

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Burdekin_(S) QLD

Date: June 2026

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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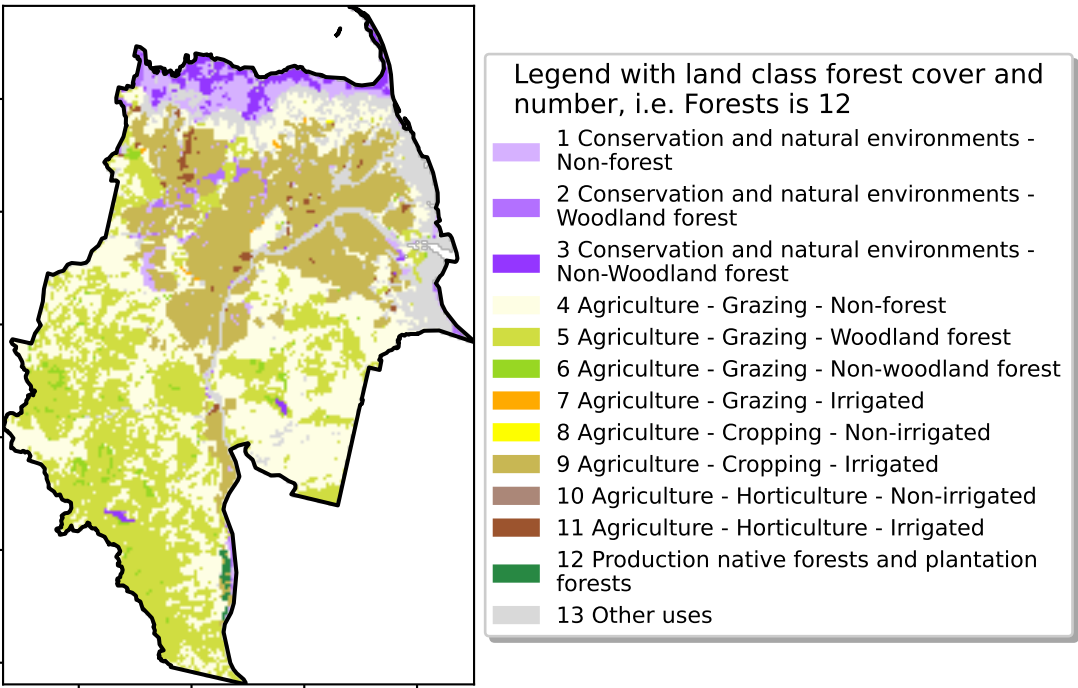


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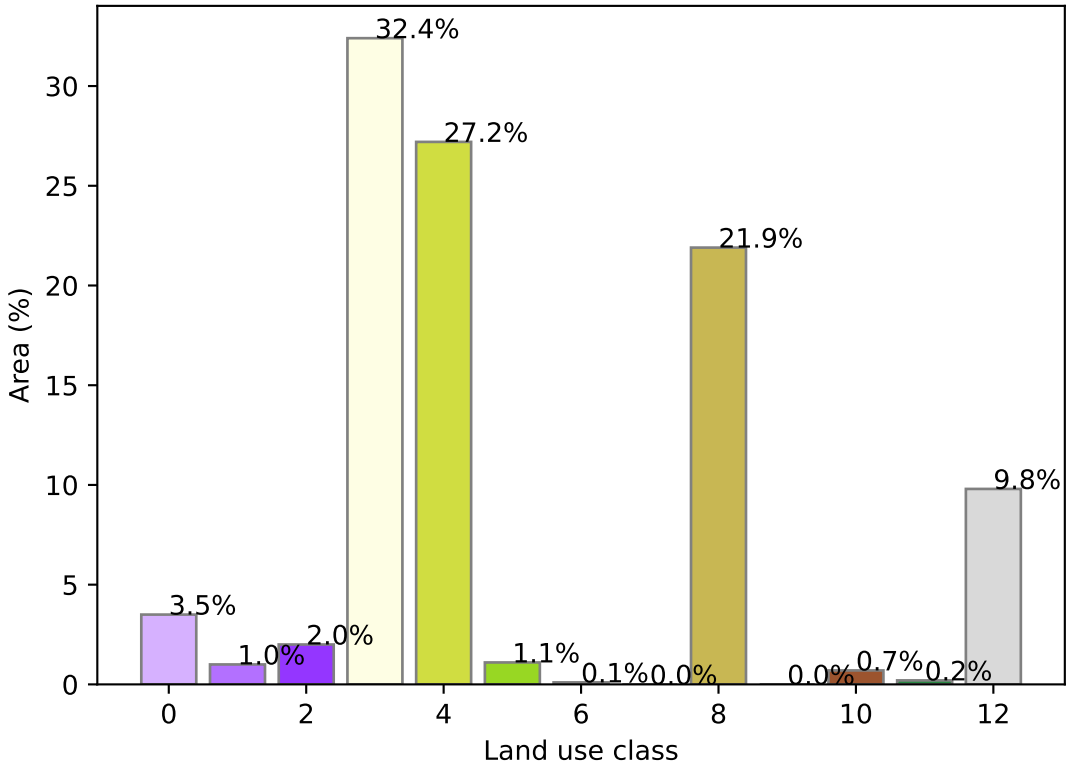
Vegetation Cover Jun 2026

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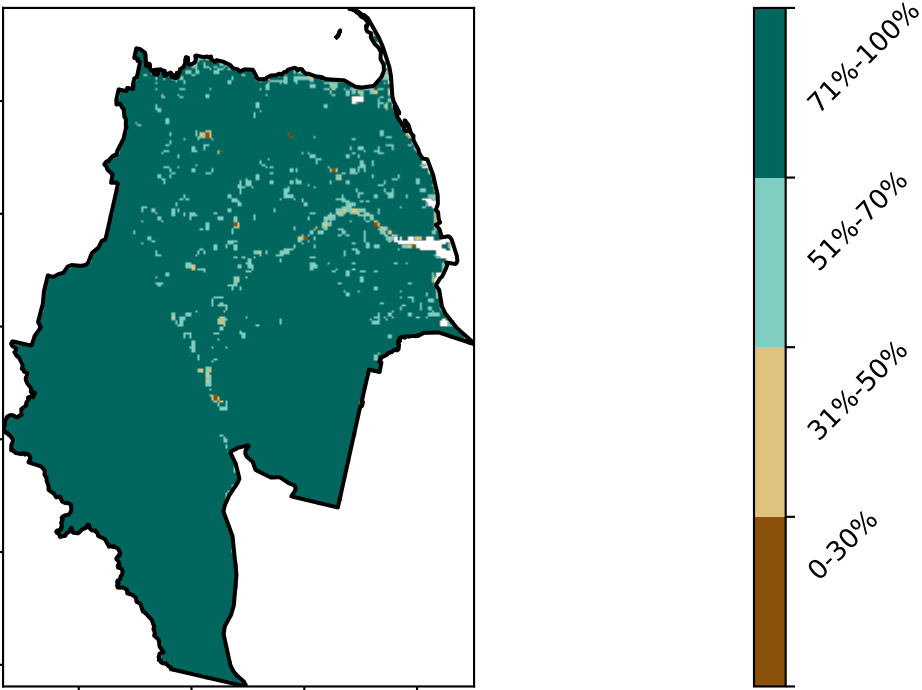


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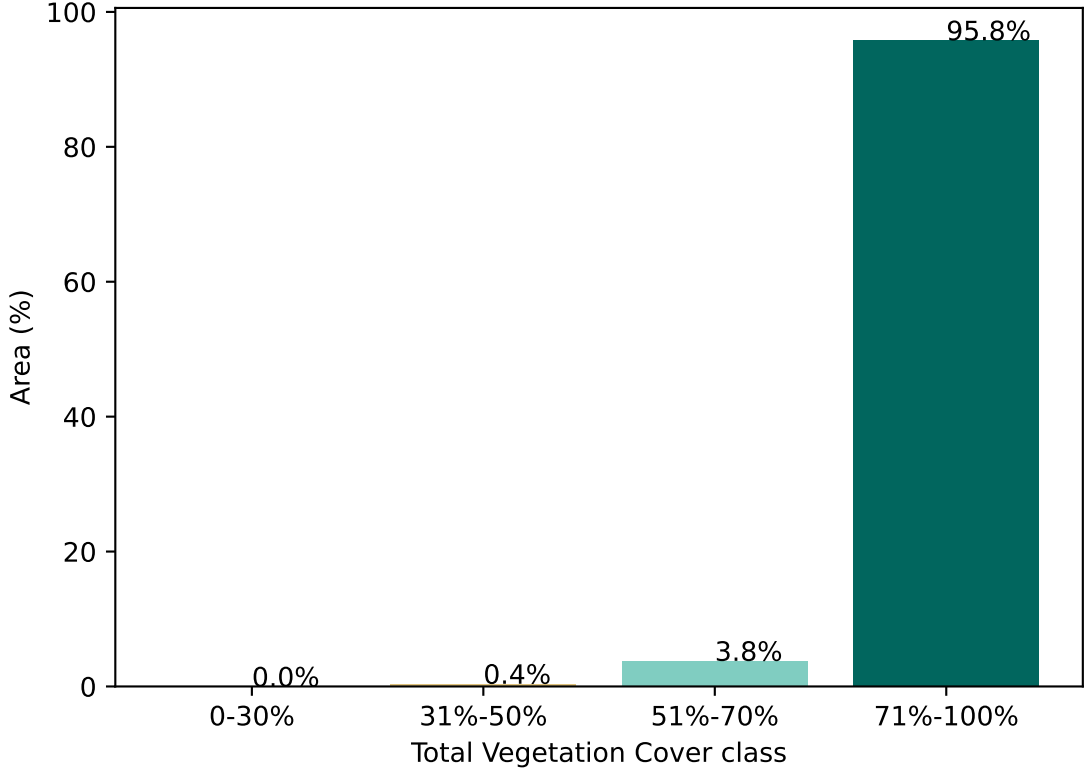
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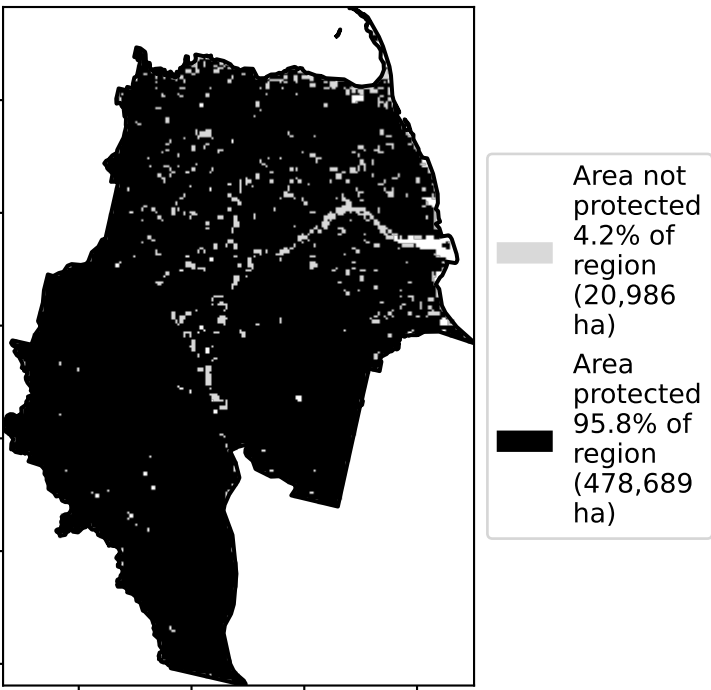
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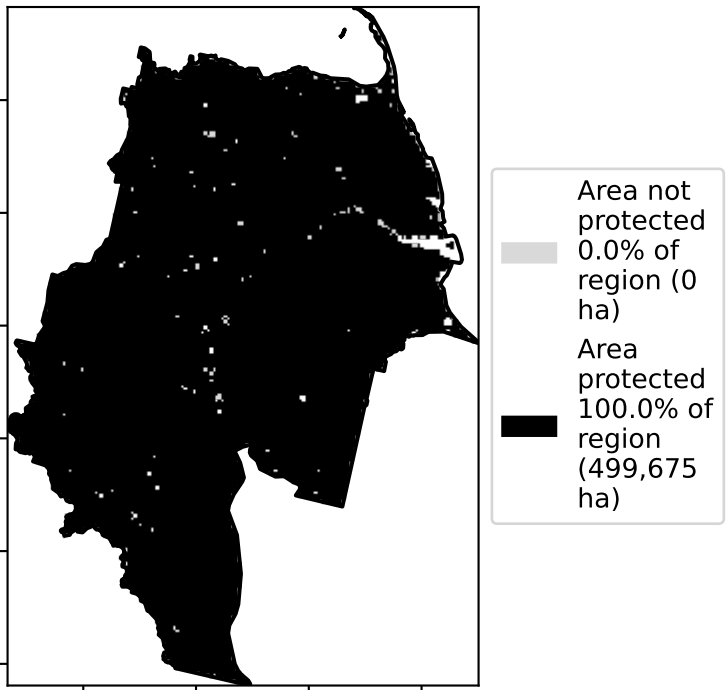
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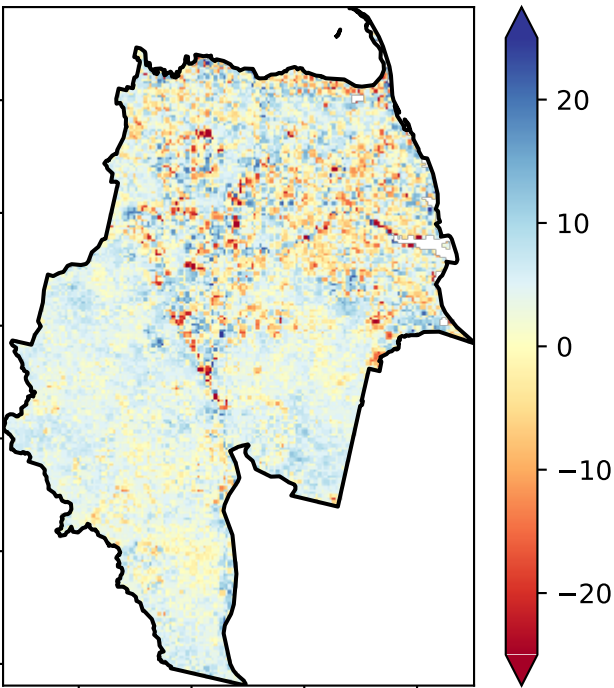
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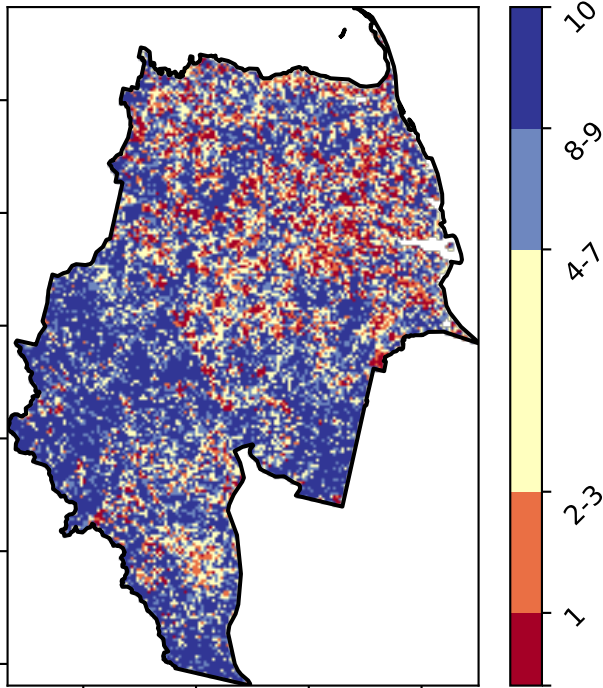
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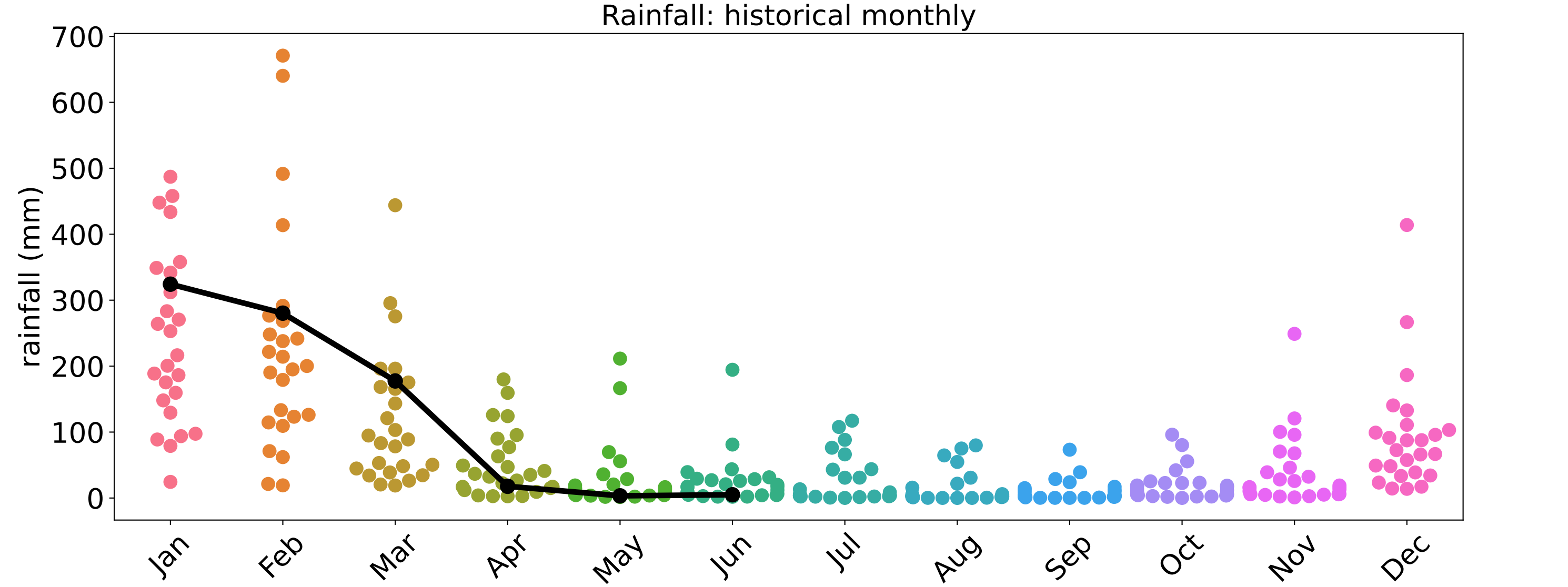
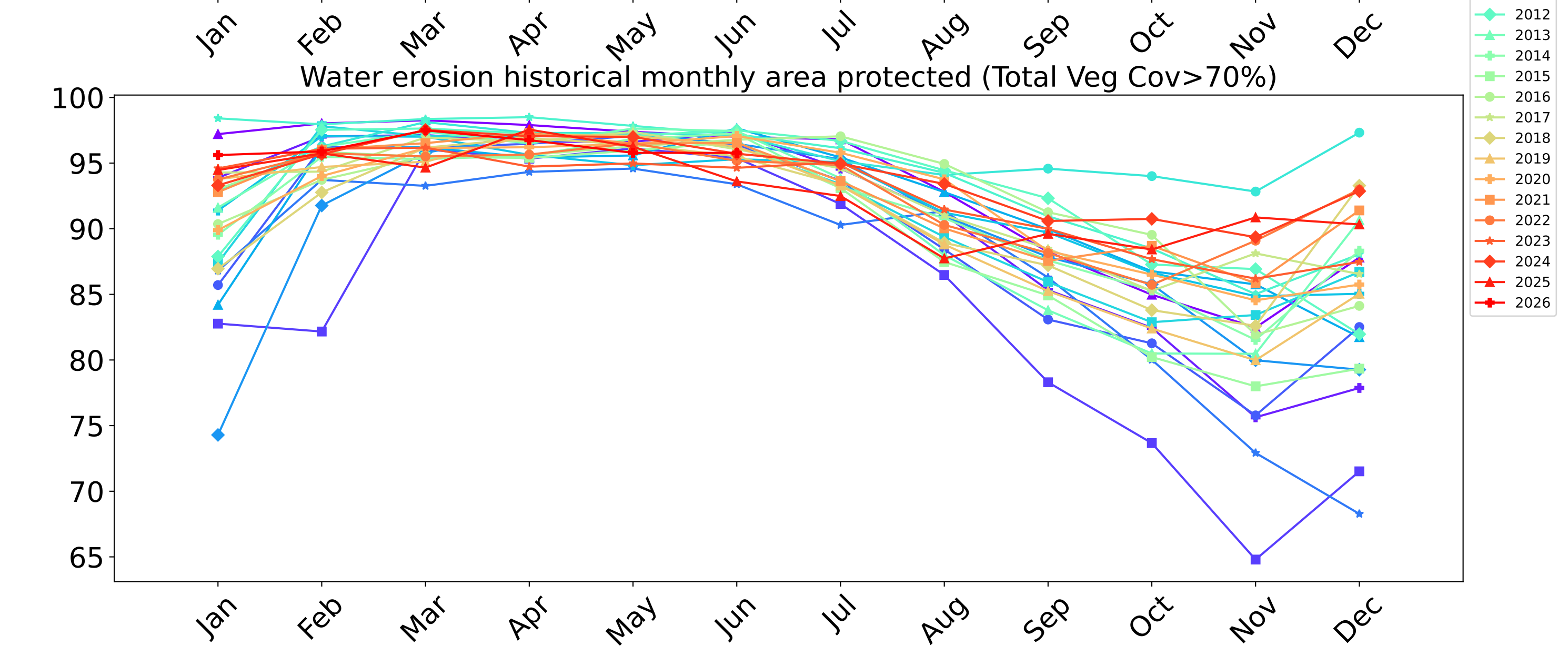
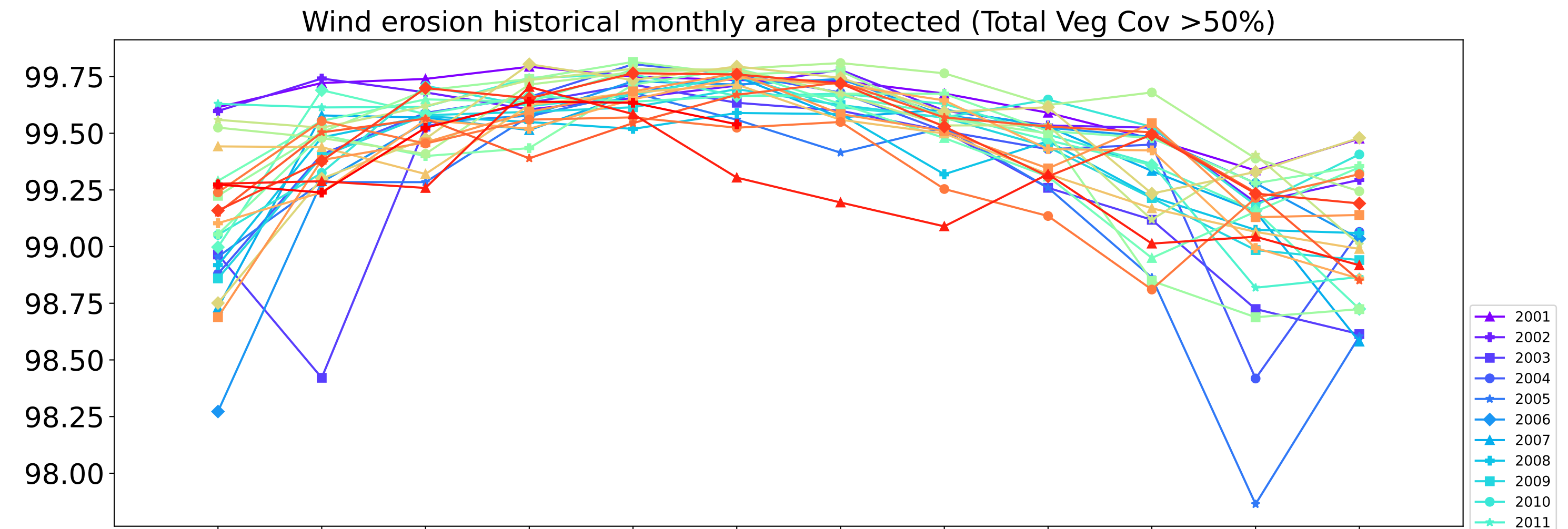
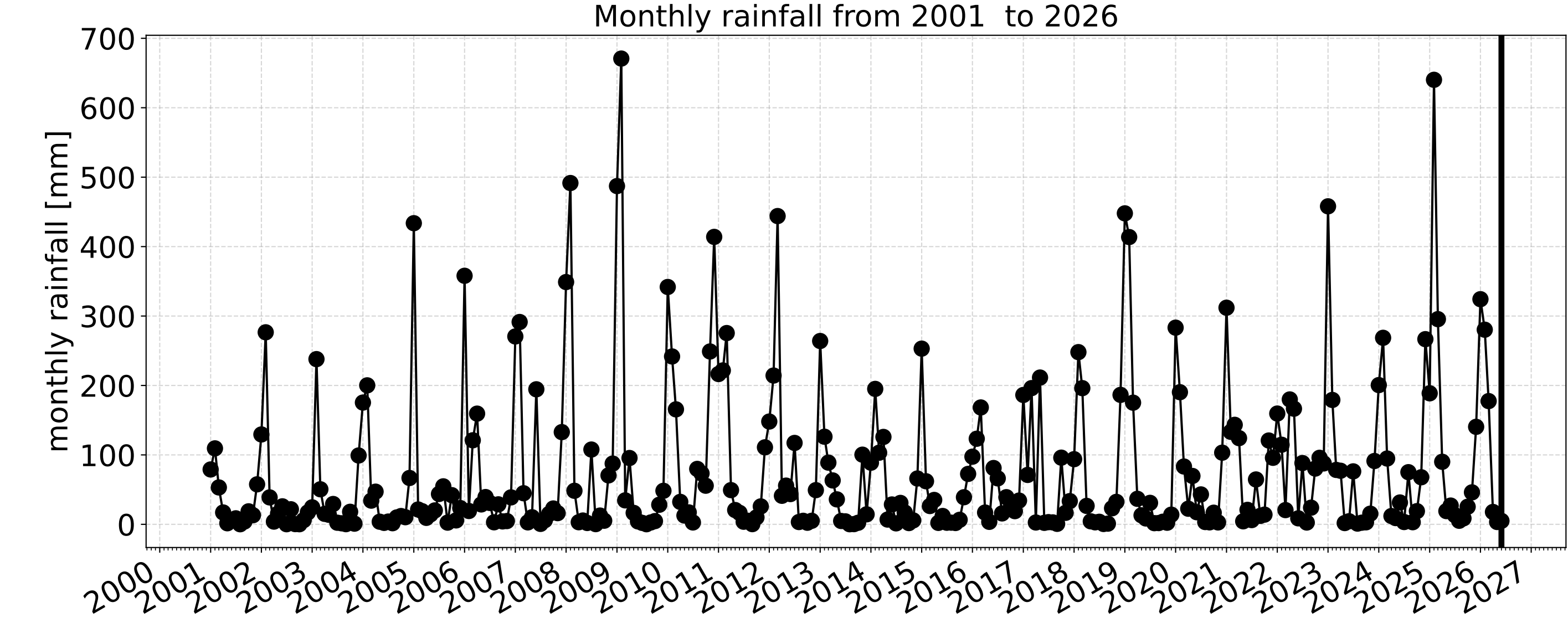
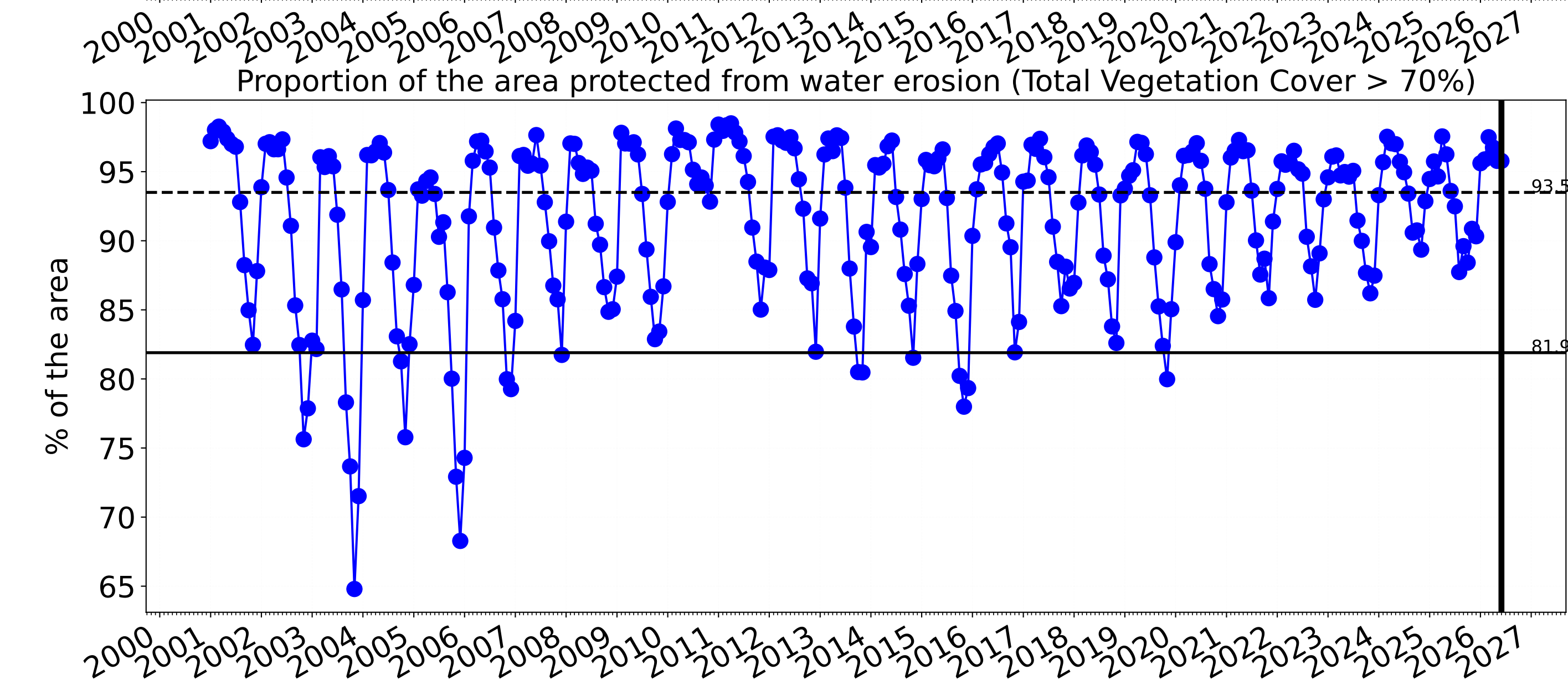
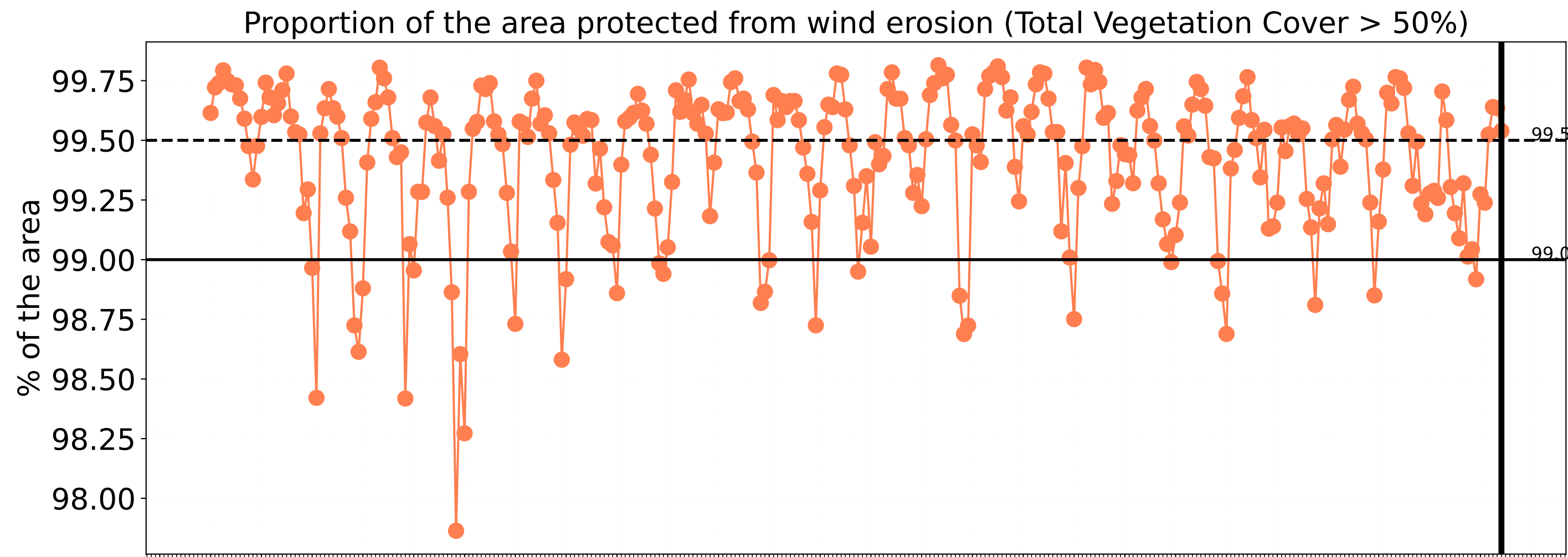
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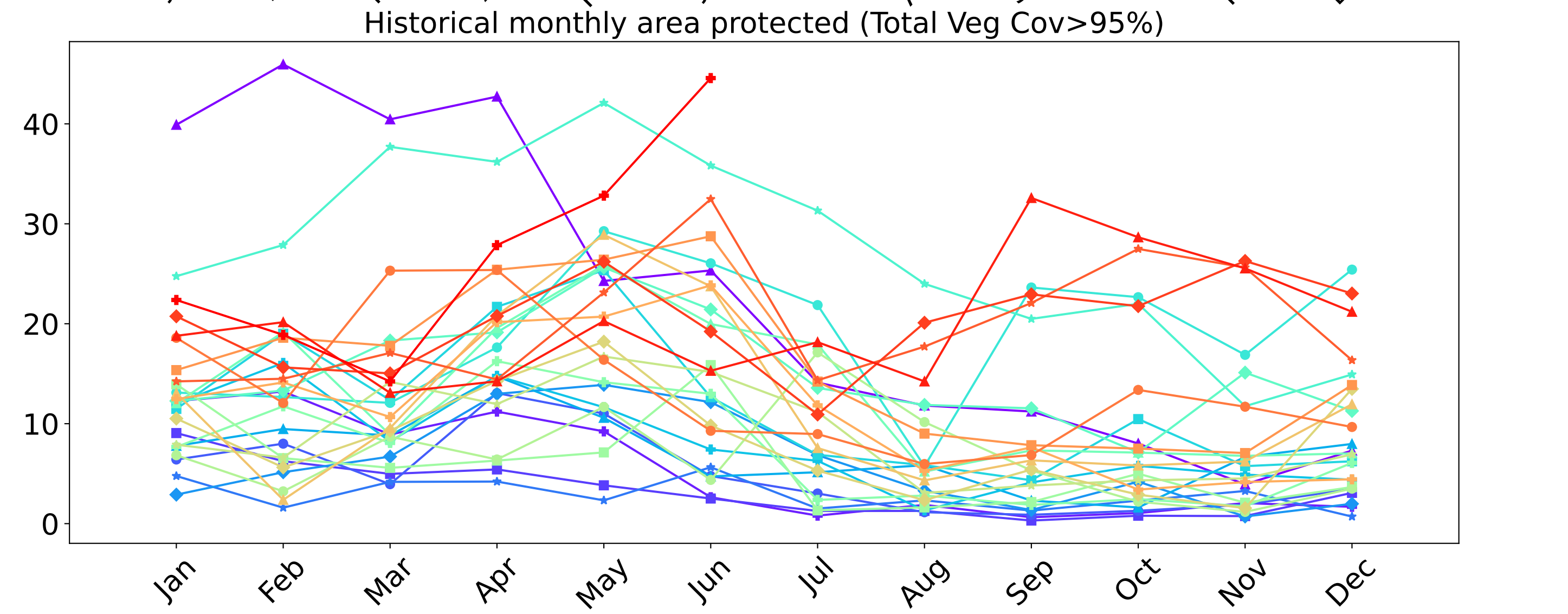
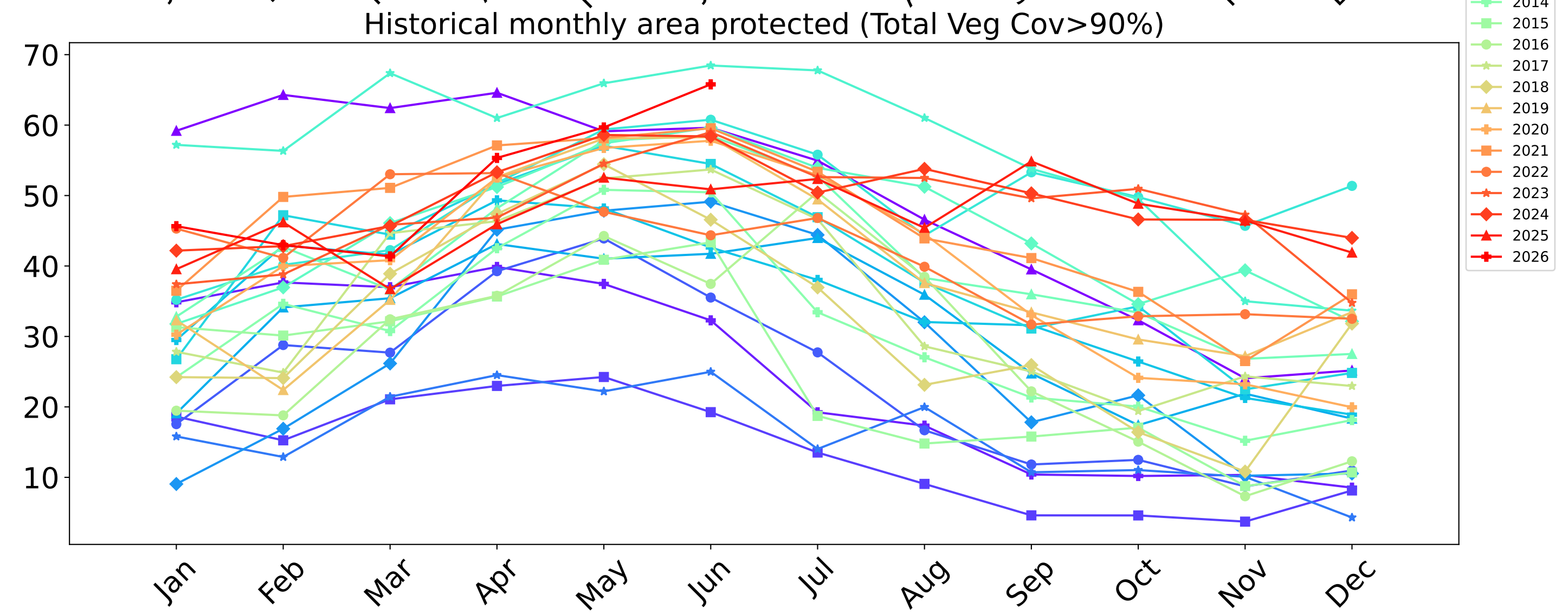
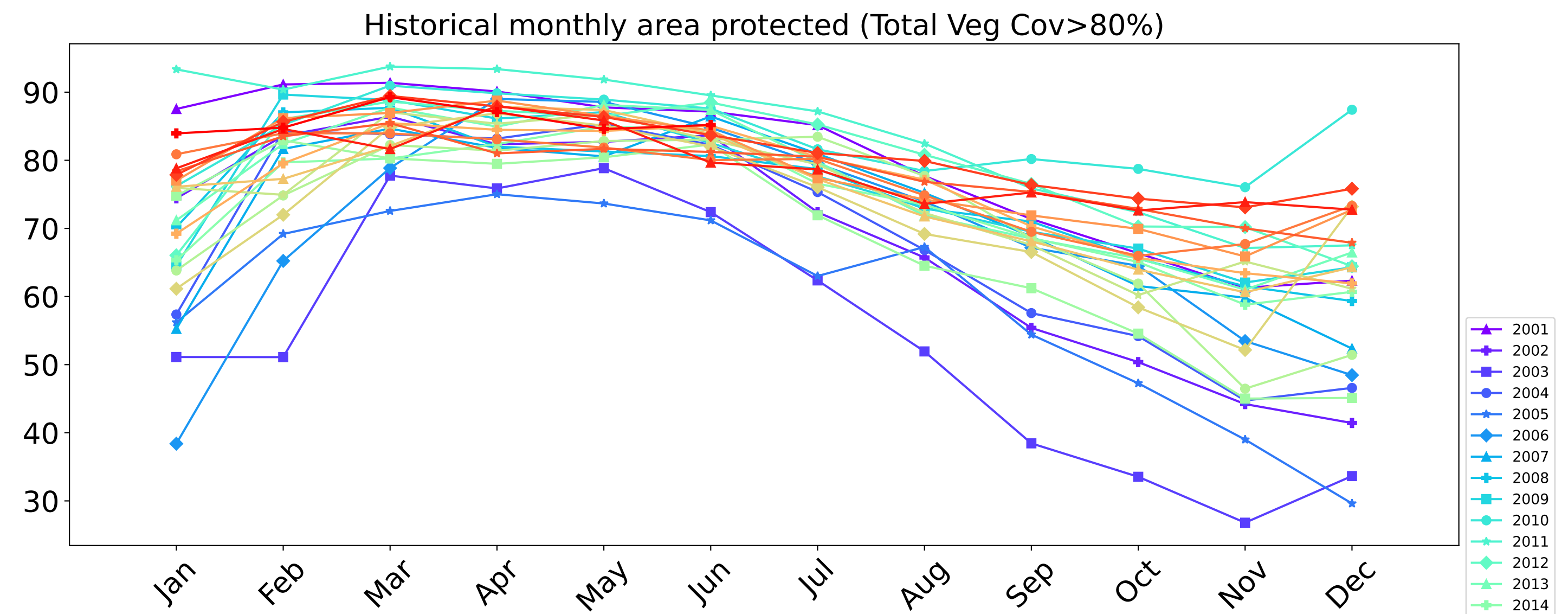
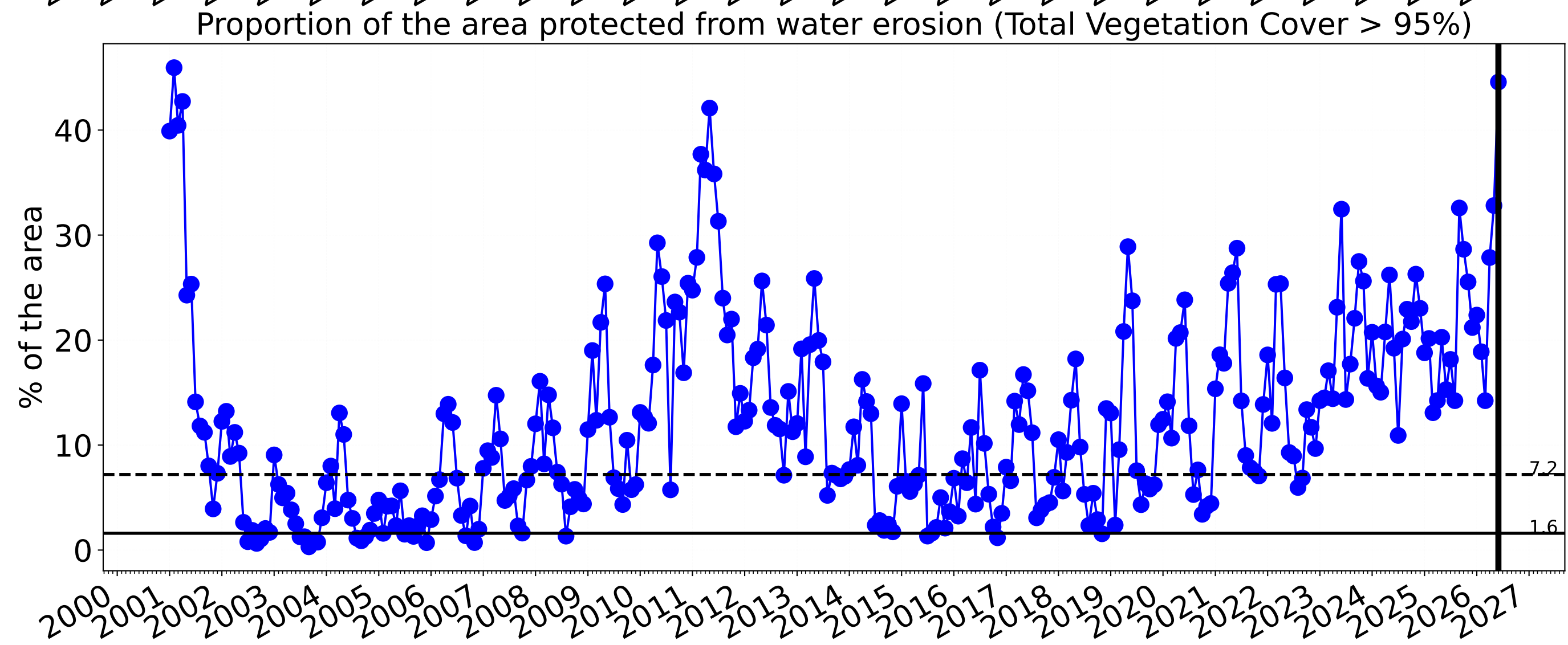
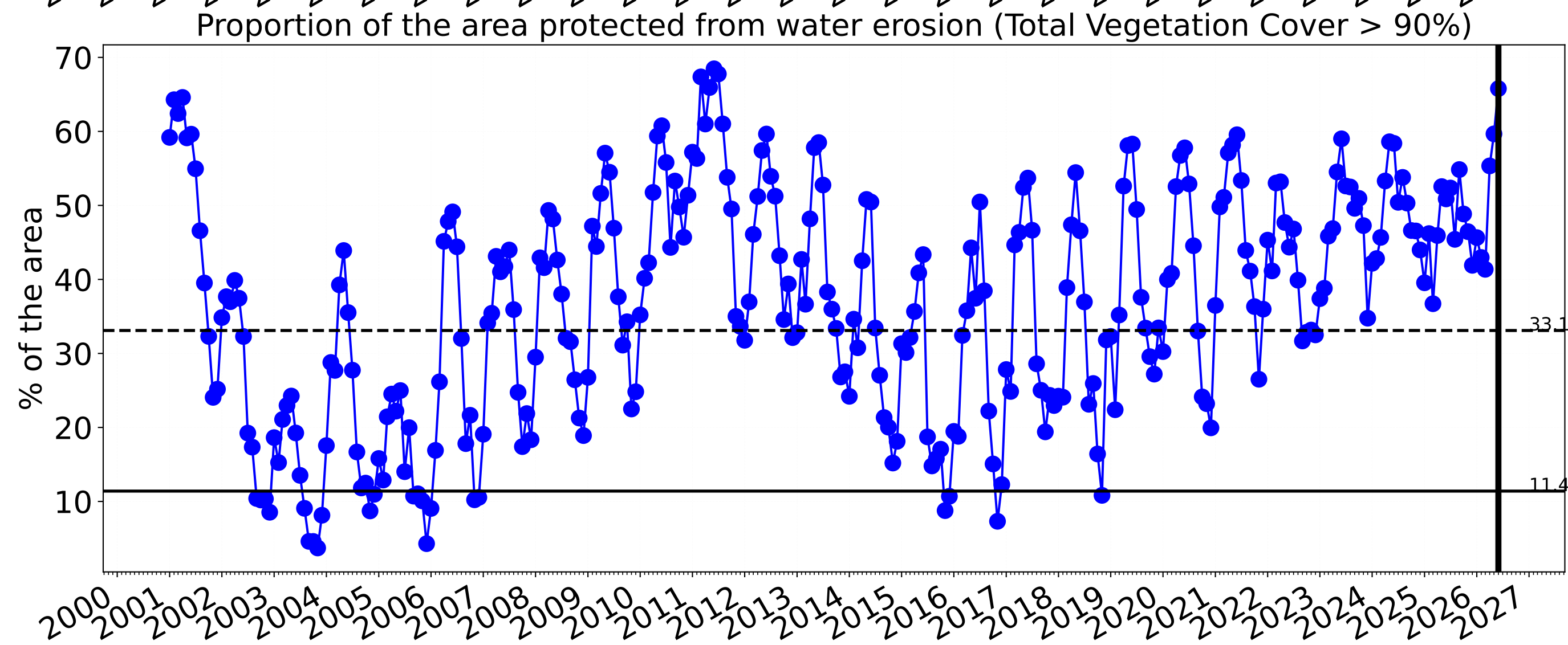
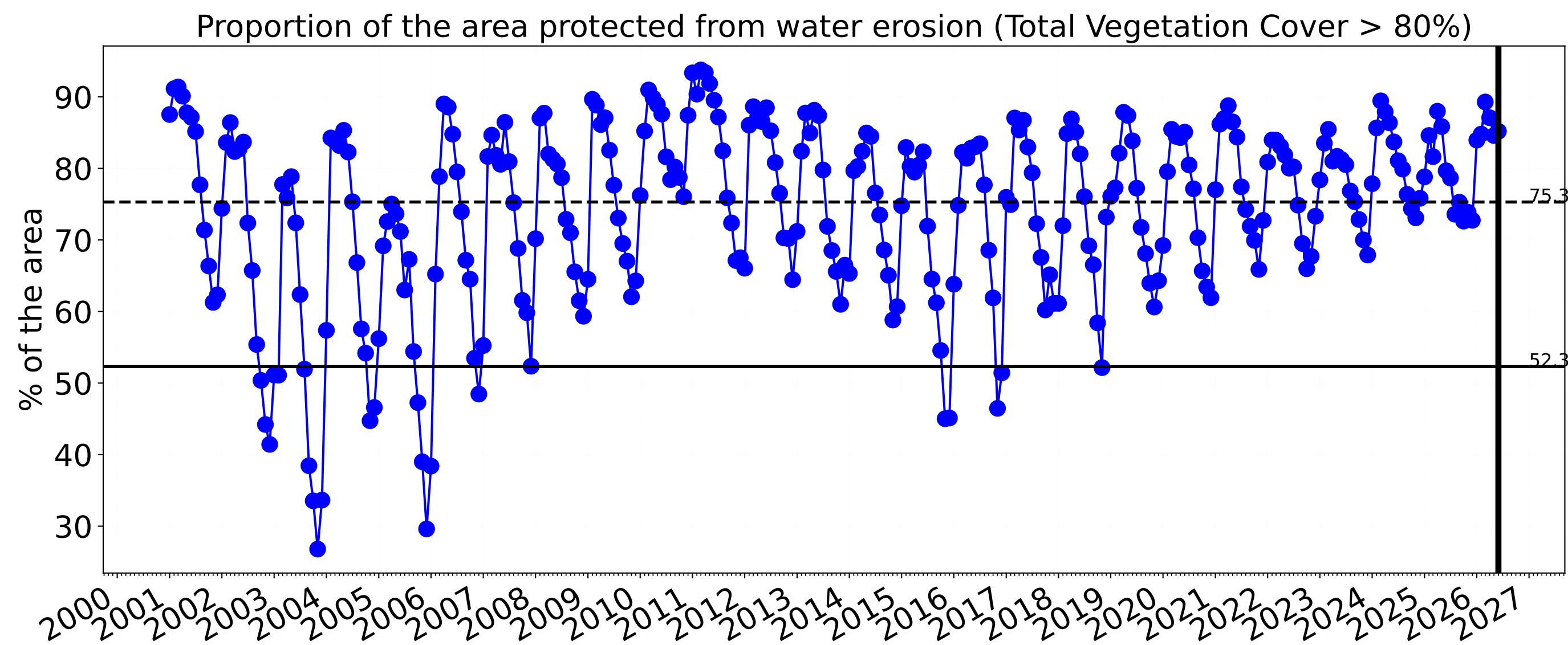
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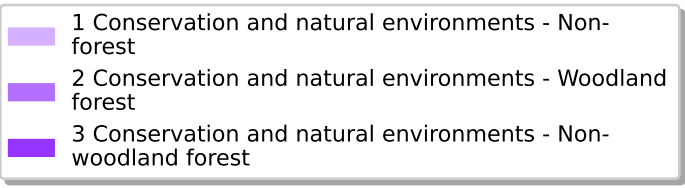
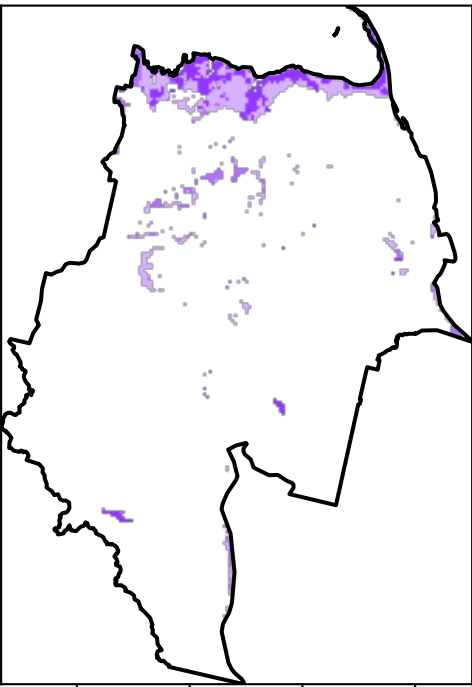




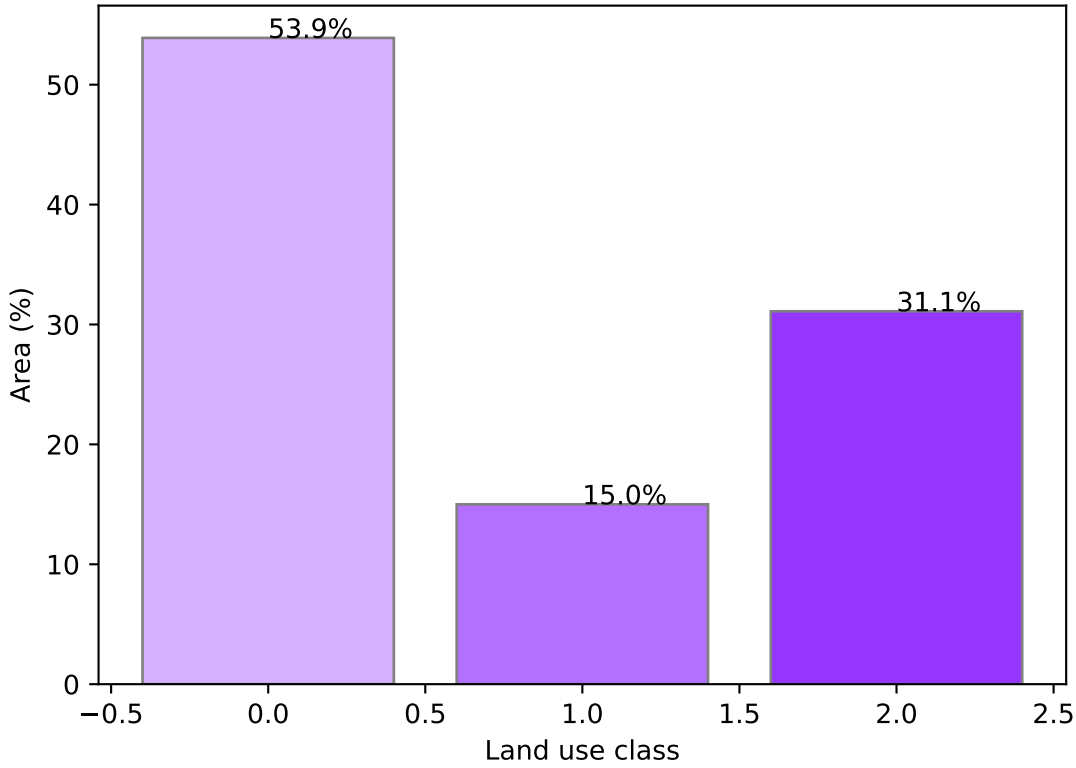
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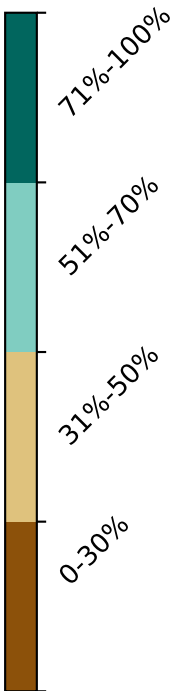
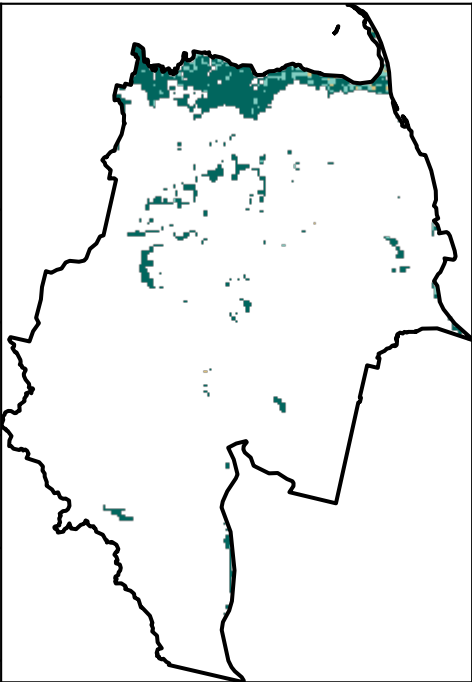
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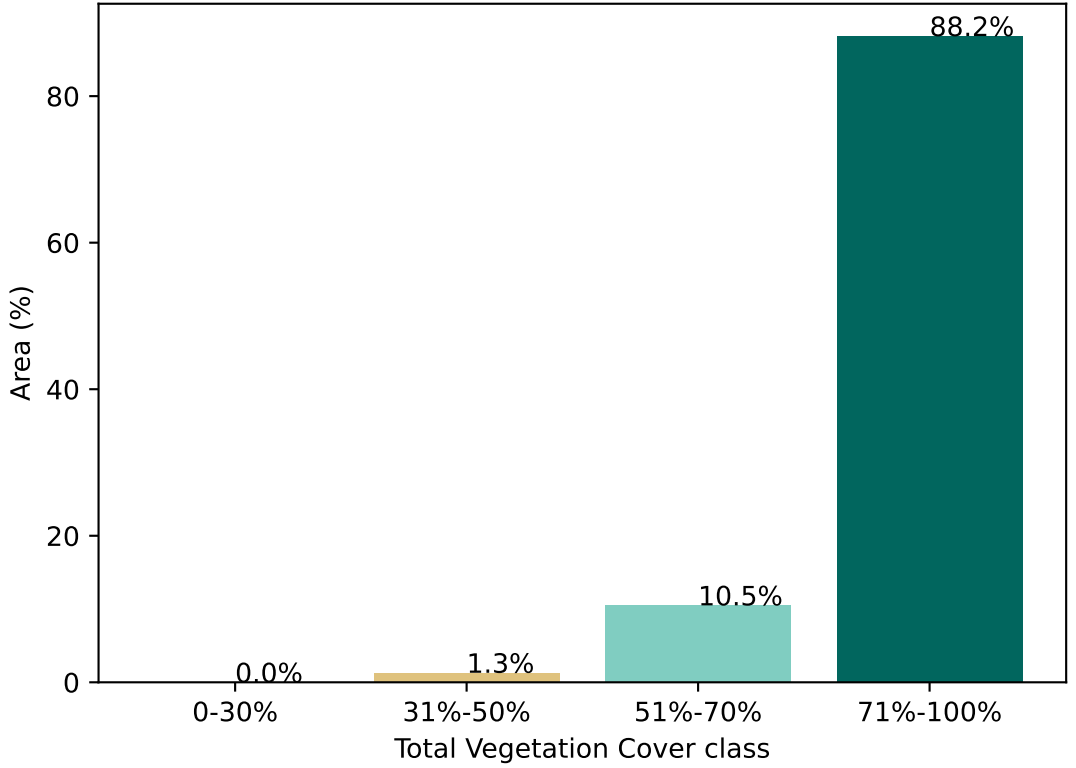
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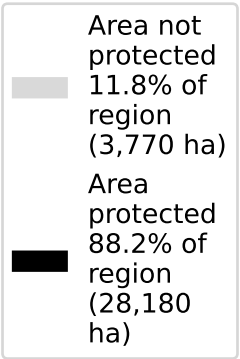
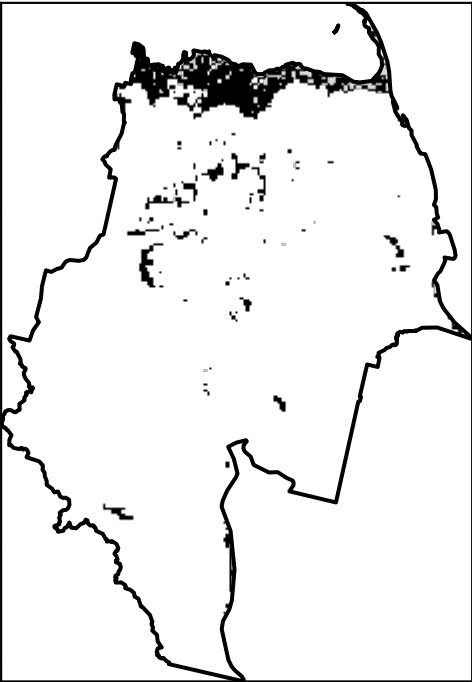
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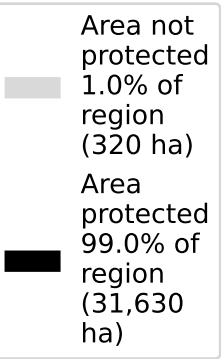
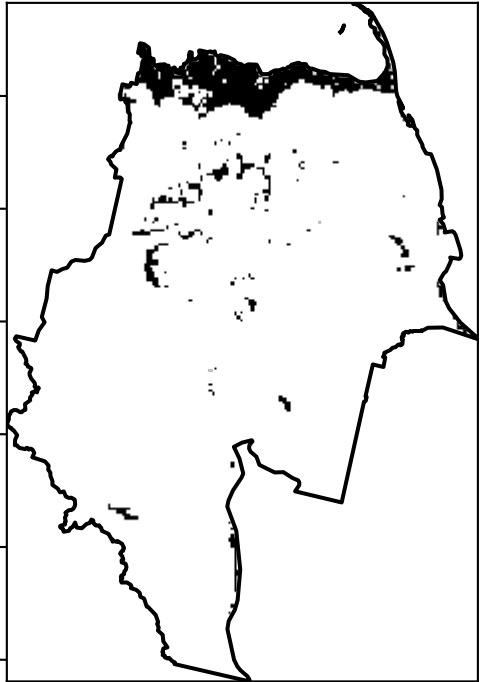
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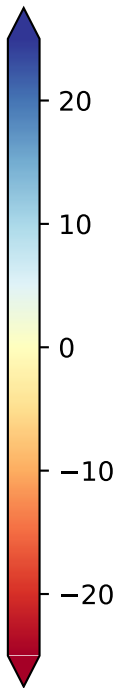
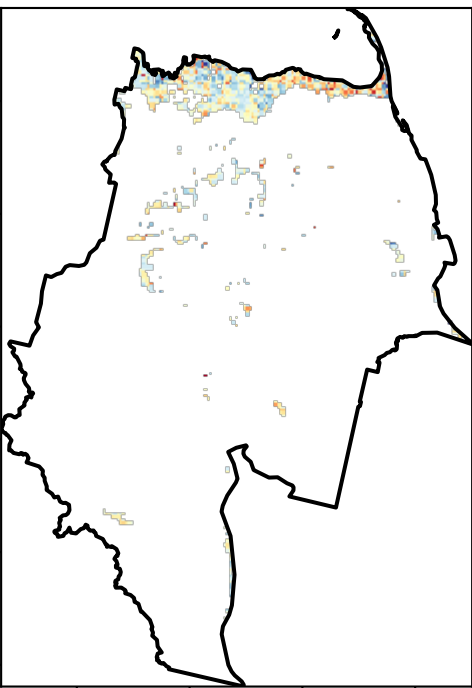


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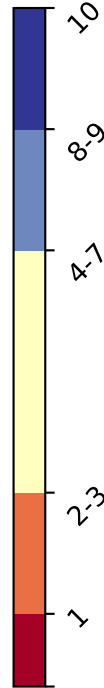
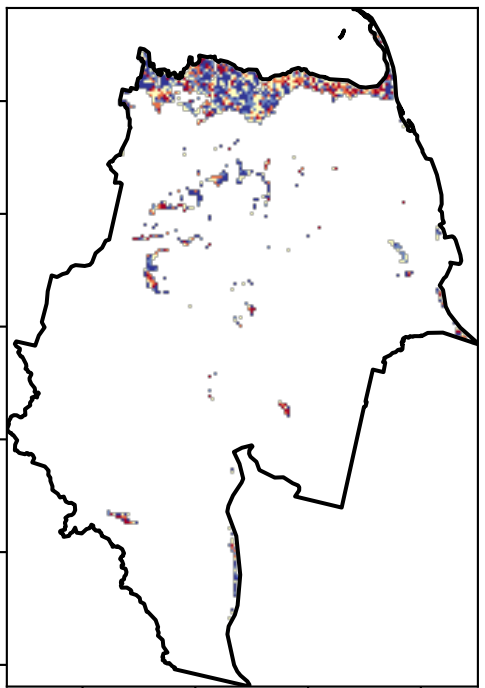
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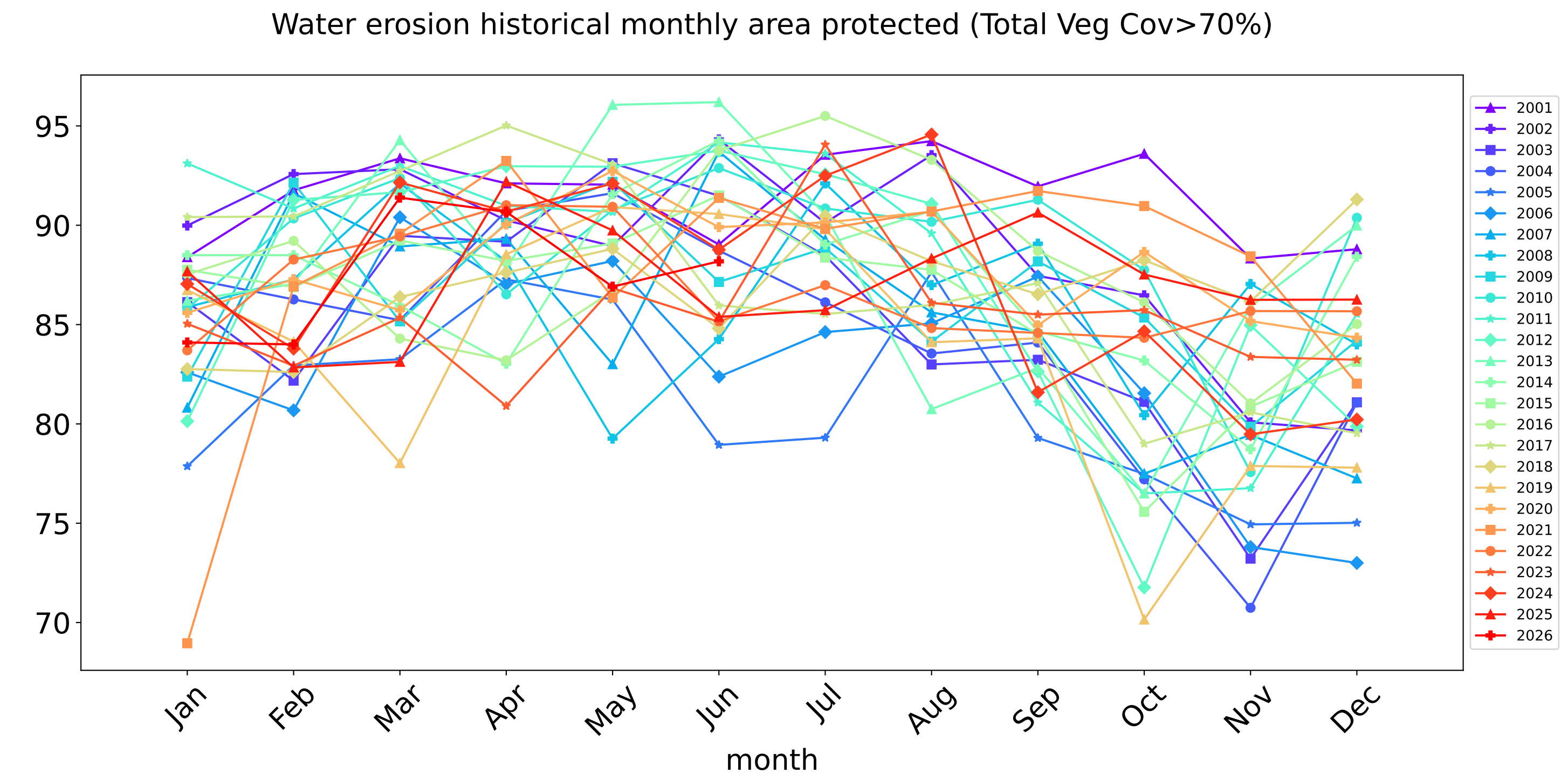
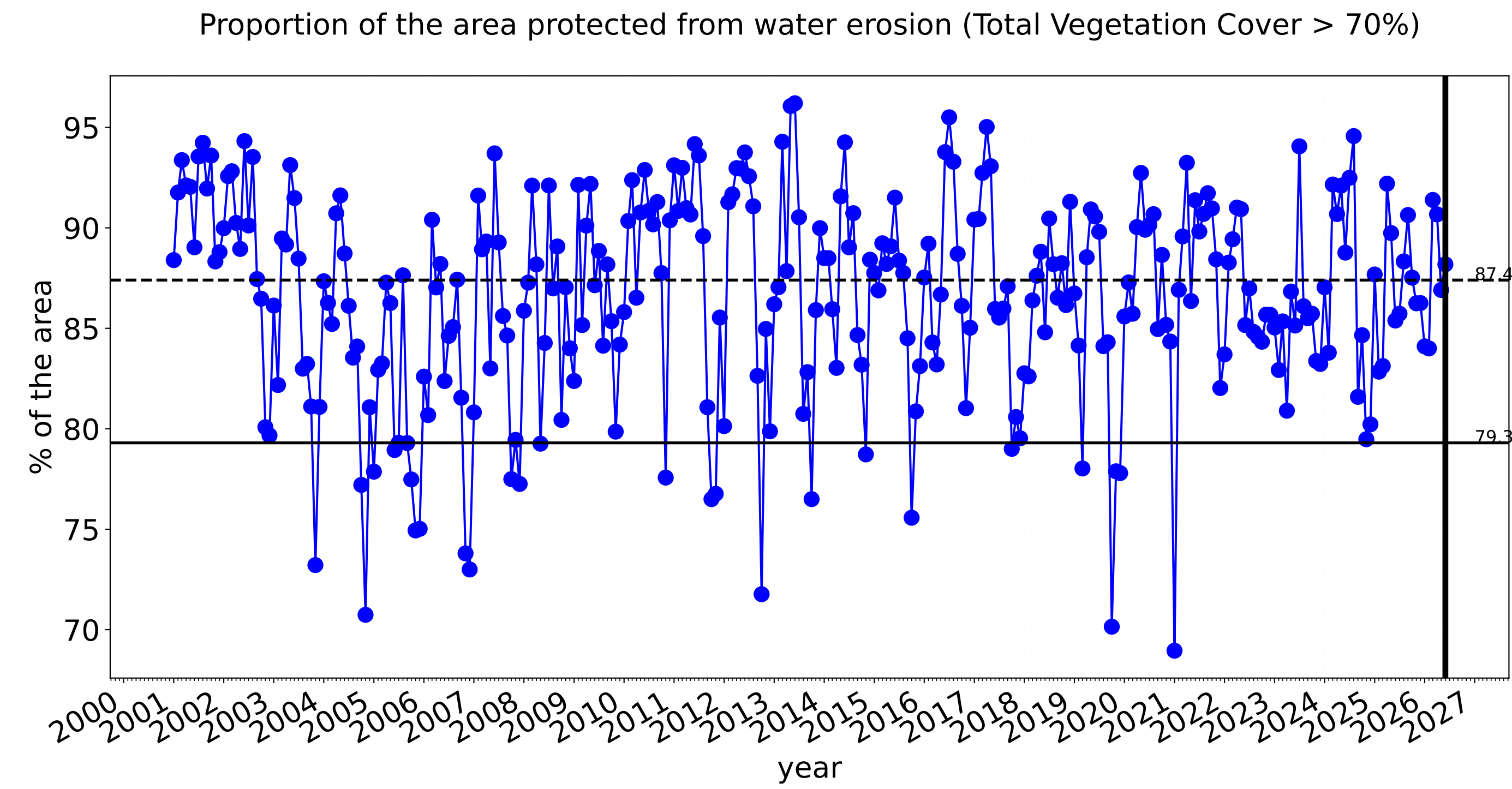
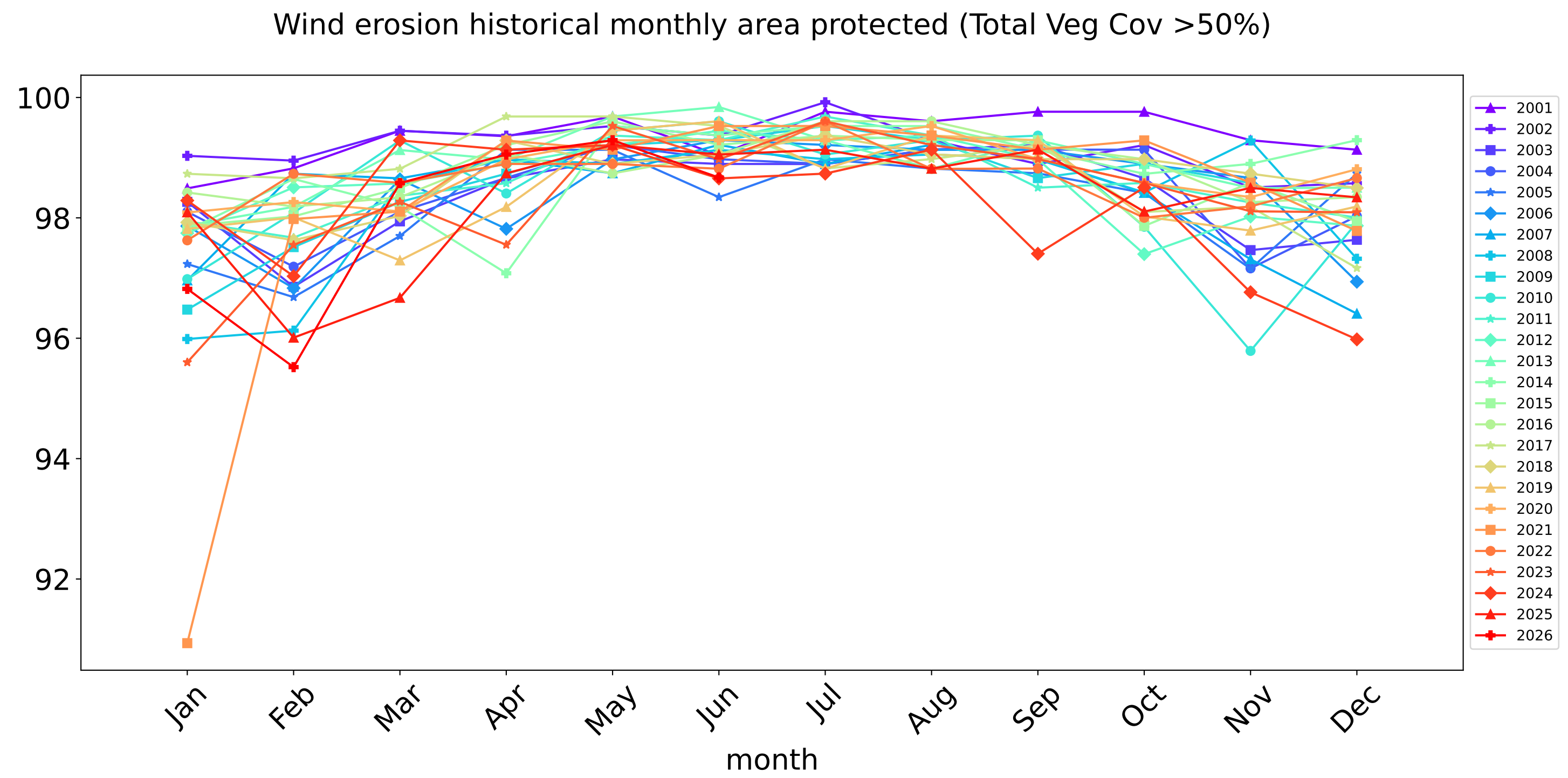
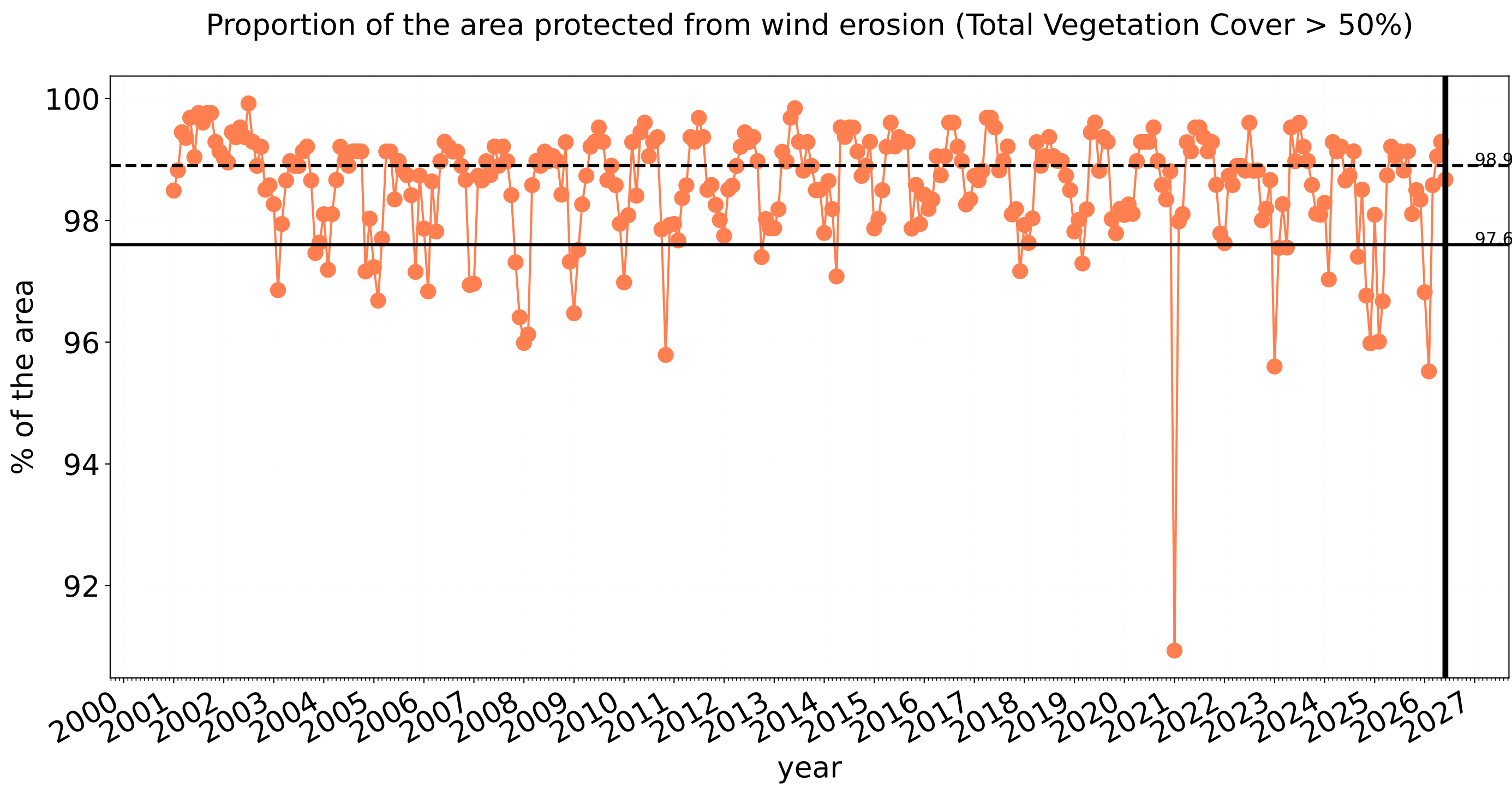


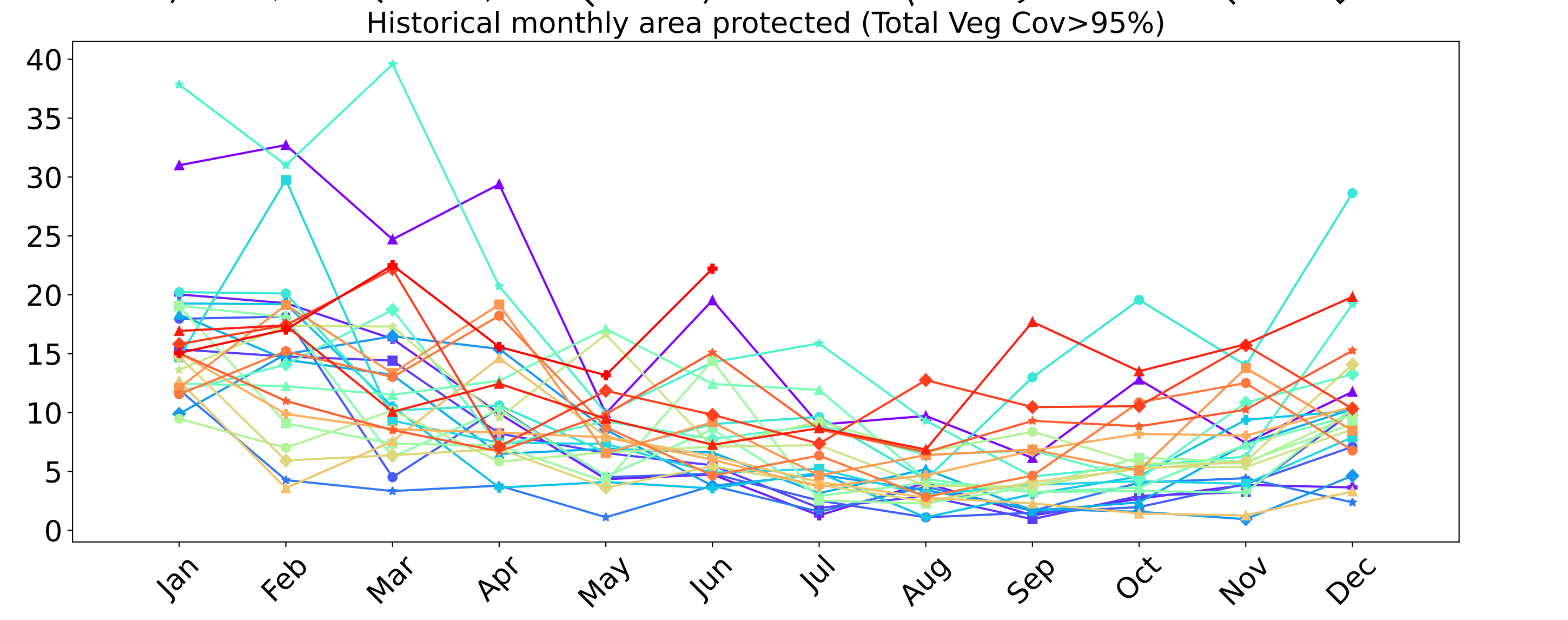
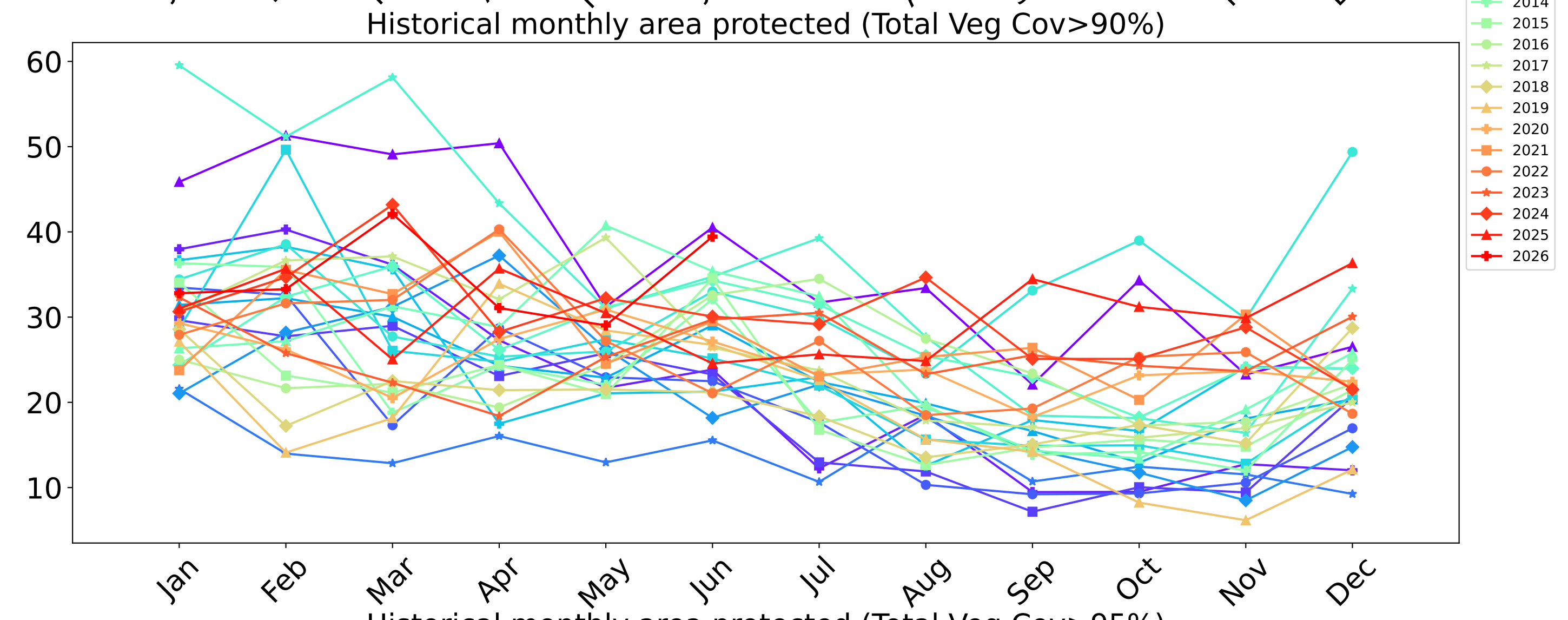
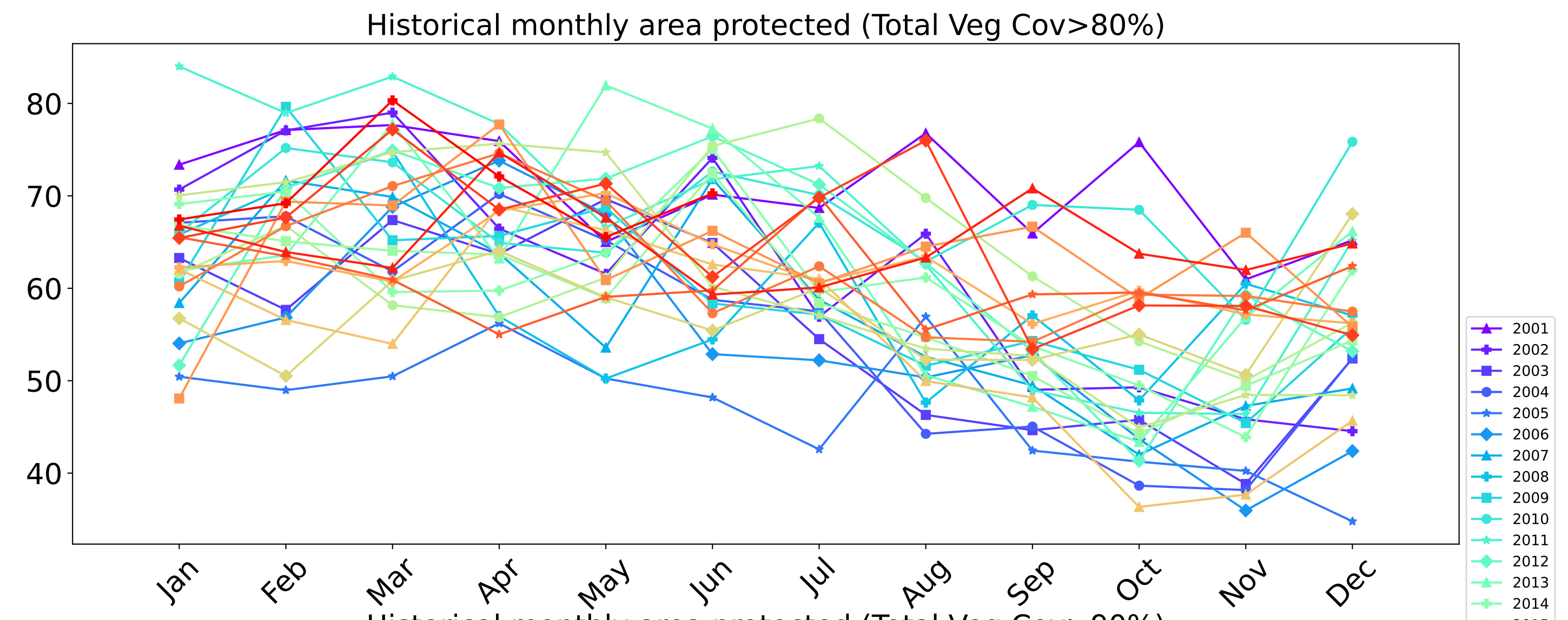
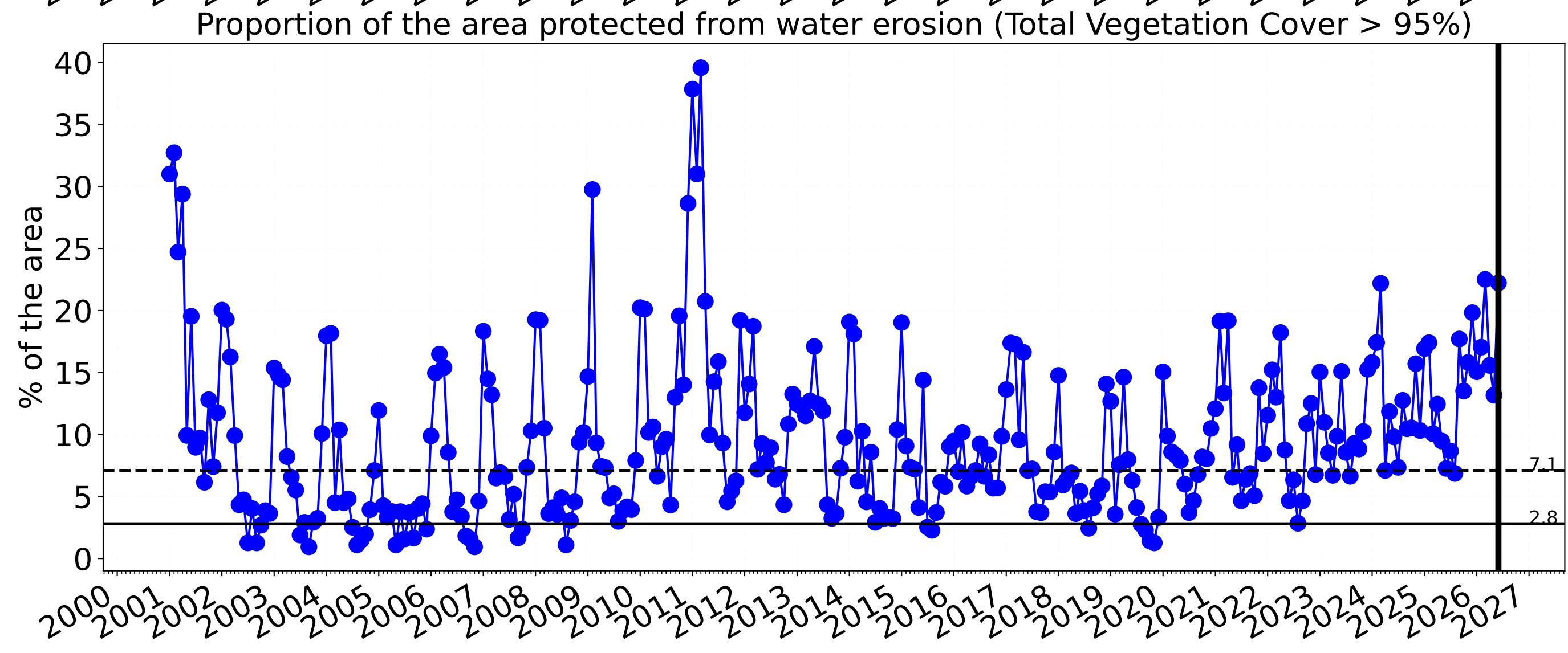
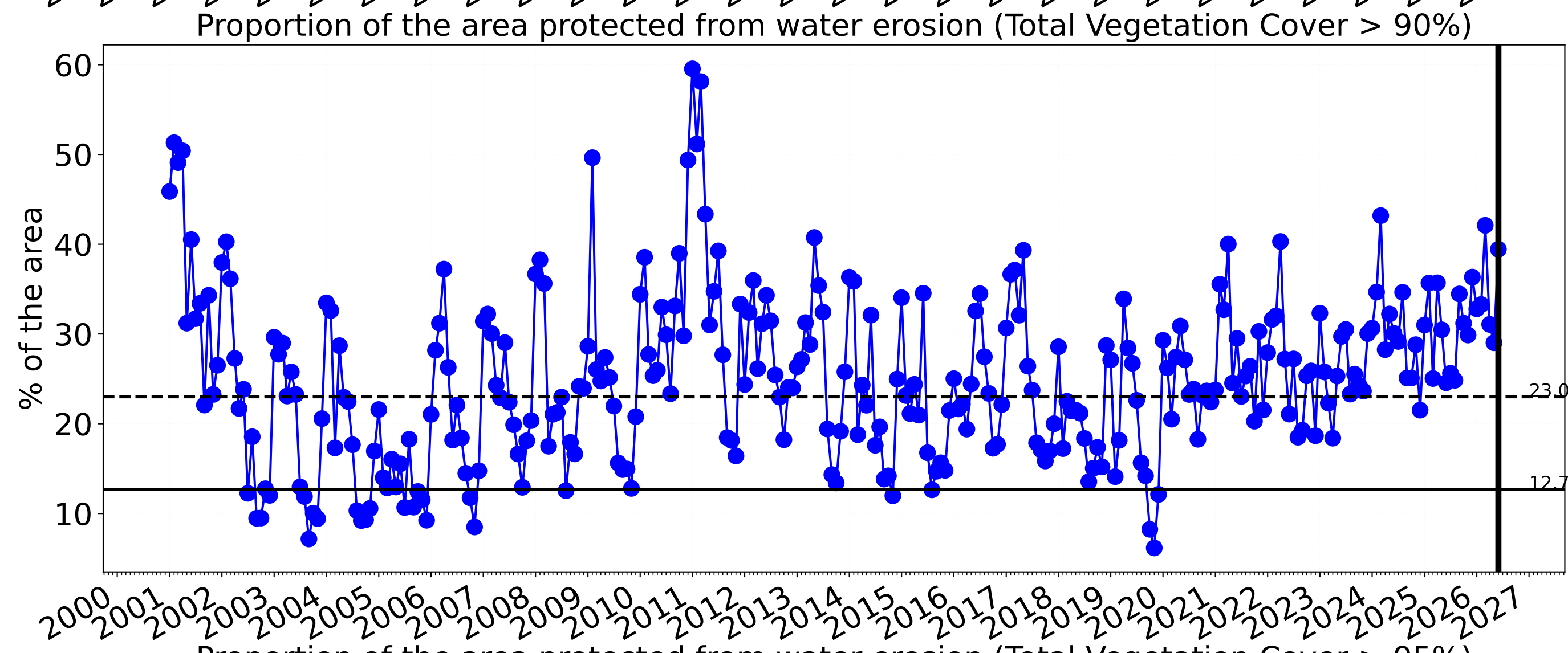
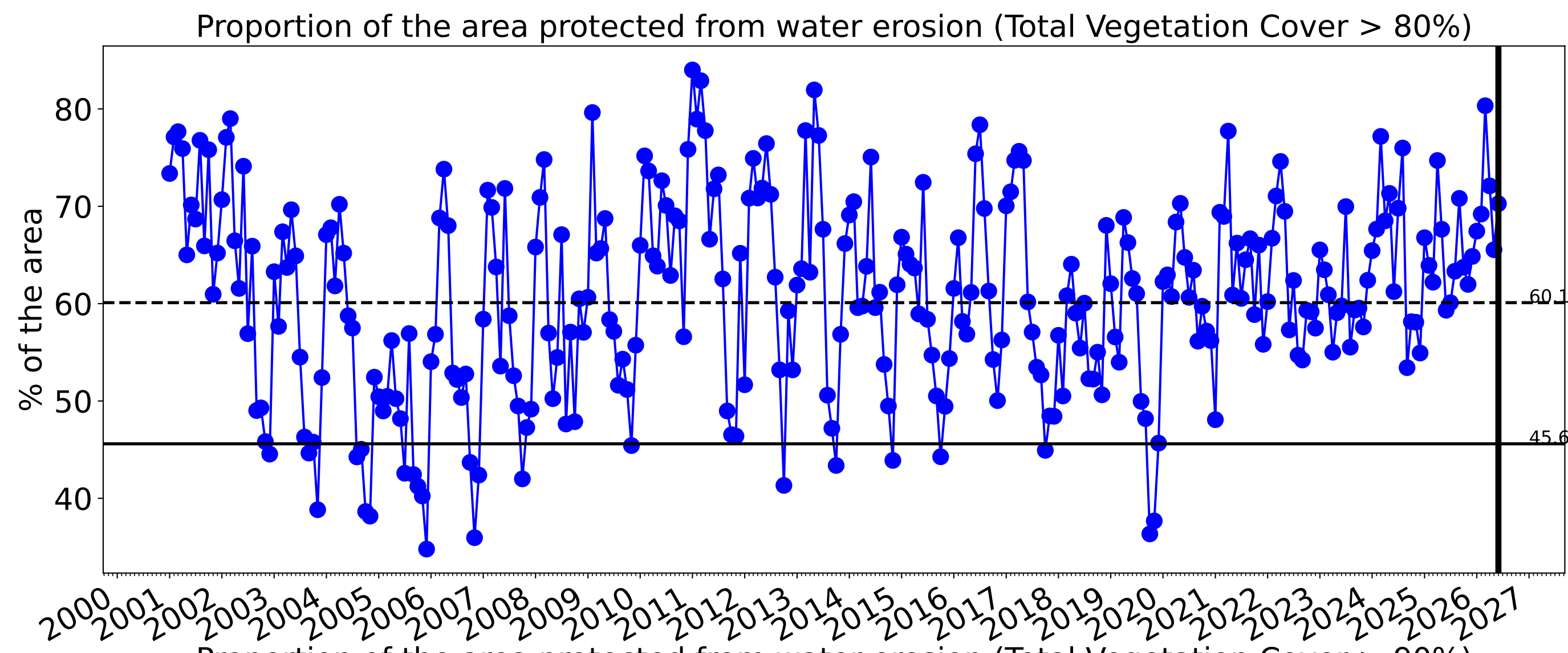
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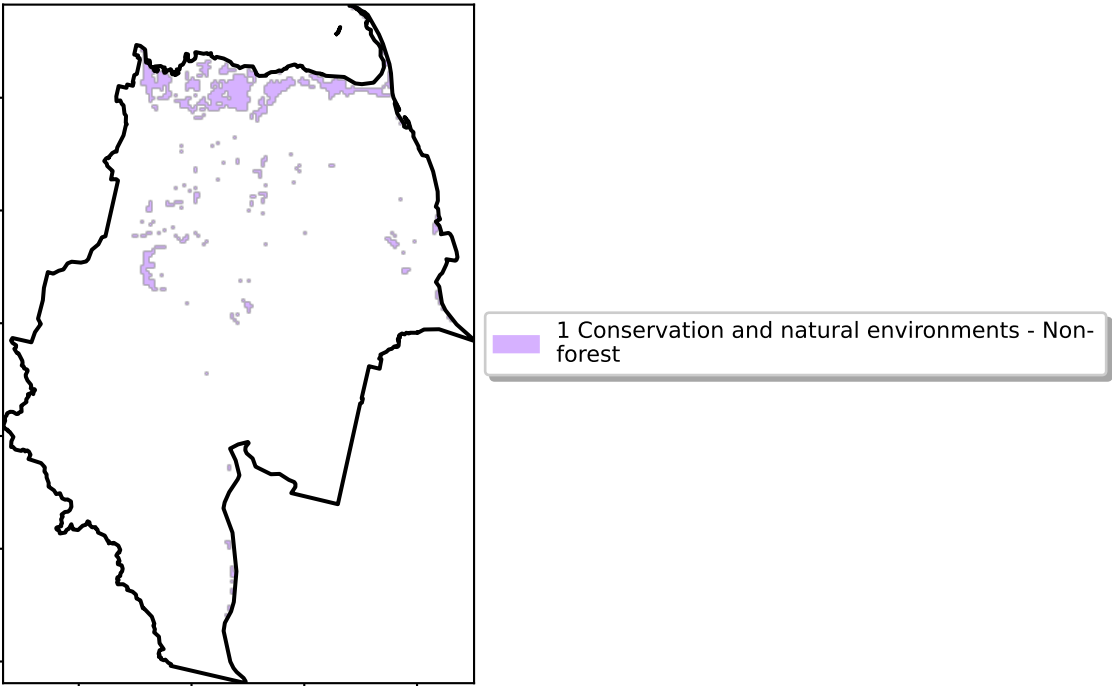
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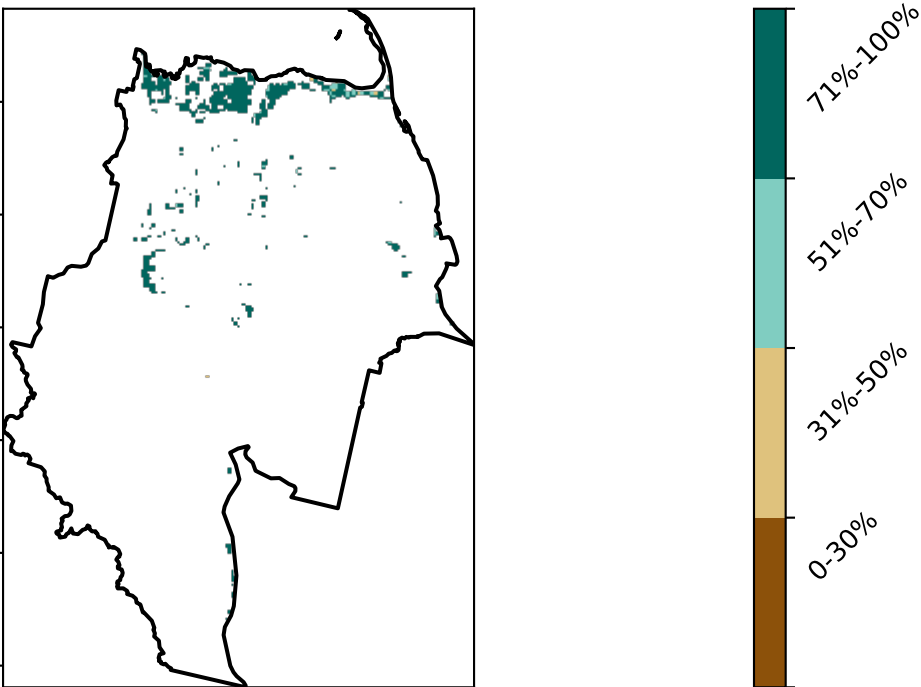


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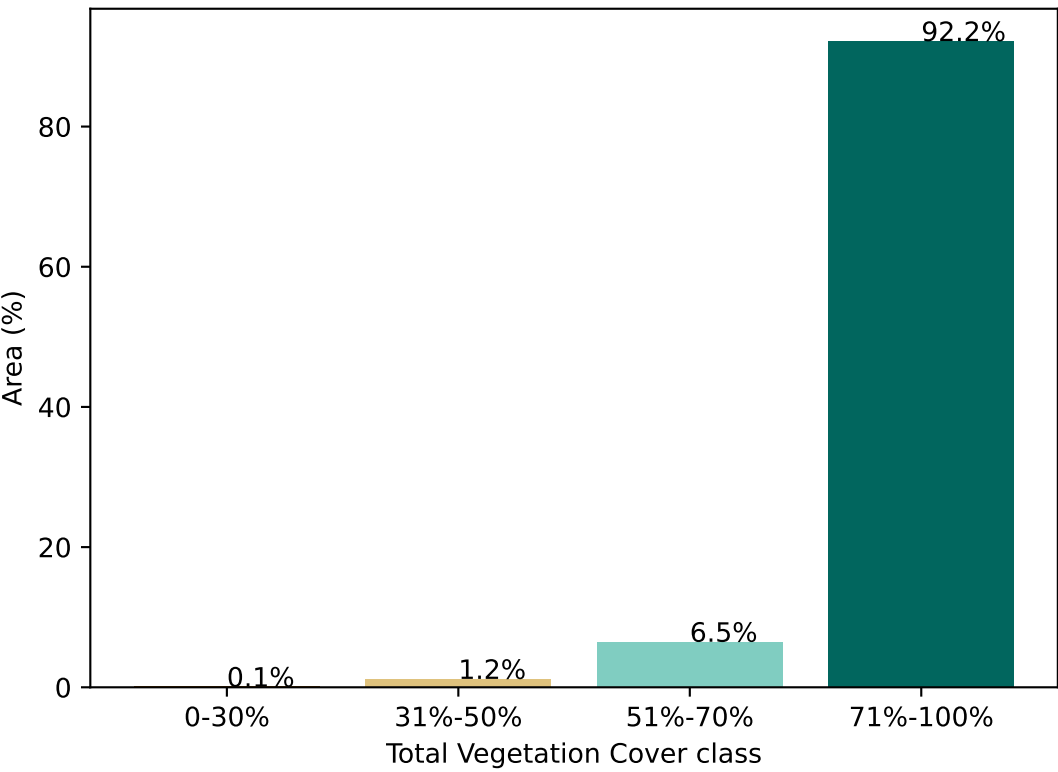
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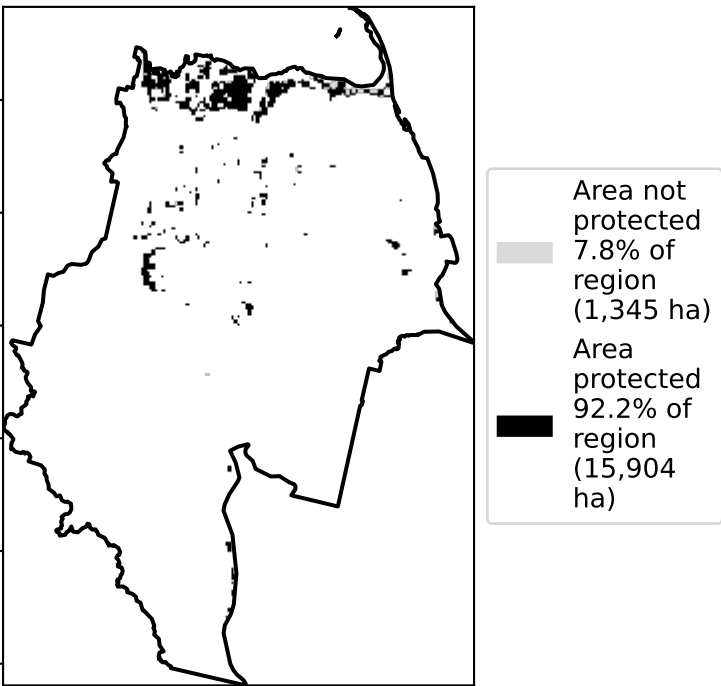
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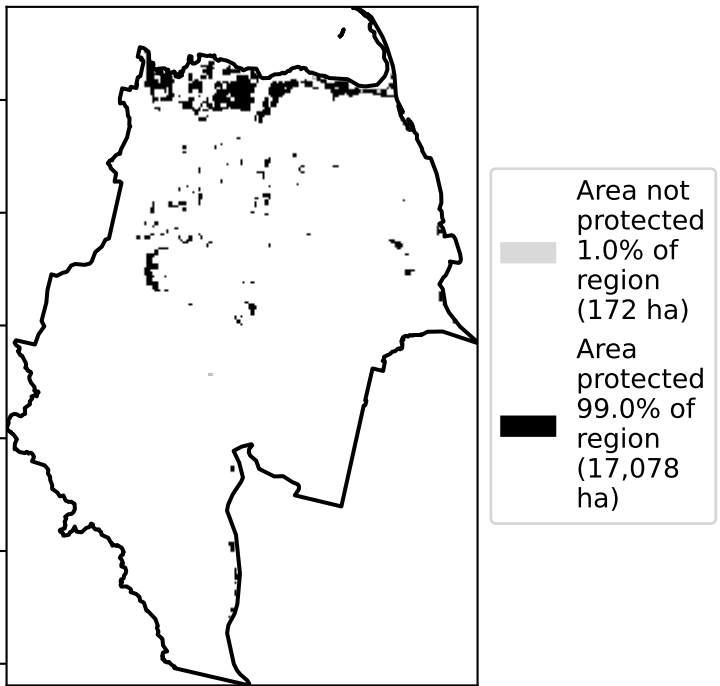
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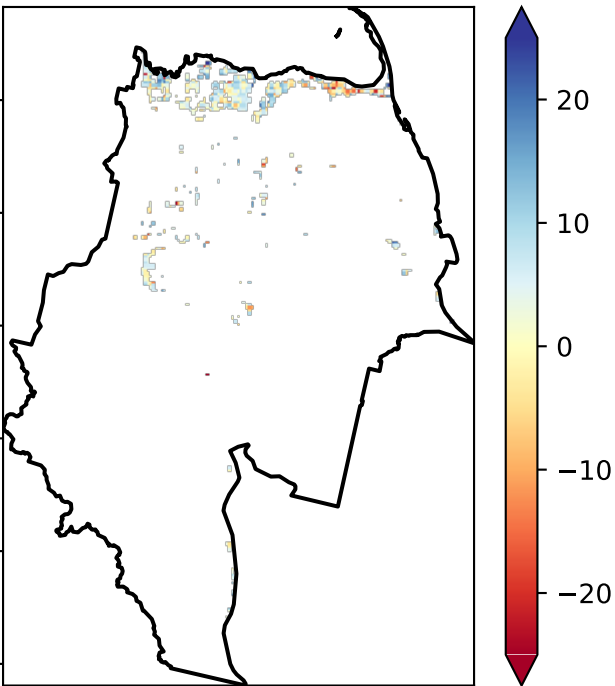
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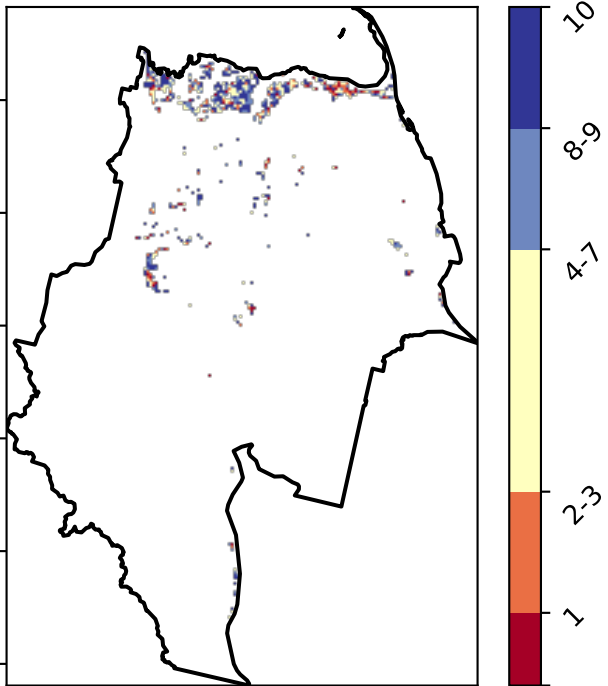


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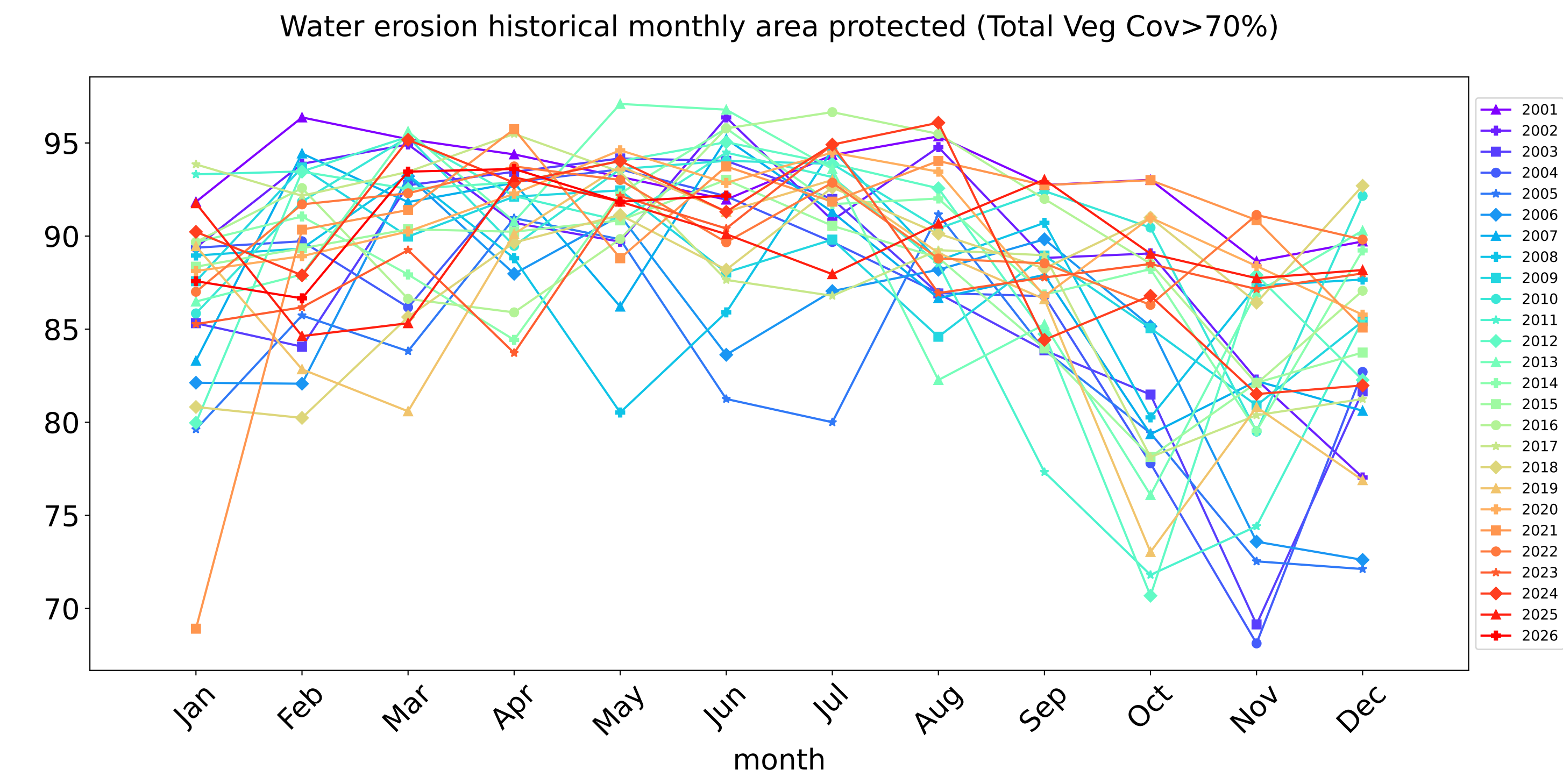
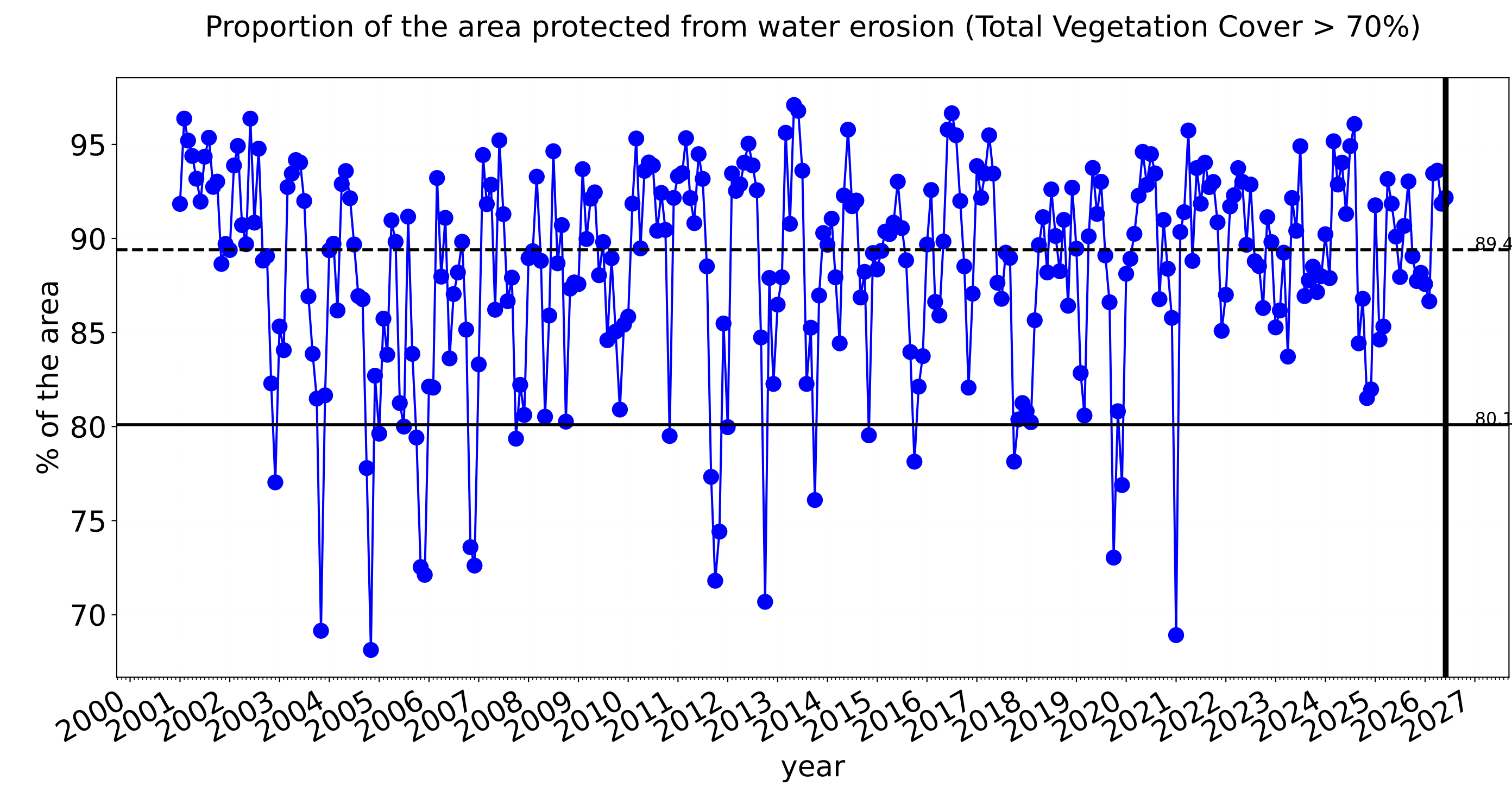
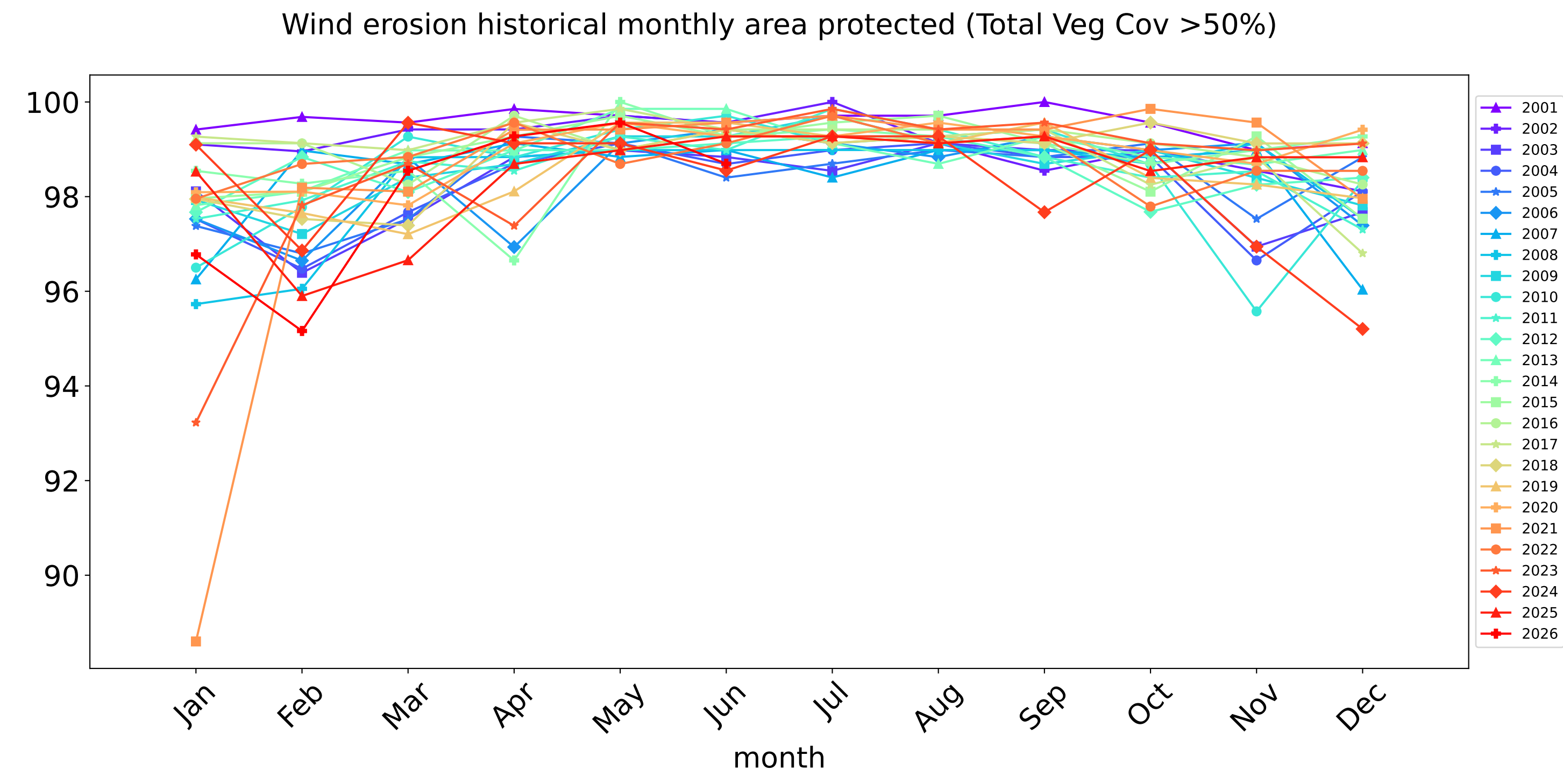
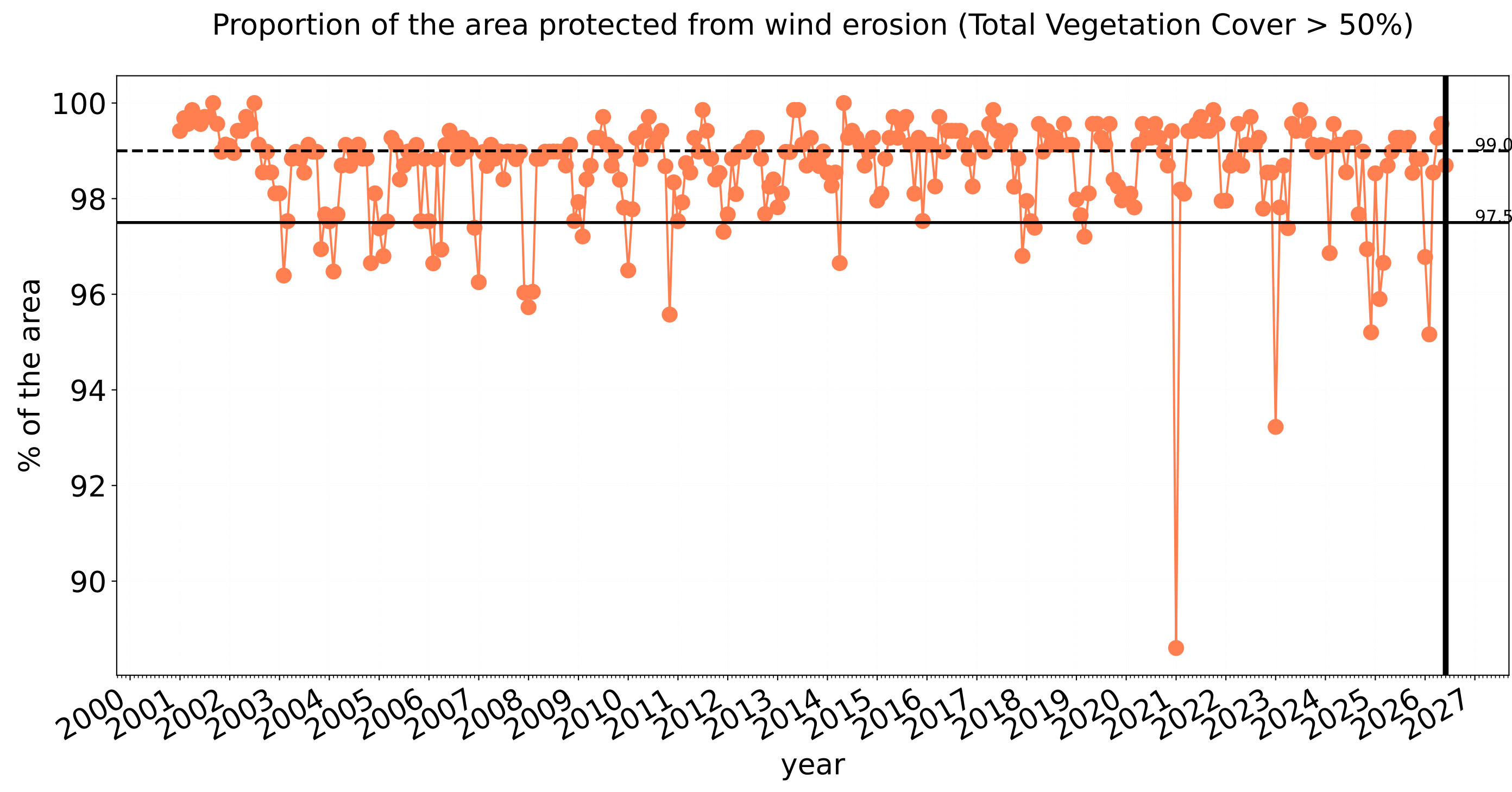


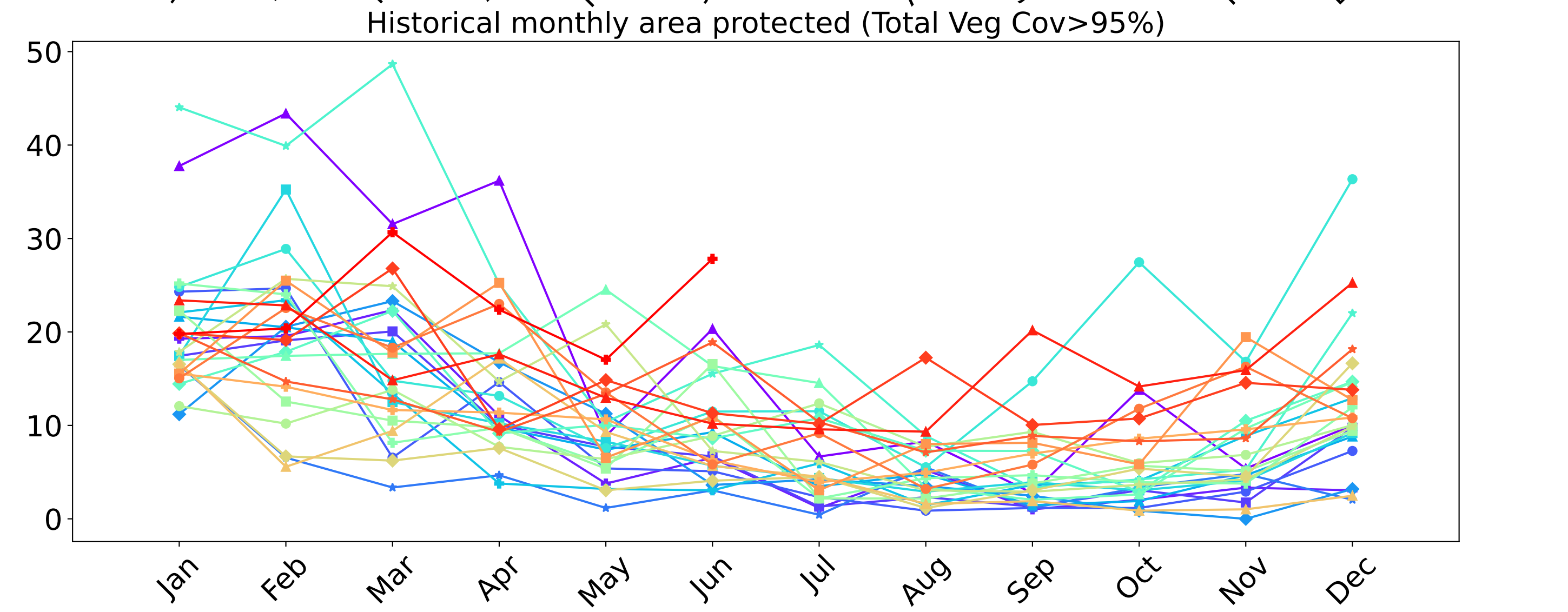
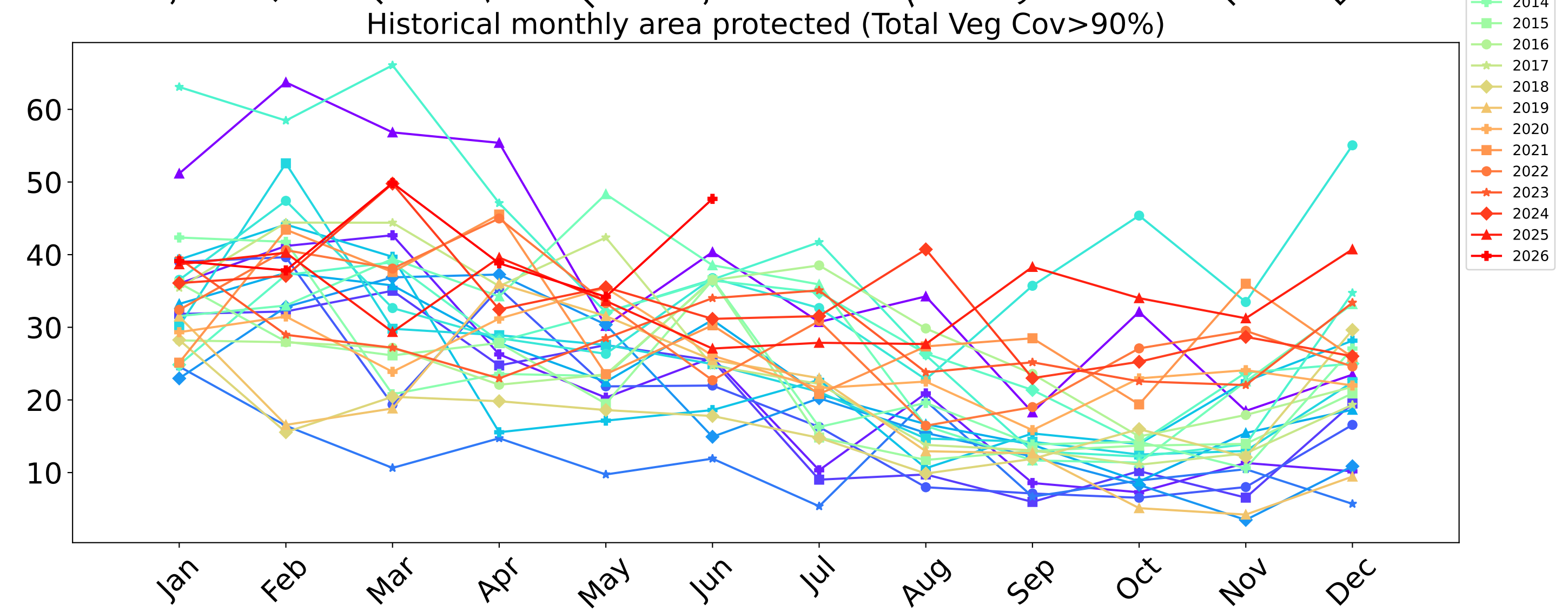
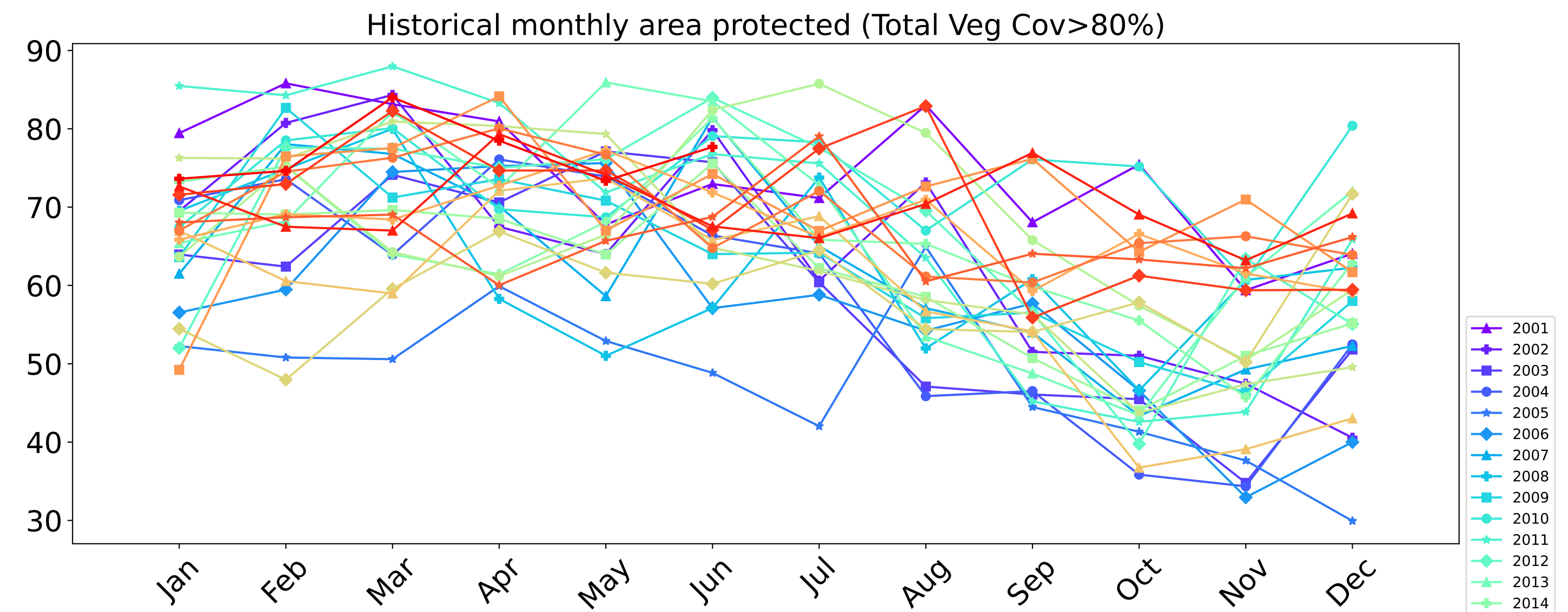
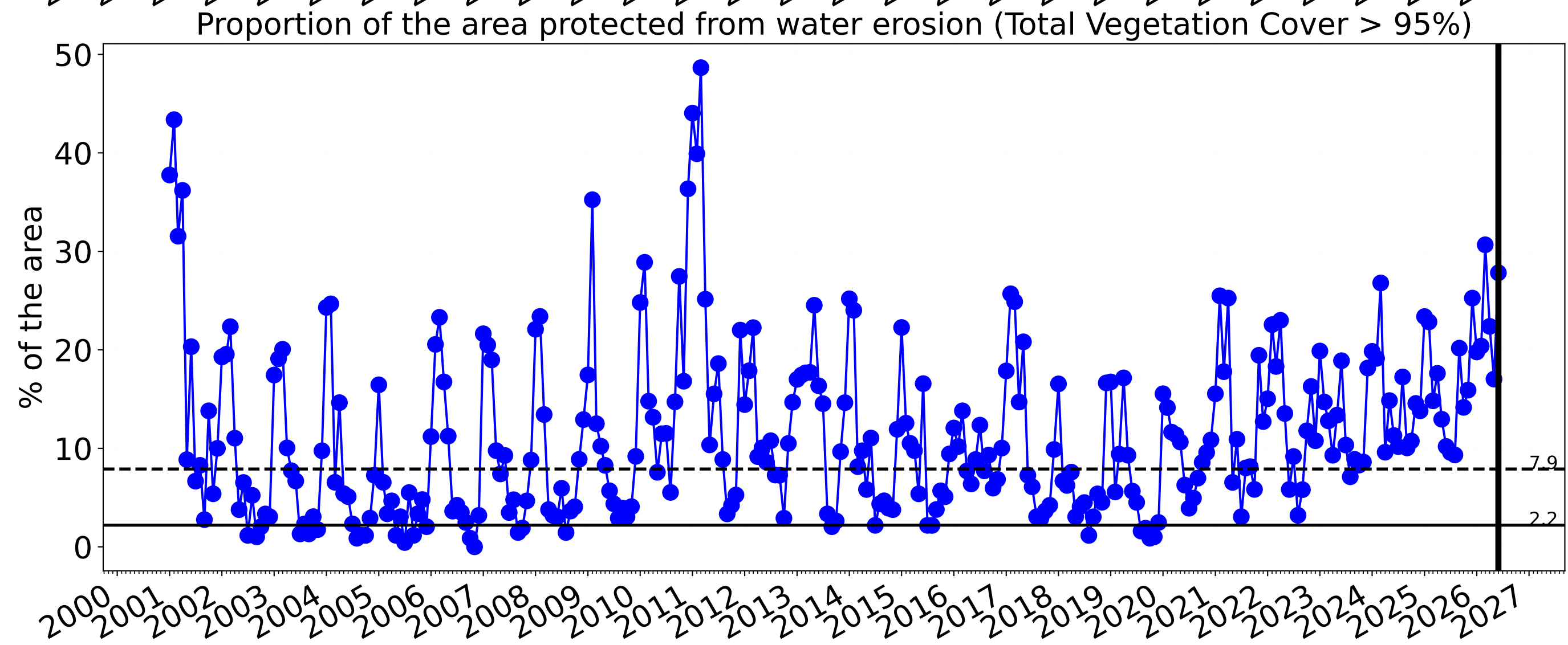
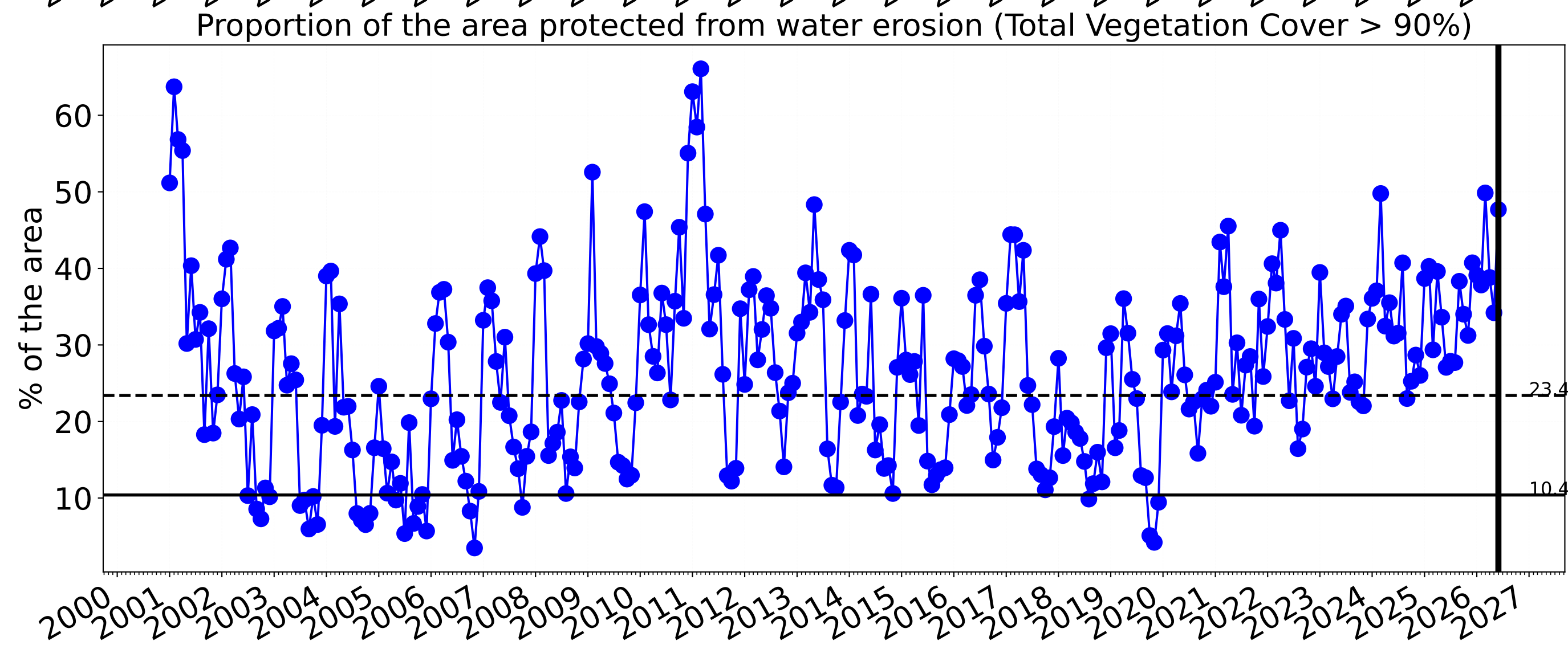
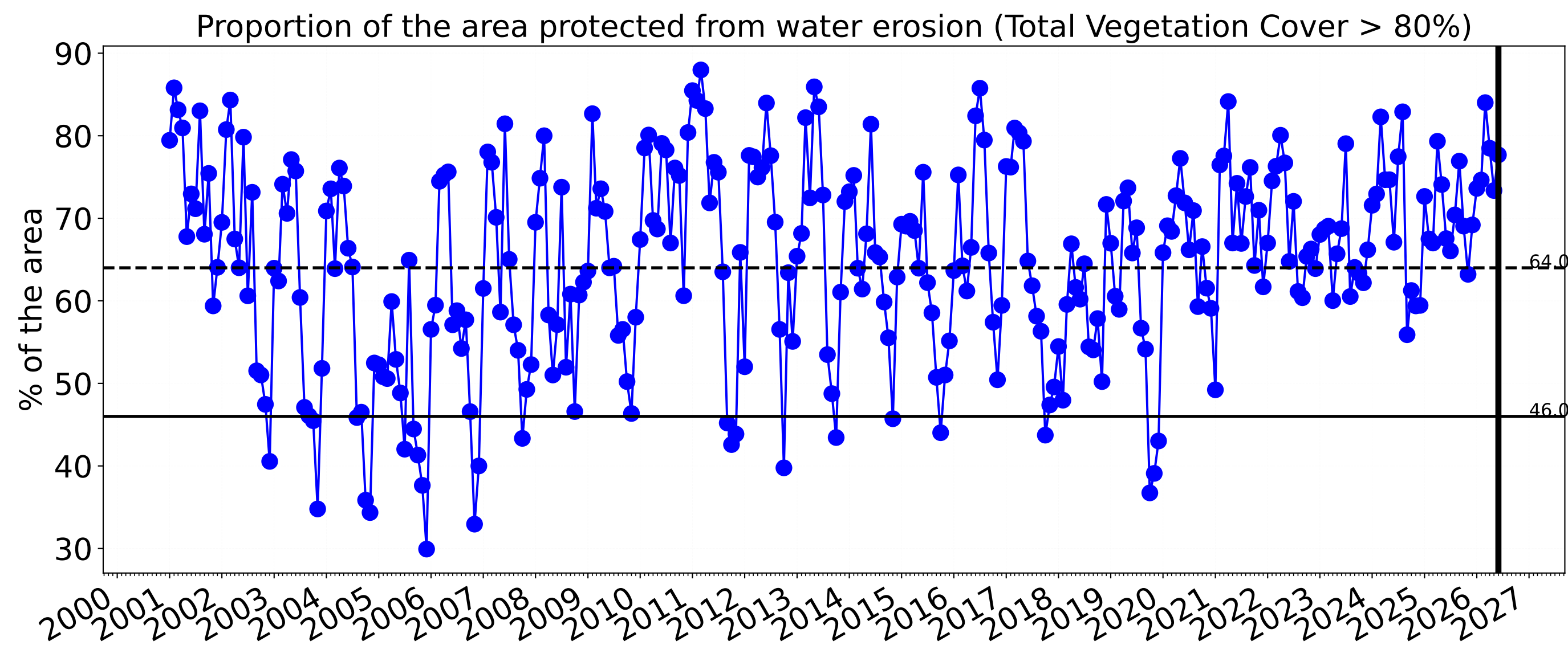
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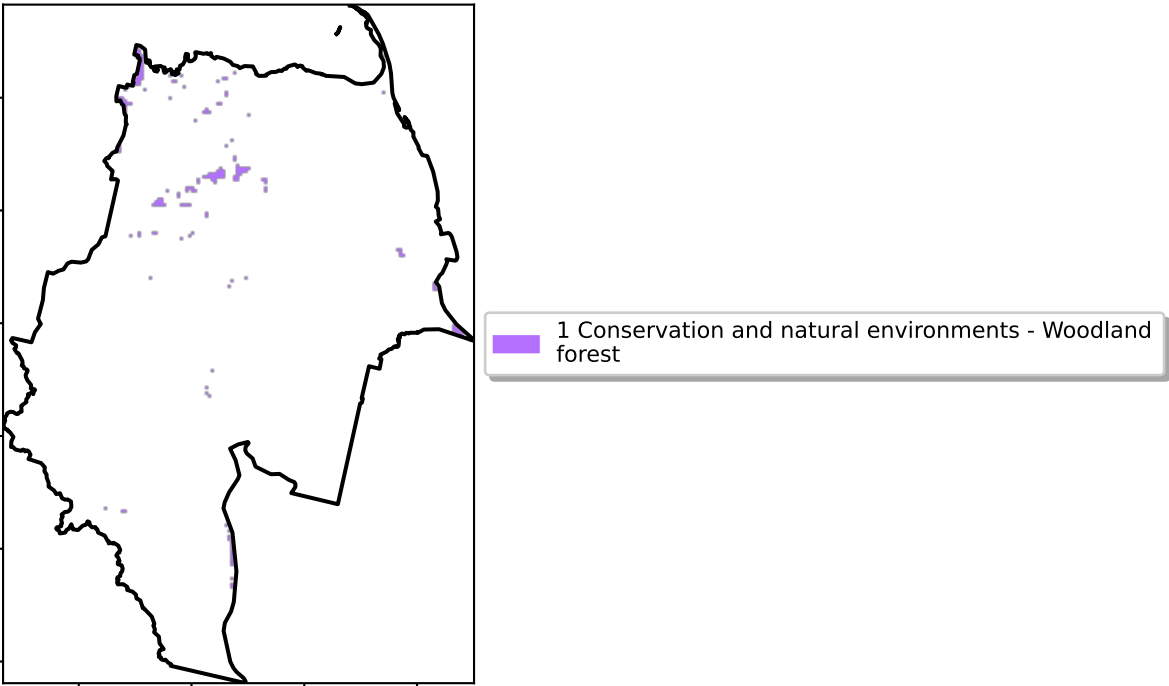




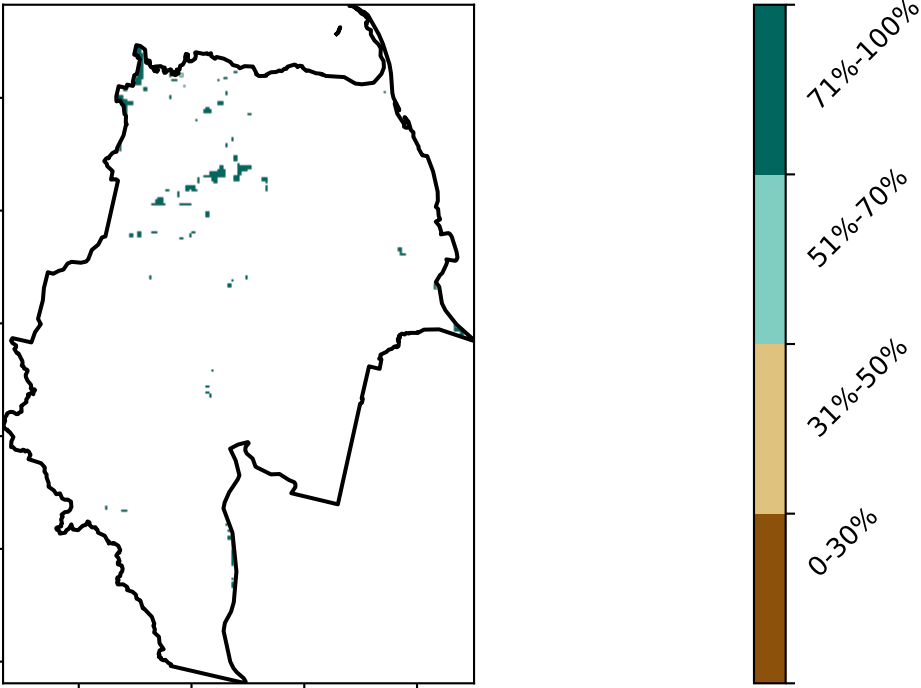
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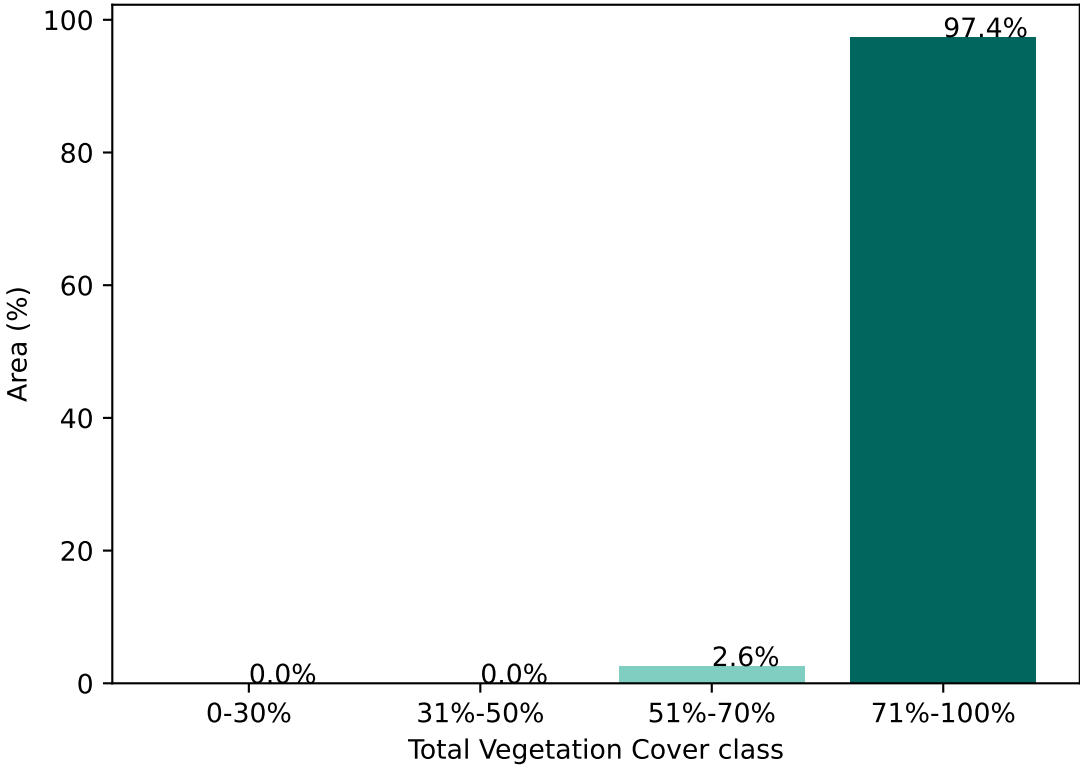
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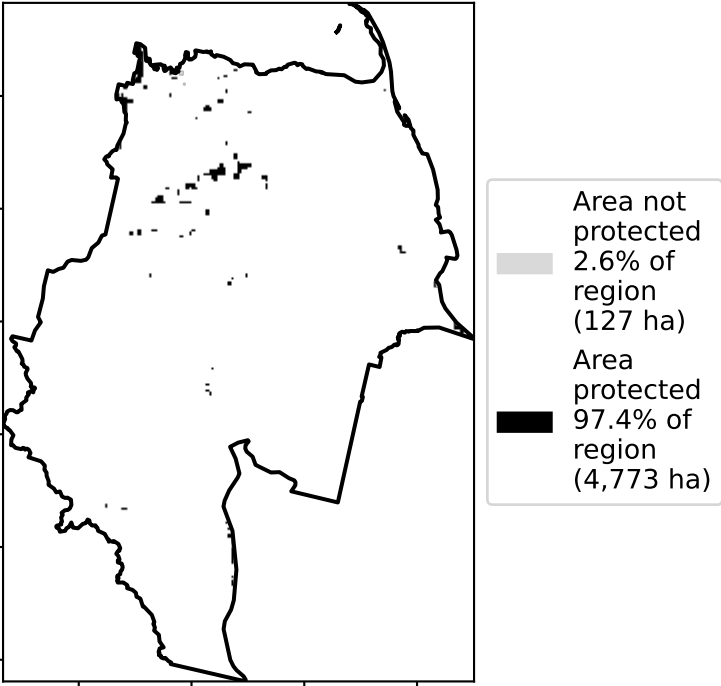
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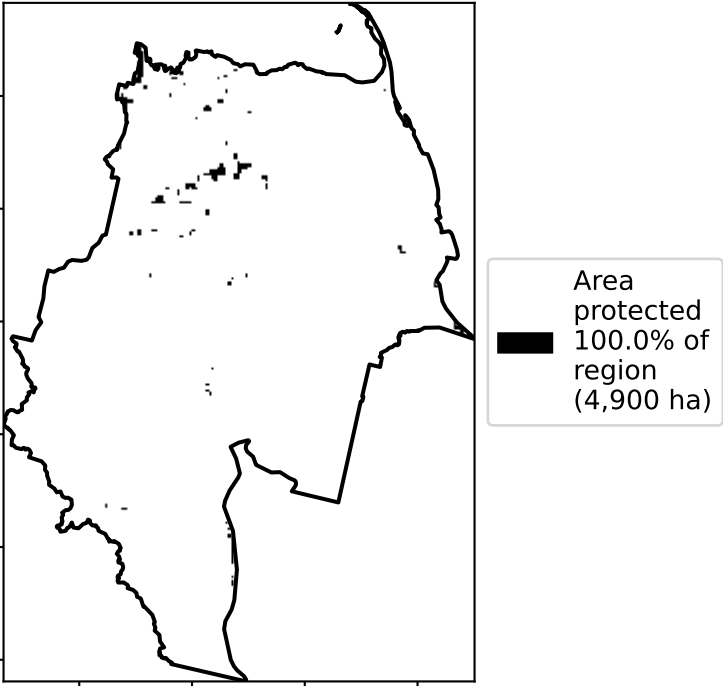
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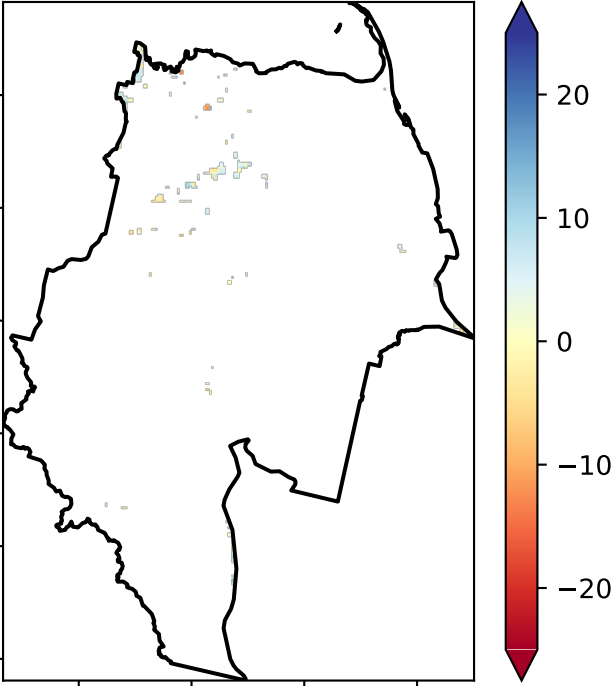


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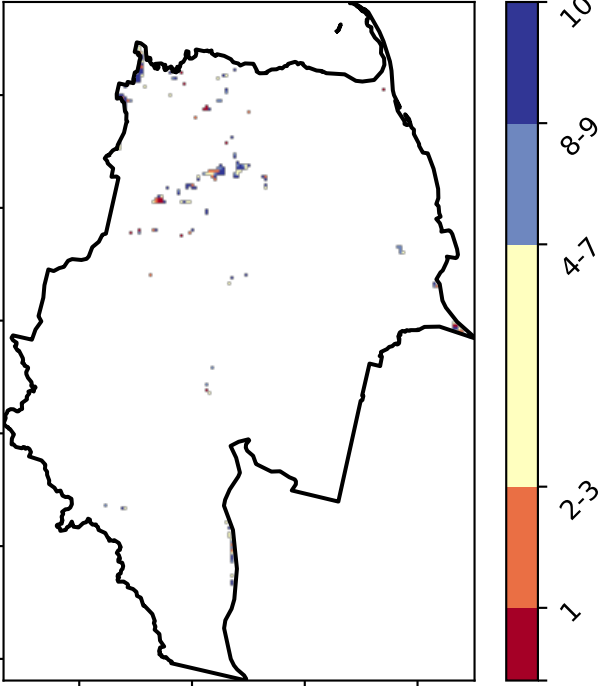
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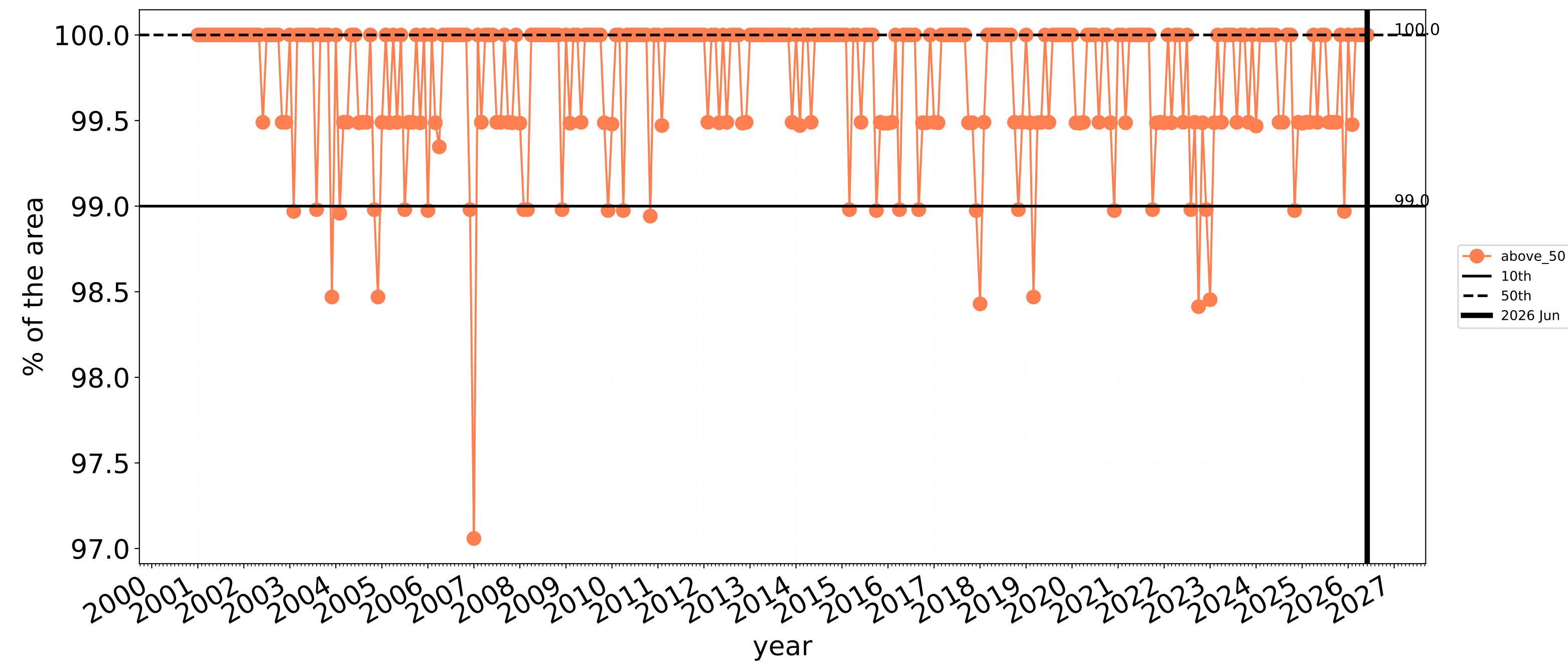
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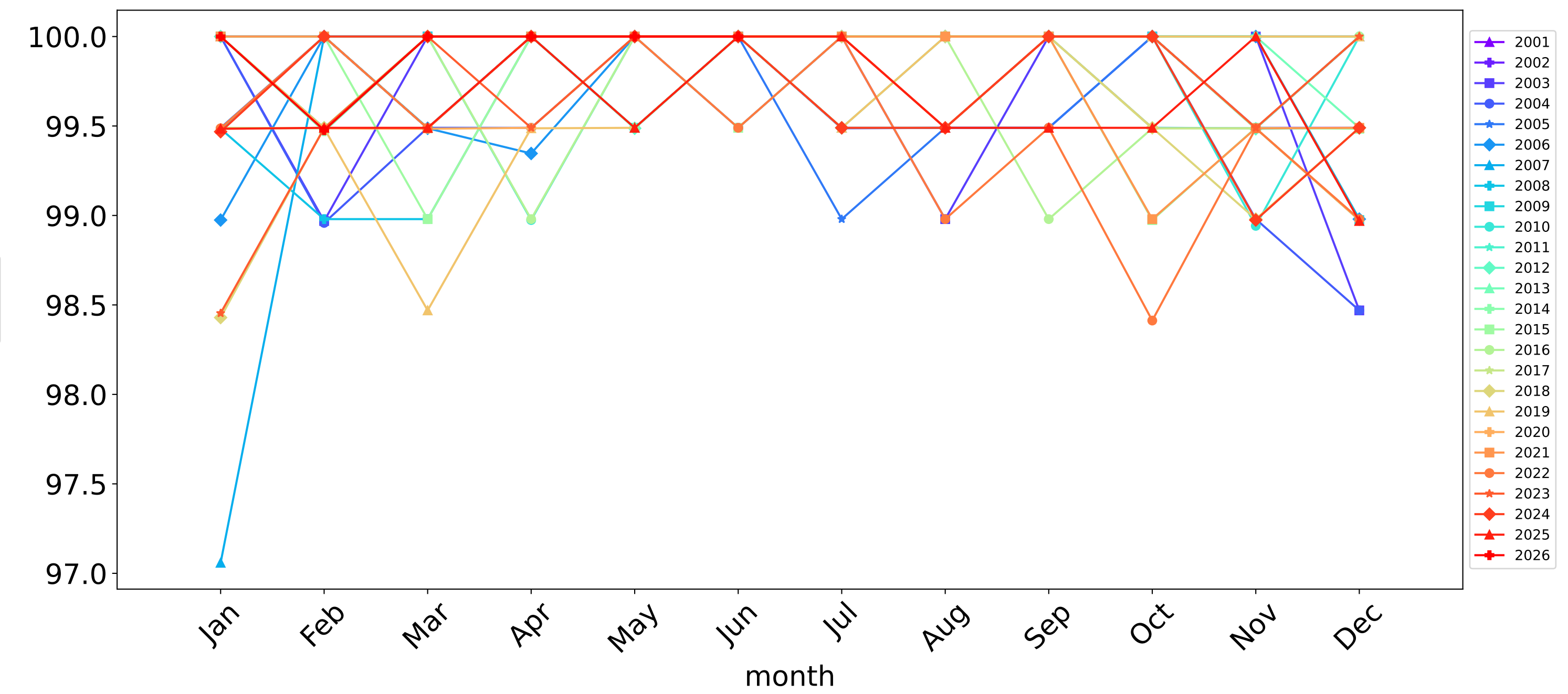


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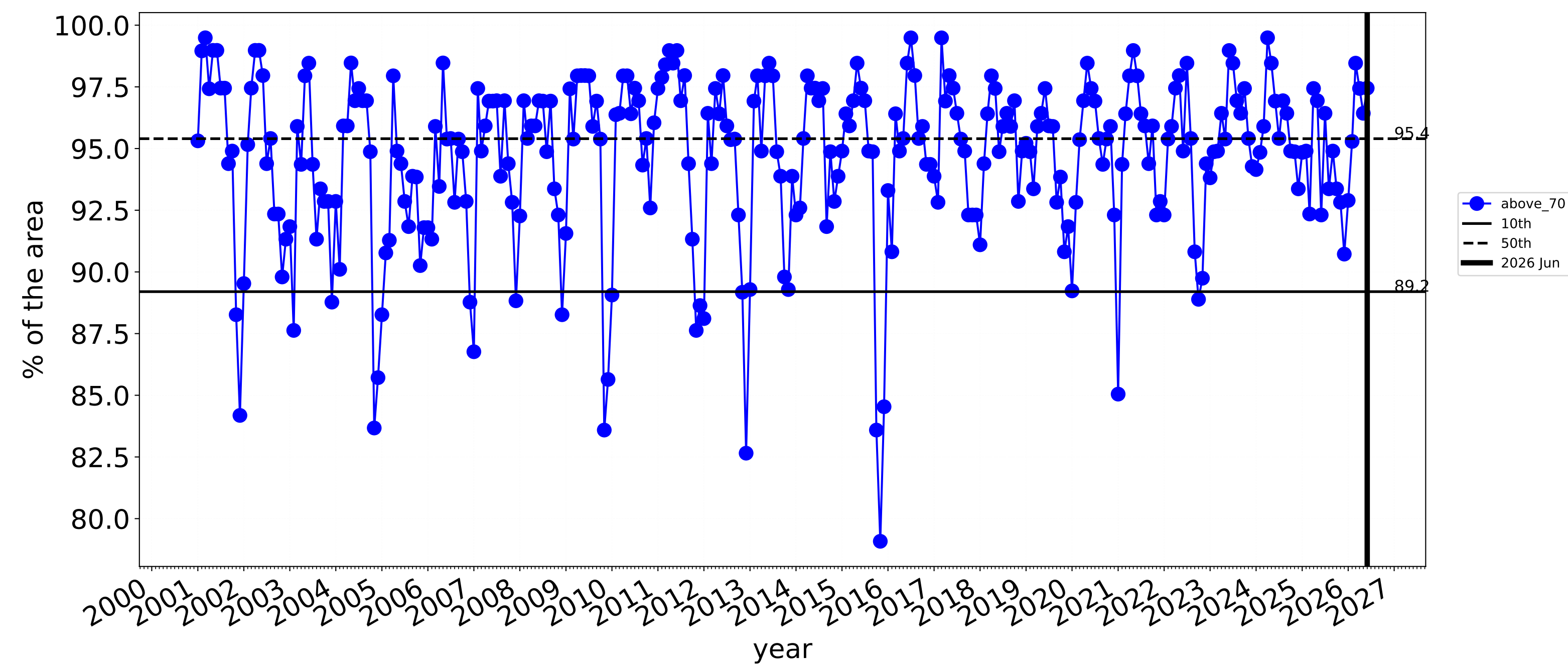
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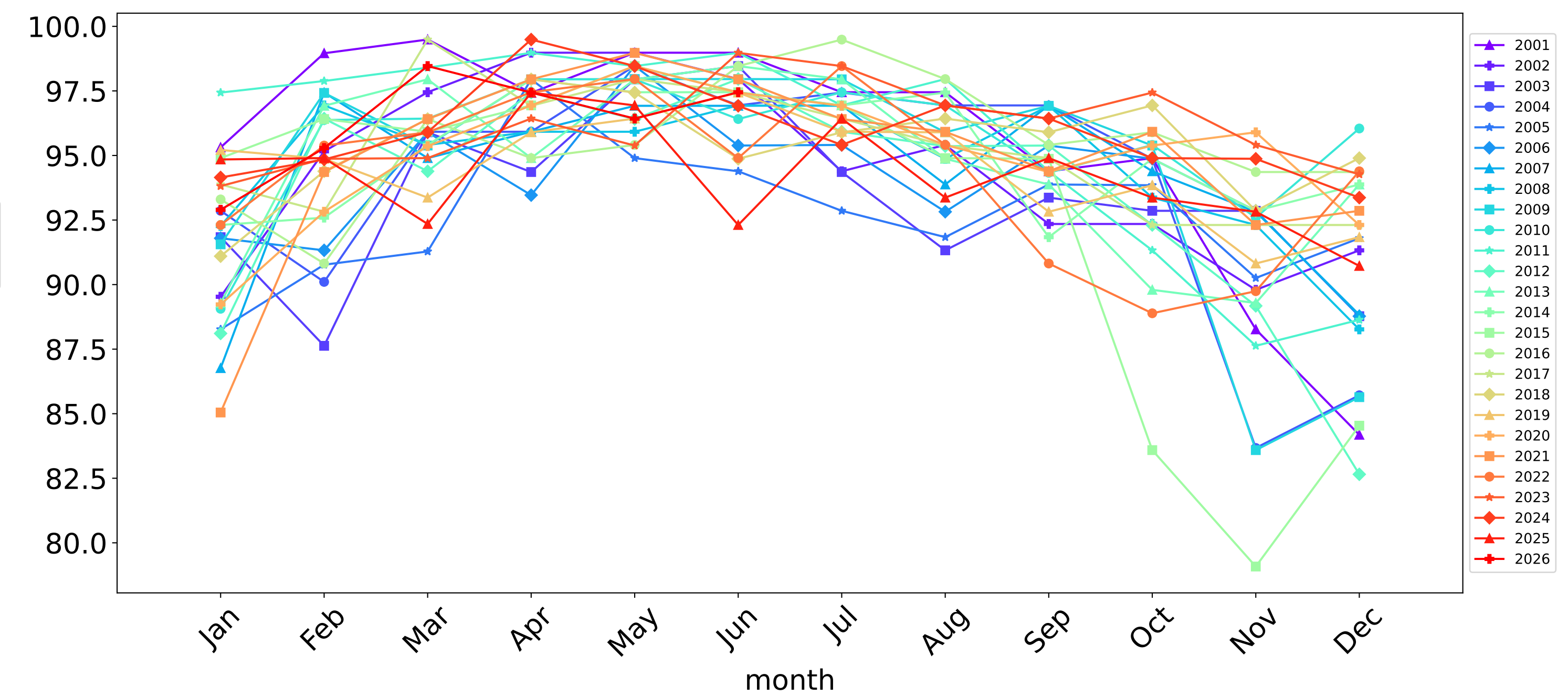
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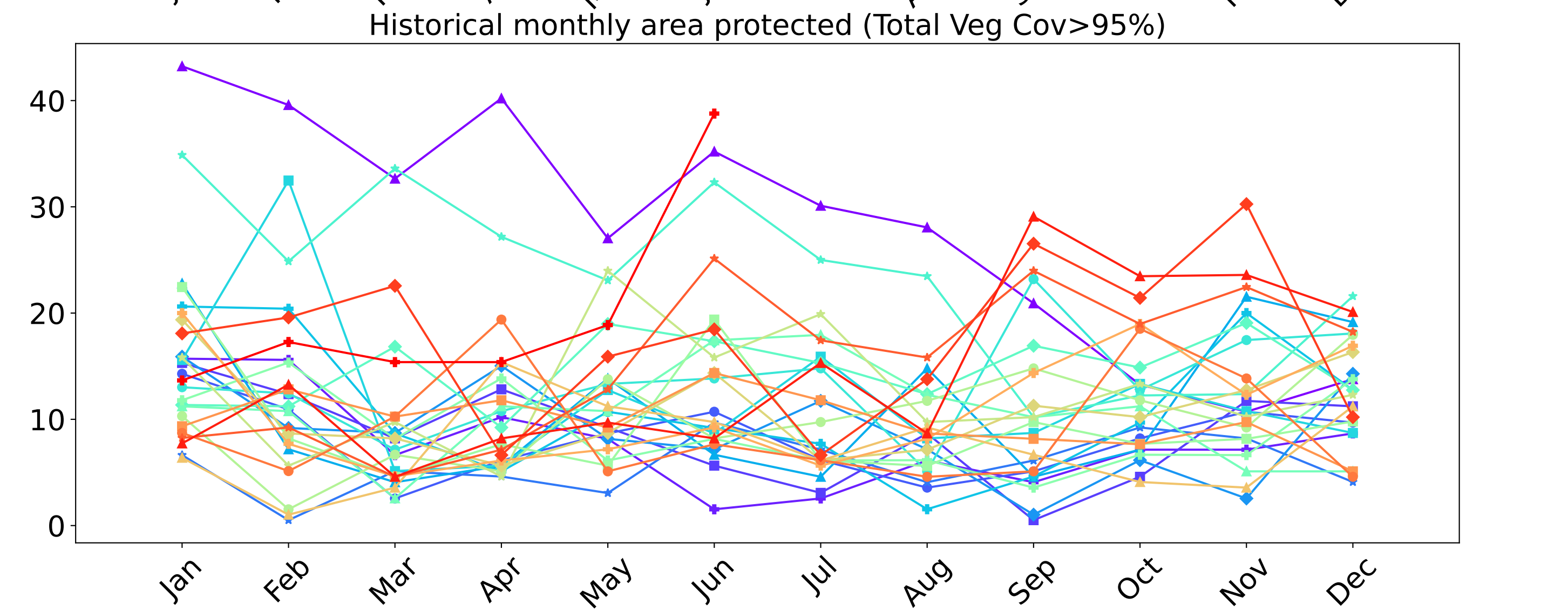
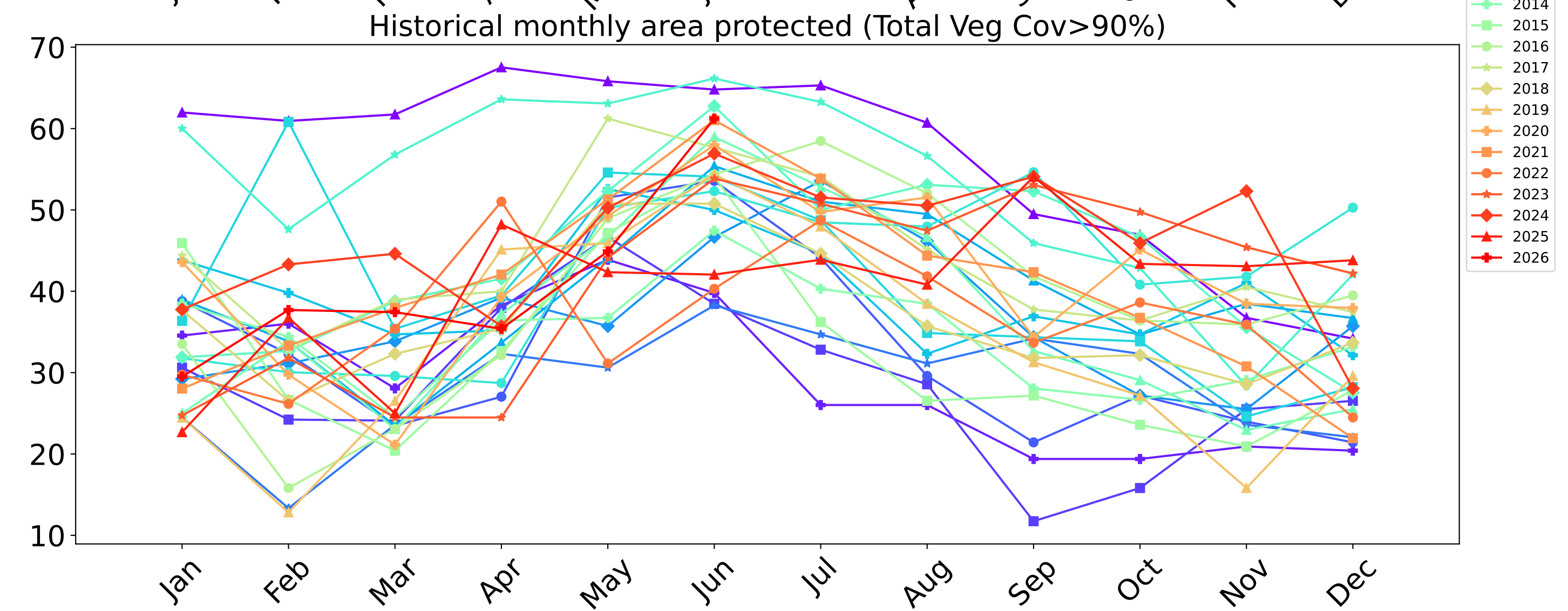
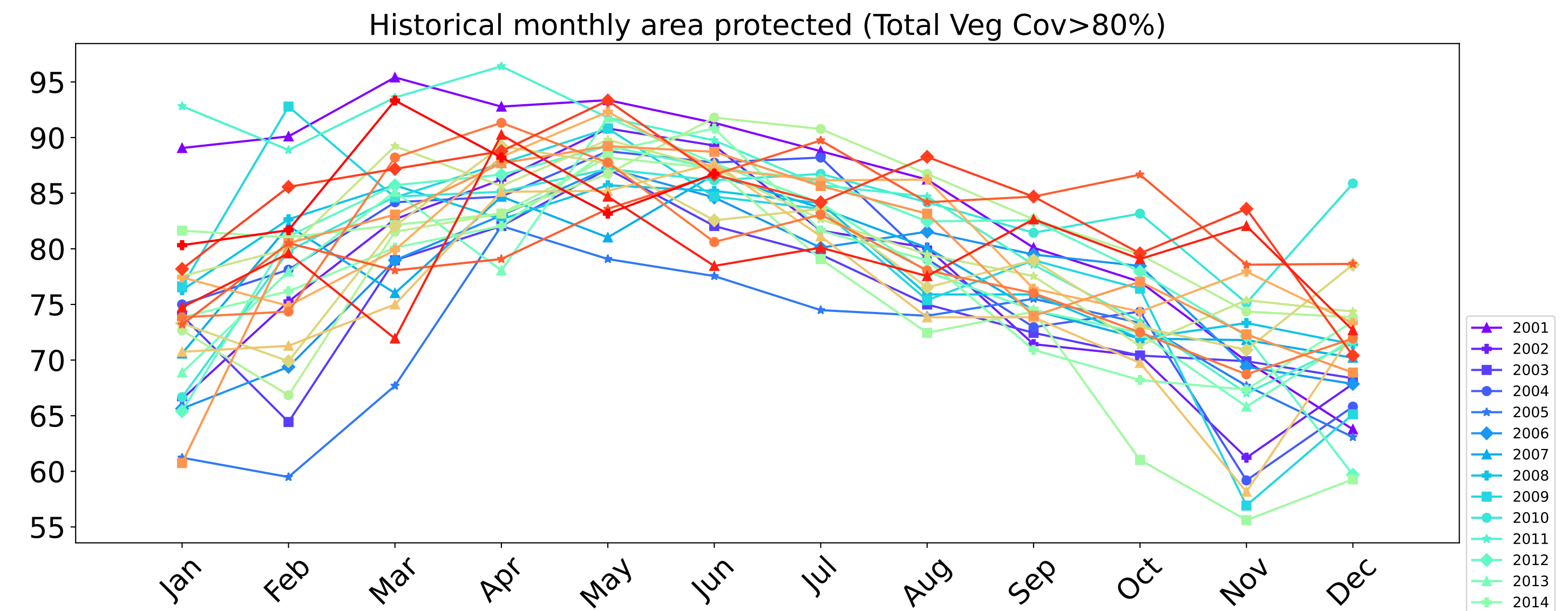
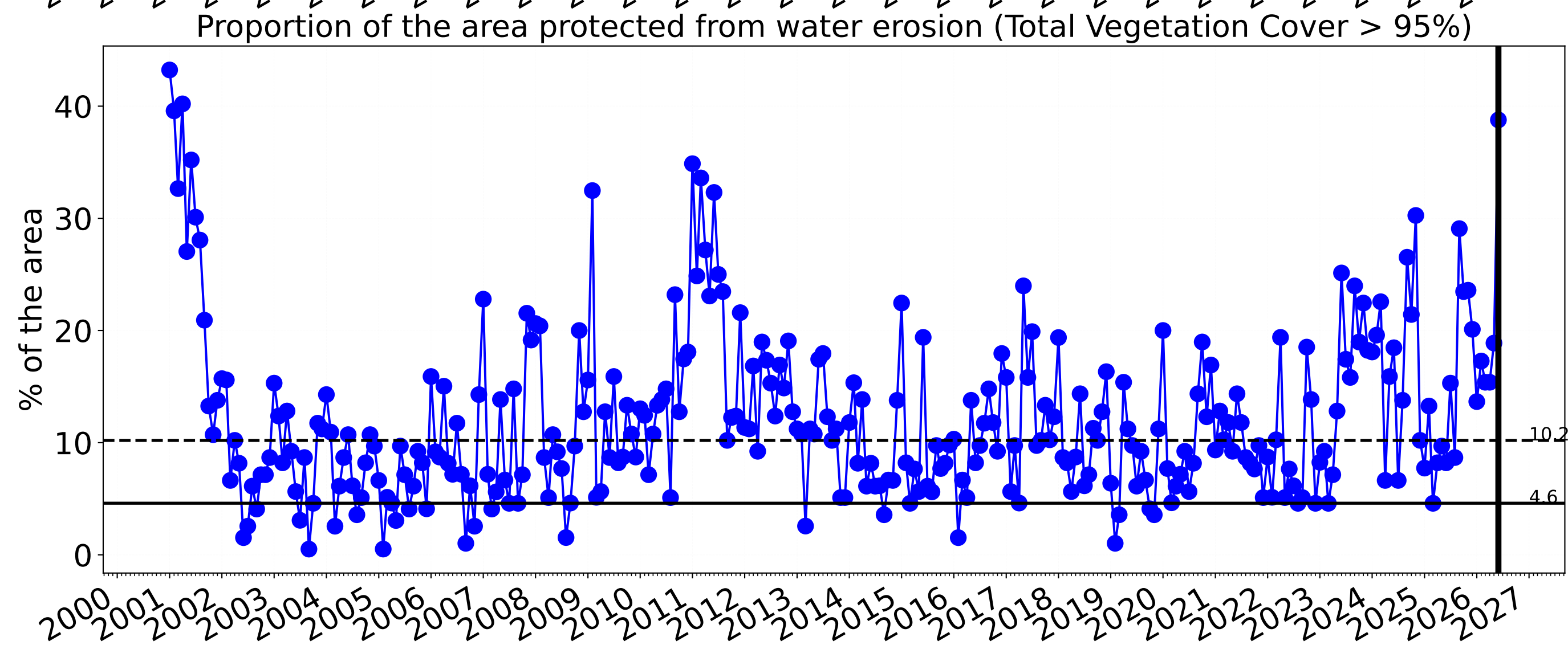
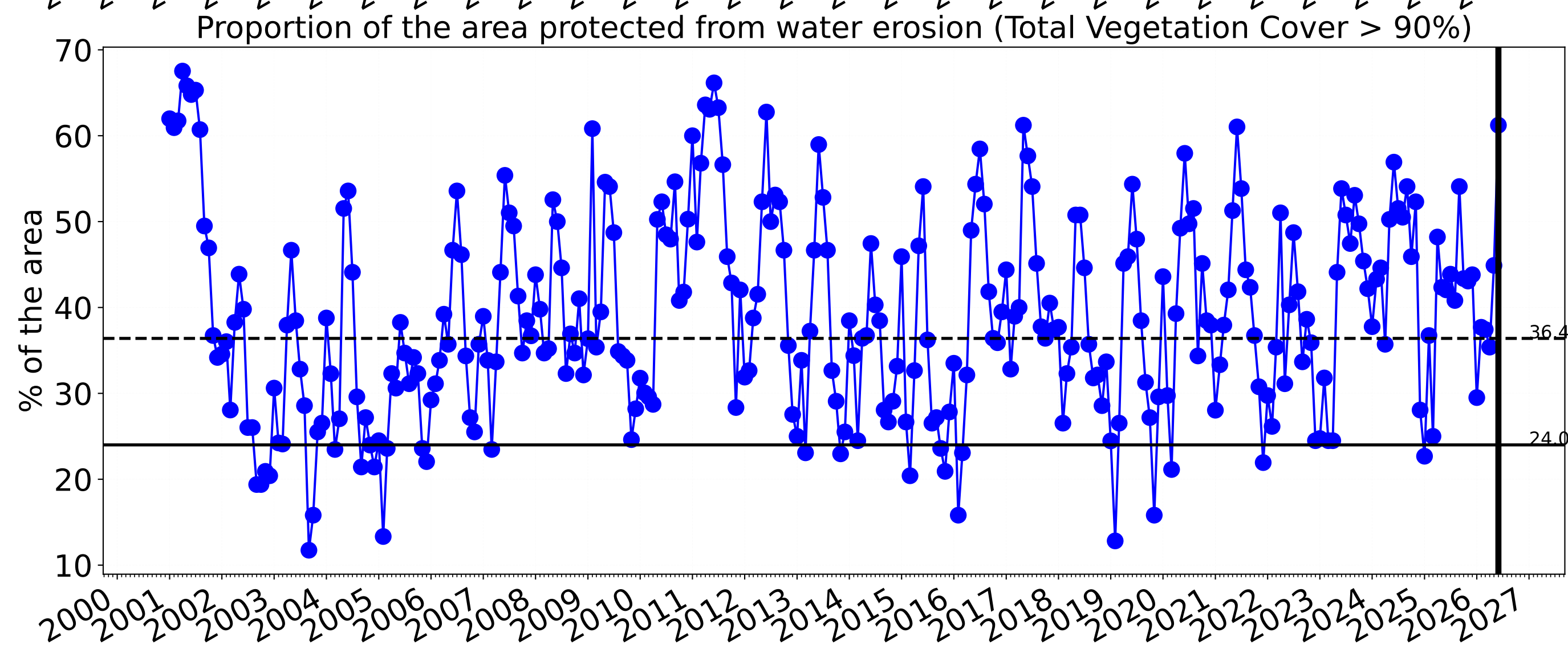
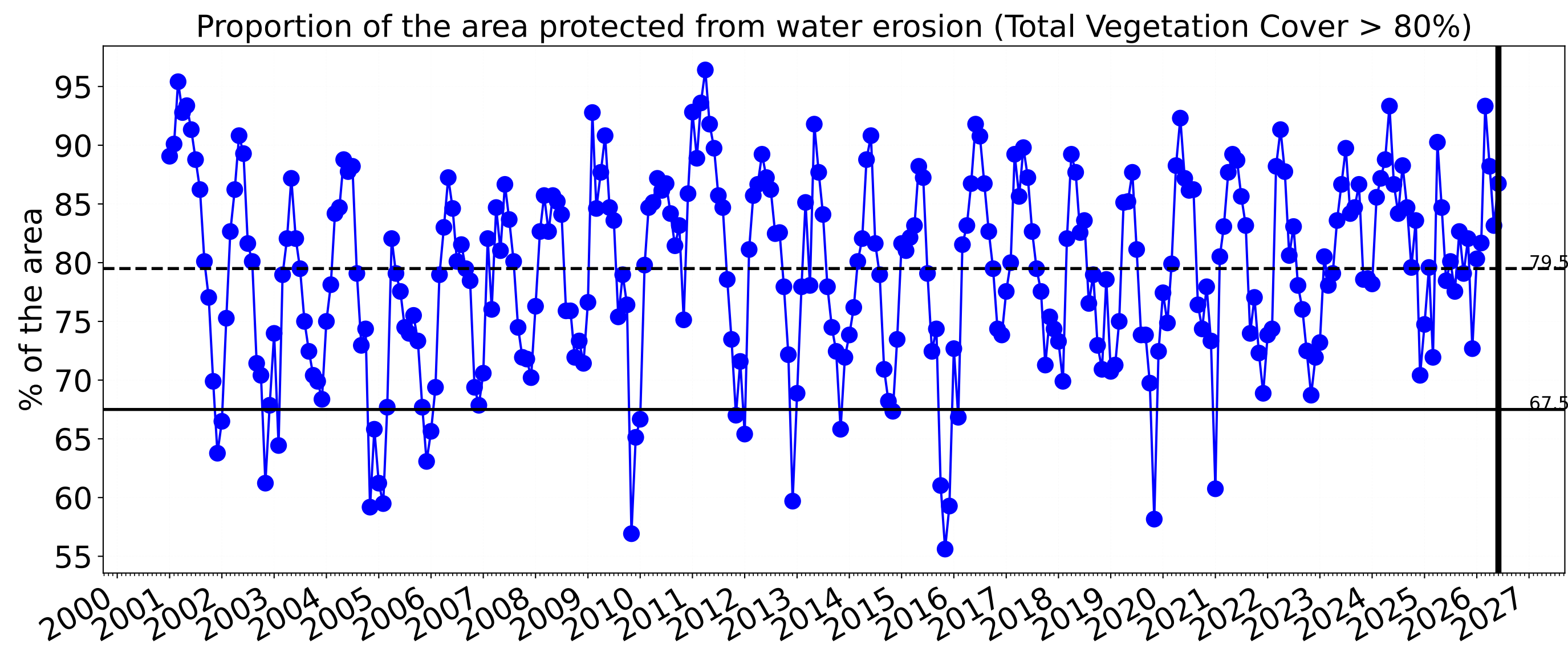


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

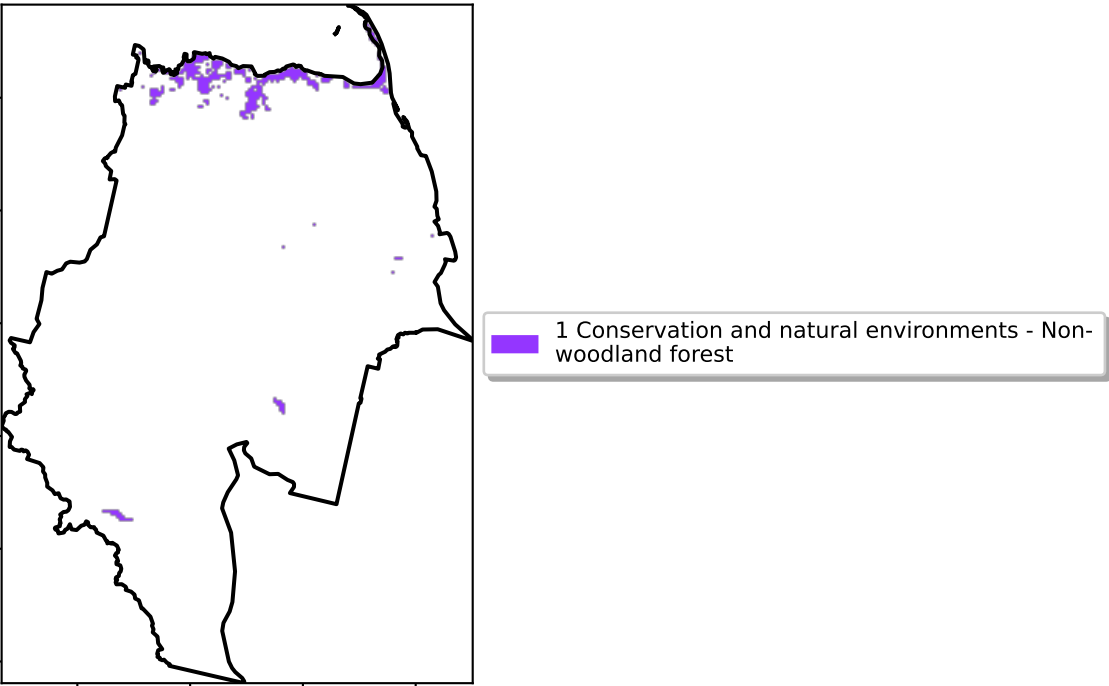




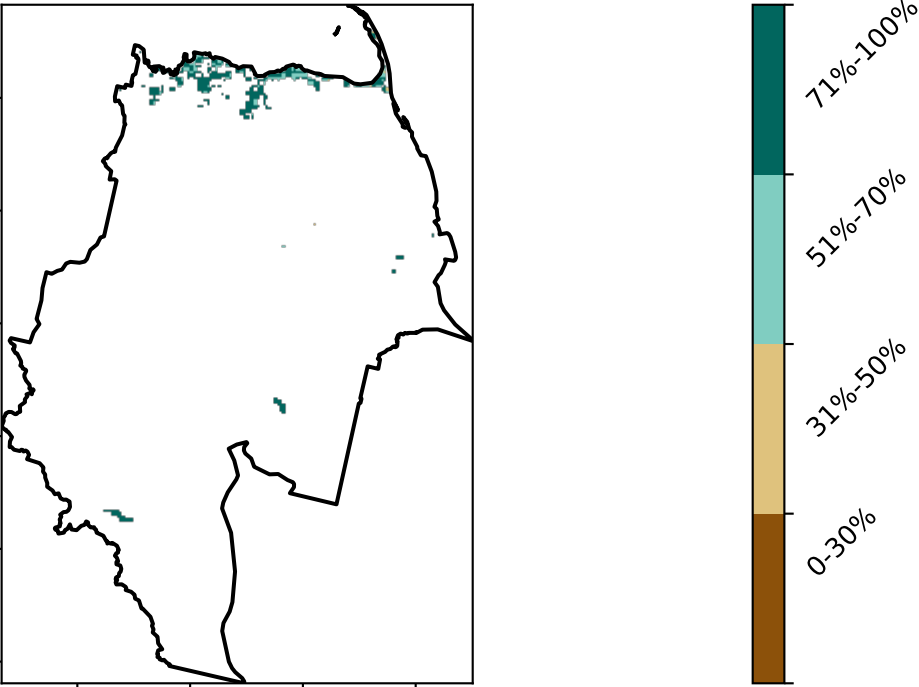
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

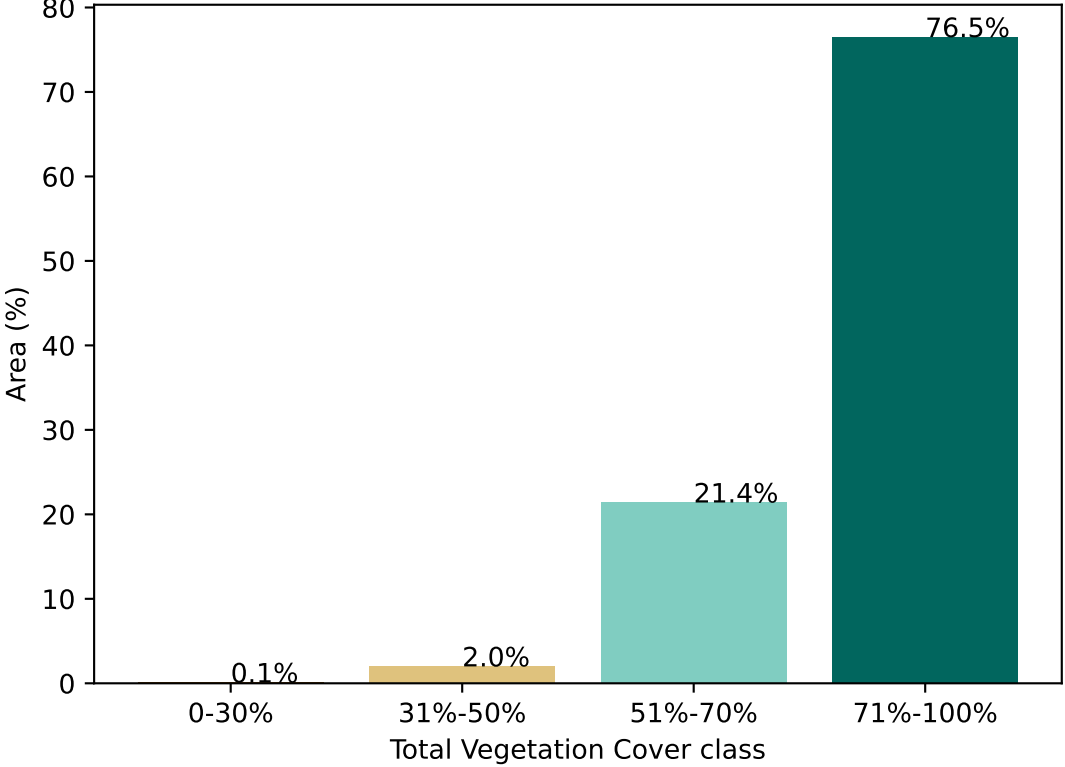
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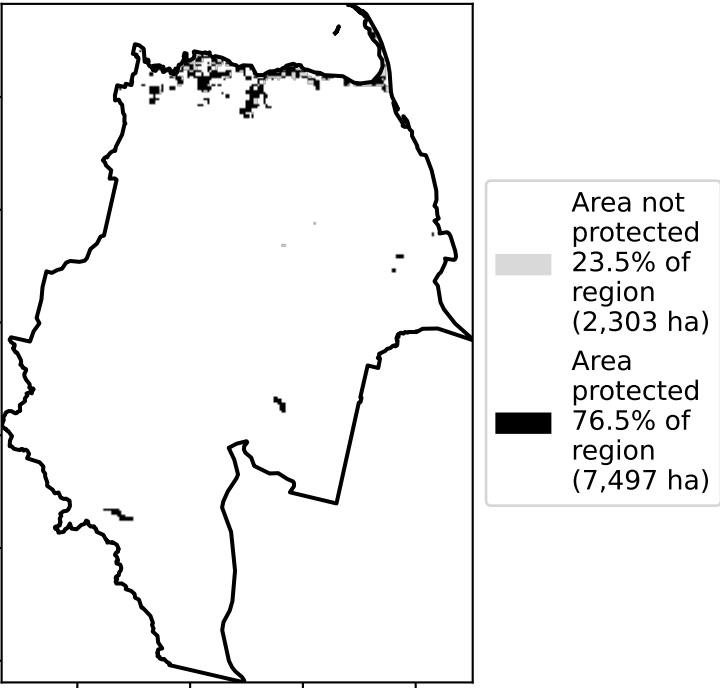
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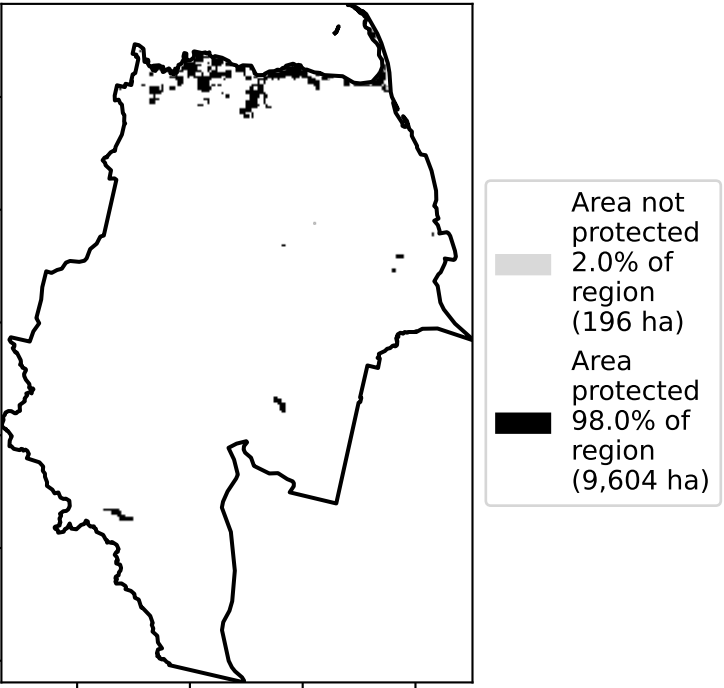
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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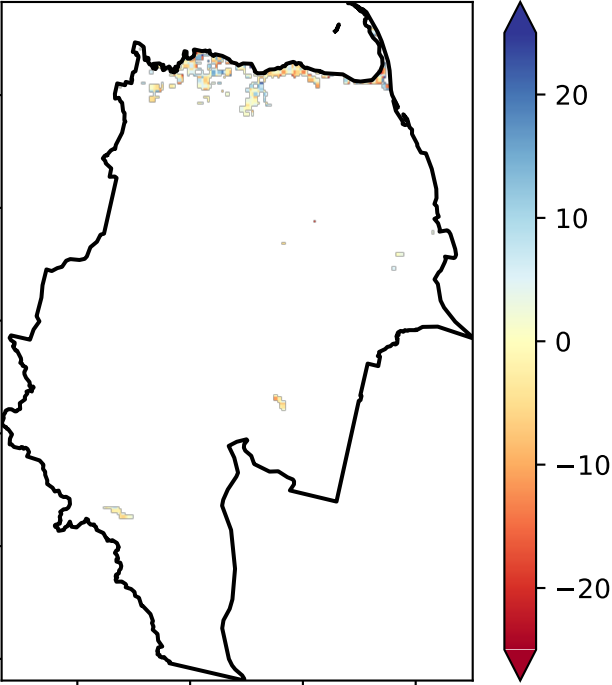


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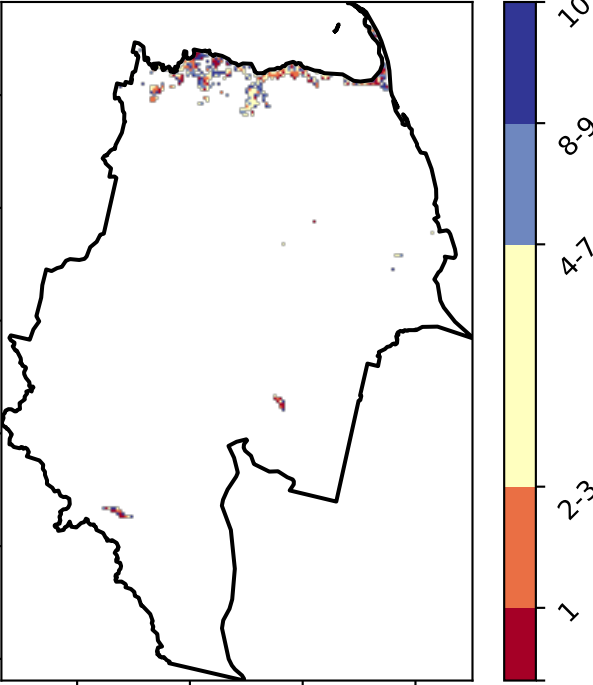
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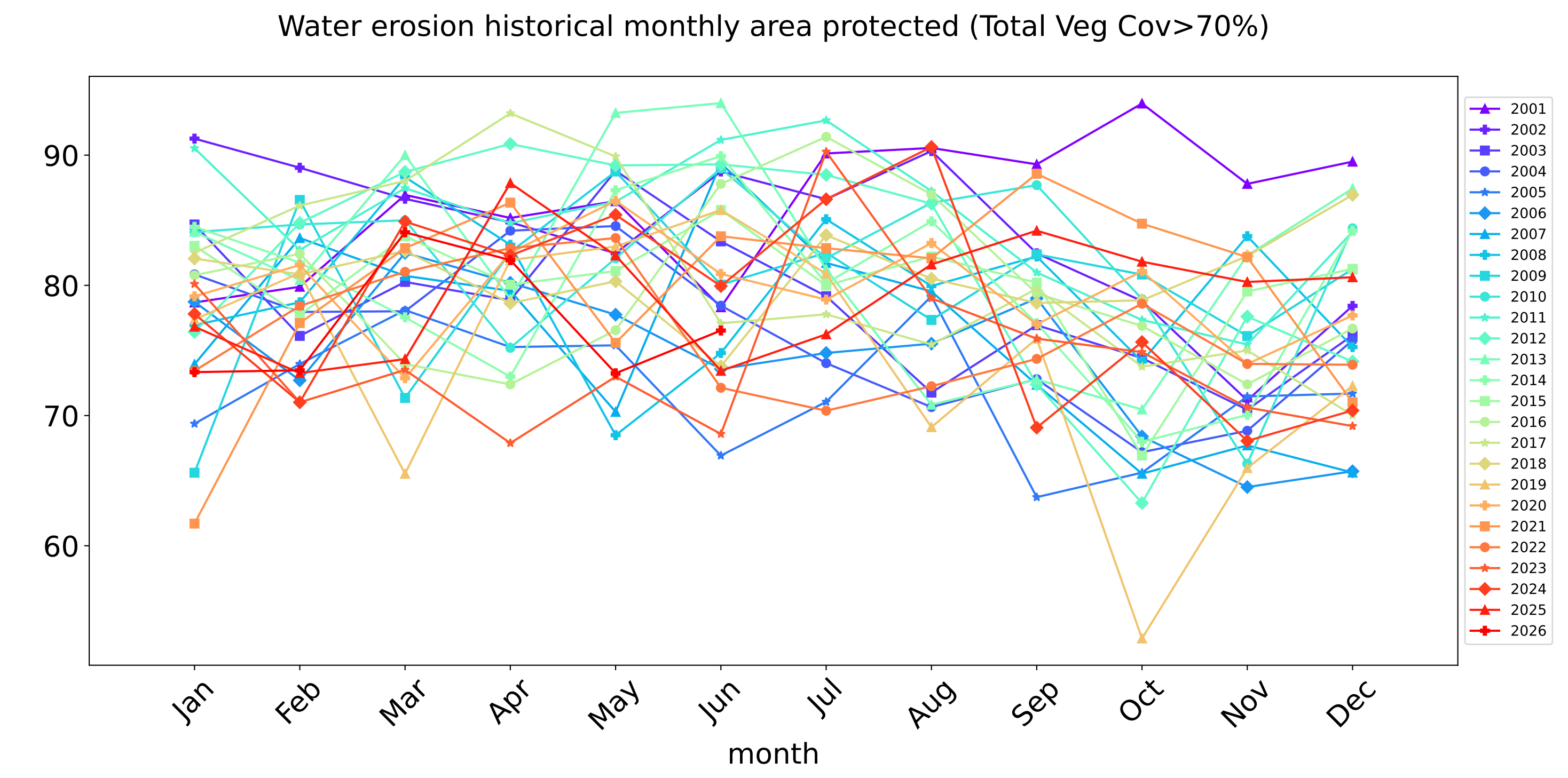
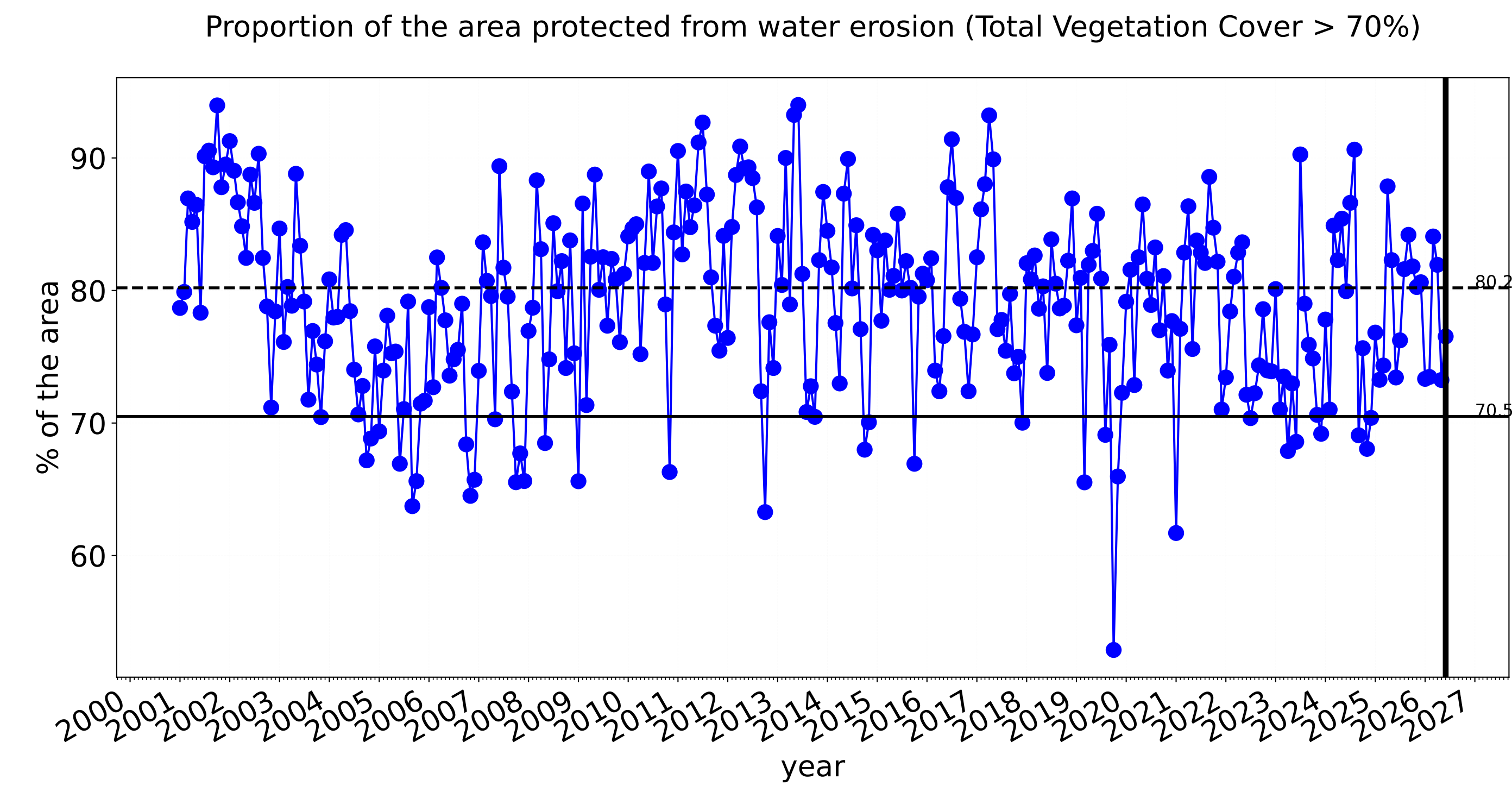
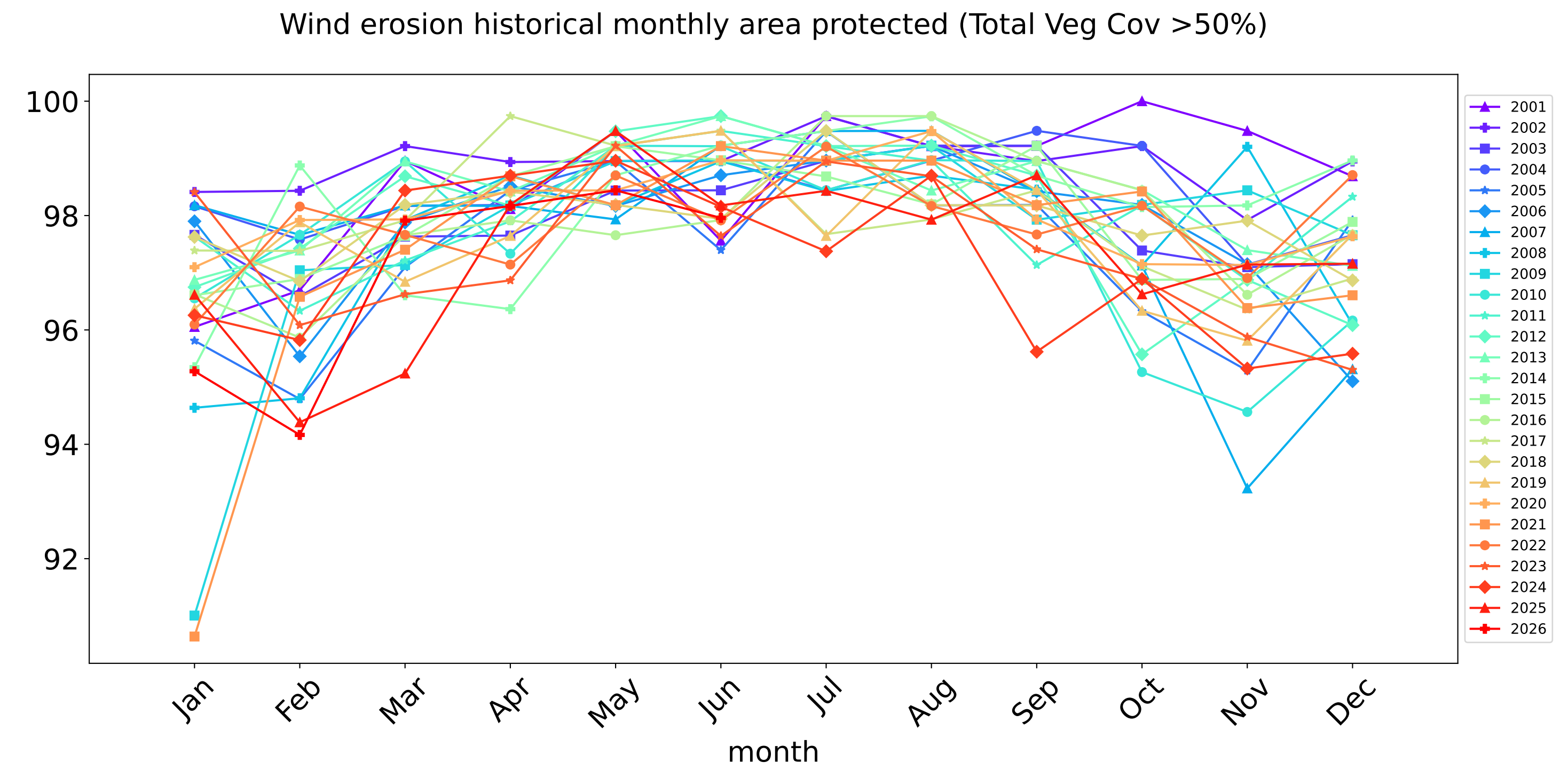
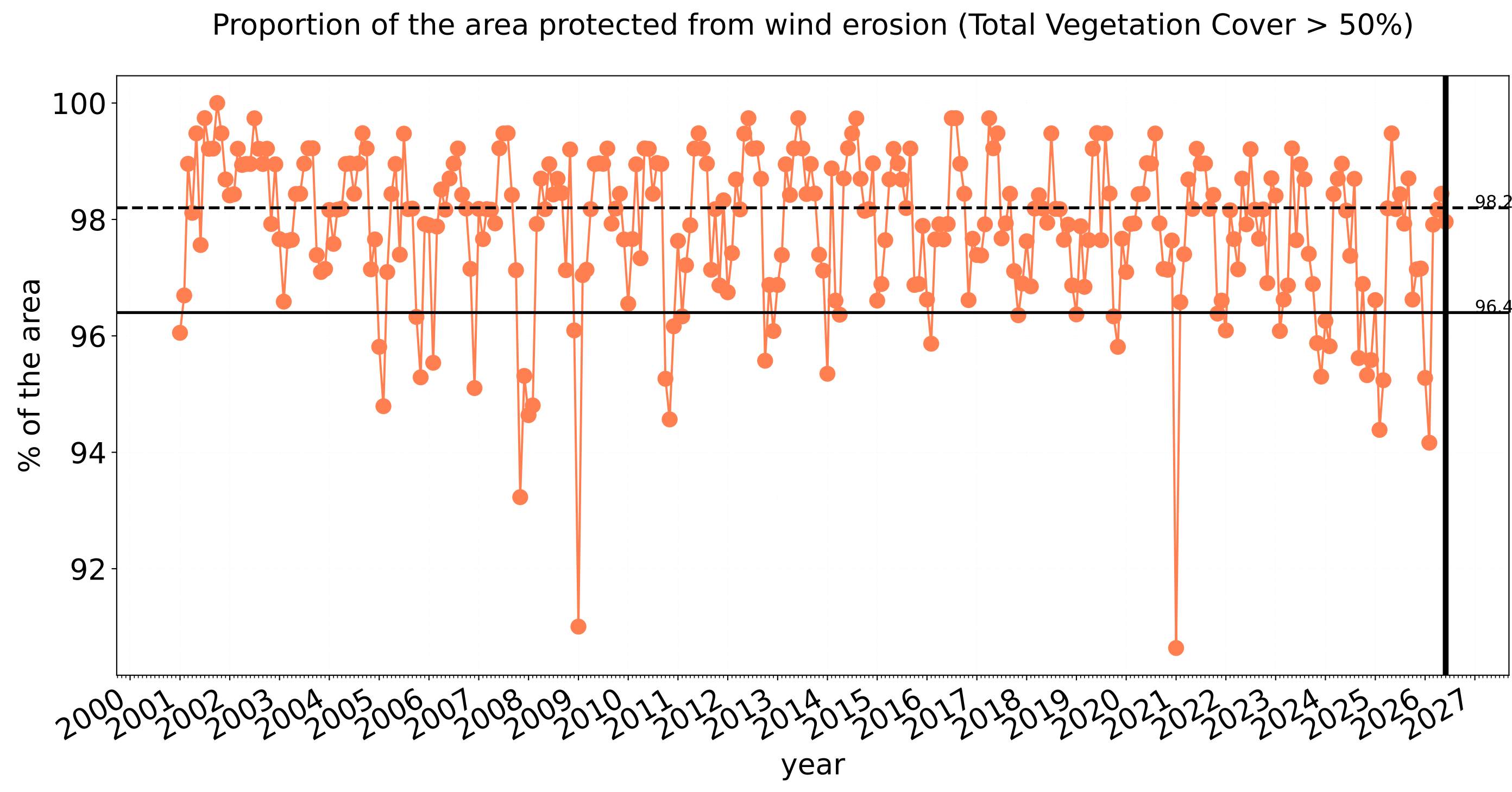


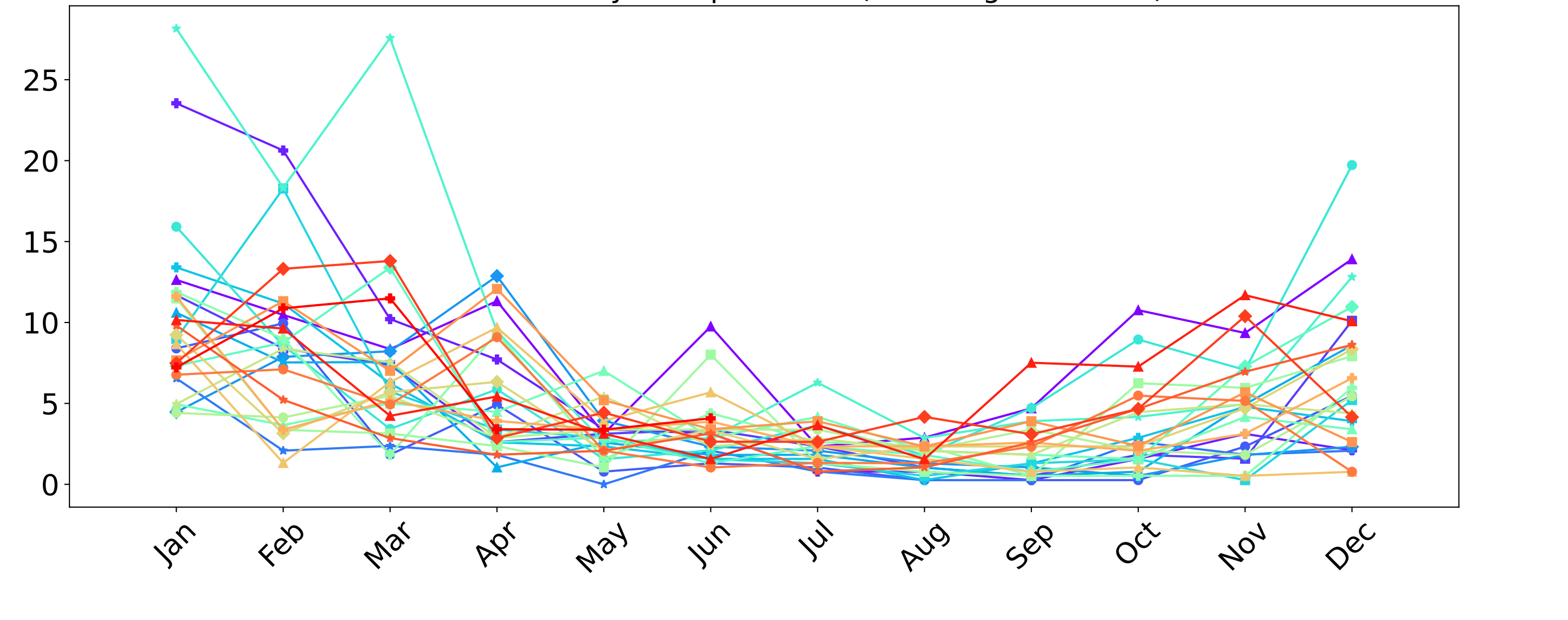
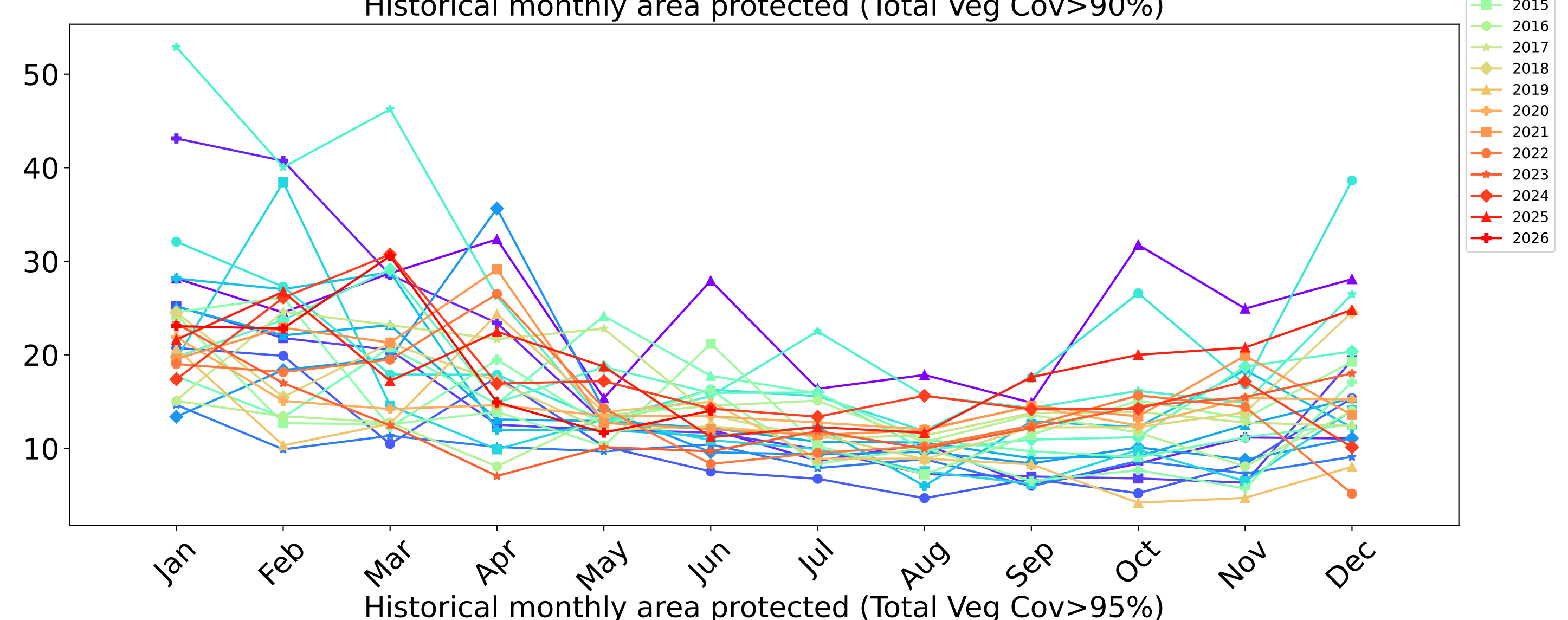
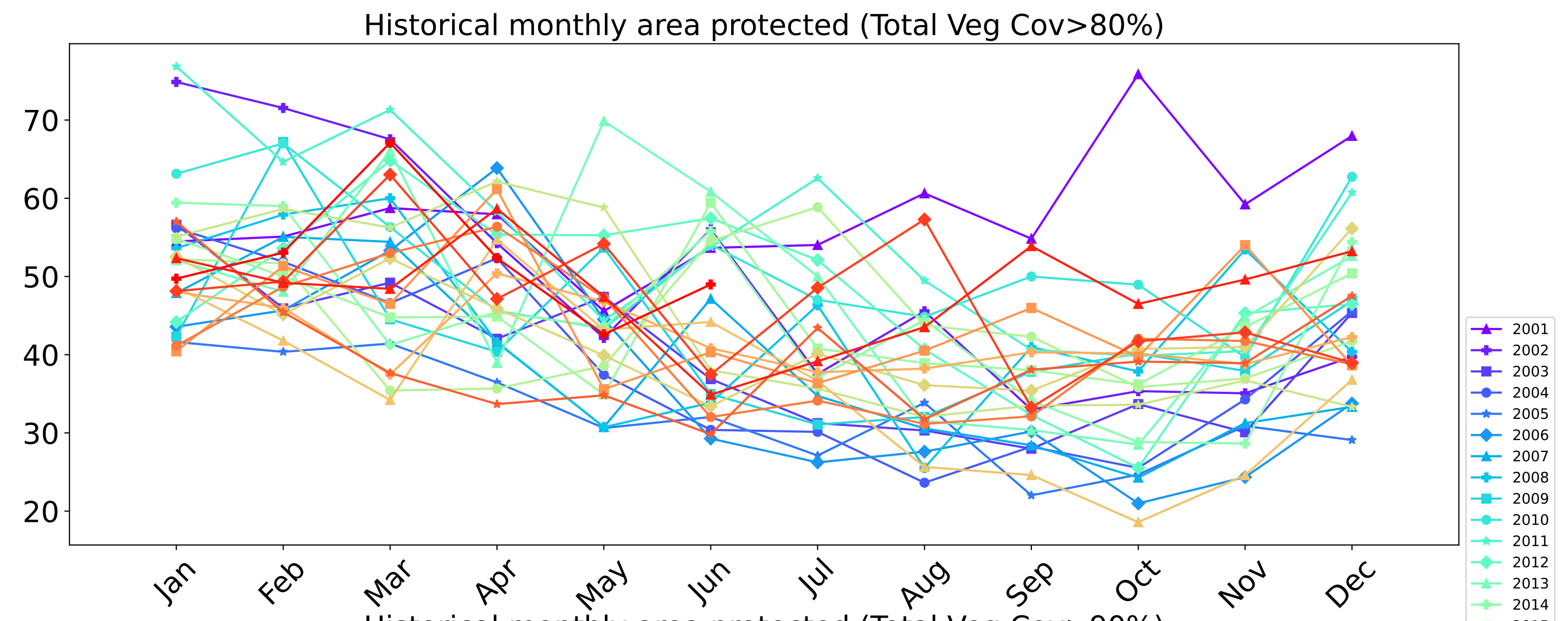
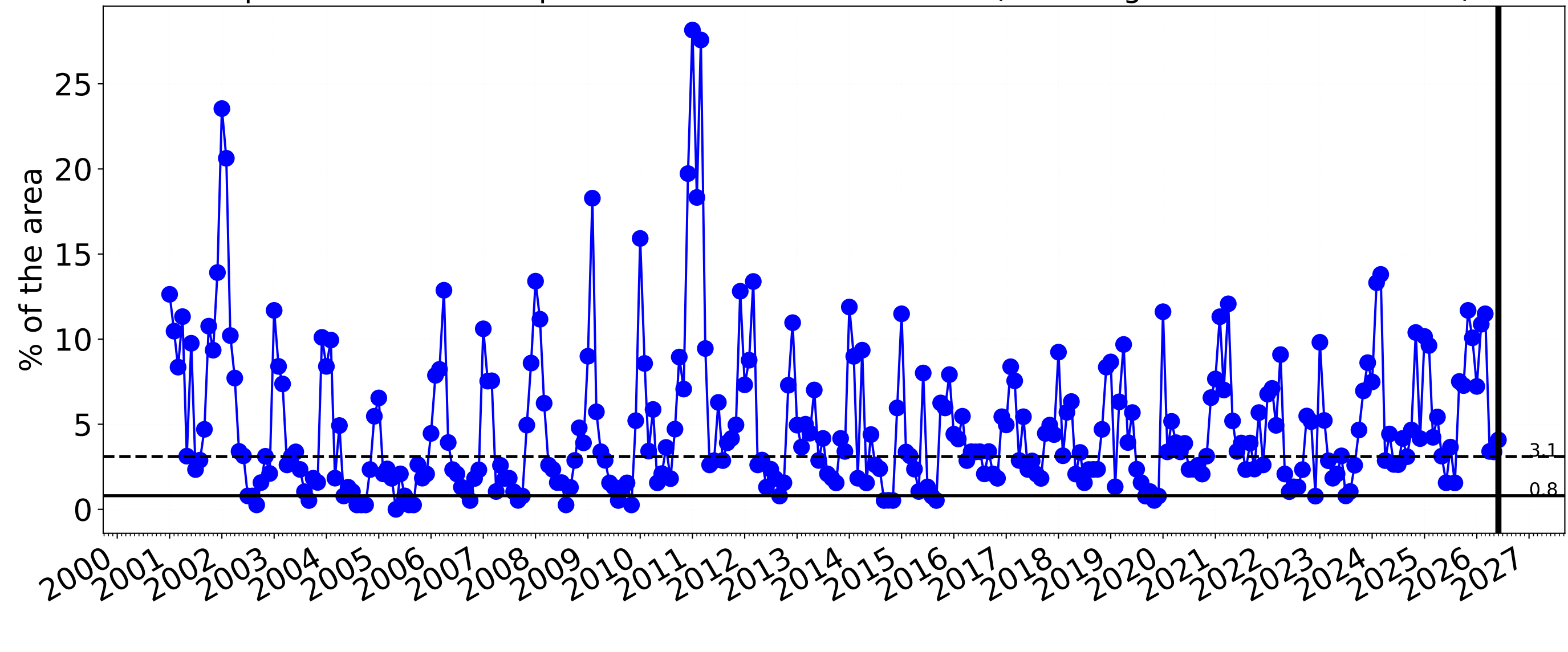
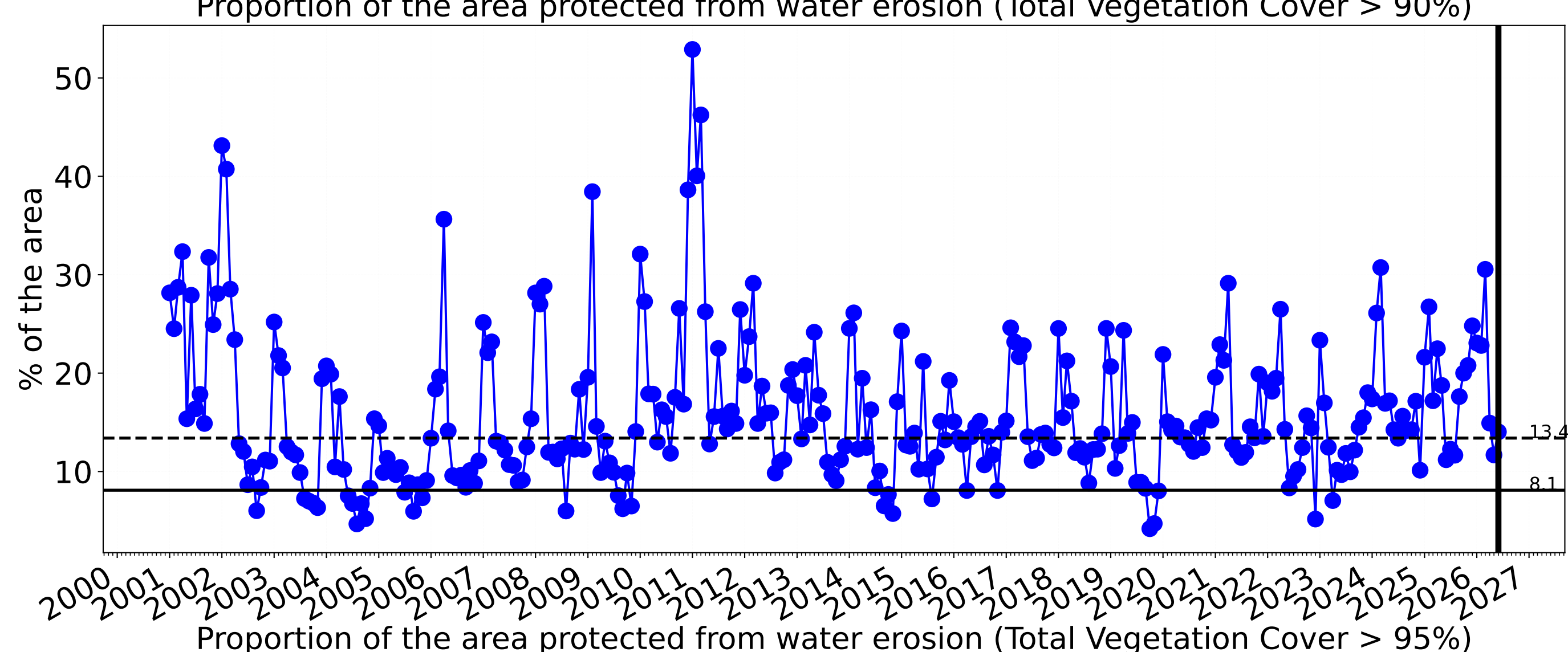
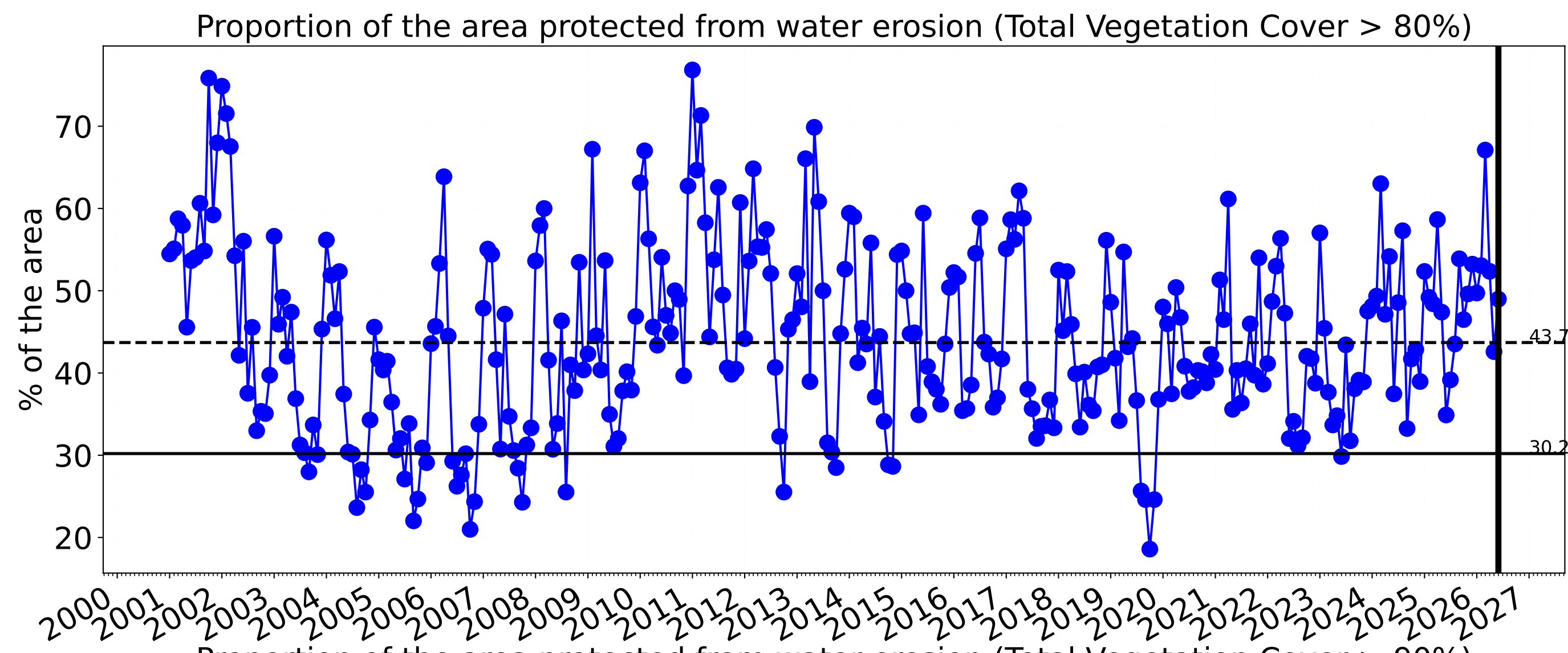
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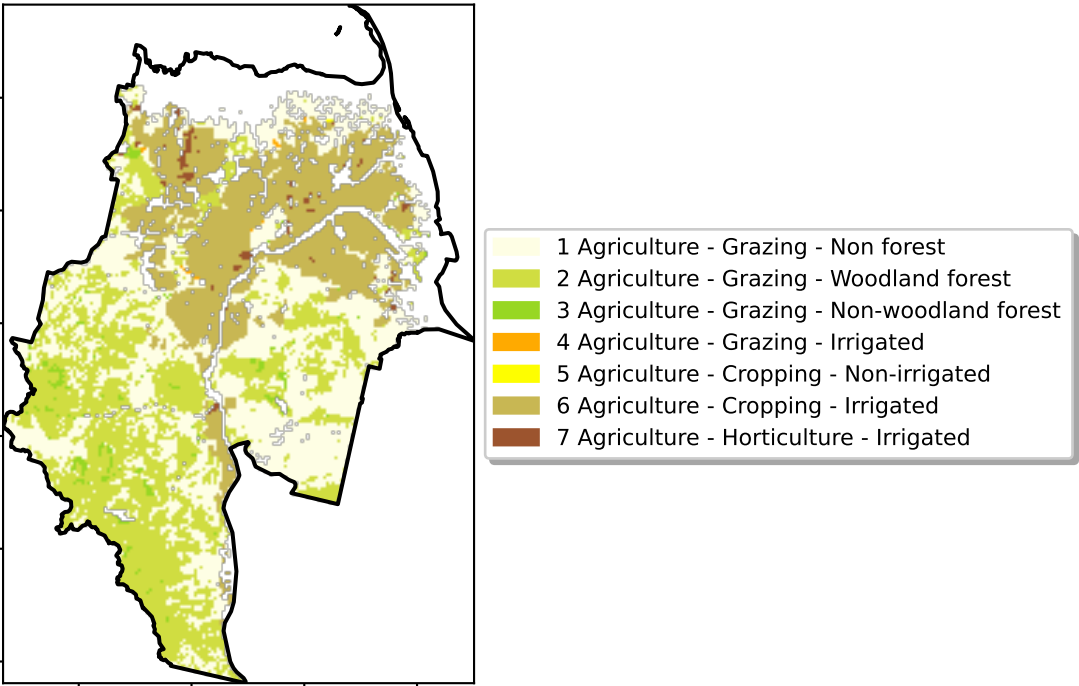




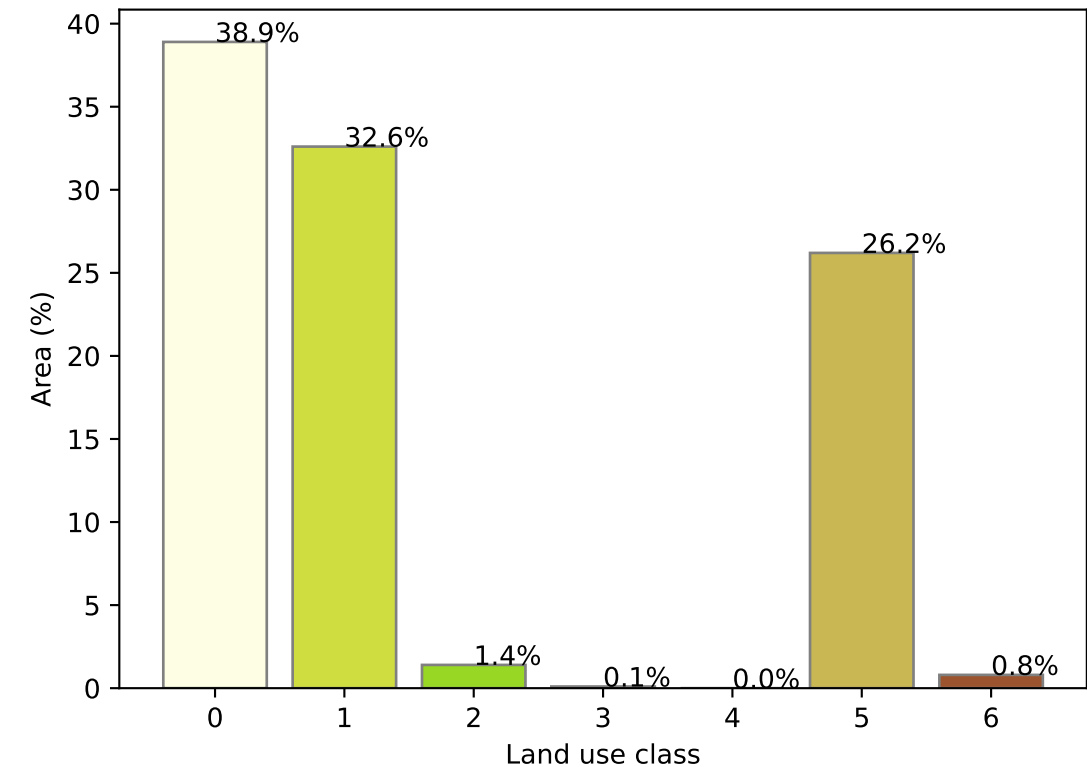
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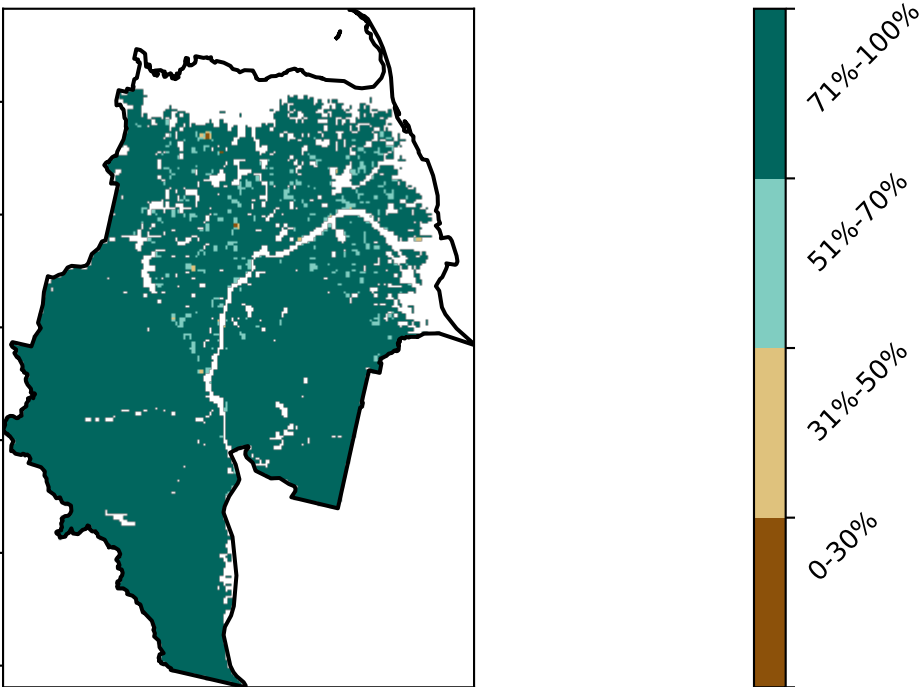
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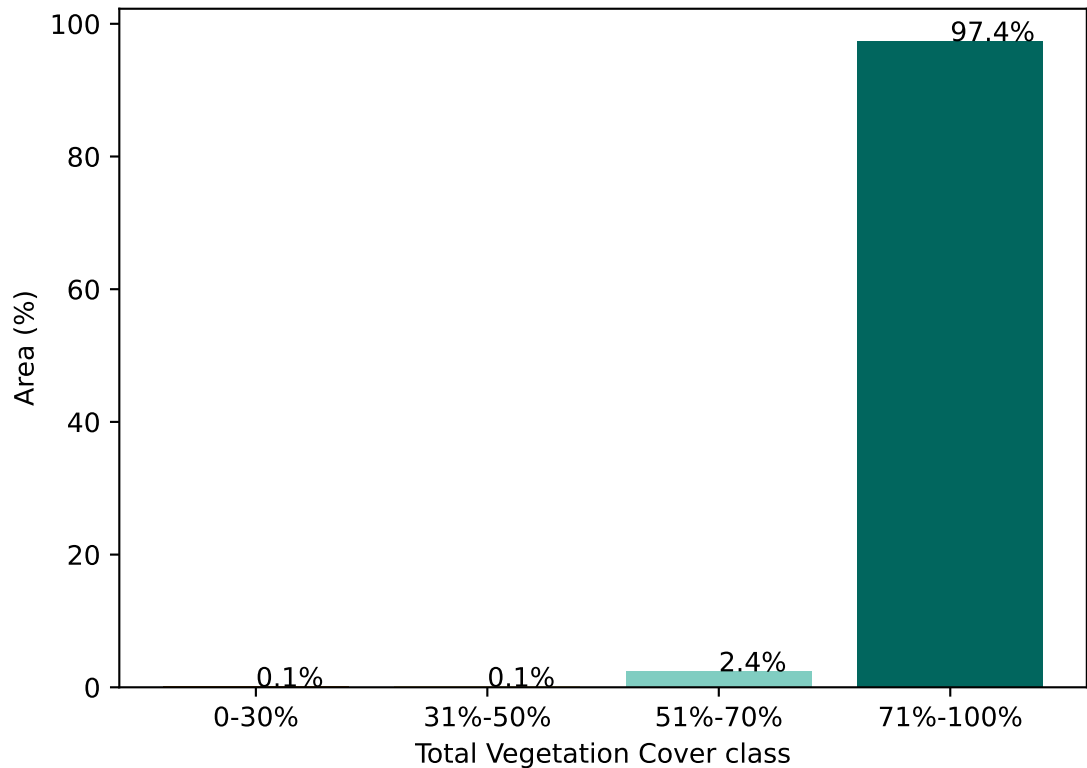
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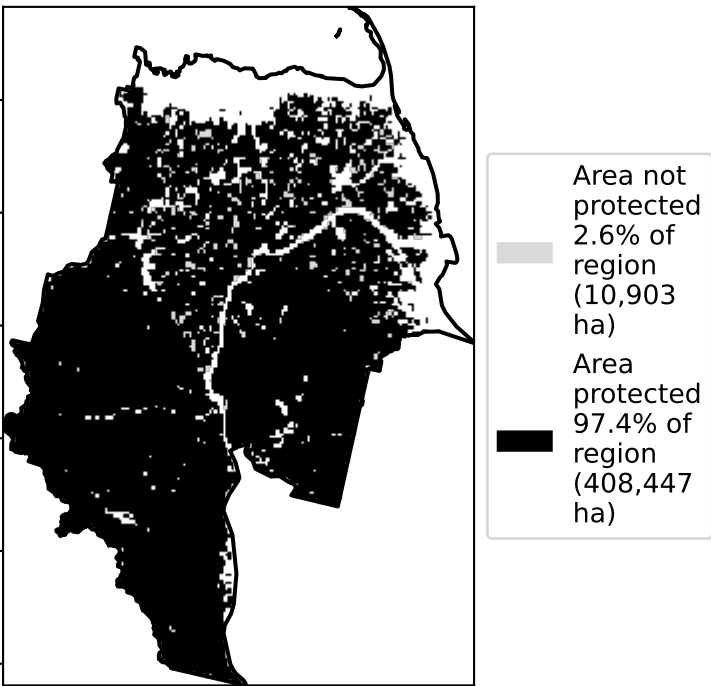
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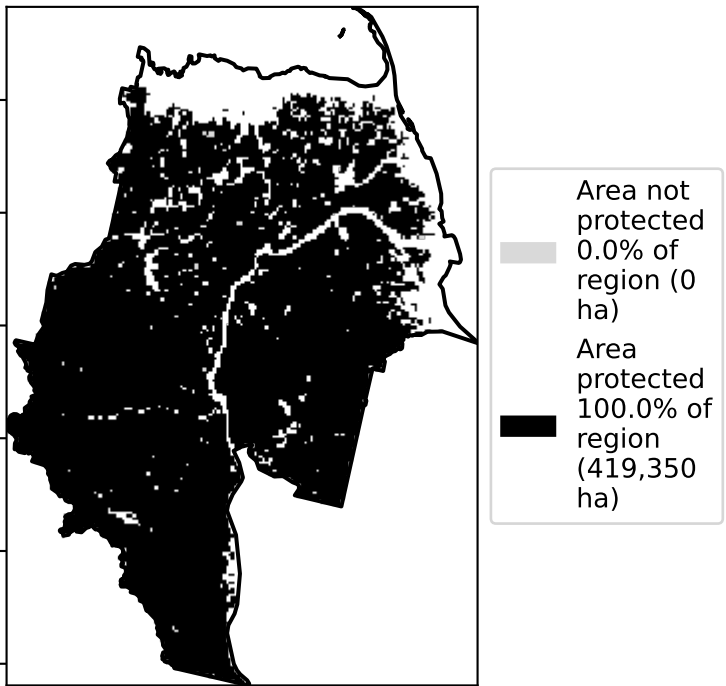
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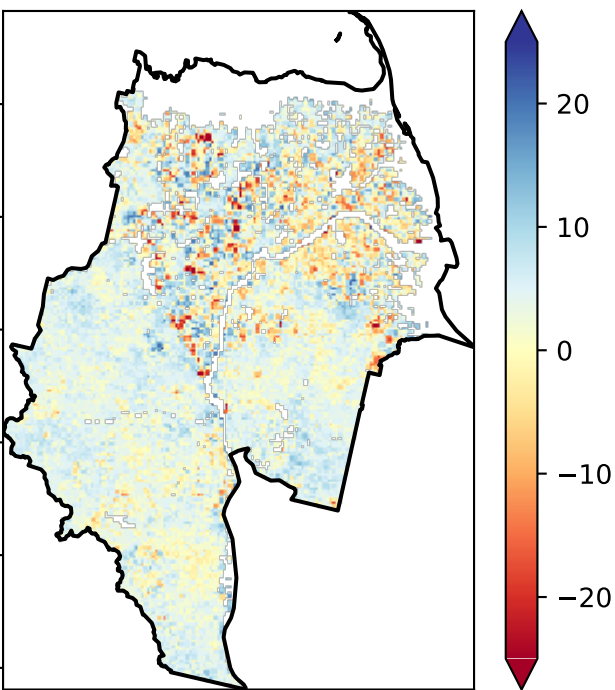


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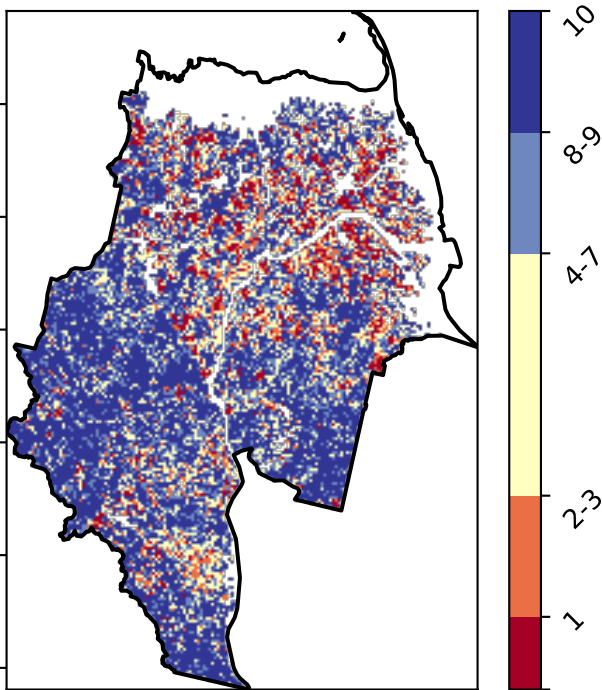
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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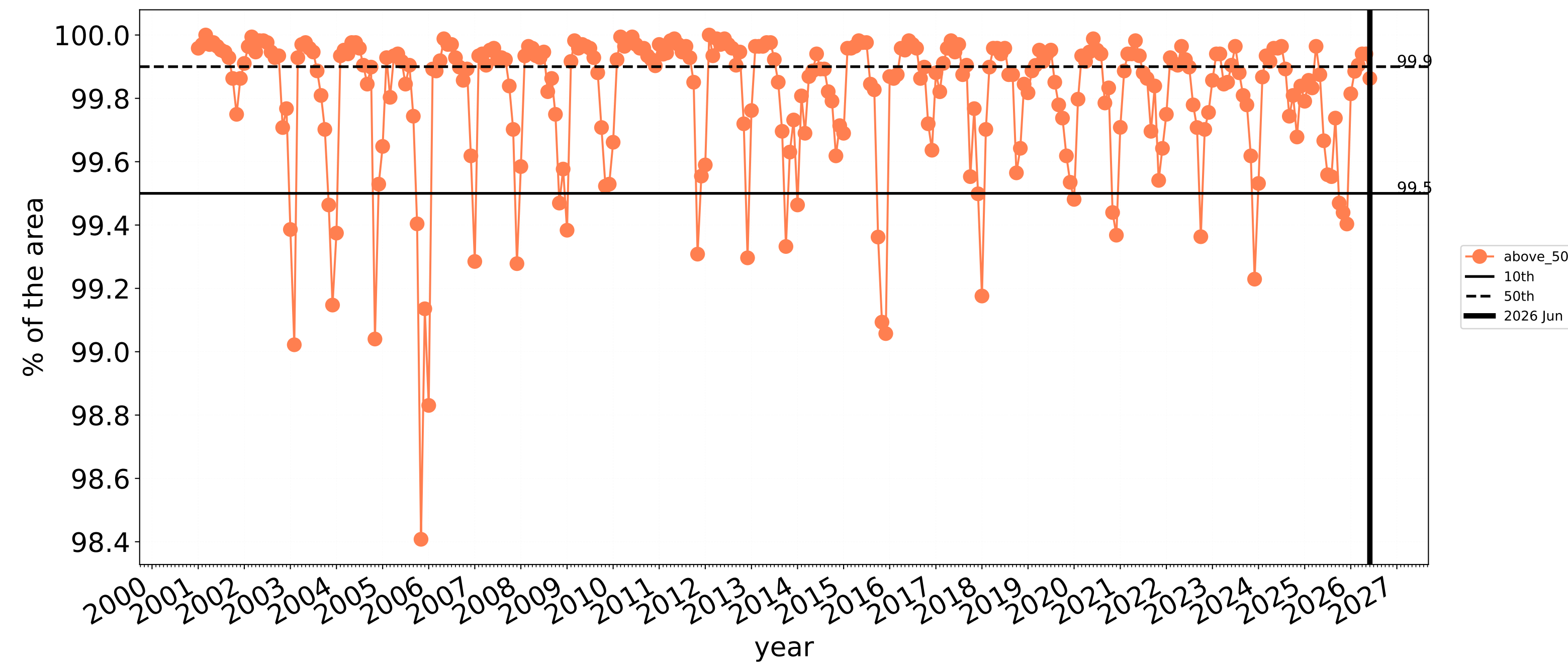
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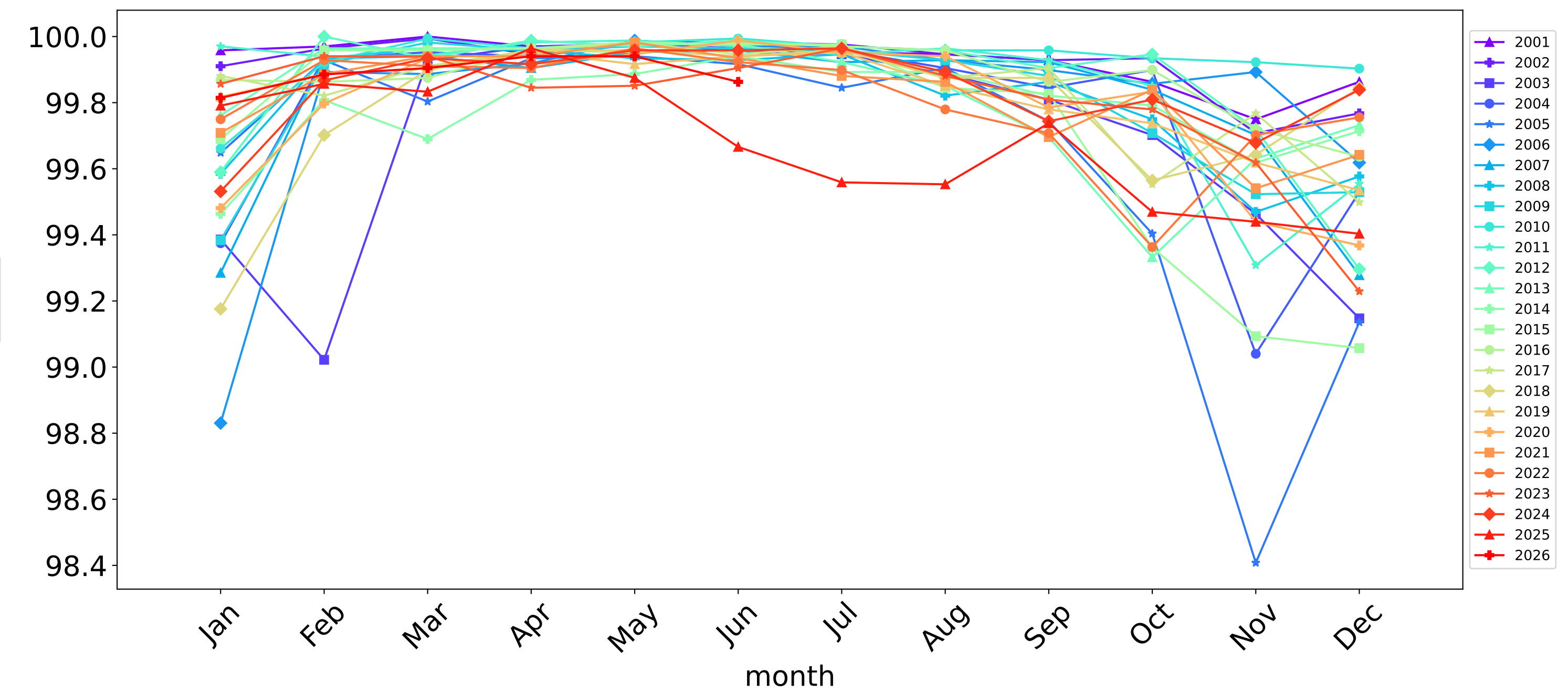


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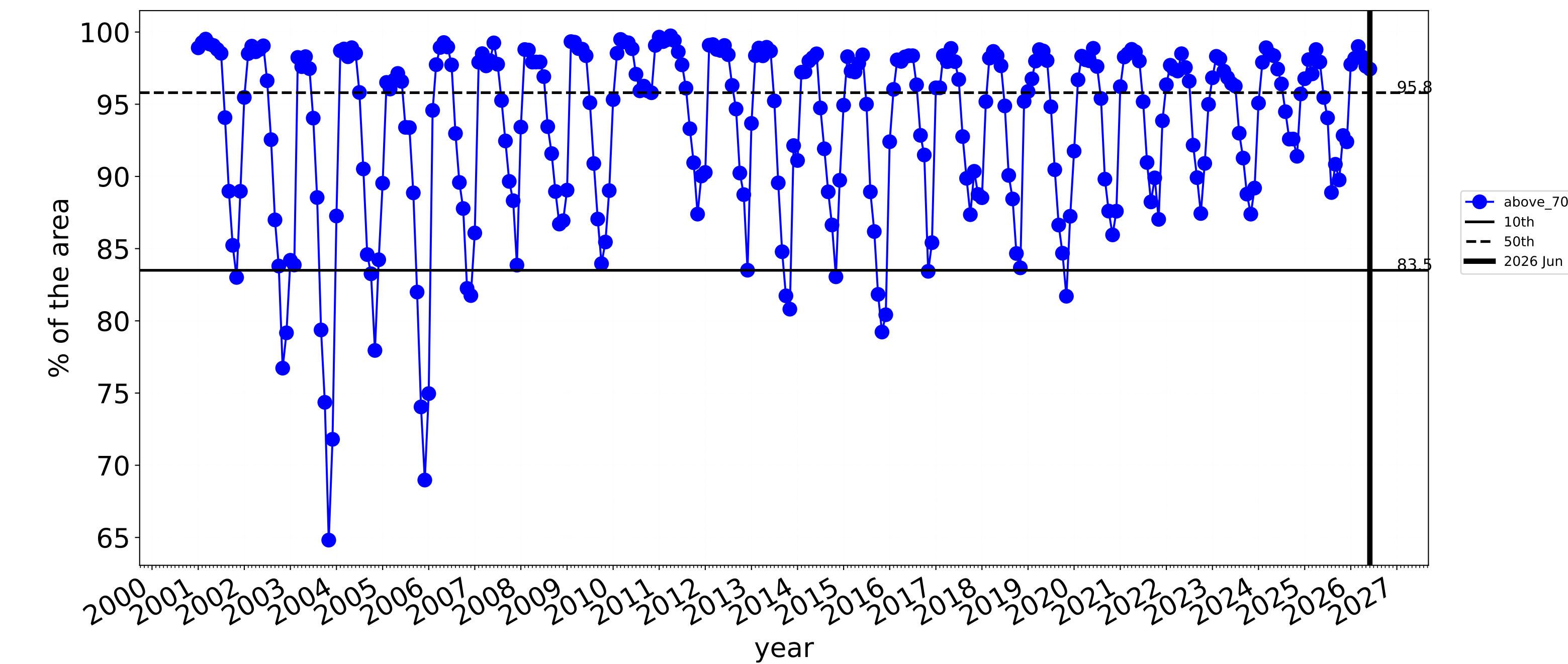
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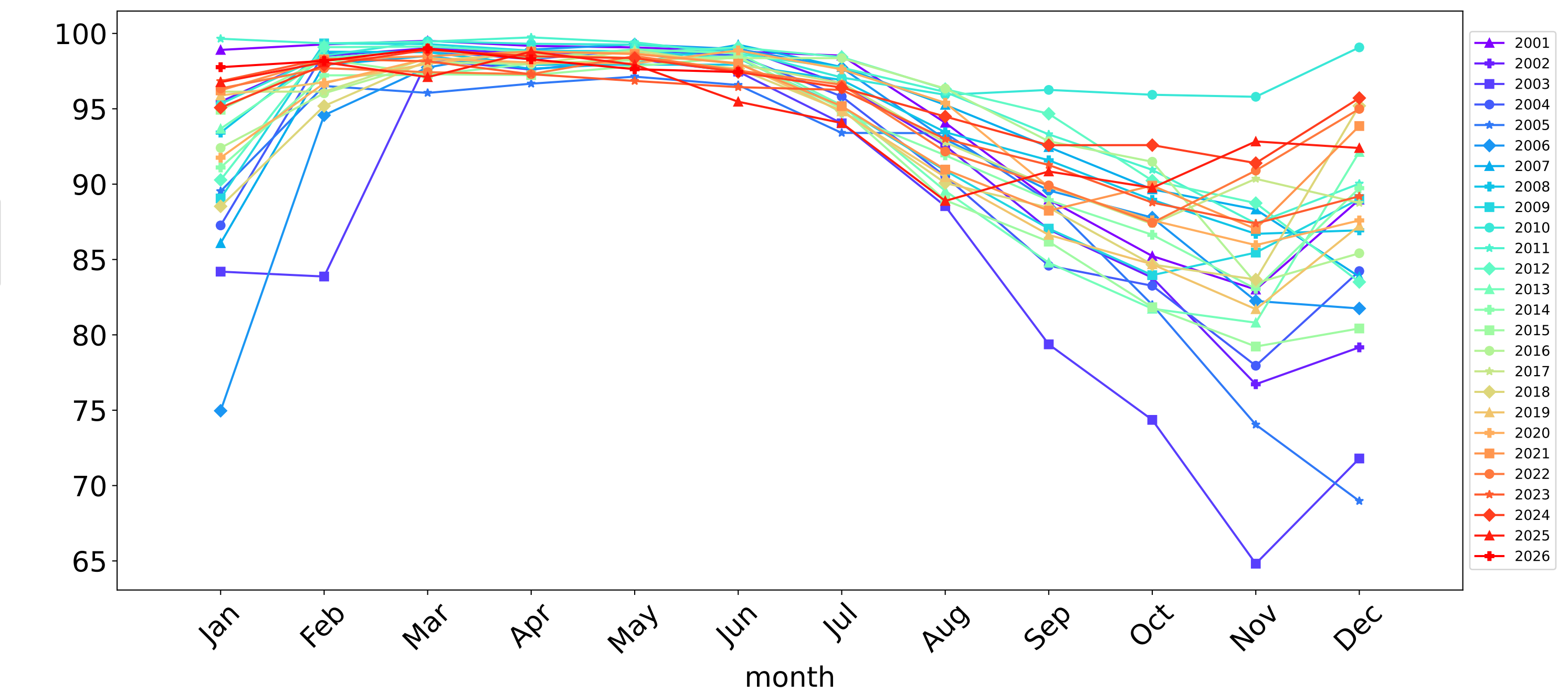
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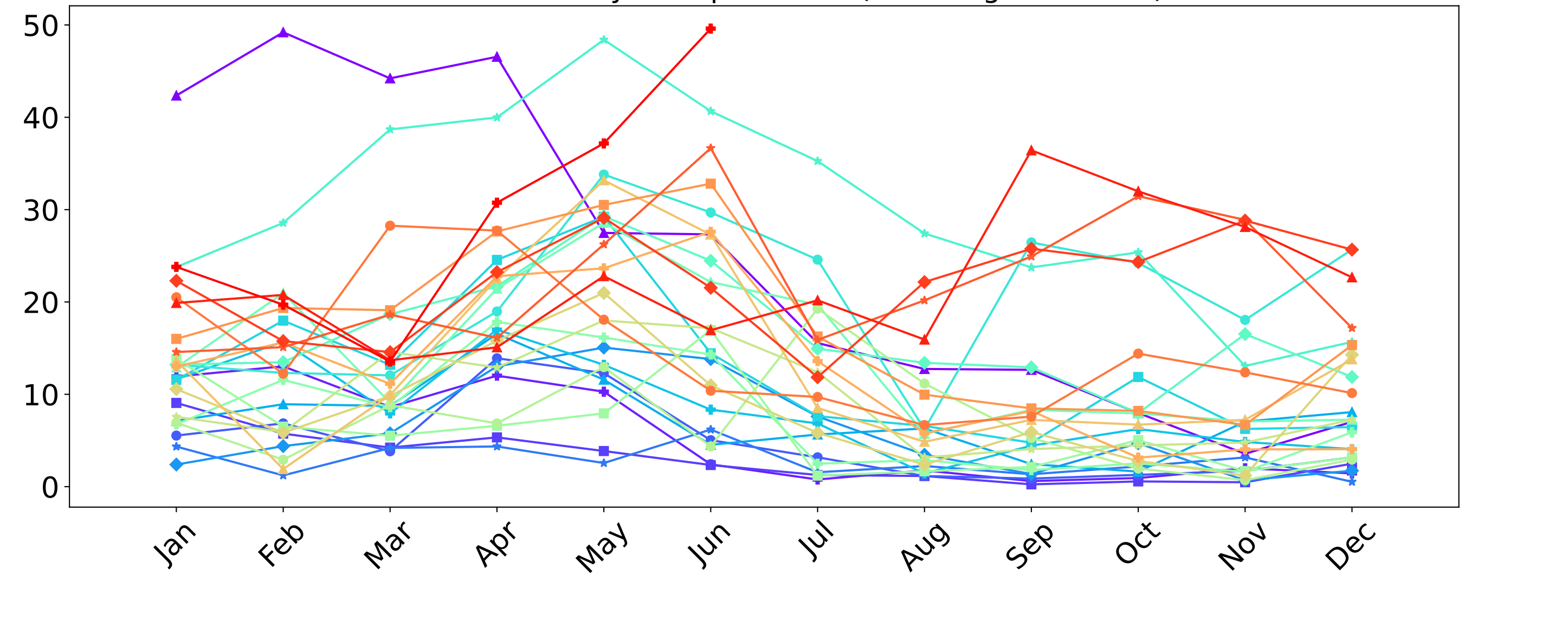
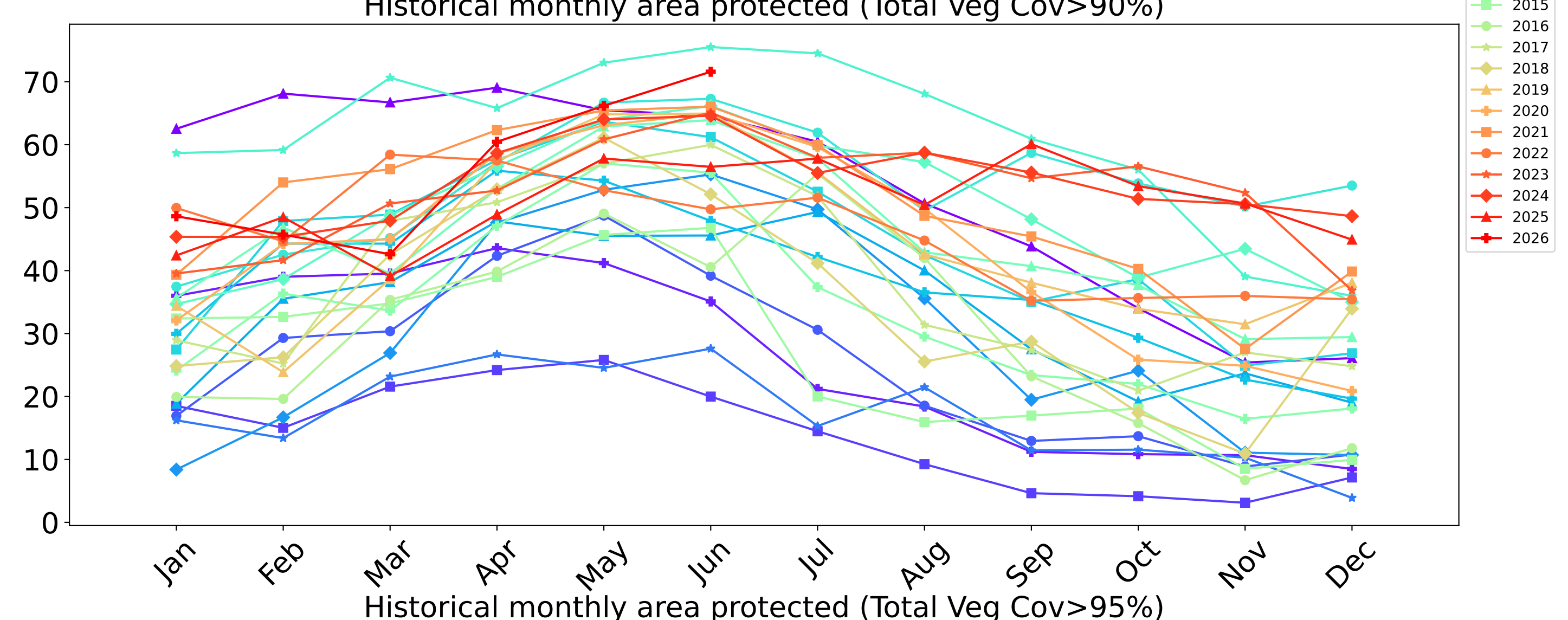
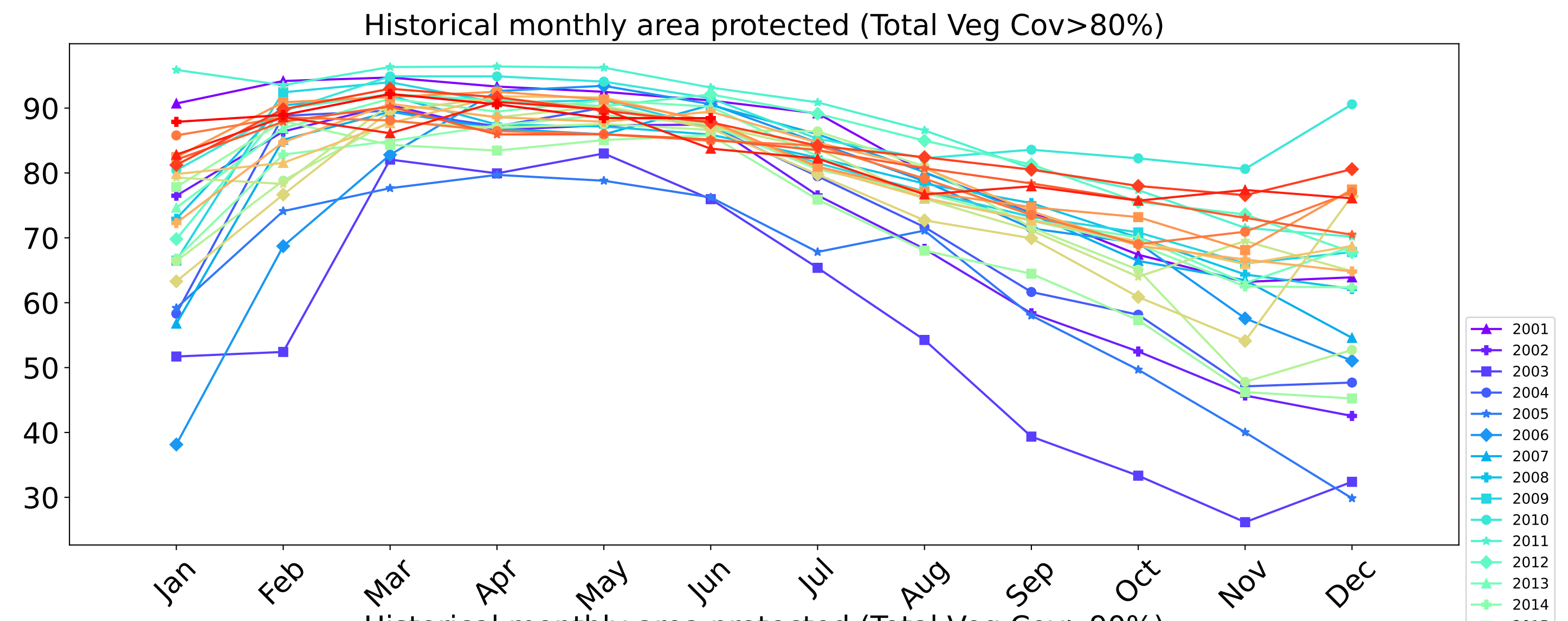
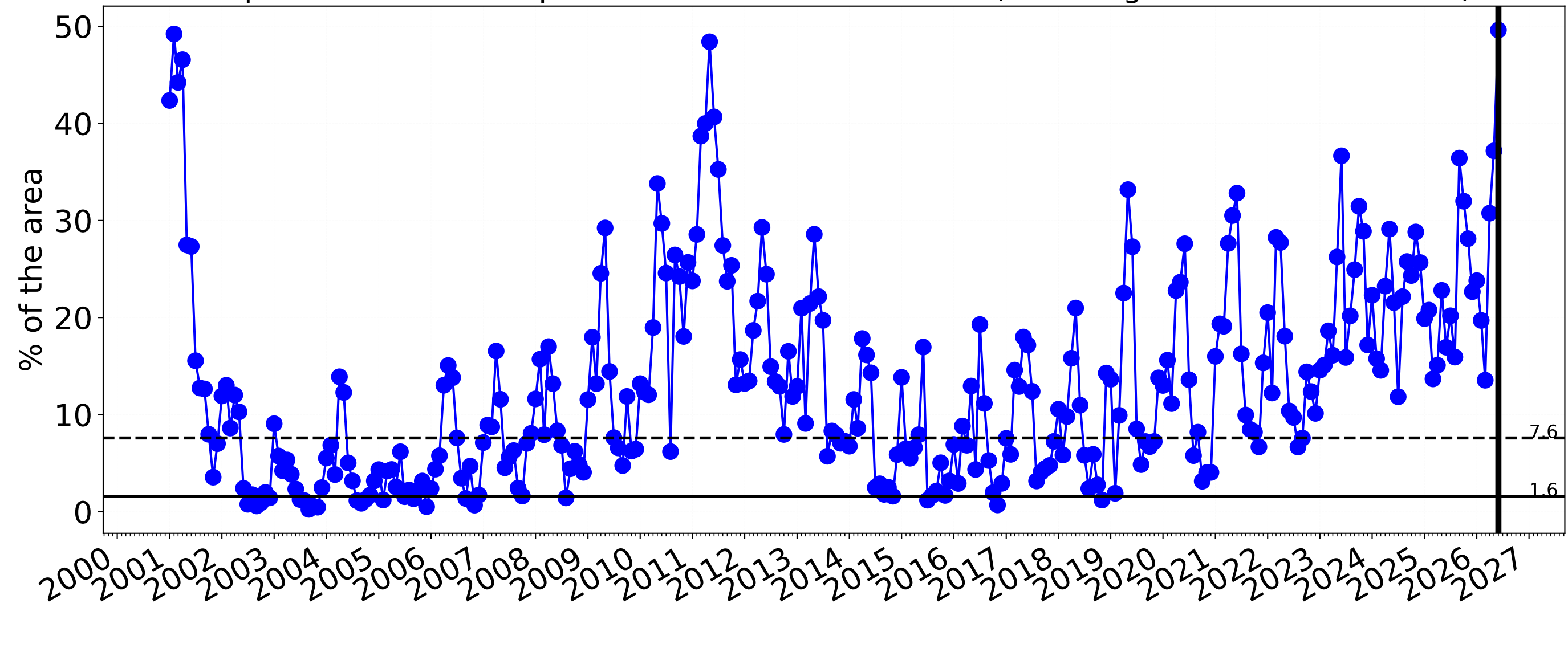
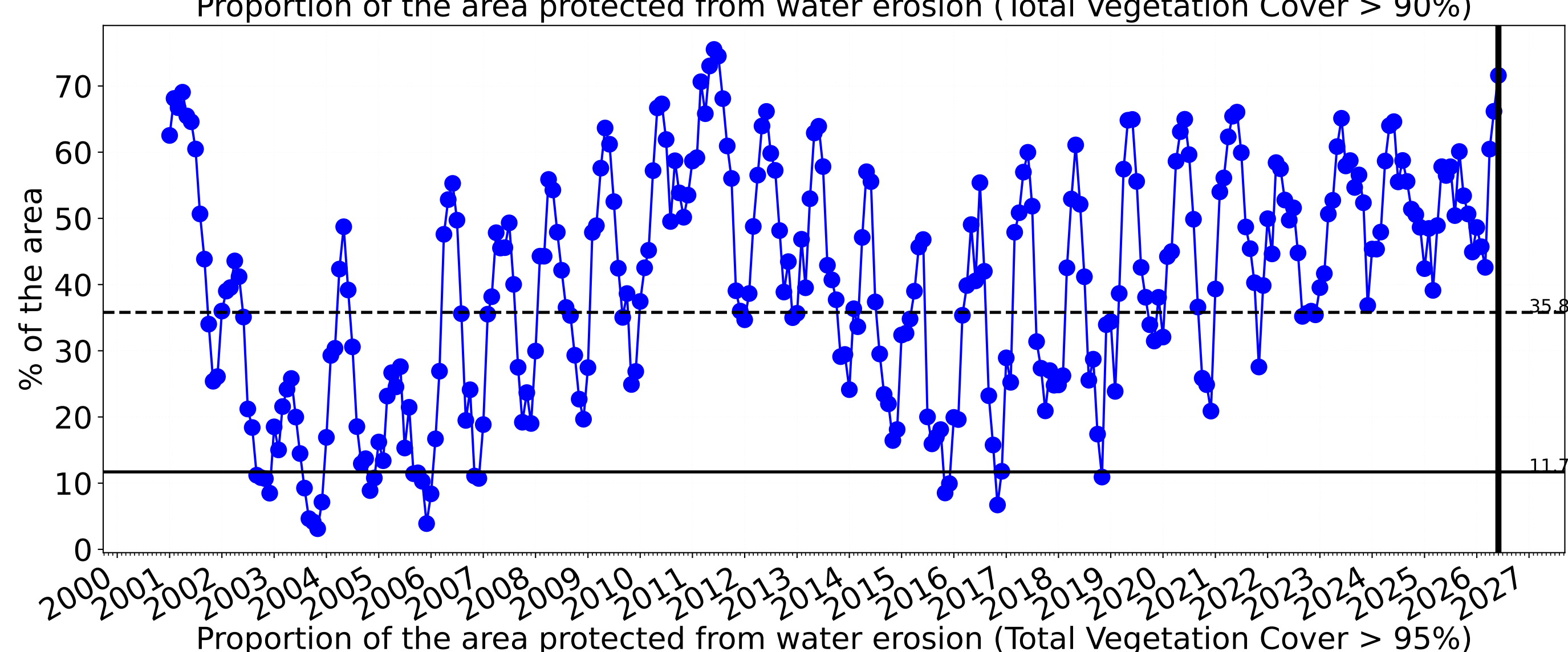
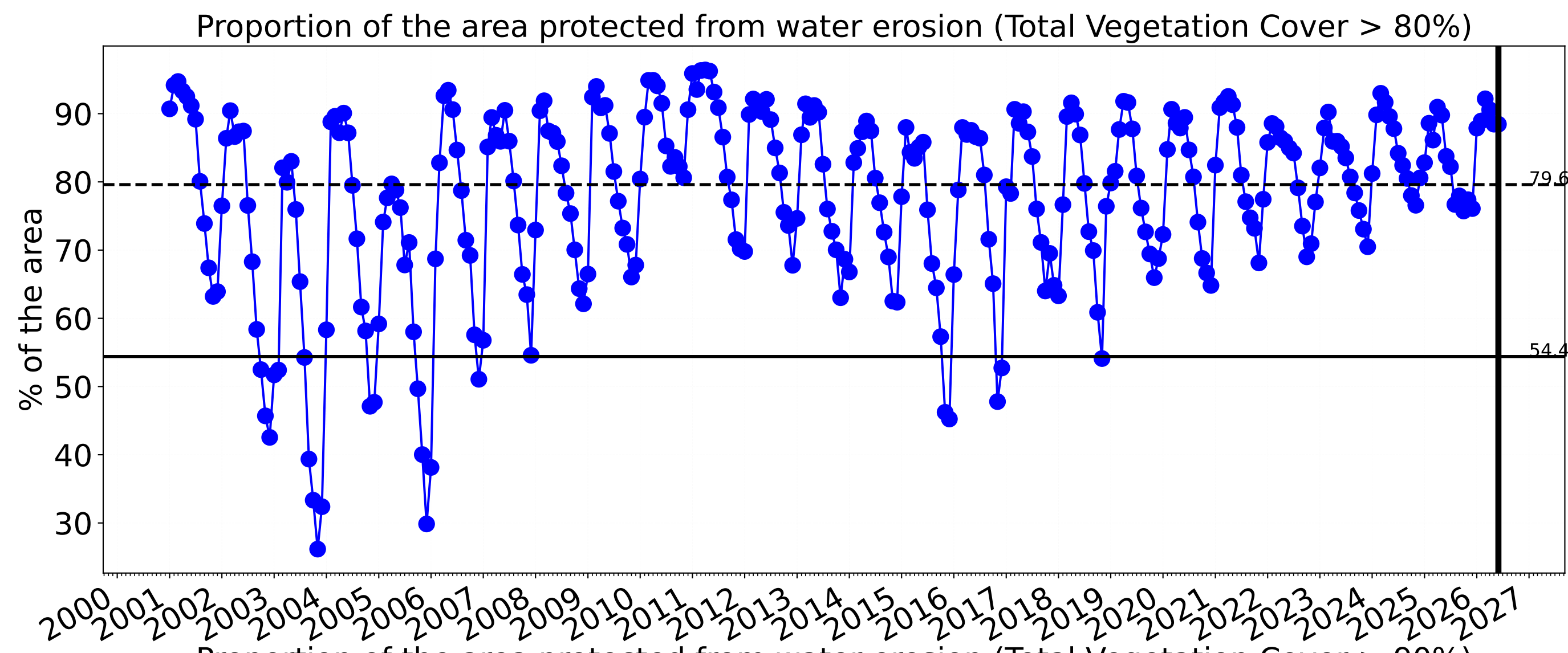


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



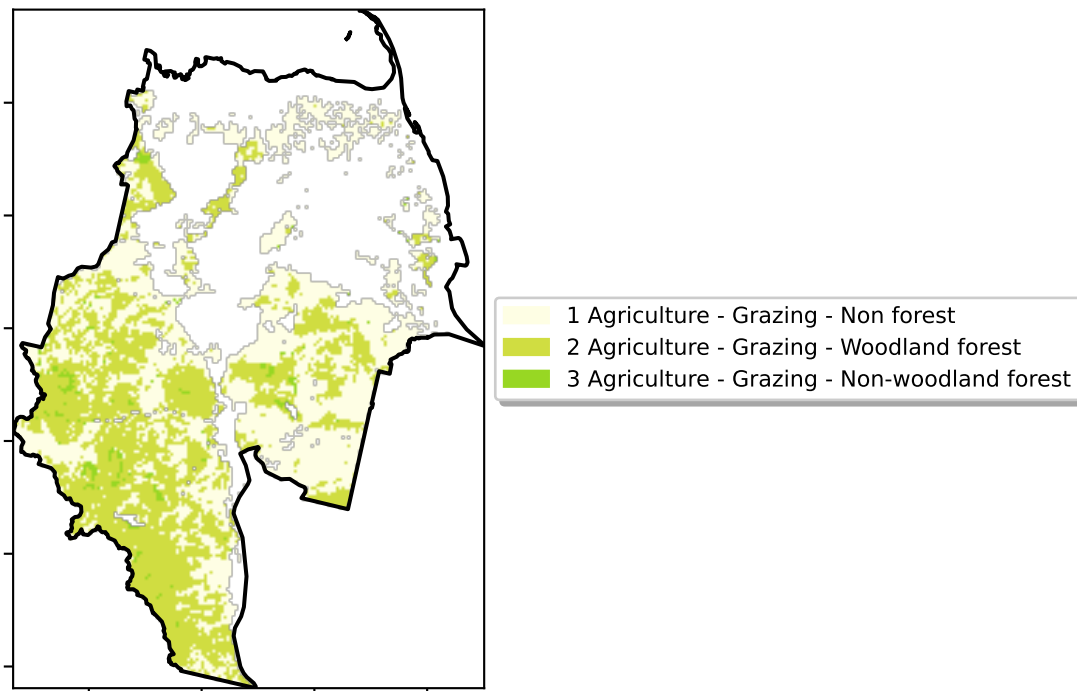
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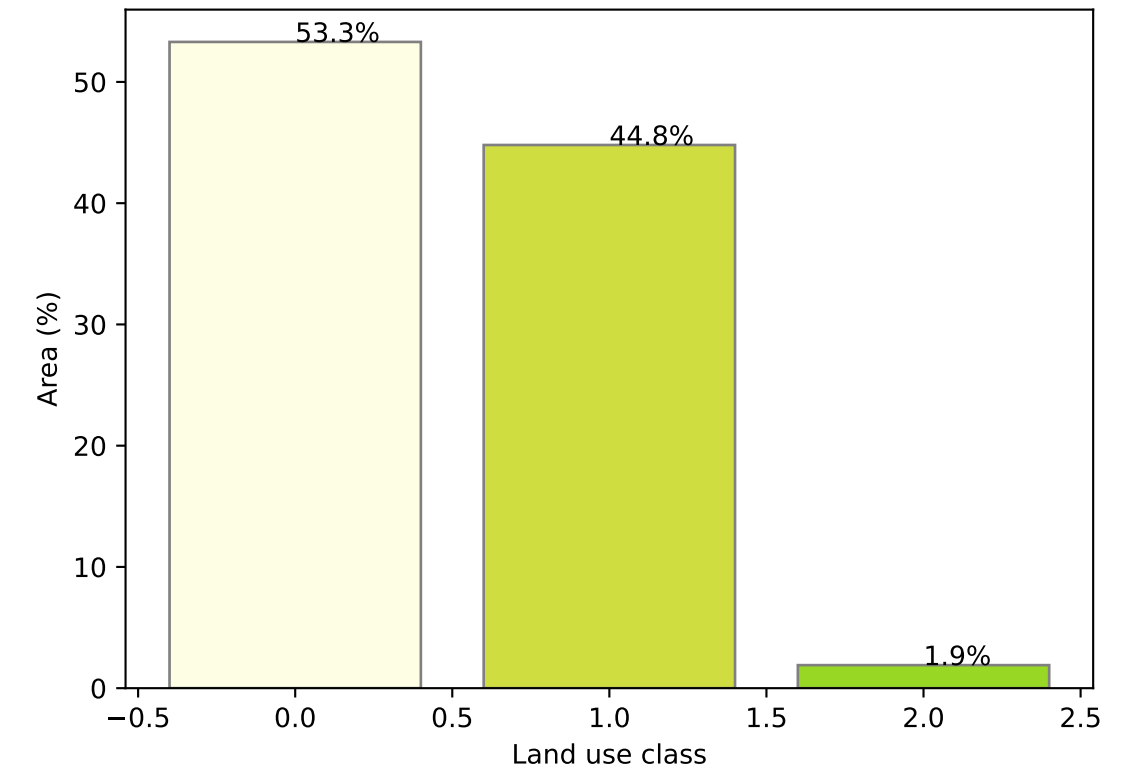


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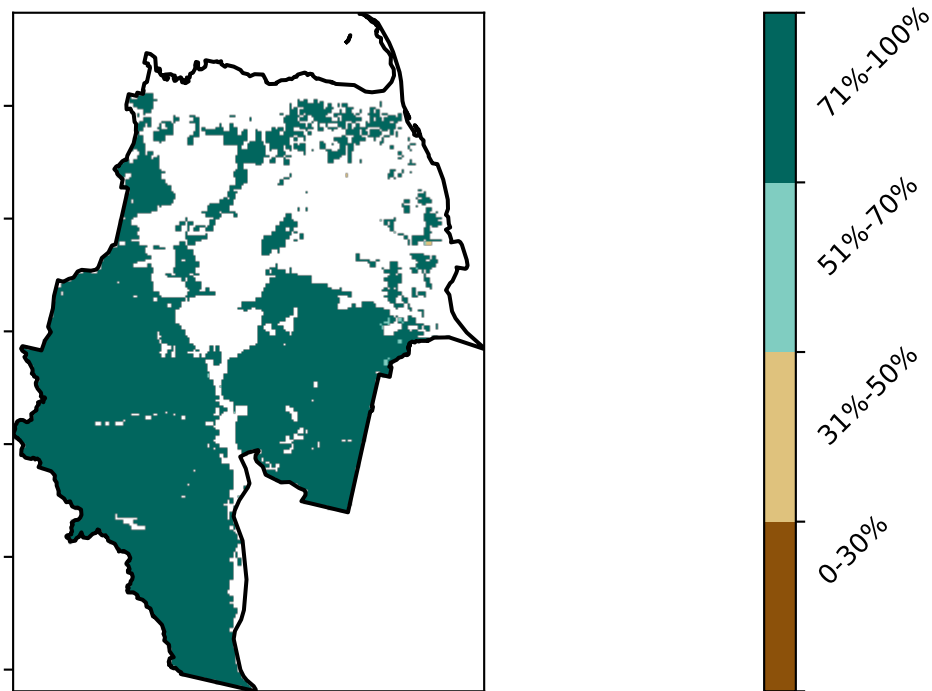
Land use and forest cover



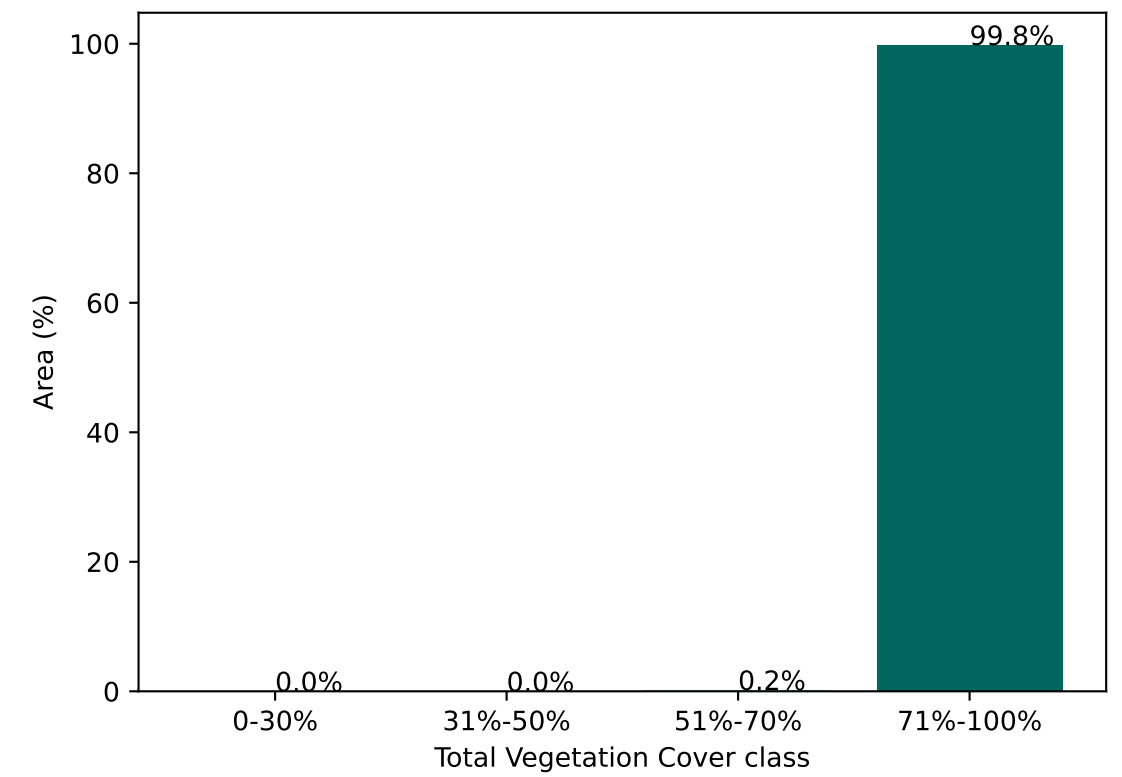
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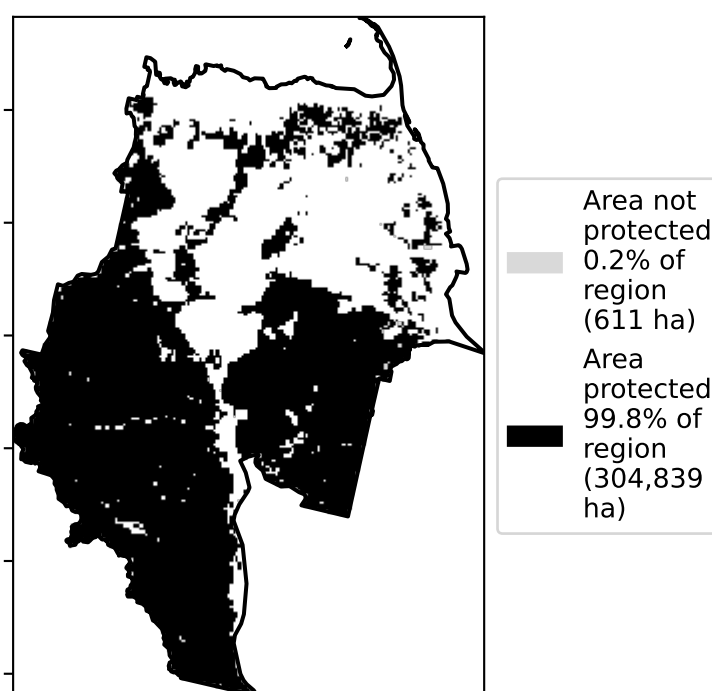
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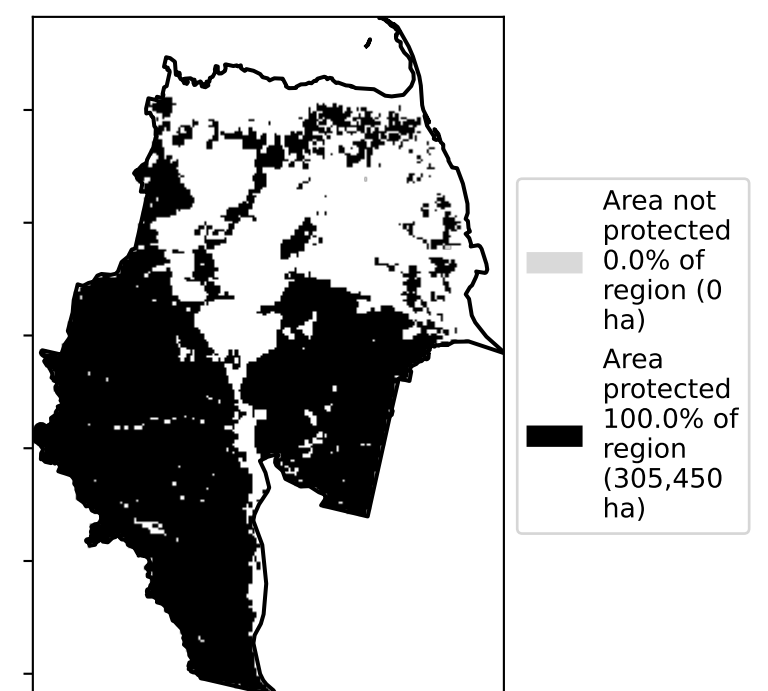
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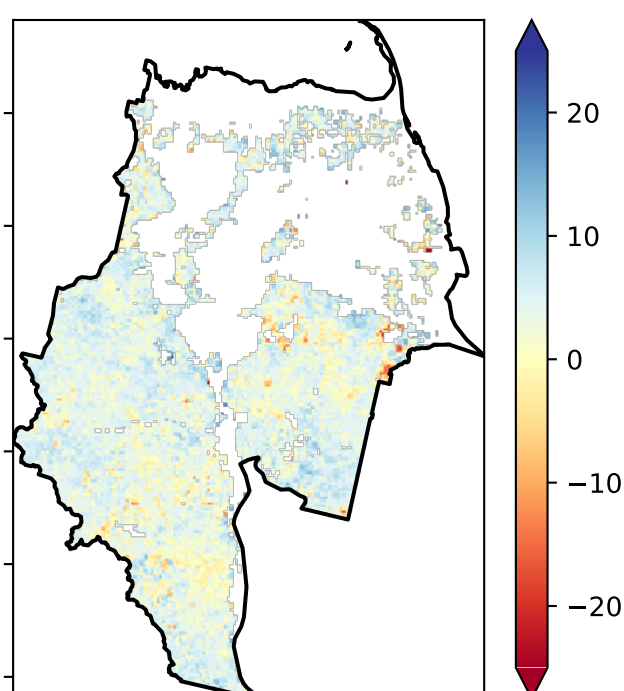
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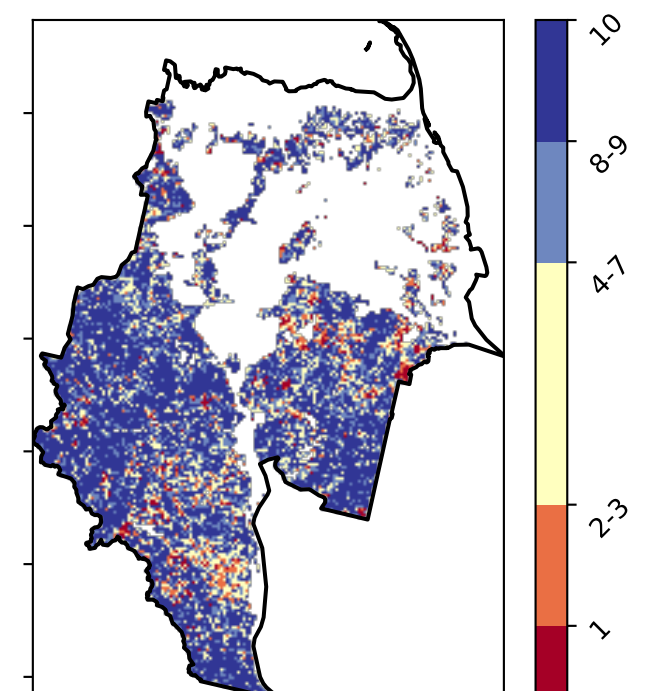
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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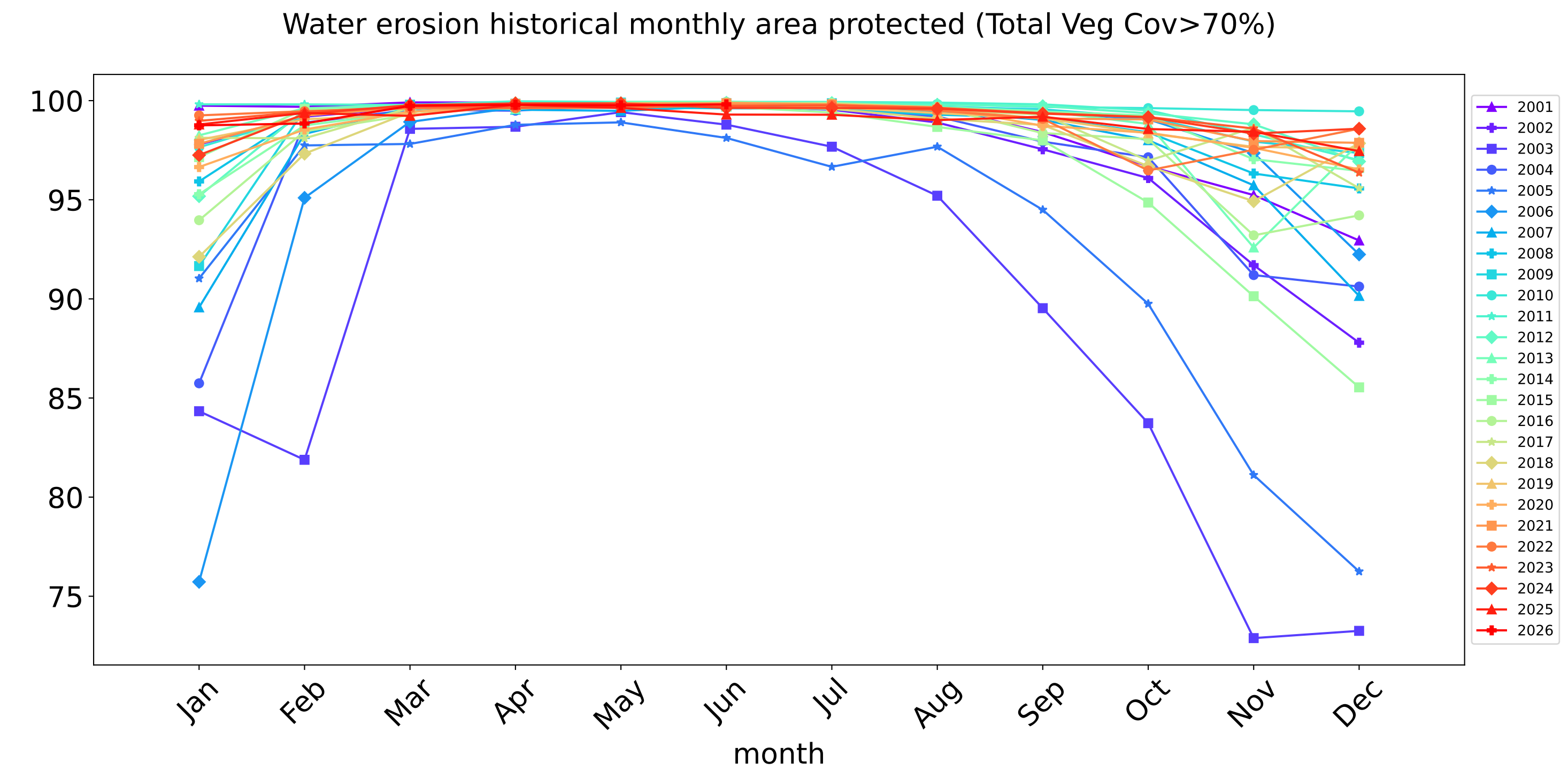
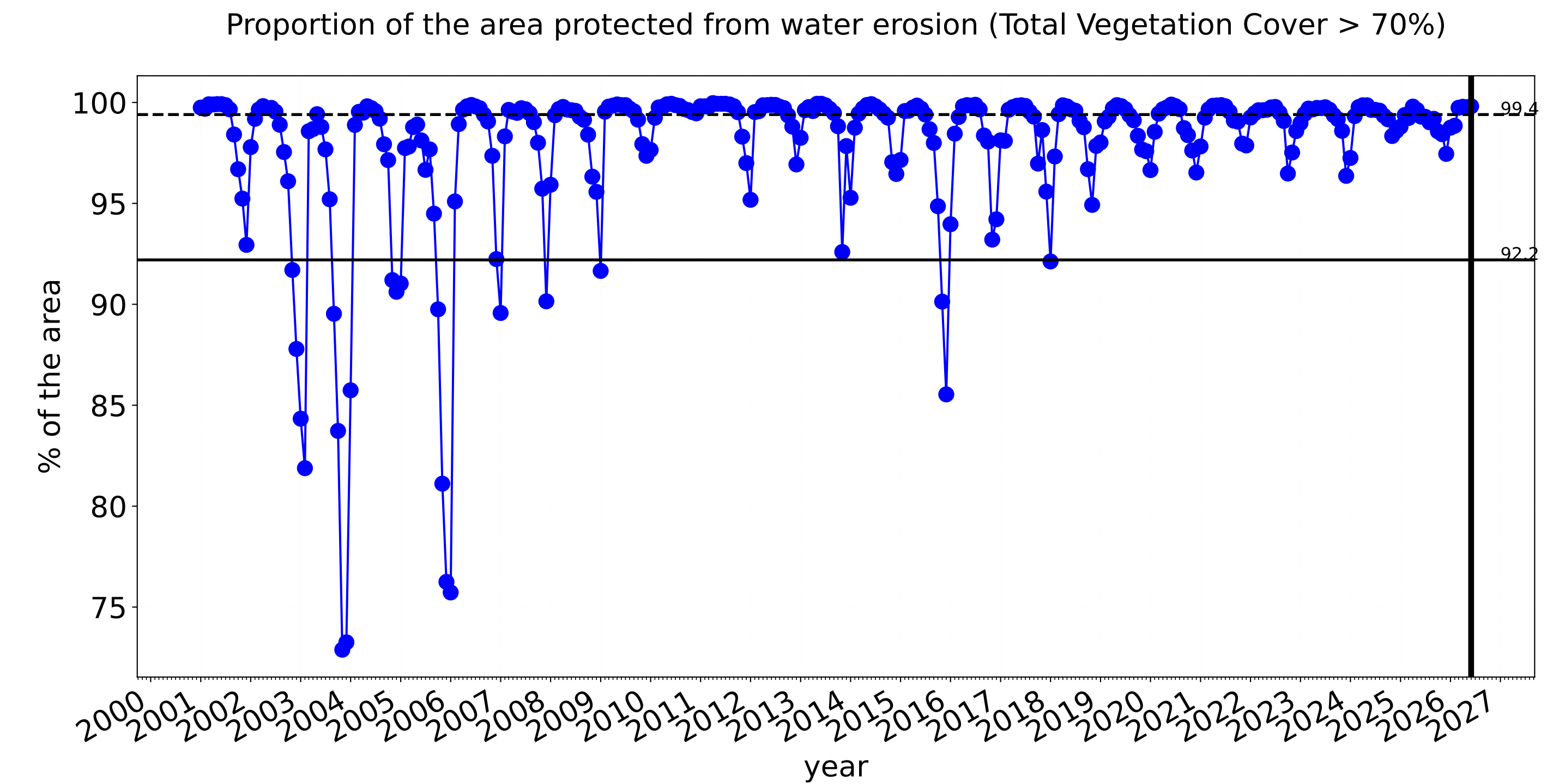
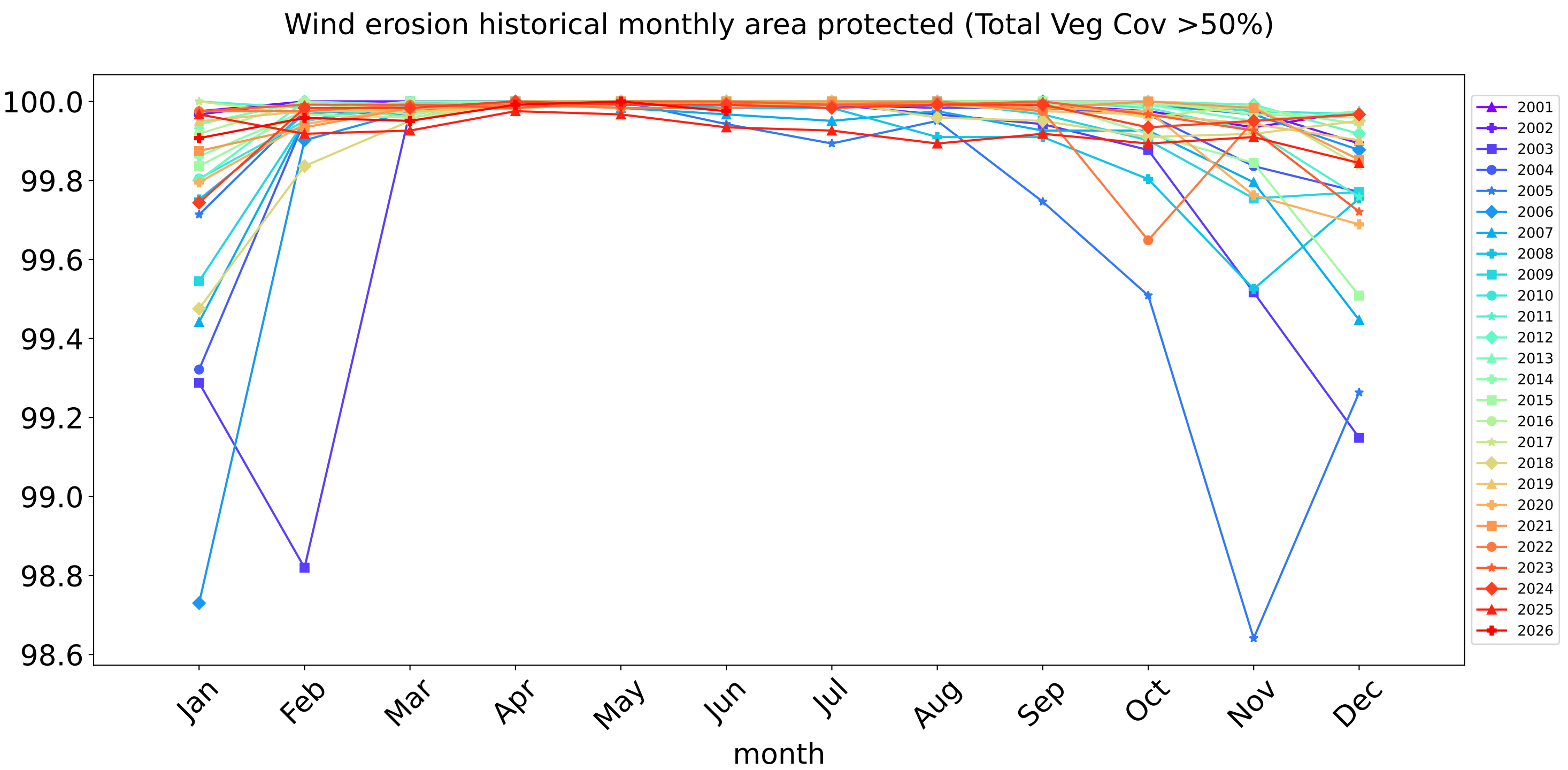
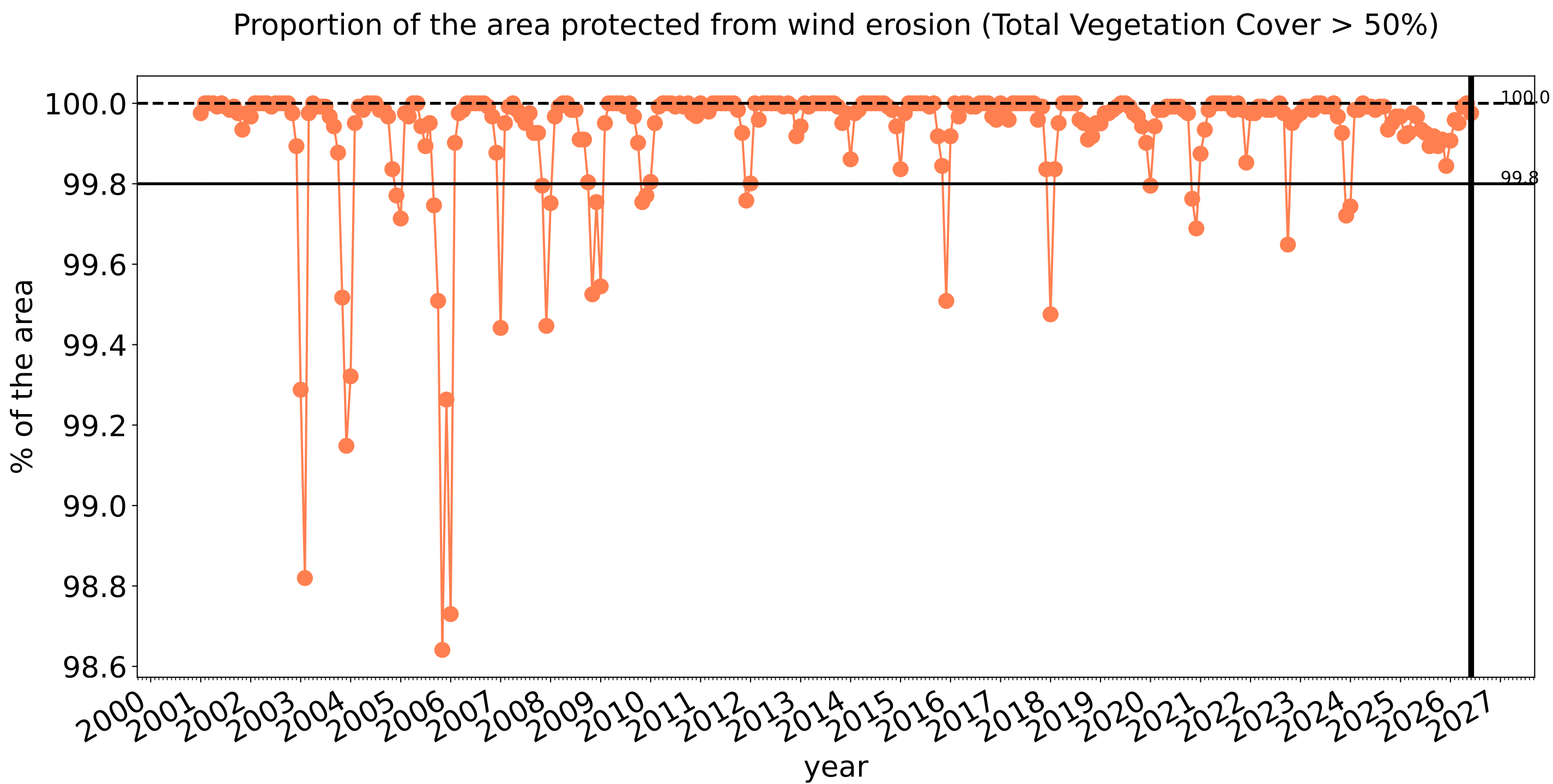
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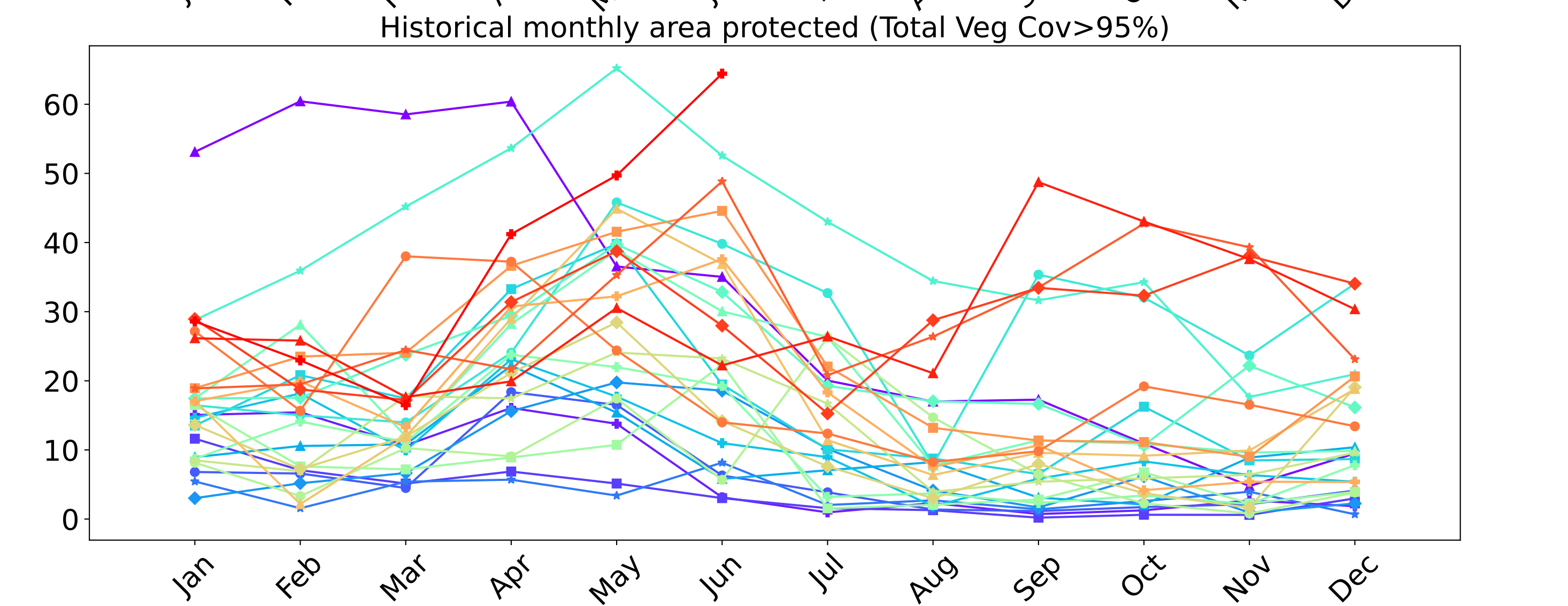
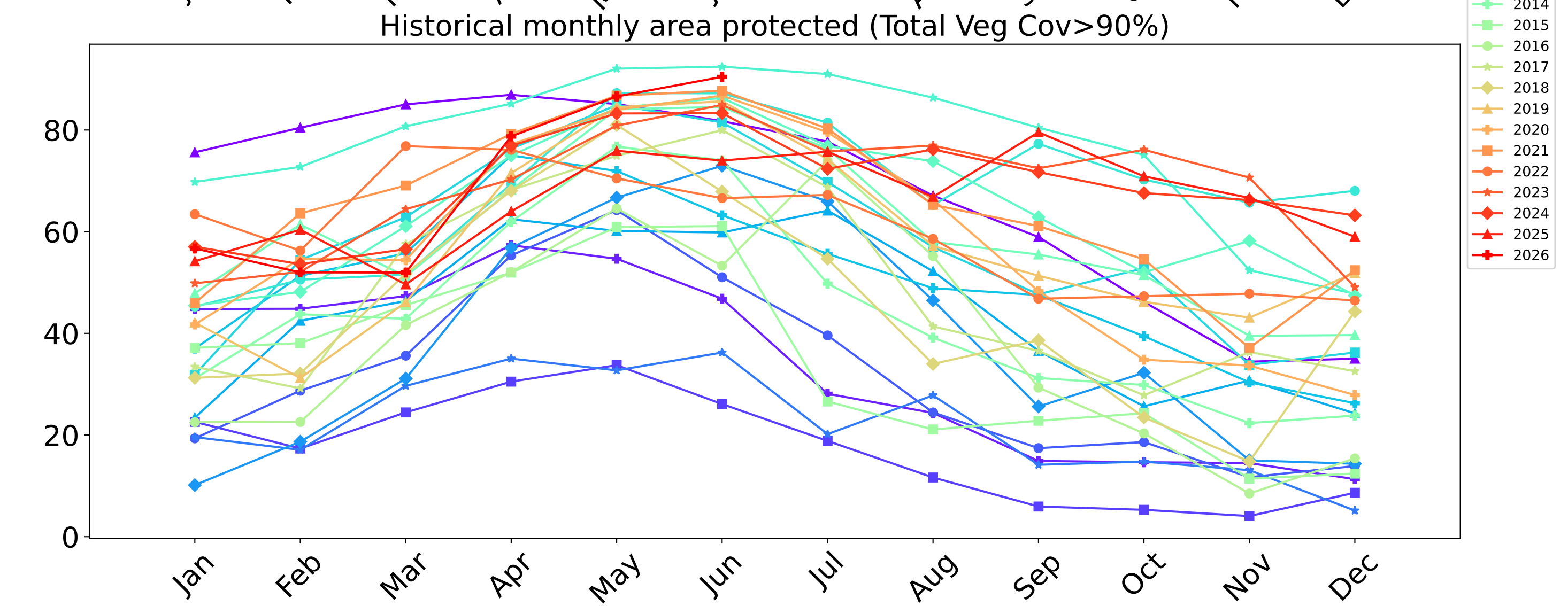
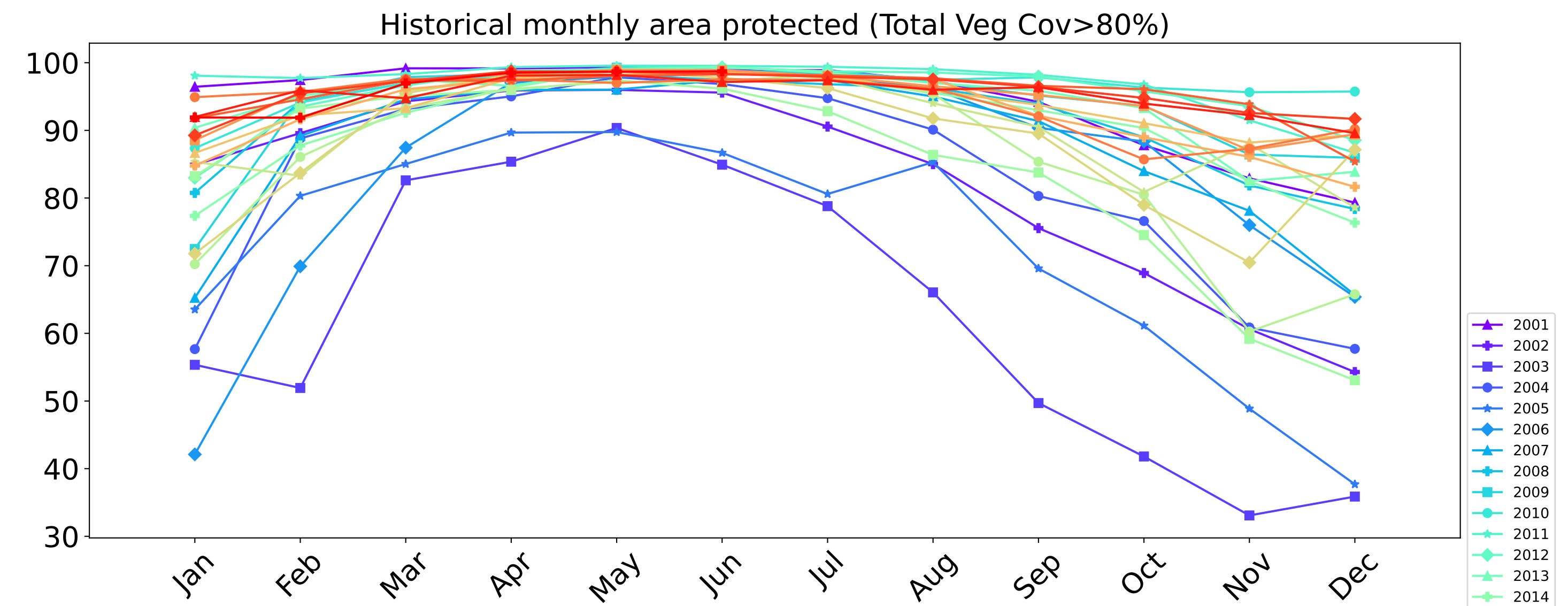
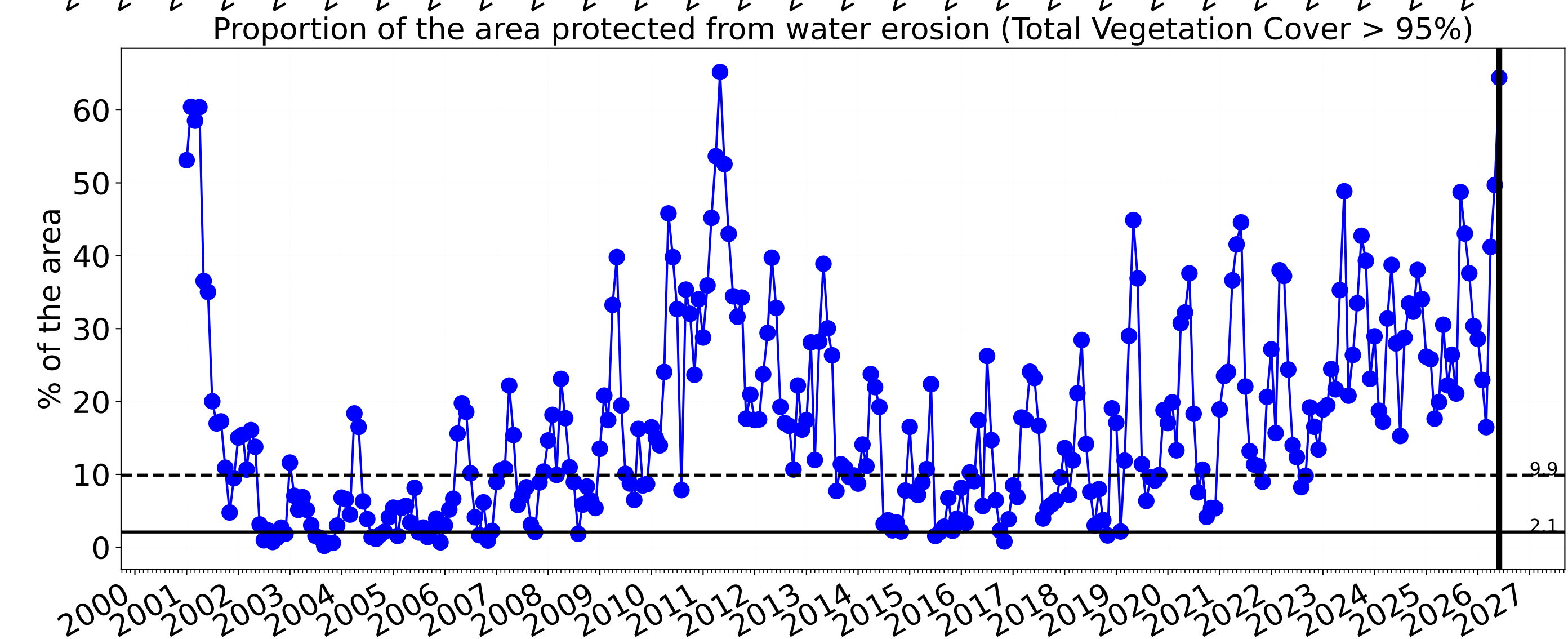
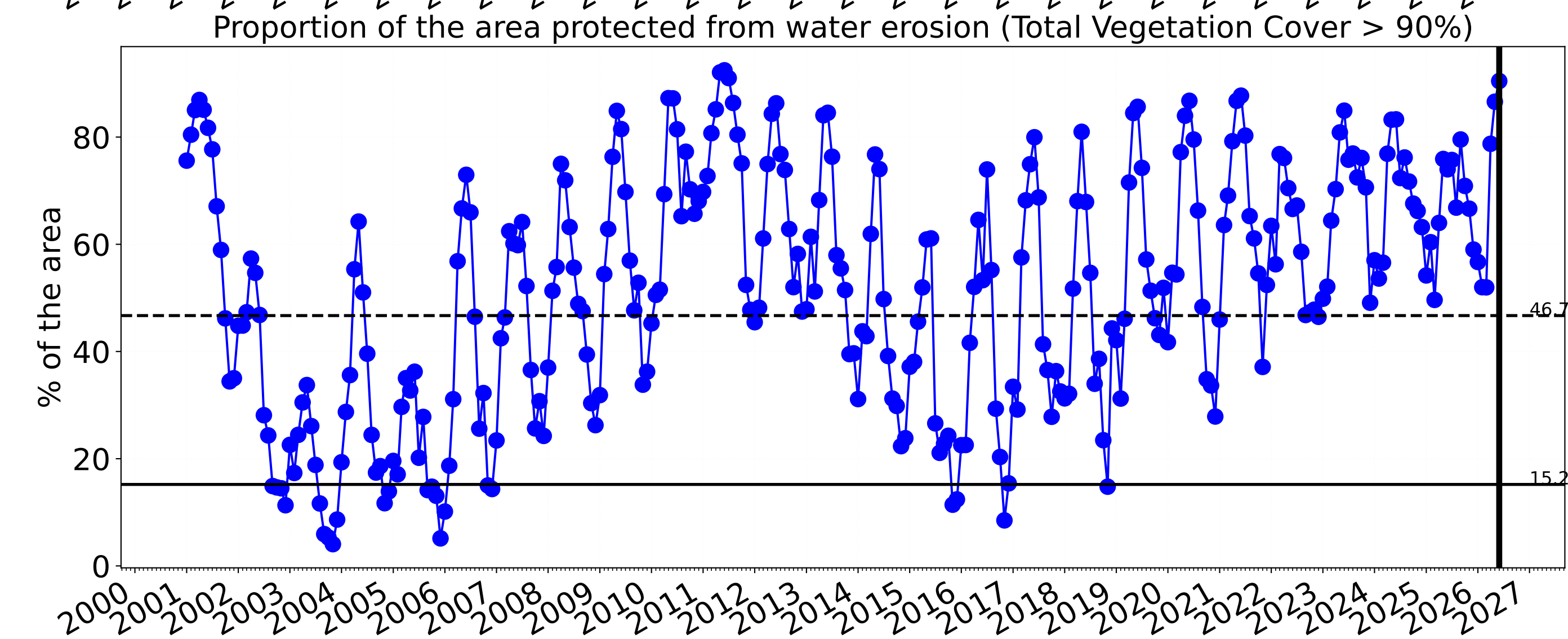
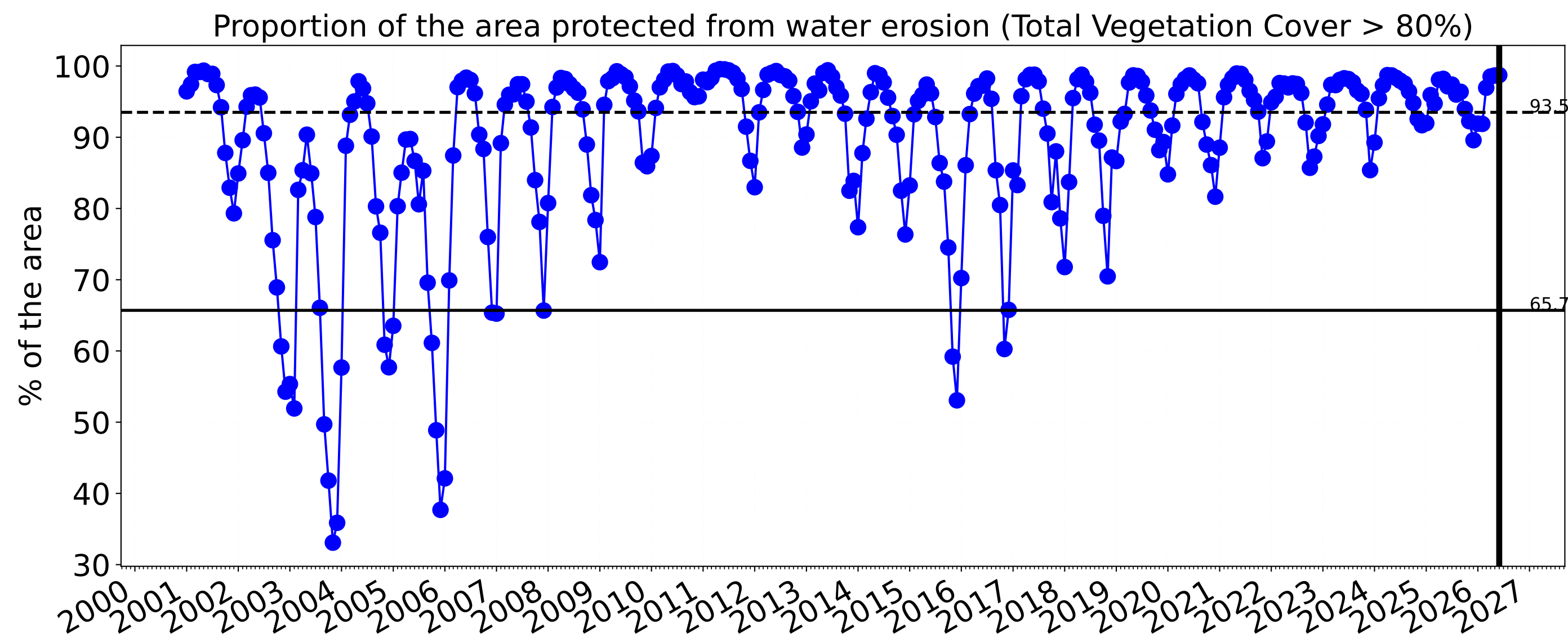


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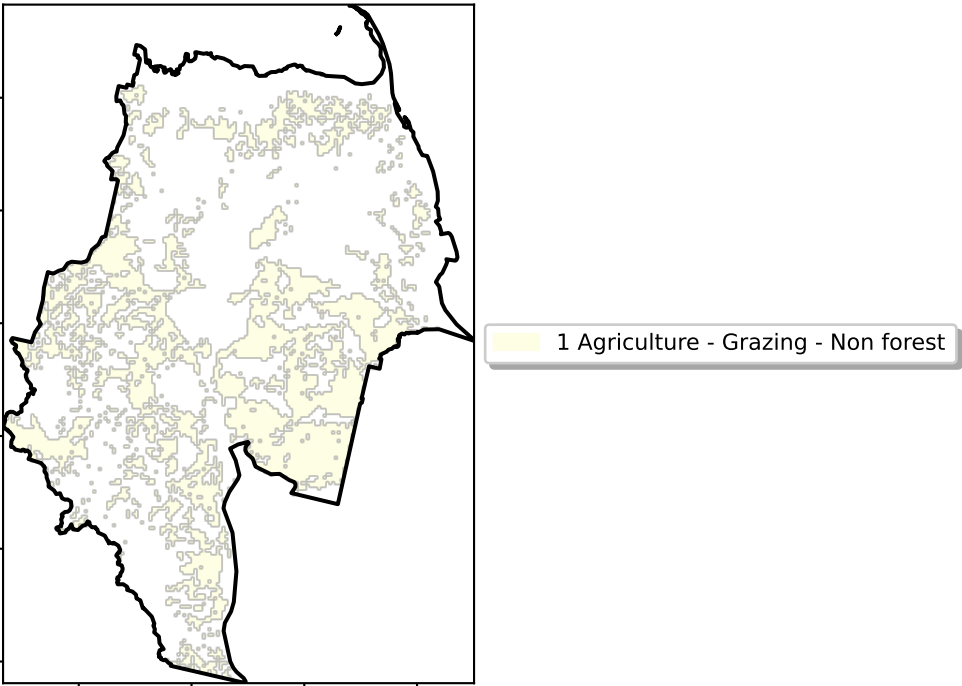




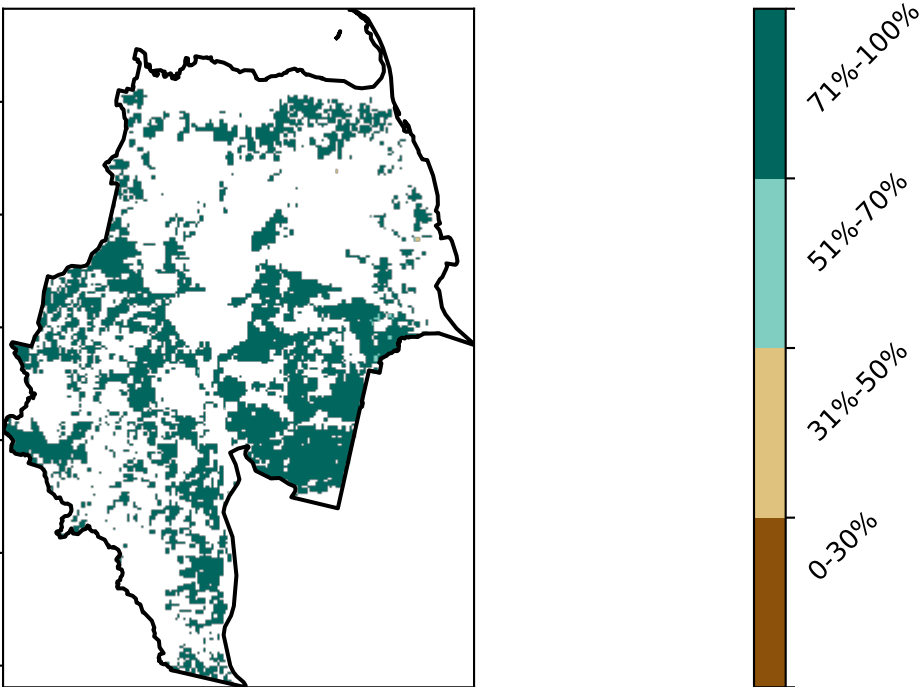
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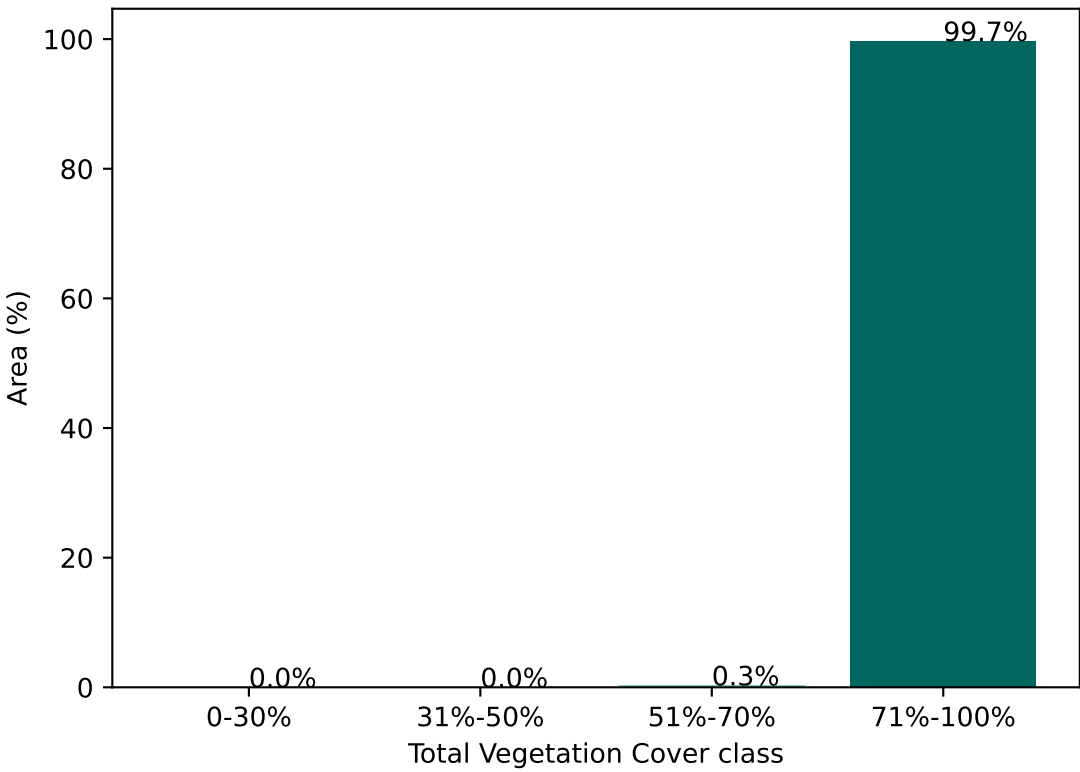
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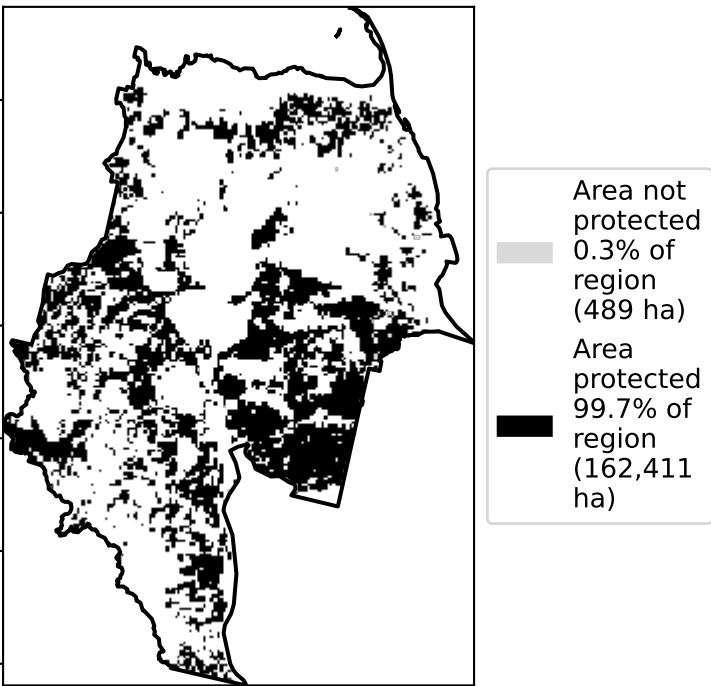
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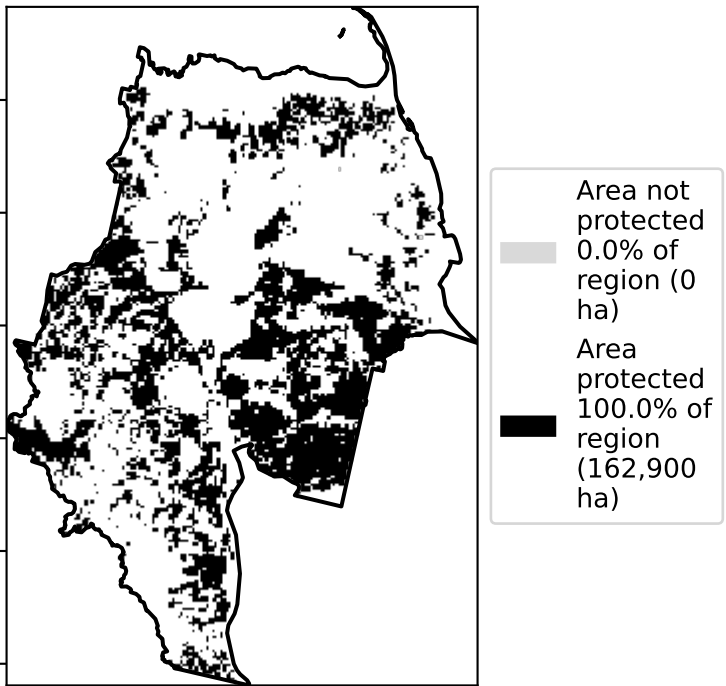
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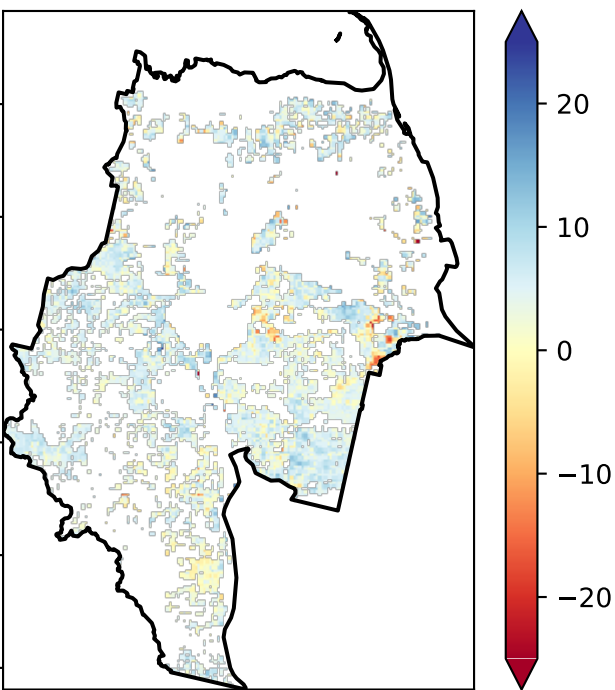


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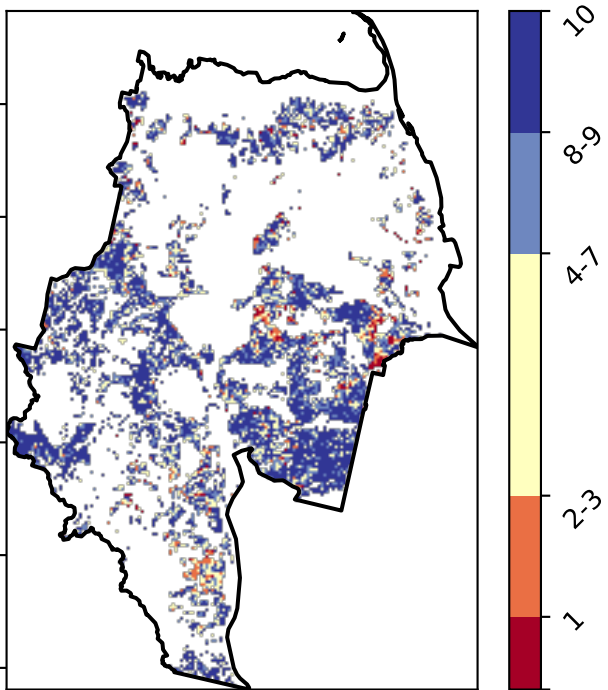
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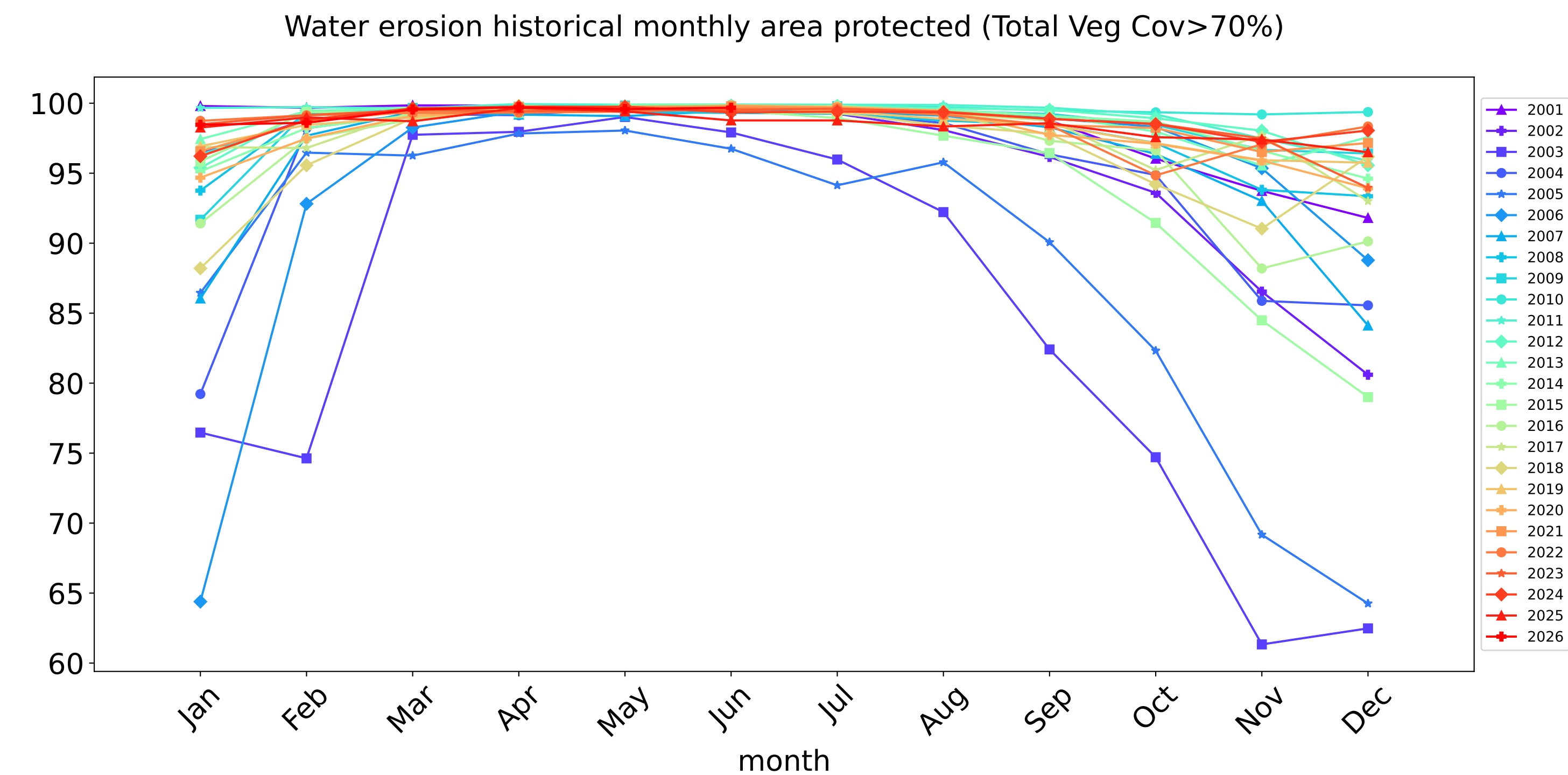
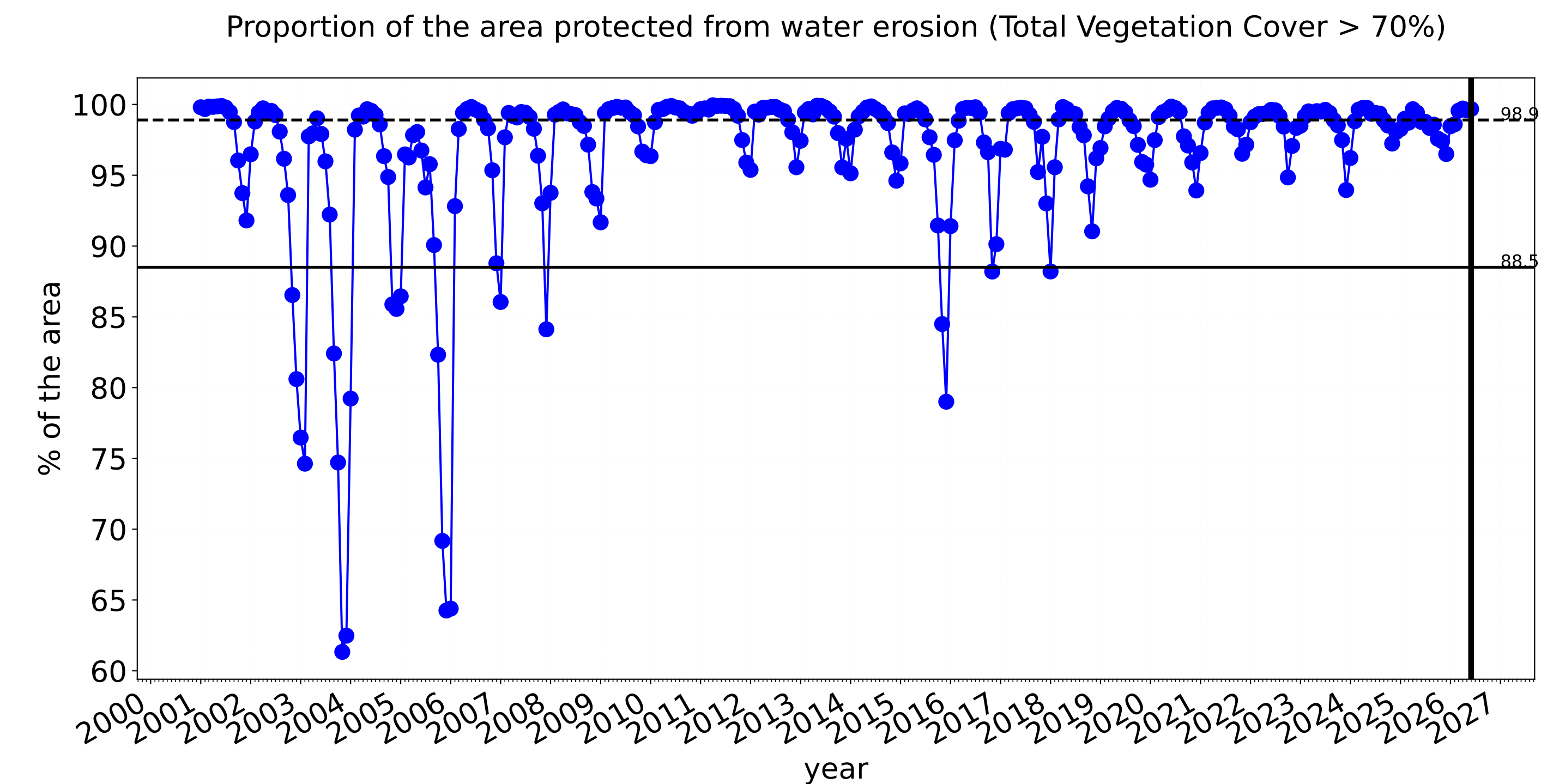
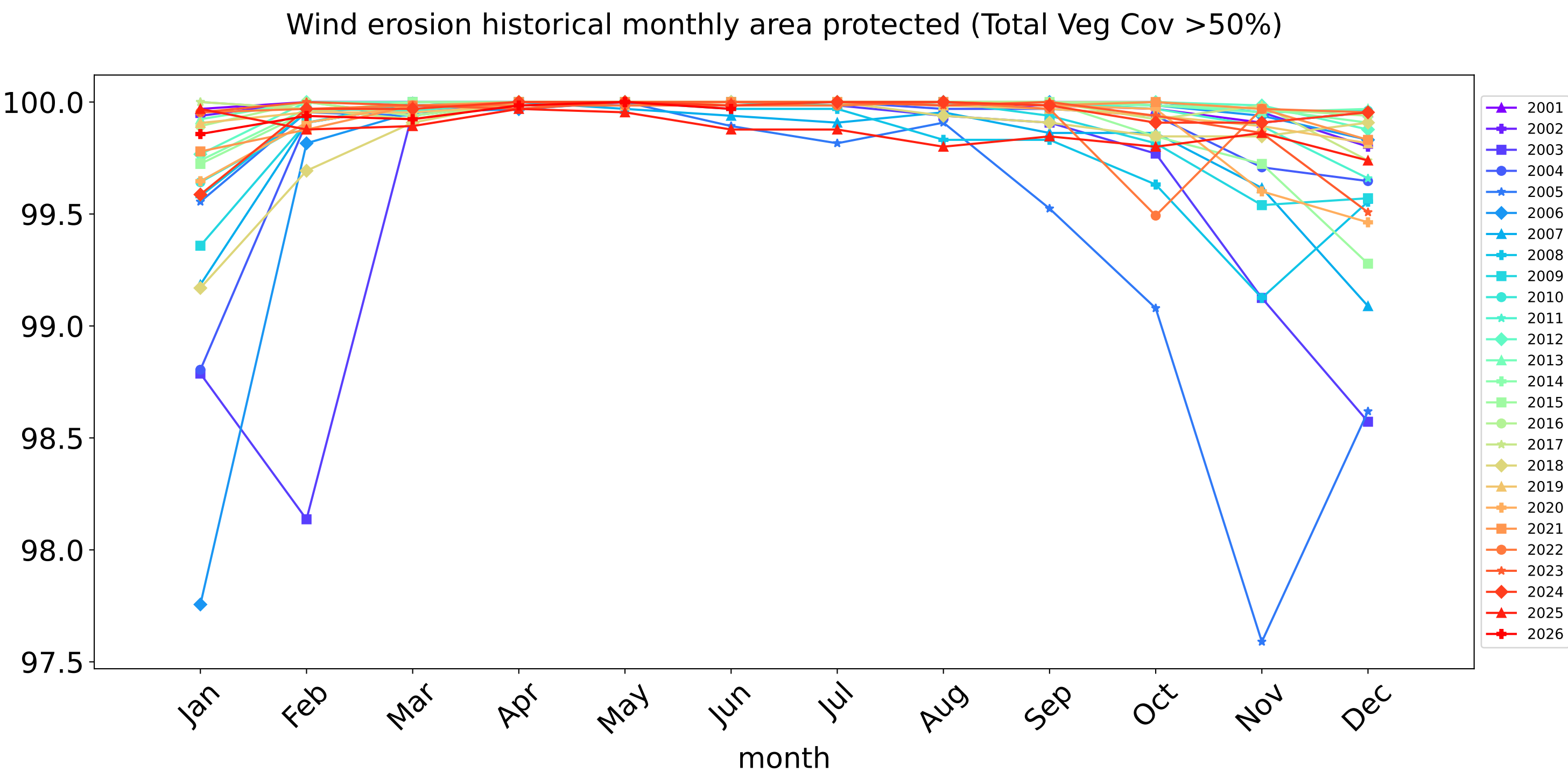
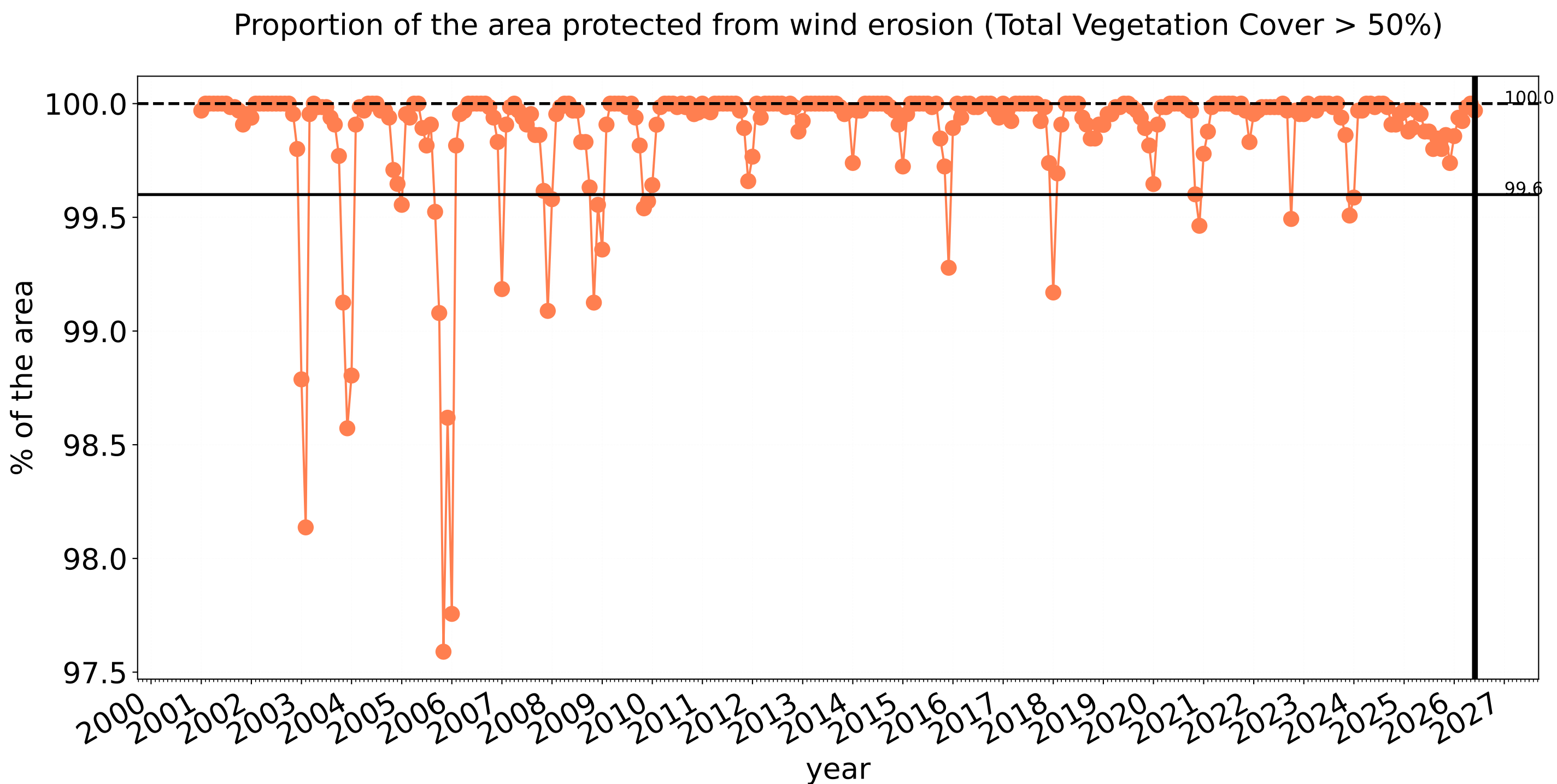


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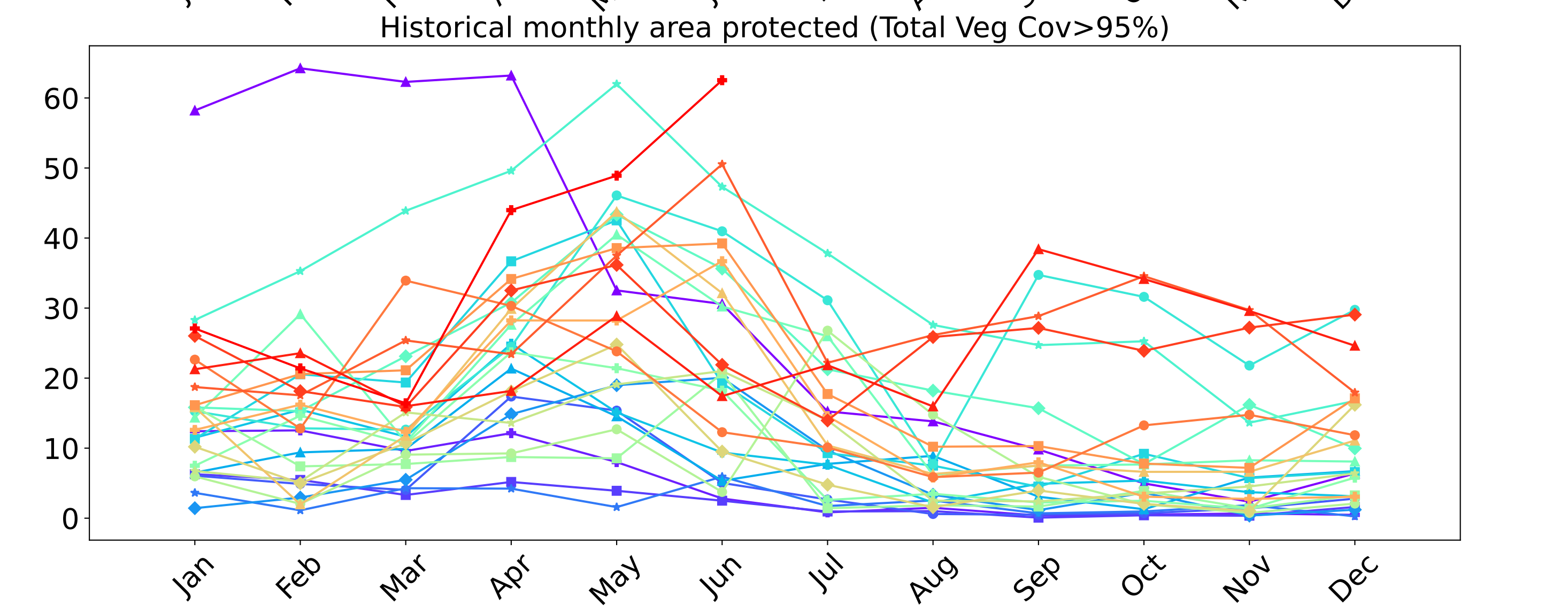
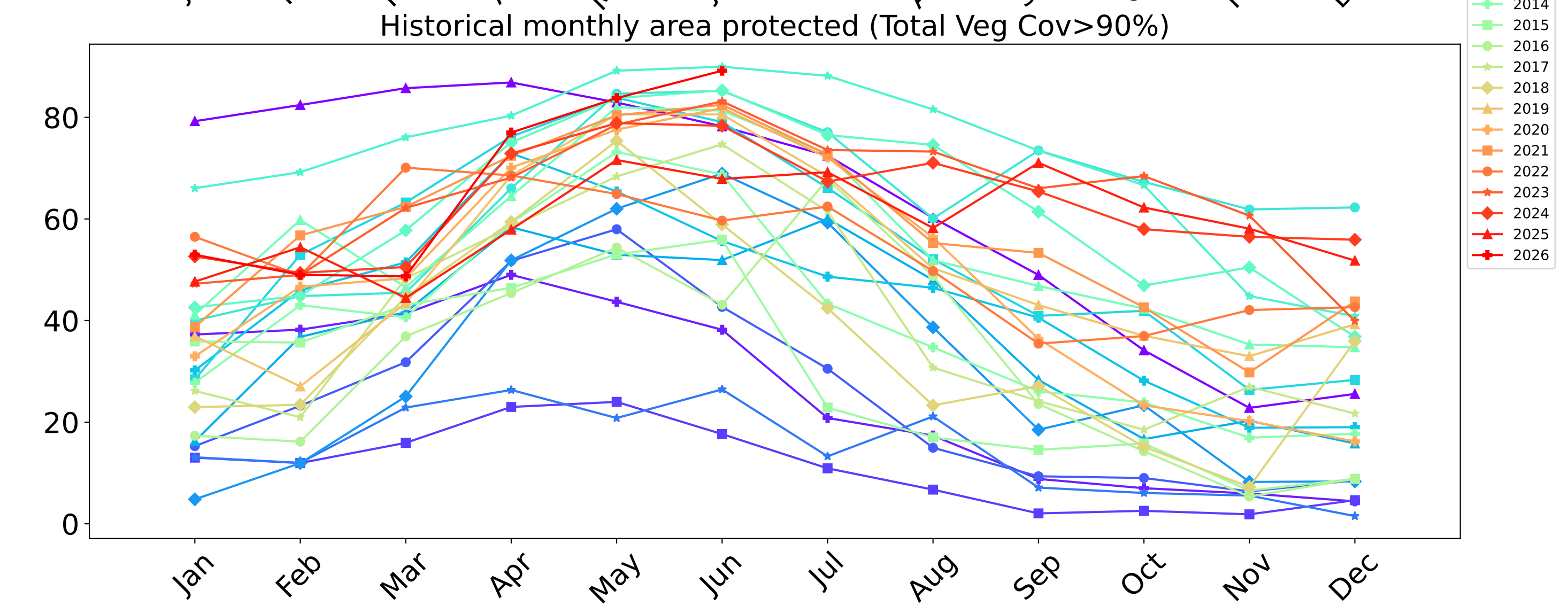
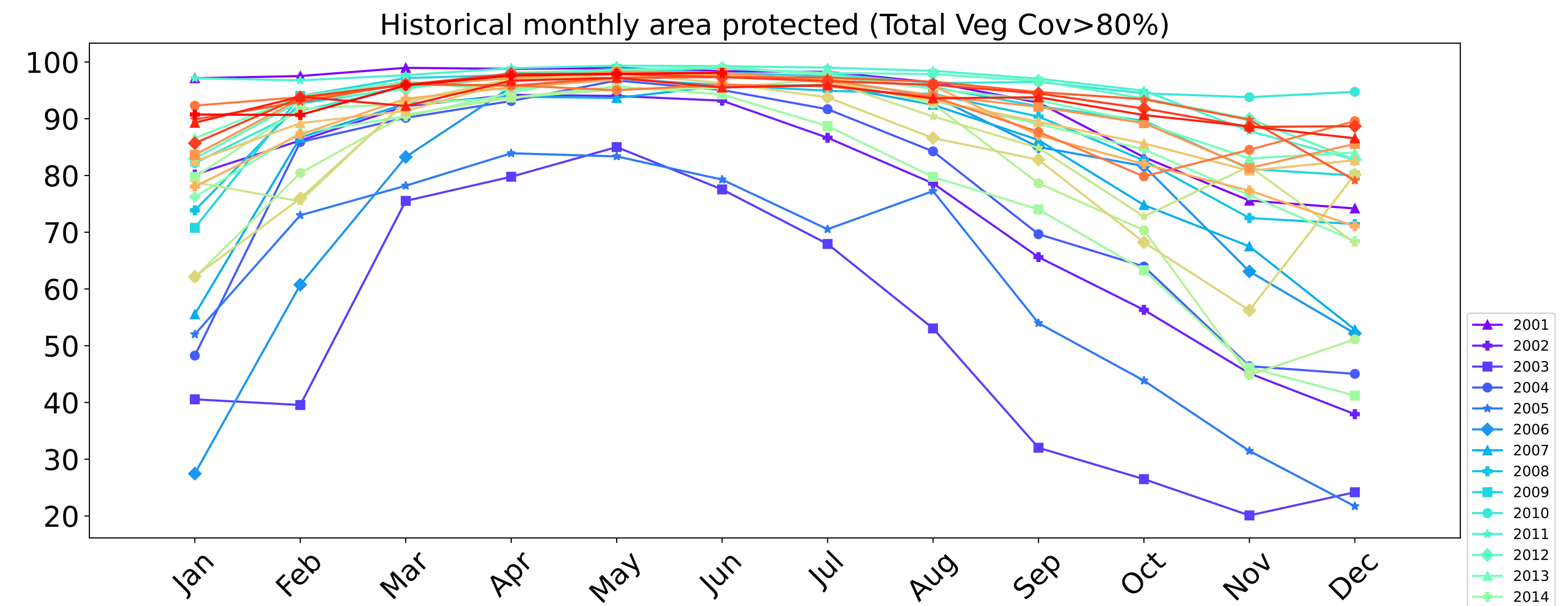
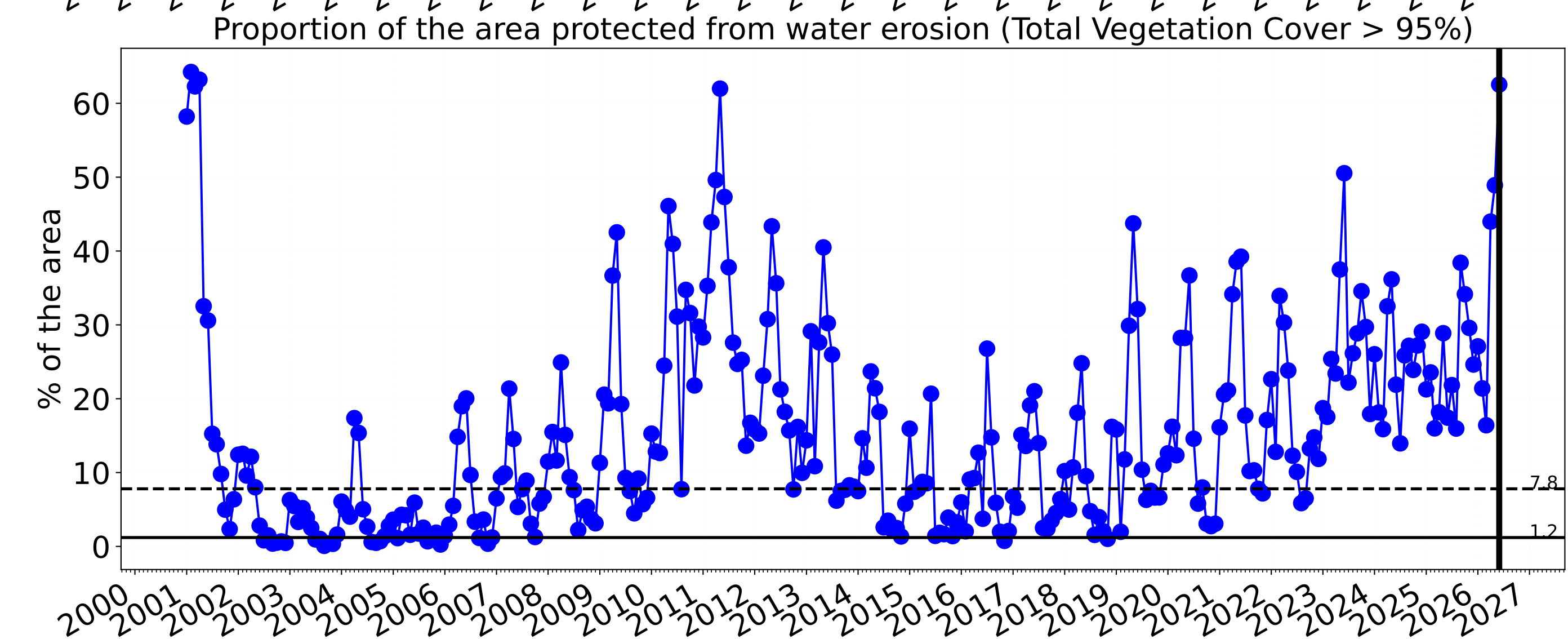
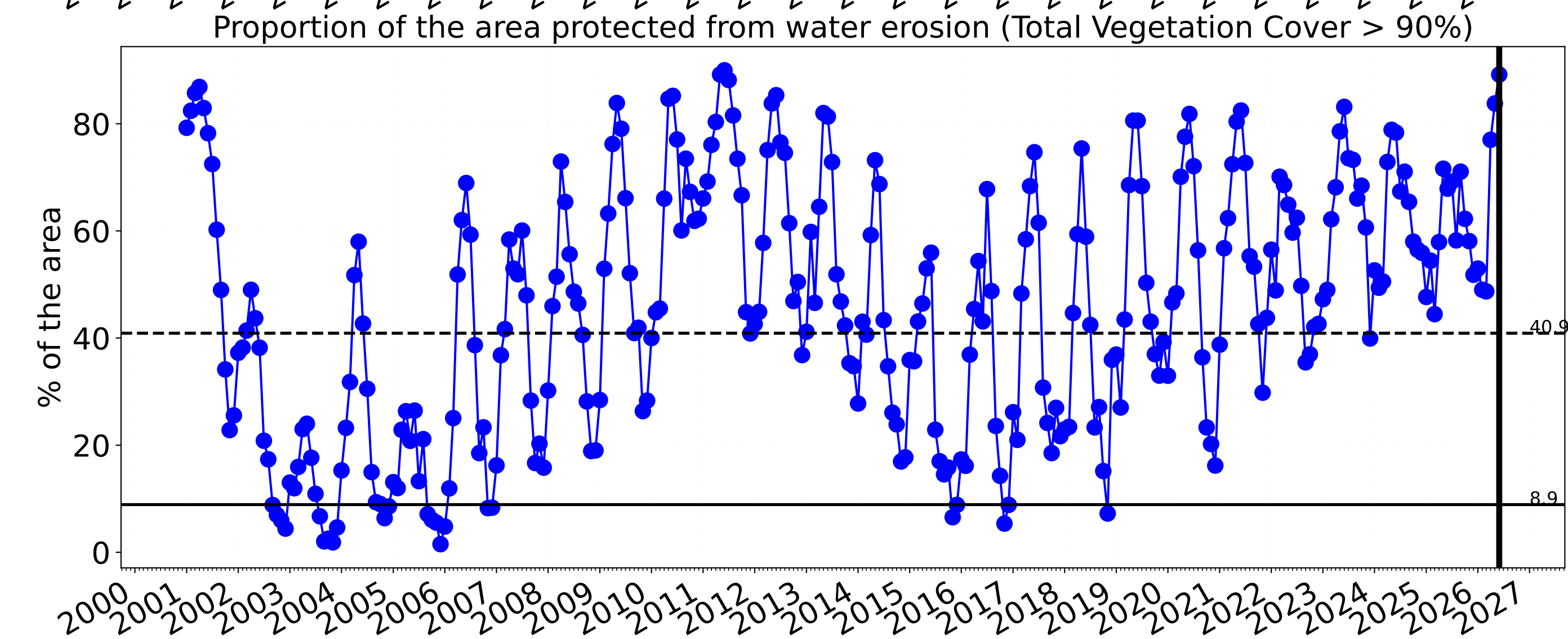
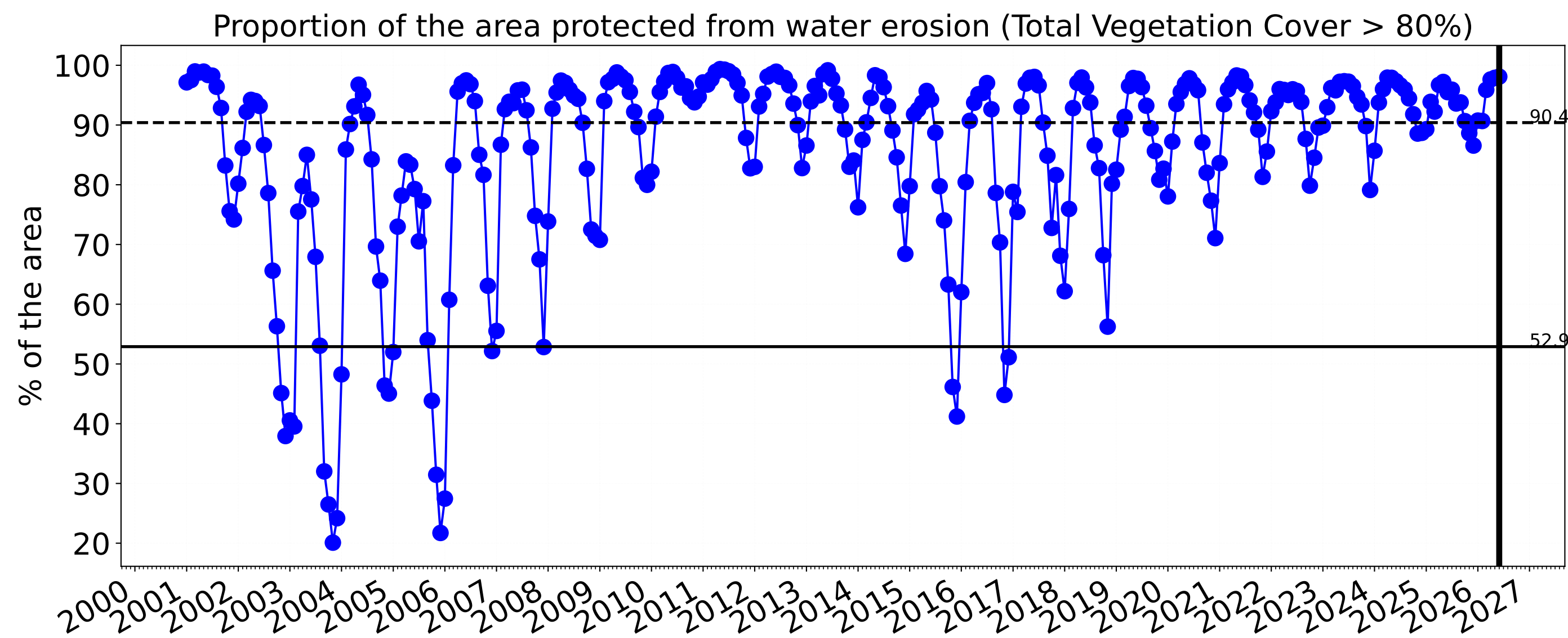


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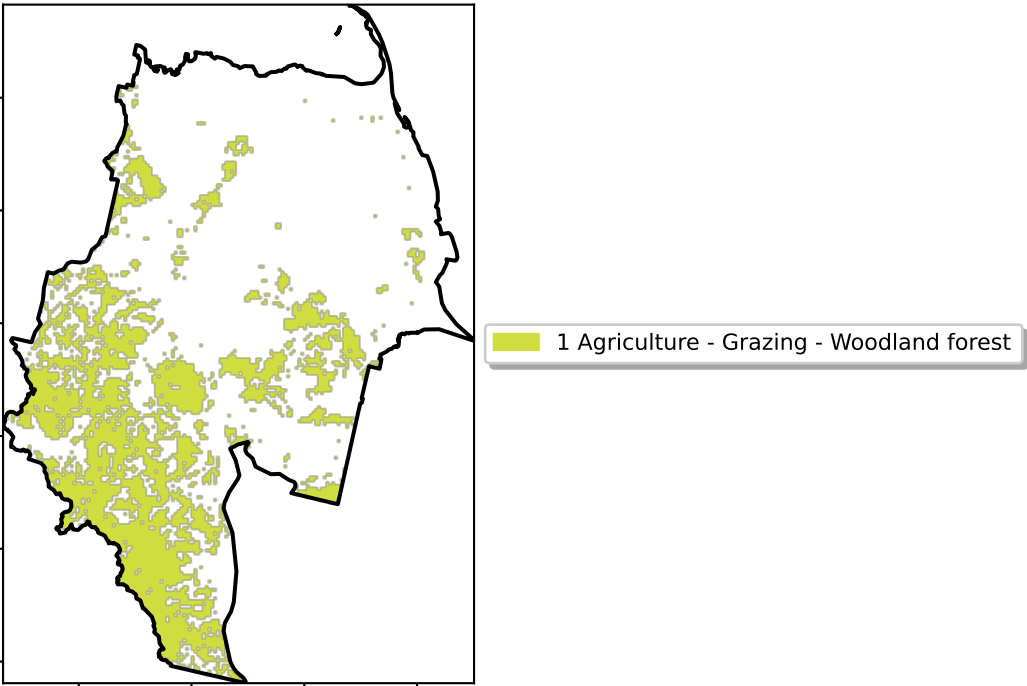
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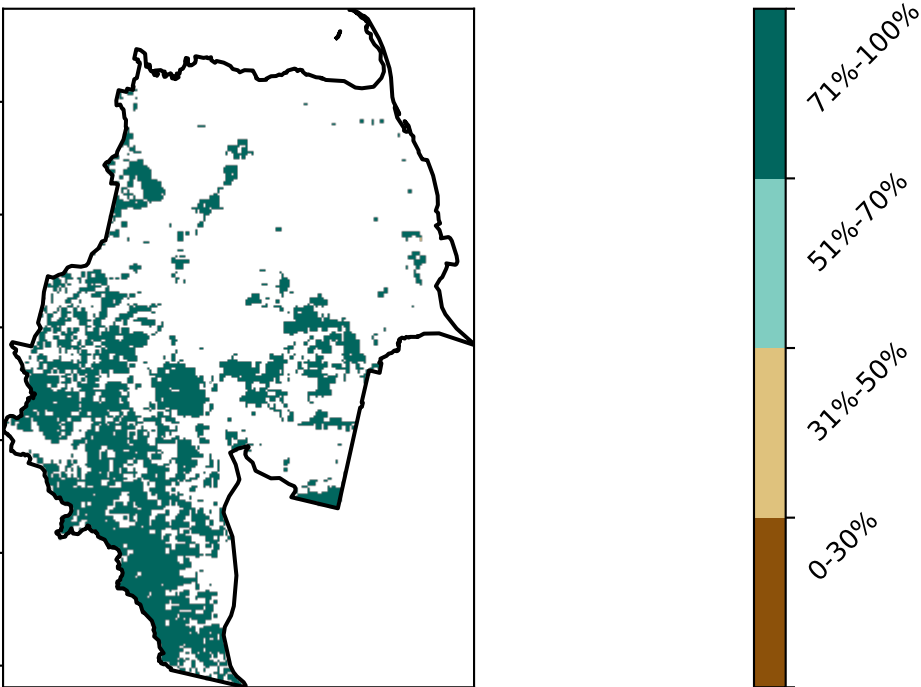
Grazing Woodland forest

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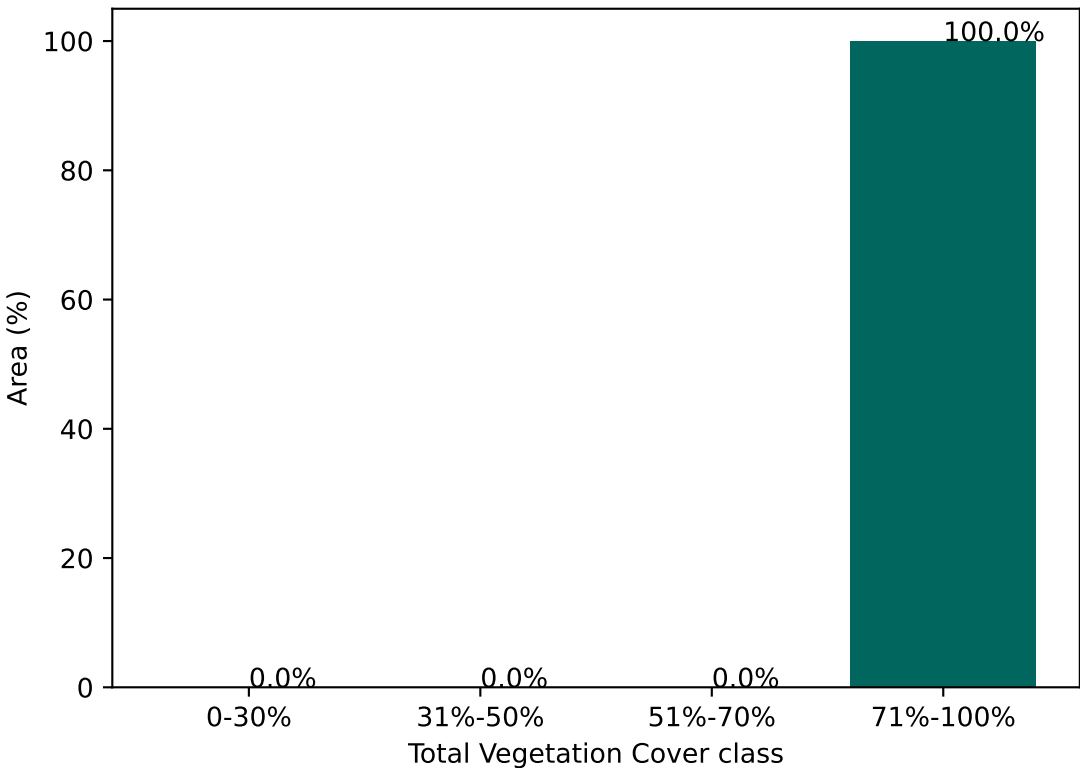


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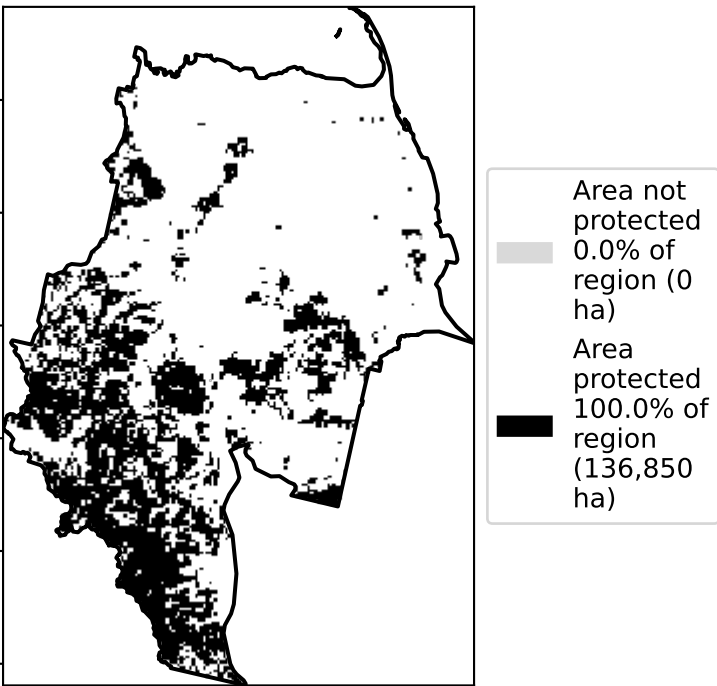
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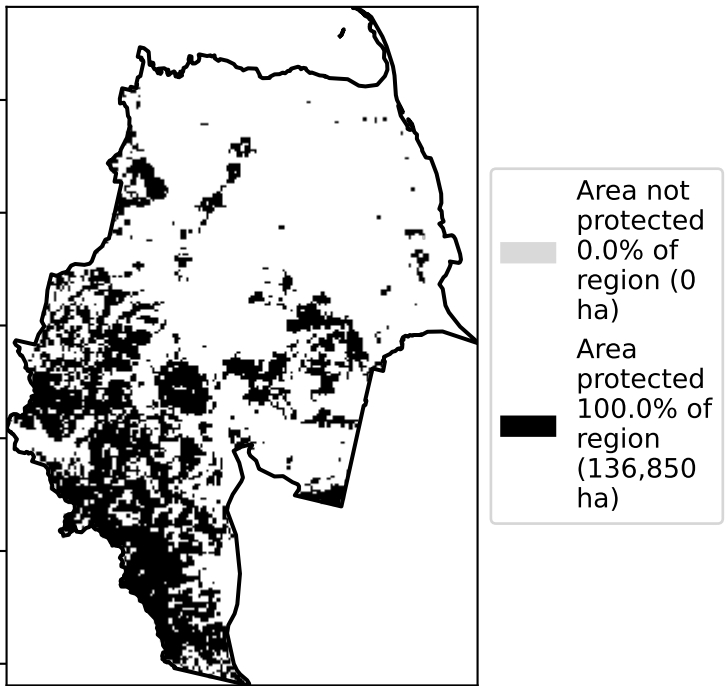
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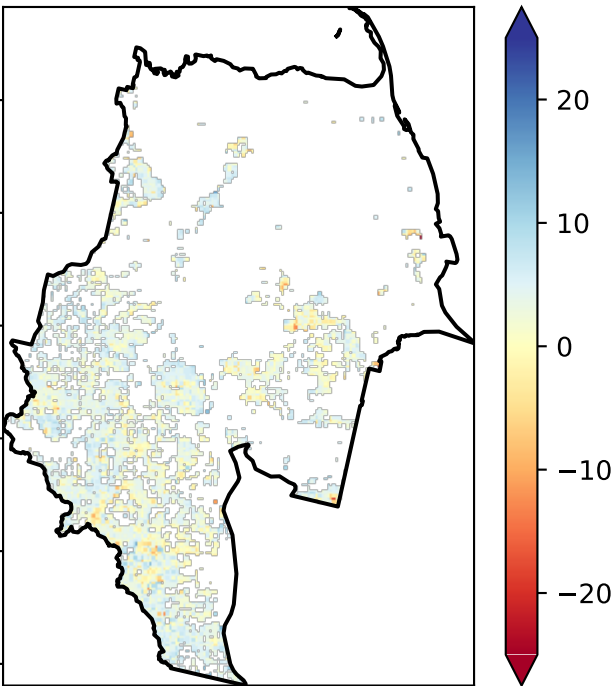
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



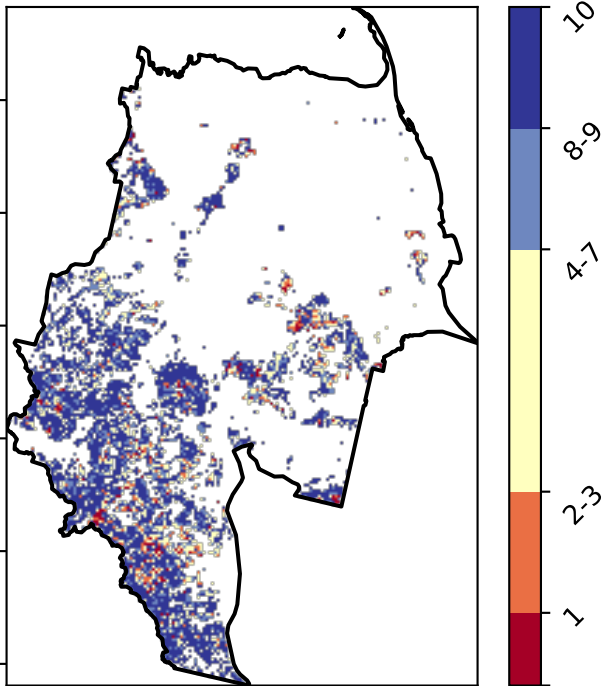
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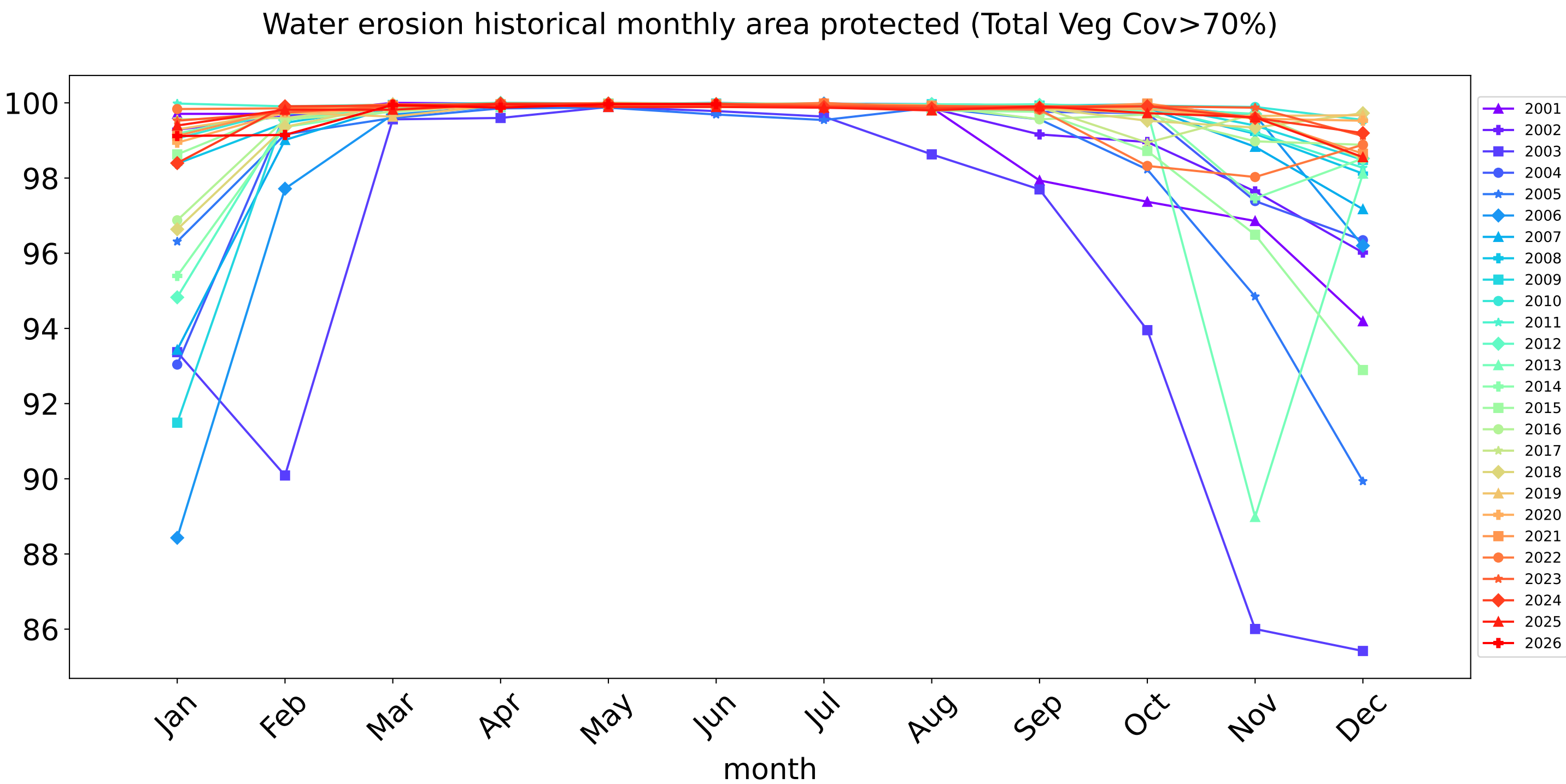
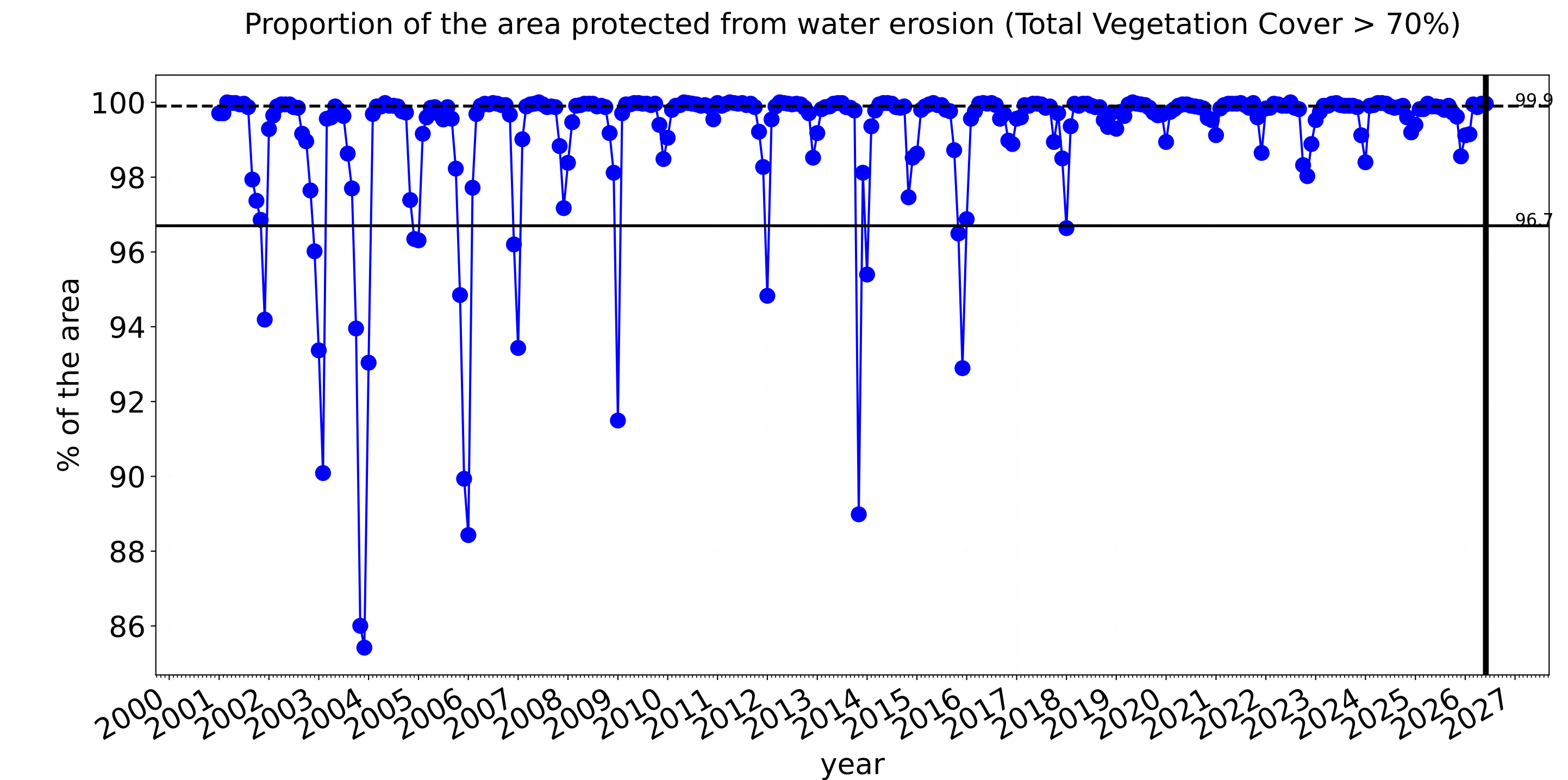
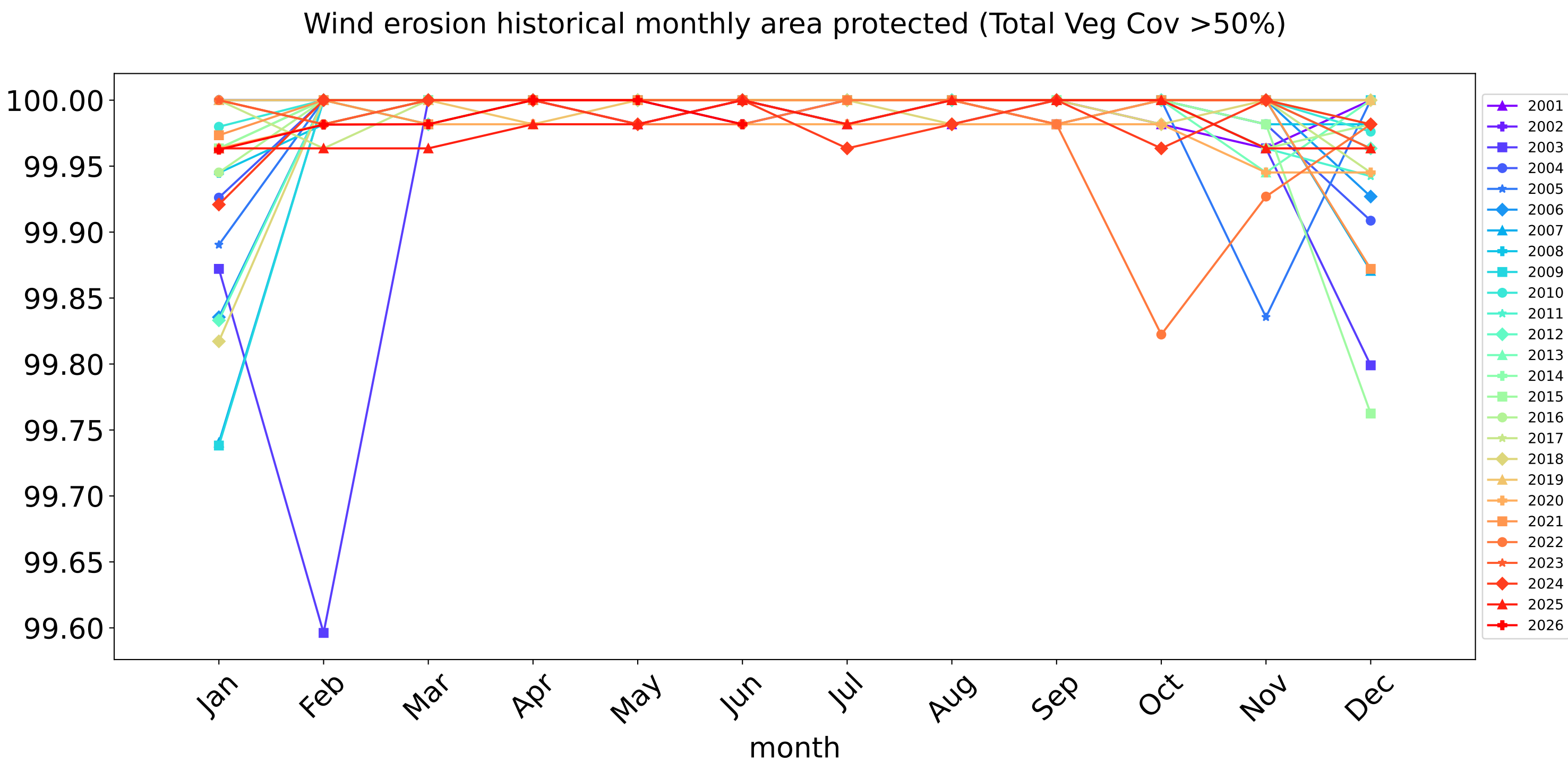
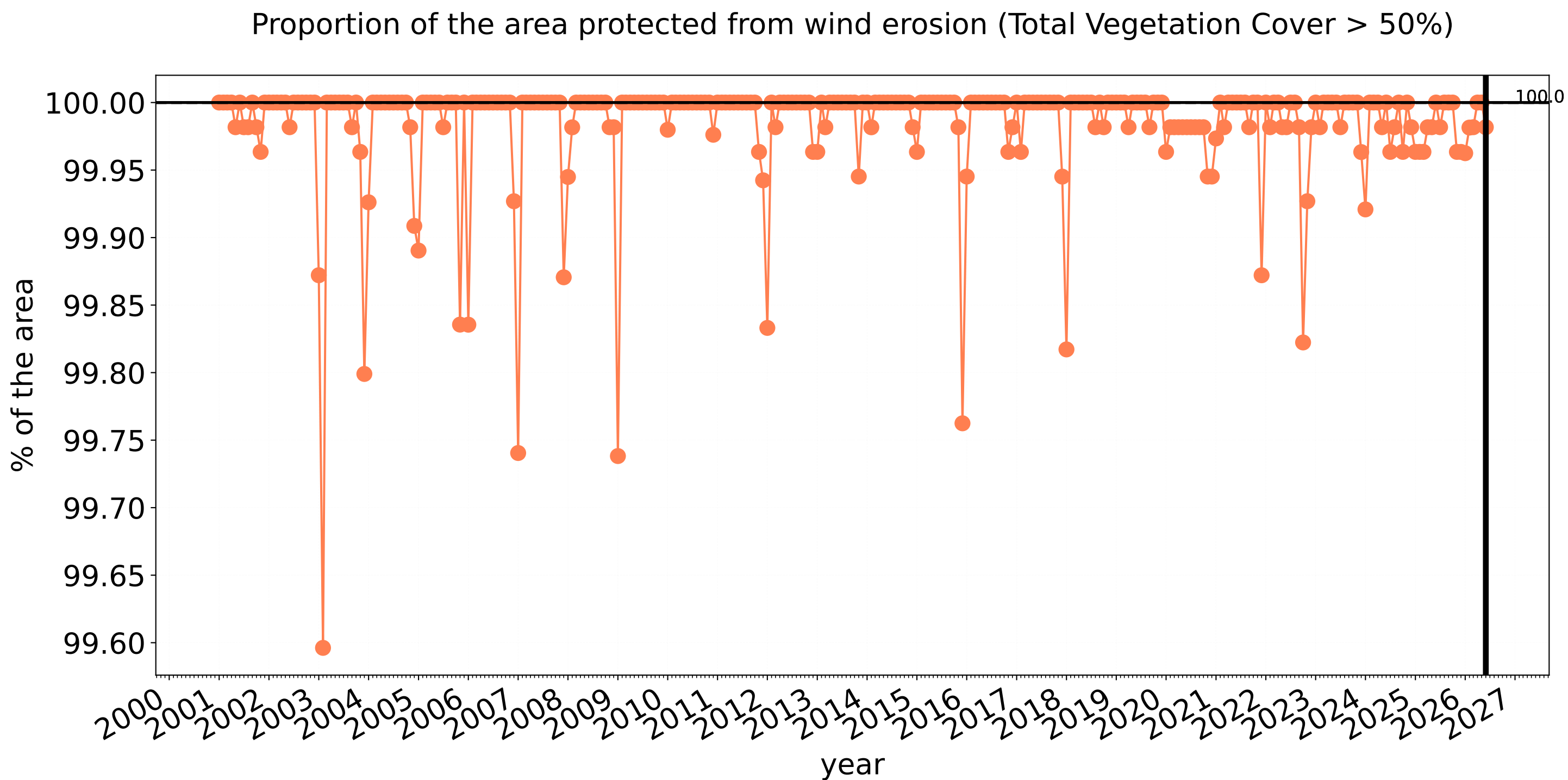


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Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

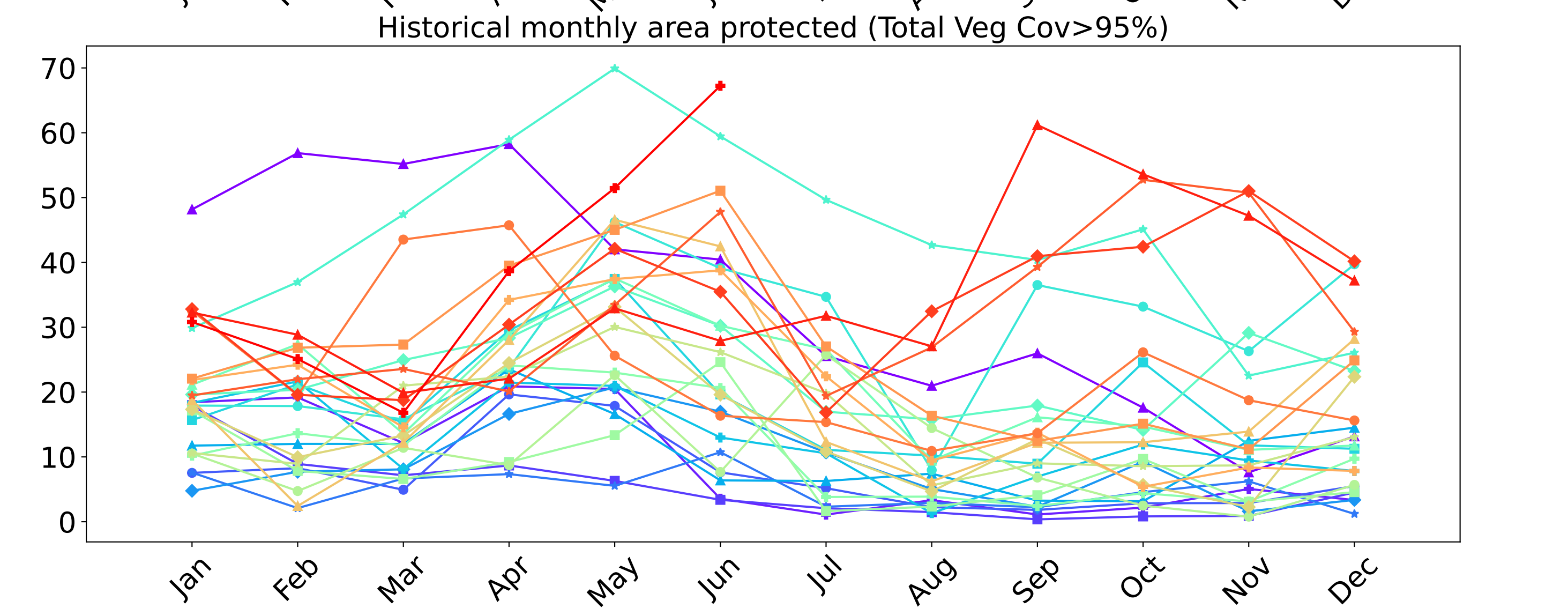
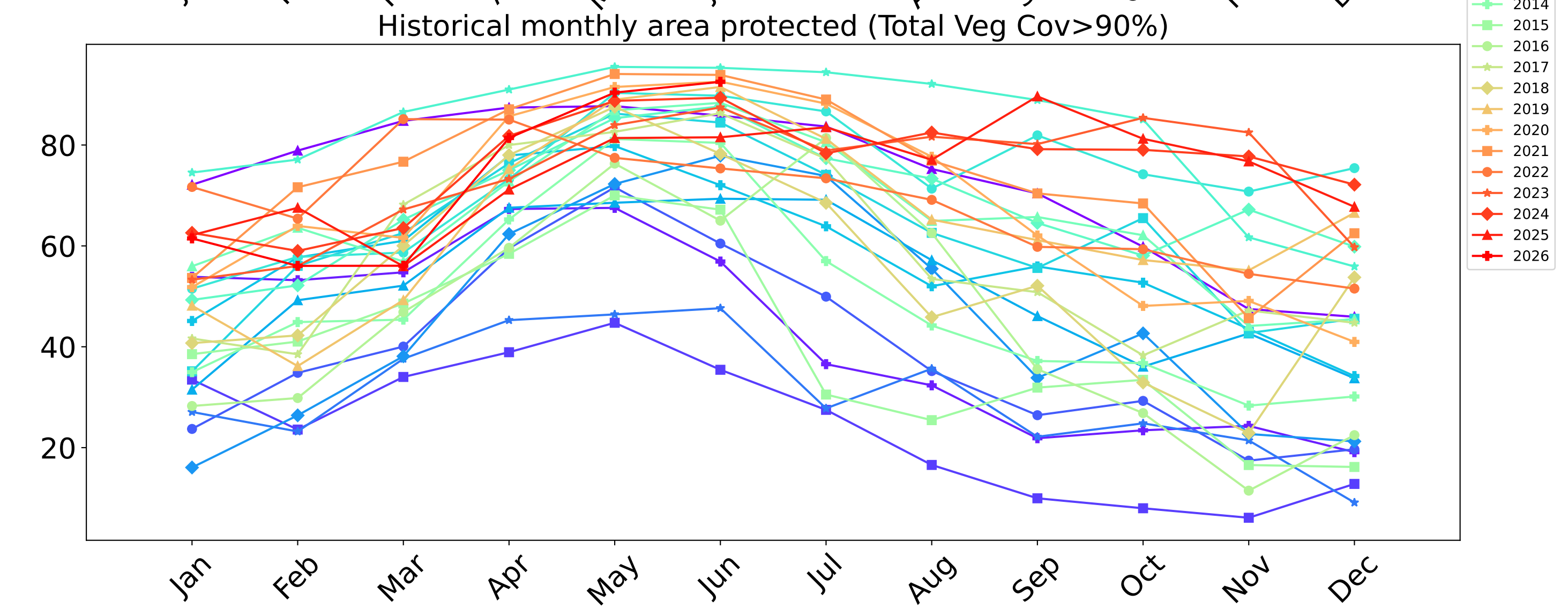
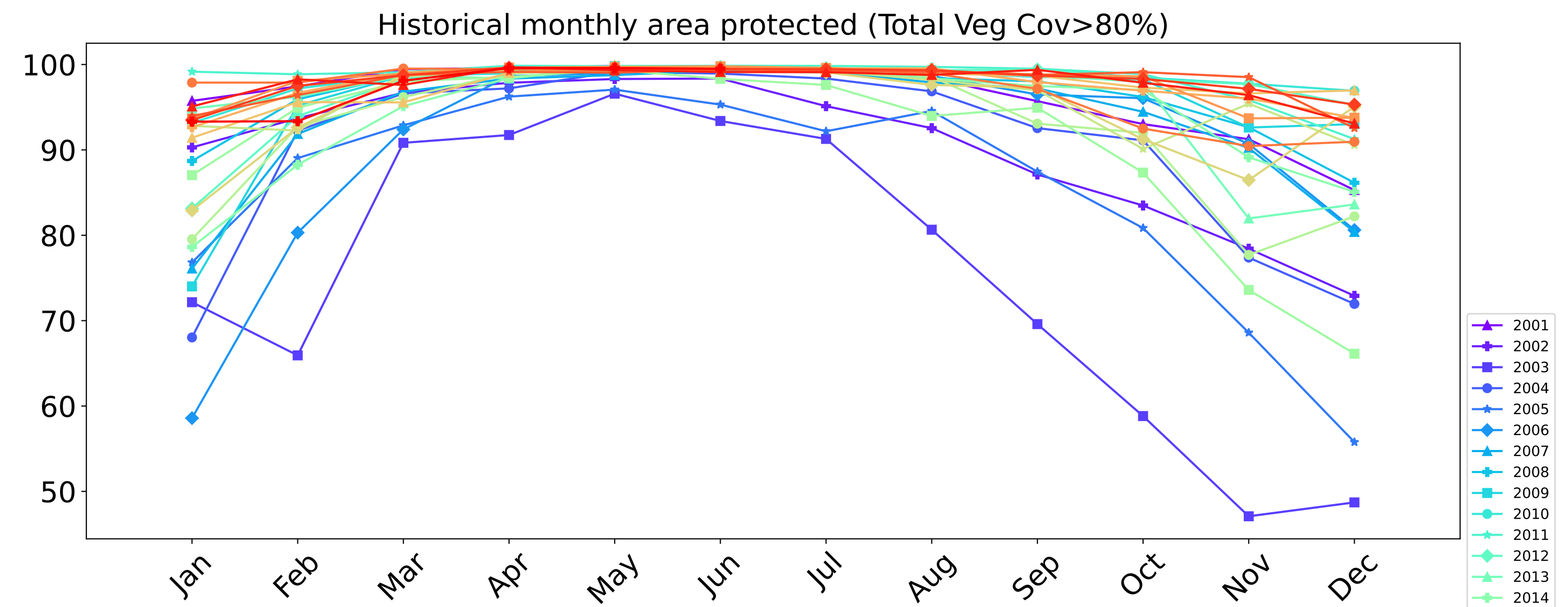
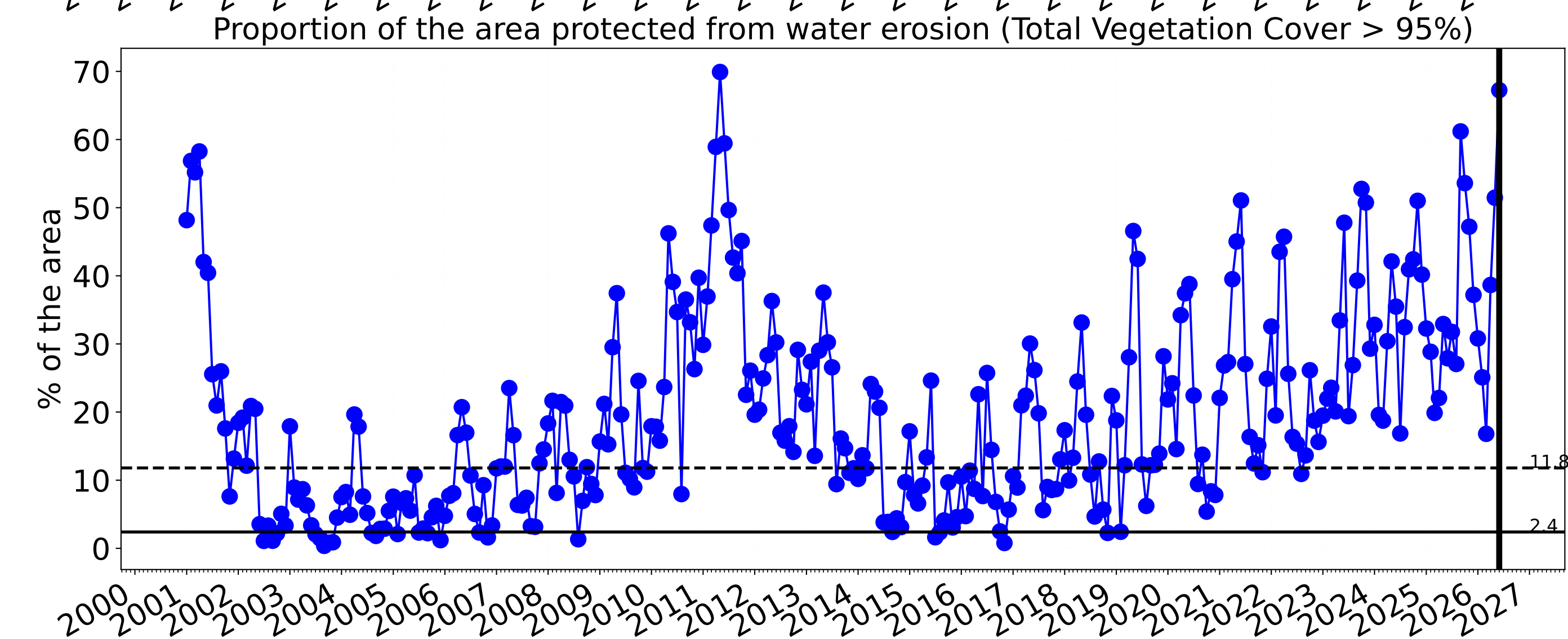
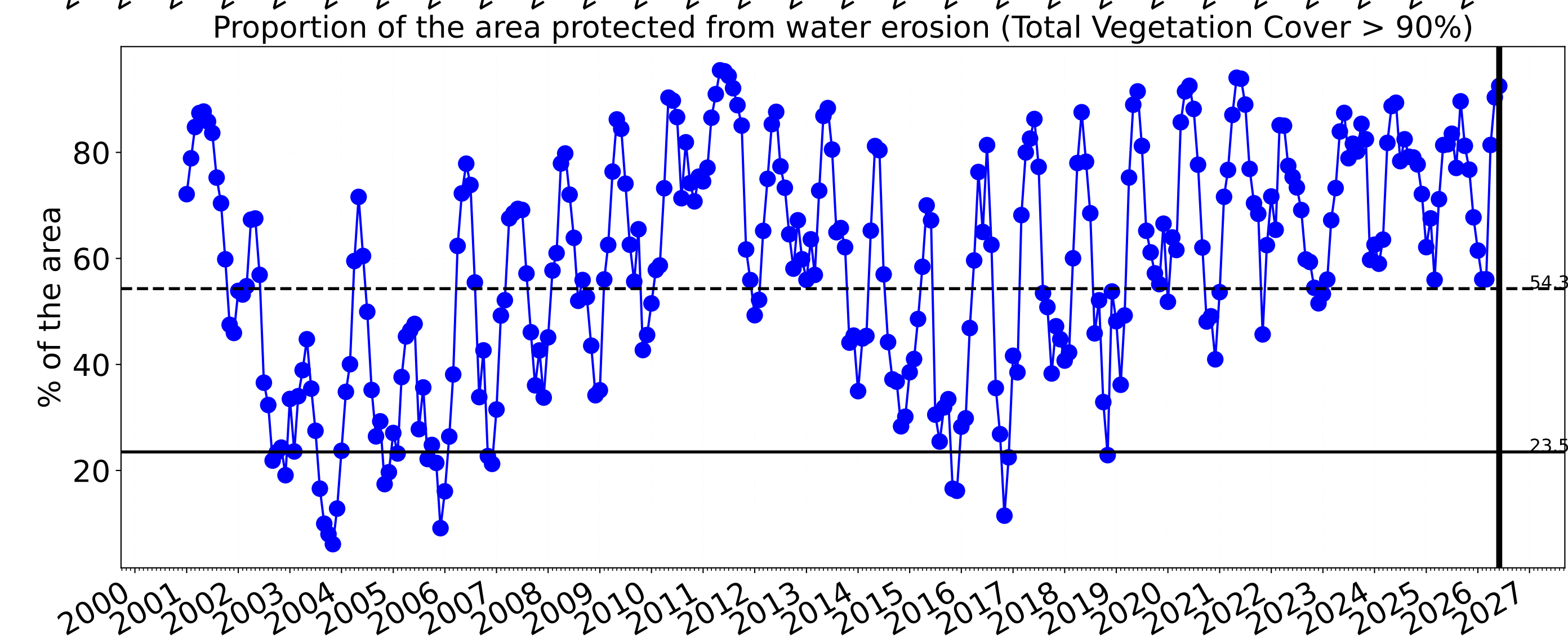
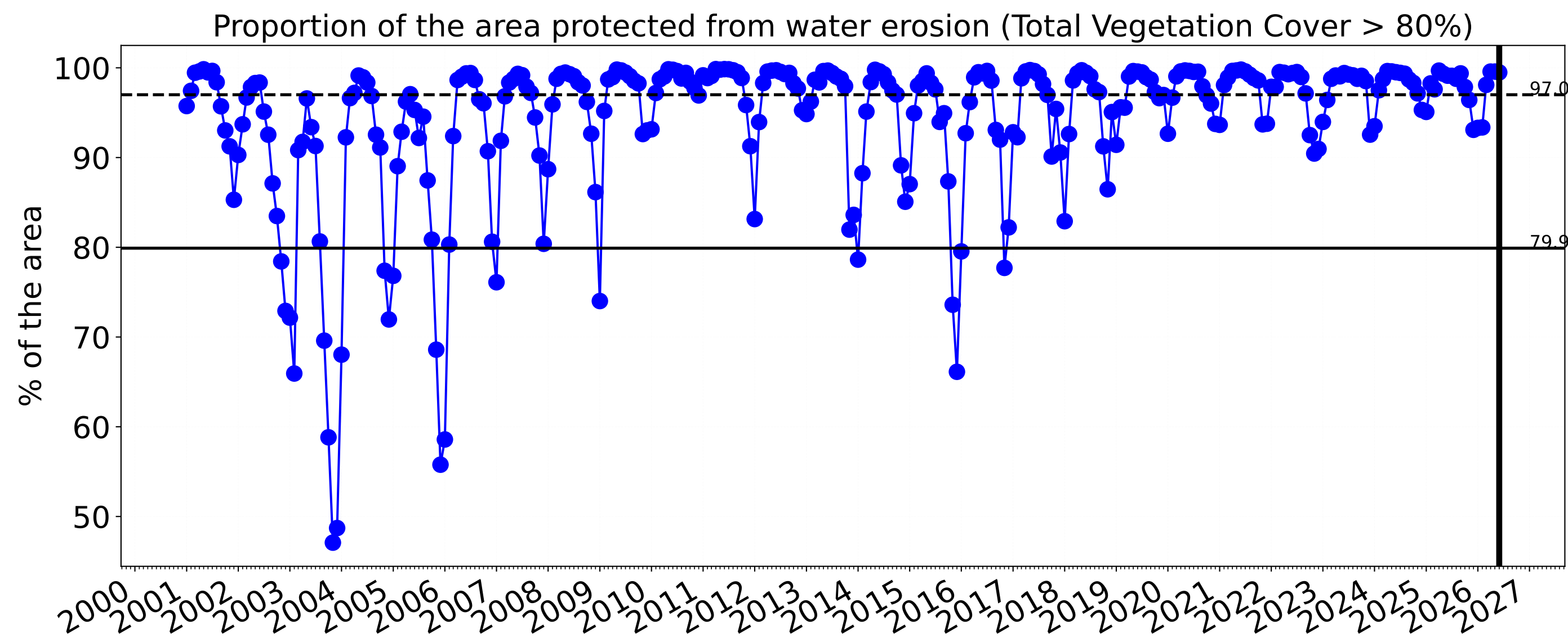


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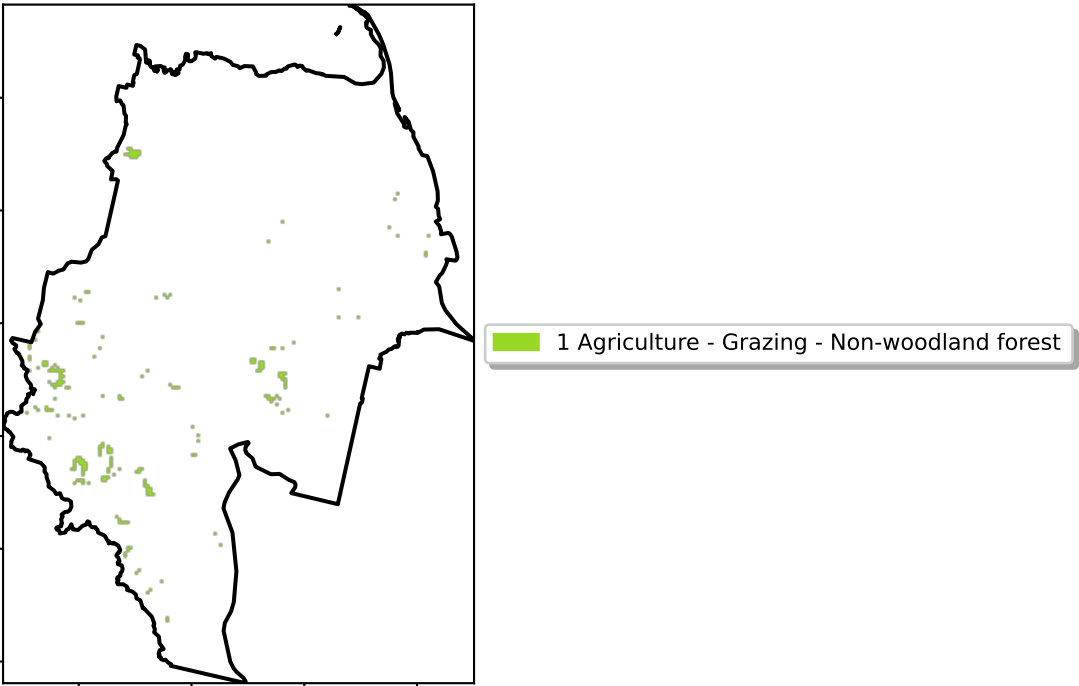




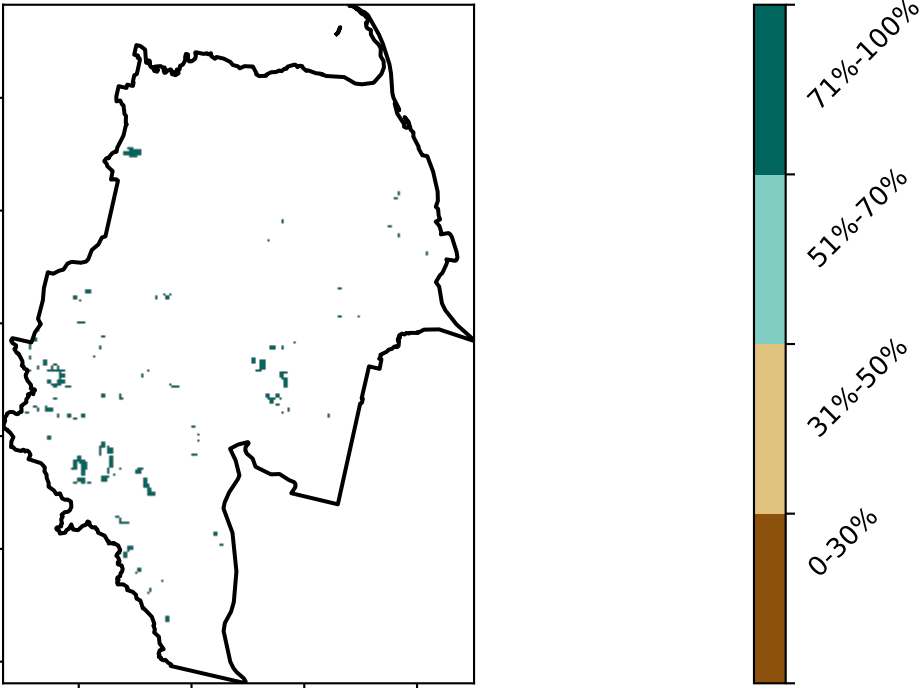
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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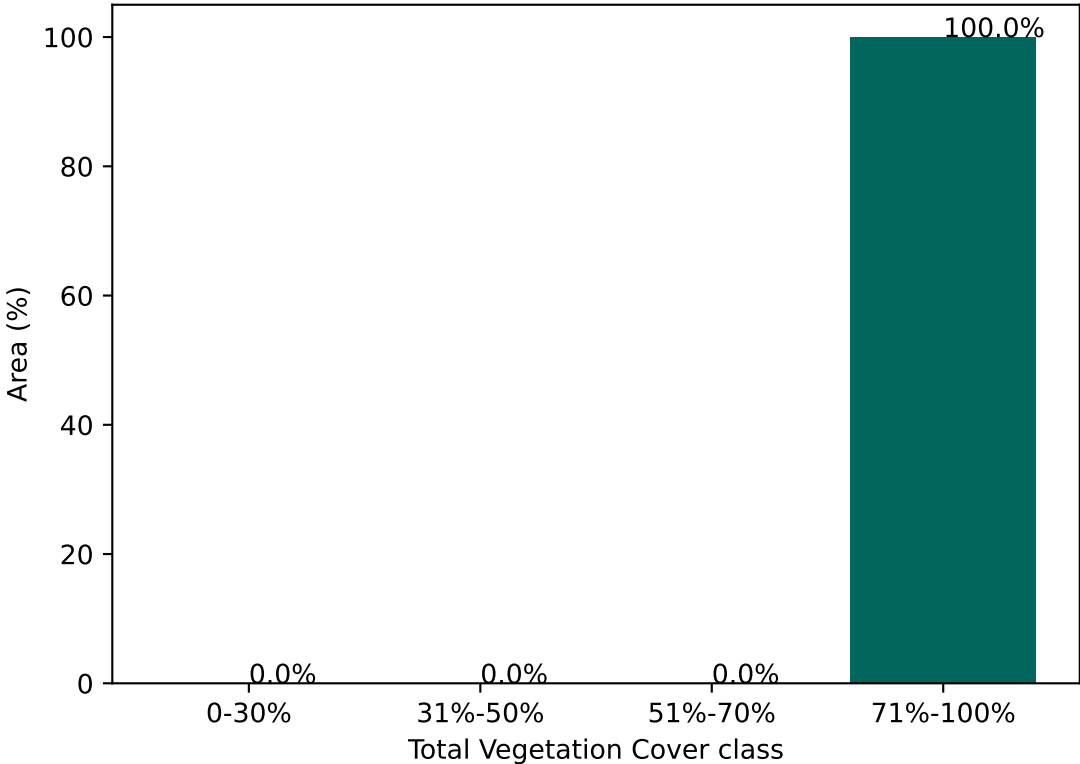
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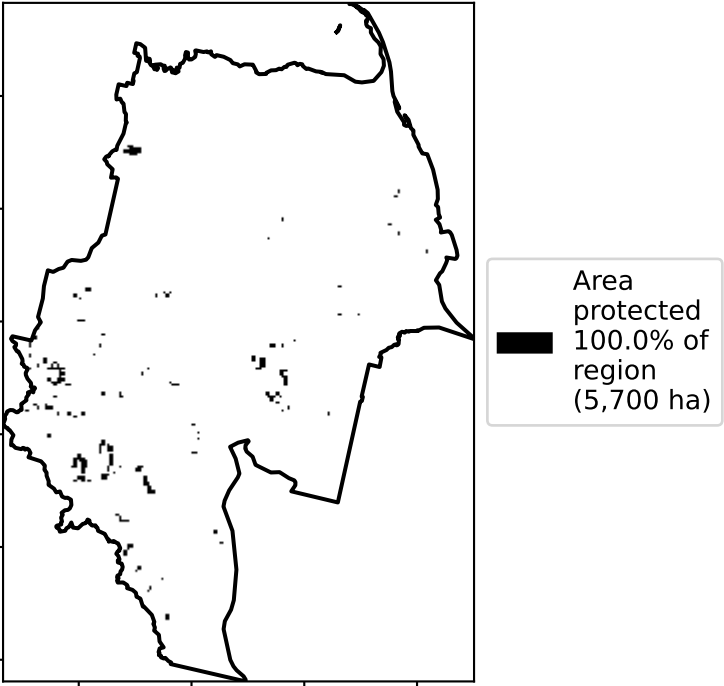
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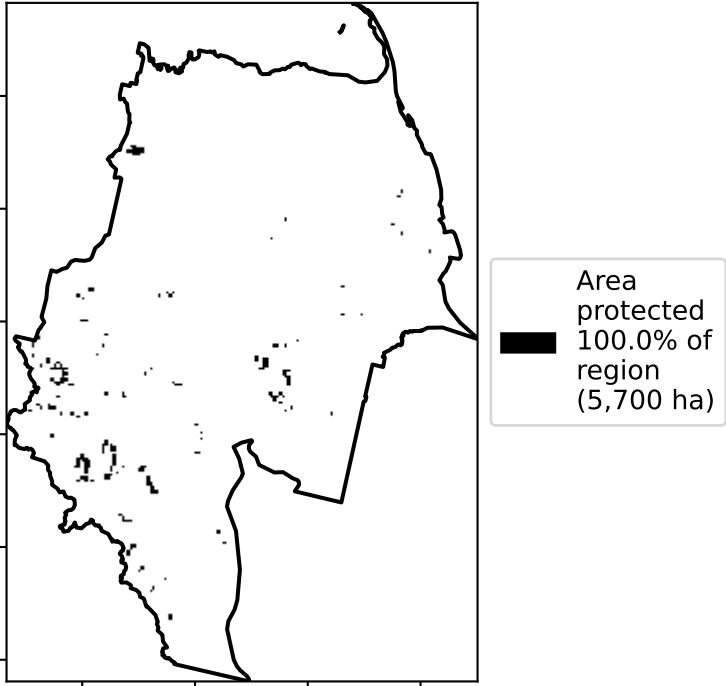
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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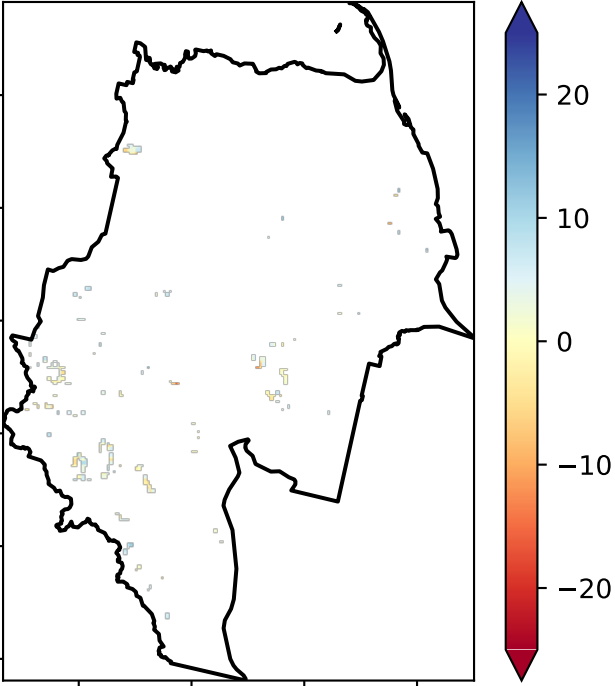


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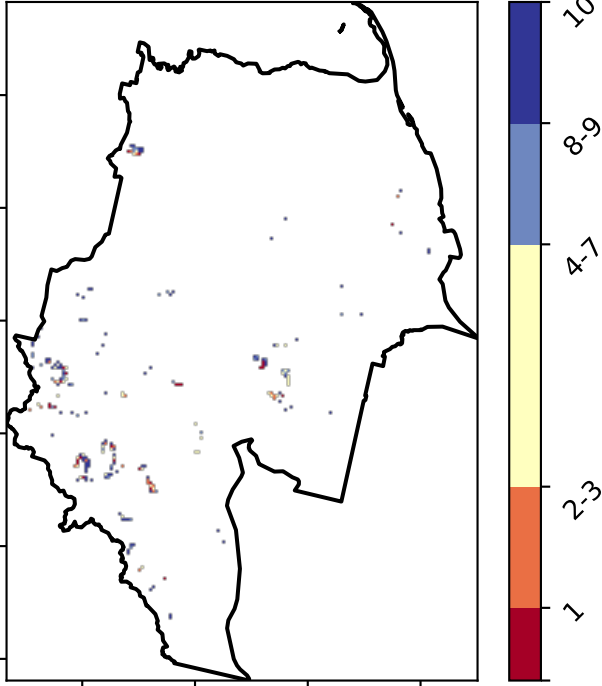
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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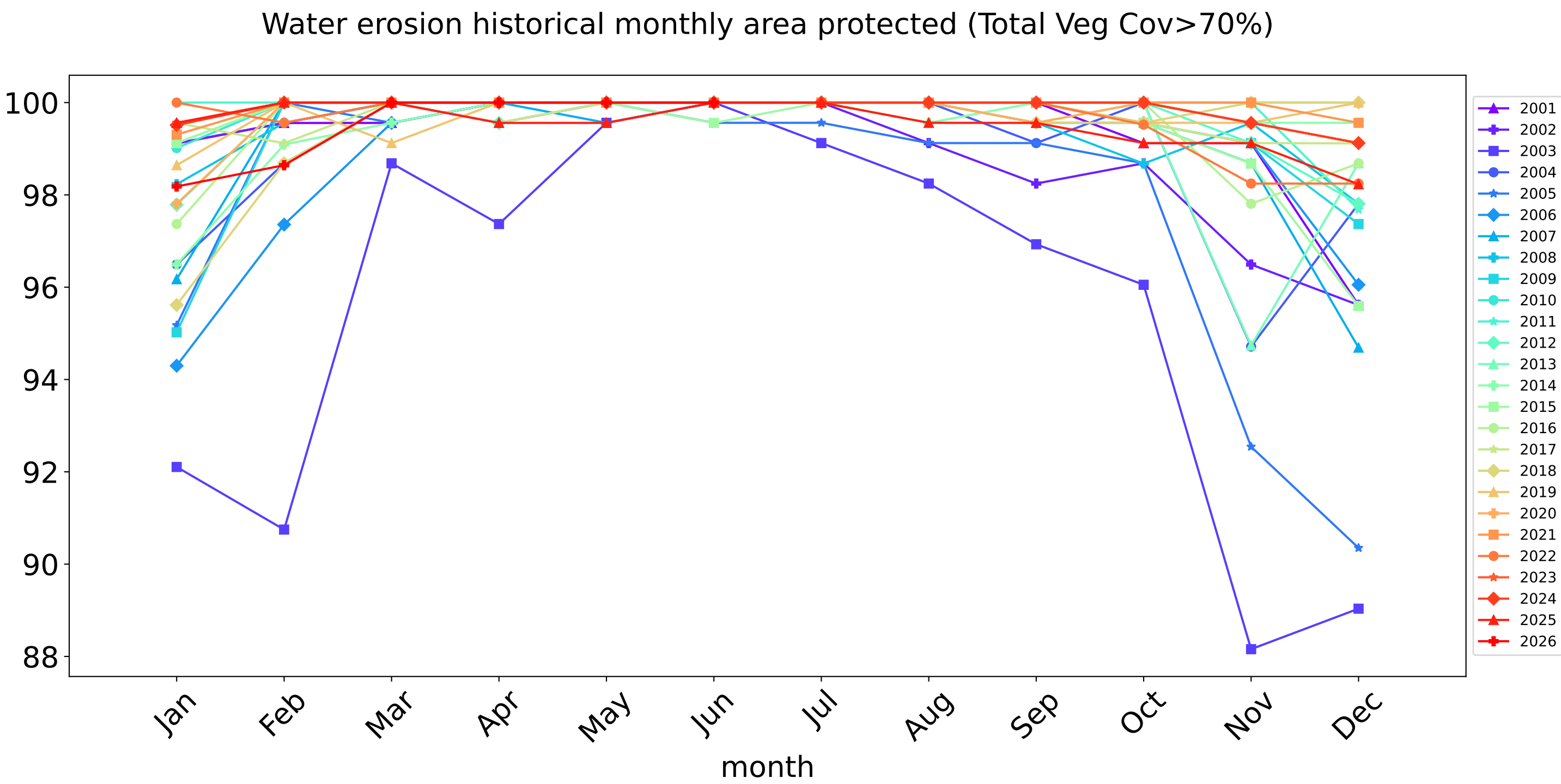
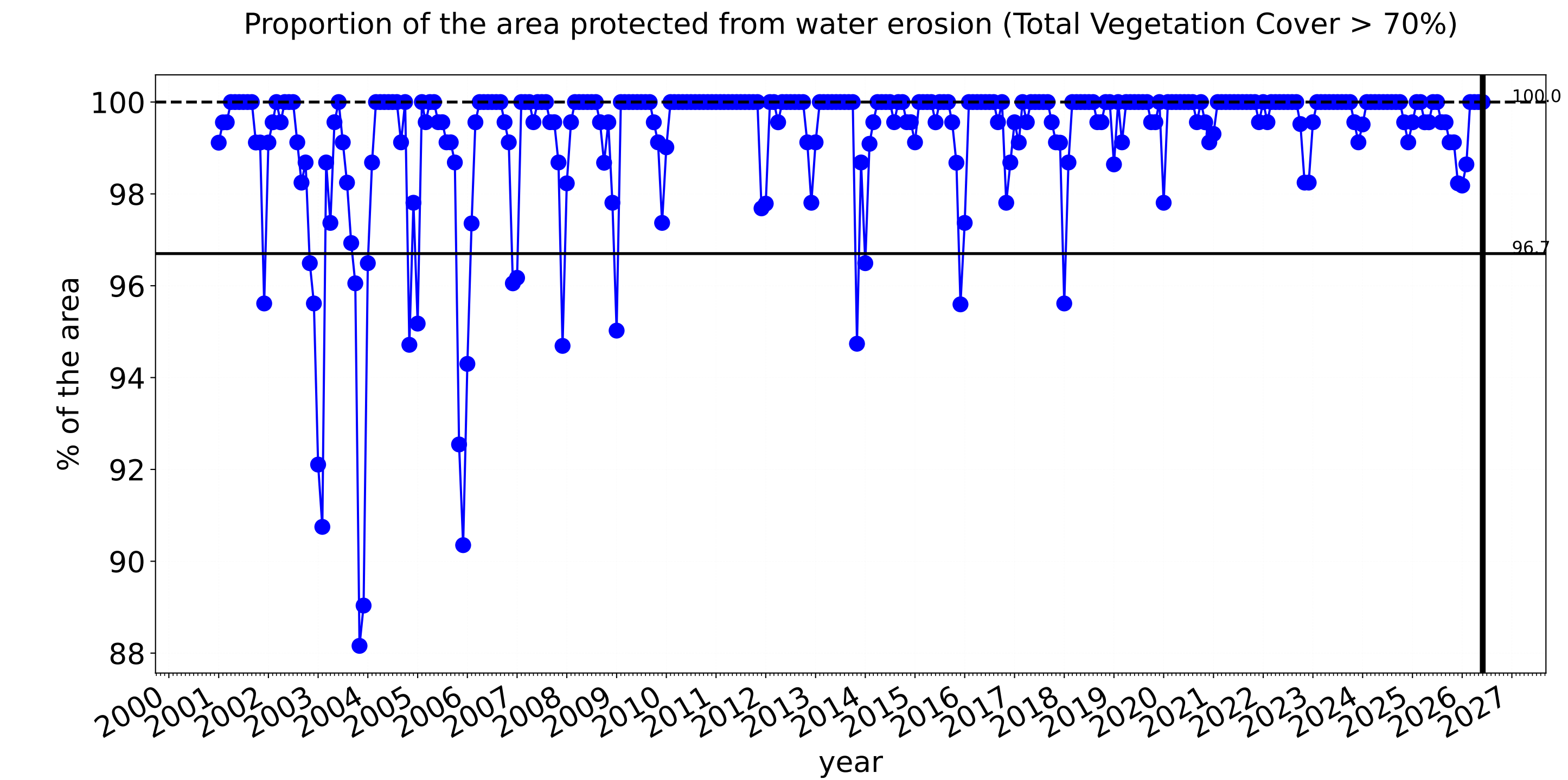
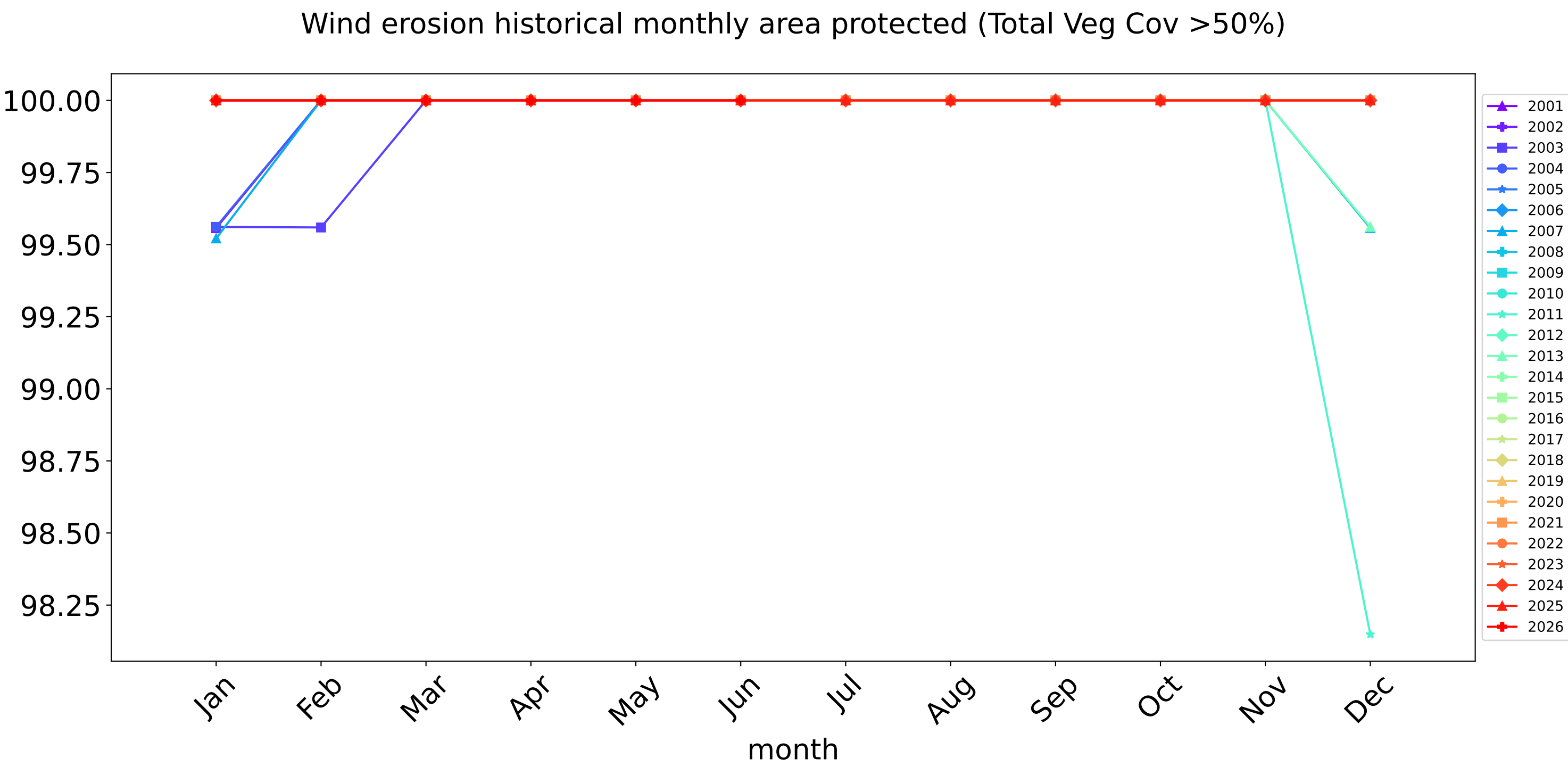
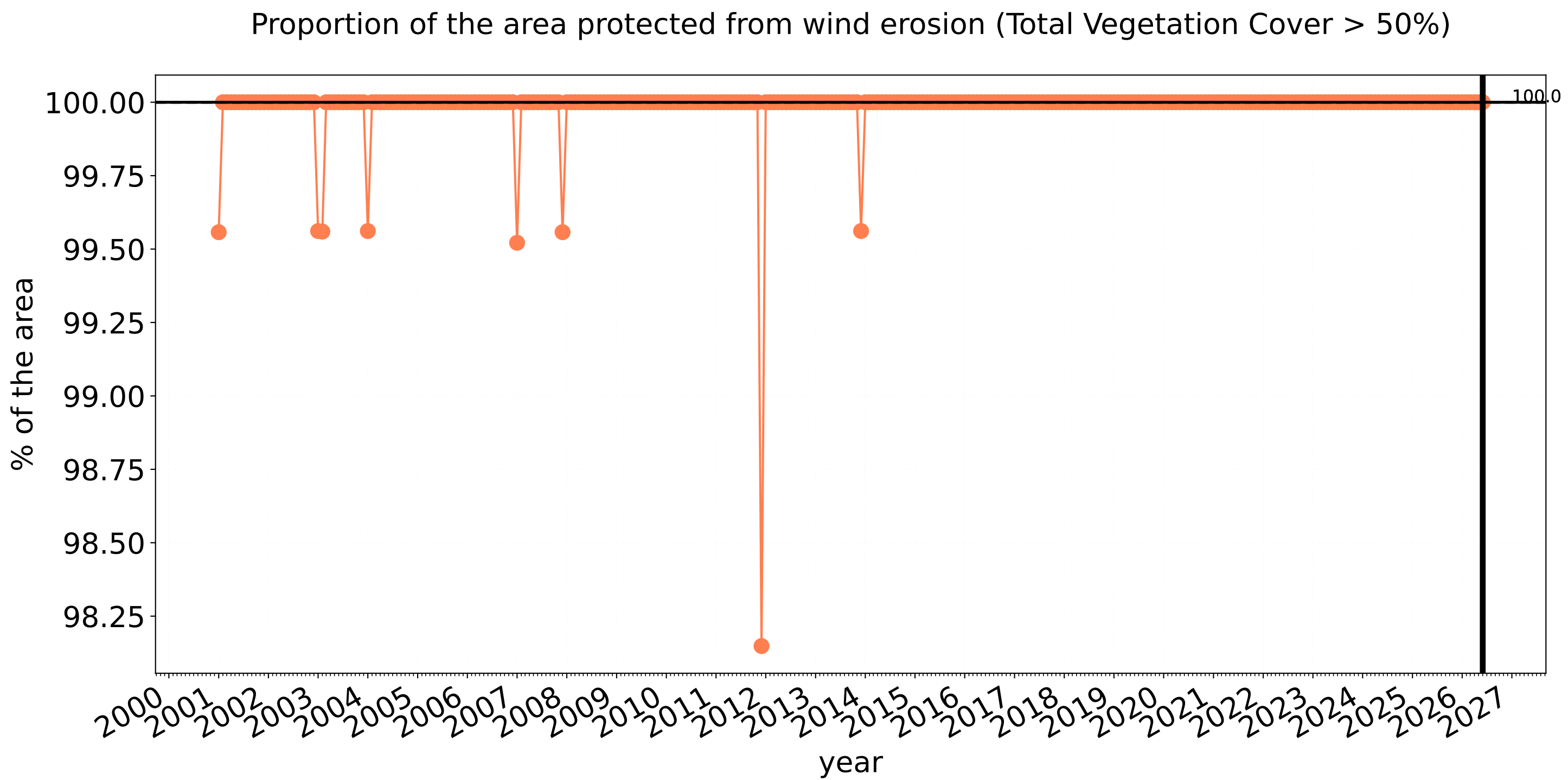


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Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

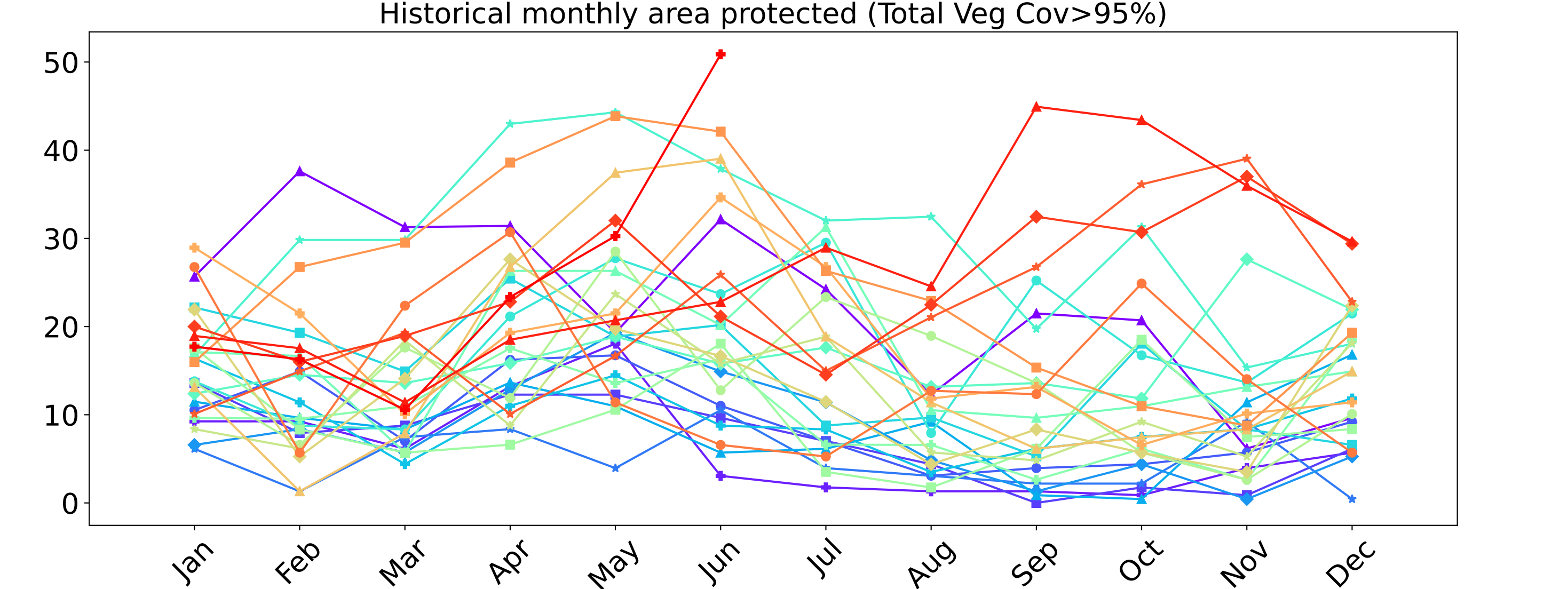
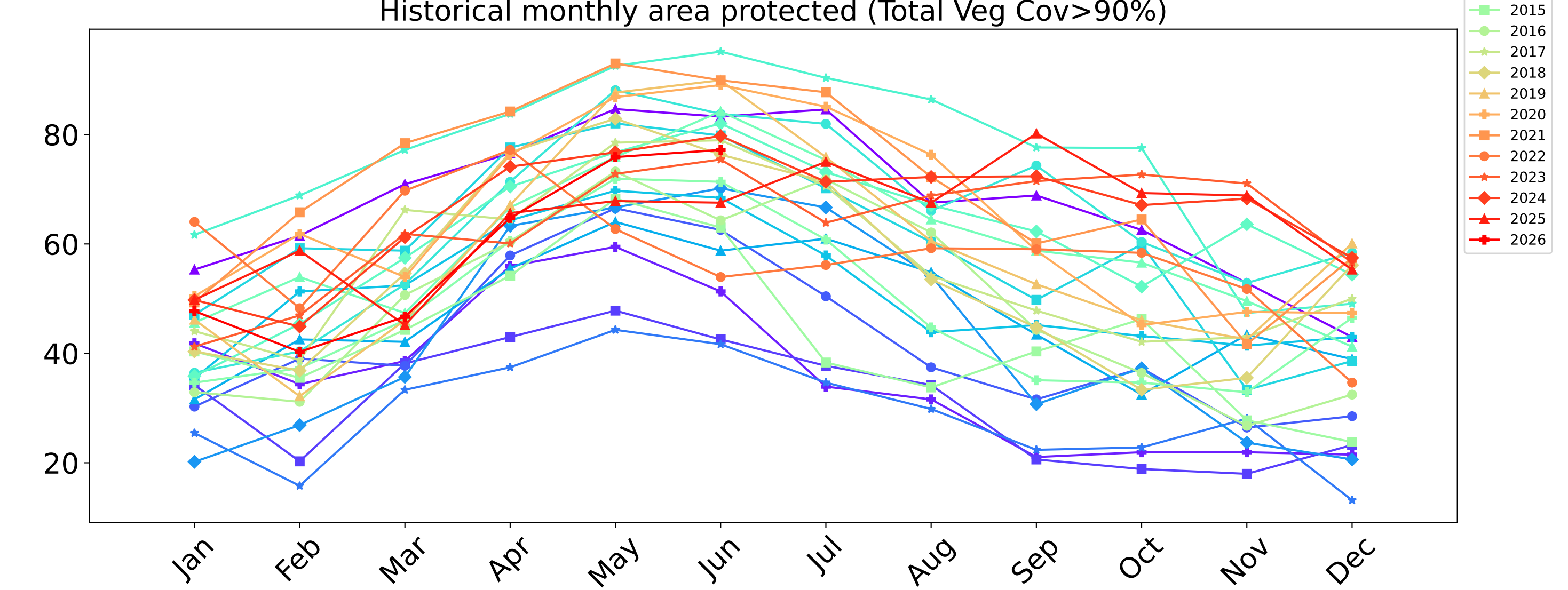
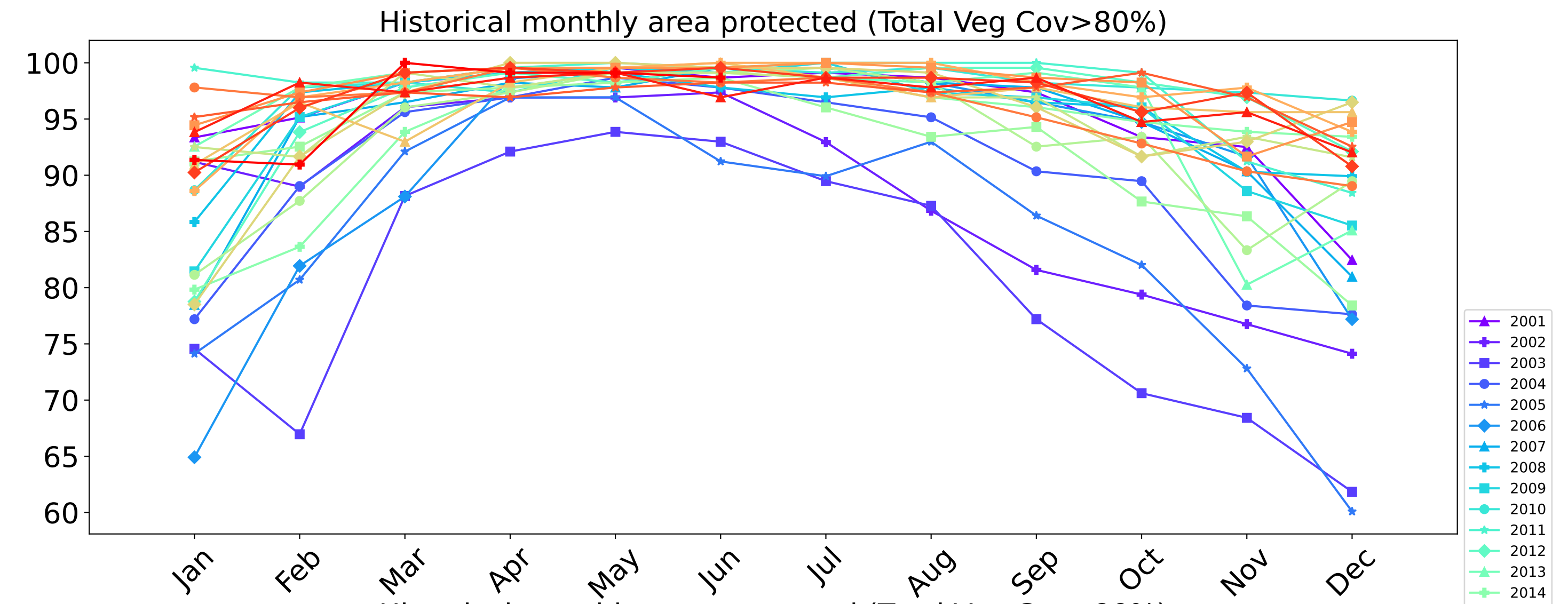
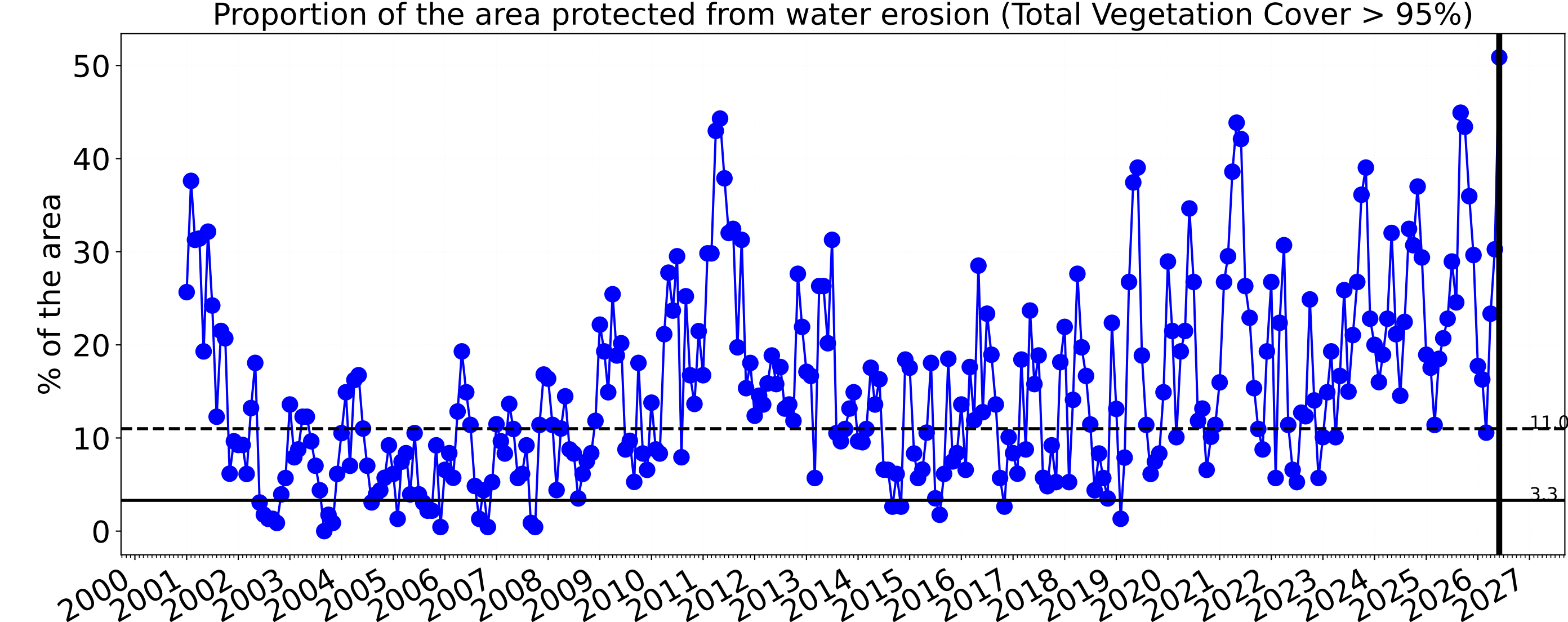
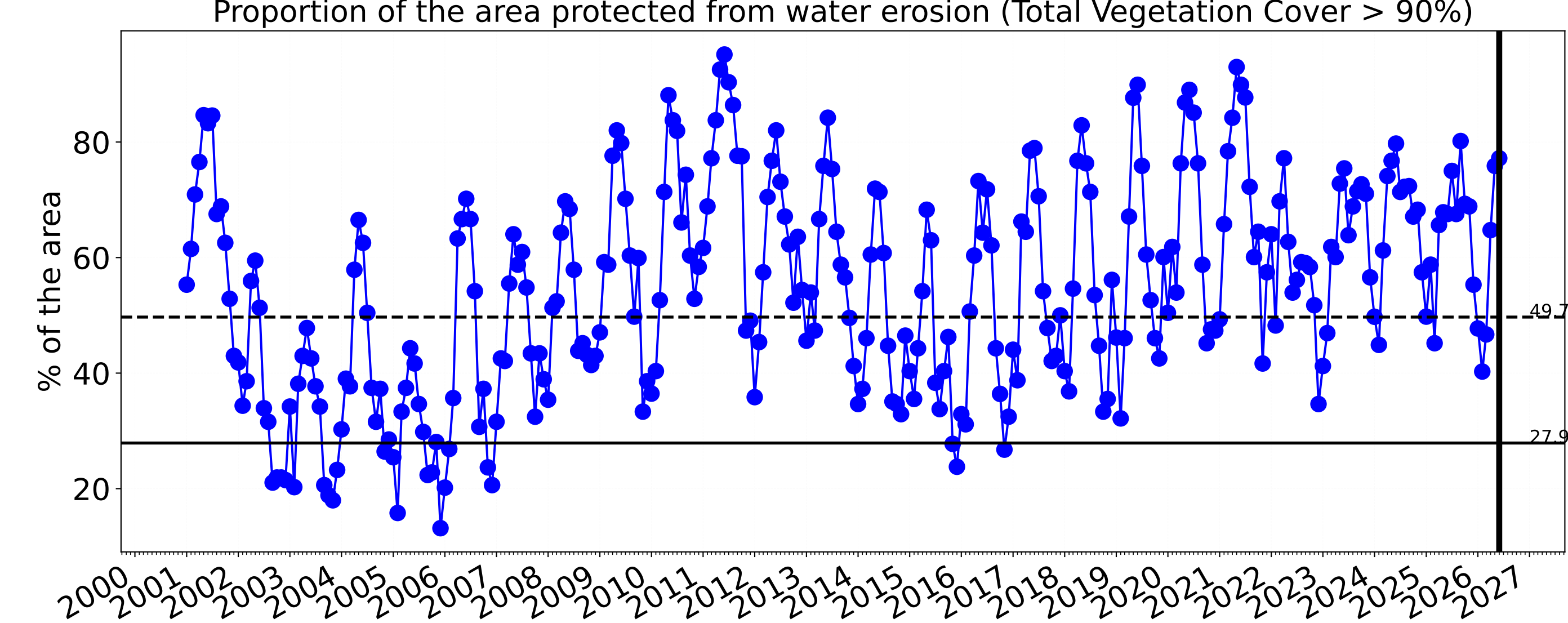
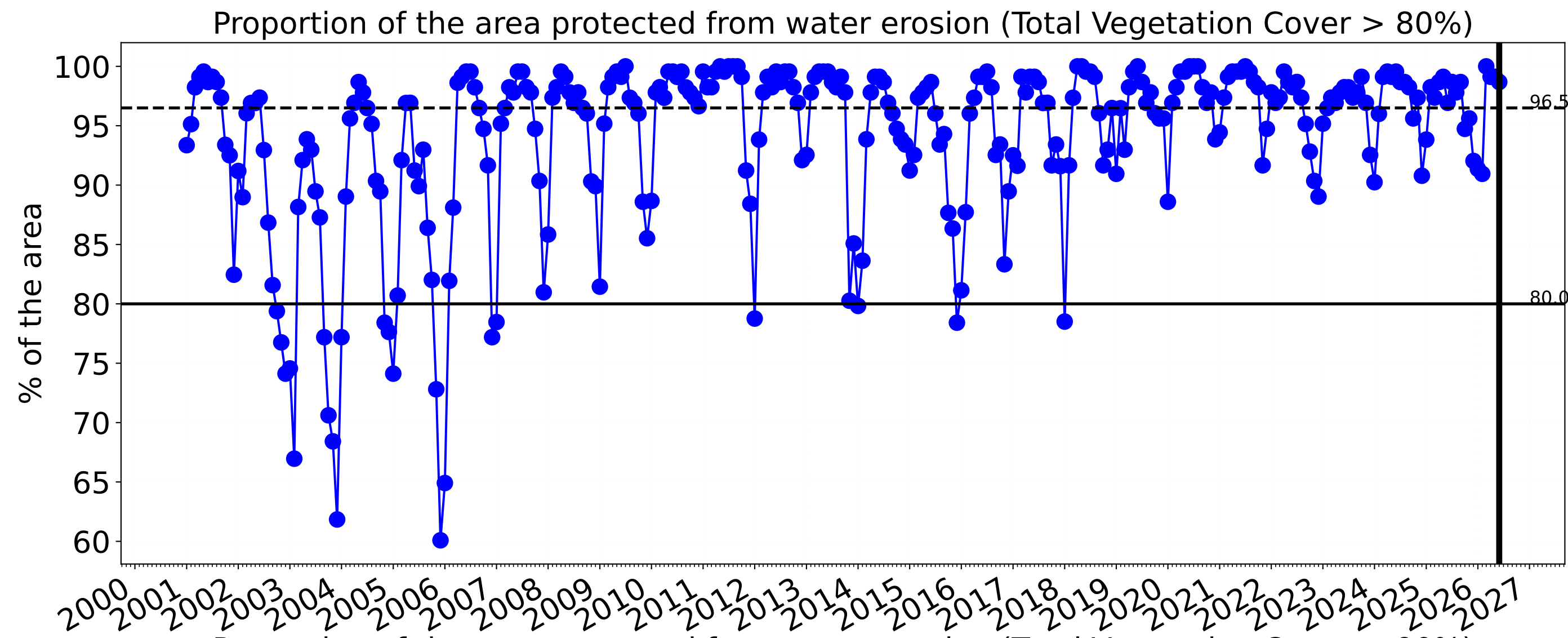


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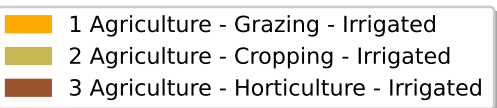
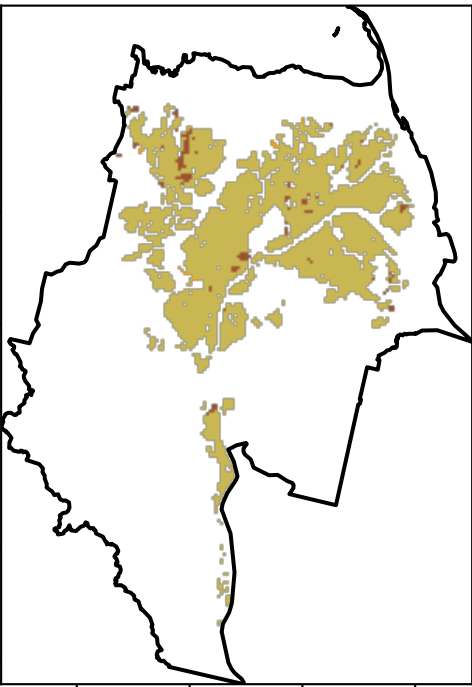




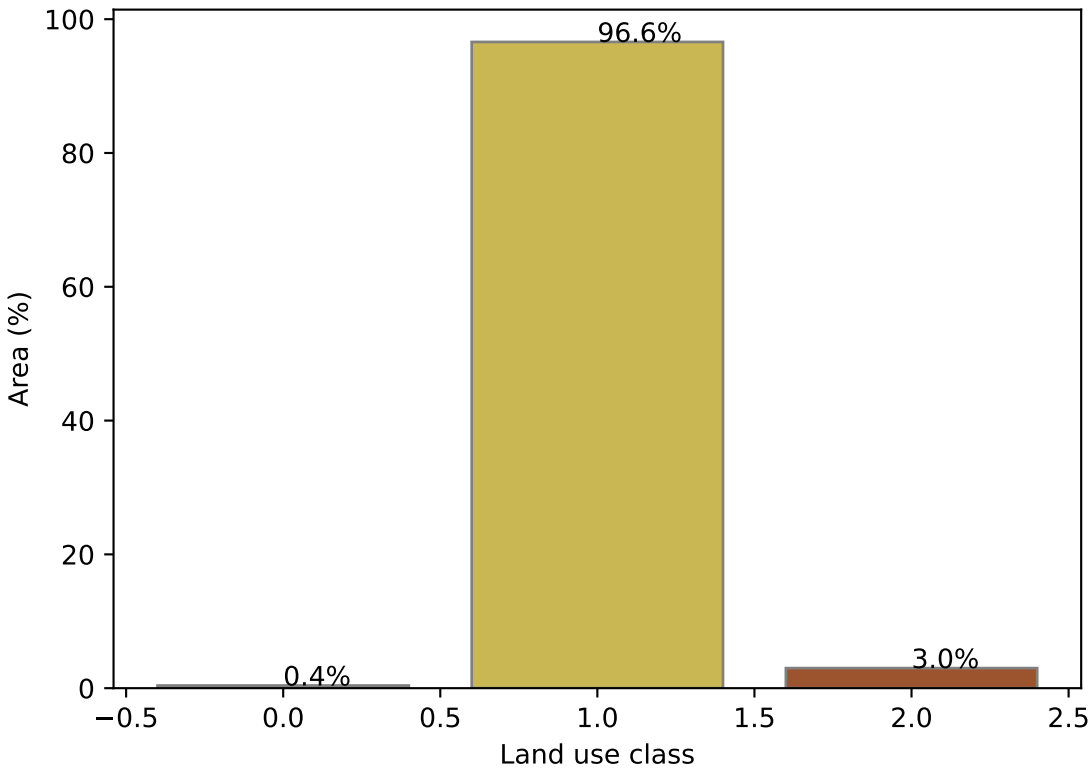
Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

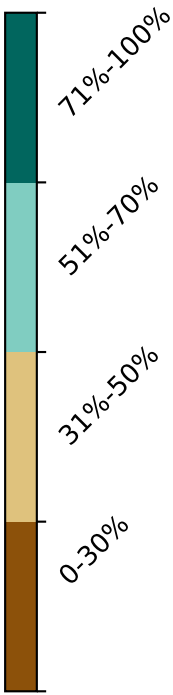
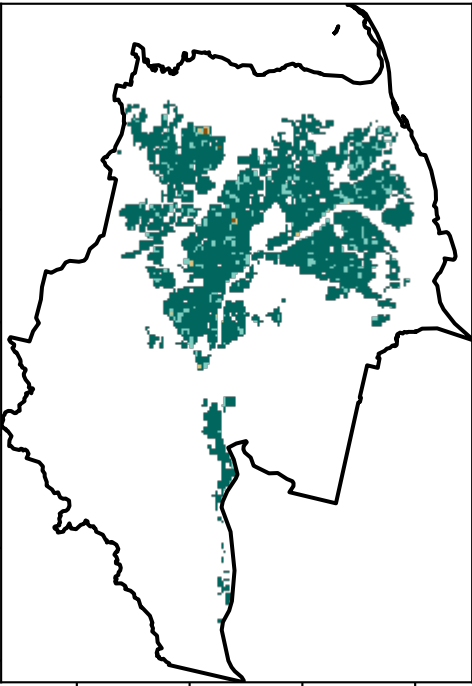
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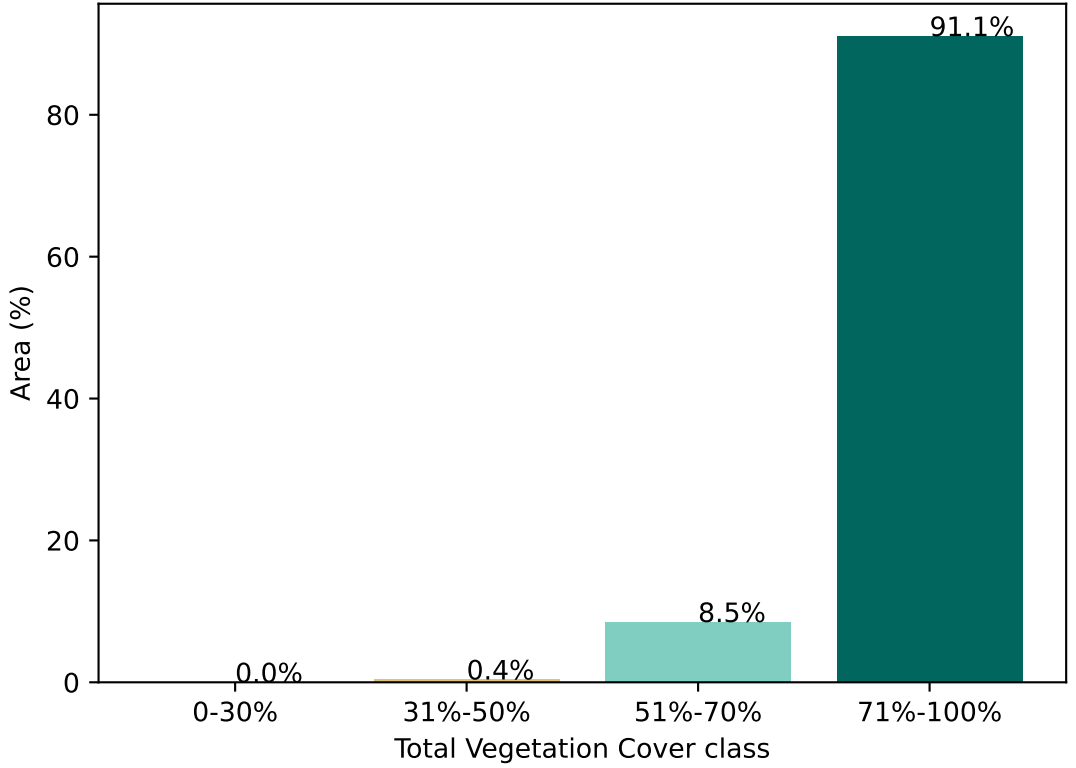
Proportion of each land class in area



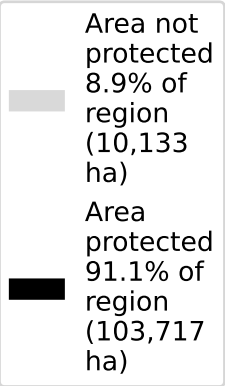
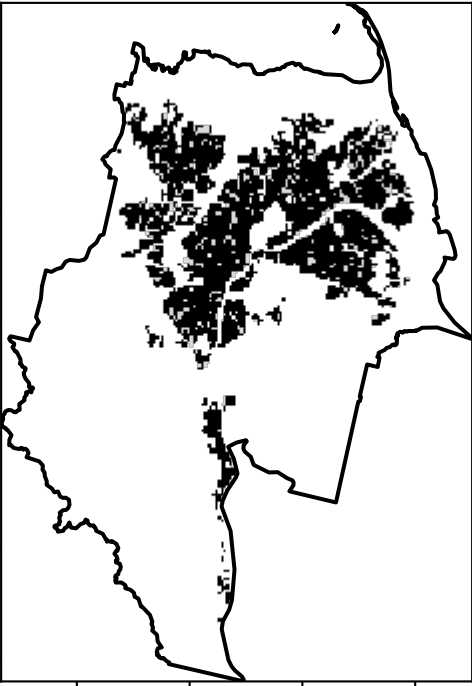
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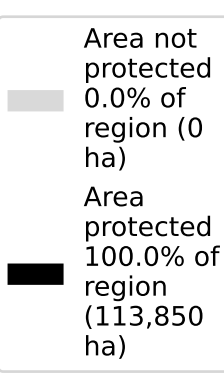
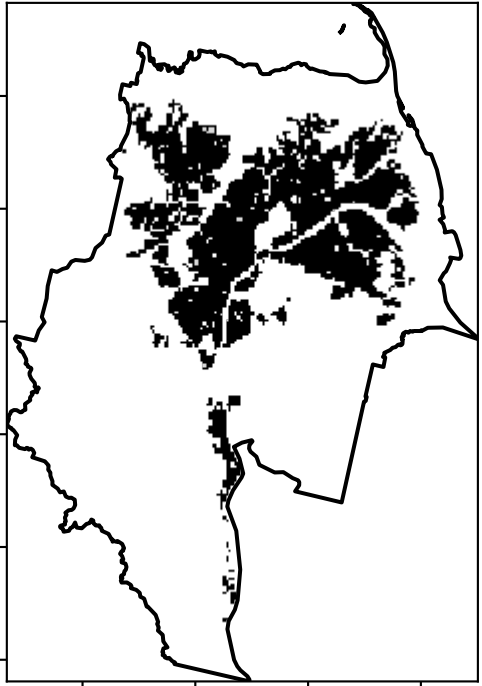
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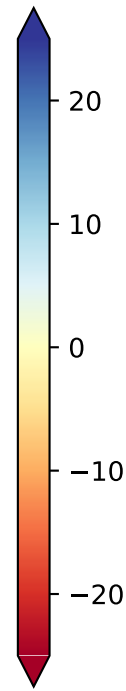
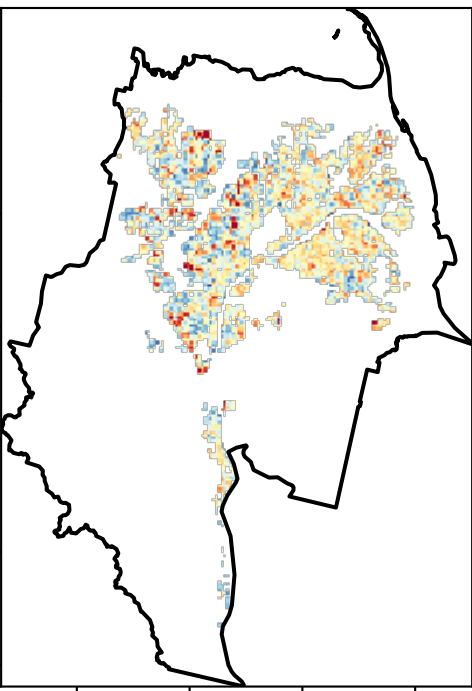


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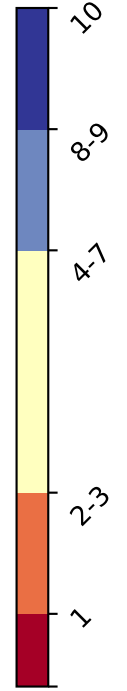
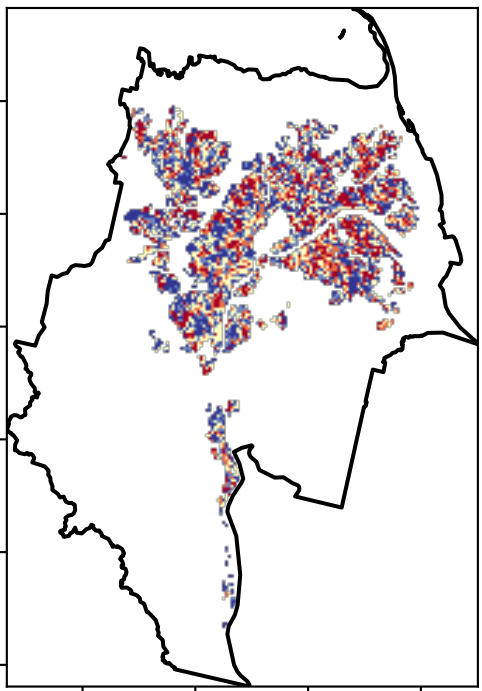
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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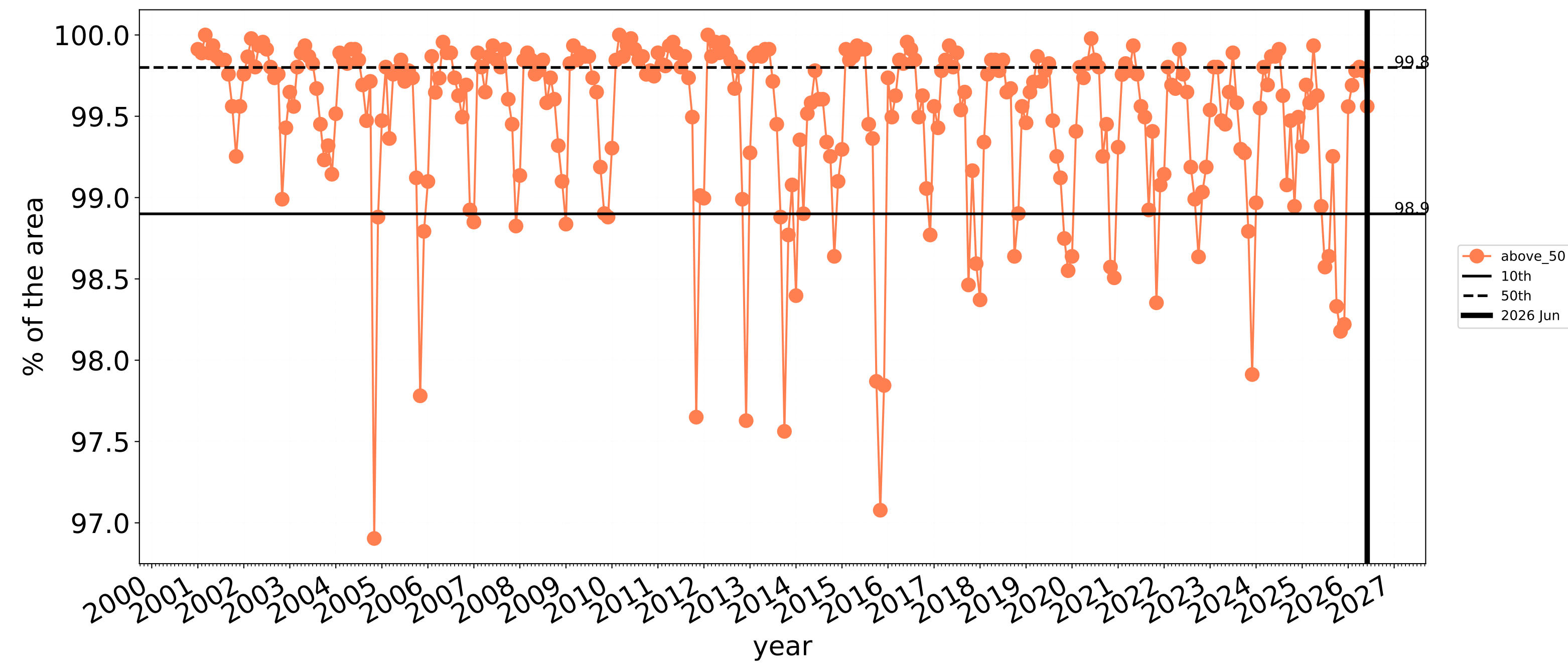
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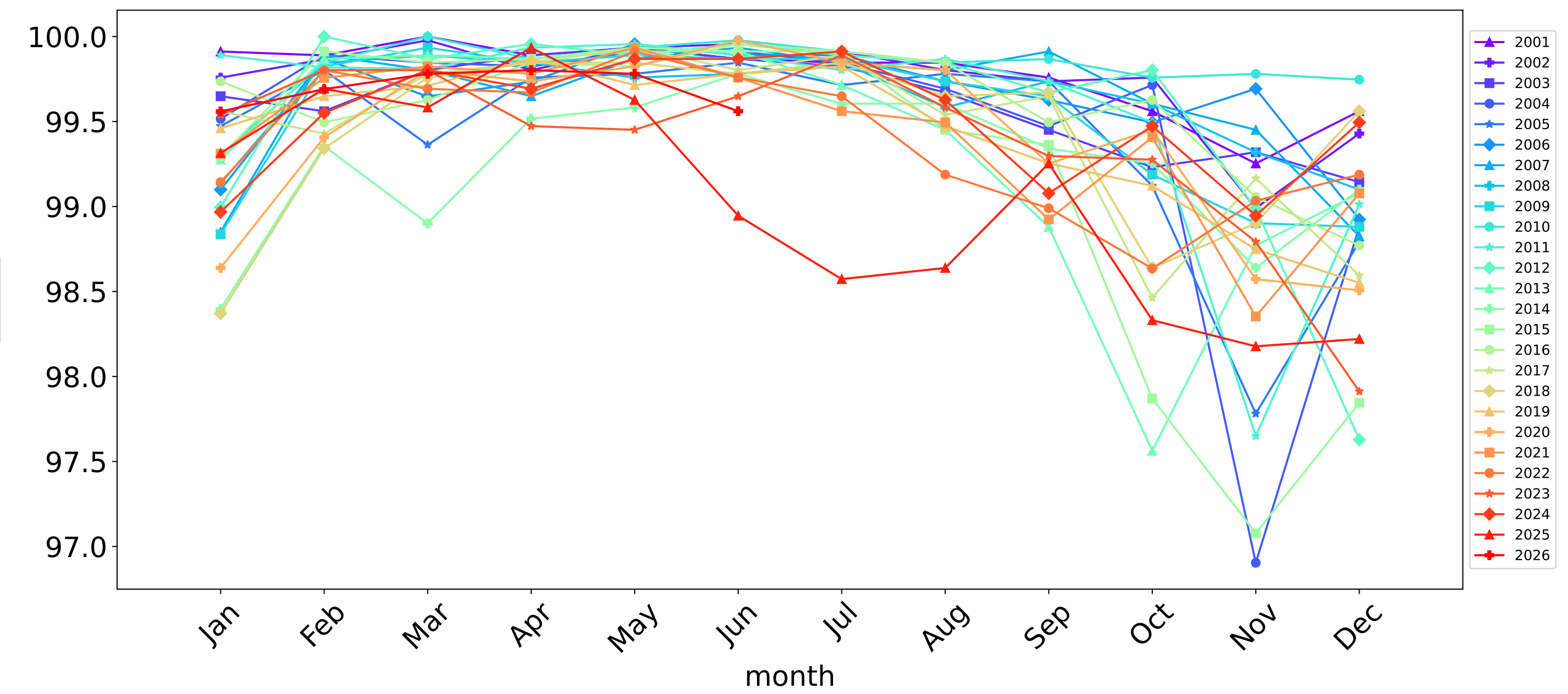


Irrigation timeseries

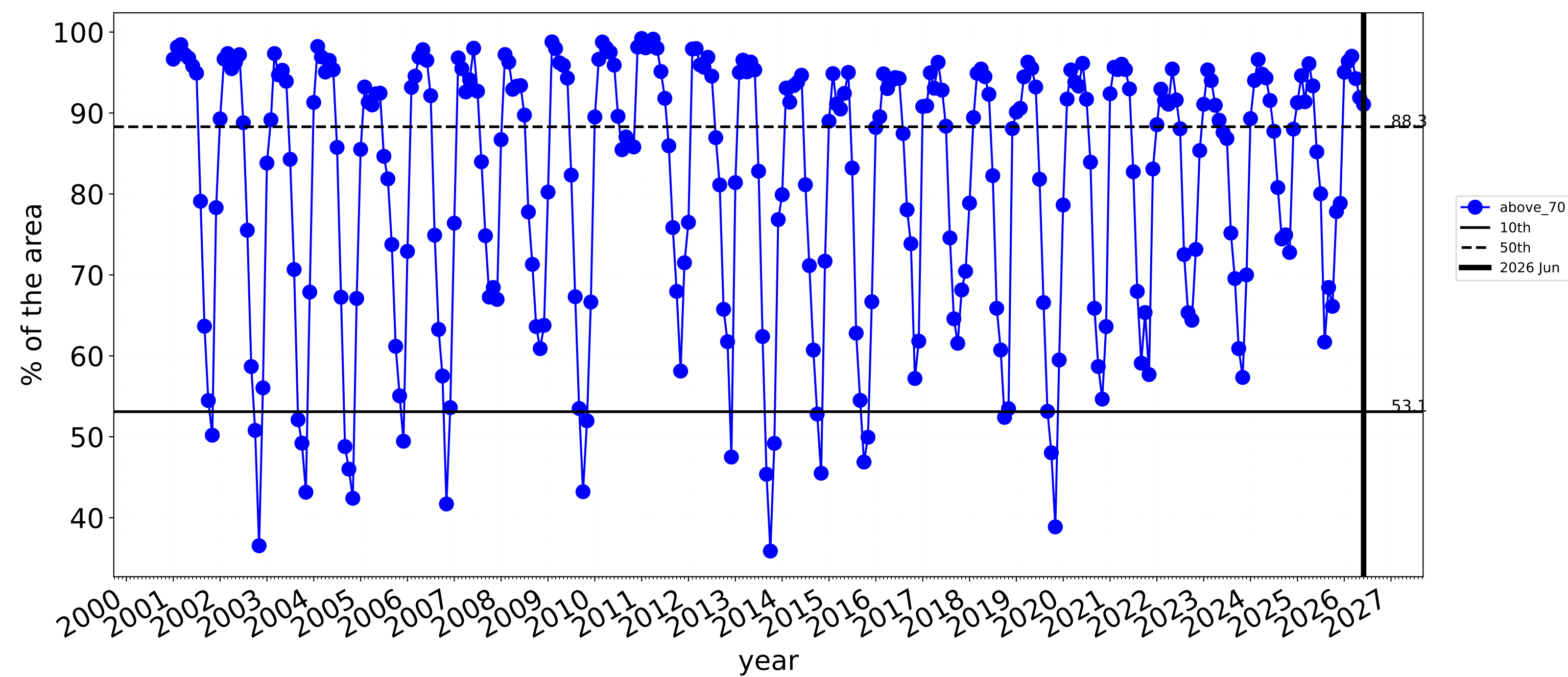
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



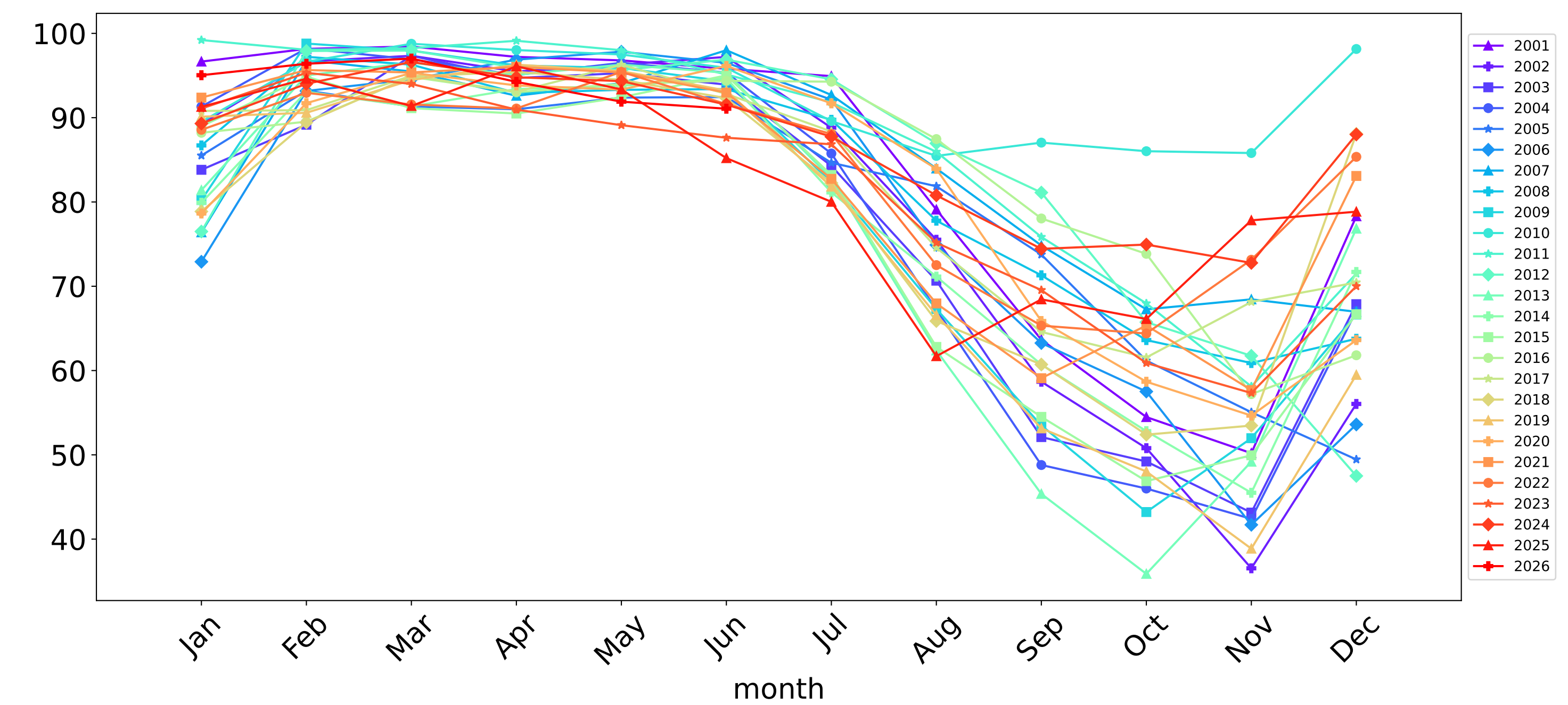
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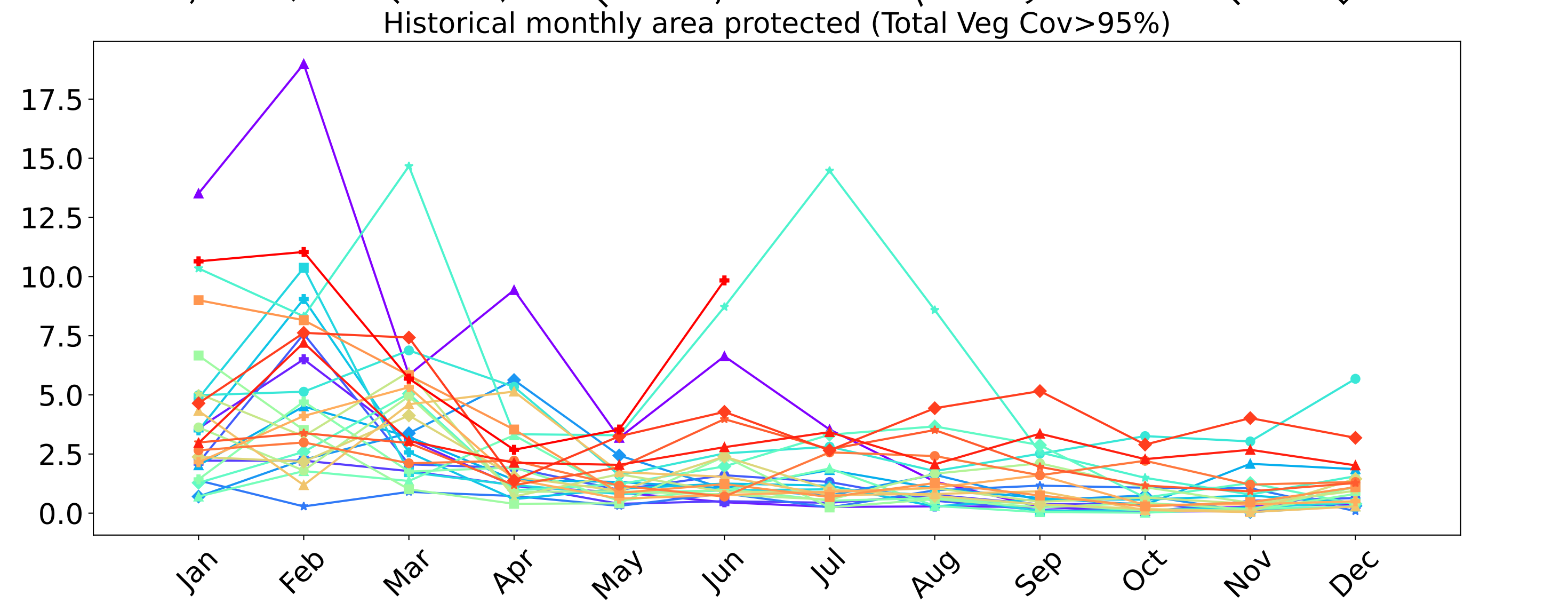
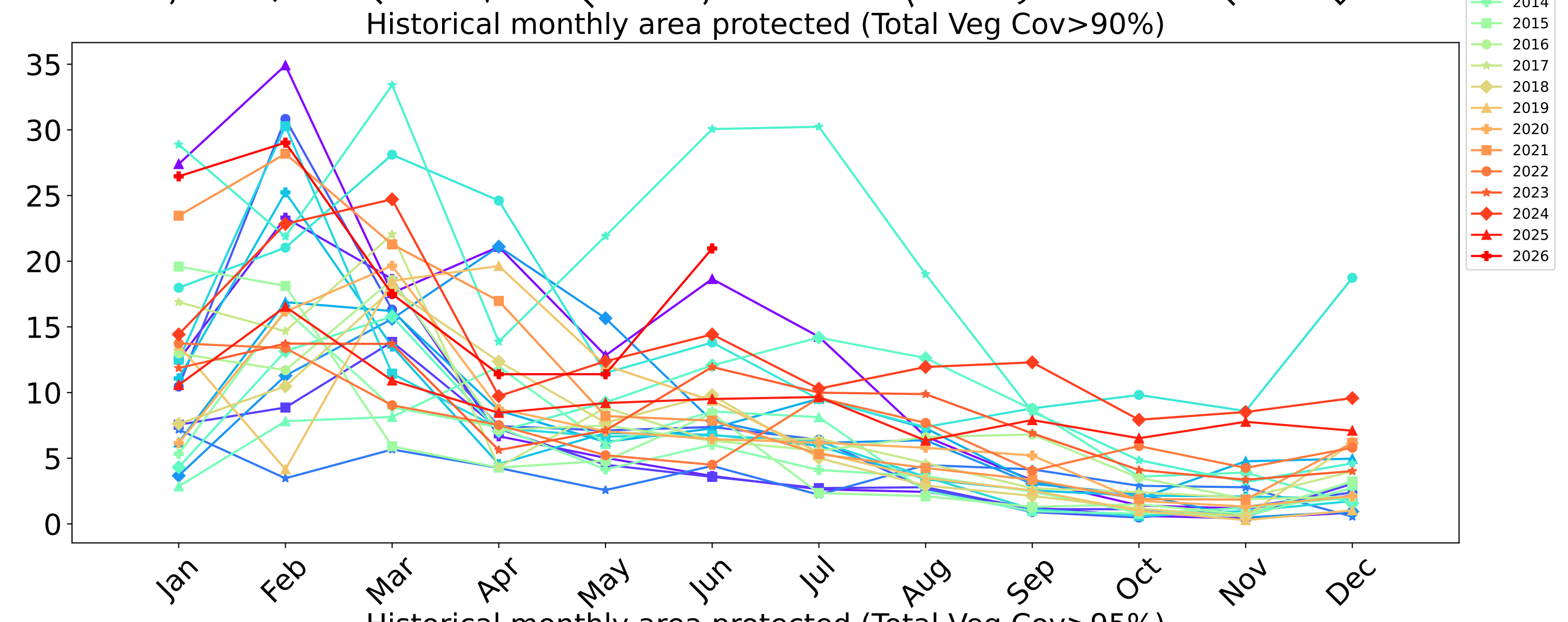
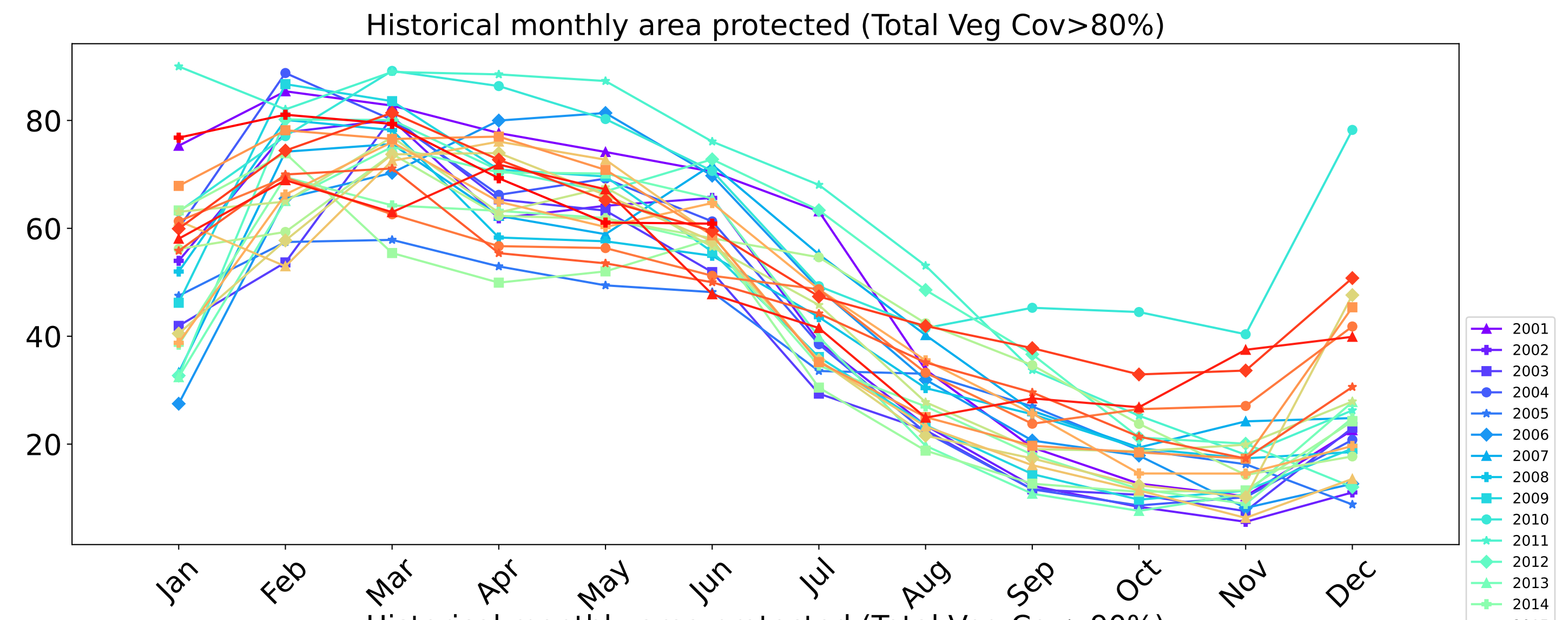
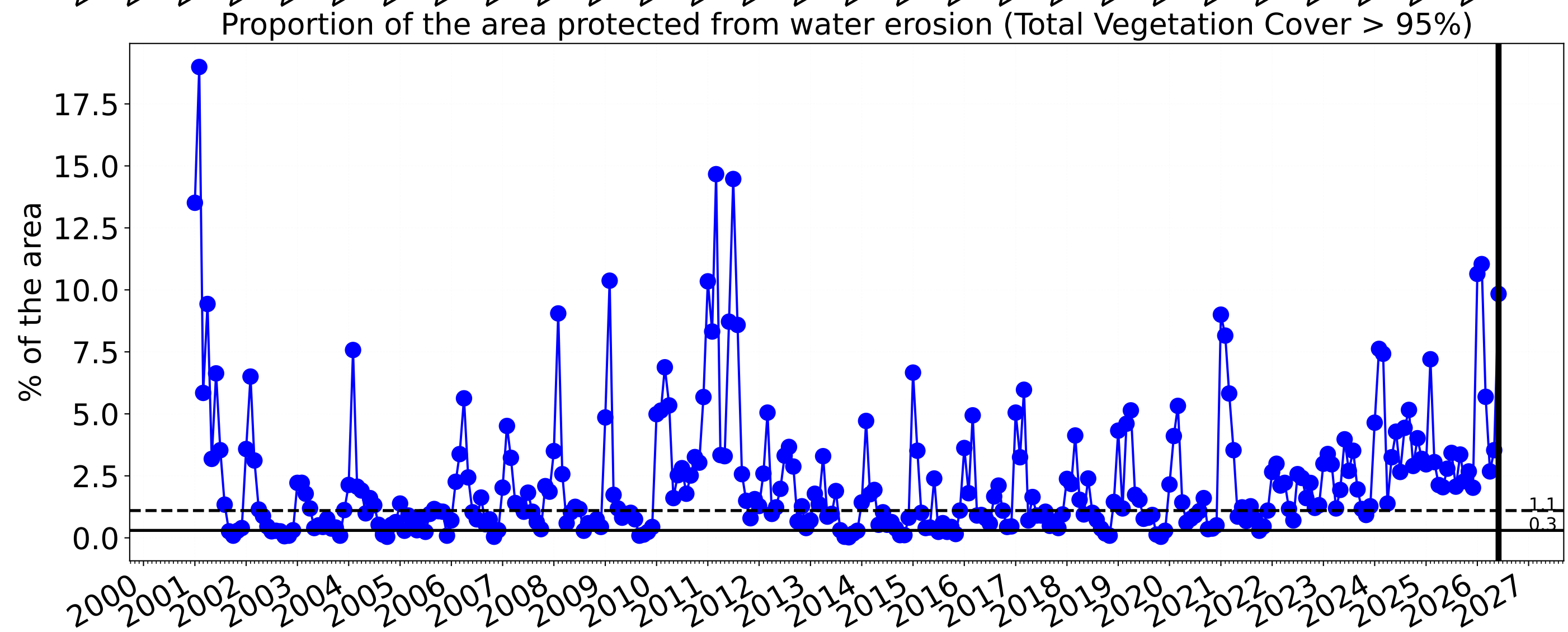
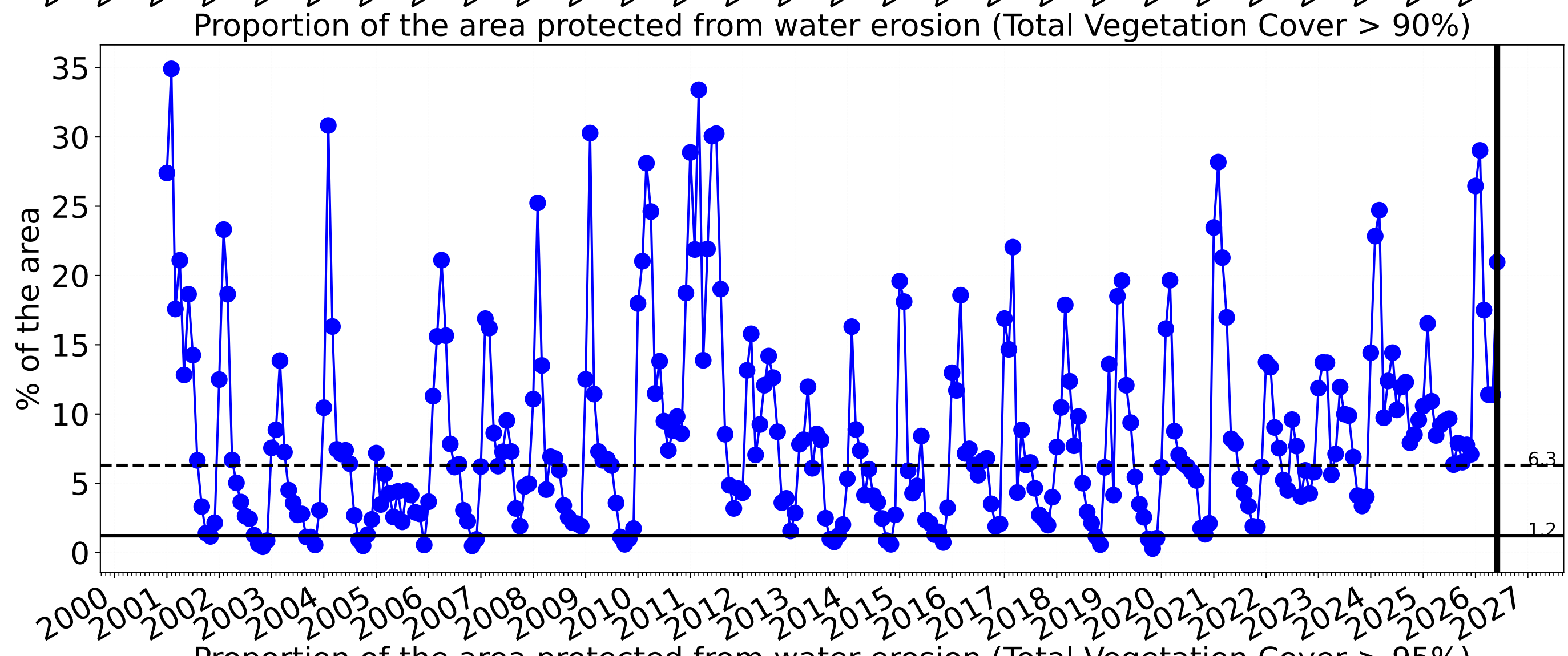
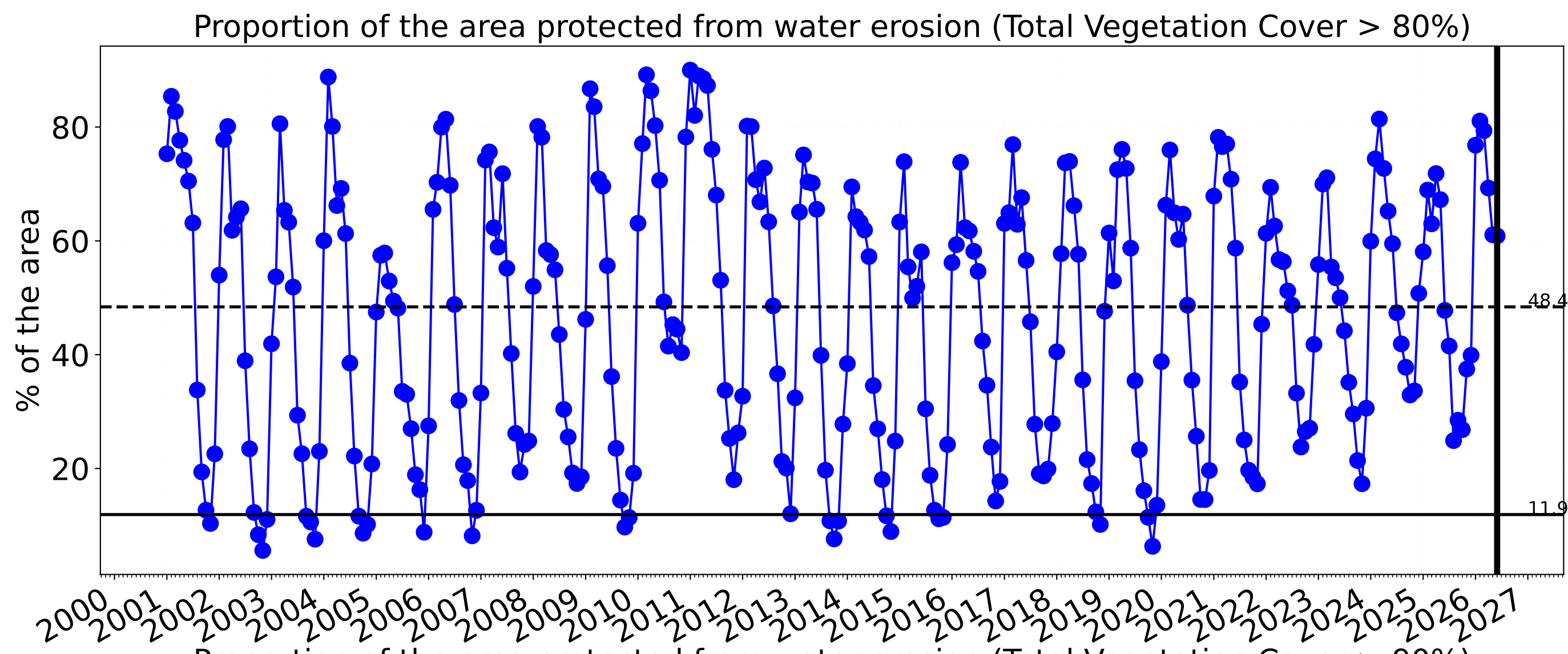


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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





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Burdekin_(S) (499,675 ha and no data 4,672 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	499,675	99.9% 499,275	99.5% 497,375	95.8% 478,575	85.2% 425,625	65.8% 328,700	44.6% 222,750
Conservation and natural environments	31,950	99.9% 31,925	98.7% 31,525	88.2% 28,175	70.3% 22,450	39.4% 12,600	22.2% 7,100
Conservation and natural environments non forest	17,250	99.9% 17,225	98.7% 17,025	92.2% 15,900	77.7% 13,400	47.7% 8,225	27.8% 4,800
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	4,900	100.0% 4,900	100.0% 4,900	97.4% 4,775	86.7% 4,250	61.2% 3,000	38.8% 1,900
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	9,800	100.0% 9,800	98.0% 9,600	76.5% 7,500	49.0% 4,800	14.0% 1,375	4.1% 400
Agriculture	419,350	100.0% 419,250	99.9% 418,775	97.4% 408,600	88.5% 370,925	71.6% 300,225	49.6% 208,025
Grazing	305,450	100.0% 305,450	100.0% 305,375	99.8% 304,875	98.7% 301,575	90.5% 276,300	64.4% 196,800
Grazing non forest	162,900	100.0% 162,900	100.0% 162,850	99.7% 162,375	98.1% 159,800	89.2% 145,275	62.5% 101,875
Grazing Woodland forest	136,850	100.0% 136,850	100.0% 136,825	100.0% 136,800	99.5% 136,150	92.5% 126,625	67.2% 92,025
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	5,700	100.0% 5,700	100.0% 5,700	100.0% 5,700	98.7% 5,625	77.2% 4,400	50.9% 2,900
Irrigation	113,850	99.9% 113,750	99.6% 113,350	91.1% 103,675	60.9% 69,300	21.0% 23,875	9.8% 11,200