# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Gympie\_(R) QLD

# Date: May 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:

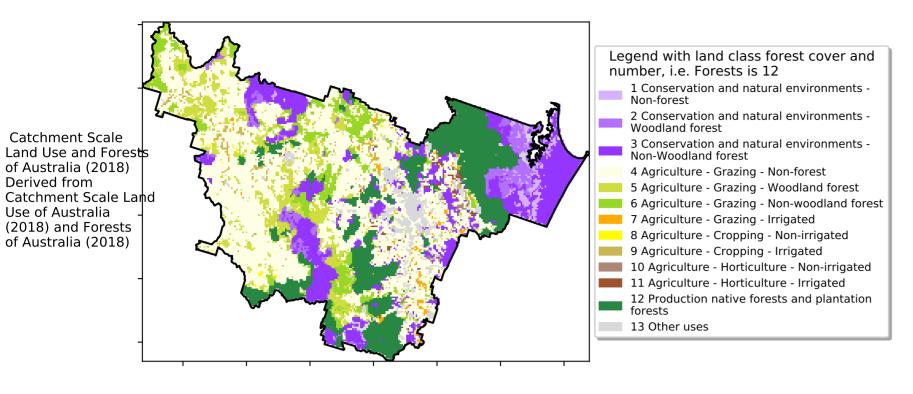
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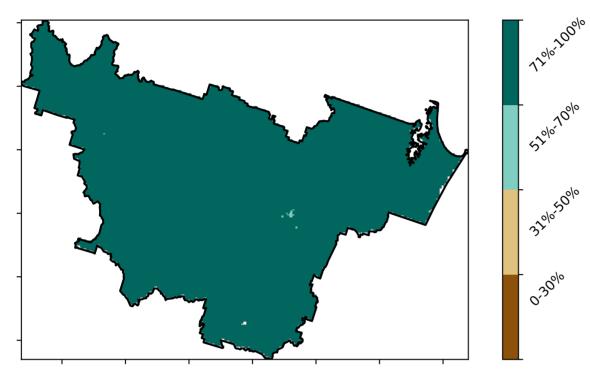
# **Vegetation Cover May 2024**

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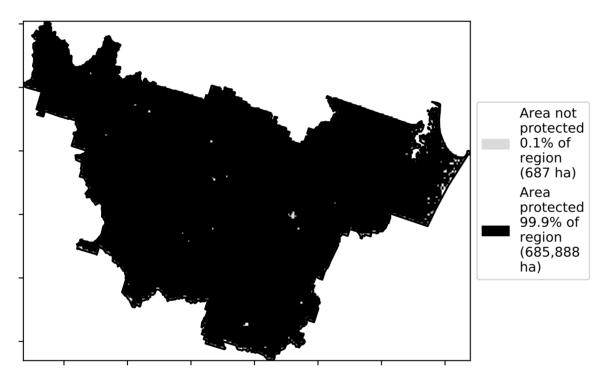
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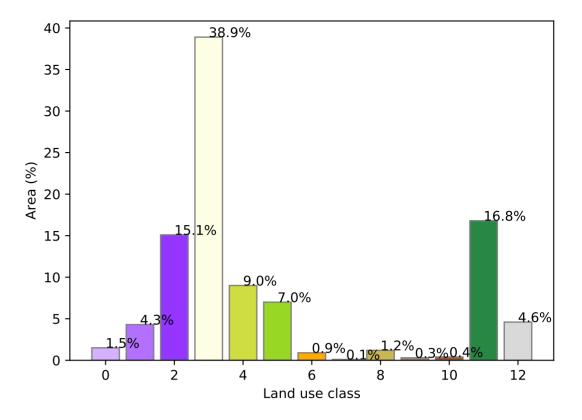


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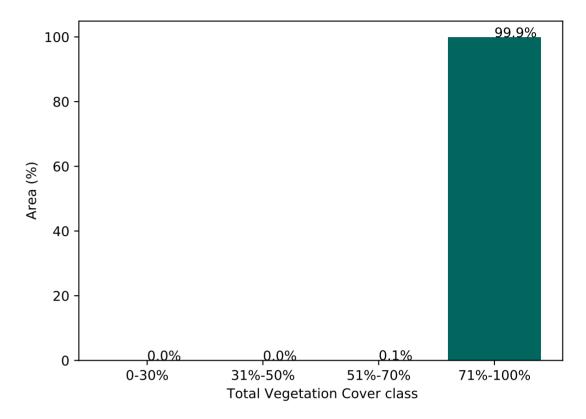


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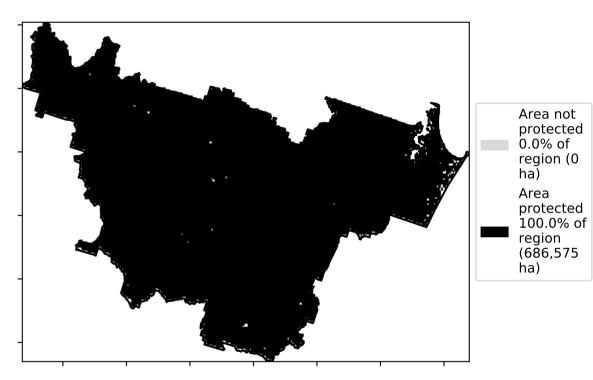




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



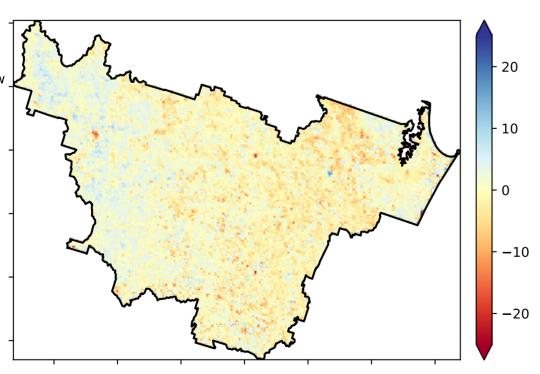
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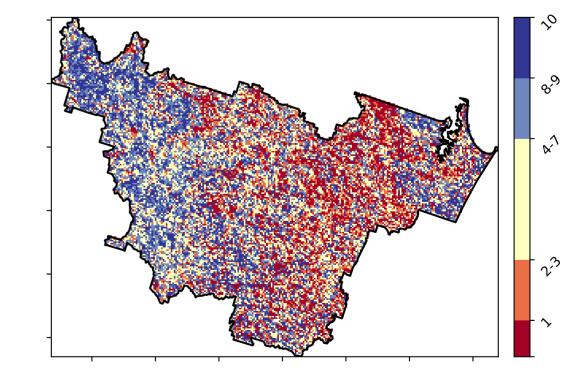
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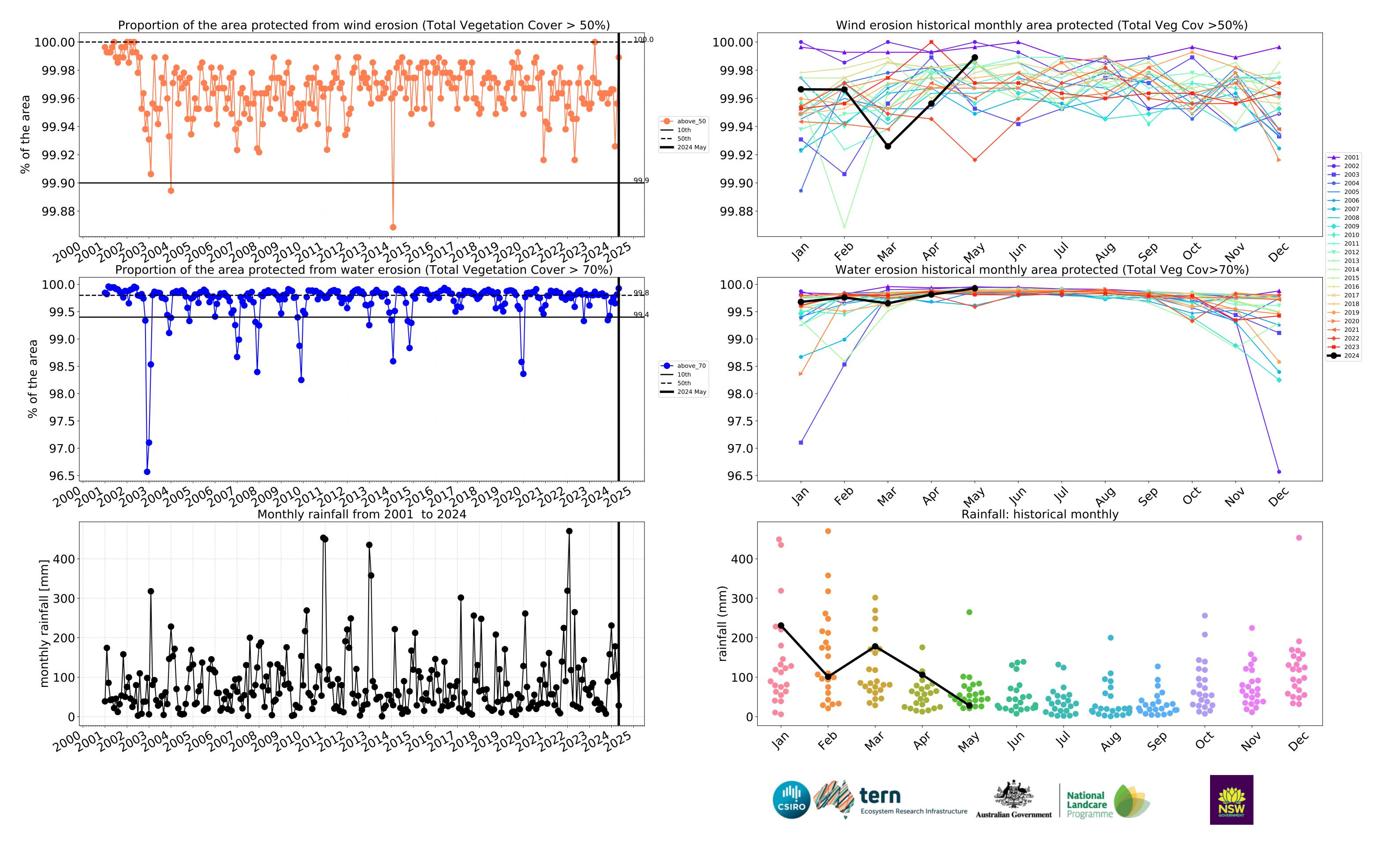
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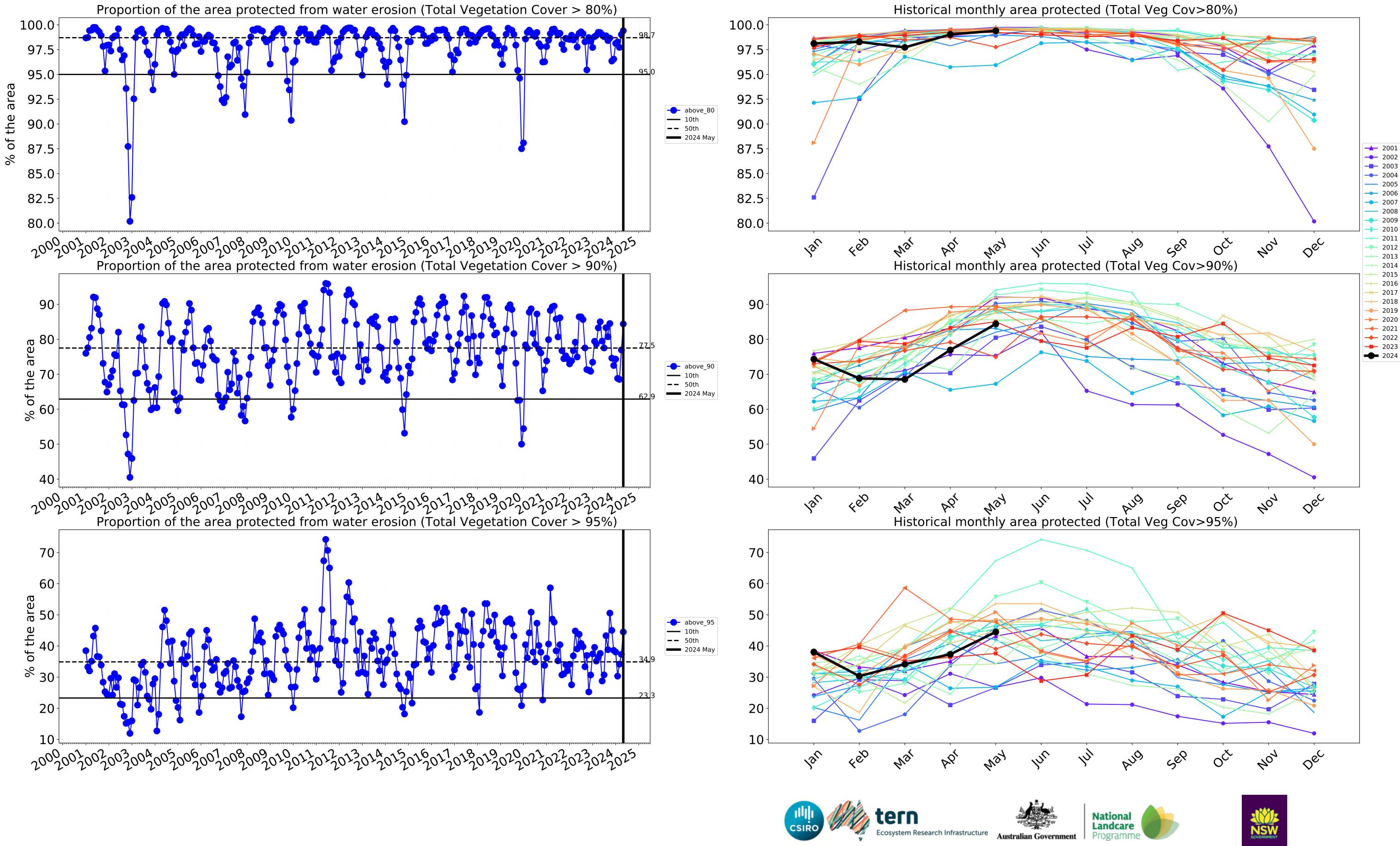


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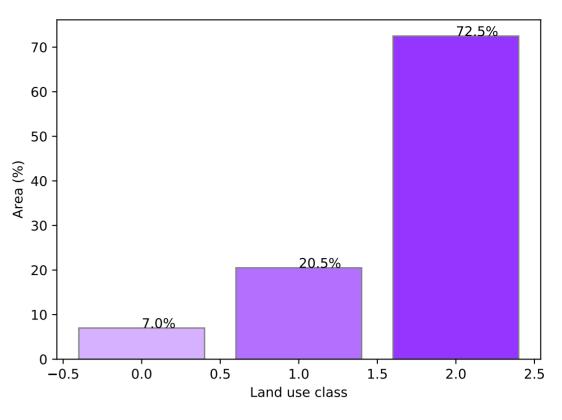
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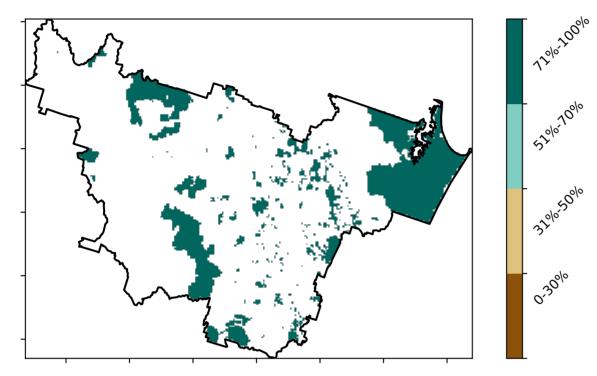
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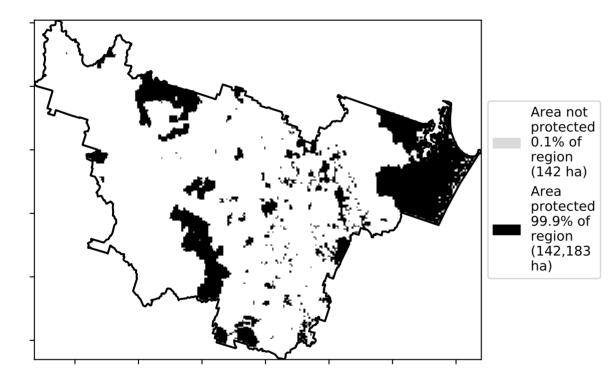


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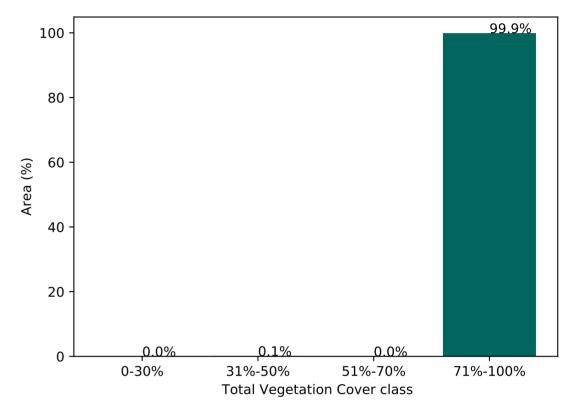
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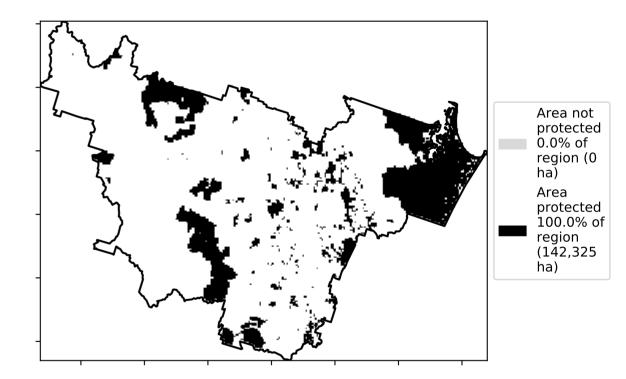
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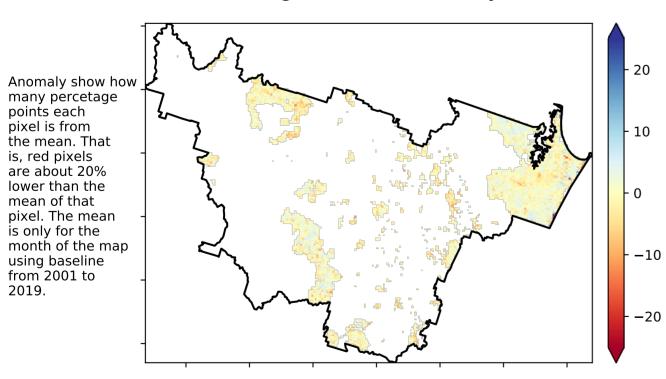
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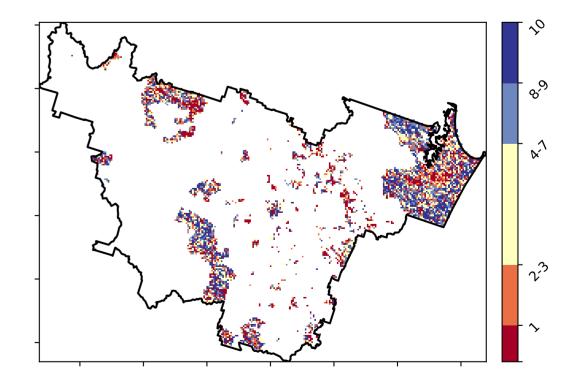
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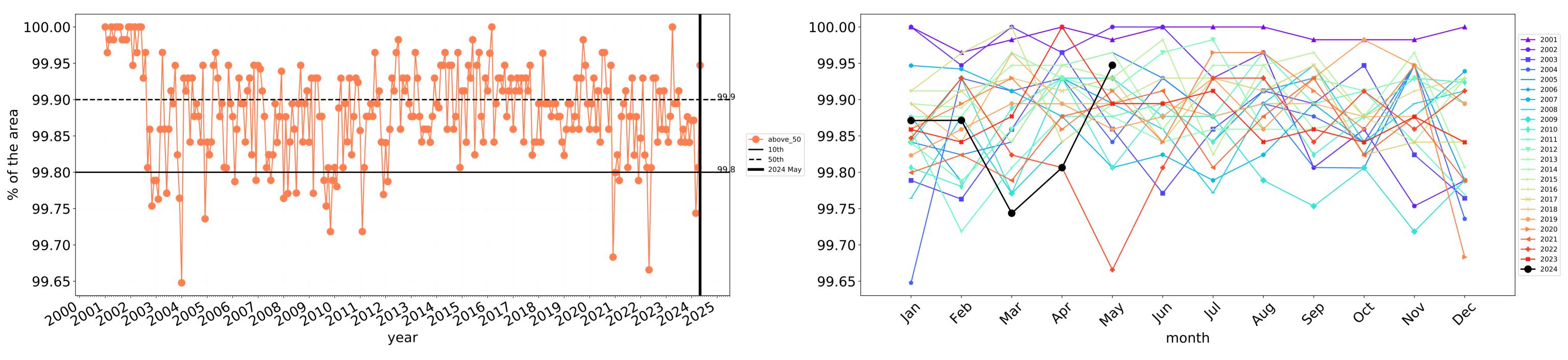
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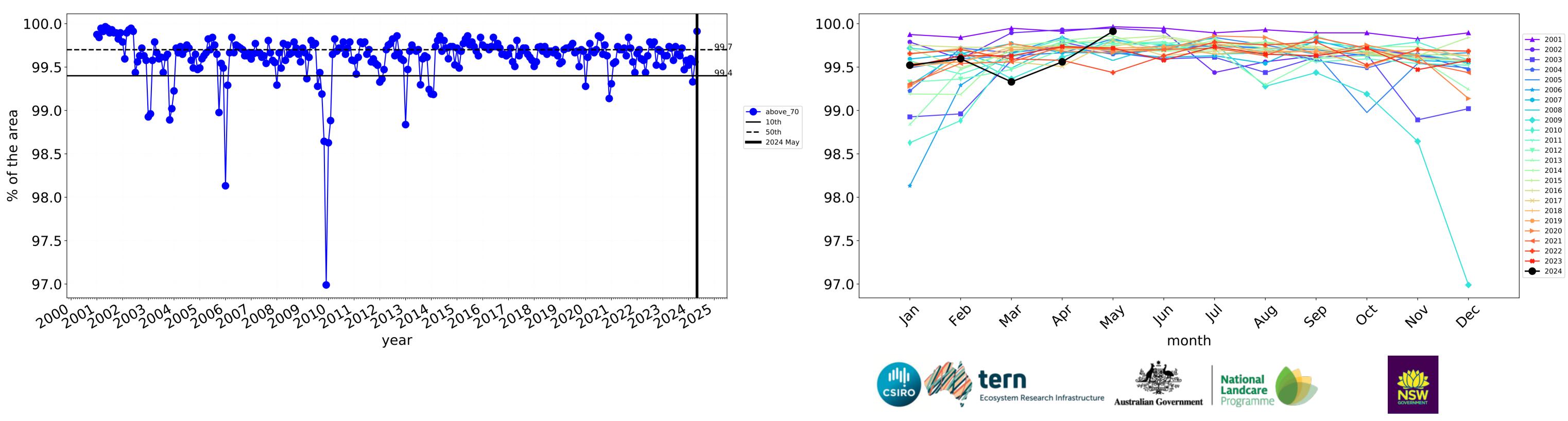
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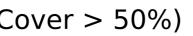






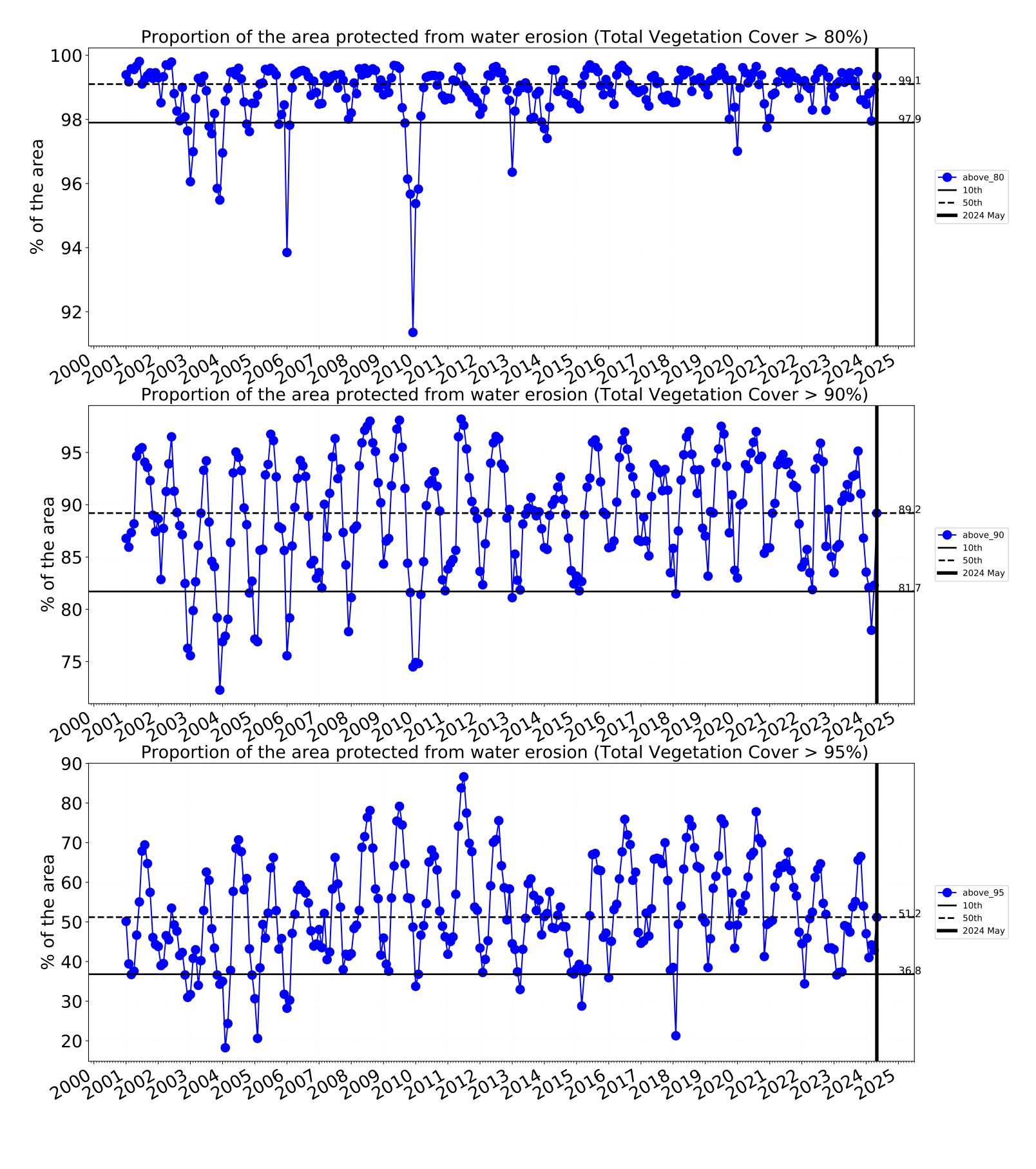
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

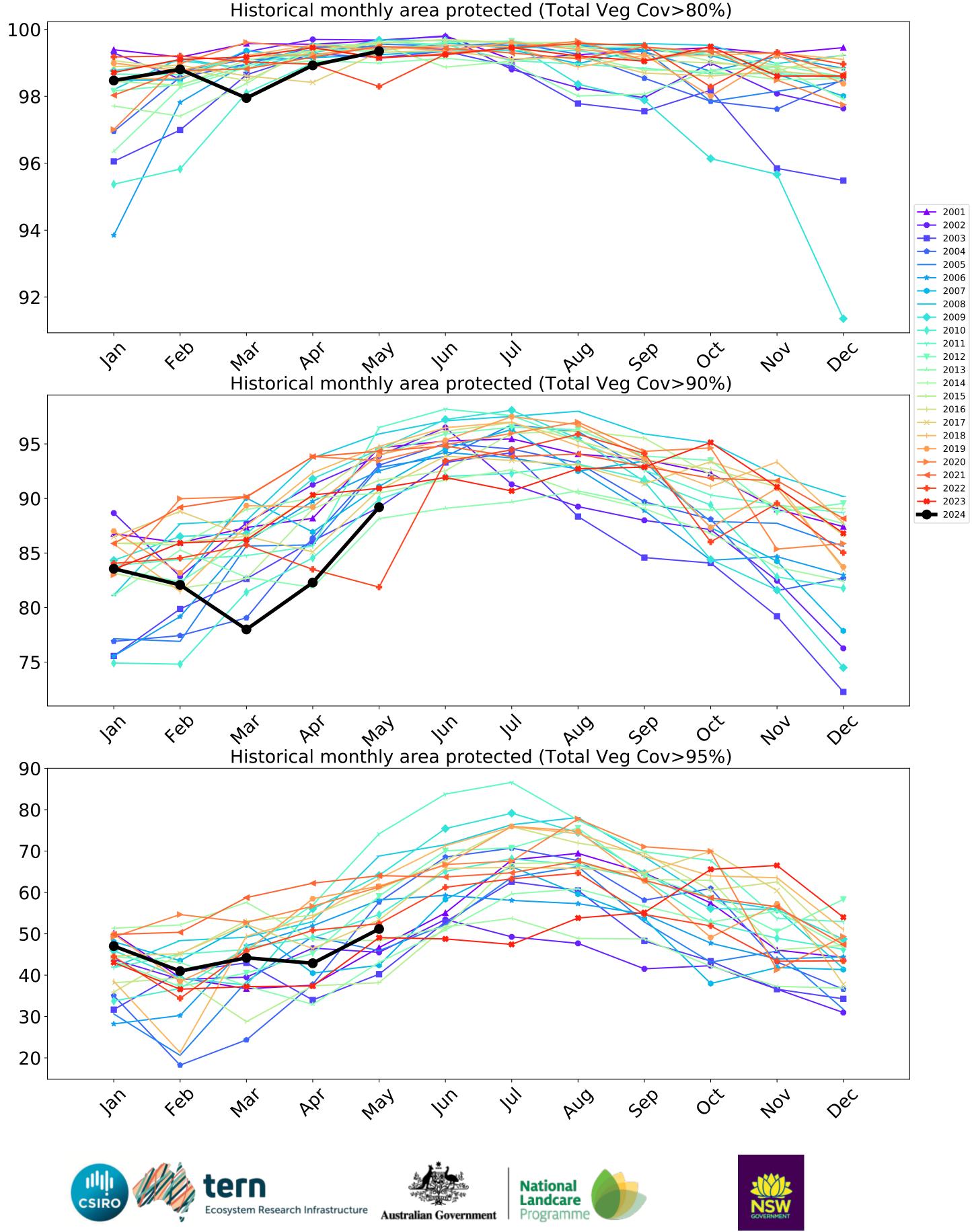




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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





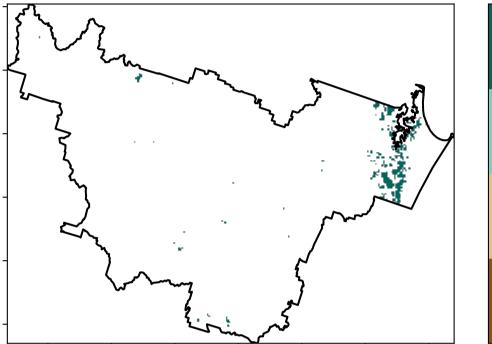


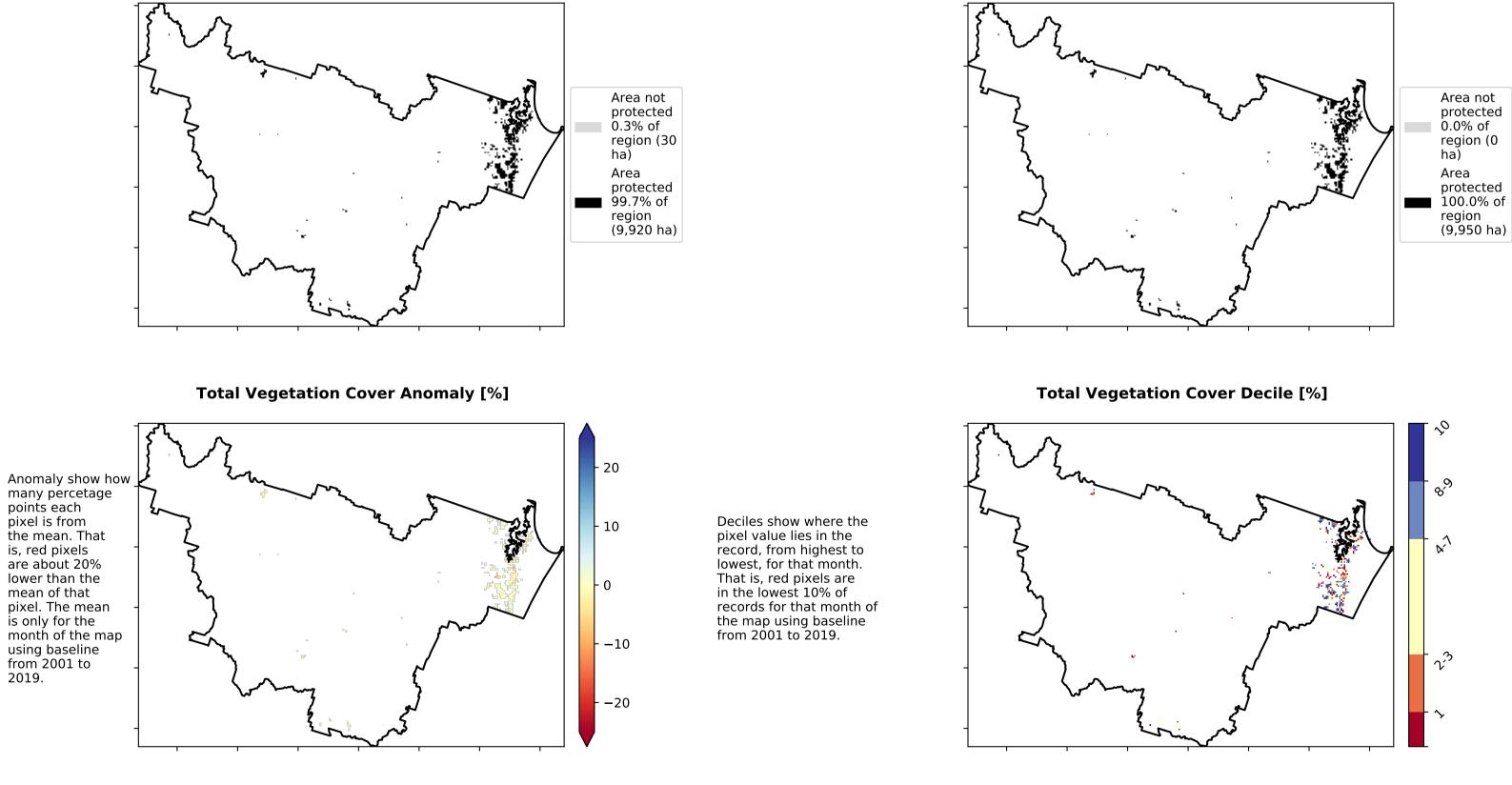
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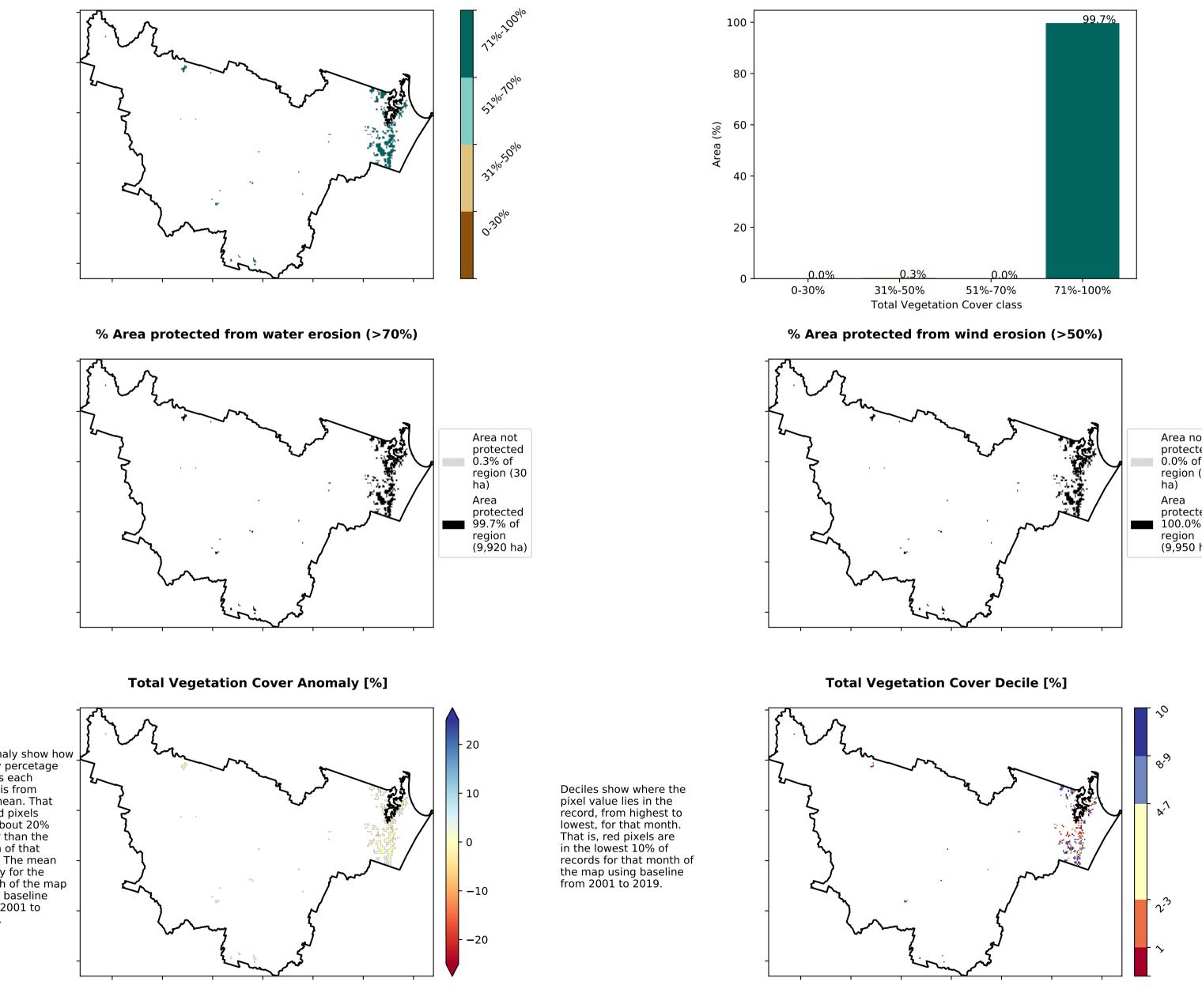
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover

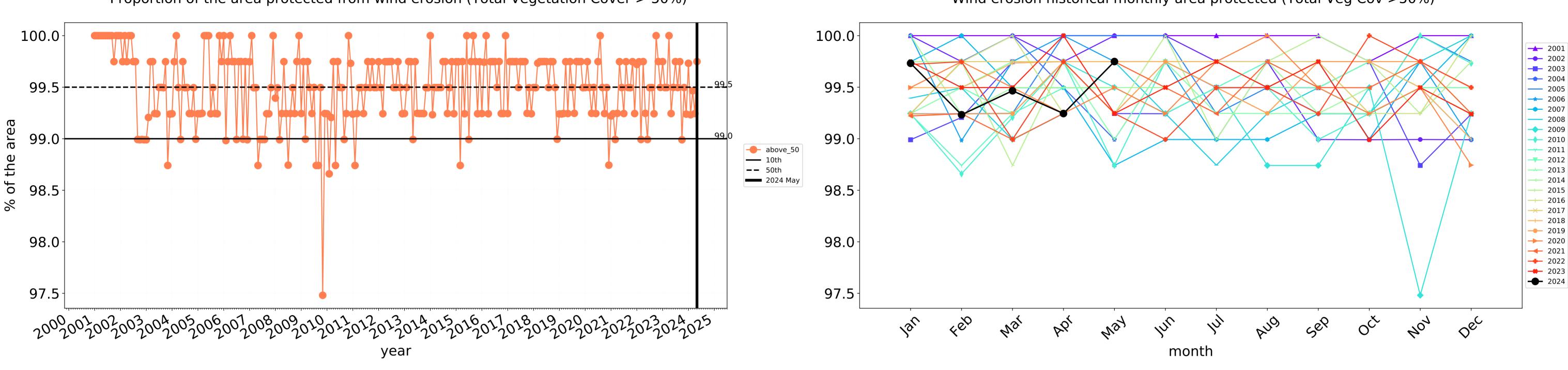




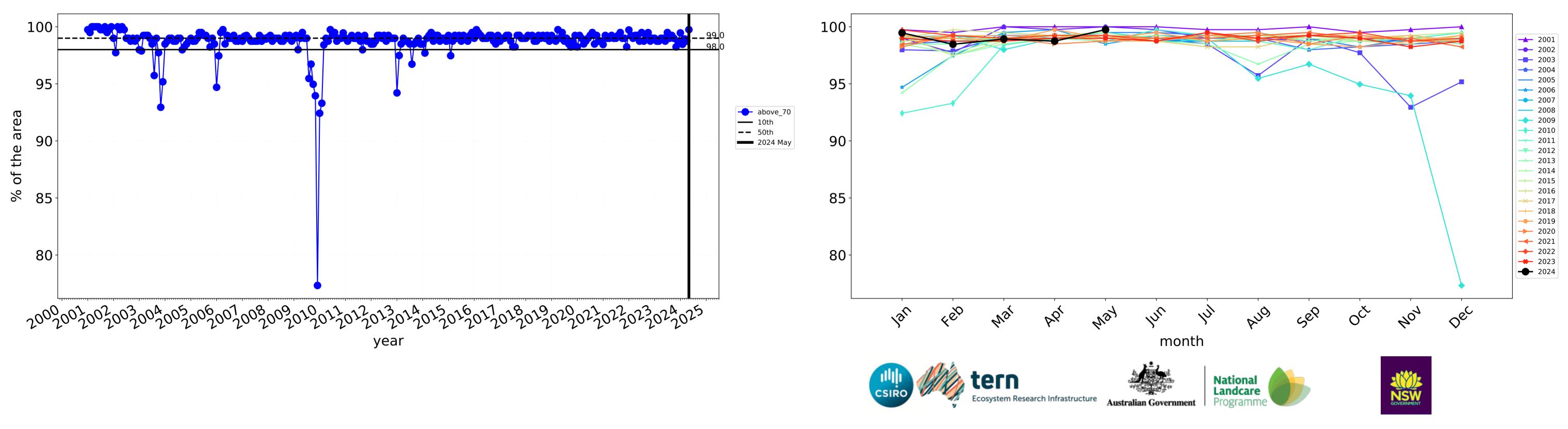
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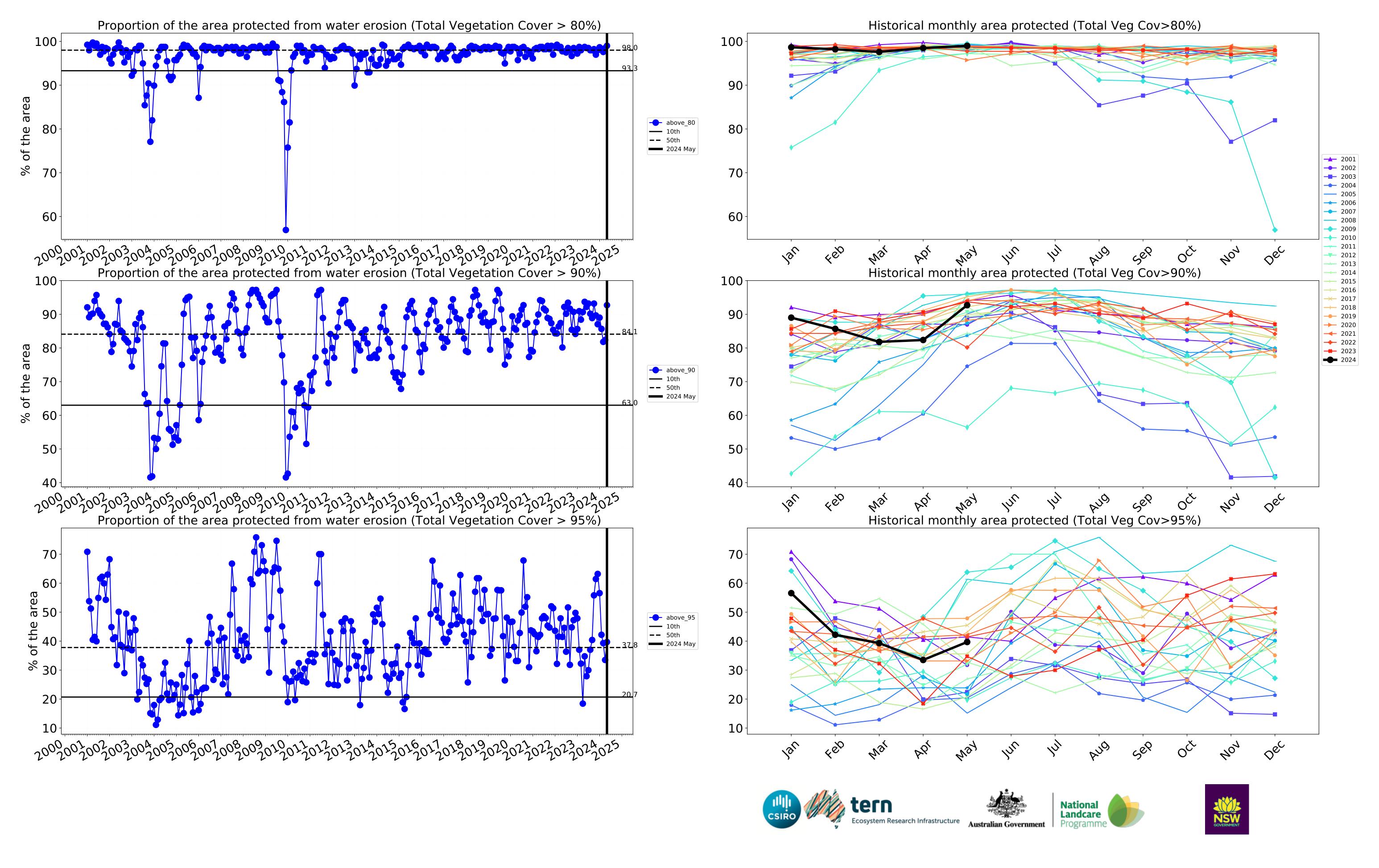


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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

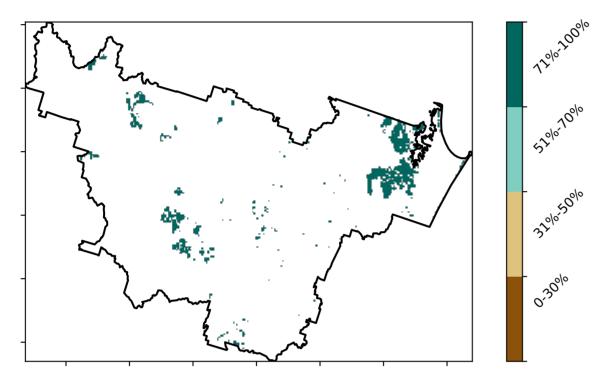


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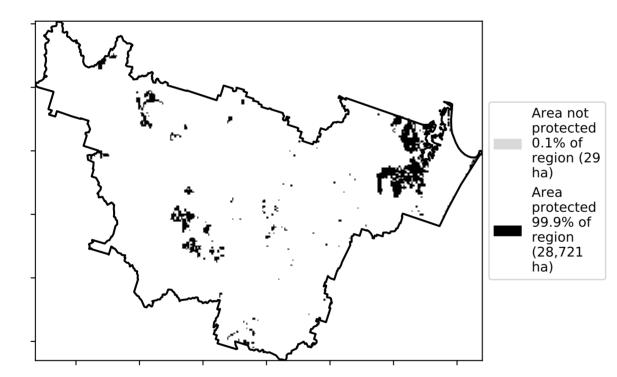
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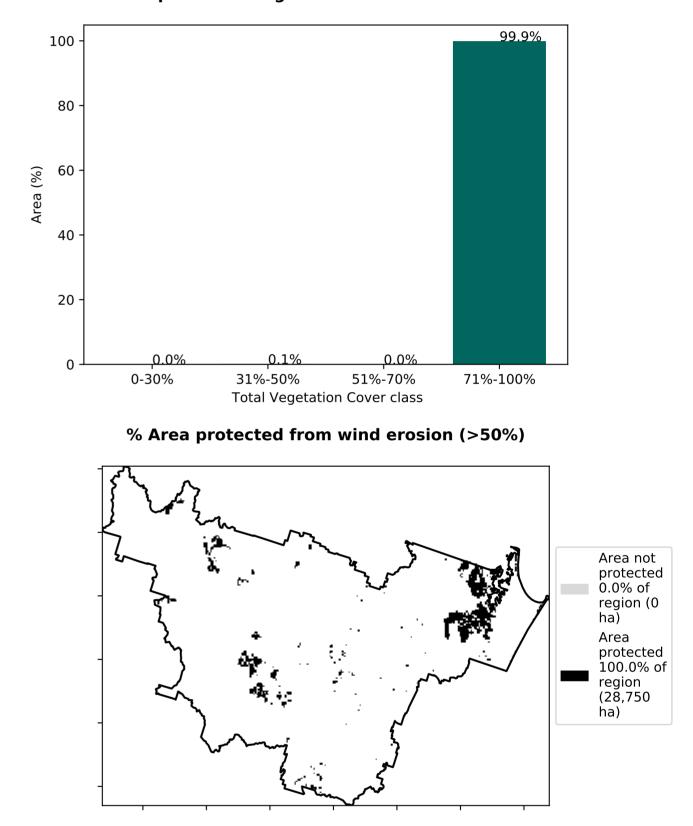
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

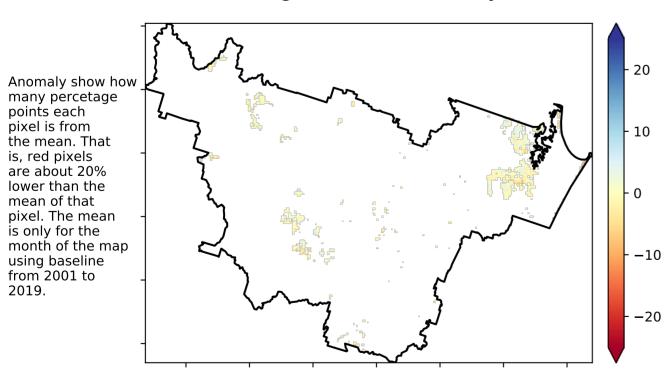


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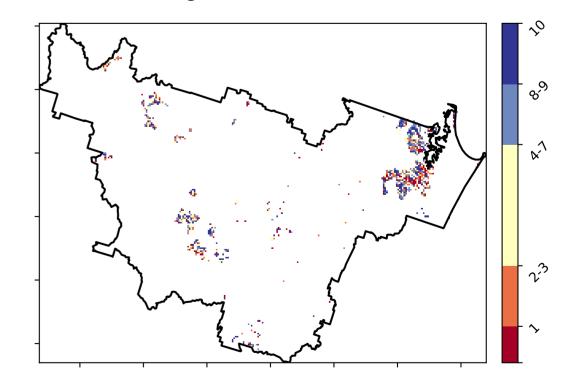


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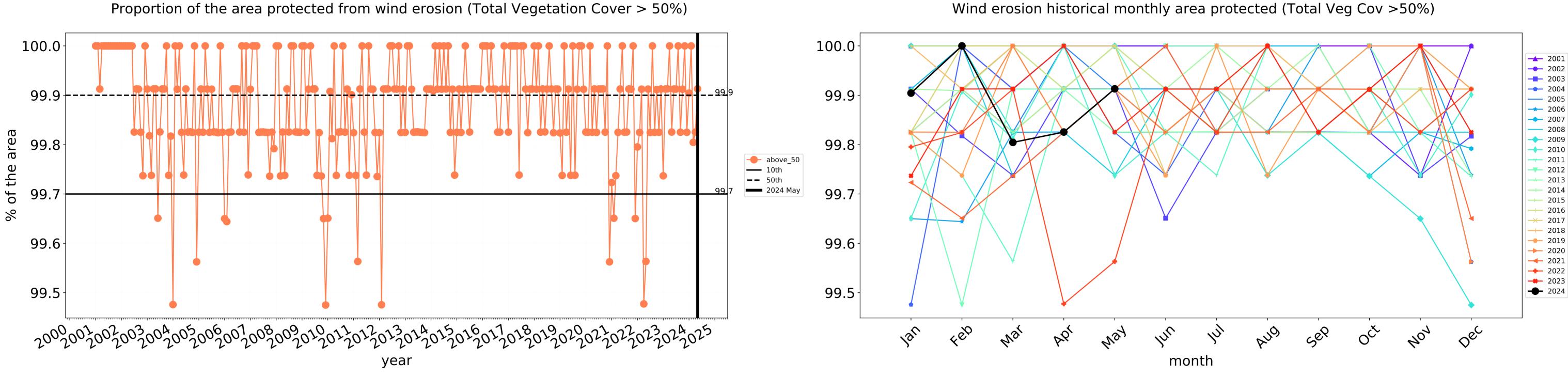
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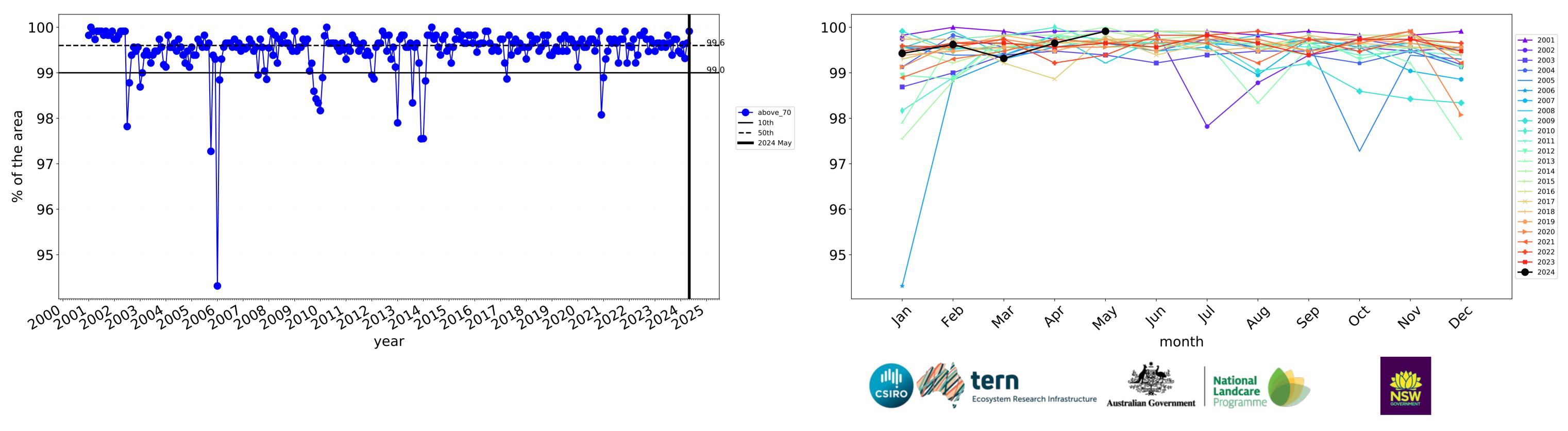
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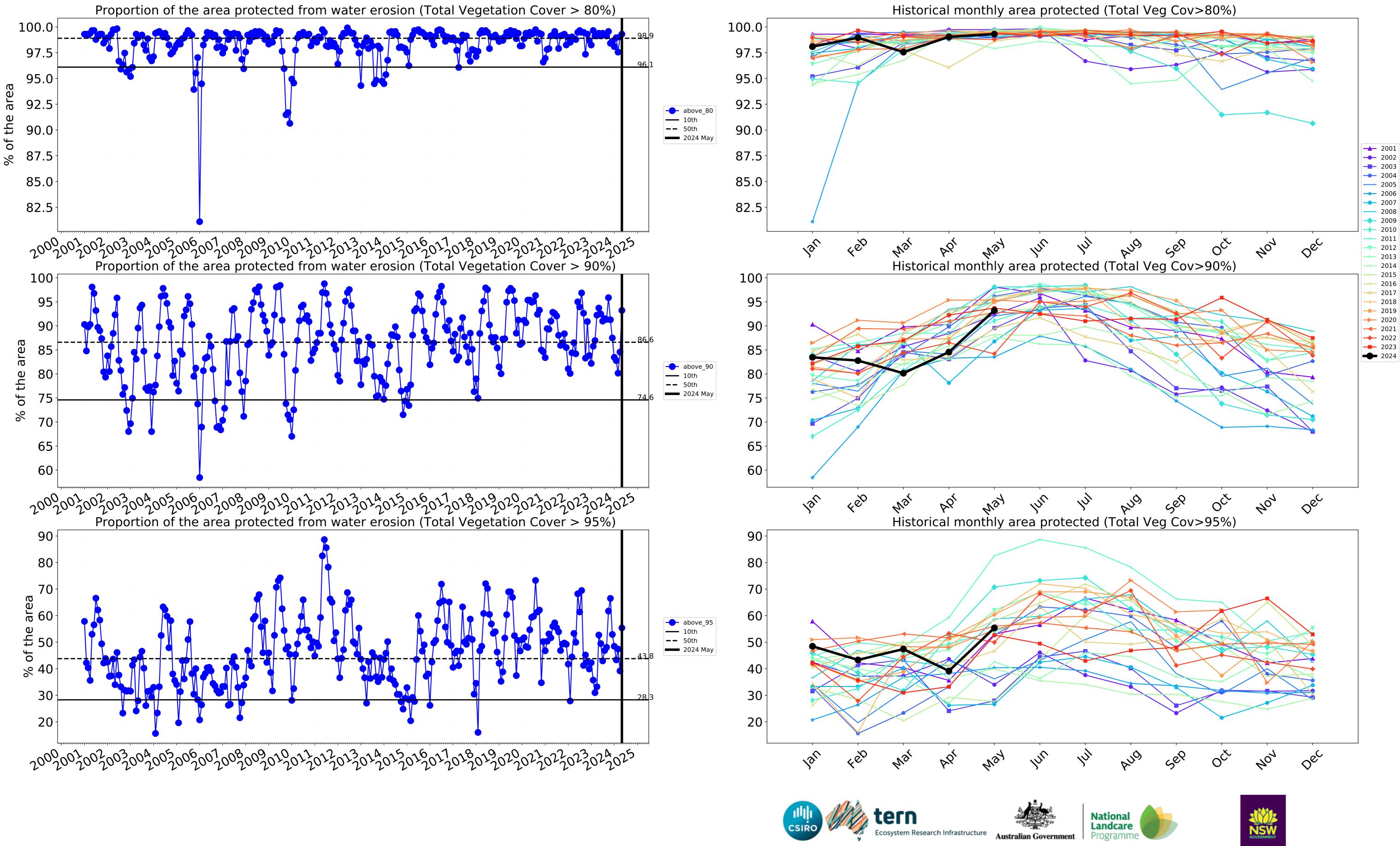




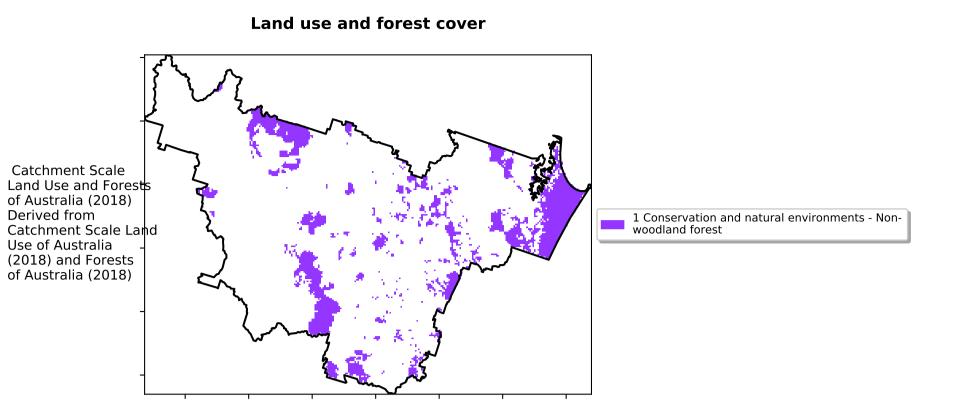
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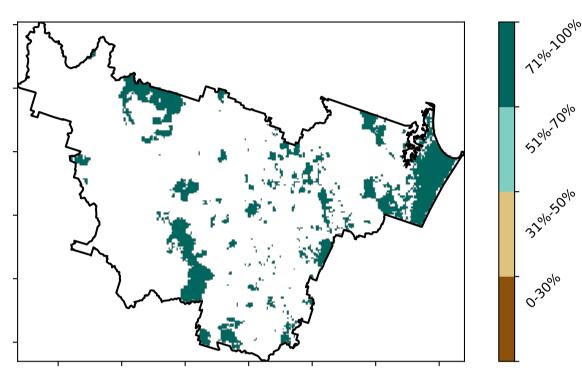
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



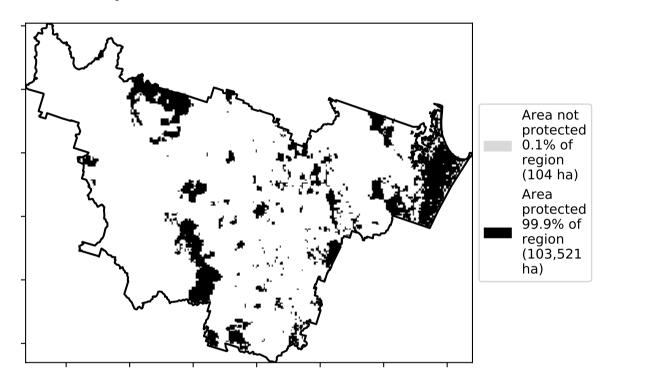
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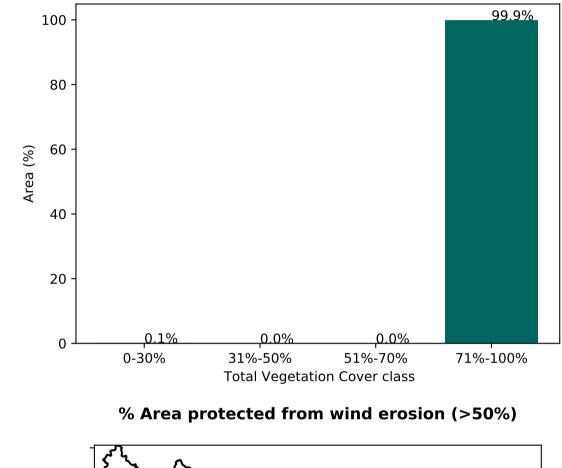
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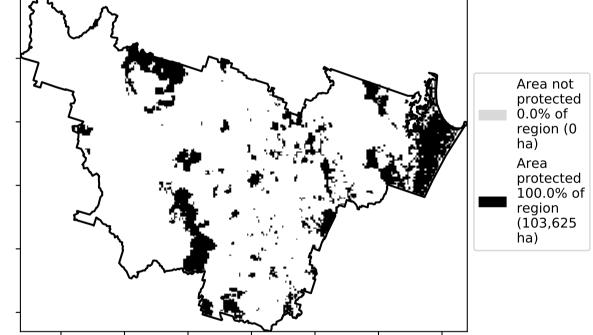


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

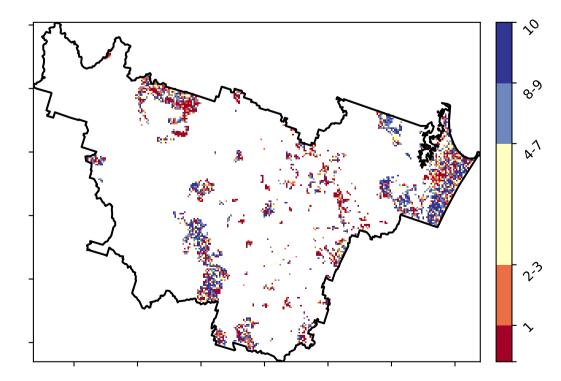


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

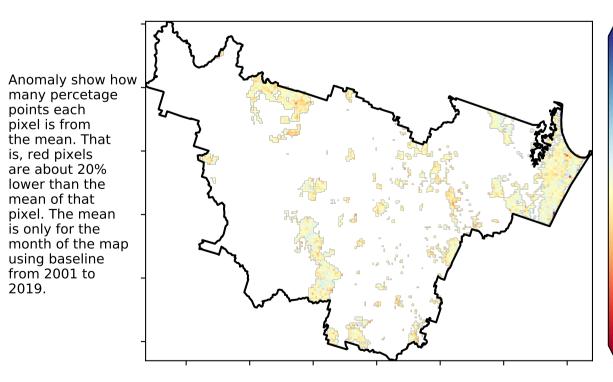




**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





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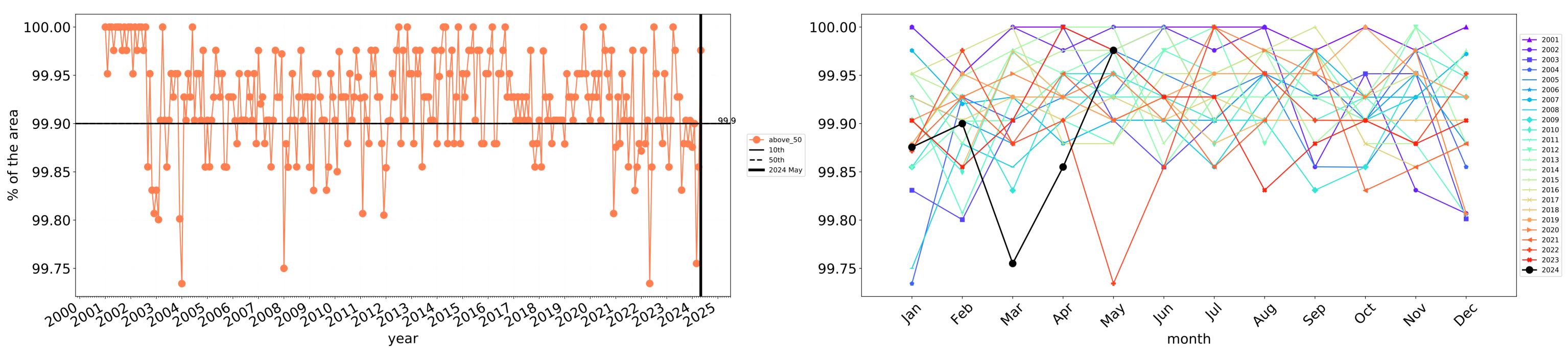
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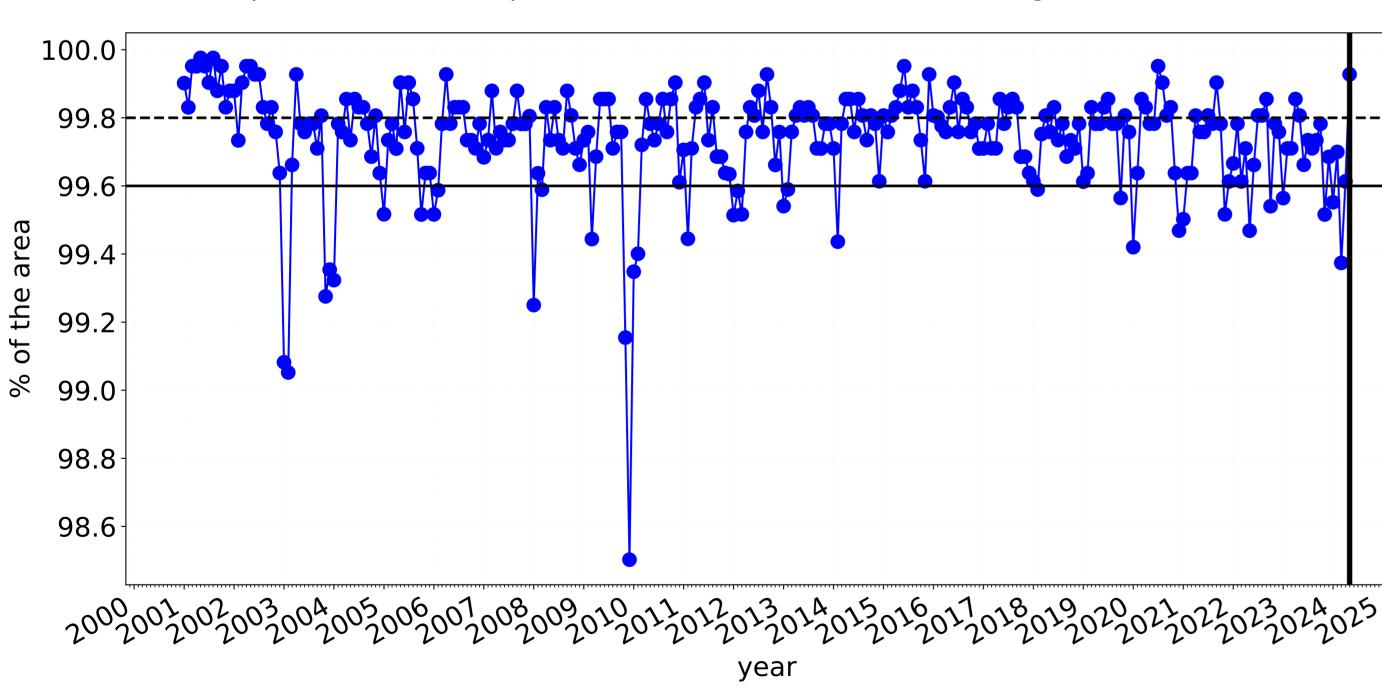
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

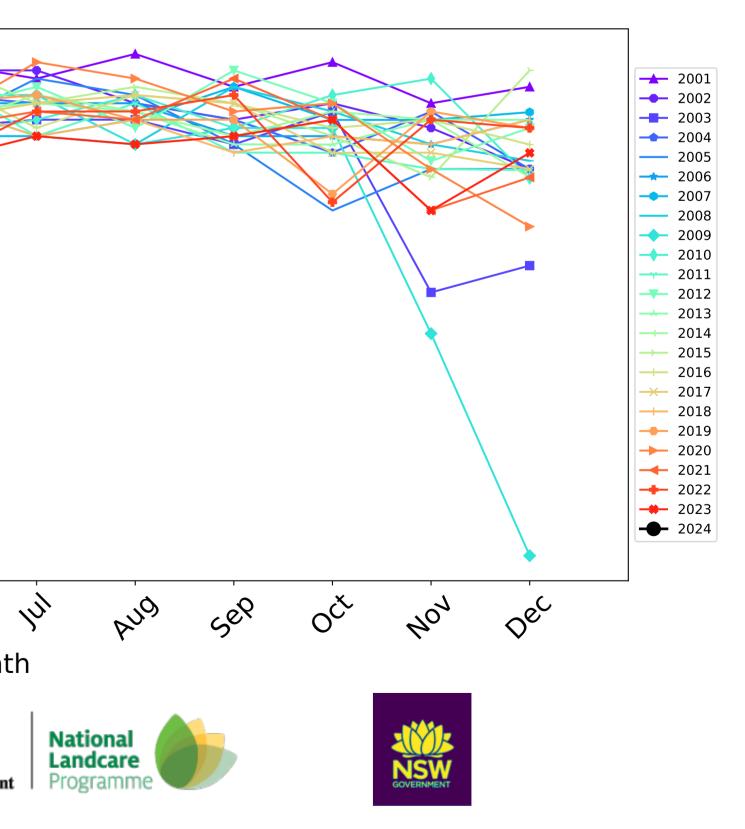


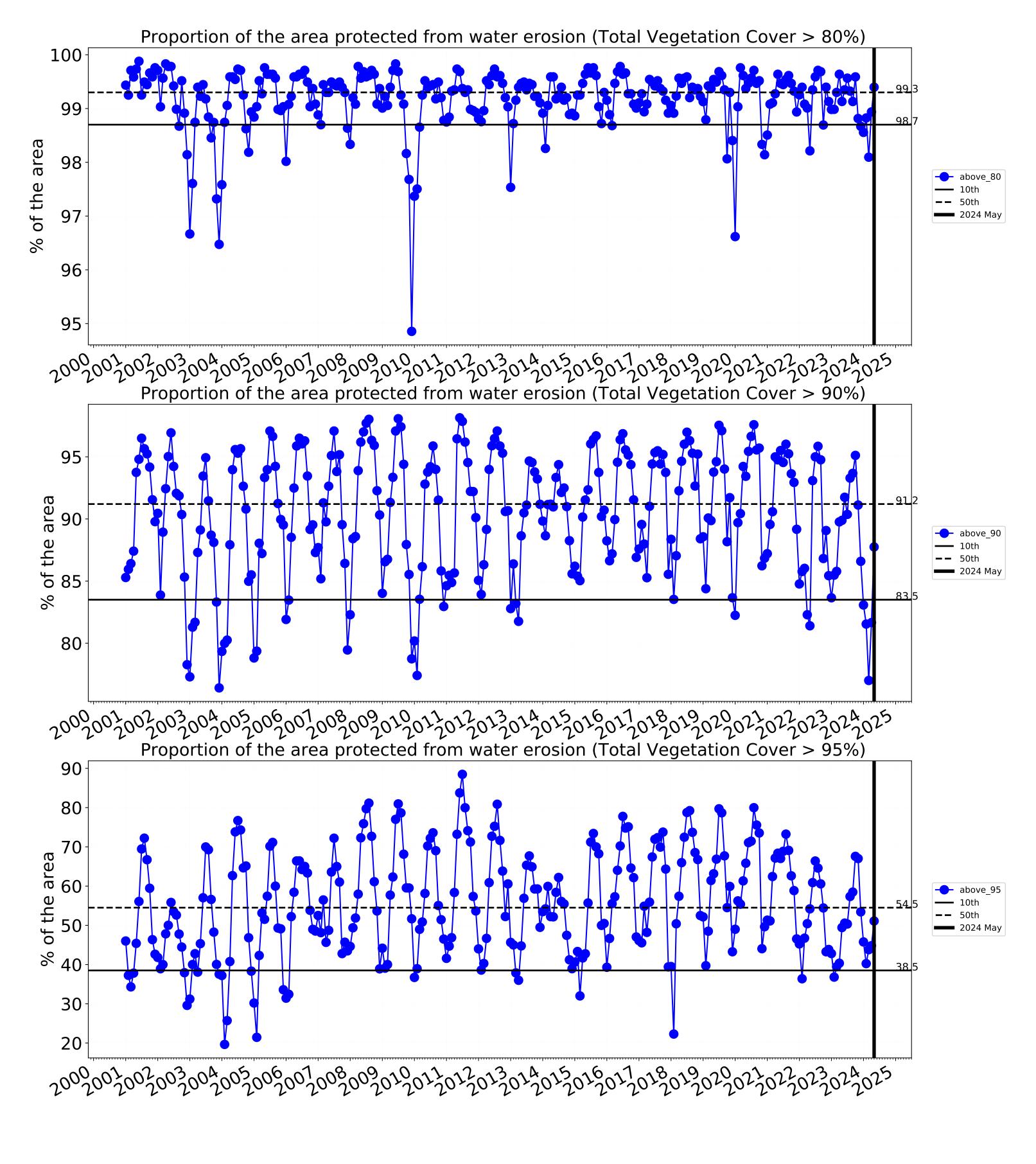
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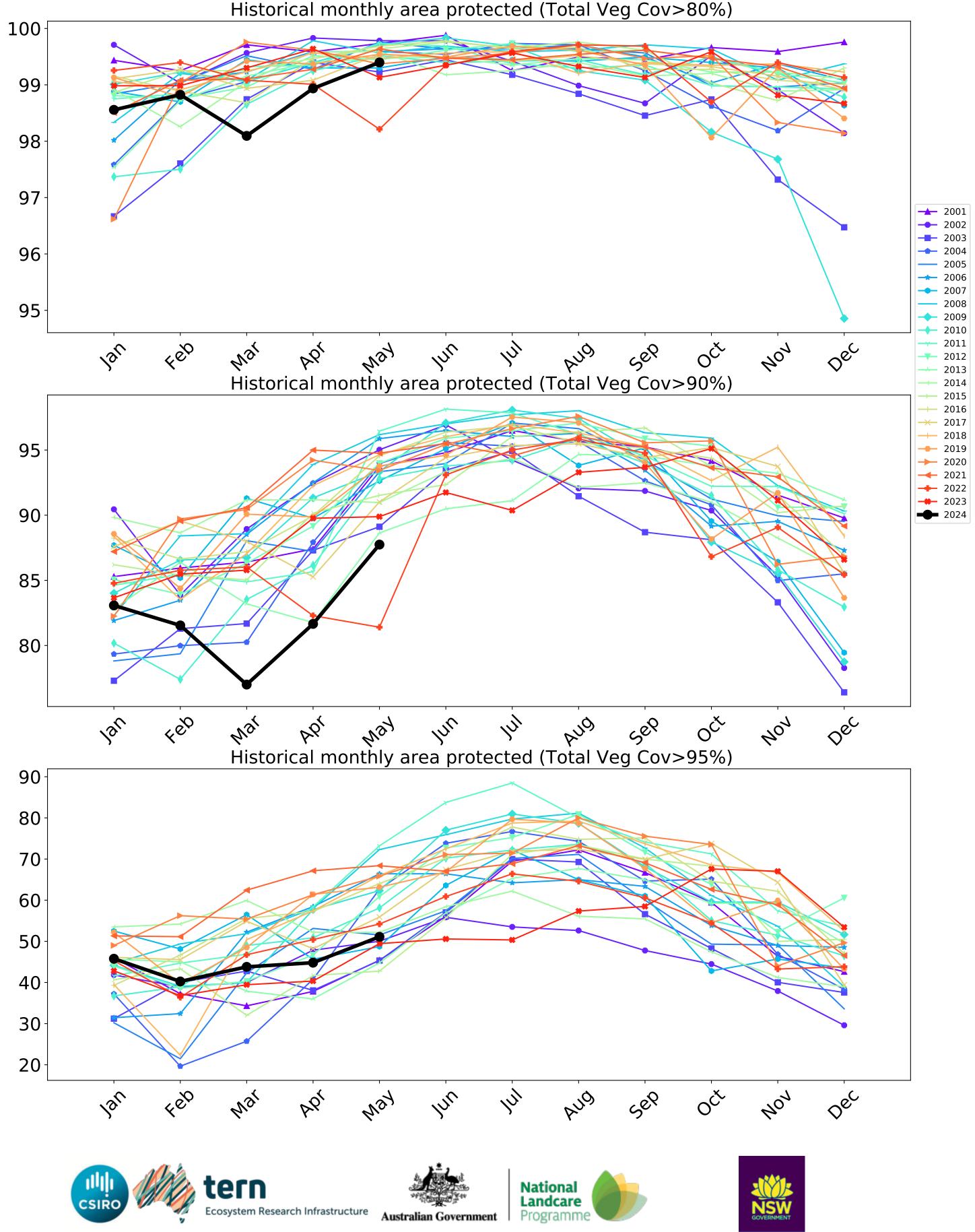
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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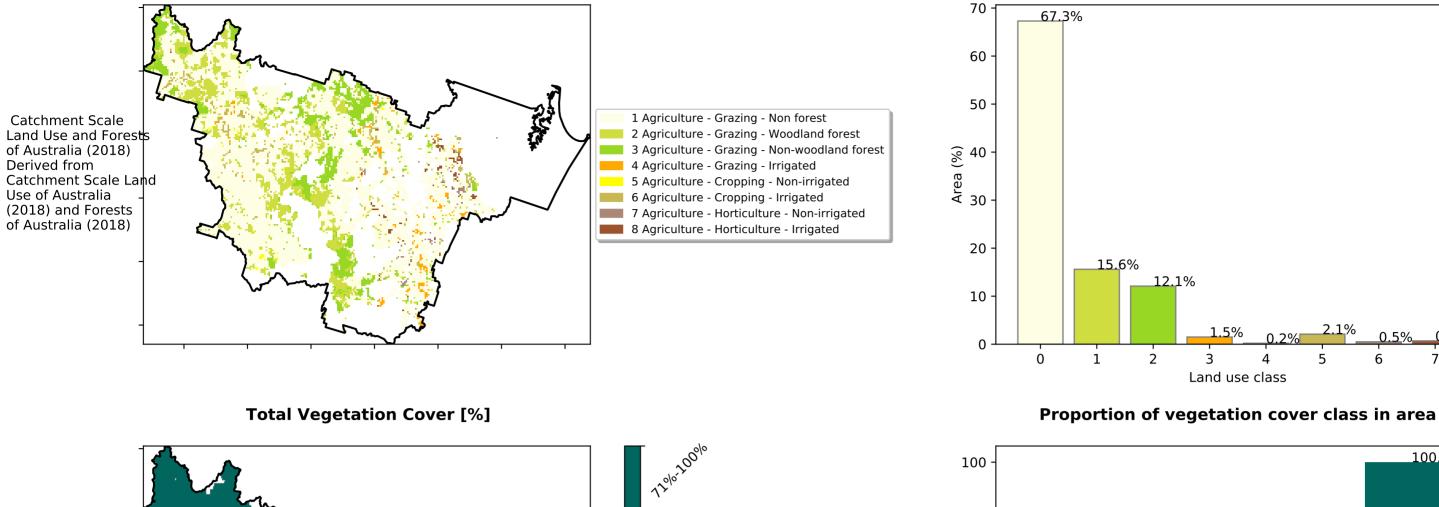


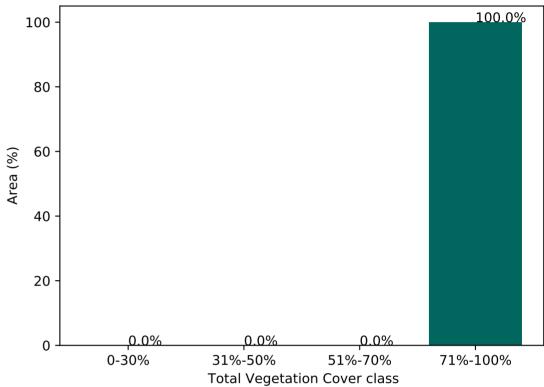
### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

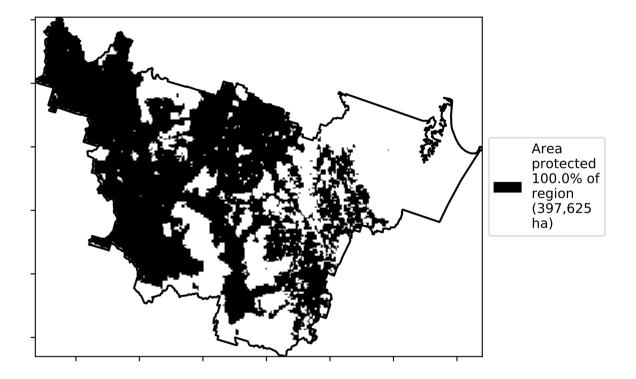
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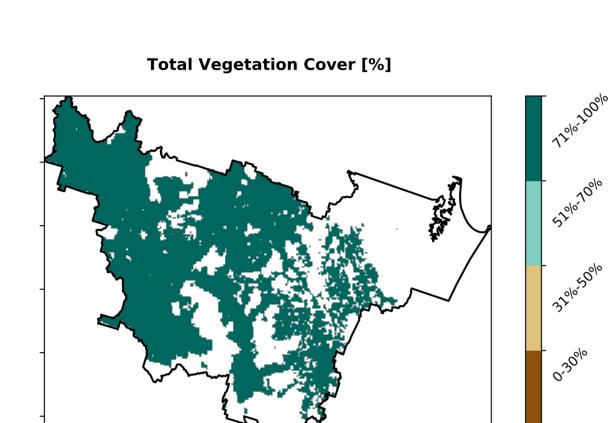




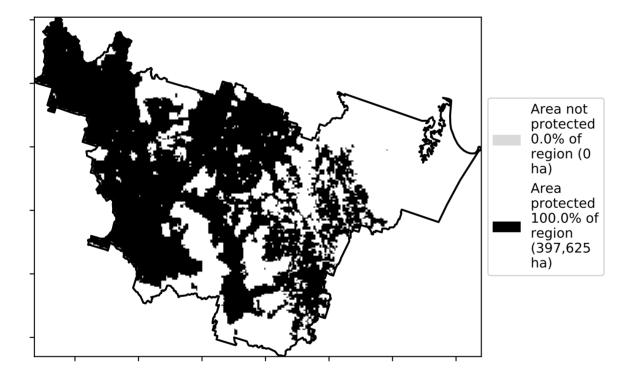
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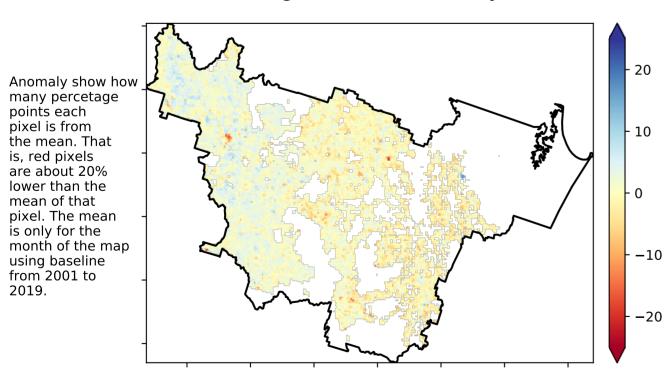




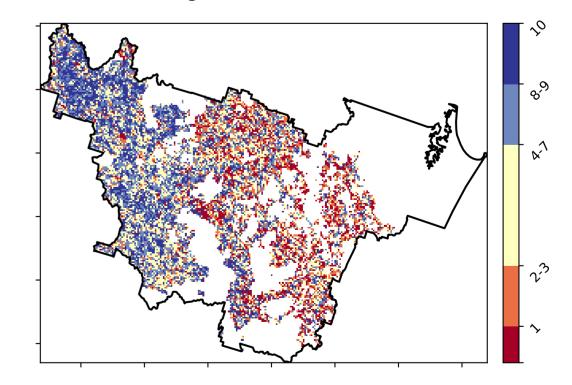
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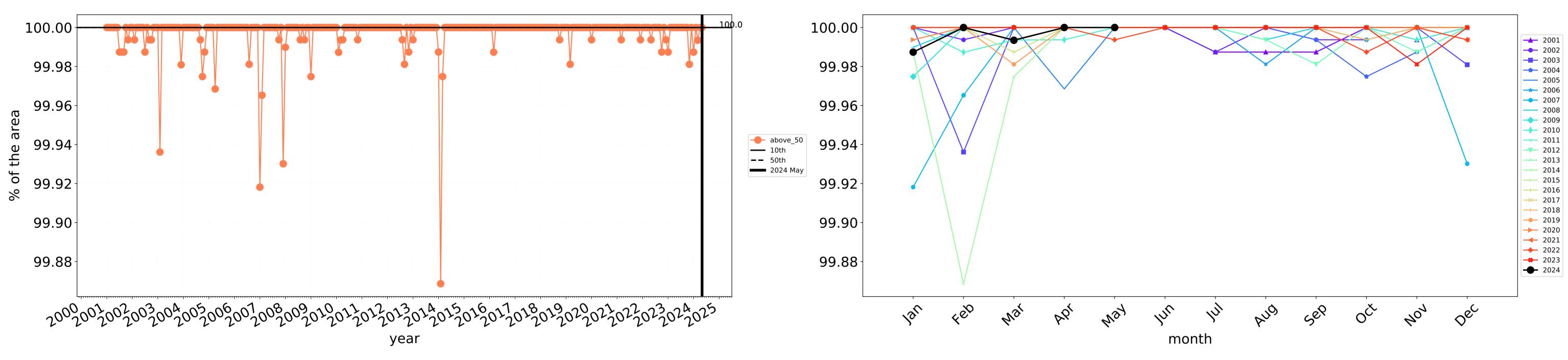
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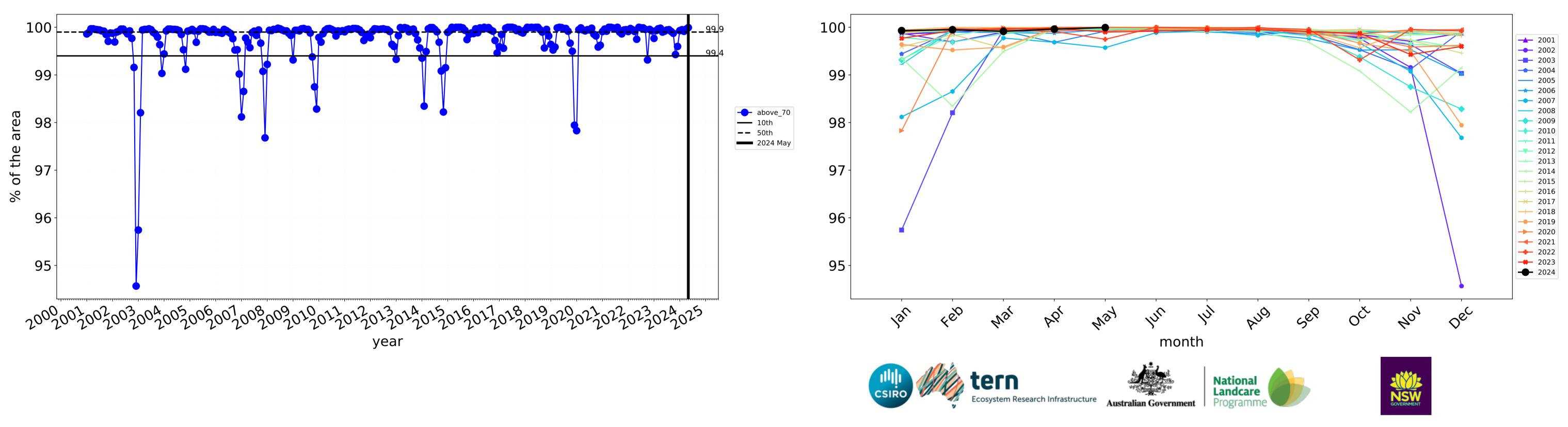


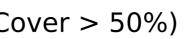




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

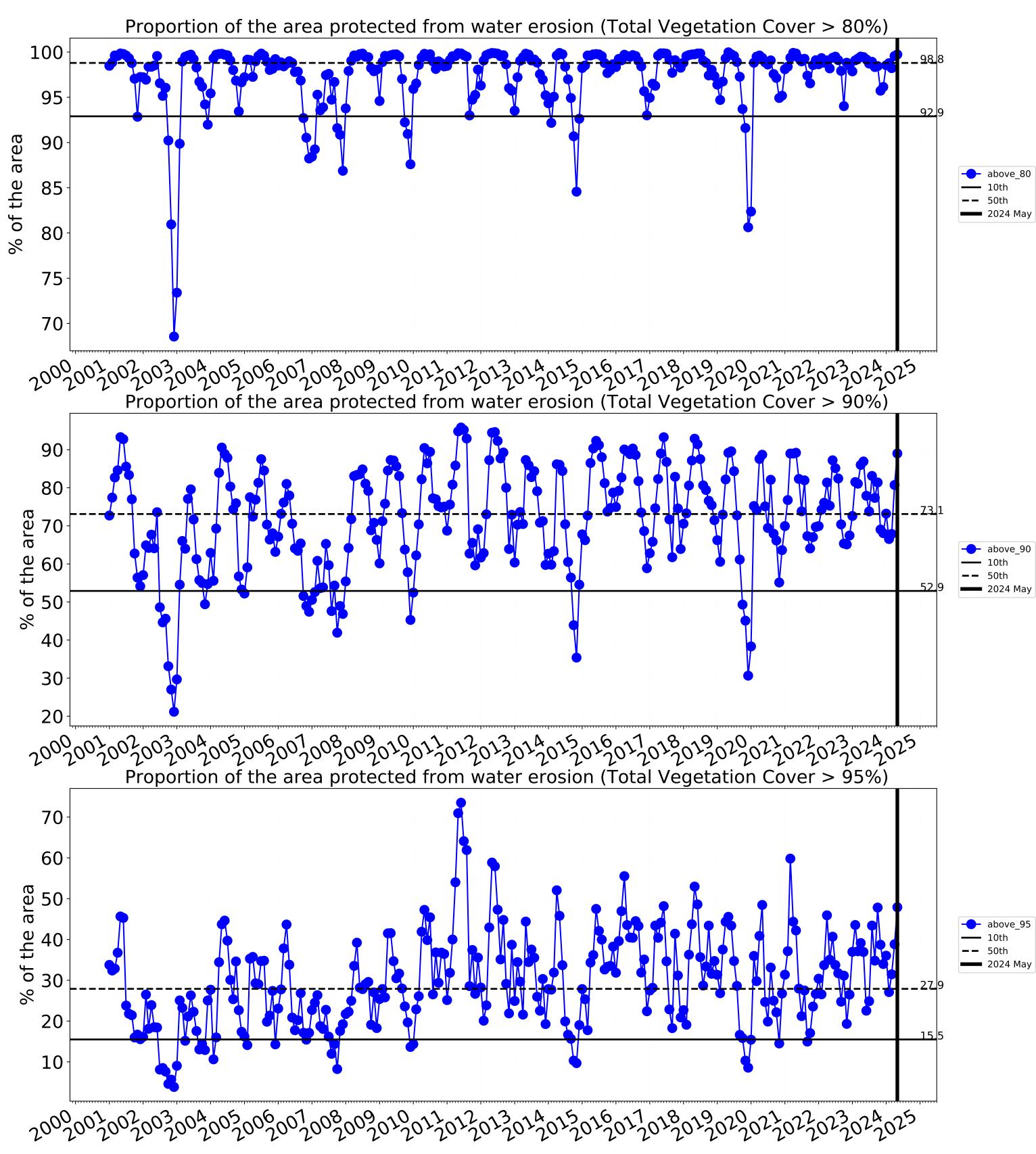
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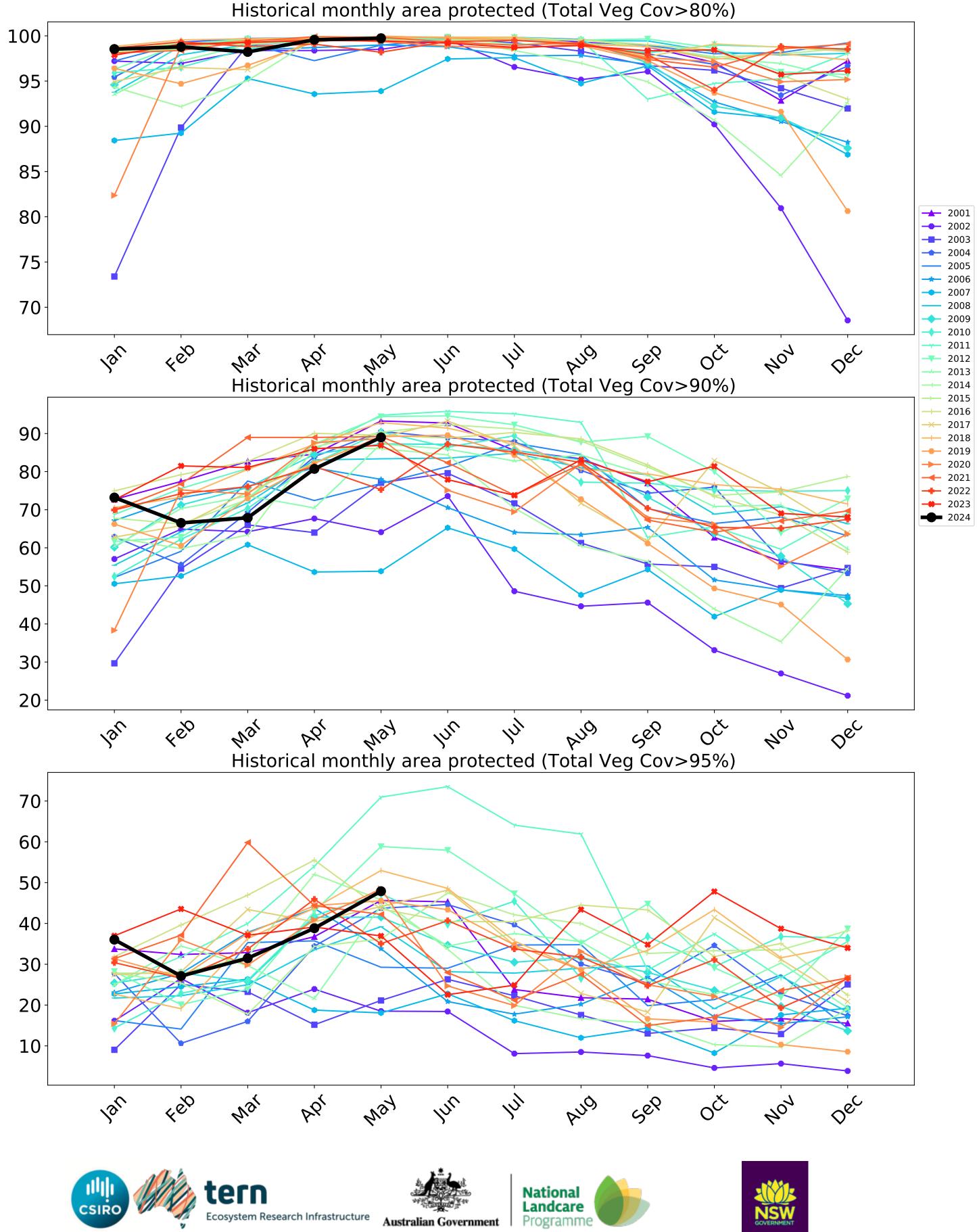




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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





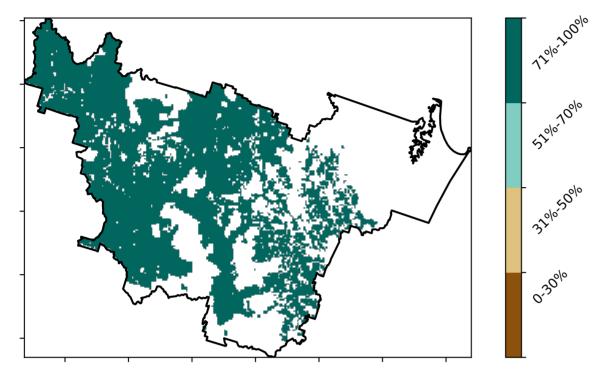


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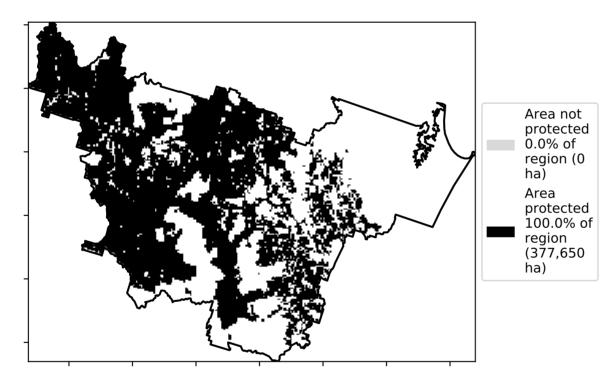
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



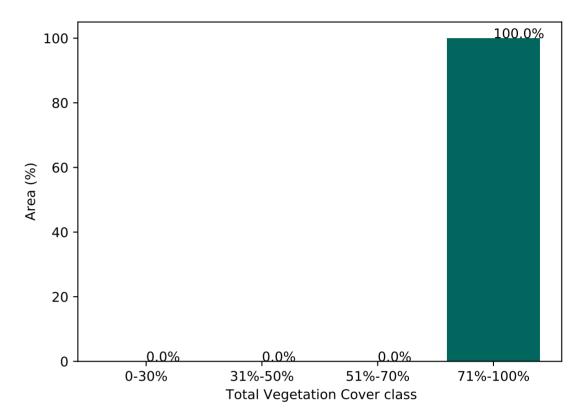
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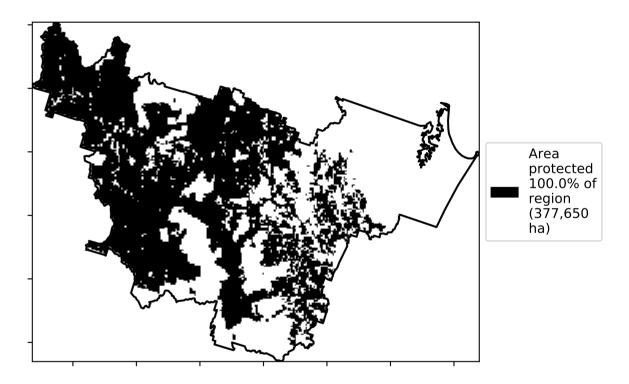
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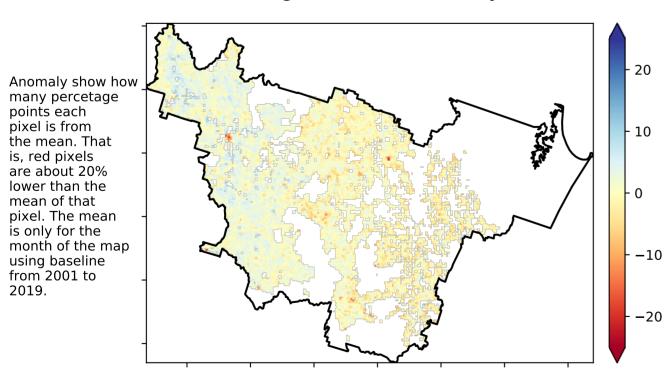
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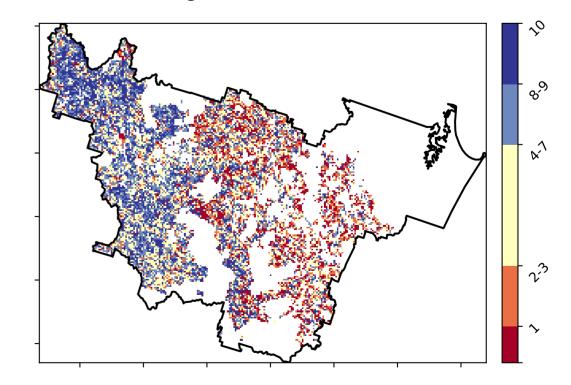
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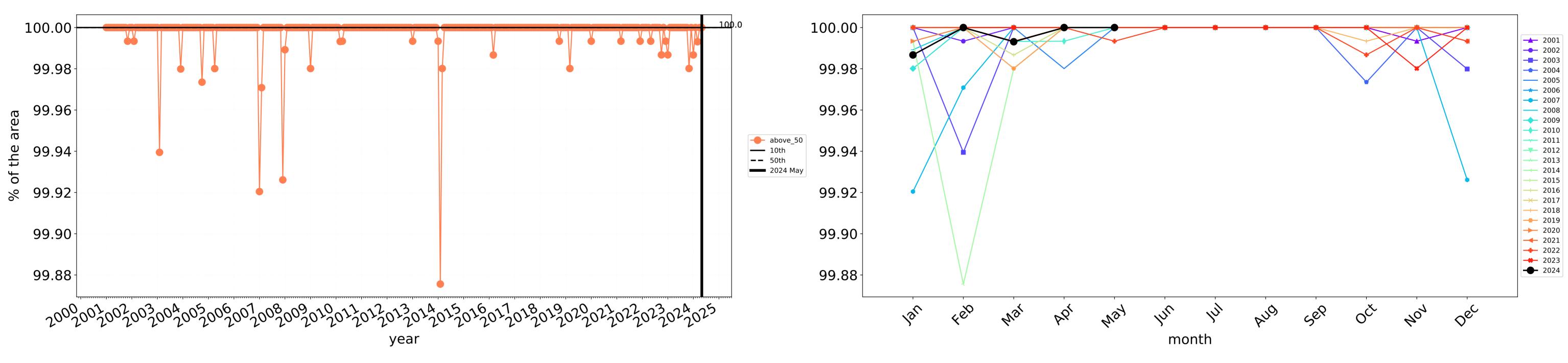


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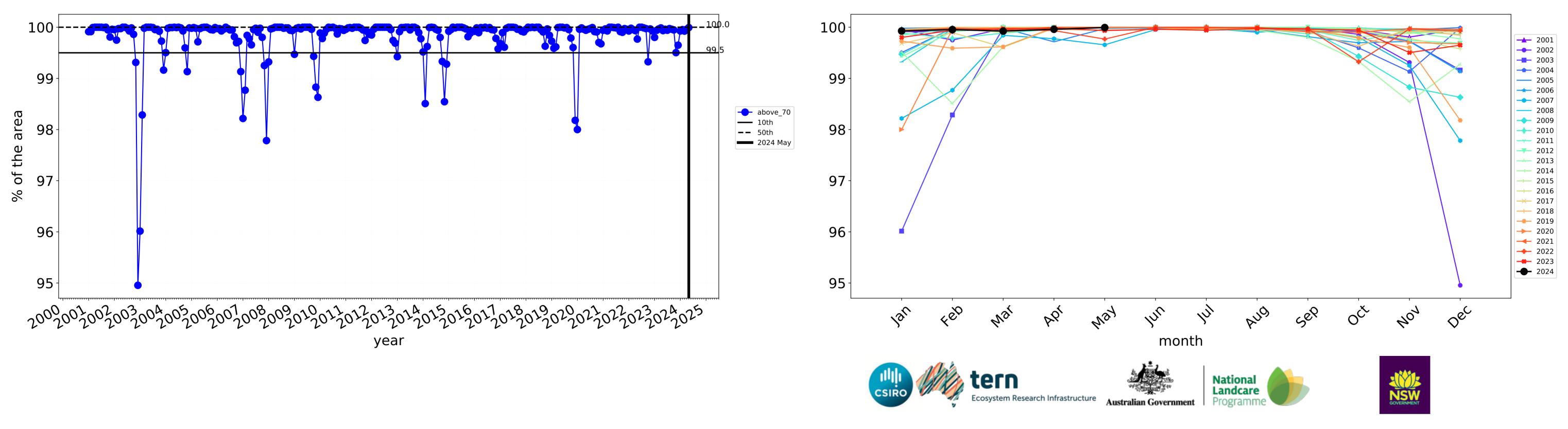


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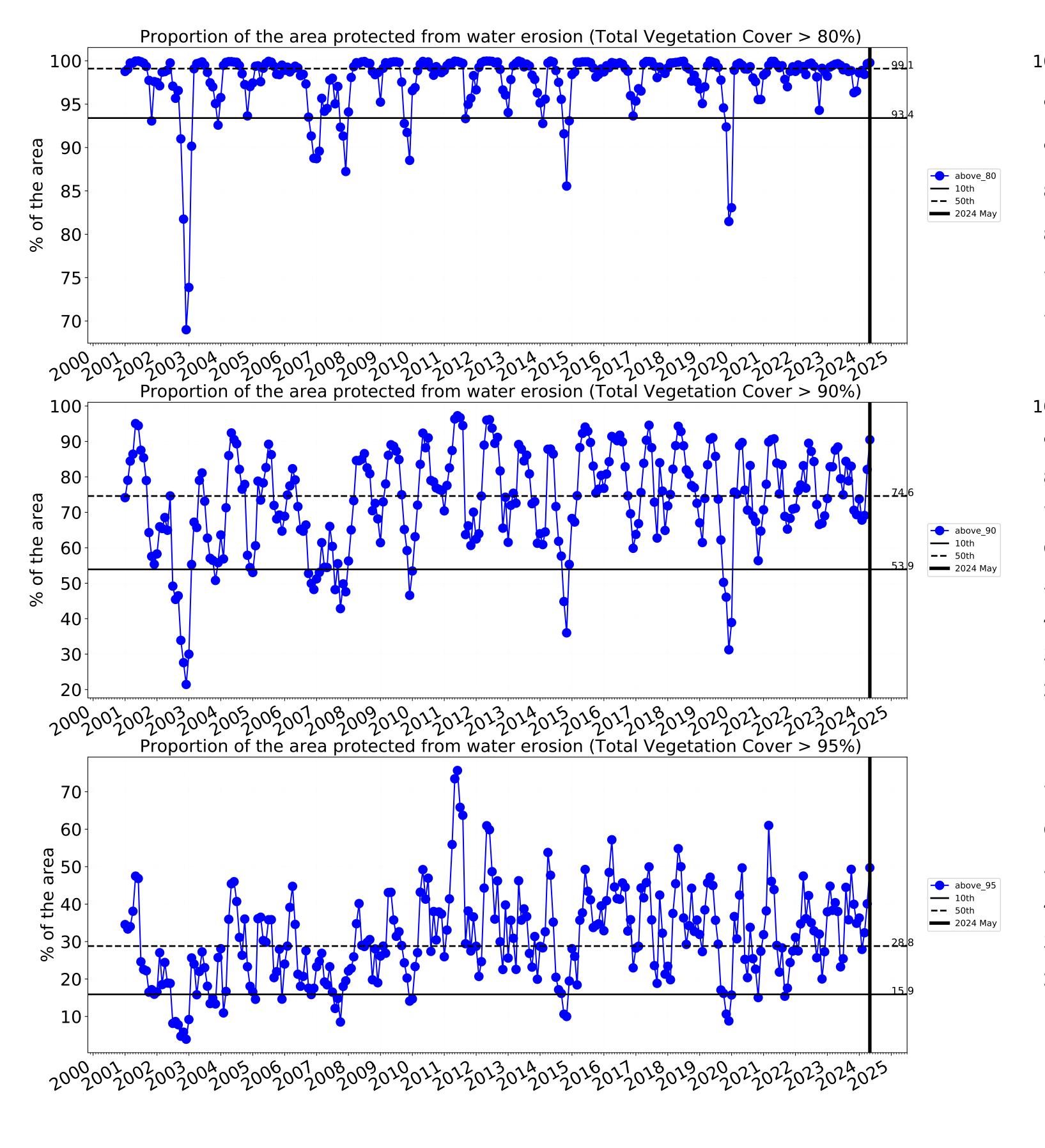
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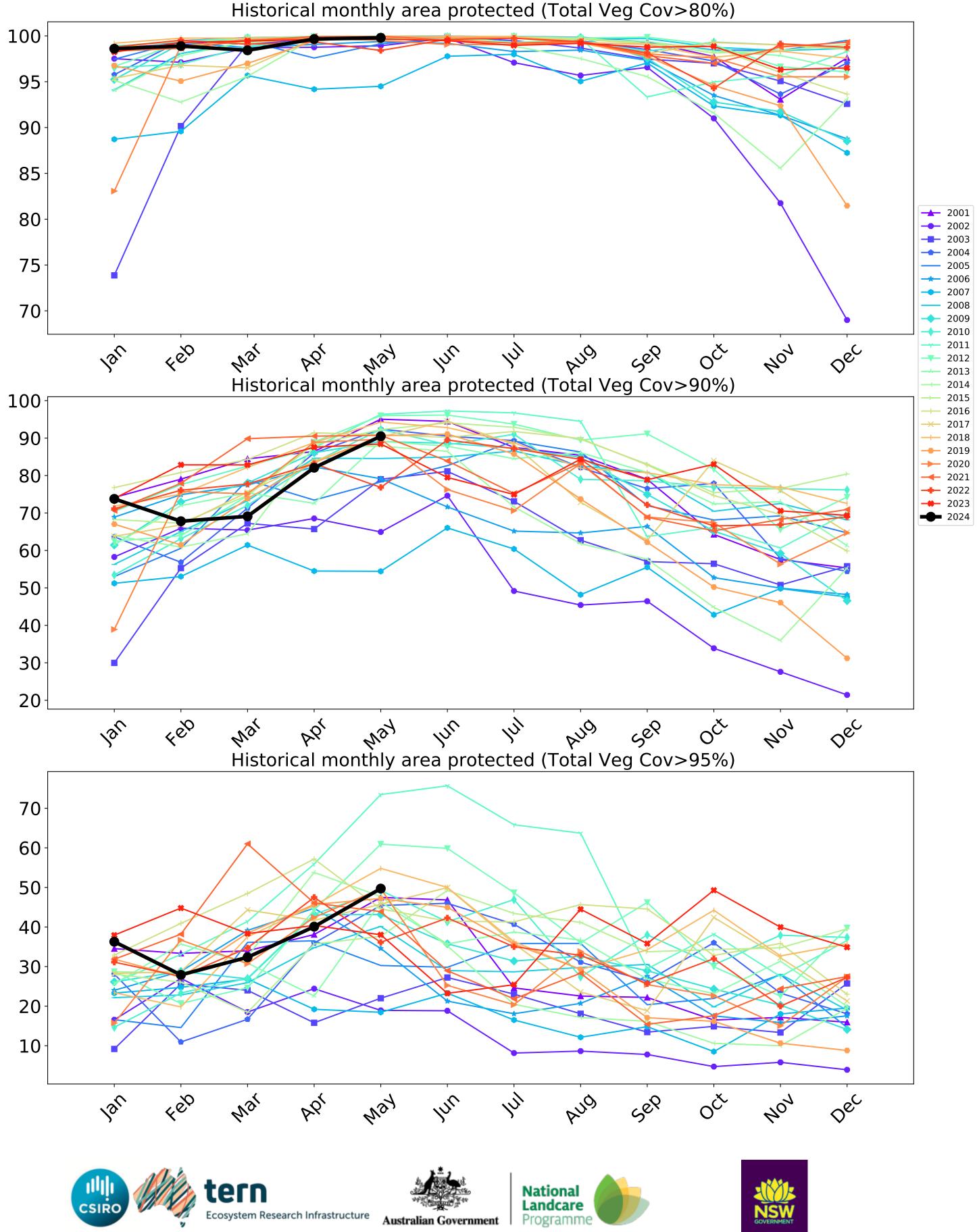
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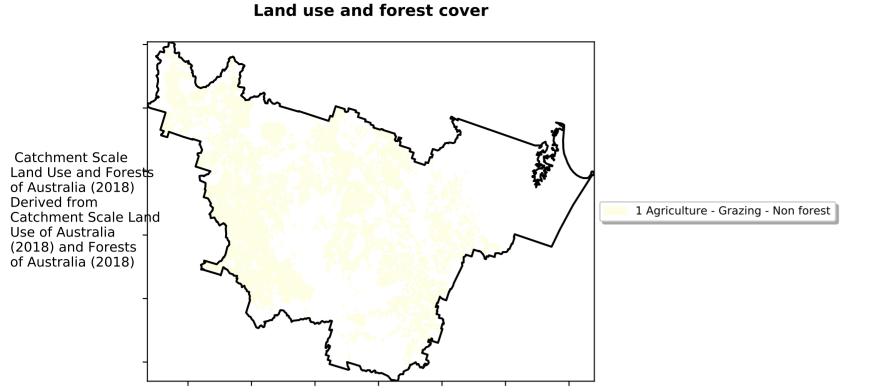
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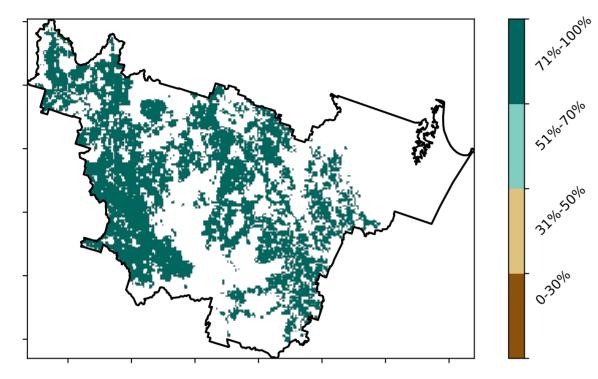




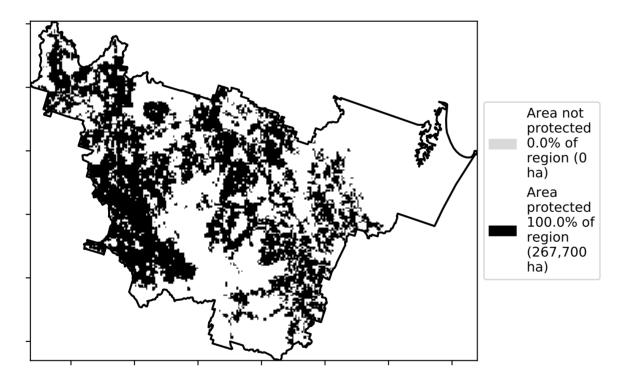
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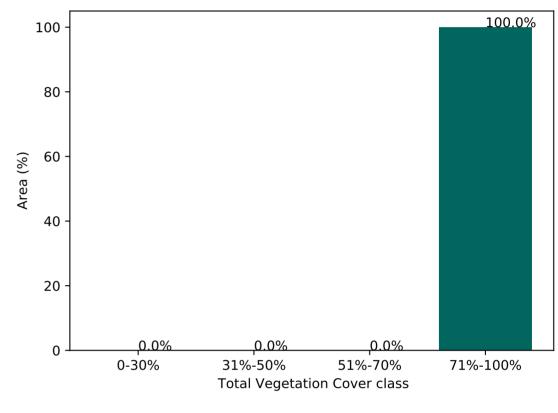
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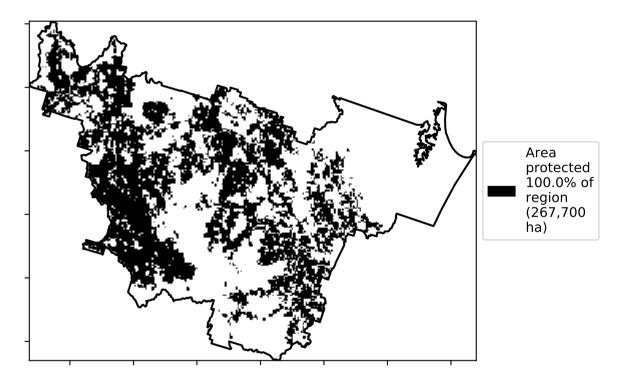
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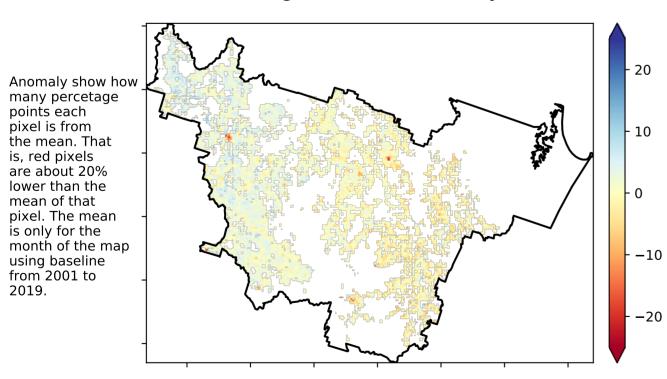
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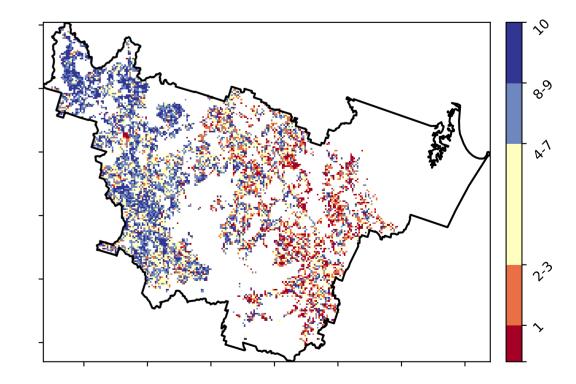
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



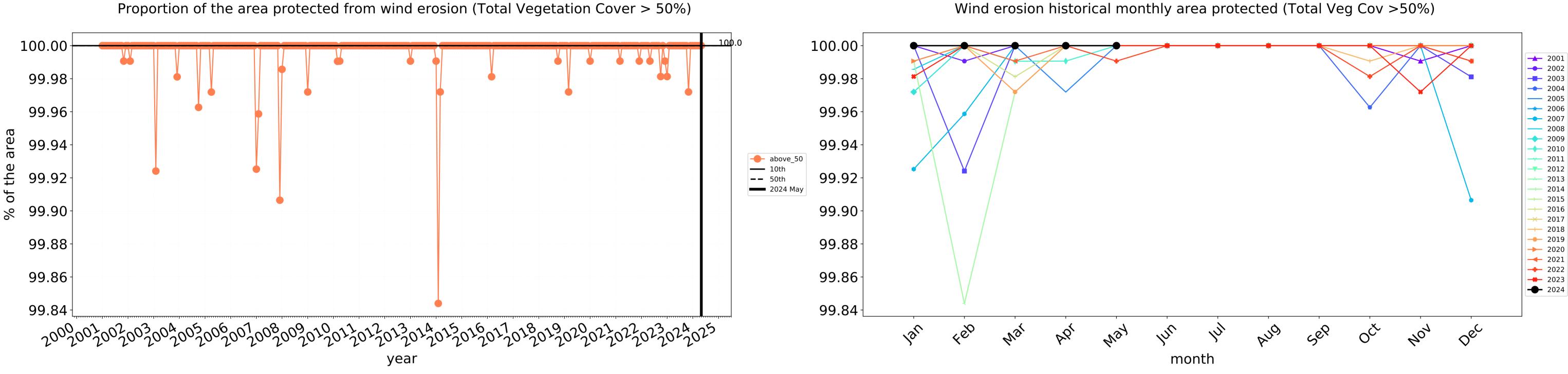
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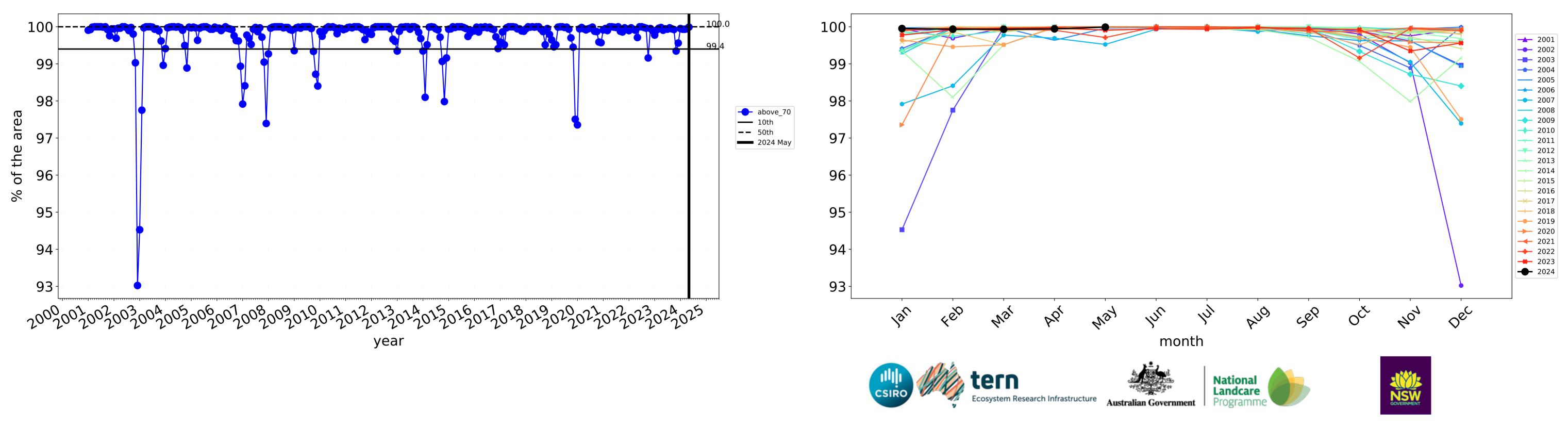


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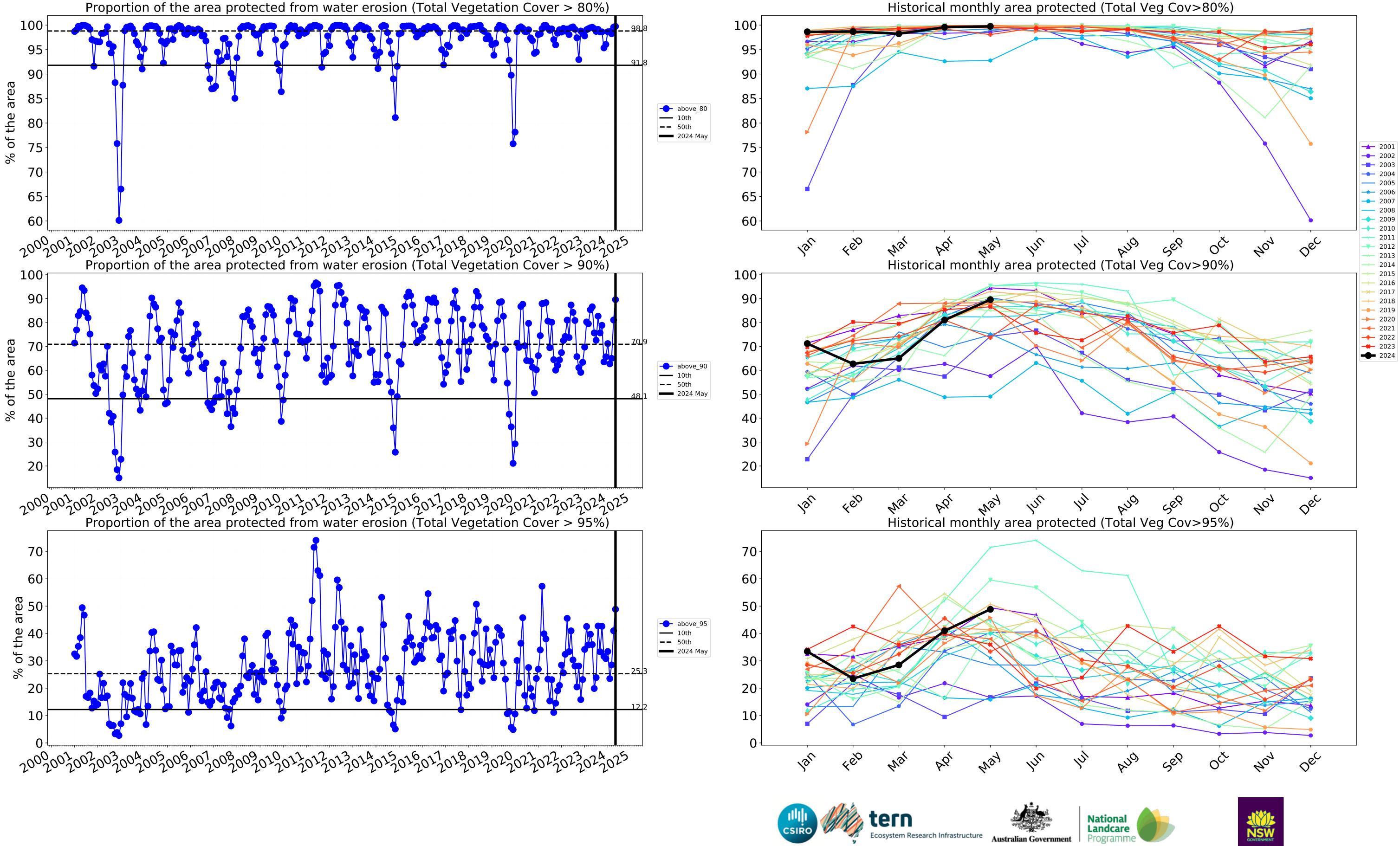




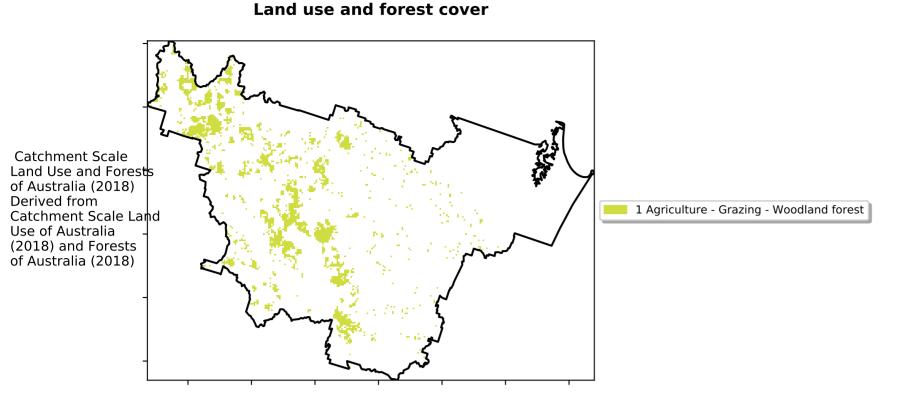
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



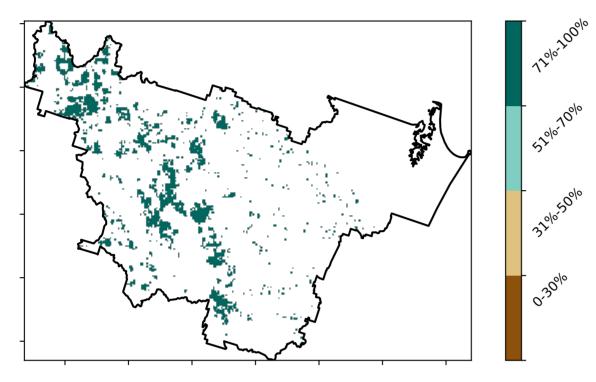
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



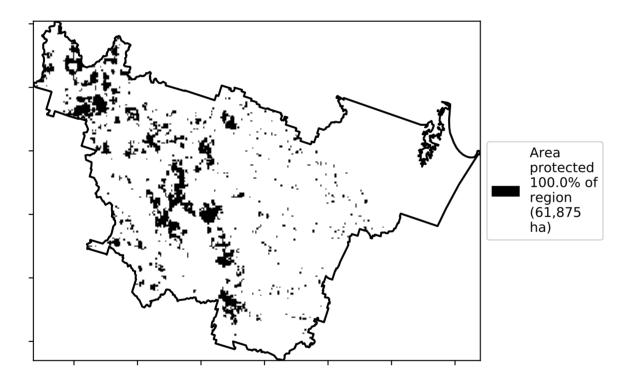
### **Grazing Woodland forest**



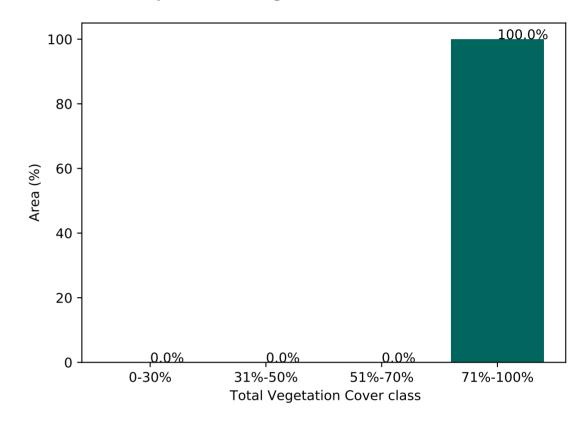
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



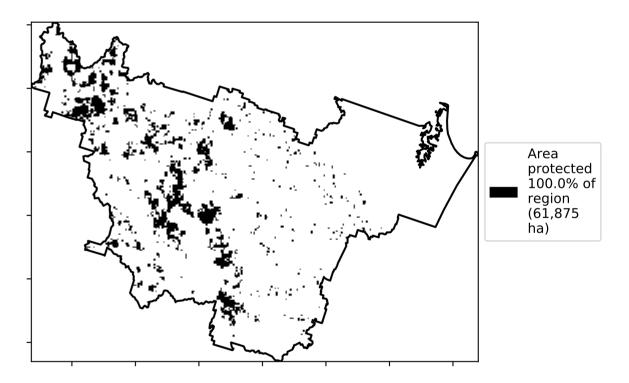
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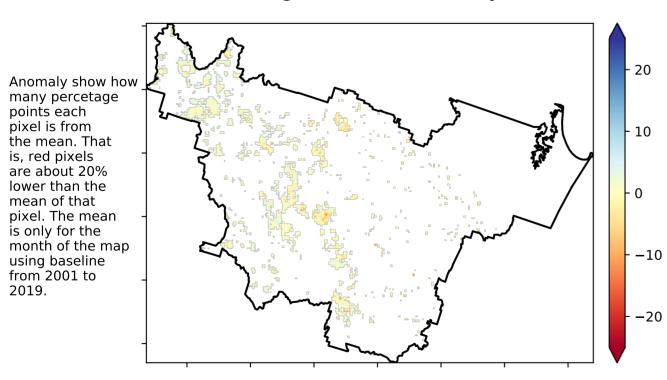
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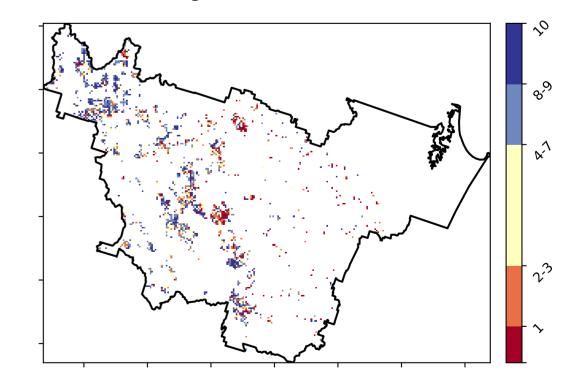
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

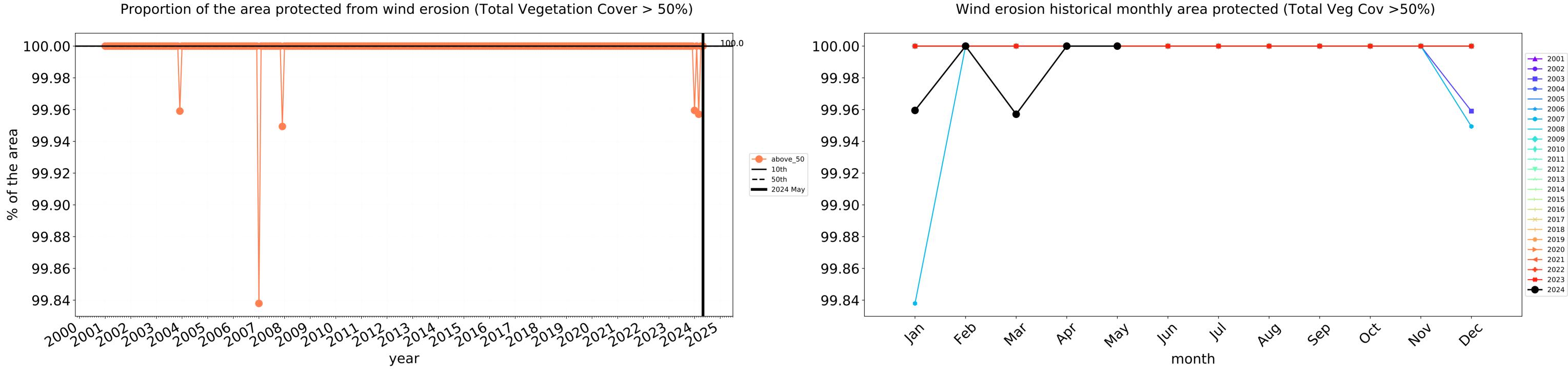


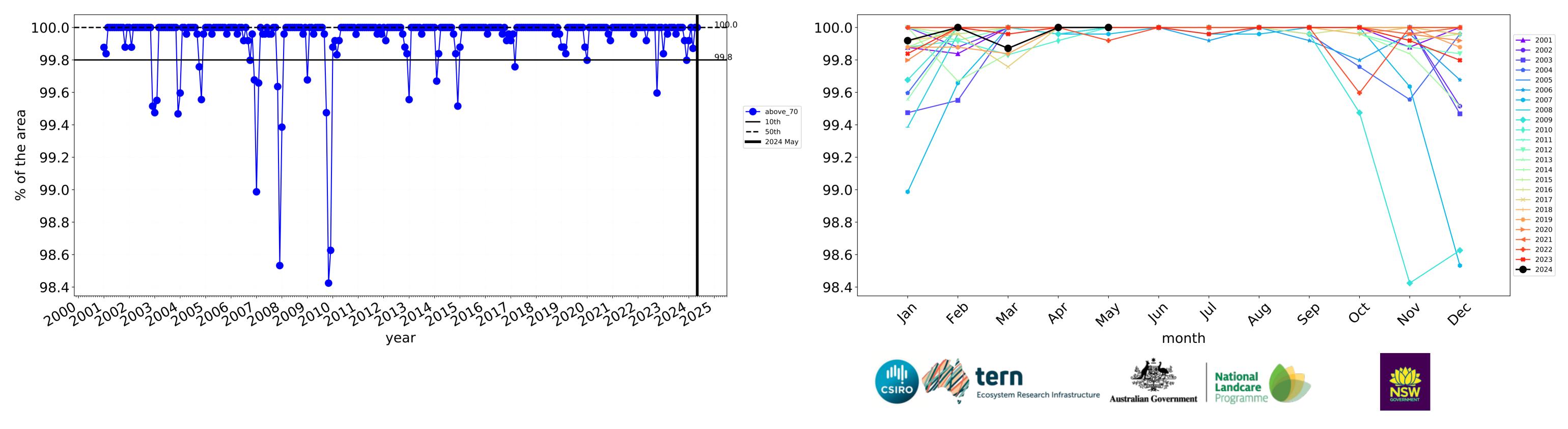
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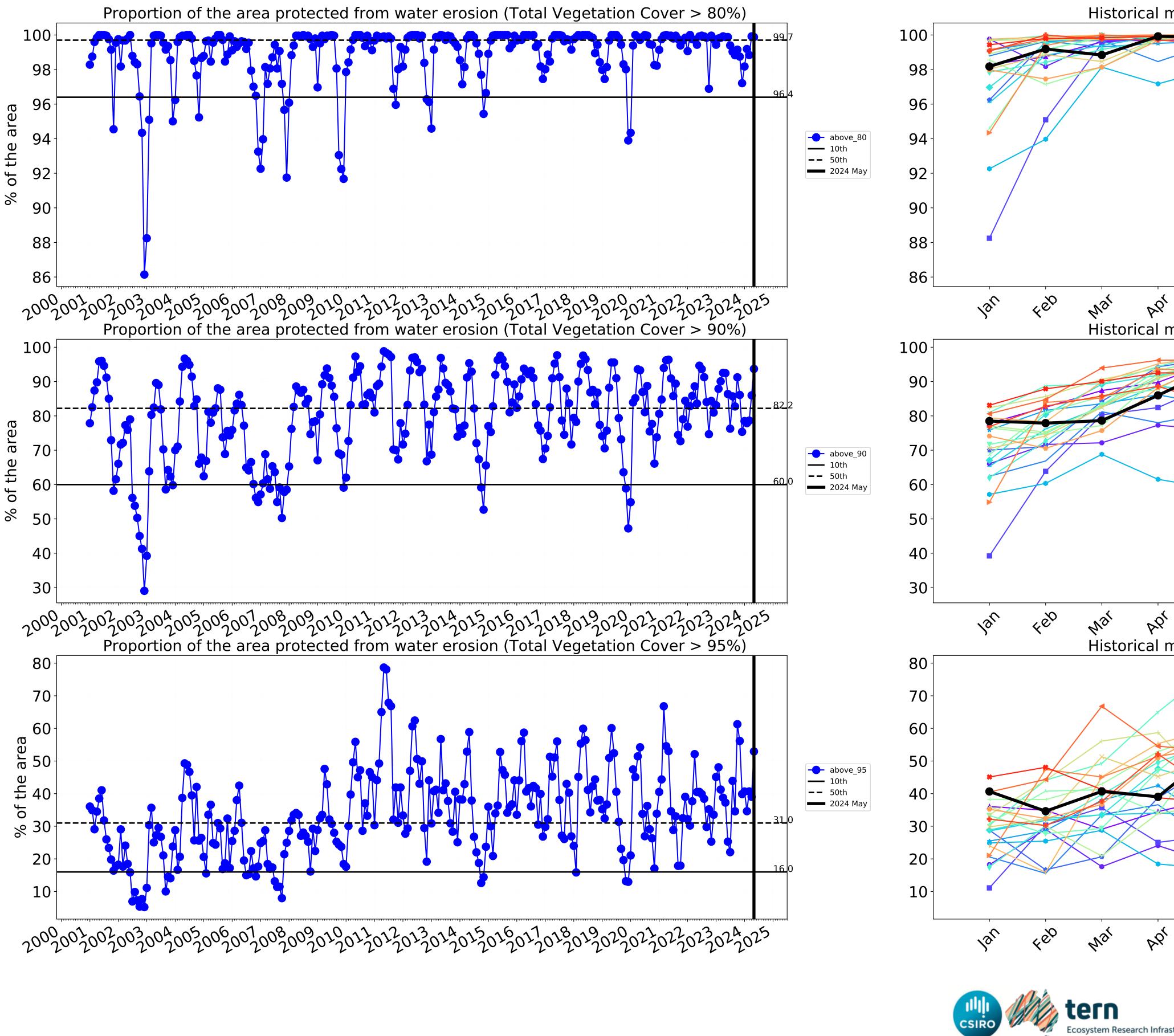


## Grazing Woodland forest timeseries





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



Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

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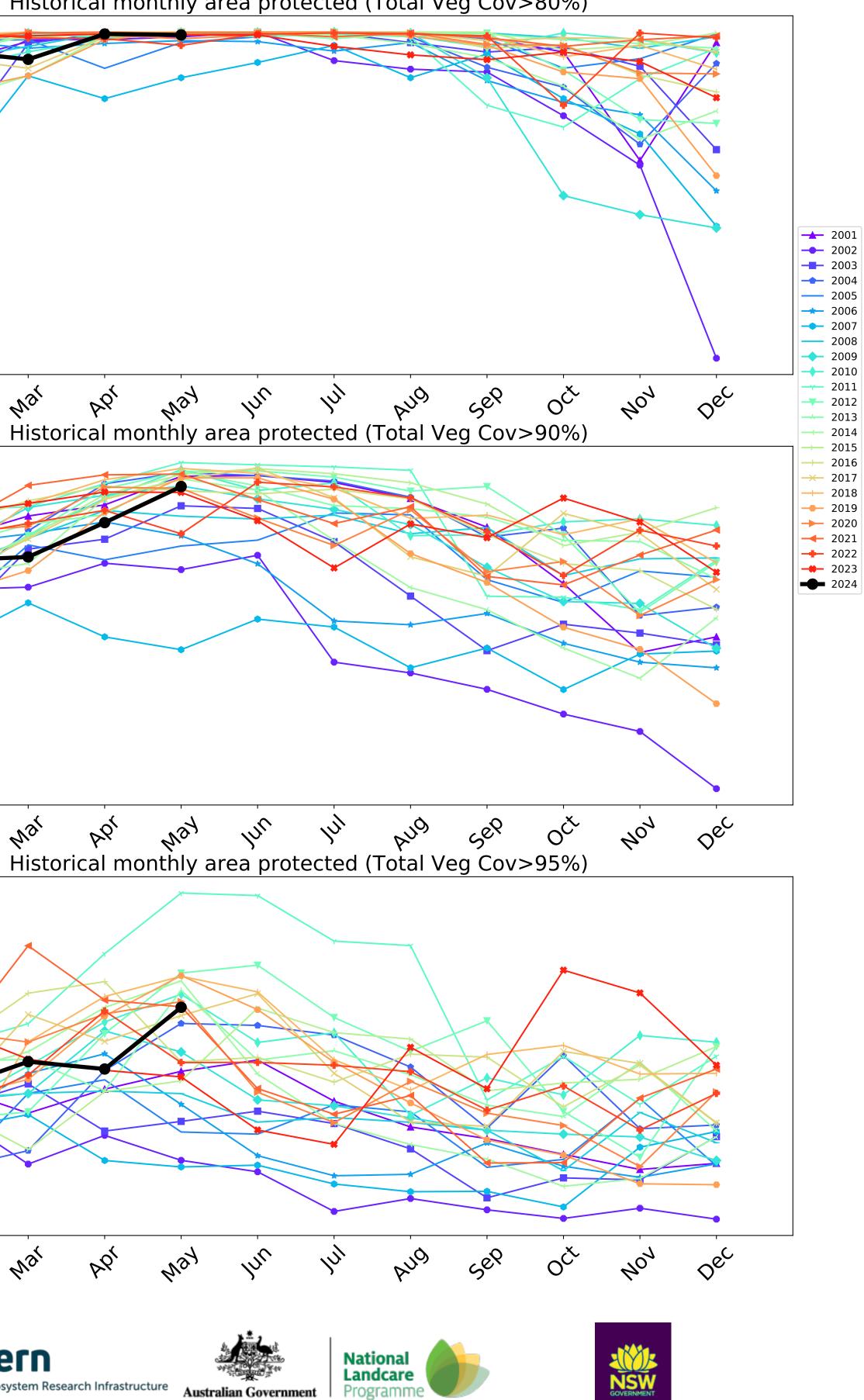
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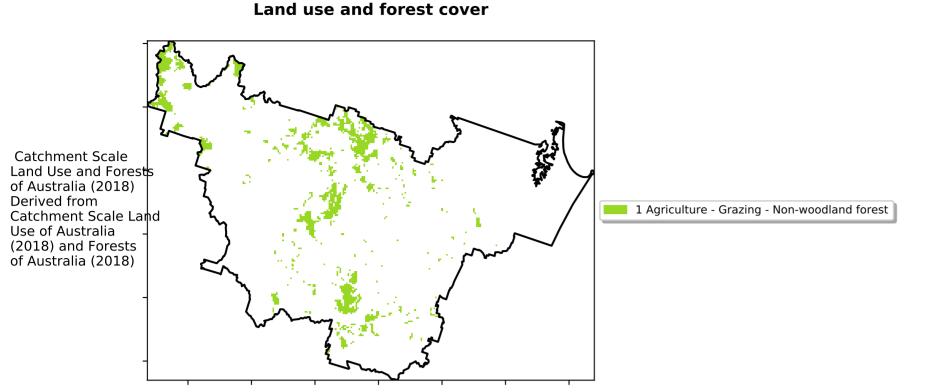
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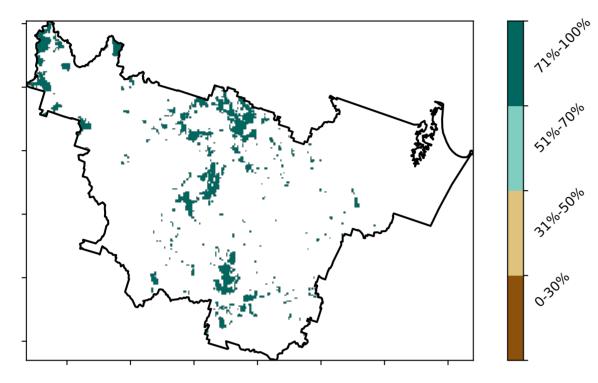
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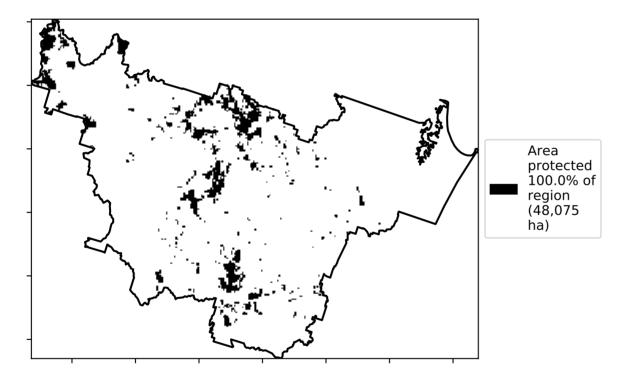
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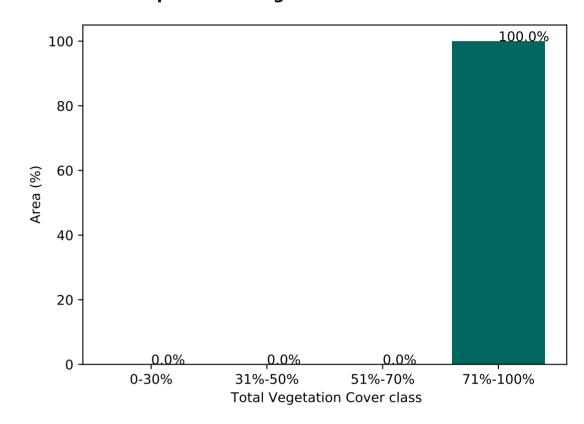
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



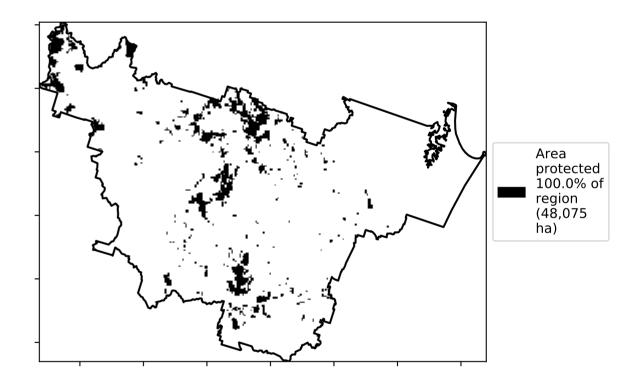
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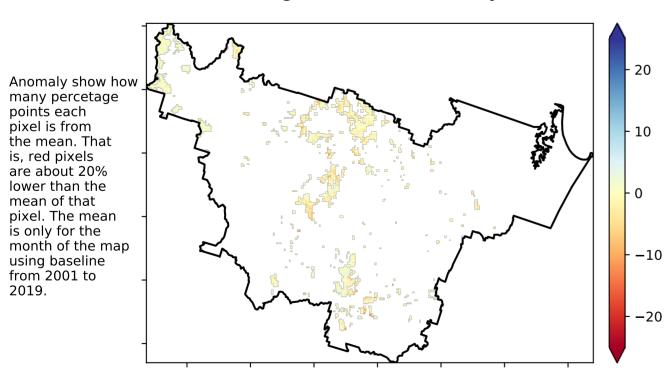
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



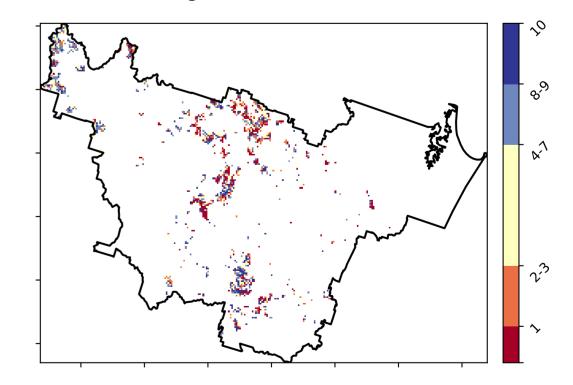
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

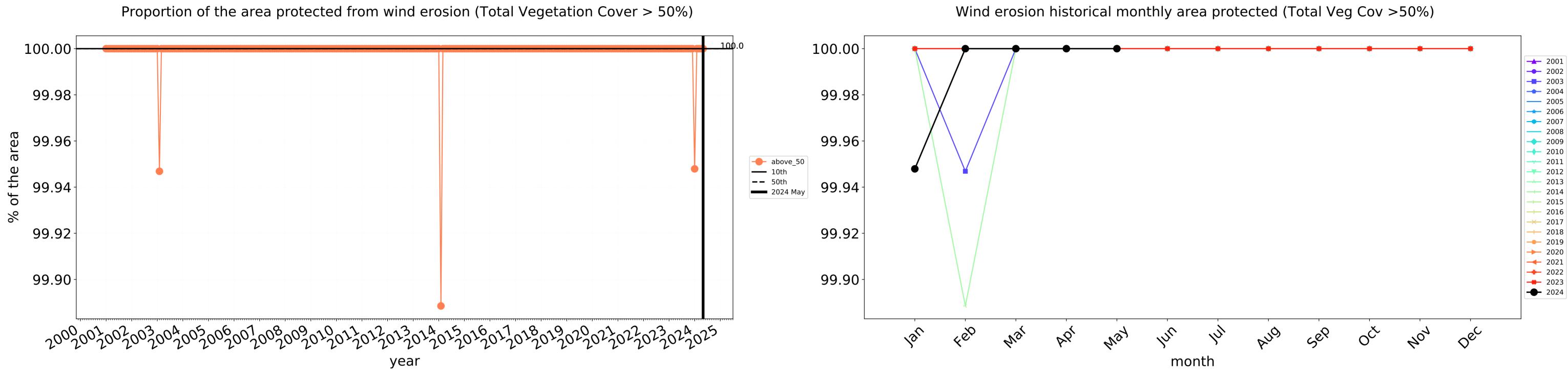


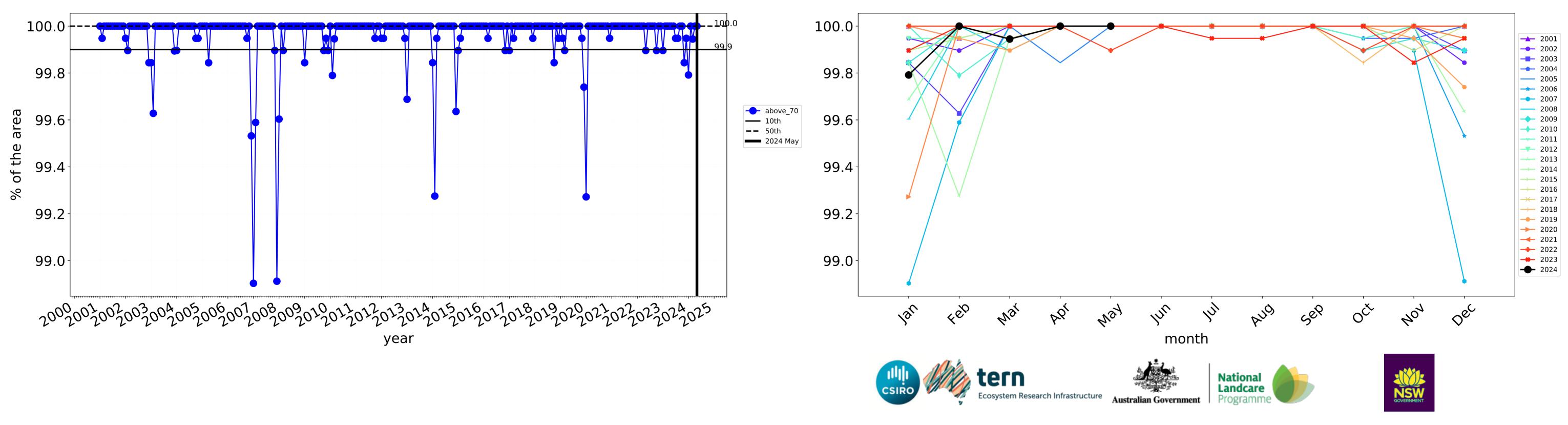
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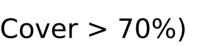




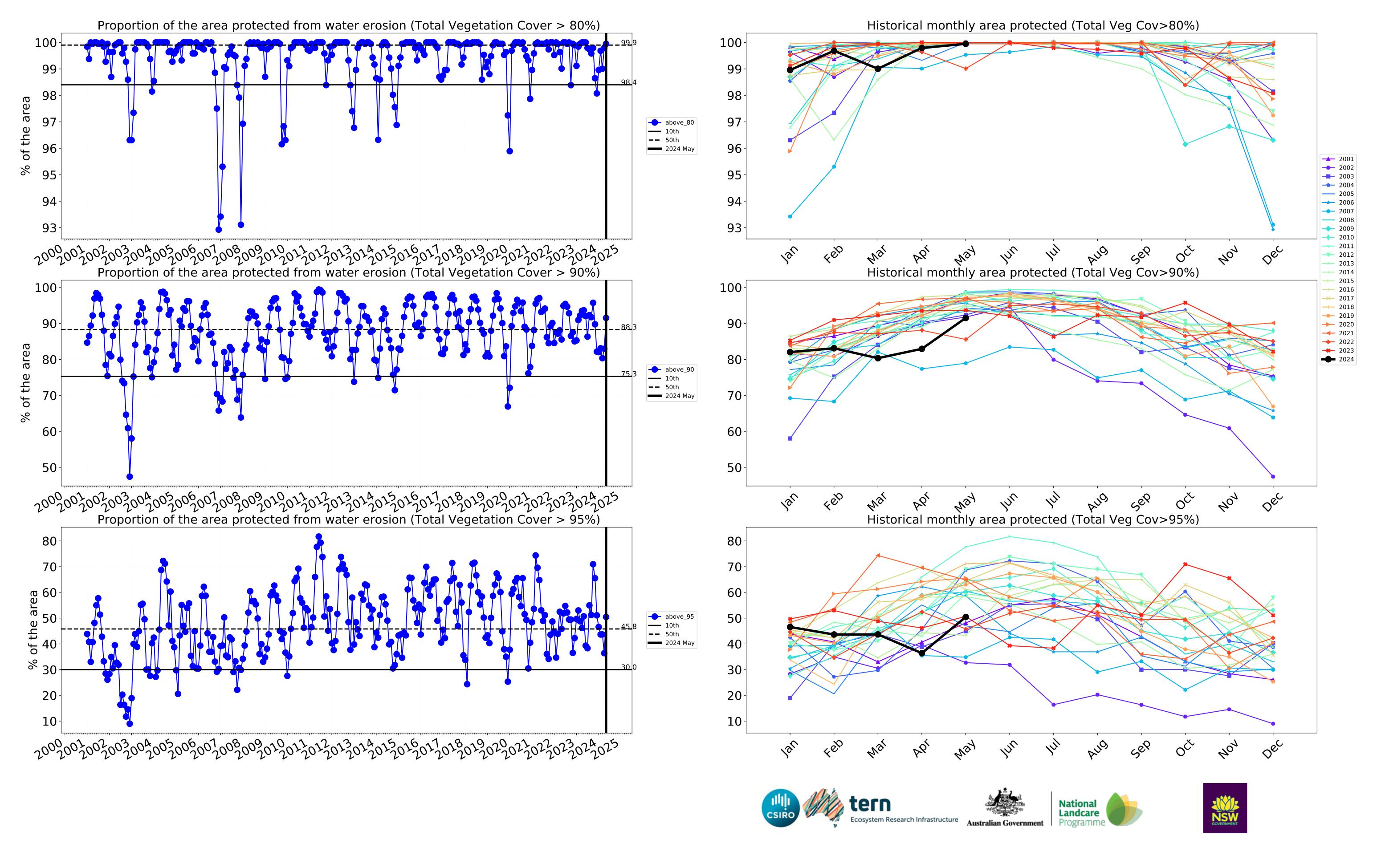
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

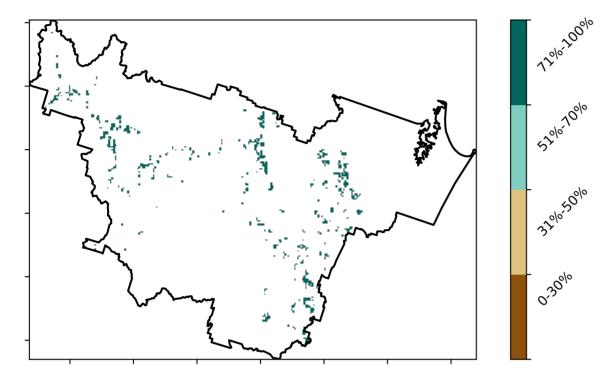


### Irrigation

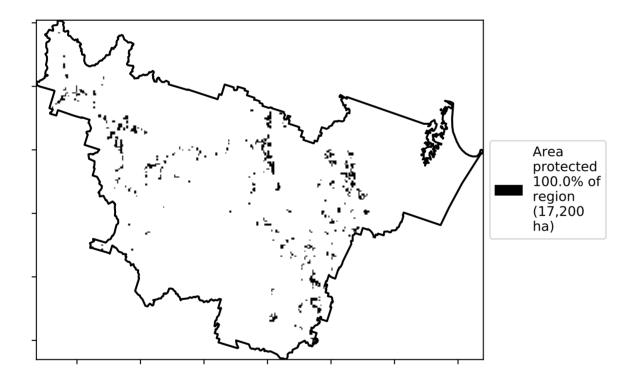
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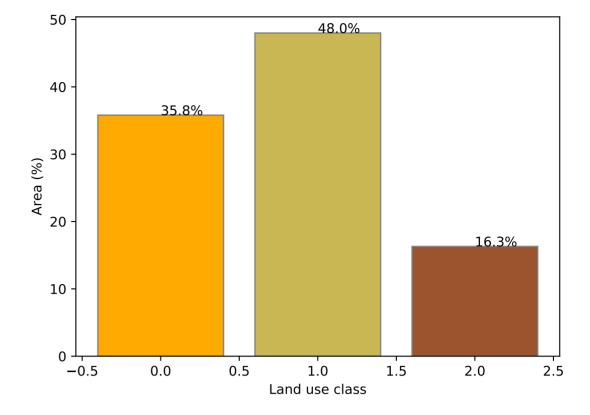
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover



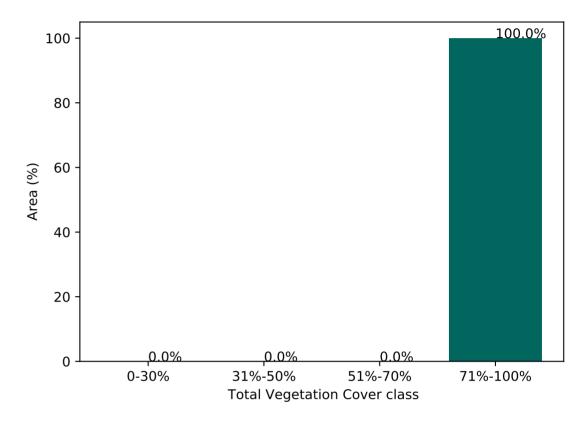
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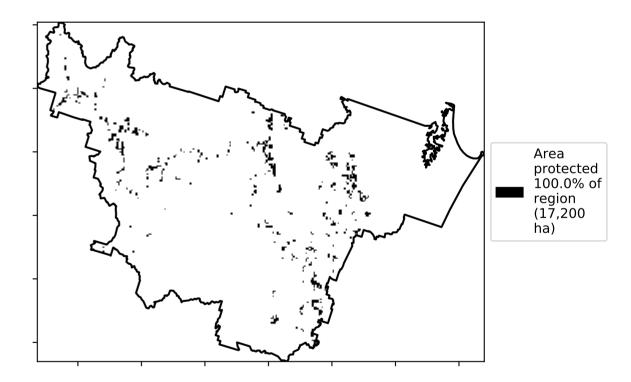


#### Proportion of each land class in area

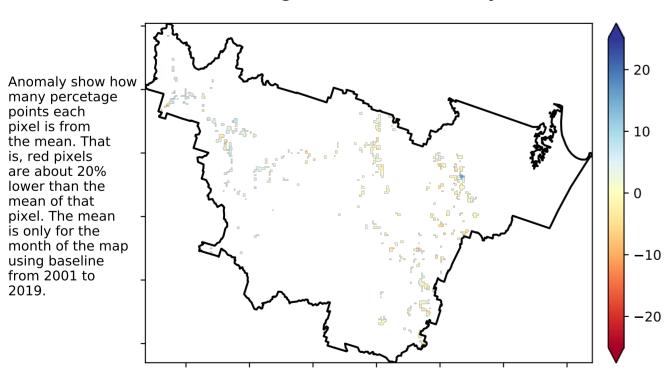
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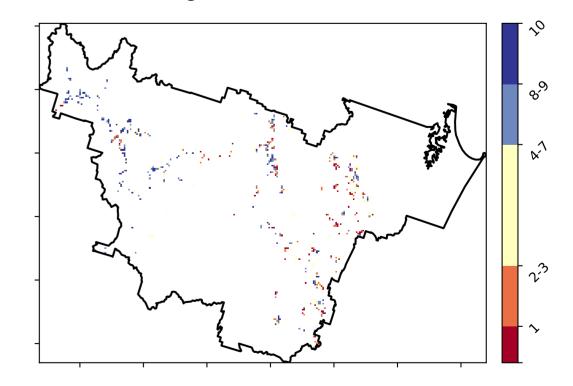
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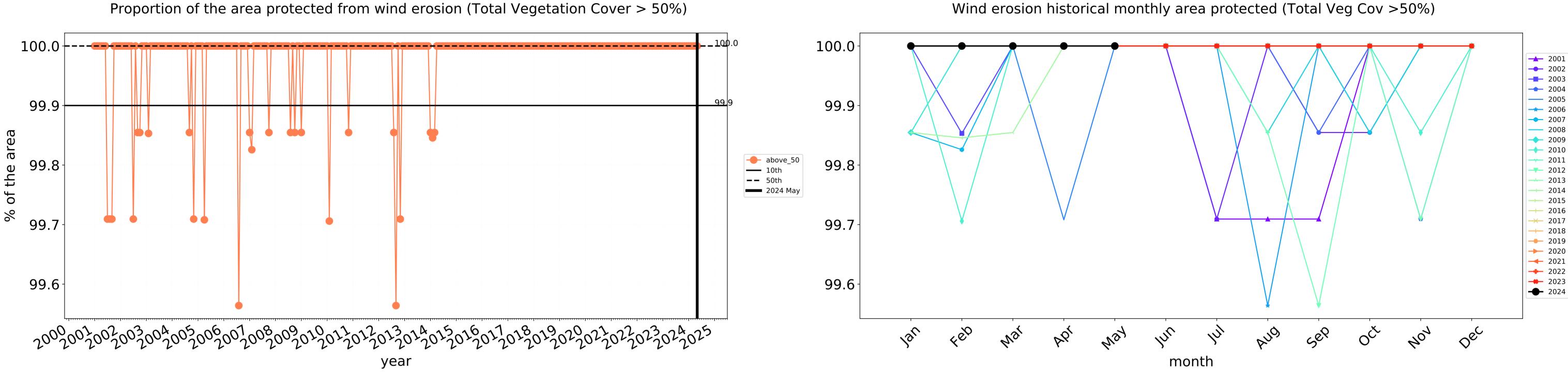
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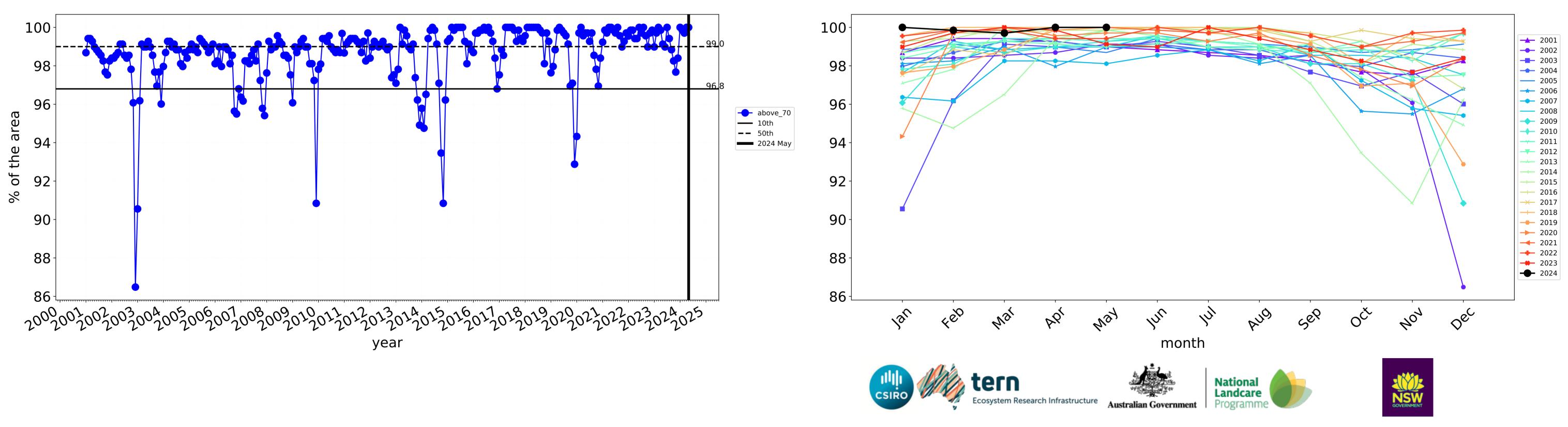
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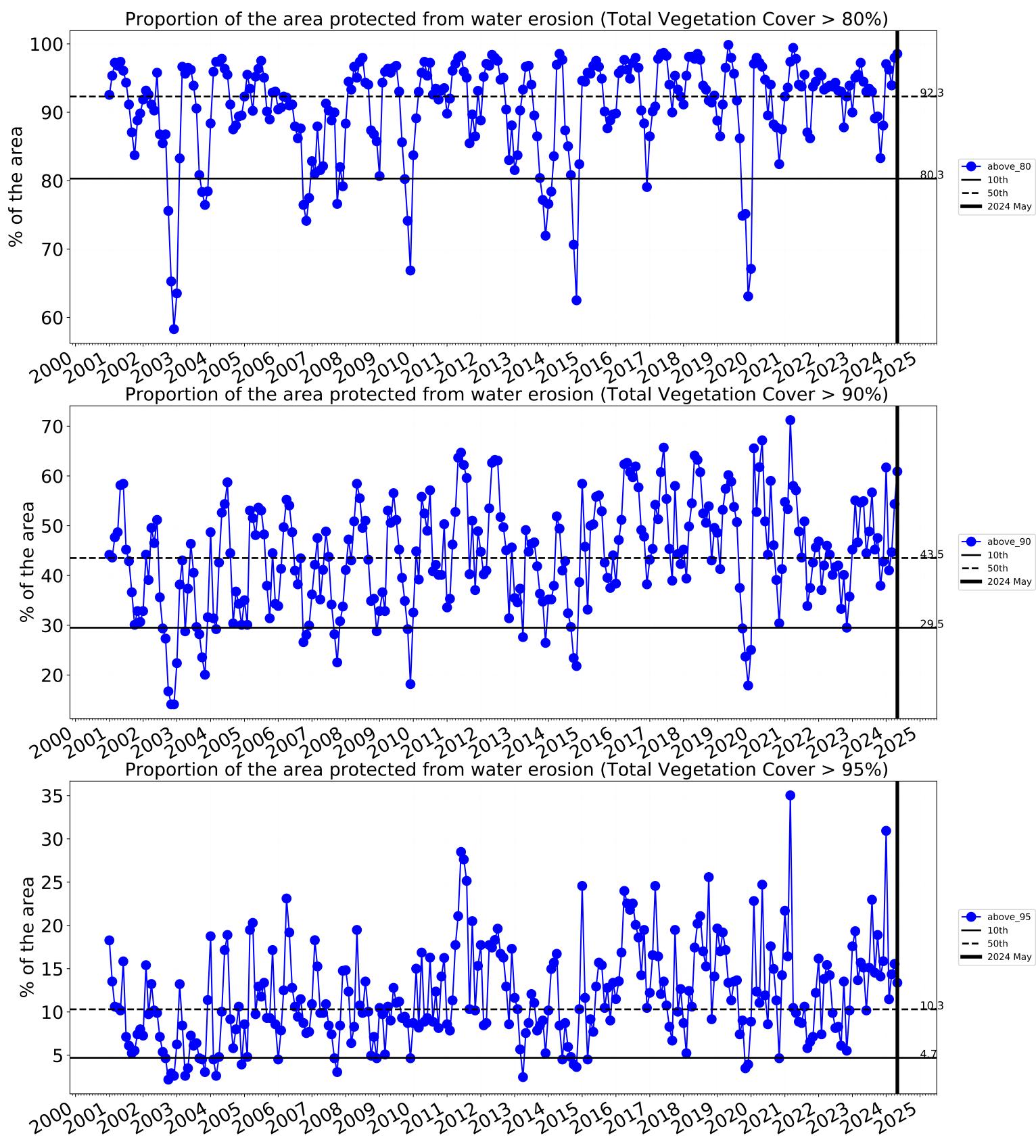


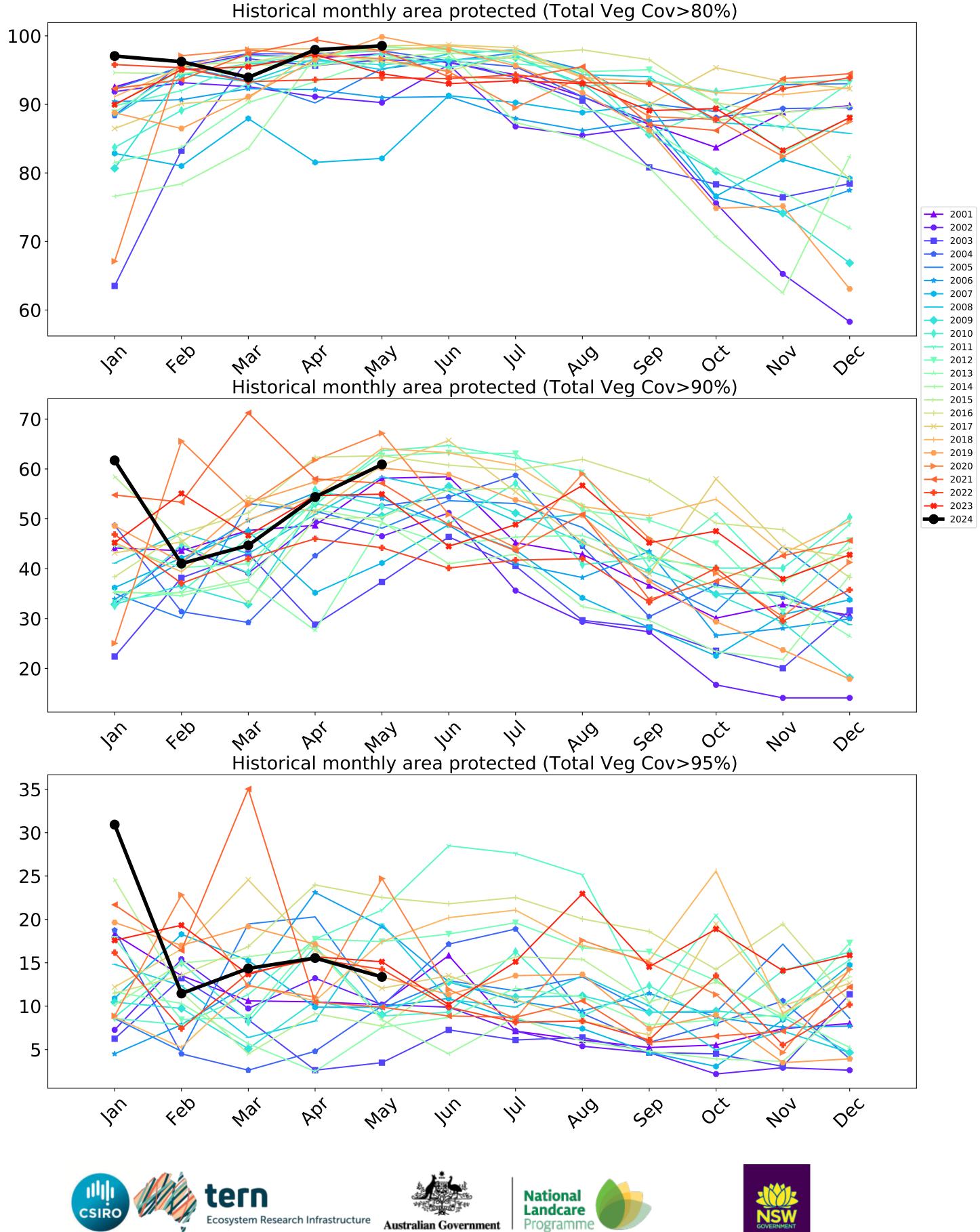






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





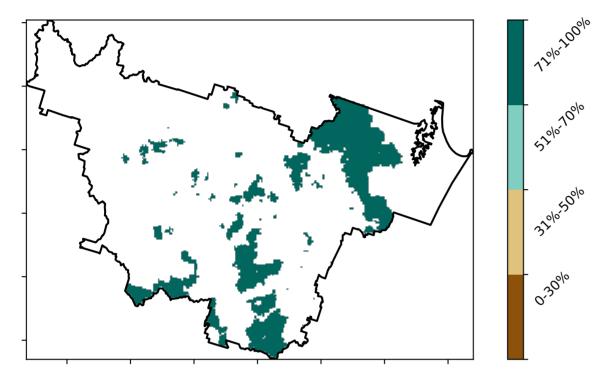


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

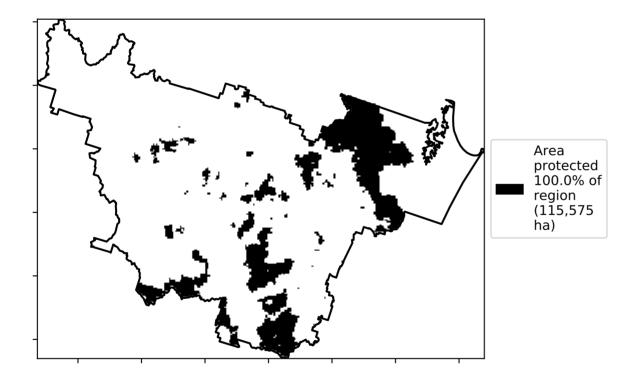
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

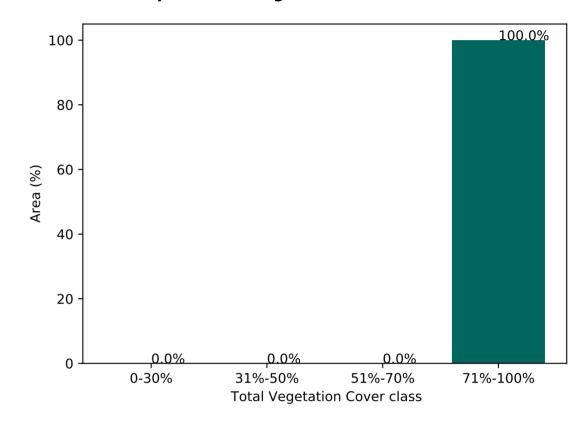
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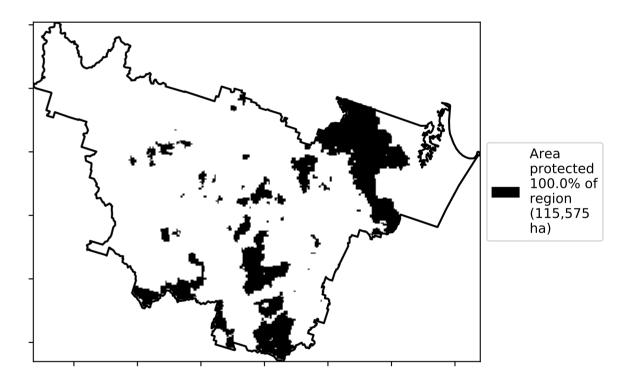
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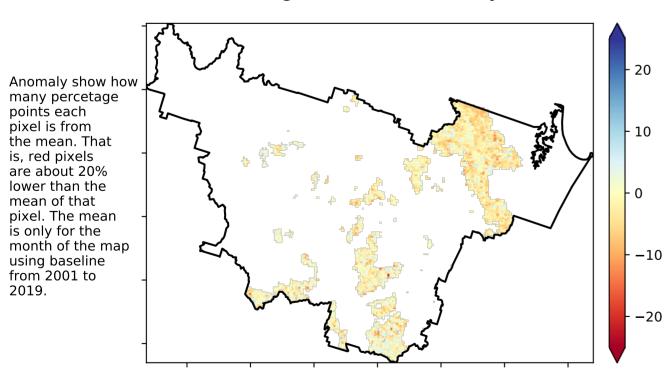
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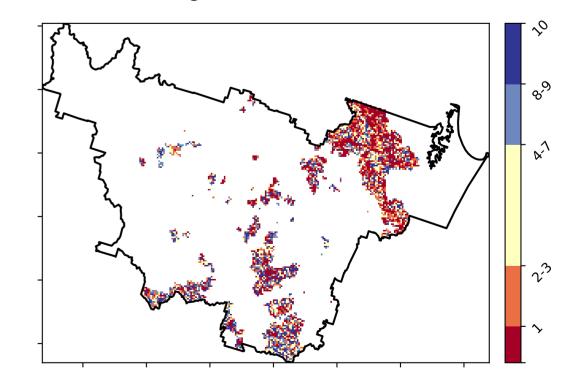
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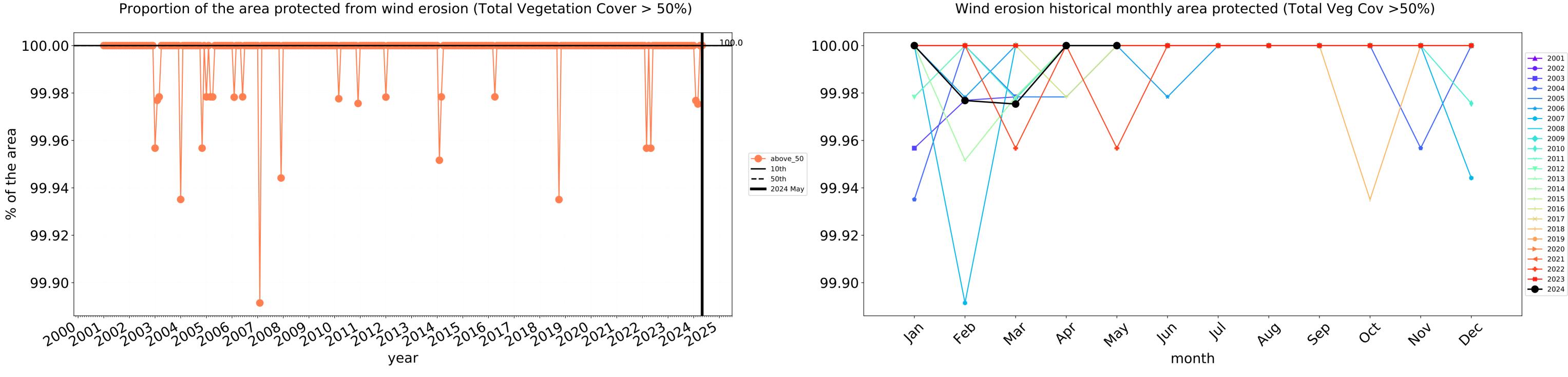
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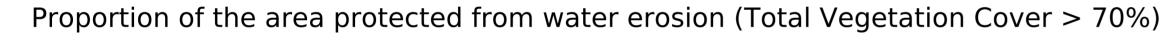


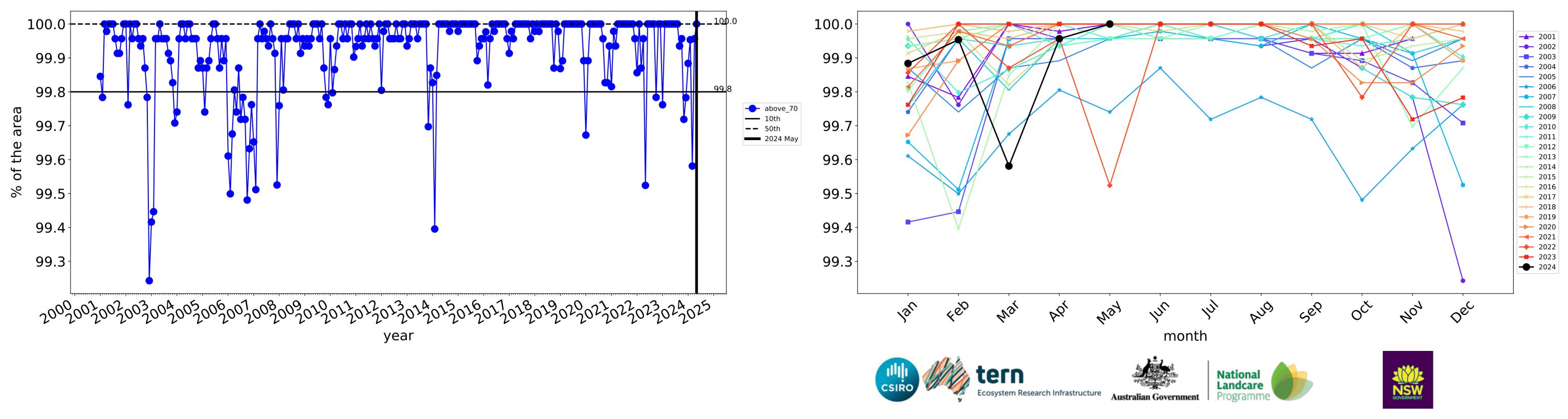
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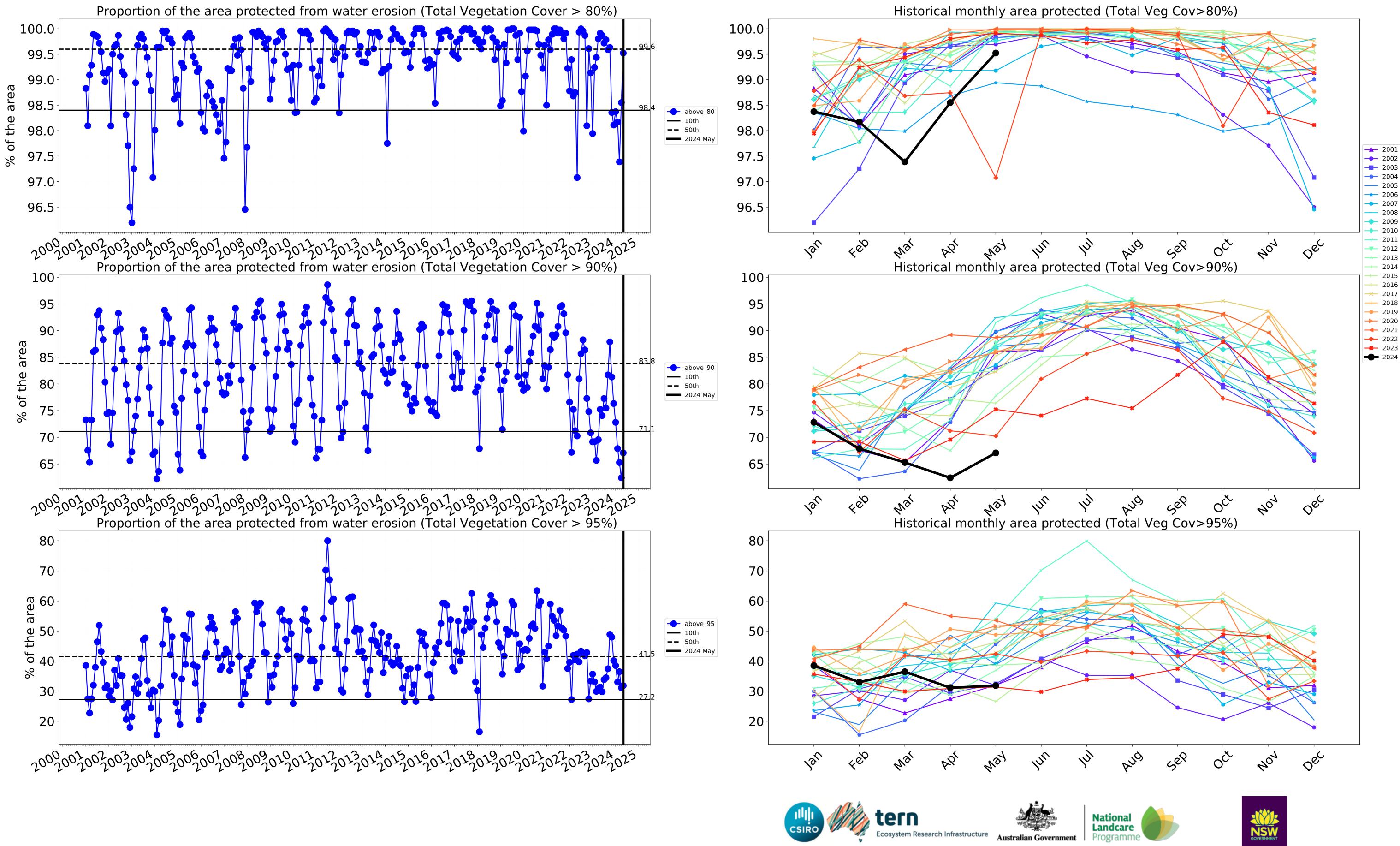








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# Gympie\_(R) (686,575 ha and no data 1,800 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	686,575	100.0% 686,575	100.0% 686,500	99.9% 686,075	99.4% 682,475	84.4% 579,450	44.5% 305,550
Conservation and natural environments	142,325	100.0% 142,325	99.9% 142,250	99.9% 142,200	99.4% 141,400	89.2% 126,950	51.2% 72,825
Conservation and natural environments non forest	9,950	100.0% 9,950	99.7% 9,925	99.7% 9,925	99.0% 9,850	92.7% 9,225	39.7% 3,950
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	28,750	100.0% 28,750	99.9% 28,725	99.9% 28,725	99.3% 28,550	93.2% 26,800	55.4% 15,925
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	103,625	100.0% 103,625	100.0% 103,600	99.9% 103,550	99.4% 103,000	87.7% 90,925	51.1% 52,950
Agriculture	397,625	100.0% 397,625	100.0% 397,625	100.0% 397,600	99.7% 396,575	89.0% 353,925	47.9% 190,475
Grazing	377,650	100.0% 377,650	100.0% 377,650	100.0% 377,625	99.8% 376,850	90.5% 341,725	49.7% 187,725
Grazing non forest	267,700	100.0% 267,700	100.0% 267,700	100.0% 267,675	99.7% 267,000	89.6% 239,750	48.8% 130,725
Grazing Woodland forest	61,875	100.0% 61,875	100.0% 61,875	100.0% 61,875	99.9% 61,800	93.7% 57,975	52.9% 32,750
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	48,075	100.0% 48,075	100.0% 48,075	100.0% 48,075	99.9% 48,050	91.5% 44,000	50.4% 24,250
Irrigation	17,200	100.0% 17,200	100.0% 17,200	100.0% 17,200	98.5% 16,950	60.9% 10,475	13.4% 2,300
Production native forests and plantation forests	115,575	100.0% 115,575	100.0% 115,575	100.0% 115,575	99.5% 115,025	67.1% 77,525	31.8% 36,800

