# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Burke\_(S) QLD

# Date: January 2022

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

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available. Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

### **Erosion protection**

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

# Acknowledgment of data:

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

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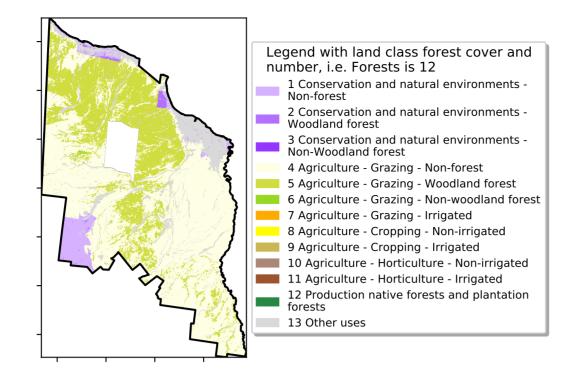


# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2022**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

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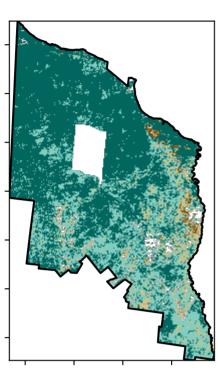
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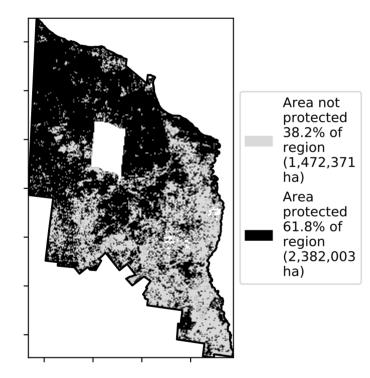
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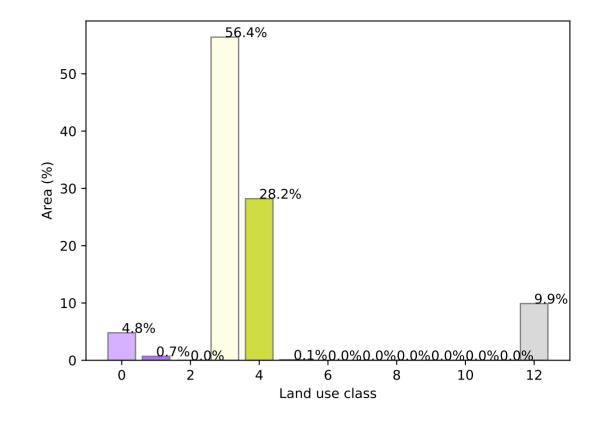
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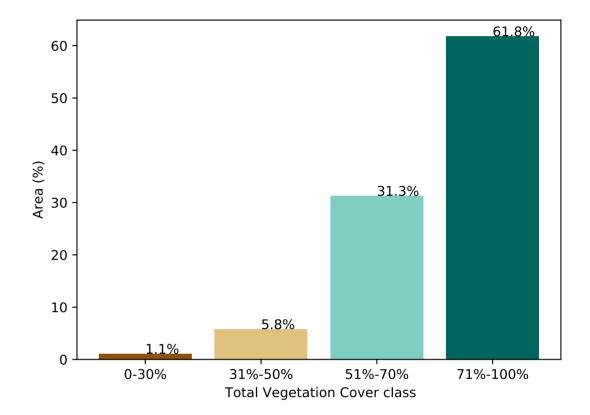


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

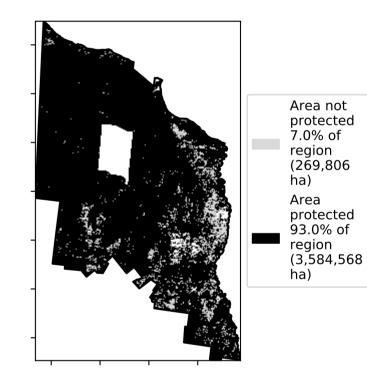




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

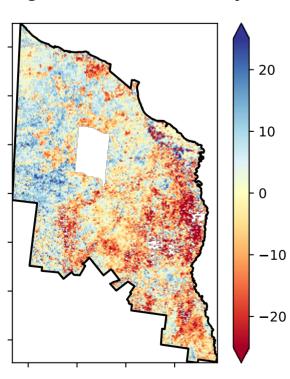


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

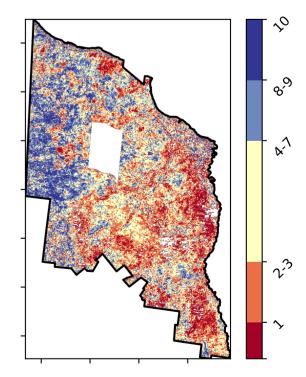


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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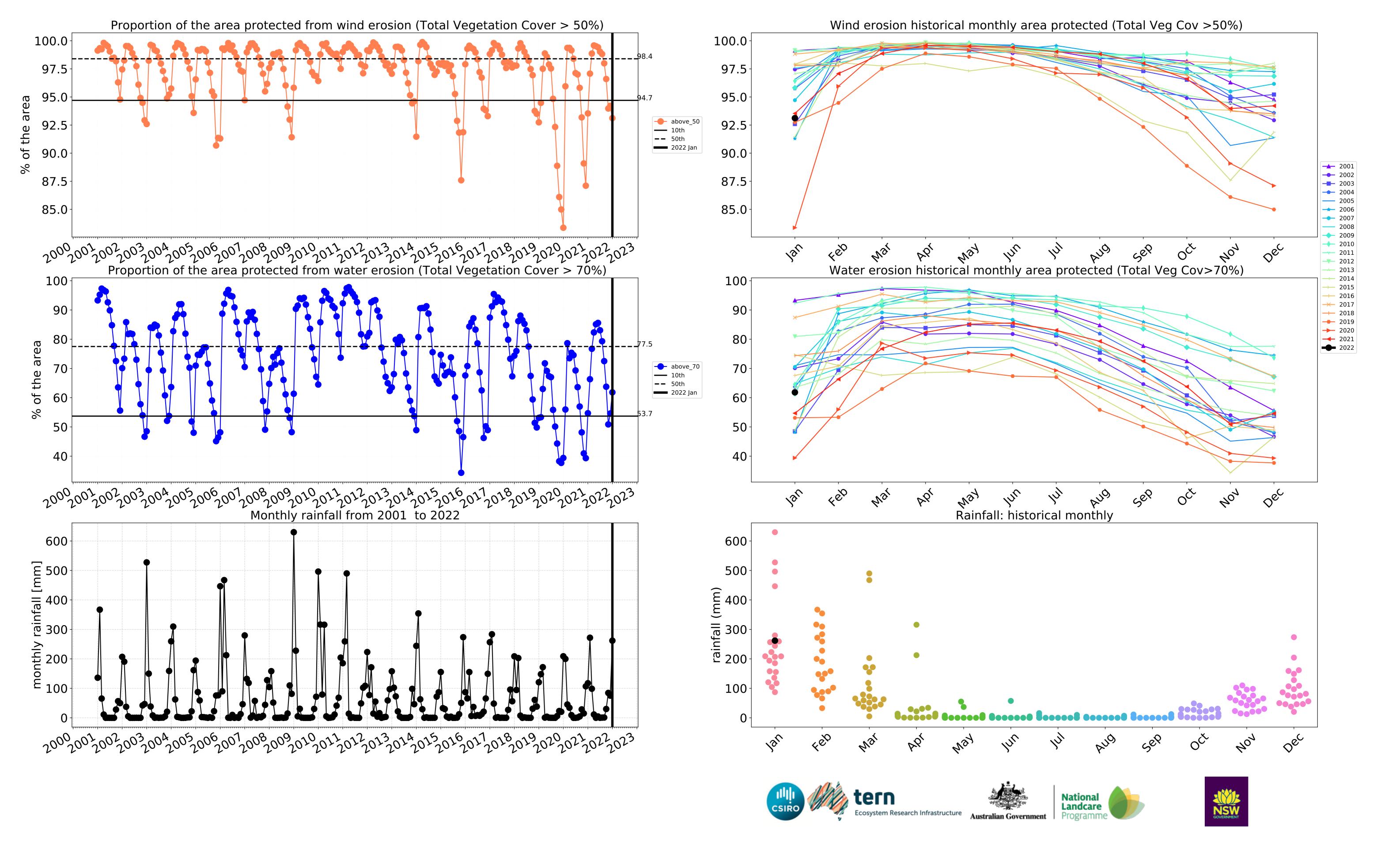
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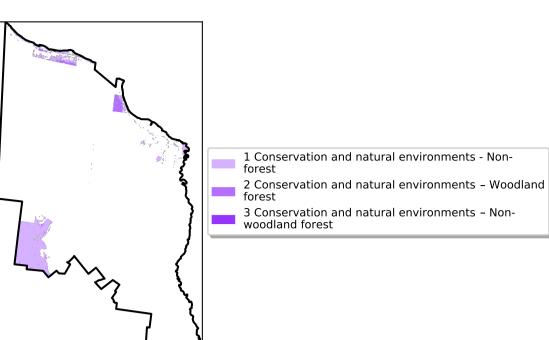
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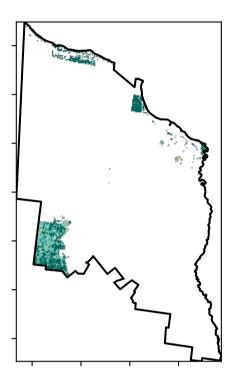
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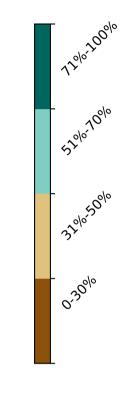
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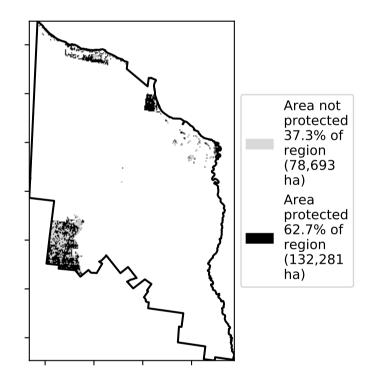


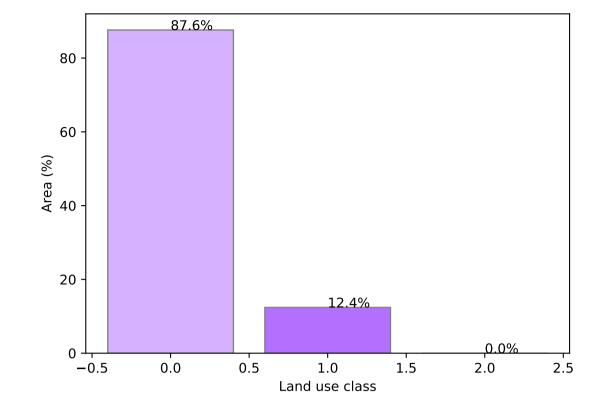
Total Vegetation Cover [%]





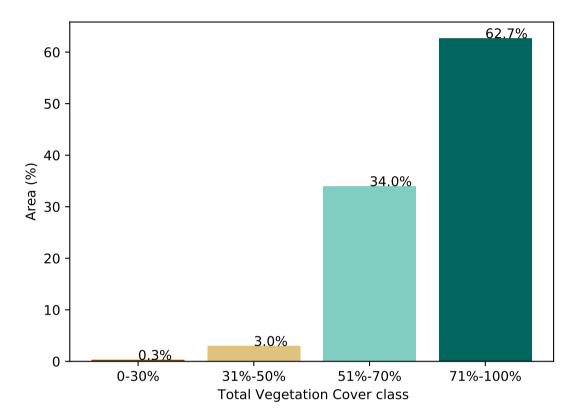
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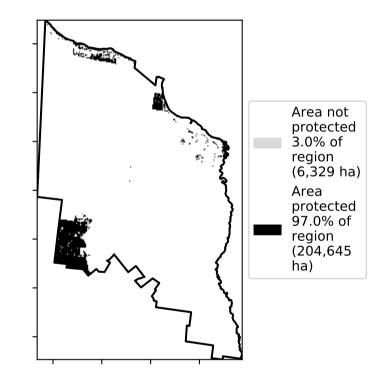


### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

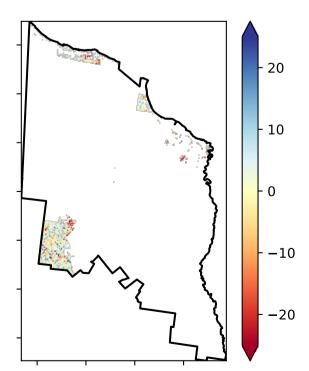


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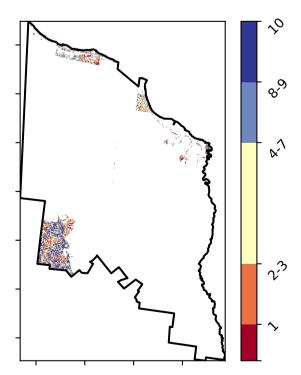
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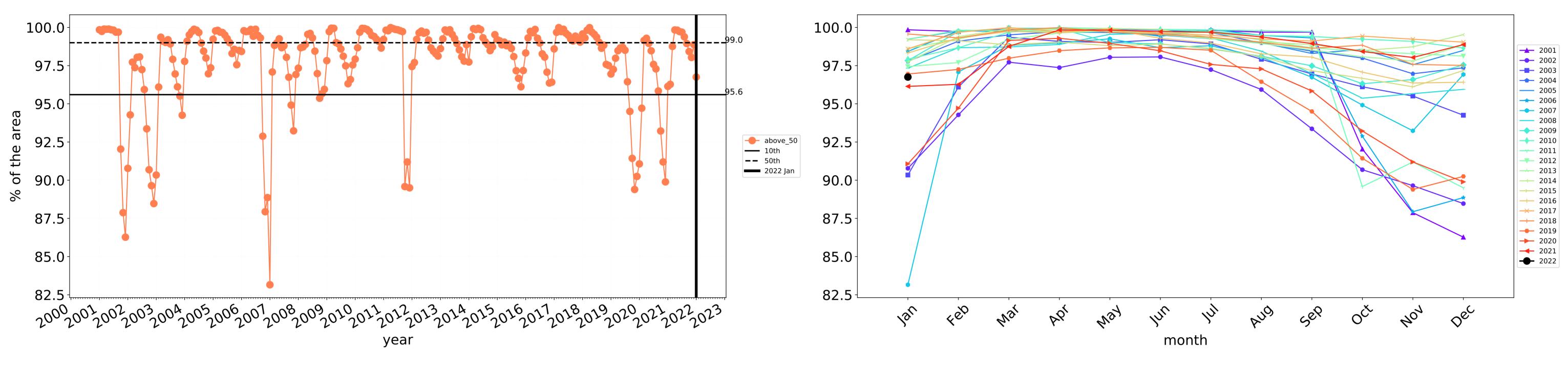


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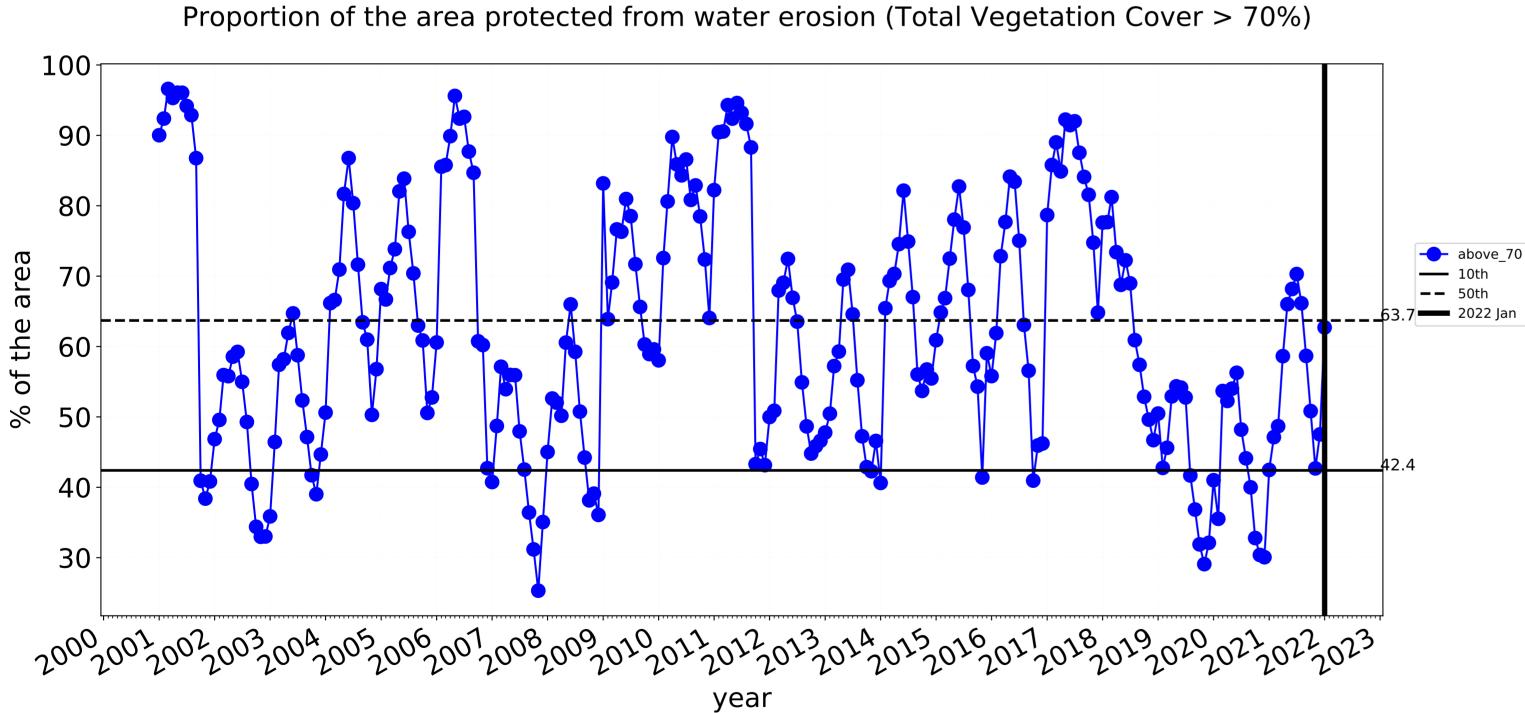
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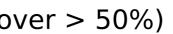




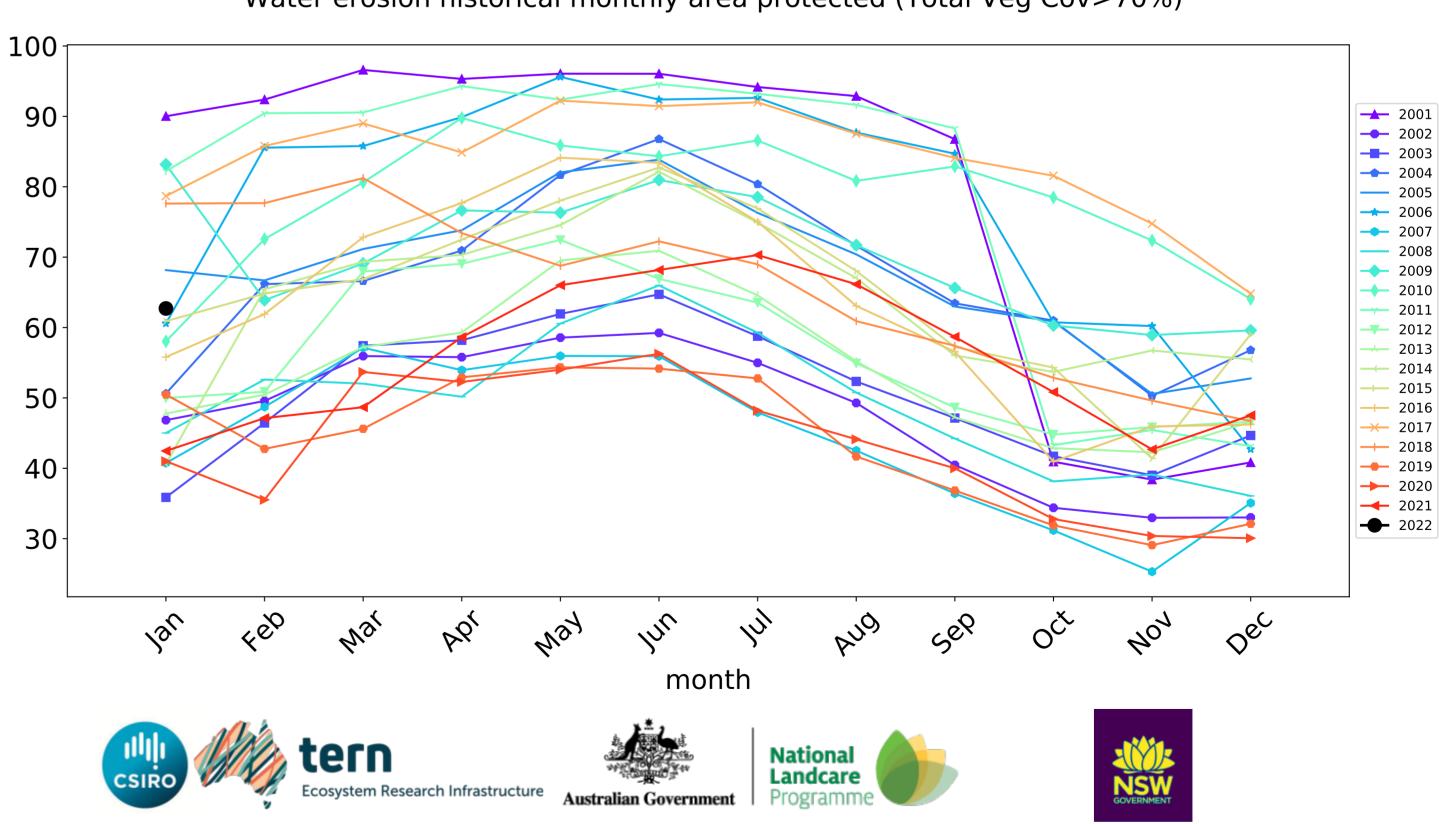


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





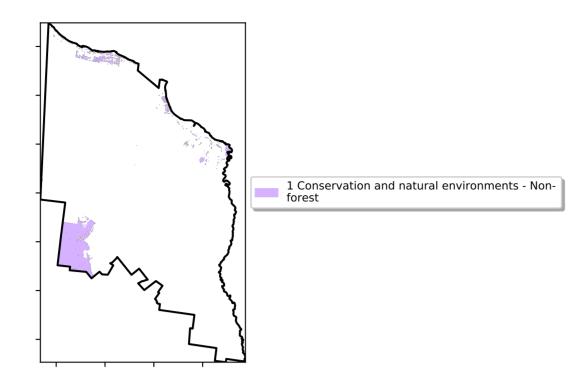
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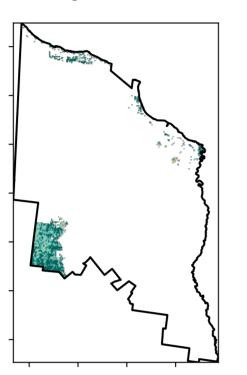
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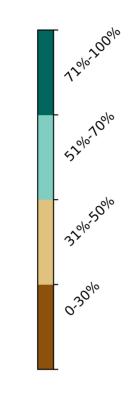
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Land use and forest cover

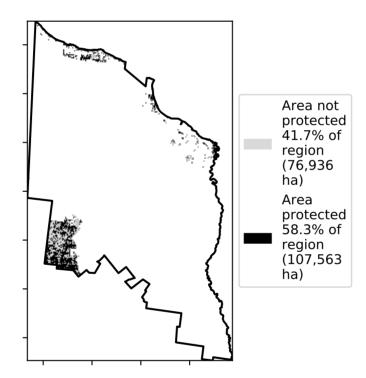


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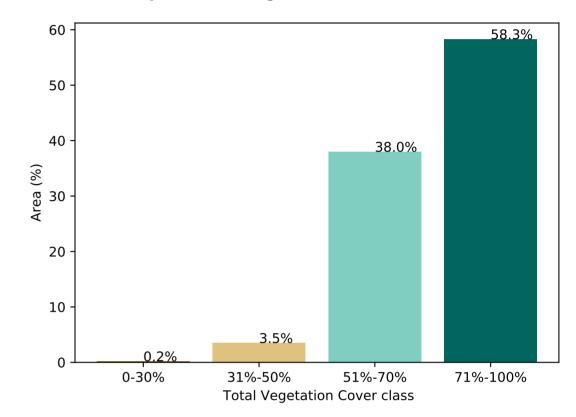




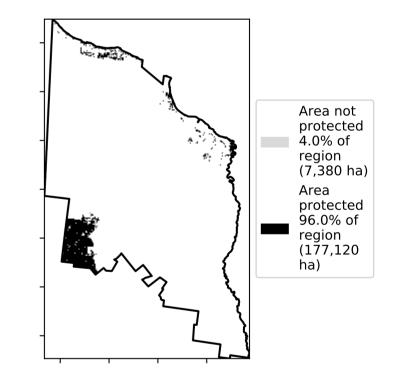
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



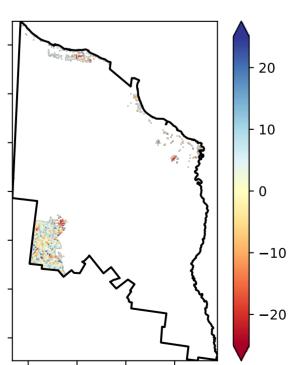
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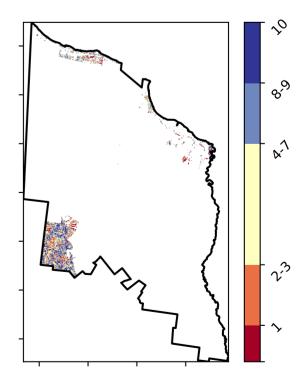
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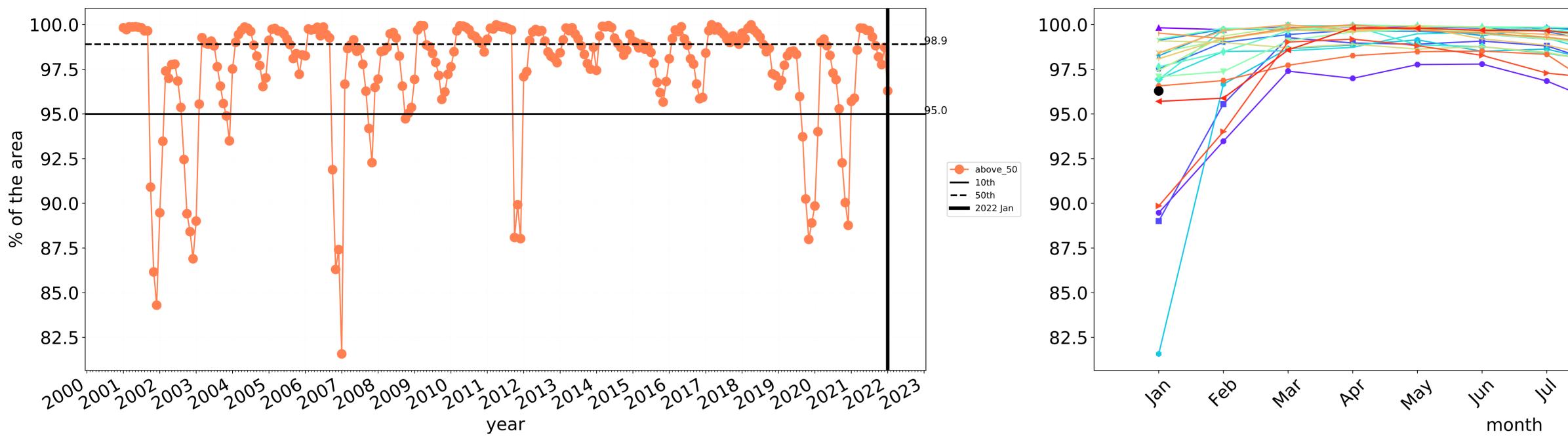
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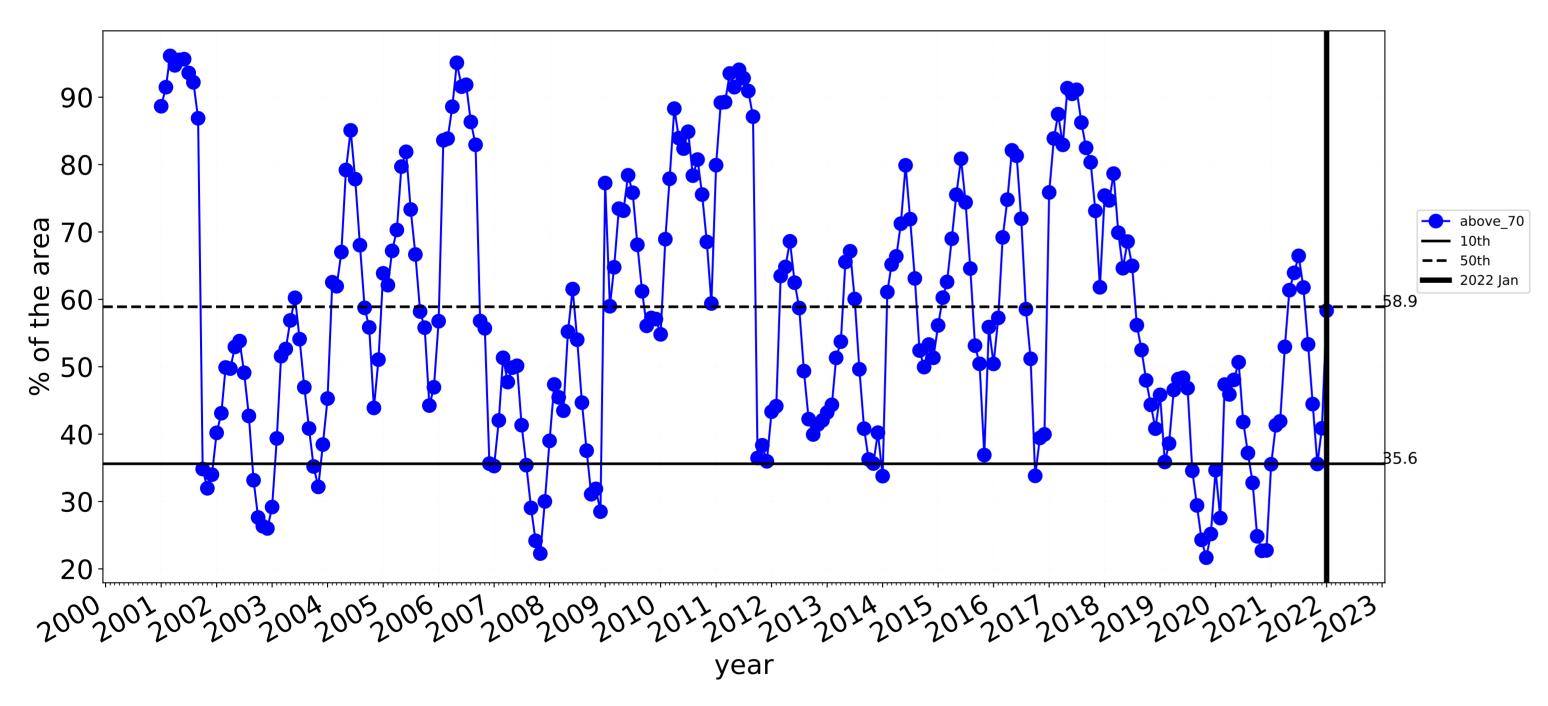


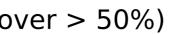




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



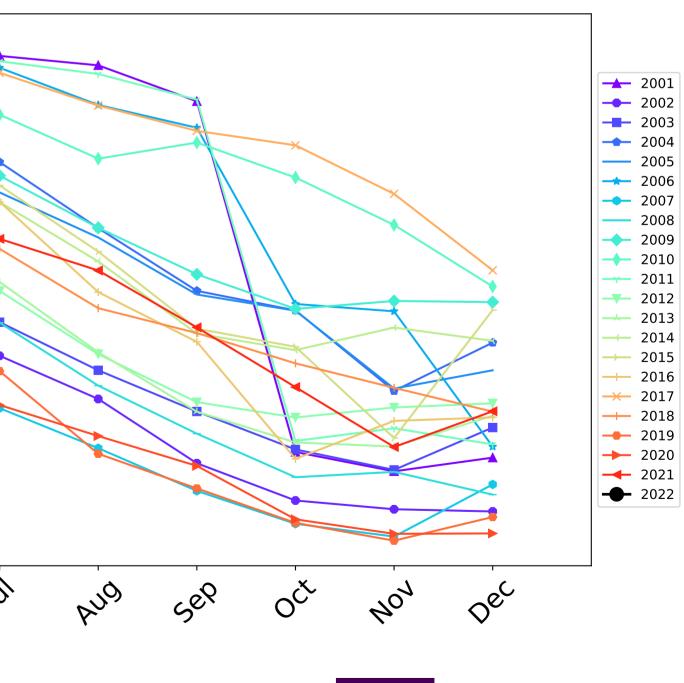


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



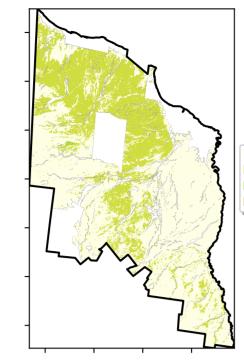




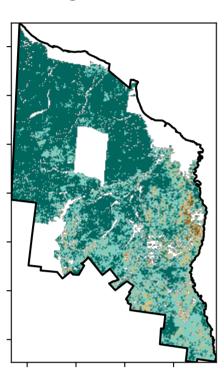
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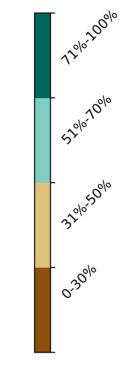
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]





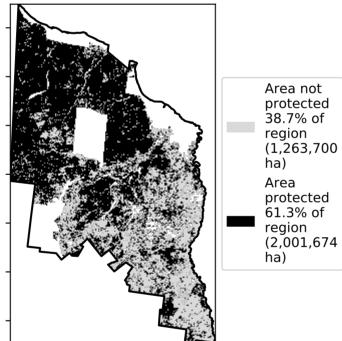
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2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

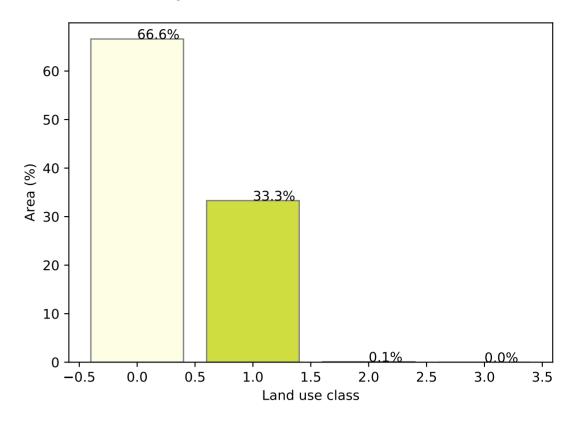
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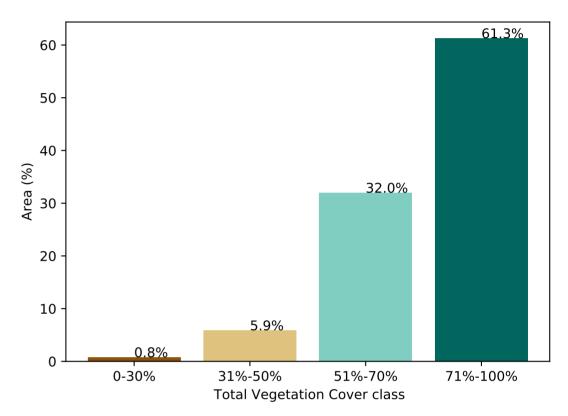


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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



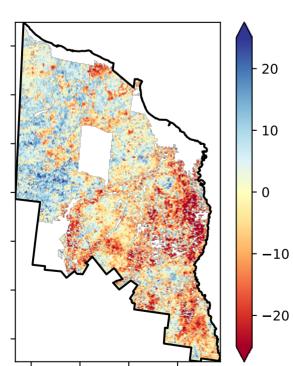
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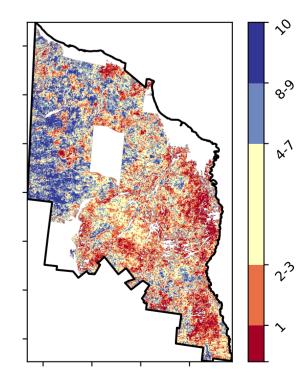
Area not protected 7.0% of region (228,576 ha) Area protected 93.0% of region (3,036,798 ha)

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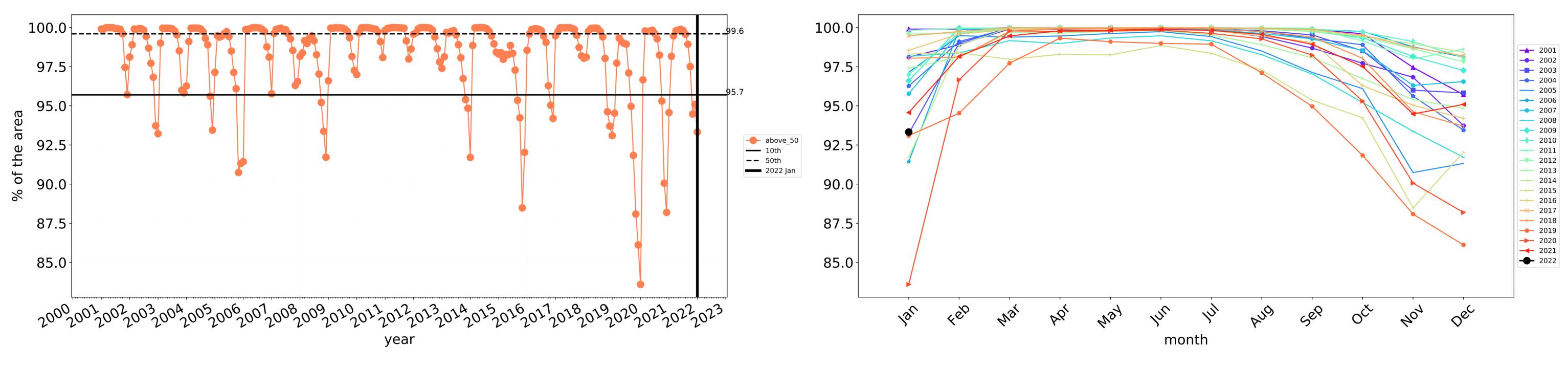
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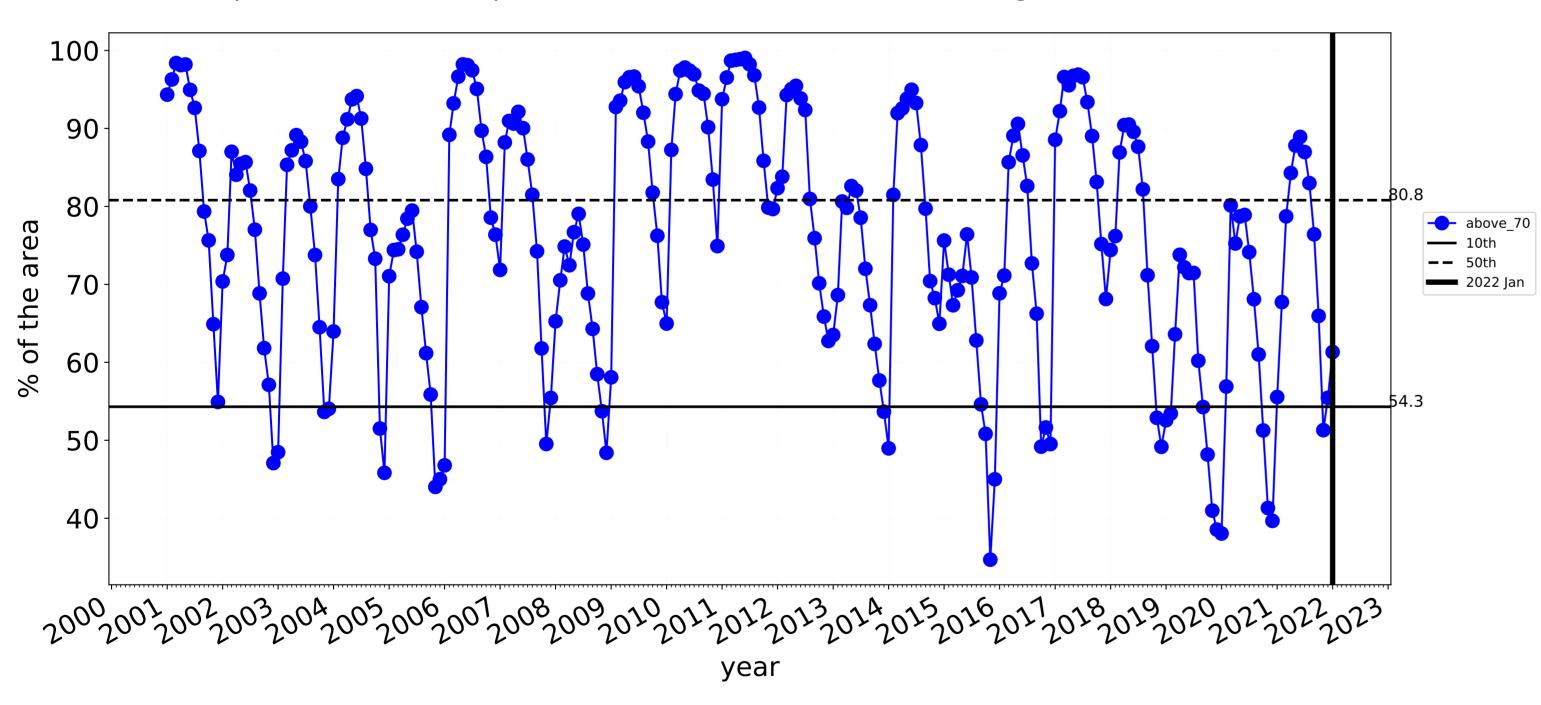
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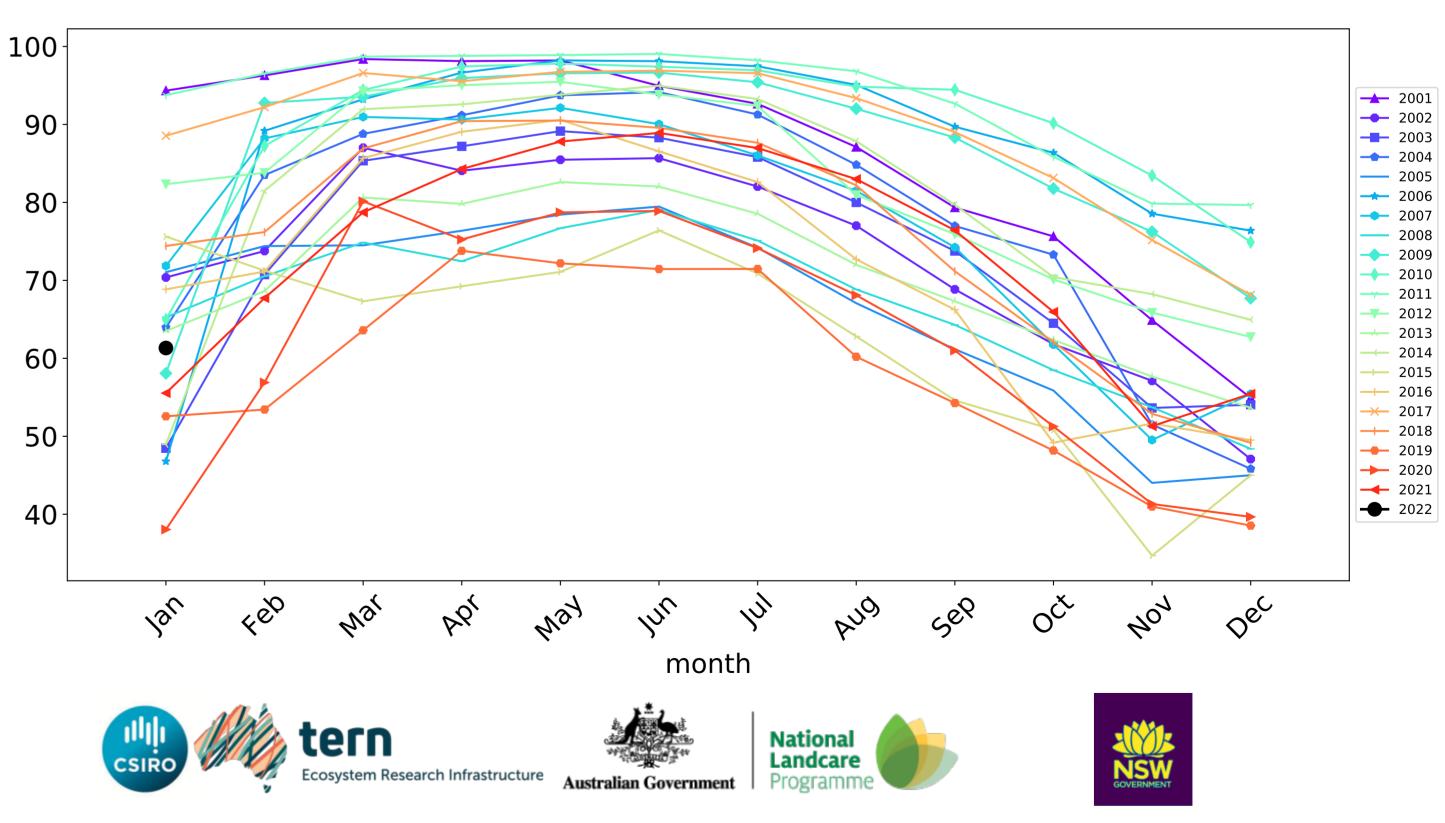


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

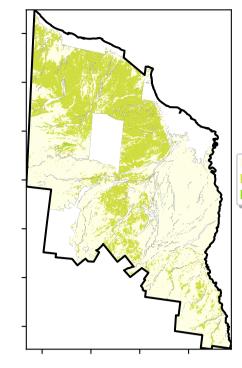


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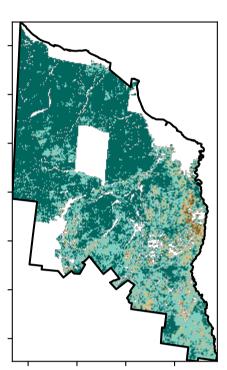
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#### Land use and forest cover

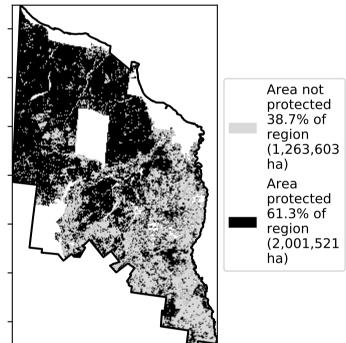
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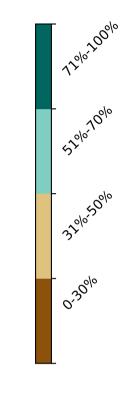


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





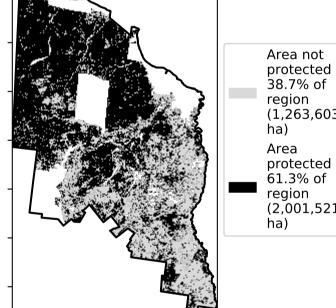




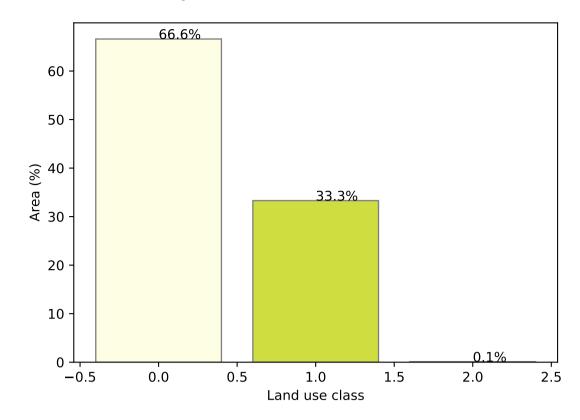
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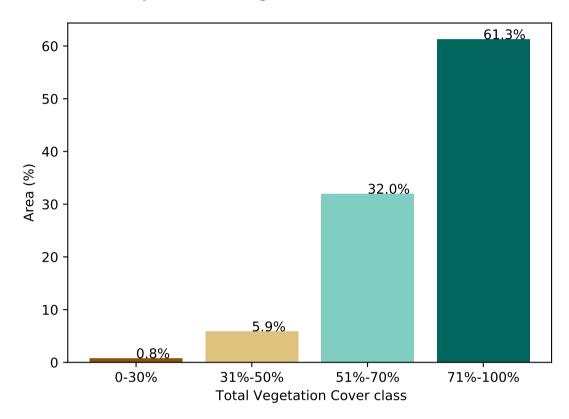
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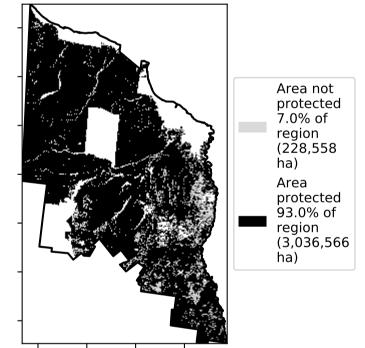
#### Proportion of each land class in area



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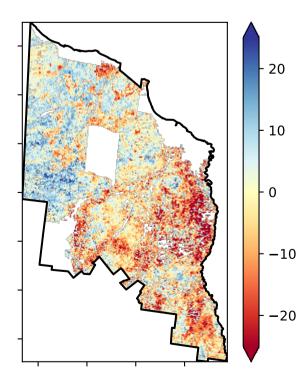


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

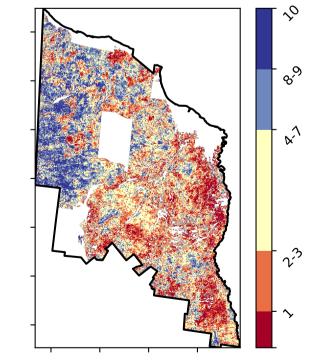


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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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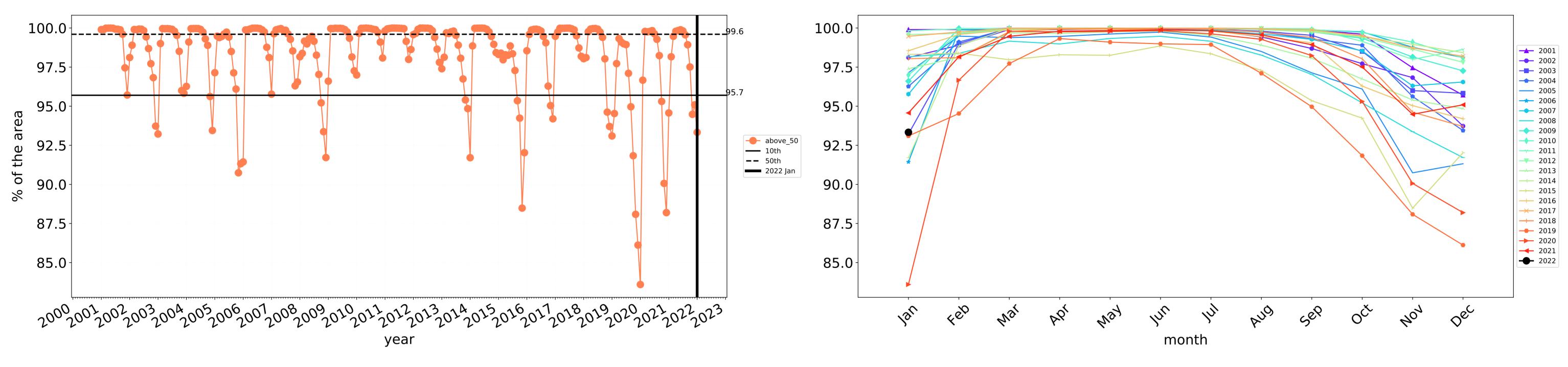
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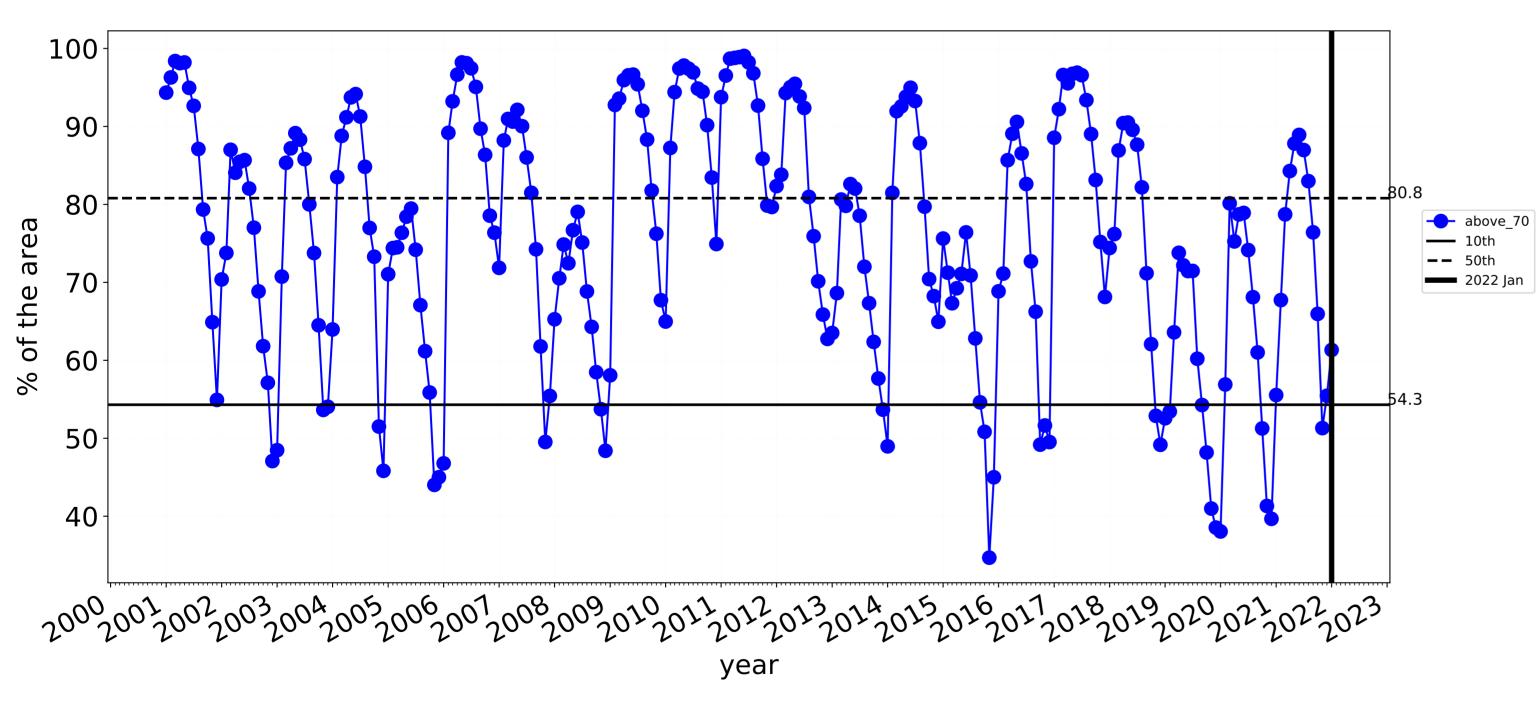
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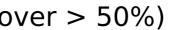
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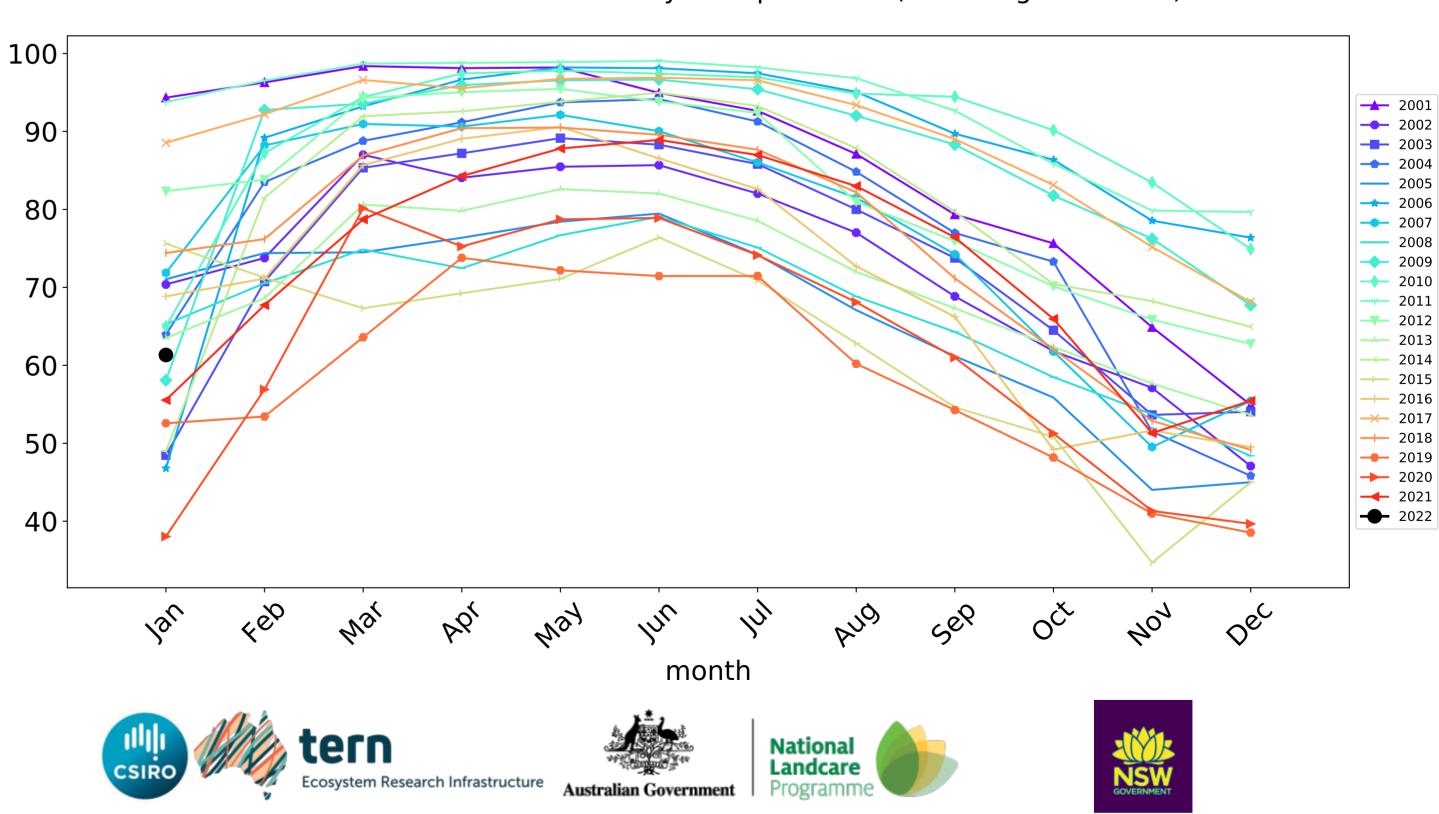
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





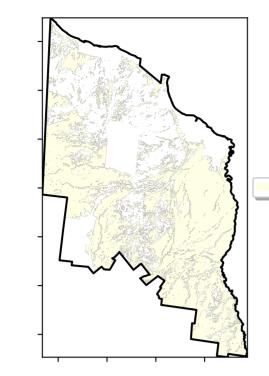
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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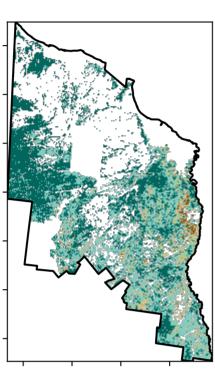
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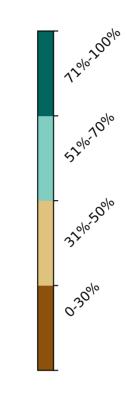
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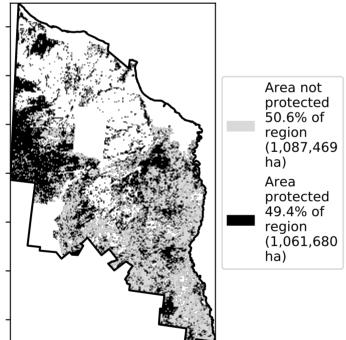
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

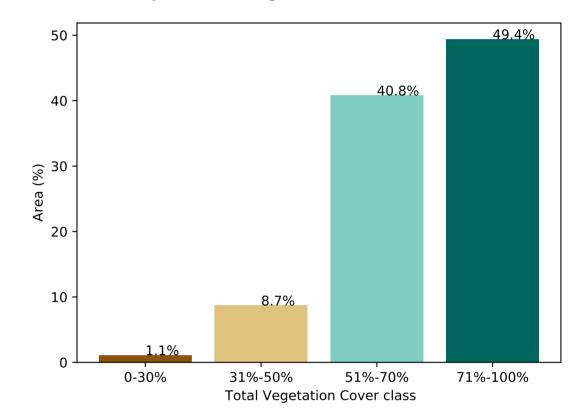




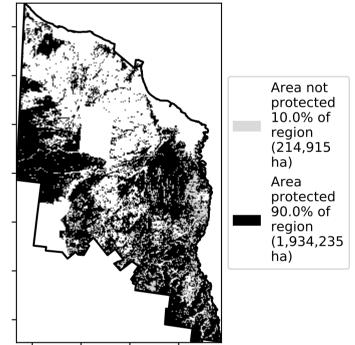
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



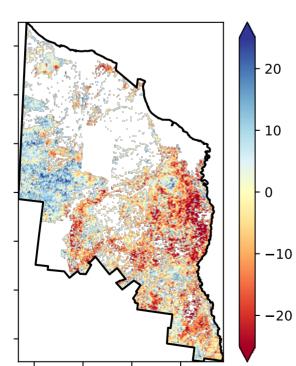
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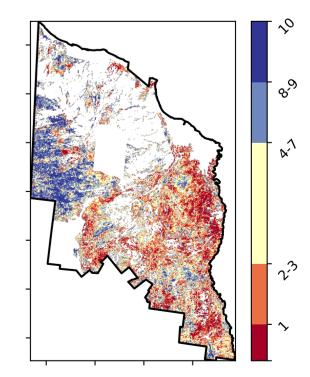
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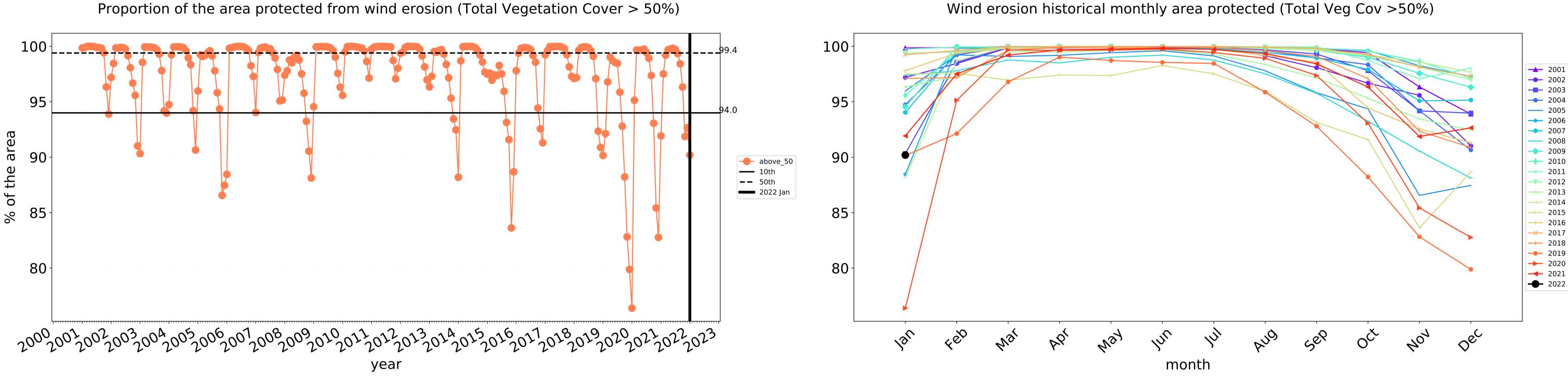
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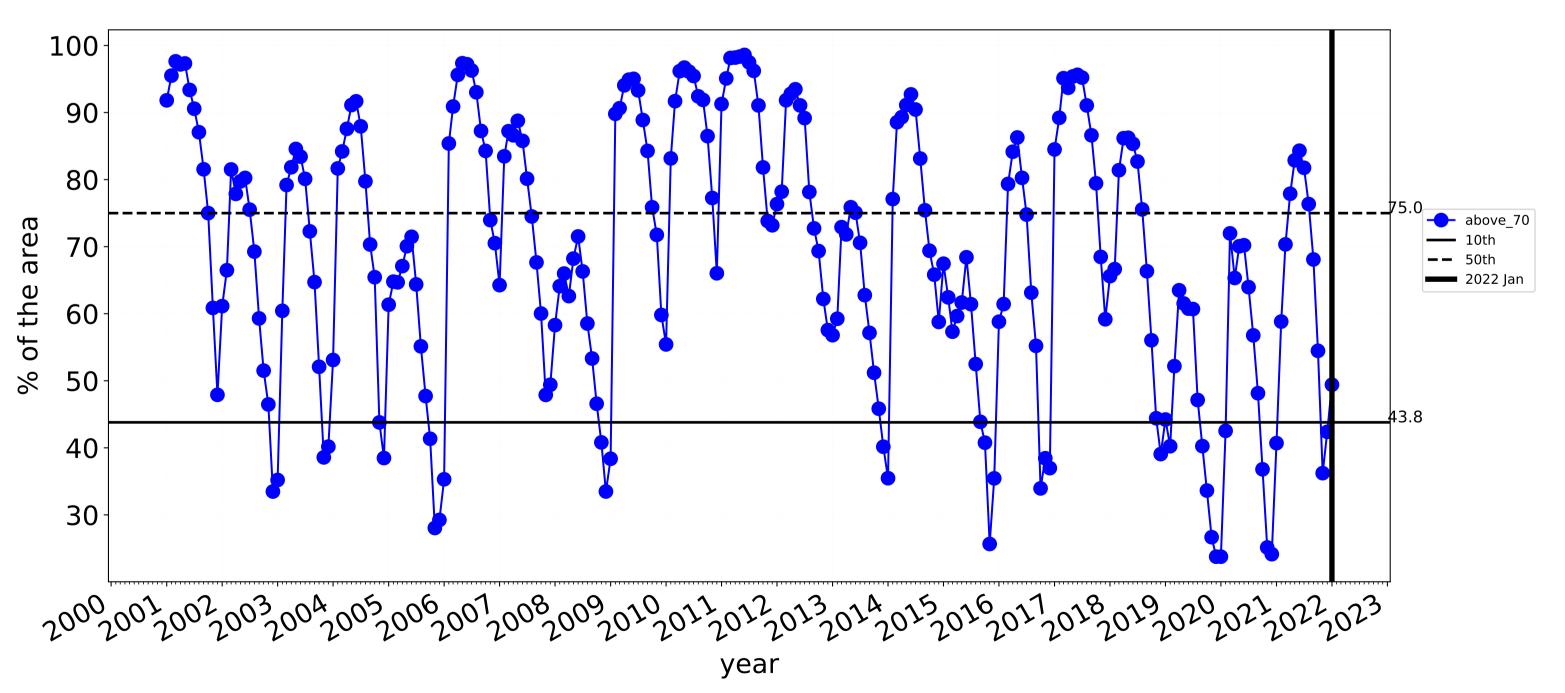
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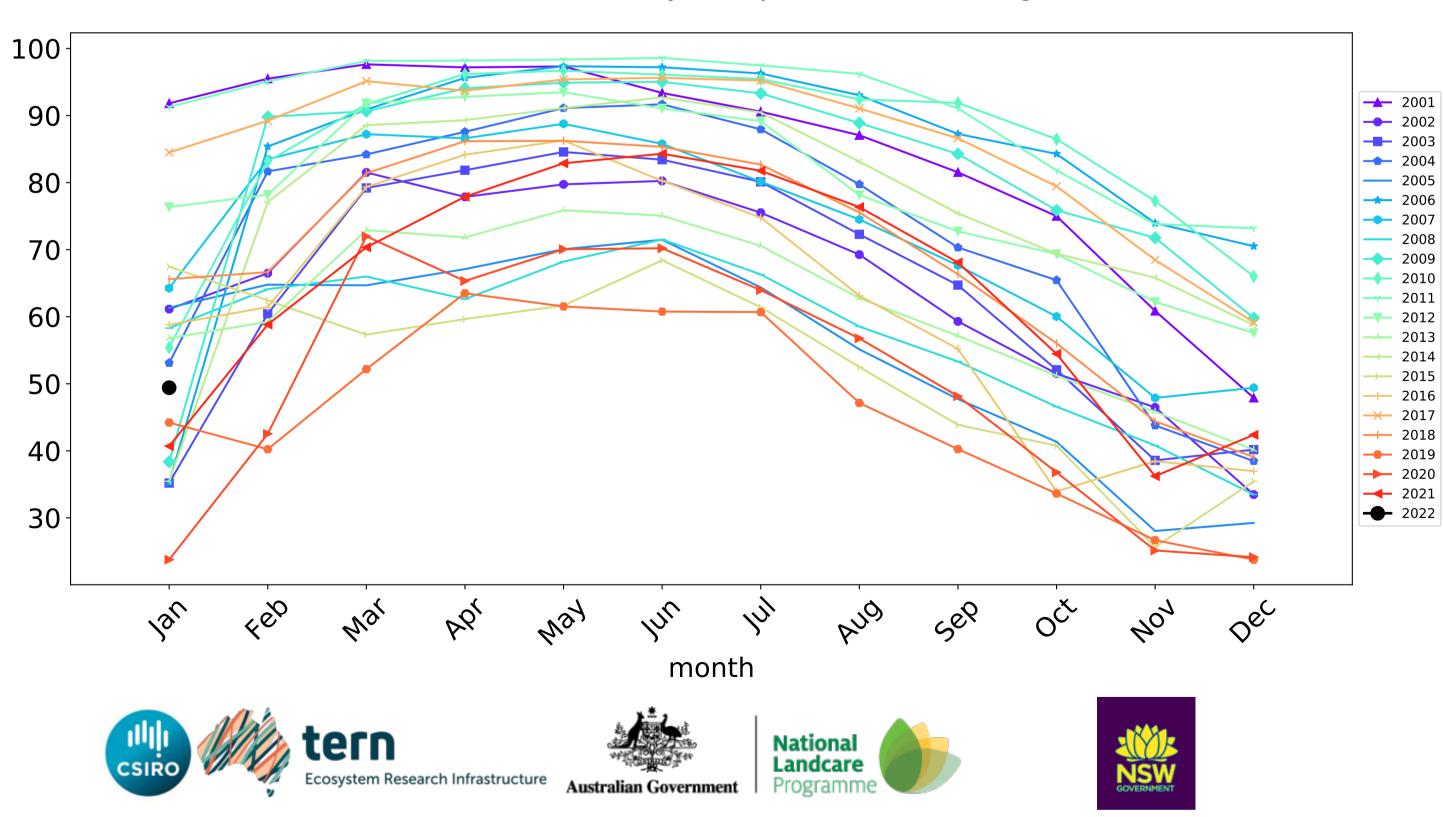


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



# Grazing non forest timeseries

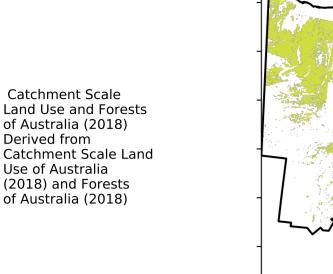


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

# **Grazing Woodland forest**

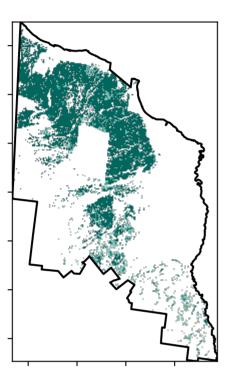
#### Land use and forest cover

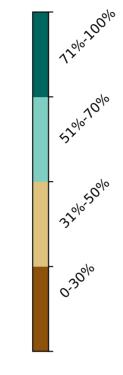


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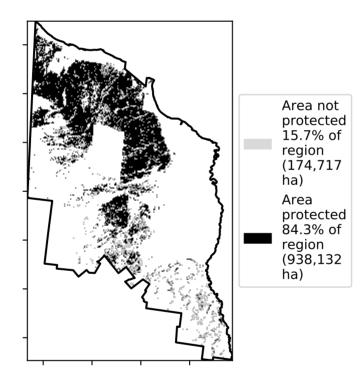
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#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

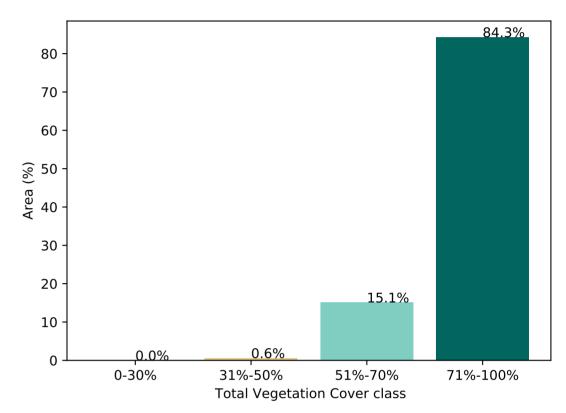




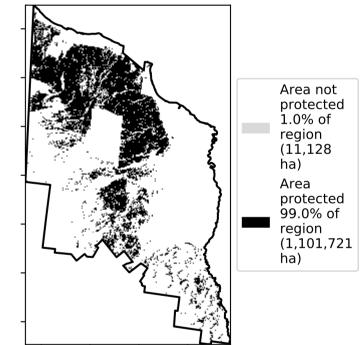
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

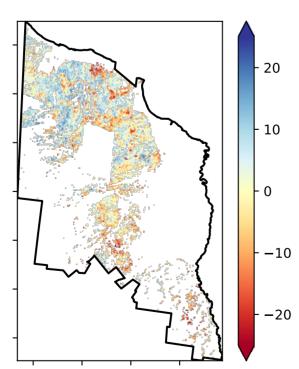


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

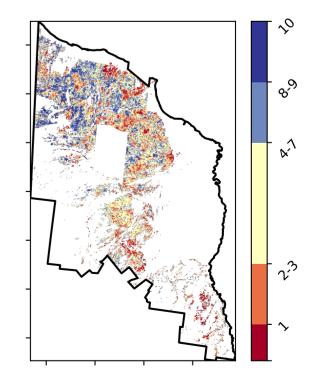


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map from 2001 to 2019.



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





Deciles show where the

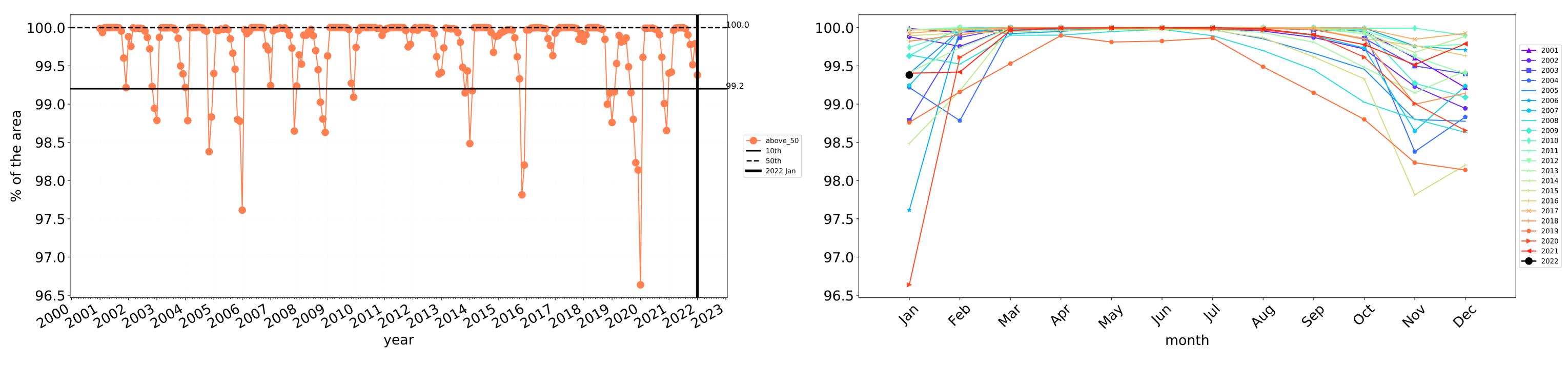
pixel value lies in the

in the lowest 10% of

records for that month of

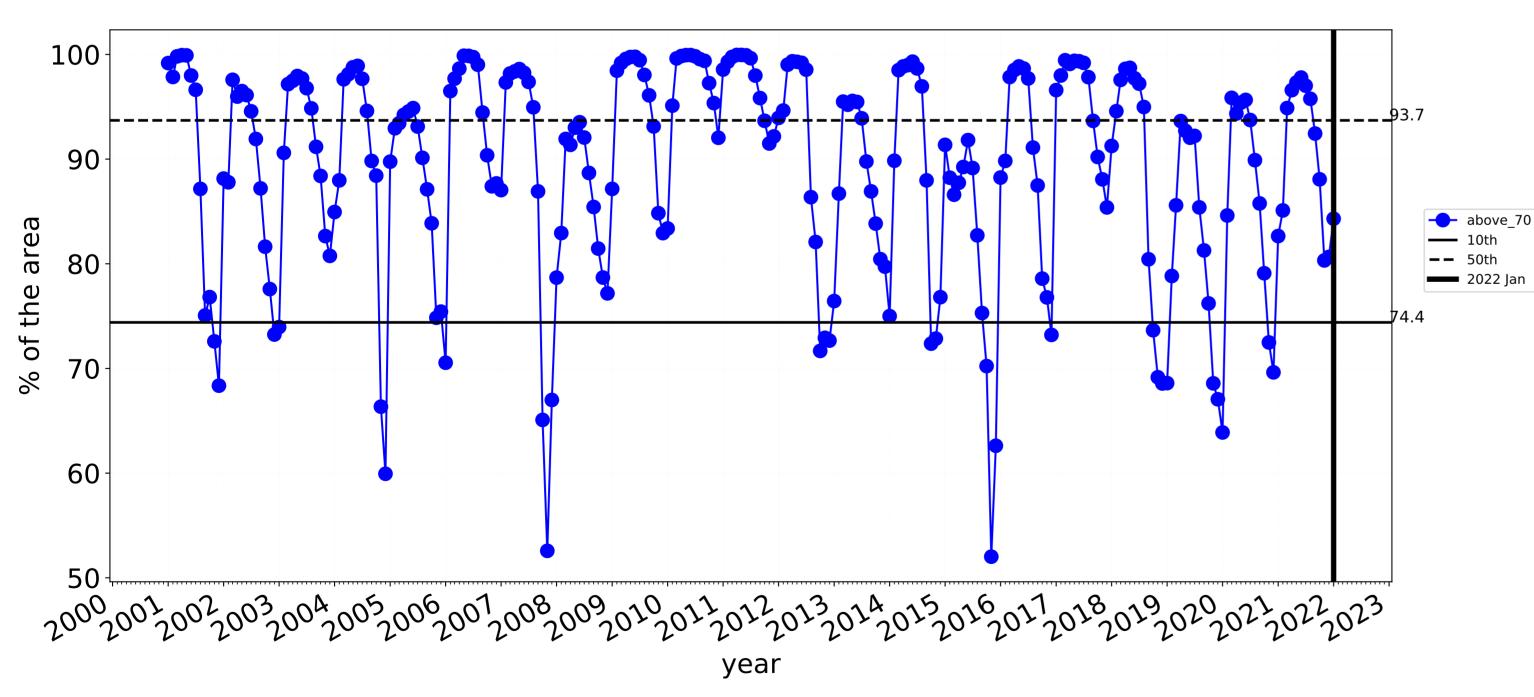
the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

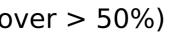
record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are



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

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

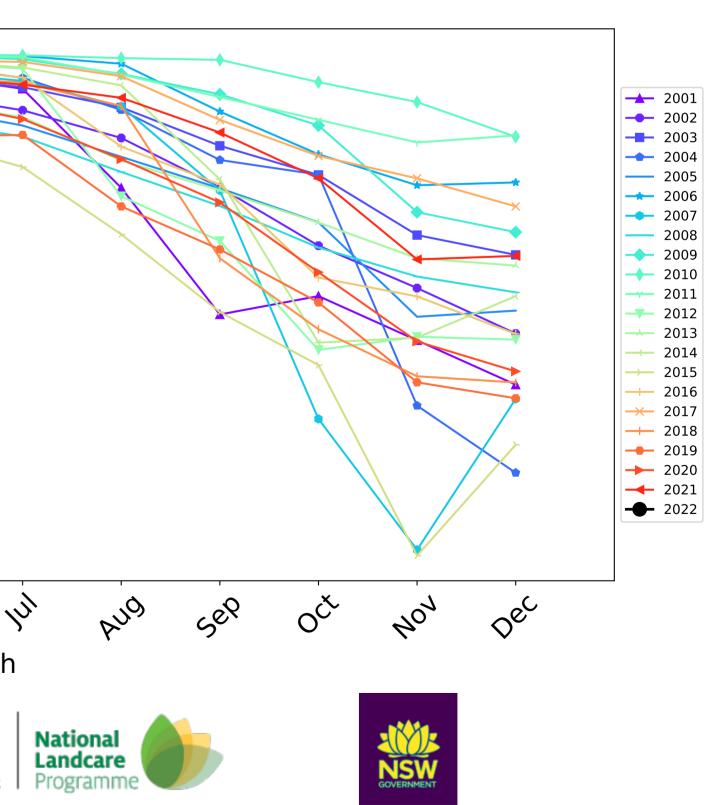




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



# Burke\_(S) (3,854,375 ha and no data 113,466 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	3,854,375	98.9% 3,811,250	93.1% 3,589,100	61.8% 2,383,125	36.5% 1,405,150	14.9% 574,400	6.7% 257,625
Conservation and natural environments	210,975	99.8% 210,550	96.8% 204,125	62.7% 132,300	31.3% 66,125	12.3% 26,000	5.6% 11,875
Conservation and natural environments non forest	184,500	99.8% 184,075	96.3% 177,650	58.3% 107,600	24.5% 45,150	8.7% 16,050	4.9% 9,000
Agriculture	3,265,375	99.3% 3,241,175	93.3% 3,047,525	61.3% 2,002,375	35.5% 1,158,900	13.2% 431,950	4.9% 160,350
Grazing	3,265,125	99.3% 3,240,925	93.3% 3,047,375	61.3% 2,002,300	35.5% 1,158,850	13.2% 431,925	4.9% 160,350
Grazing non forest	2,149,150	98.9% 2,125,075	90.2% 1,938,400	49.4% 1,061,925	21.8% 469,475	5.8% 125,375	2.1% 45,575
Grazing Woodland forest	1,112,850	100.0% 1,112,725	99.4% 1,105,950	84.3% 938,200	61.9% 688,500	27.5% 306,325	10.3% 114,675

