# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Noosa\_(S) QLD

# Date: August 2024

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 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 Aug 2024**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area



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52%70

32%50%

0-30%

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



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





#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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





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### **Conservation and natural environments**

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)



Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







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



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



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





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

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# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 









Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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Land use and forest cover

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

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





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

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



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

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### Agriculture

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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



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#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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### Grazing

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# Grazing non forest timeseries

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







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover



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# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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# Irrigation

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# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

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Land use and forest cover









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# Noosa\_(S) (81,900 ha and no data 5,102 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	81,900	100.0% 81,875	99.7% 81,625	98.0% 80,300	94.5% 77,400	79.9% 65,400	36.1% 29,550
Conservation and natural environments	29,425	100.0% 29,425	99.7% 29,350	98.7% 29,050	95.9% 28,225	84.0% 24,725	47.4% 13,950
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,400	100.0% 3,400	98.5% 3,350	95.6% 3,250	88.2% 3,000	78.7% 2,675	37.5% 1,275
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	2,725	100.0% 2,725	100.0% 2,725	99.1% 2,700	95.4% 2,600	82.6% 2,250	37.6% 1,025
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	23,300	100.0% 23,300	99.9% 23,275	99.1% 23,100	97.1% 22,625	85.0% 19,800	50.0% 11,650
Agriculture	21,100	100.0% 21,100	100.0% 21,100	100.0% 21,100	99.9% 21,075	86.7% 18,300	35.2% 7,425
Grazing	19,075	100.0% 19,075	100.0% 19,075	100.0% 19,075	99.9% 19,050	88.5% 16,875	36.7% 7,000
Grazing non forest	15,925	100.0% 15,925	100.0% 15,925	100.0% 15,925	99.8% 15,900	88.1% 14,025	36.6% 5,825
Grazing Woodland forest	2,100	100.0% 2,100	100.0% 2,100	100.0% 2,100	100.0% 2,100	91.7% 1,925	31.0% 650
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	1,050	100.0% 1,050	100.0% 1,050	100.0% 1,050	100.0% 1,050	88.1% 925	50.0% 525
Irrigation	1,975	100.0% 1,975	100.0% 1,975	100.0% 1,975	100.0% 1,975	69.6% 1,375	20.3% 400
Production native forests and plantation forests	7,550	100.0% 7,550	100.0% 7,550	100.0% 7,550	99.7% 7,525	89.4% 6,750	47.0% 3,550

