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

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:

Date: April 2025

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

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)

each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region.

• 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:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3









# **Vegetation Cover Apr 2025**

#### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

of Australia (2018)

(2018) and Forests

of Australia (2018)

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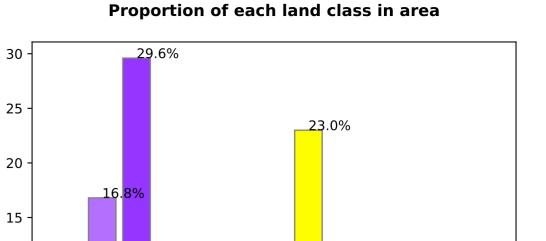
Use of Australia

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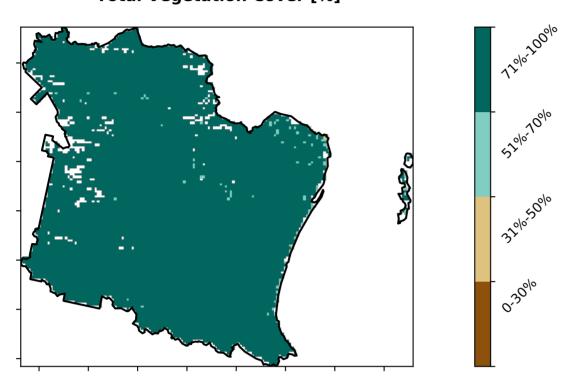
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



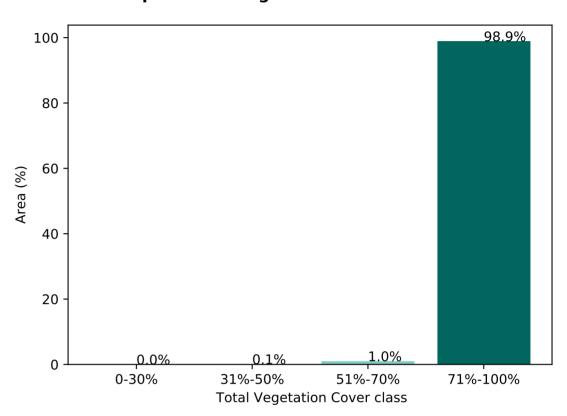
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

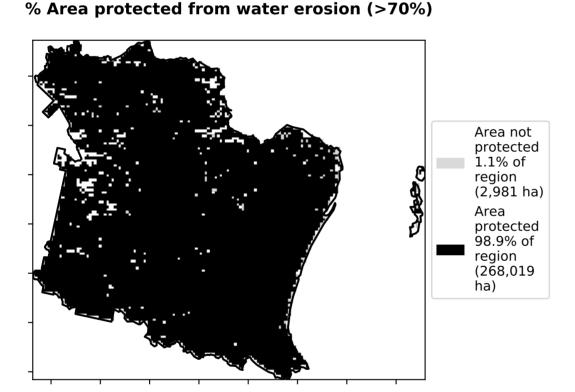
Land use class

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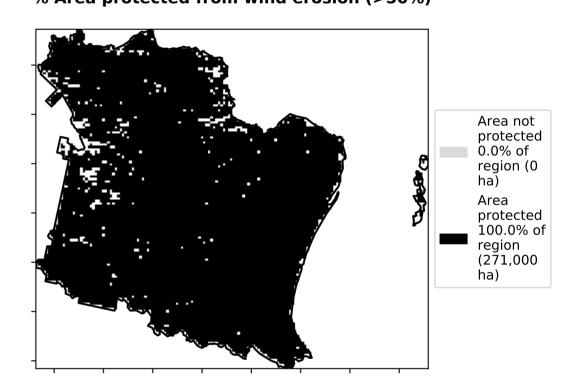
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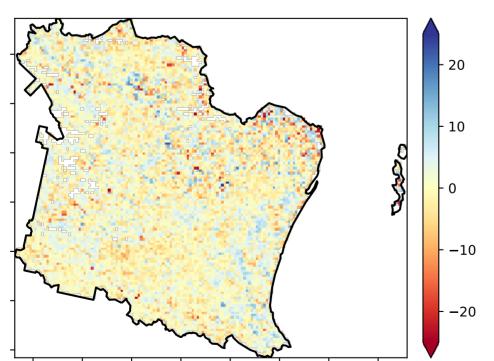




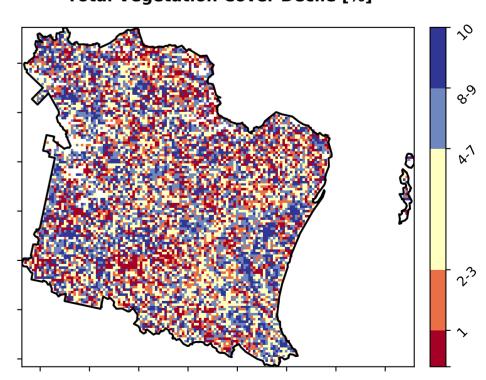
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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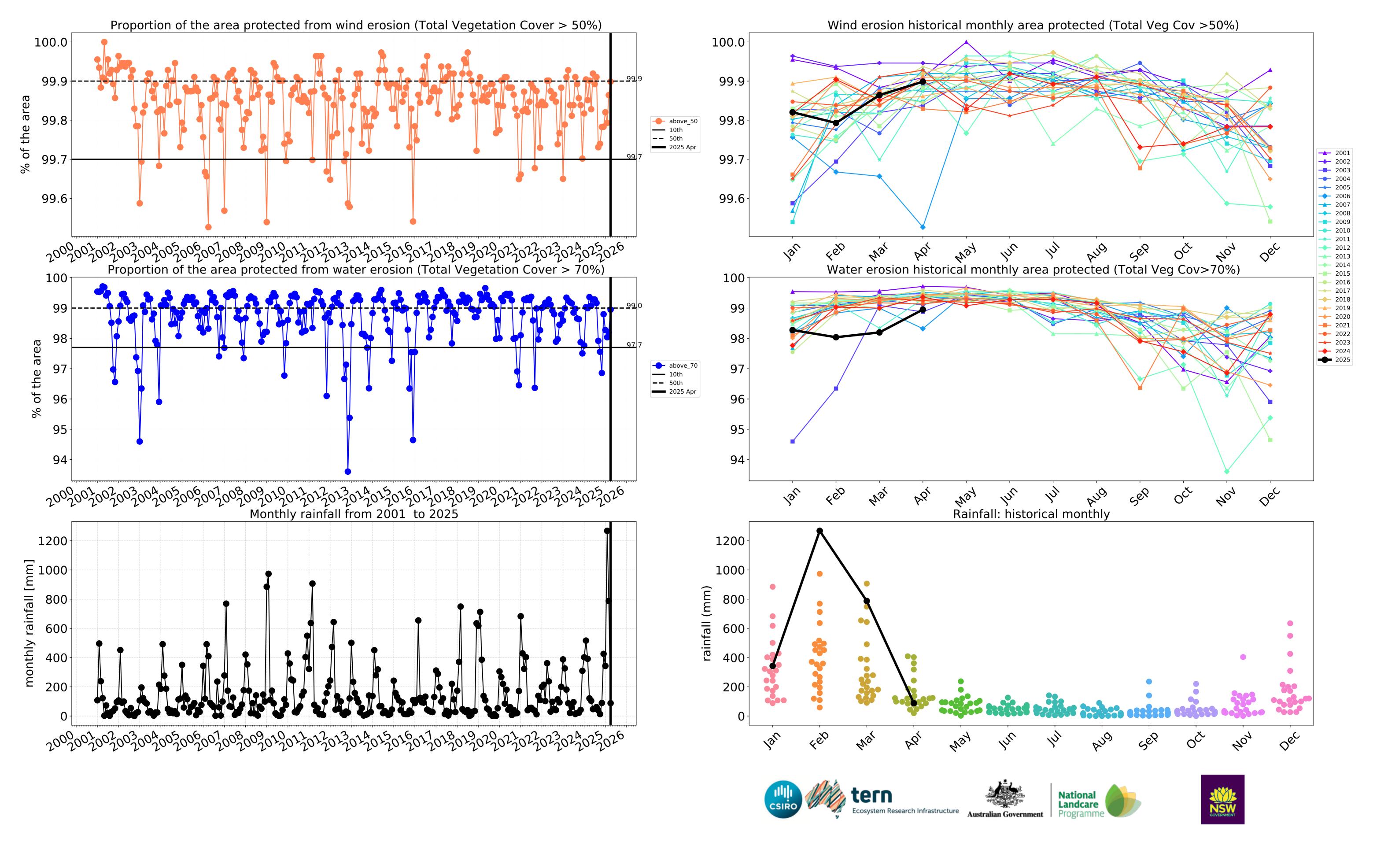


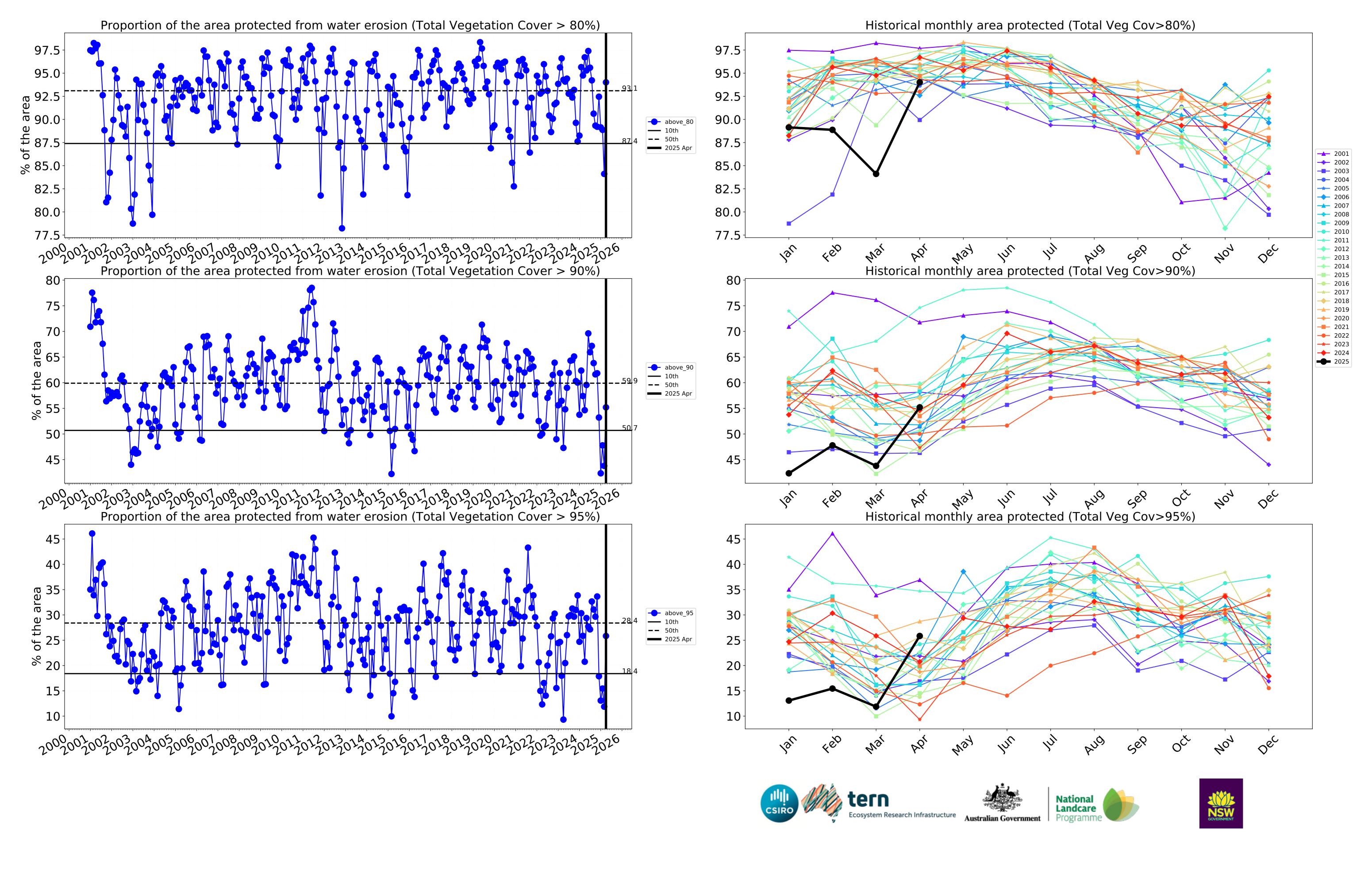












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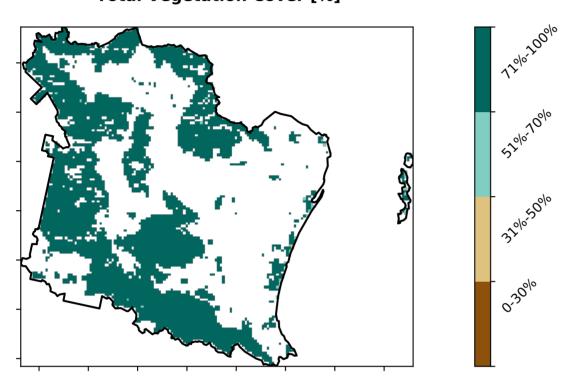
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# 60 - 60 - 35.6% 80 - 35.6% 20 - 10 -

Proportion of each land class in area

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



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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2.0

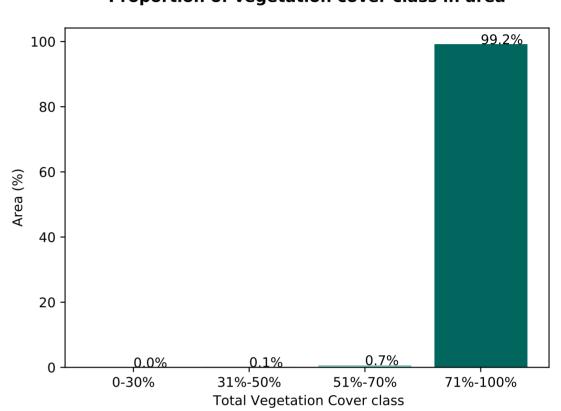
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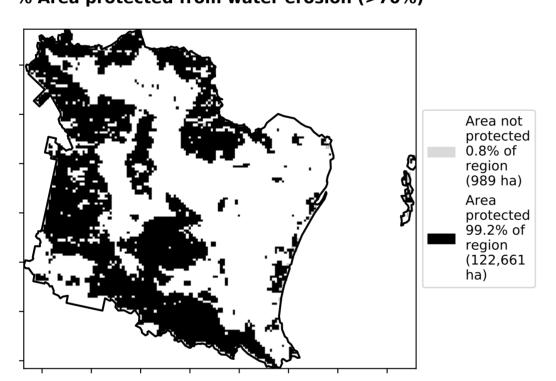
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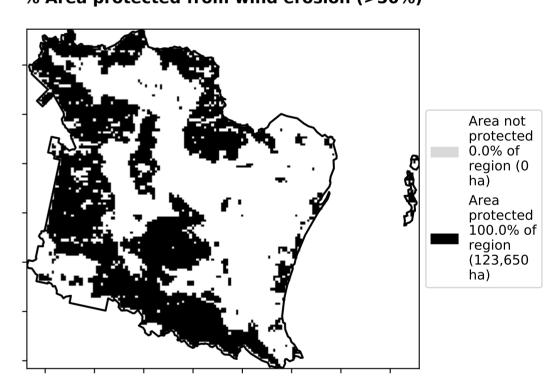
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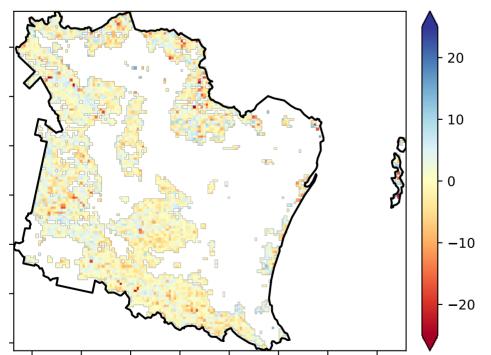
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

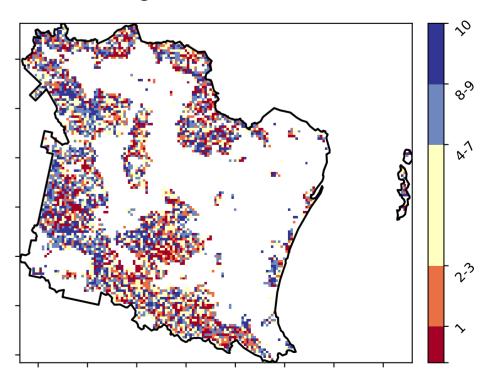


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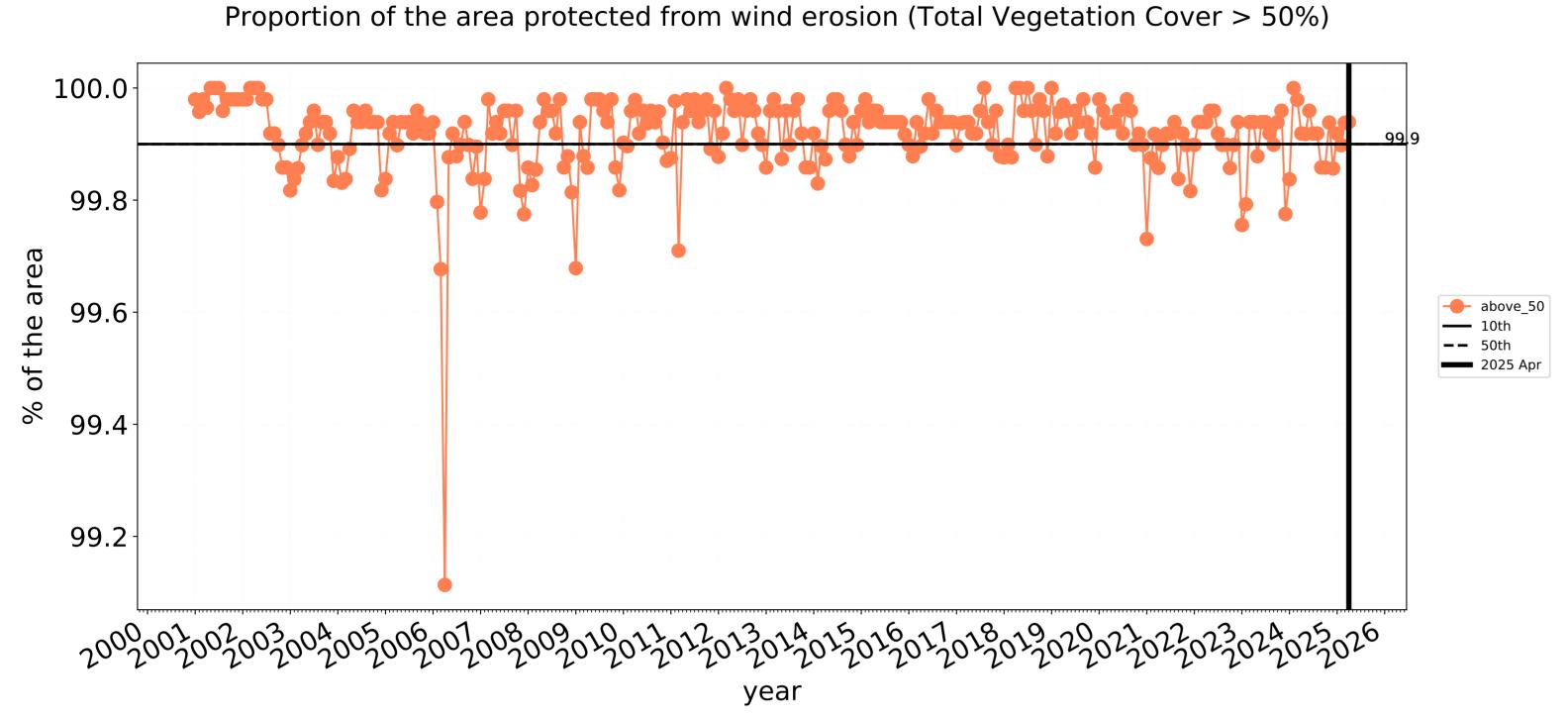


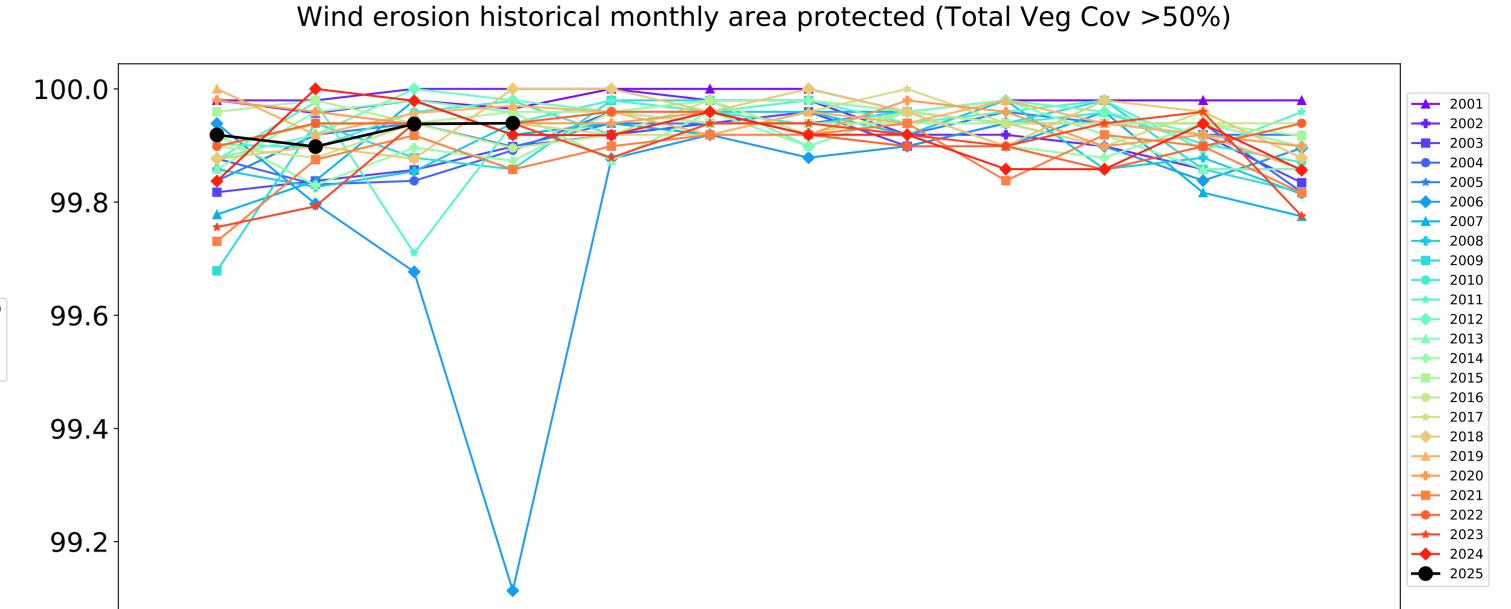




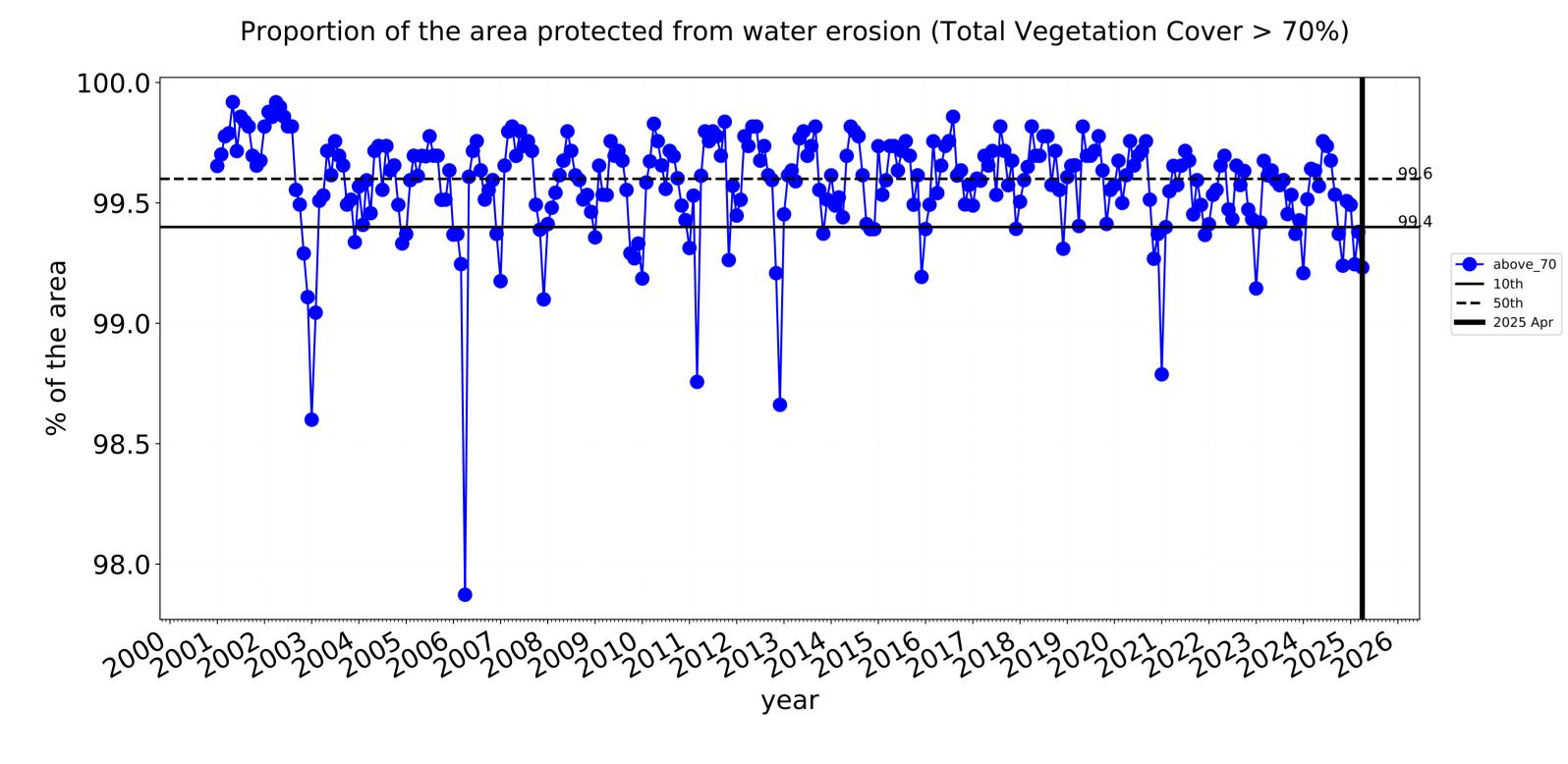


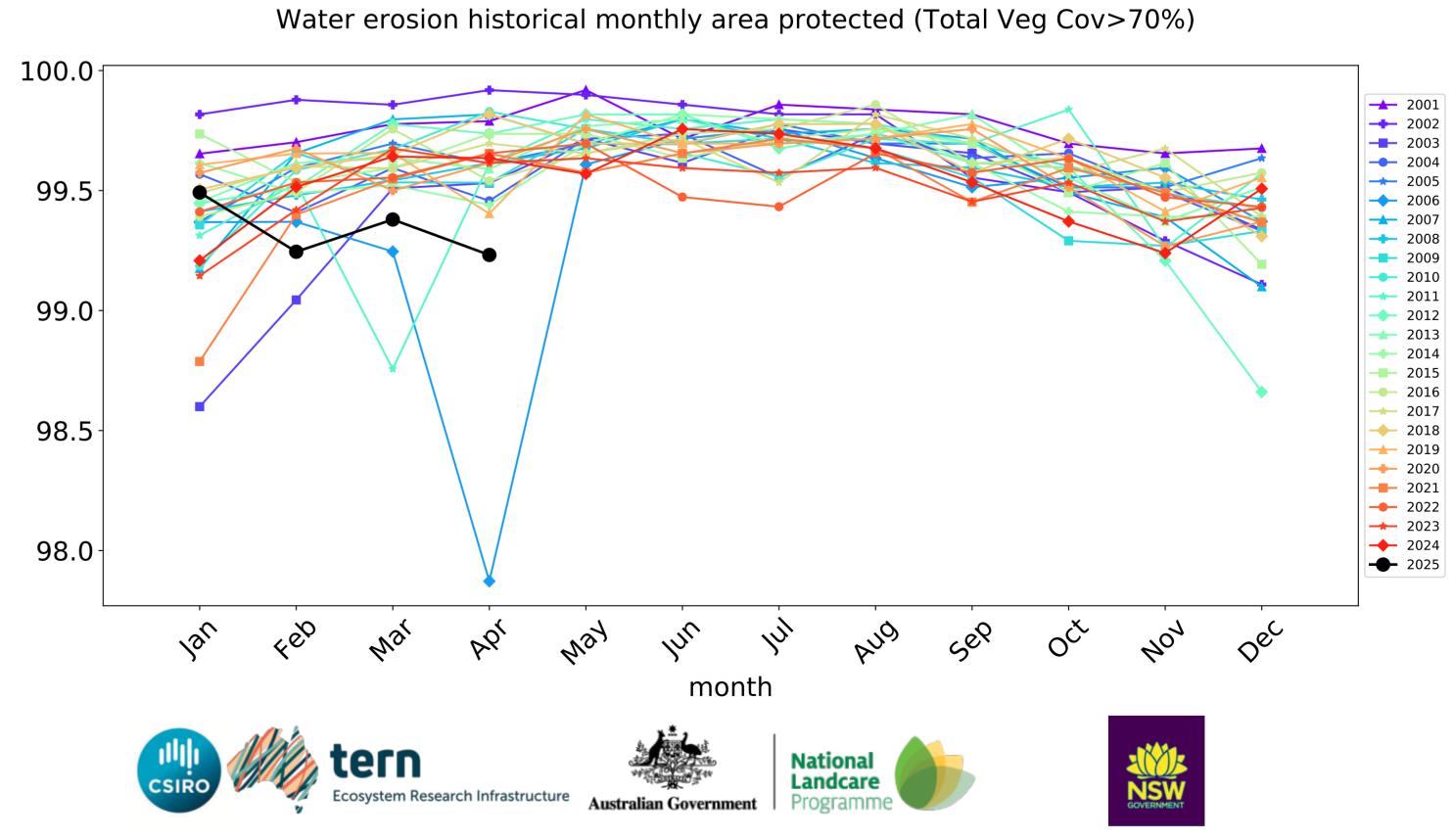
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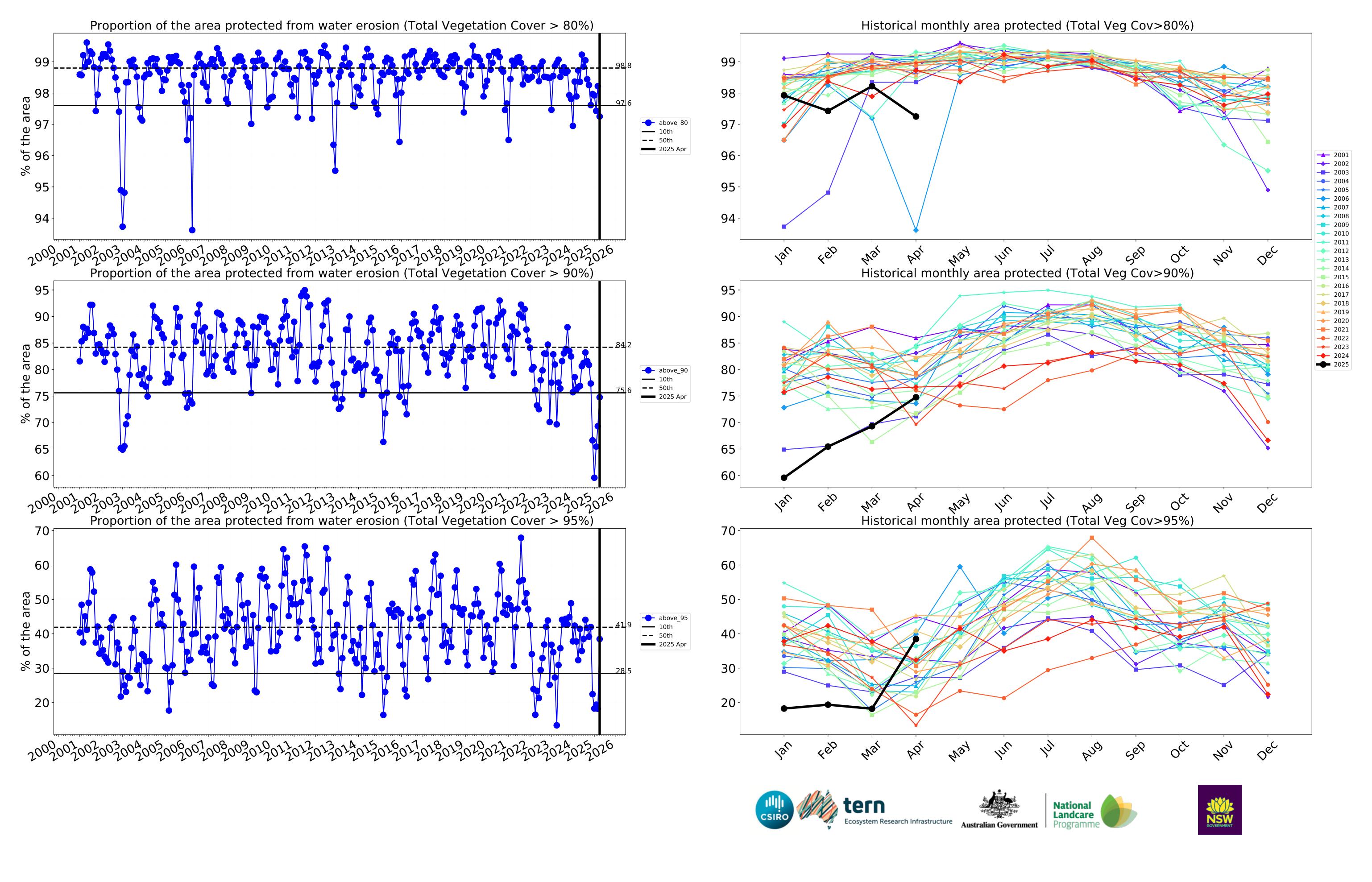




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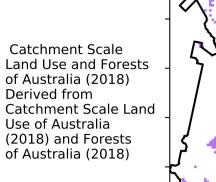


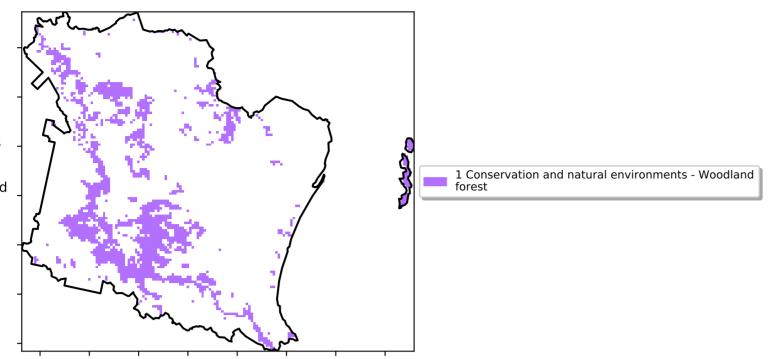




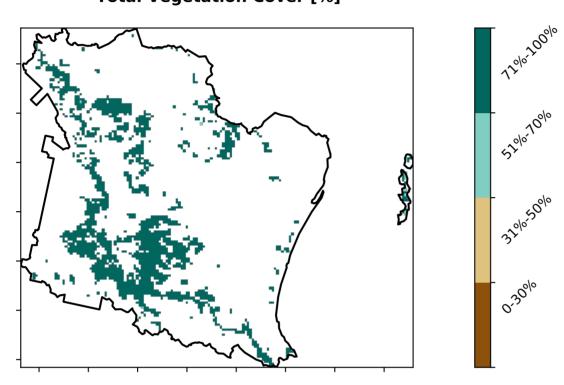
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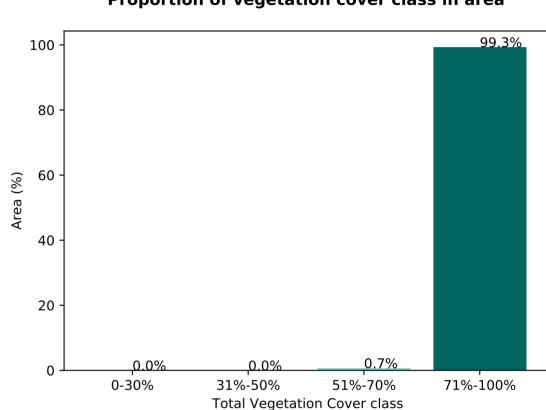




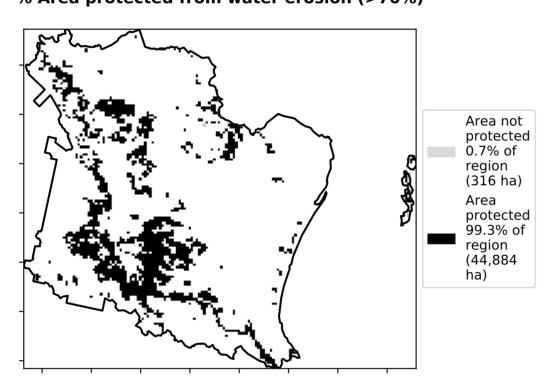
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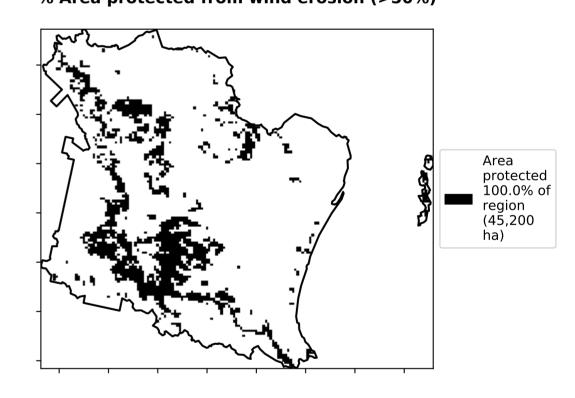
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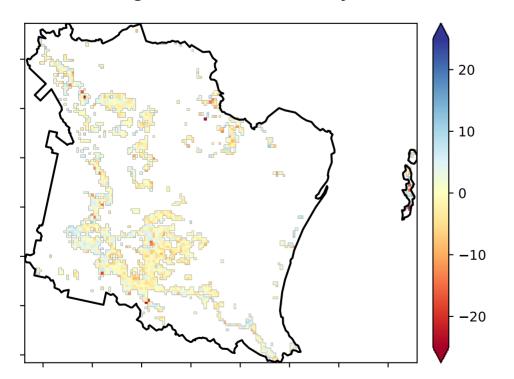
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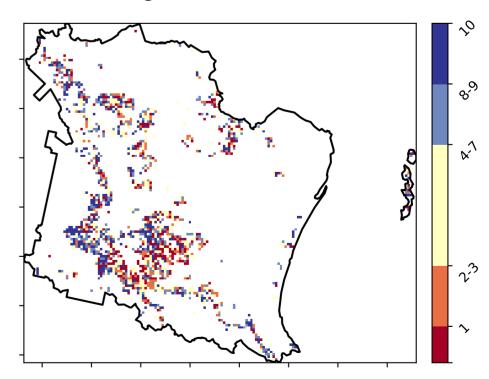


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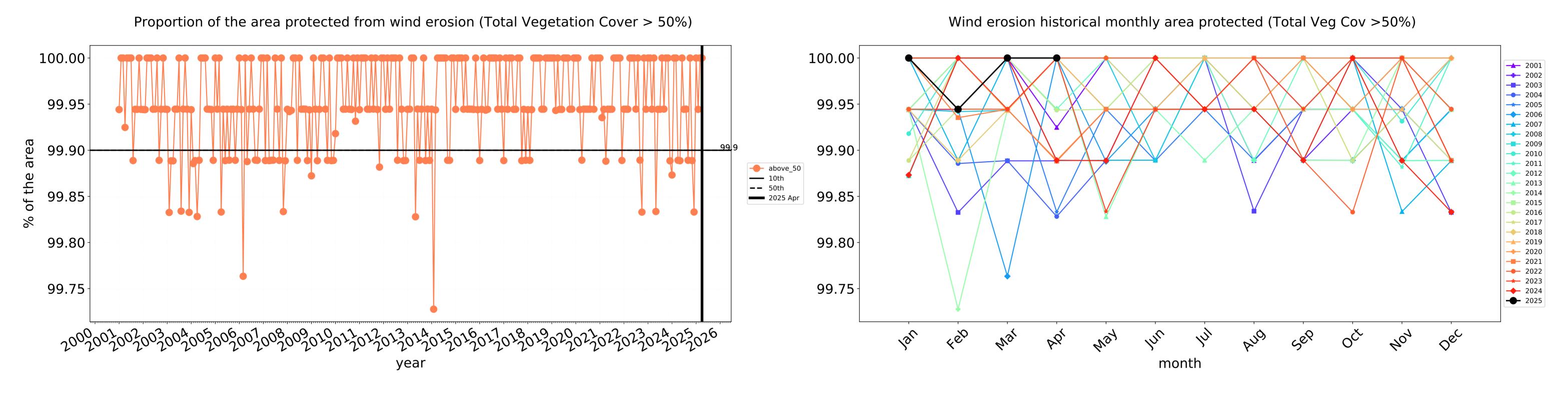


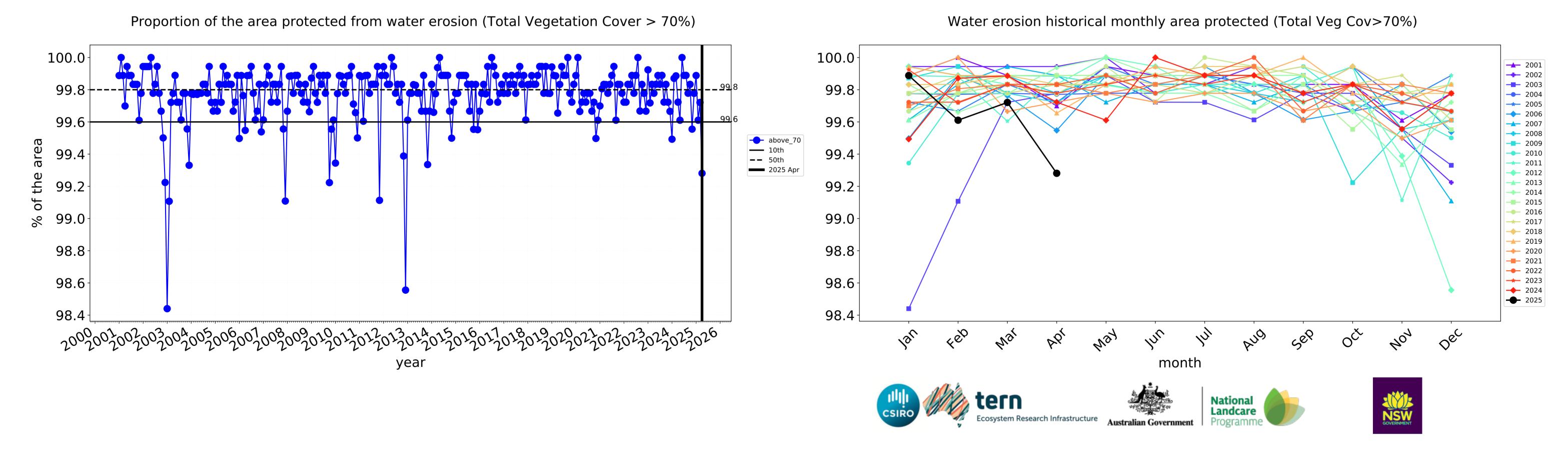


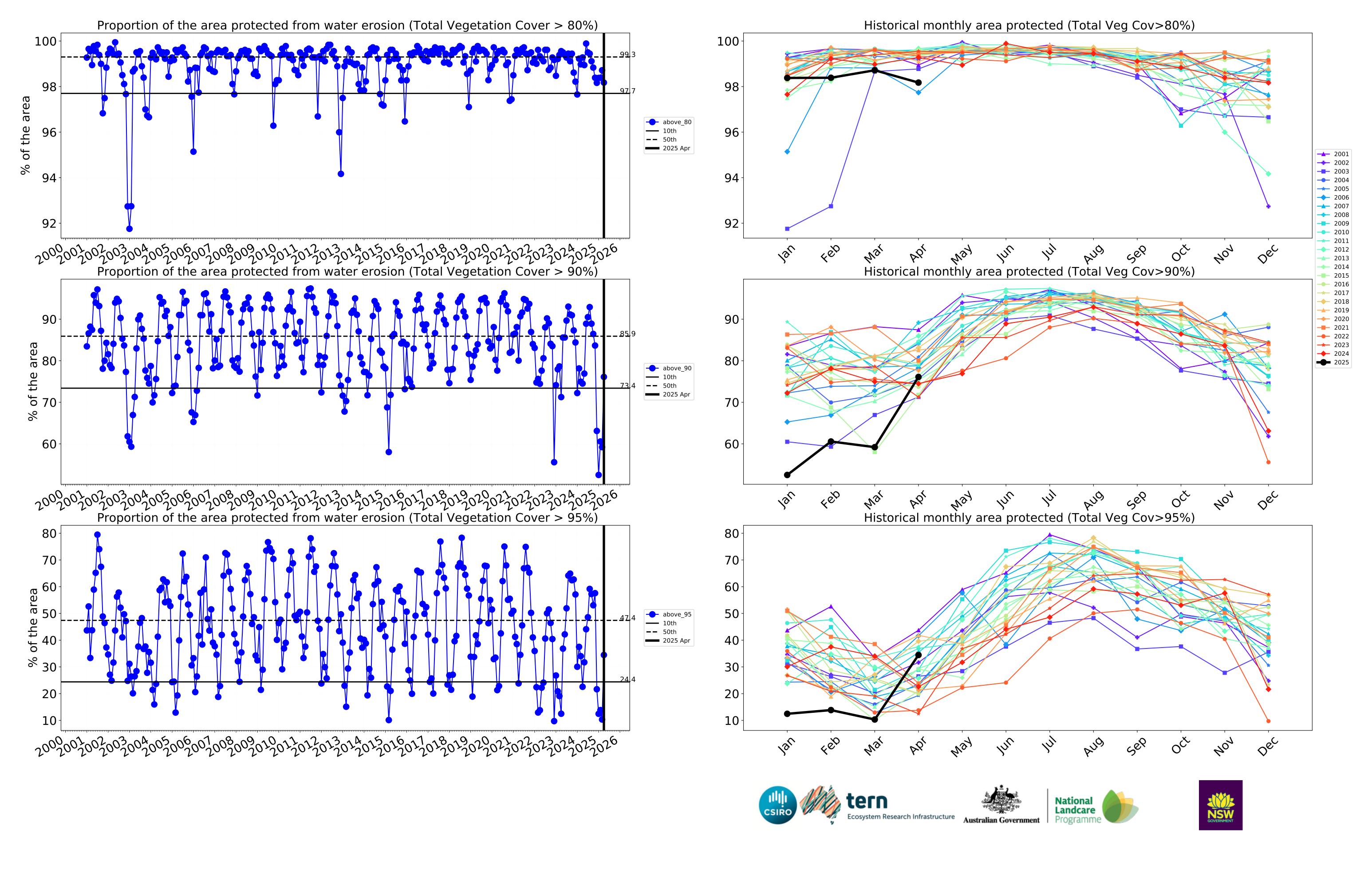




# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**

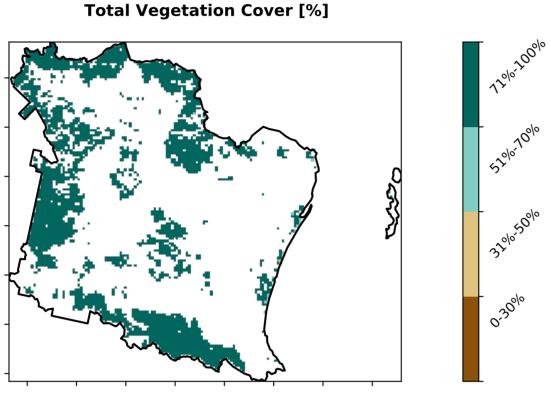




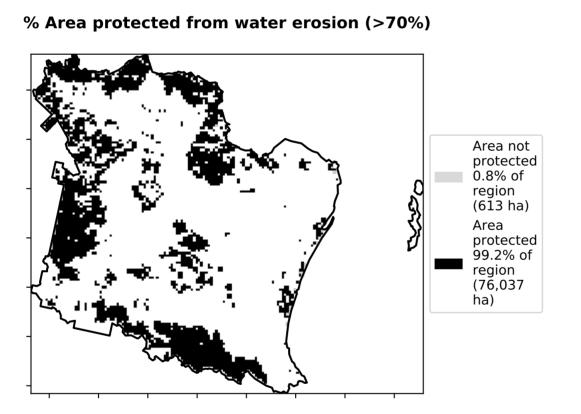


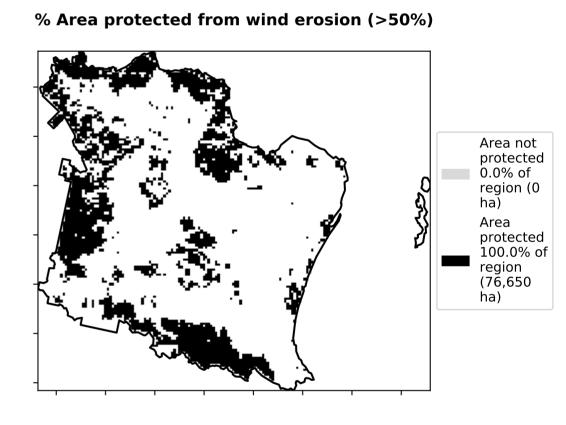
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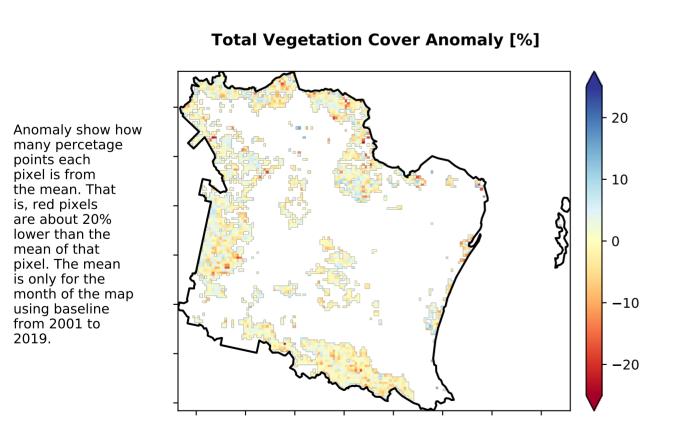
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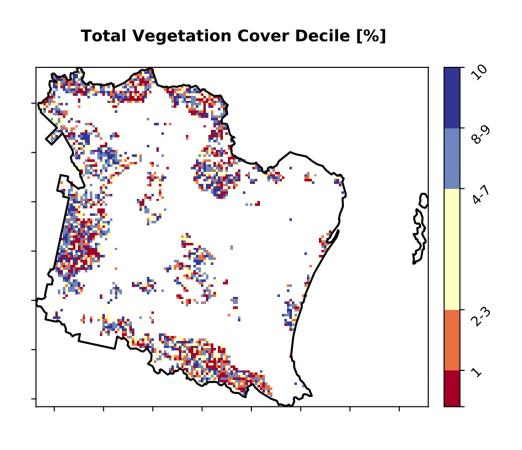
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 99.2% 100 80 20 31%-50% 51%-70% 0-30% 71%-100% **Total Vegetation Cover class**







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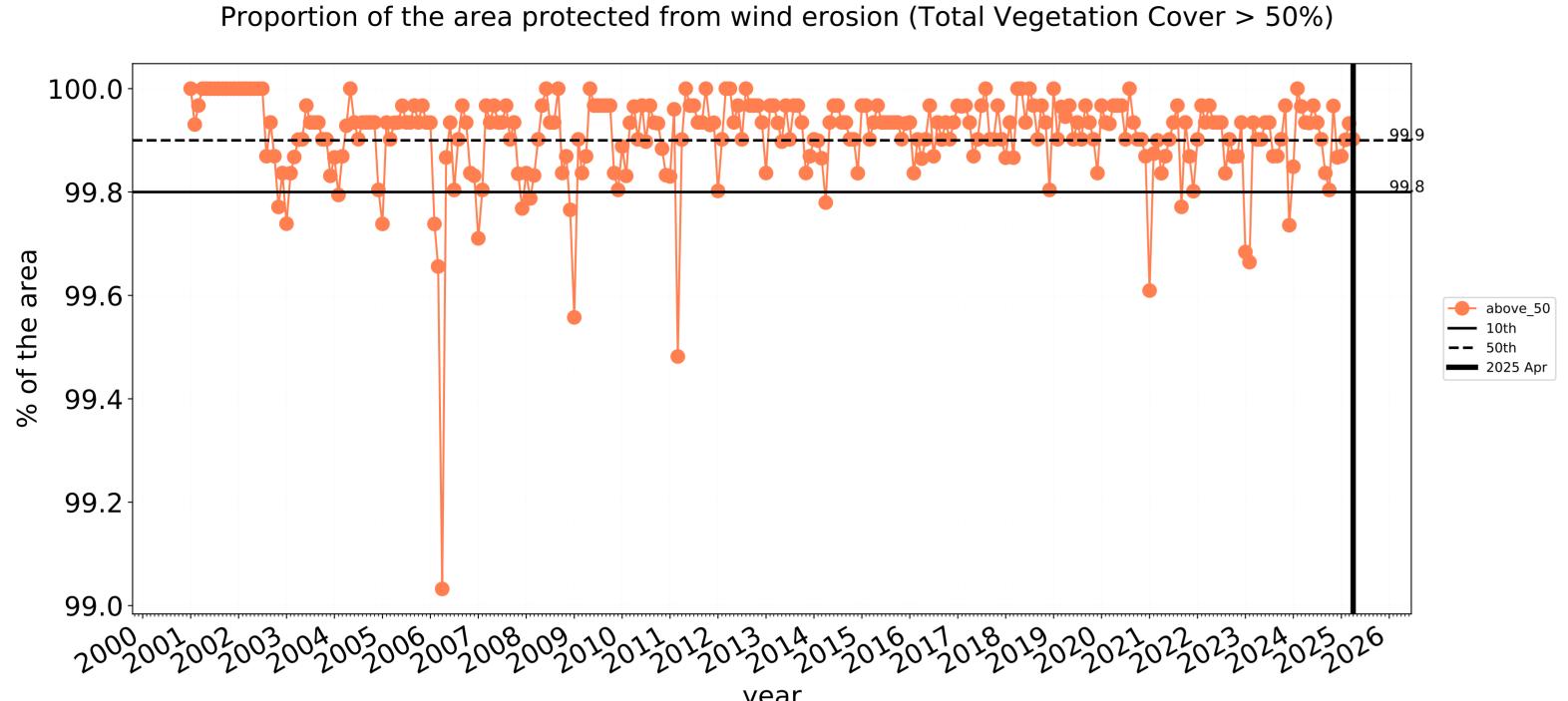


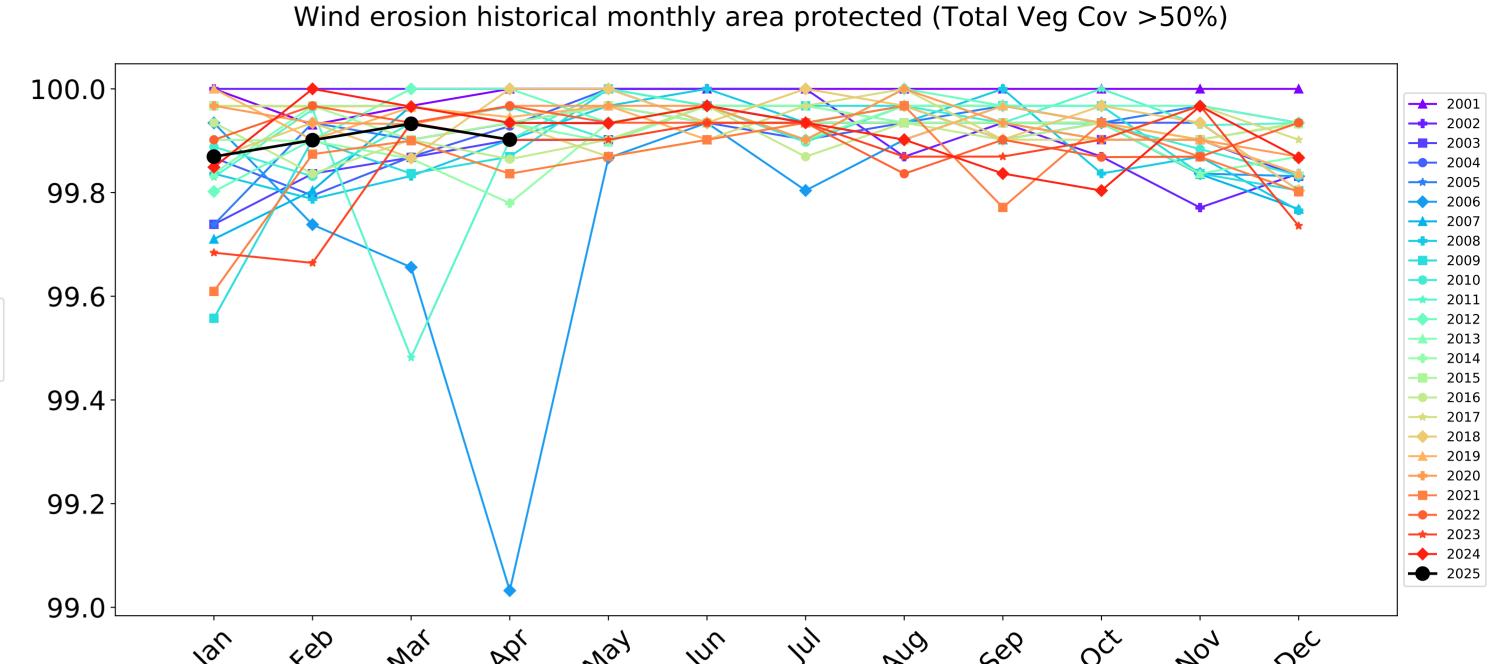




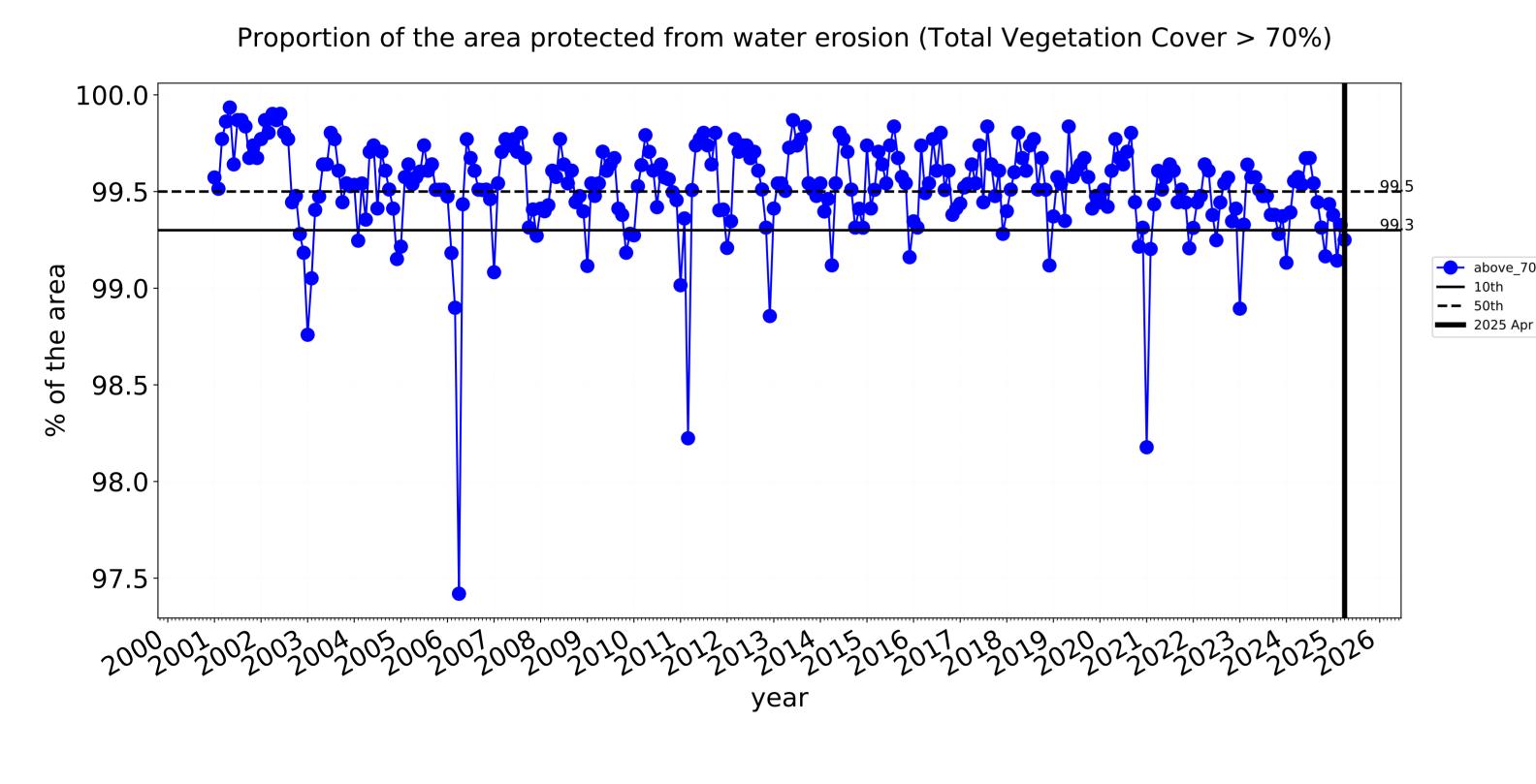


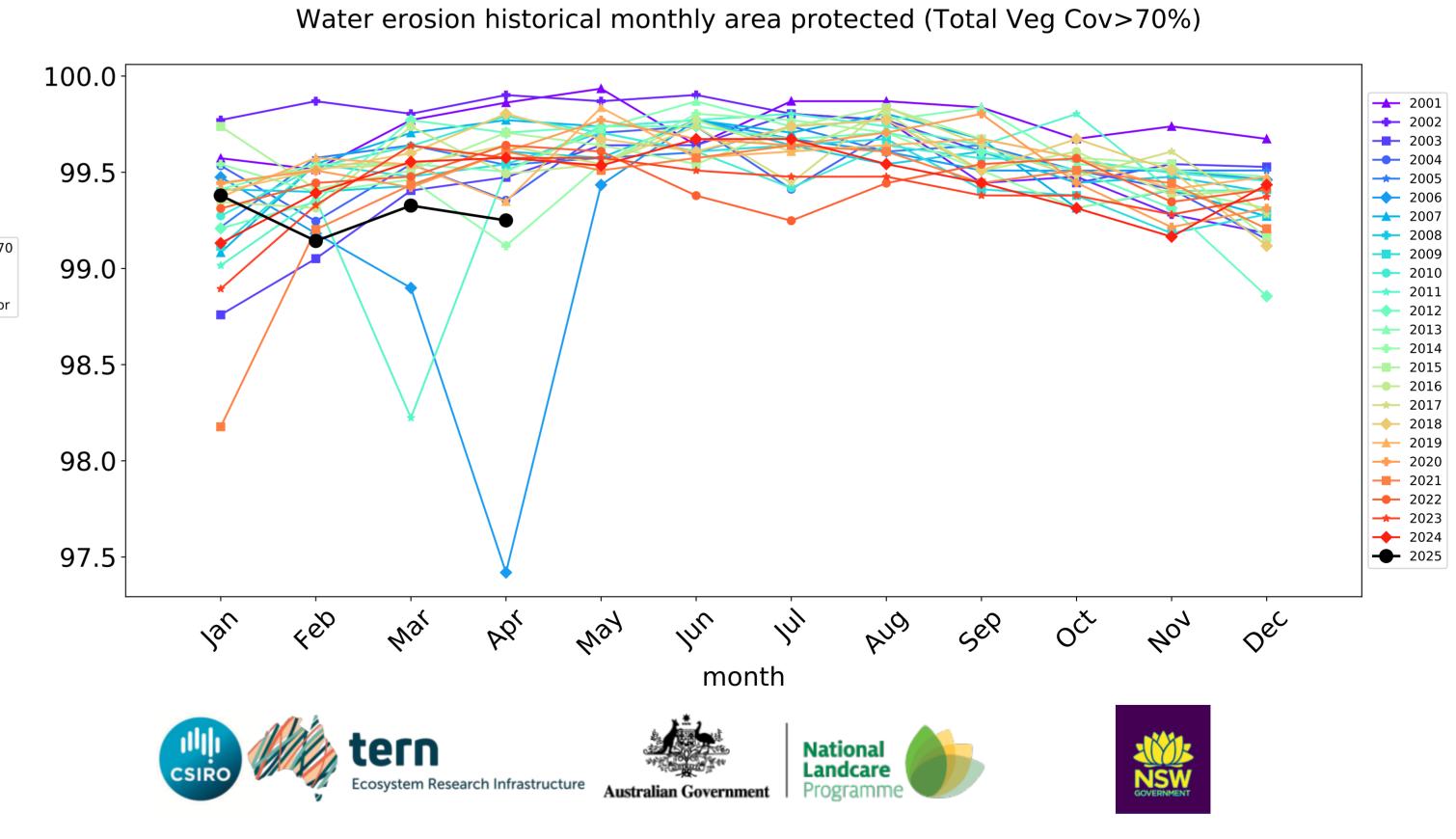


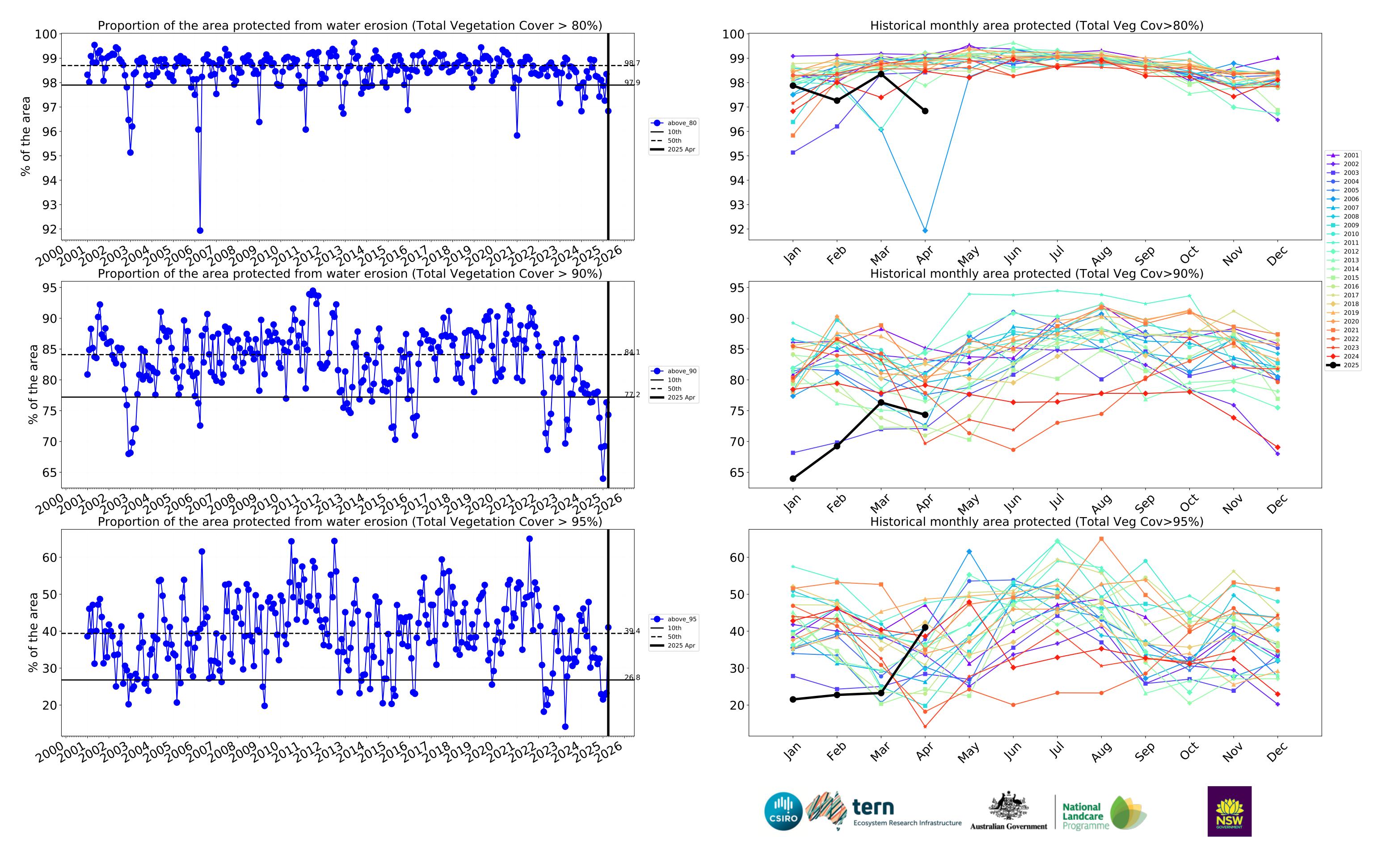




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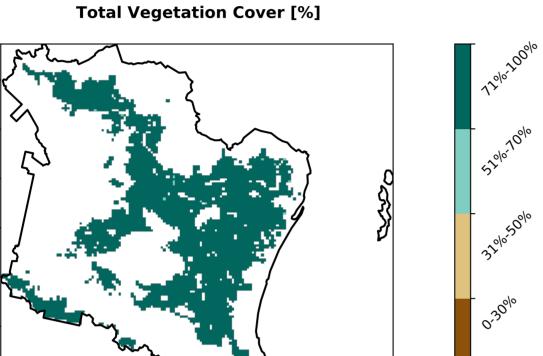
# **Agriculture**

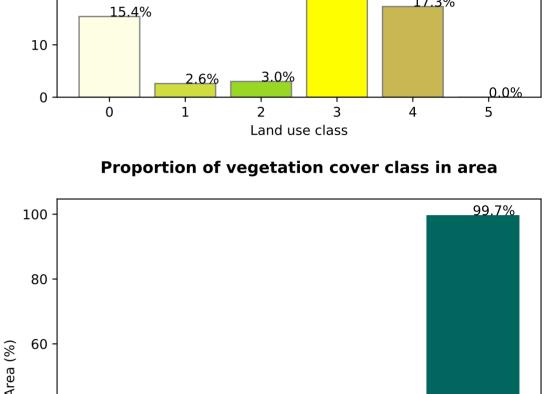
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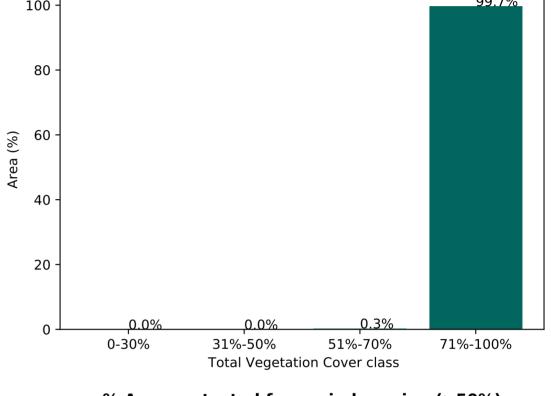
Land use and forest cover

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Proportion of each land class in area

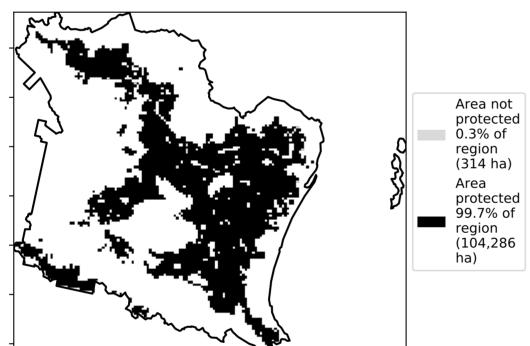


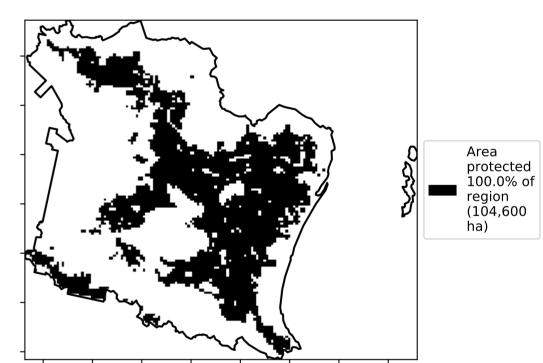




# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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

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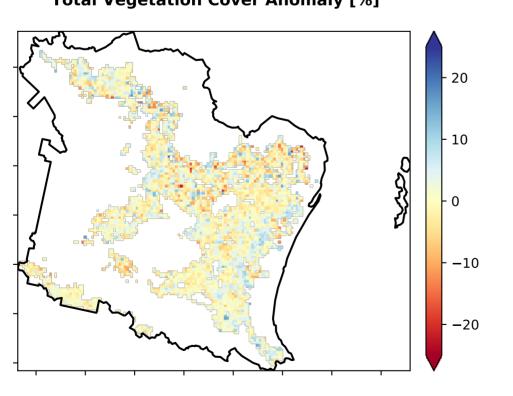
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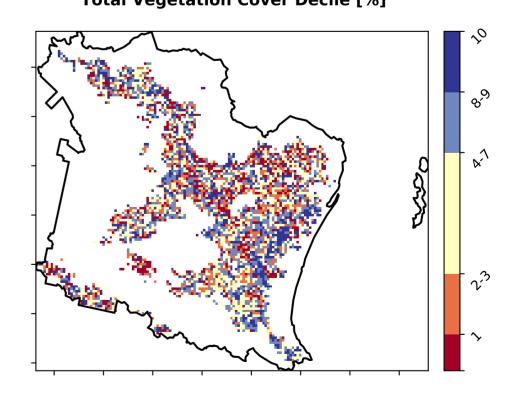
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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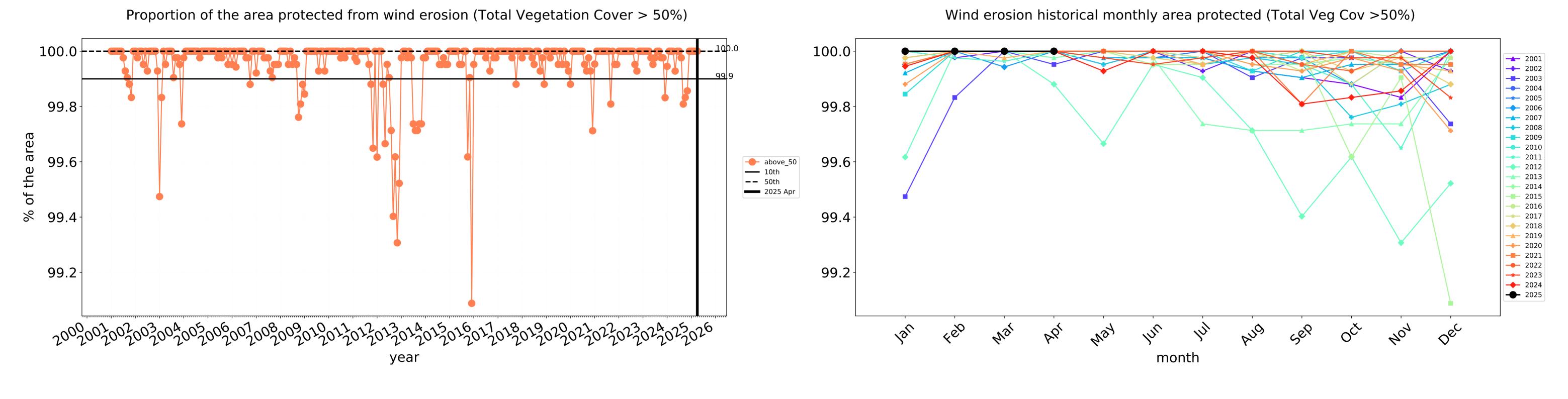


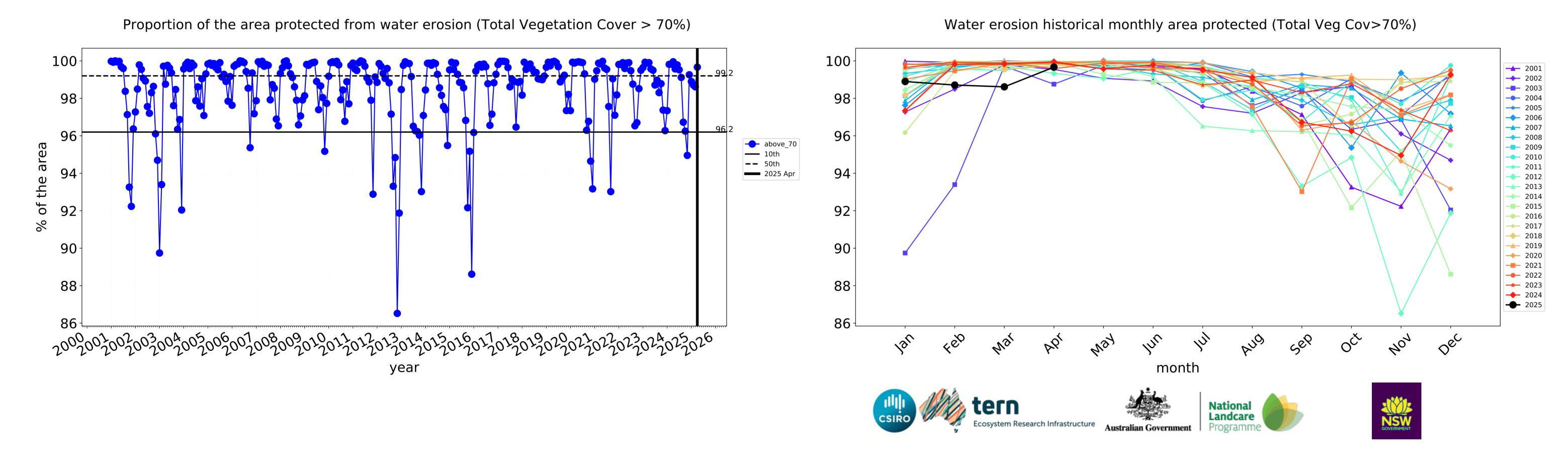


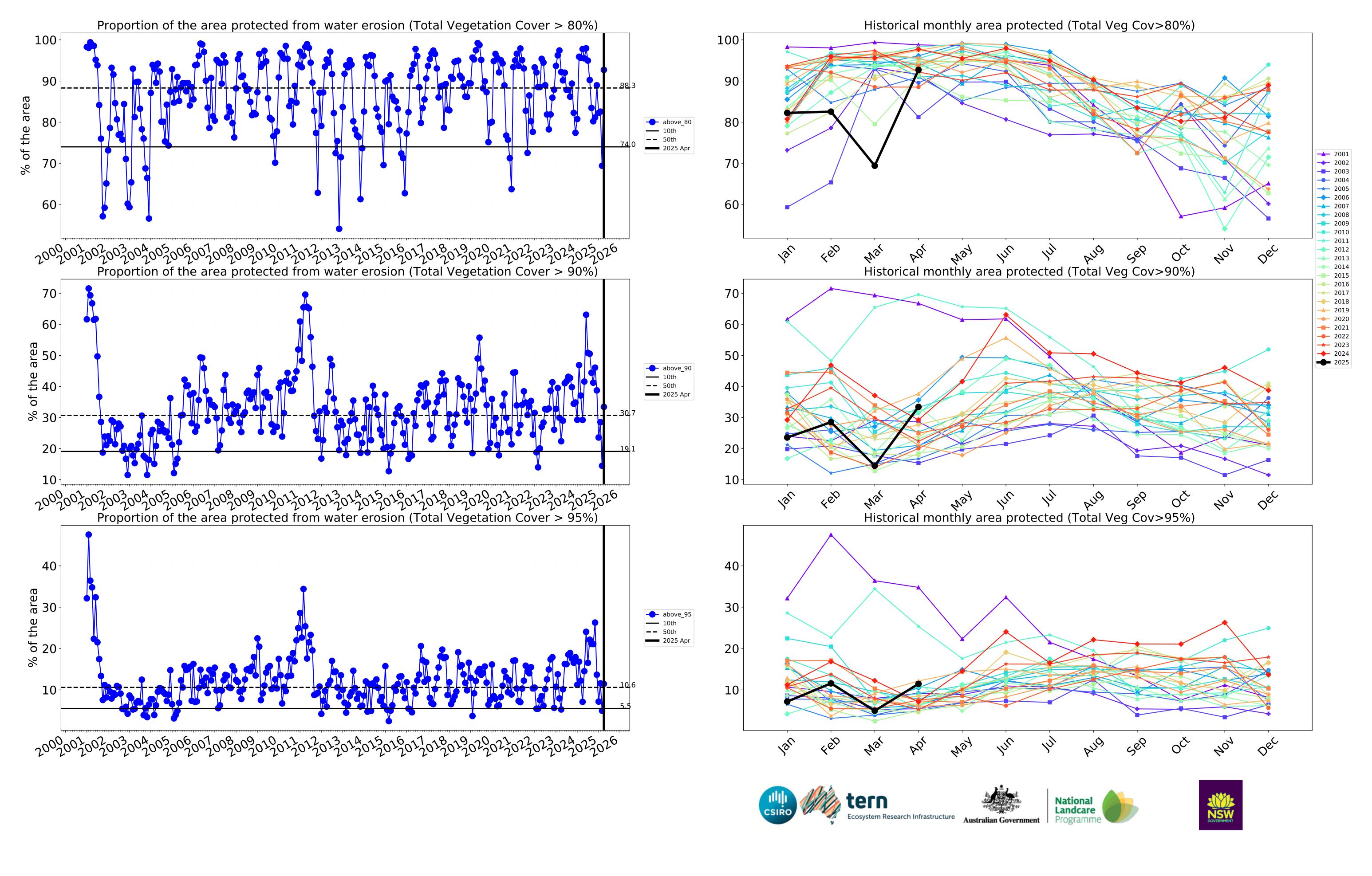




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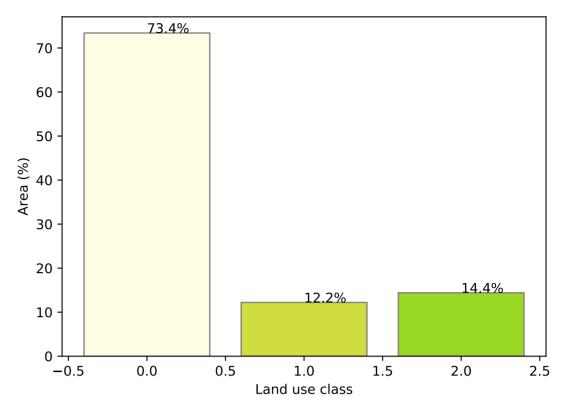




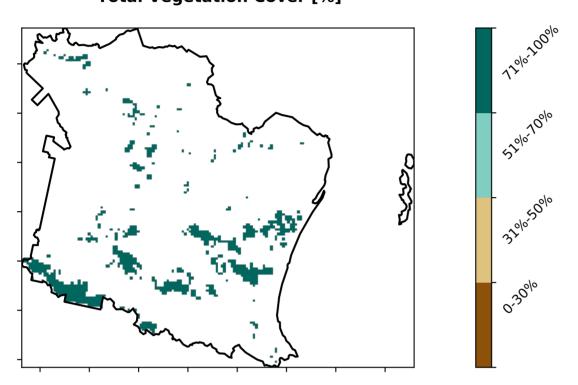
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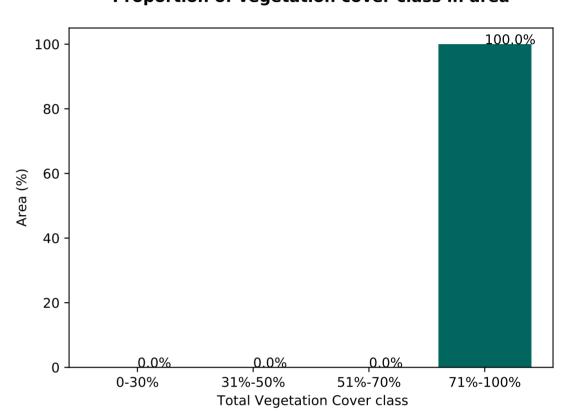
#### Proportion of each land class in area Land use and forest cover



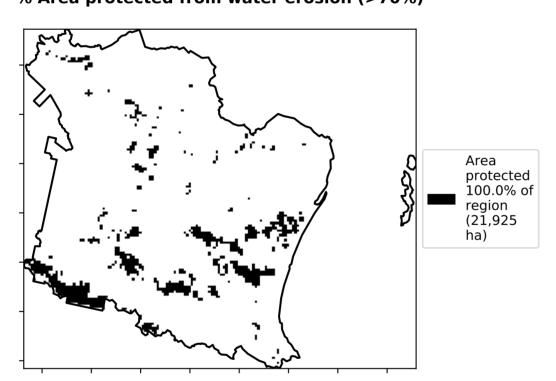
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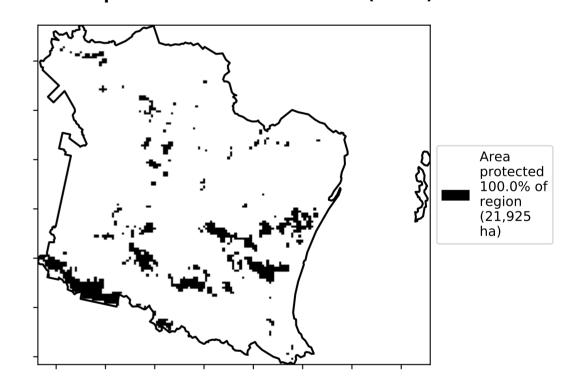
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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

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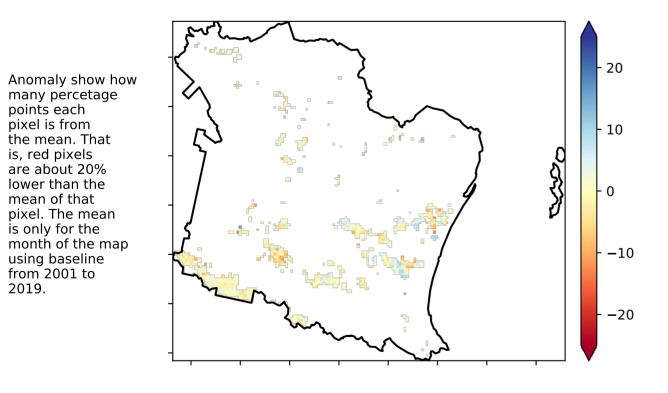
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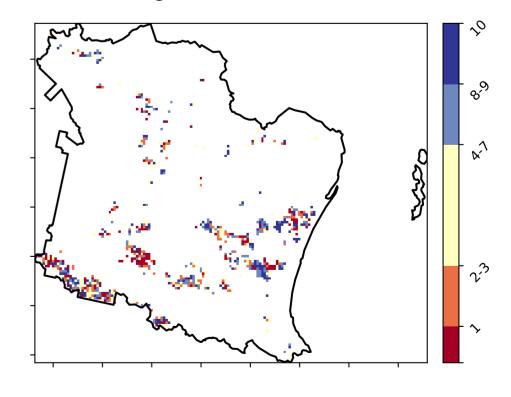
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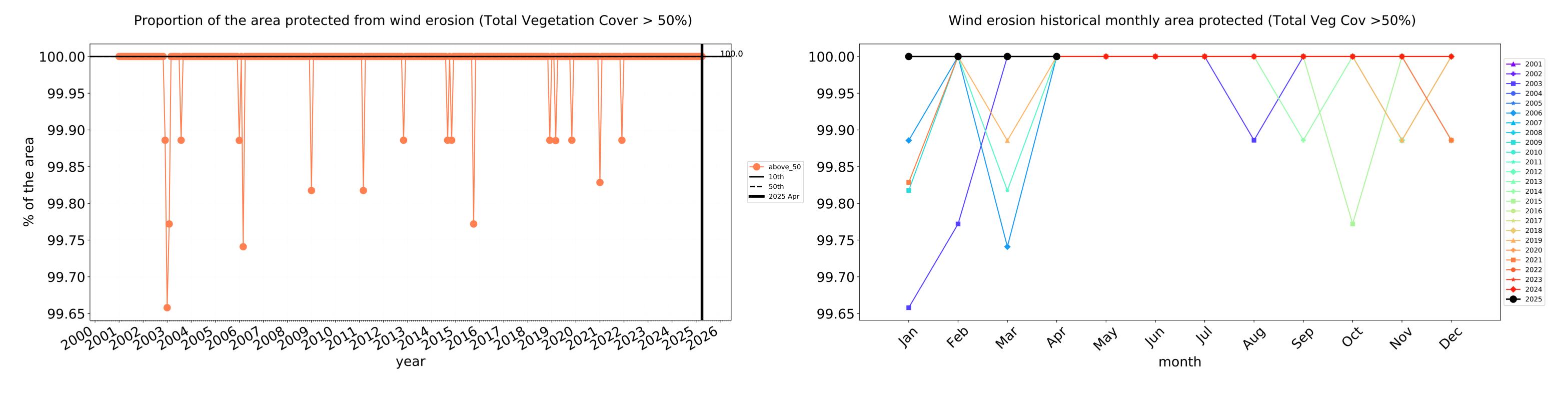


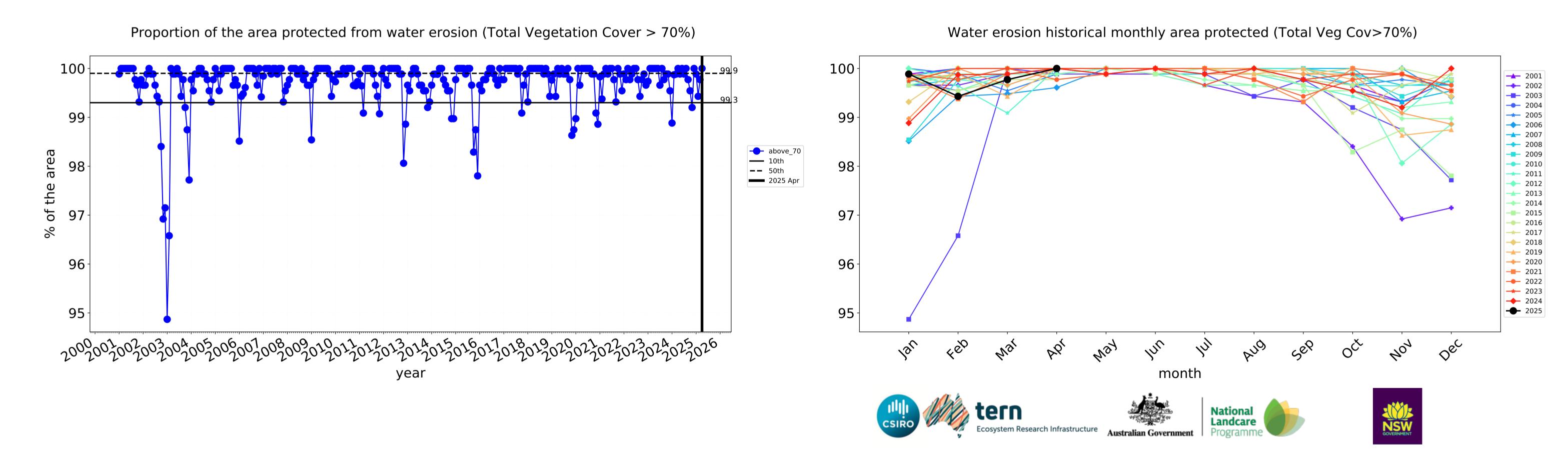


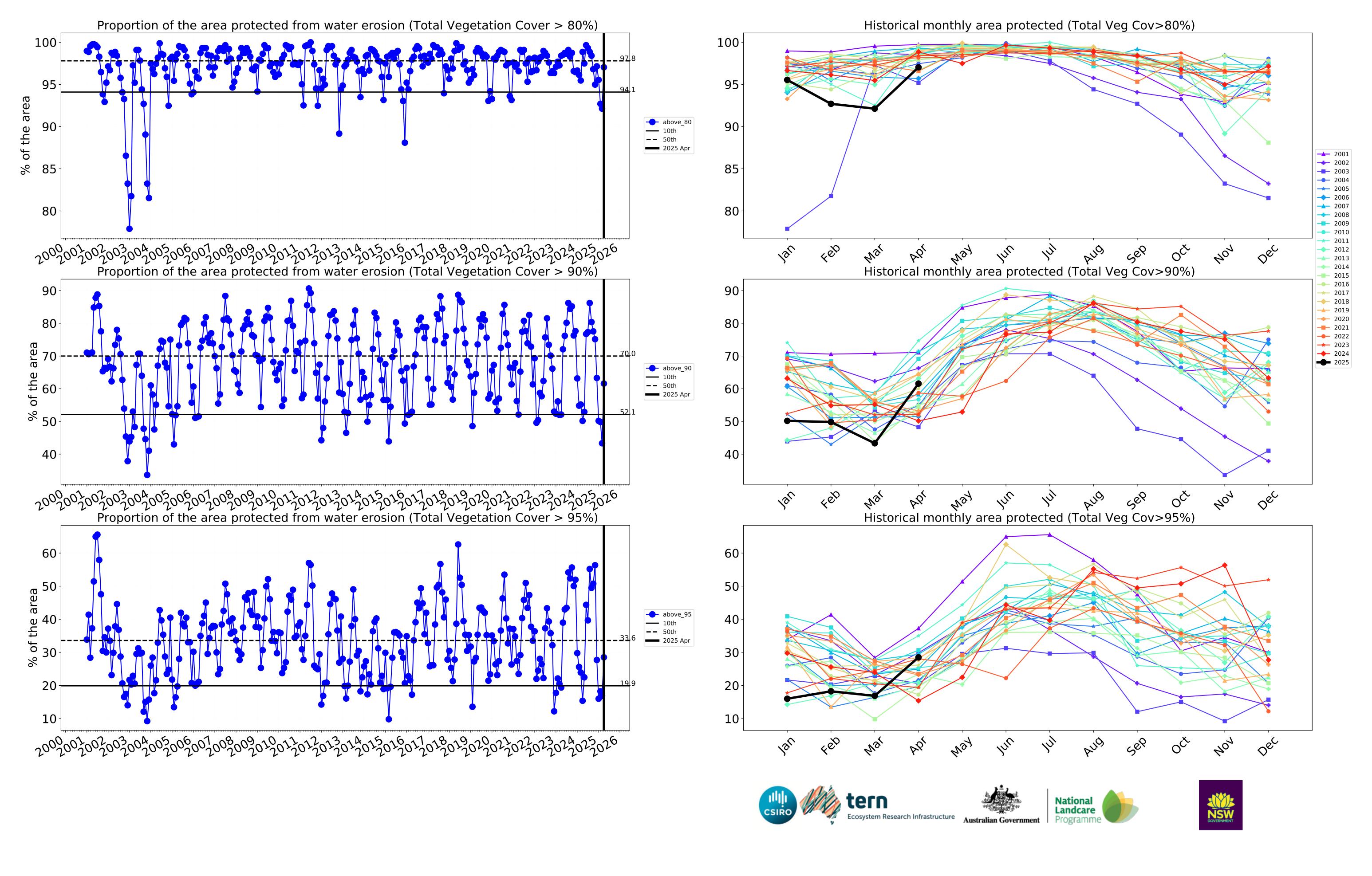




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

#### Land use and forest cover

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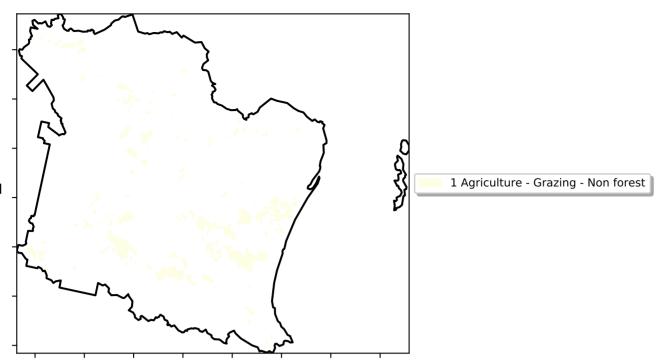
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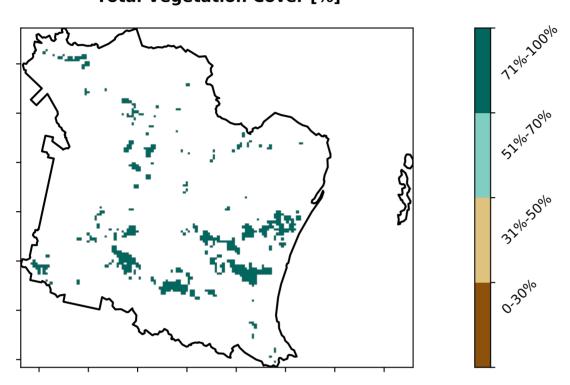
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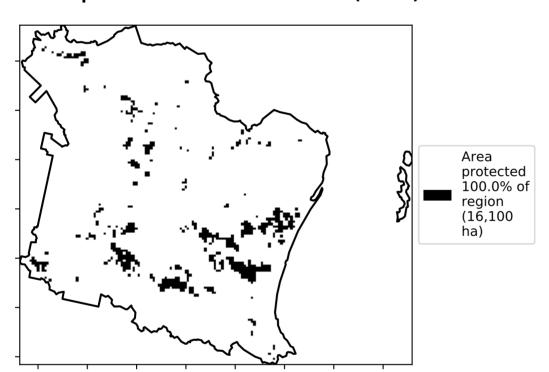
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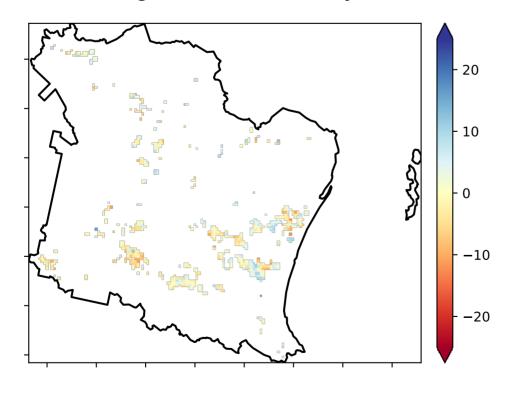
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

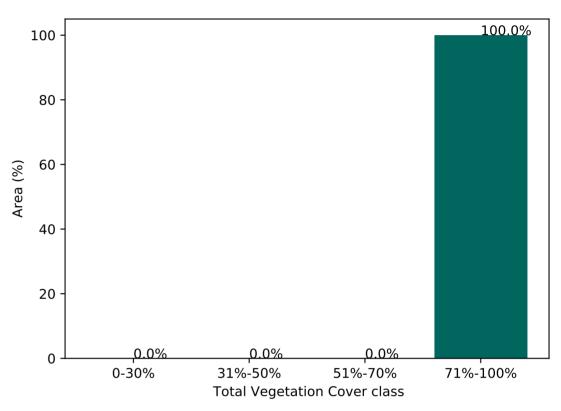


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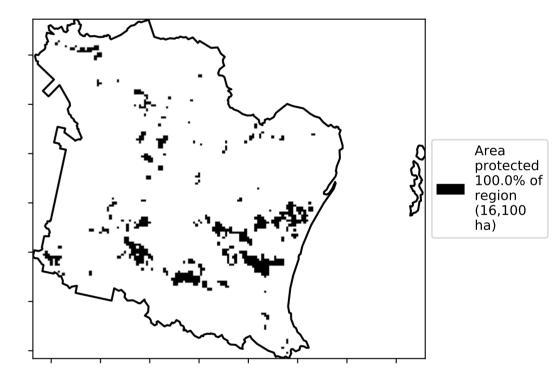


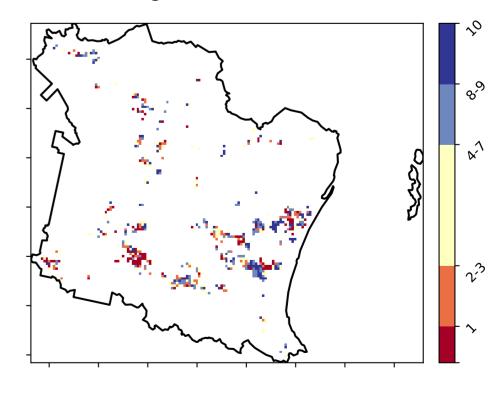
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





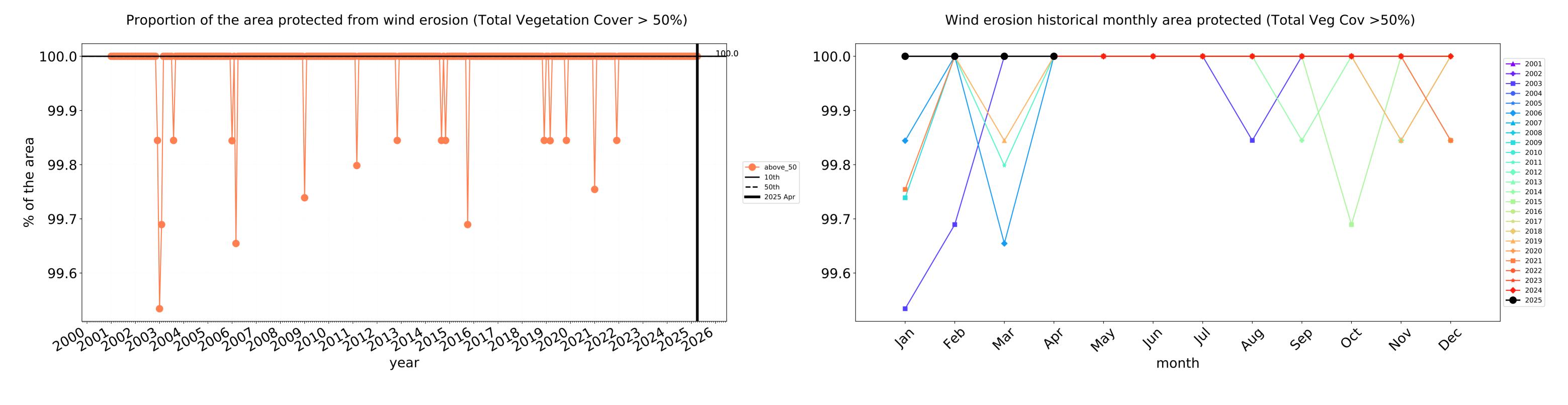


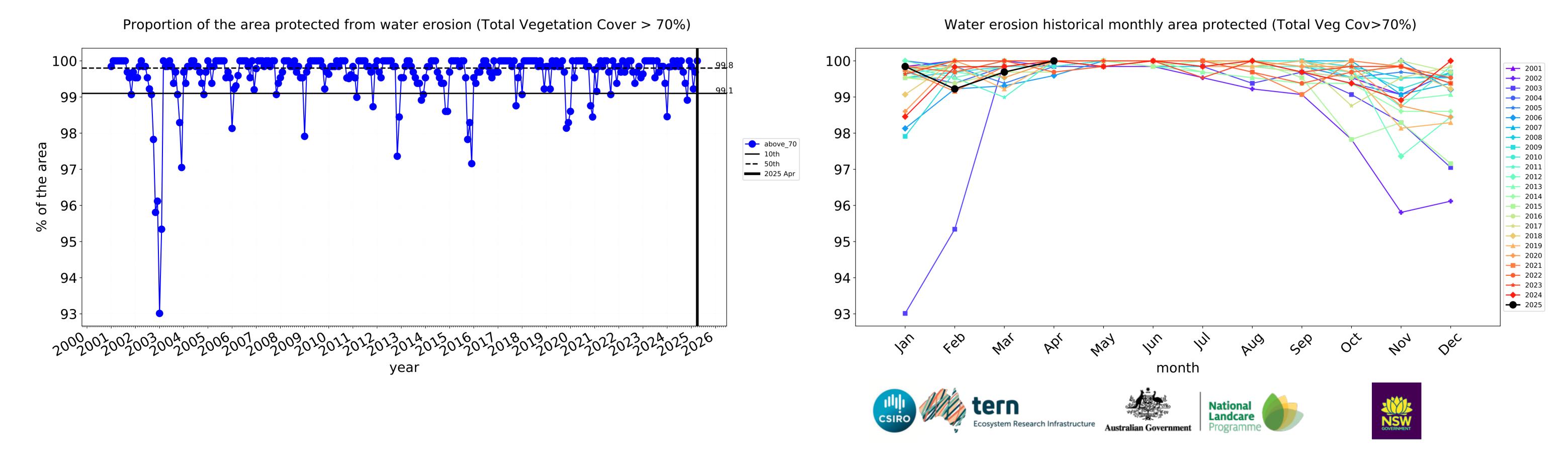


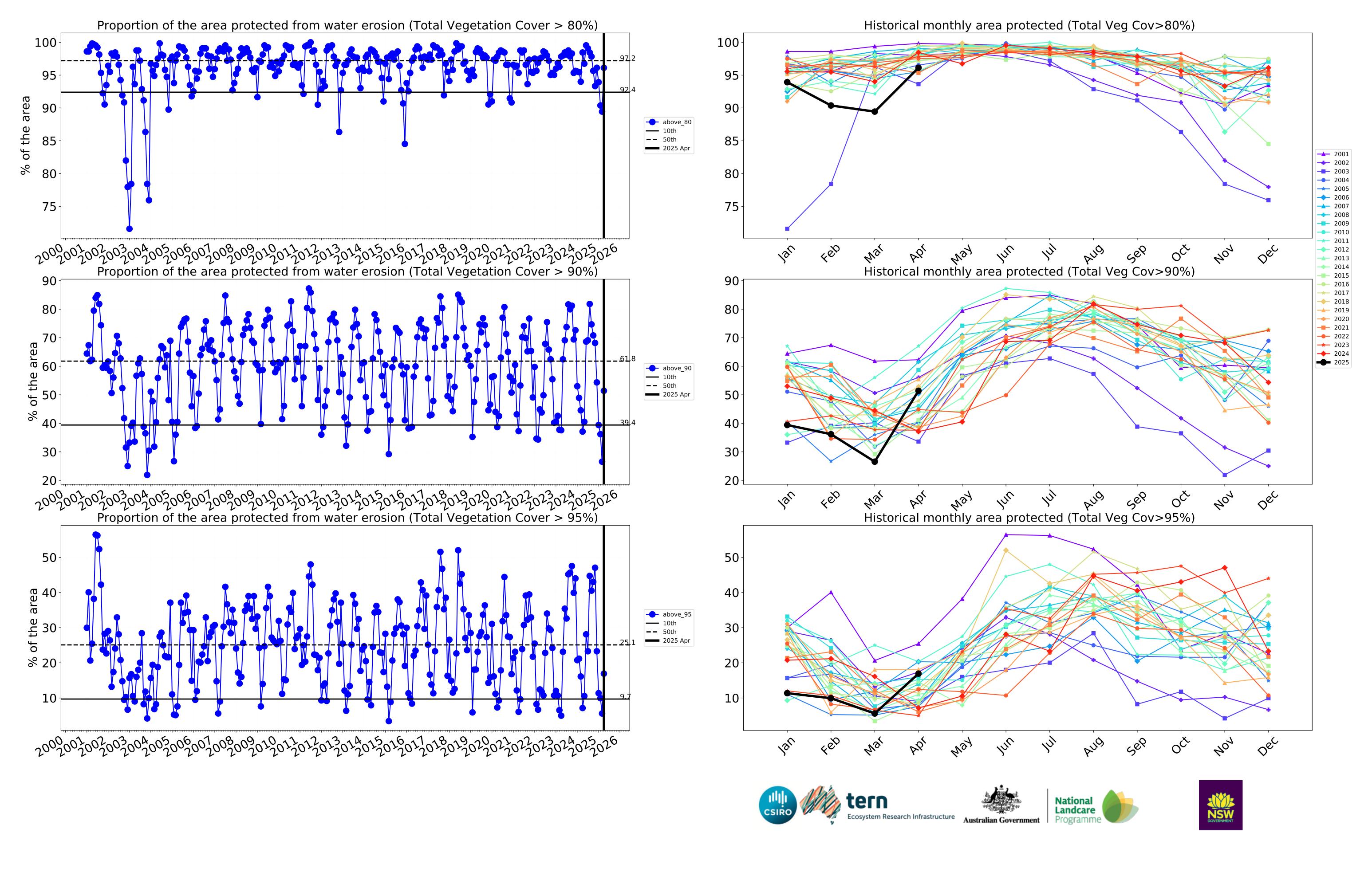




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

#### Land use and forest cover

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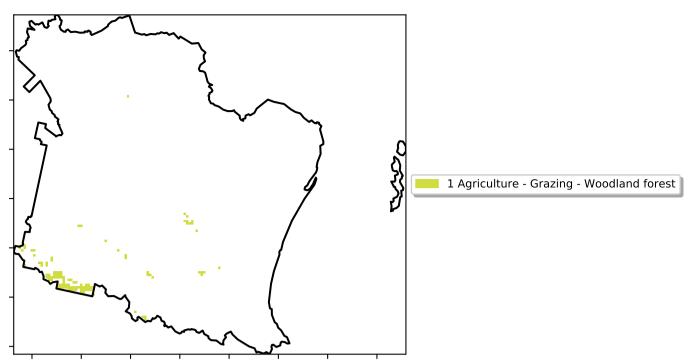
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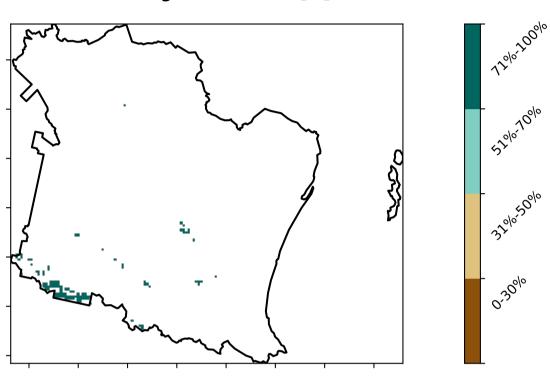
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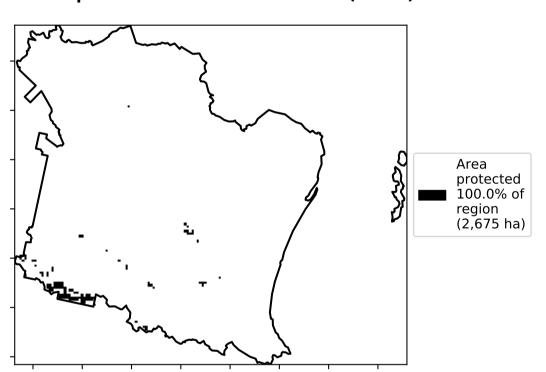
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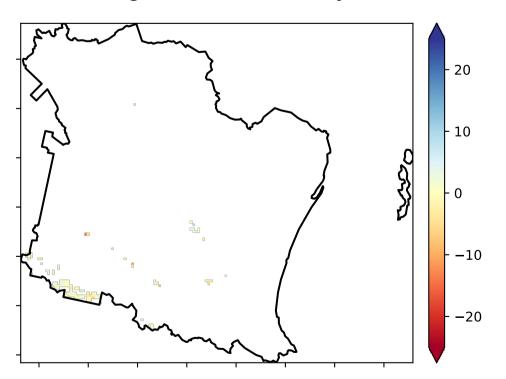
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

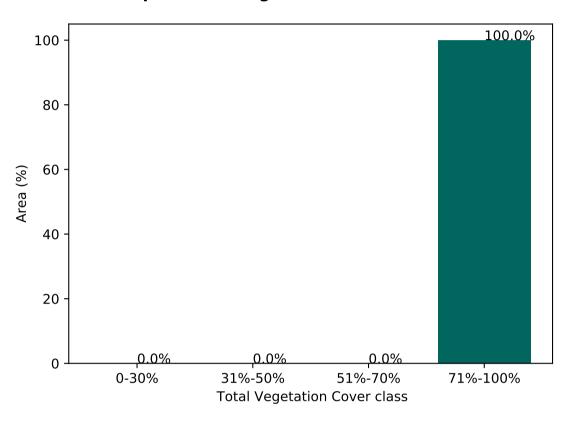


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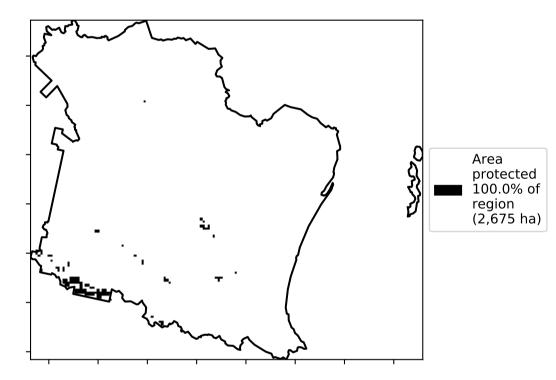


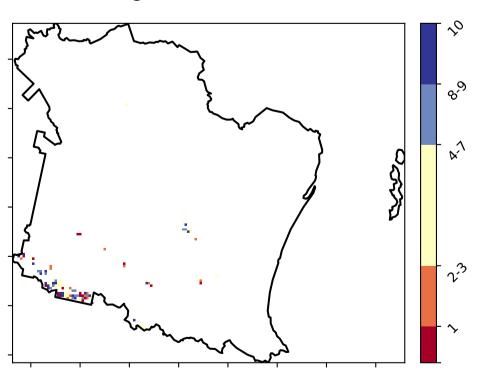
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





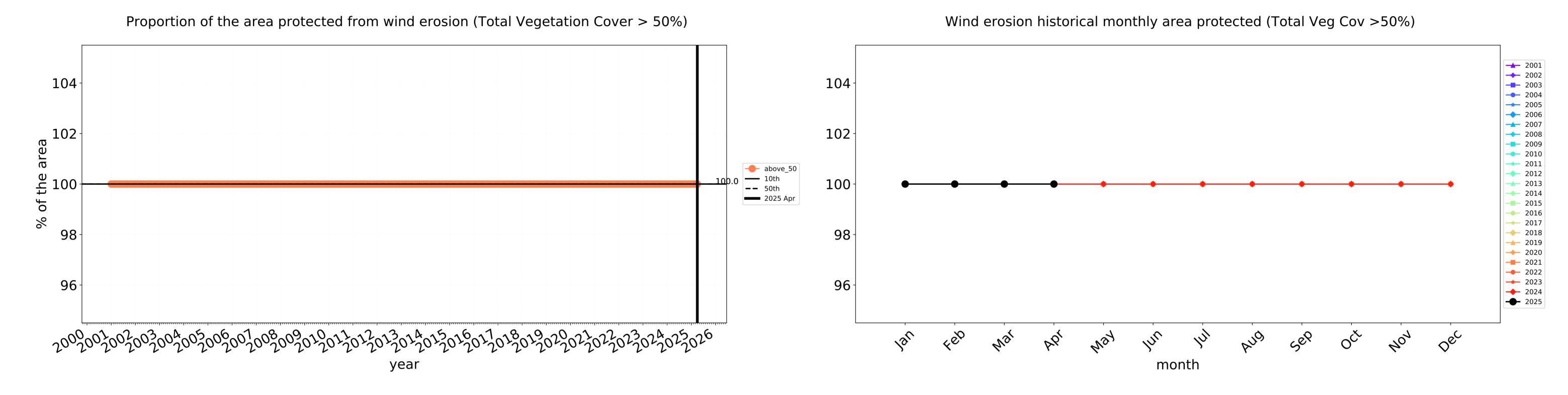


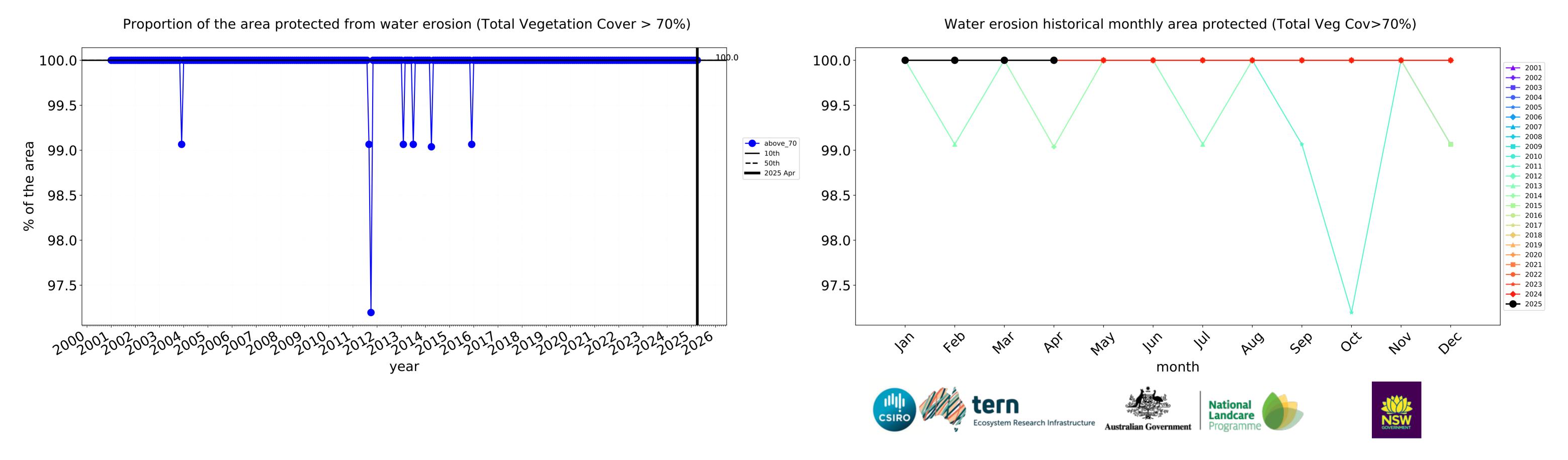


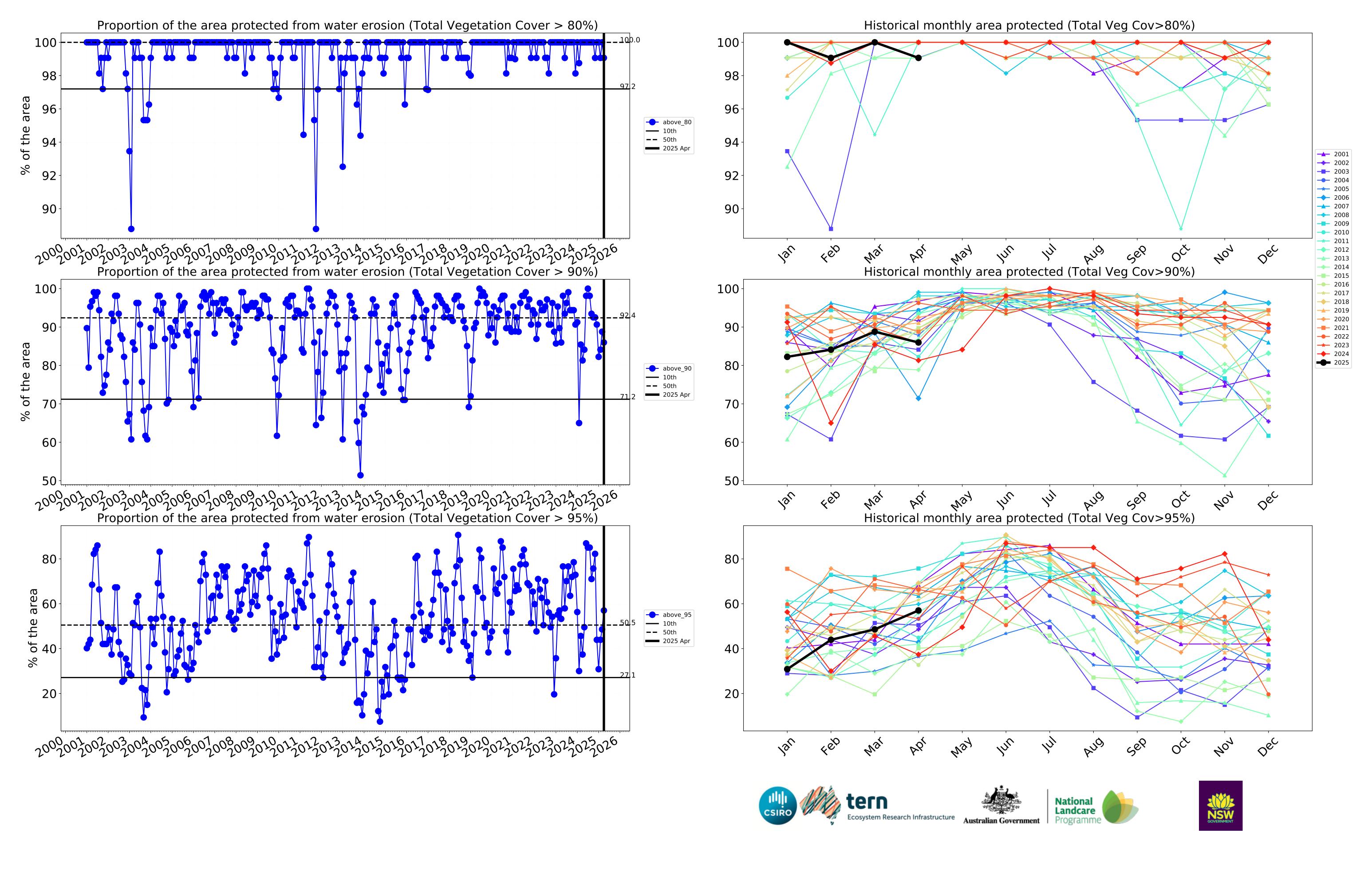




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

#### Land use and forest cover

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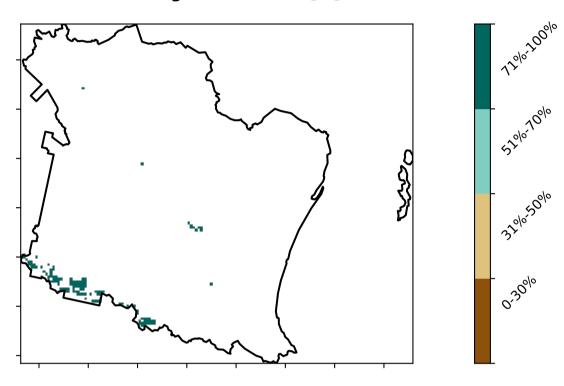
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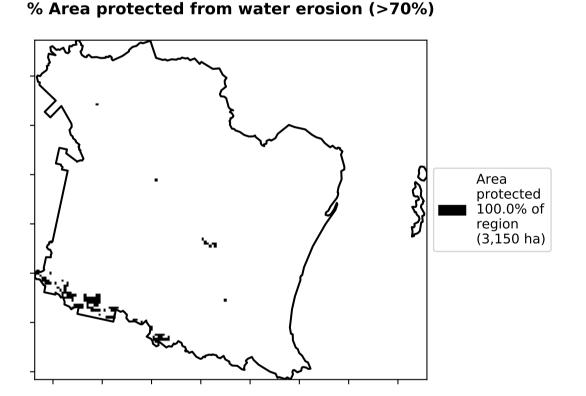
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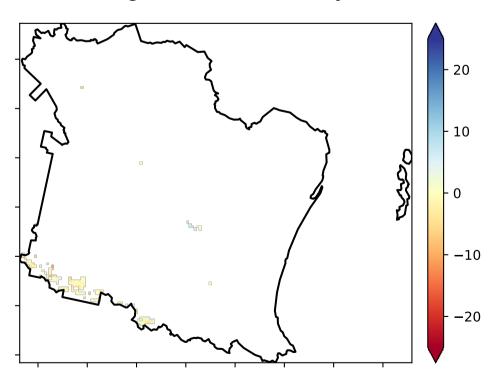


#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



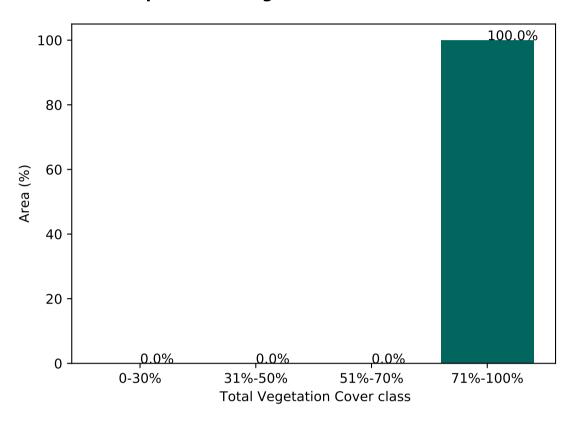


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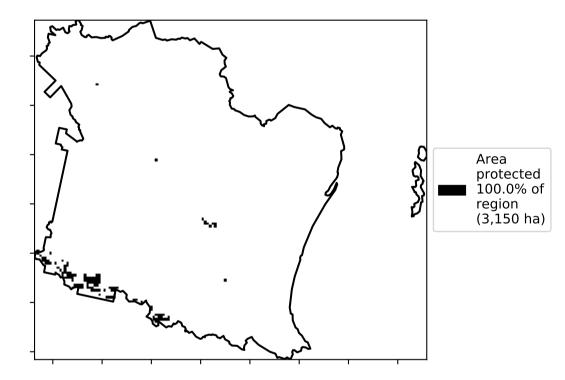


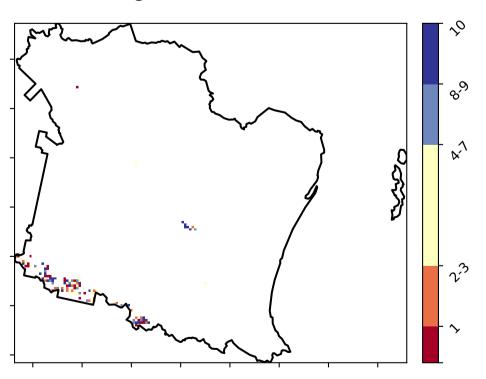
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



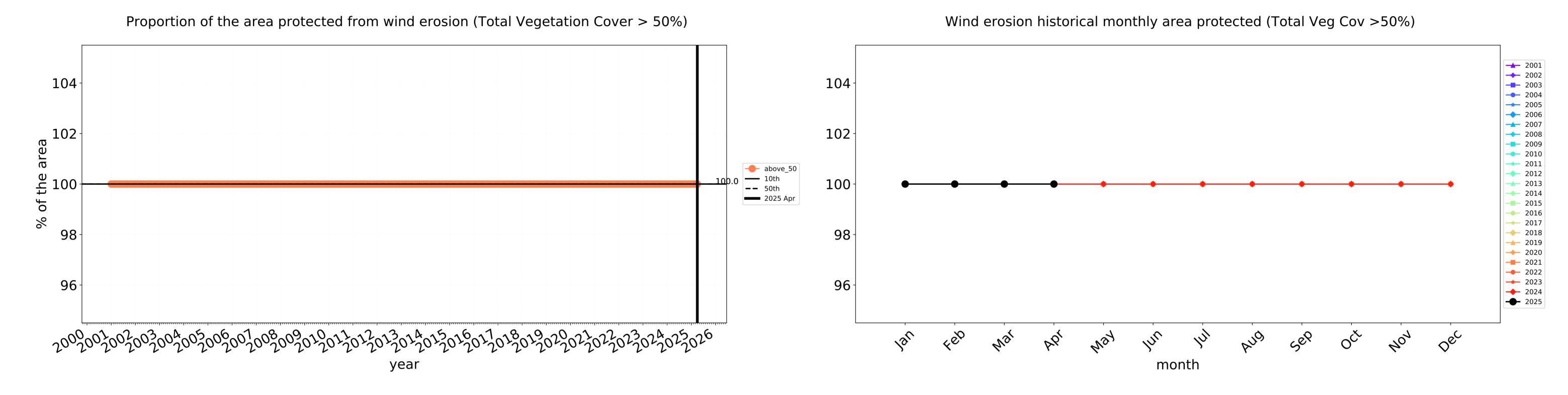


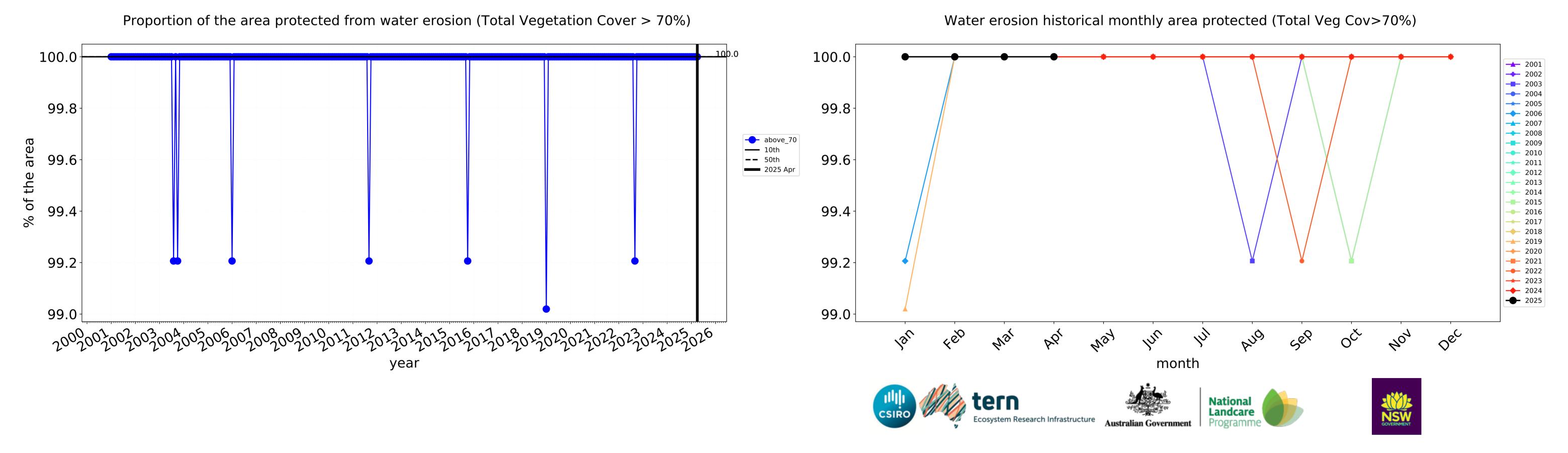


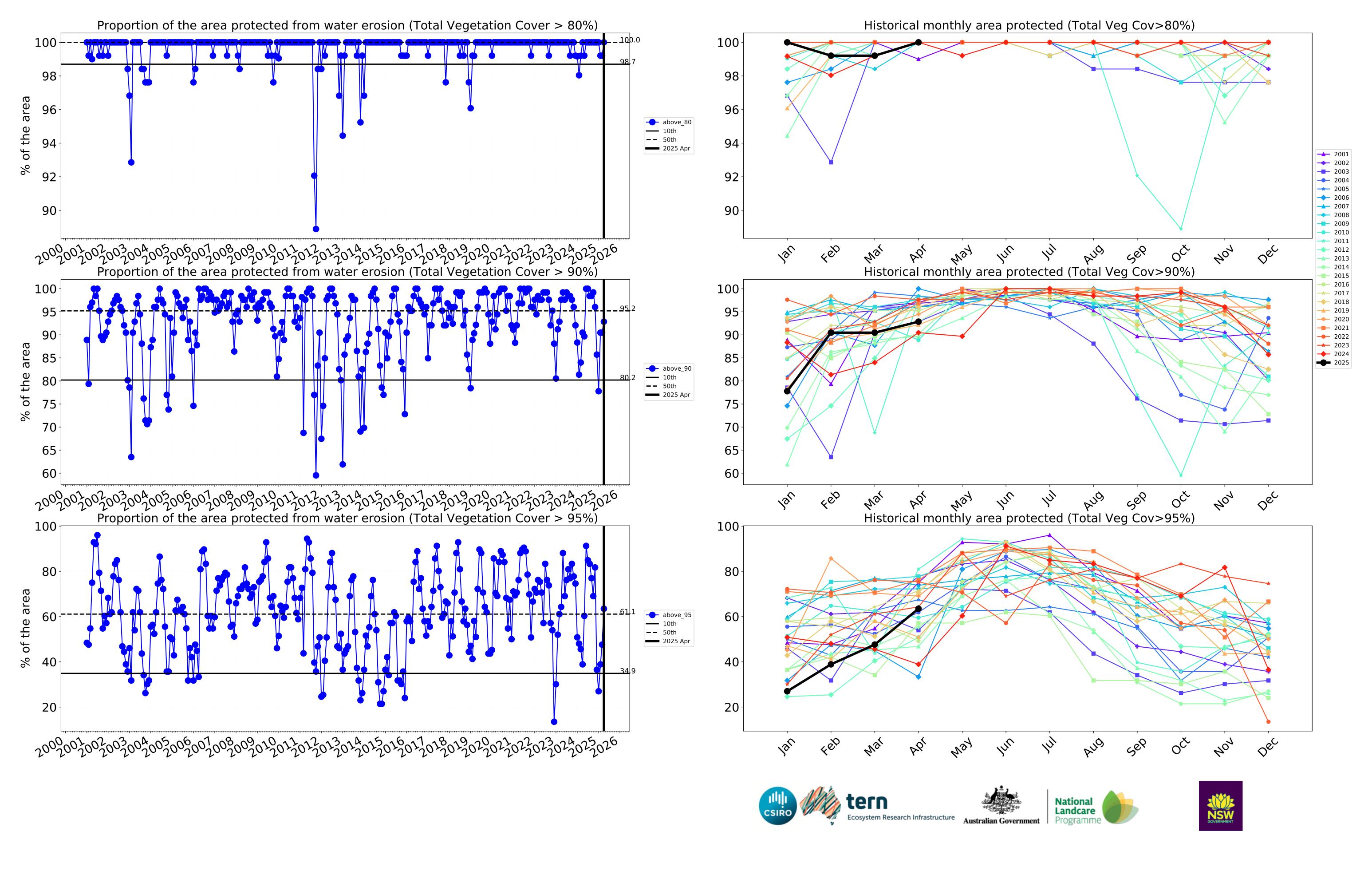






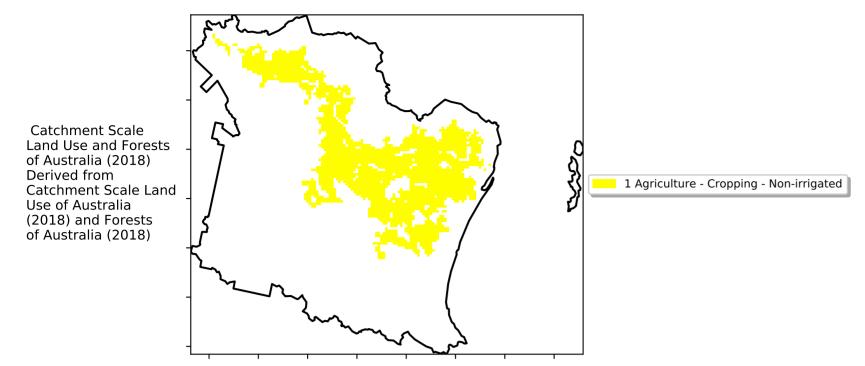




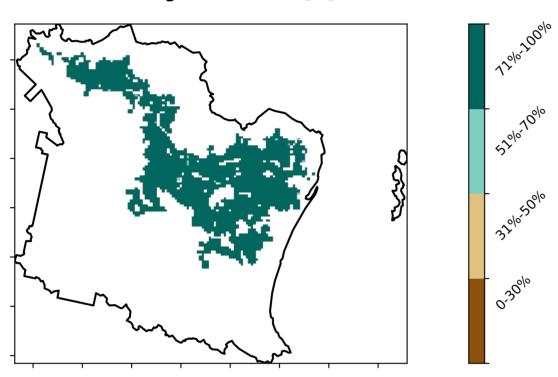


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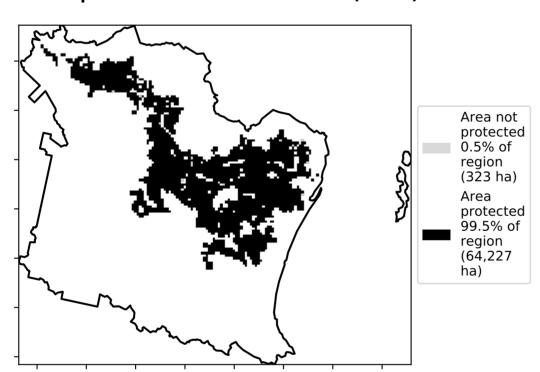
#### Land use and forest cover



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



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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

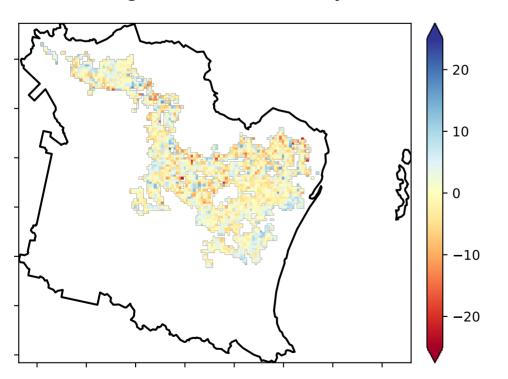
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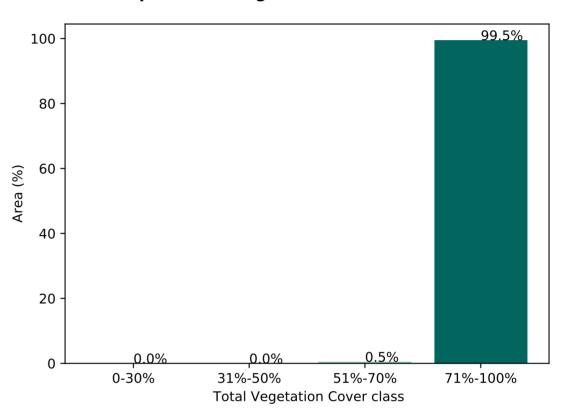
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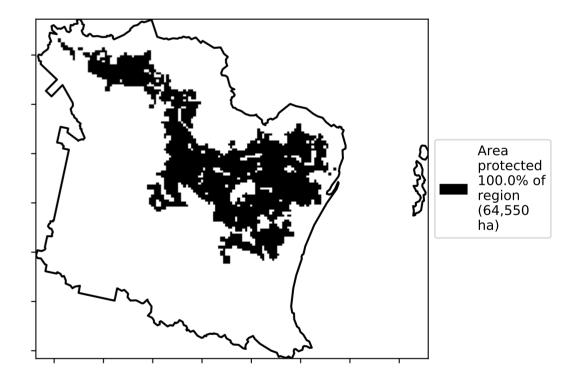


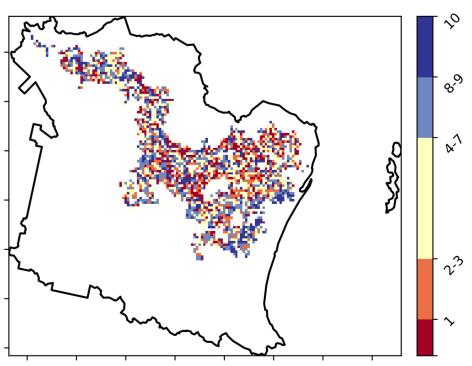
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





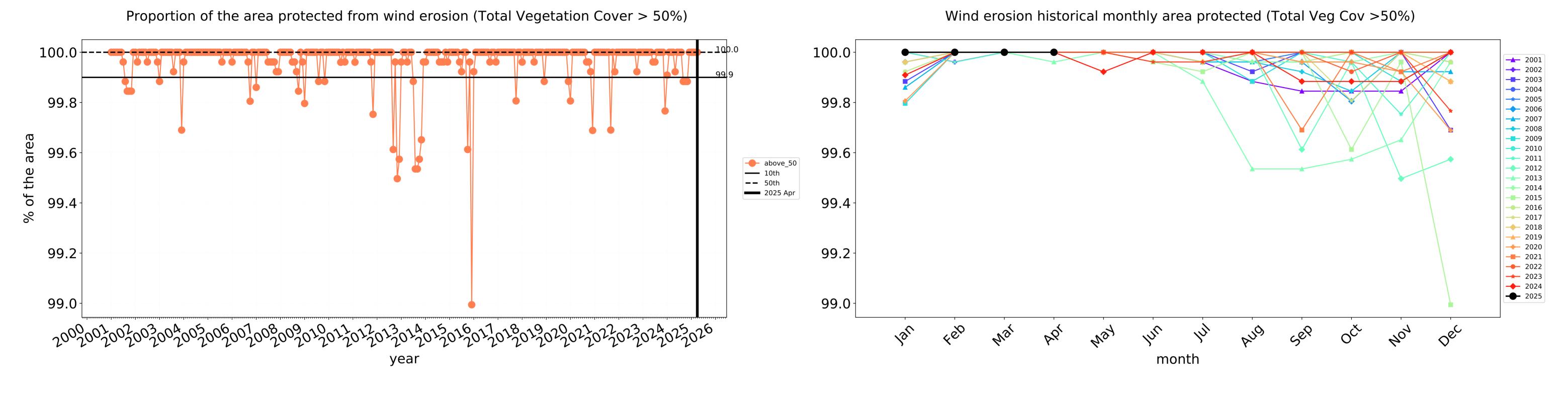


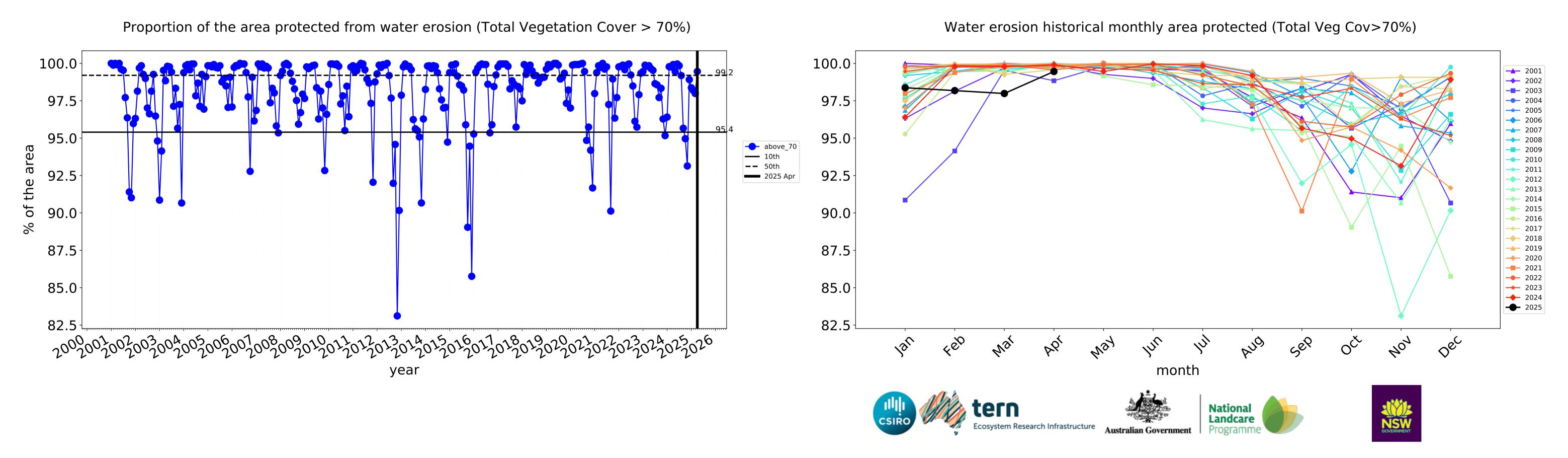


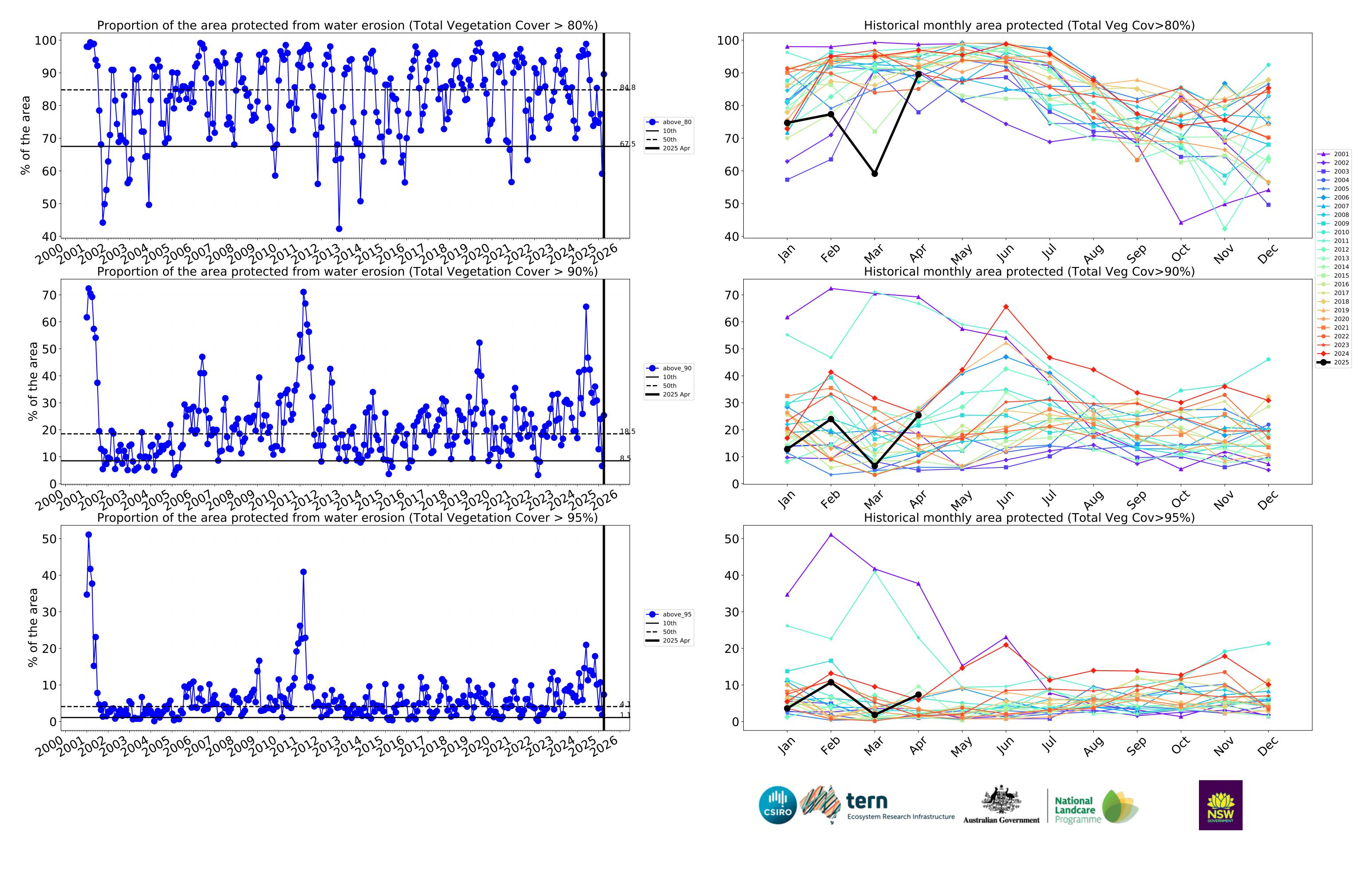




# **Cropping timeseries**





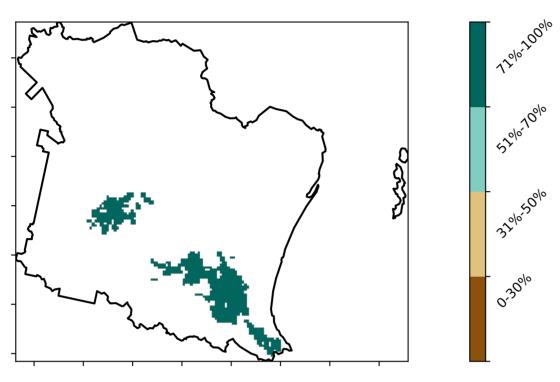


# **Irrigation**

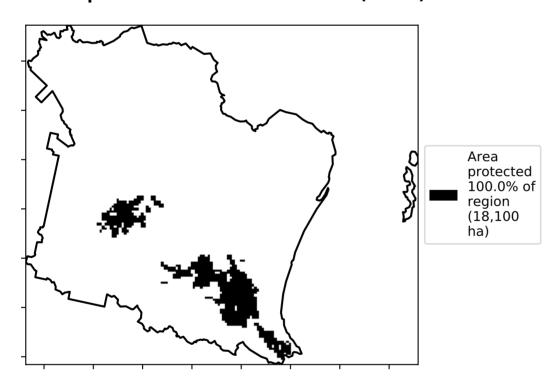
#### Land use and forest cover

# Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated

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



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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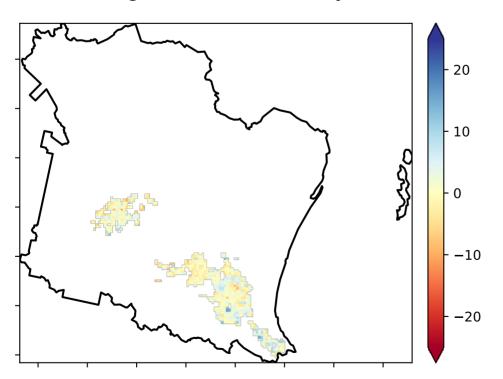
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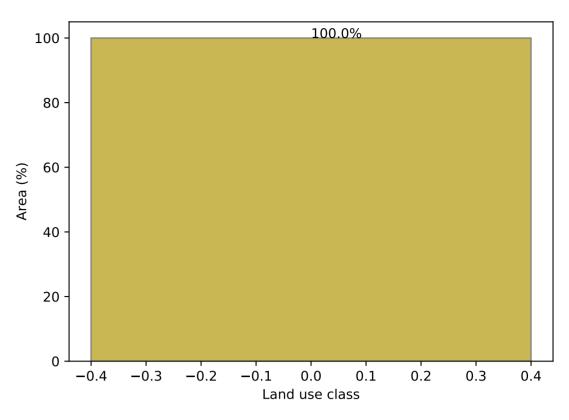
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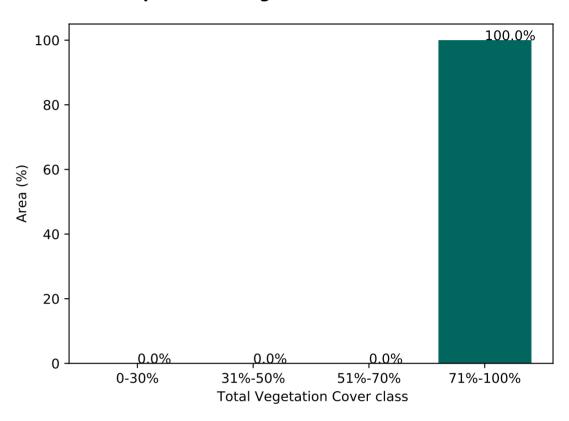


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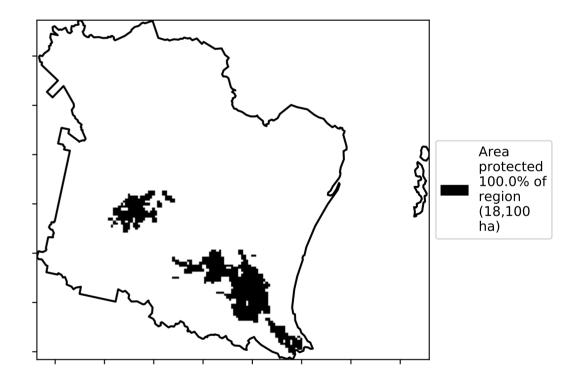
#### Proportion of each land class in area

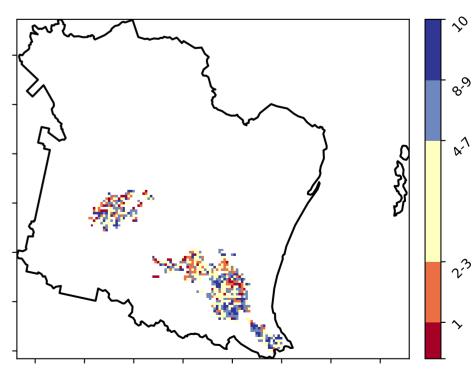


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





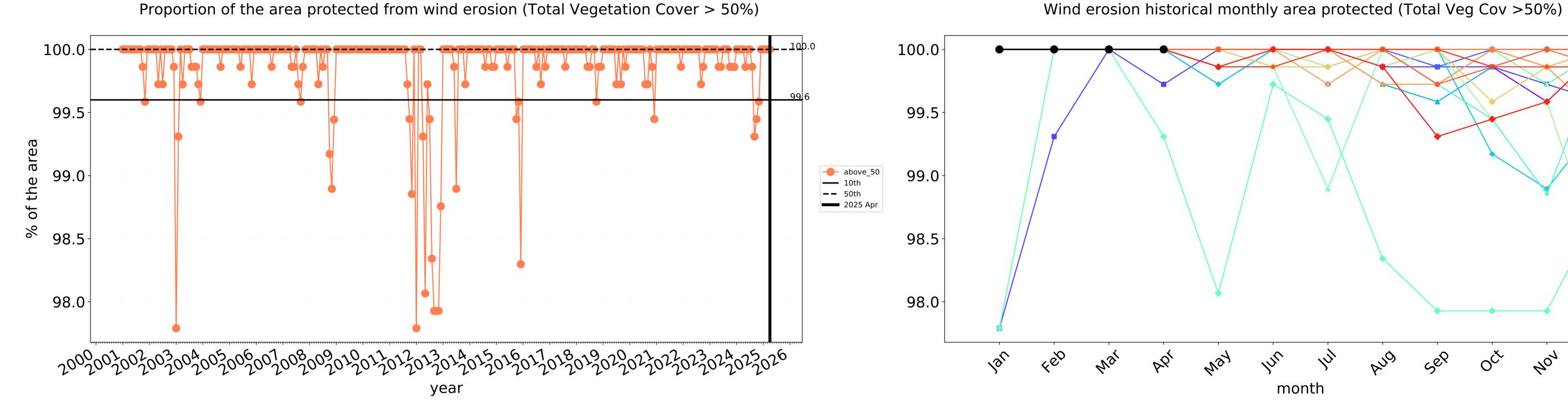


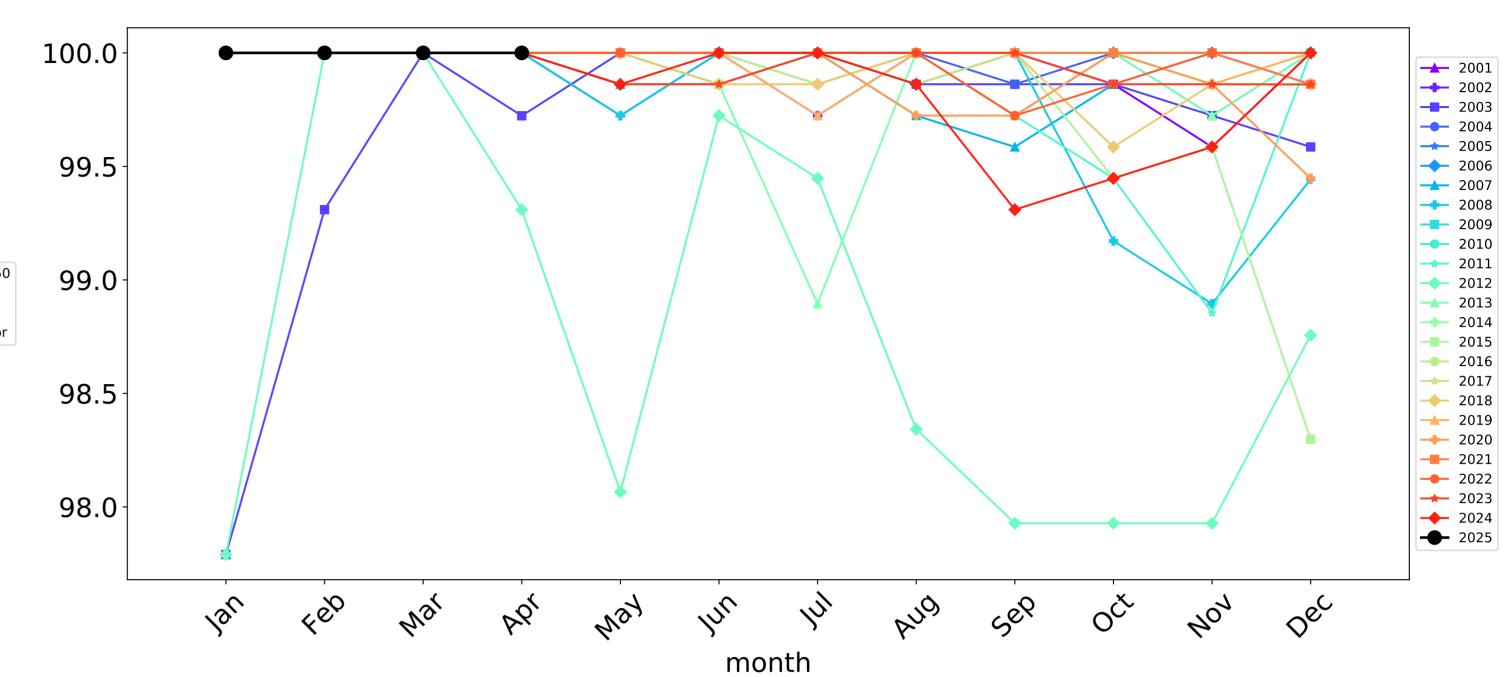


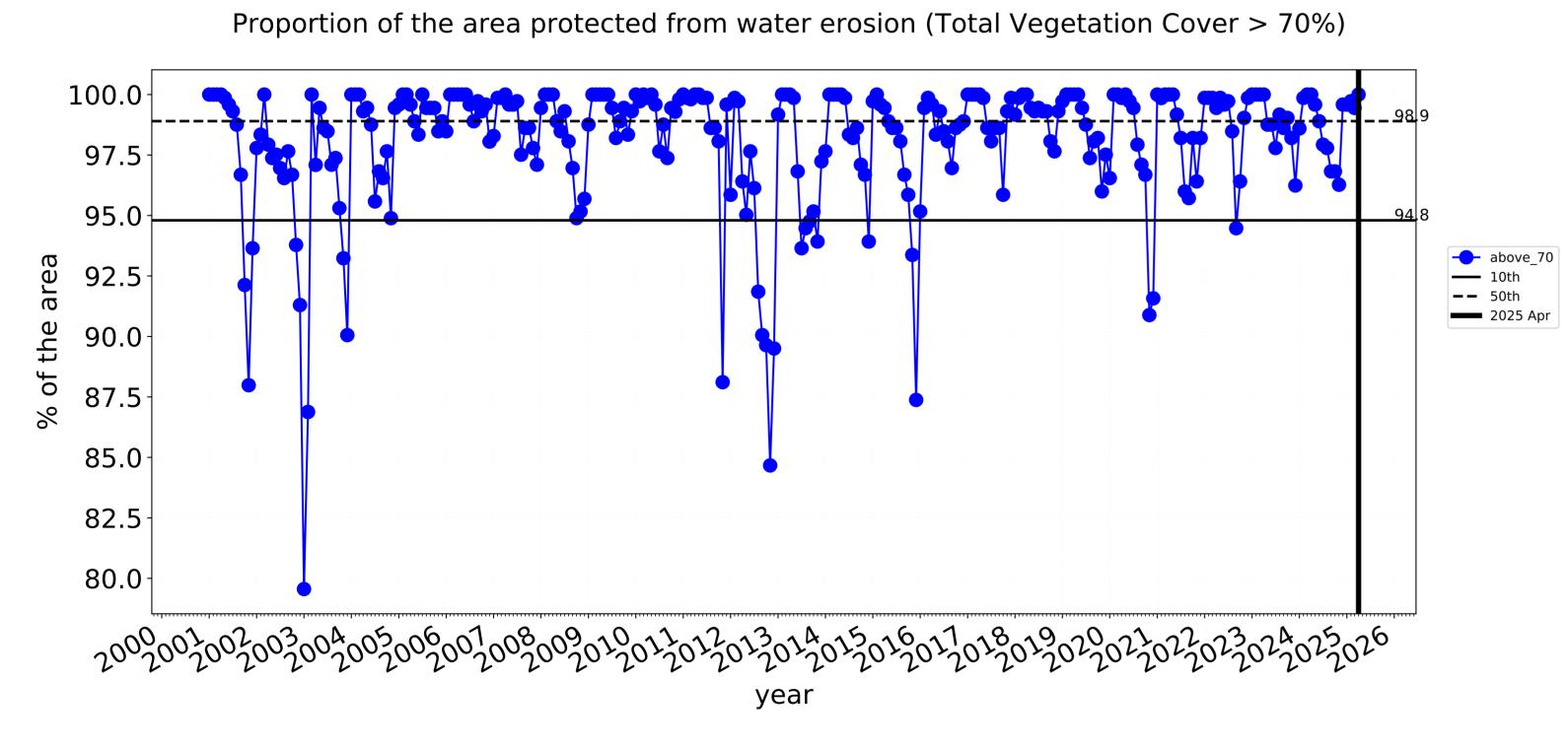


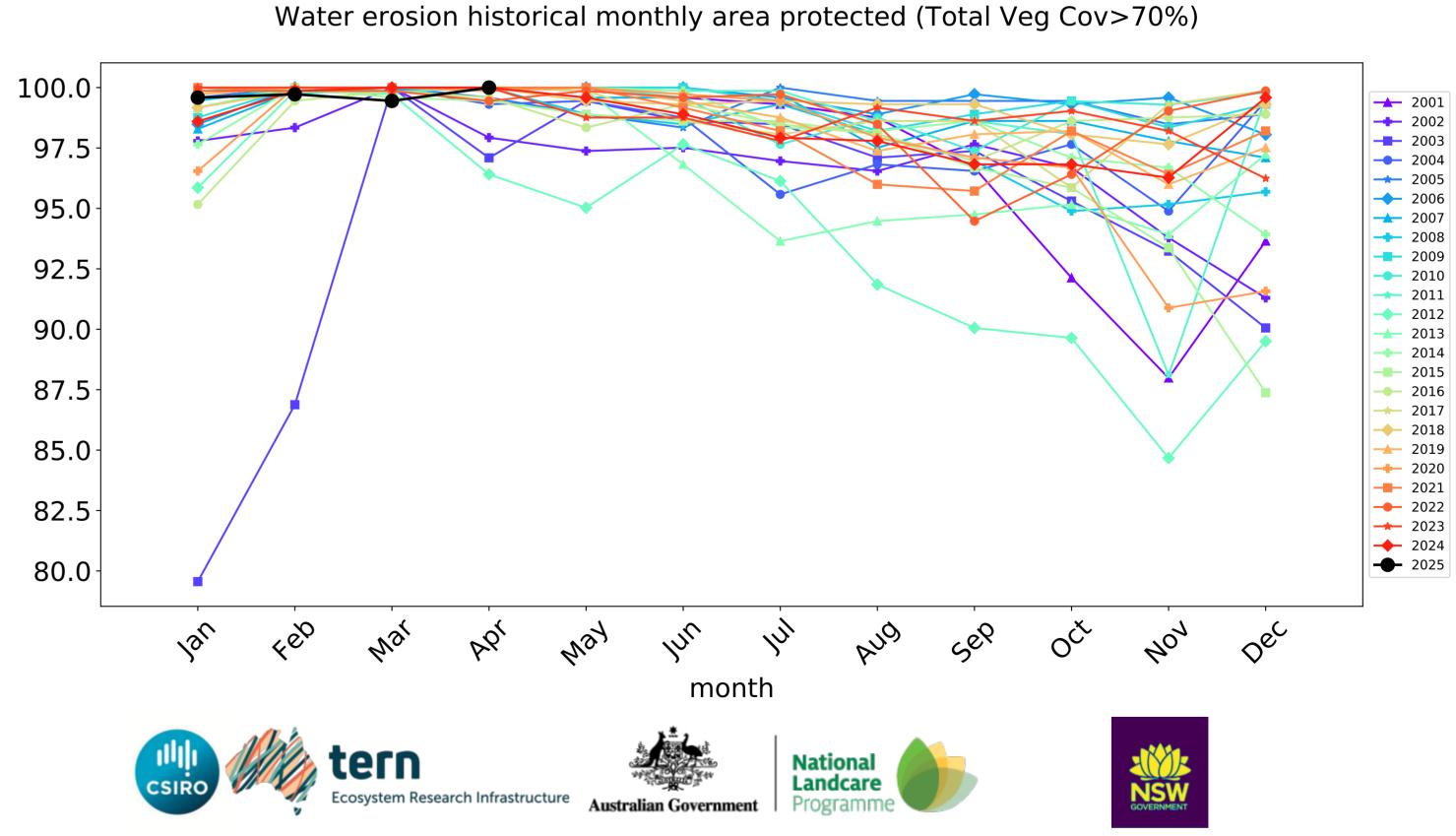


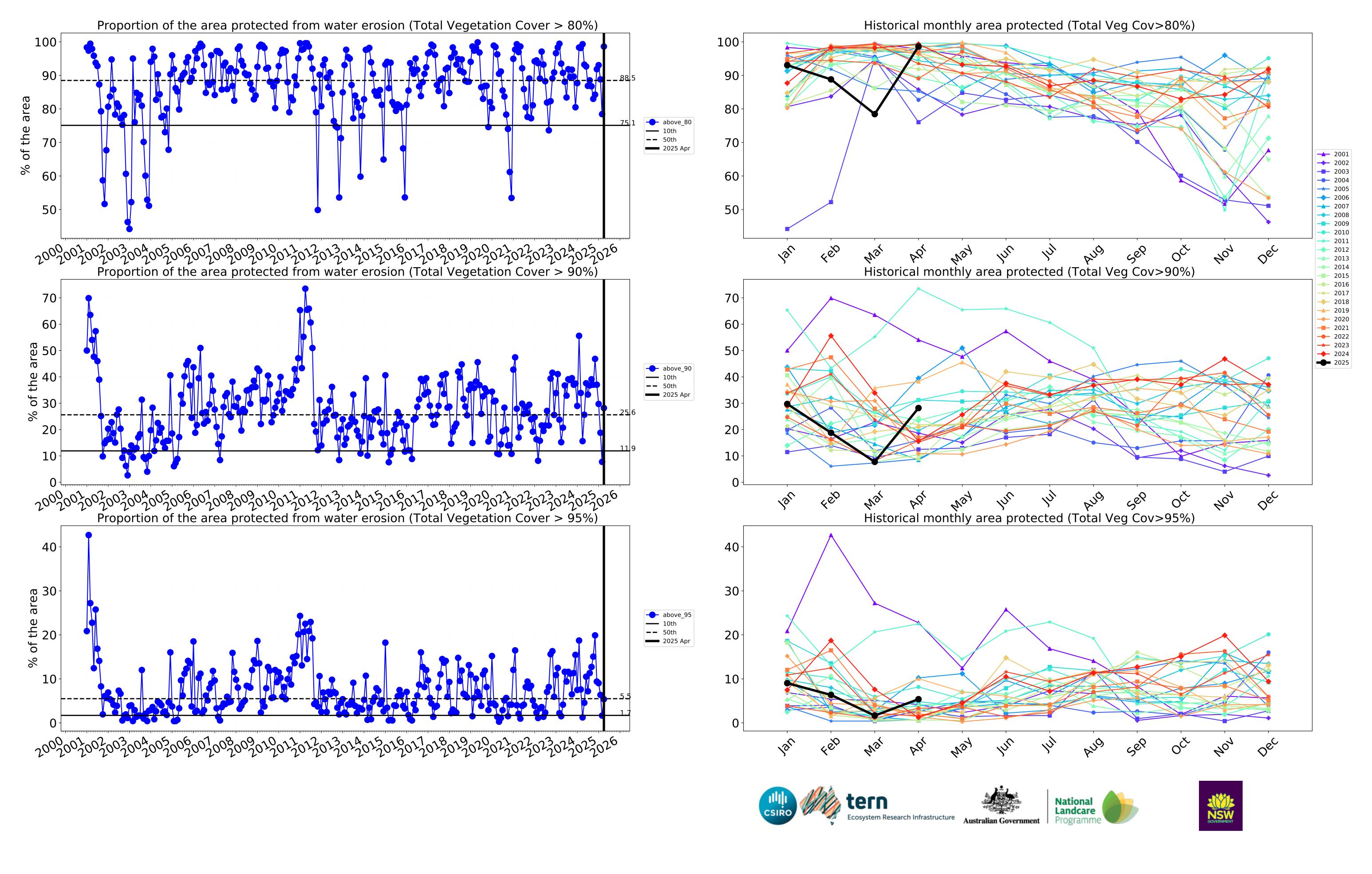
# Irrigation timeseries





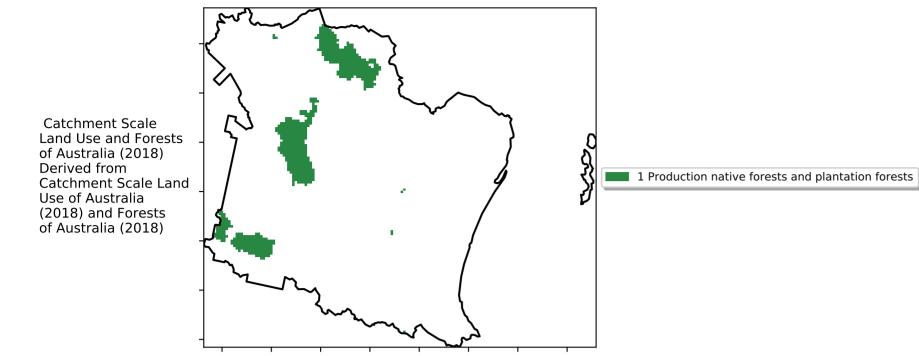




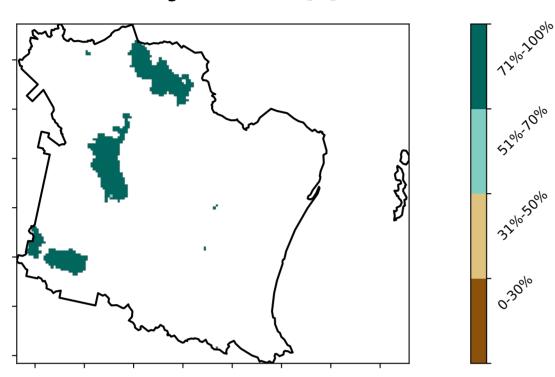


# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

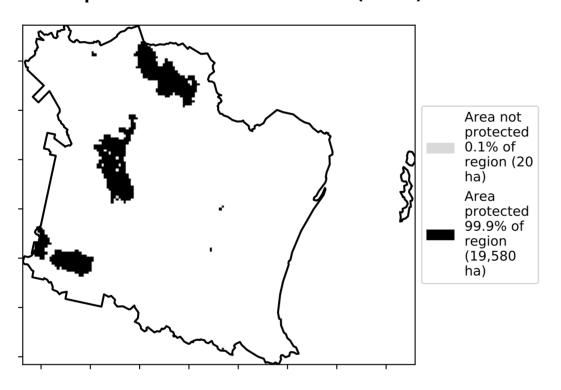
#### Land use and forest cover



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



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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

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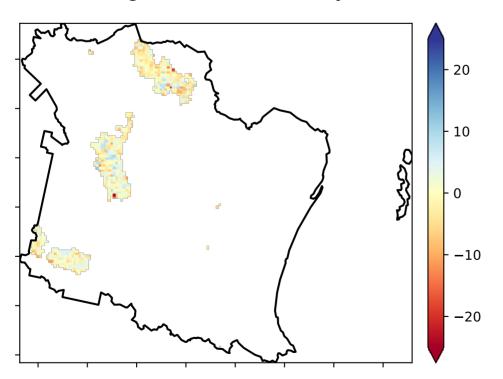
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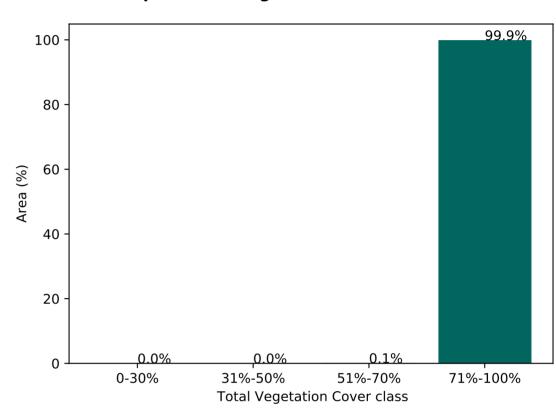
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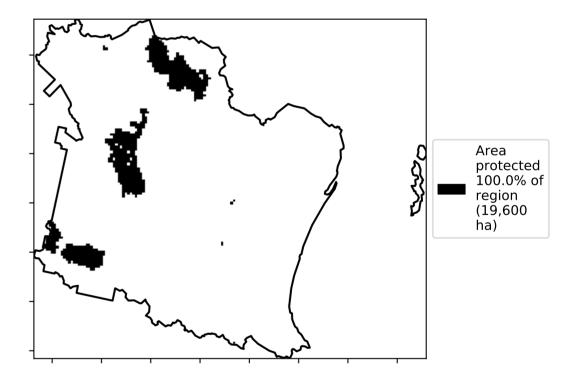


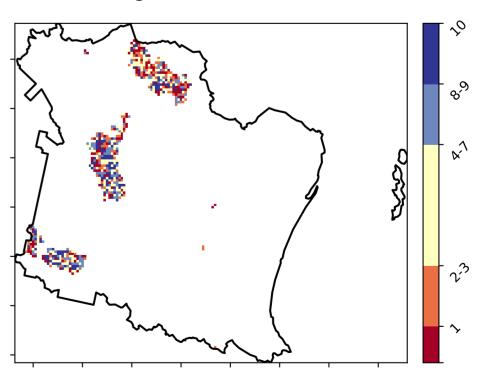
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





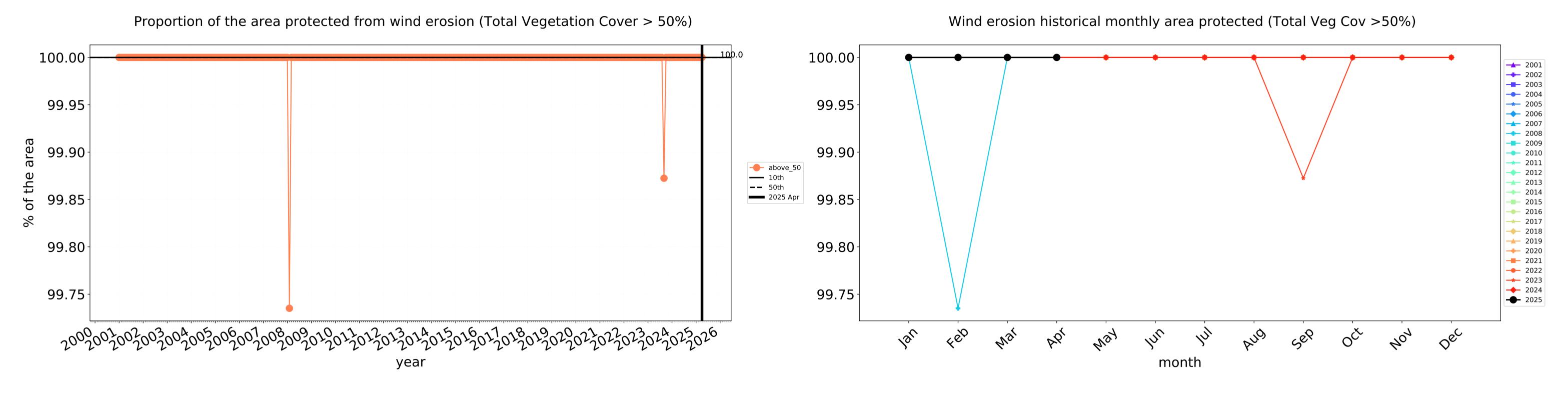


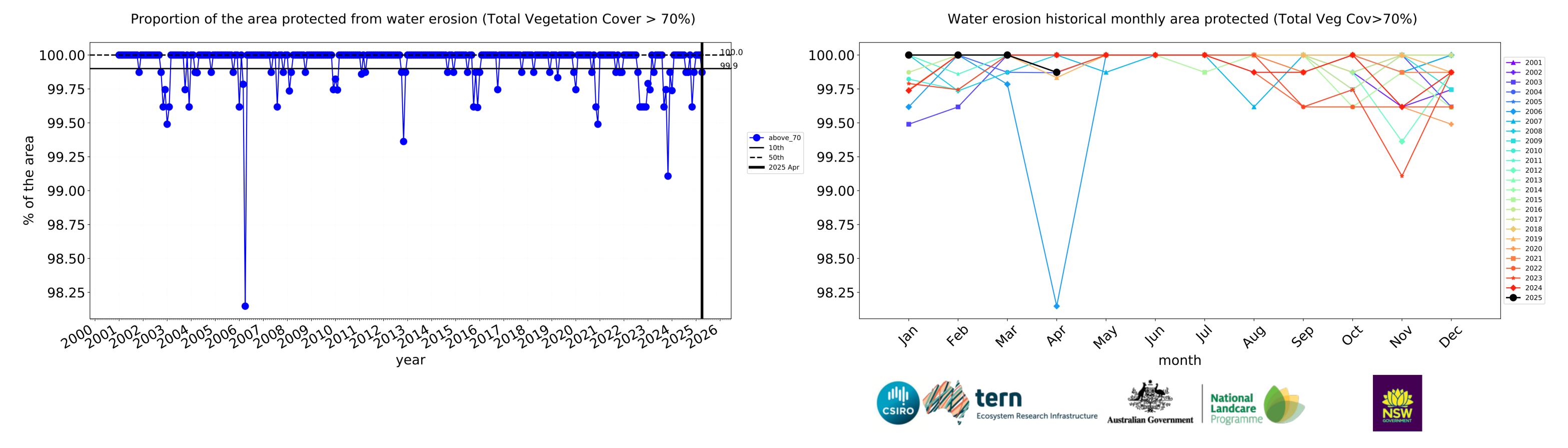


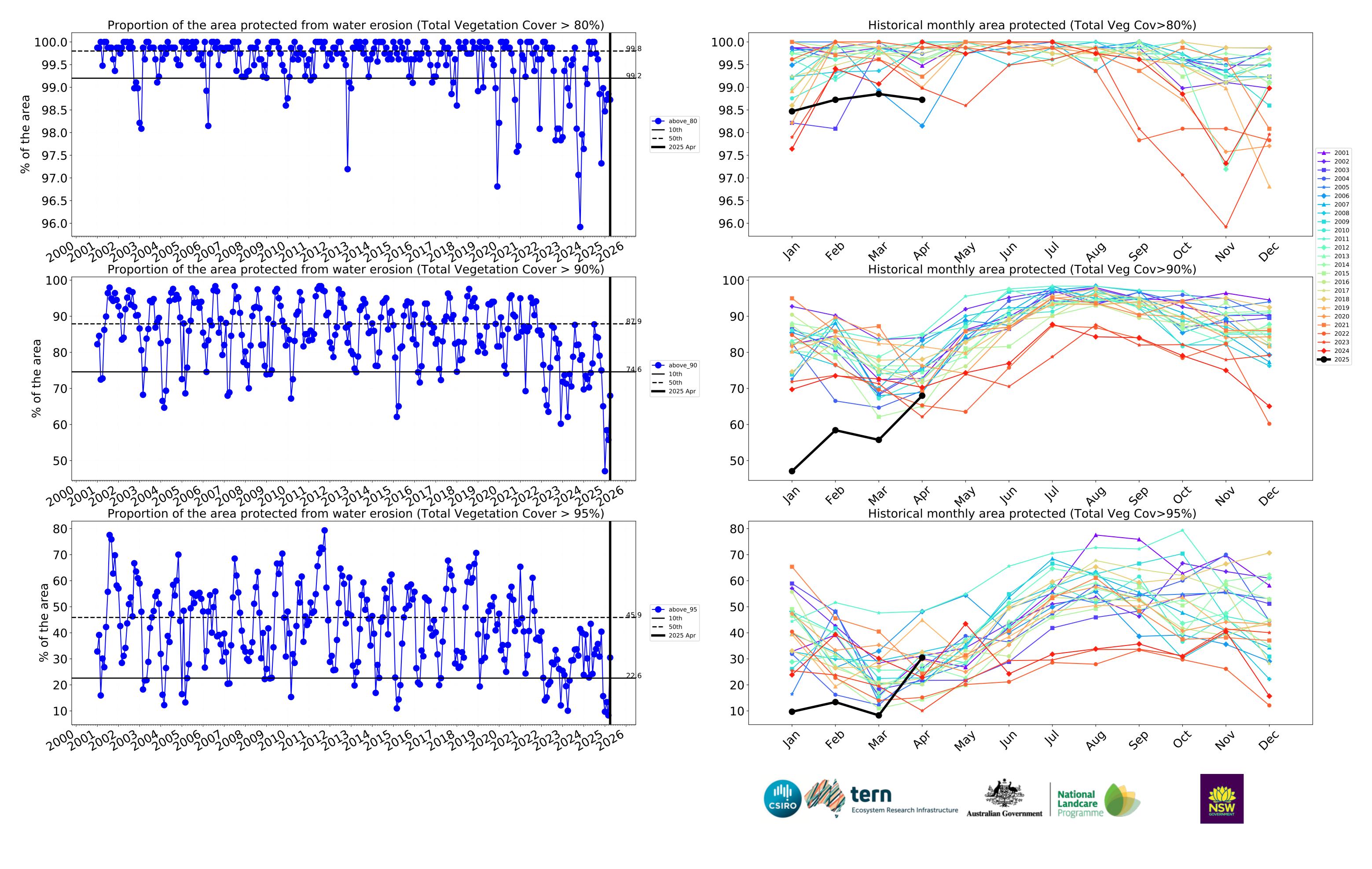




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Hinchinbrook\_(S) (271,000 ha and no data 9,662 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	271,000	100.0% 270,900	99.9% 270,725	98.9% 268,150	94.0% 254,775	55.2% 149,575	25.8% 70,025
Conservation and natural environments	123,650	100.0% 123,650	99.9% 123,575	99.2% 122,700	97.3% 120,250	74.8% 92,450	38.5% 47,575
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	45,200	100.0% 45,200	100.0% 45,200	99.3% 44,875	98.2% 44,375	76.1% 34,400	34.5% 15,575
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	76,650	100.0% 76,650	99.9% 76,575	99.2% 76,075	96.8% 74,225	74.3% 56,975	41.0% 31,450
Agriculture	104,600	100.0% 104,600	100.0% 104,600	99.7% 104,250	92.7% 96,975	33.4% 34,975	11.4% 11,975
Grazing	21,925	100.0% 21,925	100.0% 21,925	100.0% 21,925	97.0% 21,275	61.6% 13,500	28.5% 6,250
Grazing non forest	16,100	100.0% 16,100	100.0% 16,100	100.0% 16,100	96.1% 15,475	51.4% 8,275	16.9% 2,725
Grazing Woodland forest	2,675	100.0% 2,675	100.0% 2,675	100.0% 2,675	99.1% 2,650	86.0% 2,300	57.0% 1,525
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	3,150	100.0% 3,150	100.0% 3,150	100.0% 3,150	100.0% 3,150	92.9% 2,925	63.5% 2,000
Cropping	64,550	100.0% 64,550	100.0% 64,550	99.5% 64,200	89.6% 57,825	25.4% 16,375	7.4% 4,750
Irrigation	18,100	100.0% 18,100	100.0% 18,100	100.0% 18,100	98.6% 17,850	28.2% 5,100	5.4% 975
Production native forests and plantation forests	19,600	100.0% 19,600	100.0% 19,600	99.9% 19,575	98.7% 19,350	68.0% 13,325	30.5% 5,975







