LGA Etheridge_(S) (QLD) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

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Context

o Map: Land use and forest cover

- o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month

 Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
 Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month

o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)

- o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
- Comparison with previous years

o Map: anomaly – compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years

- o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series

o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)

- o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
- o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
- Time series stacked by year
 - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines) in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
 - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines). in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
 - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
 - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
 - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

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

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

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree 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 Aug 2019

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

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



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 [%]





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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







Deciles show where the

record, from highest to lowest, for that month.

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the map using baseline

from 2001 to 2019.

That is, red pixels are

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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 using baseline from 2001 to 2019.





Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)





Conservation and natural environments

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



Total Vegetation Cover [%]





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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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%)







Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 where no forest is < and dense > 50% tree

Total Vegetation Cover [%]











% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Australia's National Forest Inventory,







Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







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Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries



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

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



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



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)





Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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





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











Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



Total Vegetation Cover [%]











region (50,694

protected 98.5% of

region (3,328,906

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Area





% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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





Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)





Grazing

Land use and forest cover



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





Area not

protected 1.4% of

region (47,264

protected 98.6% of

region (3,328,760

ha)

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Area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Australia's National Forest Inventory,

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Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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Grazing Woodland forest

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











Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover











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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]







Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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

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





Etheridge_(S) (3,919,650 ha and no data 136 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	3,919,650	100.0% 3,919,575	99.7% 3,909,175	98.1% 3,843,850	87.0% 3,410,450	21.4% 837,025	1.3% 50,075
Conservation and natural environments	435,081	100.0% 435,081	100.0% 435,081	99.2% 431,456	83.5% 363,409	16.2% 70,596	0.5% 2,349
Conservation and natural environments non forest	113,669	100.0% 113,669	100.0% 113,669	98.5% 111,923	68.3% 77,644	9.8% 11,139	0.3% 329
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	301,813	100.0% 301,813	100.0% 301,813	99.4% 299,917	88.4% 266,751	17.1% 51,494	0.5% 1,421
Agriculture	3,382,657	100.0% 3,382,582	99.7% 3,373,849	98.5% 3,332,287	88.5% 2,995,132	22.4% 759,286	1.4% 47,242
Grazing	3,378,738	100.0% 3,378,663	99.8% 3,370,756	98.6% 3,330,274	88.6% 2,993,729	22.5% 759,209	1.4% 47,237
Grazing non forest	1,050,466	100.0% 1,050,391	99.2% 1,042,510	95.9% 1,006,907	78.7% 827,042	16.2% 170,332	1.3% 13,210
Grazing Woodland forest	2,226,361	100.0% 2,226,361	100.0% 2,226,336	99.8% 2,221,508	92.8% 2,066,343	24.8% 553,144	1.5% 32,643
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	101,910	100.0% 101,910	100.0% 101,910	100.0% 101,860	98.5% 100,376	35.1% 35,789	1.4% 1,383





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