# 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: January 2022

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 Jan 2022**

## Land use and forest cover

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Derived from

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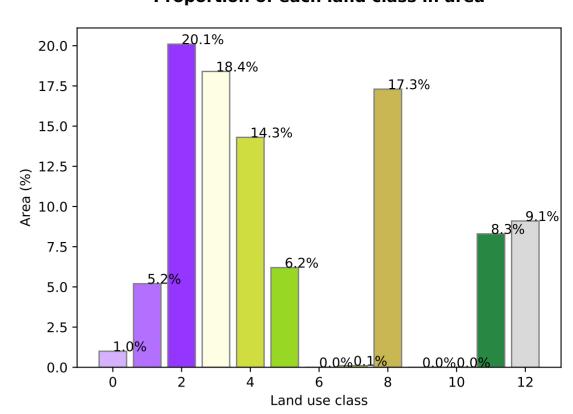
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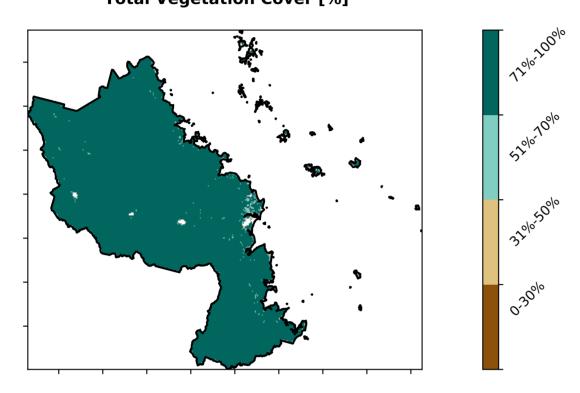
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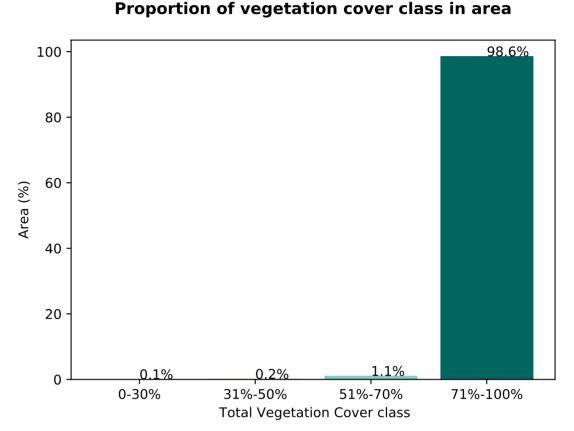
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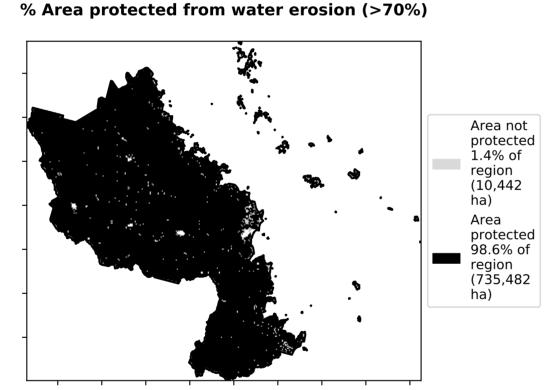
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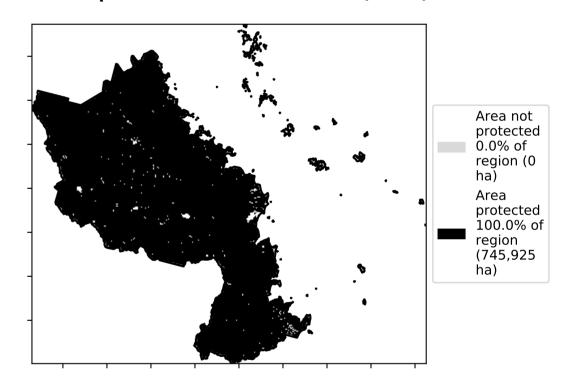
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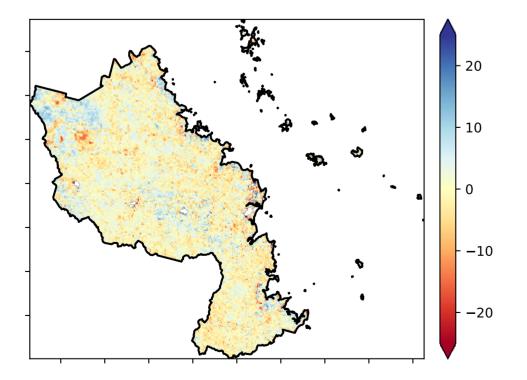




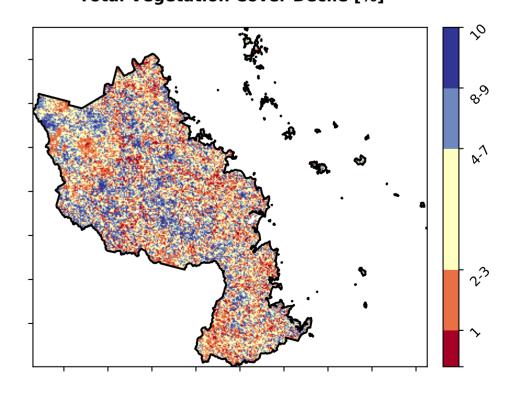
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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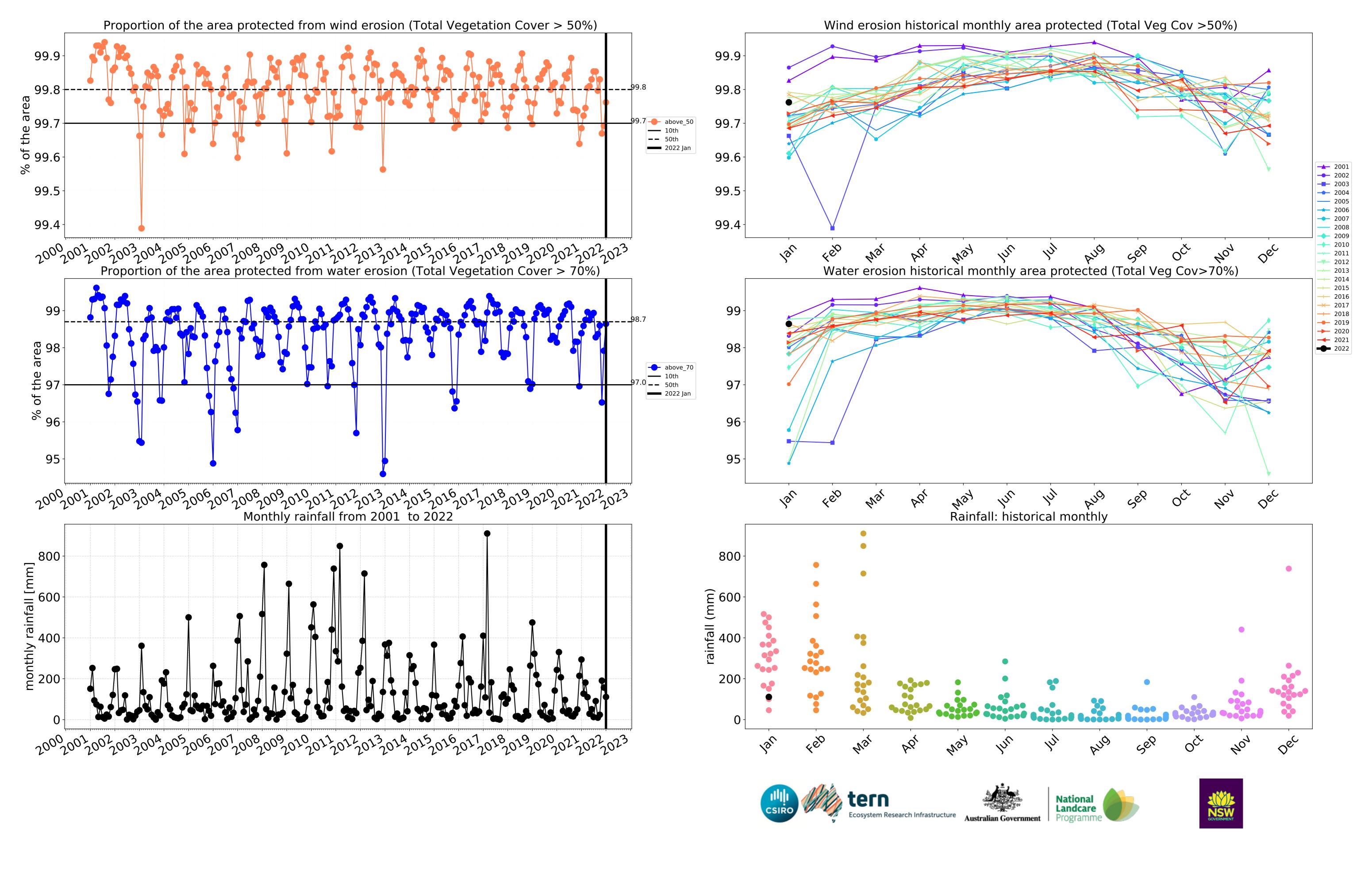


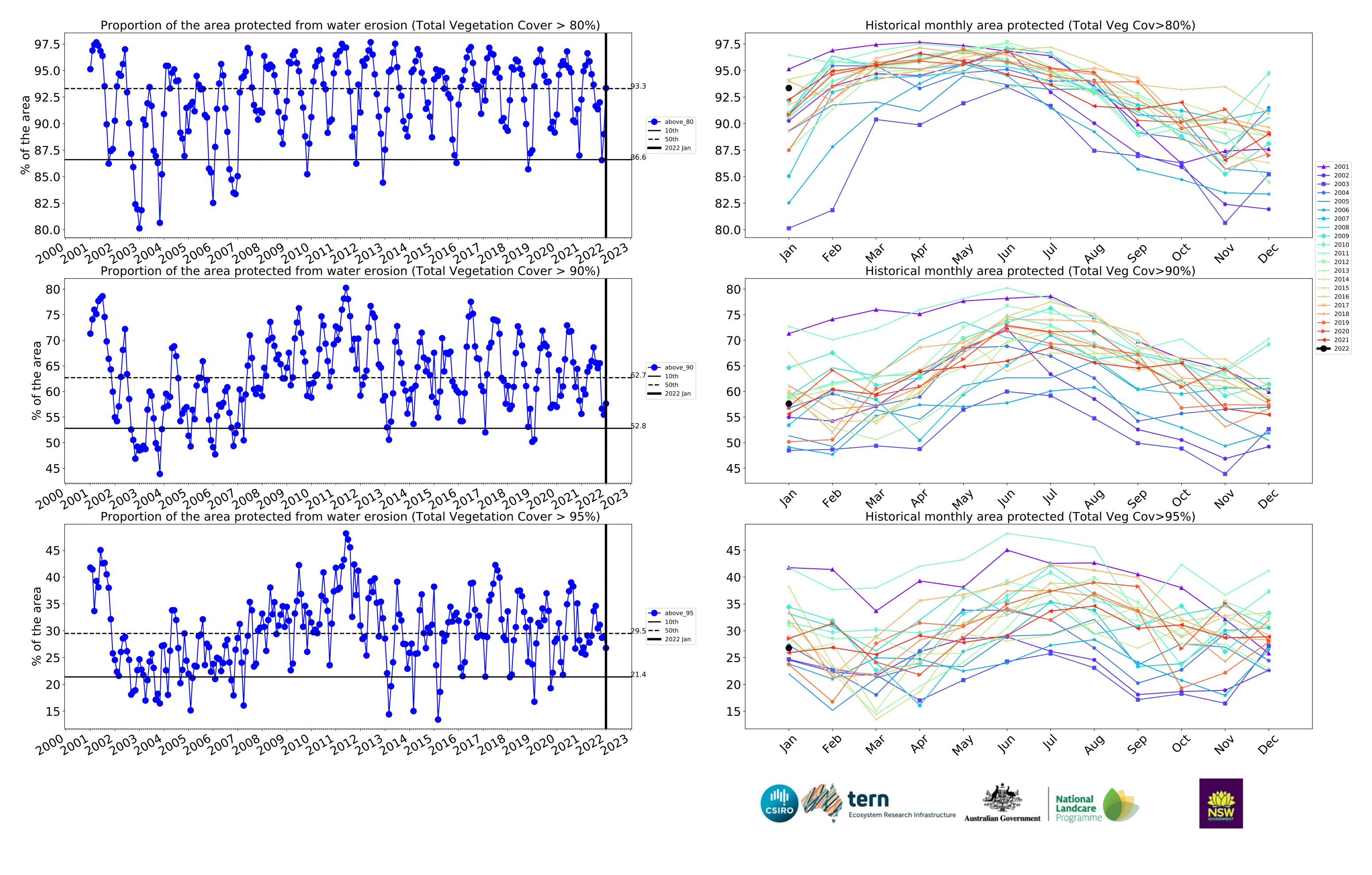










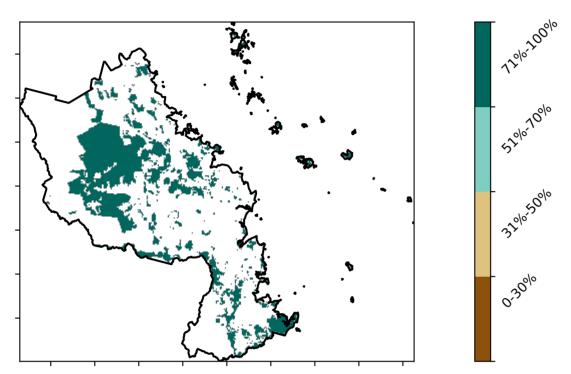


# **Conservation and natural environments**

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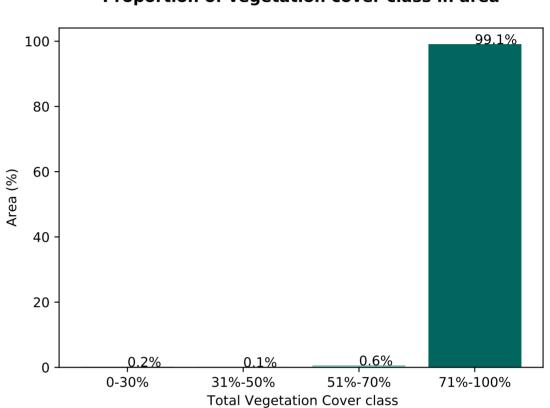
# **Proportion of each land class in area** 80 76.5% 70 60 50 Area (%) 30 19.8% 20 10 3.7% 1.0 2.0 2.5 1.5 -0.50.0 0.5

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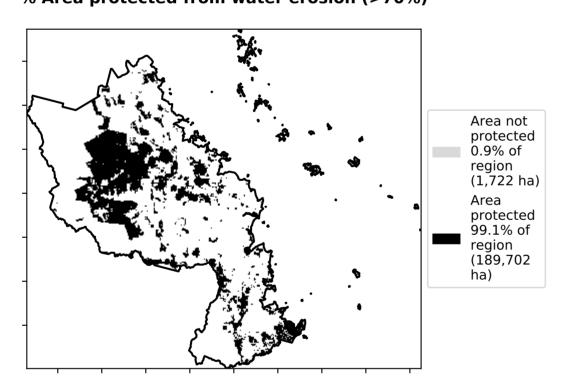


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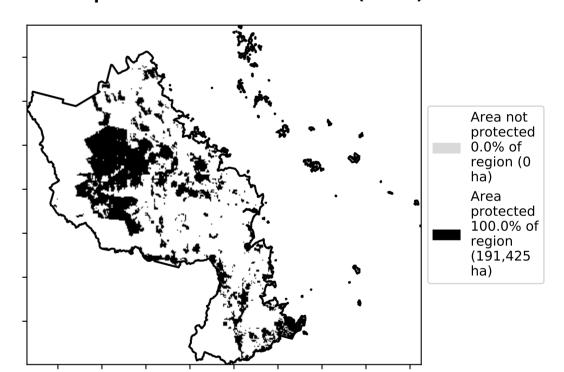
Land use class



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



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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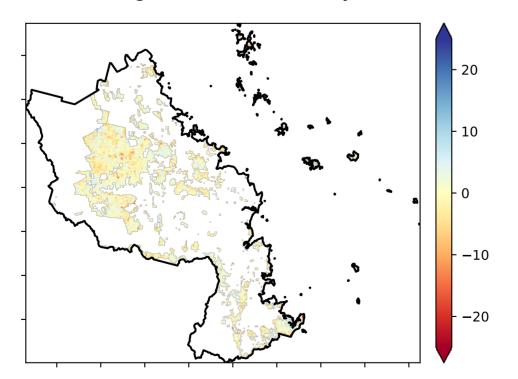
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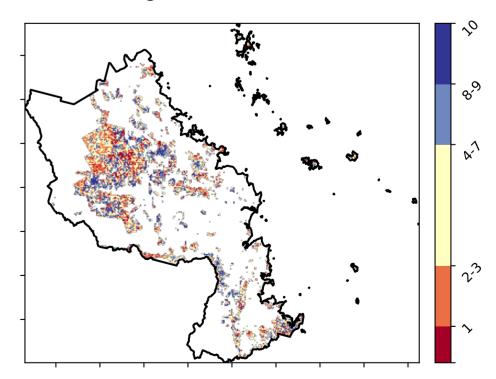
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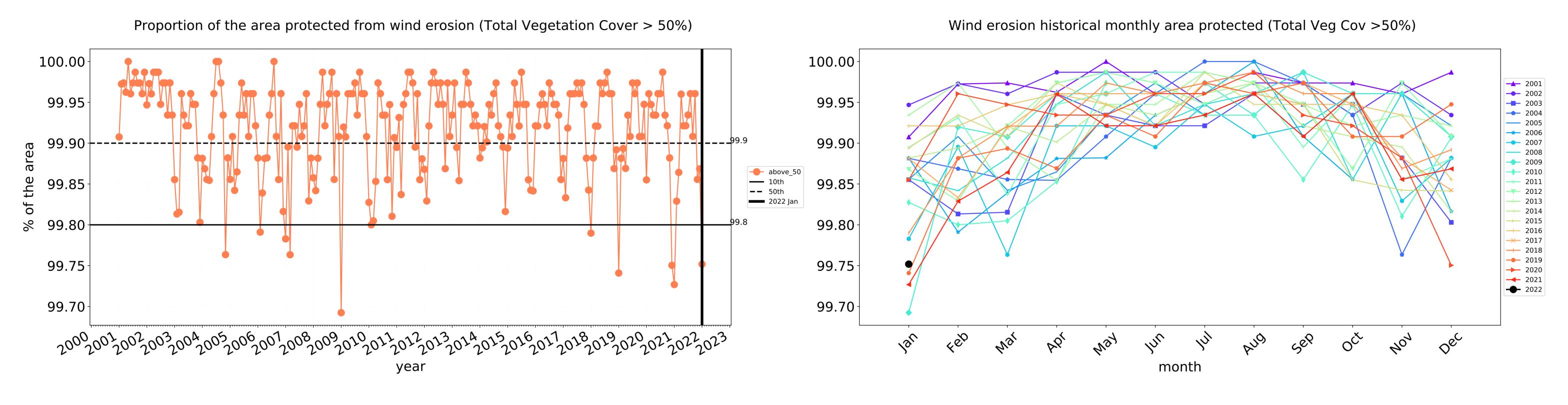


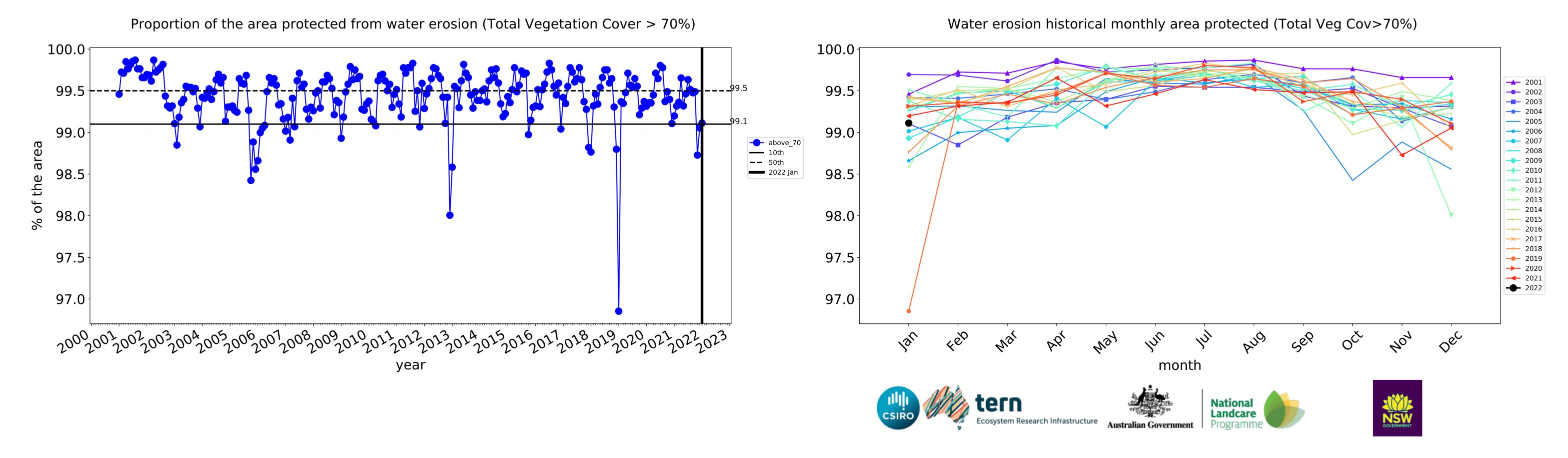


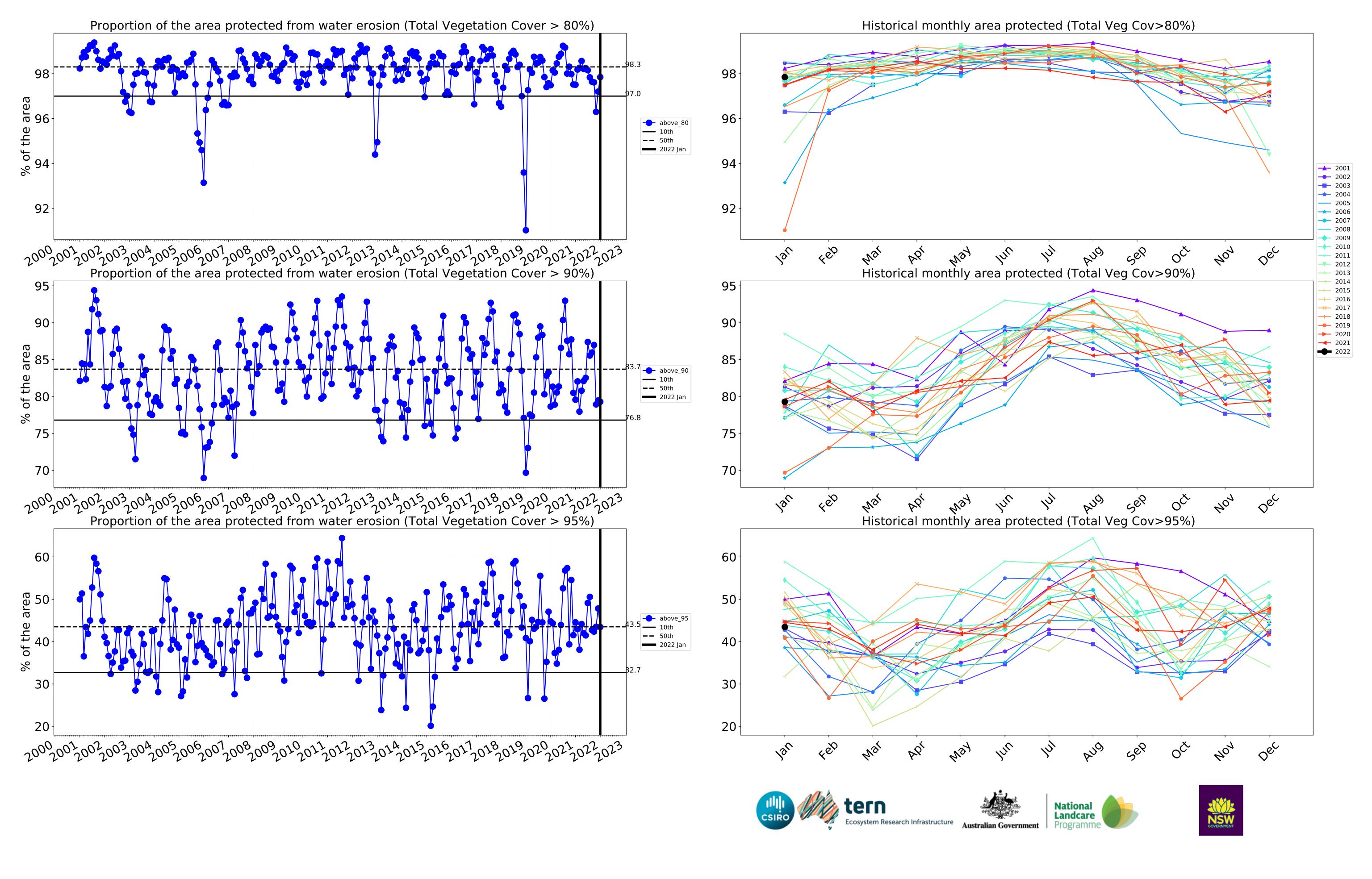




# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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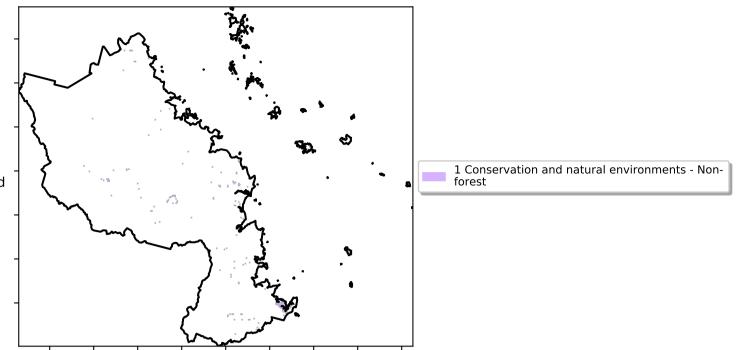
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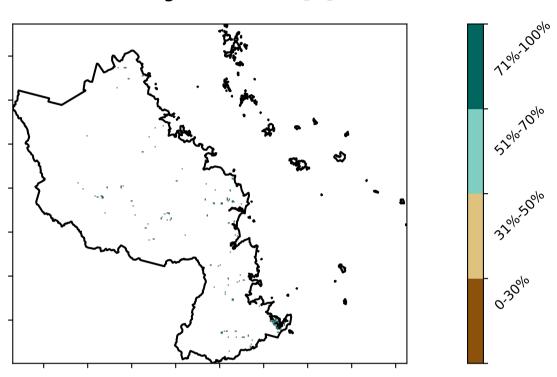
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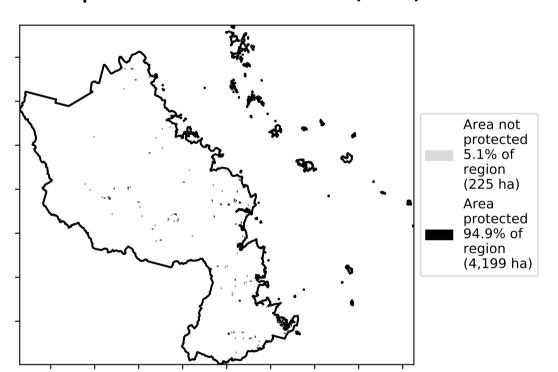
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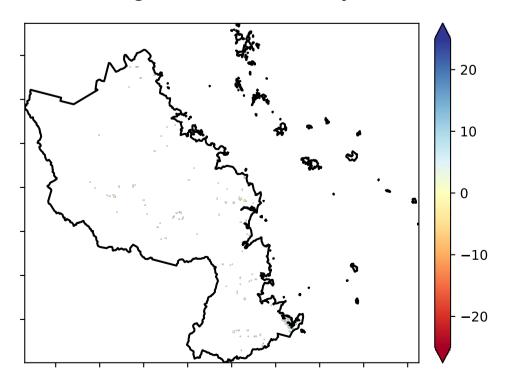
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

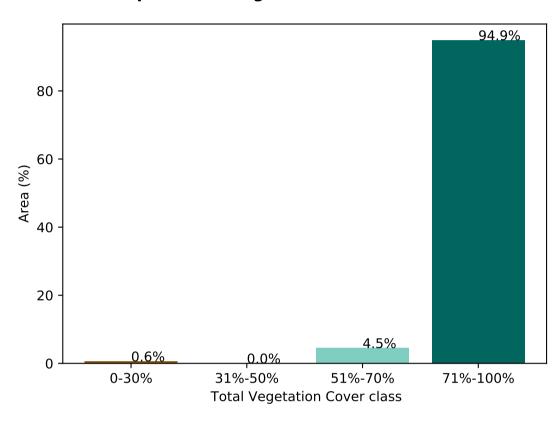


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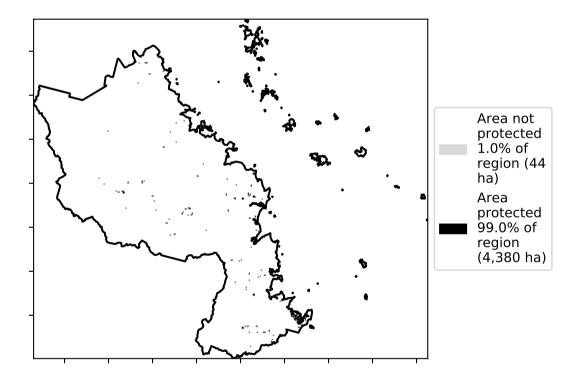


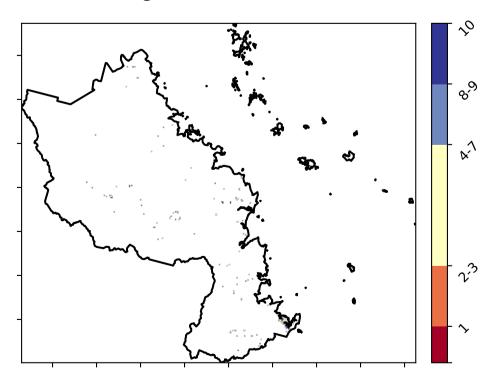
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





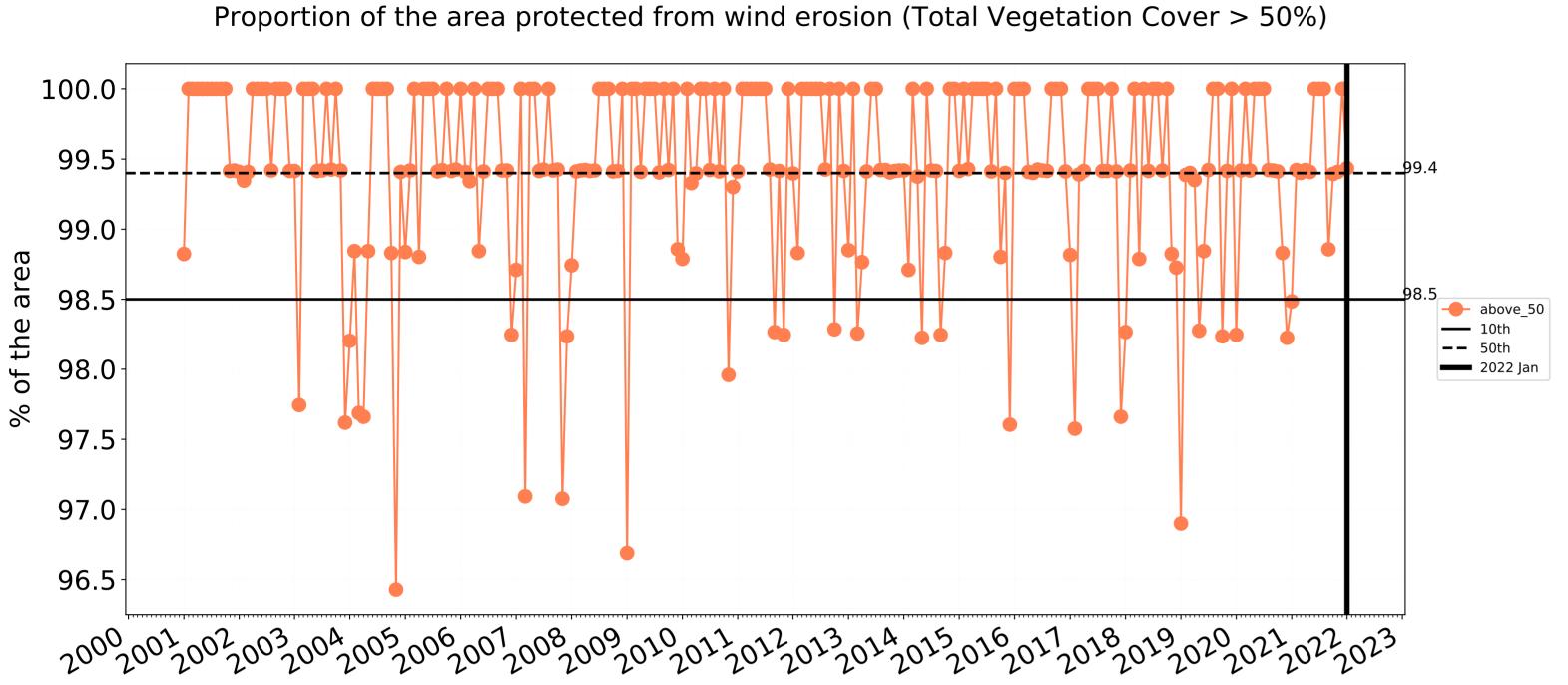




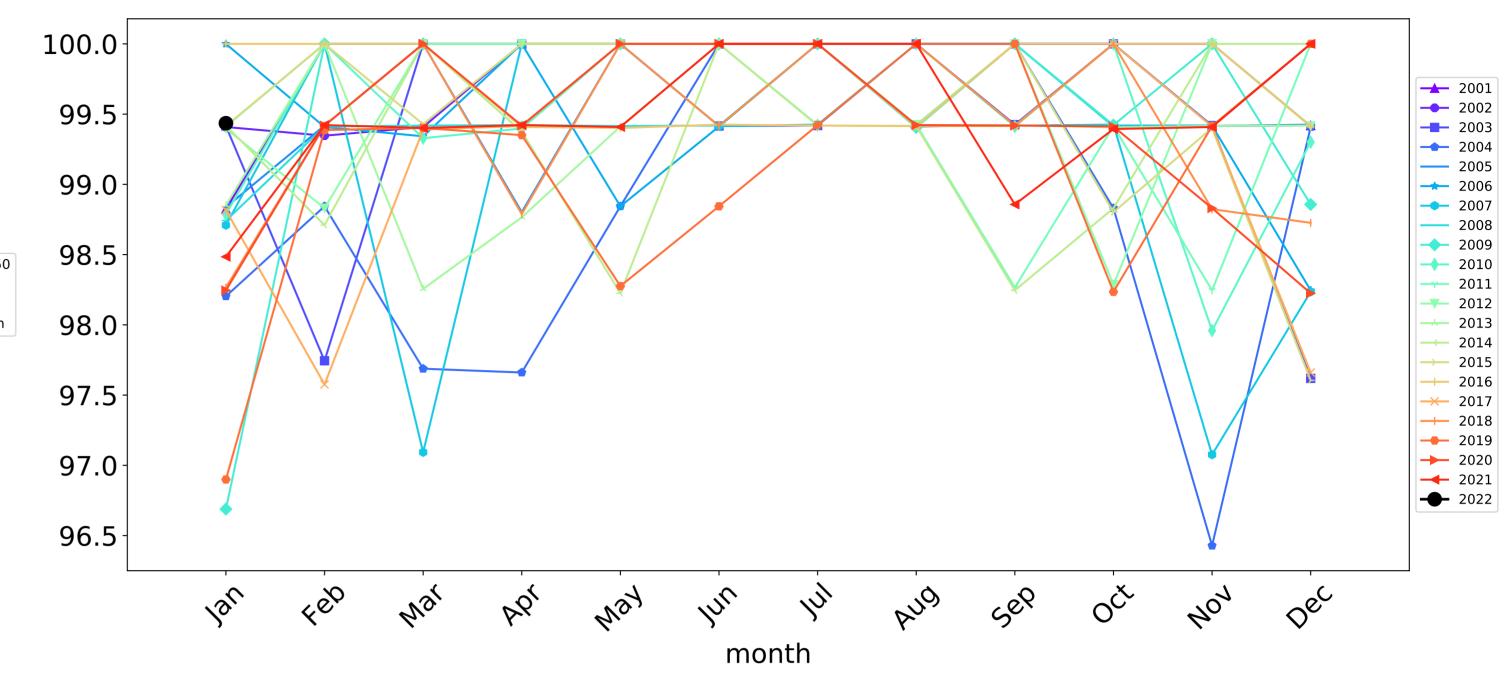


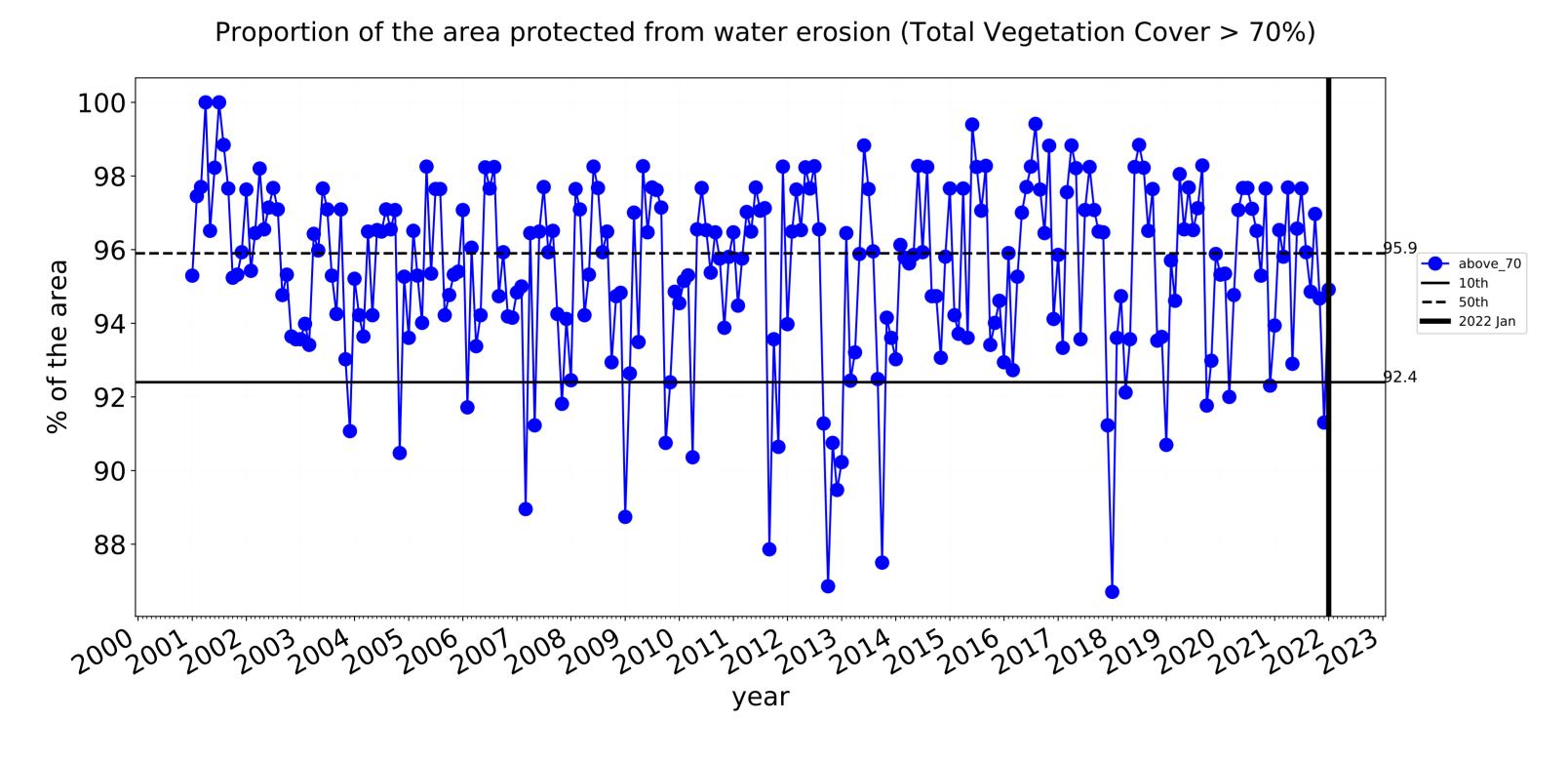


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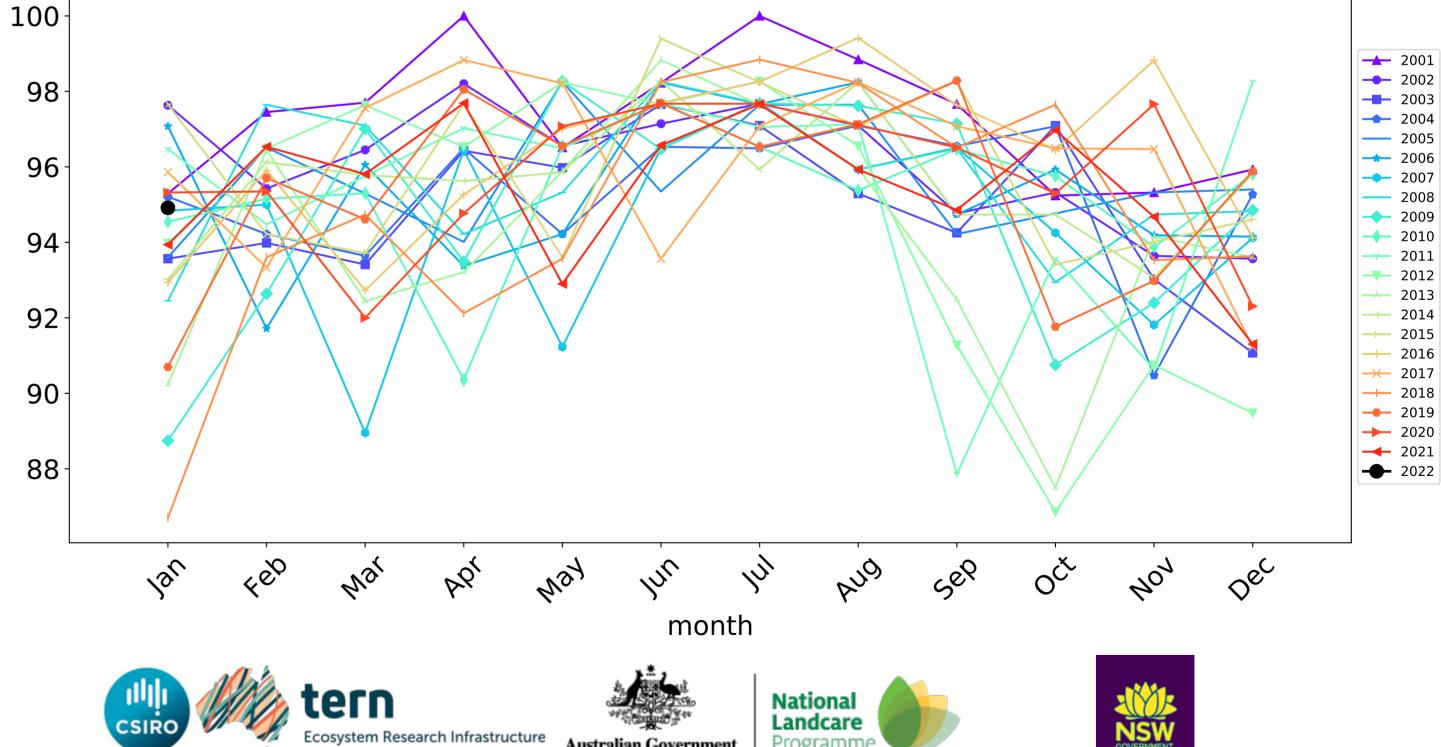


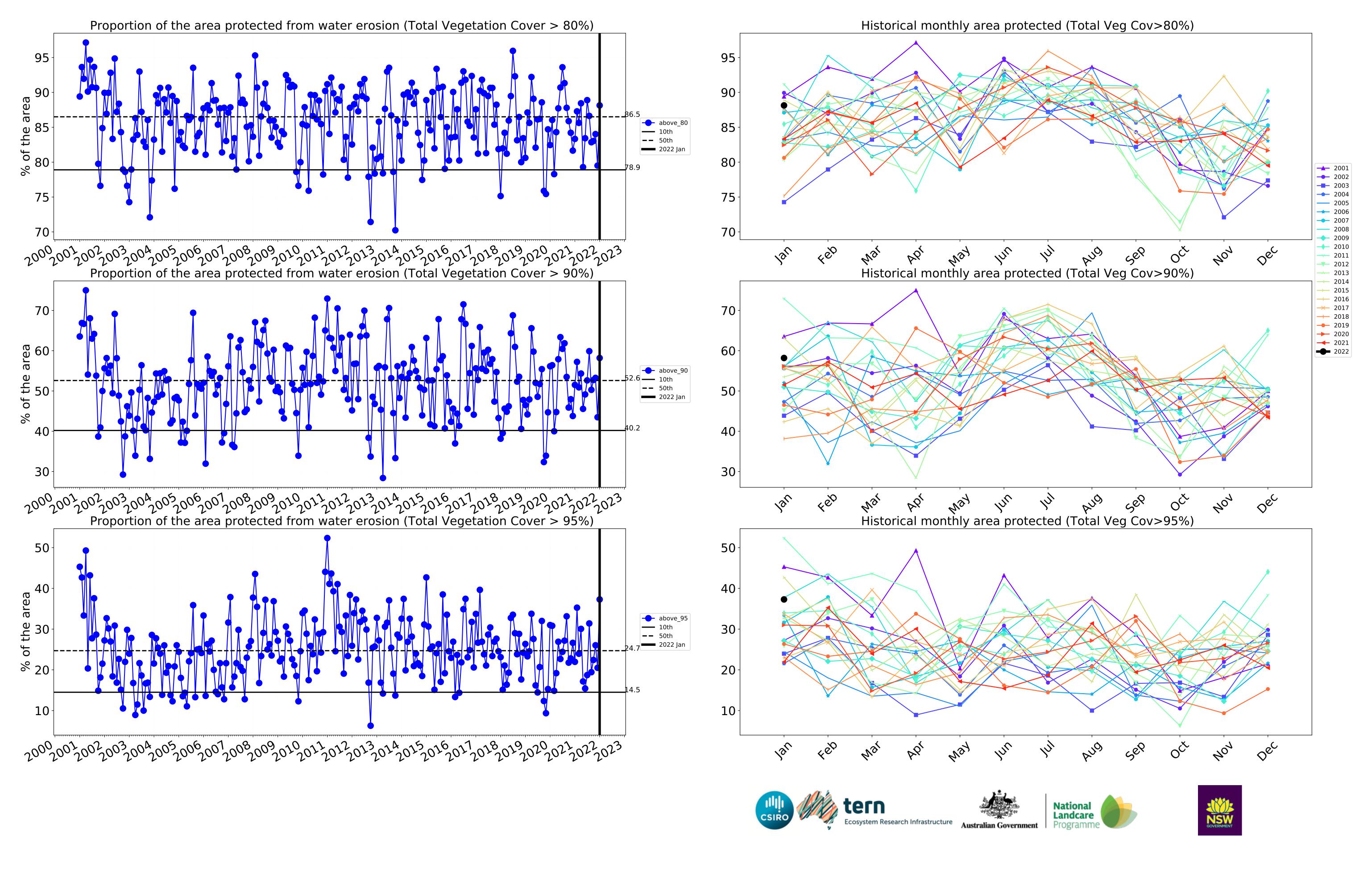






# Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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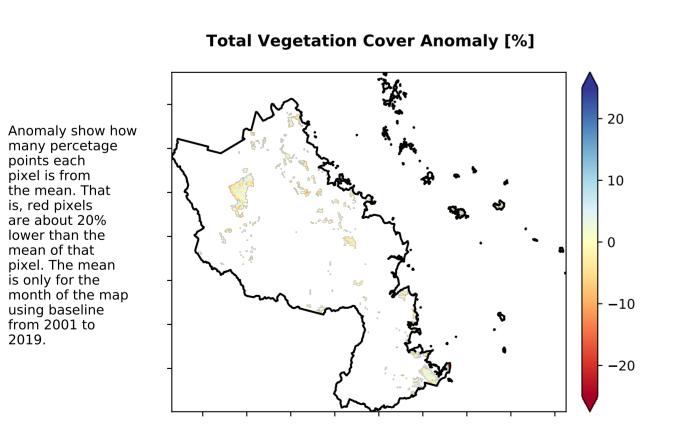
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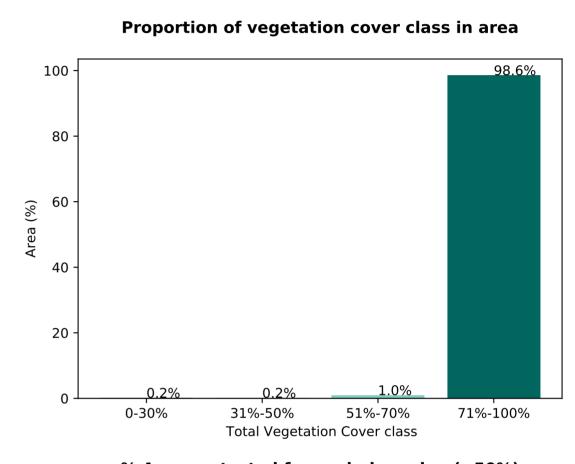
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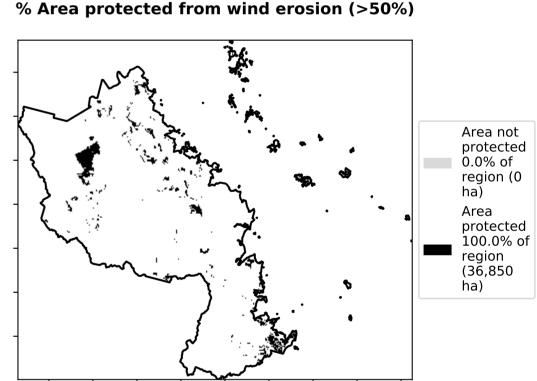
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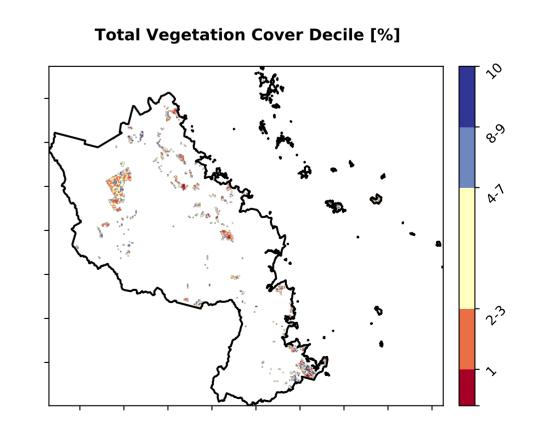
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 1.4% of region (515 ha) Area protected 98.6% of region (36,334 ha)



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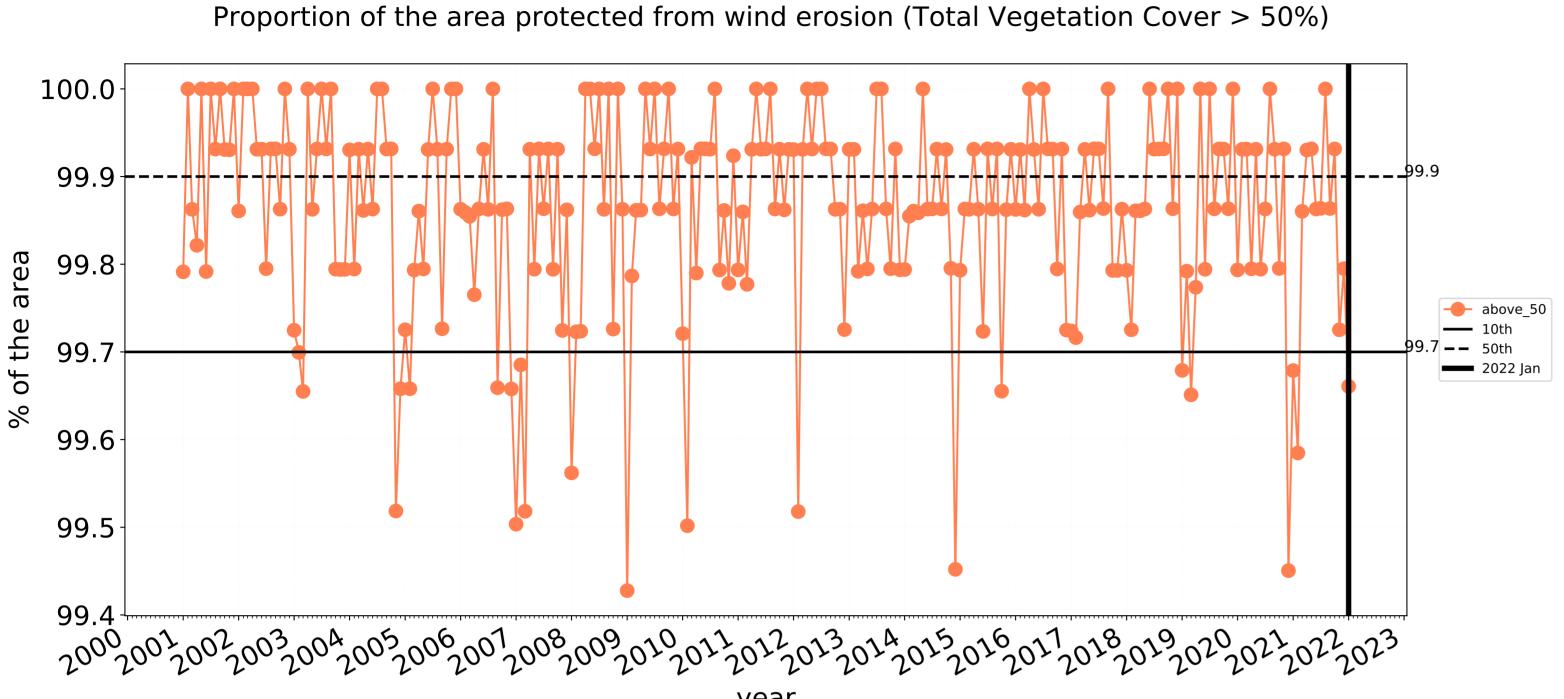


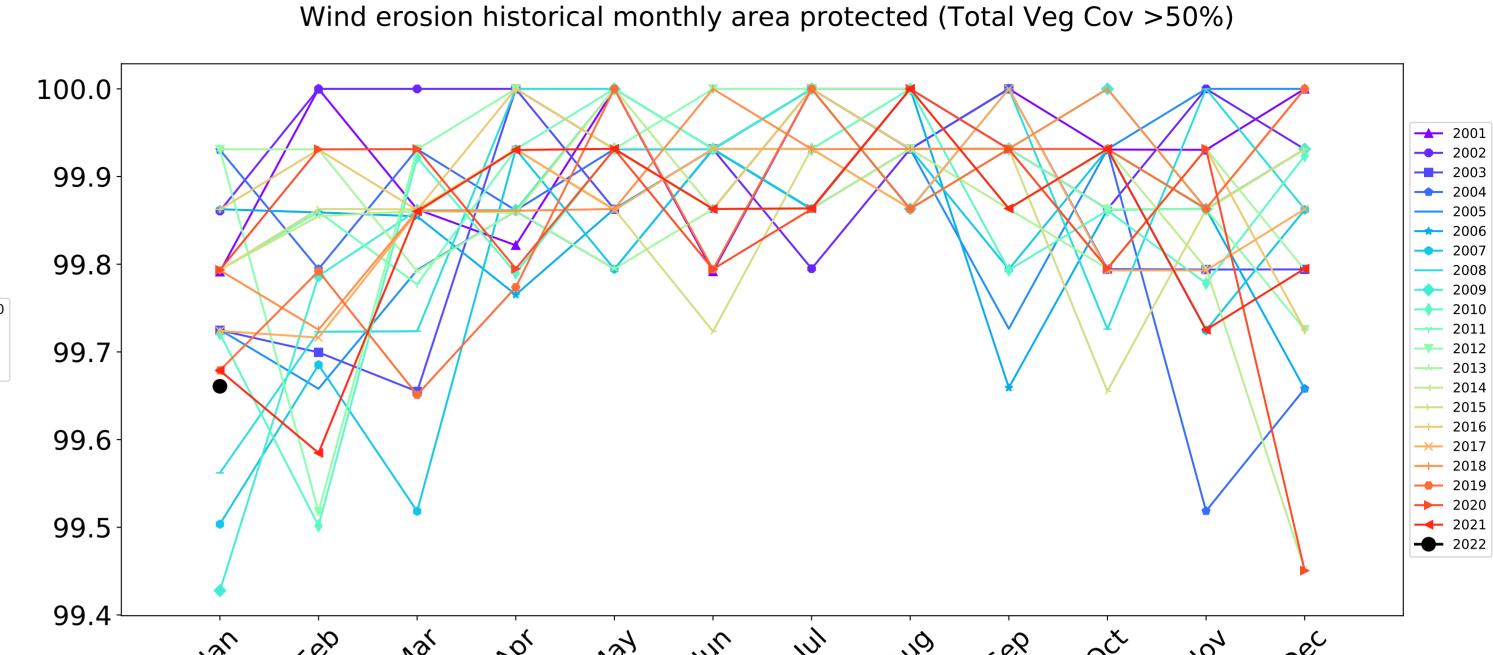




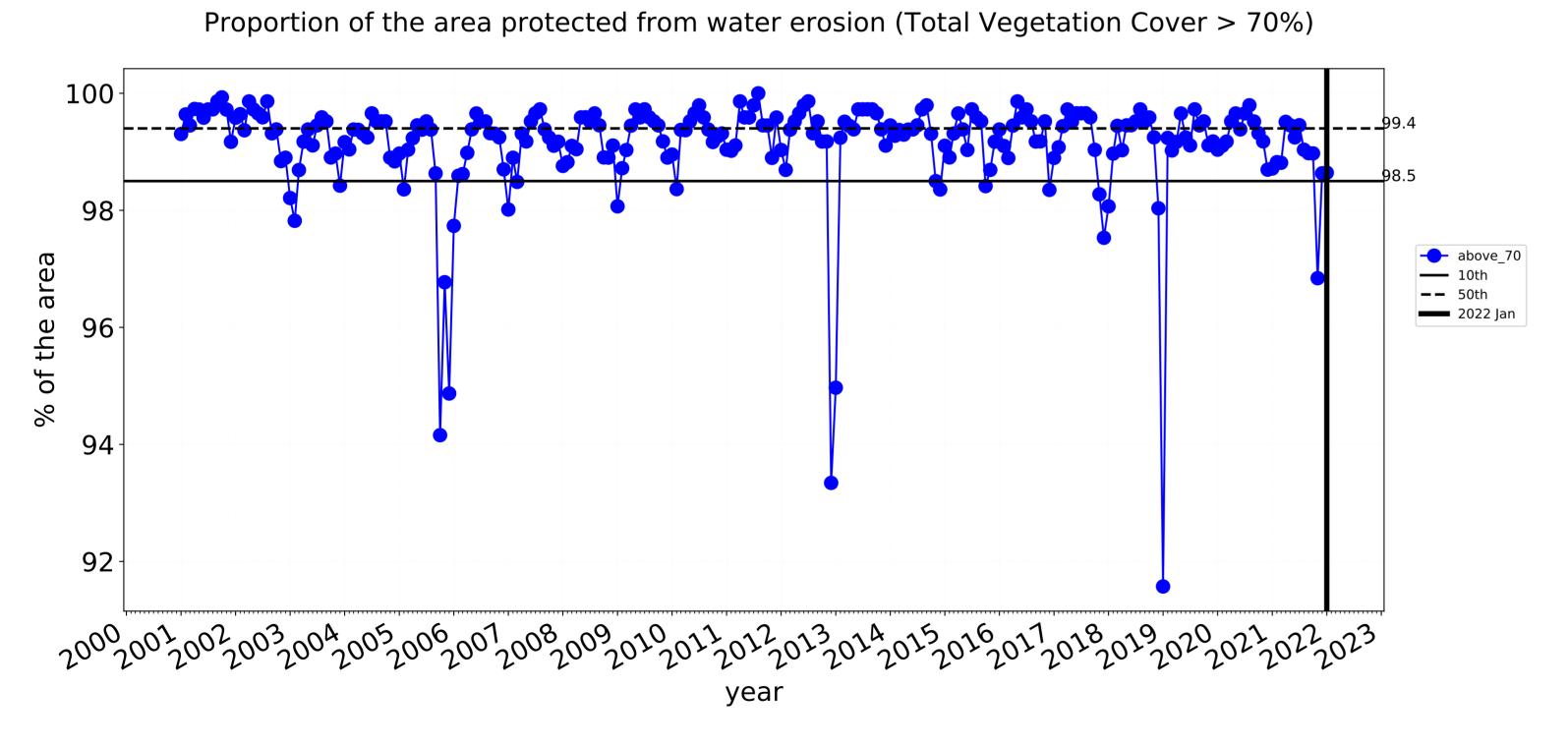


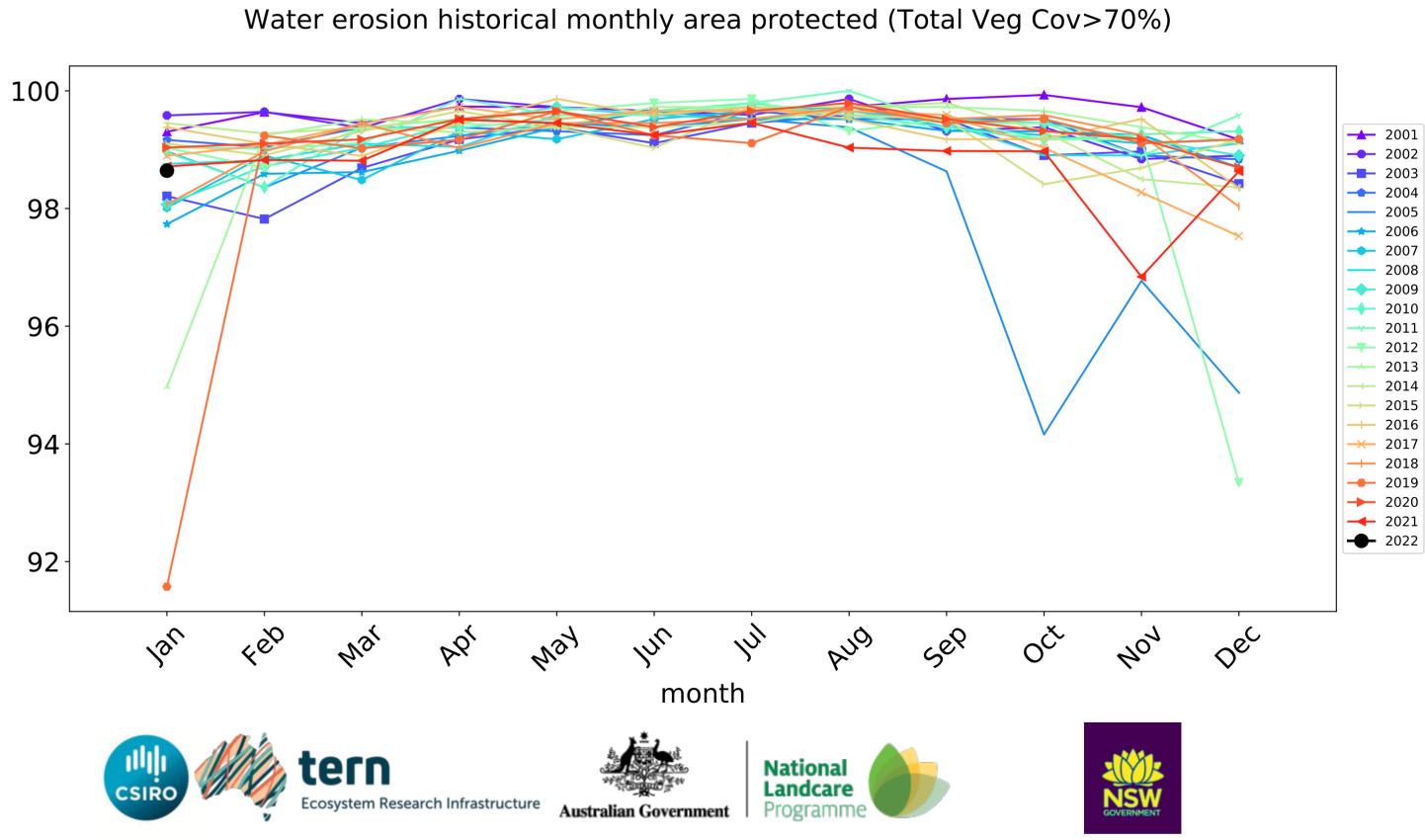
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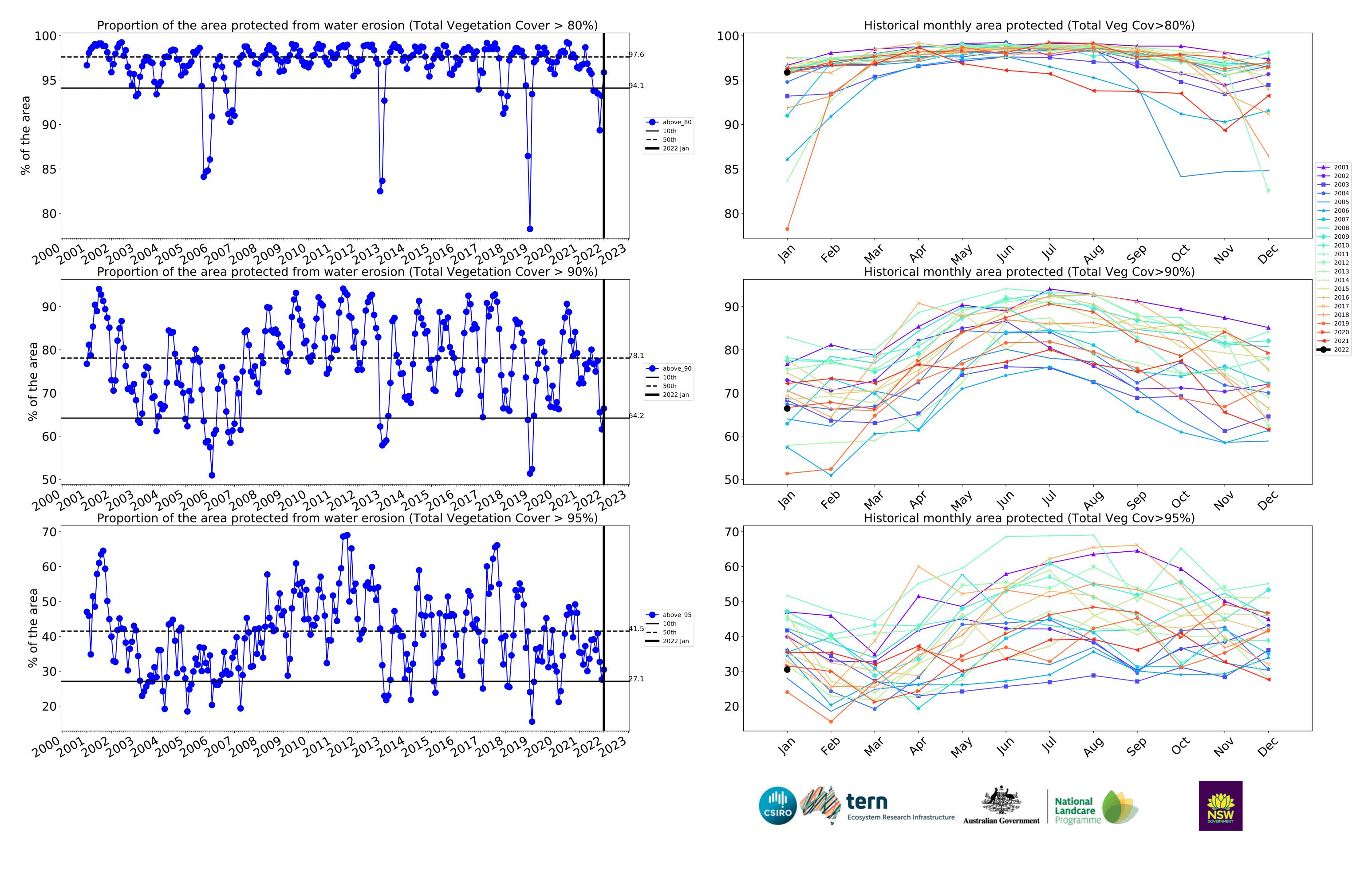




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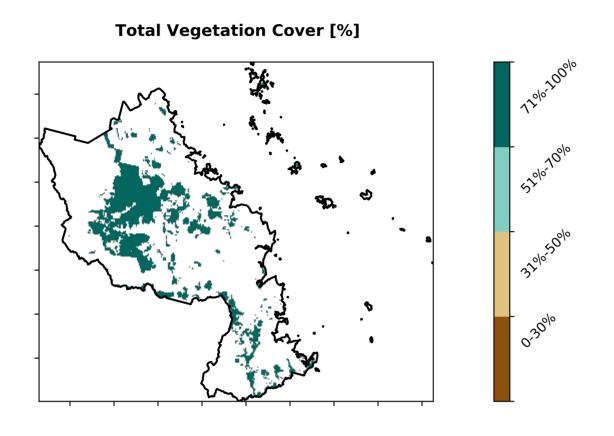




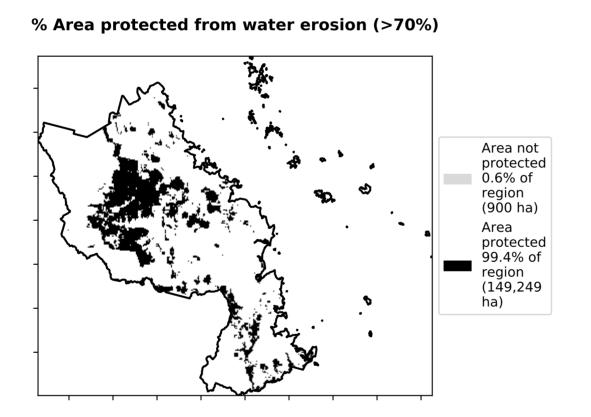


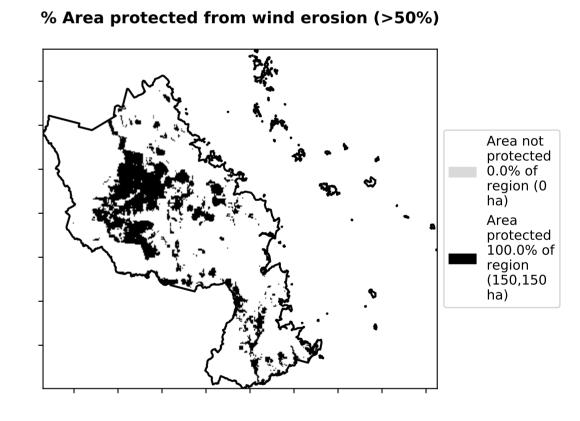
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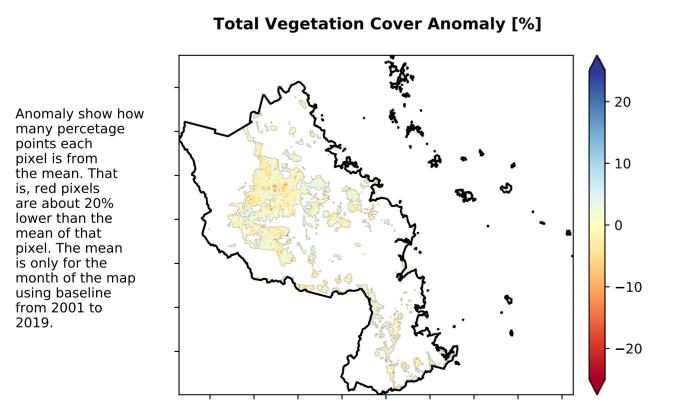
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 100 - 99.4% 80 - 60 - 40 - 20 - 0.1% 0.1% 0.4% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class







Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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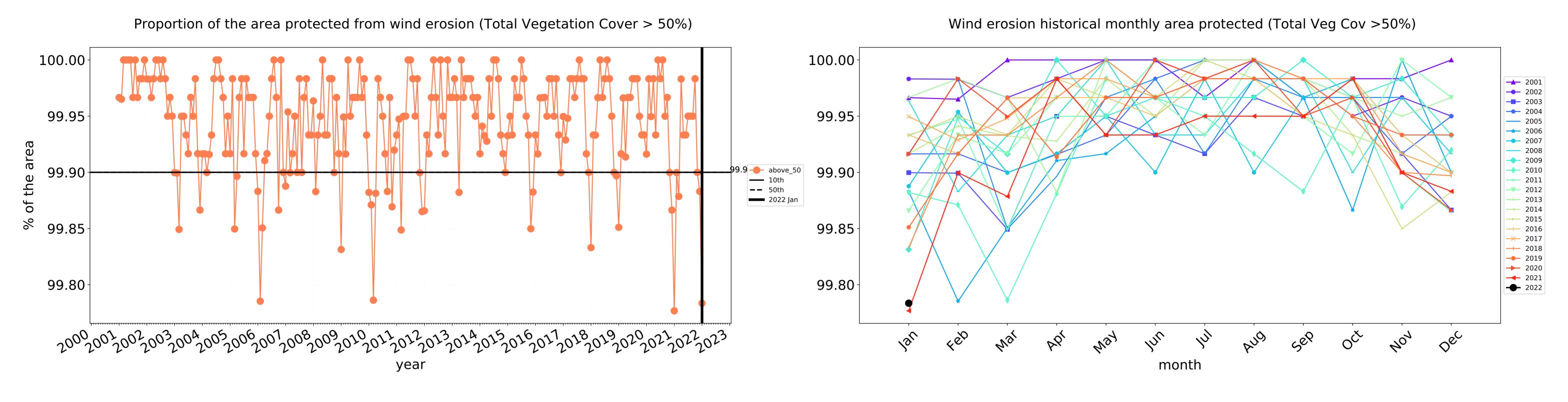
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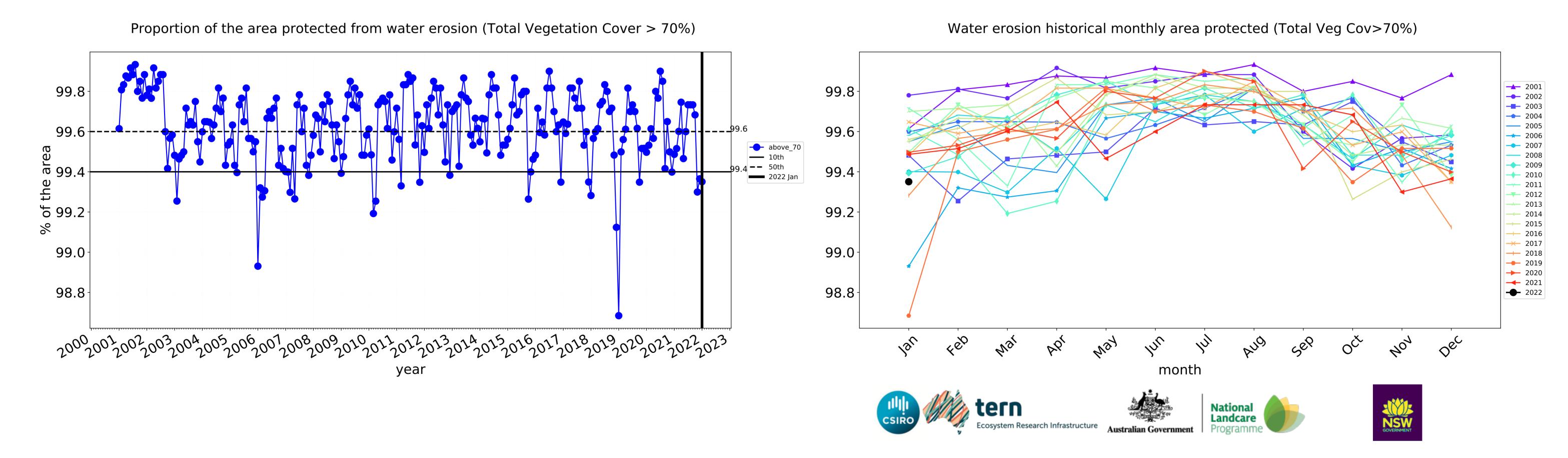


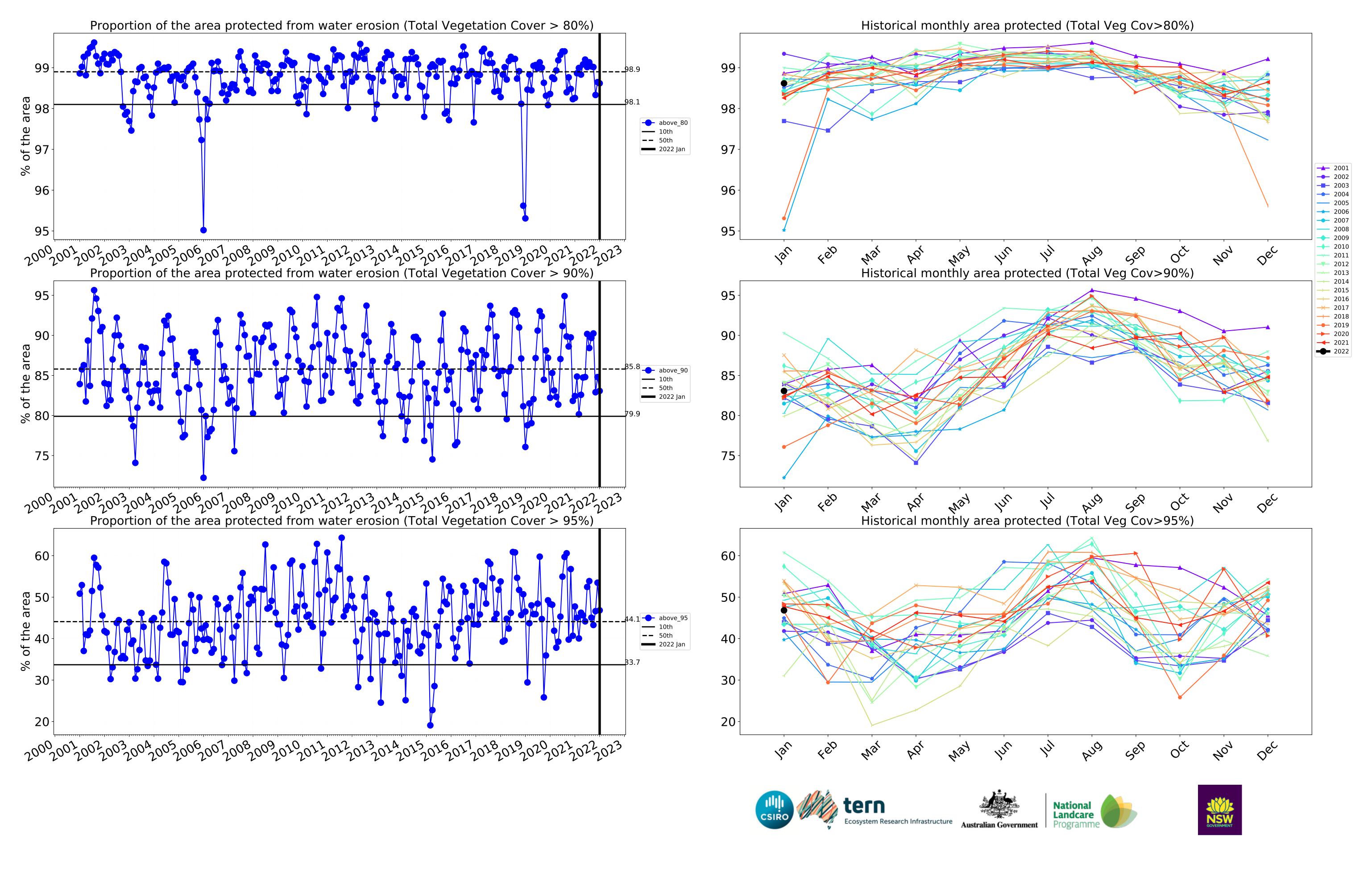




# Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries





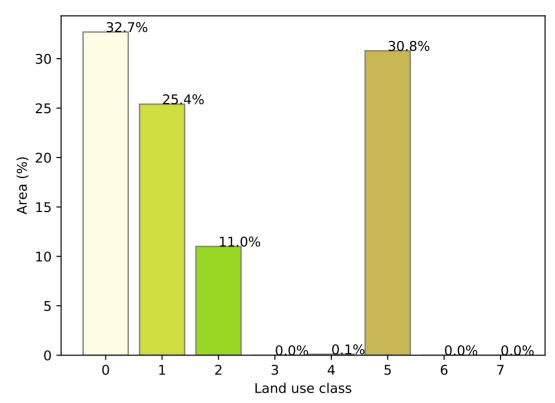


# **Agriculture**

## Land use and forest cover

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



# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

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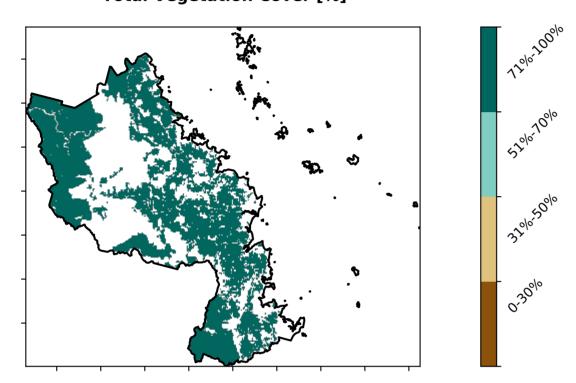
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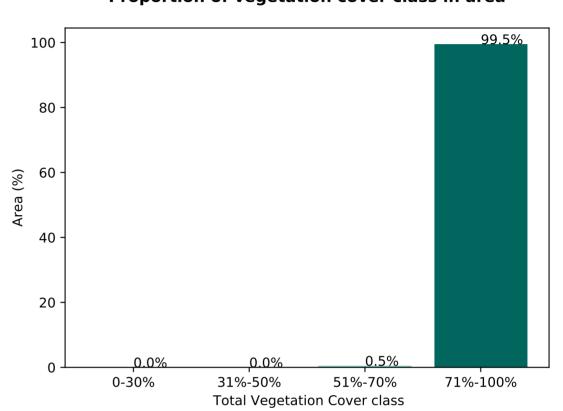
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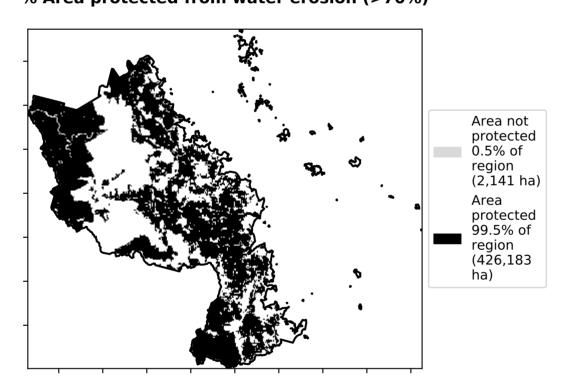
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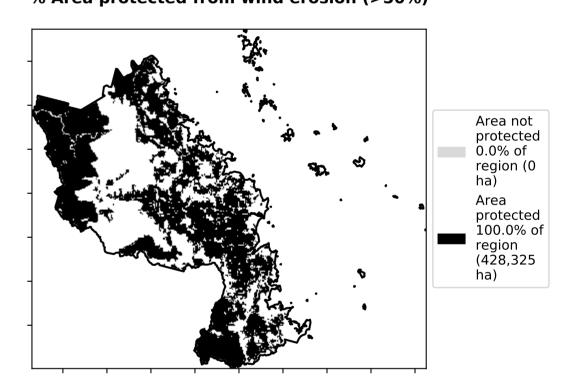
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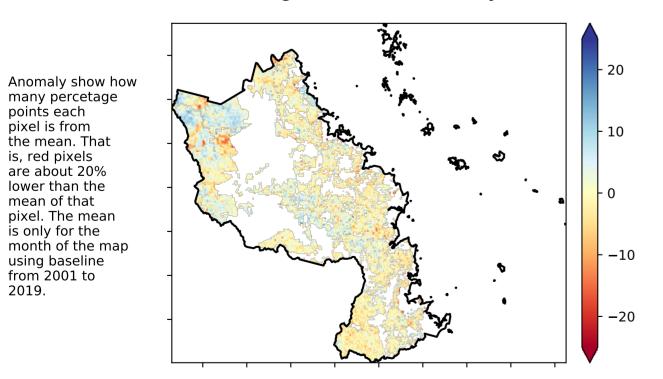
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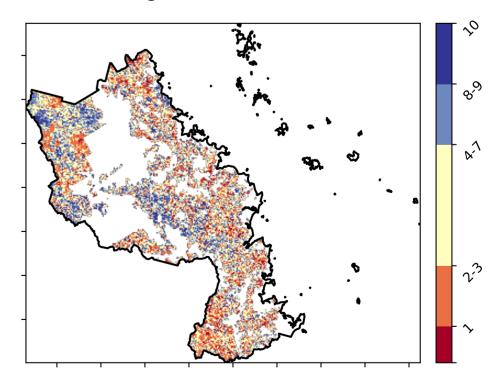
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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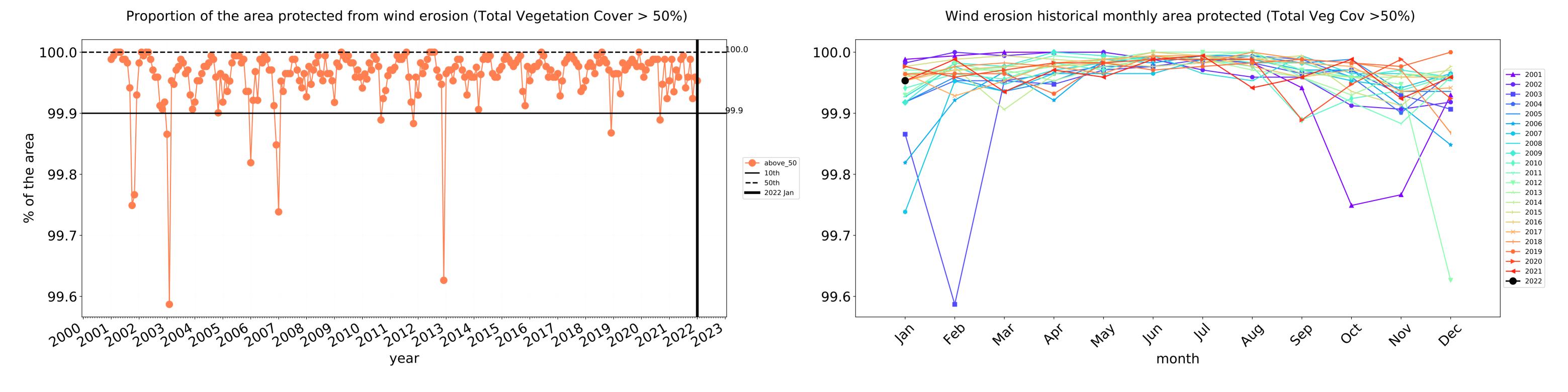


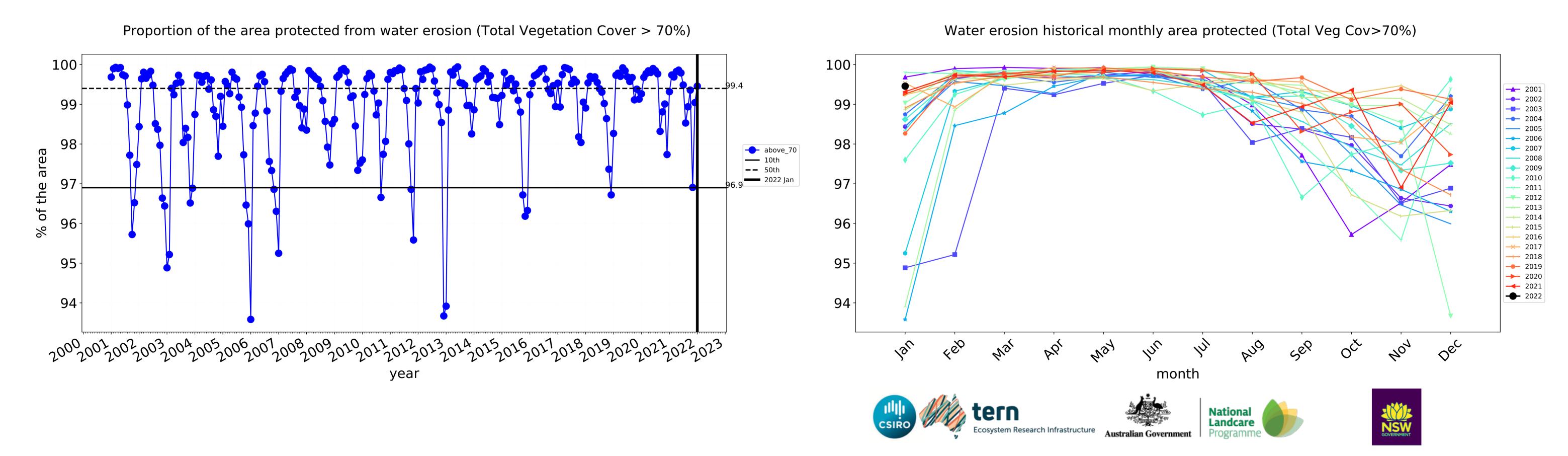


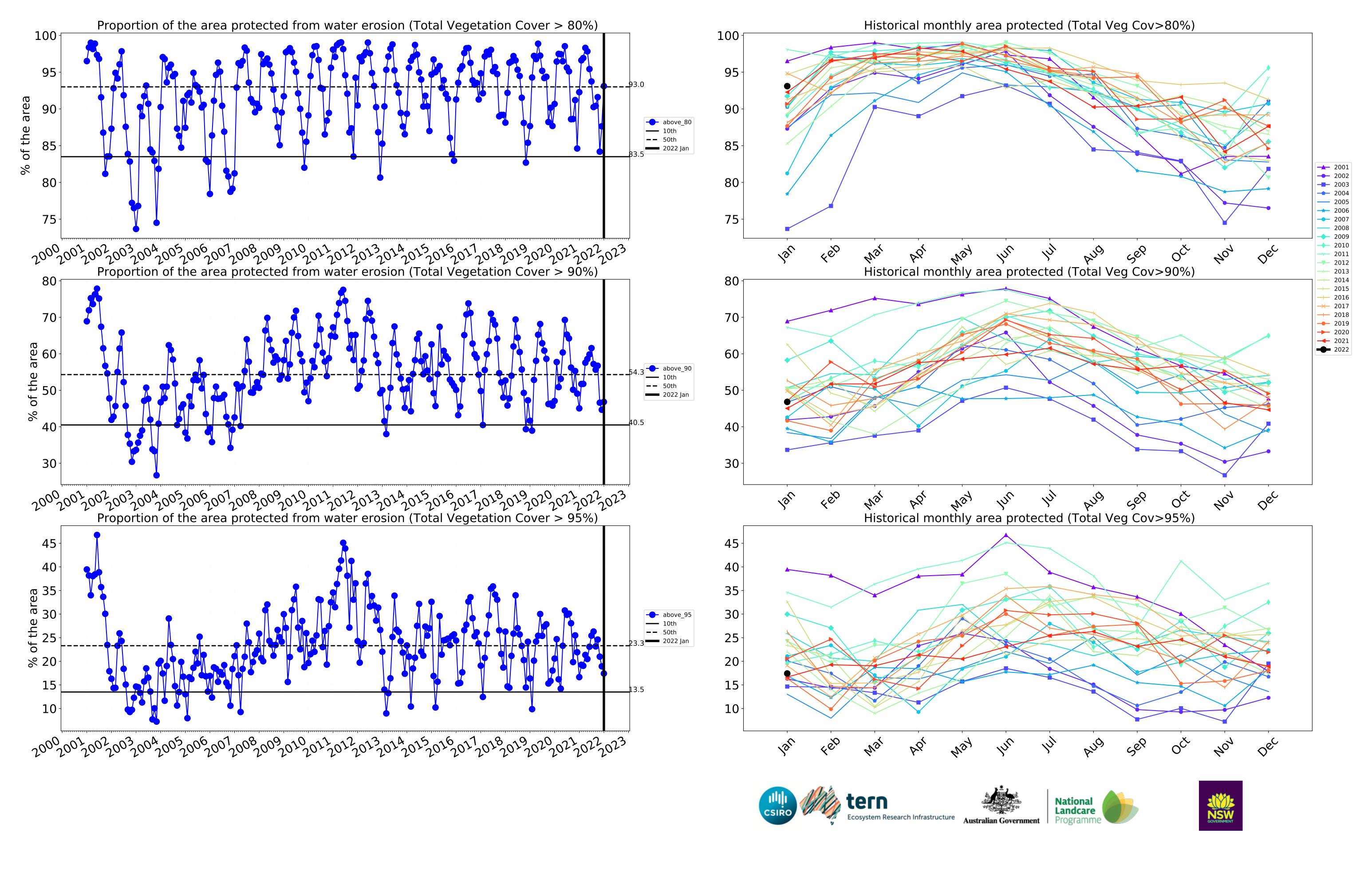




# **Agriculture timeseries**





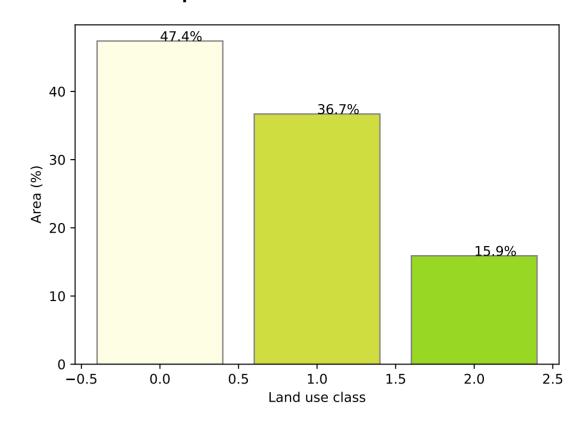


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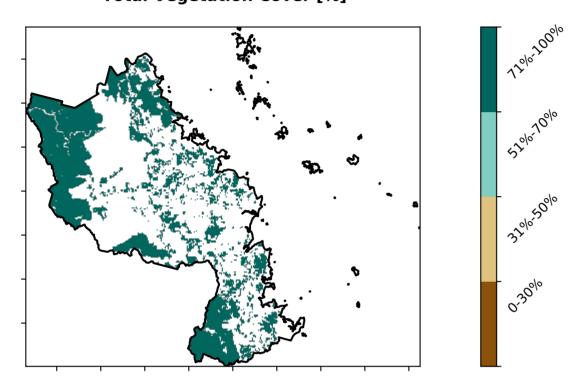
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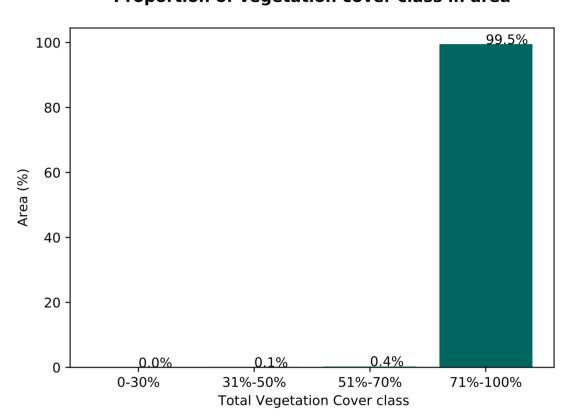
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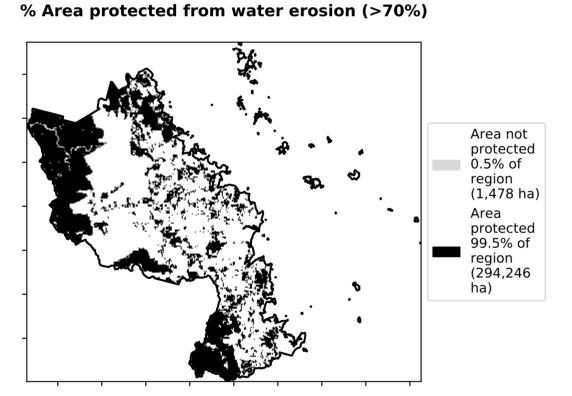


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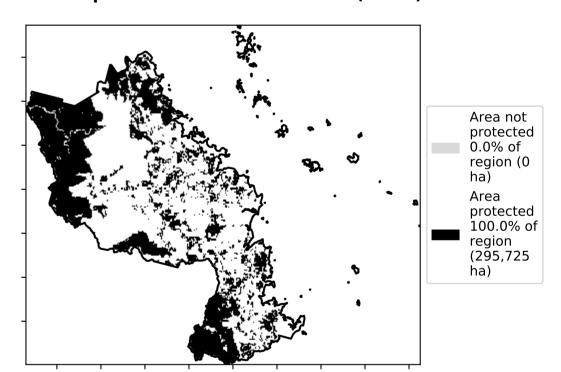


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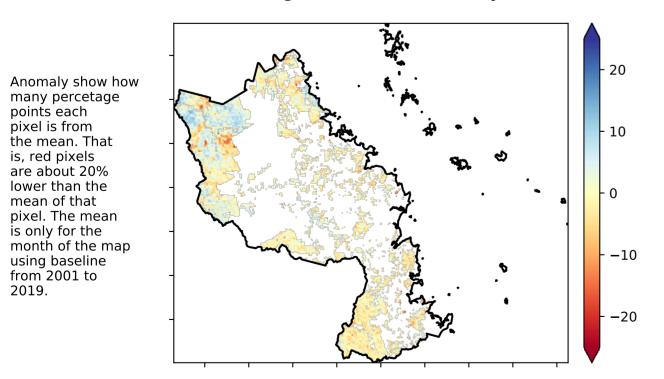




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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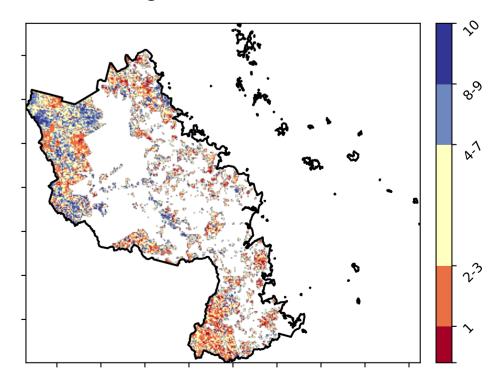
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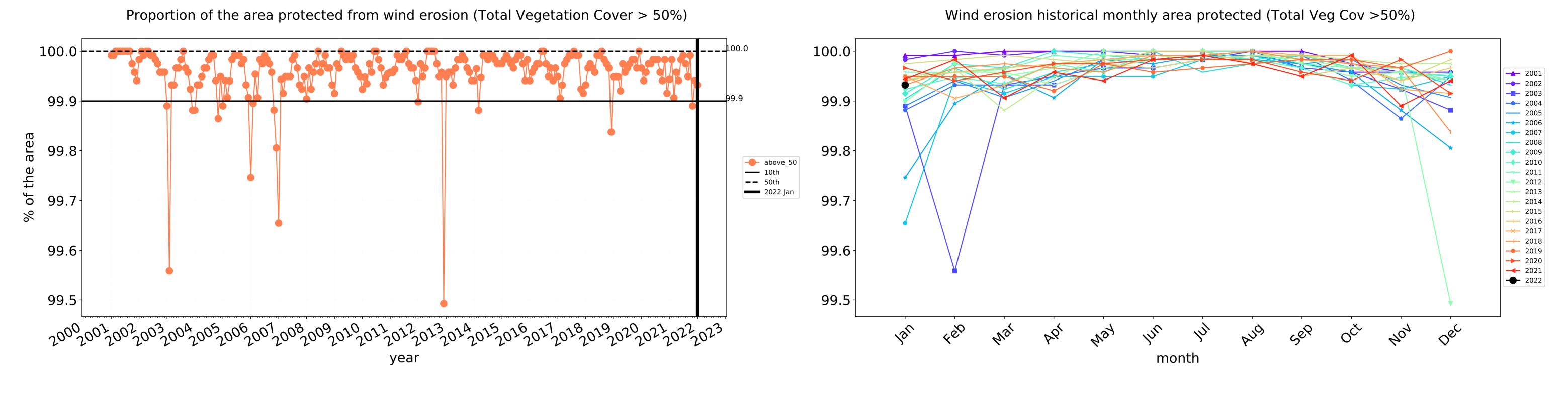


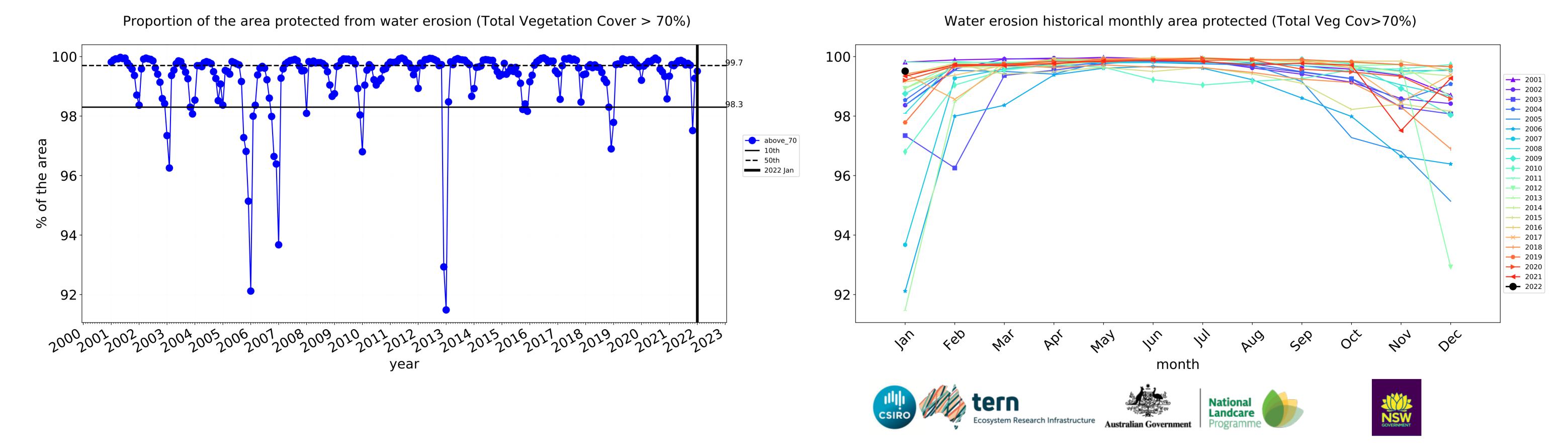


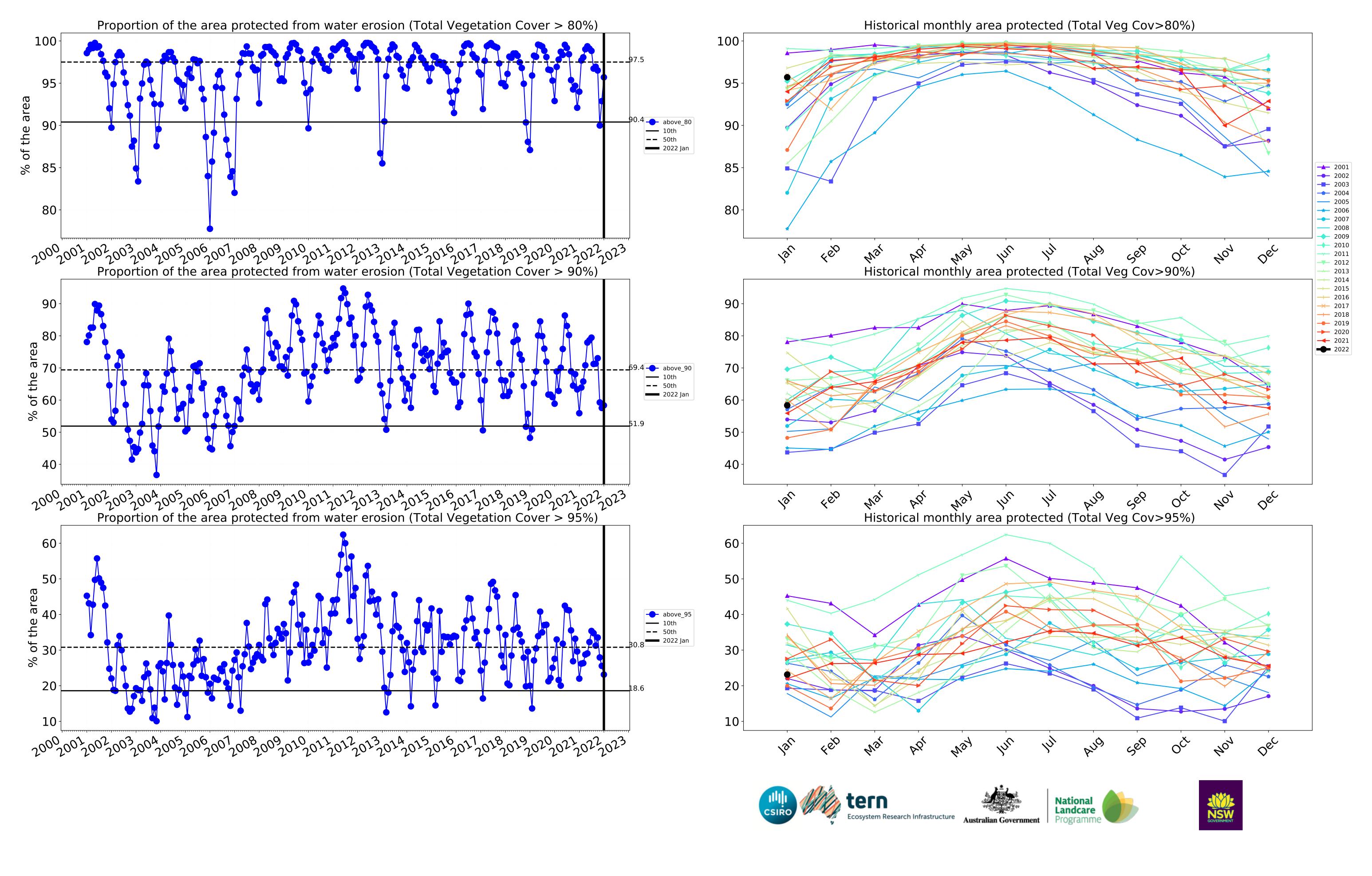




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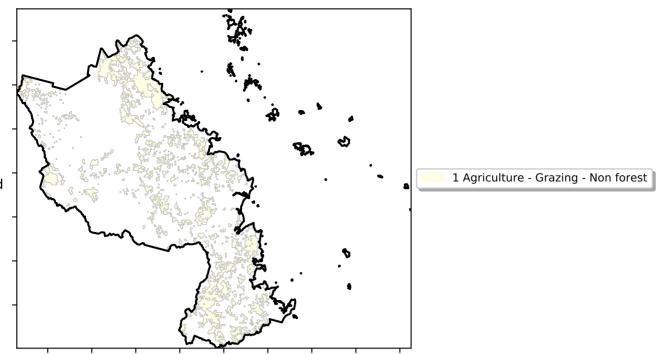
# **Grazing non forest**

# Land use and forest cover

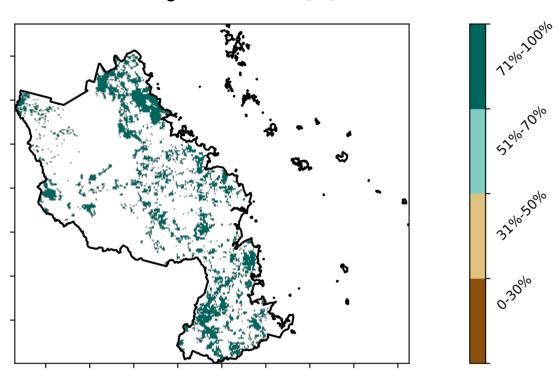
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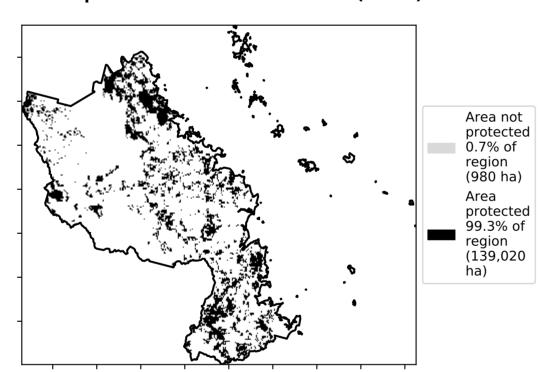
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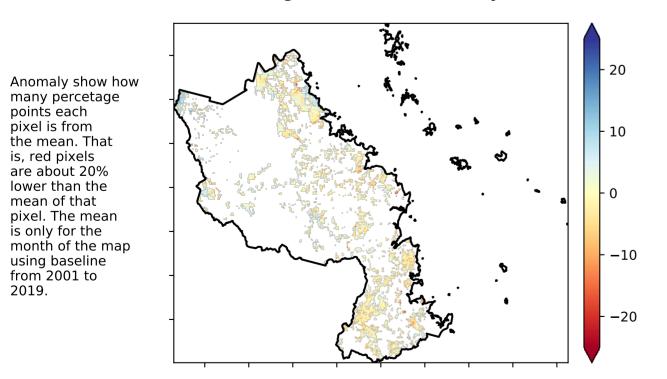
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

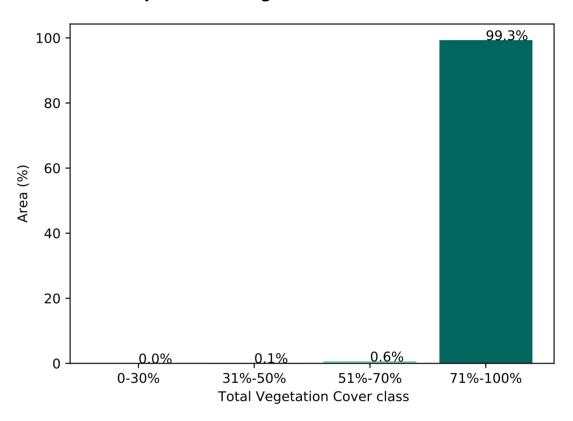


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

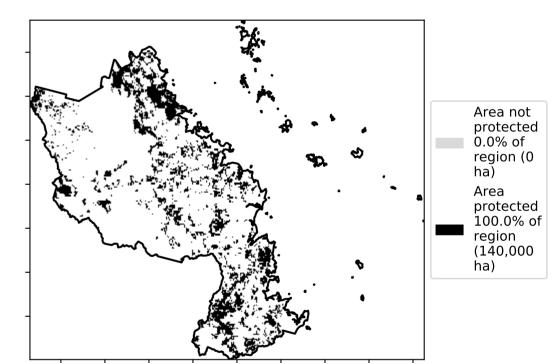


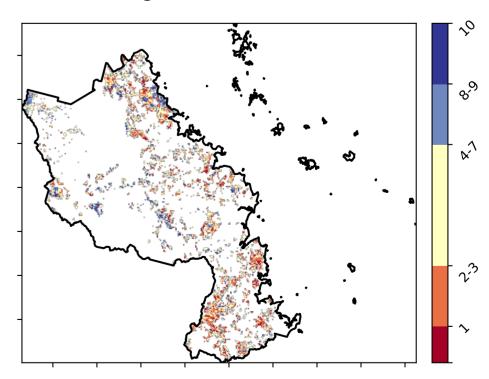
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





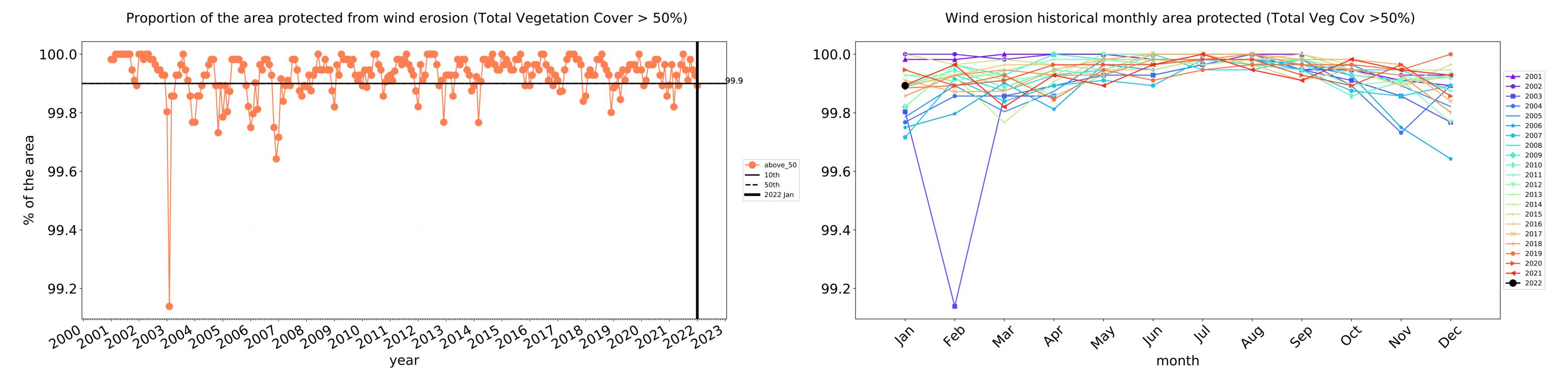


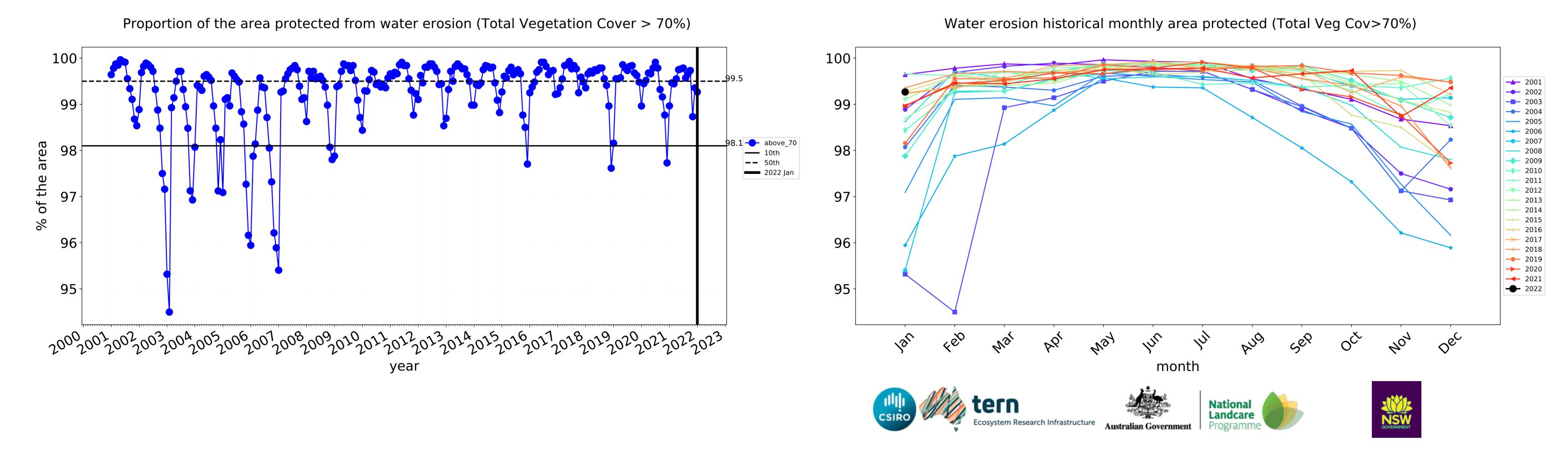


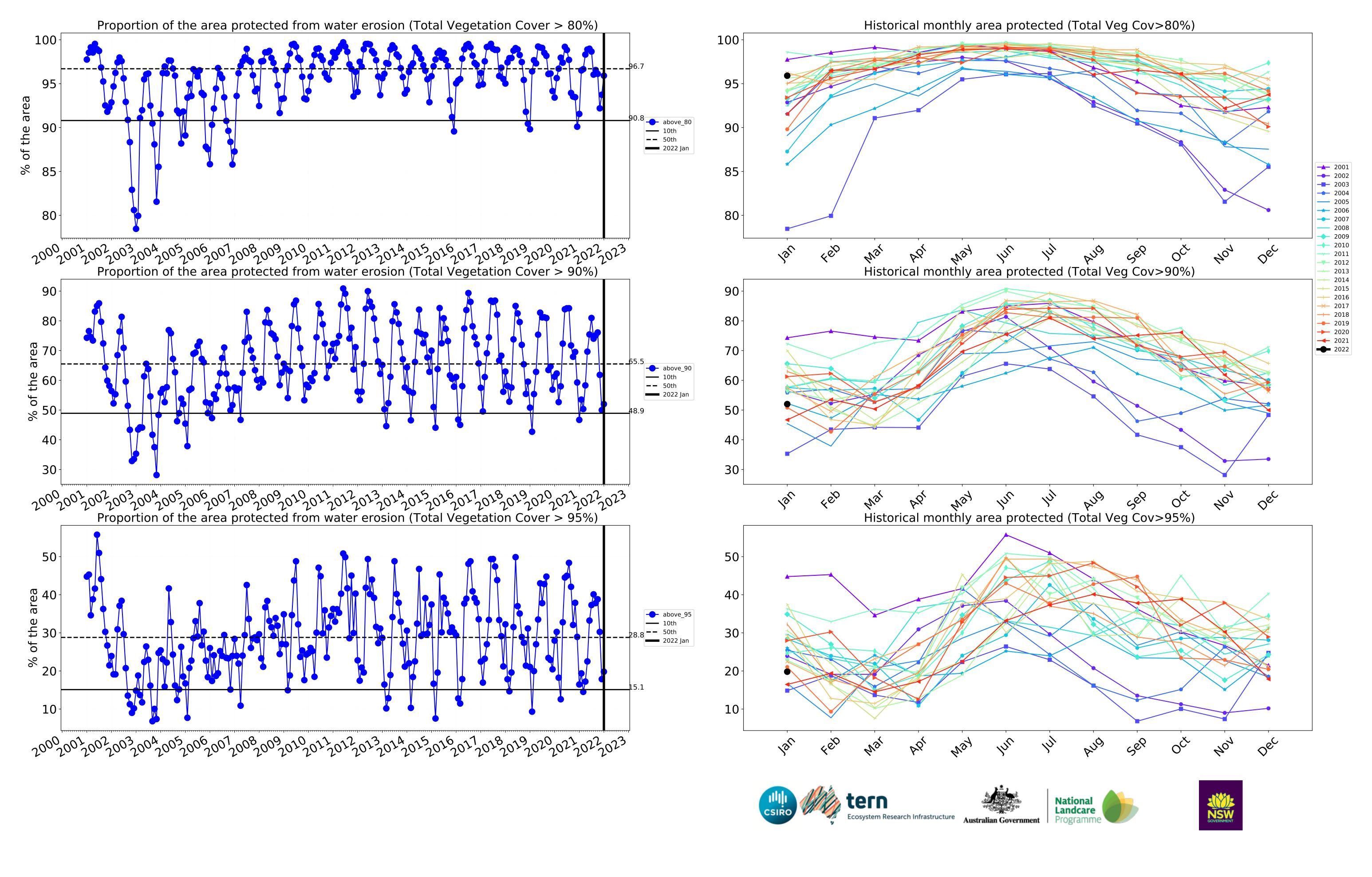




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

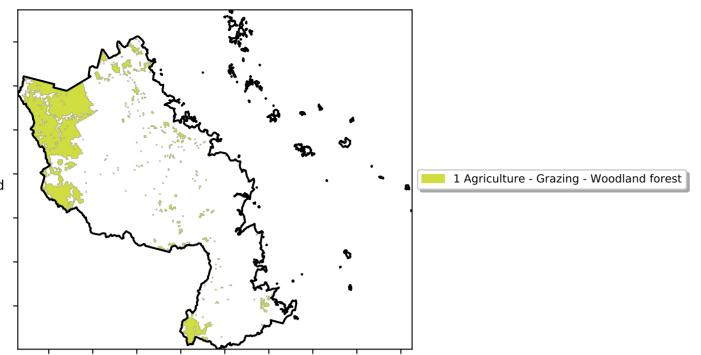
# Land use and forest cover

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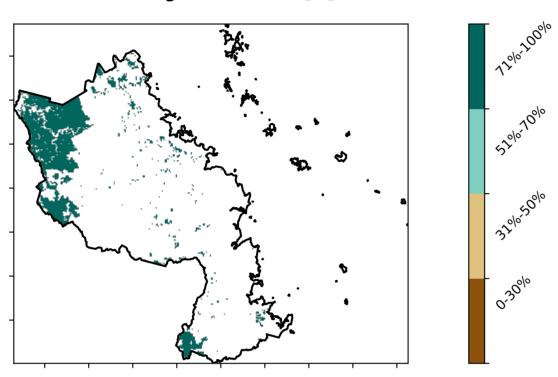
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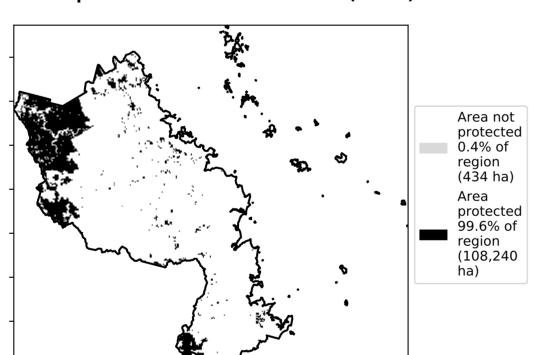
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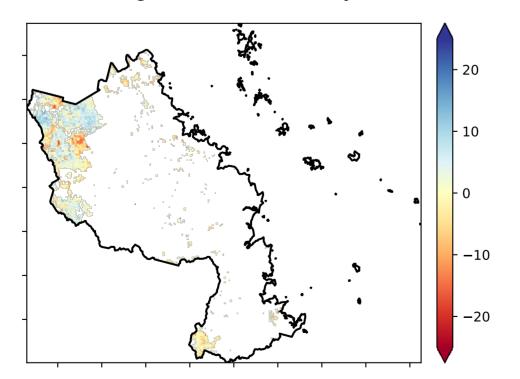
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

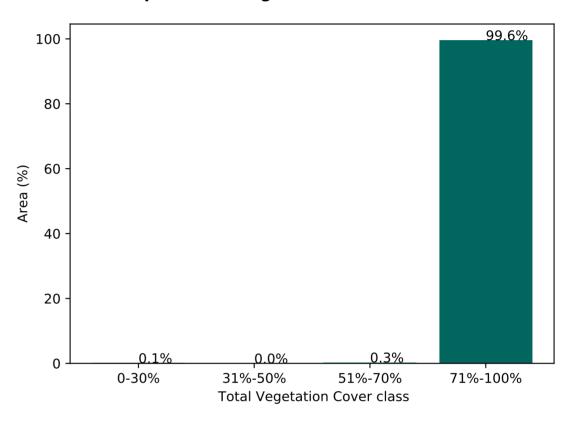


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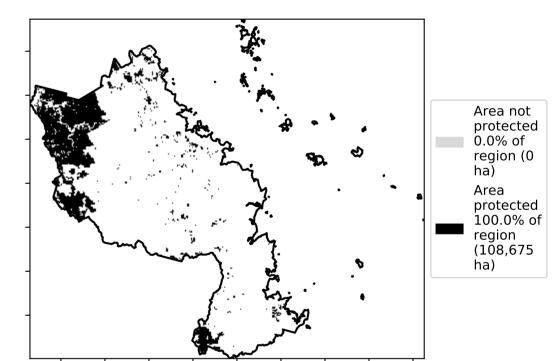


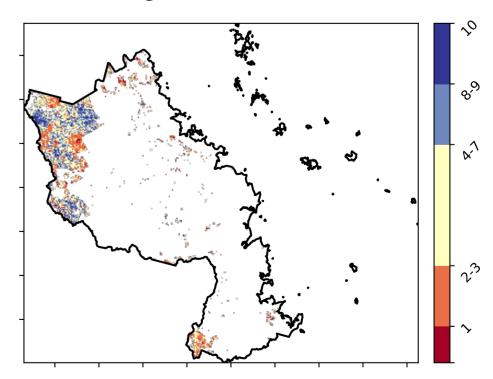
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





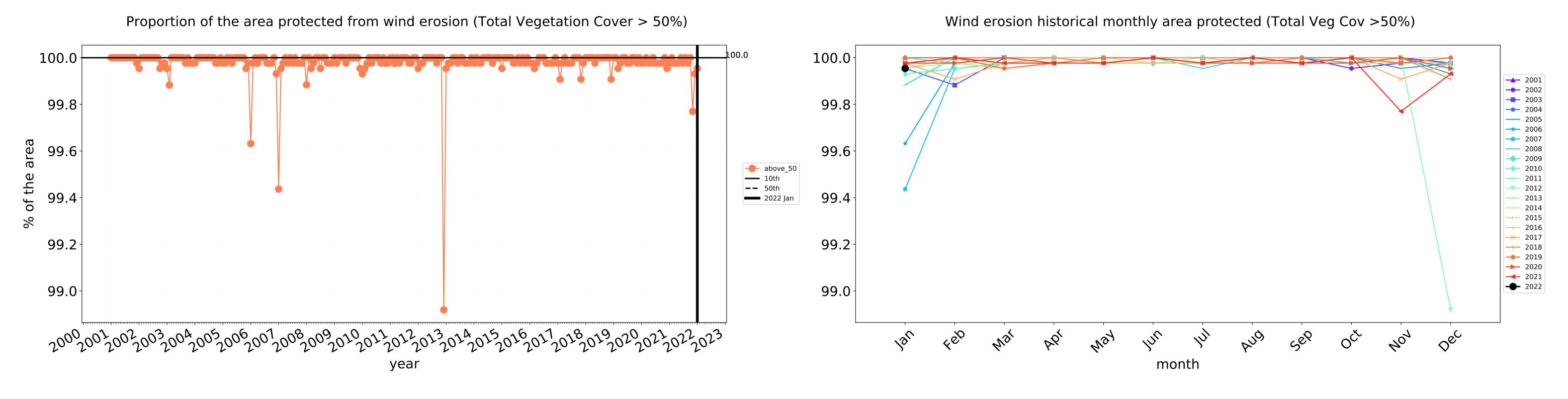


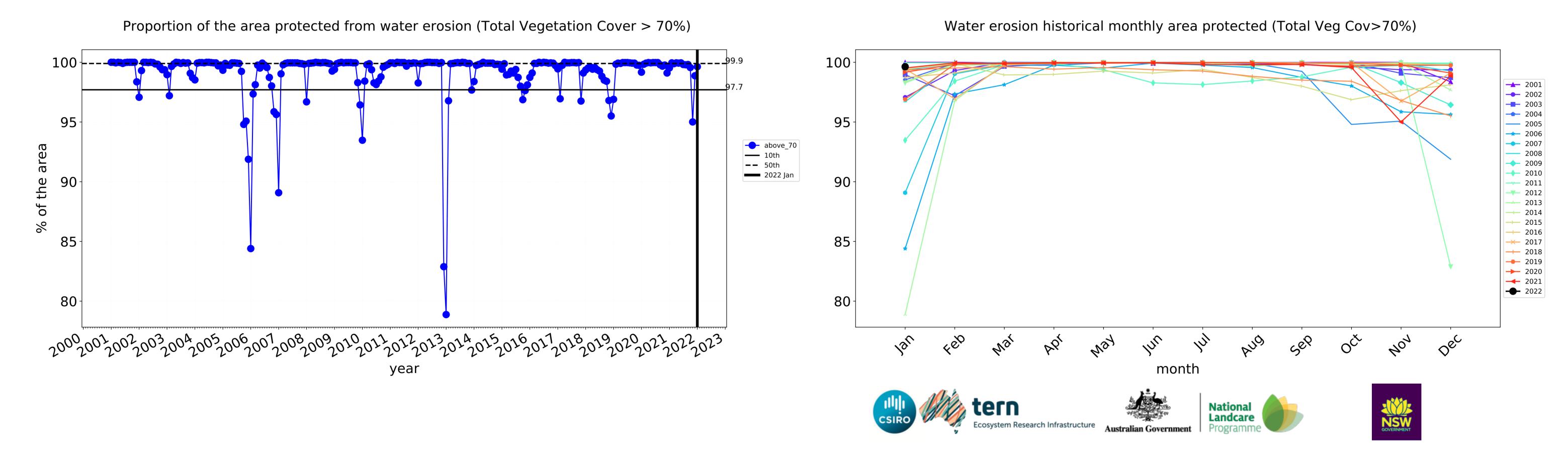


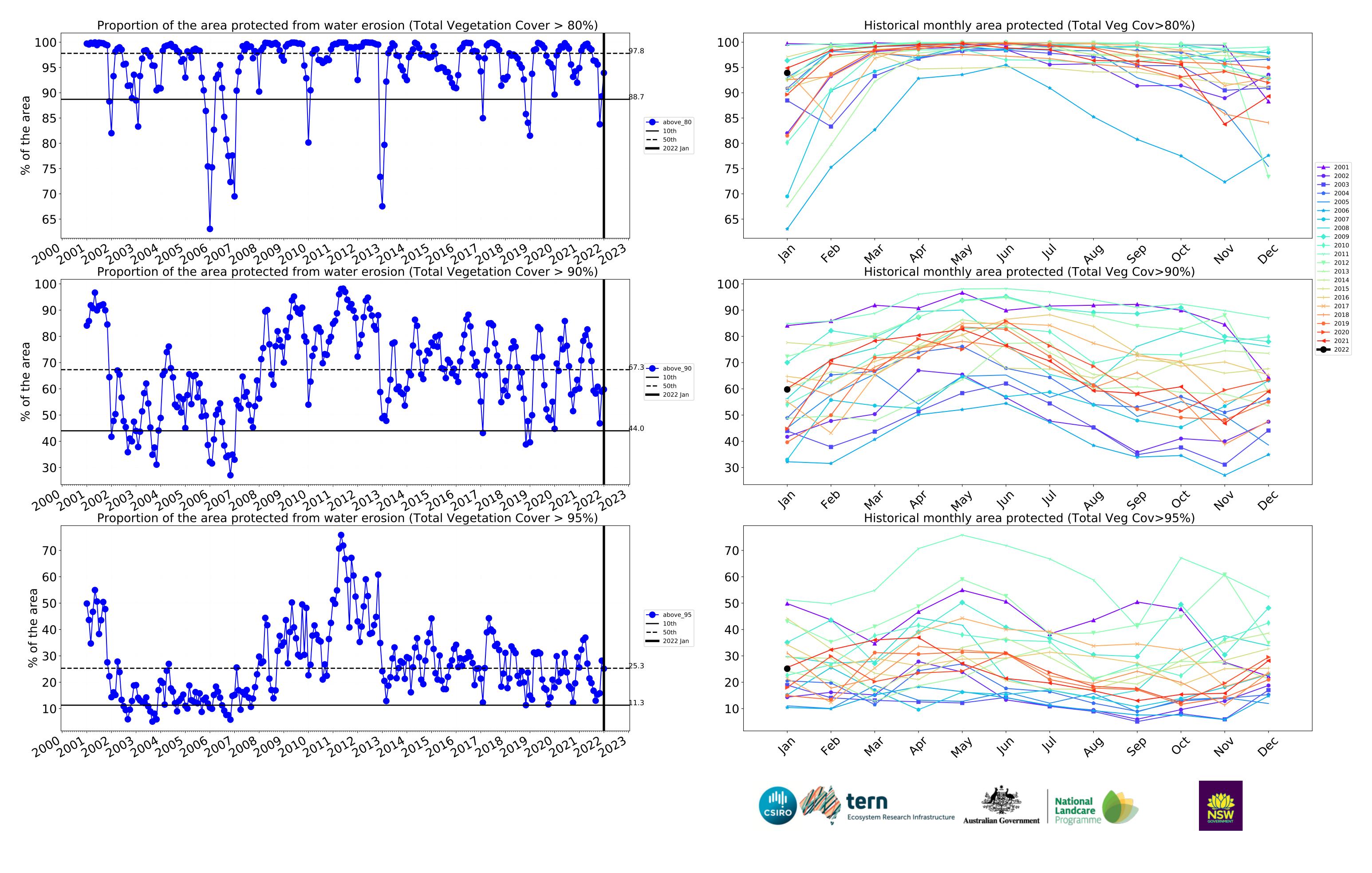




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







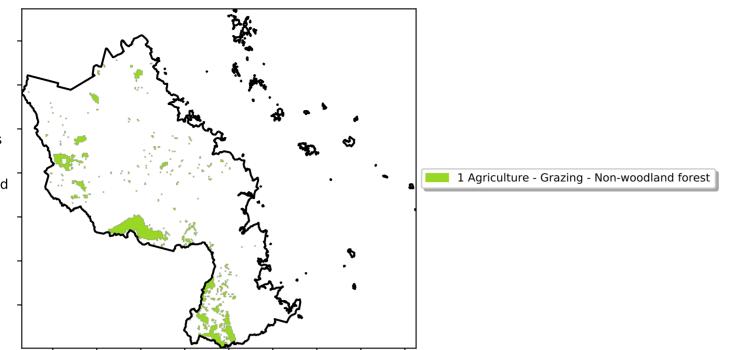
# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

# Land use and forest cover

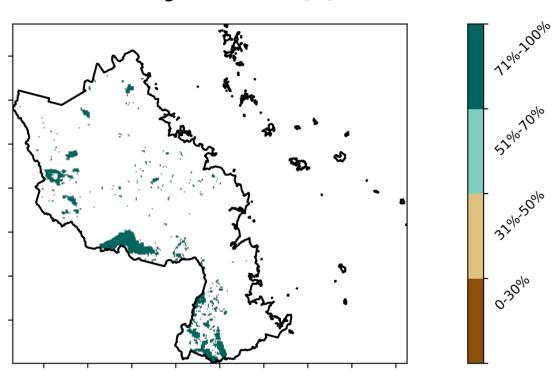
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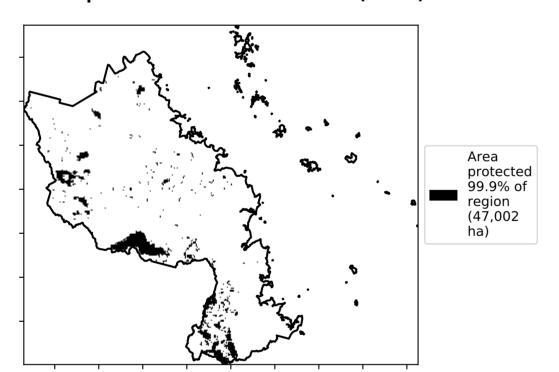
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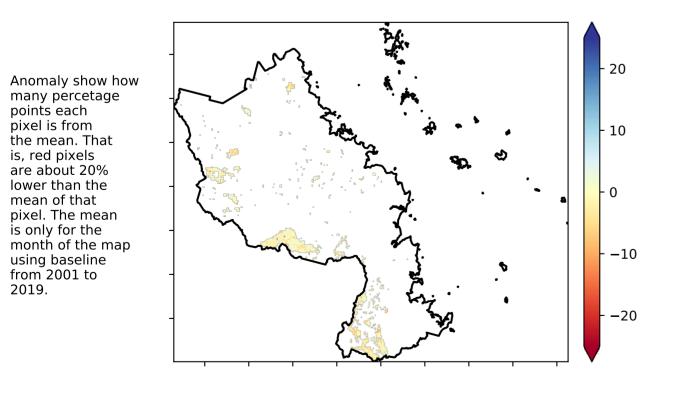
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

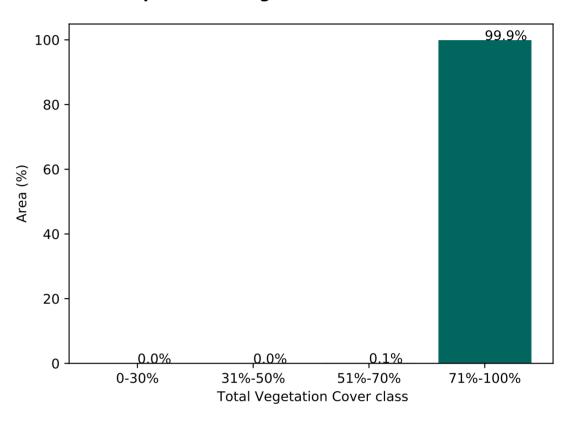


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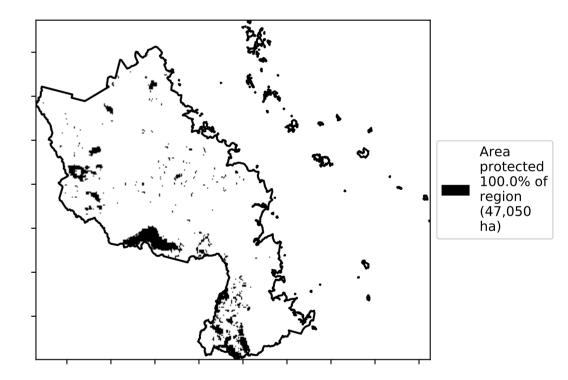


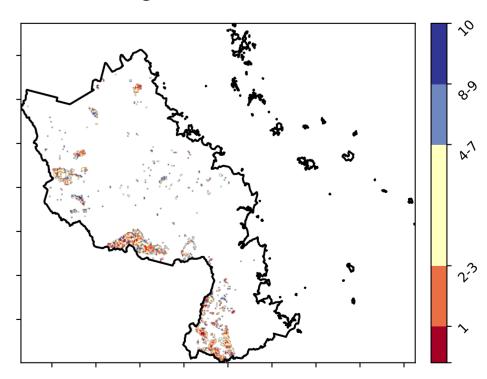
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



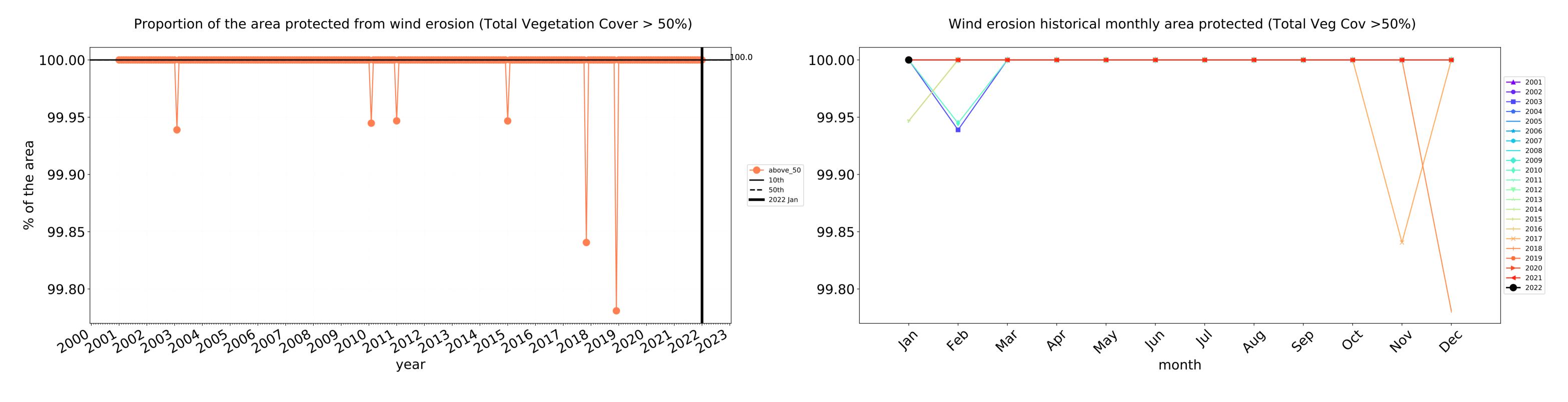


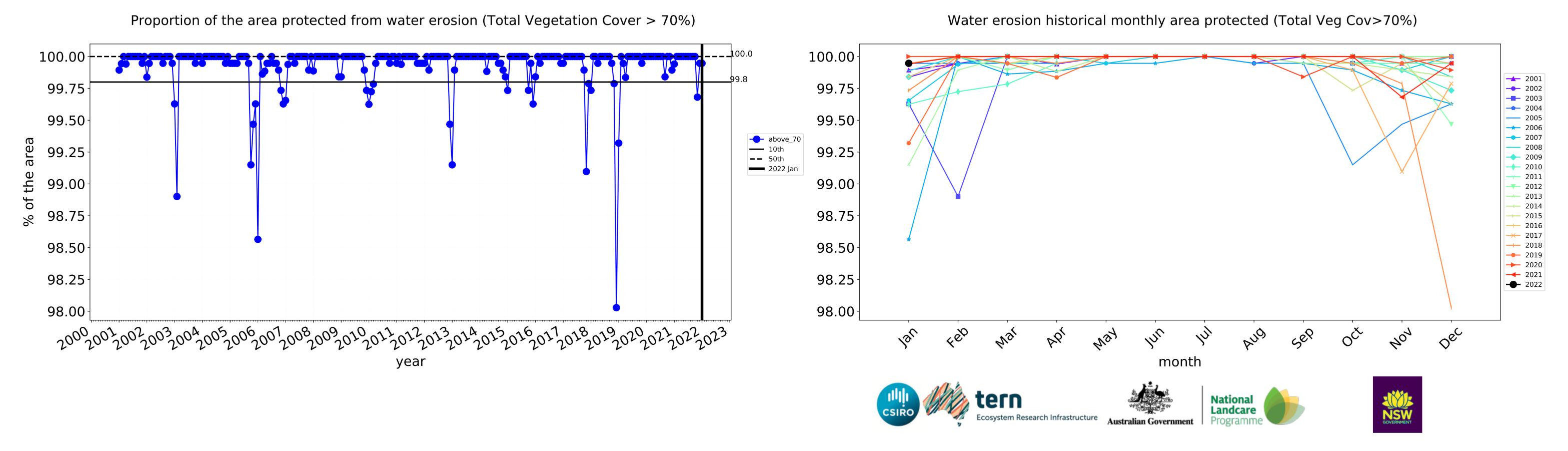


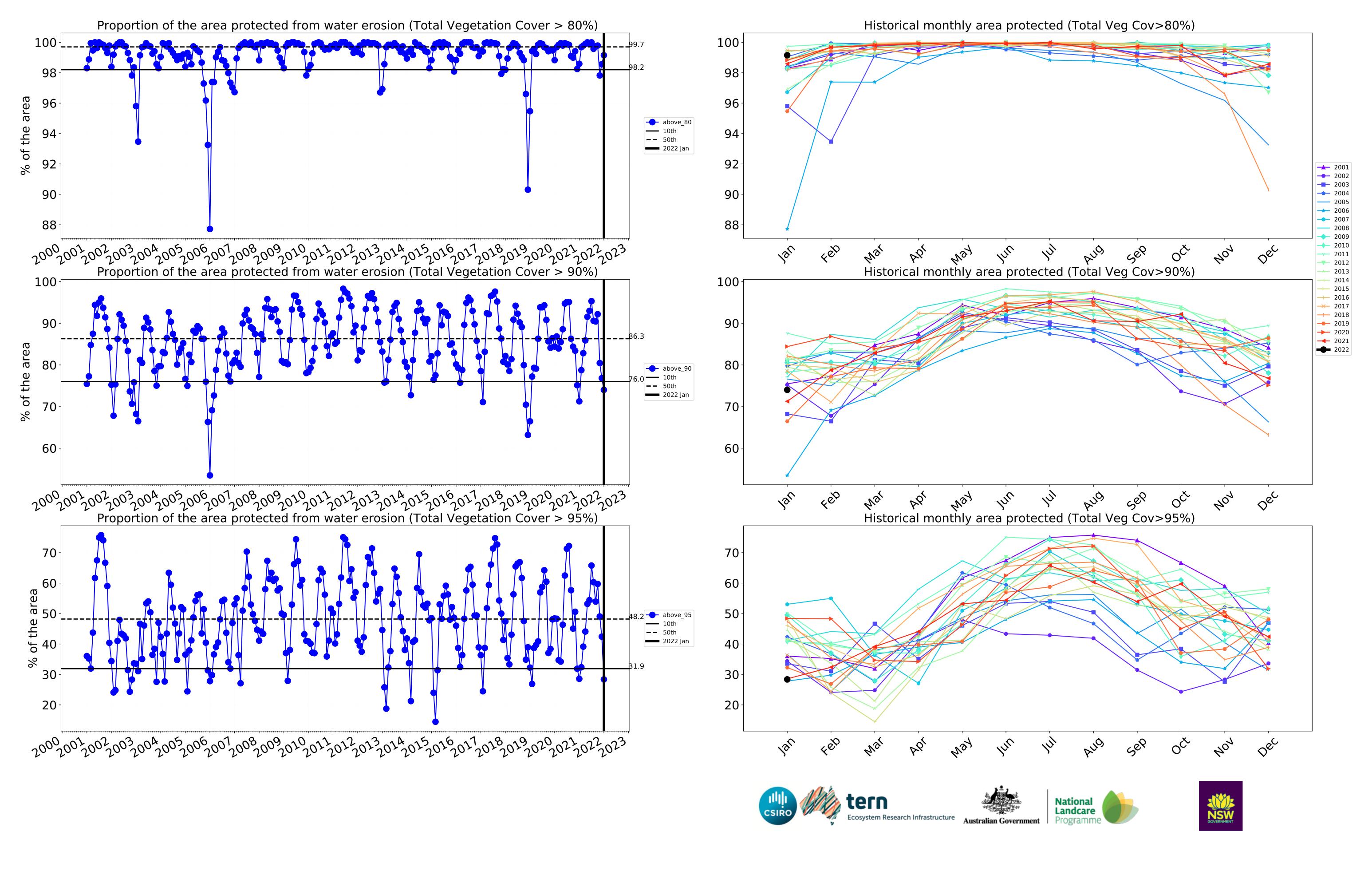






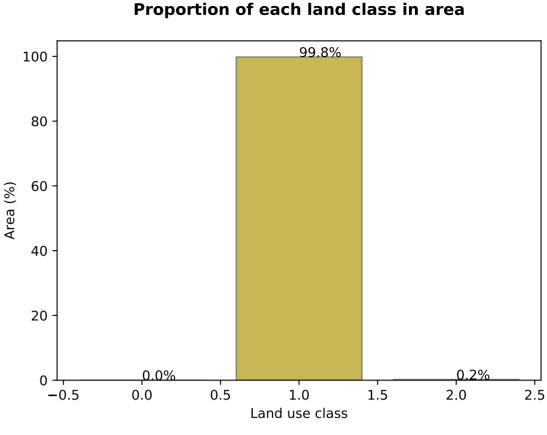


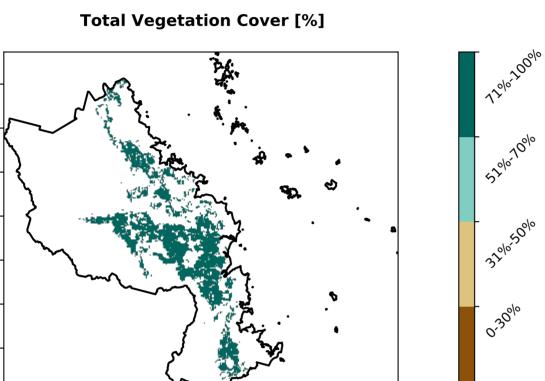


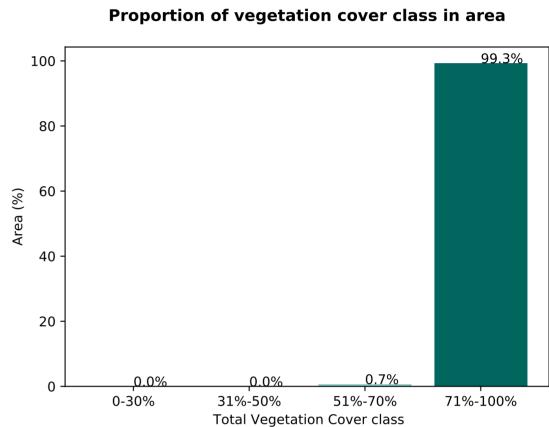


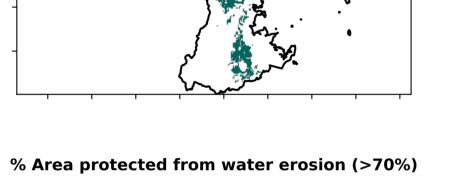
# Irrigation

# 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

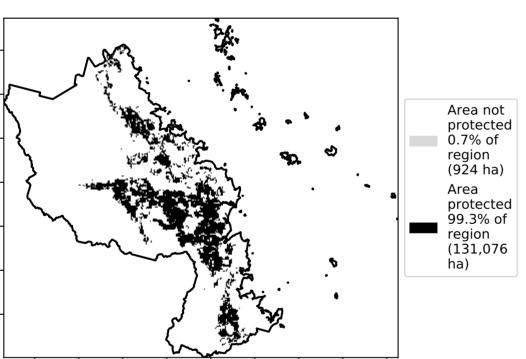


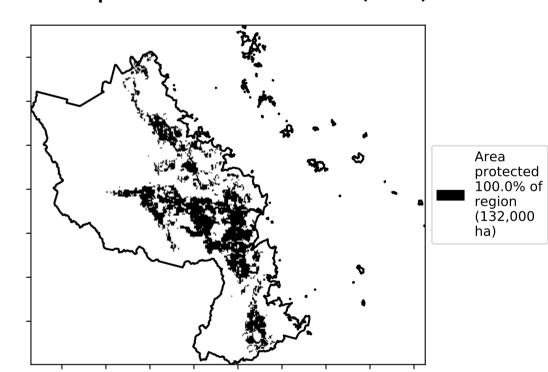






% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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

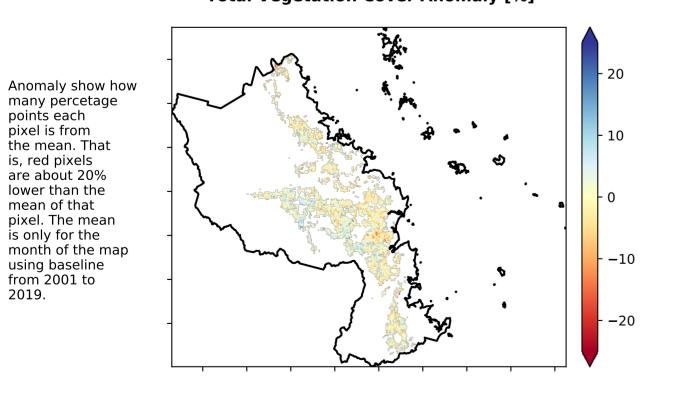
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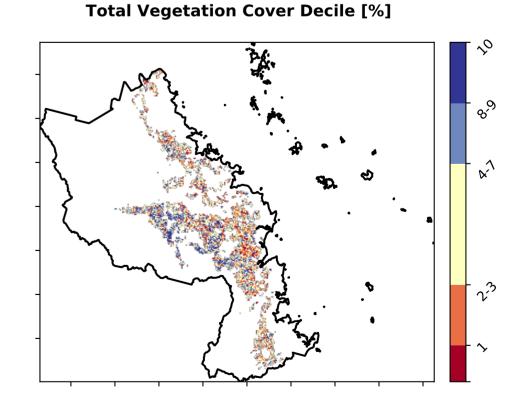
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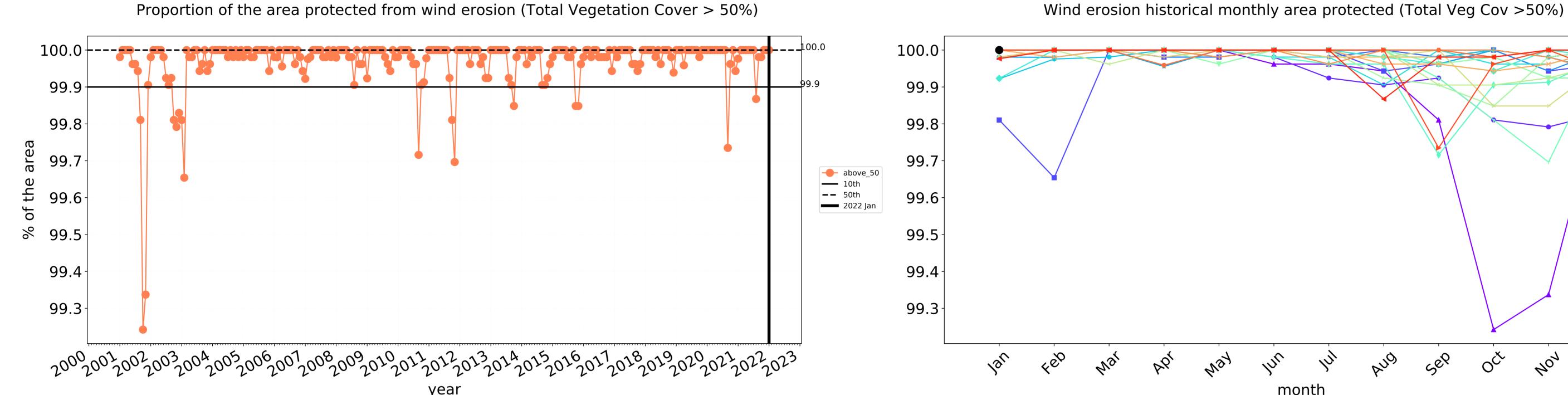


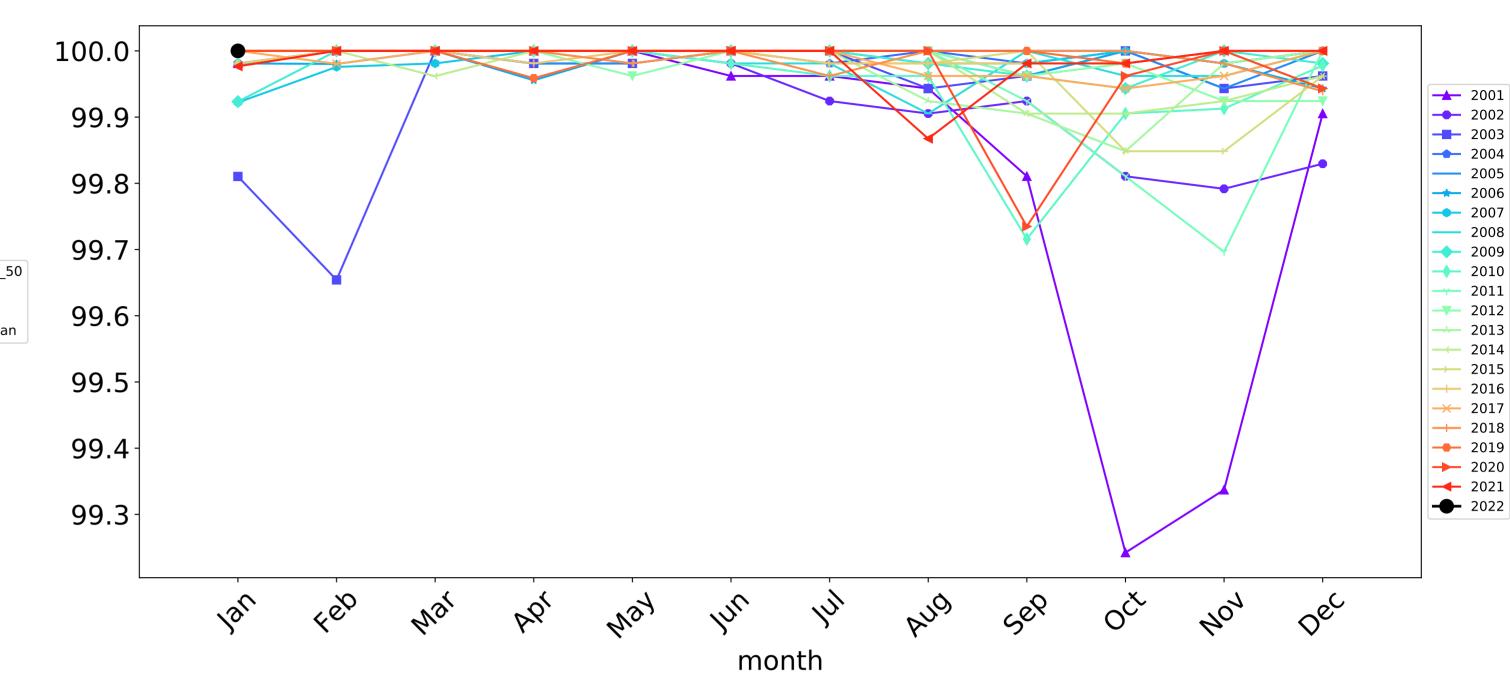


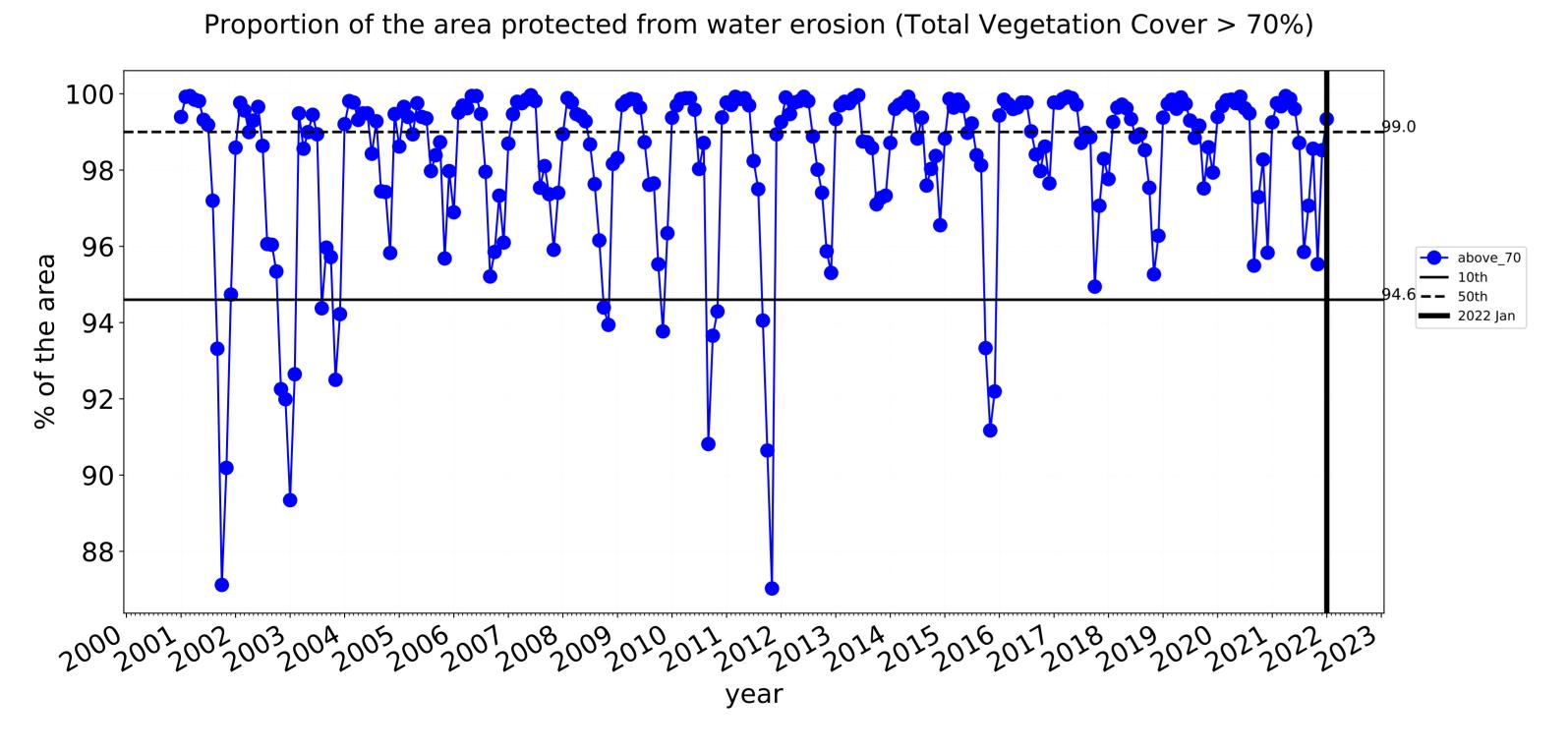


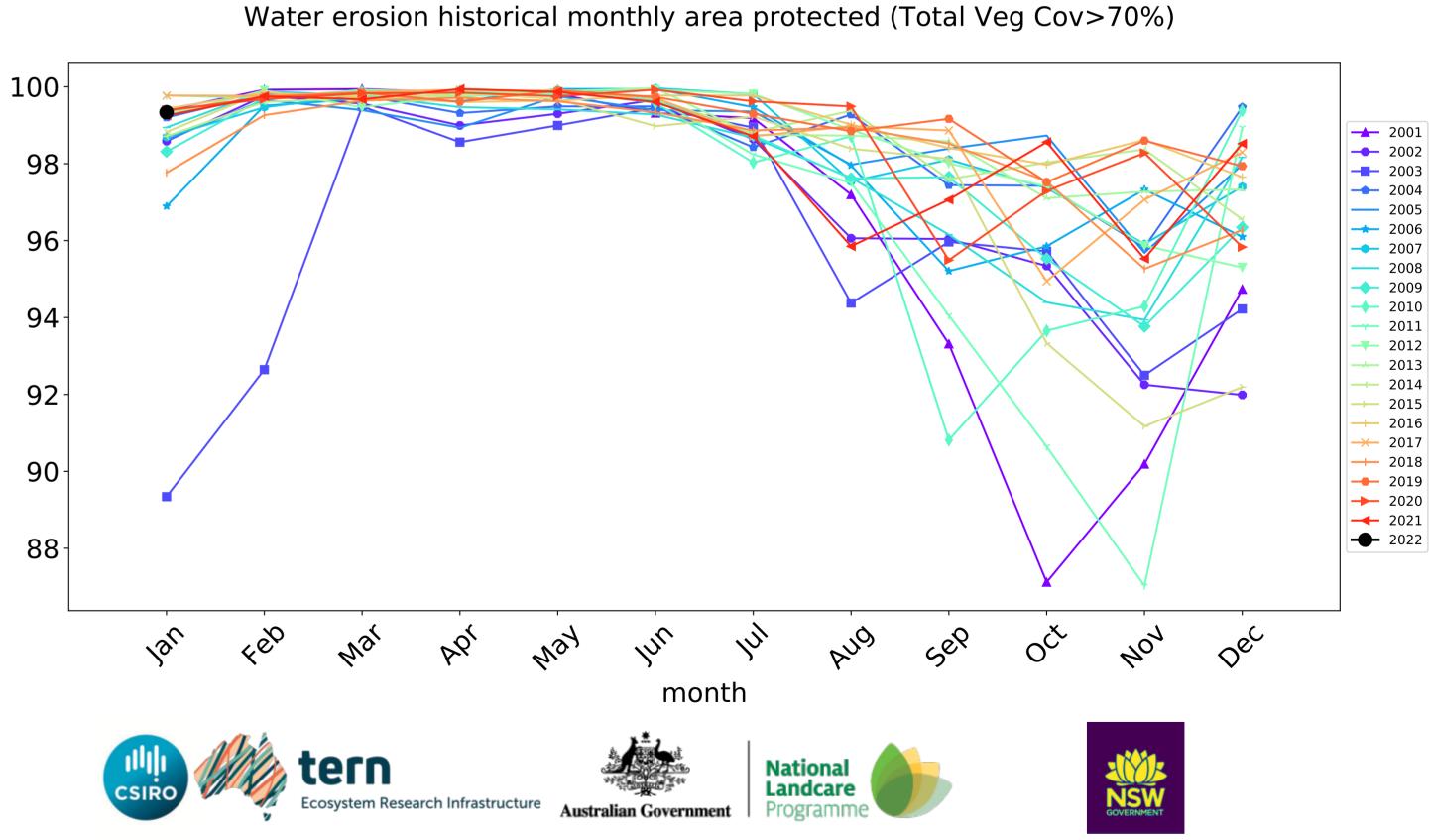


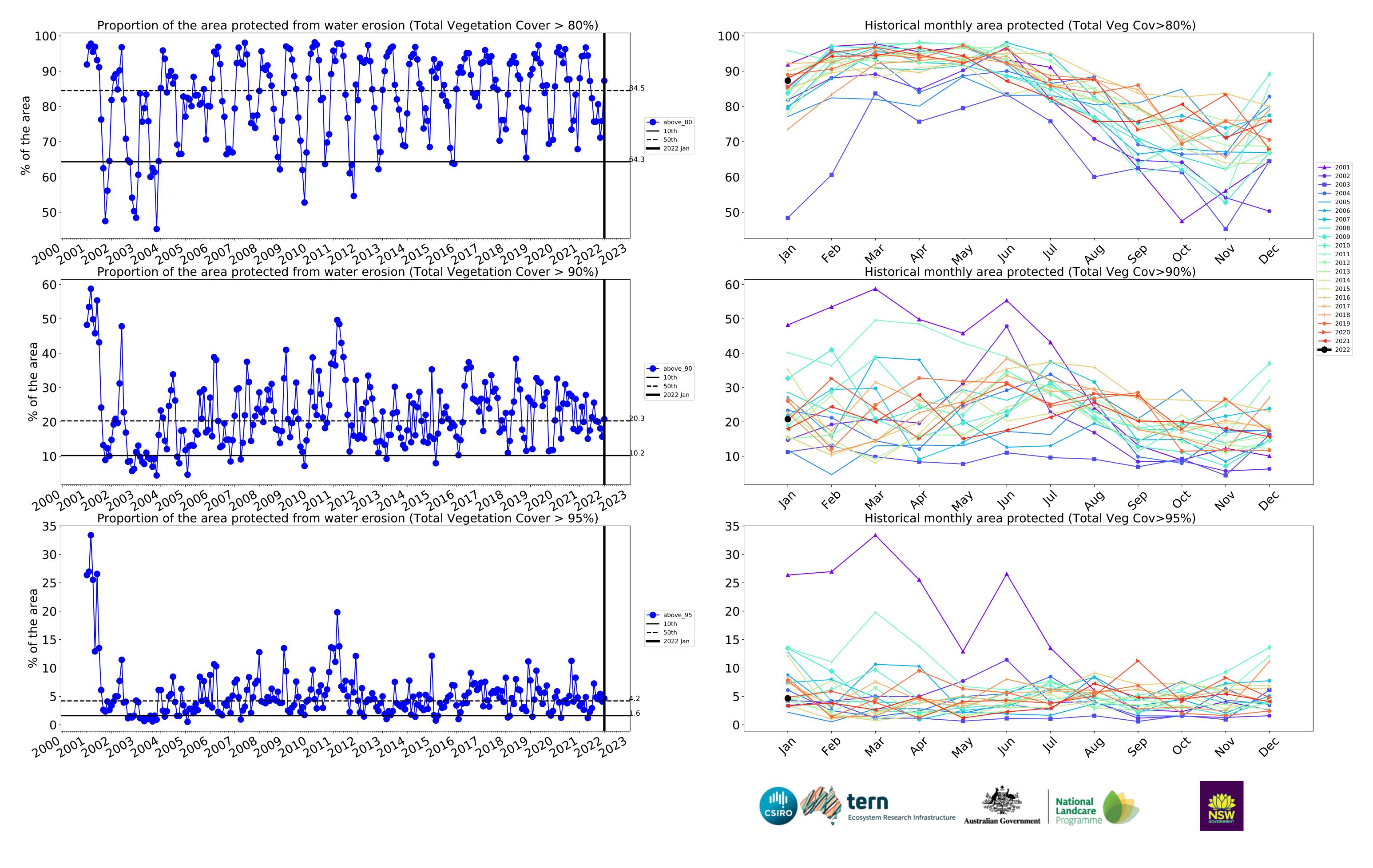
# Irrigation timeseries











# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

# Land use and forest cover

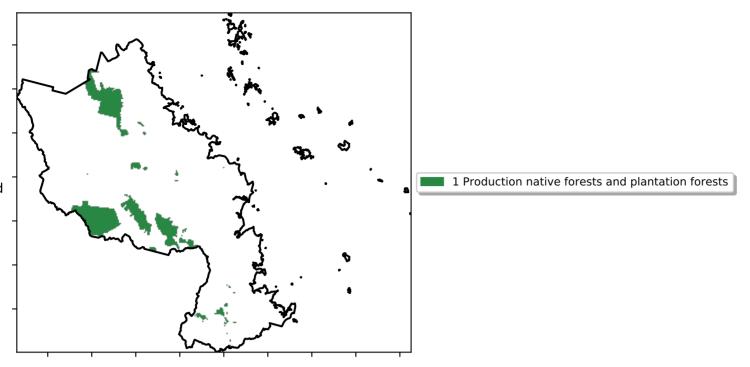
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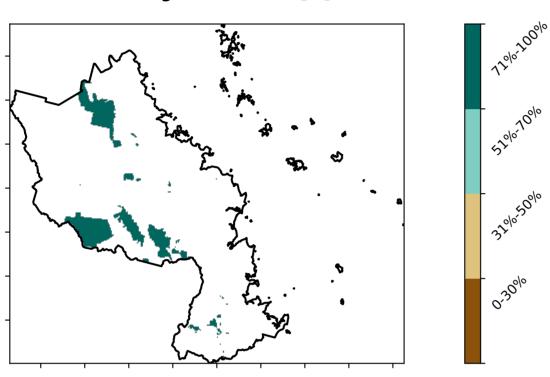
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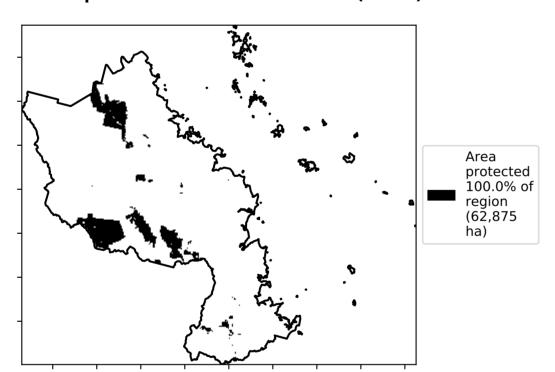
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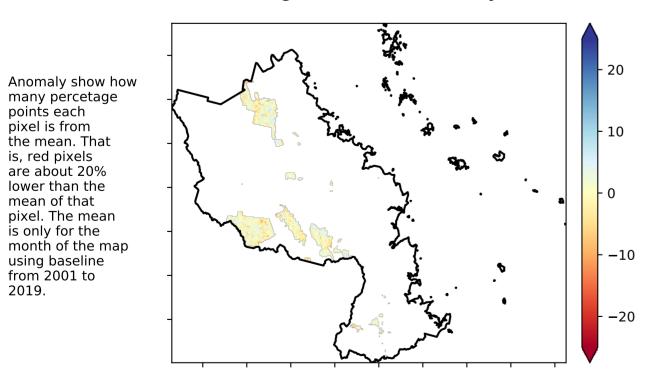
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

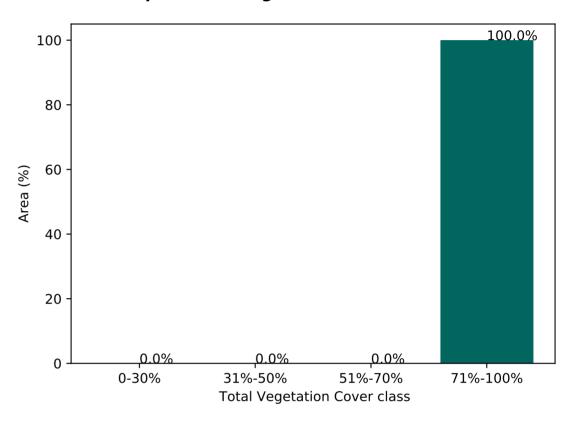


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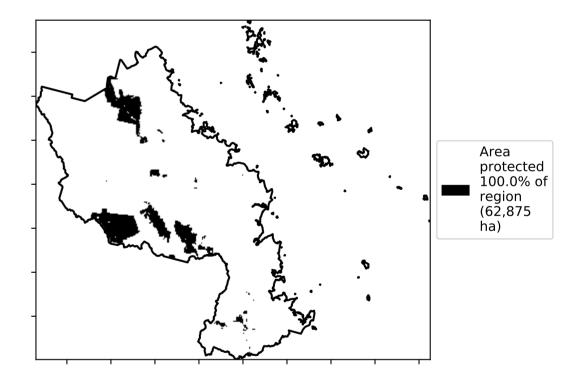


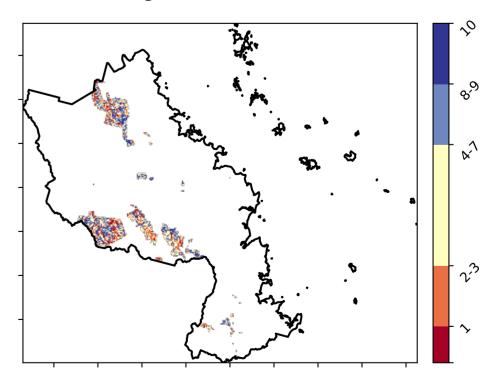
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









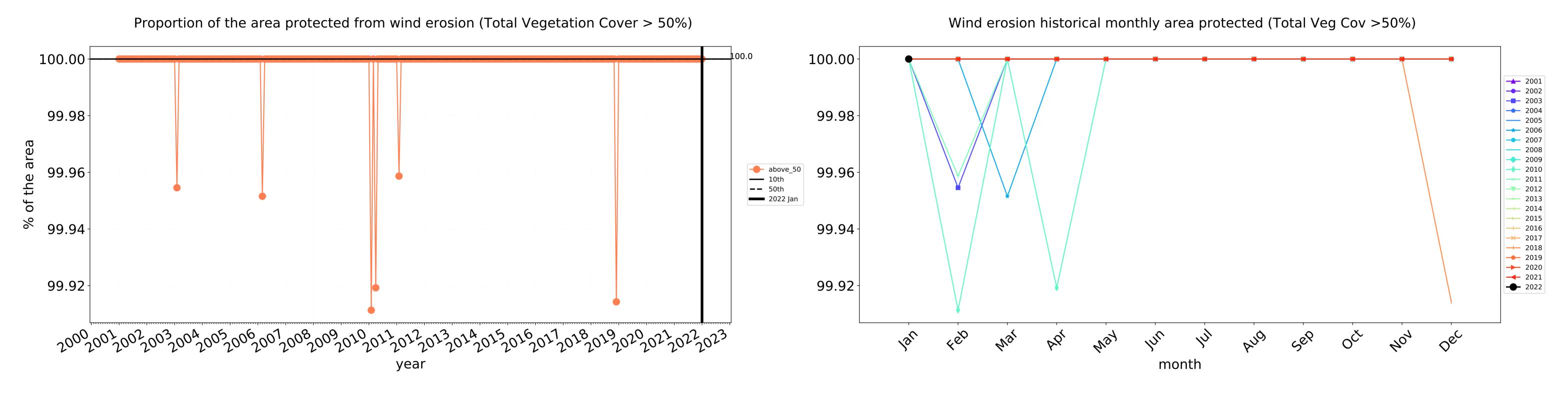


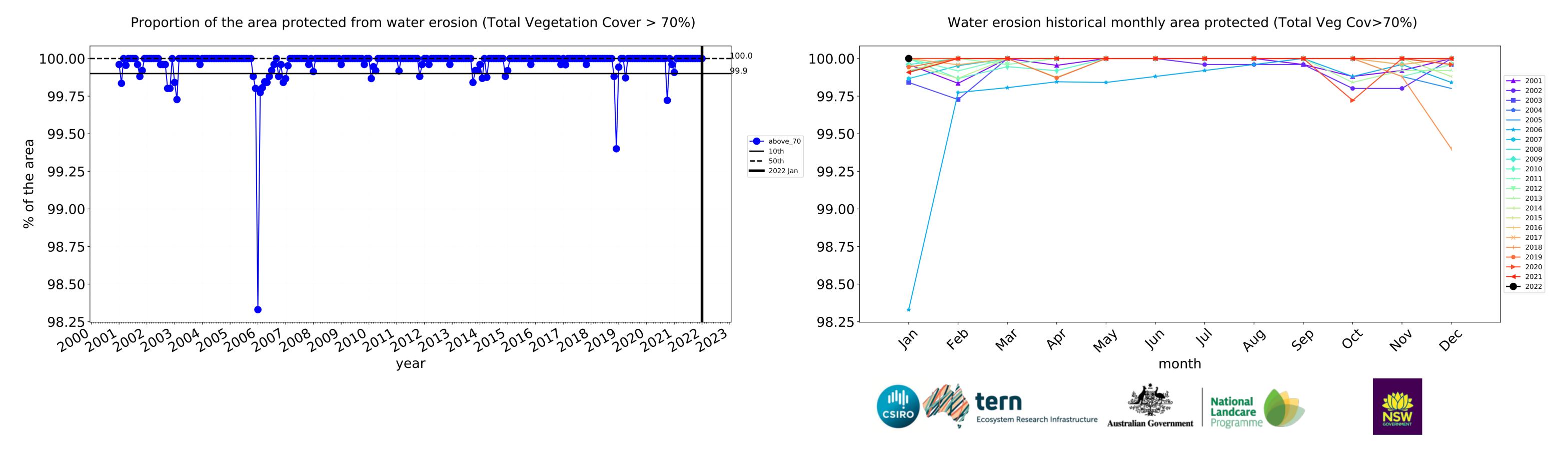


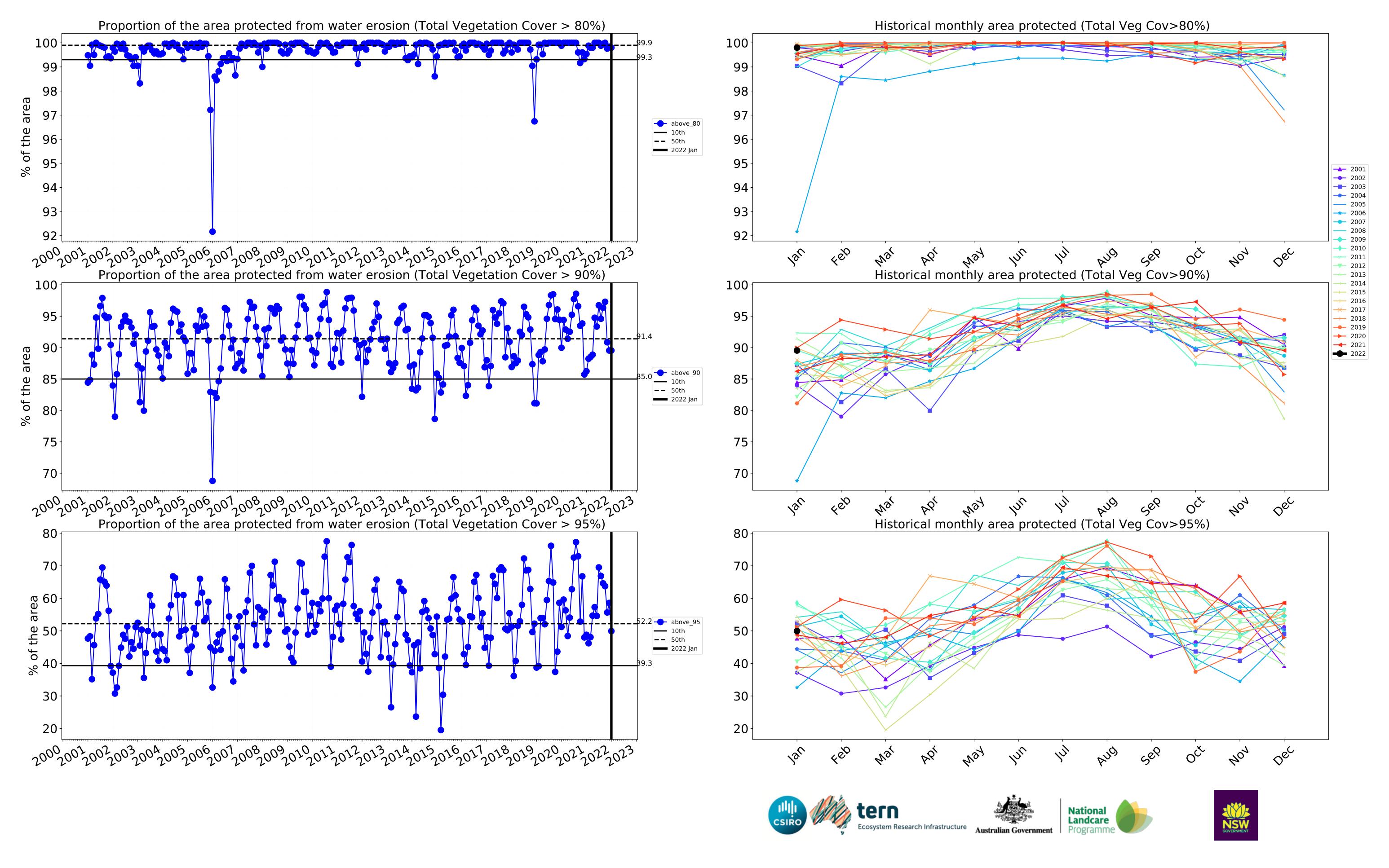




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Mackay\_(R) (745,925 ha and no data 15,386 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	745,925	99.9% 745,425	99.8% 744,150	98.6% 735,800	93.4% 696,325	57.6% 429,850	26.8% 199,775
Conservation and natural environments	191,425	99.9% 191,225	99.8% 190,950	99.1% 189,725	97.8% 187,300	79.3% 151,775	43.5% 83,175
Conservation and natural environments non forest	4,425	99.4% 4,400	99.4% 4,400	94.9% 4,200	88.1% 3,900	58.2% 2,575	37.3% 1,650
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	36,850	99.9% 36,800	99.7% 36,725	98.6% 36,350	95.9% 35,325	66.4% 24,475	30.5% 11,225
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	150,150	99.9% 150,025	99.8% 149,825	99.4% 149,175	98.6% 148,075	83.1% 124,725	46.8% 70,300
Agriculture	428,325	100.0% 428,275	100.0% 428,125	99.5% 426,000	93.1% 398,775	46.8% 200,525	17.4% 74,600
Grazing	295,725	100.0% 295,675	99.9% 295,525	99.5% 294,275	95.7% 283,000	58.4% 172,575	23.1% 68,400
Grazing non forest	140,000	100.0% 139,950	99.9% 139,850	99.3% 138,975	95.9% 134,275	52.0% 72,800	19.8% 27,725
Grazing Woodland forest	108,675	100.0% 108,675	100.0% 108,625	99.6% 108,275	93.9% 102,075	59.8% 64,950	25.1% 27,325
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	99.9% 47,025	99.1% 46,650	74.0% 34,825	28.4% 13,350
Irrigation	132,000	100.0% 132,000	100.0% 132,000	99.3% 131,125	87.3% 115,200	20.8% 27,450	4.6% 6,125
Production native forests and plantation forests	62,875	100.0% 62,875	100.0% 62,875	100.0% 62,875	99.8% 62,750	89.5% 56,300	49.9% 31,400







