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

# **Date: October 2023**

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:

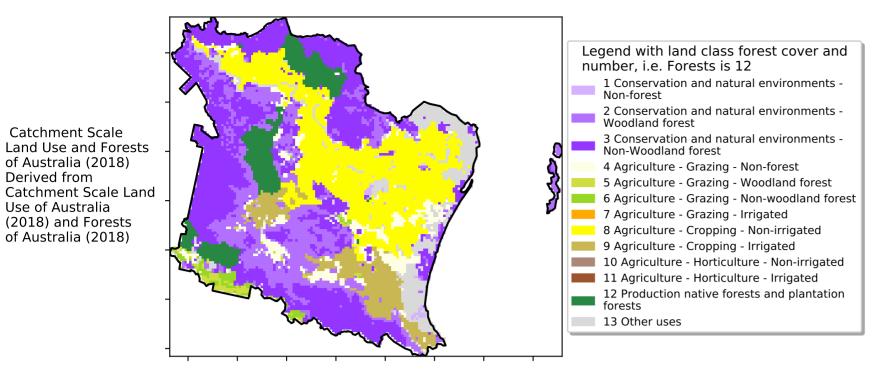
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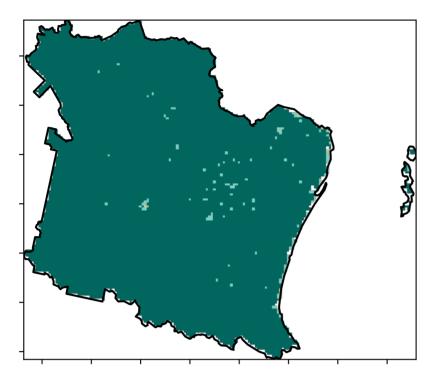
# **Vegetation Cover Oct 2023**

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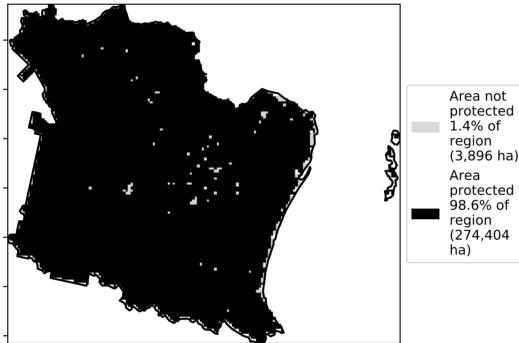
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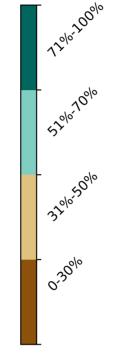


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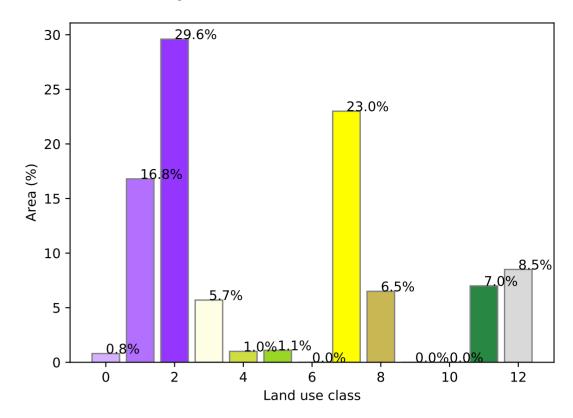


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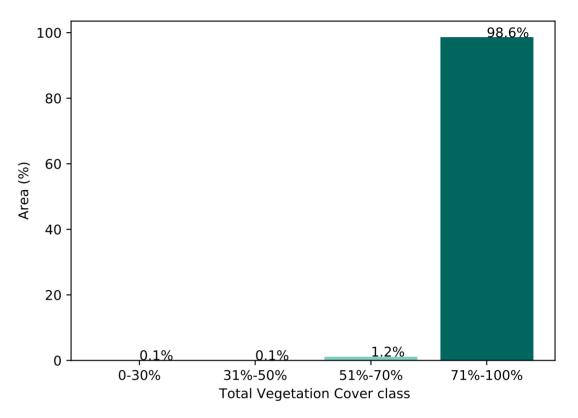




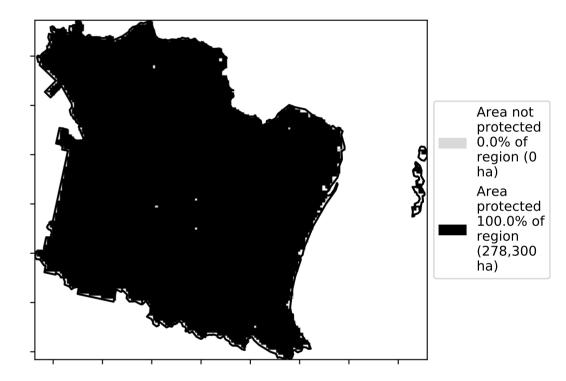
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

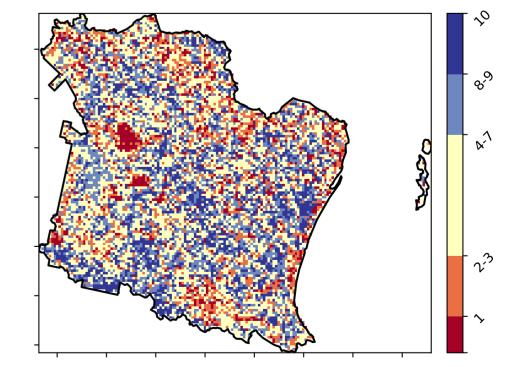


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





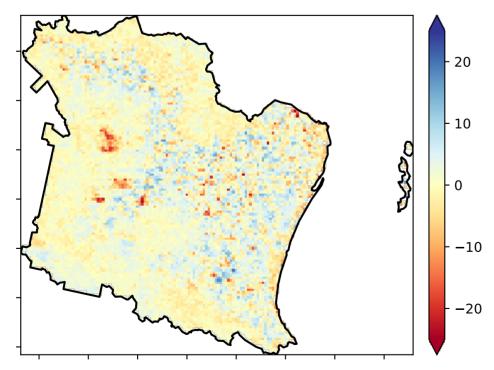
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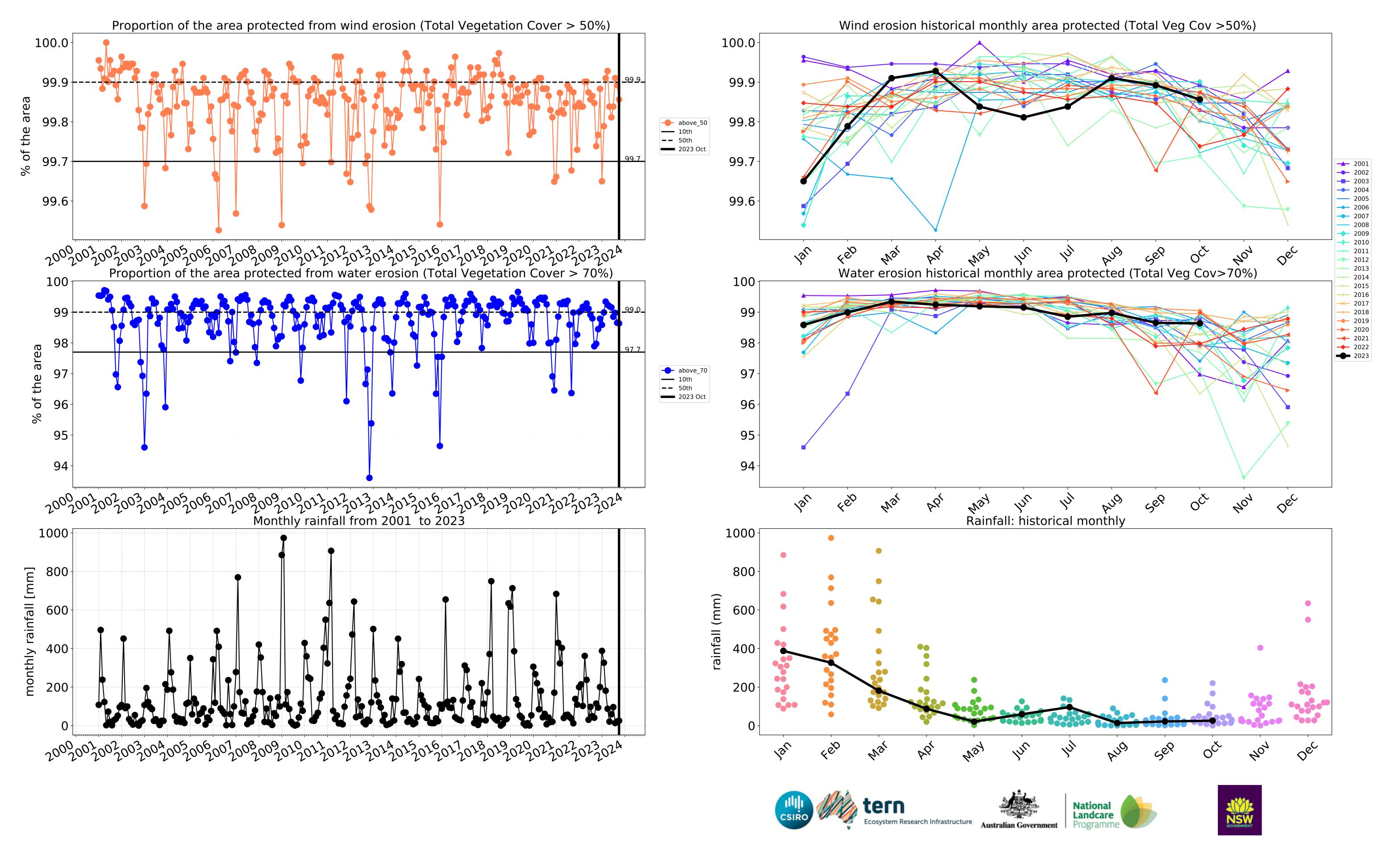
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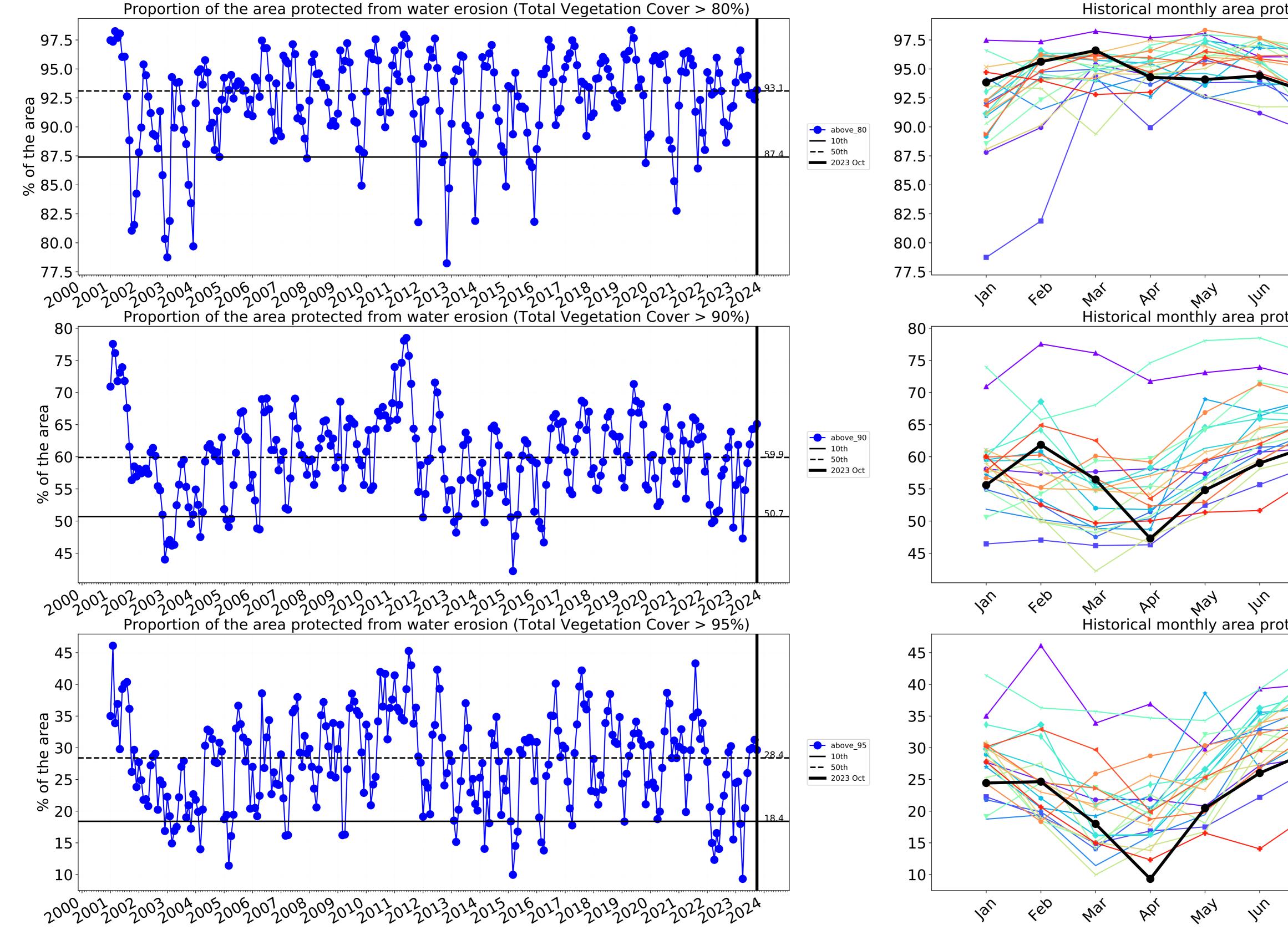
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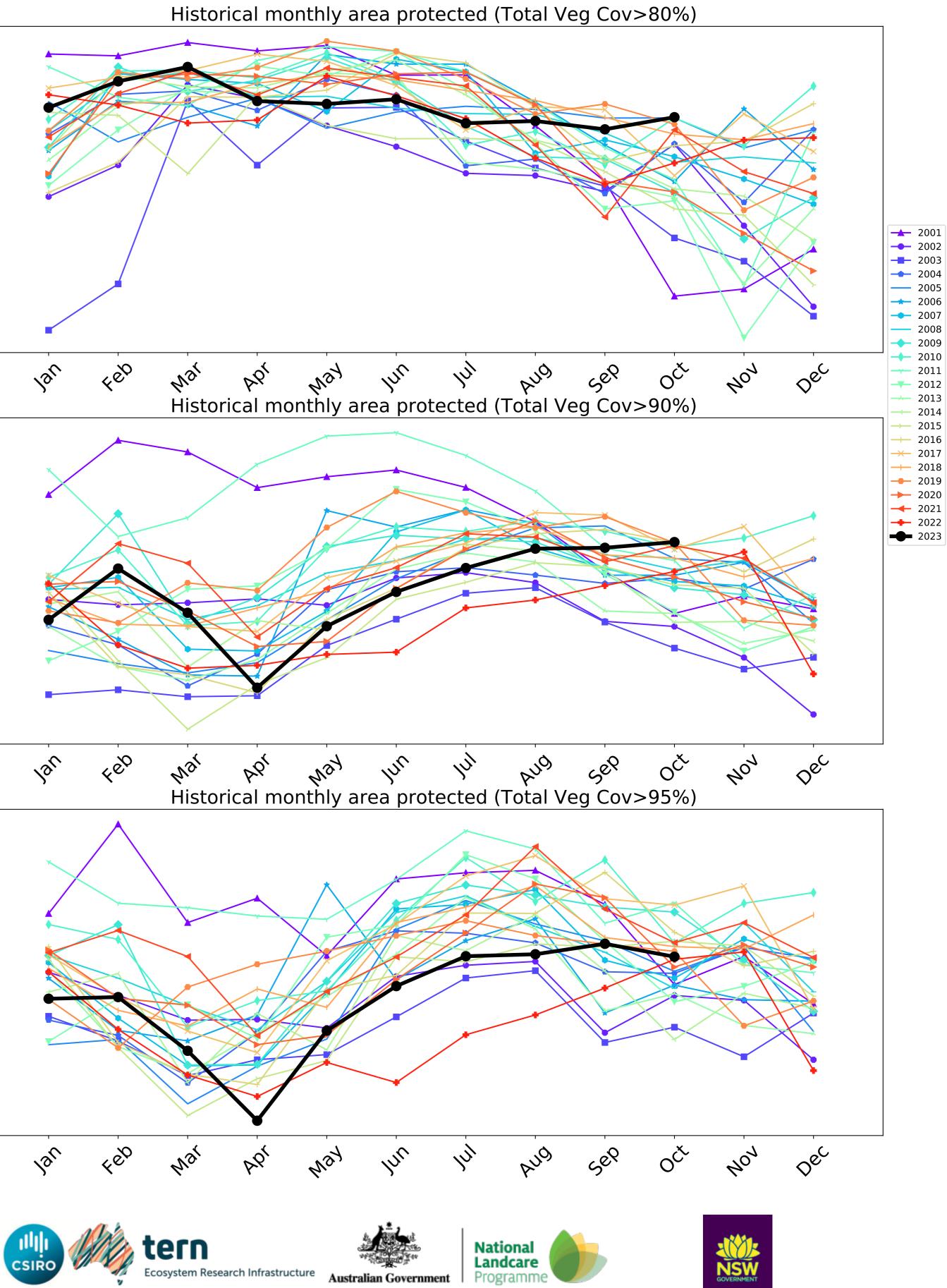


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#### **Conservation and natural environments**

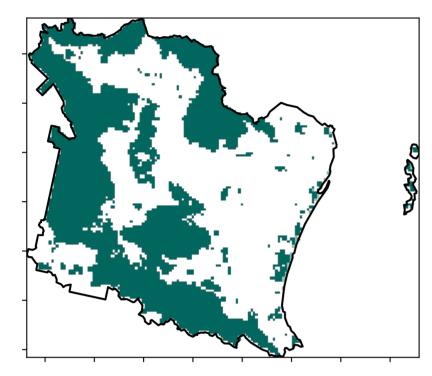
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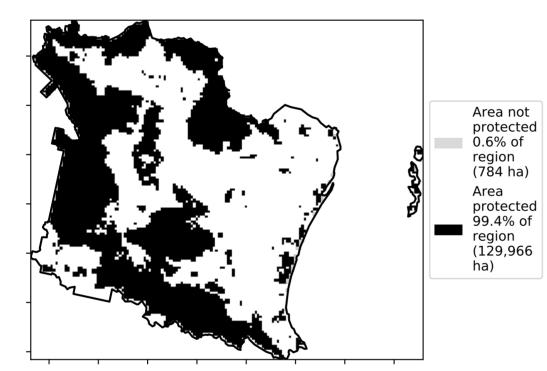
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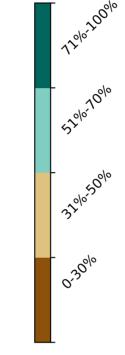
Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

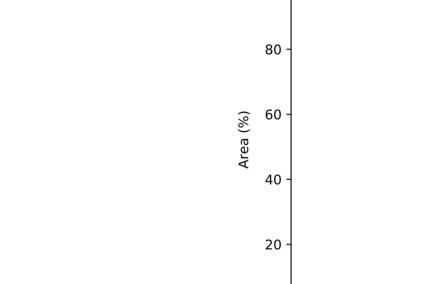




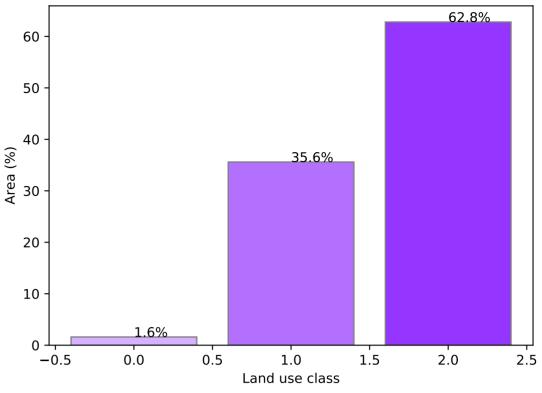
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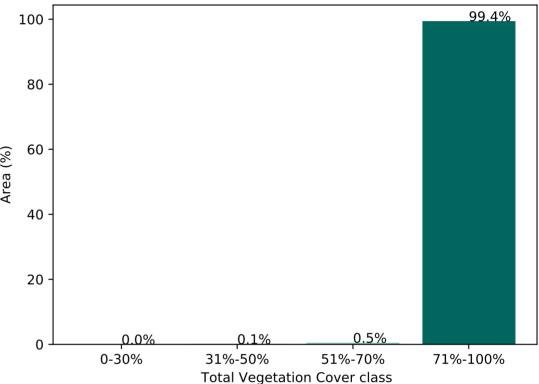
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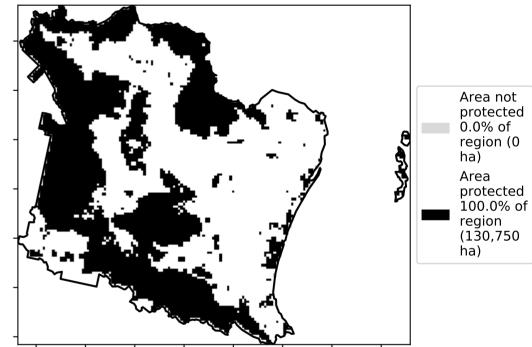
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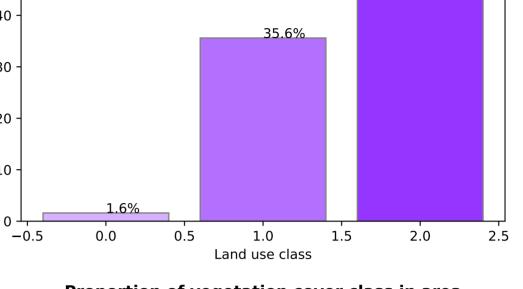


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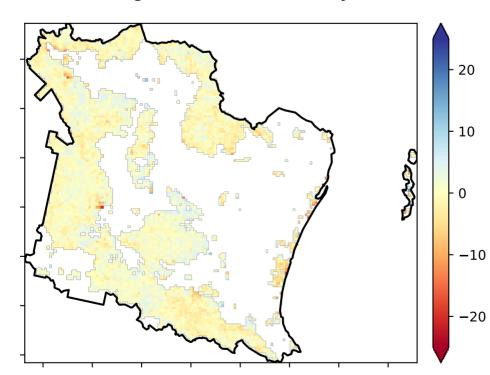
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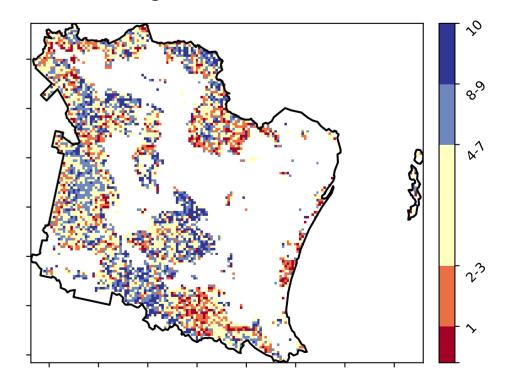
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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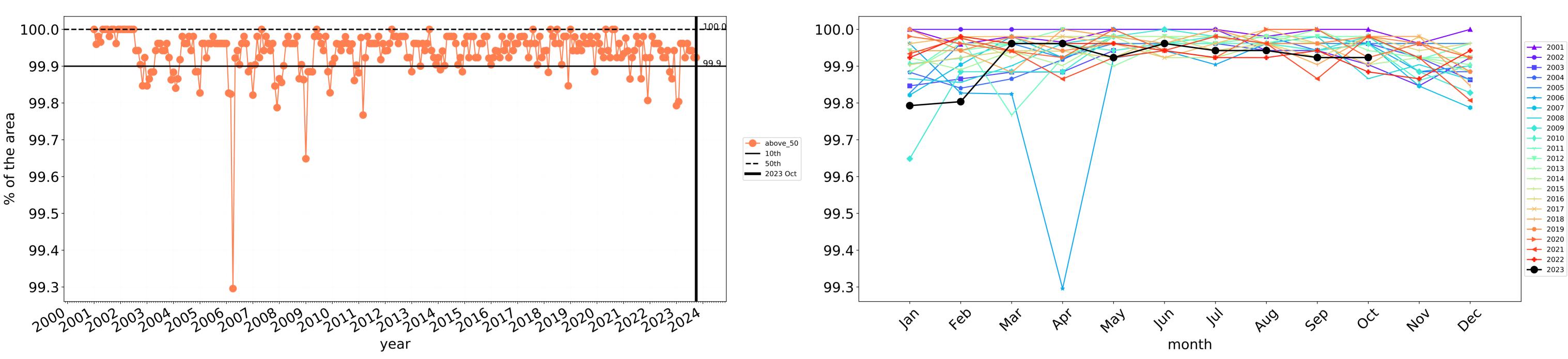
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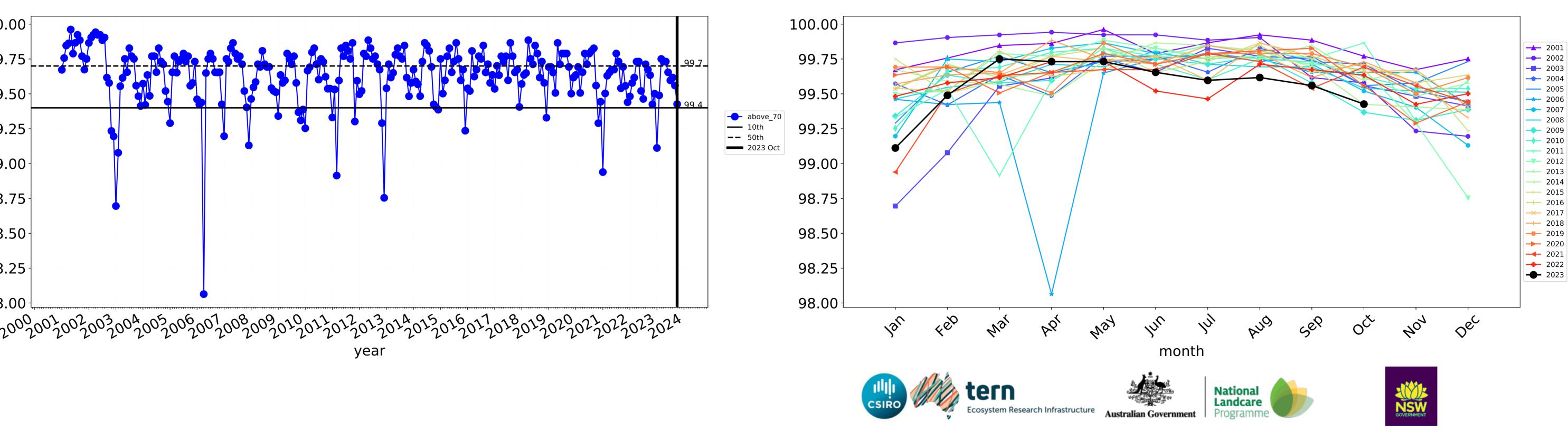


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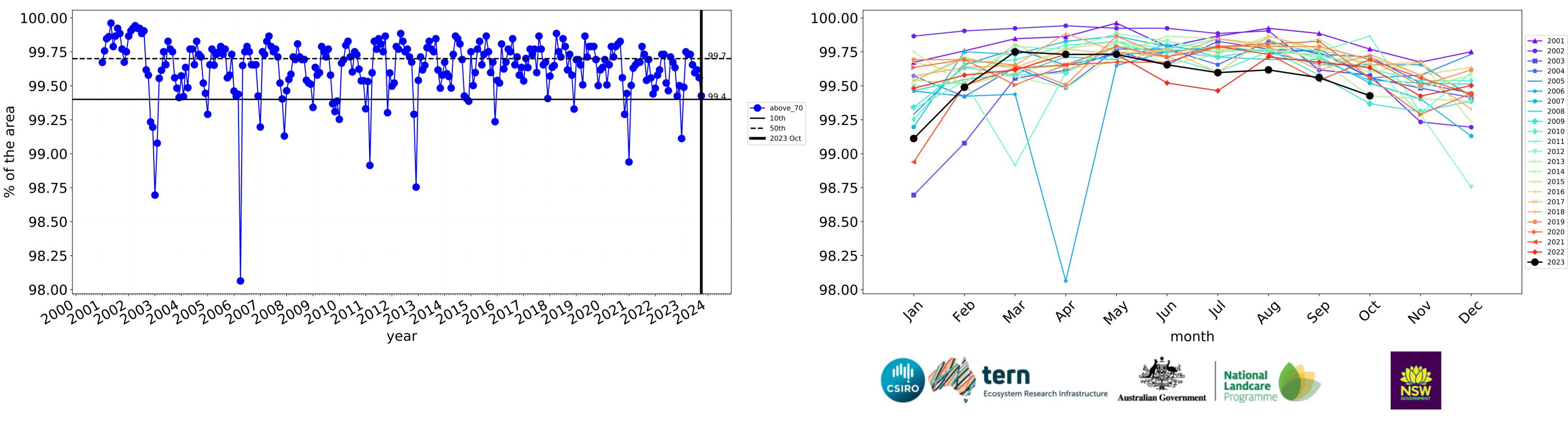
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

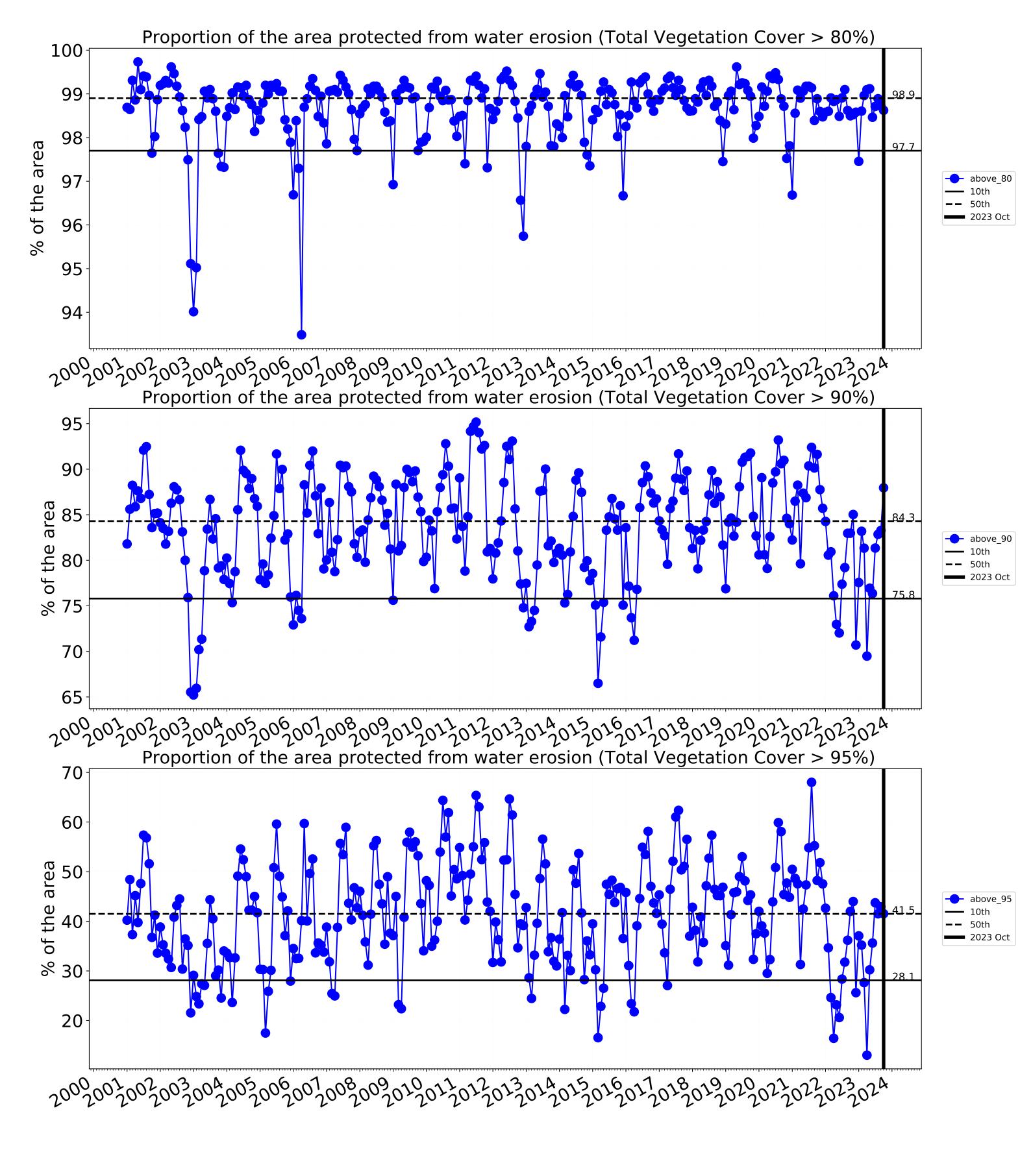


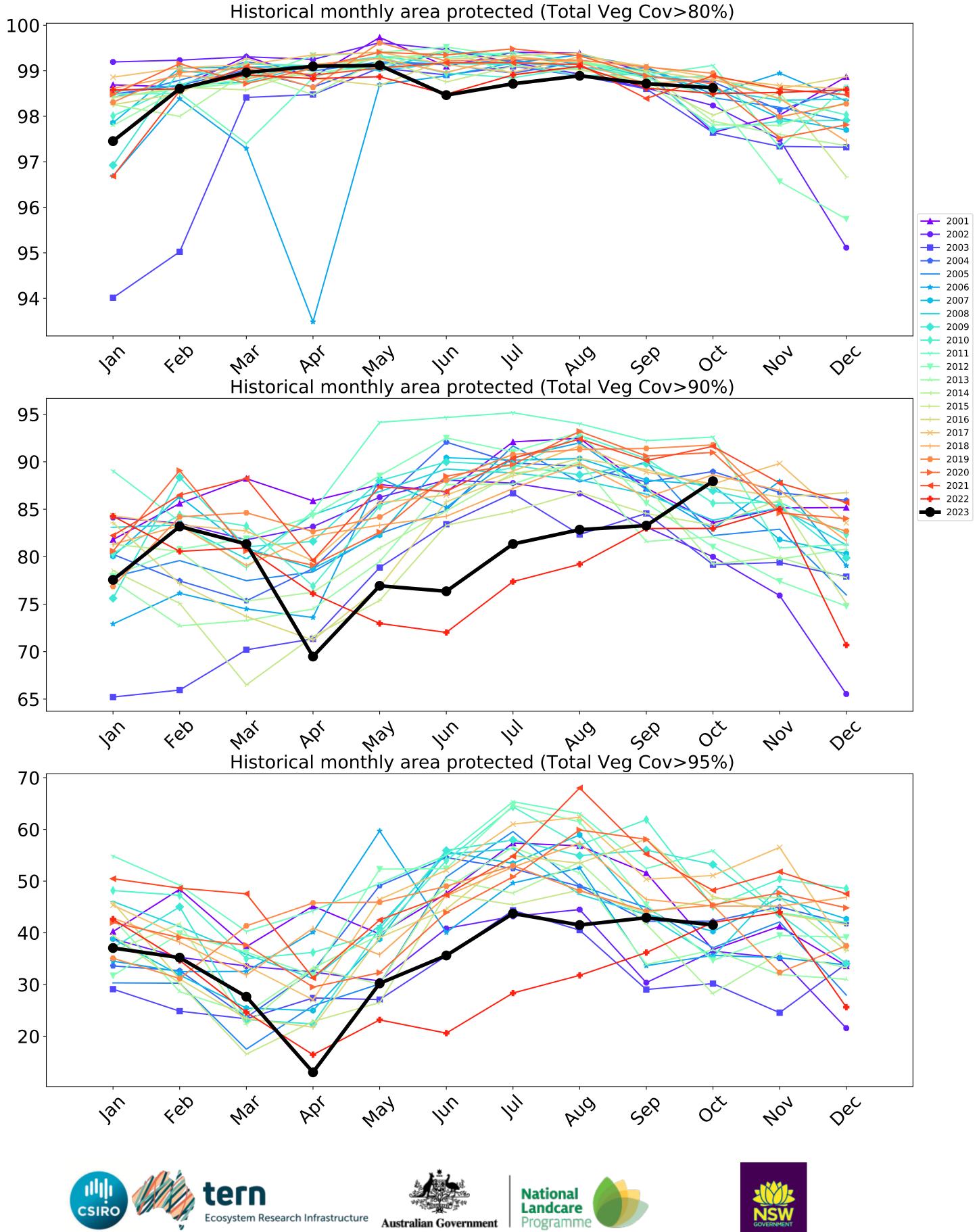
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







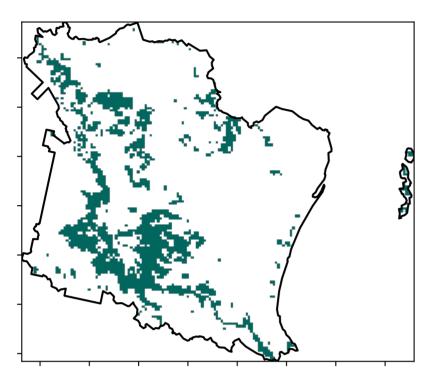
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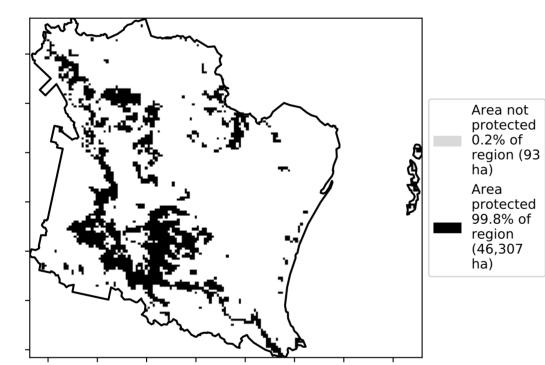
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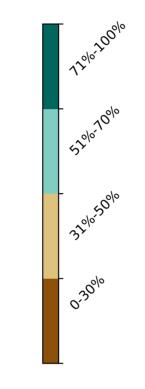
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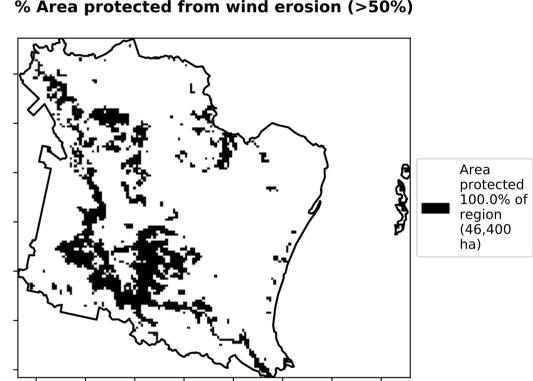
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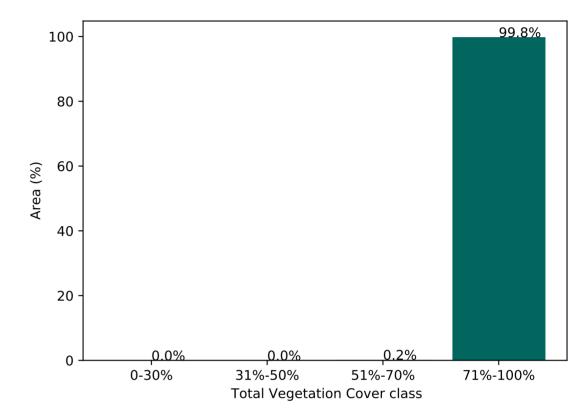
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





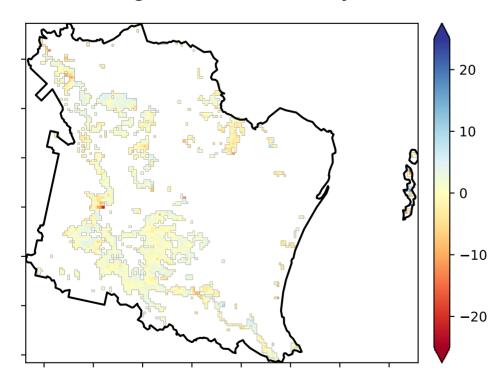


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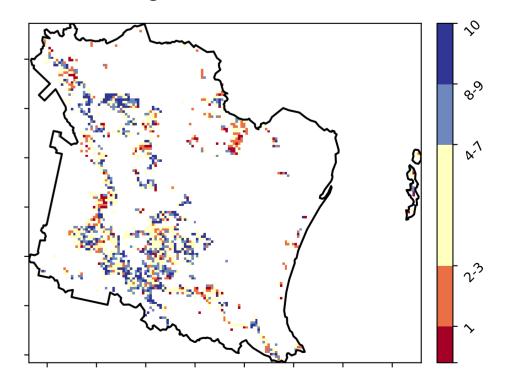
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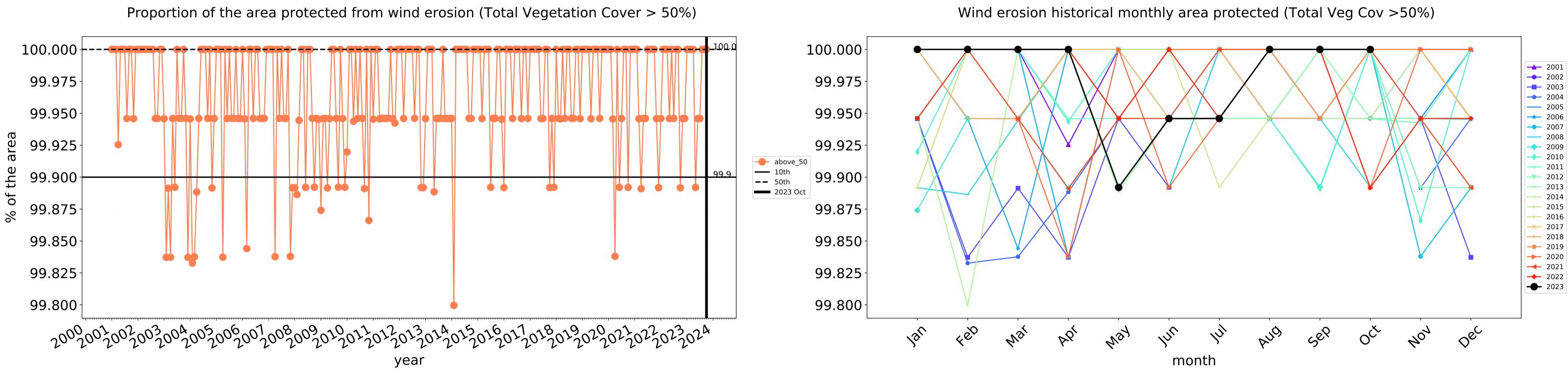
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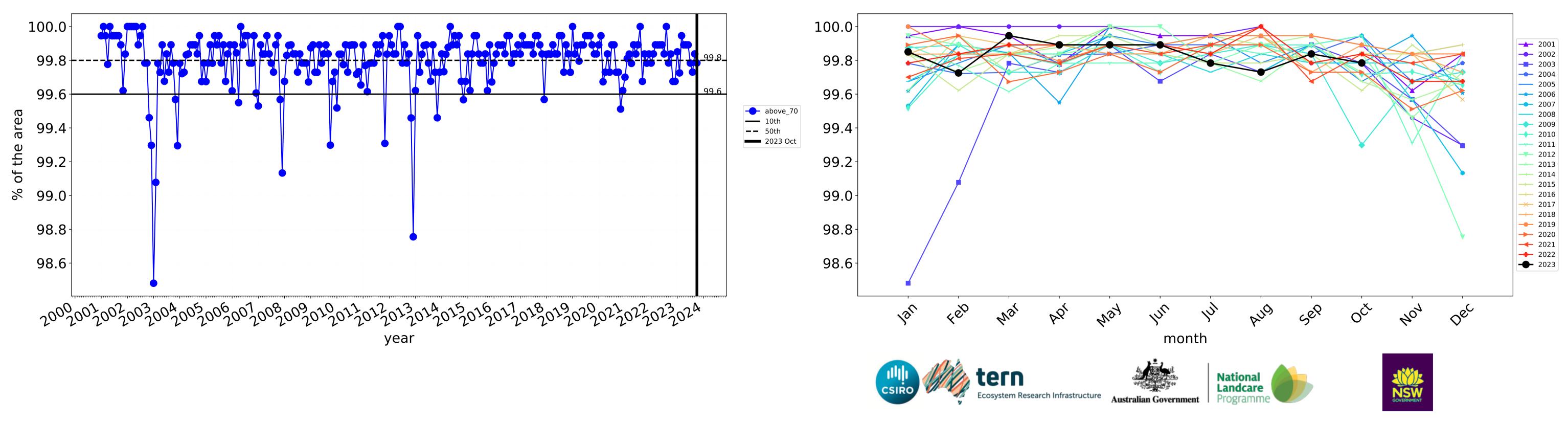




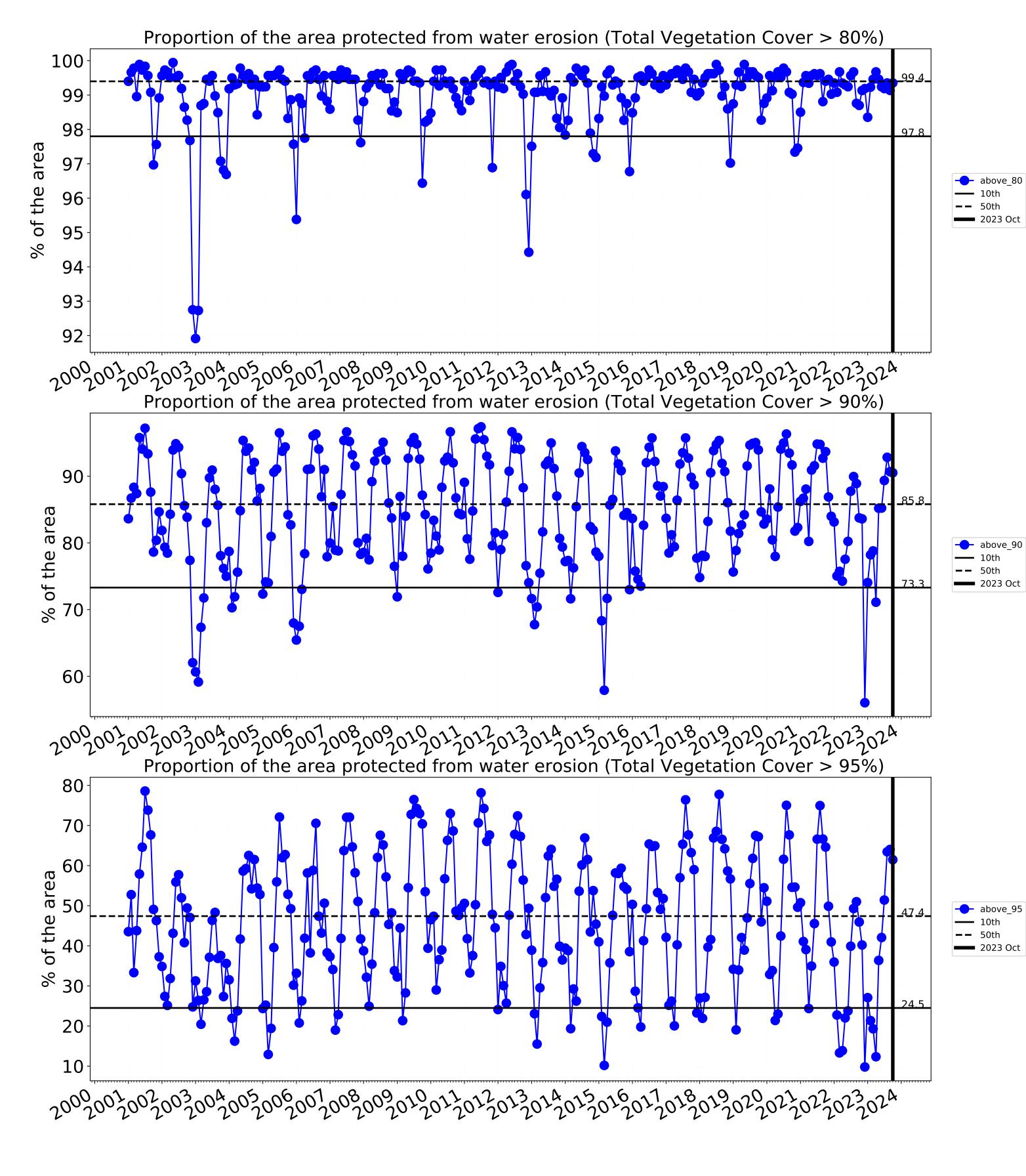
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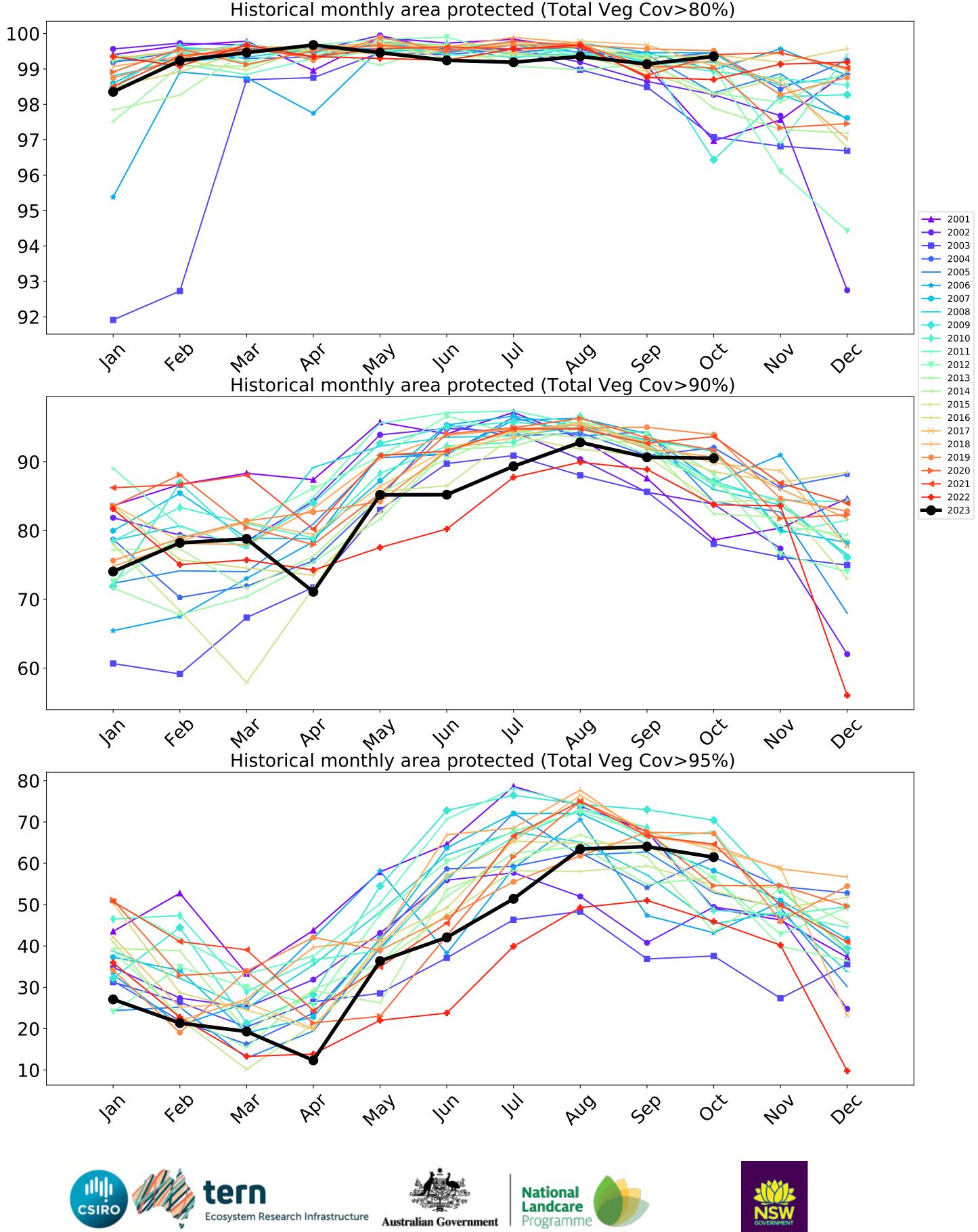






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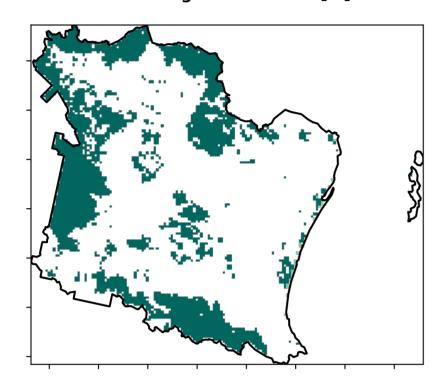
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### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

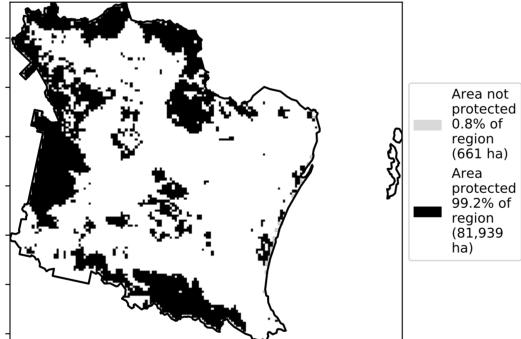
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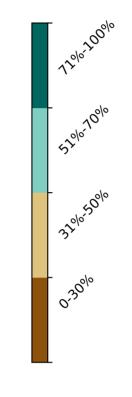
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



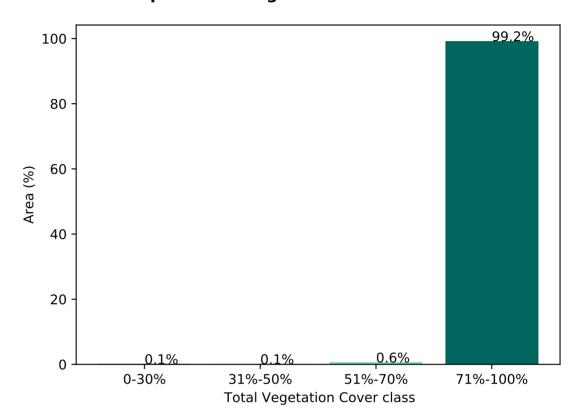
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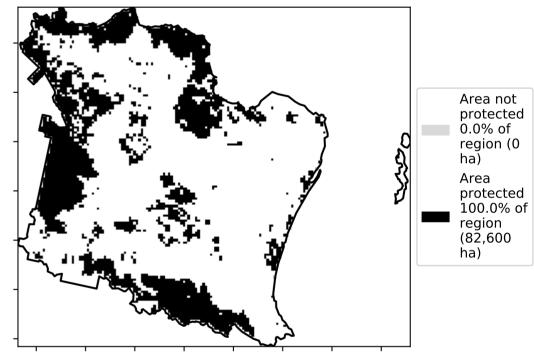




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



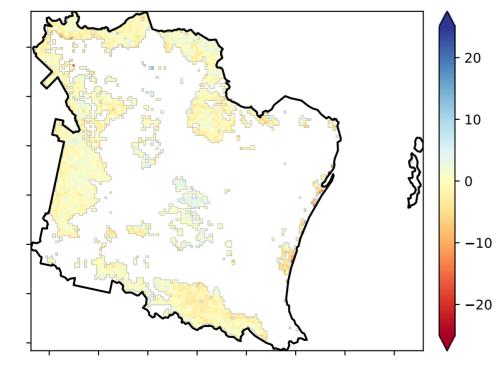
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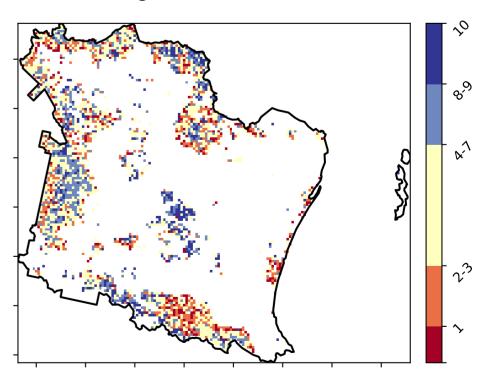
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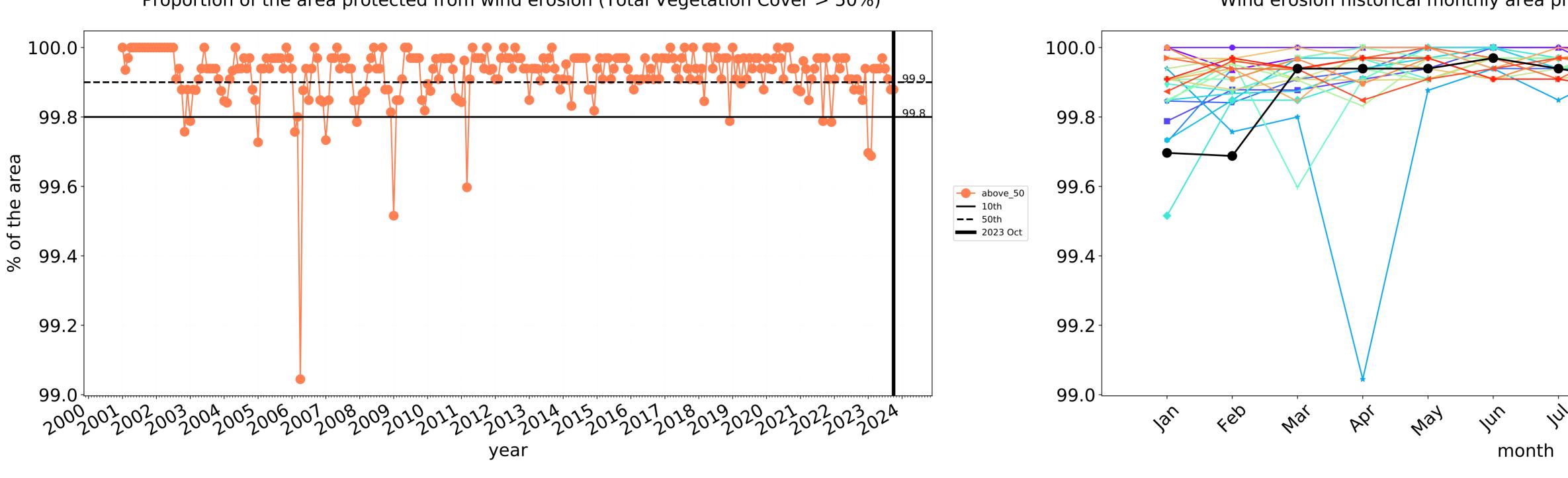


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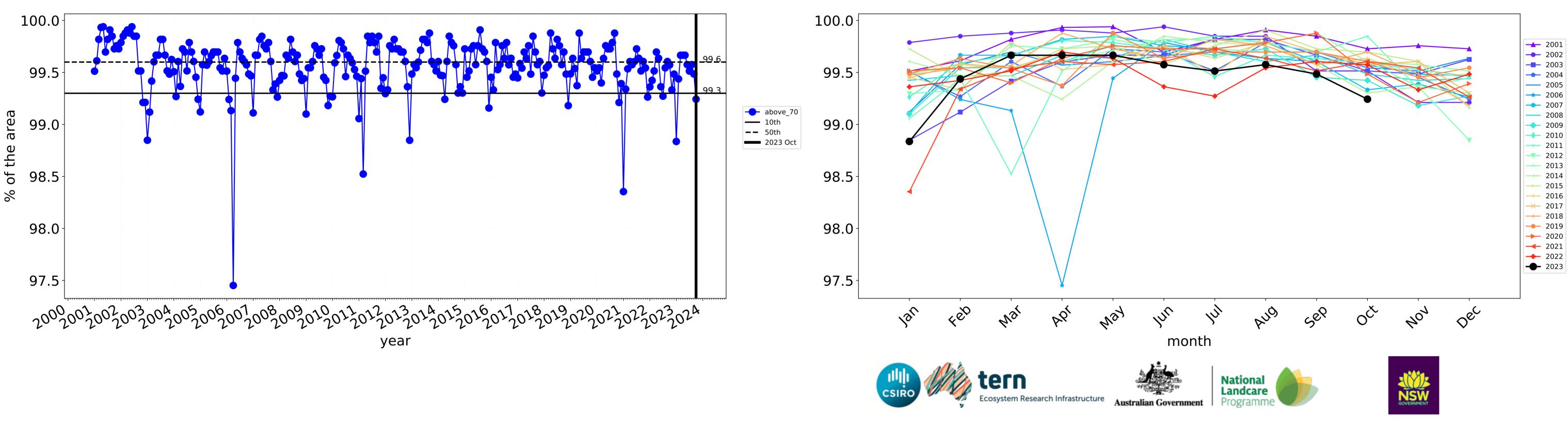


# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries**



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

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





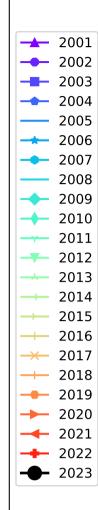
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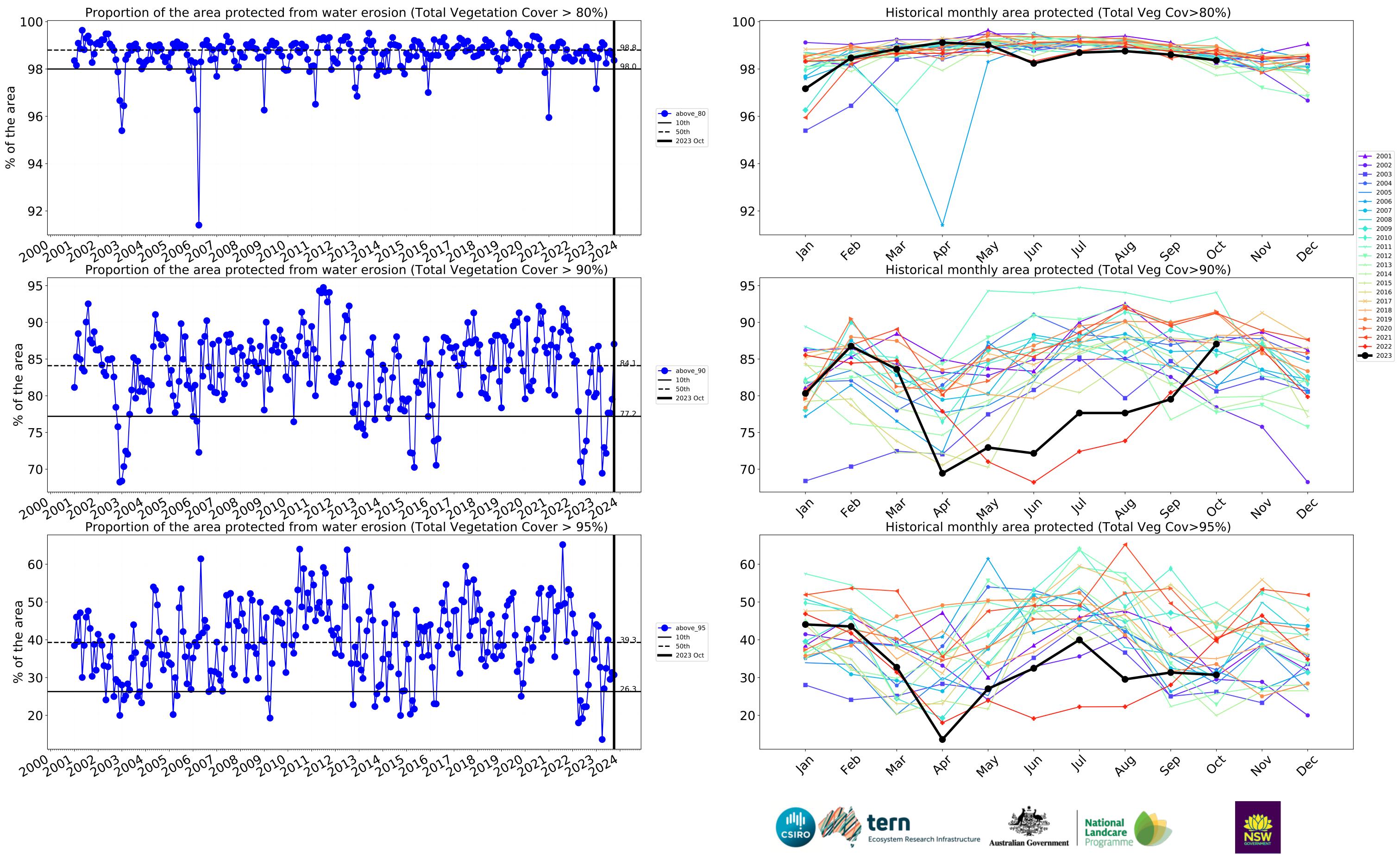
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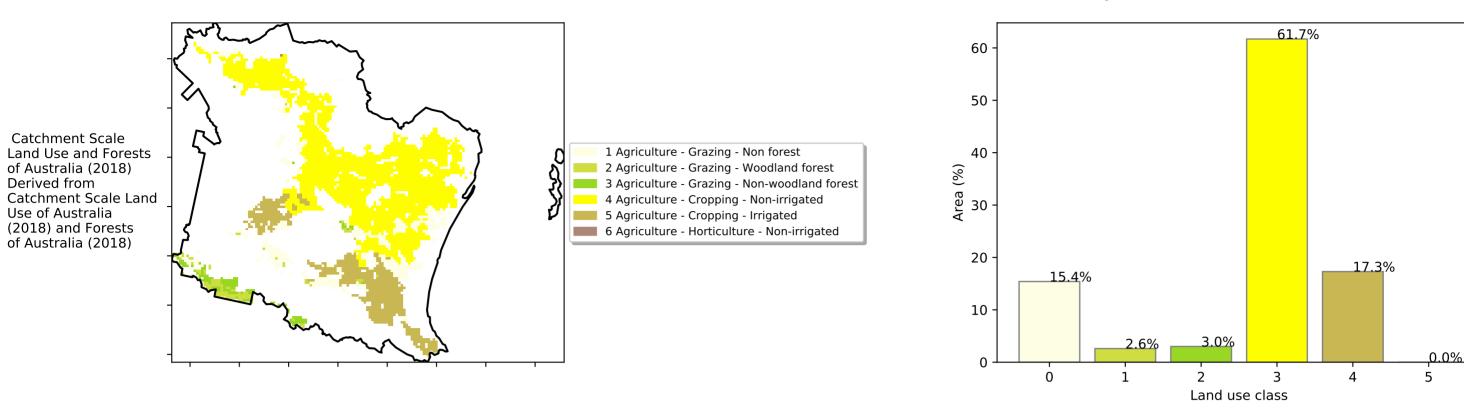




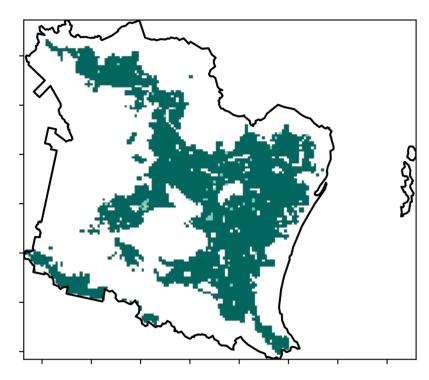
## Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

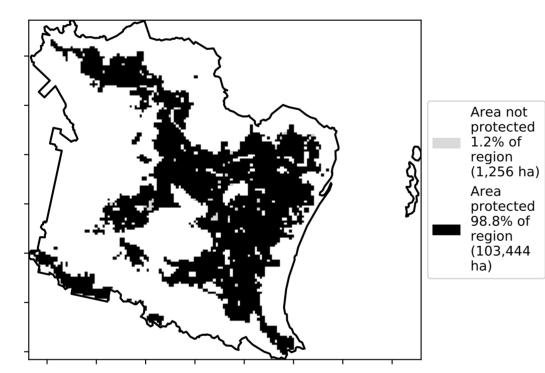
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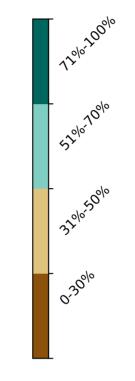


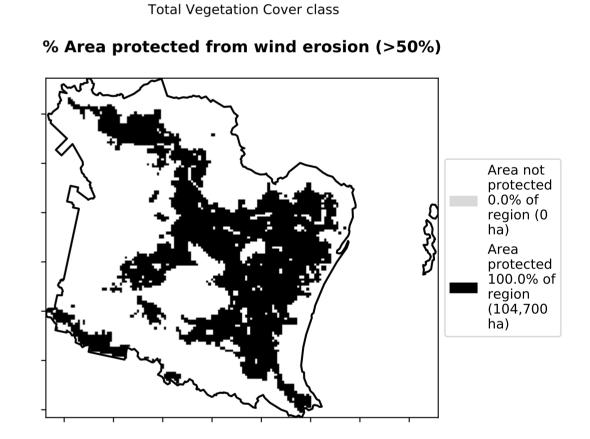
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



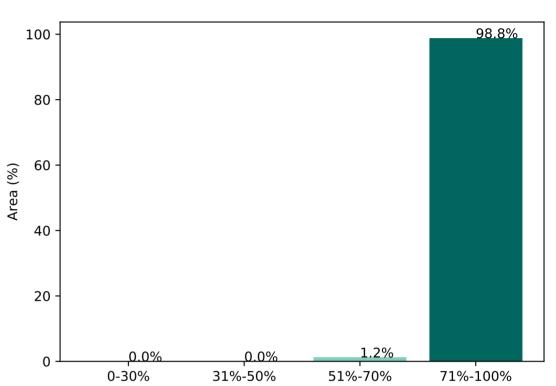
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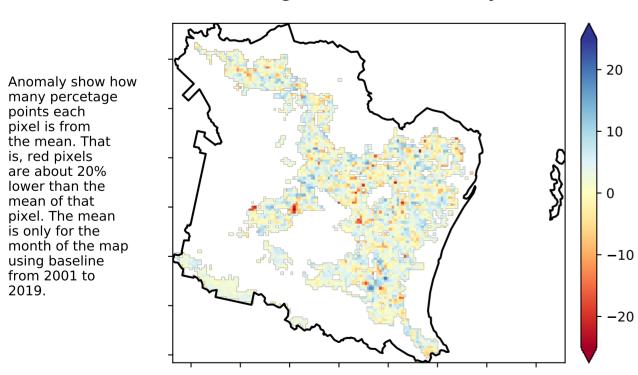




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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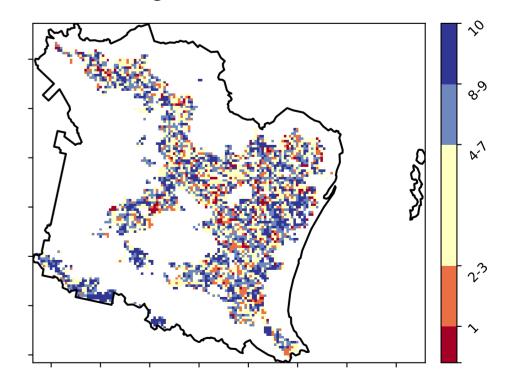
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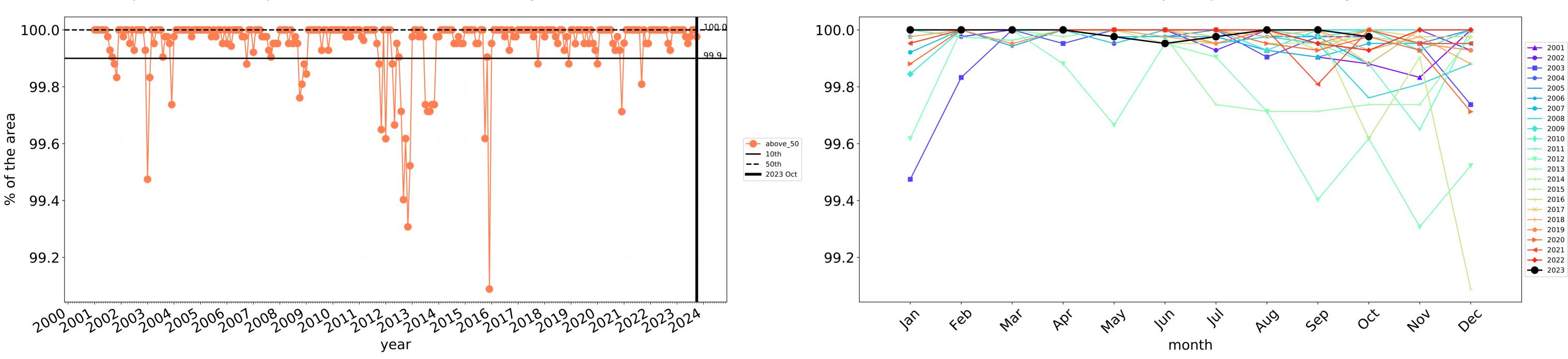
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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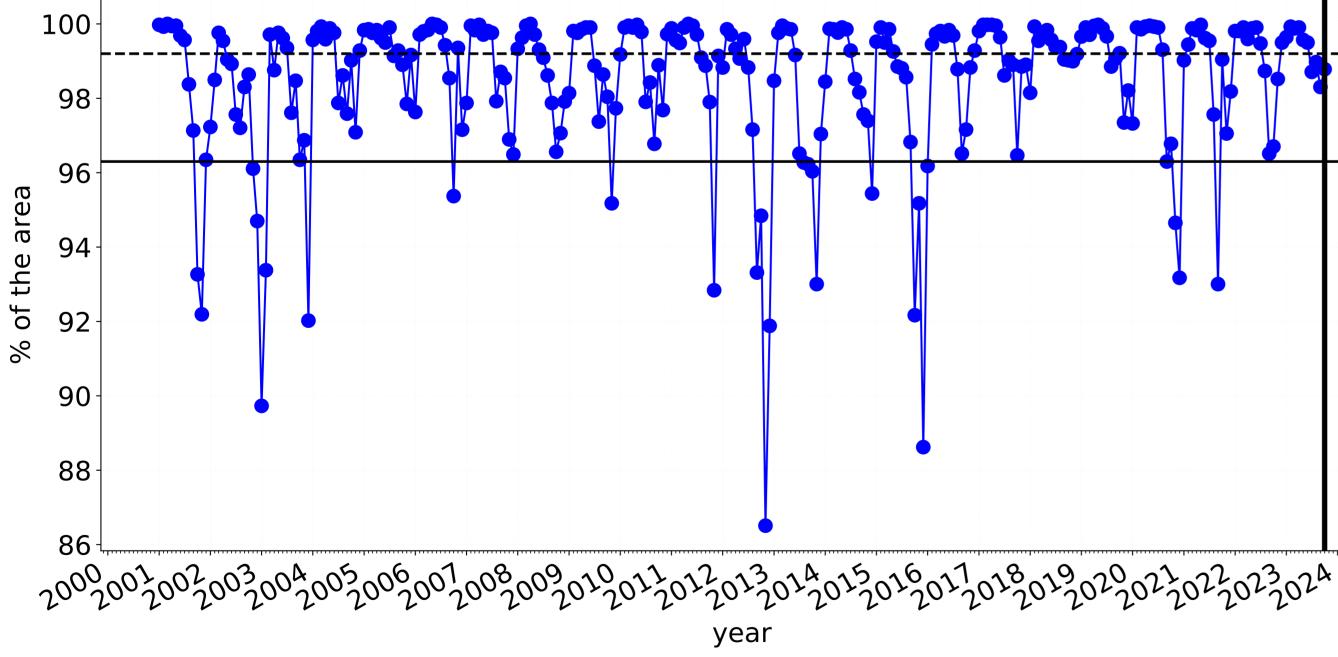
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

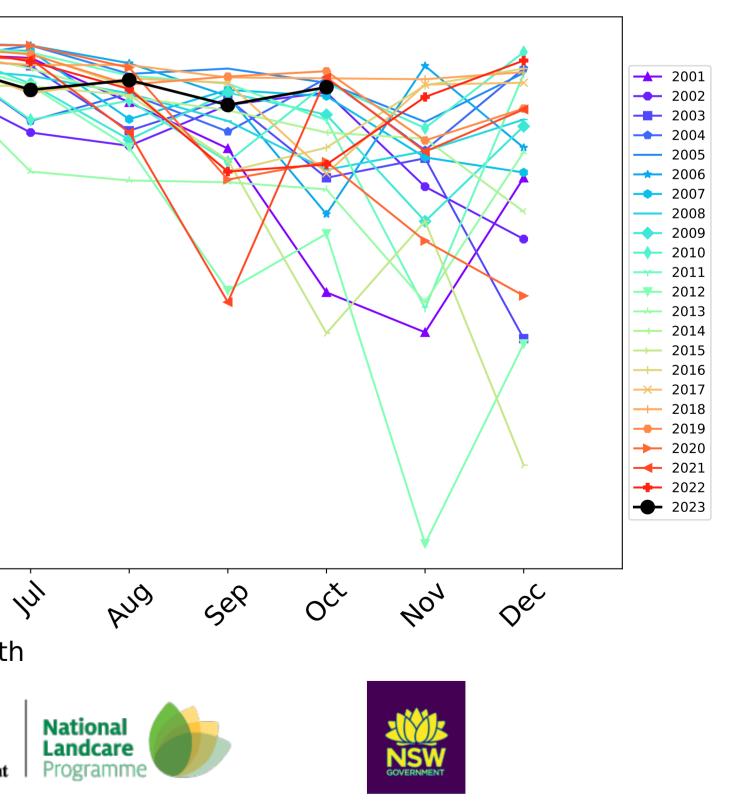


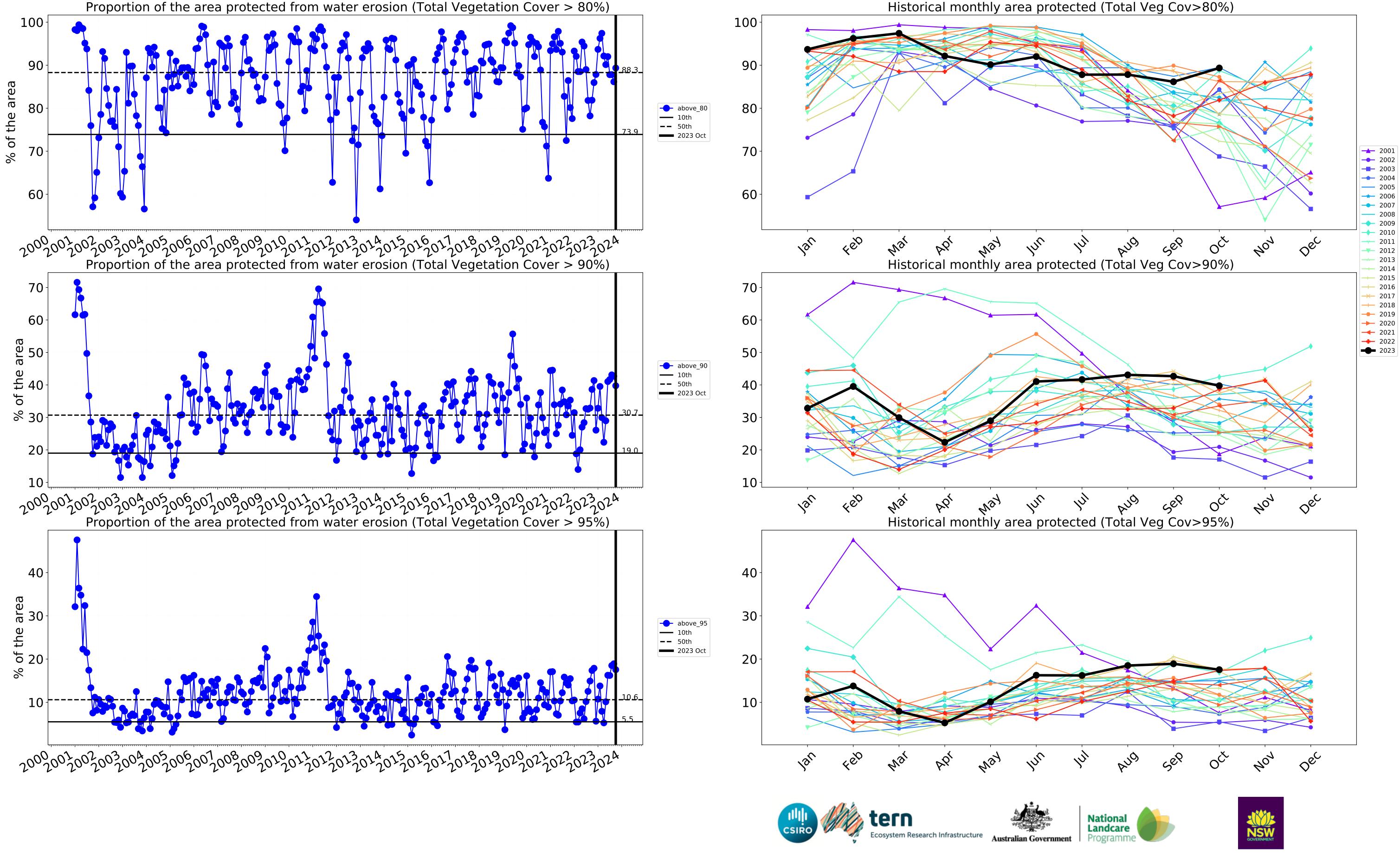
# Agriculture timeseries

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

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





#### Grazing

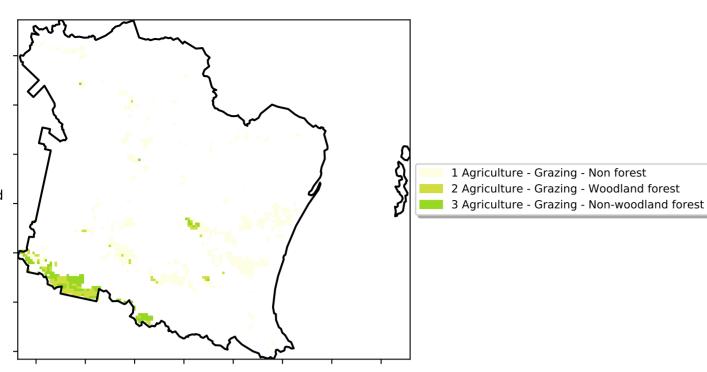
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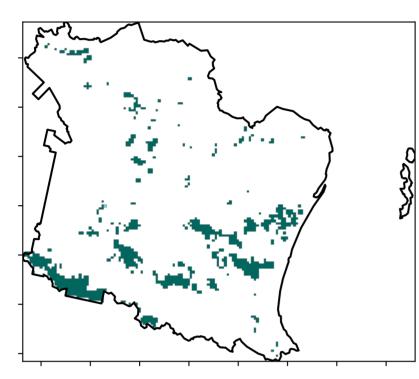
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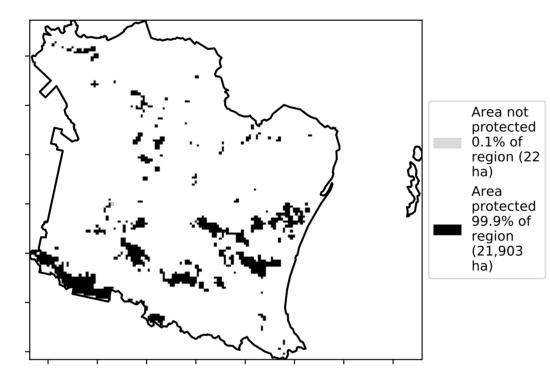


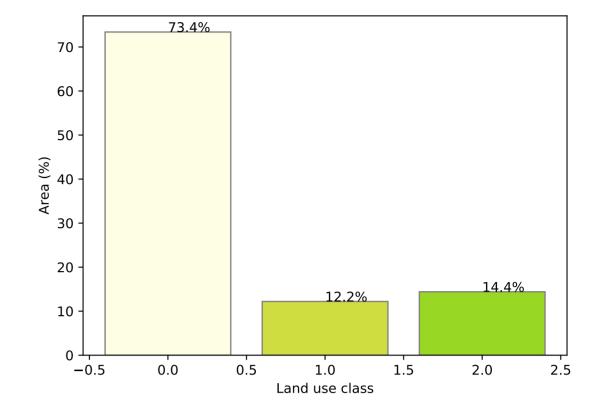
Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



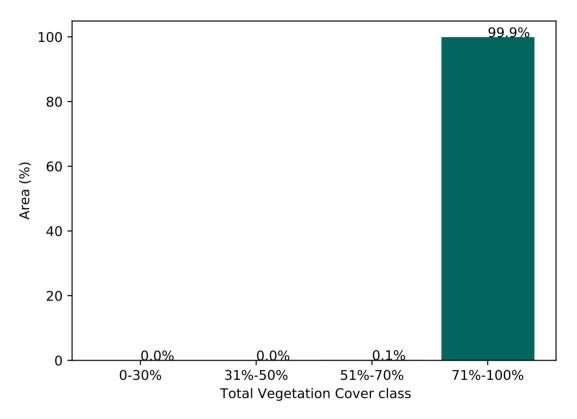
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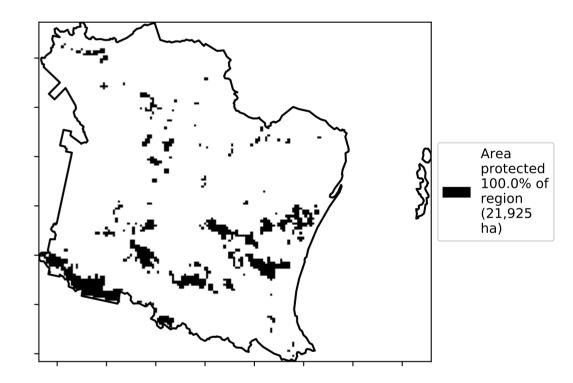


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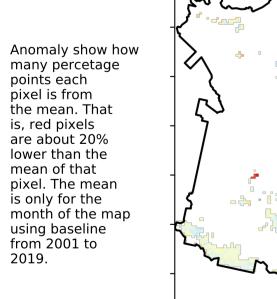
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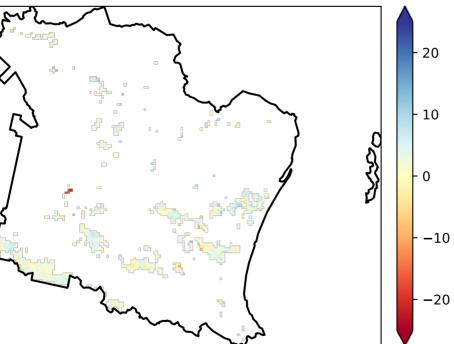


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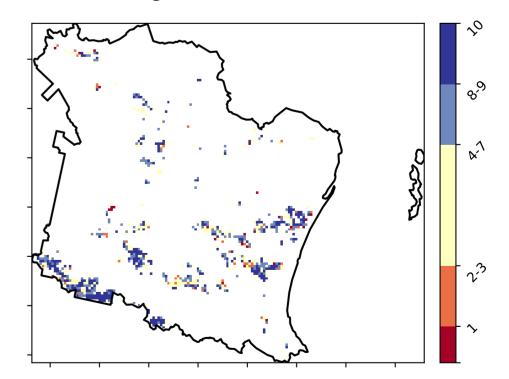


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



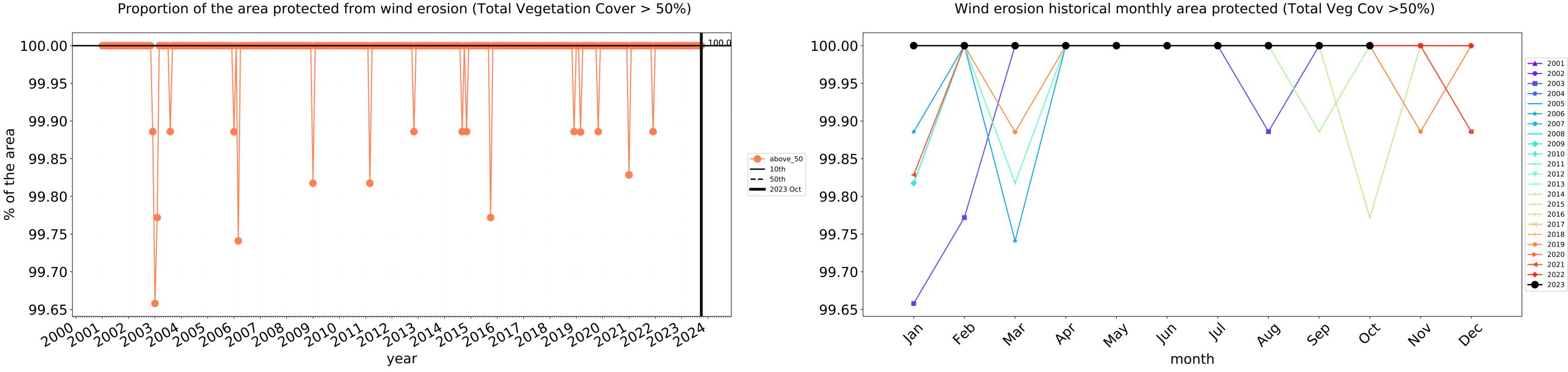


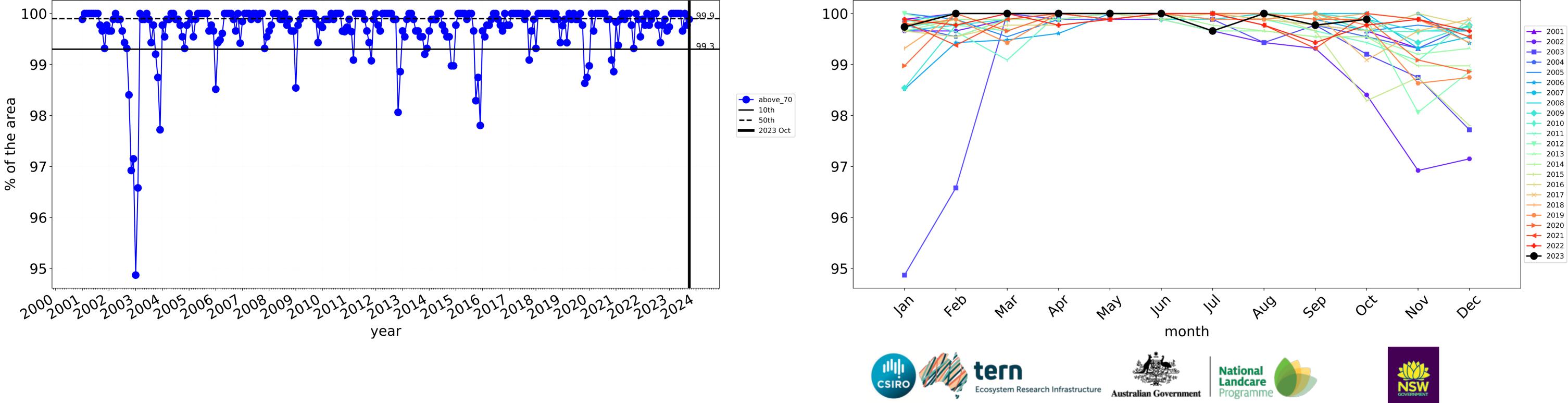
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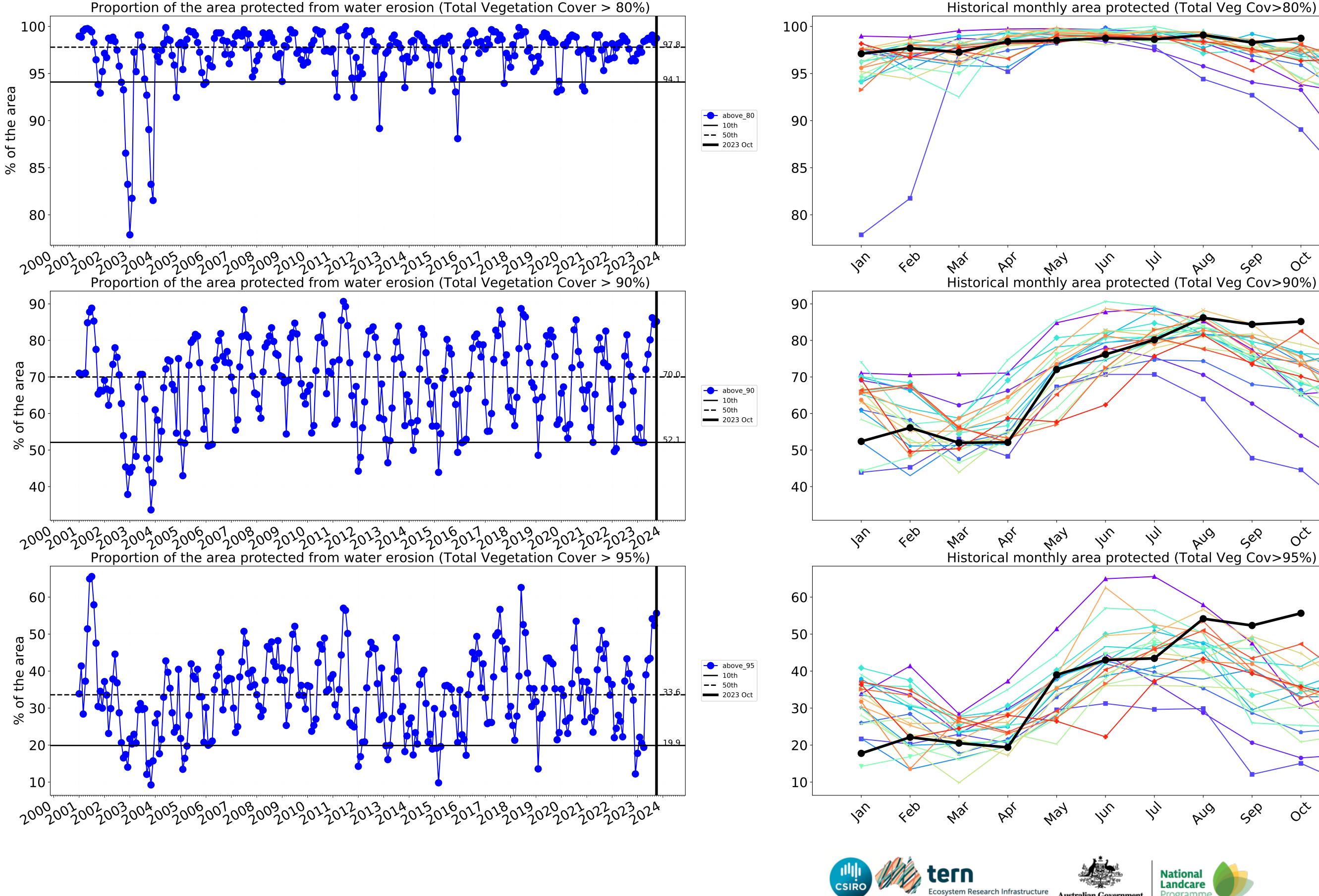
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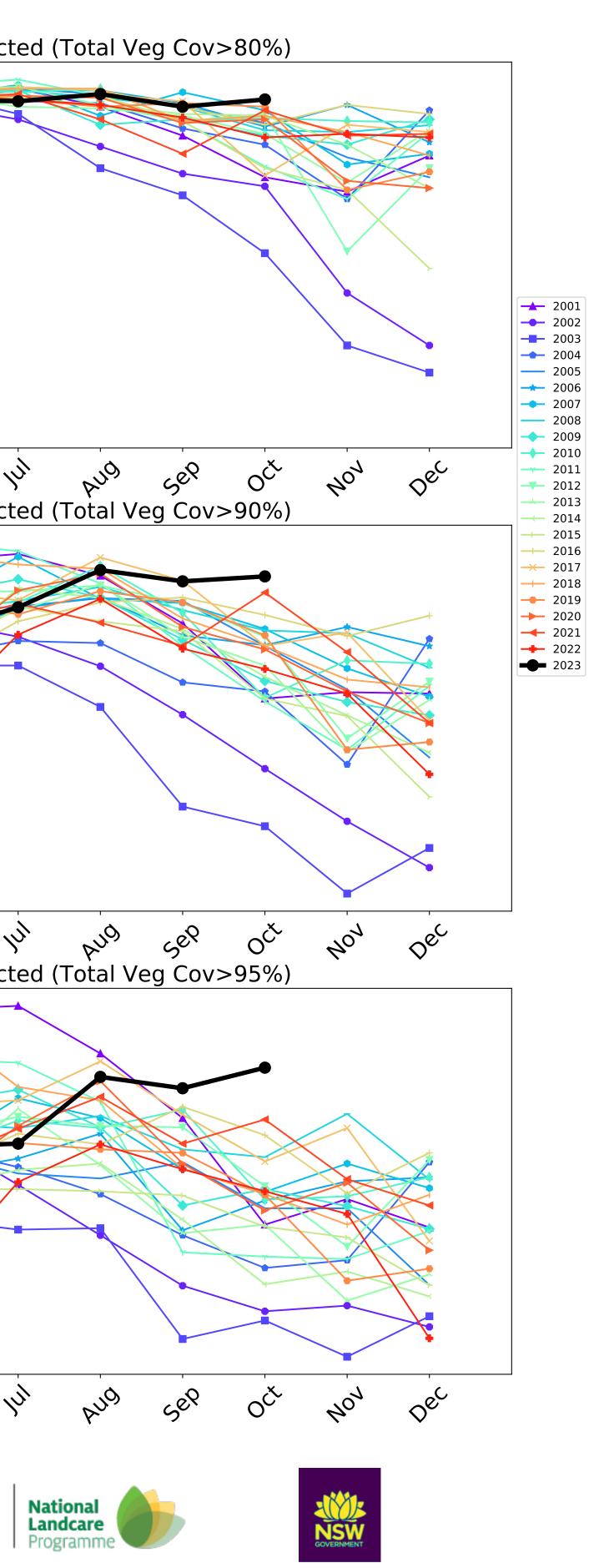
# Grazing timeseries

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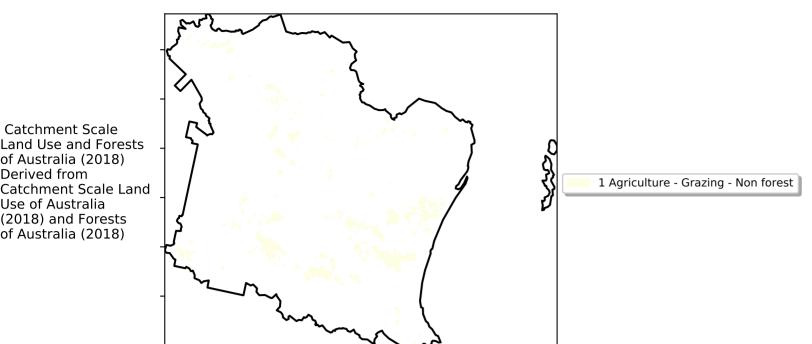


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## **Grazing non forest**



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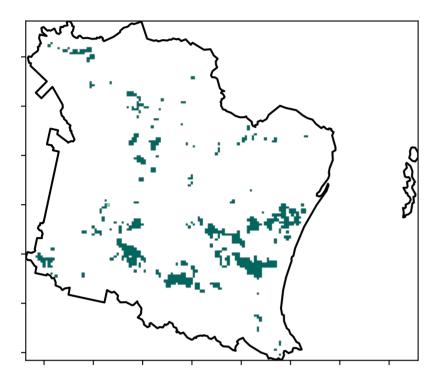
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are about 20% lower than the

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



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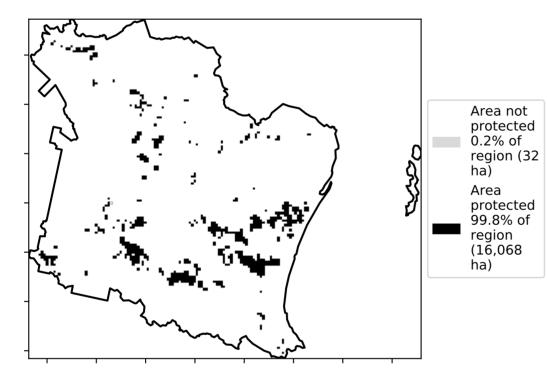
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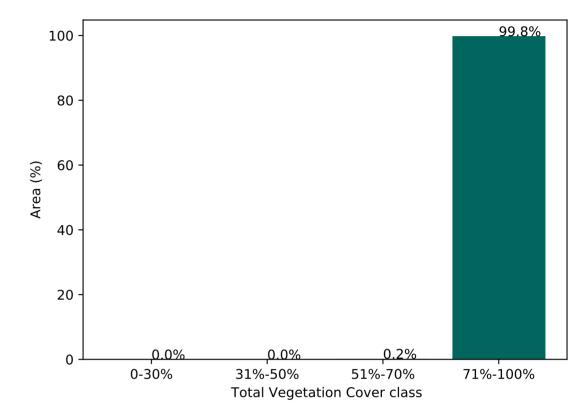
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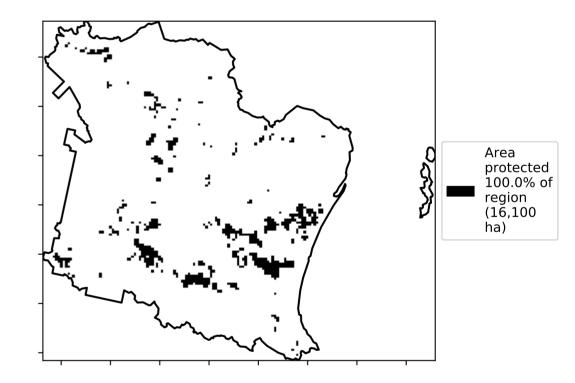
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



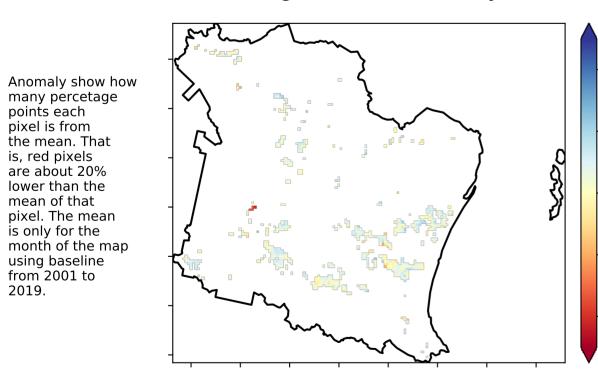
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



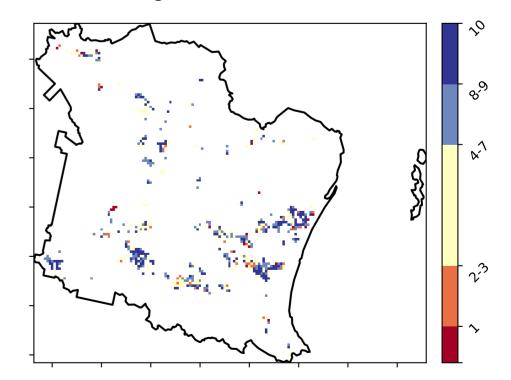
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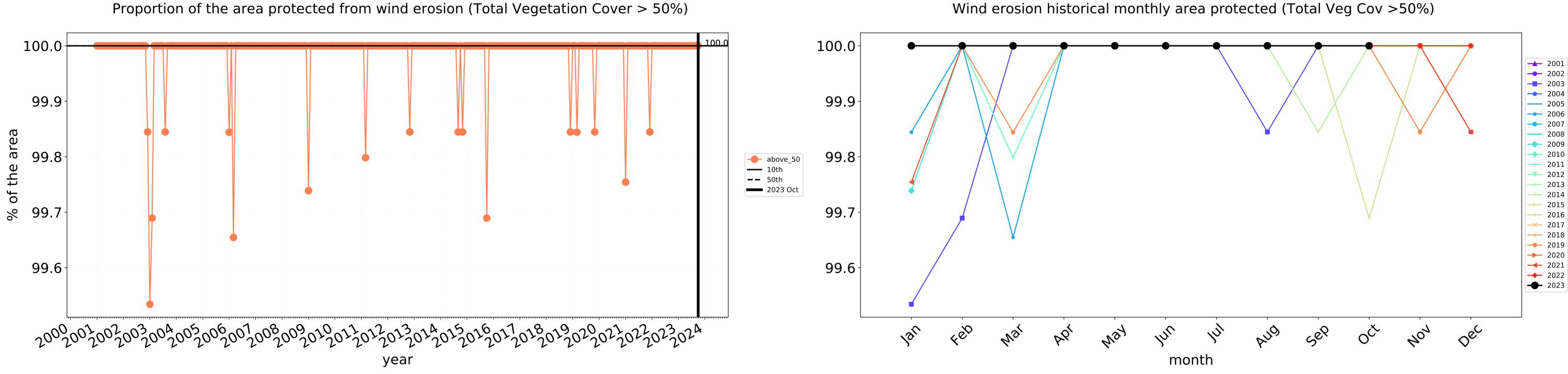
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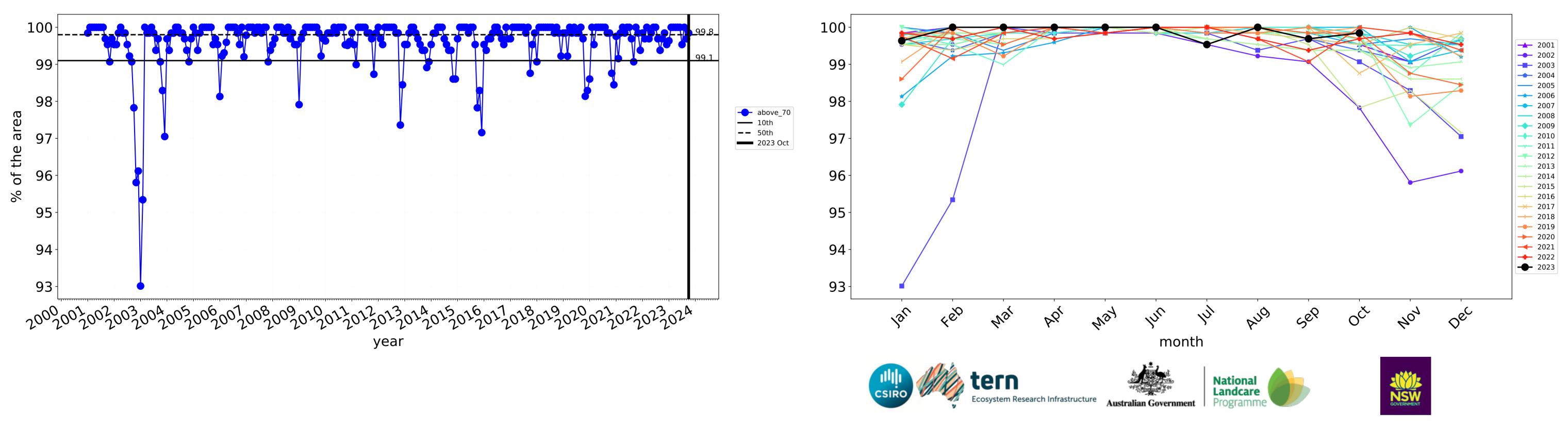


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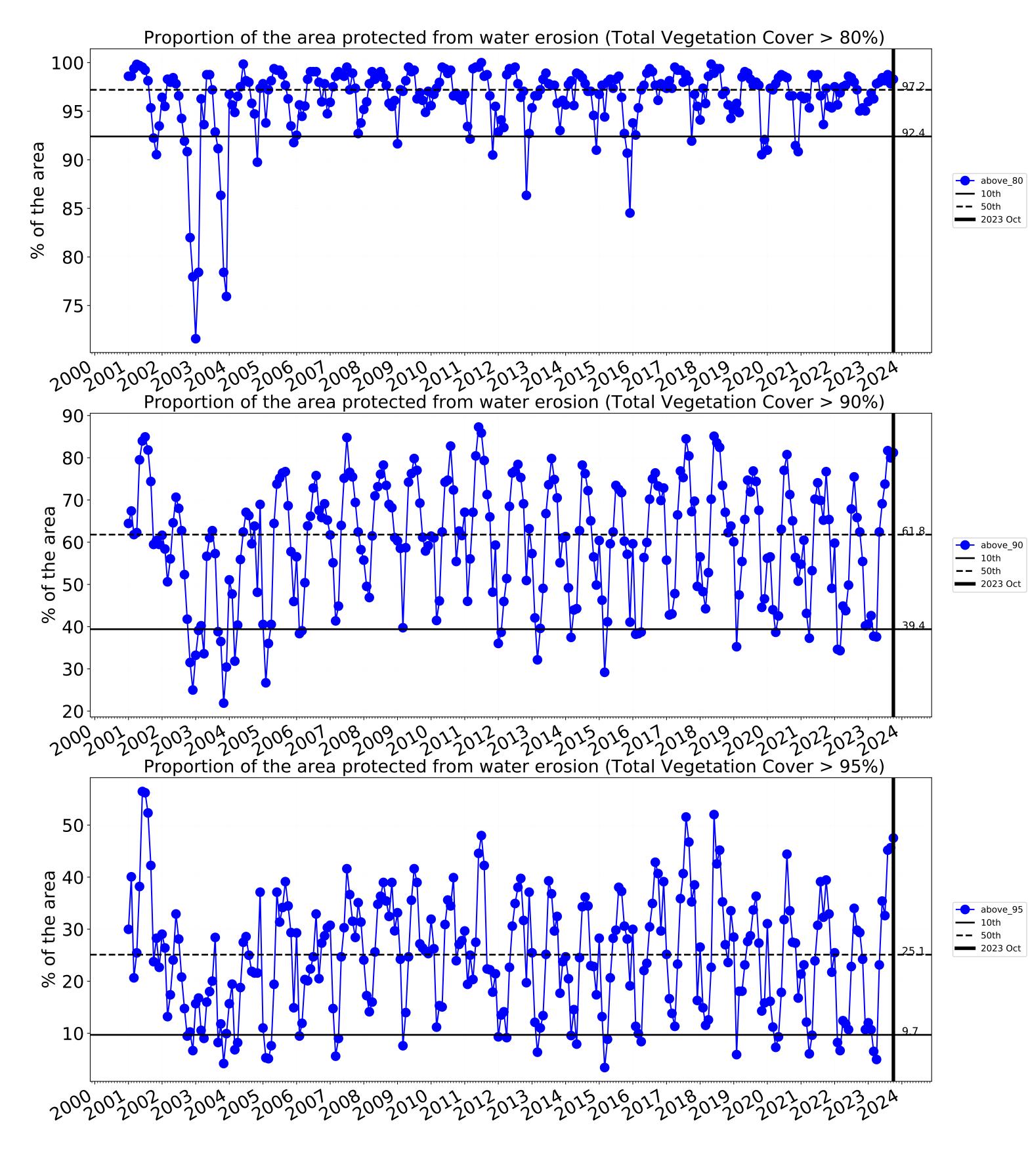


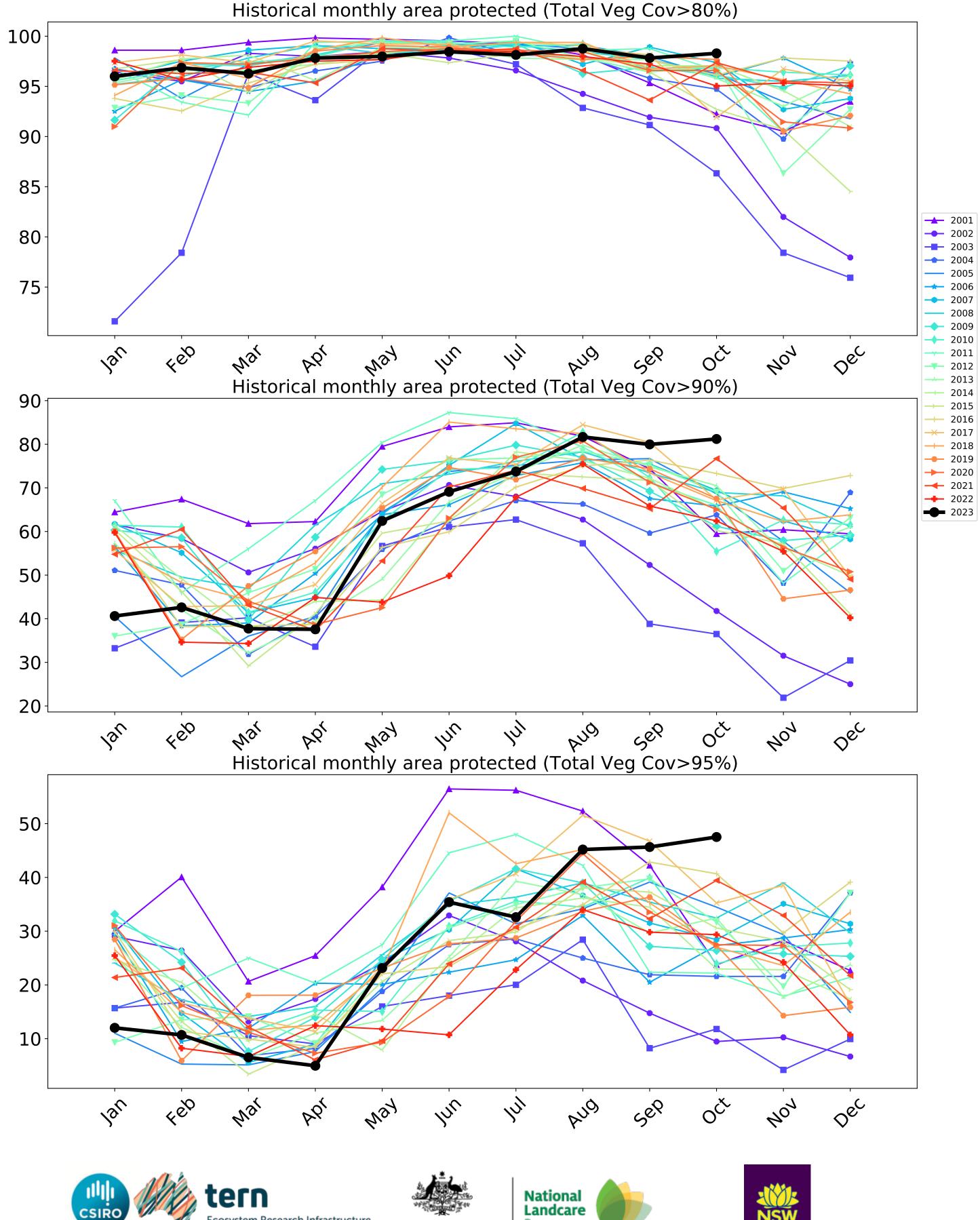




# Grazing non forest timeseries









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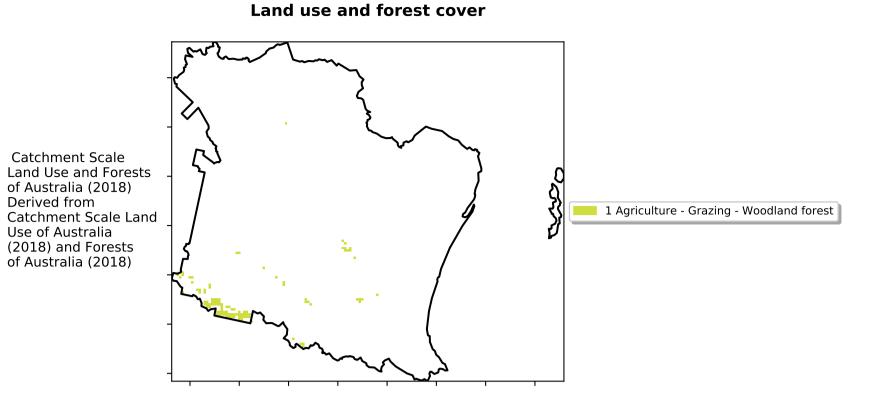
# **Grazing Woodland forest**

1200-2000

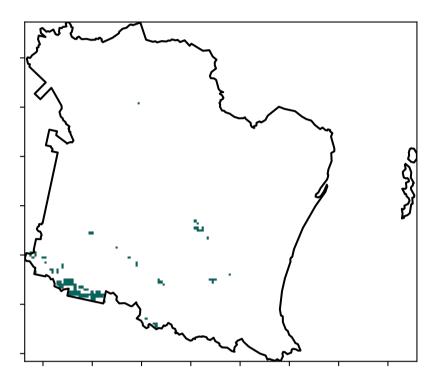
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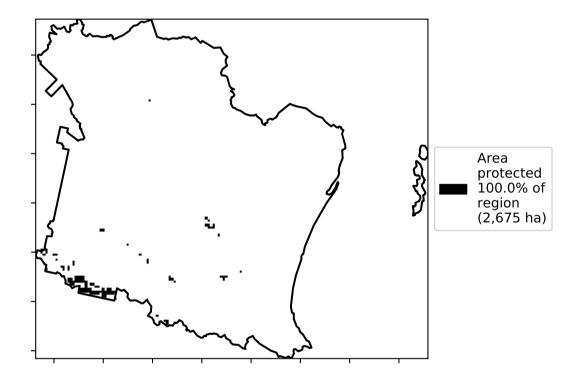
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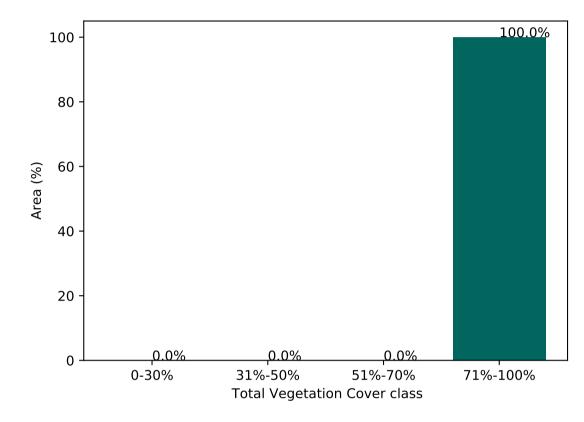
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

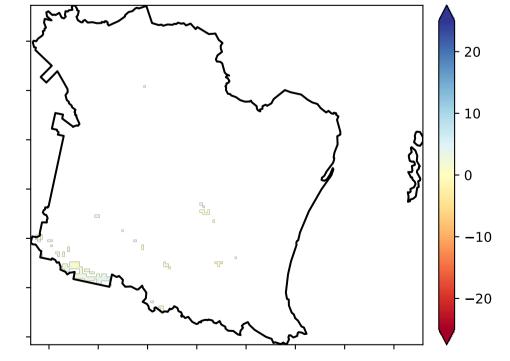


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

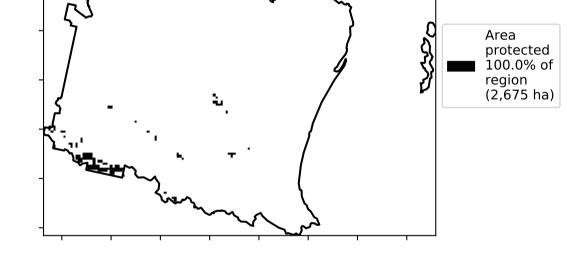


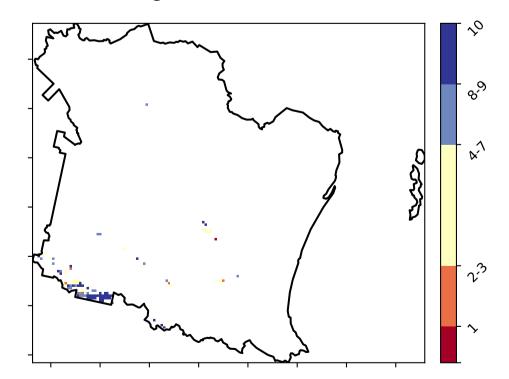
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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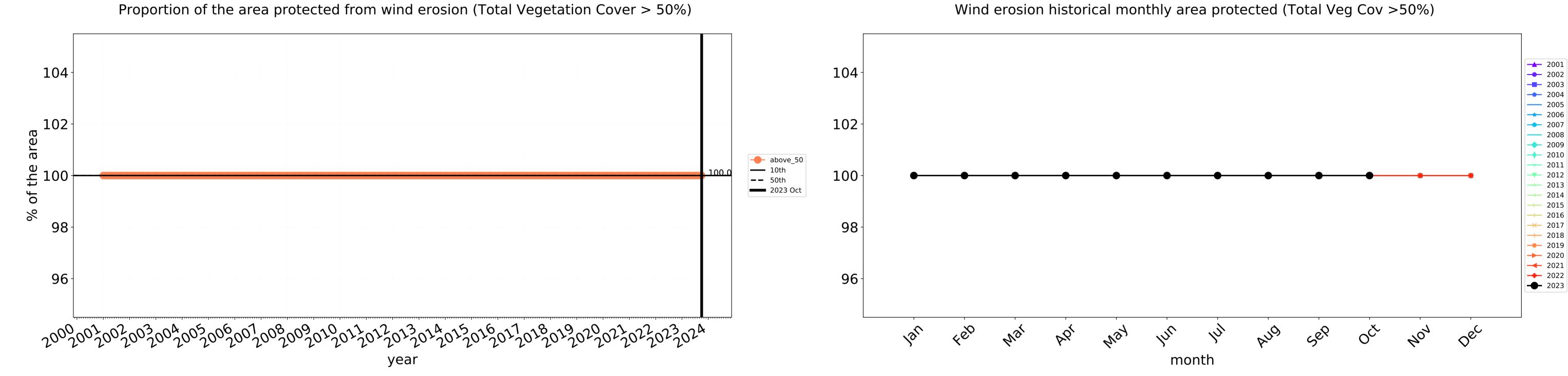




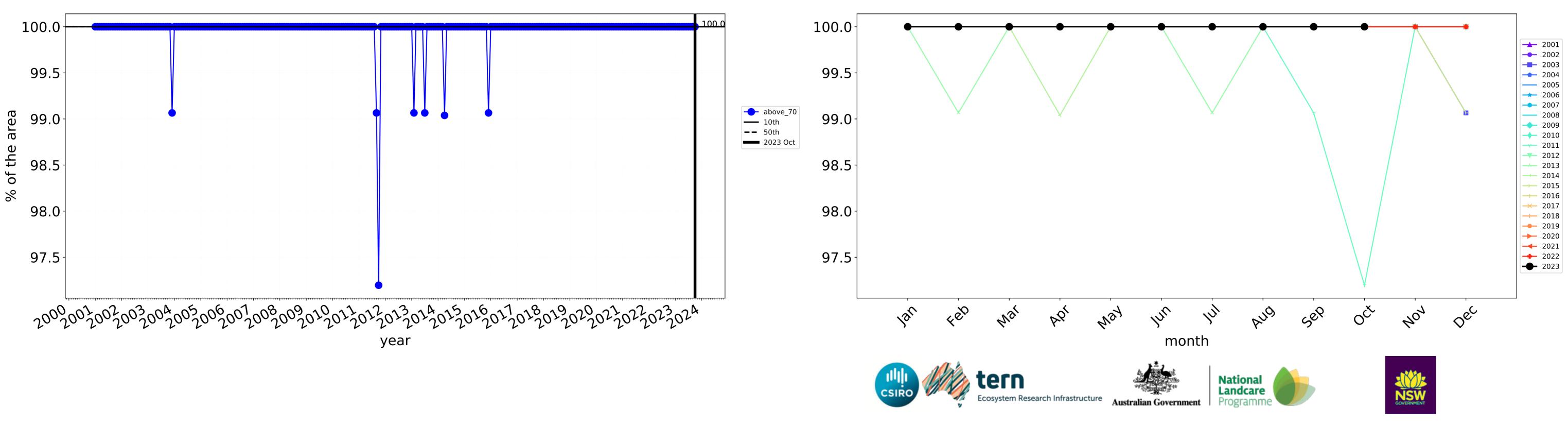




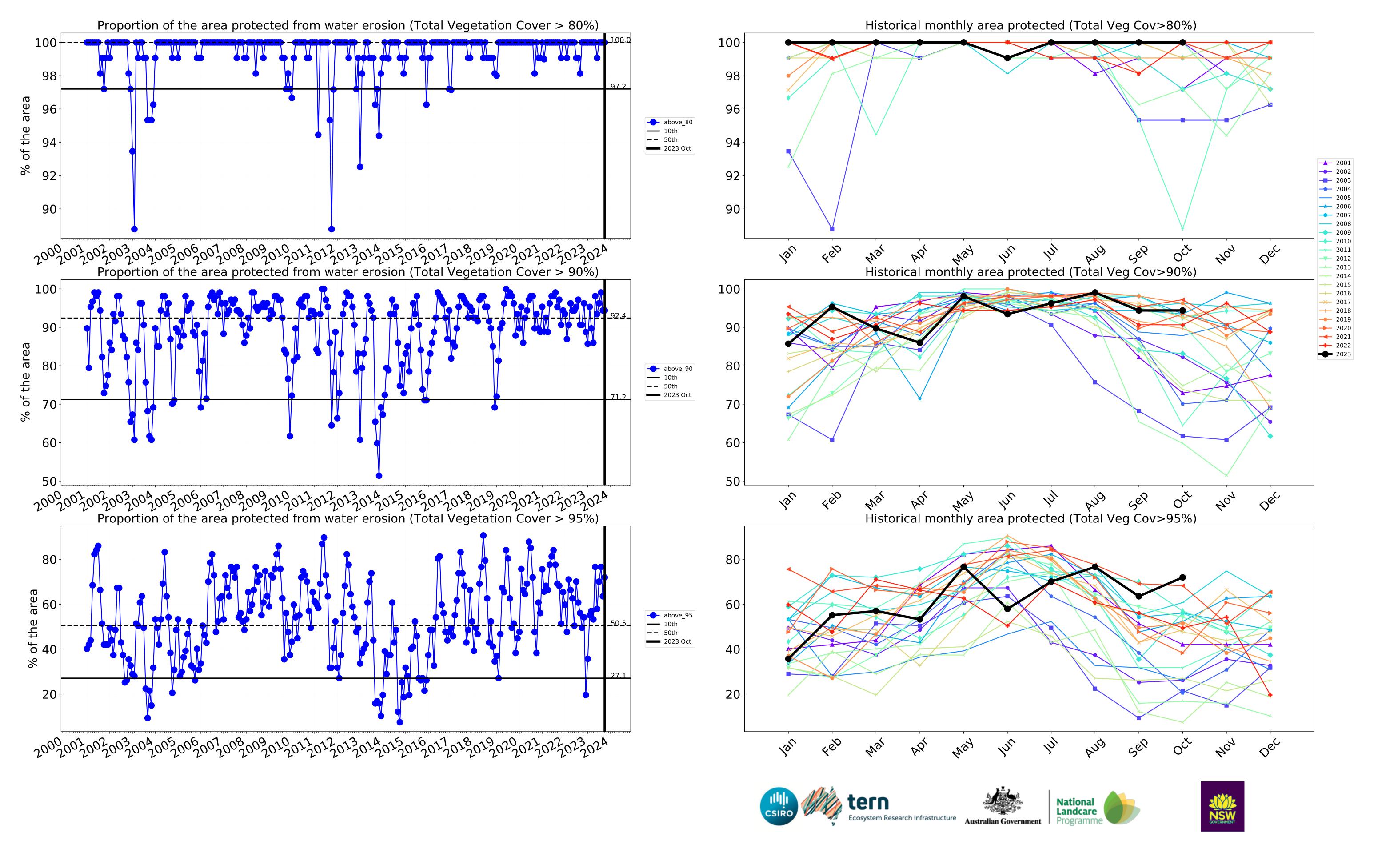
# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



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



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



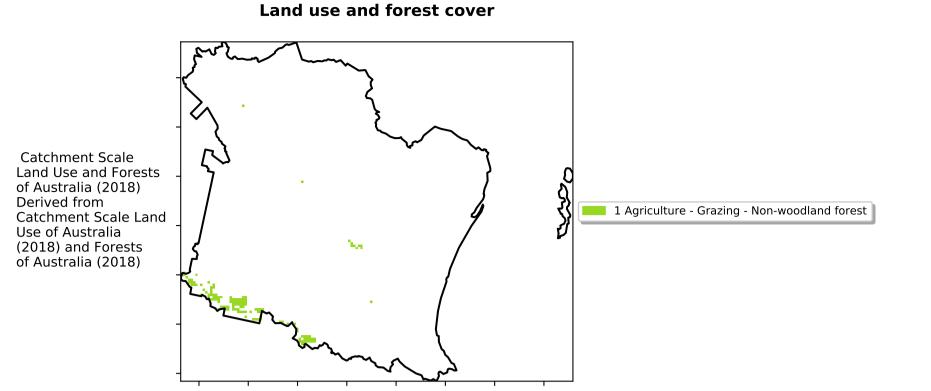
# Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

1200-2000

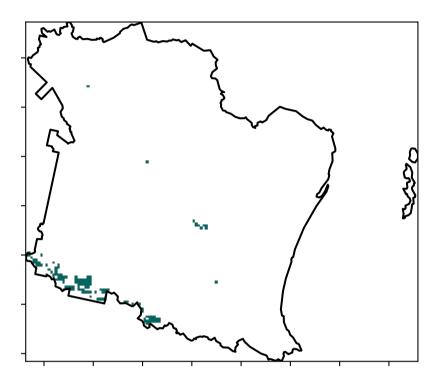
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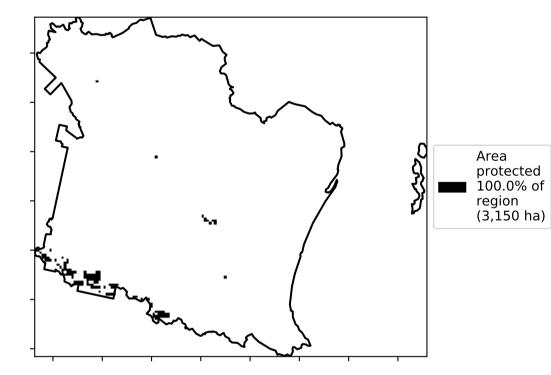
· 0.30%



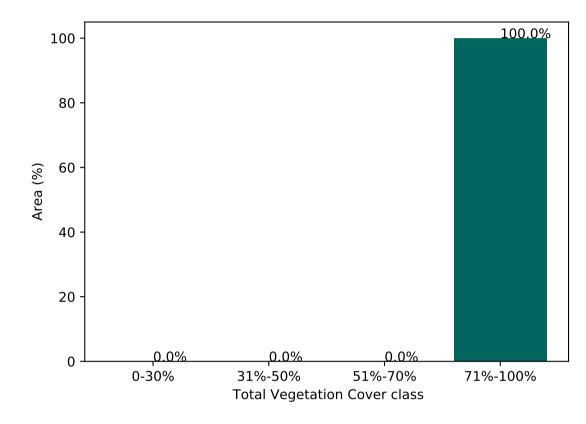
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



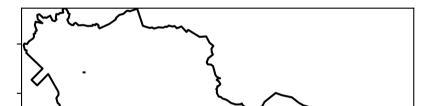
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

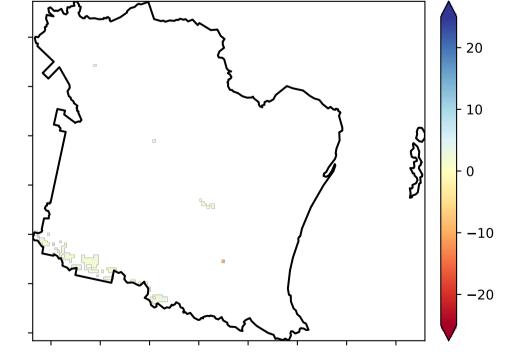


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

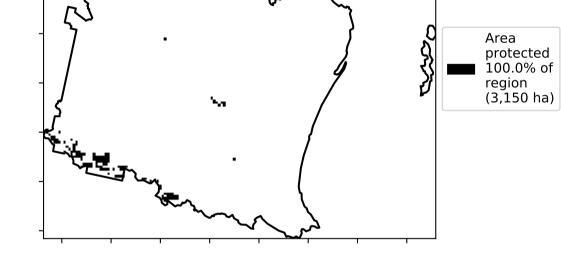


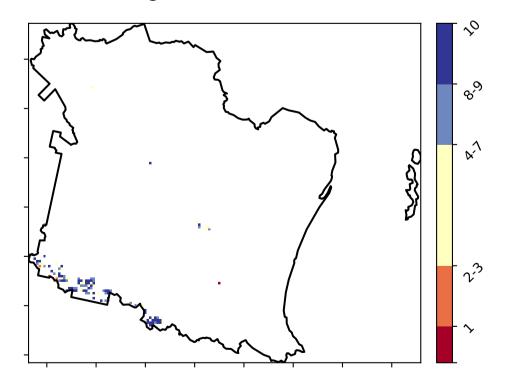
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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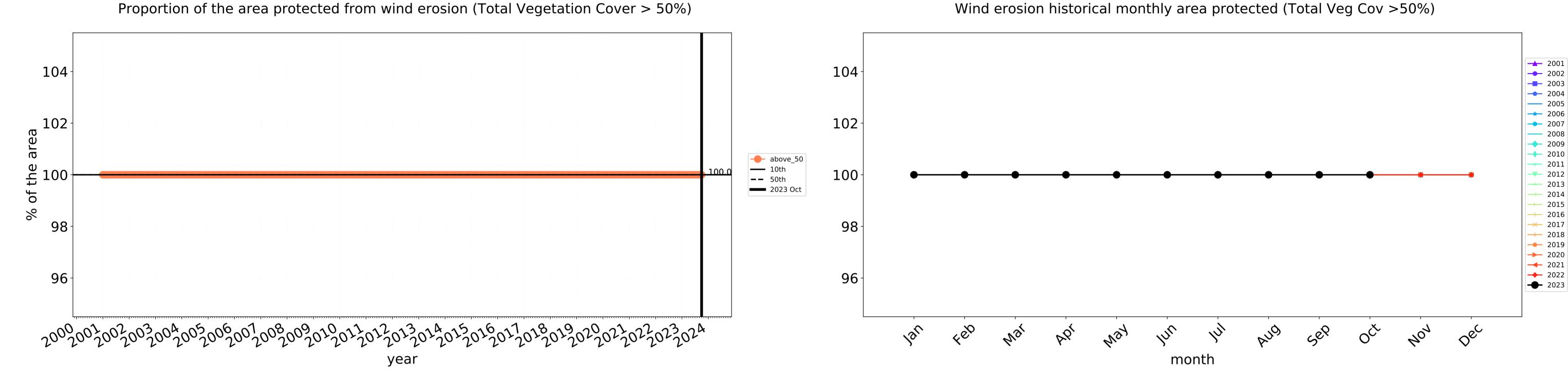


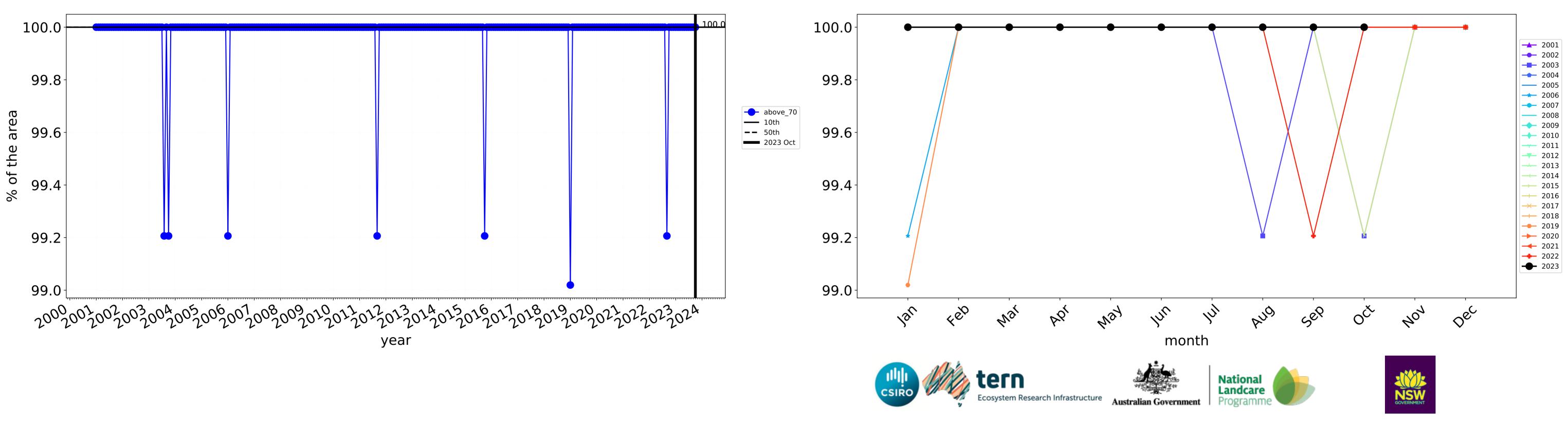
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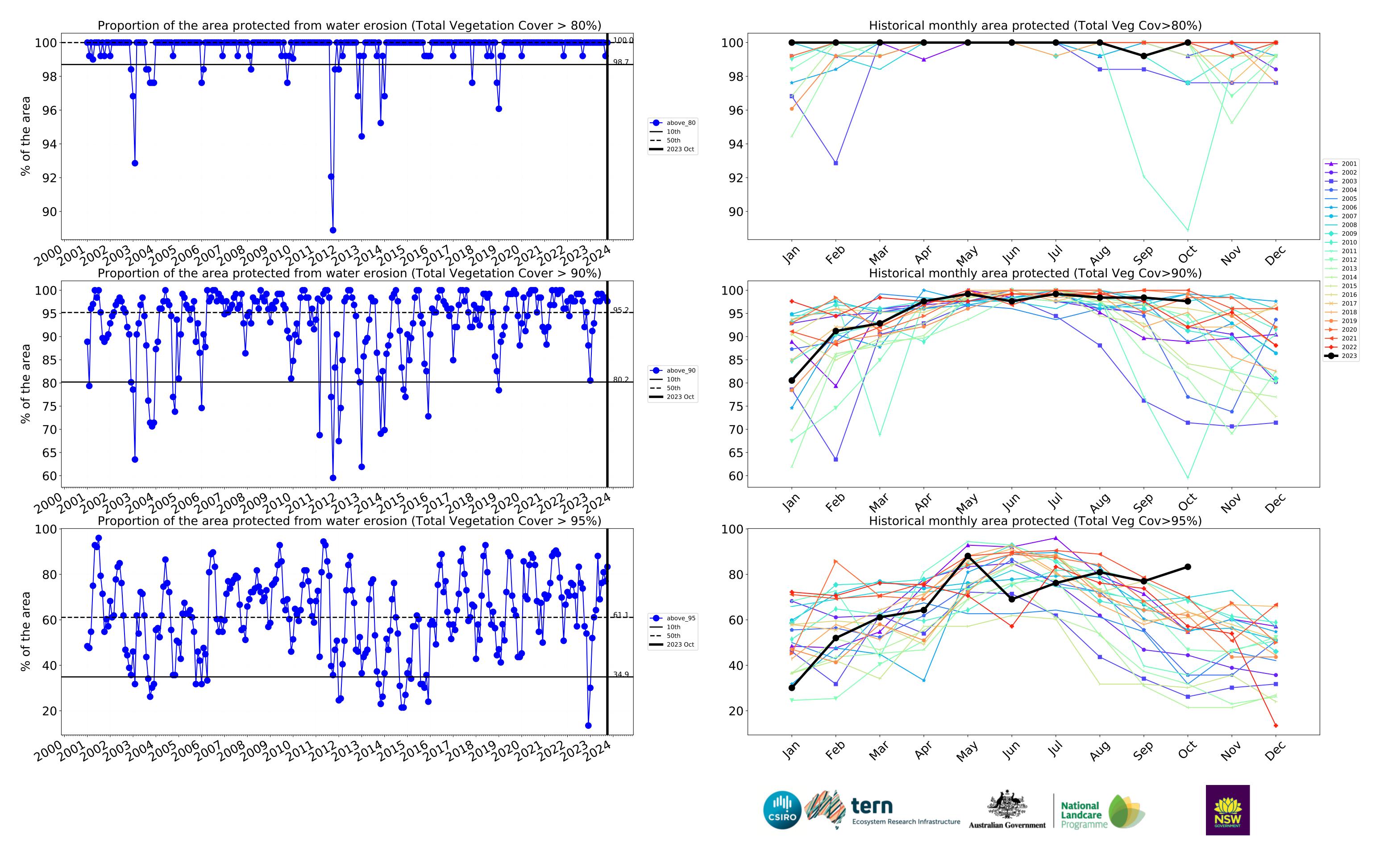






# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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



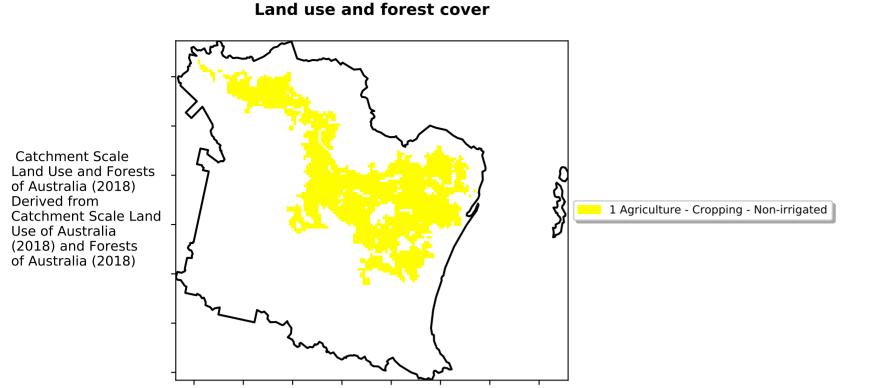
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12%200%

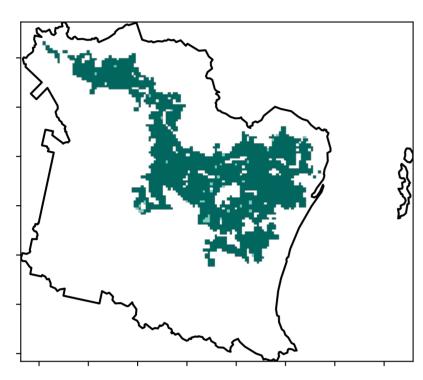
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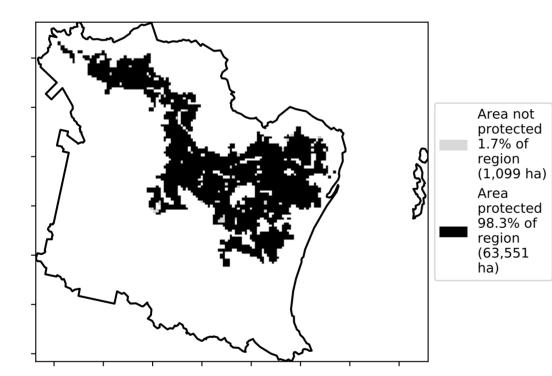
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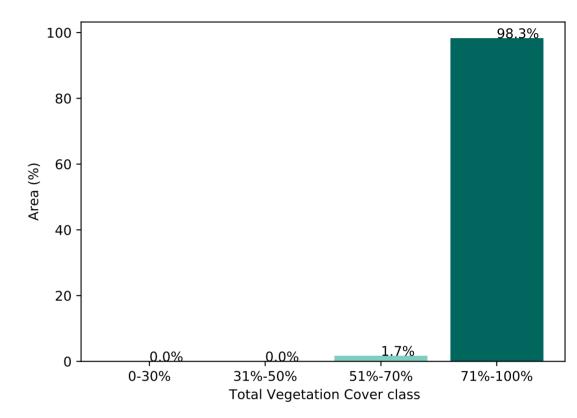
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



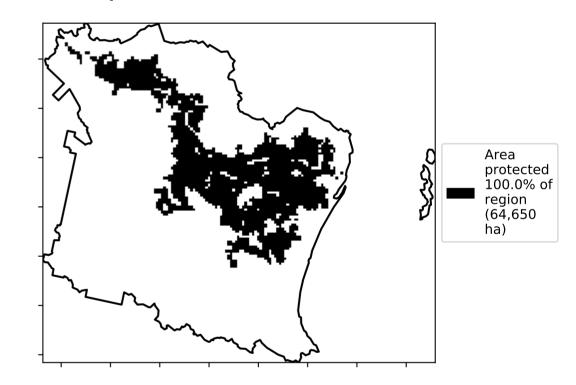




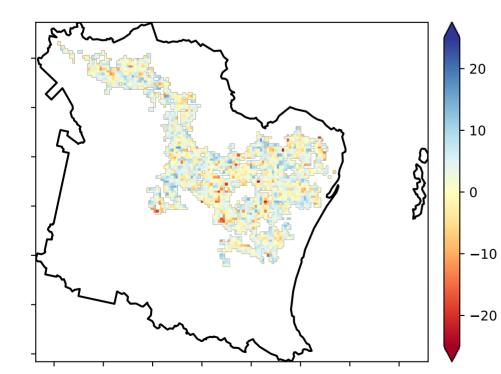




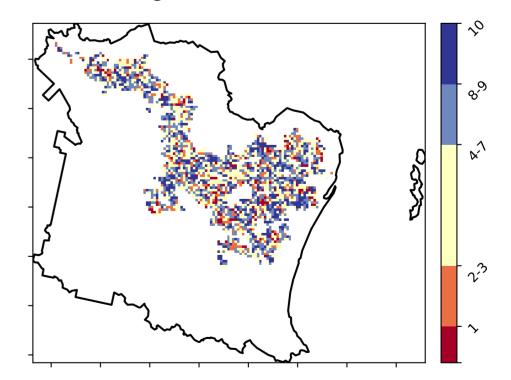
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

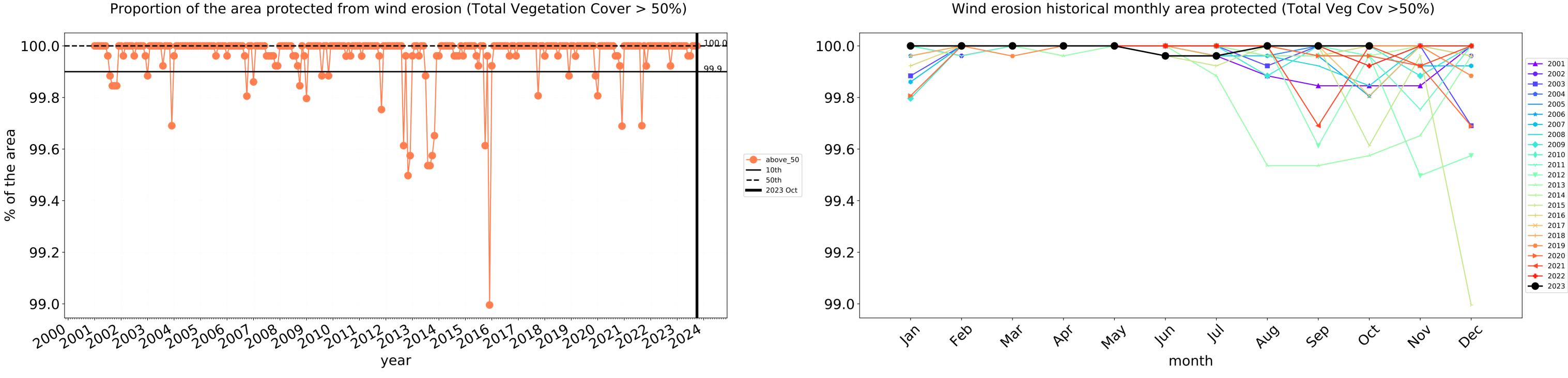


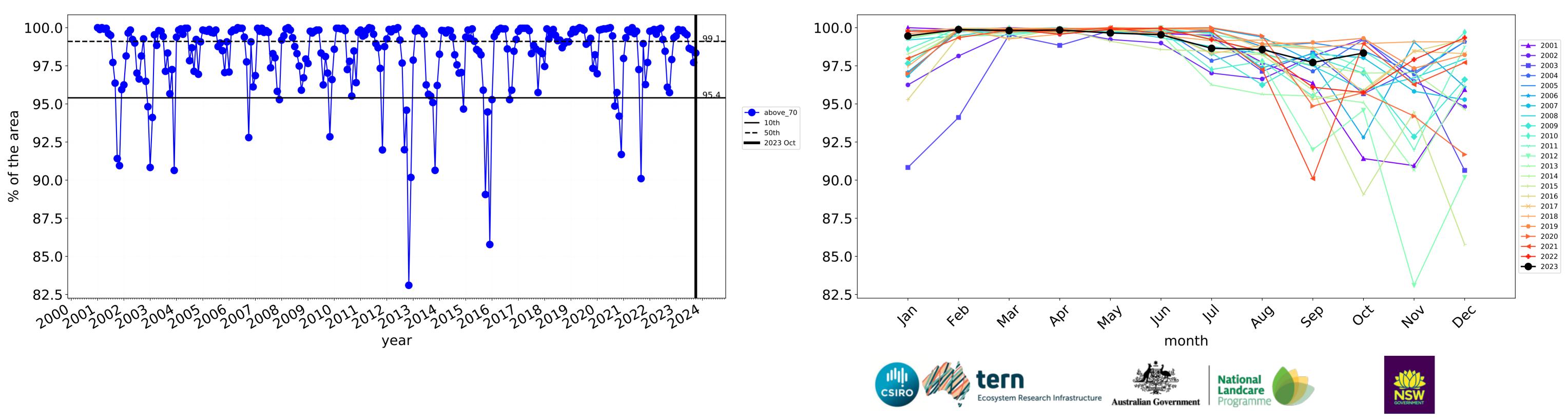
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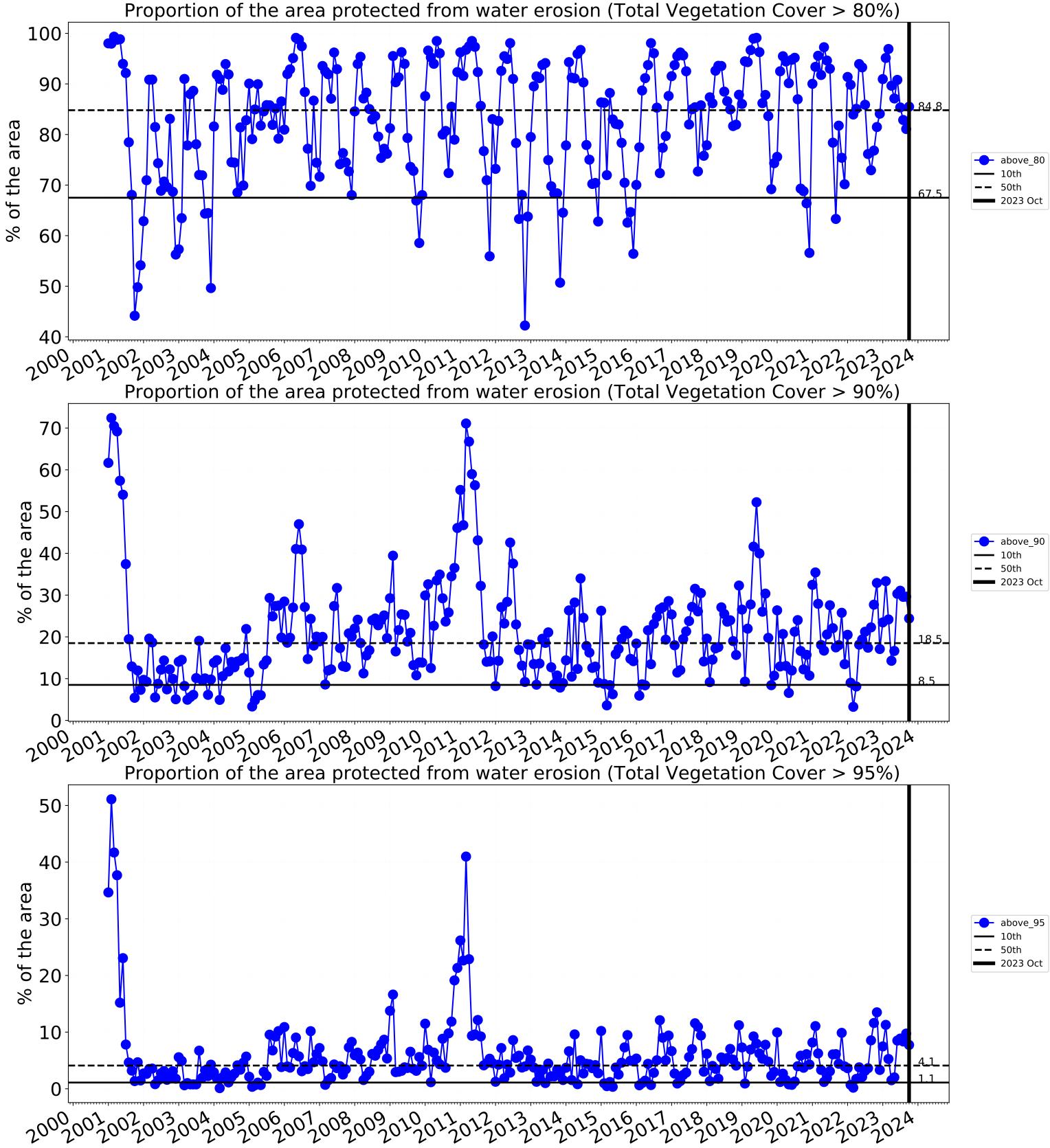


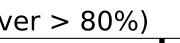
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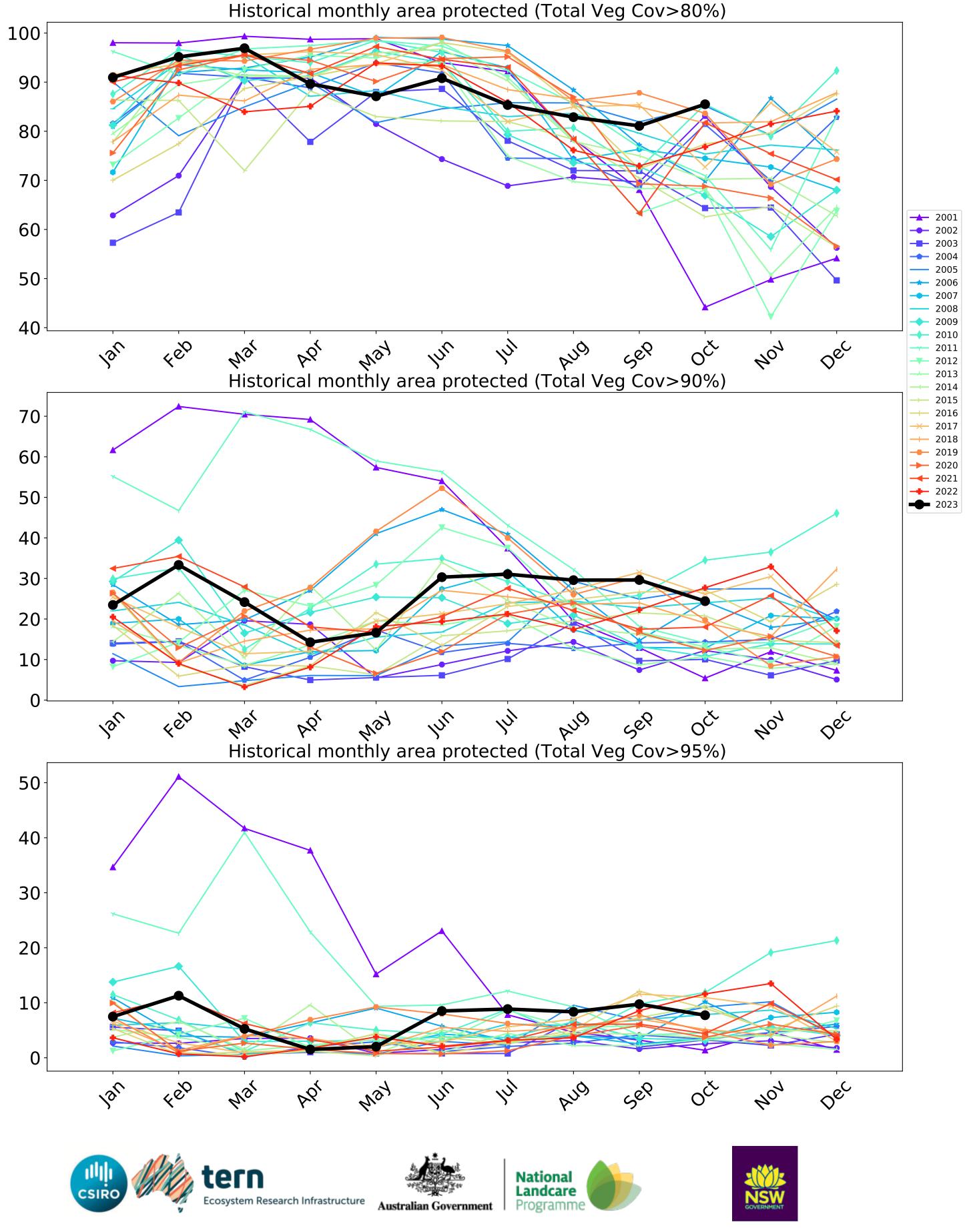


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





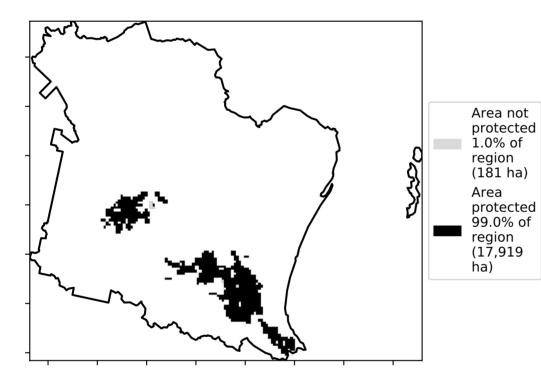
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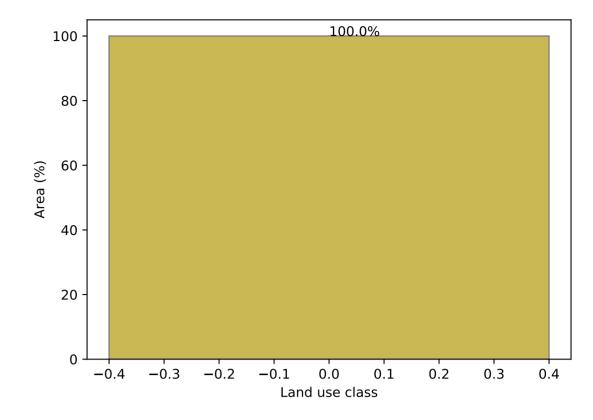


# Irrigation

Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 2 1 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 12%200% 2 52°1070°10 0 32005001 0.30%

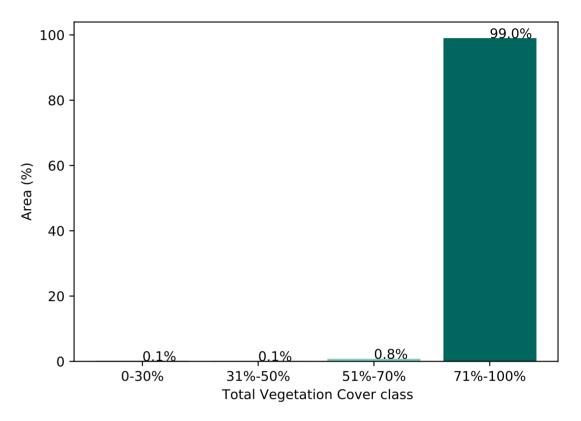
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



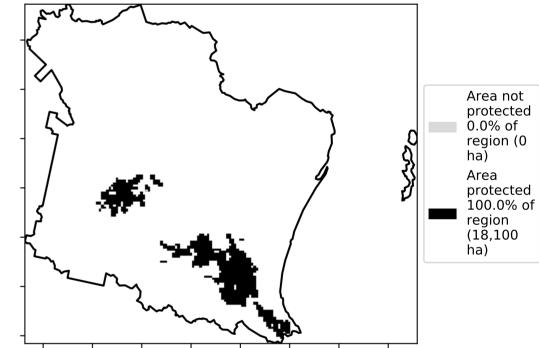


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

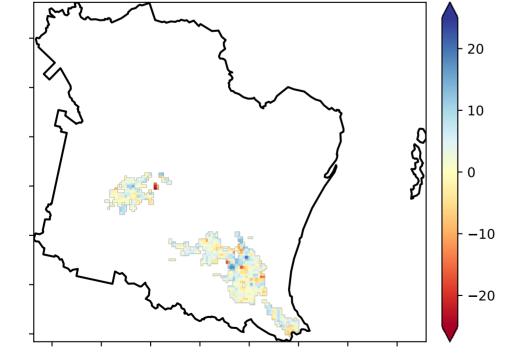


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

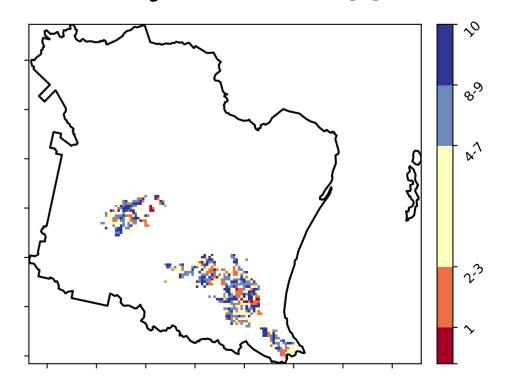


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

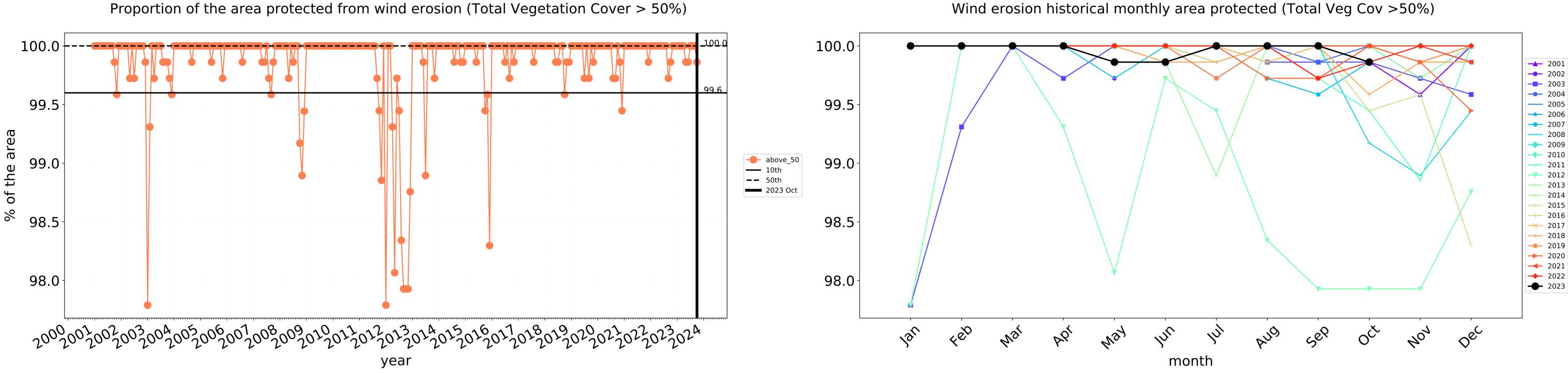
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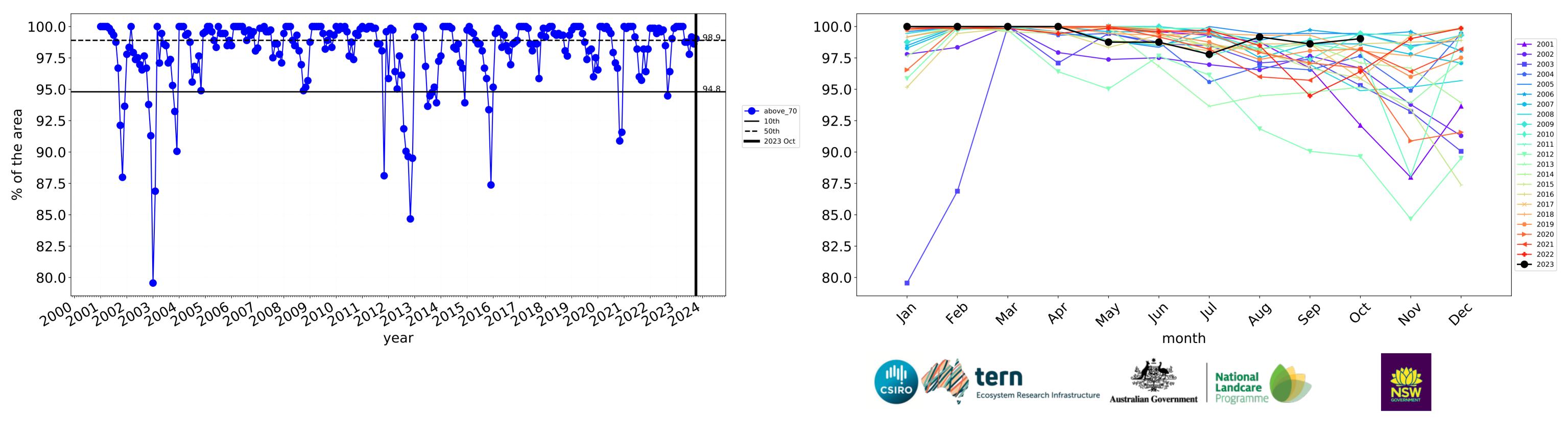


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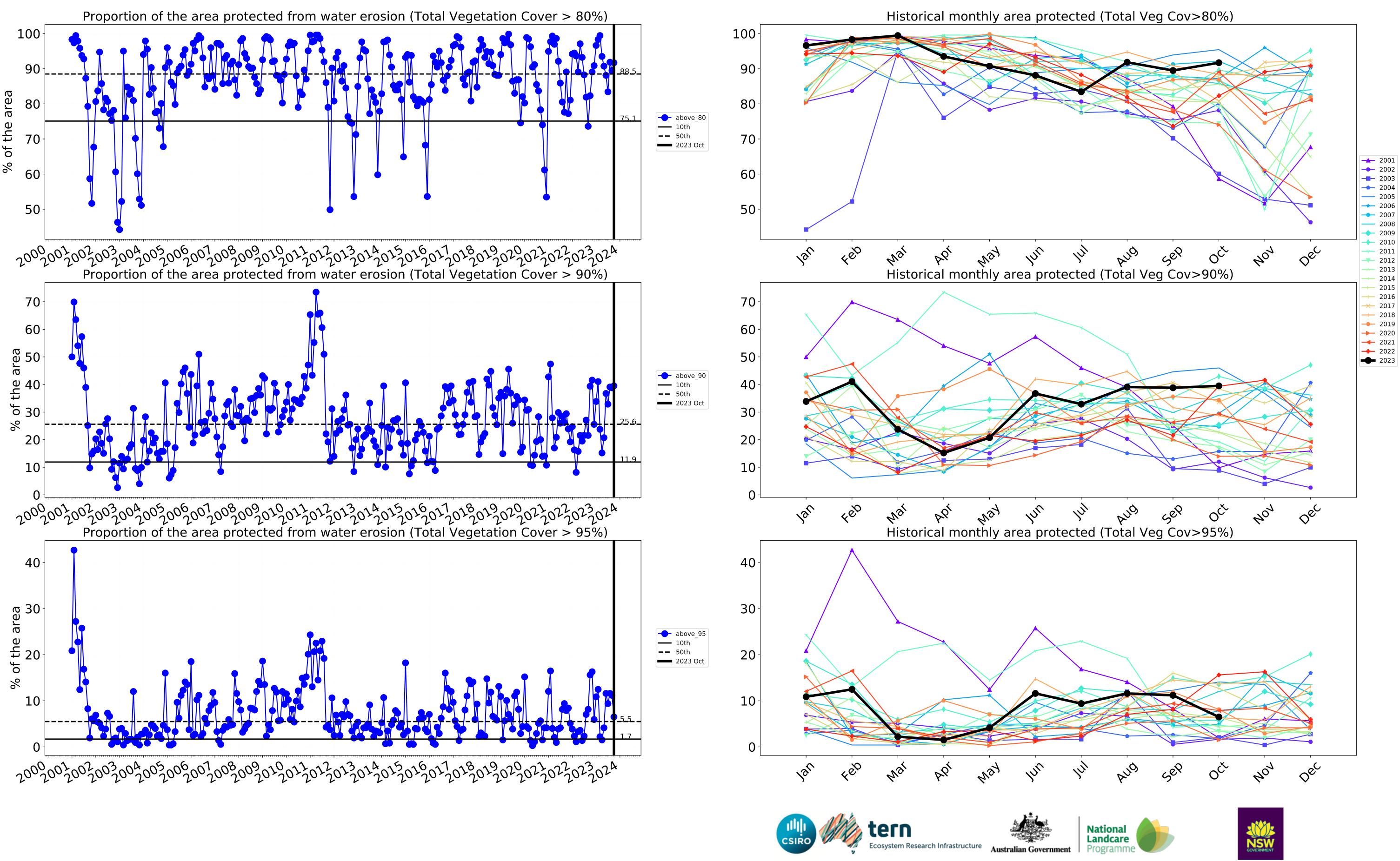








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

12% 10%

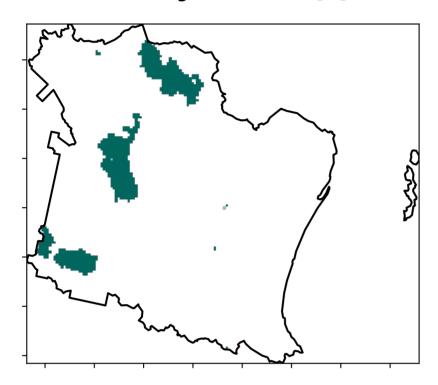
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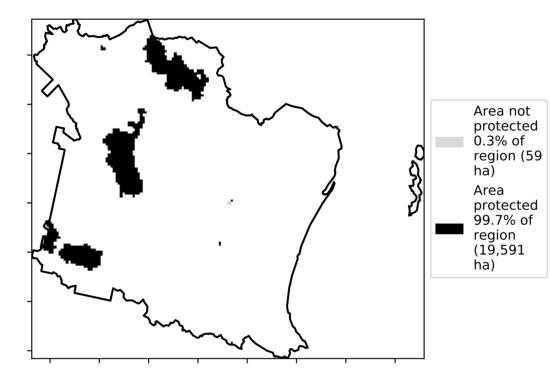
0.30%

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

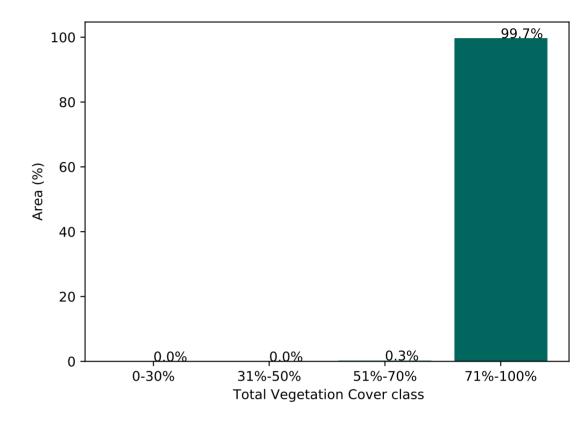
Land use and forest cover



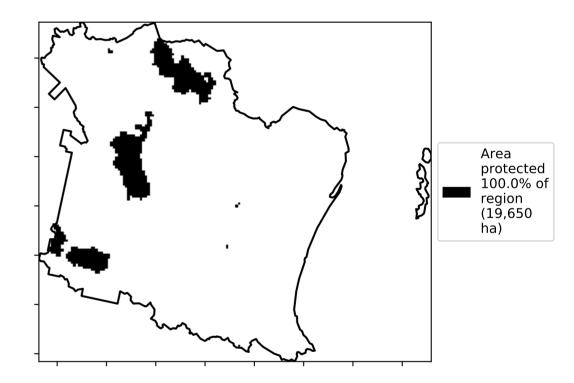
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

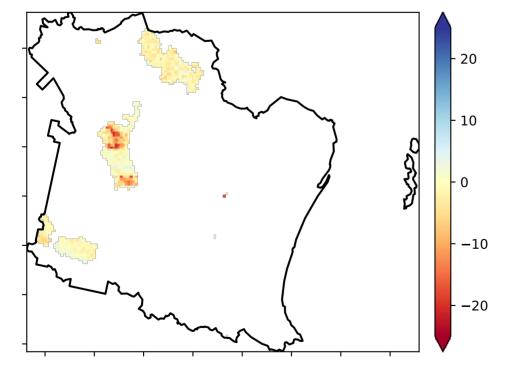


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

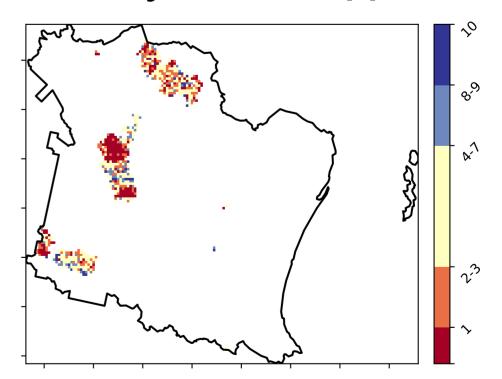


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

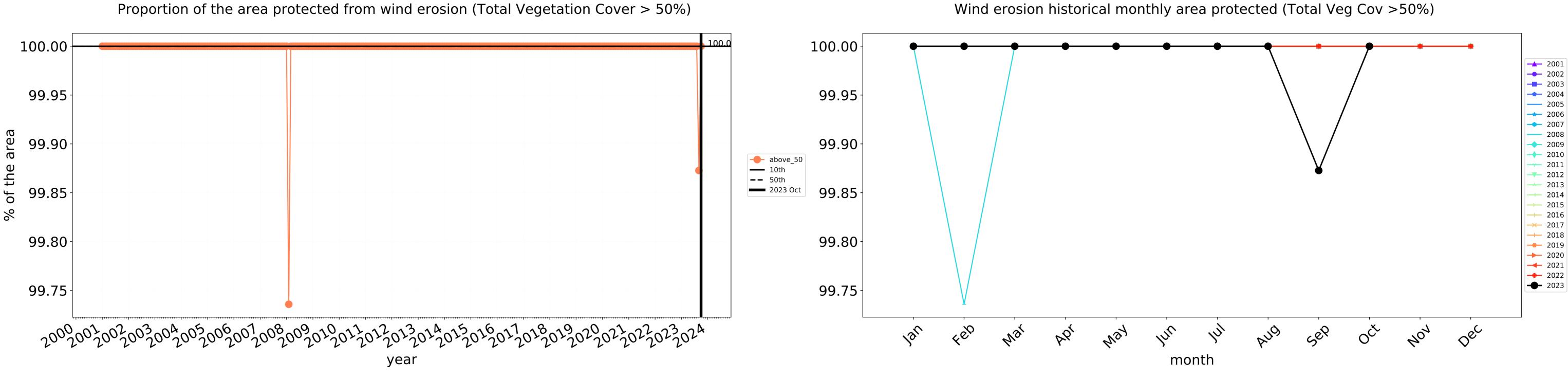
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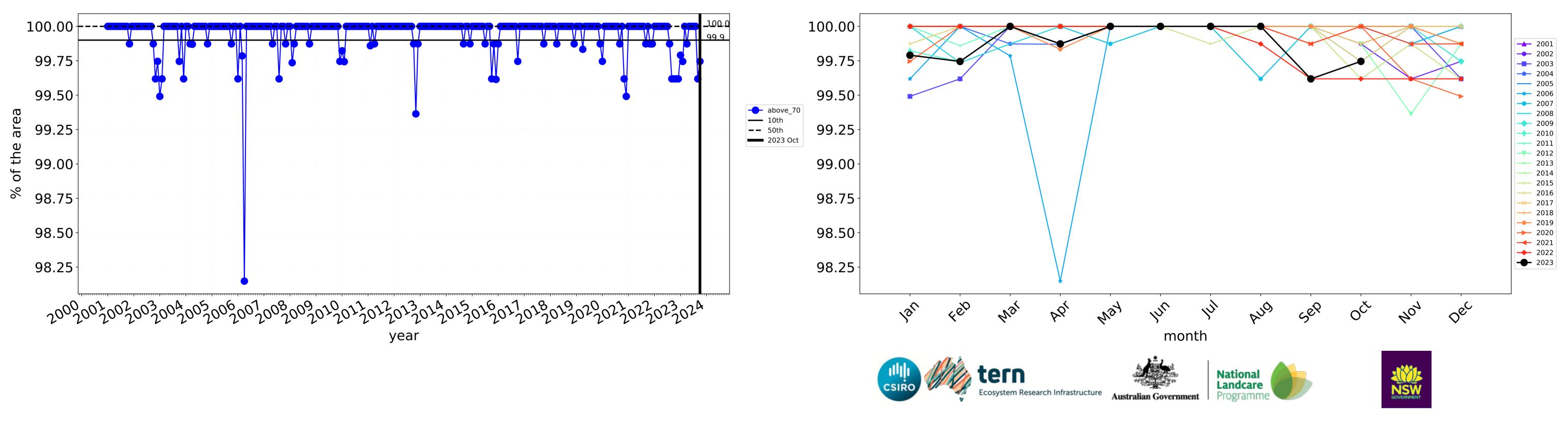


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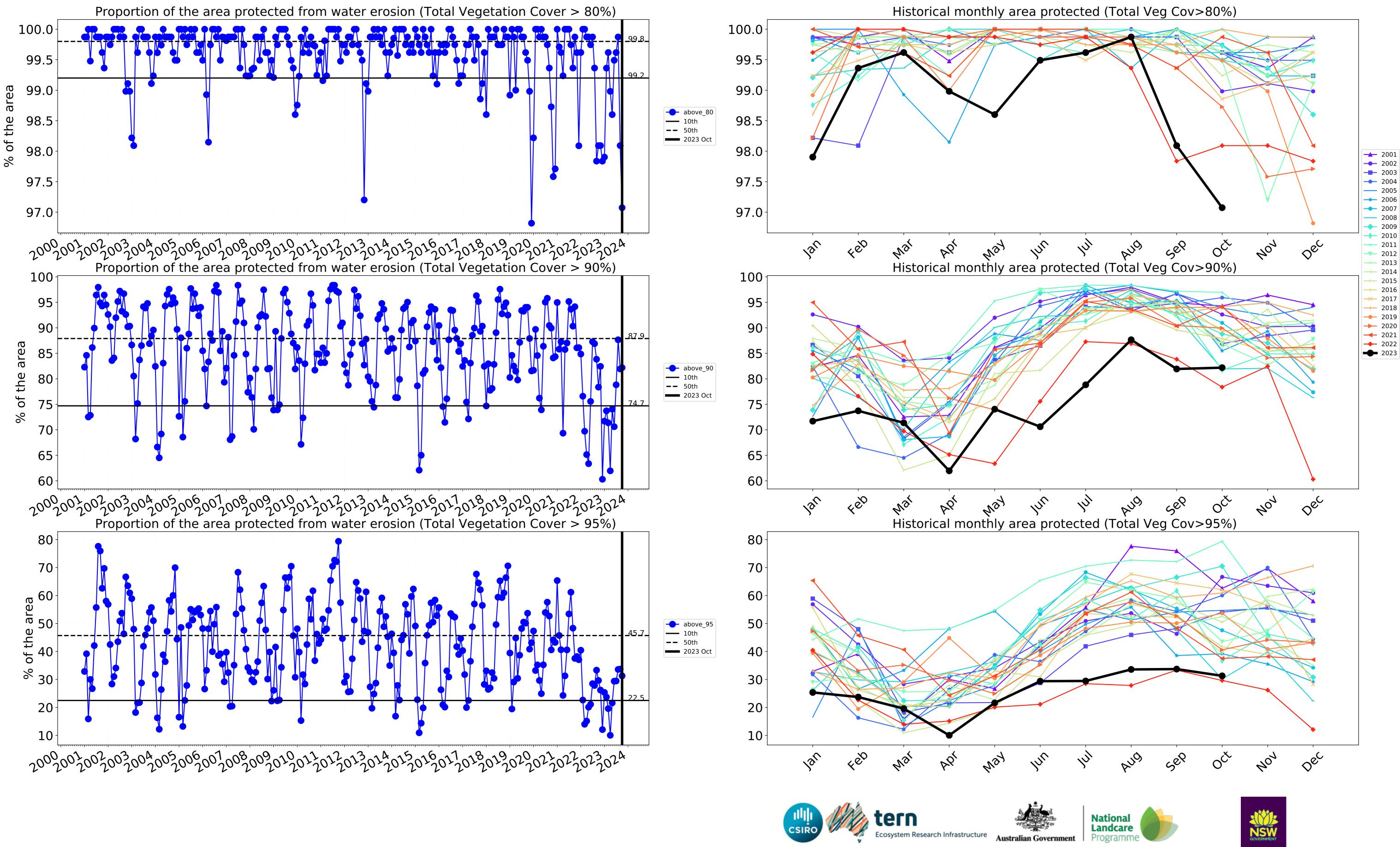








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# Hinchinbrook\_(S) (278,300 ha and no data 2,362 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	278,300	100.0% 278,275	99.9% 277,900	98.6% 274,500	93.2% 259,350	65.1% 181,200	29.7% 82,525
Conservation and natural environments	130,750	100.0% 130,725	99.9% 130,650	99.4% 130,000	98.6% 128,950	88.0% 115,000	41.5% 54,300
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	46,400	100.0% 46,400	100.0% 46,400	99.8% 46,300	99.4% 46,100	90.5% 42,000	61.5% 28,525
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	82,600	100.0% 82,575	99.9% 82,500	99.2% 81,975	98.4% 81,250	87.0% 71,900	30.7% 25,375
Agriculture	104,700	100.0% 104,700	100.0% 104,675	98.8% 103,425	89.4% 93,550	39.8% 41,625	17.6% 18,375
Grazing	21,925	100.0% 21,925	100.0% 21,925	99.9% 21,900	98.7% 21,650	85.2% 18,675	55.6% 12,200
Grazing non forest	16,100	100.0% 16,100	100.0% 16,100	99.8% 16,075	98.3% 15,825	81.2% 13,075	47.5% 7,650
Grazing Woodland forest	2,675	100.0% 2,675	100.0% 2,675	100.0% 2,675	100.0% 2,675	94.4% 2,525	72.0% 1,925
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	3,150	100.0% 3,150	100.0% 3,150	100.0% 3,150	100.0% 3,150	97.6% 3,075	83.3% 2,625
Cropping	64,650	100.0% 64,650	100.0% 64,650	98.3% 63,575	85.5% 55,275	24.4% 15,775	7.7% 5,000
Irrigation	18,100	100.0% 18,100	99.9% 18,075	99.0% 17,925	91.7% 16,600	39.5% 7,150	6.5% 1,175
Production native forests and plantation forests	19,650	100.0% 19,650	100.0% 19,650	99.7% 19,600	97.1% 19,075	82.2% 16,150	31.3% 6,150

