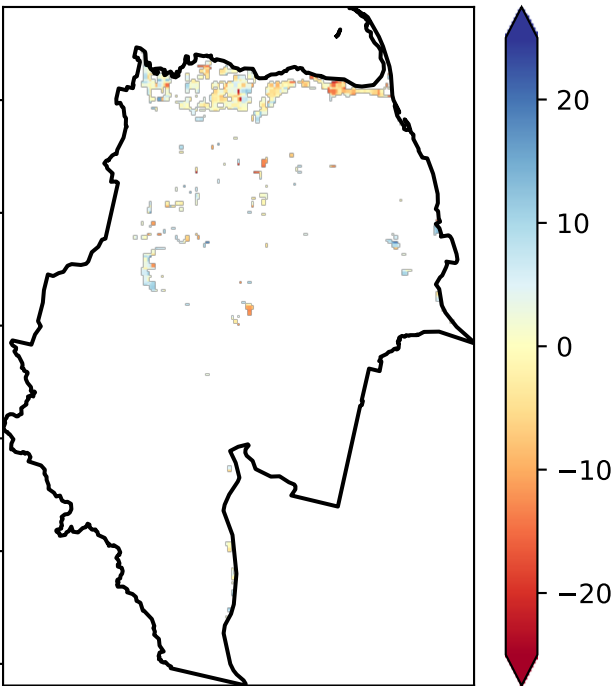
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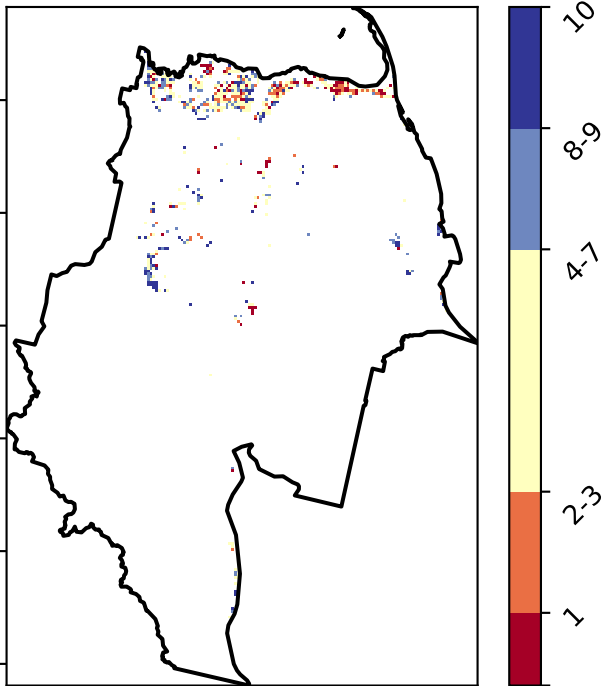
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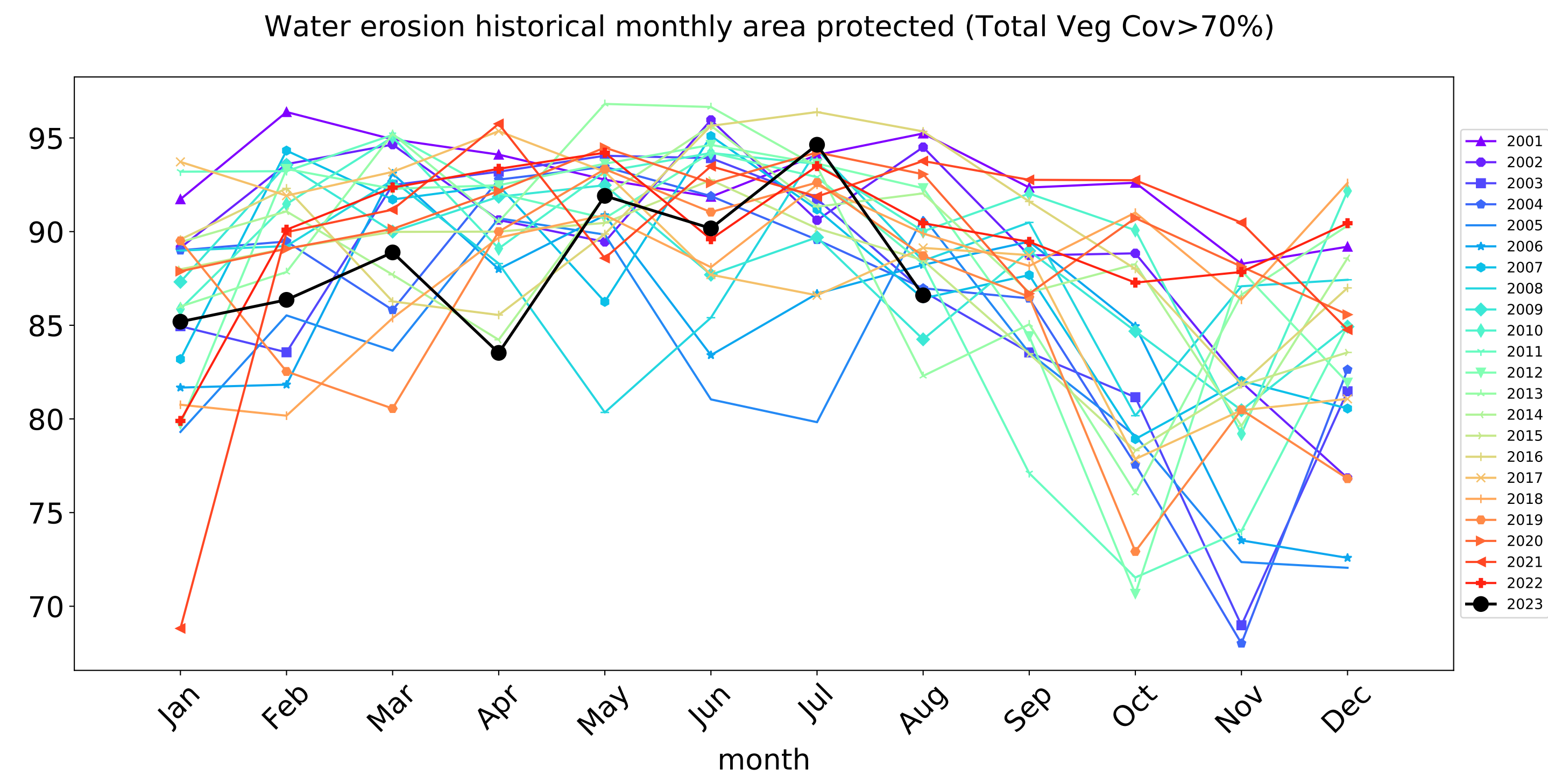
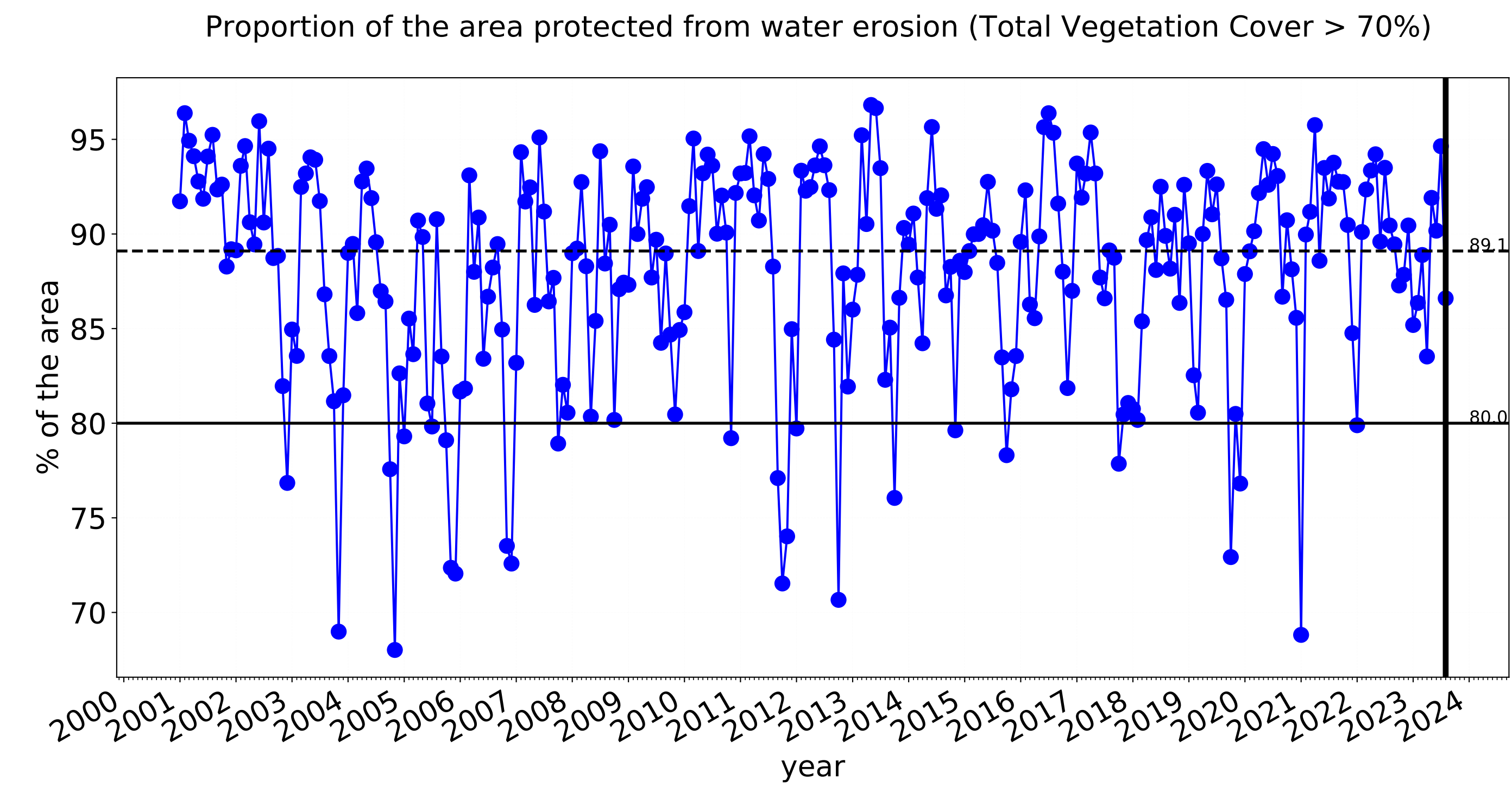
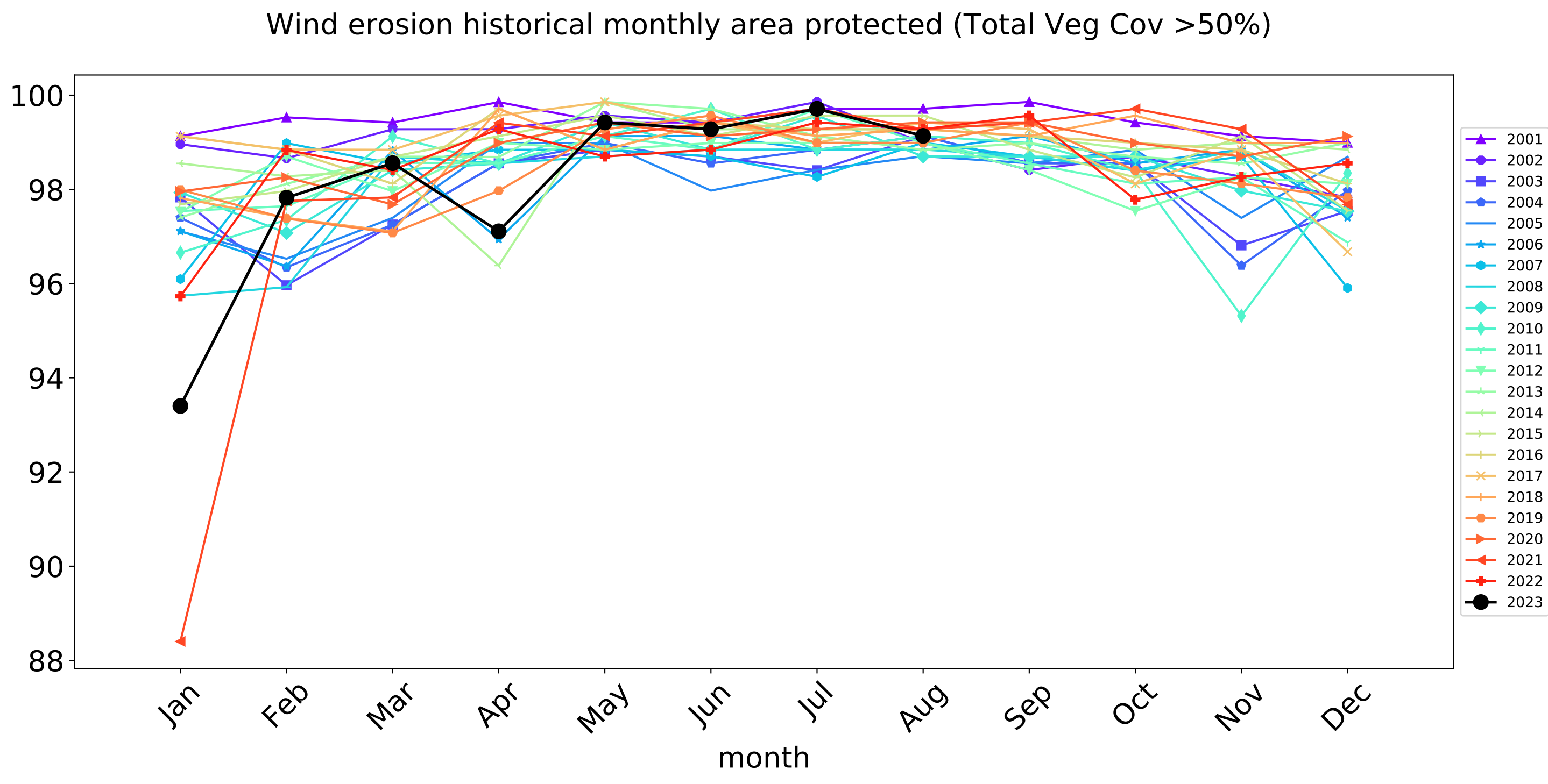
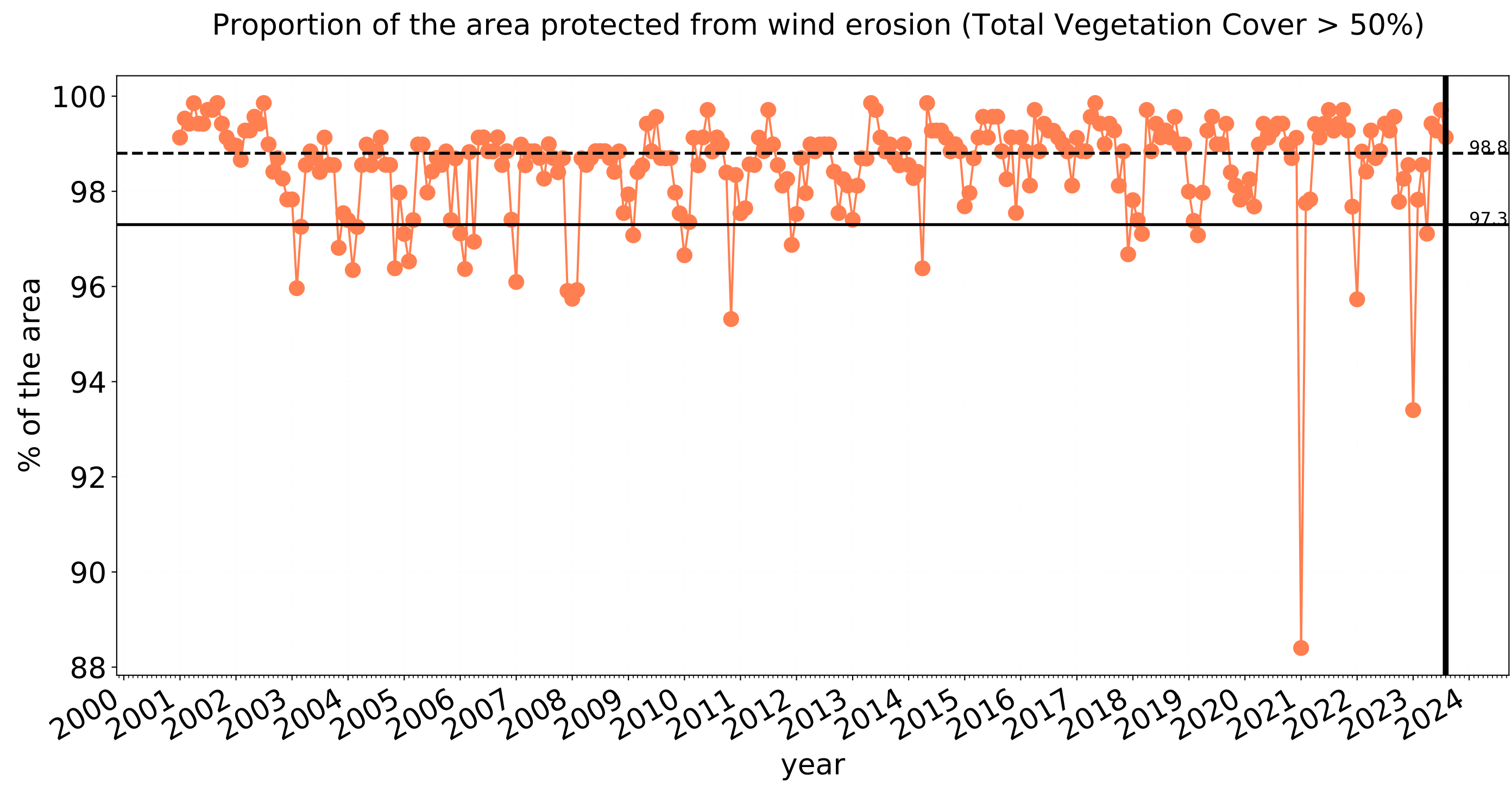
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Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries



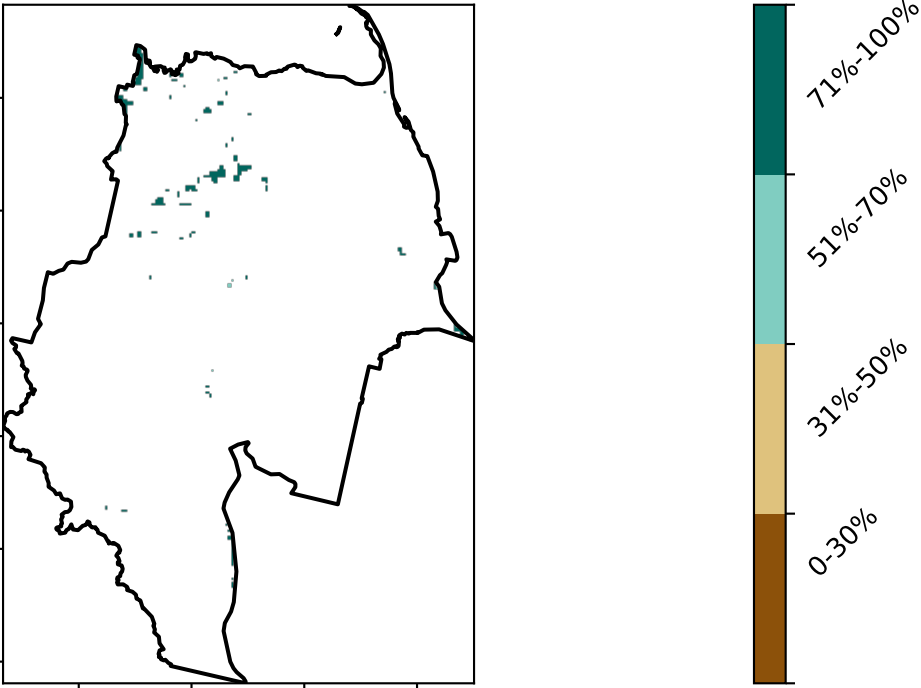
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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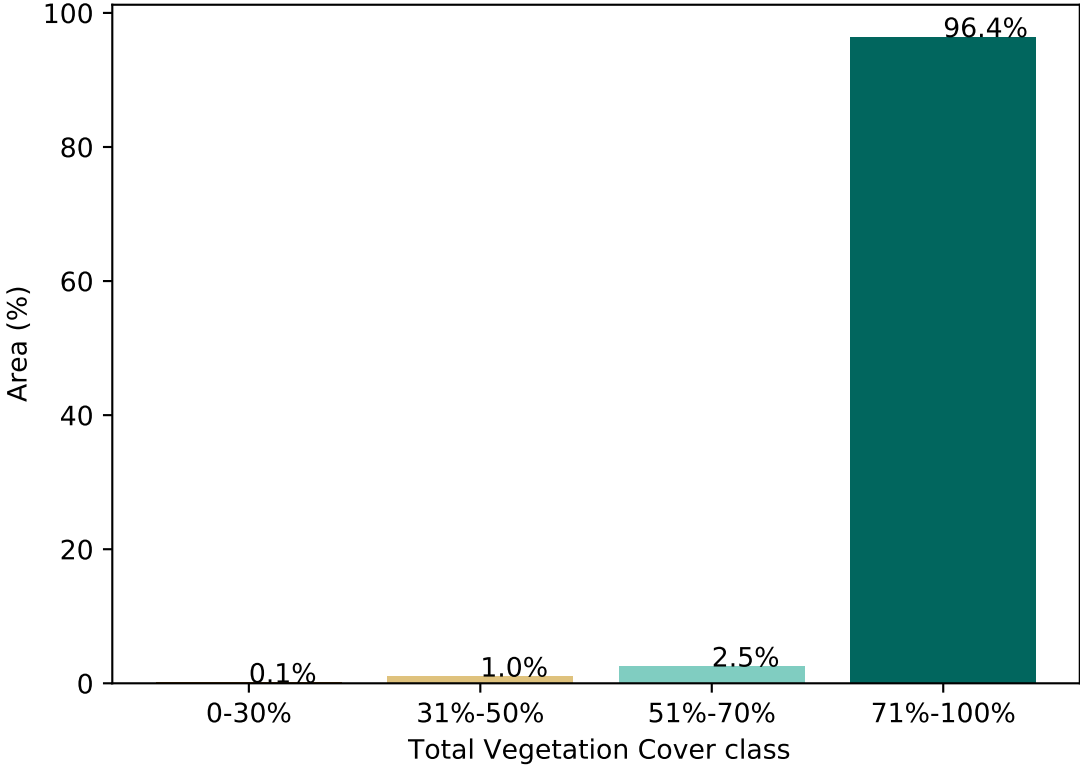
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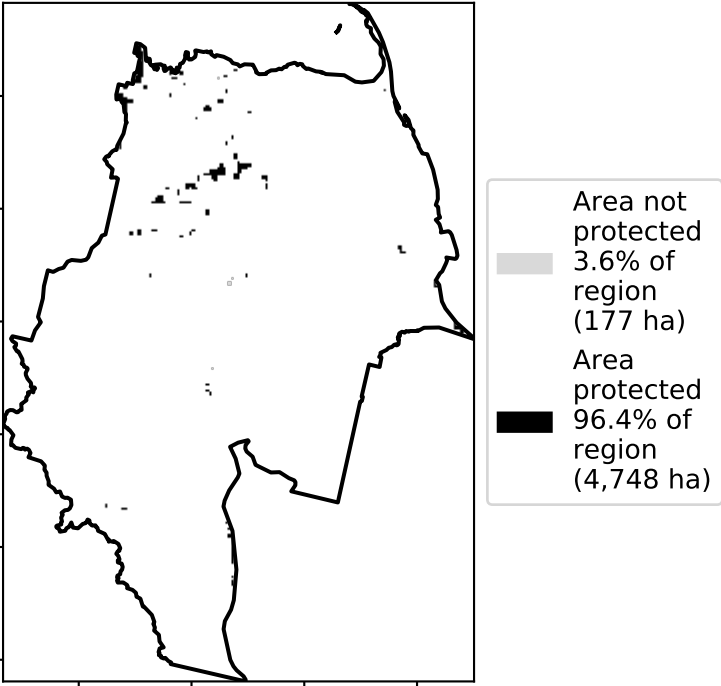
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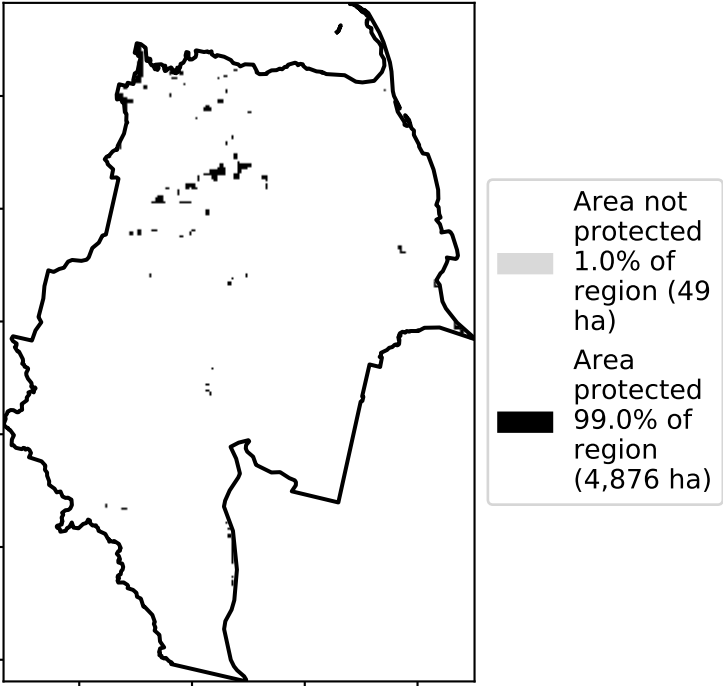
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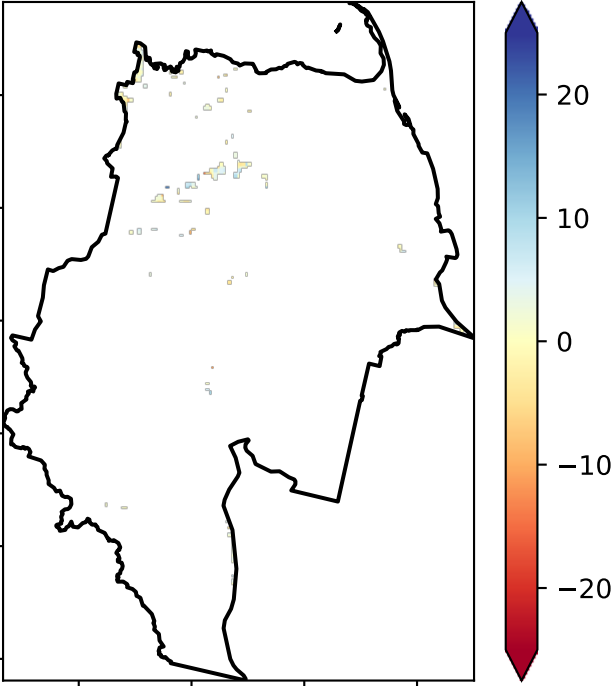


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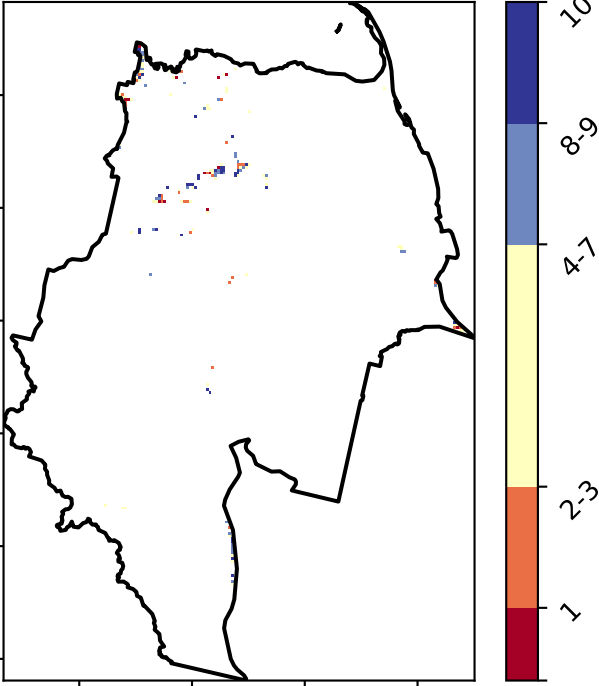
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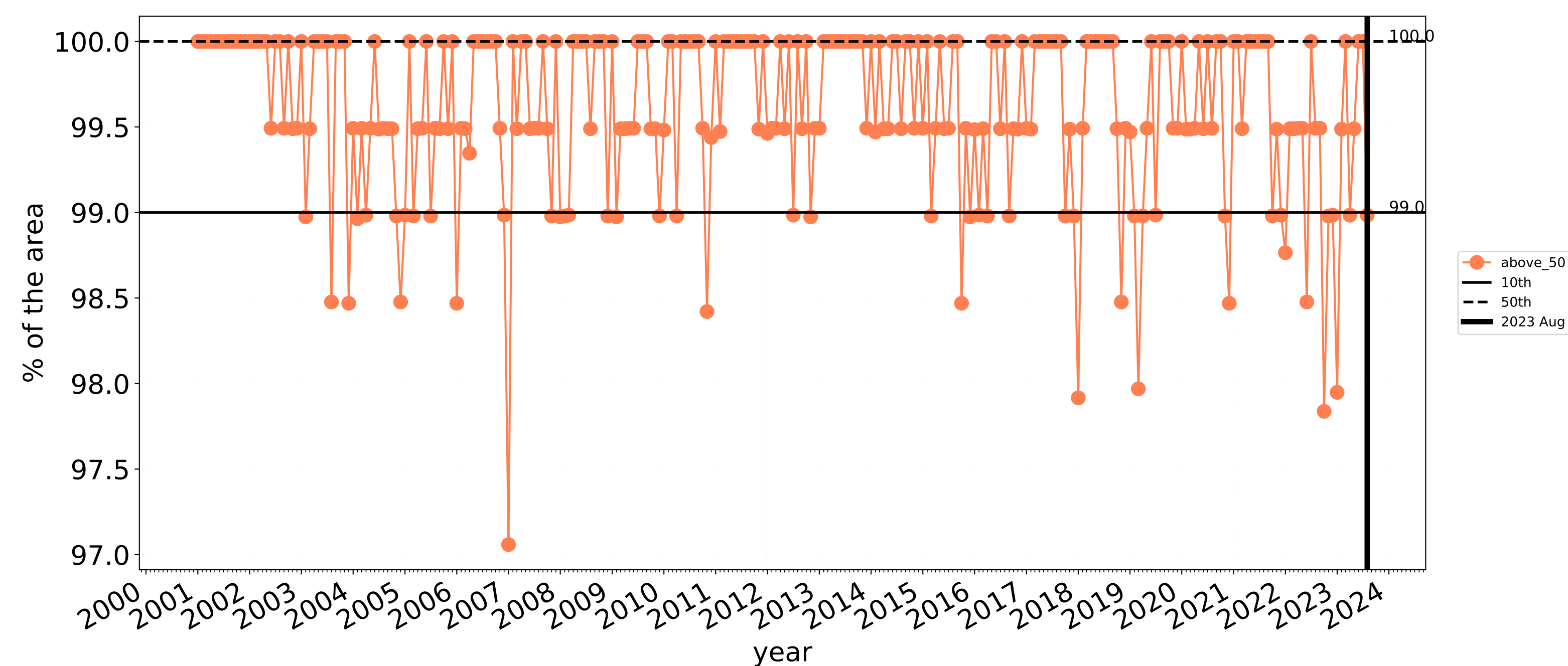
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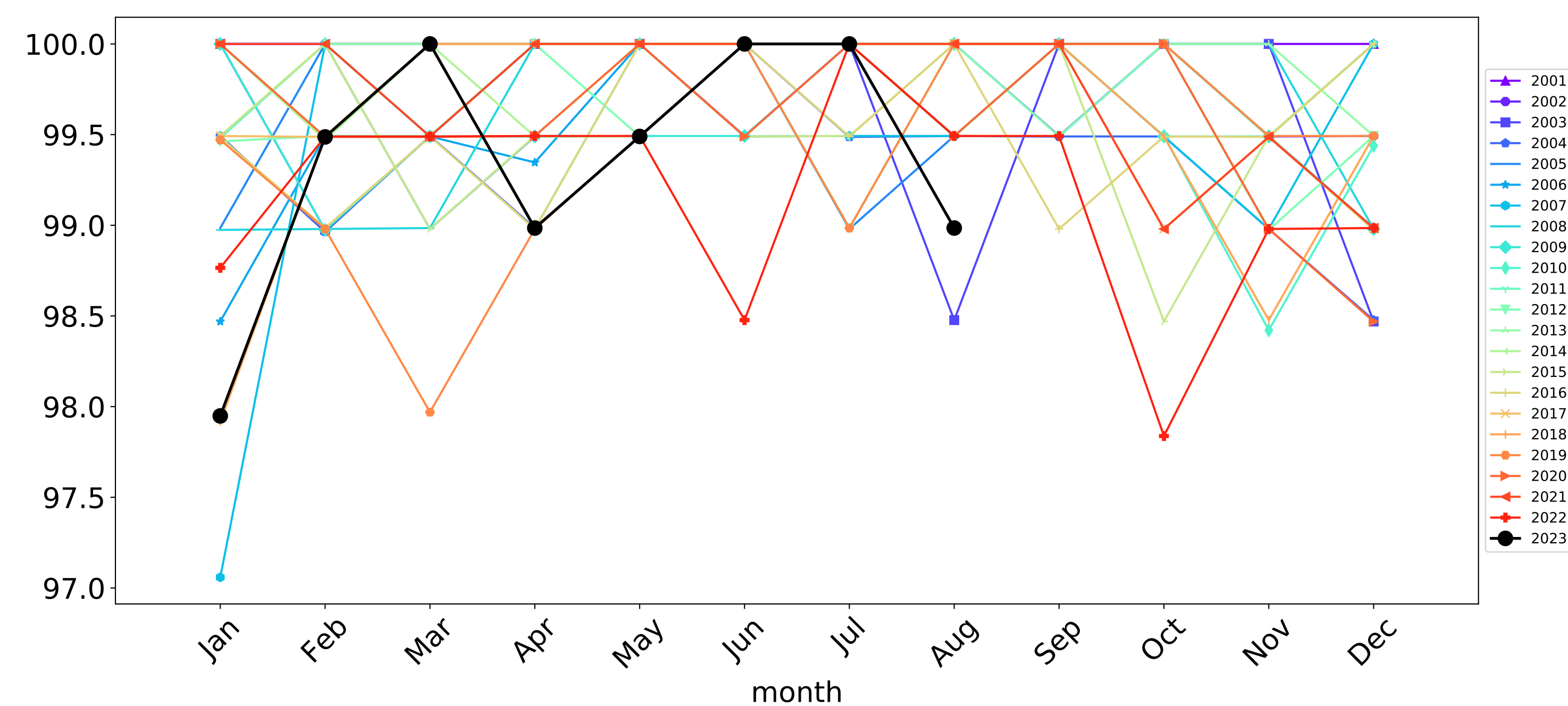


# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

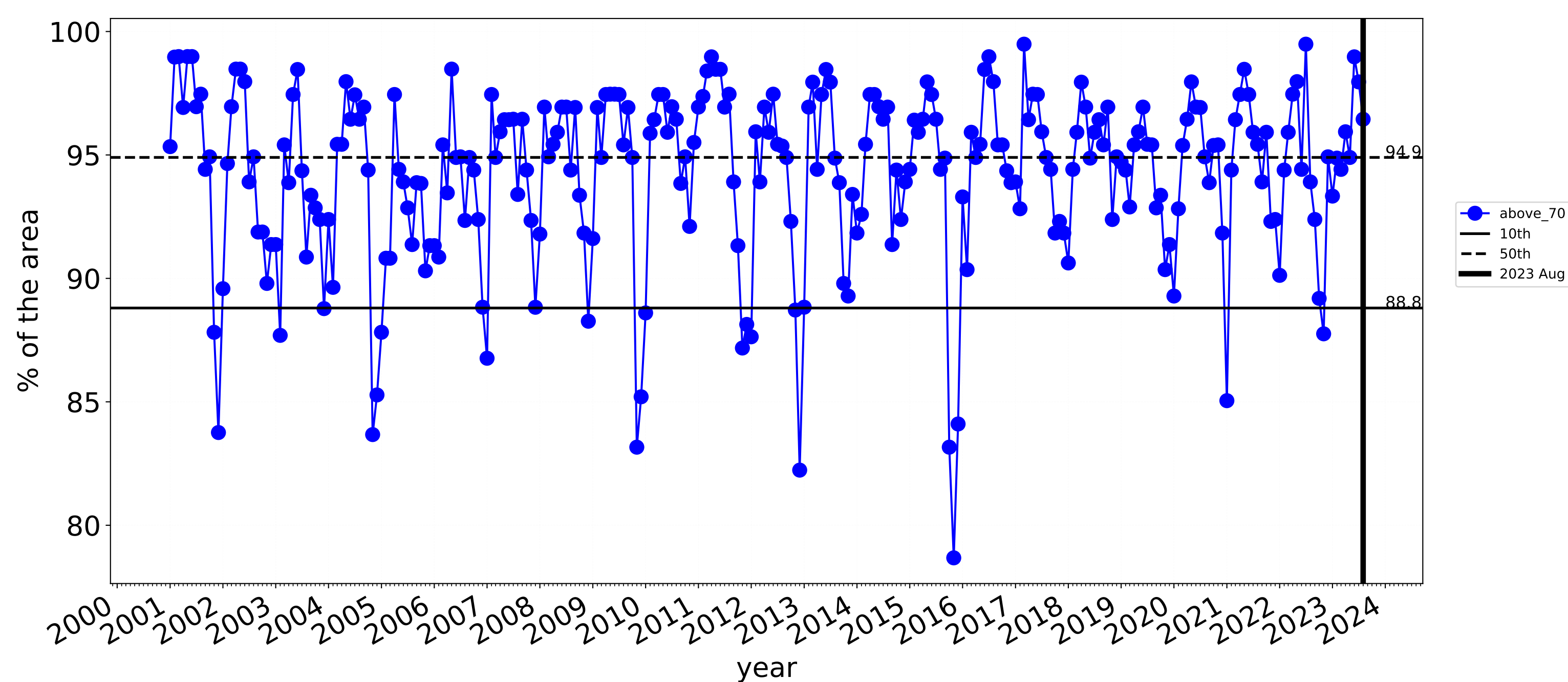
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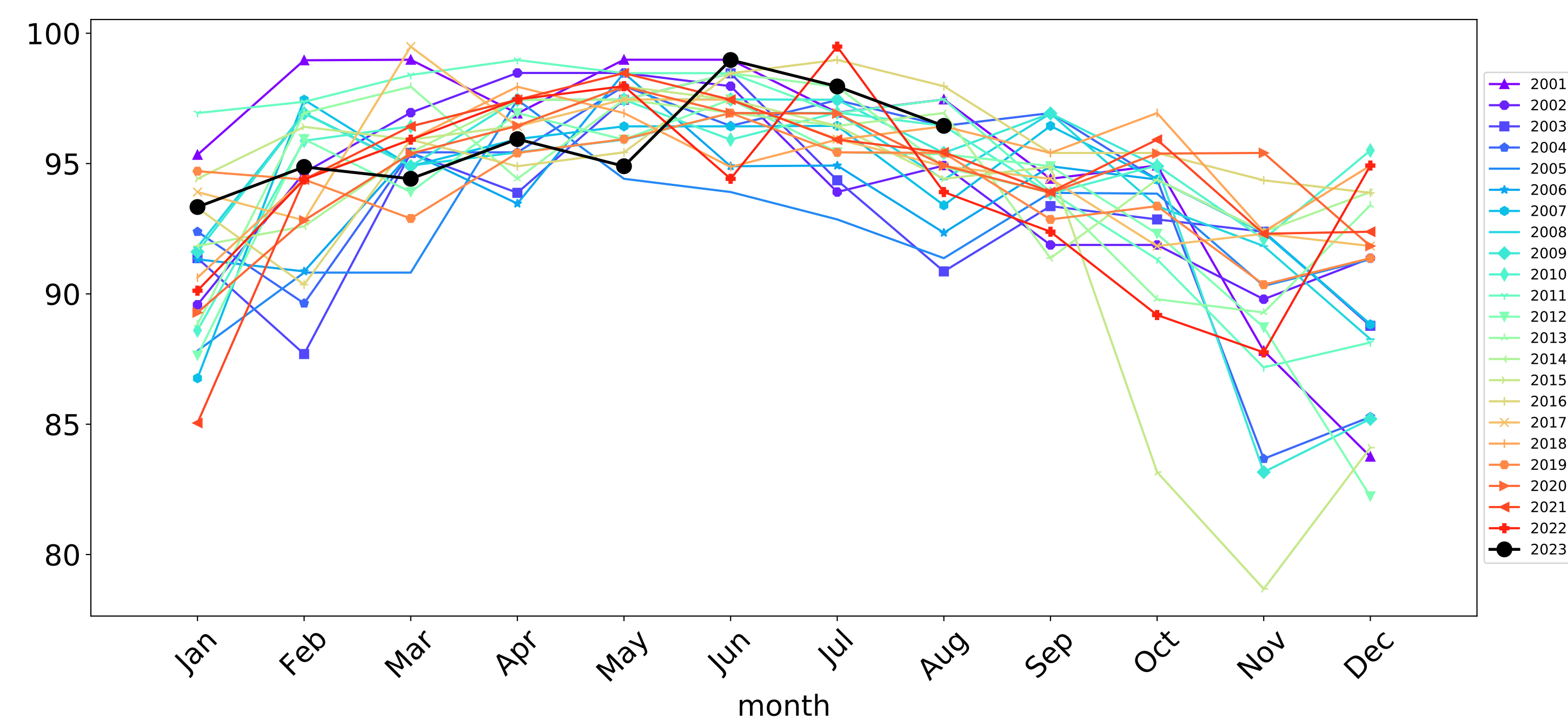
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov > 50%)



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



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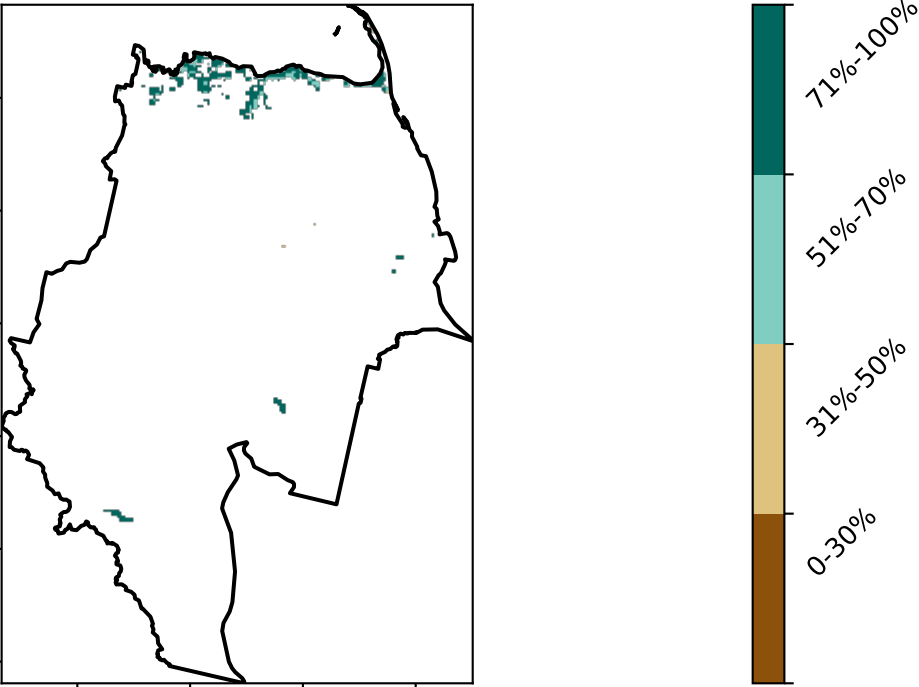
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Land use and forest cover

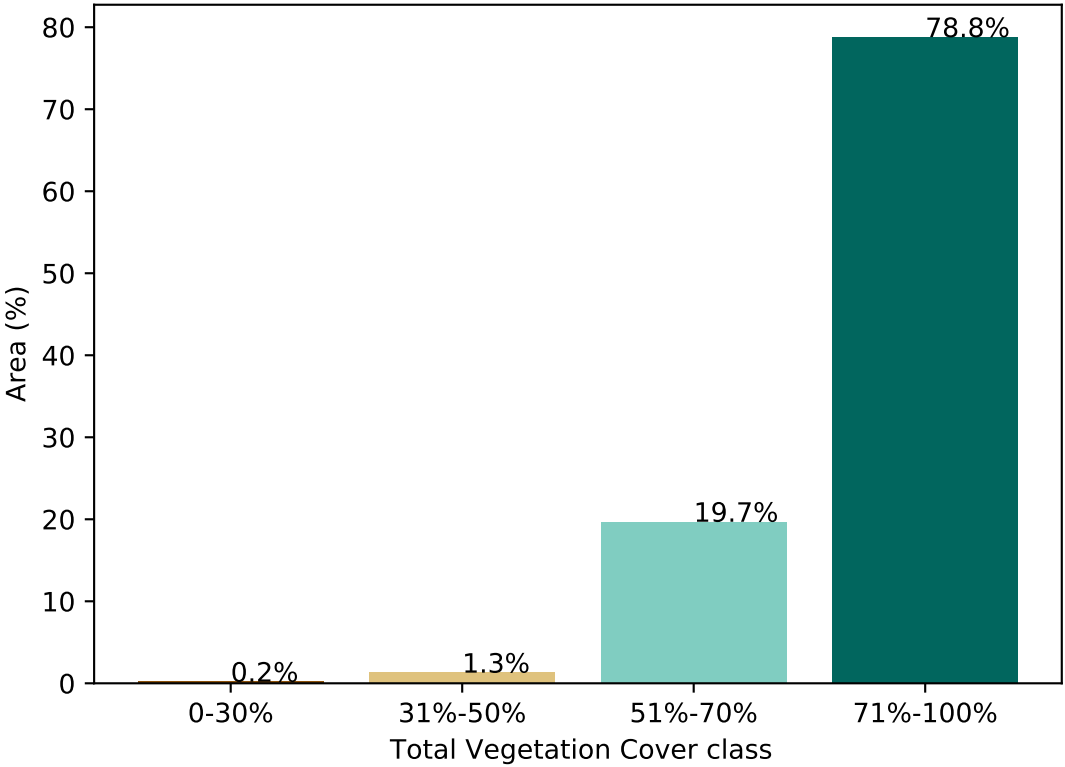
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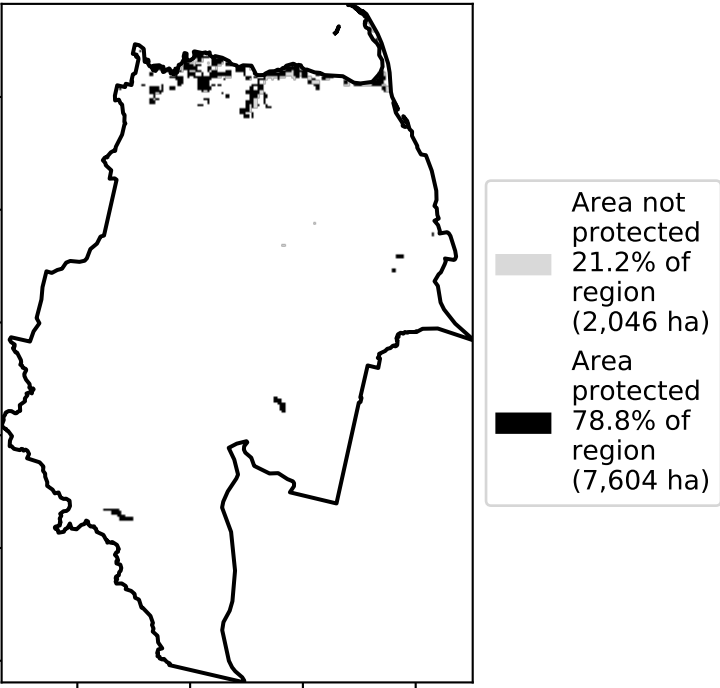
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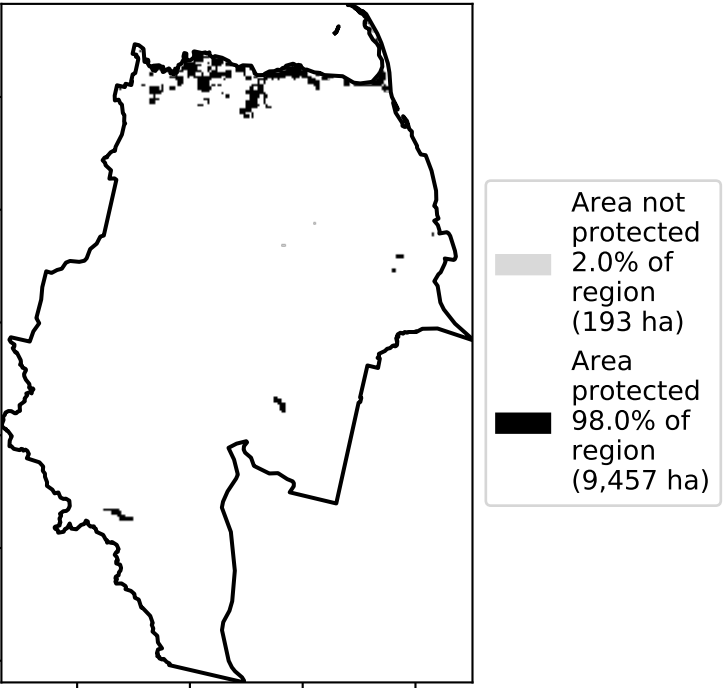
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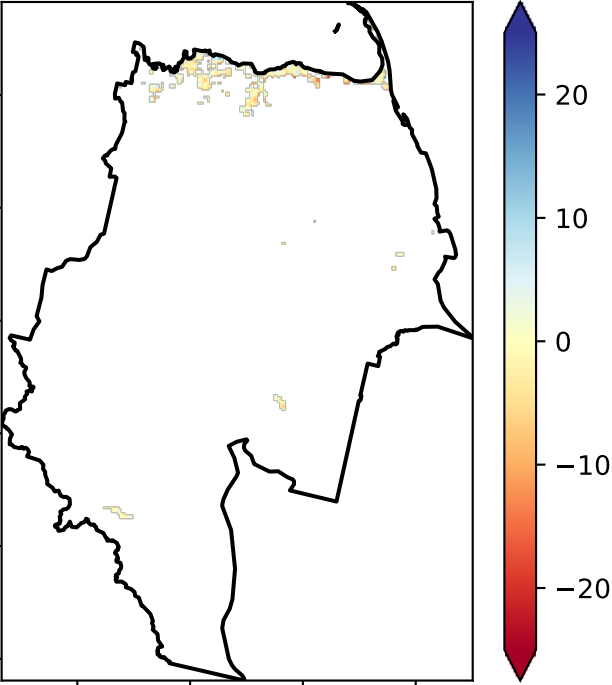


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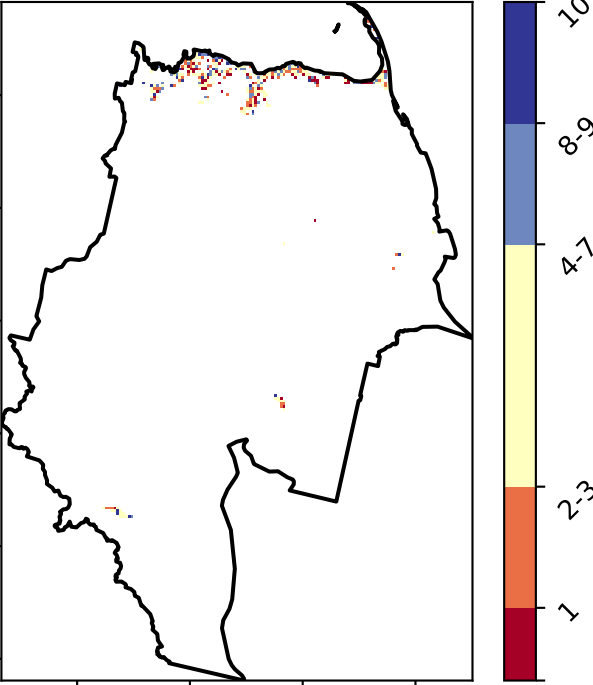
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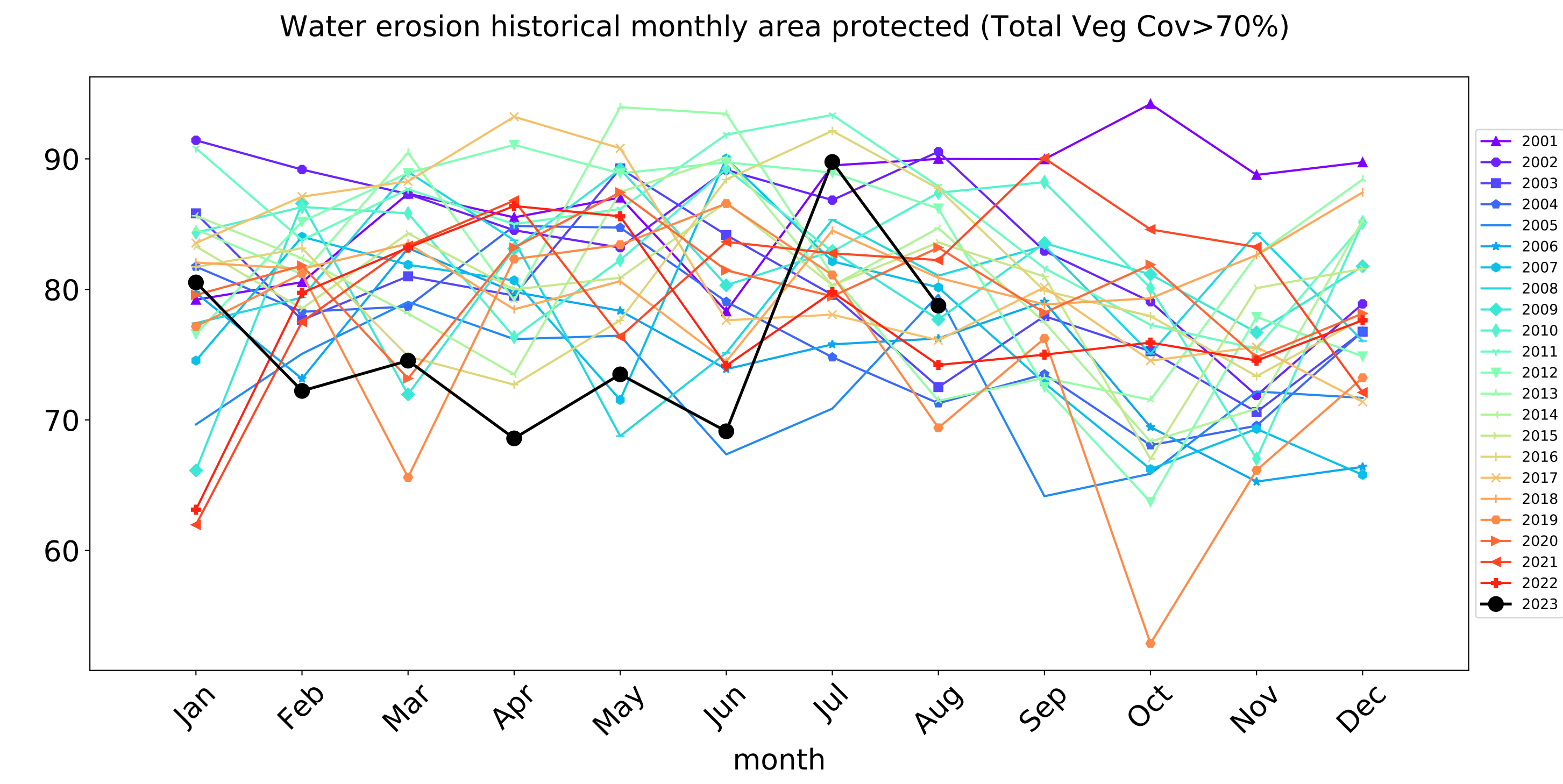
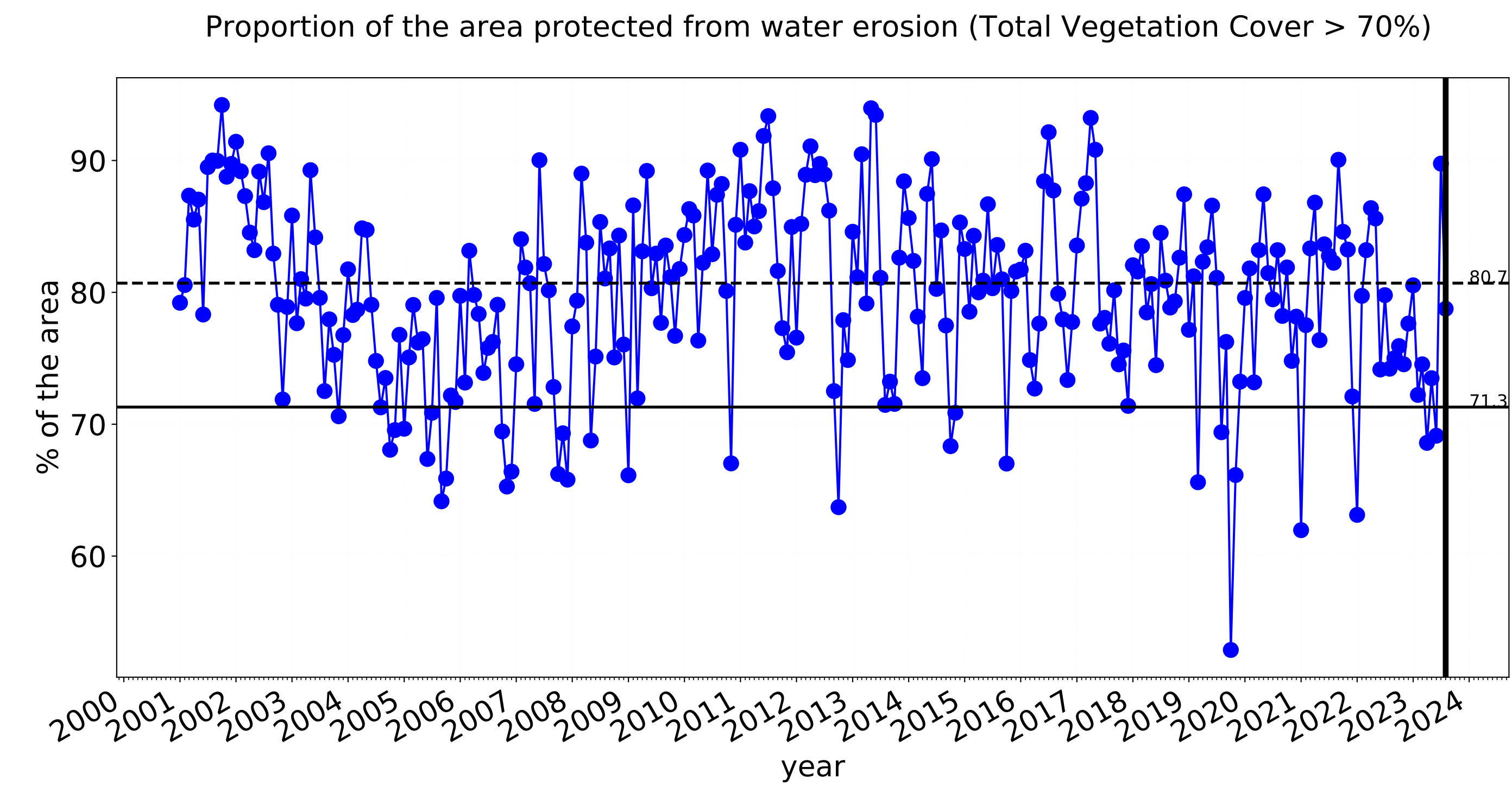
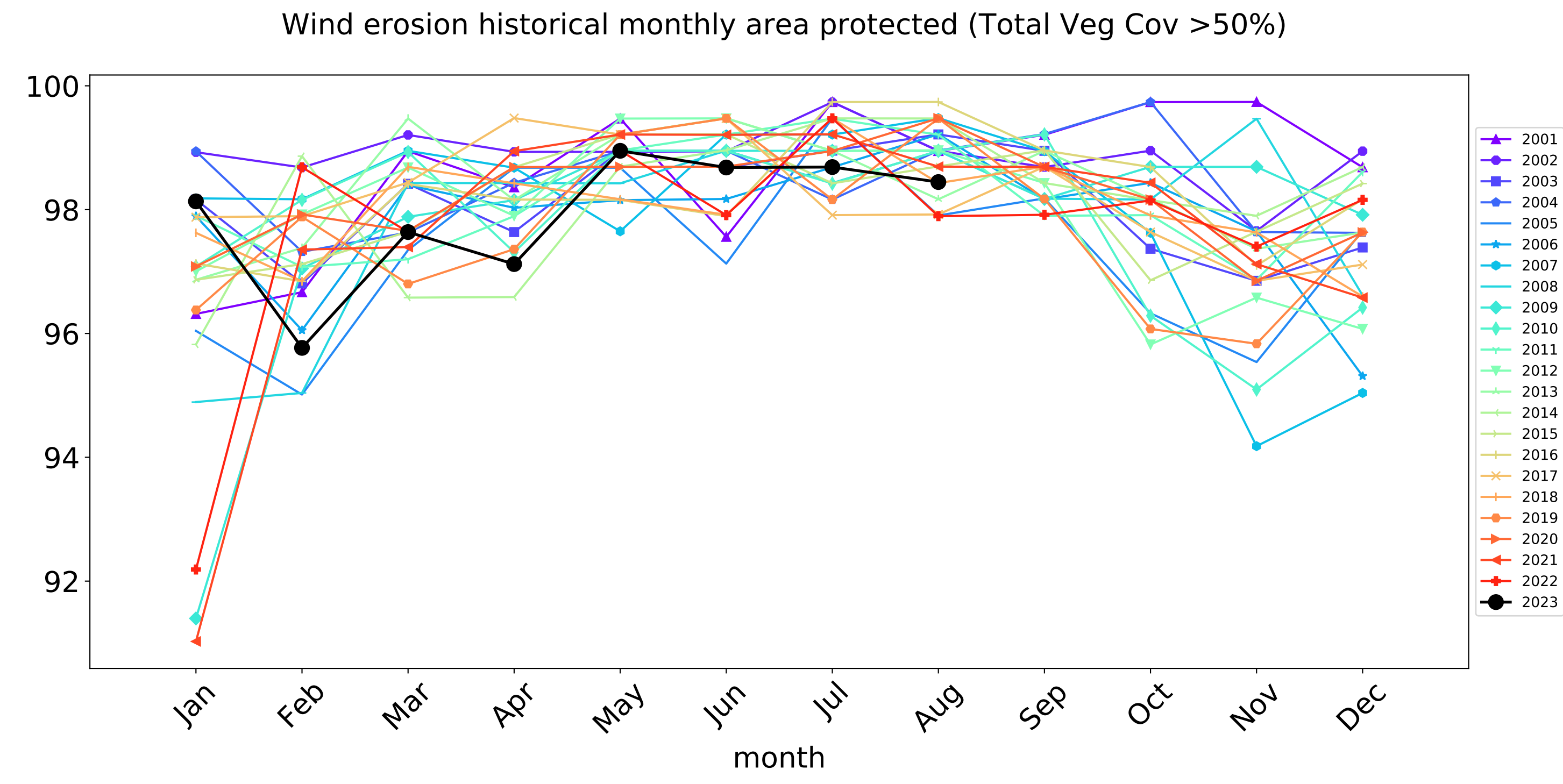
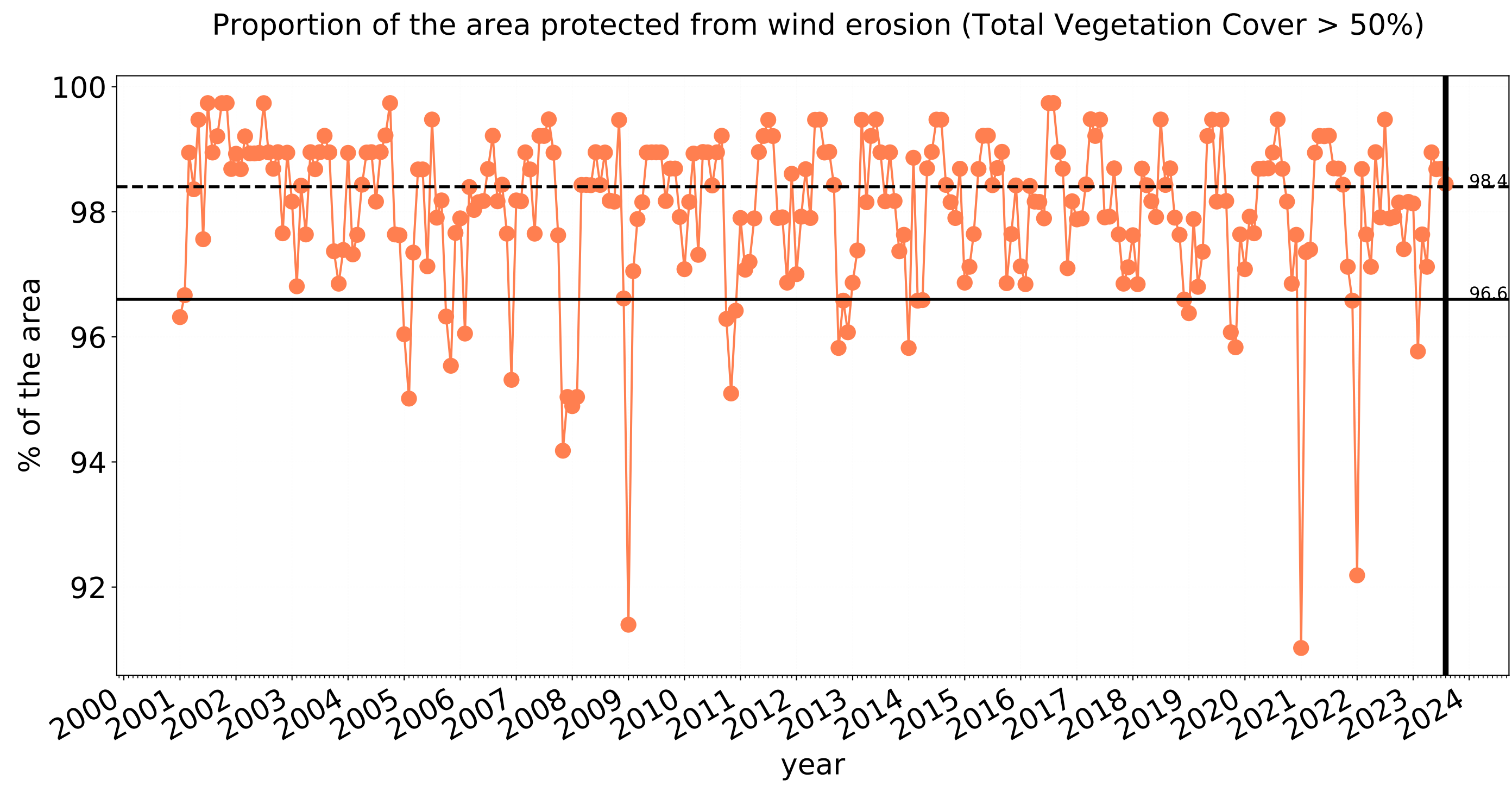
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries



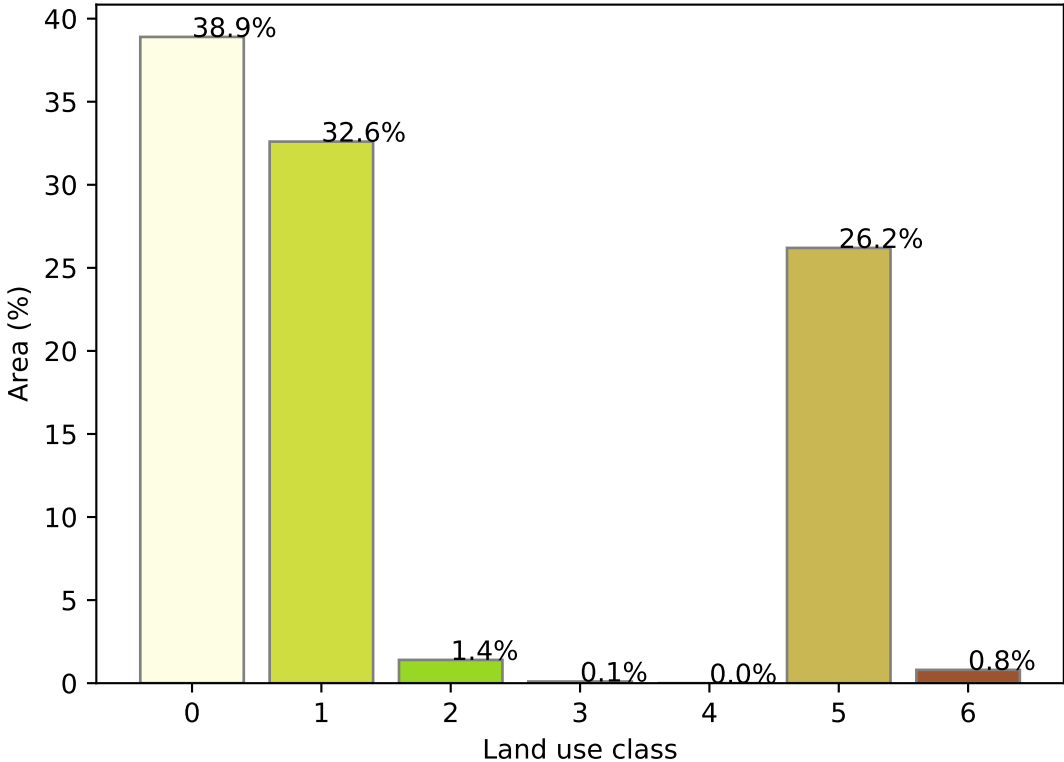
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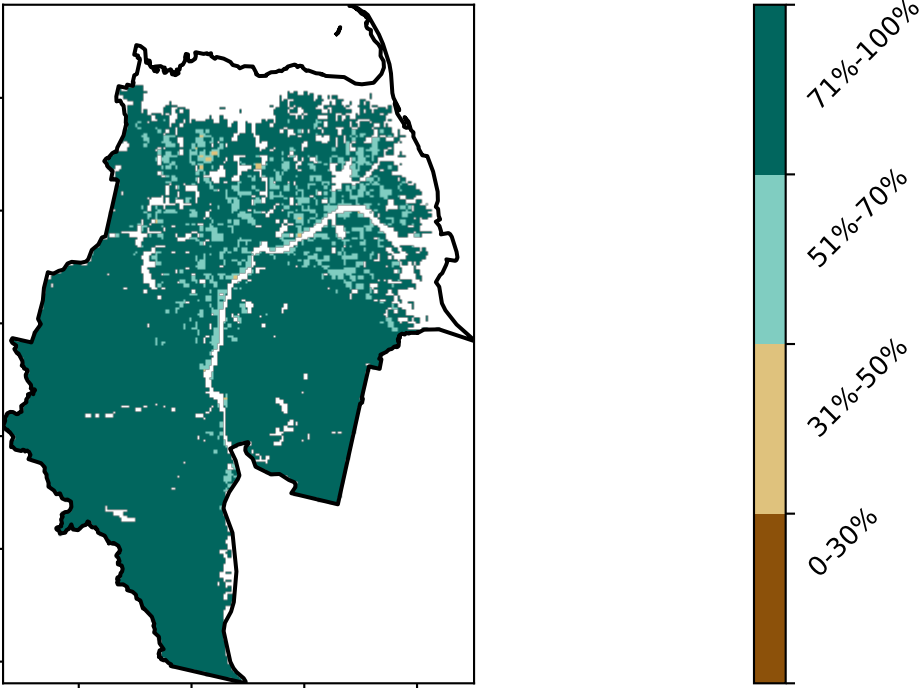
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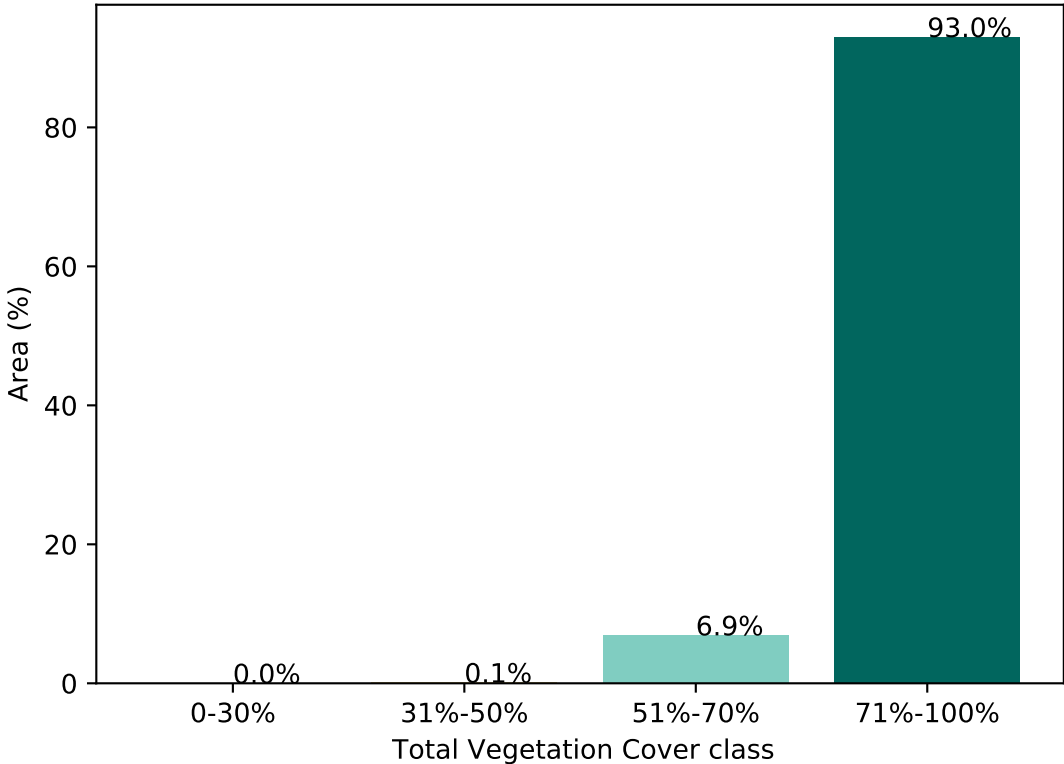
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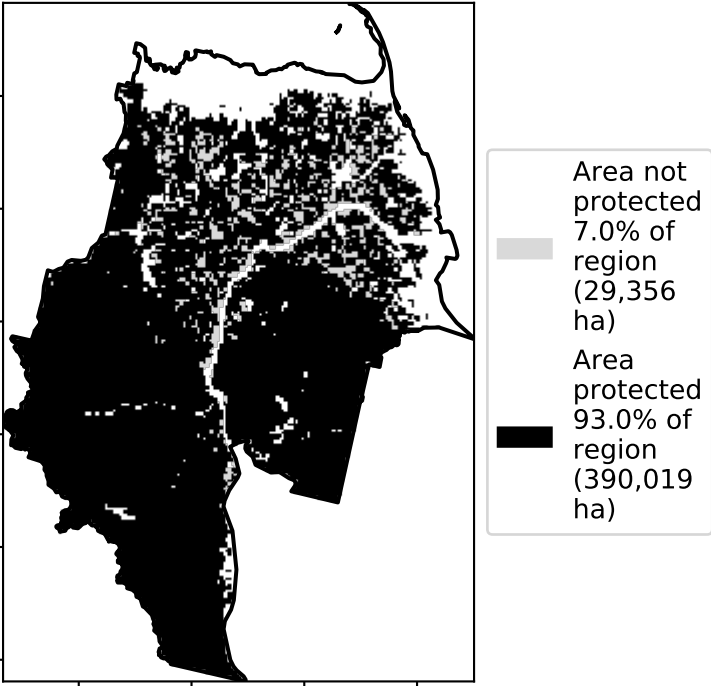
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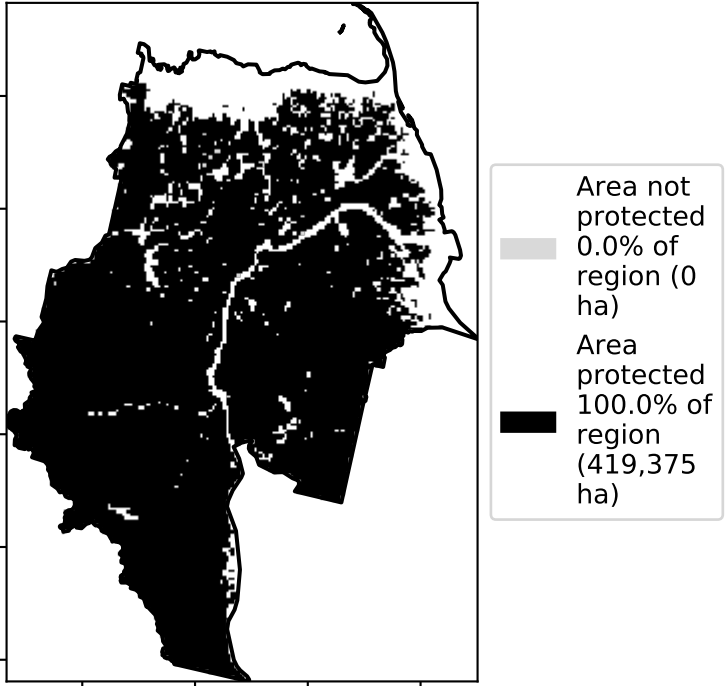
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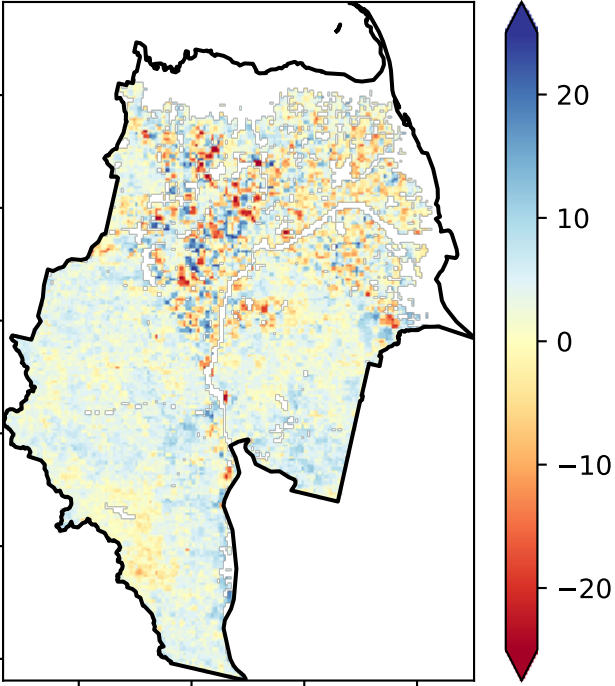


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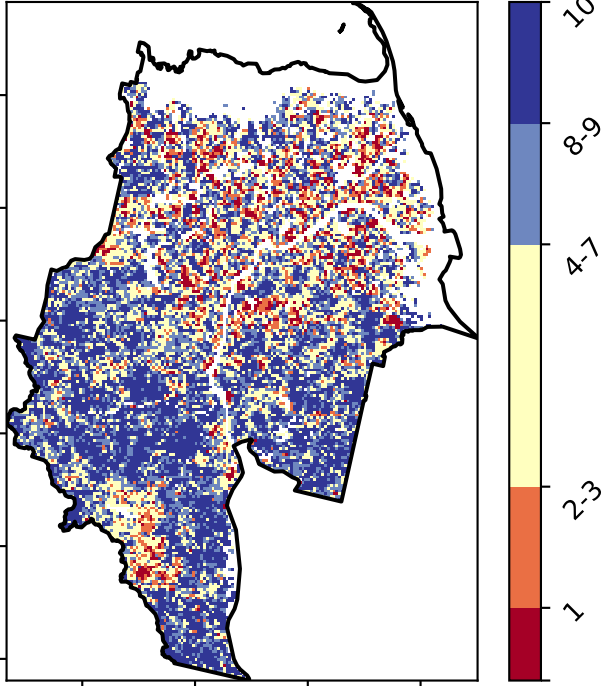
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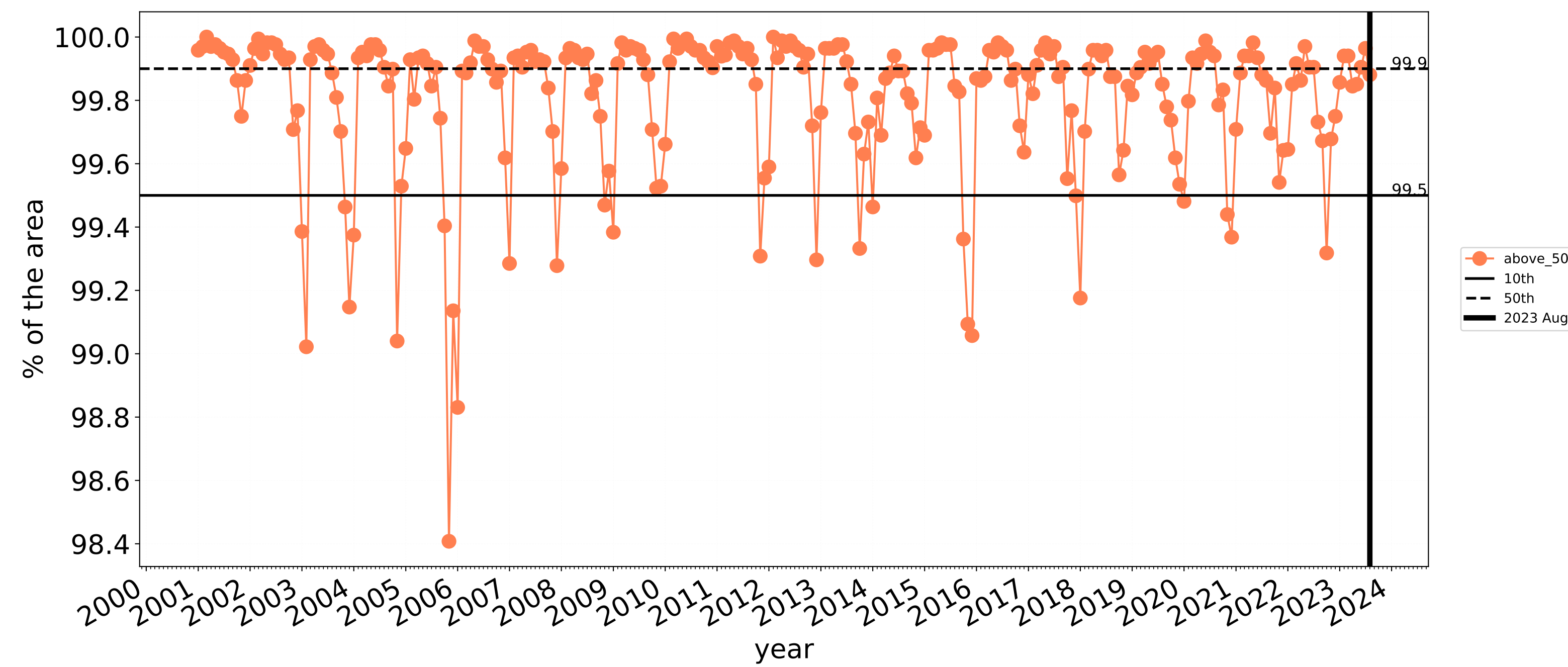
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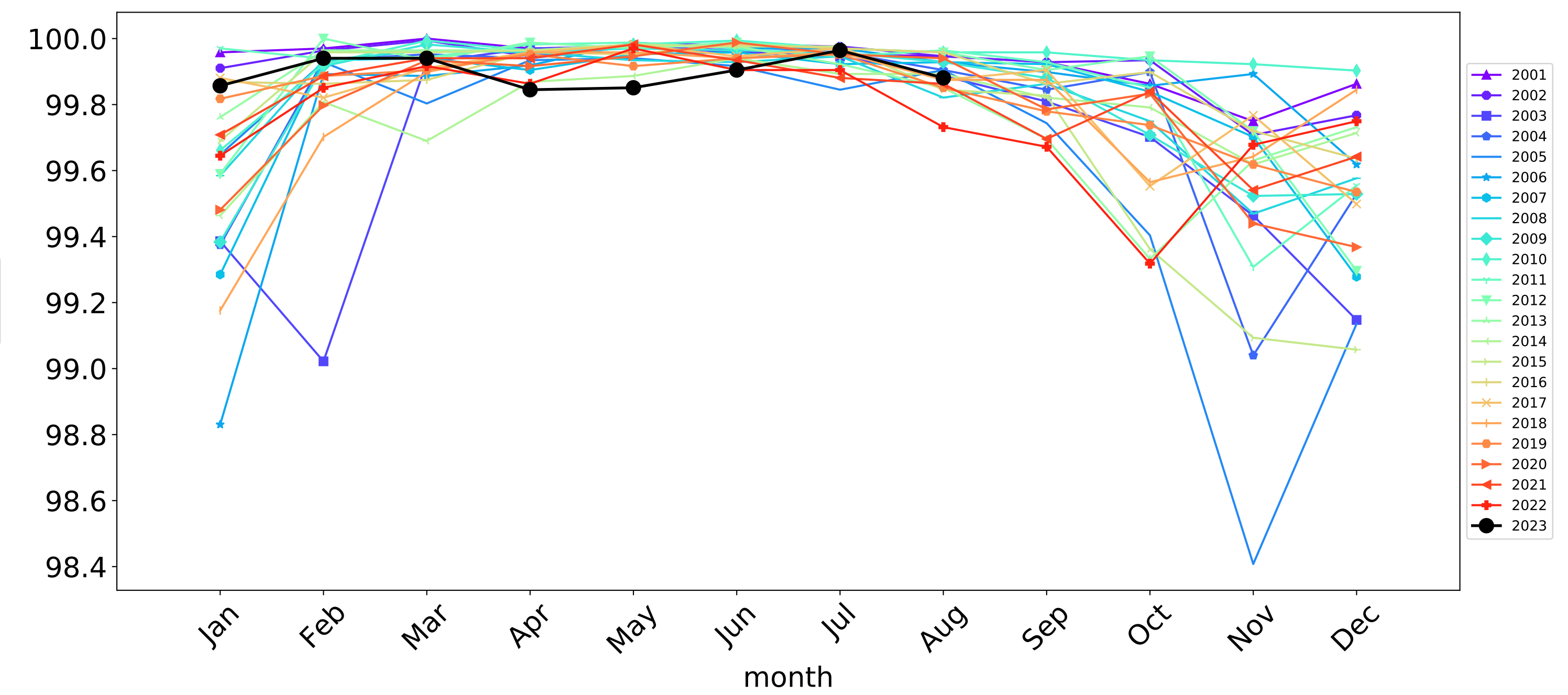


# Agriculture timeseries

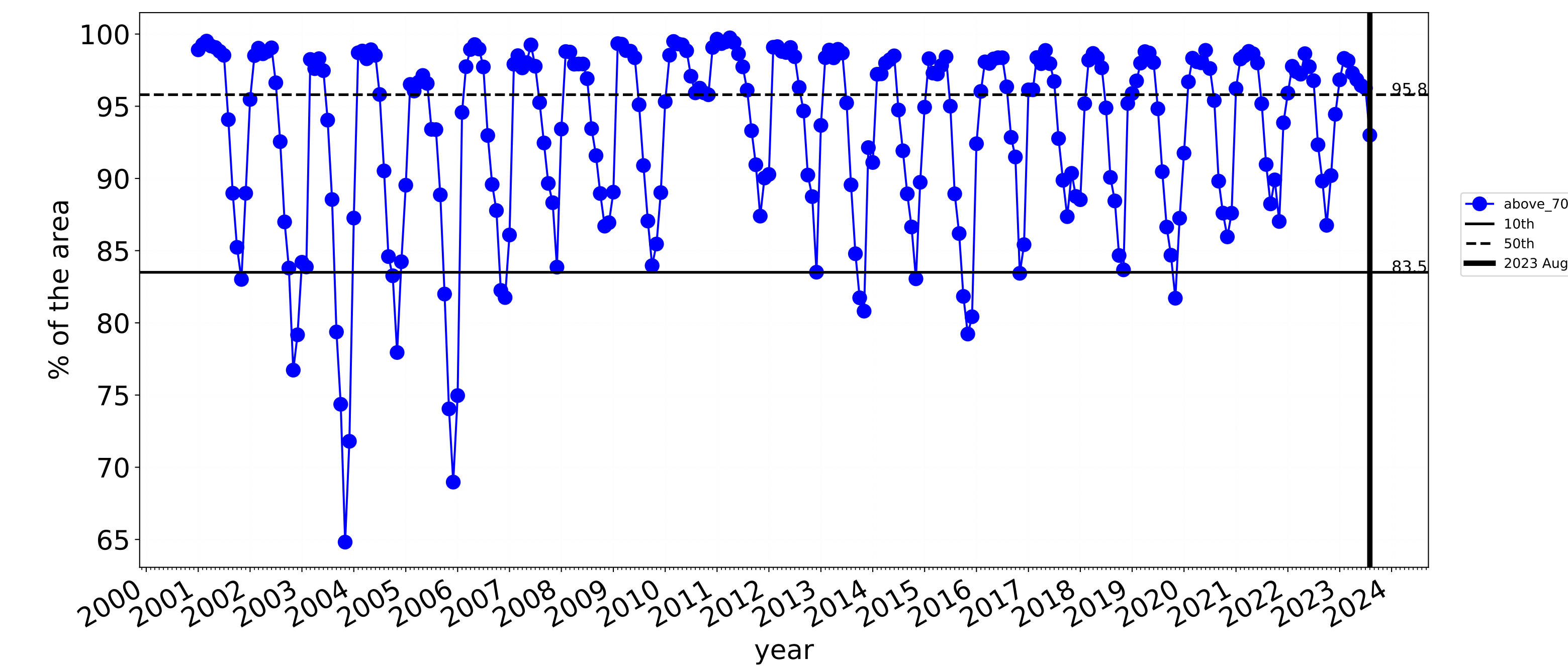
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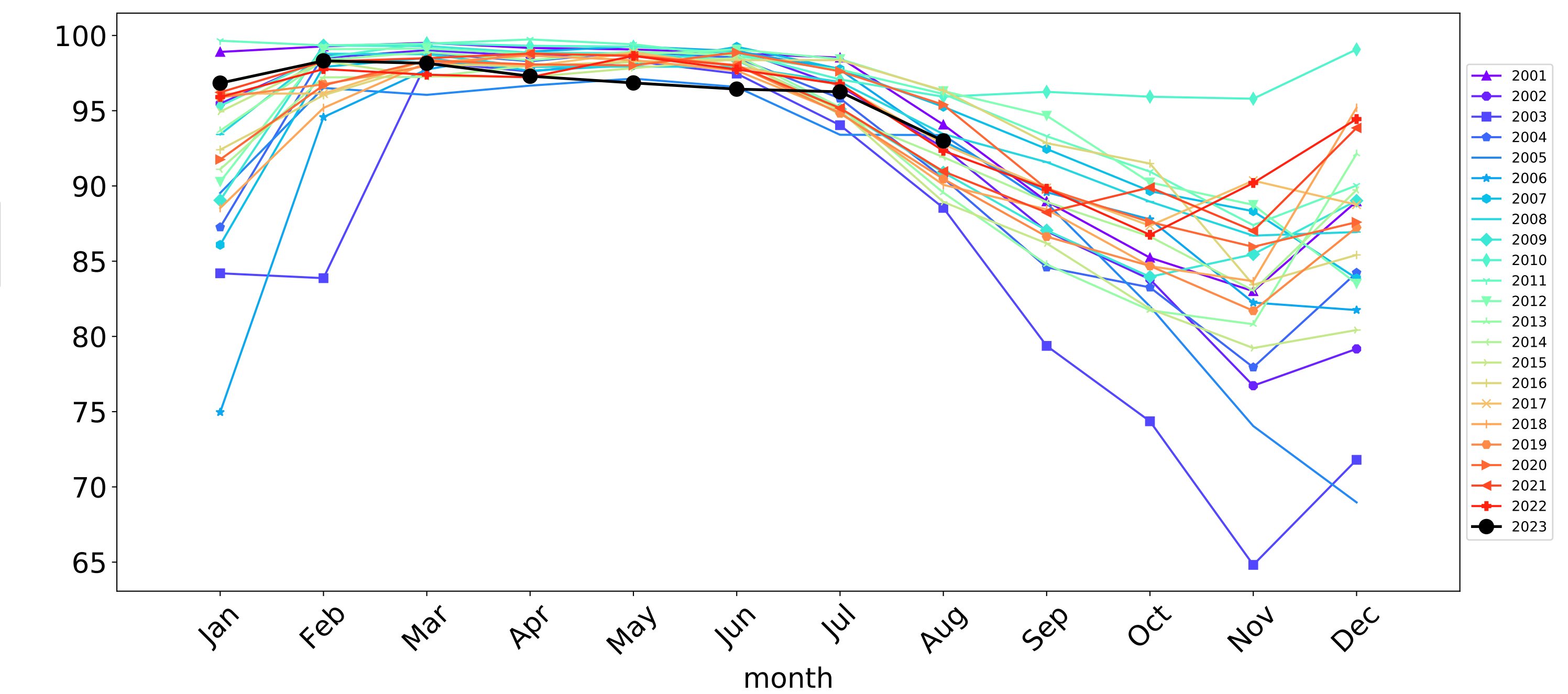
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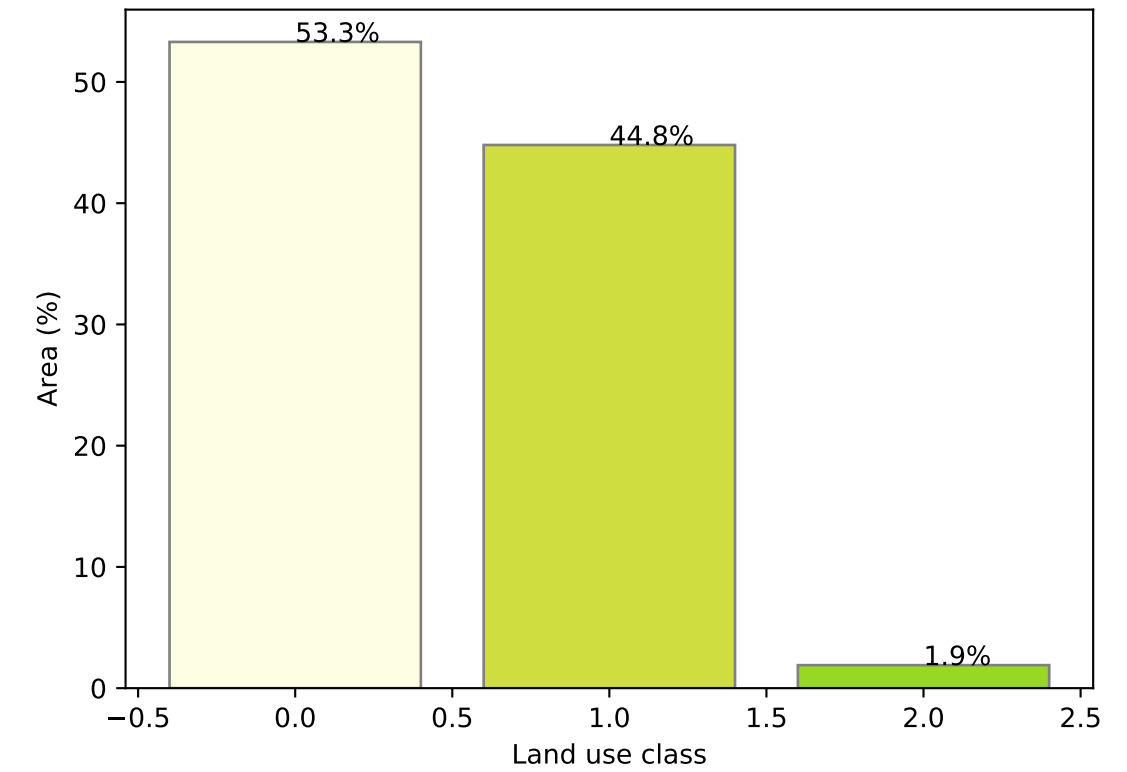


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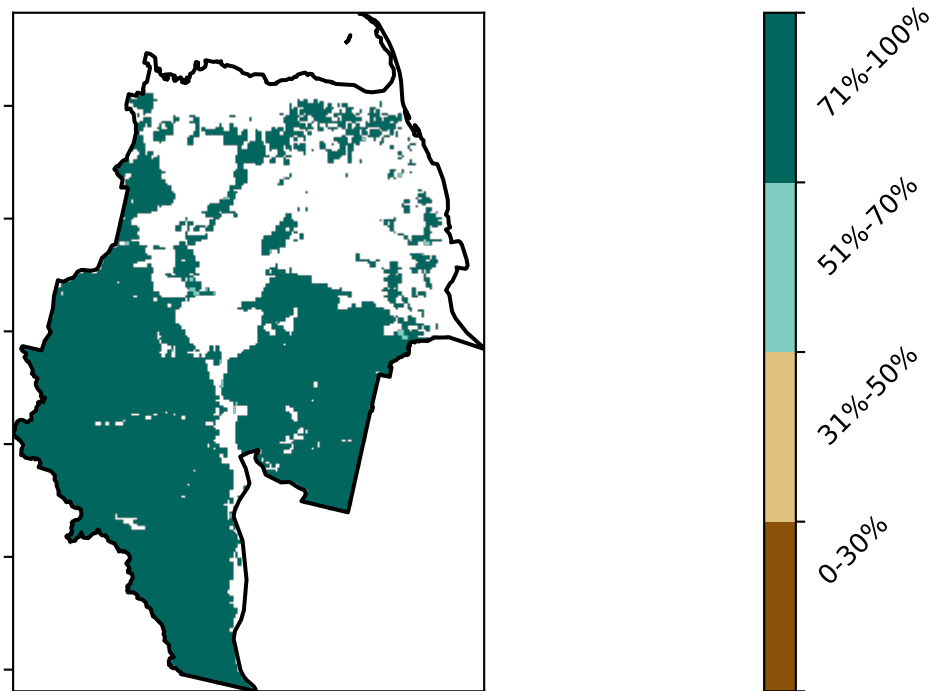
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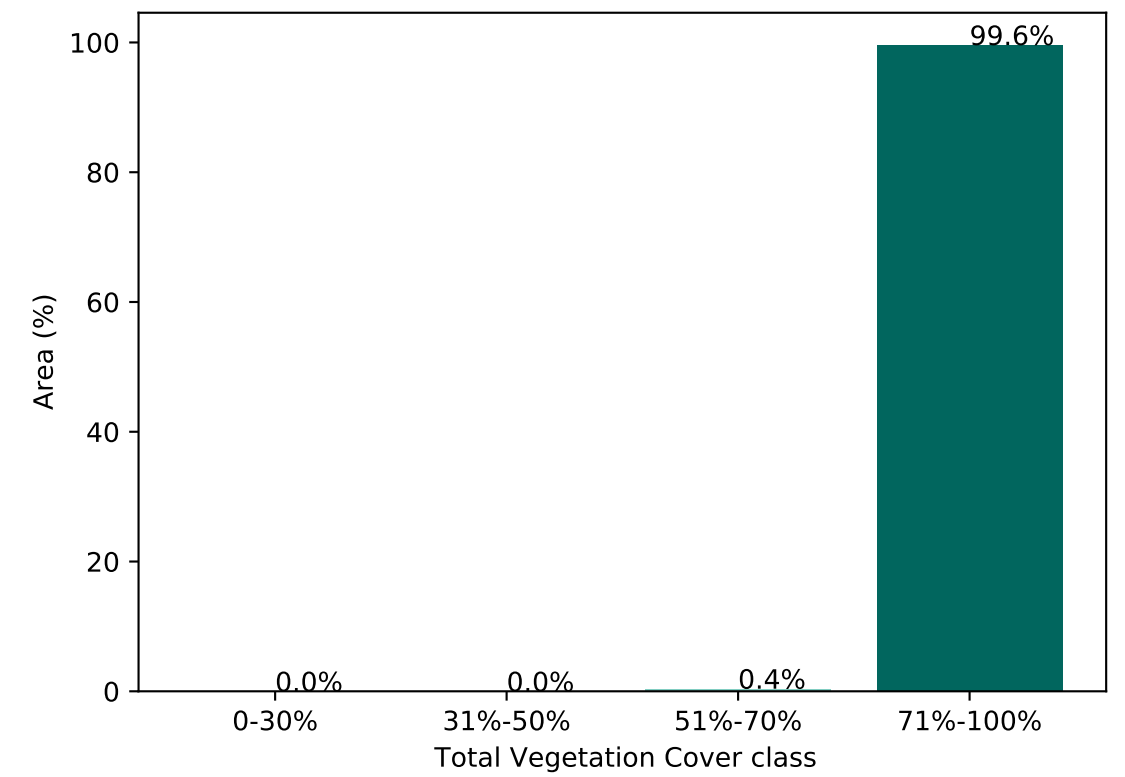
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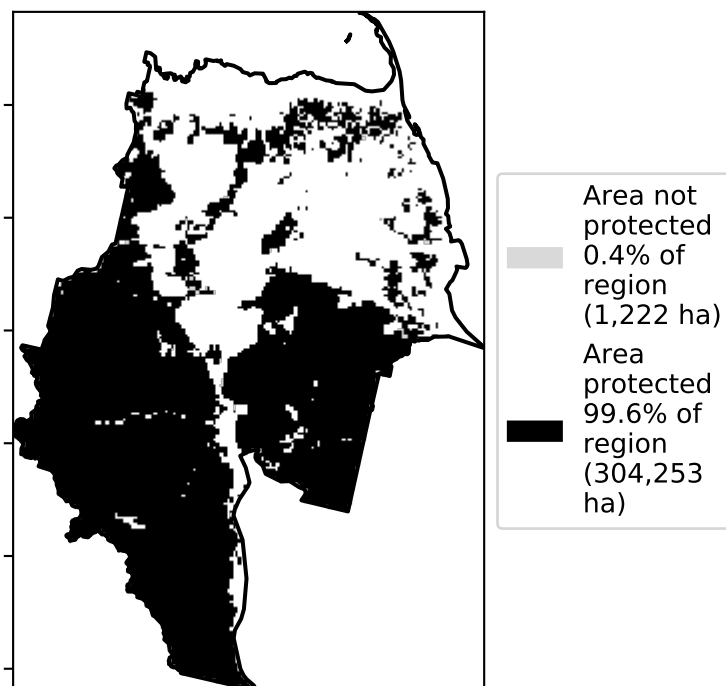
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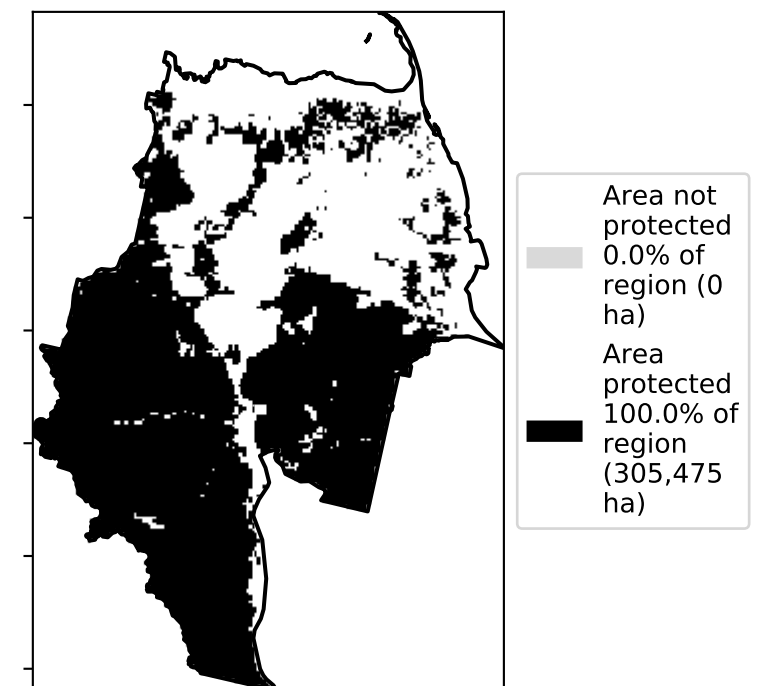
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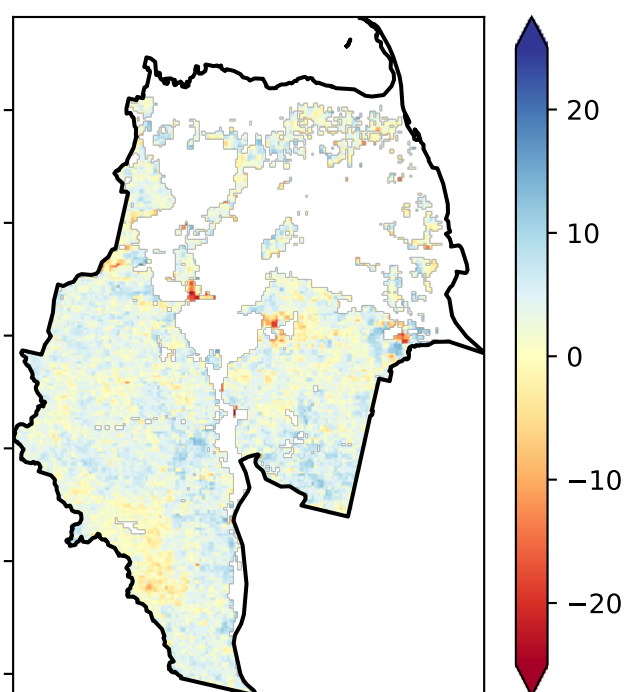
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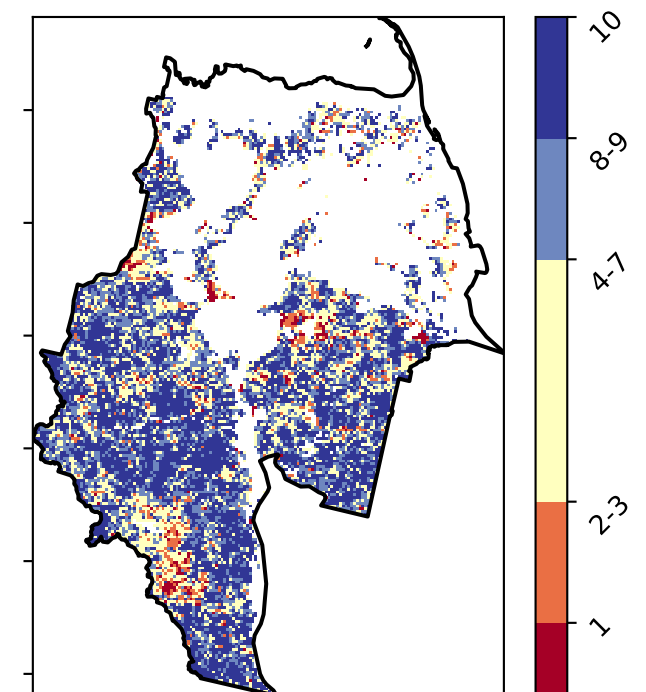
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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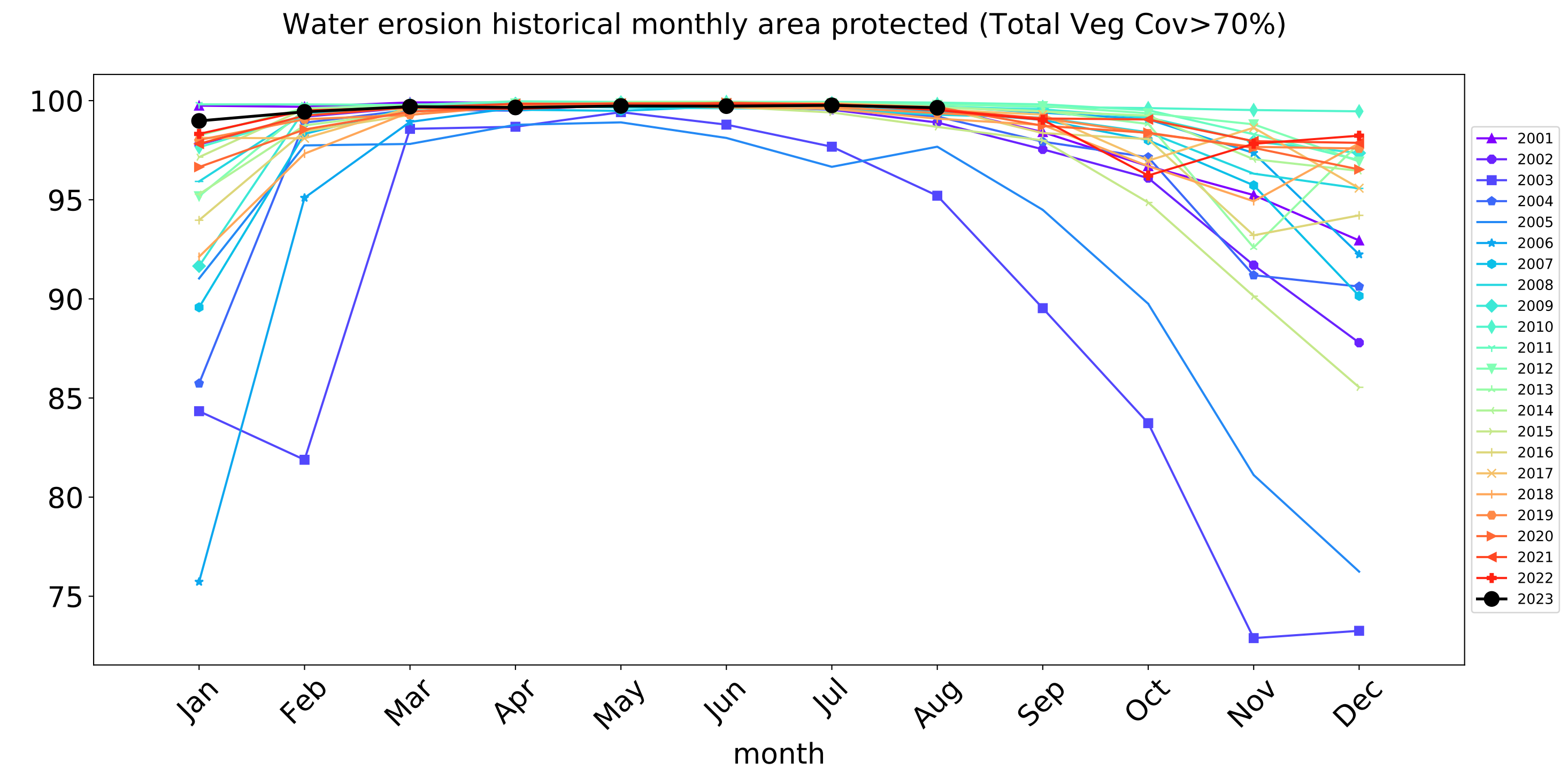
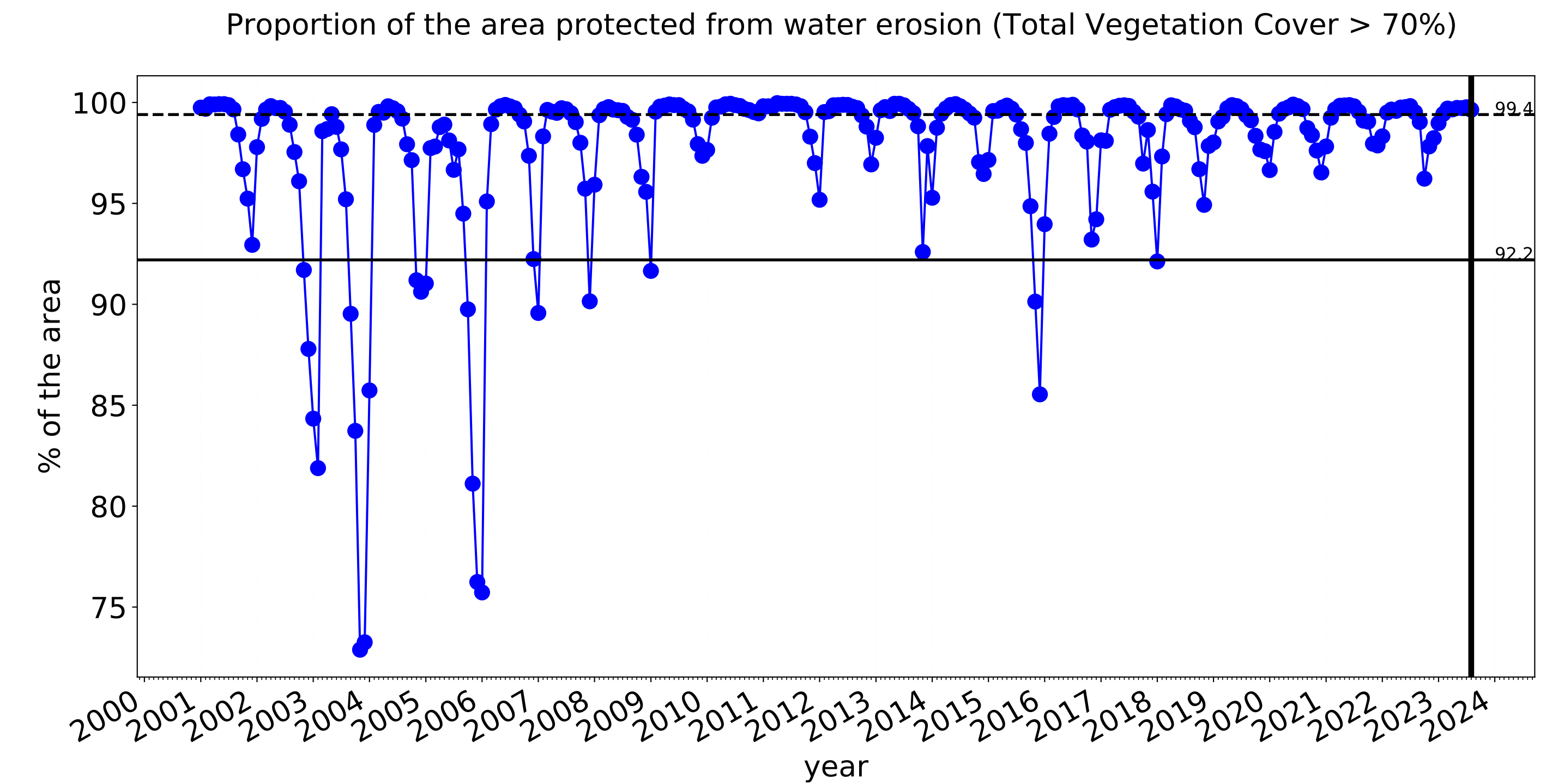
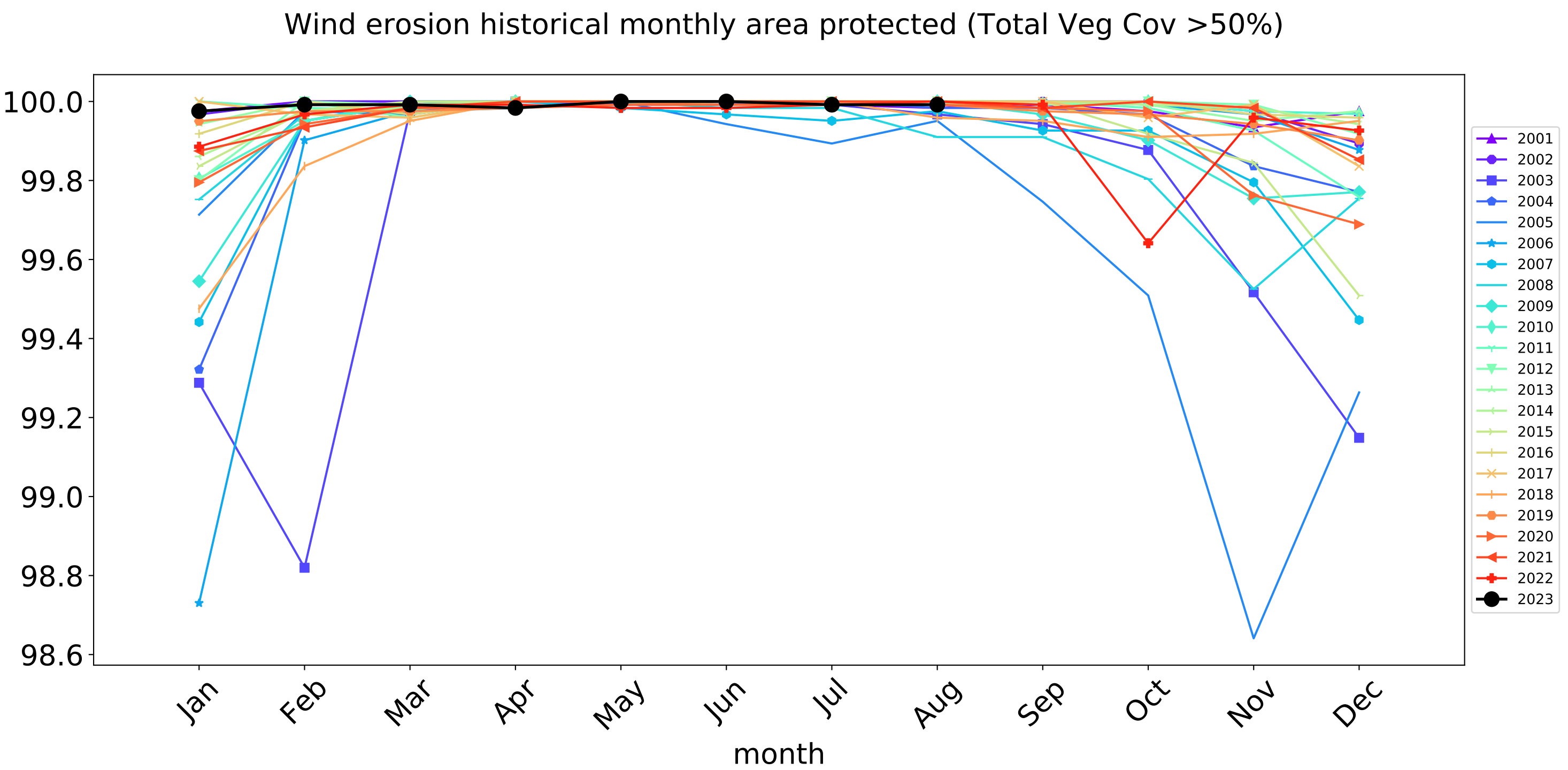
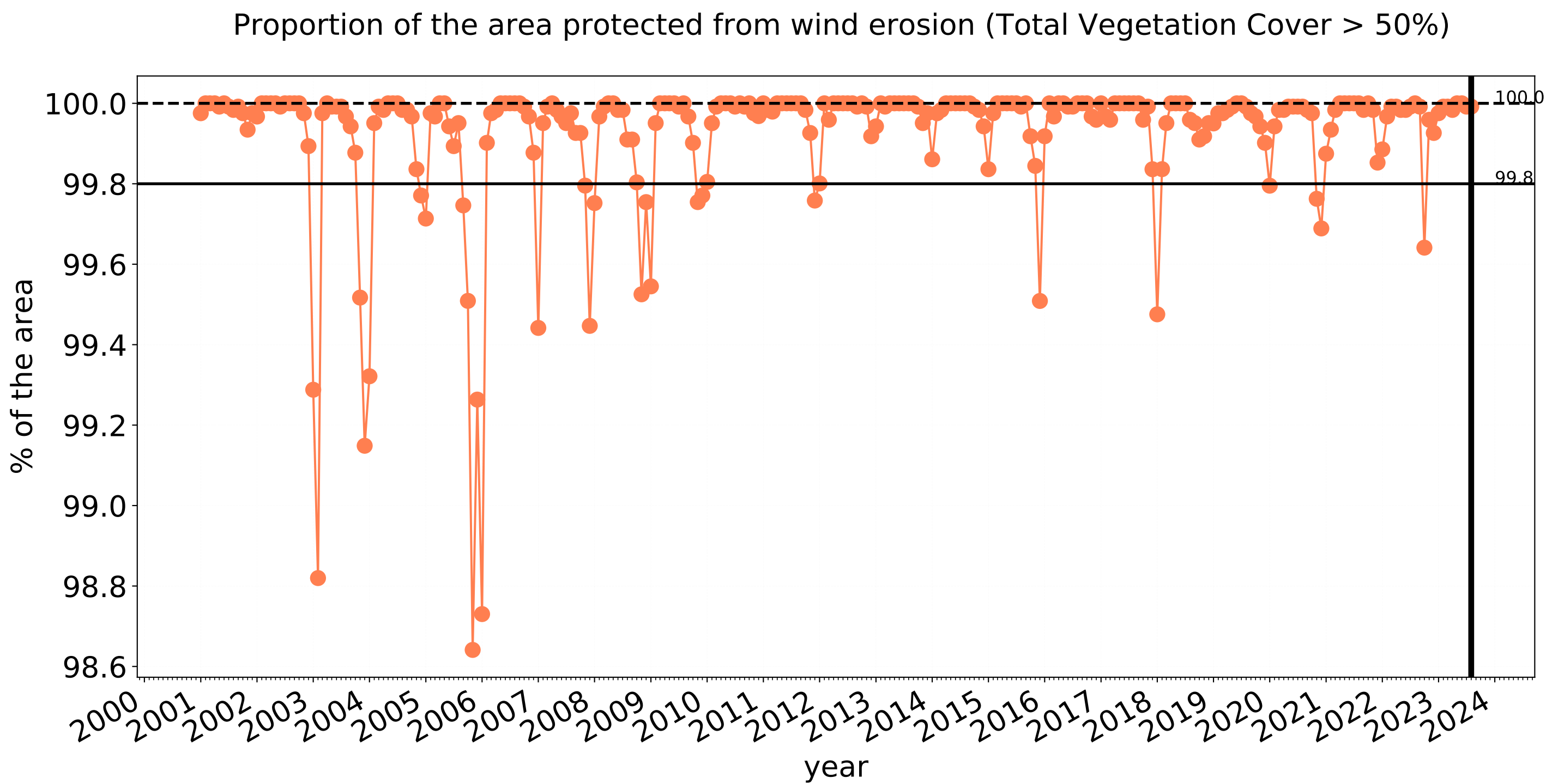


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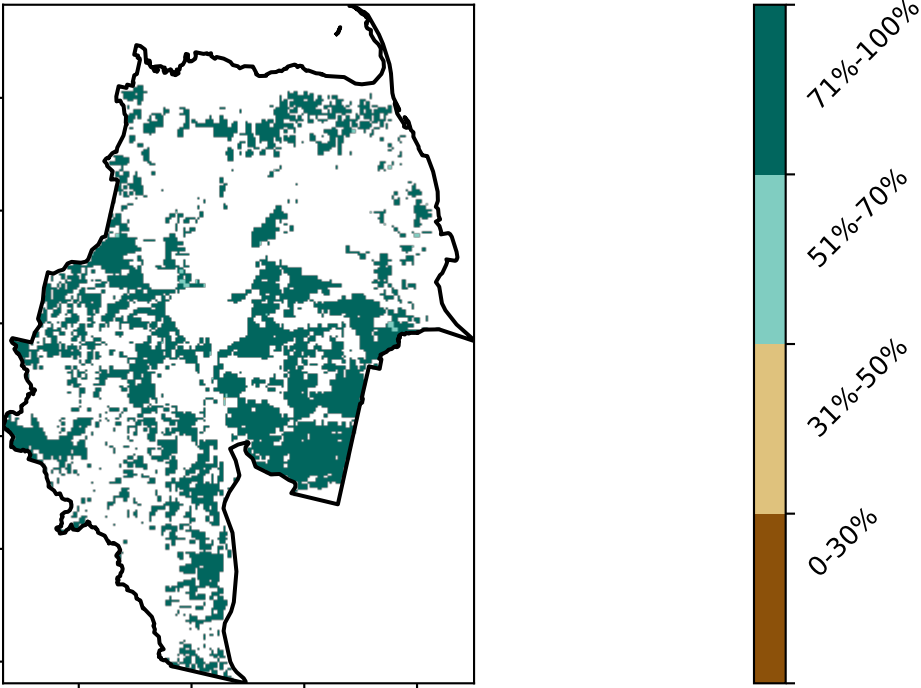
Grazing non forest

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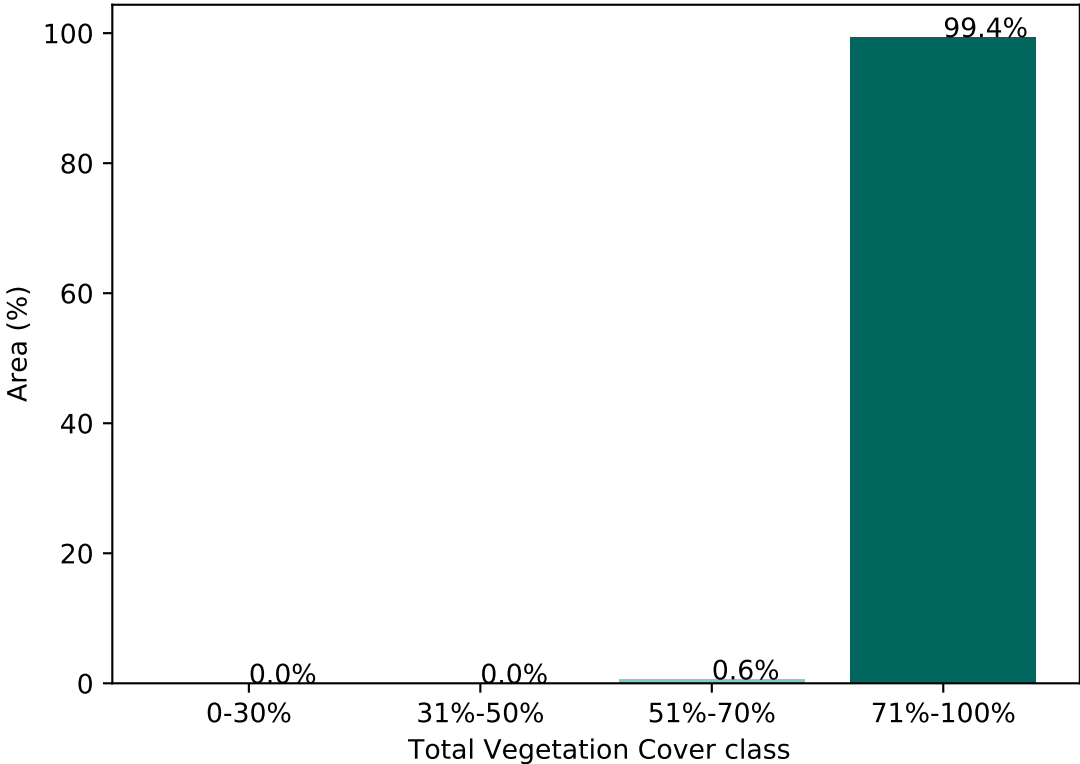
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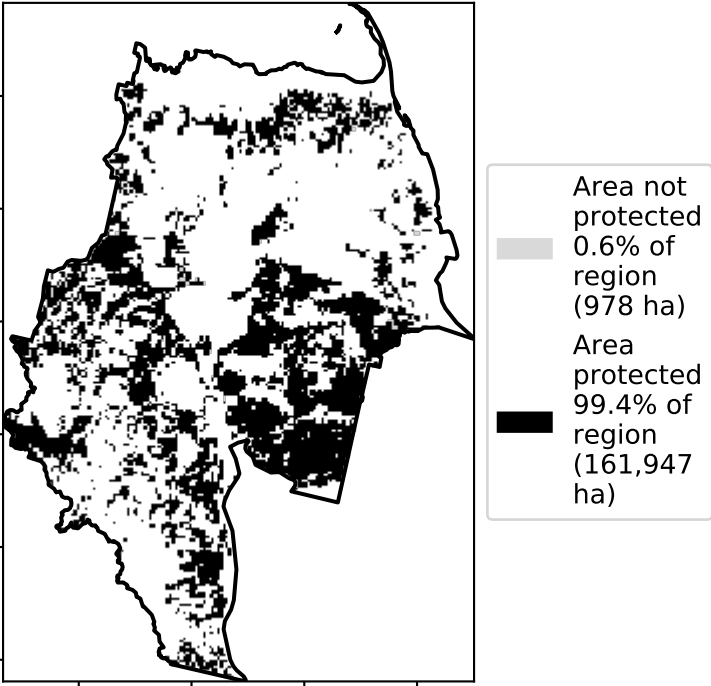
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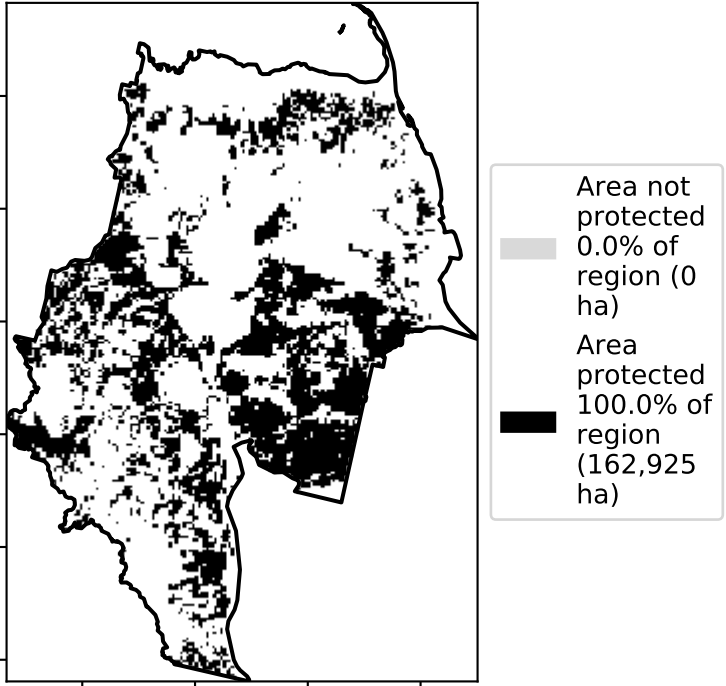
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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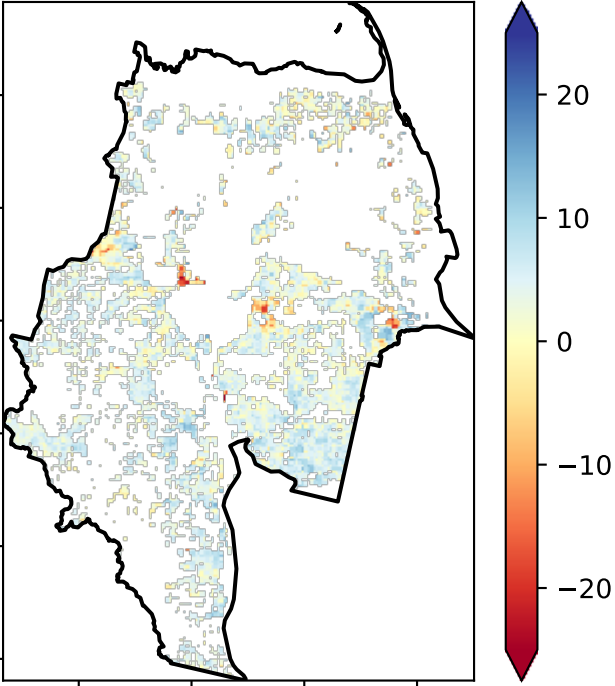


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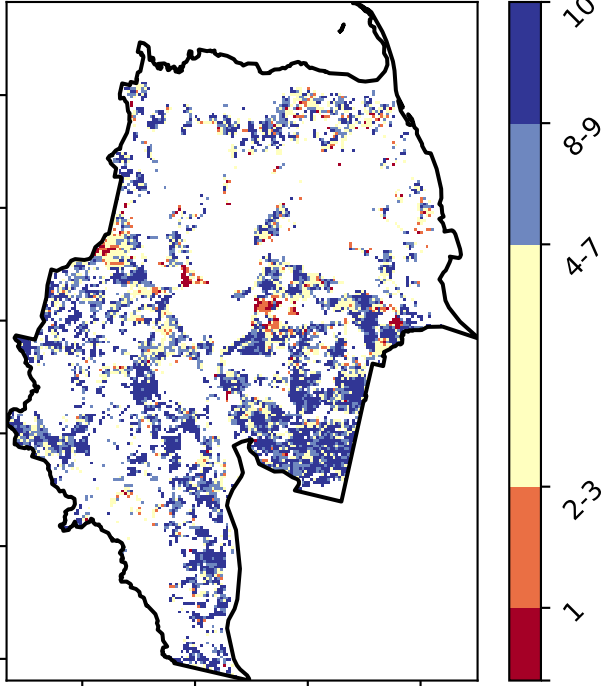
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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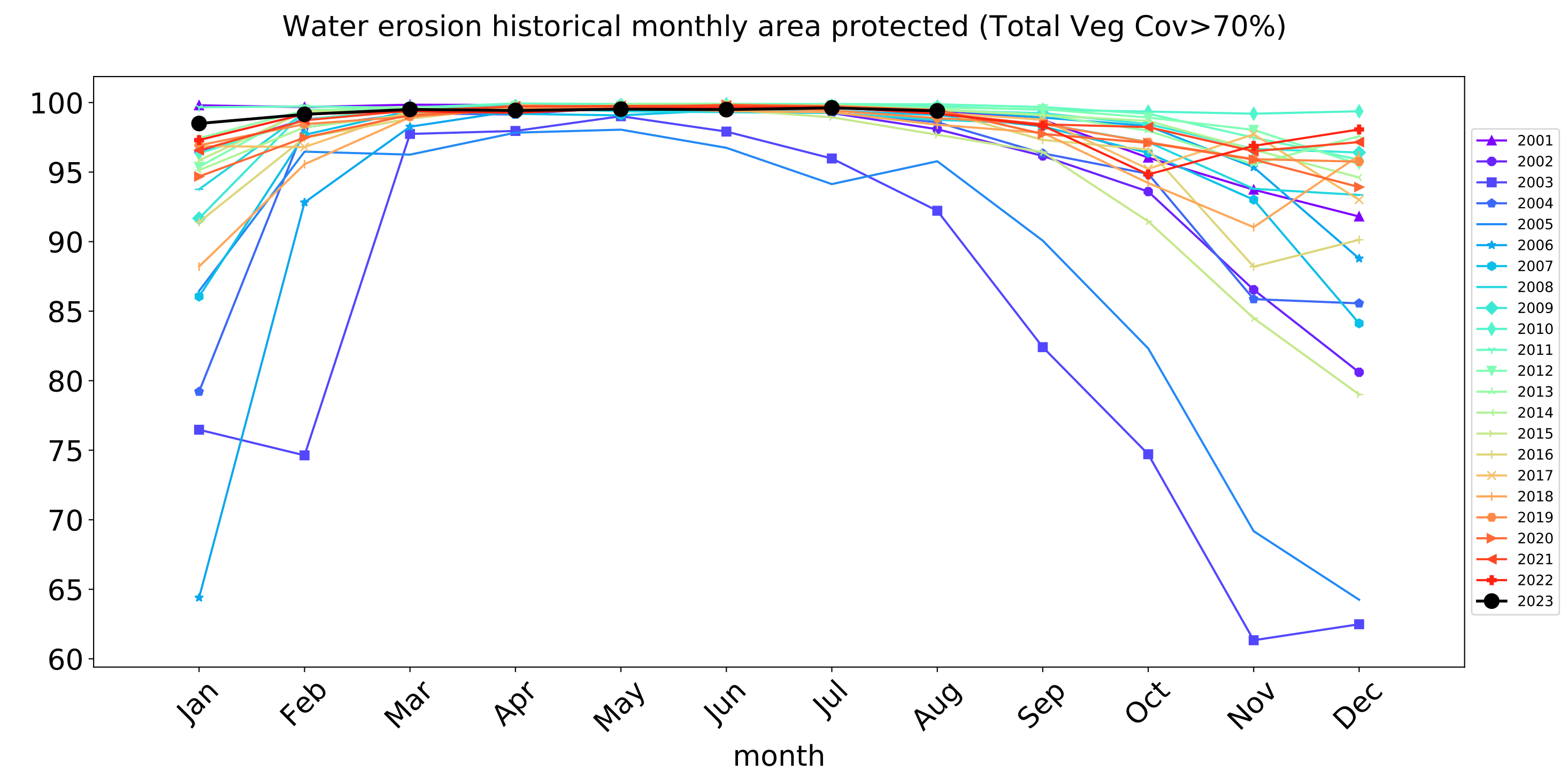
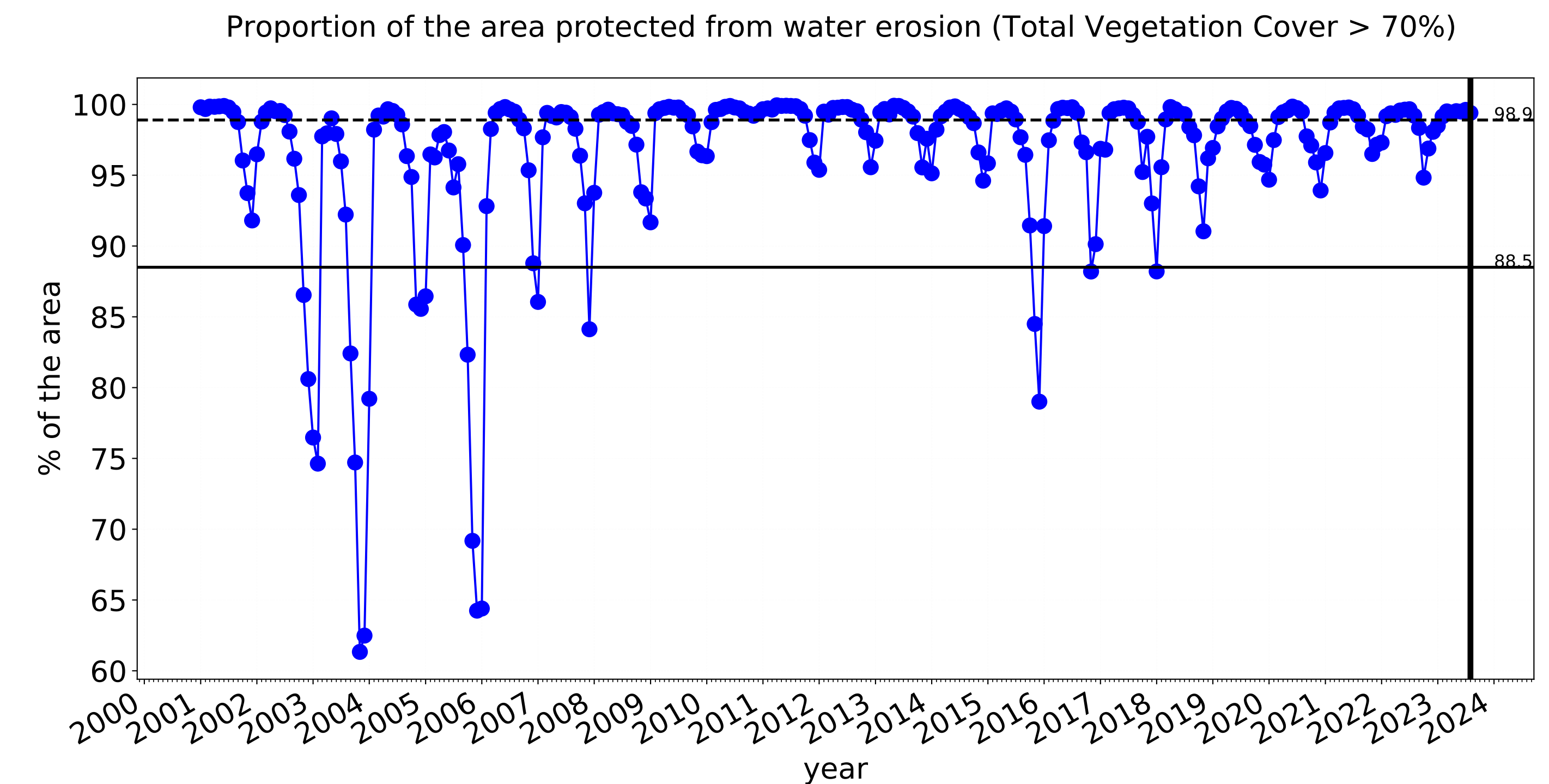
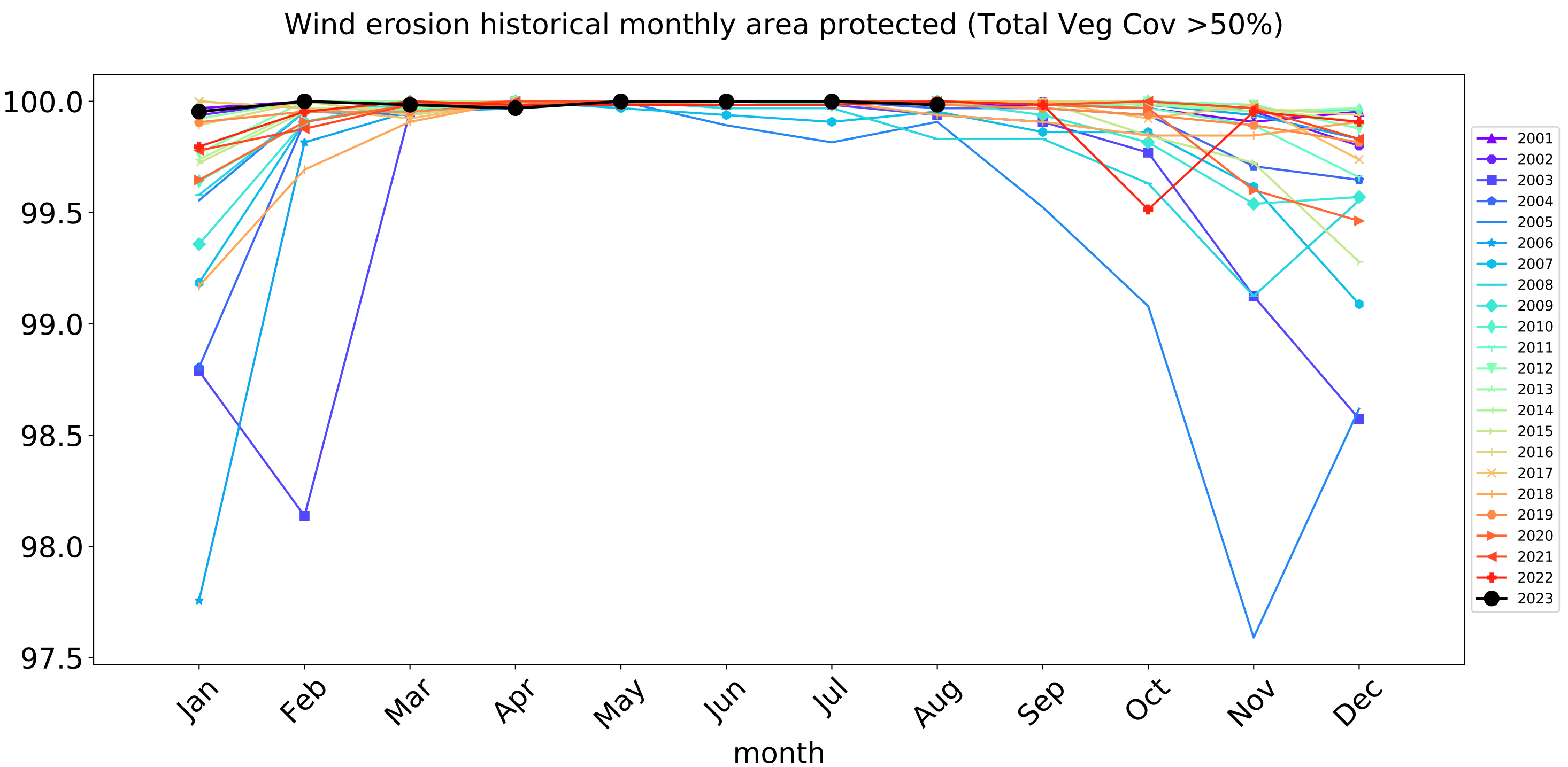
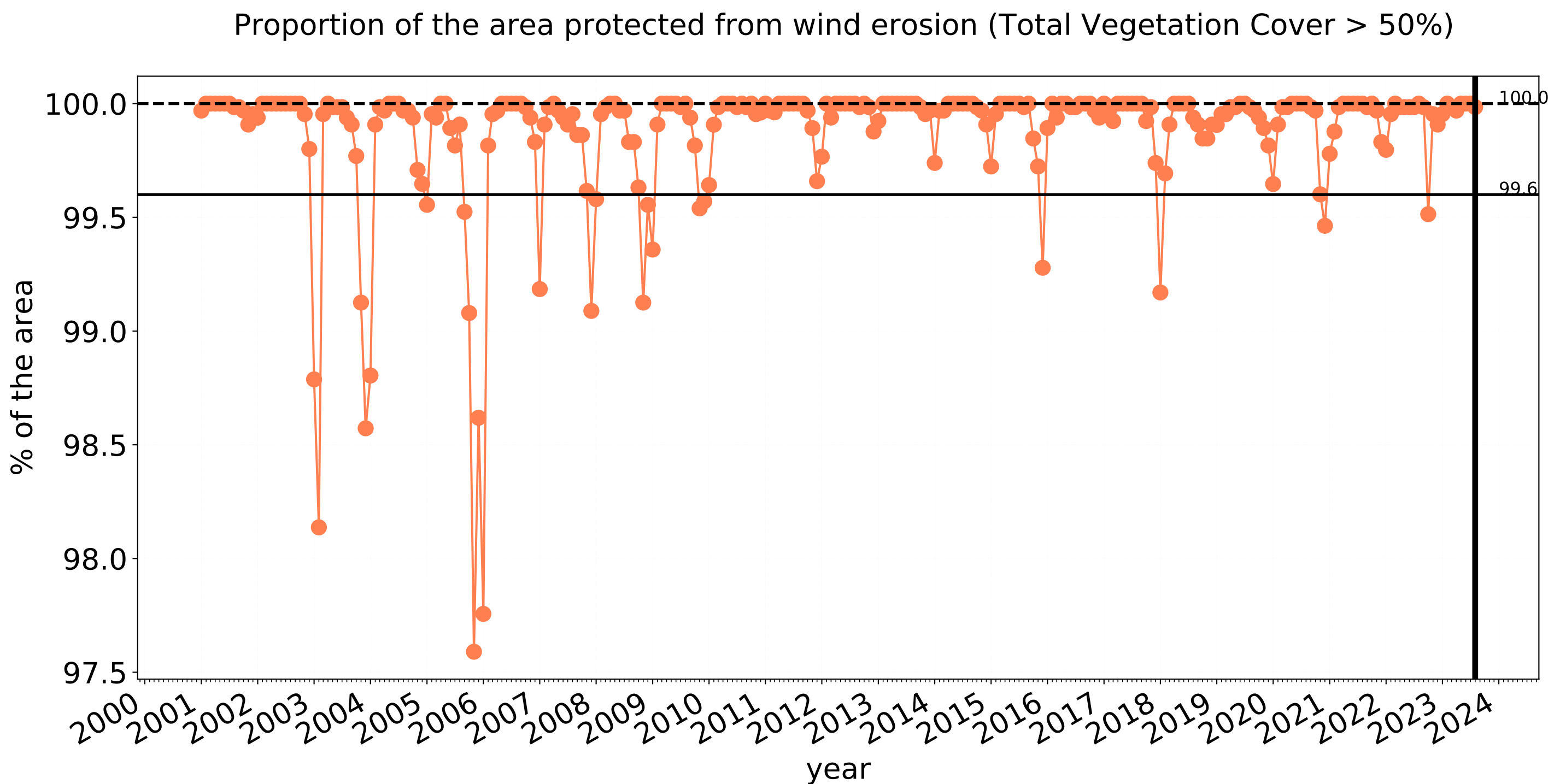
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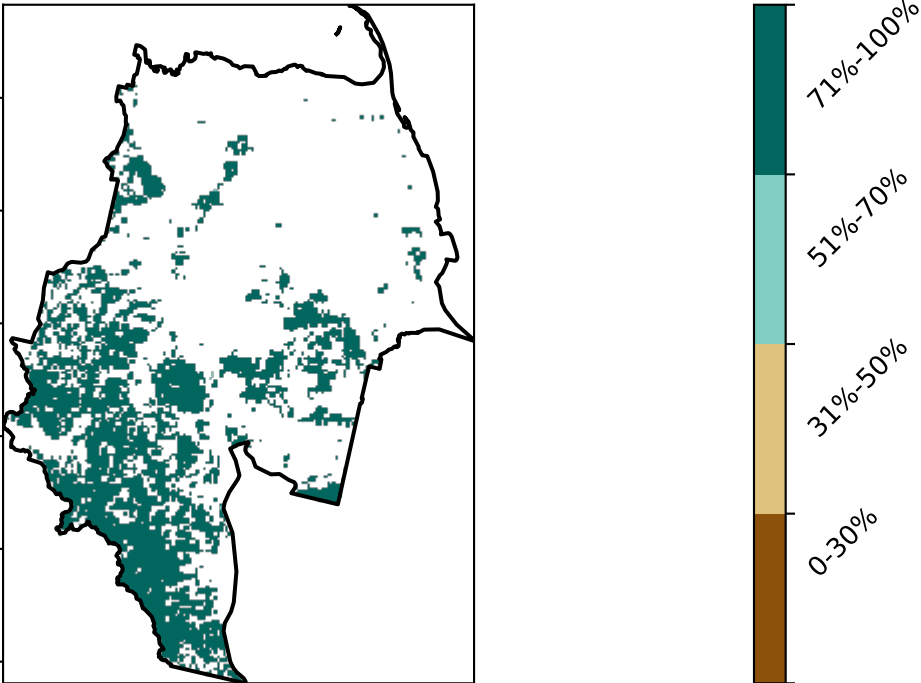
Grazing Woodland forest

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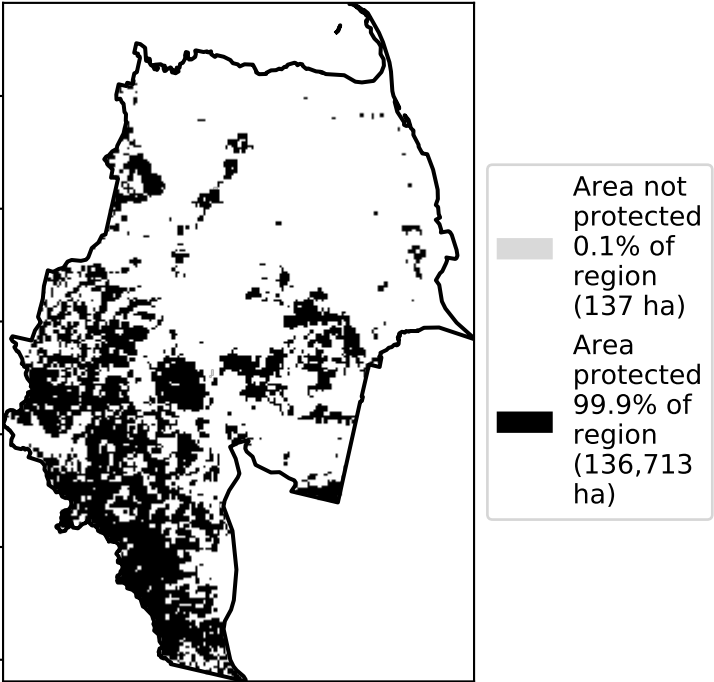
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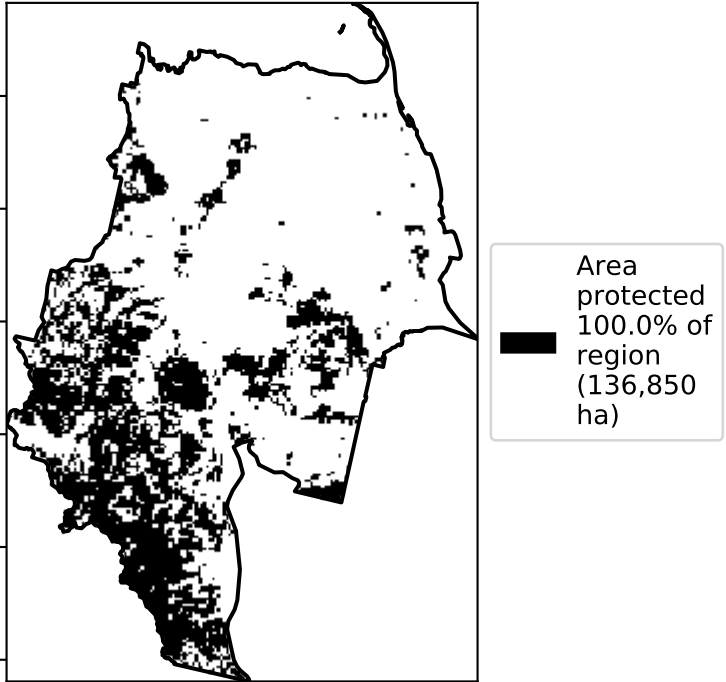
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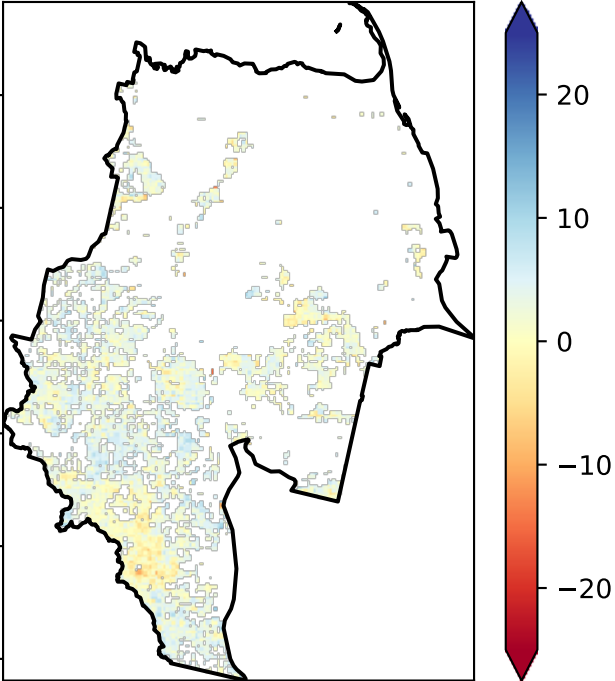


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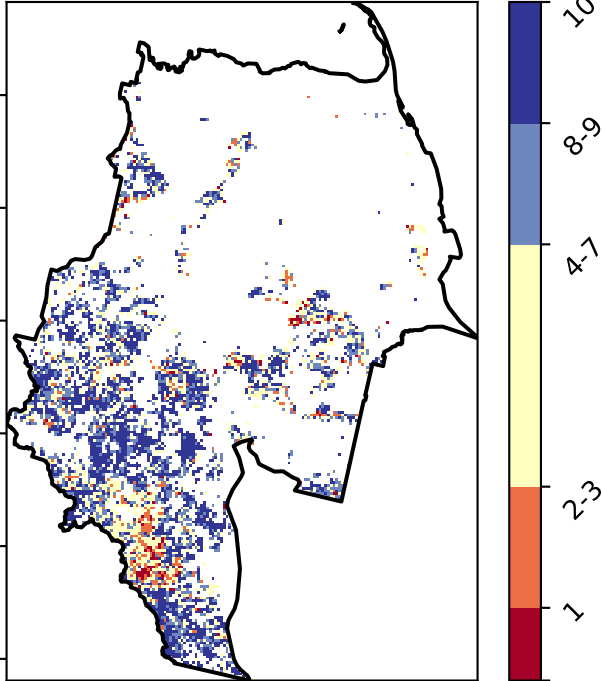
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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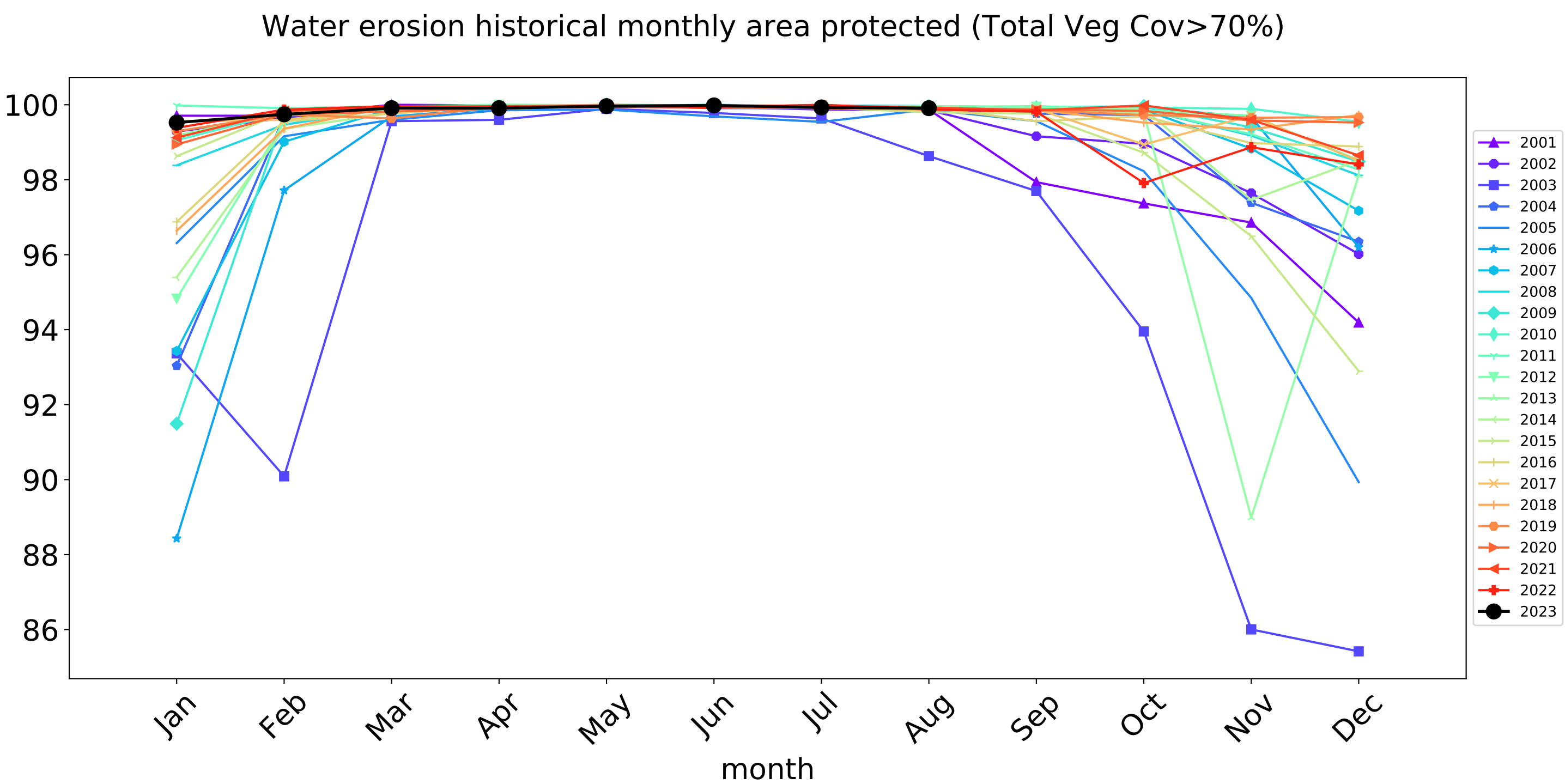
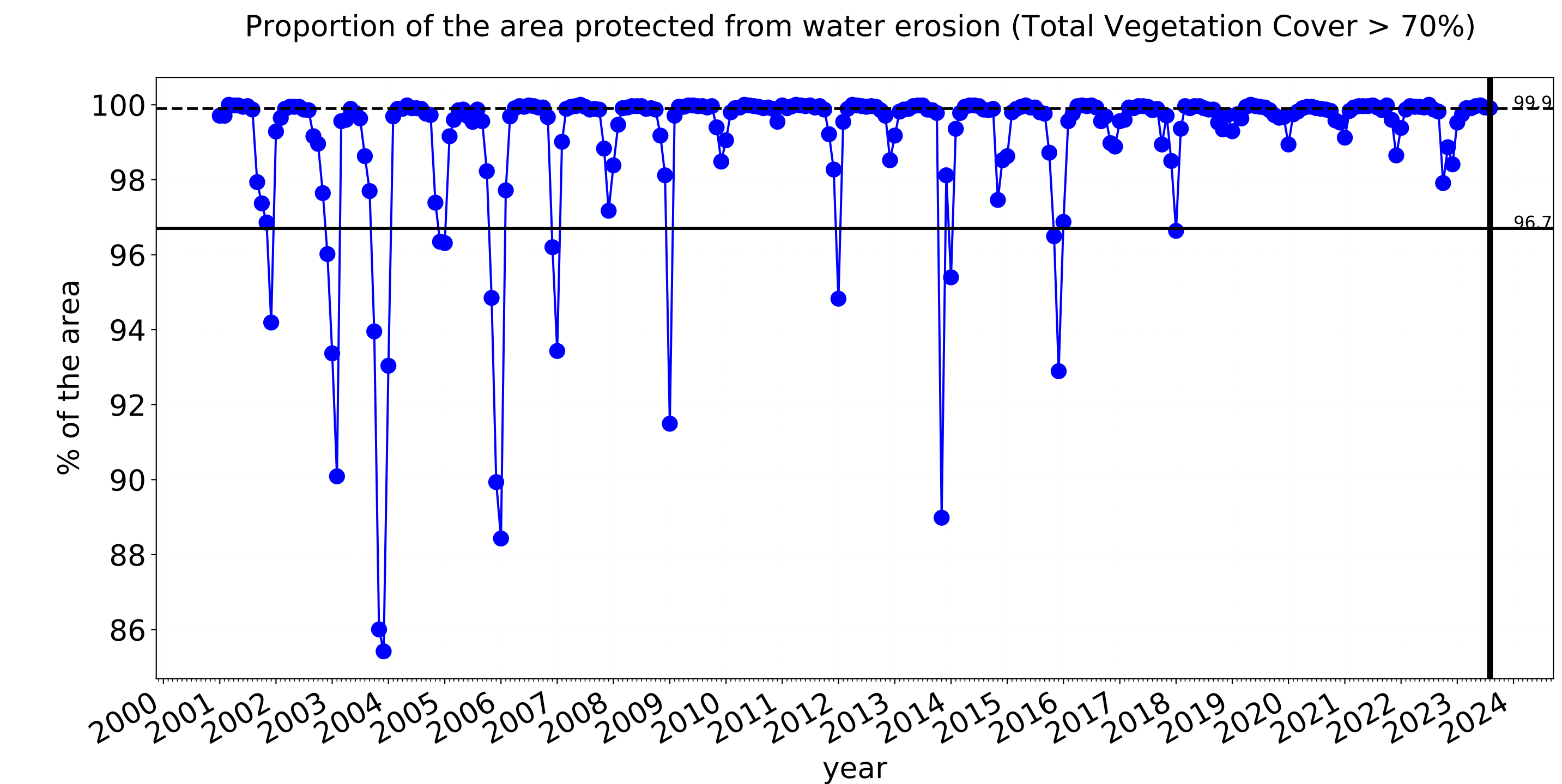
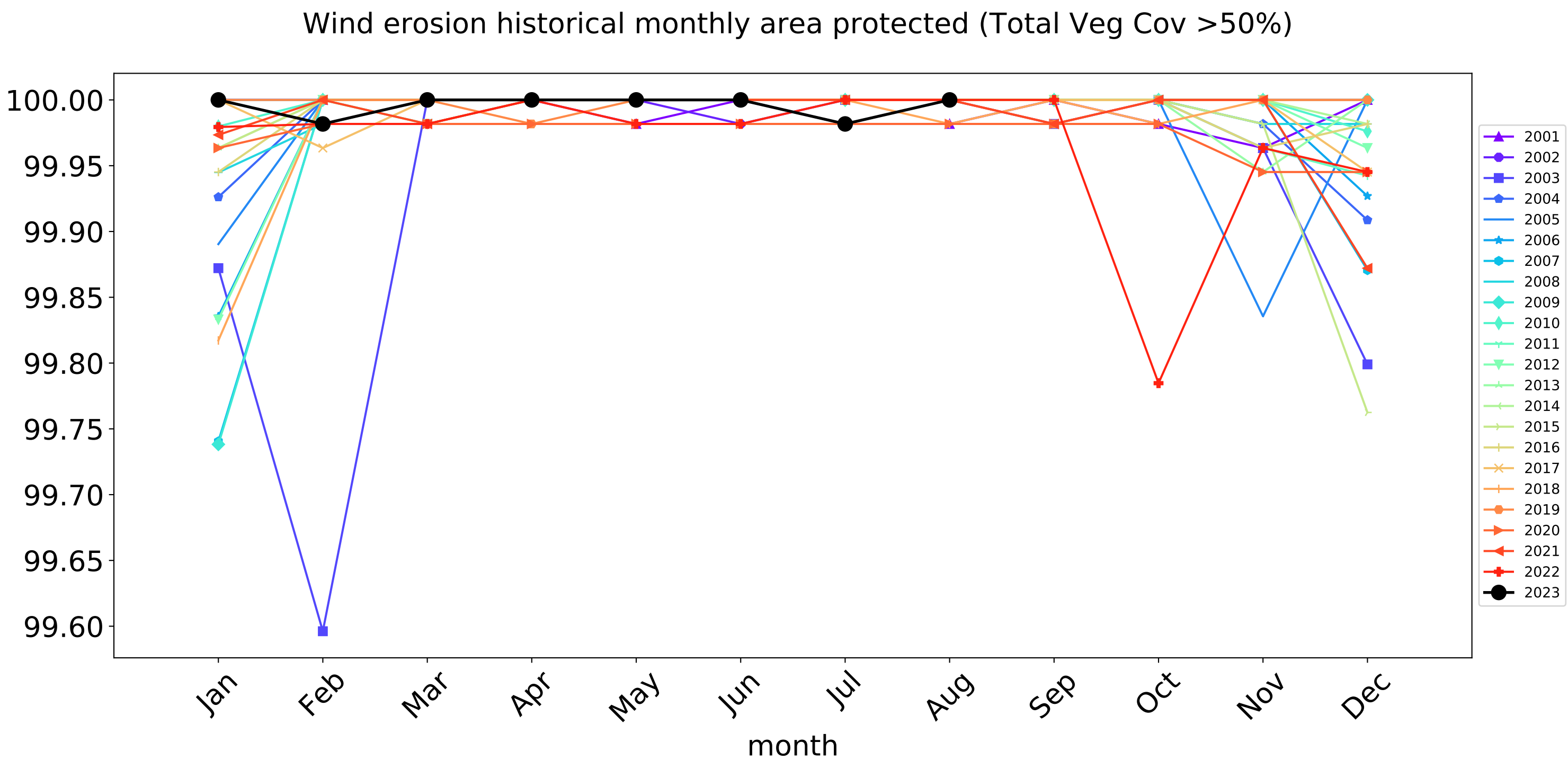
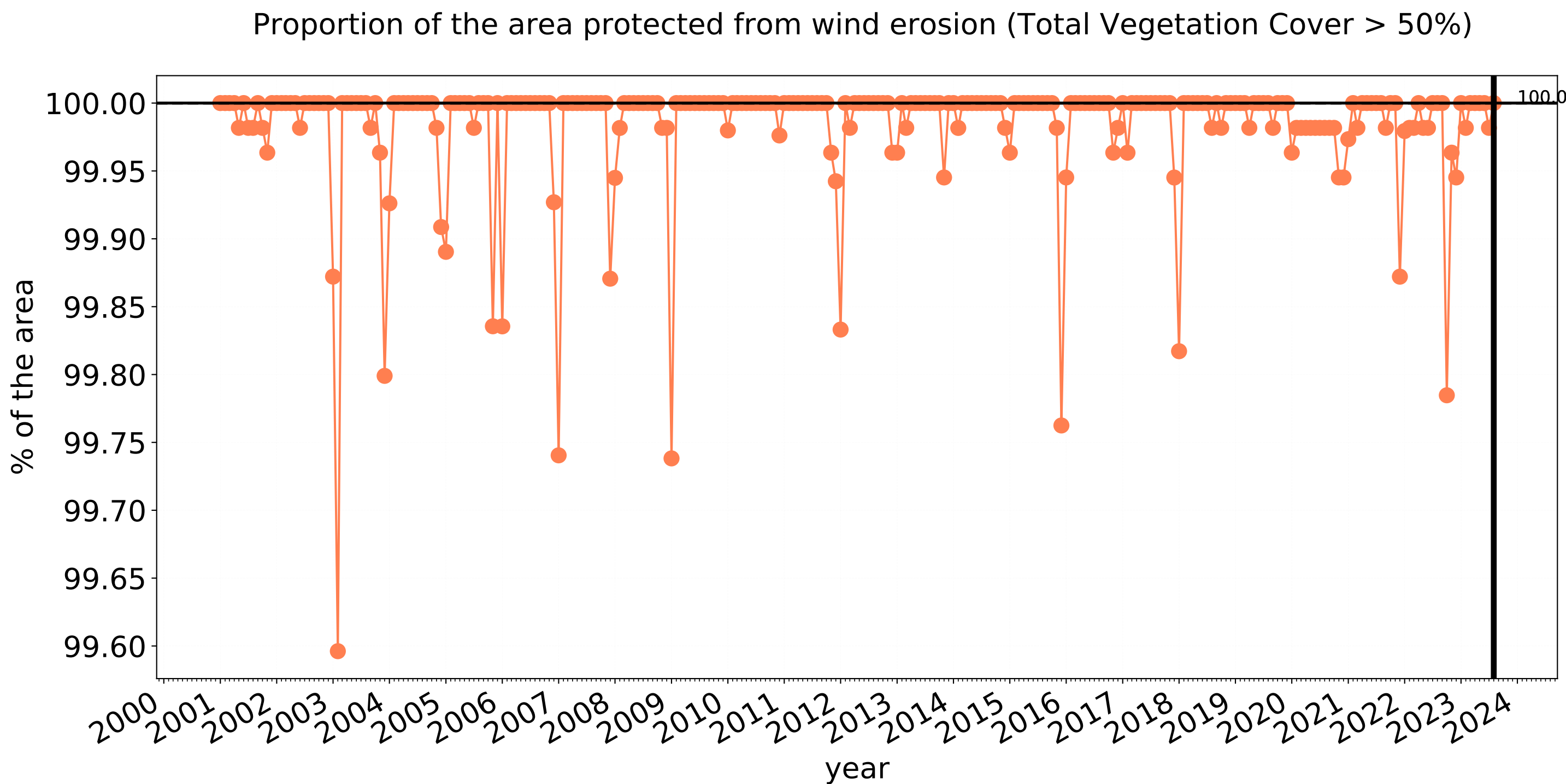
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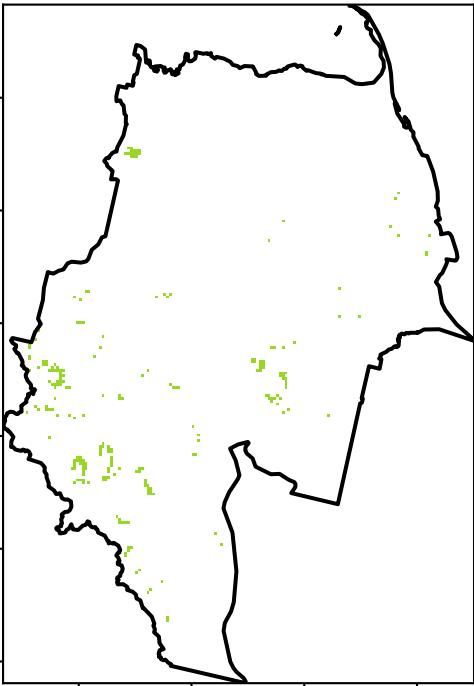
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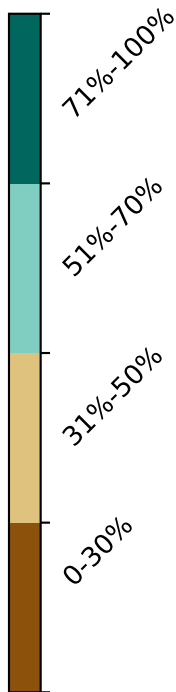
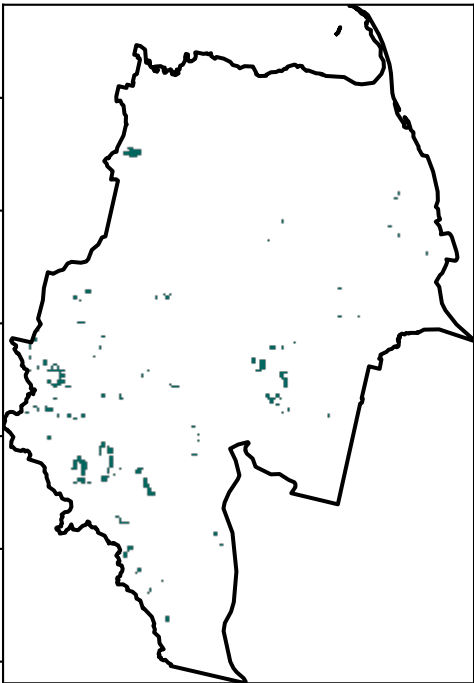
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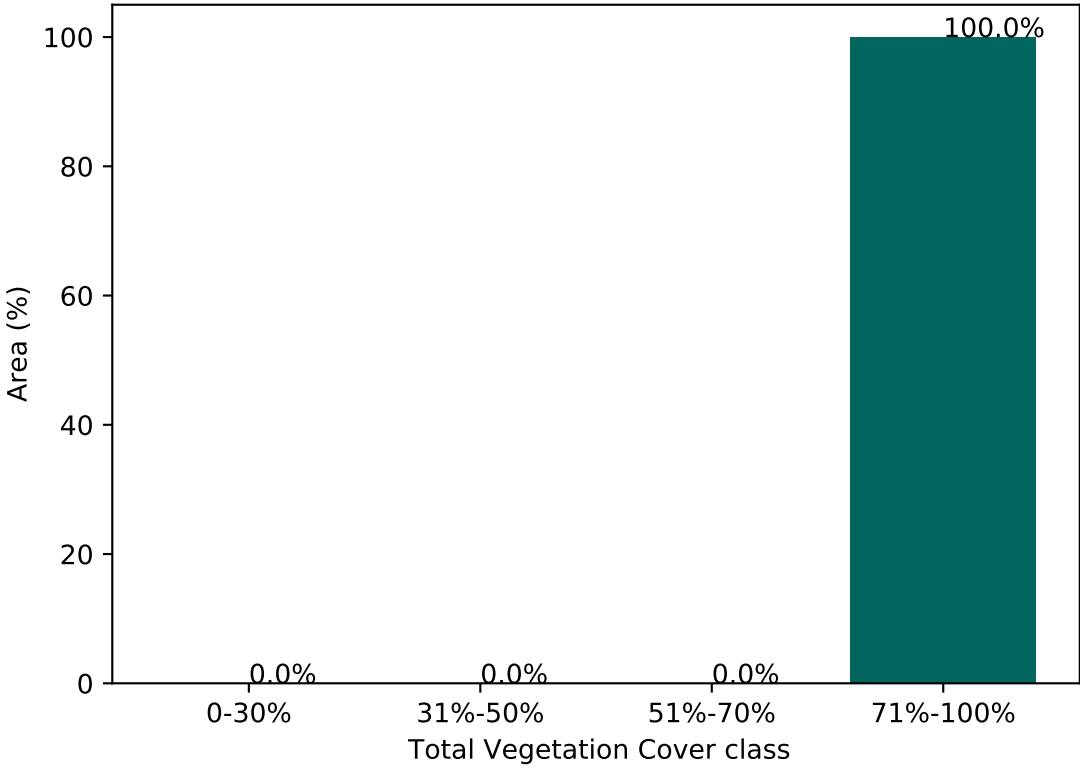


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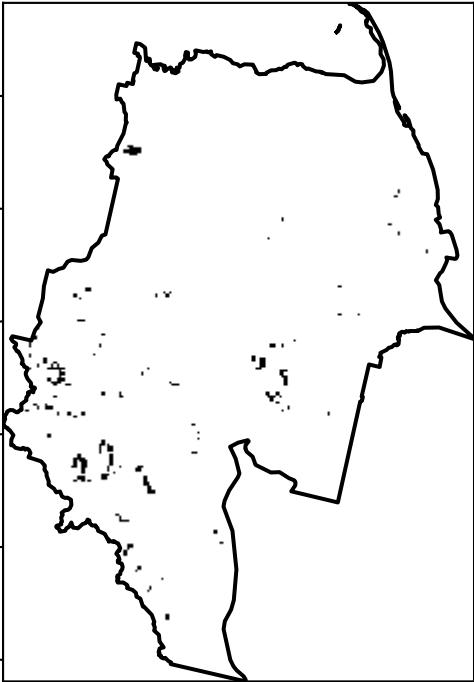
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

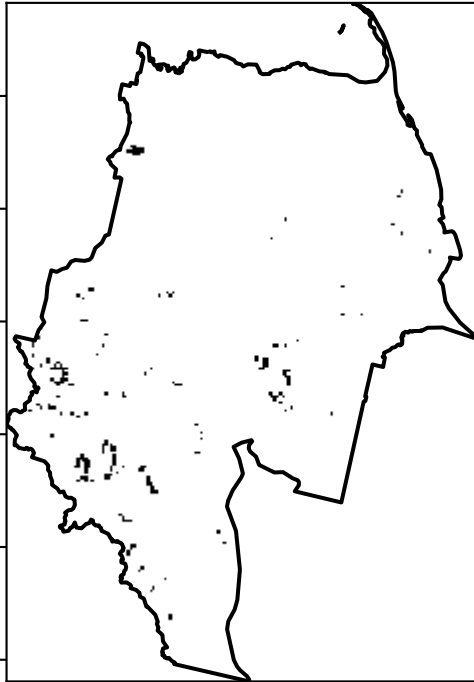


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area  
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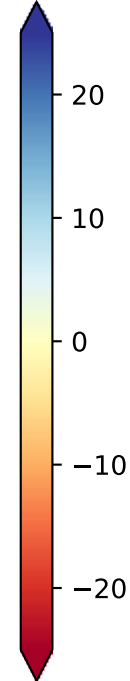
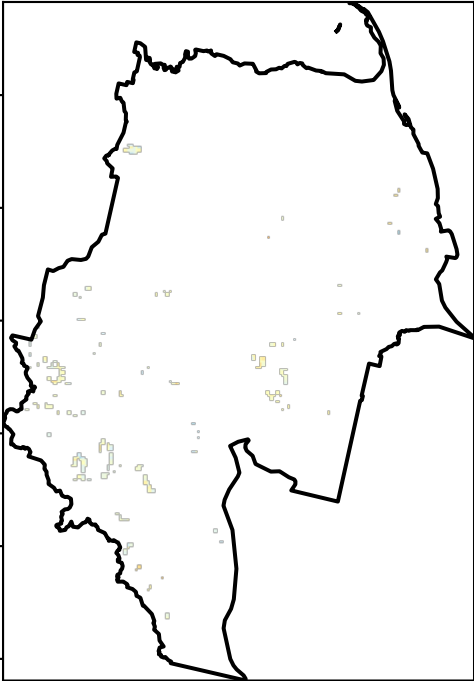
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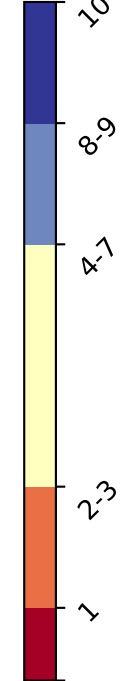
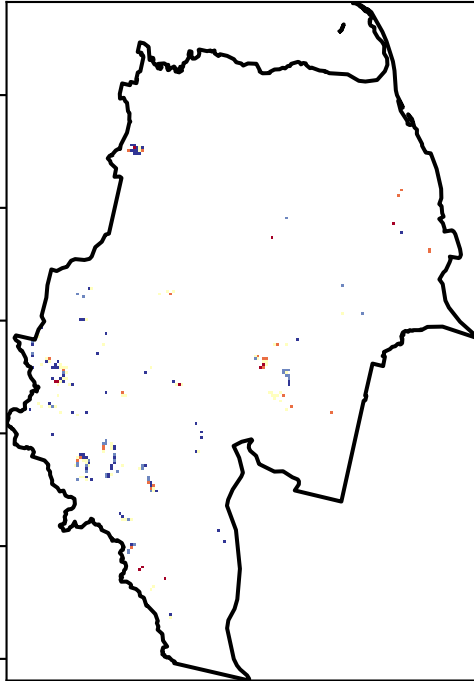
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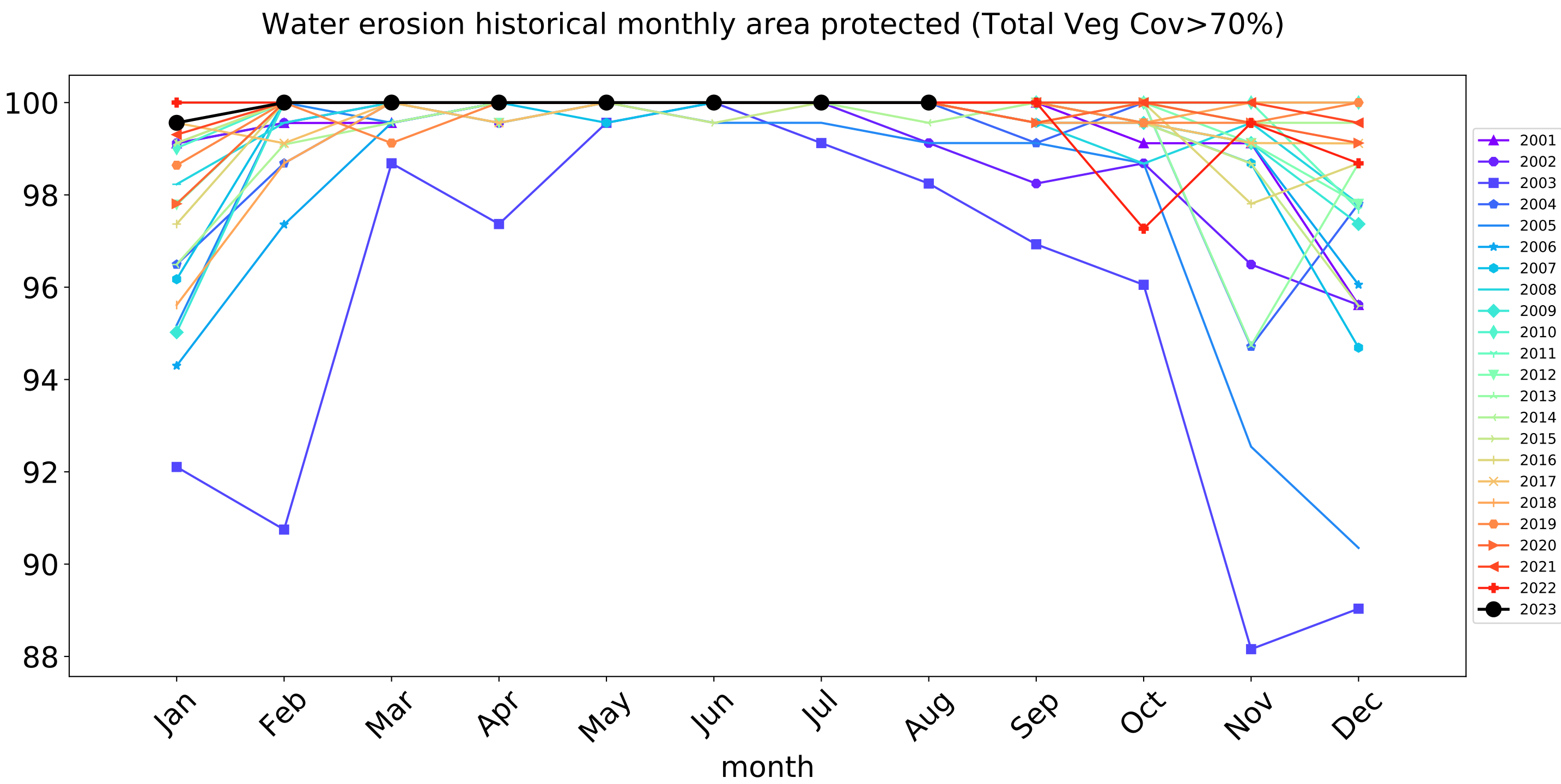
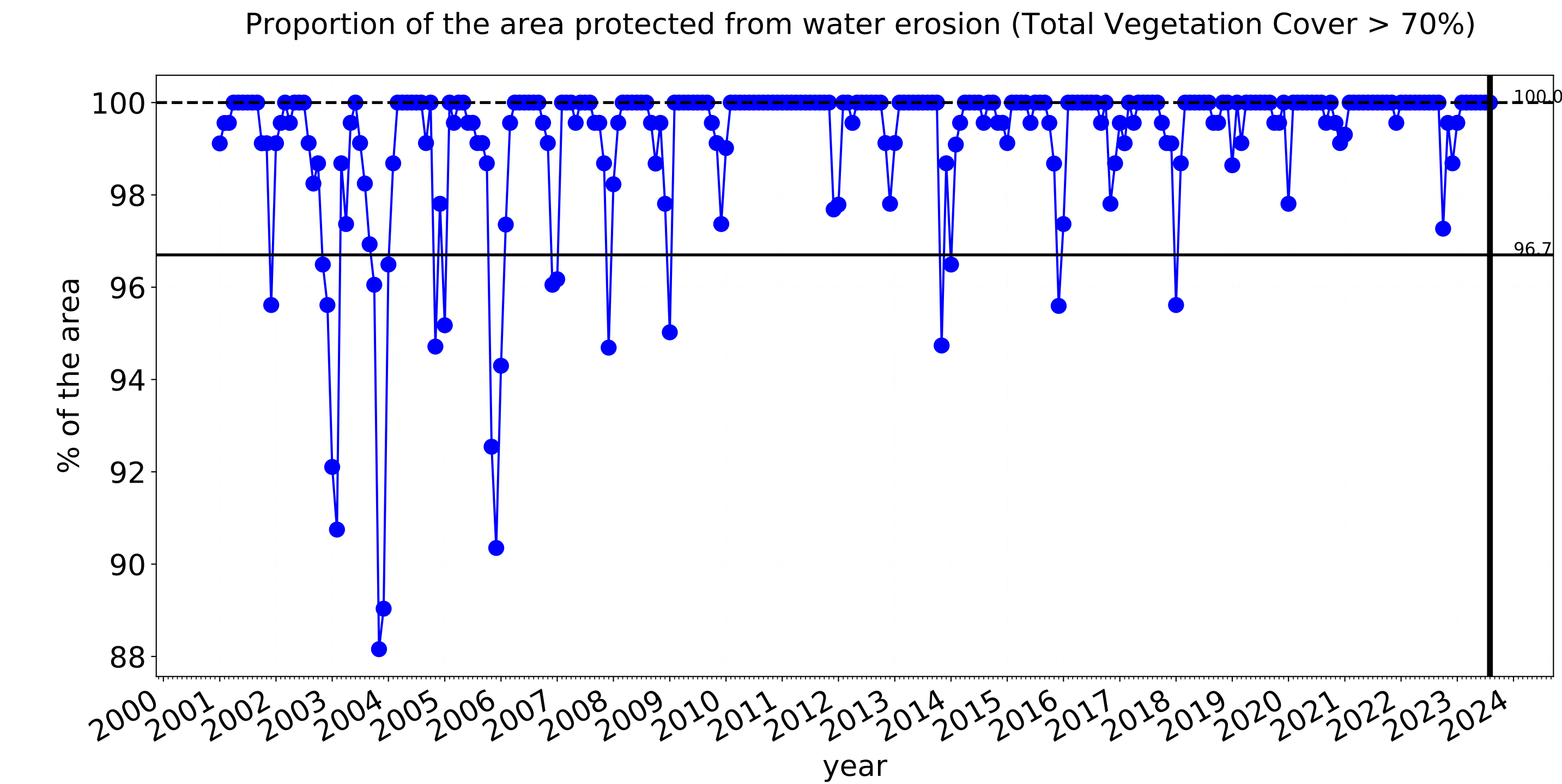
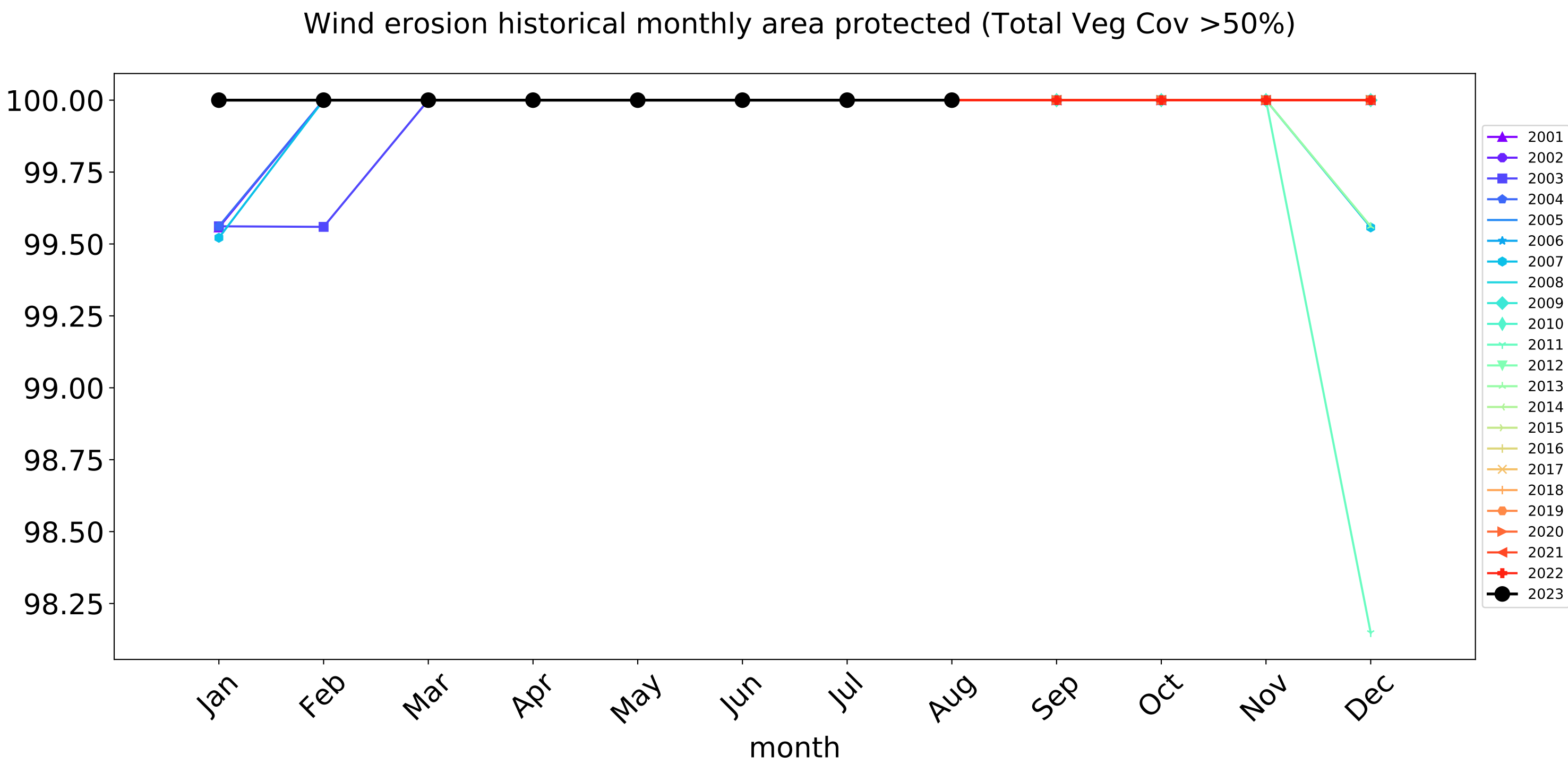
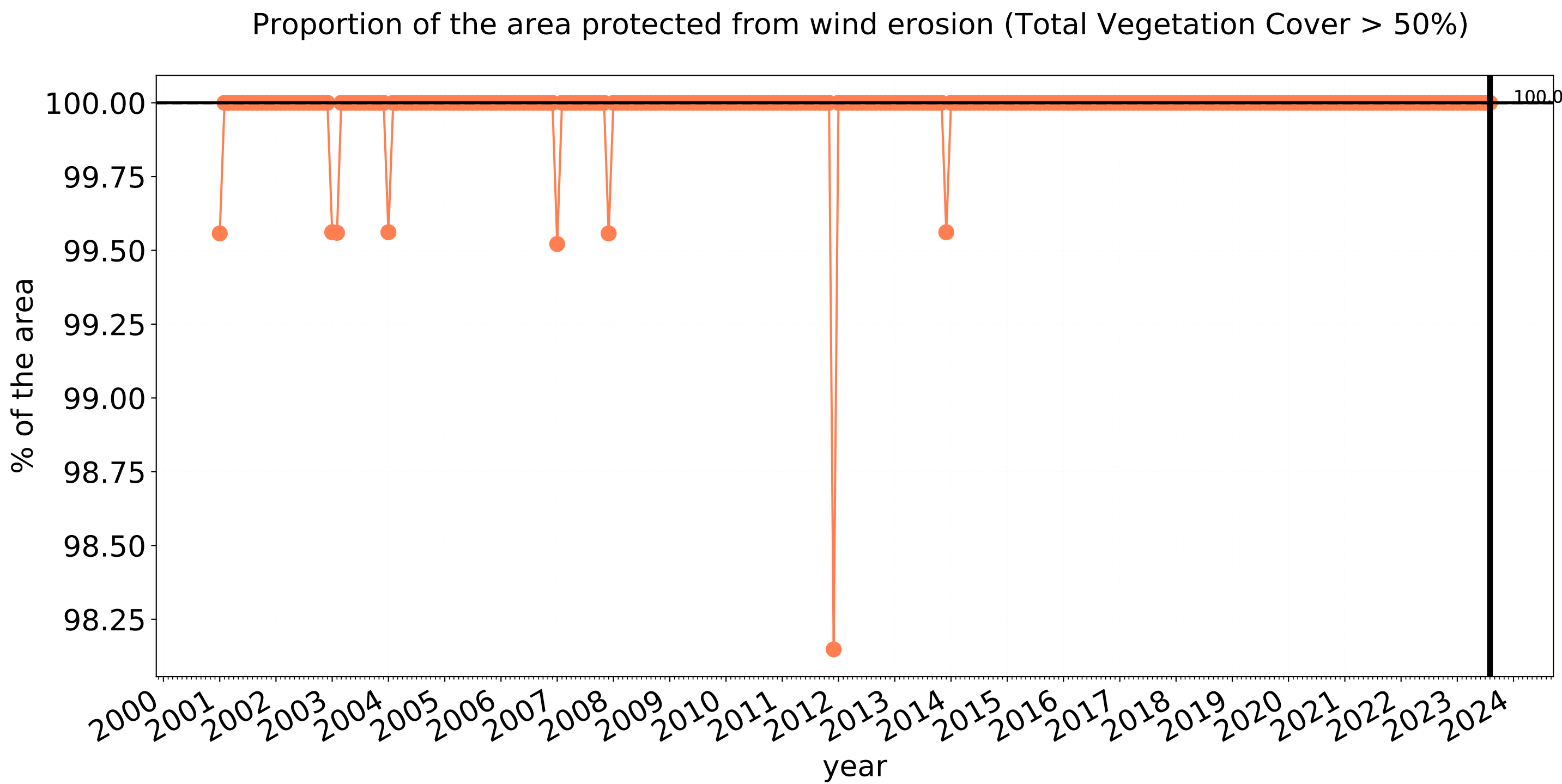
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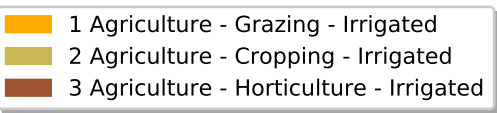
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Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

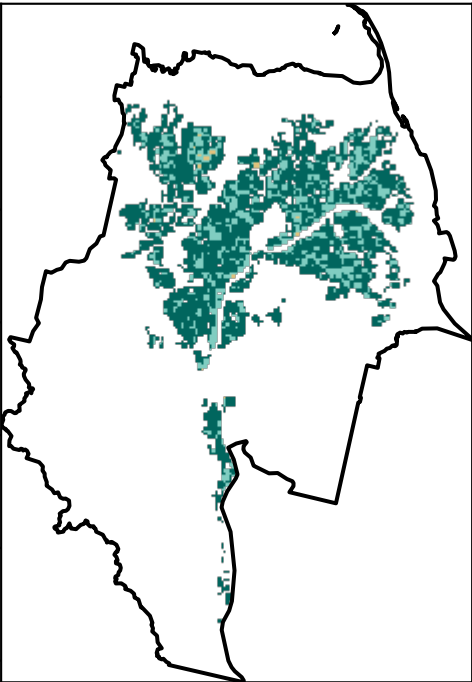
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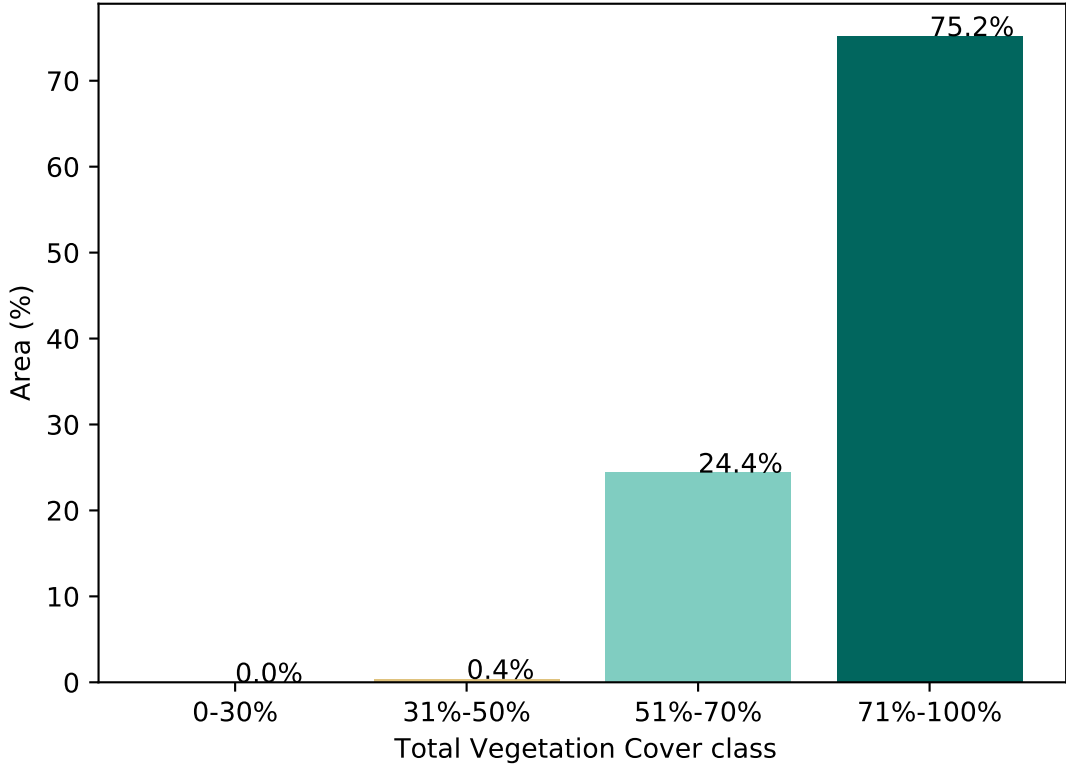
Proportion of each land class in area



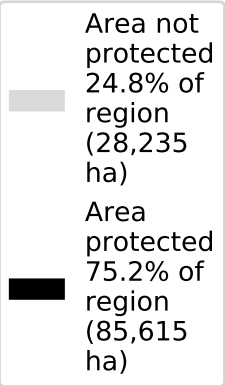
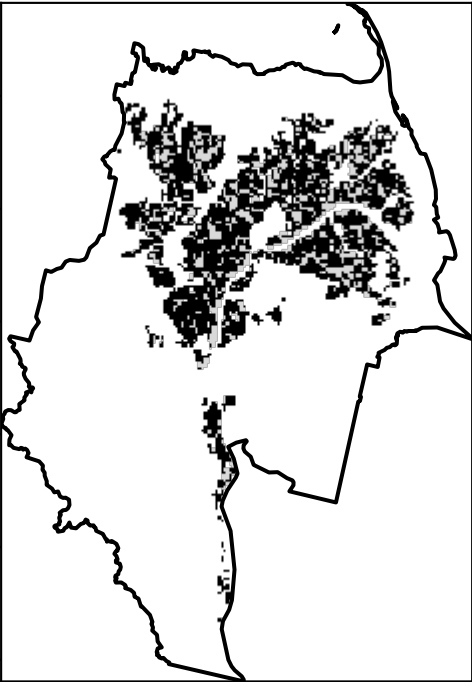
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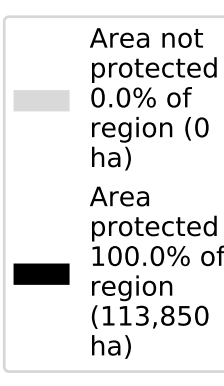
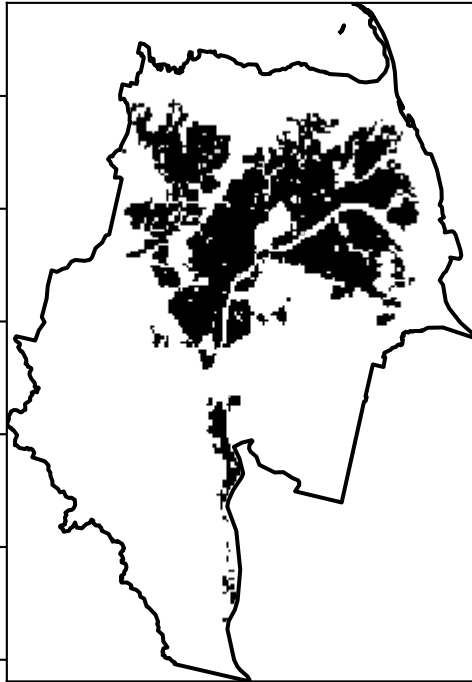
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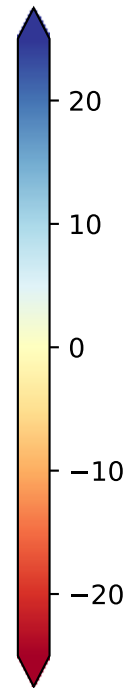
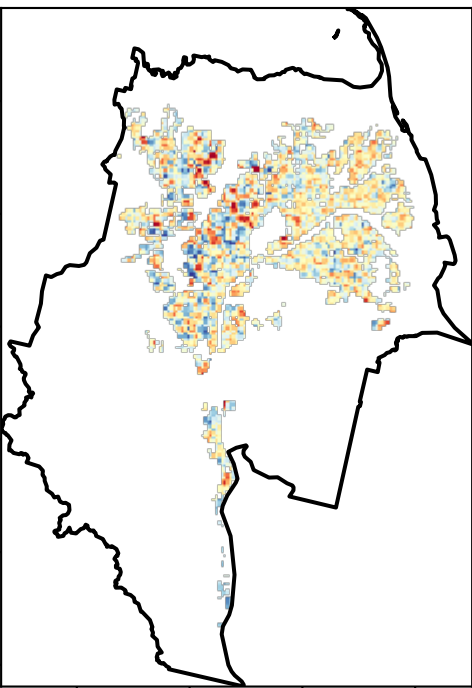


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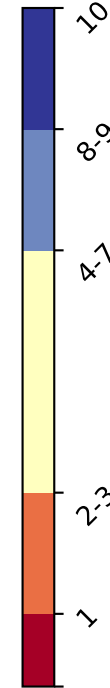
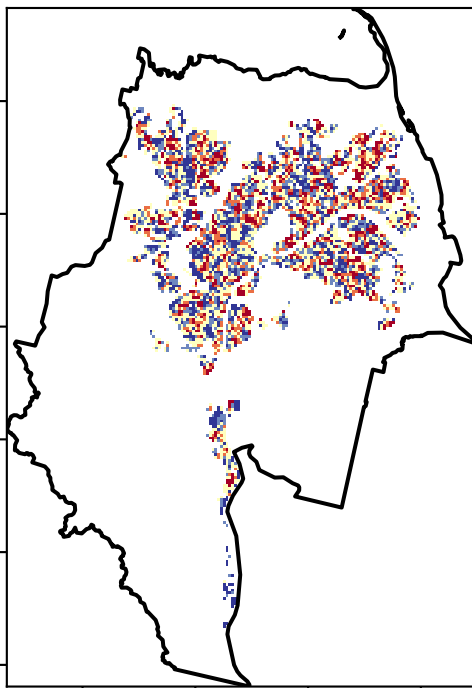
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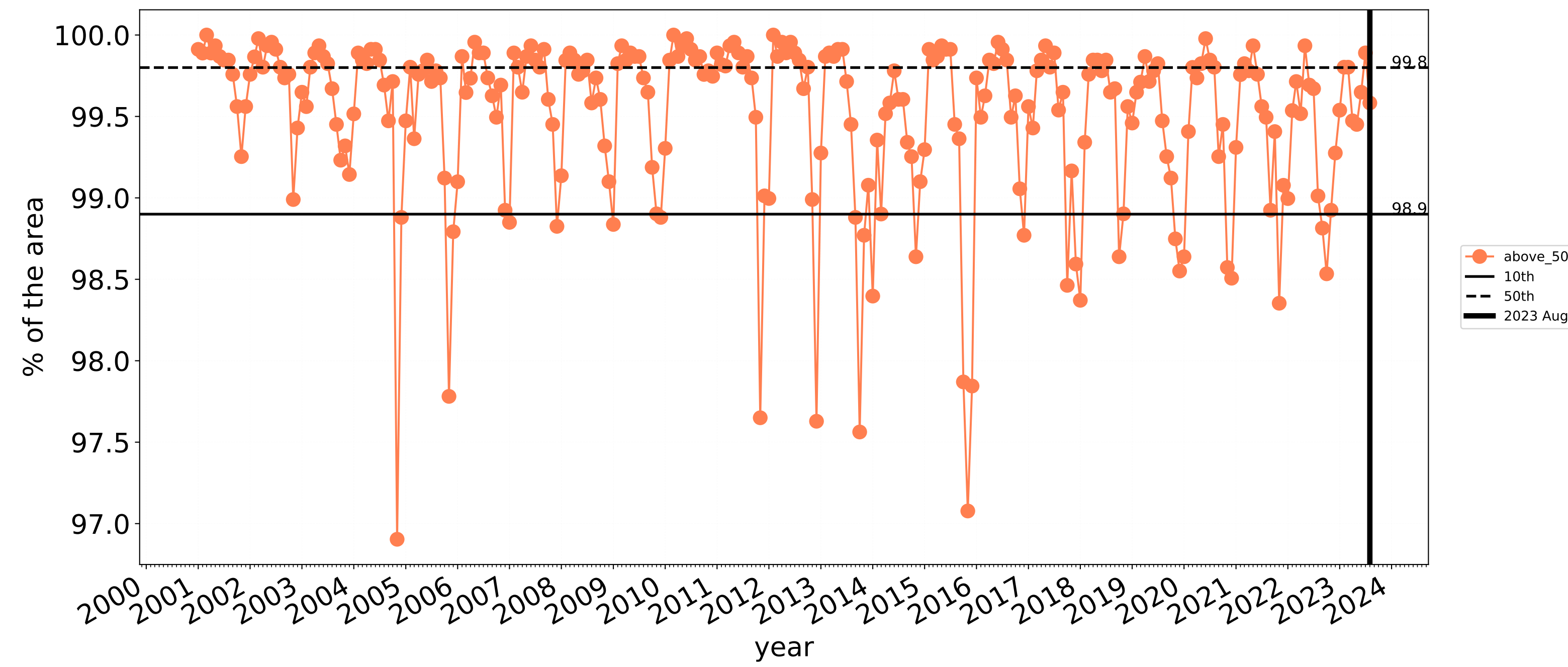
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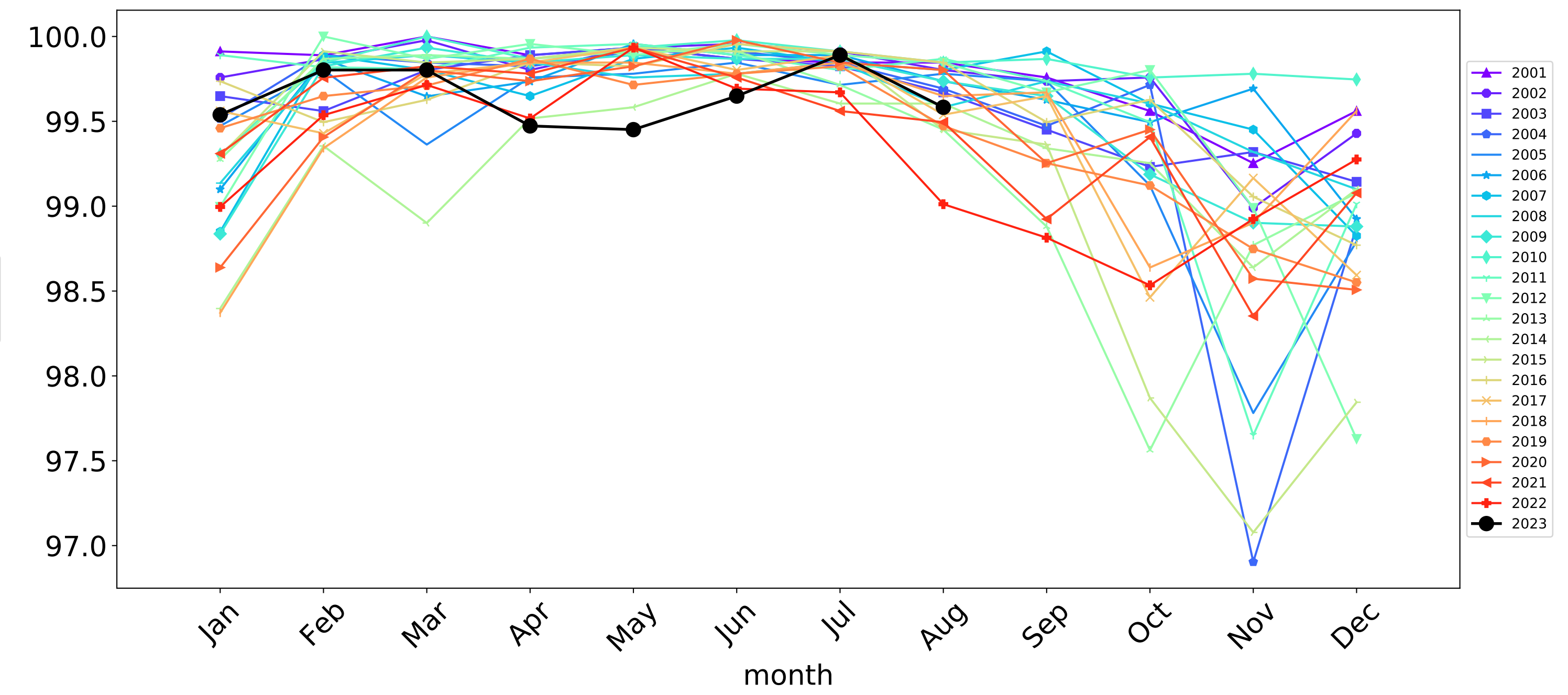


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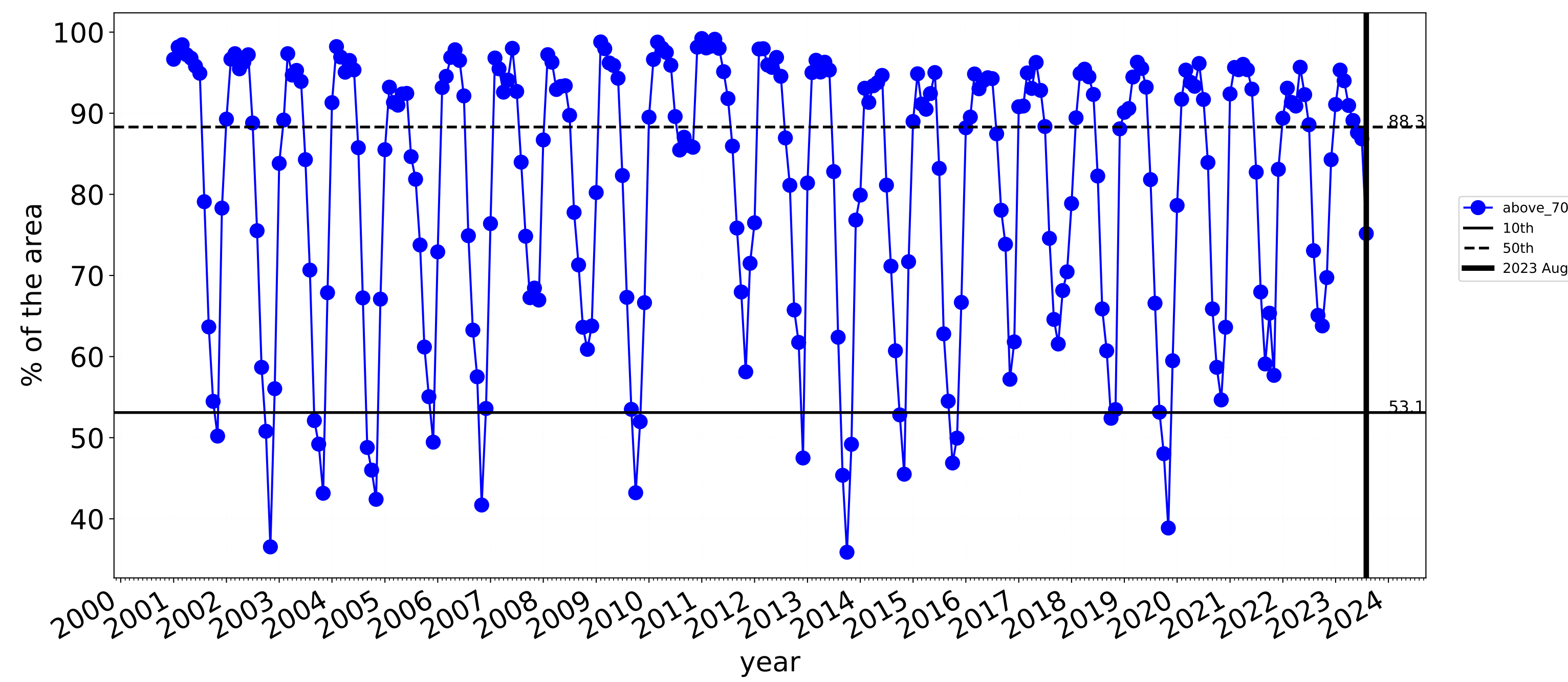
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



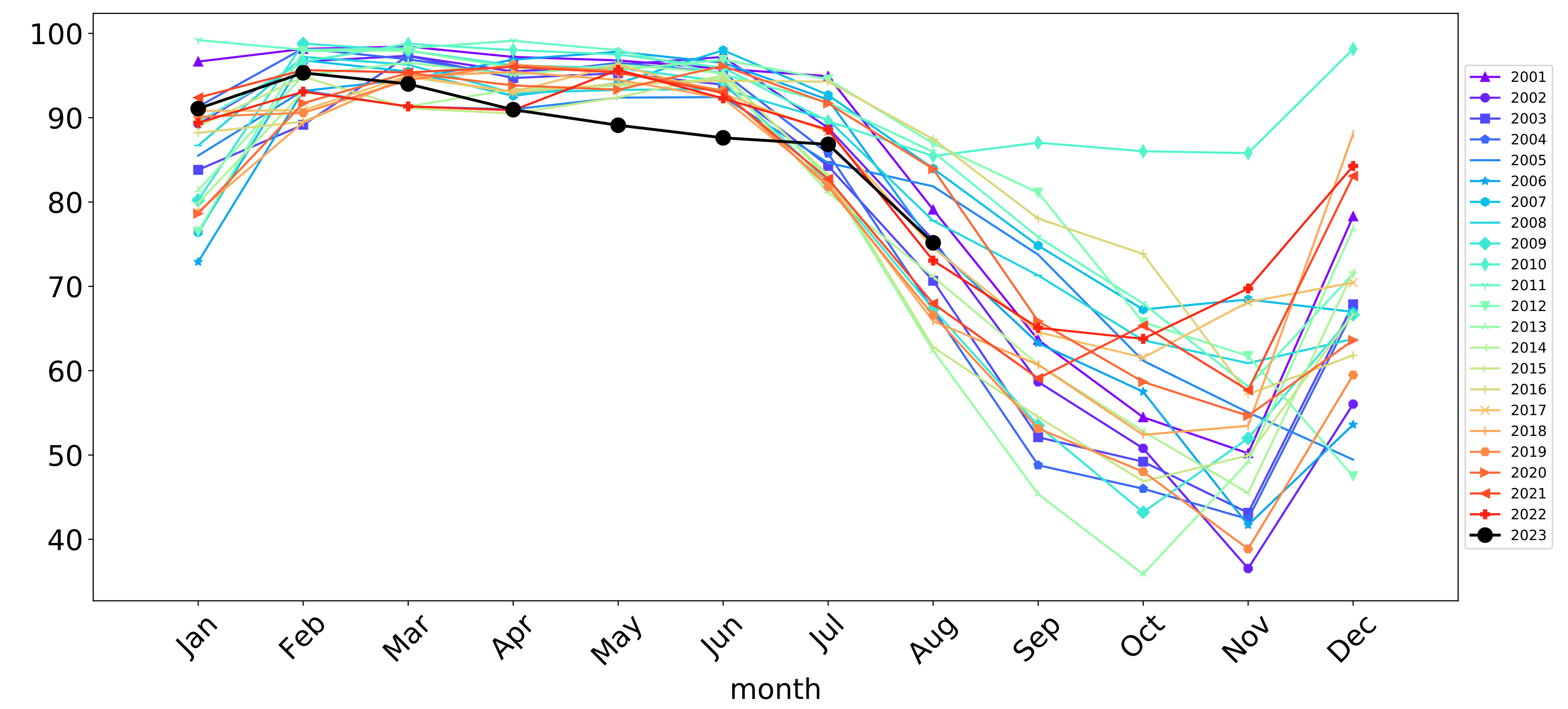
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



Burdekin\_(S) (499,825 ha and no data 4,522 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	499,825	100.0% 499,675	99.6% 497,675	91.5% 457,150	76.8% 384,075	52.5% 262,375	17.7% 88,525
Conservation and natural environments	31,925	99.8% 31,850	98.9% 31,575	85.7% 27,375	55.3% 17,650	23.3% 7,425	6.6% 2,100
Conservation and natural environments non forest	17,350	99.7% 17,300	99.1% 17,200	86.6% 15,025	60.2% 10,450	23.8% 4,125	7.1% 1,225
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	4,925	100.0% 4,925	99.0% 4,875	96.4% 4,750	83.8% 4,125	47.2% 2,325	15.7% 775
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	9,650	99.7% 9,625	98.4% 9,500	78.8% 7,600	31.9% 3,075	10.1% 975	1.0% 100
Agriculture	419,375	100.0% 419,375	99.9% 418,875	93.0% 390,000	80.7% 338,550	58.7% 246,275	20.2% 84,600
Grazing	305,475	100.0% 305,475	100.0% 305,450	99.6% 304,375	97.7% 298,500	76.9% 235,000	26.4% 80,600
Grazing non forest	162,925	100.0% 162,925	100.0% 162,900	99.4% 161,950	96.5% 157,250	73.3% 119,350	26.1% 42,600
Grazing Woodland forest	136,850	100.0% 136,850	100.0% 136,850	99.9% 136,725	99.2% 135,700	81.6% 111,725	26.9% 36,800
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	5,700	100.0% 5,700	100.0% 5,700	100.0% 5,700	97.4% 5,550	68.9% 3,925	21.1% 1,200
Irrigation	113,850	100.0% 113,850	99.6% 113,375	75.2% 85,575	35.1% 40,000	9.9% 11,250	3.5% 4,000