Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Livingstone_(S) QLD Date: May 2025

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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Vegetation Cover May 2025

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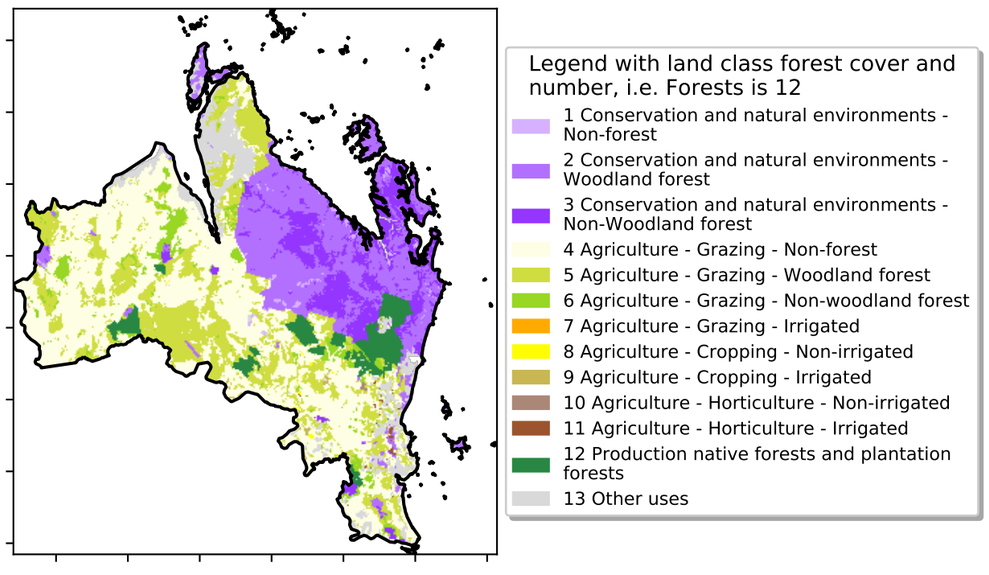

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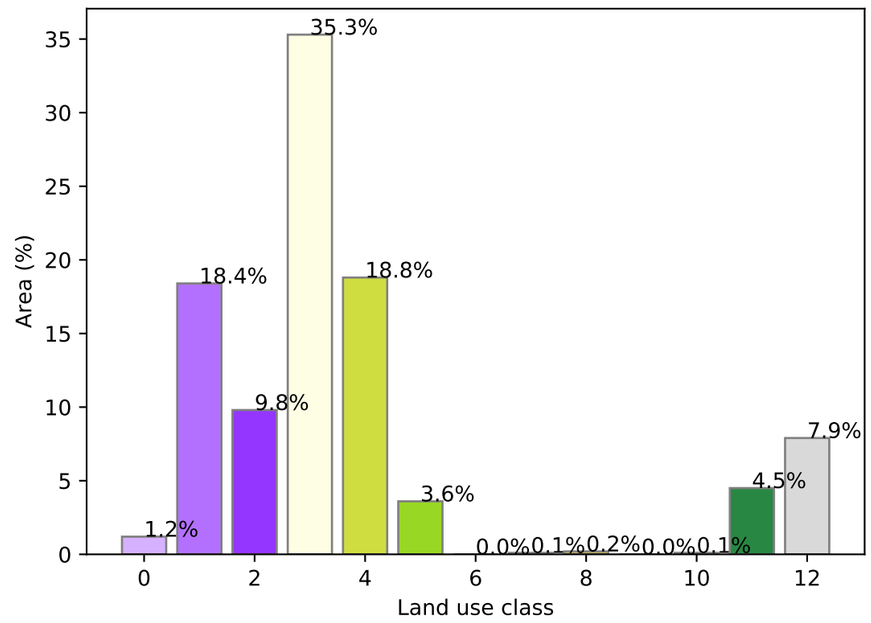

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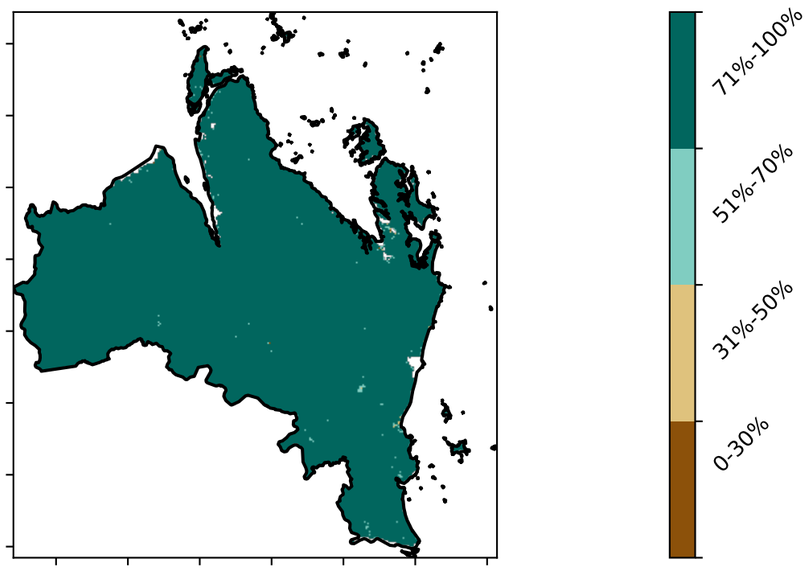

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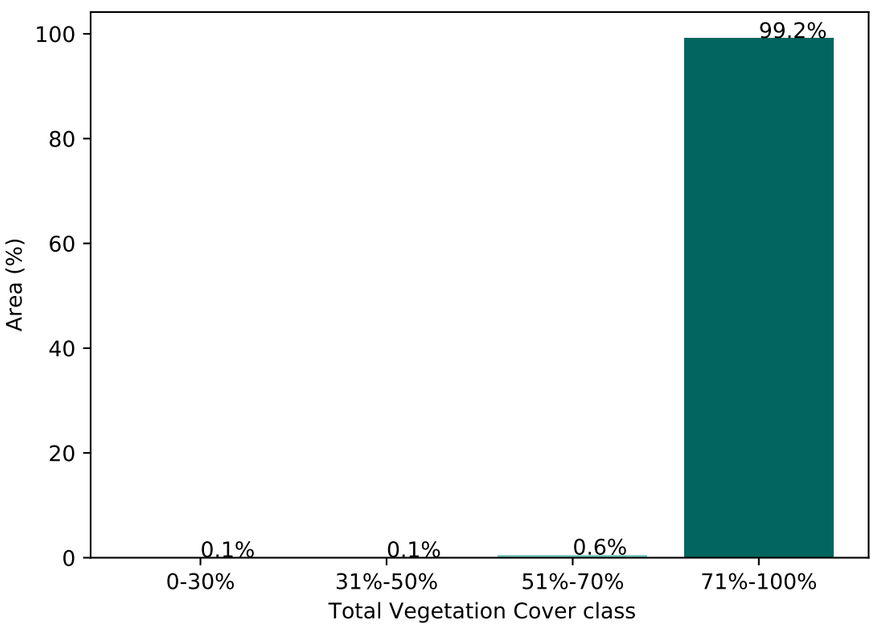

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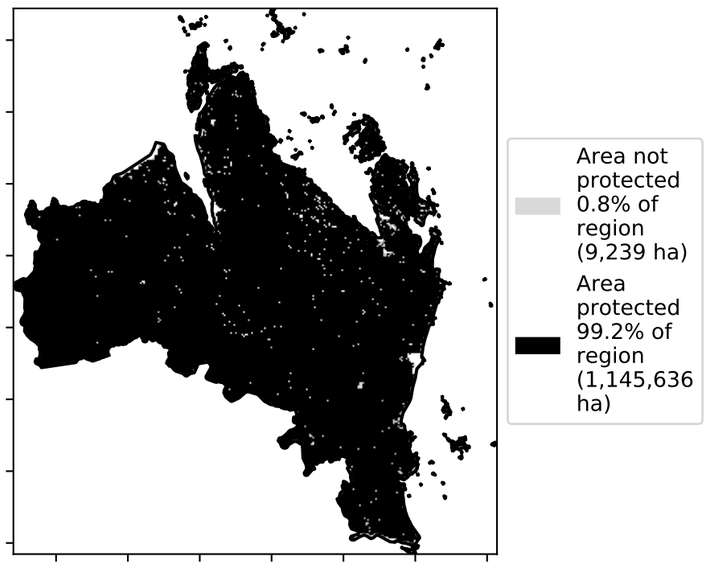

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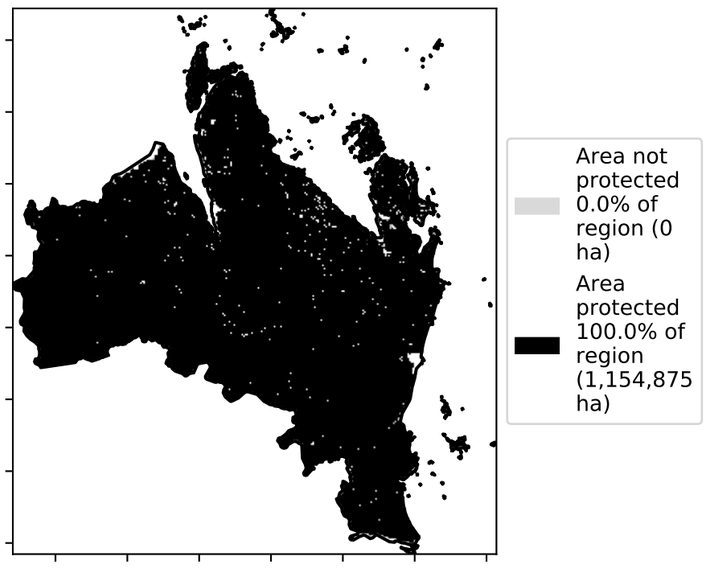

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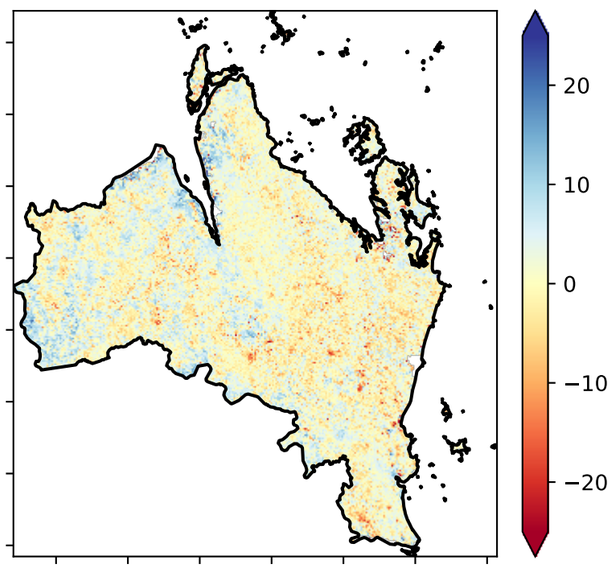

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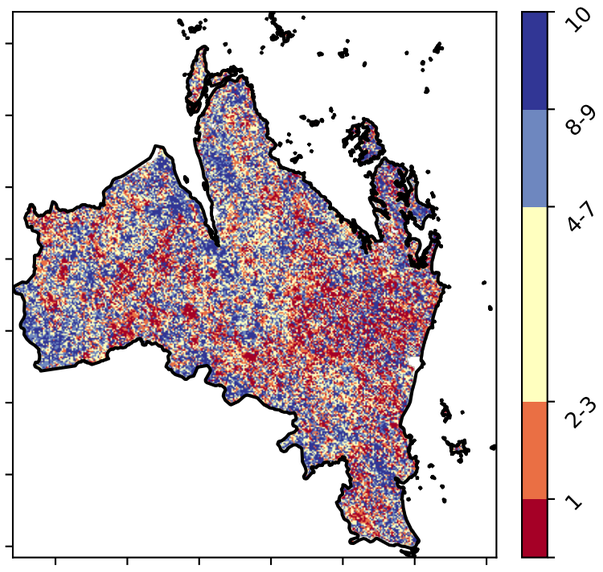

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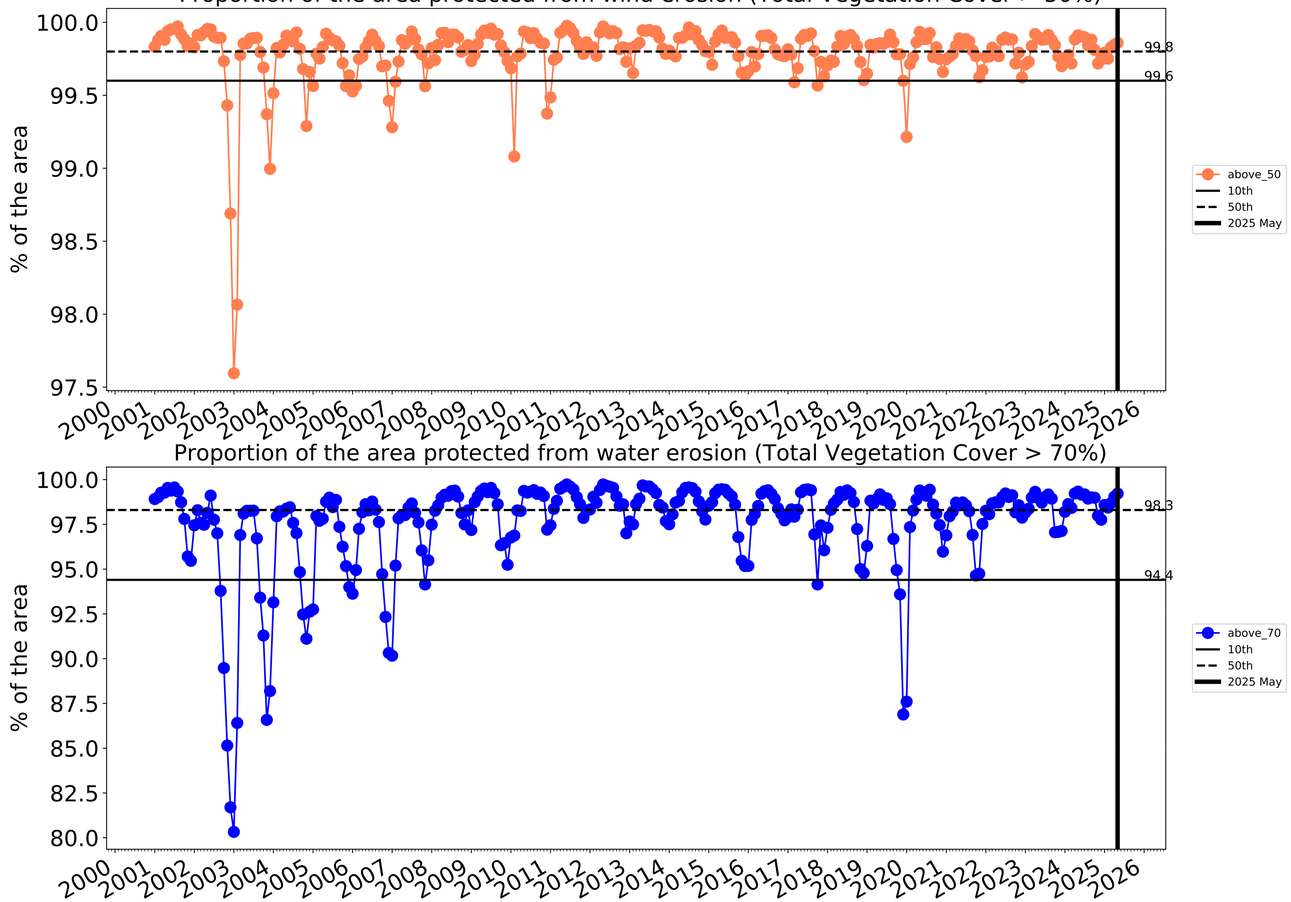

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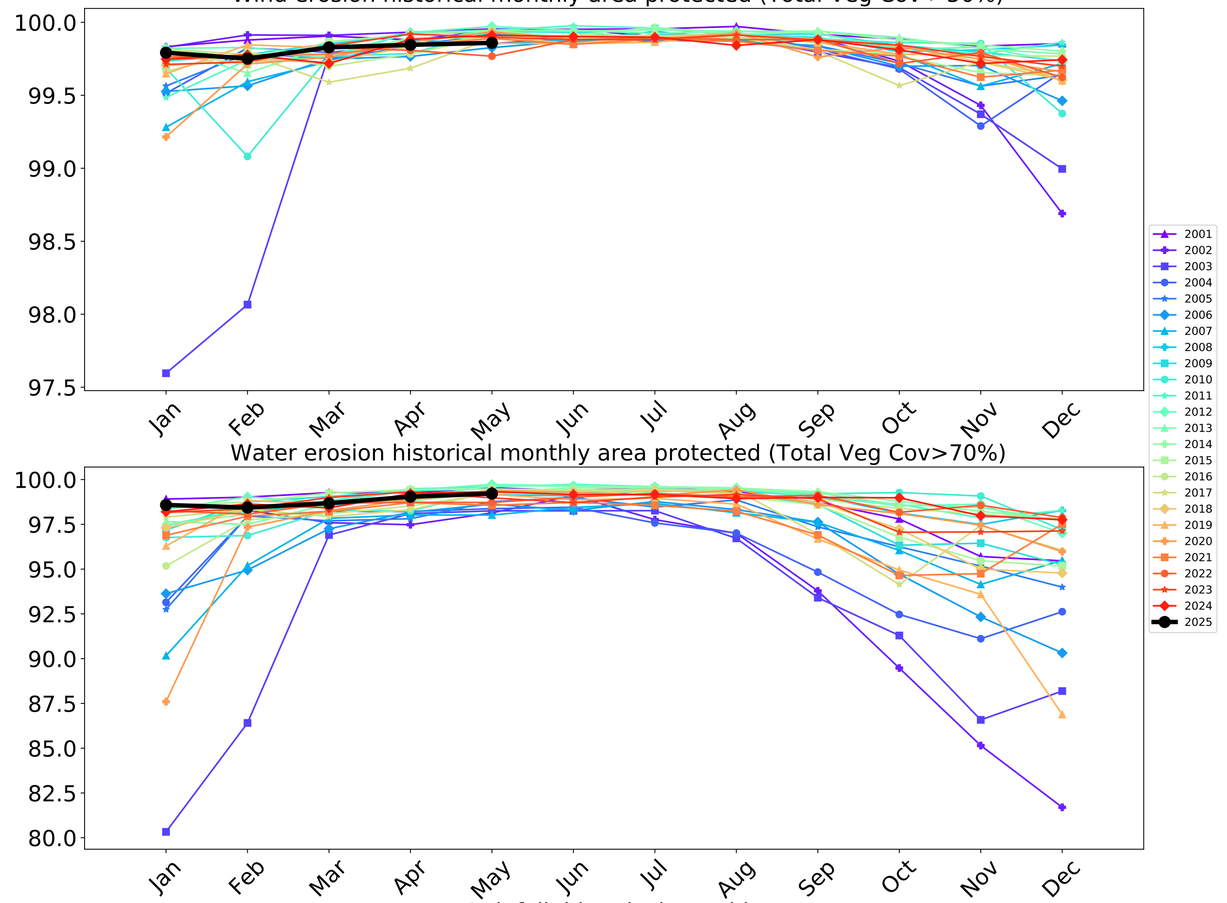

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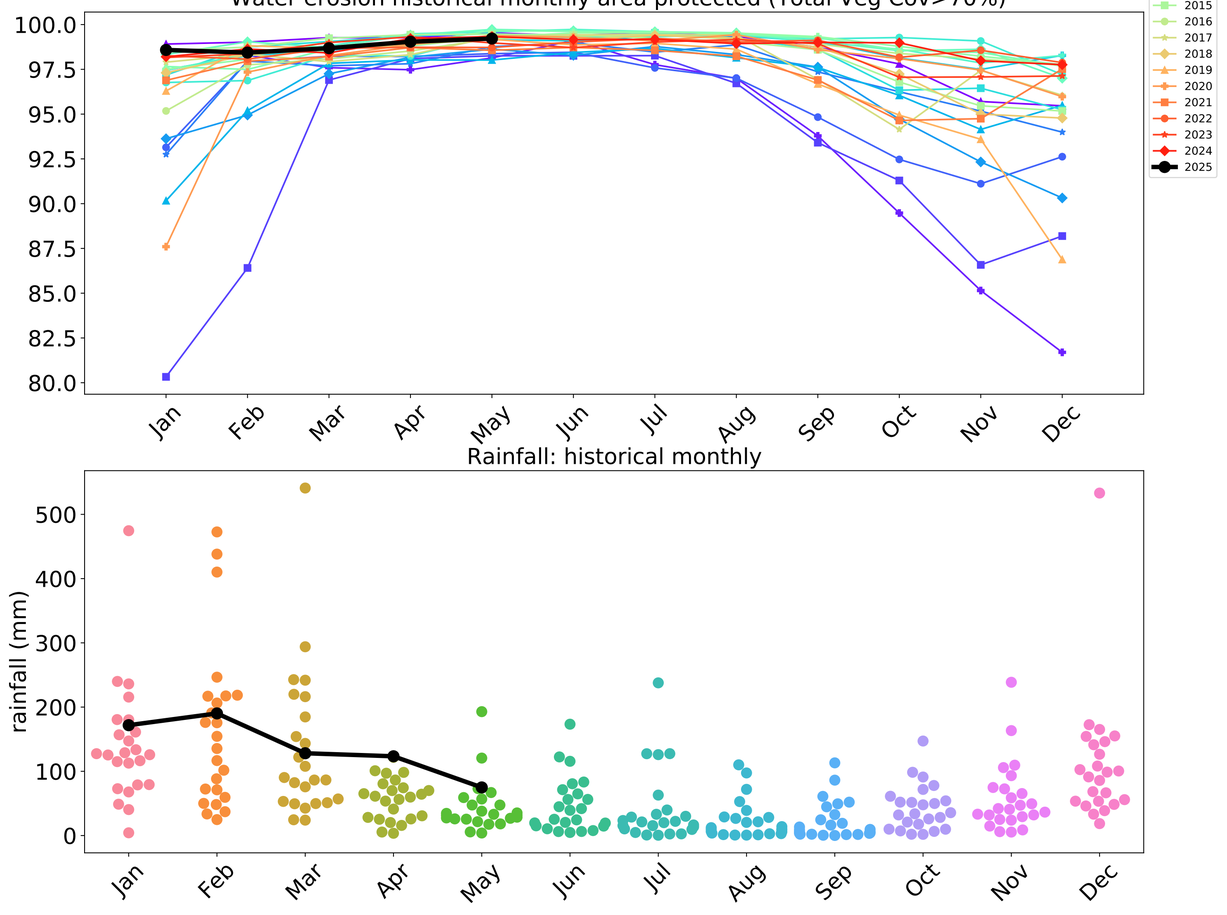

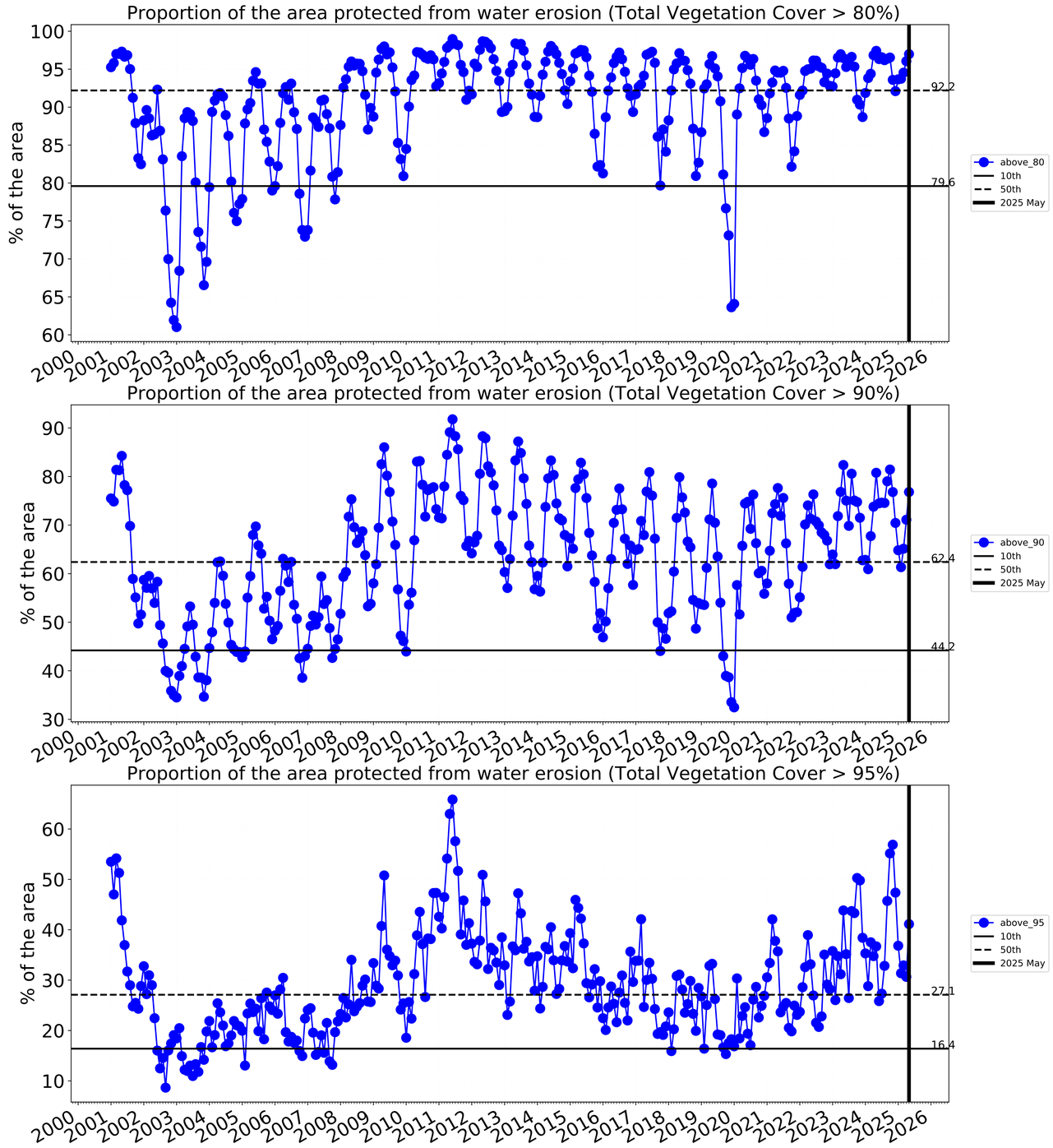
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% of the area
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% of the area
62.4
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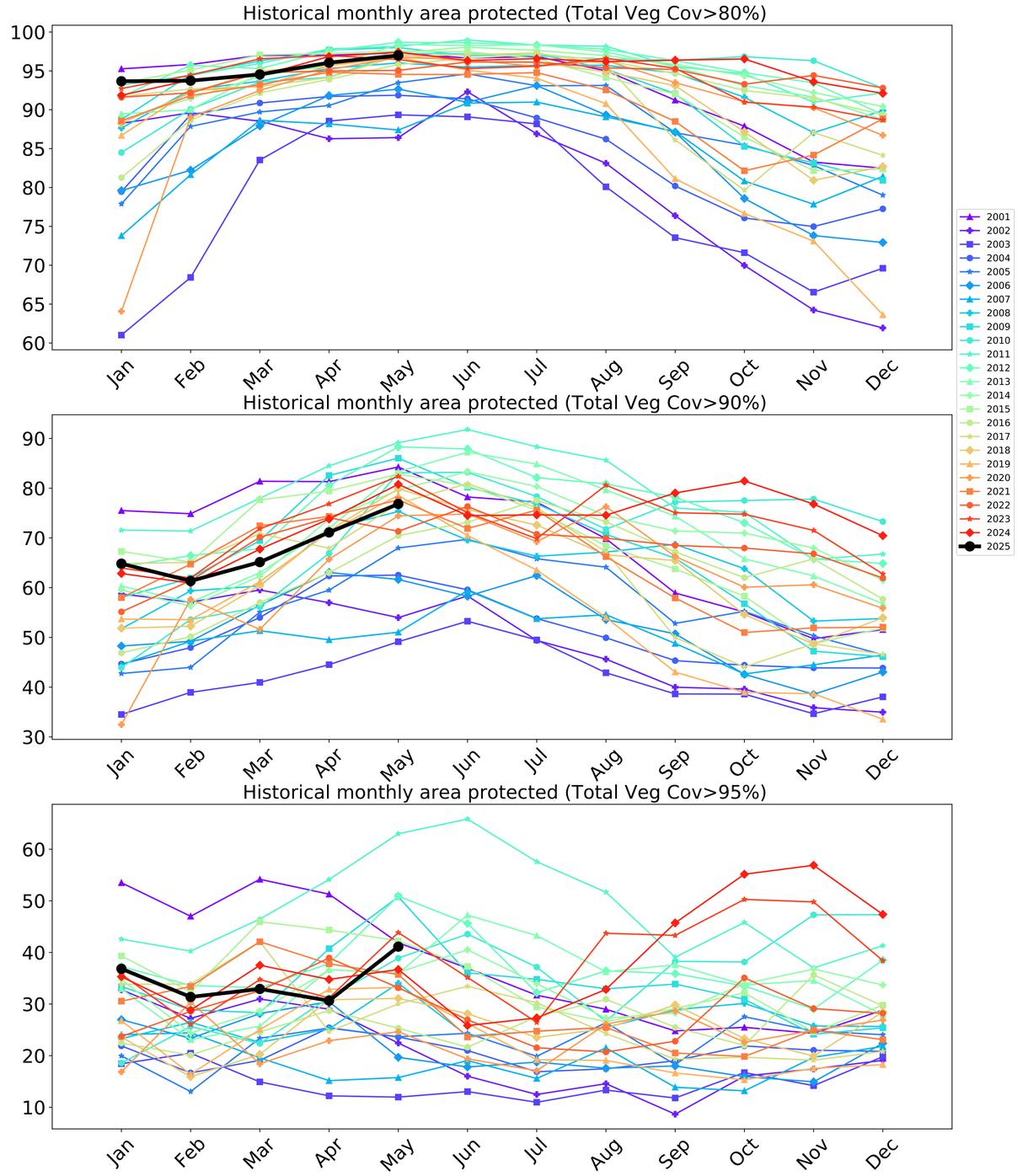
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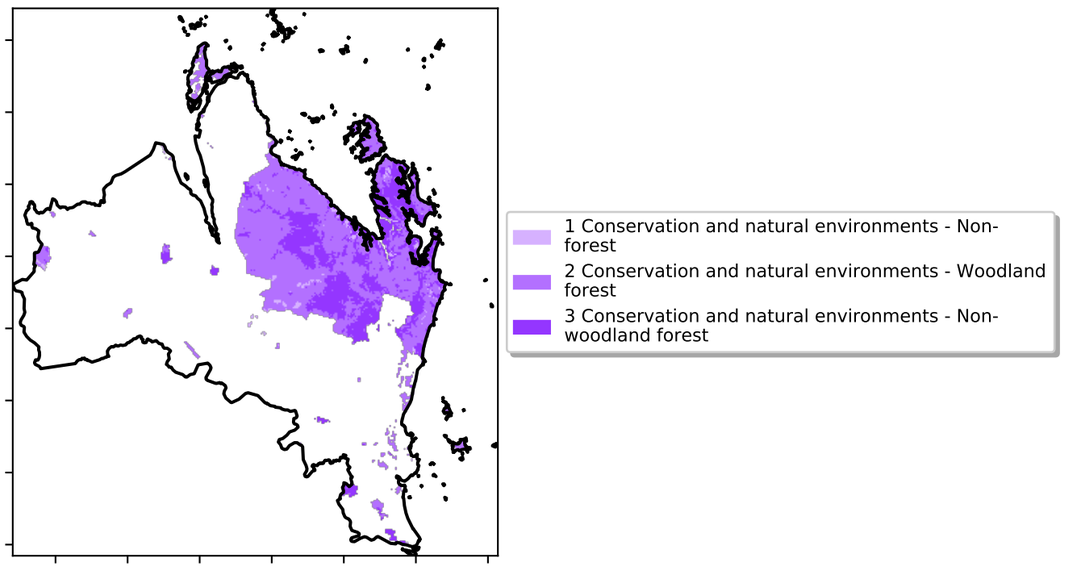

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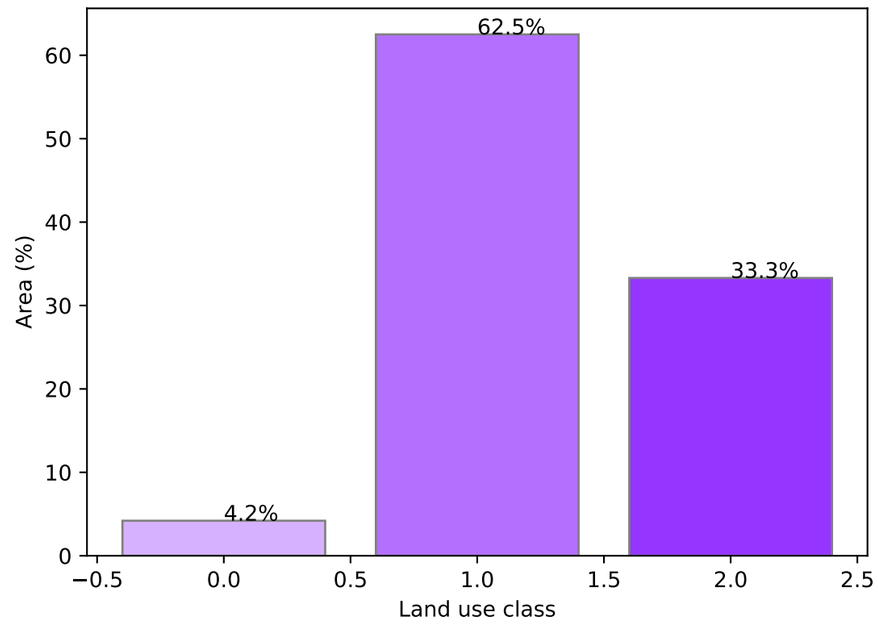

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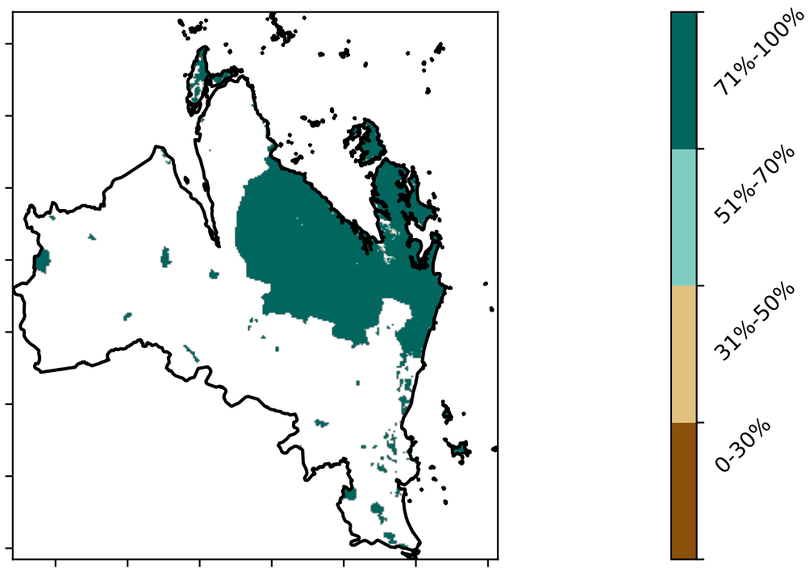

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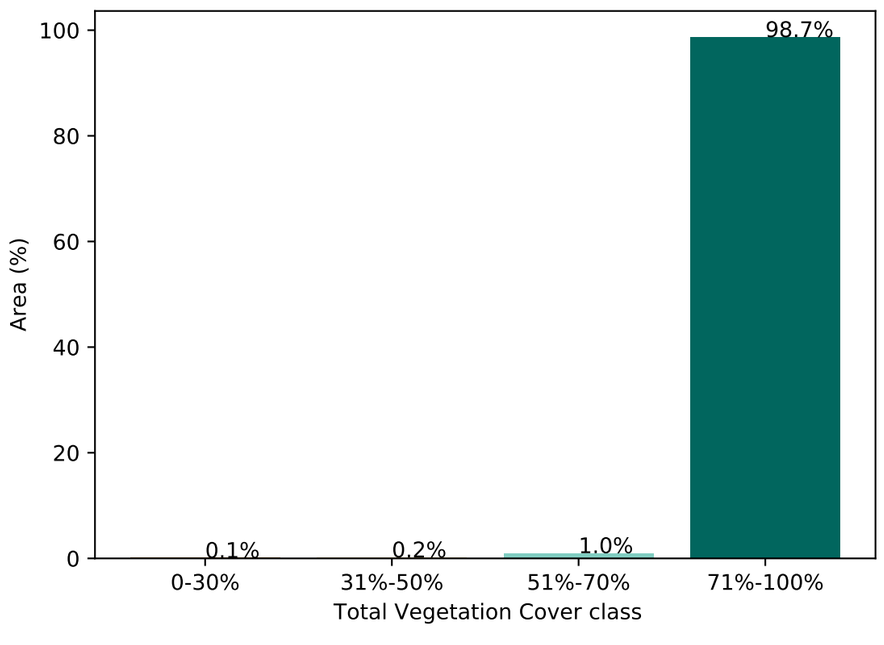

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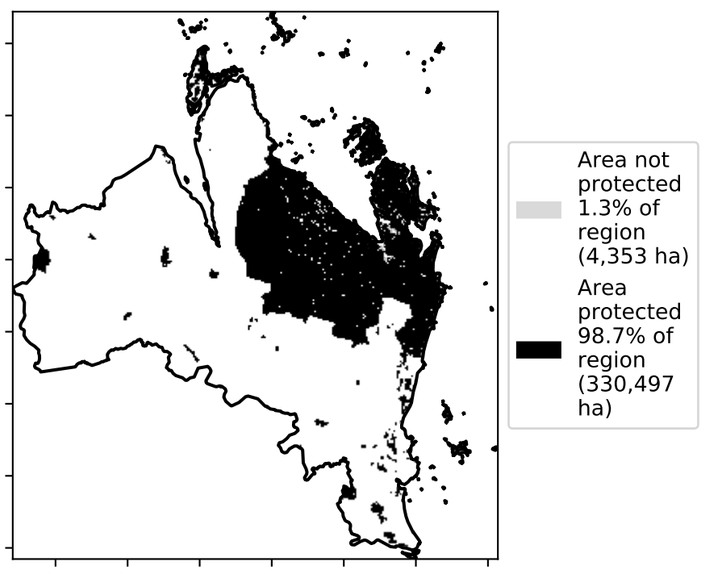

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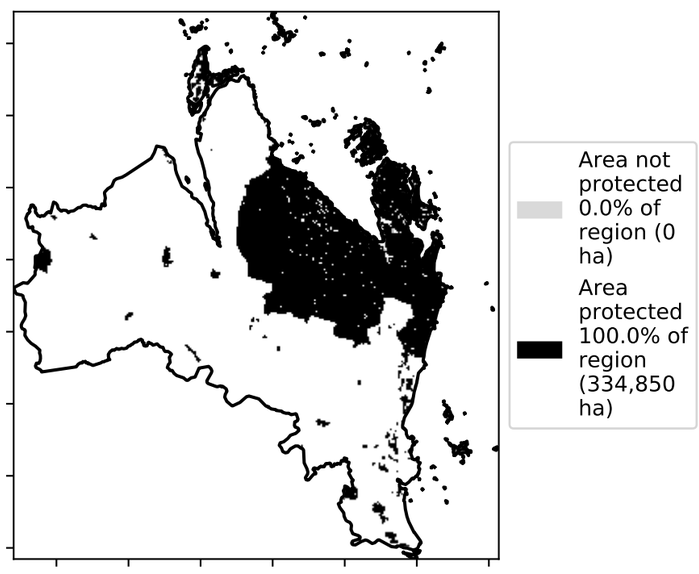

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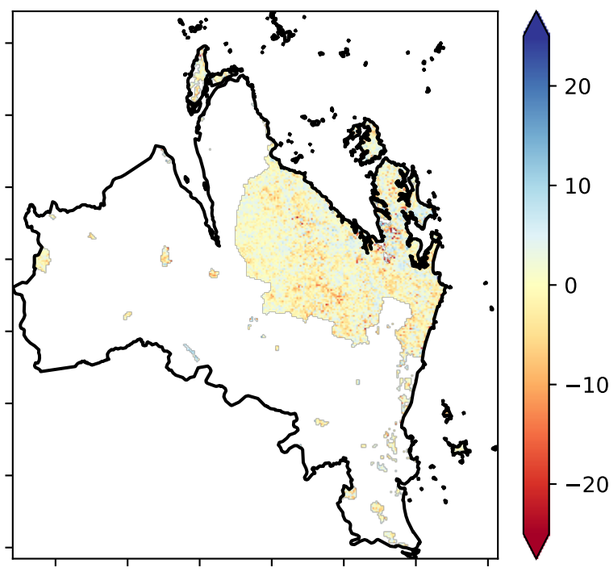

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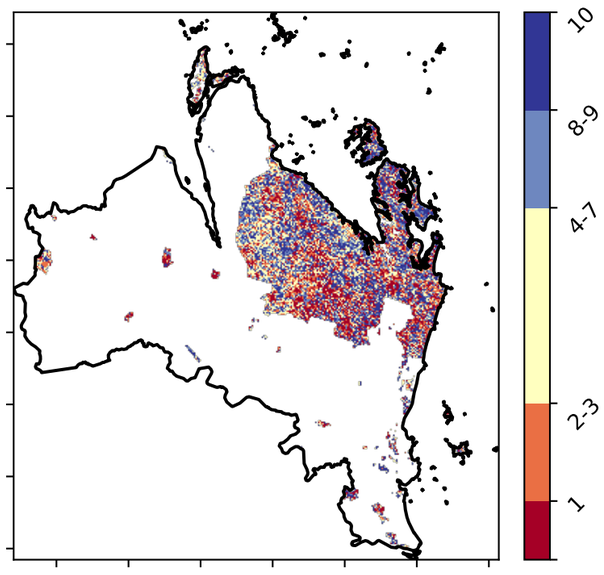

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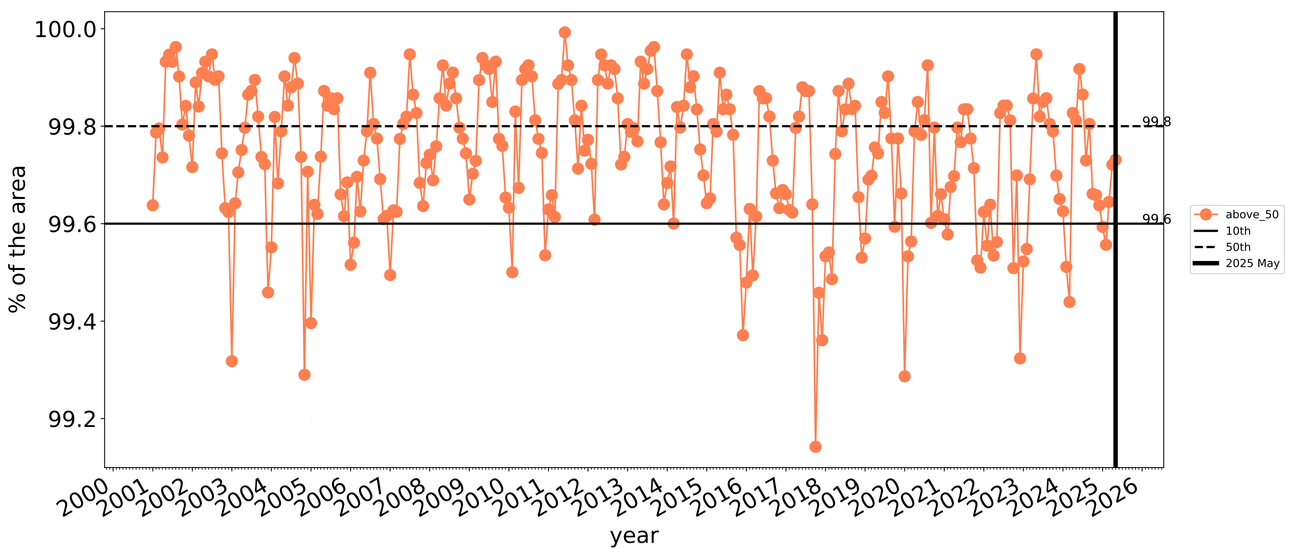

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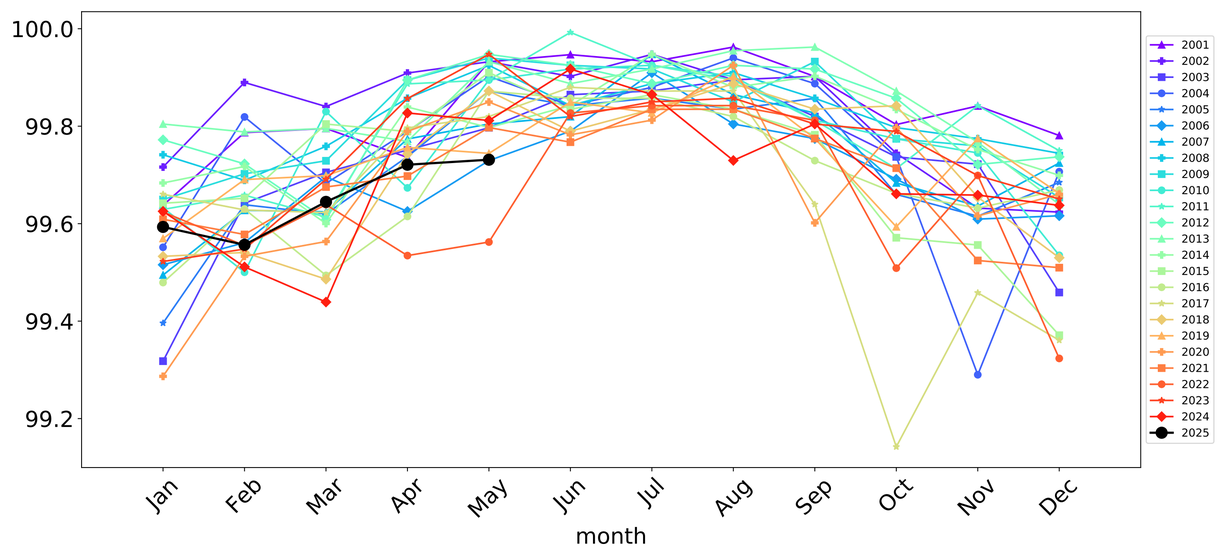

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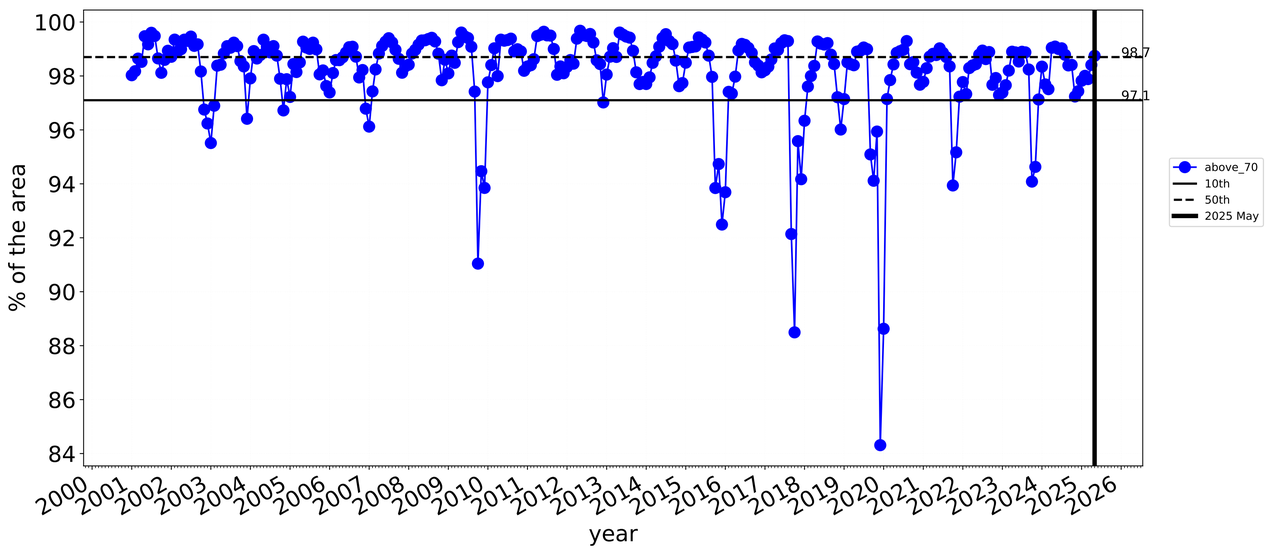

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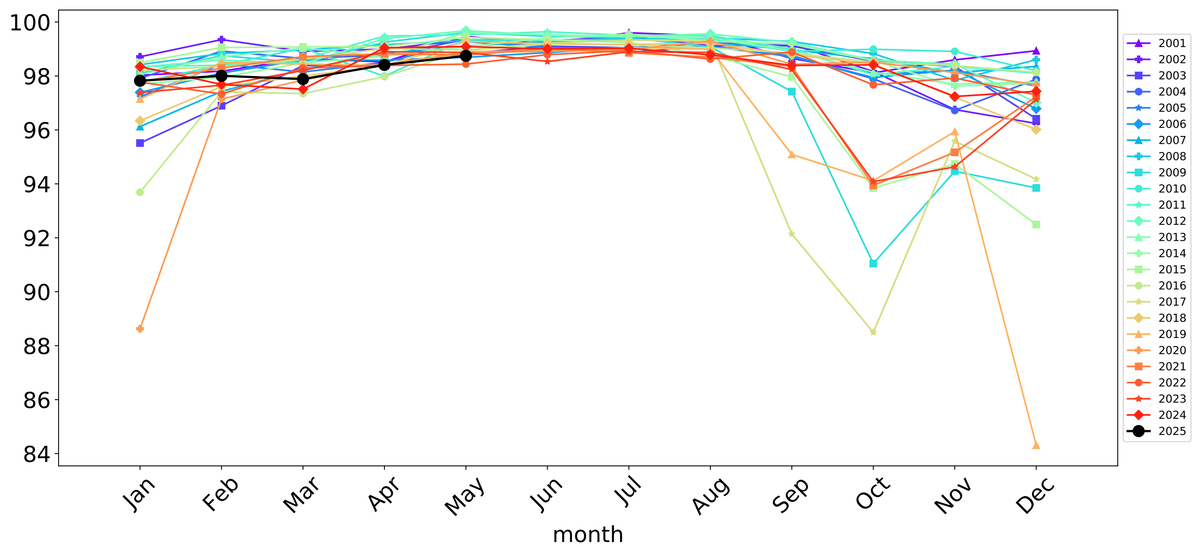

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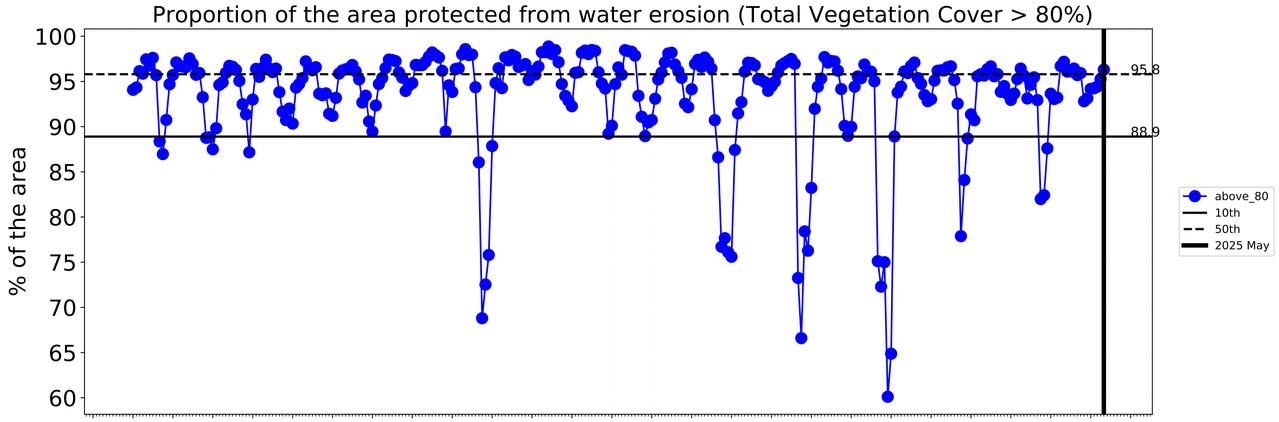
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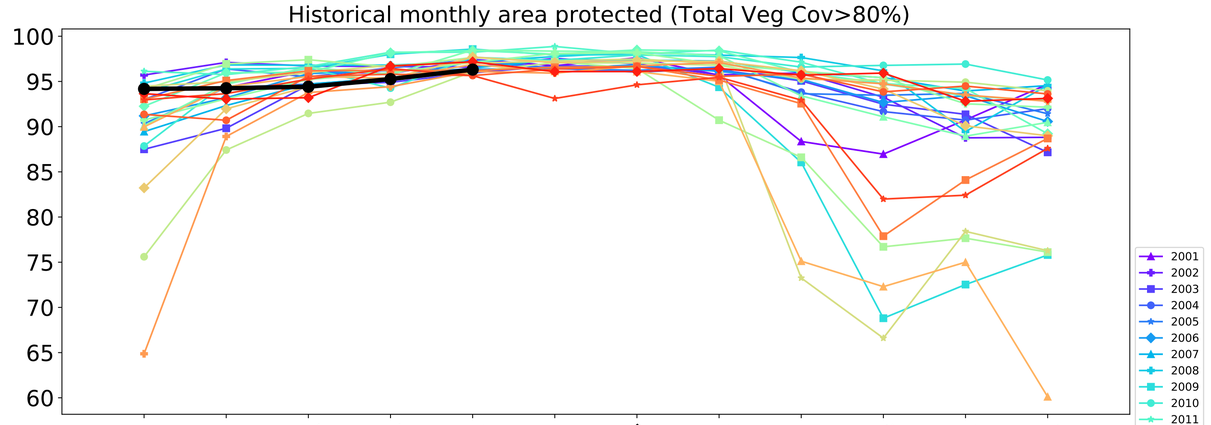
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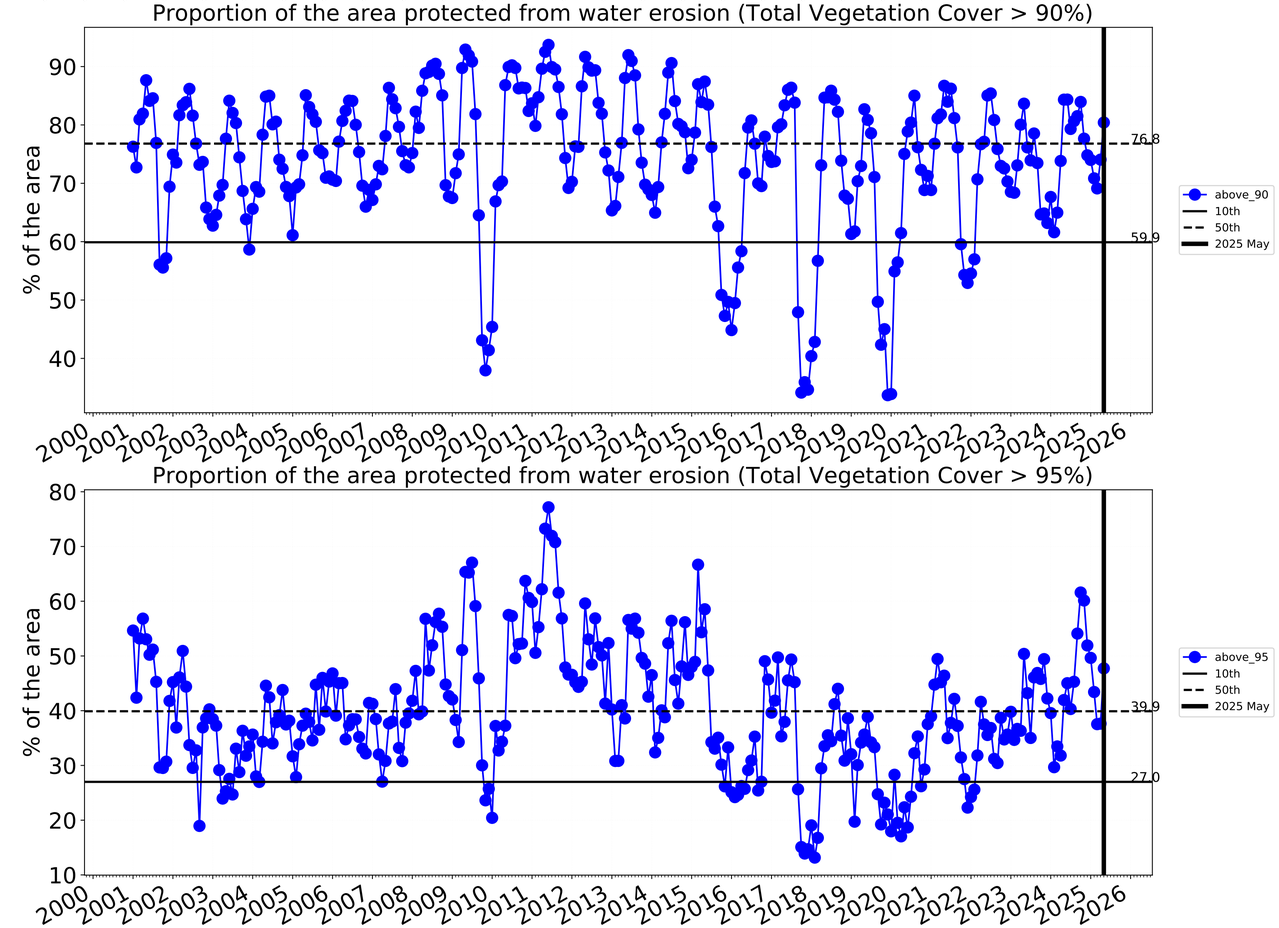
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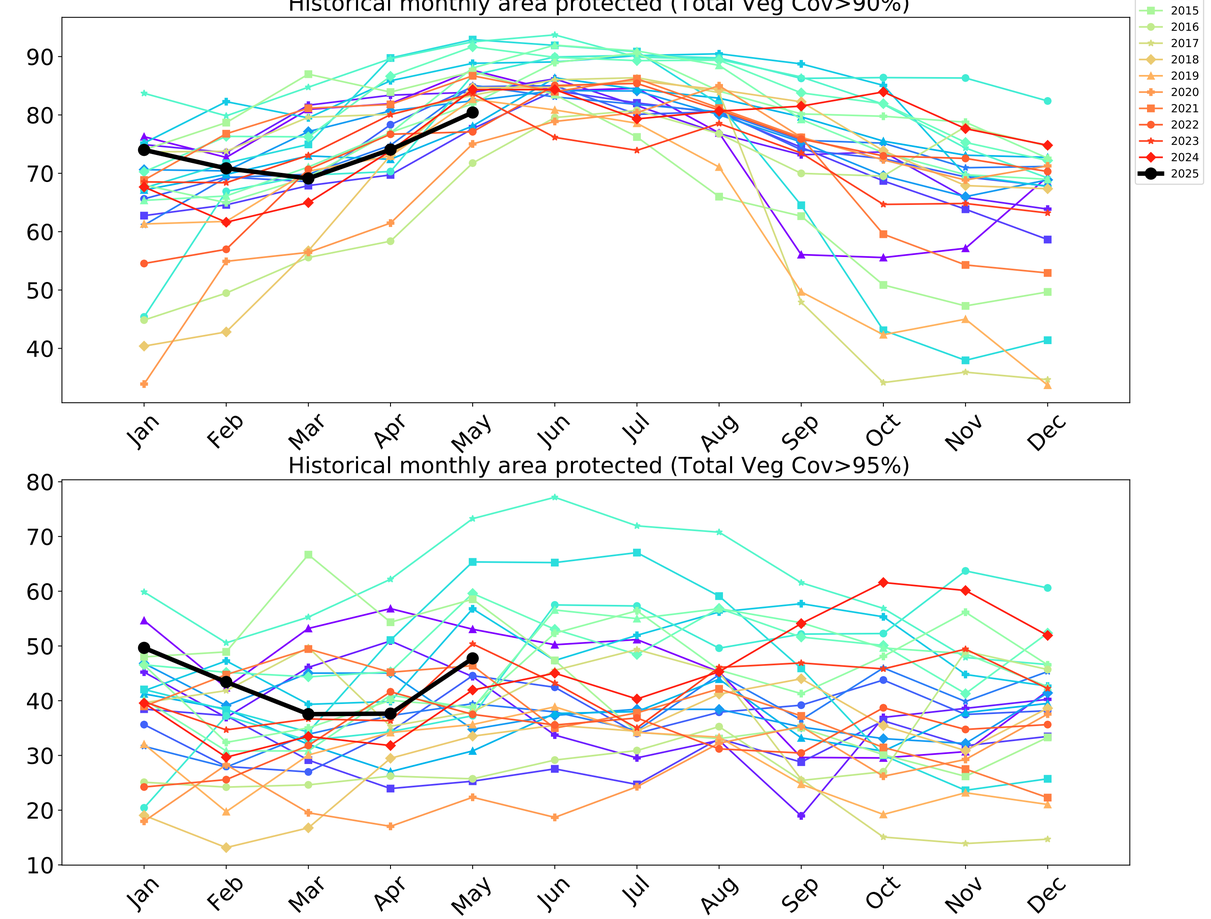
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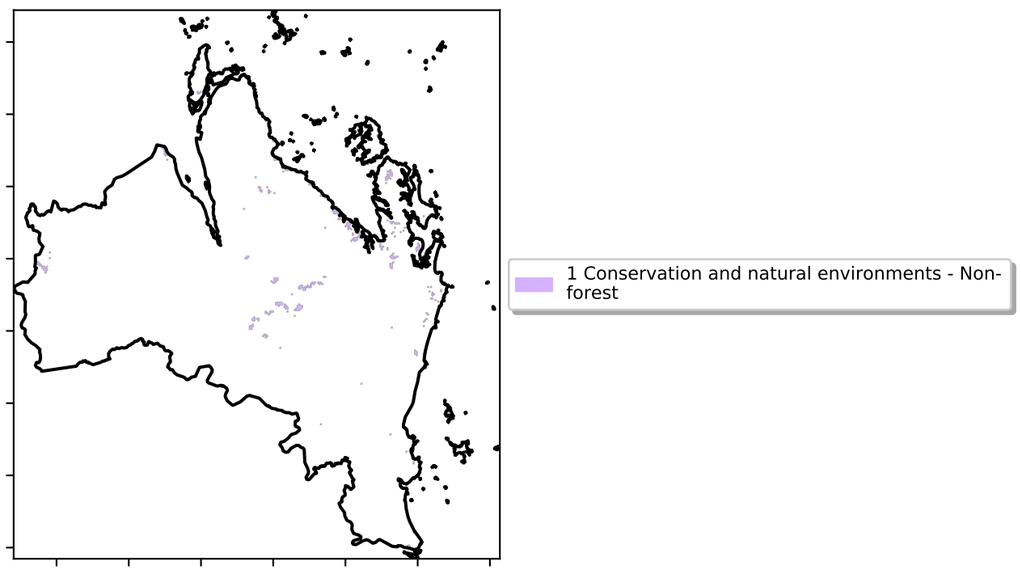

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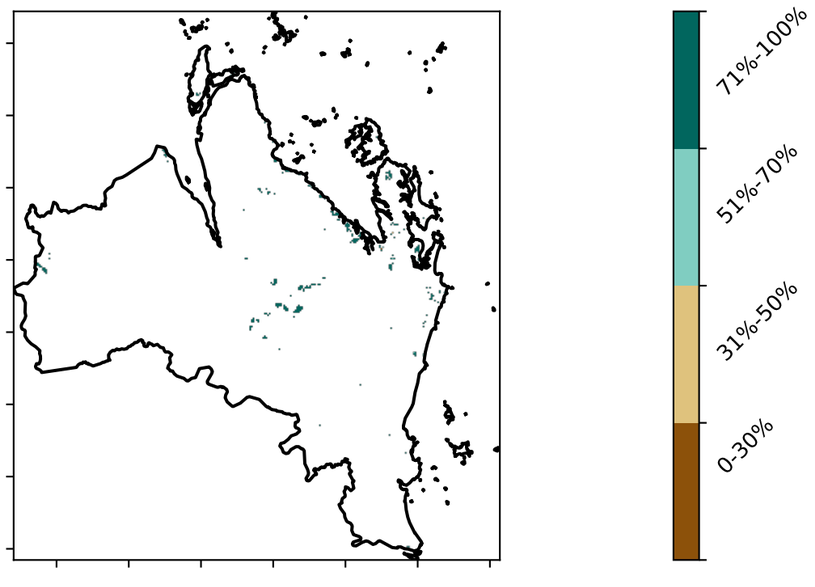

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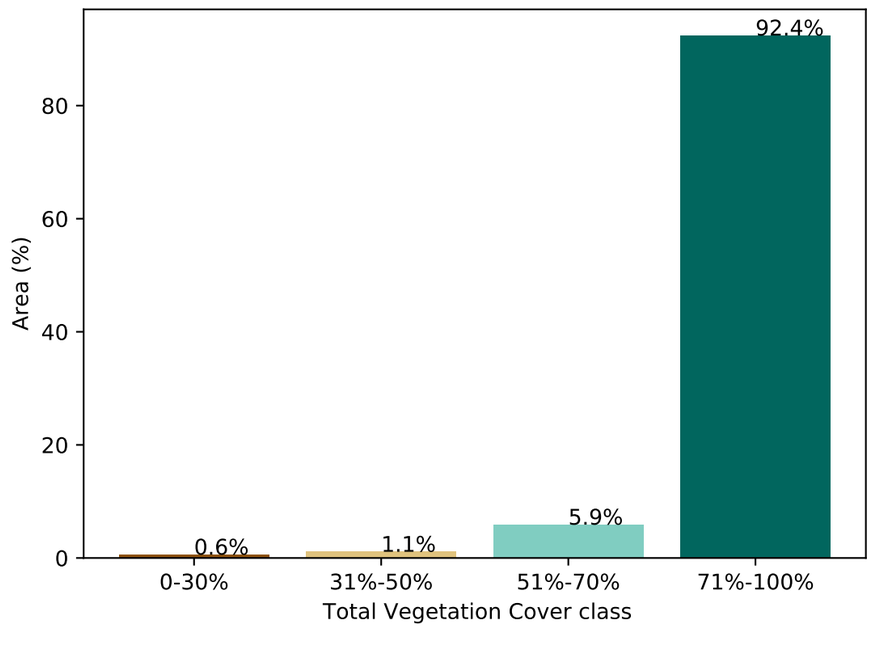

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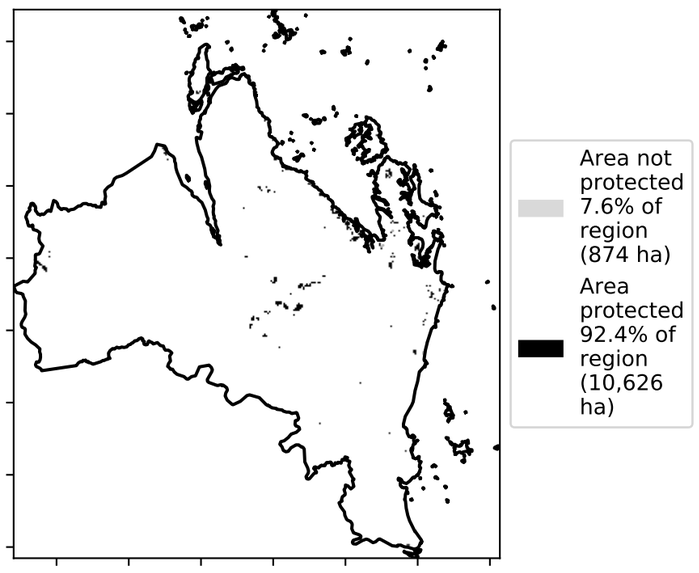

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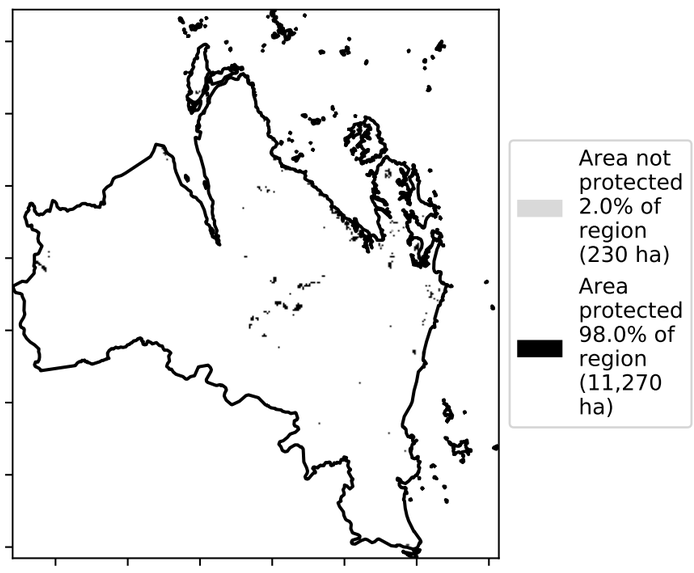

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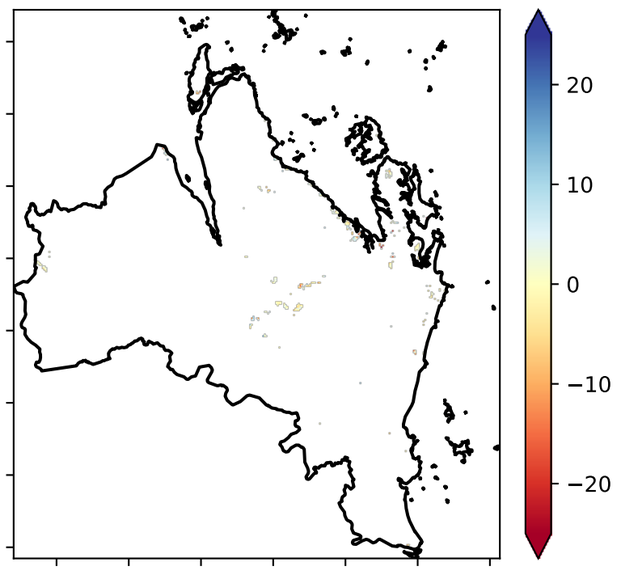

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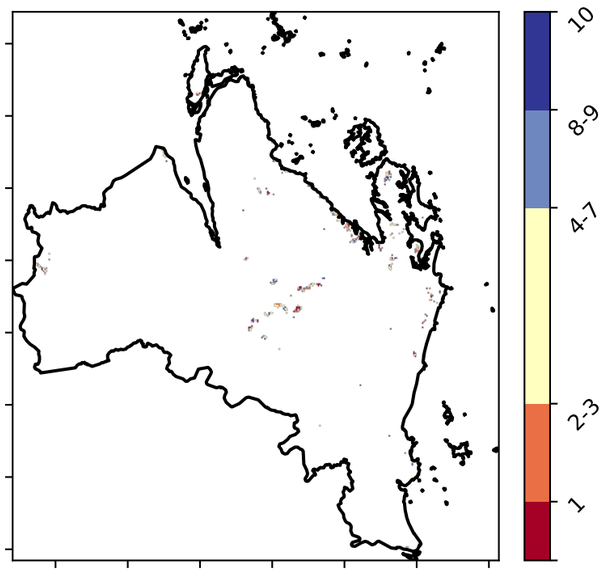

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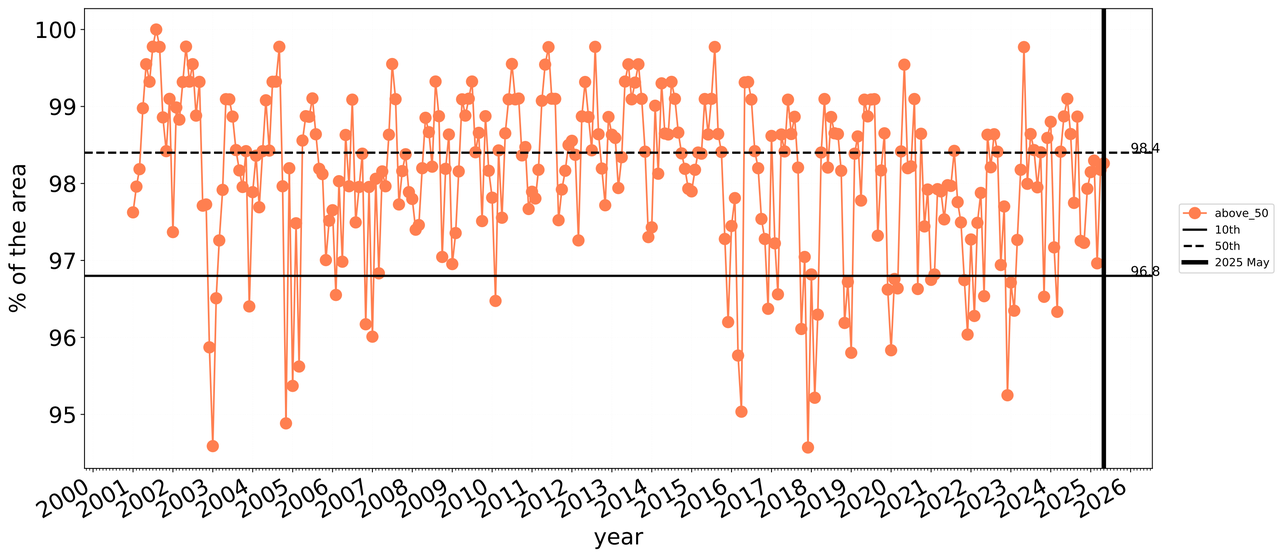

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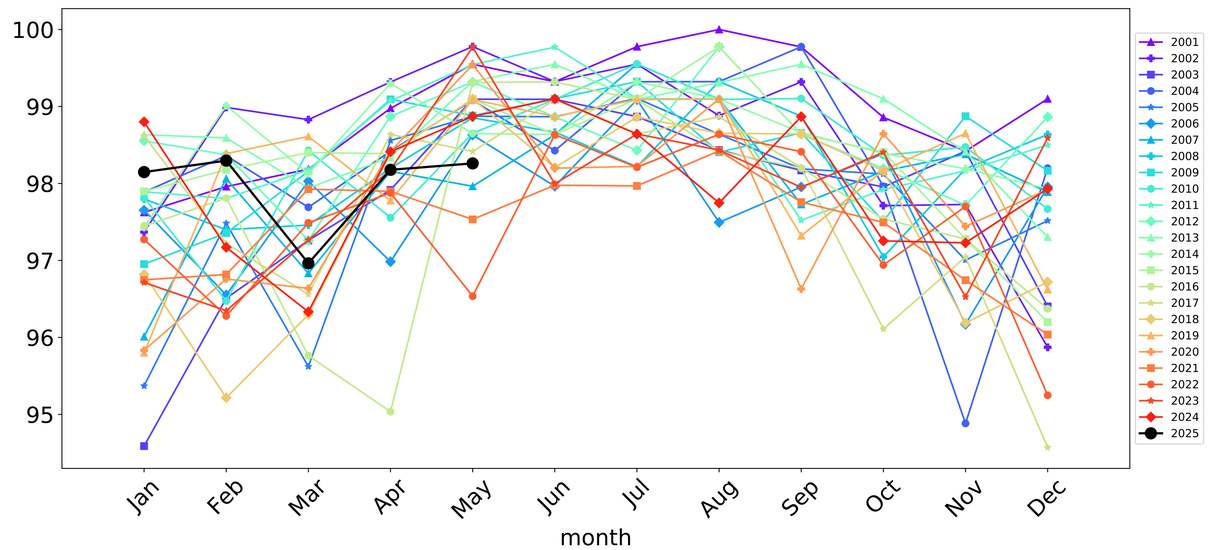

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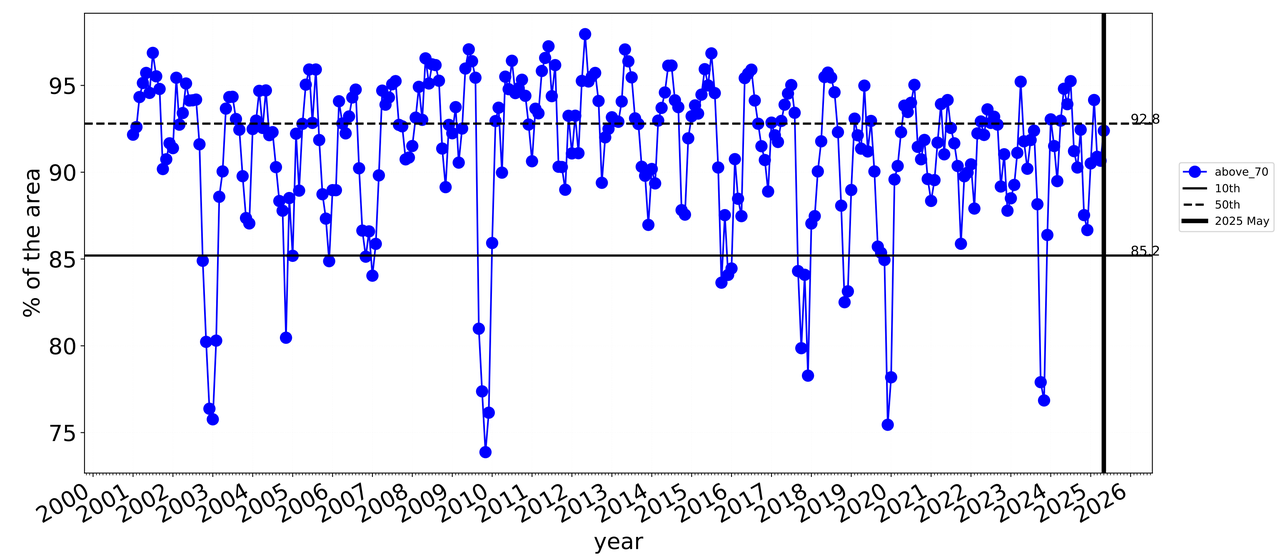

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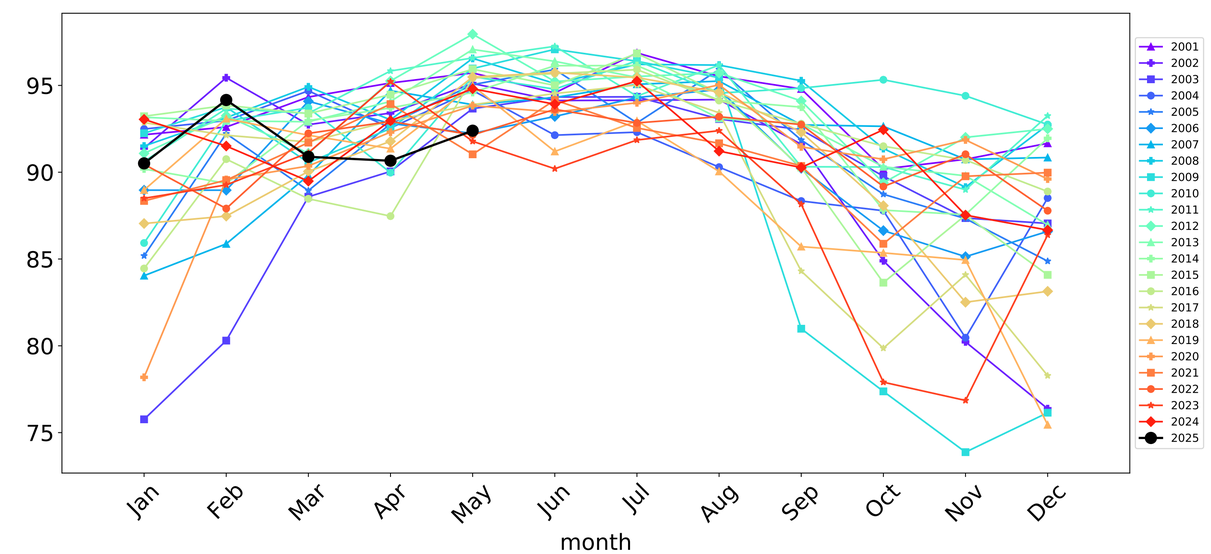

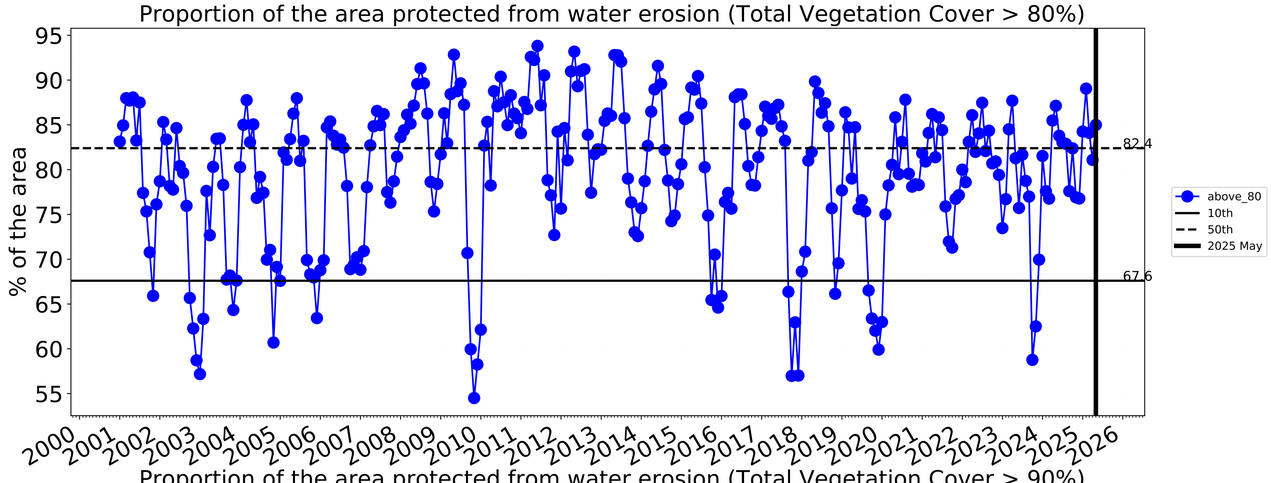
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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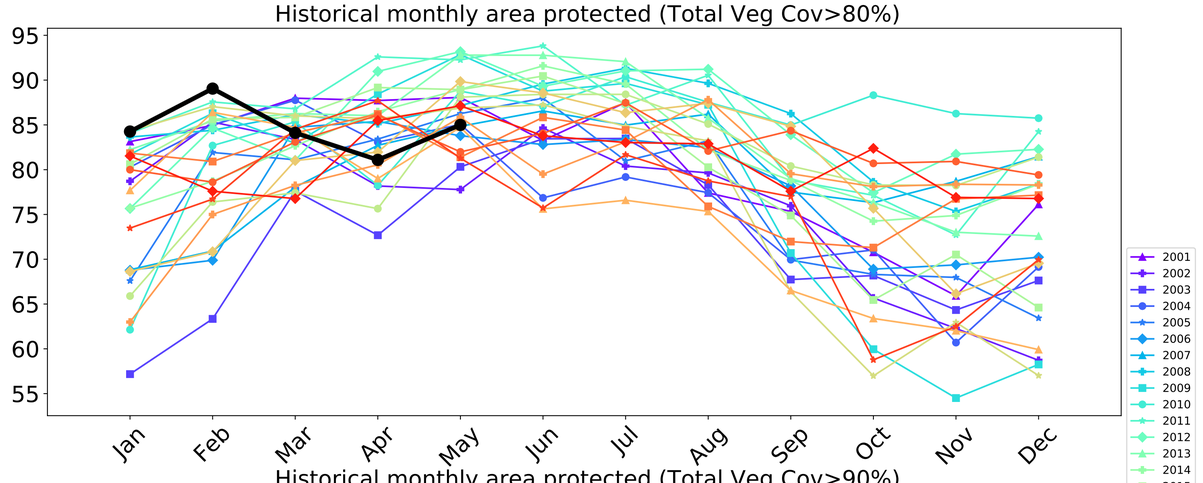
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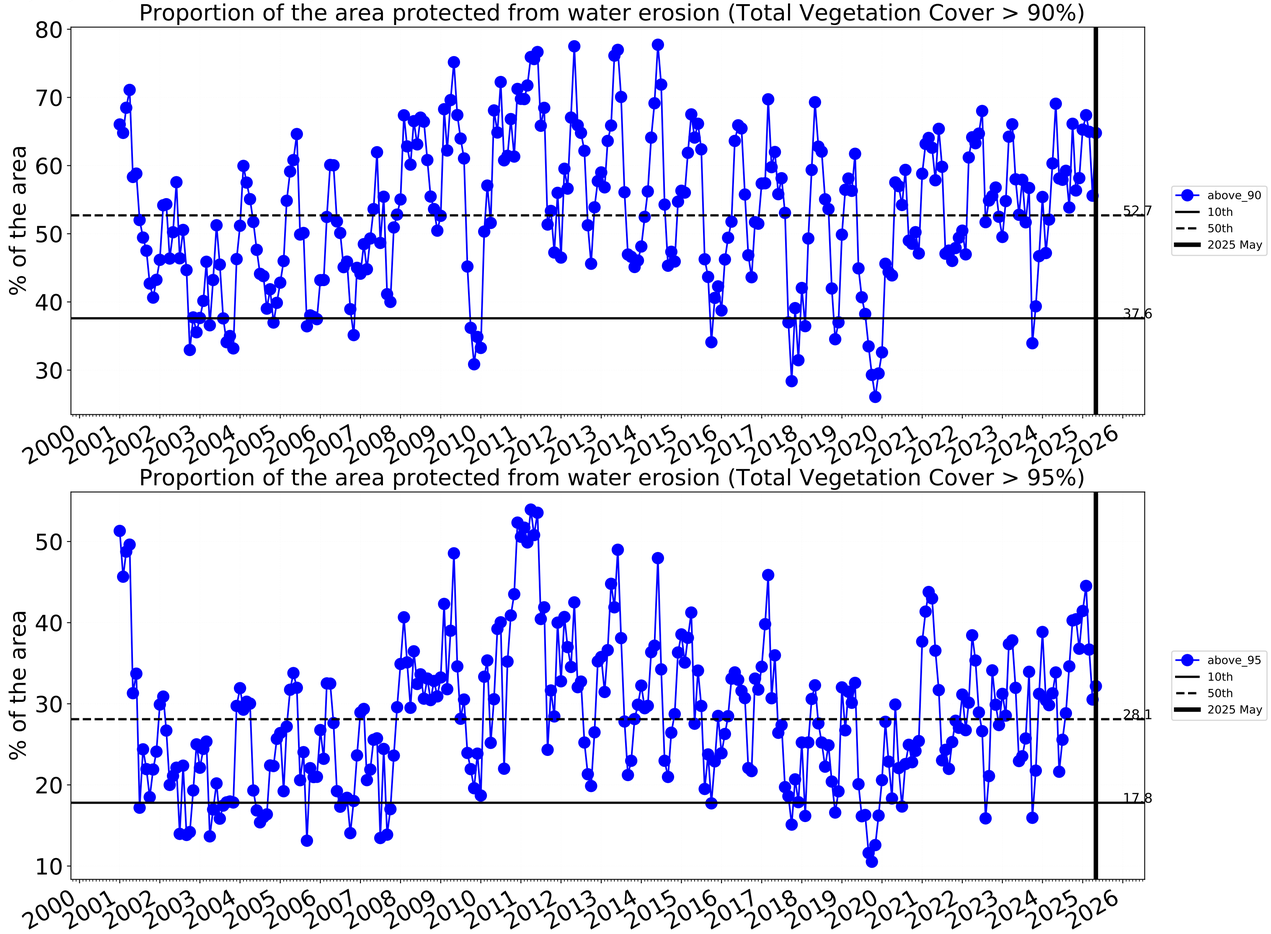
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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37.6
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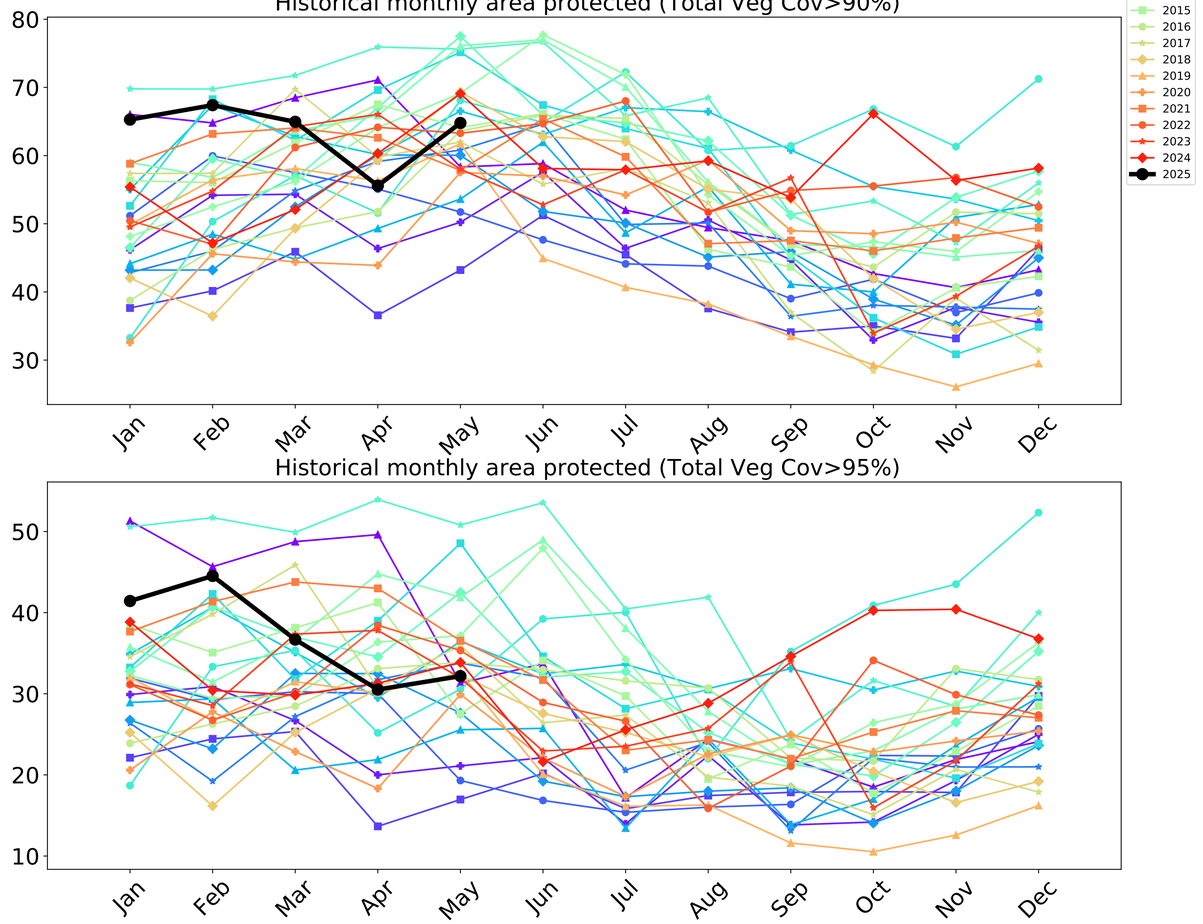
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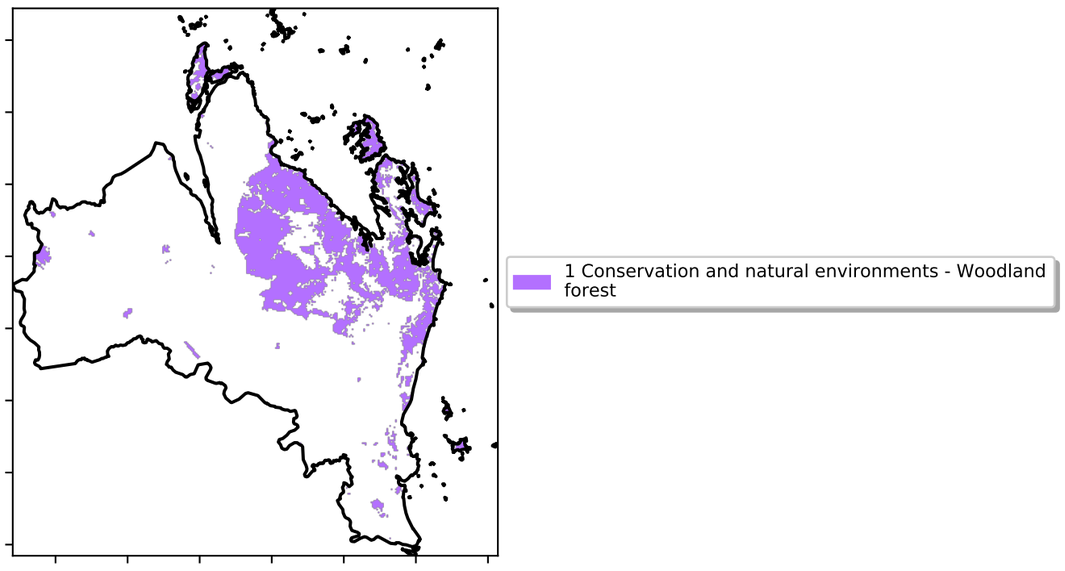
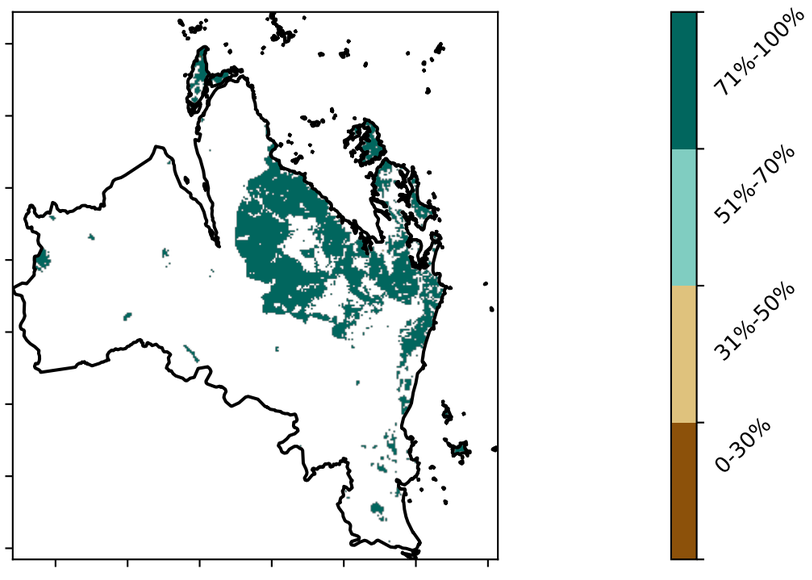
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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

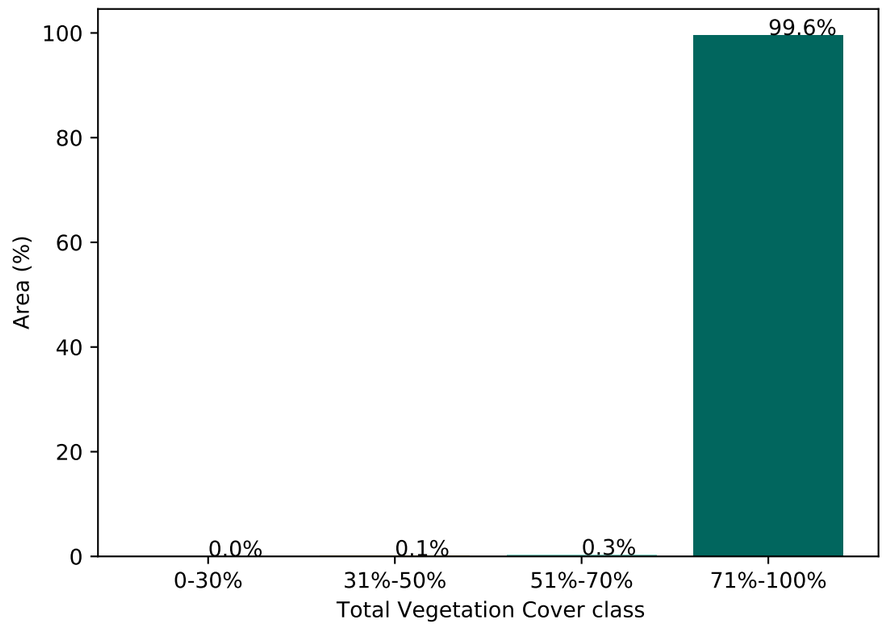
Land use and forest cover



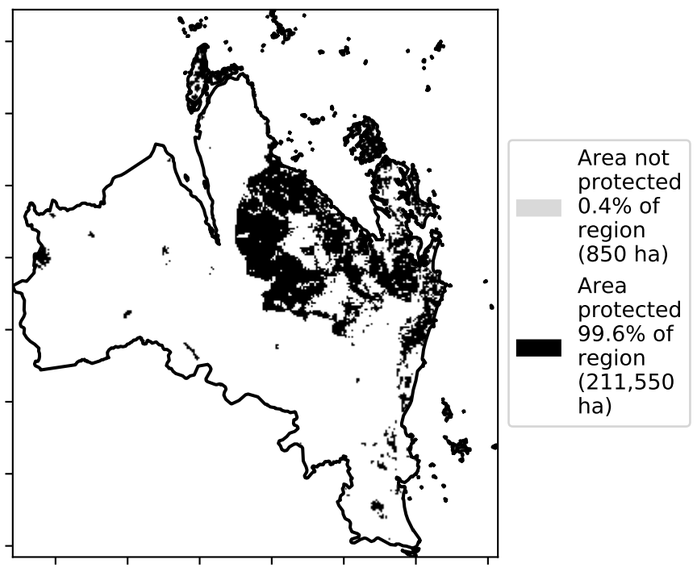
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



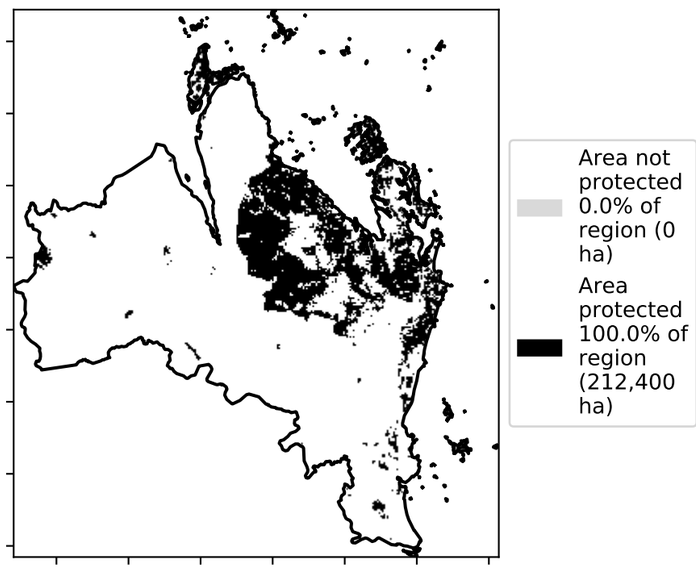
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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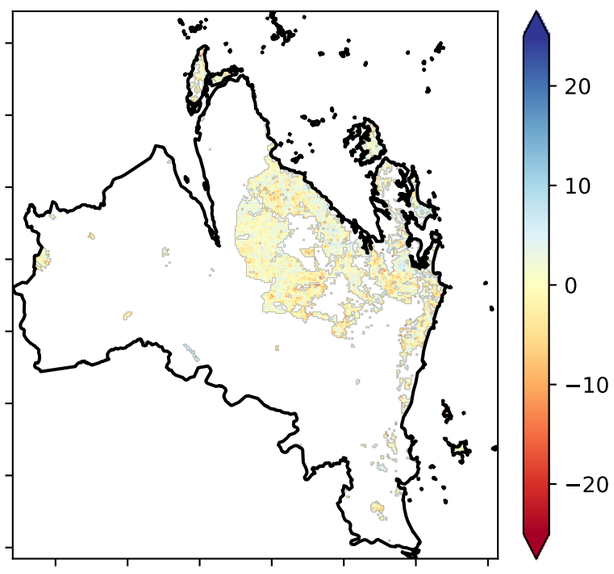

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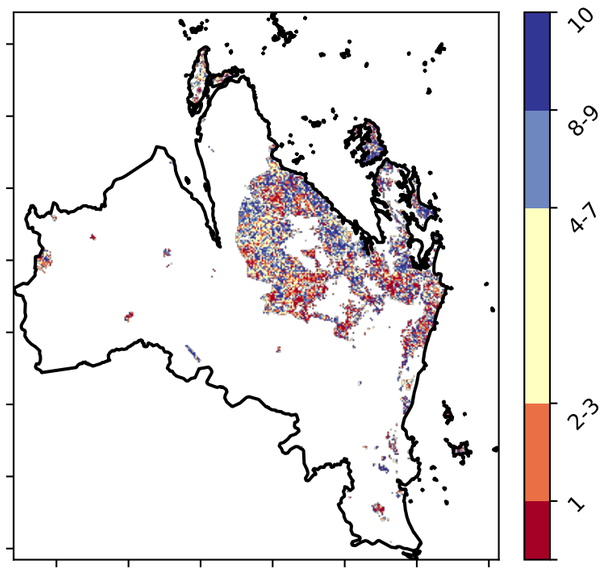
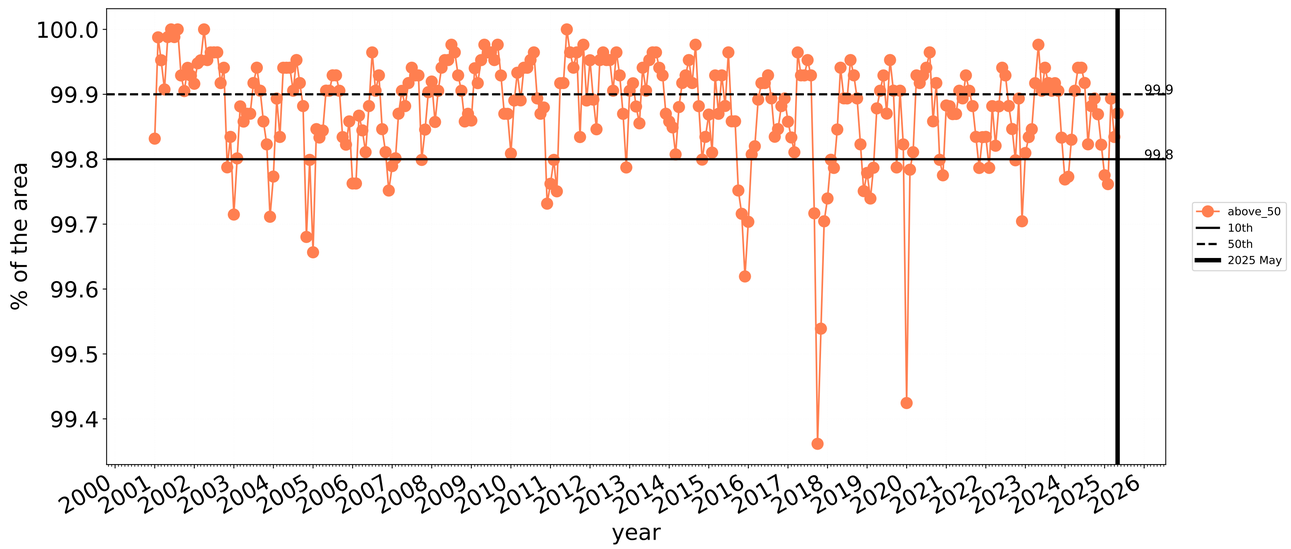
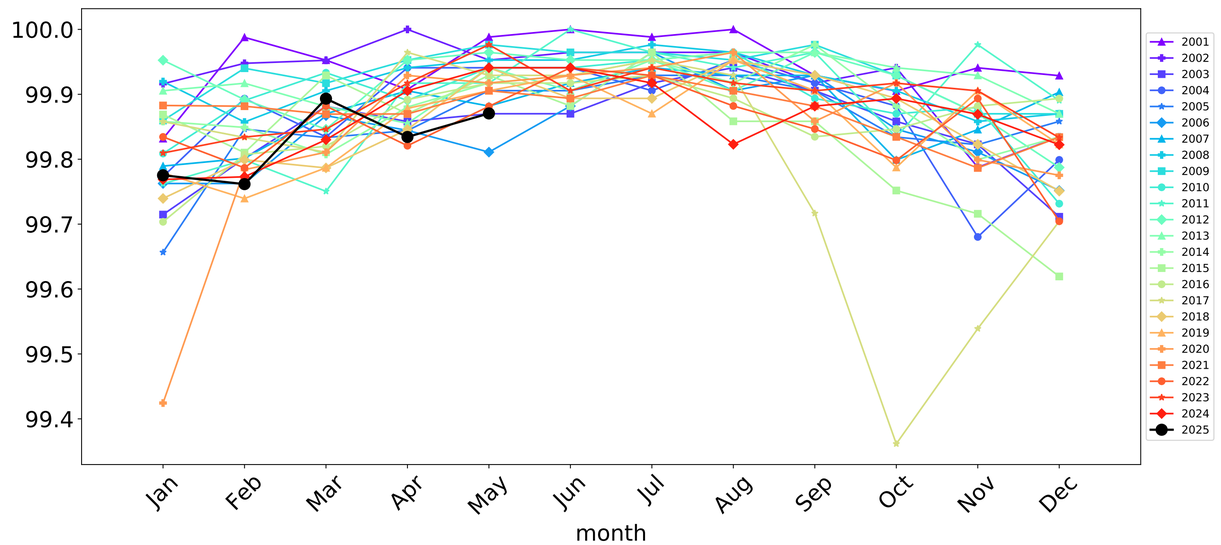


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

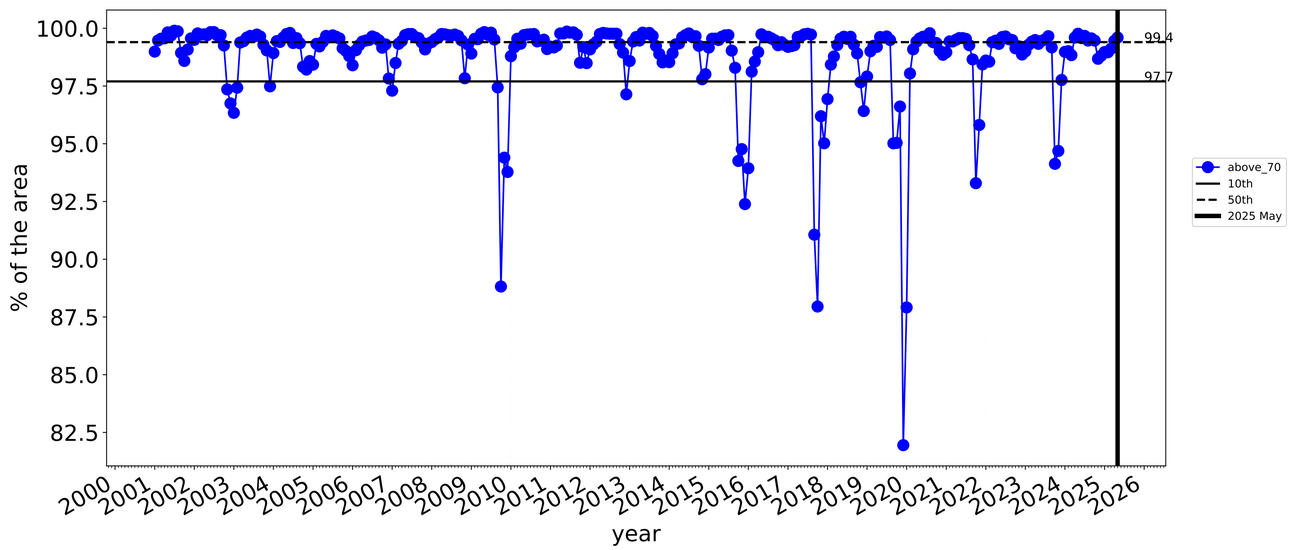
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



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



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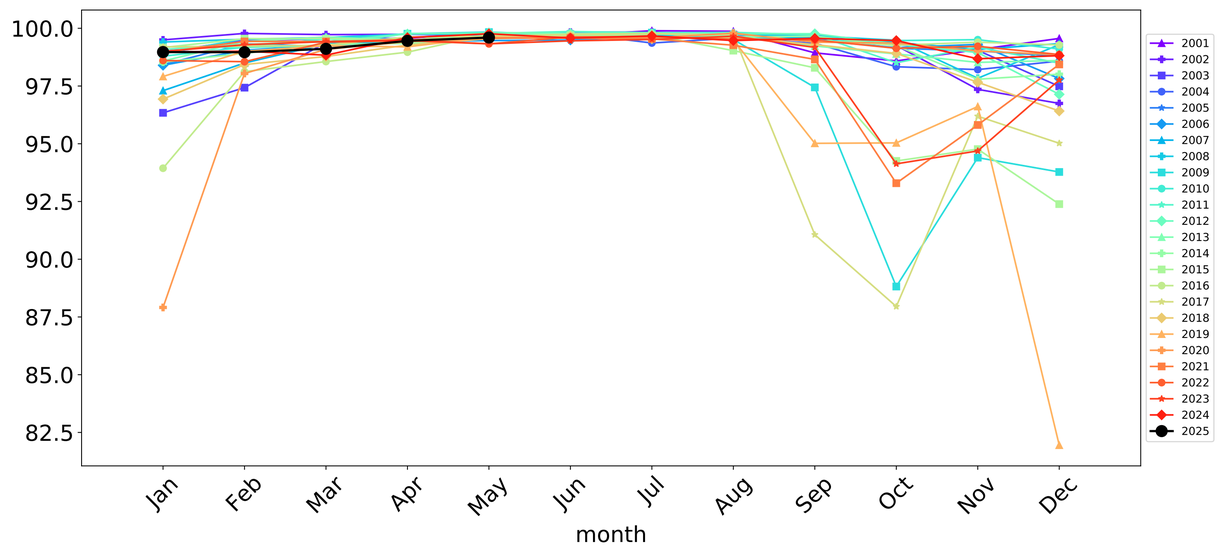

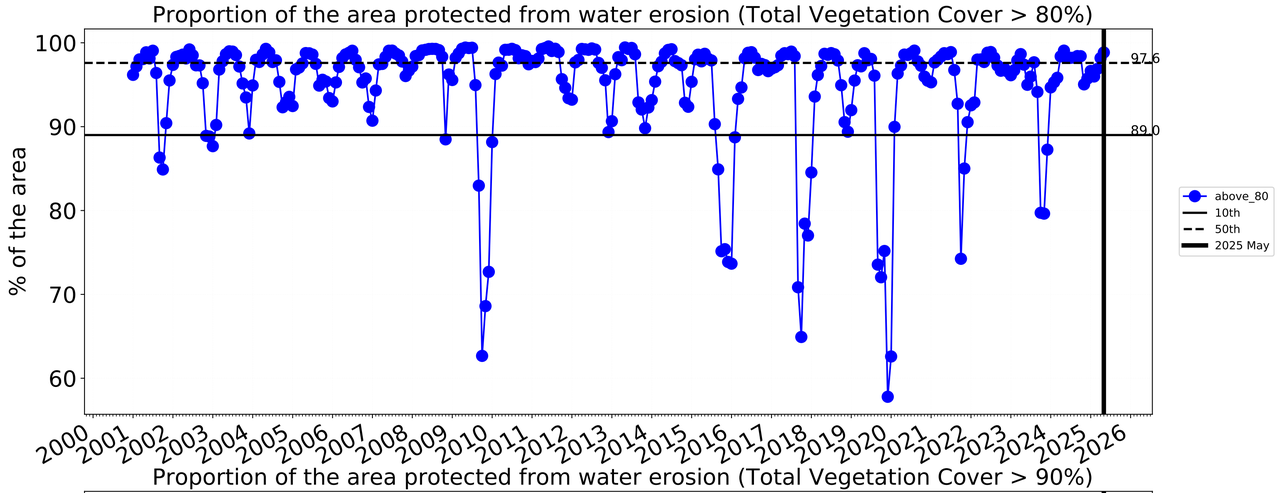
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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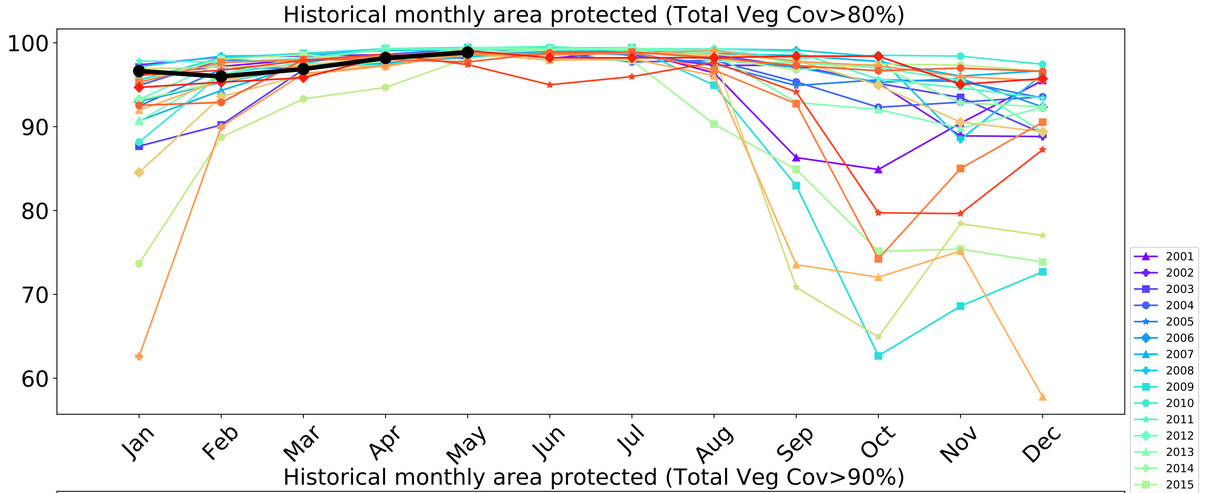
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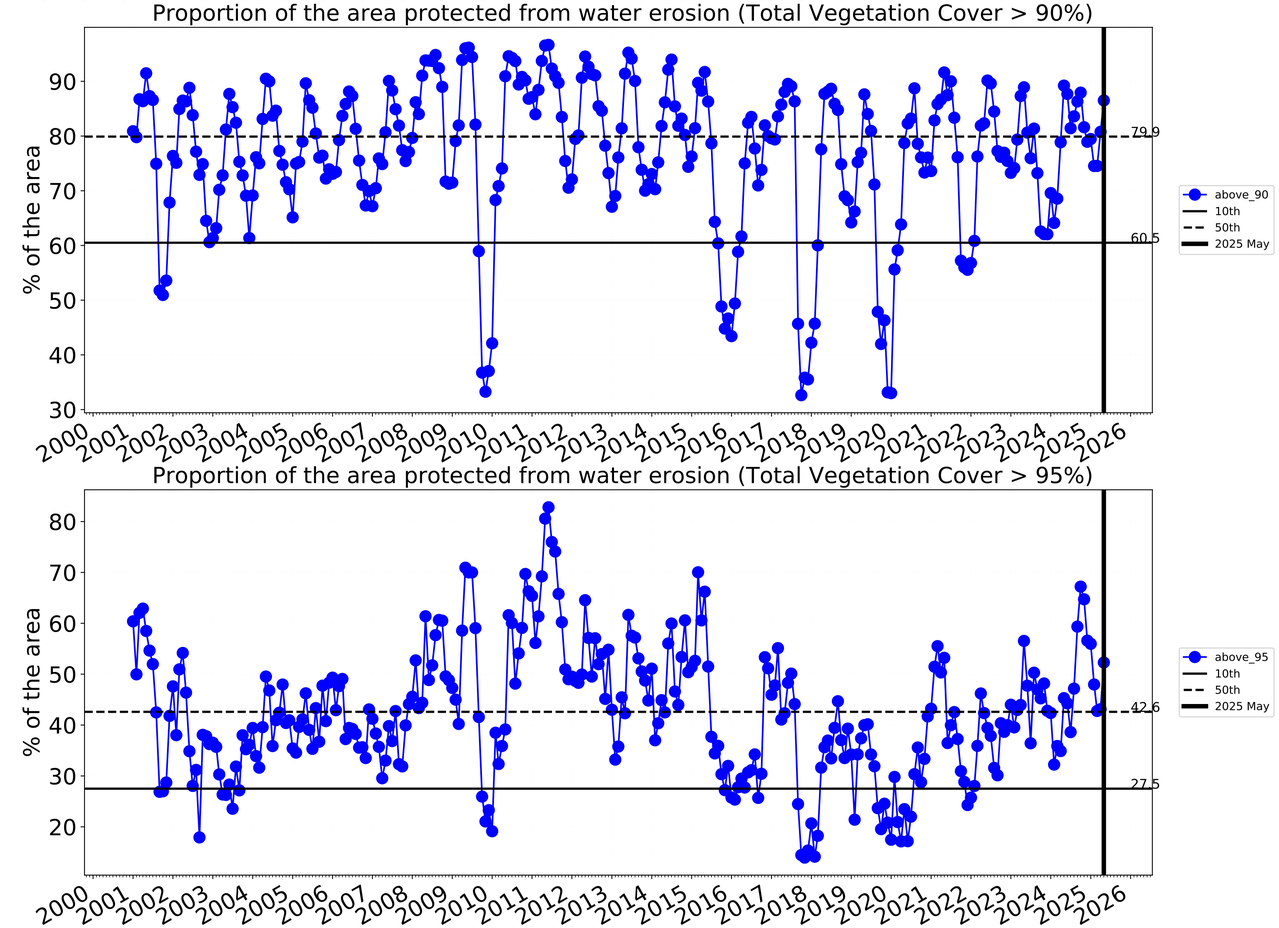
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
79.9
60.5
above_90
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
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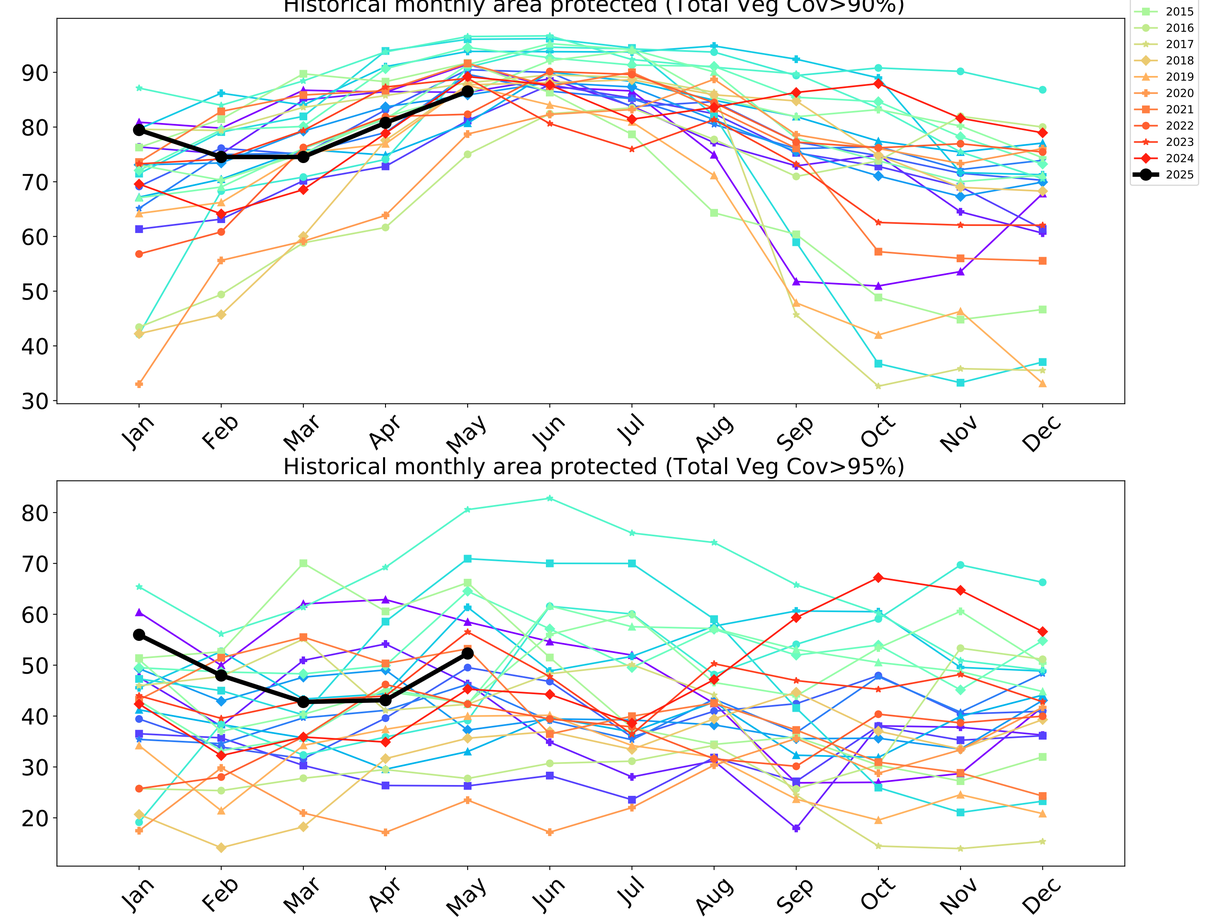
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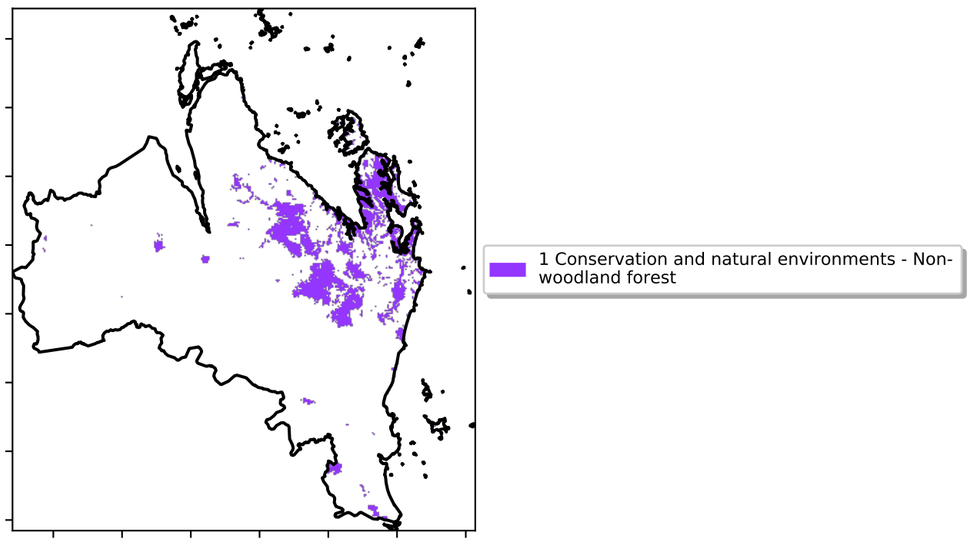
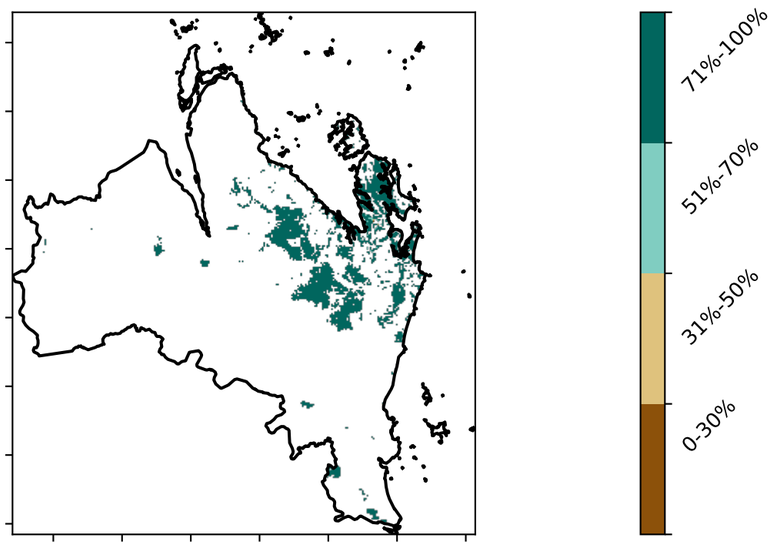
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

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

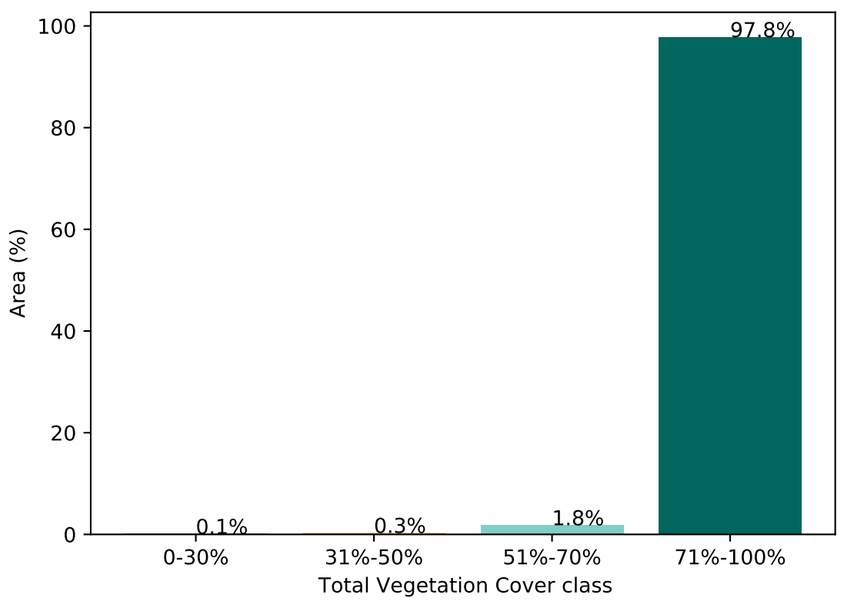
Land use and forest cover



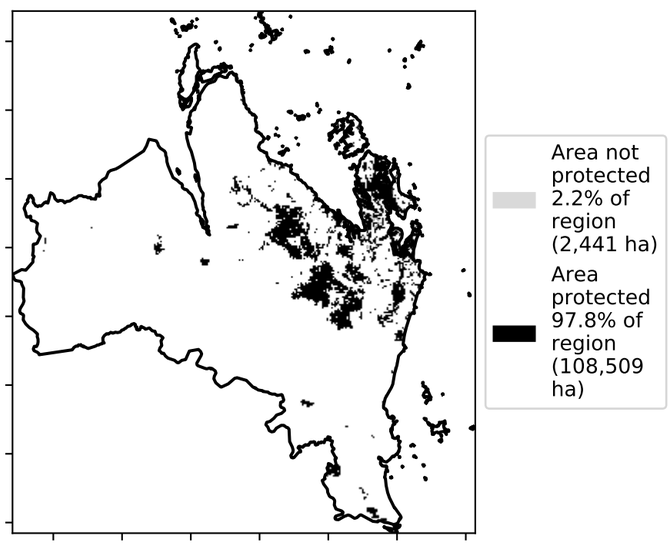
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



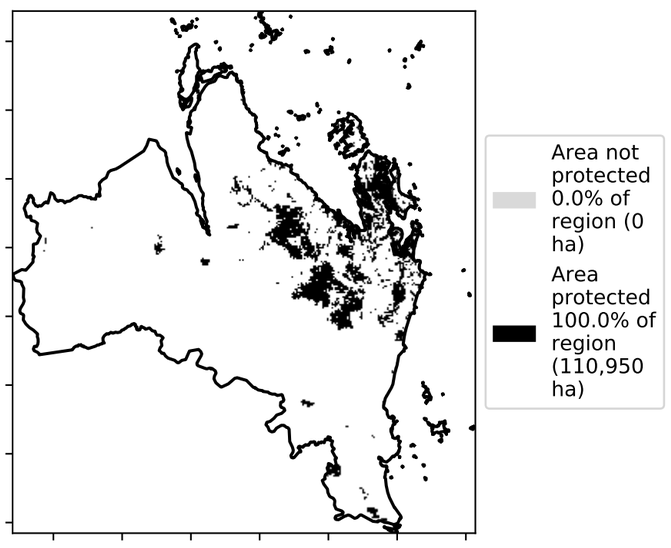
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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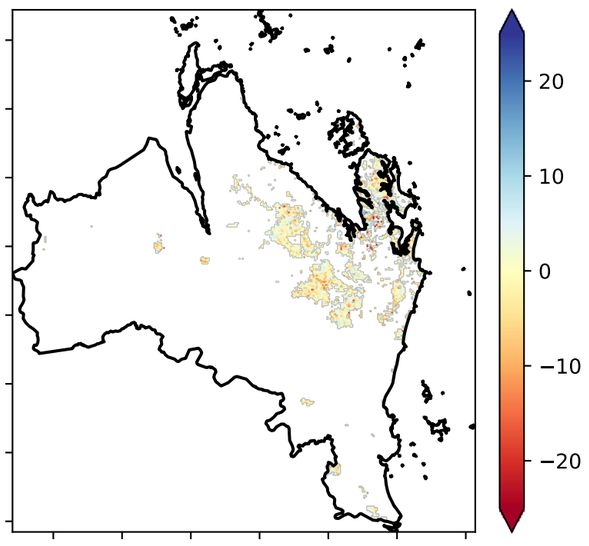

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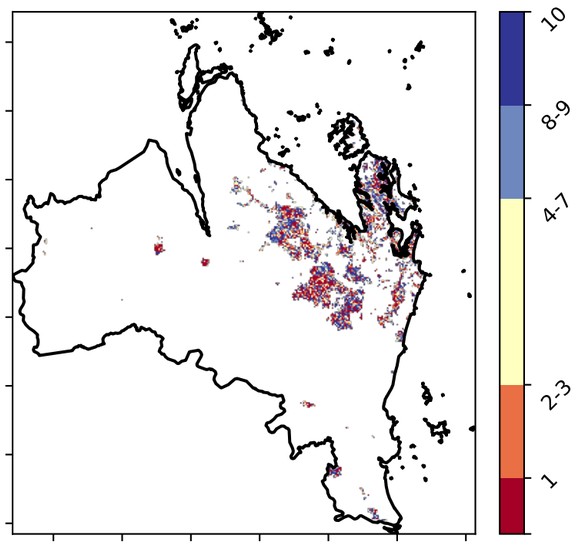
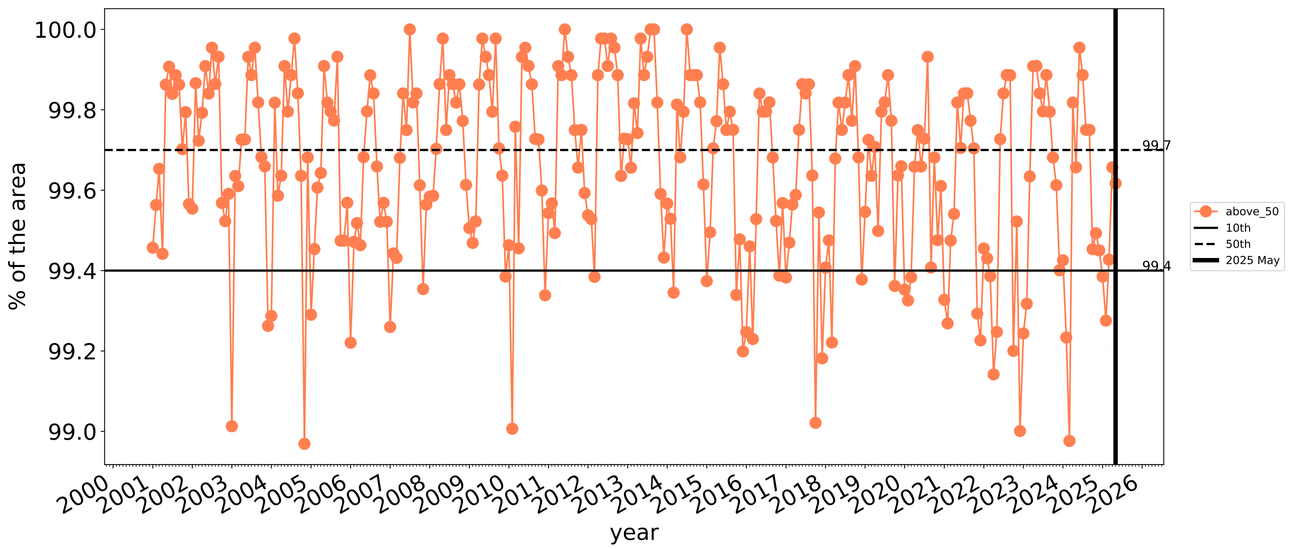
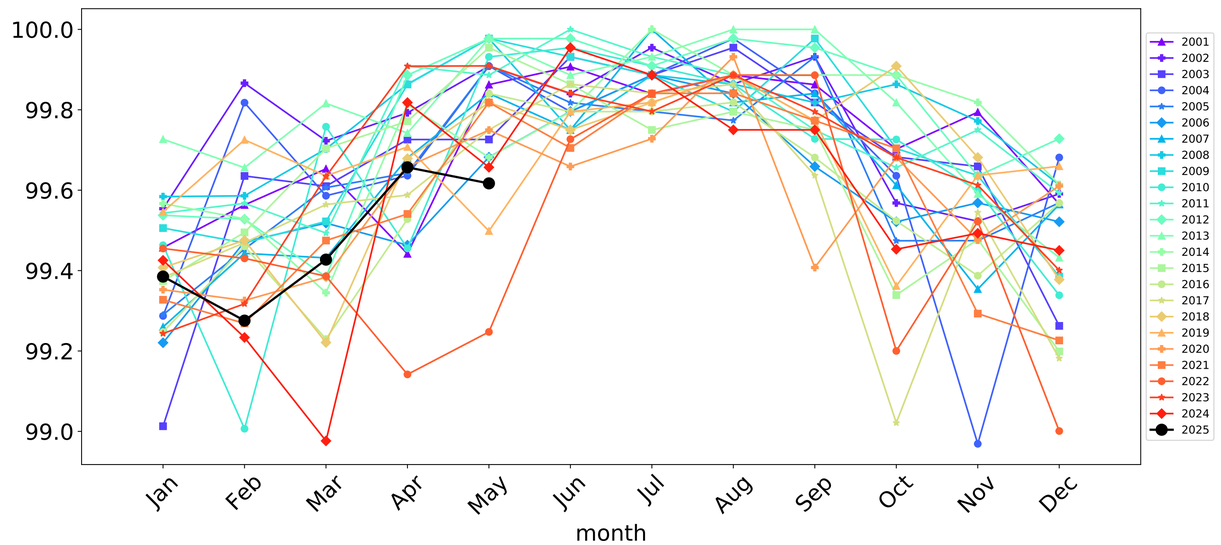


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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



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



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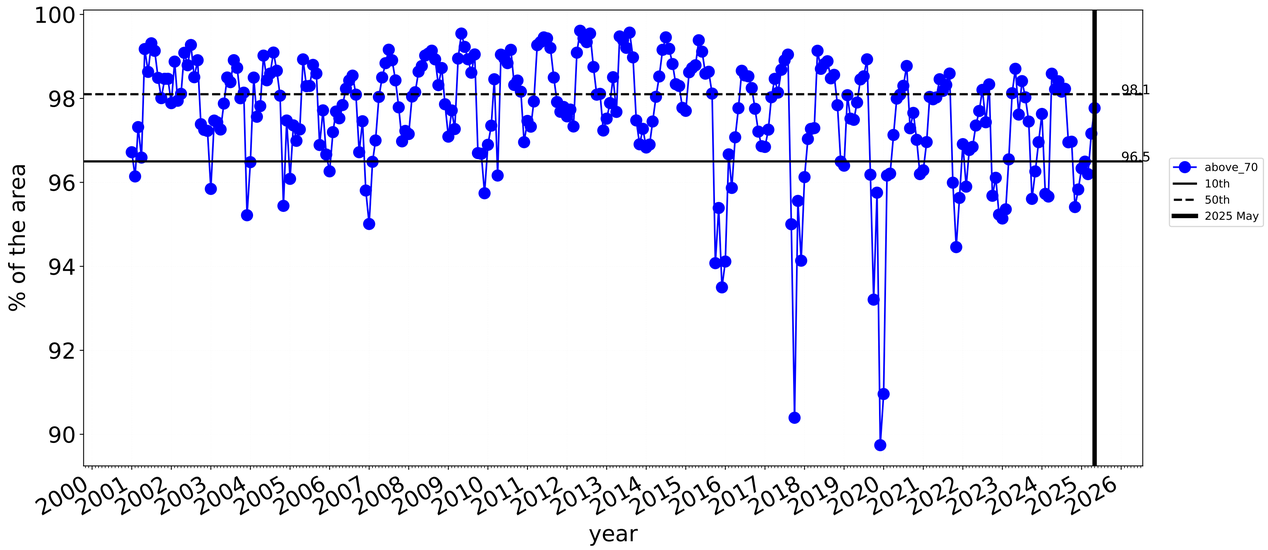

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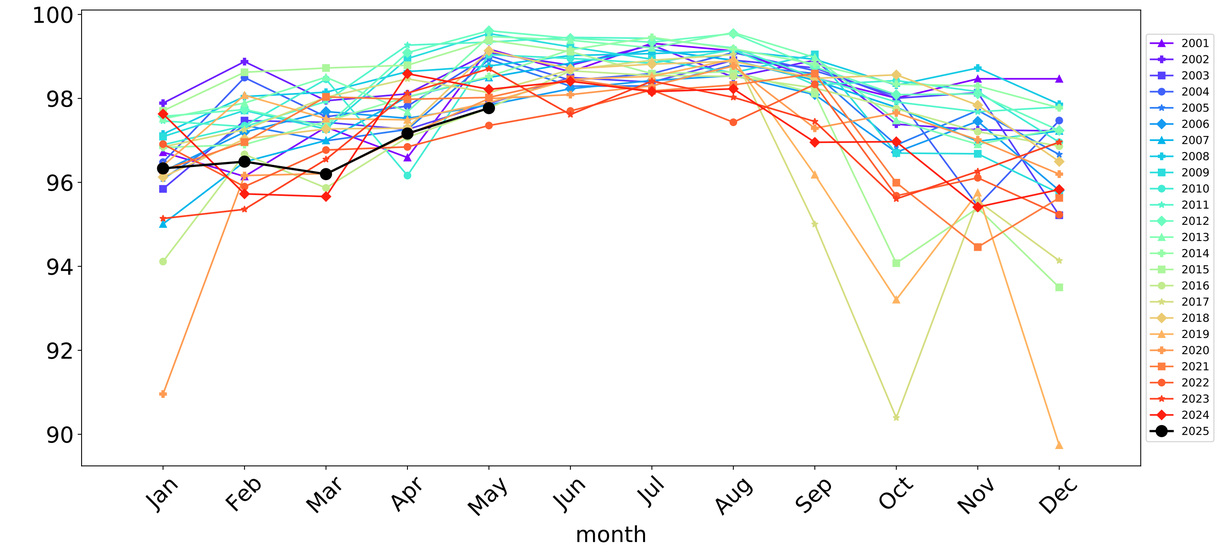

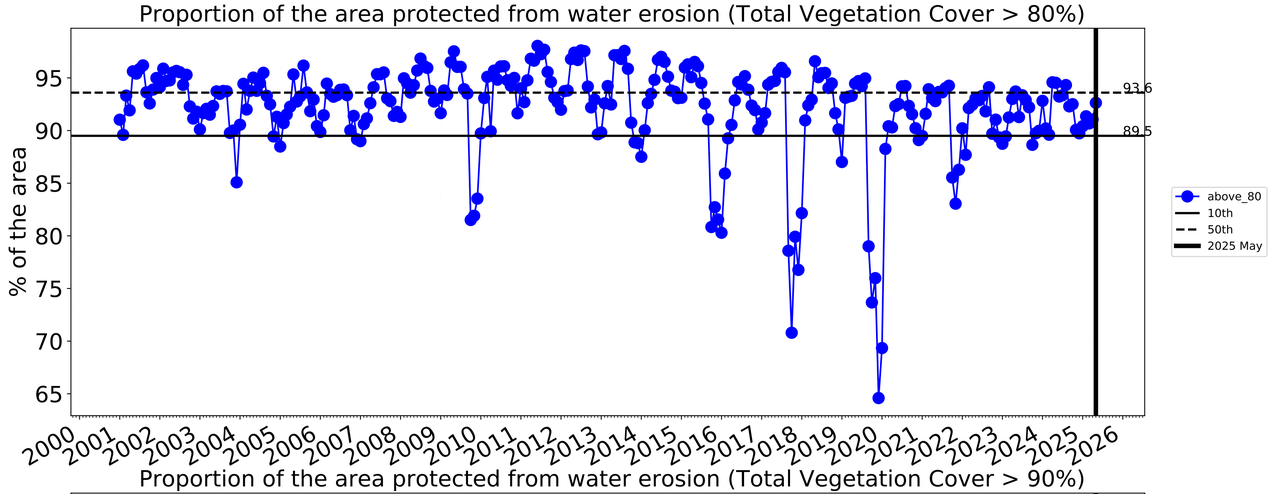
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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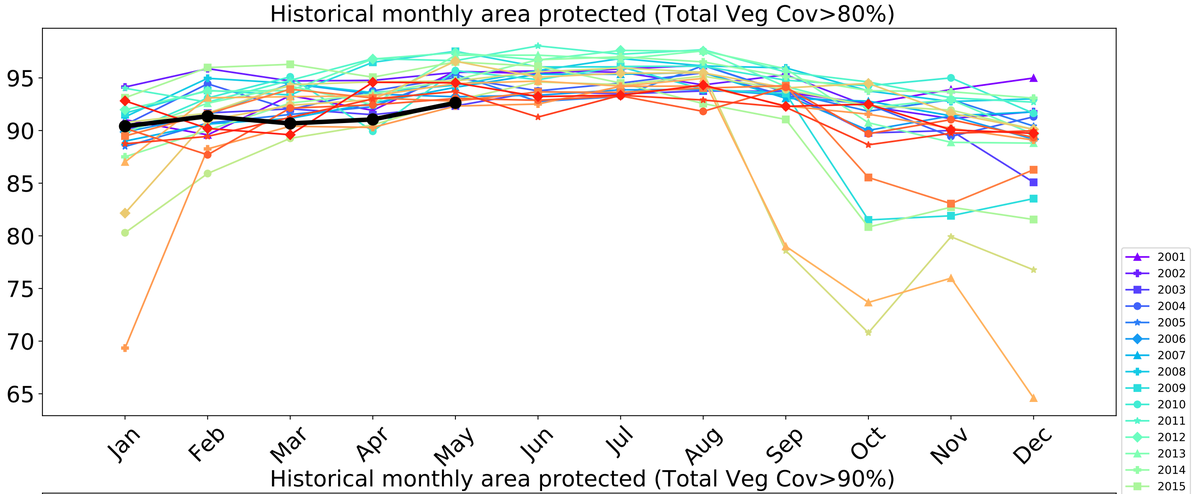
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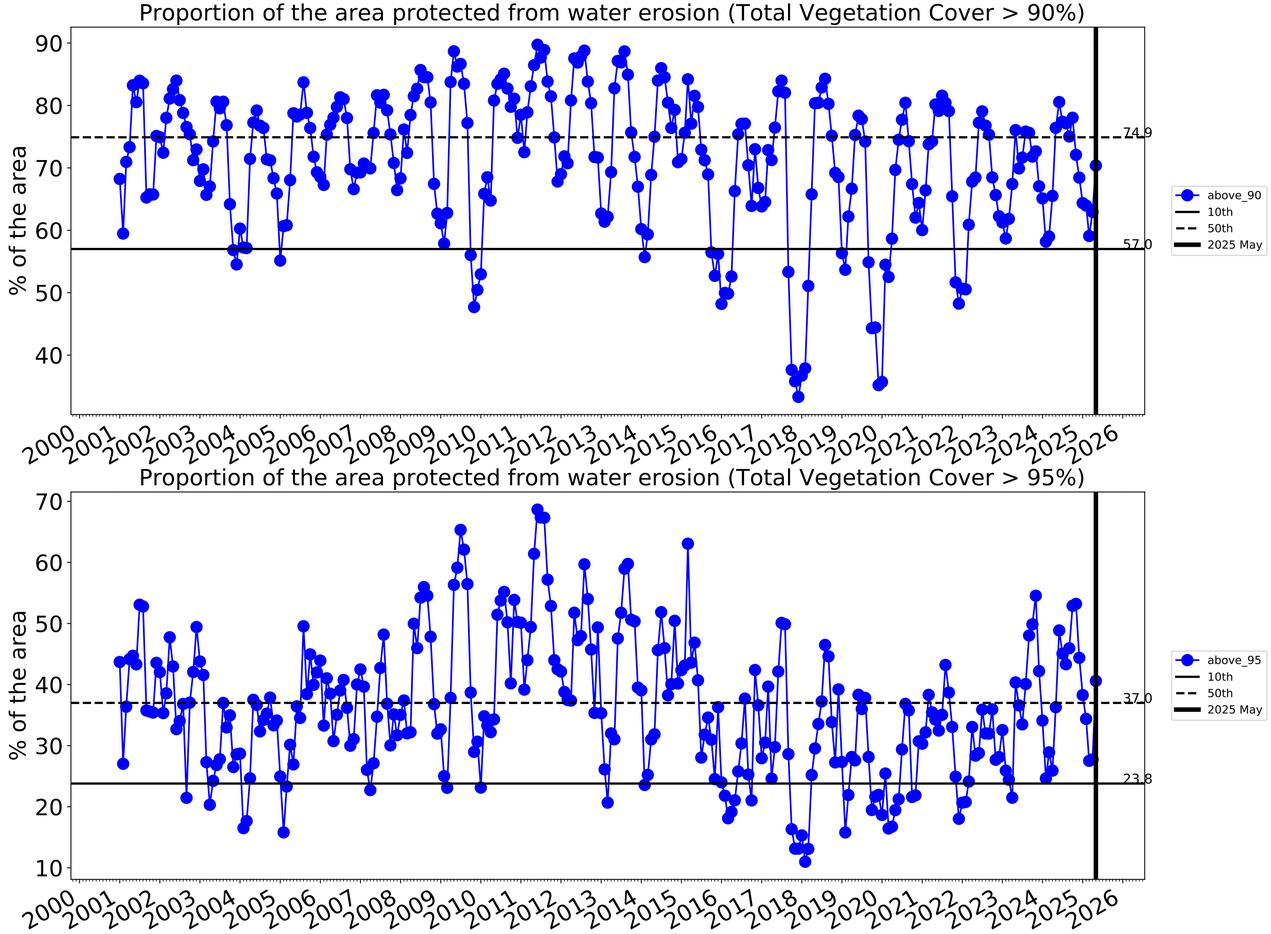
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
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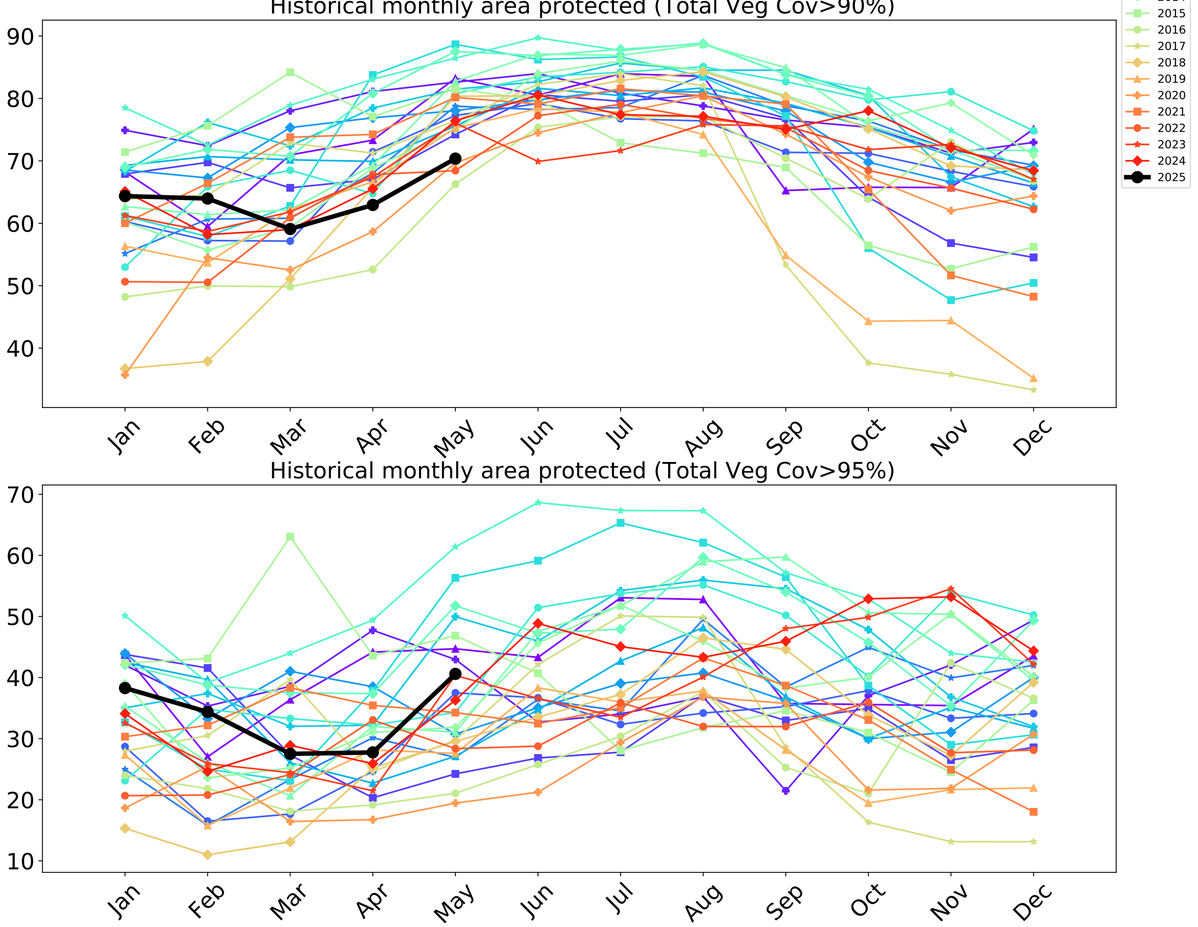
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Agriculture

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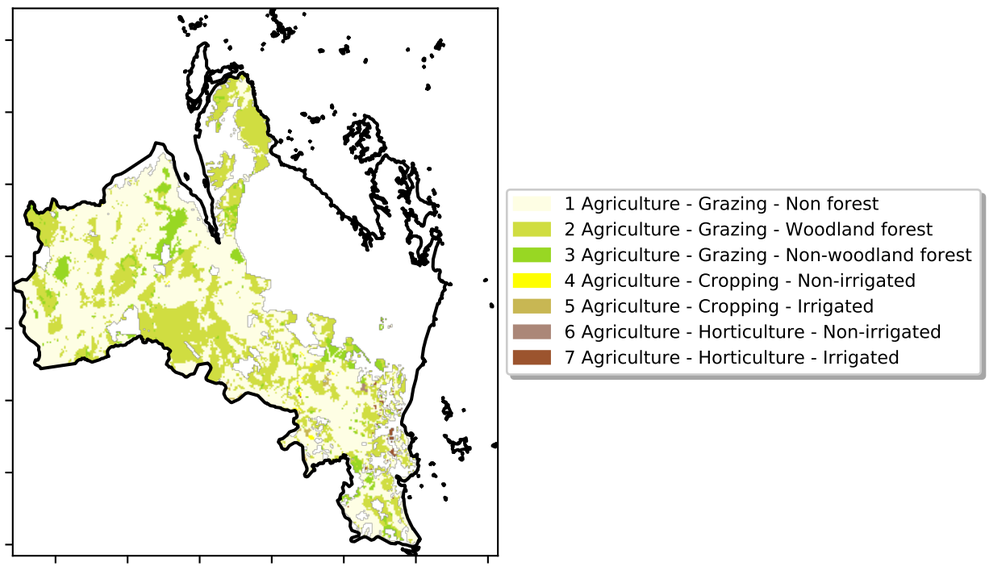
Land use and forest cover



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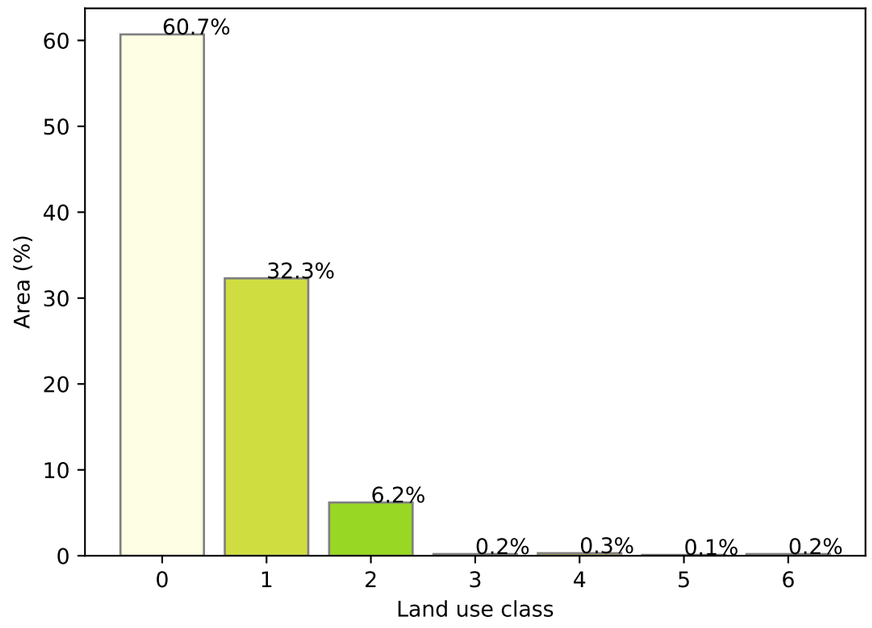

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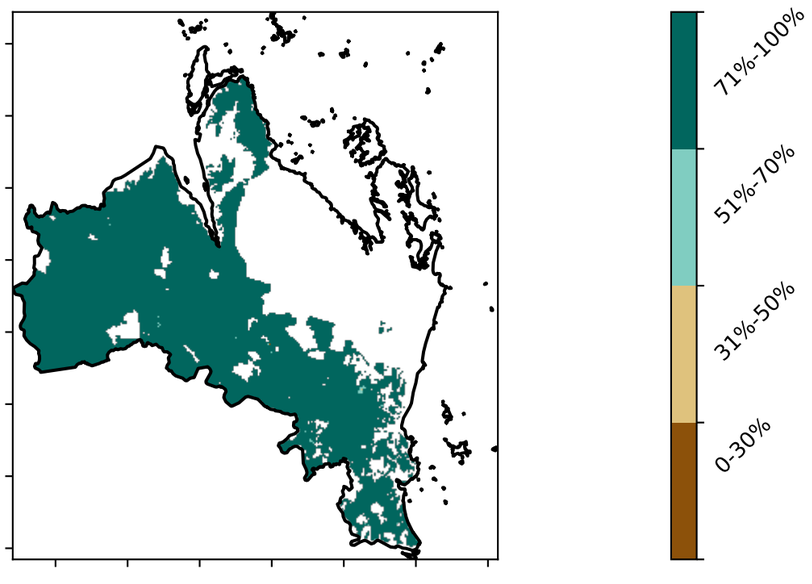

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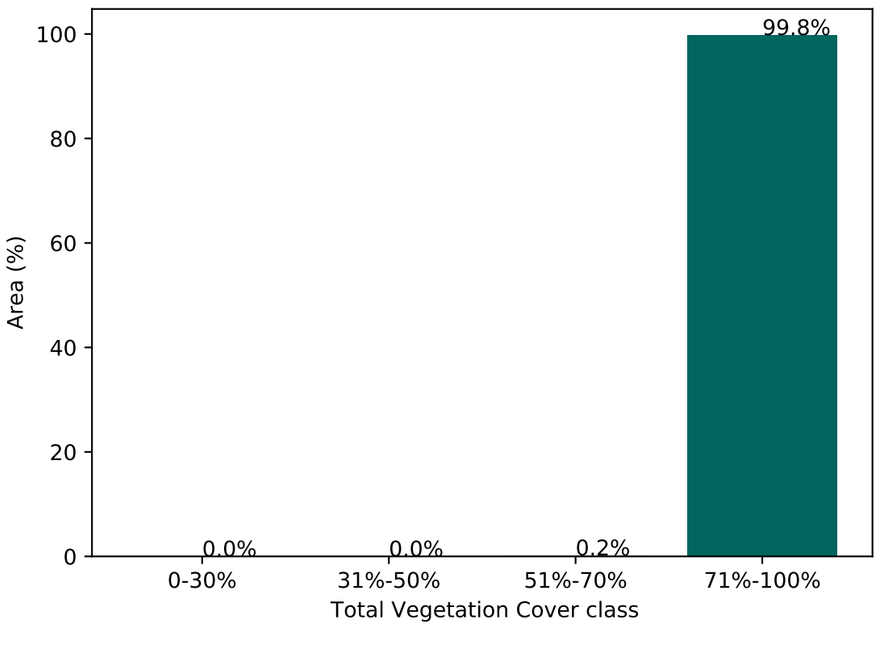

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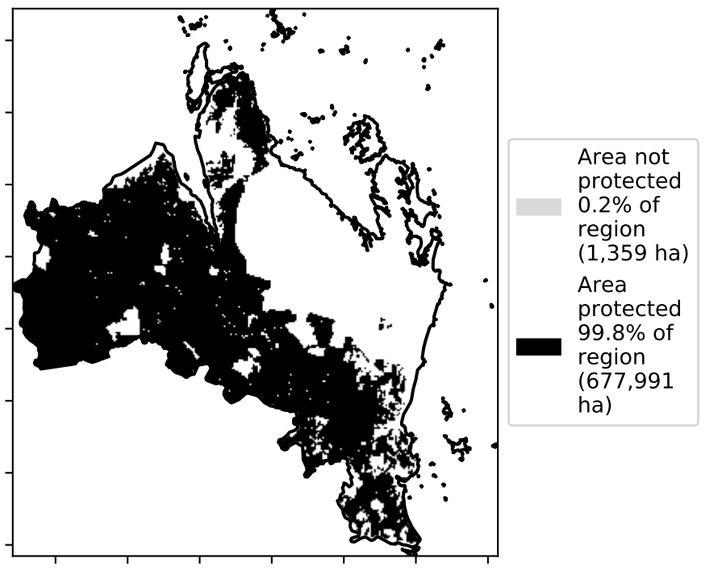

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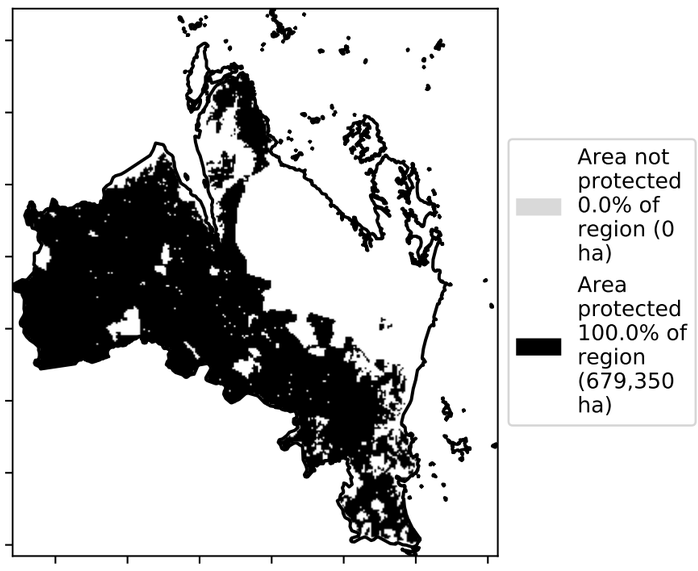

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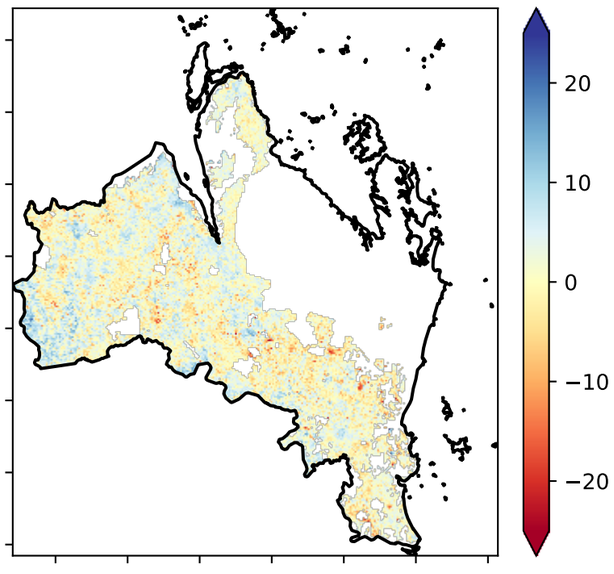

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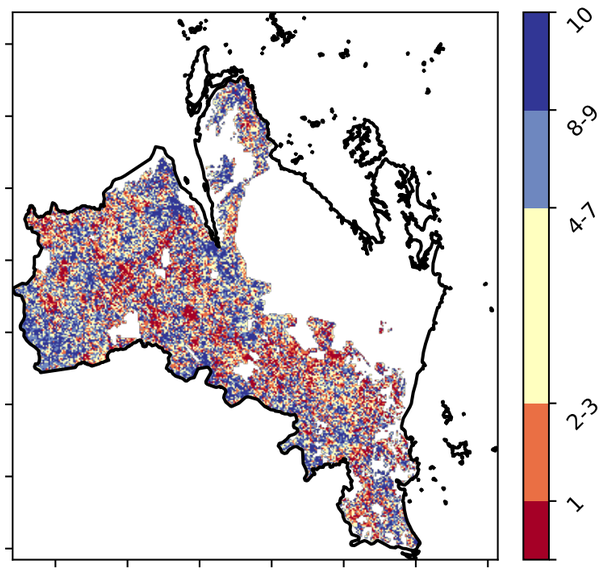
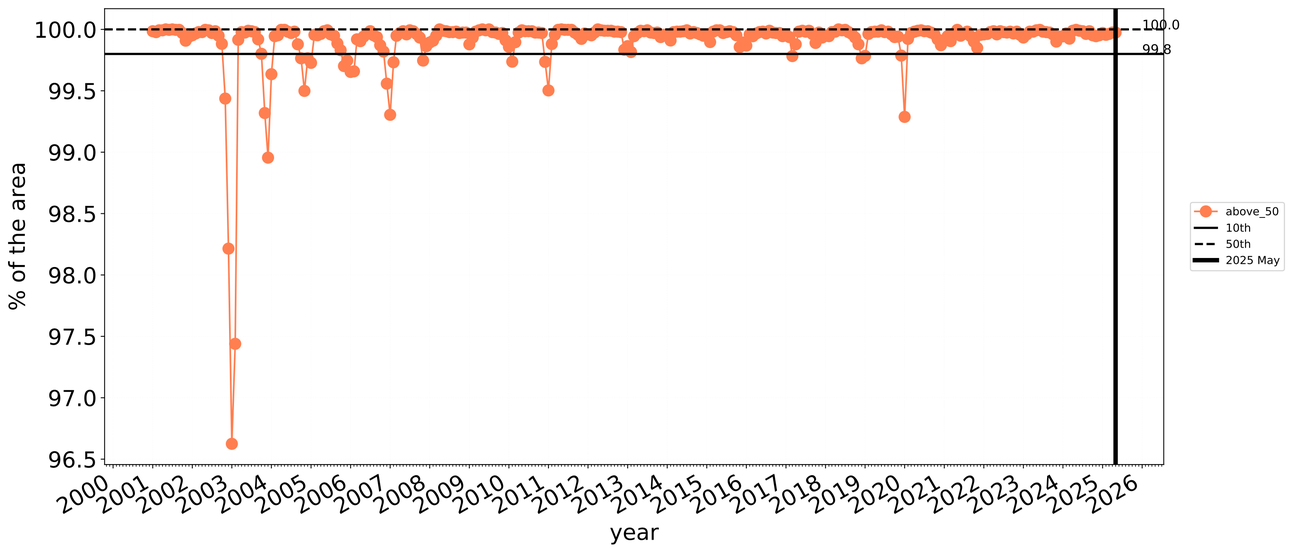


Agriculture timeseries

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



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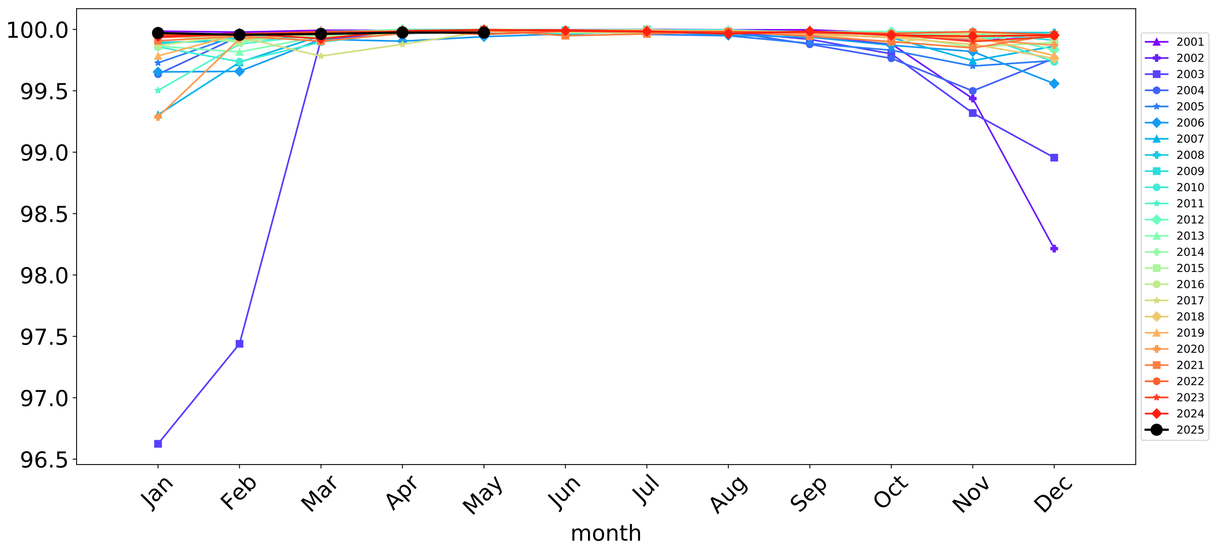

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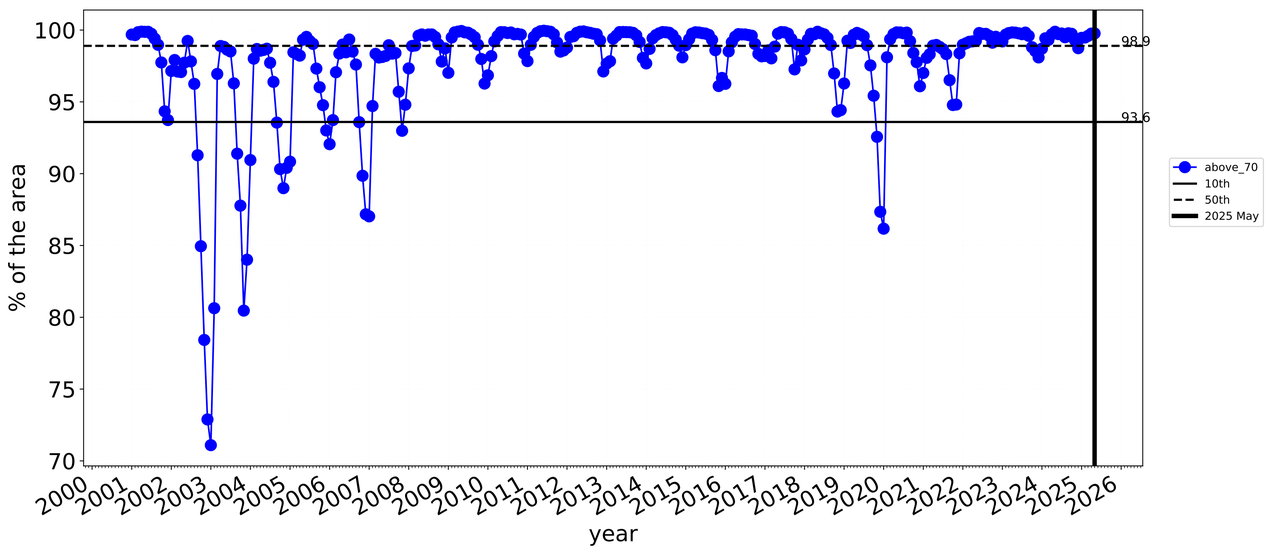

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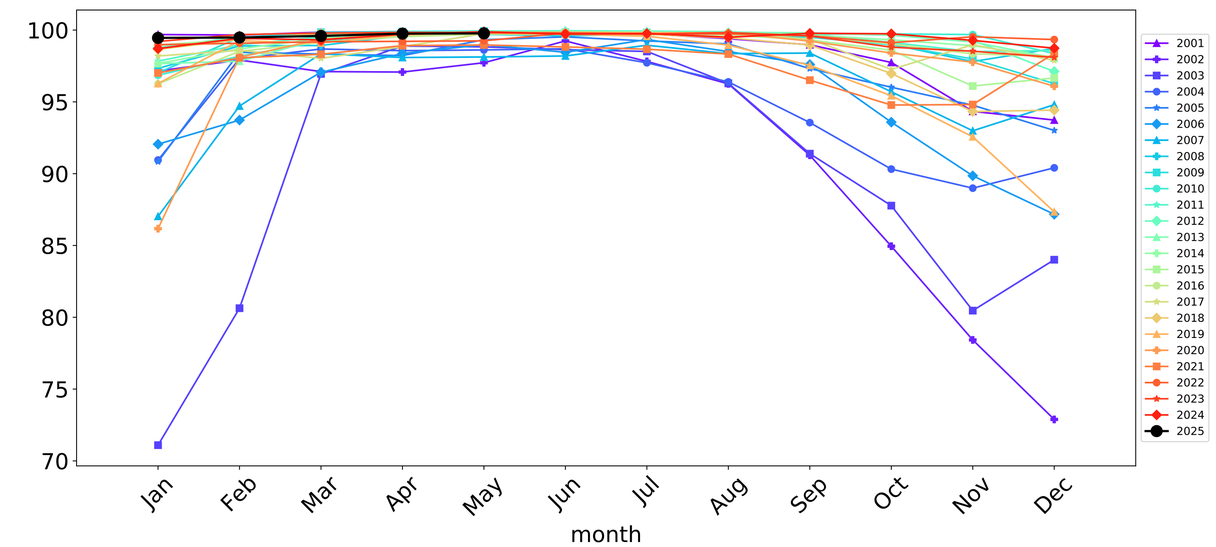

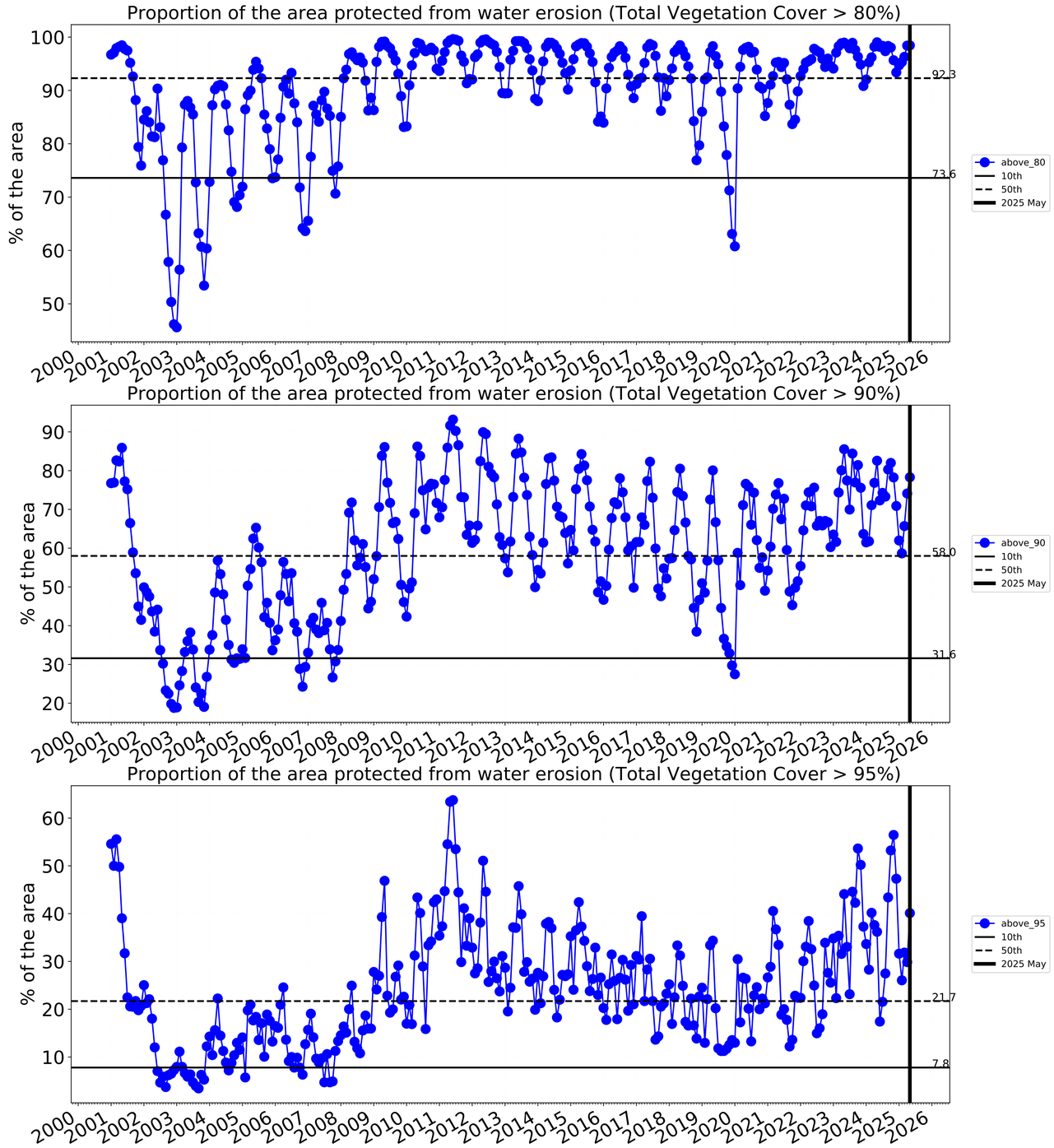
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
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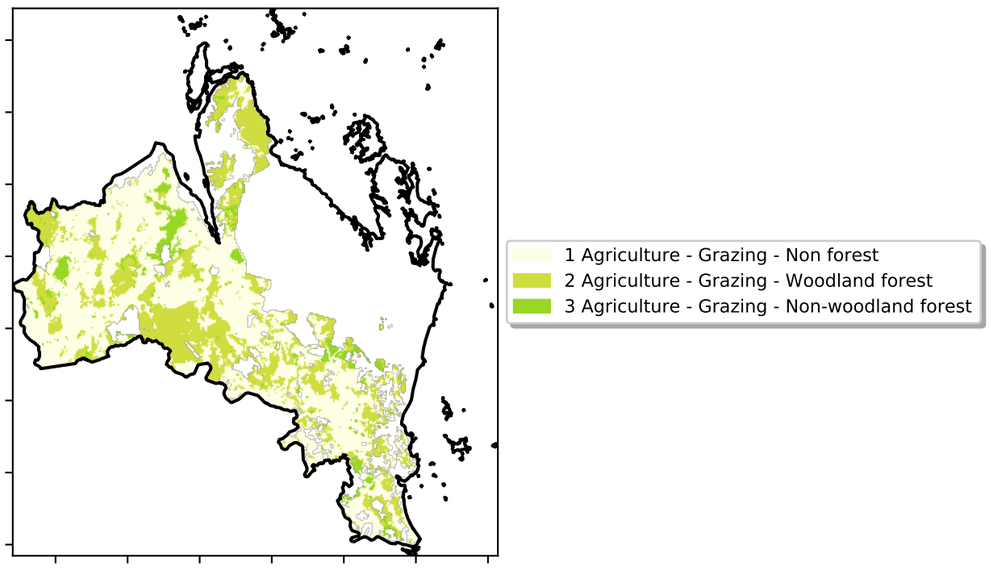
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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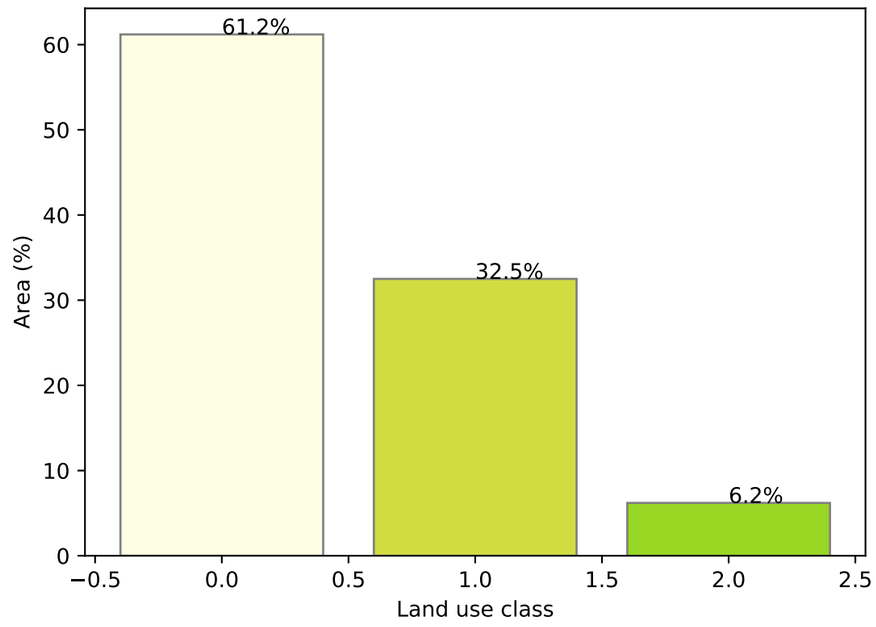
Proportion of each land class in area



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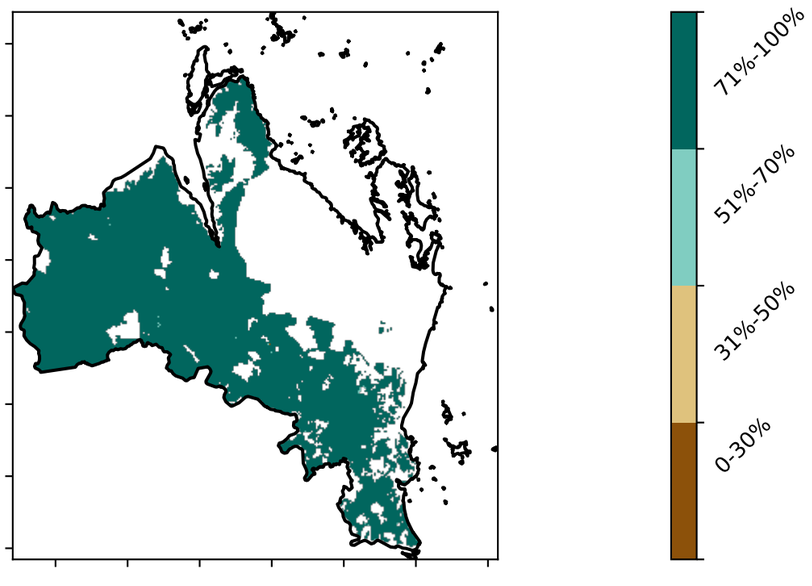

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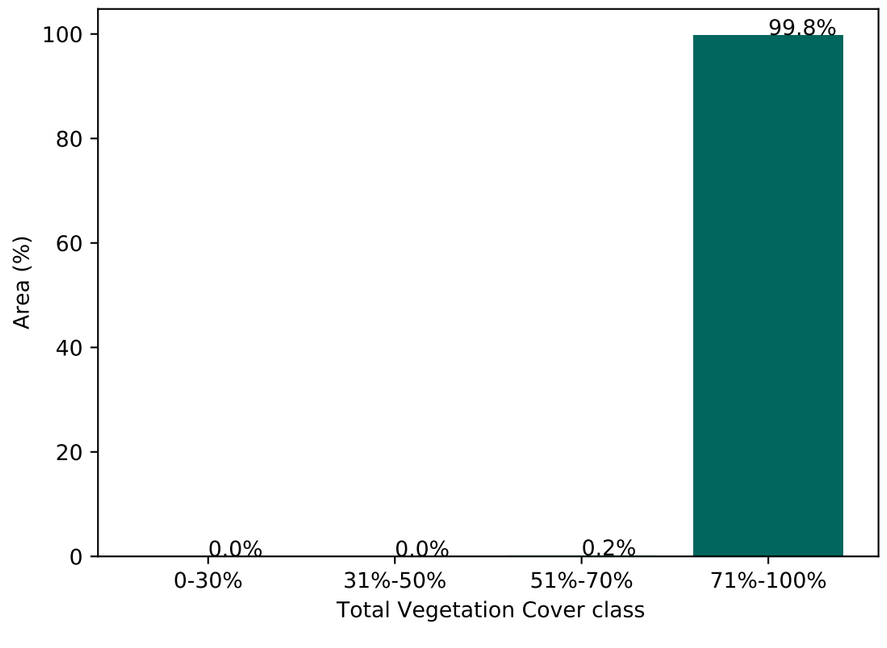

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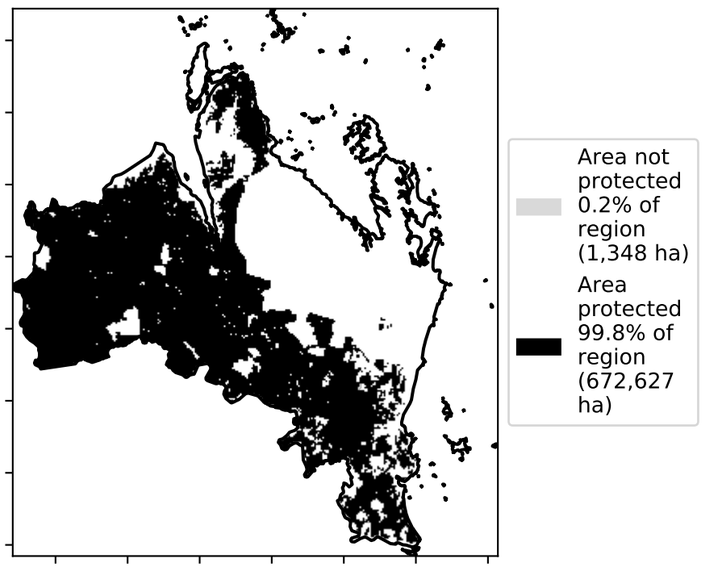

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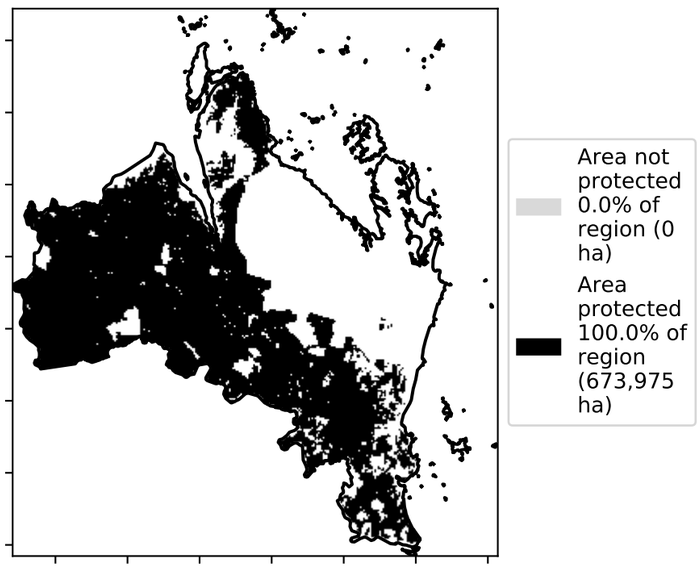

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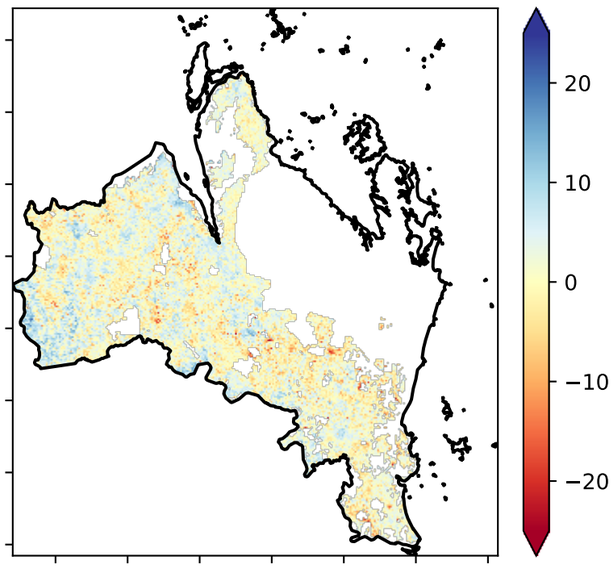

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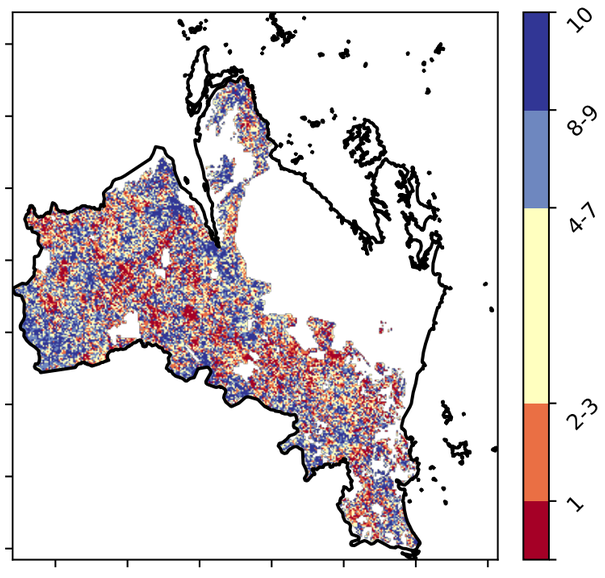
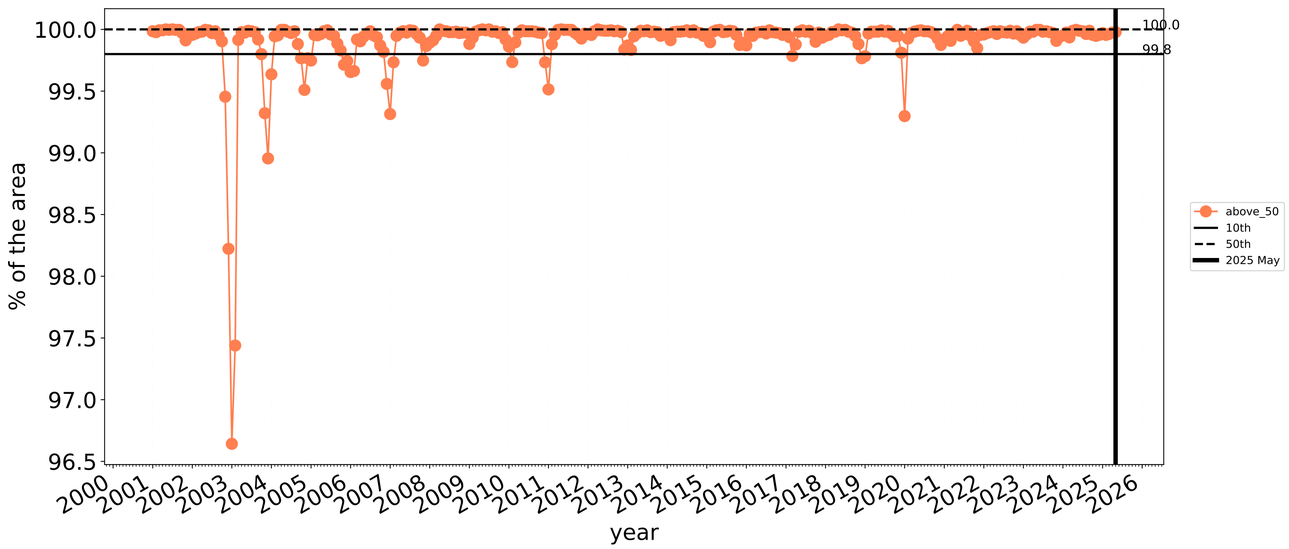


Grazing timeseries

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



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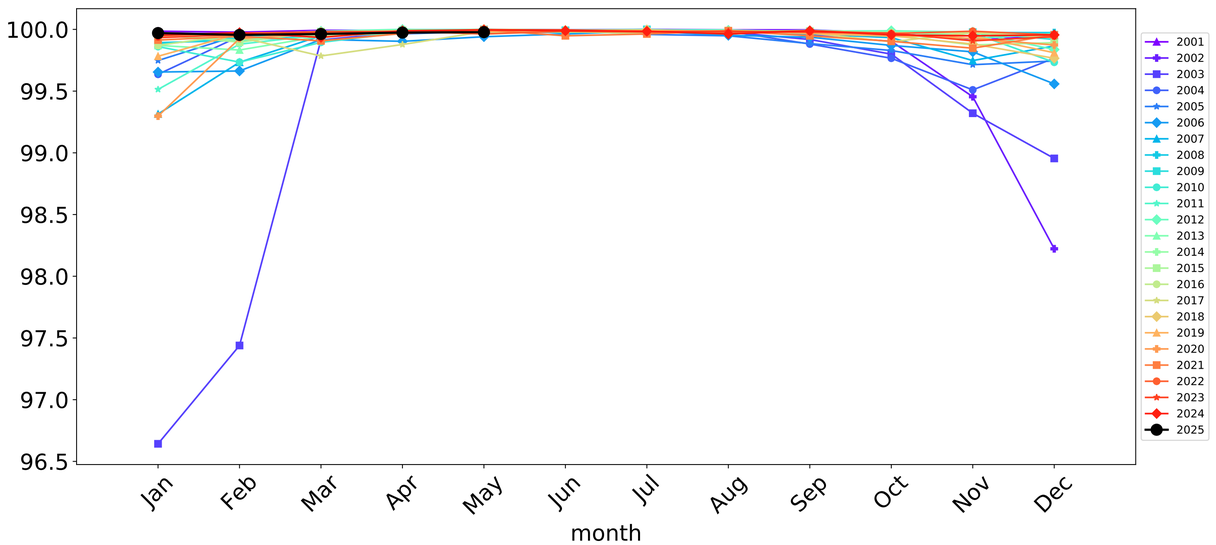

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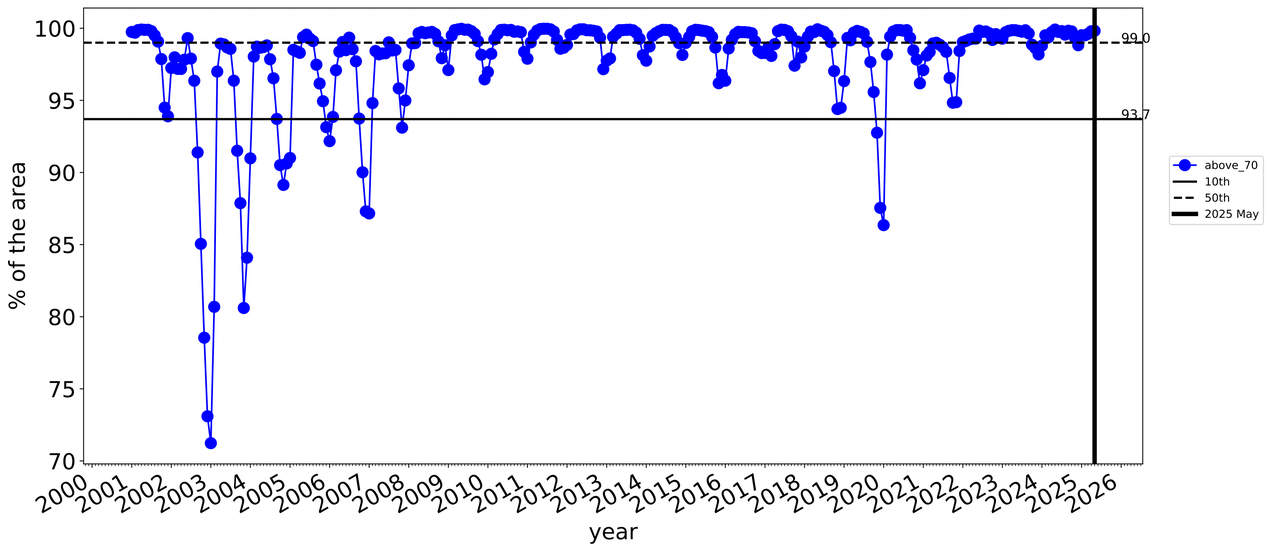

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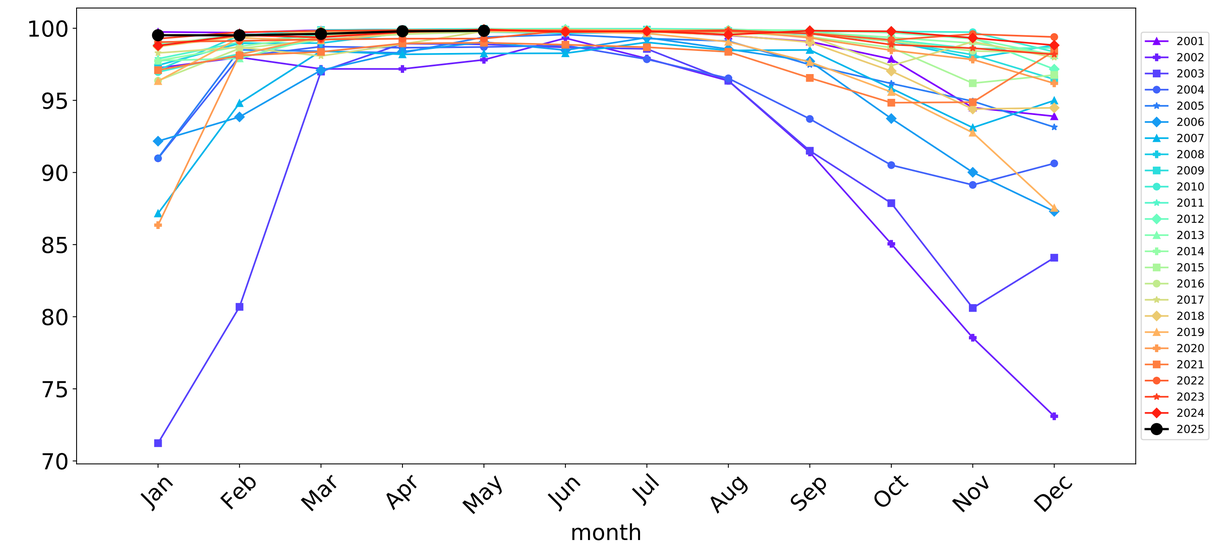

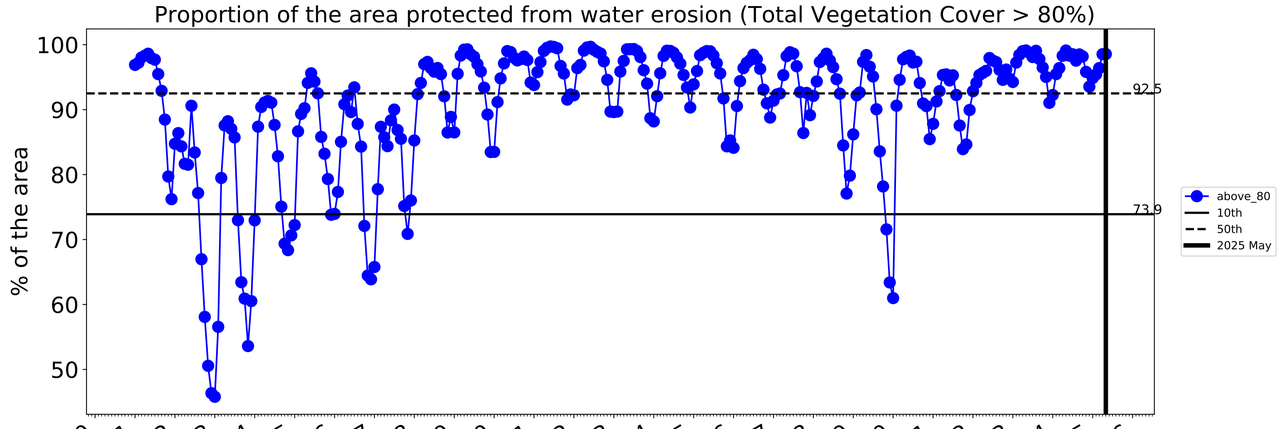
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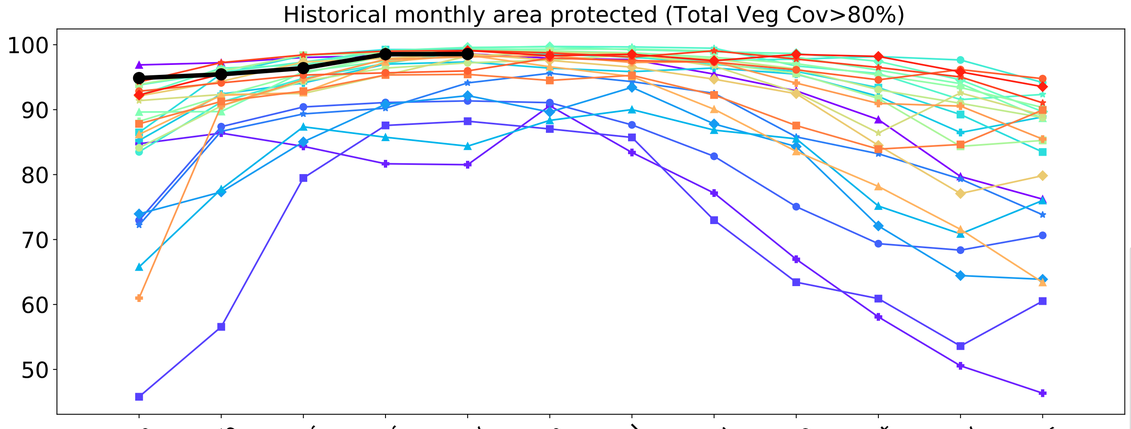
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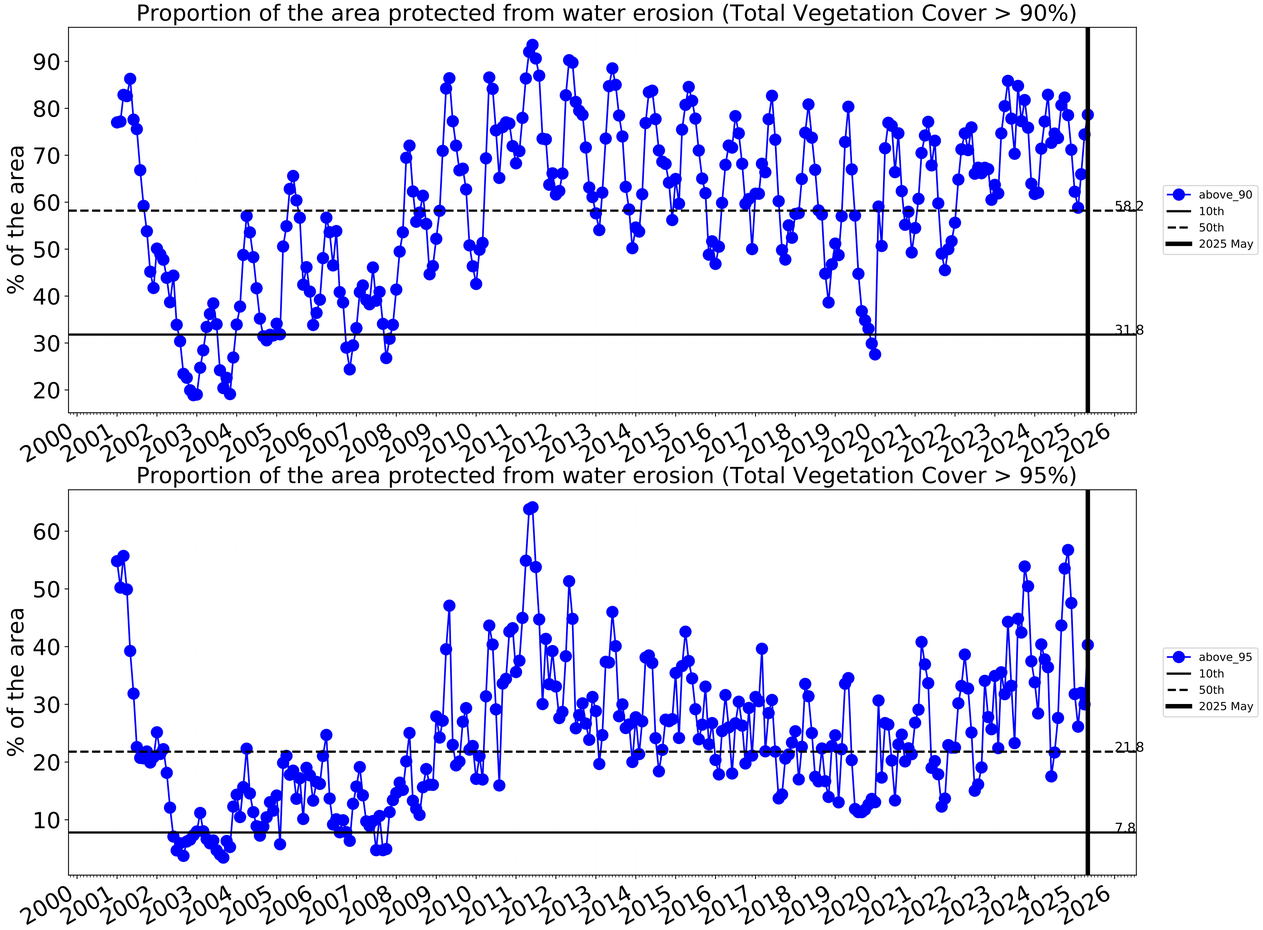
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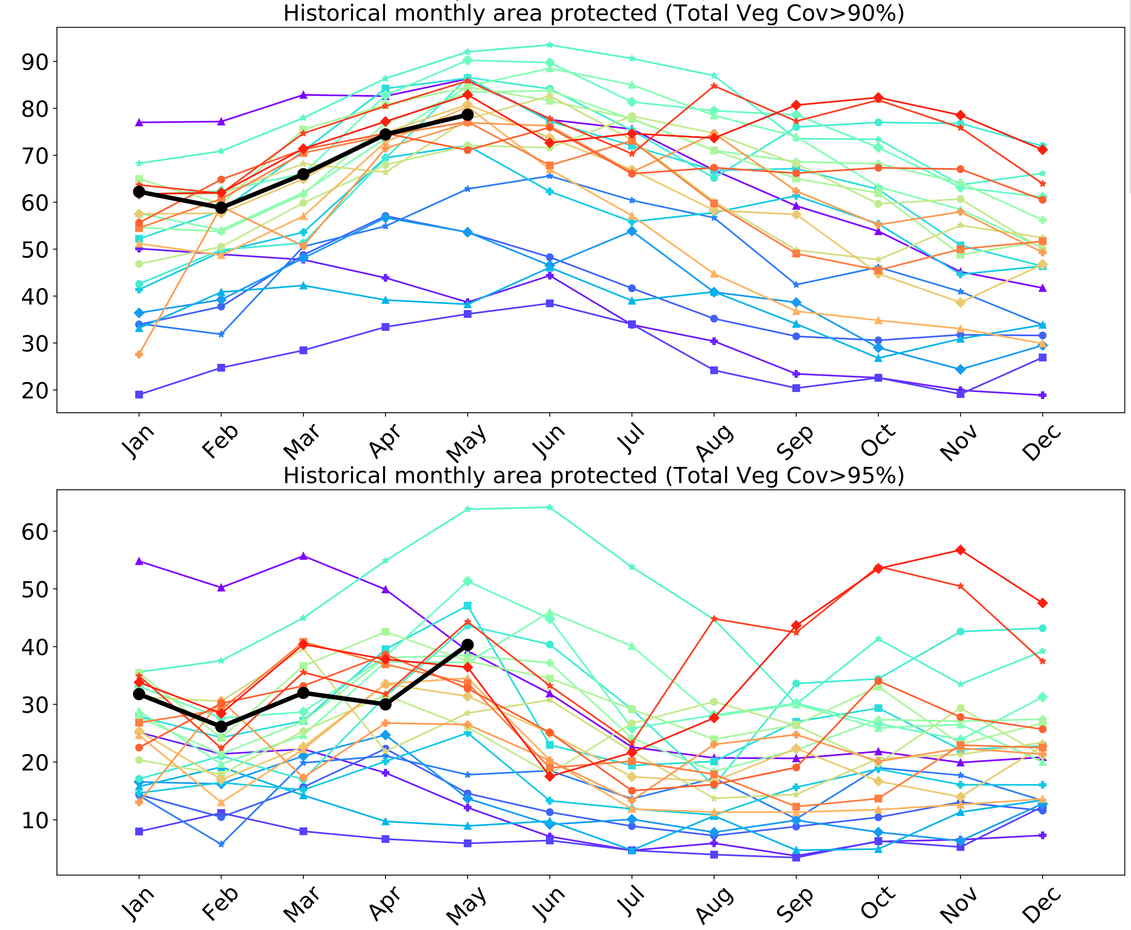
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Grazing non forest

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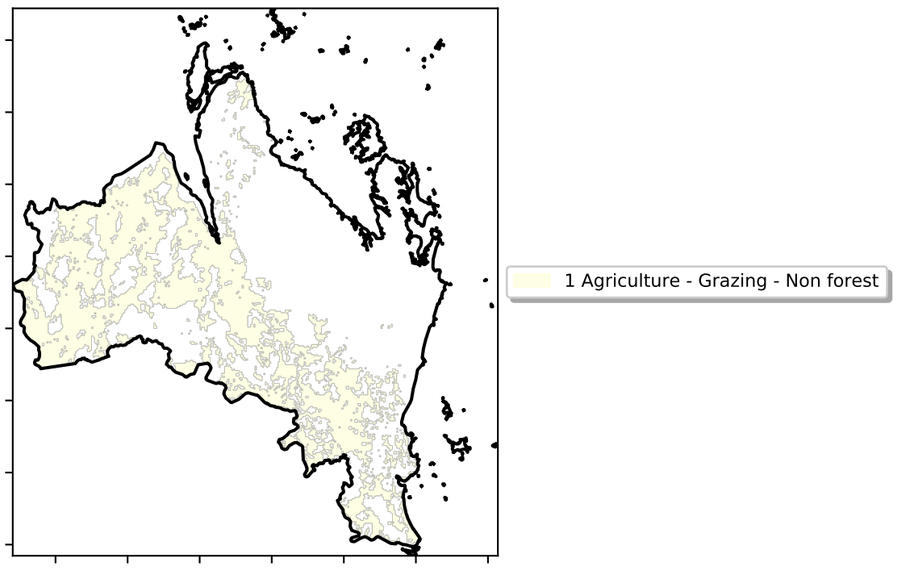
Land use and forest cover



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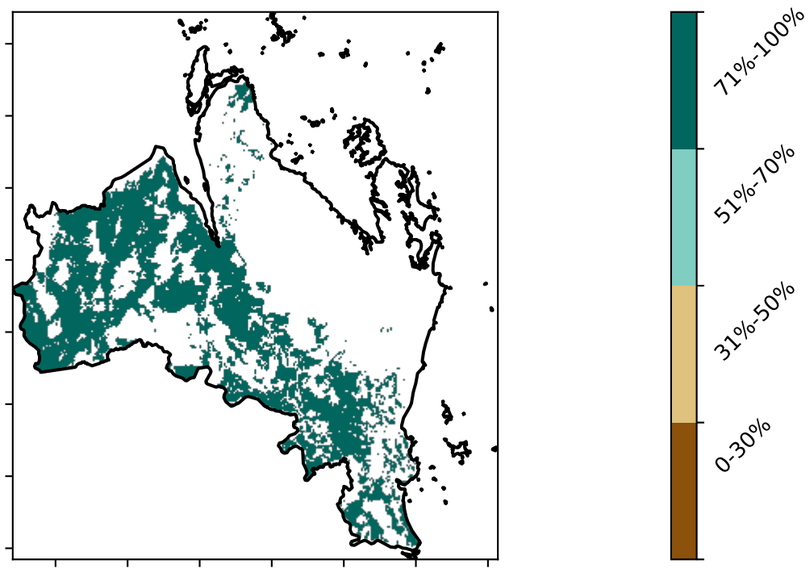

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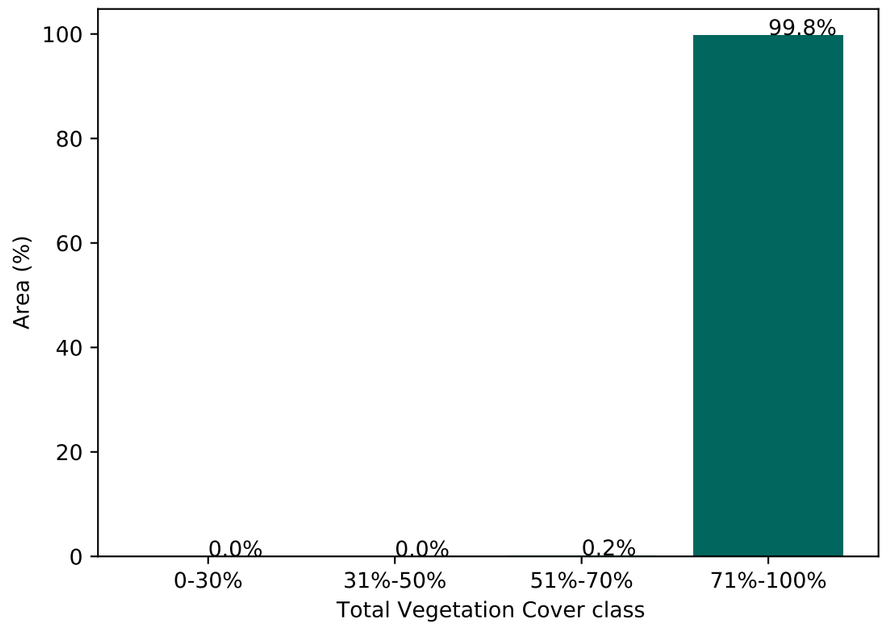
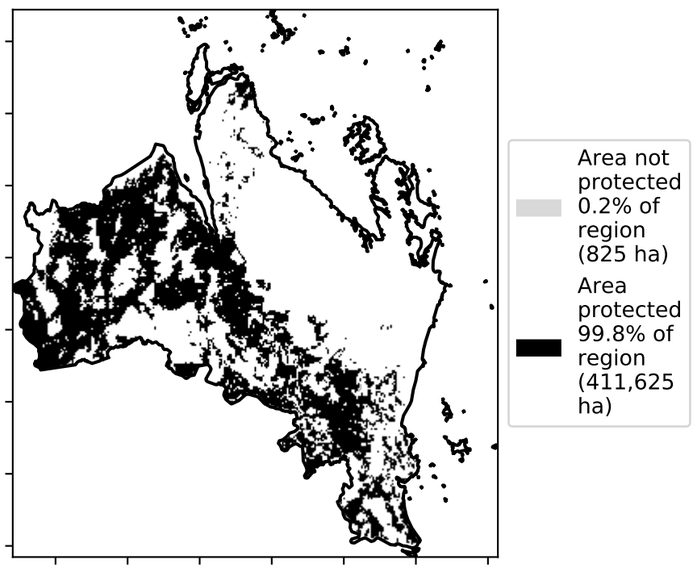


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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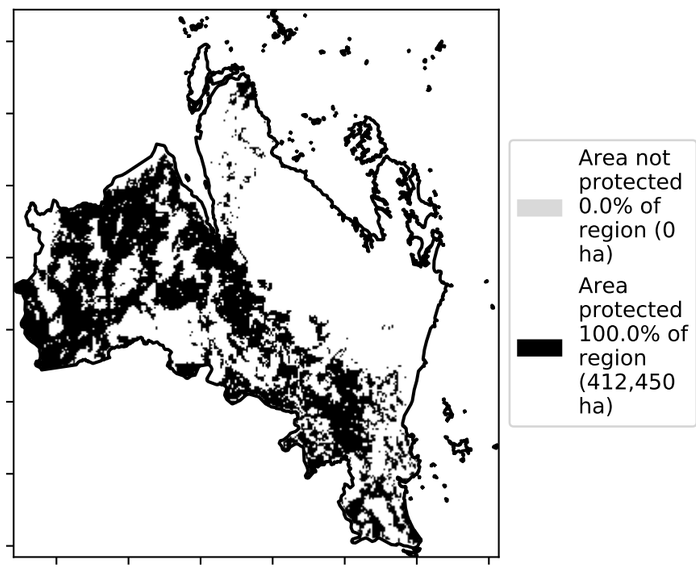

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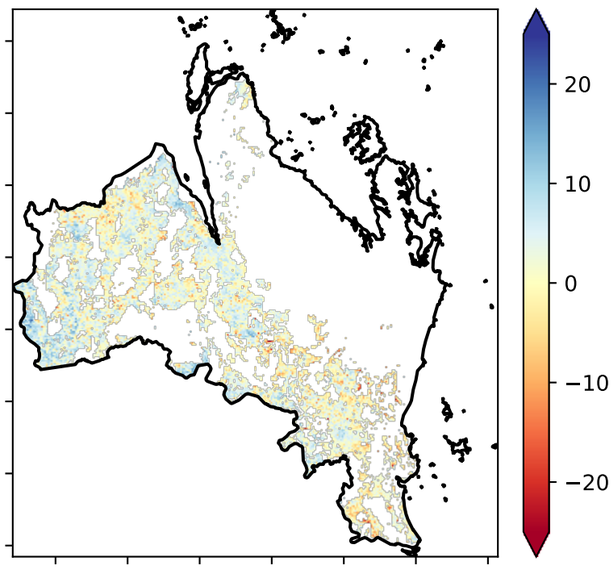

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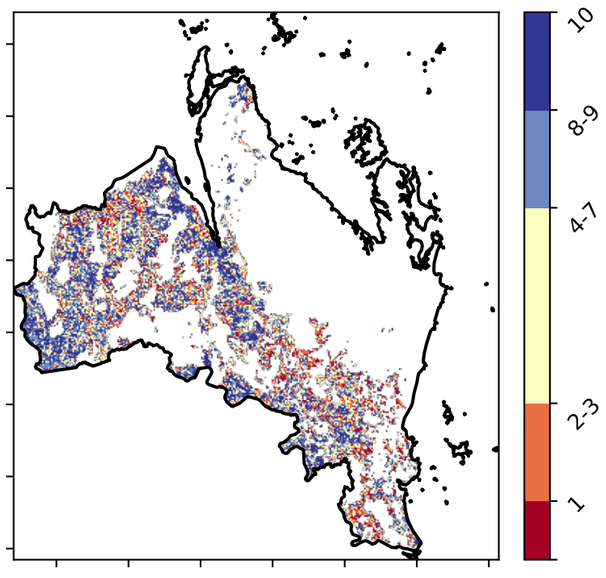
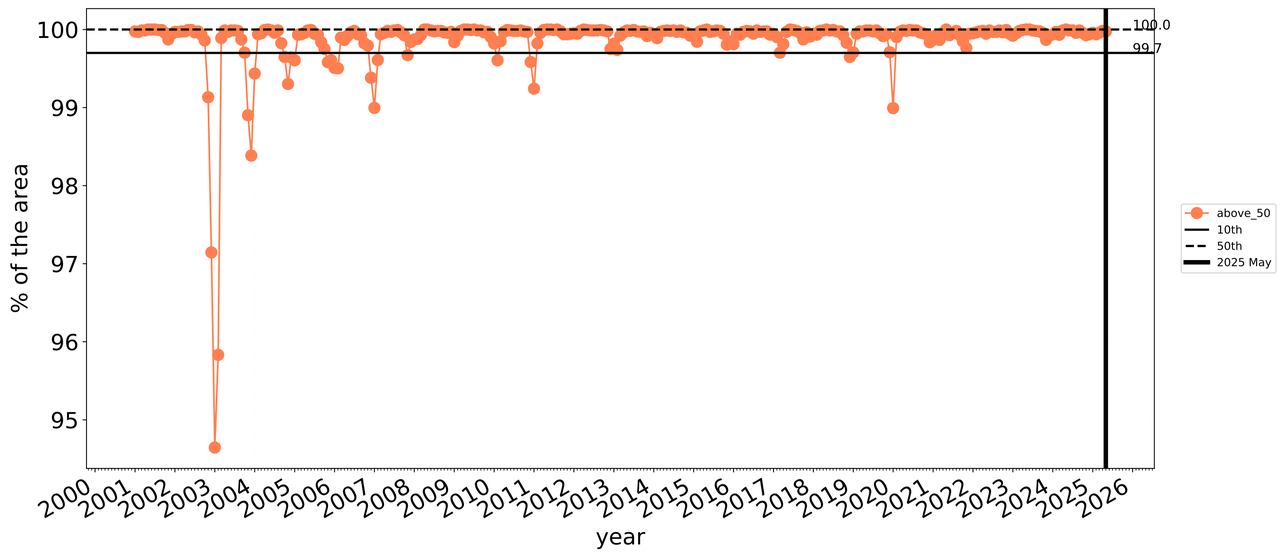
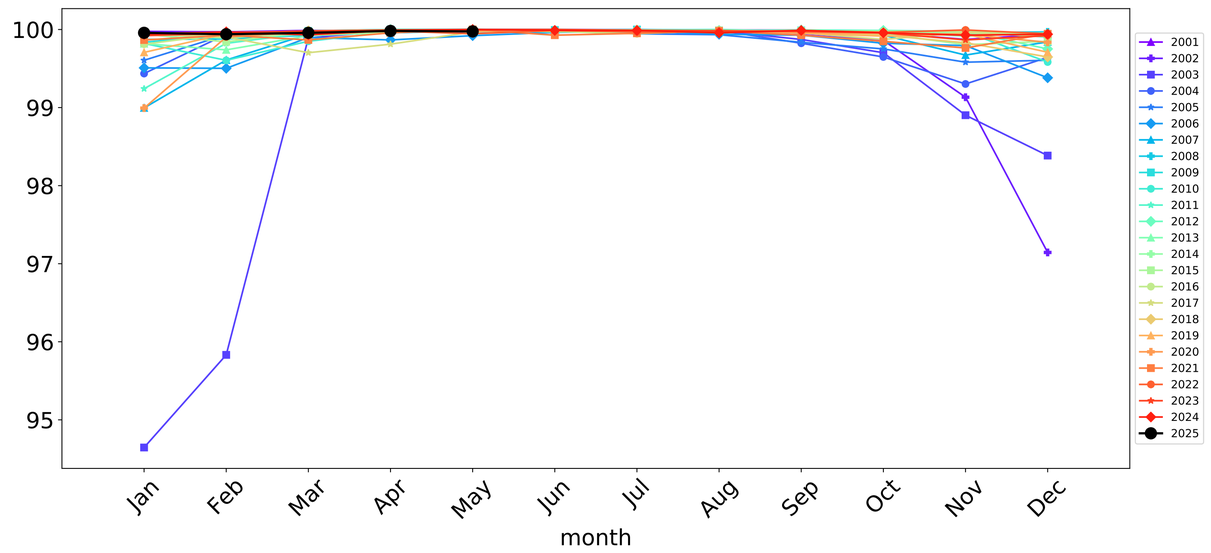


Grazing non forest timeseries

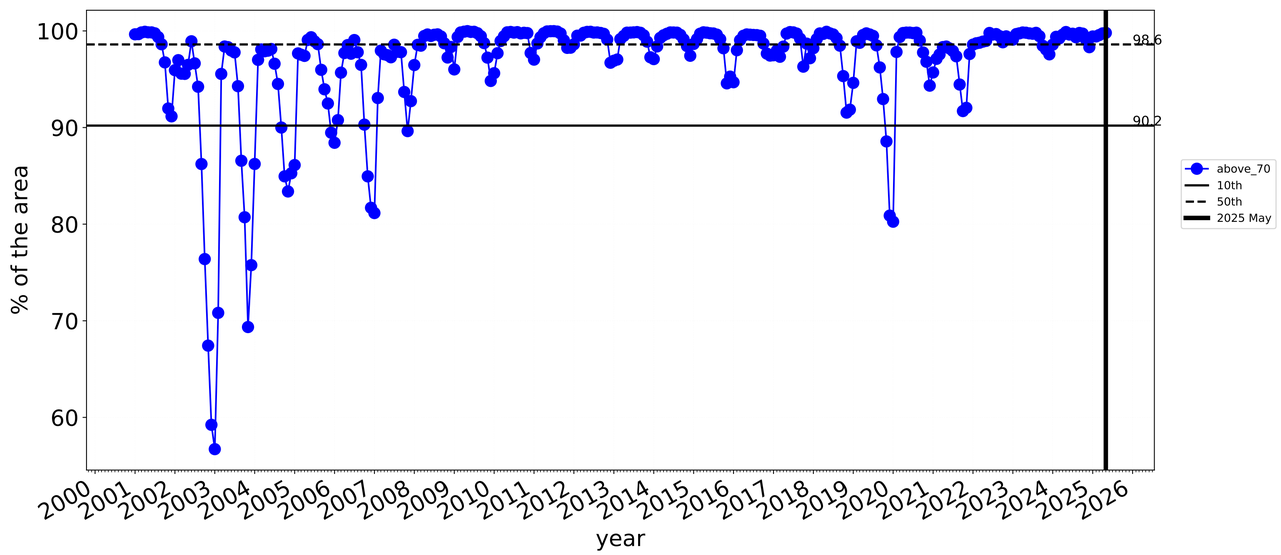
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



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



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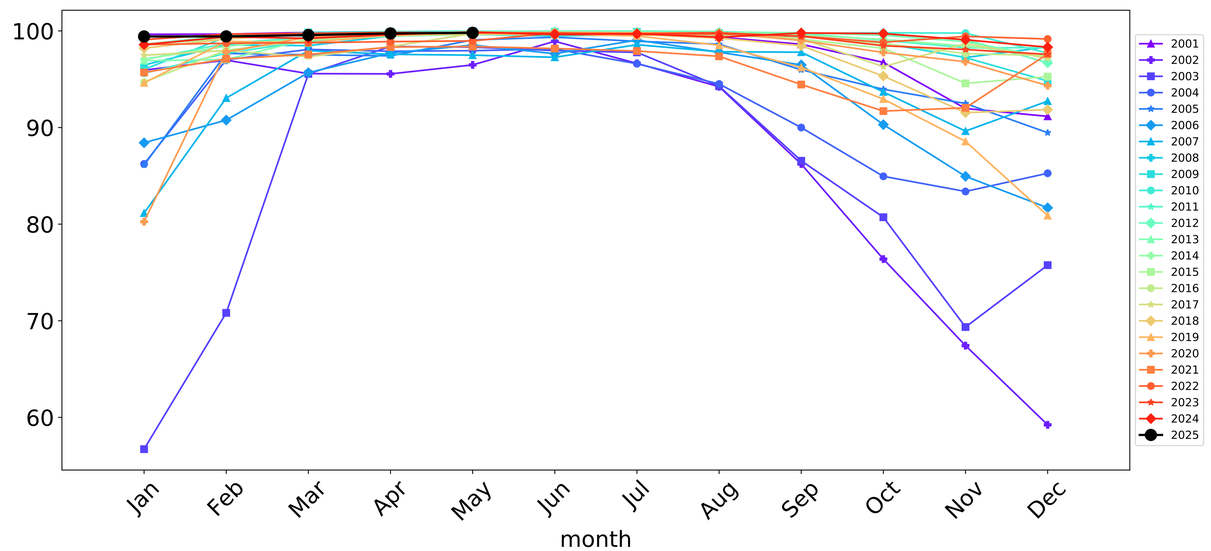

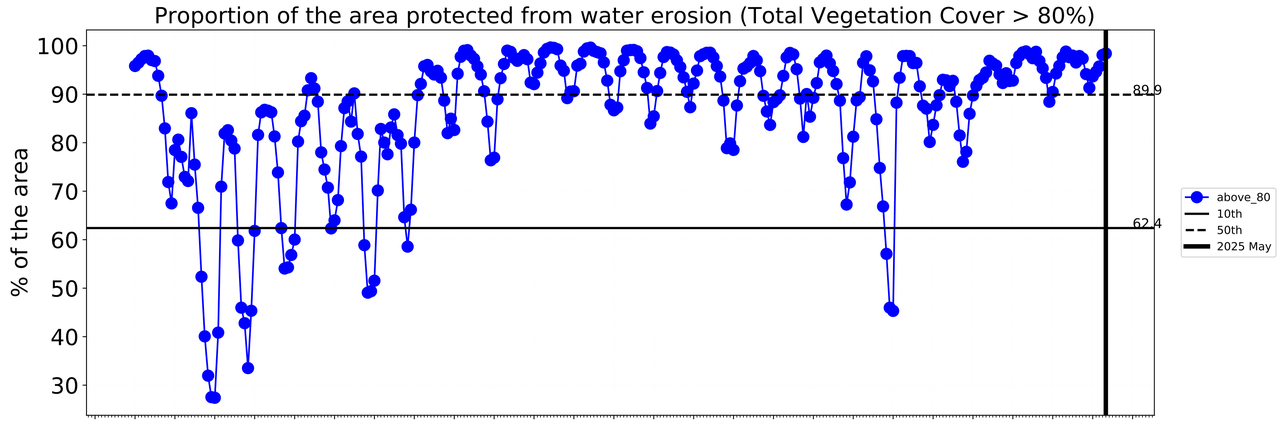
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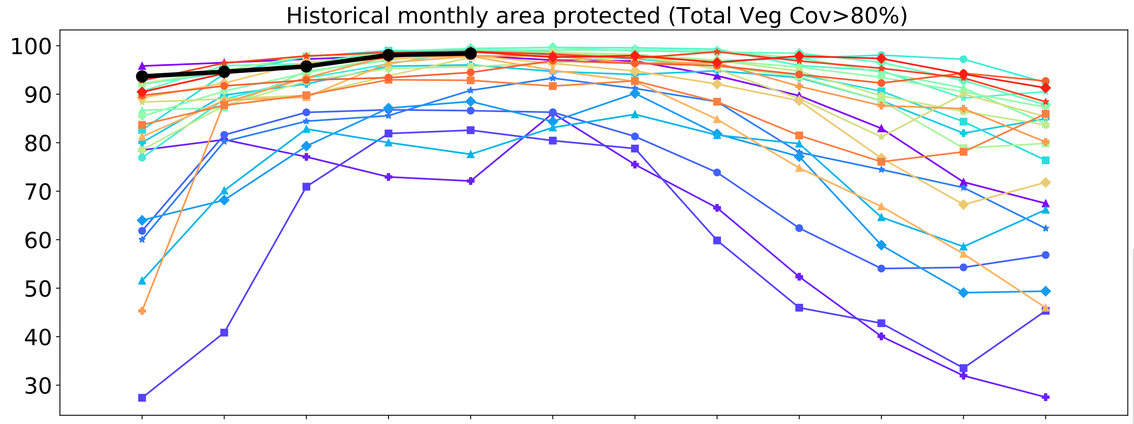
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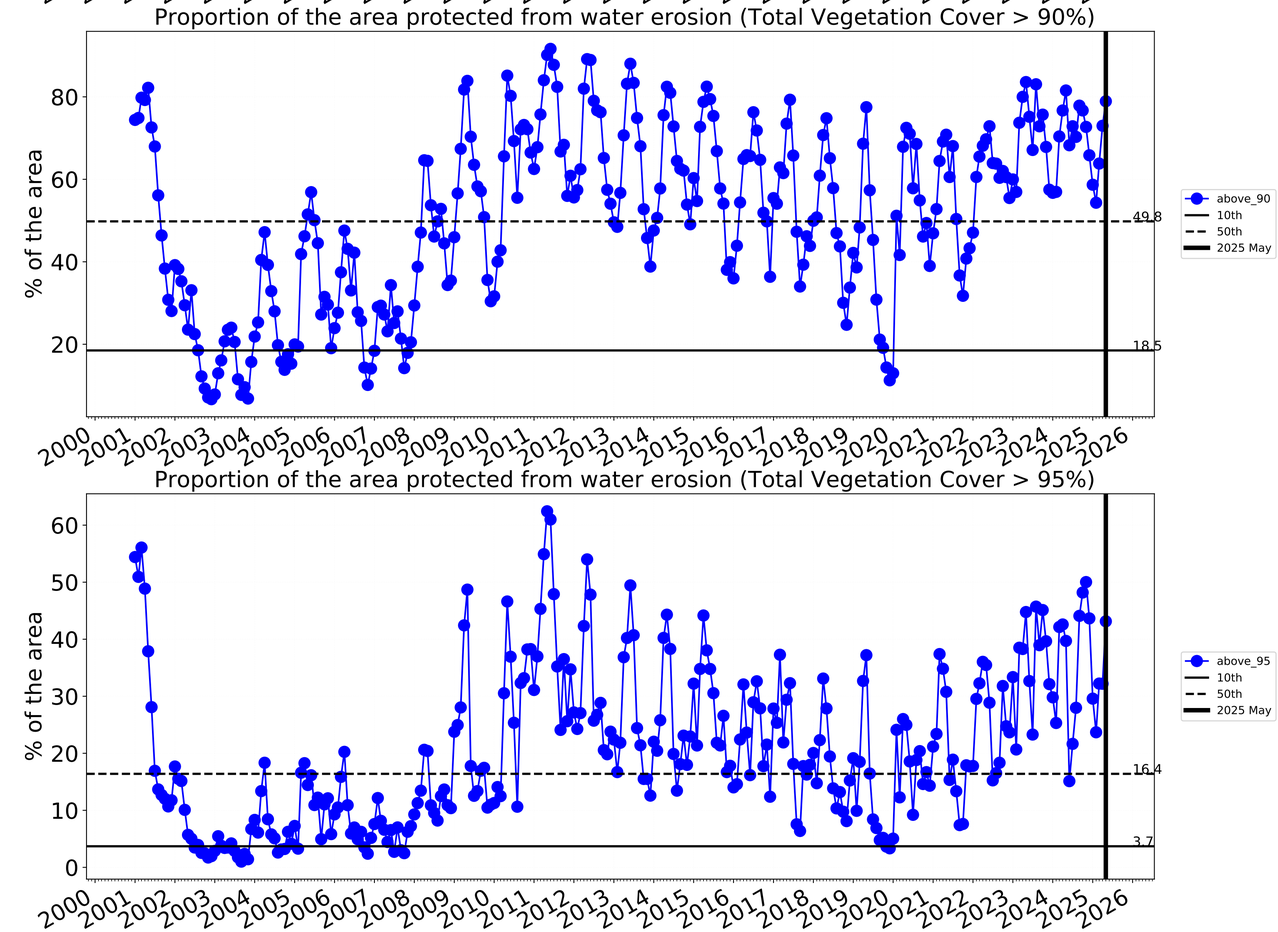
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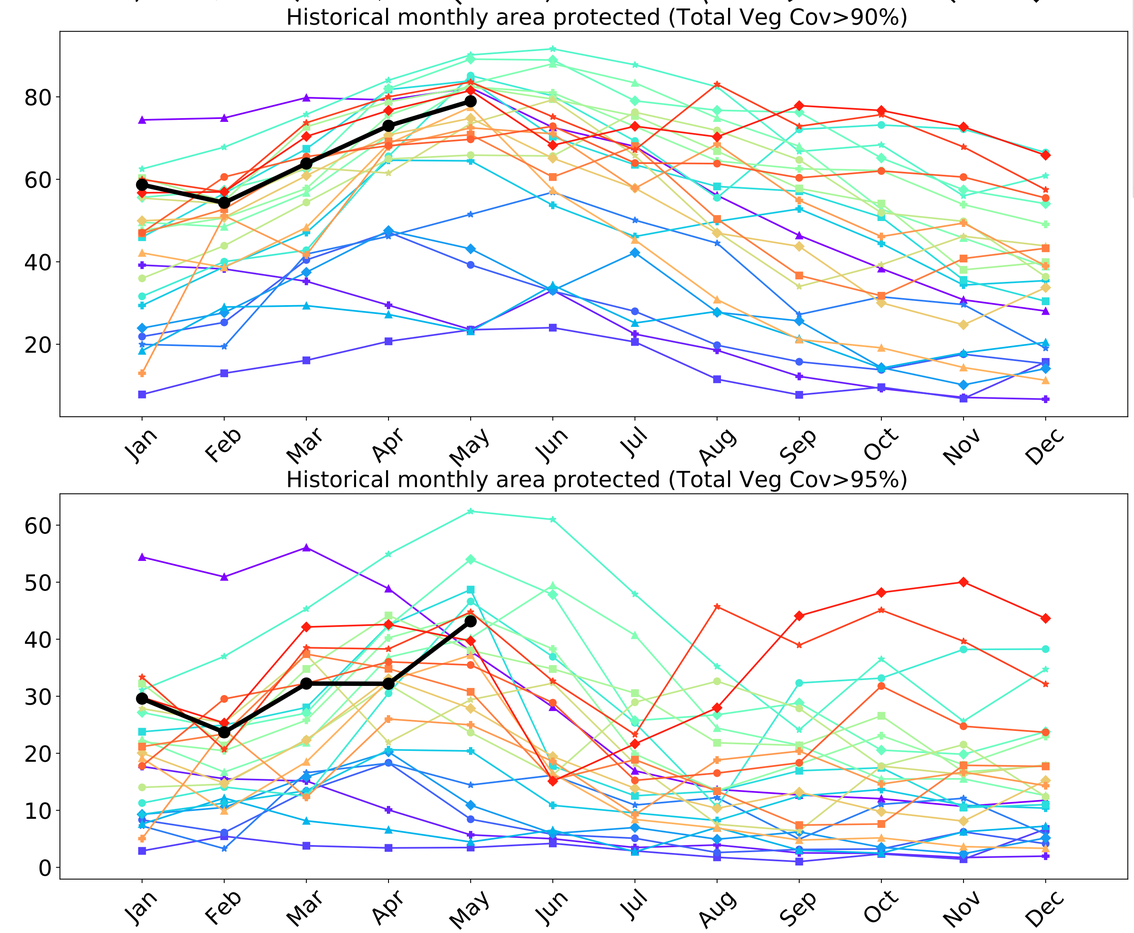
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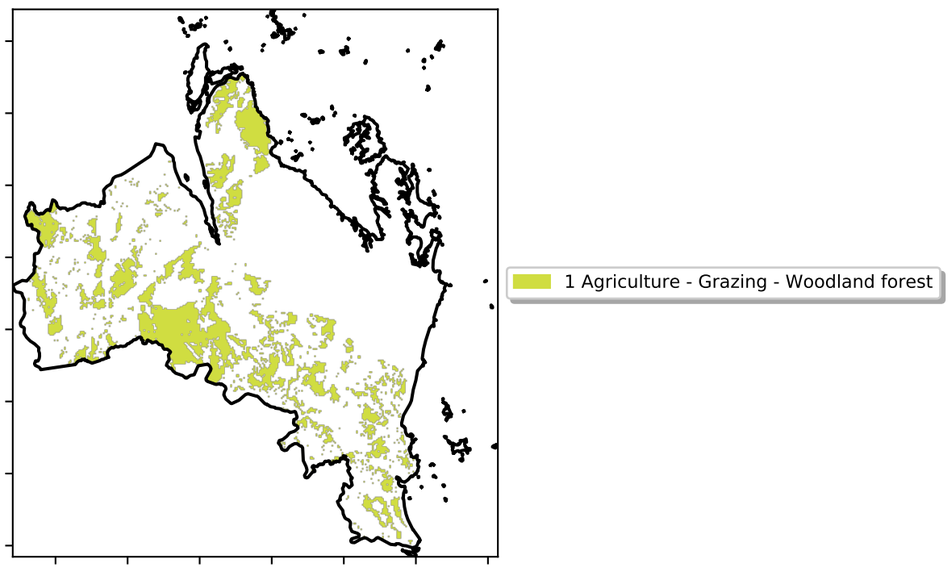

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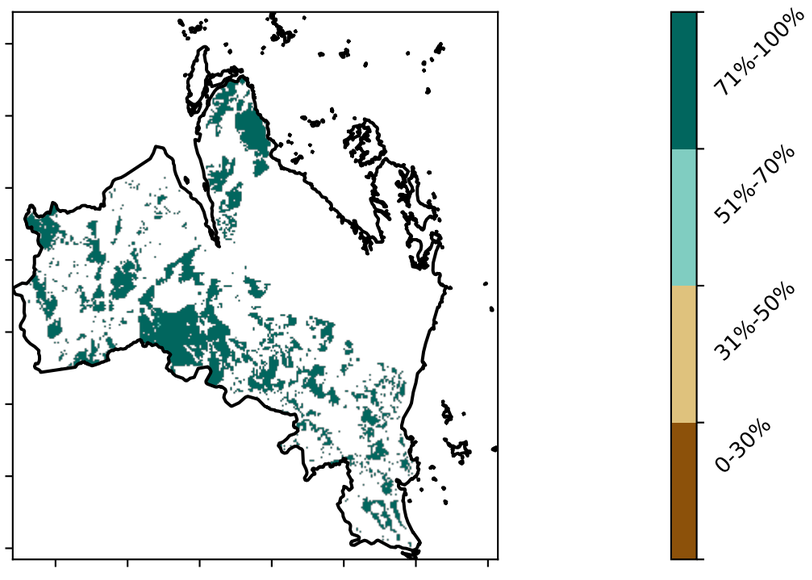

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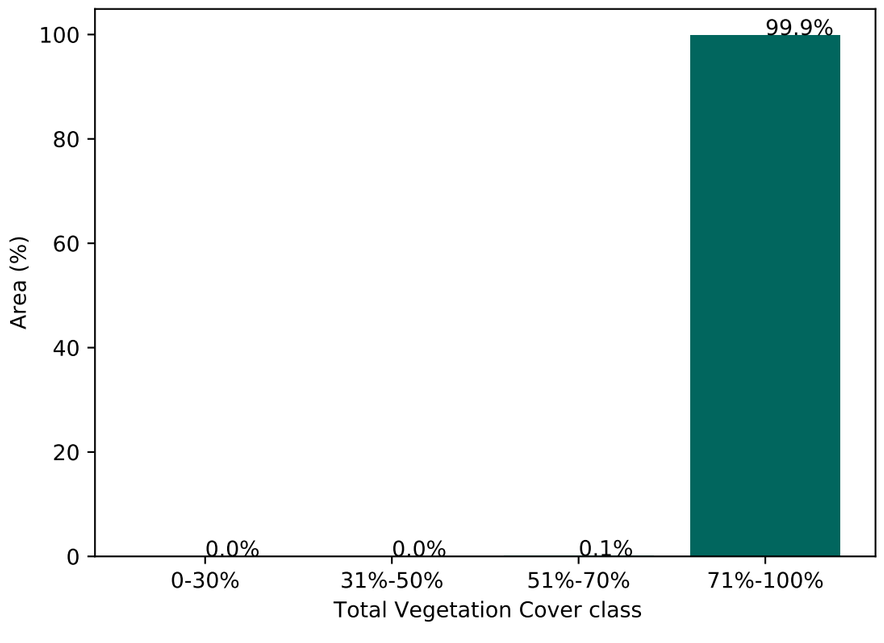

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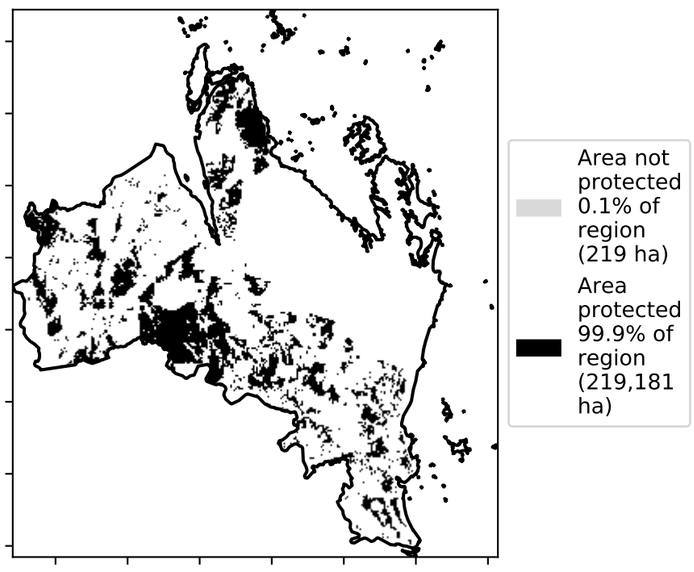

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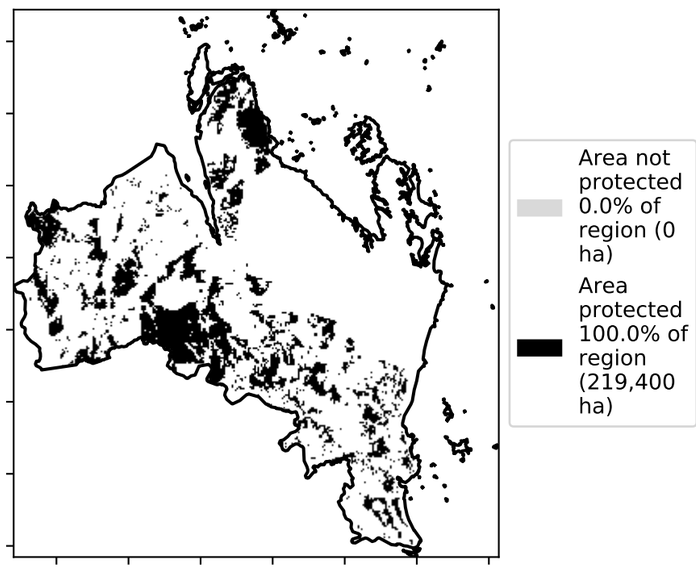

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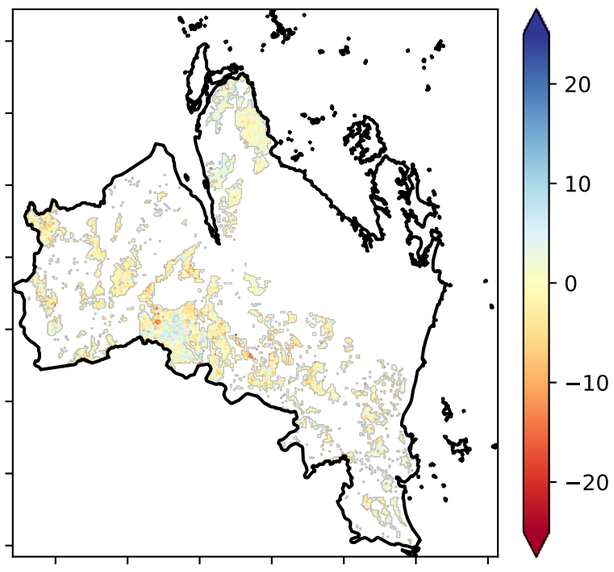

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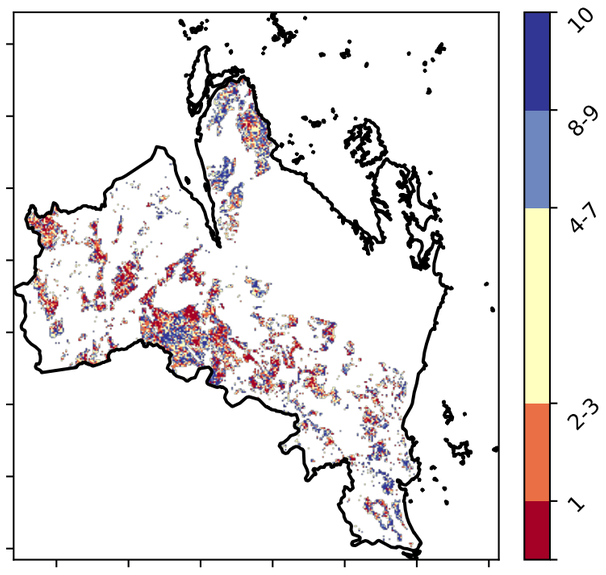
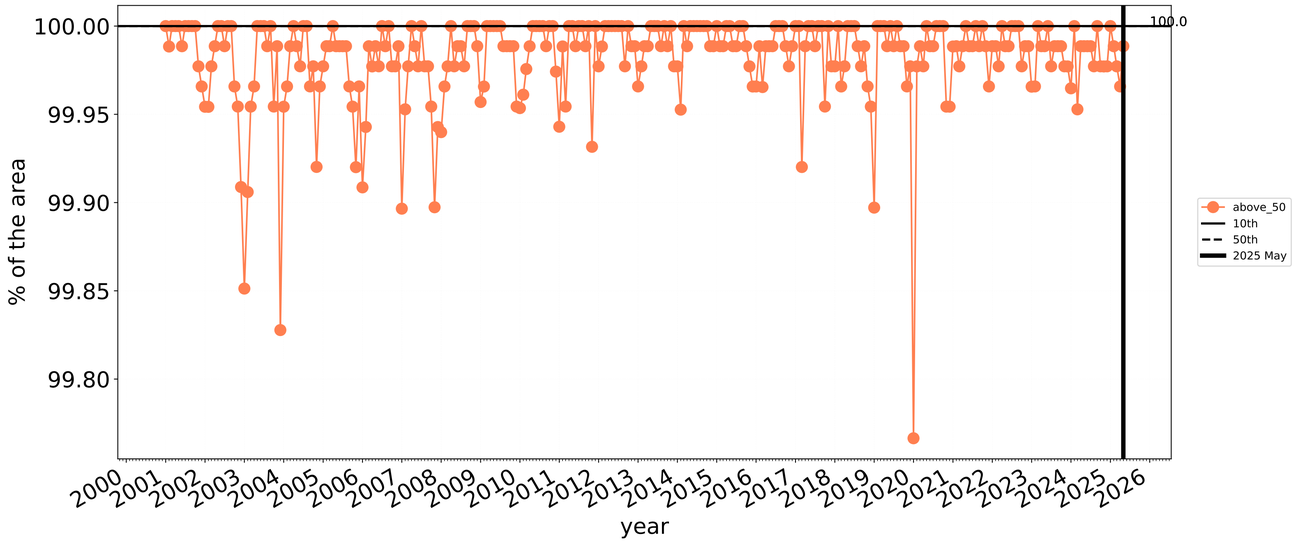
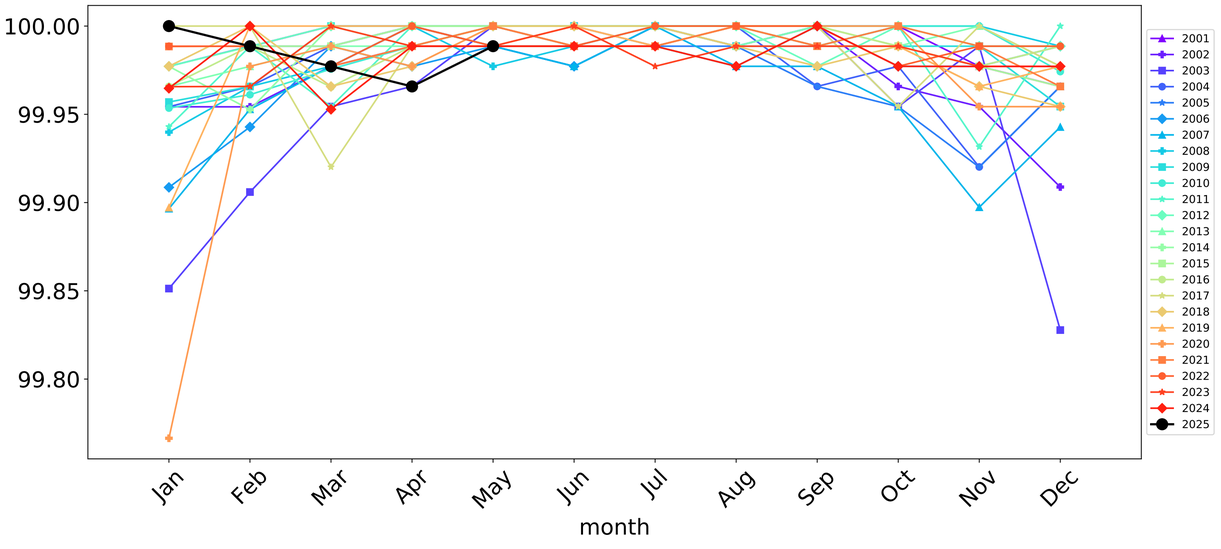


Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

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



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



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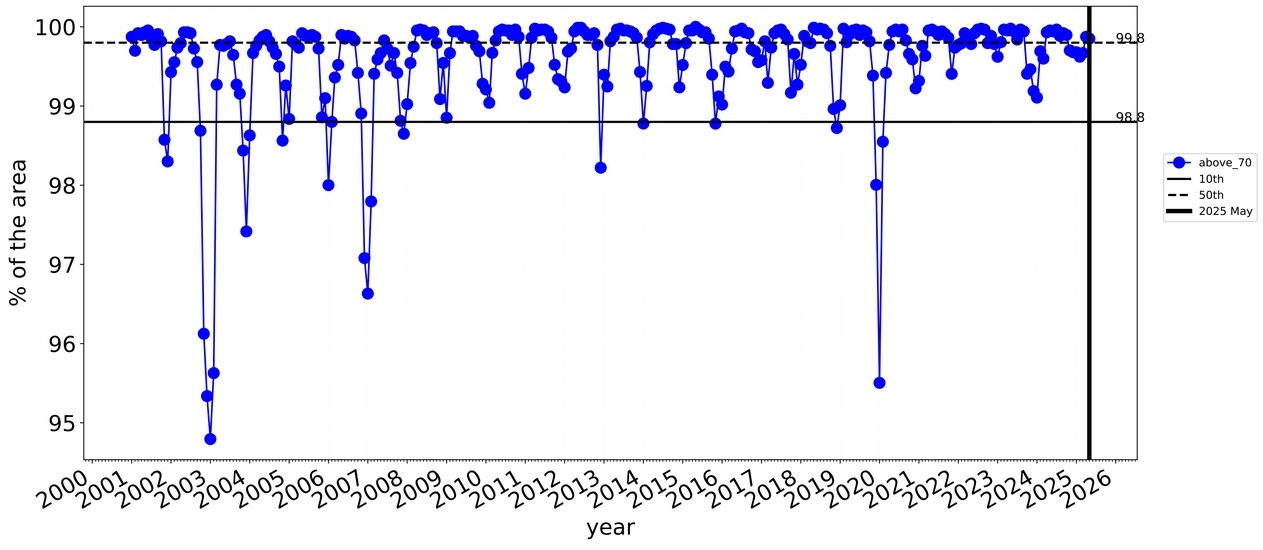
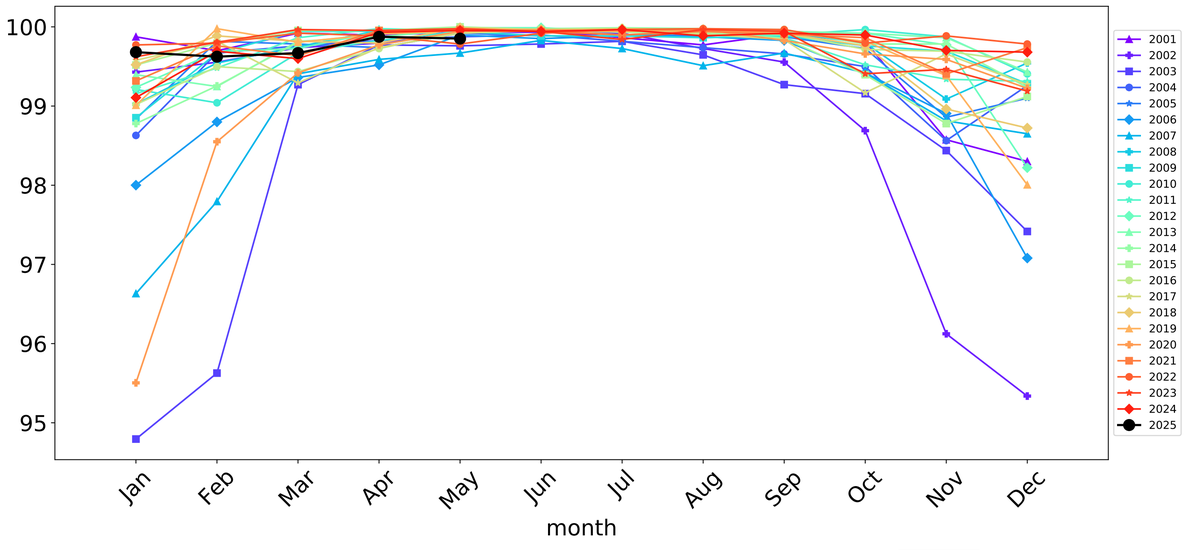
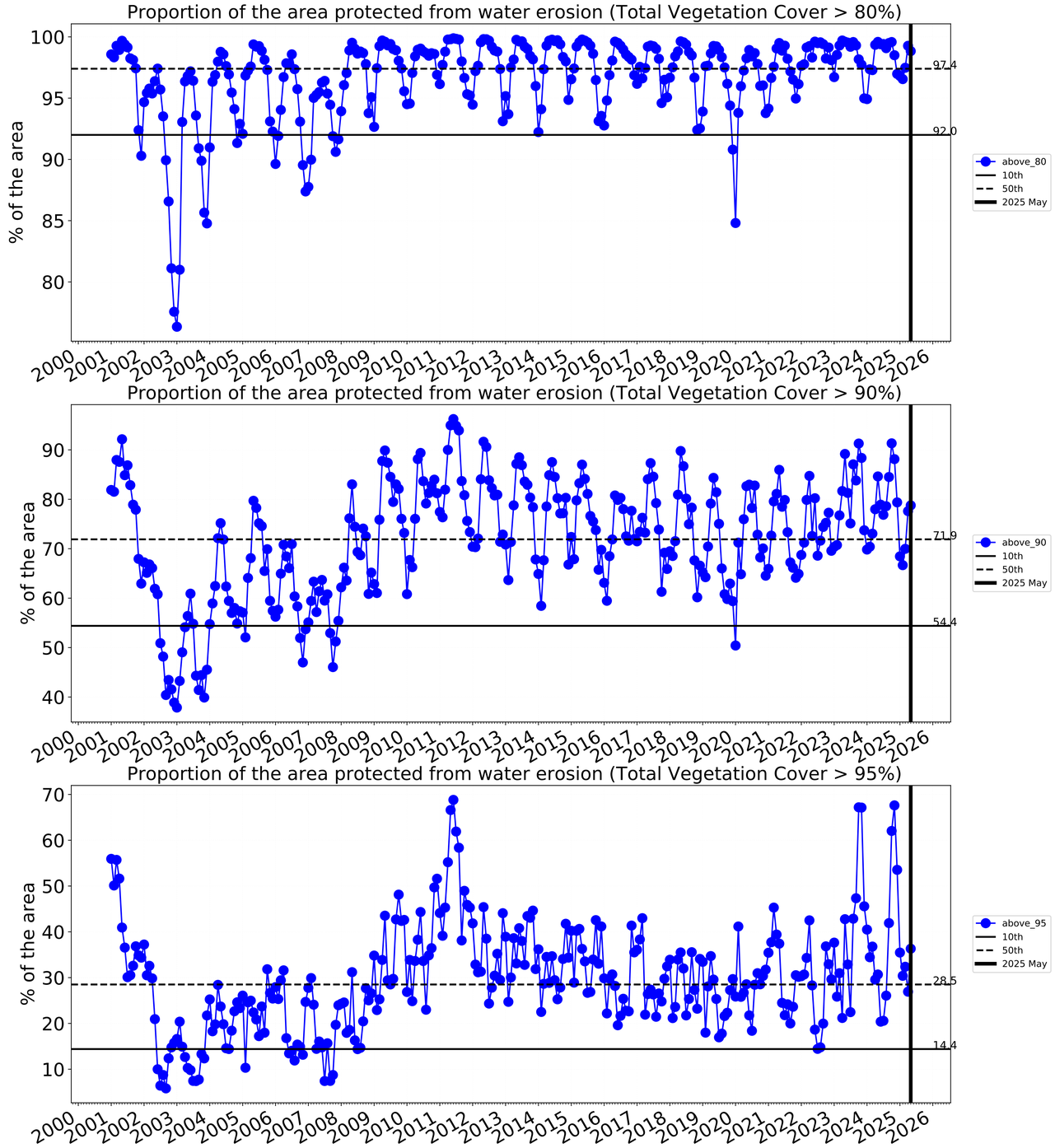


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
71.9
54.4
above_90
10th
50th
2025 May
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
28.5
14.4
above_95
10th
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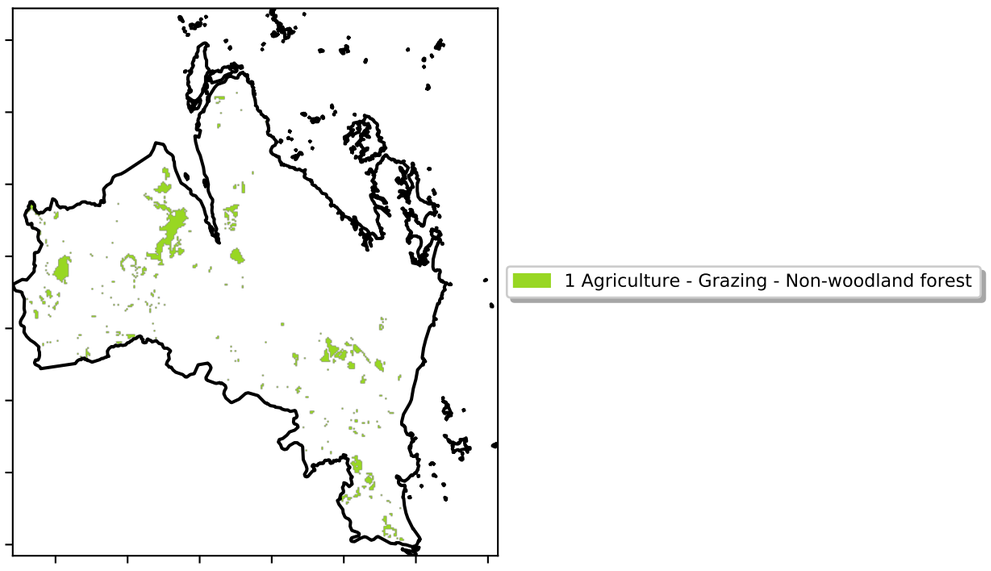
2025 May
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)

Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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

Land use and forest cover



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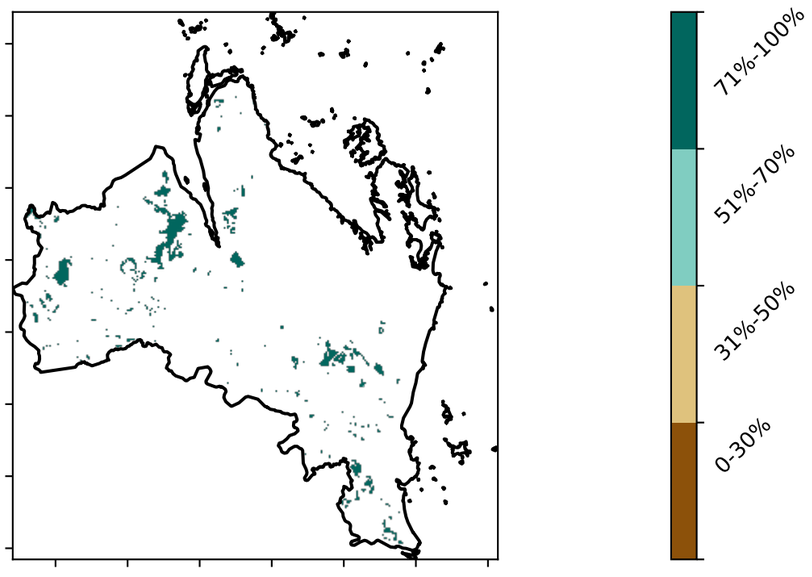

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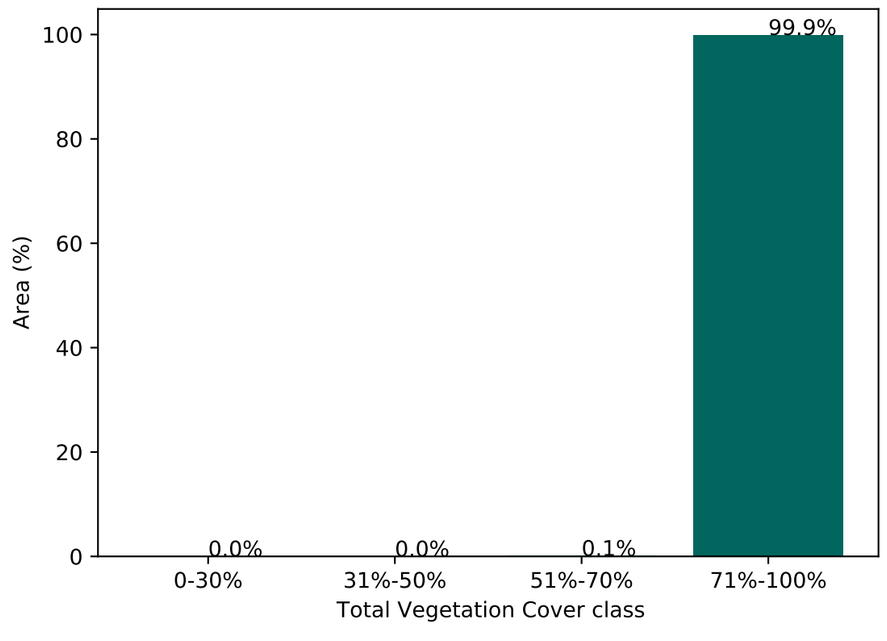
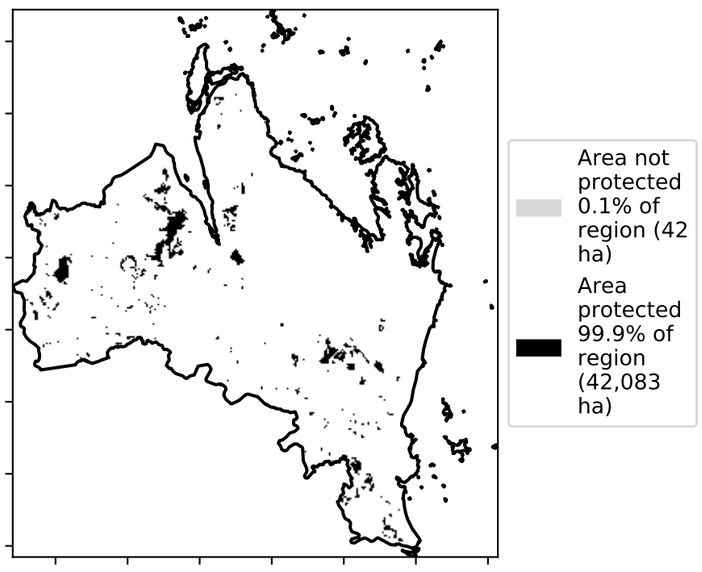
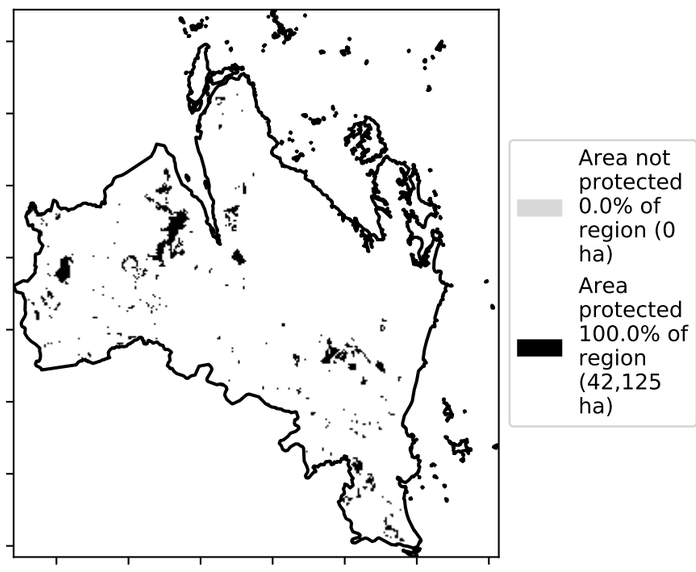


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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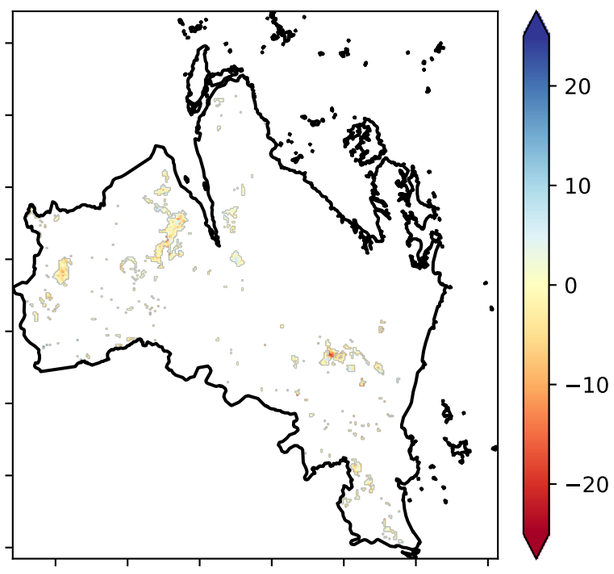

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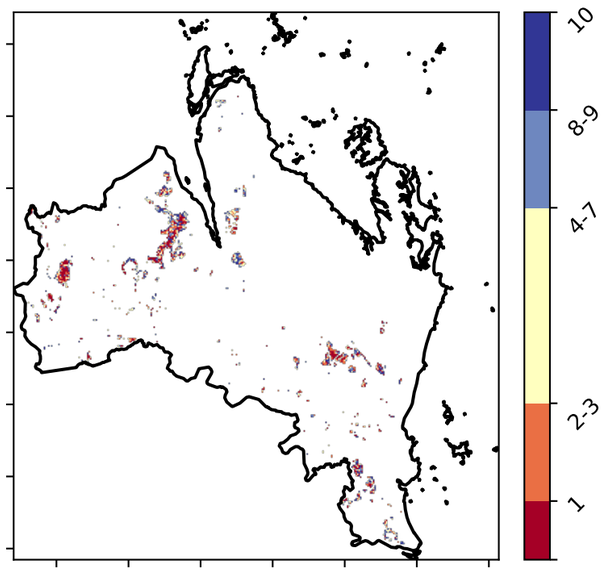
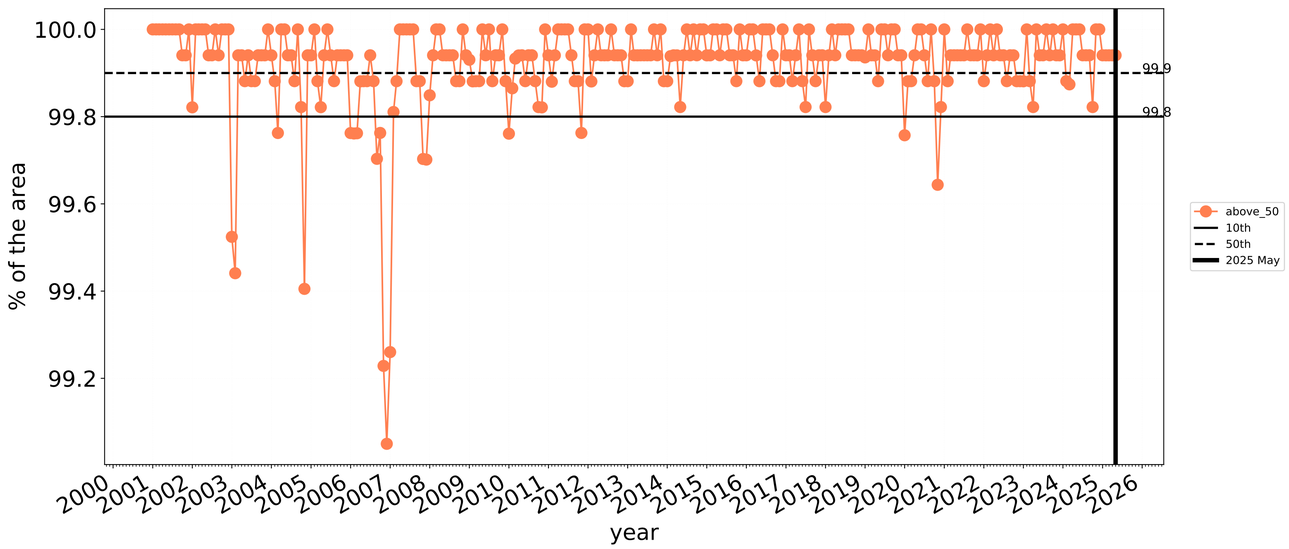
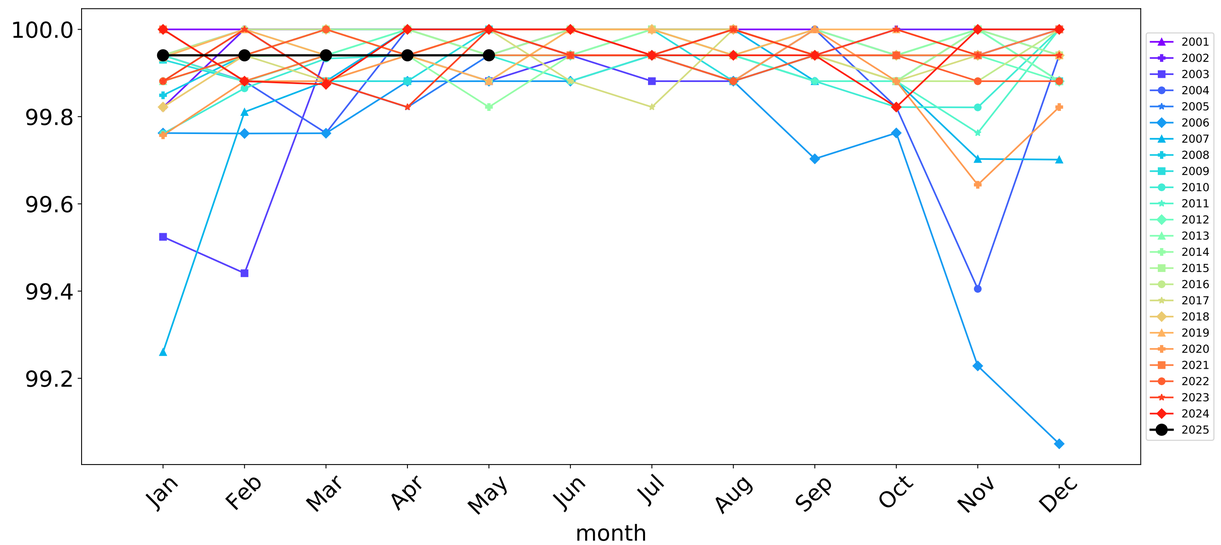


Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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



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



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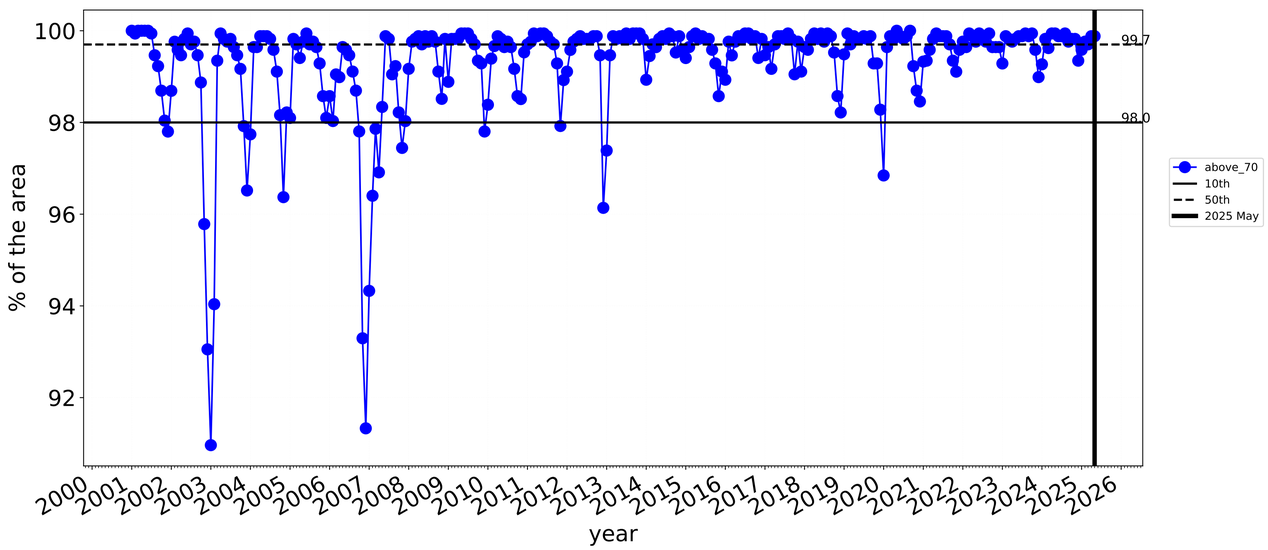

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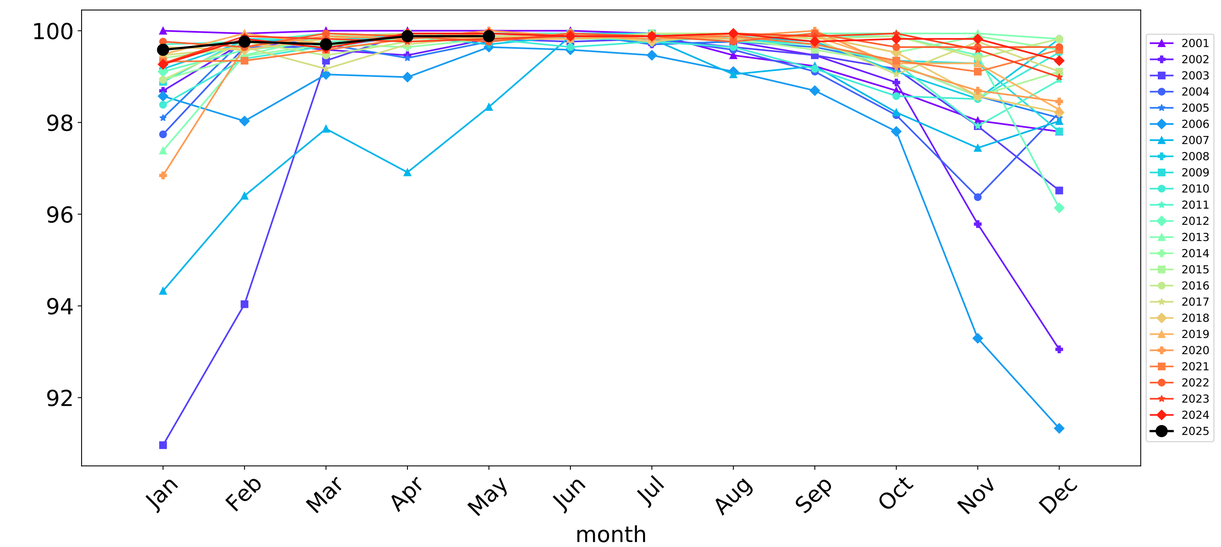

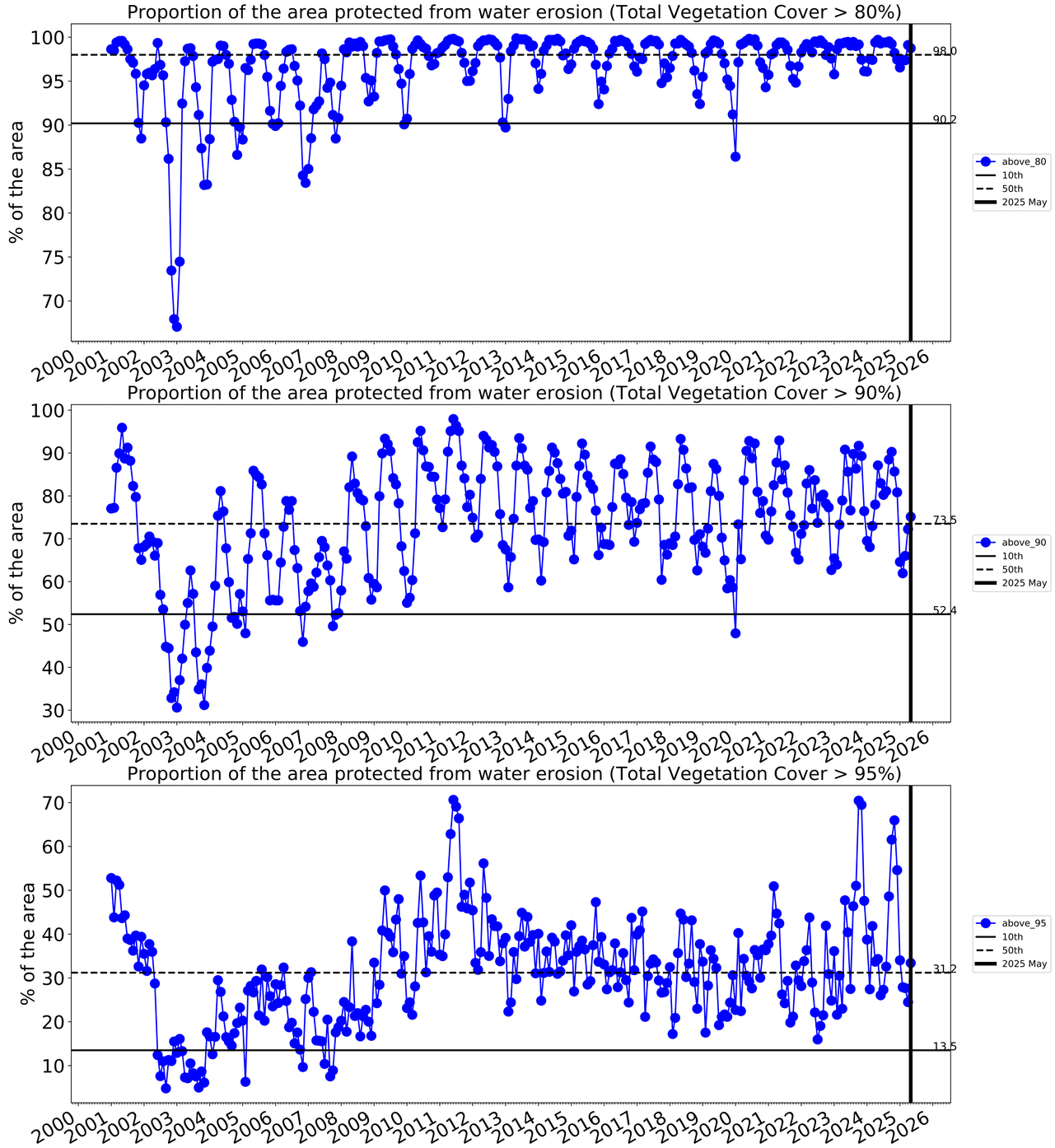
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% of the area
98.0
90.2
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
73.5
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above_90
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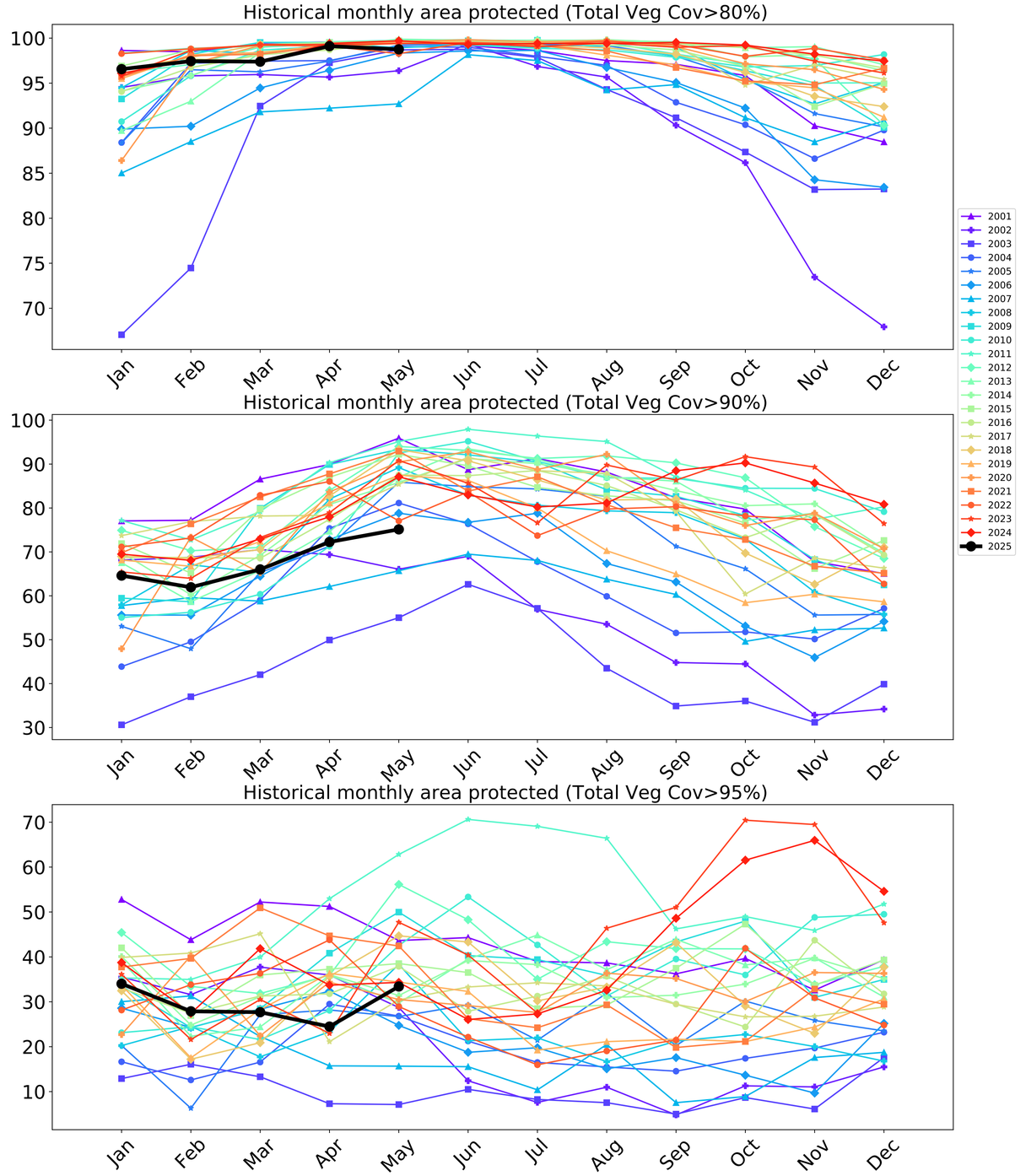
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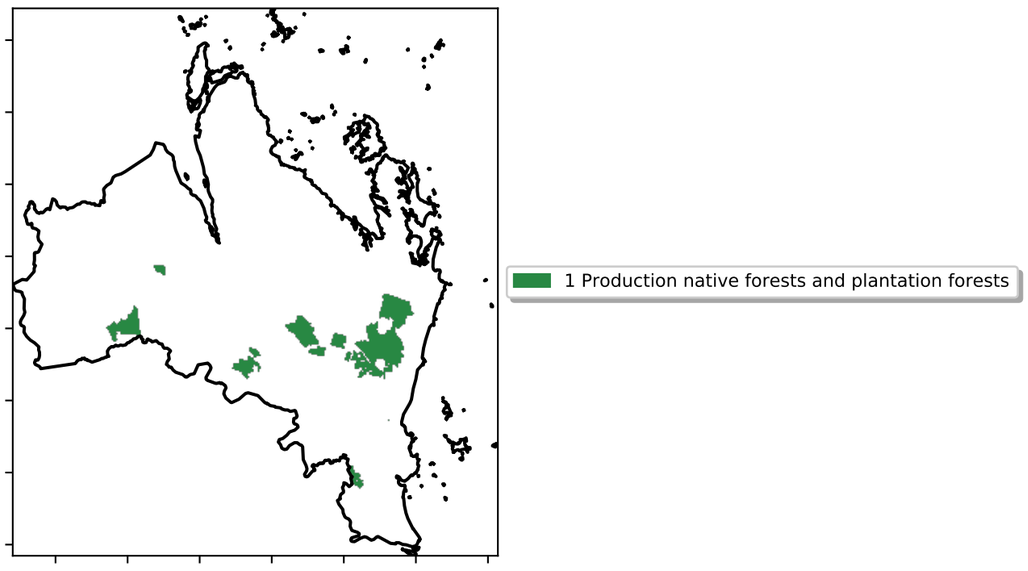
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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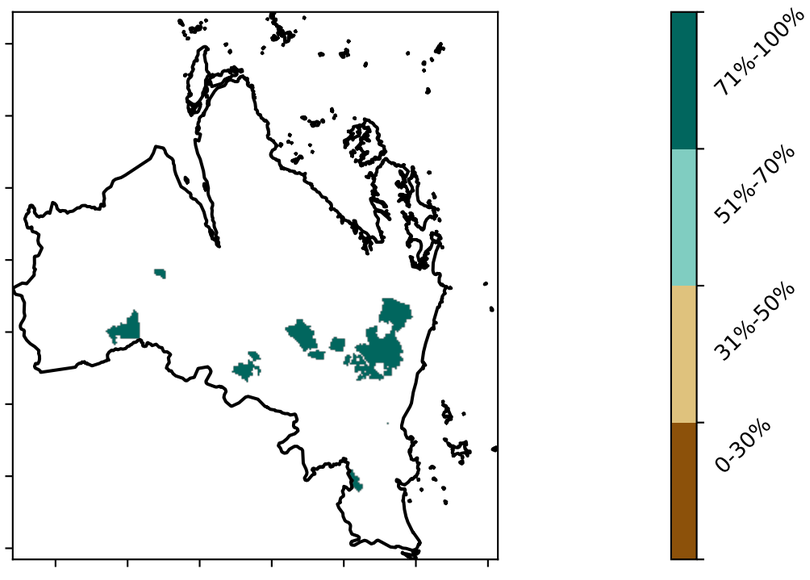

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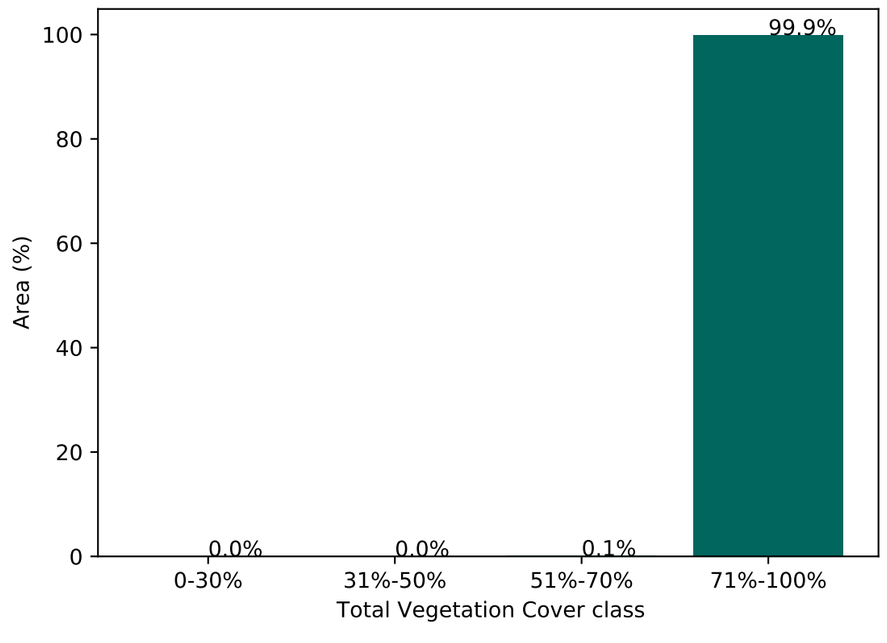
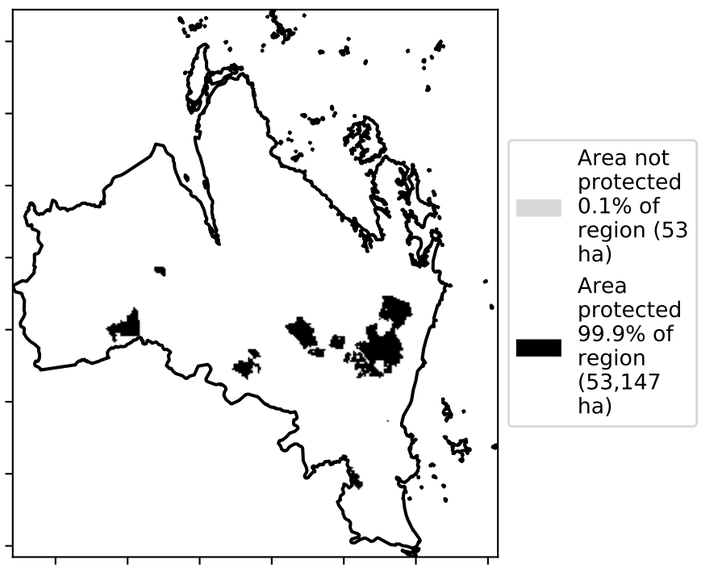


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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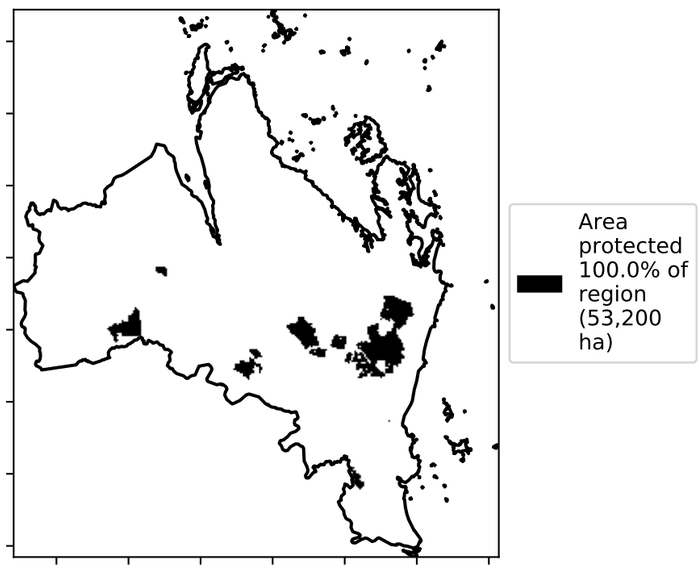

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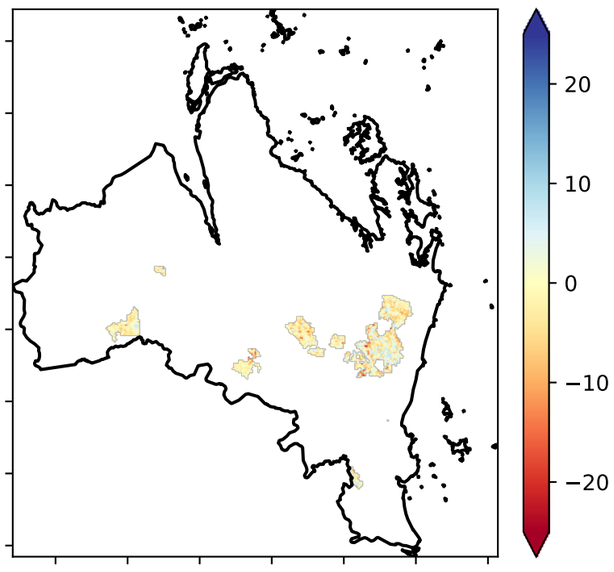

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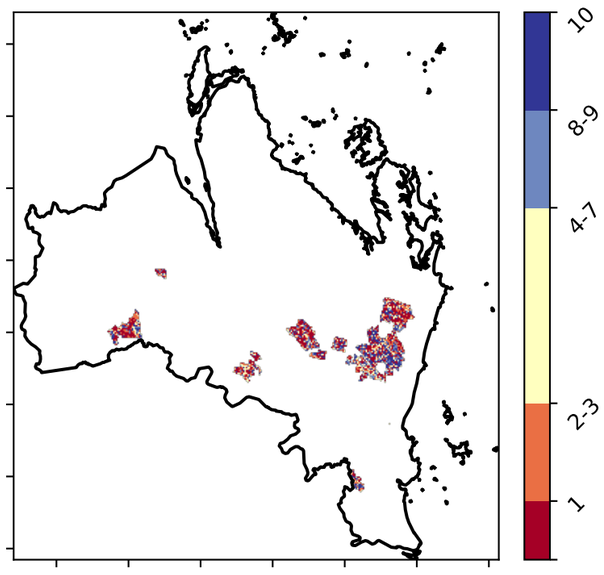
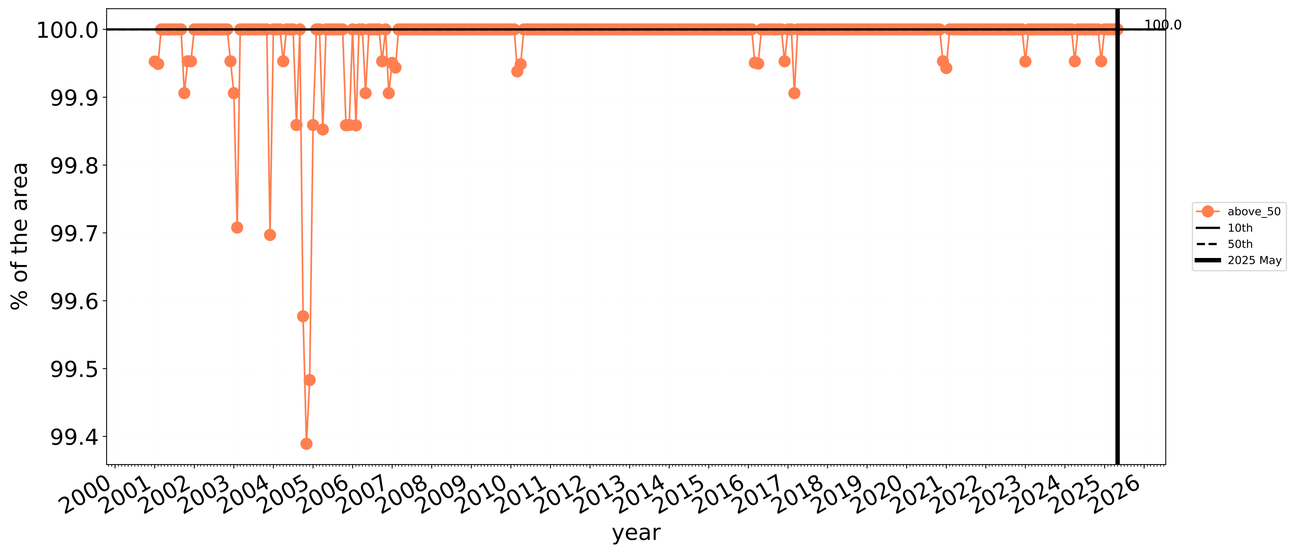
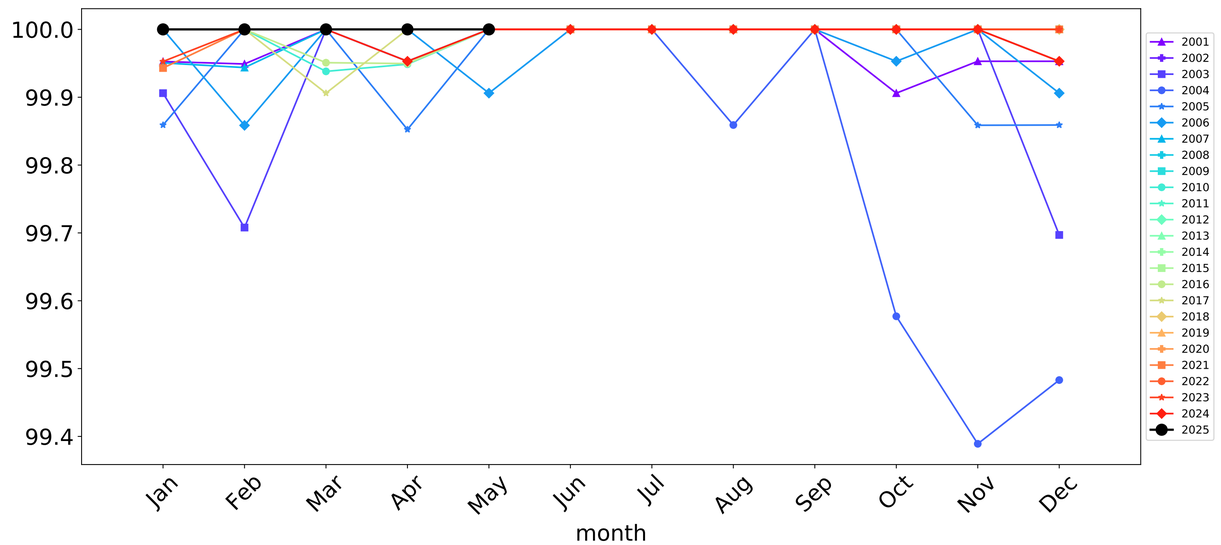


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

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



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



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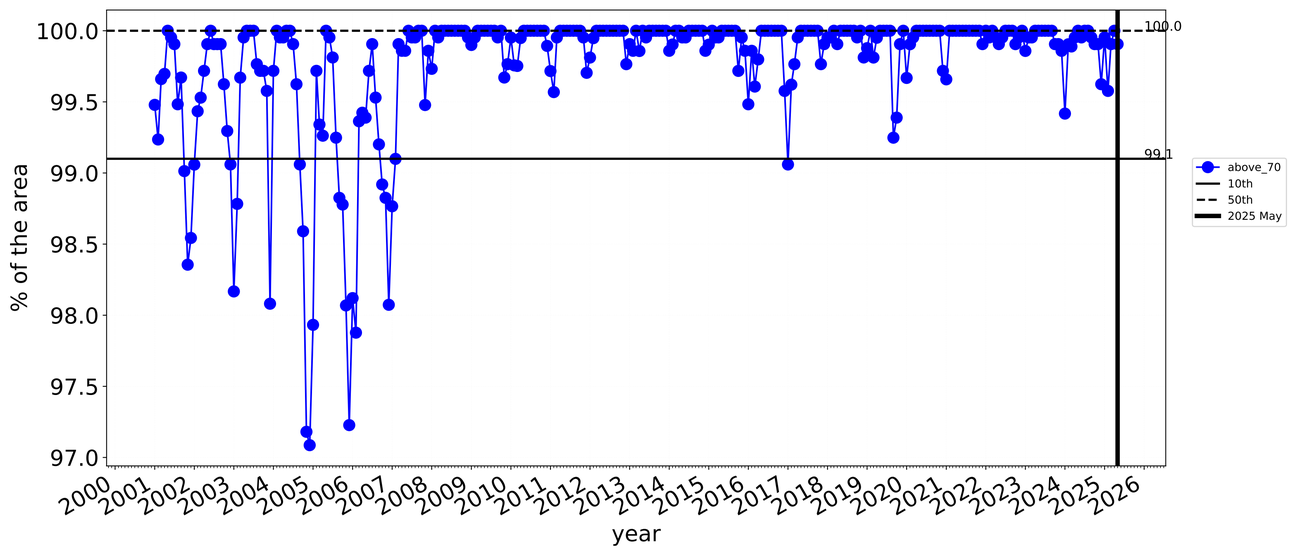

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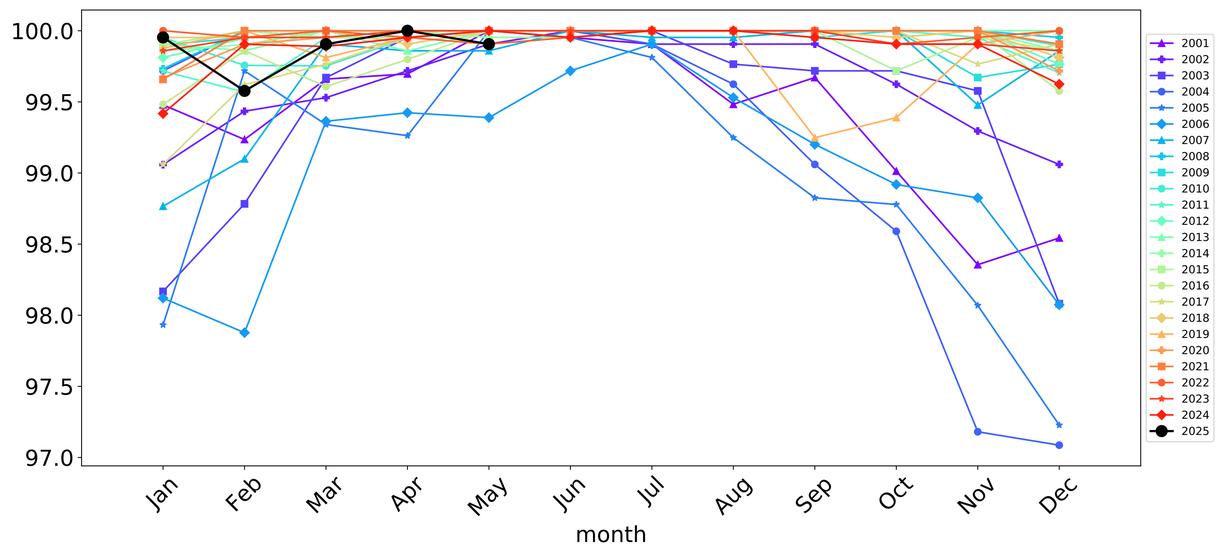

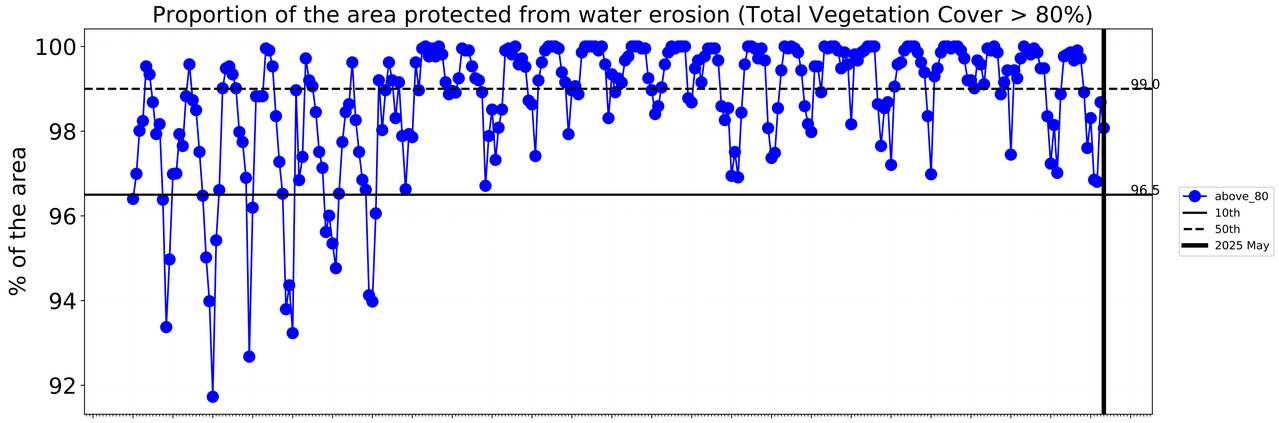
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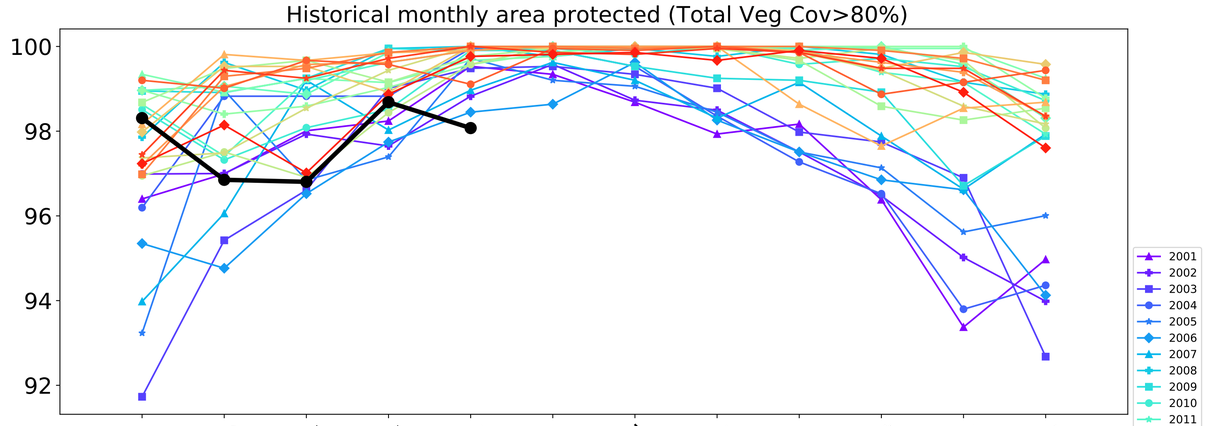
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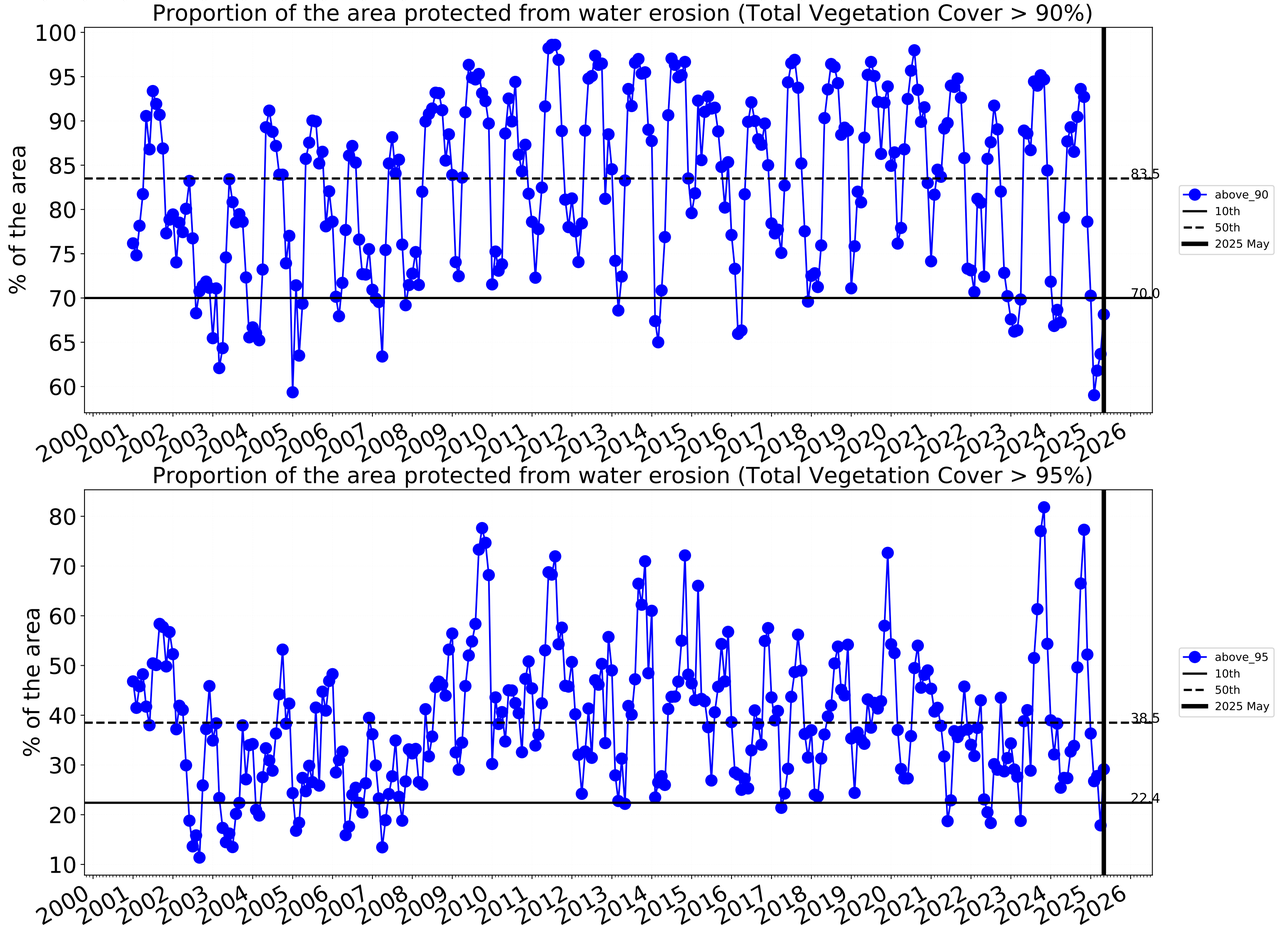
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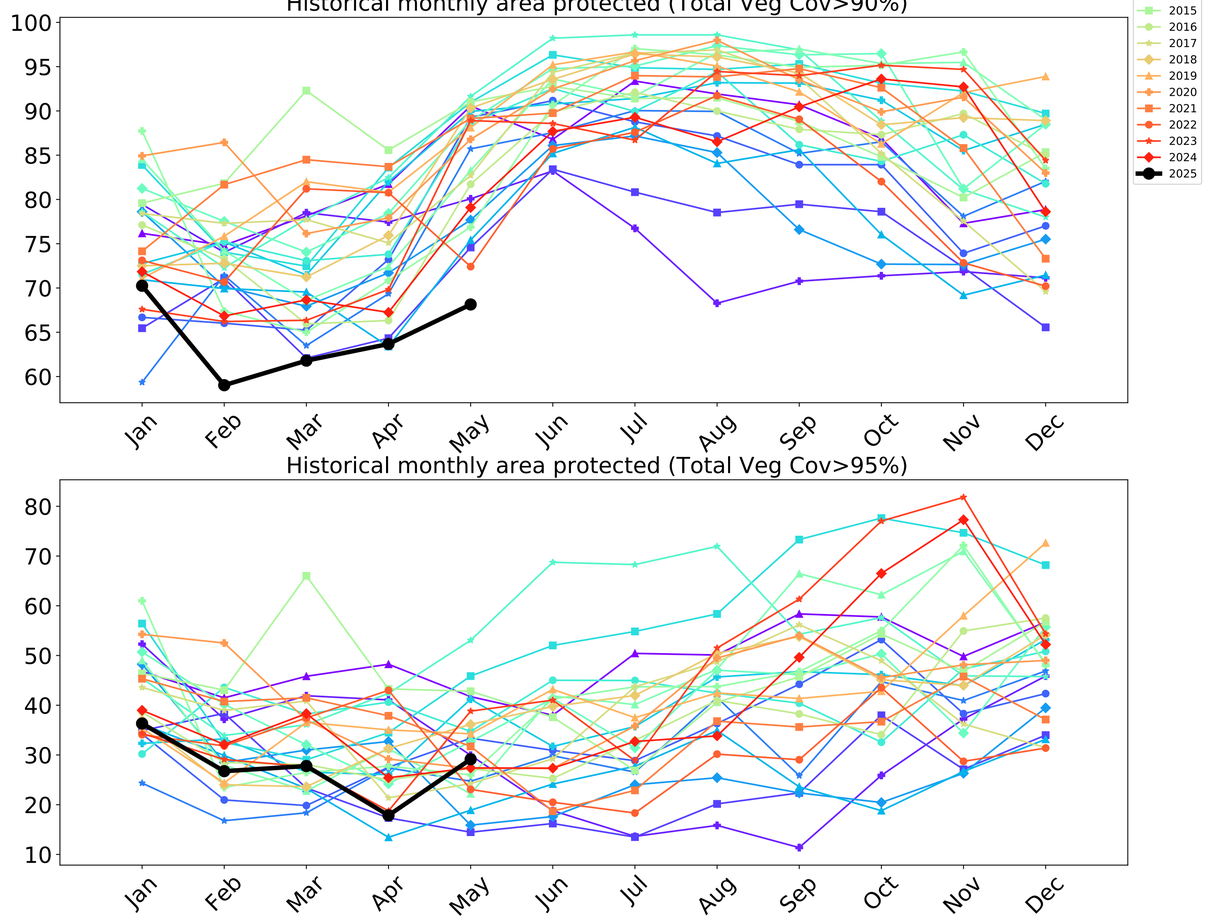
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Livingstone_(S) (1,154,875 ha and no data 20,585 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	1,154,875	100.0% 1,154,500	99.9% 1,153,250	99.2% 1,145,850	97.0% 1,120,025	76.8% 887,175	41.1% 474,925
Conservation and natural environments	334,850	99.9% 334,625	99.7% 333,950	98.7% 330,650	96.3% 322,500	80.4% 269,275	47.7% 159,825
Conservation and natural environments non forest	11,500	99.3% 11,425	98.3% 11,300	92.4% 10,625	85.0% 9,775	64.8% 7,450	32.2% 3,700
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	212,400	100.0% 212,325	99.9% 212,125	99.6% 211,550	98.8% 209,950	86.5% 183,750	52.3% 111,075
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	110,950	99.9% 110,875	99.6% 110,525	97.8% 108,475	92.6% 102,775	70.4% 78,075	40.6% 45,050
Agriculture	679,350	100.0% 679,275	100.0% 679,175	99.8% 677,775	98.5% 668,825	78.3% 531,900	40.1% 272,500
Grazing	673,975	100.0% 673,900	100.0% 673,825	99.8% 672,775	98.6% 664,275	78.6% 530,000	40.3% 271,675
Grazing non forest	412,450	100.0% 412,400	100.0% 412,350	99.8% 411,625	98.4% 405,825	78.9% 325,525	43.1% 177,925
Grazing Woodland forest	219,400	100.0% 219,400	100.0% 219,375	99.9% 219,075	98.8% 216,850	78.8% 172,825	36.3% 79,675
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	42,125	99.9% 42,100	99.9% 42,100	99.9% 42,075	98.8% 41,600	75.1% 31,650	33.4% 14,075
Production native forests and plantation forests	53,200	100.0% 53,200	100.0% 53,200	99.9% 53,150	98.1% 52,175	68.1% 36,250	29.1% 15,500