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

# **Date: December 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:

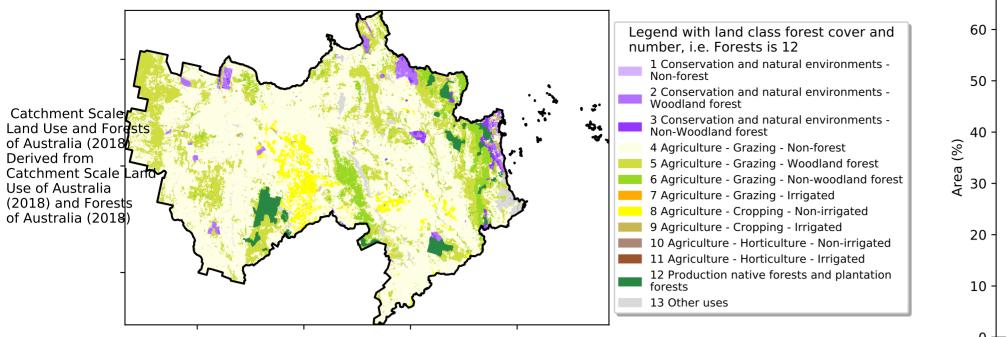
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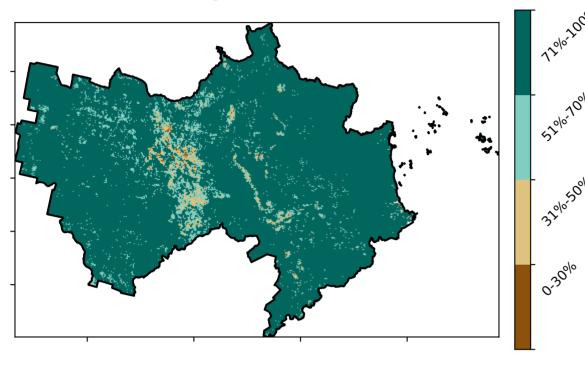
## **Vegetation Cover Dec 2023**

Land use and forest cover

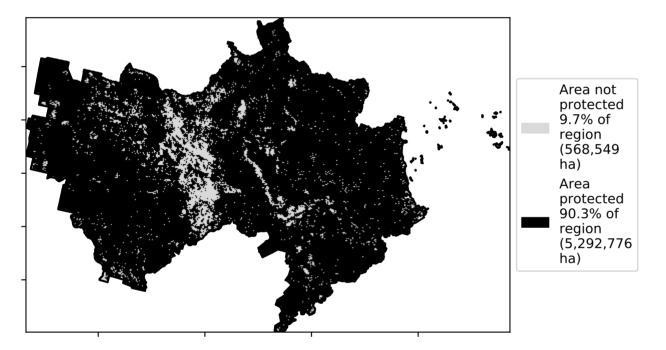
Proportion of each land class in area

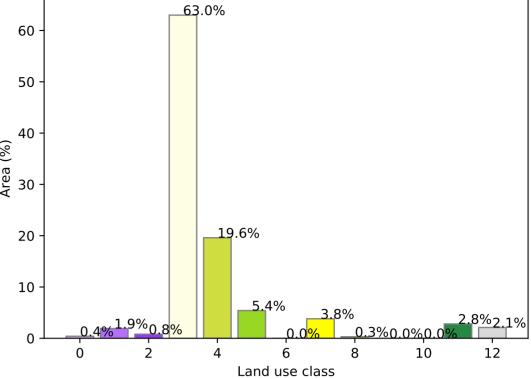


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

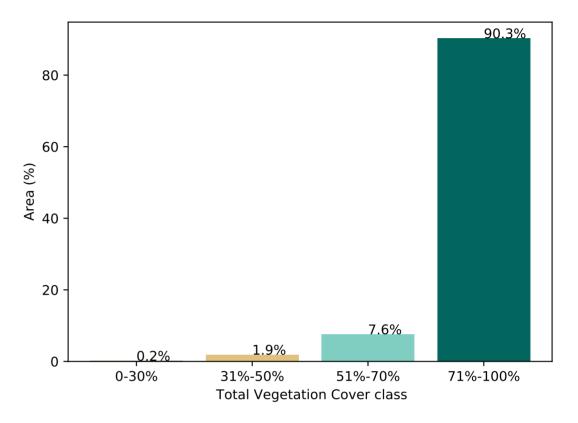


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

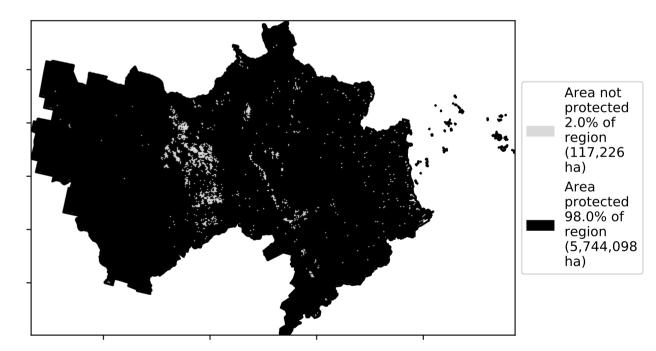




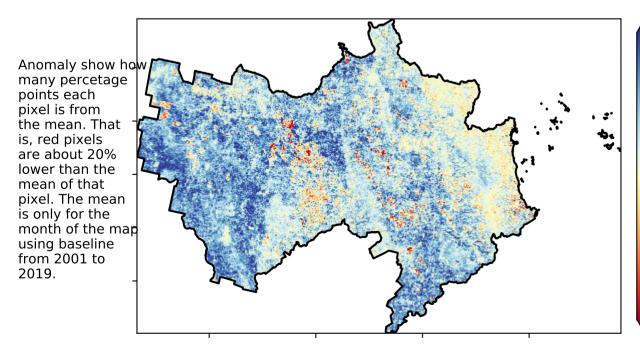
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

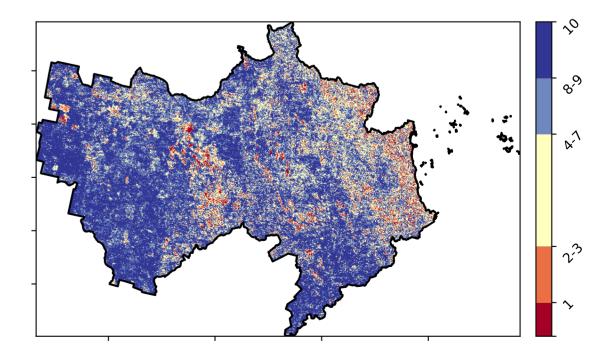


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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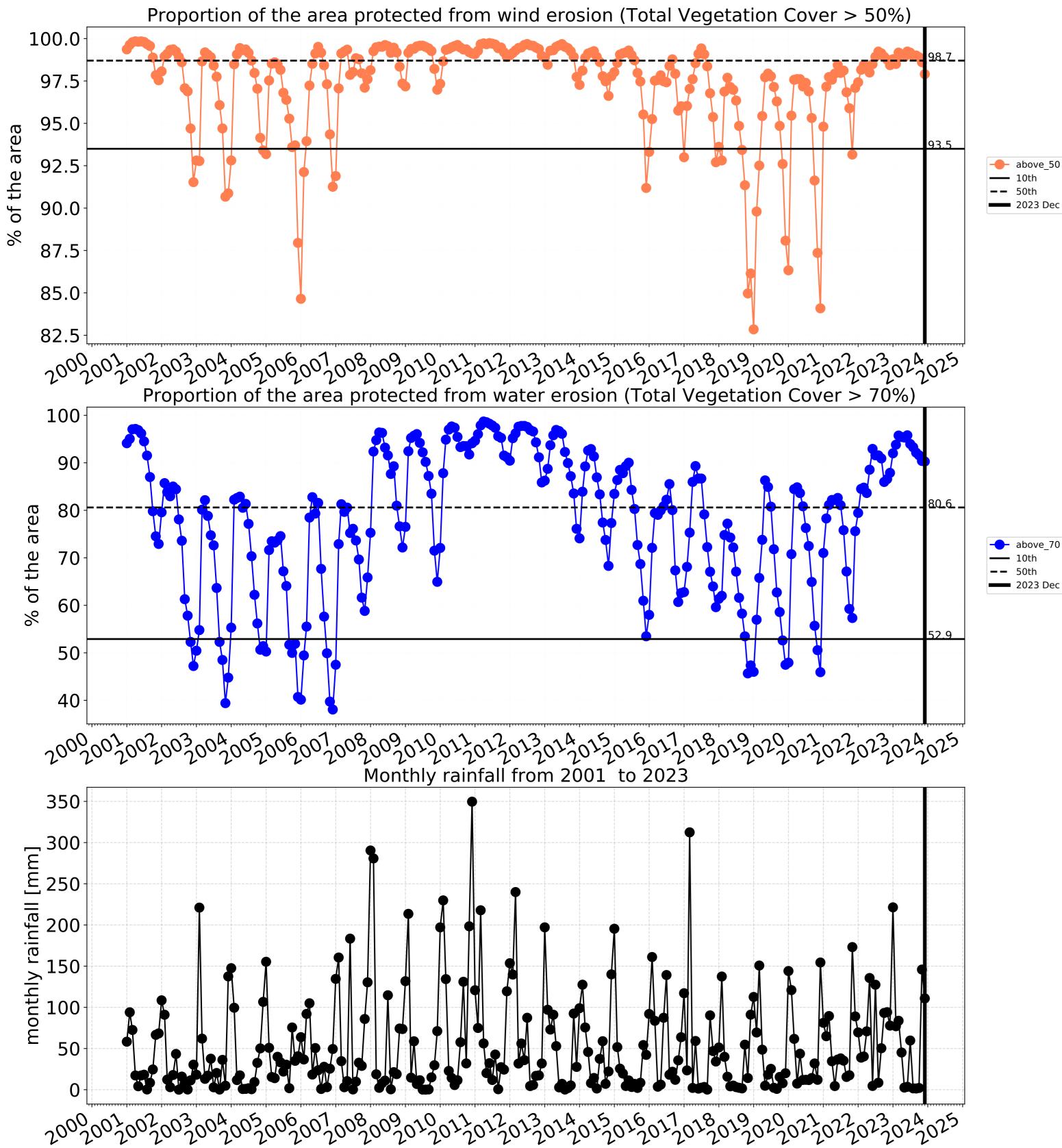
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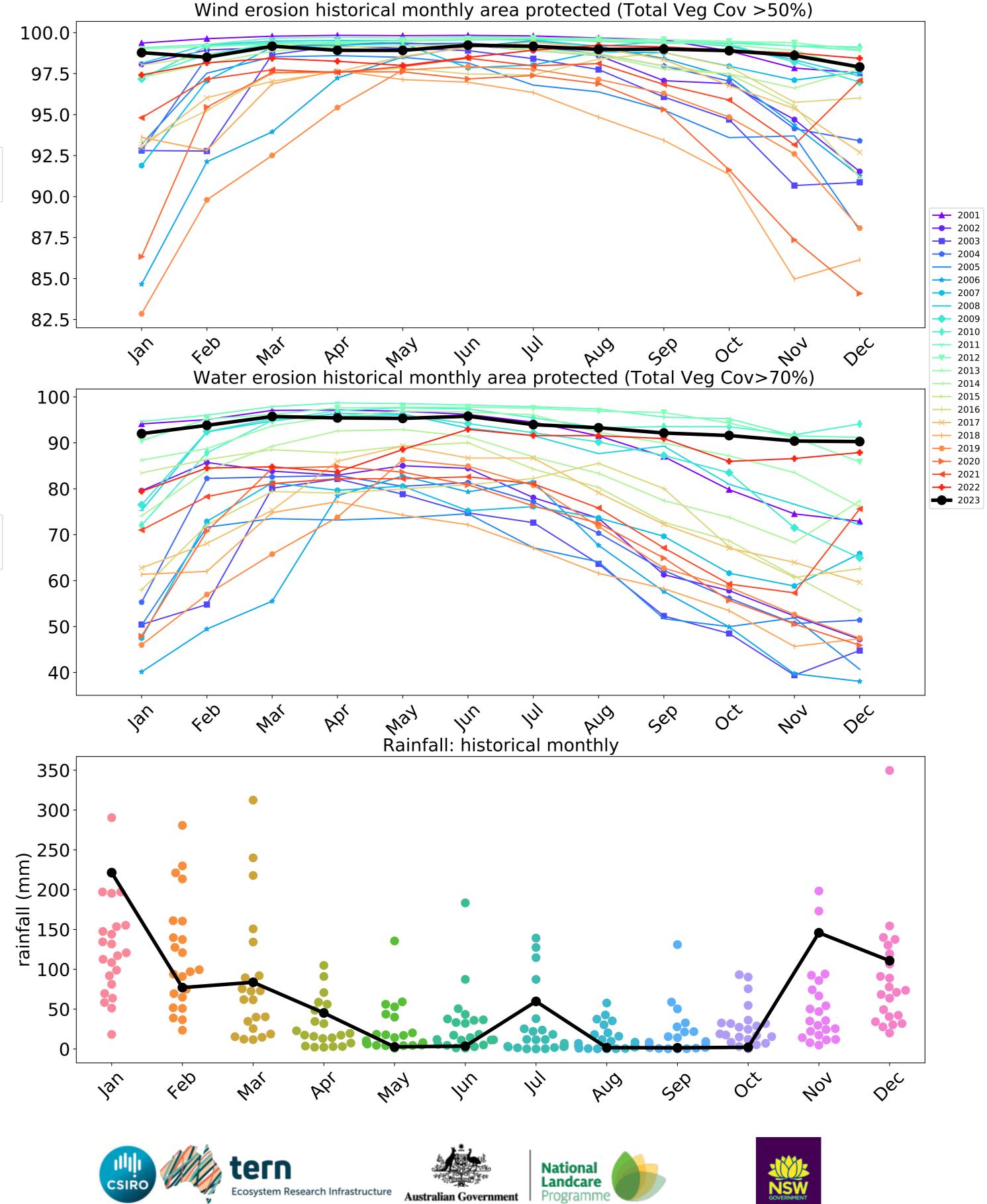
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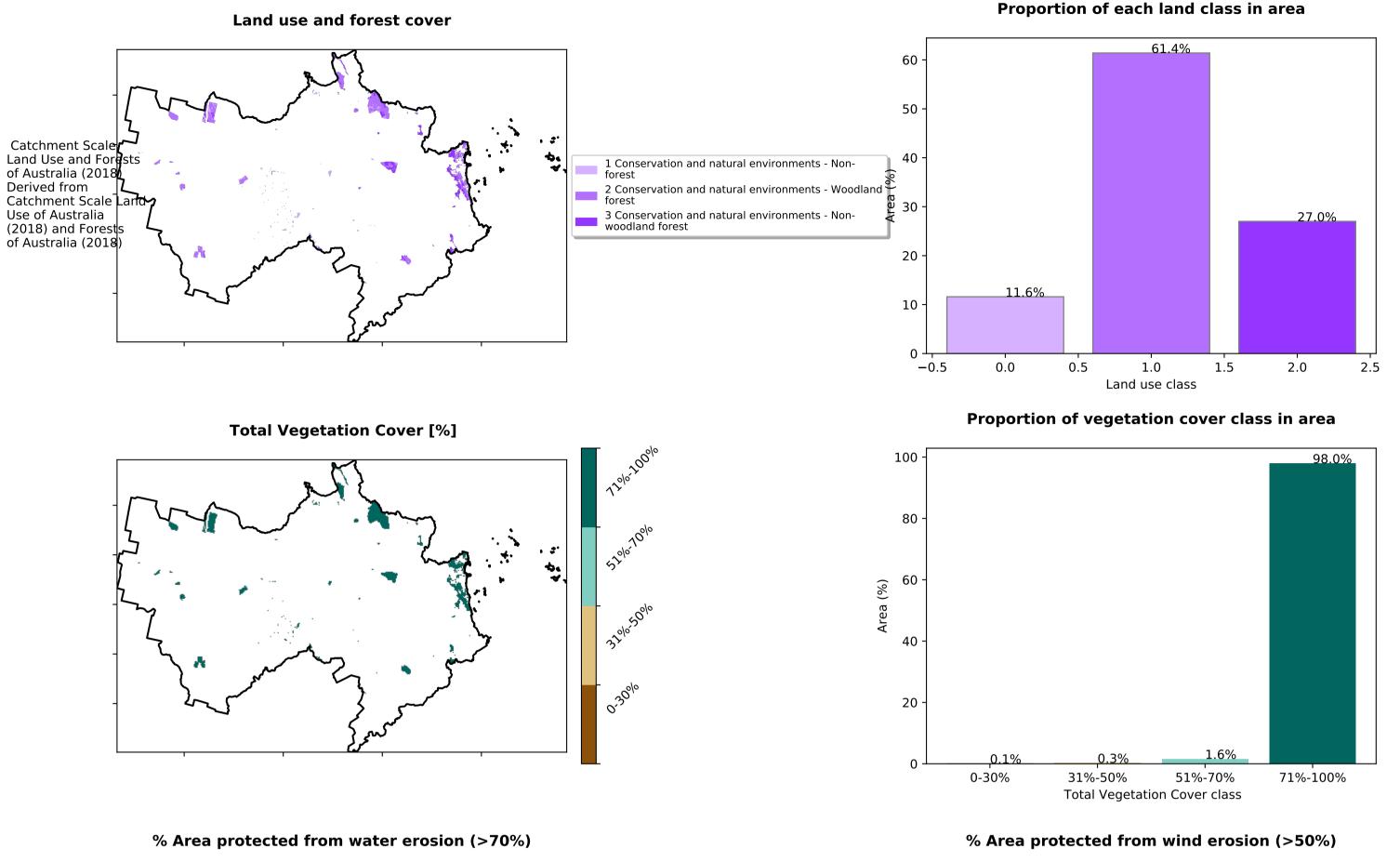
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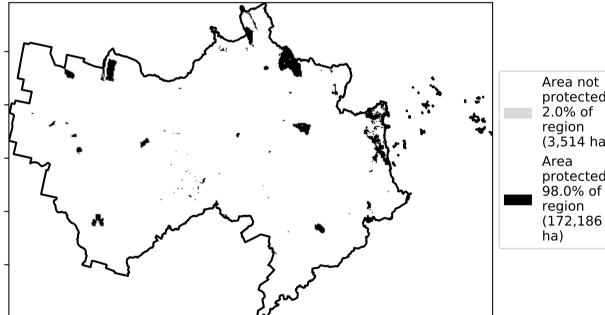
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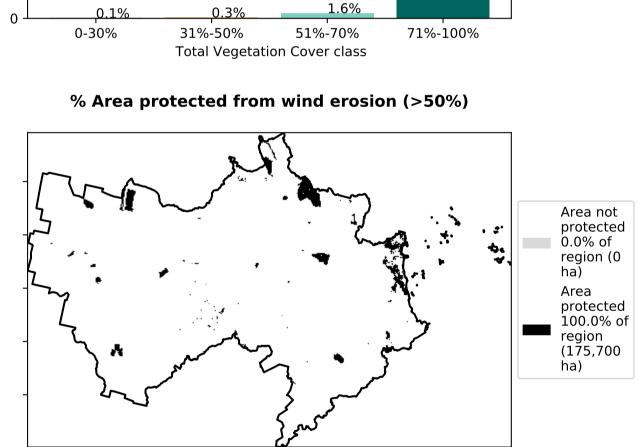


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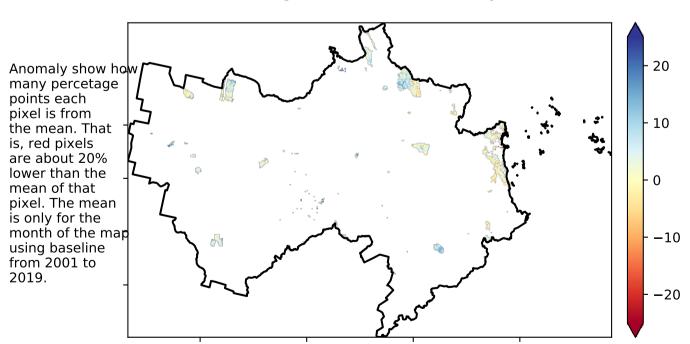






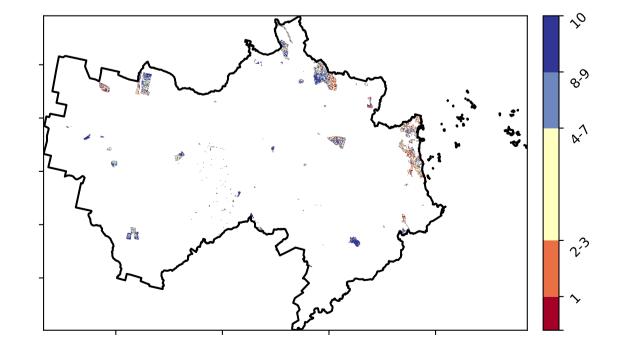


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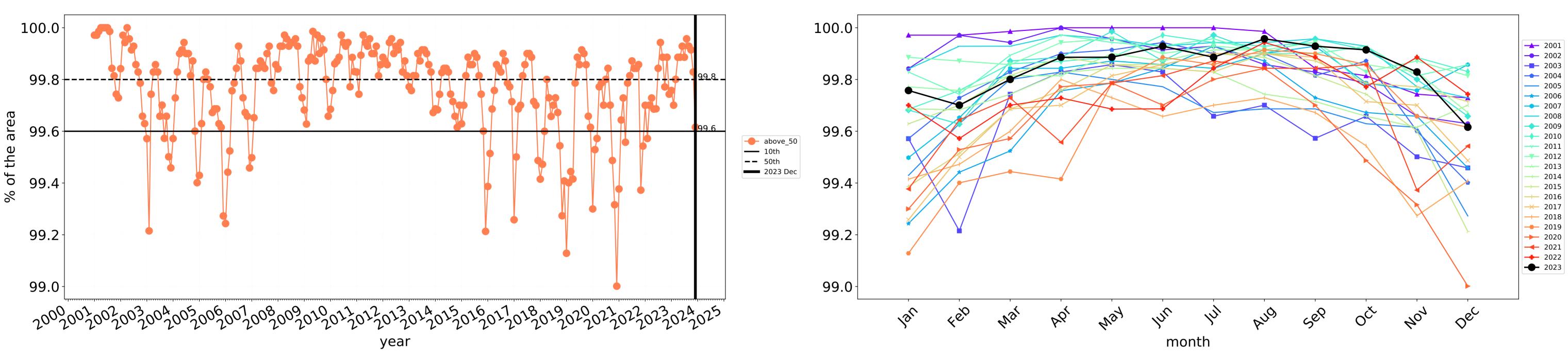


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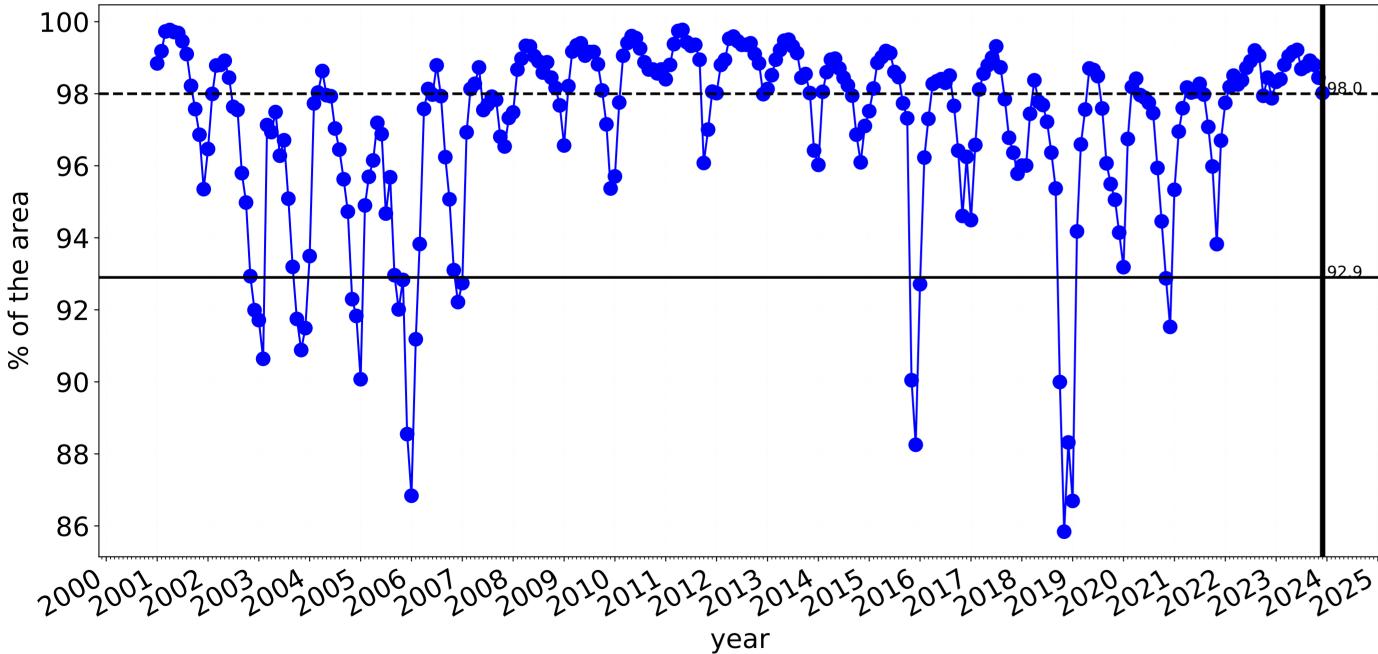




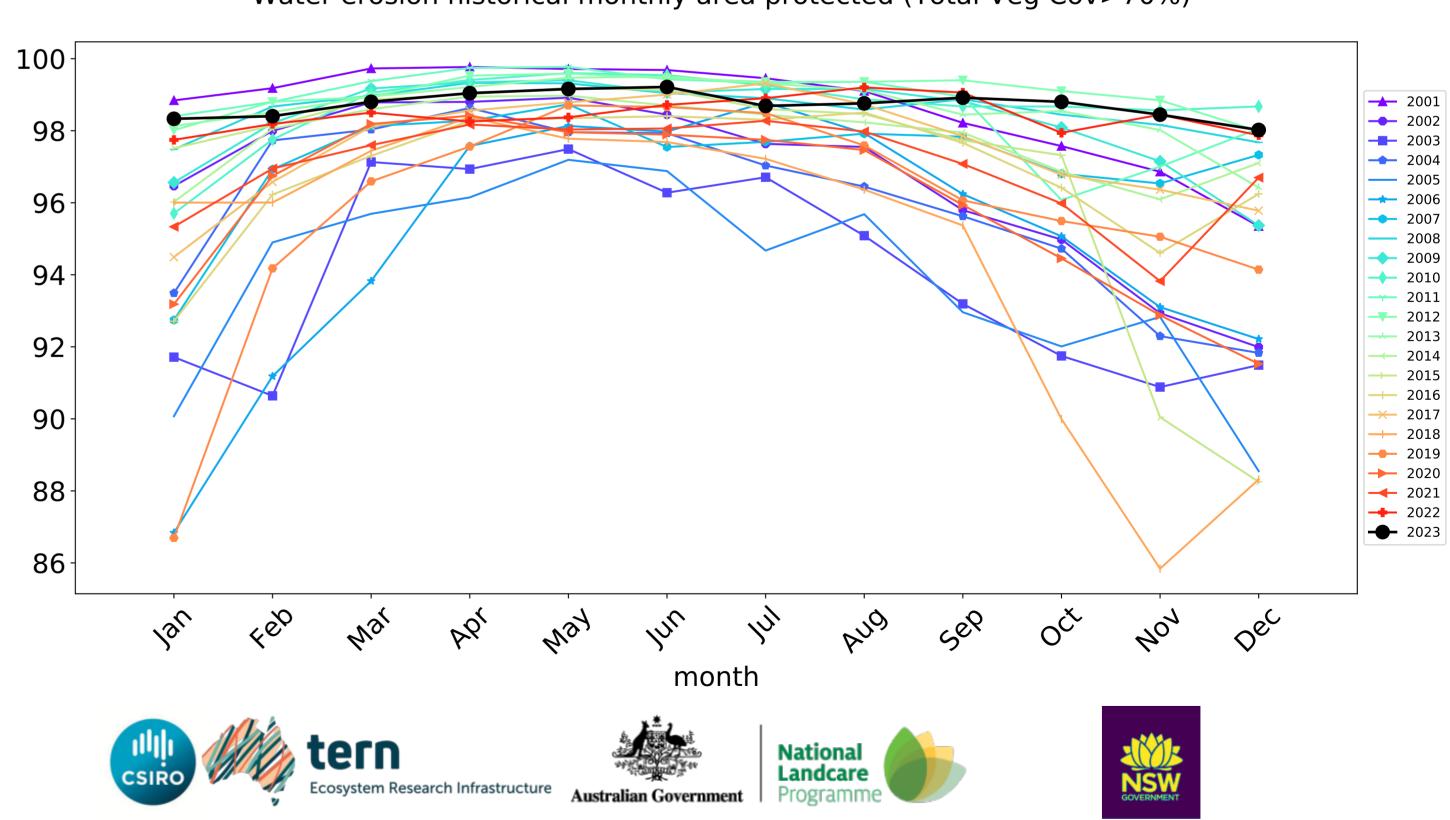


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





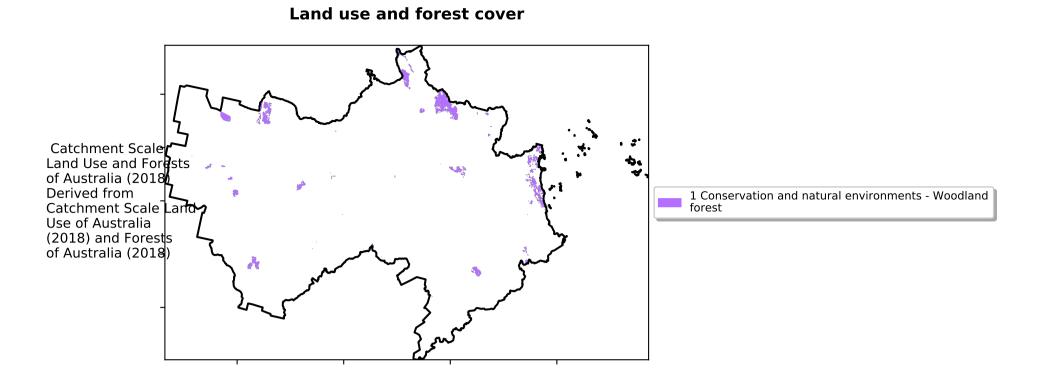
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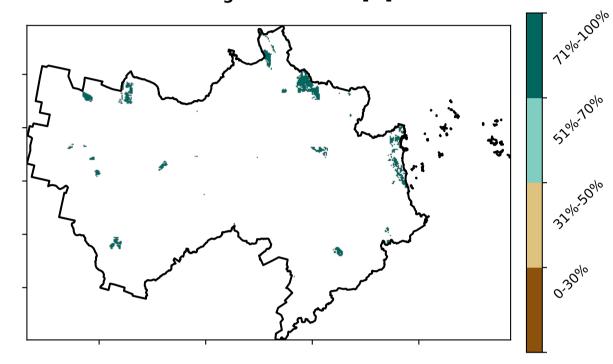
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

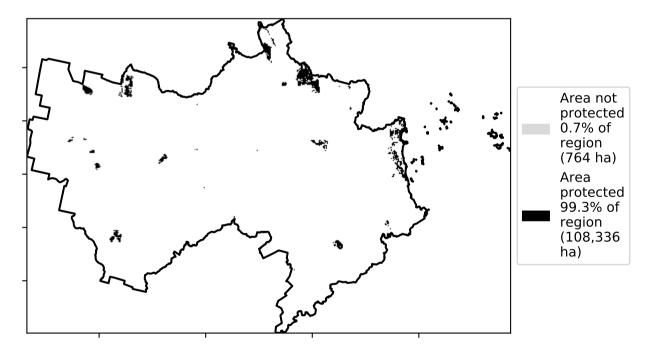
### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**



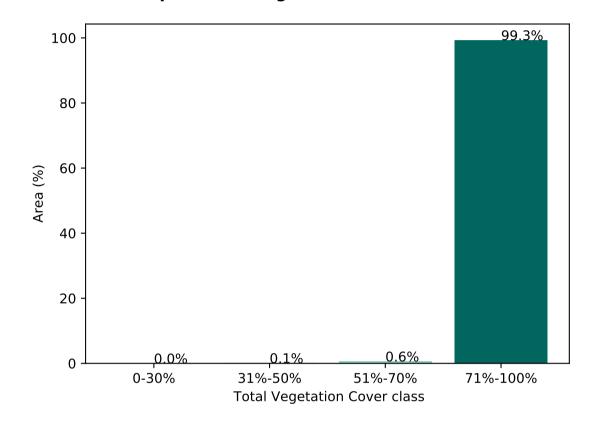
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



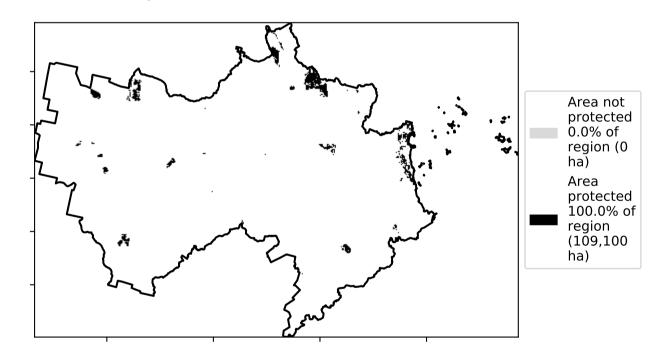
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



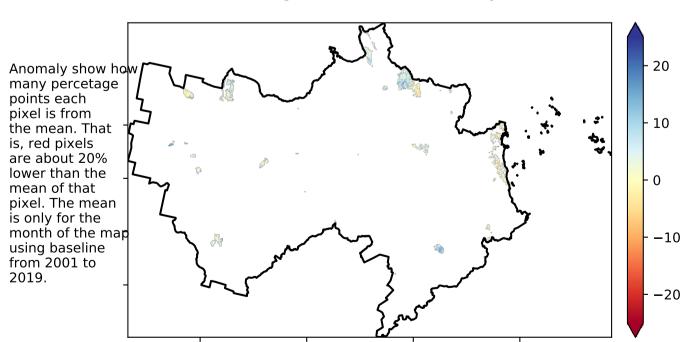
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

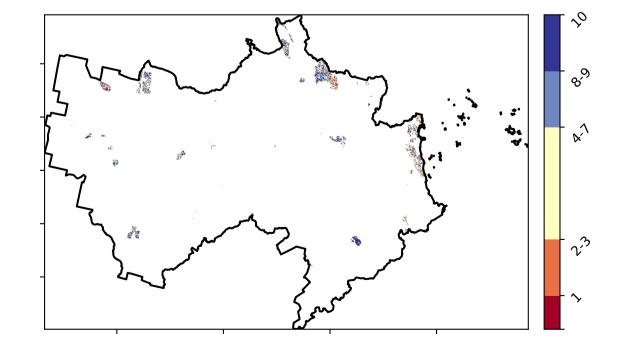


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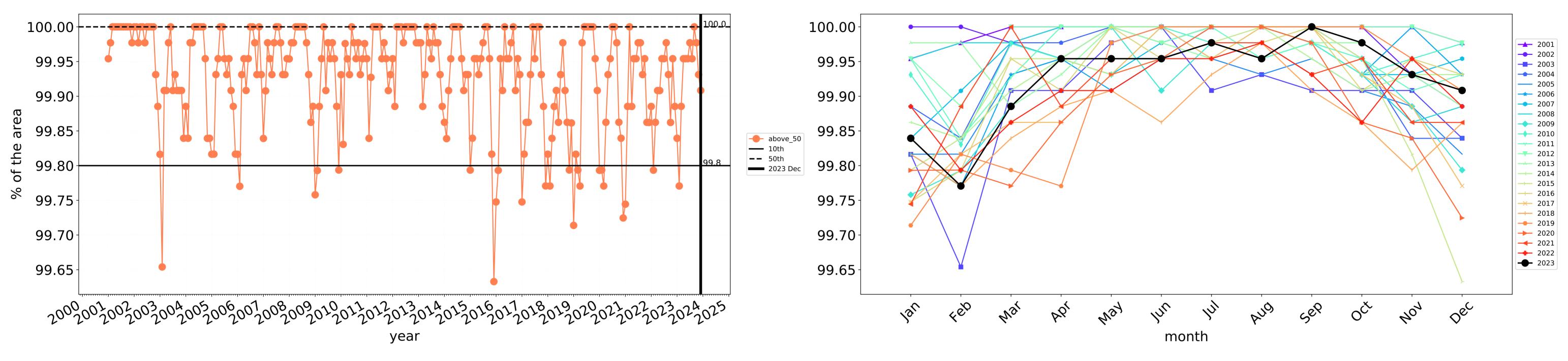
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



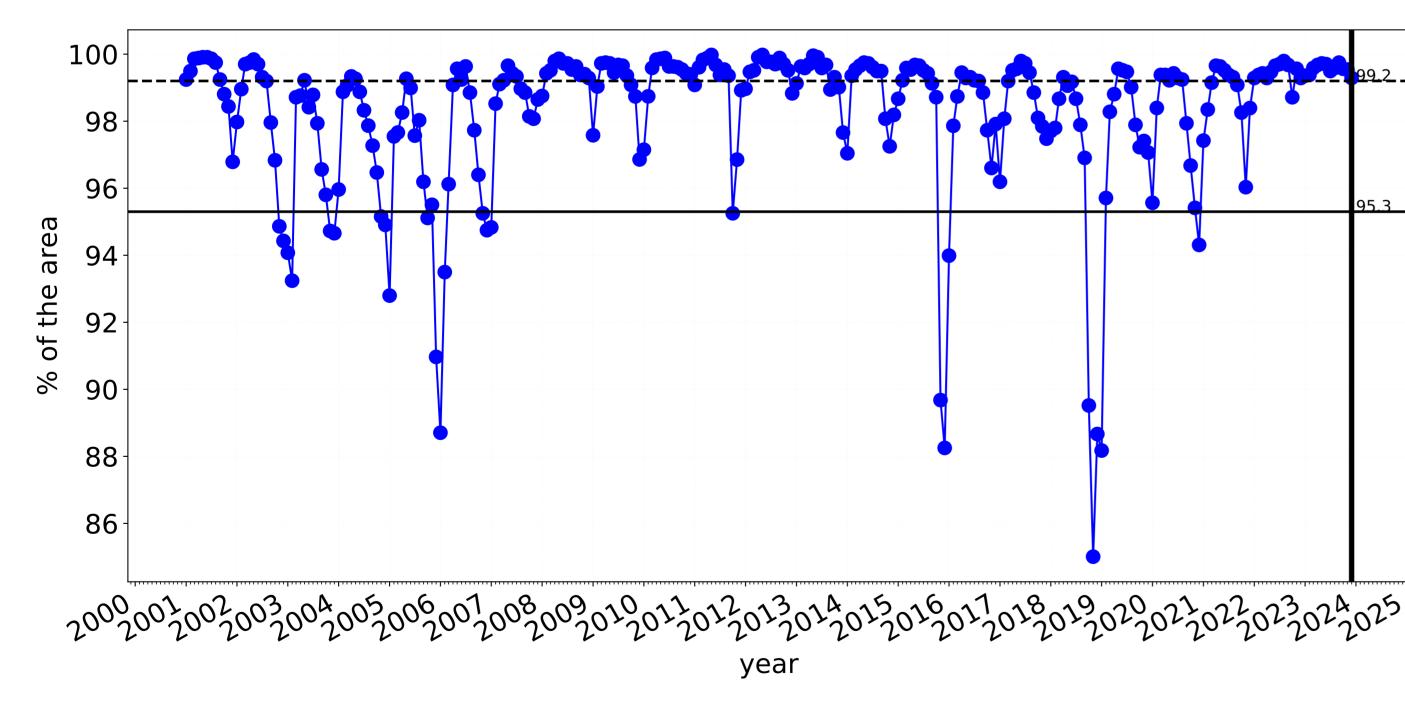


### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**



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

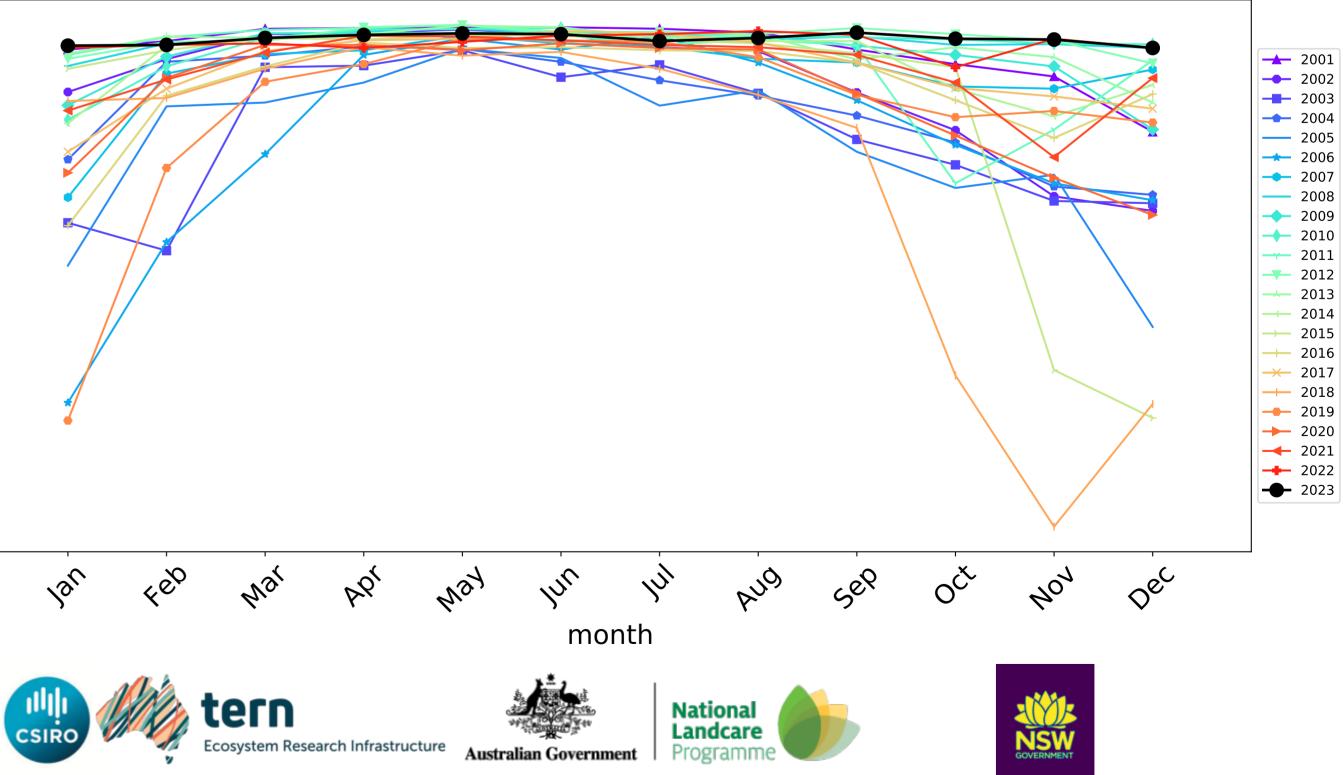
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





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

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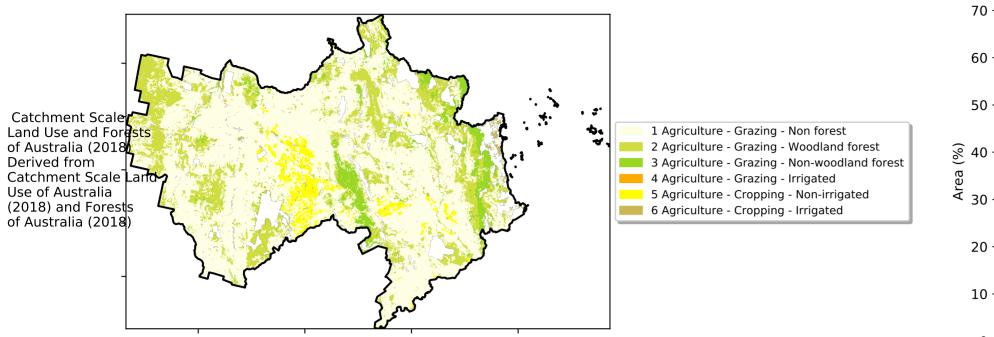


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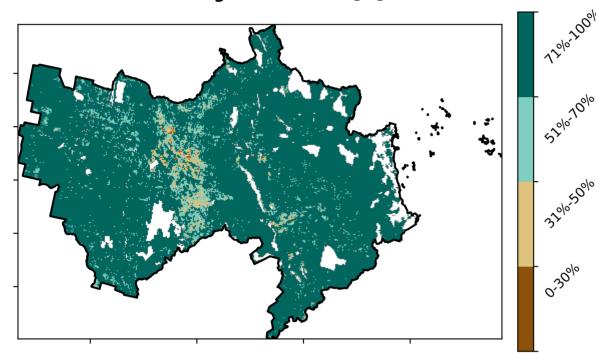
### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

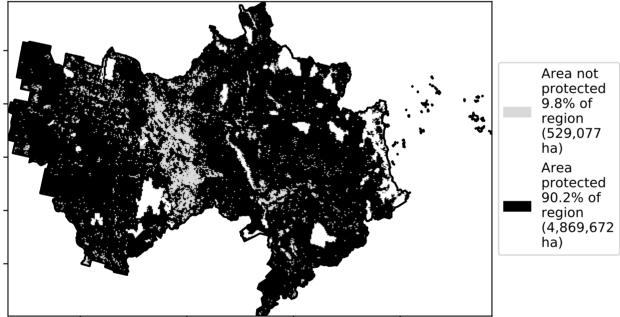


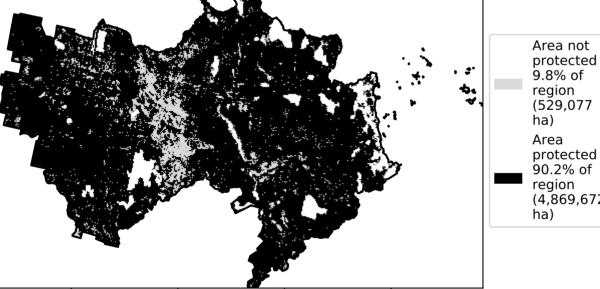


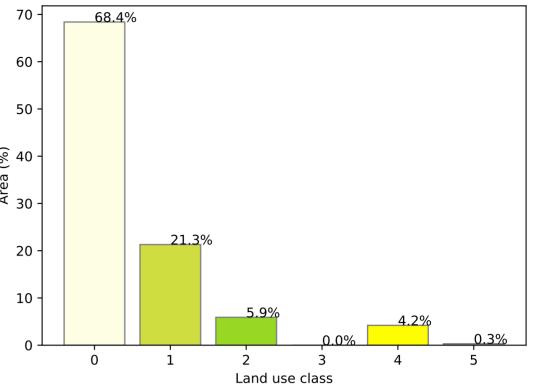
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



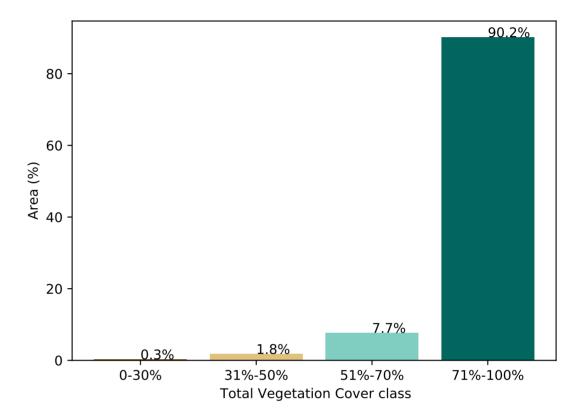
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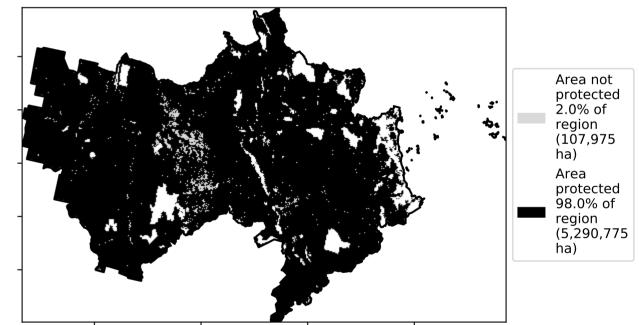




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

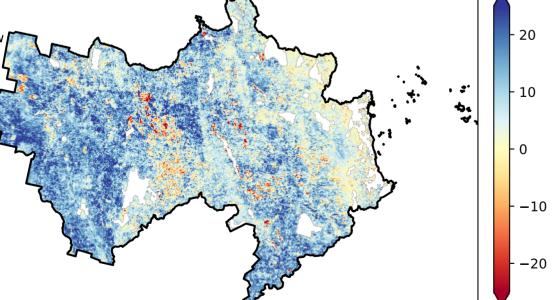


### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



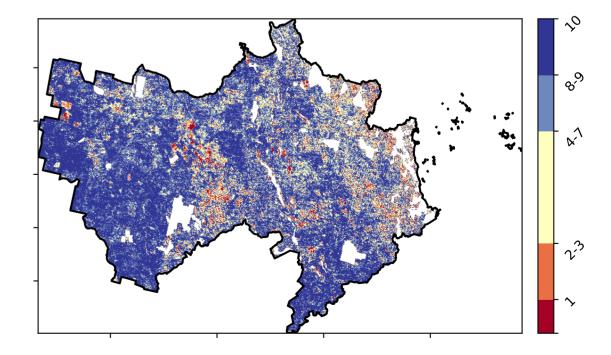
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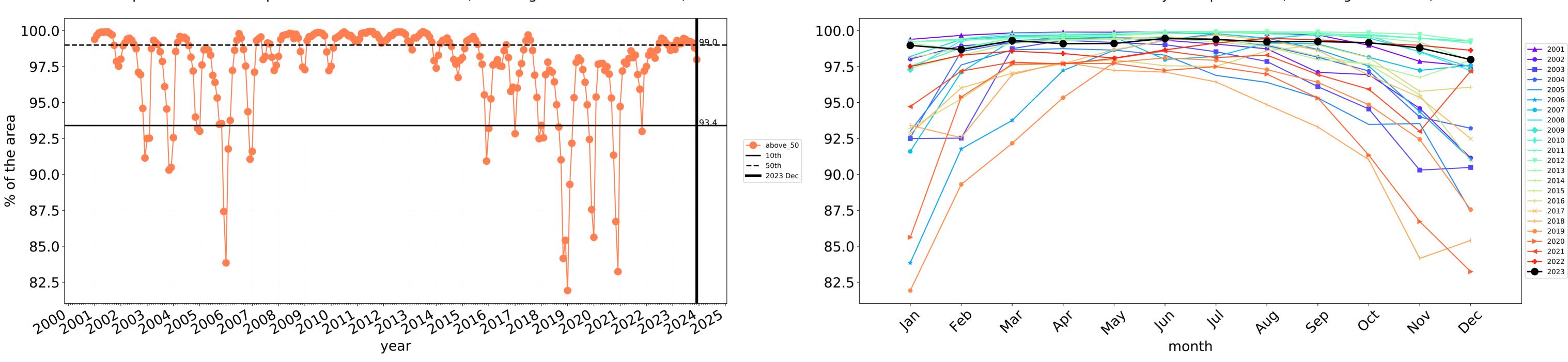


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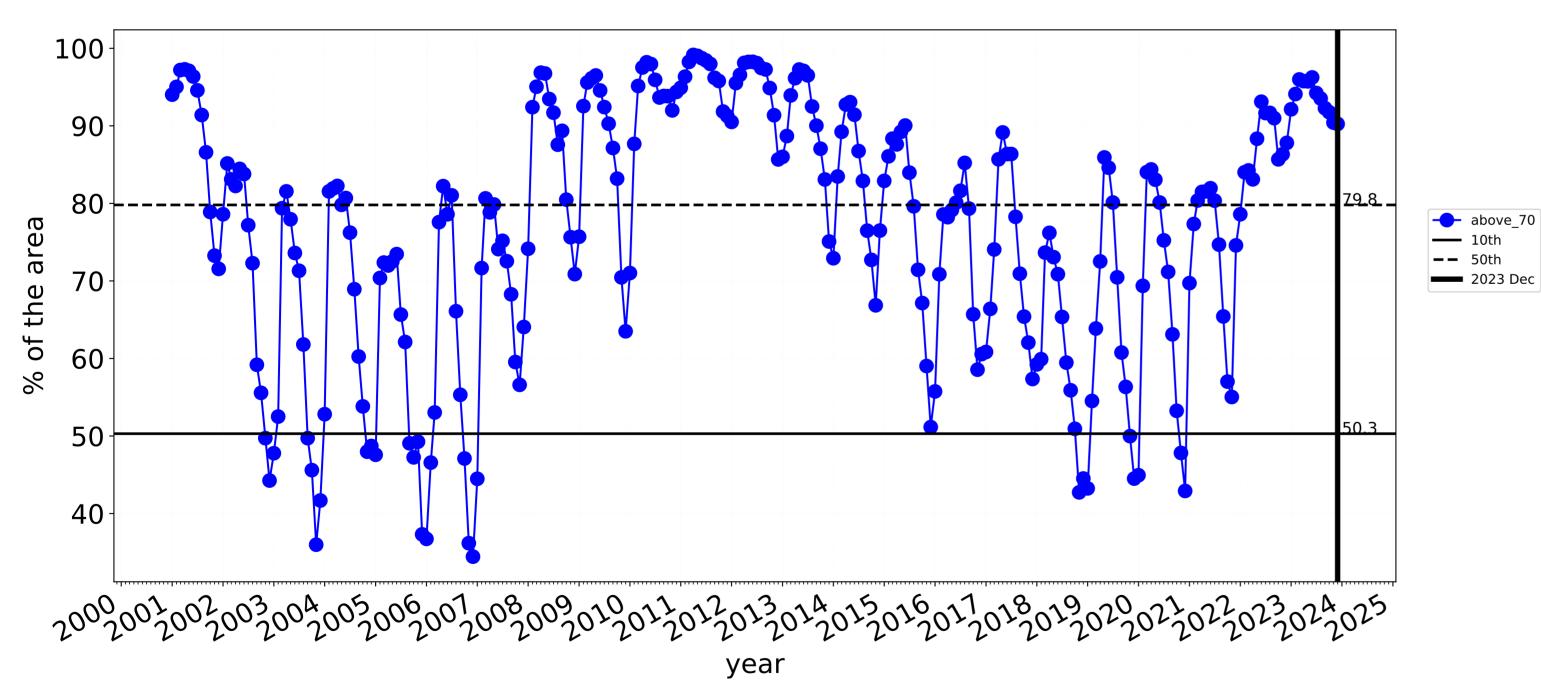






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





### Agriculture timeseries

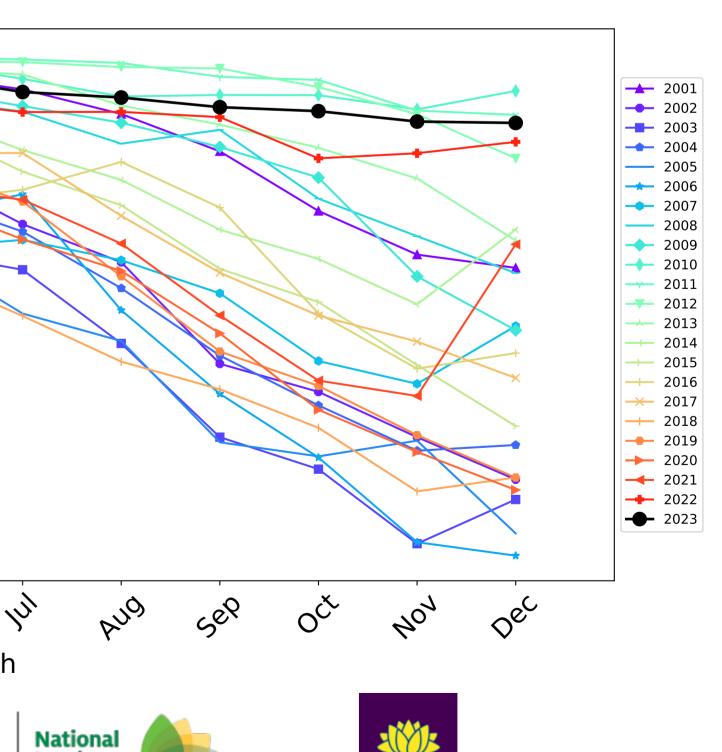
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



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### Grazing

Land use and forest cover 71.6% 70 60 Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018 Derived from 50 ф, Area (%) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest Catchment Scale Land 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 30 20 10 0 -0.5 0.0 **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 12%100 80 52%70% \$. Þ. 60 Area (%) 32010 0.30% 20 0.1% 0 0-30%

Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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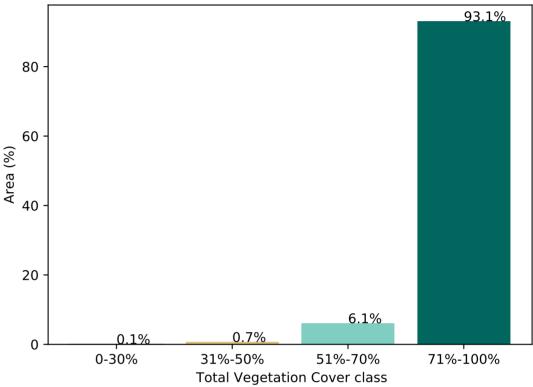
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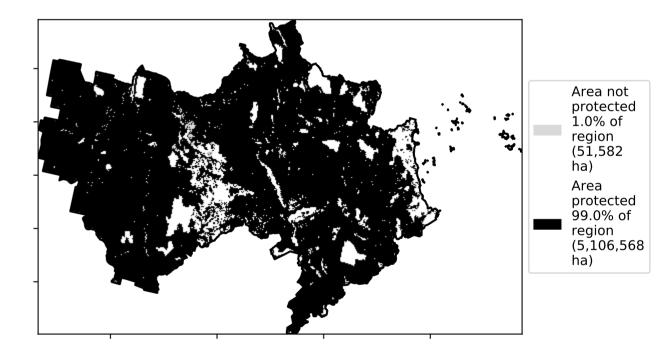
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



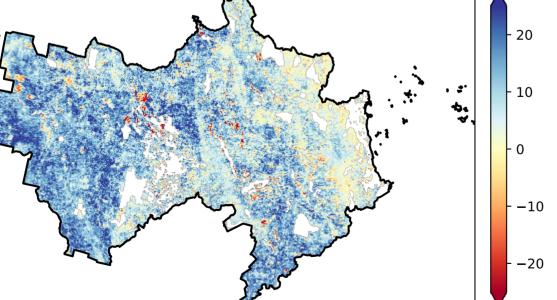
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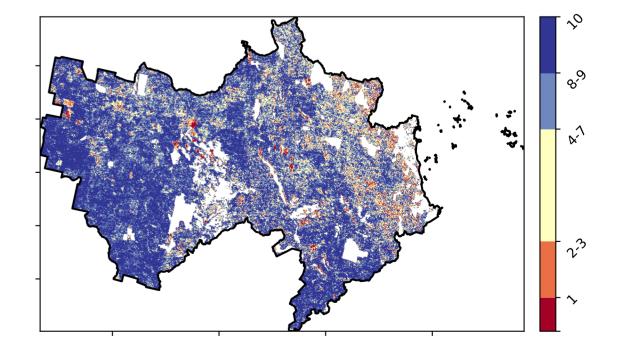
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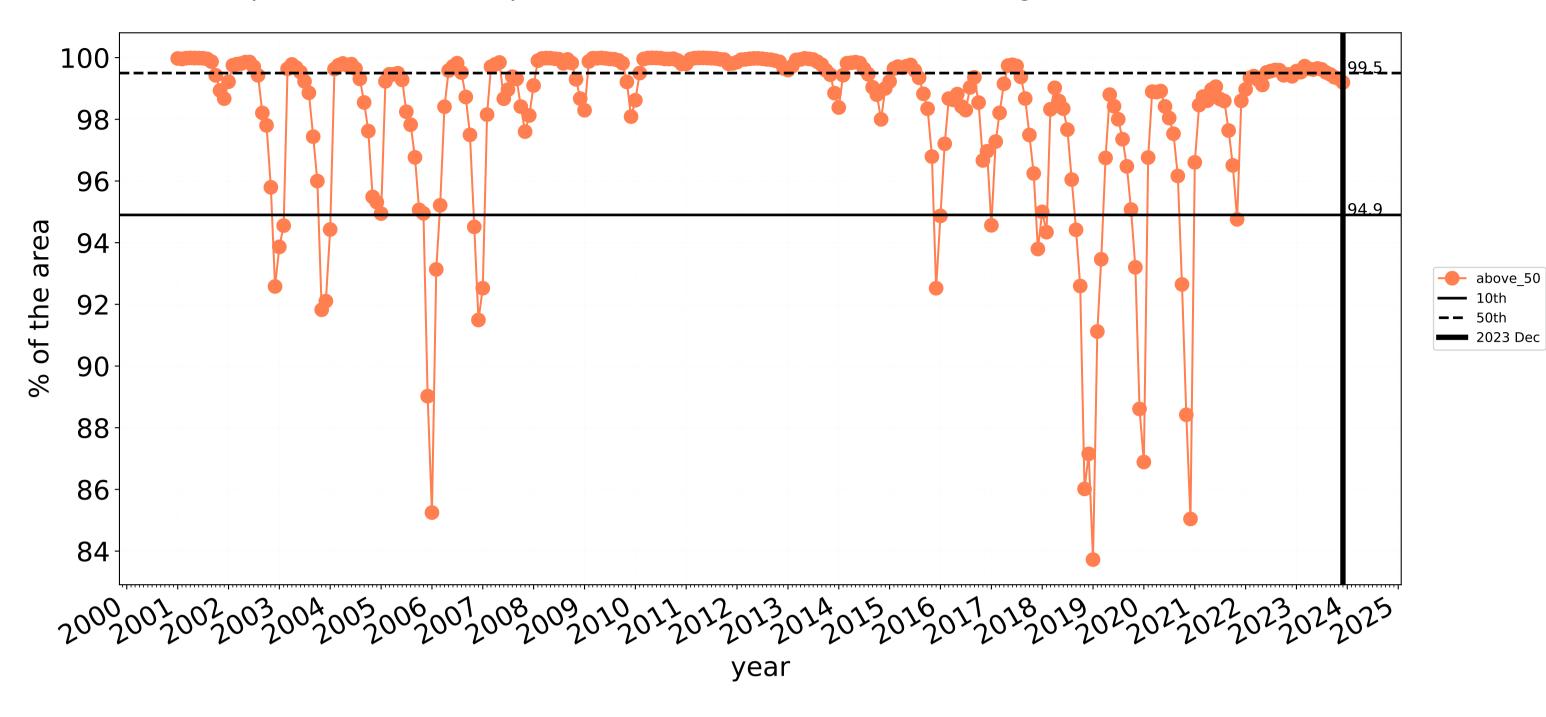


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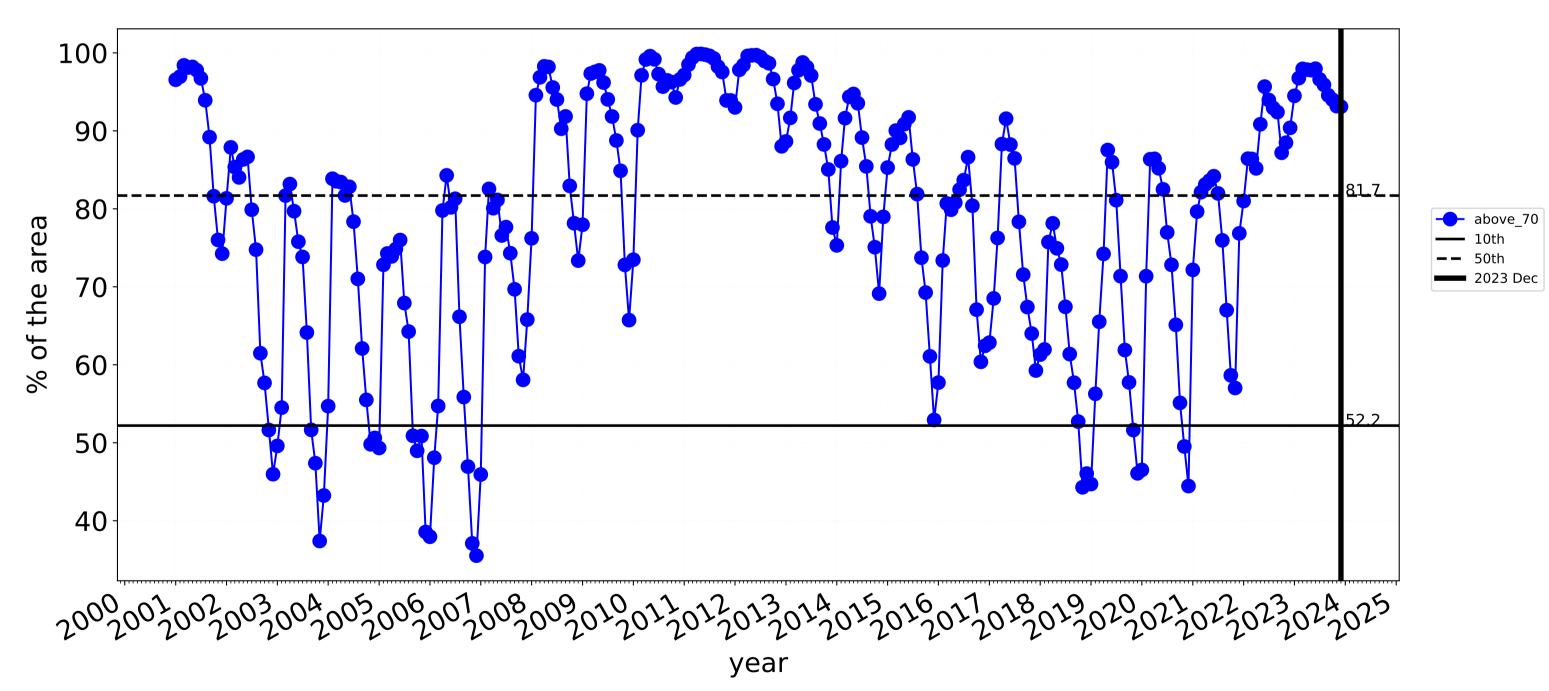






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

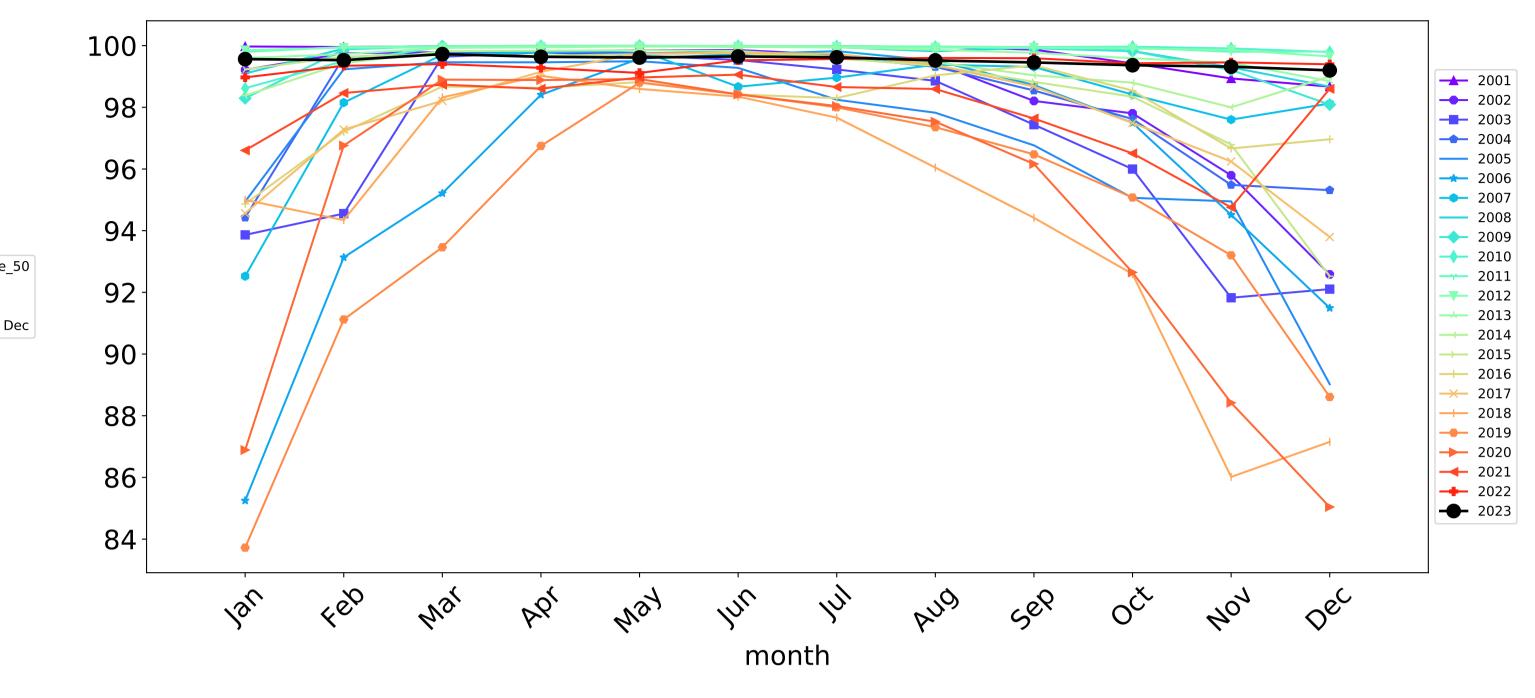




### Grazing timeseries

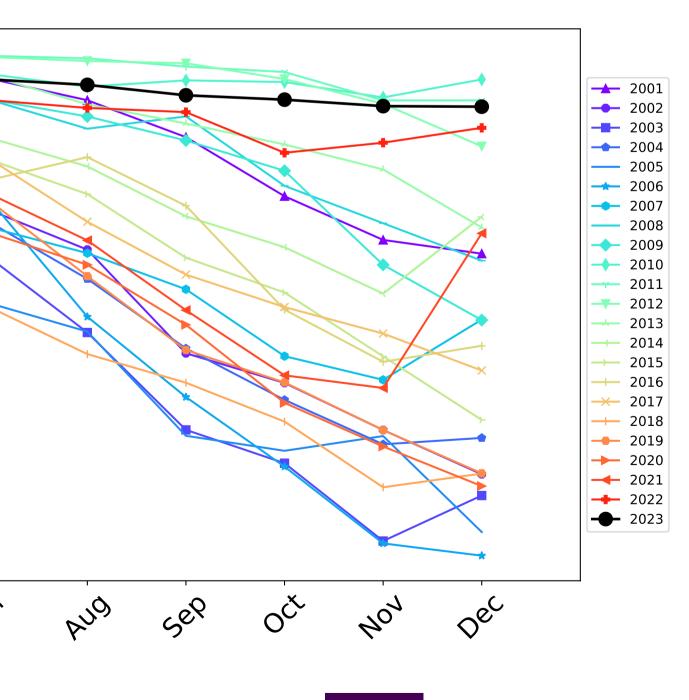


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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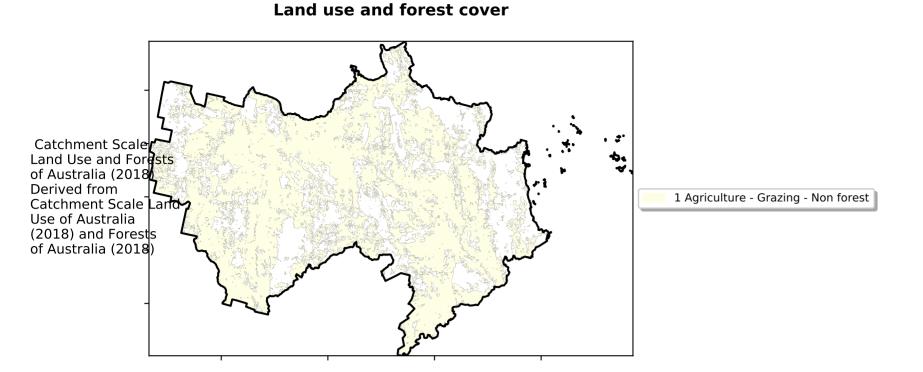
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



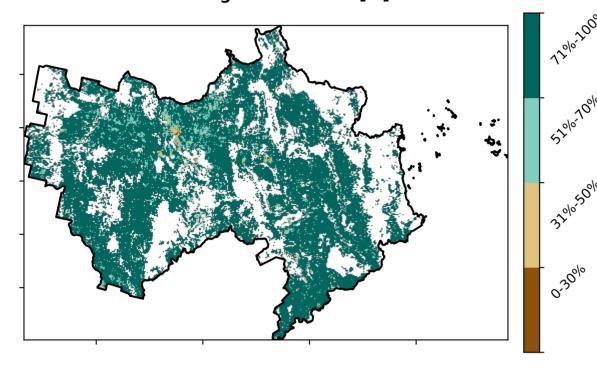




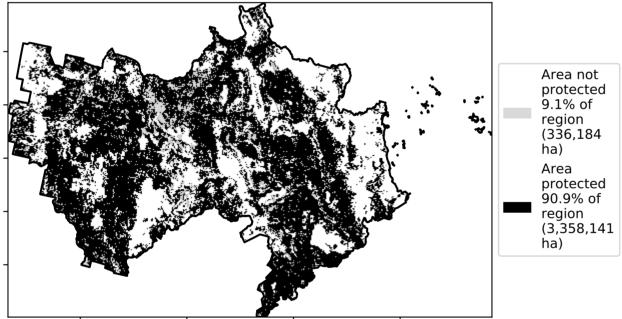
### **Grazing non forest**



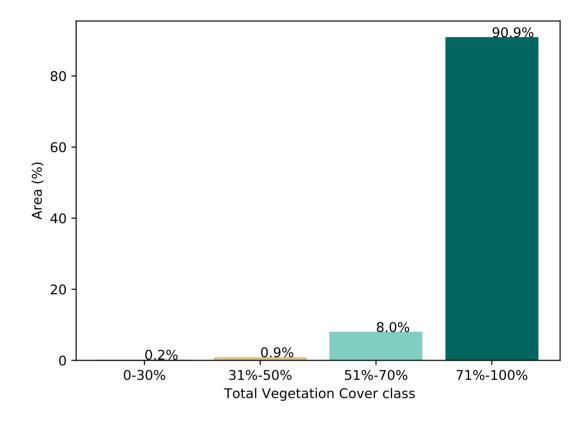
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



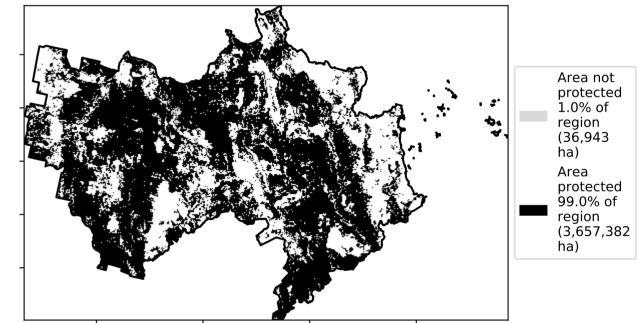
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





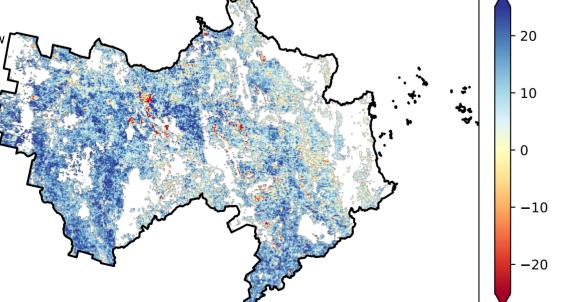


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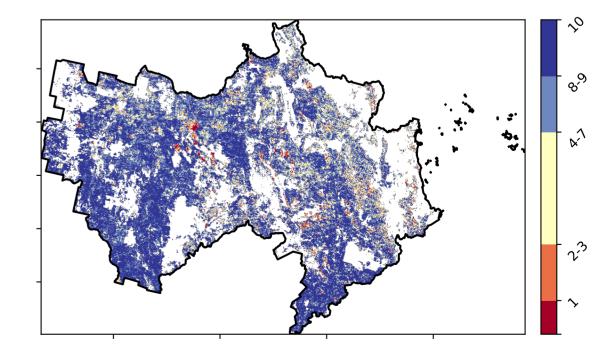


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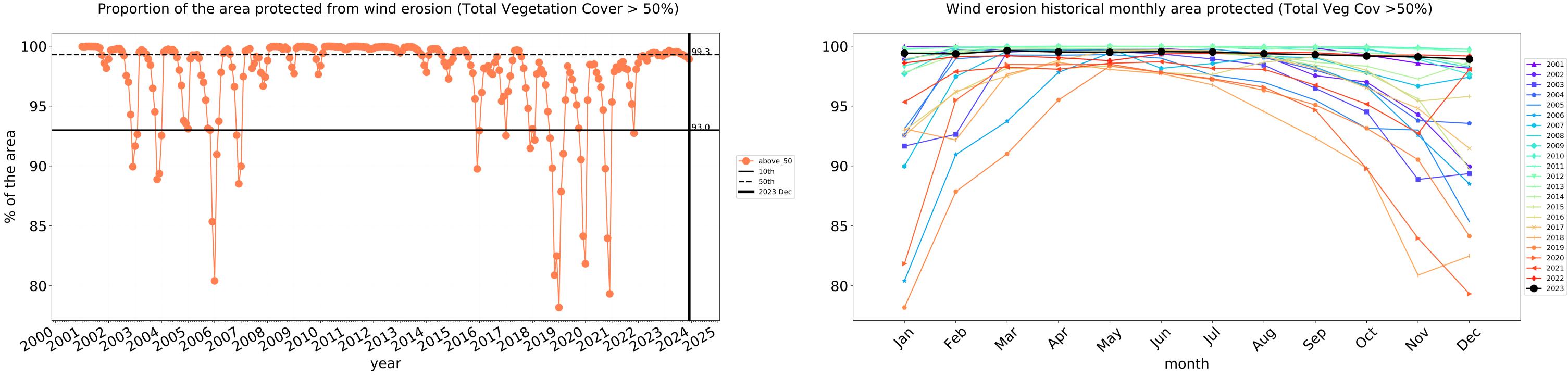


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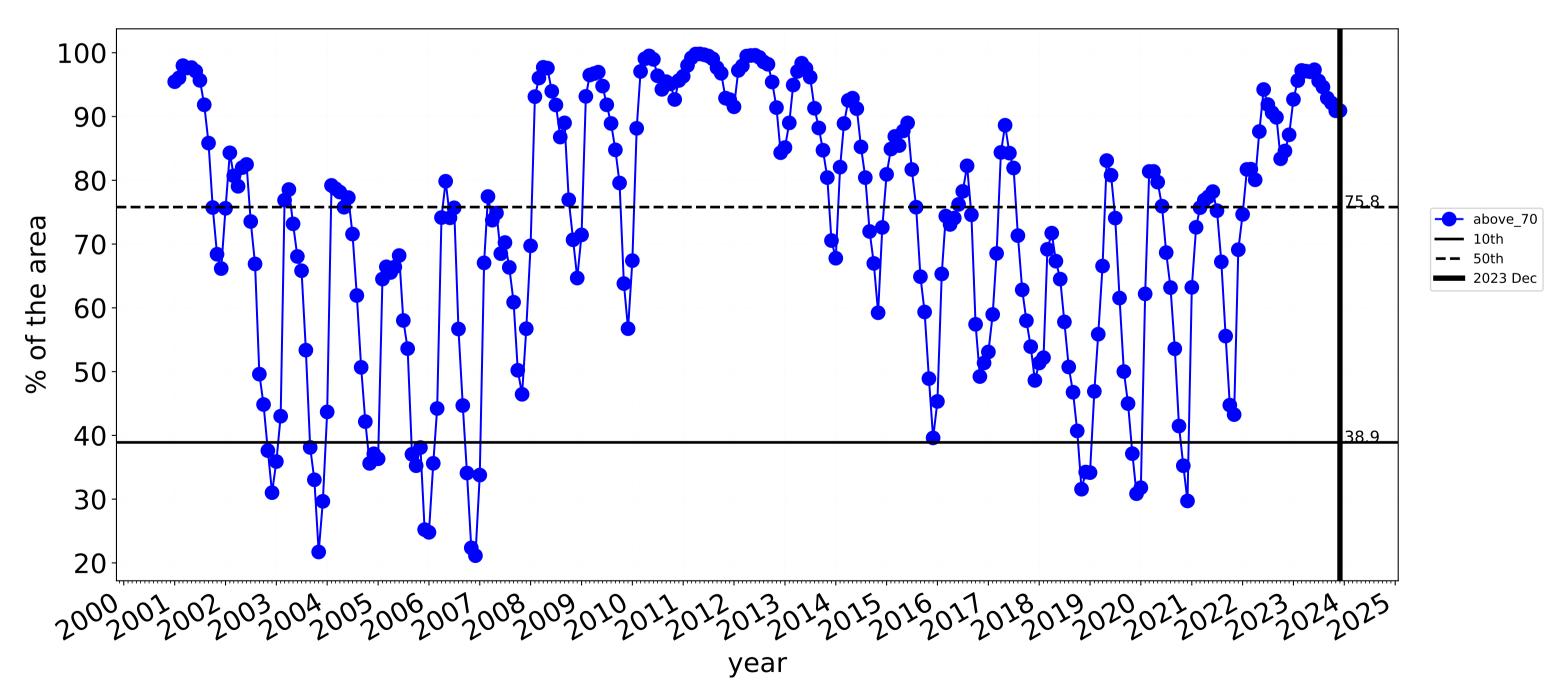




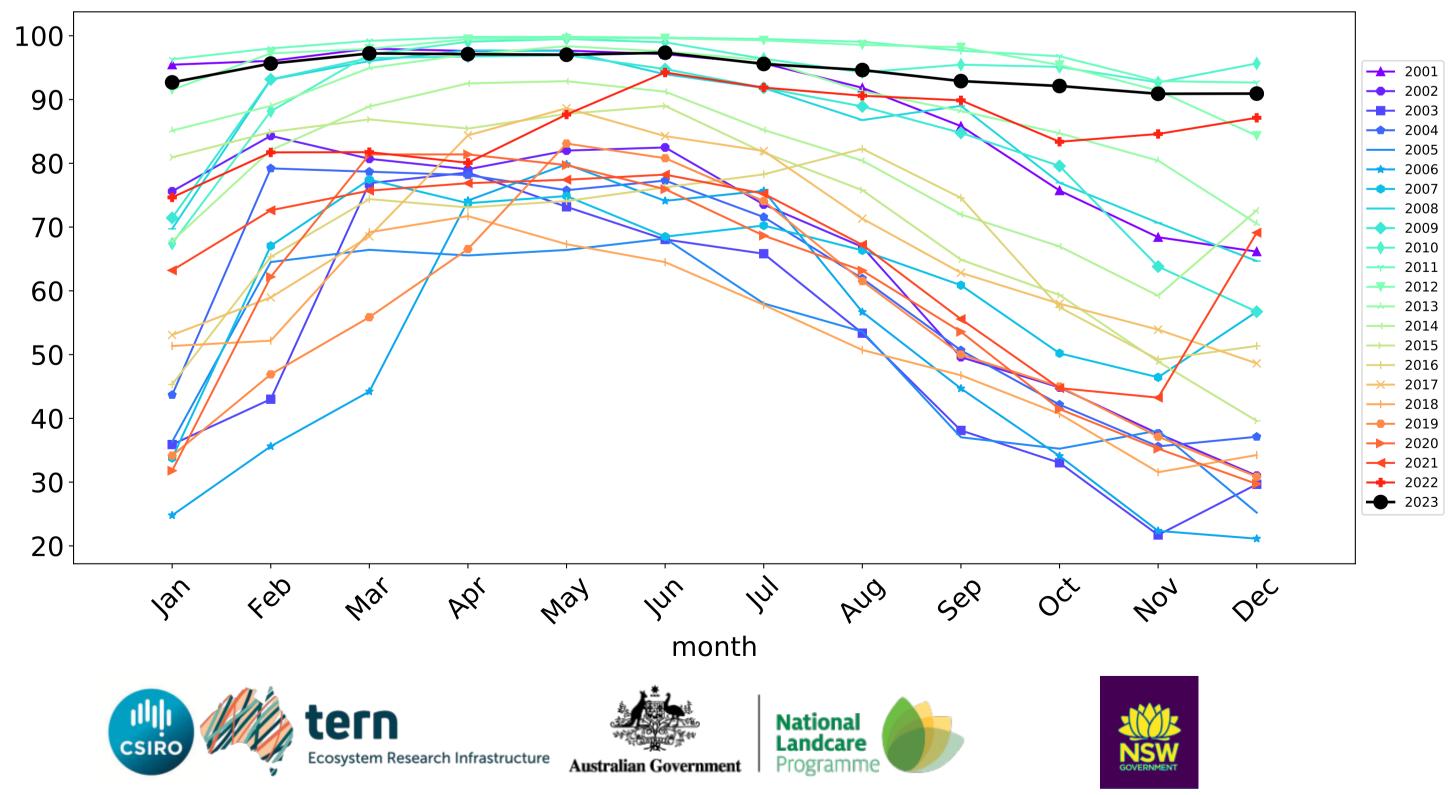


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

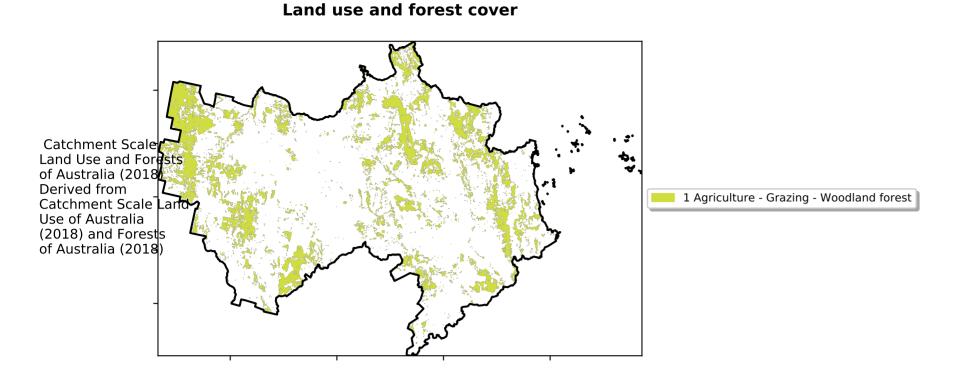


### Grazing non forest timeseries

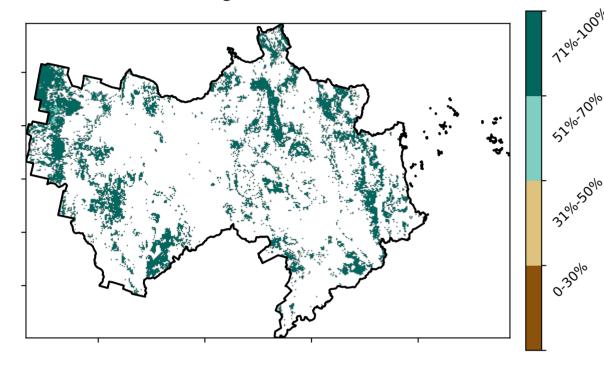


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

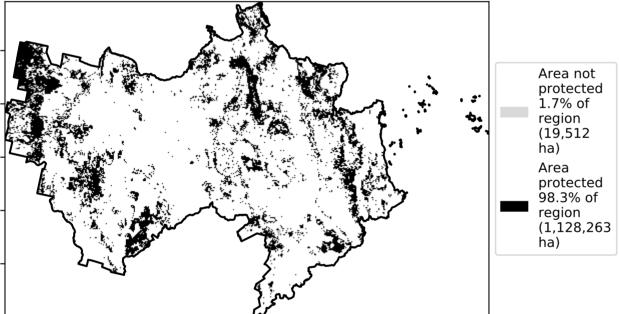
### **Grazing Woodland forest**



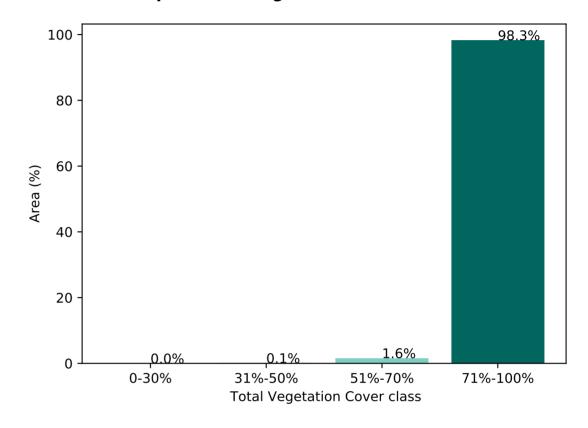
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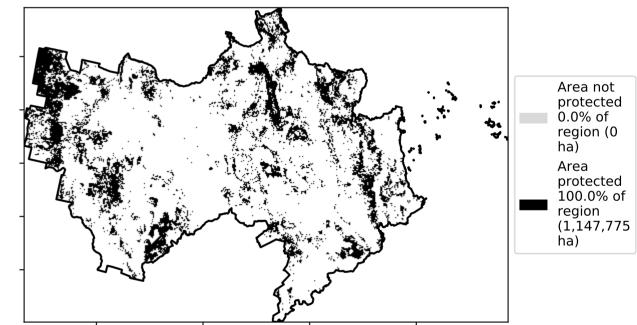
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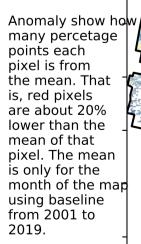


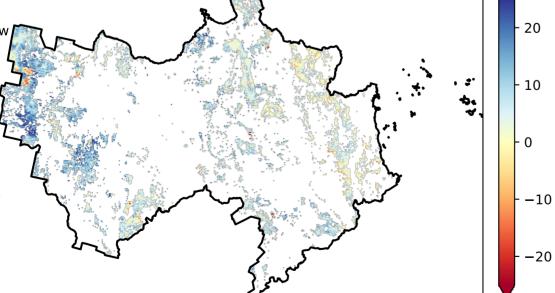


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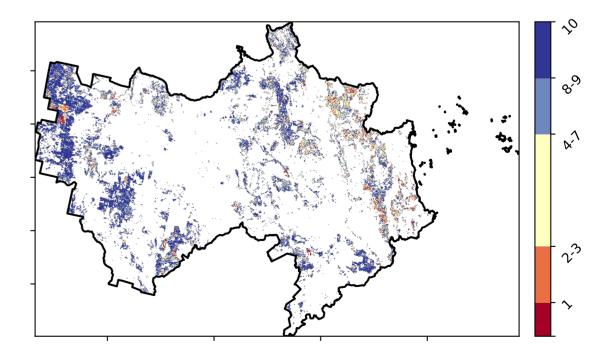
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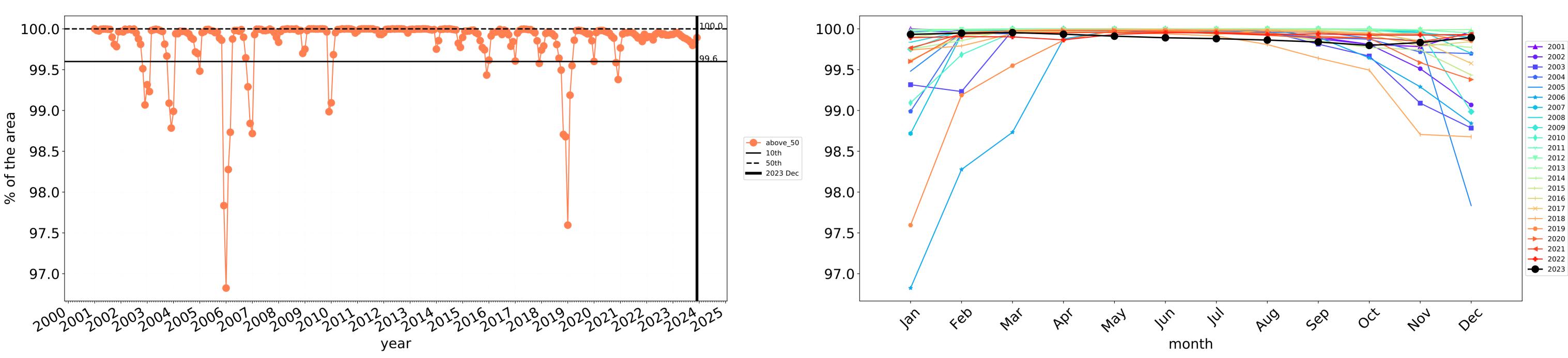


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







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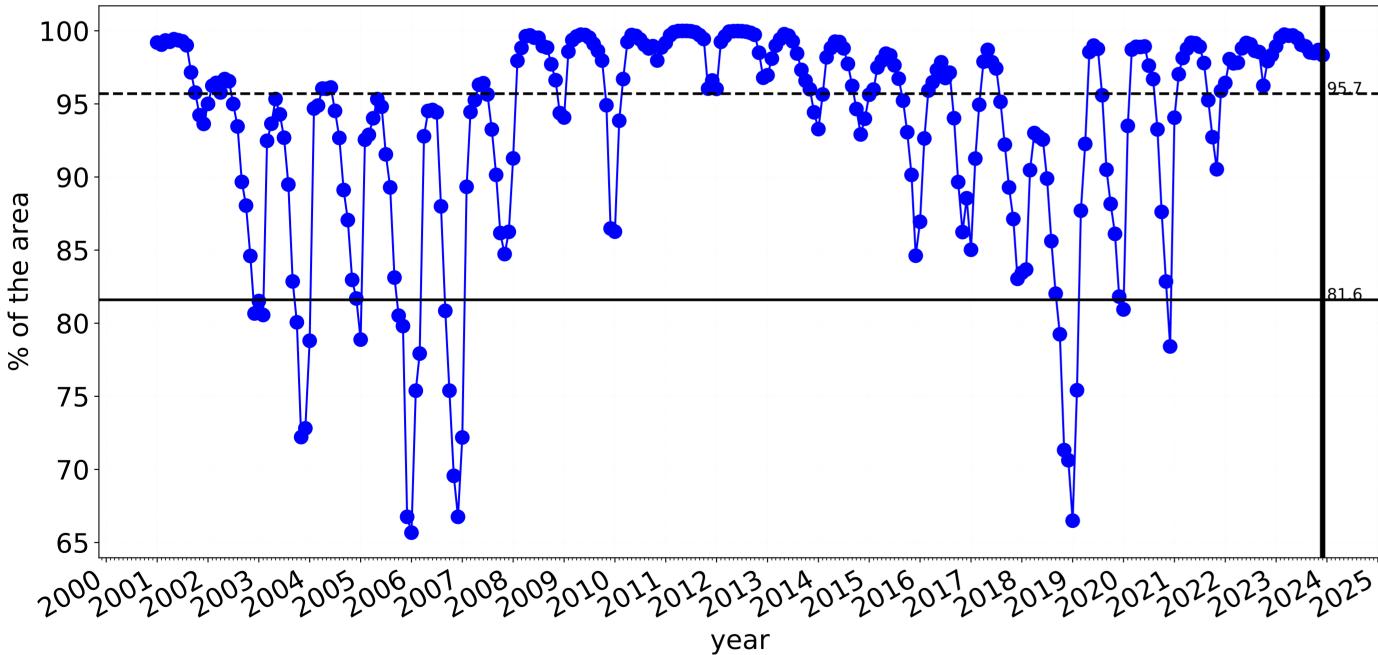
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

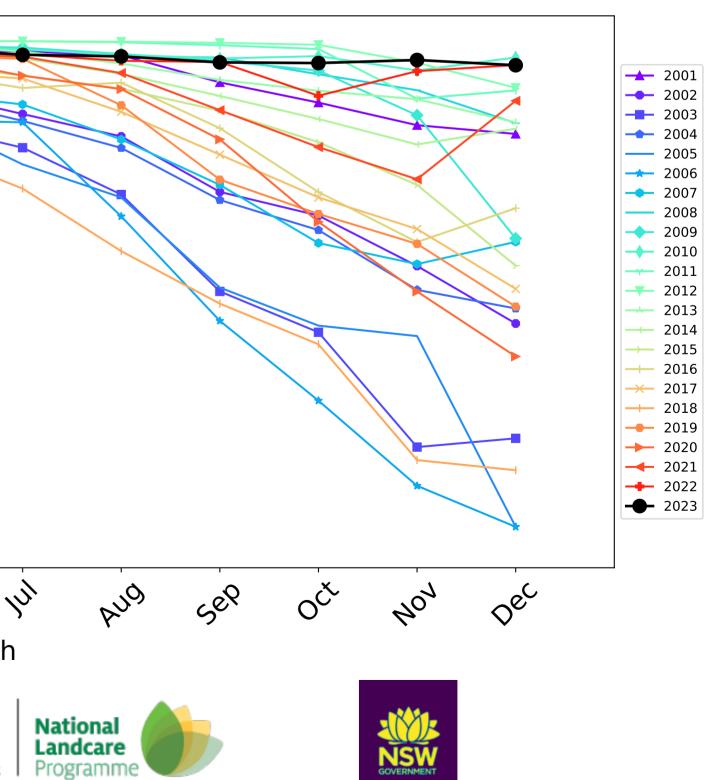
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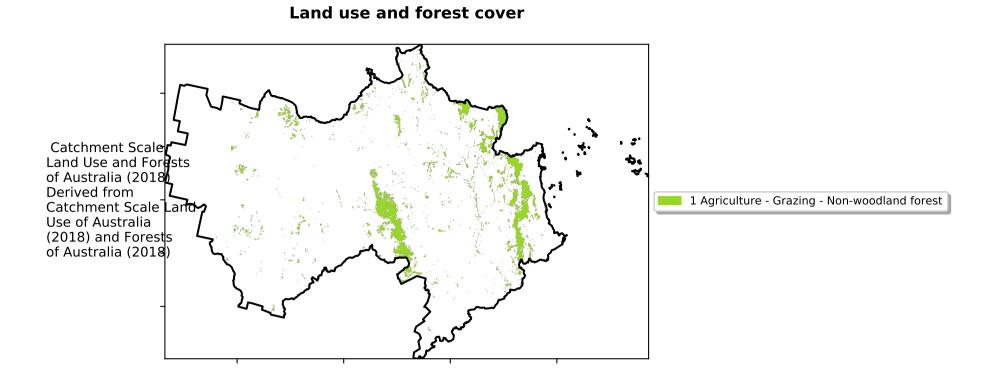
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

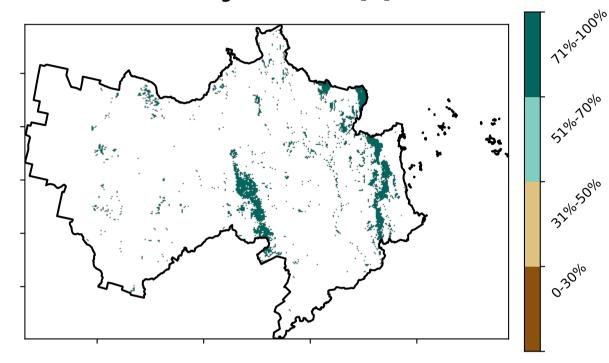
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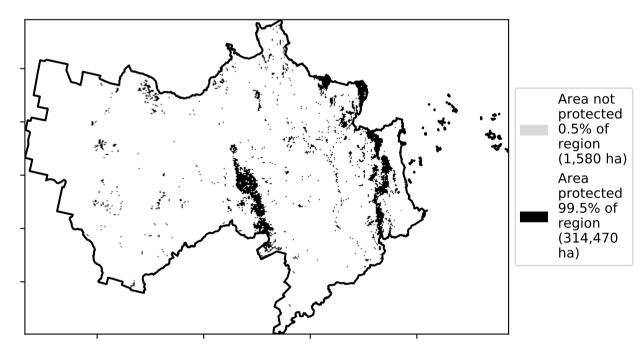
### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**



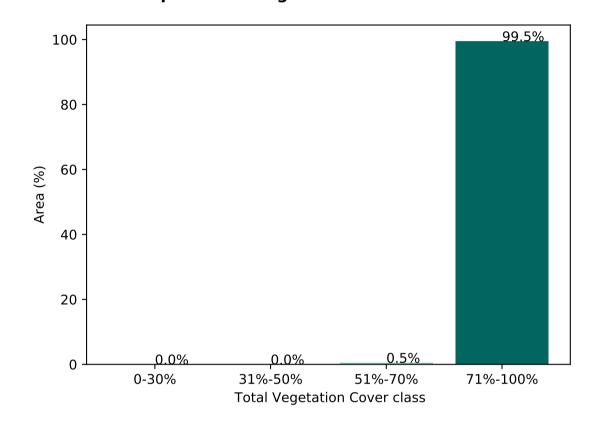
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



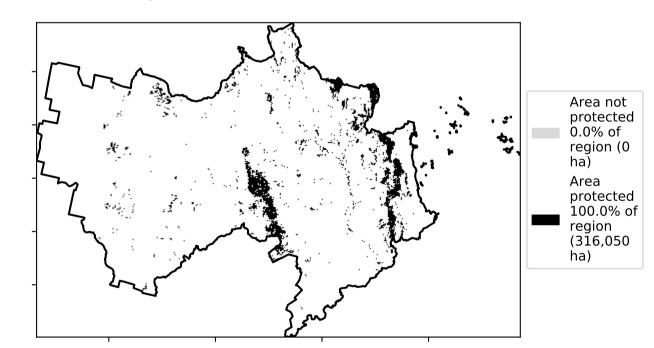
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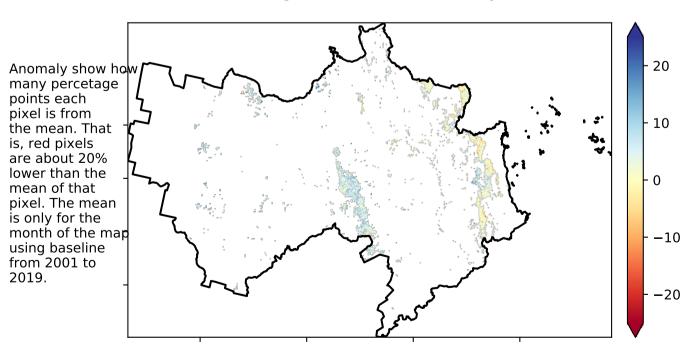
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



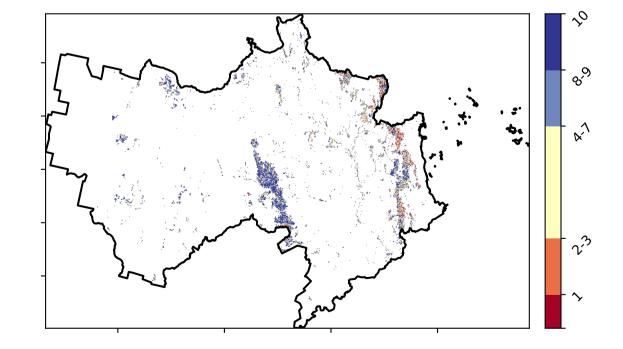
### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



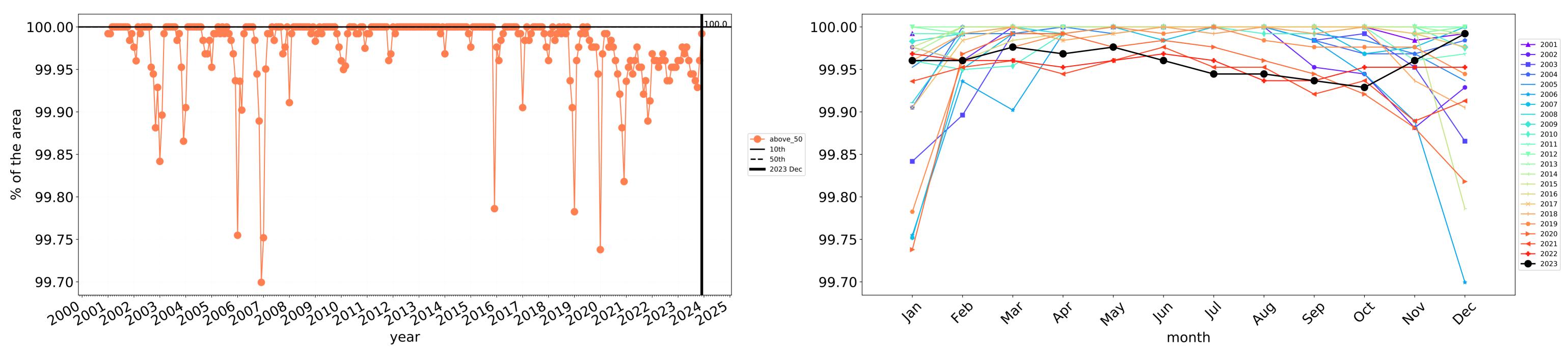
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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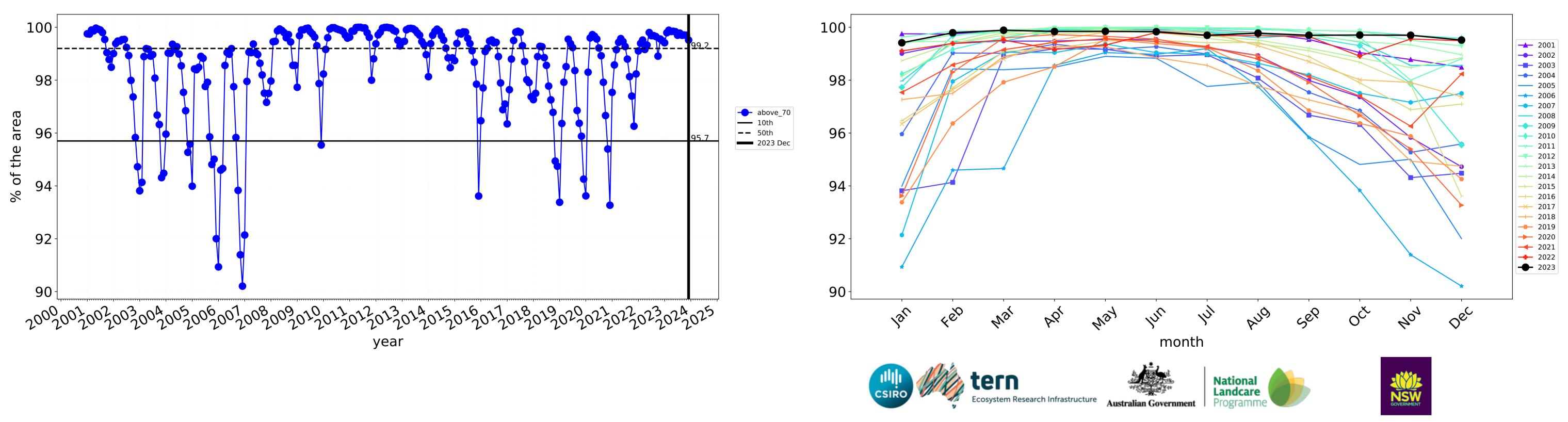






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

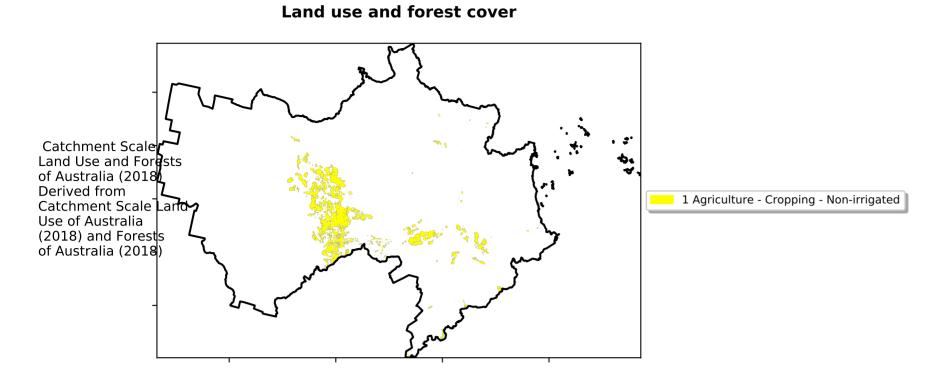




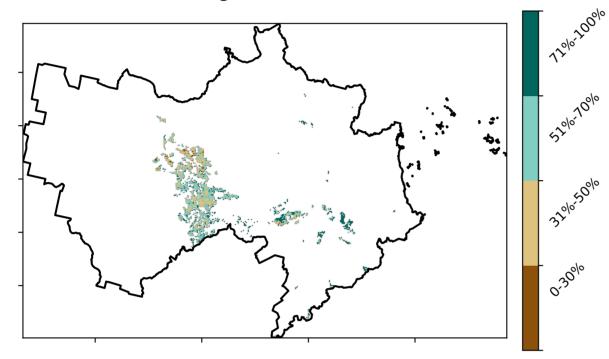
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

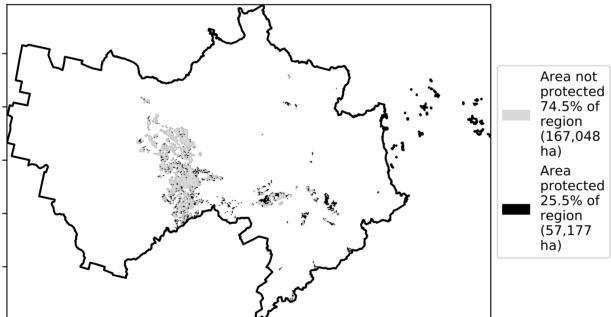
### Cropping



Total Vegetation Cover [%]

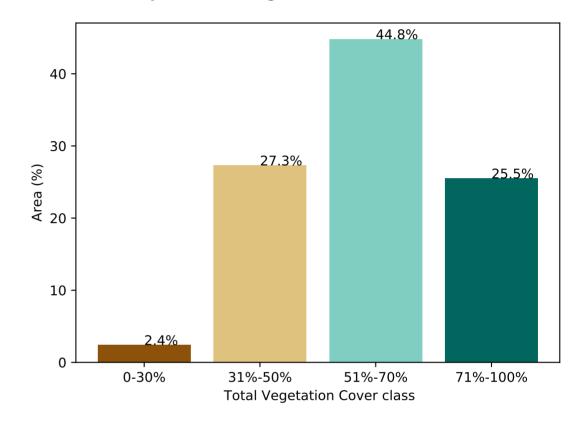


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

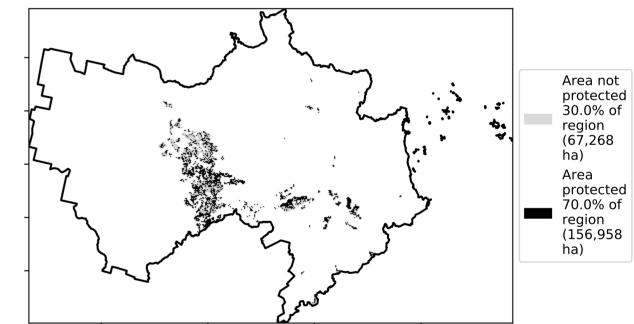


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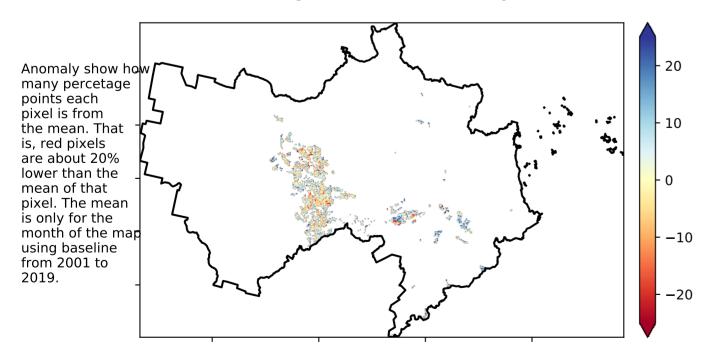




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

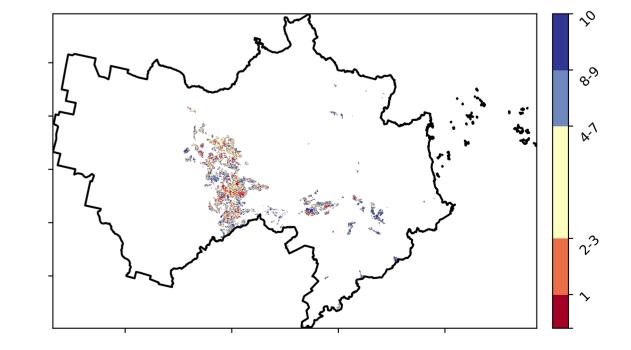


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

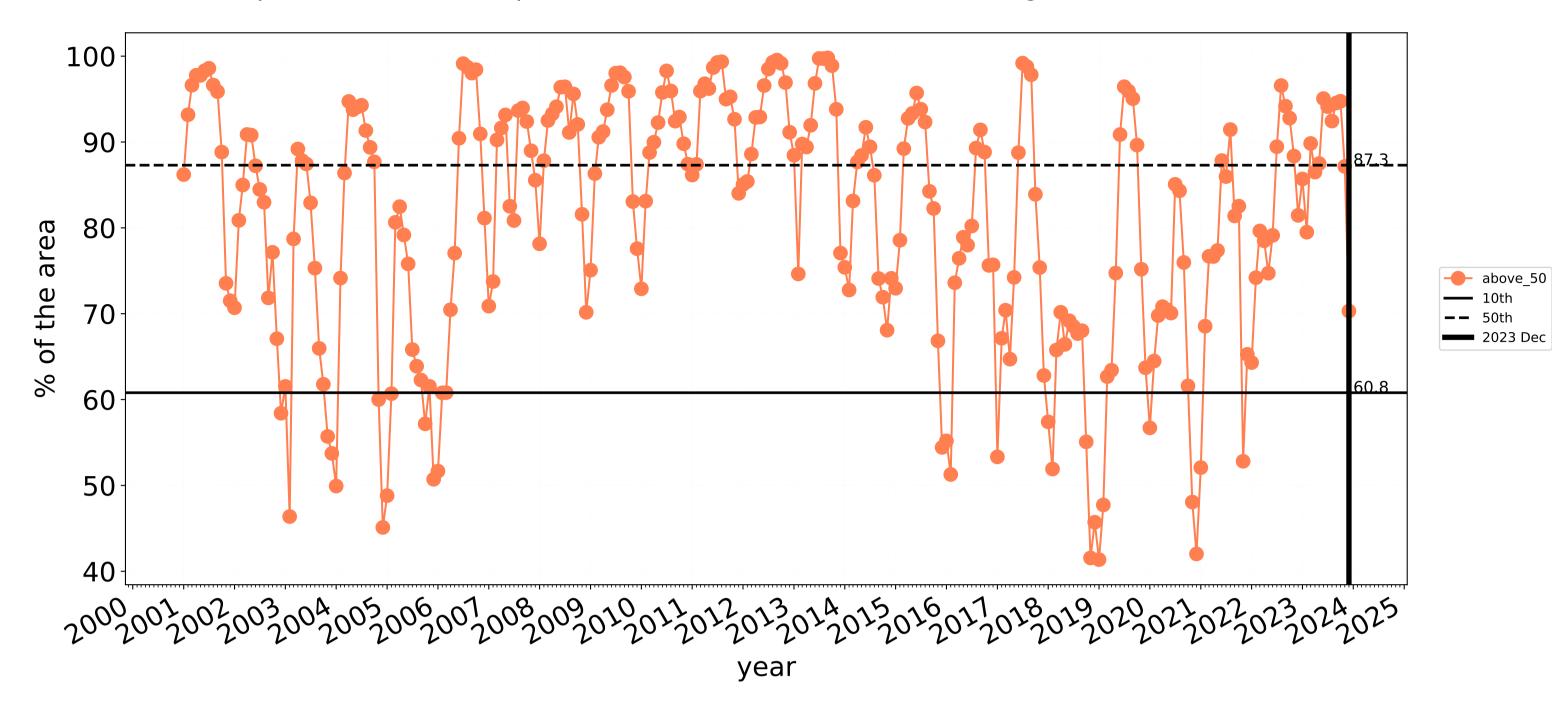


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

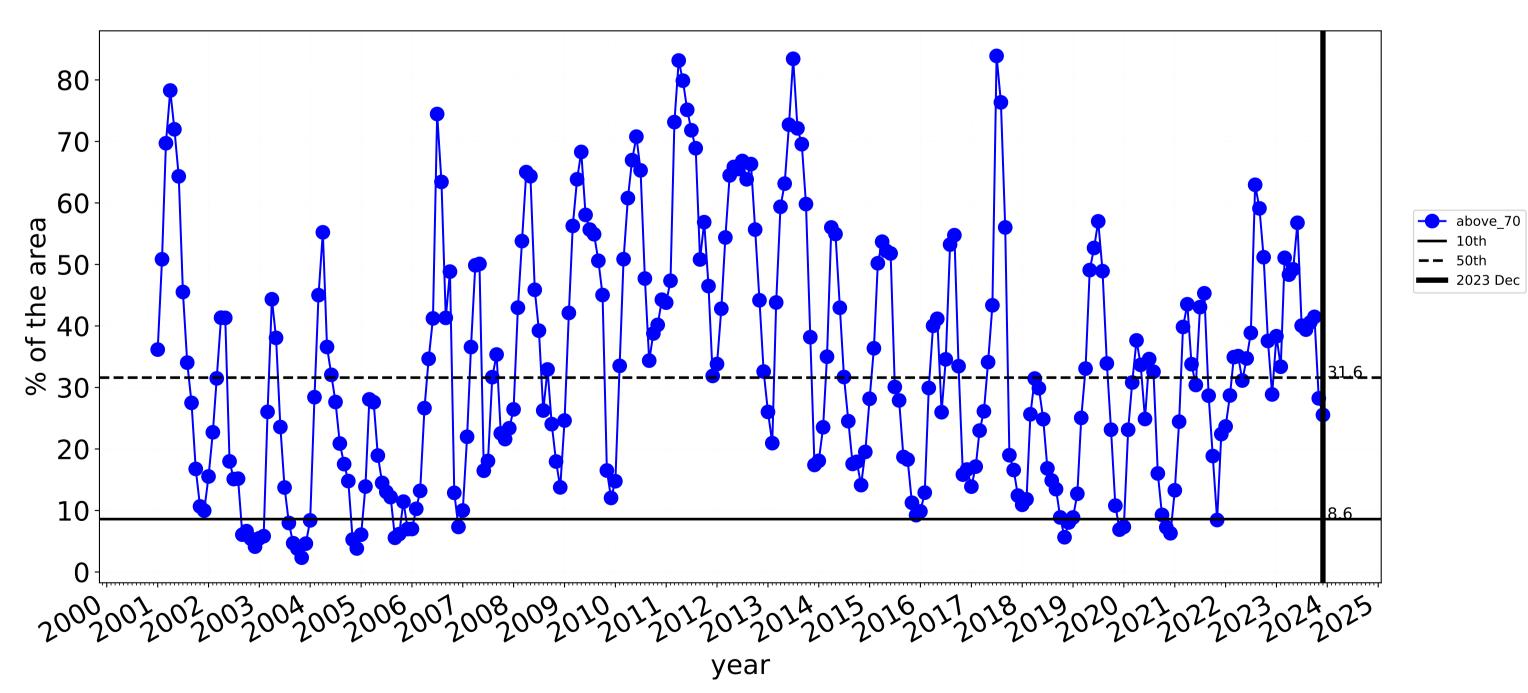






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

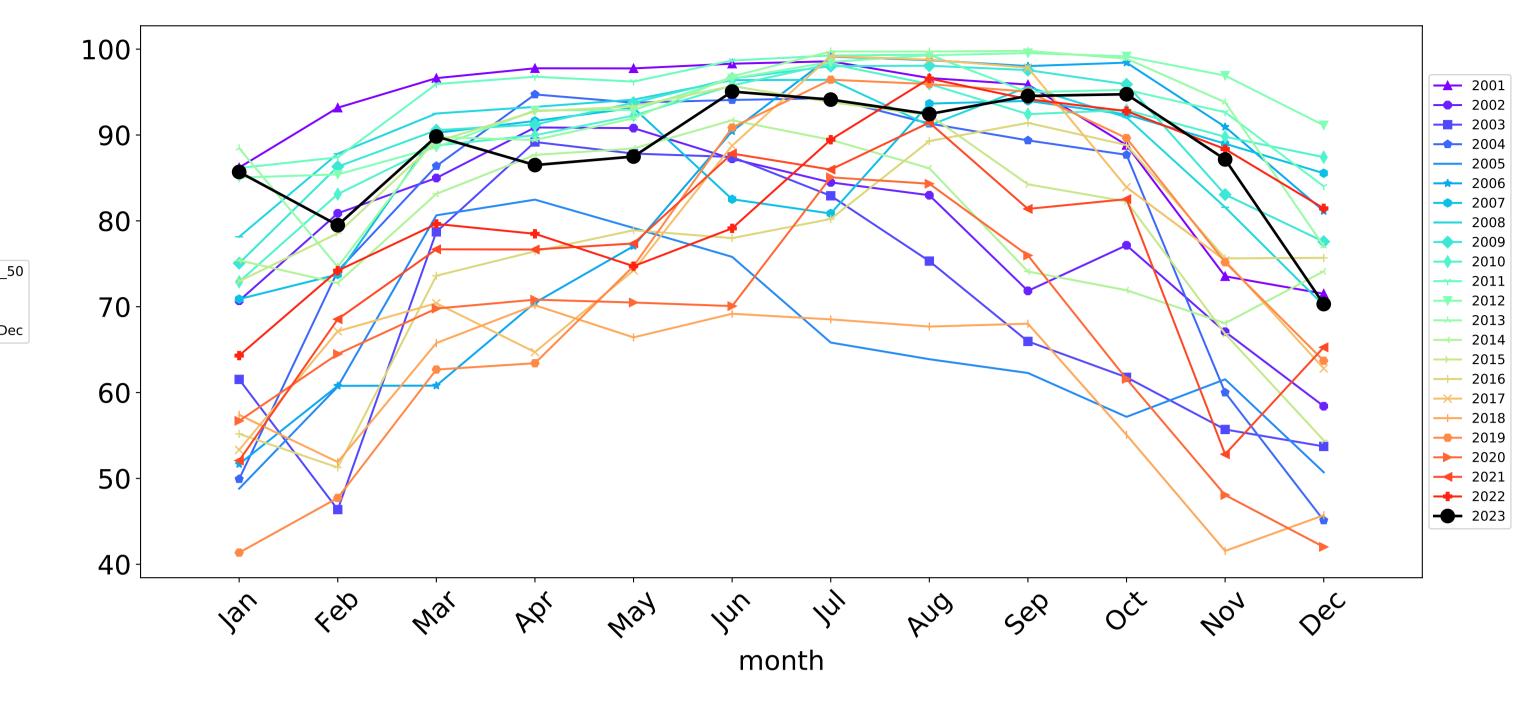




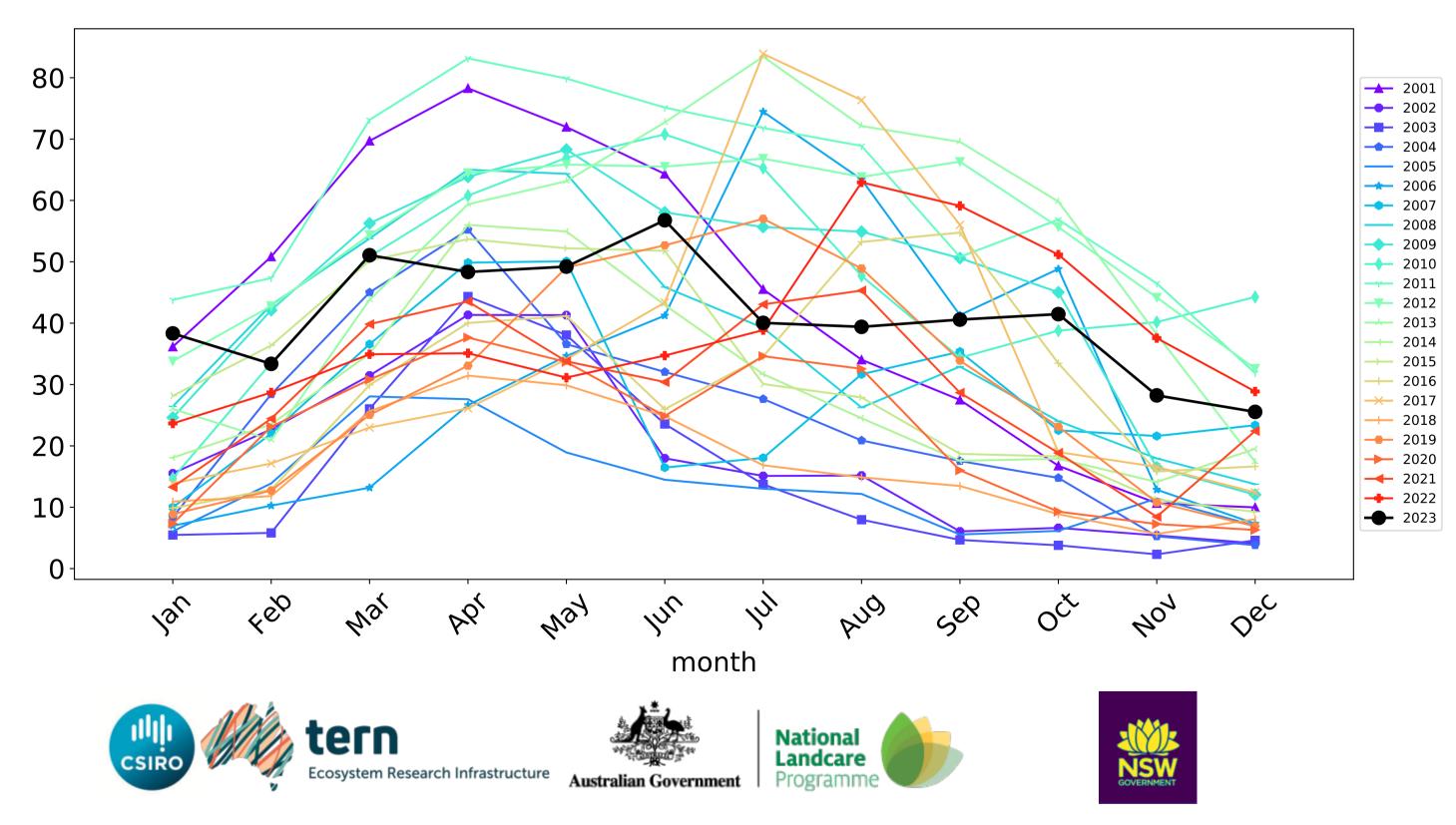
### **Cropping timeseries**



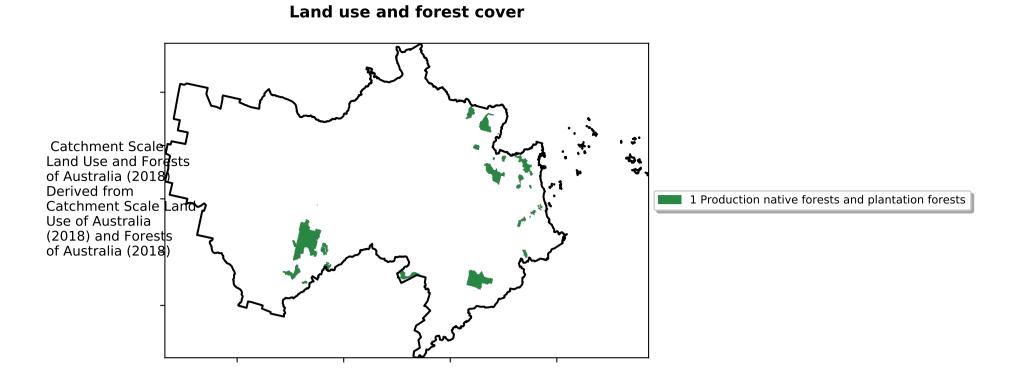
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



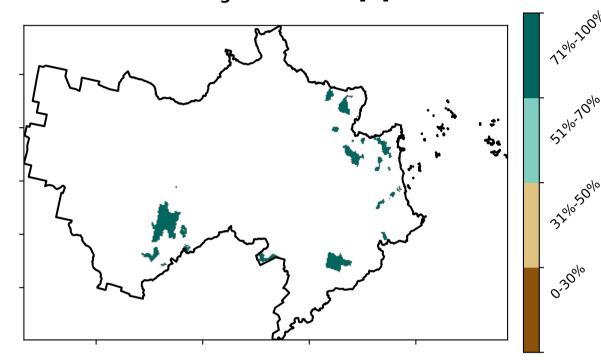
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



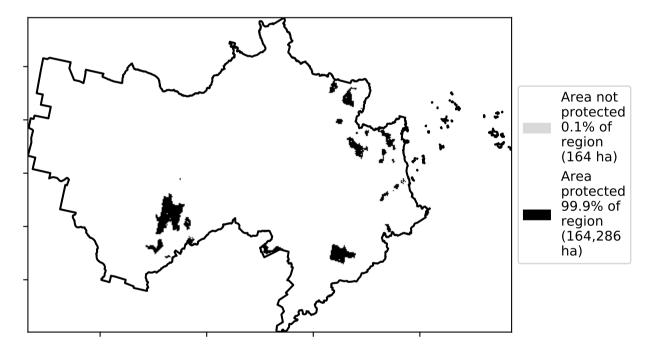
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**



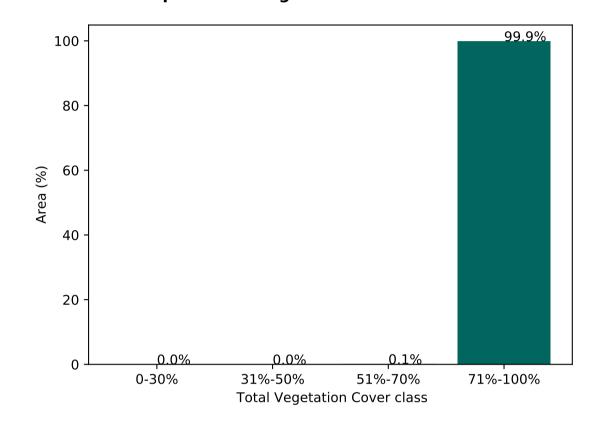
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



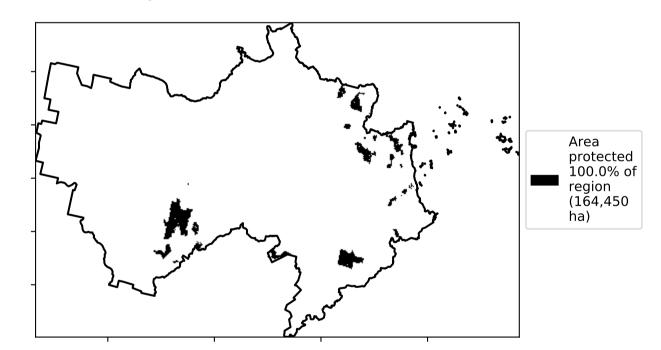
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



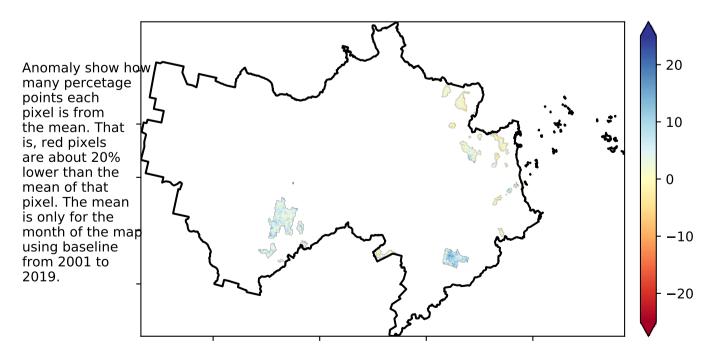
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

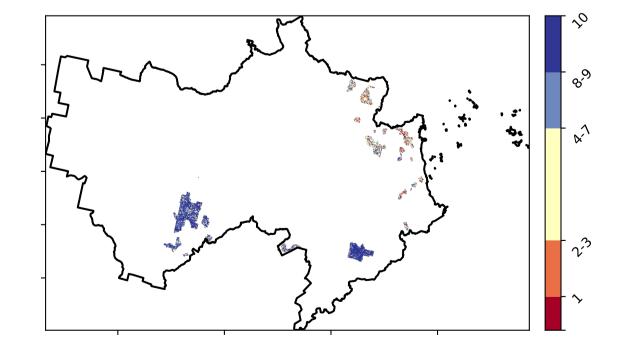


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



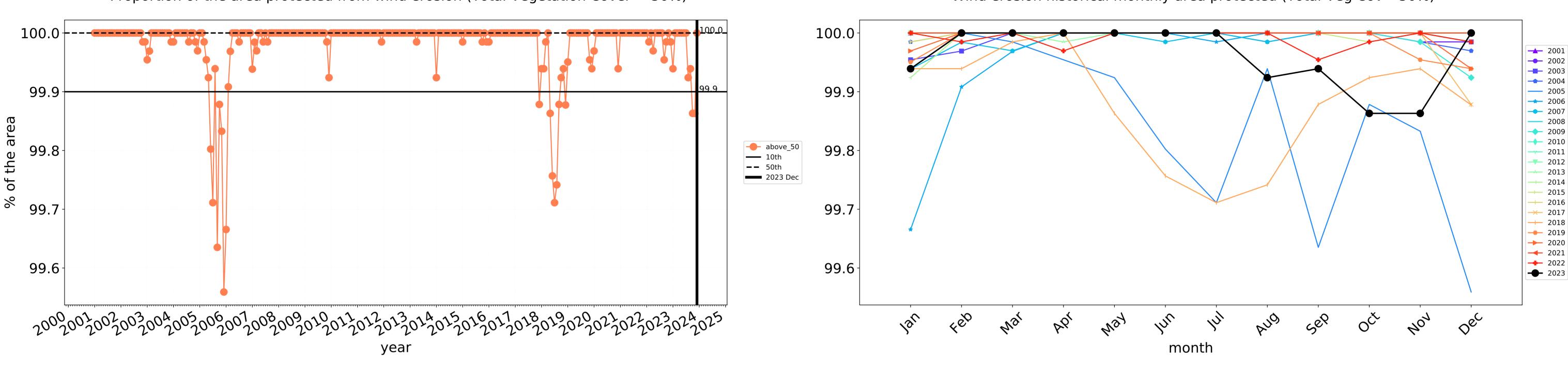
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



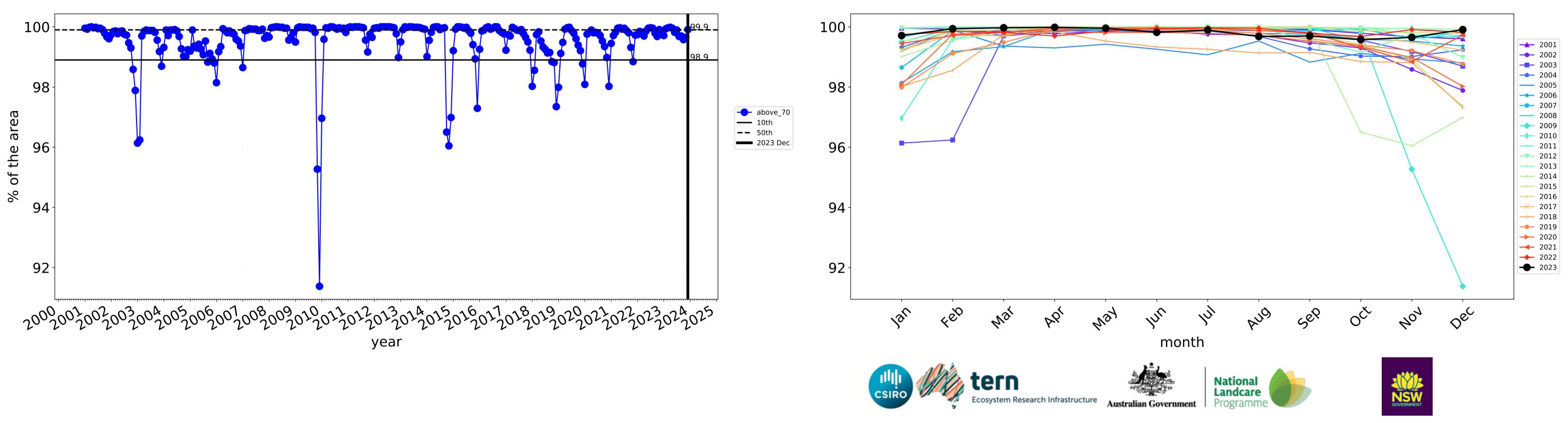


### Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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

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



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

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



# Isaac\_(R) (5,861,325 ha and no data 9,293 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	5,861,325	99.8% 5,847,725	97.9% 5,738,550	90.3% 5,291,250	72.2% 4,229,275	34.8% 2,040,275	15.3% 897,775
Conservation and natural environments	175,700	99.9% 175,600	99.6% 175,025	98.0% 172,225	92.1% 161,900	63.0% 110,650	32.6% 57,200
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	109,100	100.0% 109,075	99.9% 109,000	99.3% 108,325	93.9% 102,475	64.4% 70,275	34.0% 37,075
Agriculture	5,398,750	99.8% 5,387,150	98.0% 5,290,050	90.2% 4,872,175	71.3% 3,848,700	32.7% 1,765,825	14.0% 756,100
Grazing	5,158,150	99.9% 5,152,150	99.2% 5,116,800	93.1% 4,802,300	73.9% 3,813,075	34.0% 1,754,725	14.6% 752,025
Grazing non forest	3,694,325	99.8% 3,688,450	98.9% 3,654,225	90.9% 3,359,175	66.6% 2,459,825	24.6% 907,025	9.4% 345,625
Grazing Woodland forest	1,147,775	100.0% 1,147,650	99.9% 1,146,550	98.3% 1,128,600	91.3% 1,048,225	53.6% 615,550	23.6% 270,425
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	316,050	100.0% 316,050	100.0% 316,025	99.5% 314,525	96.5% 305,025	73.5% 232,150	43.0% 135,975
Cropping	224,225	97.6% 218,800	70.3% 157,650	25.5% 57,275	11.4% 25,525	2.8% 6,350	0.8% 1,875
Production native forests and plantation forests	164,450	100.0% 164,450	100.0% 164,450	99.9% 164,300	99.2% 163,150	84.2% 138,450	42.7% 70,275

