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

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps.

Land use forest cover:

**Date: September 2021** 

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:

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









#### **Vegetation Cover Sep 2021**

#### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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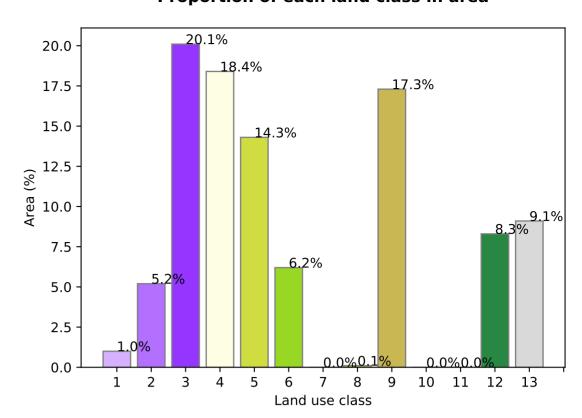
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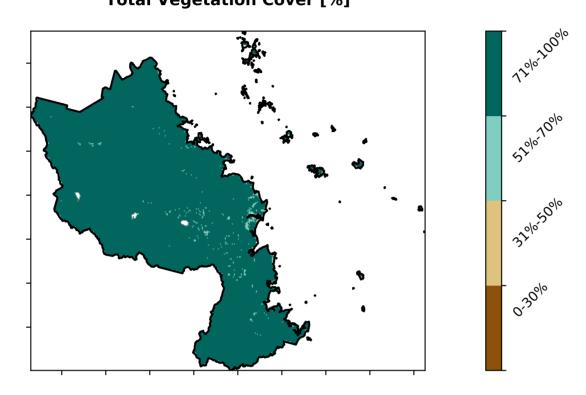
Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

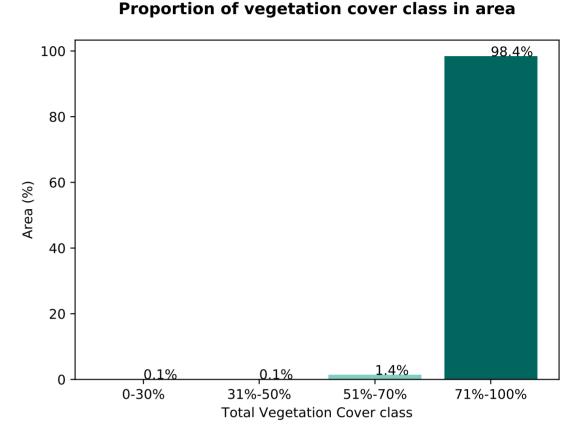
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#### **Proportion of each land class in area**

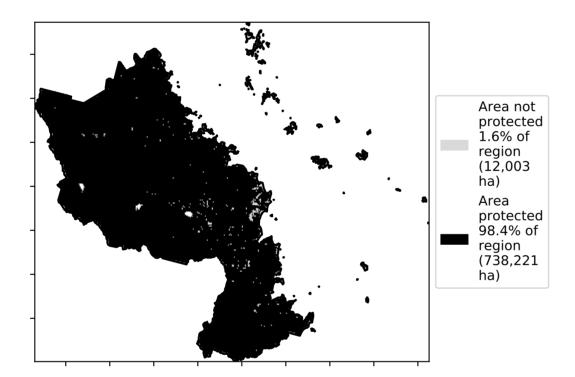


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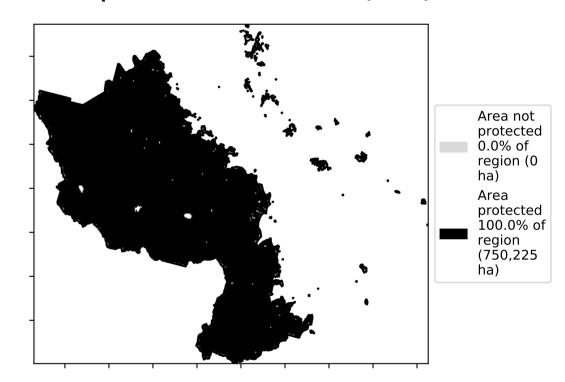




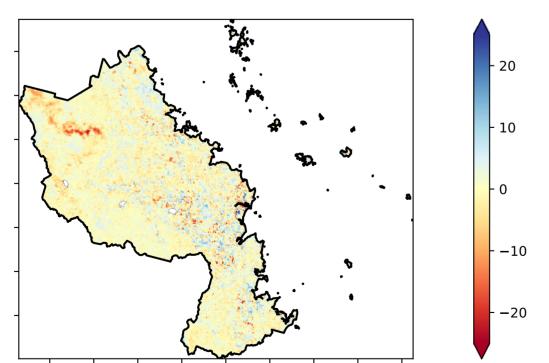
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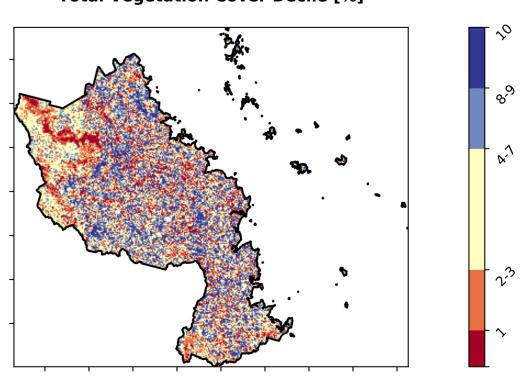
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#### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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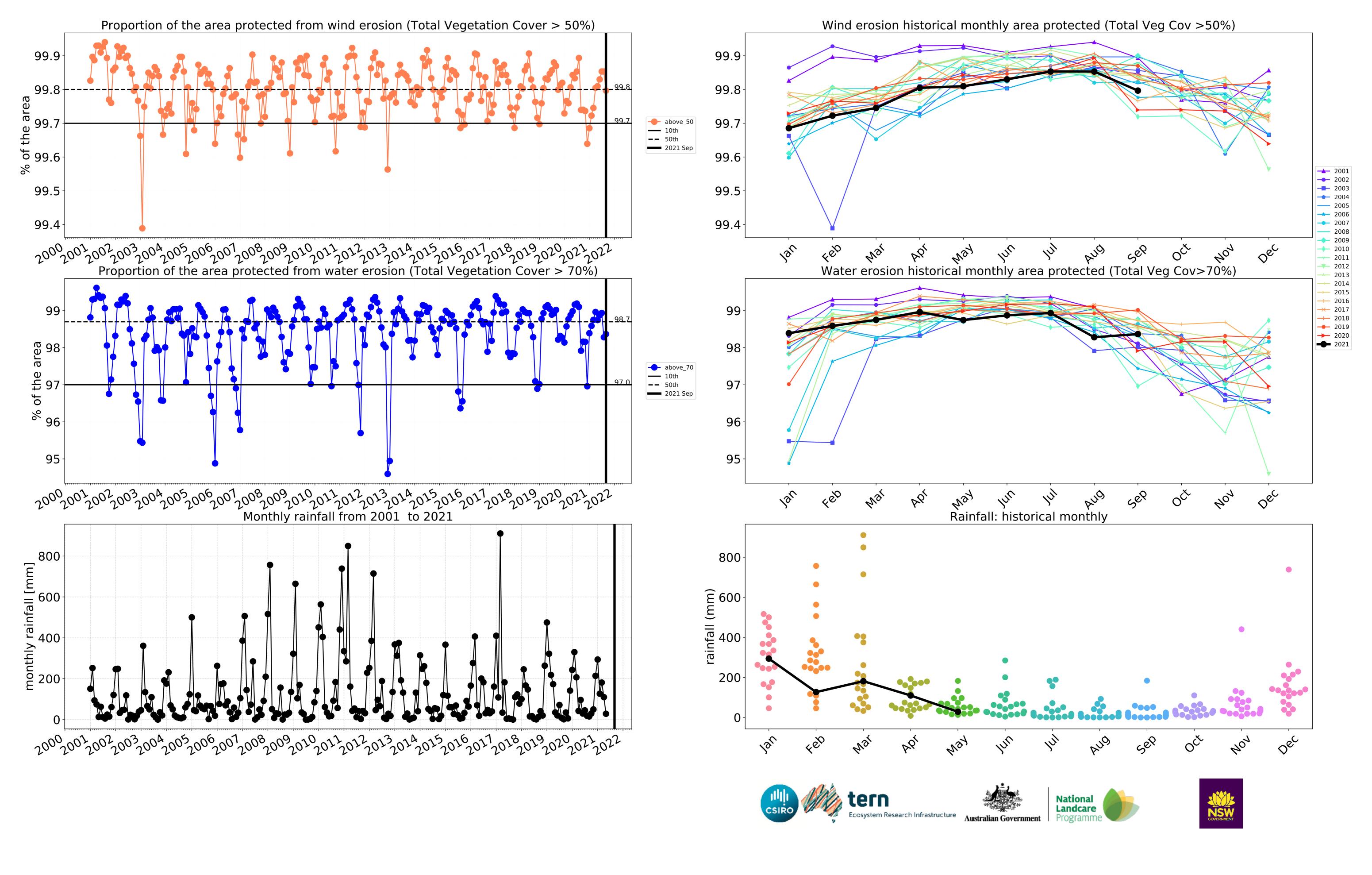


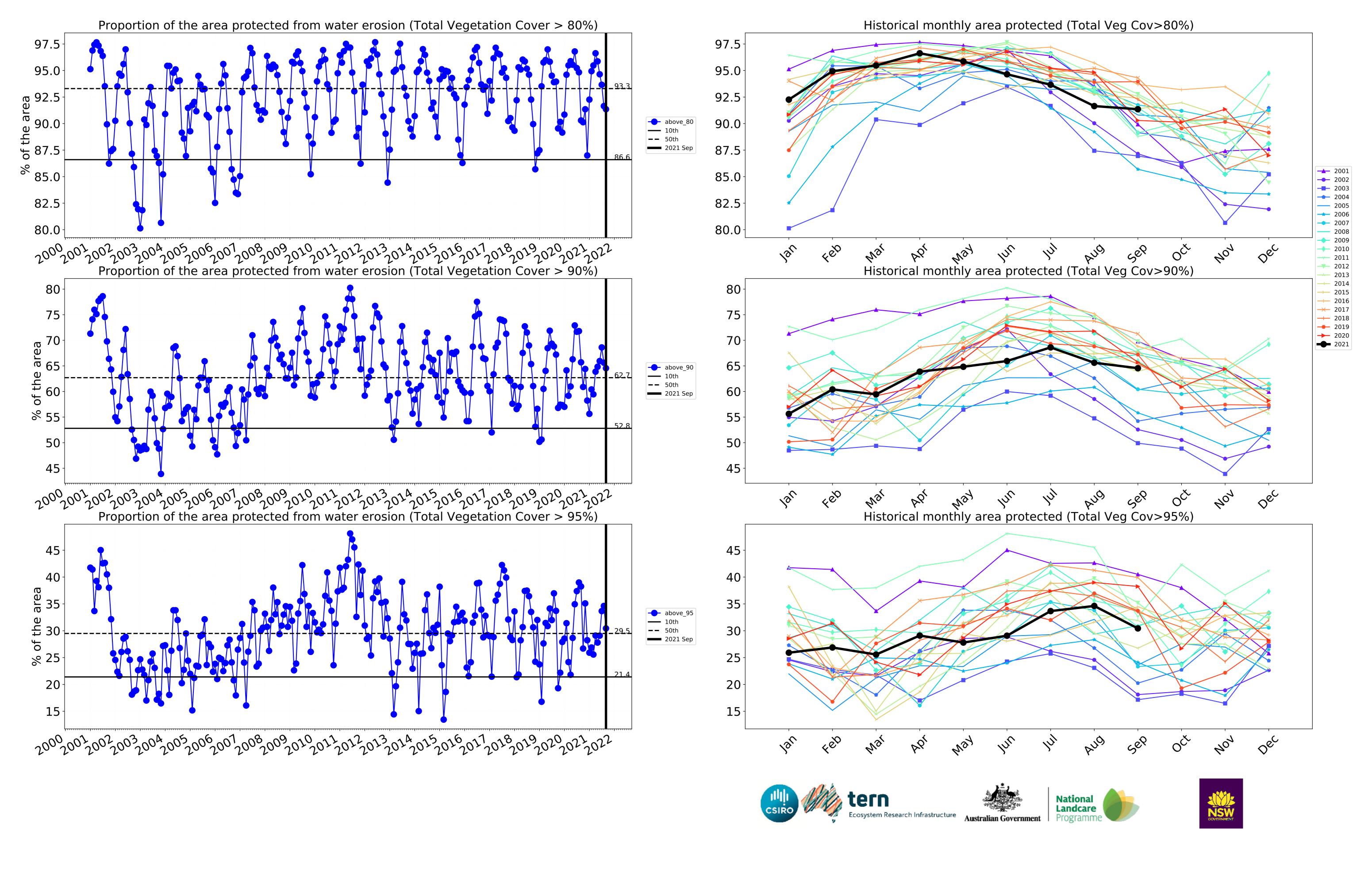












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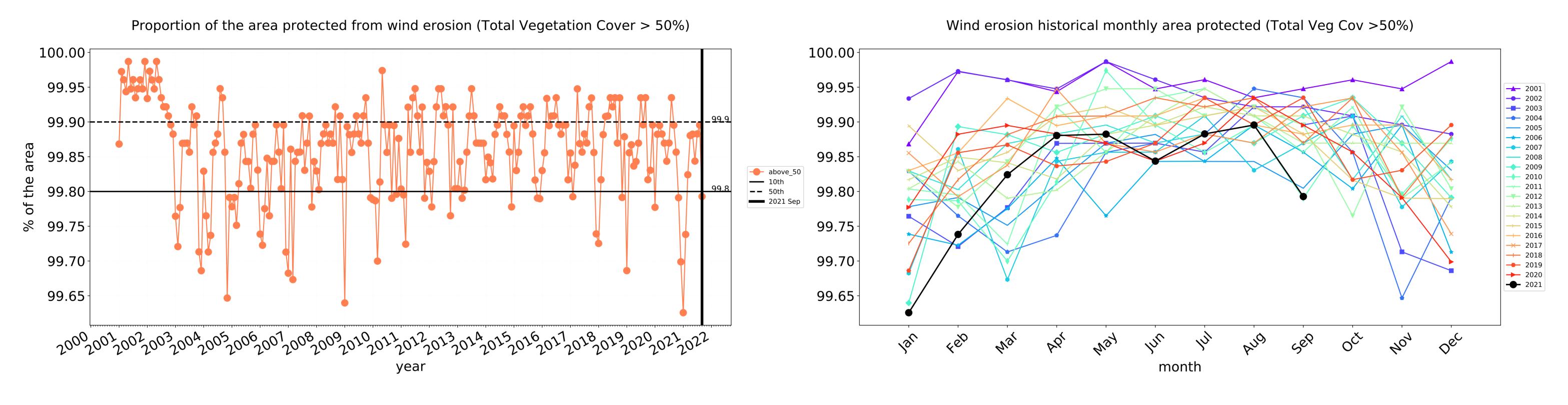
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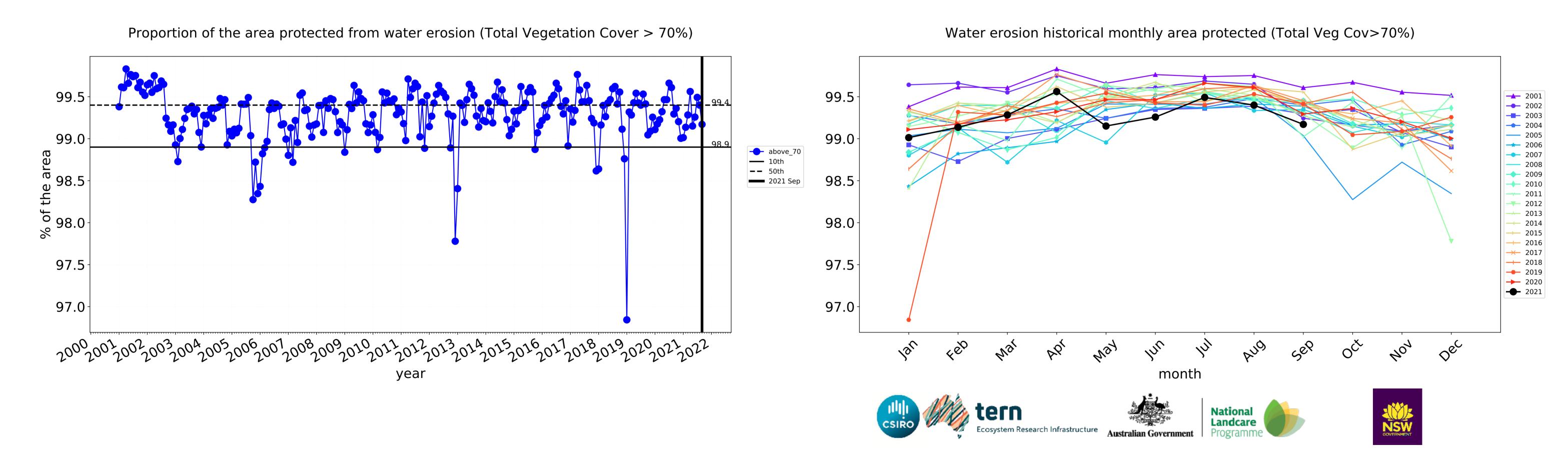
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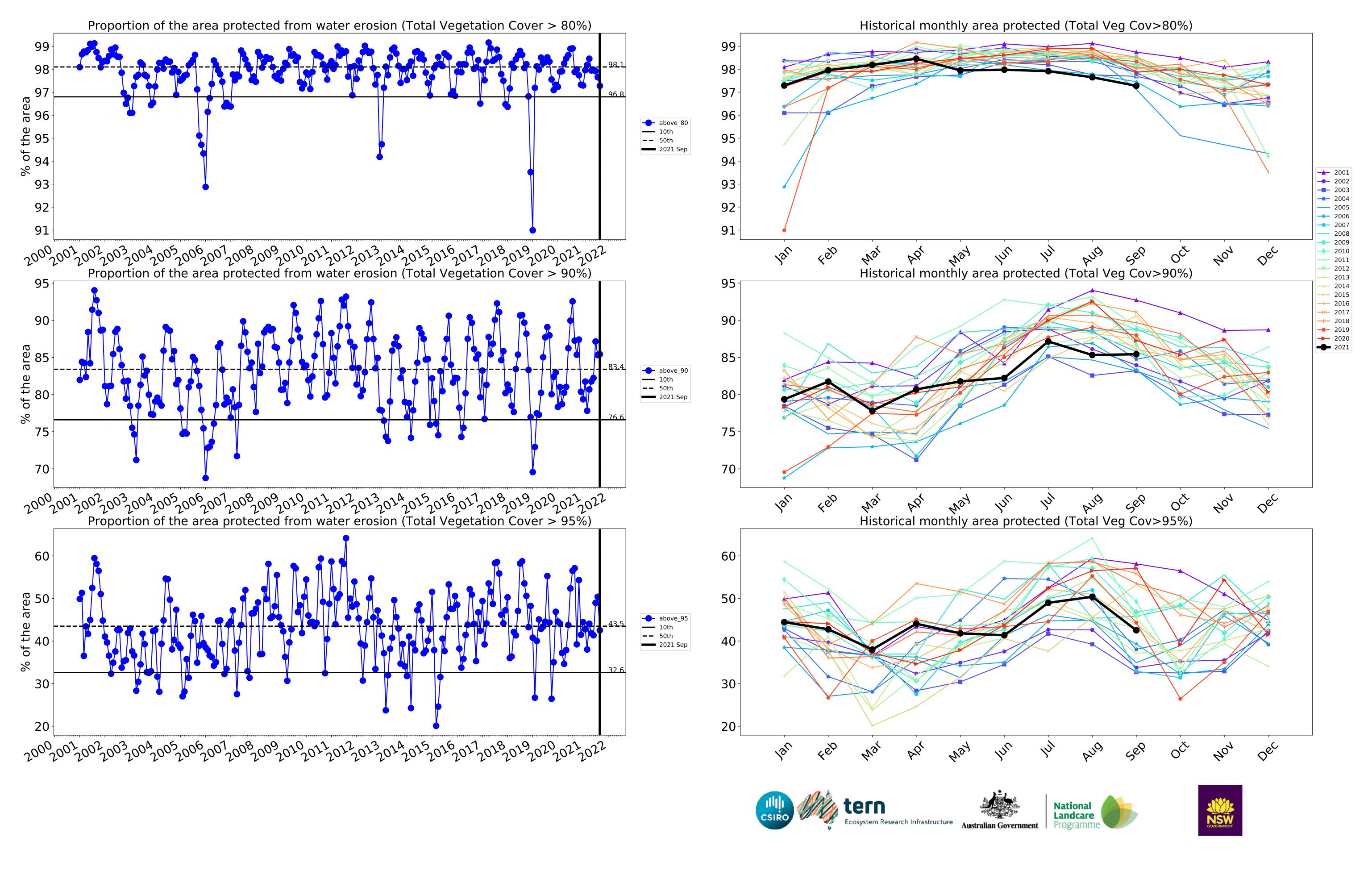
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#### **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







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

#### Land use and forest cover

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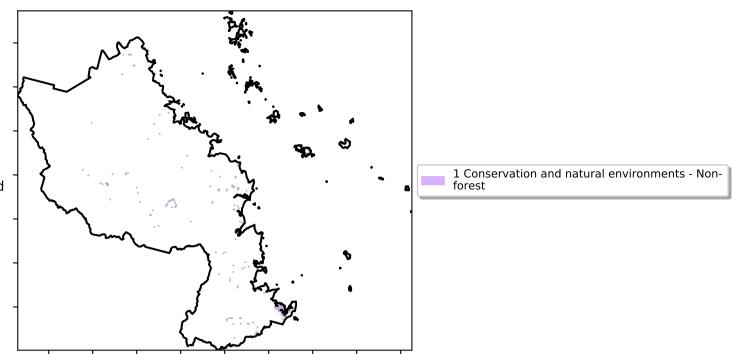
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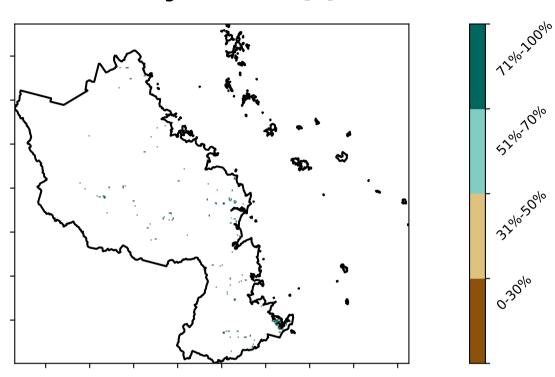
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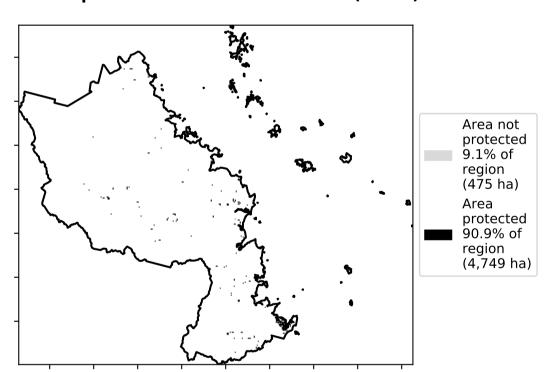
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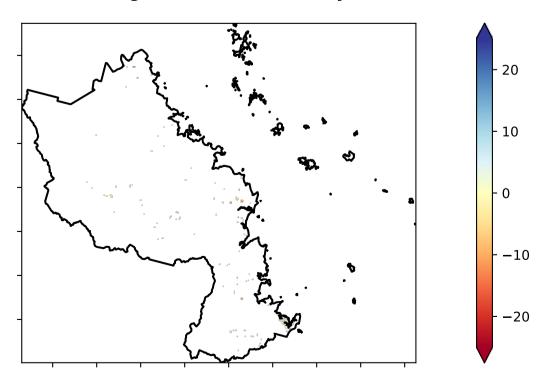
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#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

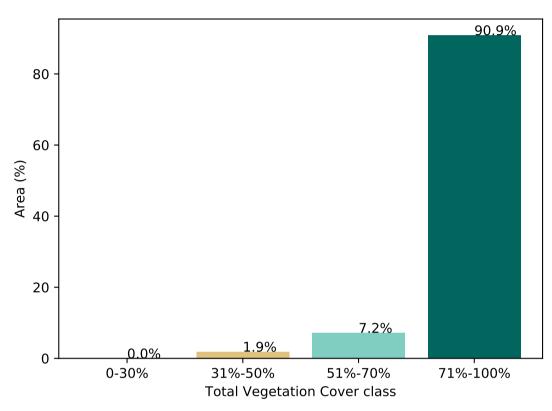


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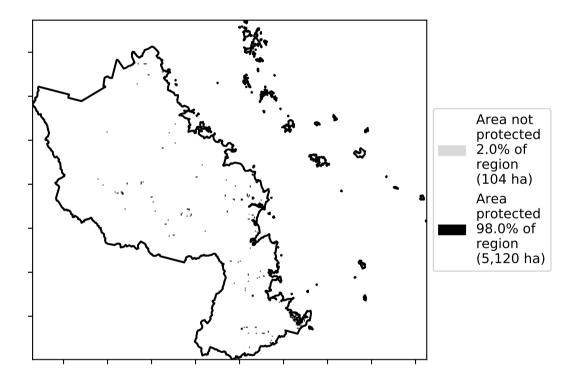


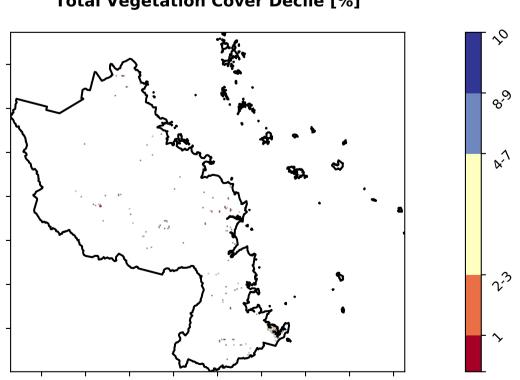
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









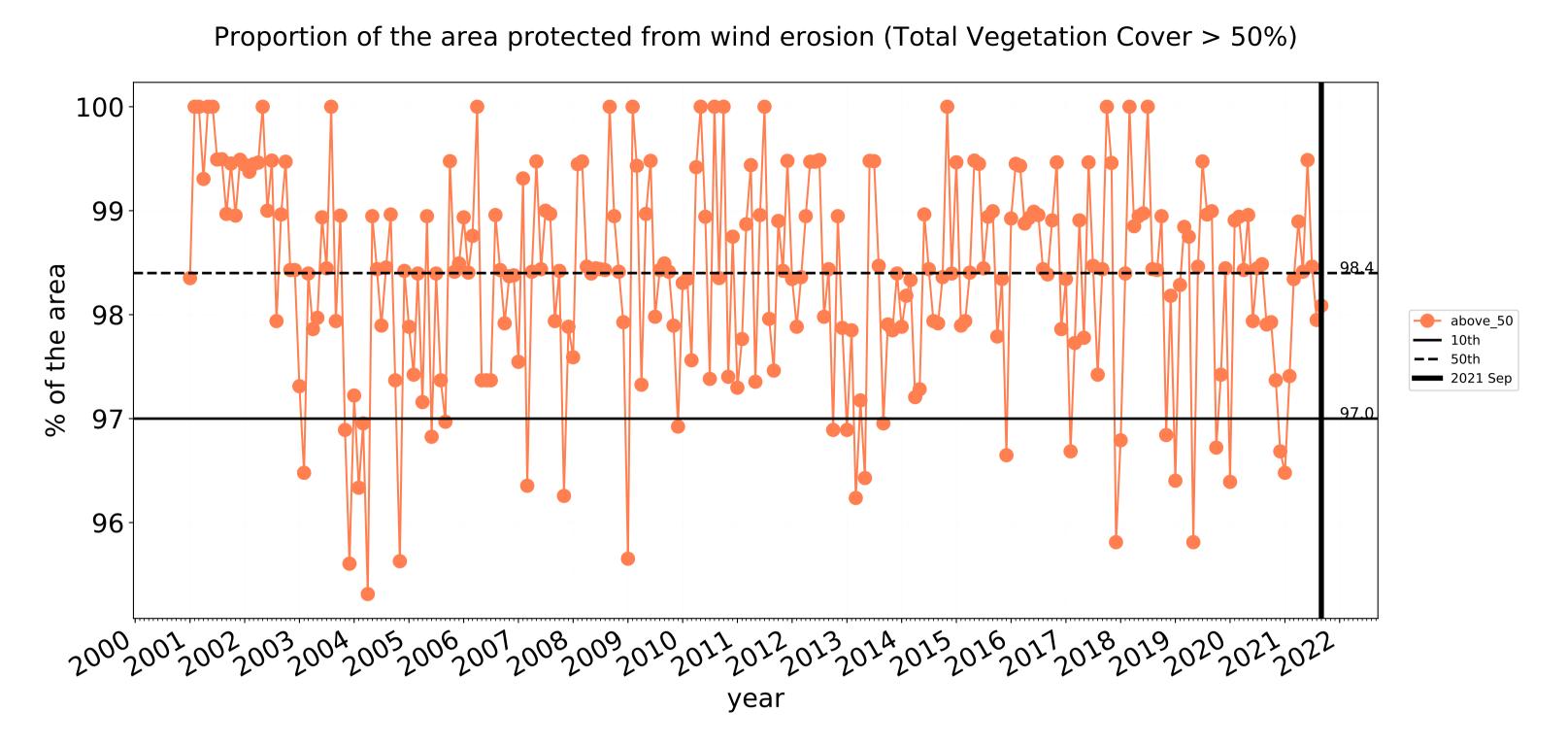


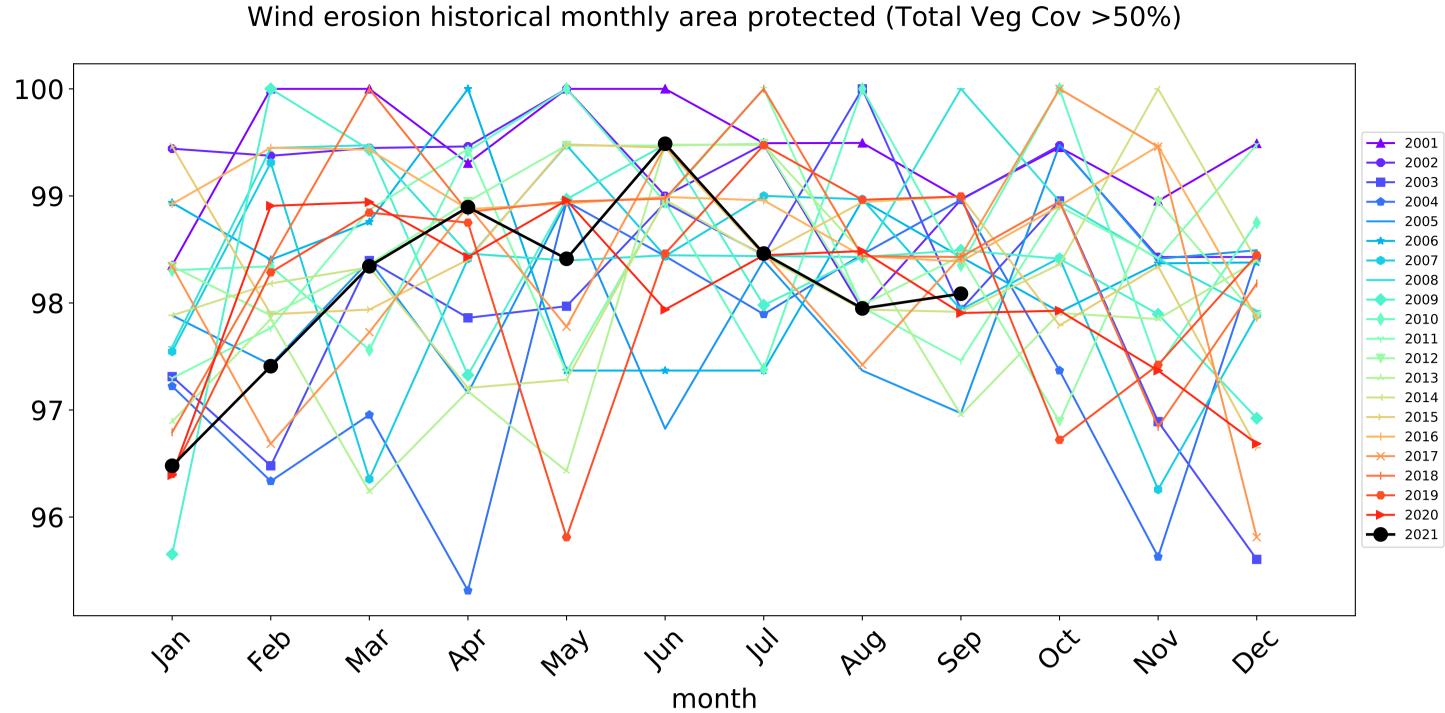


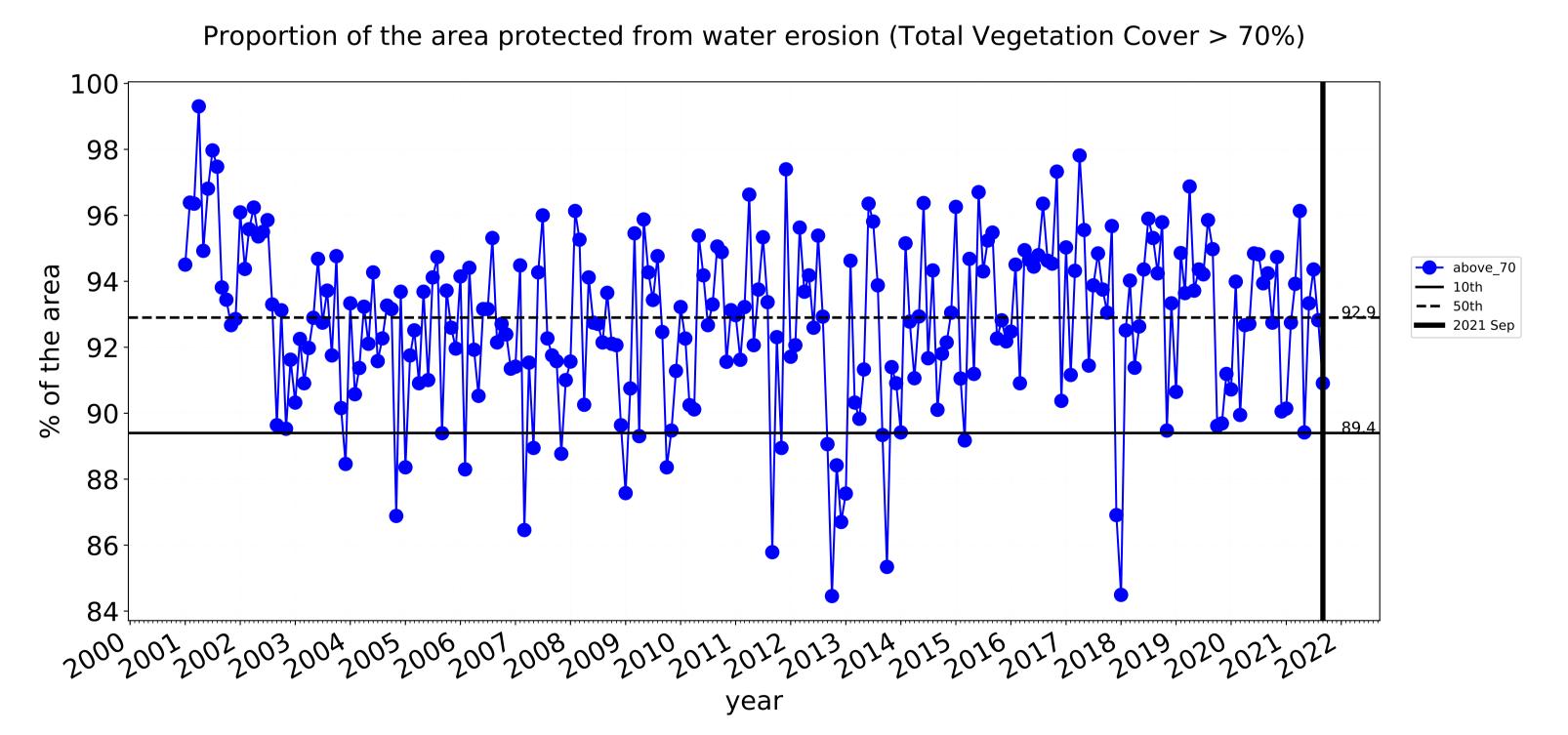


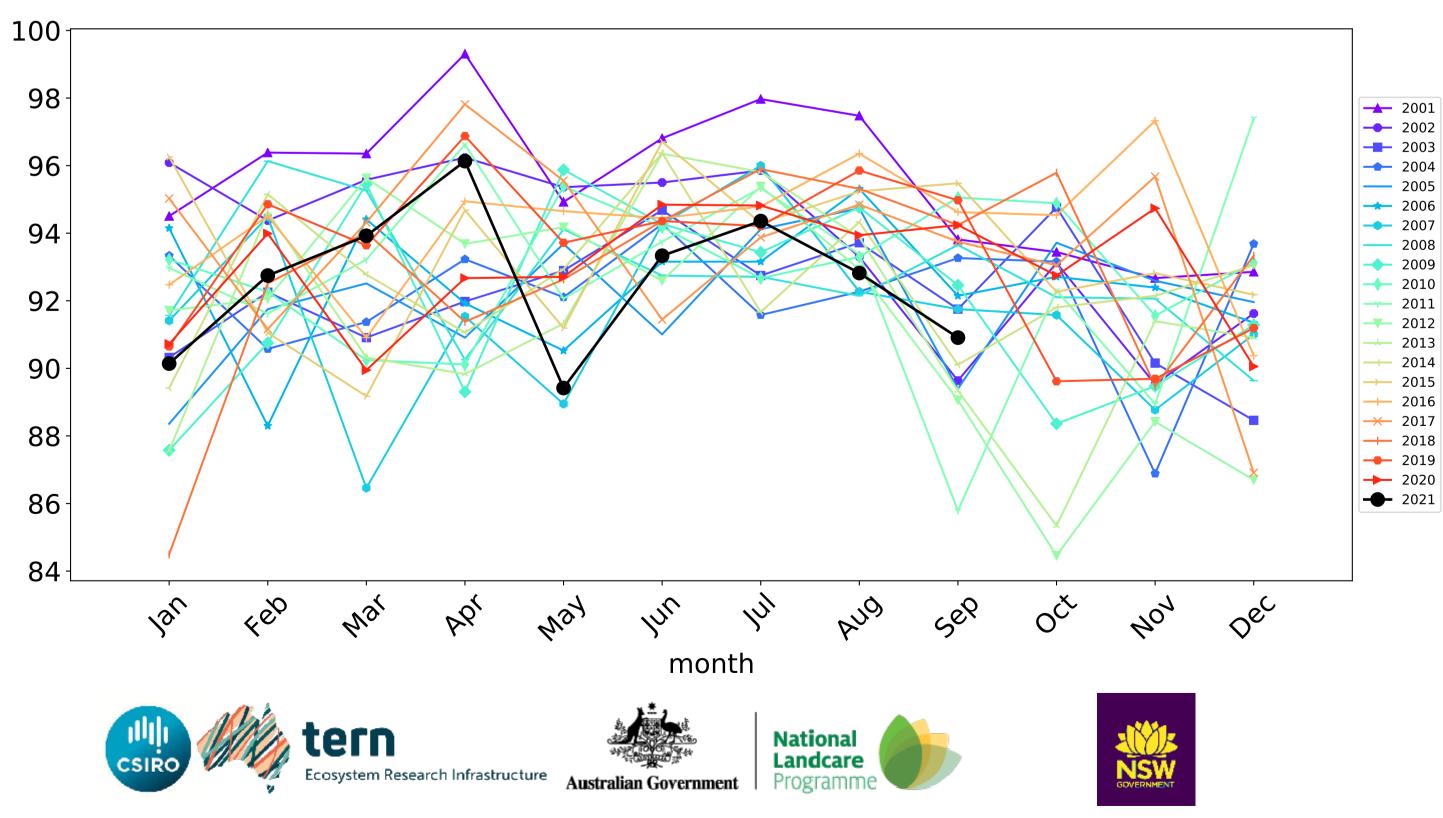


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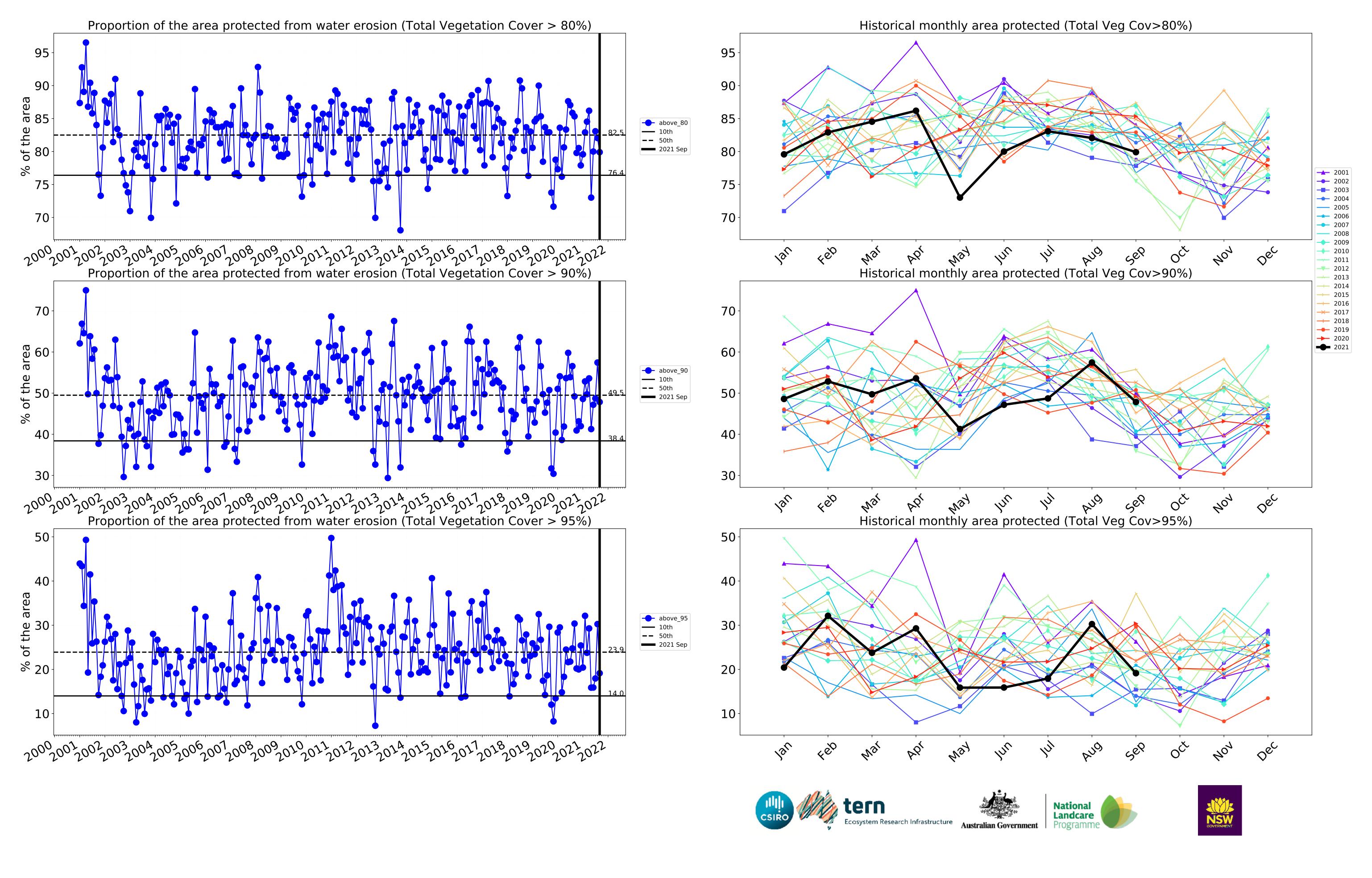








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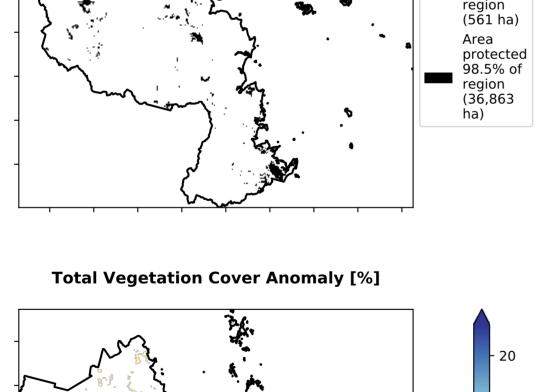


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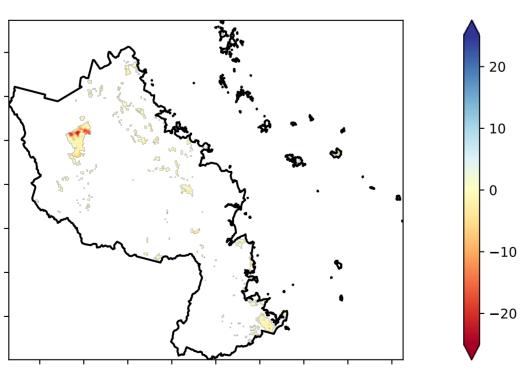
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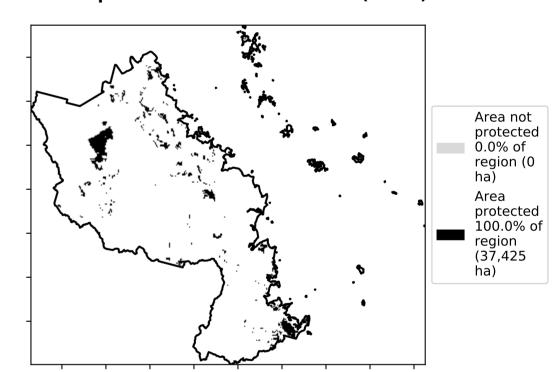
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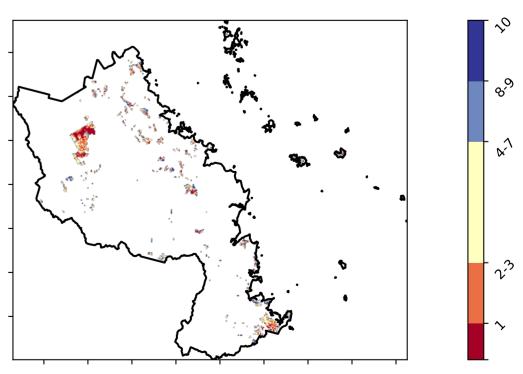


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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 98.5% 100 80 60 20 0.2% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% **Total Vegetation Cover class**

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



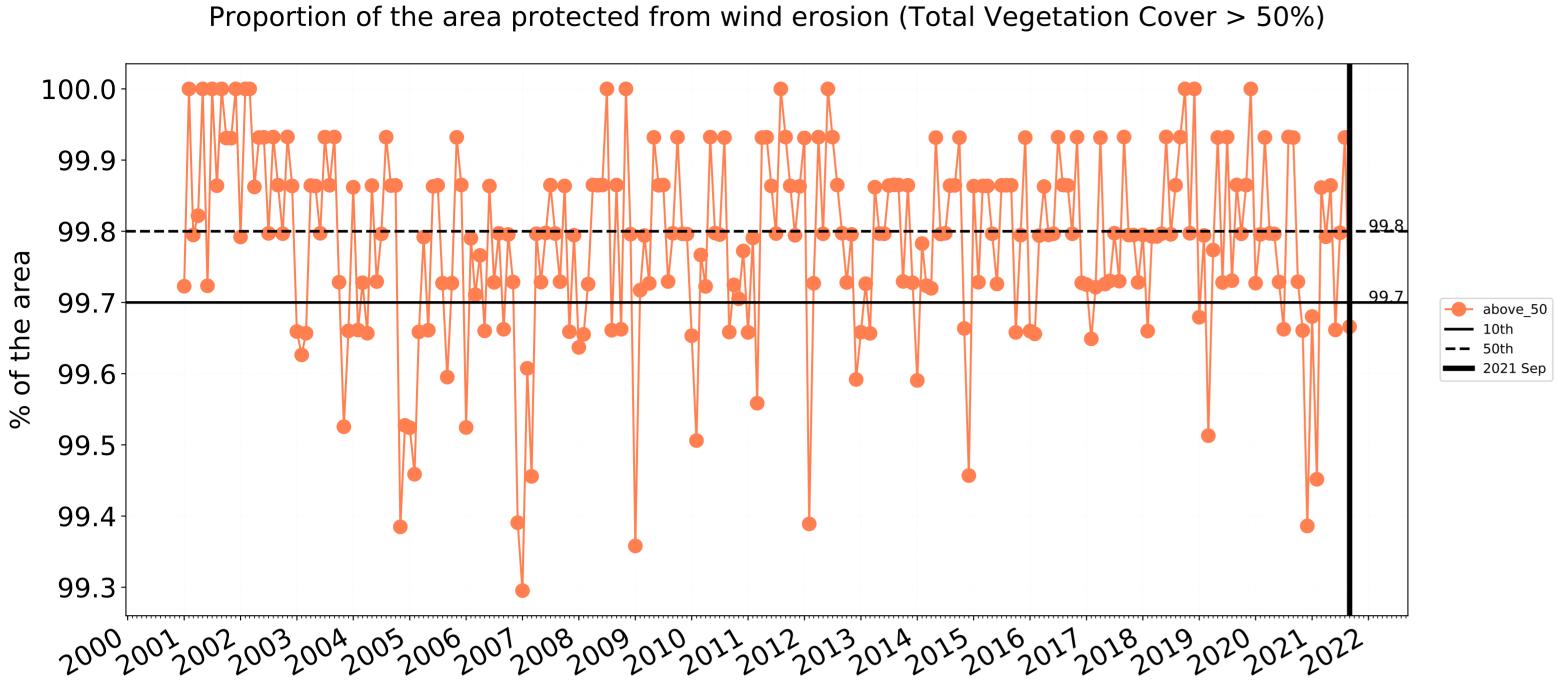


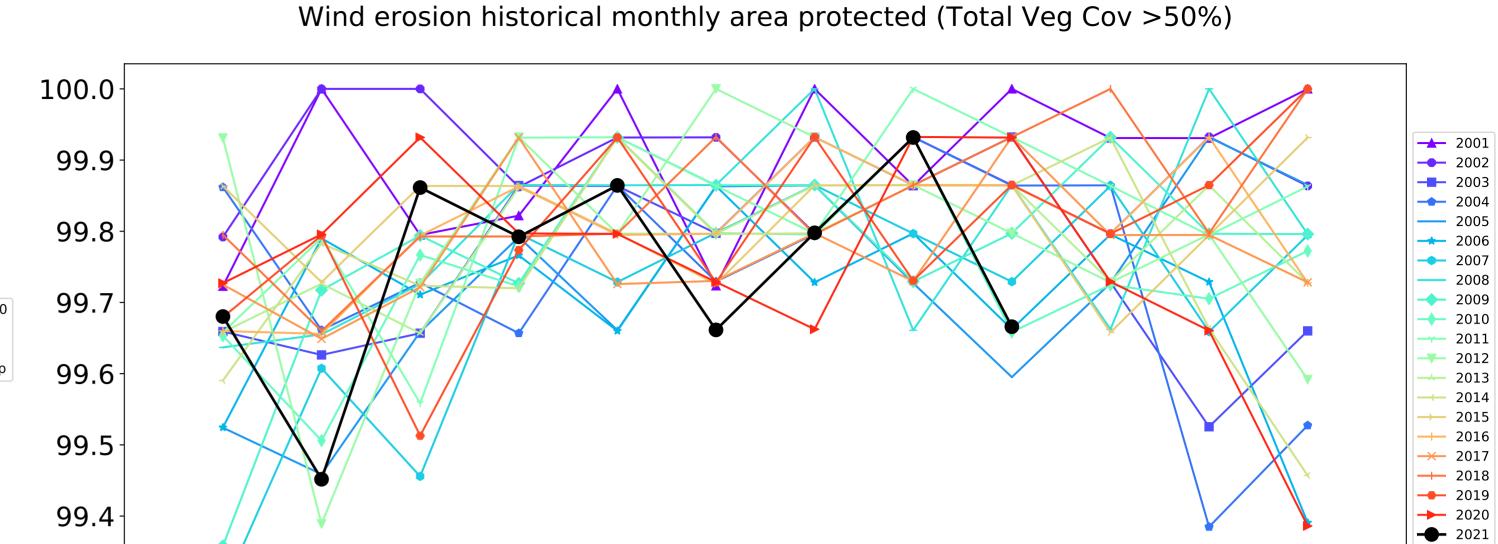






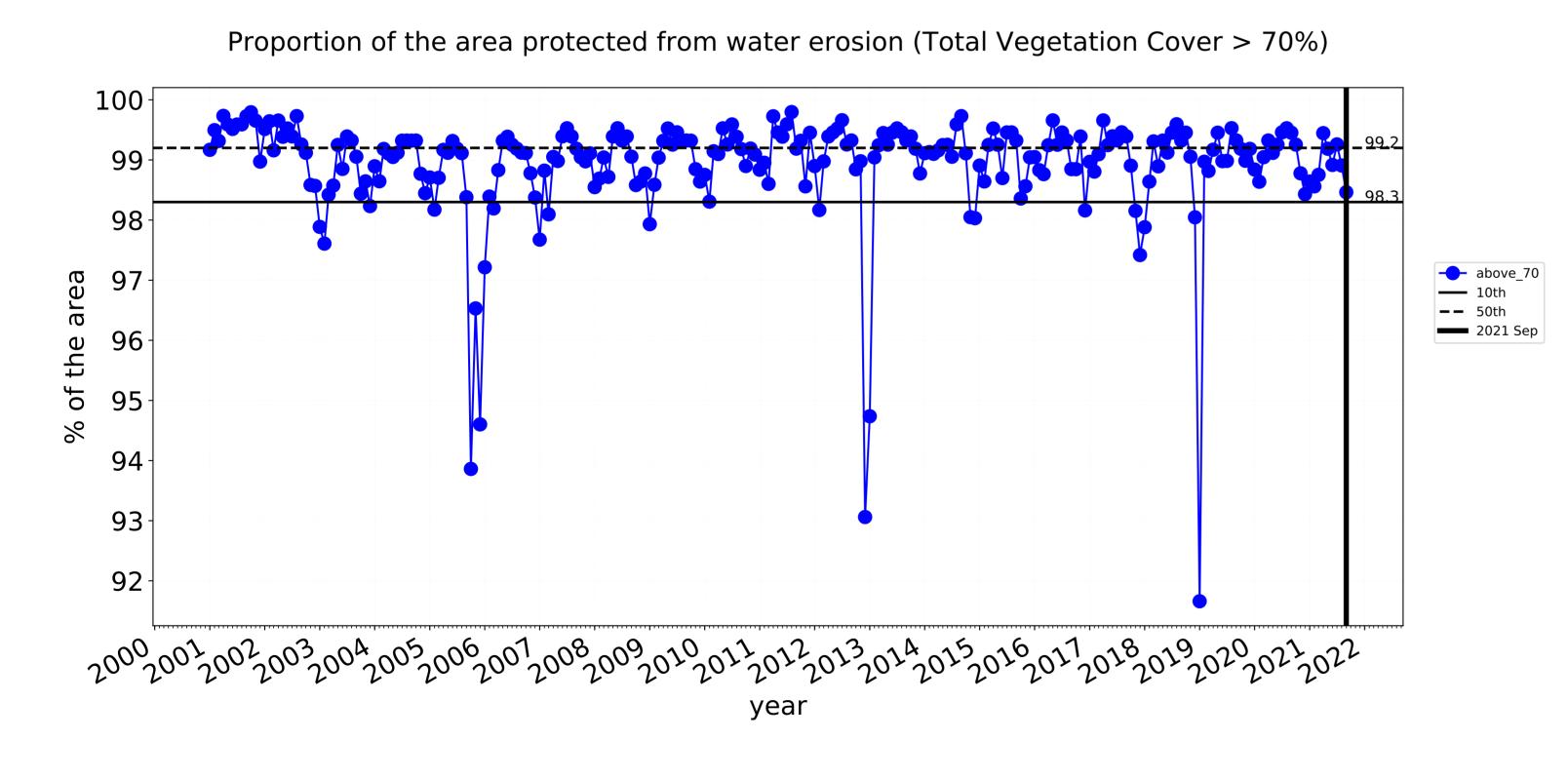


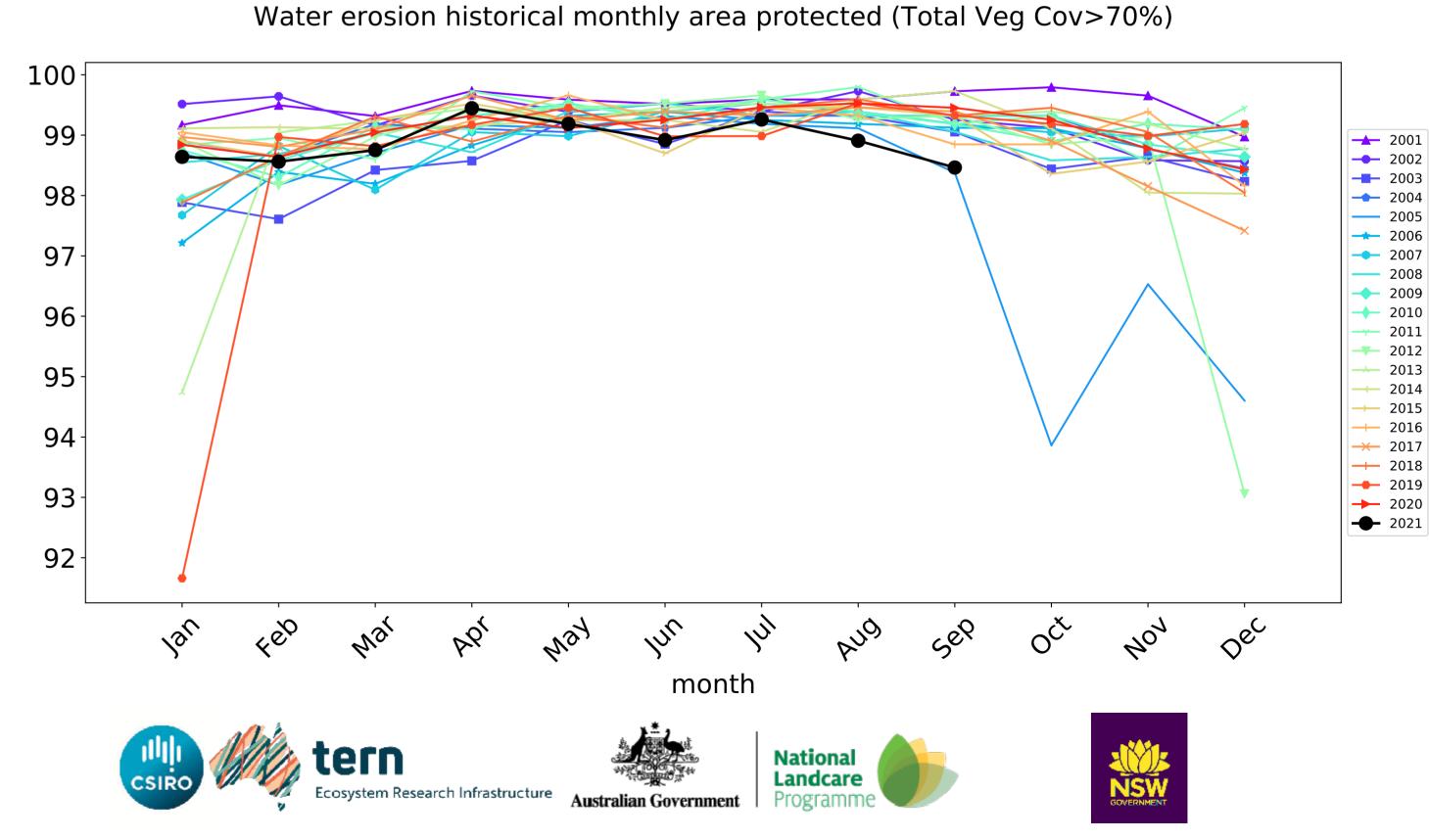


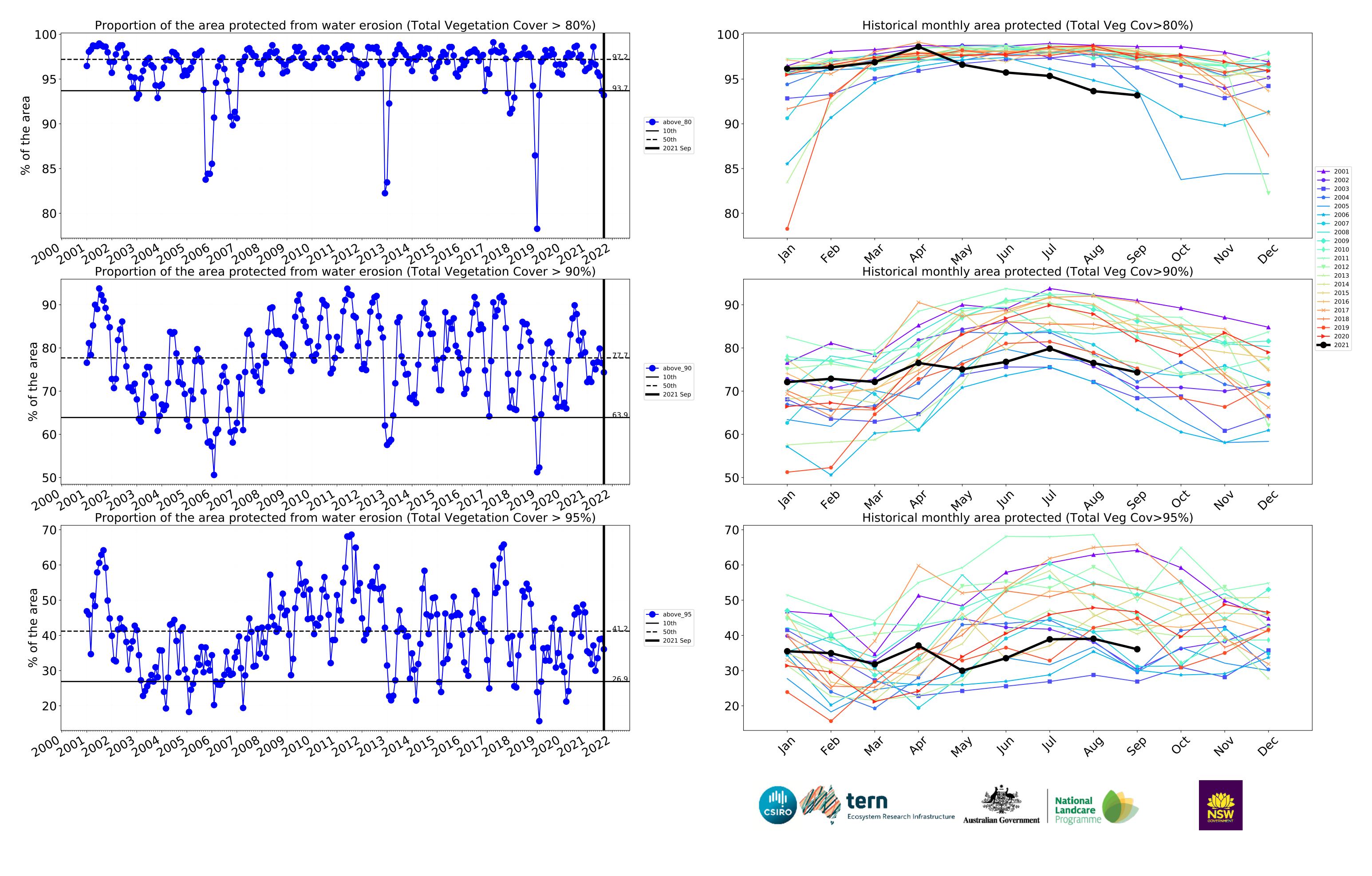


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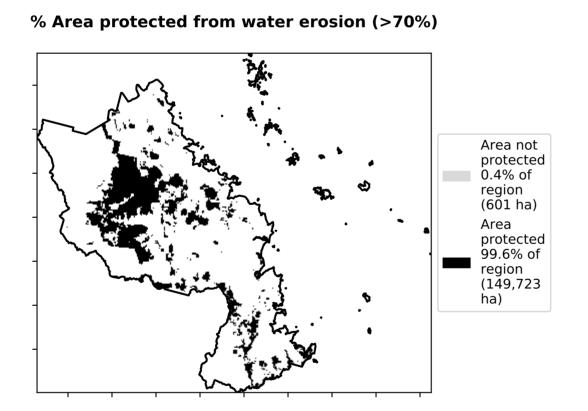


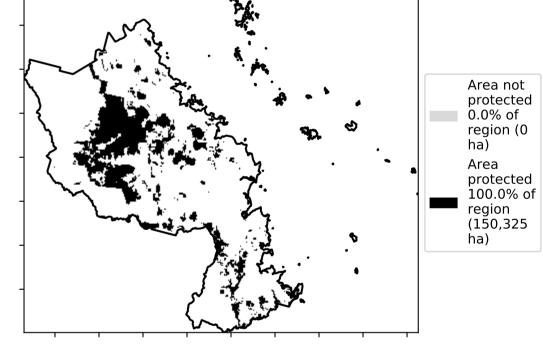
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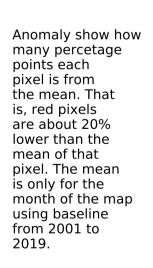
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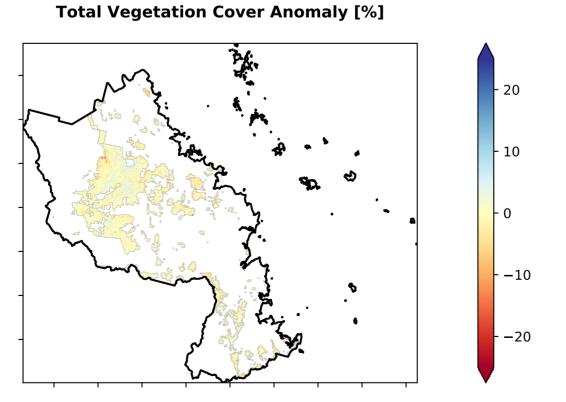
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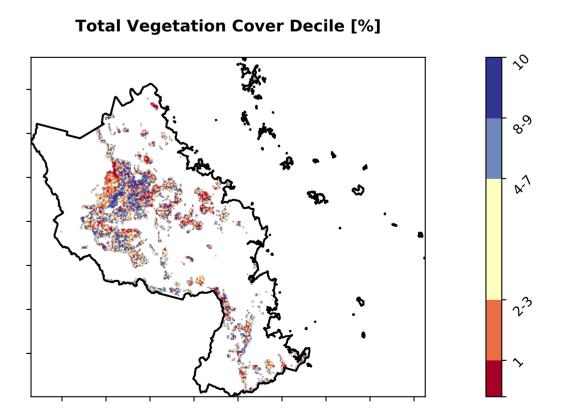








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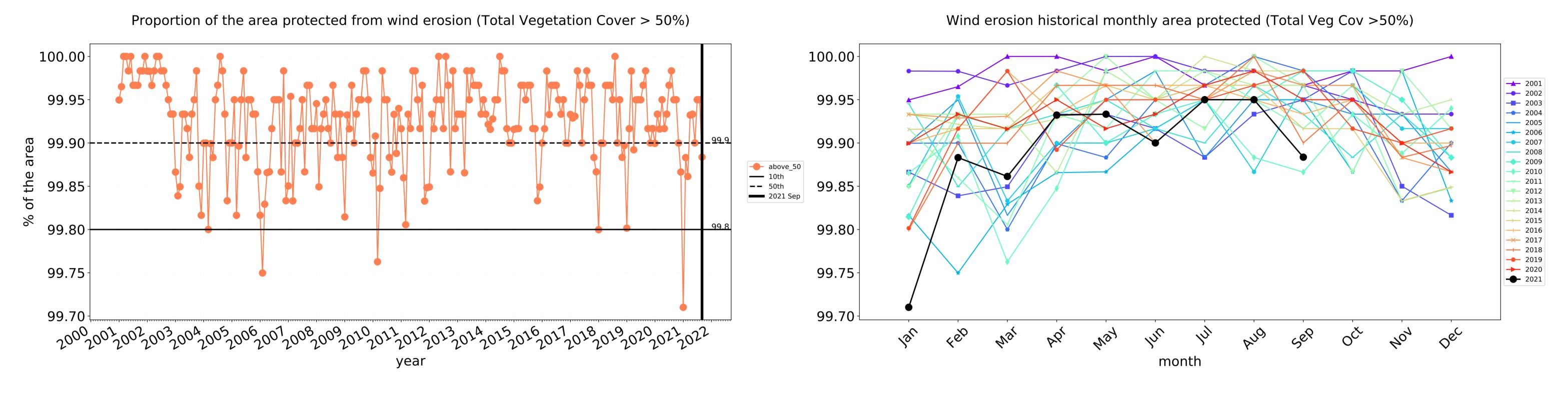


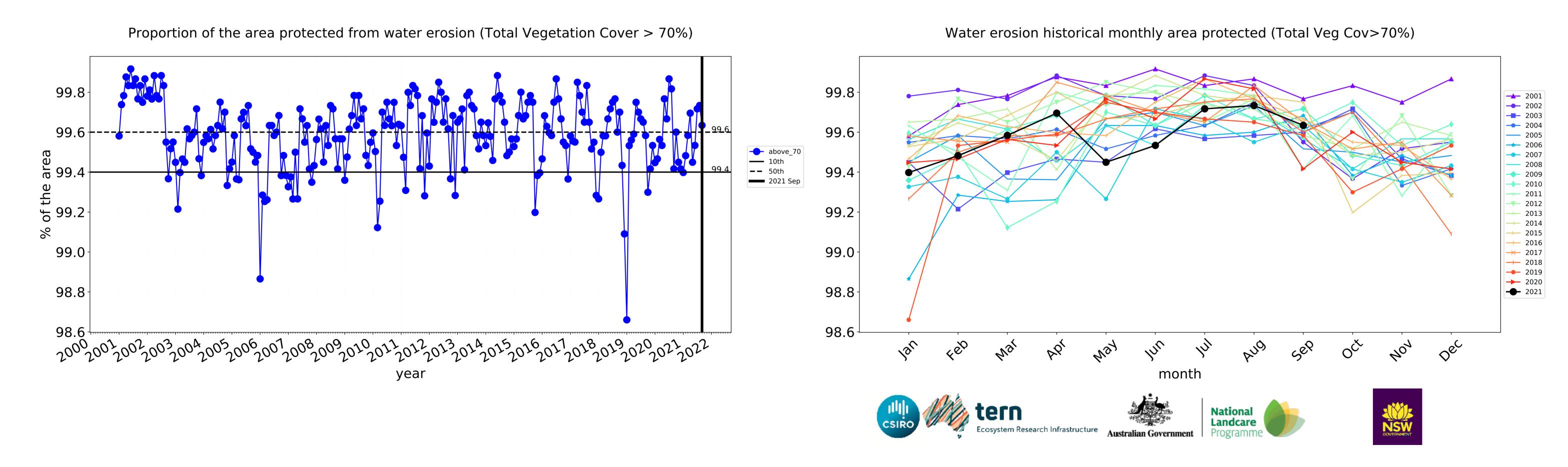


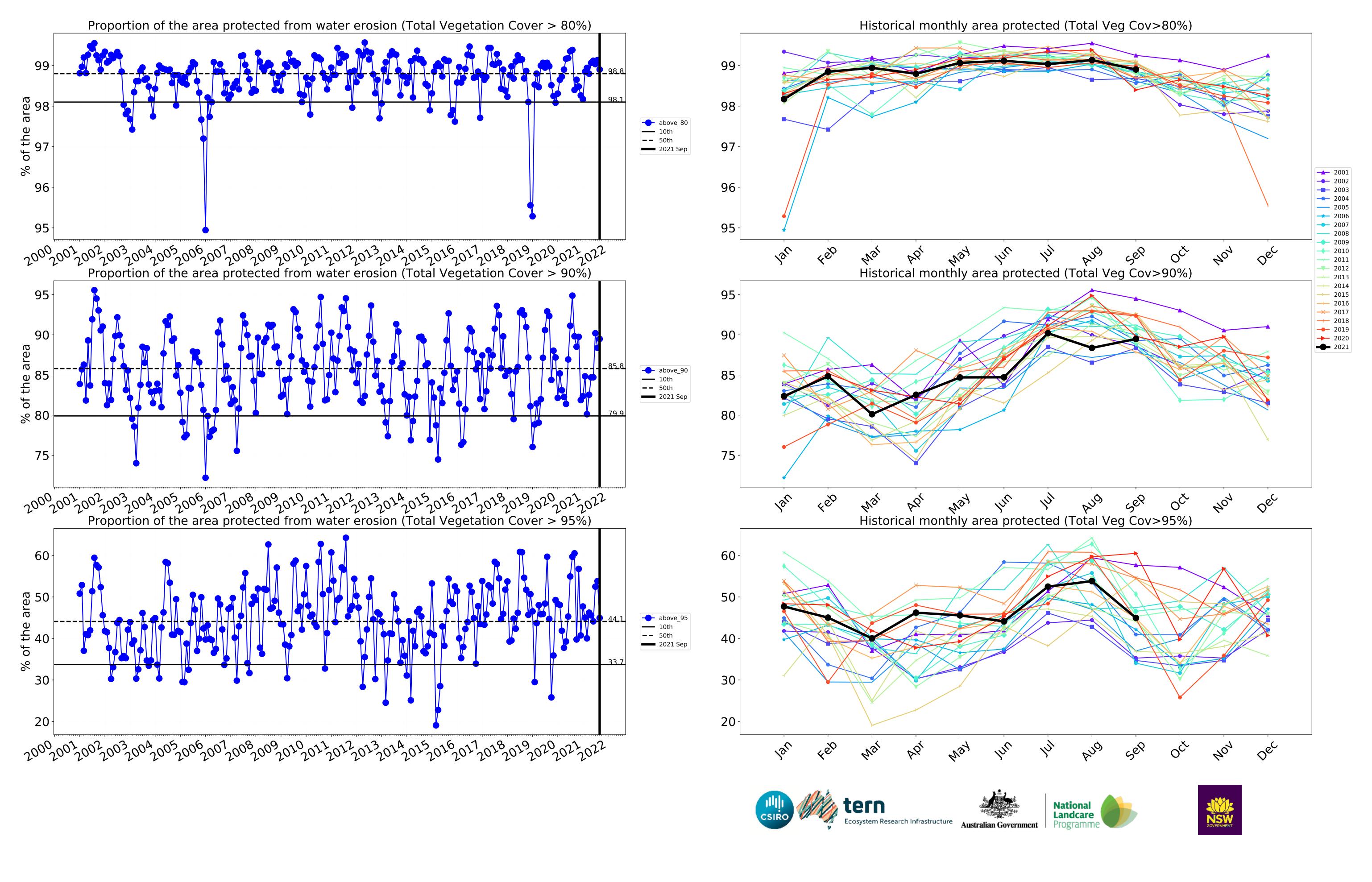










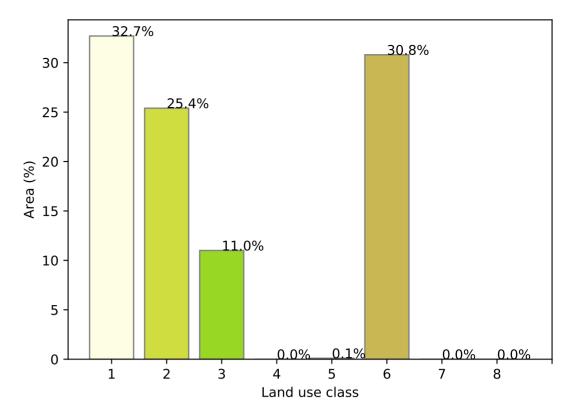


#### **Agriculture**

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#### **Proportion of each land class in area**



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

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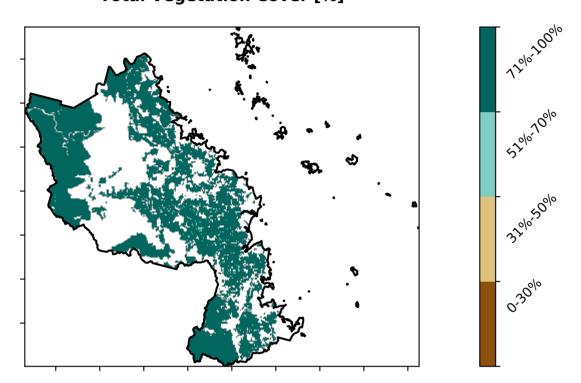
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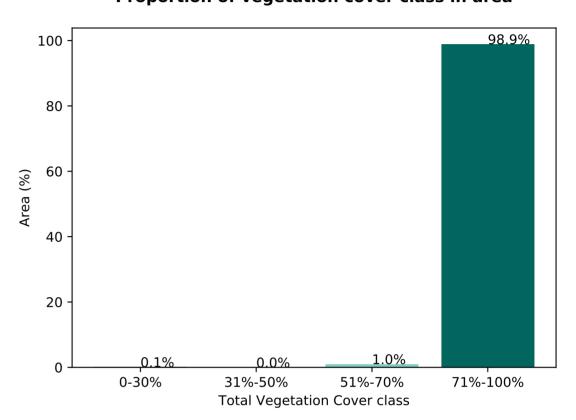
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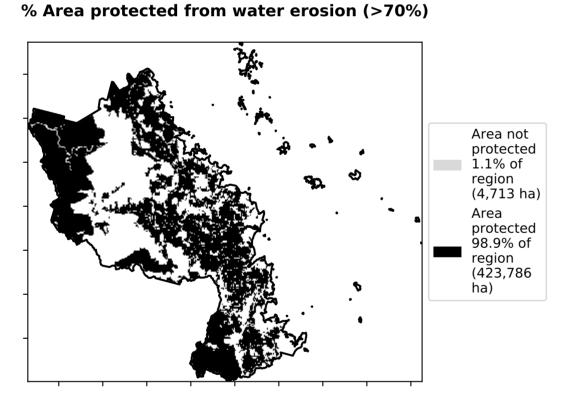
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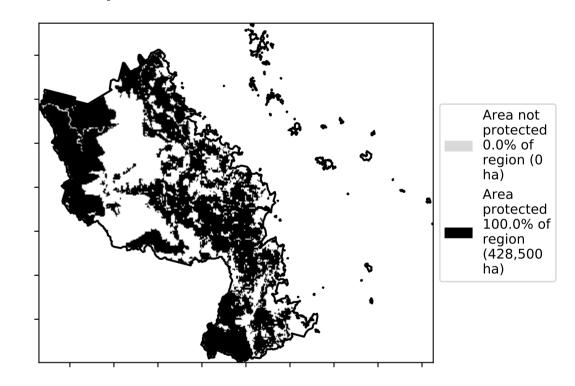


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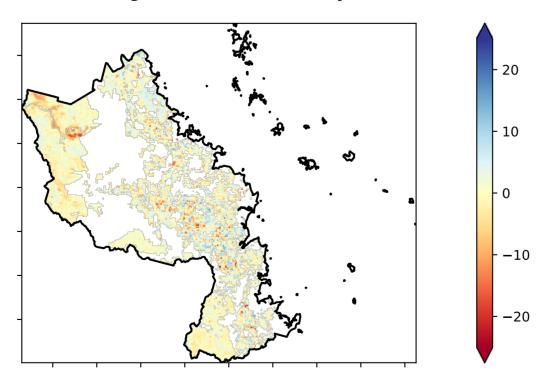




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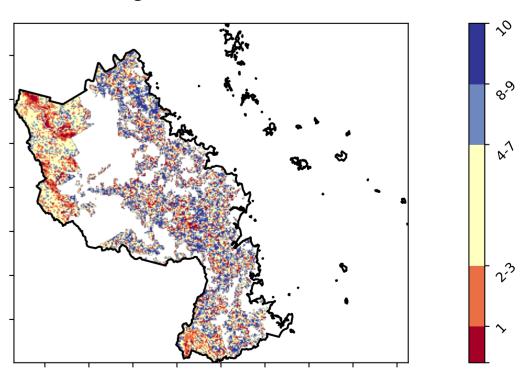


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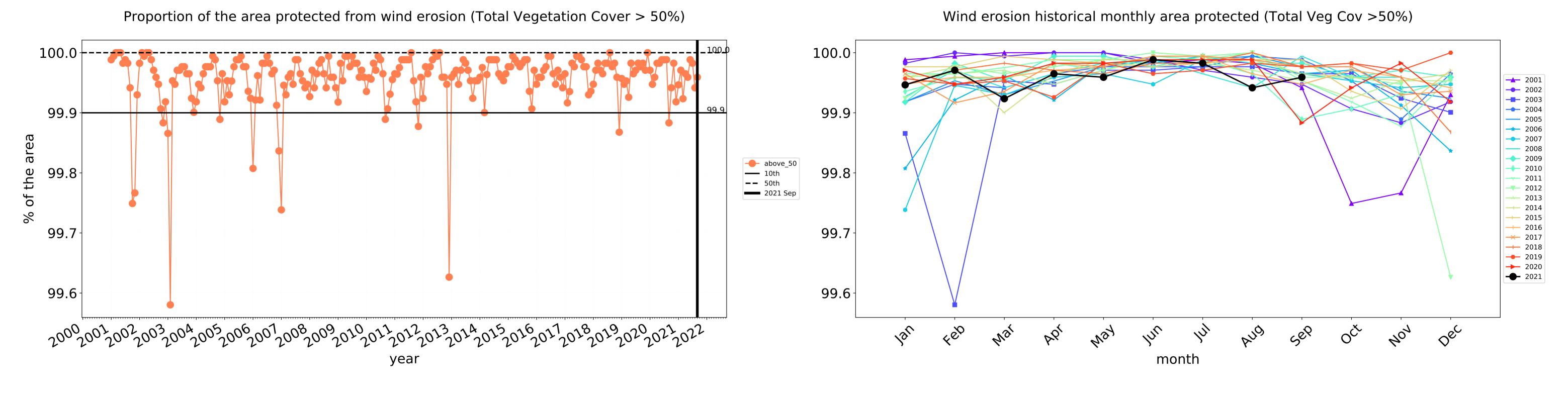


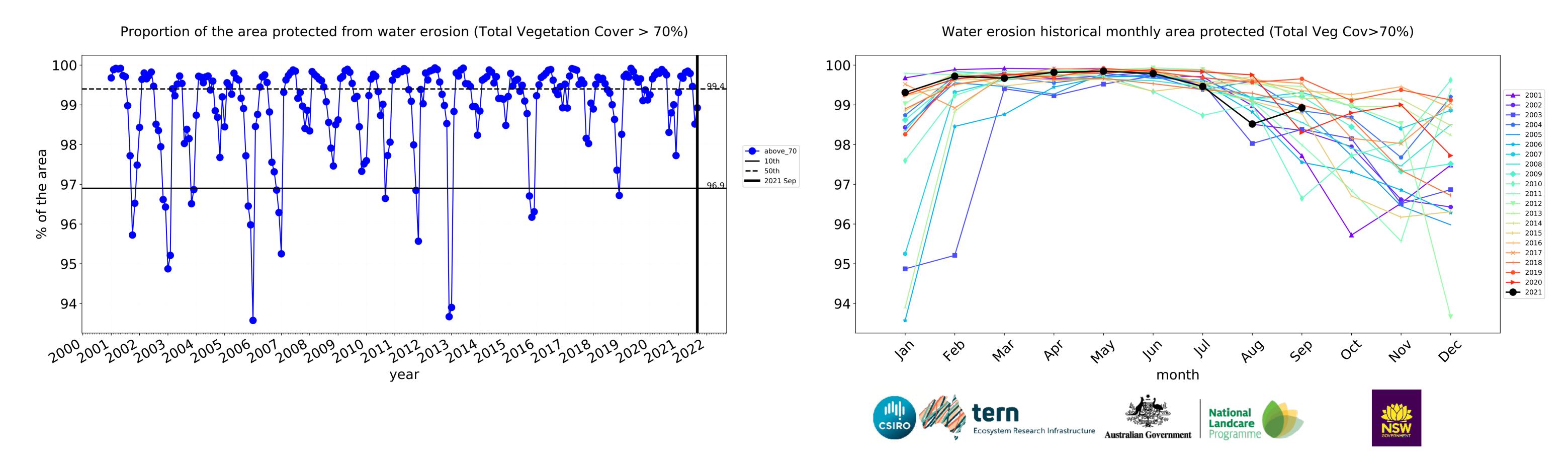


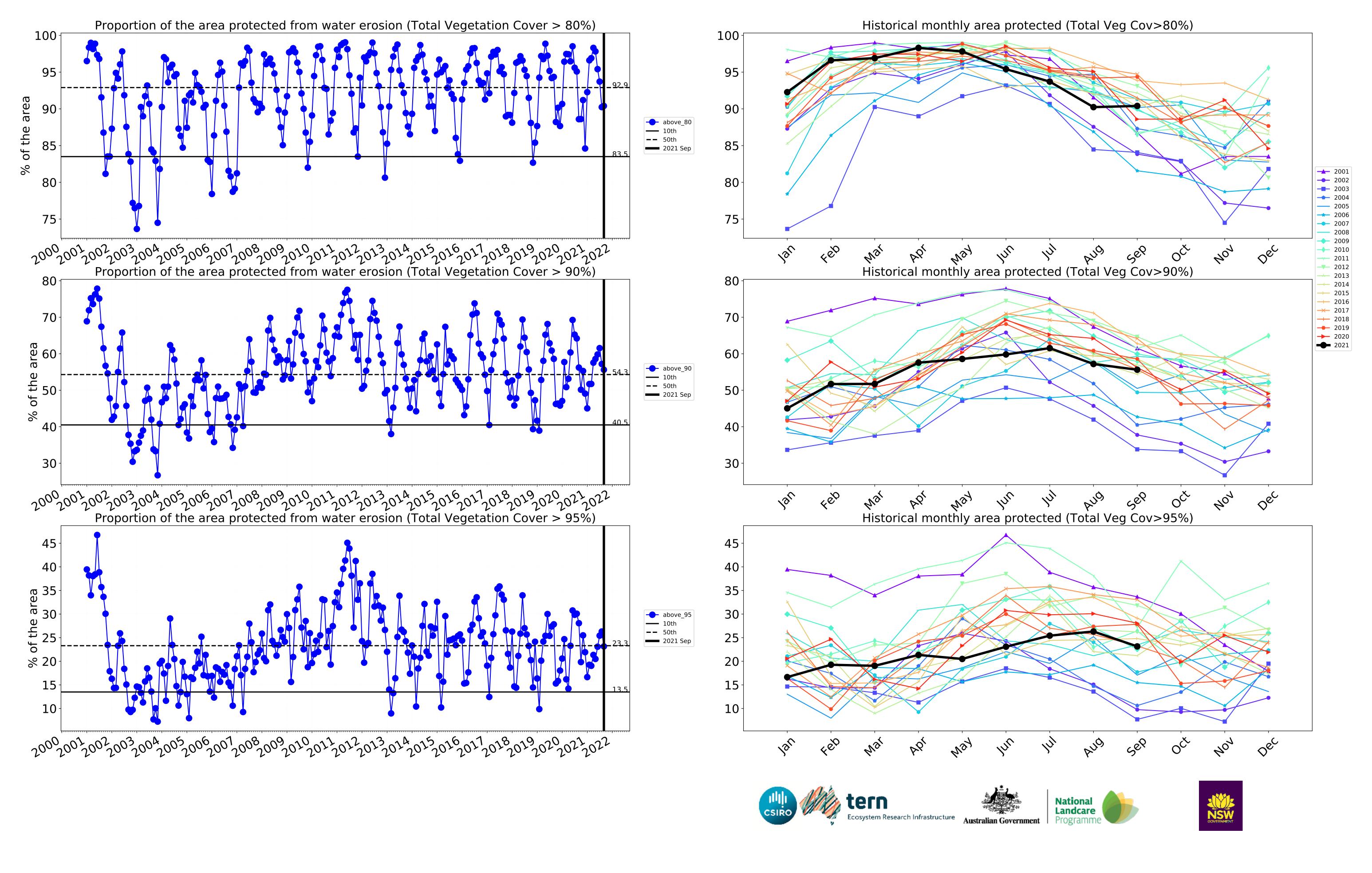




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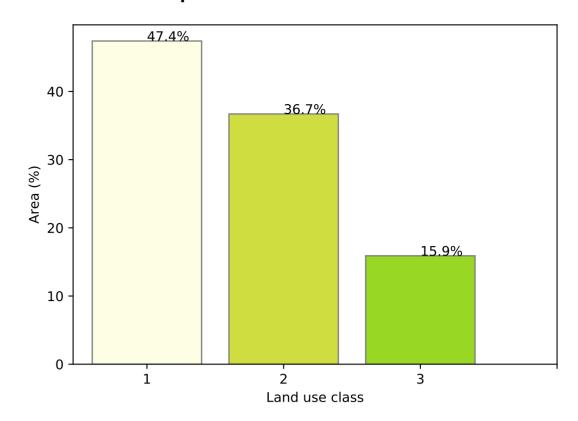


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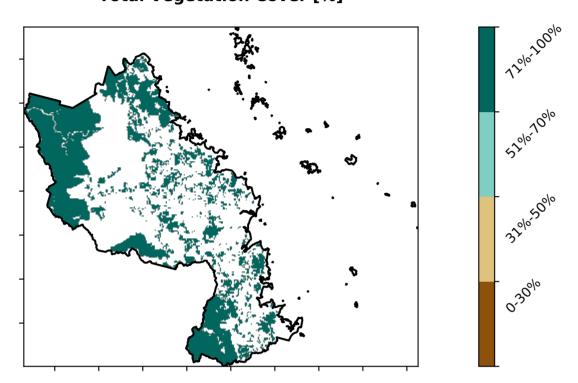
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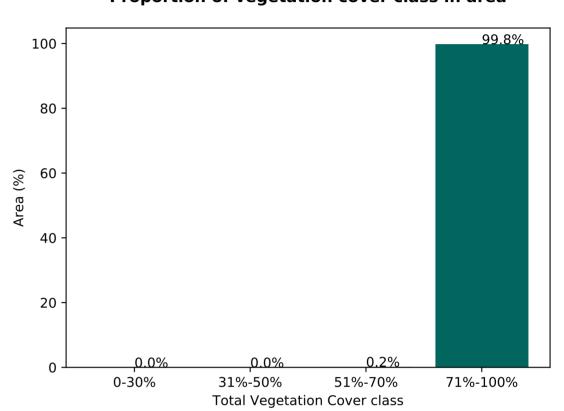
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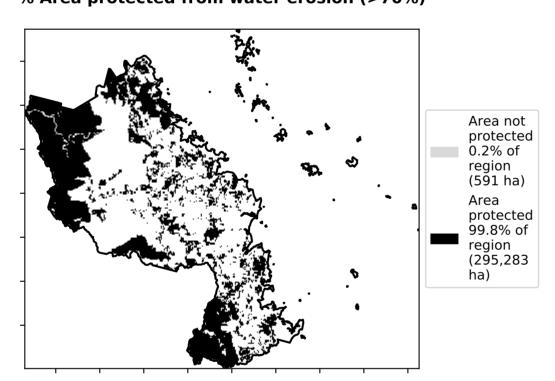
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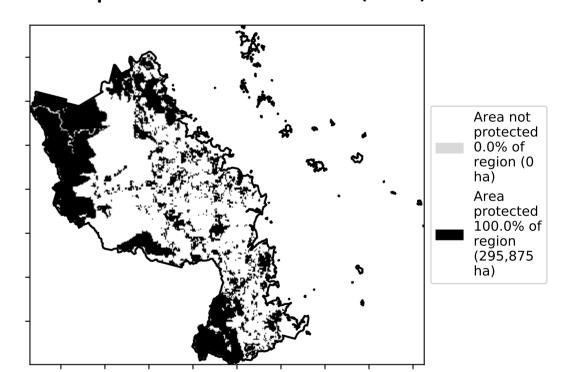
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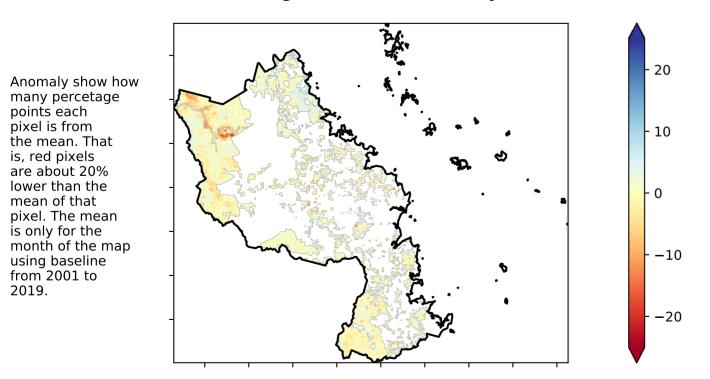
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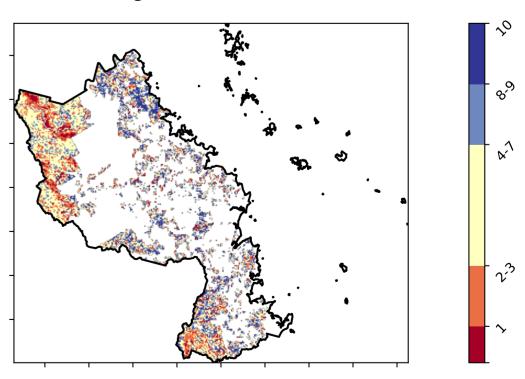


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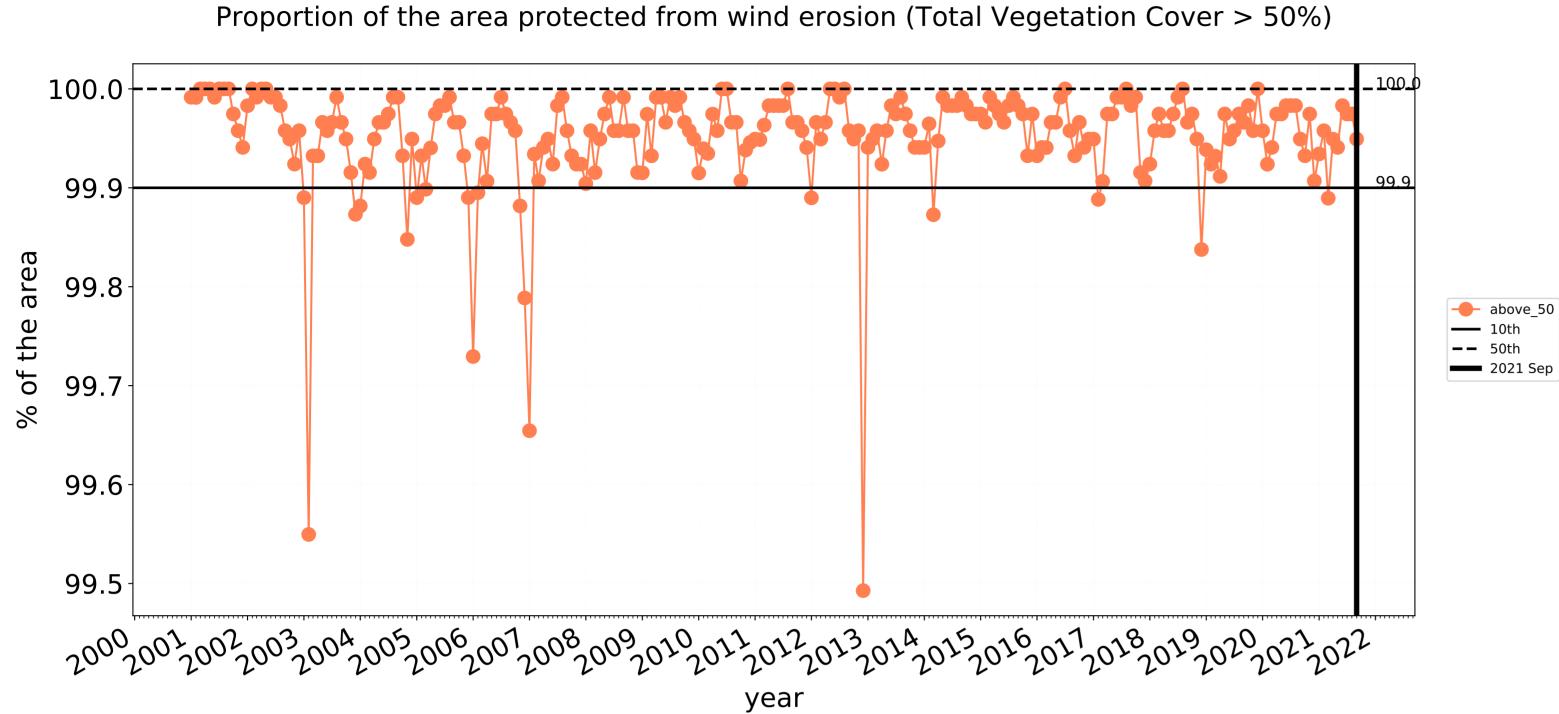


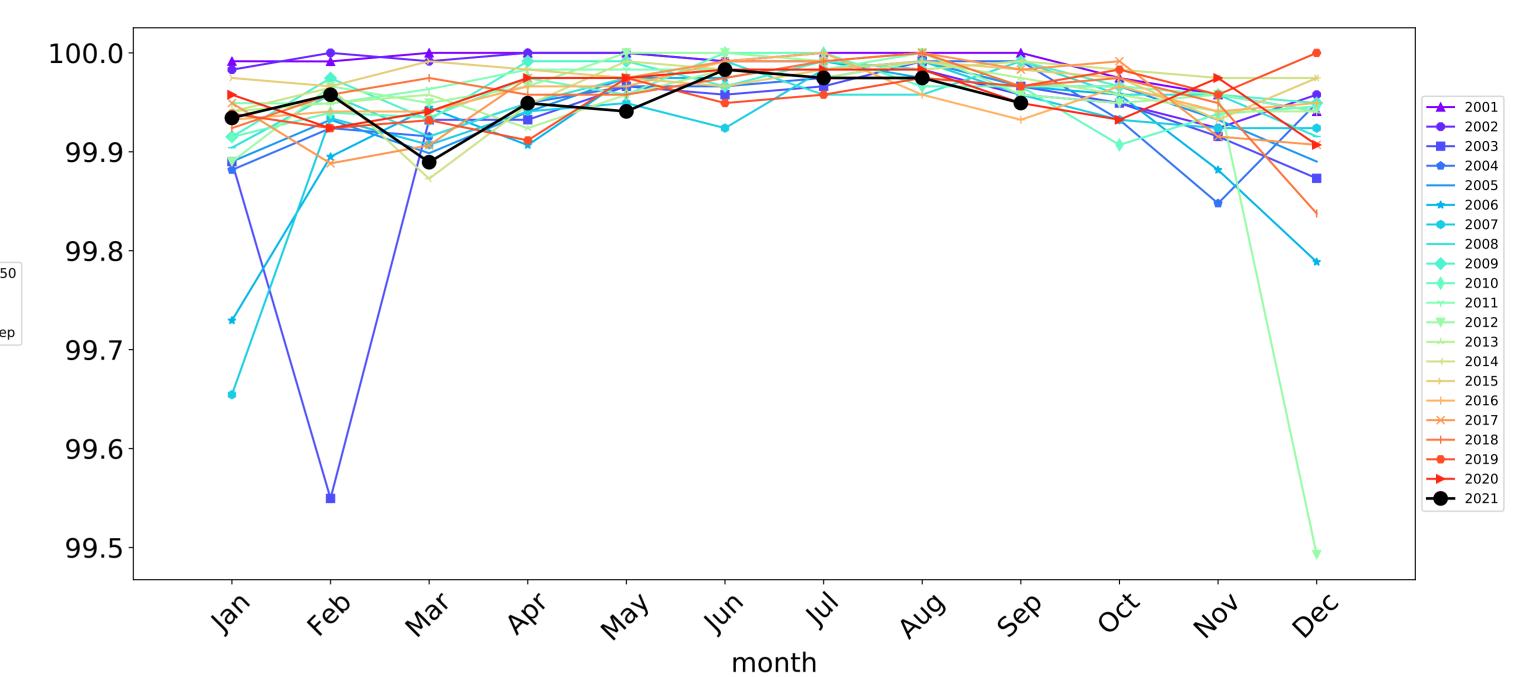




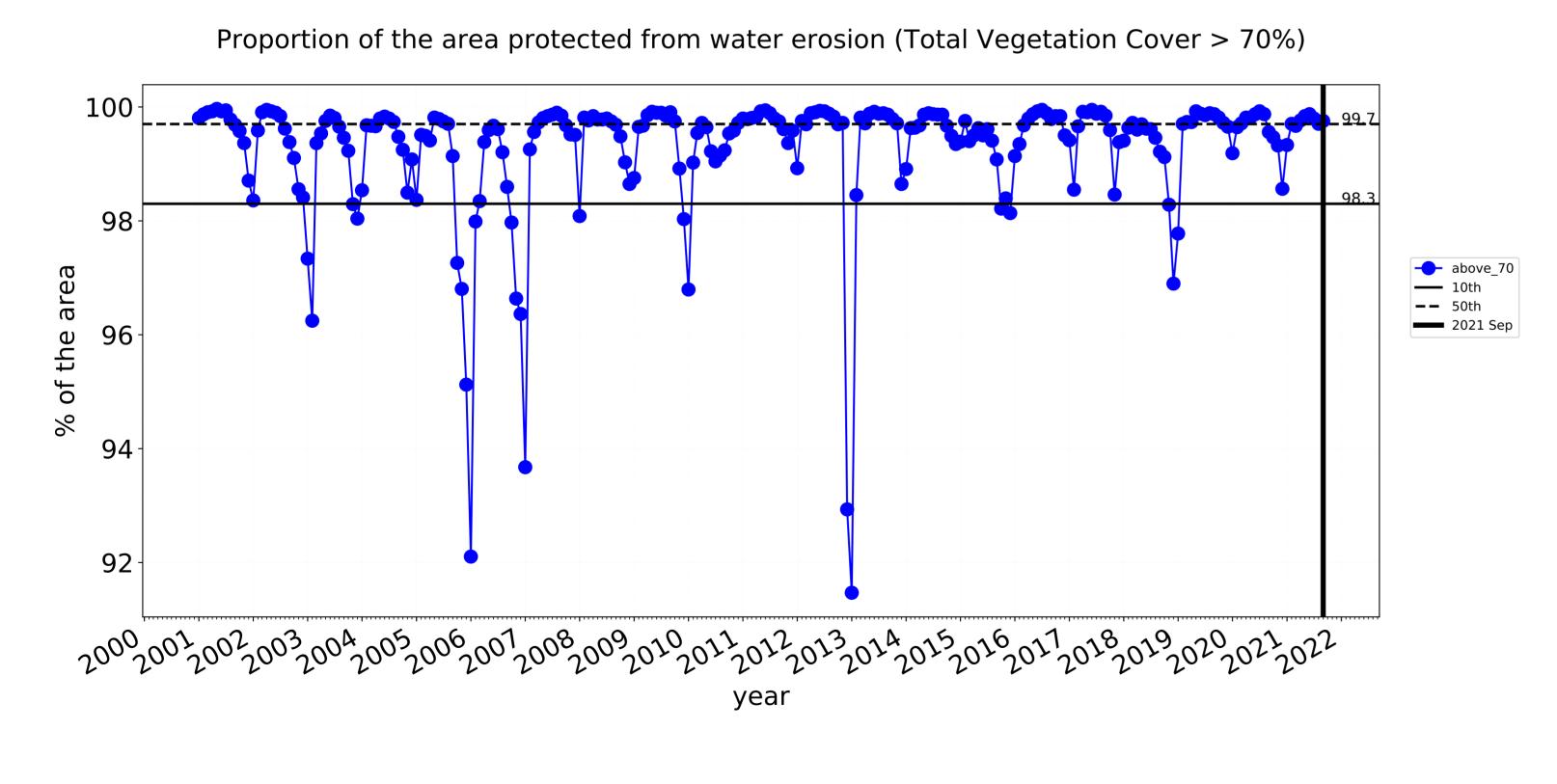


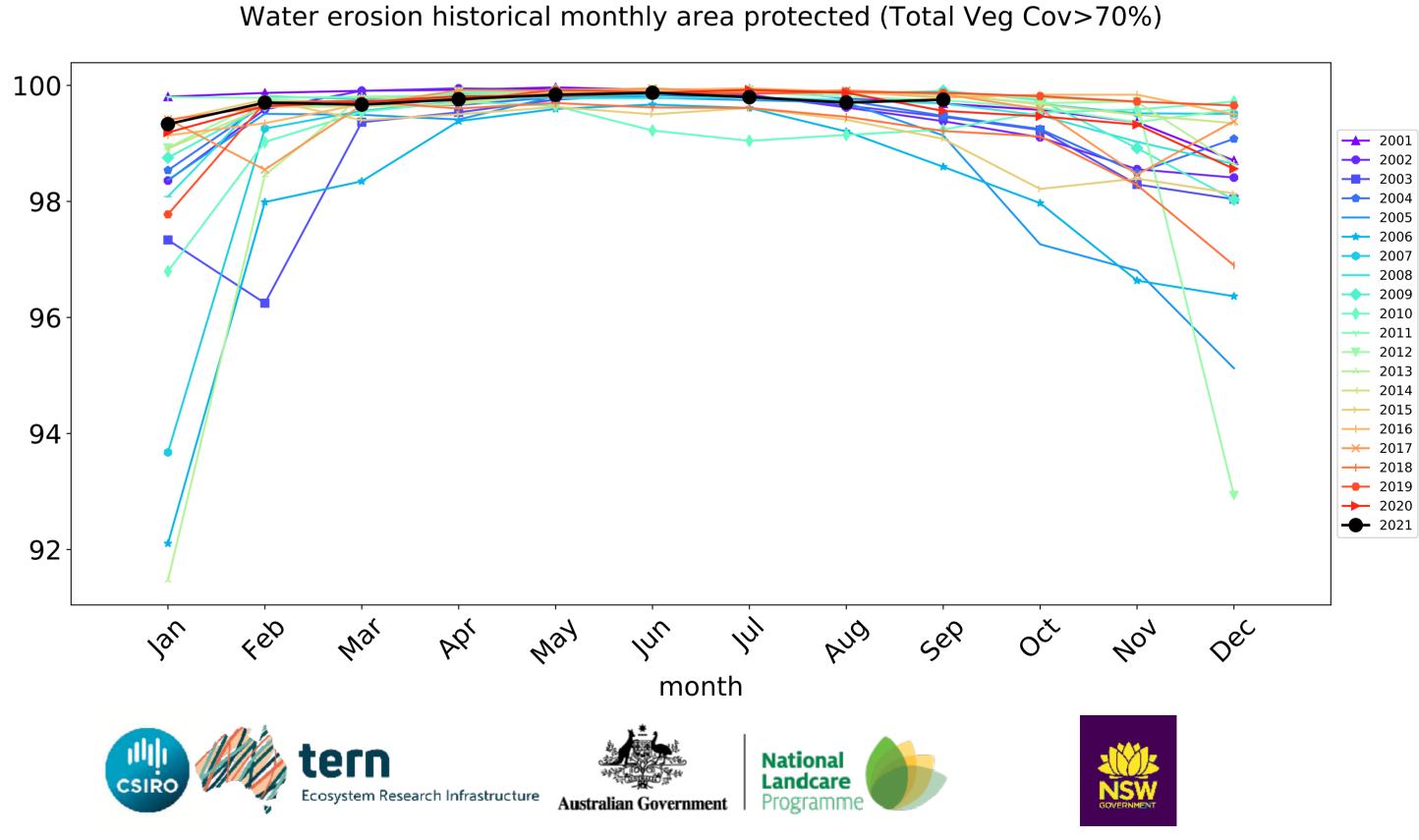
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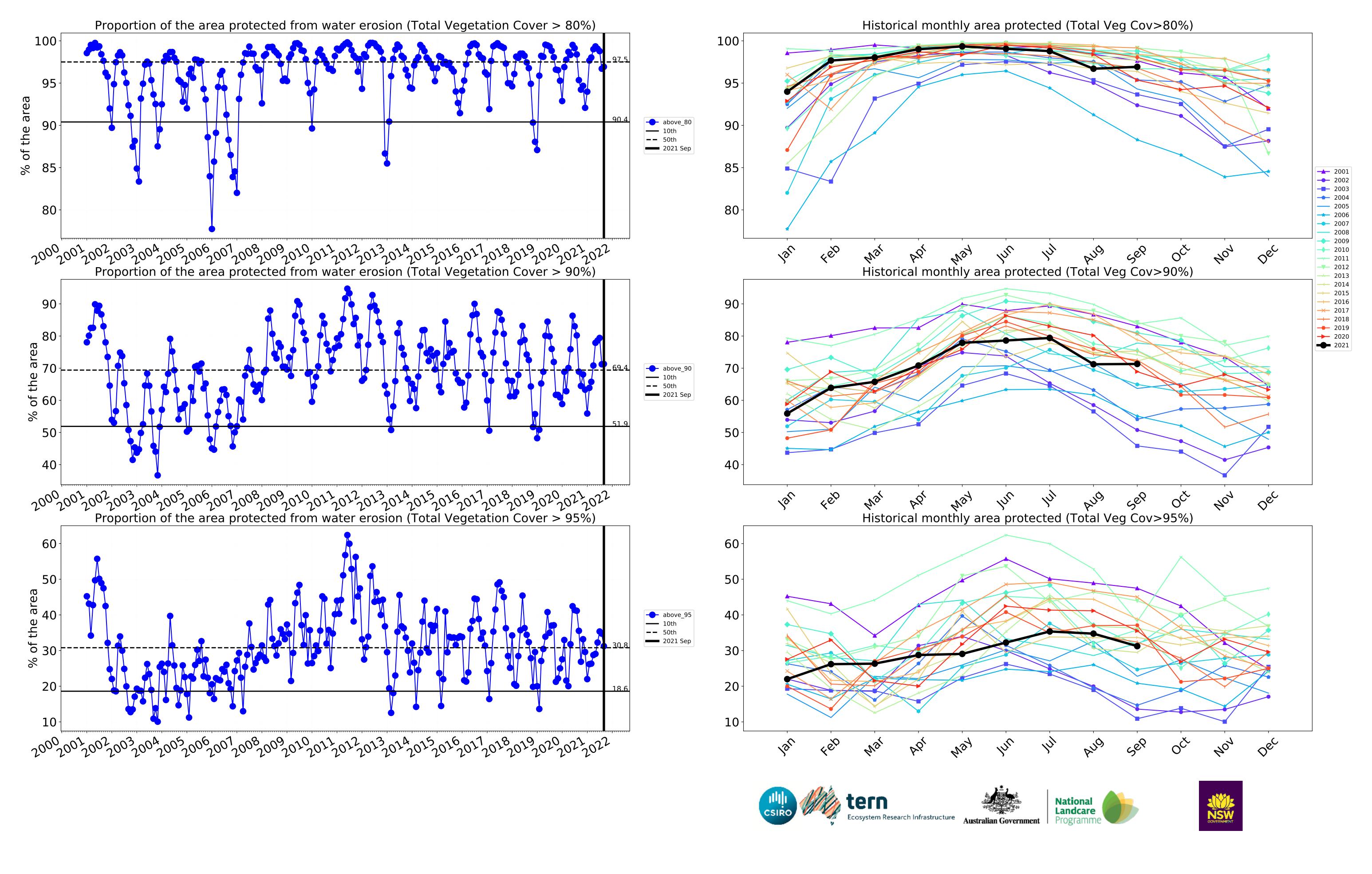




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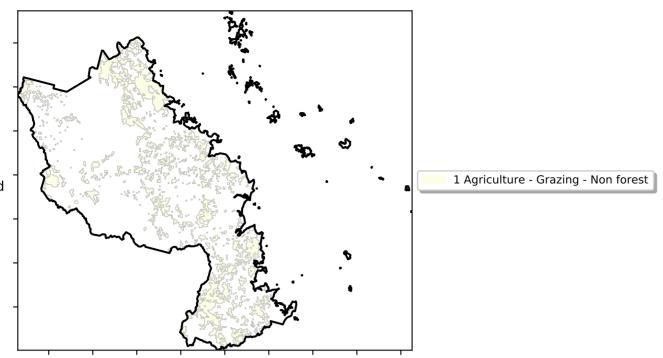
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#### Land use and forest cover

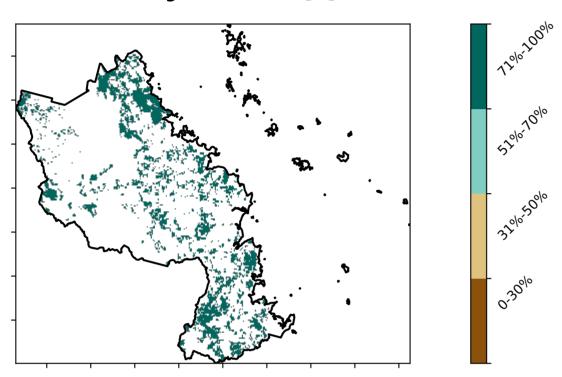
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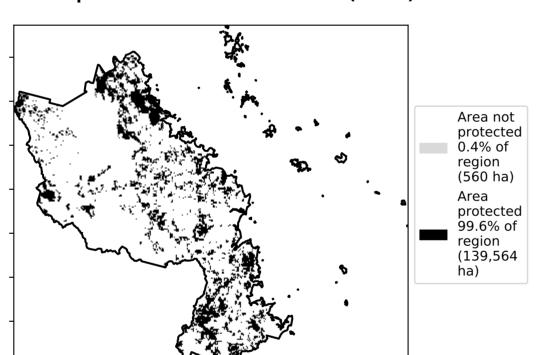
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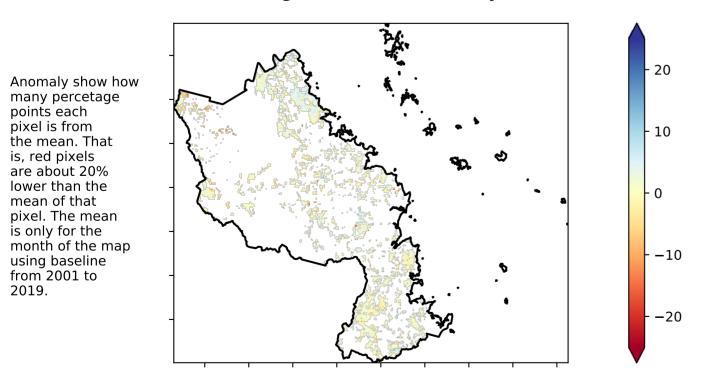
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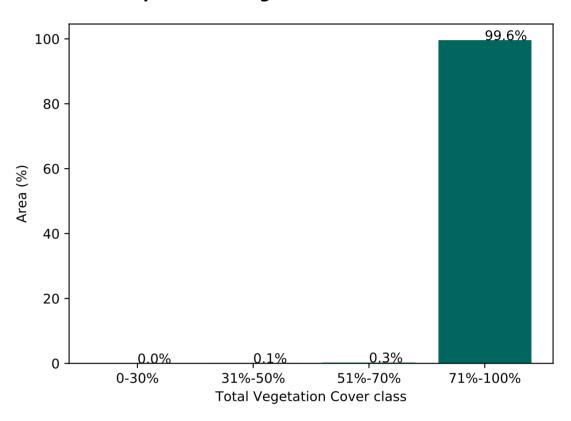


#### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

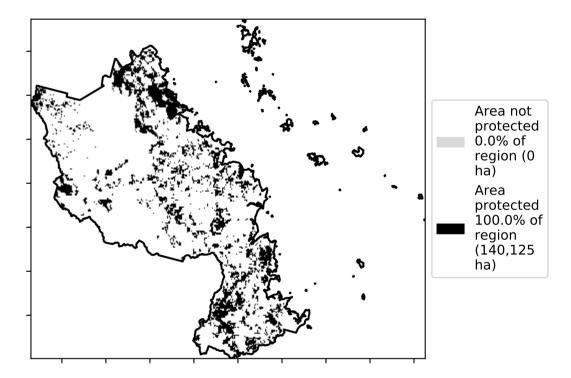


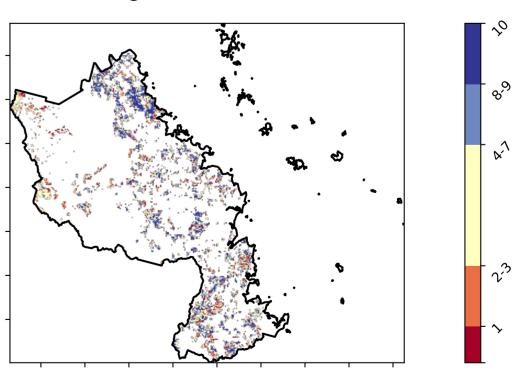
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





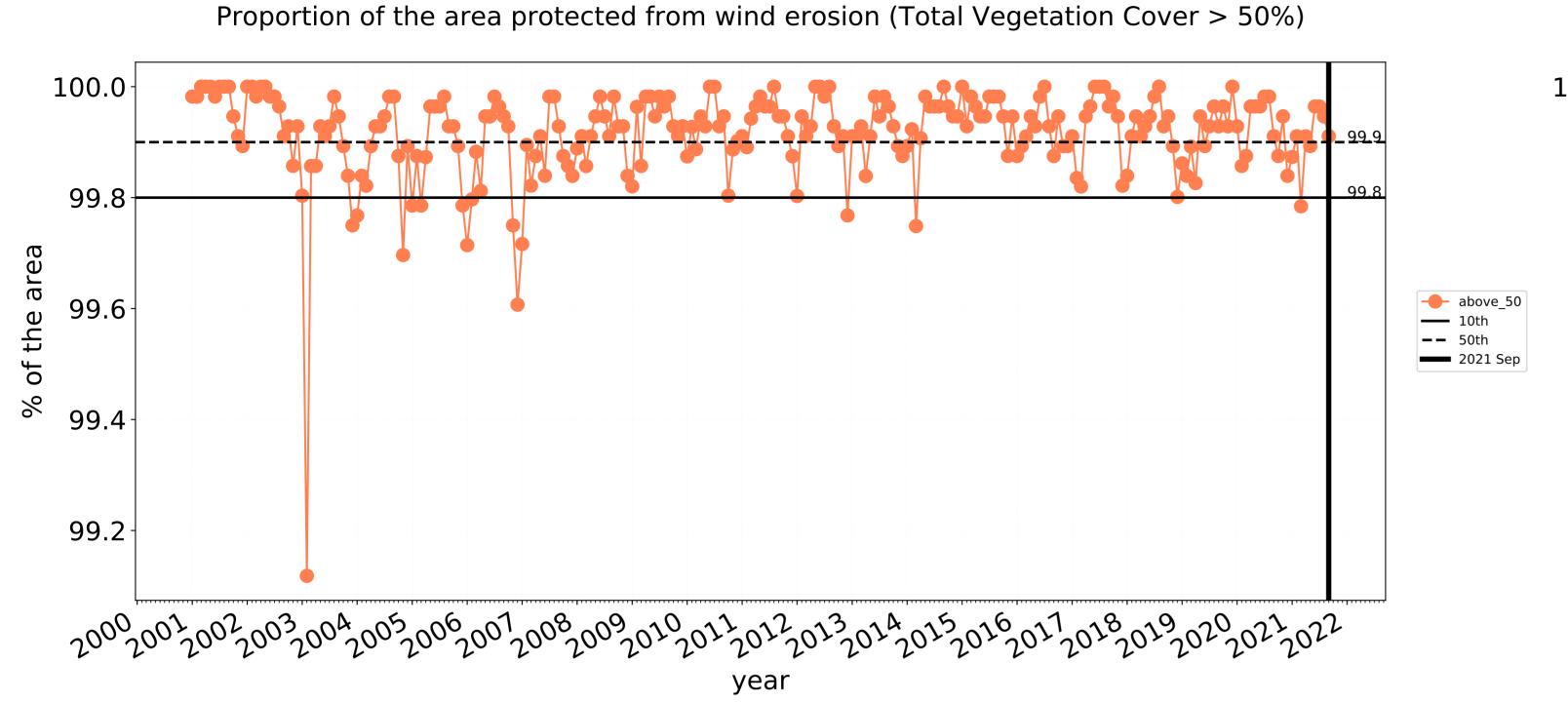


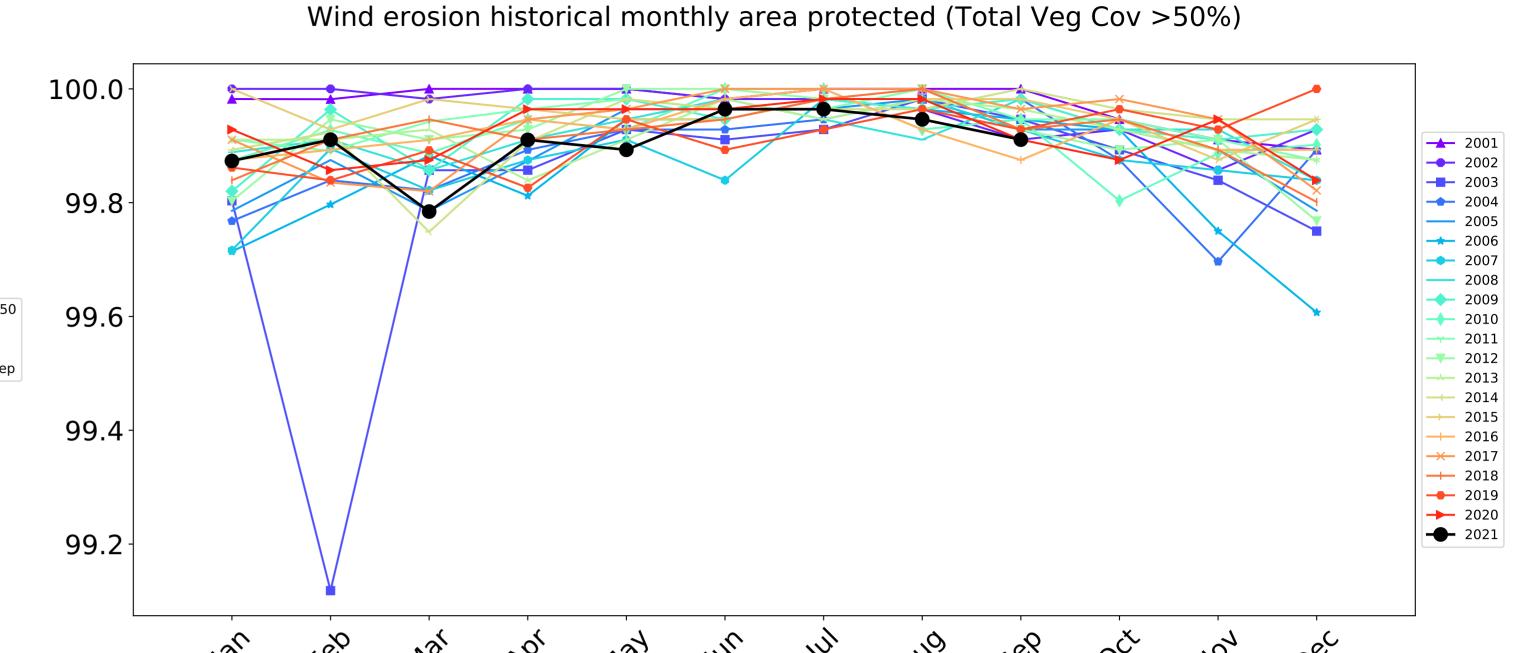




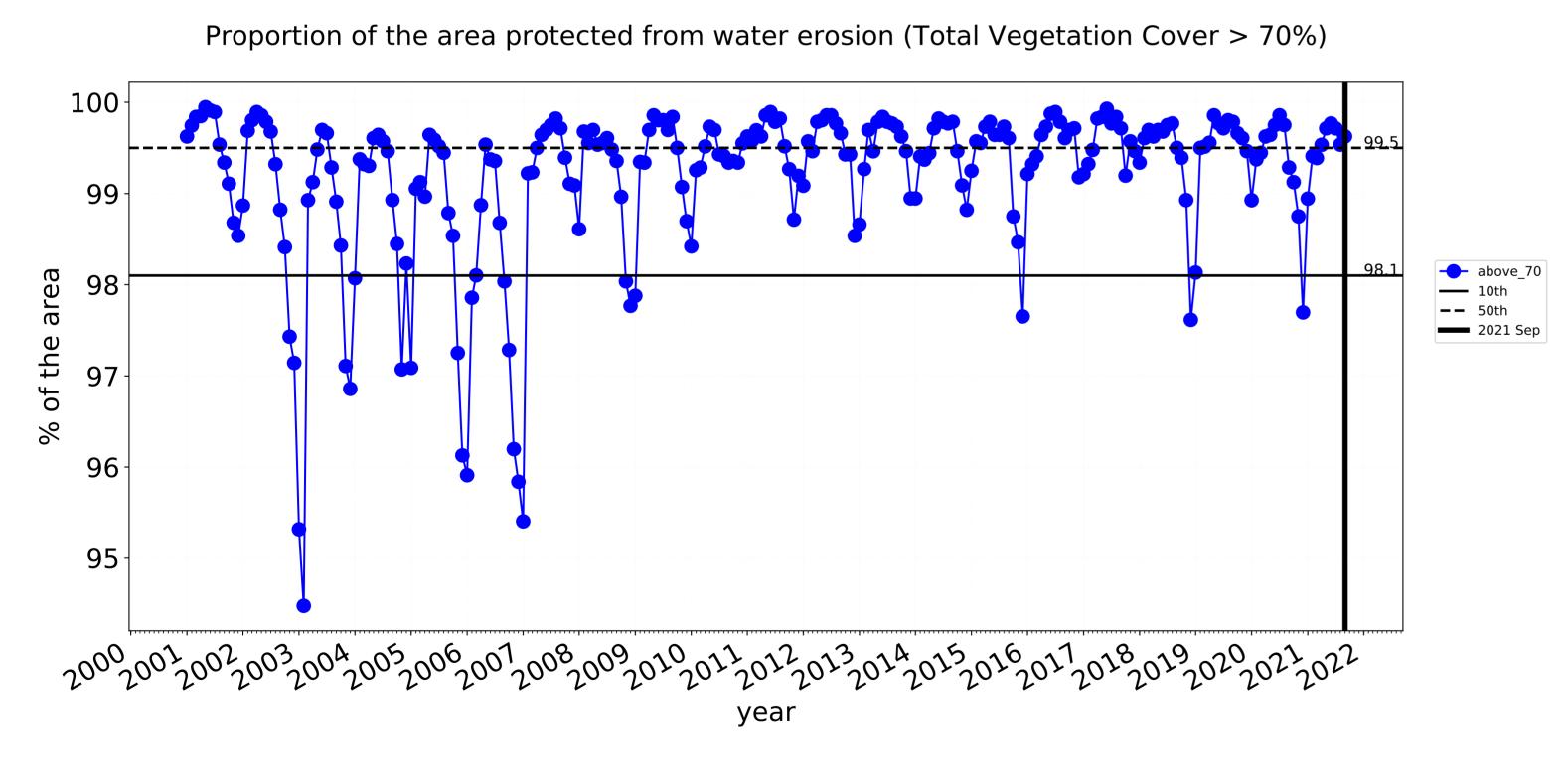


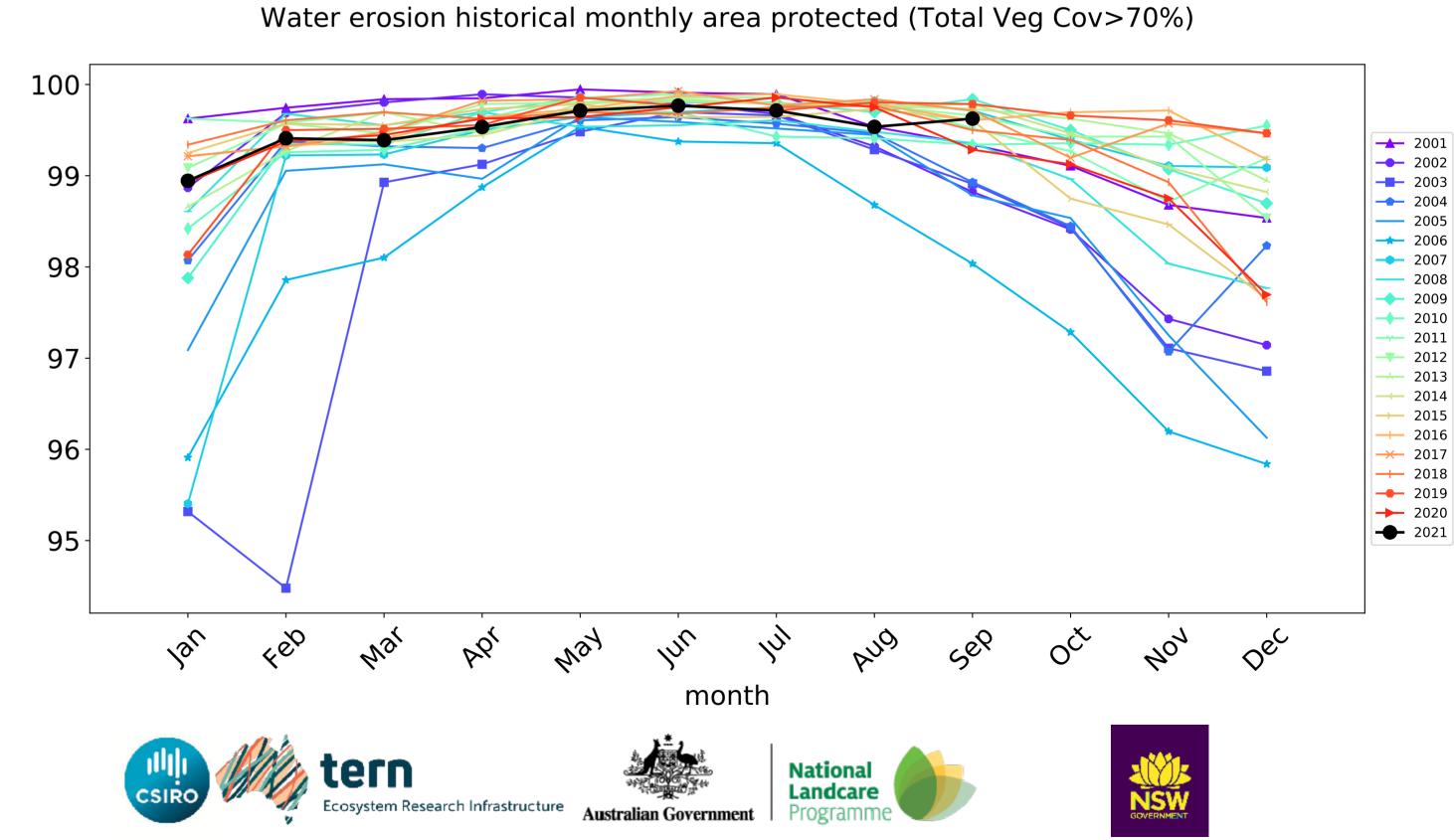
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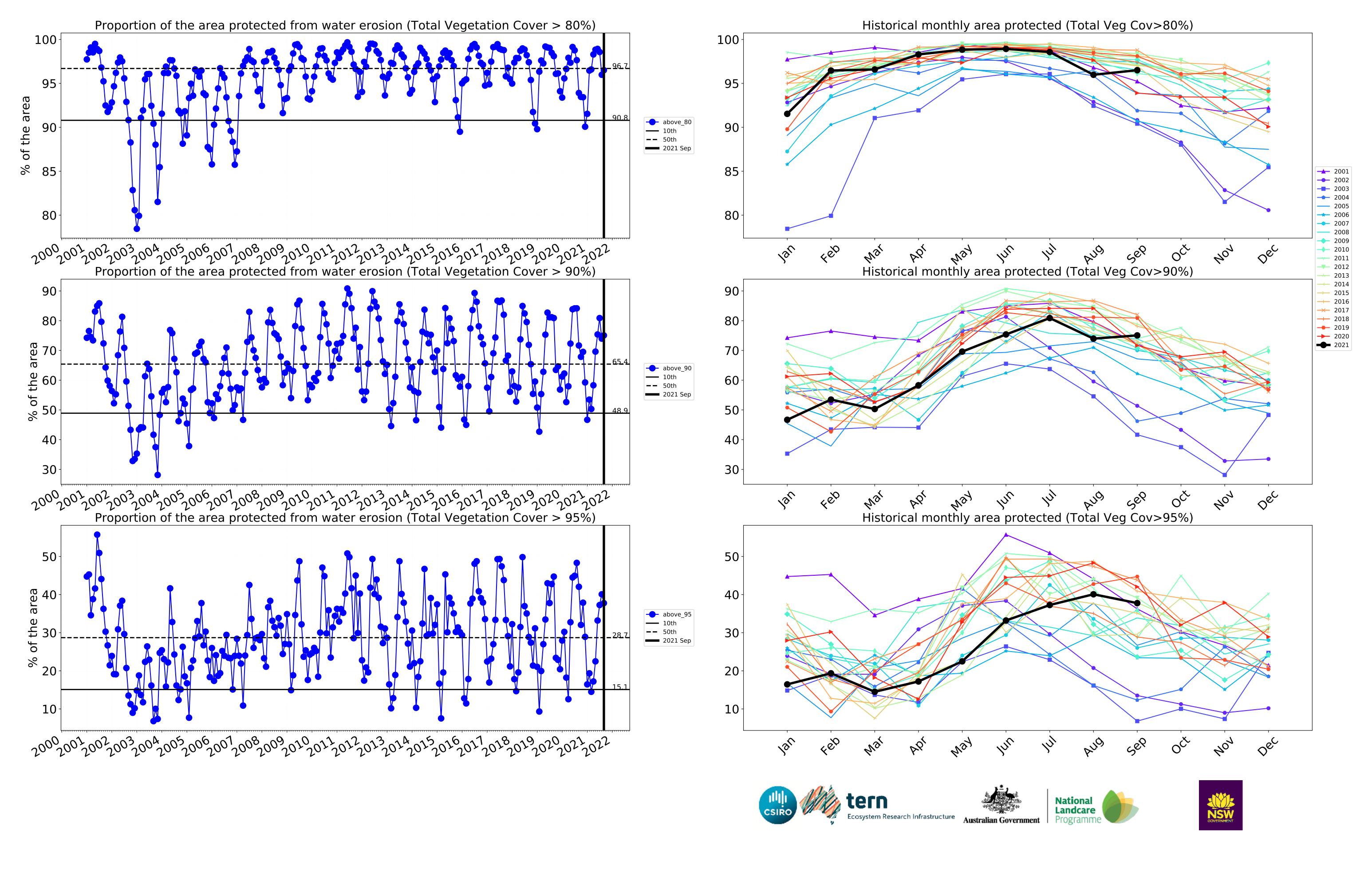




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#### **Grazing Woodland forest**

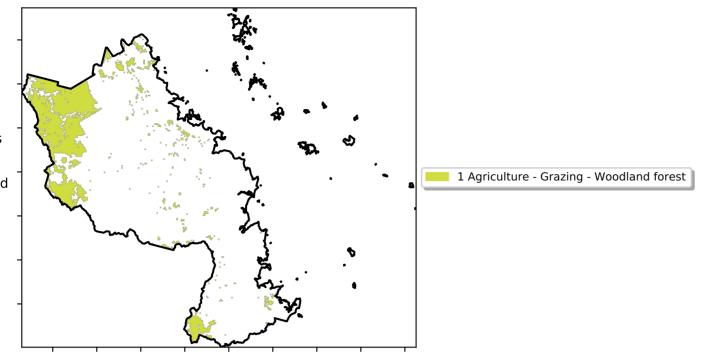
#### Land use and forest cover

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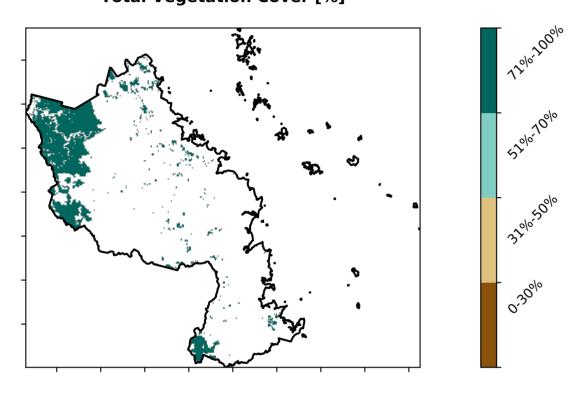
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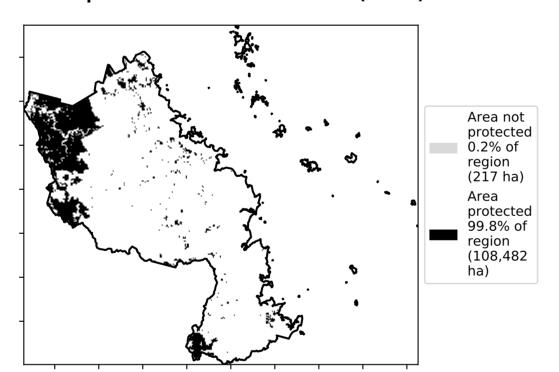
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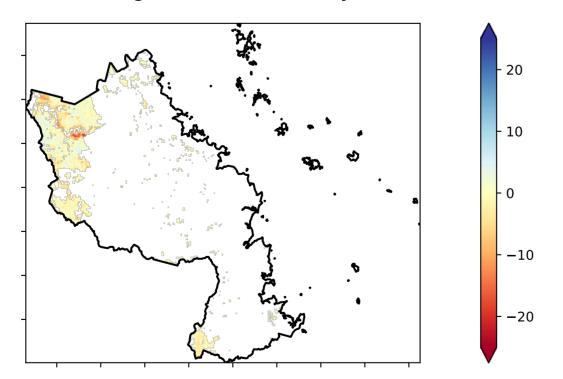
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

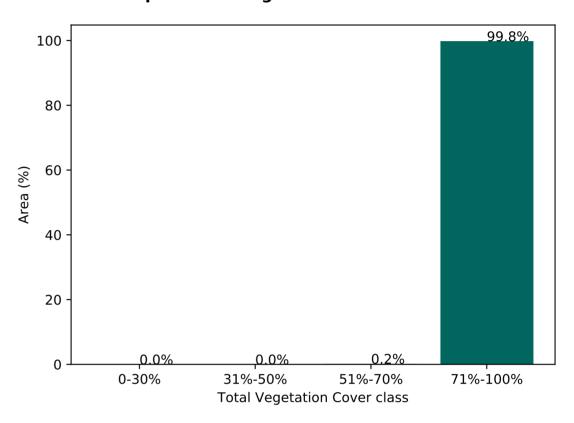


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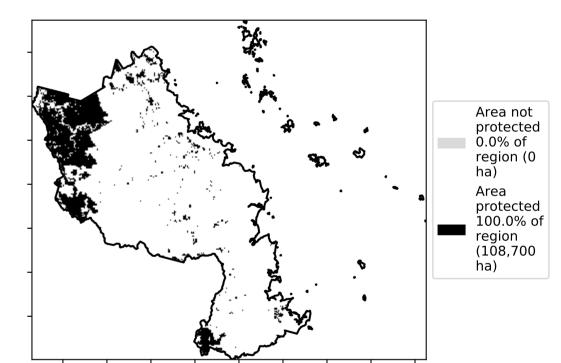


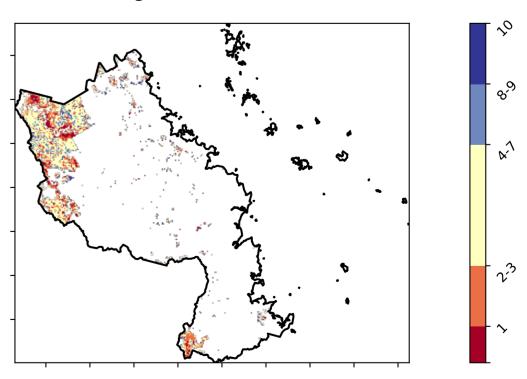
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





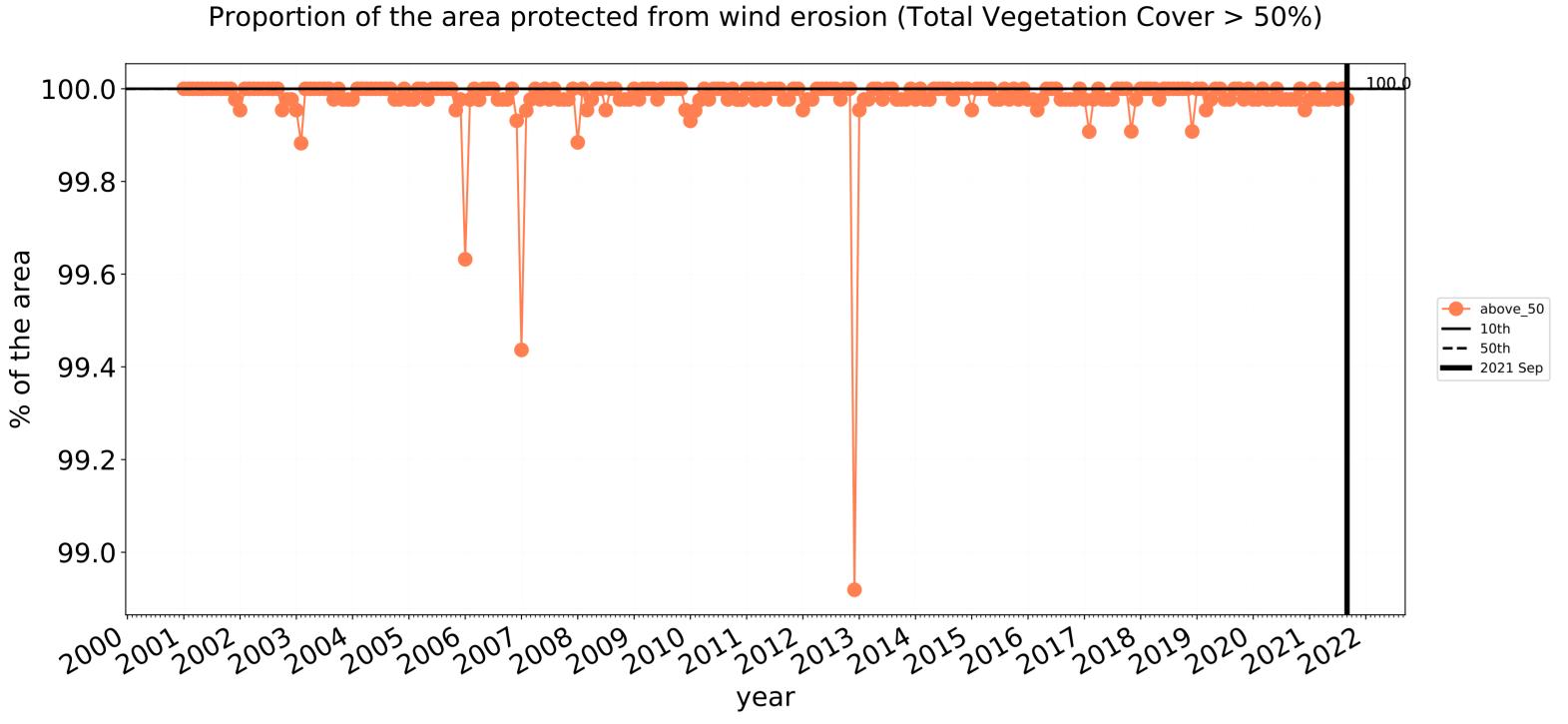


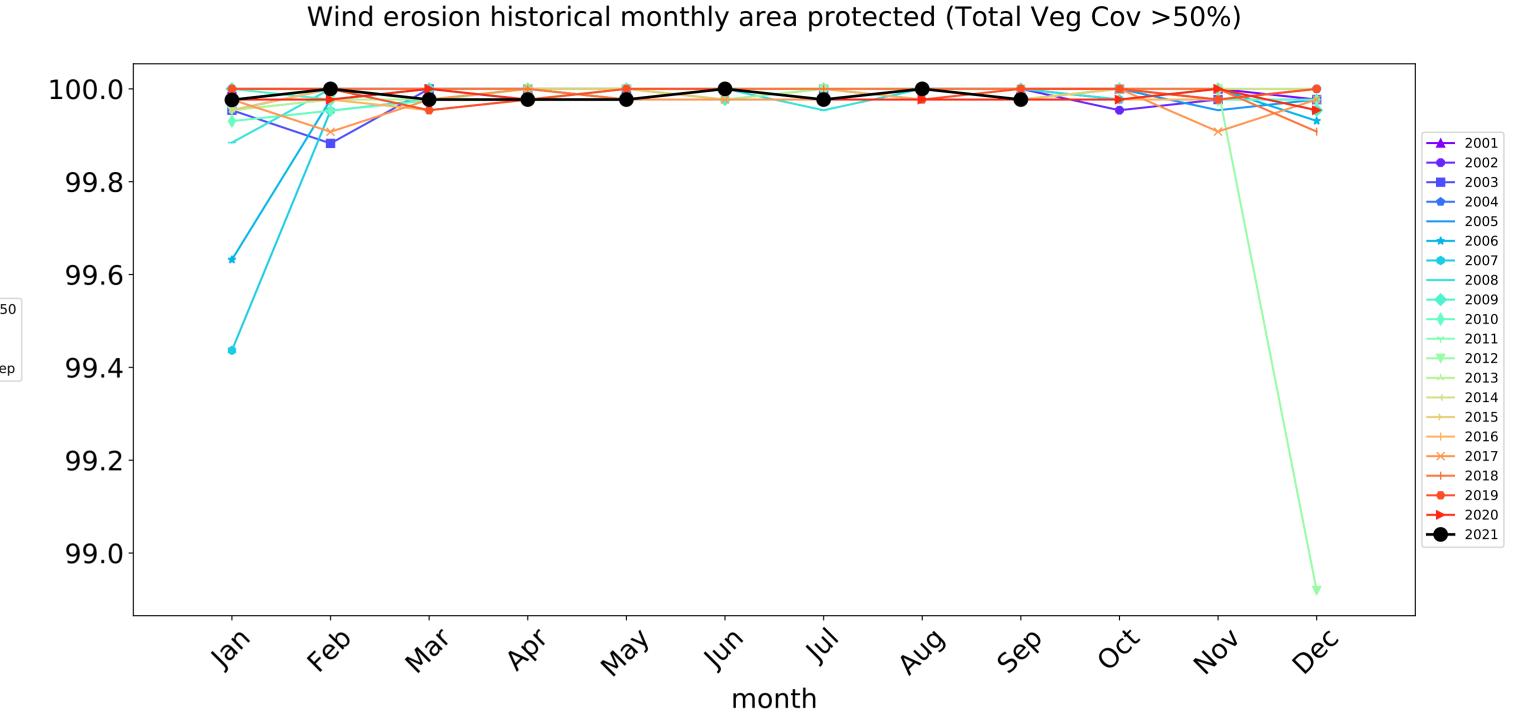


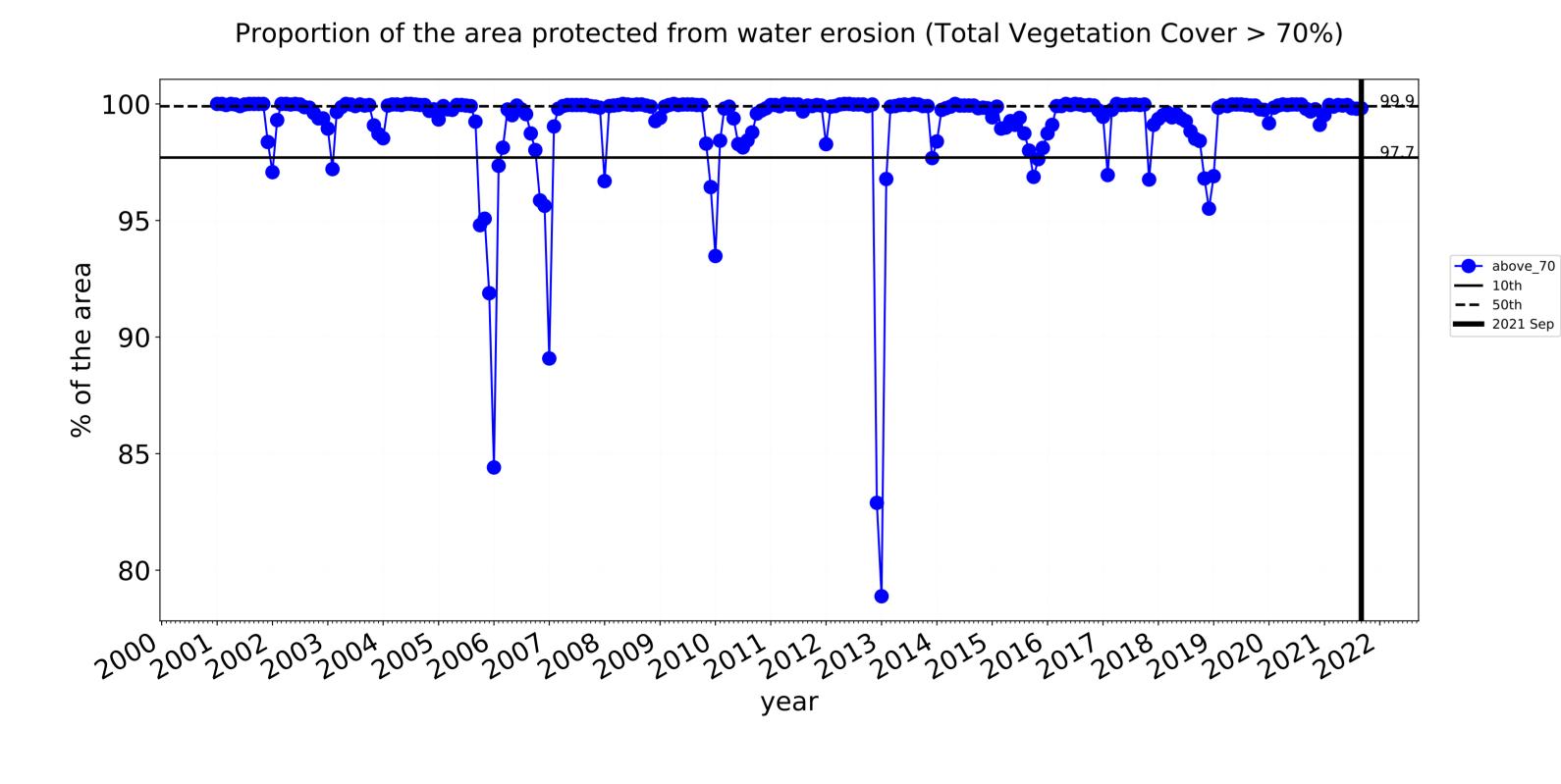


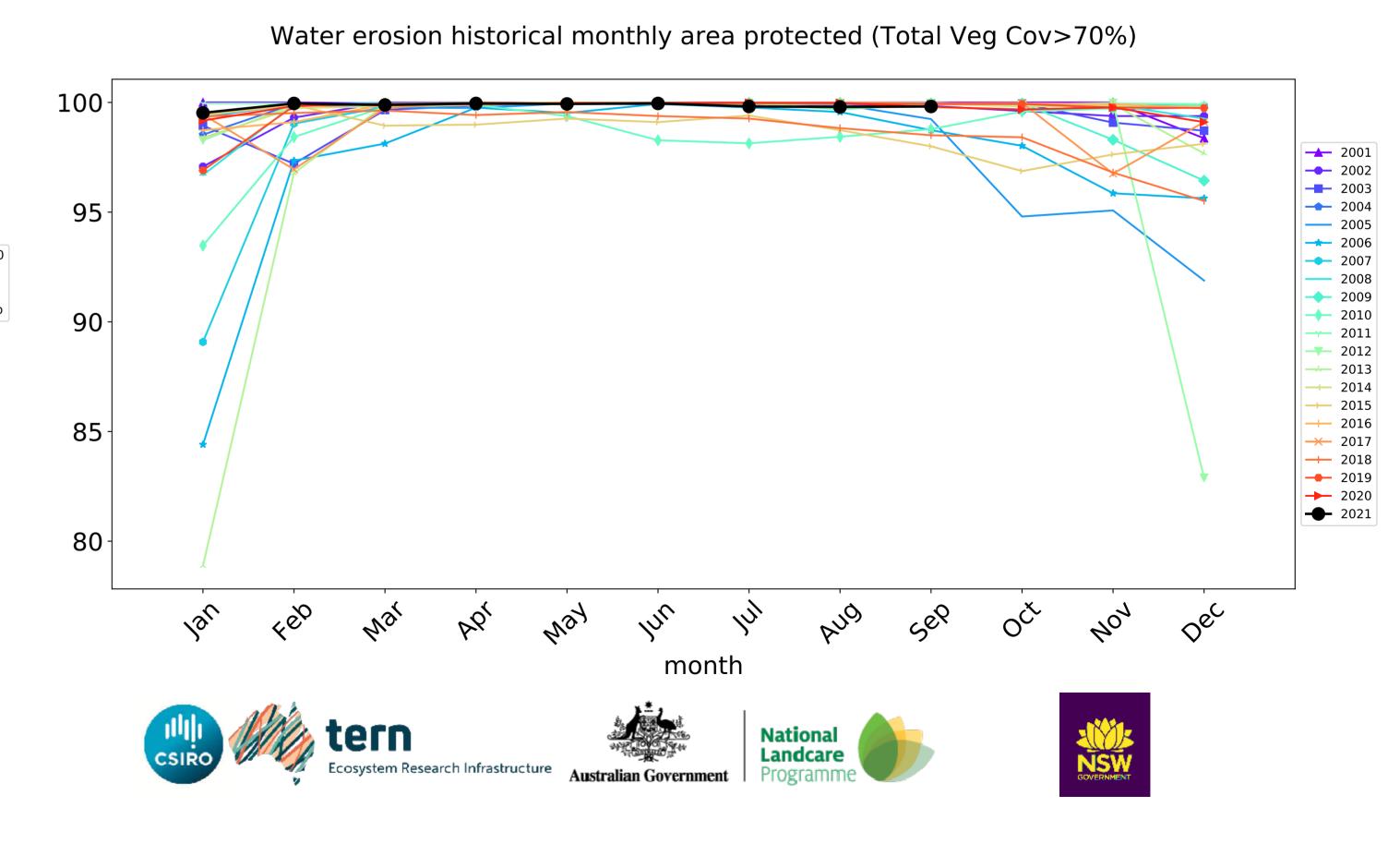


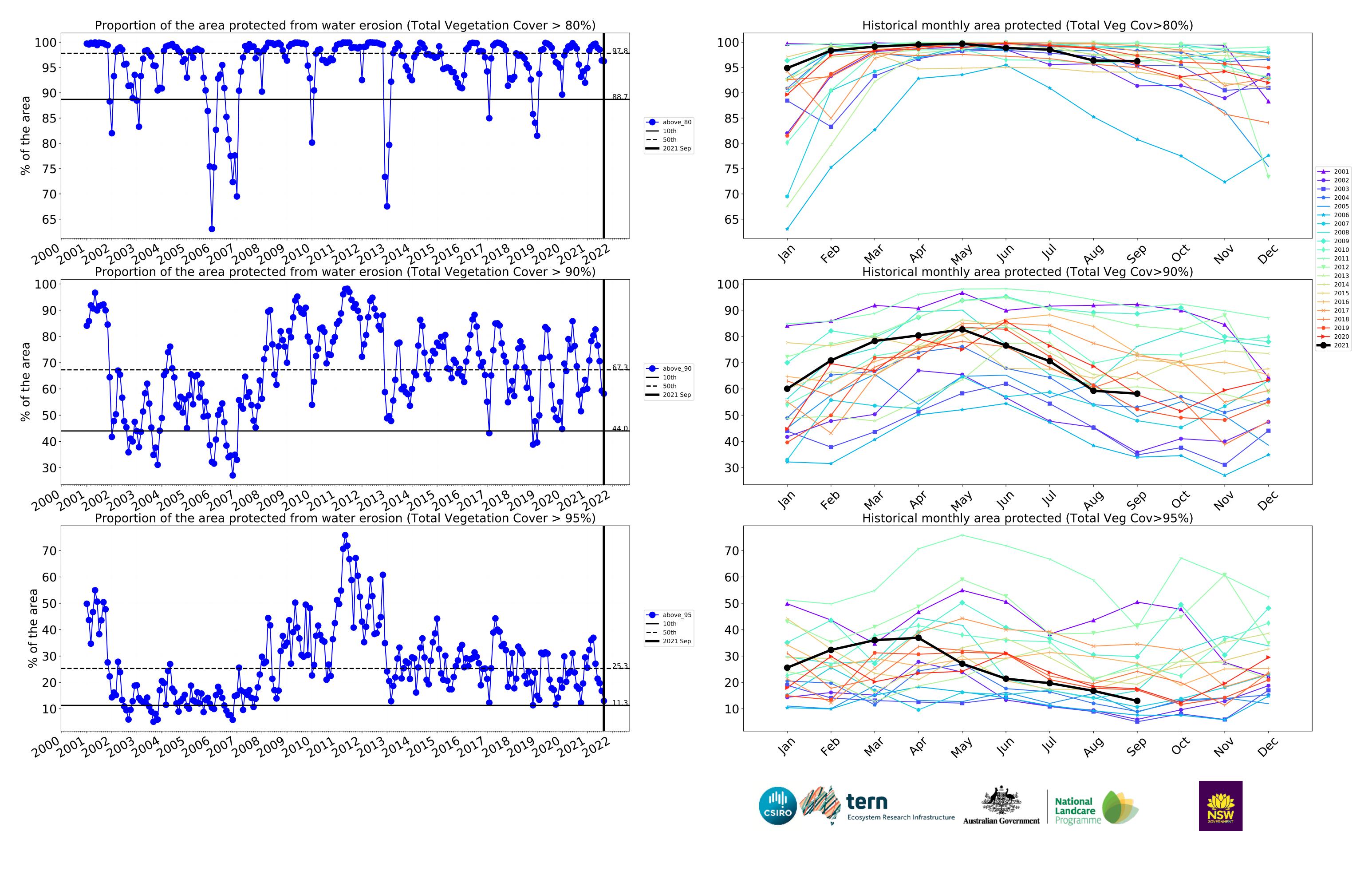
#### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**











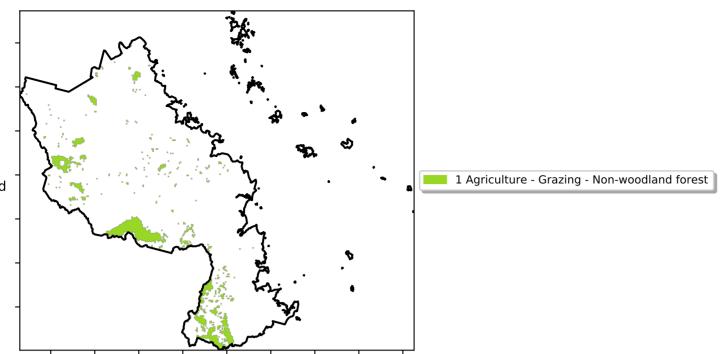
#### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

#### Land use and forest cover

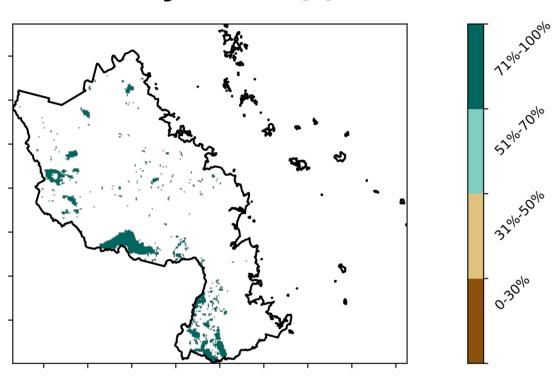
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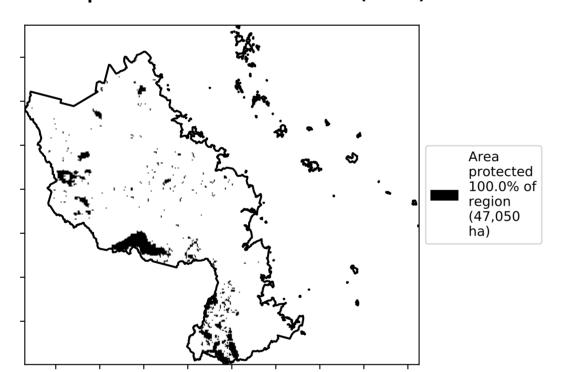
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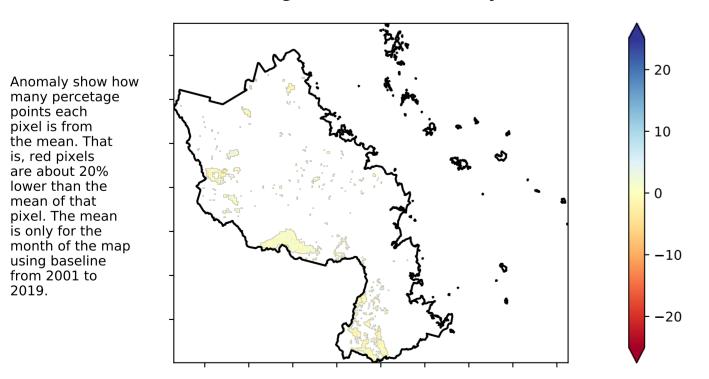
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

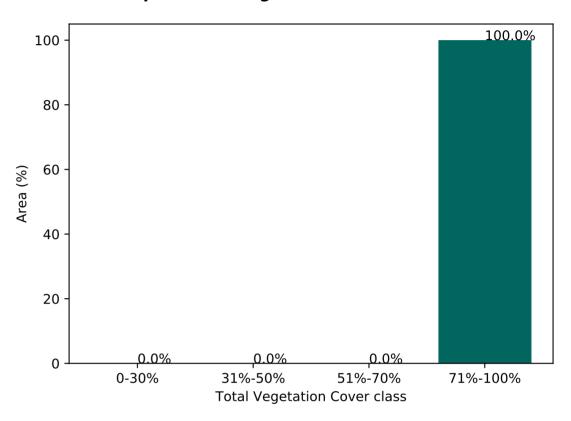


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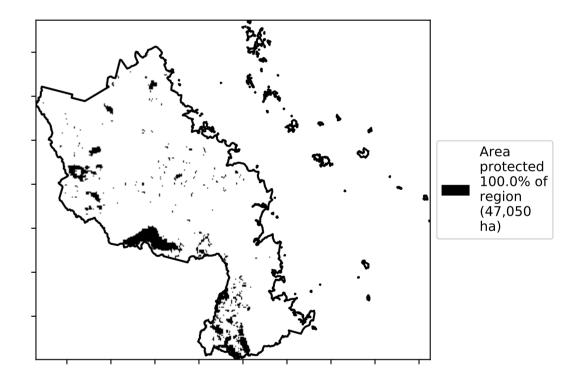


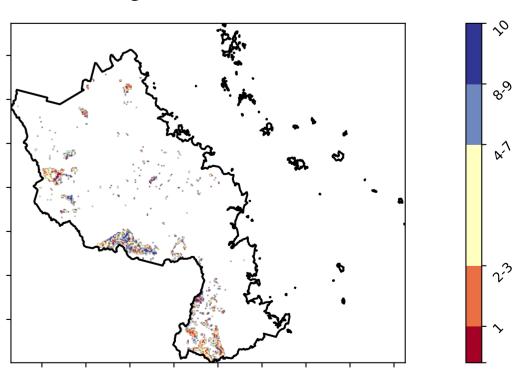
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



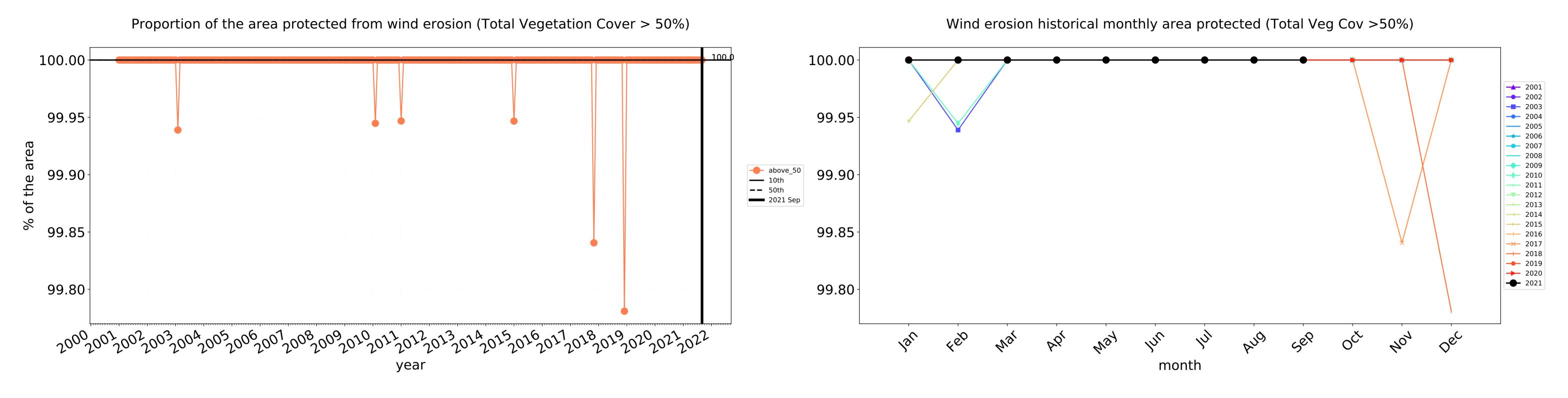


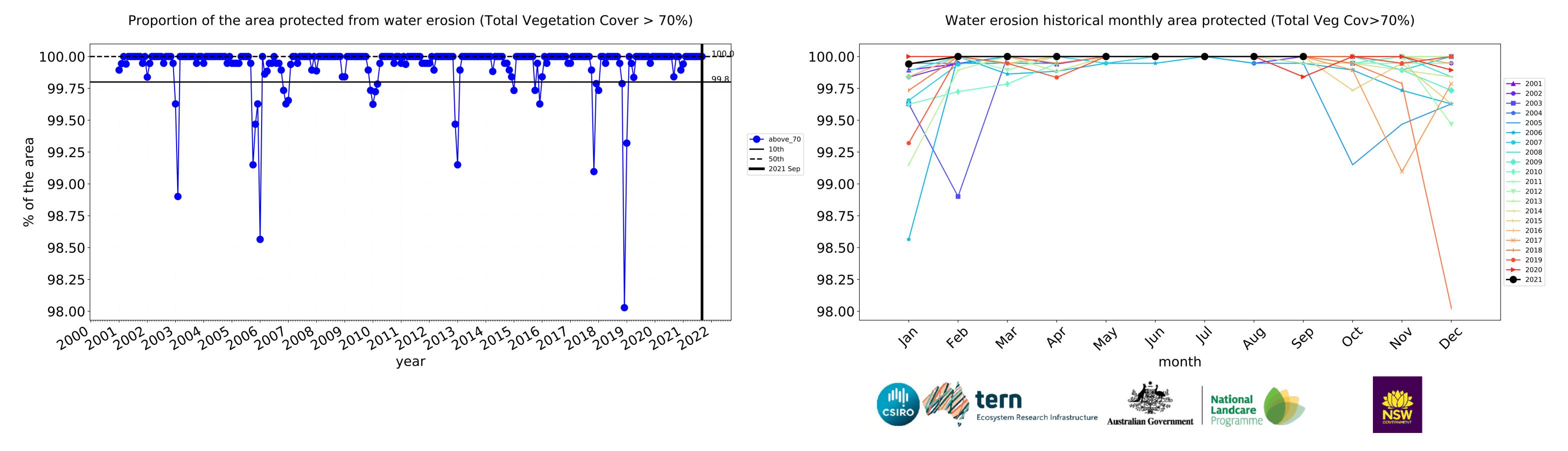


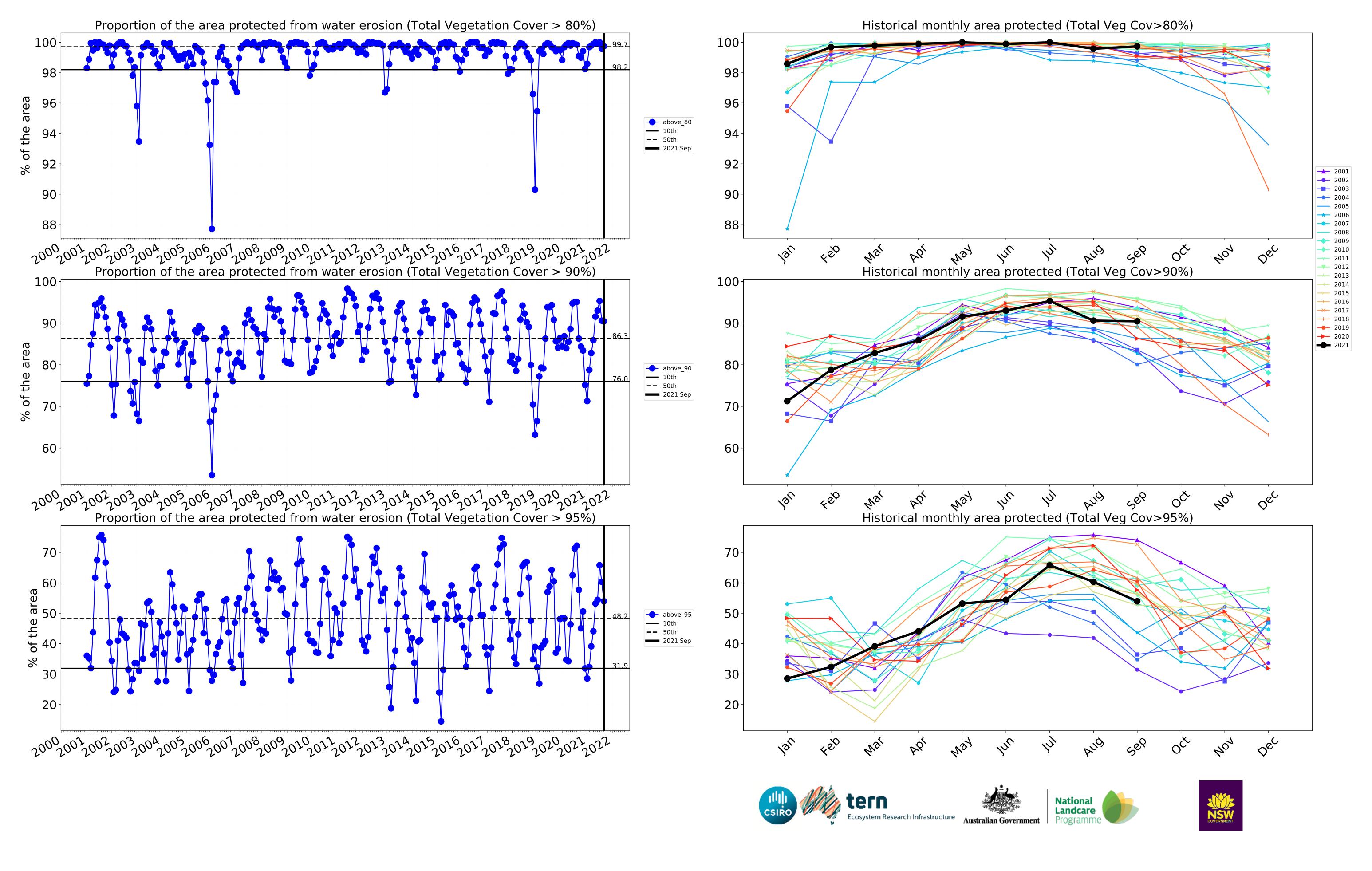






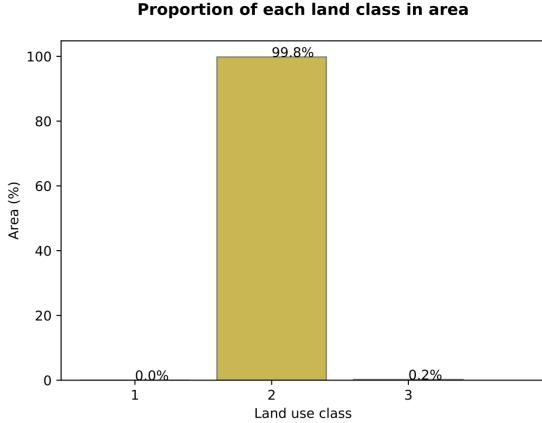


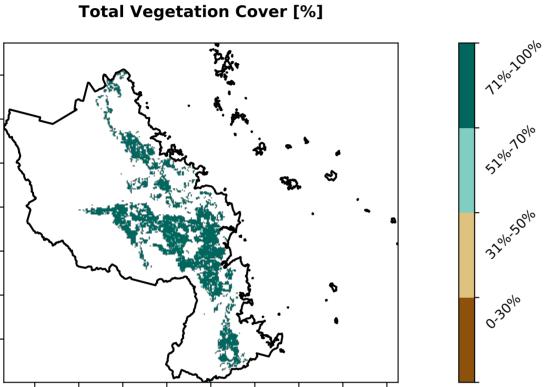


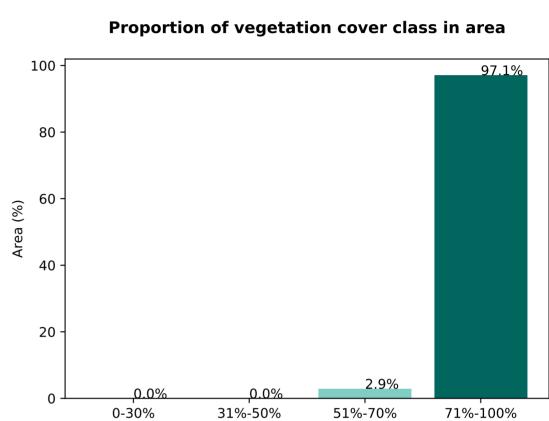


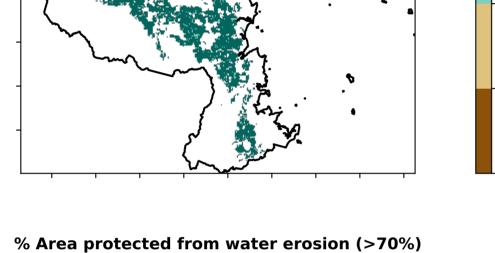
#### Irrigation

# Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated



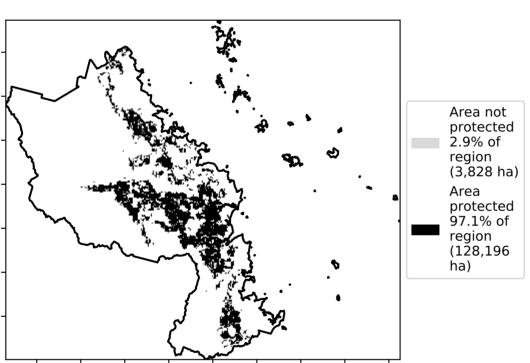


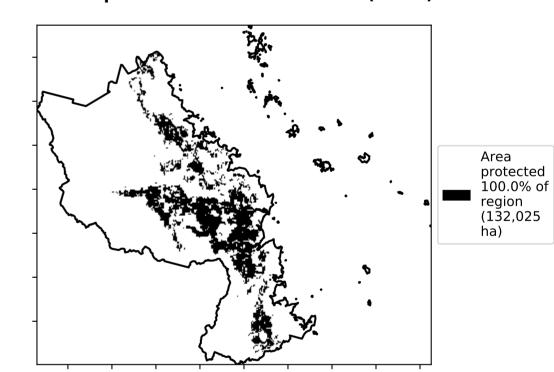


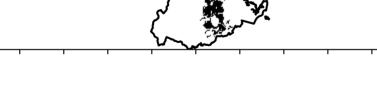


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

**Total Vegetation Cover class** 



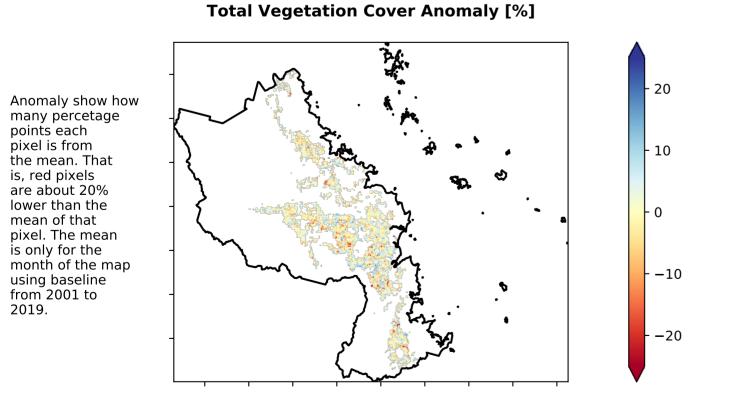


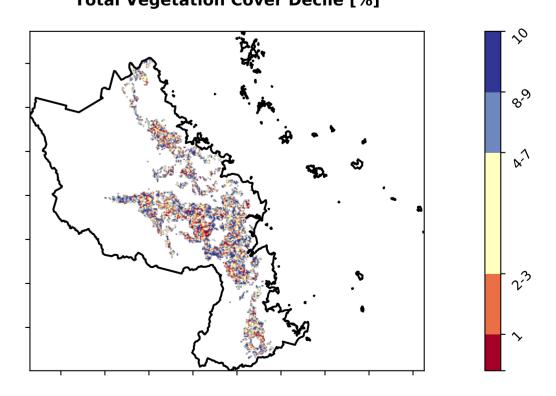


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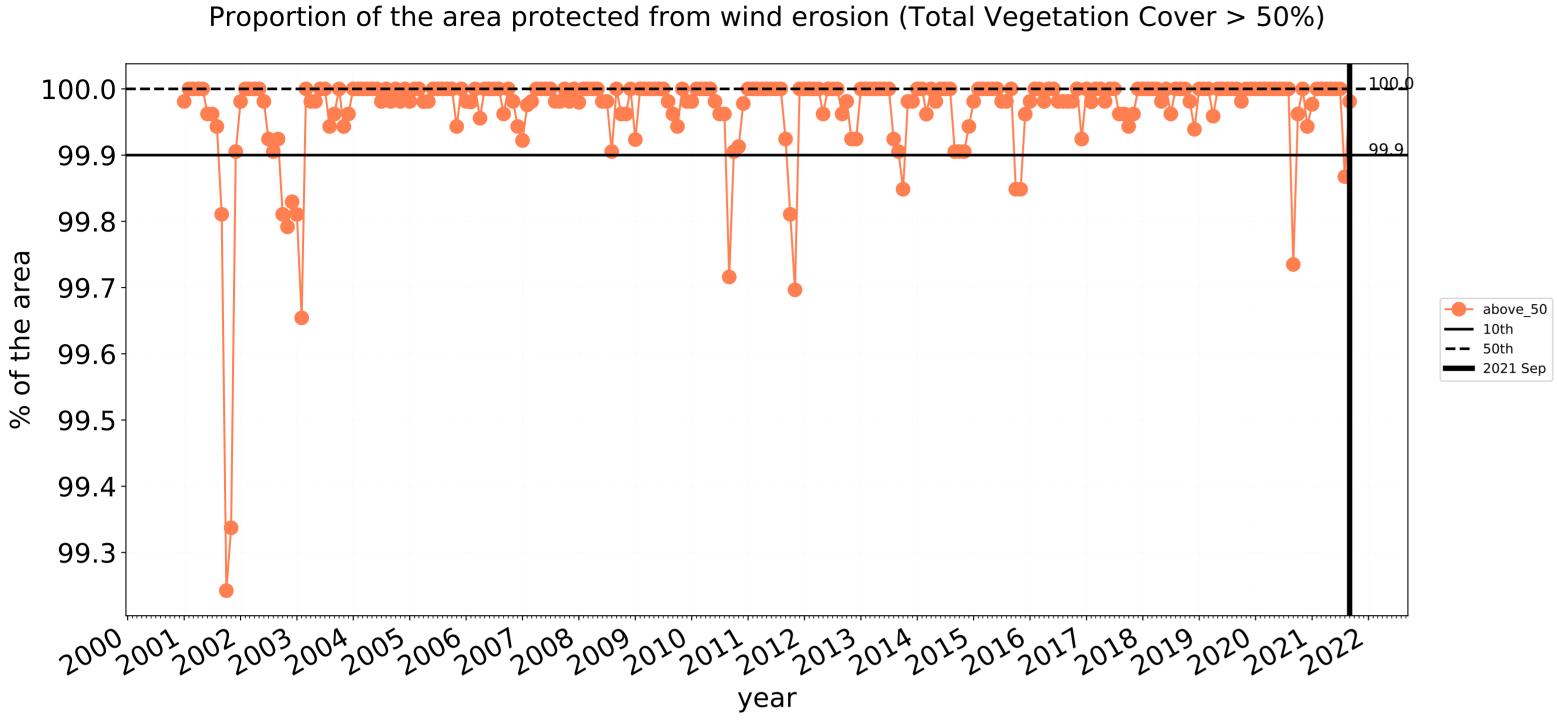


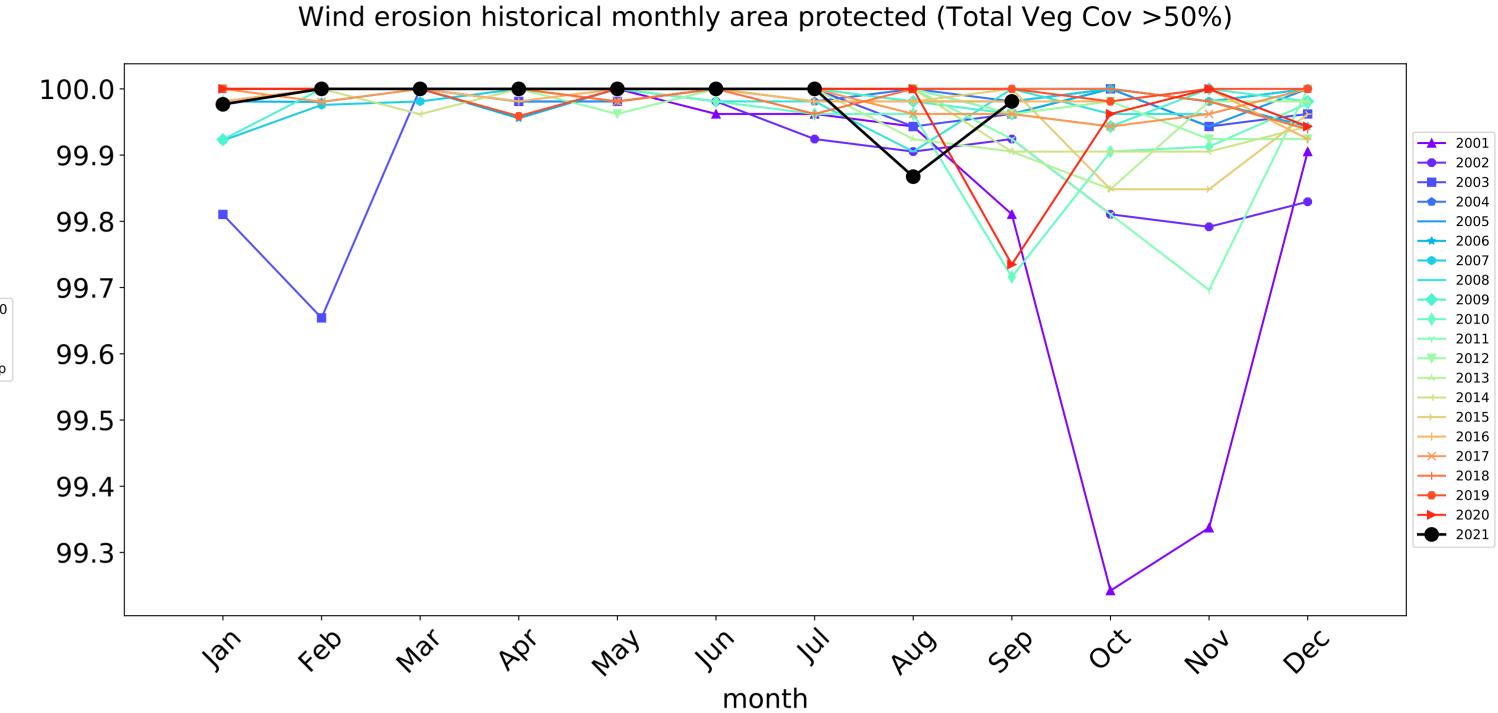
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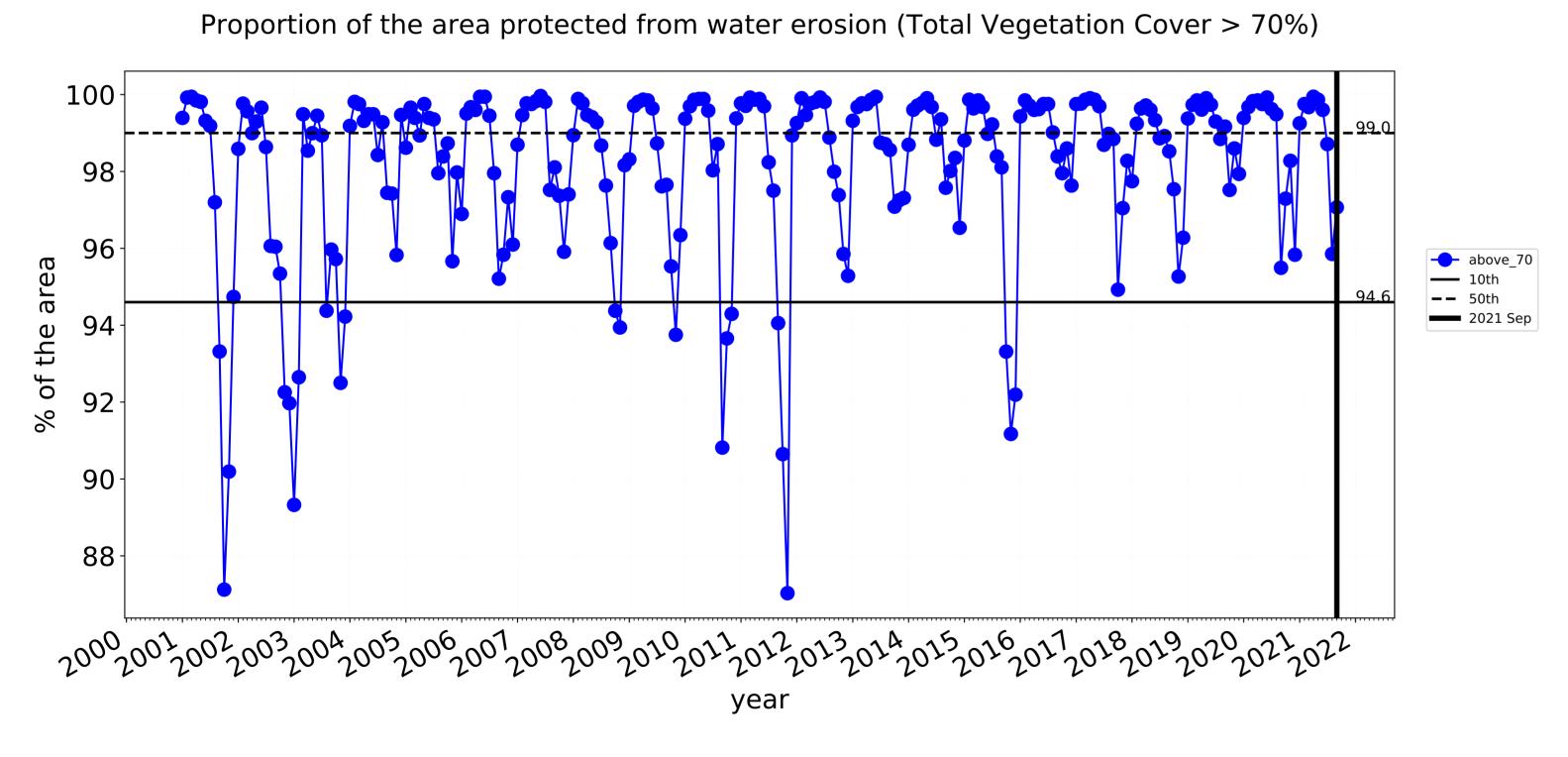


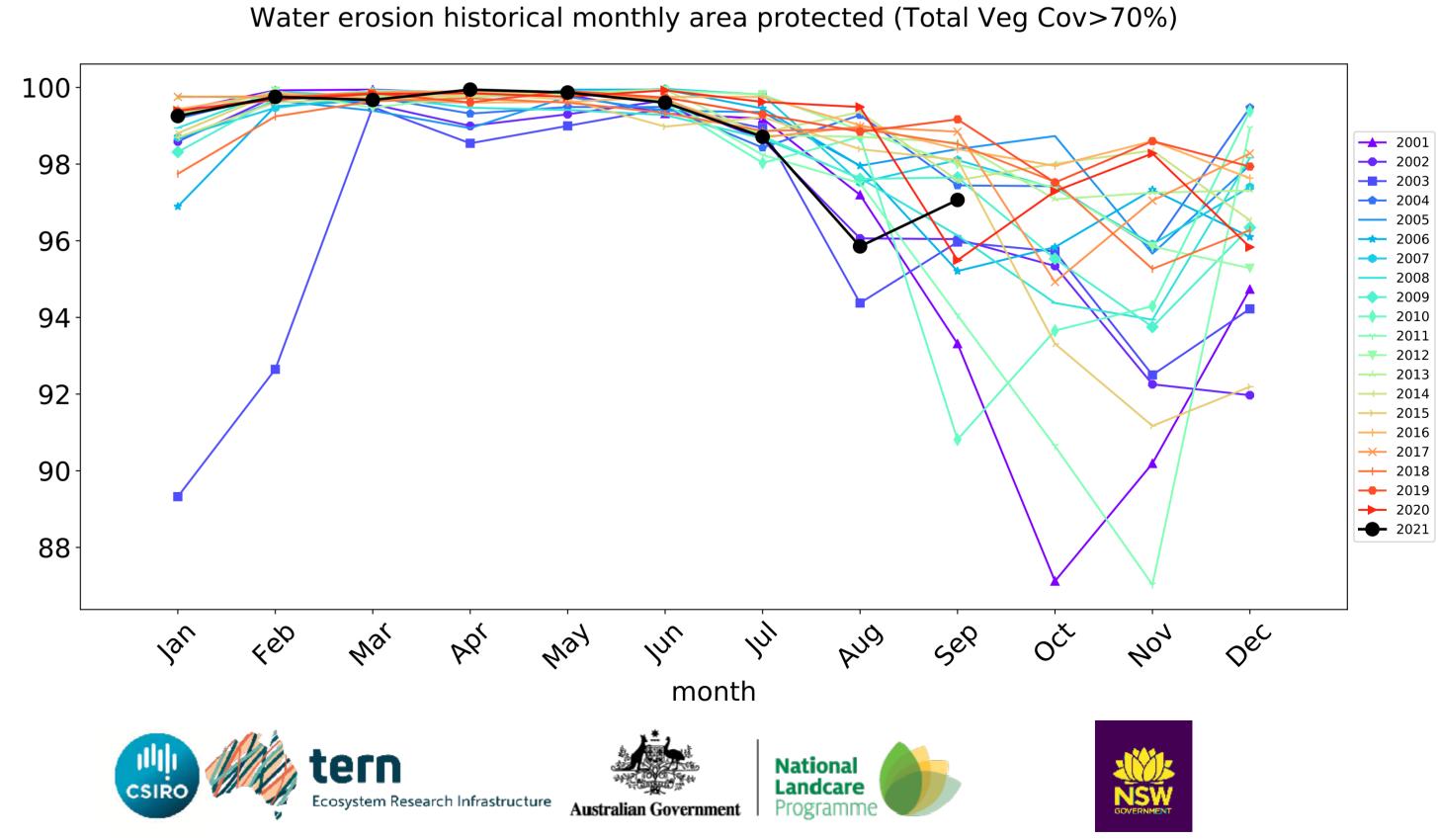


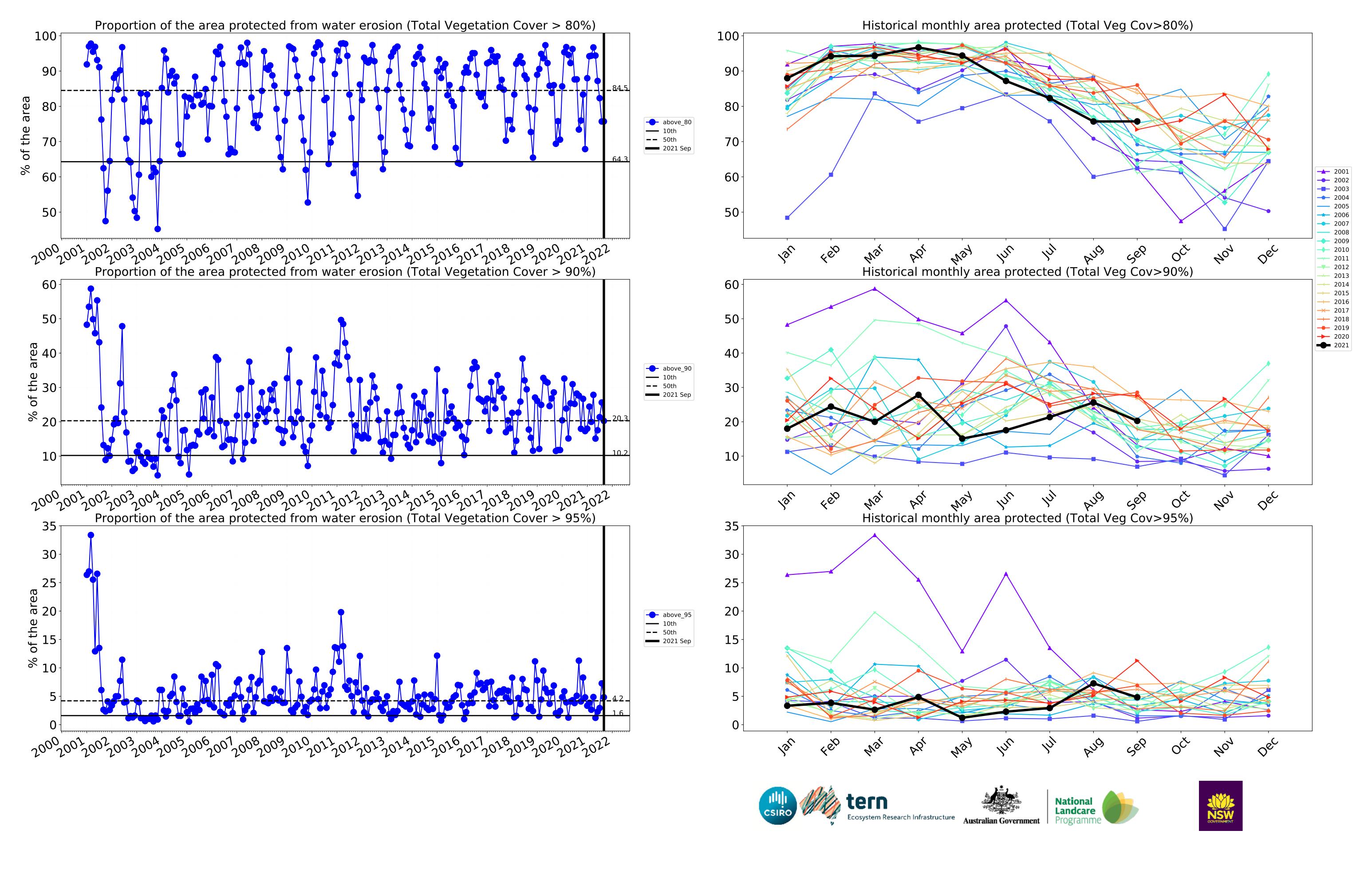
#### Irrigation timeseries











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

#### Land use and forest cover

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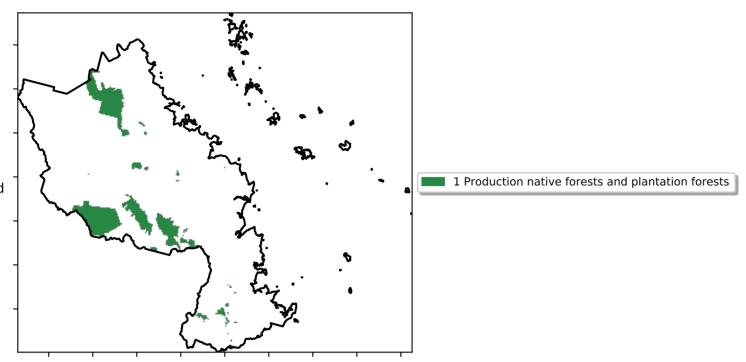
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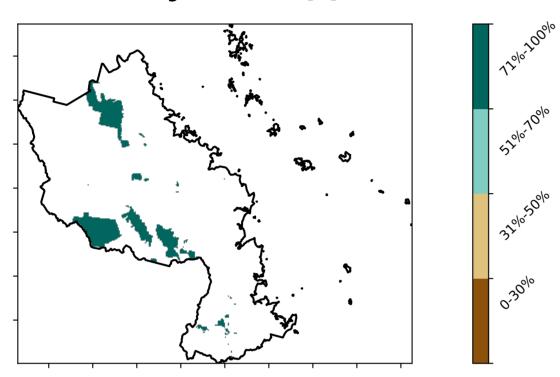
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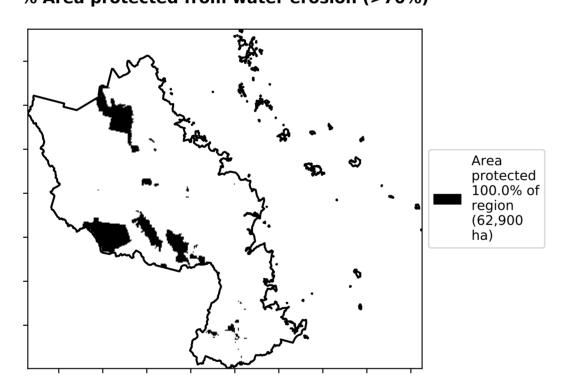
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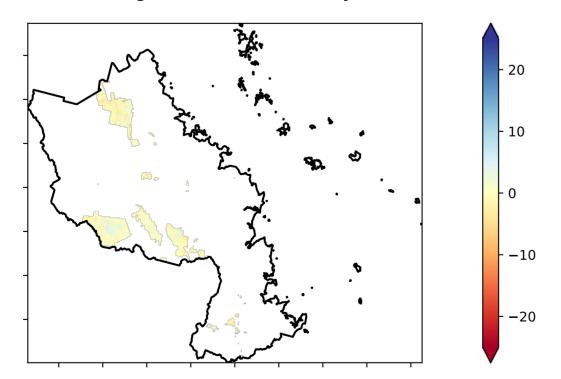
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

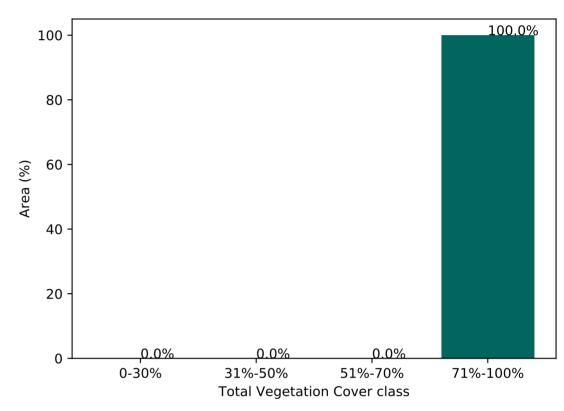


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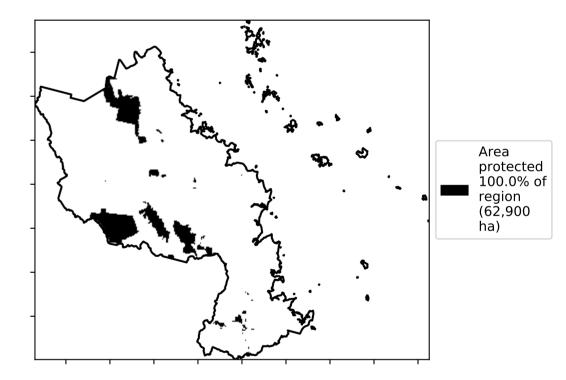


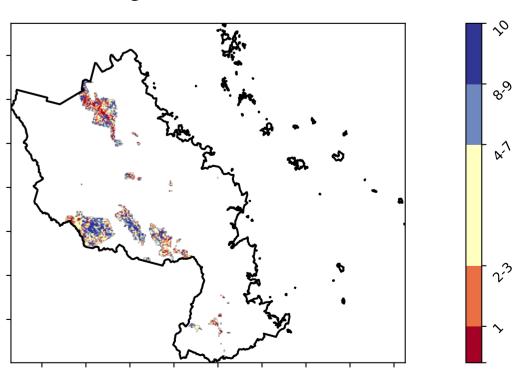
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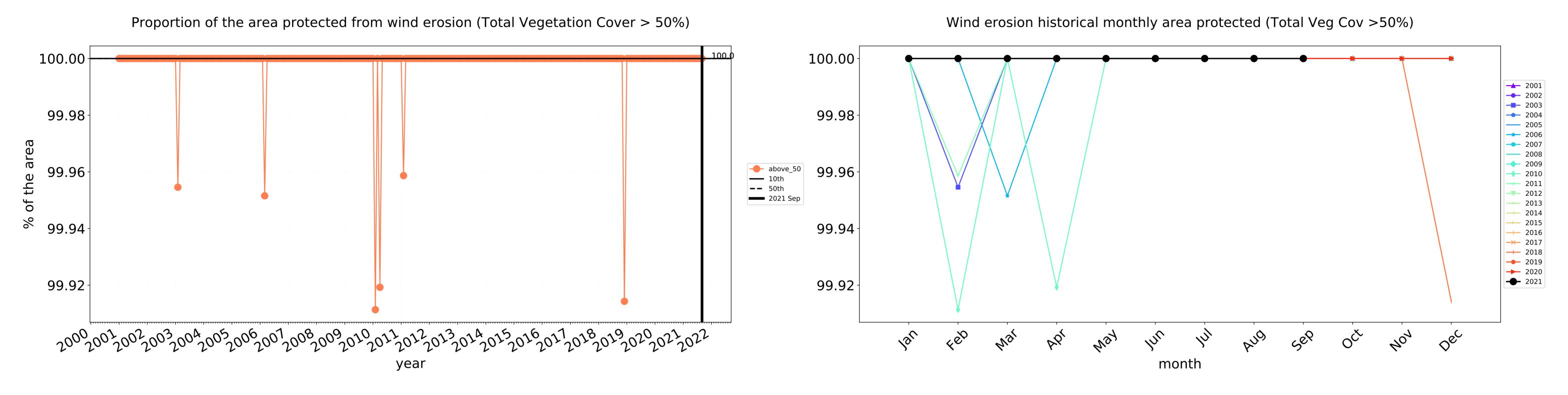


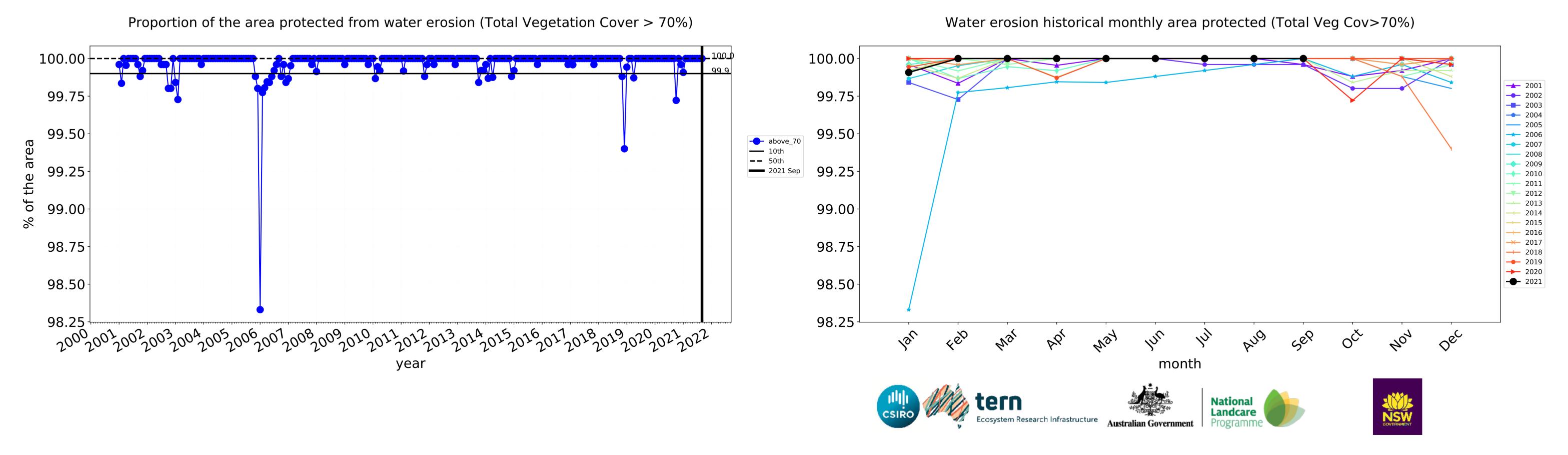


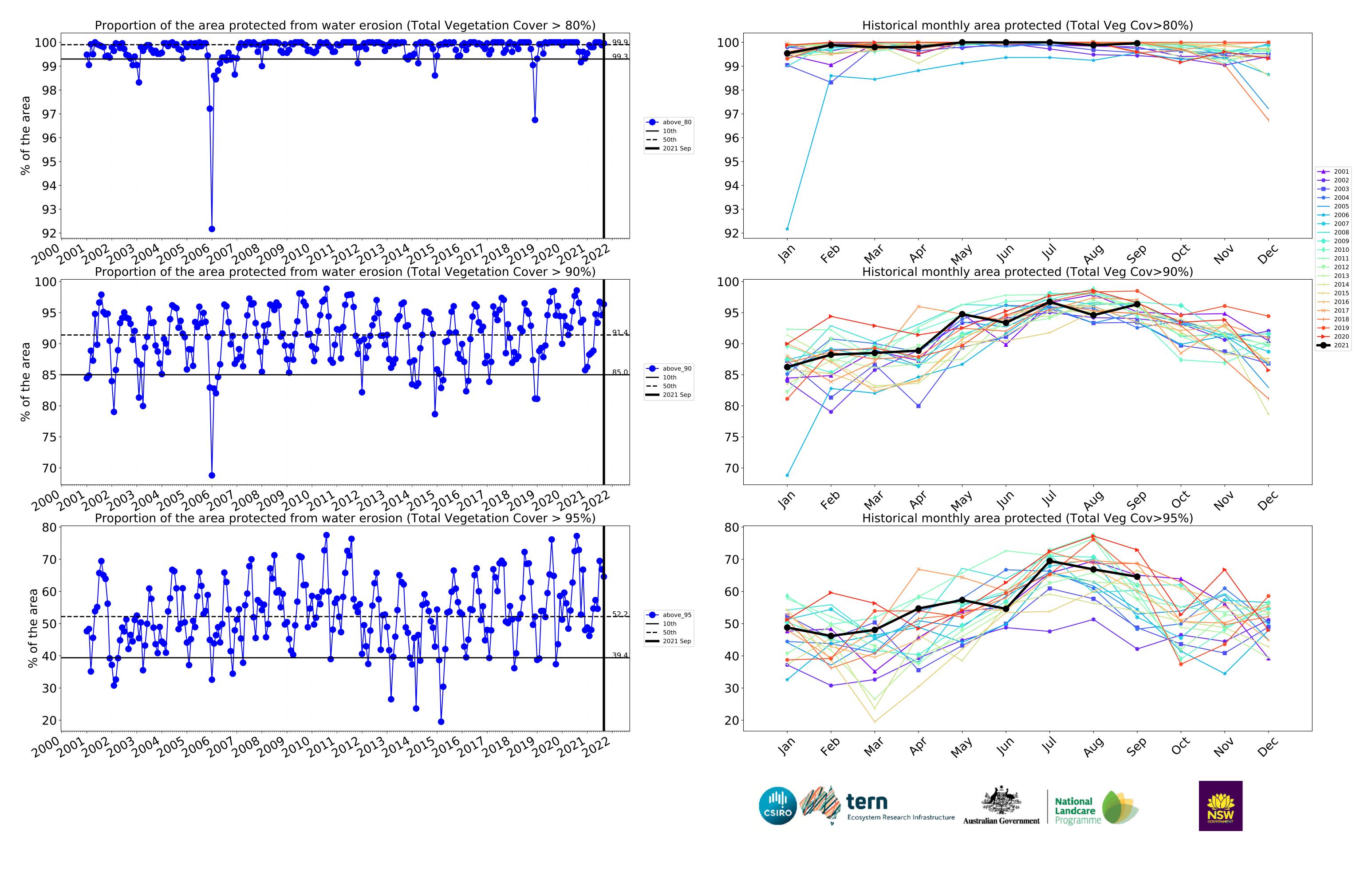




#### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







## Mackay\_(R) (750,225 ha and no data 11,086 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	750,225	99.9% 749,800	99.8% 748,700	98.4% 737,975	91.4% 685,375	64.5% 484,250	30.4% 228,375
Conservation and natural environments	192,975	99.9% 192,850	99.8% 192,575	99.2% 191,375	97.3% 187,725	85.4% 164,850	42.5% 82,075
Conservation and natural environments non forest	5,225	100.0% 5,225	98.1% 5,125	90.9% 4,750	79.9% 4,175	47.8% 2,500	19.1% 1,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	37,425	99.9% 37,375	99.7% 37,300	98.5% 36,850	93.2% 34,875	74.3% 27,825	36.1% 13,500
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	150,325	100.0% 150,250	99.9% 150,150	99.6% 149,775	98.9% 148,675	89.5% 134,525	45.0% 67,575
Agriculture	428,500	100.0% 428,475	100.0% 428,325	98.9% 423,900	90.4% 387,350	55.6% 238,350	23.2% 99,200
Grazing	295,875	100.0% 295,850	99.9% 295,725	99.8% 295,150	96.9% 286,775	71.3% 211,000	31.2% 92,425
Grazing non forest	140,125	100.0% 140,125	99.9% 140,000	99.6% 139,600	96.5% 135,225	75.1% 105,175	37.8% 52,925
Grazing Woodland forest	108,700	100.0% 108,675	100.0% 108,675	99.8% 108,500	96.3% 104,625	58.2% 63,275	13.0% 14,125
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	99.7% 46,925	90.4% 42,550	53.9% 25,375
Irrigation	132,025	100.0% 132,025	100.0% 132,000	97.1% 128,150	75.7% 99,975	20.3% 26,750	4.8% 6,375
Production native forests and plantation forests	62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,875	96.3% 60,600	64.6% 40,625







