# 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: October 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:

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# **Vegetation Cover Oct 2025**

#### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

Derived from

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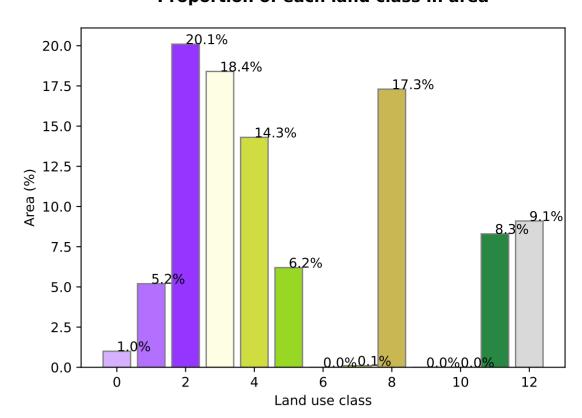
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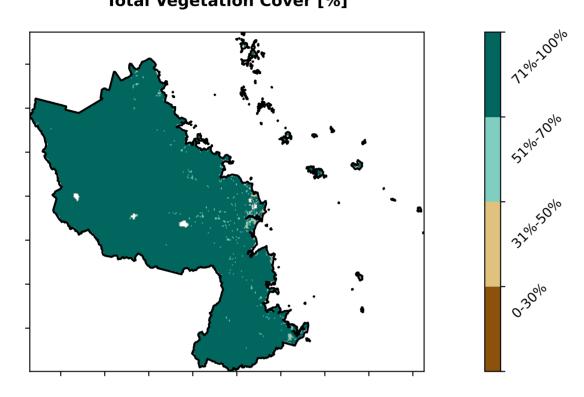
Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

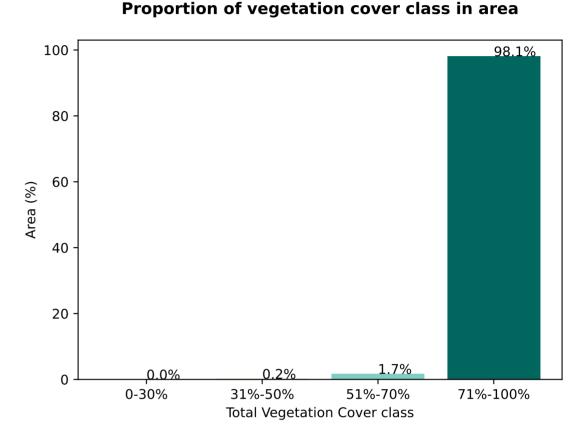
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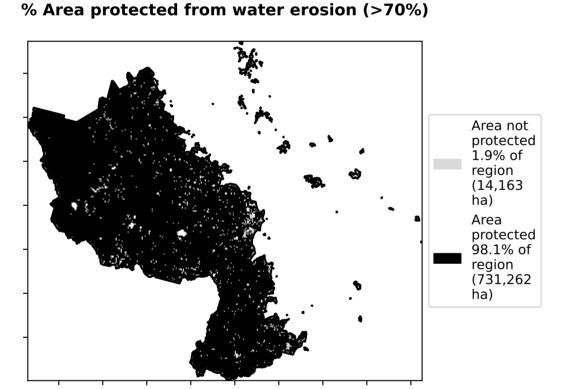
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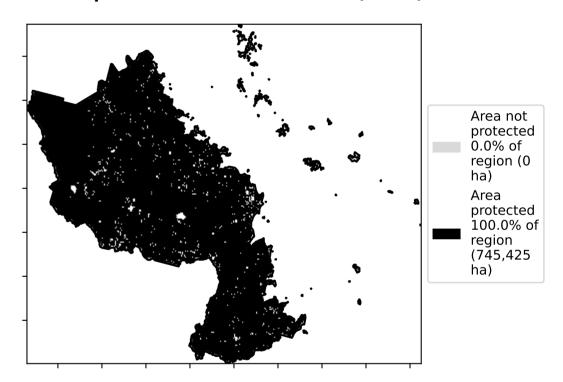
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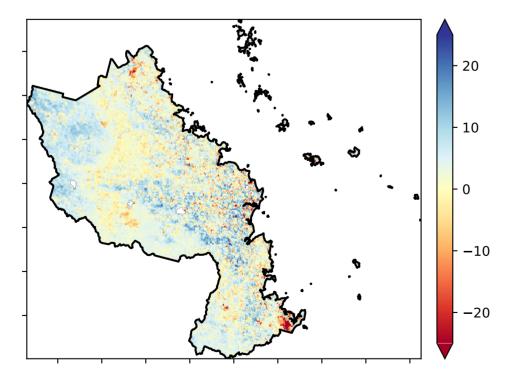




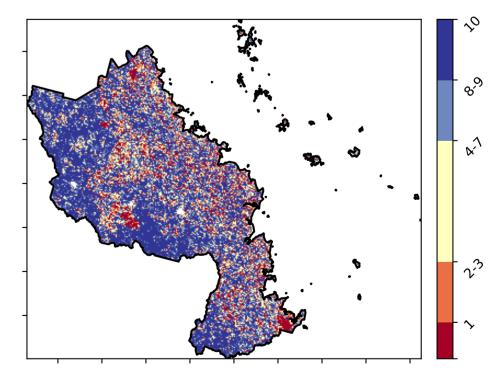
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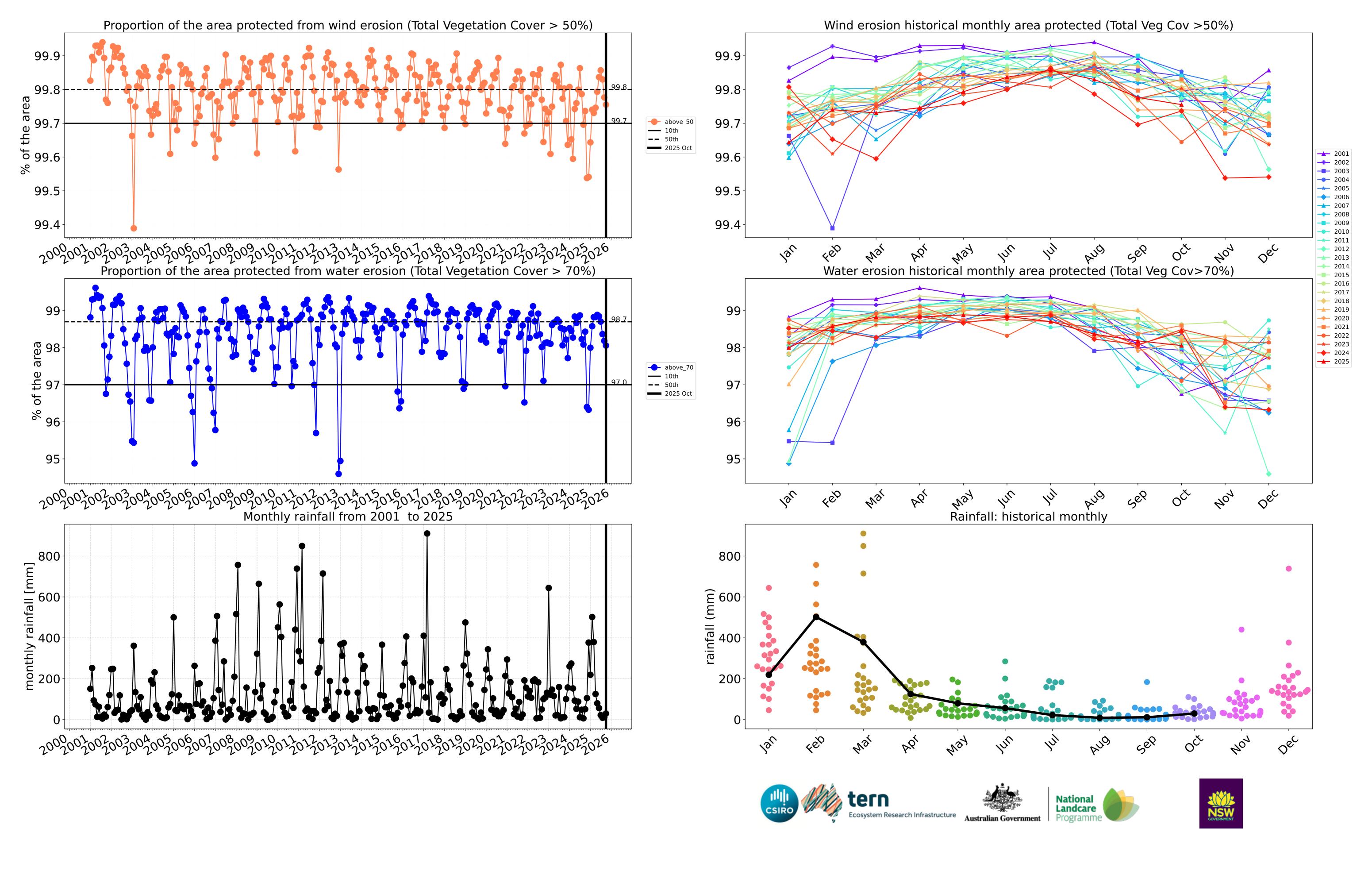


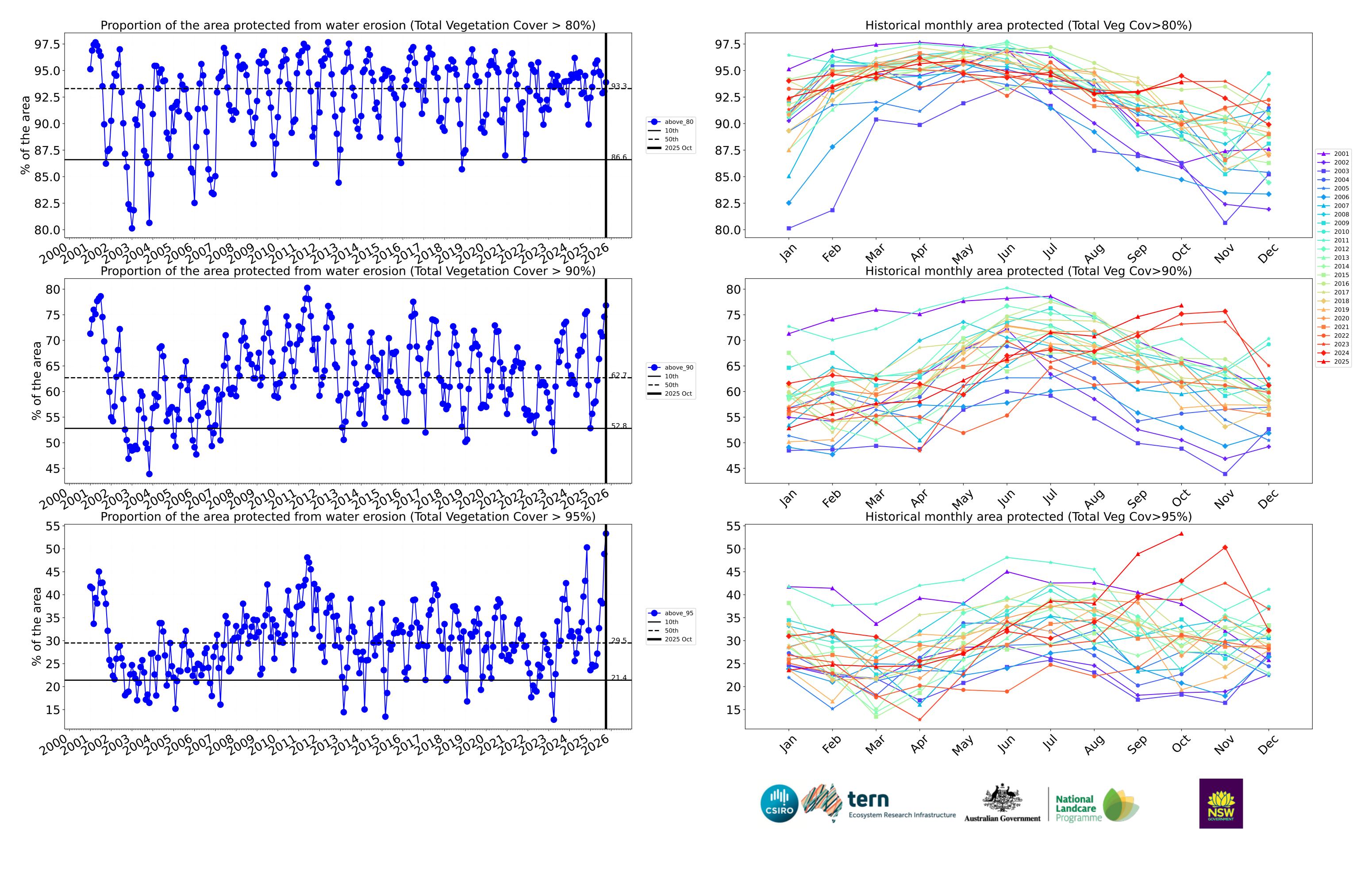










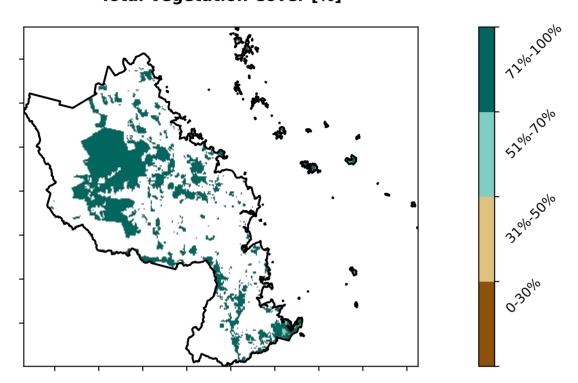


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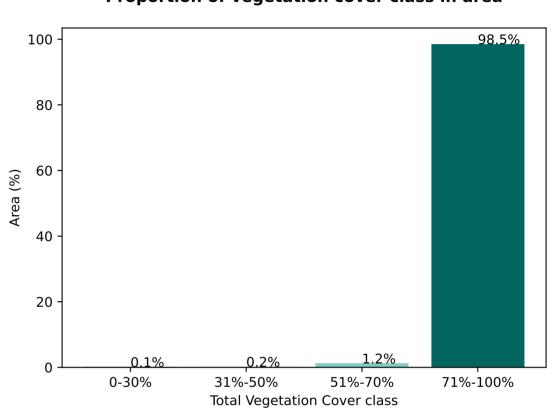
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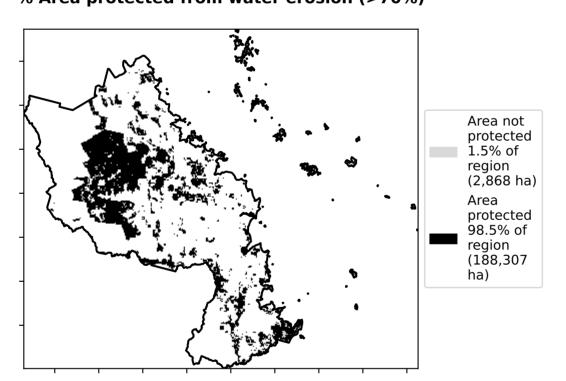
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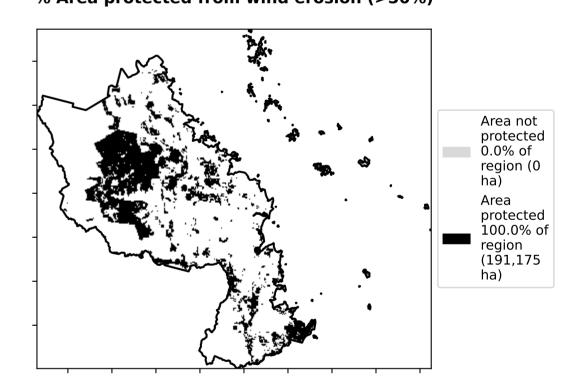
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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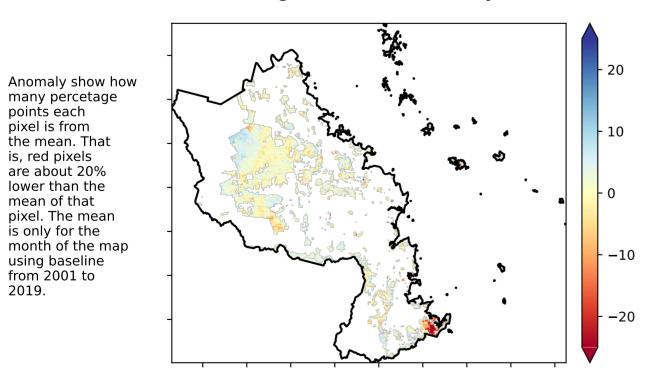
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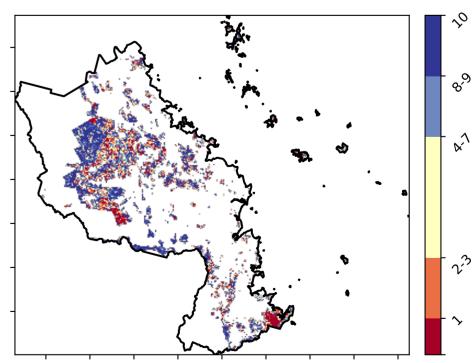
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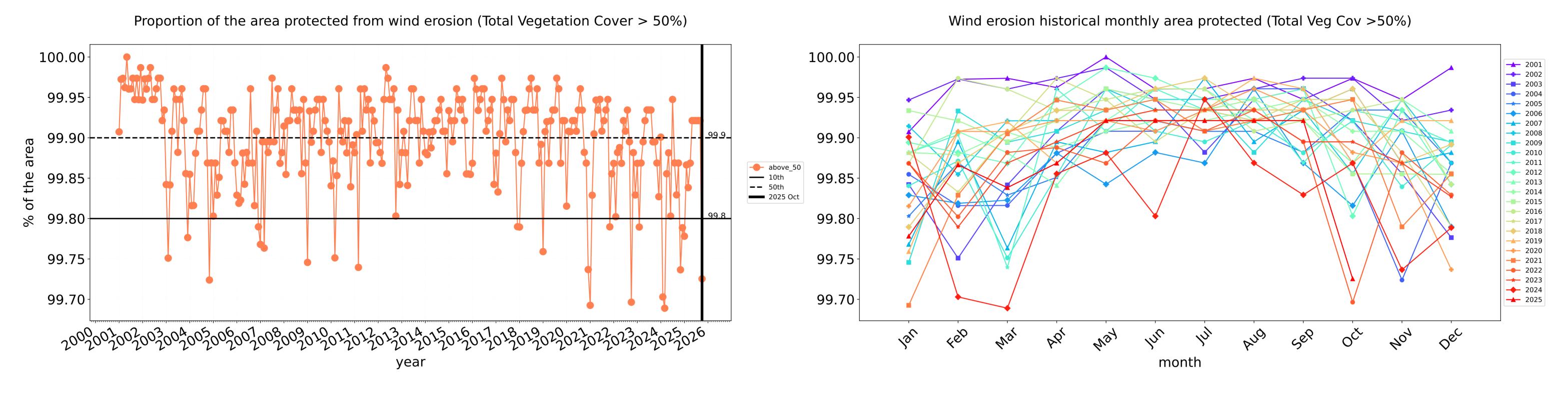


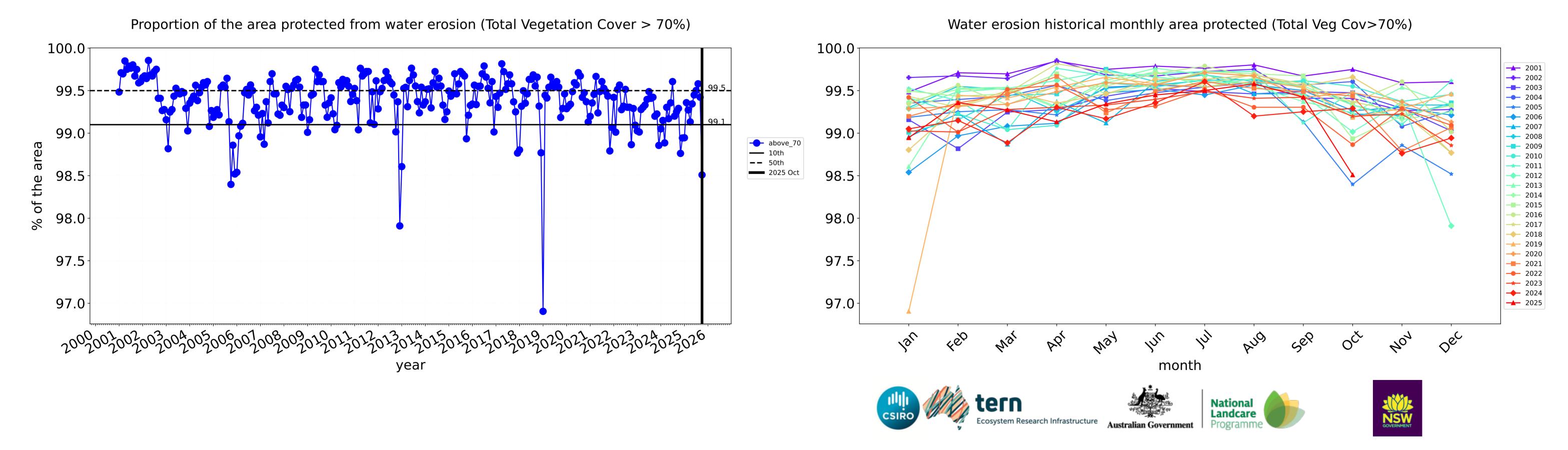


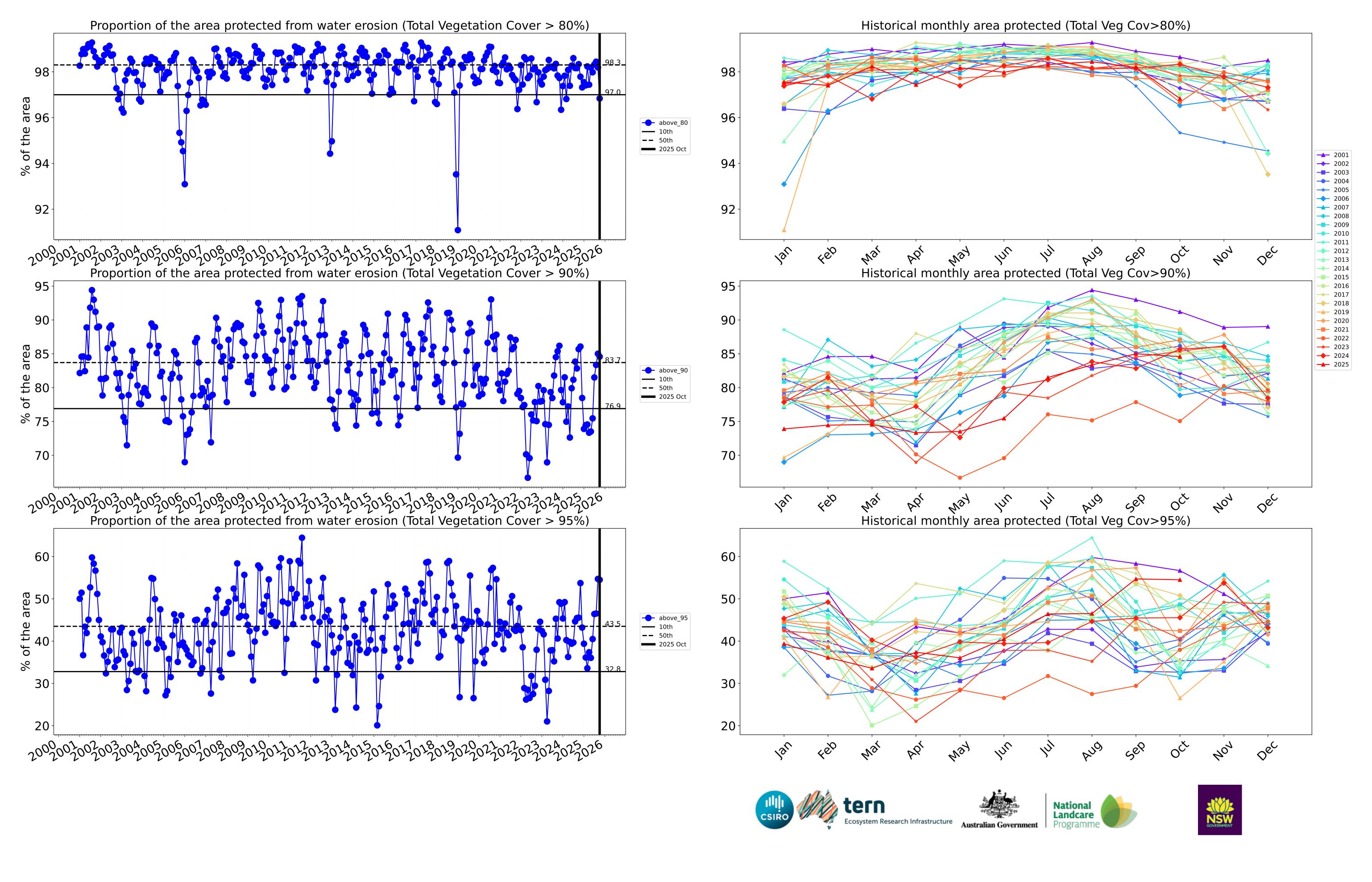




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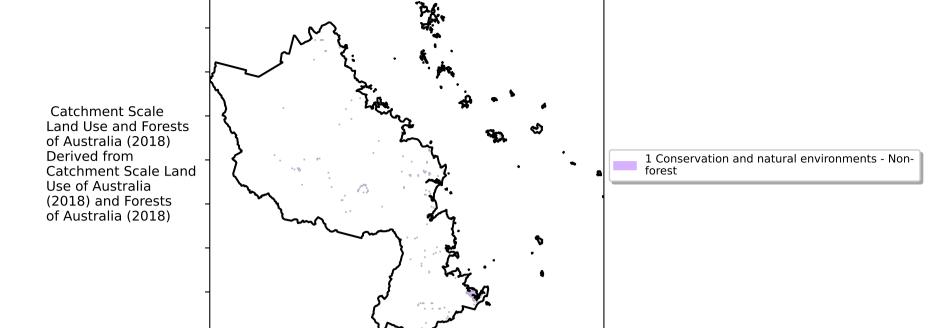




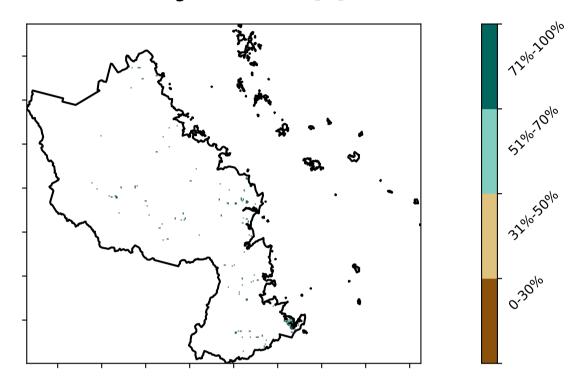


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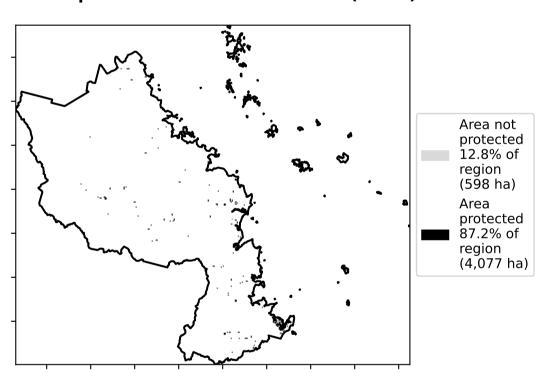
#### Land use and forest cover



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



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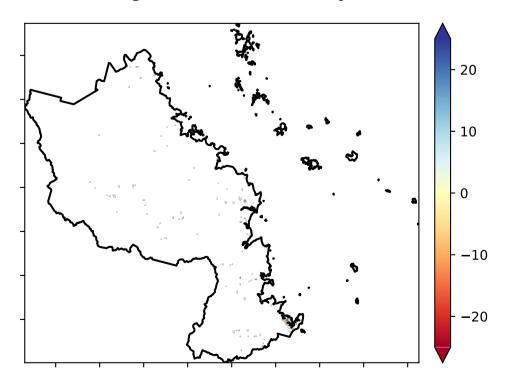
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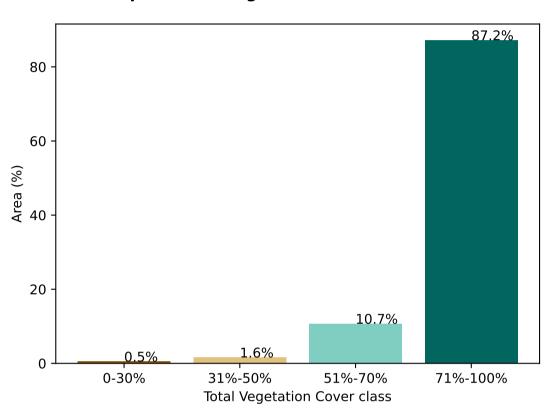
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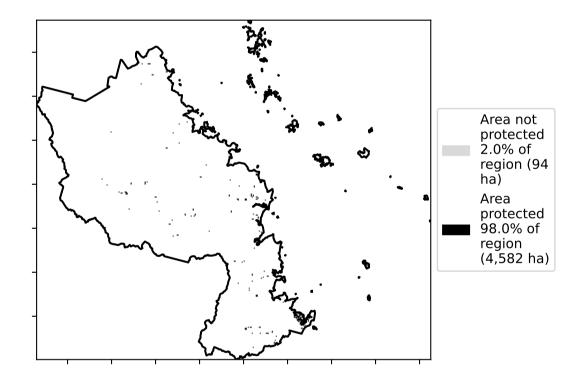


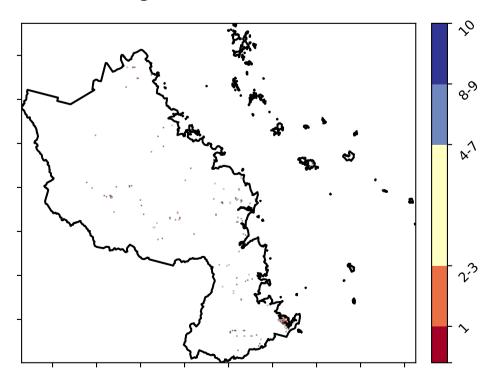
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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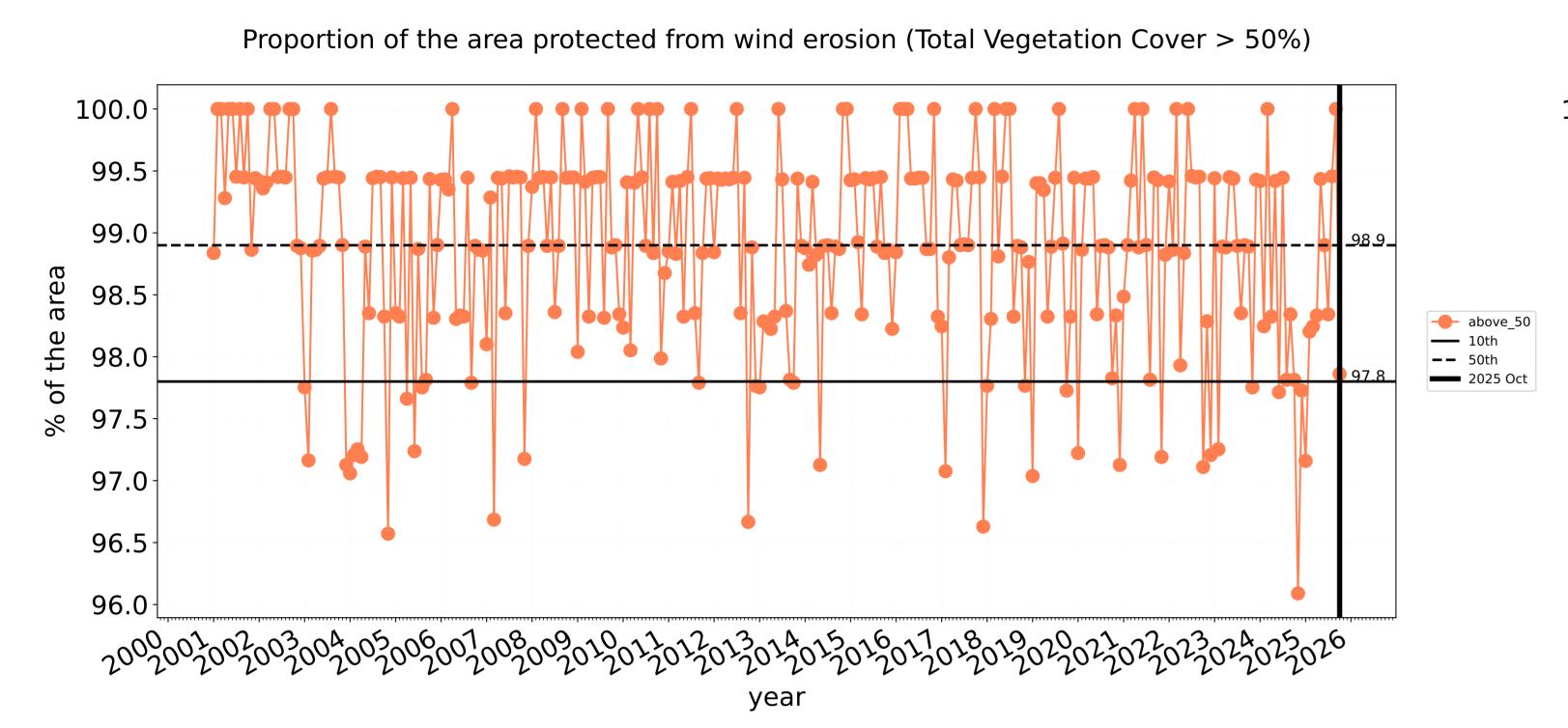


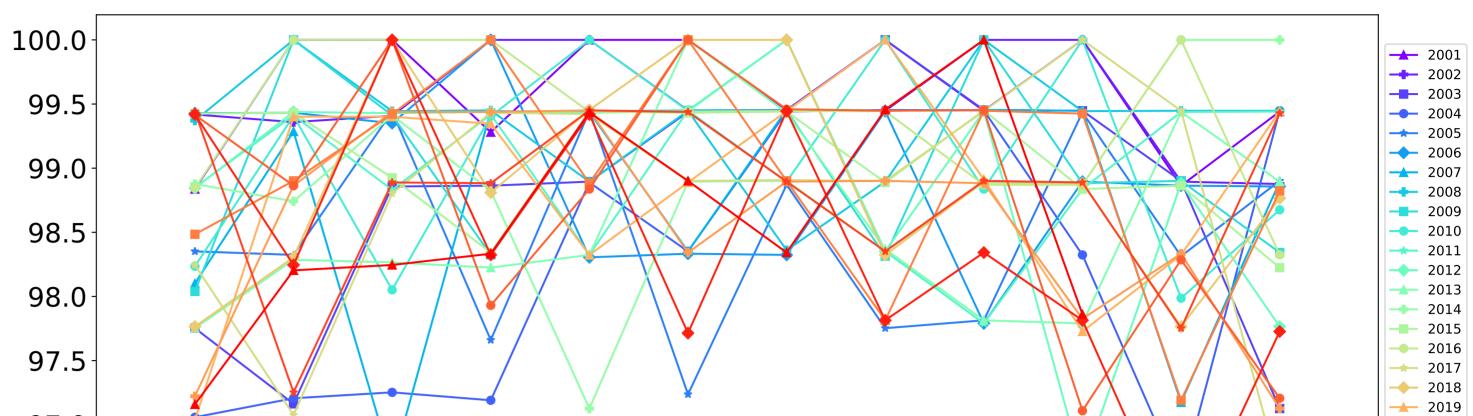
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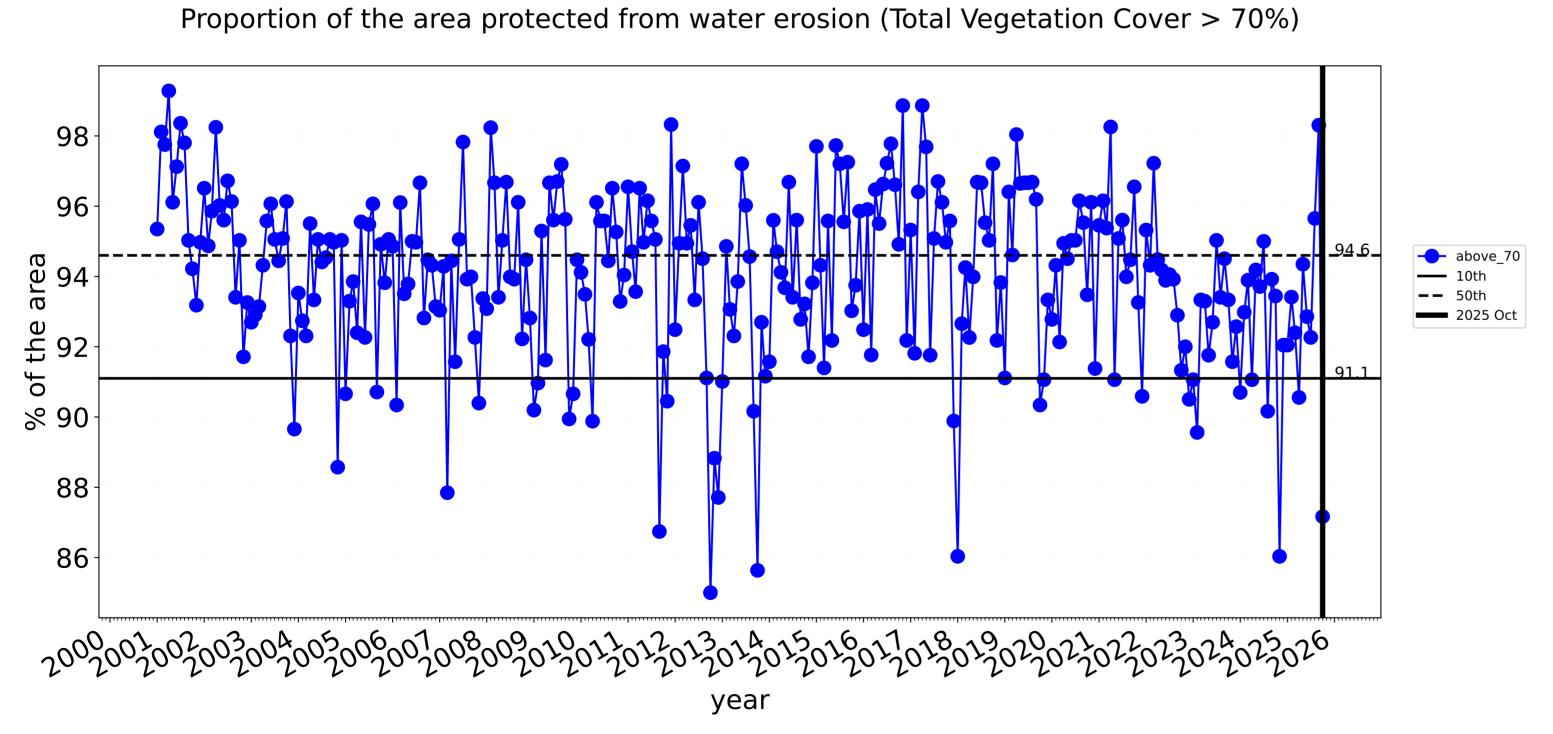
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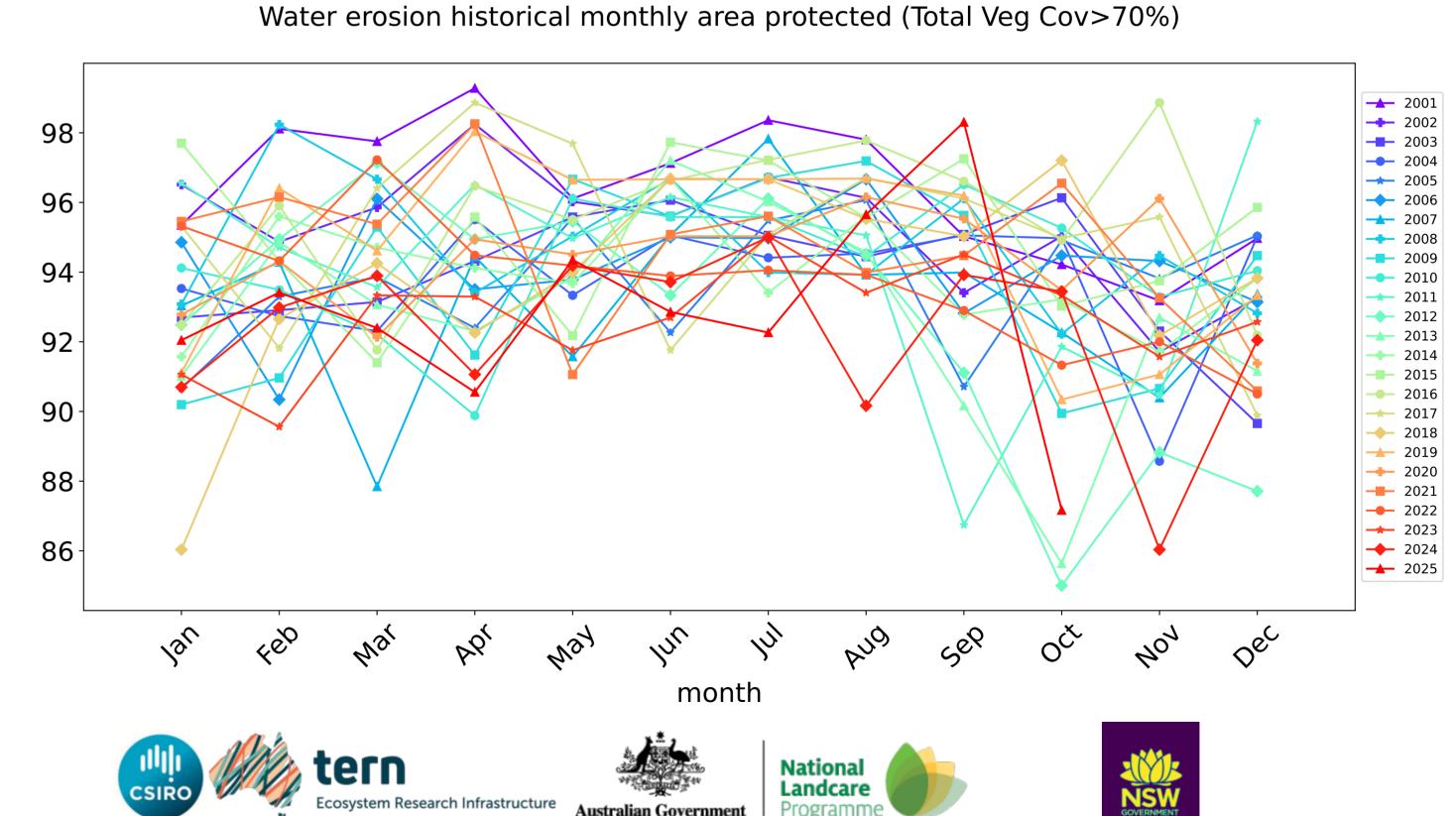
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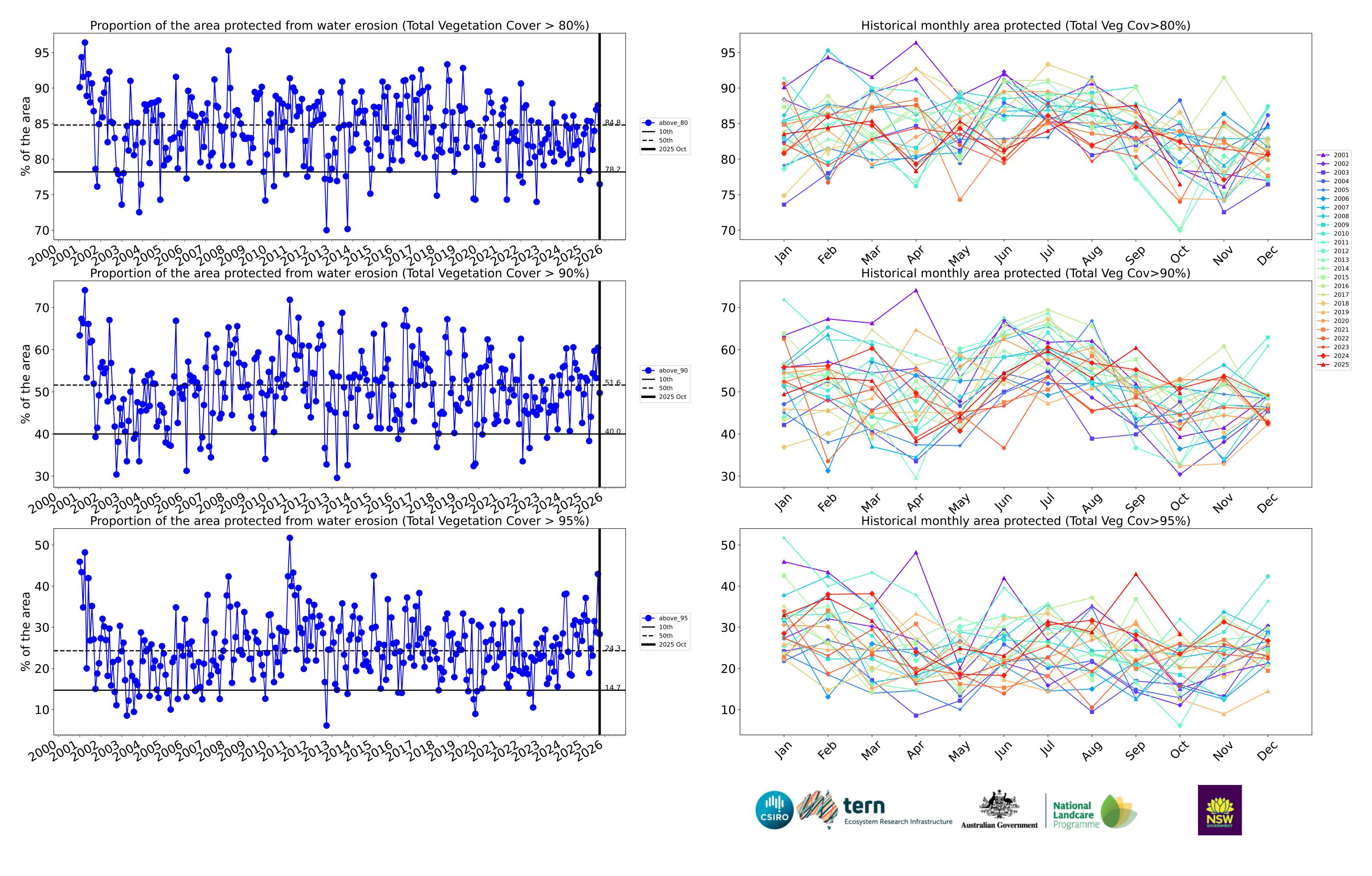
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

#### Land use and forest cover

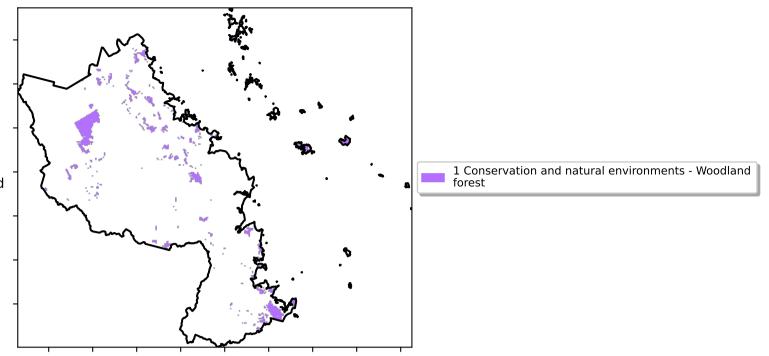
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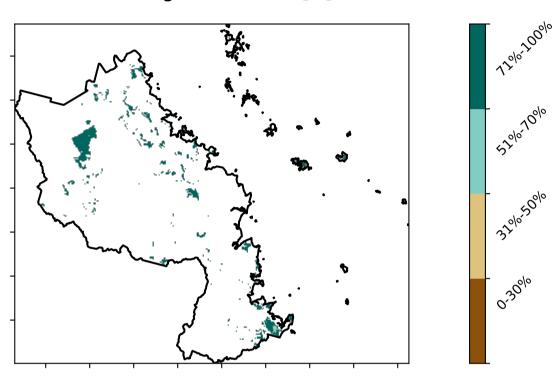
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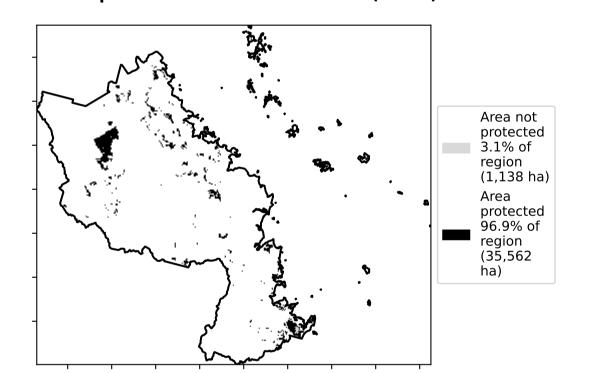
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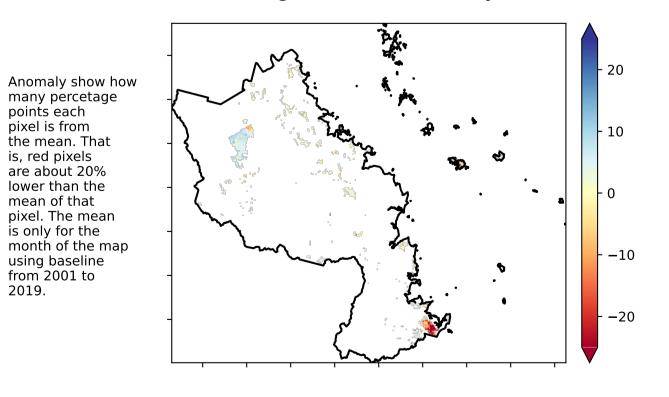
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

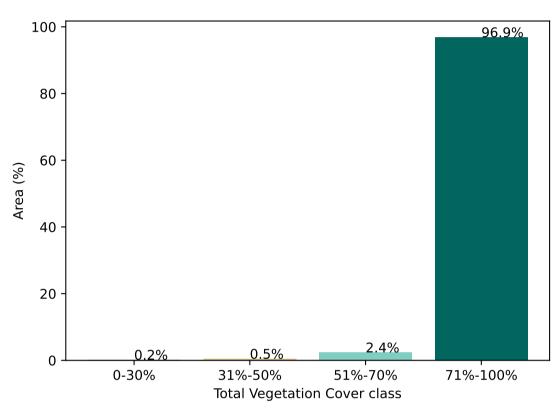


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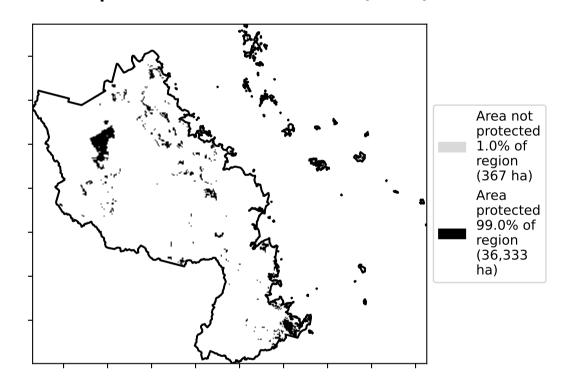


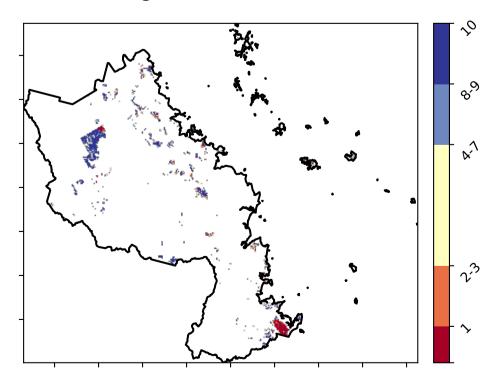
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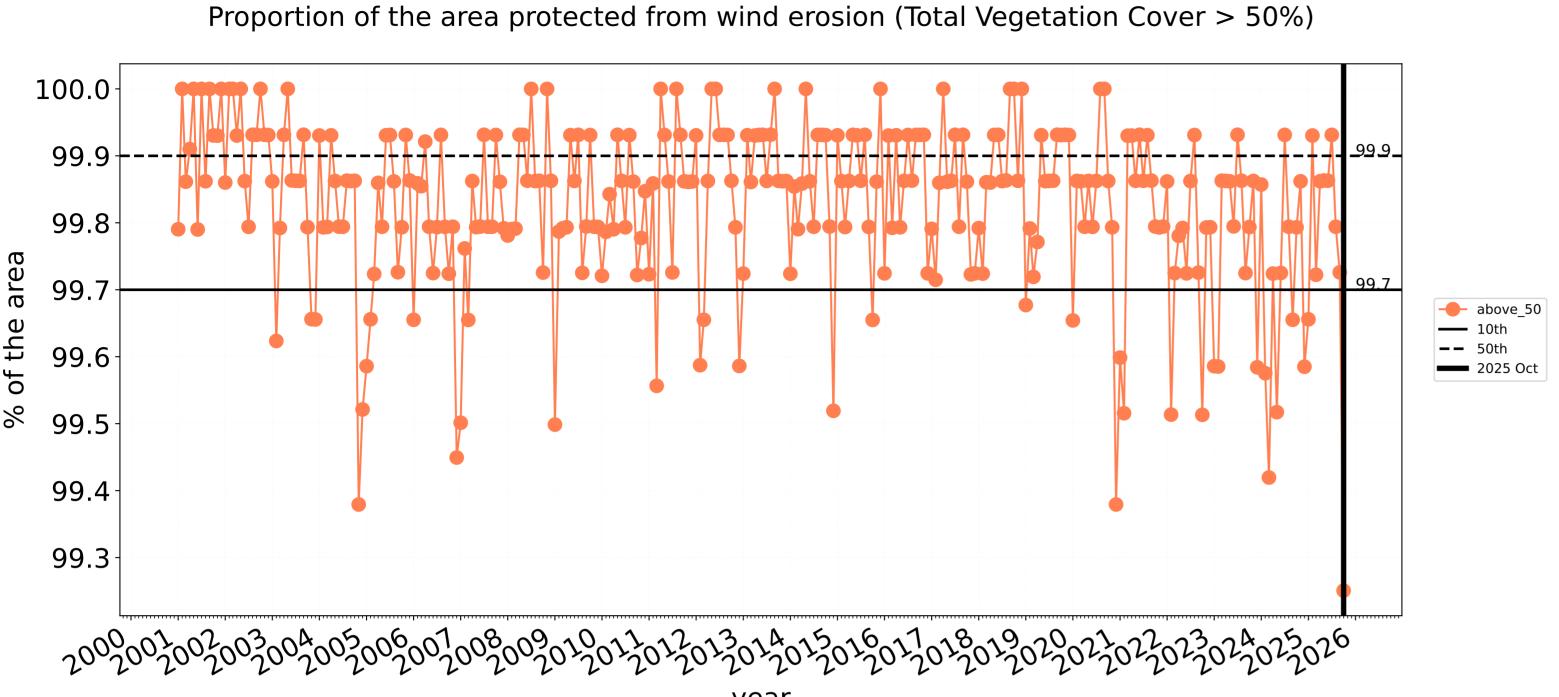


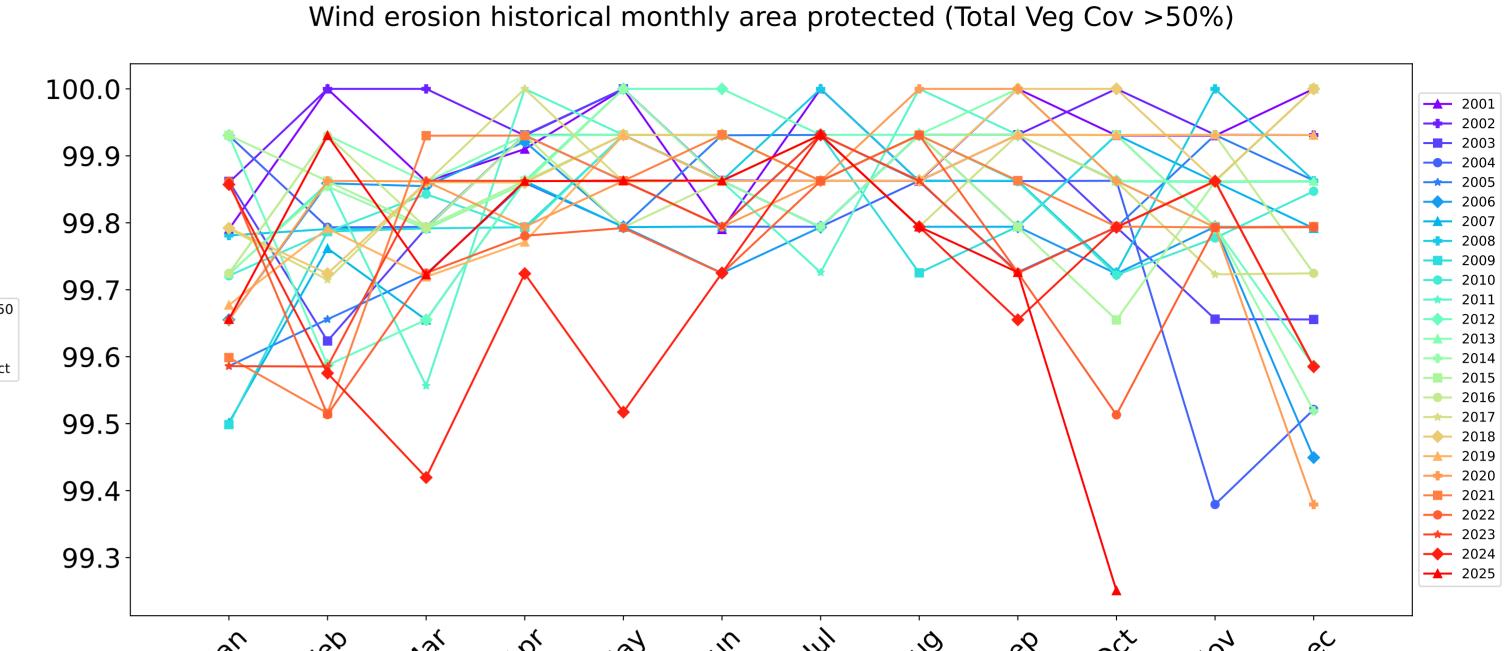




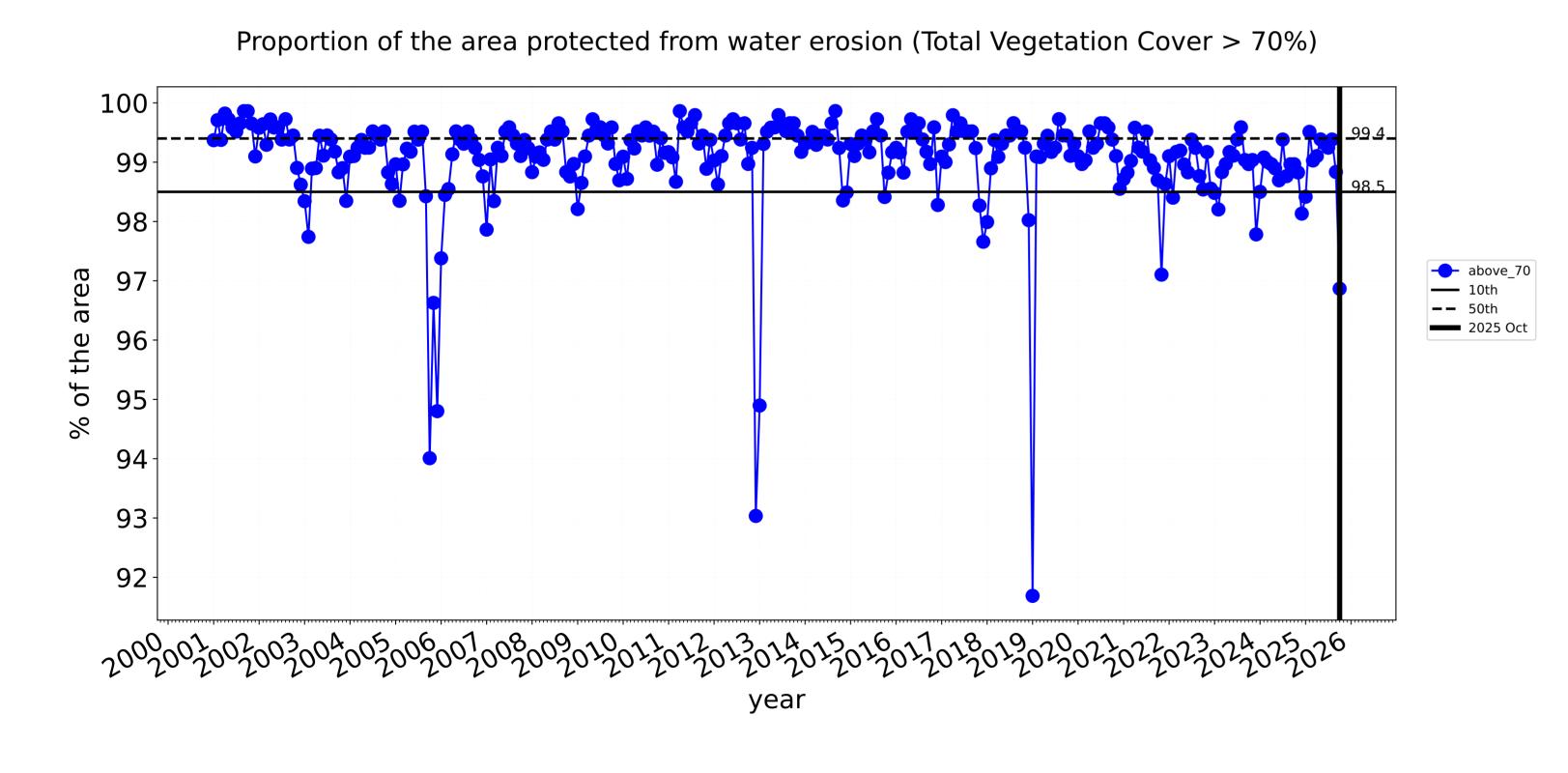


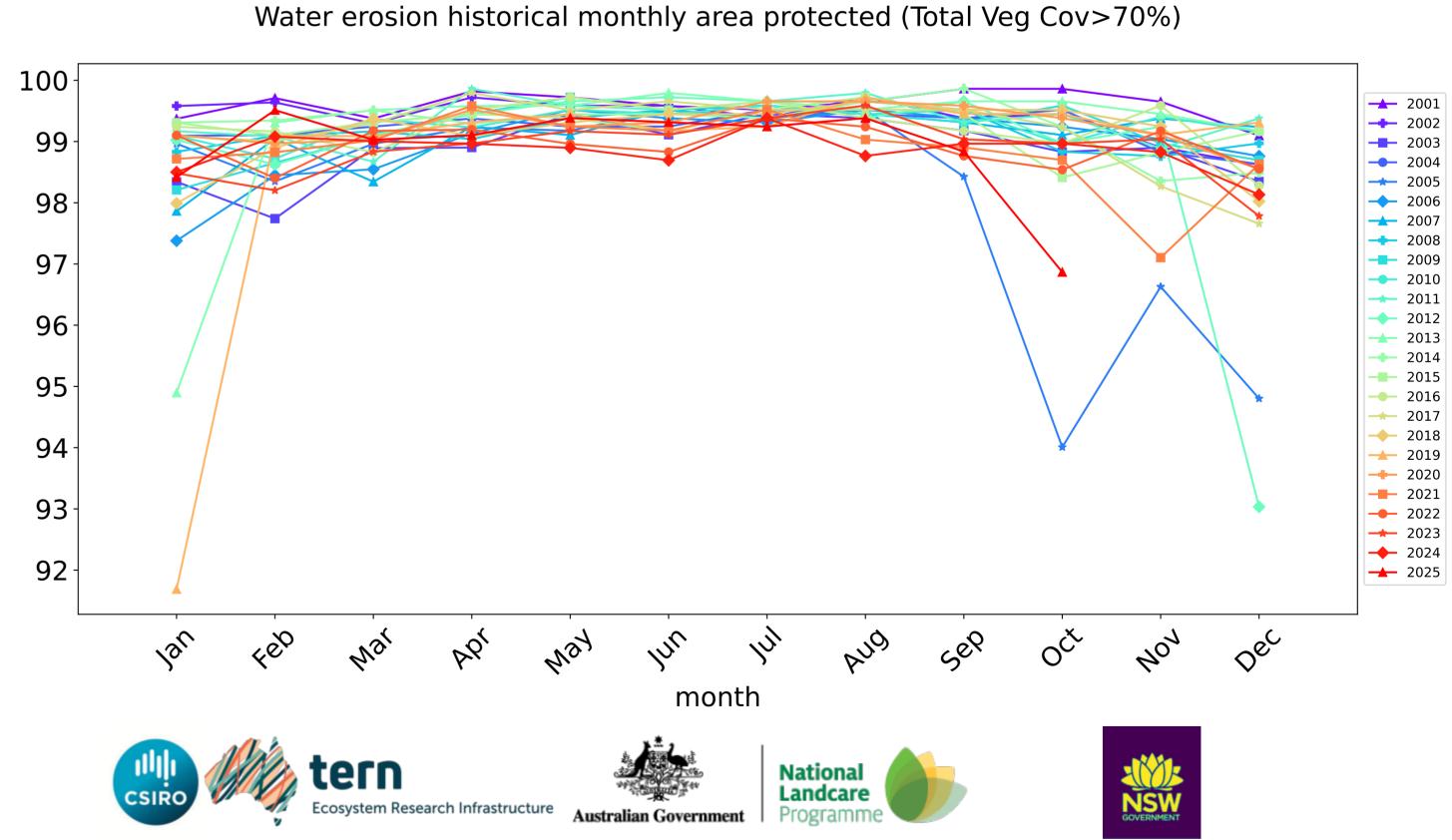
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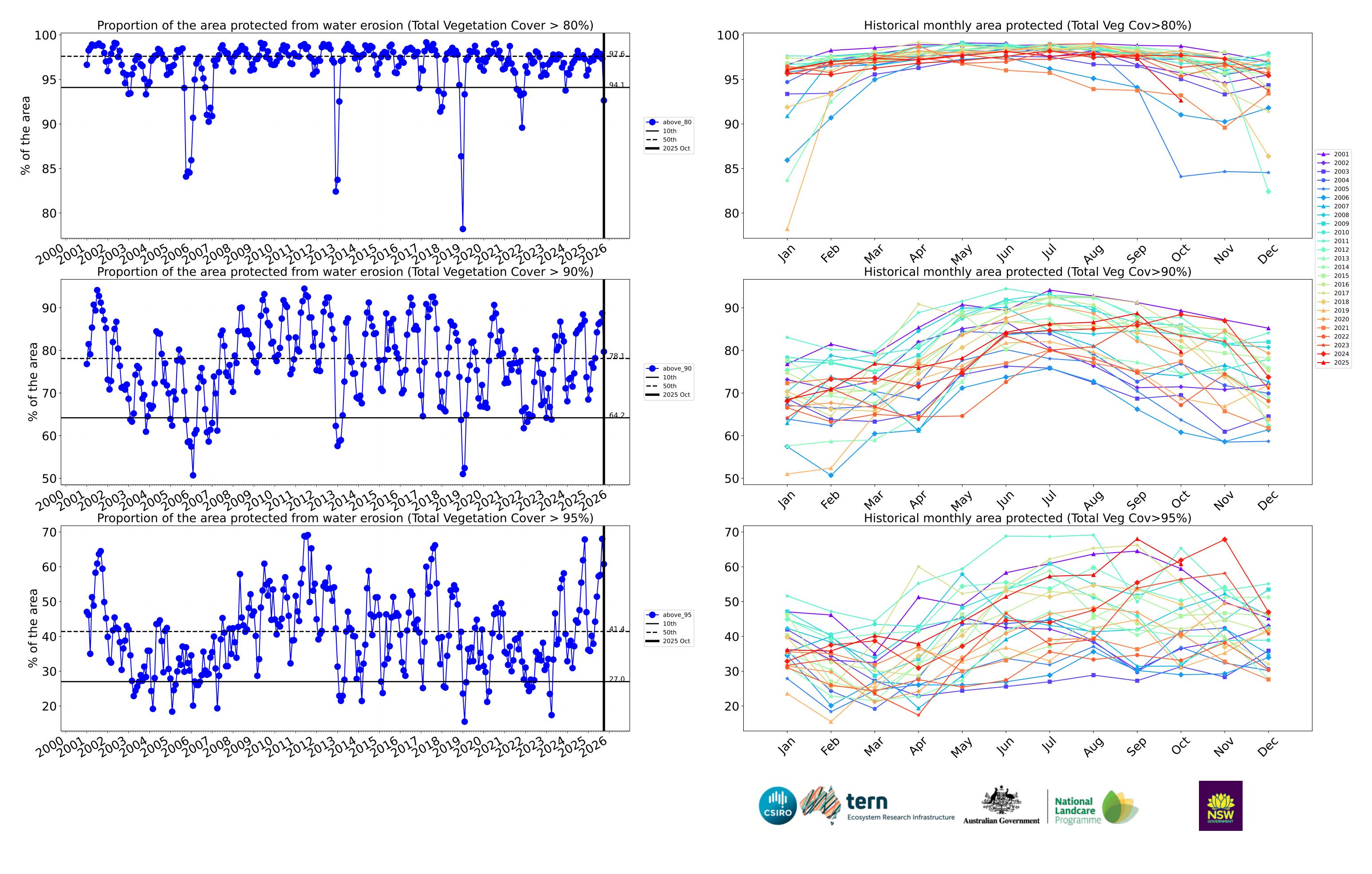




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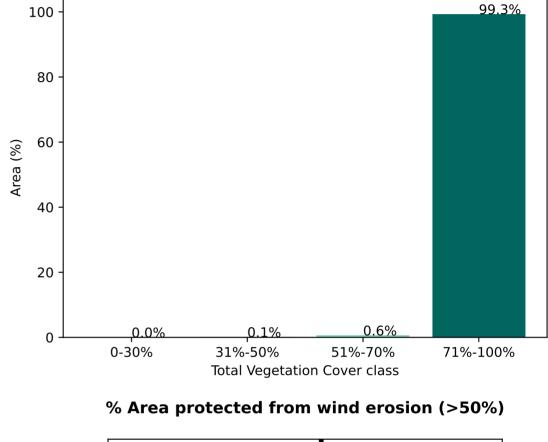




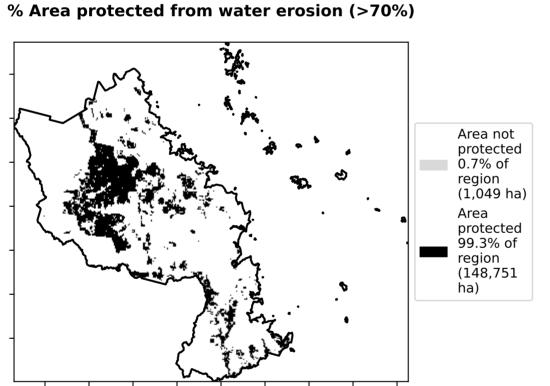
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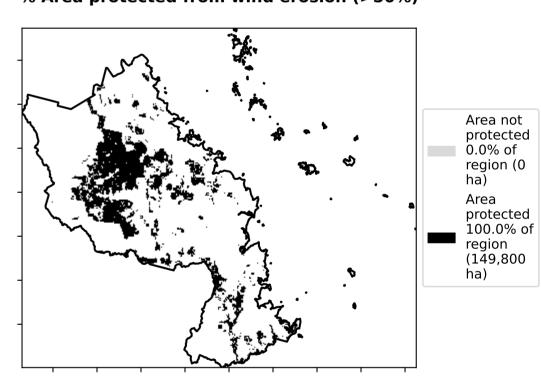
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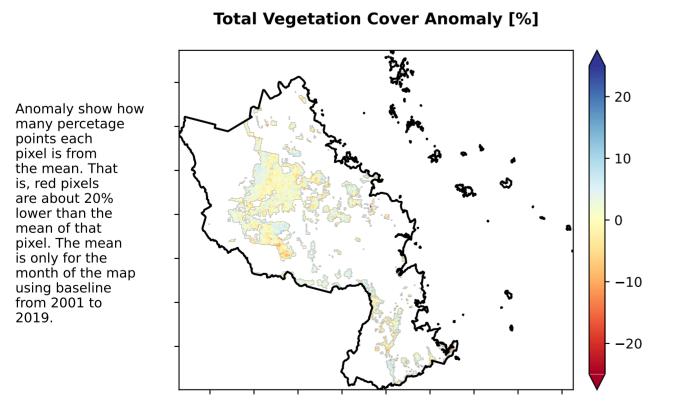
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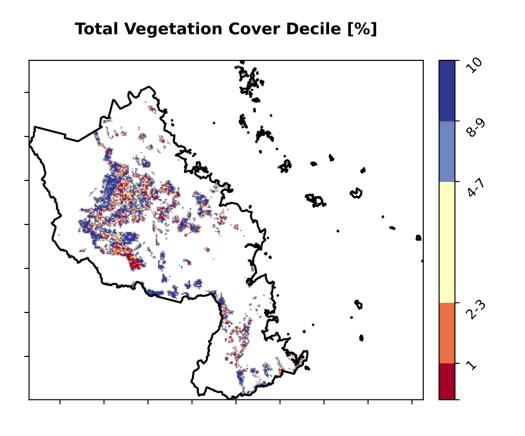
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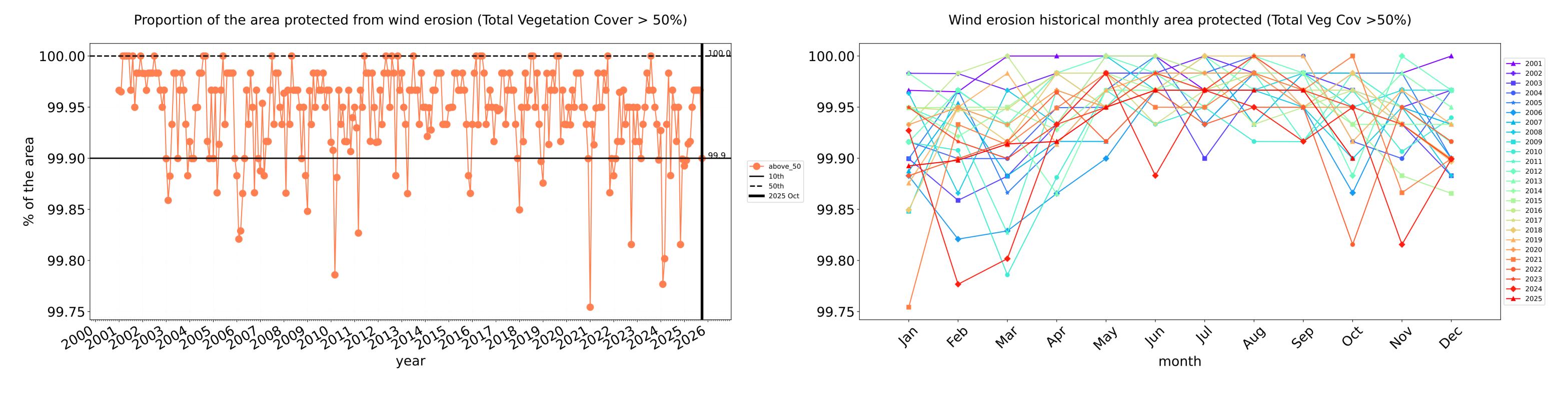


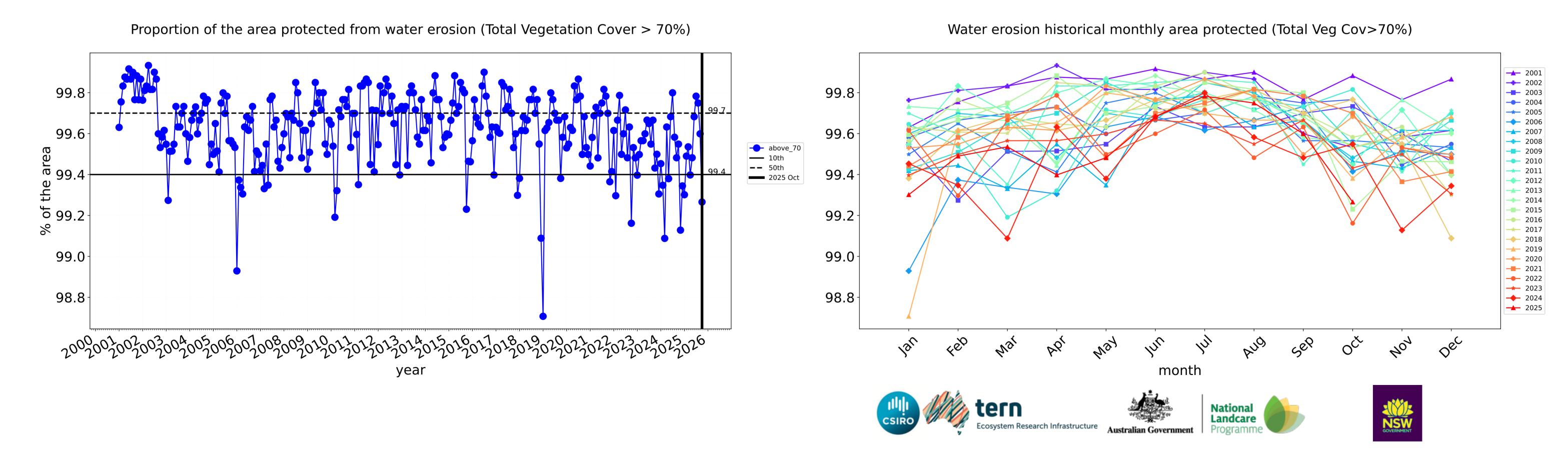


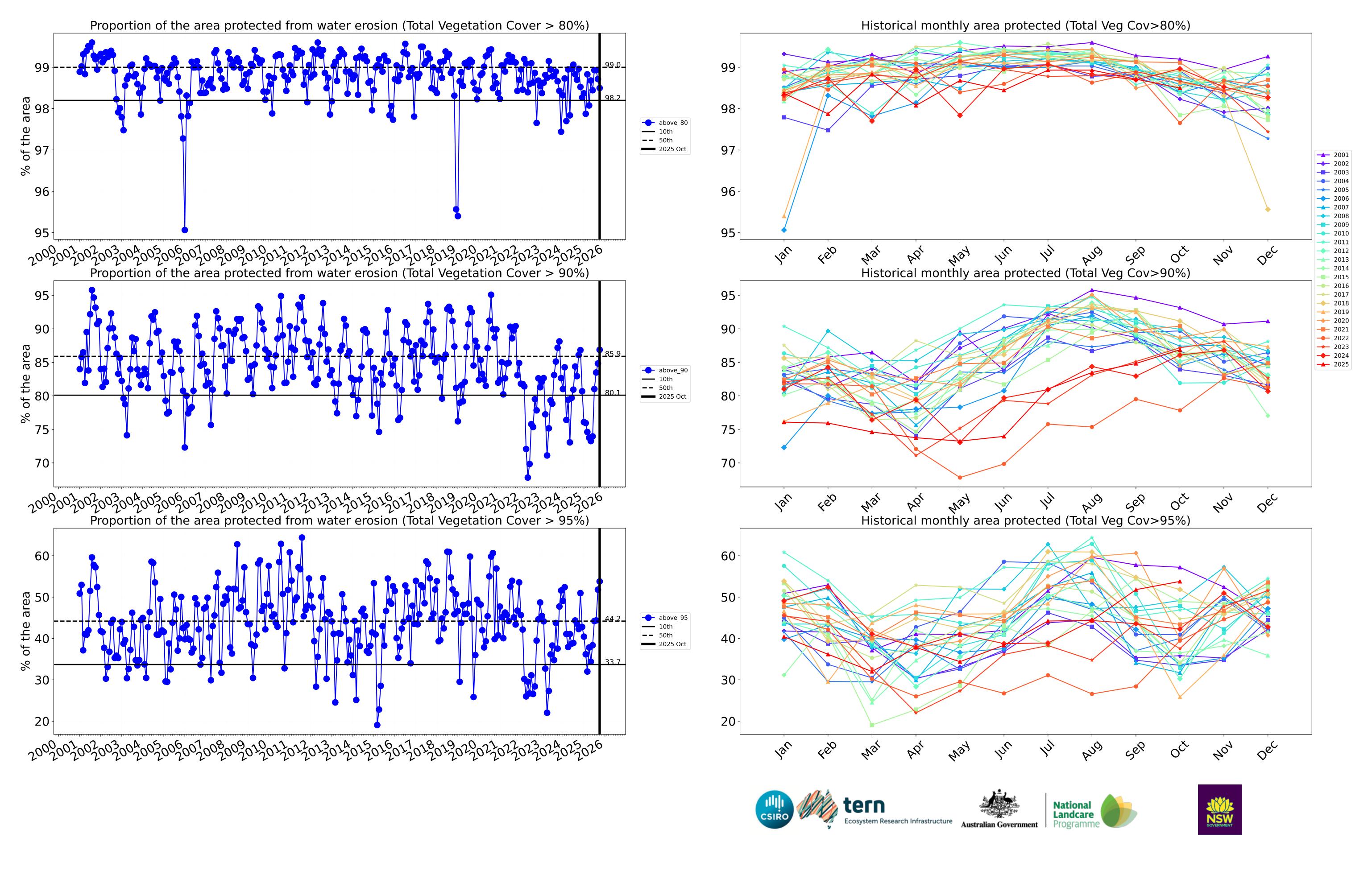




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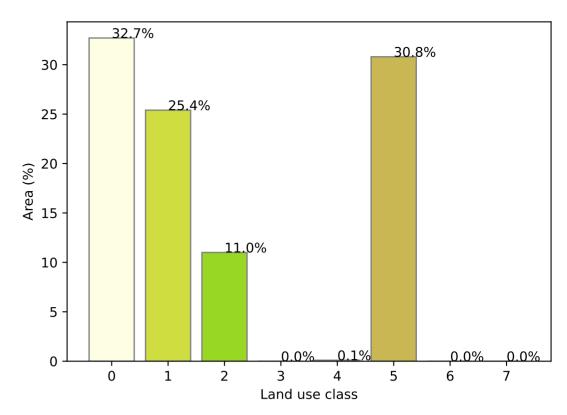


# **Agriculture**

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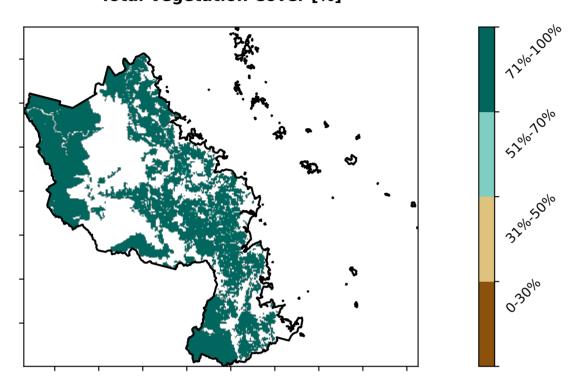
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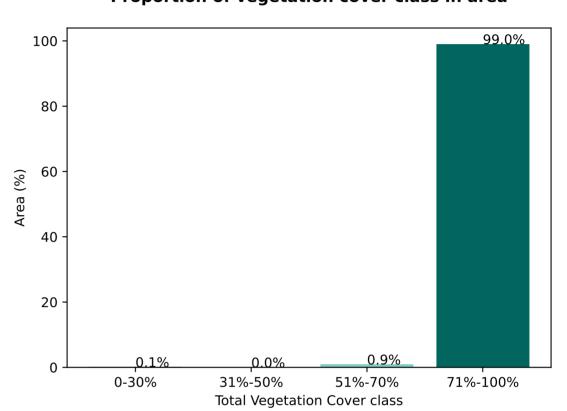
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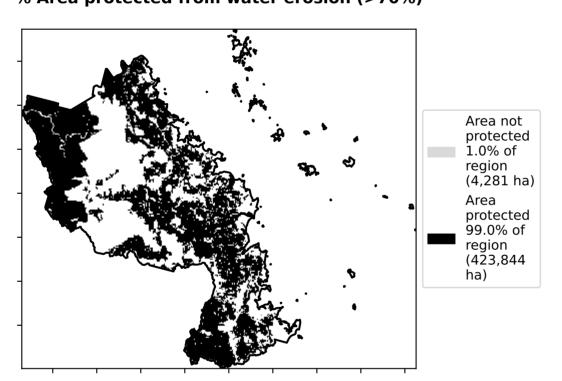
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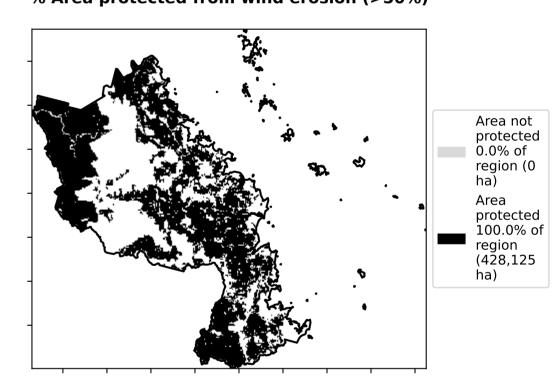
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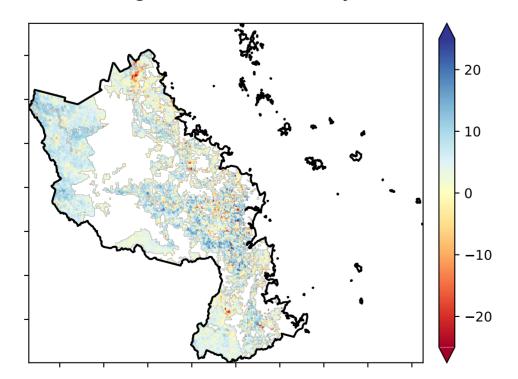
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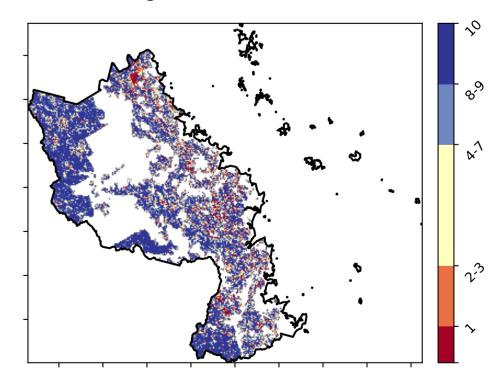
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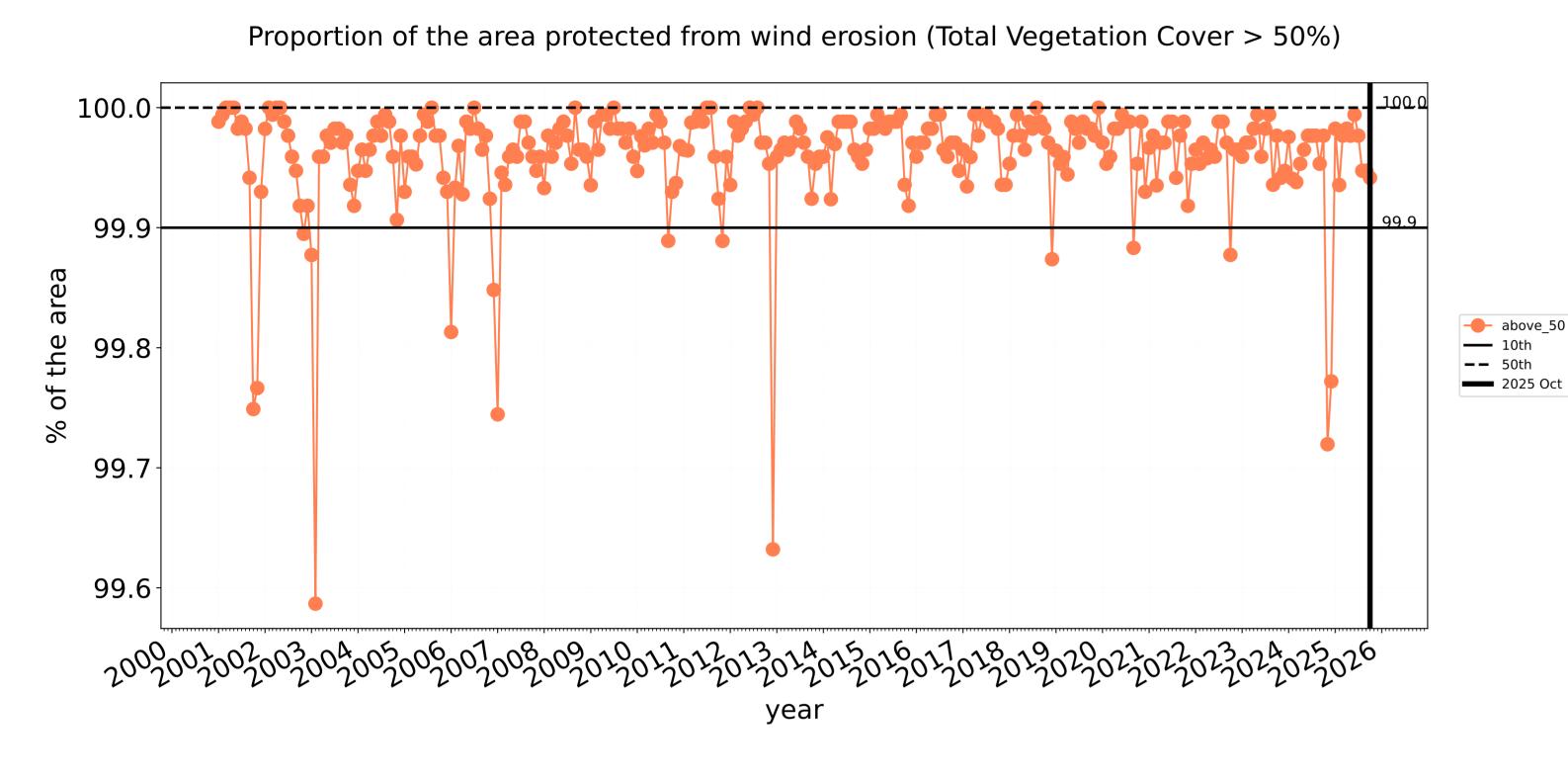


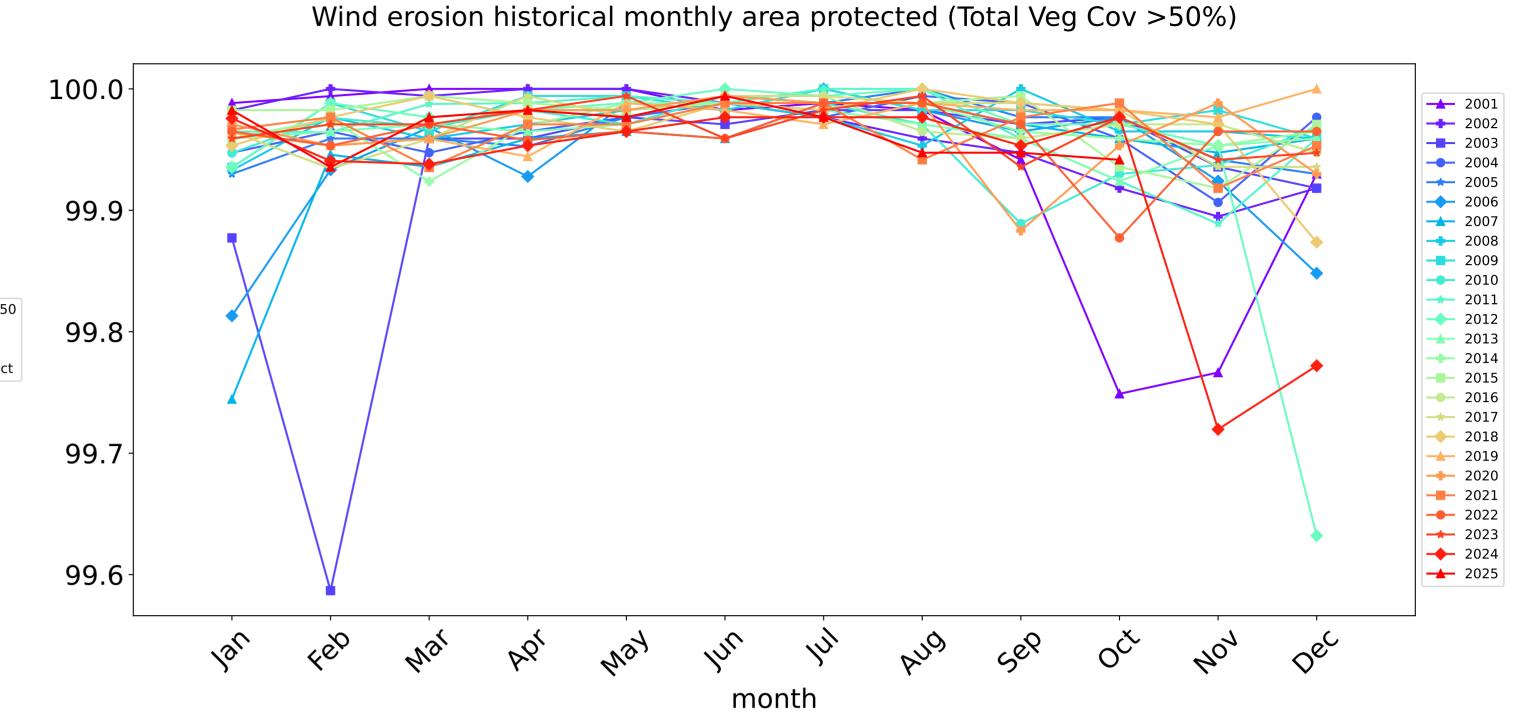


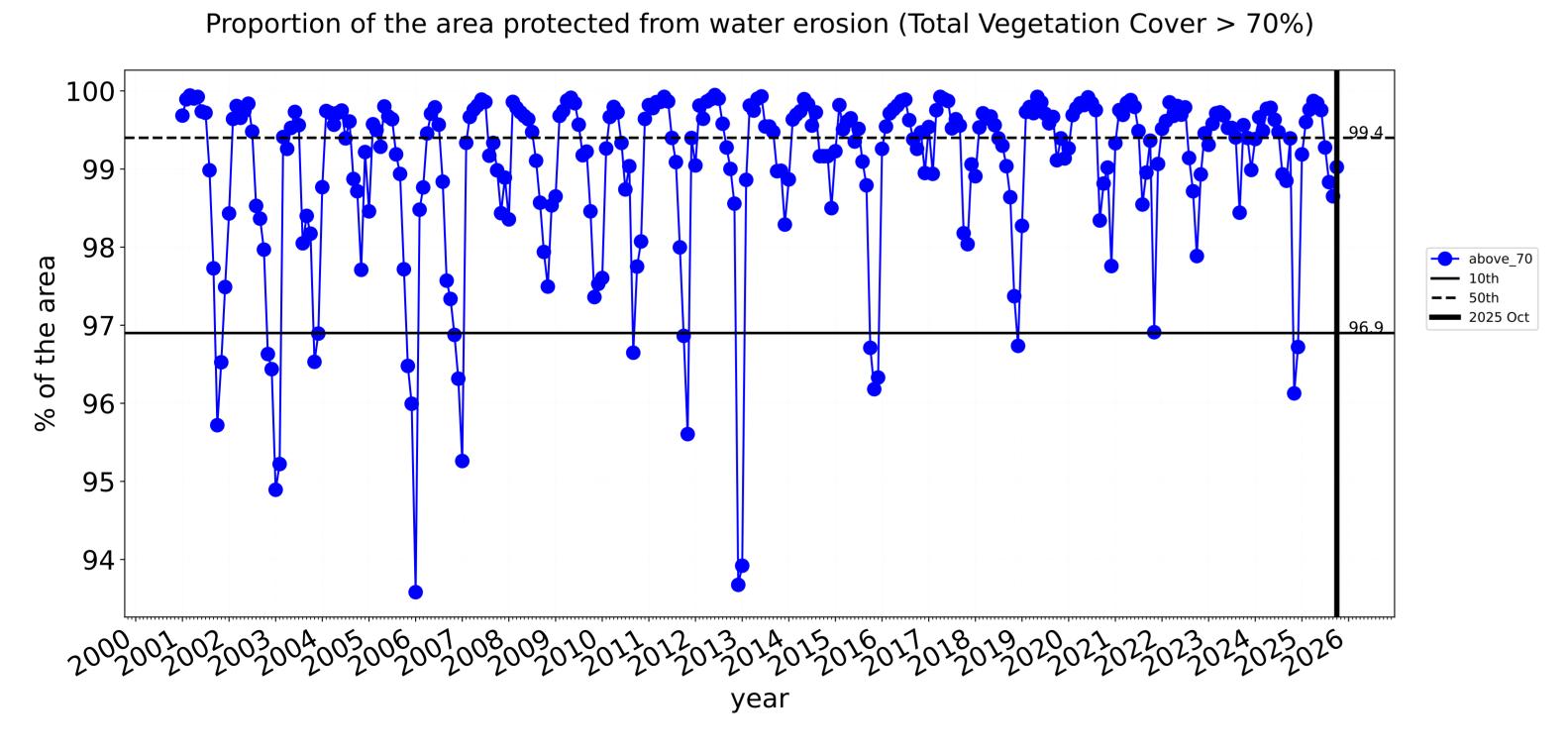


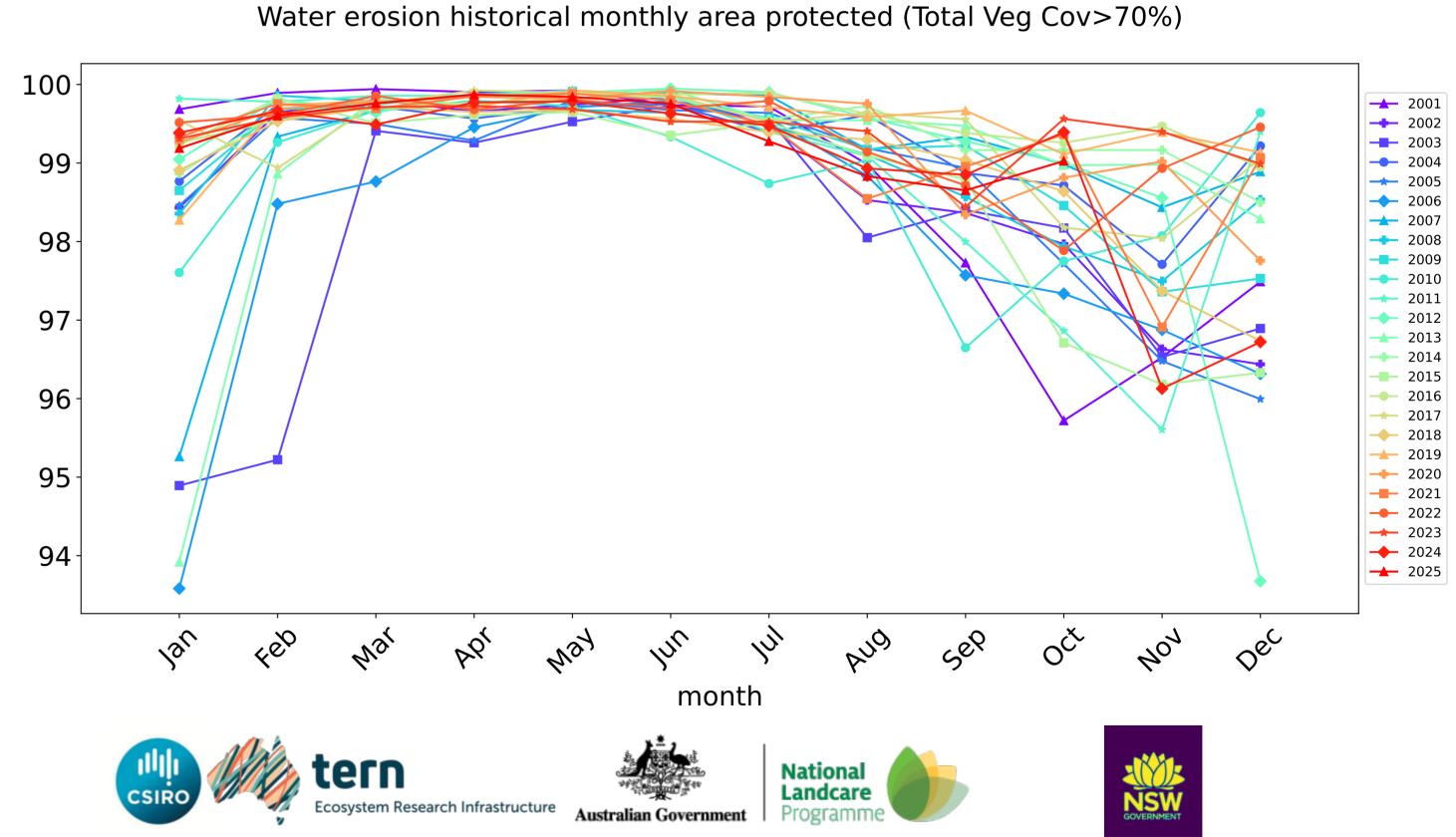


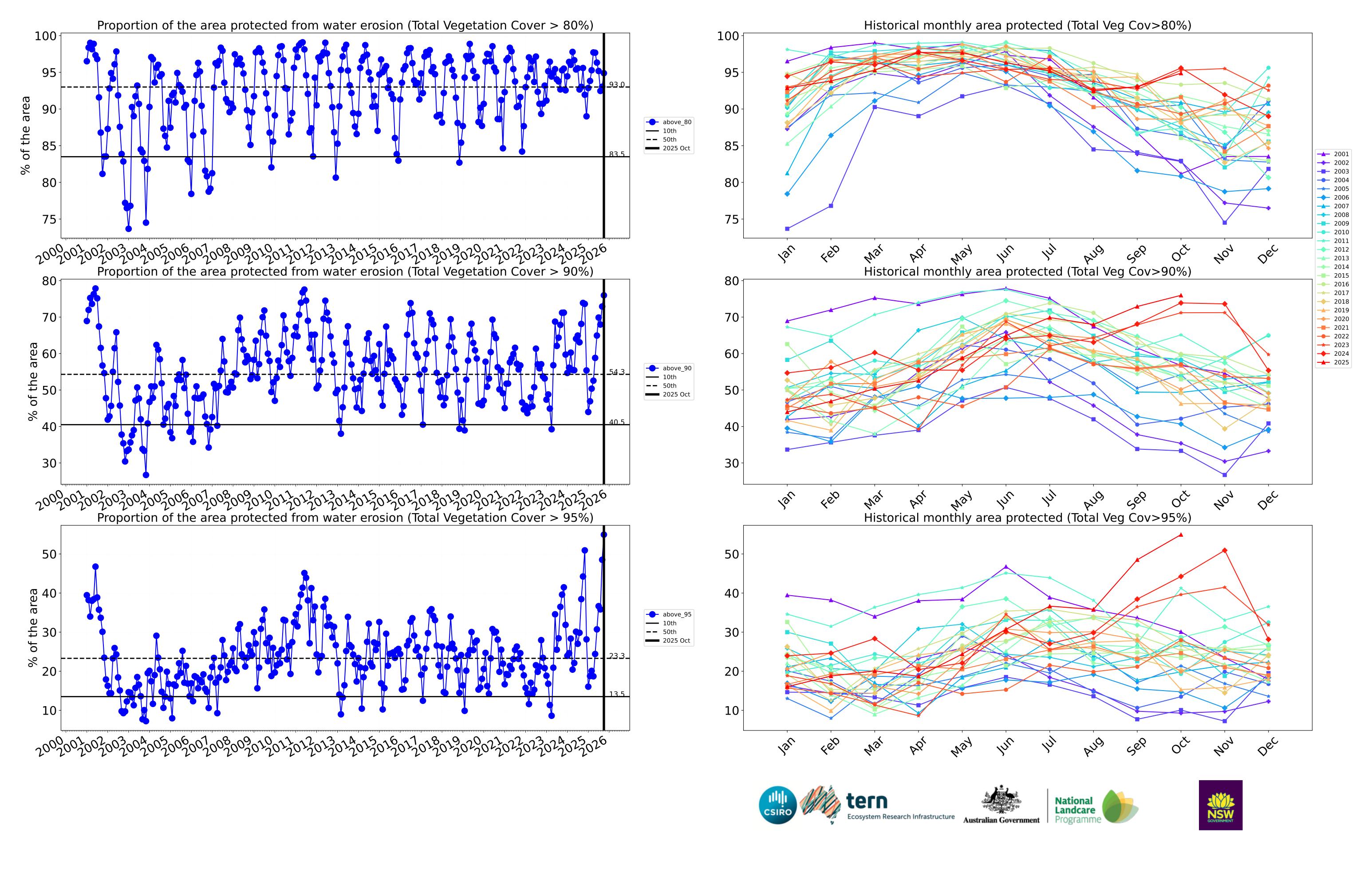
# **Agriculture timeseries**









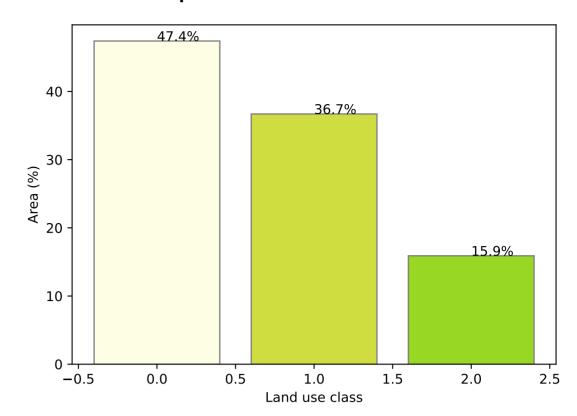


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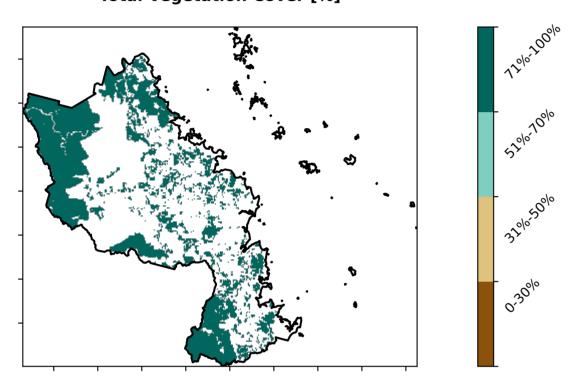
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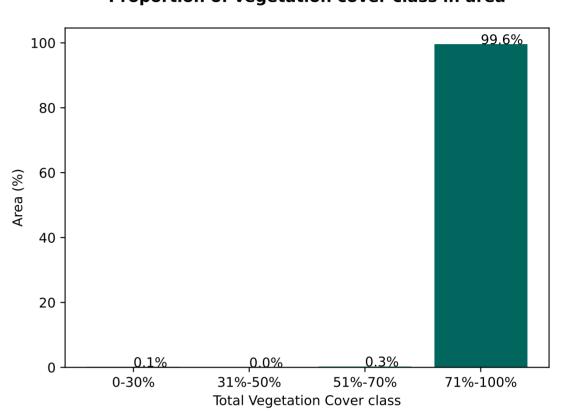
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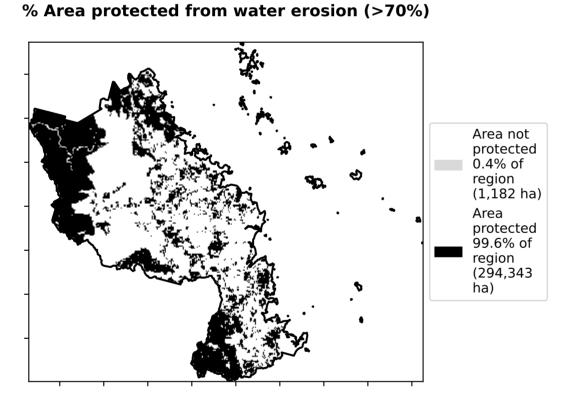


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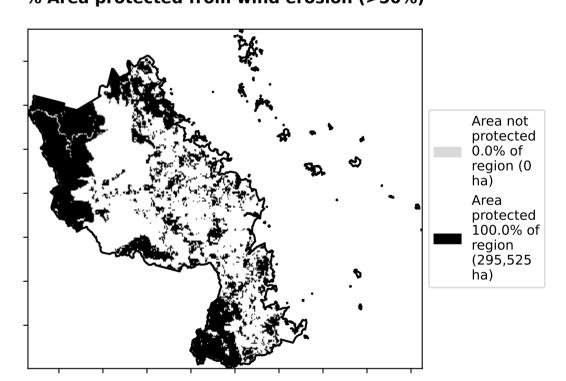


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area





% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

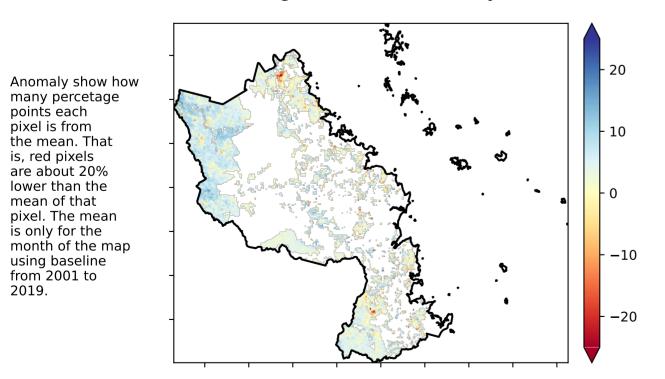


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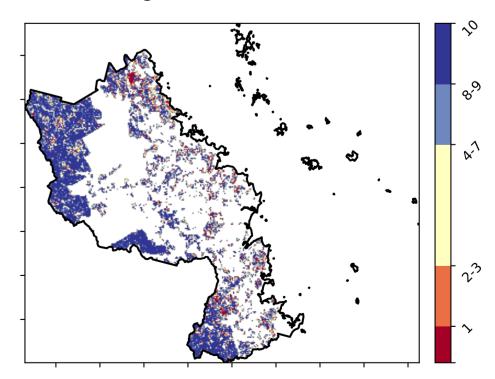
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



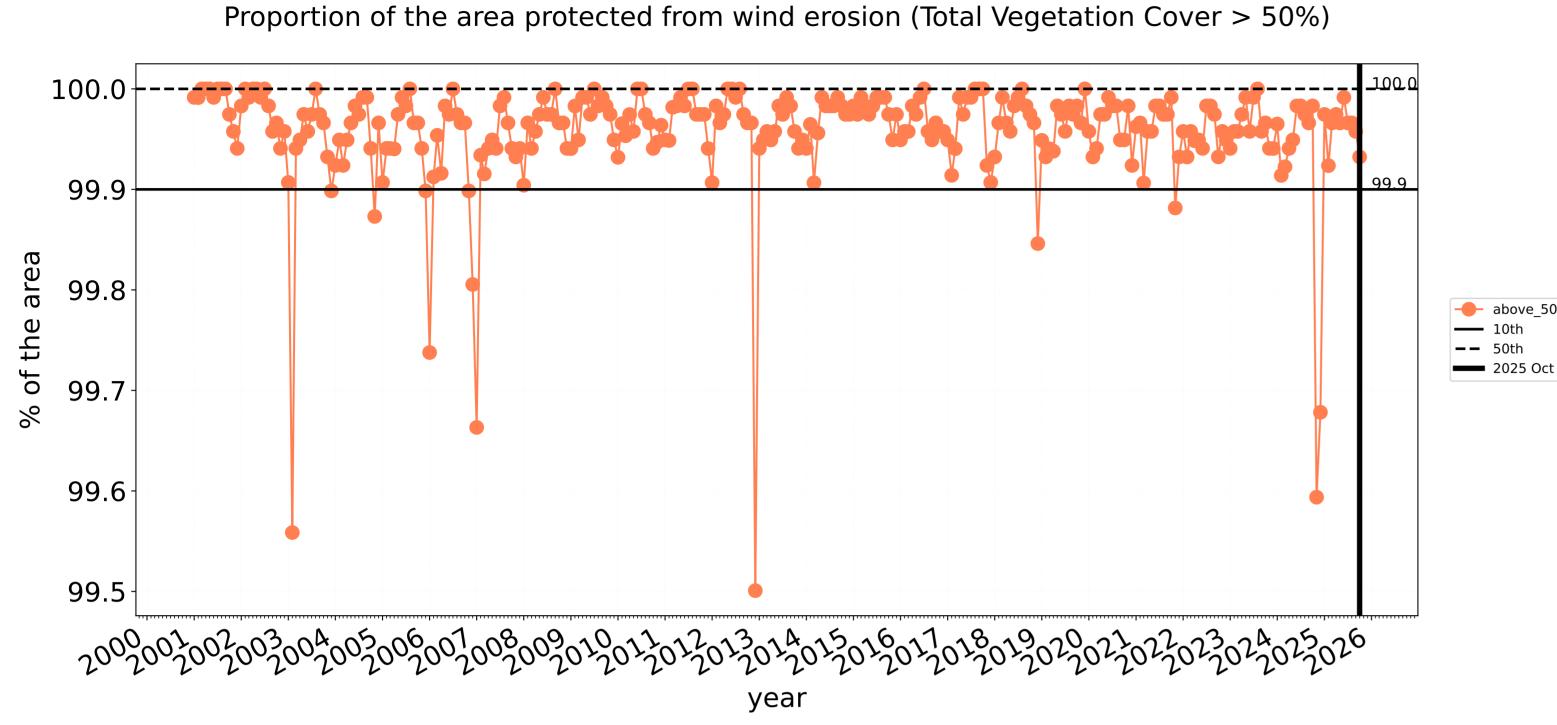


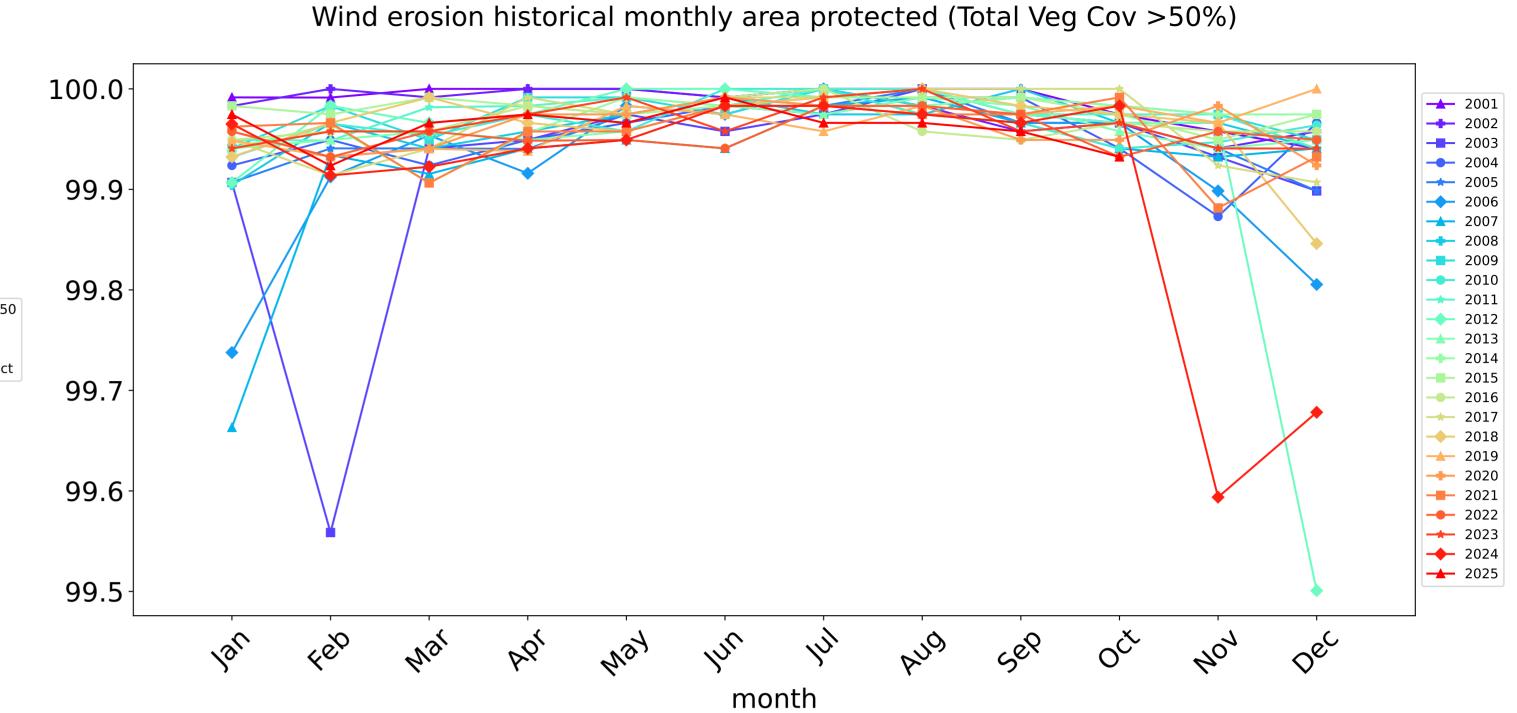


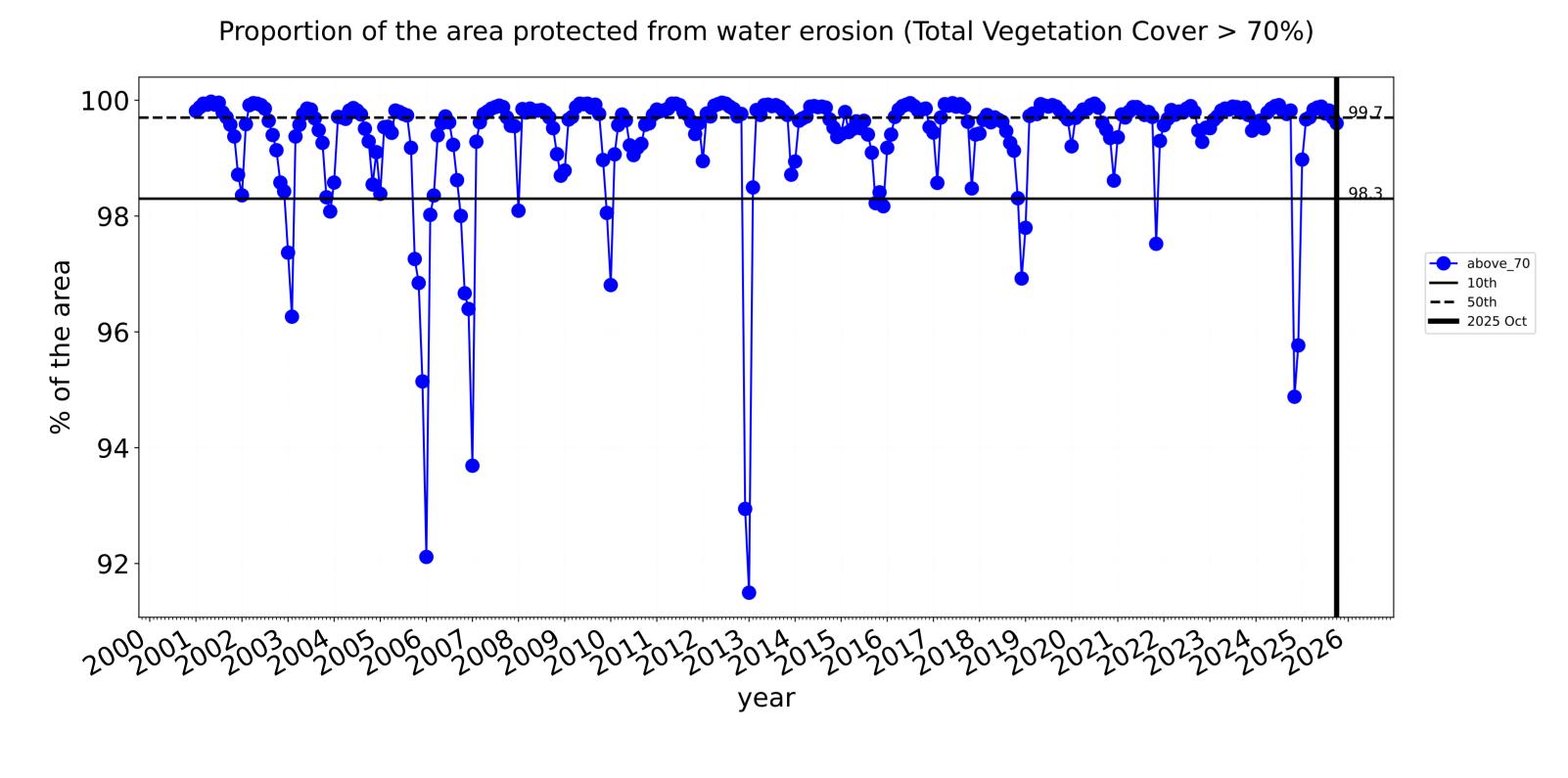


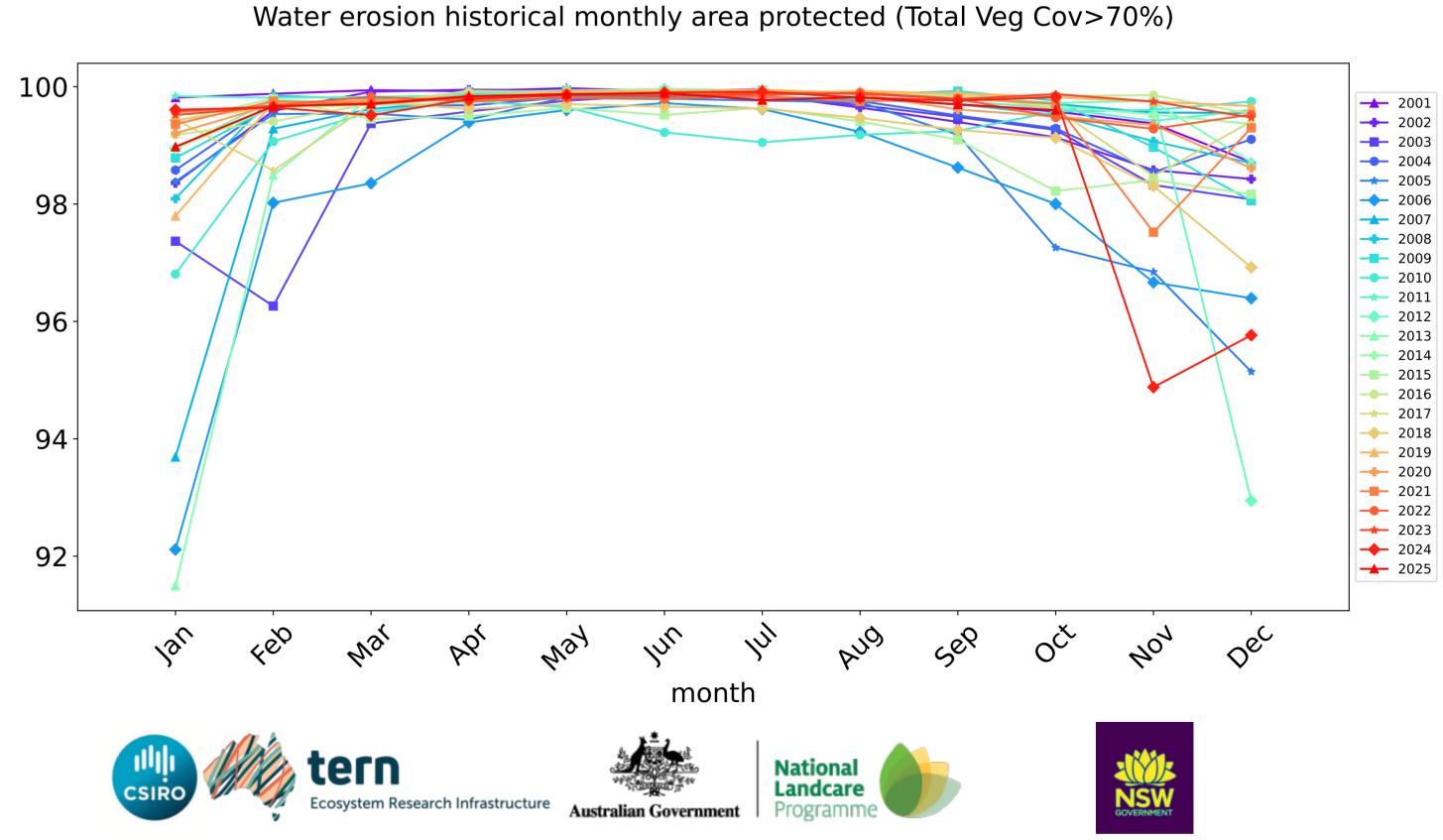


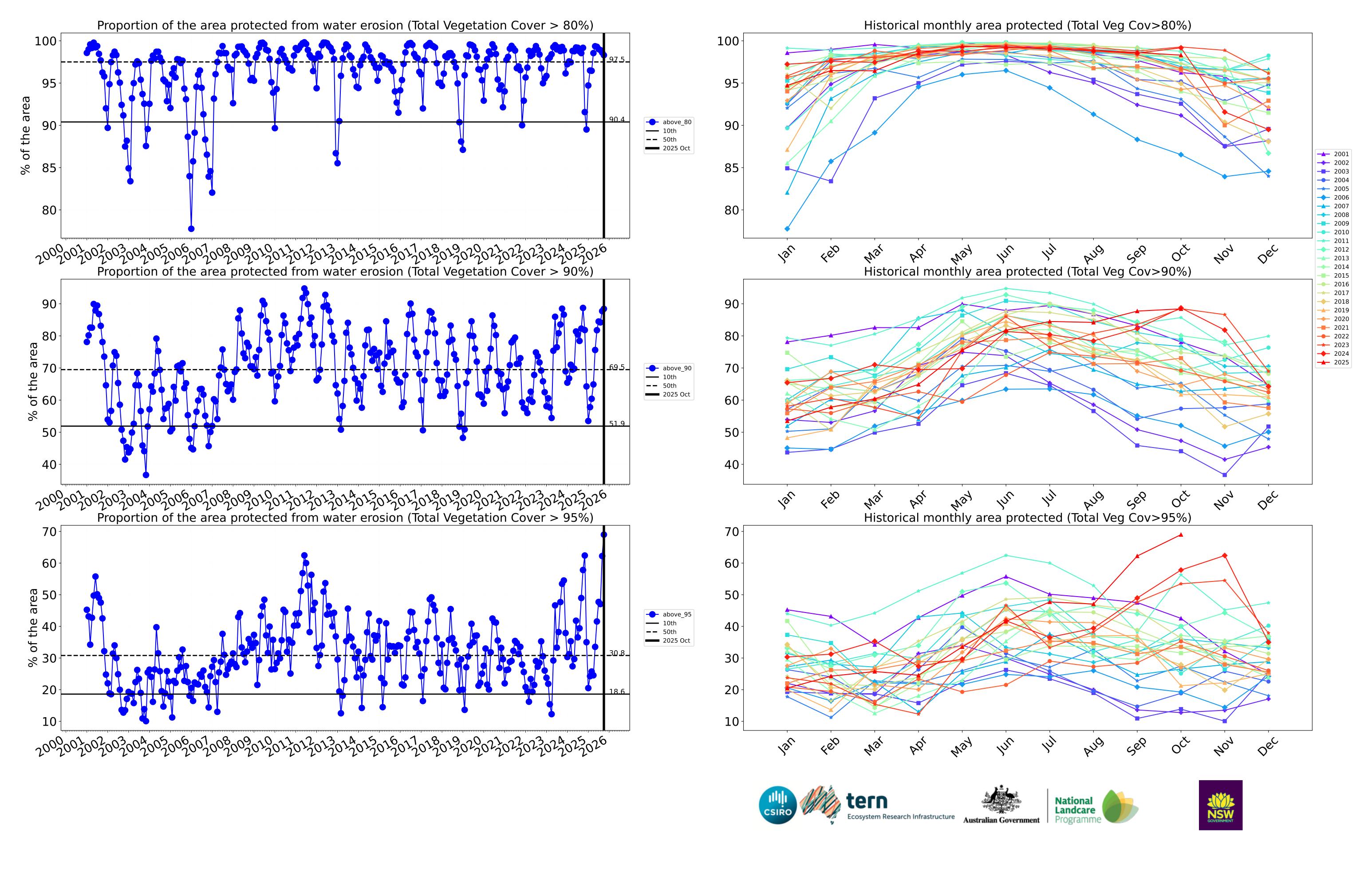
# **Grazing timeseries**











# **Grazing non forest**

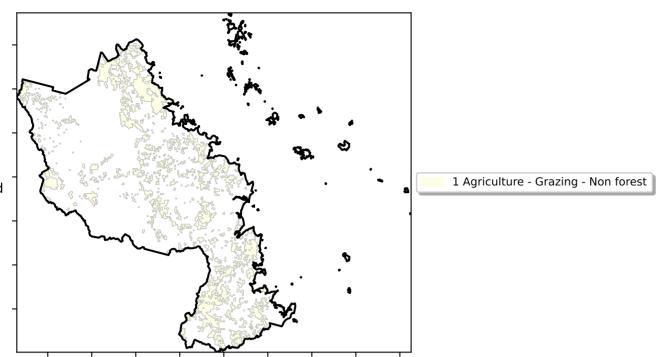
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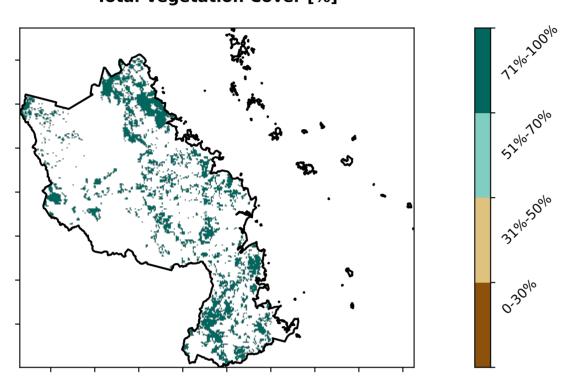
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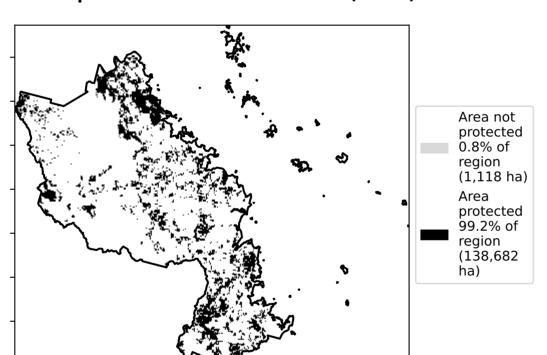
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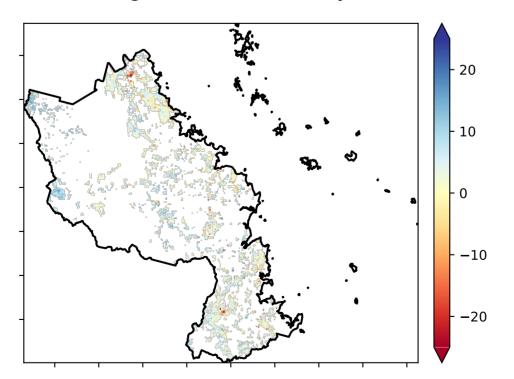
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

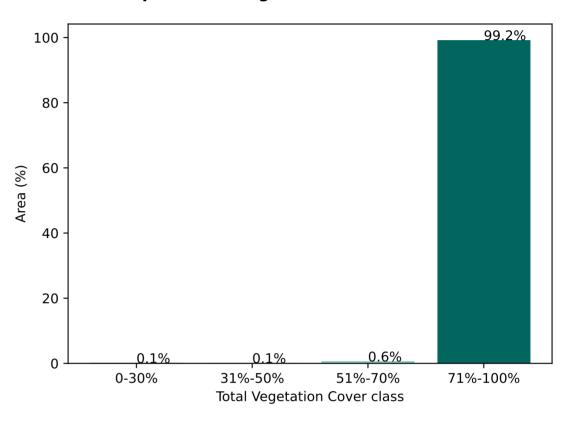


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

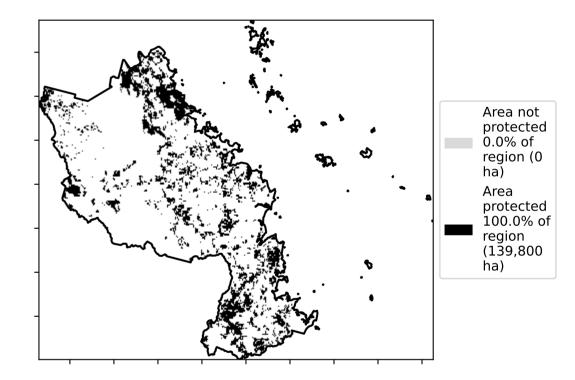


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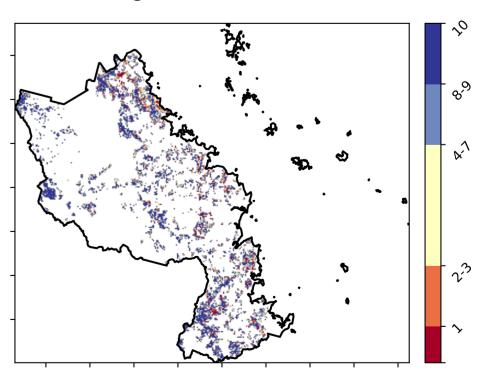
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



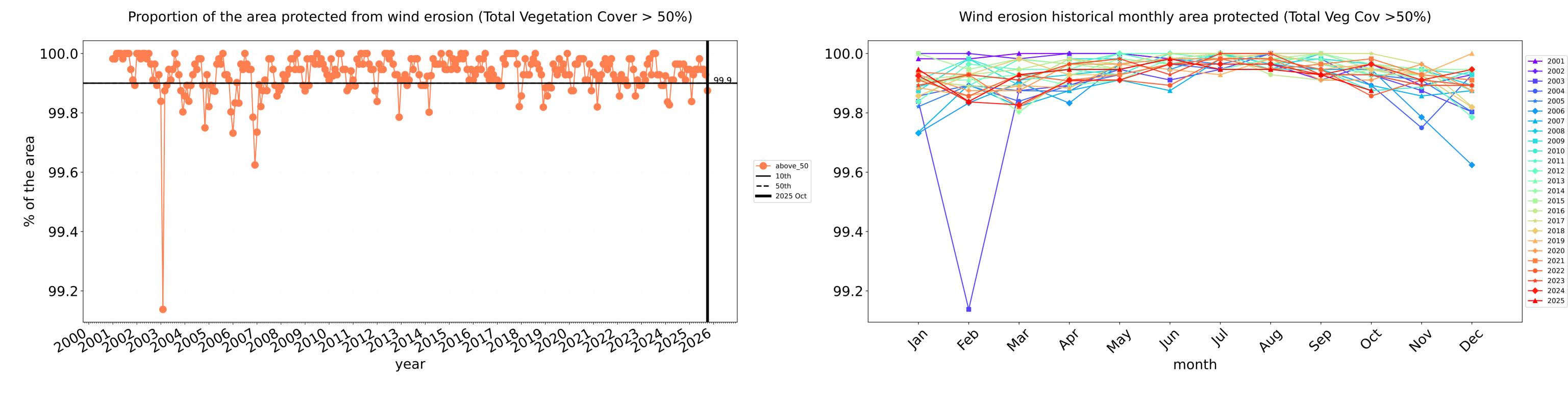


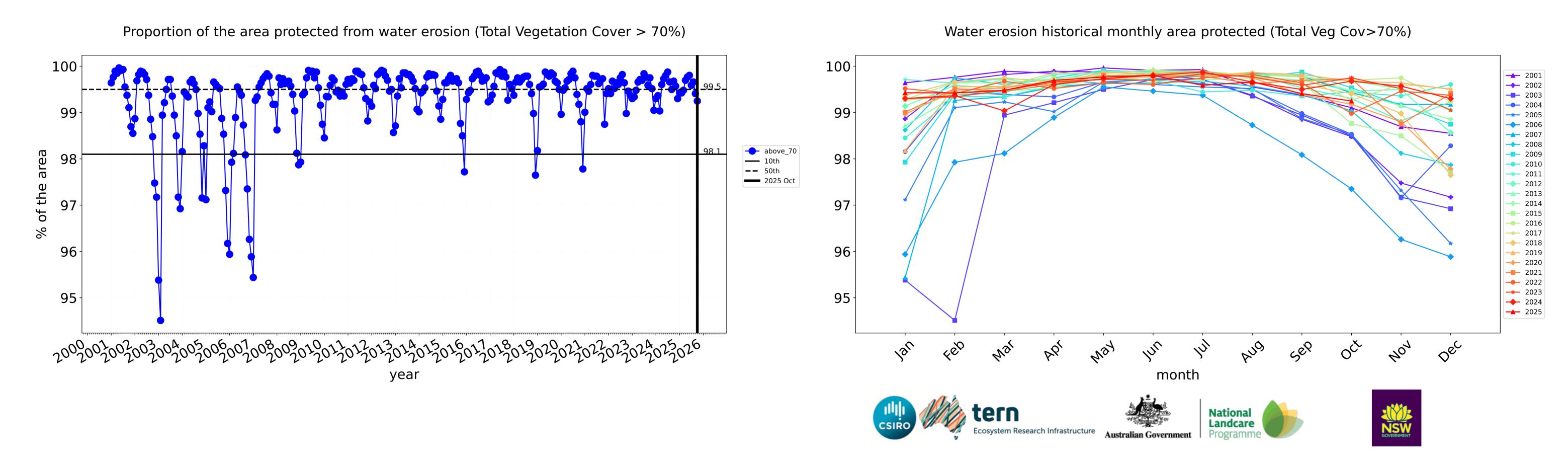


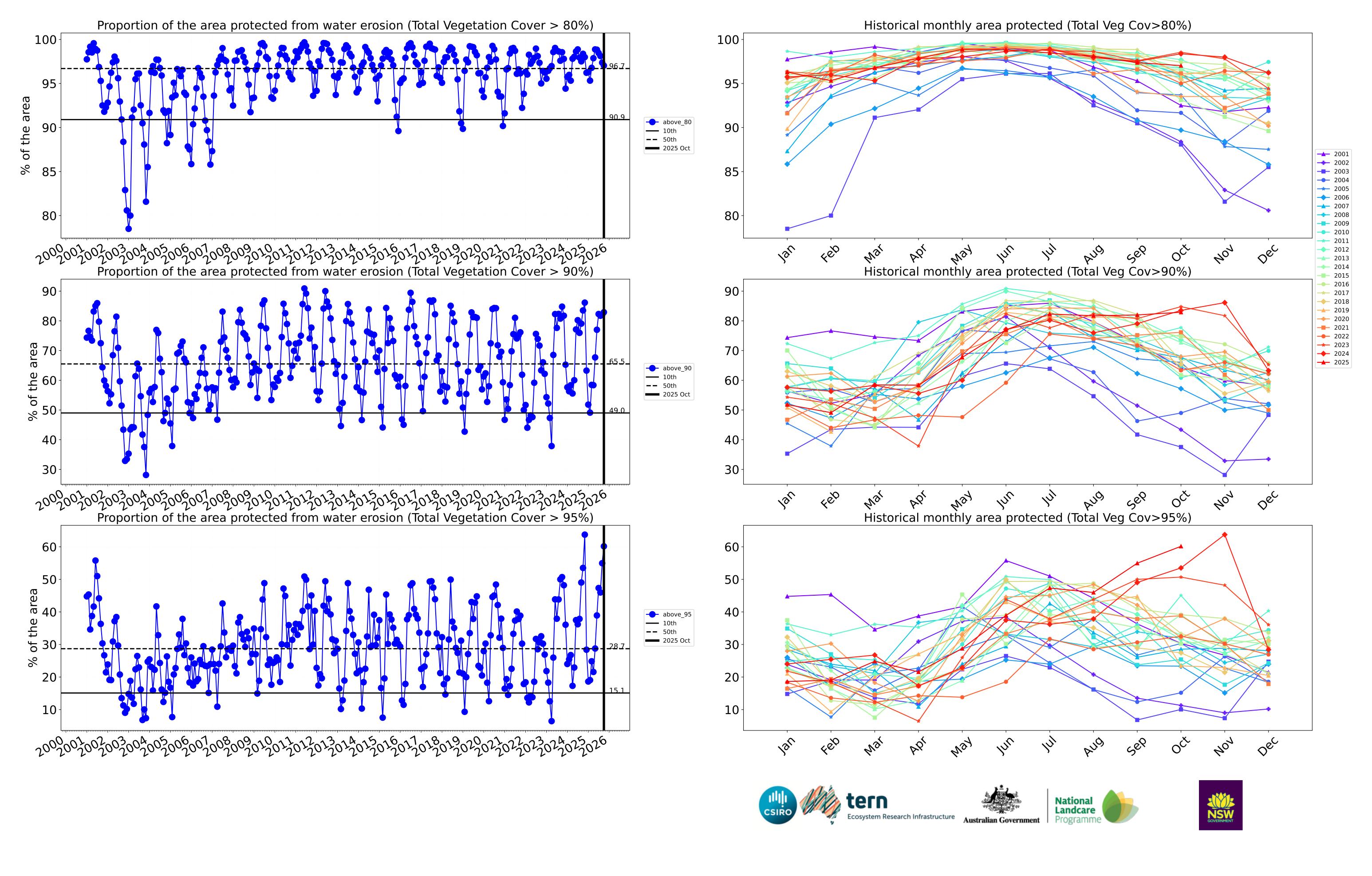




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

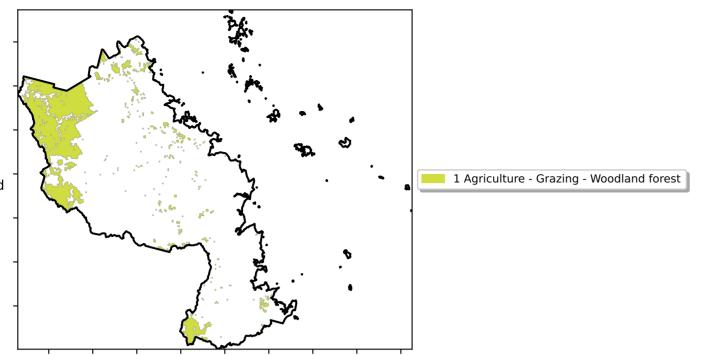
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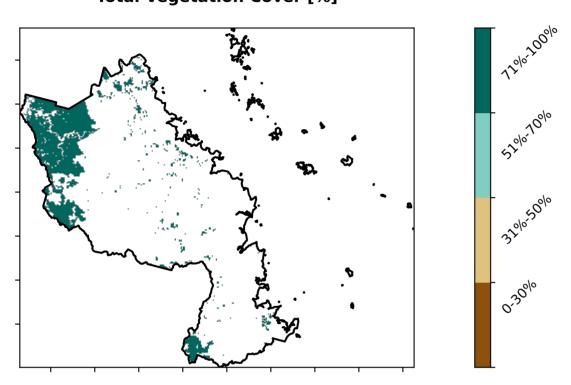
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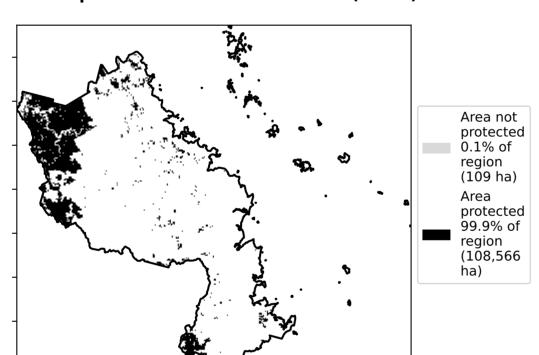
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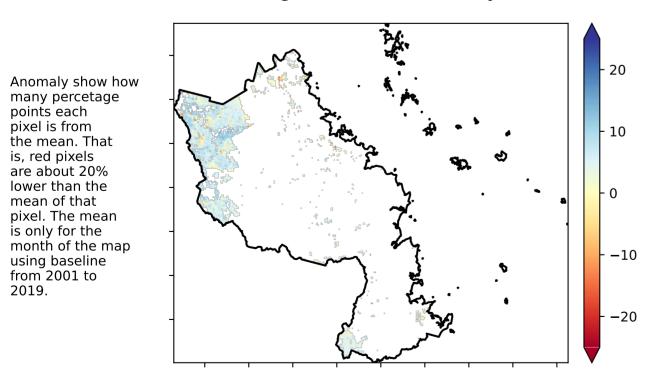
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

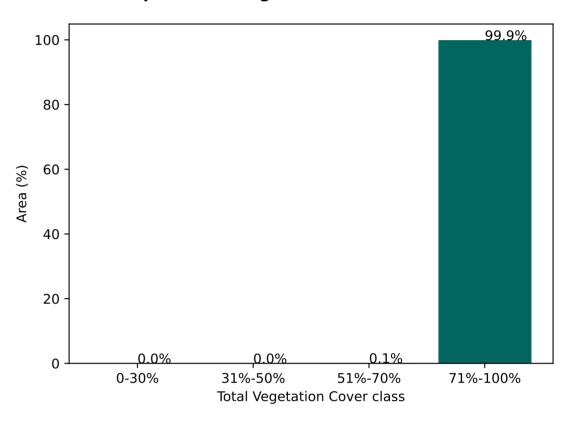


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

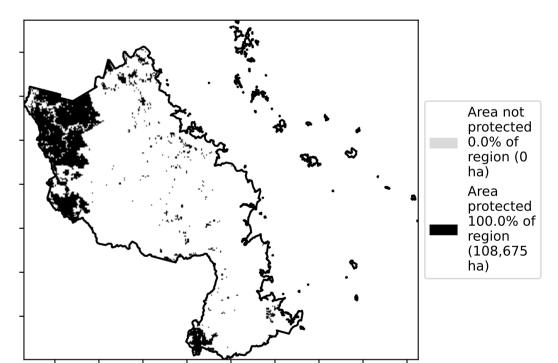


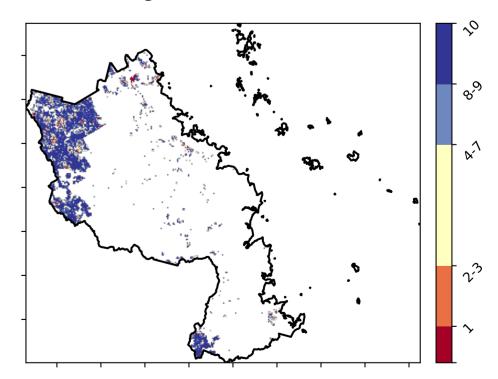
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





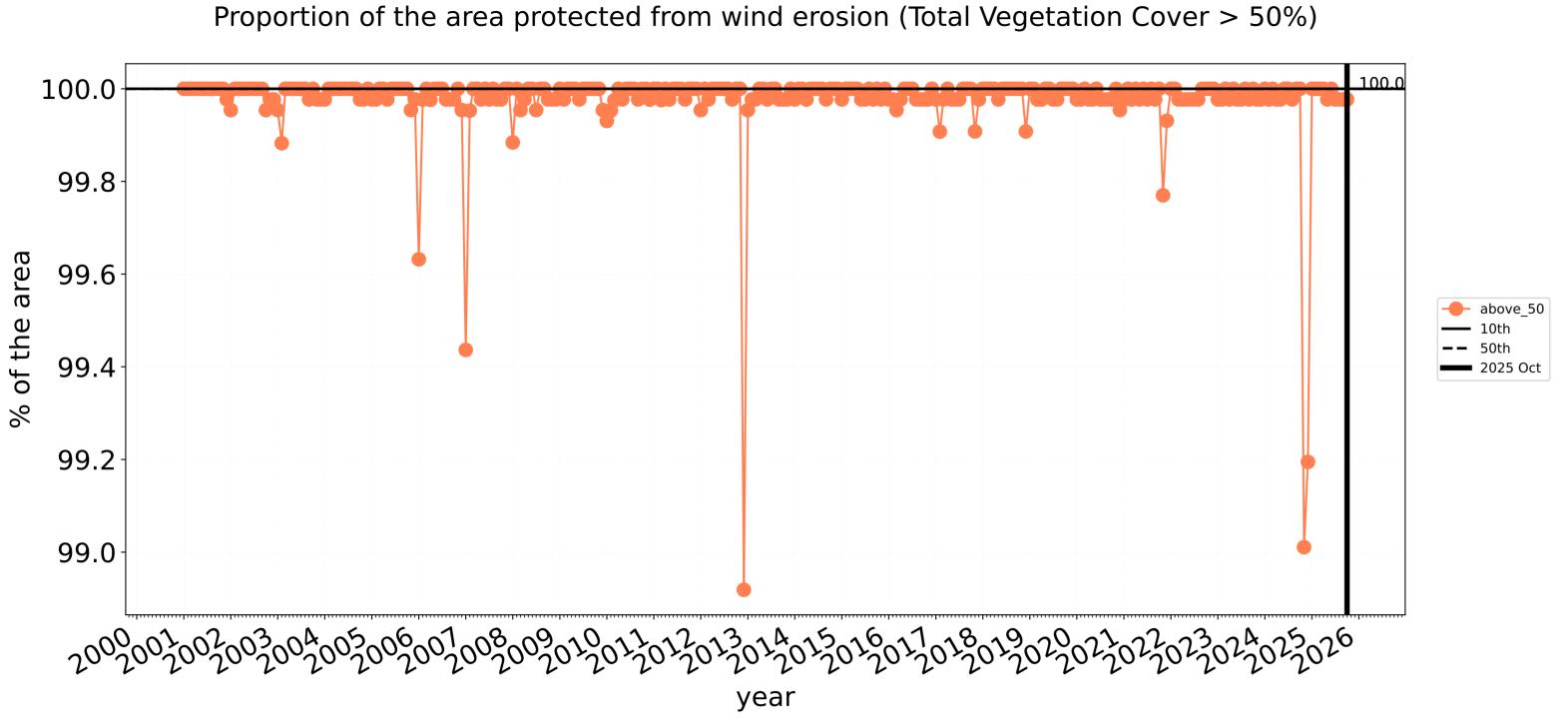


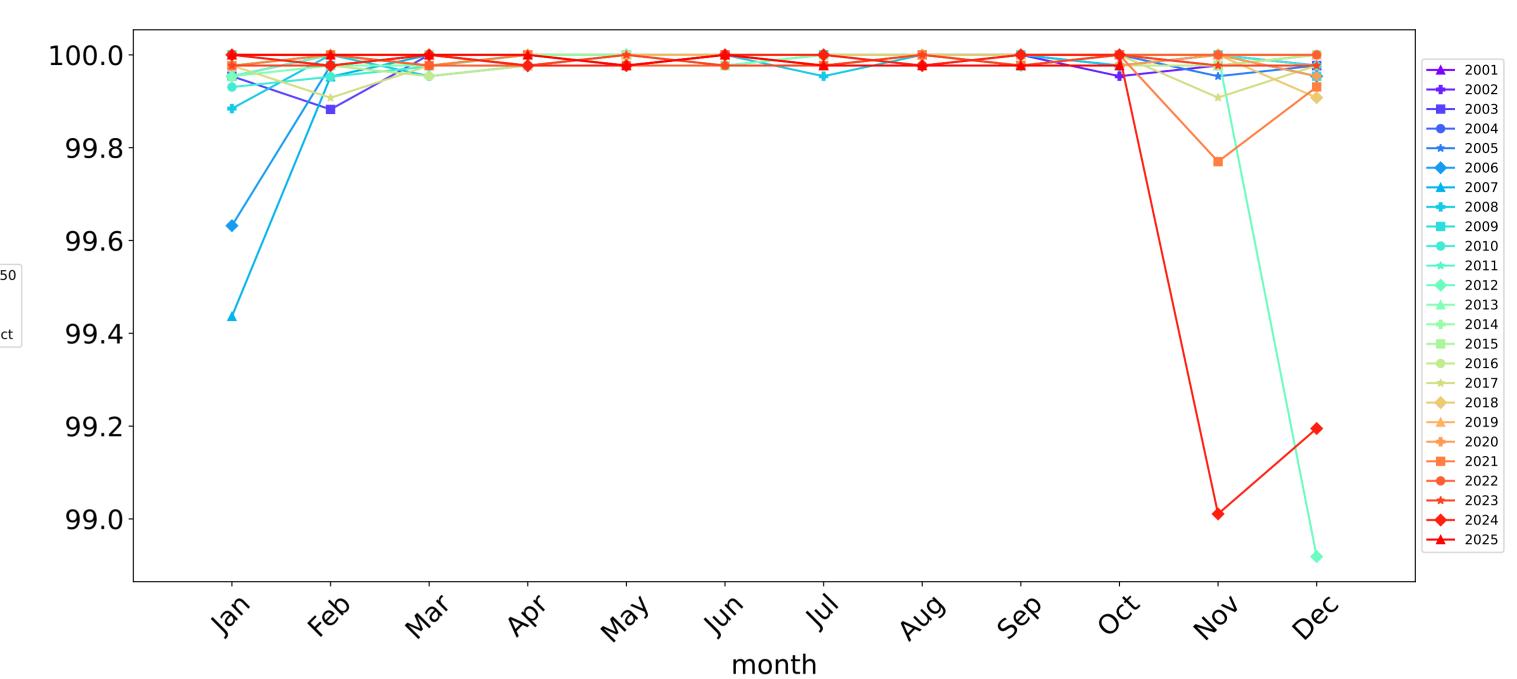




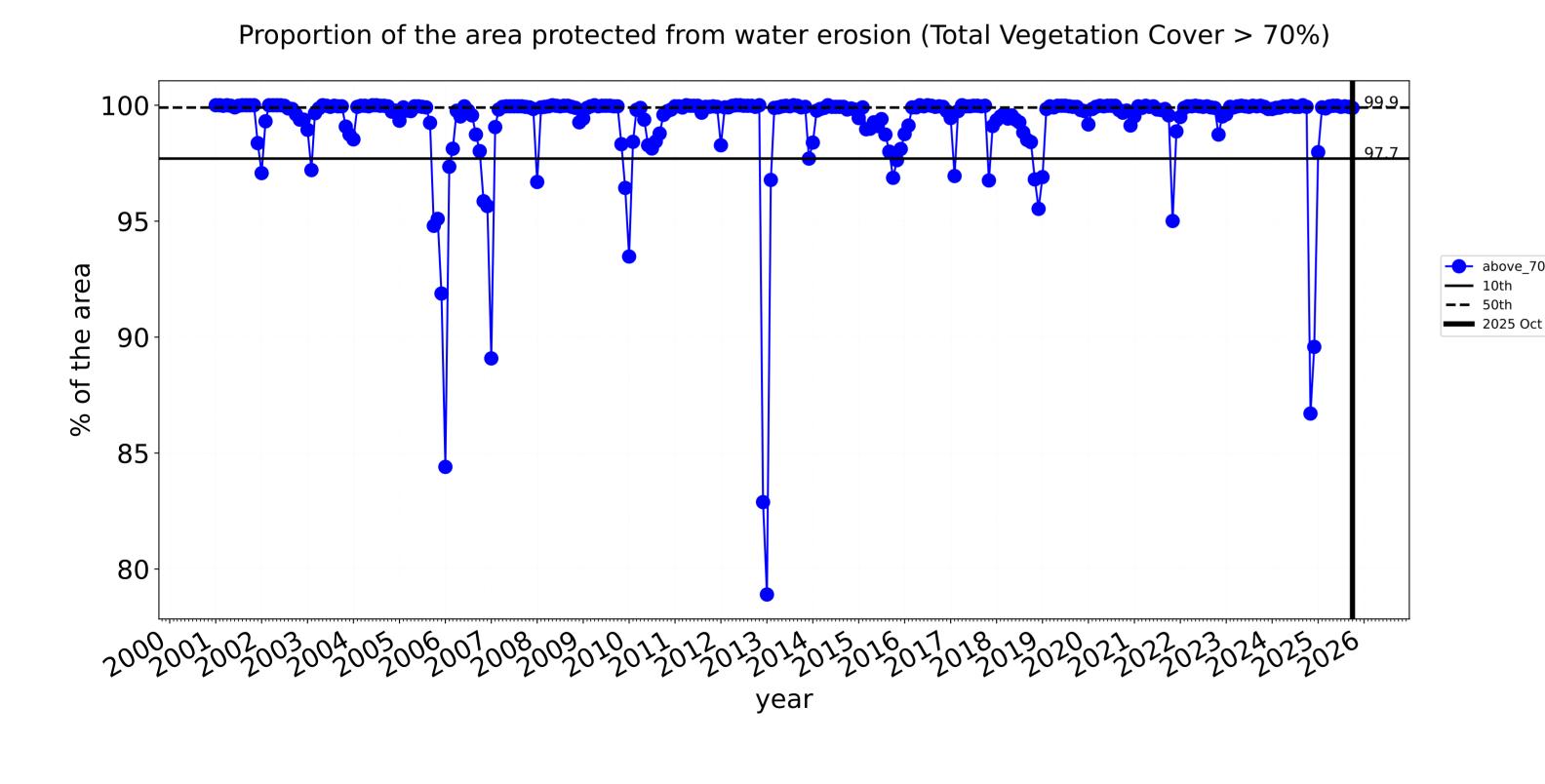


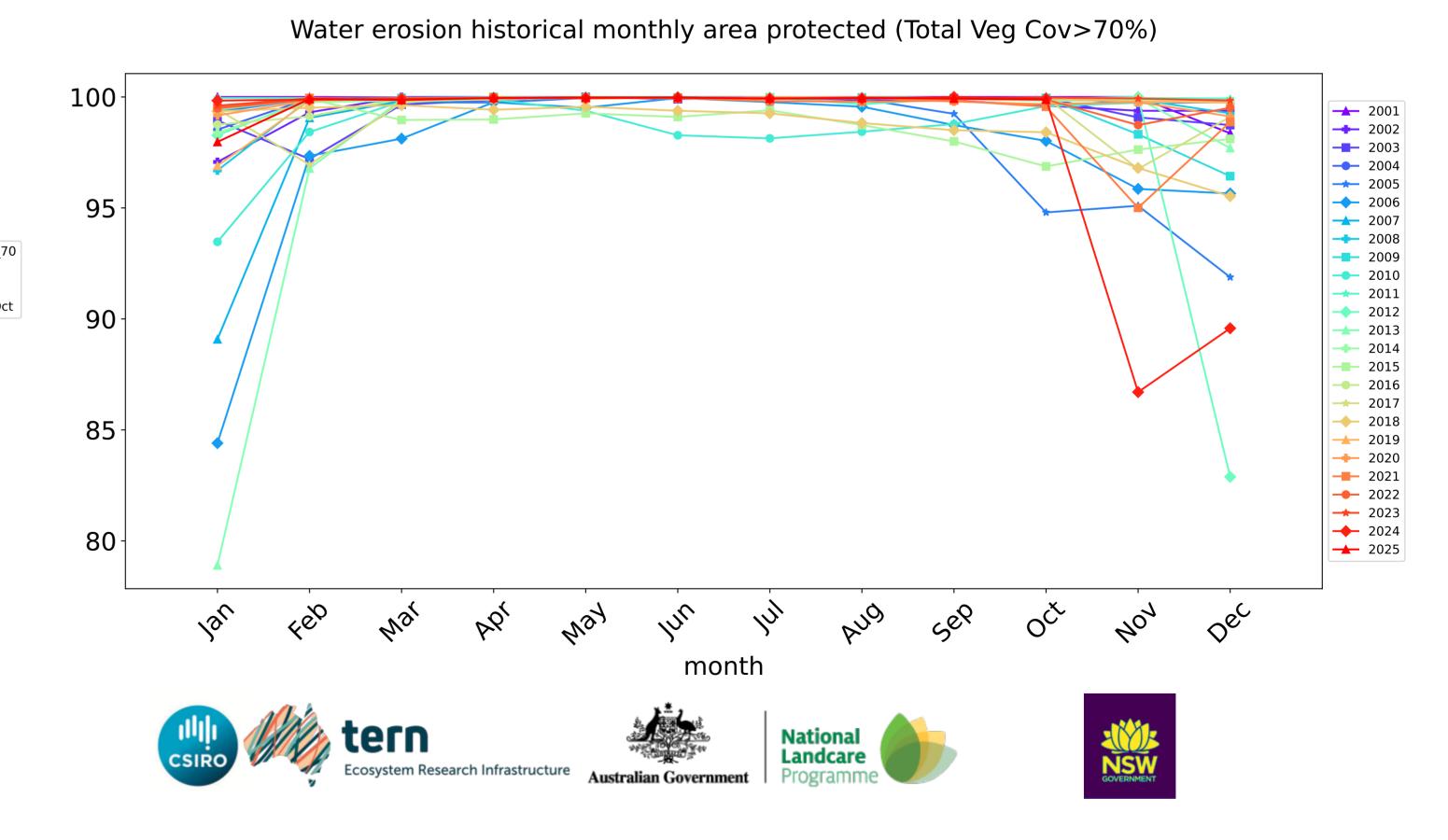
# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**

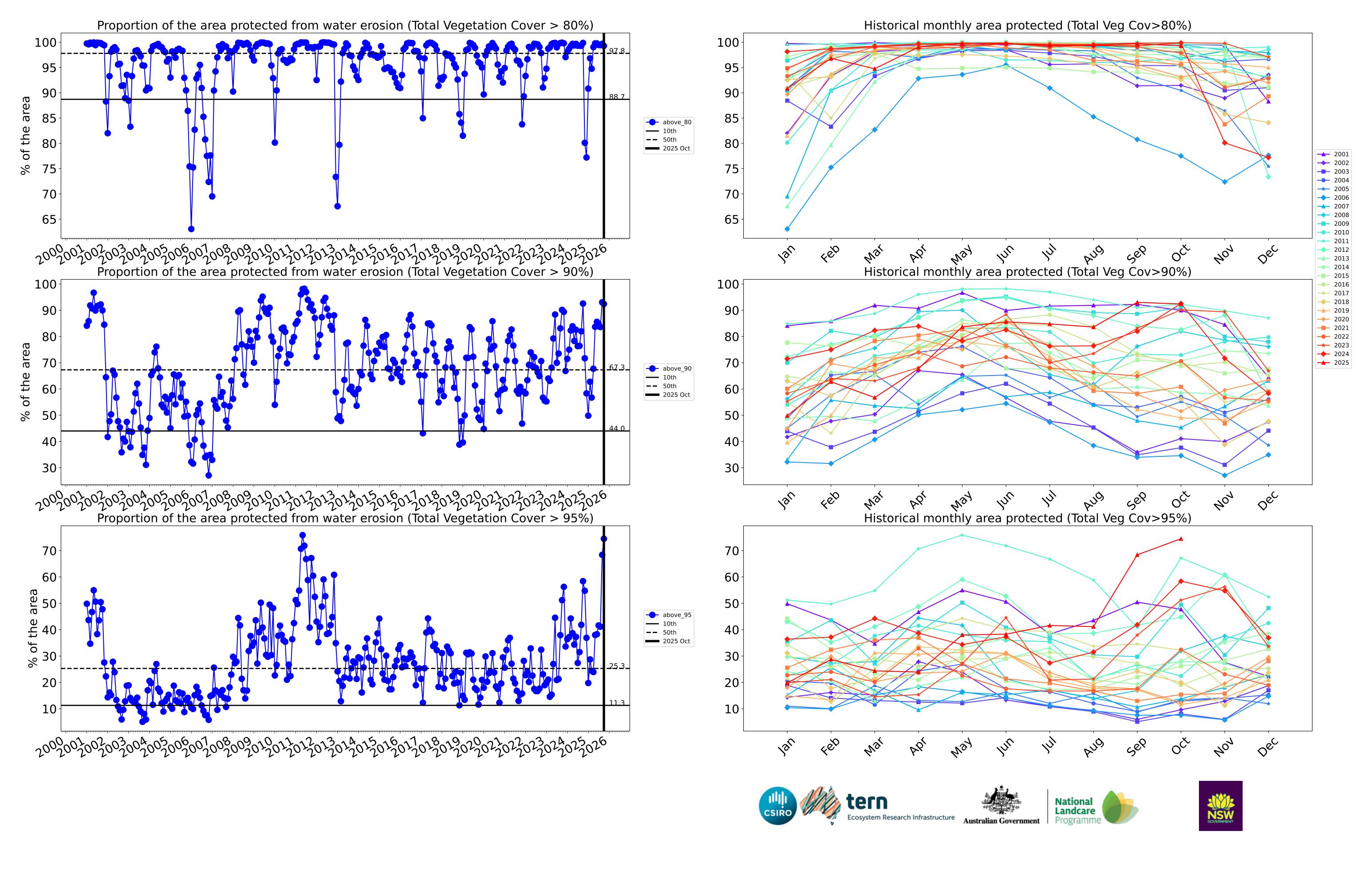




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







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

#### Land use and forest cover

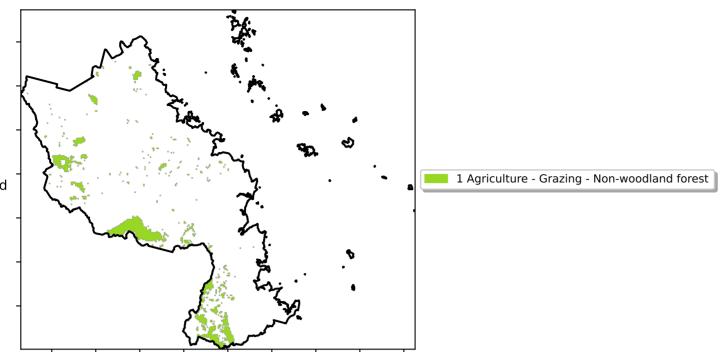
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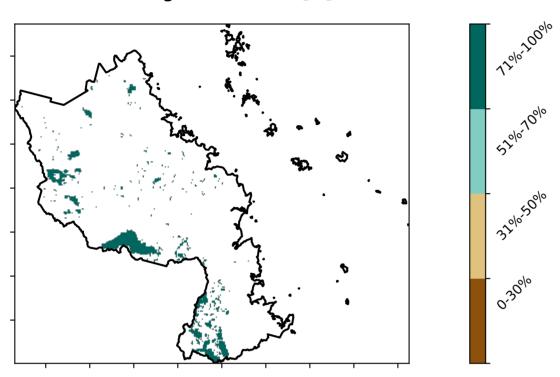
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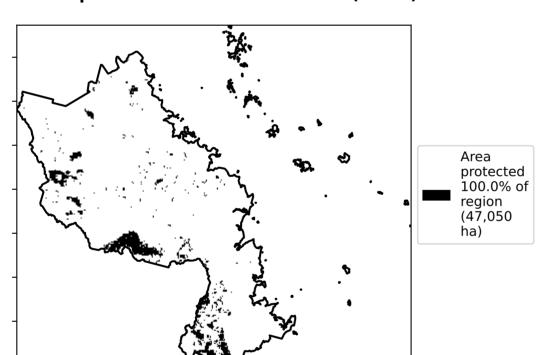
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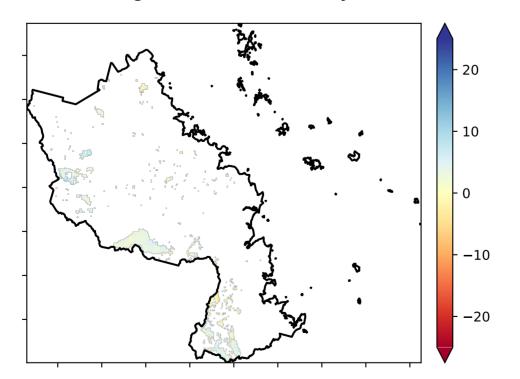
#### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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

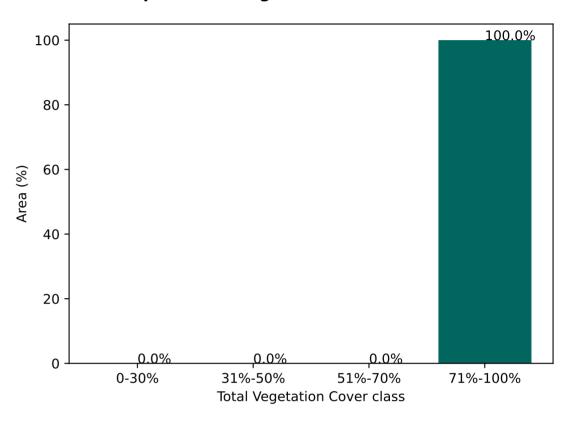


# Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

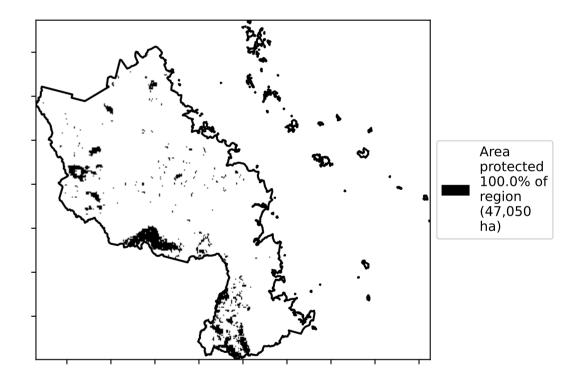


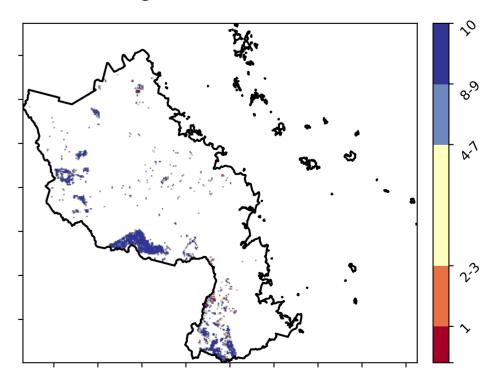
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



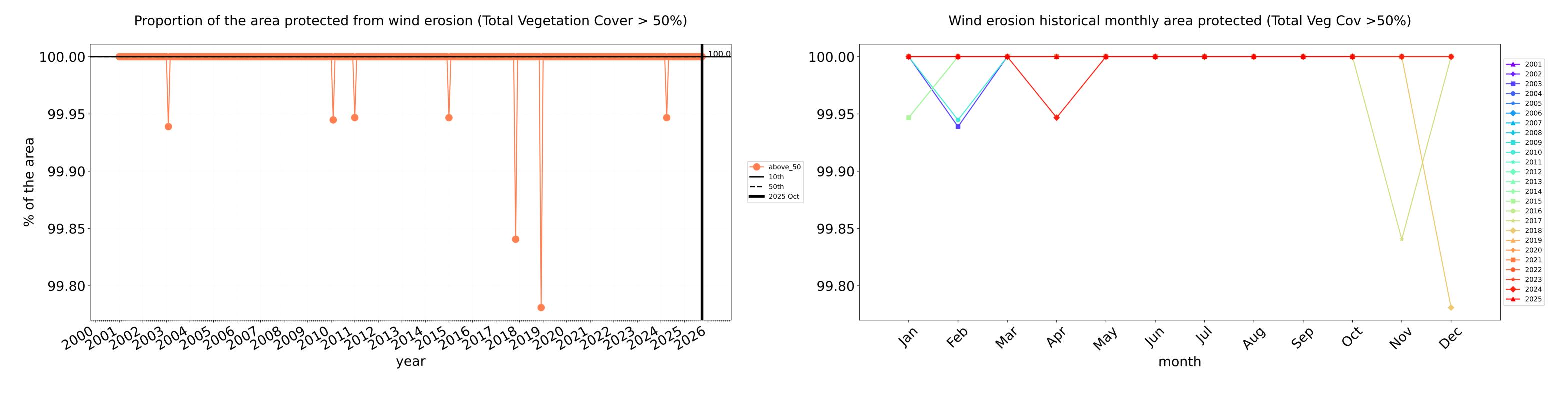


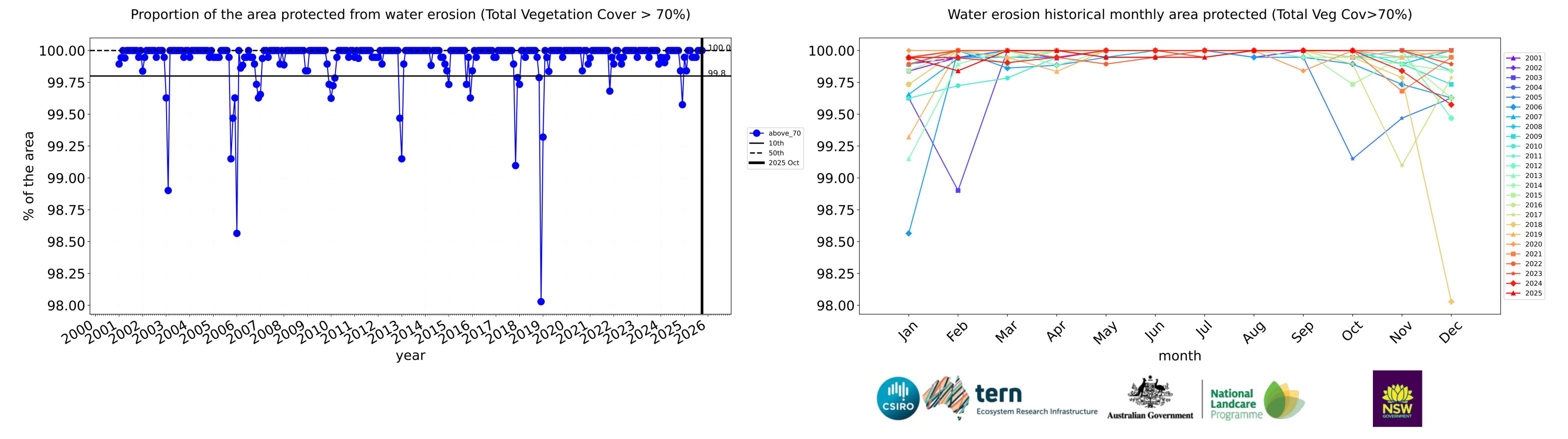


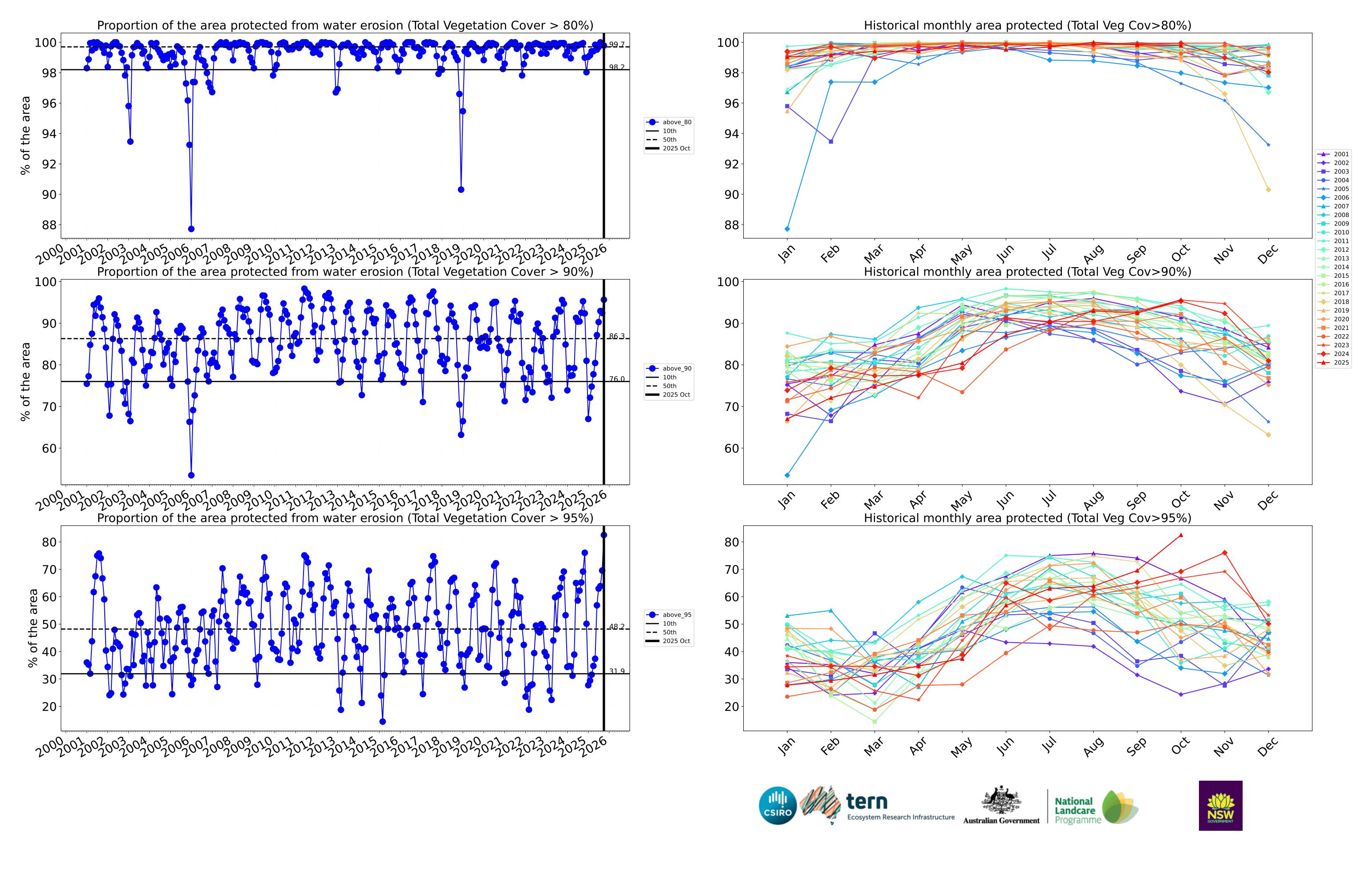






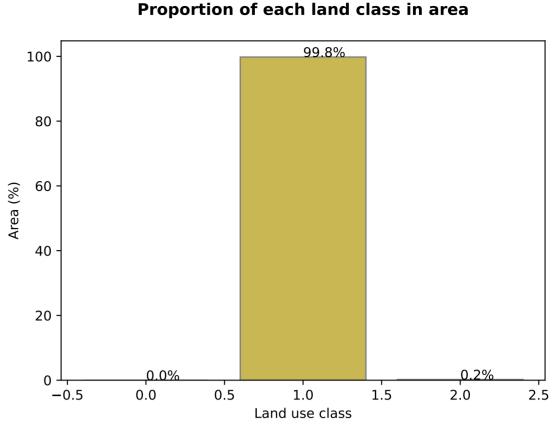


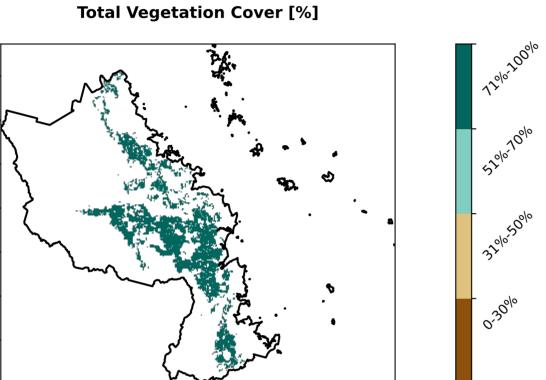


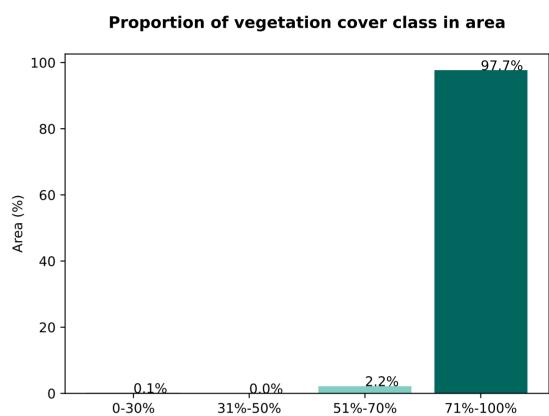


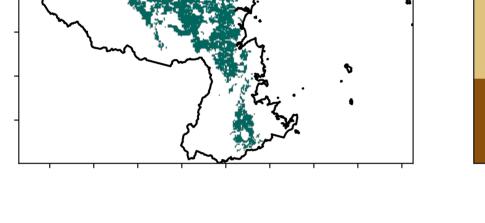
# Irrigation

# 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



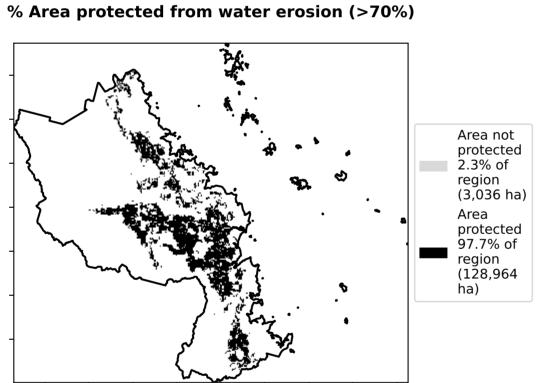


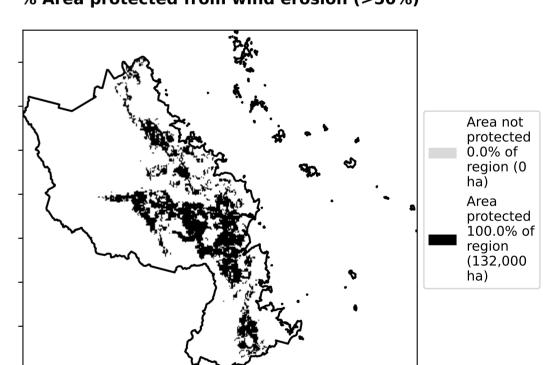




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Total Vegetation Cover class





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

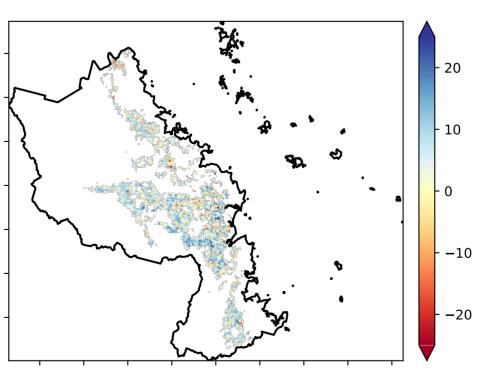
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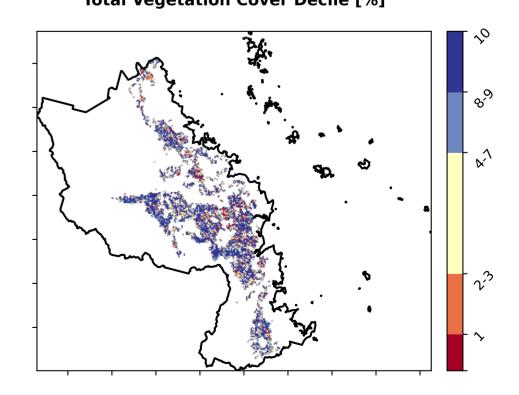
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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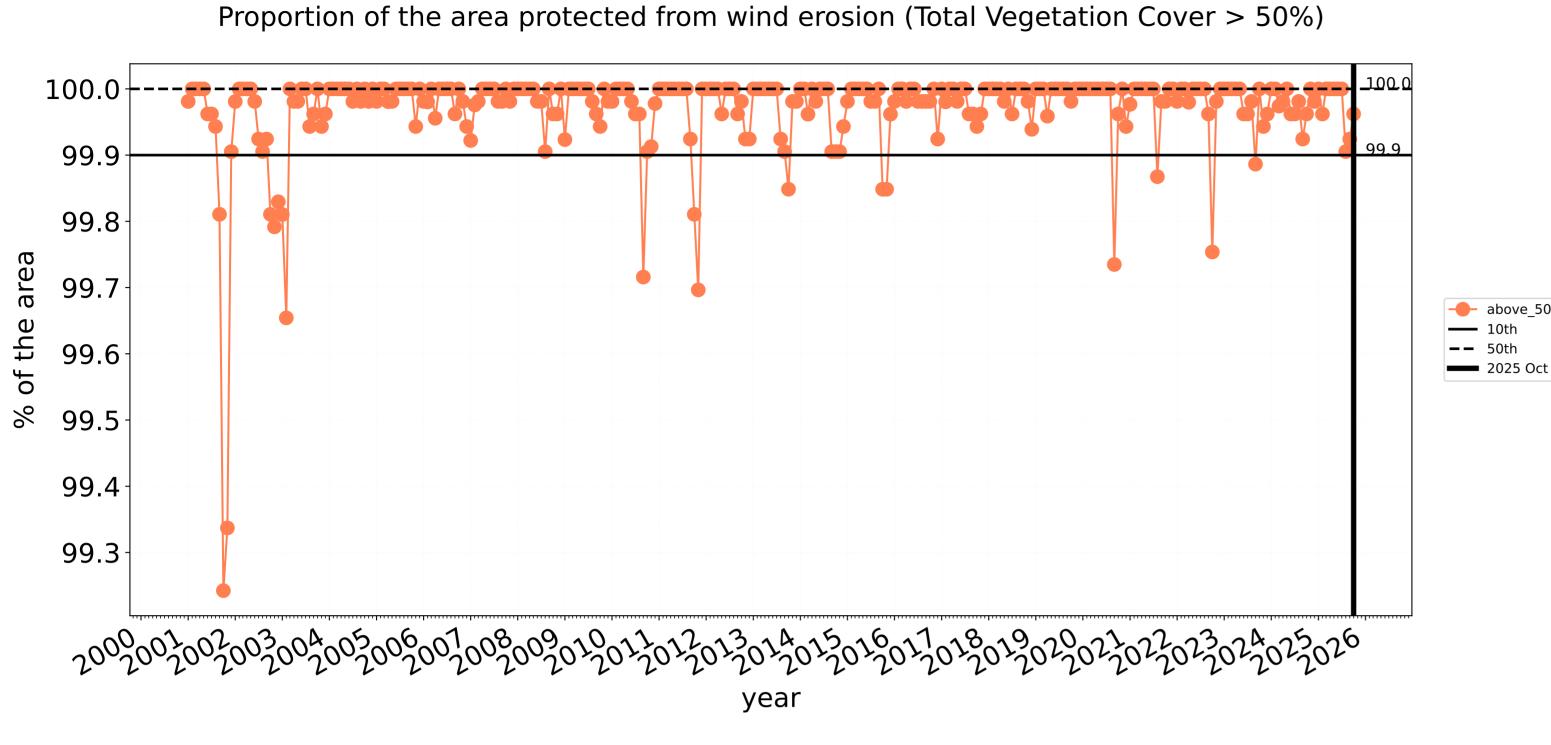


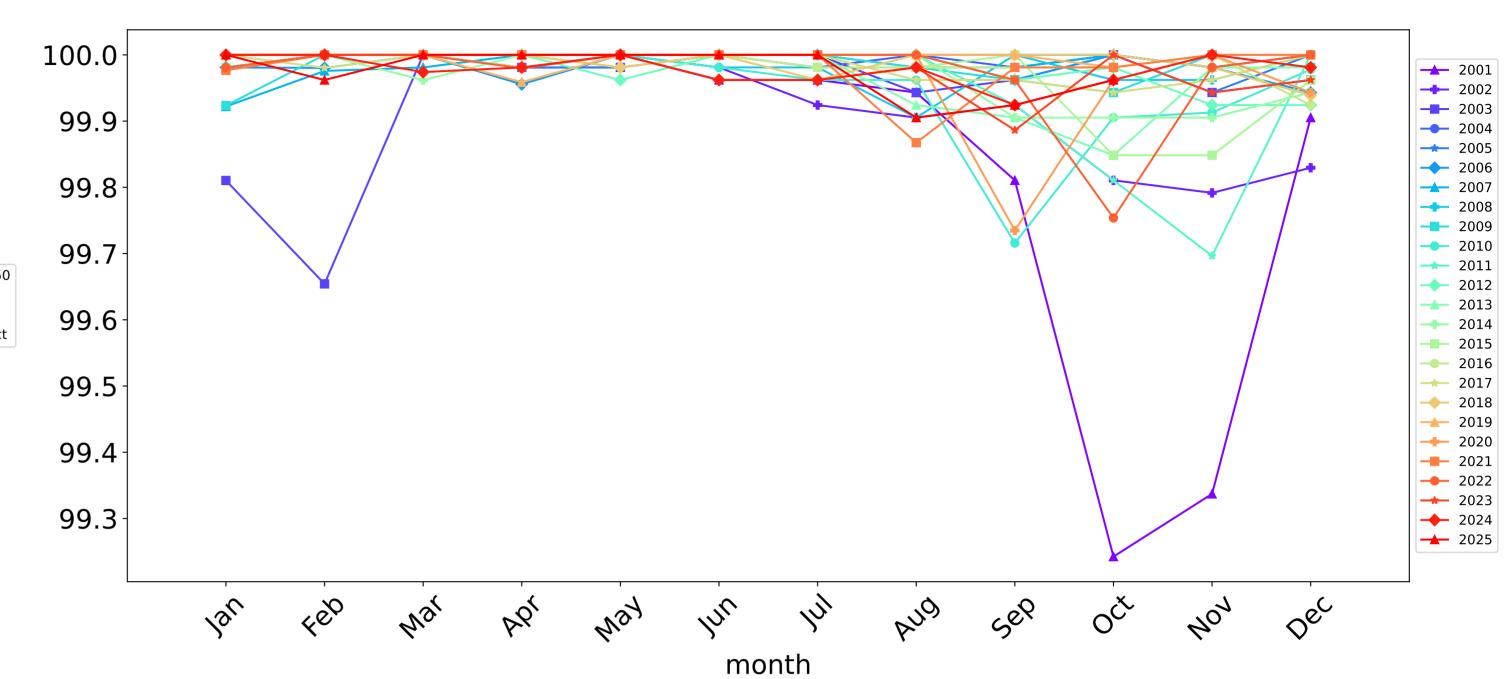




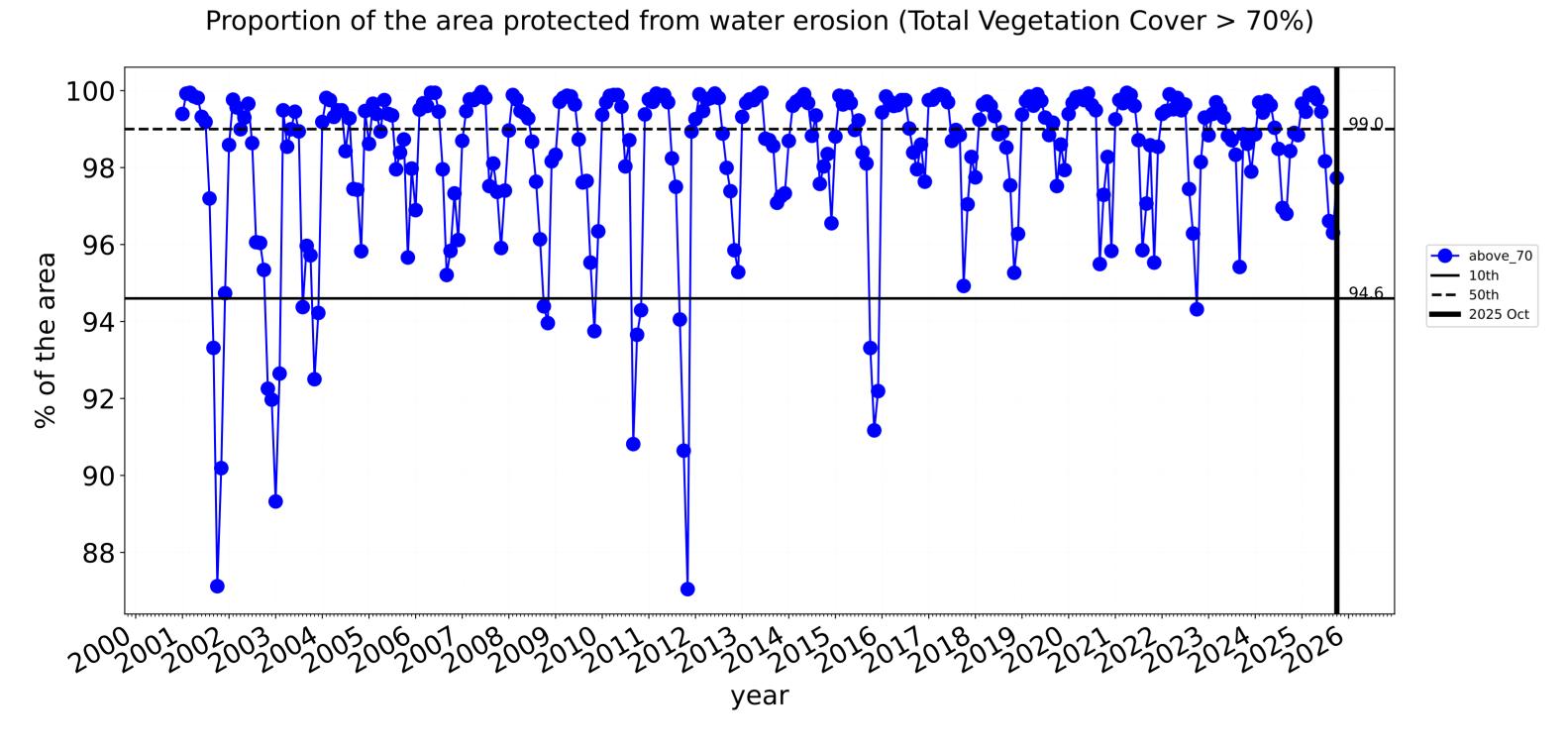


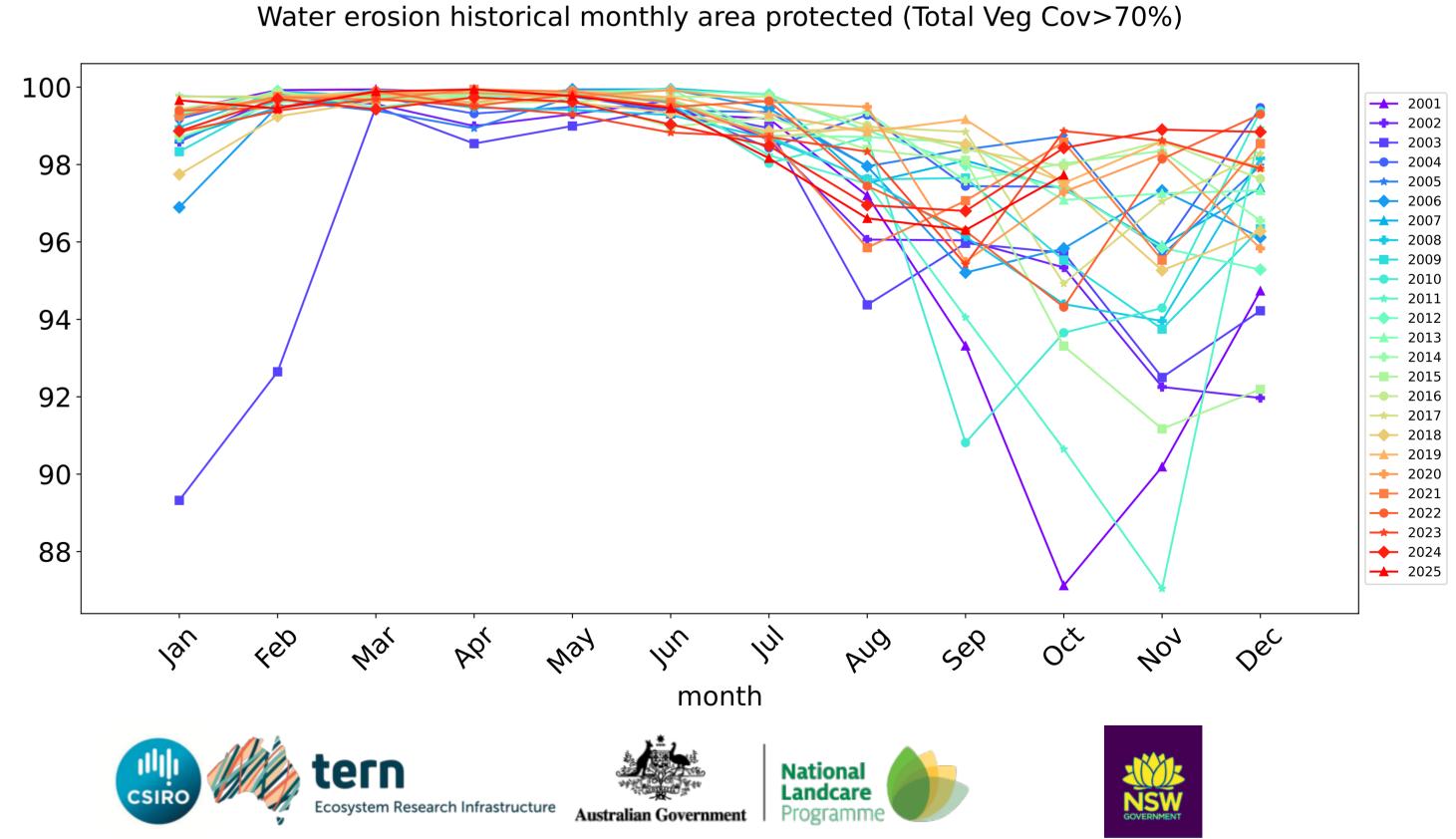
# Irrigation timeseries

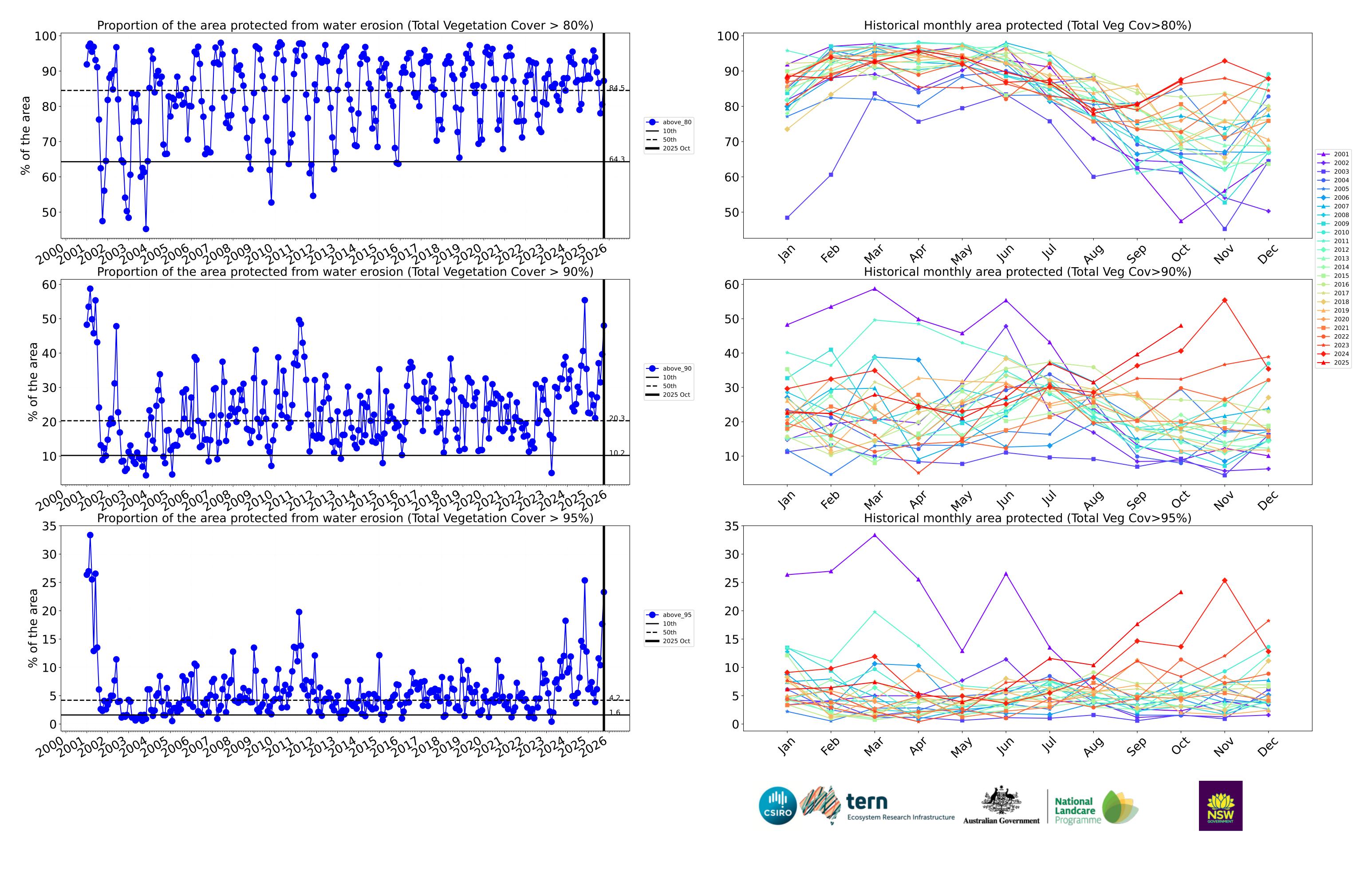




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

#### Land use and forest cover

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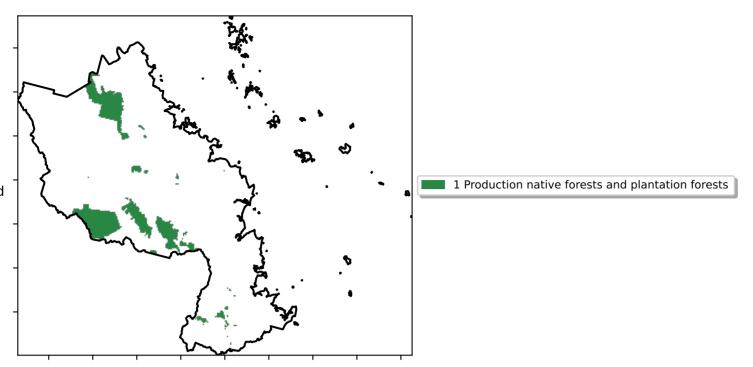
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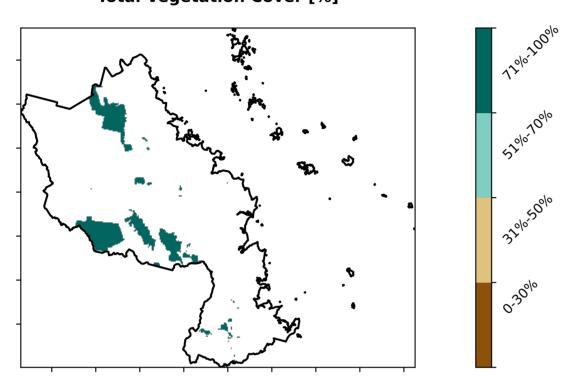
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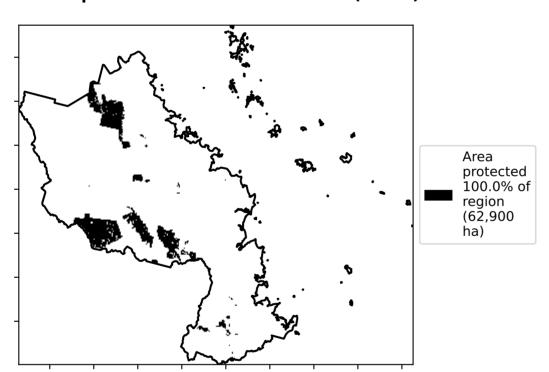
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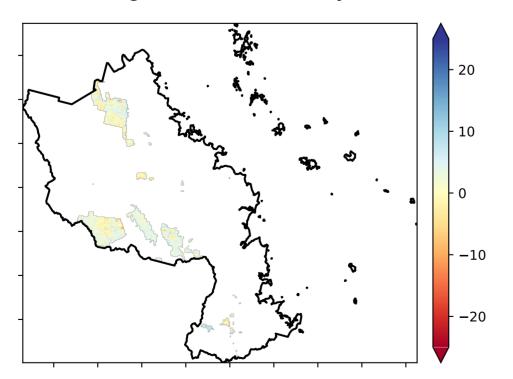
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

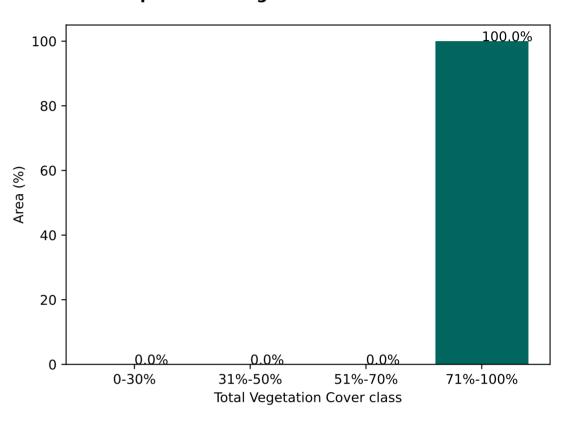


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

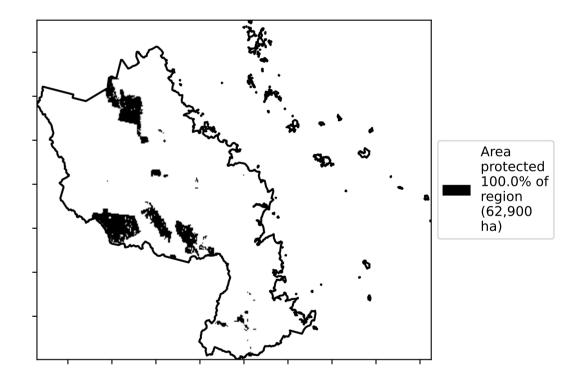


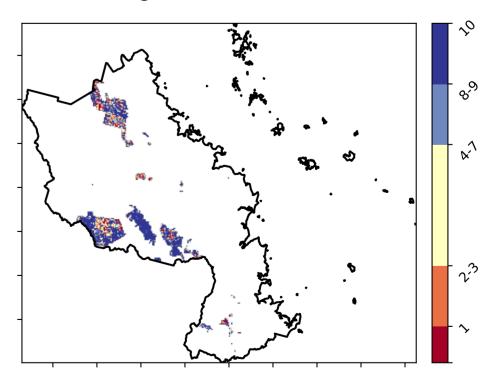
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





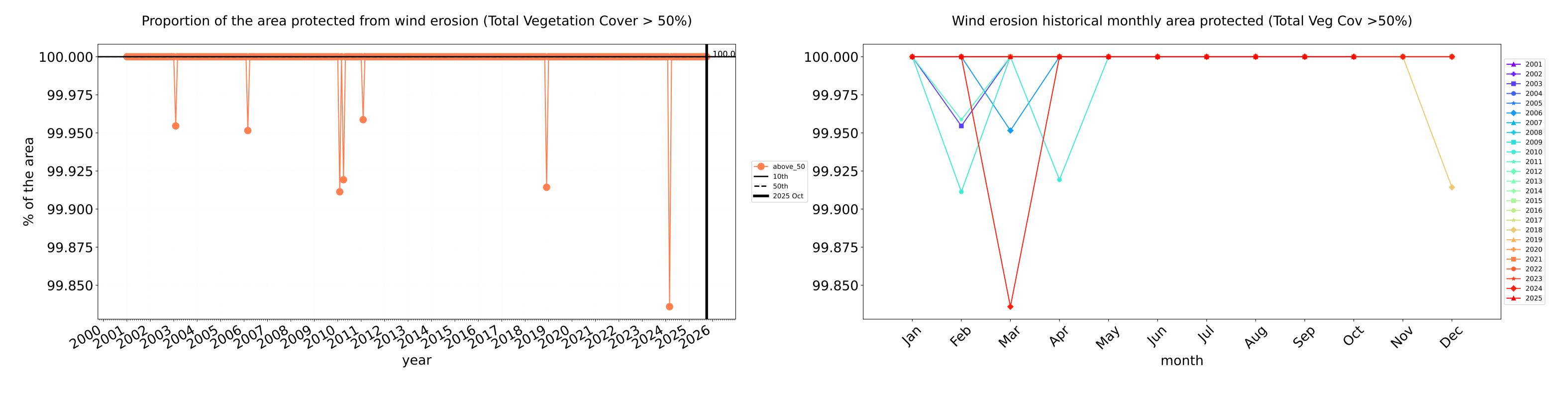


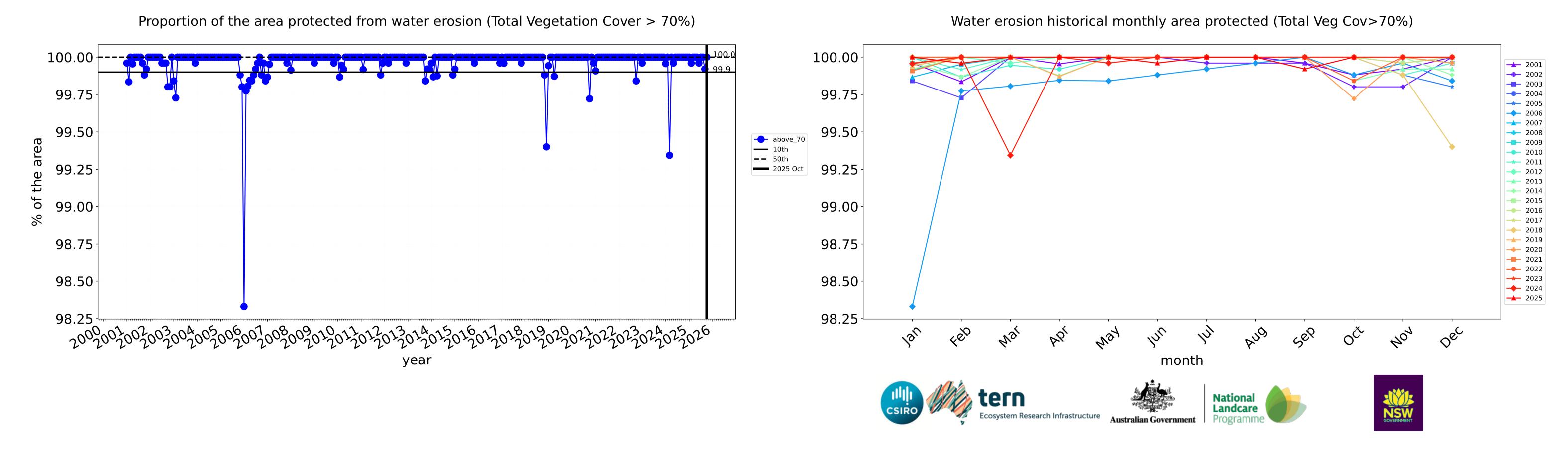


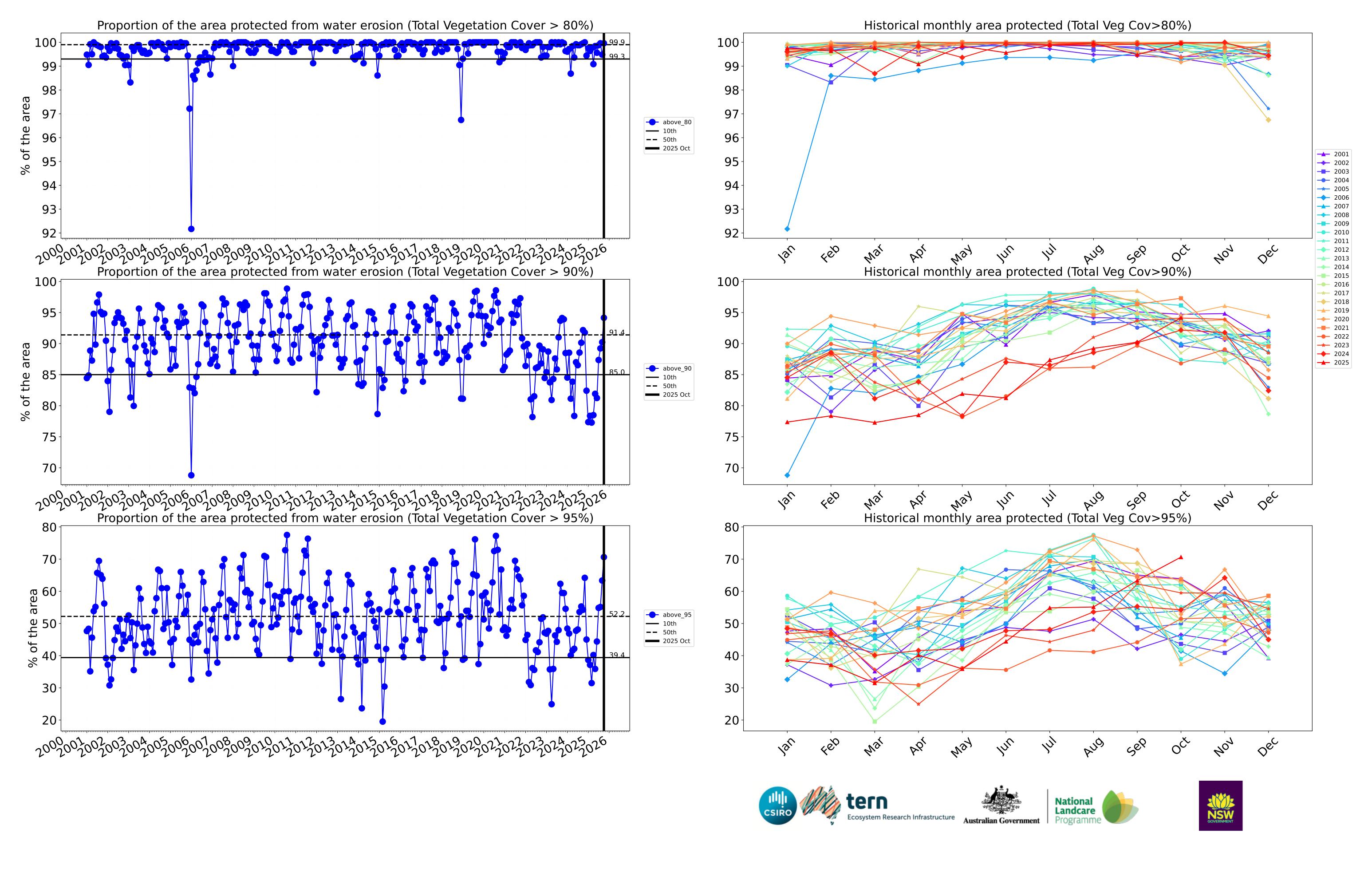




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Mackay\_(R) (745,425 ha and no data 15,886 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	745,425	99.9% 744,975	99.8% 743,600	98.1% 730,950	93.9% 699,925	76.8% 572,650	53.3% 397,450
Conservation and natural environments	191,175	99.9% 191,000	99.7% 190,650	98.5% 188,325	96.8% 185,125	84.6% 161,700	54.5% 104,200
Conservation and natural environments non forest	4,675	99.5% 4,650	97.9% 4,575	87.2% 4,075	76.5% 3,575	49.7% 2,325	28.3% 1,325
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	36,700	99.7% 36,600	99.3% 36,425	96.9% 35,550	92.6% 34,000	79.7% 29,250	60.8% 22,300
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	149,800	100.0% 149,750	99.9% 149,650	99.3% 148,700	98.5% 147,550	86.9% 130,125	53.8% 80,575
Agriculture	428,125	100.0% 428,050	99.9% 427,875	99.0% 423,950	94.9% 406,225	76.0% 325,250	54.9% 235,225
Grazing	295,525	100.0% 295,450	99.9% 295,325	99.6% 294,350	98.3% 290,500	88.4% 261,300	69.0% 203,875
Grazing non forest	139,800	100.0% 139,750	99.9% 139,625	99.2% 138,750	97.0% 135,650	82.9% 115,900	60.2% 84,100
Grazing Woodland forest	108,675	100.0% 108,650	100.0% 108,650	99.9% 108,550	99.3% 107,900	92.4% 100,400	74.5% 80,950
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	100.0% 47,050	99.8% 46,950	95.6% 45,000	82.5% 38,825
Irrigation	132,000	100.0% 132,000	100.0% 131,950	97.7% 129,000	87.2% 115,125	48.0% 63,350	23.3% 30,750
Production native forests and plantation forests	62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,900	100.0% 62,875	94.2% 59,225	70.6% 44,425







