

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Kowanyama_(S) QLD

Date: July 2026

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 cover class that 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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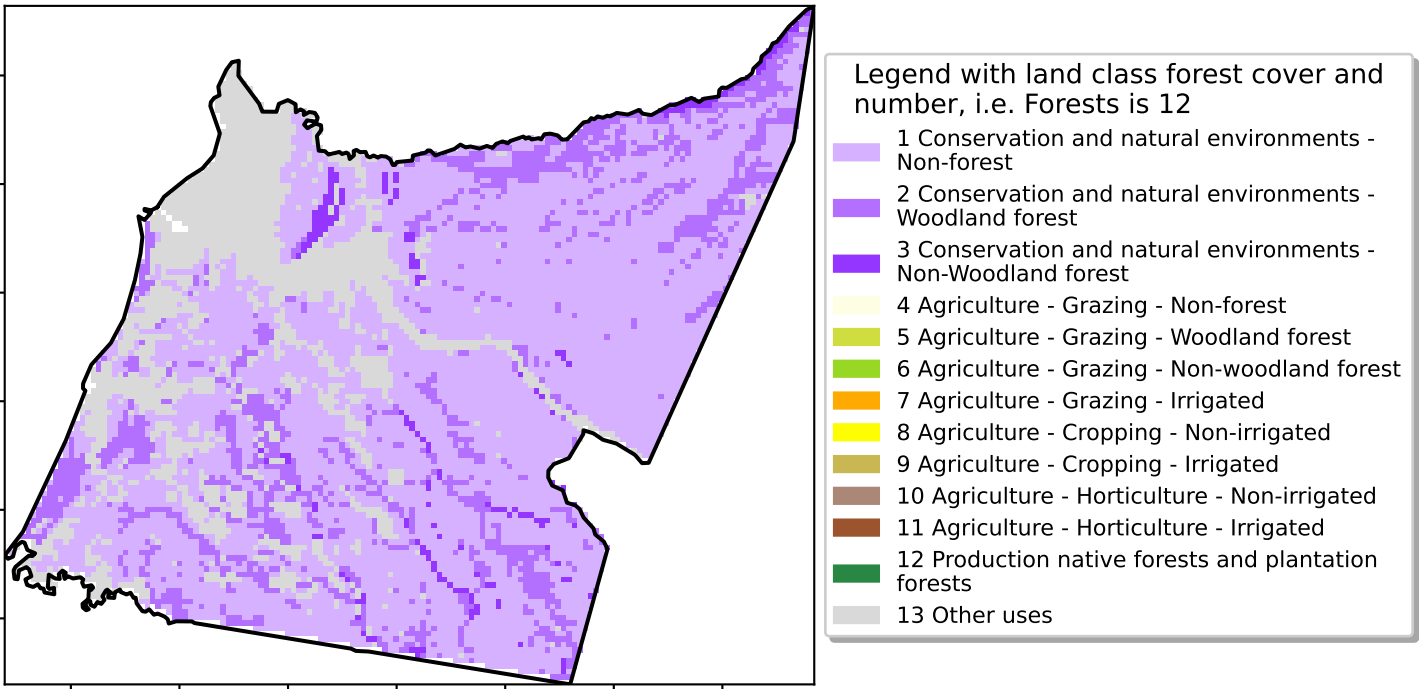
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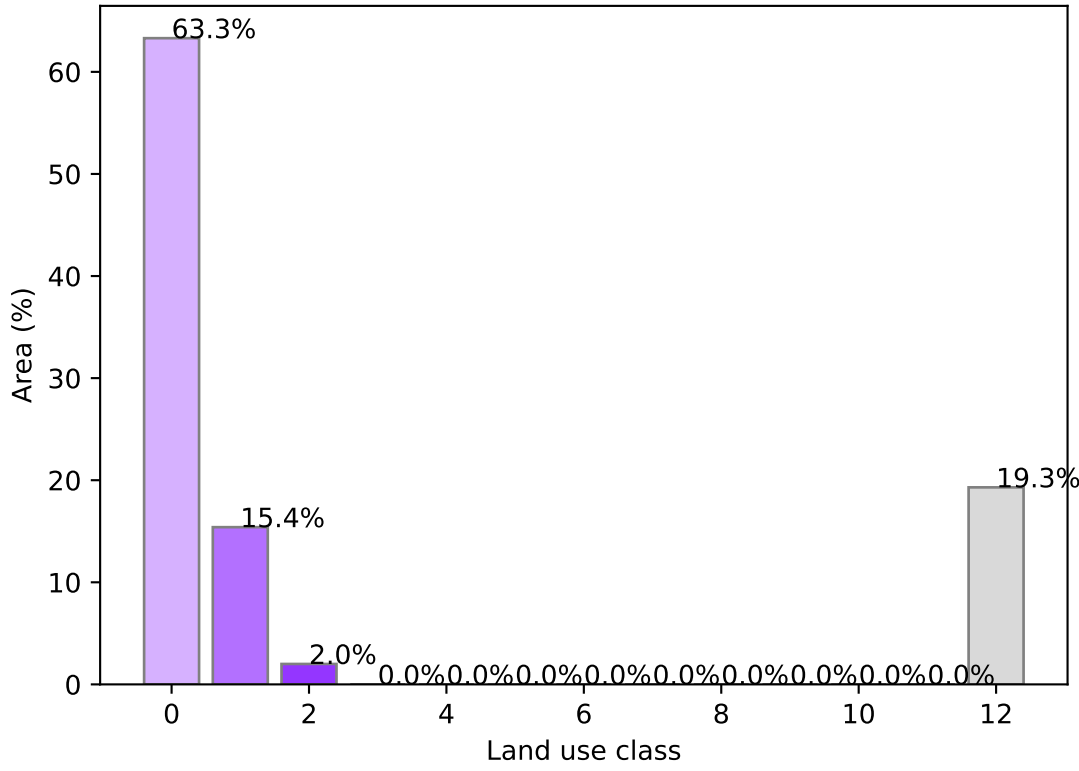
Vegetation Cover Jul 2026

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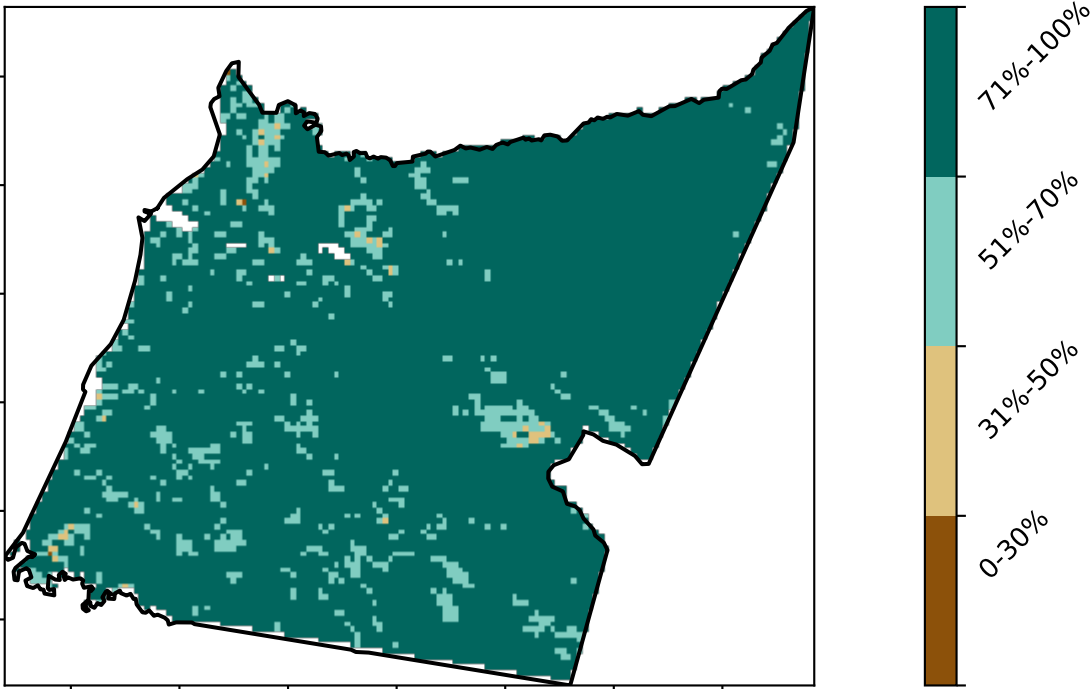
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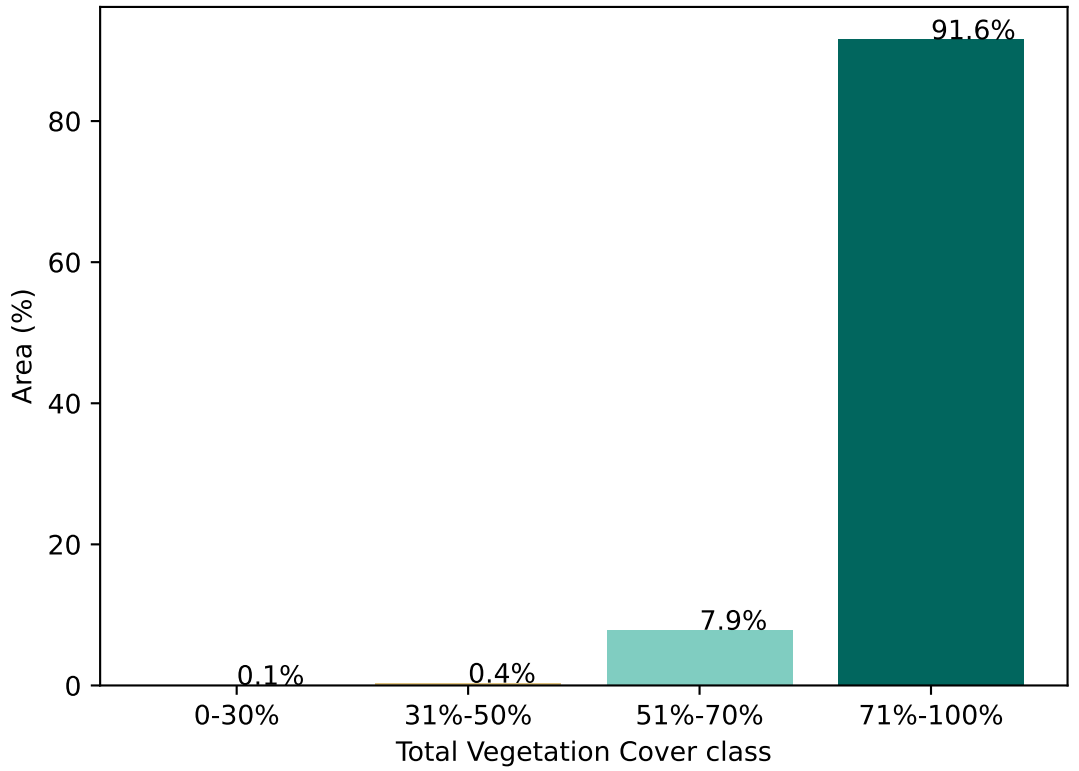
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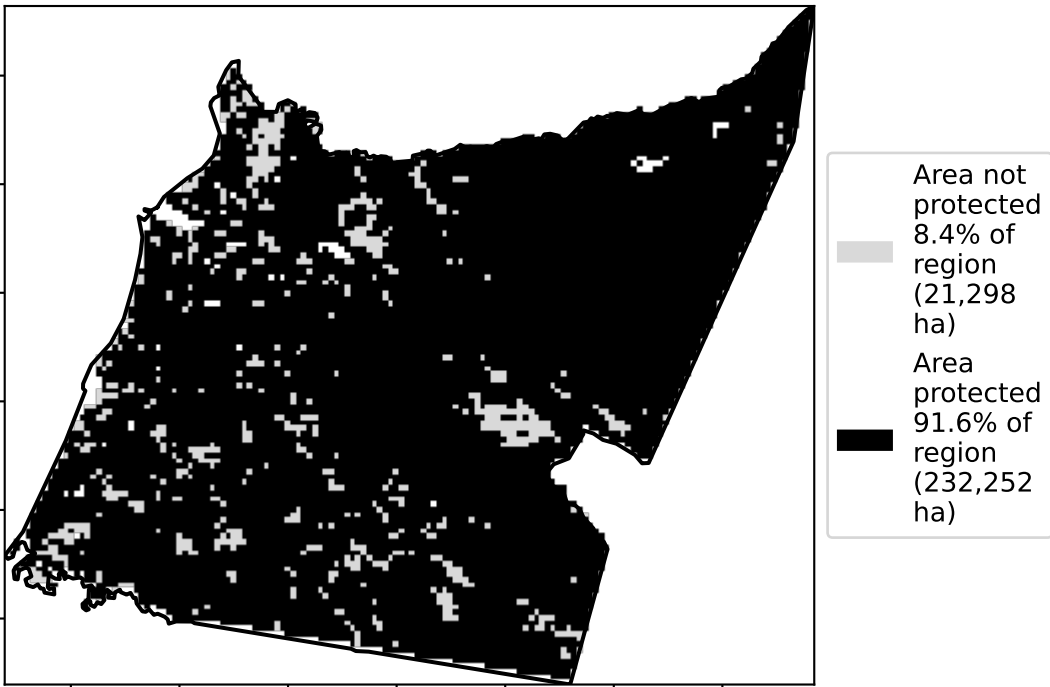
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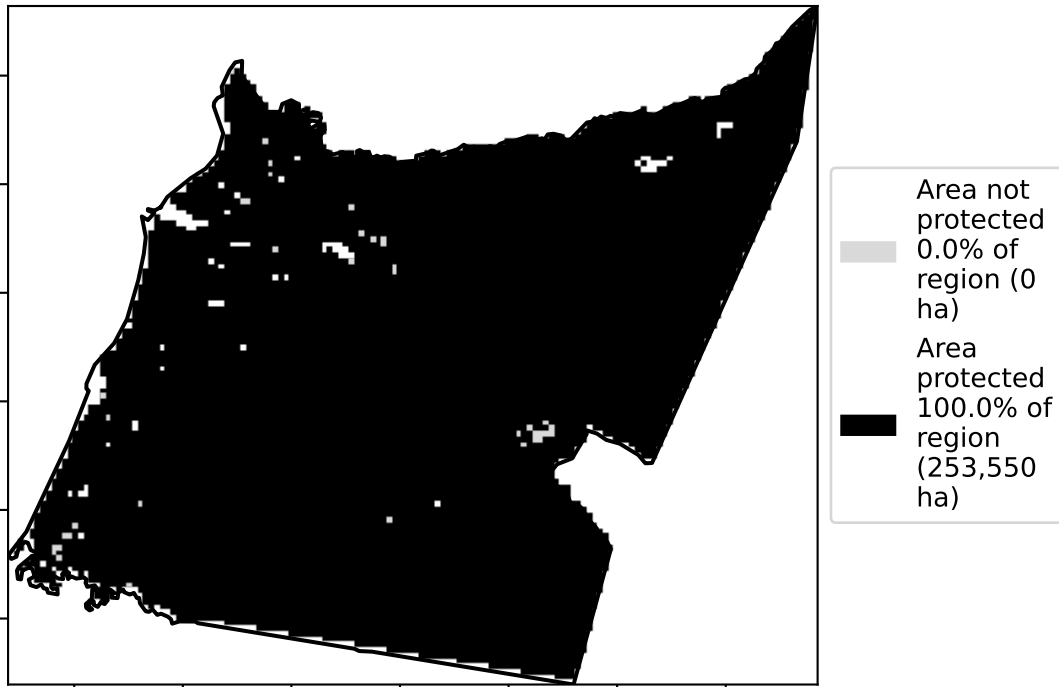
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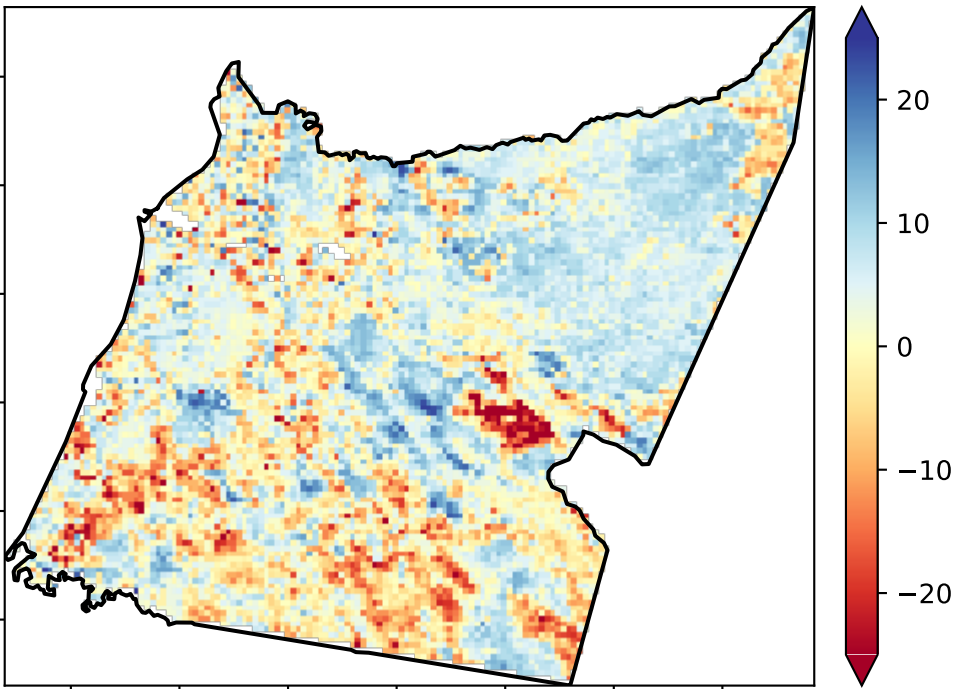


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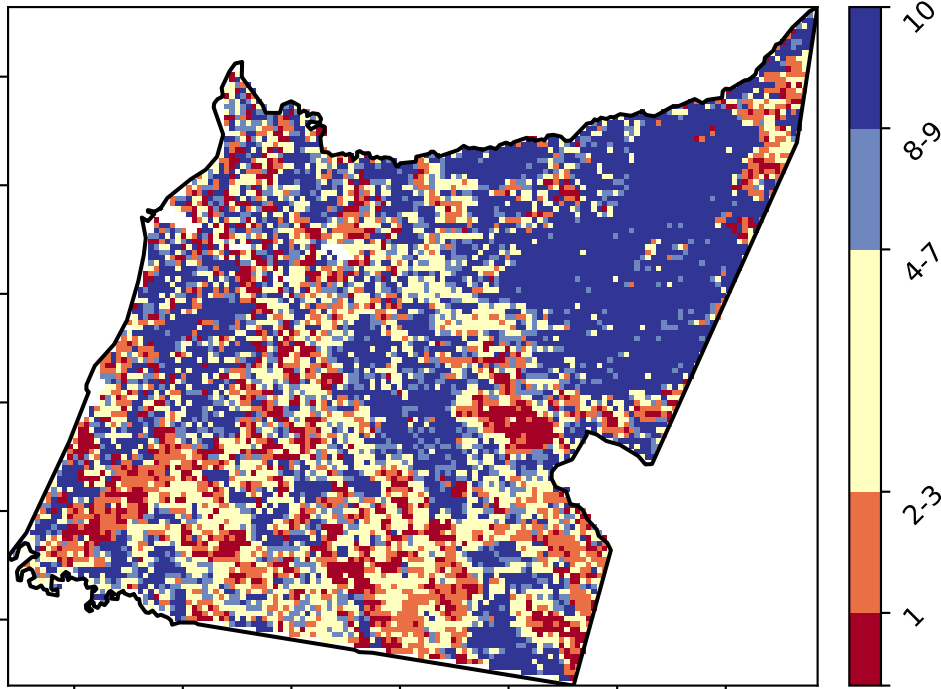
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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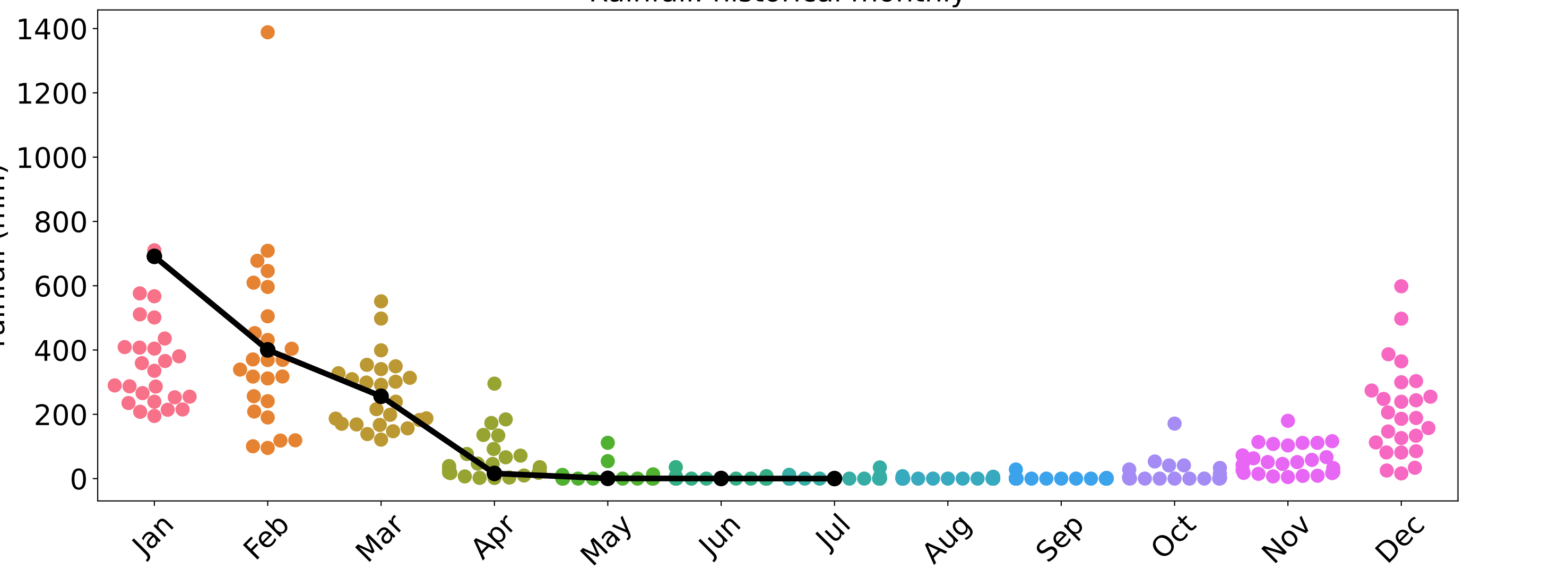
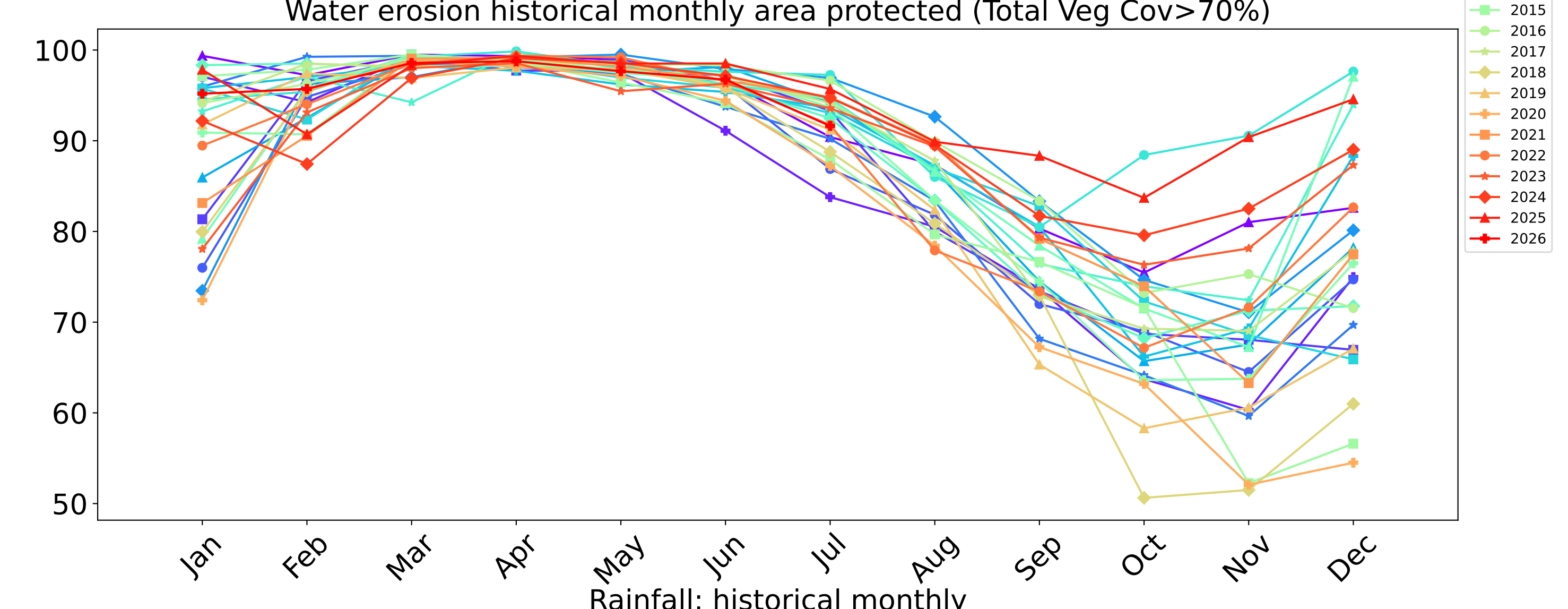
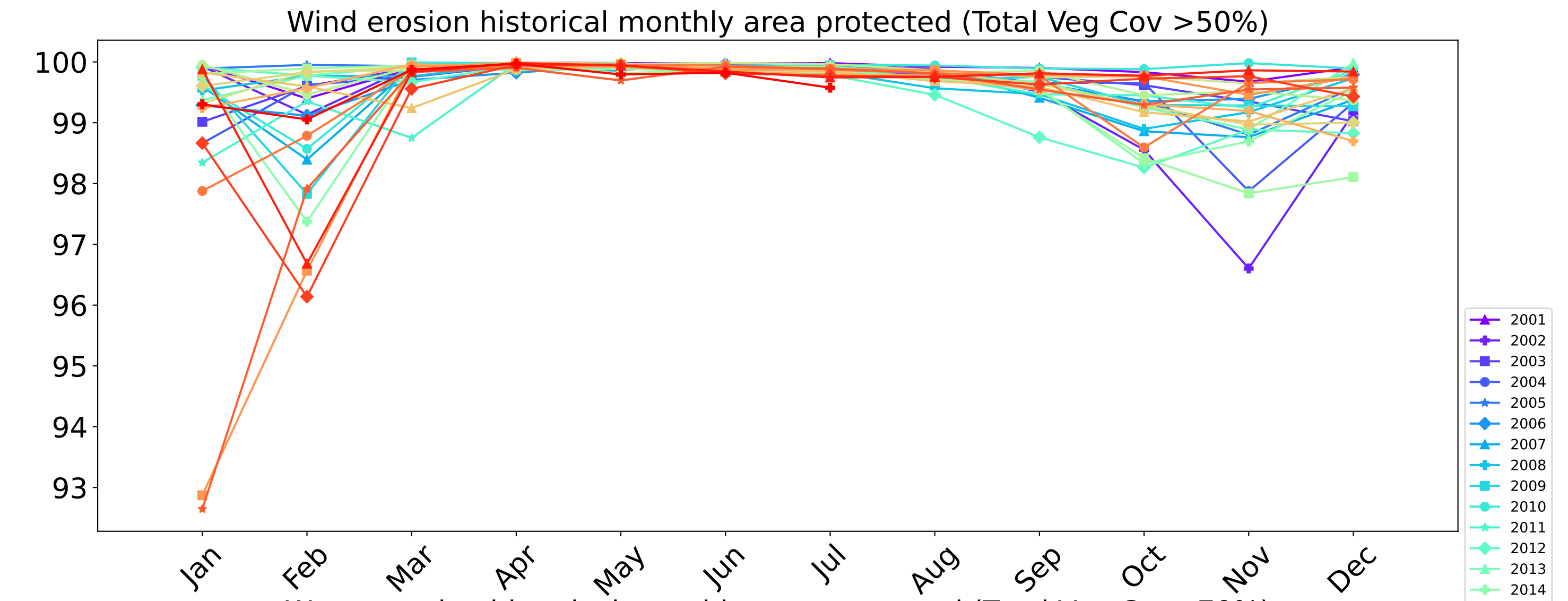
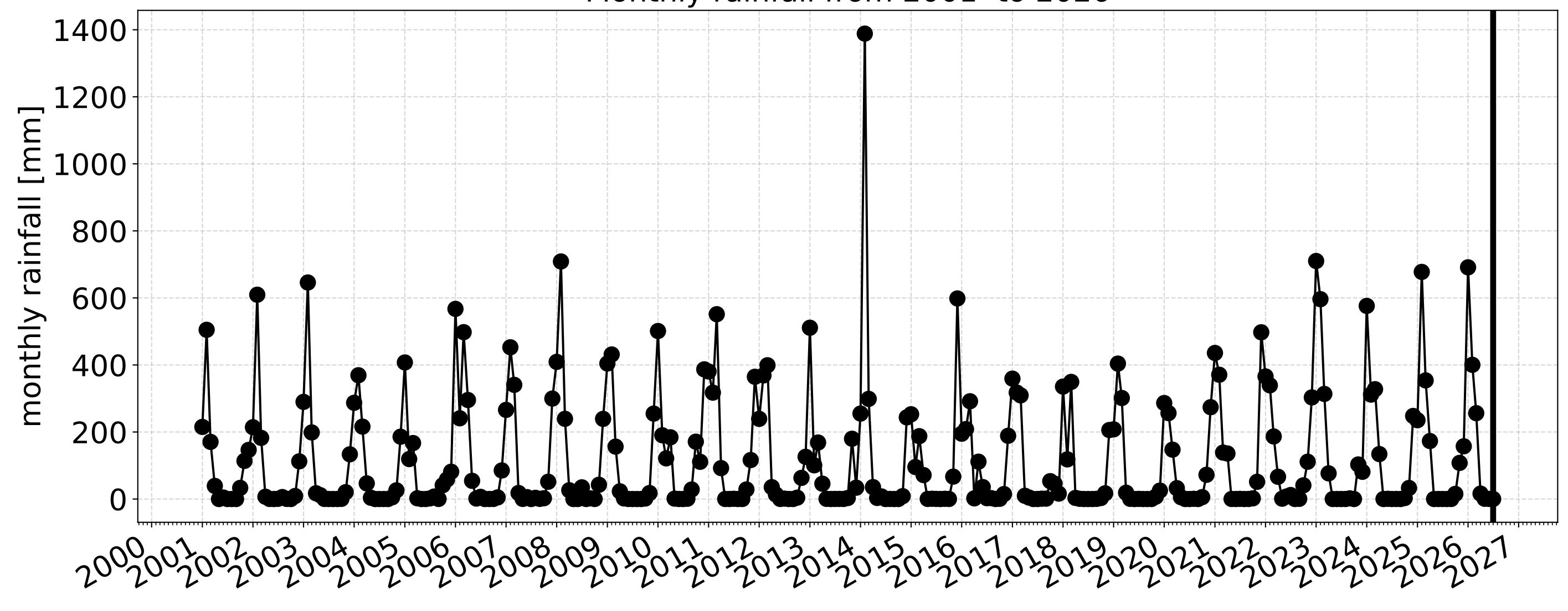
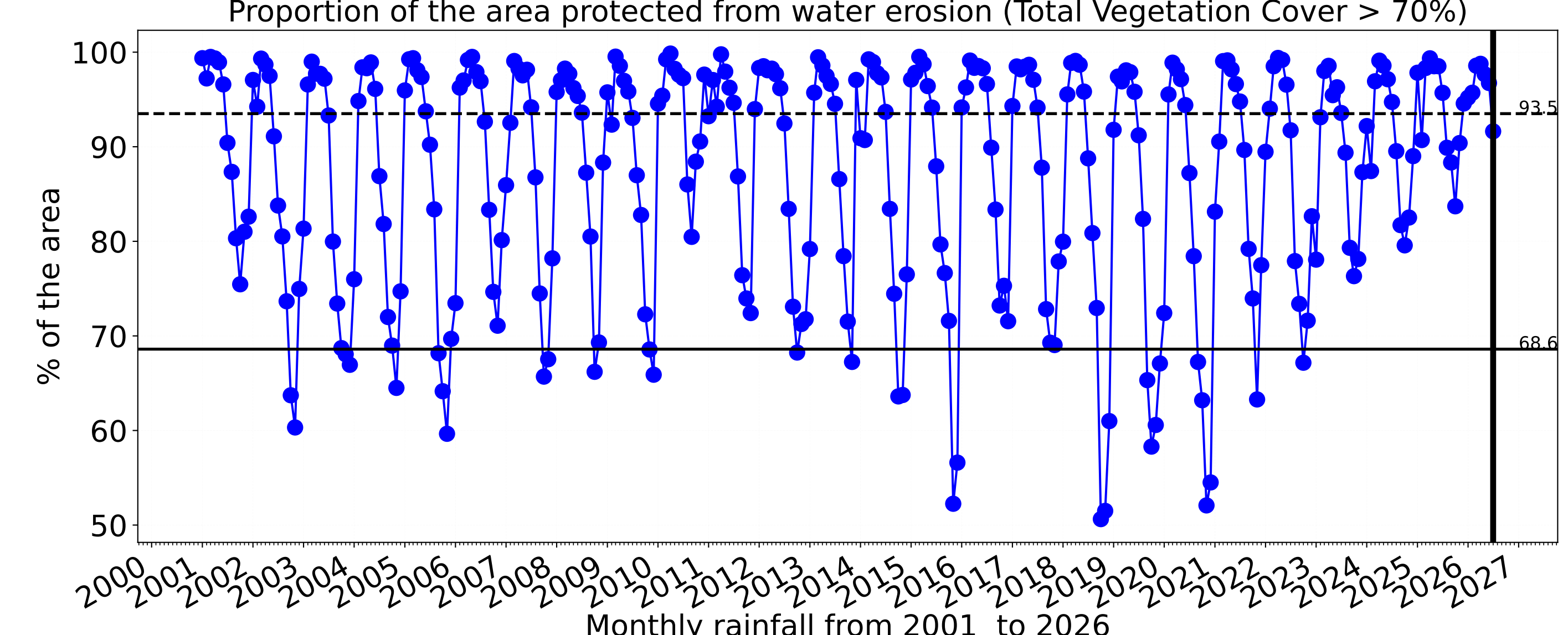
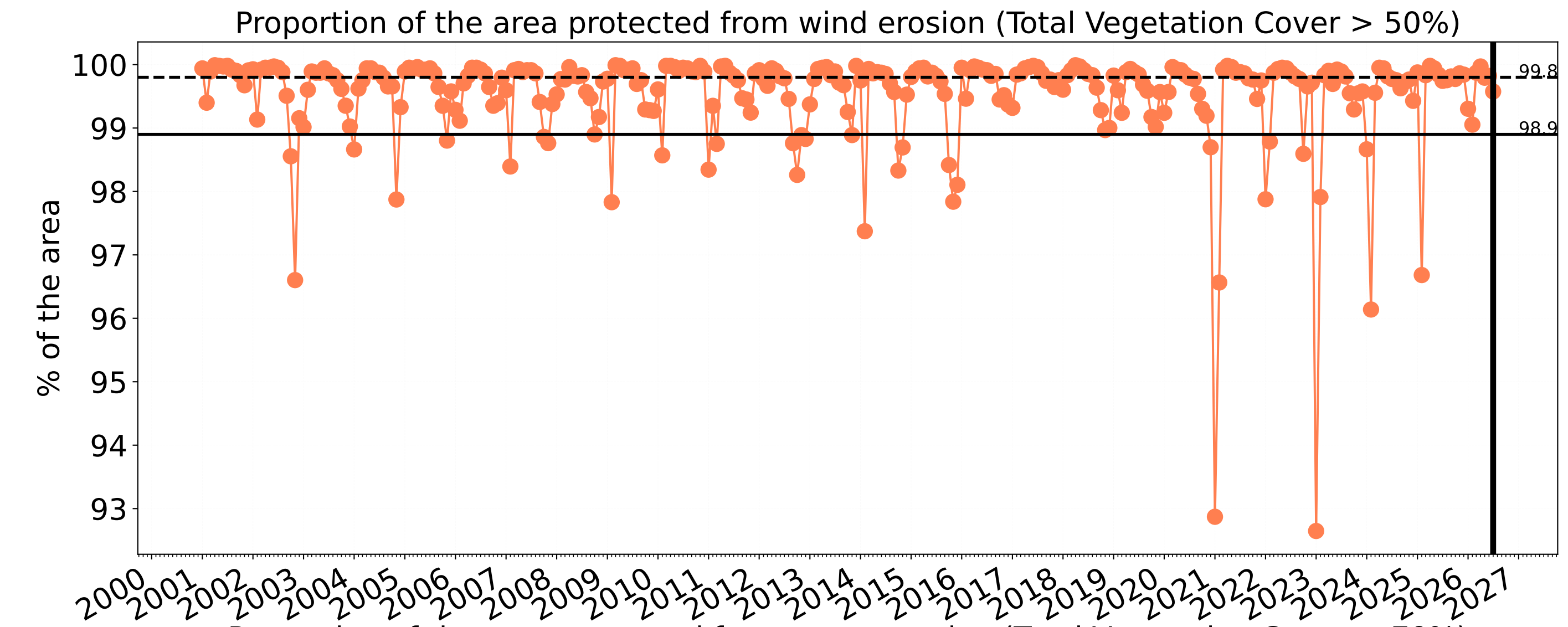
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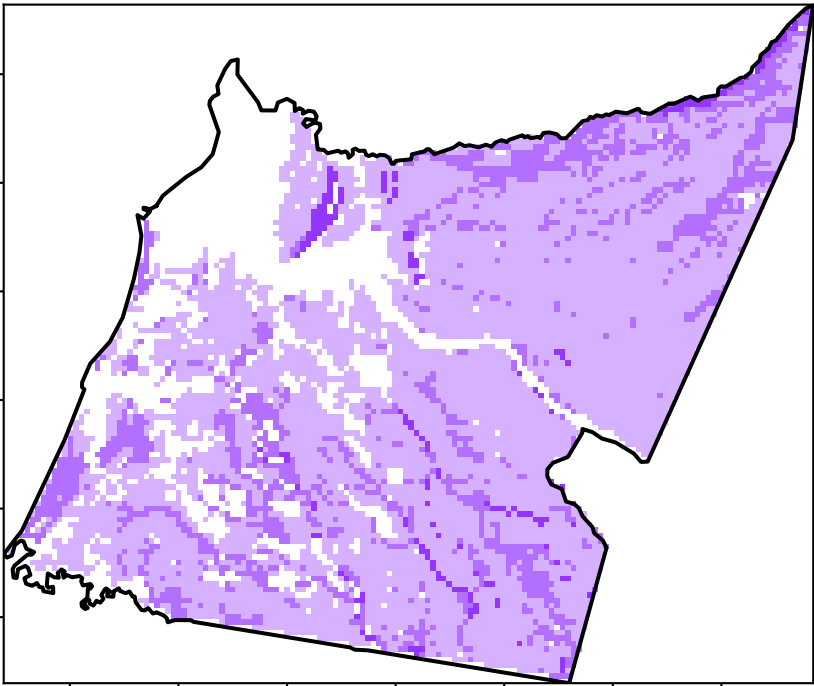




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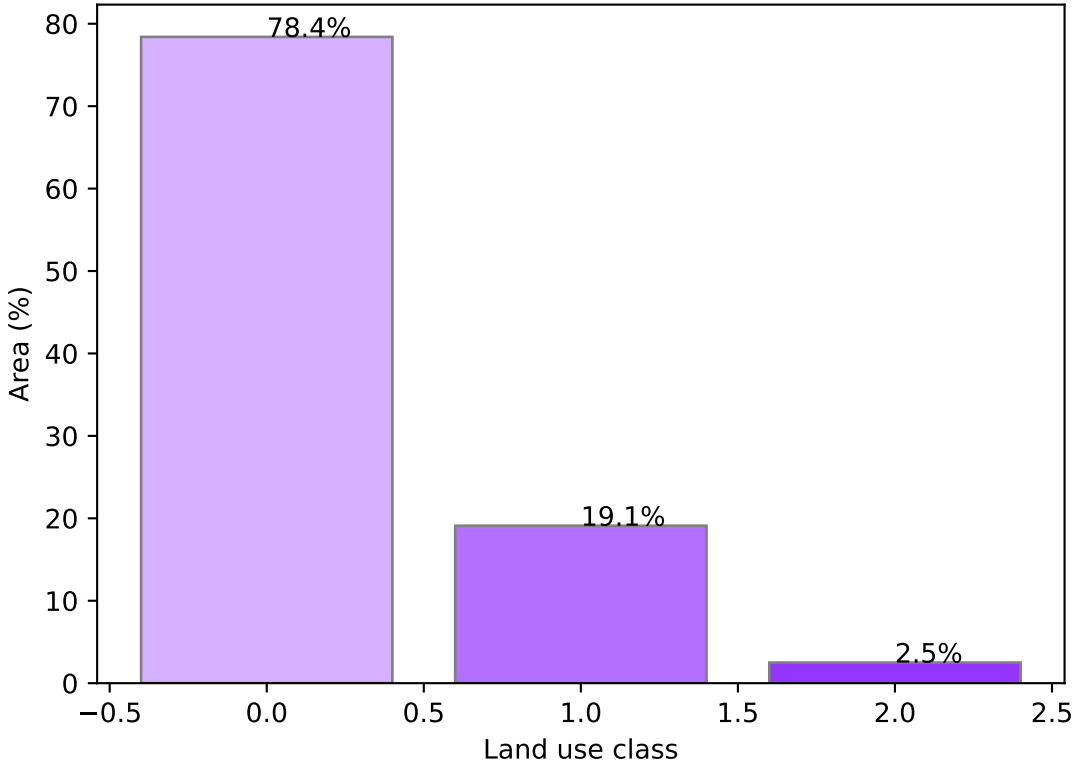
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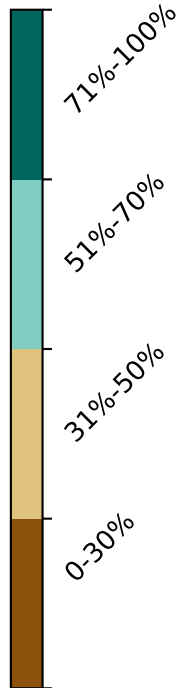
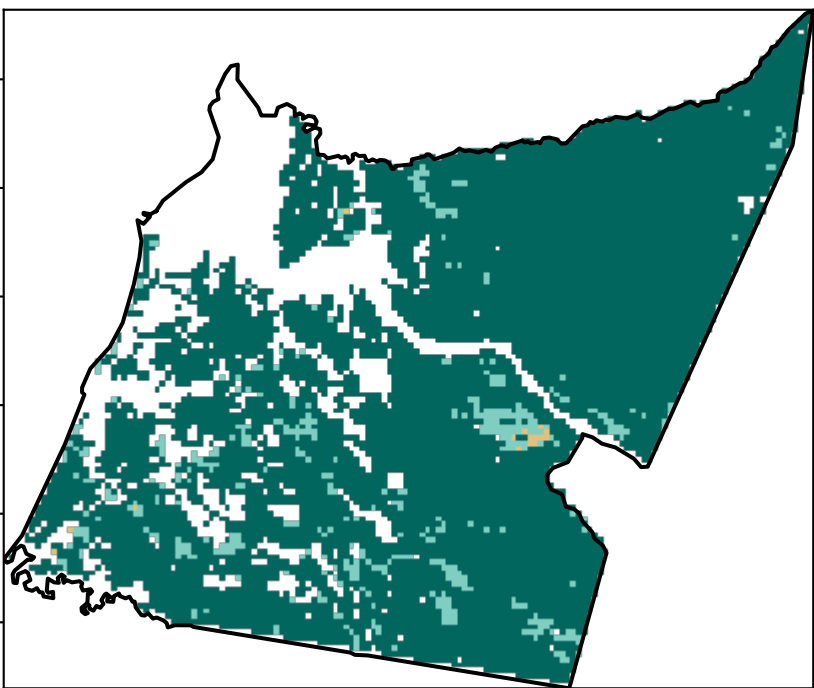


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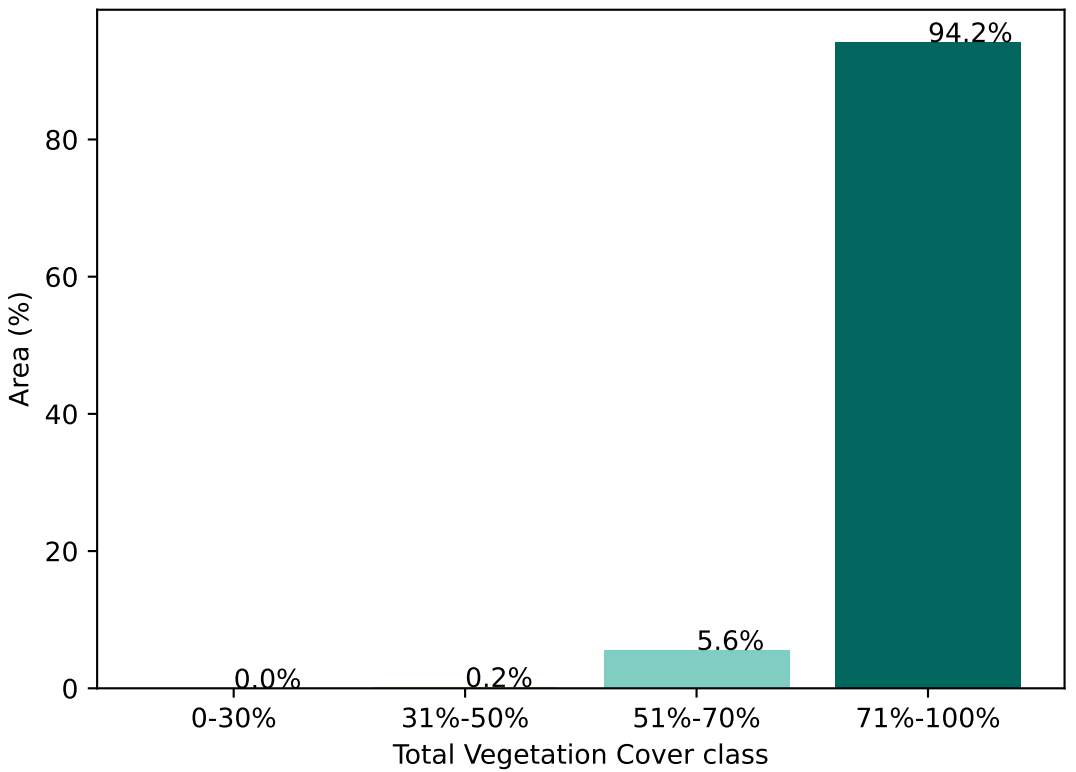
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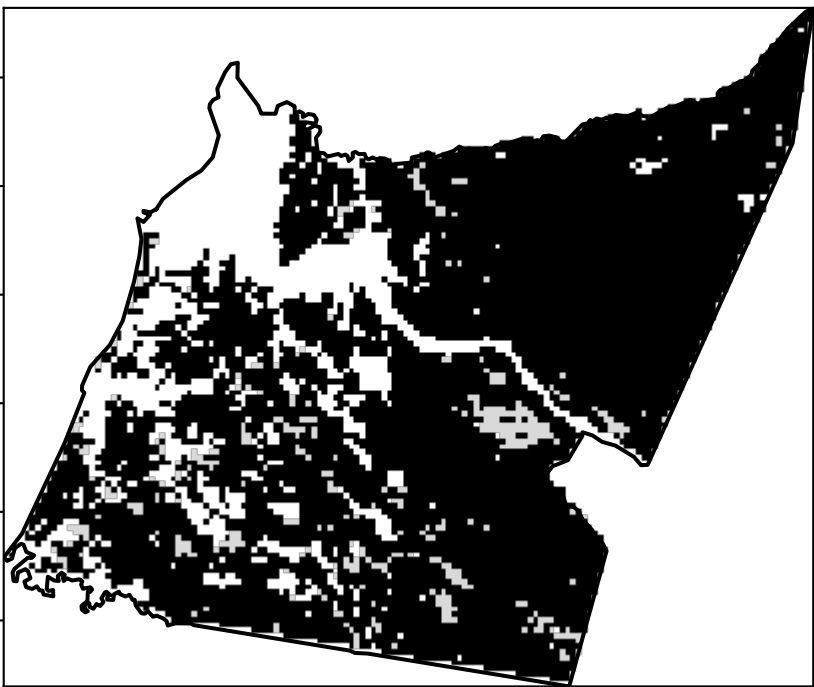
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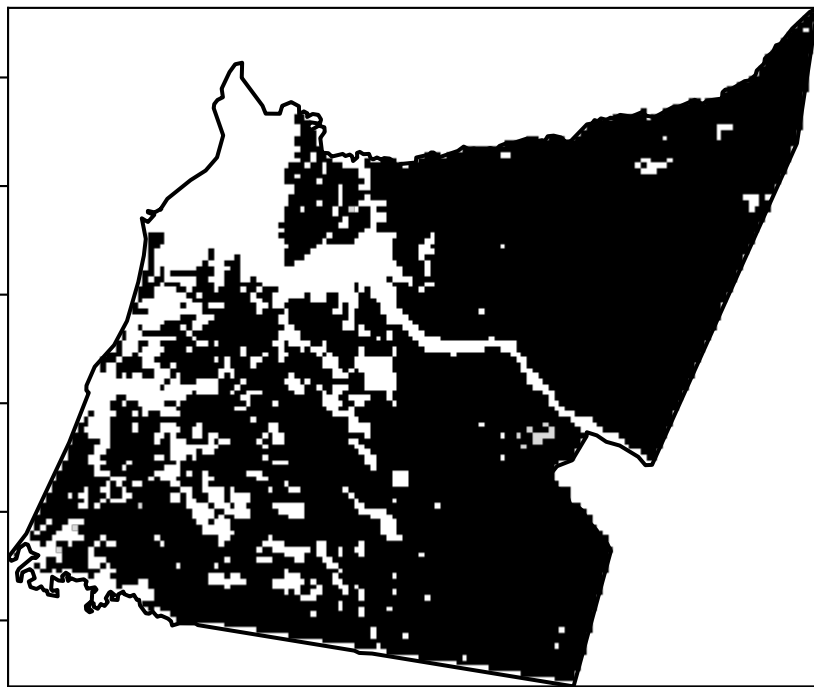


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 5.8% of region (11,923 ha)
- Area protected 94.2% of region (193,652 ha)

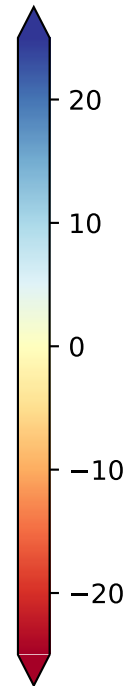
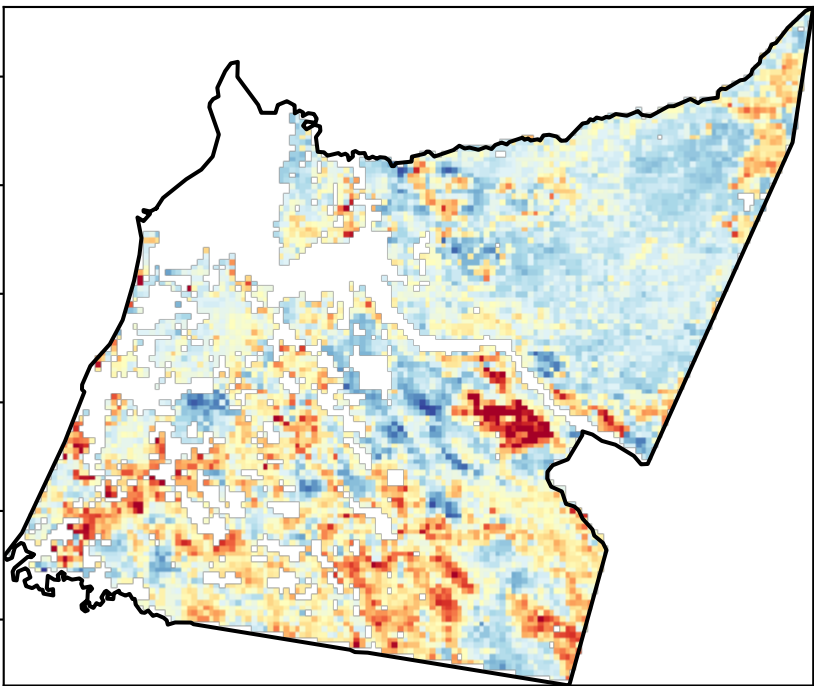
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
- Area protected 100.0% of region (205,575 ha)

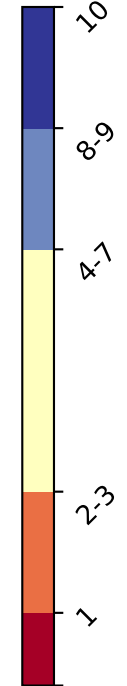
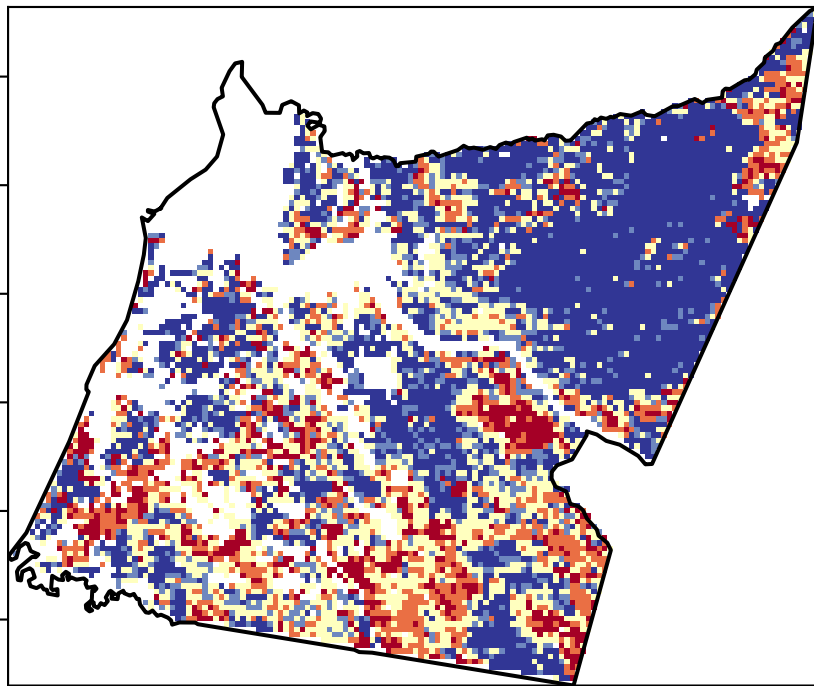
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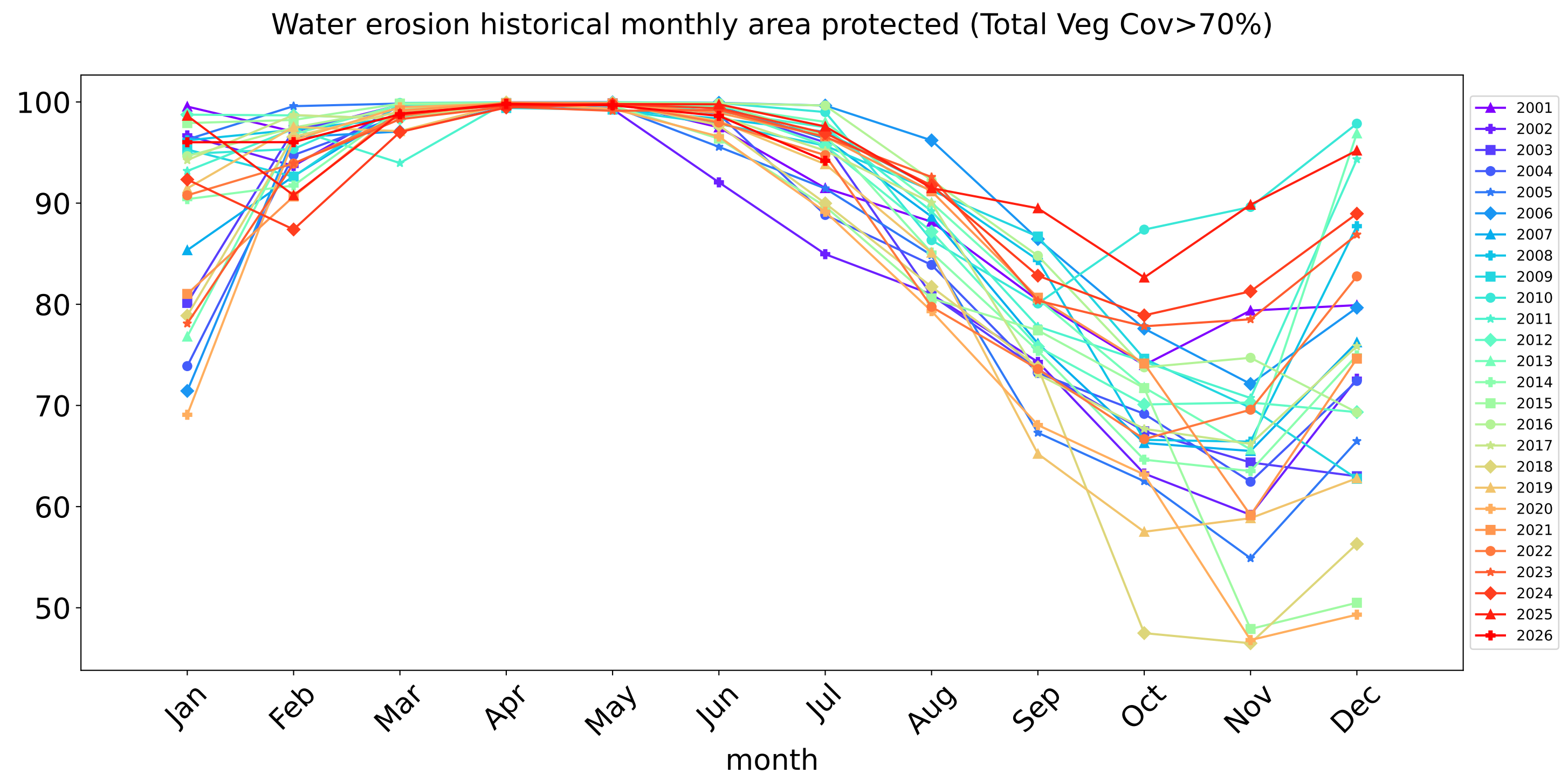
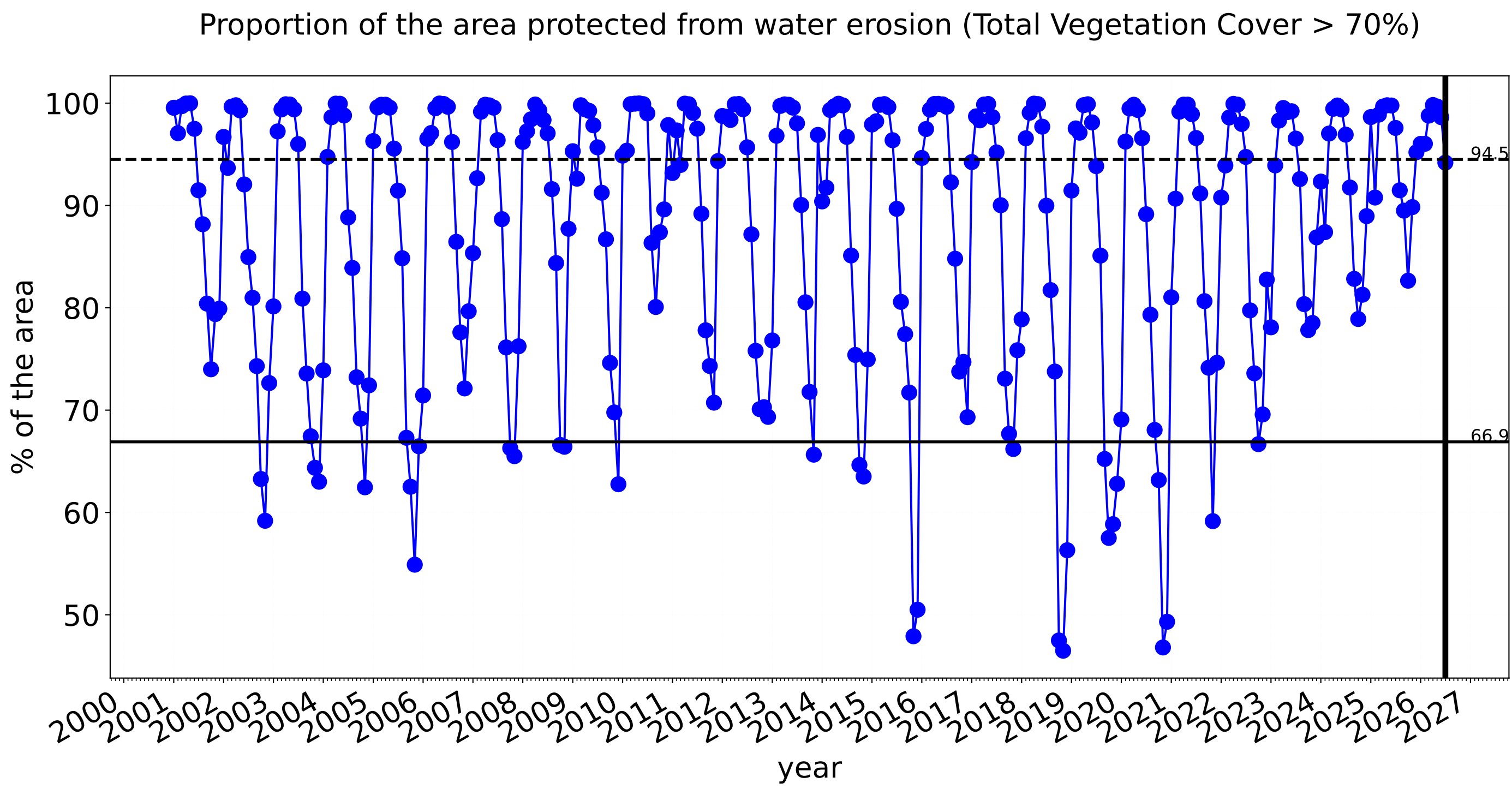
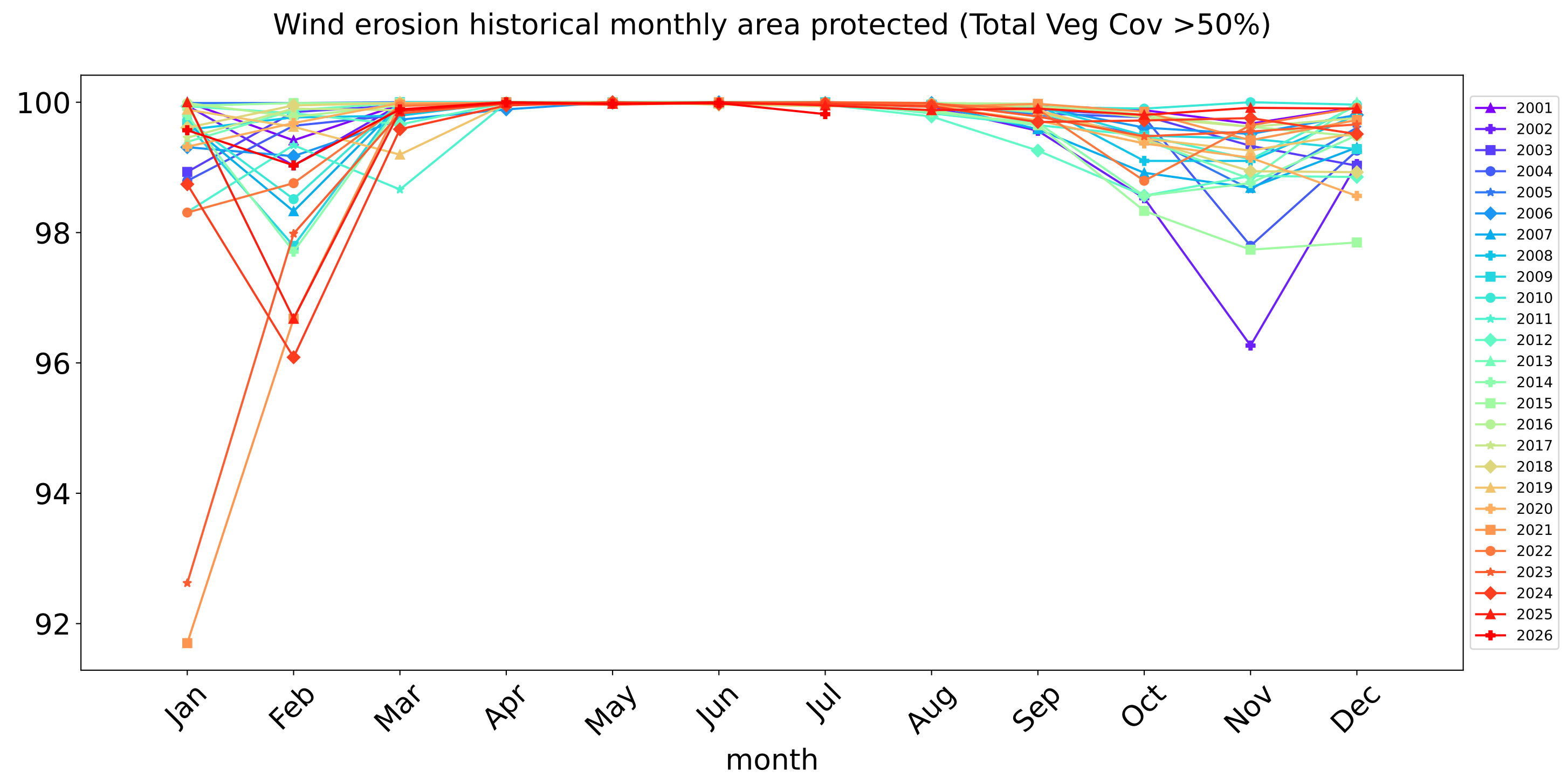
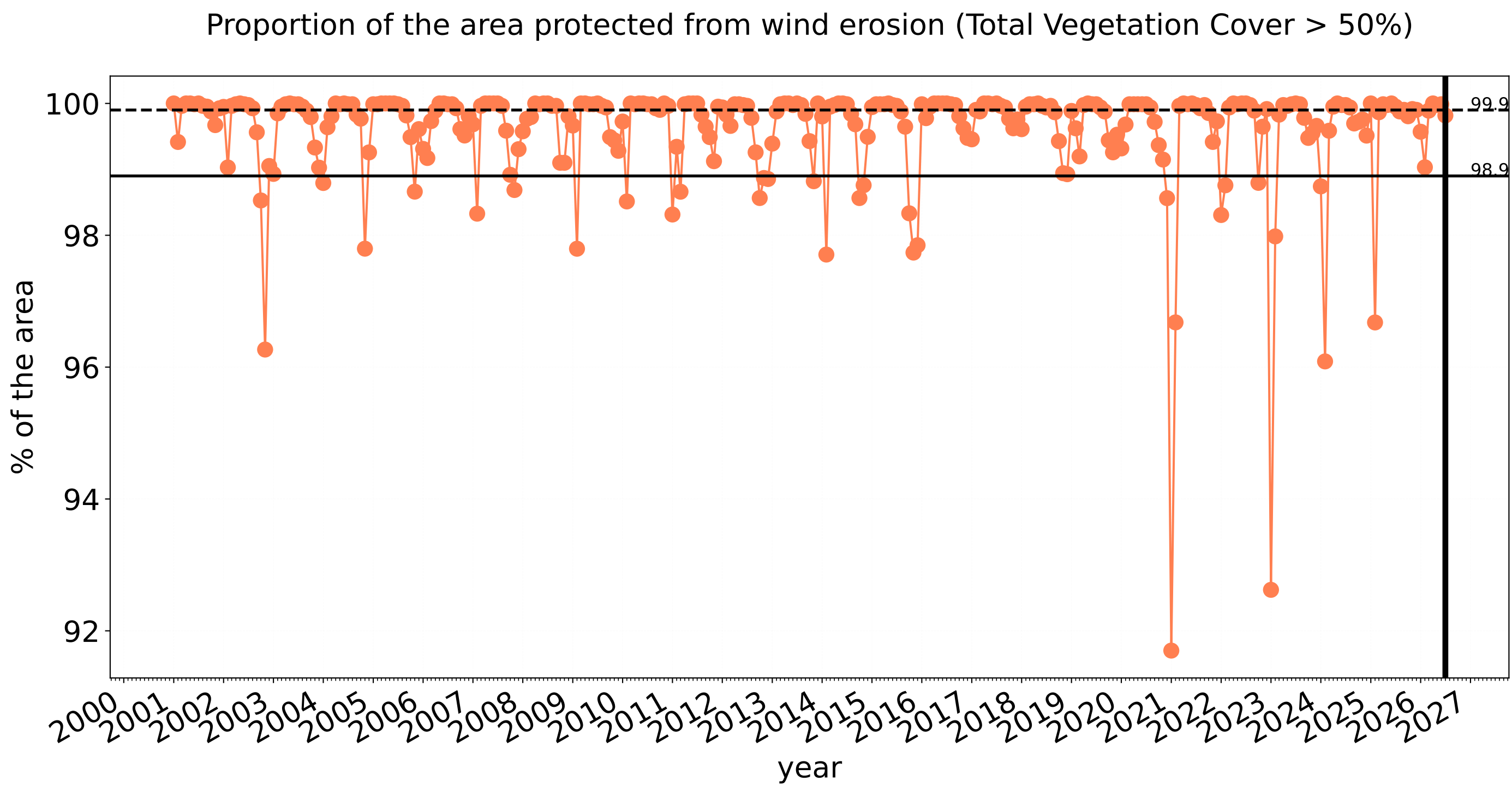
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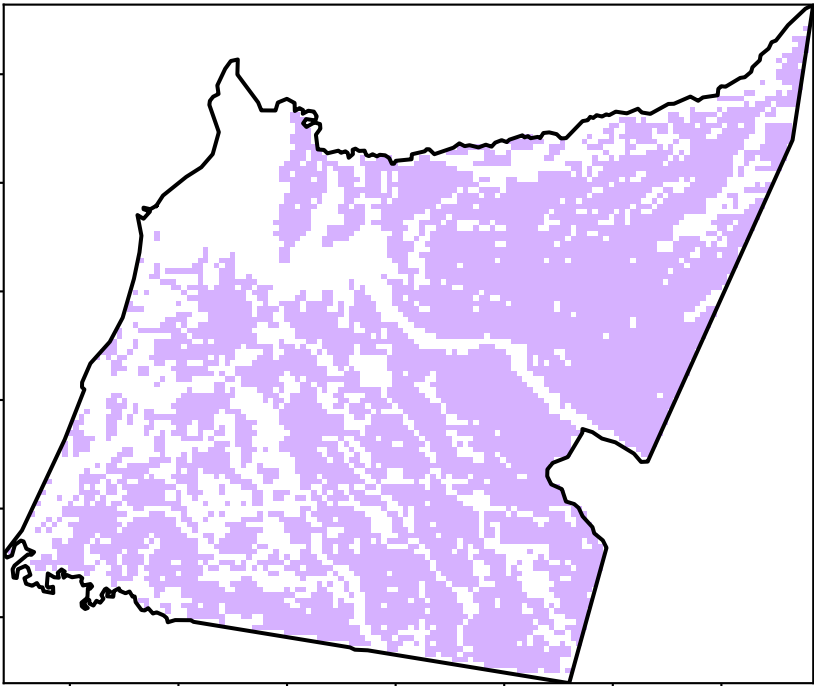
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Conservation and natural environments non forest

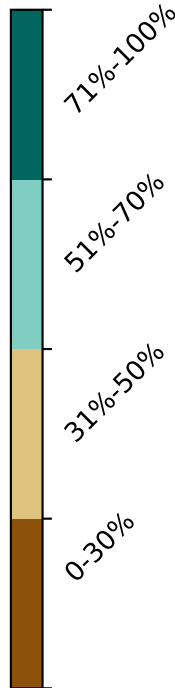
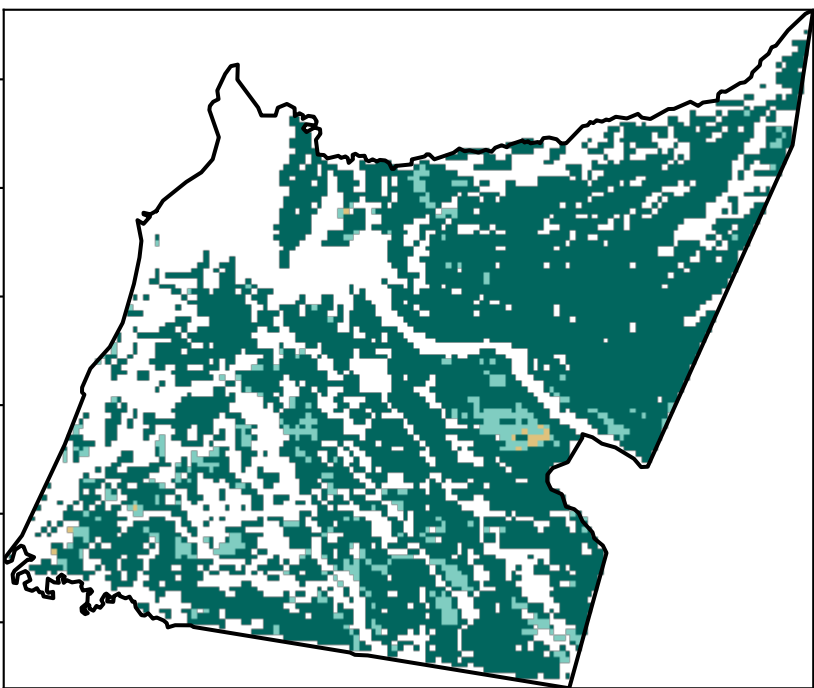
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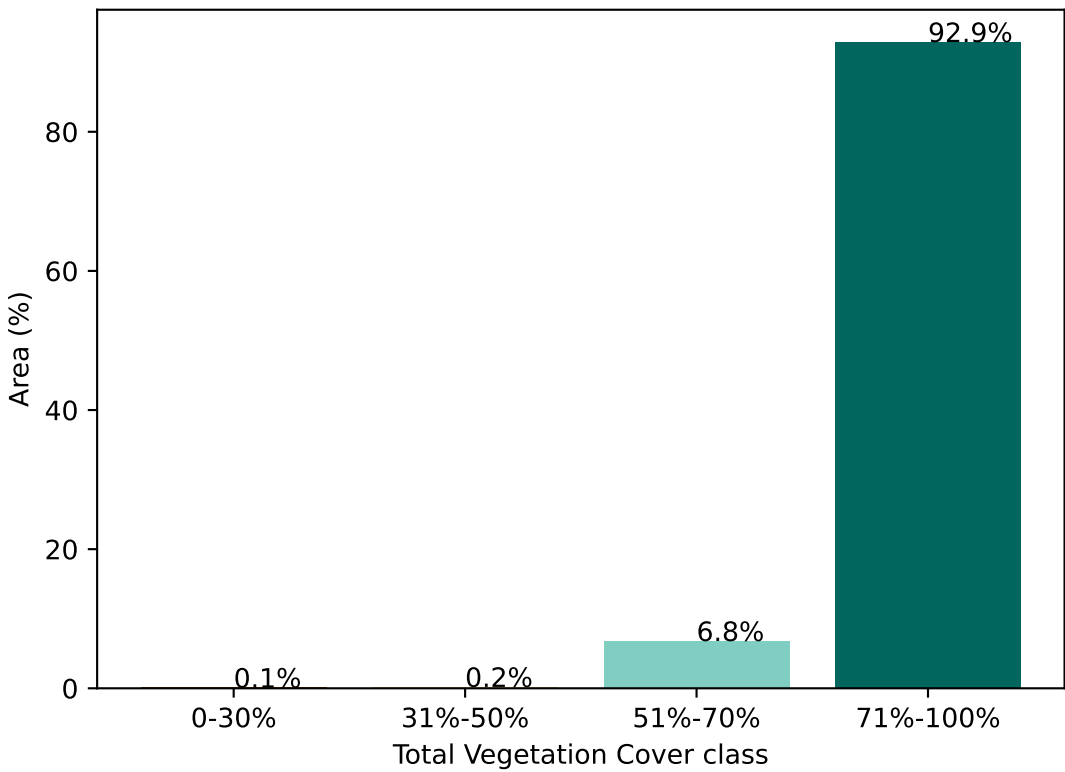


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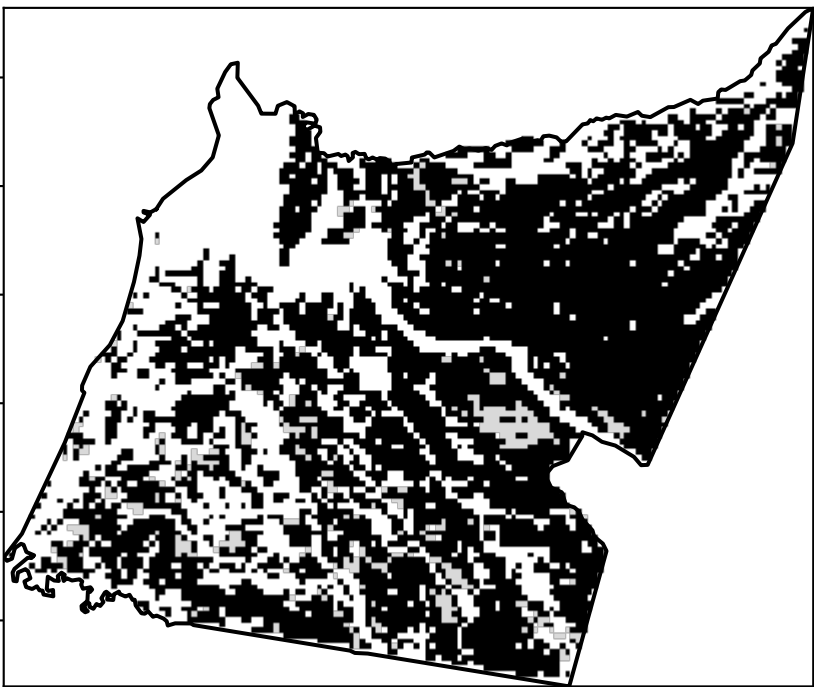
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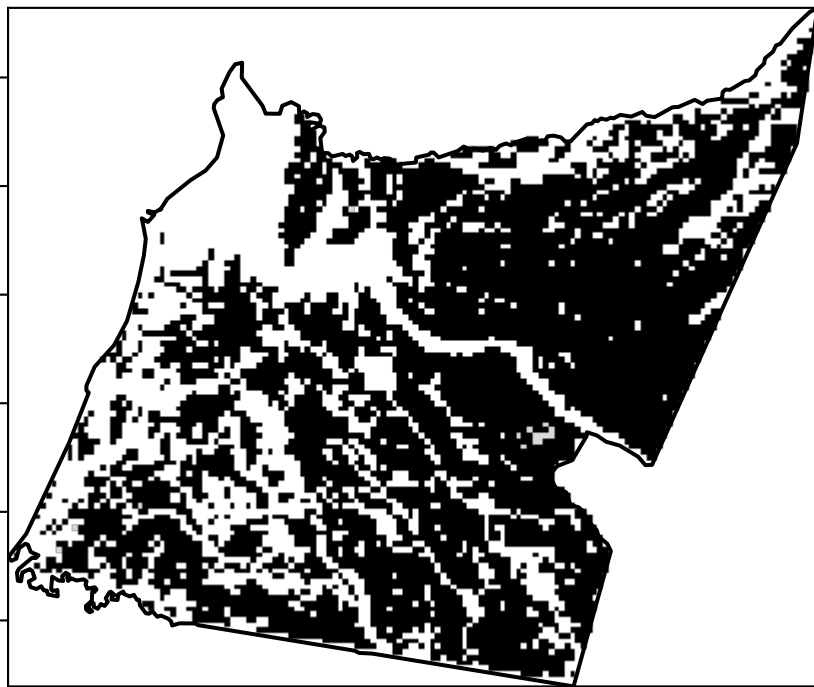


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
7.1% of region
(11,452 ha)
Area protected
92.9% of region
(149,848 ha)

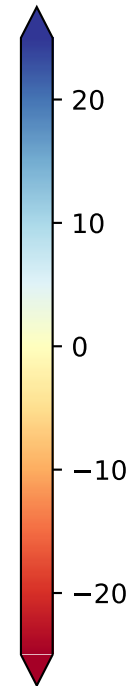
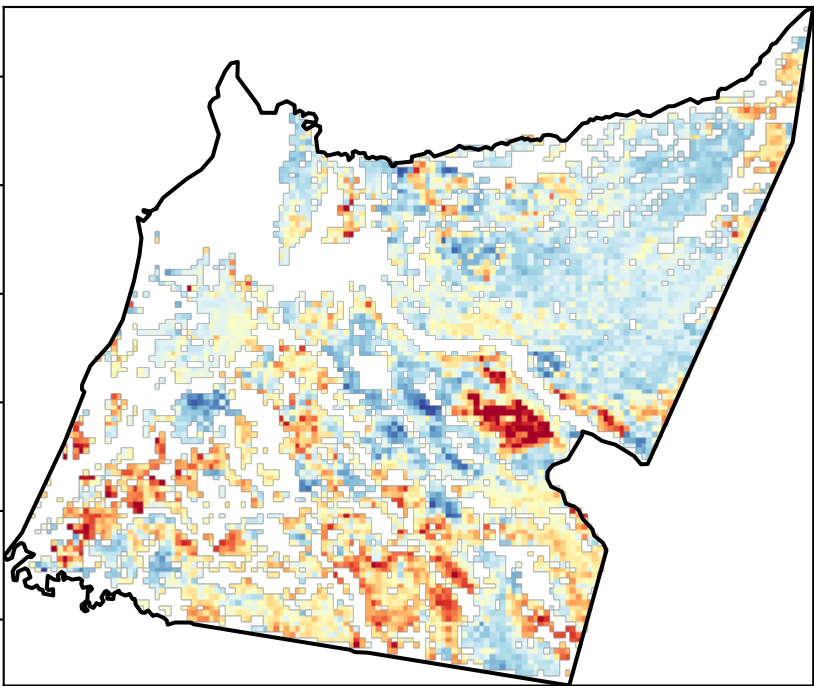
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
0.0% of region
(0 ha)
Area protected
100.0% of region
(161,300 ha)

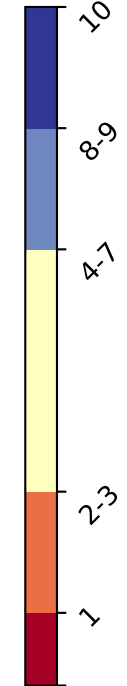
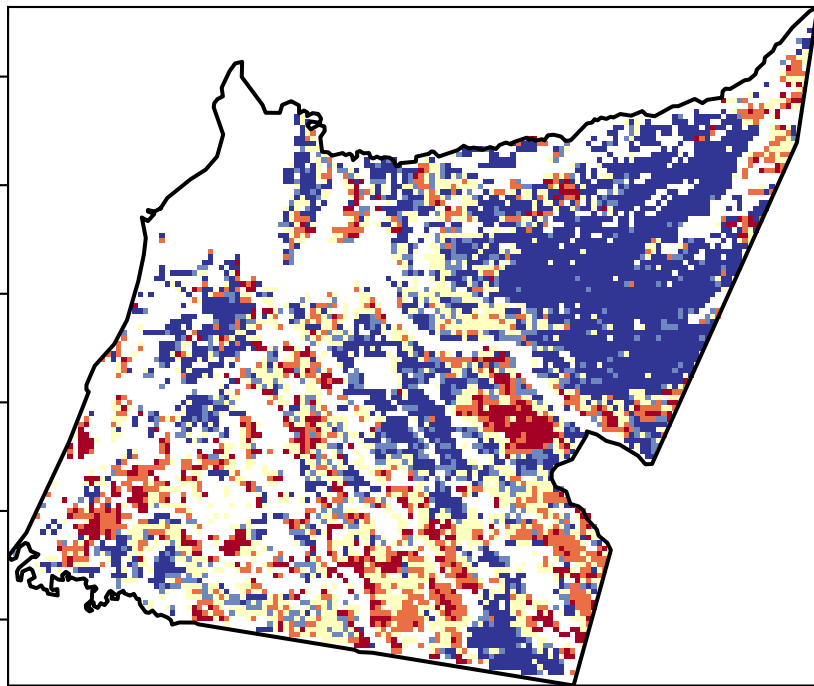
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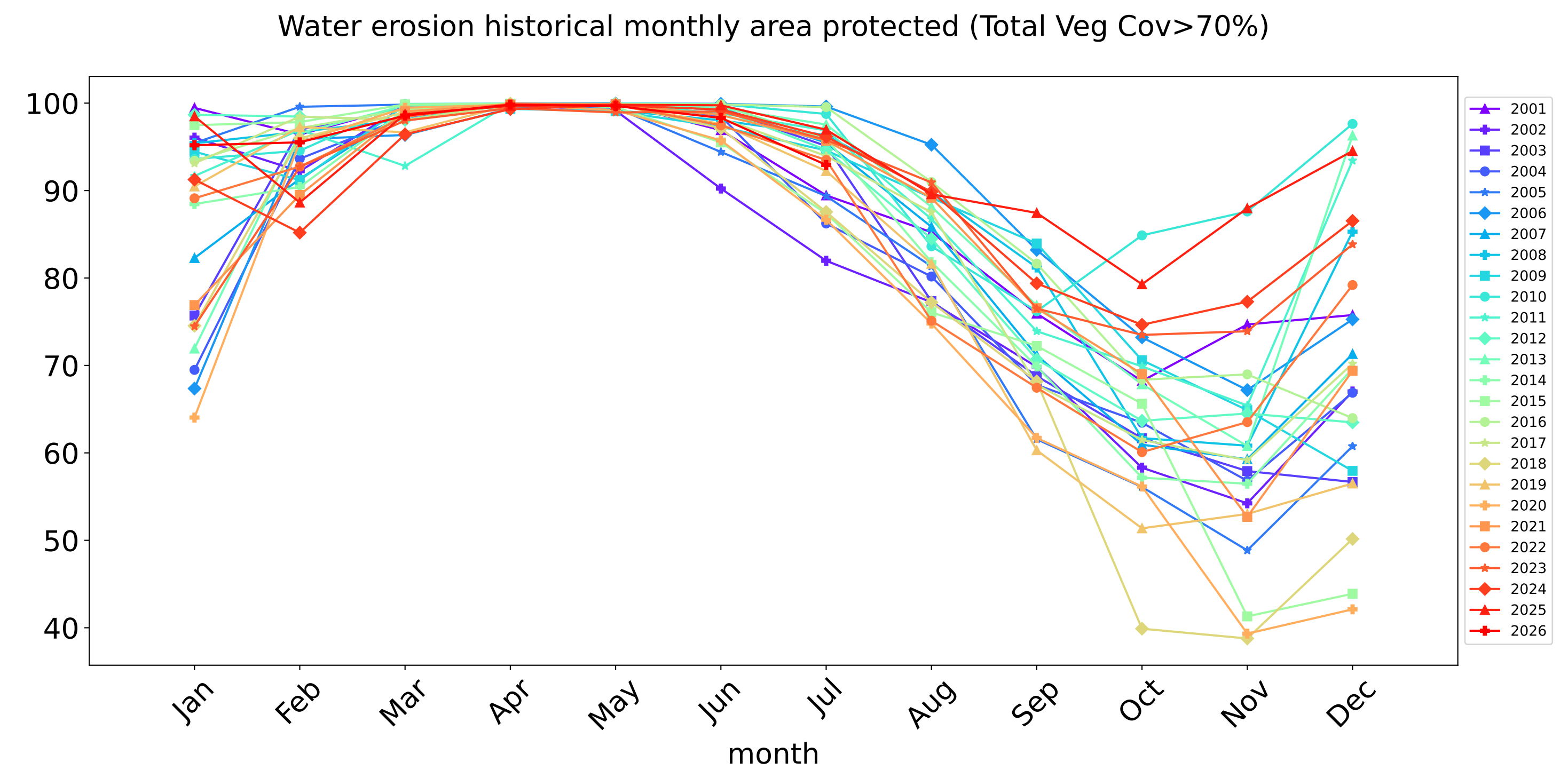
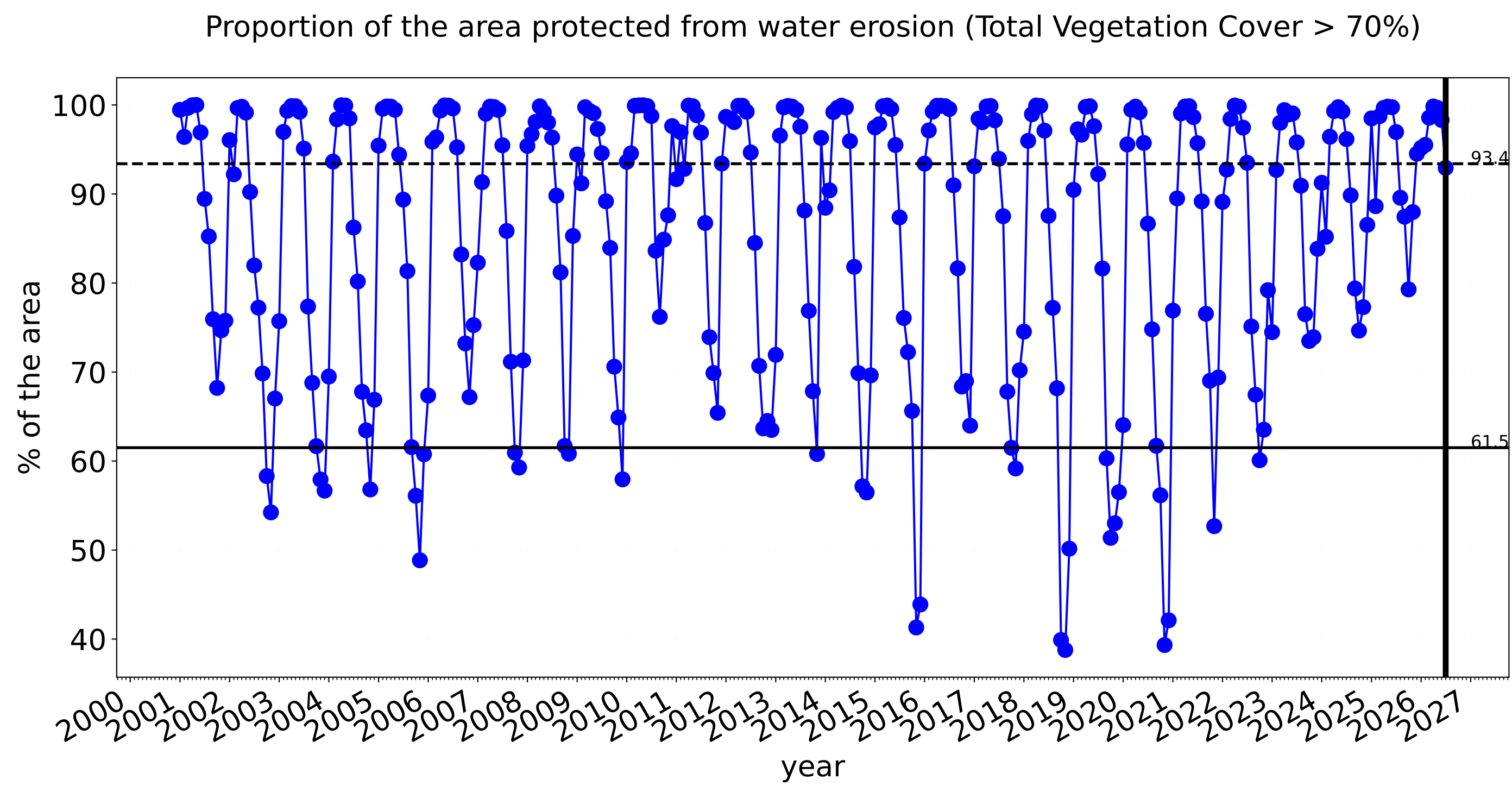
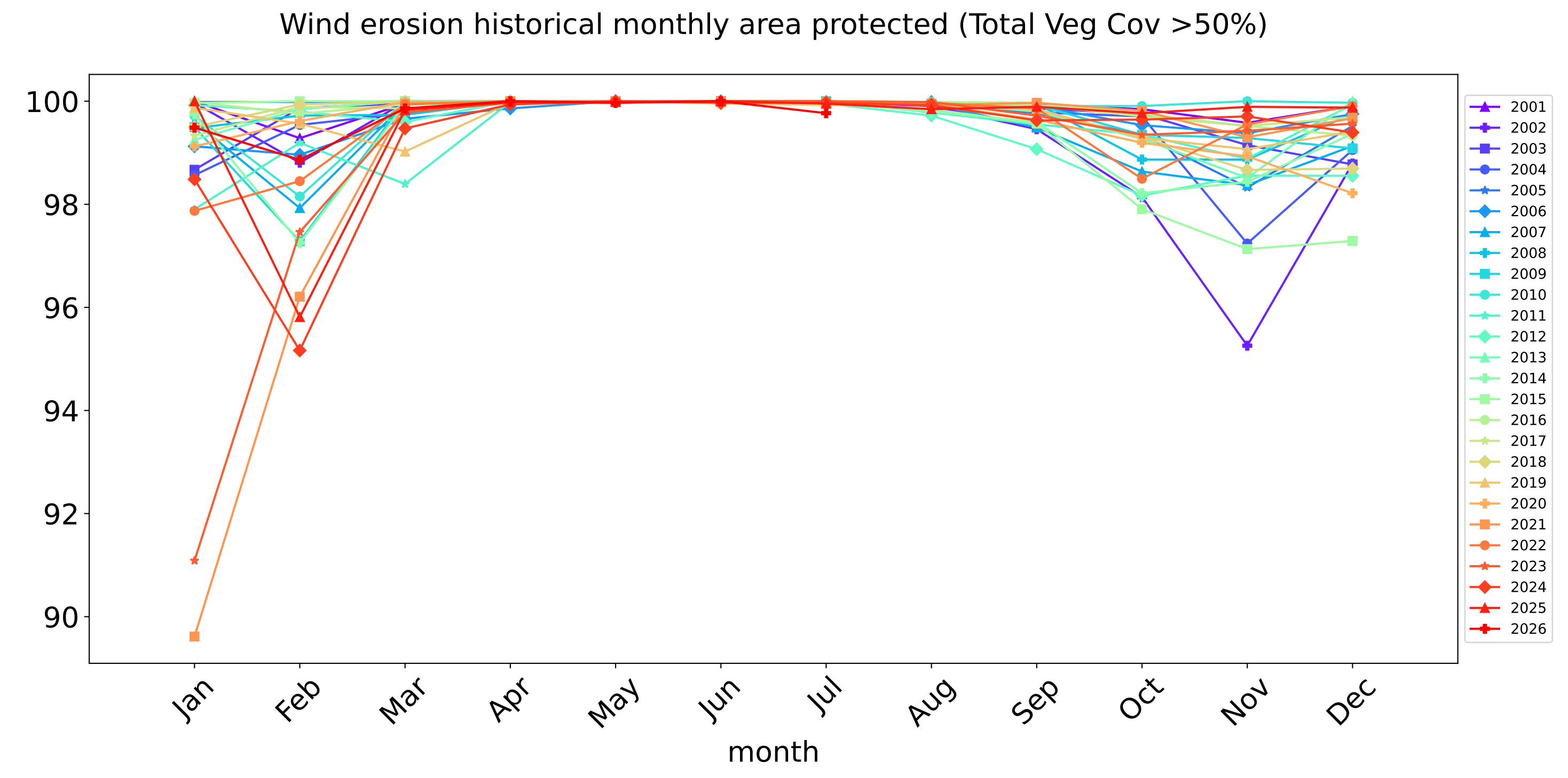
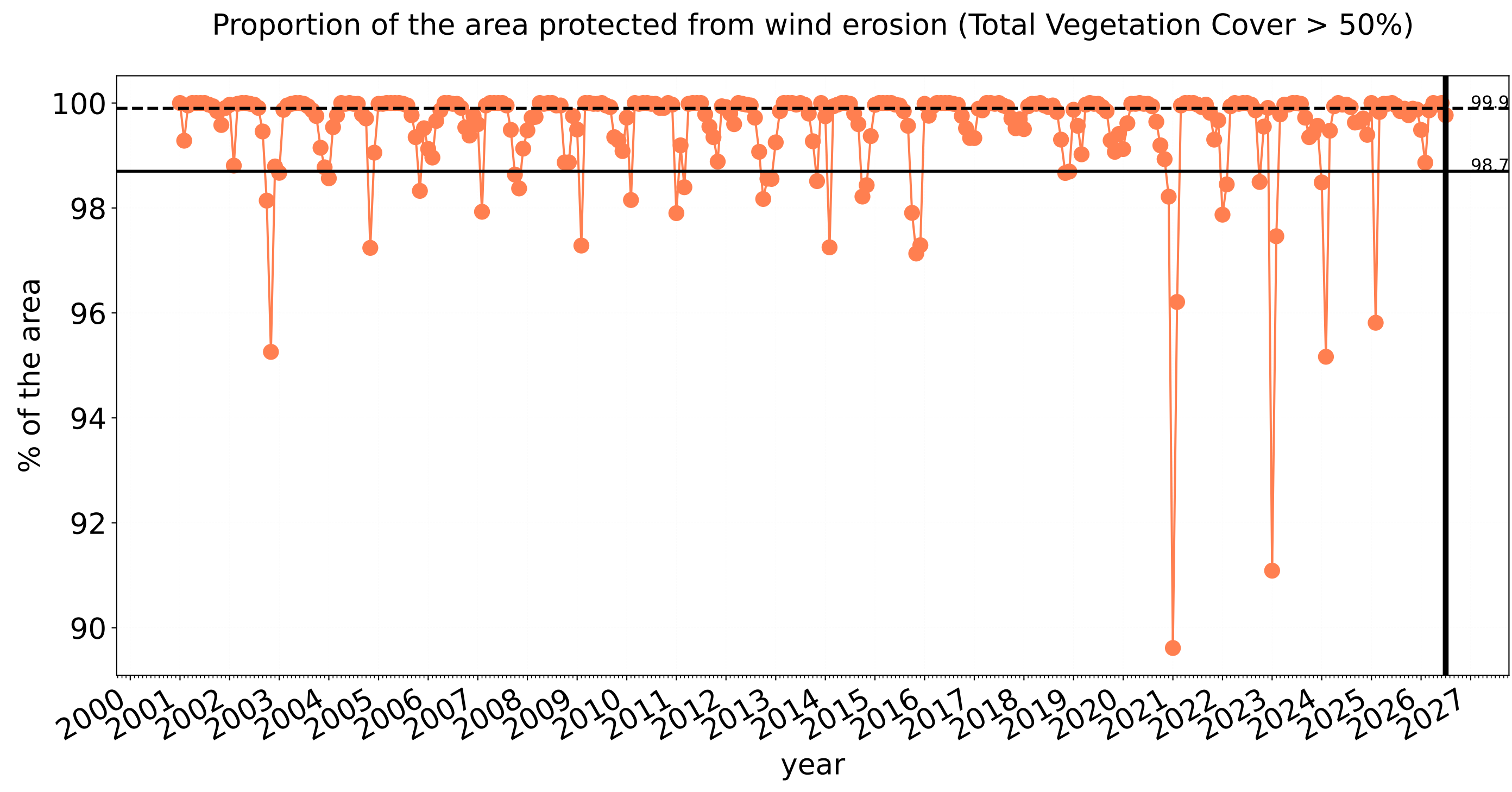


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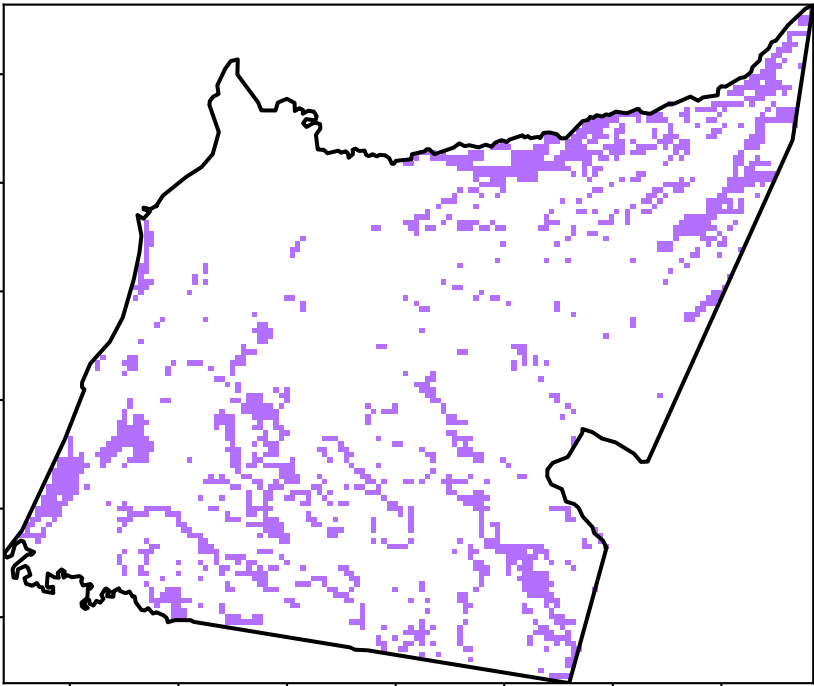
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Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

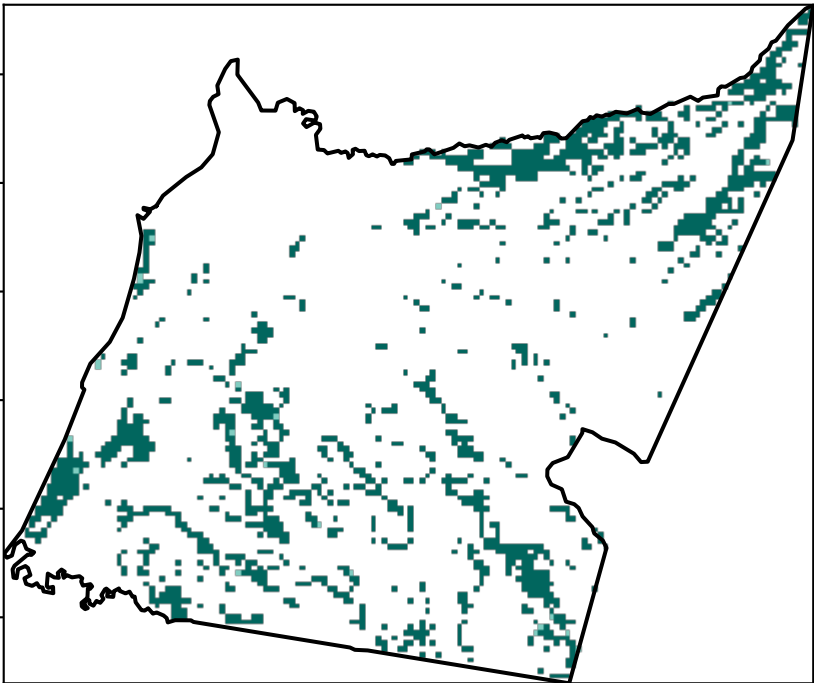
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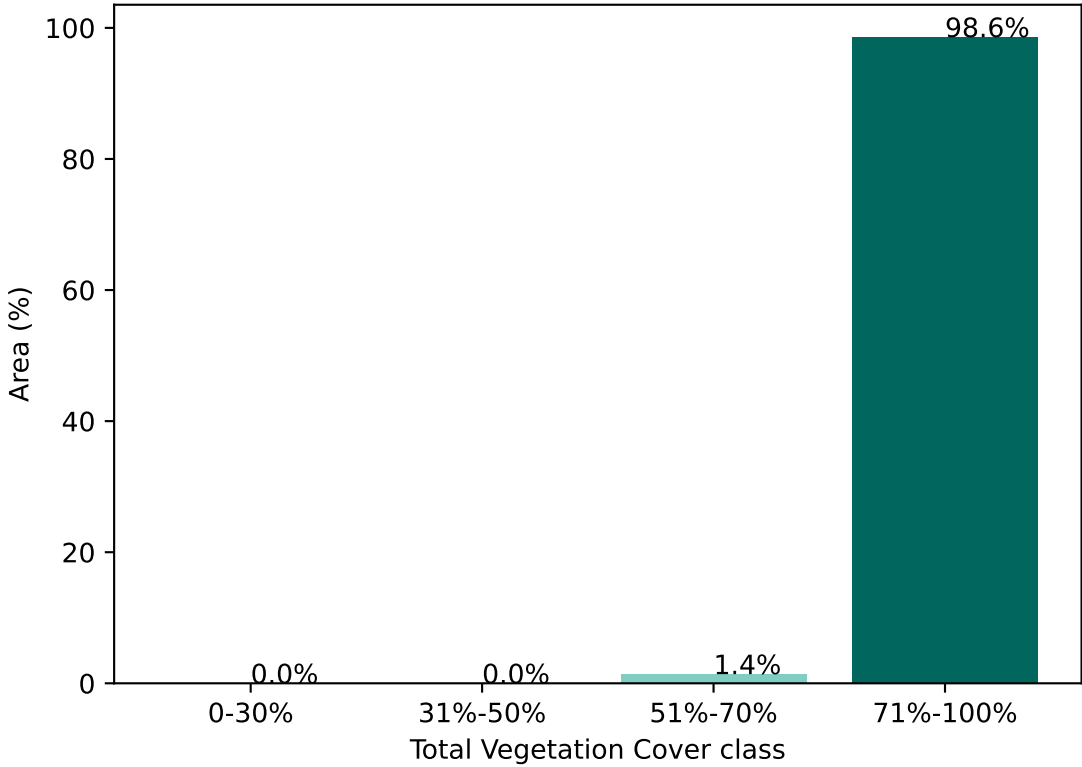


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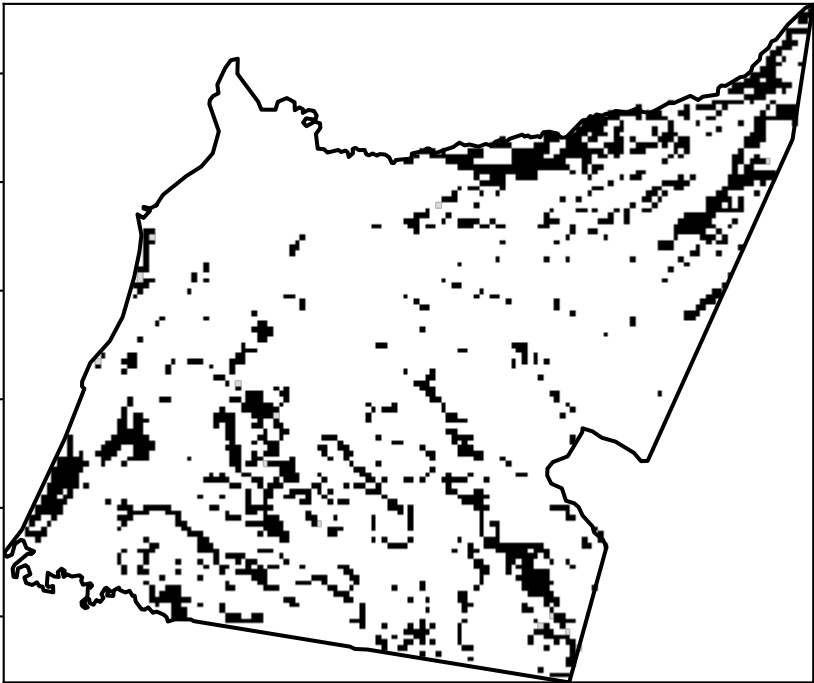
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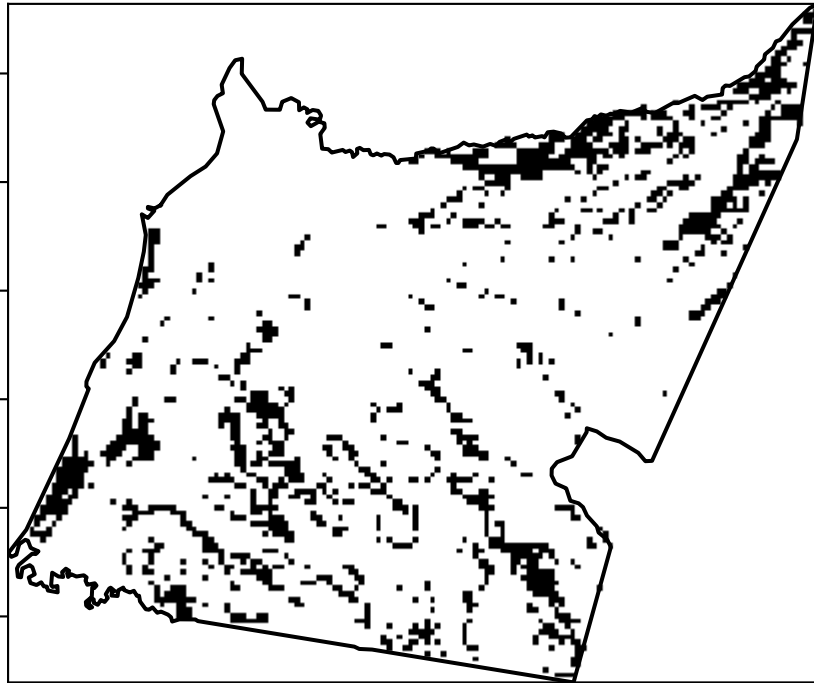


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
1.4% of region
(547 ha)
Area protected
98.6% of region
(38,553 ha)

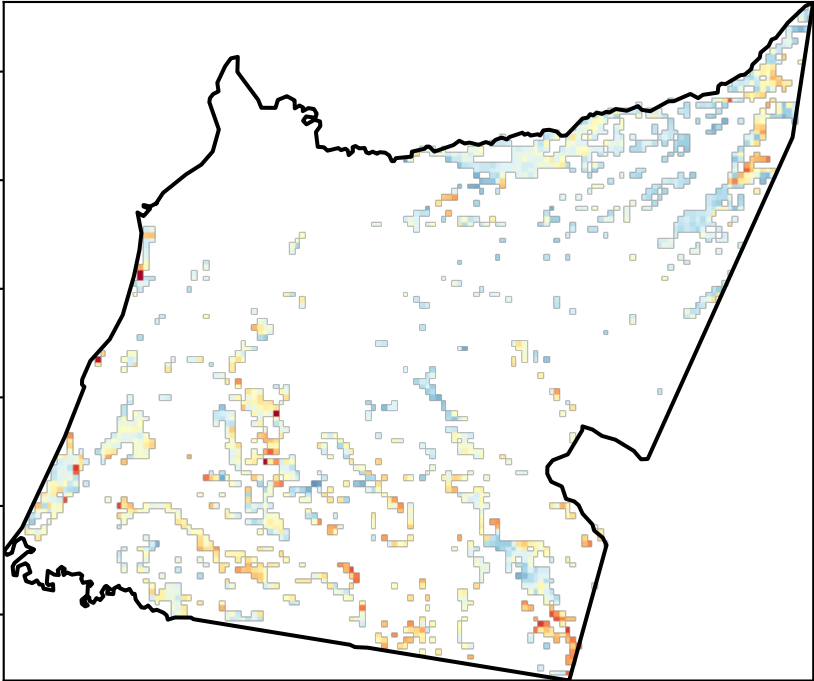
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area protected
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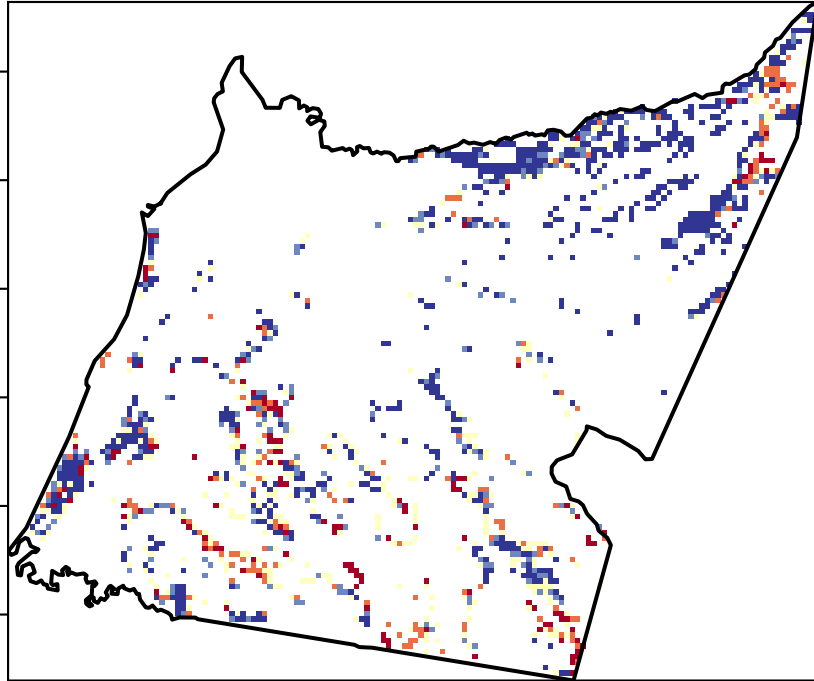
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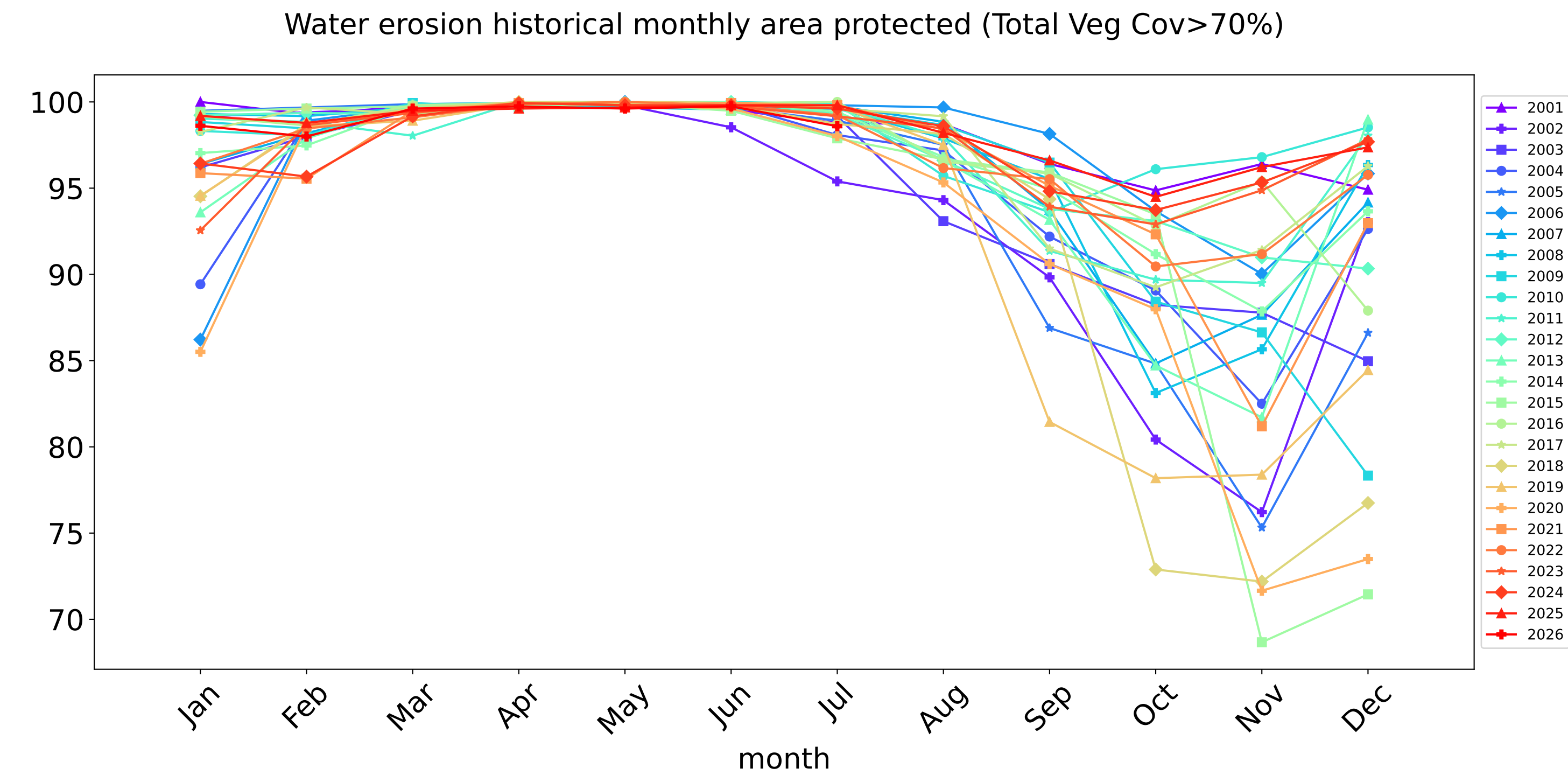
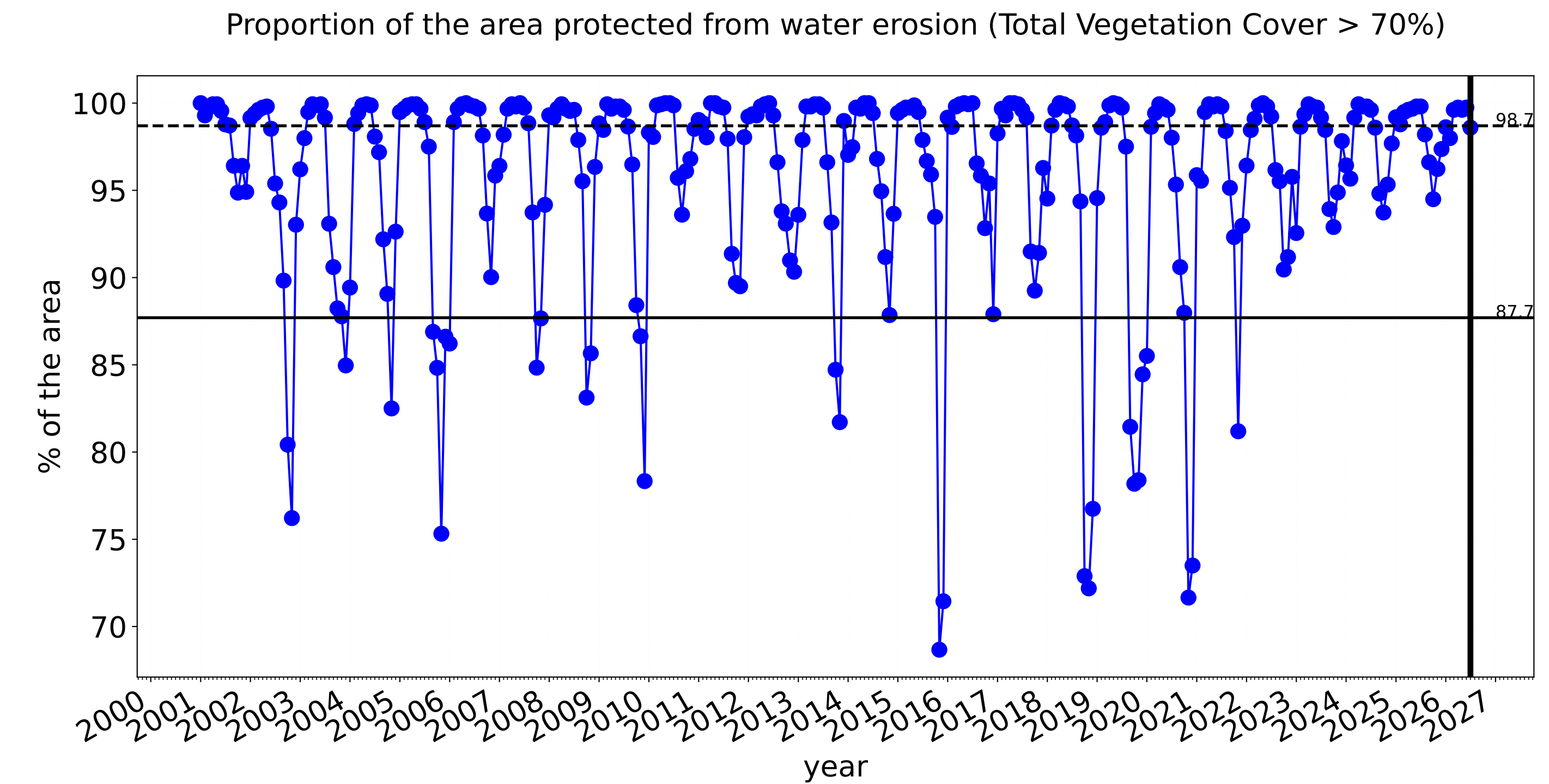
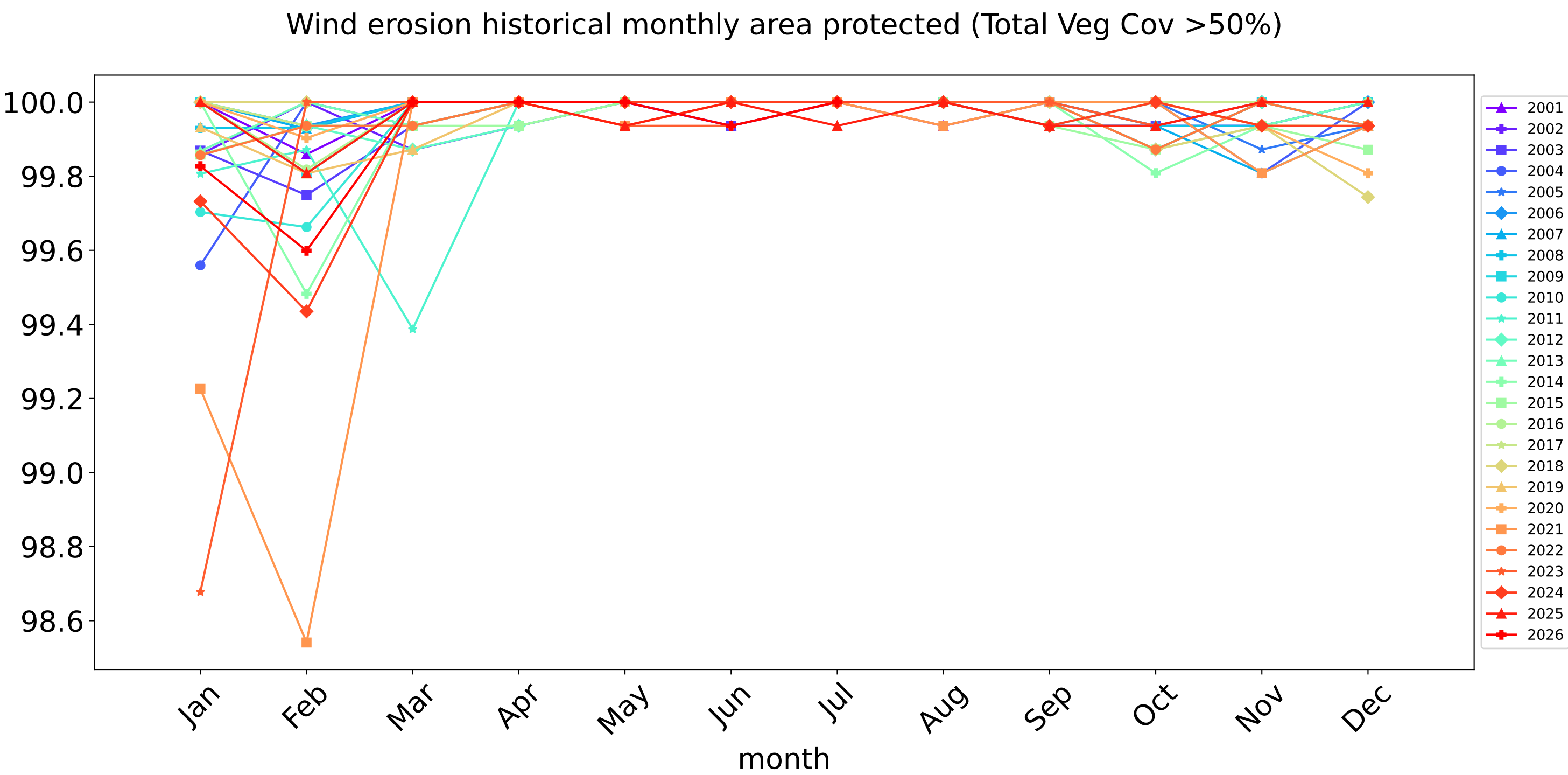
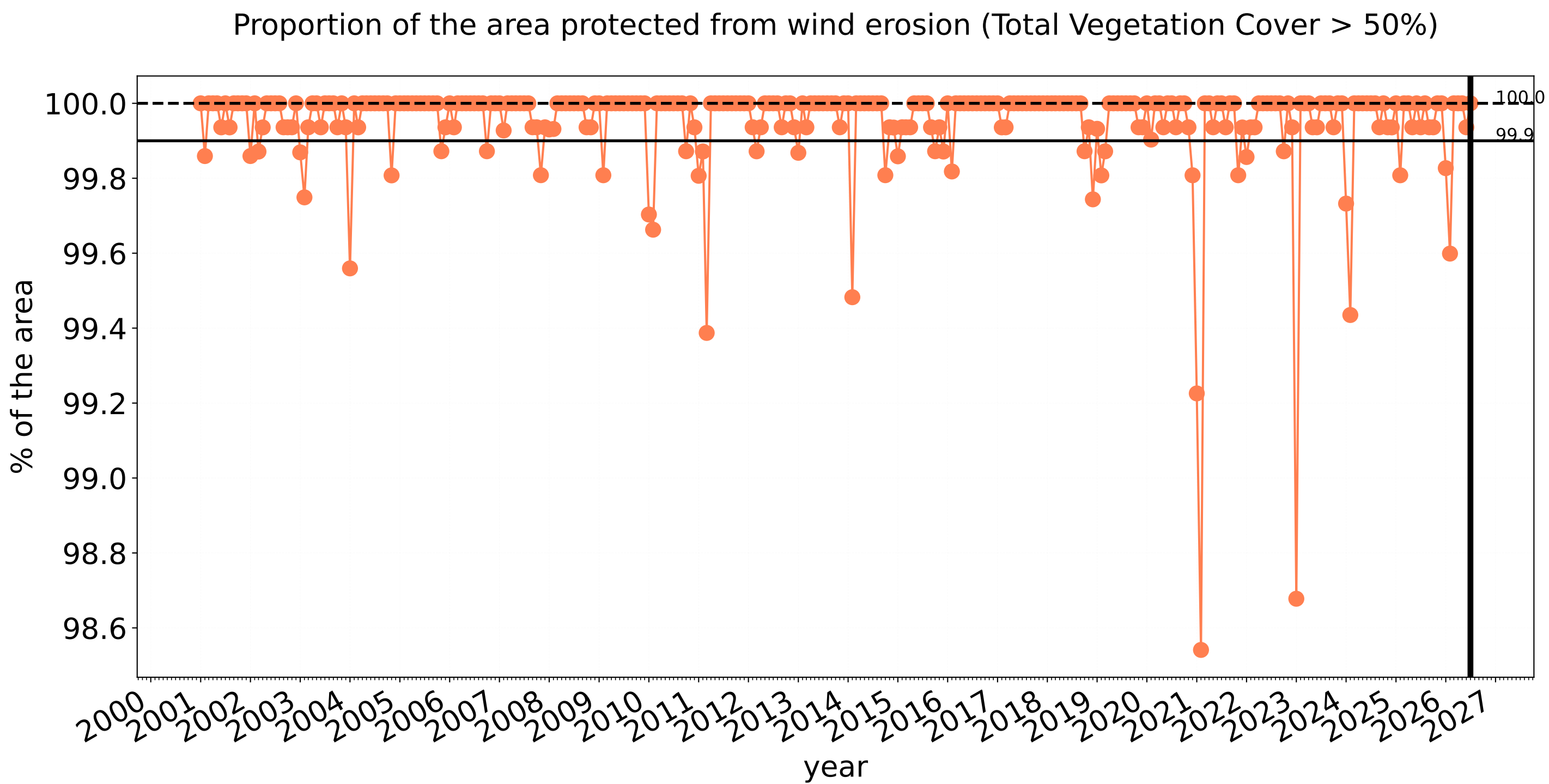


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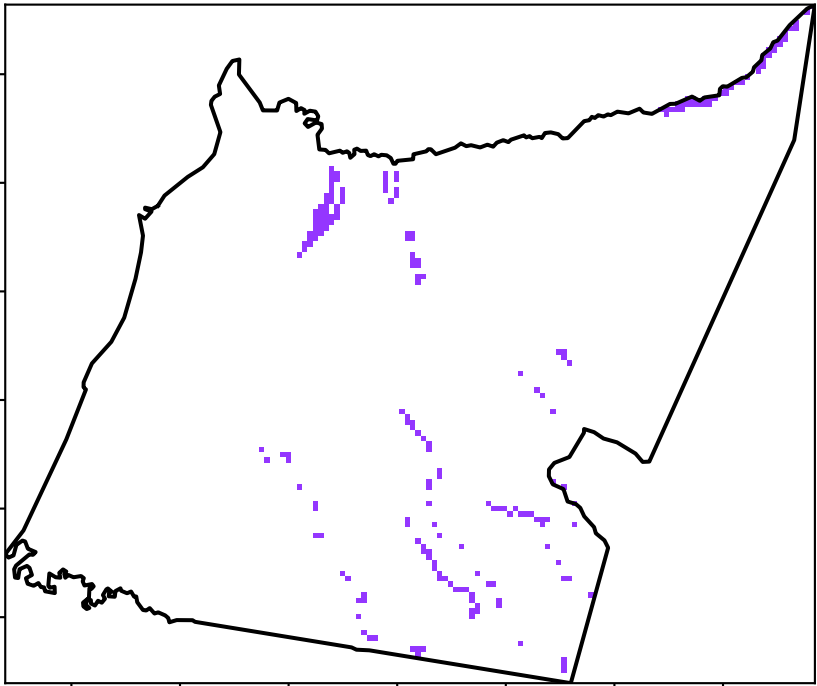
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

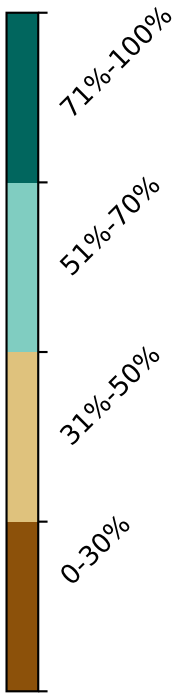
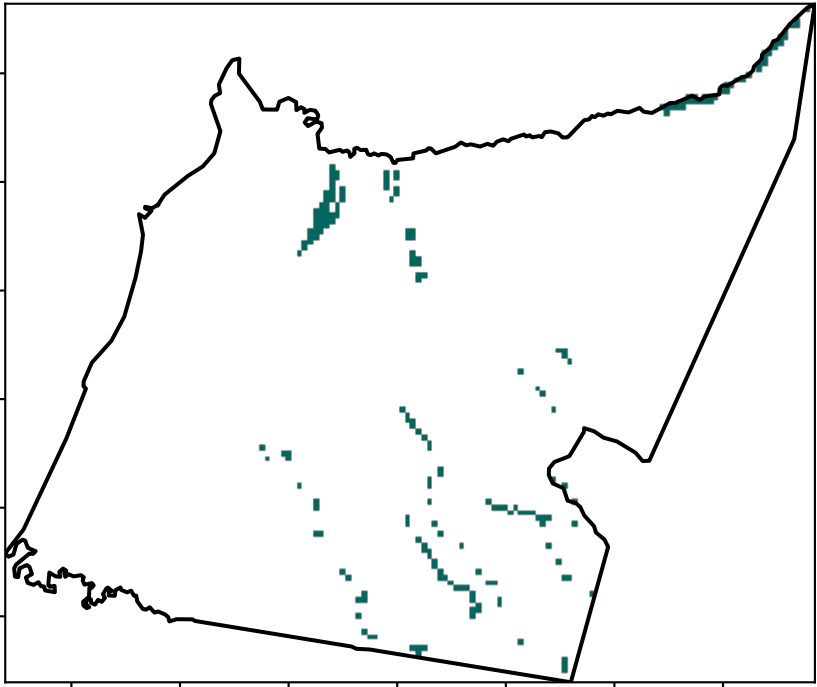
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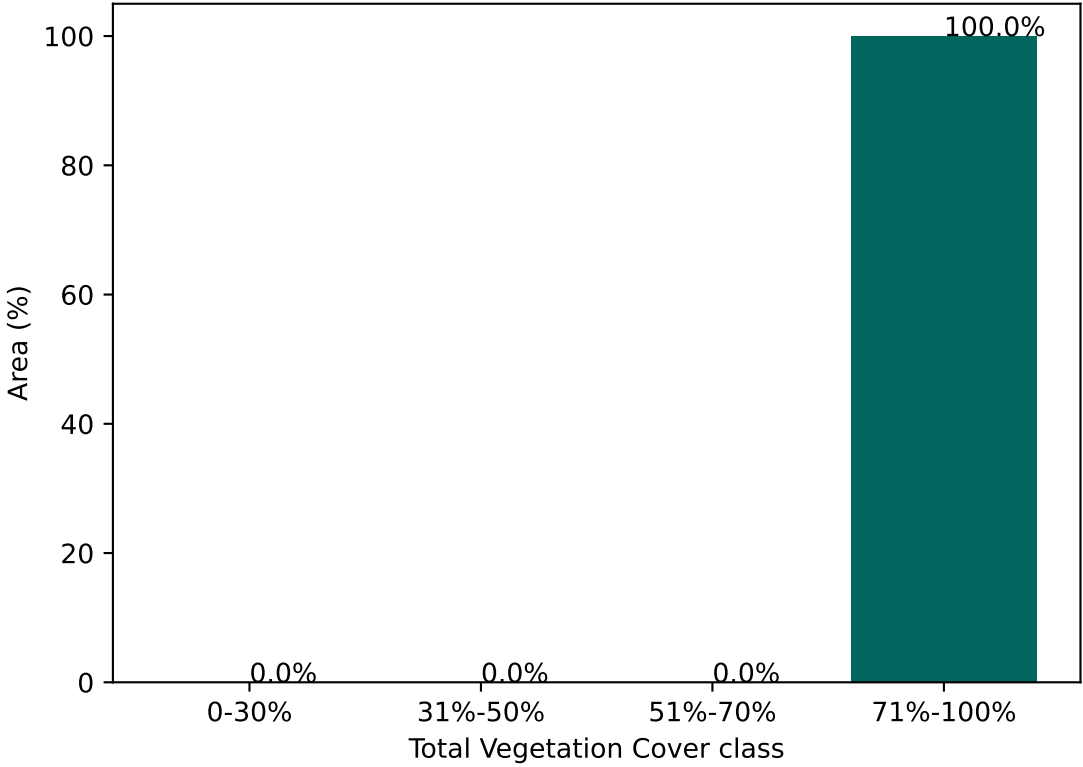


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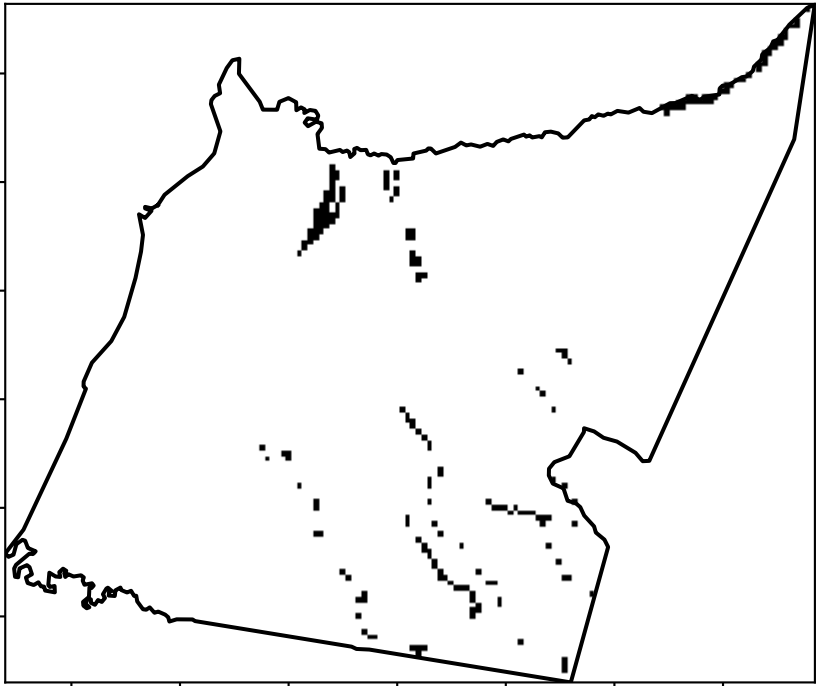
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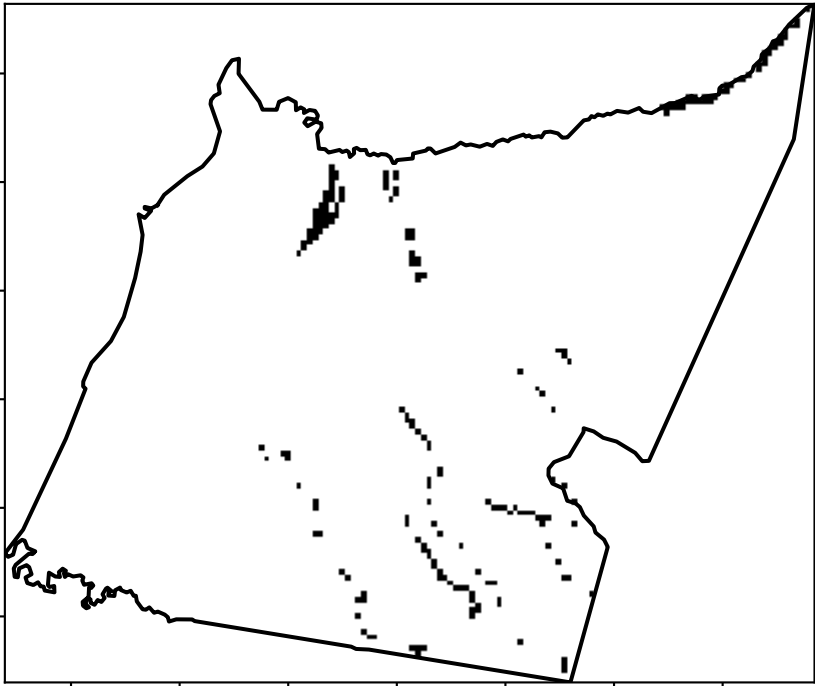


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area protected
100.0% of region
(5,175 ha)

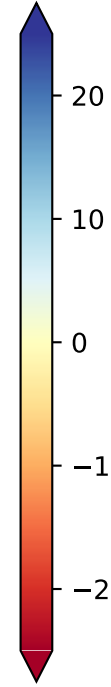
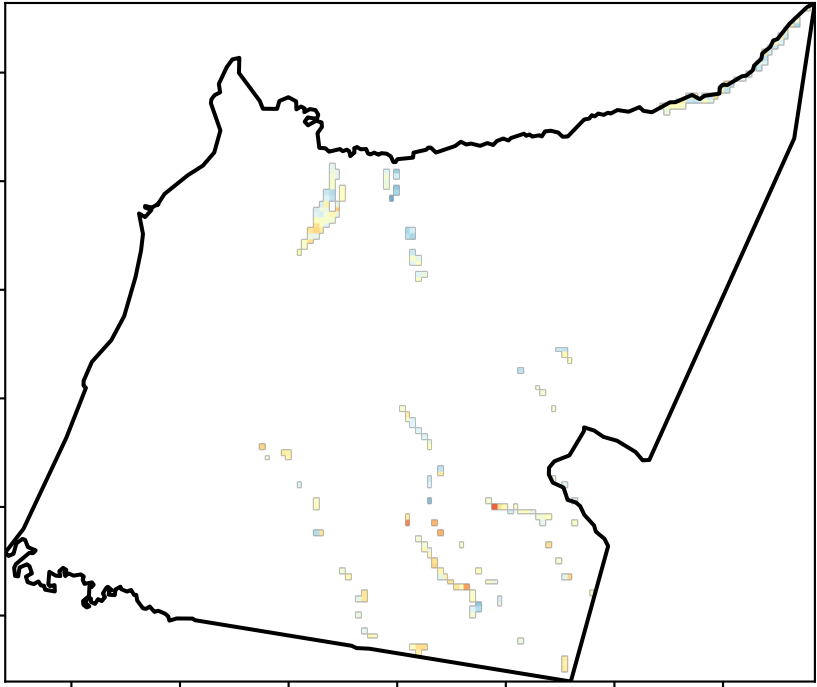
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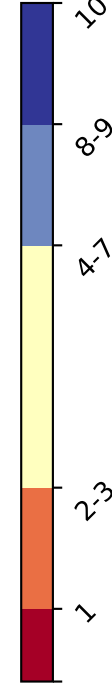
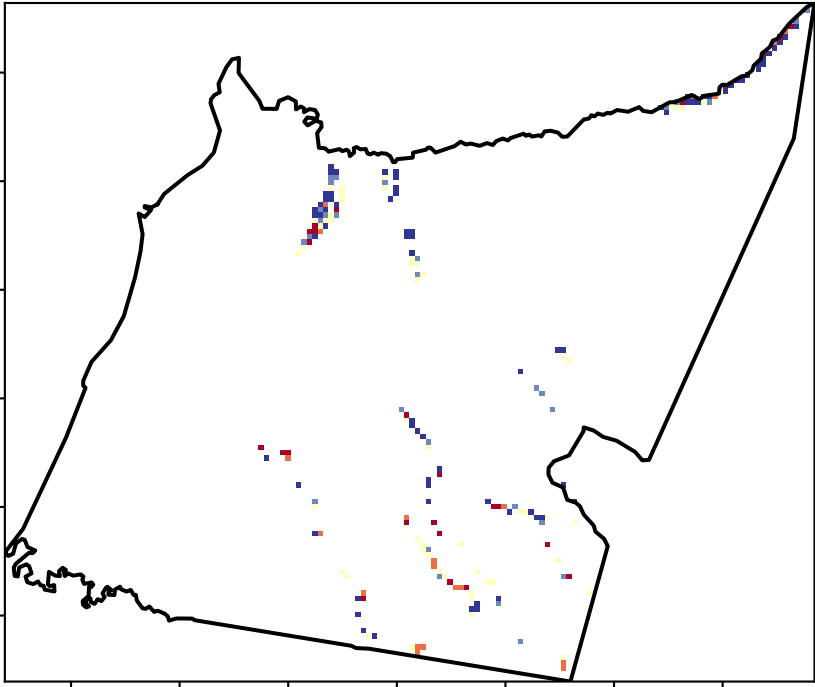
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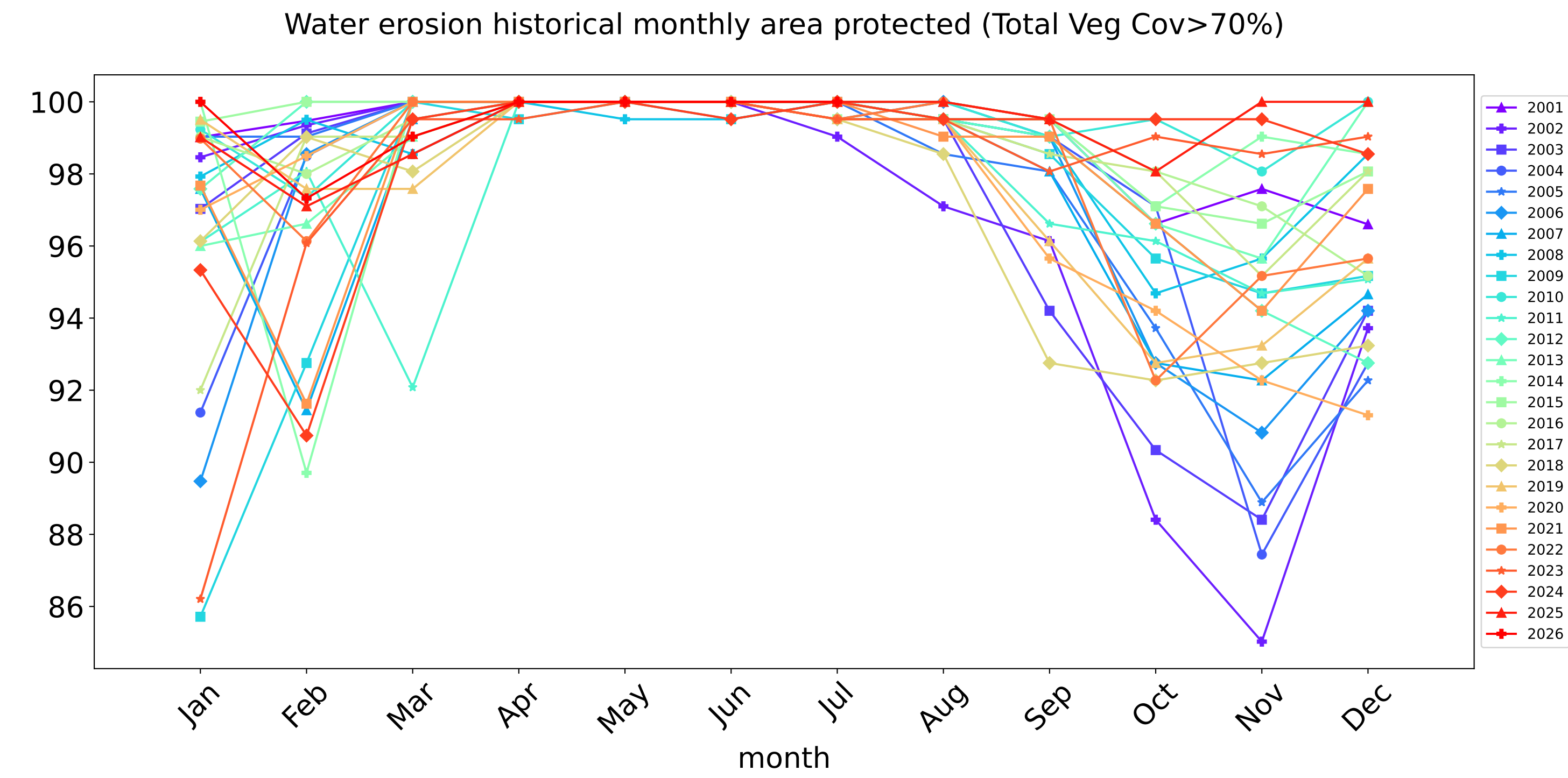
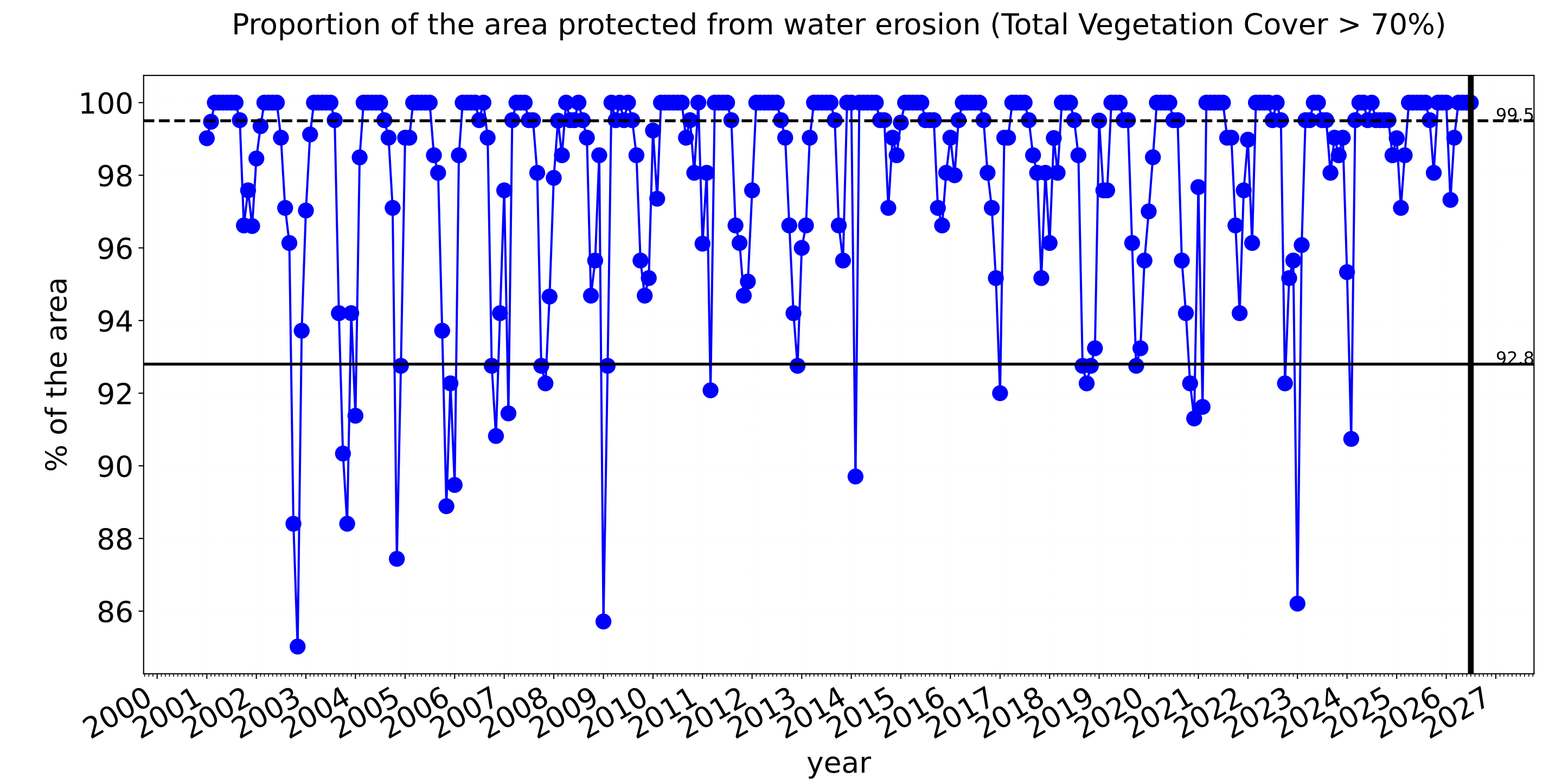
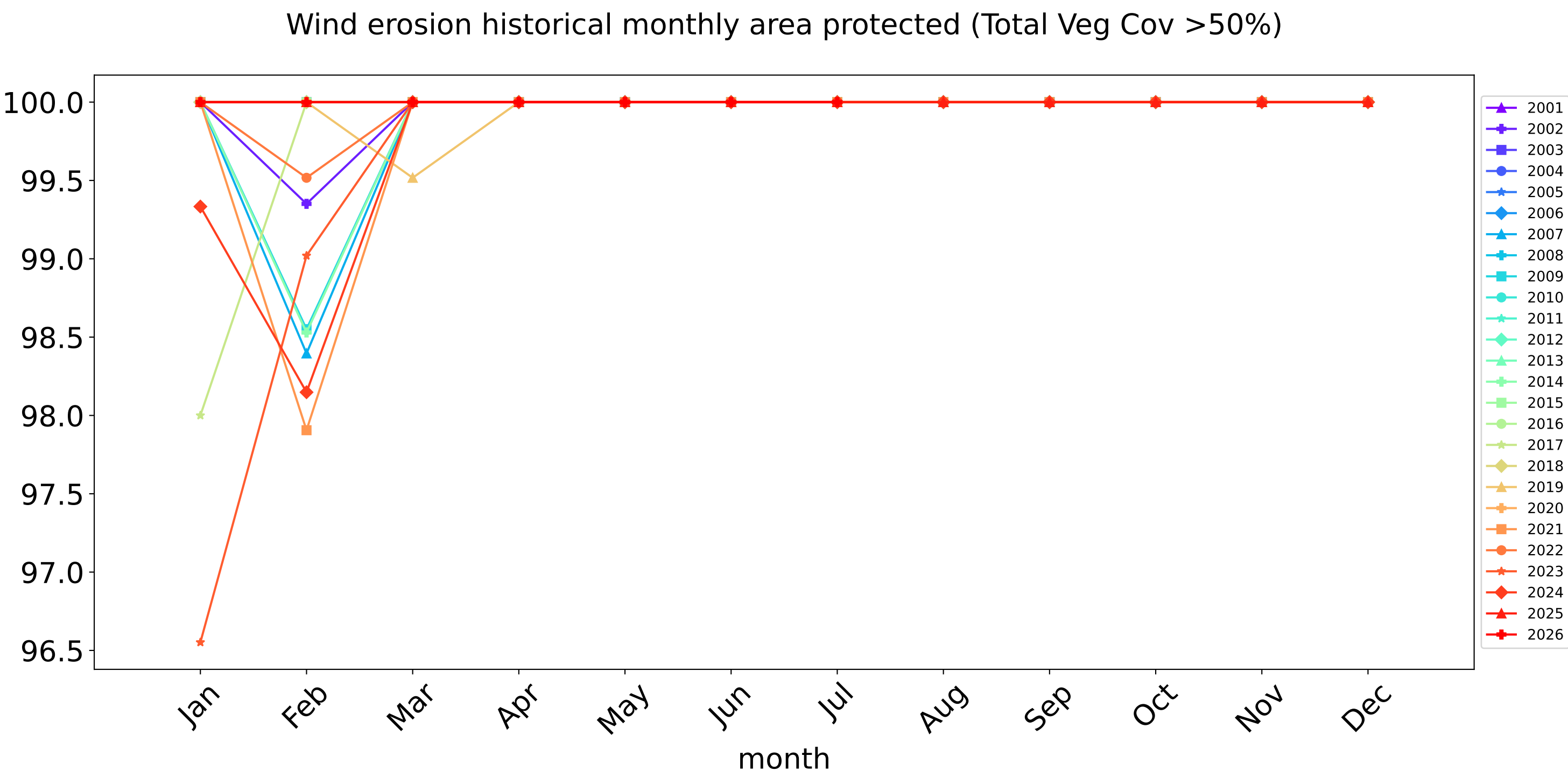
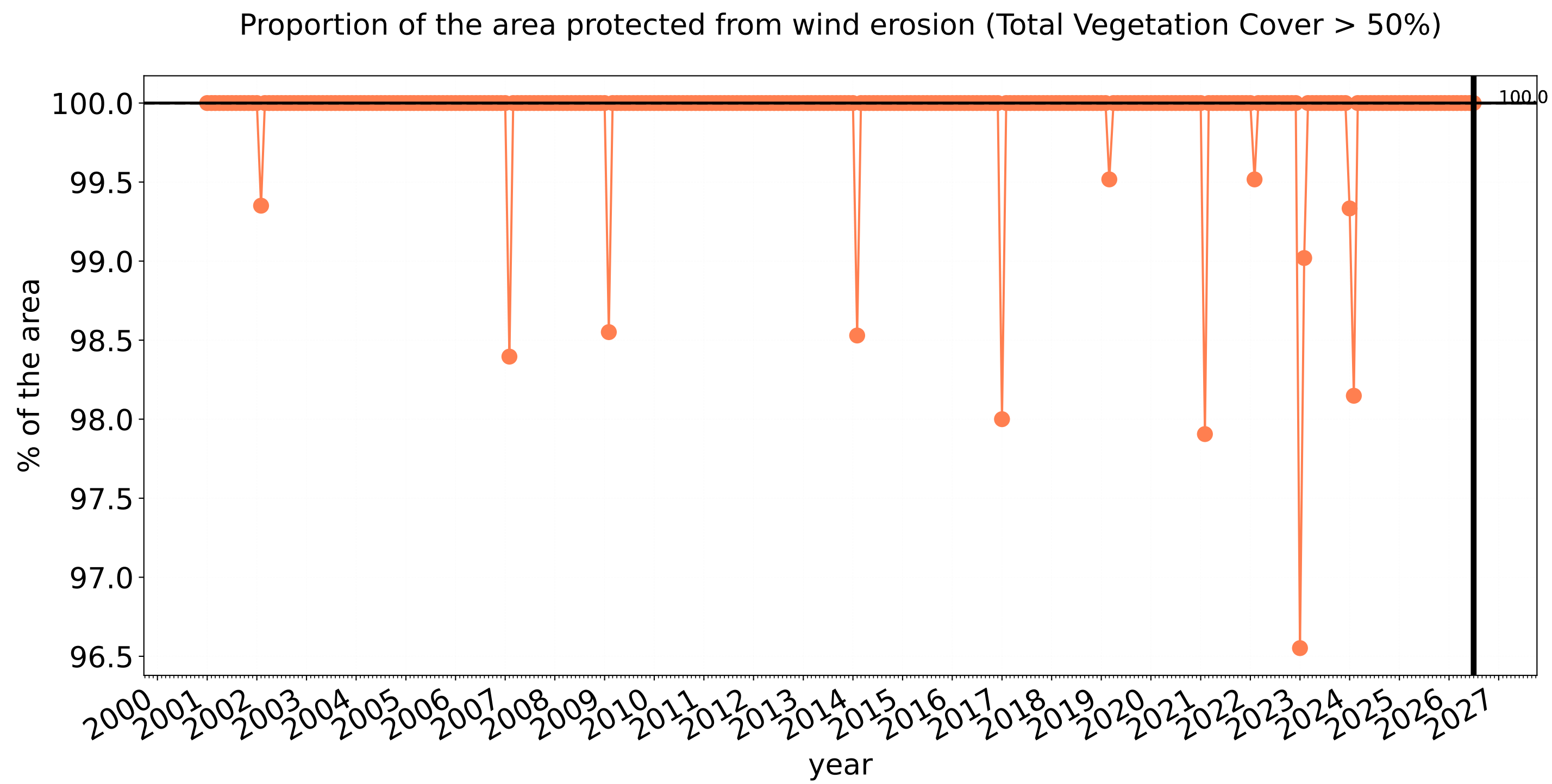


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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries



Kowanyama_(S) (253,550 ha and no data 1,942 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	253,550	100.0% 253,475	99.6% 252,475	91.6% 232,325	75.0% 190,050	48.3% 122,375	28.9% 73,175
Conservation and natural environments	205,575	100.0% 205,575	99.8% 205,200	94.2% 193,625	79.5% 163,350	53.4% 109,700	32.4% 66,575
Conservation and natural environments non forest	161,300	100.0% 161,300	99.8% 160,925	92.9% 149,900	76.4% 123,200	50.2% 80,925	30.8% 49,750
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	39,100	100.0% 39,100	100.0% 39,100	98.6% 38,550	90.0% 35,200	65.0% 25,400	39.8% 15,550
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	5,175	100.0% 5,175	100.0% 5,175	100.0% 5,175	95.7% 4,950	65.2% 3,375	24.6% 1,275