# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Ipswich\_(C) QLD

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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:

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



# **Vegetation Cover Mar 2023**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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



Area not protected 4.5% of region (4,894 ha) Area



#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



protected 95.5% of region (103,856 ha)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



Deciles show where the Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





-10

-20







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Proportion of each land class in area

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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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%)







#### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**



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 [%]

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



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







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







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



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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





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





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



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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



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



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









## Agriculture

Land use and forest cover <u>73.</u>0% 70 60 Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from 50 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest Area (%) 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest 40 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated Catchment Scale Land 5 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 6 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 30 7 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 20 · 12.6% 10.9% 10 · ..6% 0 0 1 2 3 Land use class Proportion of vegetation cover class in area **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 12%200% 100 80 1 52°10'TO' Area (%) 60 32%50% 40 0-30% 20 1.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% Total Vegetation Cover class % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%) % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 1.0% of

region (660 ha)

protected 99.0% of

region (65,340 ha)

Area

#### Proportion of each land class in area

1.8%

0.1%

6

99.0%

71%-100%

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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





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



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

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







## Grazing



Area not protected 1.0% of

region (637 ha)

protected 99.0% of

region (63,038 ha)

Area

#### Proportion of each land class in area

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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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



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

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







## **Grazing non forest**



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area protected 100.0% of region (48,150 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







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



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

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







## **Grazing Woodland forest**



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**













#### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]









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



## Irrigation

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

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% 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%)



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





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



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





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





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# Ipswich\_(C) (total 108,750 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	108,750	100.0% 108,750	100.0% 108,700	95.5% 103,850	86.1% 93,650	57.9% 62,925	20.0% 21,725
Conservation and natural environments	14,500	100.0% 14,500	100.0% 14,500	95.3% 13,825	88.8% 12,875	69.8% 10,125	24.3% 3,525
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,250	100.0% 3,250	100.0% 3,250	87.7% 2,850	74.6% 2,425	48.5% 1,575	13.1% 425
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	3,075	100.0% 3,075	100.0% 3,075	100.0% 3,075	95.9% 2,950	71.5% 2,200	19.5% 600
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	8,175	100.0% 8,175	100.0% 8,175	96.6% 7,900	91.7% 7,500	77.7% 6,350	30.6% 2,500
Agriculture	66,000	100.0% 66,000	100.0% 66,000	99.0% 65,350	96.8% 63,900	69.8% 46,075	25.6% 16,875
Grazing	63,675	100.0% 63,675	100.0% 63,675	99.0% 63,025	96.9% 61,675	71.1% 45,300	26.3% 16,775
Grazing non forest	48,150	100.0% 48,150	100.0% 48,150	98.8% 47,550	96.3% 46,350	66.7% 32,125	23.5% 11,300
Grazing Woodland forest	8,350	100.0% 8,350	100.0% 8,350	99.4% 8,300	98.5% 8,225	80.5% 6,725	29.9% 2,500
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	7,175	100.0% 7,175	100.0% 7,175	100.0% 7,175	99.0% 7,100	89.9% 6,450	41.5% 2,975
Irrigation	2,300	100.0% 2,300	100.0% 2,300	100.0% 2,300	95.7% 2,200	33.7% 775	4.3% 100
Production native forests and plantation forests	1,325	100.0% 1,325	100.0% 1,325	100.0% 1,325	100.0% 1,325	83.0% 1,100	49.1% 650

