### 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: March 2025

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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









### **Vegetation Cover Mar 2025**

### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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(2018) and Forests

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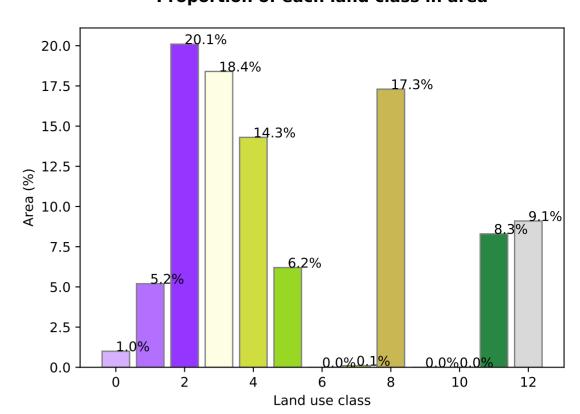
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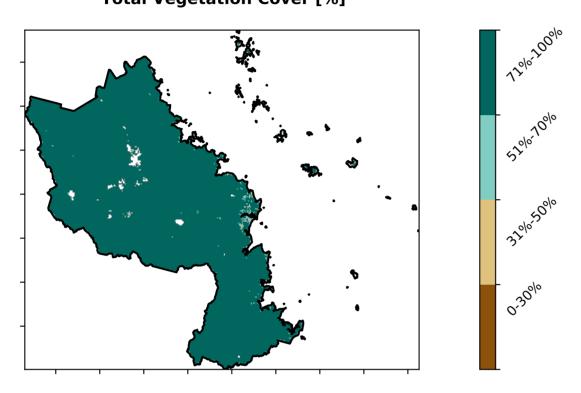
Land Use and Forests

### Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest Catchment Scale Land 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 12 Production native forests and plantation forests 13 Other uses

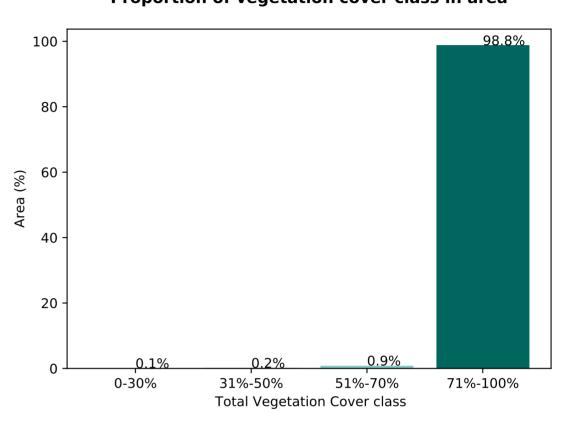
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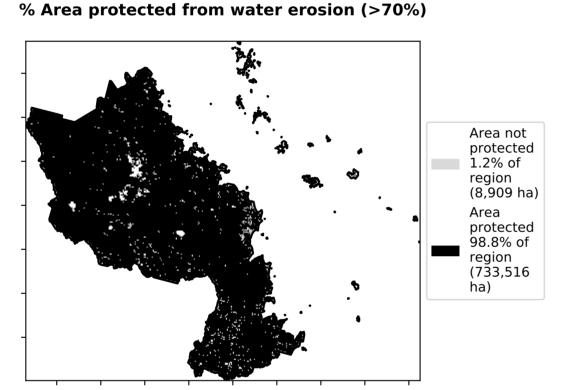


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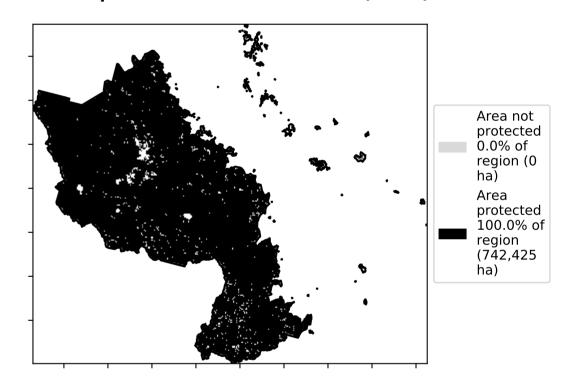


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

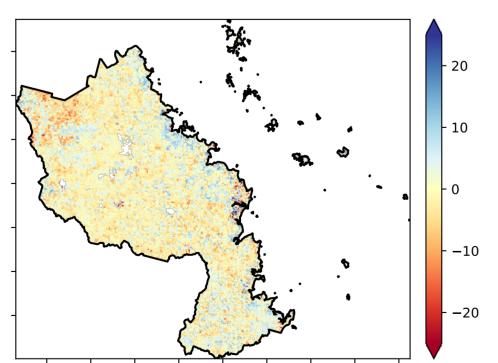




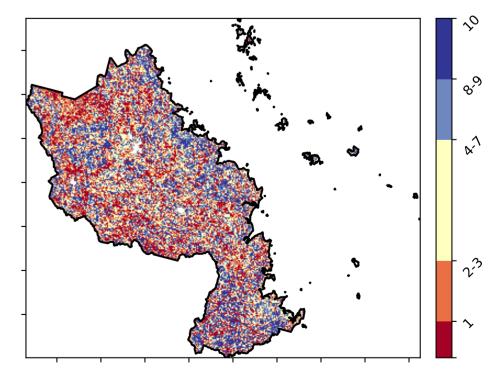
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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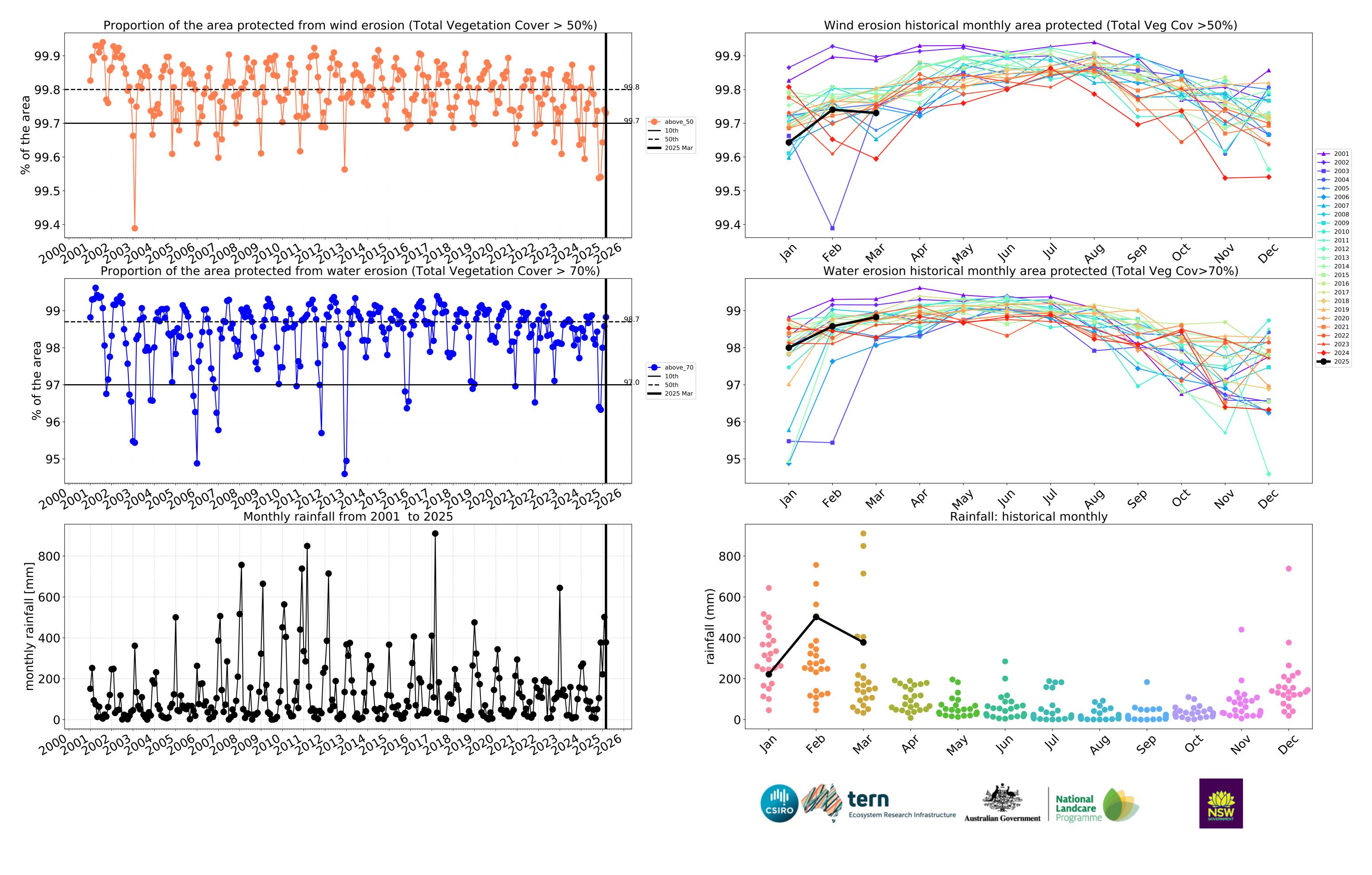




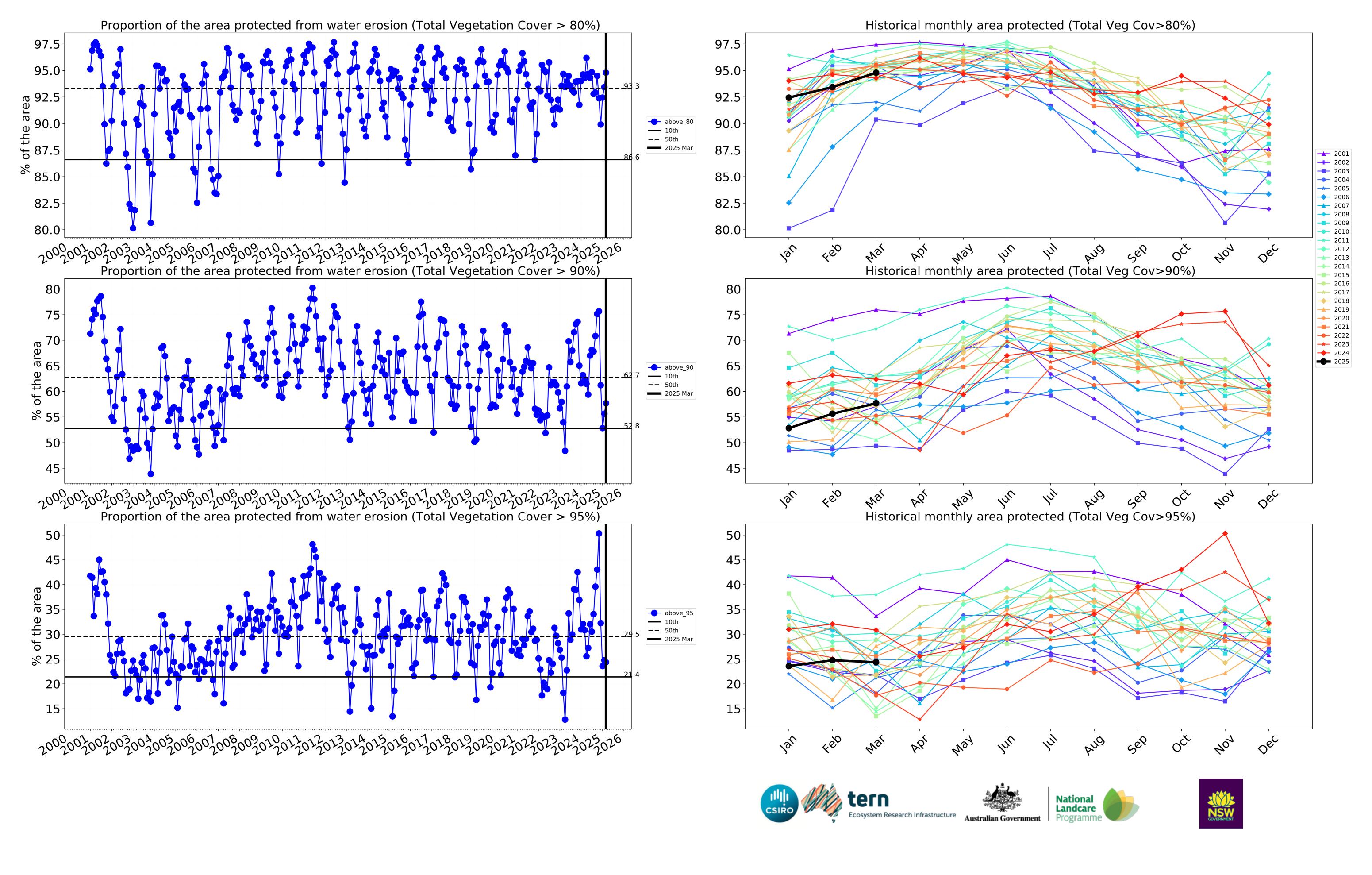








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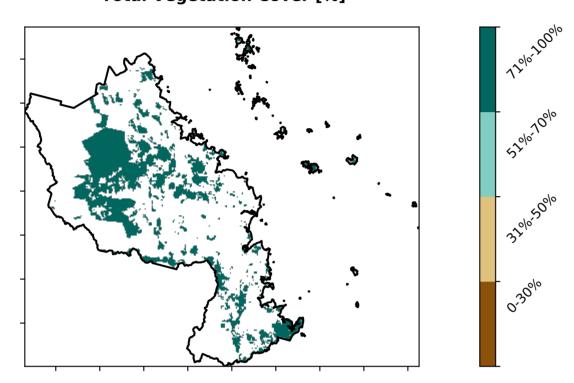
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### **Conservation and natural environments**

### Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) ${\bf 1}$ Conservation and natural environments - Nonforest Derived from 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-(2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

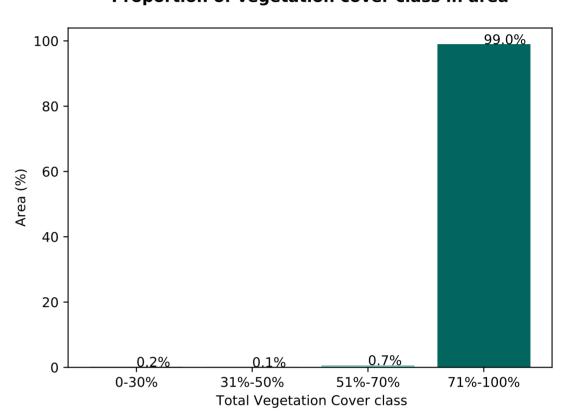
### **Proportion of each land class in area** 80 76.5% 70 60 50 Area (%) 30 19.8% 20 10 3.7% 1.0 2.0 2.5 1.5 -0.50.0 0.5

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

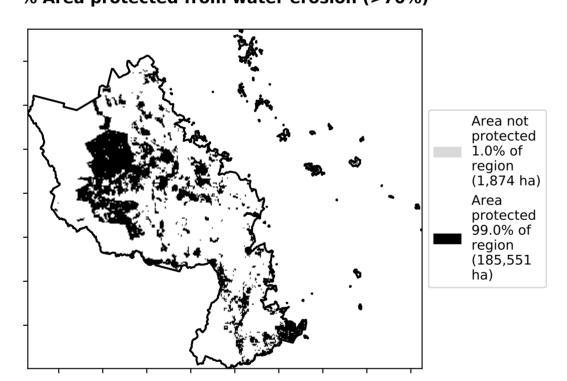


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

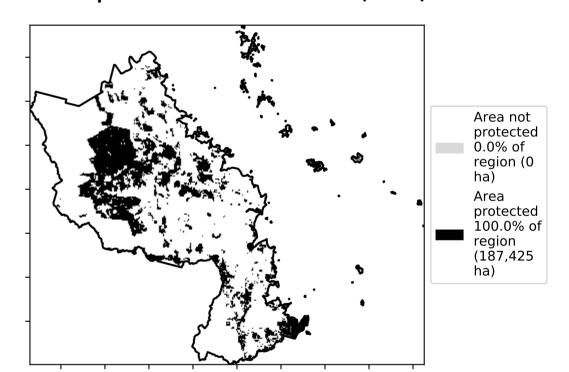
Land use class



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



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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

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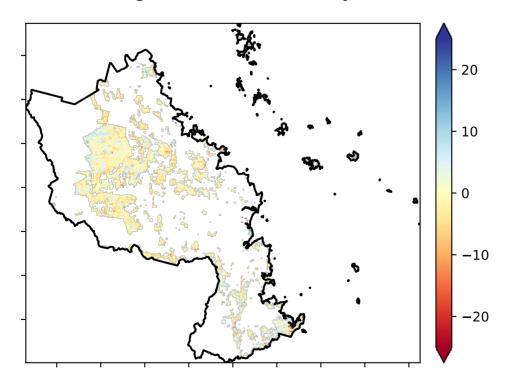
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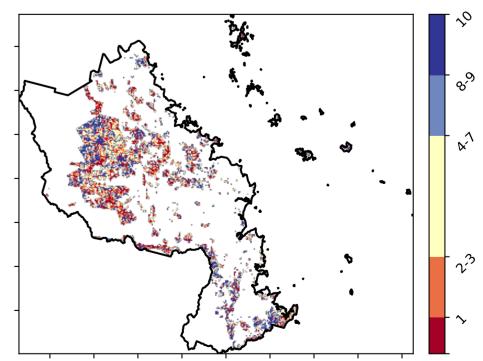
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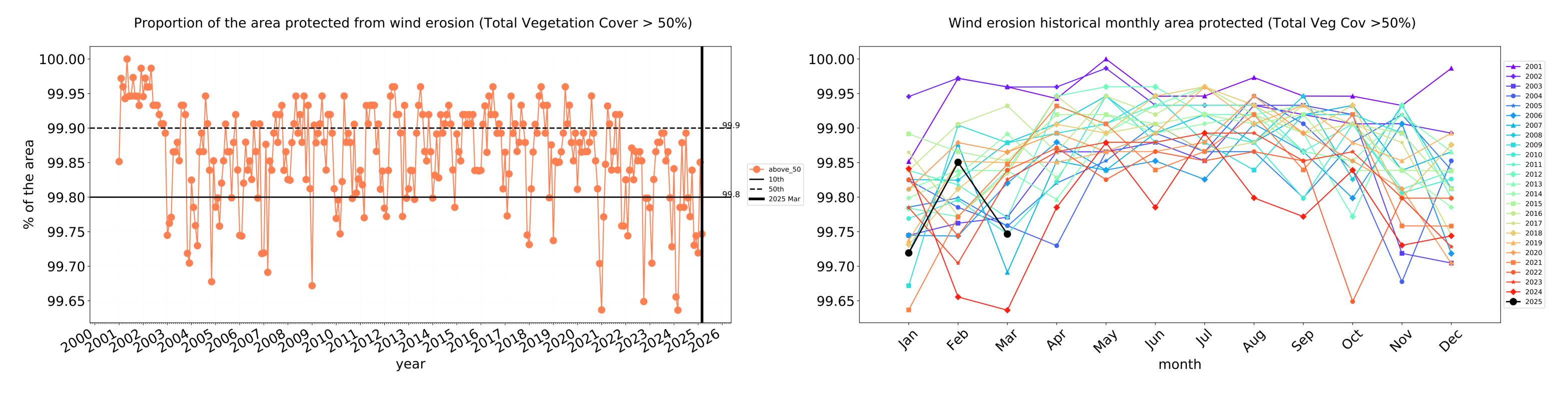


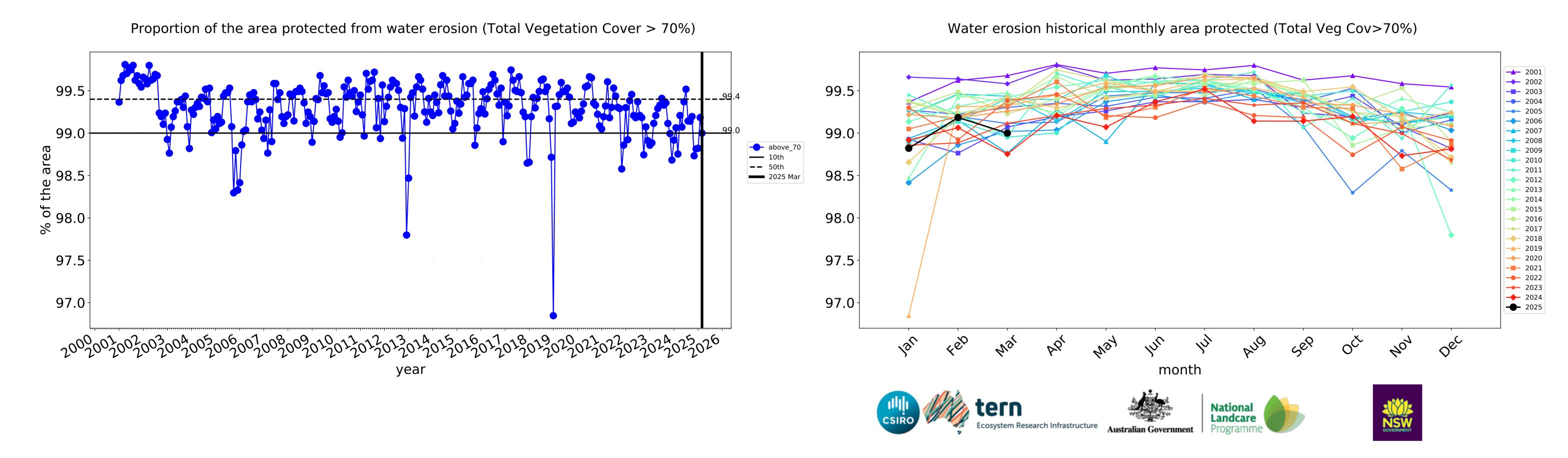


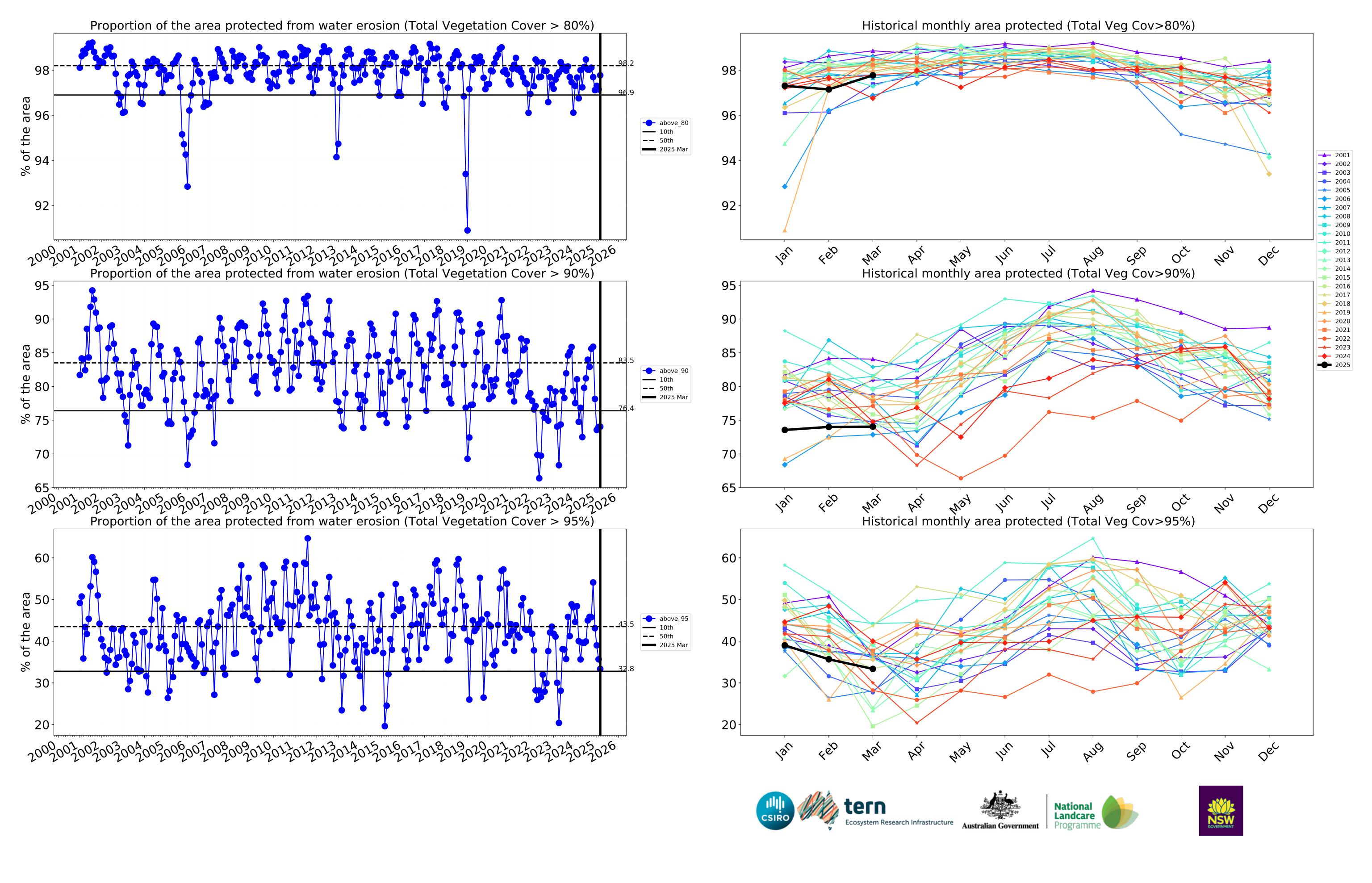




### **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







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

### Land use and forest cover

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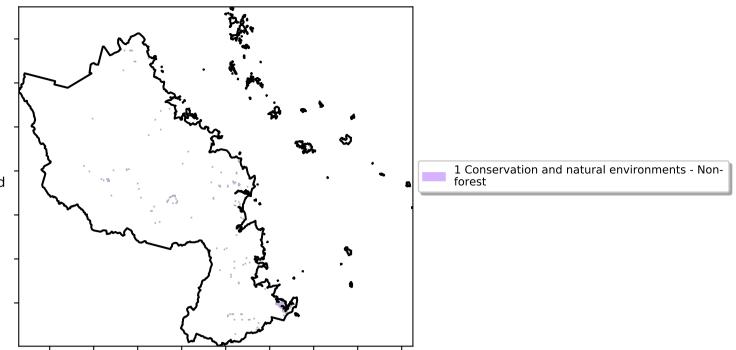
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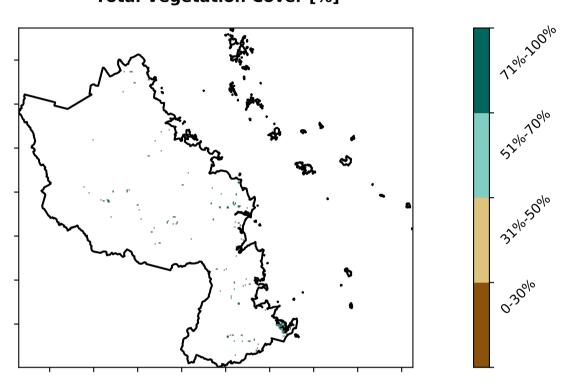
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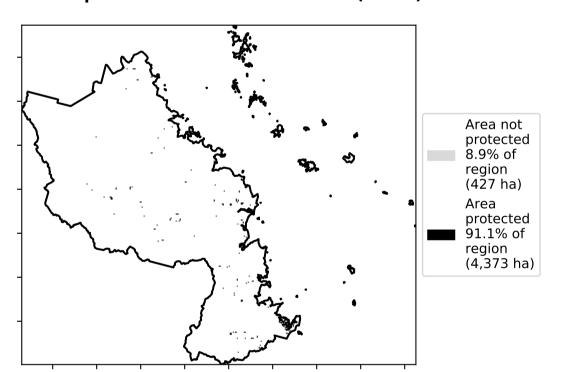
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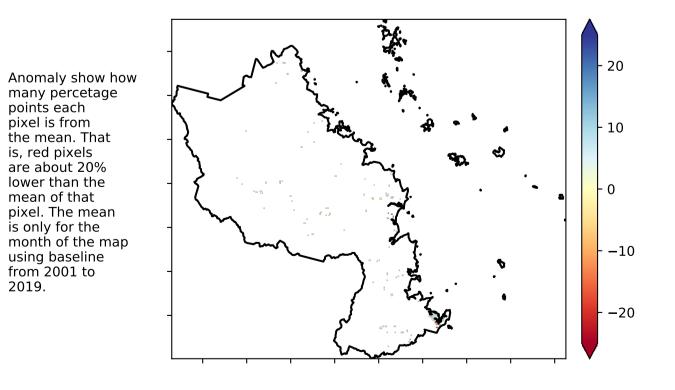
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

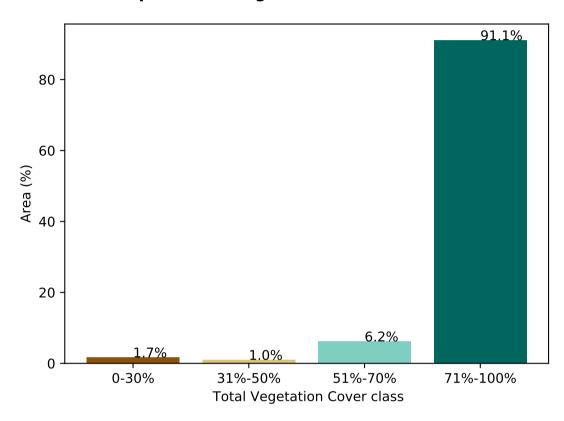


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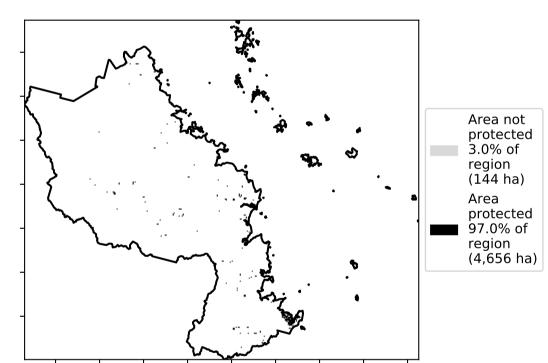


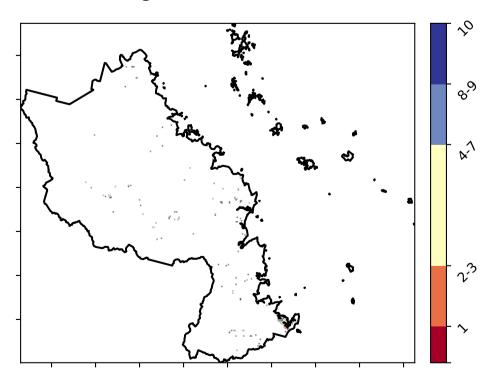
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





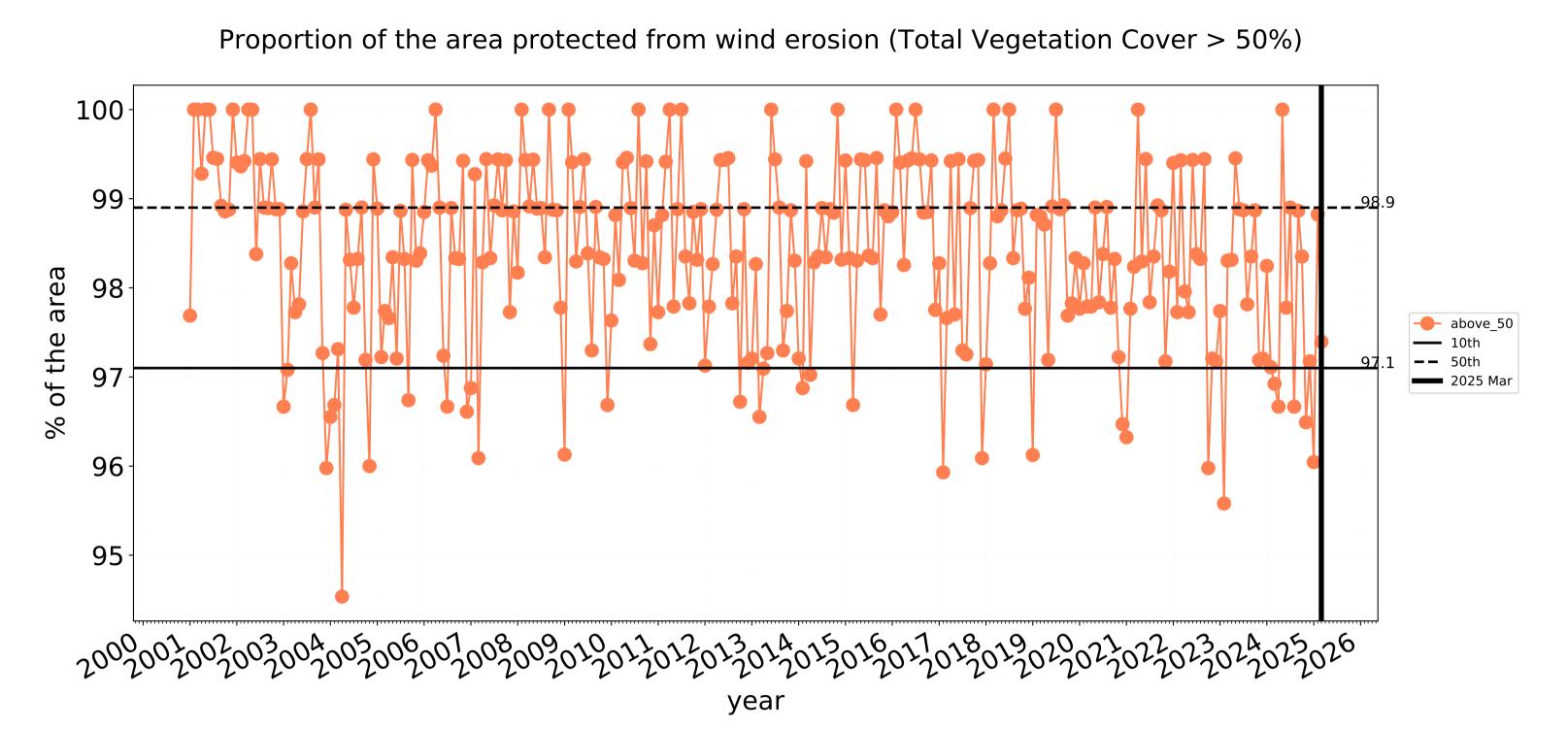


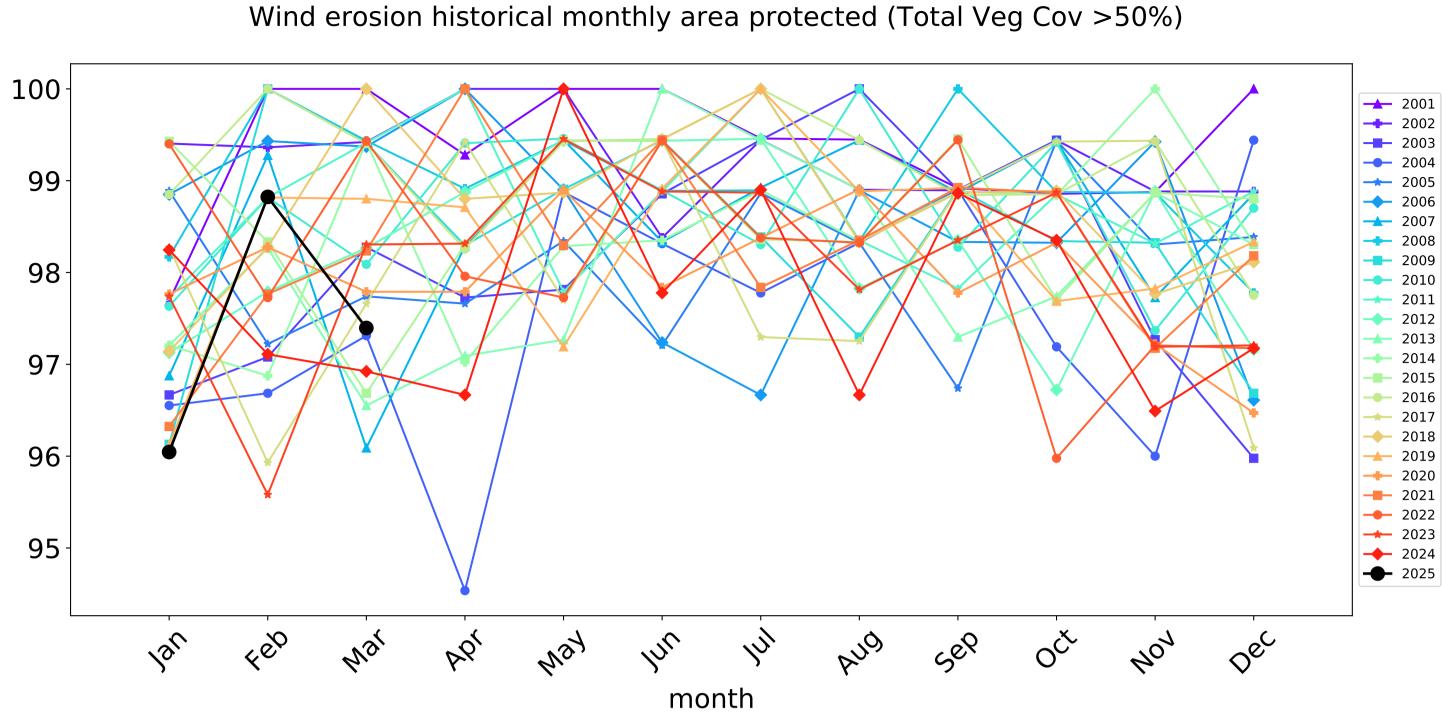


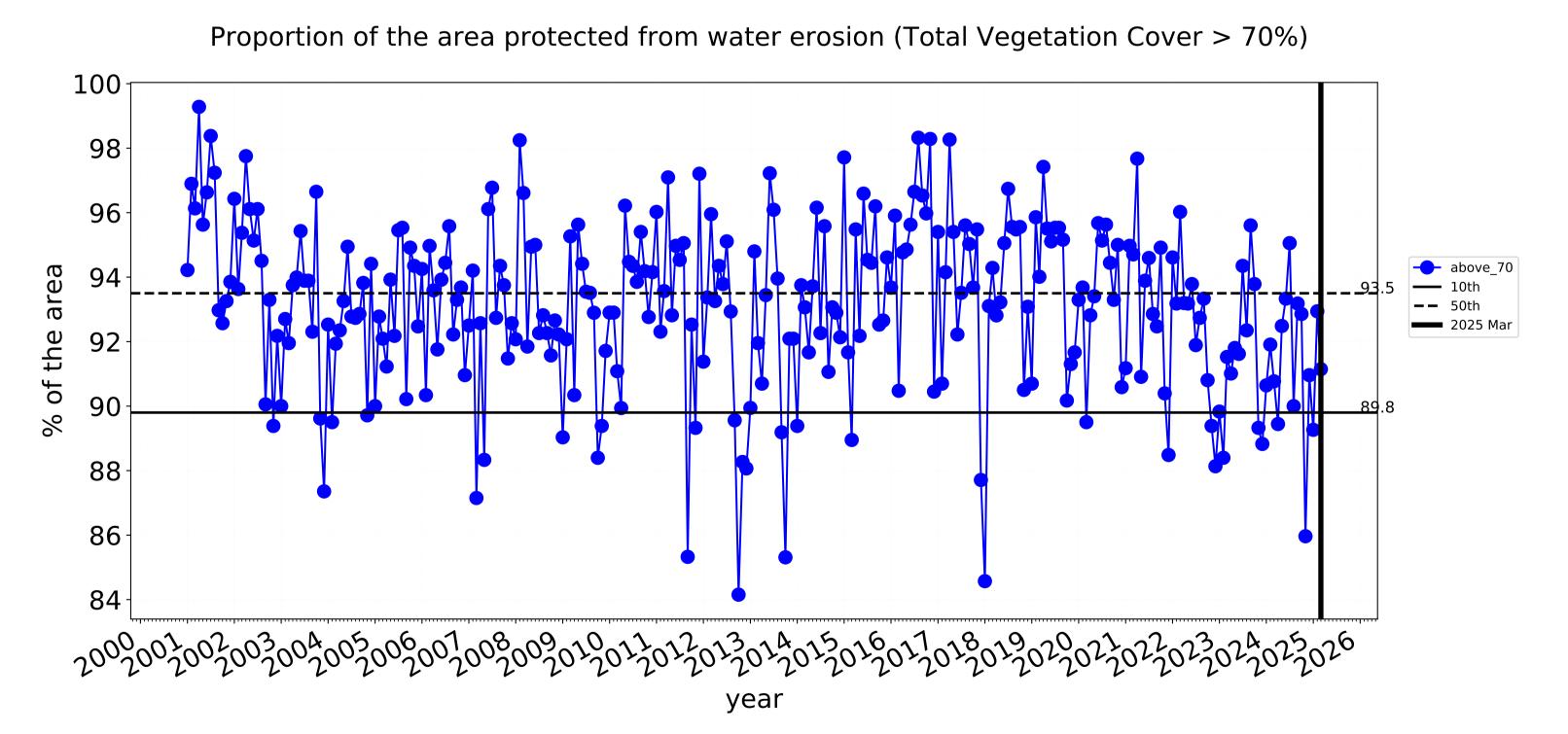


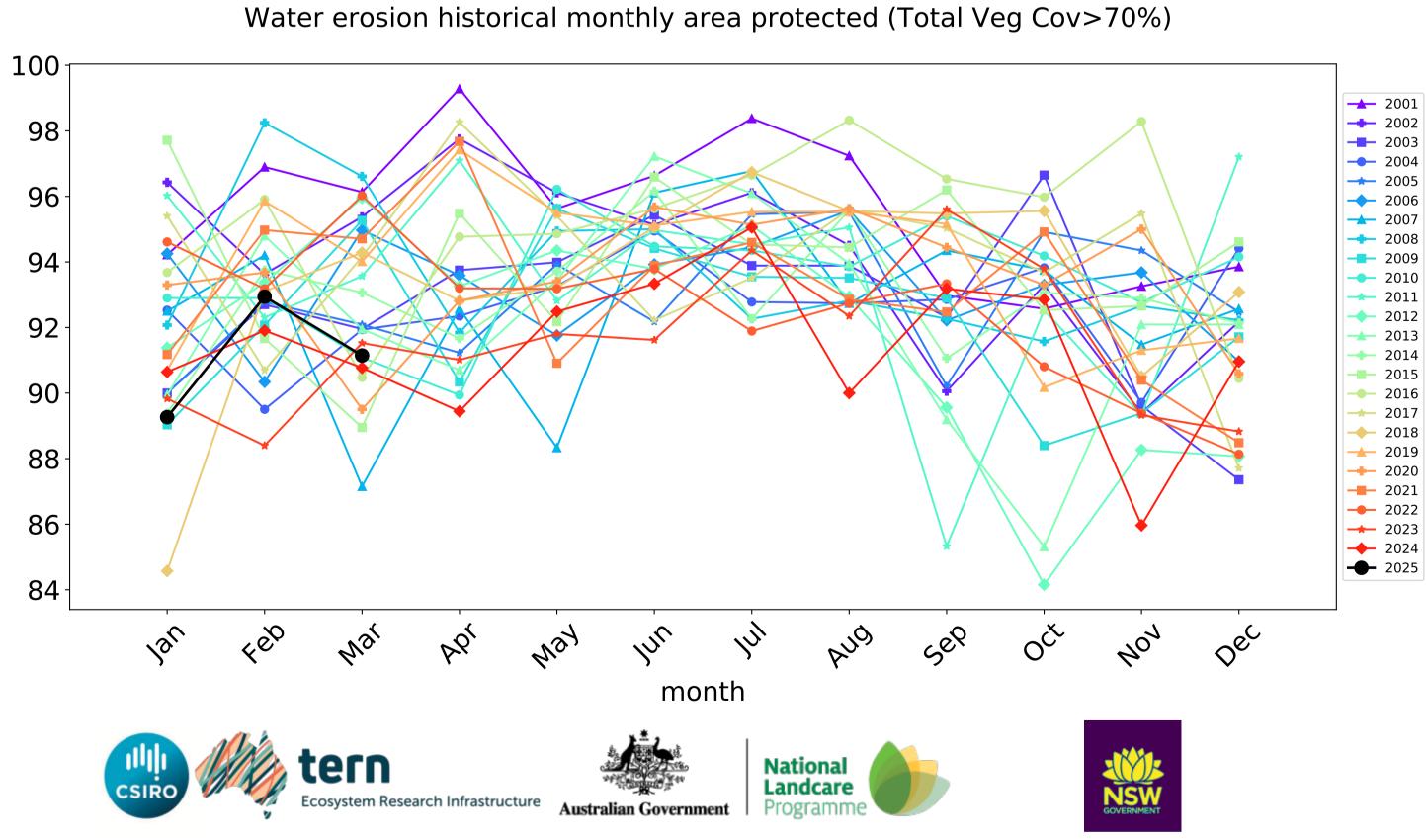


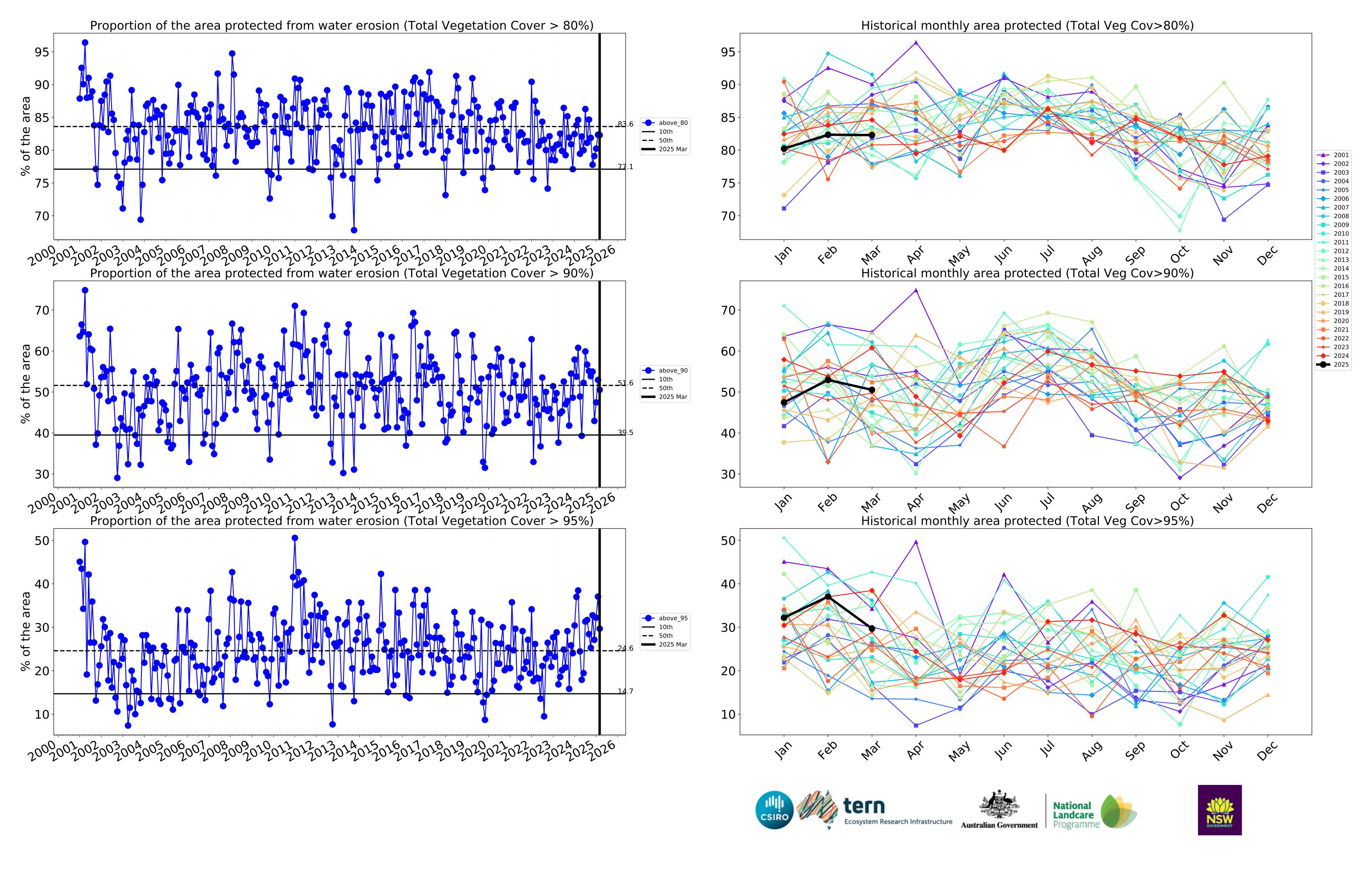
### **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**











### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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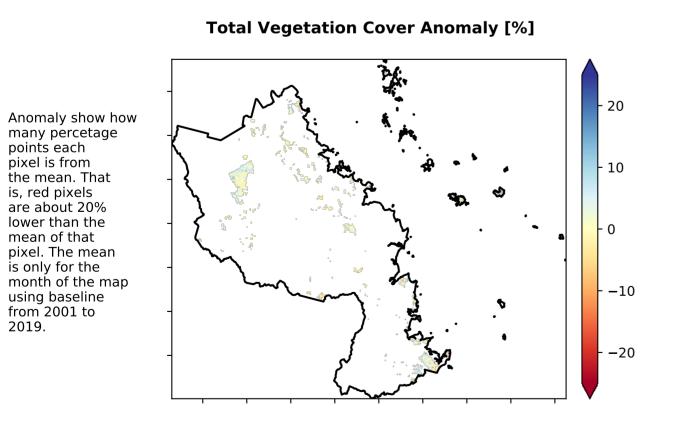
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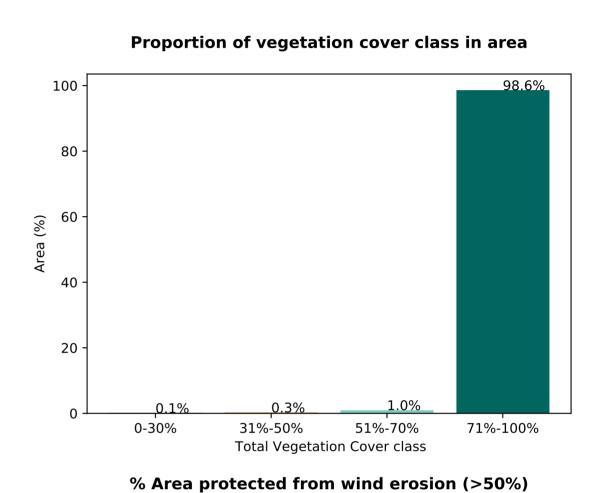
### Land use and forest cover 1 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest

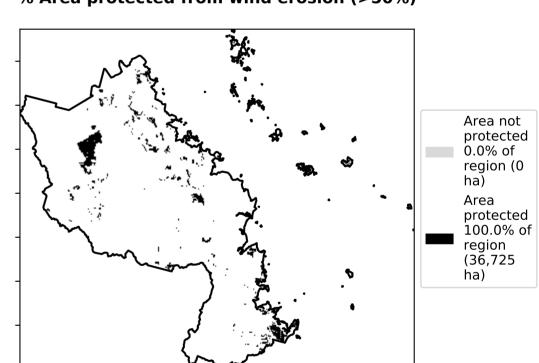
## Total Vegetation Cover [%]

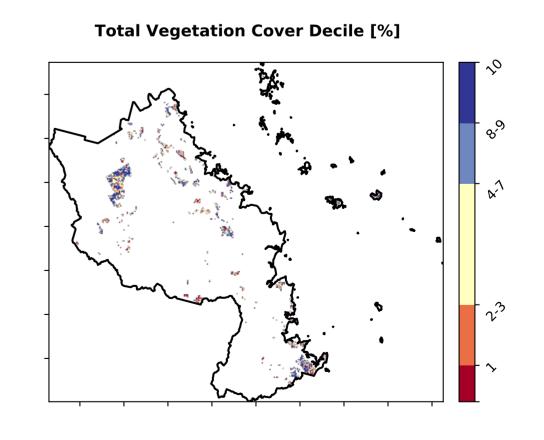
## Area not protected 1.4% of region (514 ha) Area protected 98.6% of region (36,211 ha)



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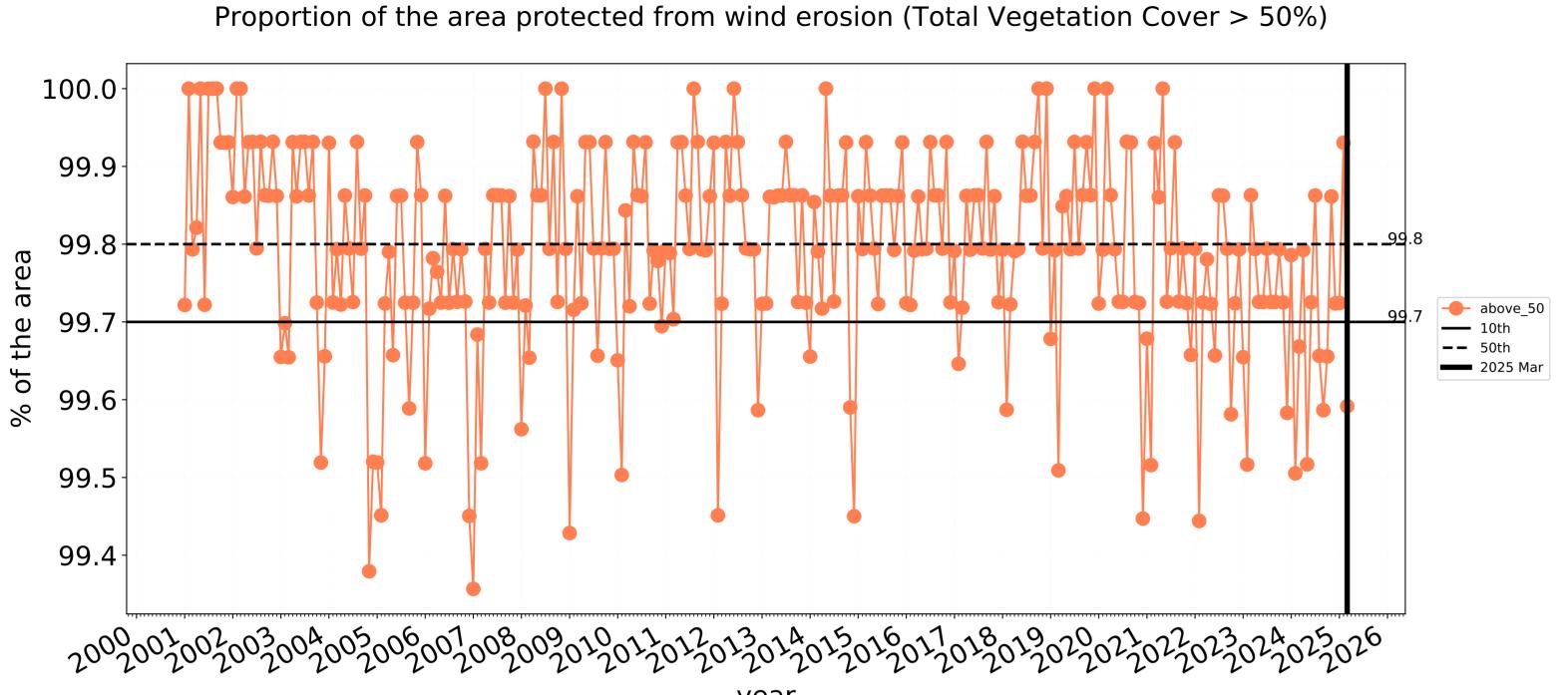


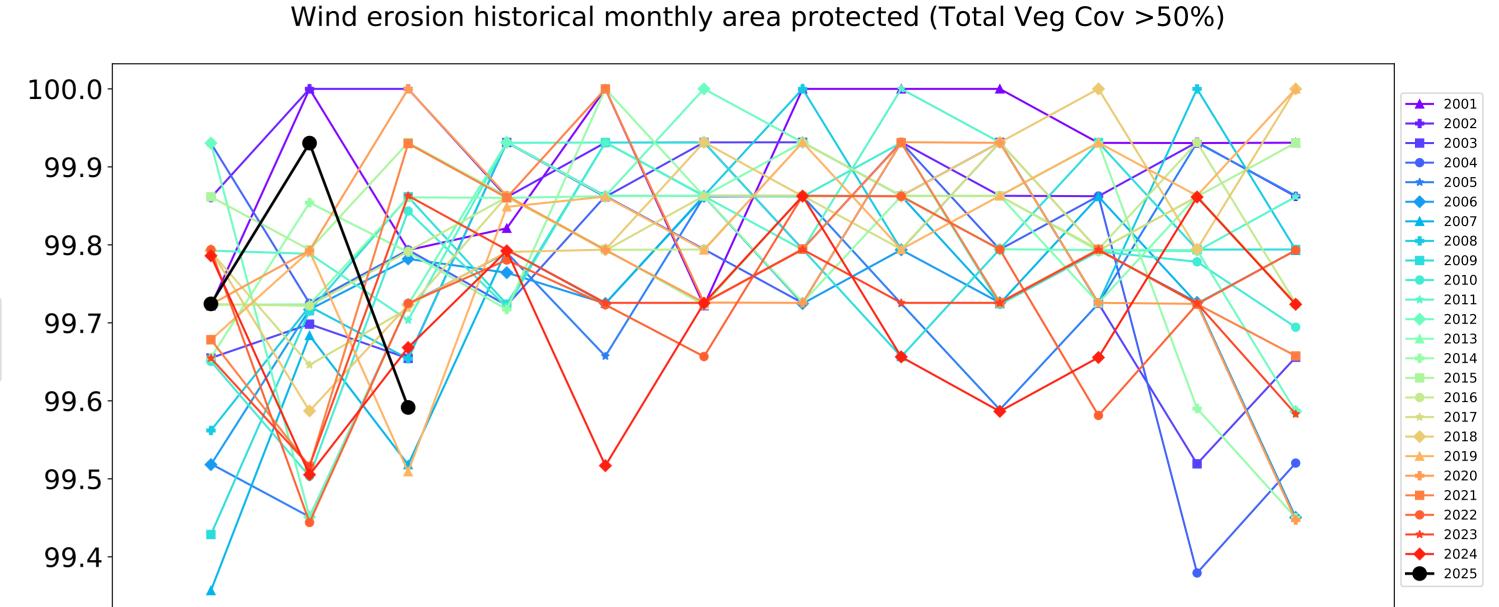




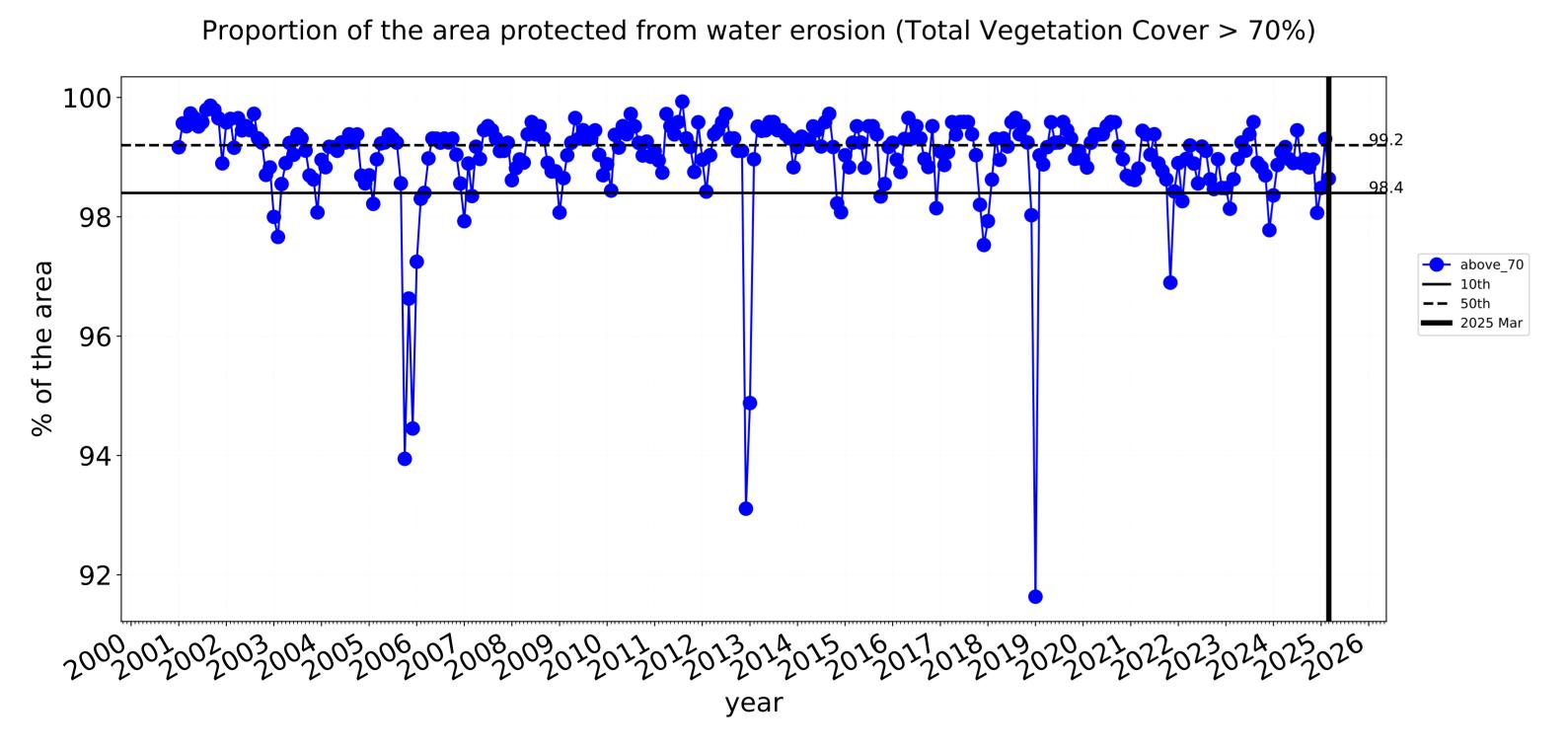


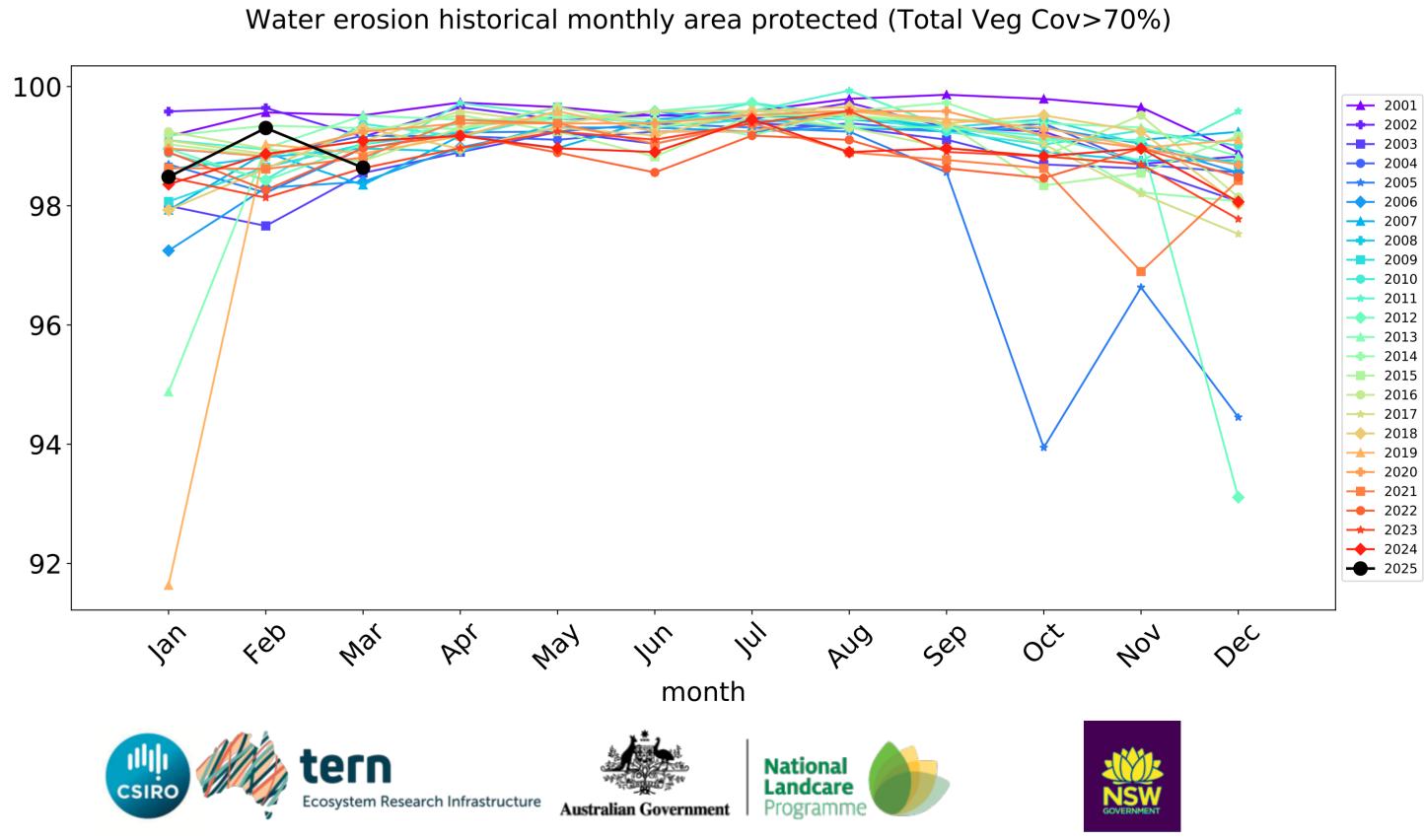
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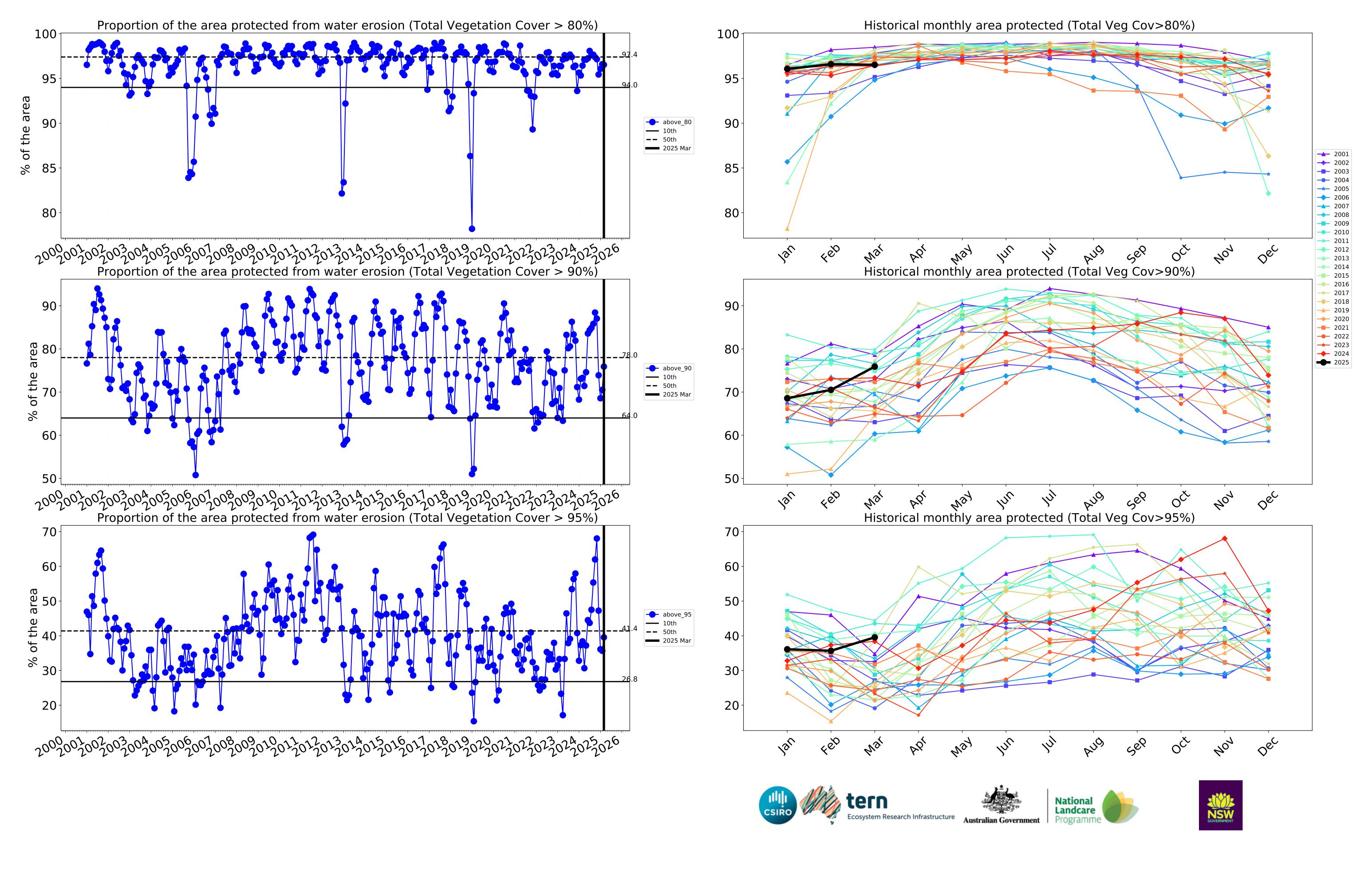




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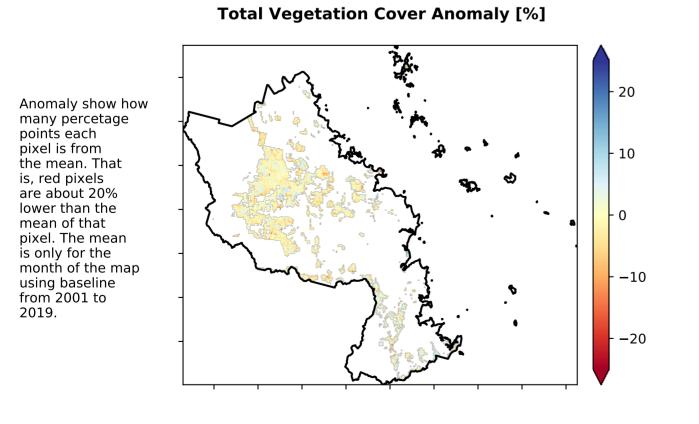


### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

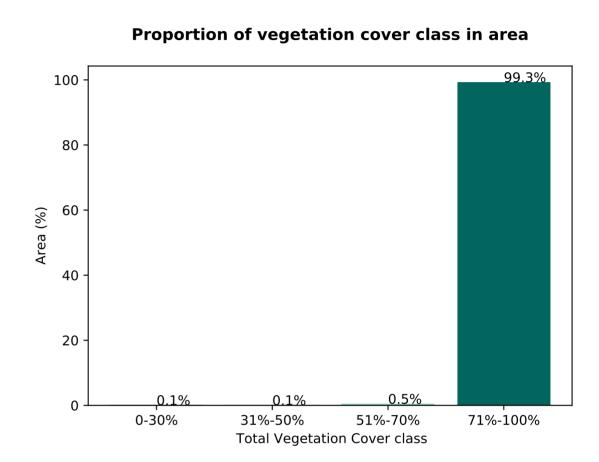
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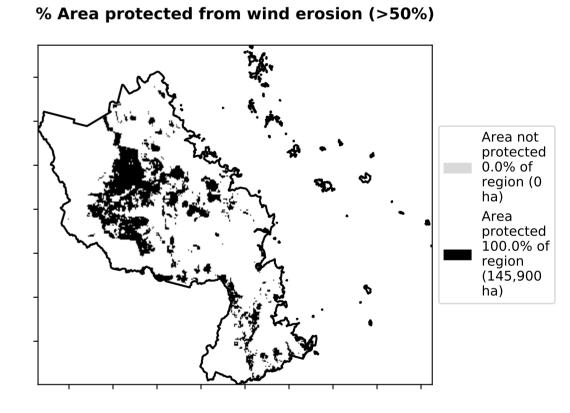
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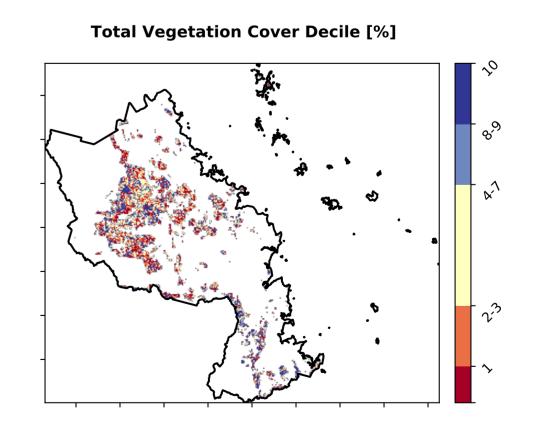
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 0.7% of region (1,021 ha) Area protected 99.3% of region (144,879 ha)



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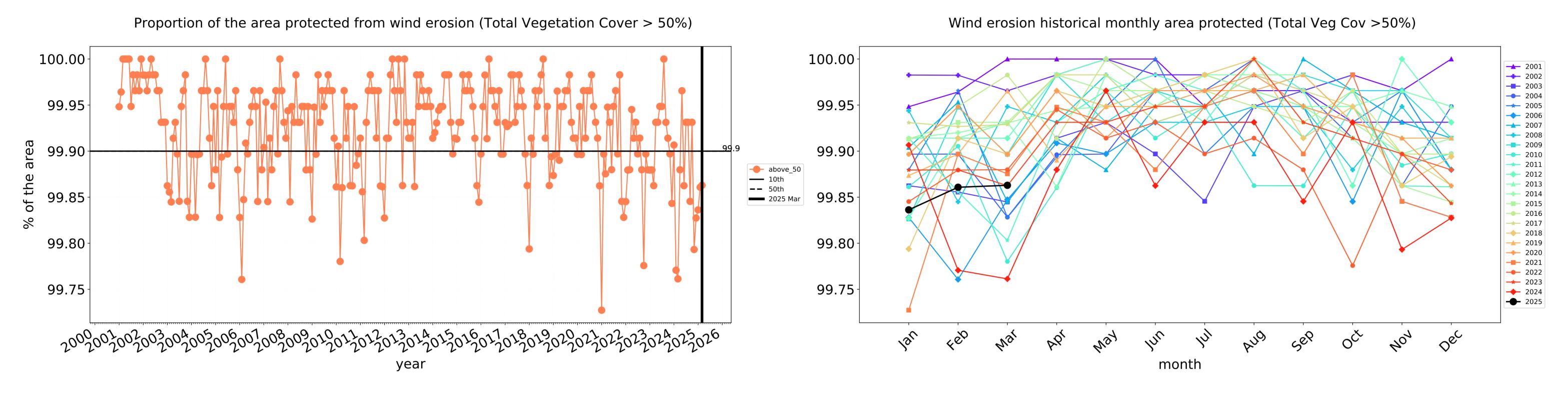


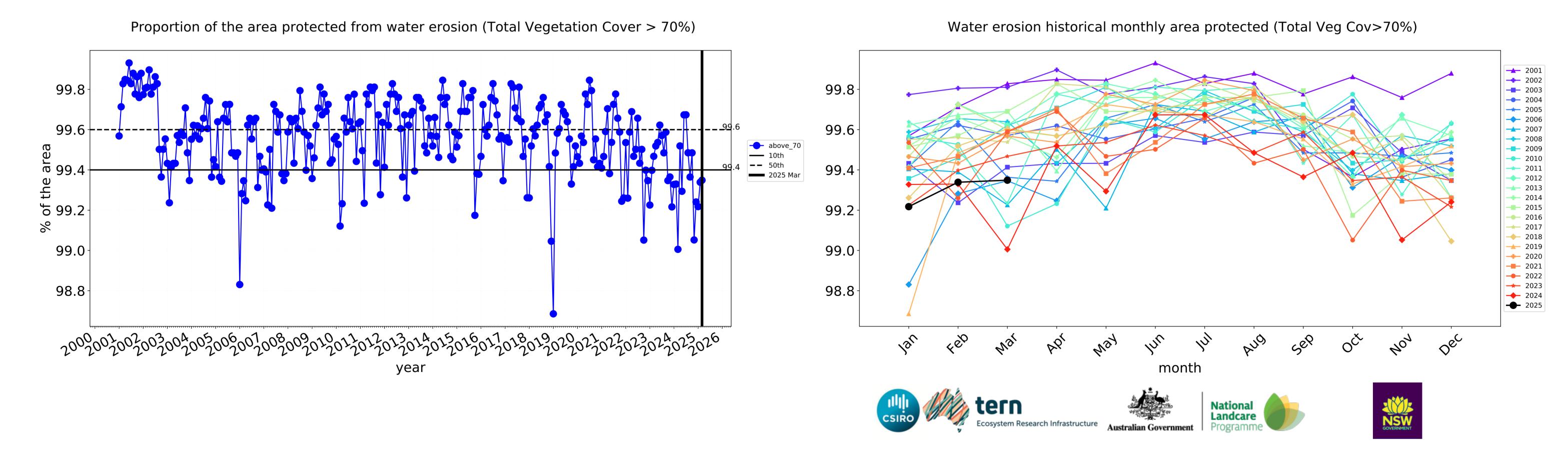


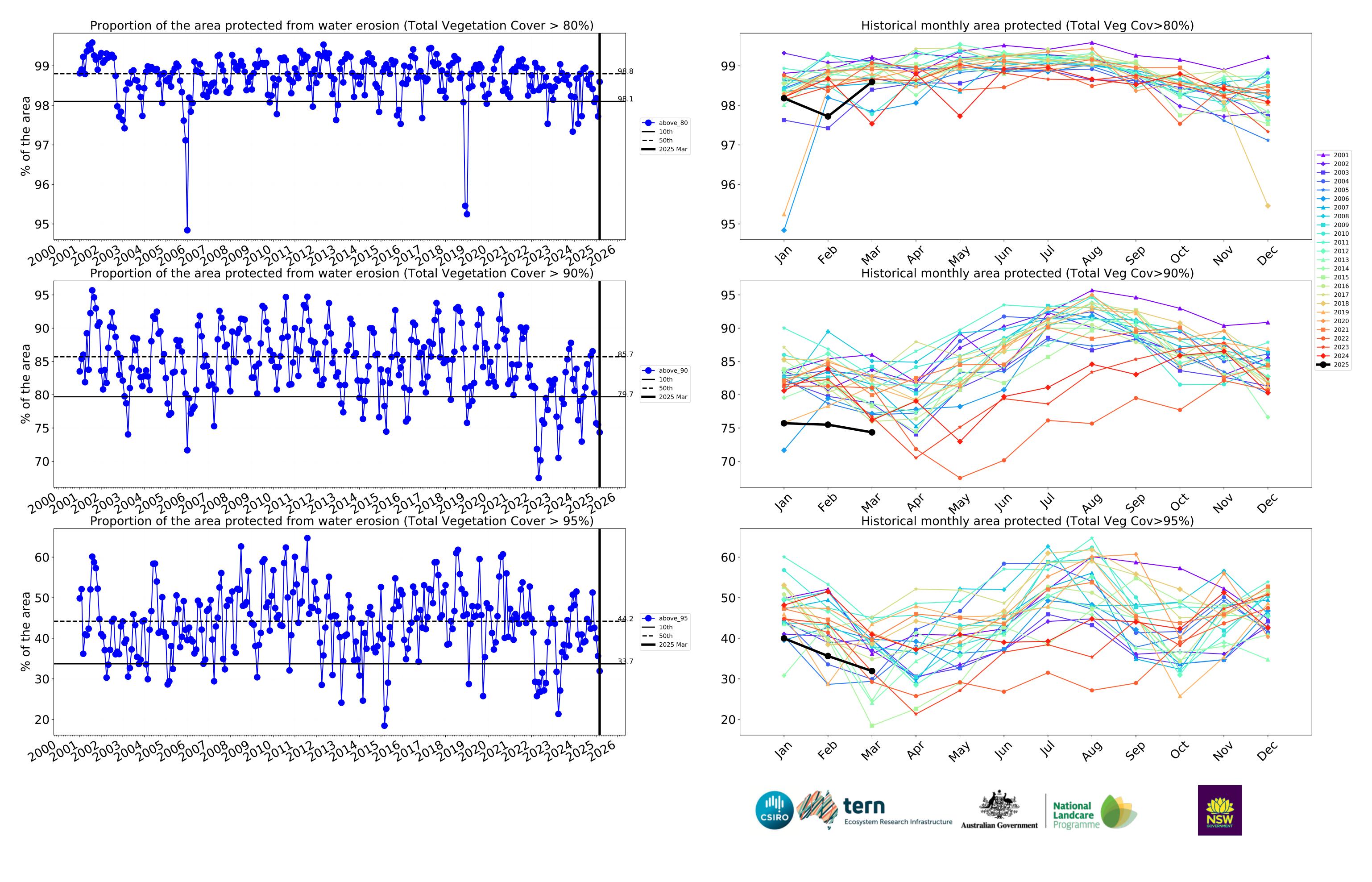






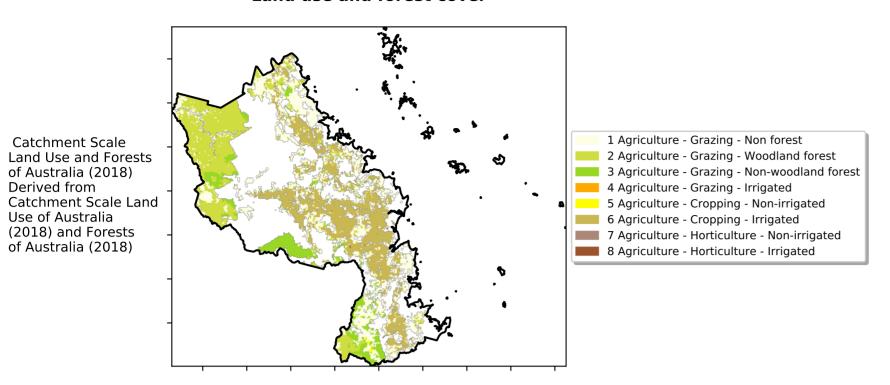




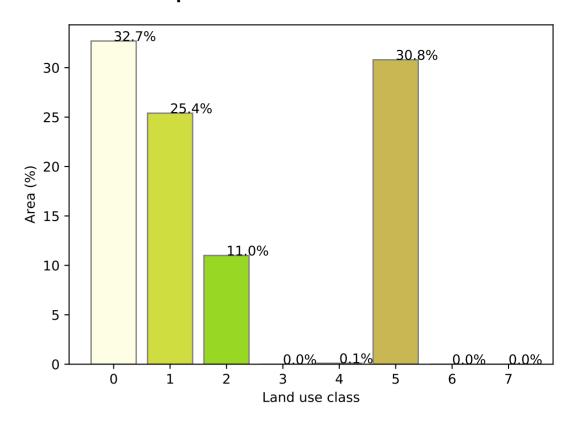


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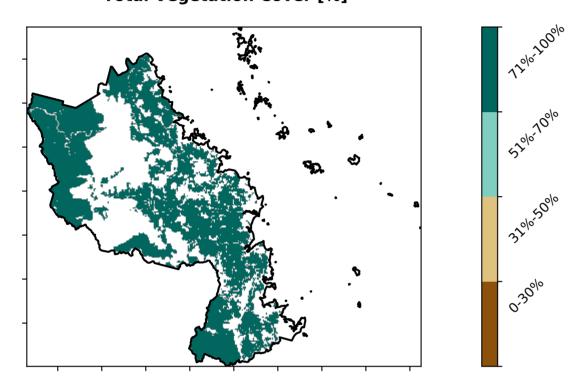
### Land use and forest cover



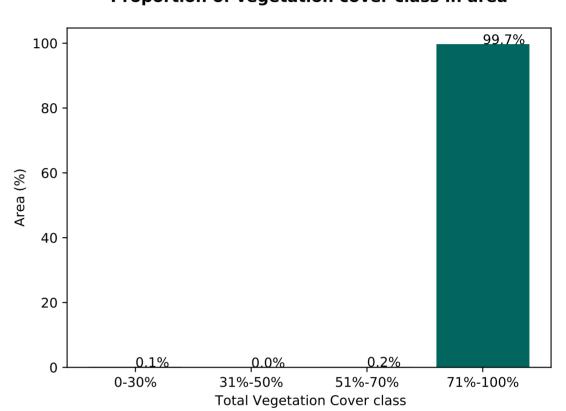
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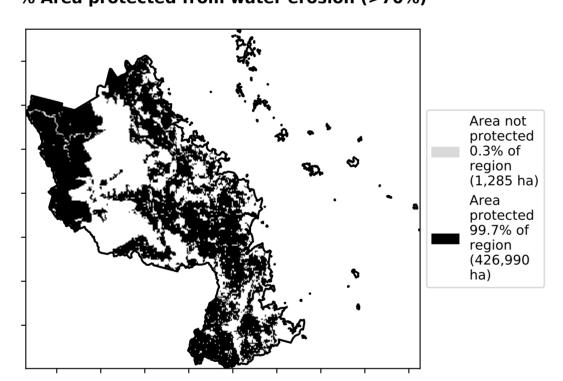
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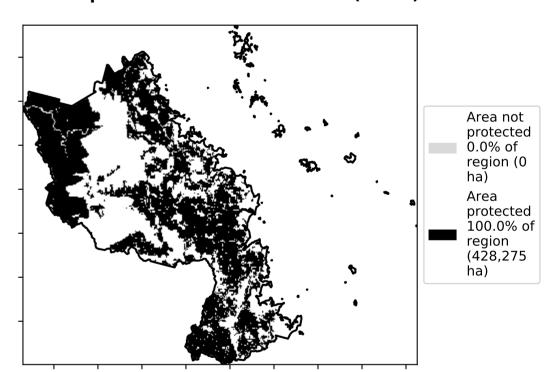
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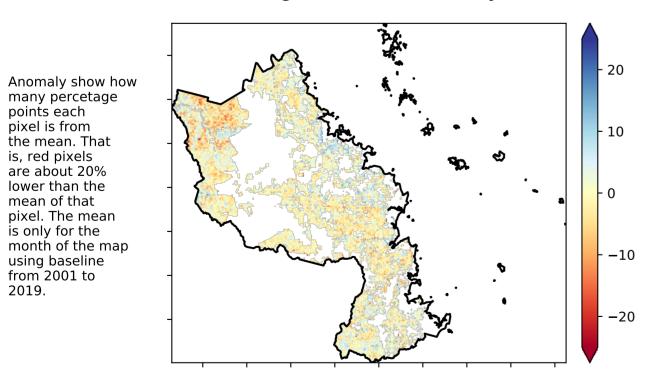
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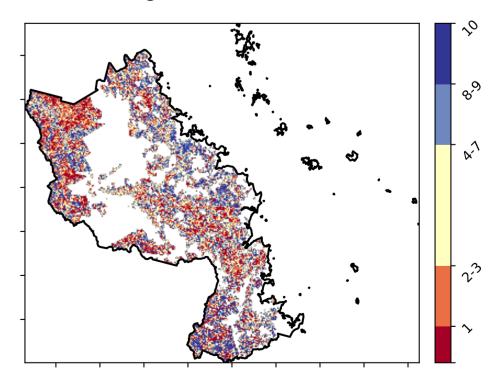


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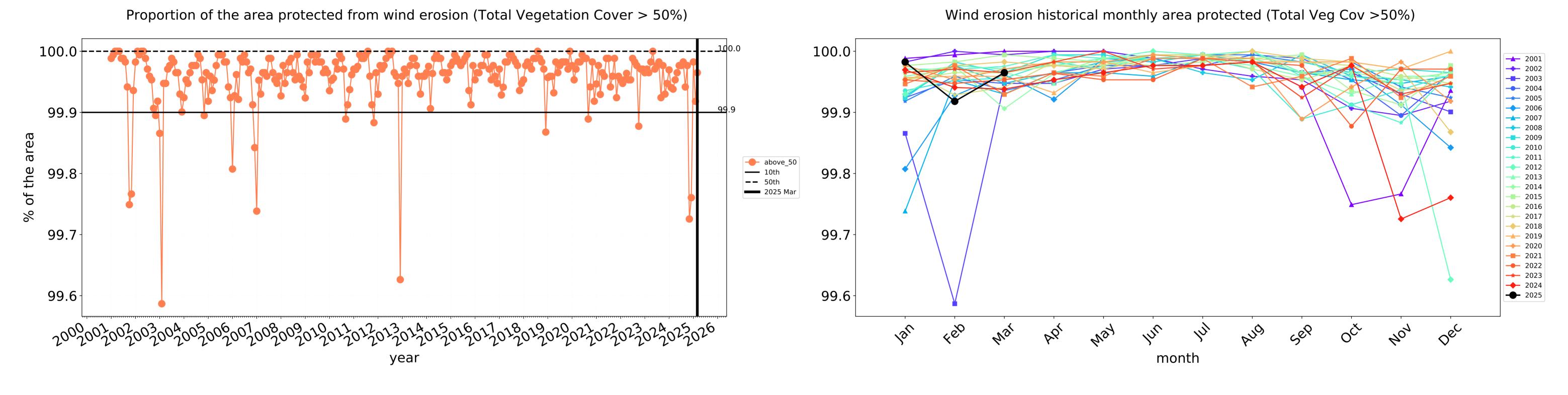


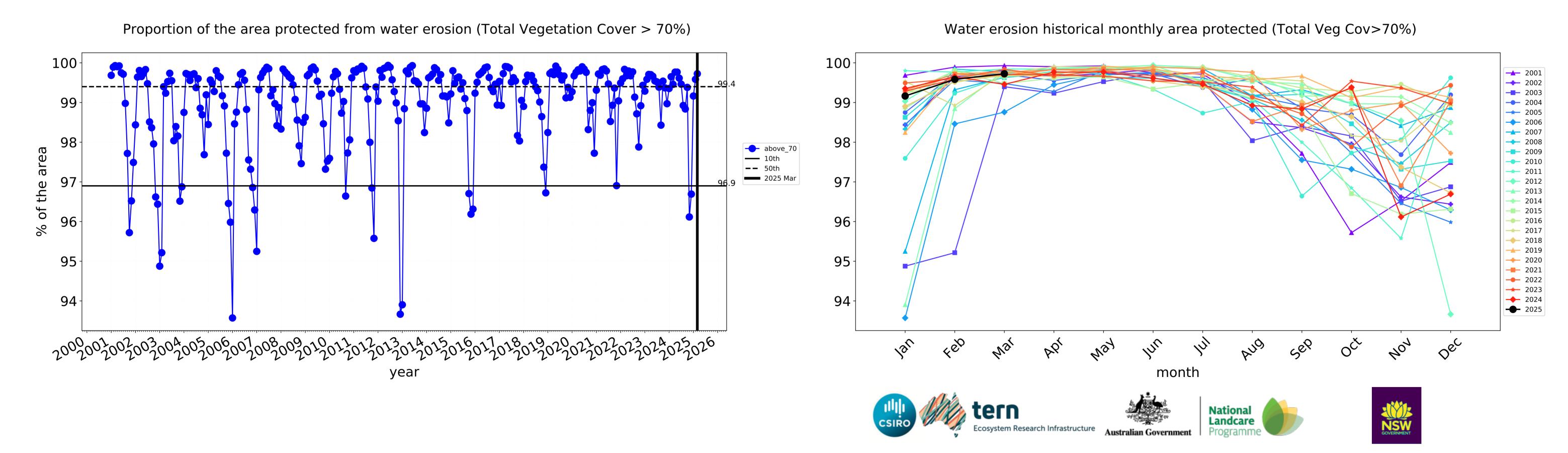


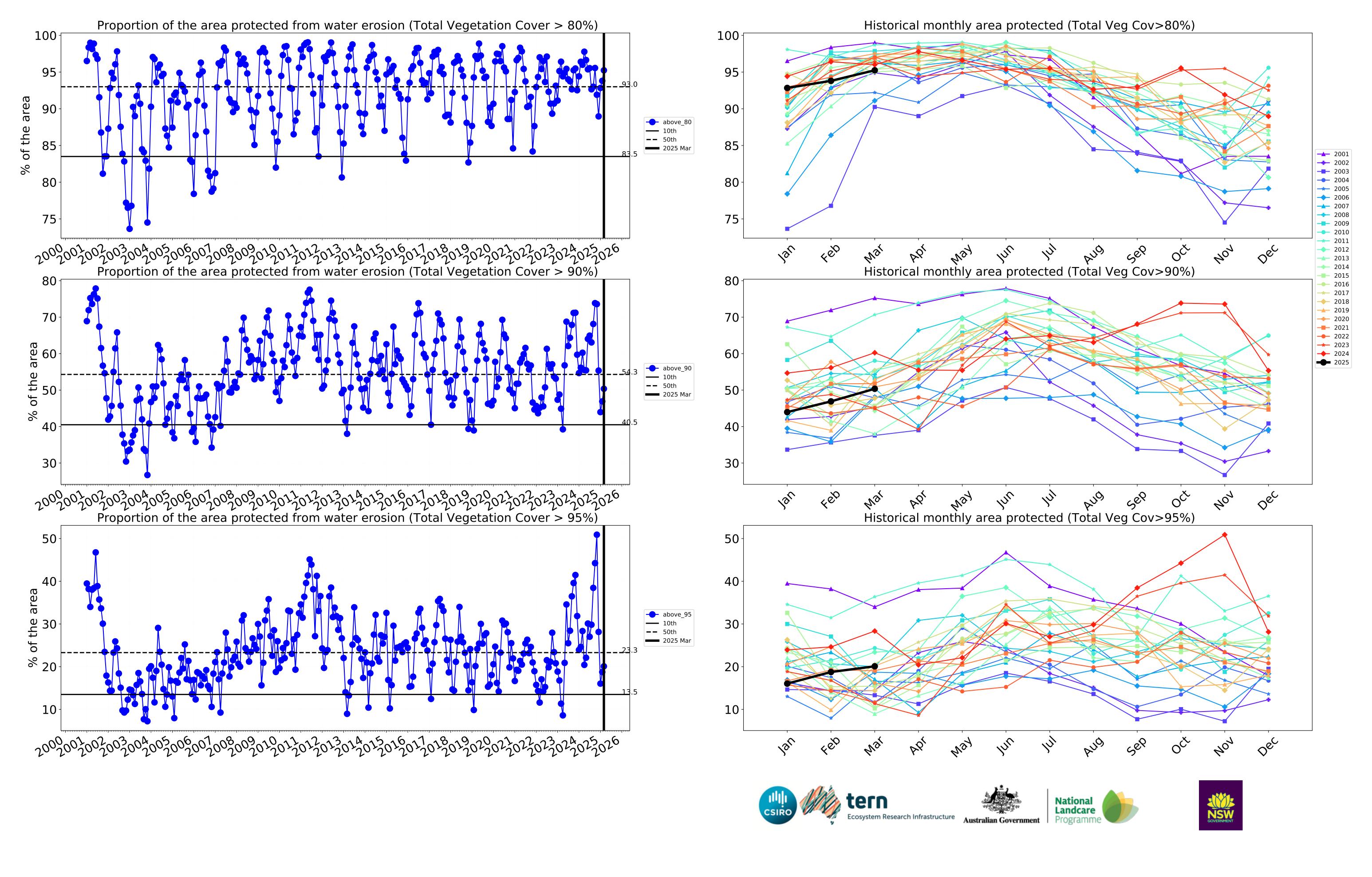




### **Agriculture timeseries**





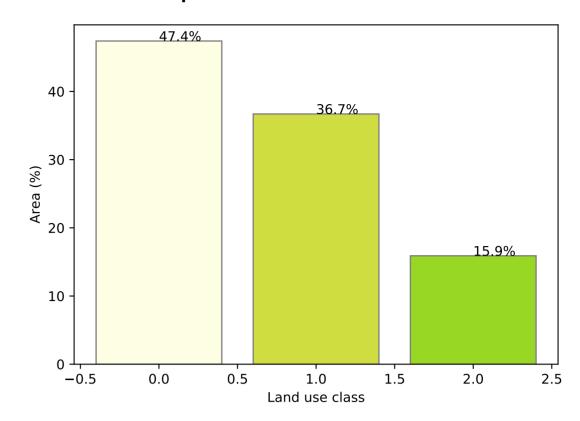


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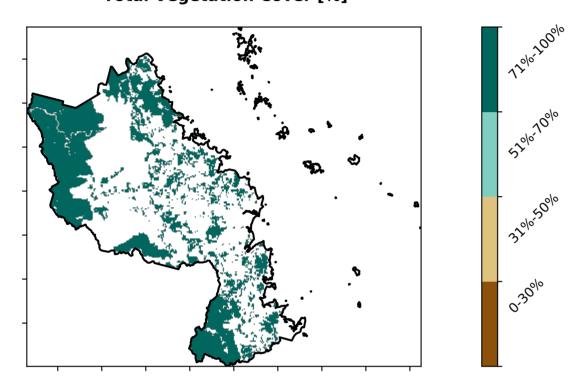
### Land use and forest cover

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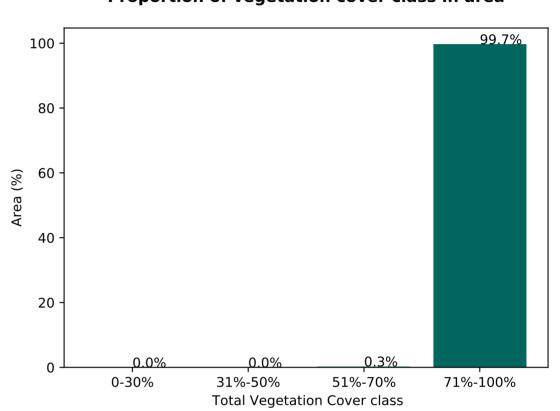
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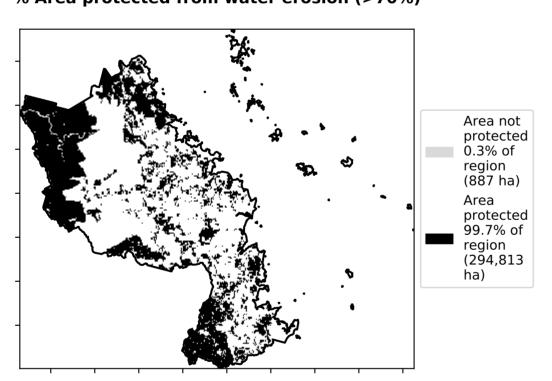
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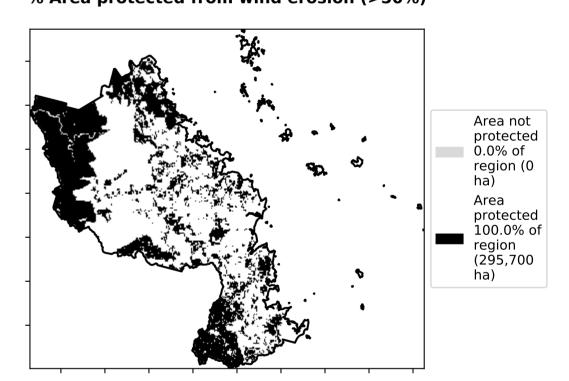
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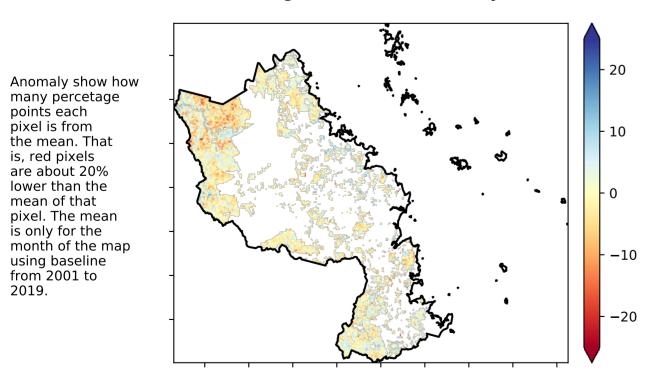


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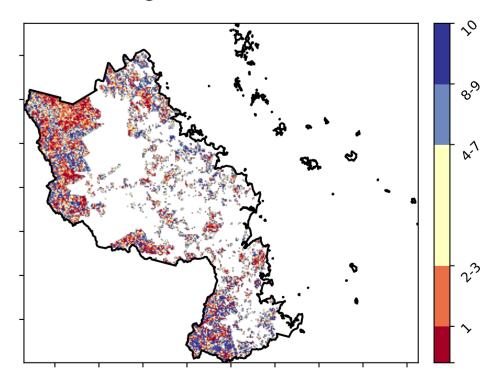
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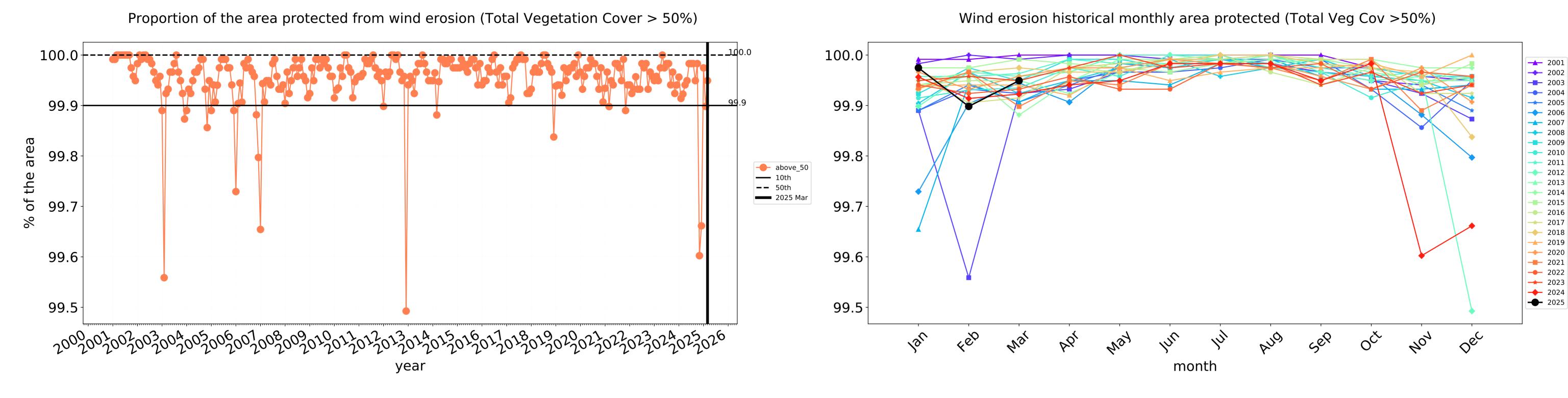


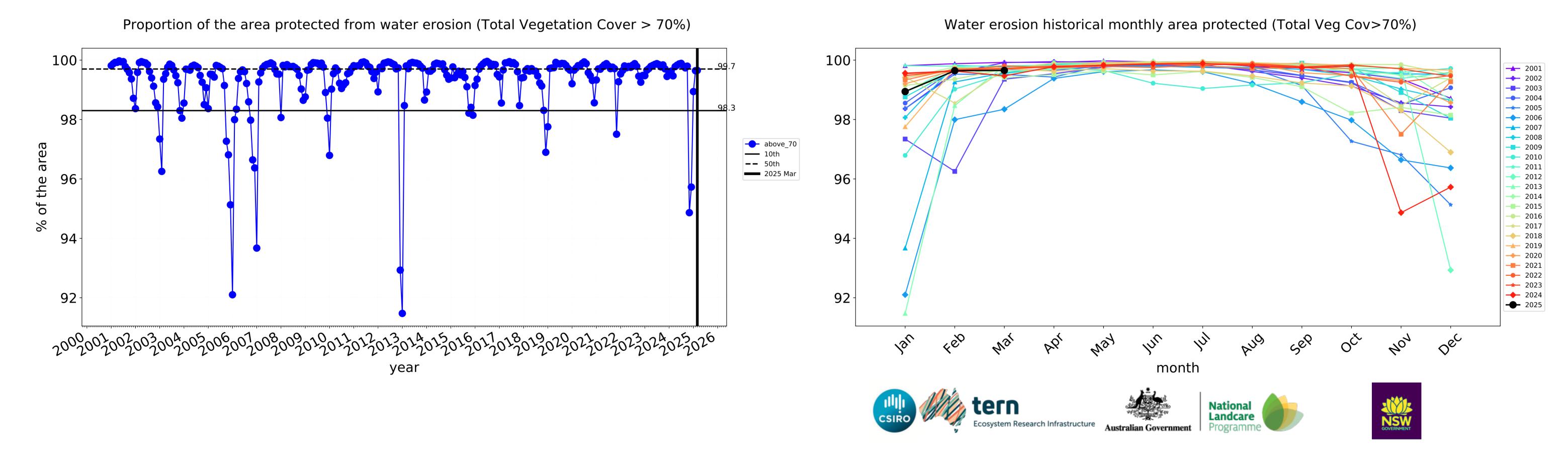


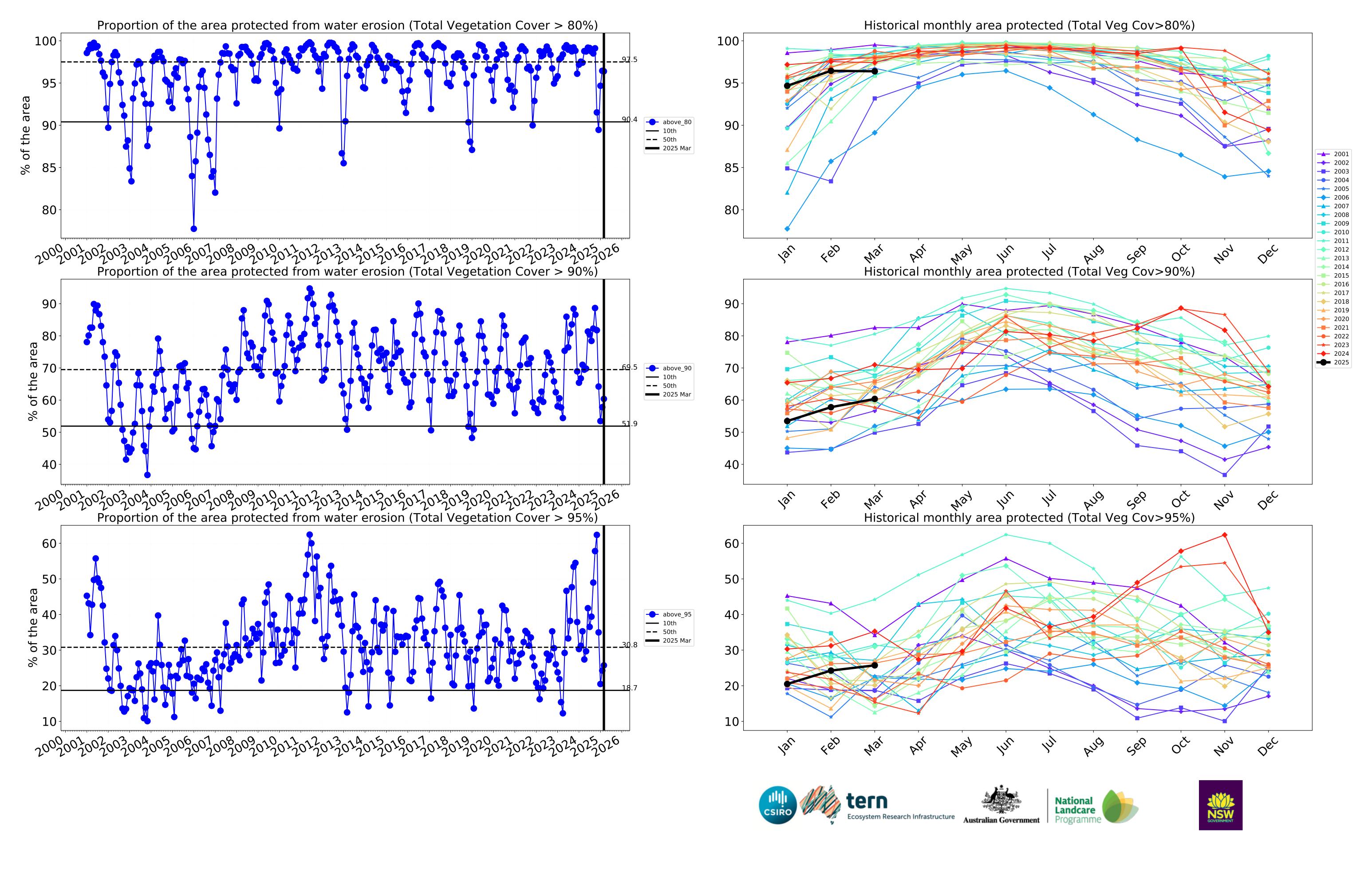




### **Grazing timeseries**







### **Grazing non forest**

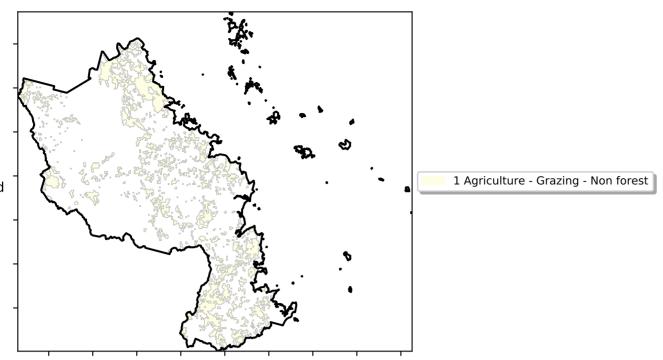
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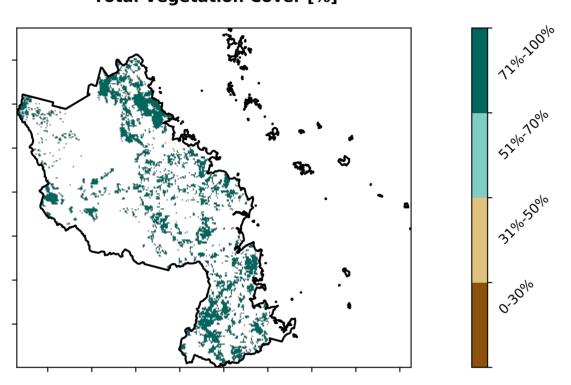
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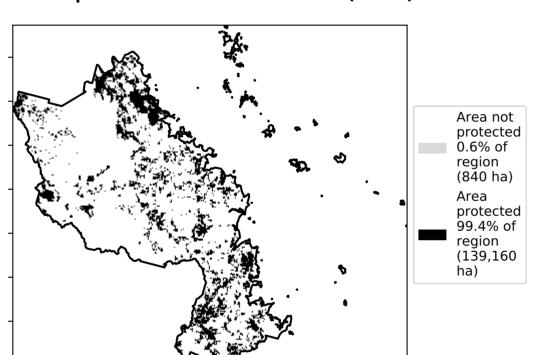
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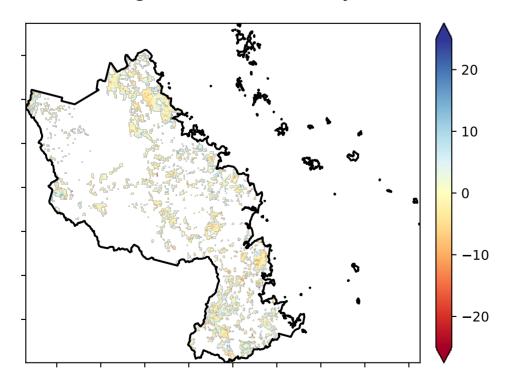
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

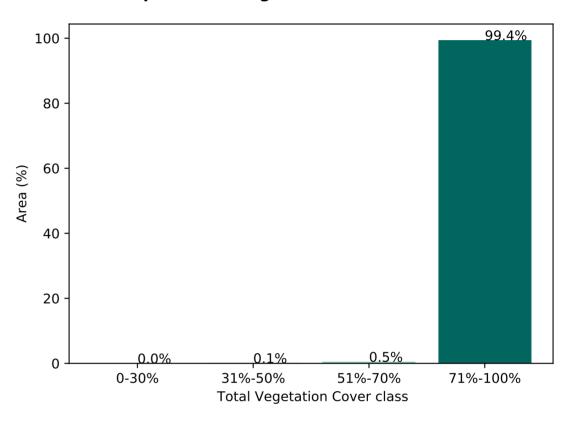


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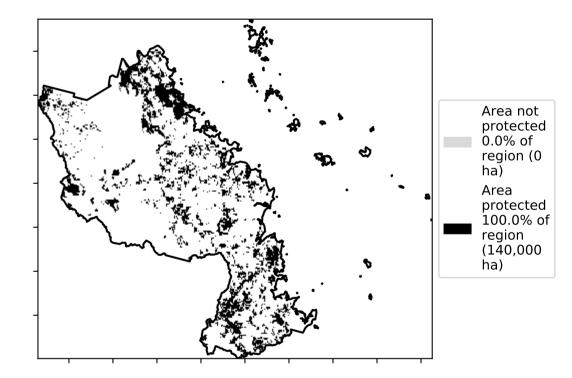


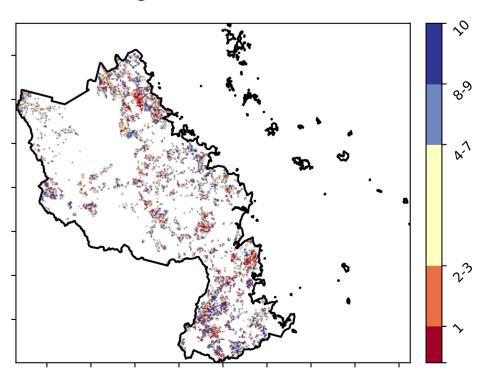
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





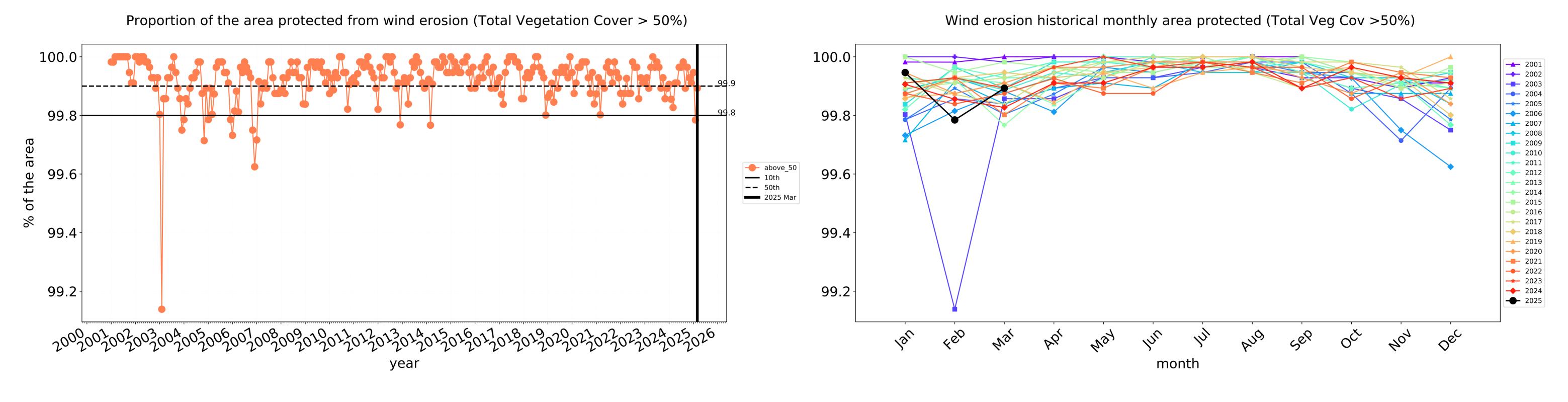


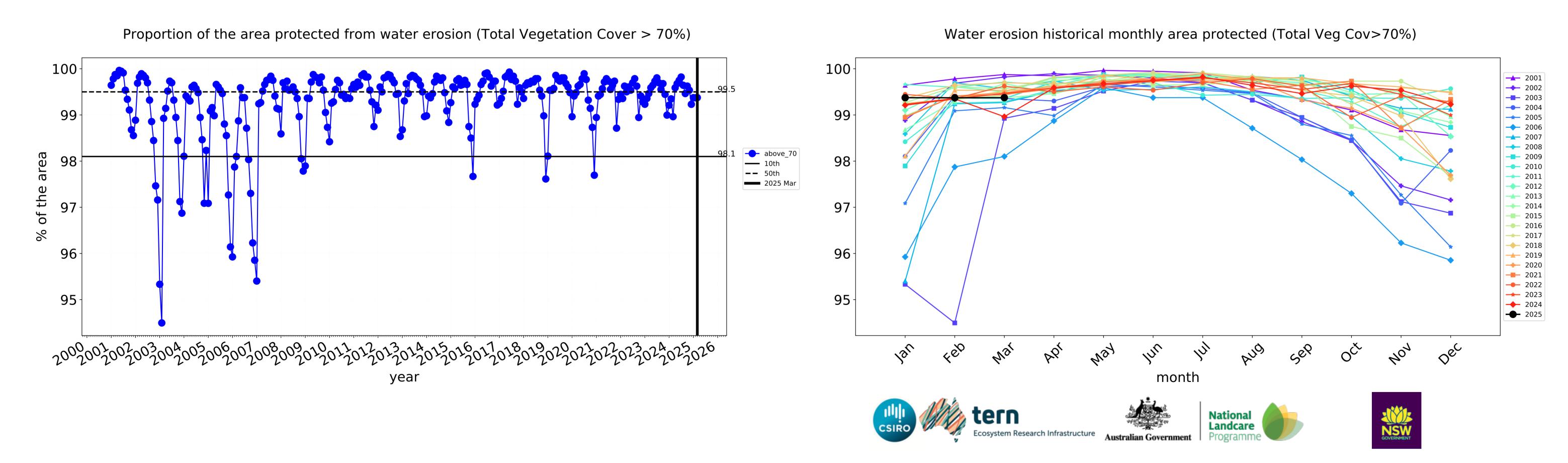


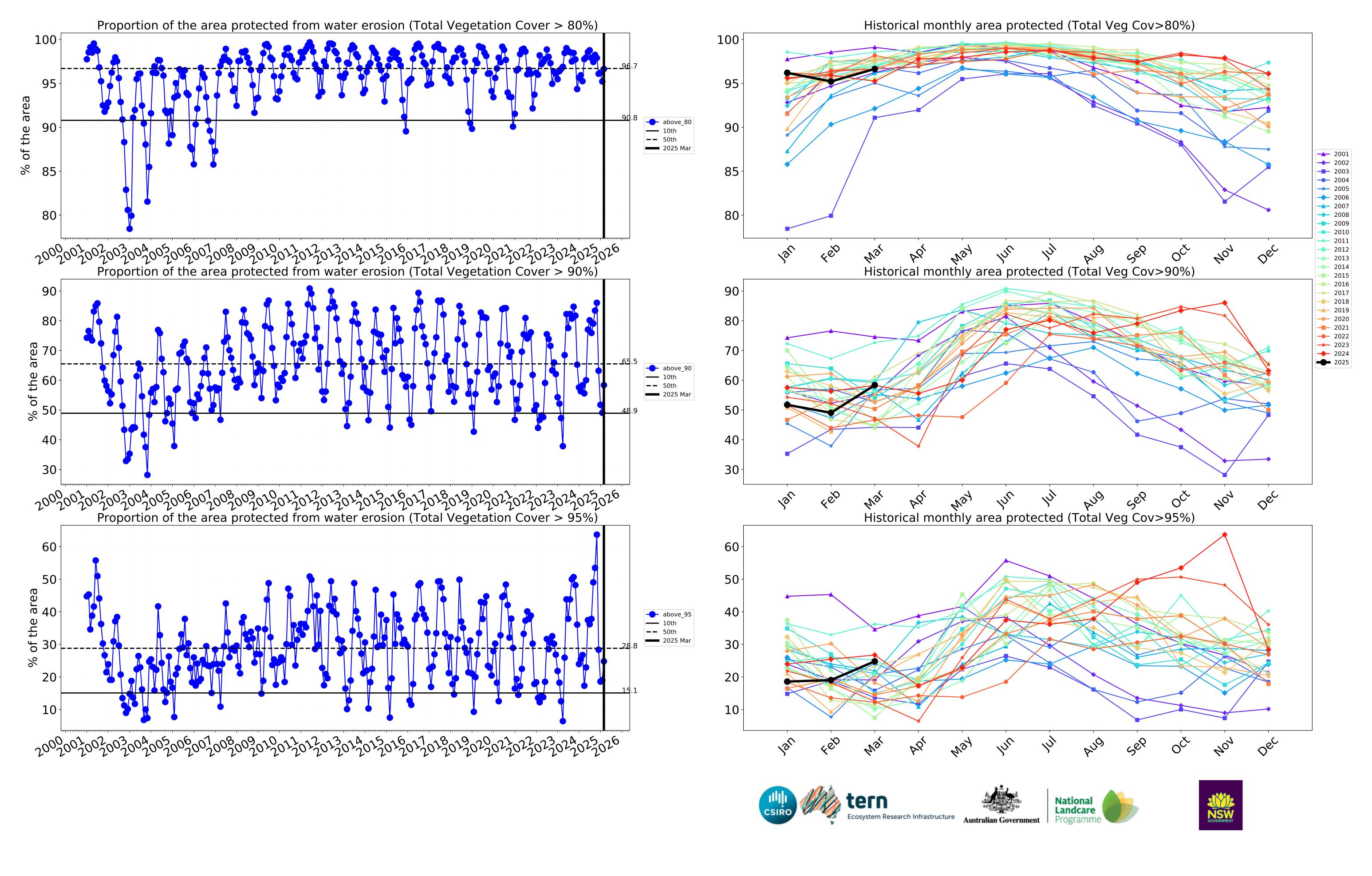




### **Grazing non forest timeseries**







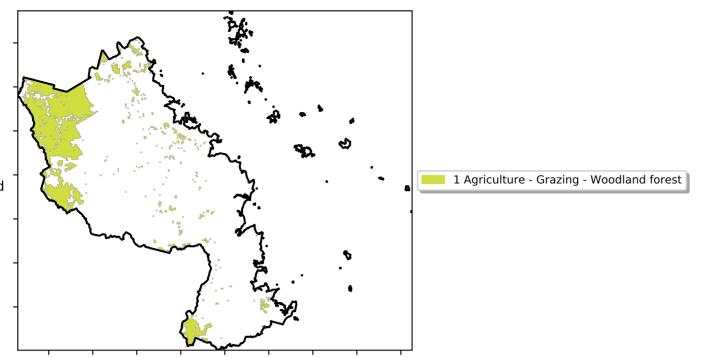
### **Grazing Woodland forest**

### Land use and forest cover

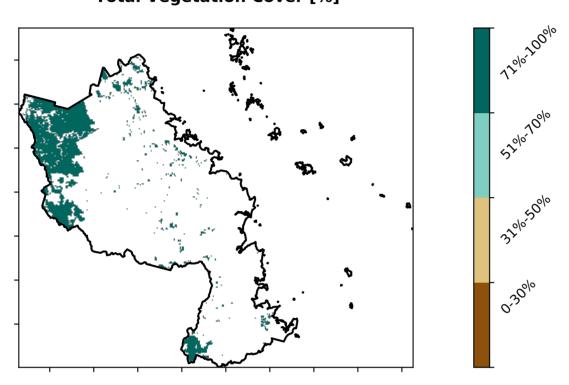
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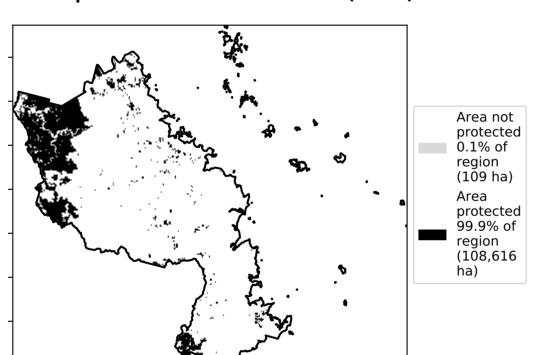
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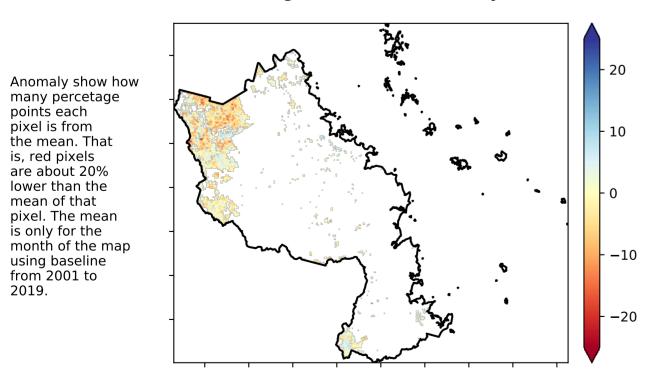
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

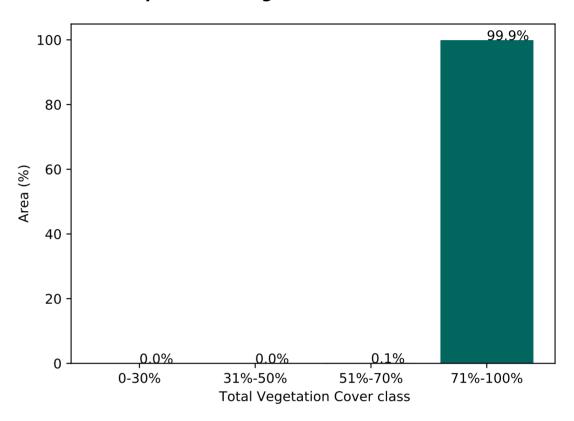


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

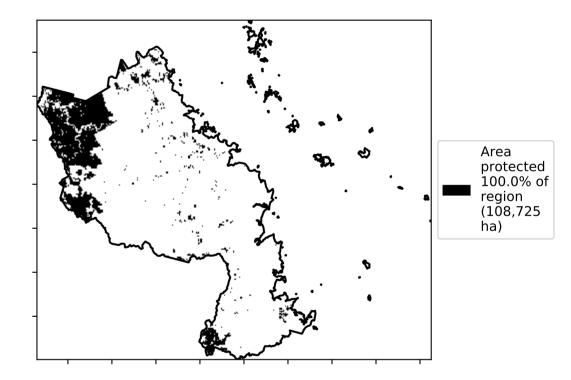


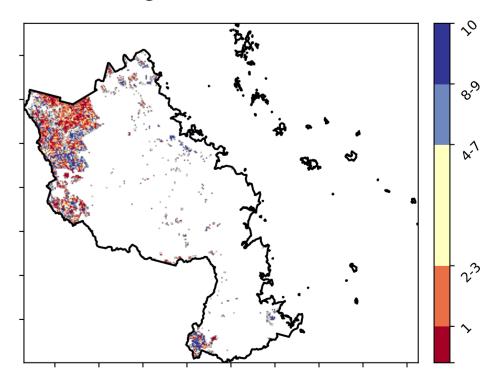
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





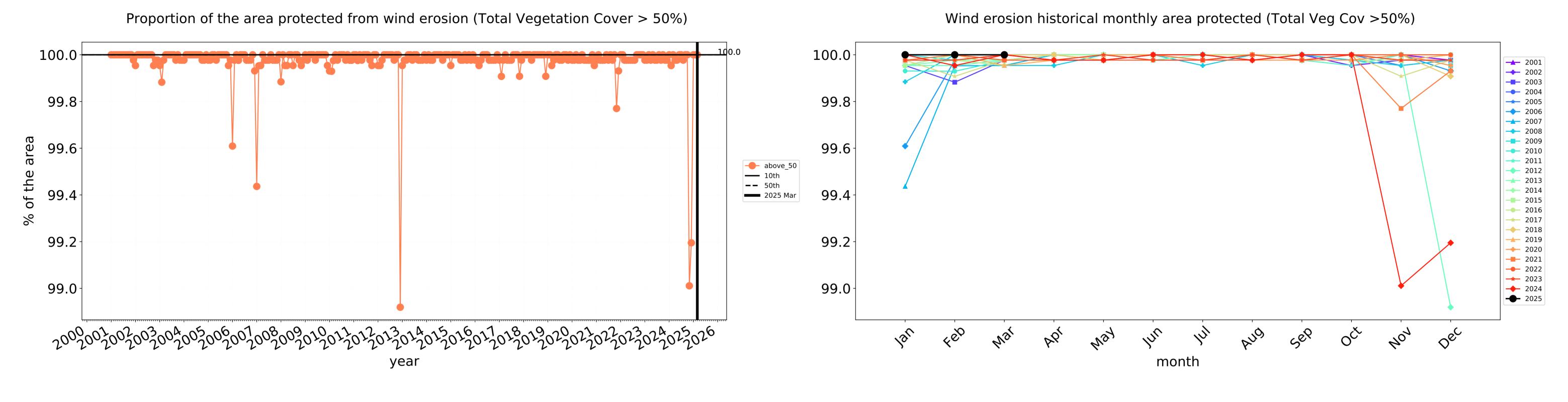


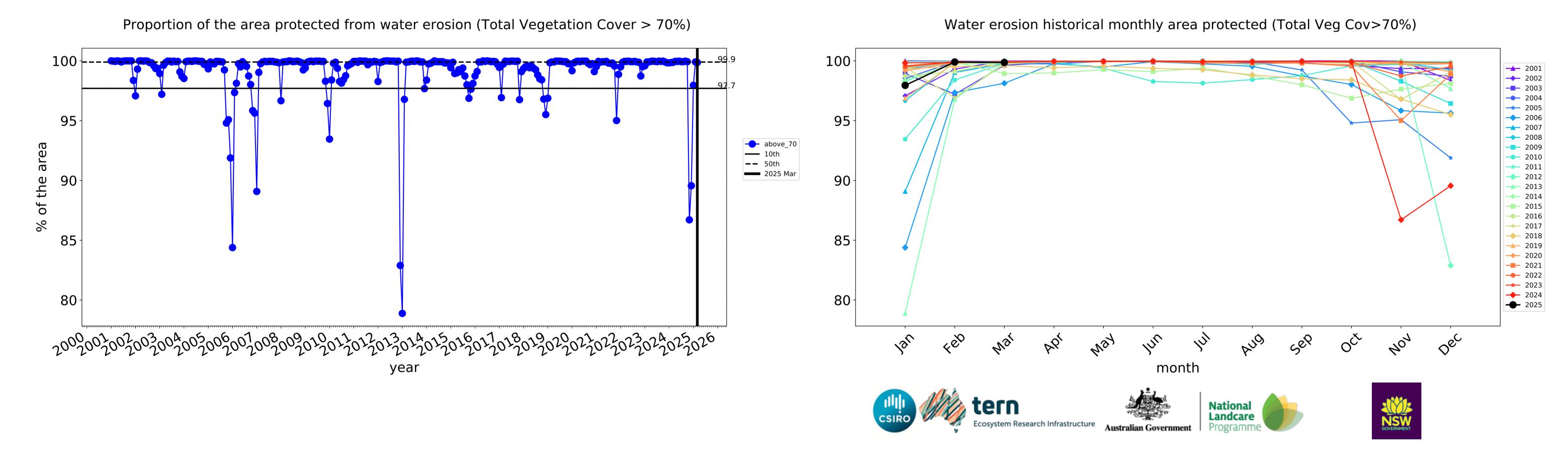


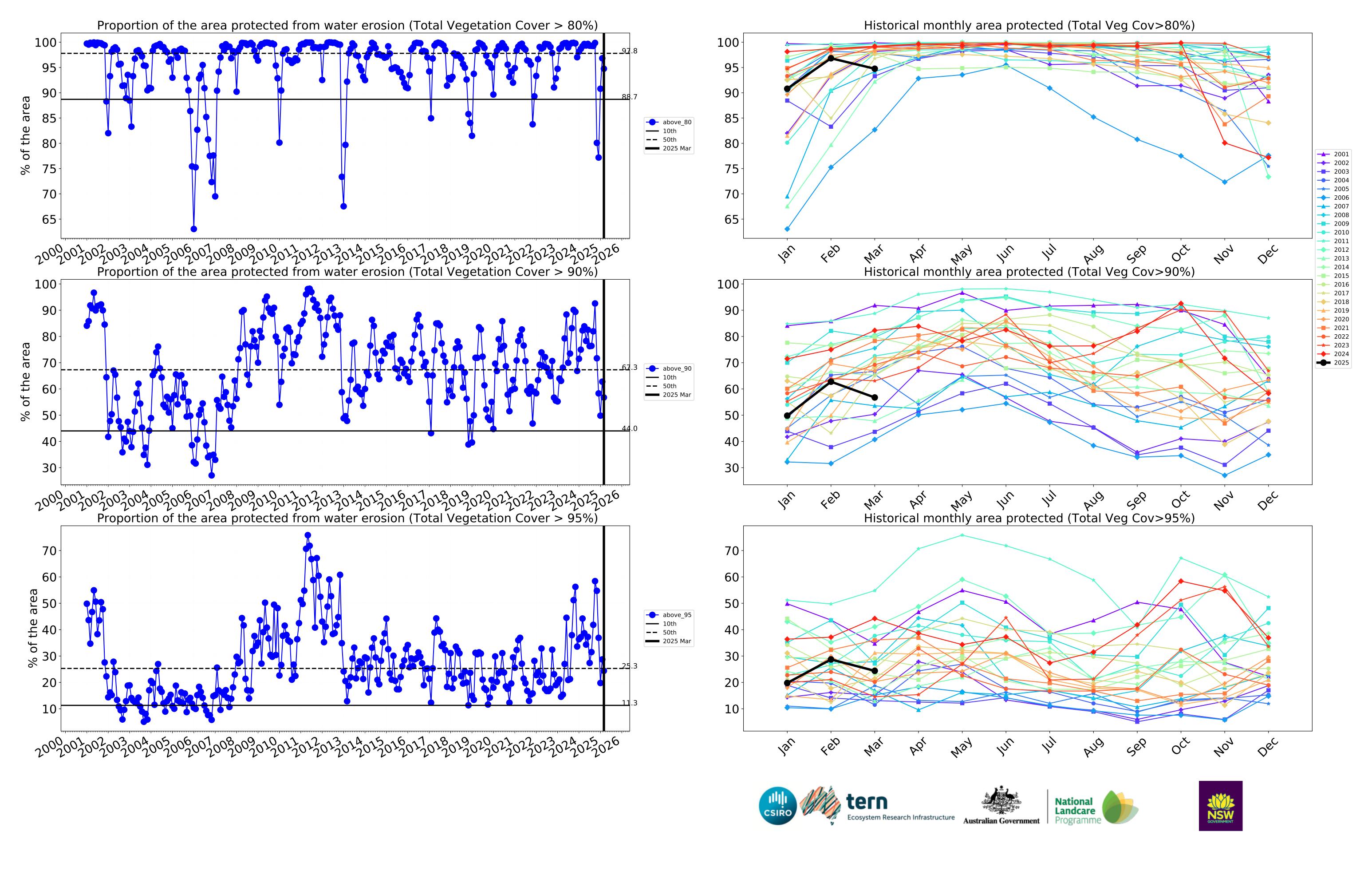




### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







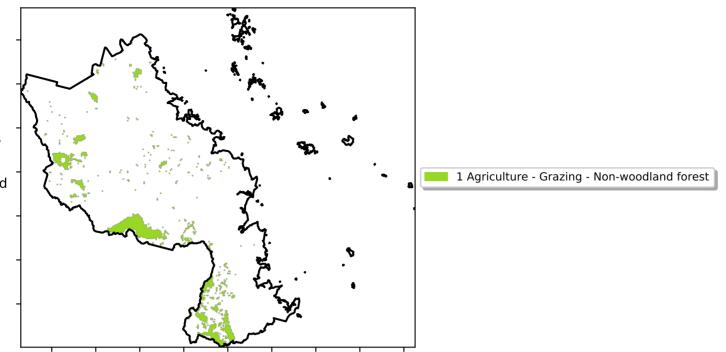
### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

### Land use and forest cover

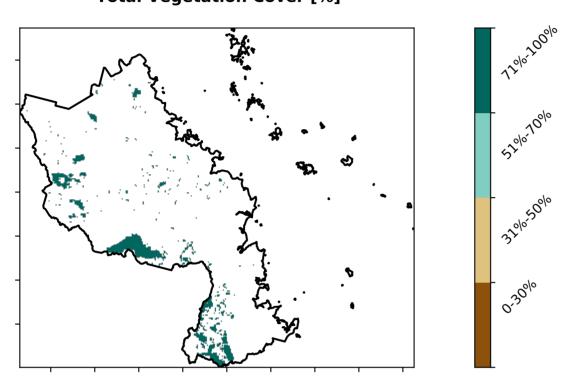
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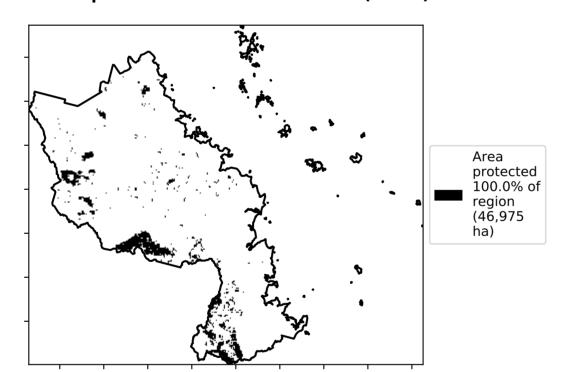
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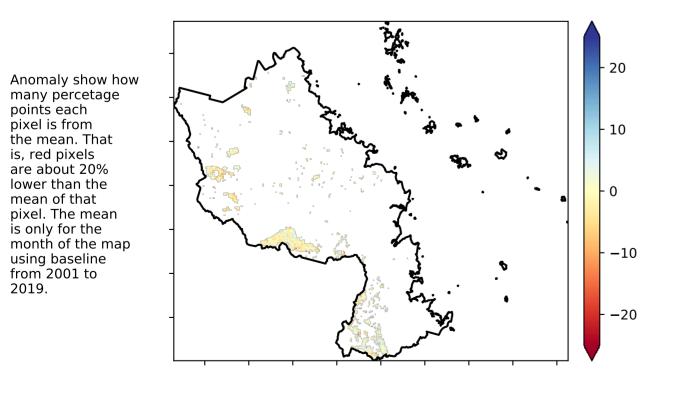
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

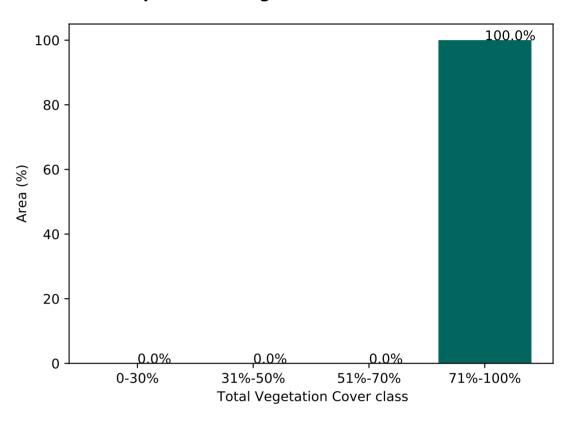


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

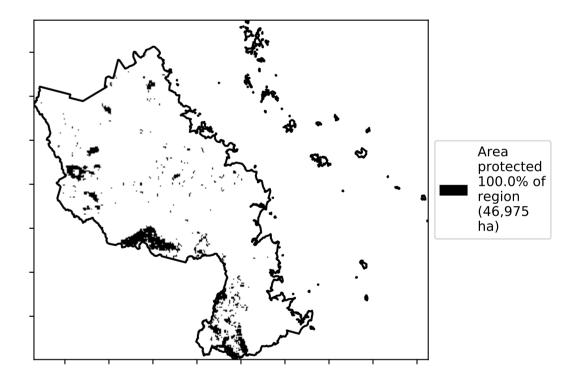


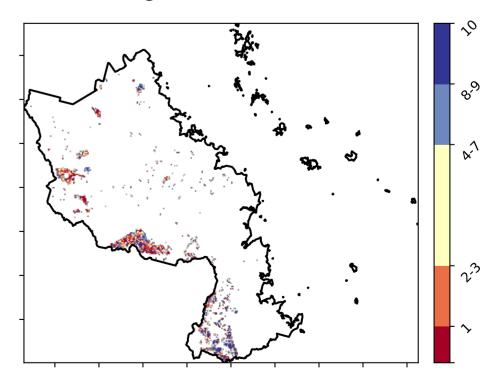
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



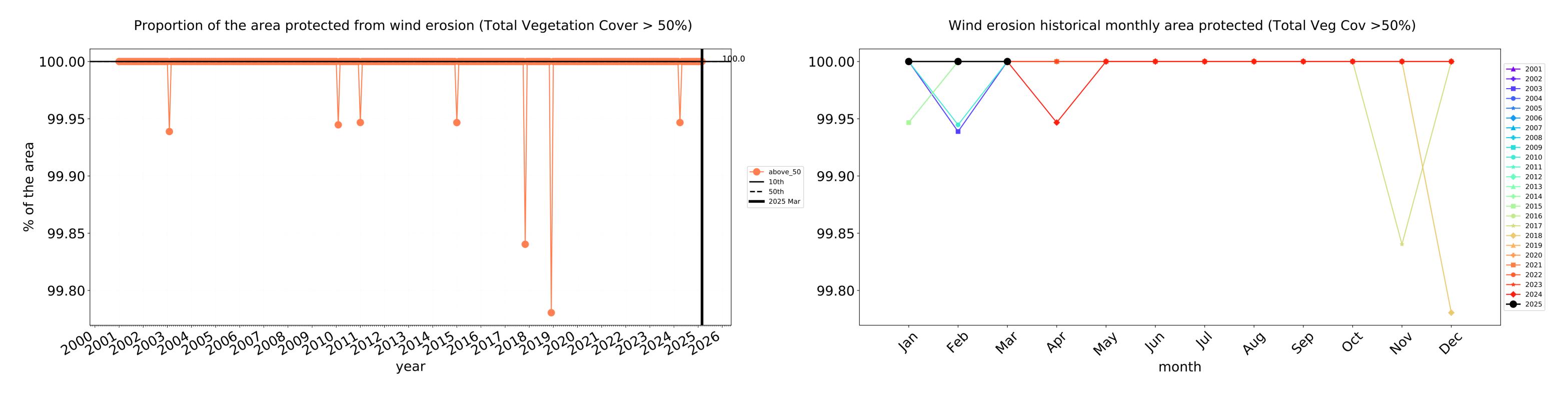


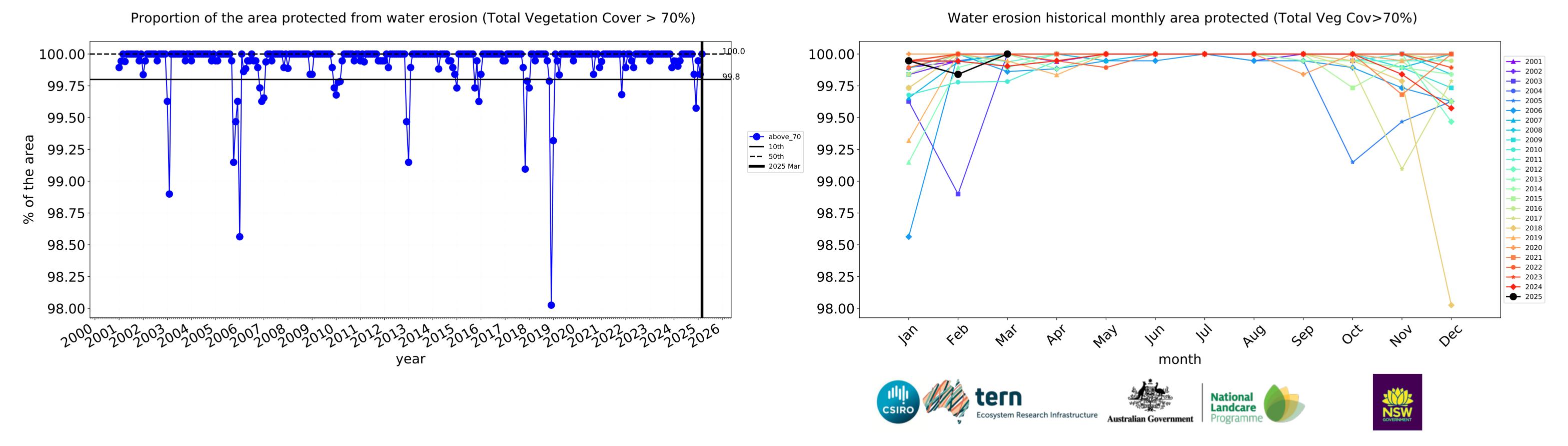


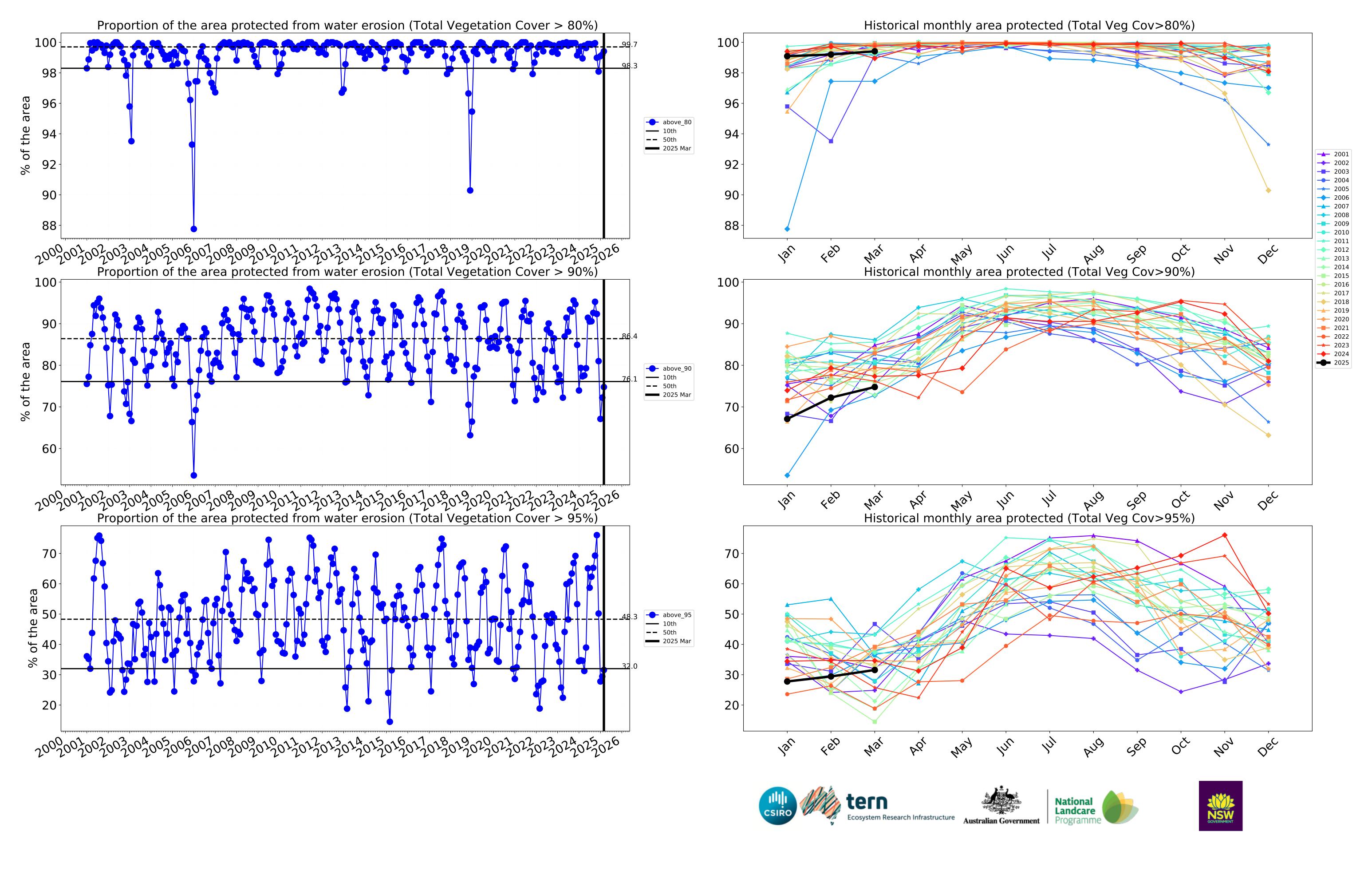






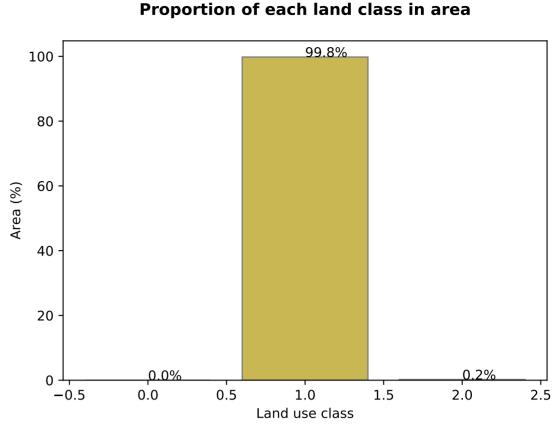


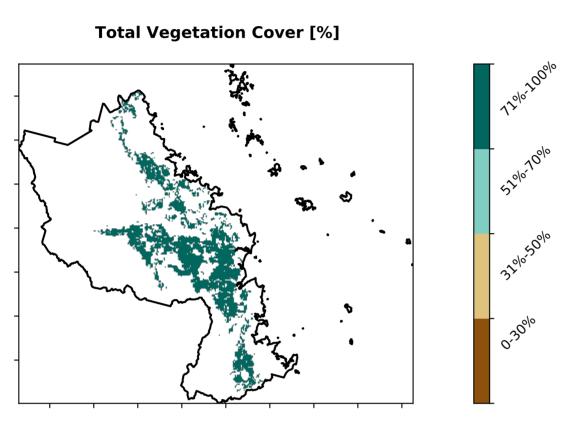


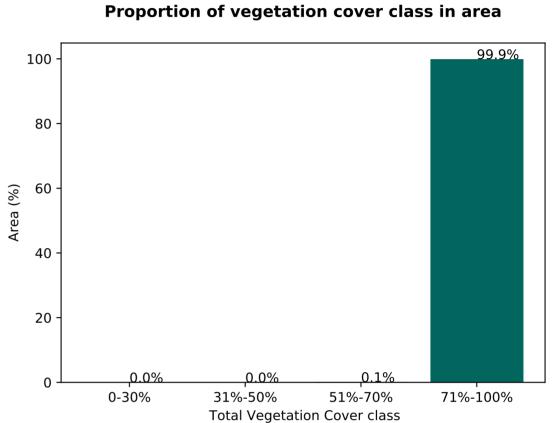


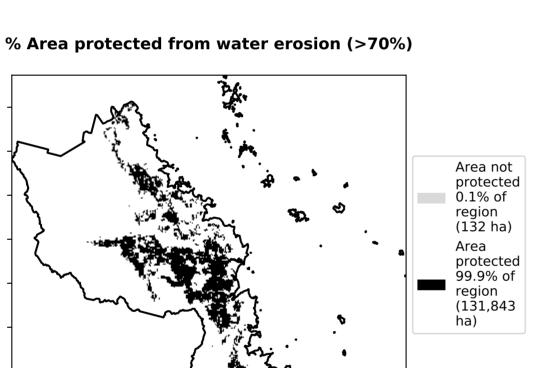
### Irrigation

### 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

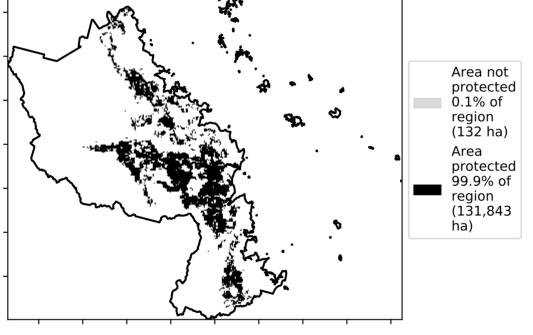




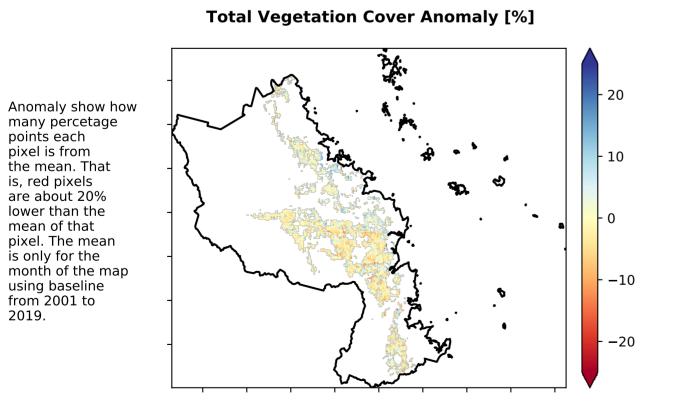




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%) Area protected 100.0% of region (131,975 ha)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

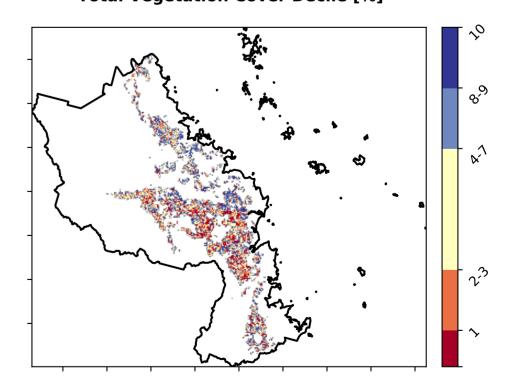


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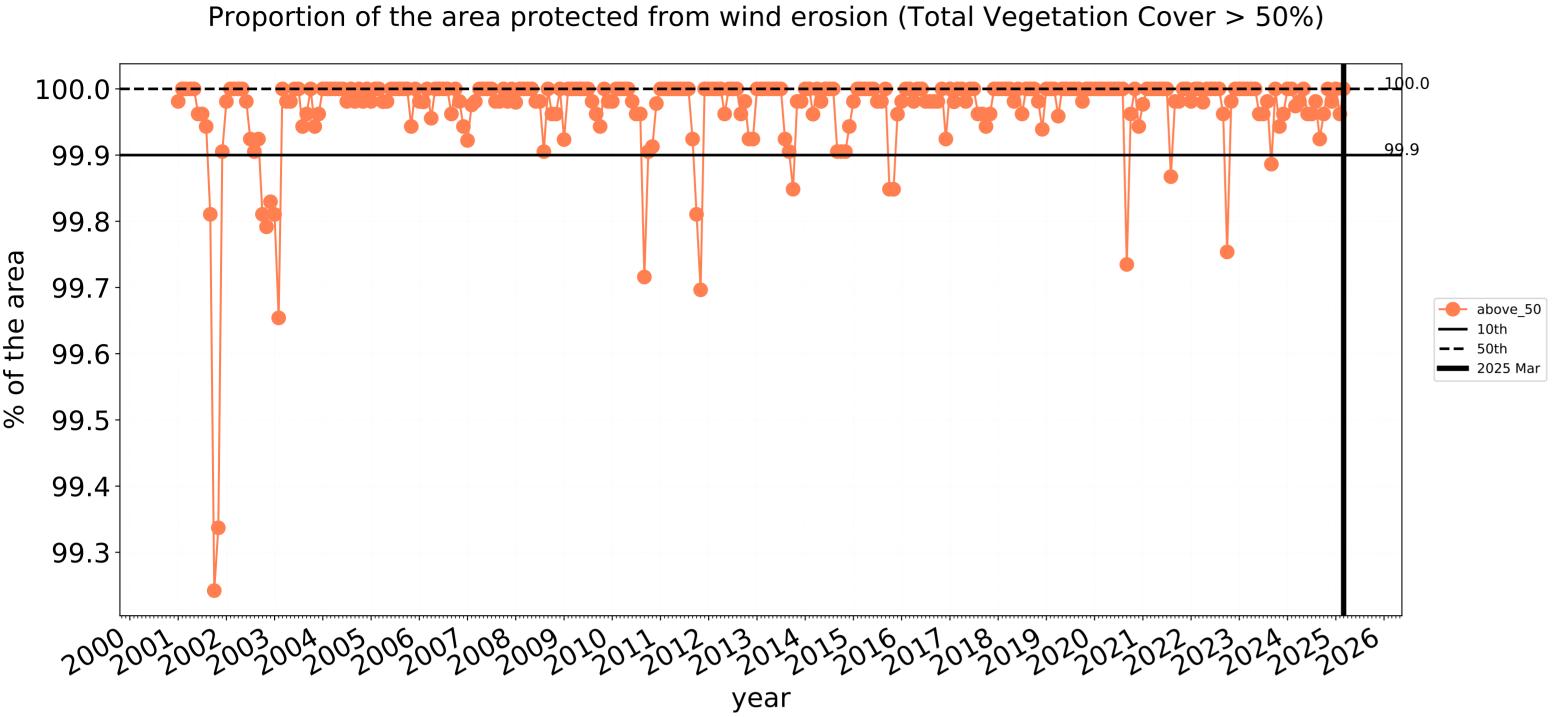


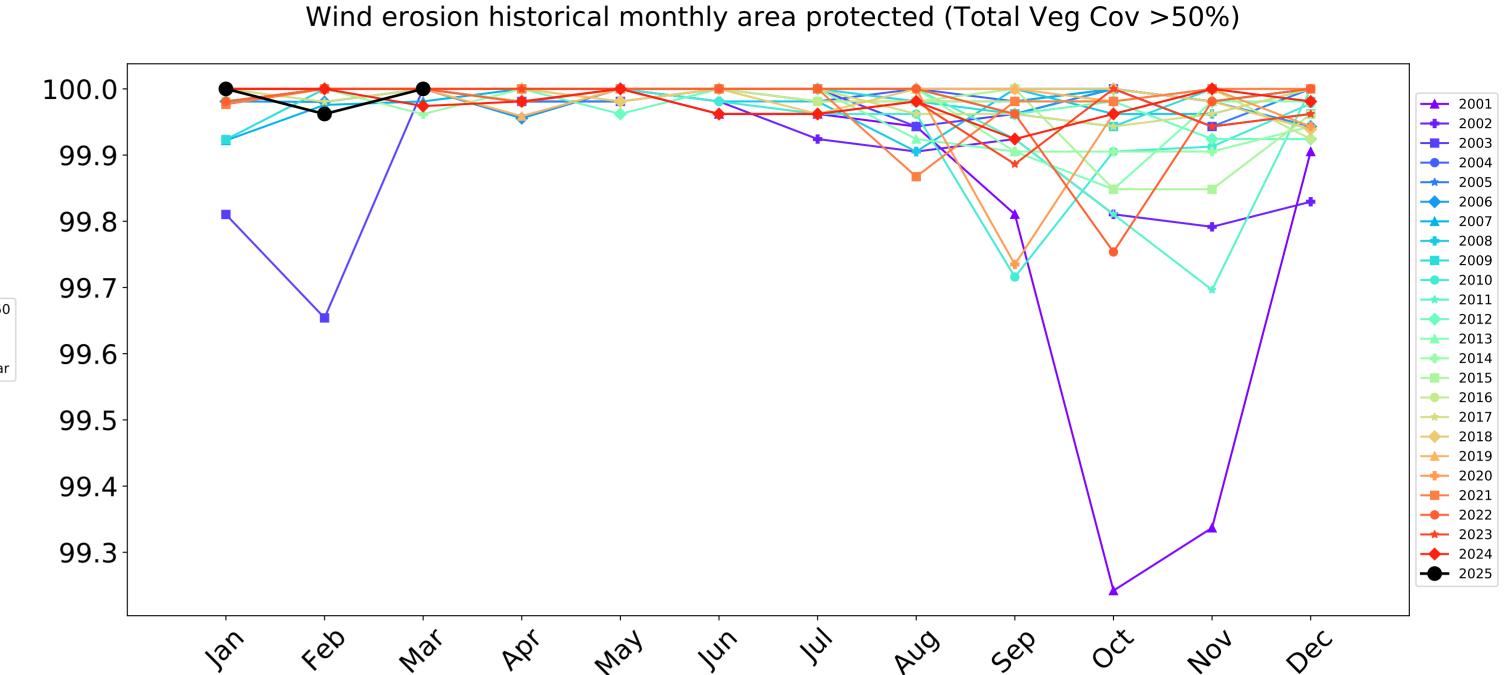






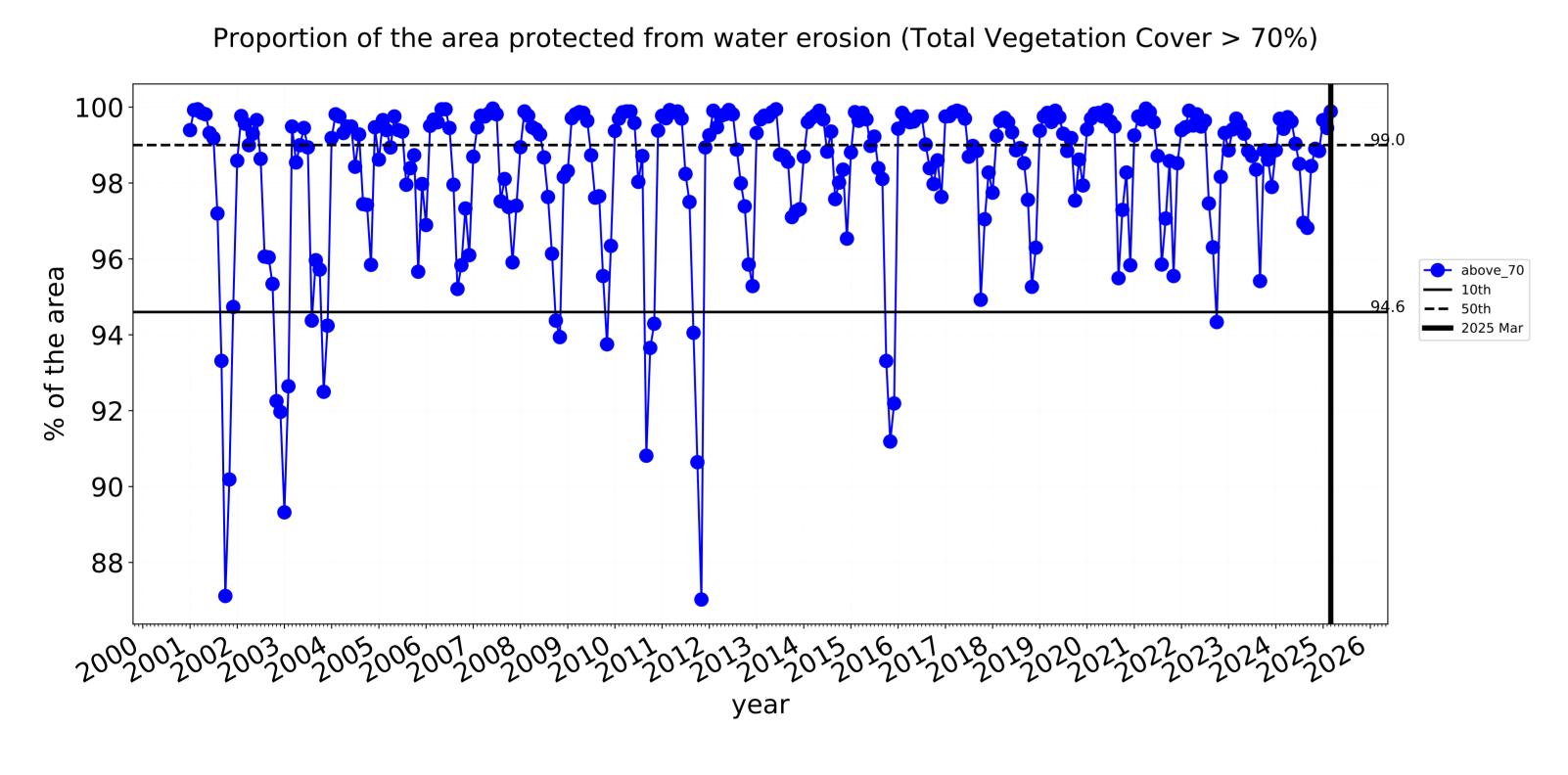
### Irrigation timeseries

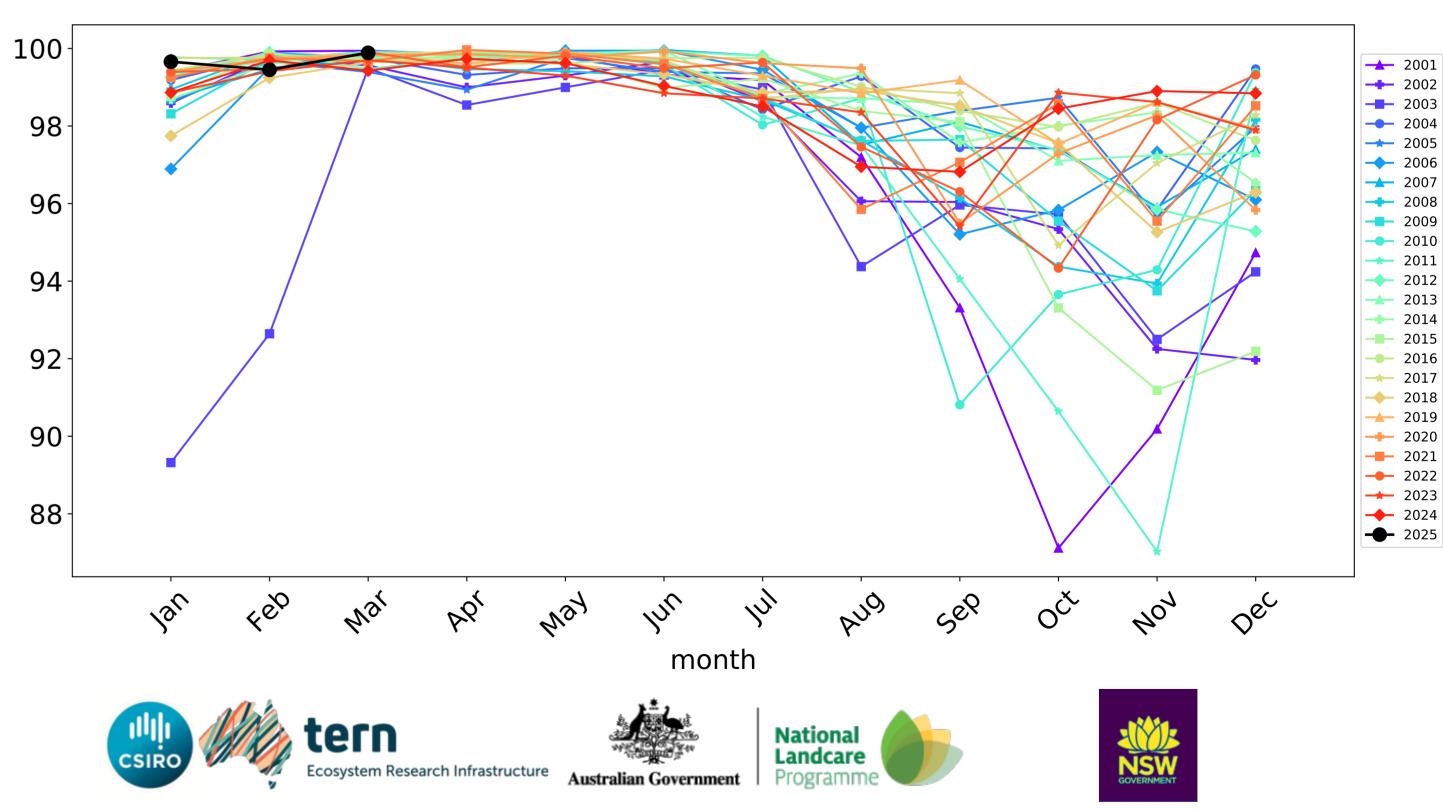


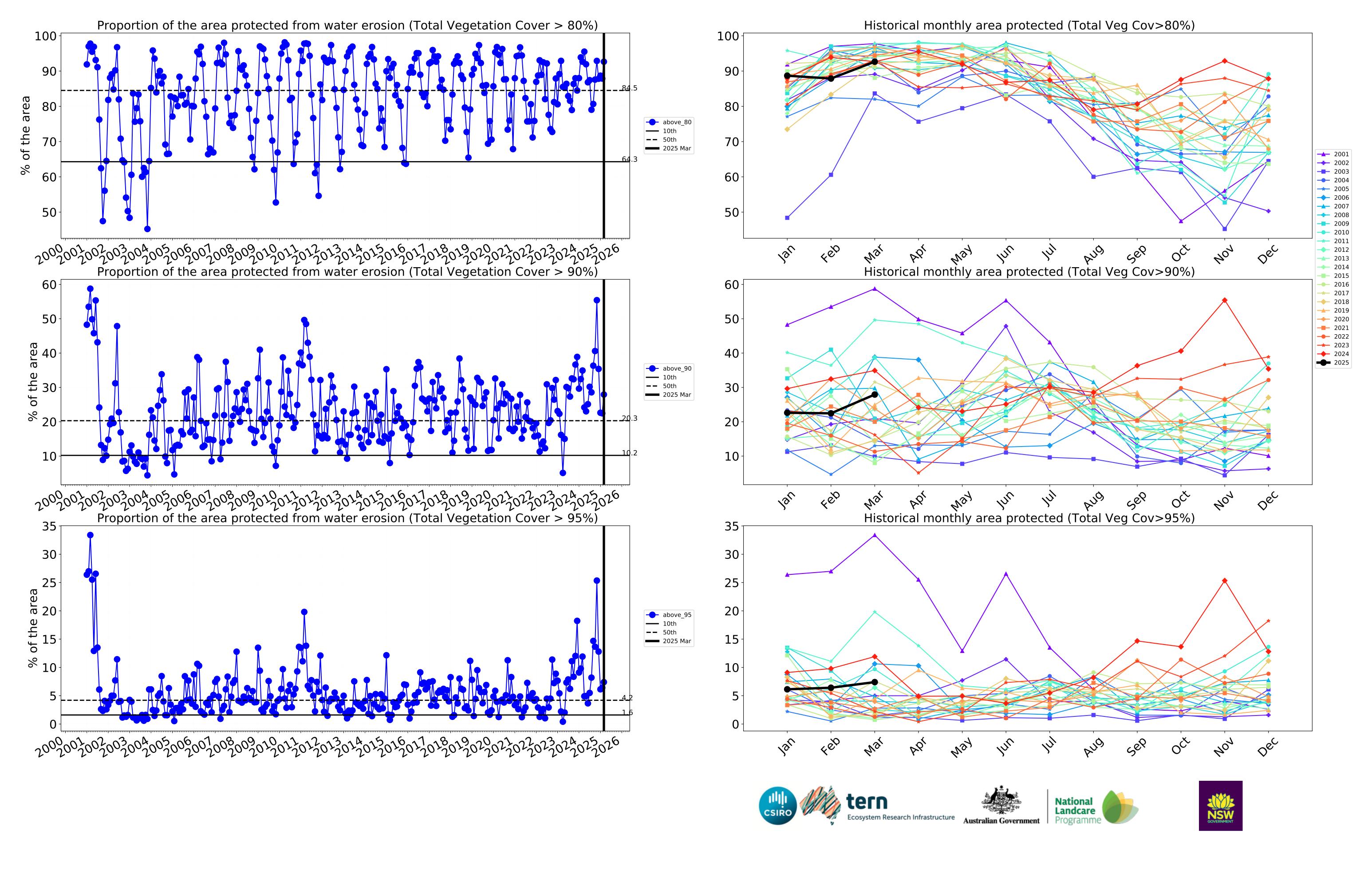


month

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







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

### Land use and forest cover

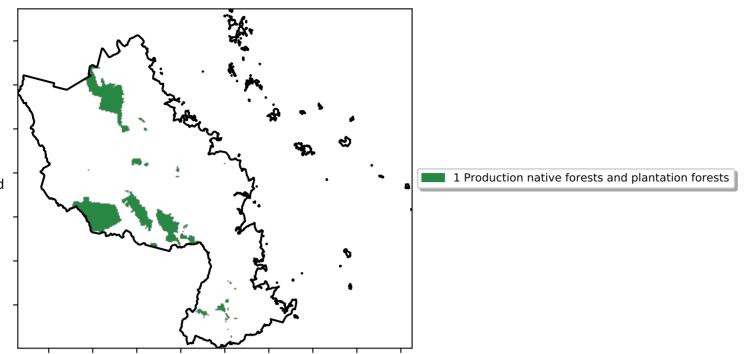
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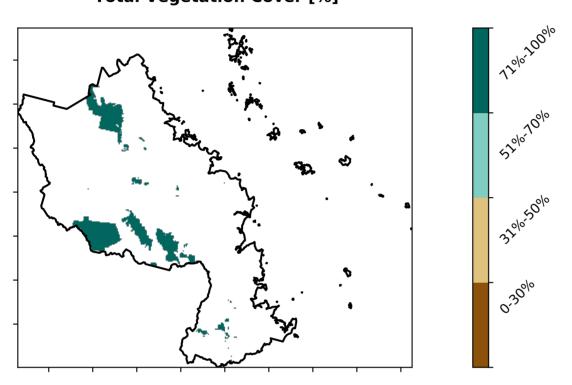
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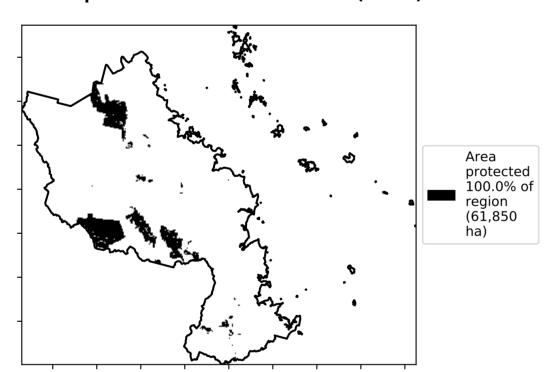
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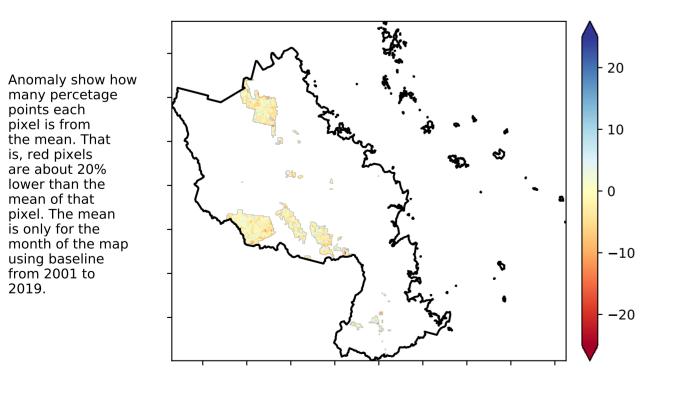
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

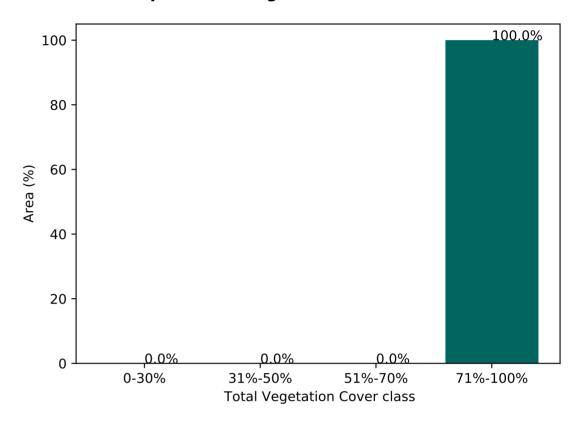


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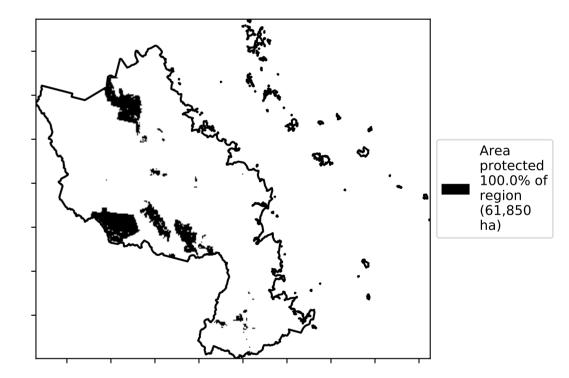


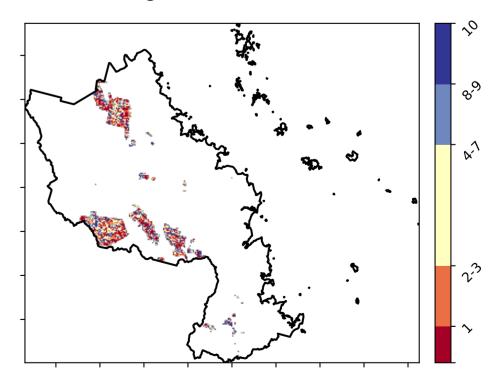
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





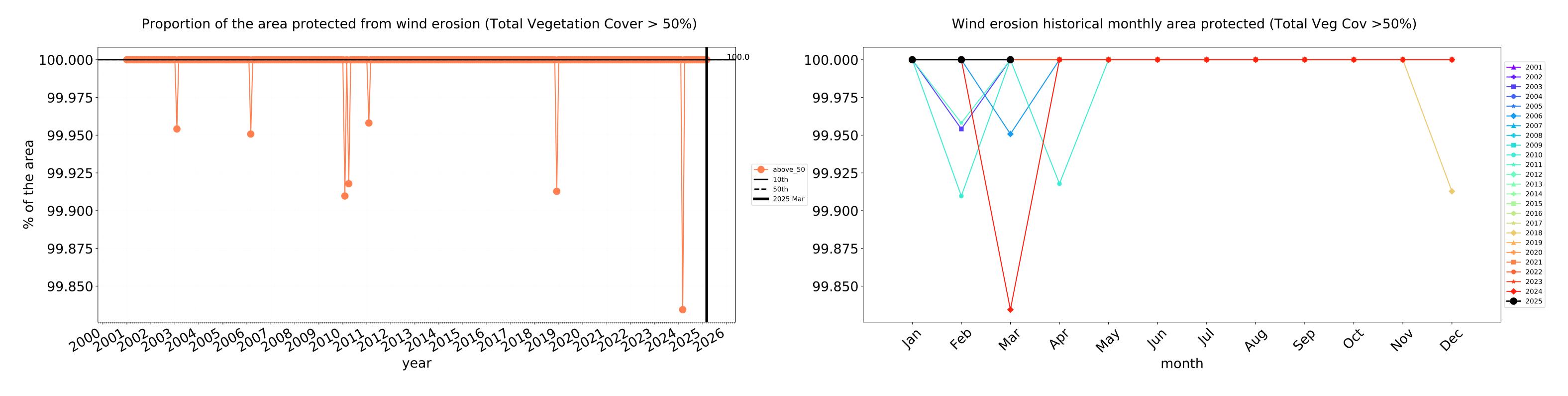


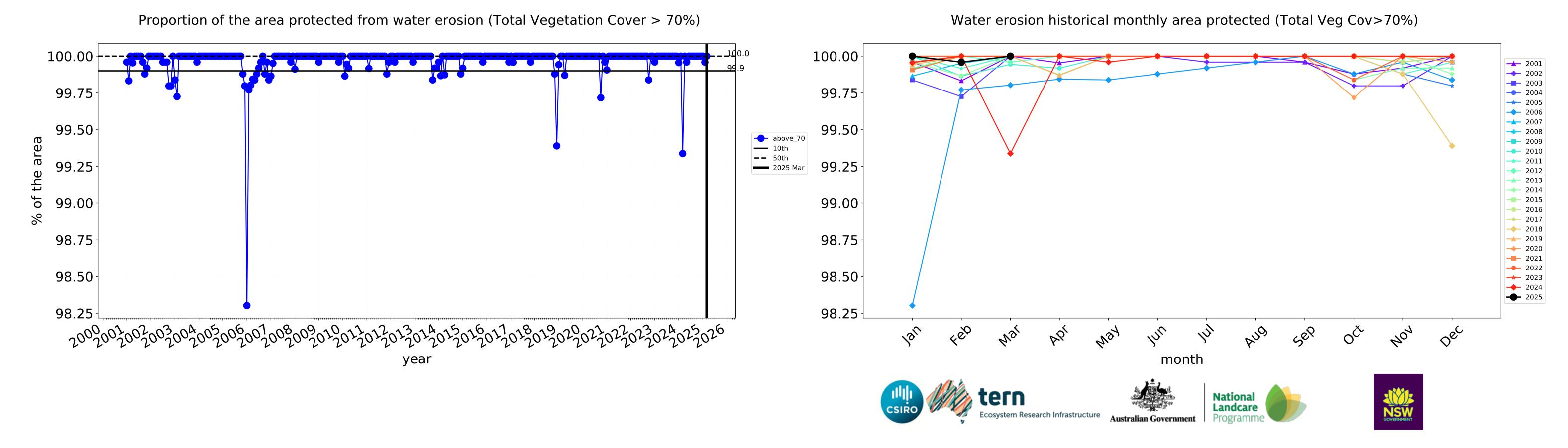


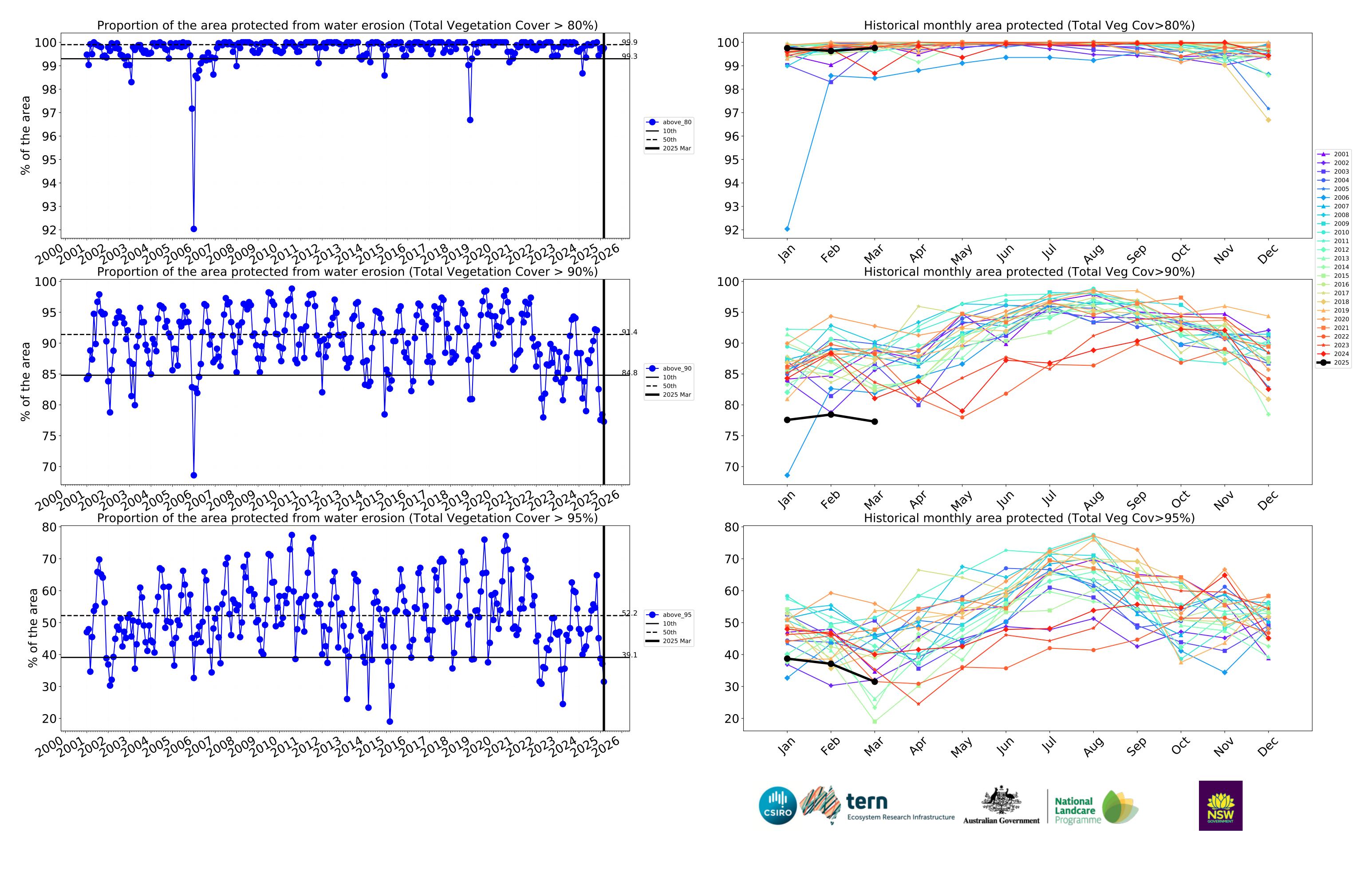




### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







### Mackay\_(R) (742,425 ha and no data 18,886 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	742,425	99.9% 741,875	99.7% 740,425	98.8% 733,700	94.8% 703,800	57.7% 428,375	24.4% 180,850
Conservation and natural environments	187,425	99.9% 187,200	99.7% 186,950	99.0% 185,550	97.8% 183,250	74.0% 138,775	33.4% 62,525
Conservation and natural environments non forest	4,800	98.4% 4,725	97.4% 4,675	91.1% 4,375	82.3% 3,950	50.5% 2,425	29.7% 1,425
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	36,725	99.9% 36,700	99.6% 36,575	98.6% 36,225	96.5% 35,450	75.9% 27,875	39.6% 14,525
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	145,900	99.9% 145,775	99.9% 145,700	99.3% 144,950	98.6% 143,850	74.3% 108,475	31.9% 46,575
Agriculture	428,275	100.0% 428,225	100.0% 428,125	99.7% 427,100	95.2% 407,900	50.4% 215,700	20.1% 86,050
Grazing	295,700	100.0% 295,650	99.9% 295,550	99.7% 294,675	96.4% 285,025	60.4% 178,525	25.7% 76,075
Grazing non forest	140,000	100.0% 139,950	99.9% 139,850	99.4% 139,125	96.6% 135,300	58.4% 81,700	24.8% 34,725
Grazing Woodland forest	108,725	100.0% 108,725	100.0% 108,725	99.9% 108,575	94.8% 103,025	56.7% 61,700	24.4% 26,525
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	46,975	100.0% 46,975	100.0% 46,975	100.0% 46,975	99.4% 46,700	74.8% 35,125	31.6% 14,825
Irrigation	131,975	100.0% 131,975	100.0% 131,975	99.9% 131,825	92.7% 122,275	27.9% 36,850	7.4% 9,775
Production native forests and plantation forests	61,850	100.0% 61,850	100.0% 61,850	100.0% 61,850	99.8% 61,700	77.3% 47,800	31.5% 19,475







