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

# **Date: February 2024**

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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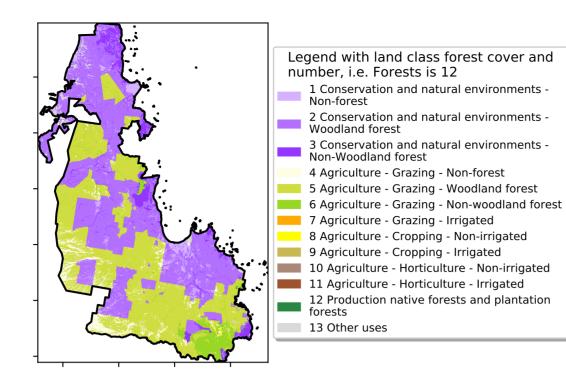


# **Vegetation Cover Feb 2024**

#### Land use and forest cover

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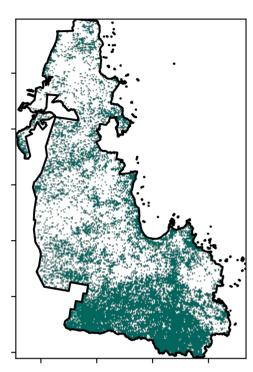
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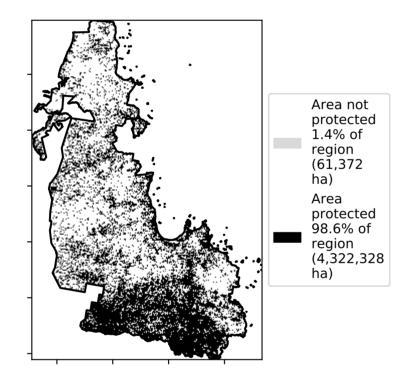
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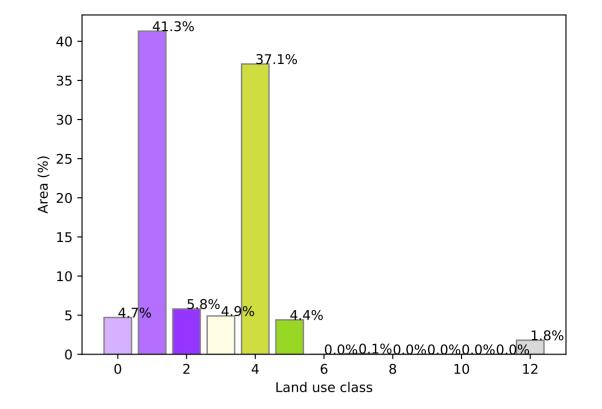
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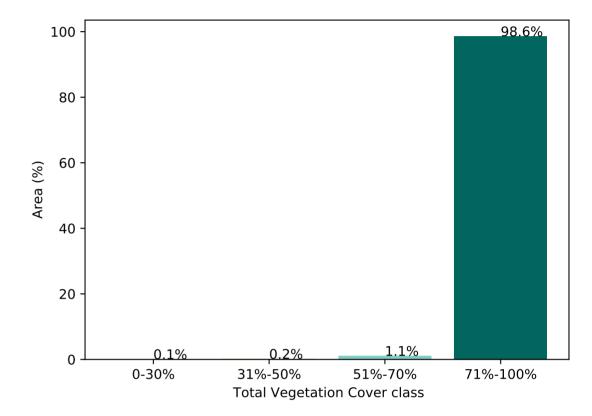


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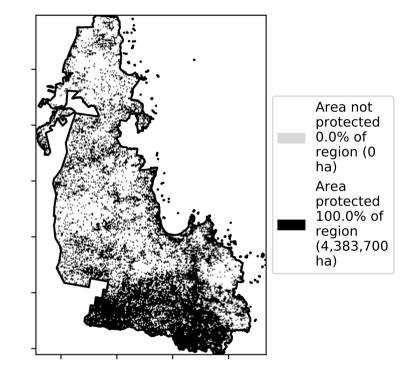




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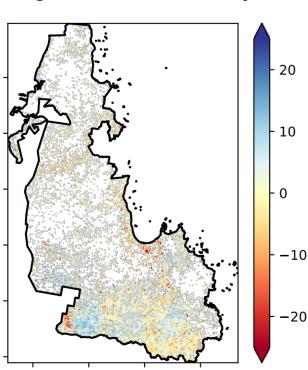


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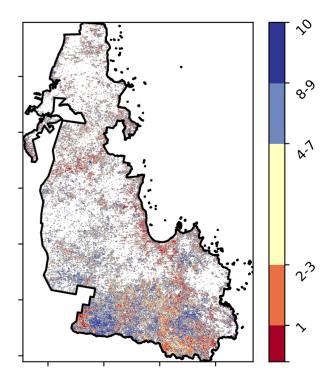


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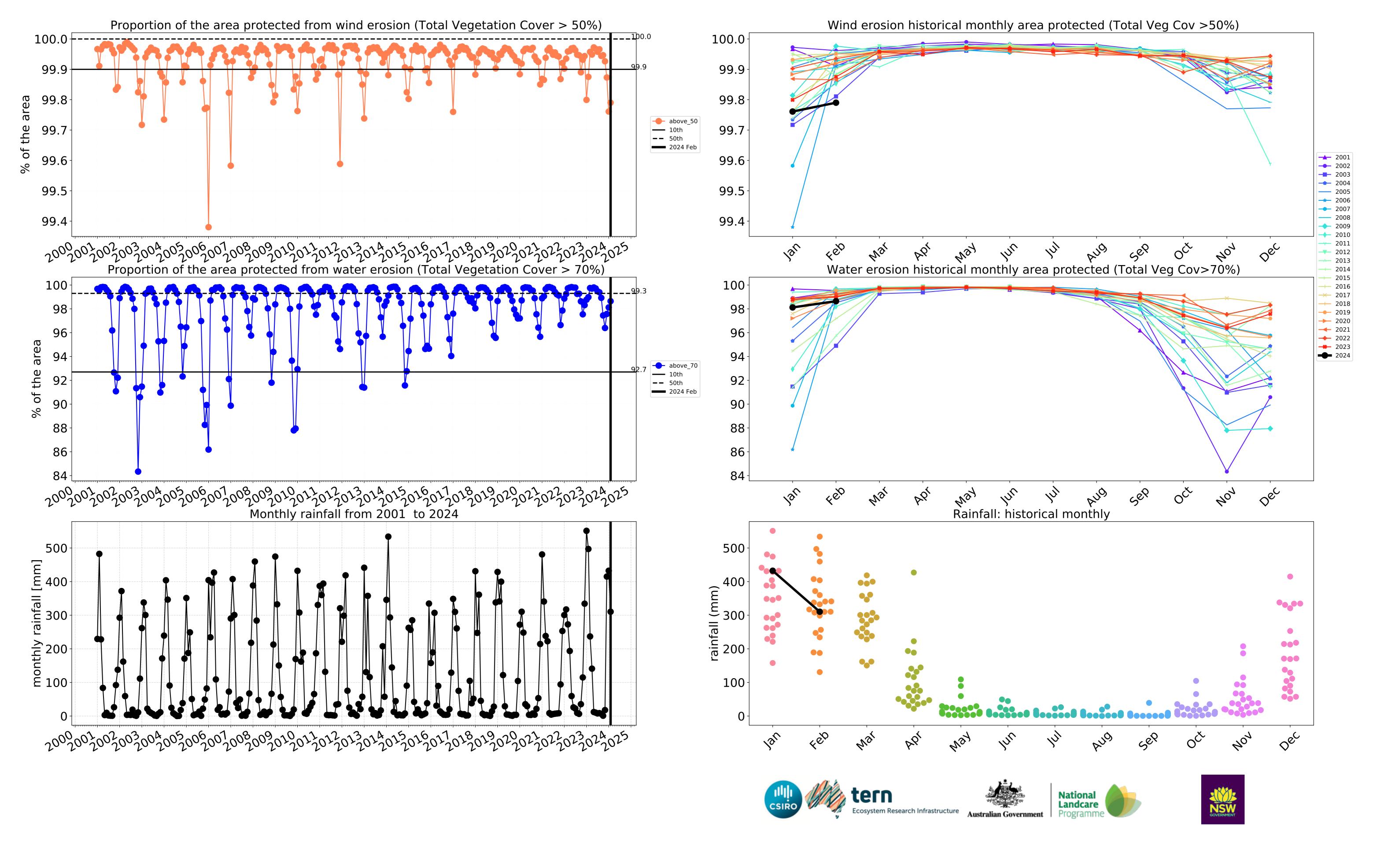
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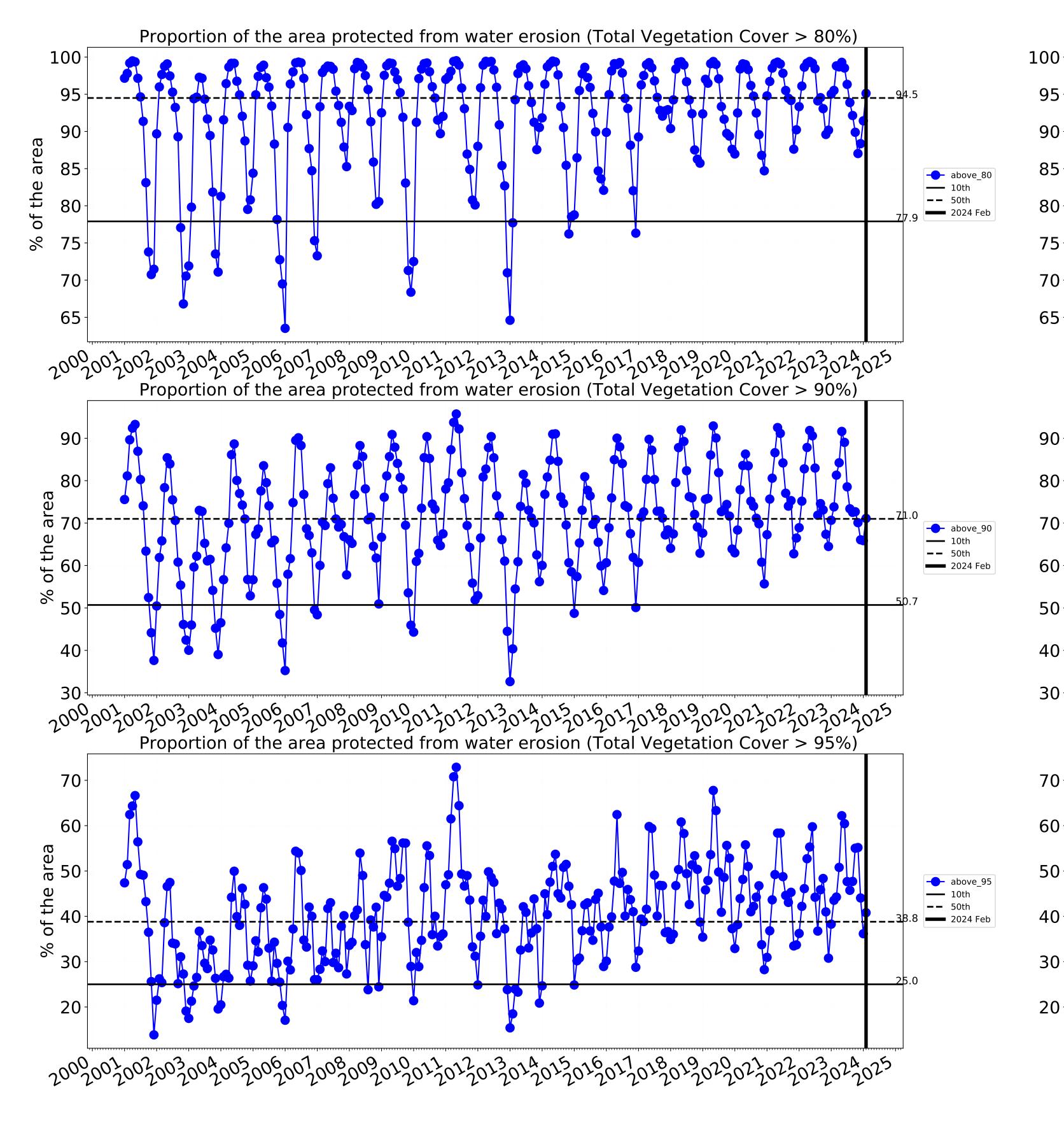


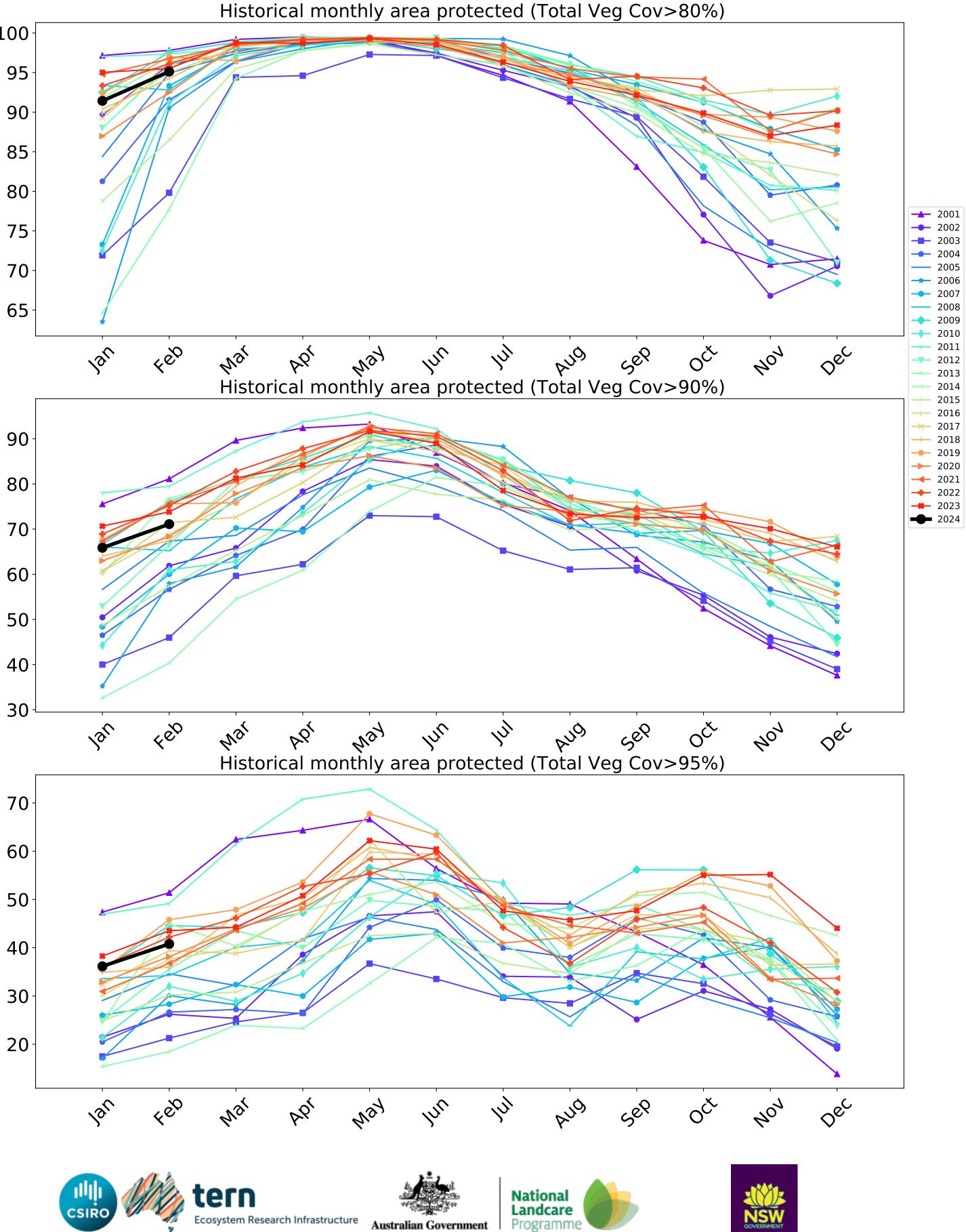
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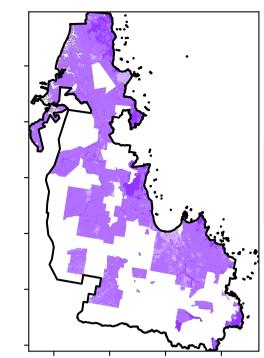






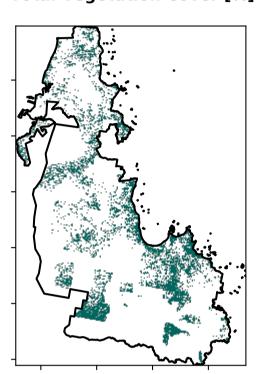
### **Conservation and natural environments**

### Land use and forest cover

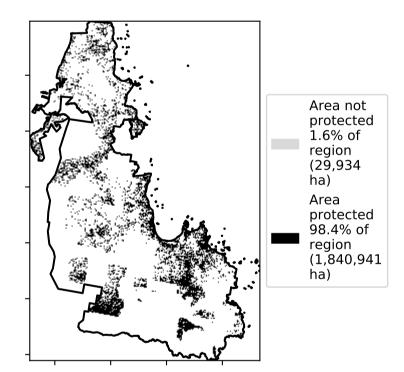


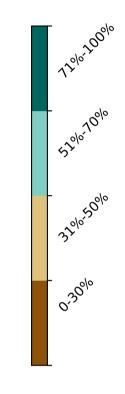
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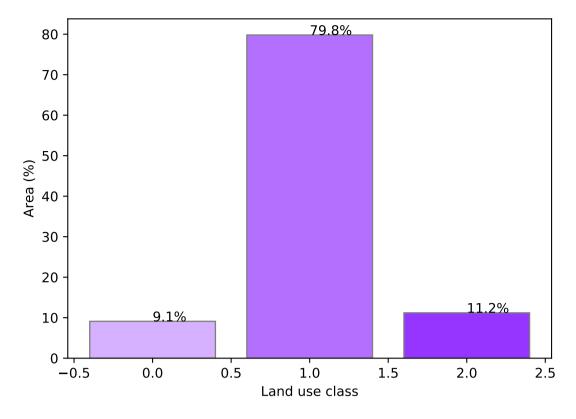




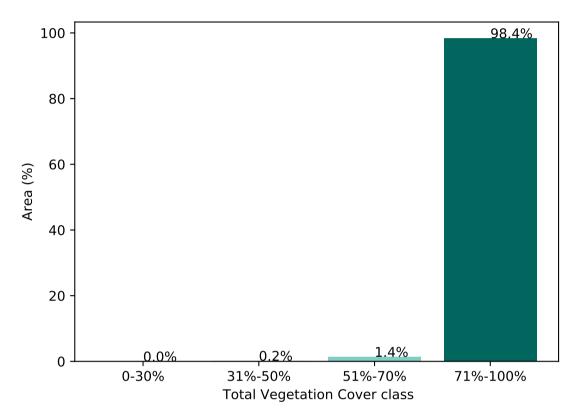




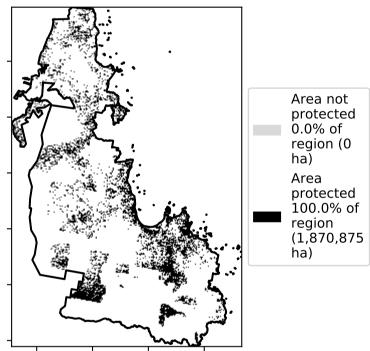
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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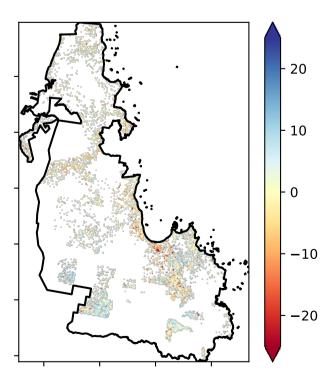
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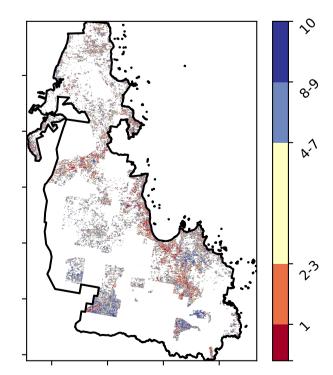
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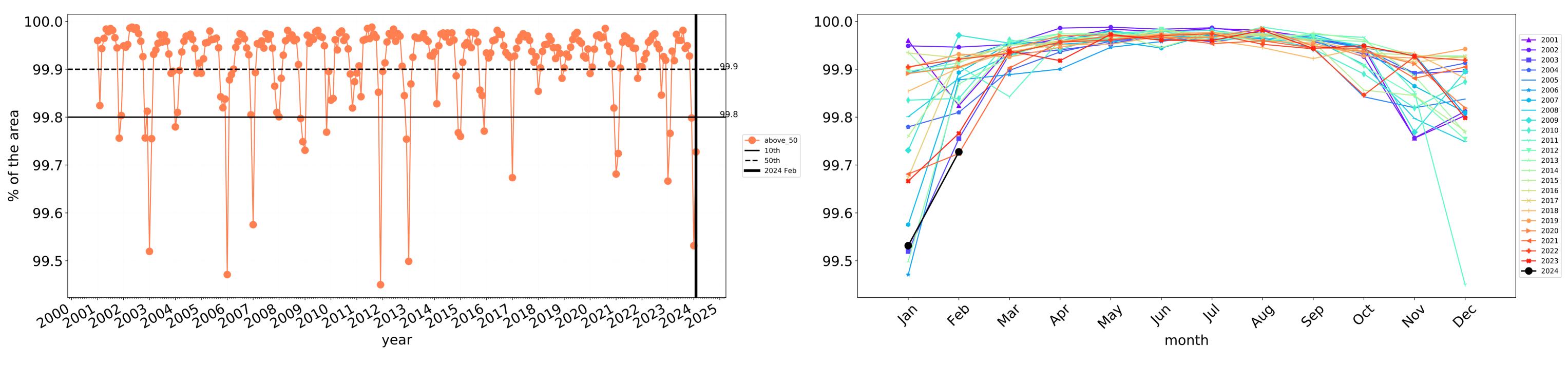
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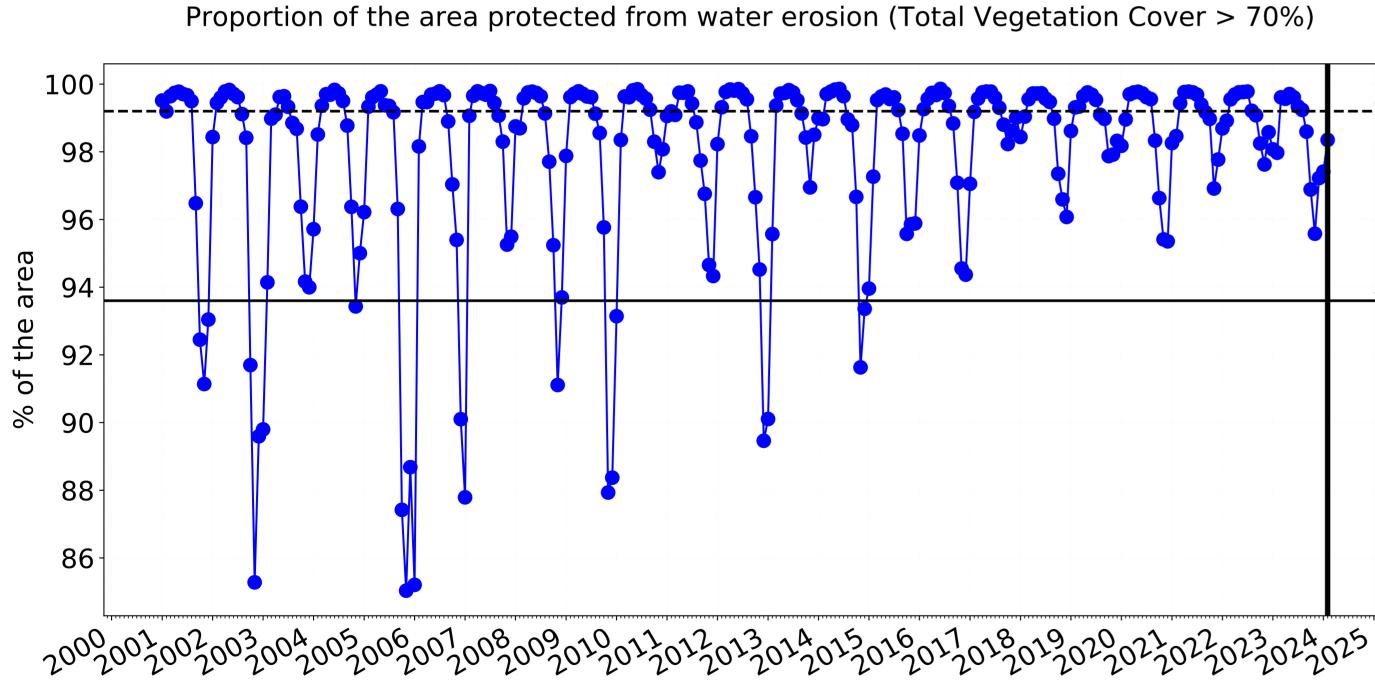
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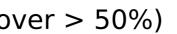




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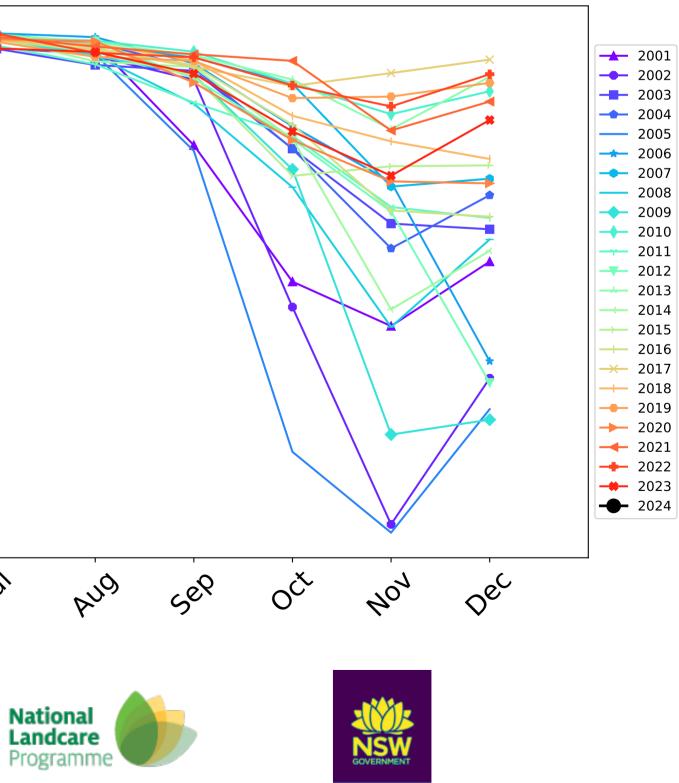
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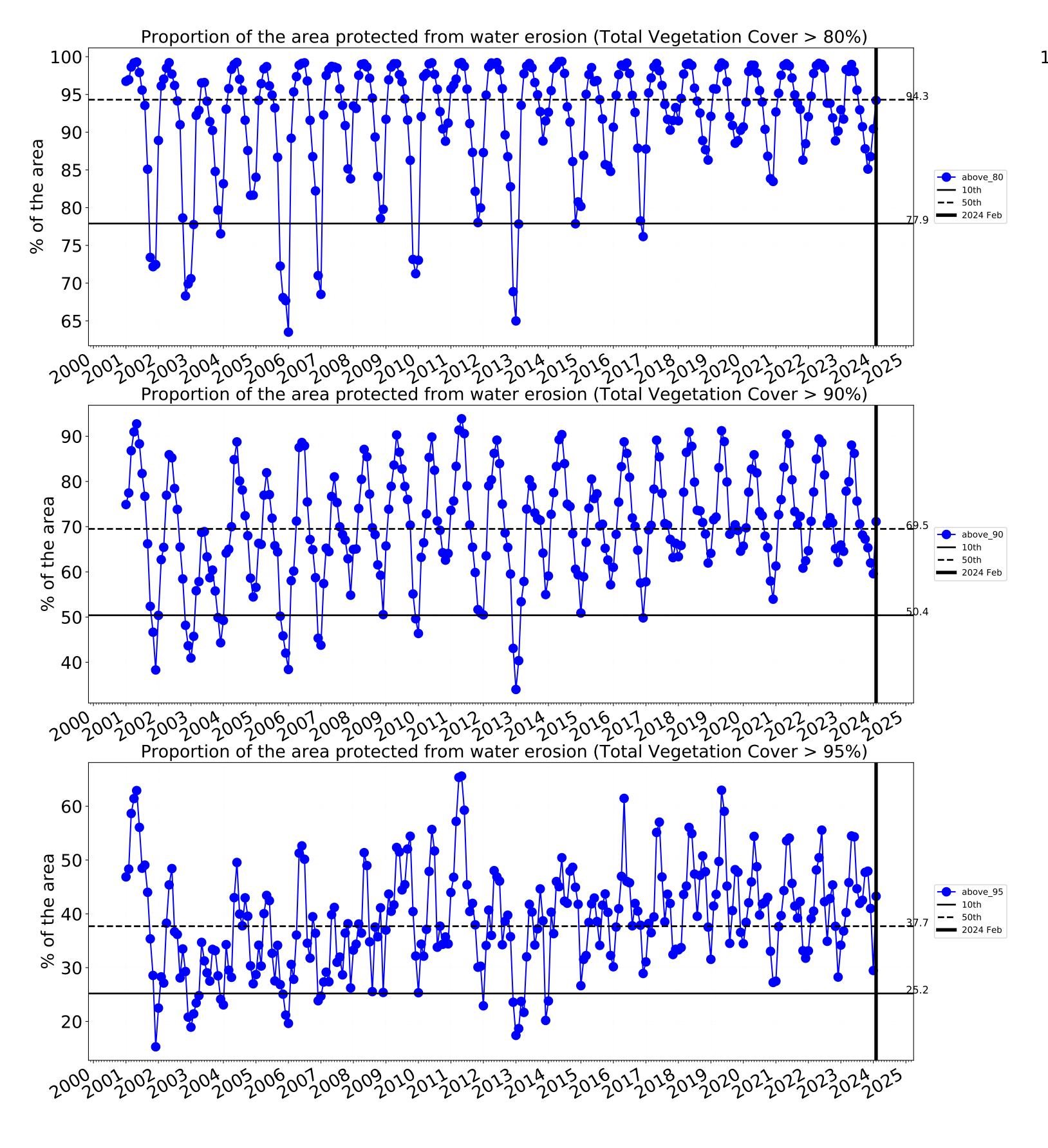


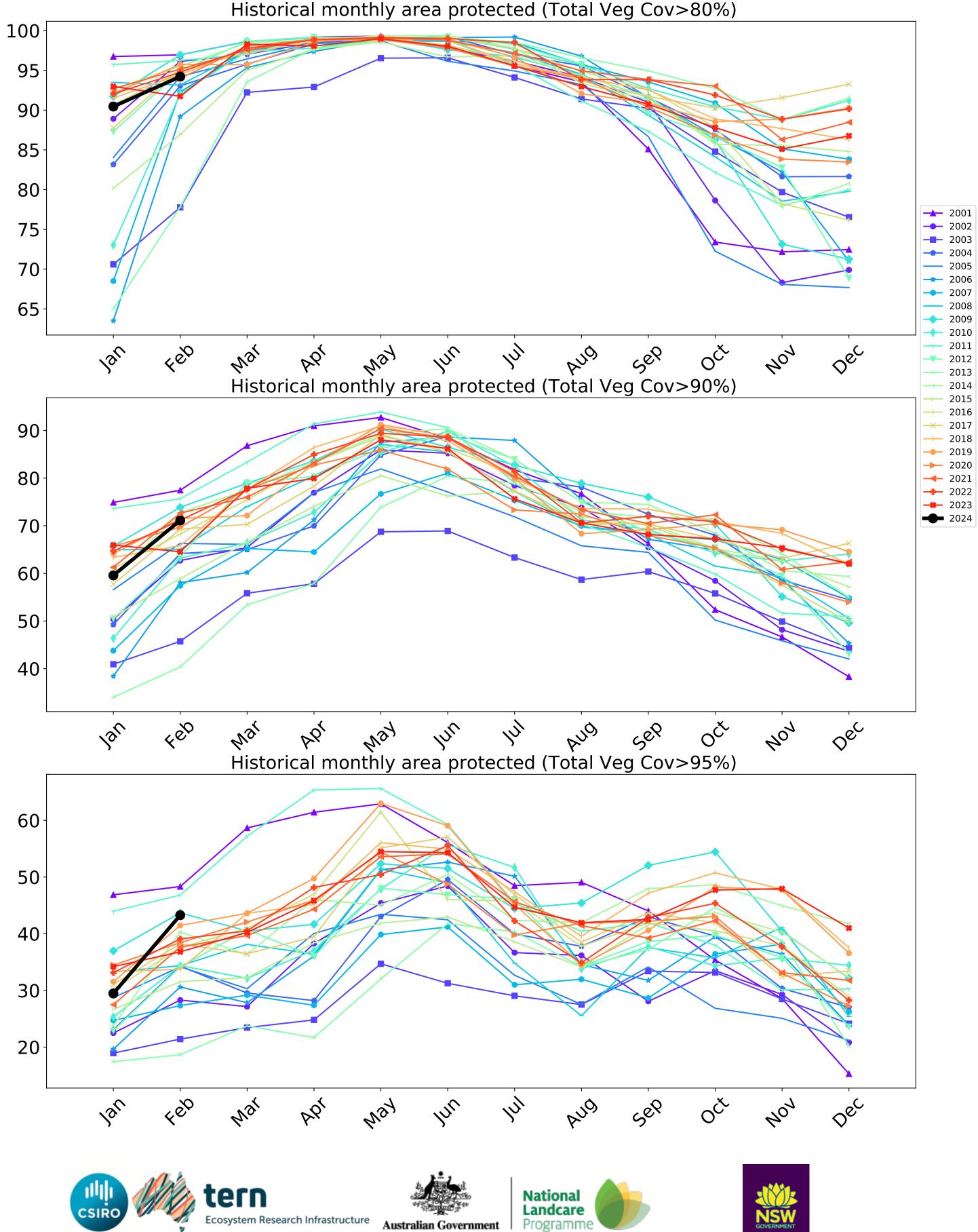
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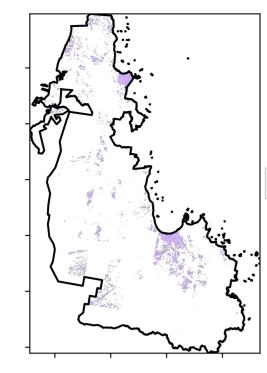






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Land use and forest cover



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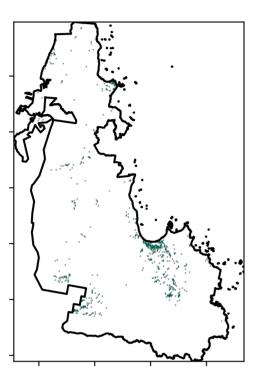
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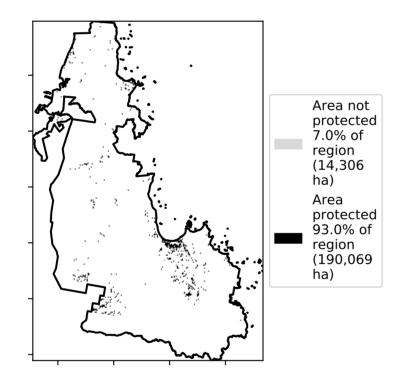
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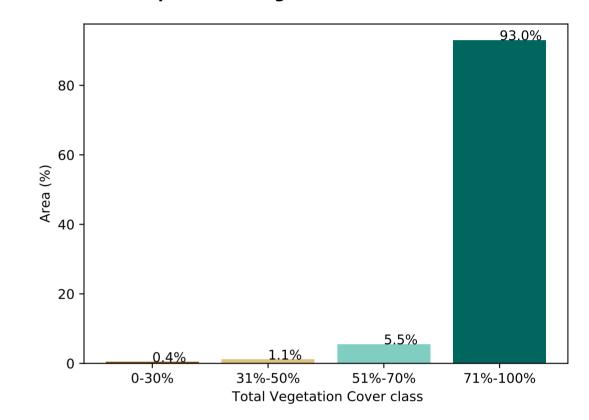
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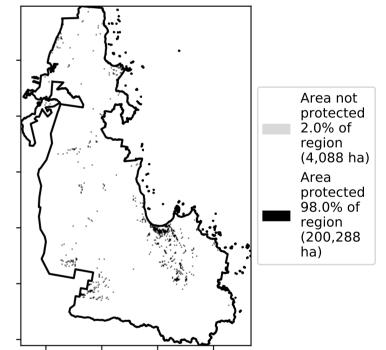




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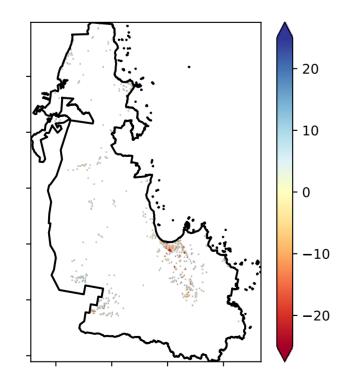
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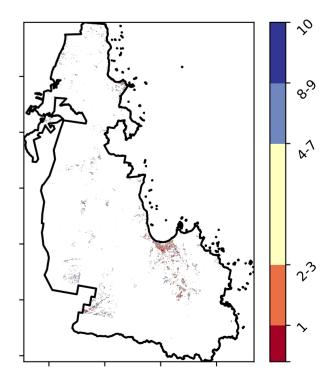
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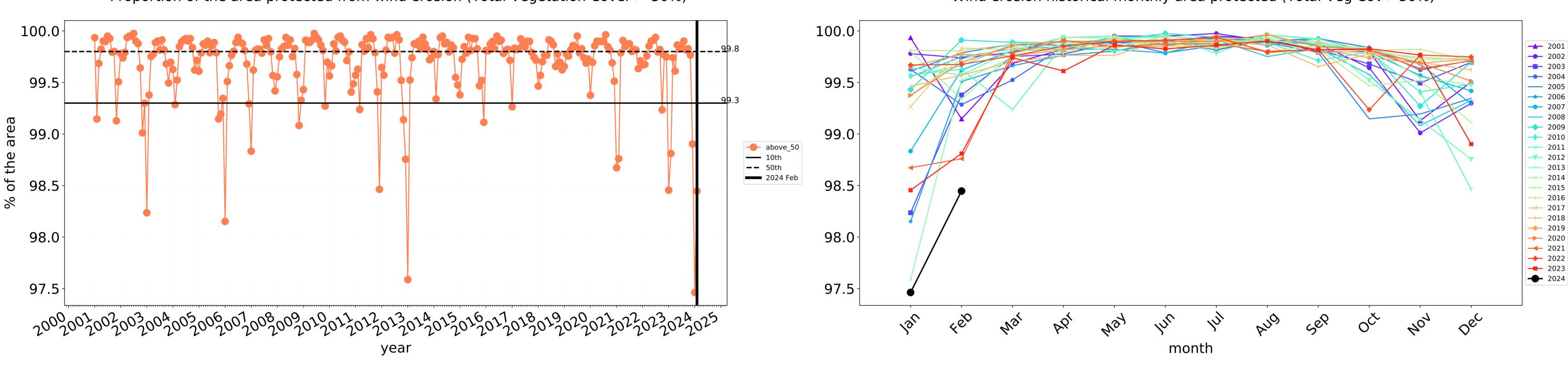


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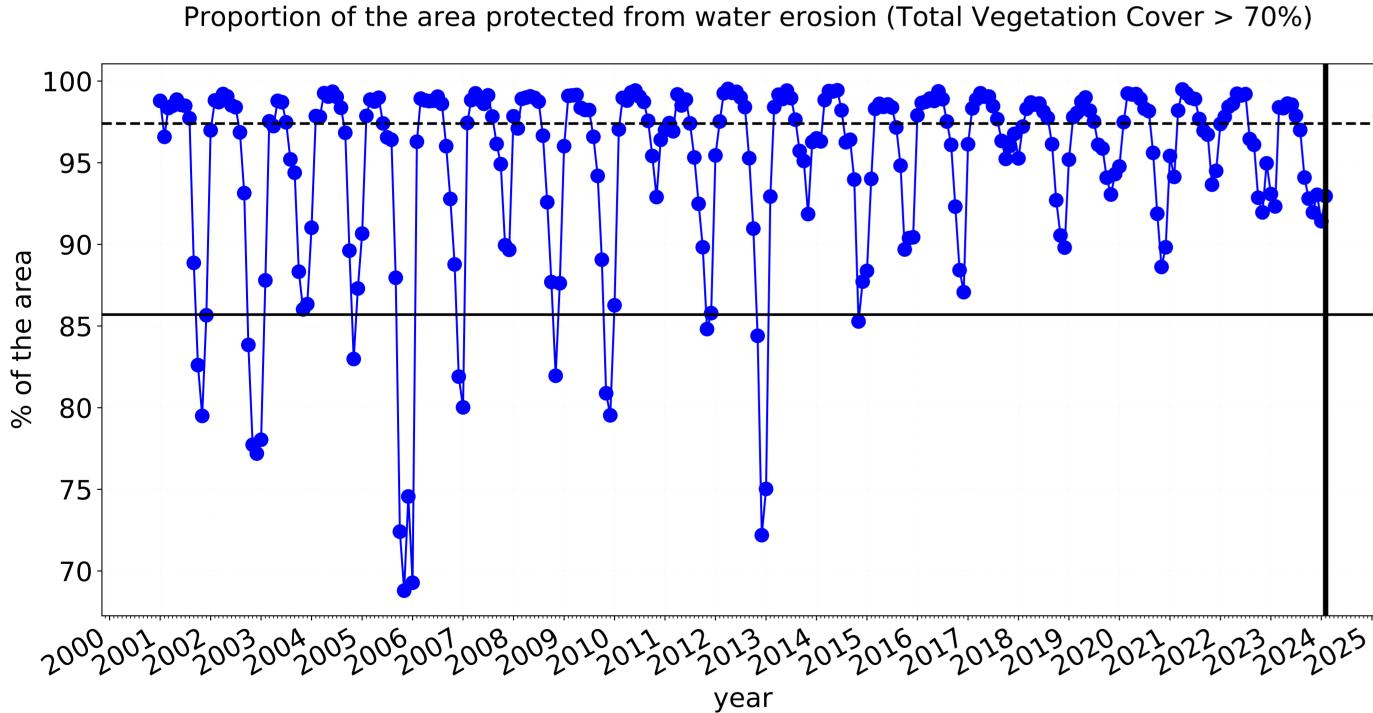




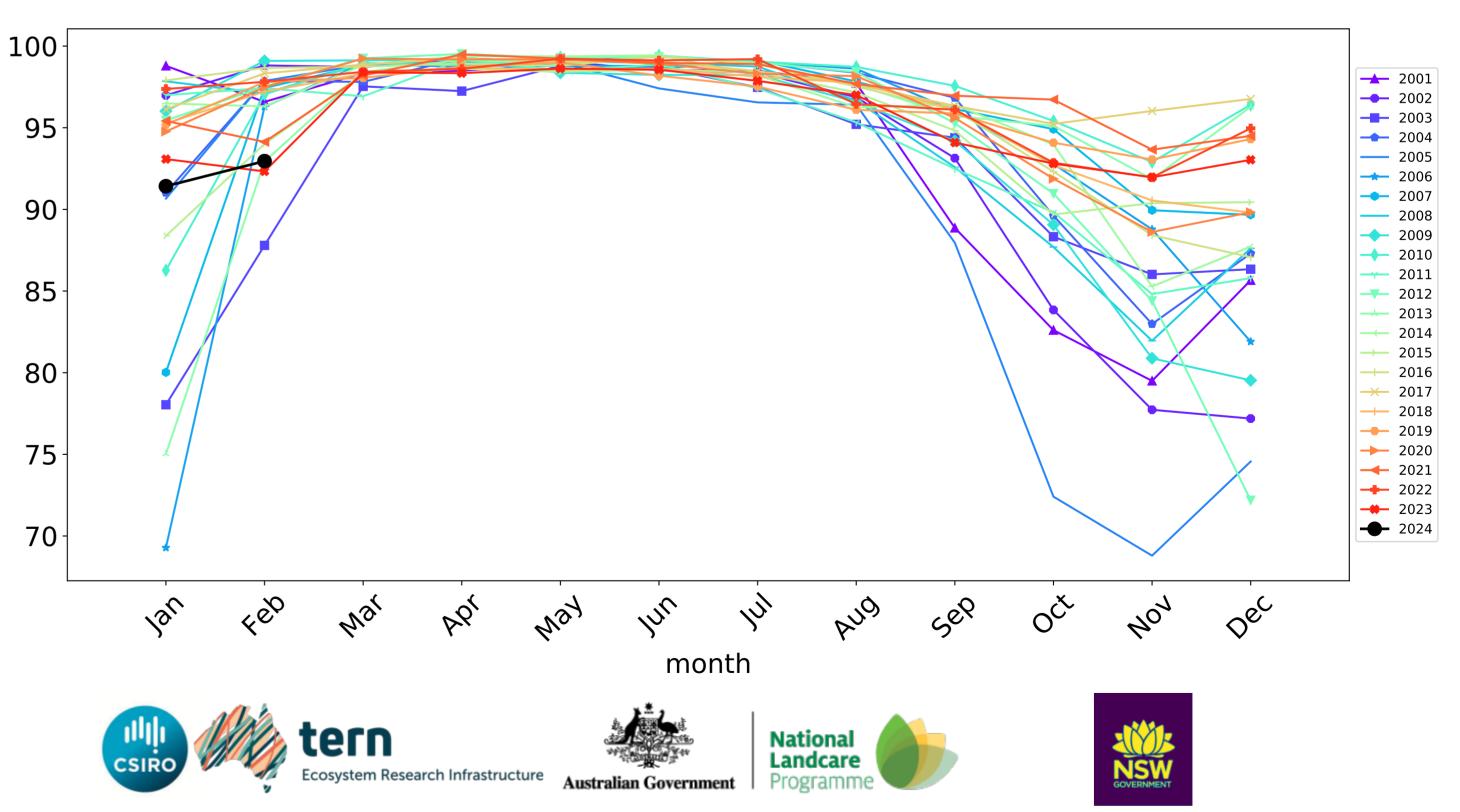




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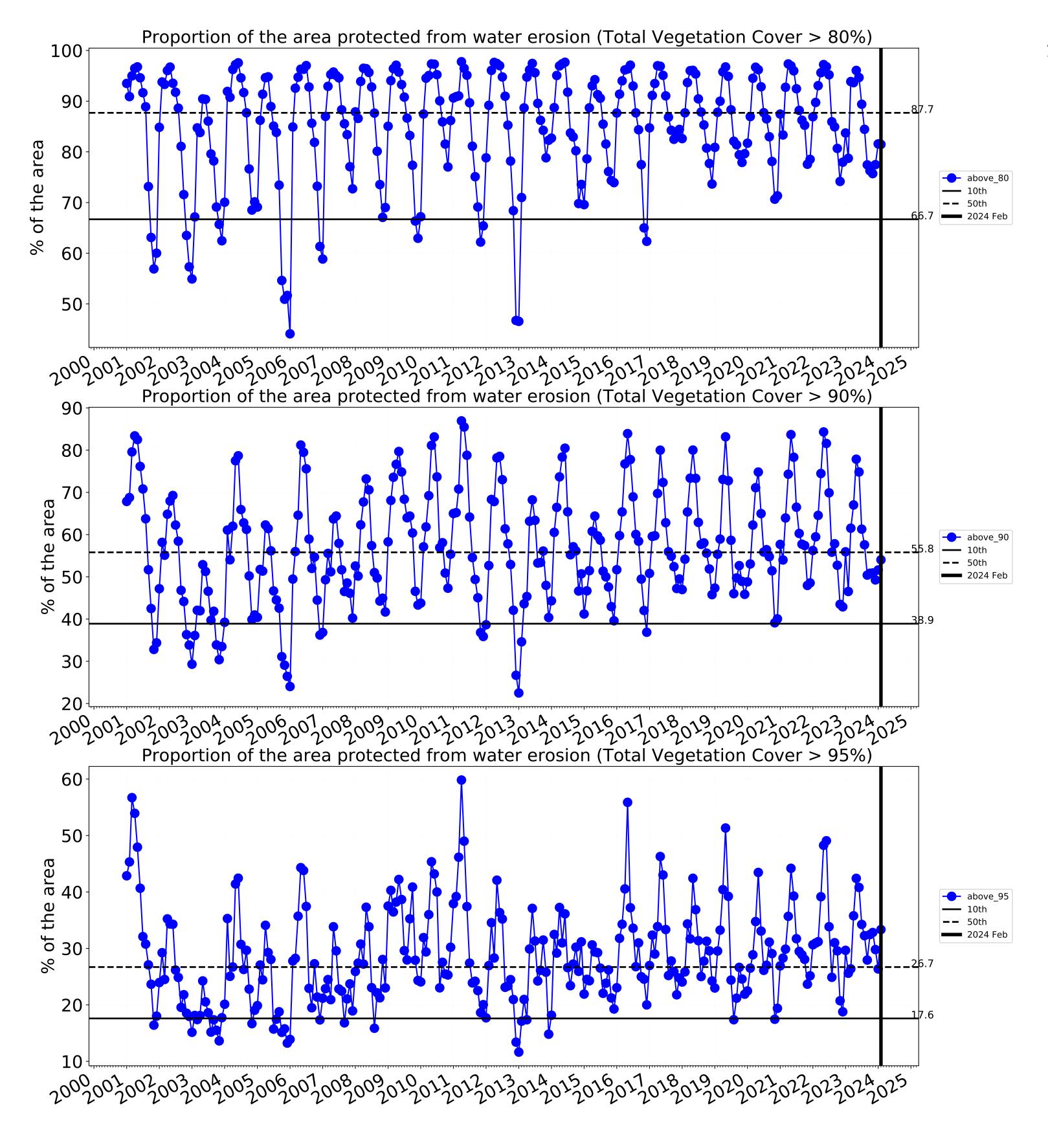


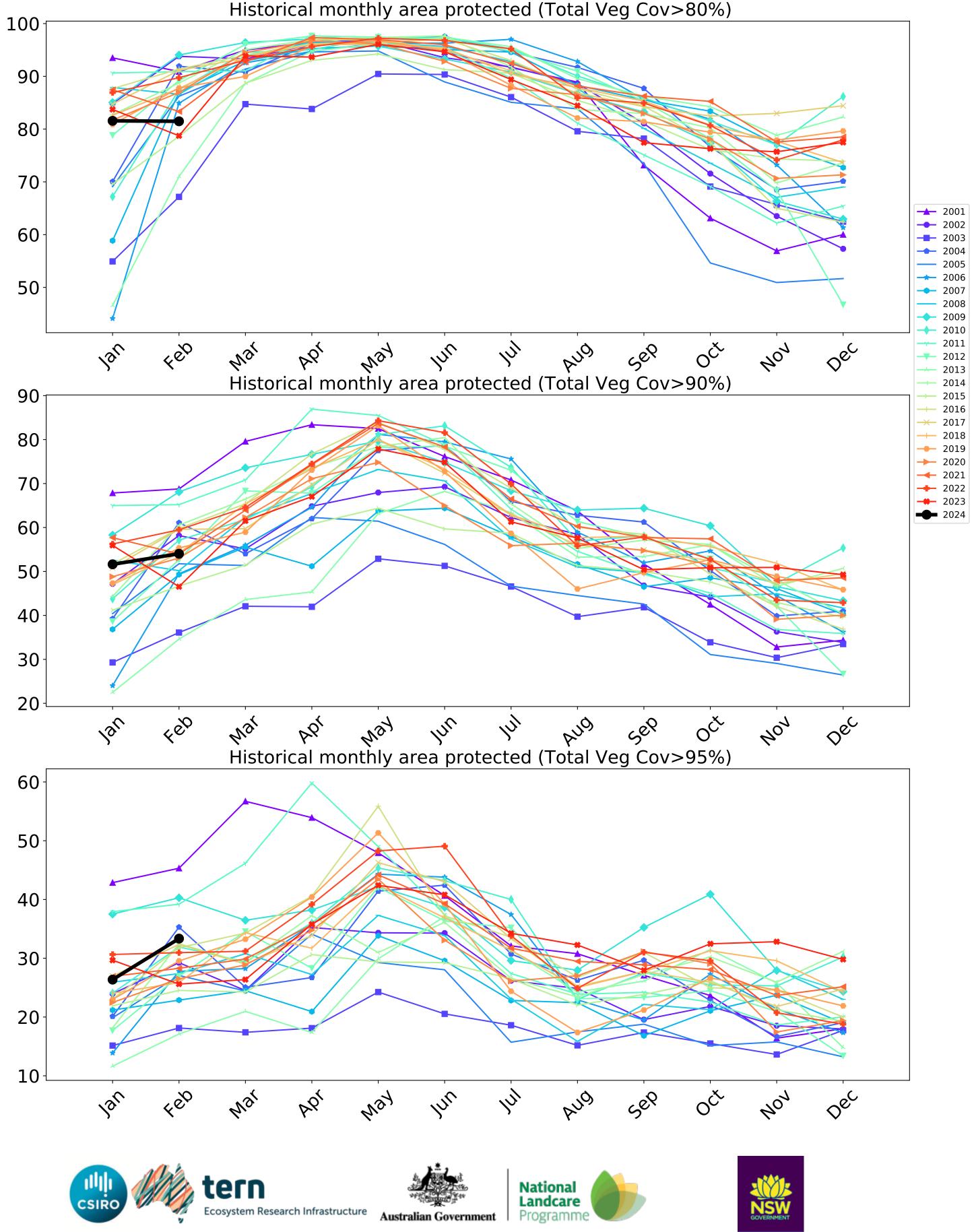
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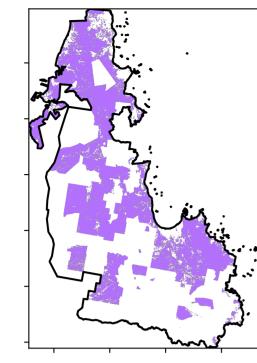
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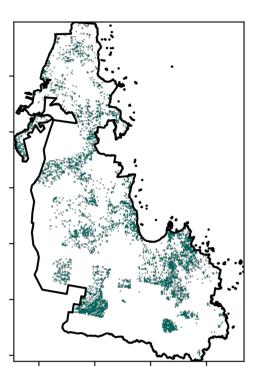
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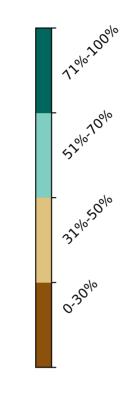
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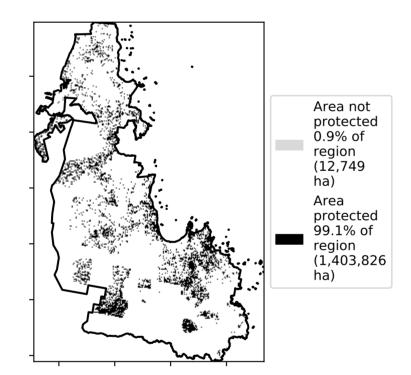
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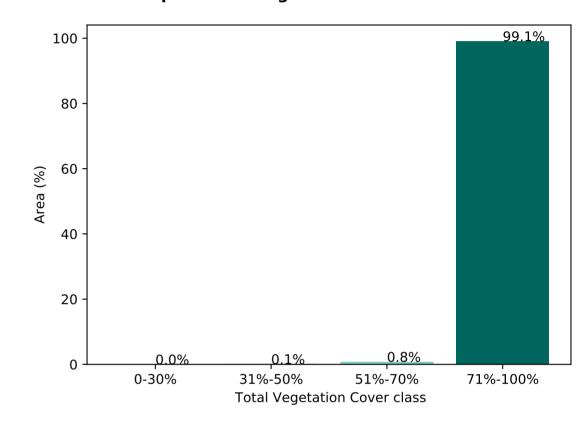




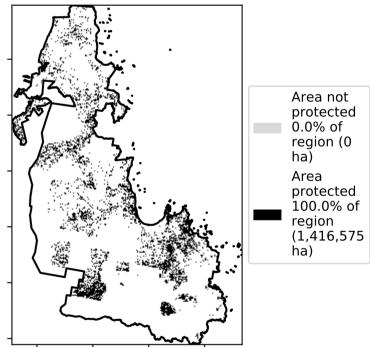
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



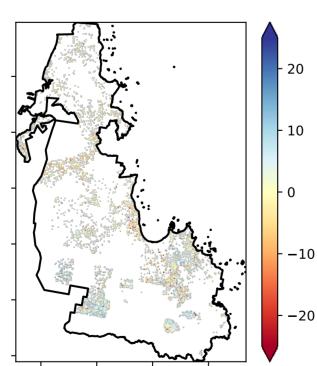
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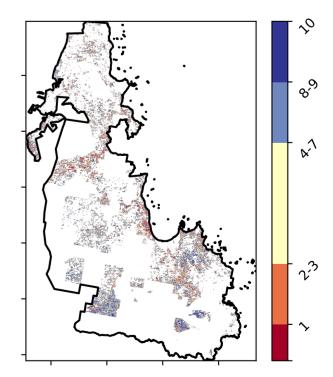
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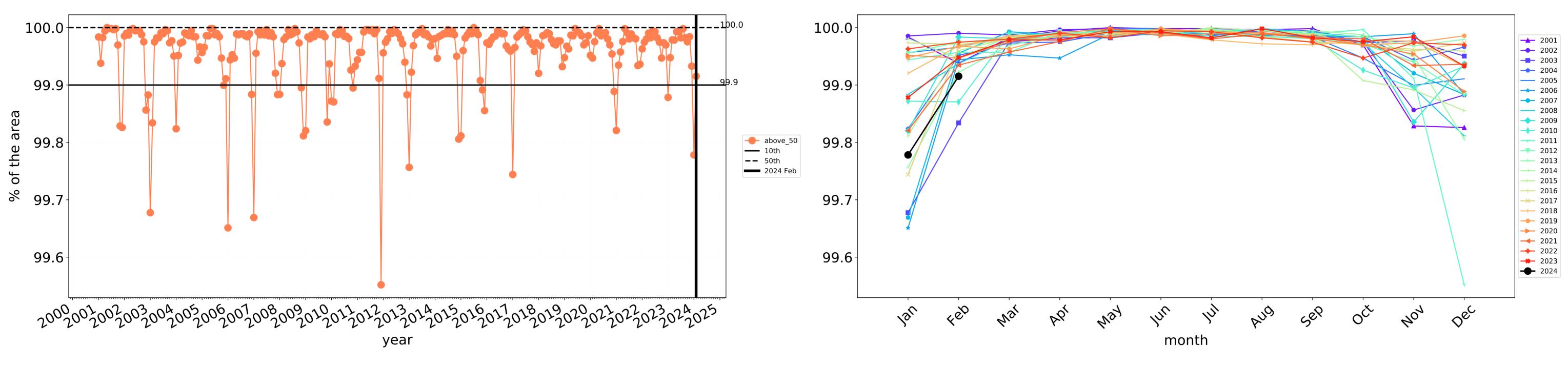
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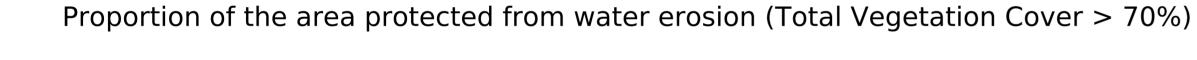
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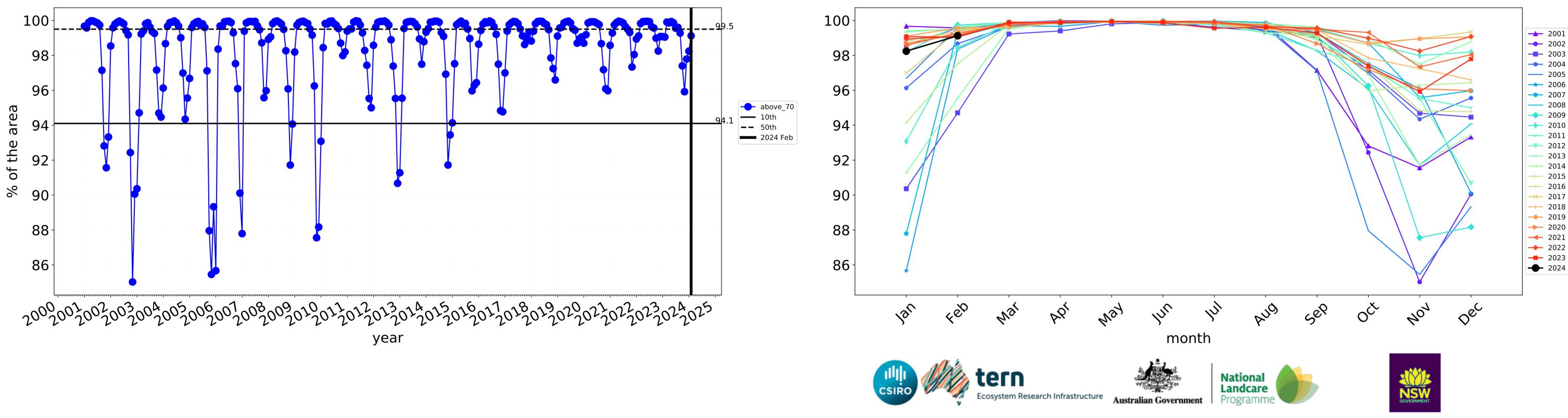






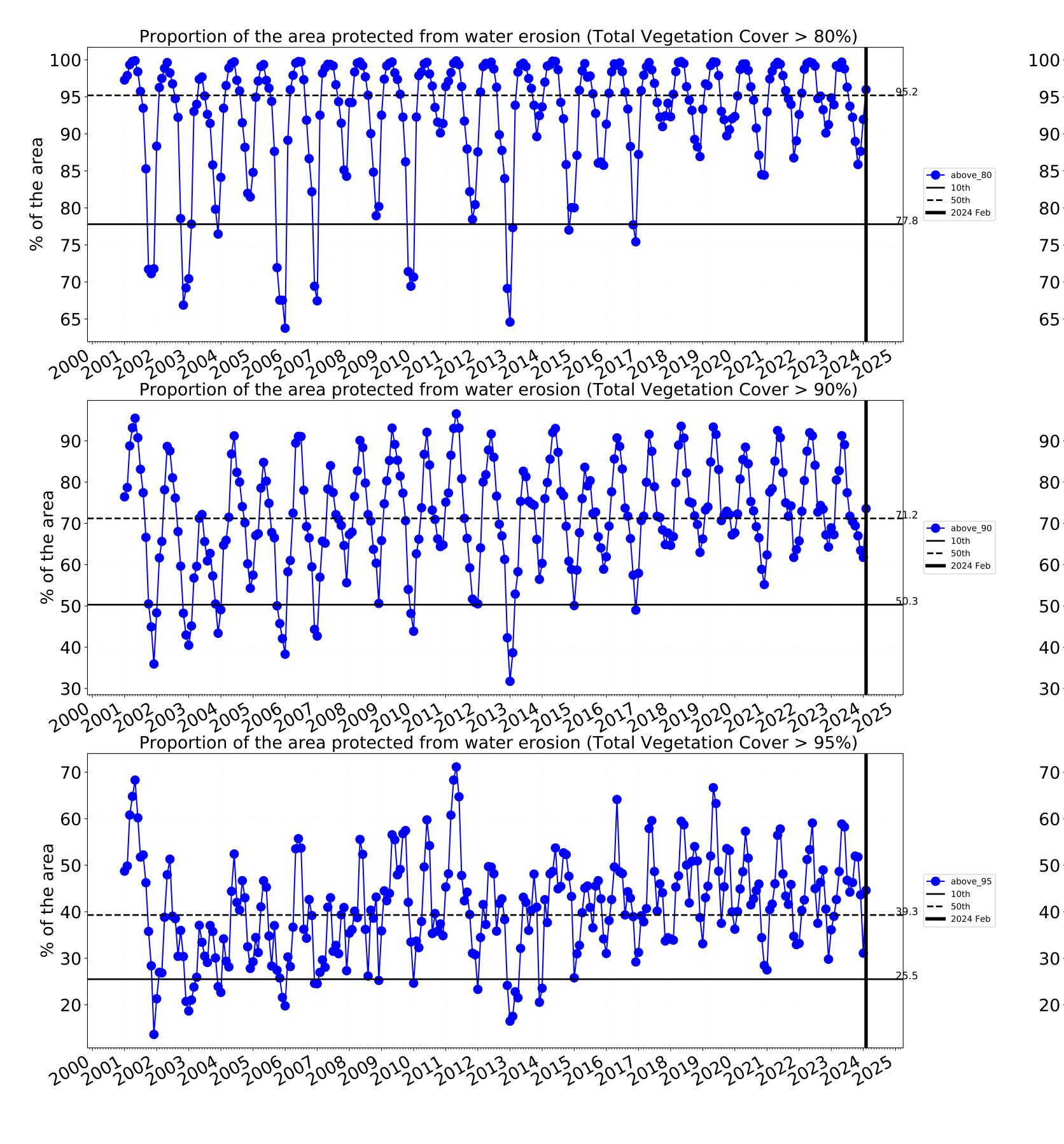
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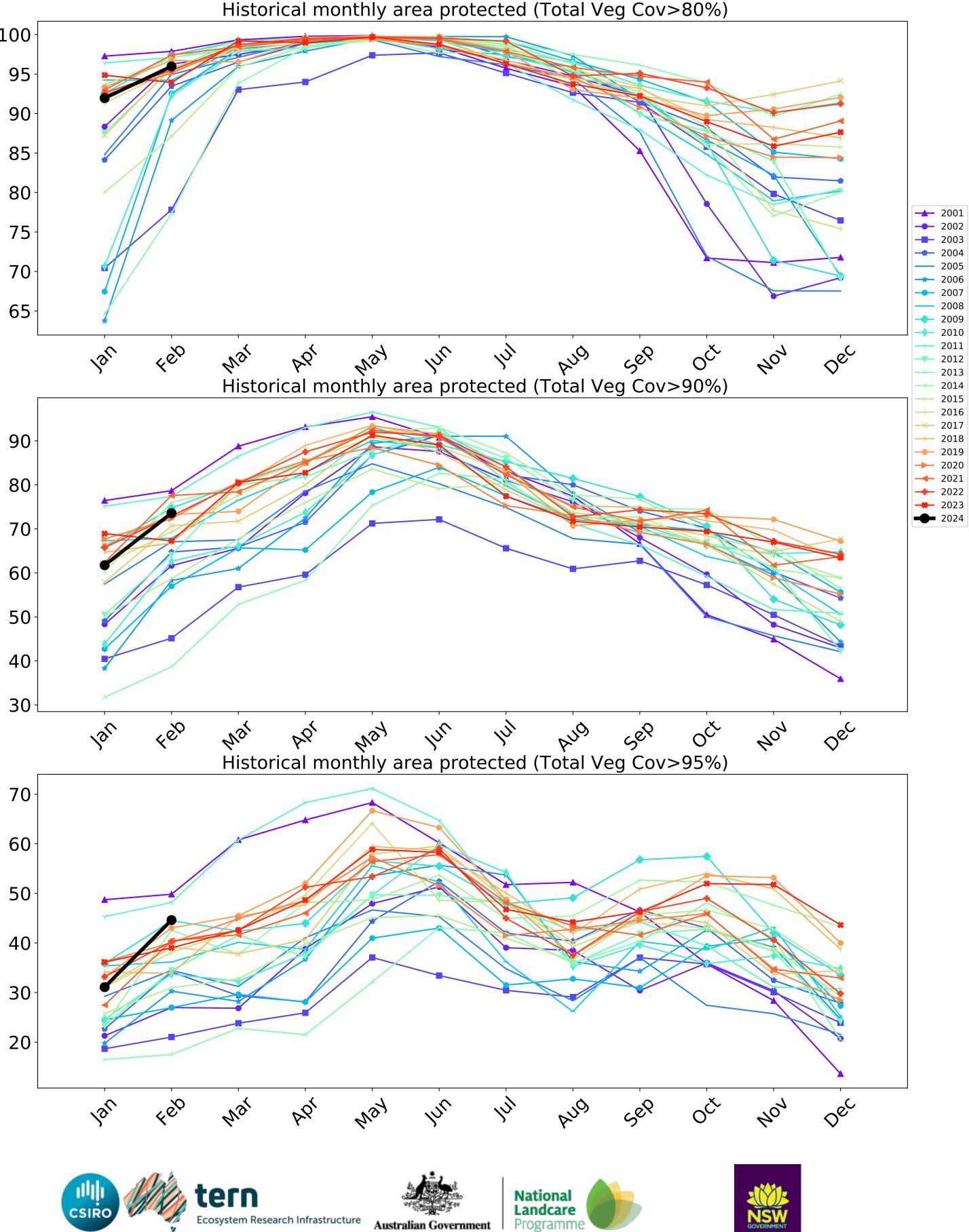




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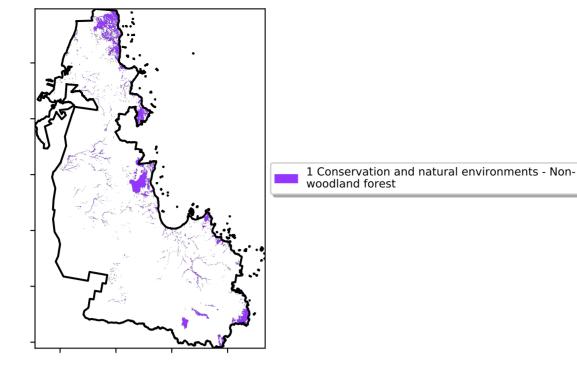




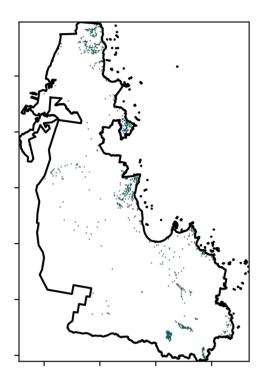
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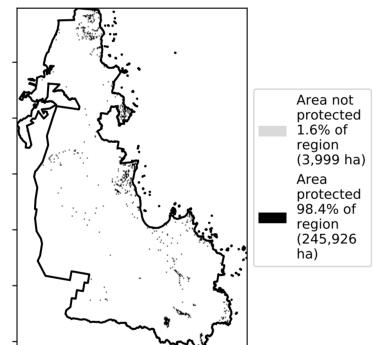
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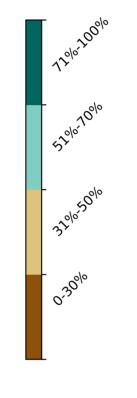


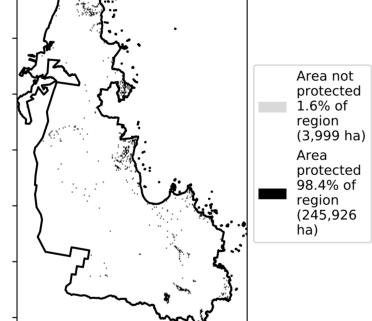
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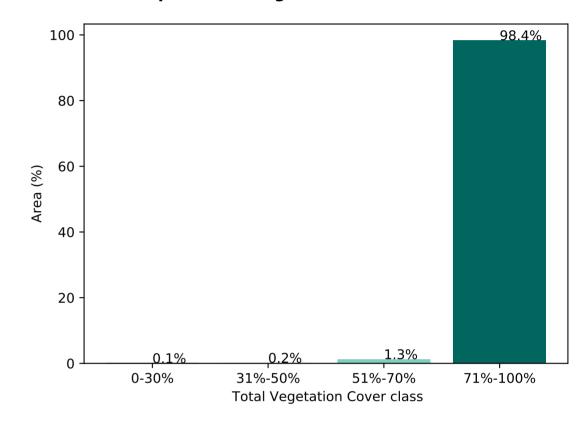
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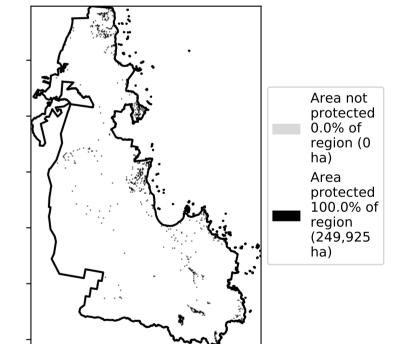




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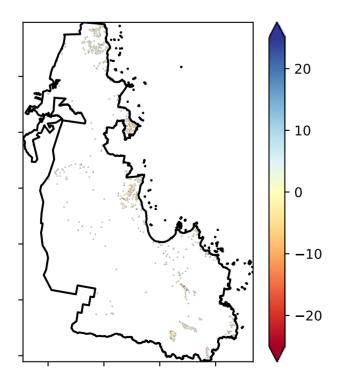


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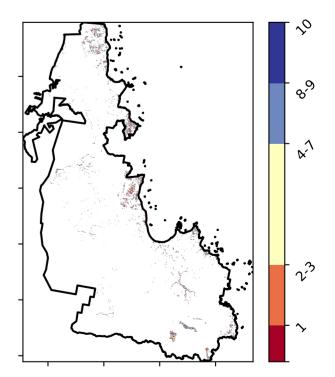
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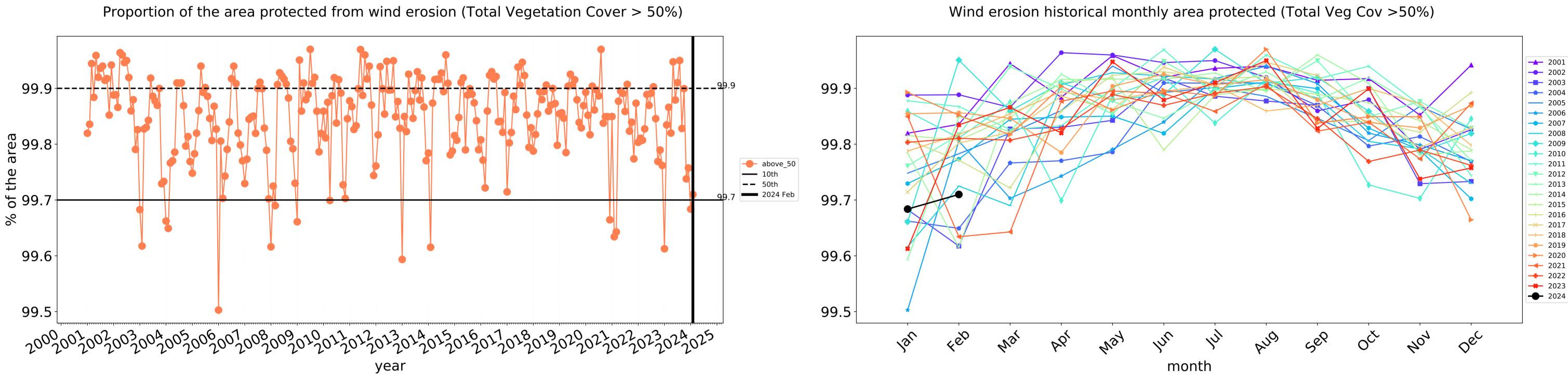


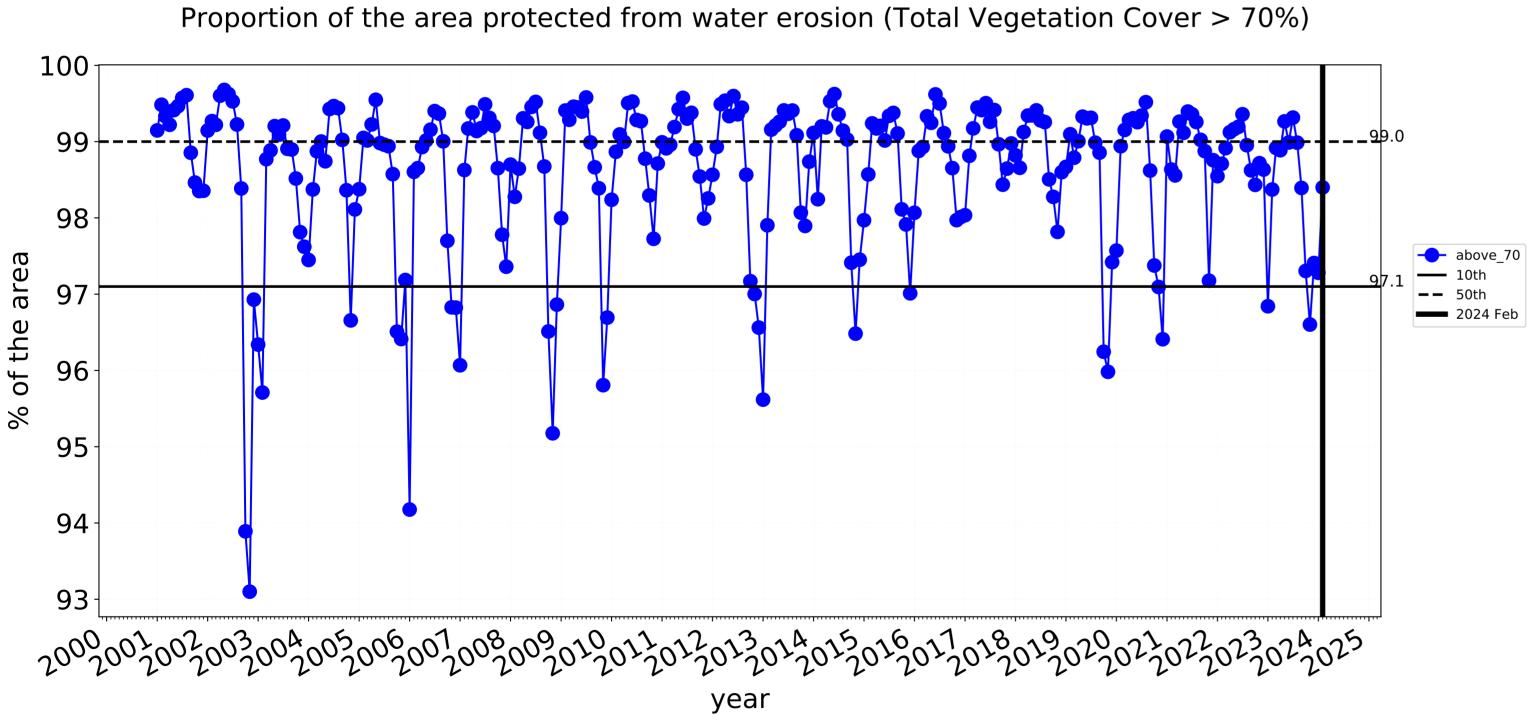
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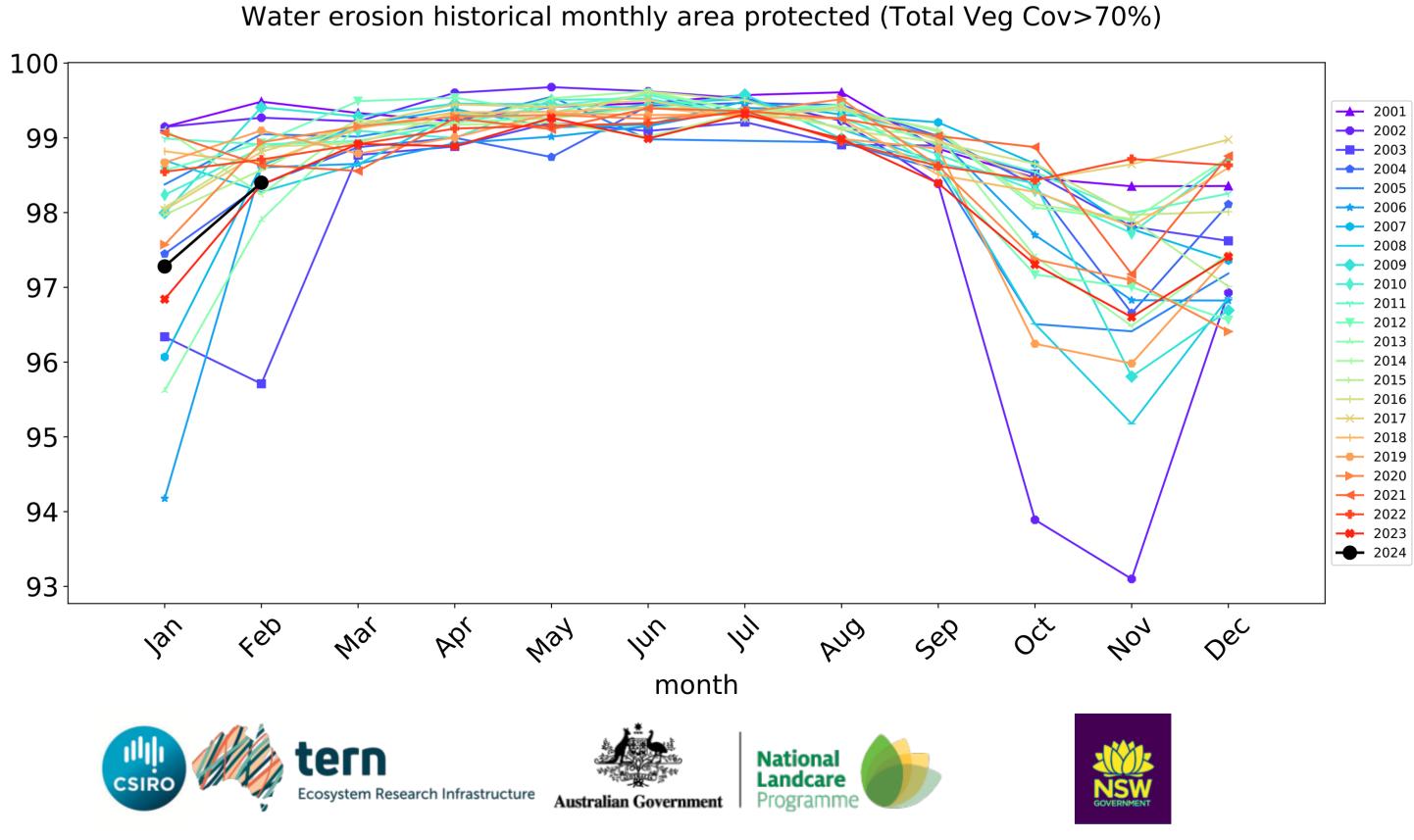
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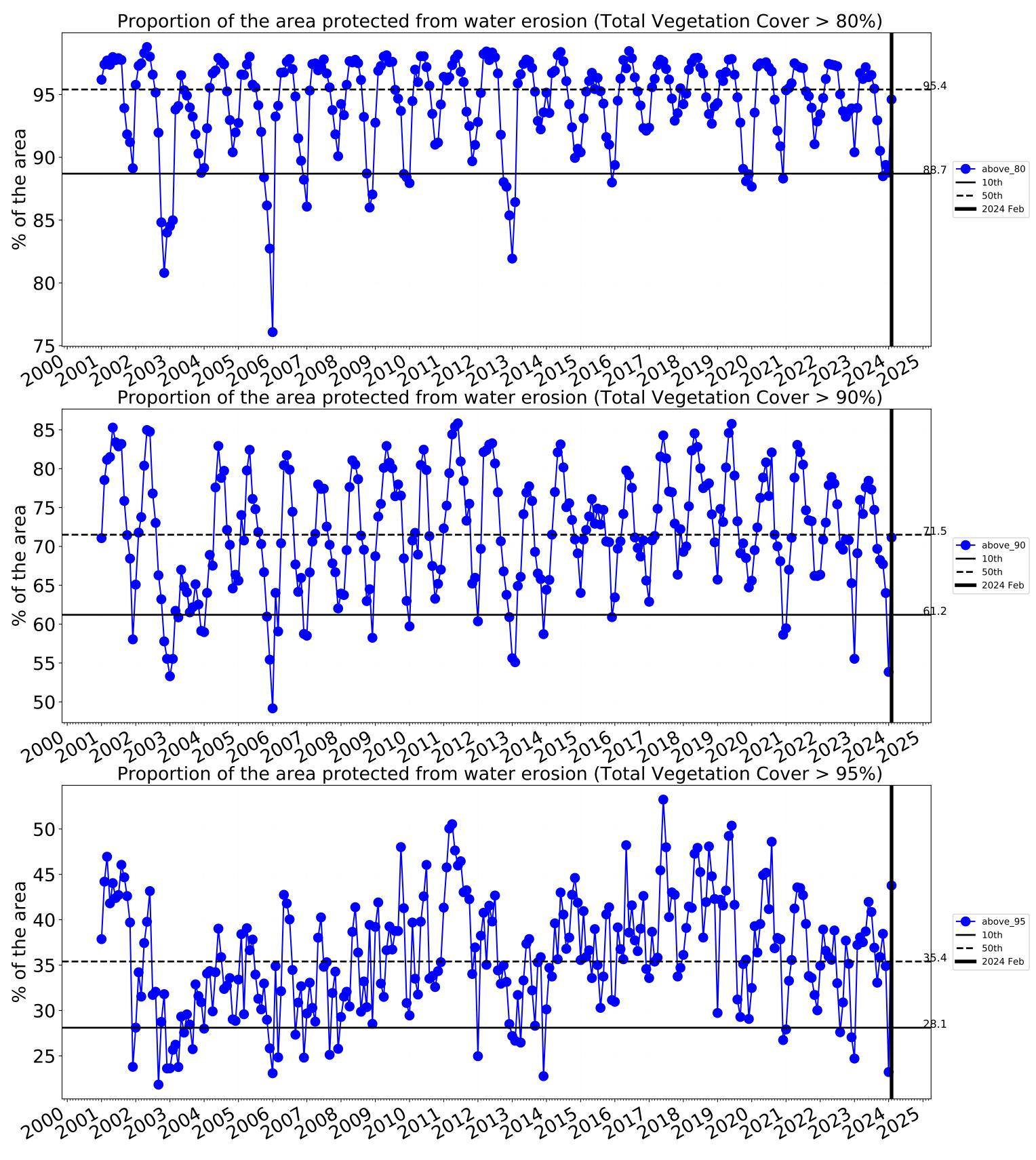


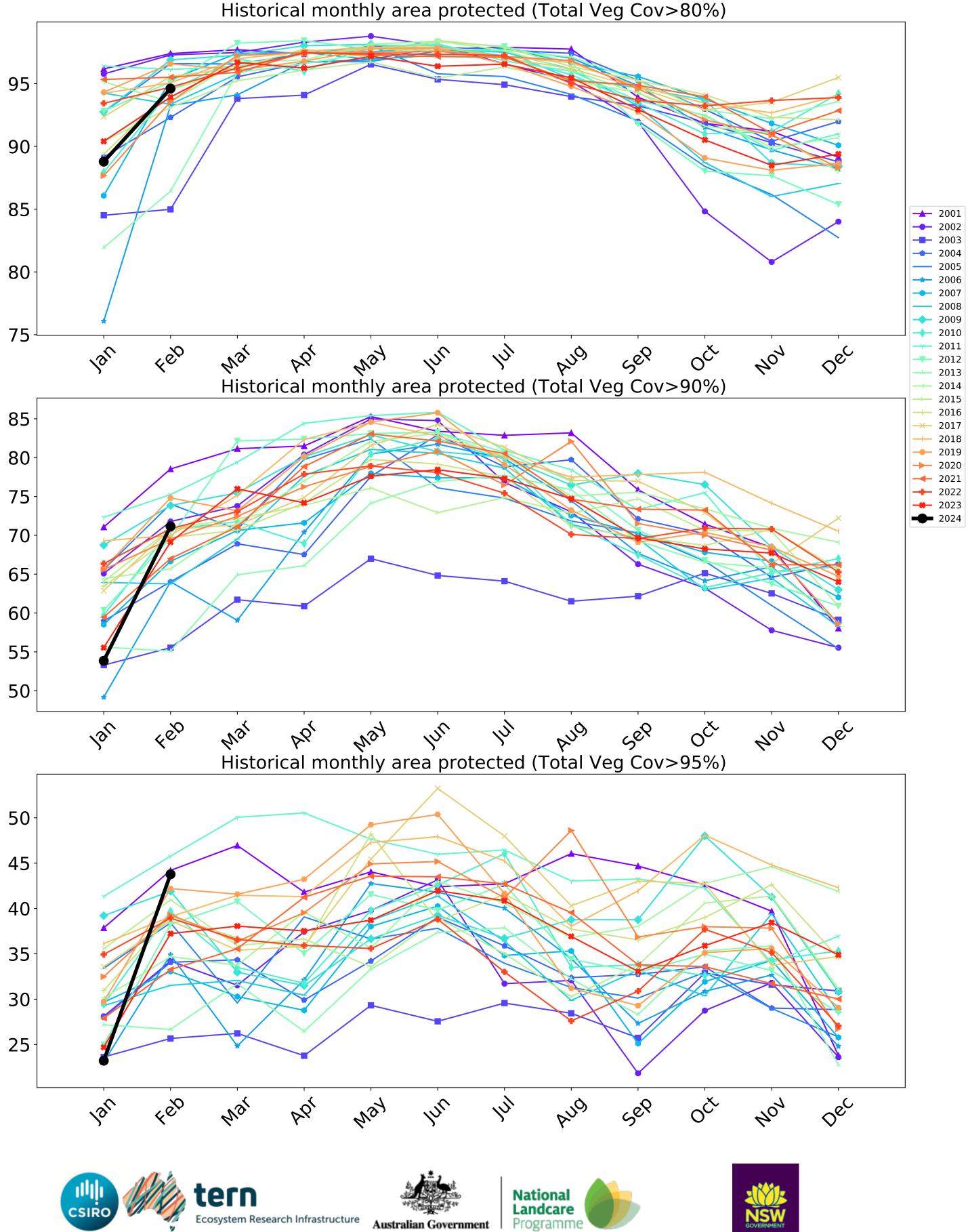








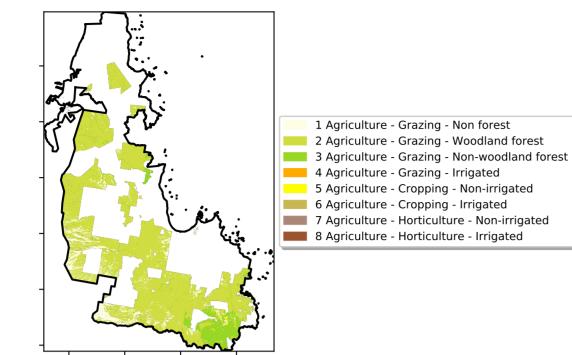




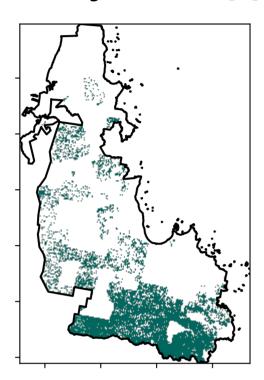


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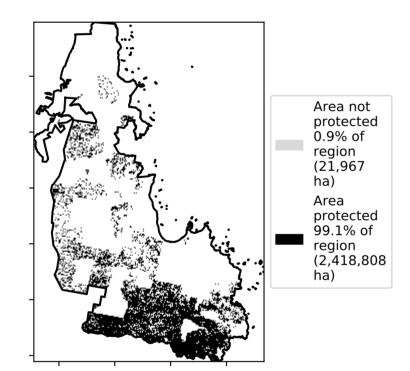
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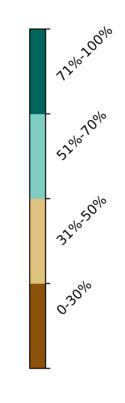


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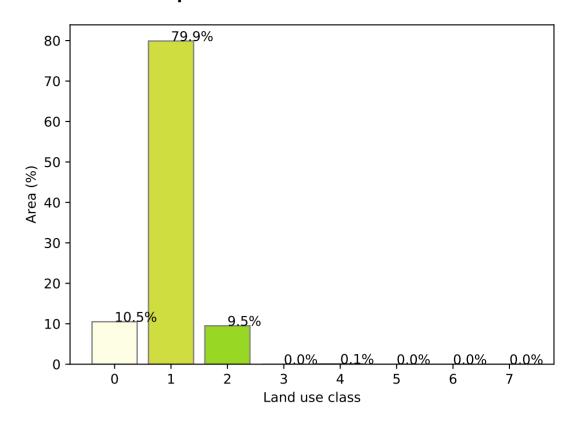
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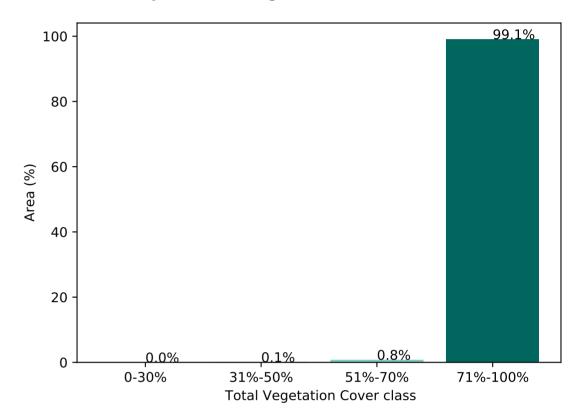
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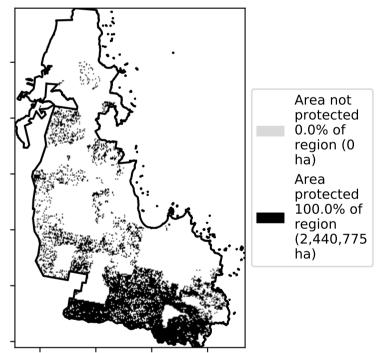
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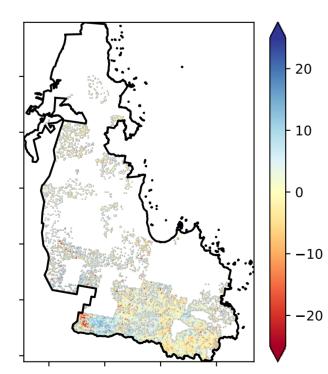
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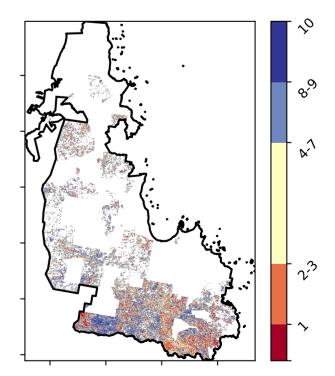
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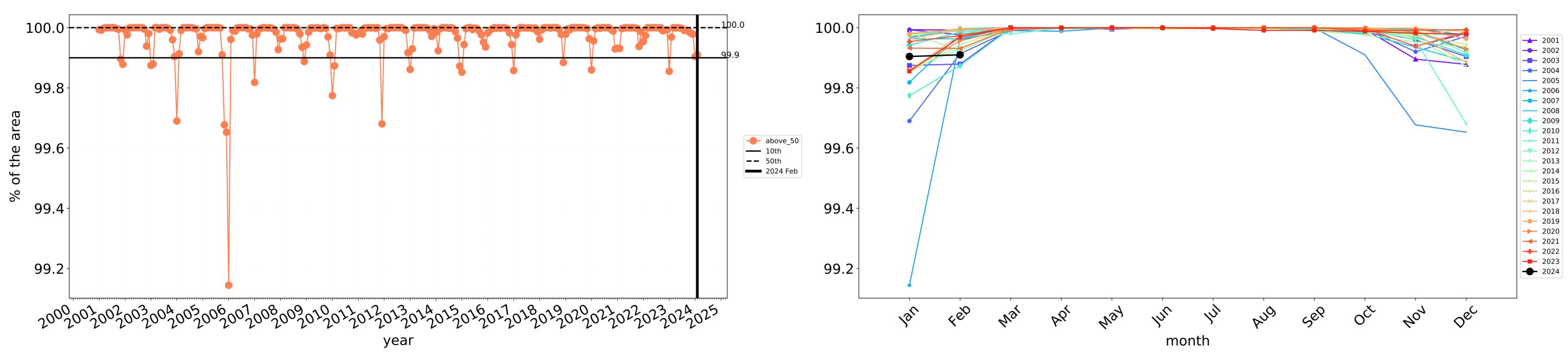
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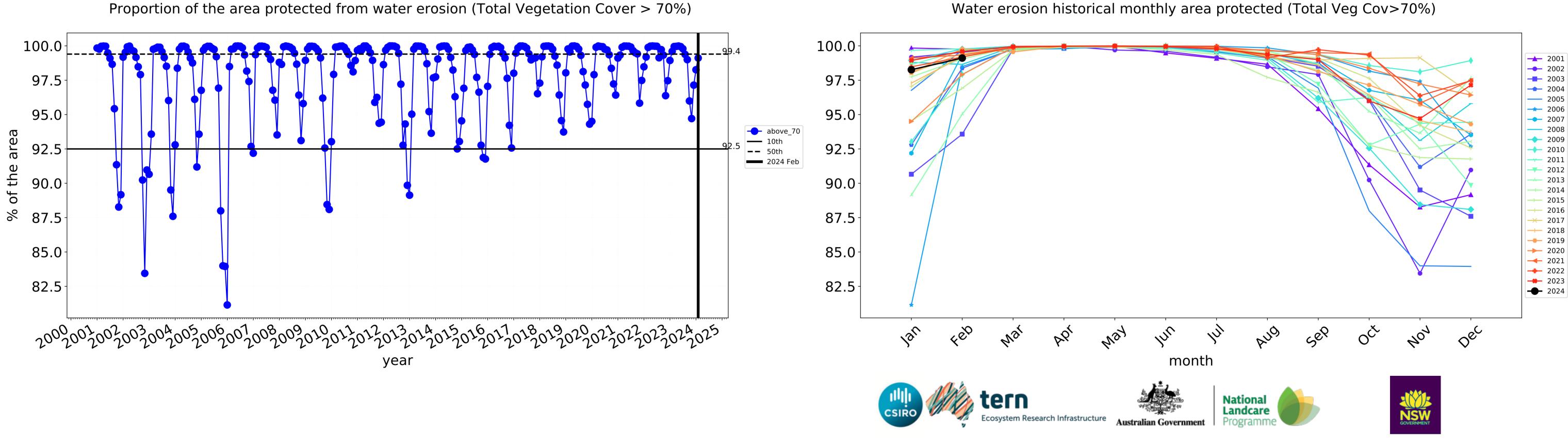
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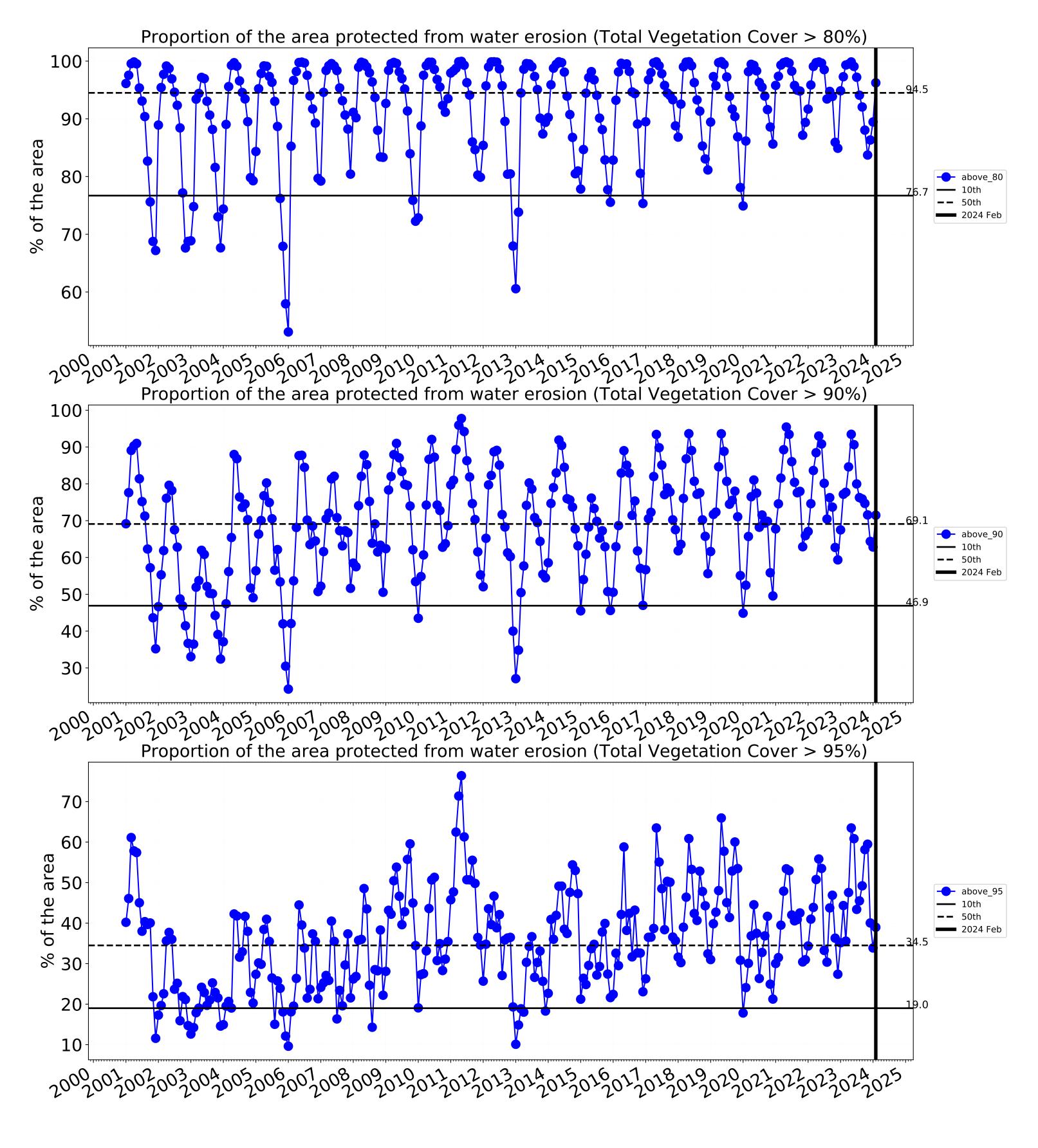


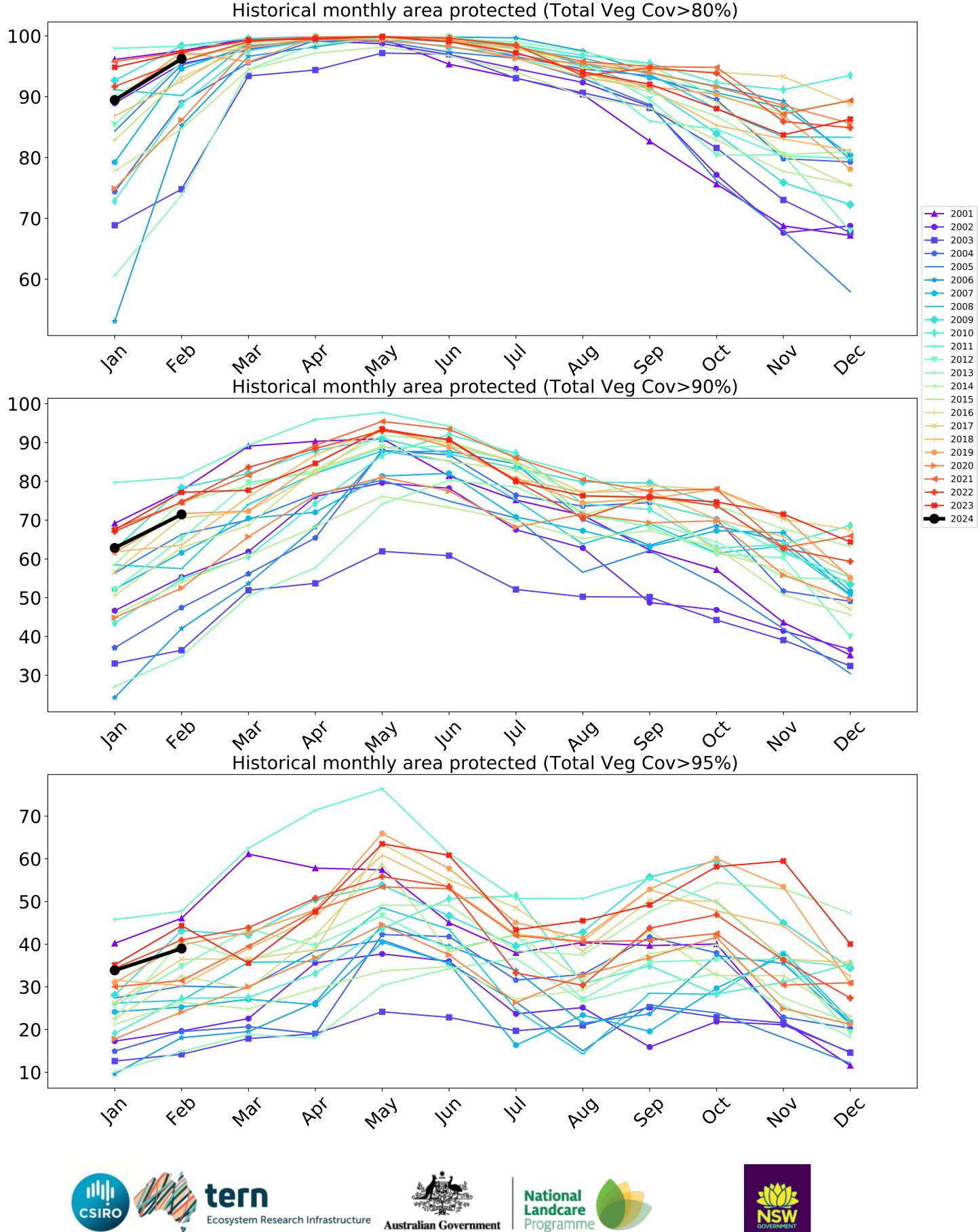
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



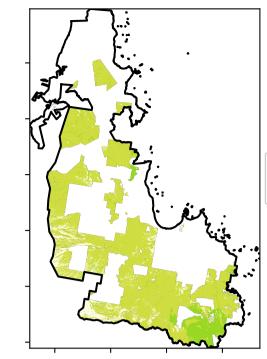




### Grazing

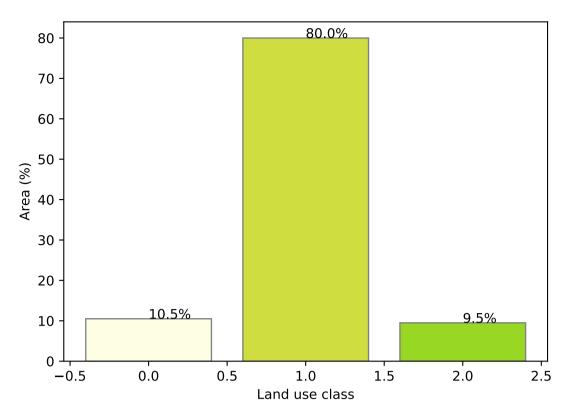
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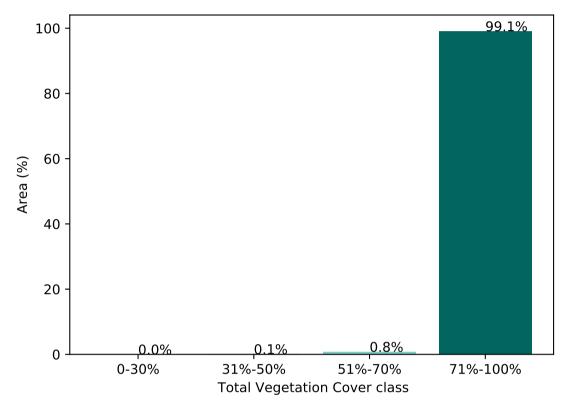


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

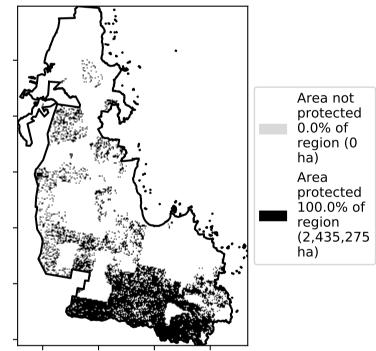
### Proportion of each land class in area



### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

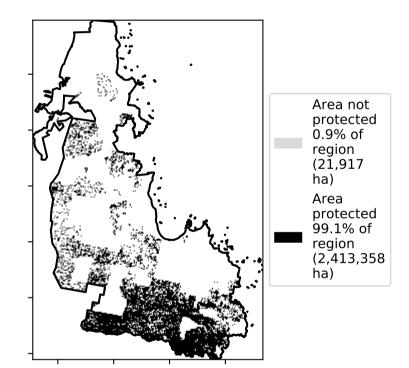


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

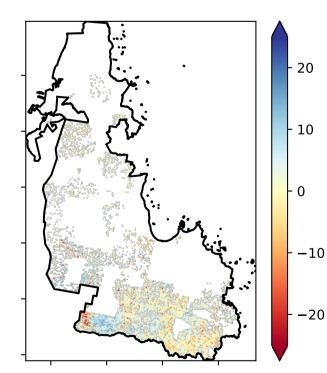
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



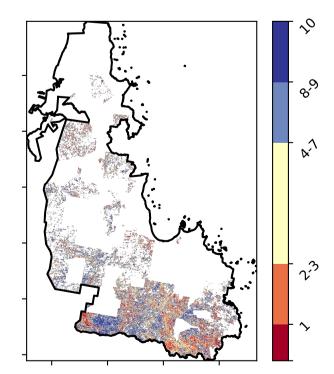
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

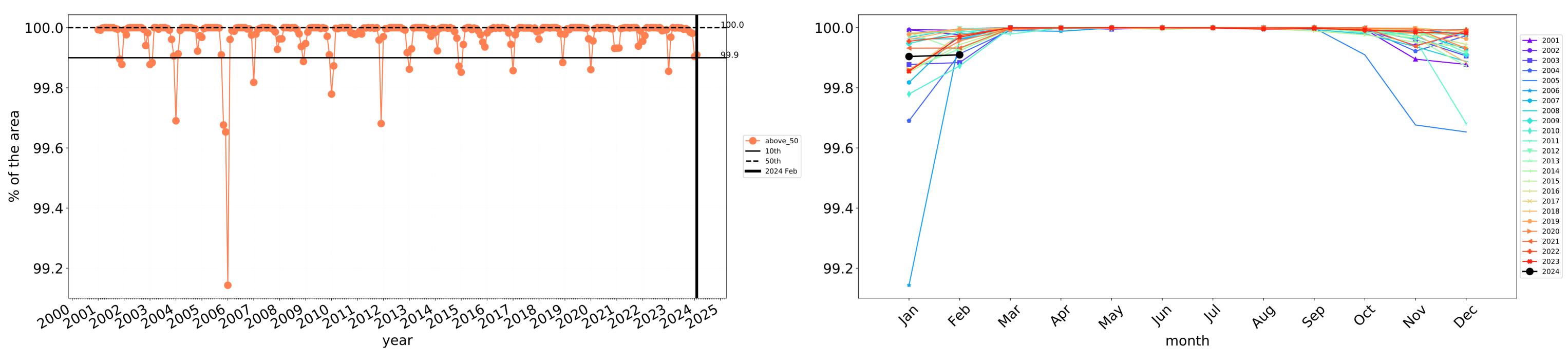
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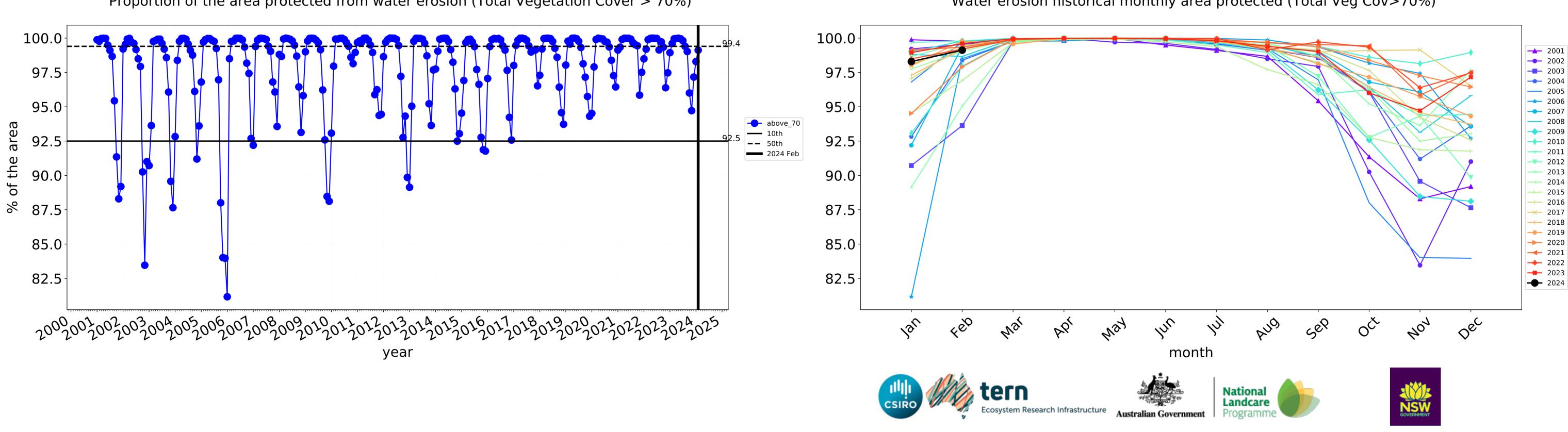
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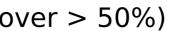




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

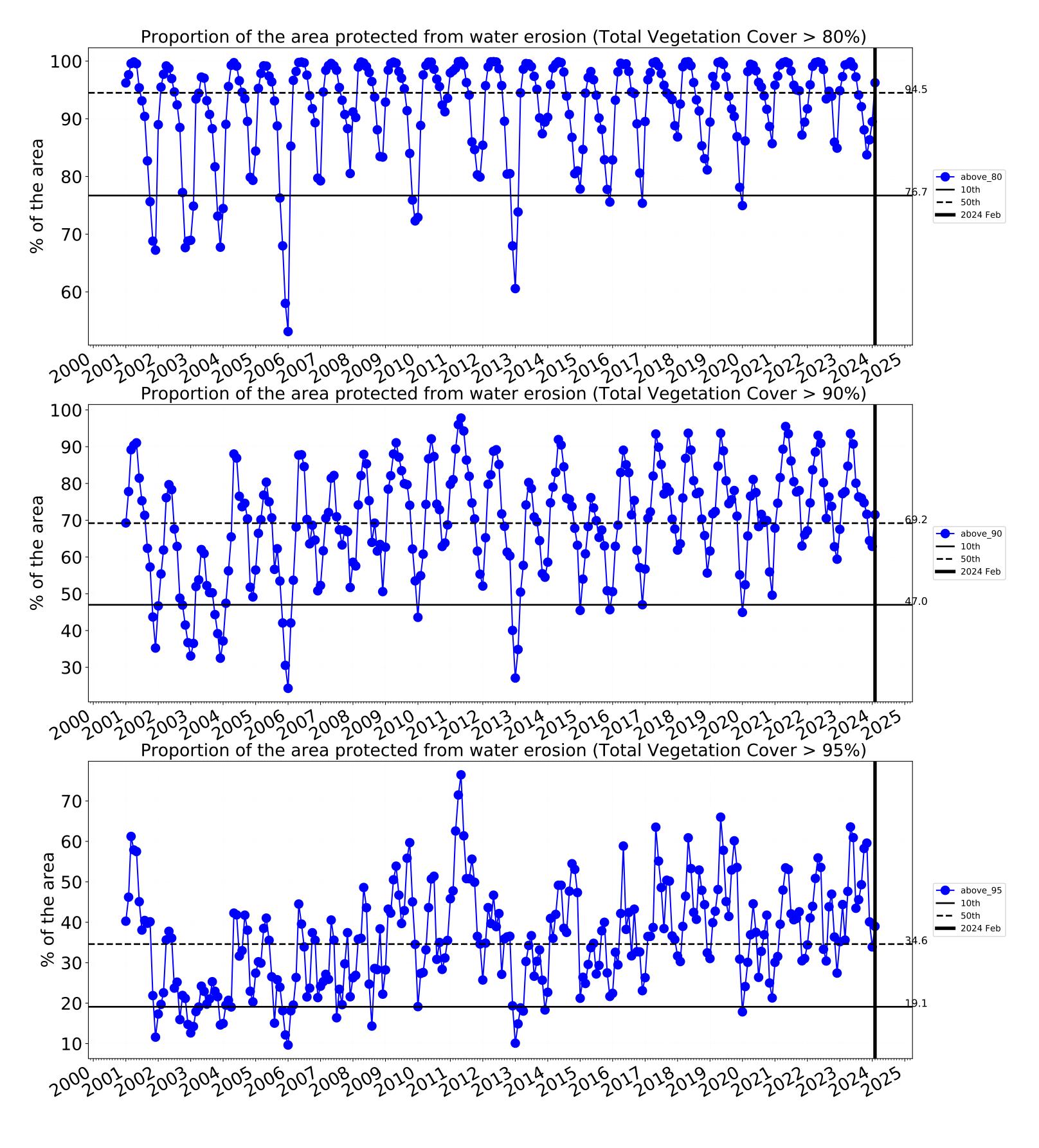


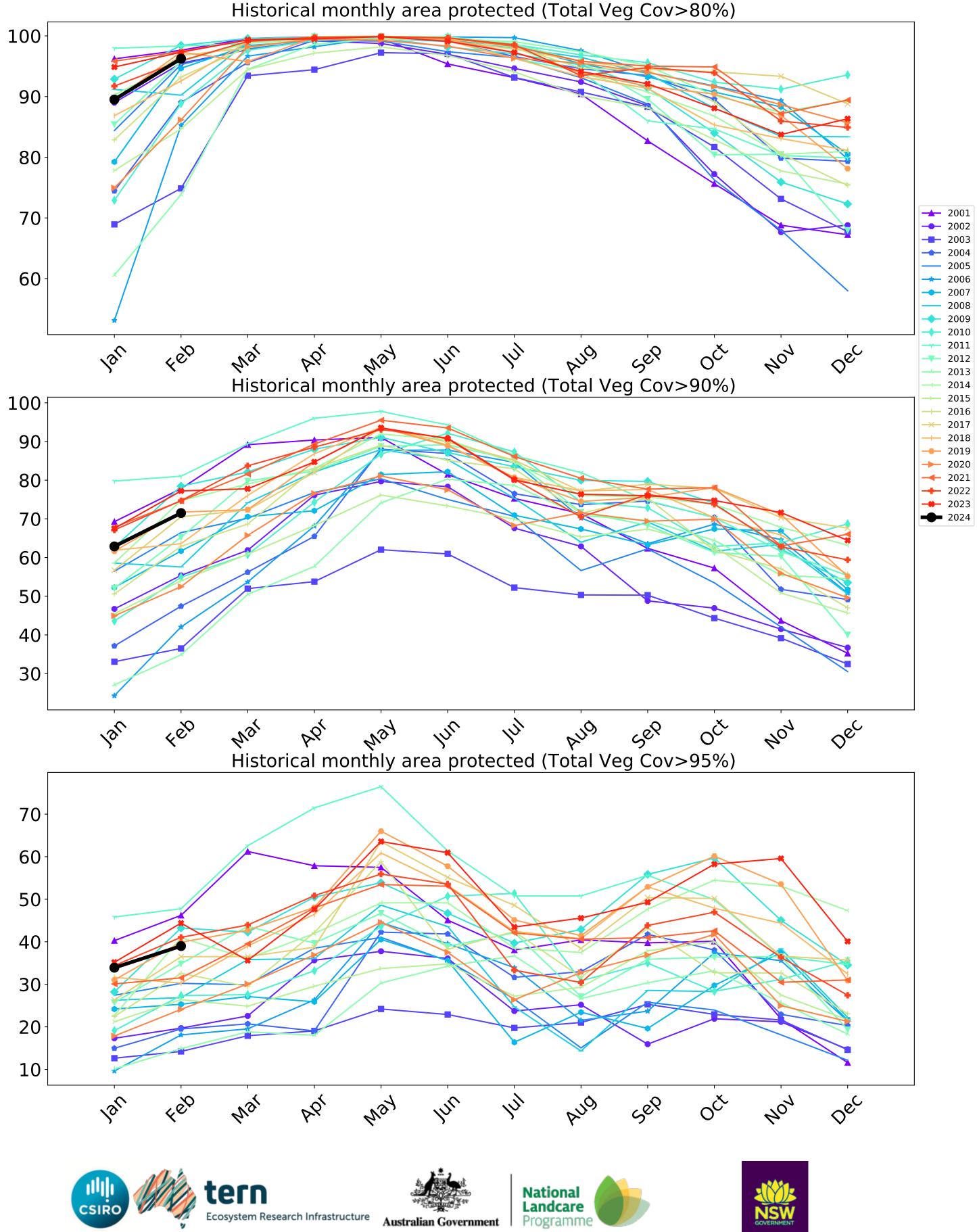
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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

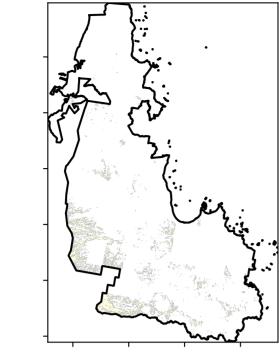






### **Grazing non forest**

### Land use and forest cover



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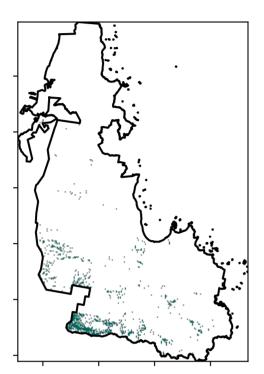
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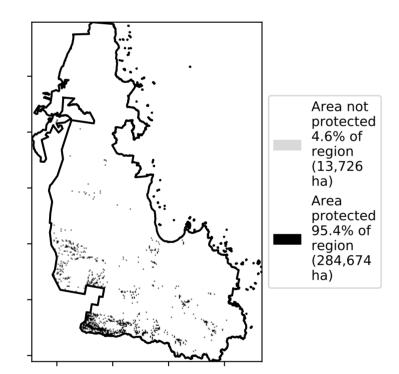
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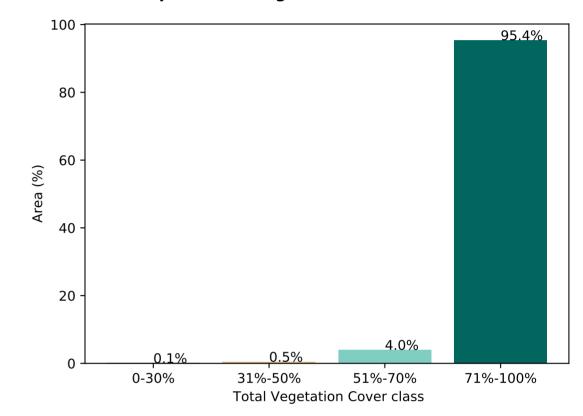
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



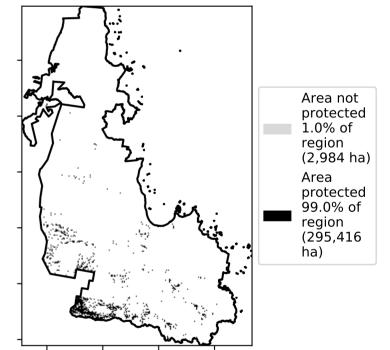
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



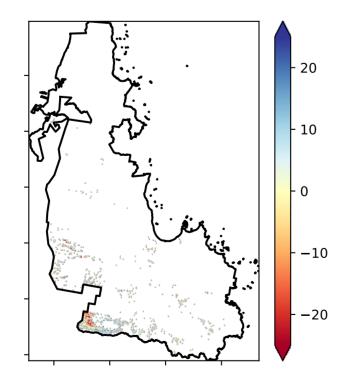
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



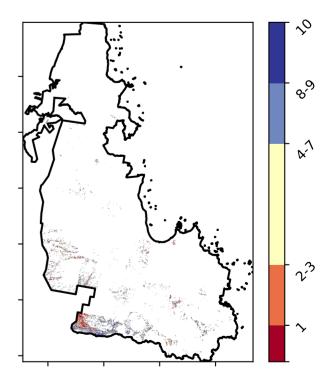
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

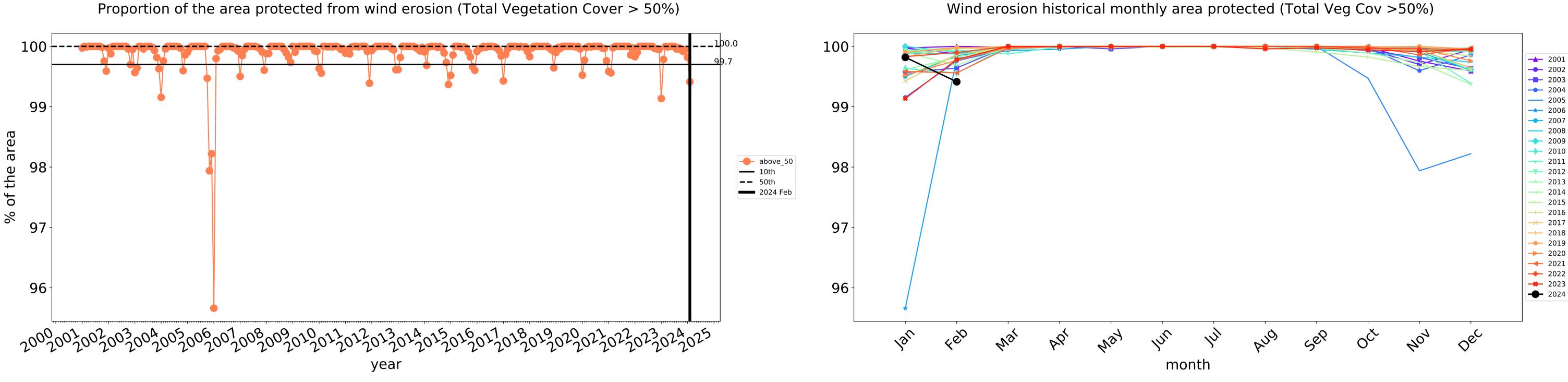
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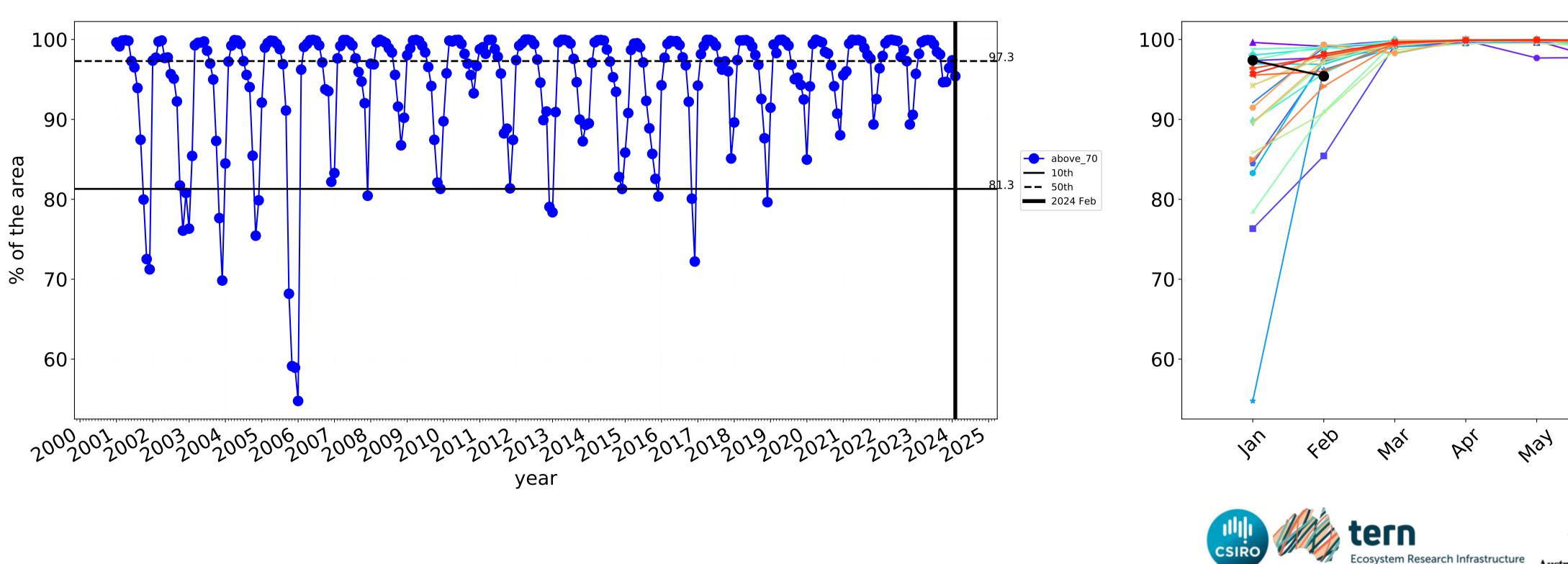






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



# Grazing non forest timeseries

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

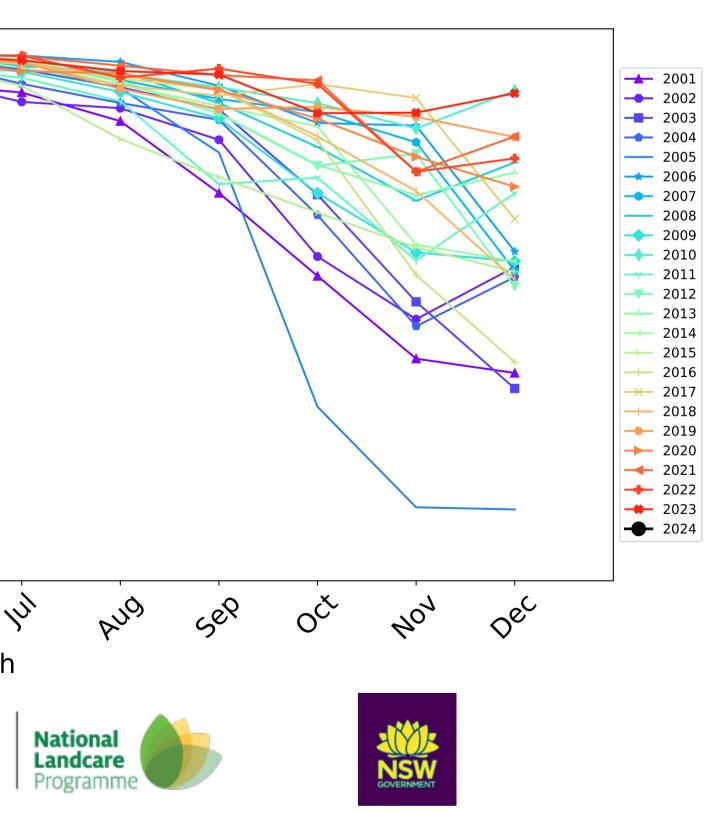
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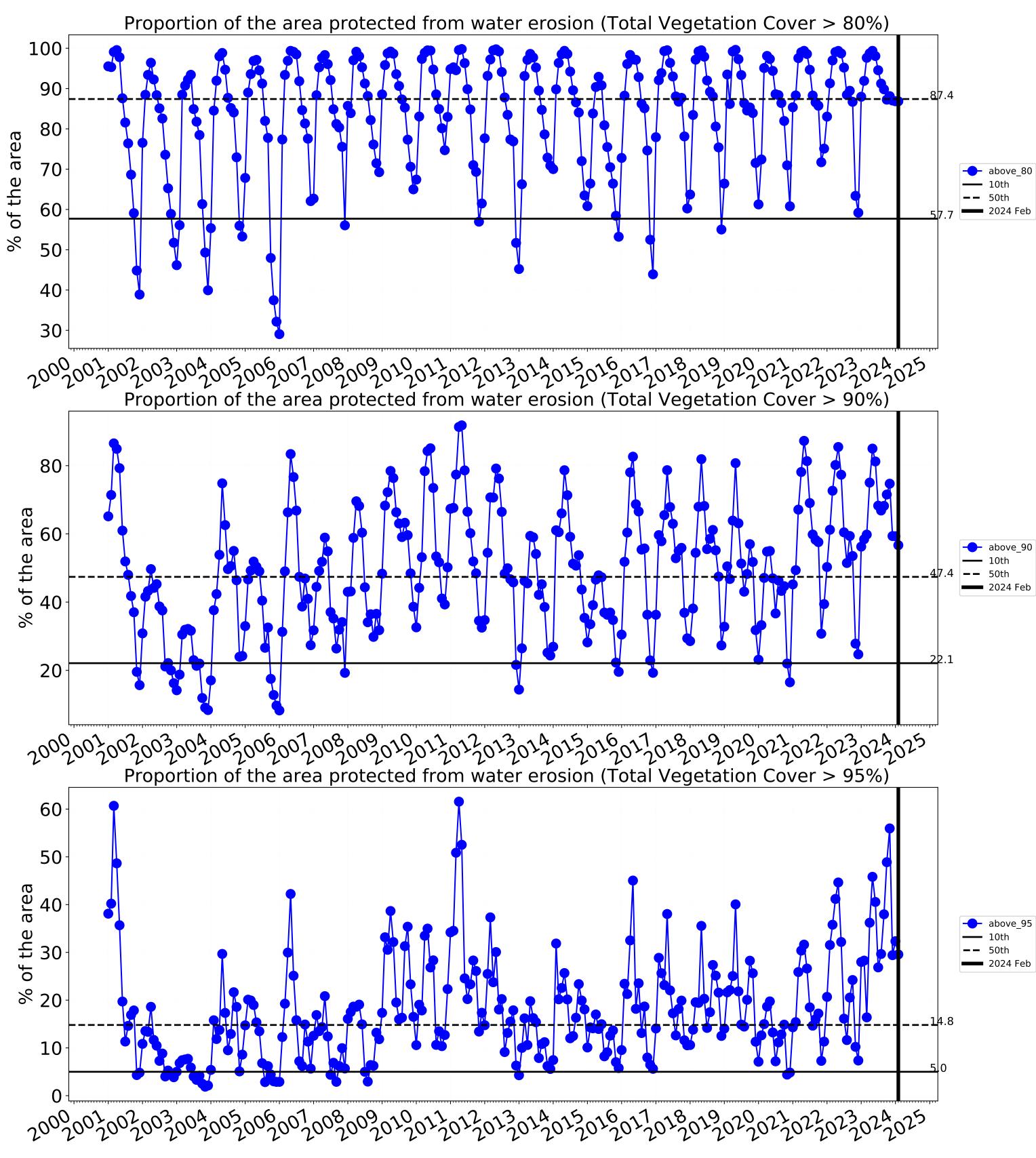
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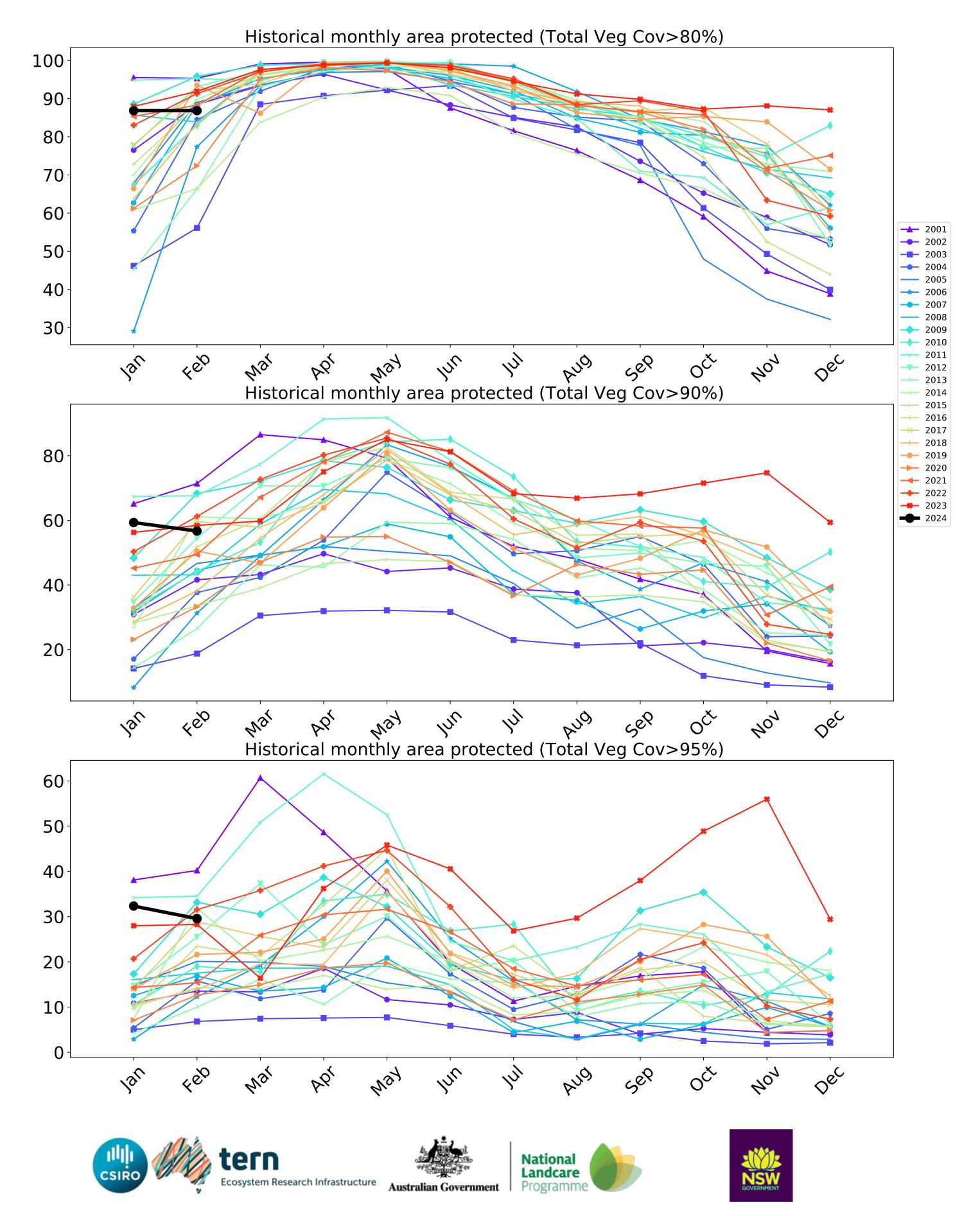
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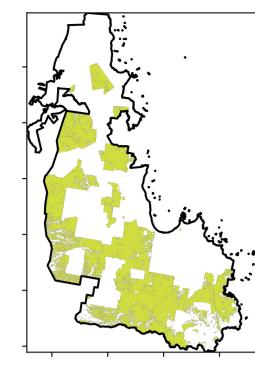






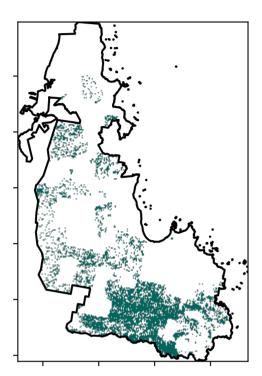
## **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

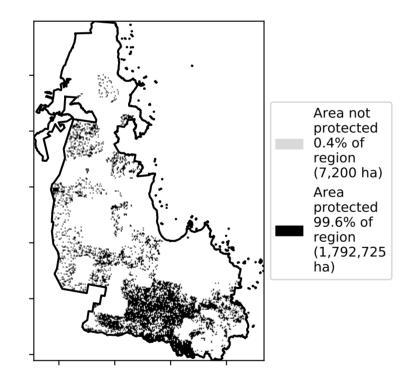


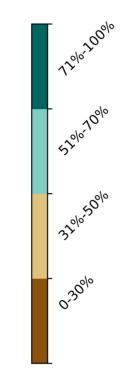
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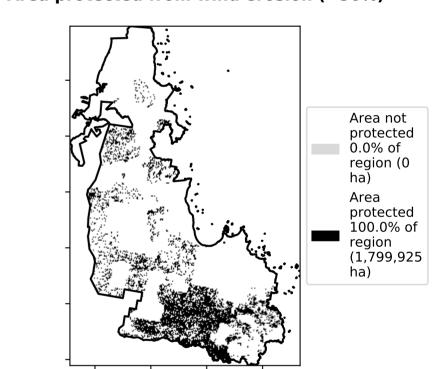
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



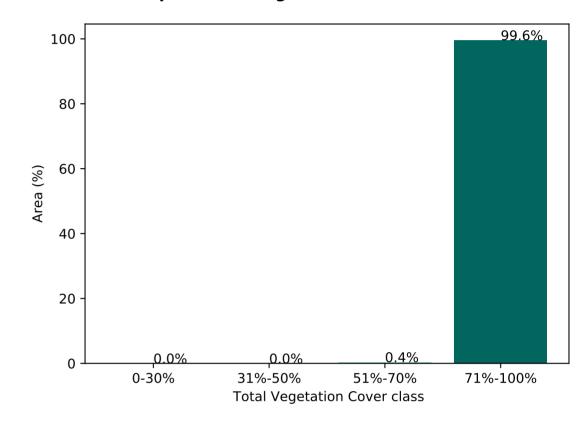




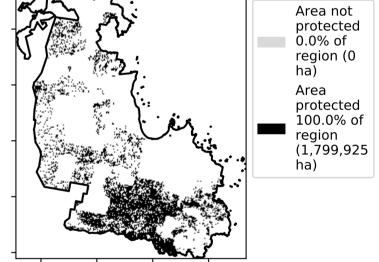




### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



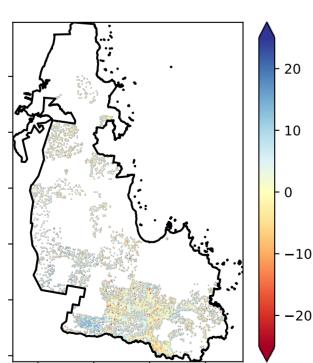
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



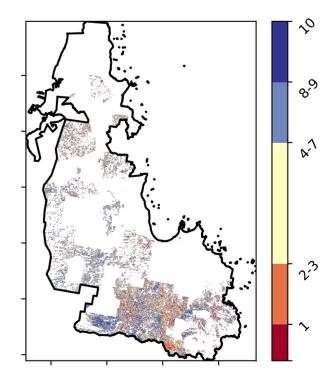
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

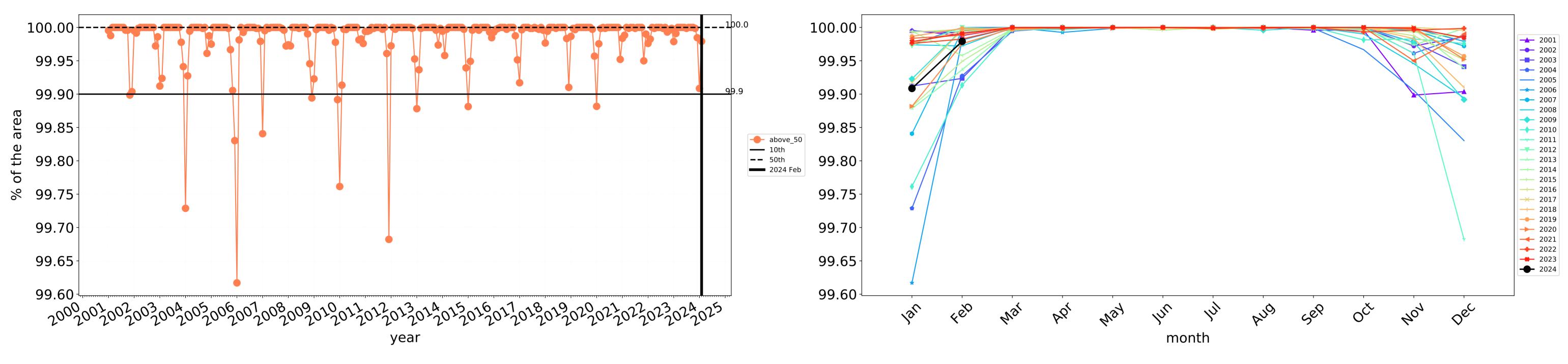
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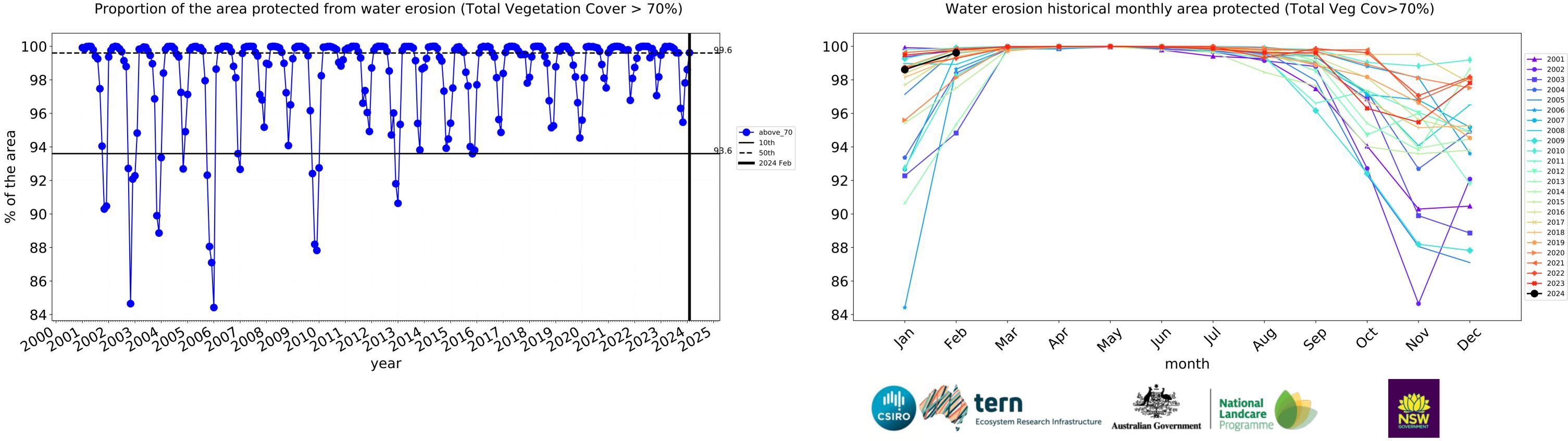
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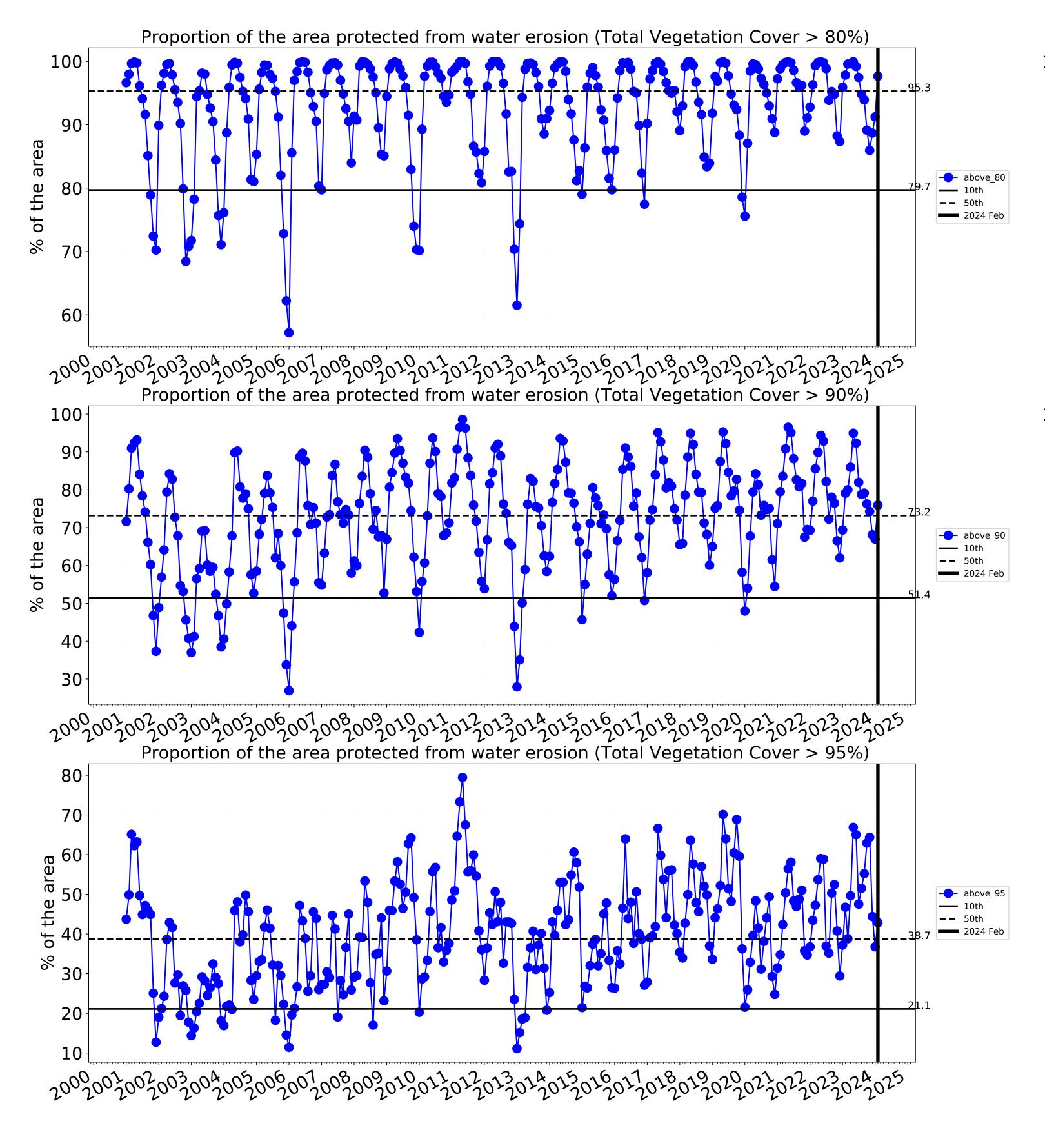


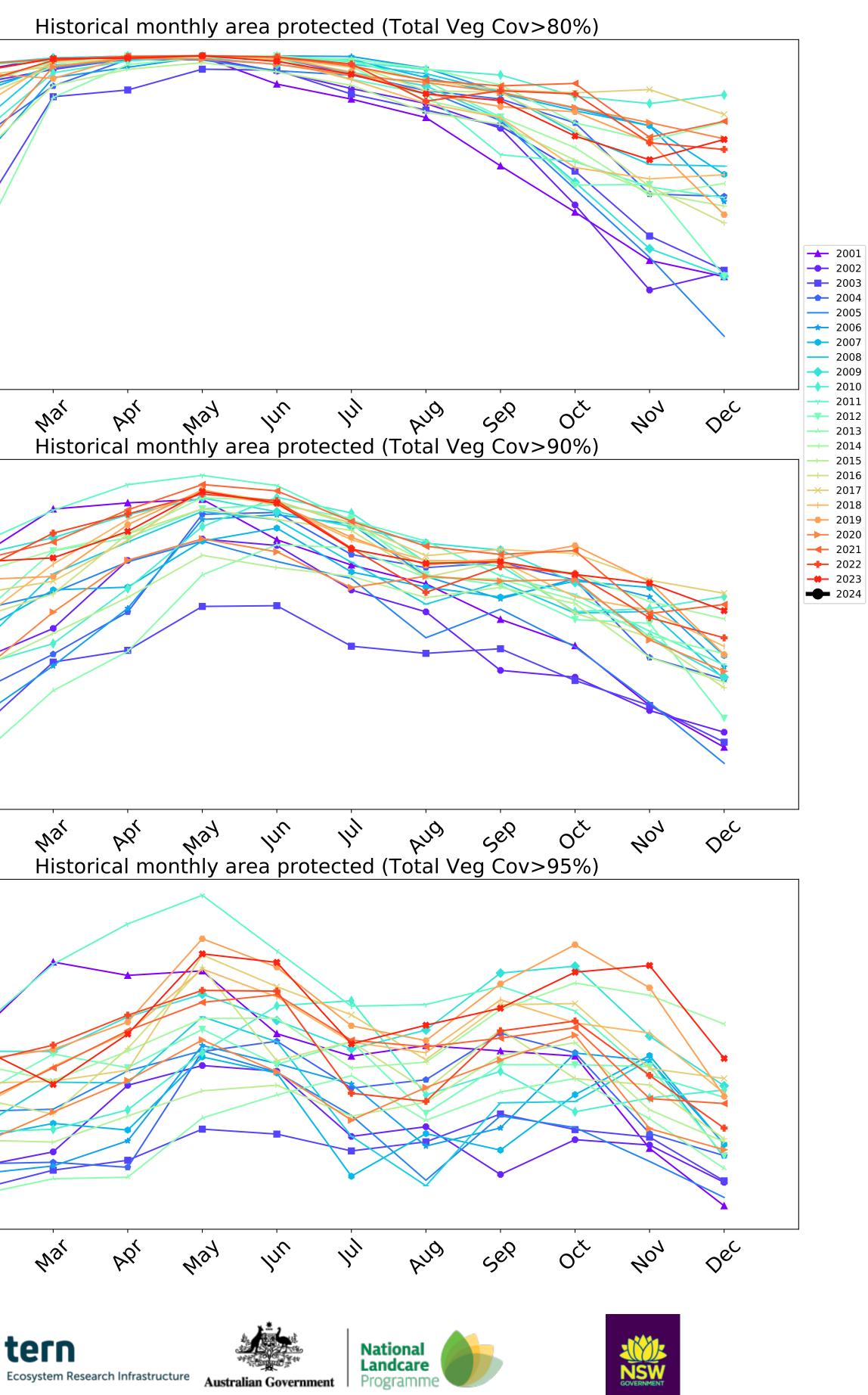
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

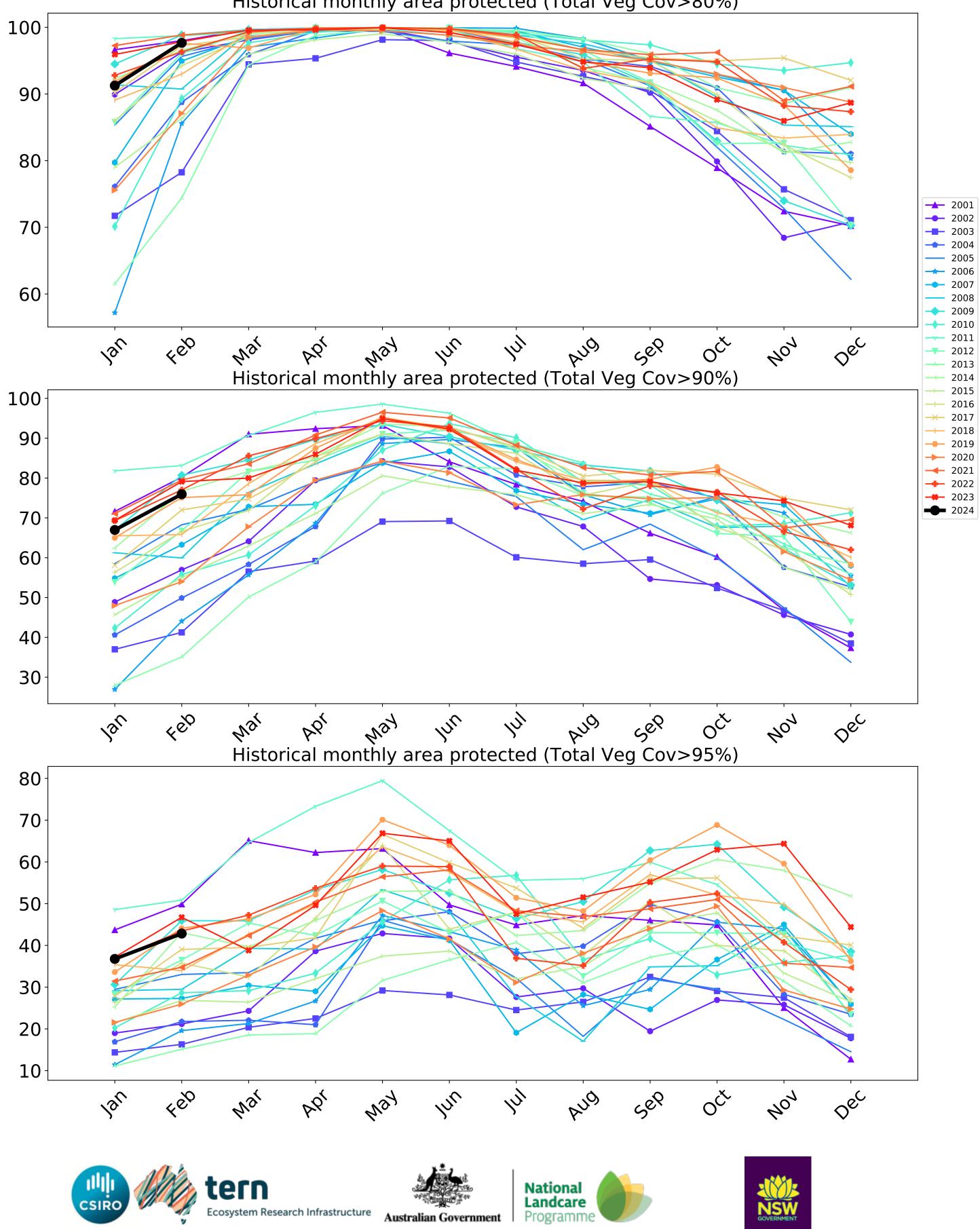


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



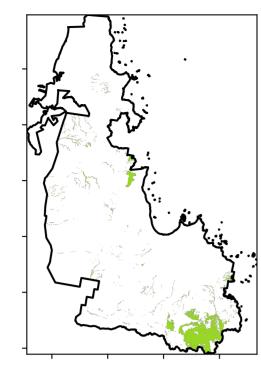






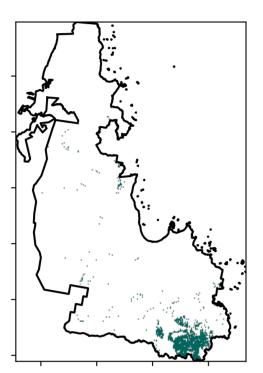
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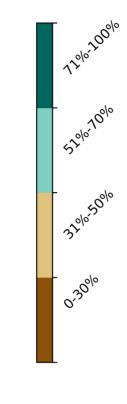
Land use and forest cover



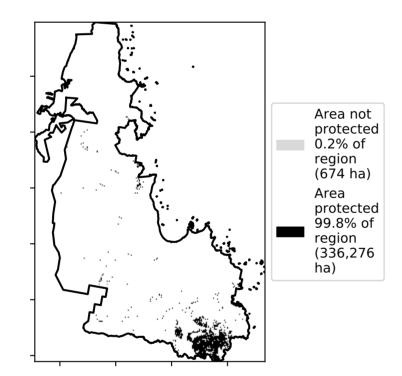
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

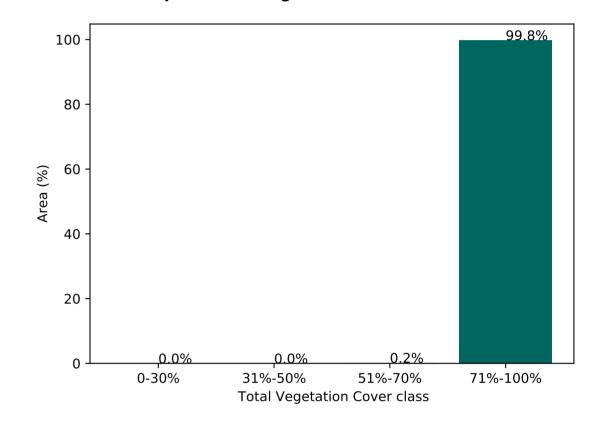




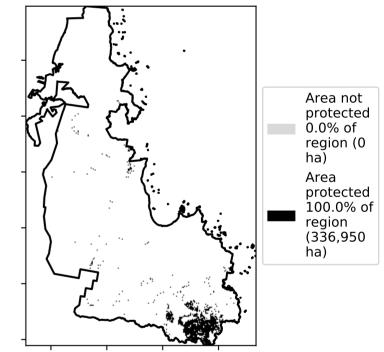
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



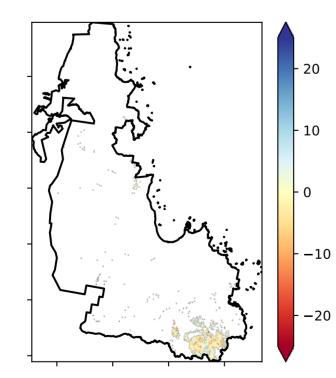
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



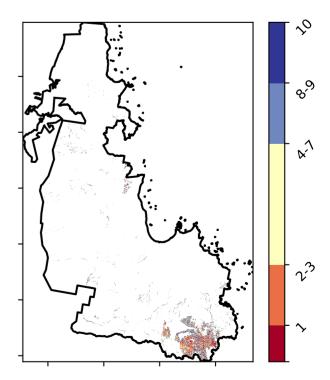
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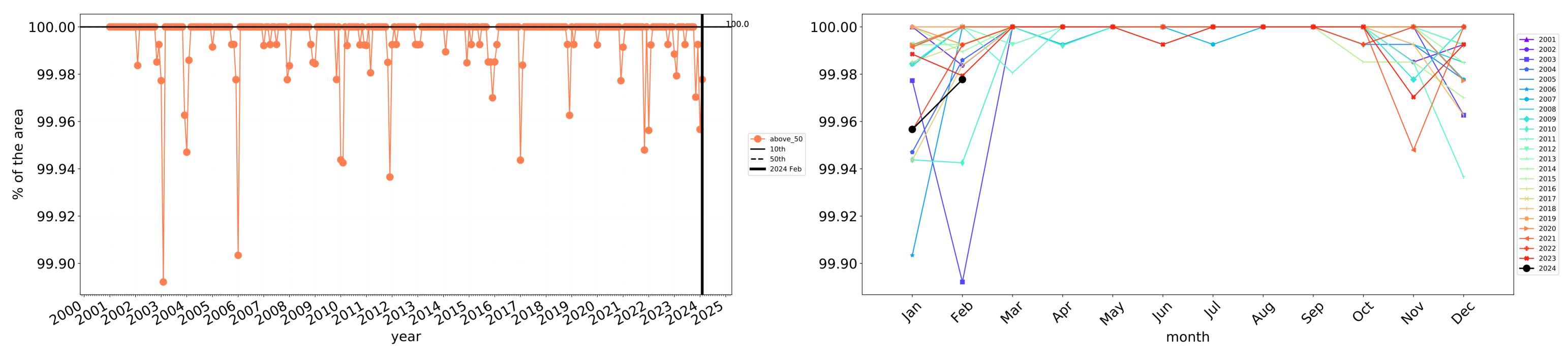
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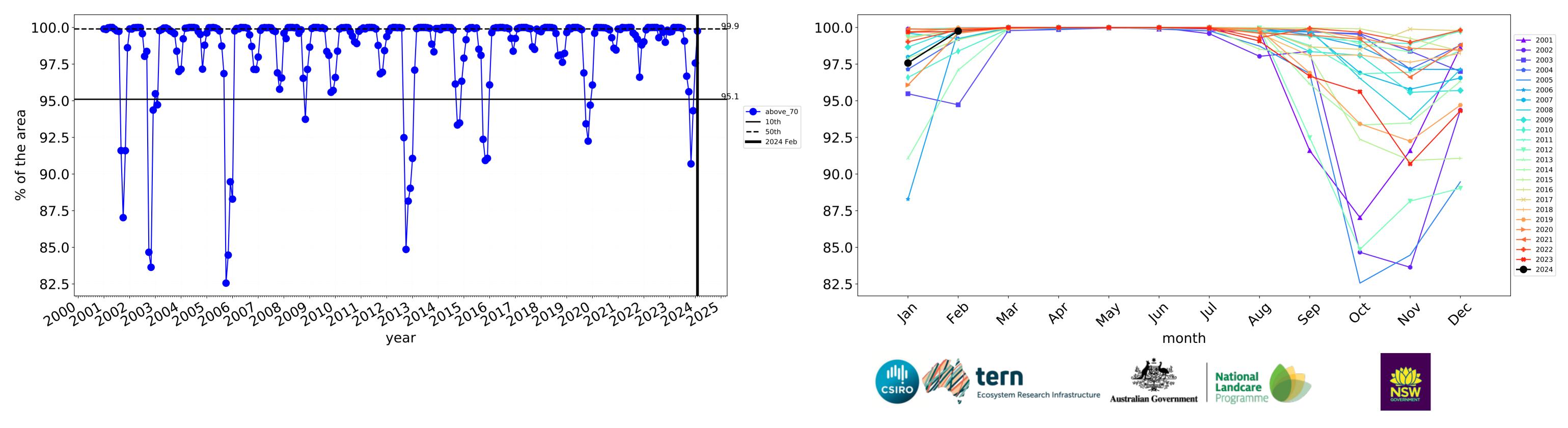






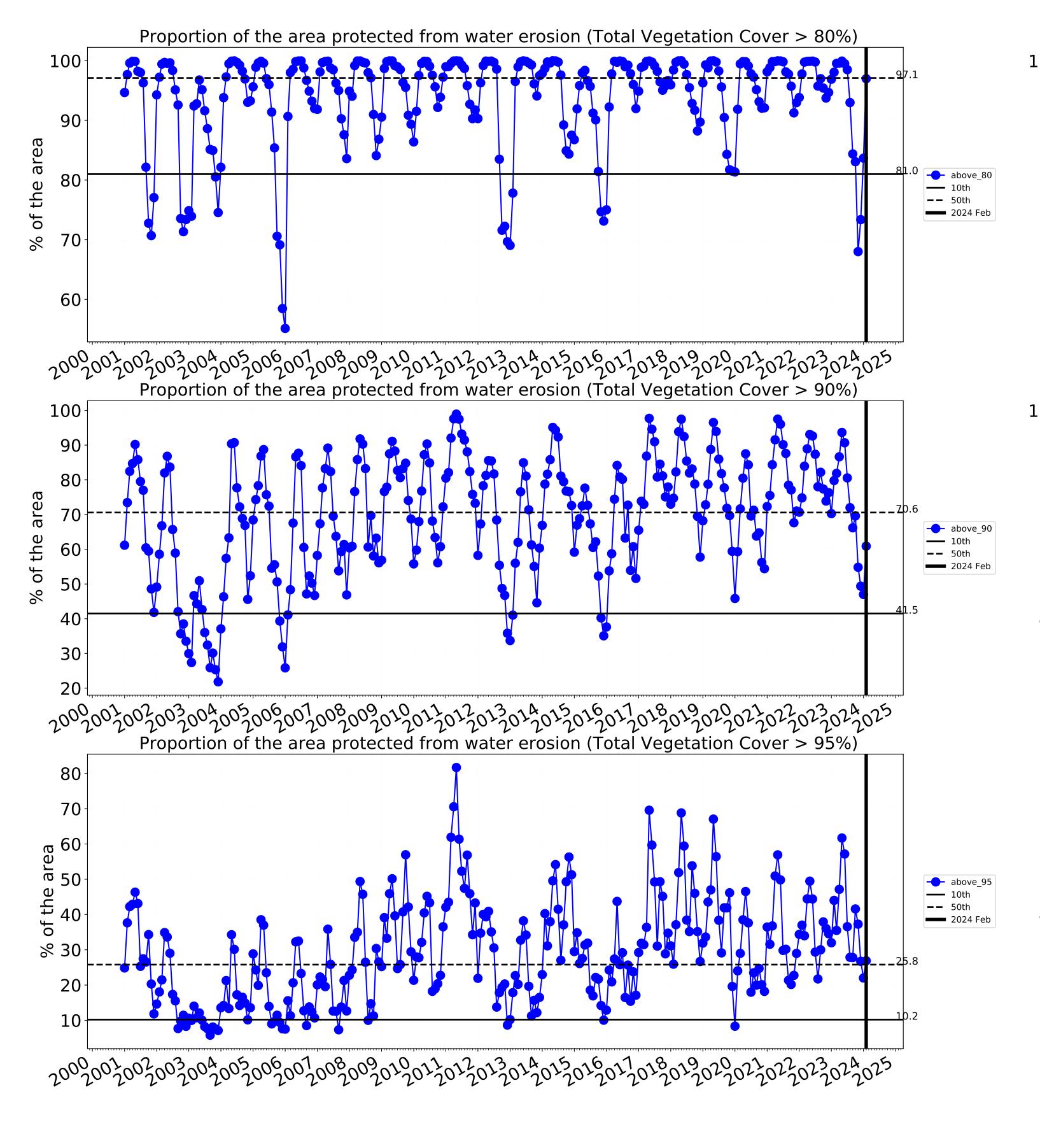
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

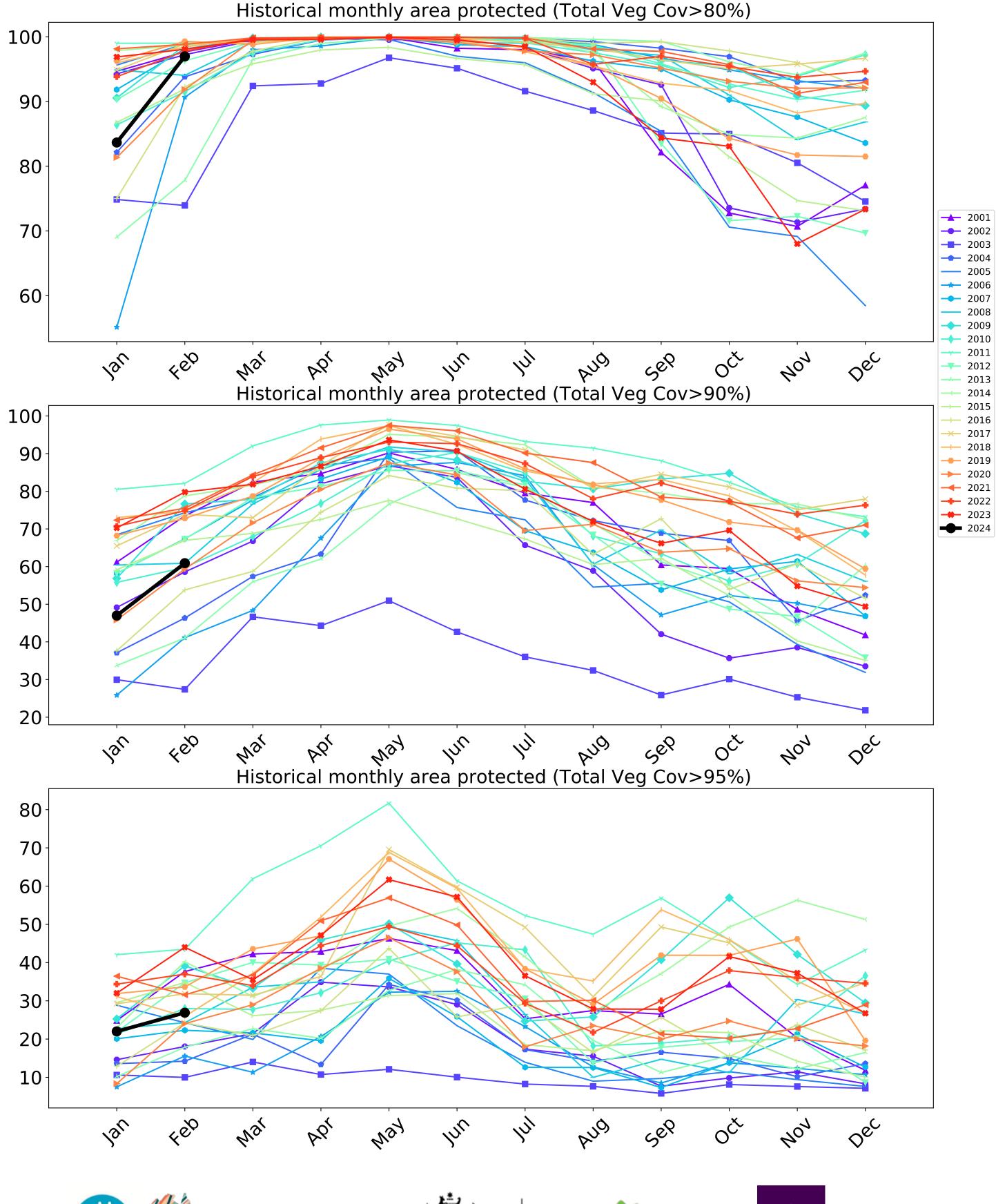
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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











# Cook\_(S) (4,383,700 ha and no data 6,188,182 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	4,383,700	99.9% 4,381,350	99.8% 4,374,500	98.6% 4,324,275	95.1% 4,169,775	71.1% 3,117,125	40.8% 1,788,300
Conservation and natural environments	1,870,875	99.9% 1,869,500	99.7% 1,865,775	98.4% 1,840,050	94.2% 1,762,575	71.1% 1,330,600	43.3% 809,575
Conservation and natural environments non forest	204,375	99.5% 203,350	98.4% 201,200	93.0% 189,975	81.5% 166,525	54.0% 110,425	33.3% 68,150
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,416,575	100.0% 1,416,425	99.9% 1,415,375	99.1% 1,404,150	96.0% 1,359,600	73.6% 1,042,350	44.6% 632,025
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	249,925	99.9% 249,725	99.7% 249,200	98.4% 245,925	94.6% 236,450	71.2% 177,825	43.8% 109,400
Agriculture	2,440,775	100.0% 2,440,450	99.9% 2,438,575	99.1% 2,419,175	96.2% 2,348,950	71.5% 1,744,575	39.0% 951,250
Grazing	2,435,275	100.0% 2,434,950	99.9% 2,433,075	99.1% 2,413,850	96.2% 2,343,900	71.5% 1,741,350	39.0% 949,725
Grazing non forest	298,400	99.9% 298,150	99.4% 296,650	95.4% 284,700	86.8% 259,150	56.7% 169,150	29.6% 88,225
Grazing Woodland forest	1,799,925	100.0% 1,799,850	100.0% 1,799,550	99.6% 1,793,025	97.7% 1,757,975	75.9% 1,366,975	42.8% 770,875
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	336,950	100.0% 336,950	100.0% 336,875	99.8% 336,125	97.0% 326,775	60.9% 205,225	26.9% 90,625

