

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Mackay_(R) QLD

Date: May 2023

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

Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region.

Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

- 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover - protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover - not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover - not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available.

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

Acknowledgment of data:

1. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification>
2. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018>
3. <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover>
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:
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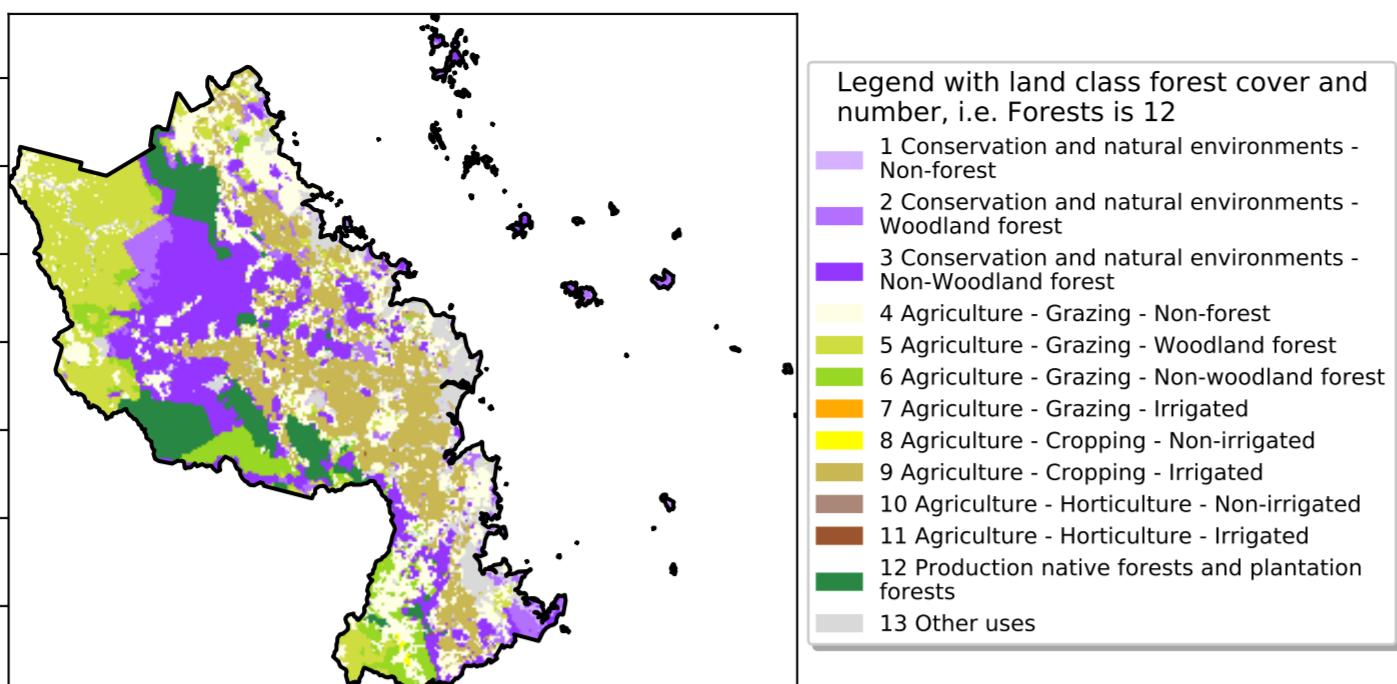
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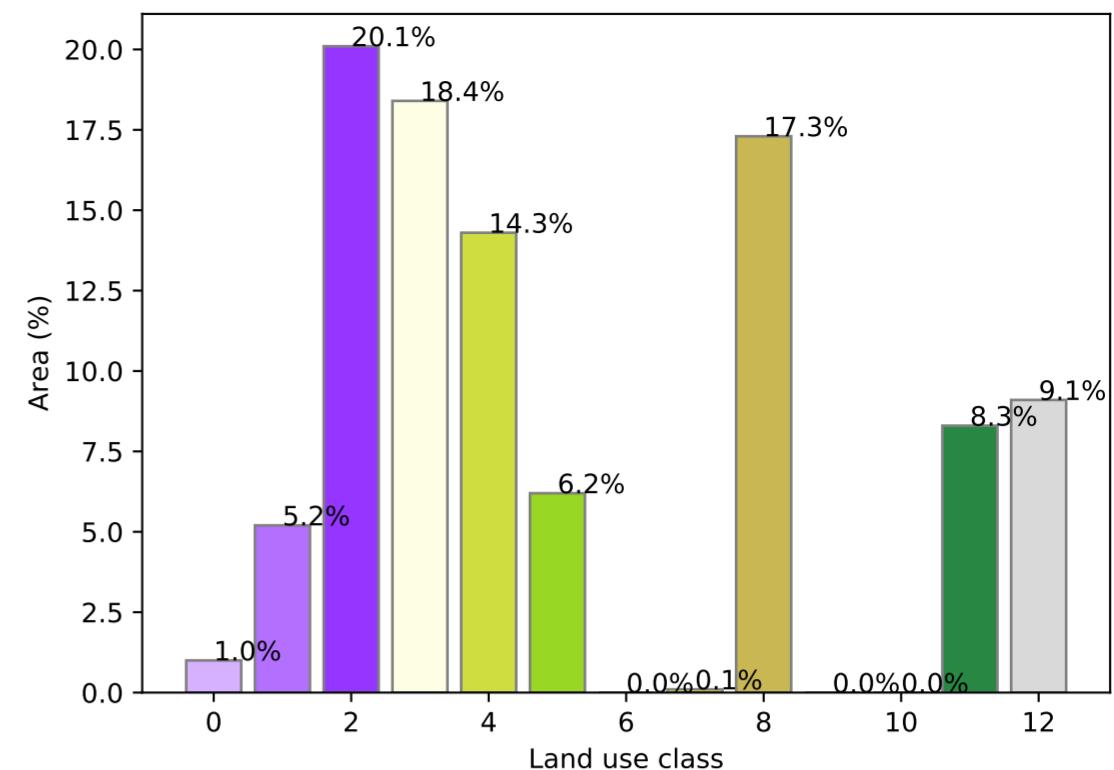
Vegetation Cover May 2023

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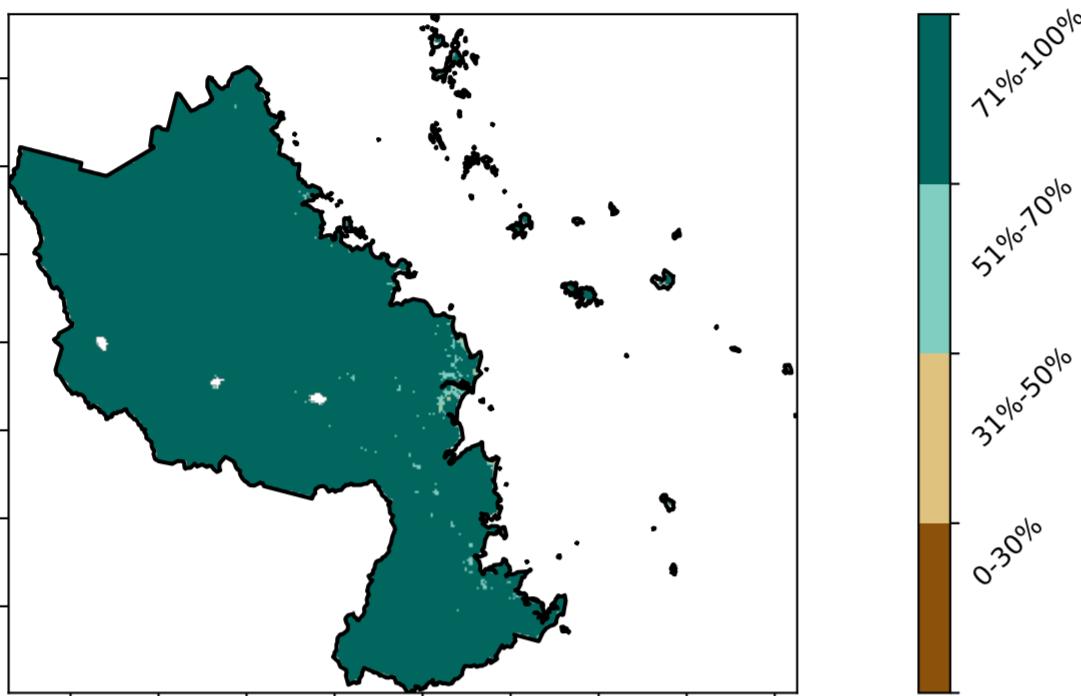
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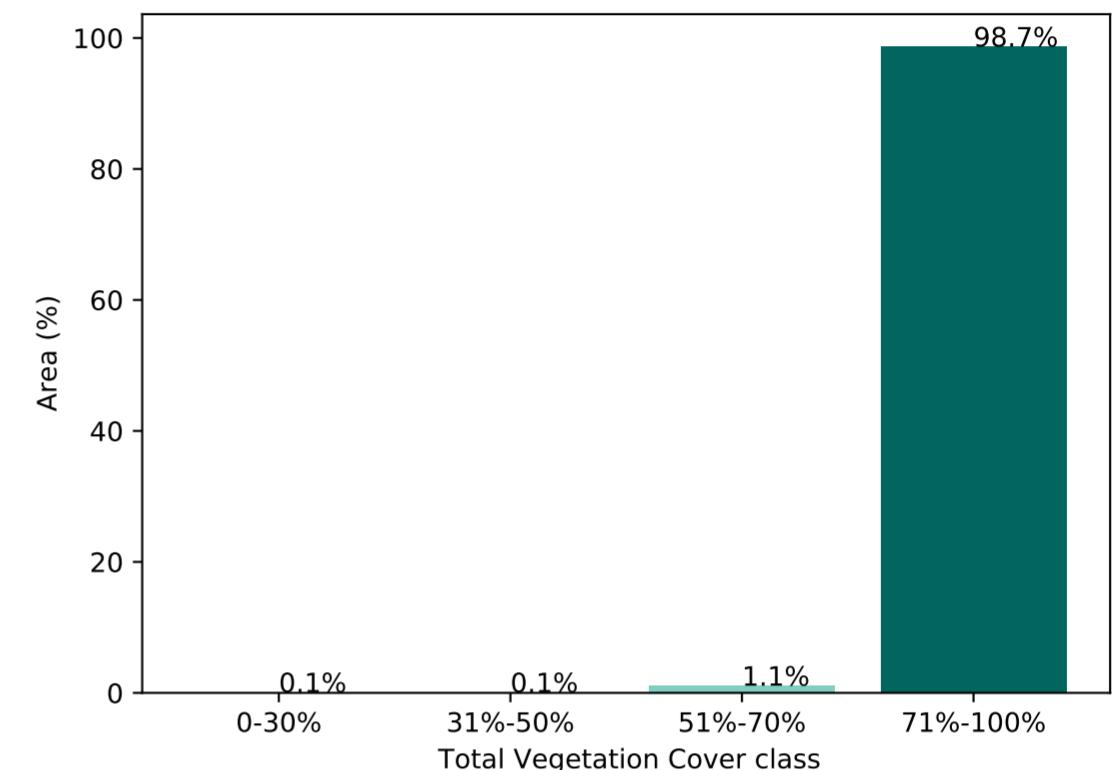
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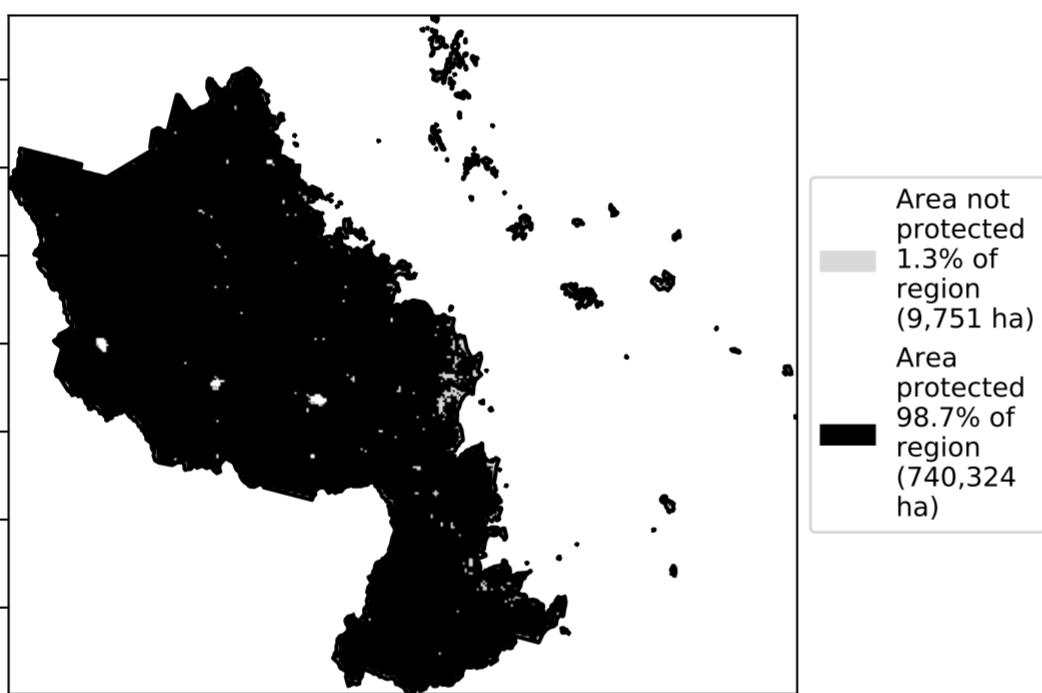
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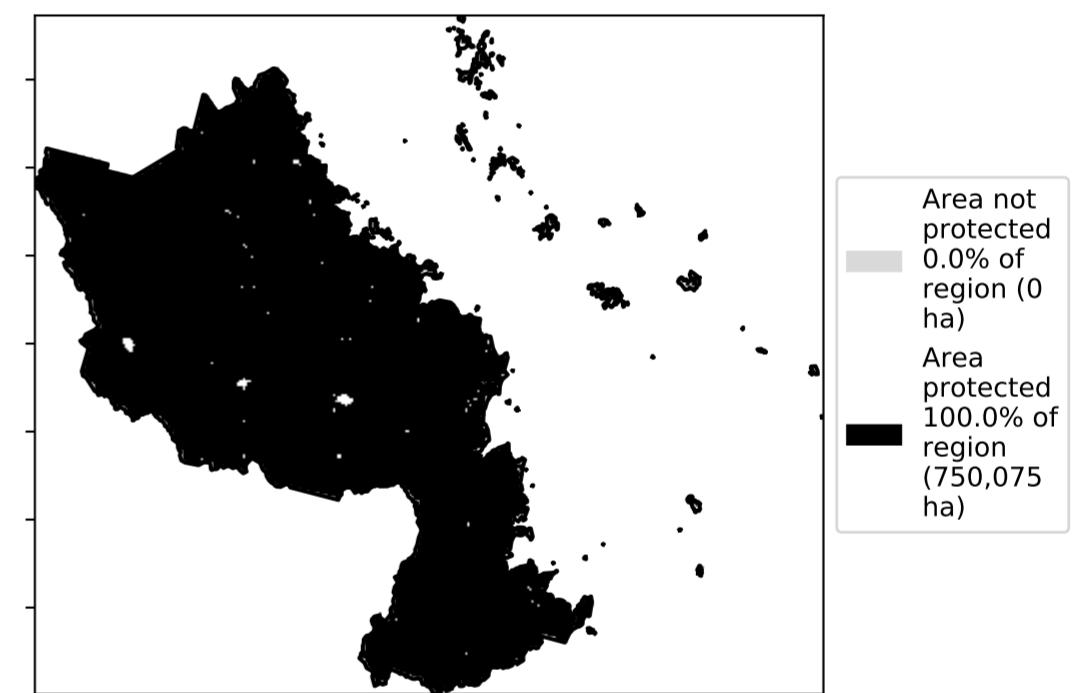
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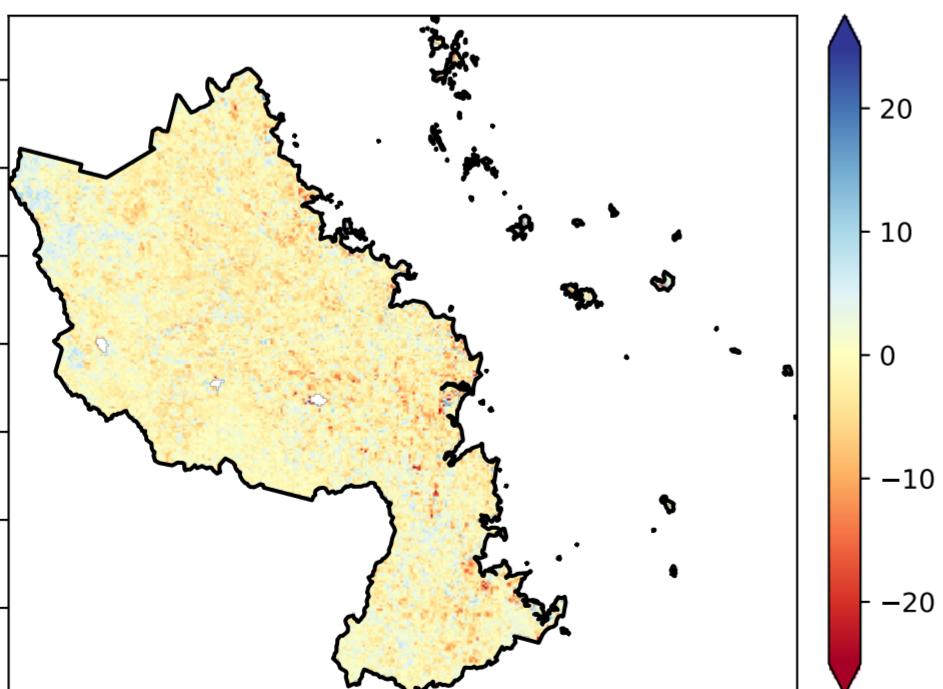


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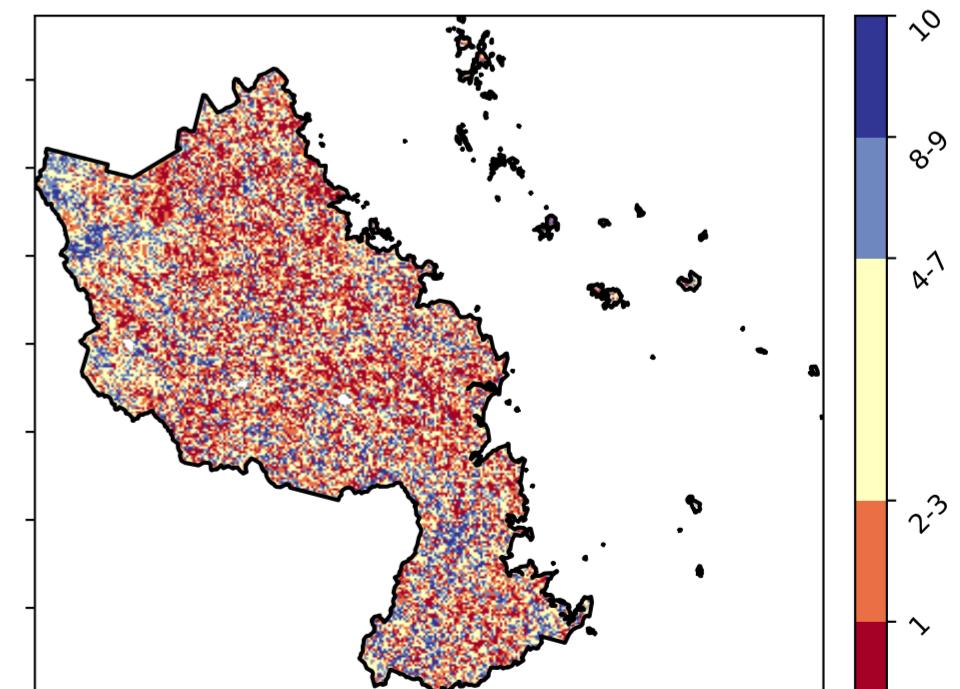
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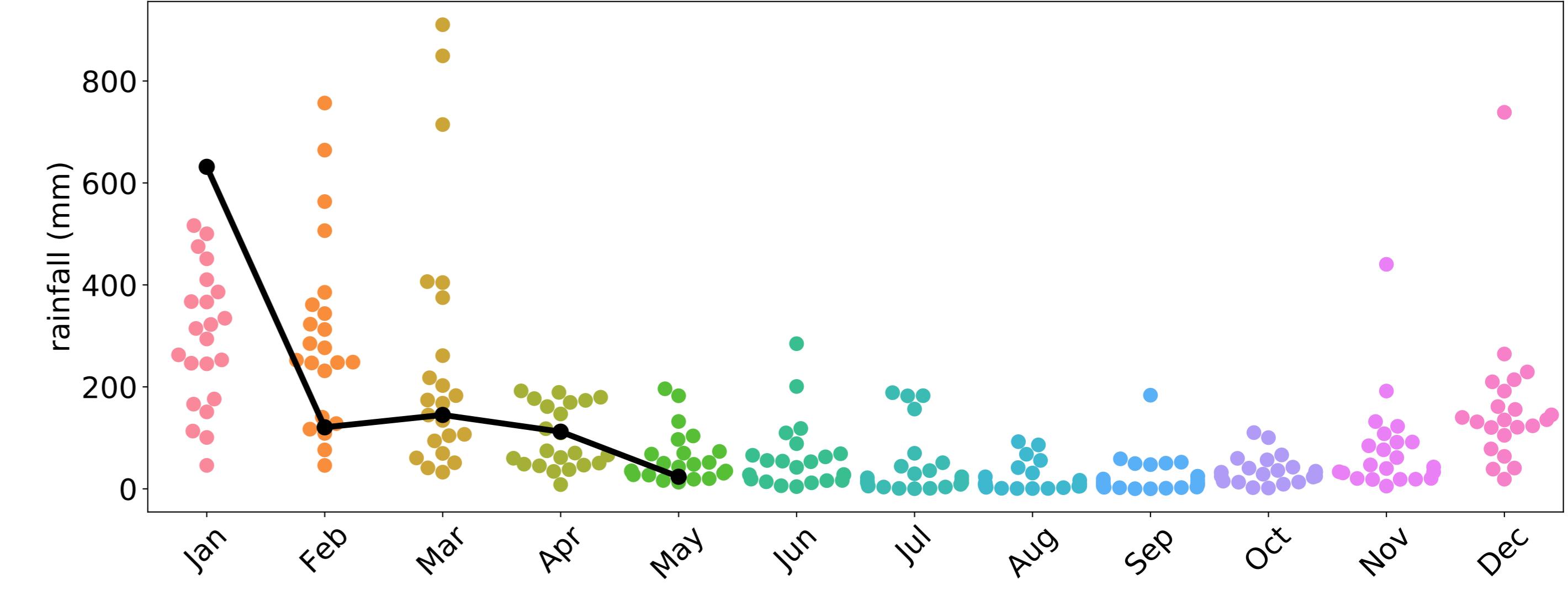
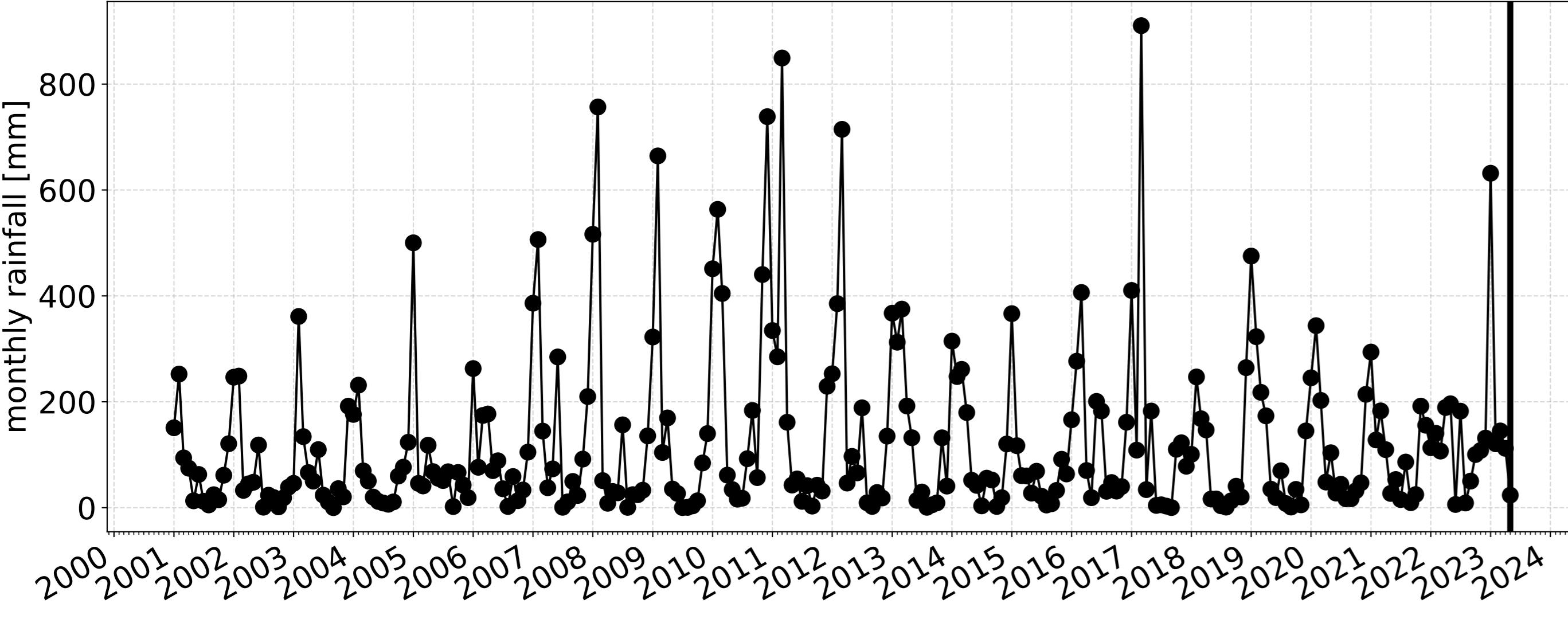
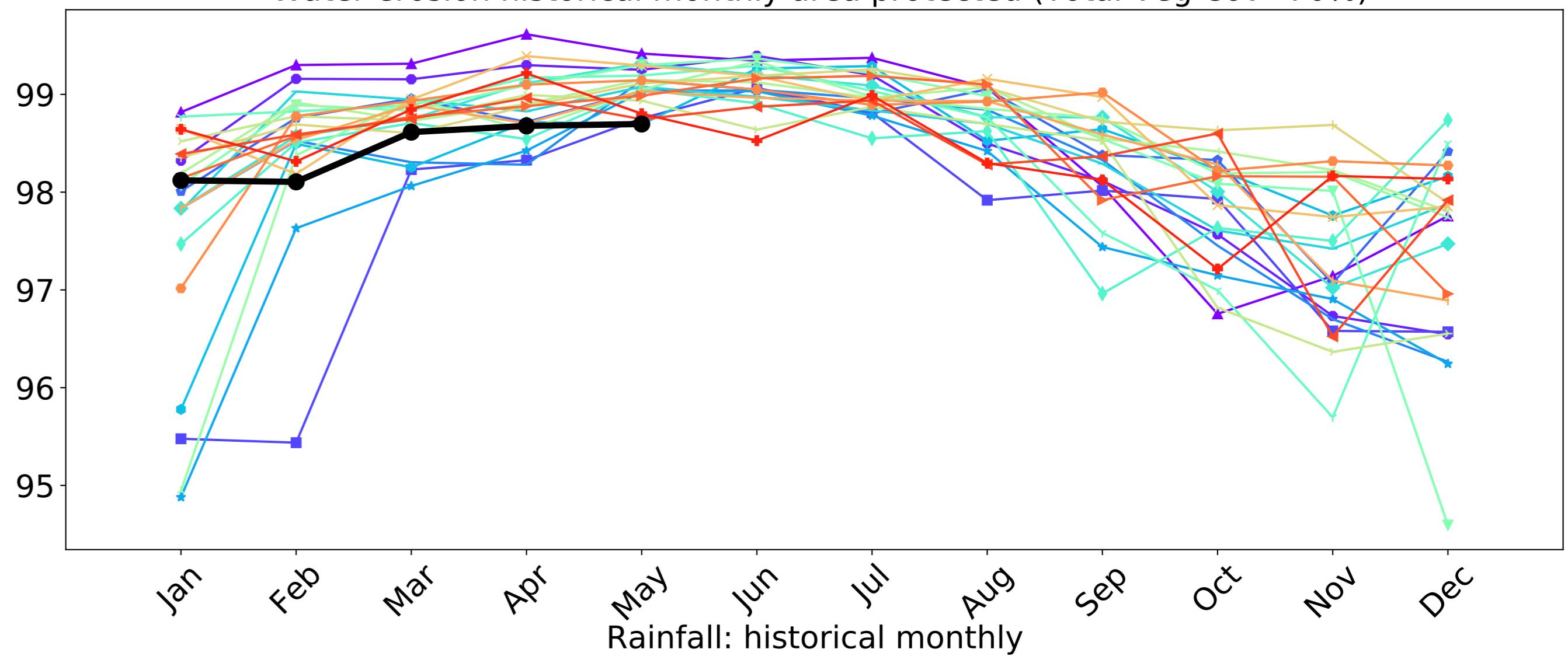
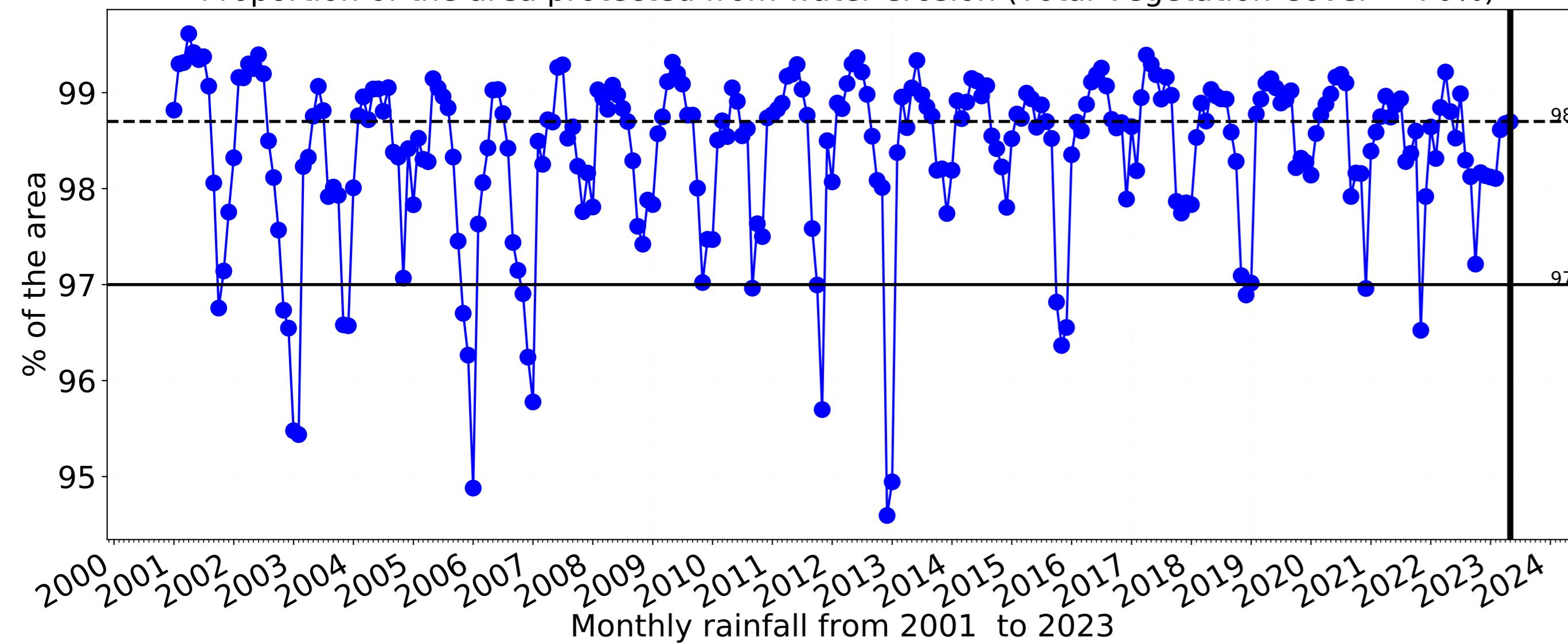
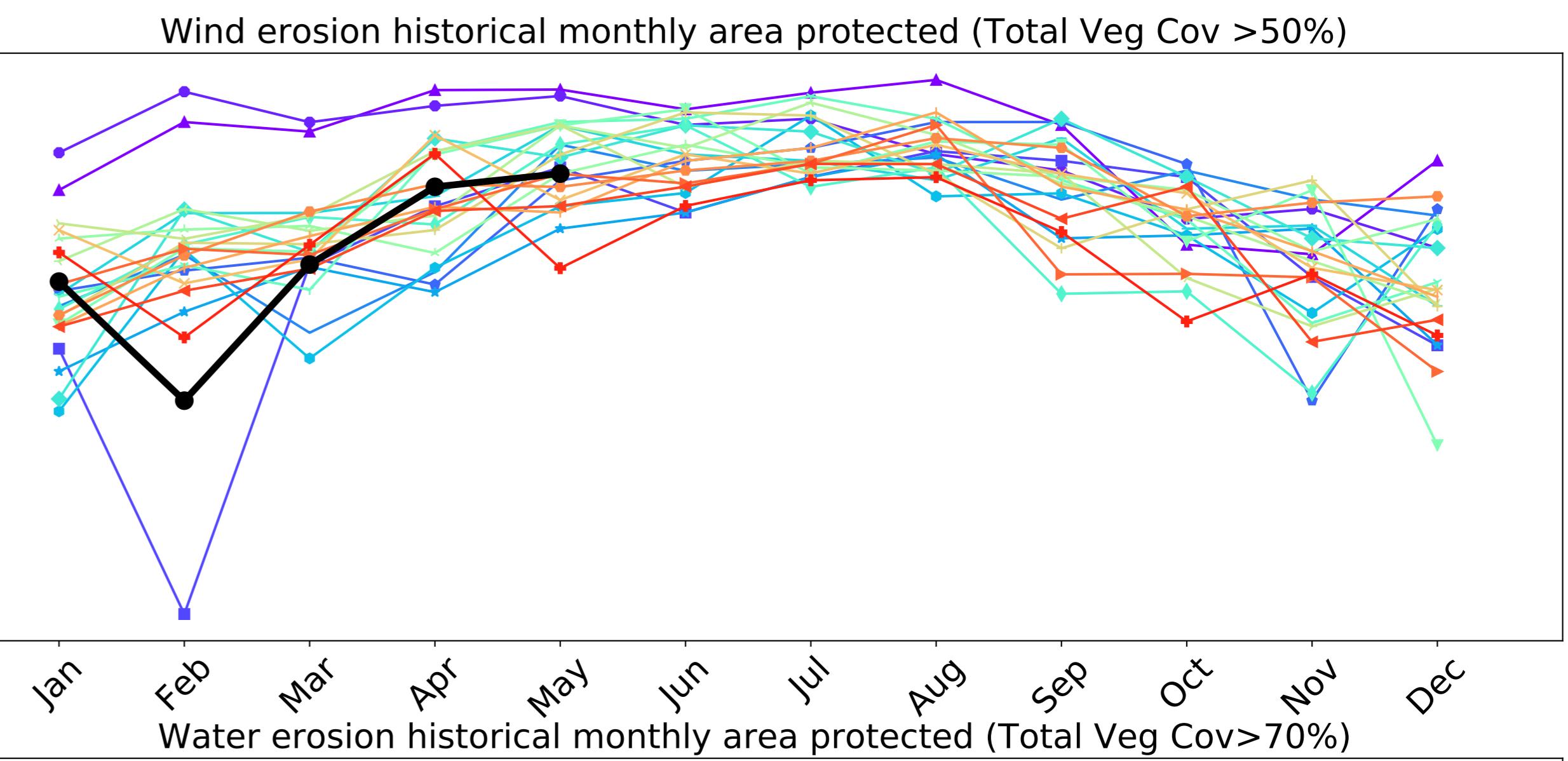
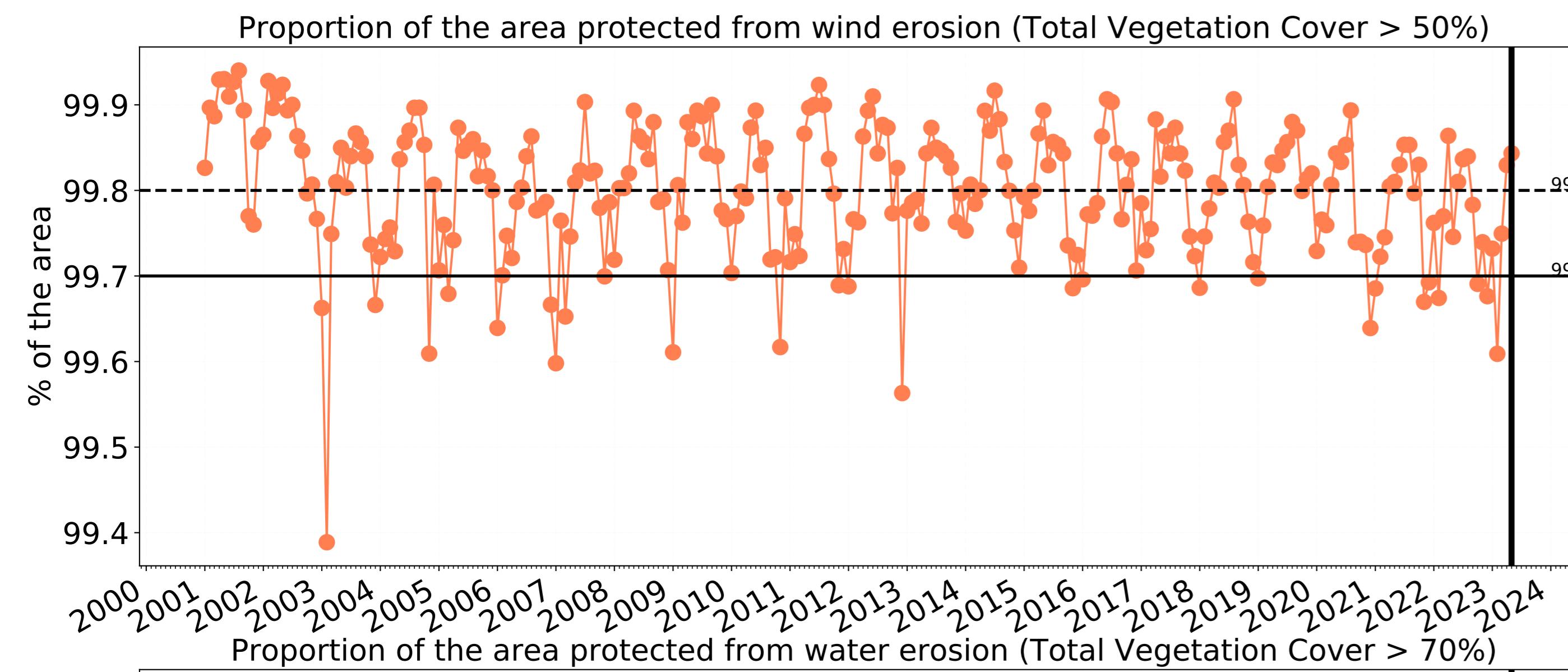
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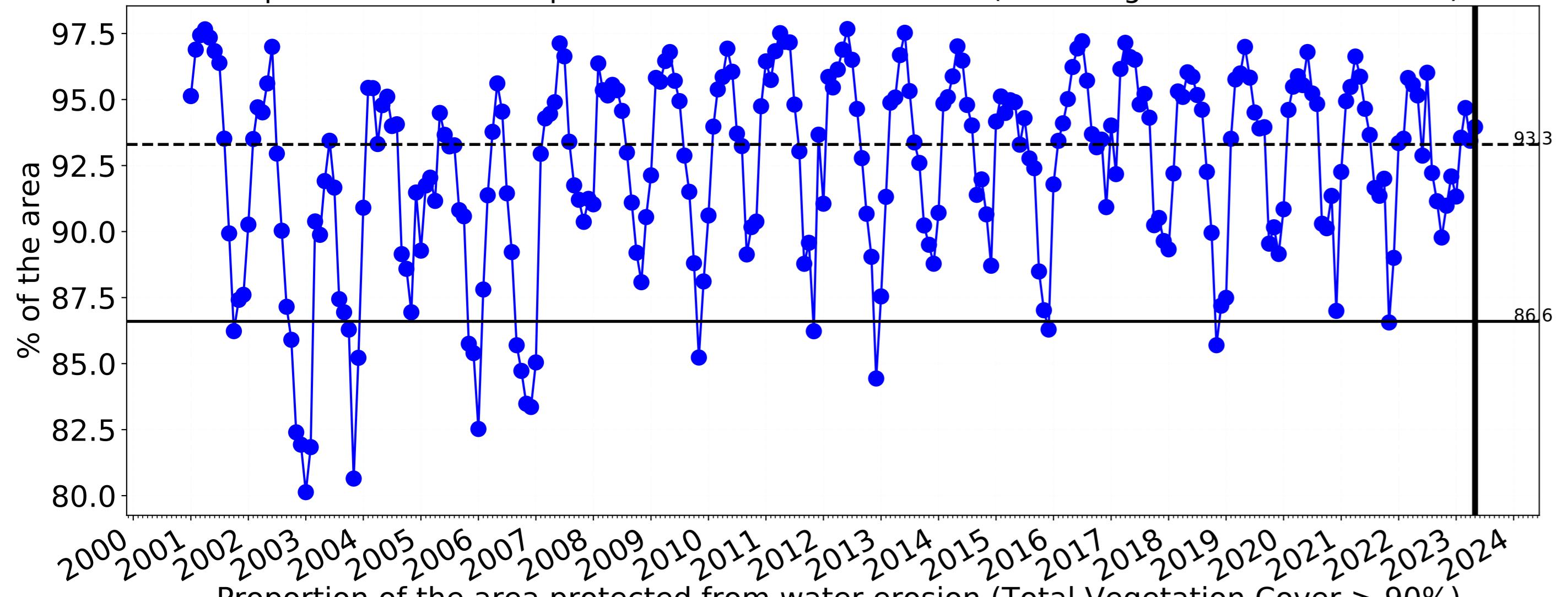
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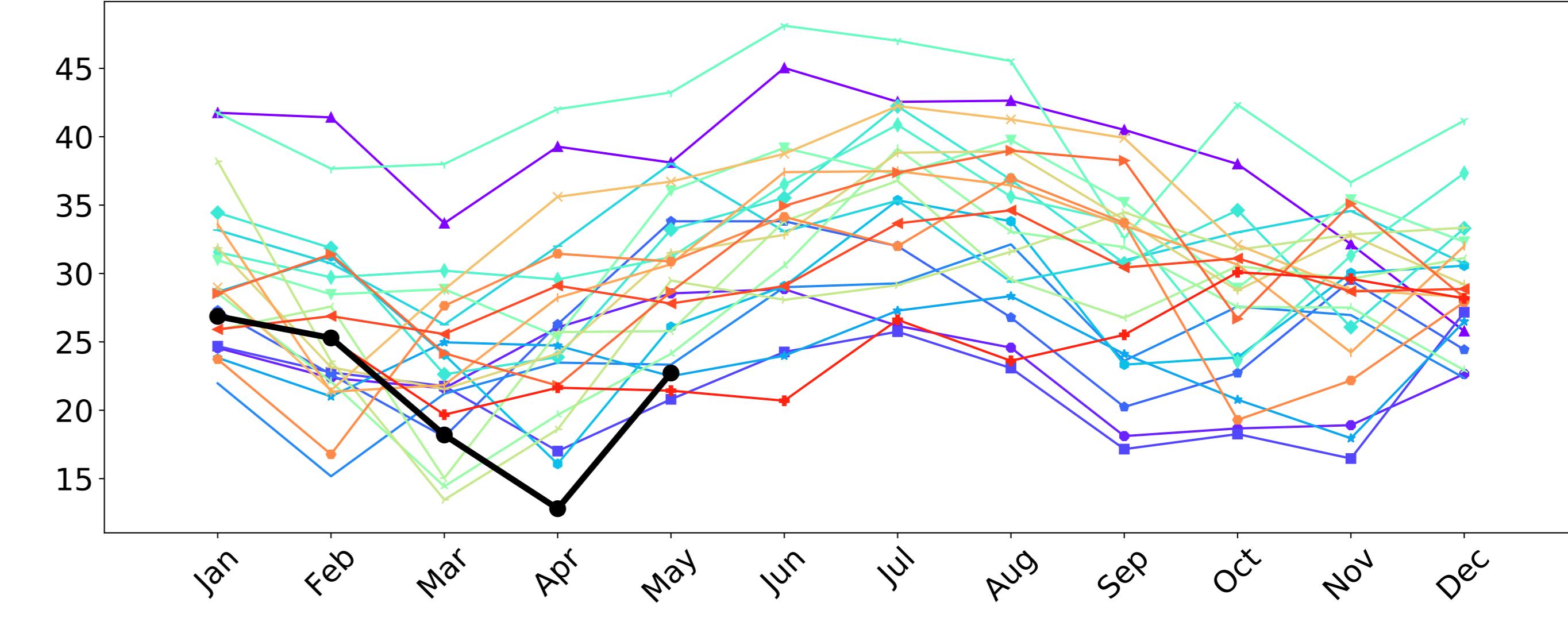
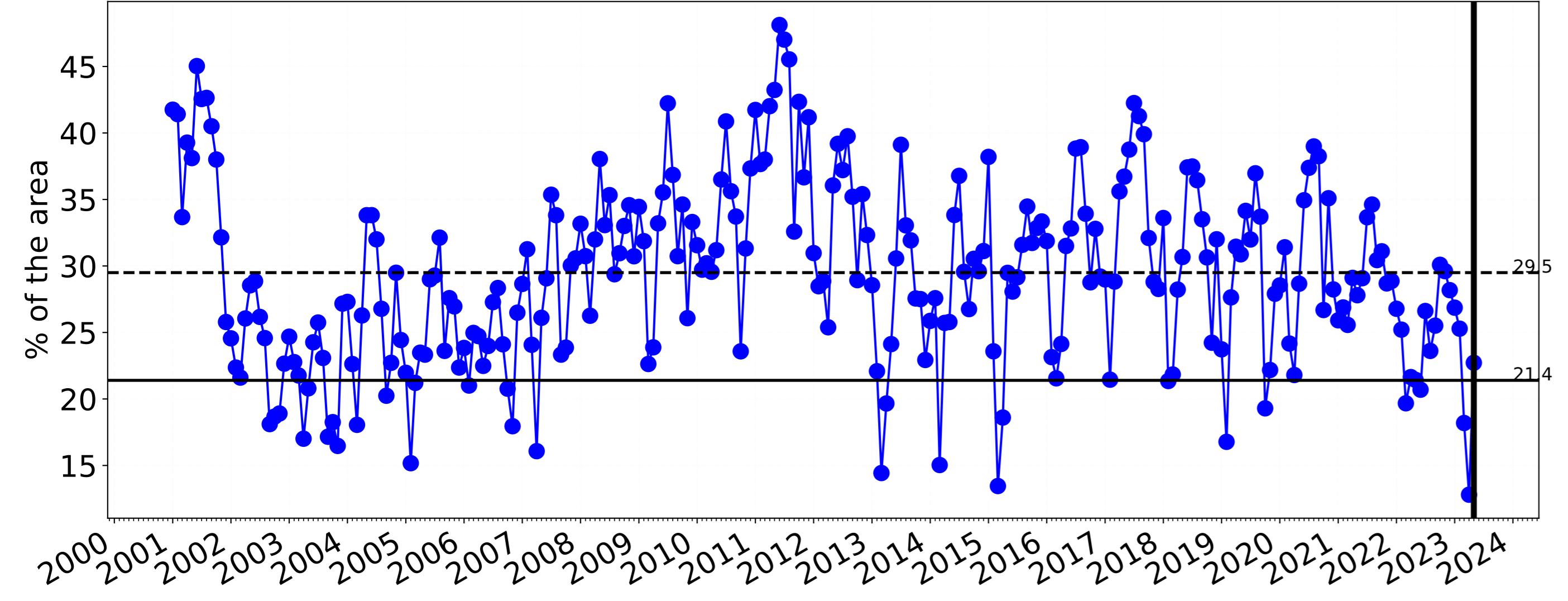
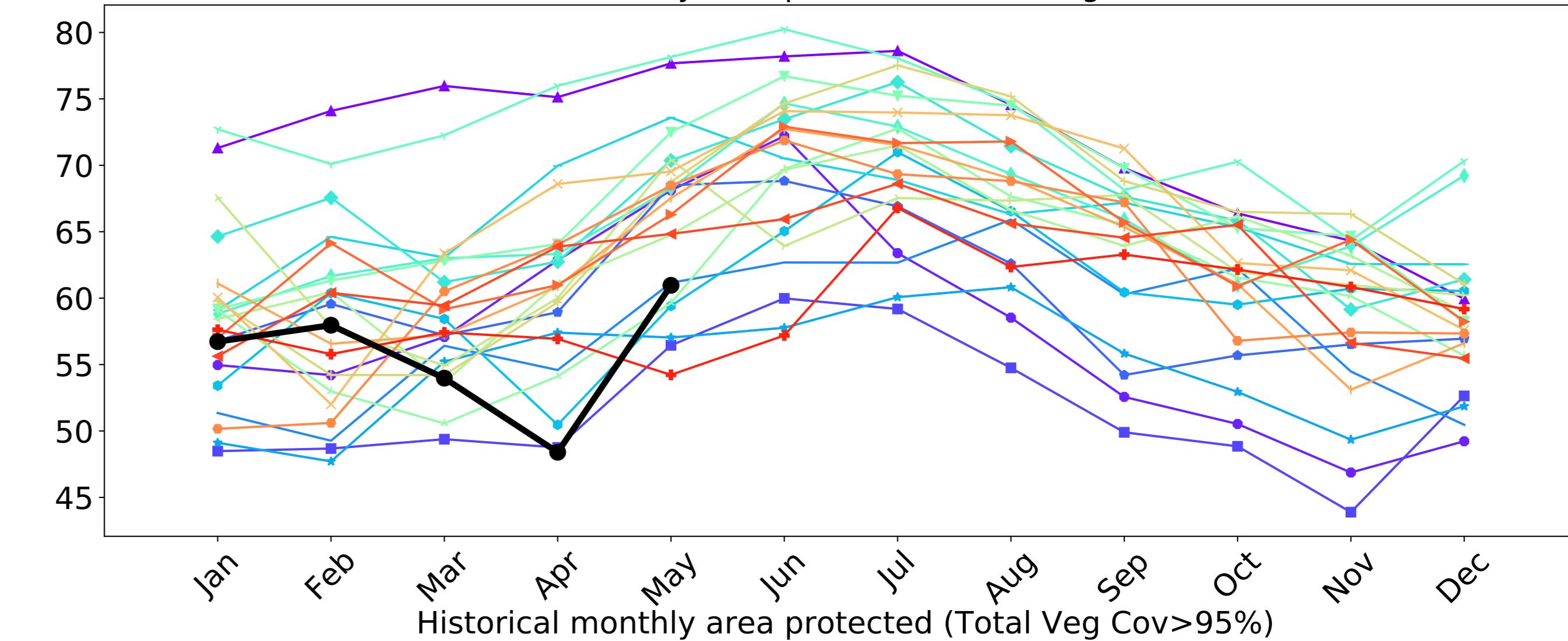
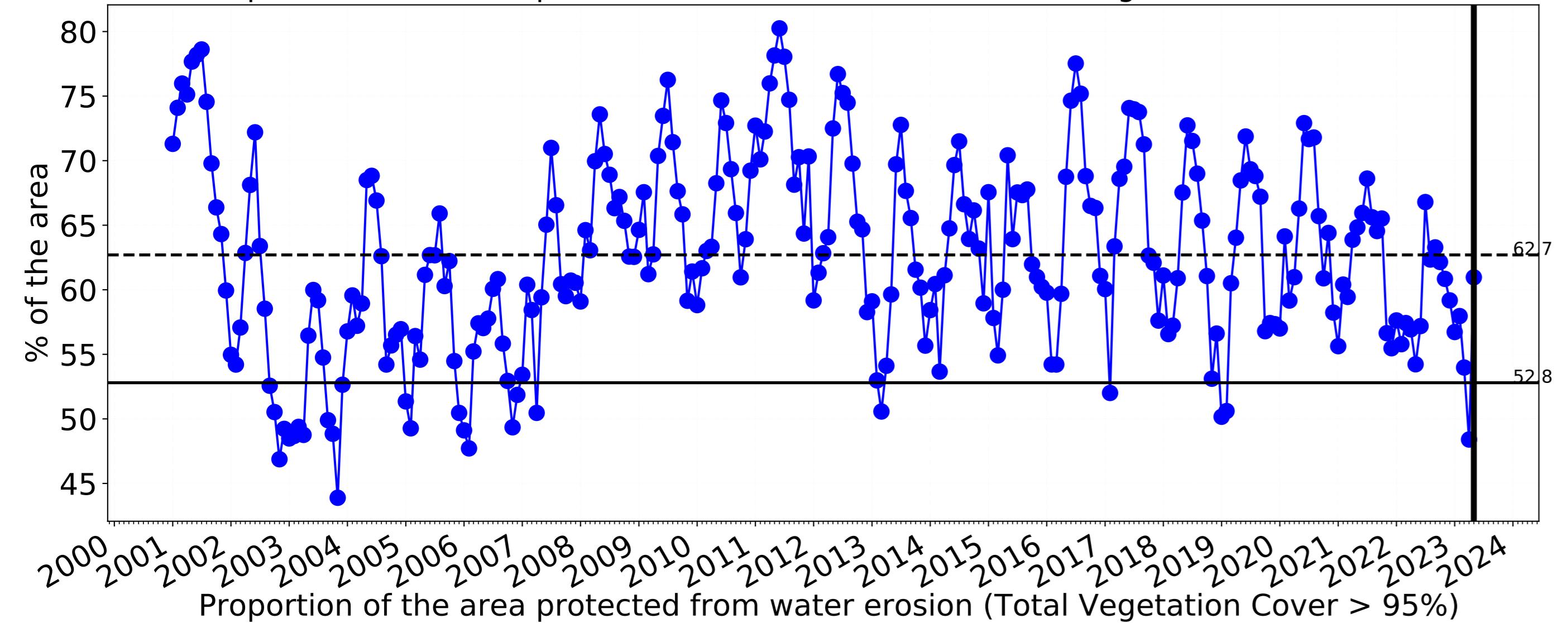
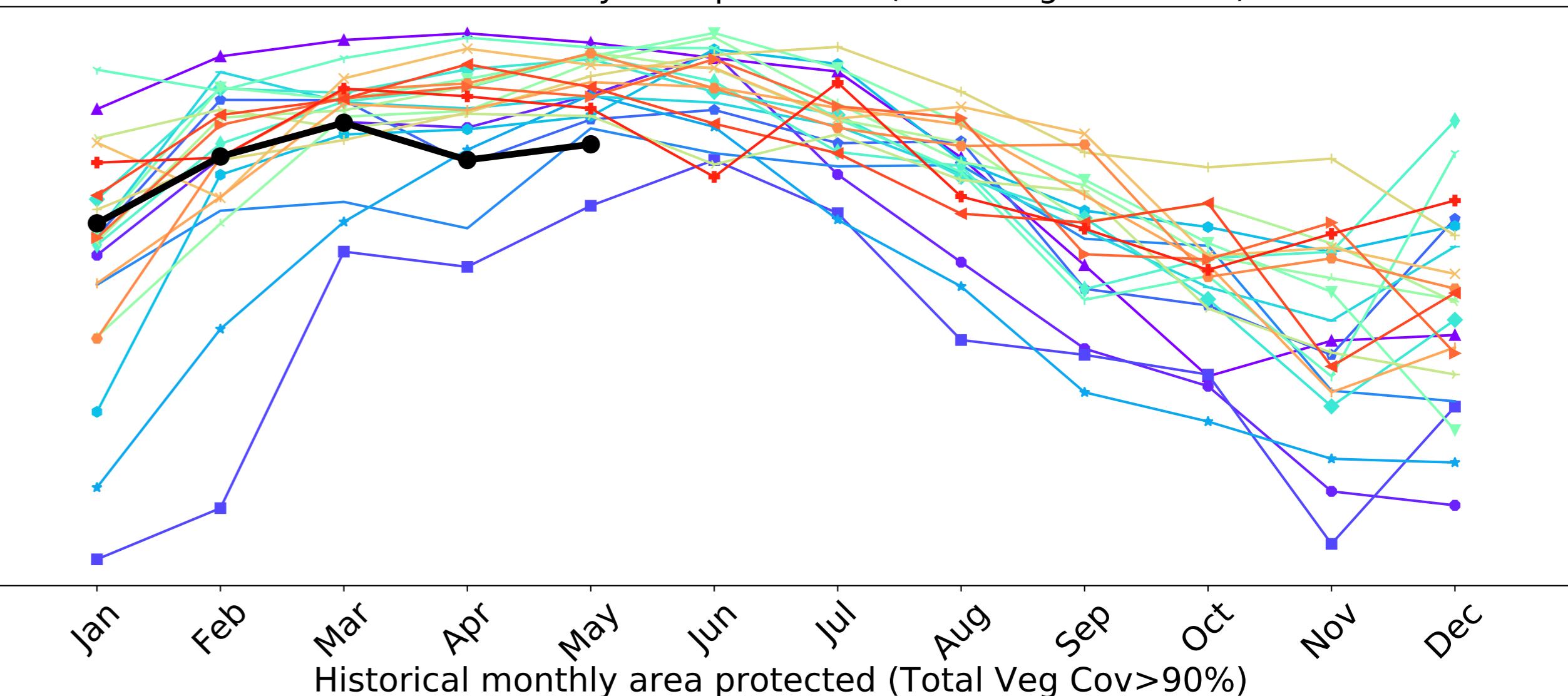




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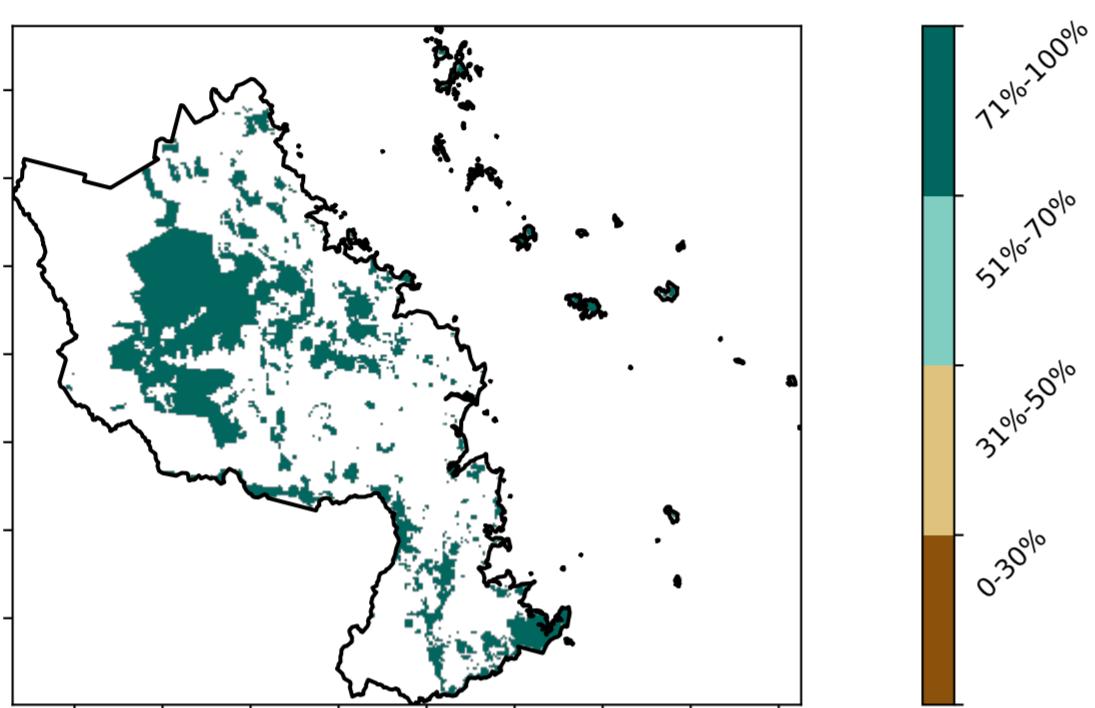
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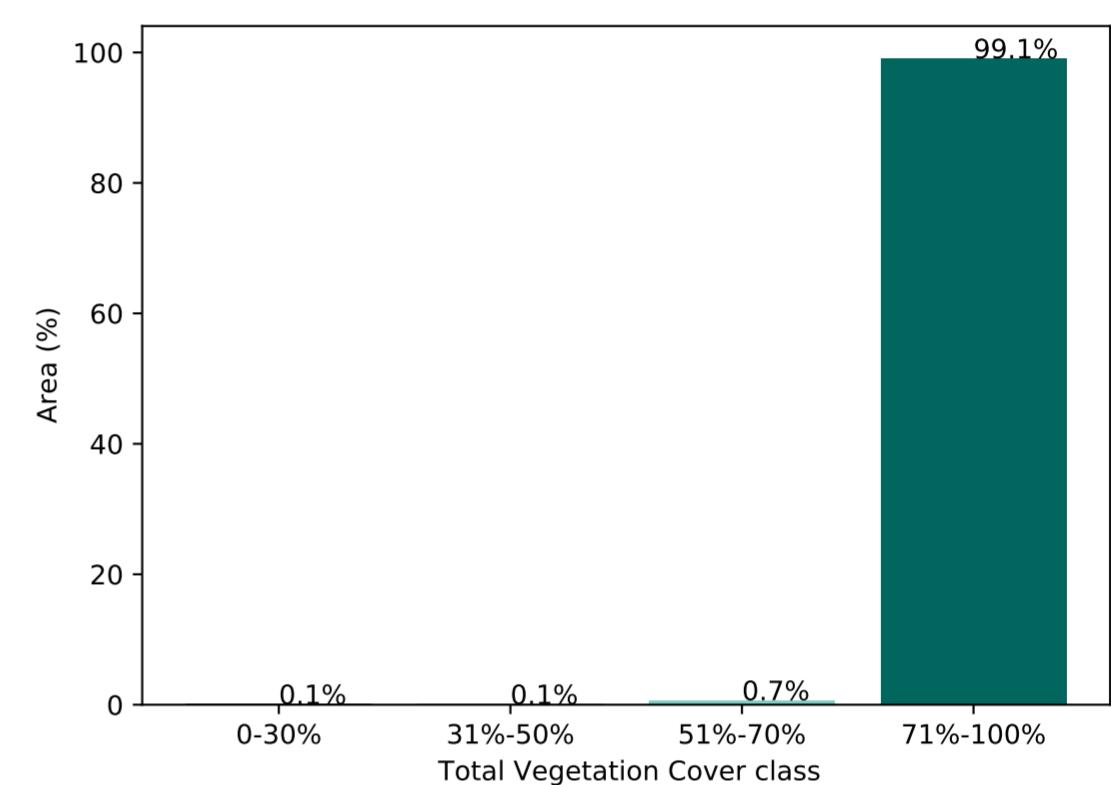
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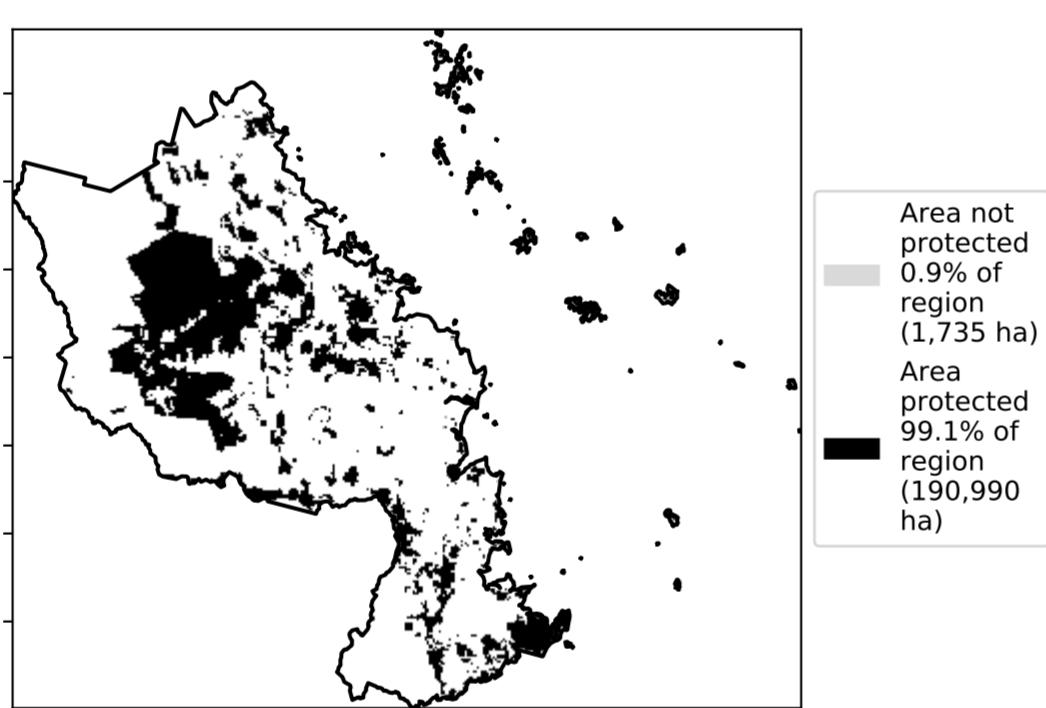
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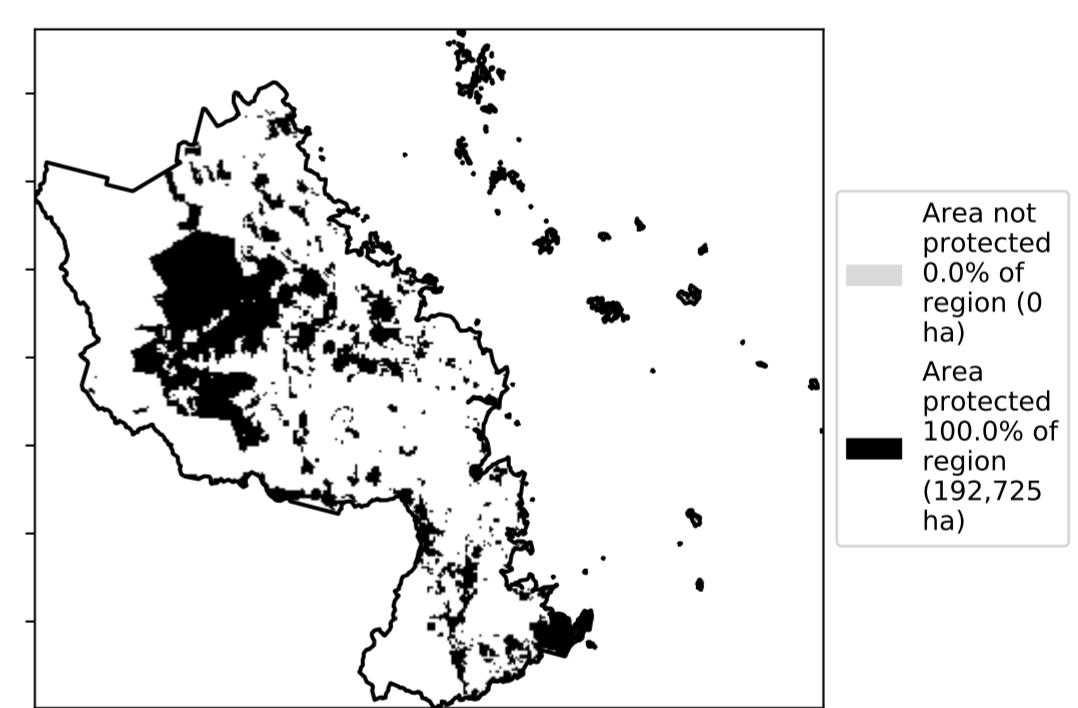
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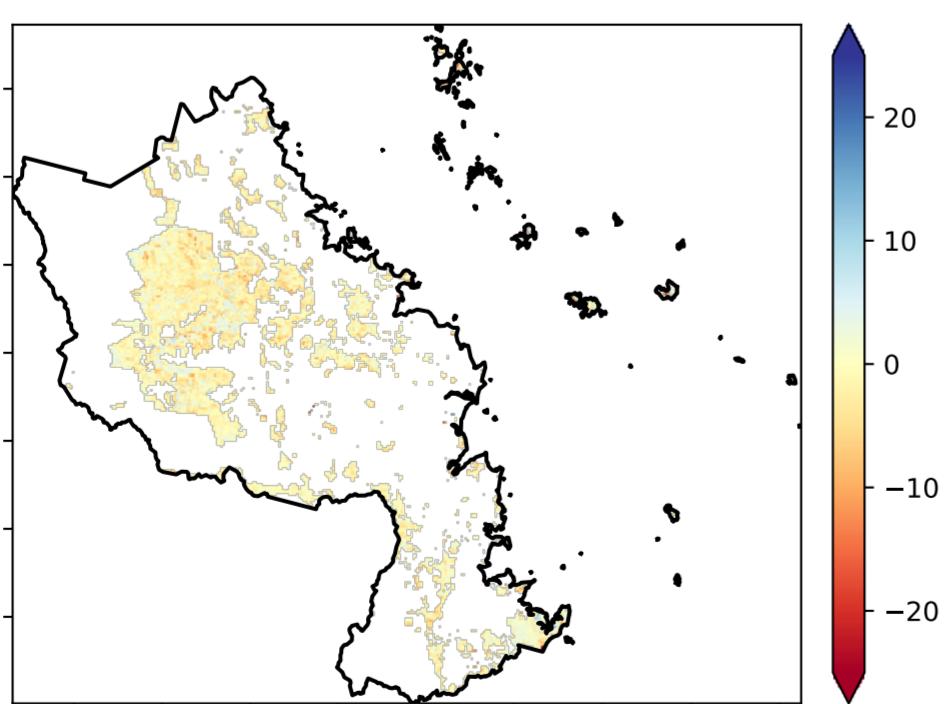


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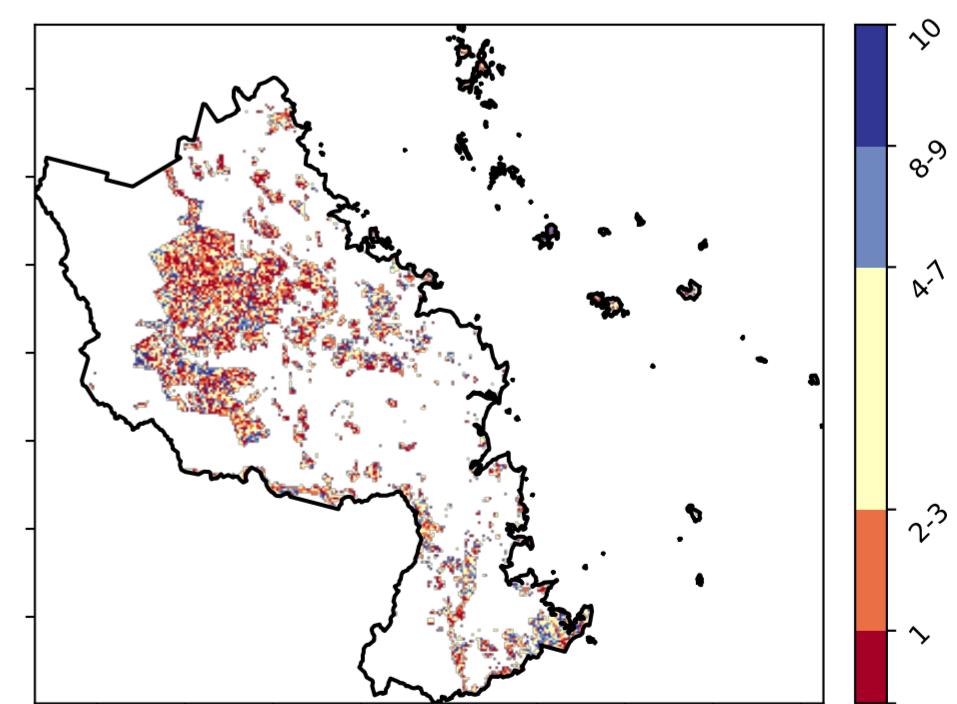
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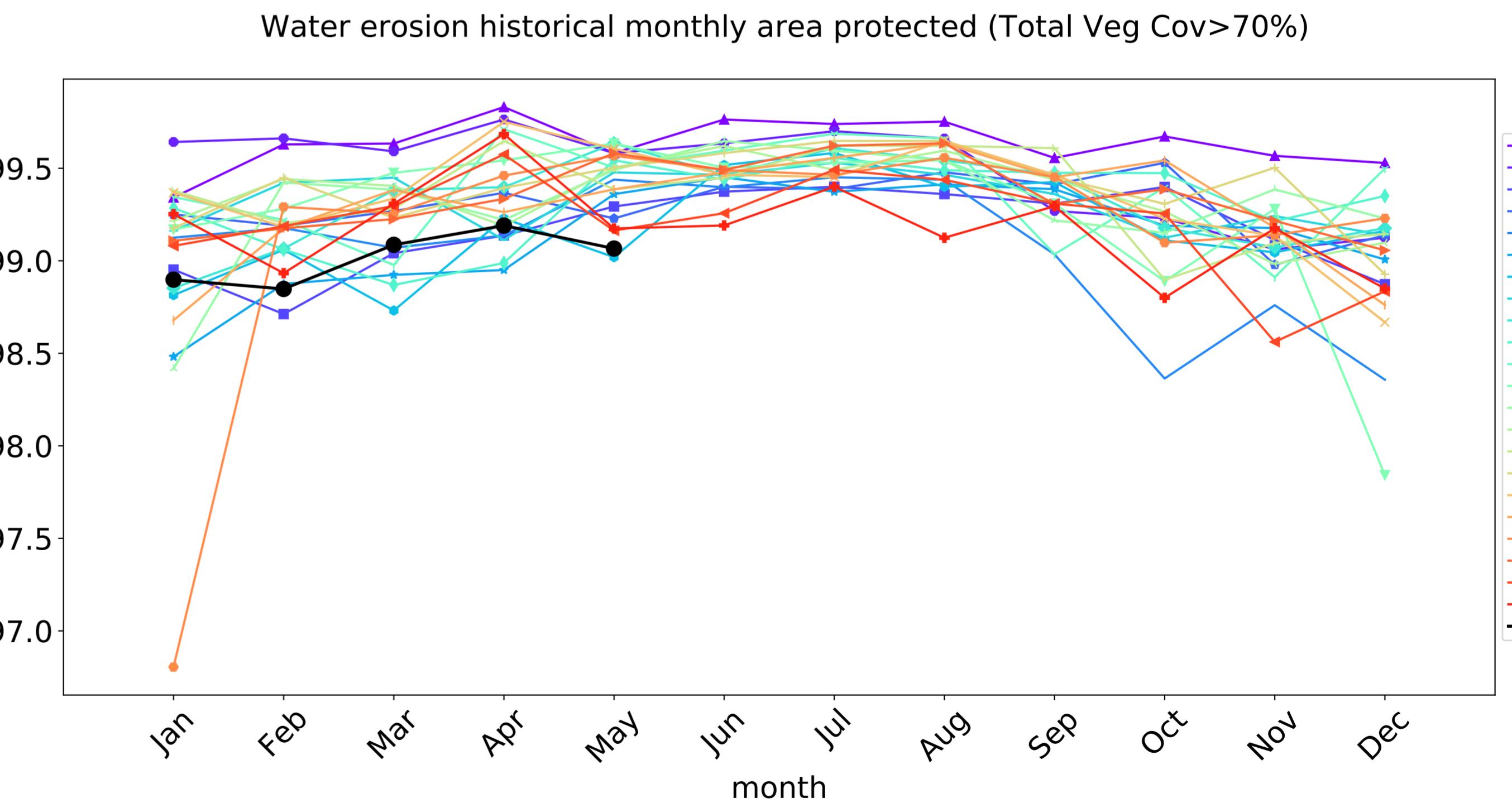
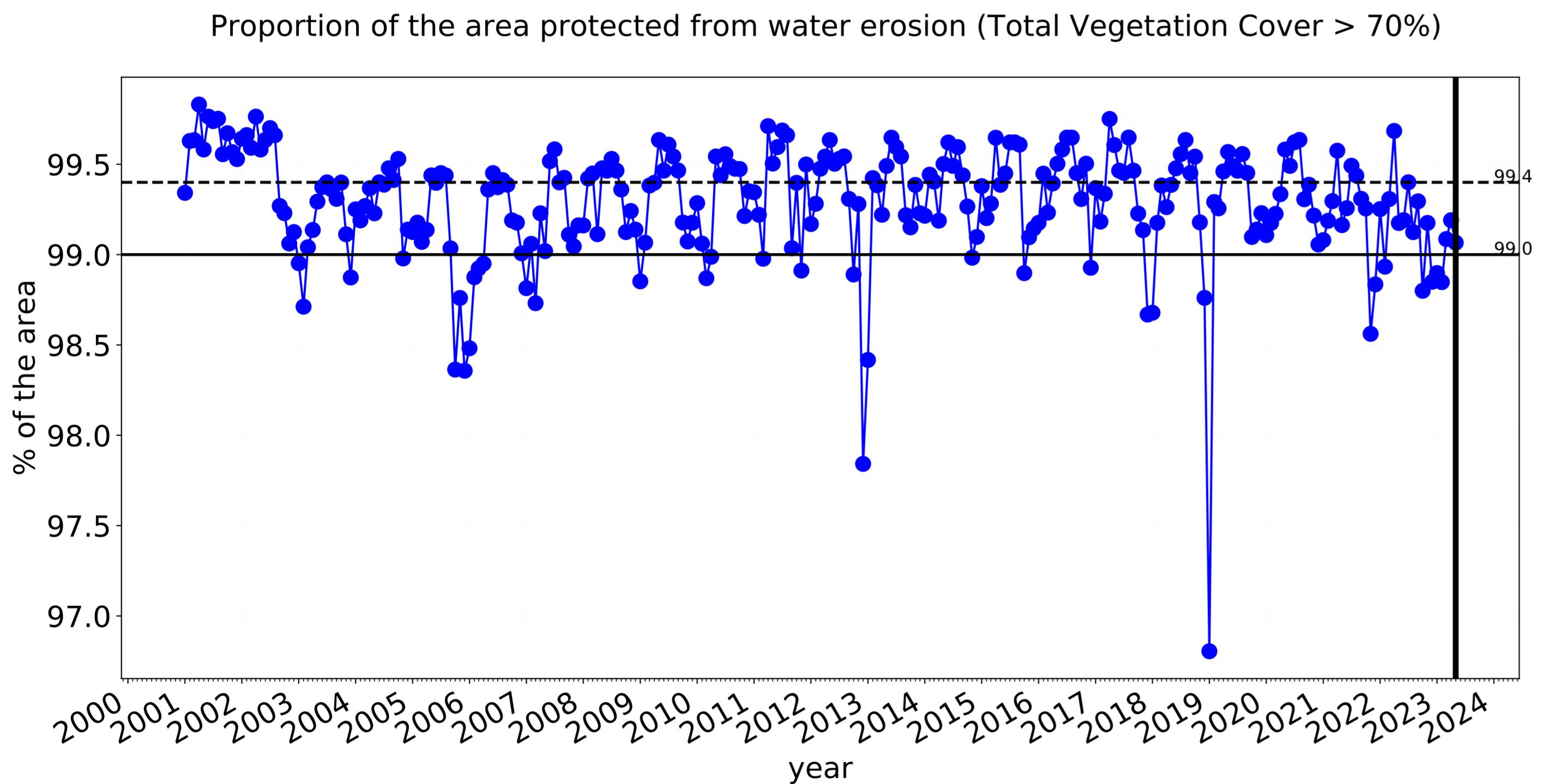
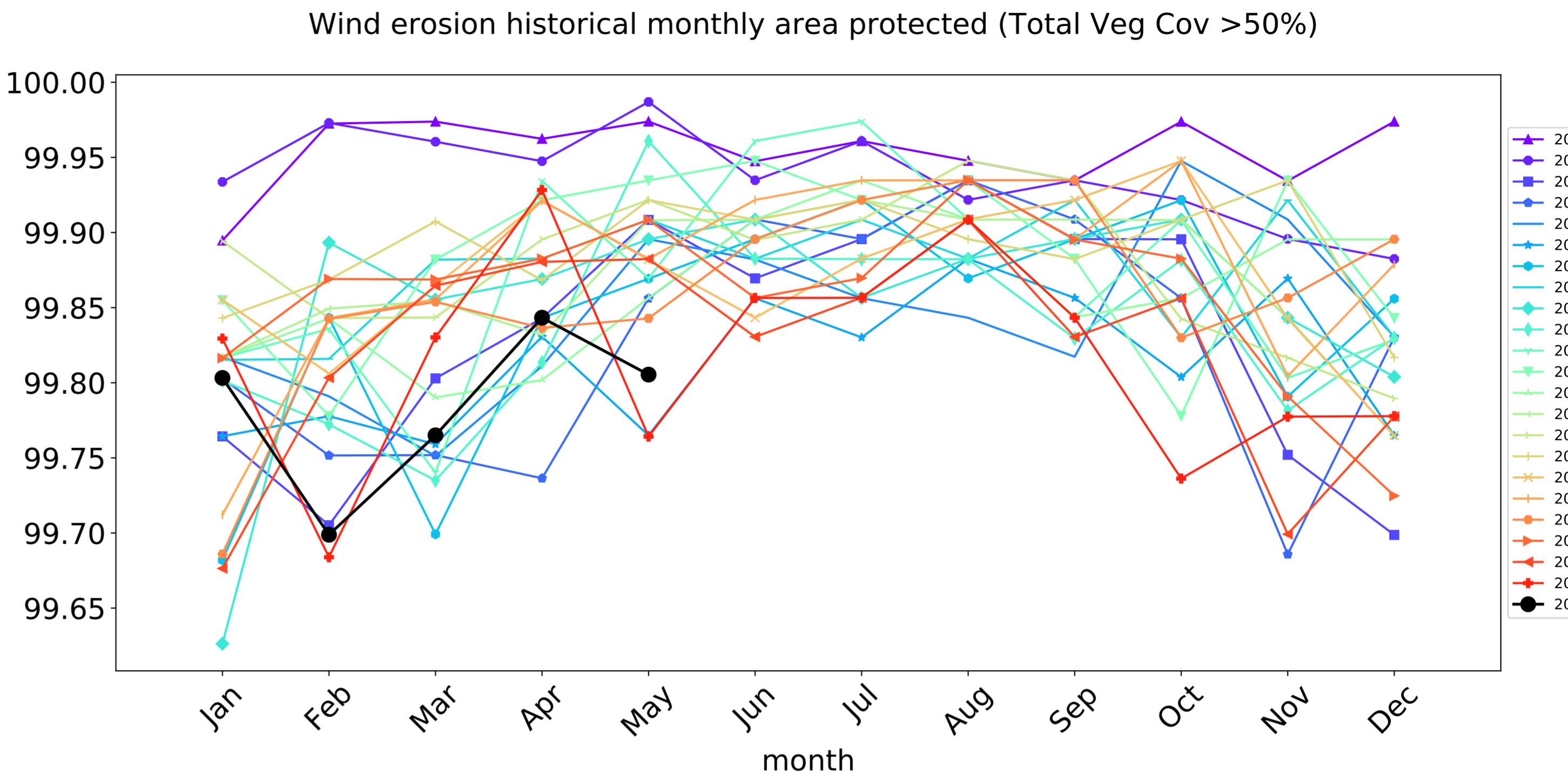
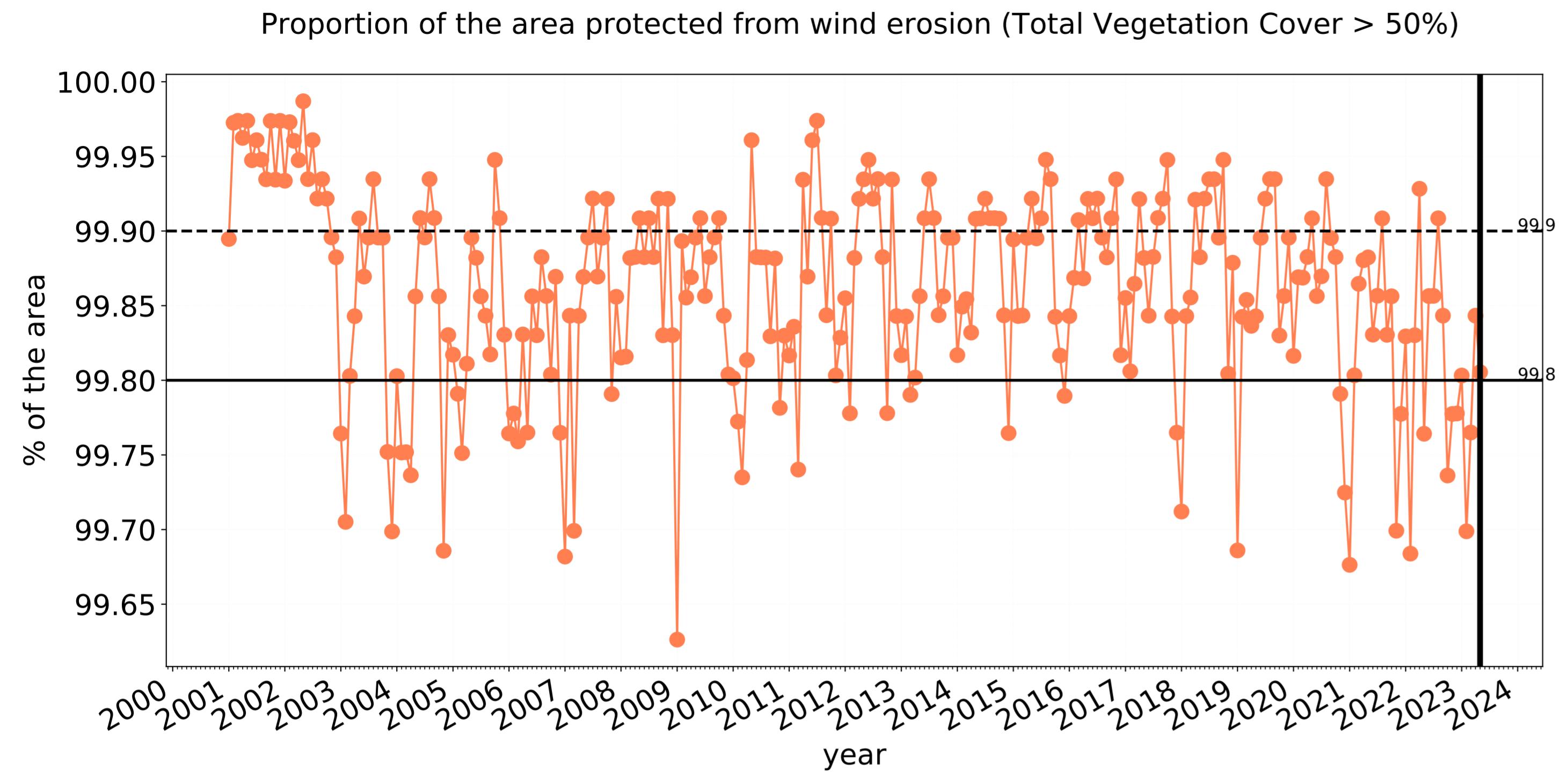
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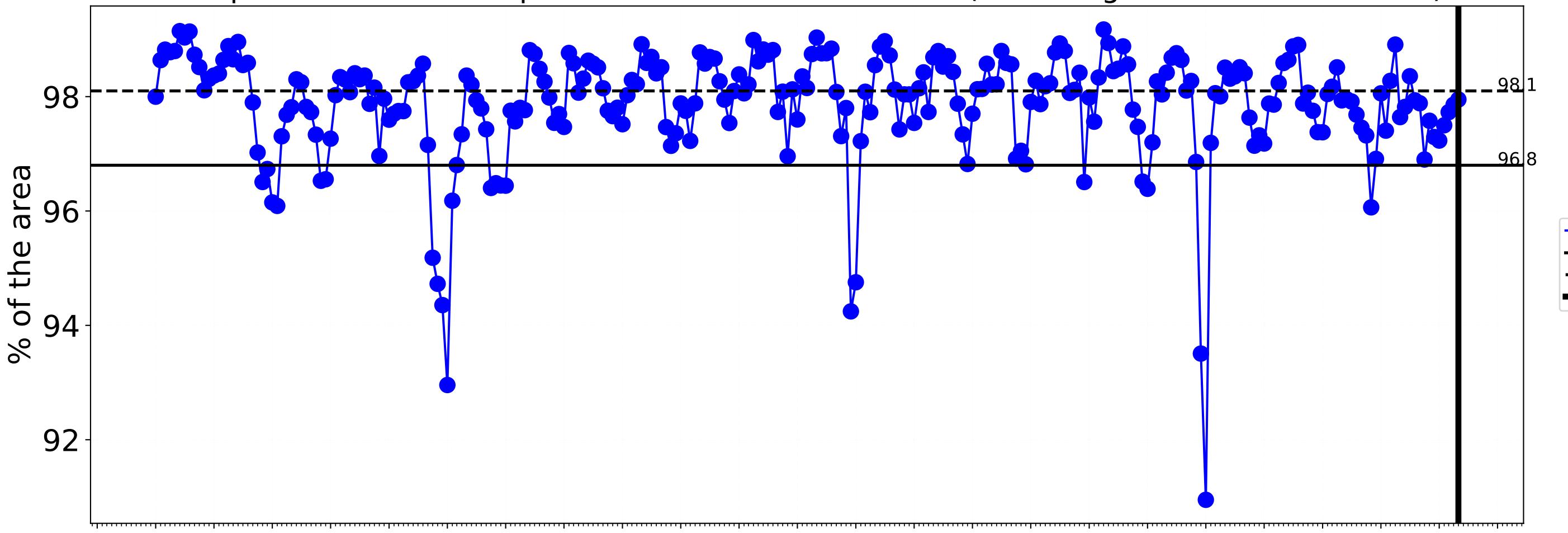
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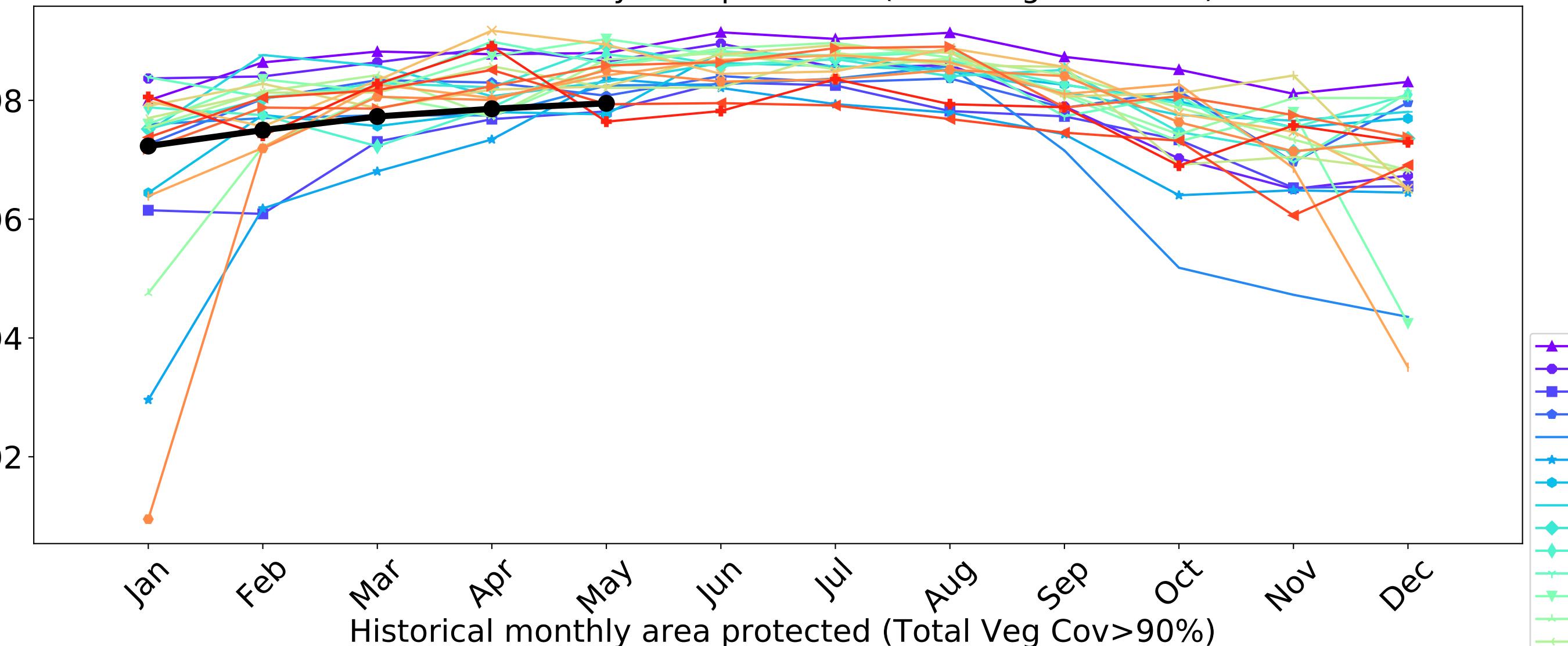
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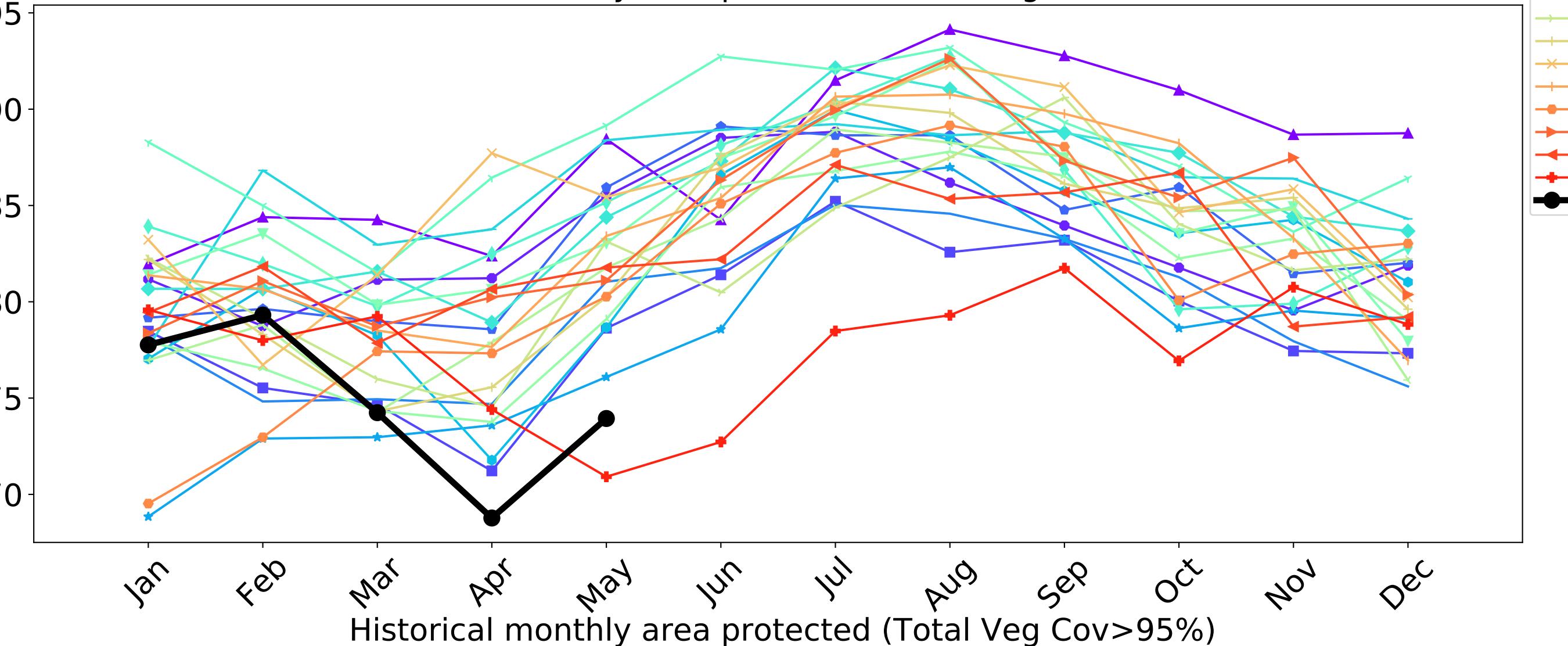
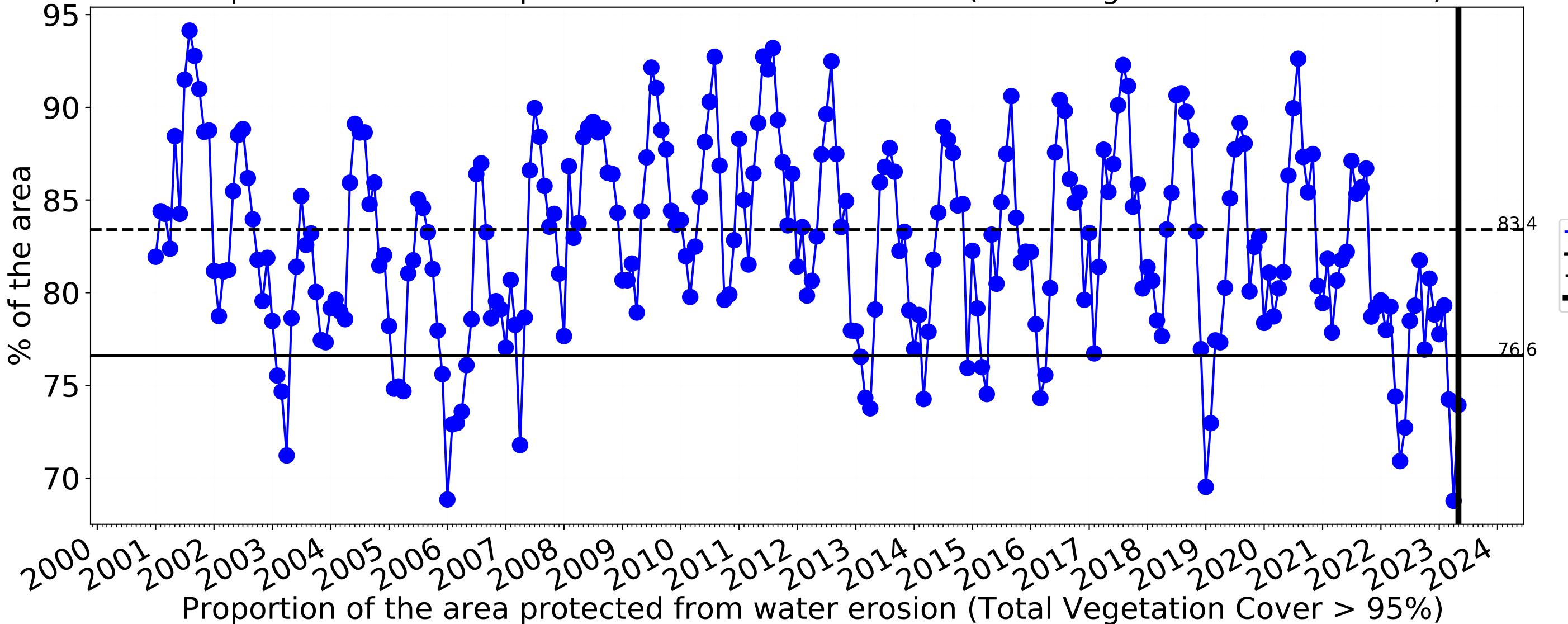
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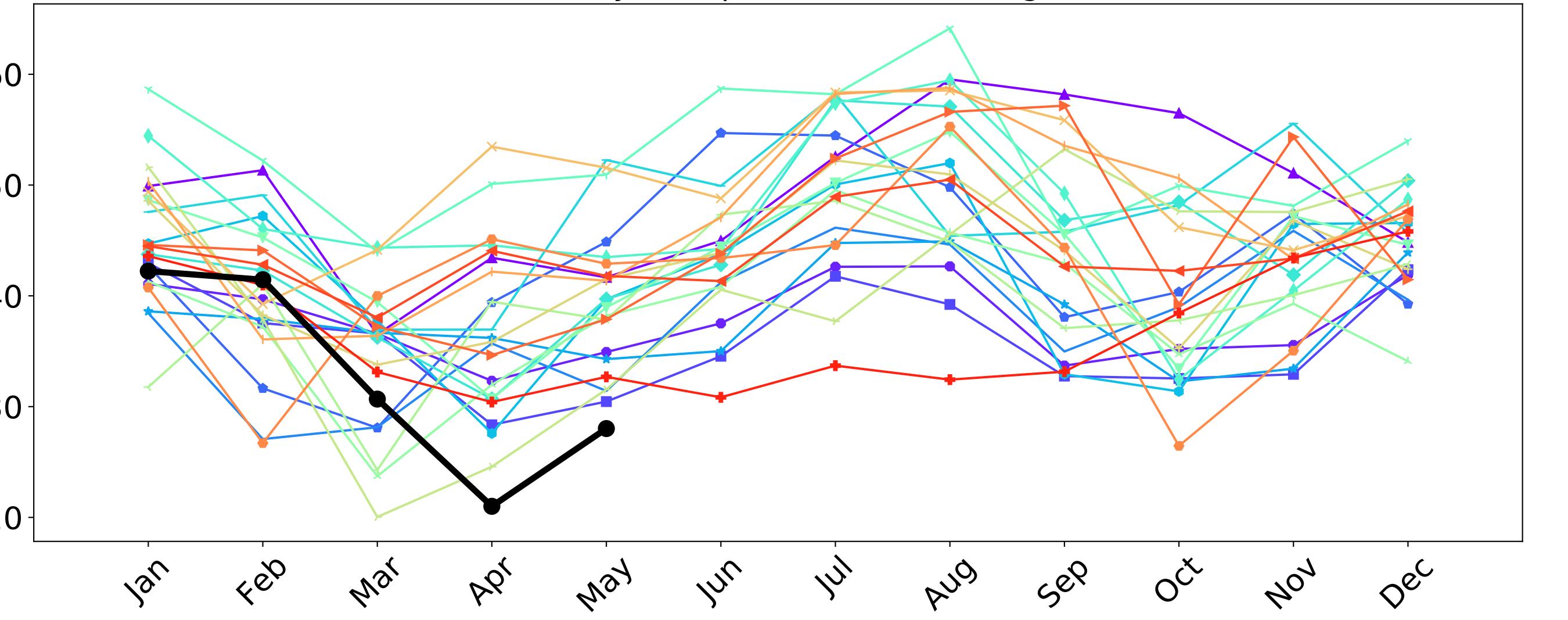
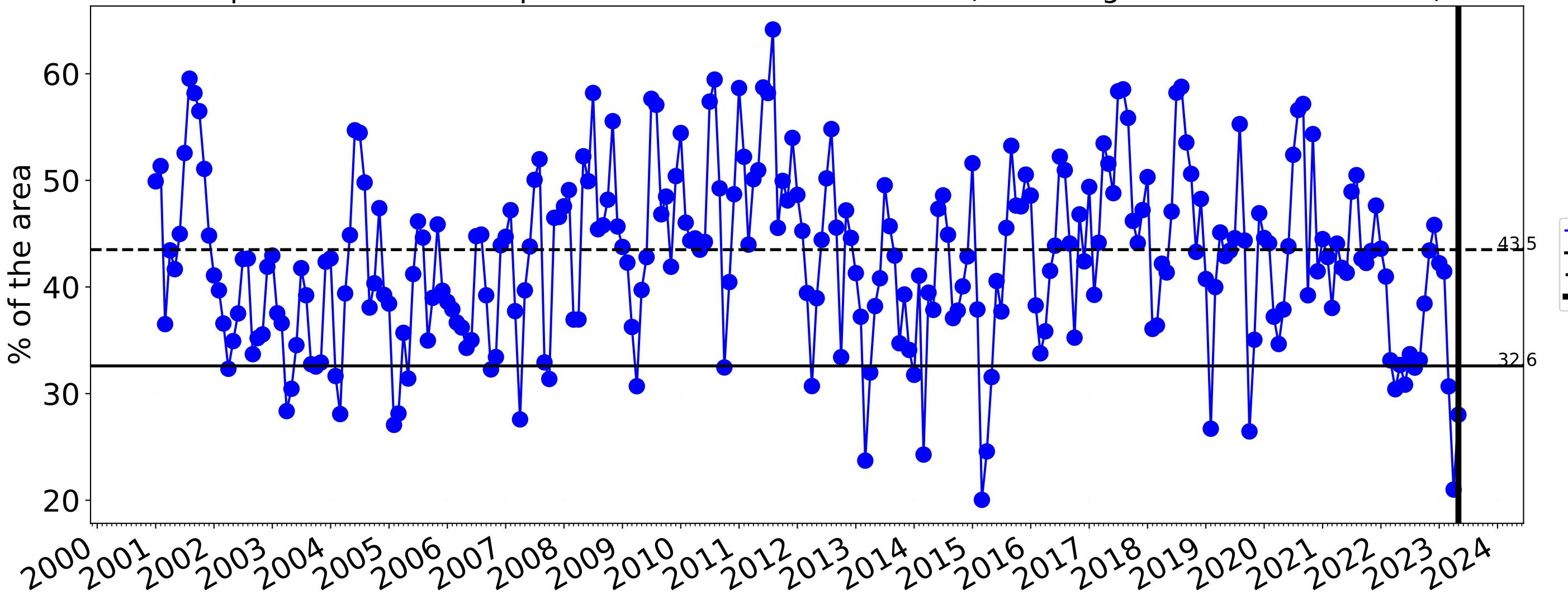
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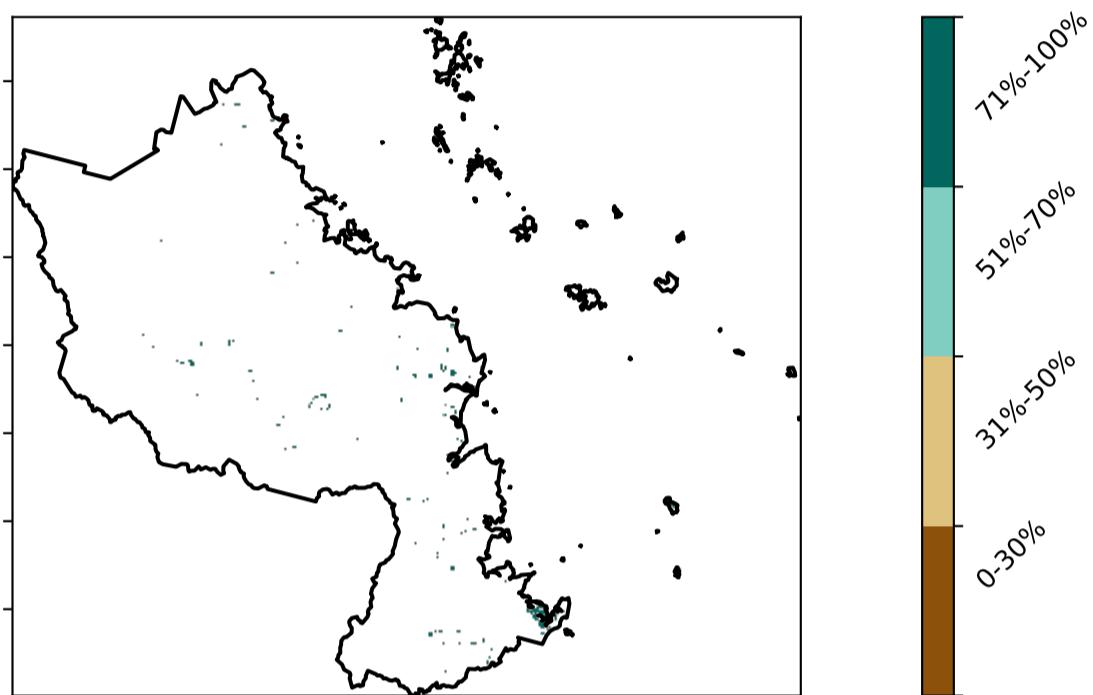
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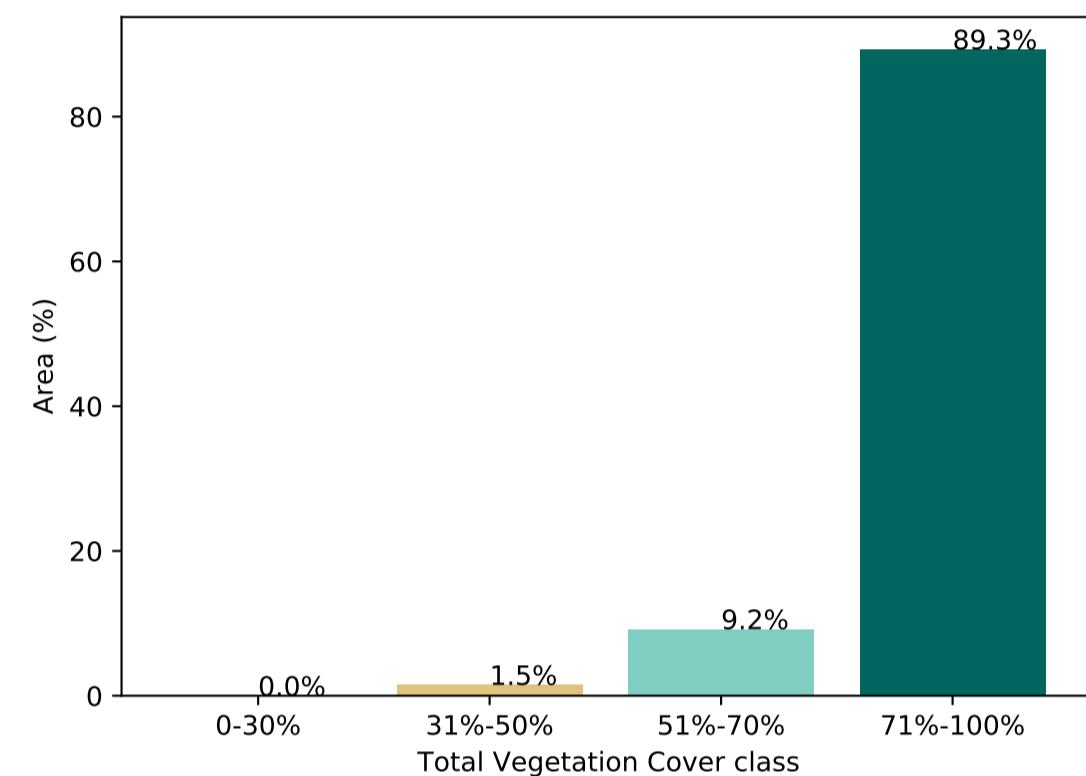
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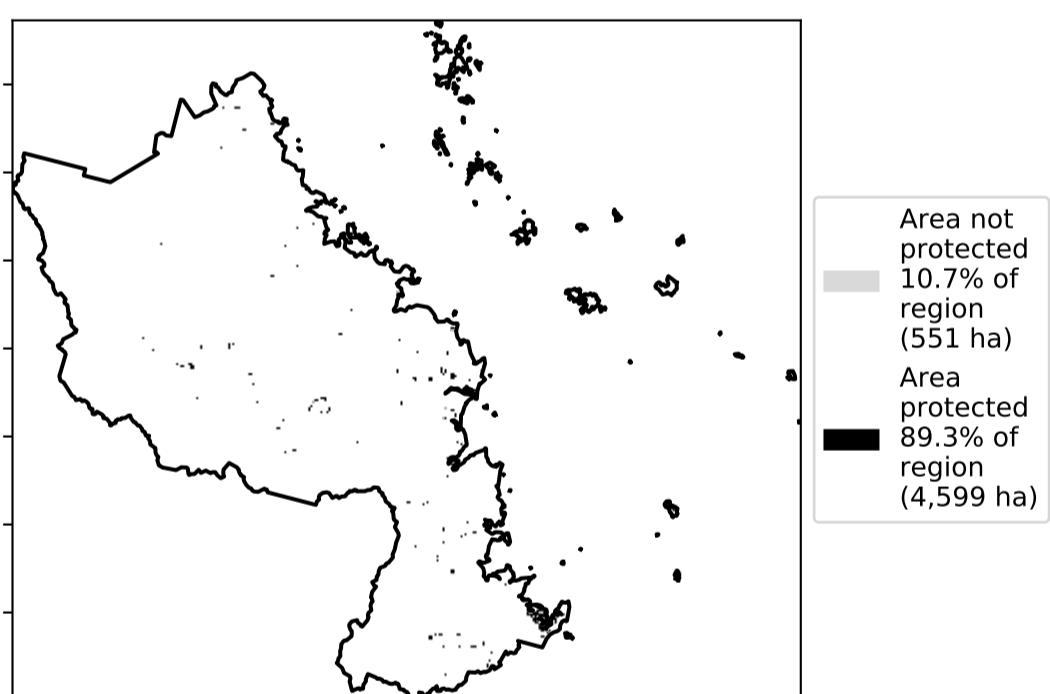
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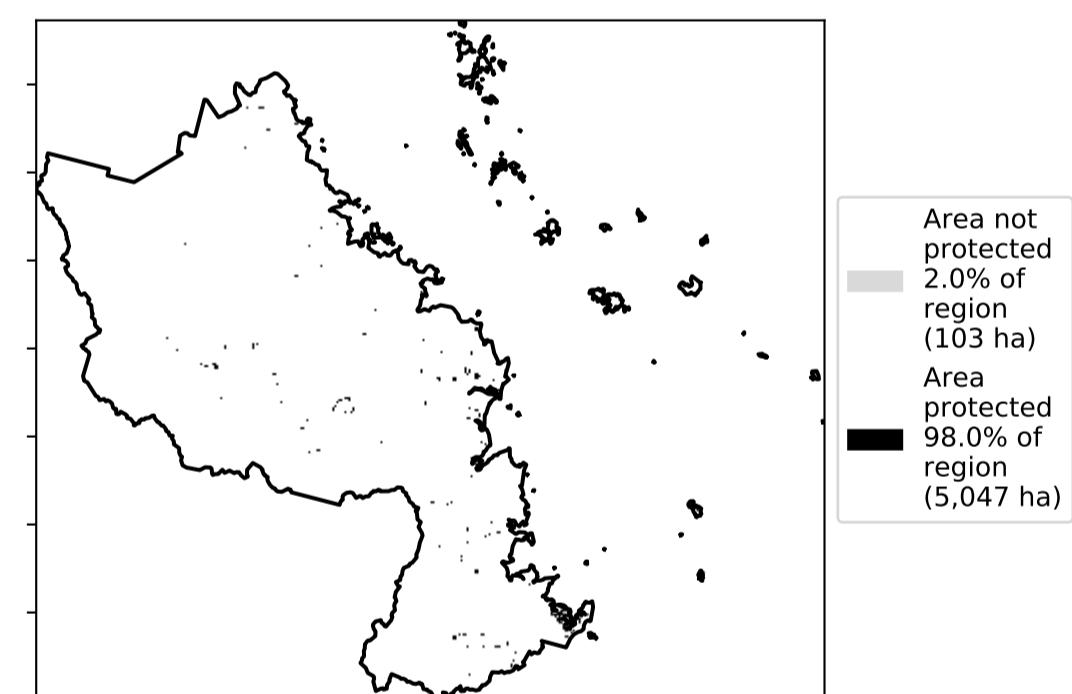
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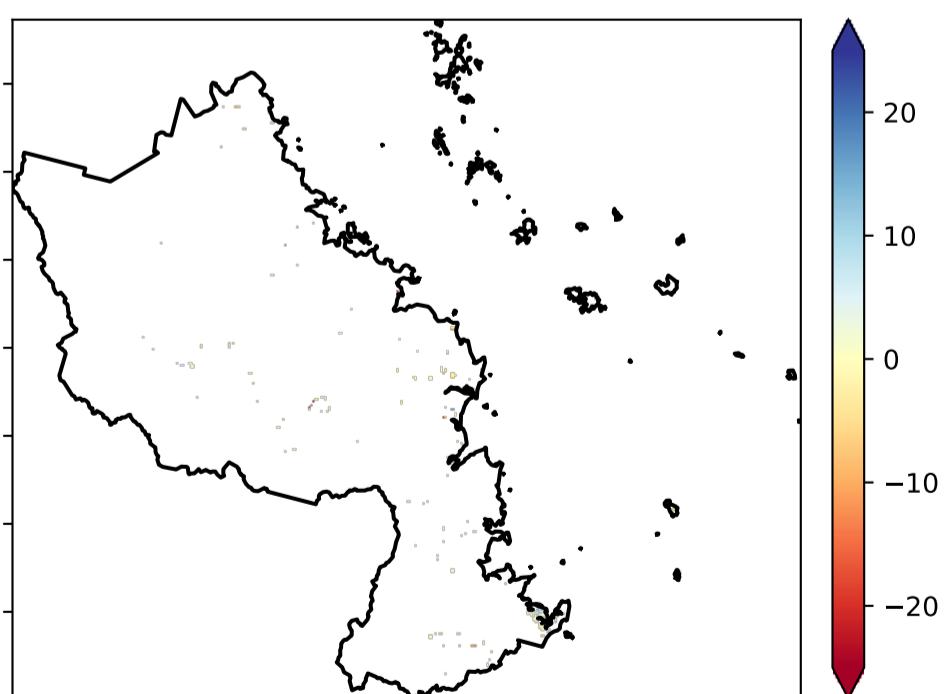


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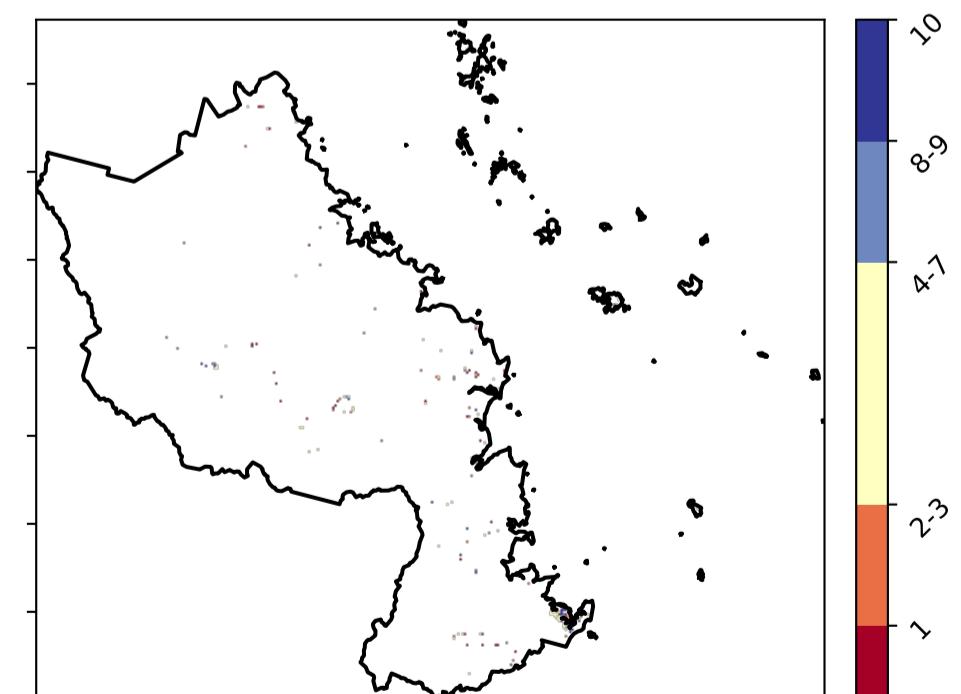
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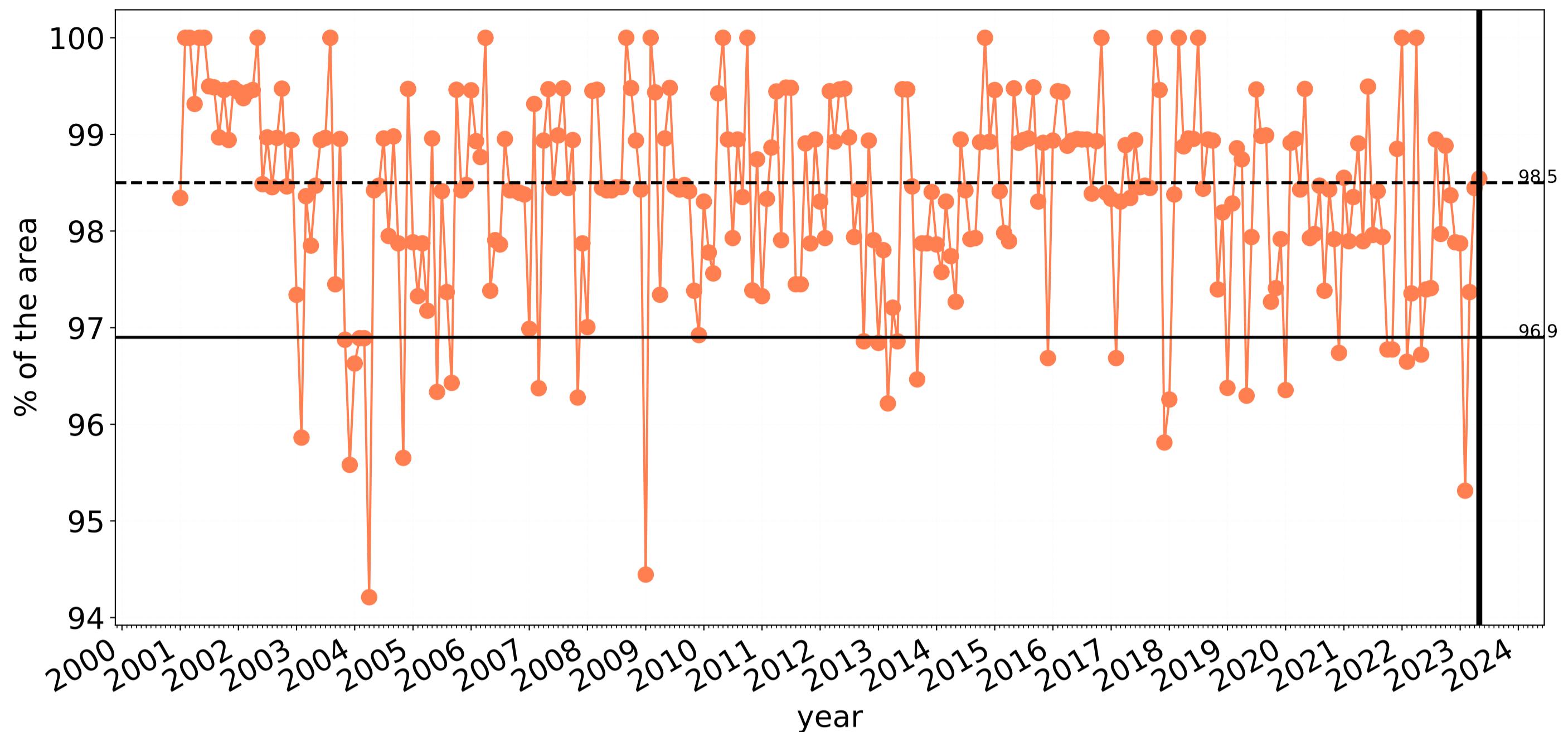


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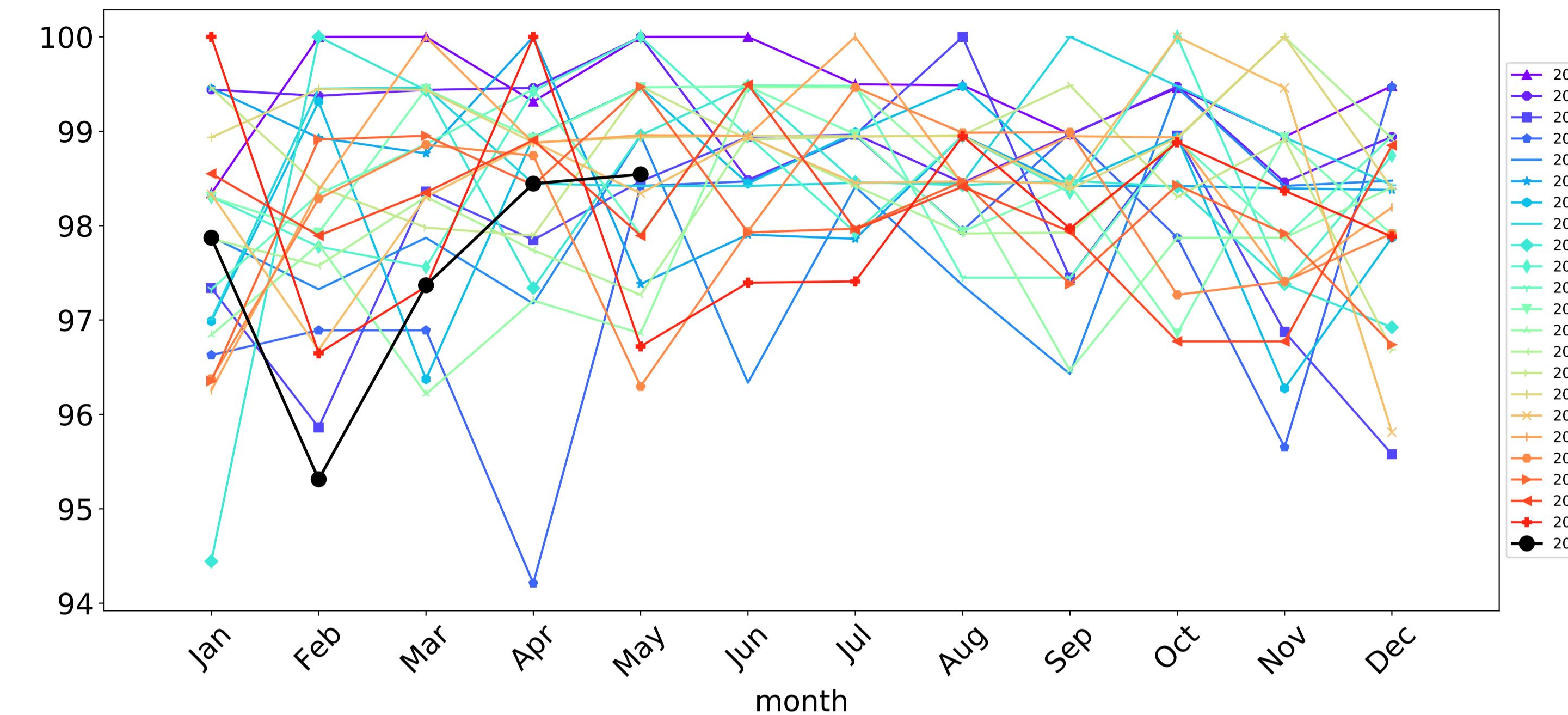


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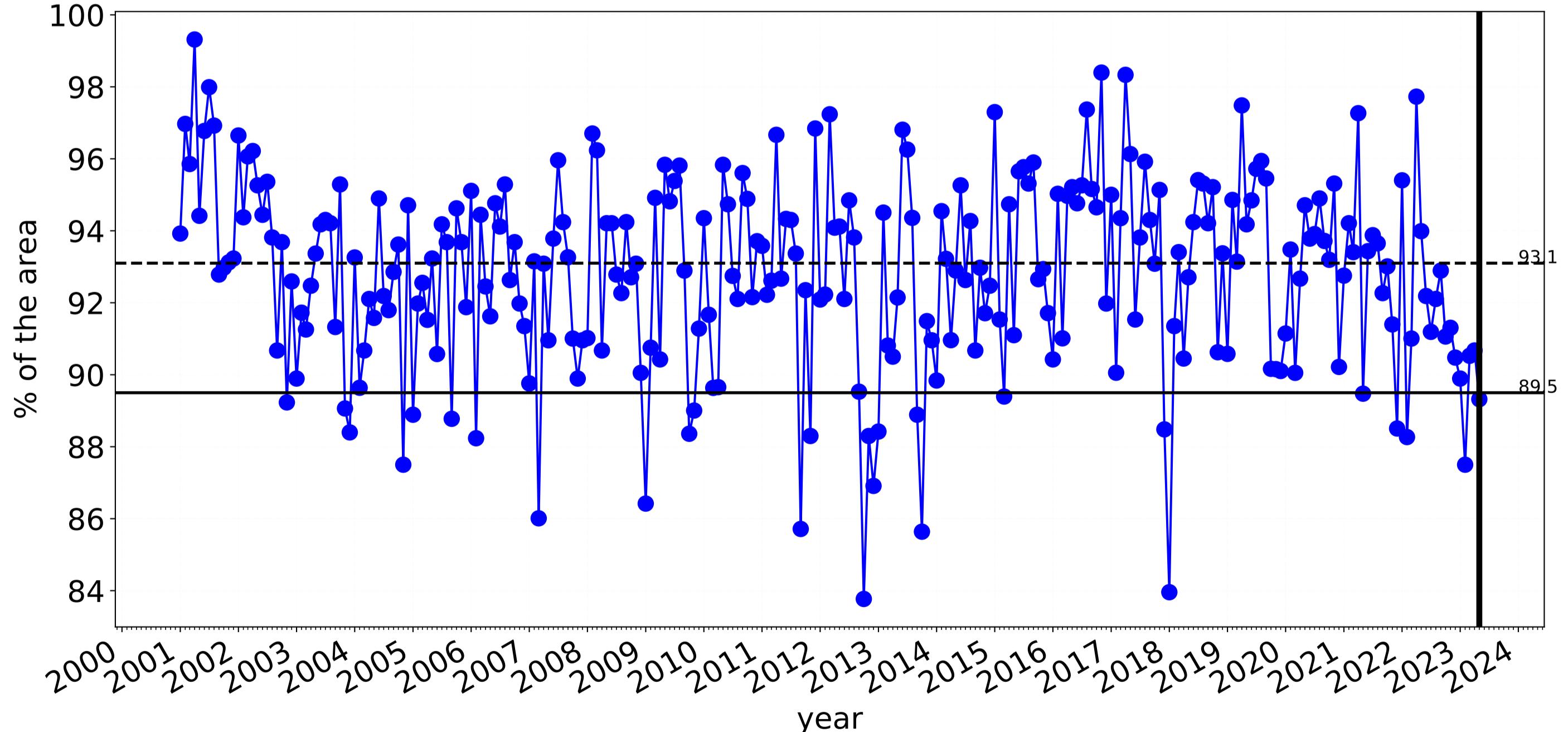
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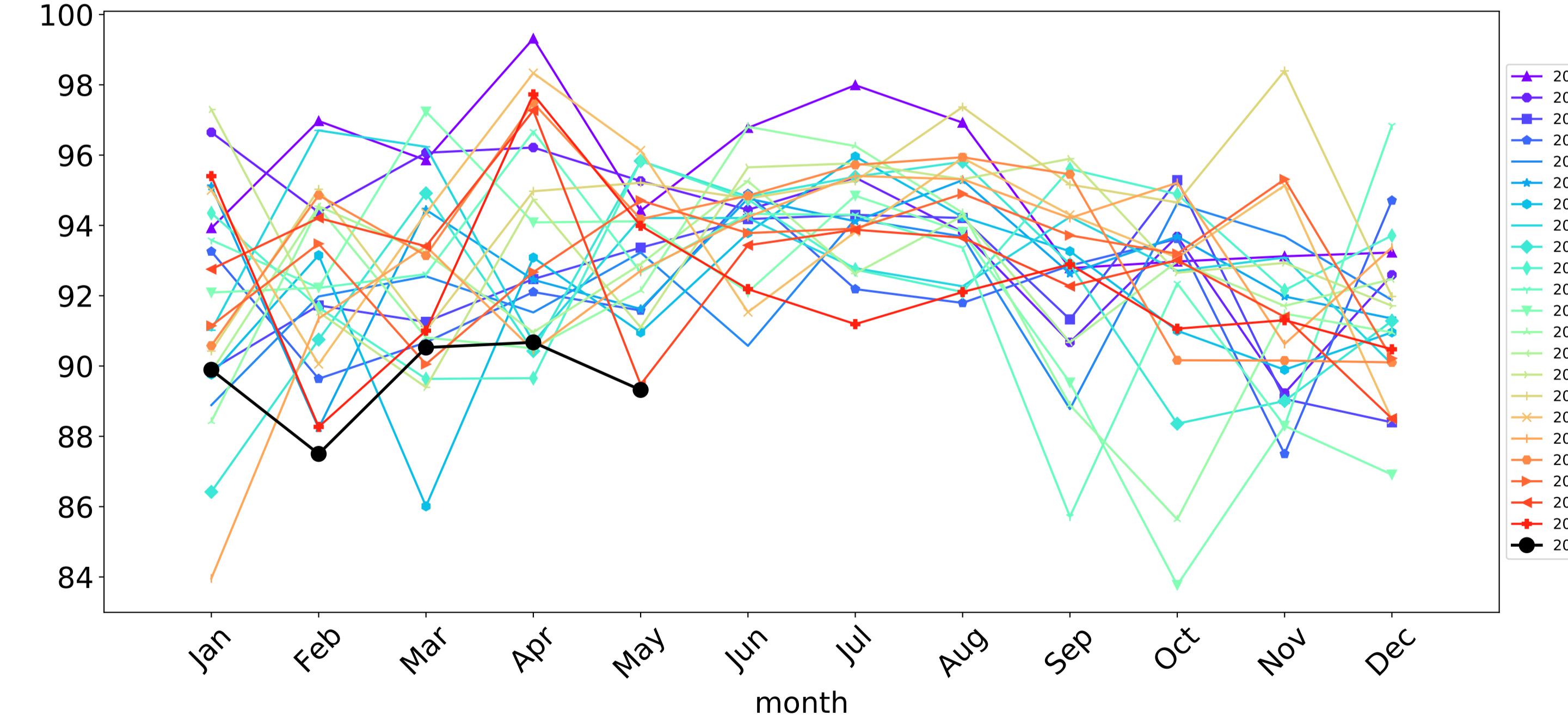
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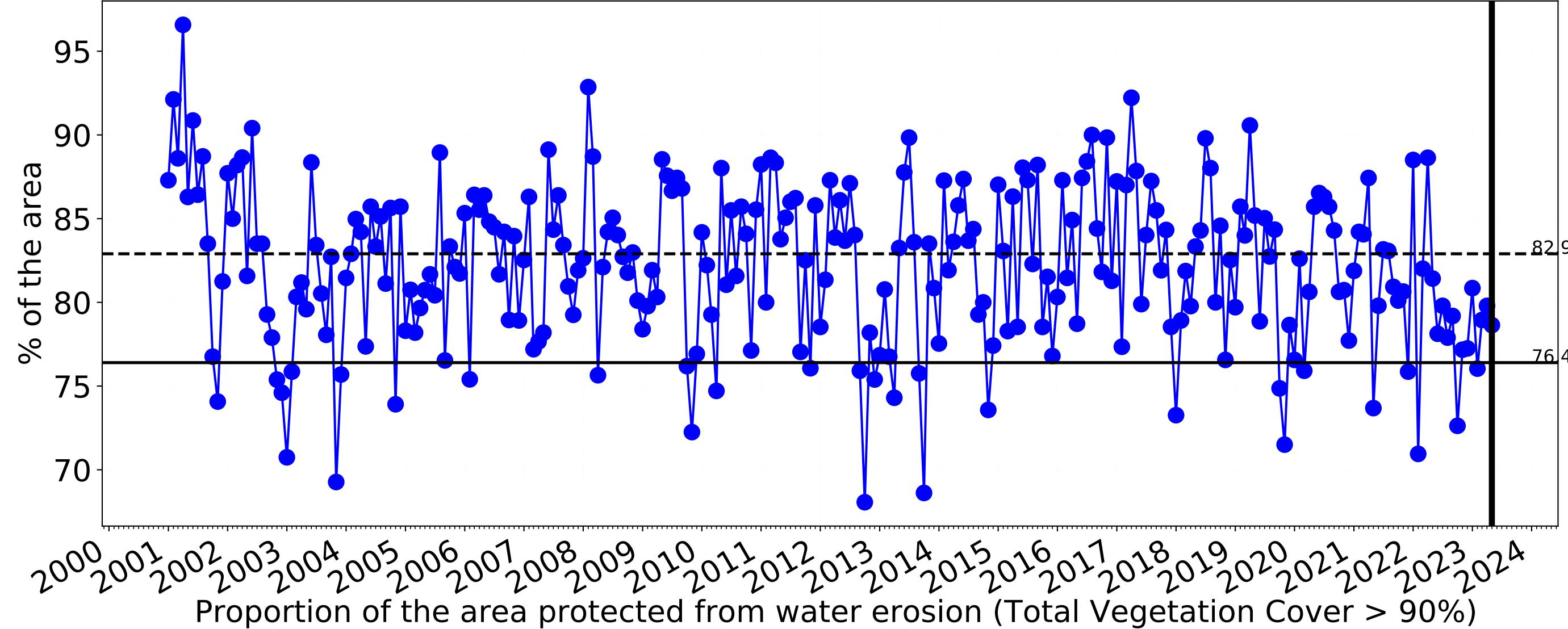
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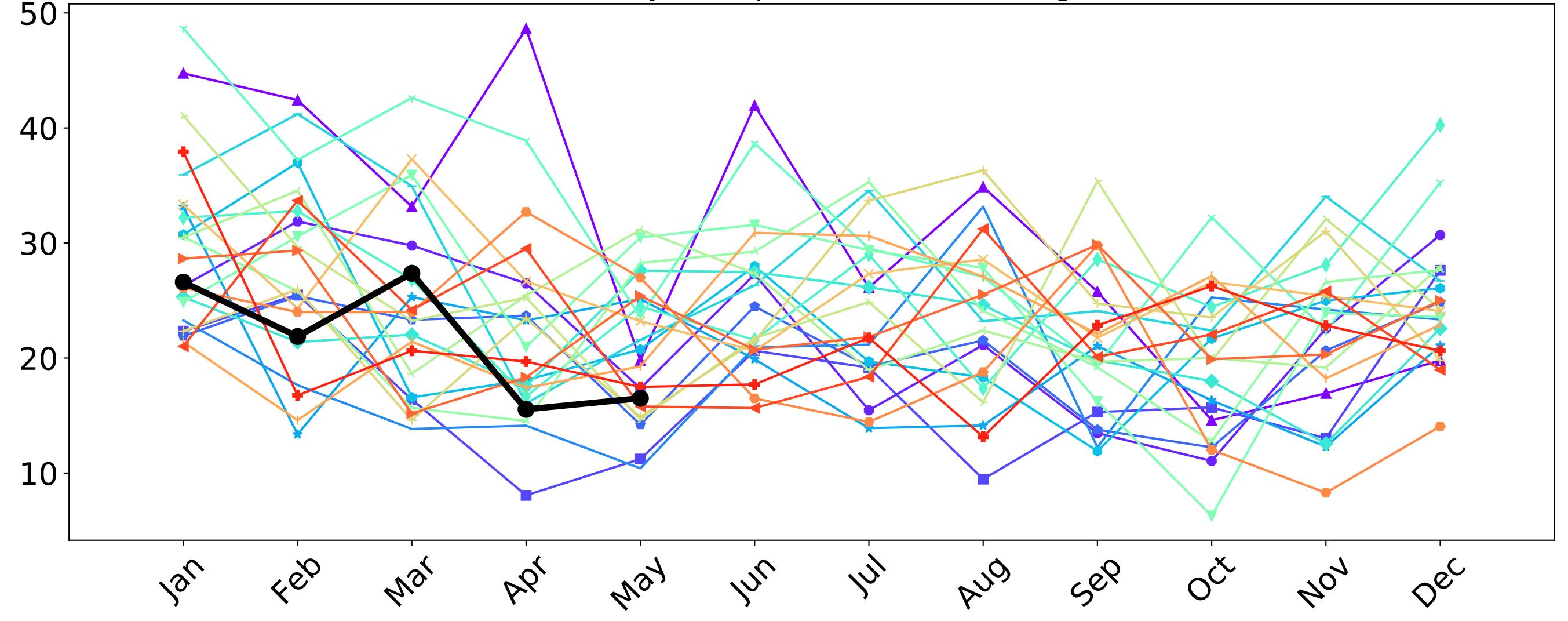
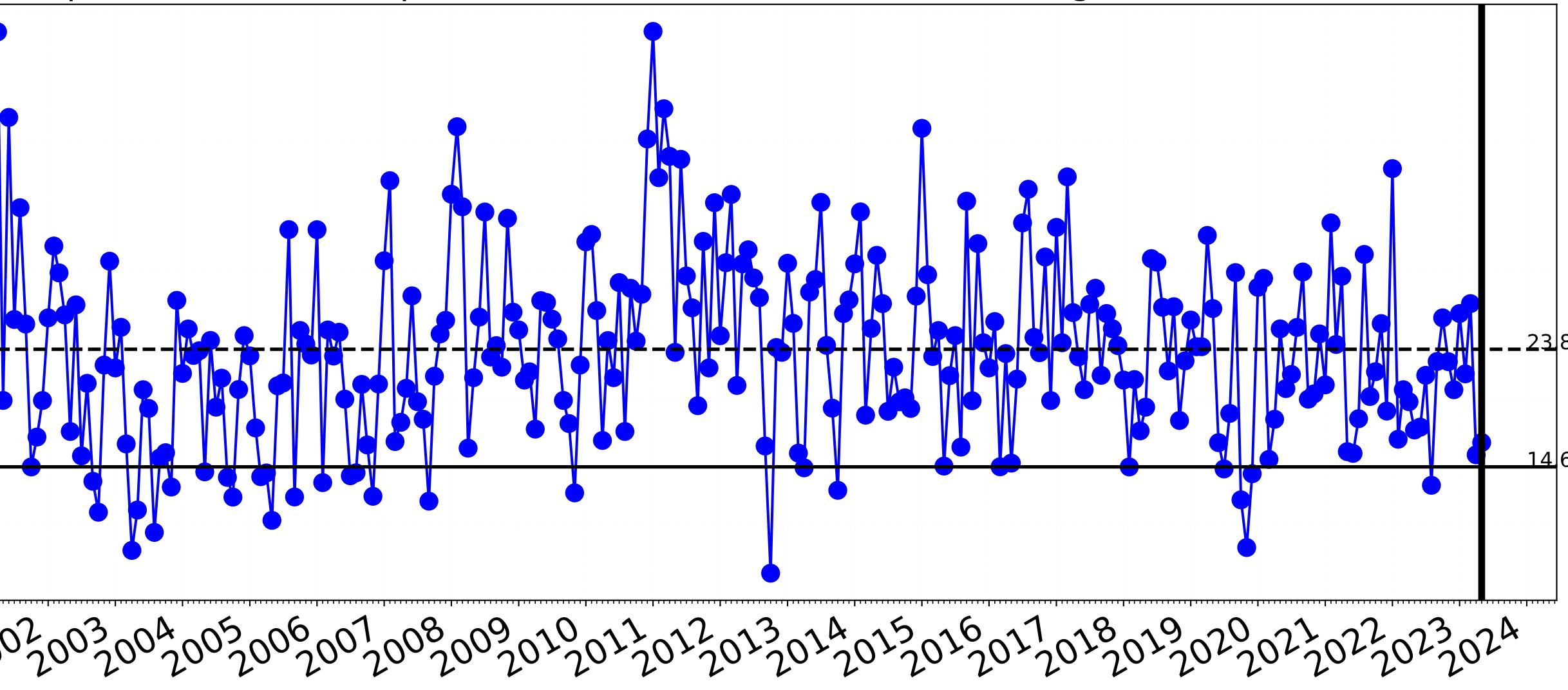
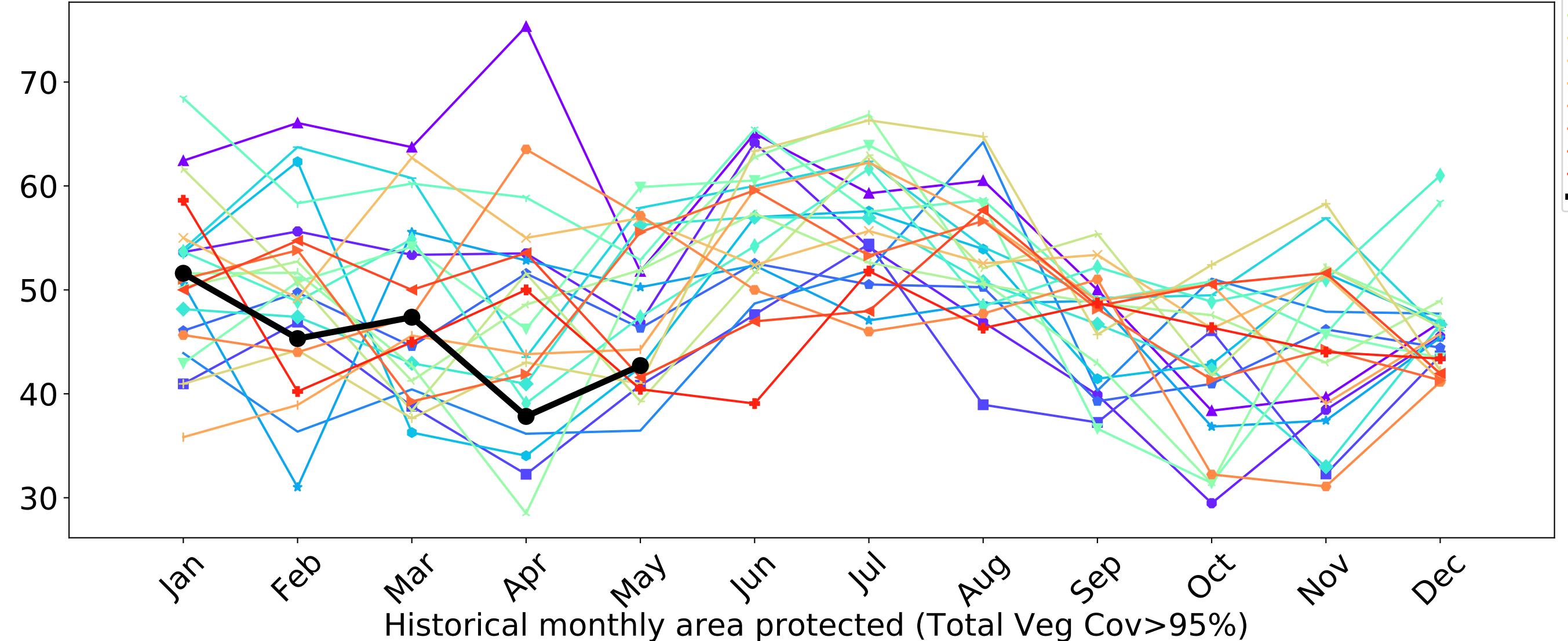
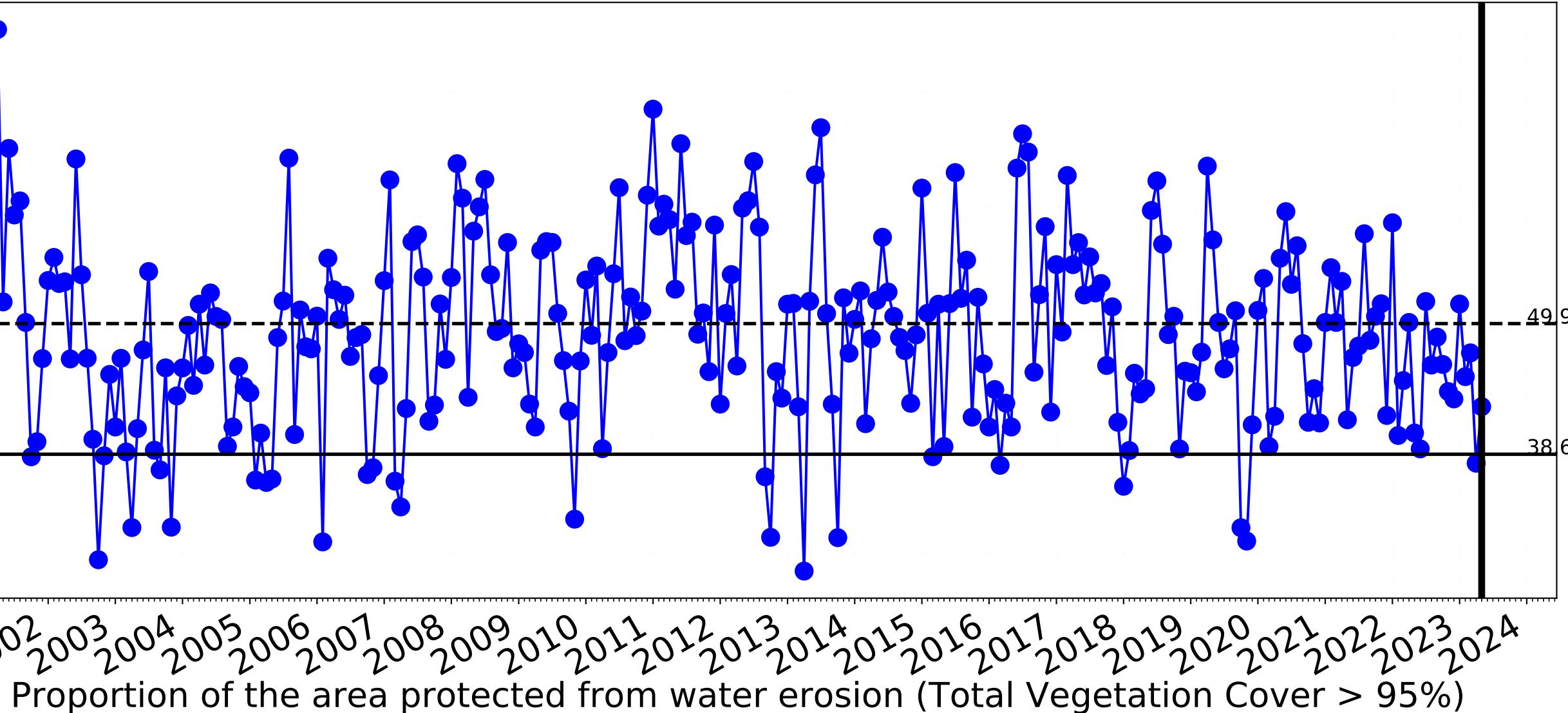
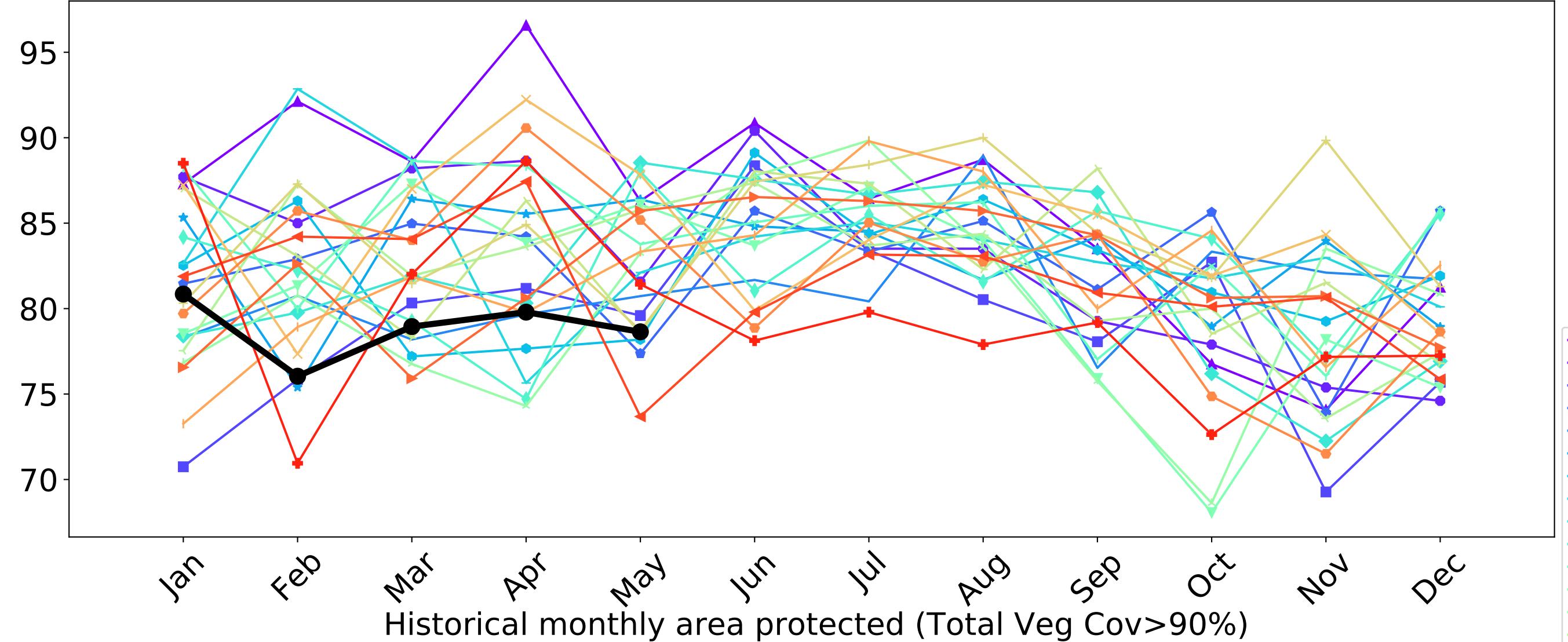
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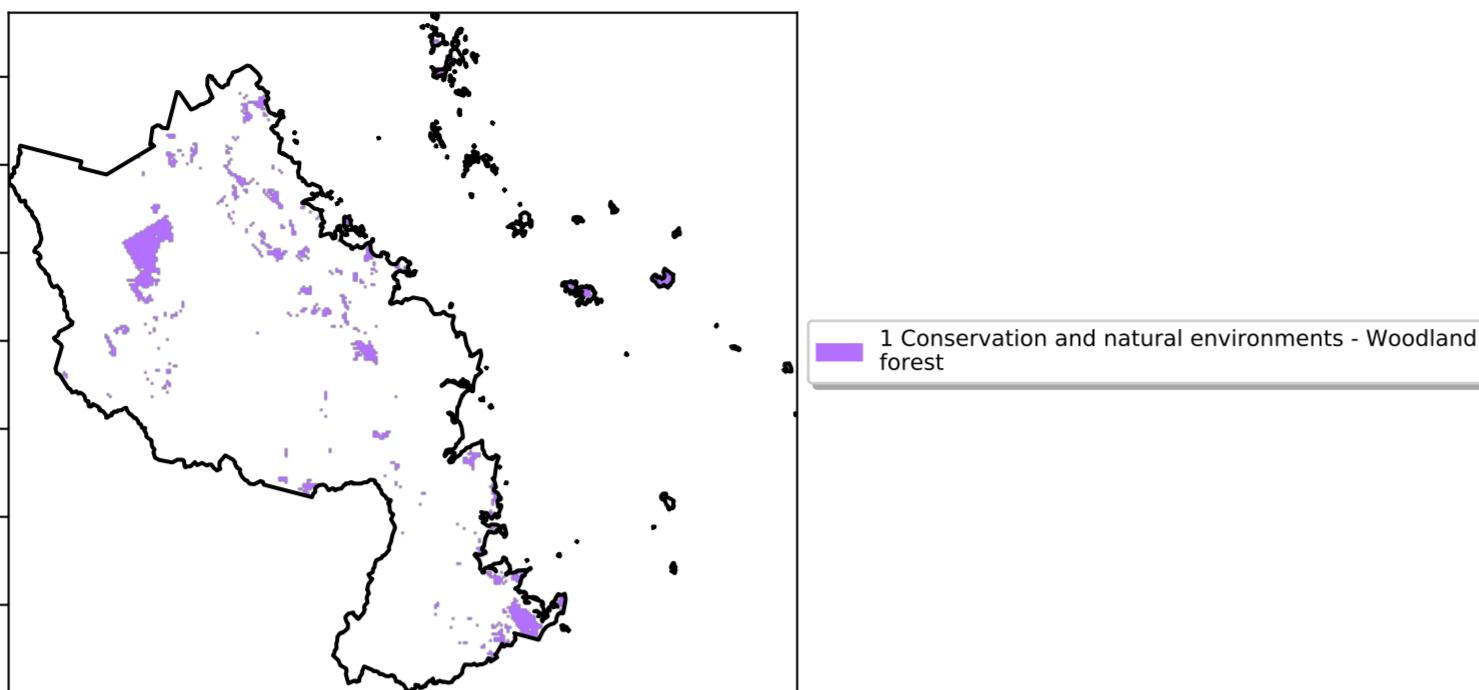
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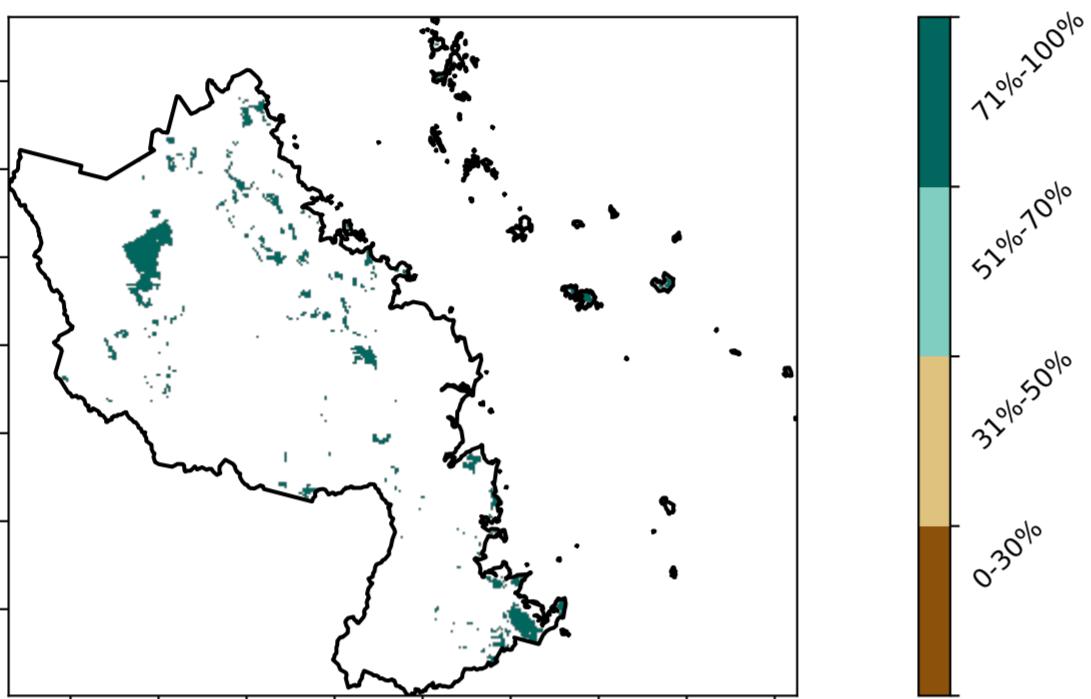
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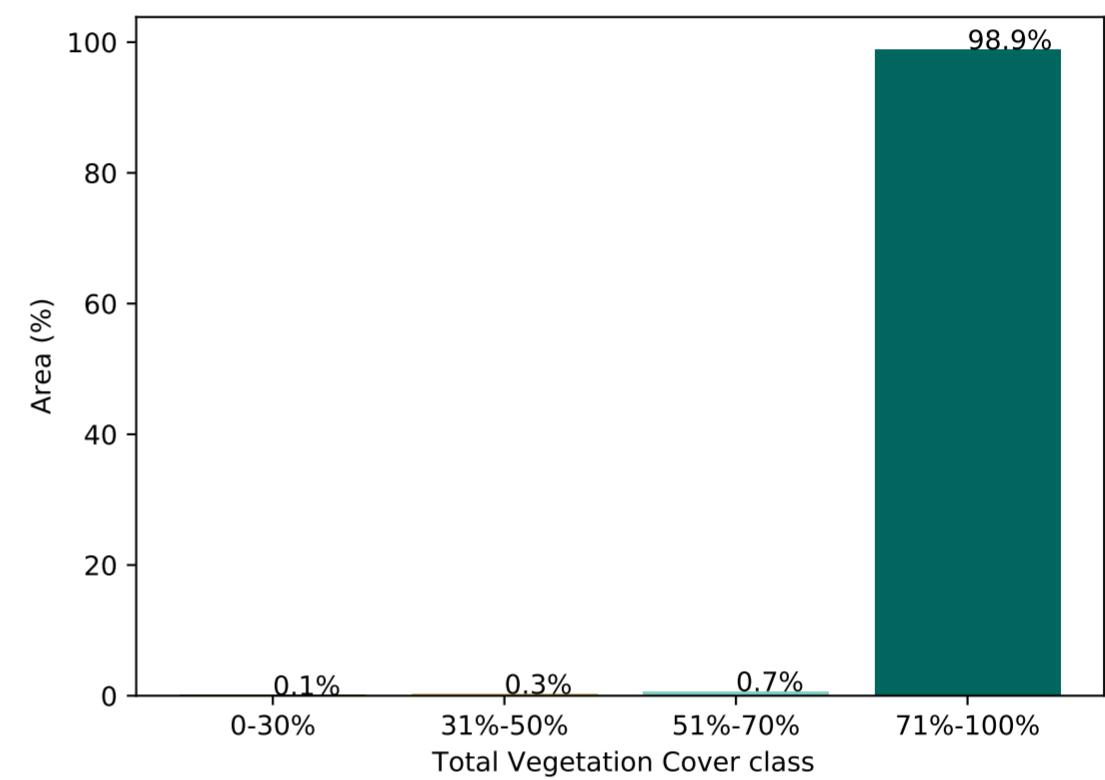
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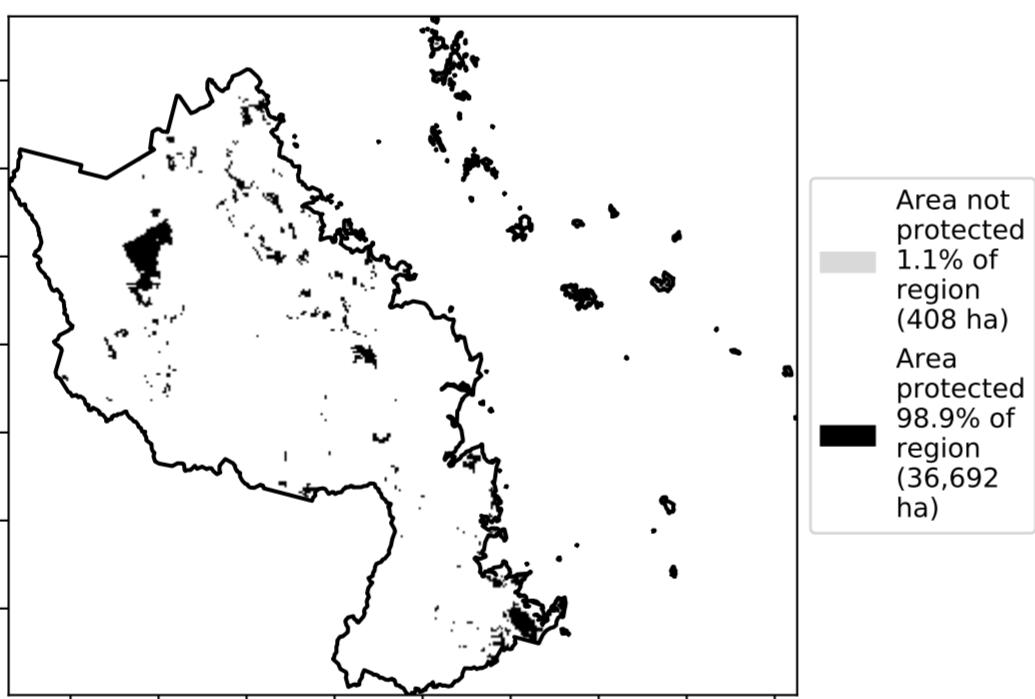
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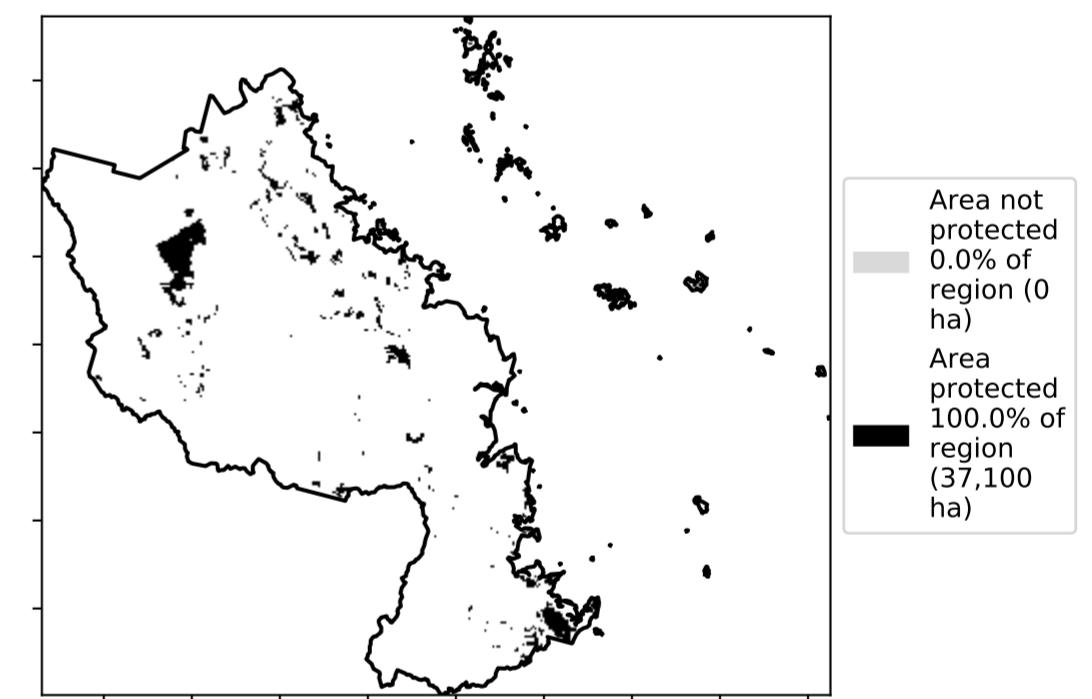
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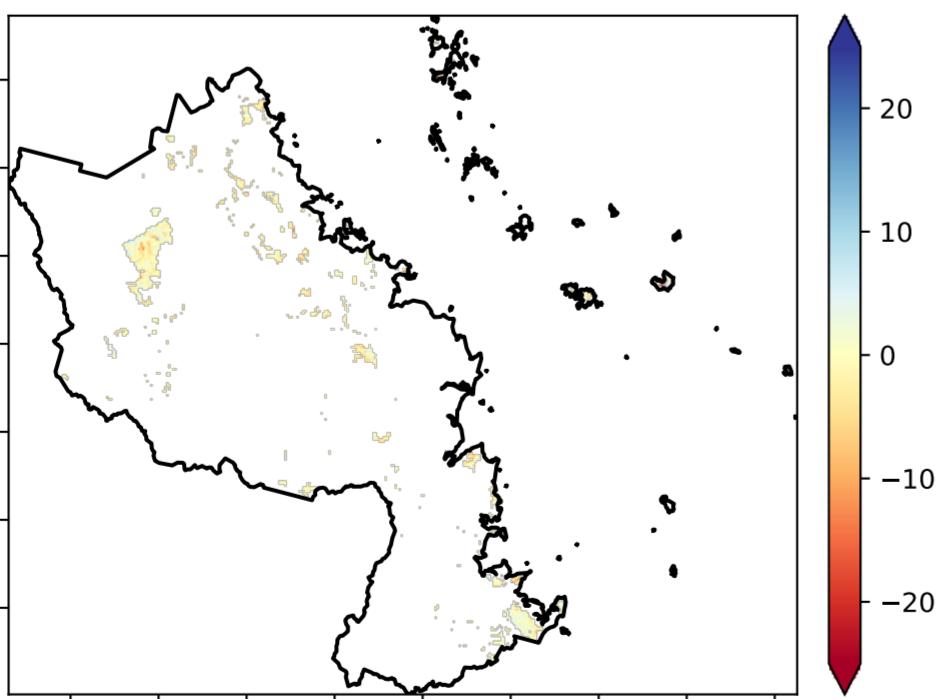


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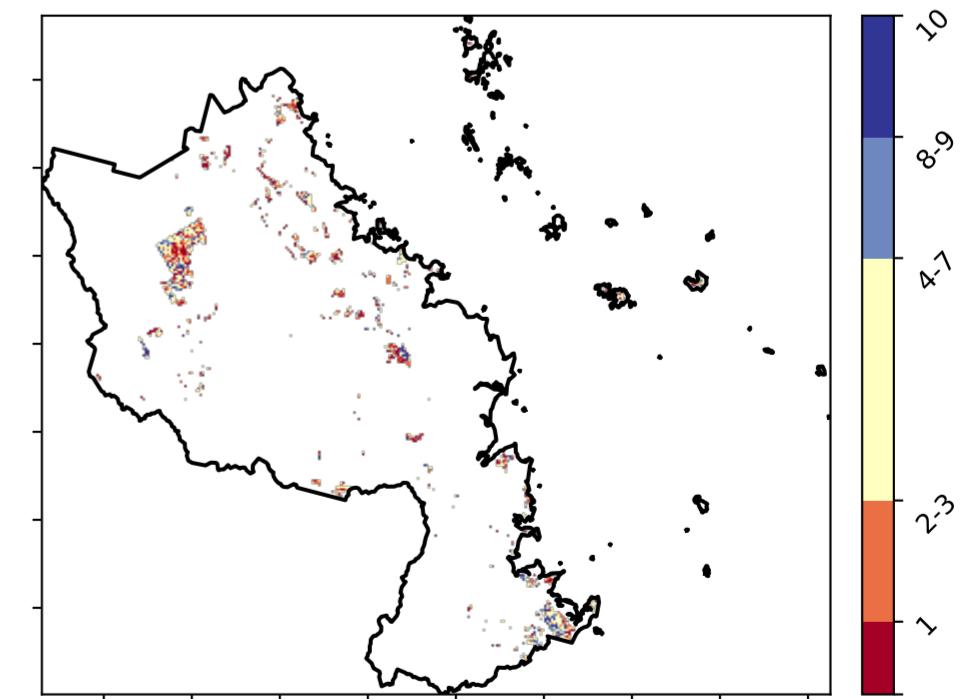
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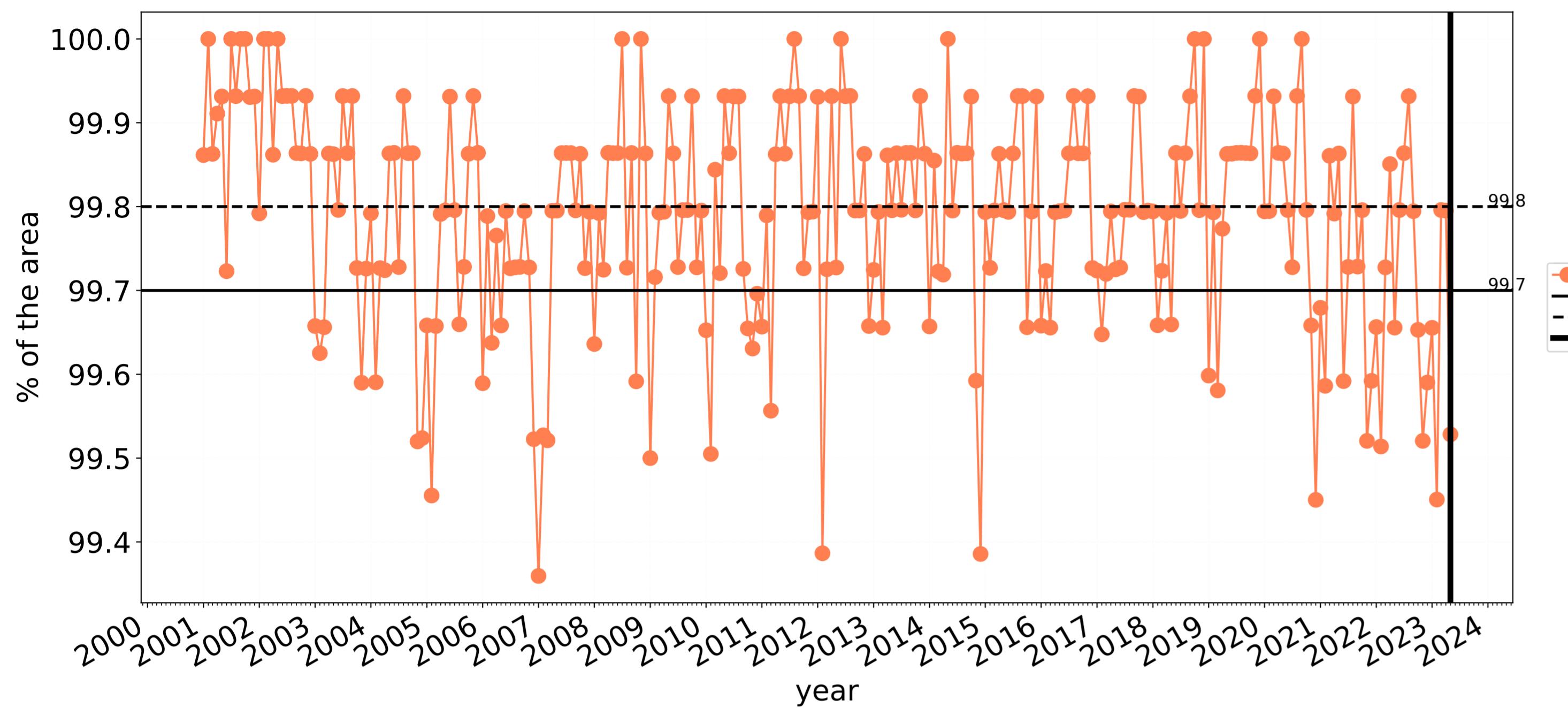


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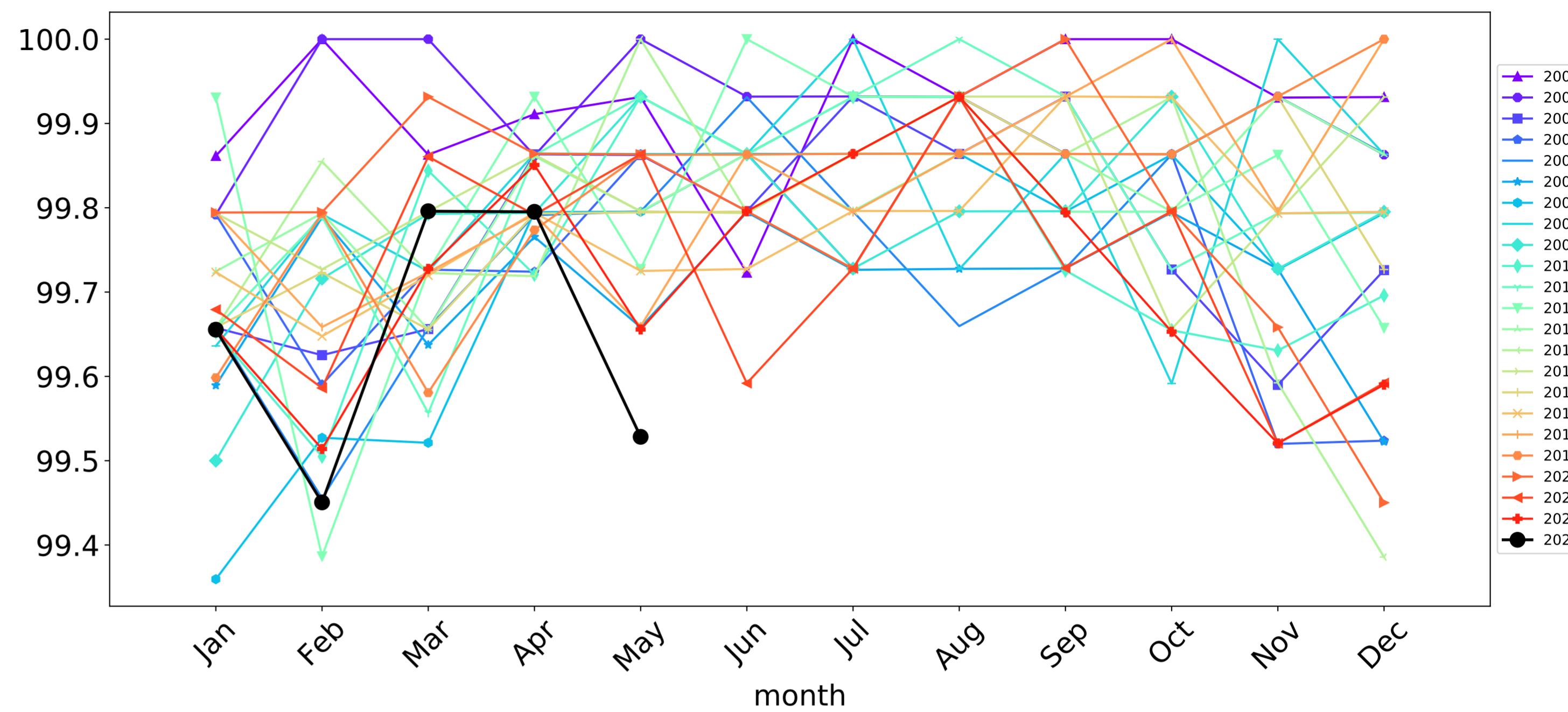


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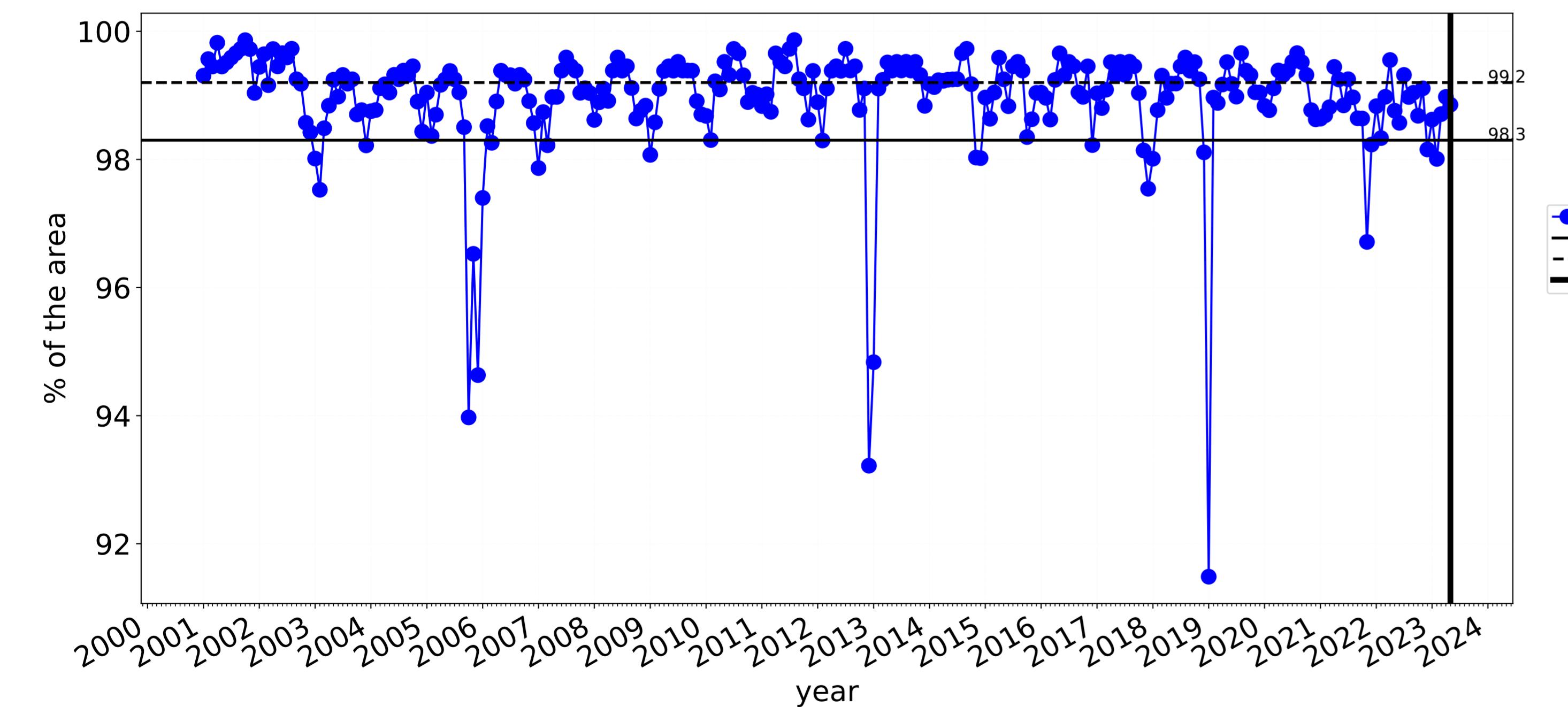
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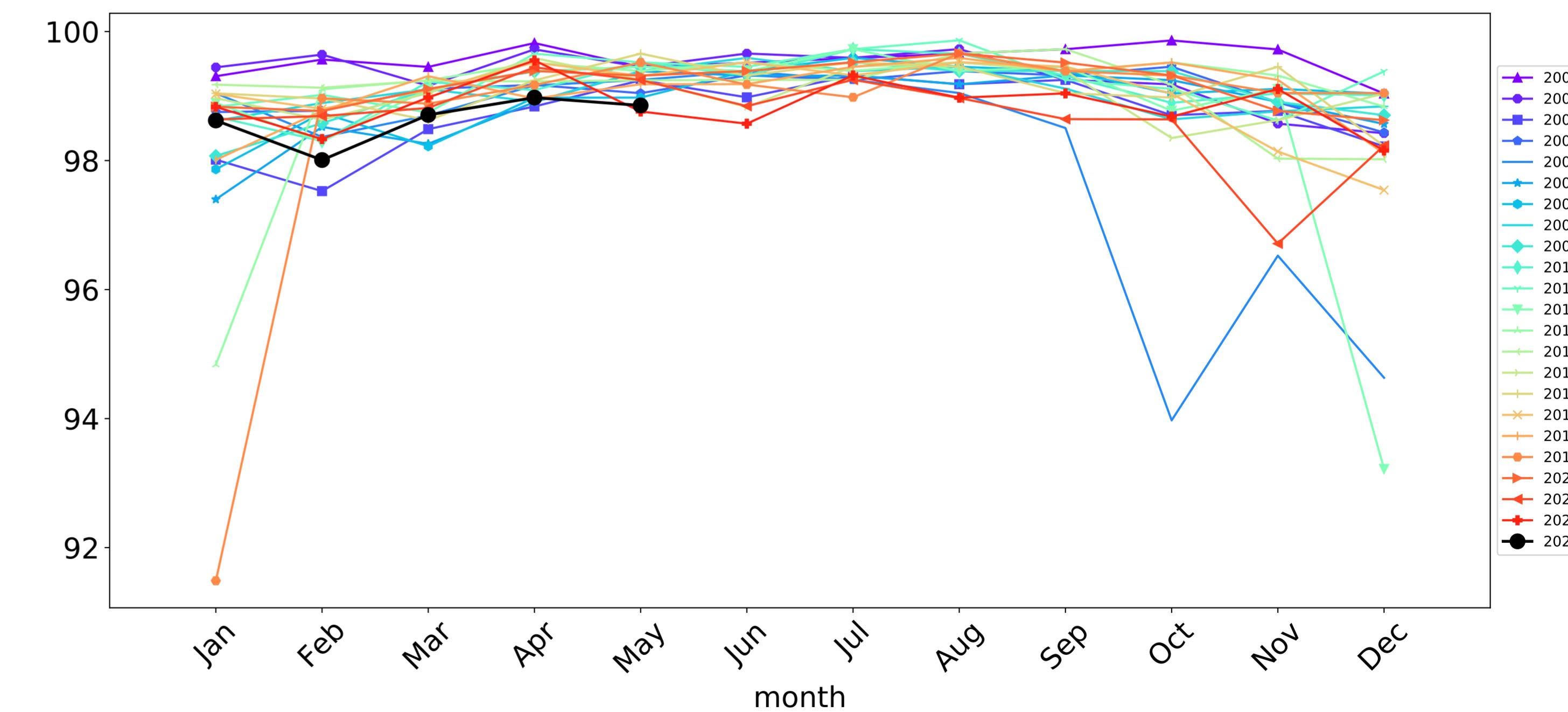
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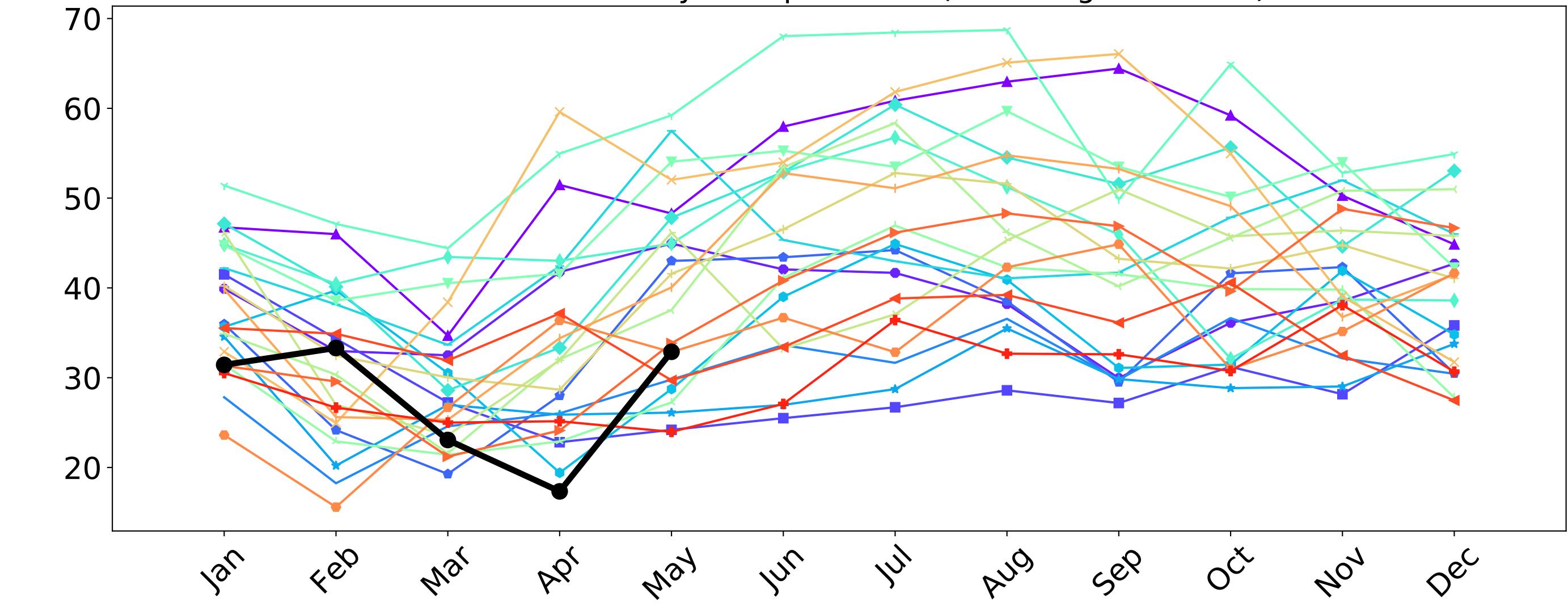
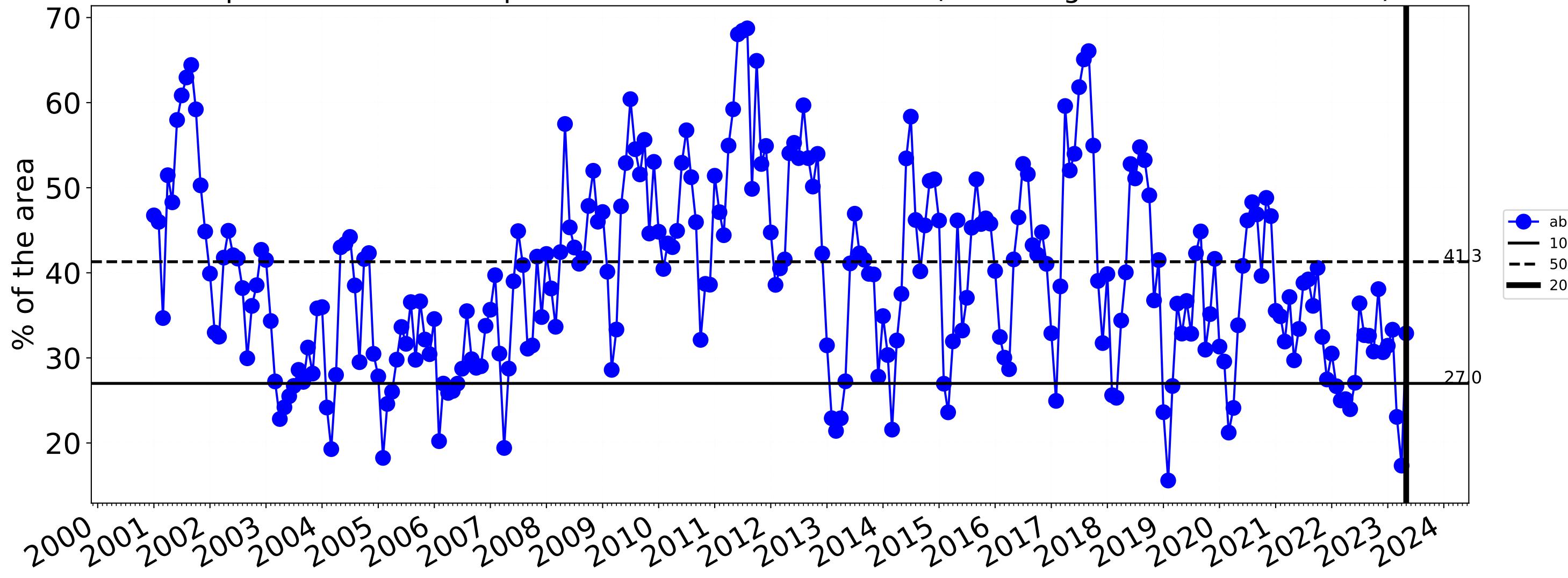
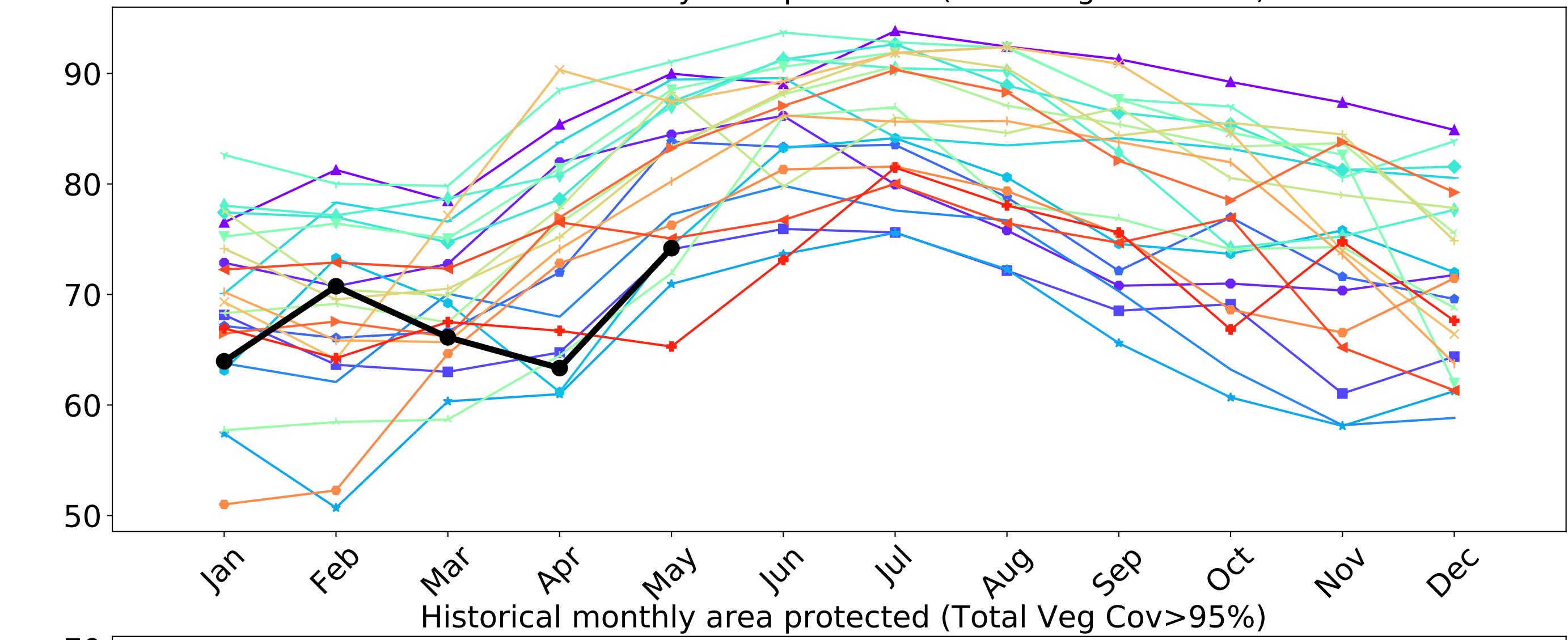
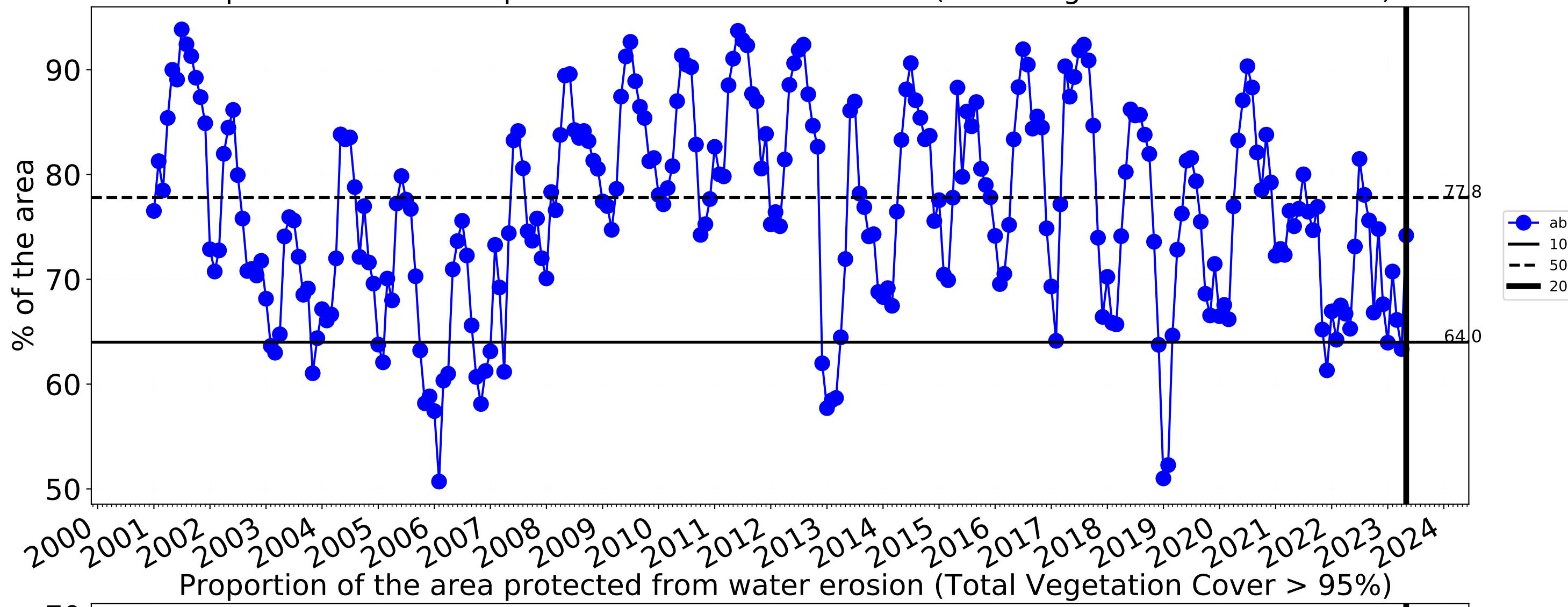
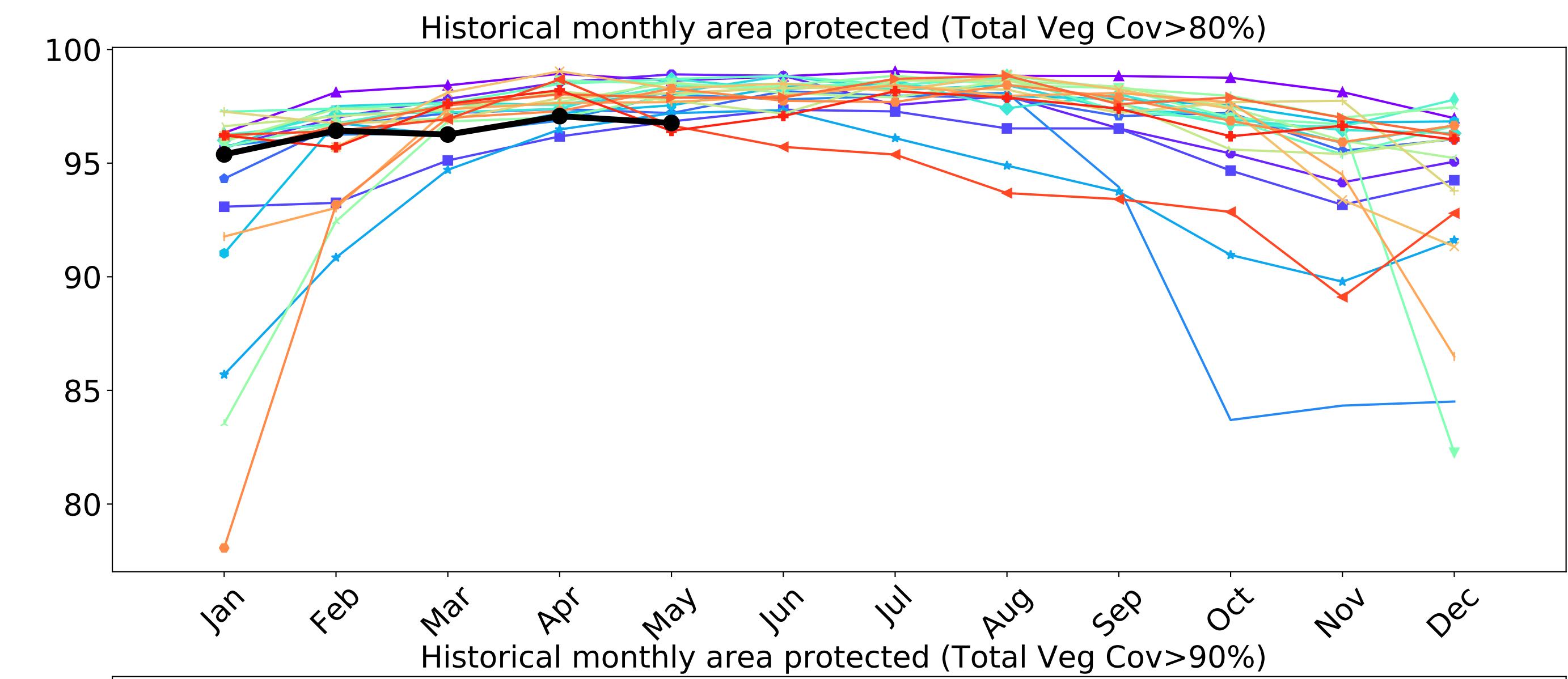
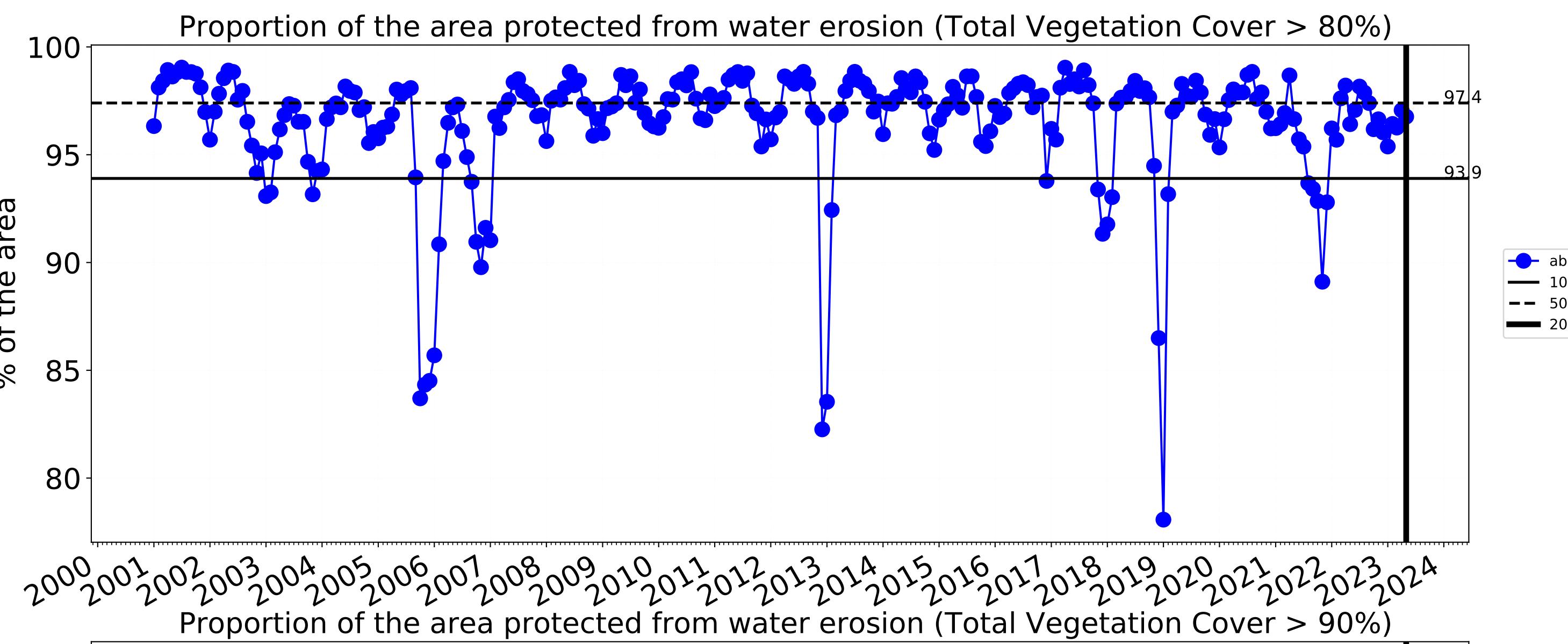


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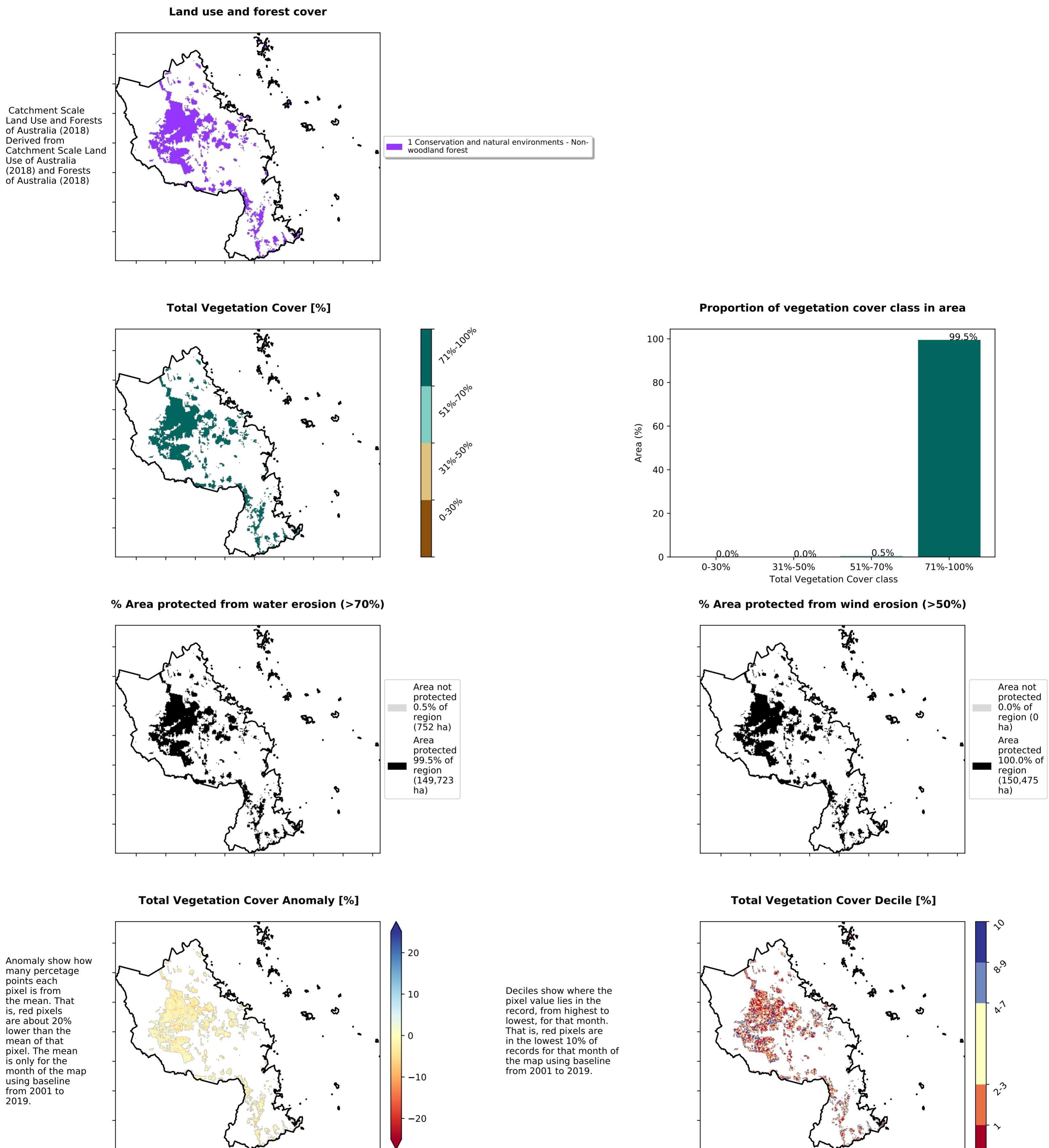


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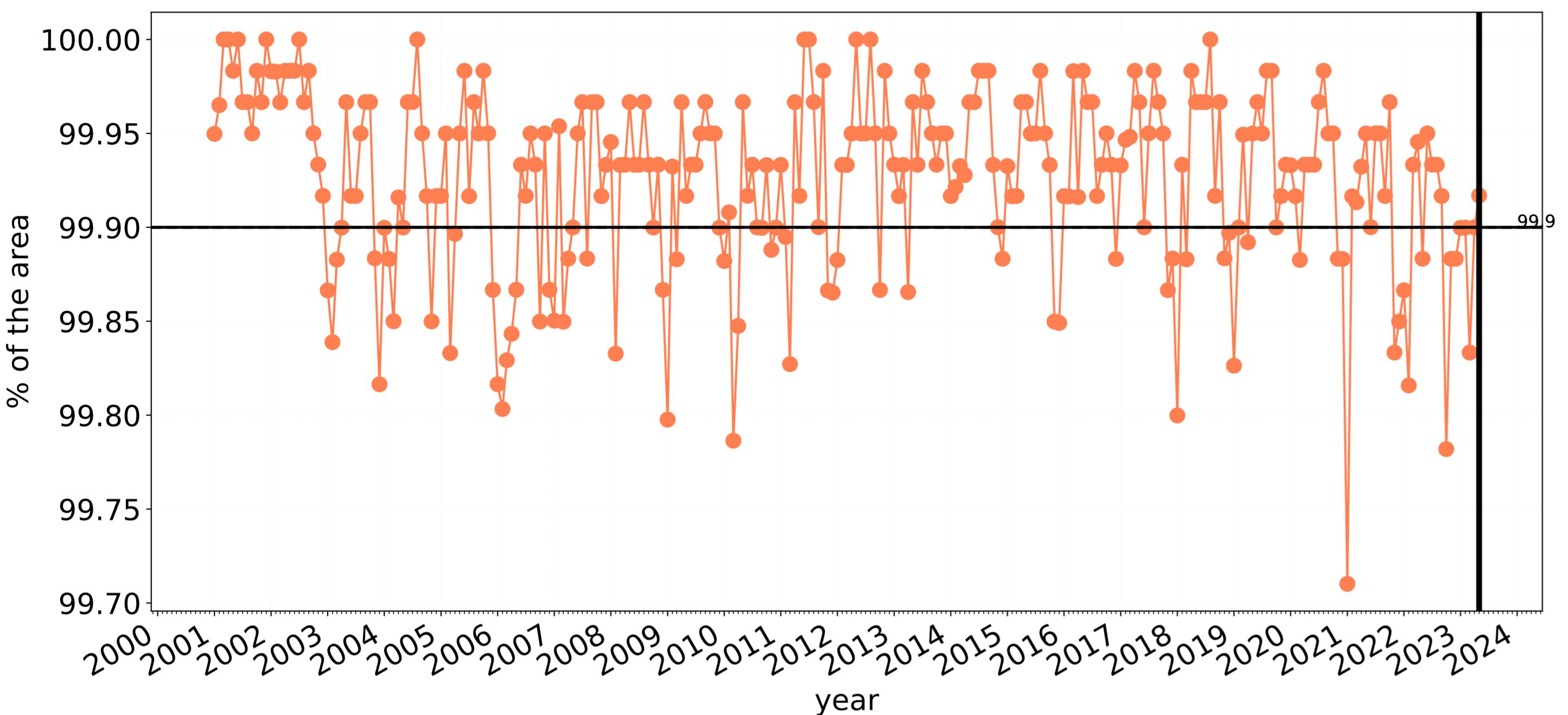


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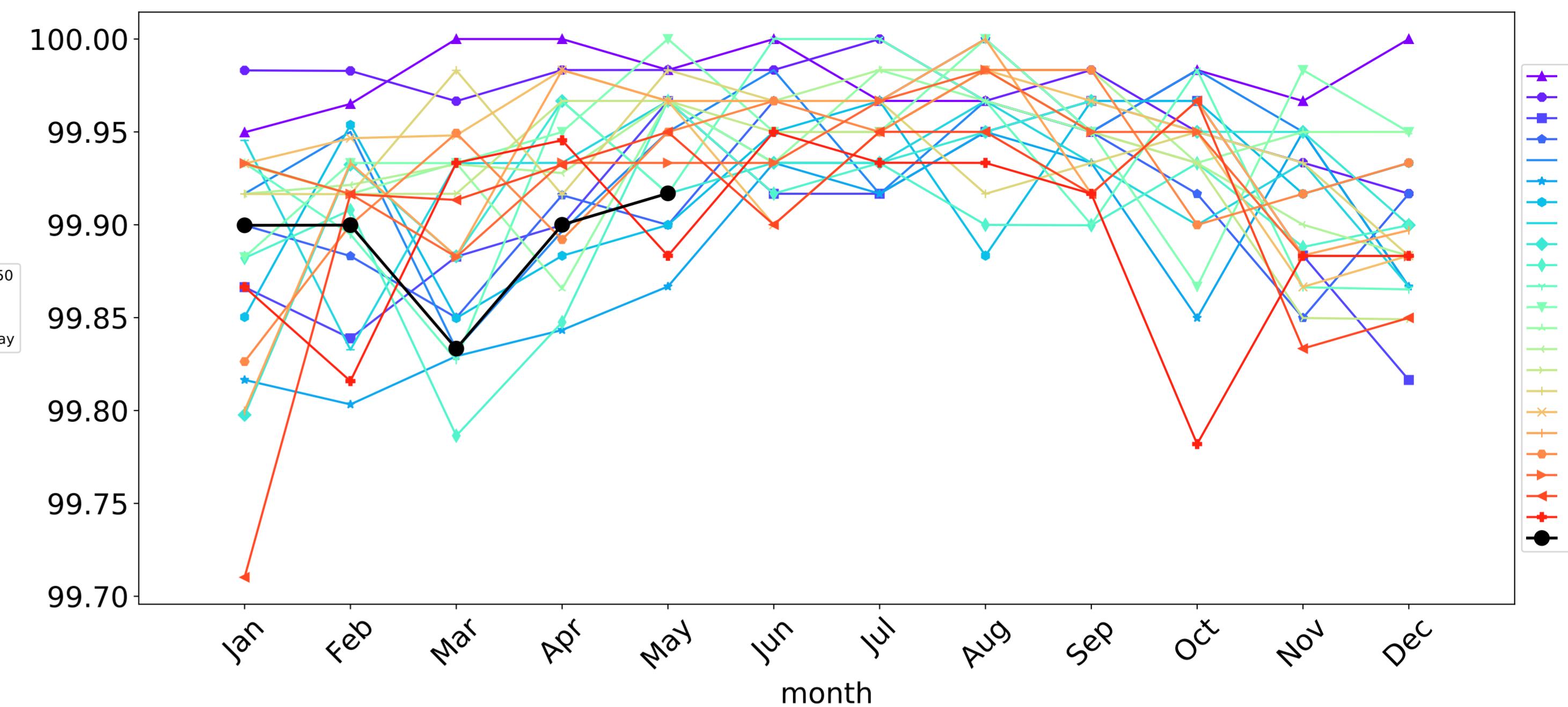


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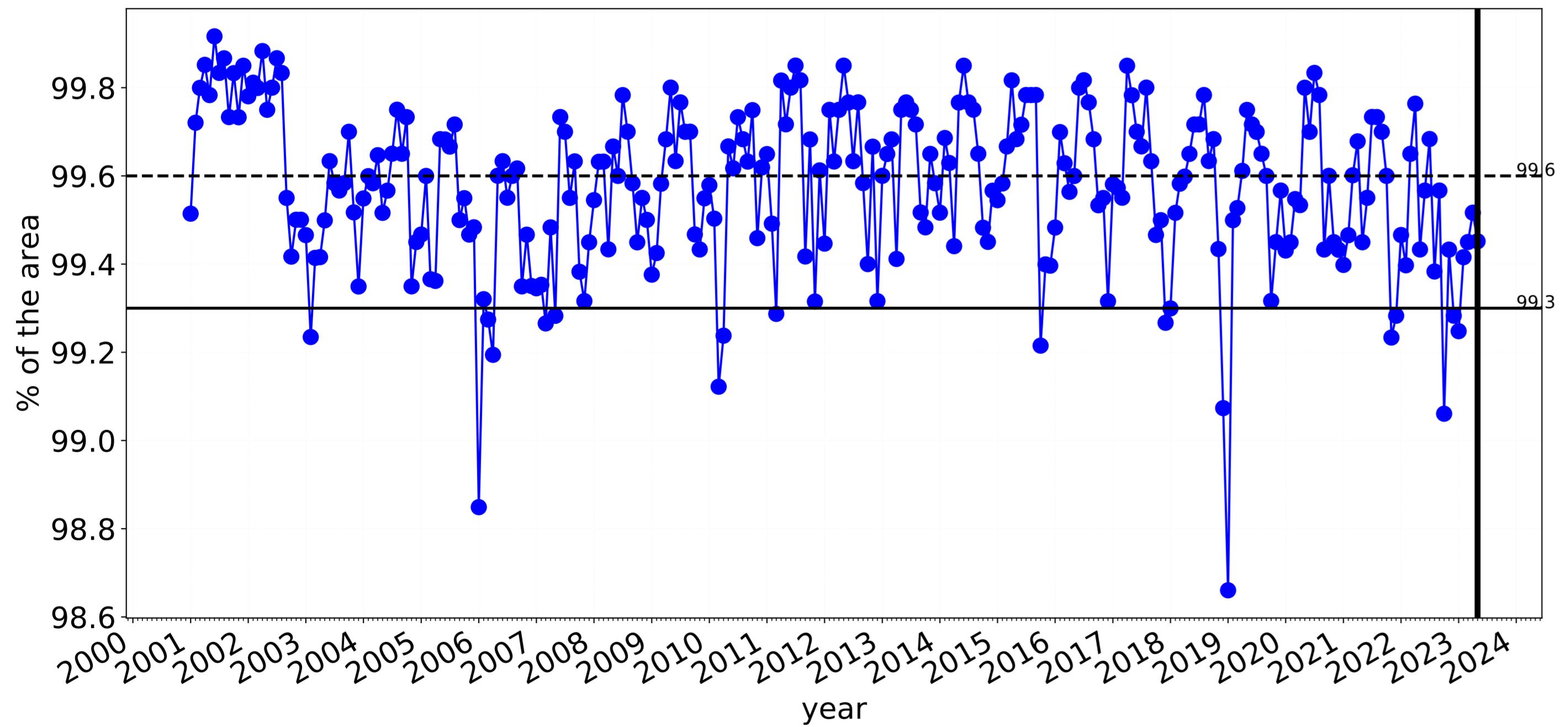
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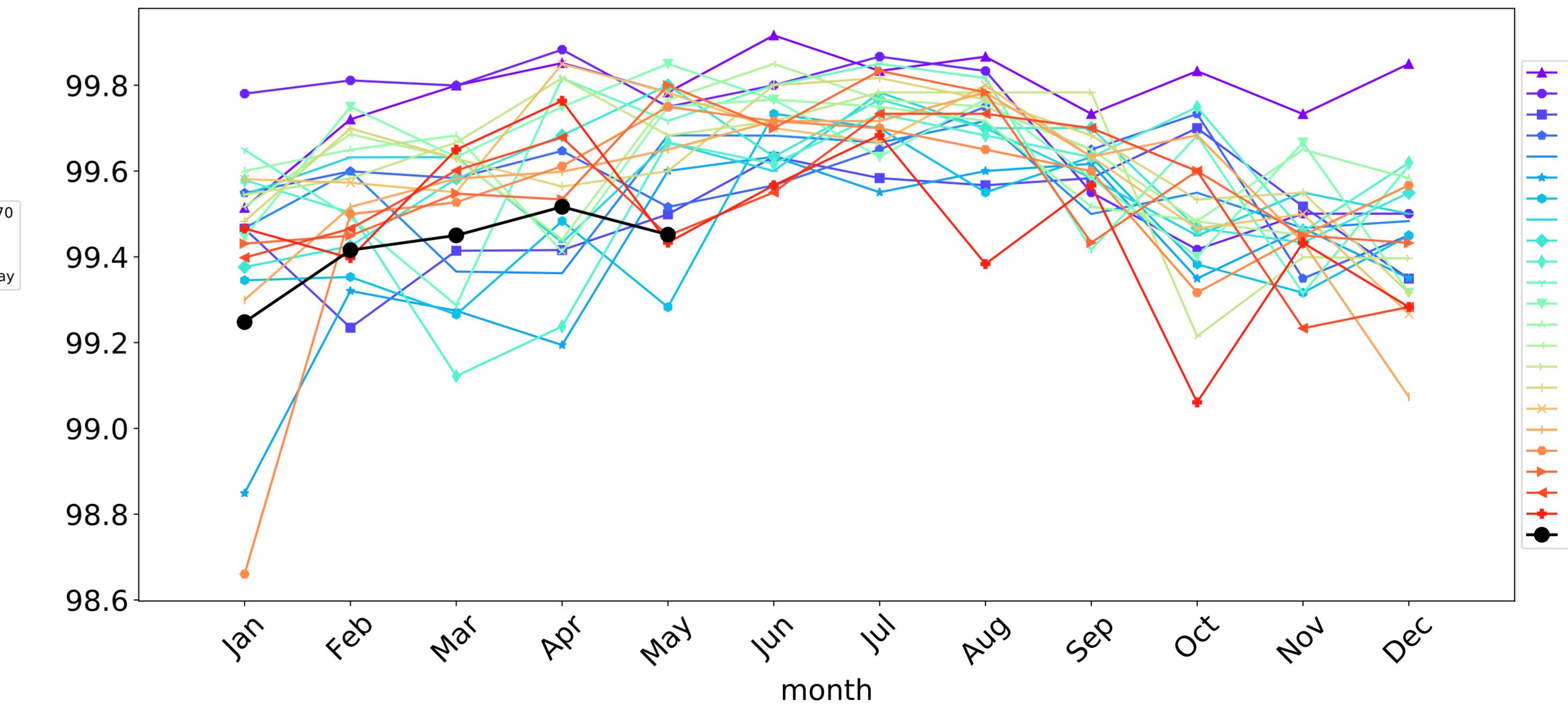
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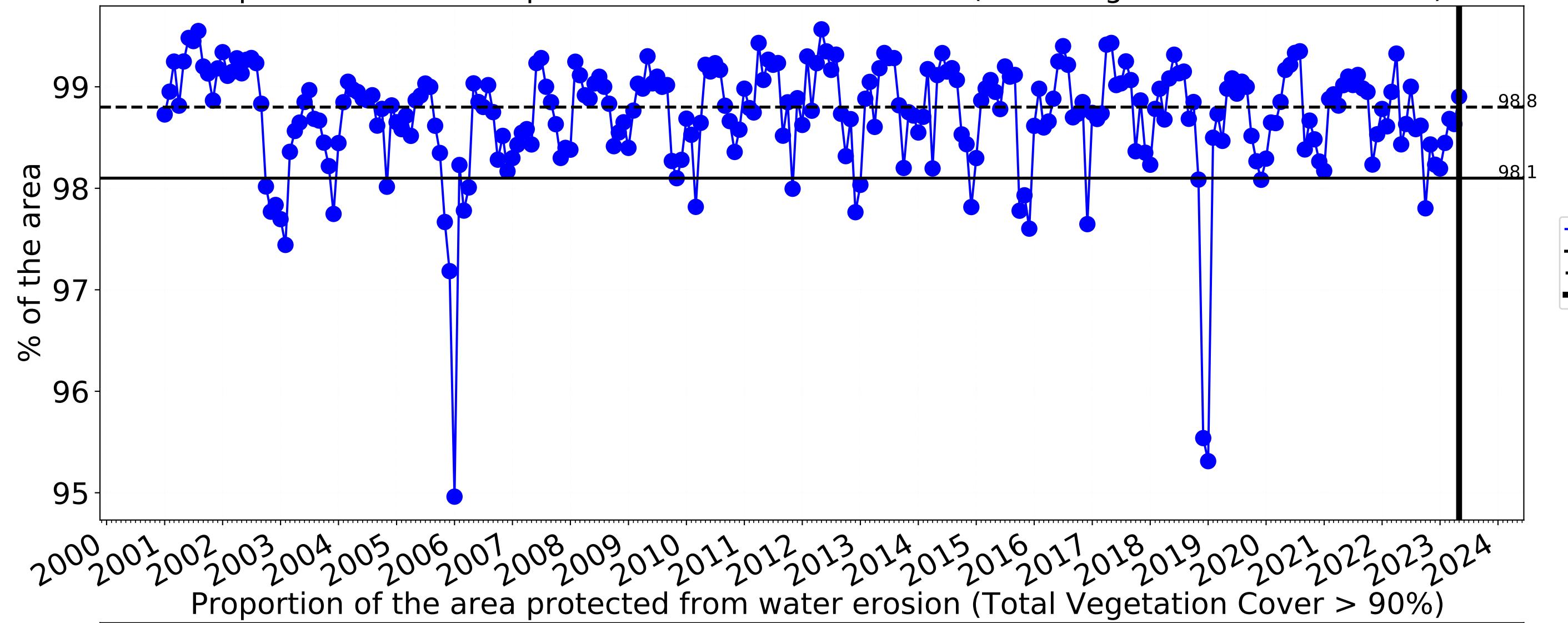
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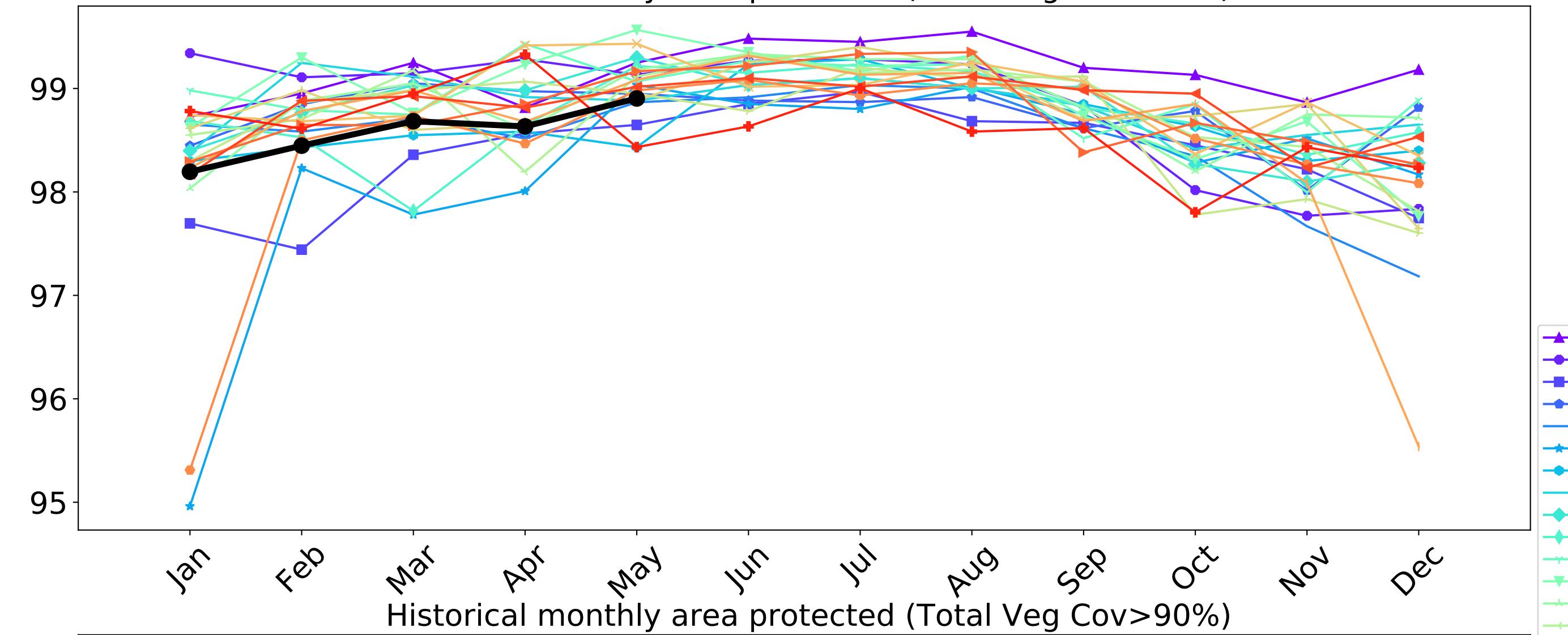
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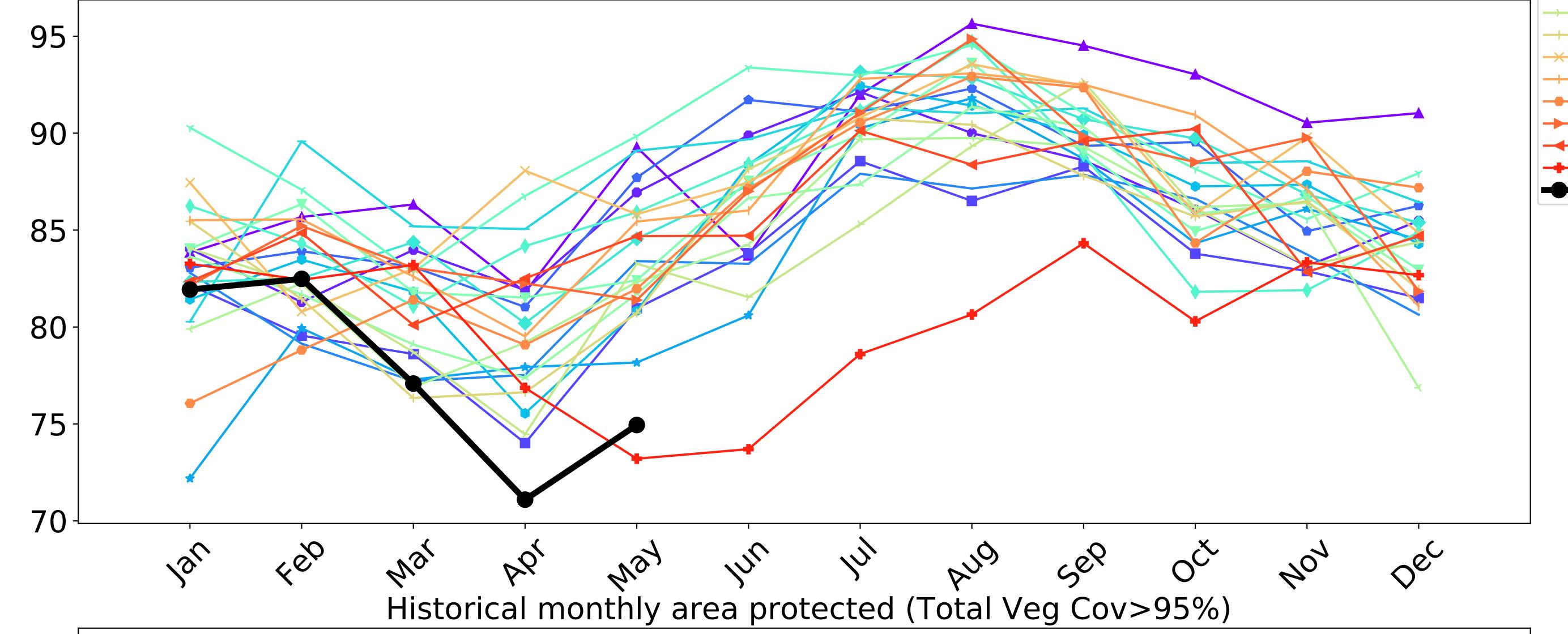
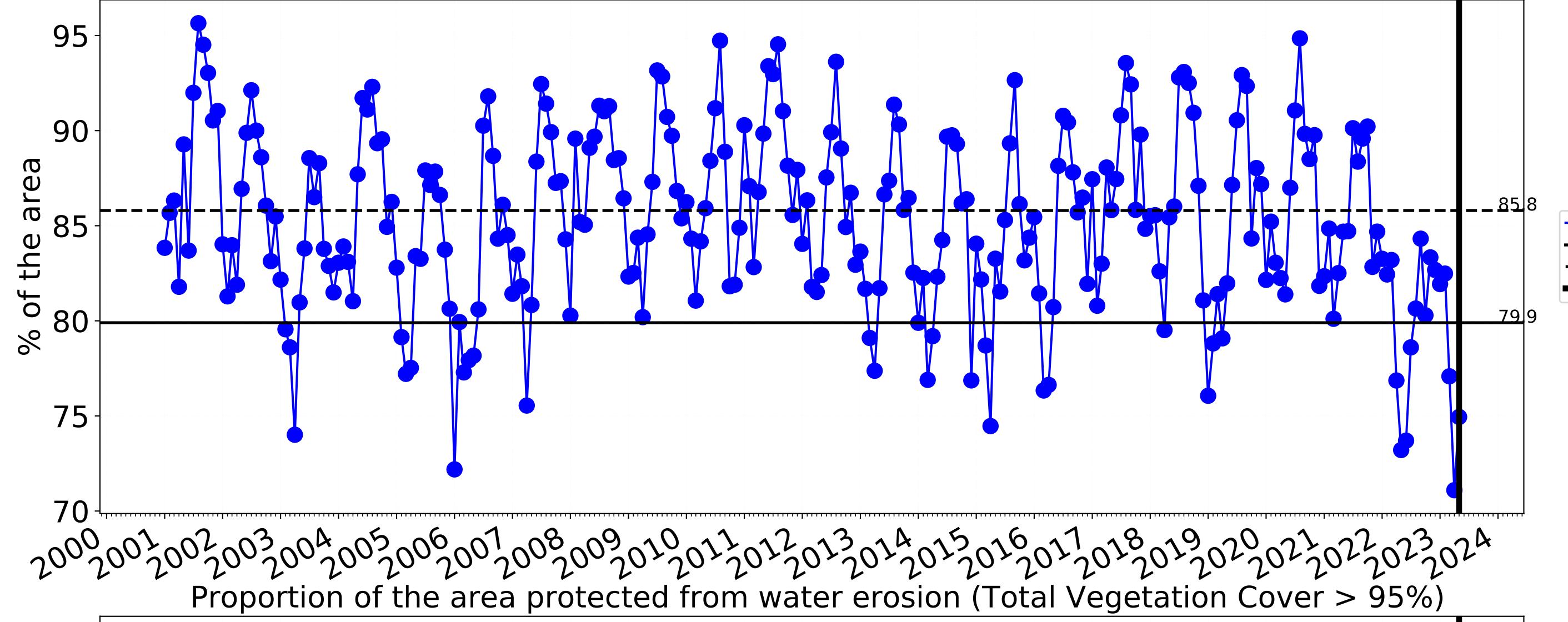
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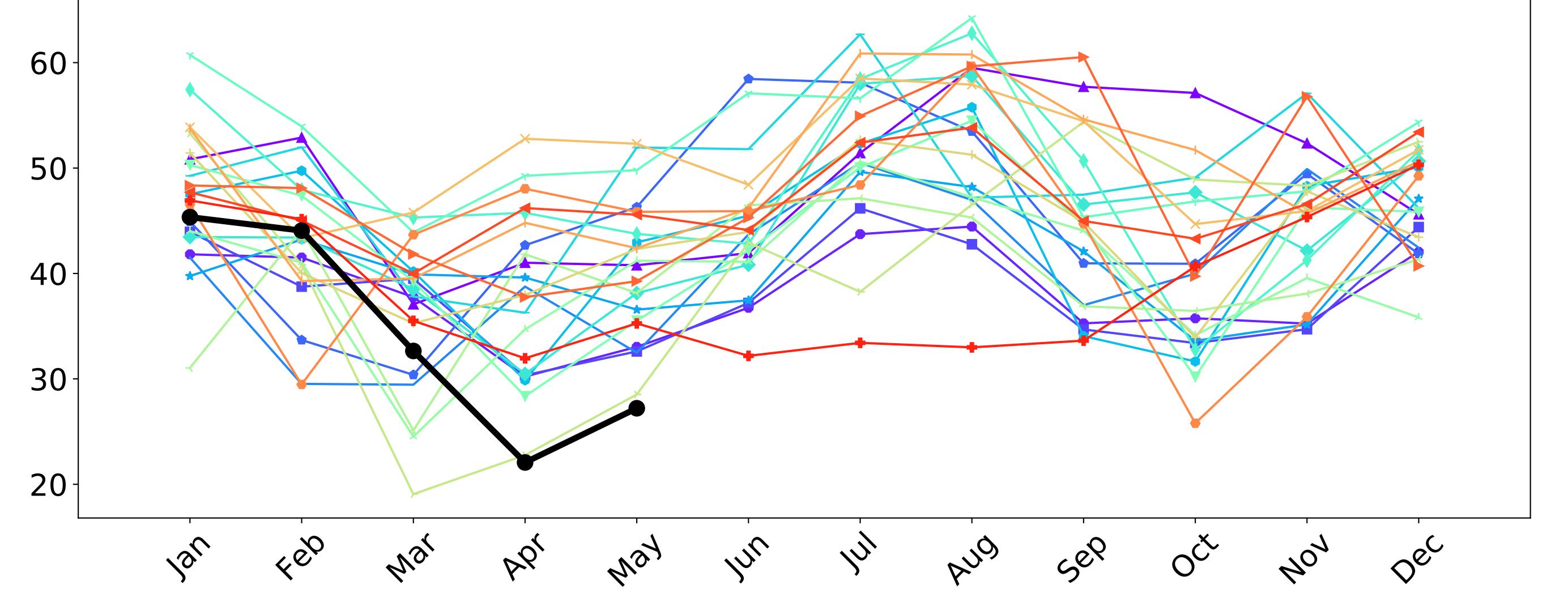
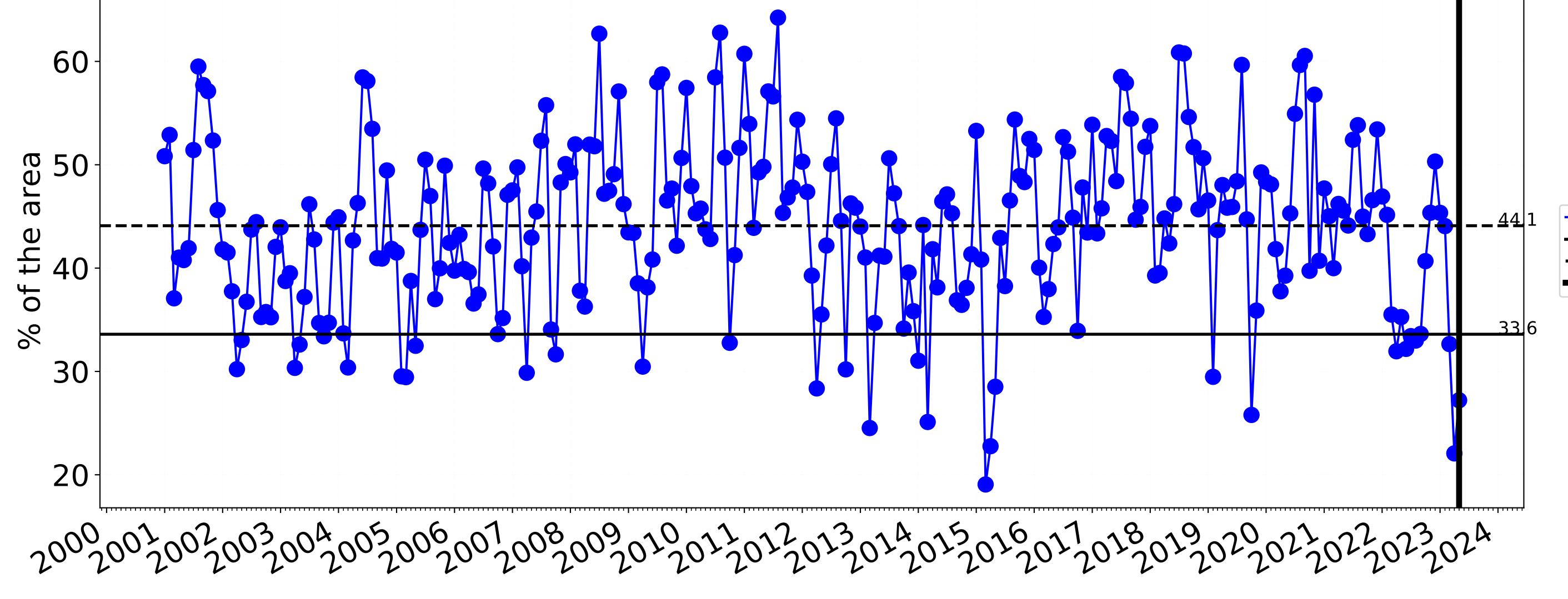
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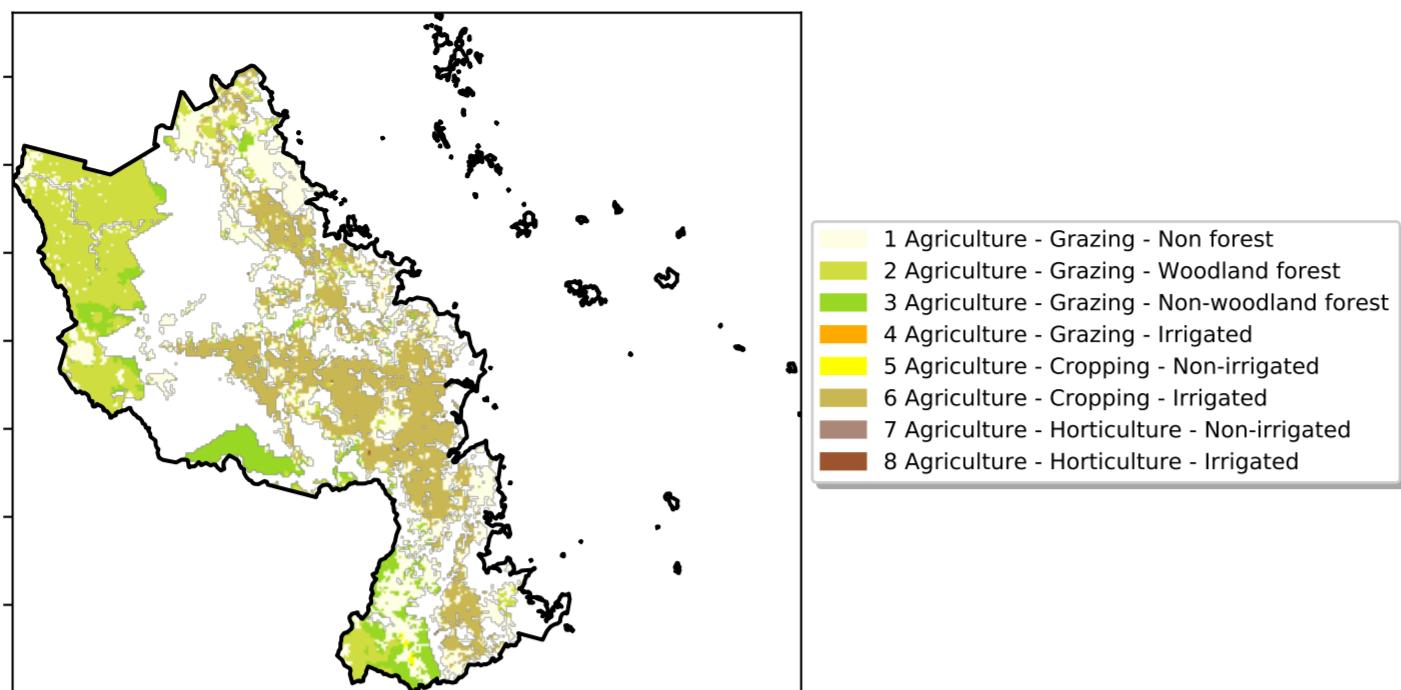
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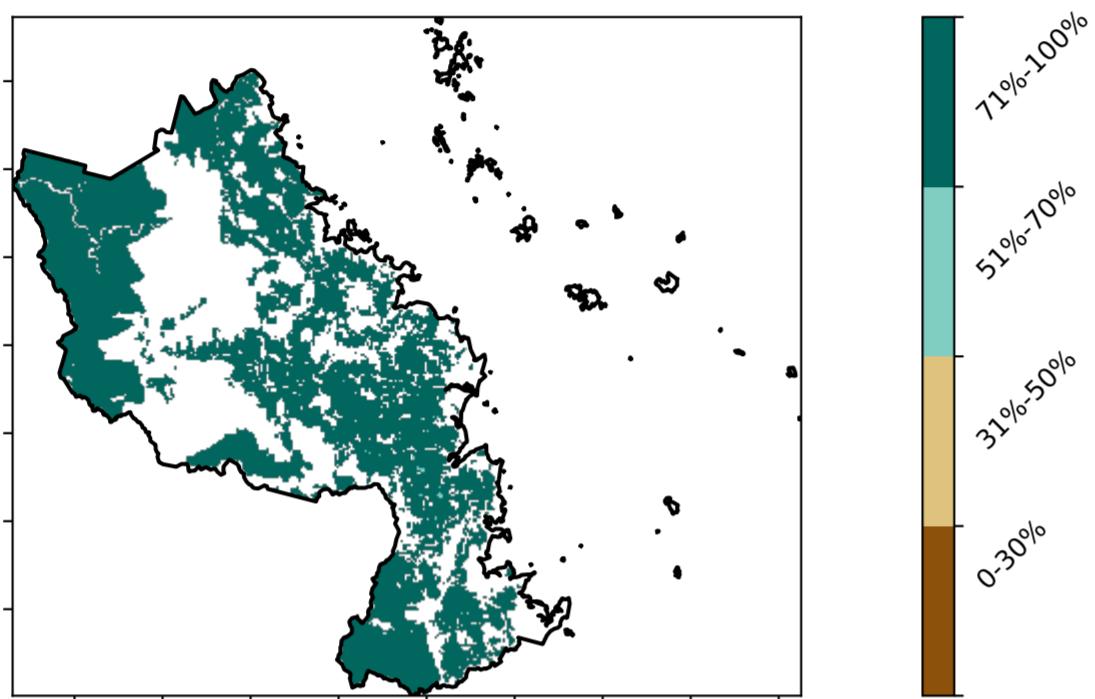
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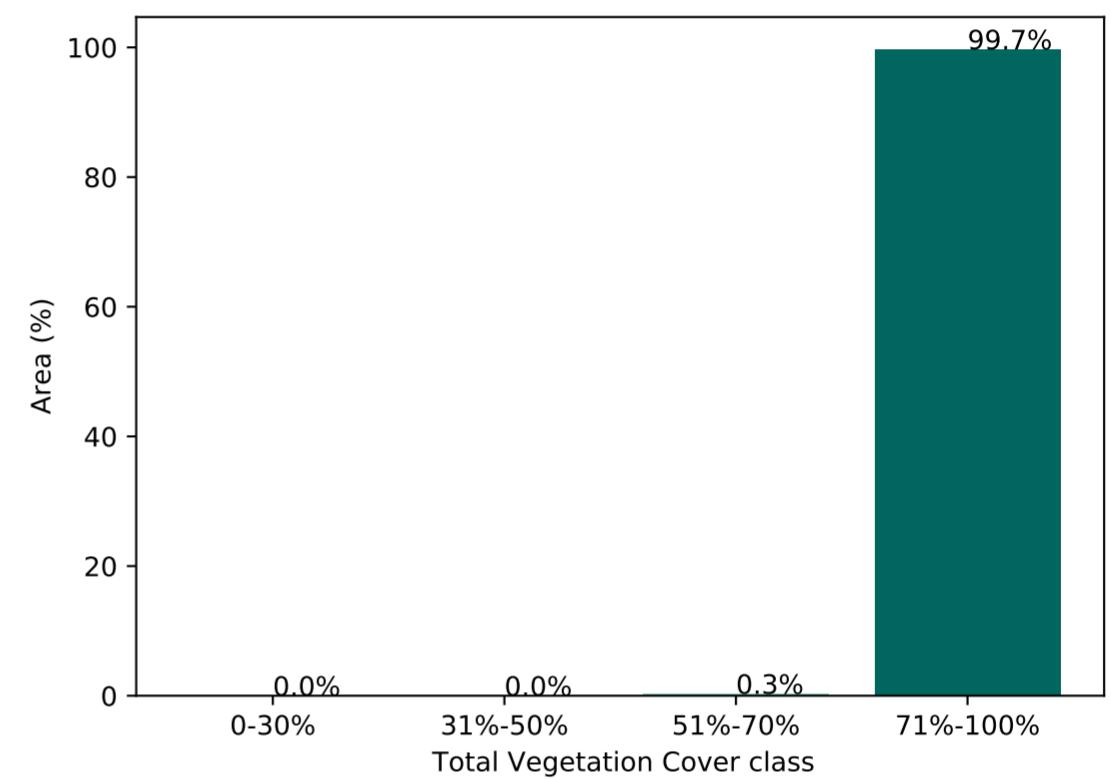
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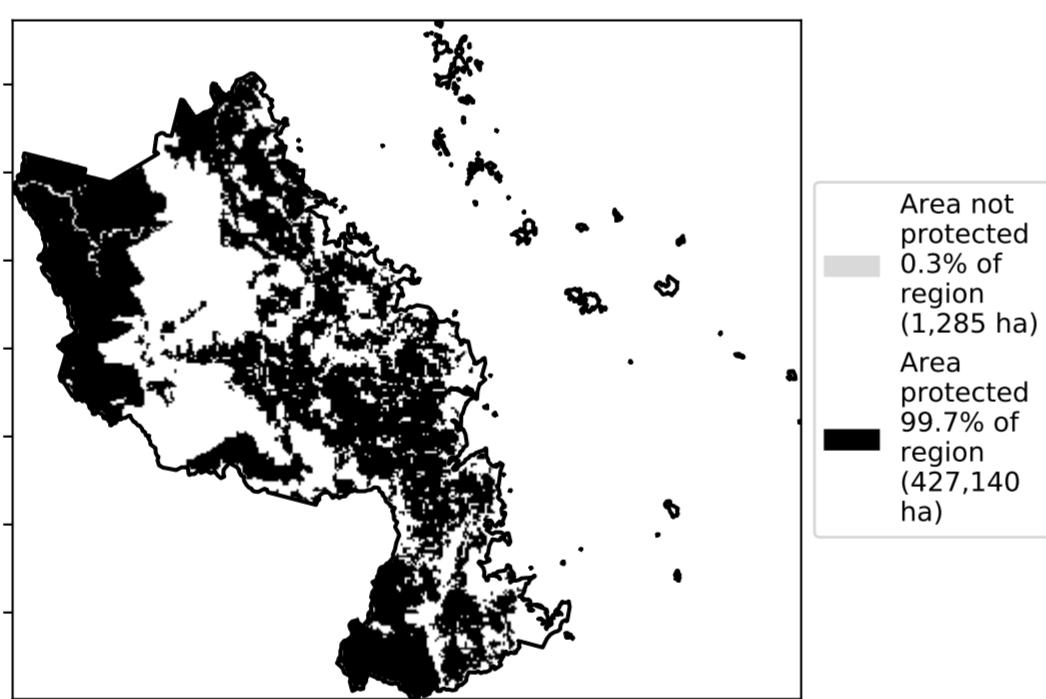
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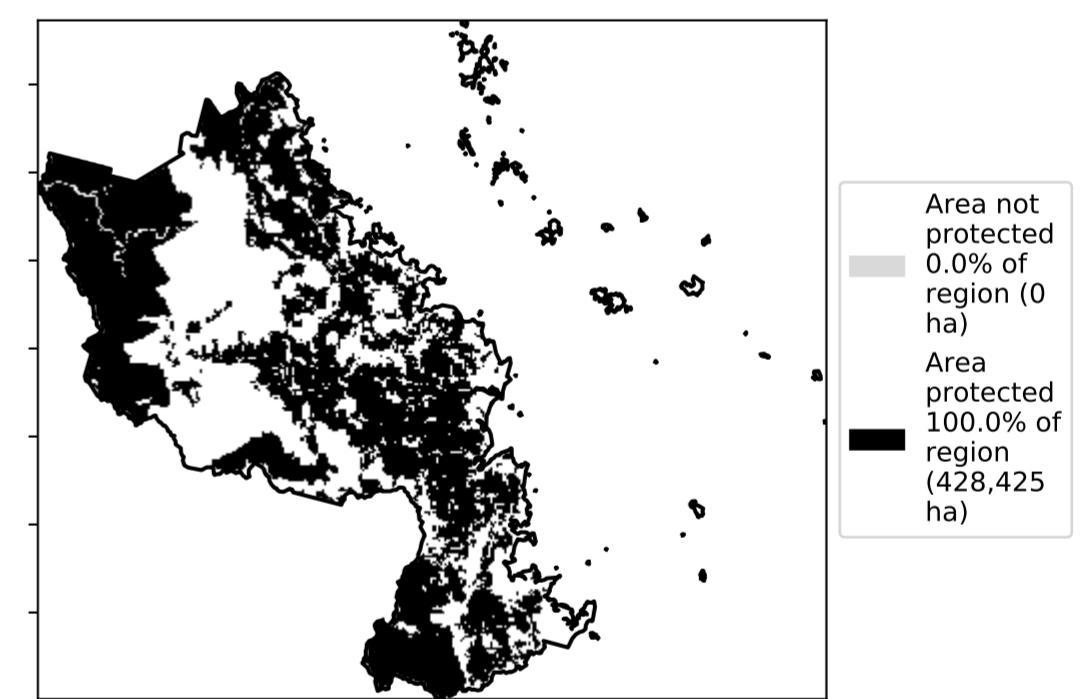
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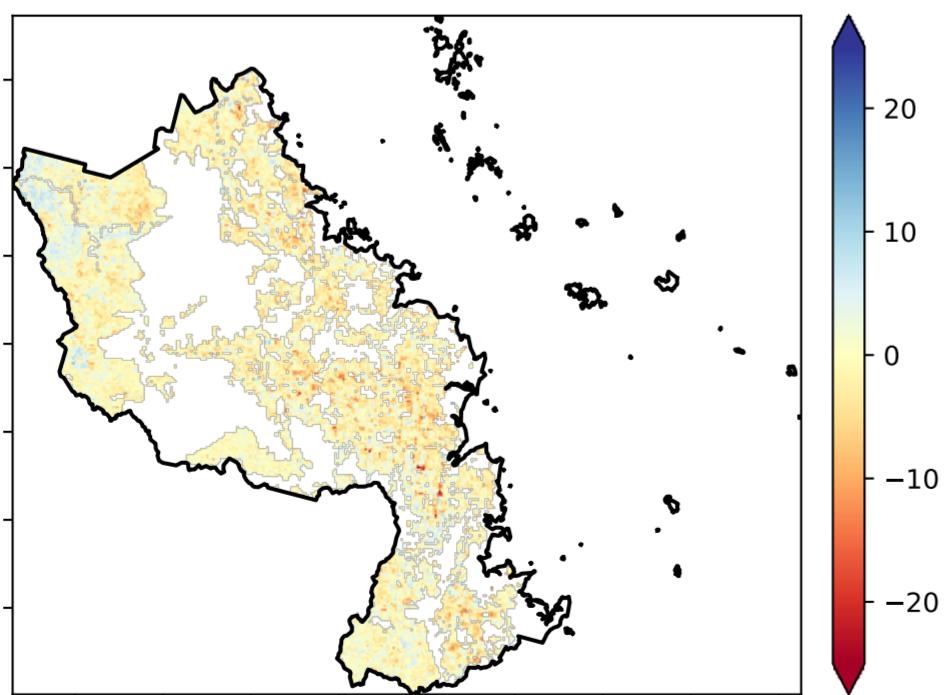


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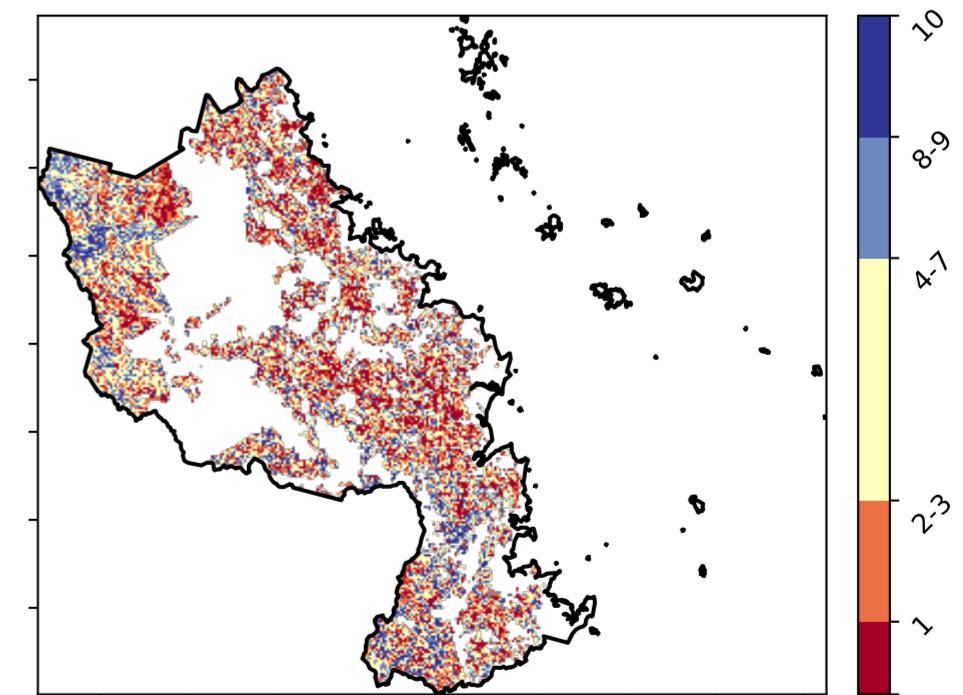
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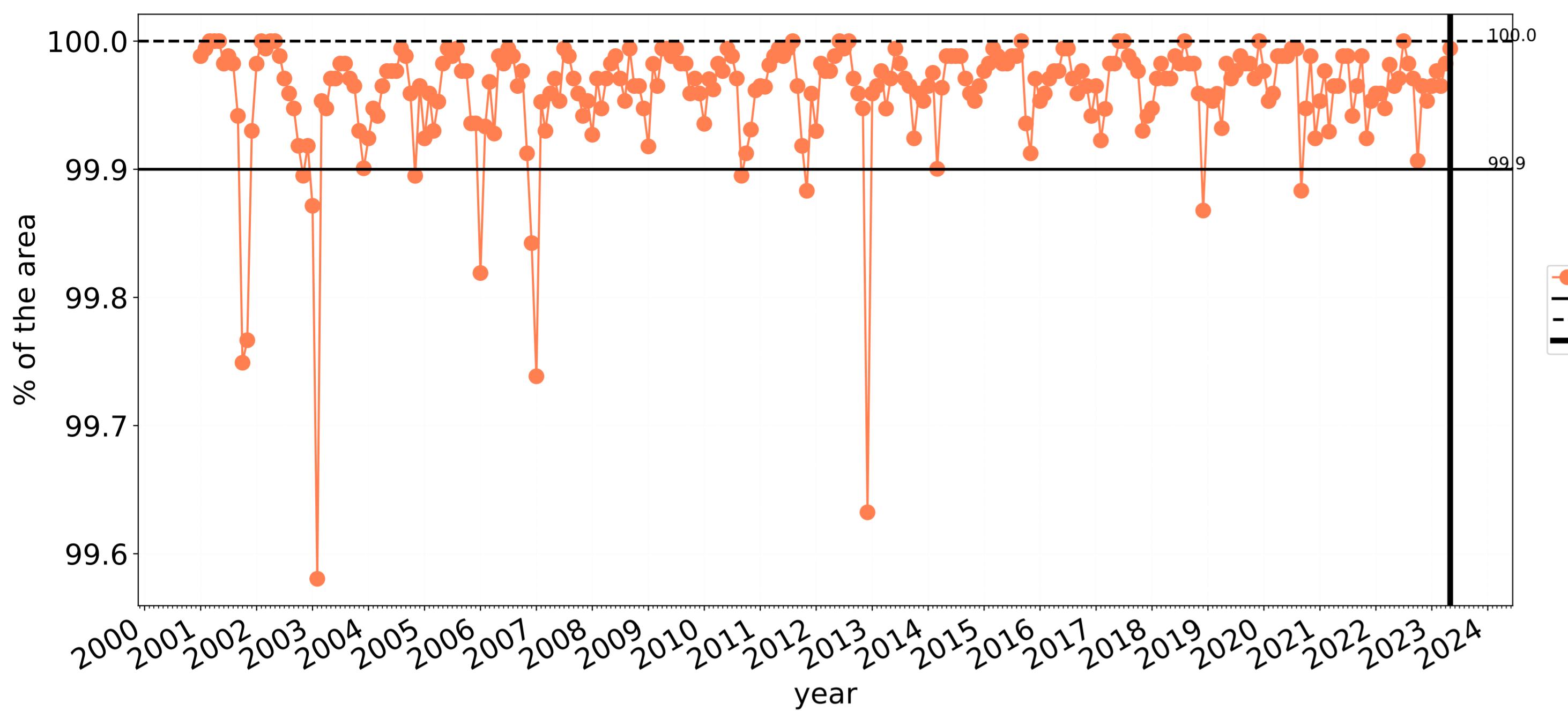


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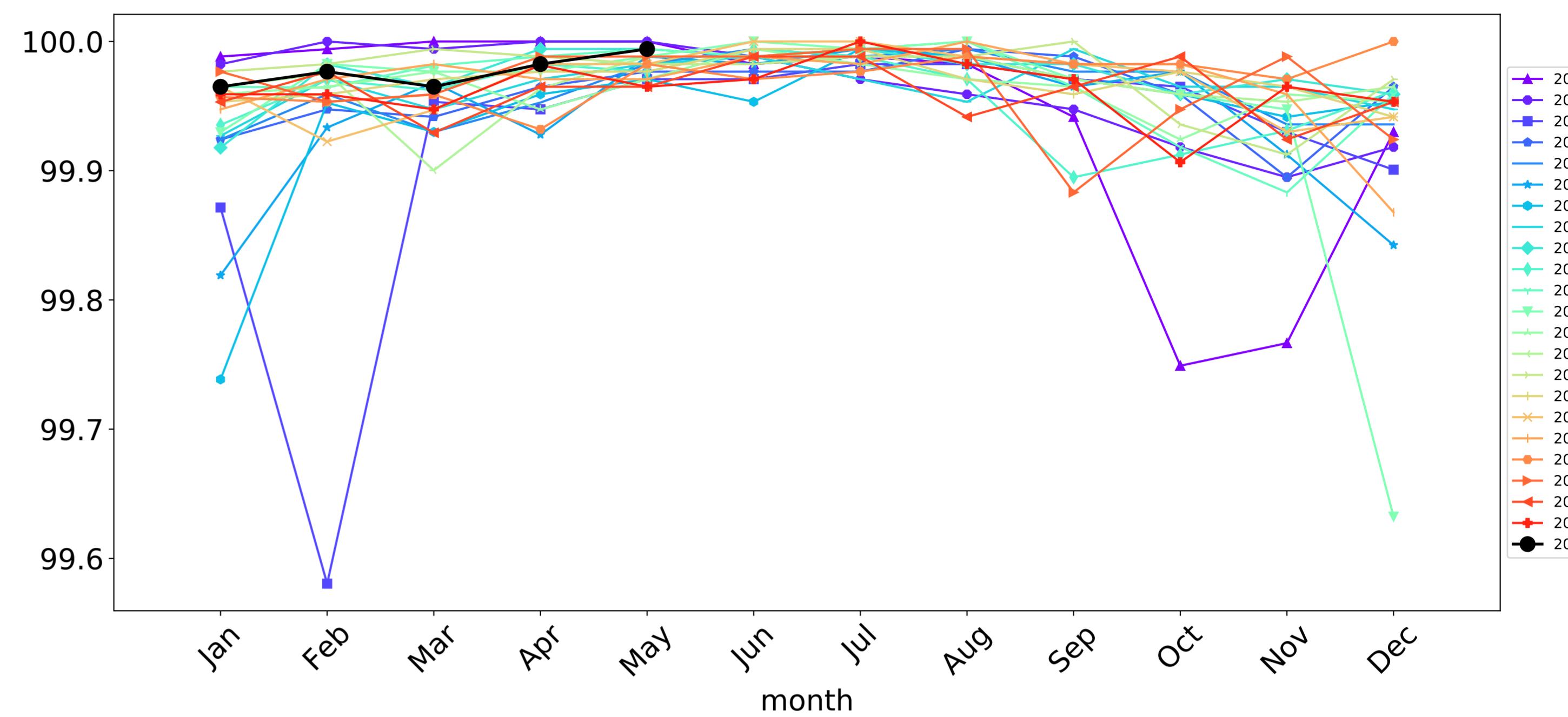


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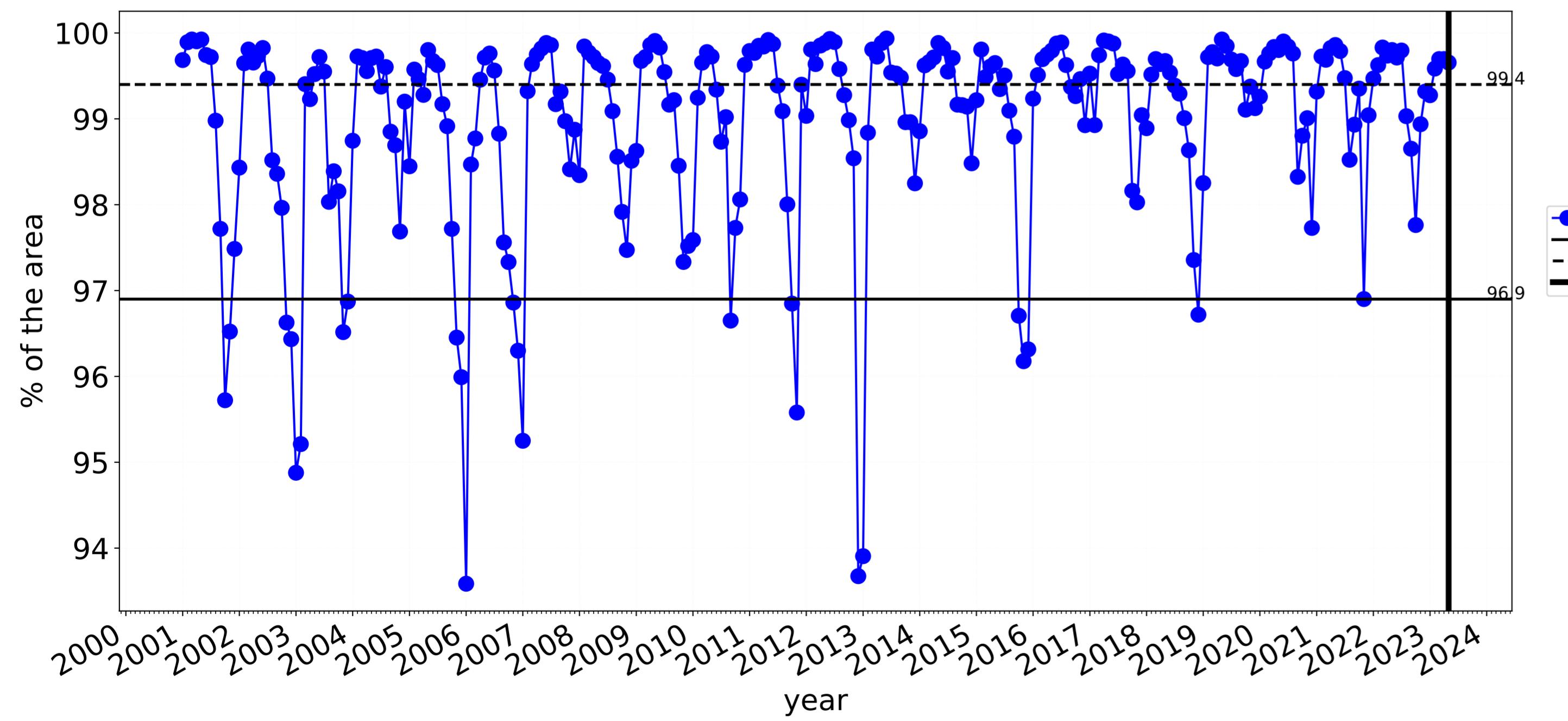
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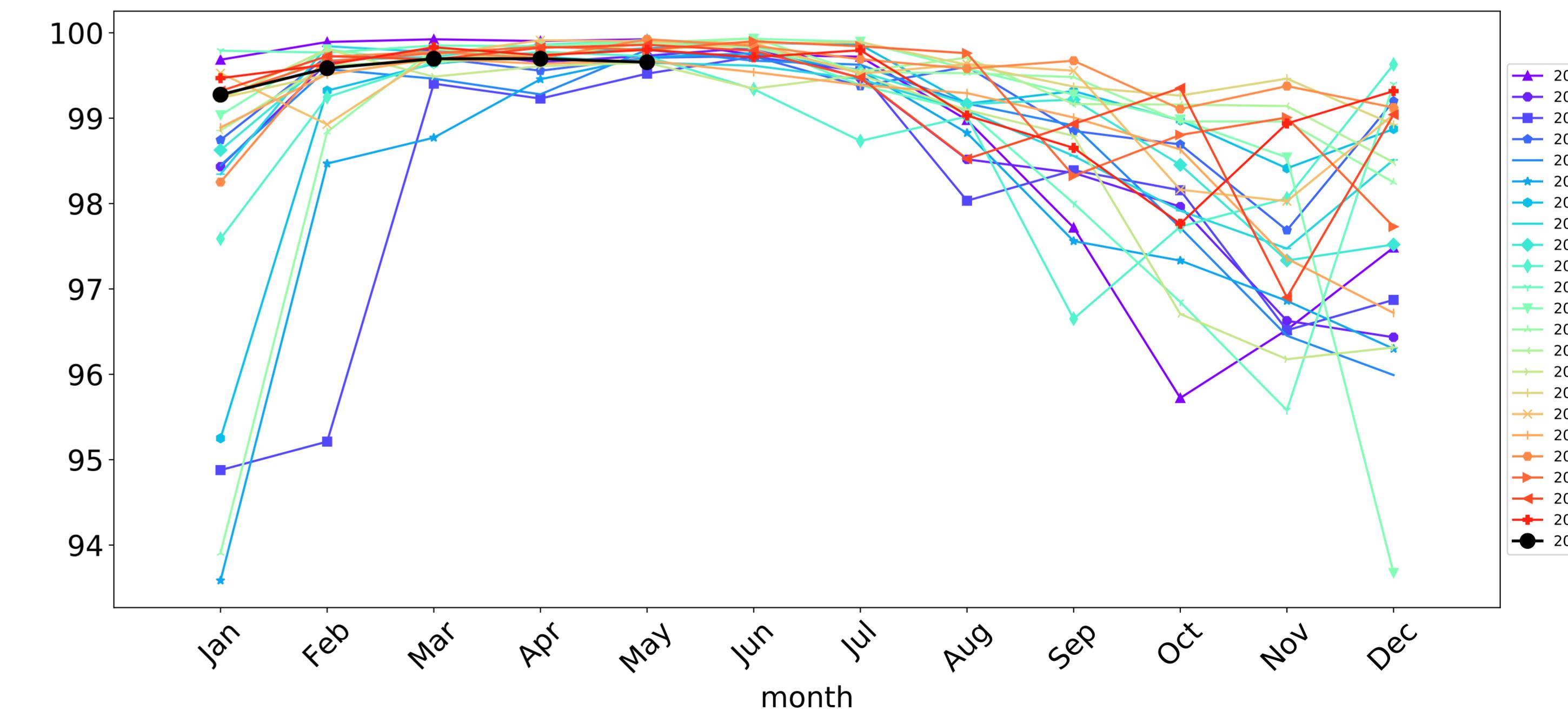
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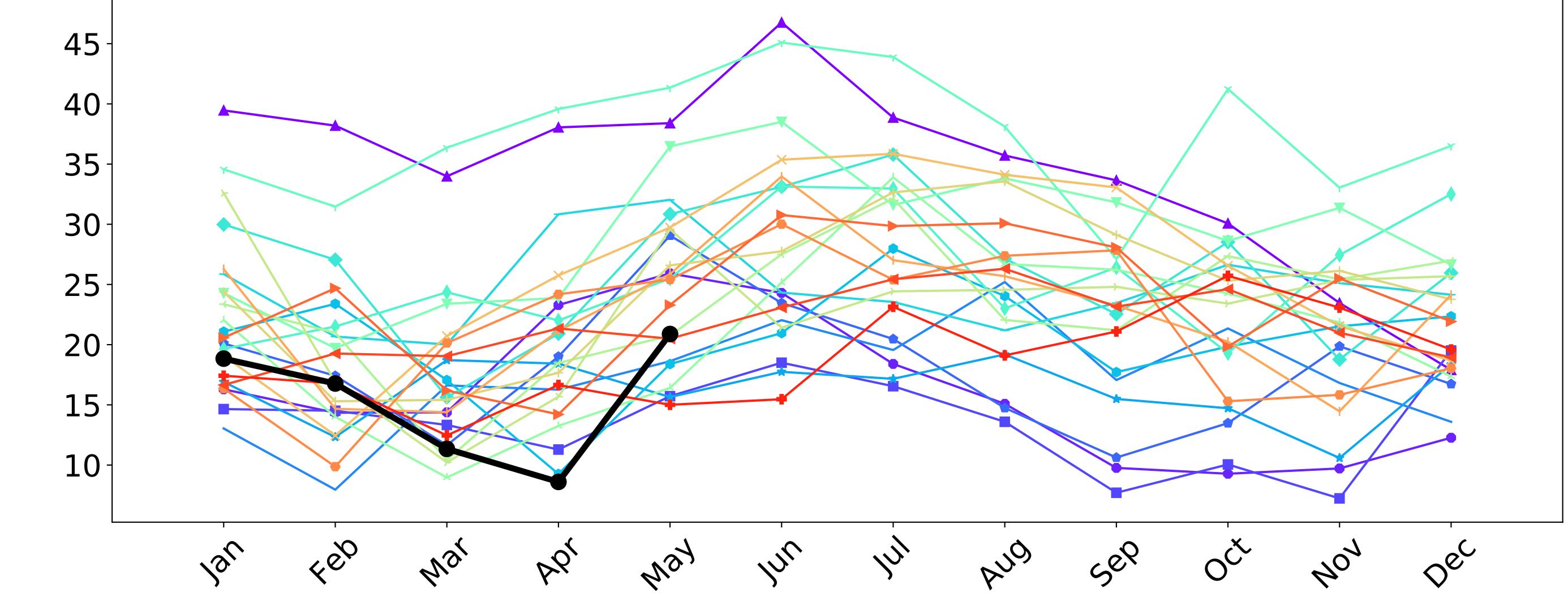
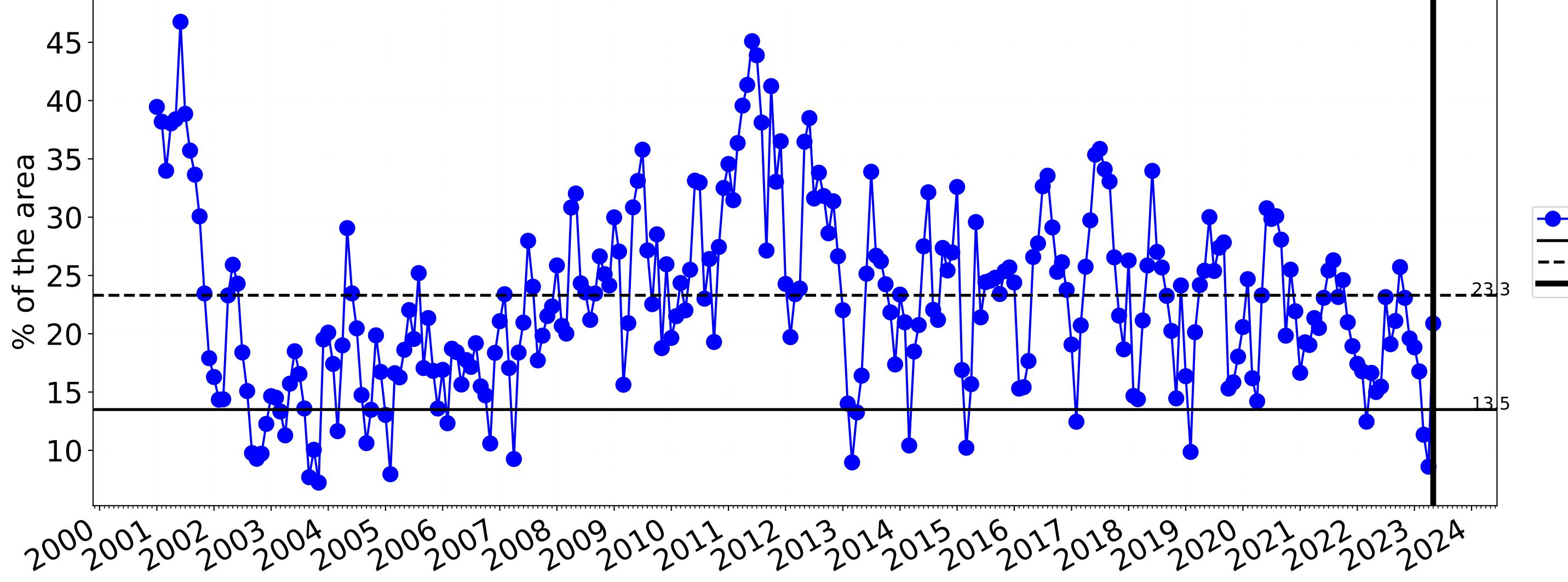
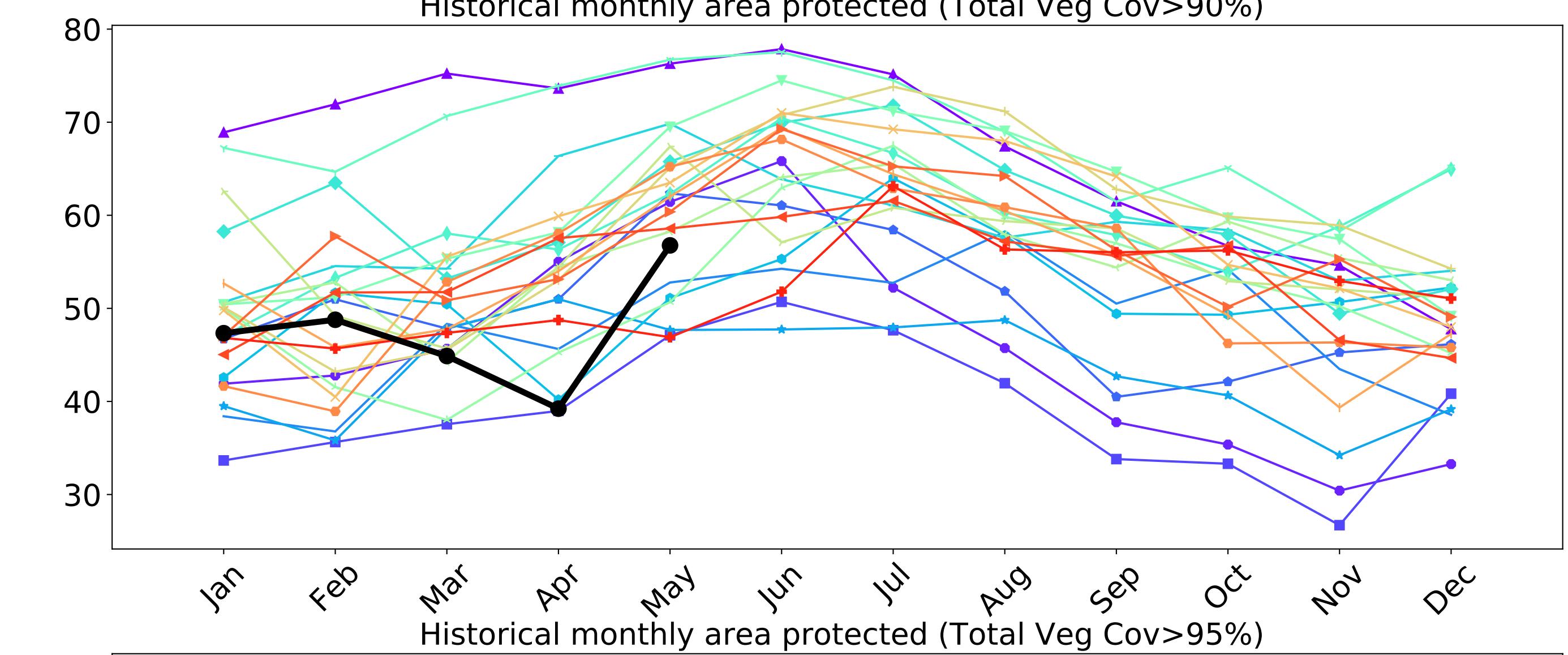
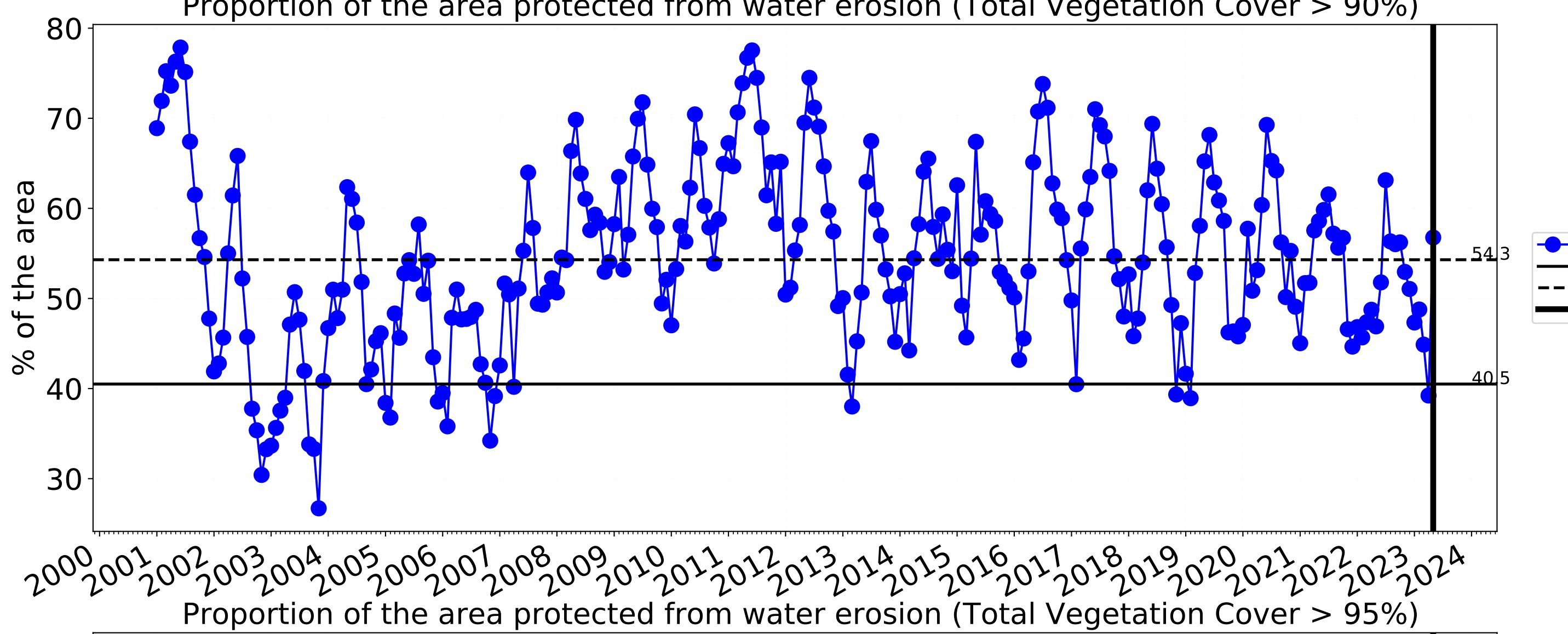
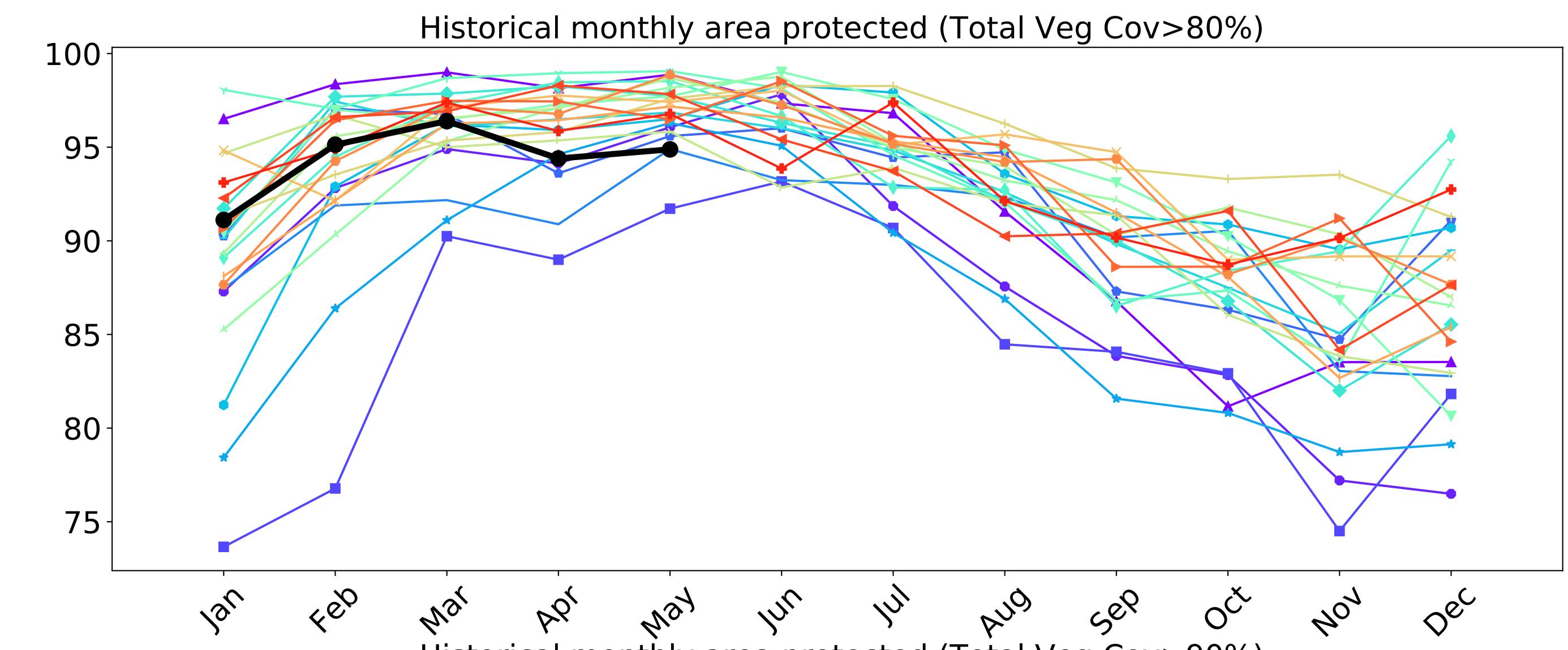
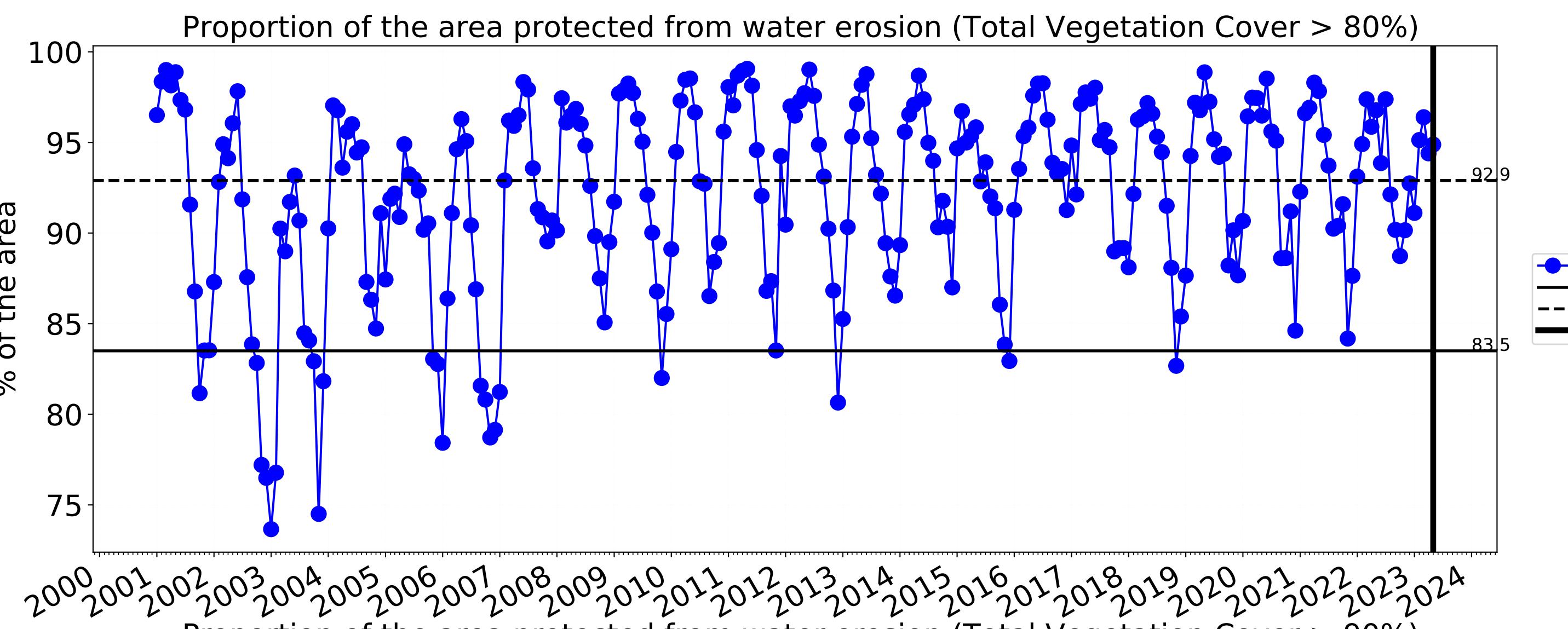


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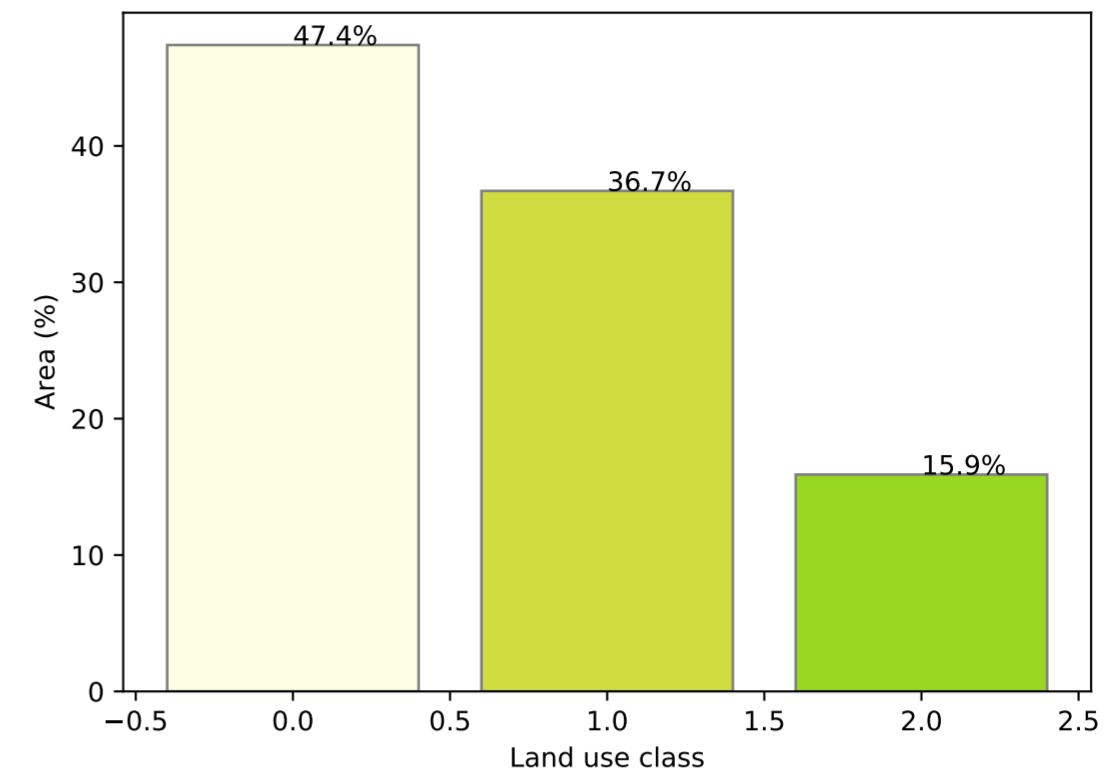
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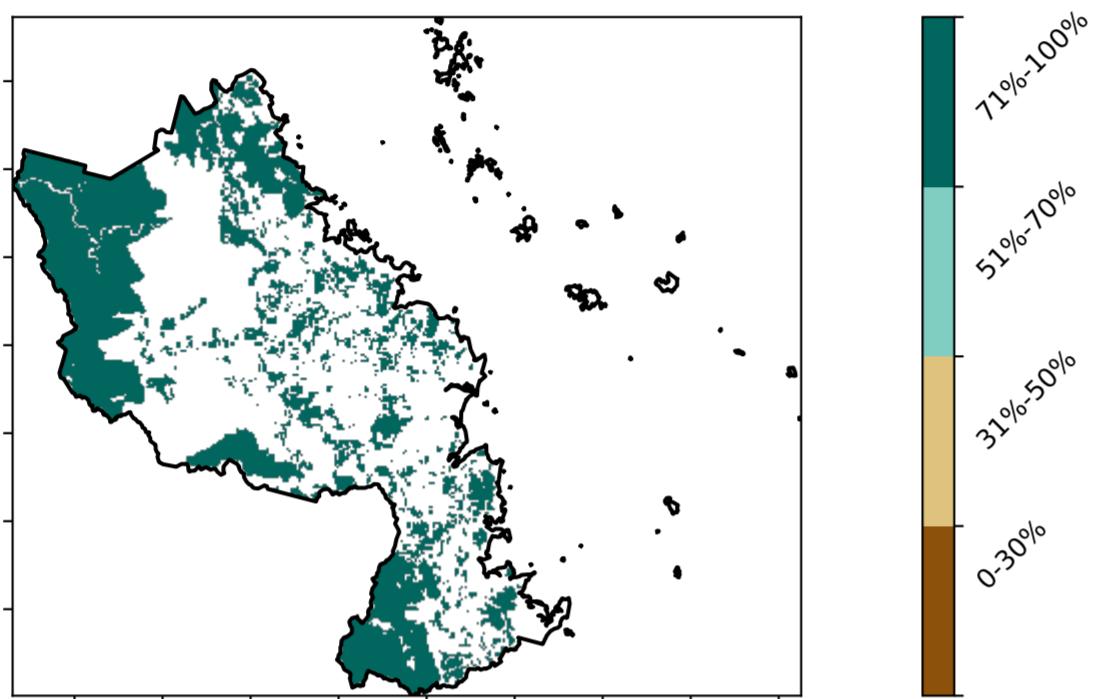
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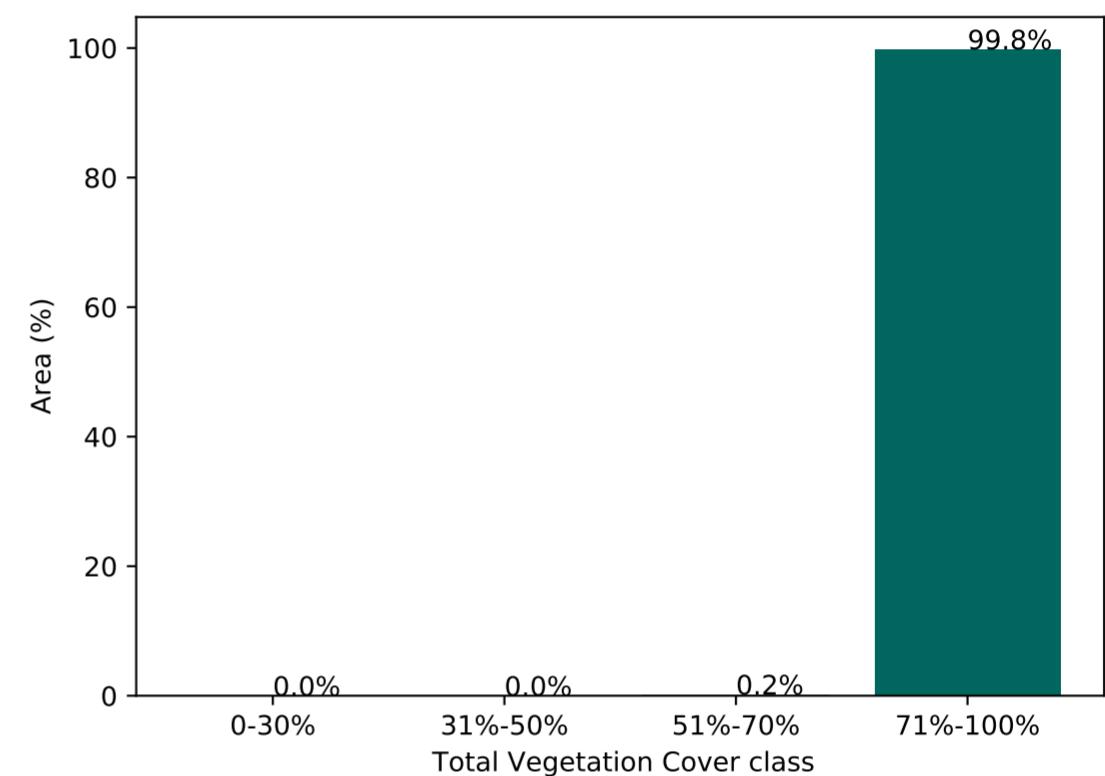
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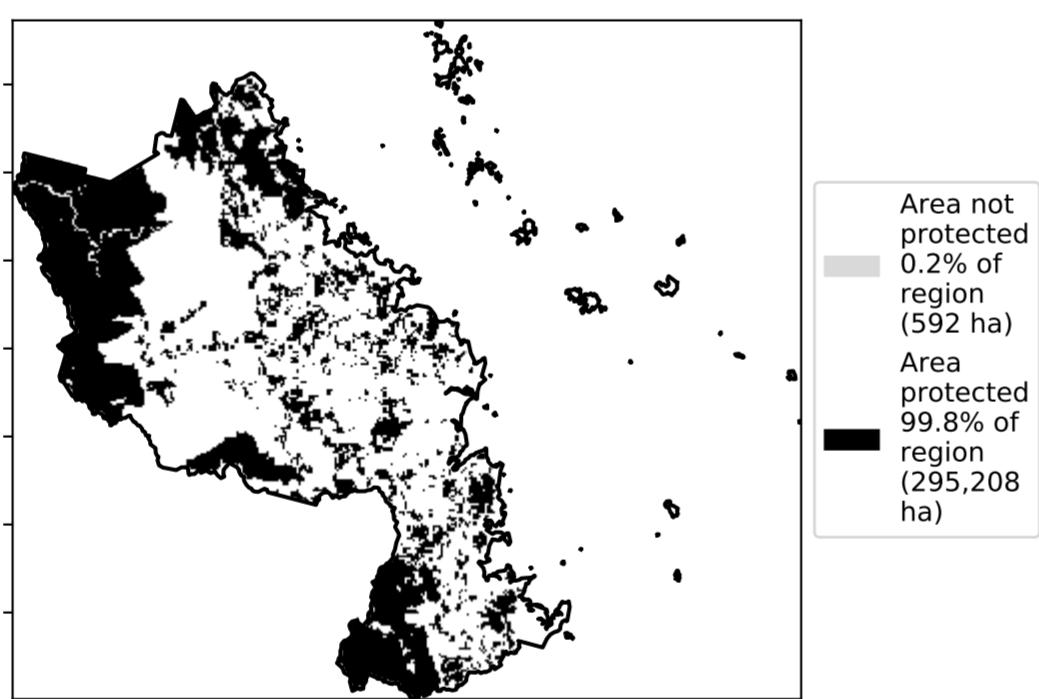
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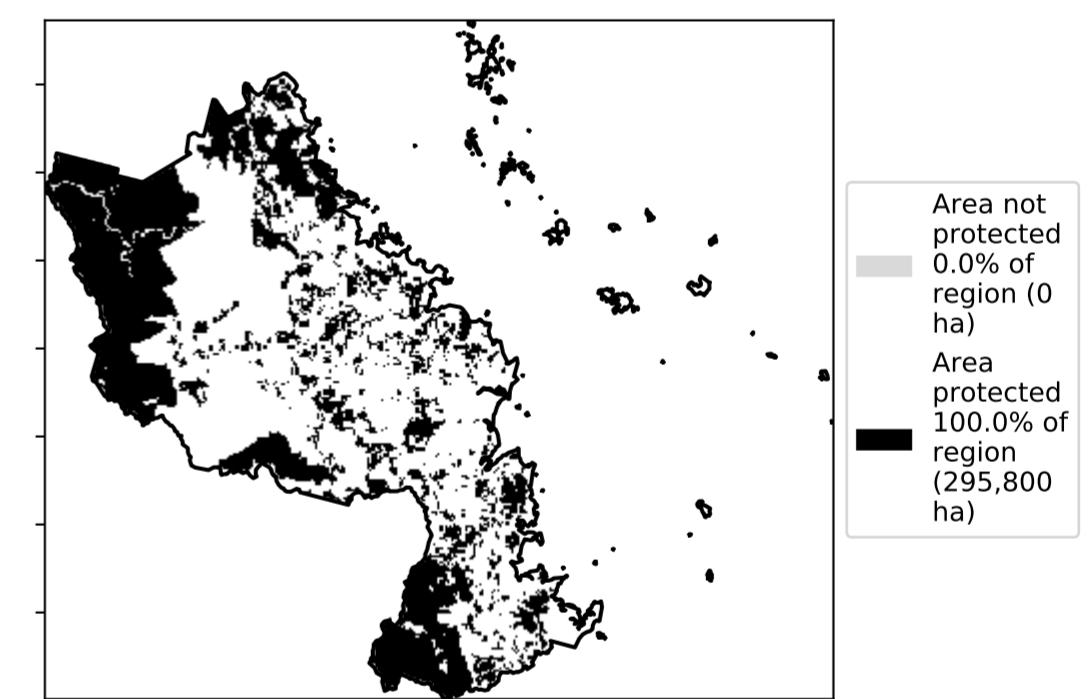
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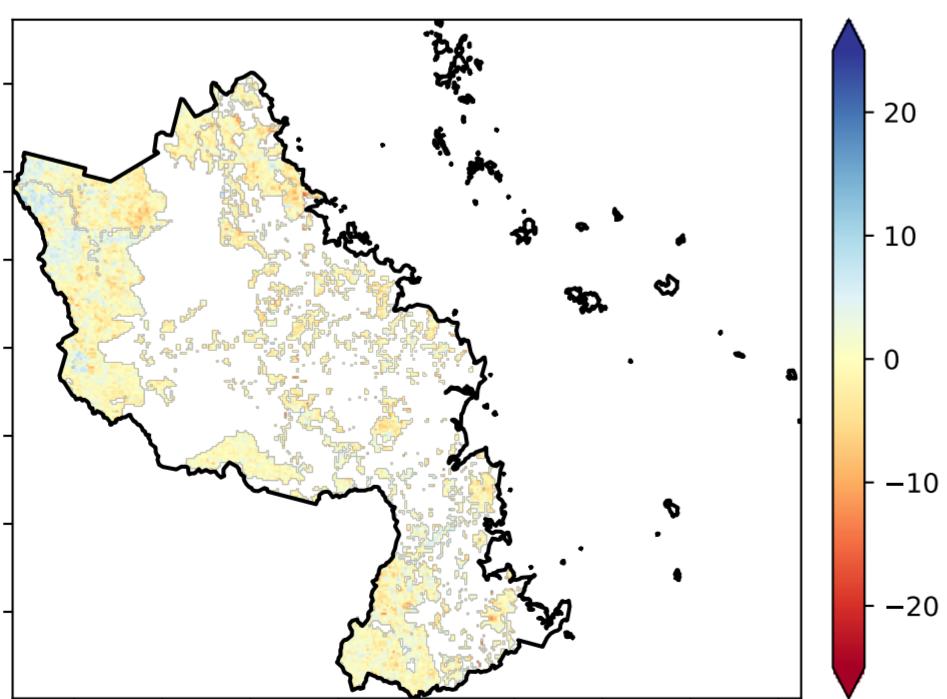


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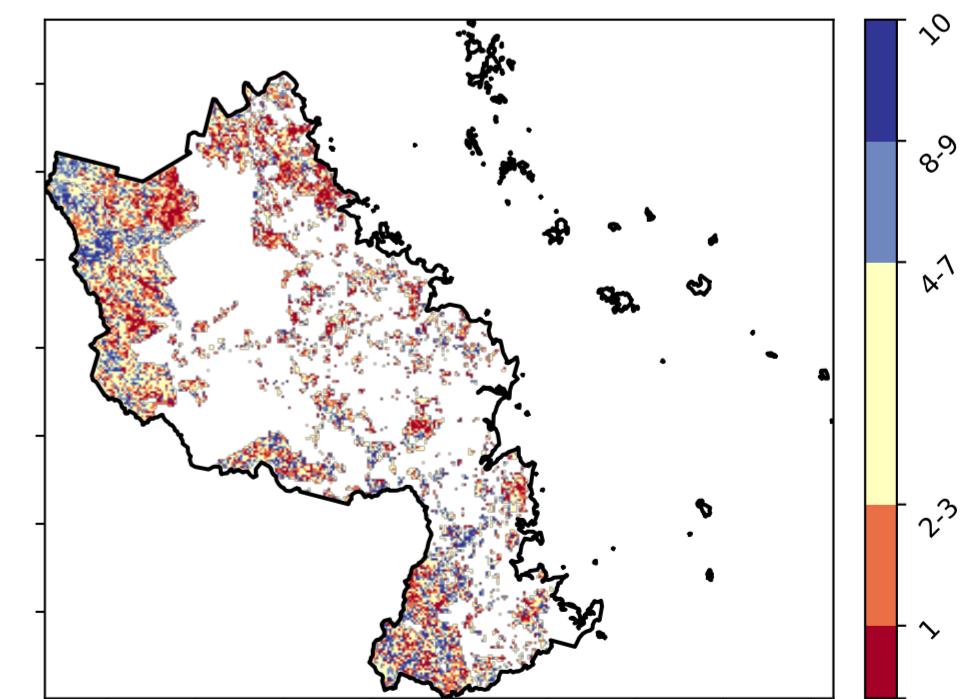
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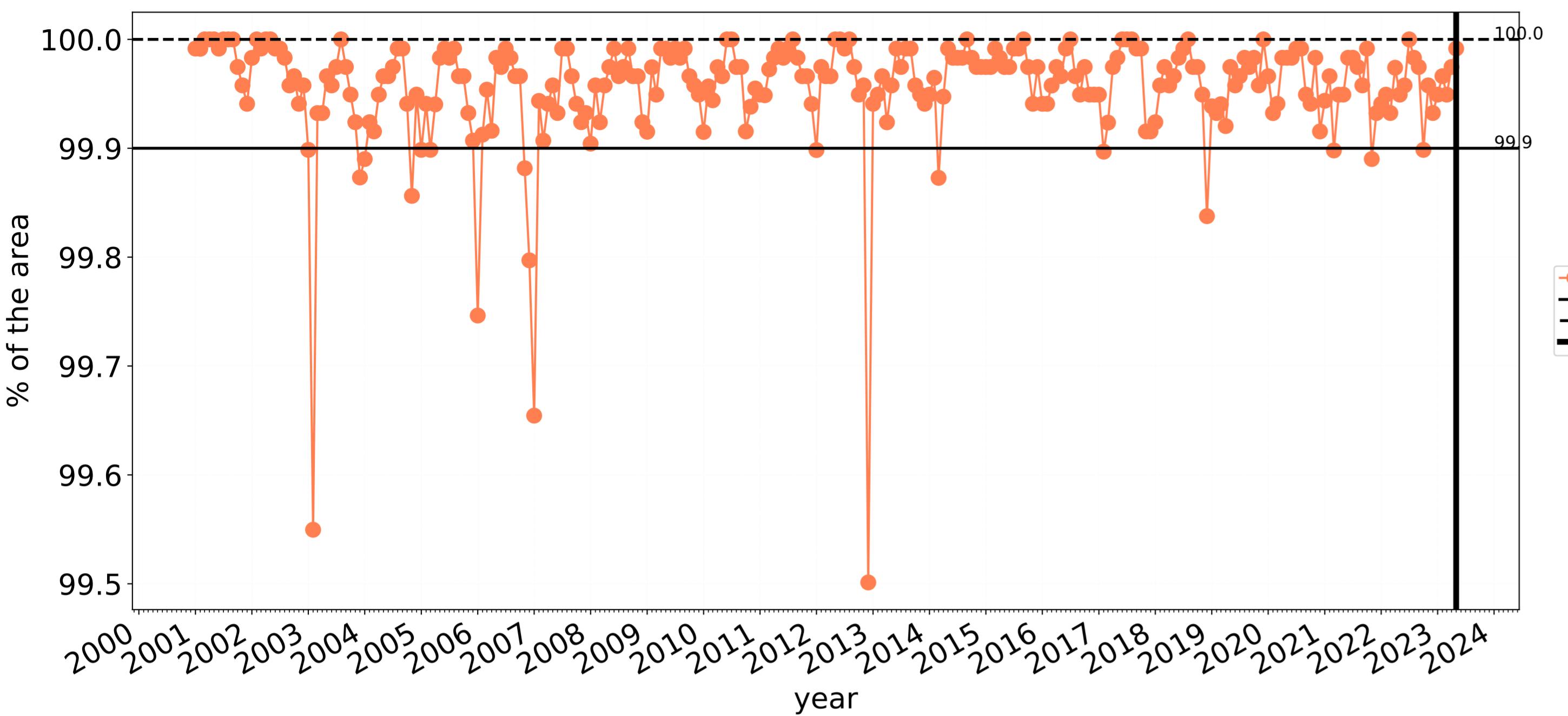
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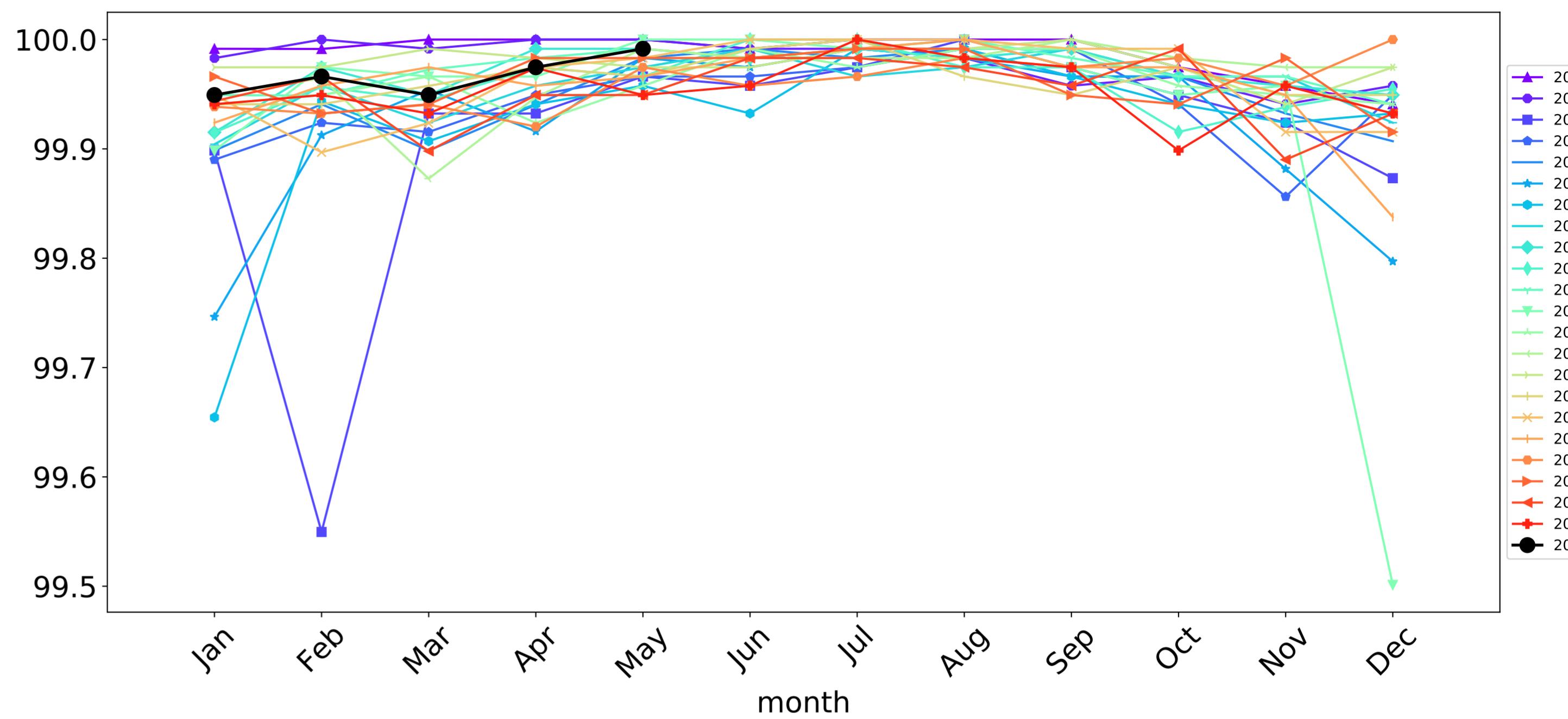


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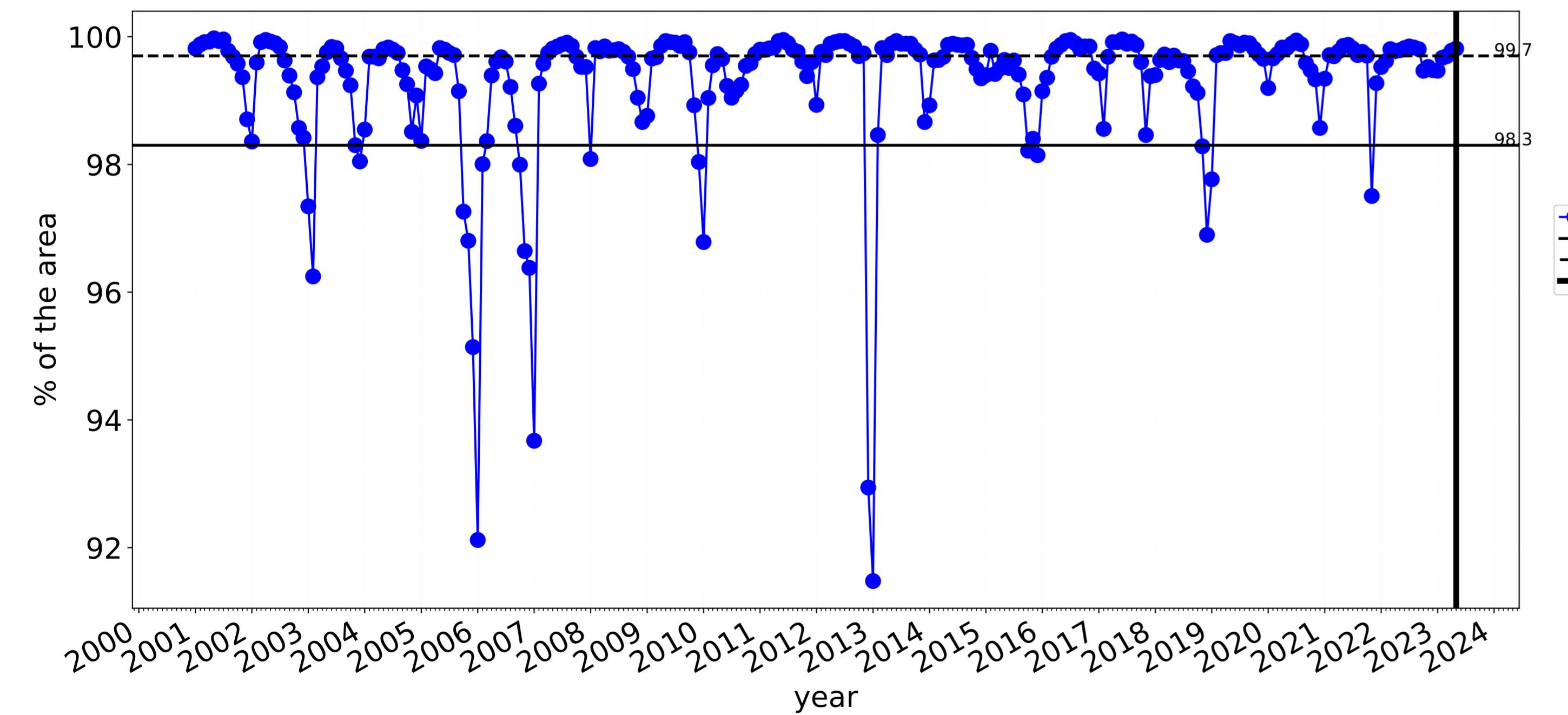
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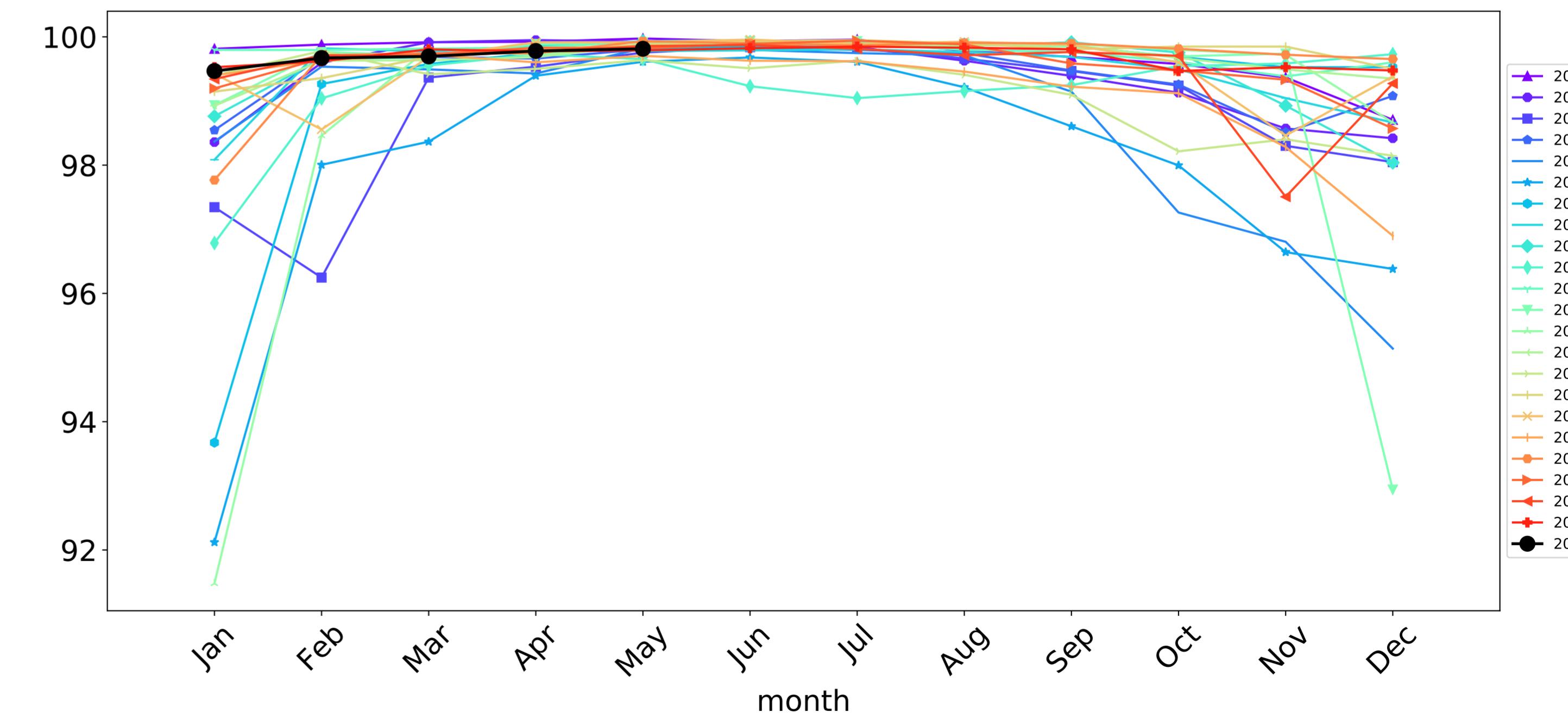
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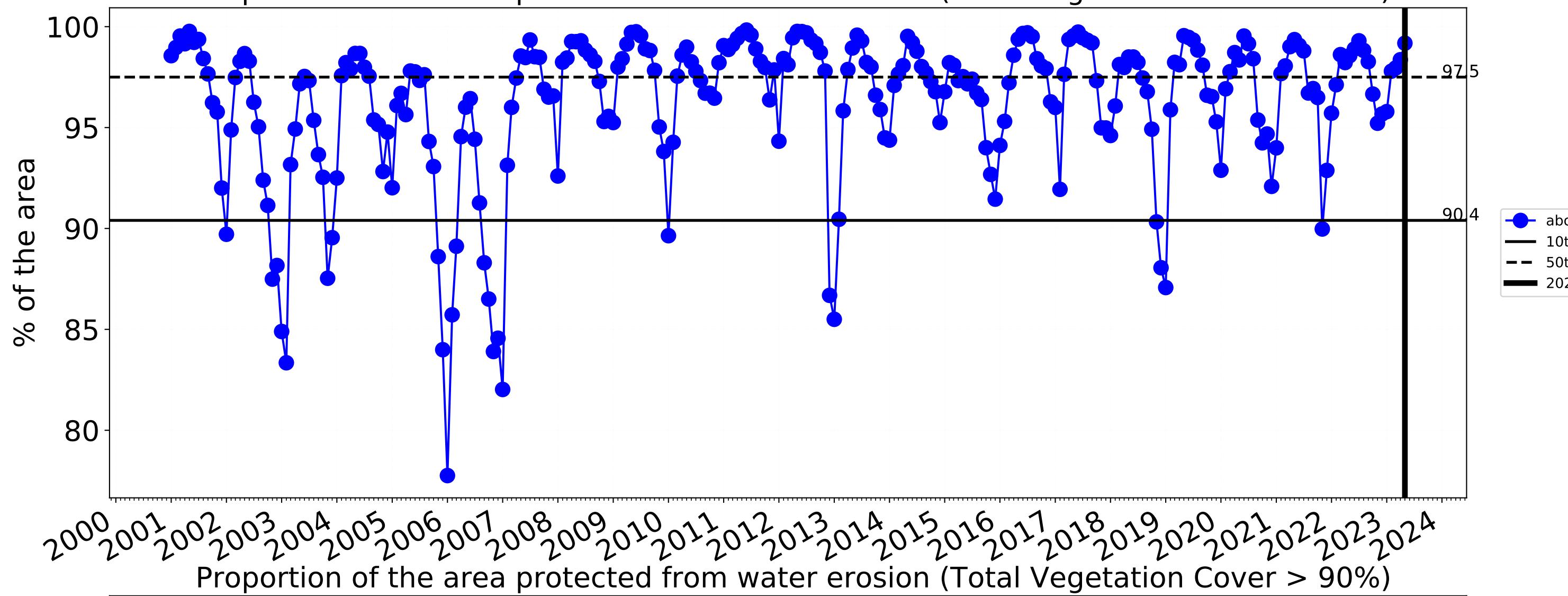
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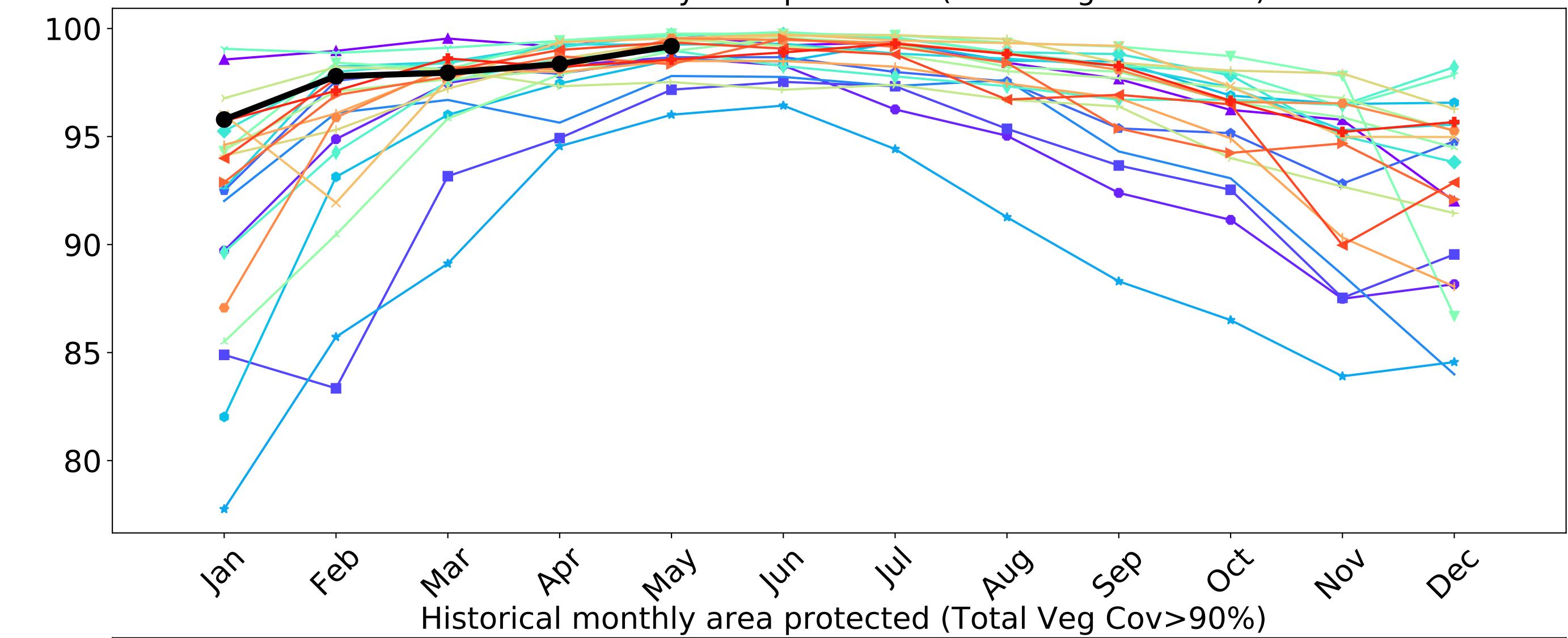
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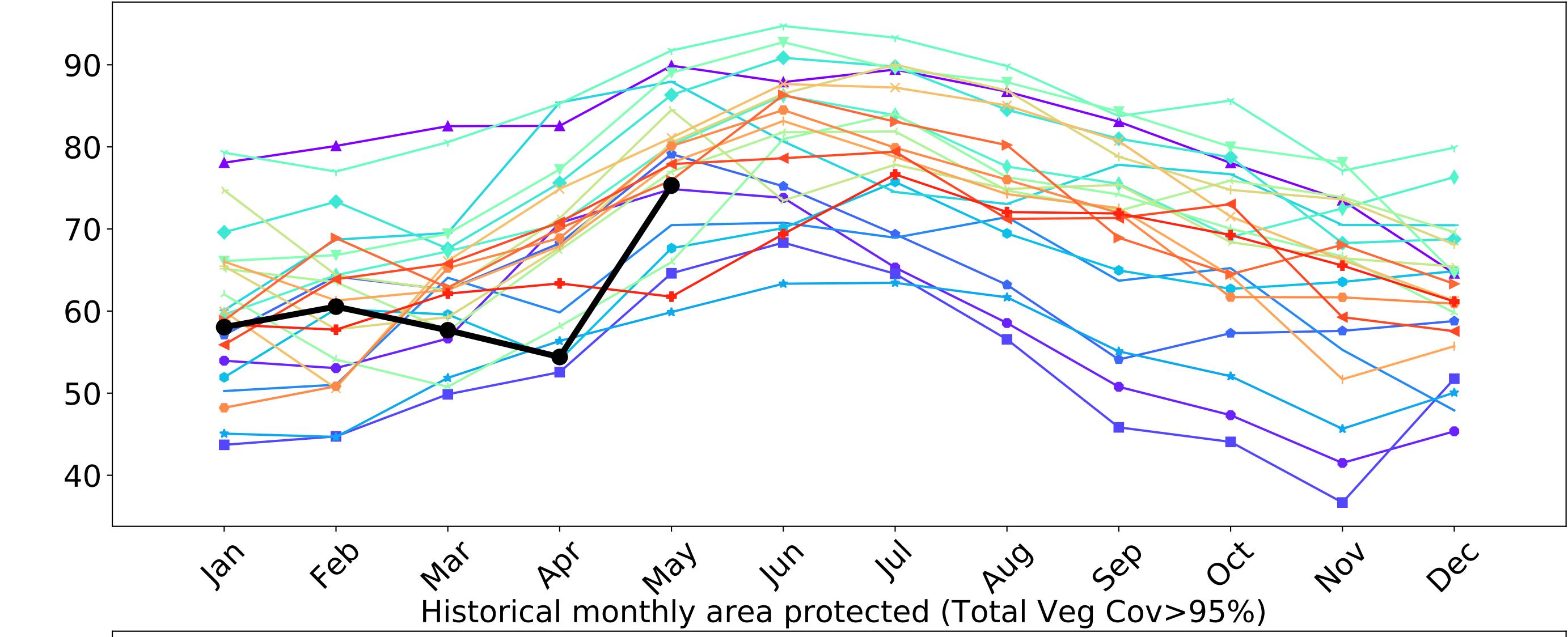
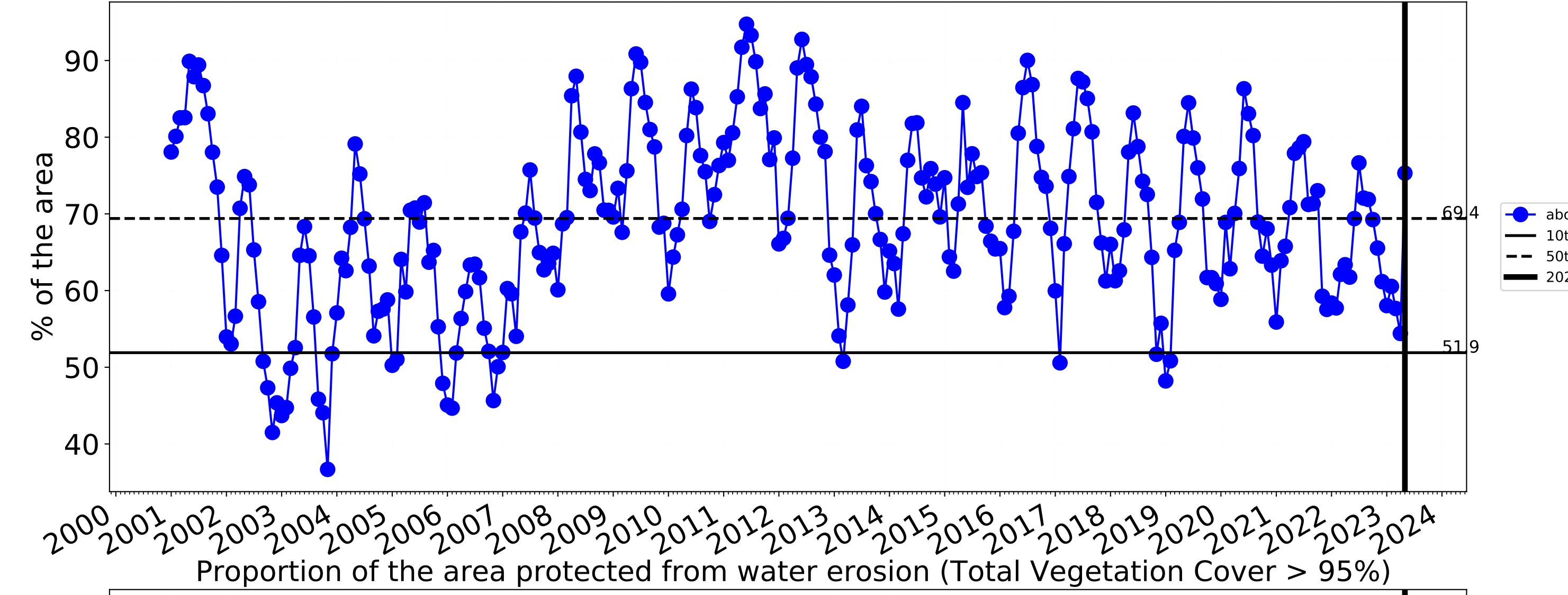
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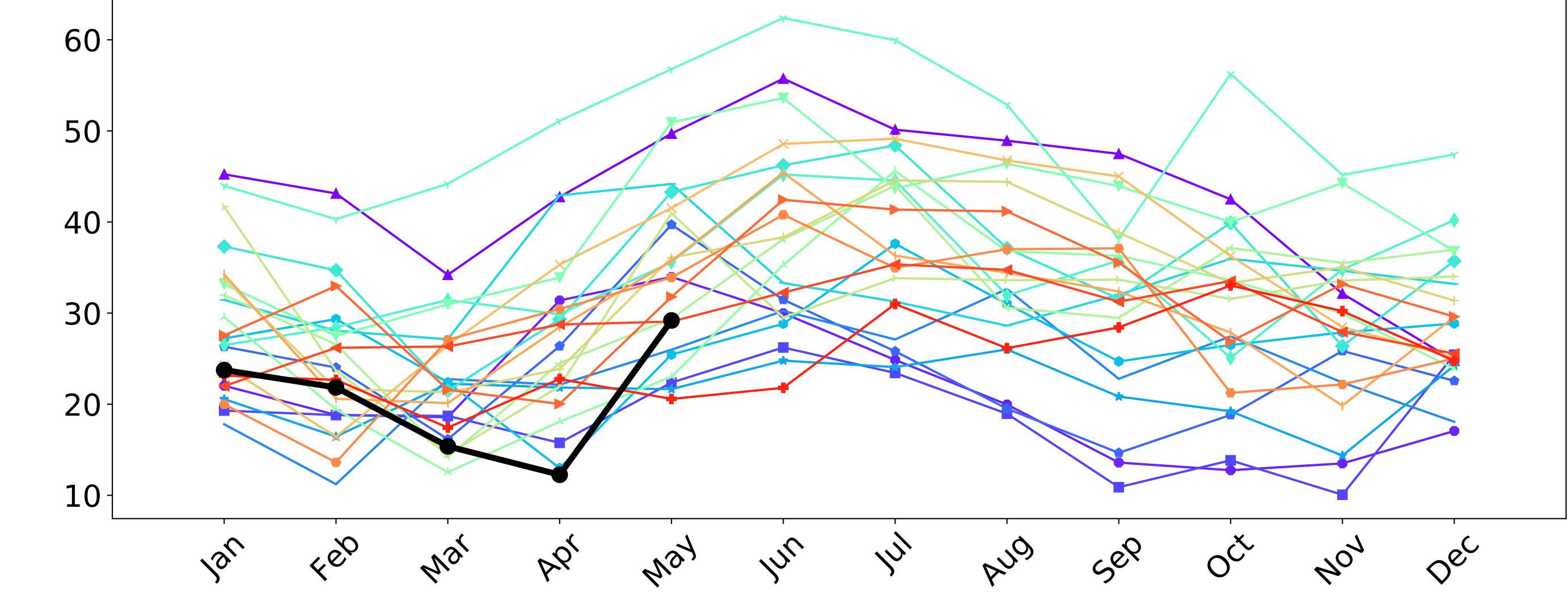
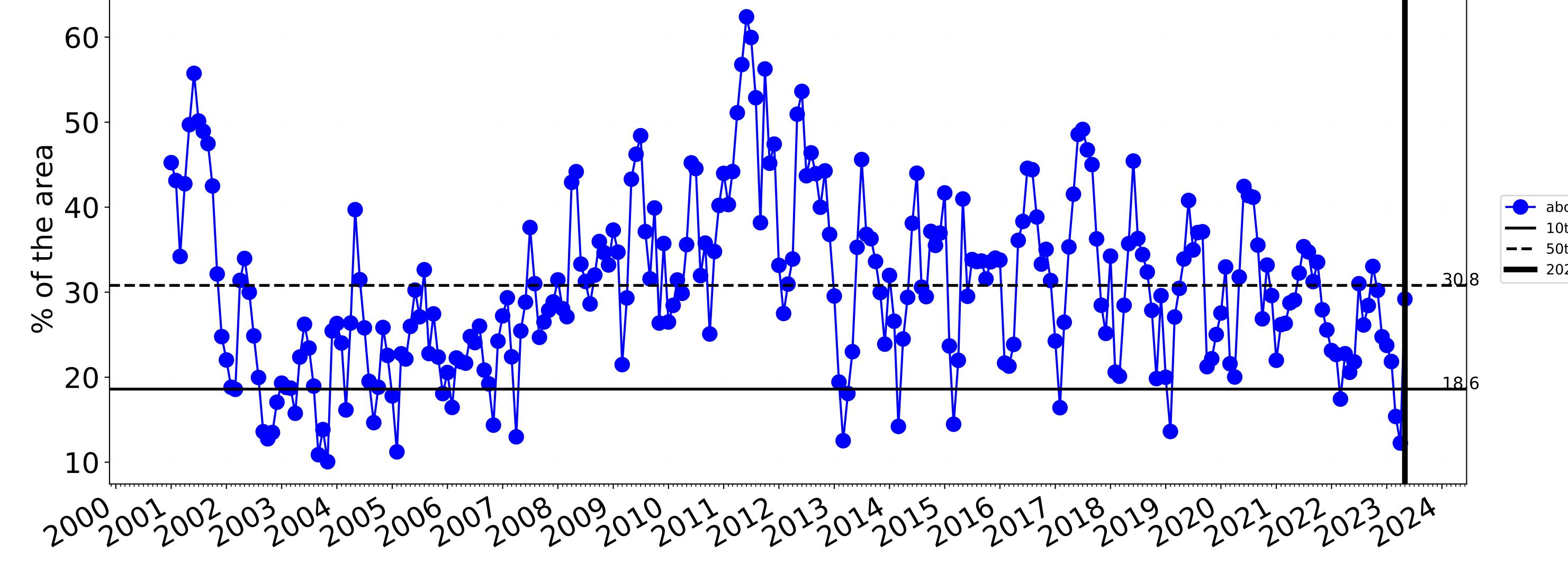
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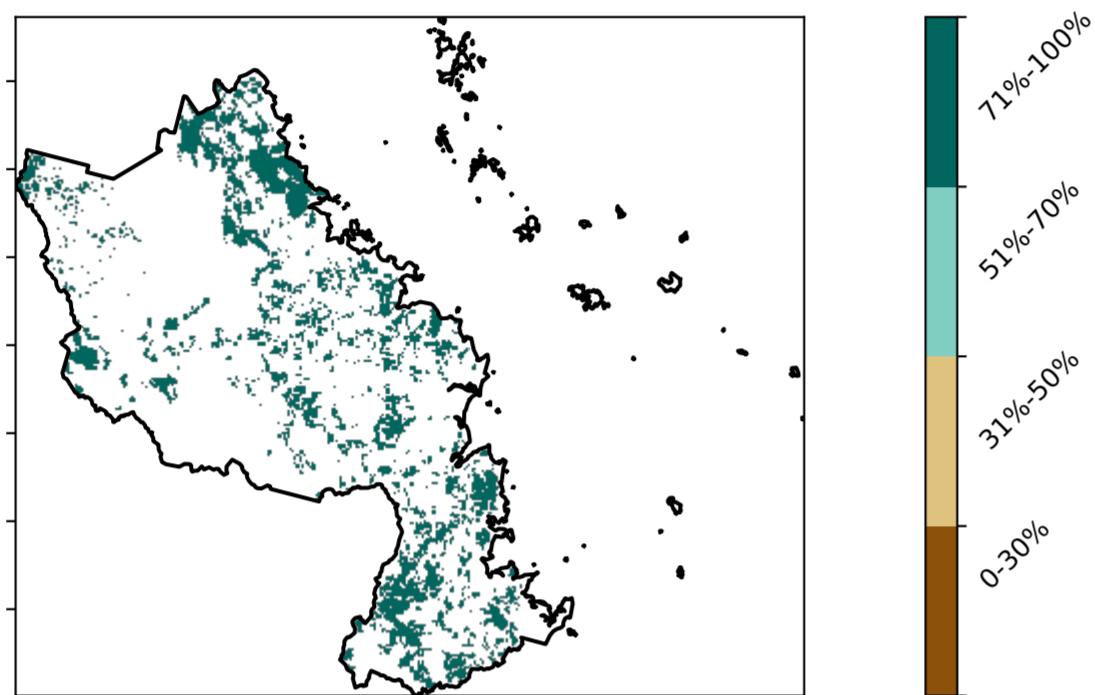
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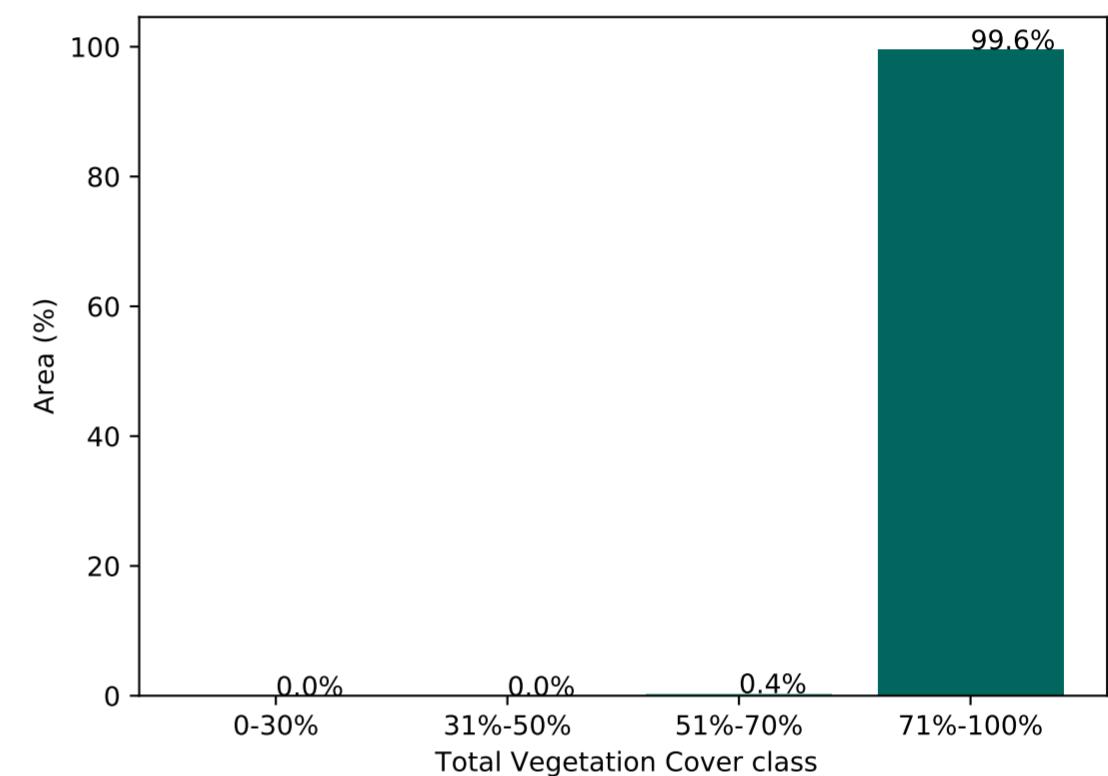
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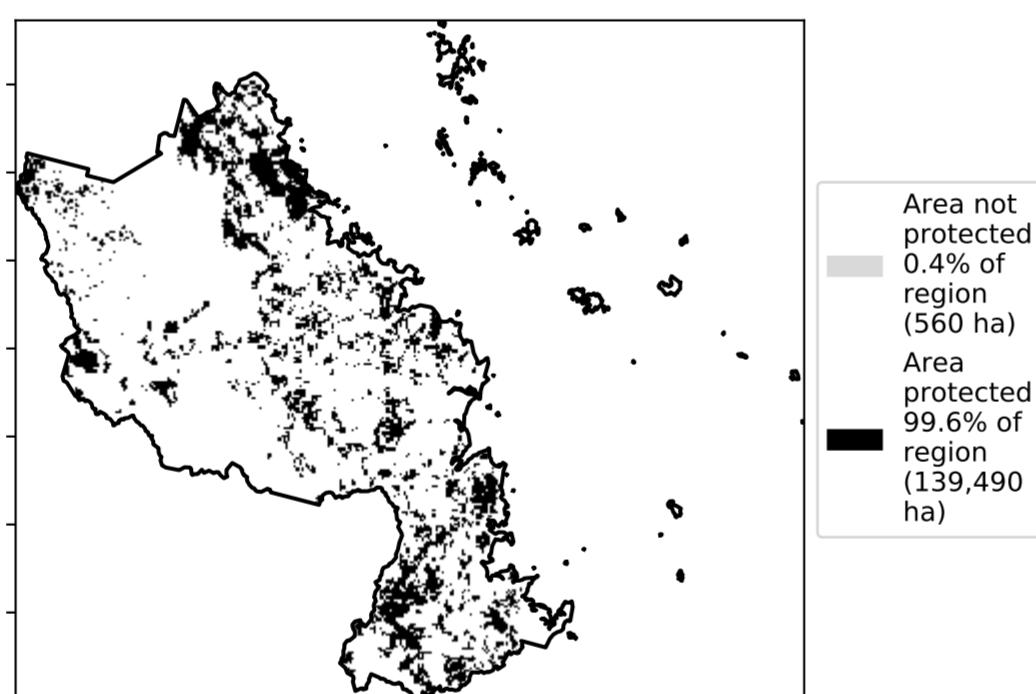
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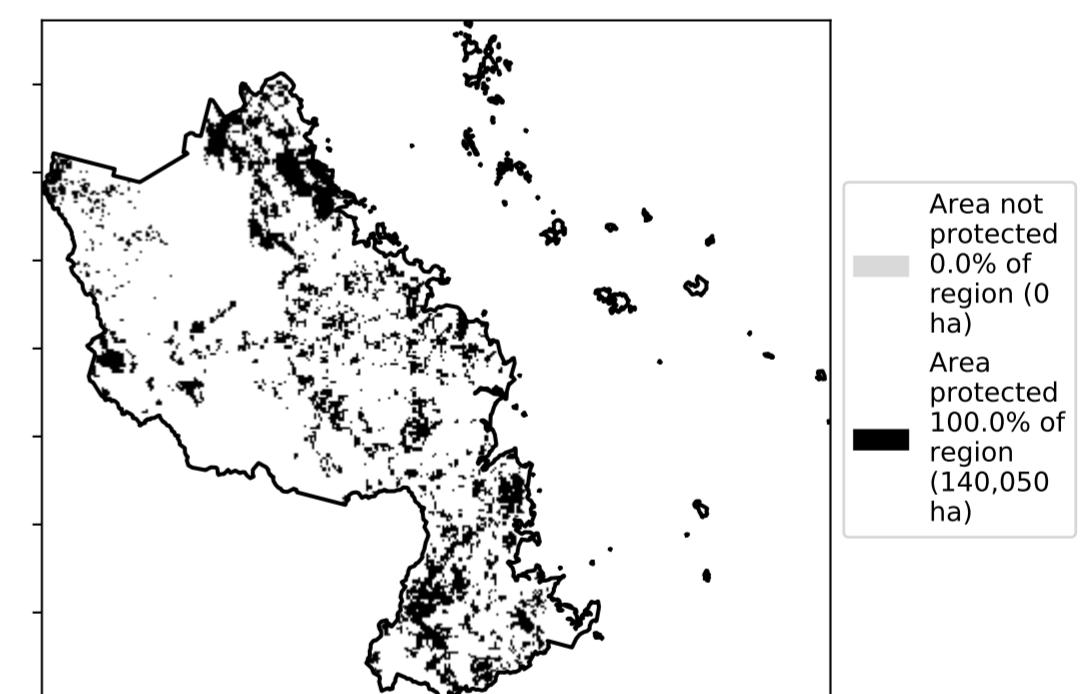
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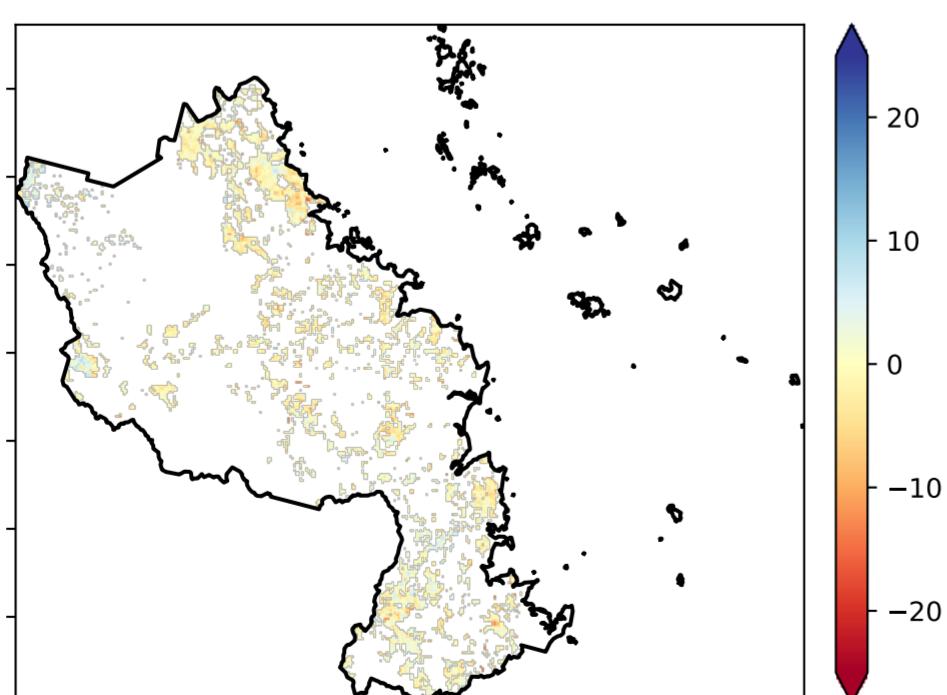


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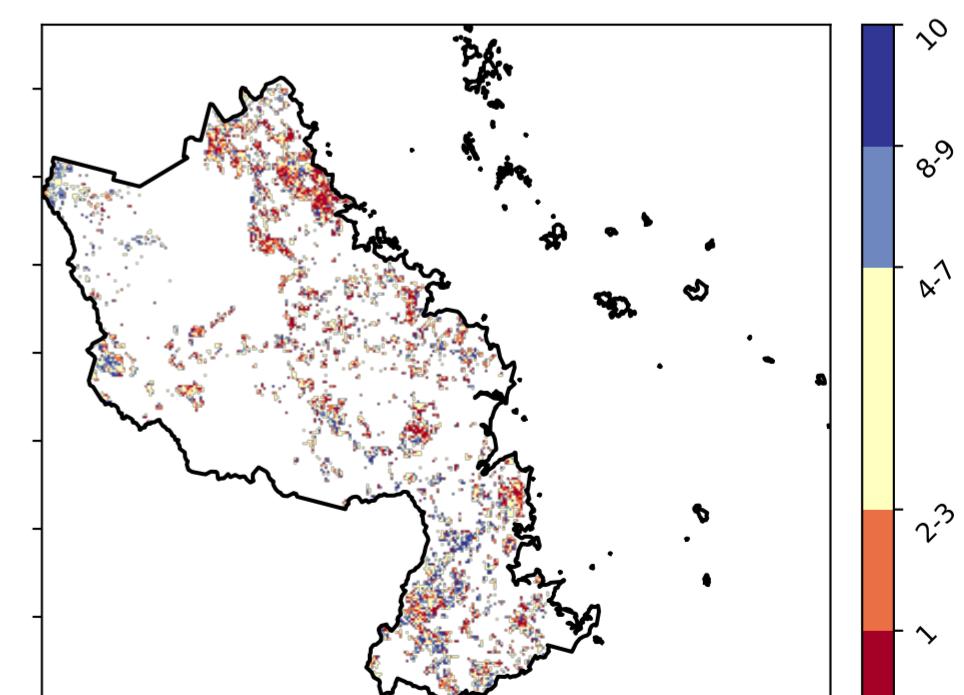
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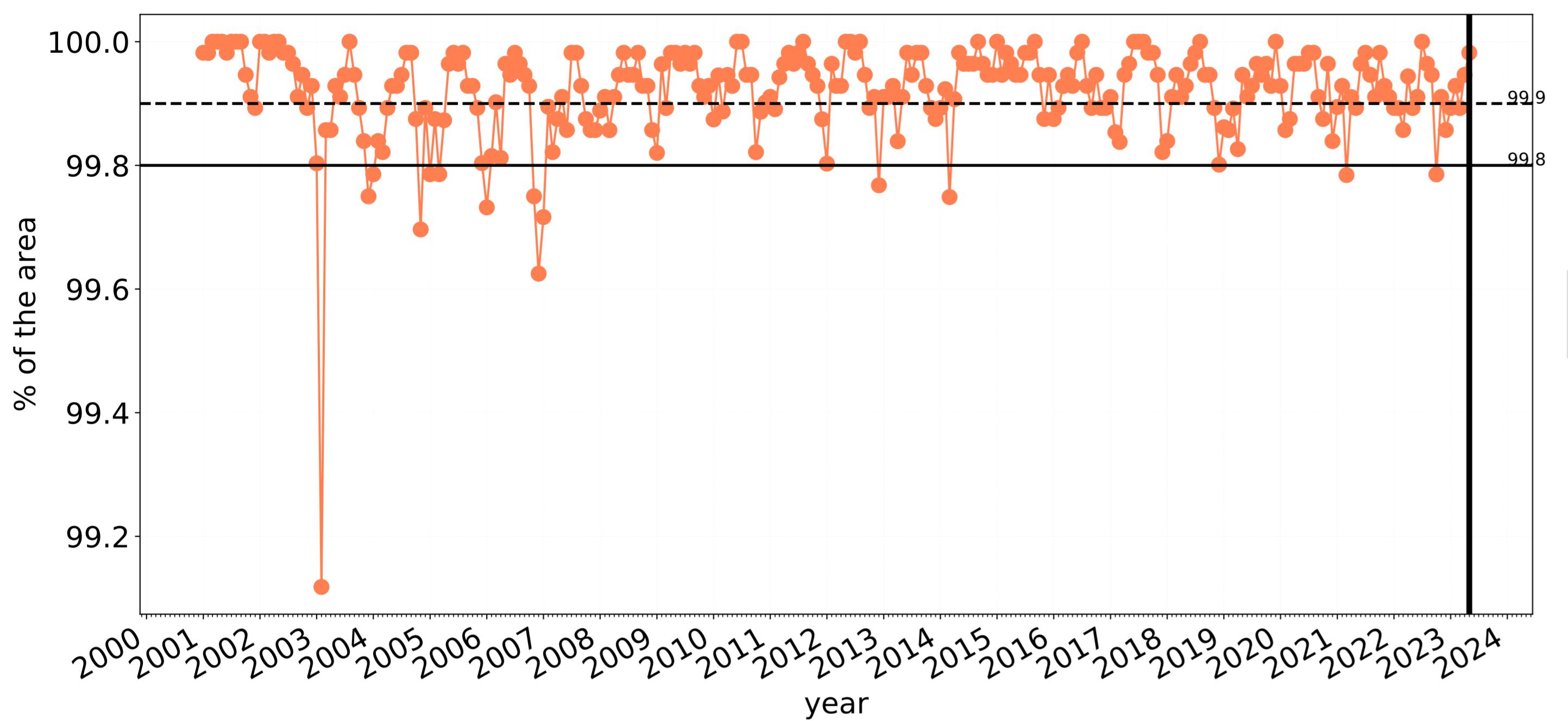


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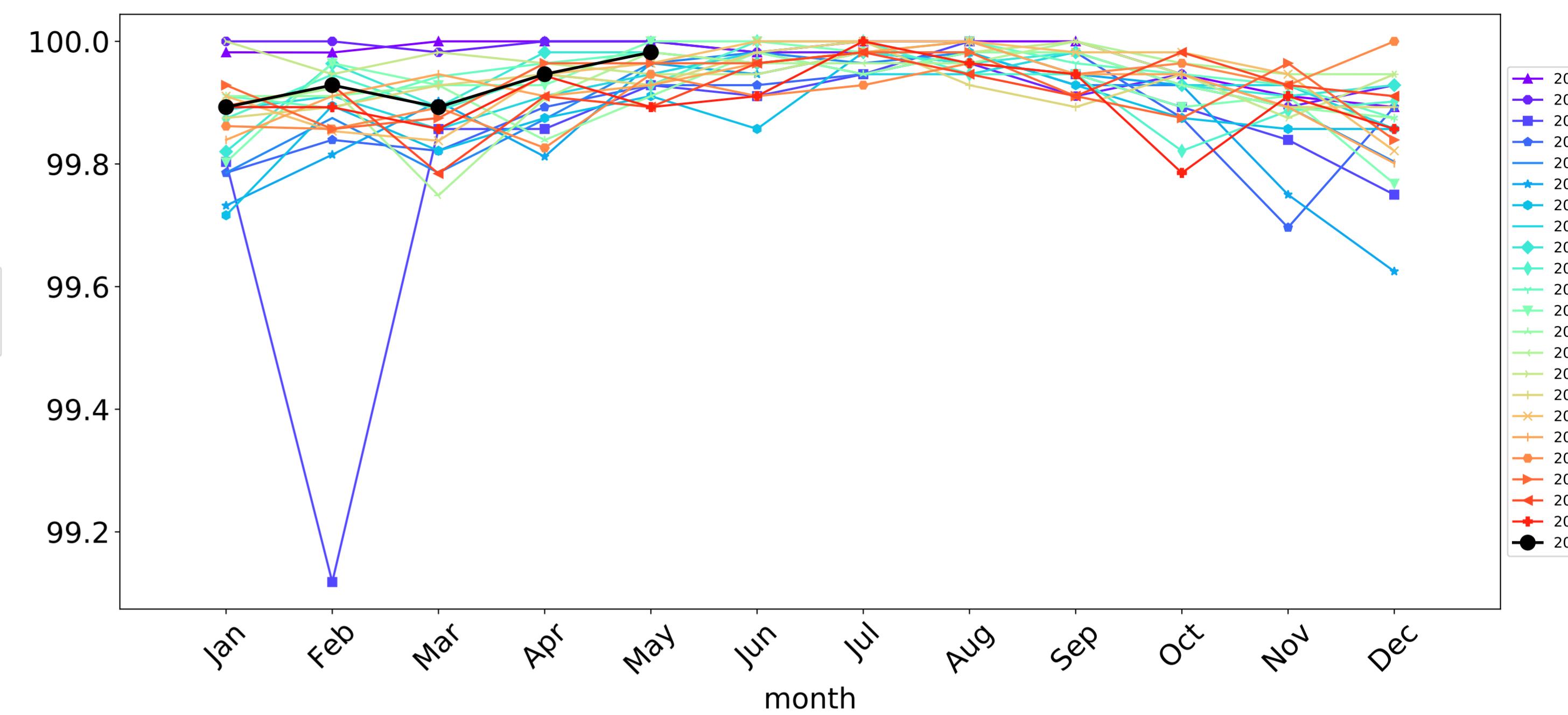


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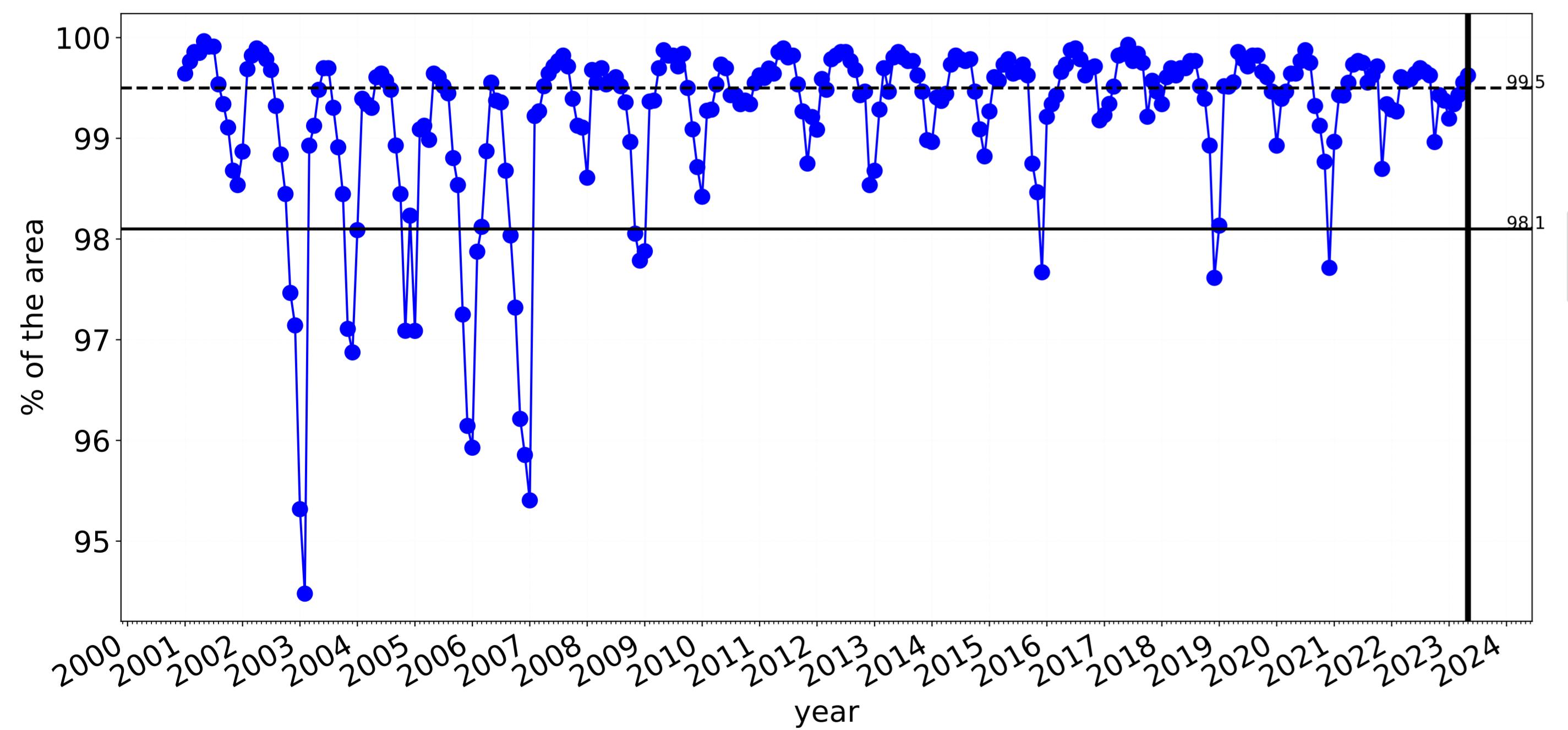
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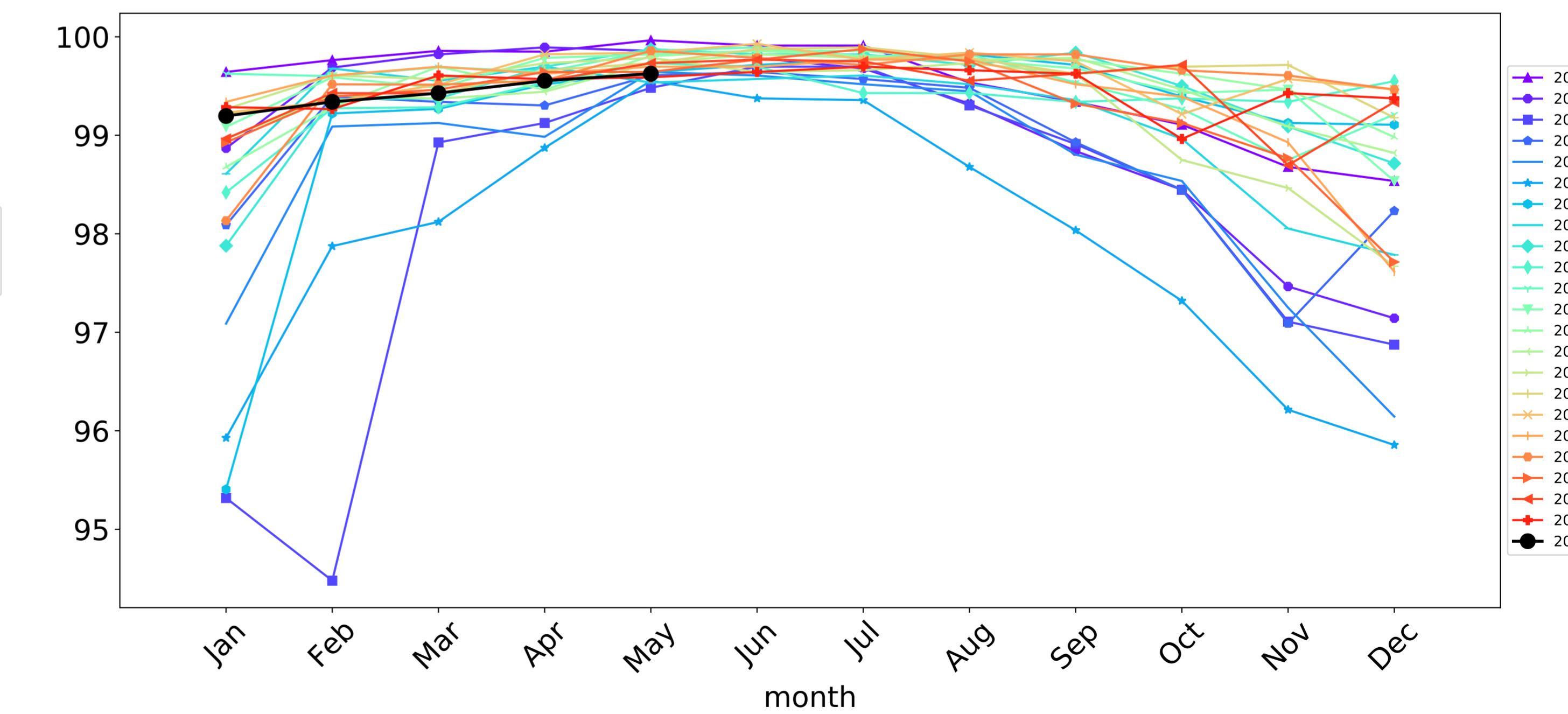
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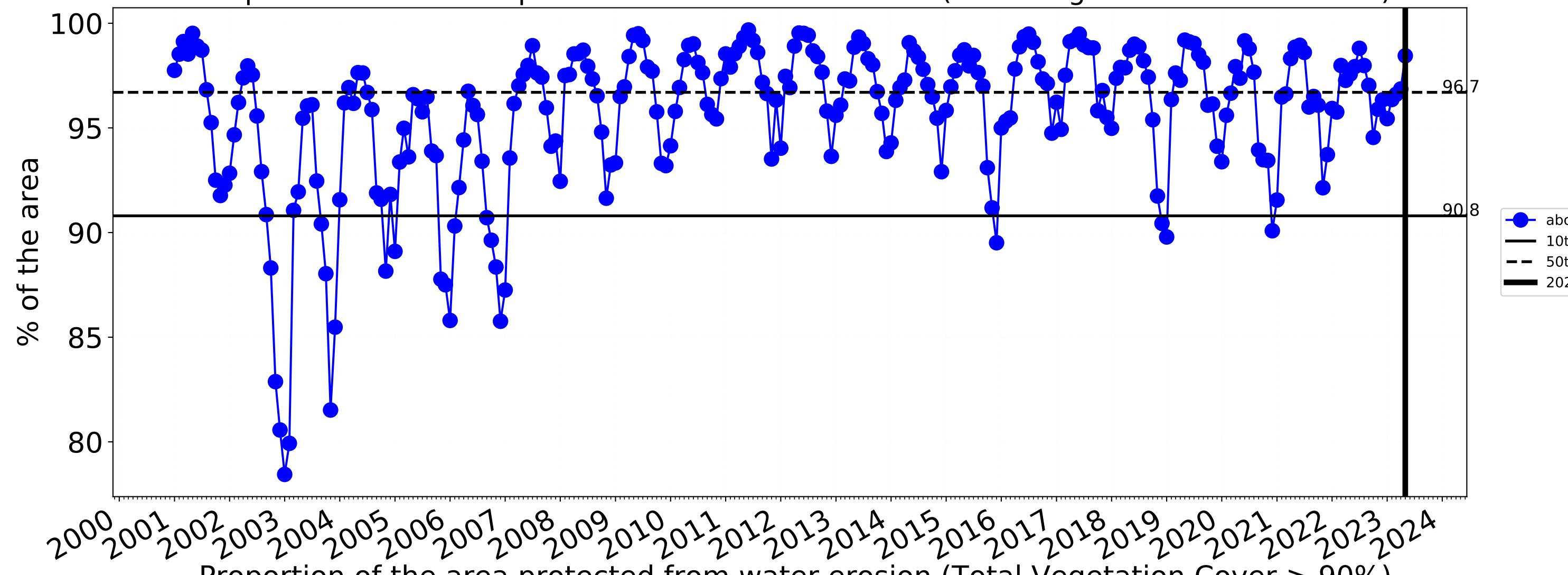
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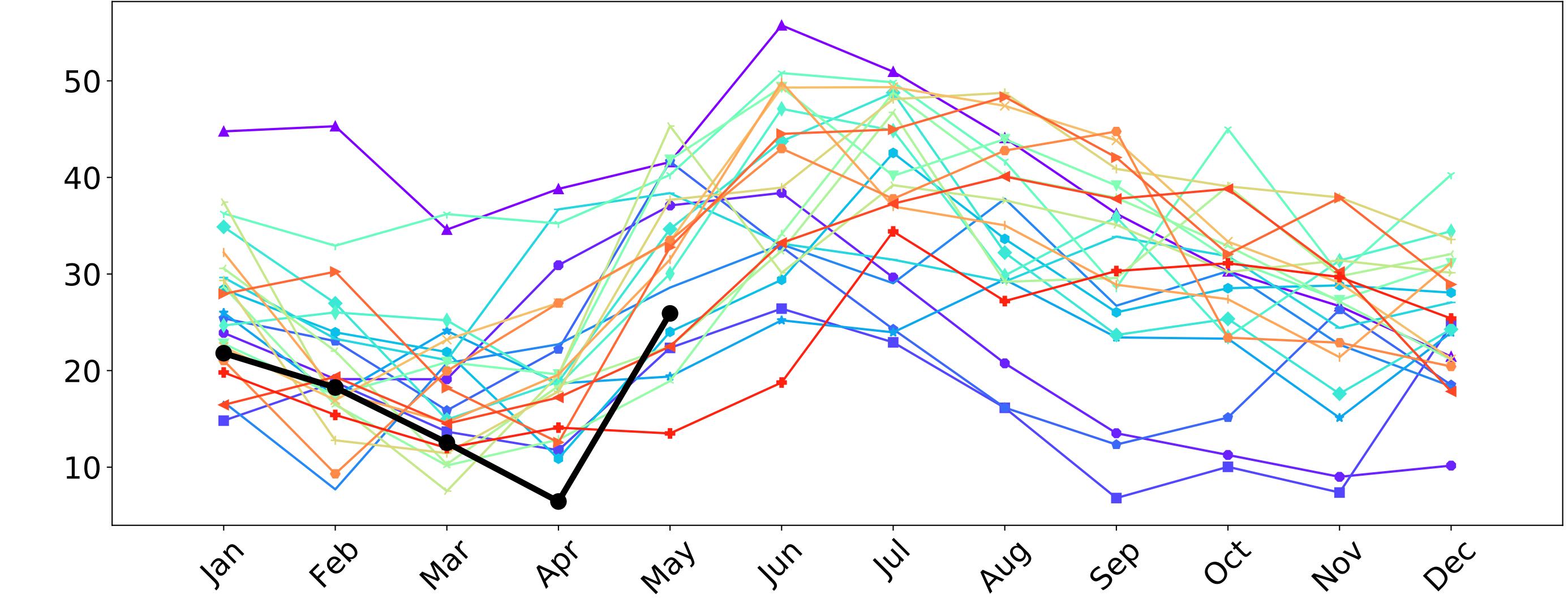
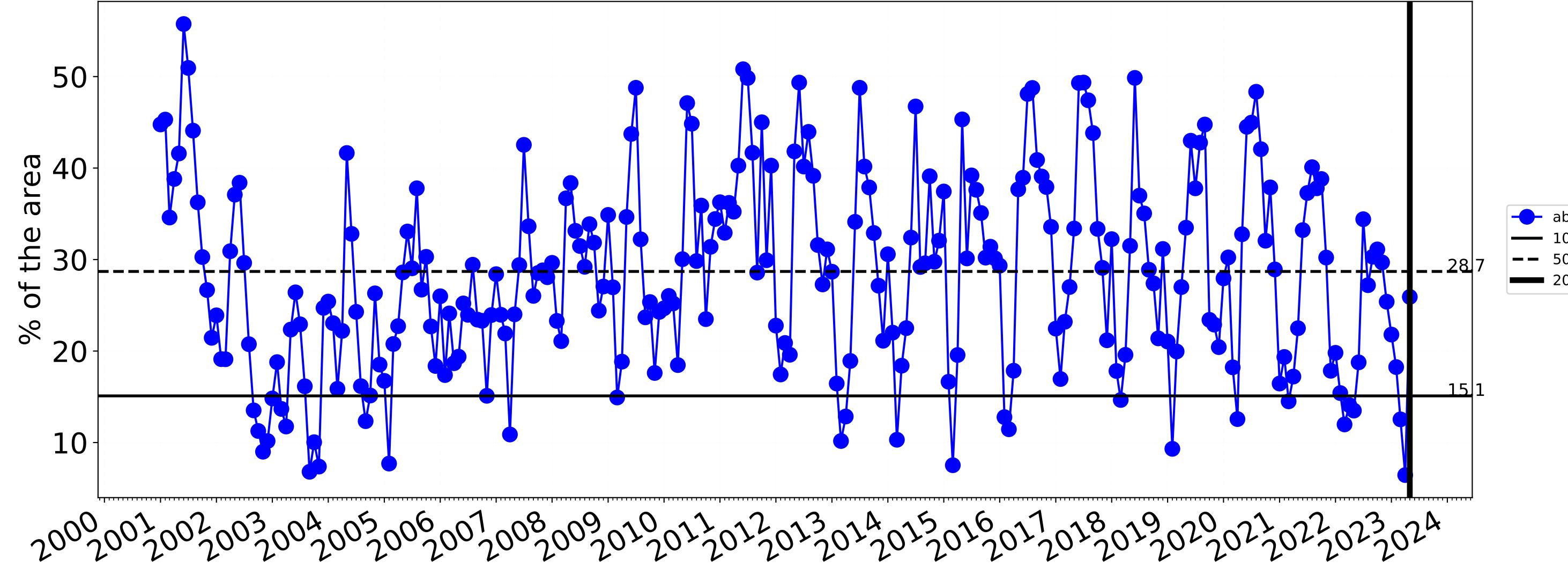
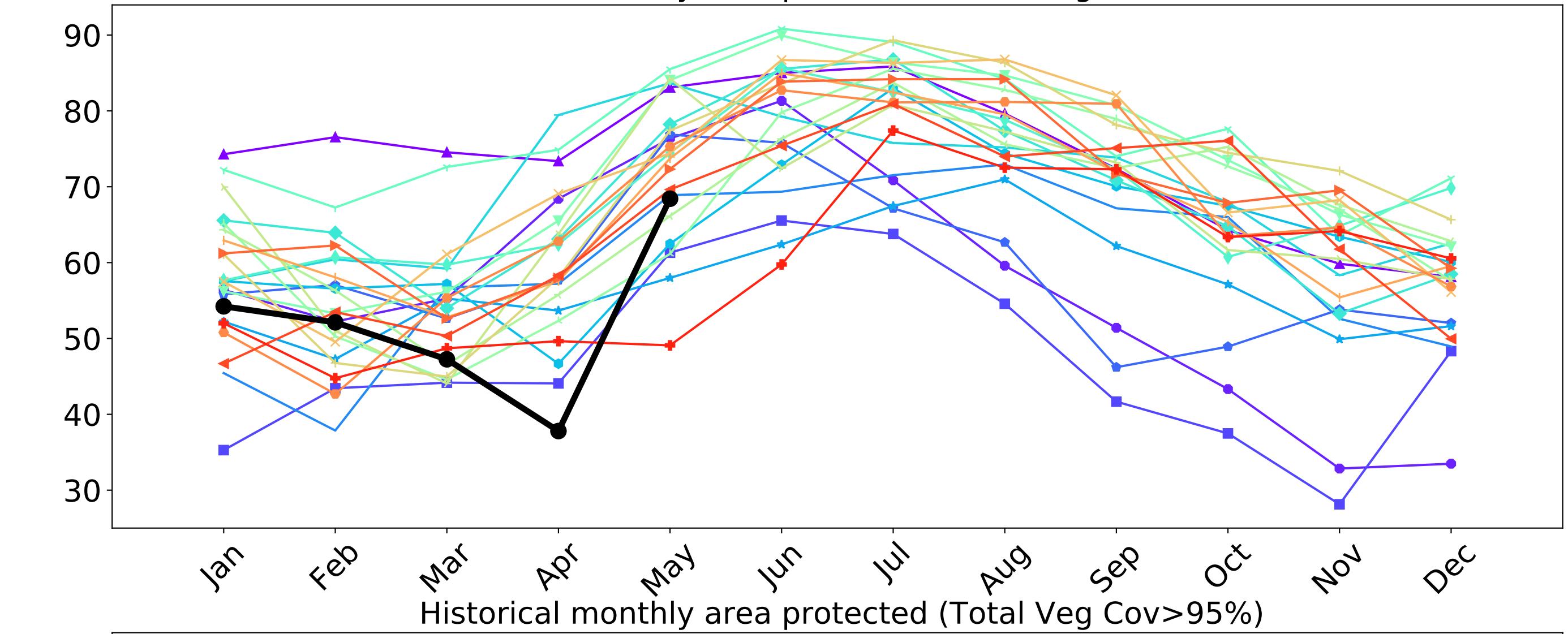
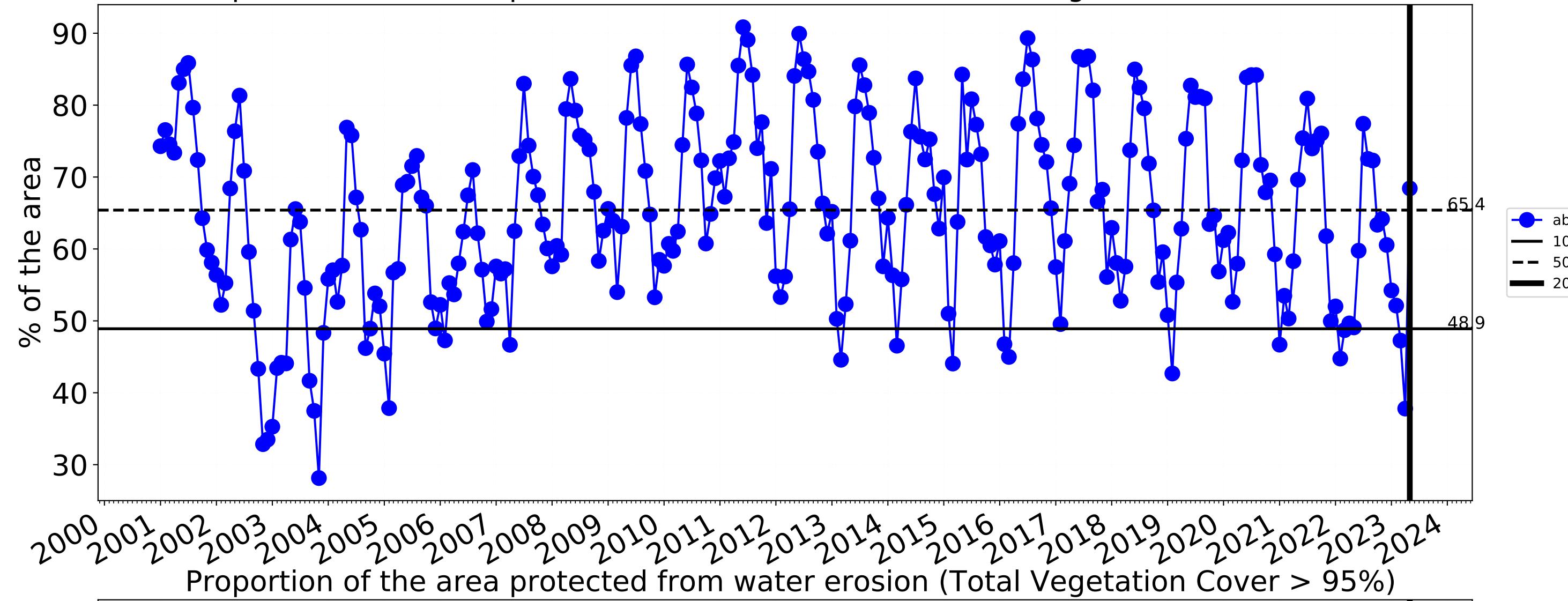
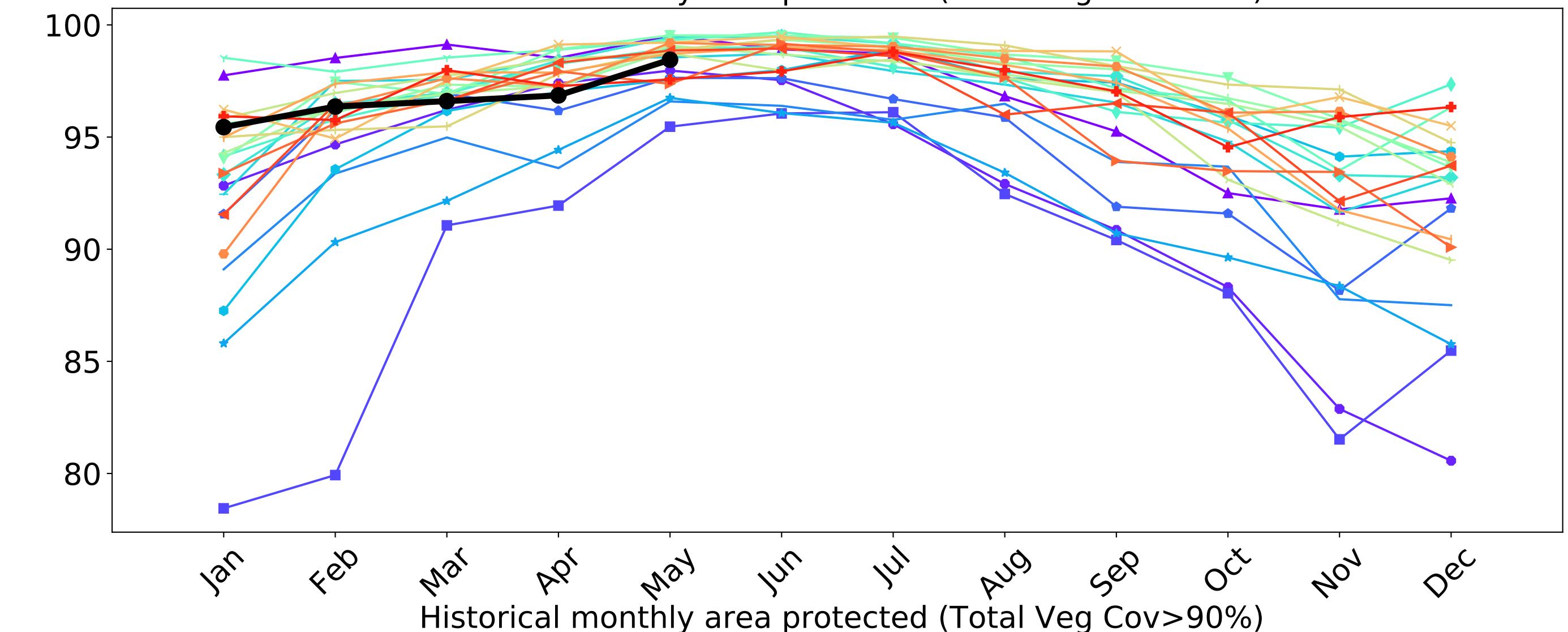
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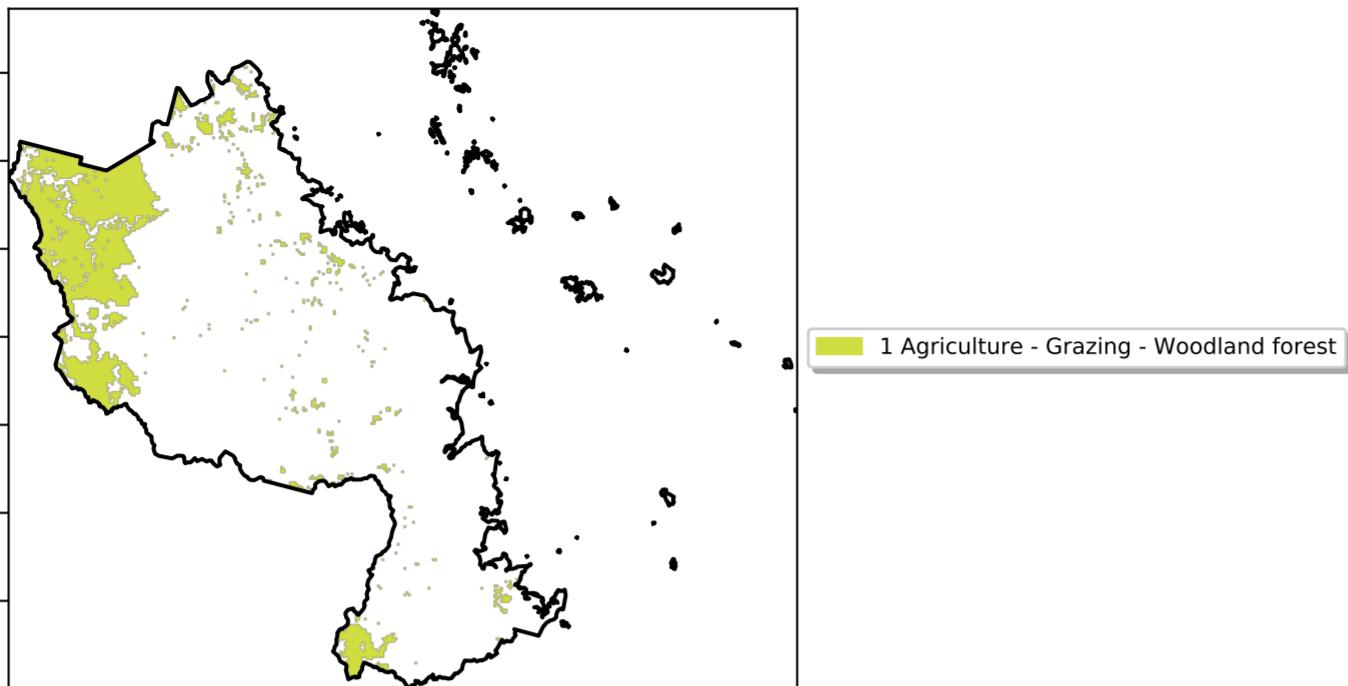
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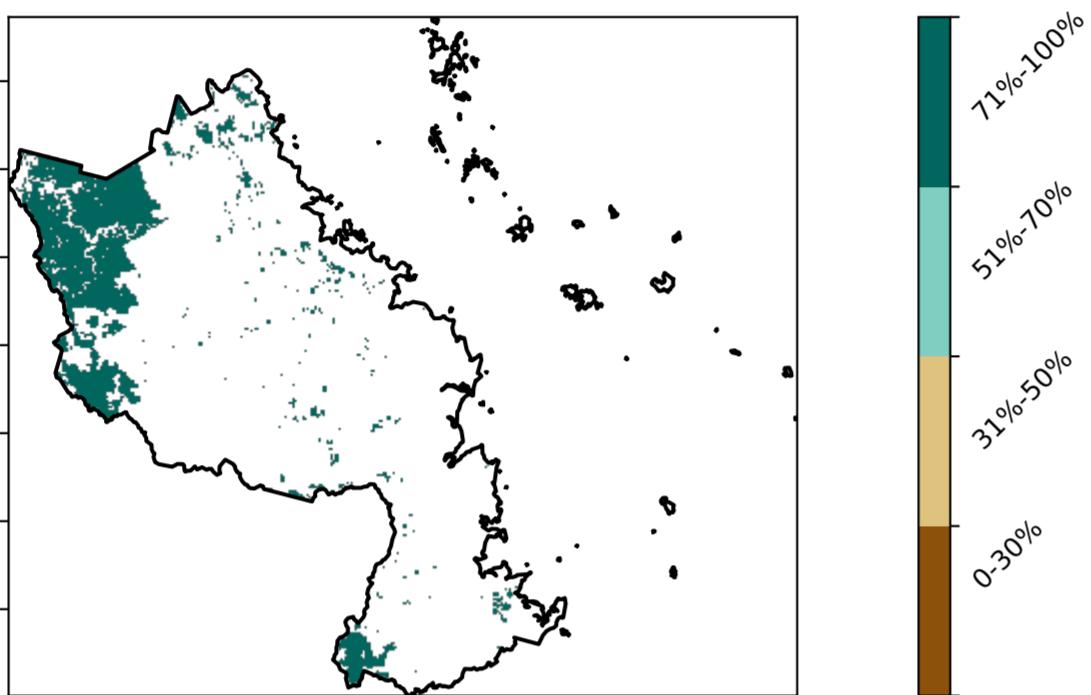
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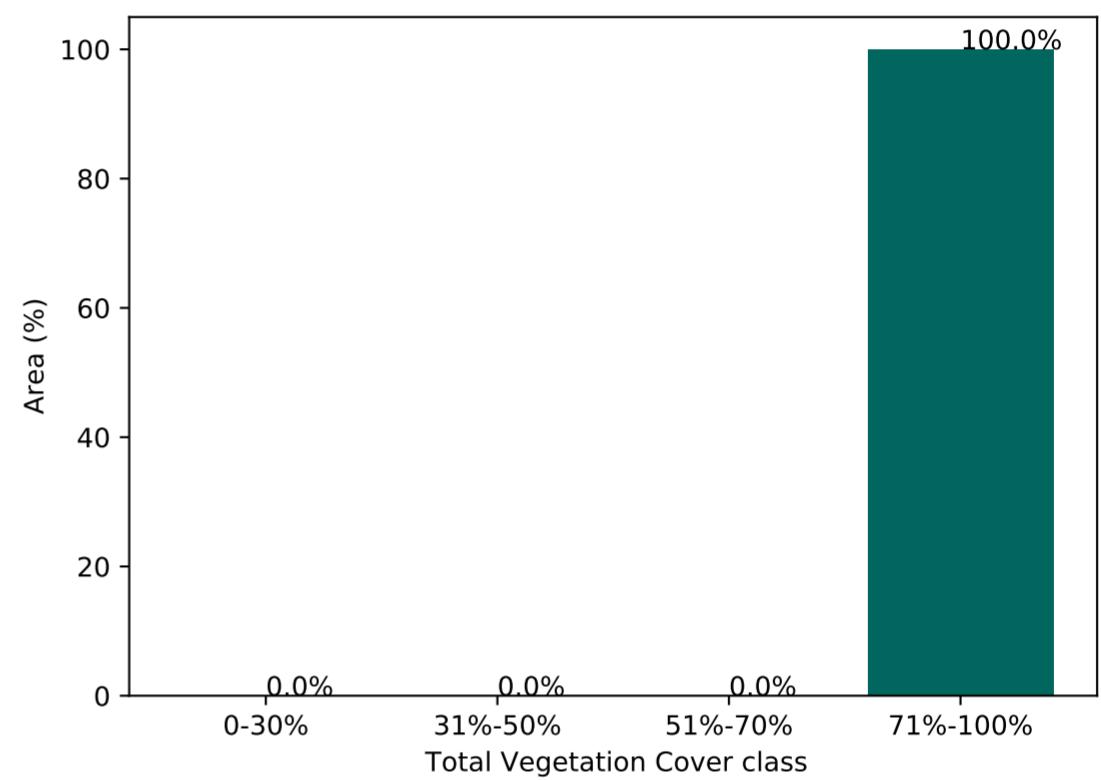
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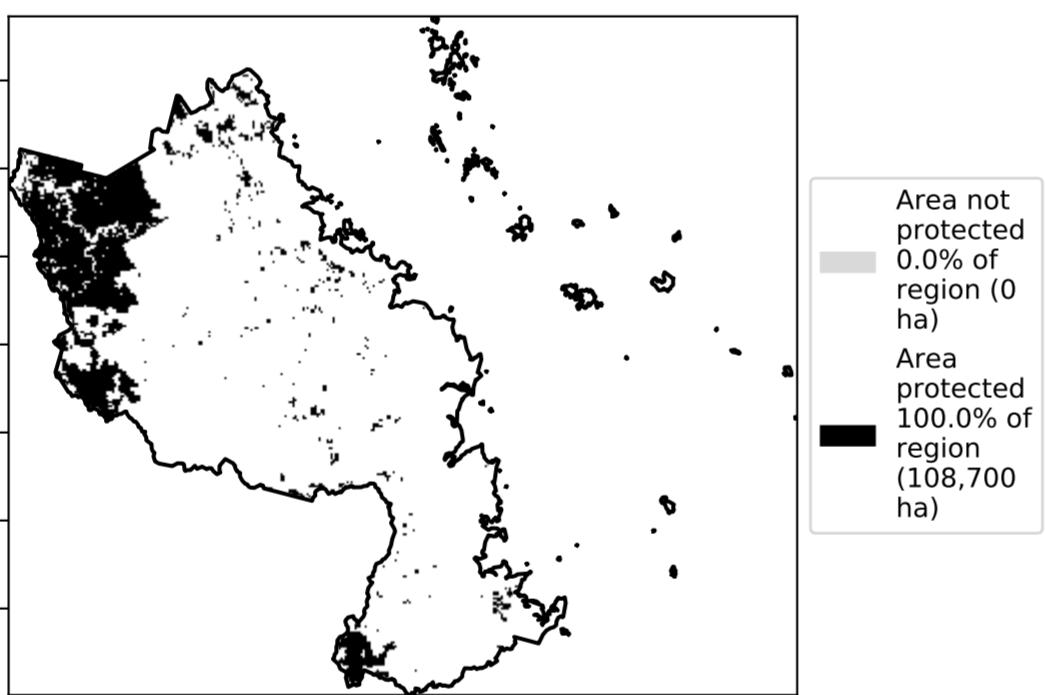
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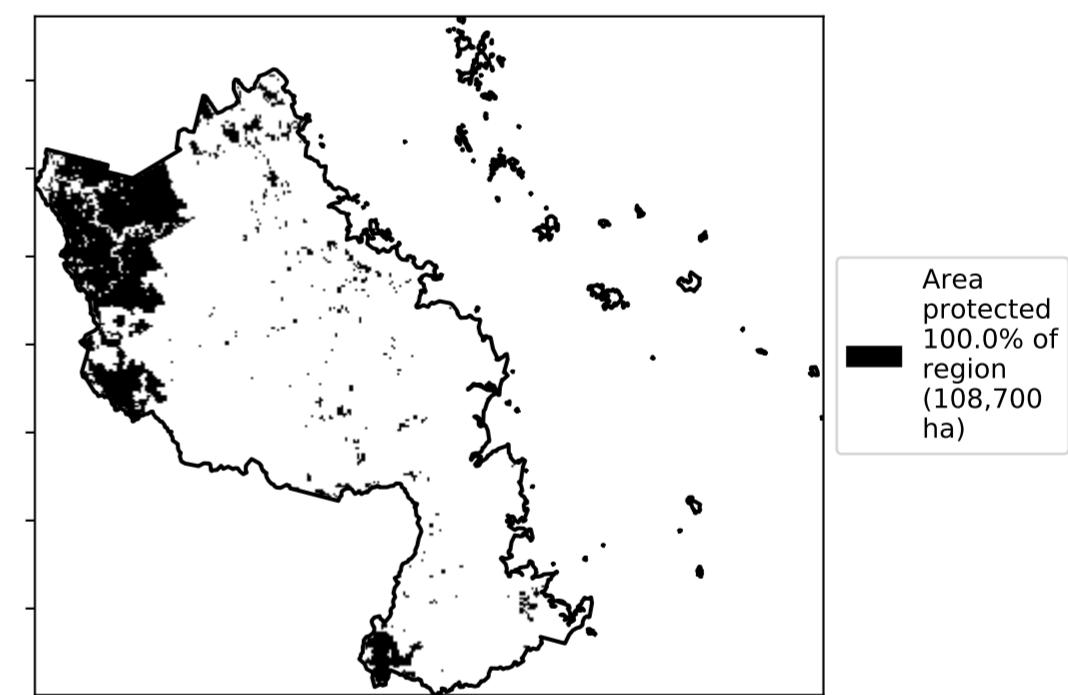
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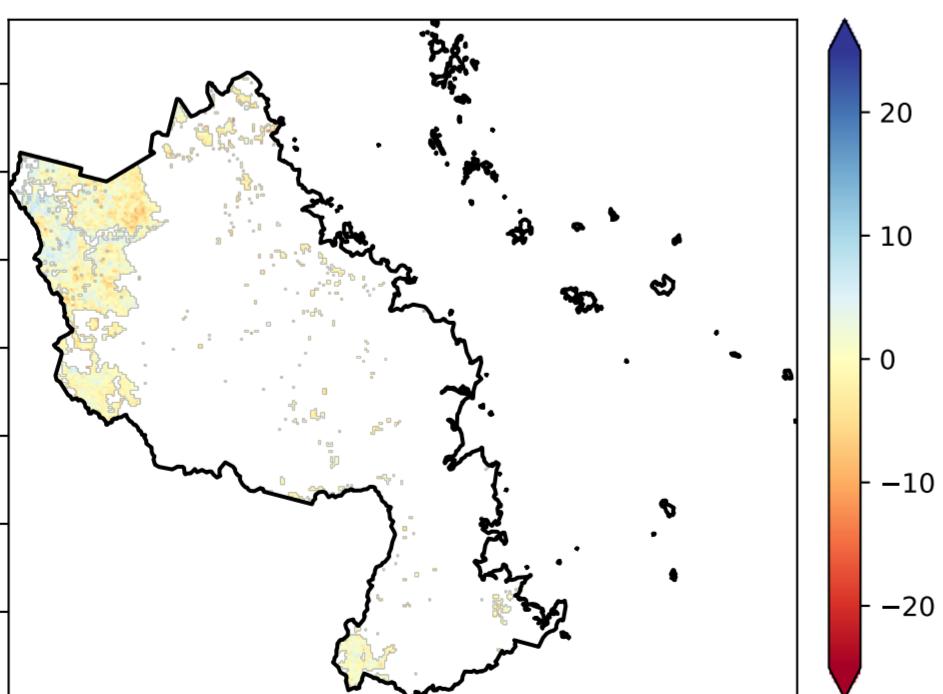


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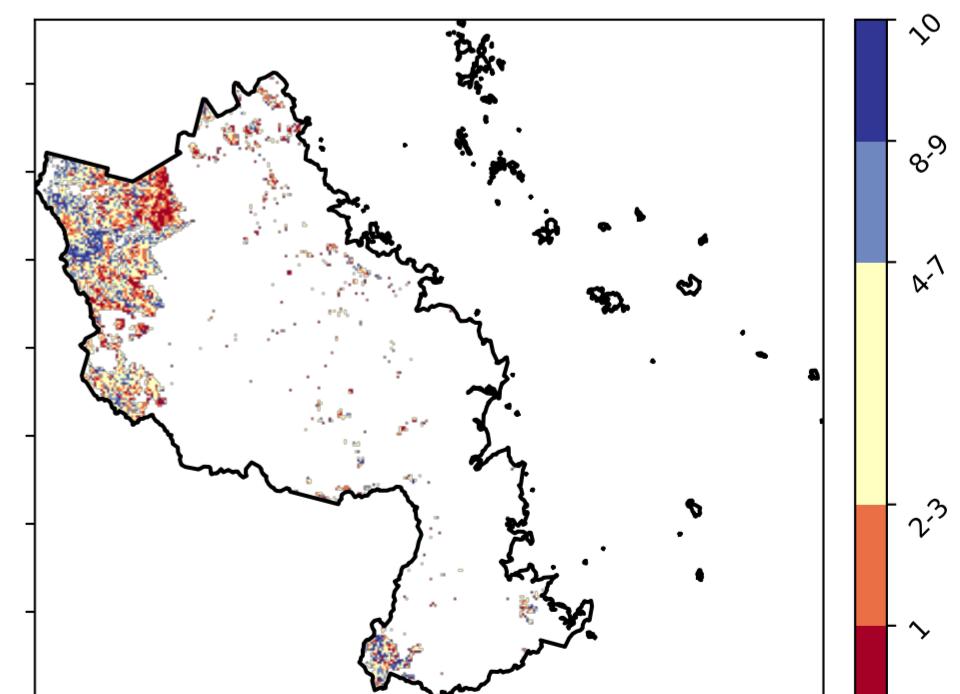
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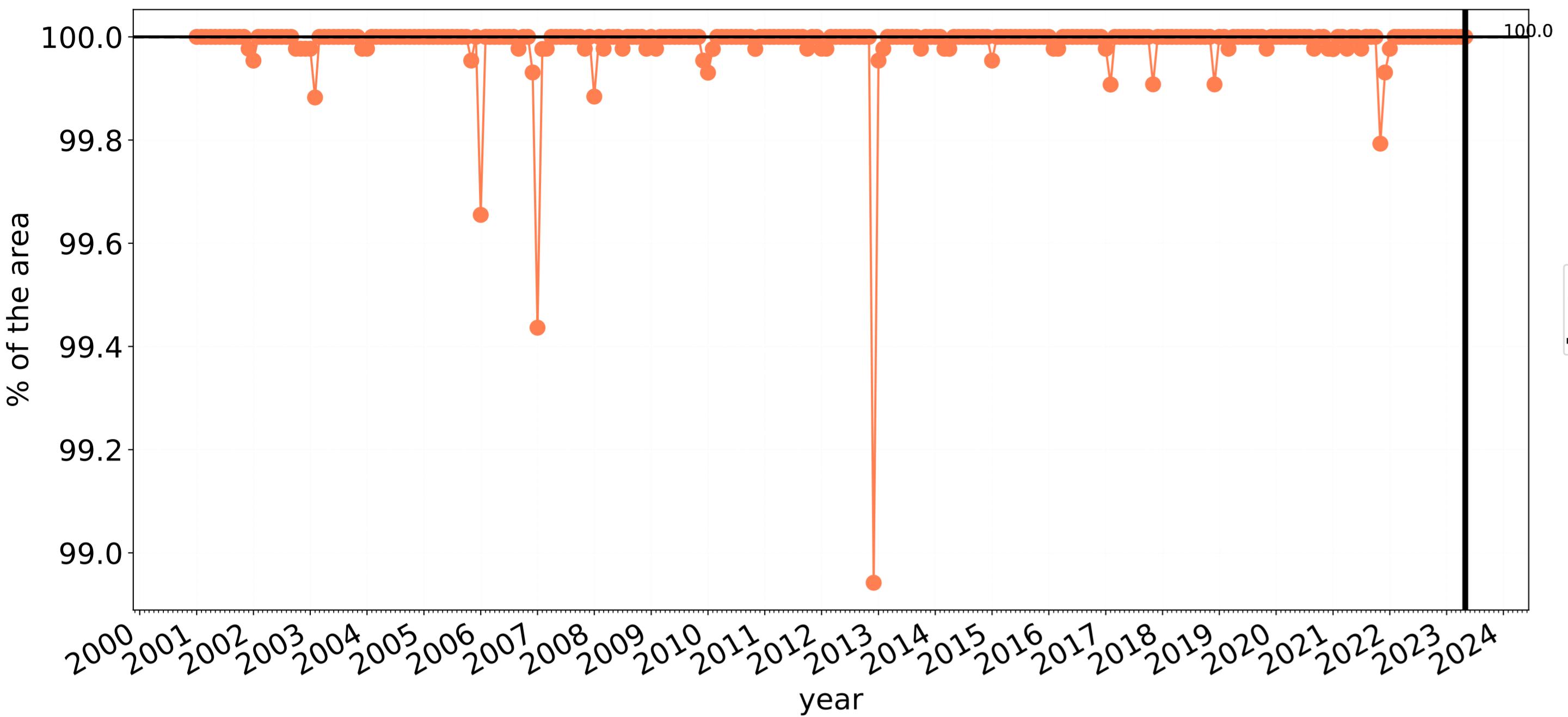


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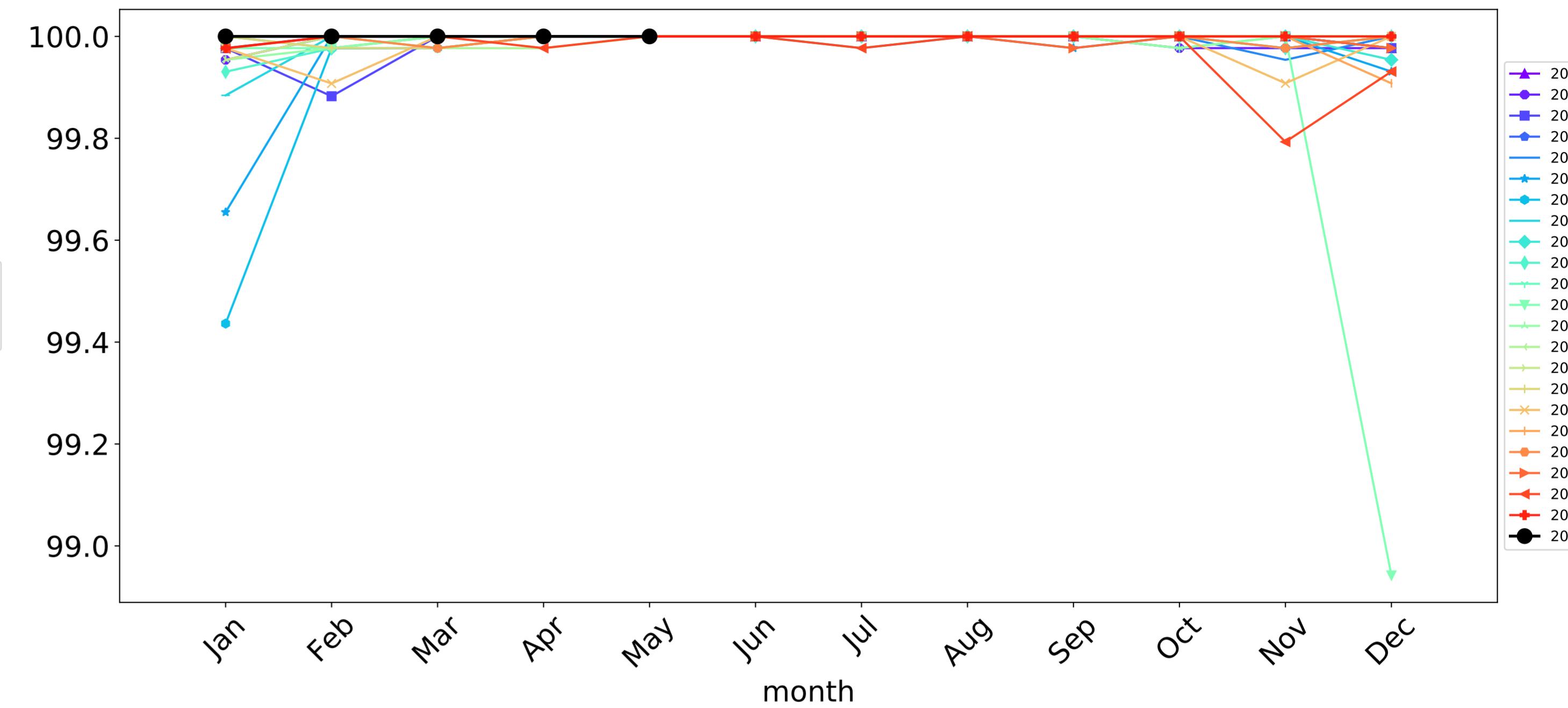


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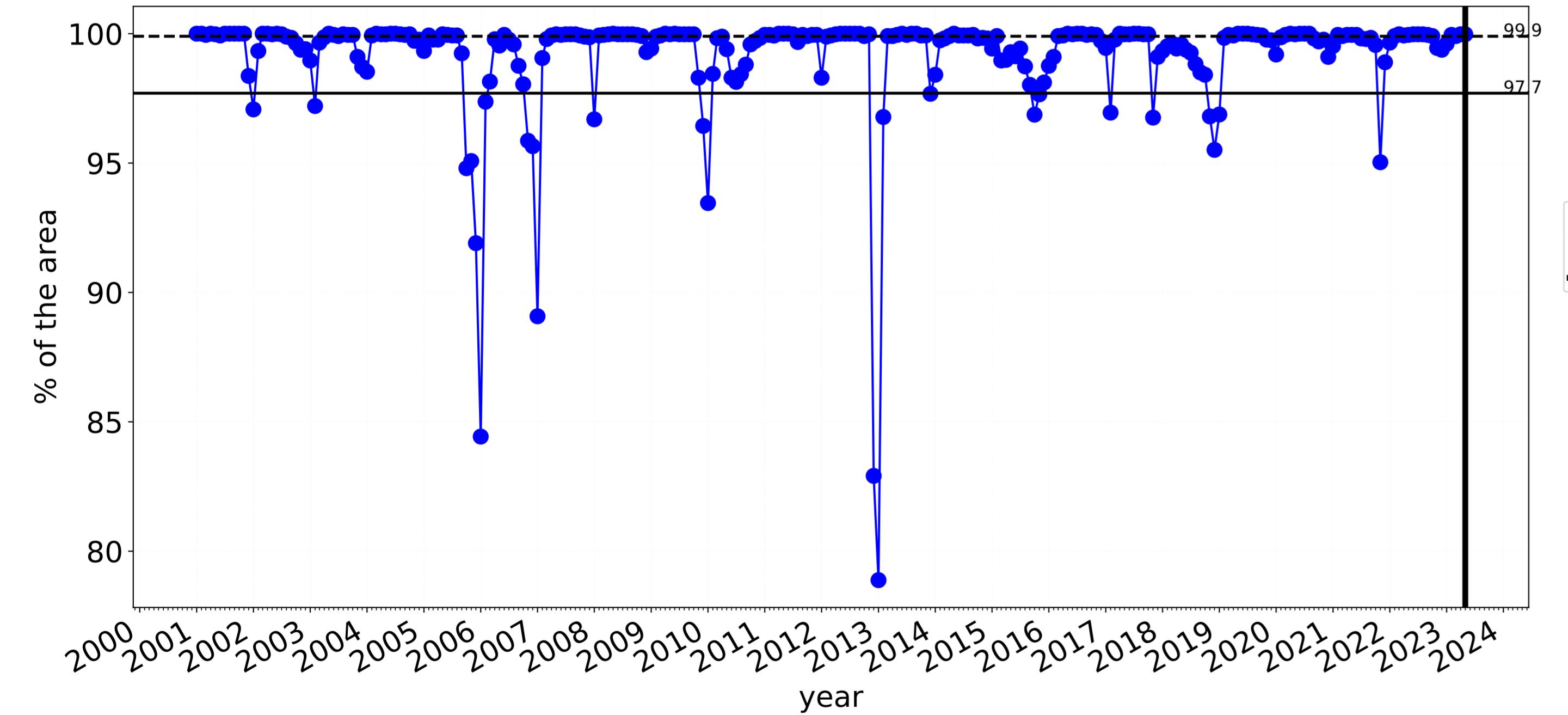
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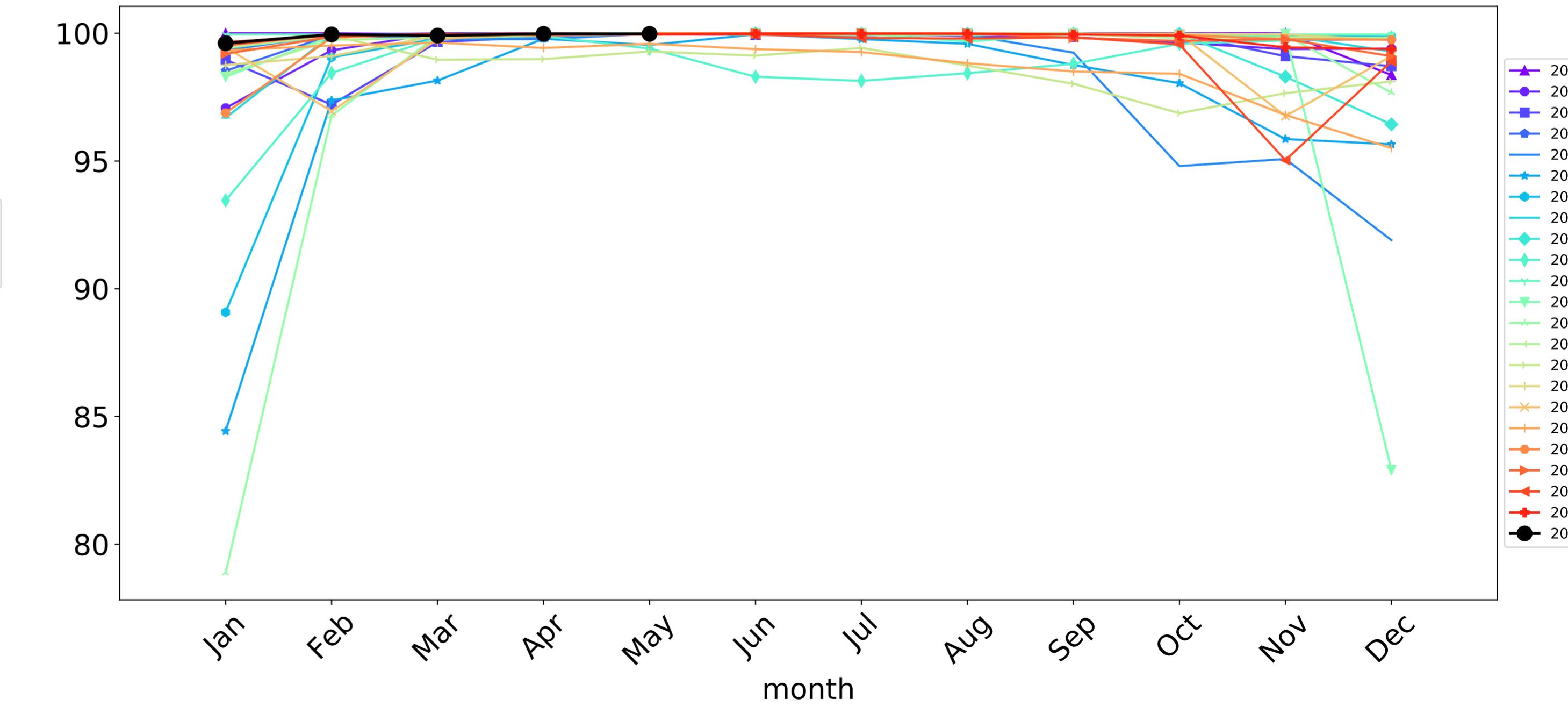
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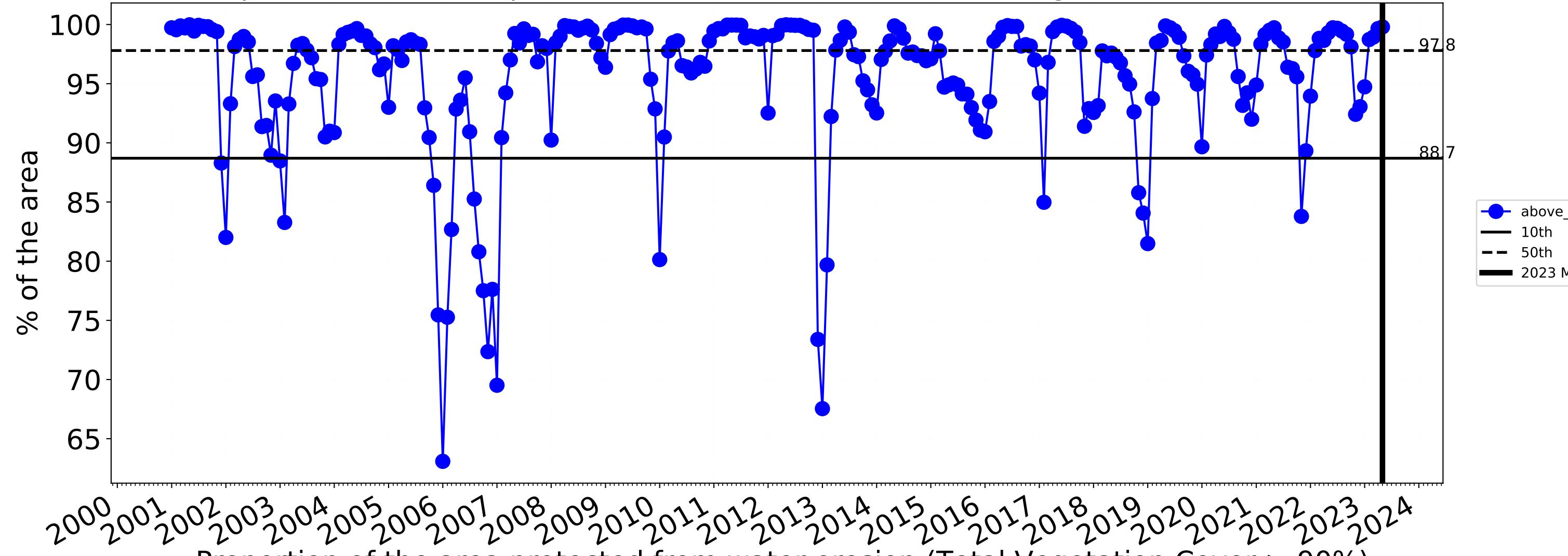
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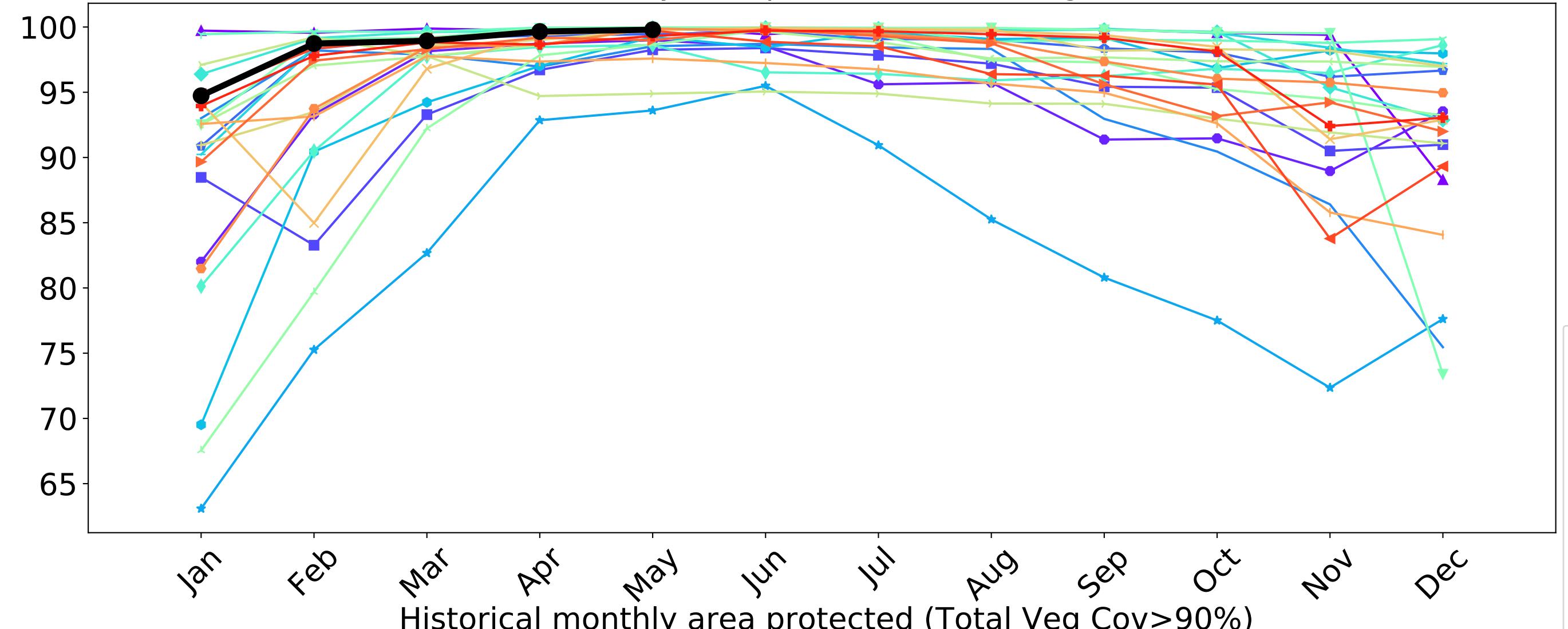
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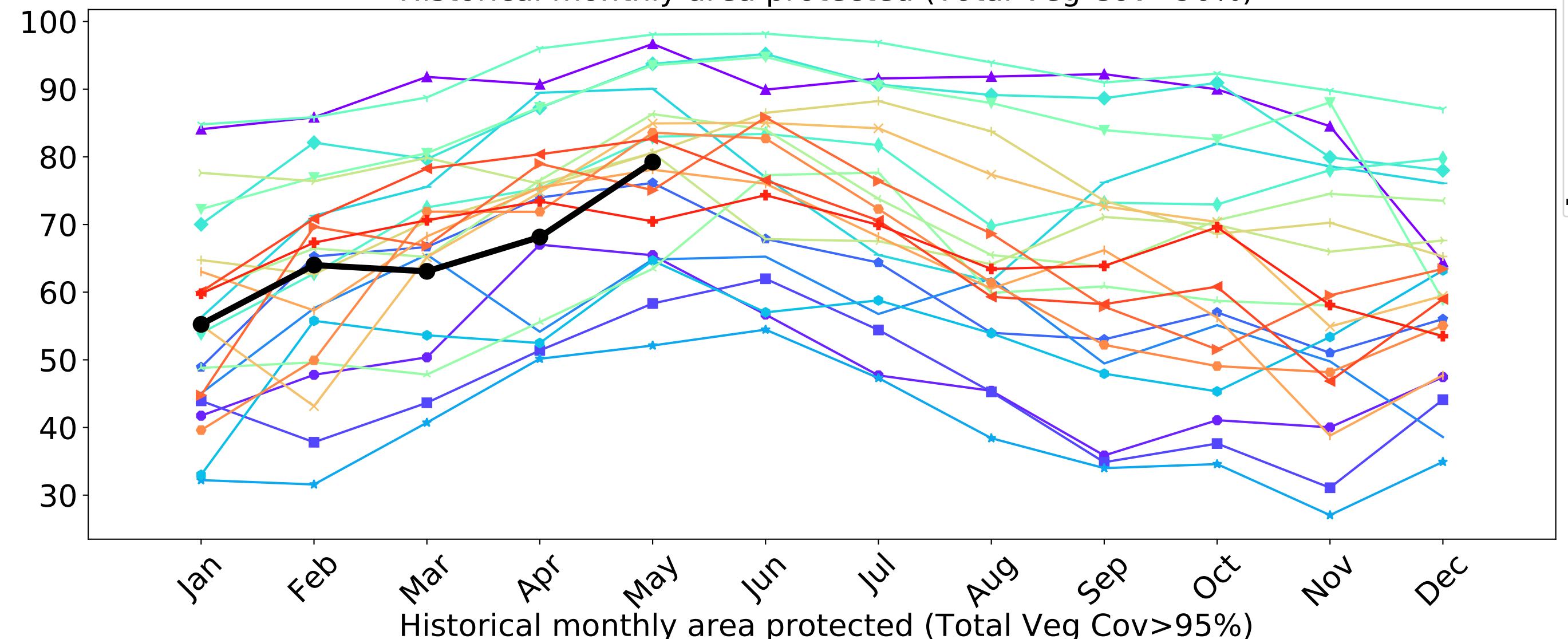
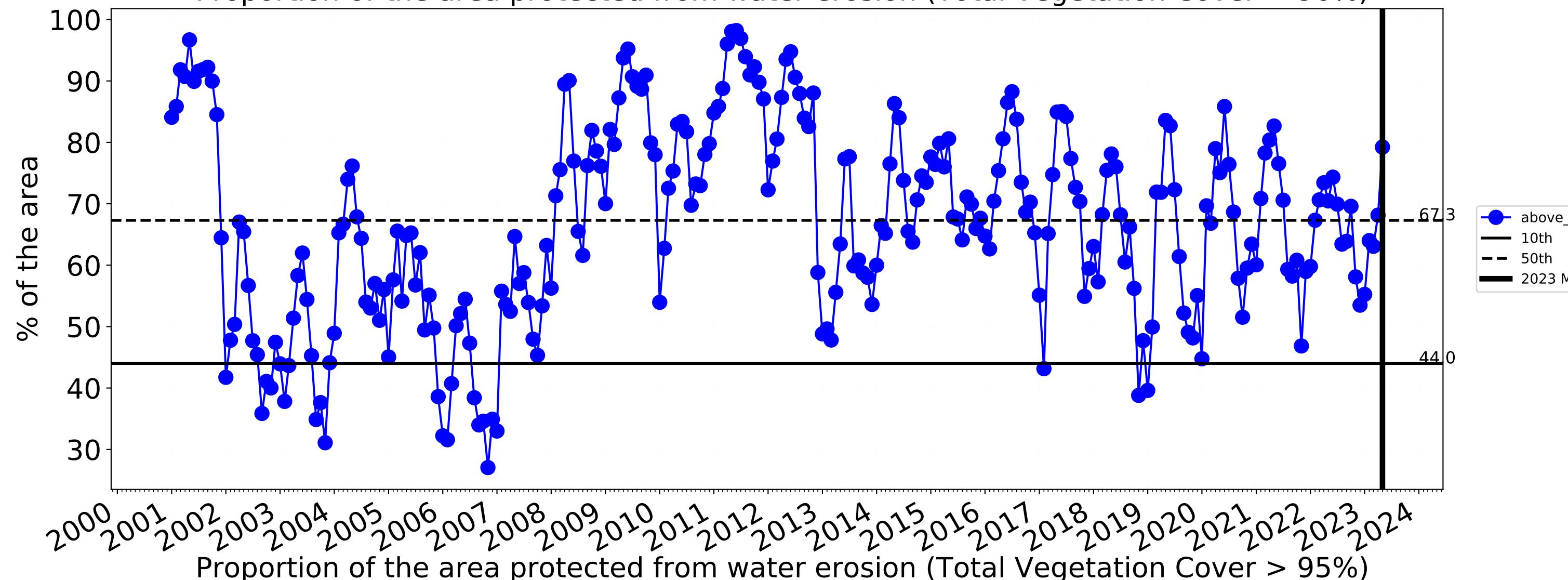
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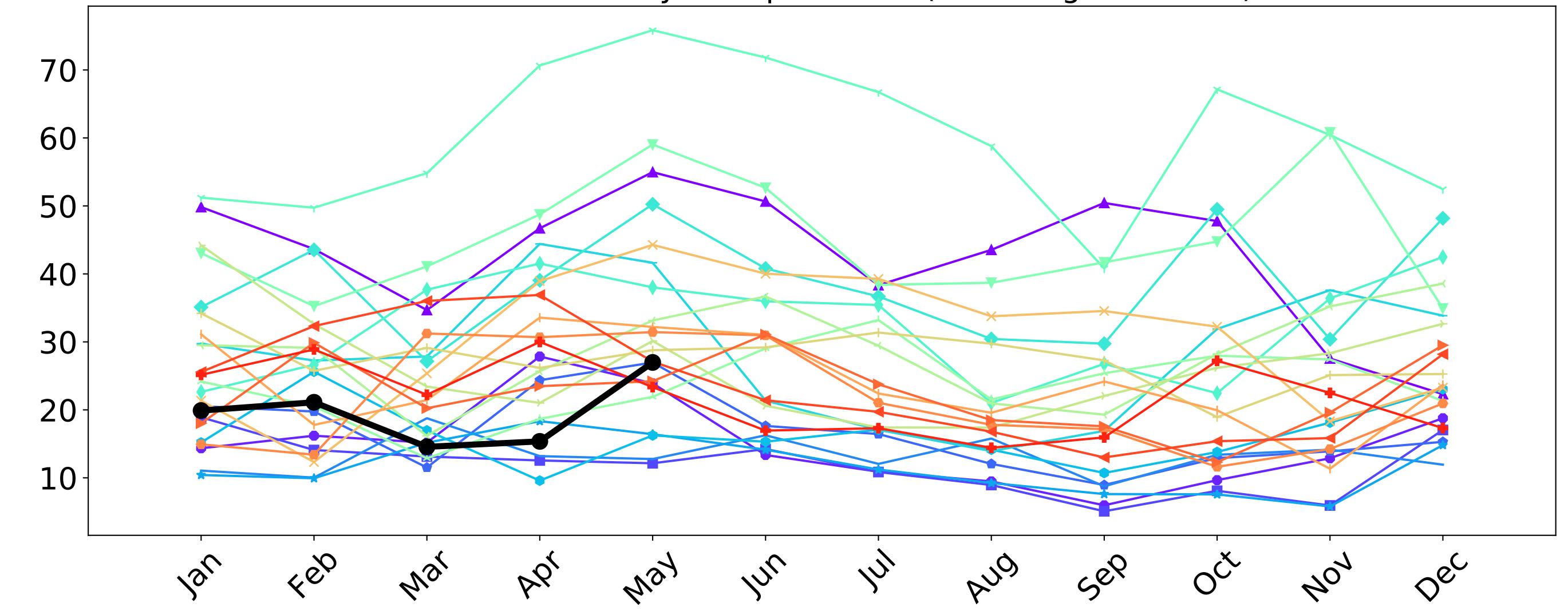
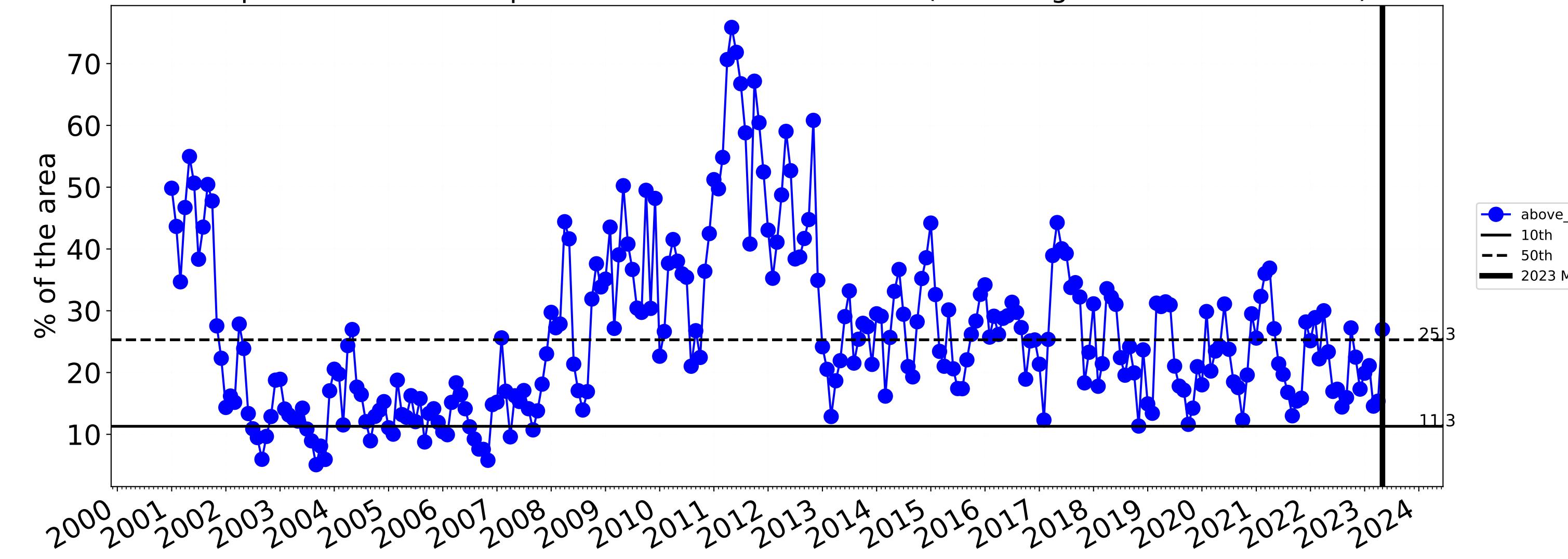
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)



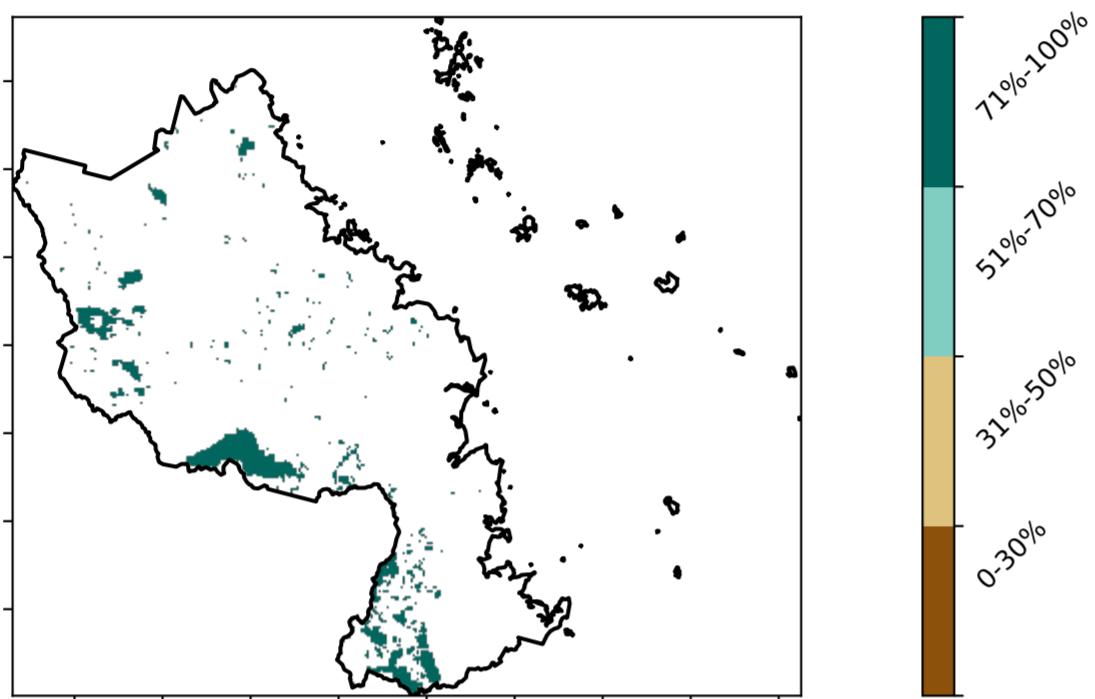
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

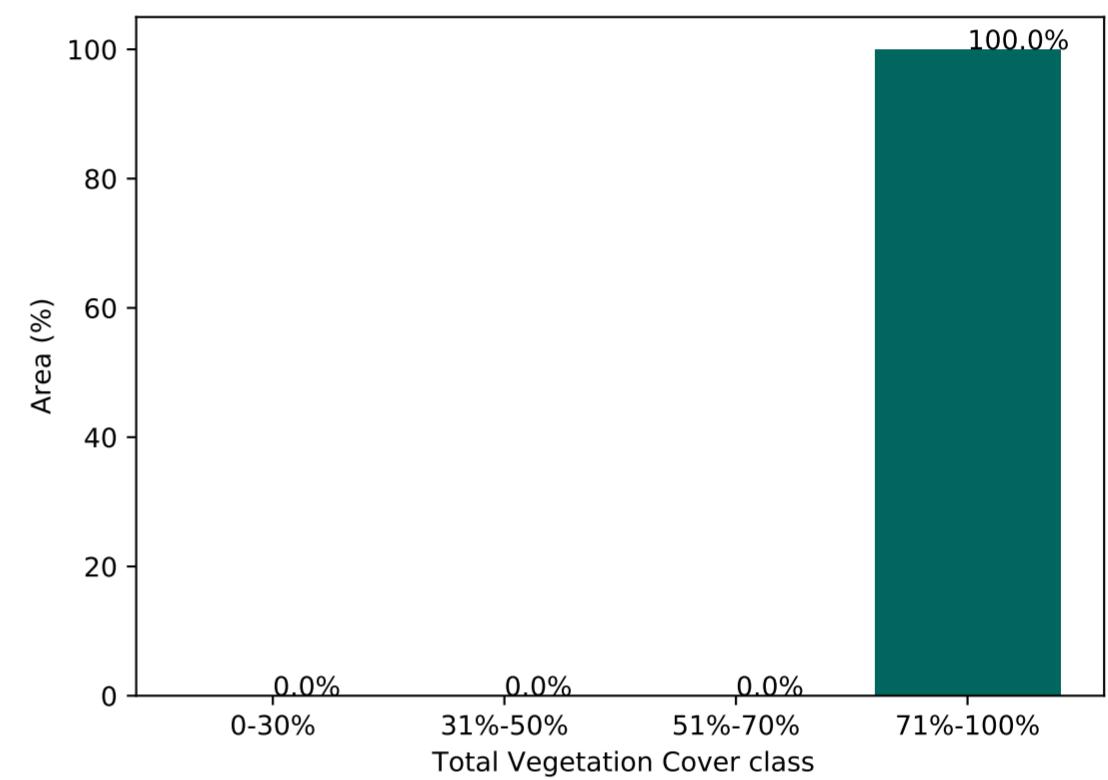
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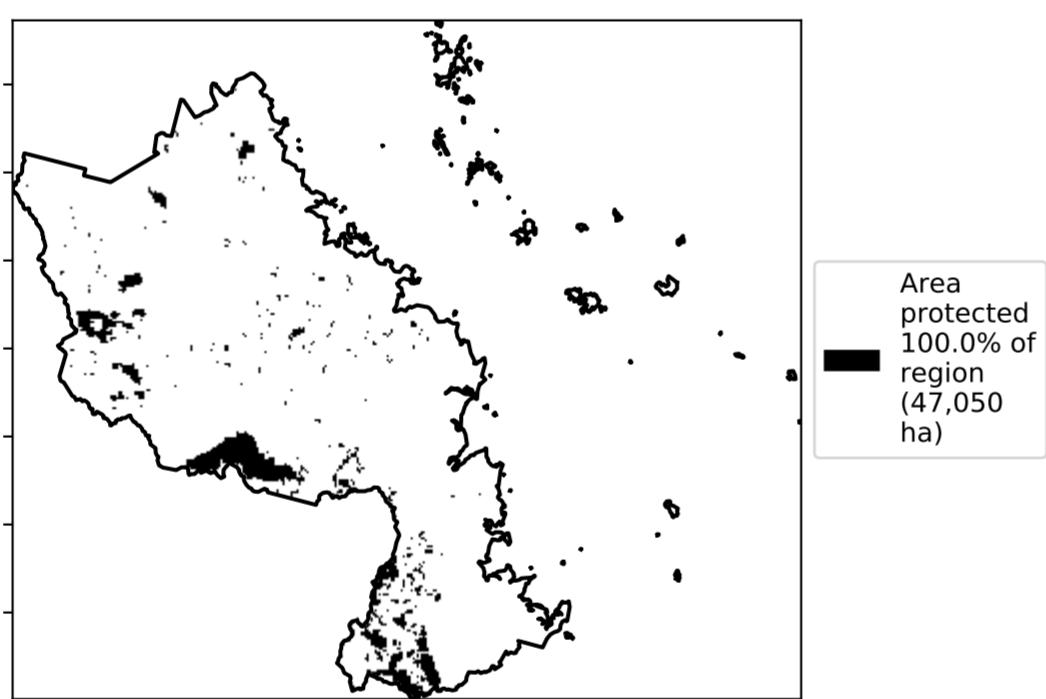
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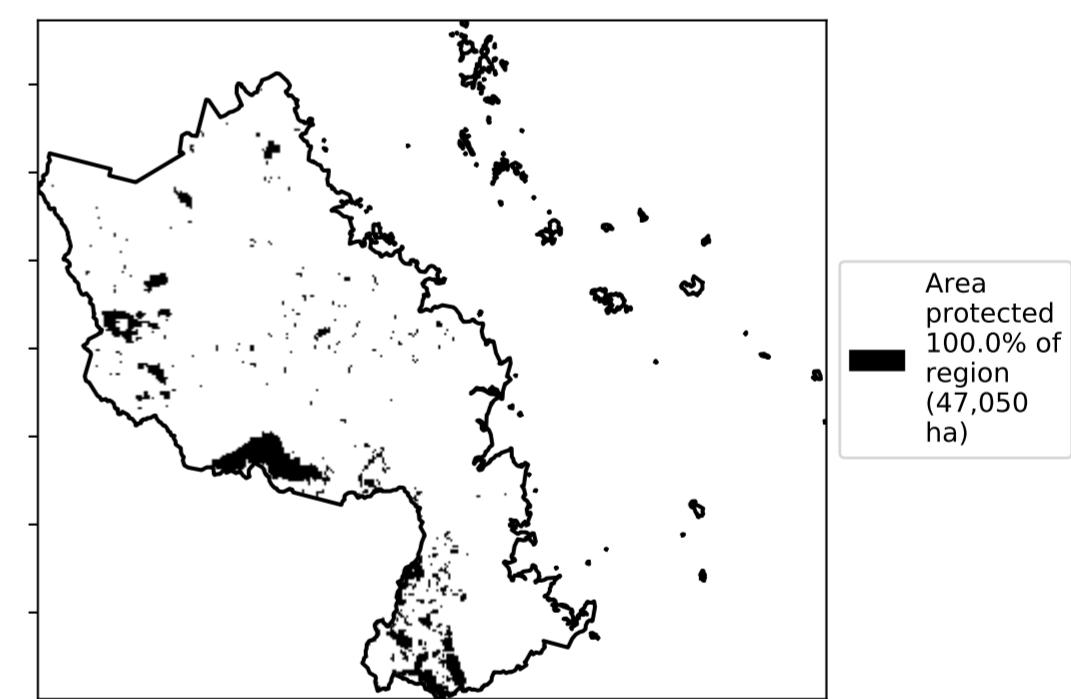
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

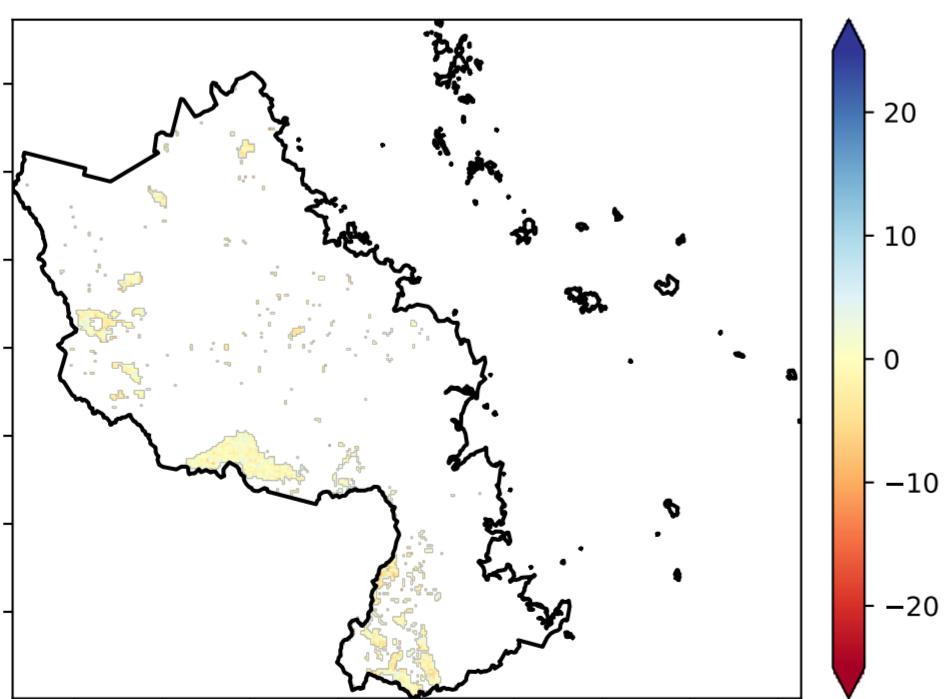


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



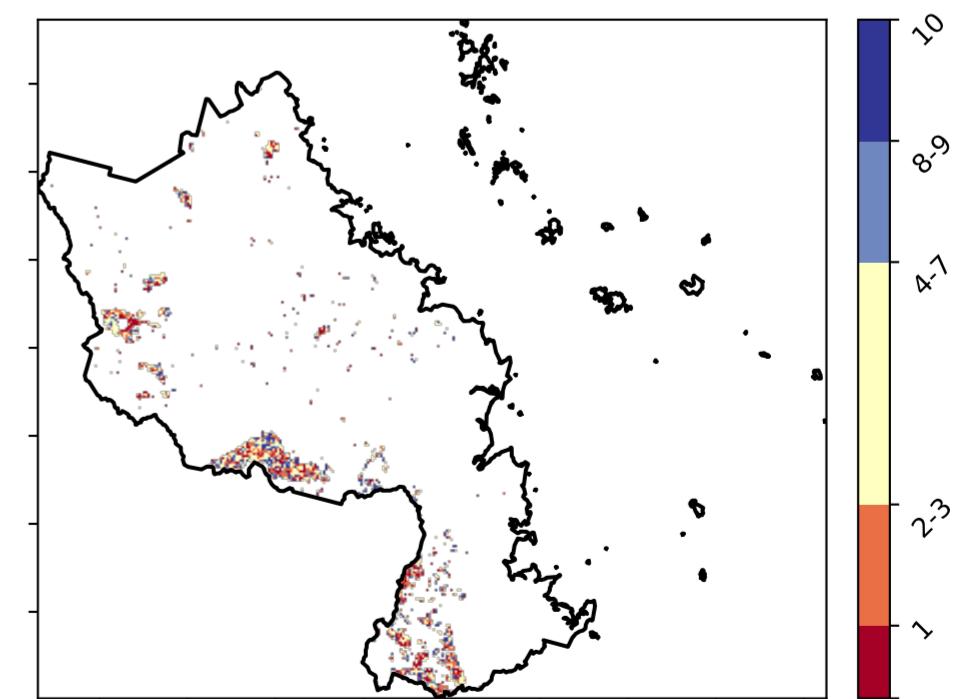
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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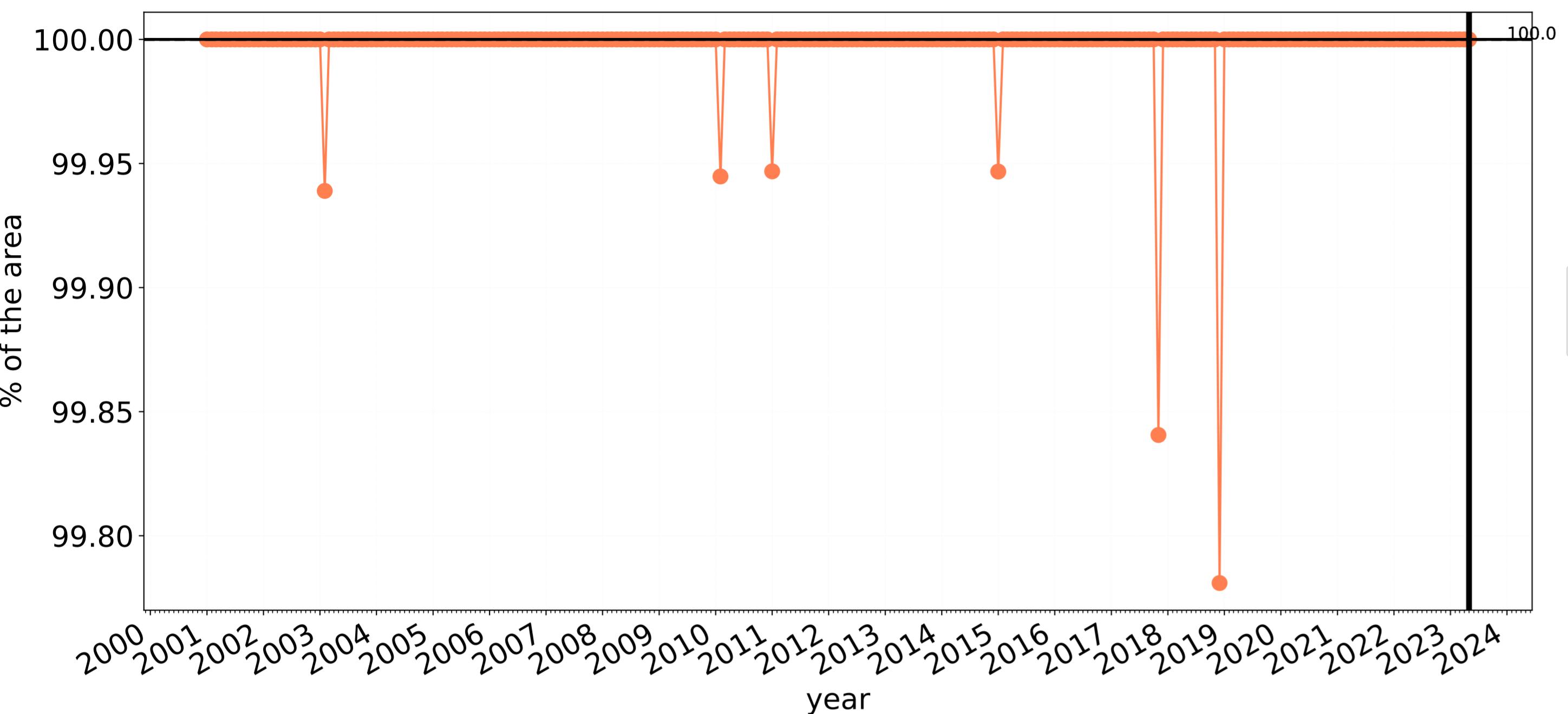


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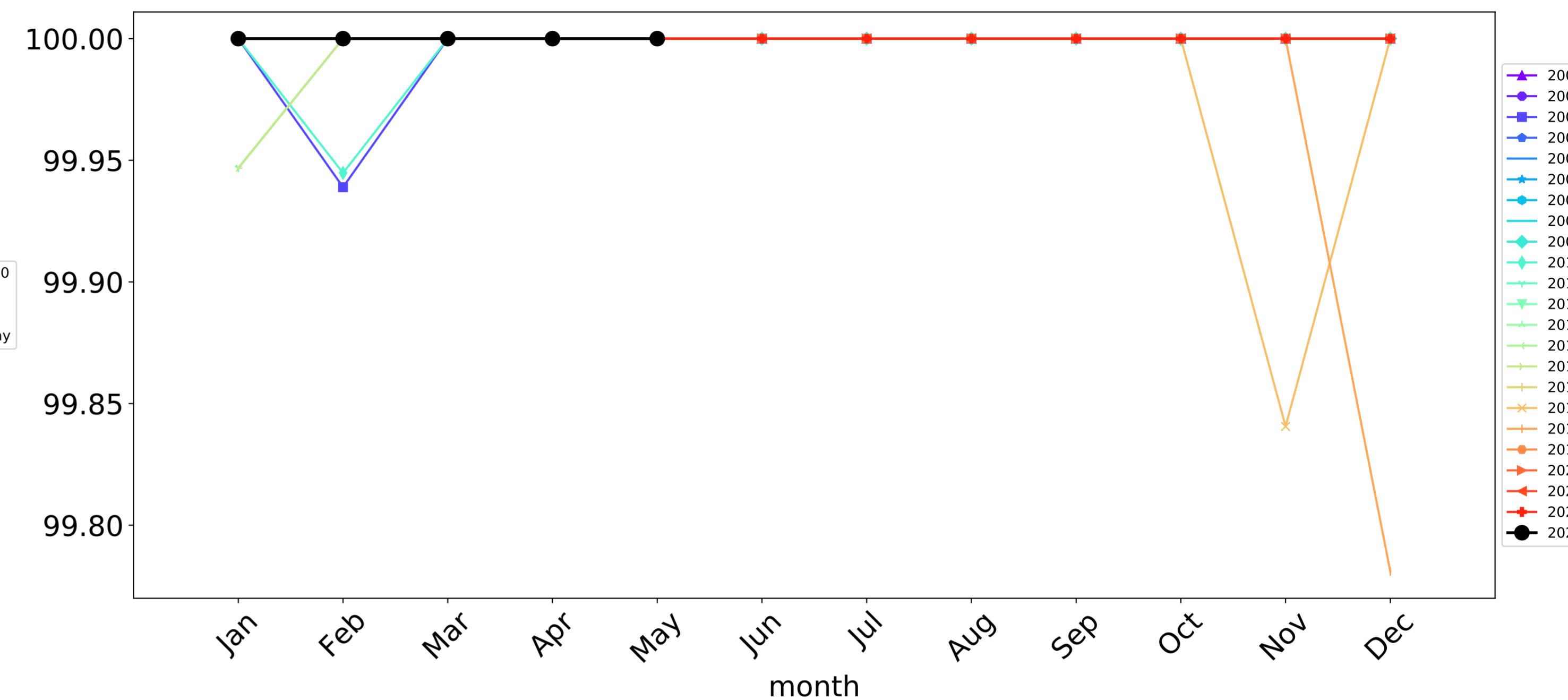


Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

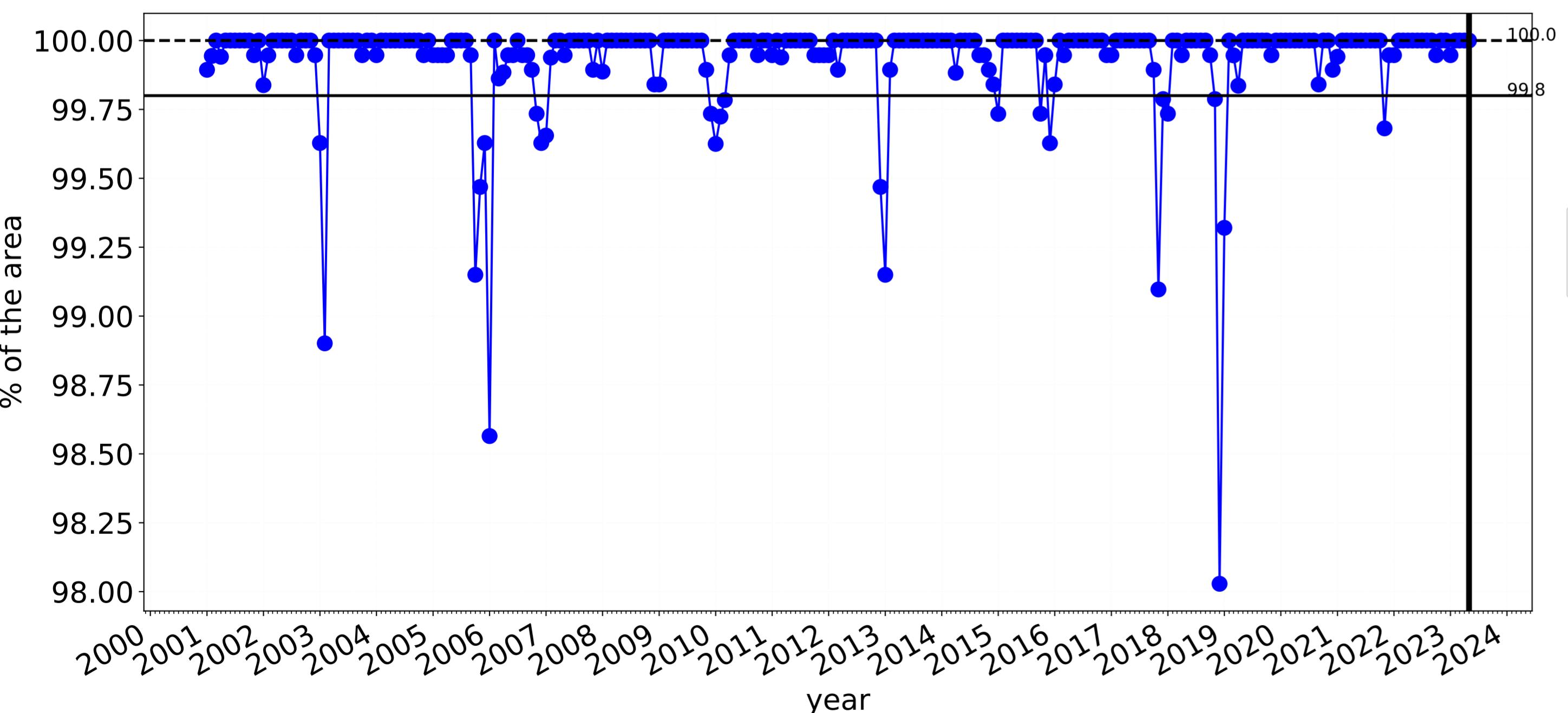
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



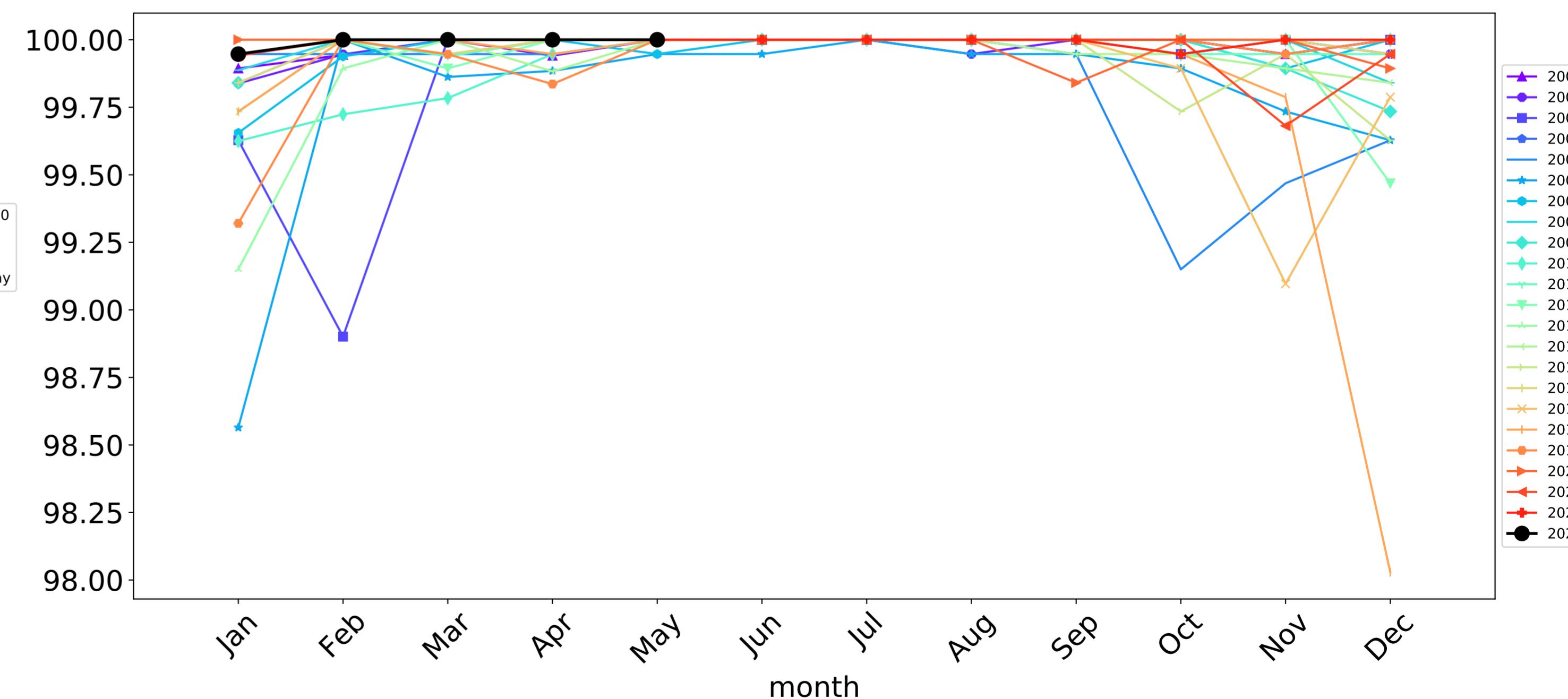
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



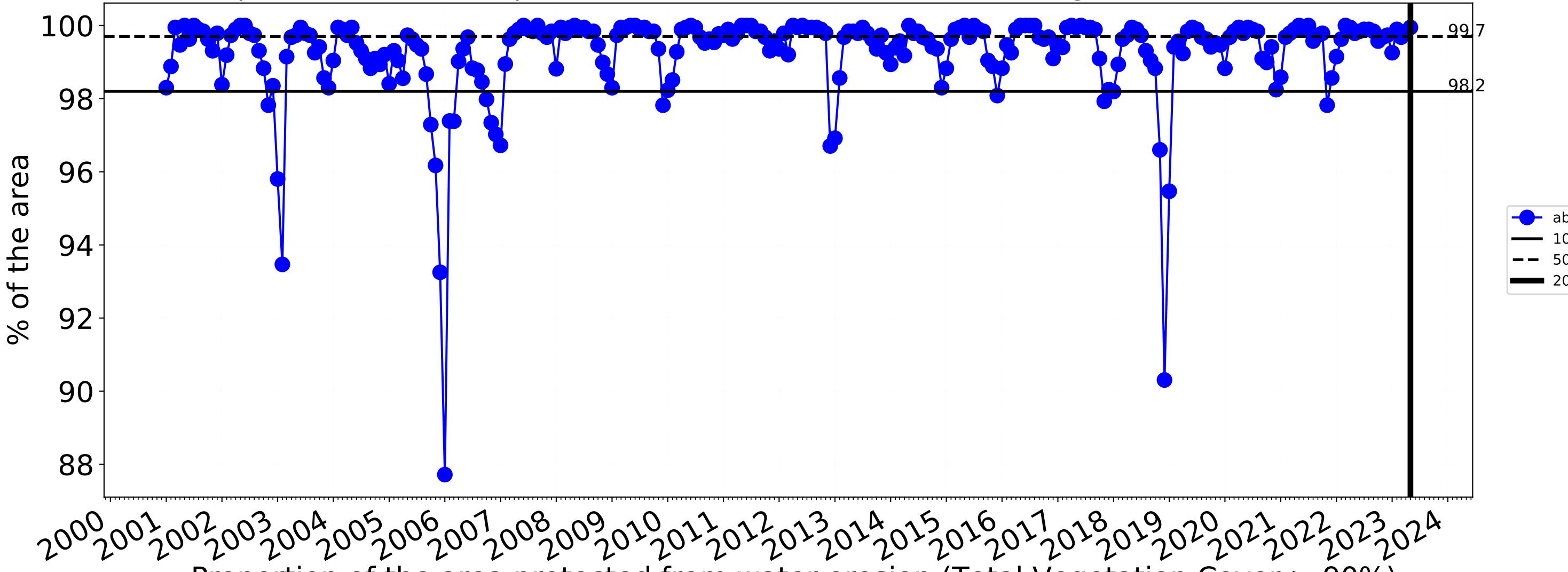
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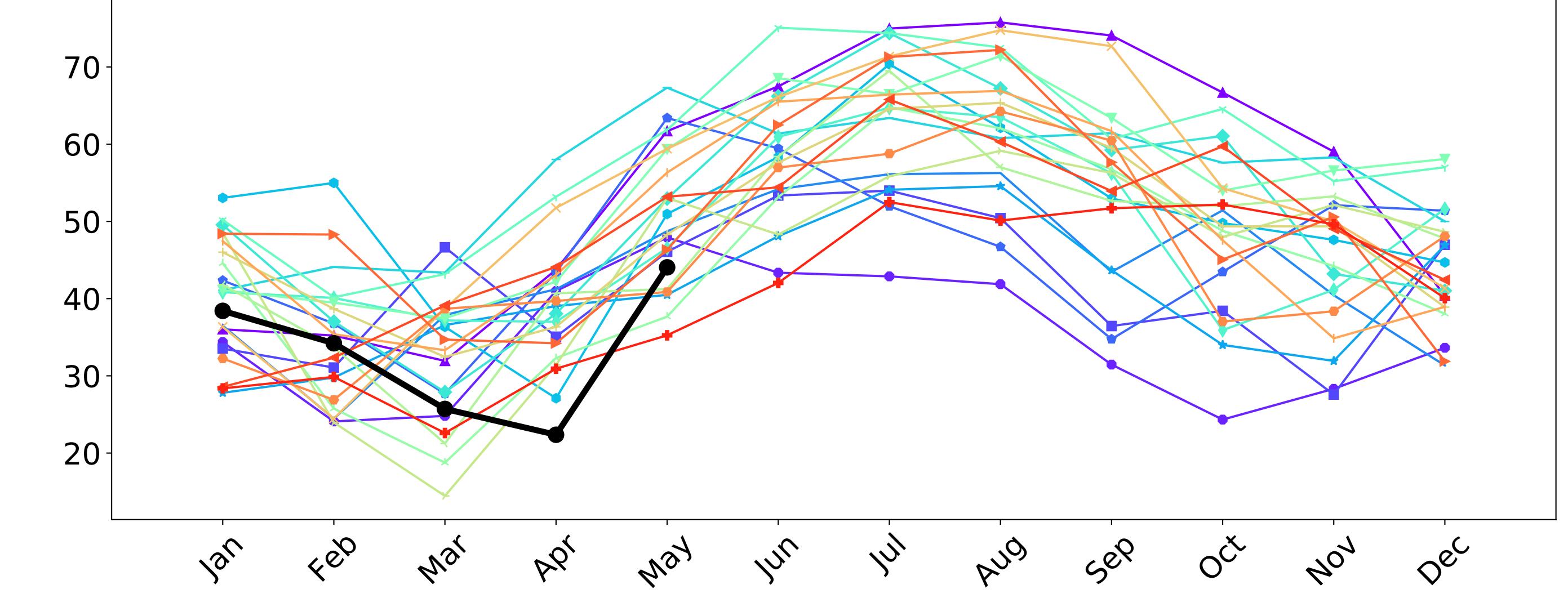
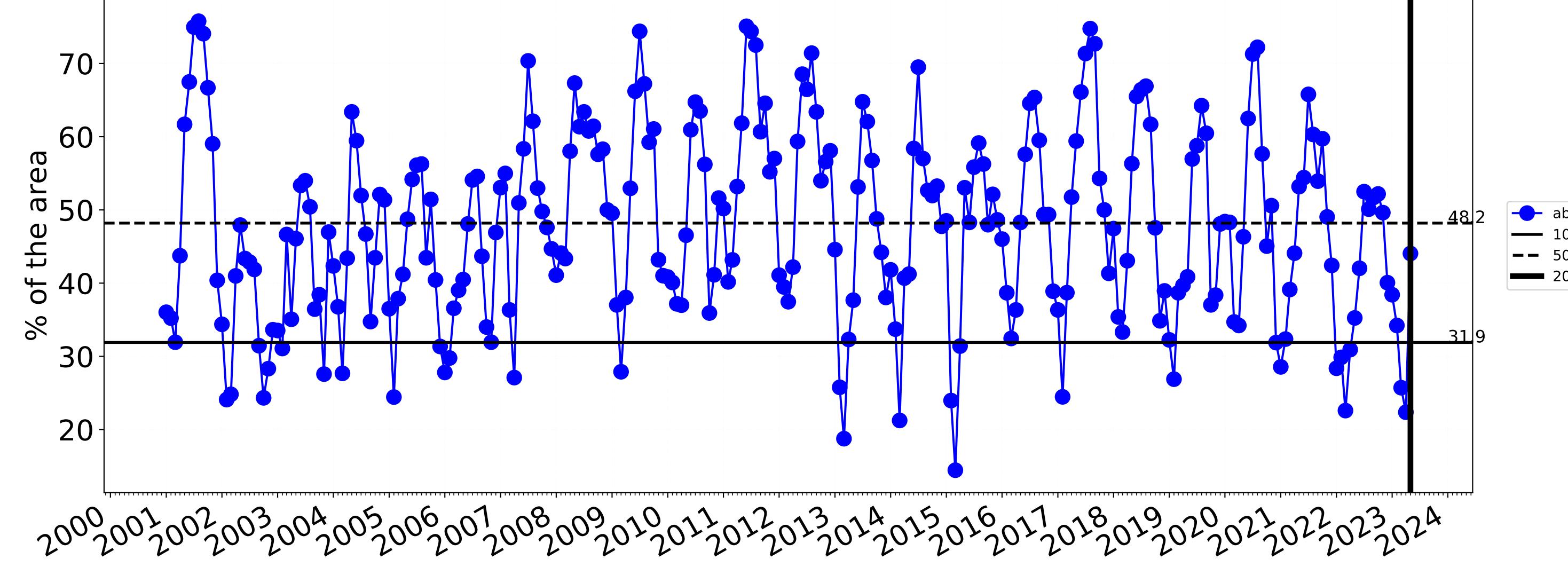
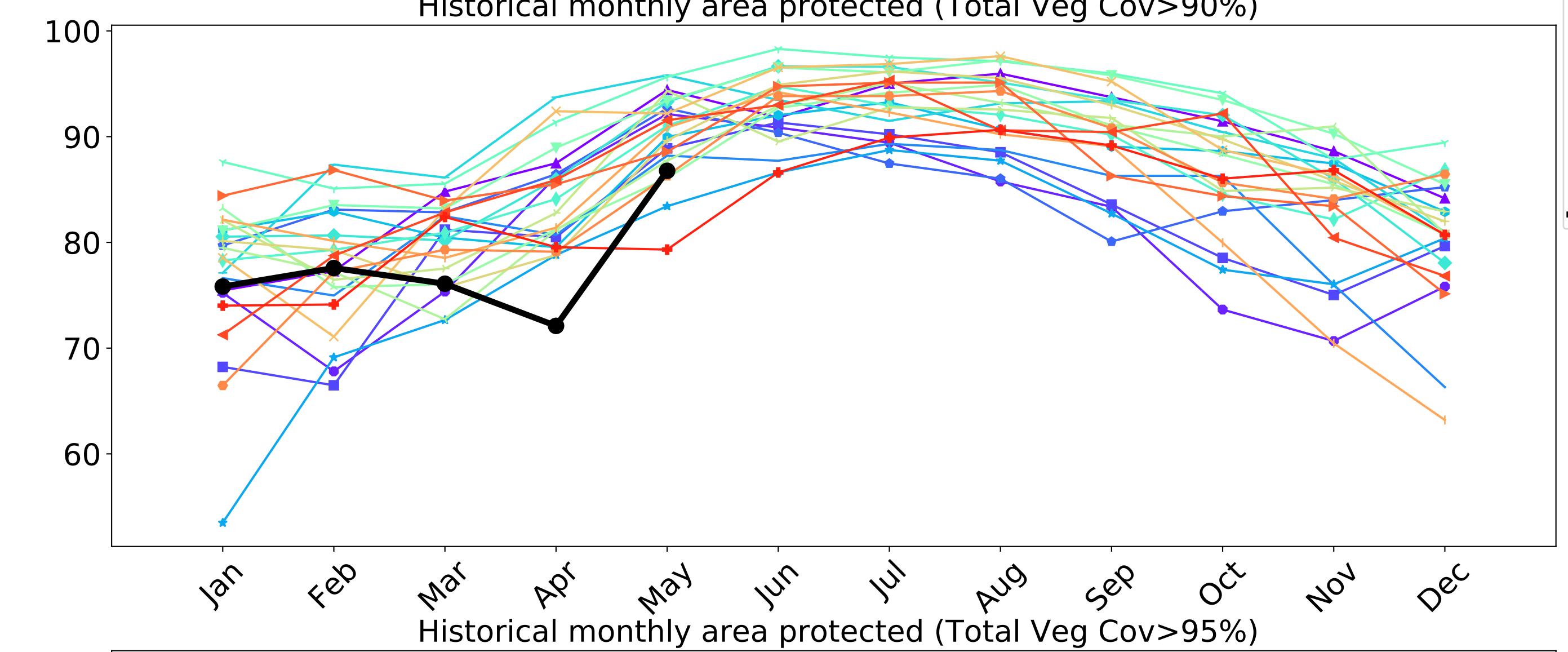
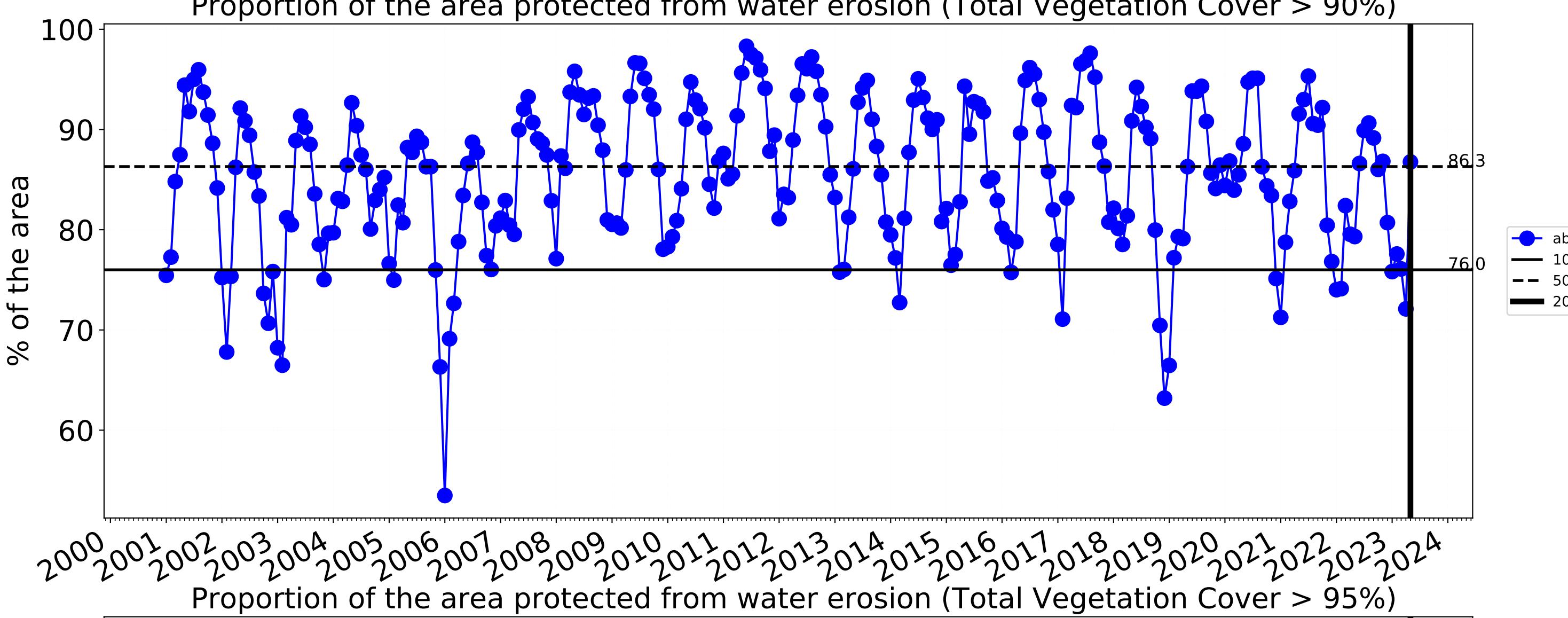
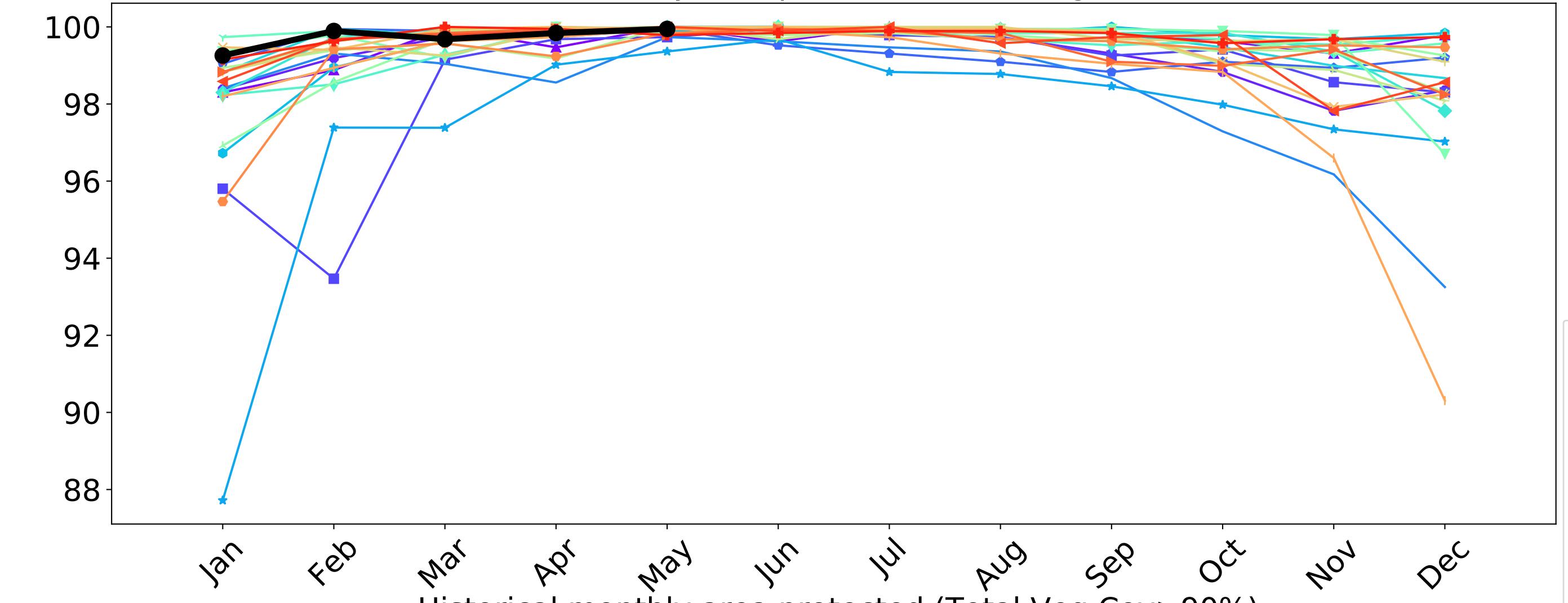
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

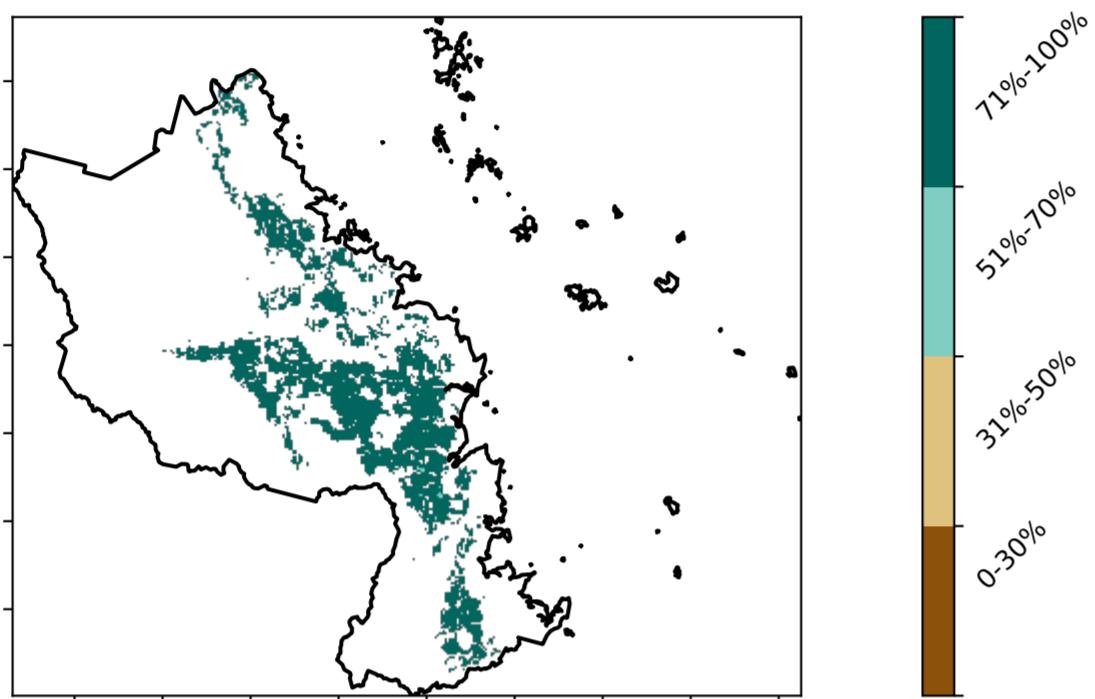
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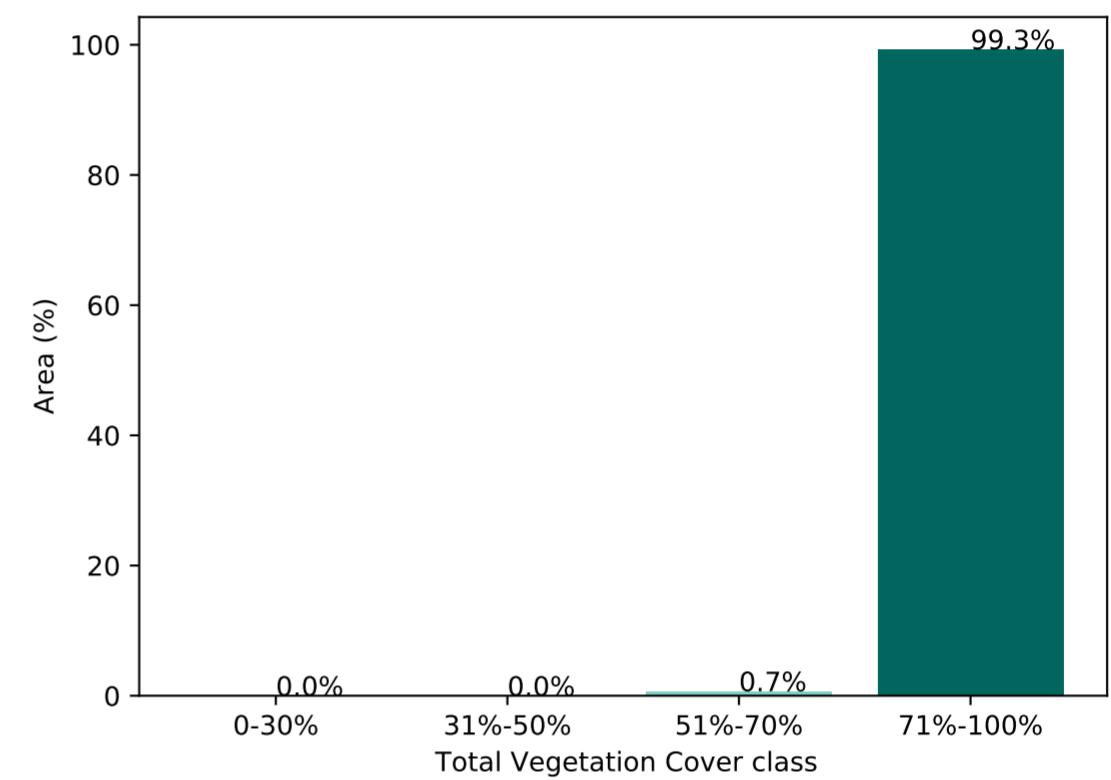
Proportion of each land class in area



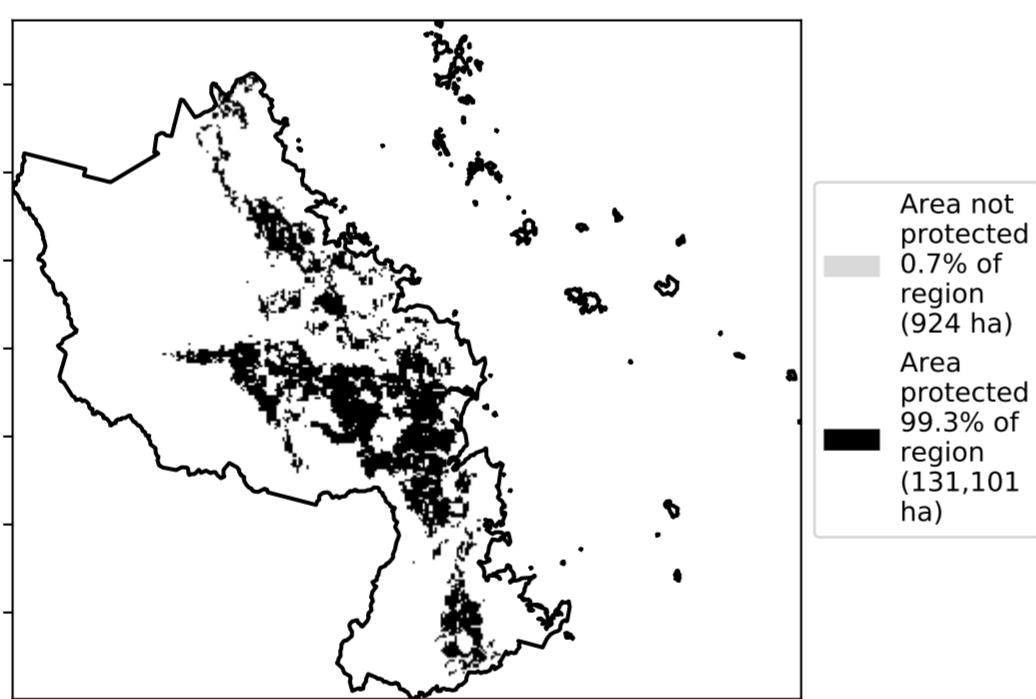
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



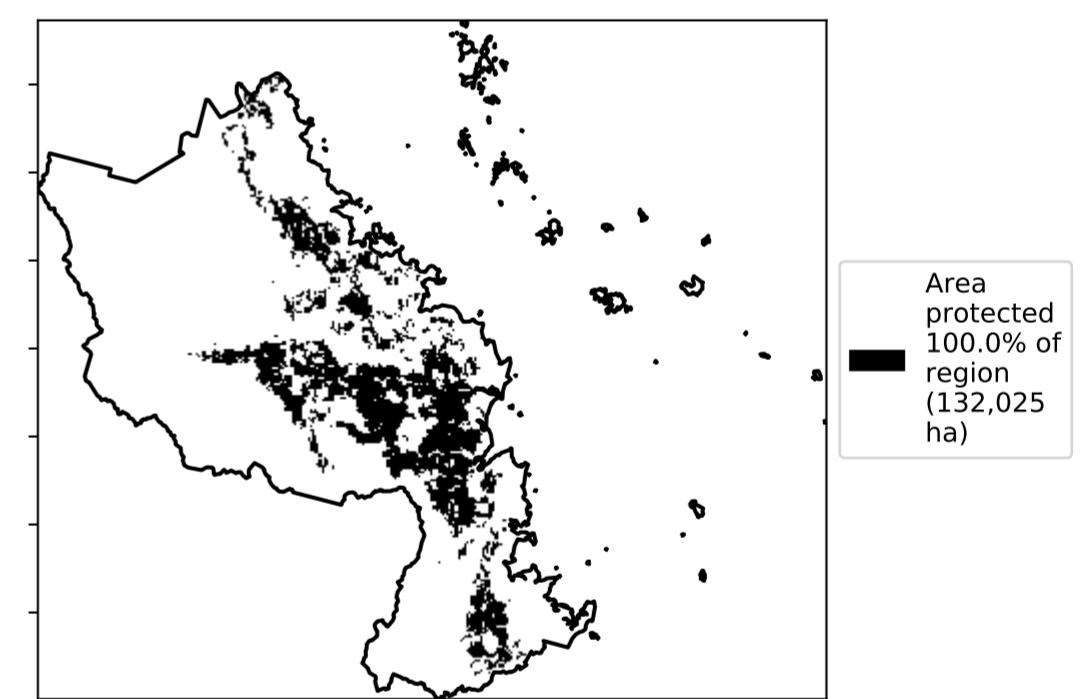
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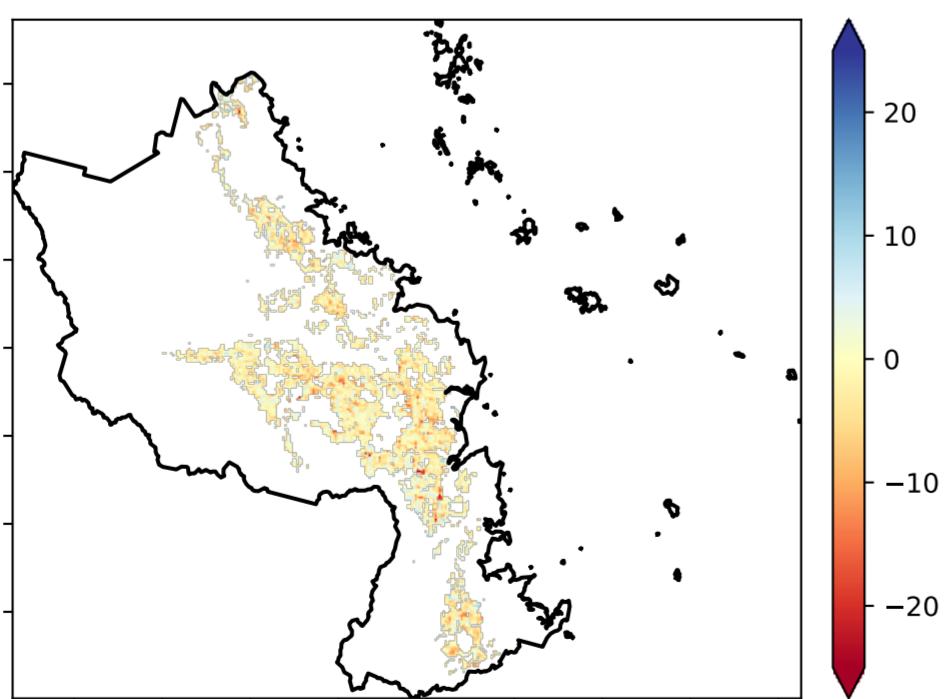


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



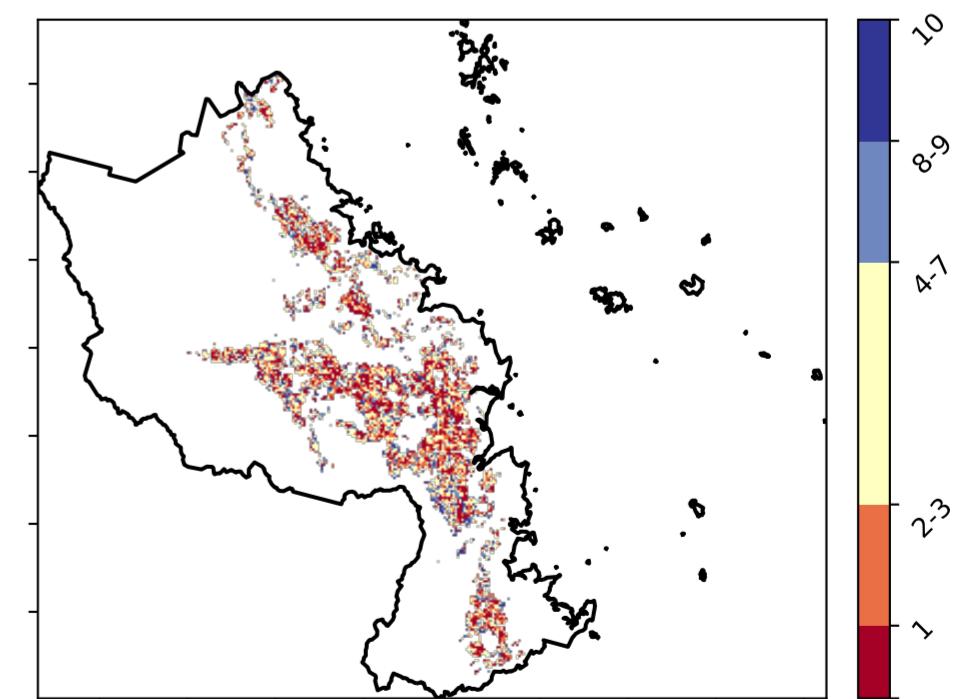
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



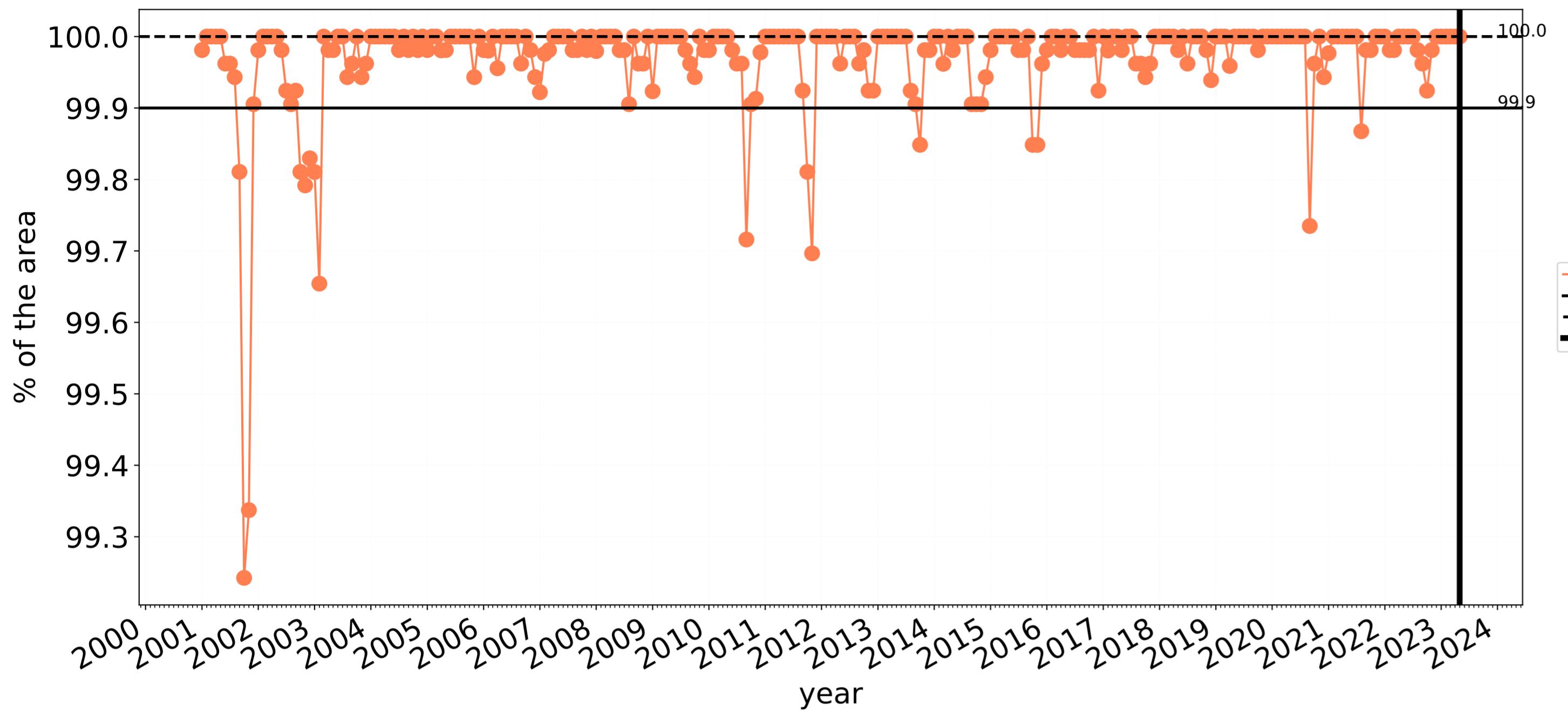
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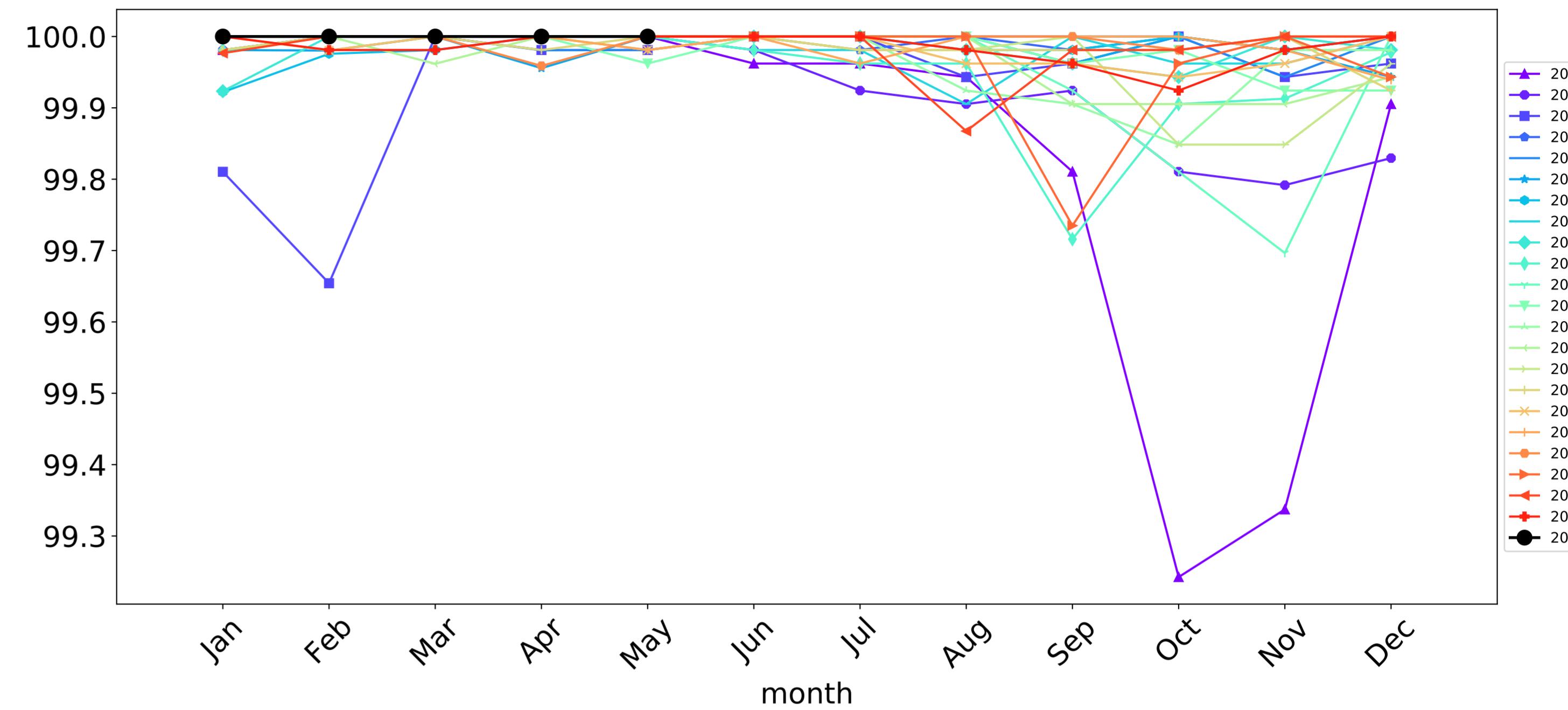


Irrigation timeseries

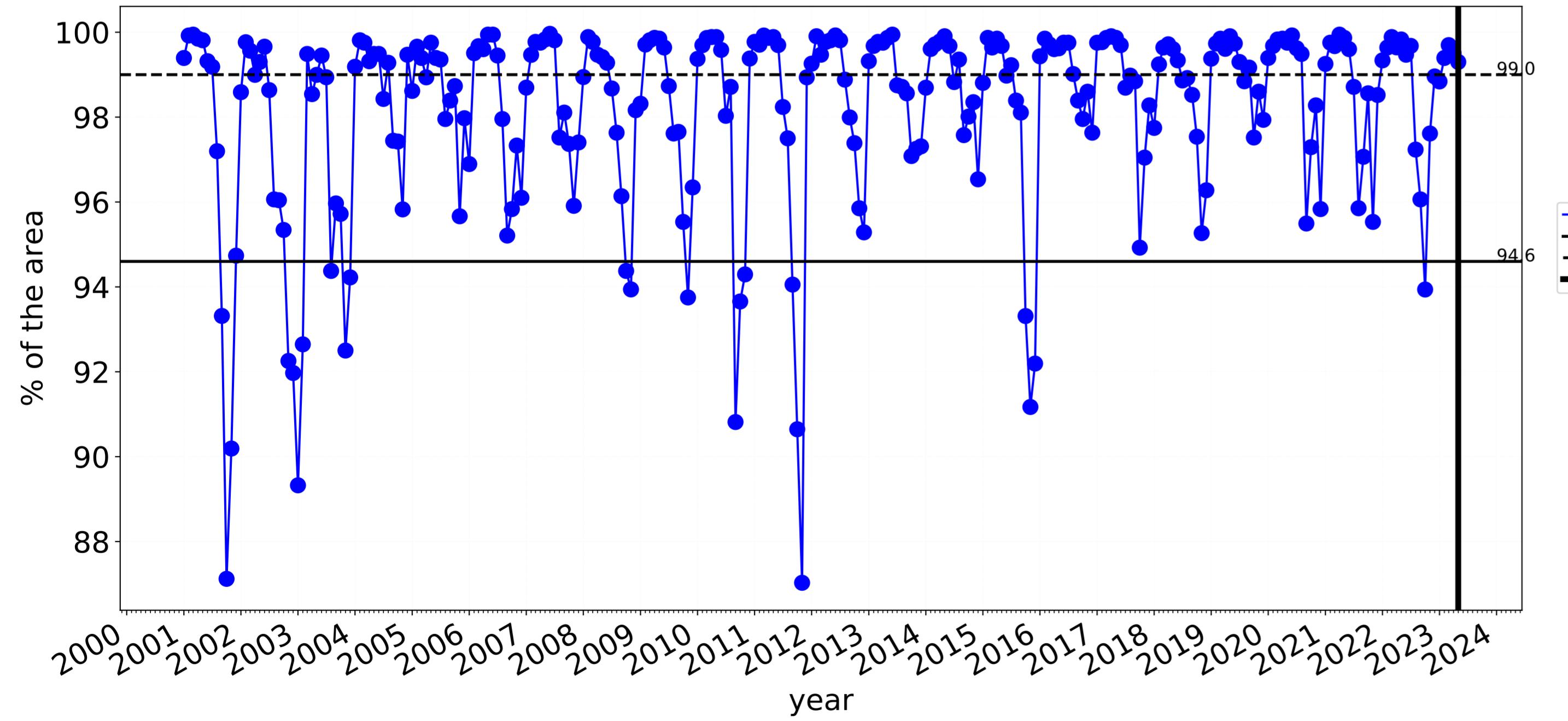
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



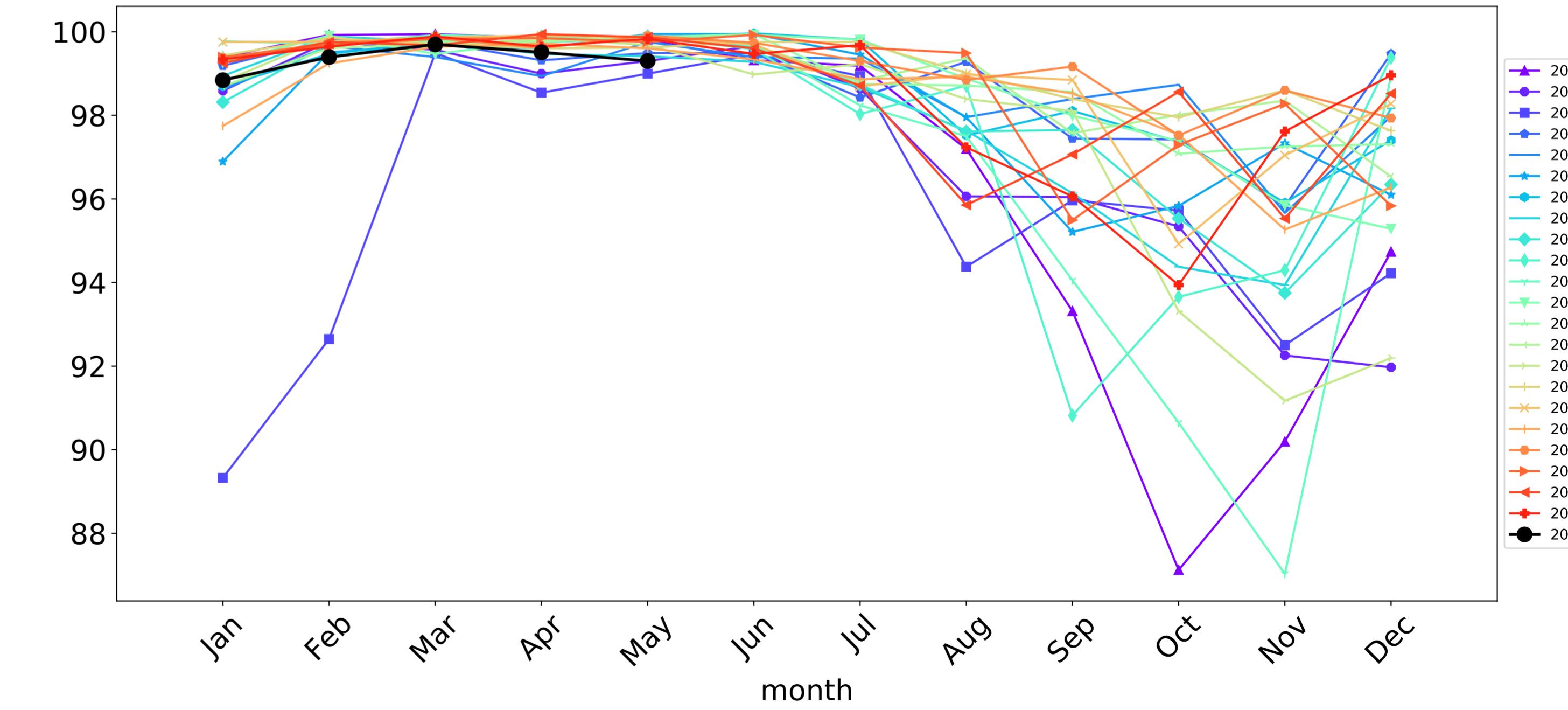
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

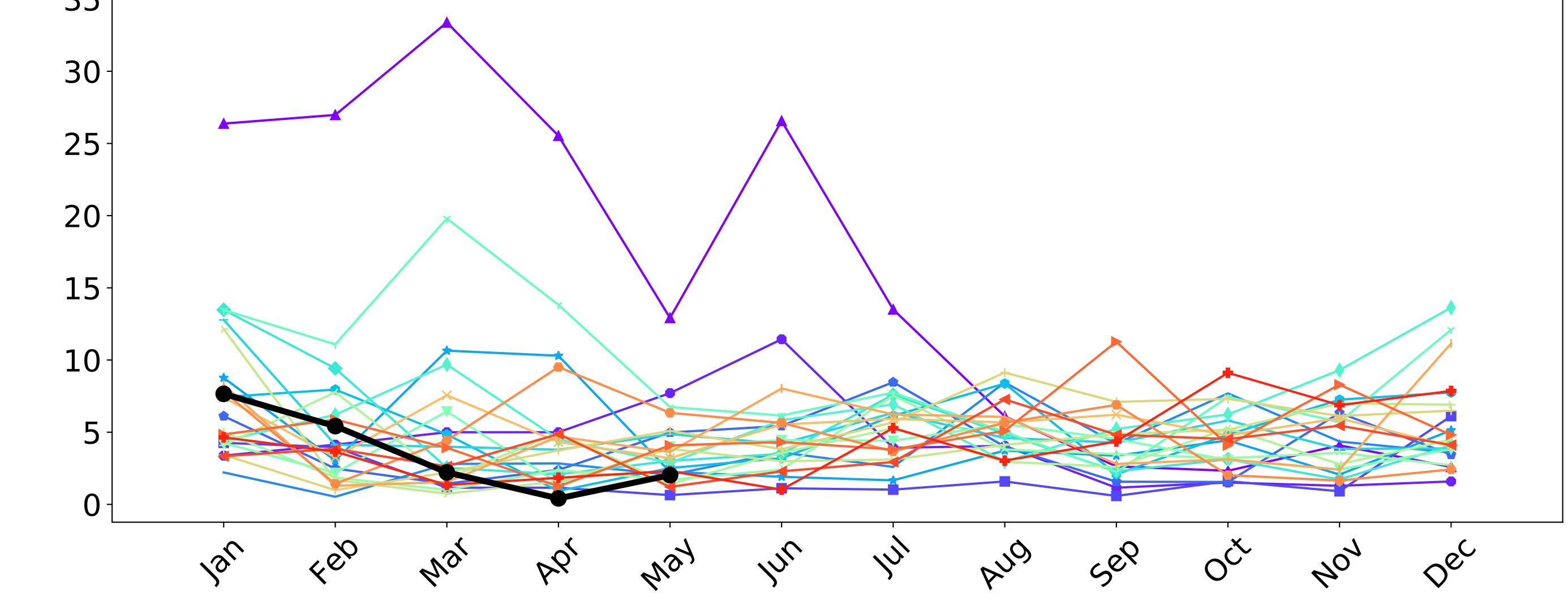
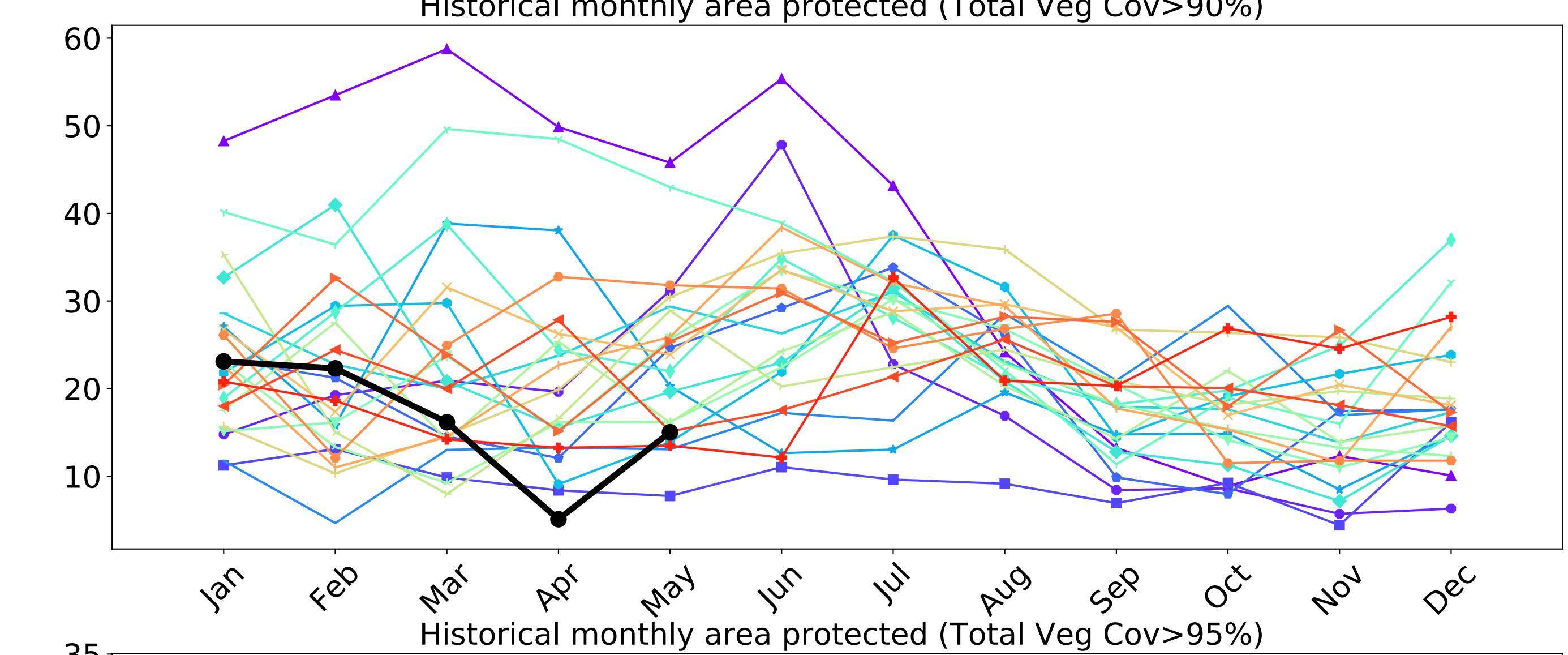
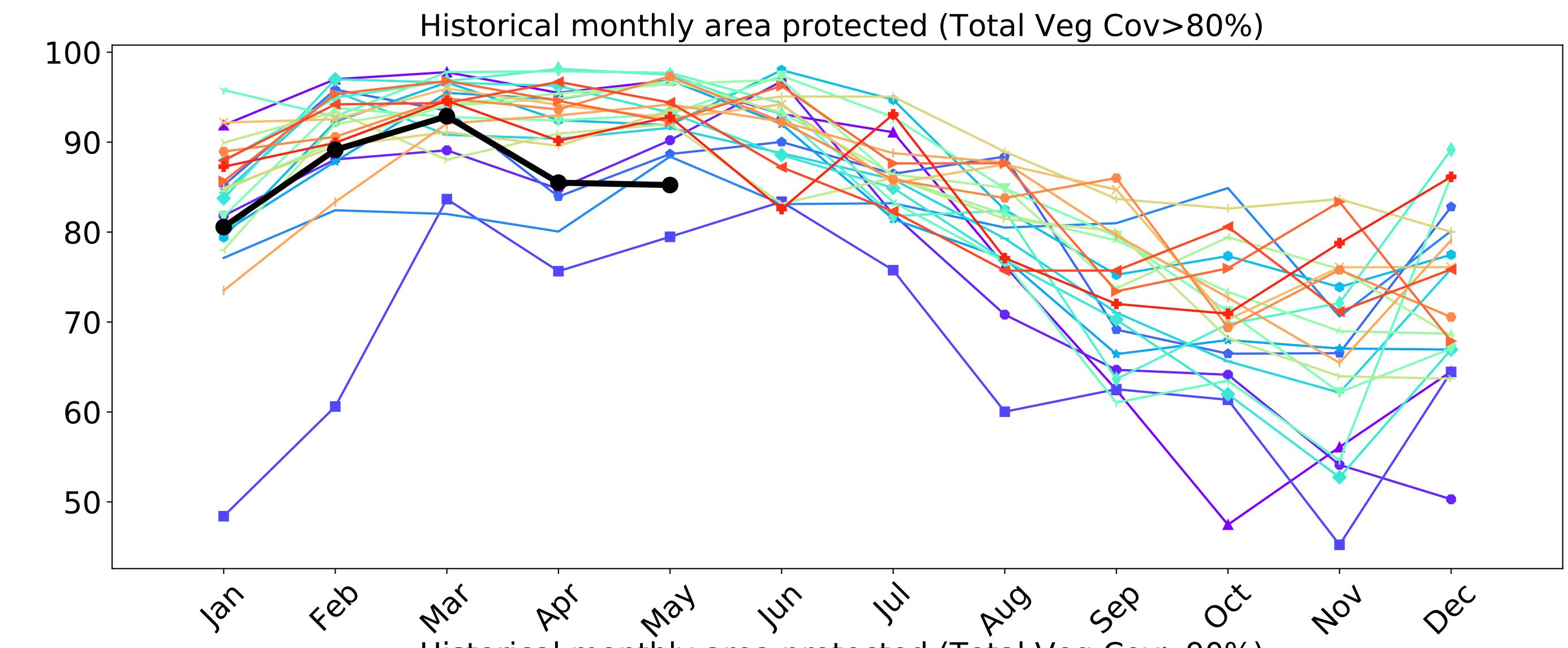
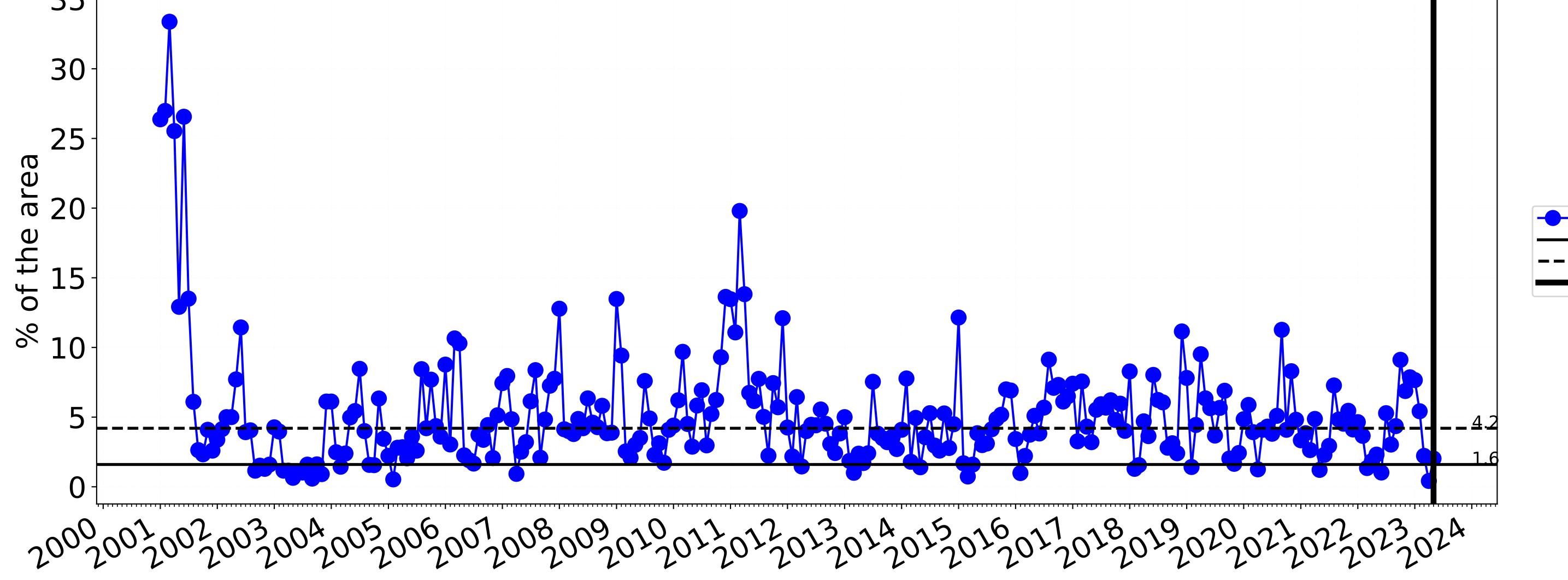
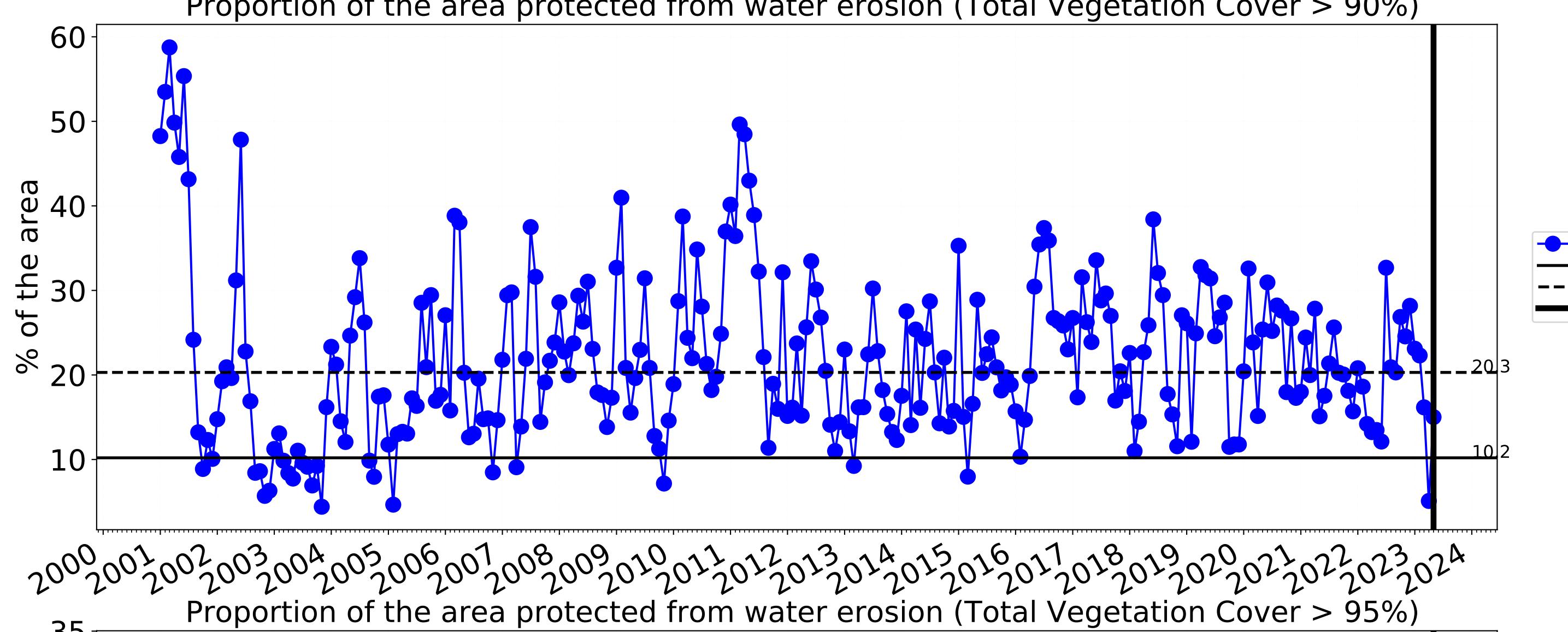
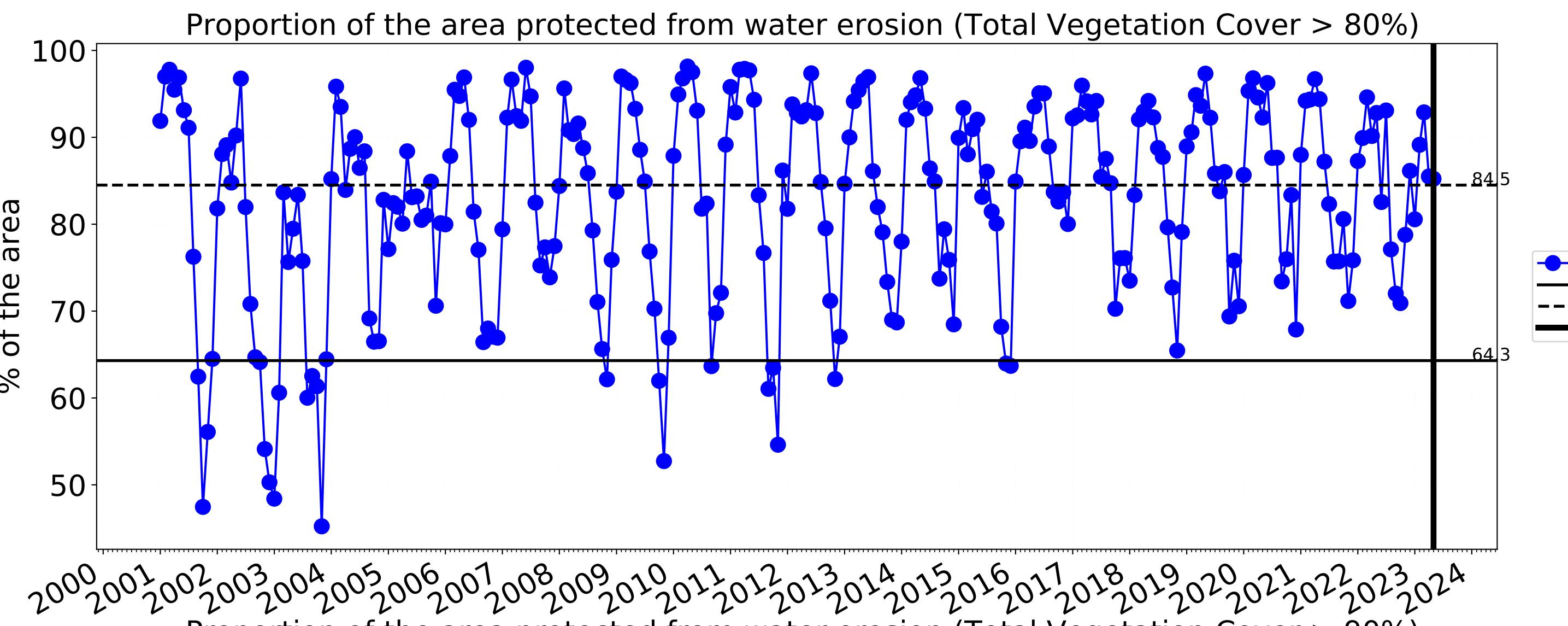


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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





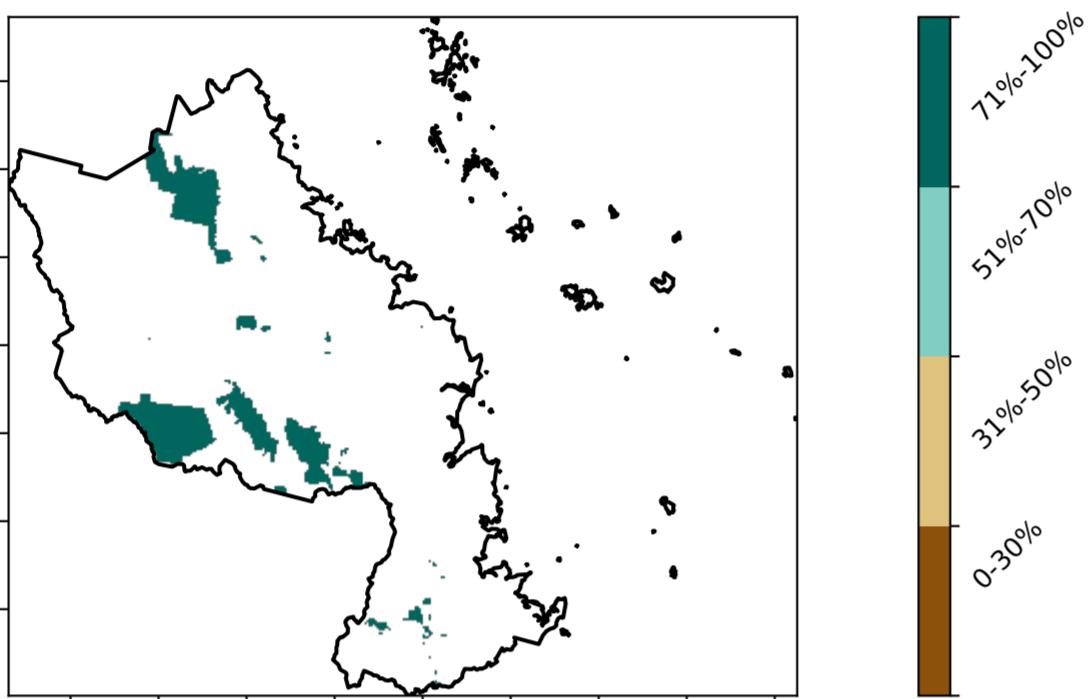
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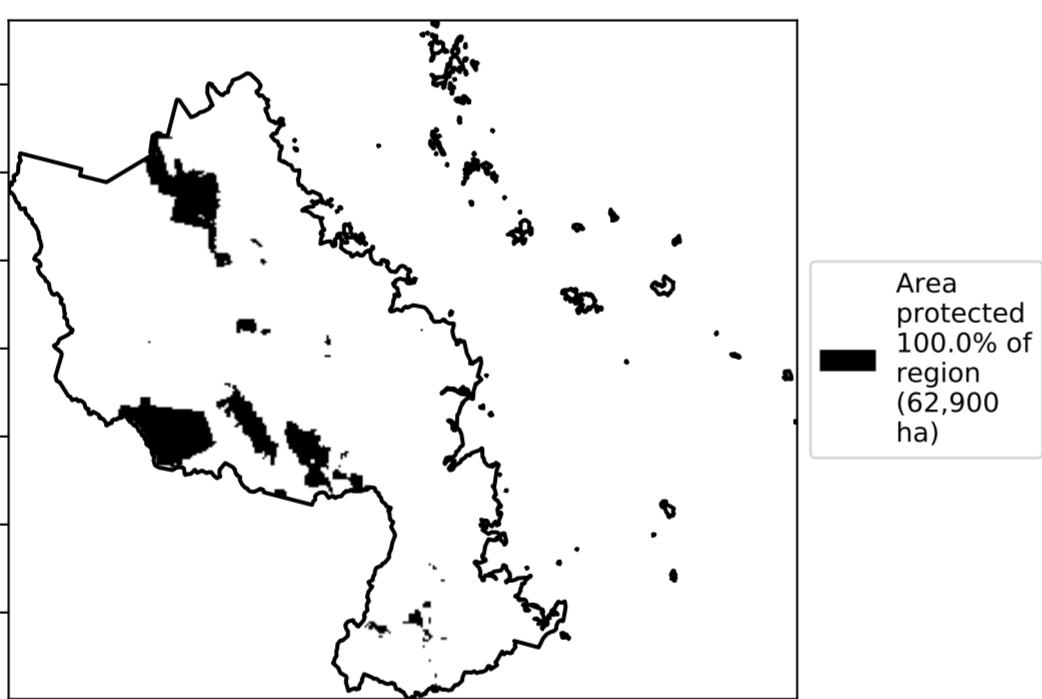
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



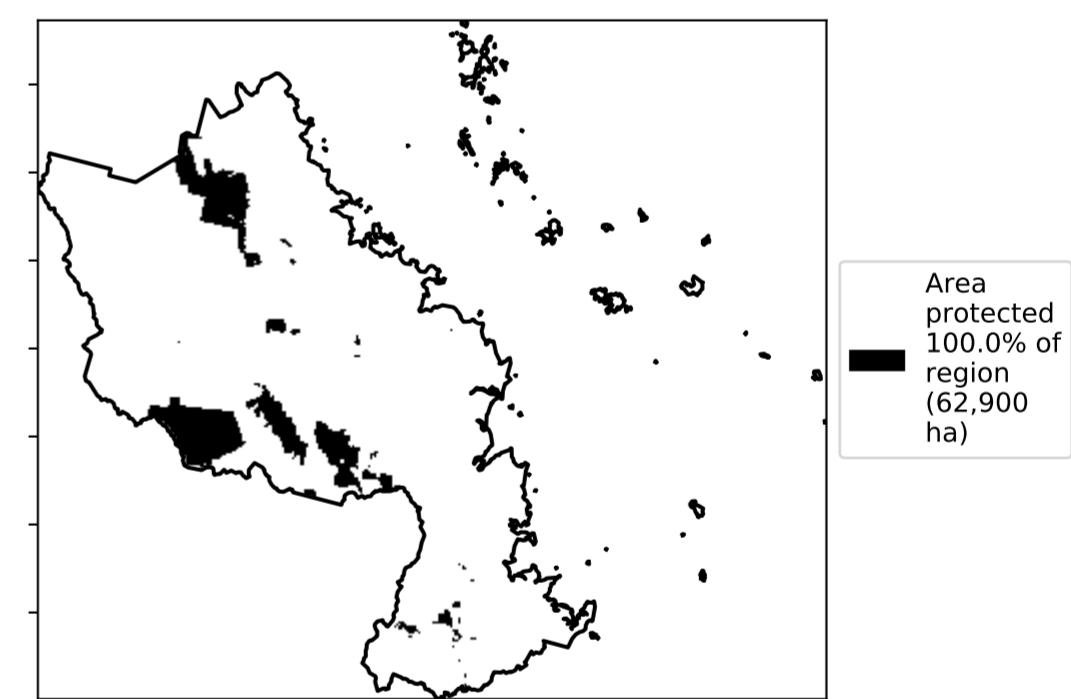
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

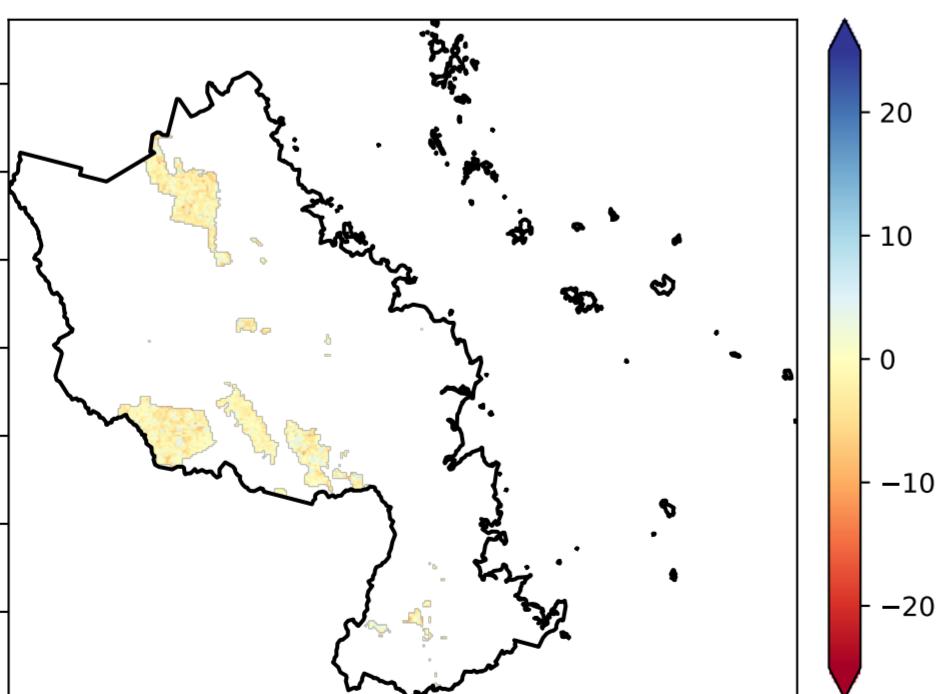


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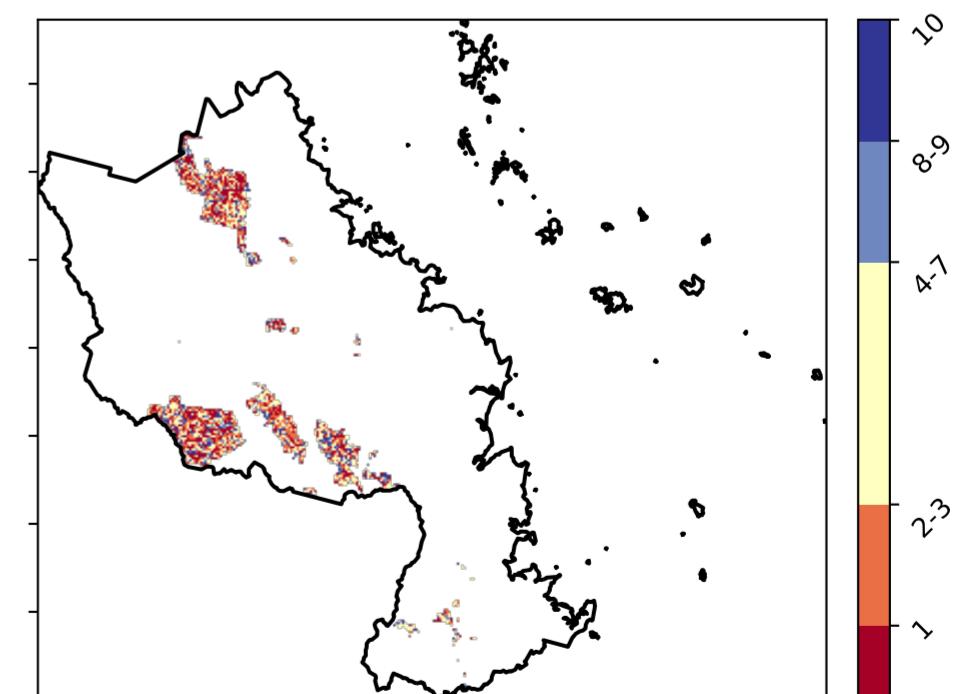
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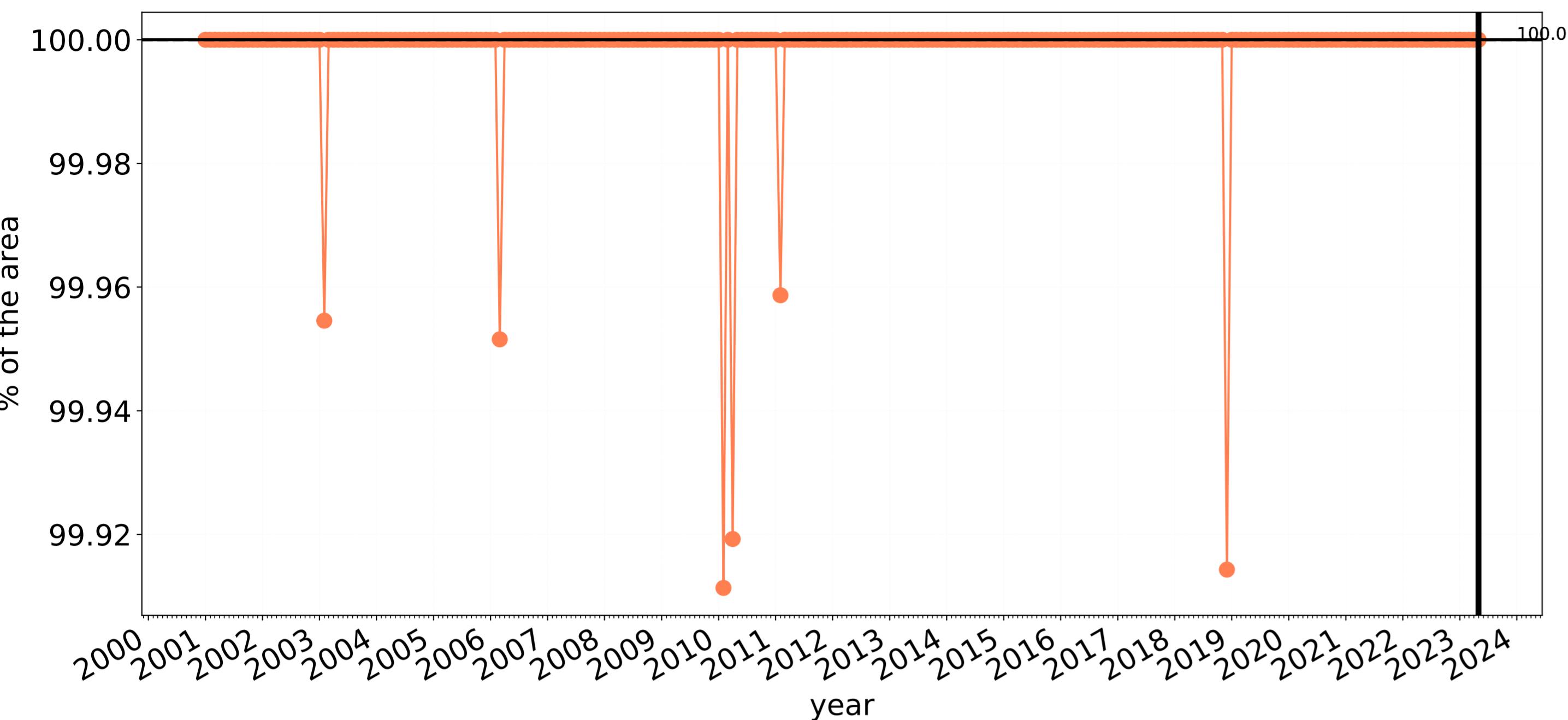


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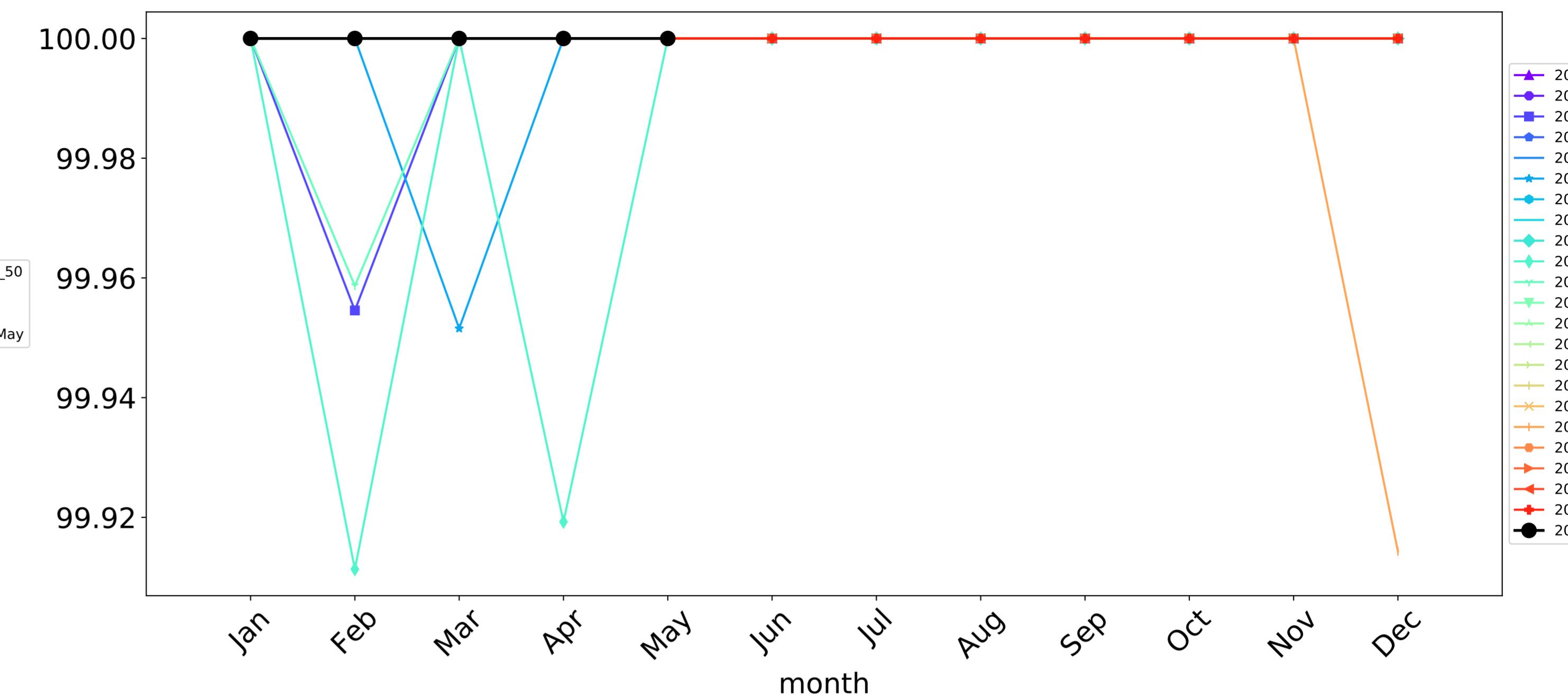


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

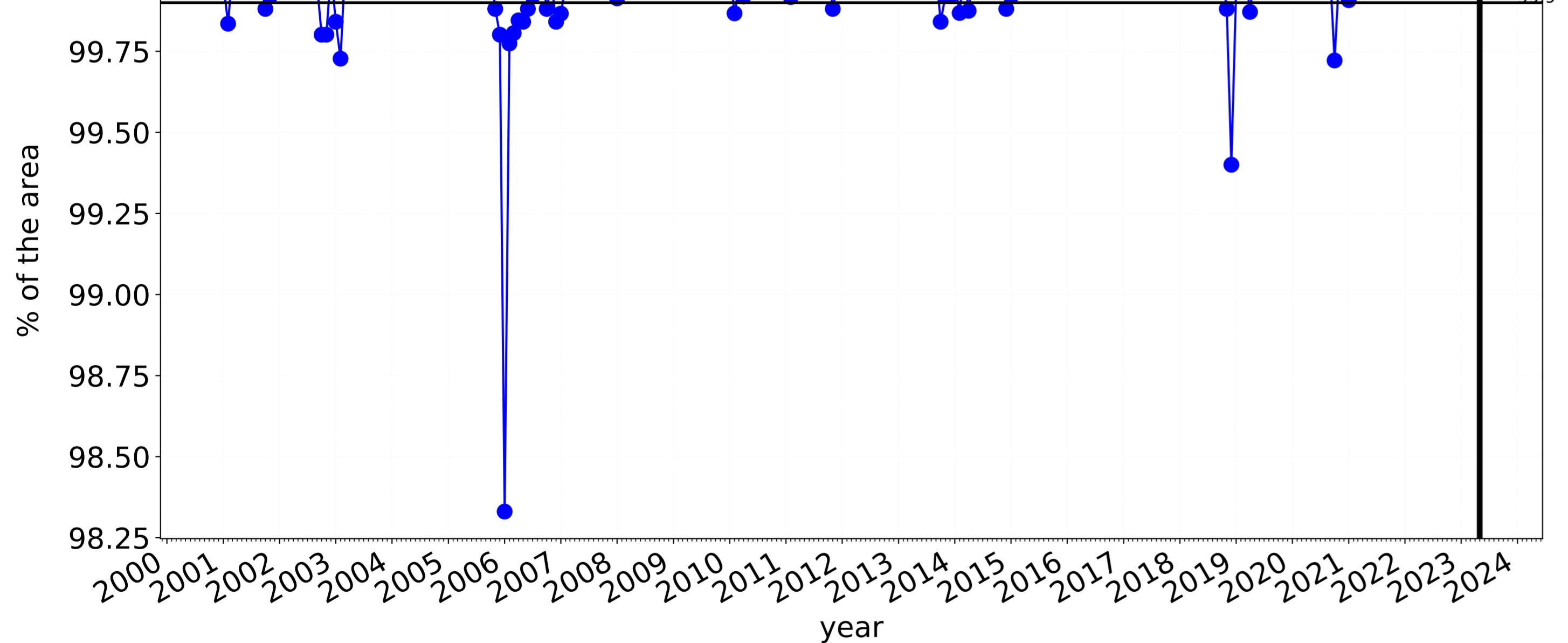
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



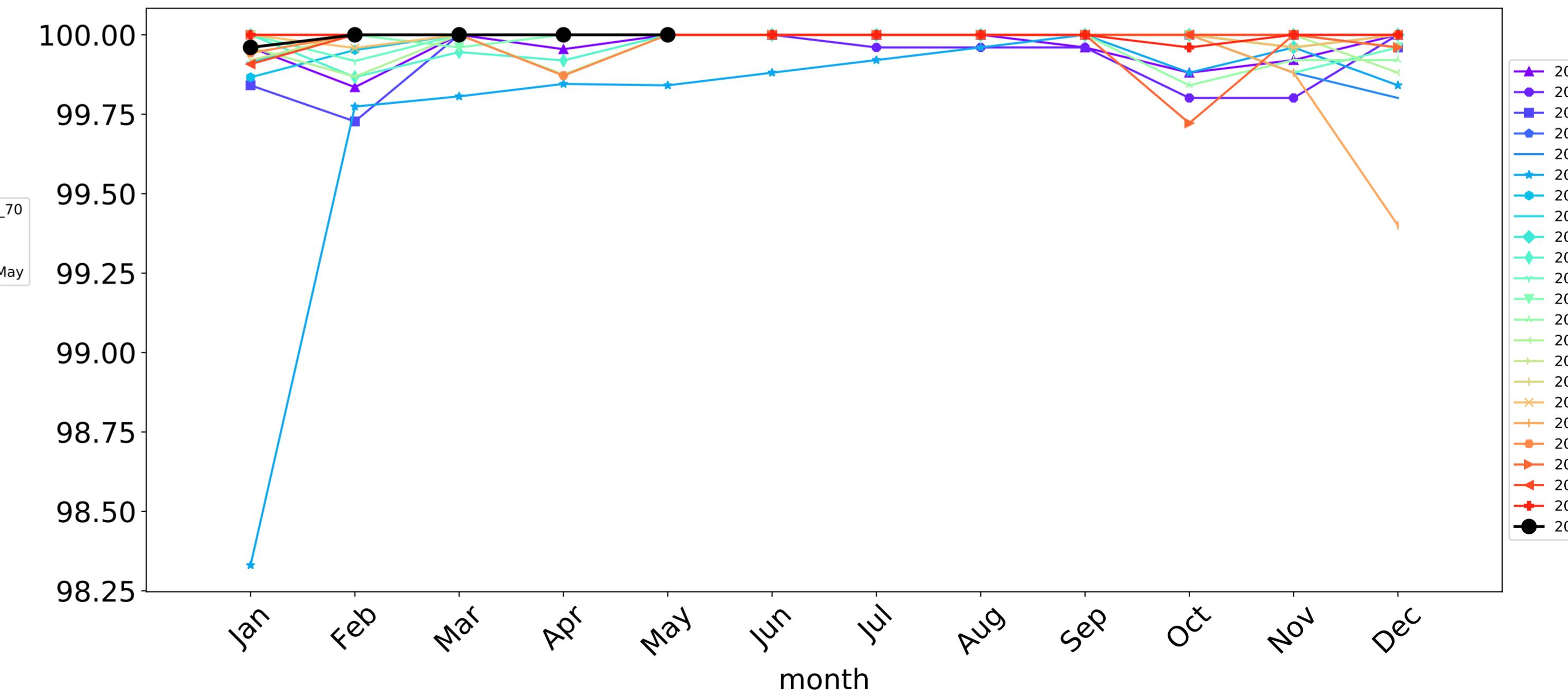
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



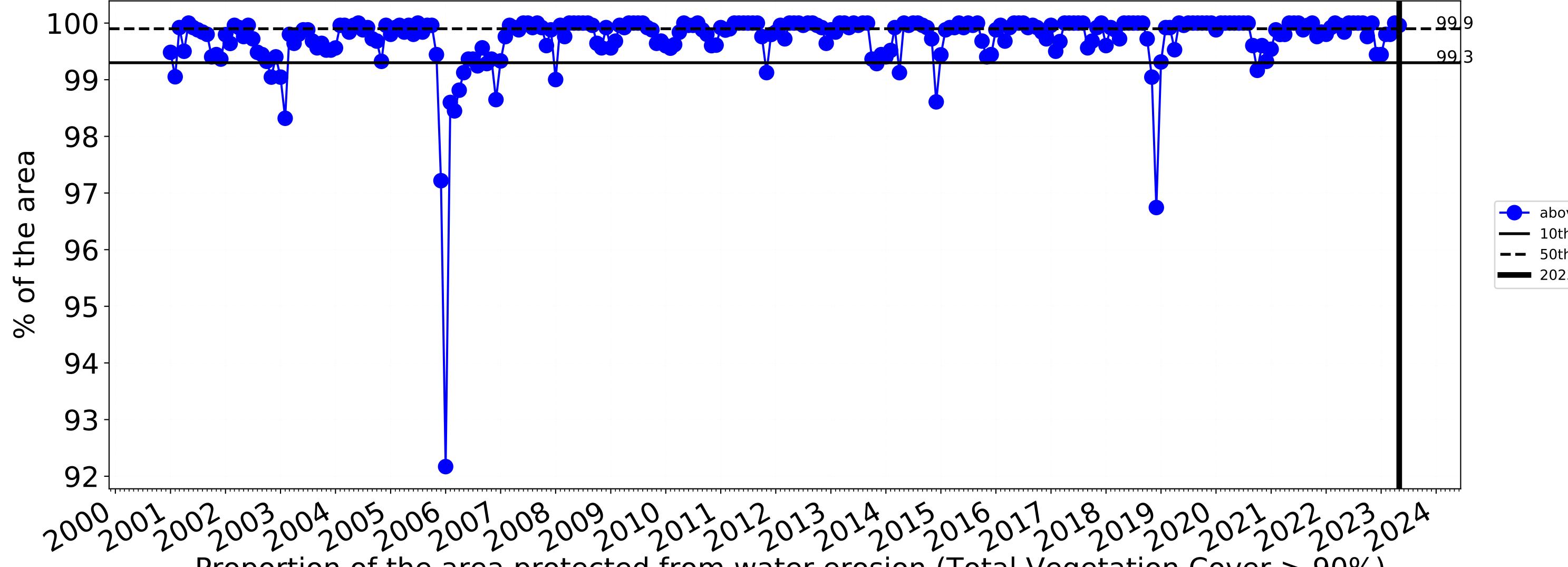
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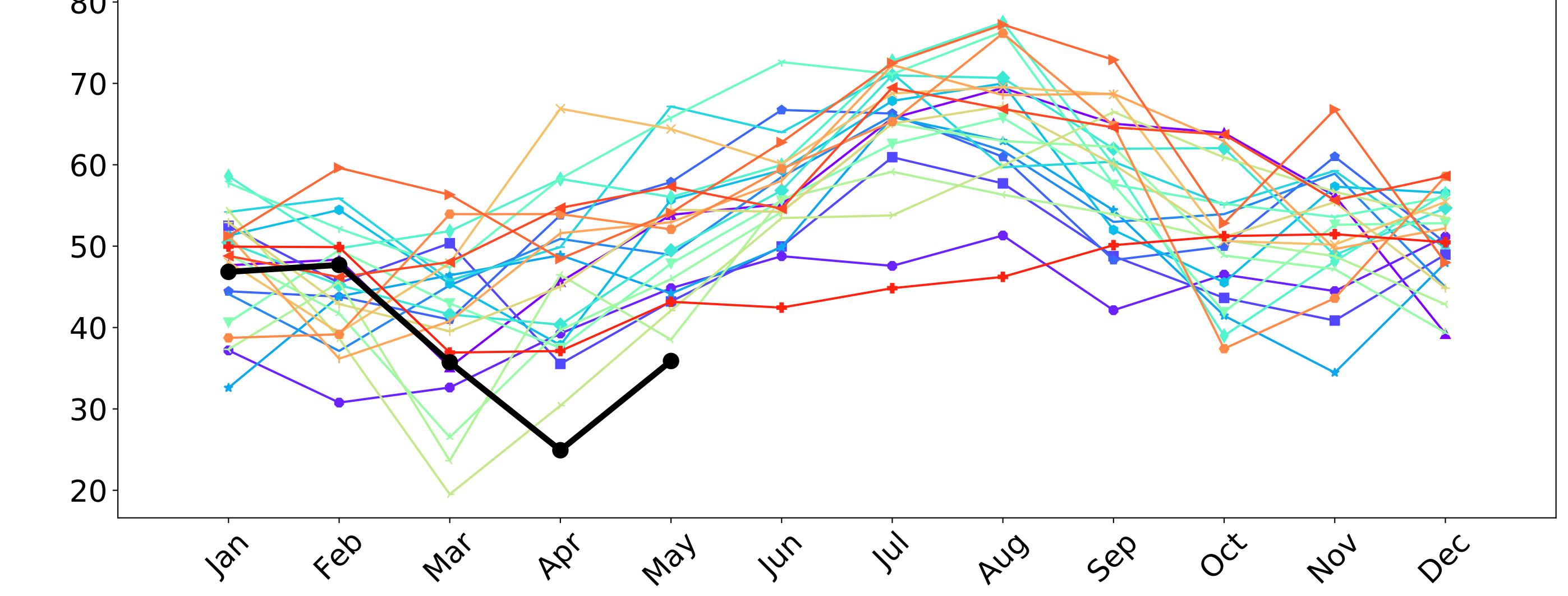
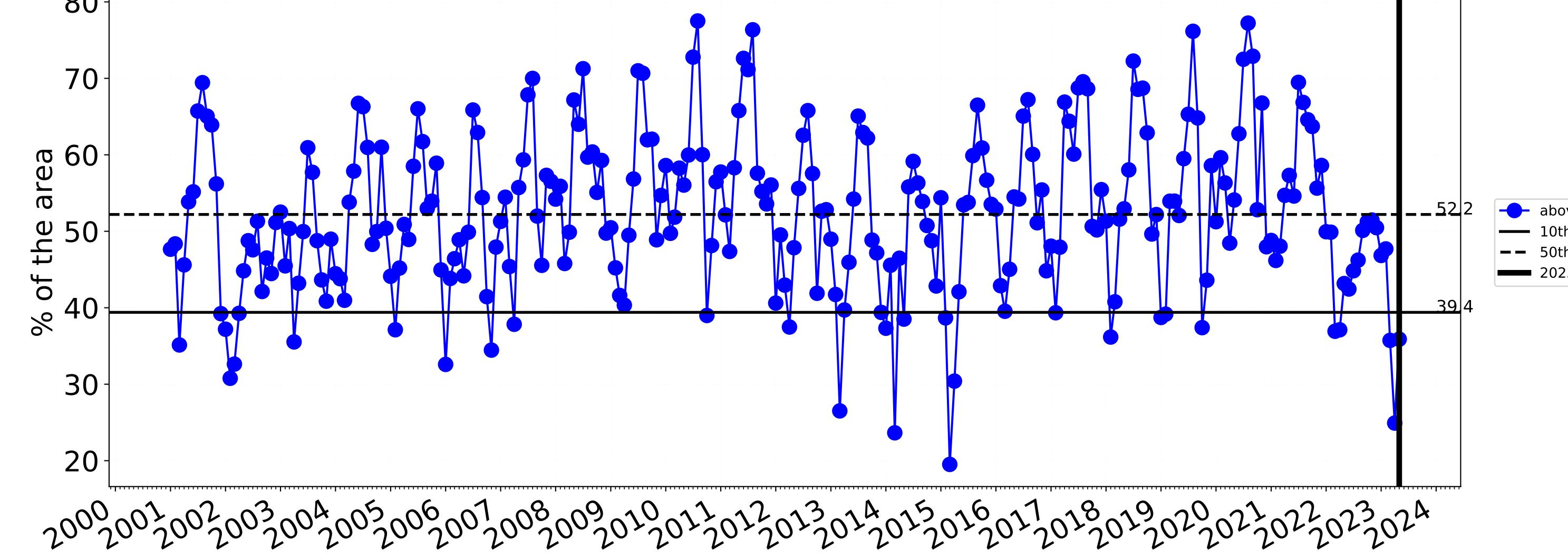
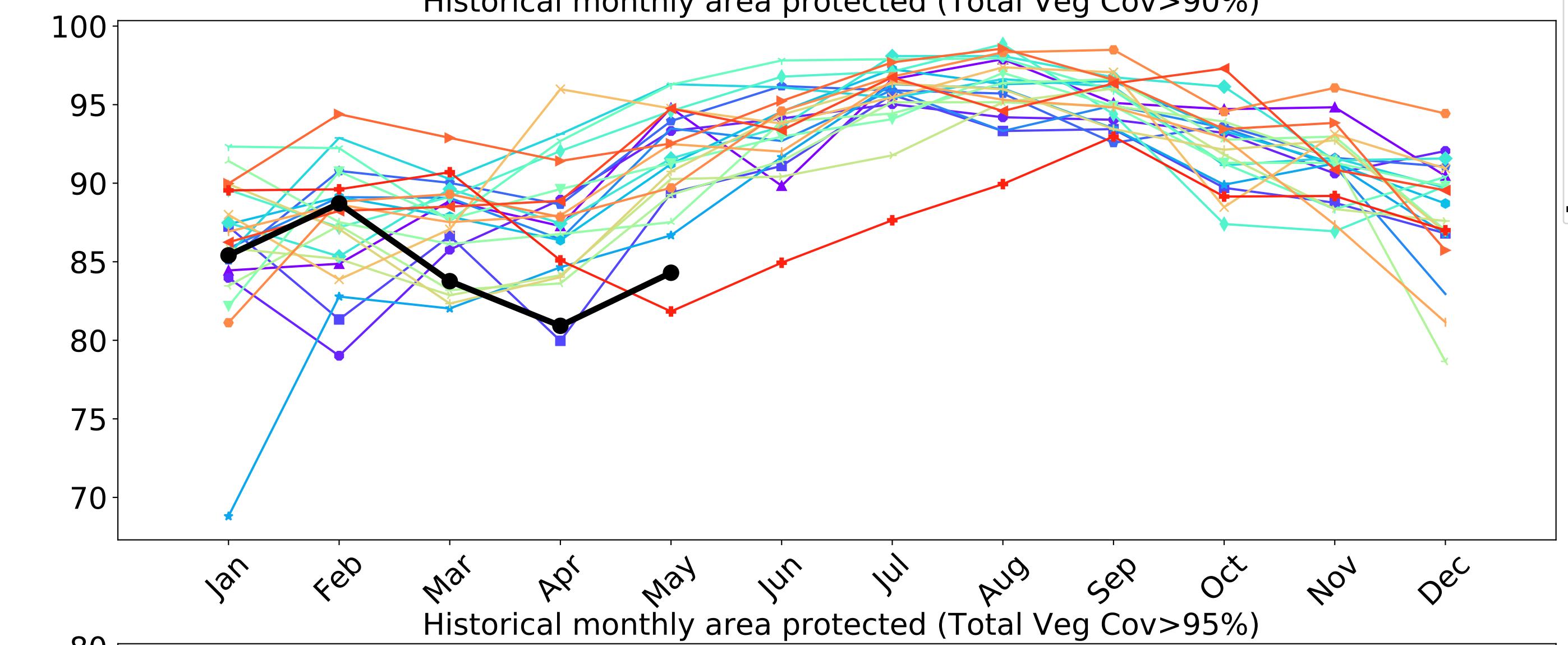
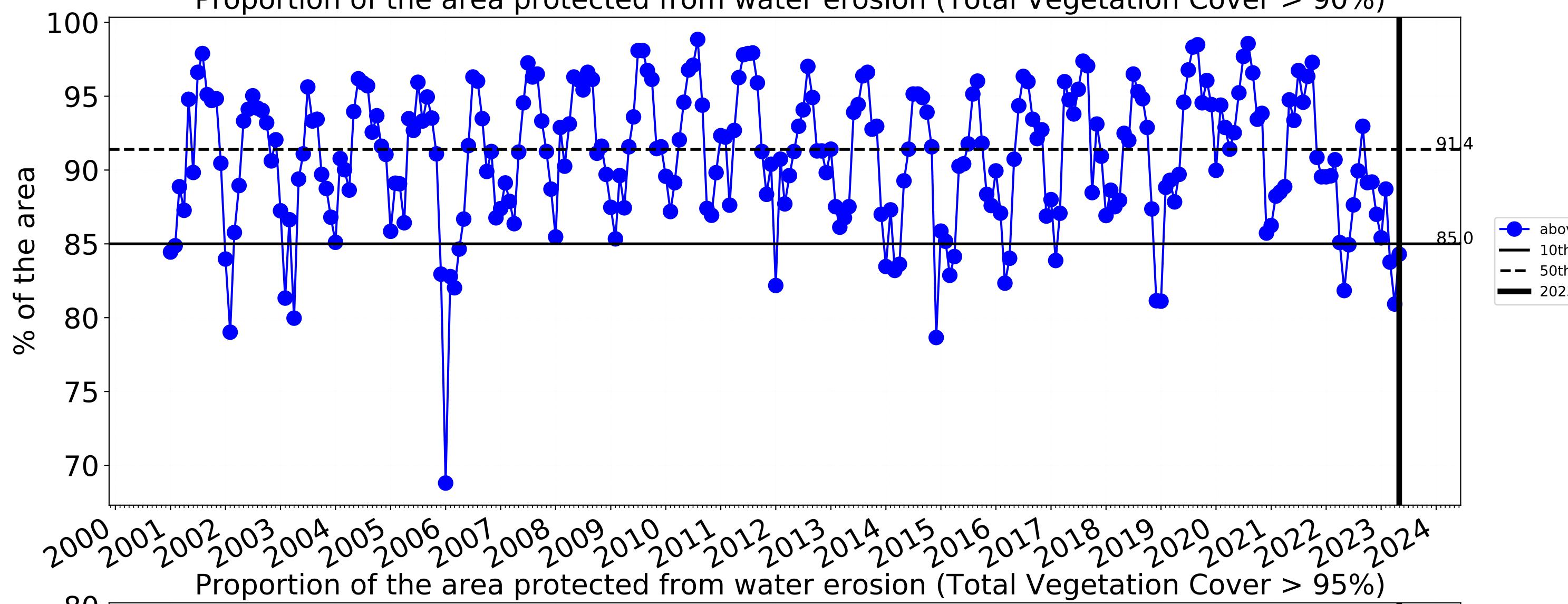
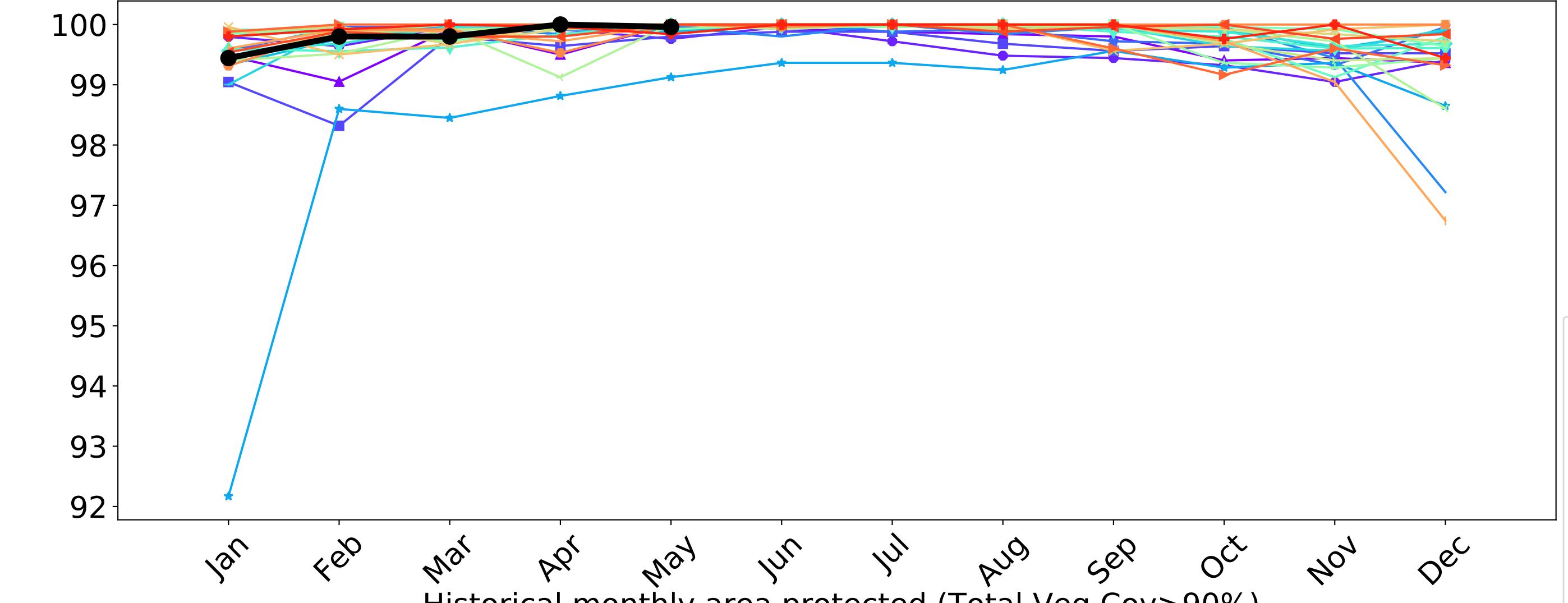
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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



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Mackay_(R) (750,075 ha and no data 11,236 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	750,075	100.0% 749,800	99.8% 748,900	98.7% 740,300	94.0% 704,775	61.0% 457,275	22.7% 170,425
Conservation and natural environments	192,725	99.9% 192,625	99.8% 192,350	99.1% 190,925	98.0% 188,775	73.9% 142,500	28.0% 54,000
Conservation and natural environments non forest	5,150	100.0% 5,150	98.5% 5,075	89.3% 4,600	78.6% 4,050	42.7% 2,200	16.5% 850
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	37,100	99.9% 37,050	99.5% 36,925	98.9% 36,675	96.8% 35,900	74.2% 27,525	32.9% 12,200
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	150,475	100.0% 150,425	99.9% 150,350	99.5% 149,650	98.9% 148,825	74.9% 112,775	27.2% 40,950
Agriculture	428,425	100.0% 428,425	100.0% 428,400	99.7% 426,950	94.9% 406,500	56.8% 243,200	20.9% 89,475
Grazing	295,800	100.0% 295,800	100.0% 295,775	99.8% 295,250	99.2% 293,375	75.3% 222,775	29.2% 86,350
Grazing non forest	140,050	100.0% 140,050	100.0% 140,025	99.6% 139,525	98.4% 137,875	68.4% 95,825	25.9% 36,300
Grazing Woodland forest	108,700	100.0% 108,700	100.0% 108,700	100.0% 108,675	99.8% 108,475	79.2% 86,125	27.0% 29,325
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	99.9% 47,025	86.8% 40,825	44.0% 20,725
Irrigation	132,025	100.0% 132,025	100.0% 132,025	99.3% 131,100	85.2% 112,525	15.0% 19,825	2.0% 2,675
Production native forests and plantation forests	62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,875	84.3% 53,025	35.9% 22,575



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