# LGA Rockhampton\_(R) (QLD) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

Rockhampton (R)

- Context
  - o Map: Land use and forest cover
  - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month
  - o Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
  - o Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month
  - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)
  - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
- Comparison with previous years
  - o Map: anomaly compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
  - o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
- Time series stacked by year
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines) in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines). in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
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  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example

- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- Protected areas by forest classes if present

# Explanatory notes:

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree 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 2019**

### Land use and forest cover

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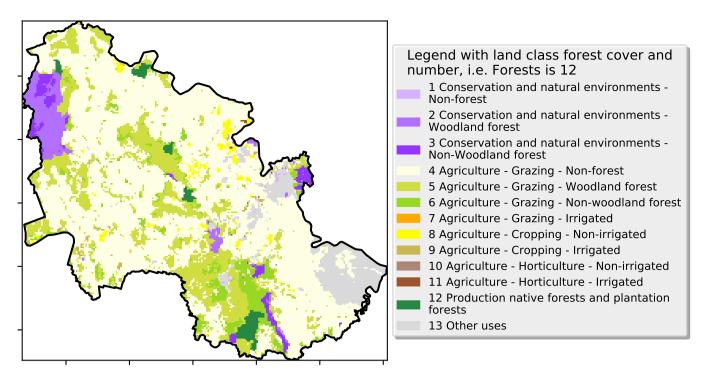
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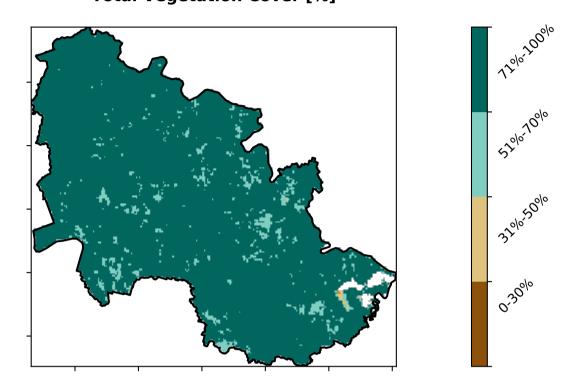
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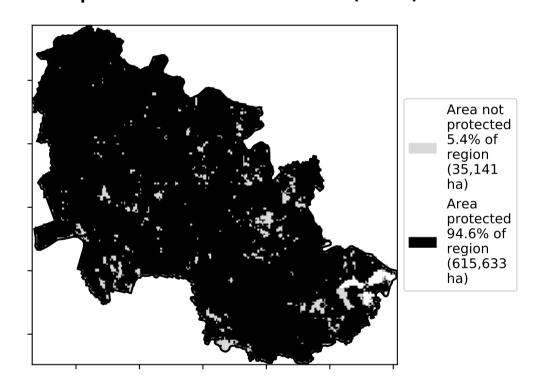
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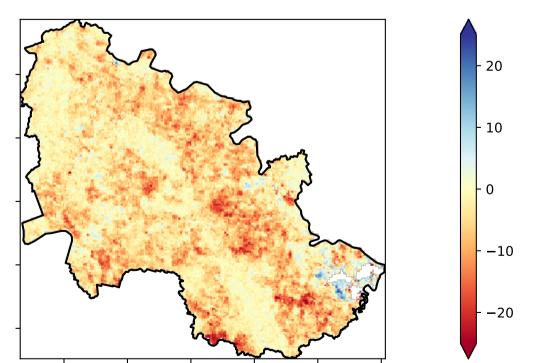
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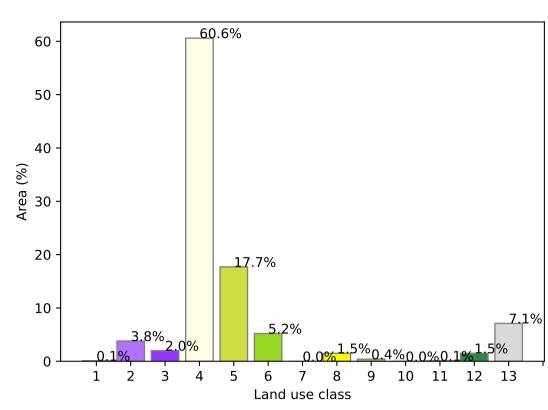


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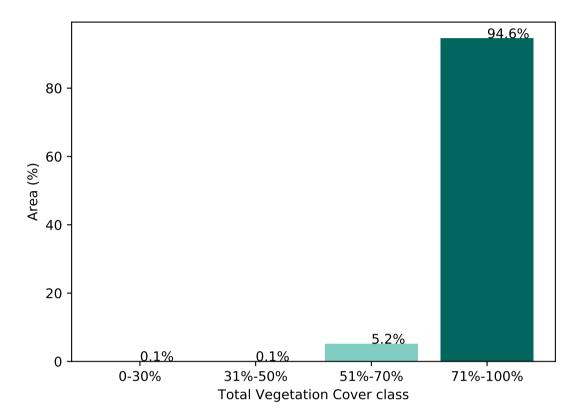


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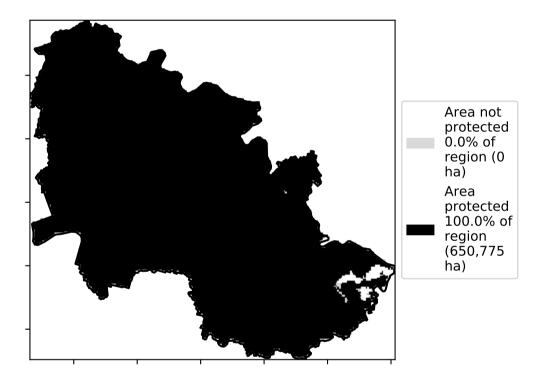
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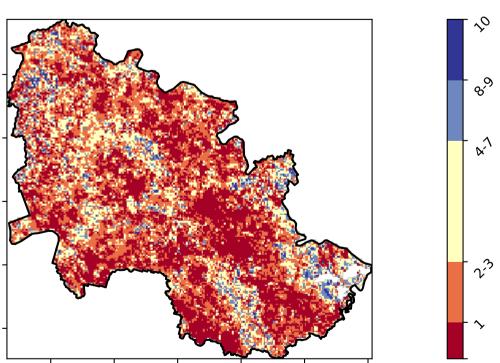


### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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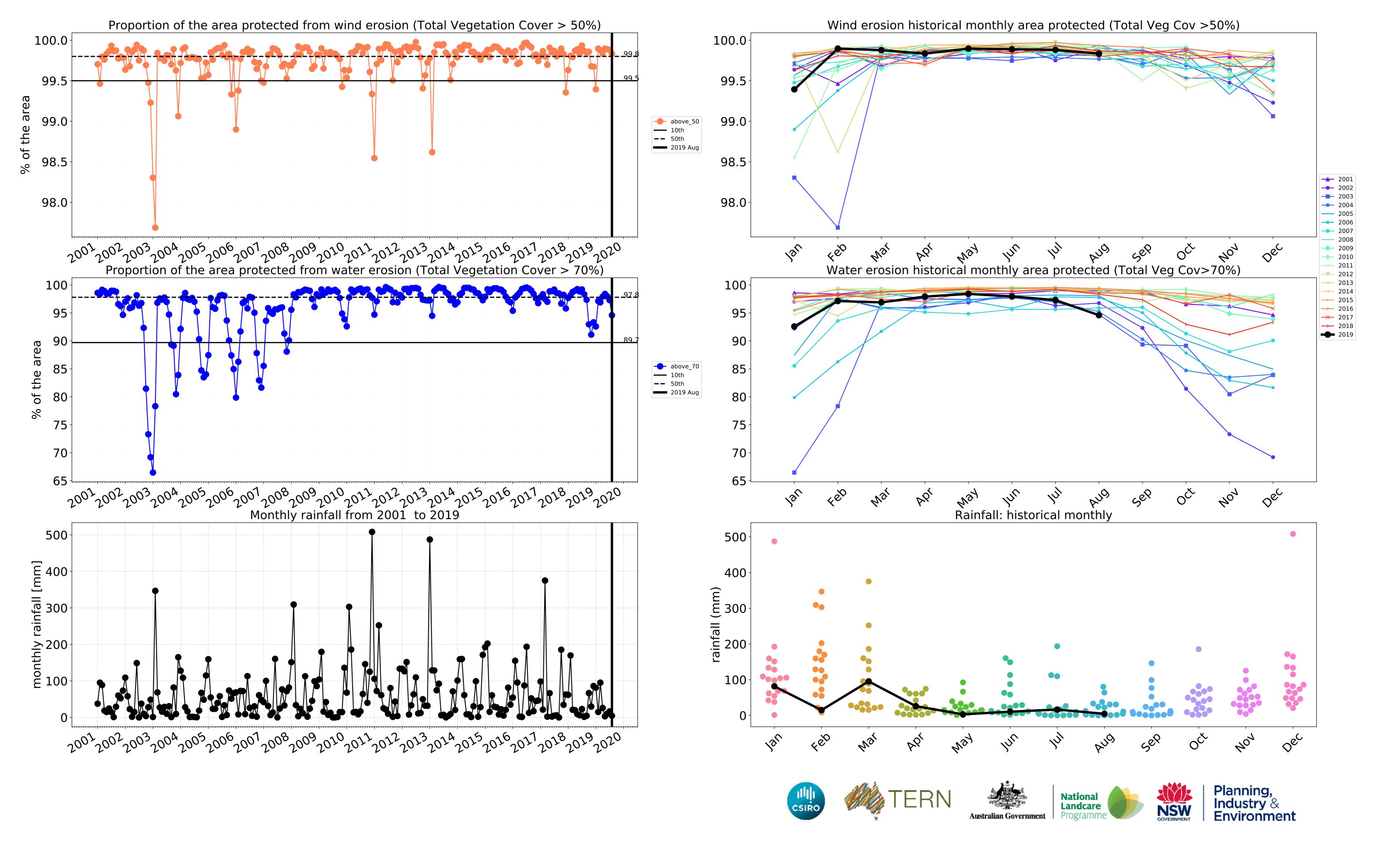


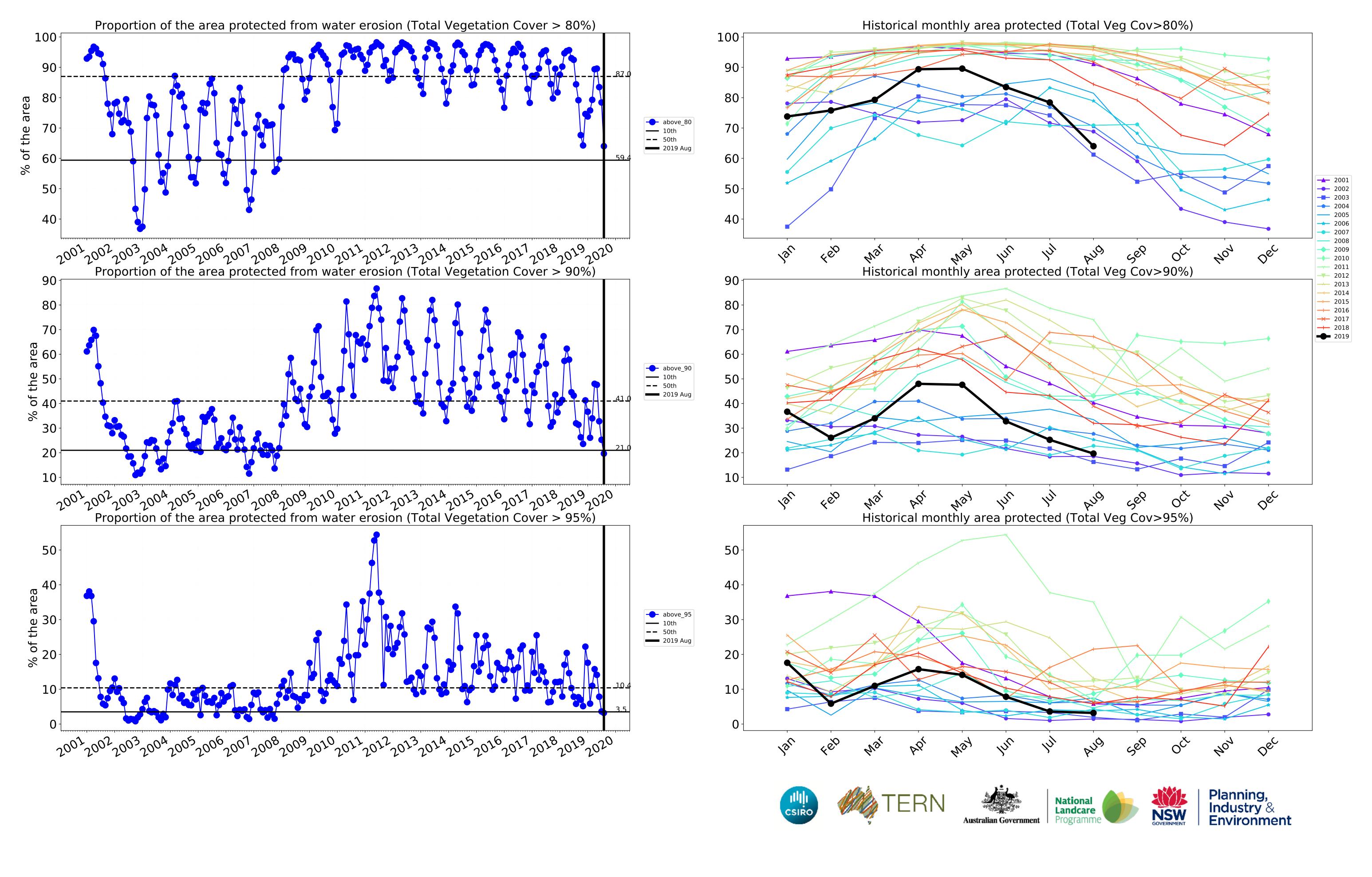












# **Conservation and natural environments**

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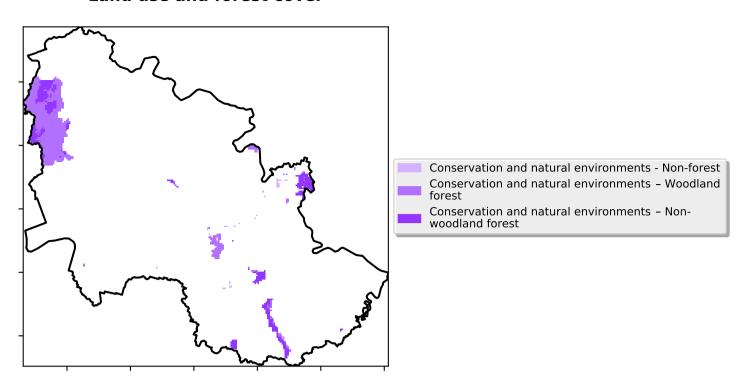
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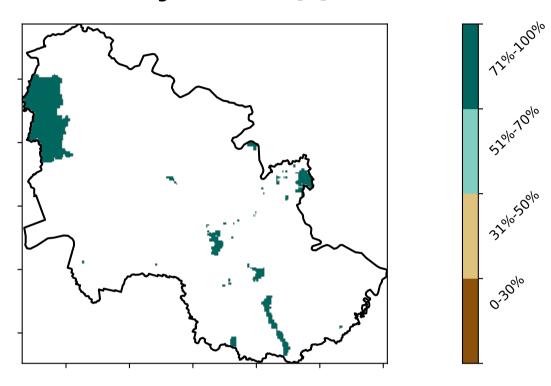
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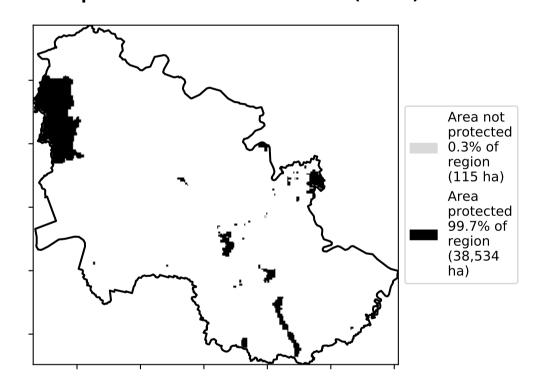
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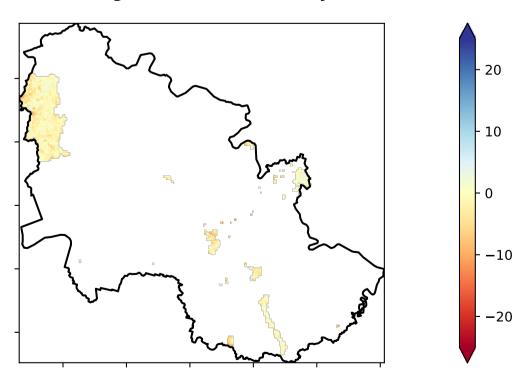
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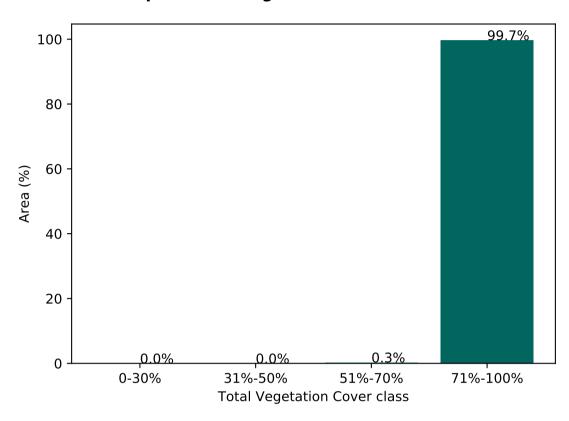


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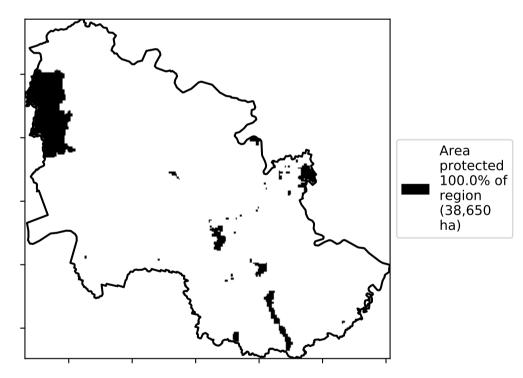


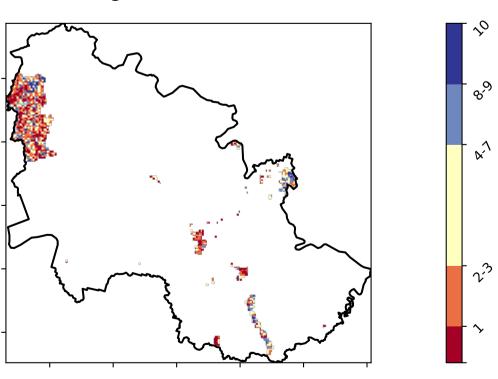
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









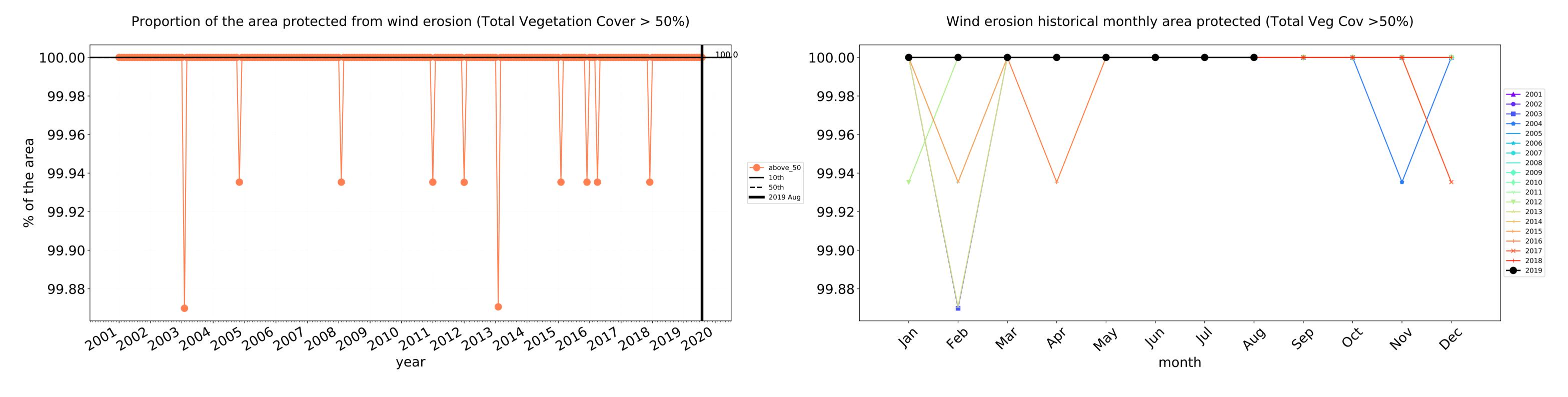


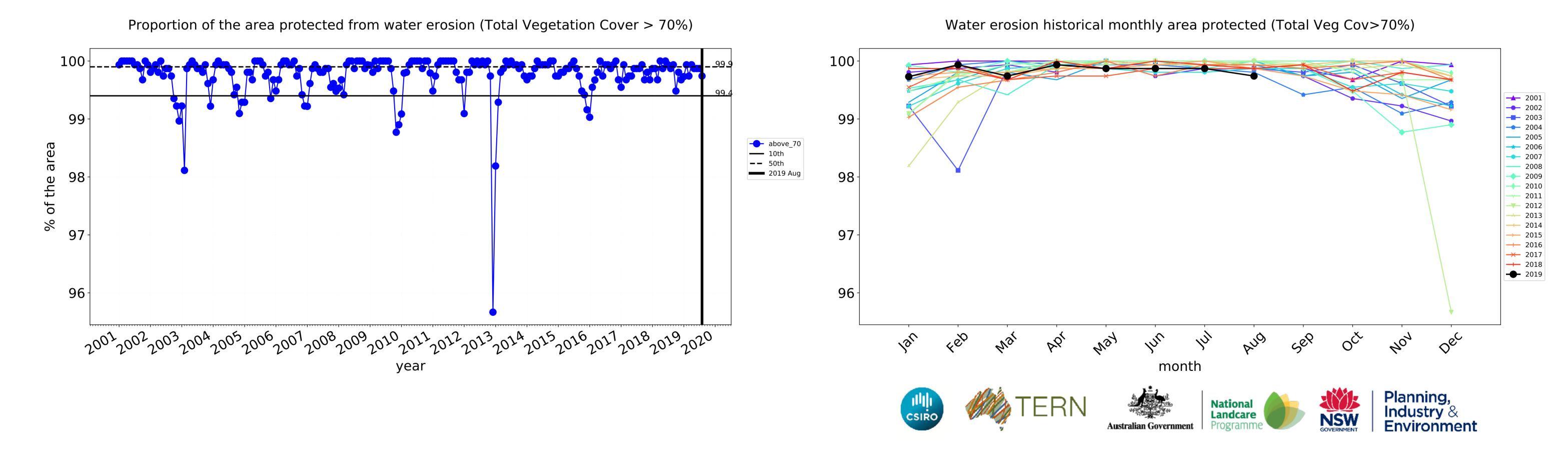


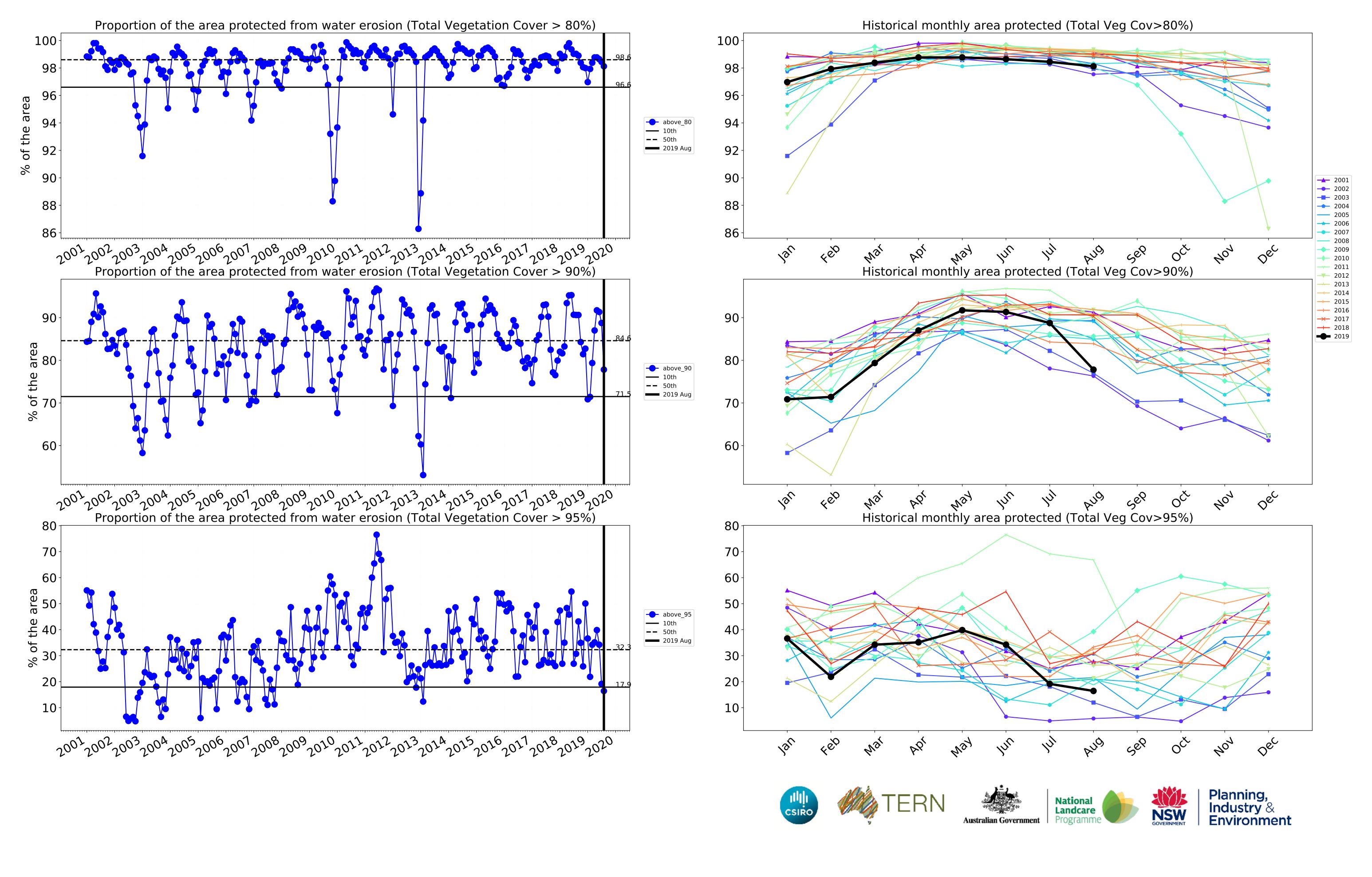




# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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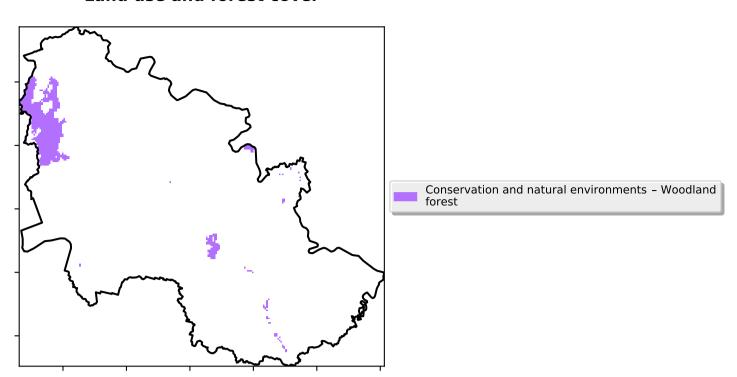
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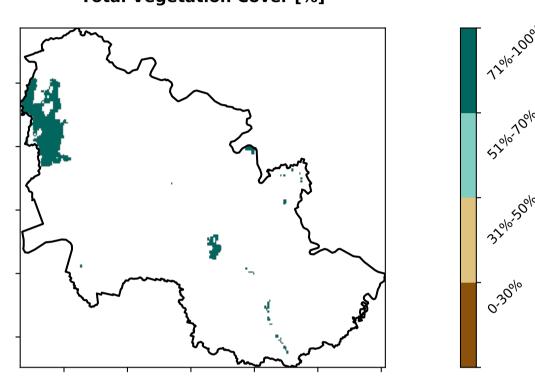
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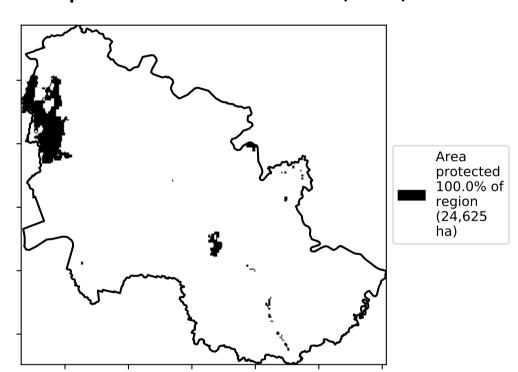
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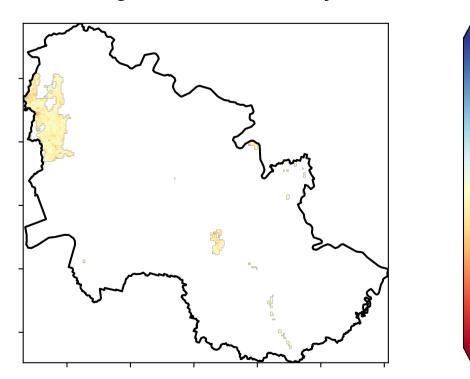
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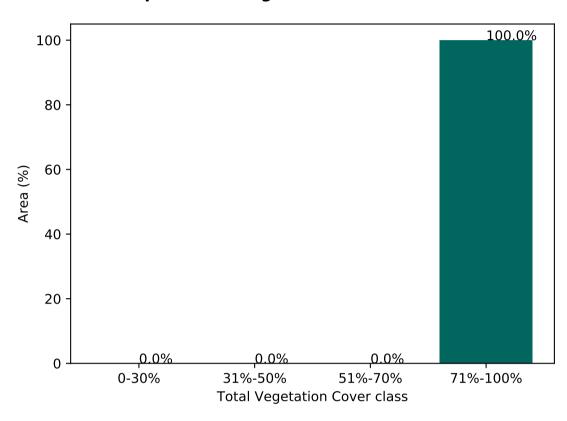


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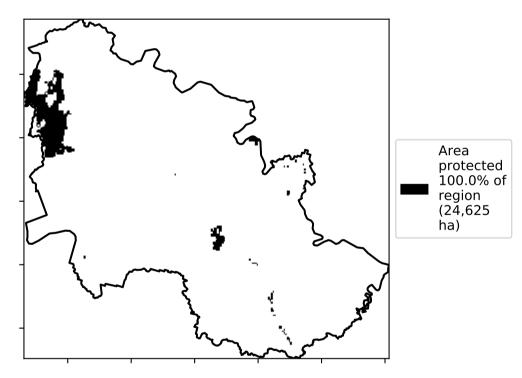


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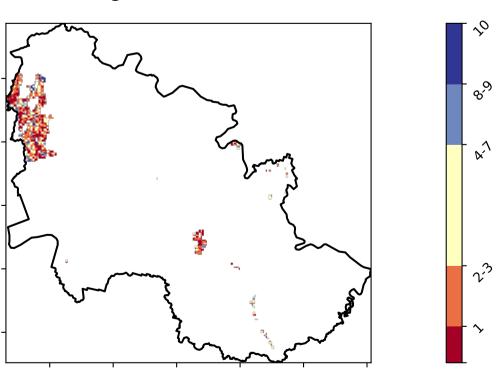
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



# Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]













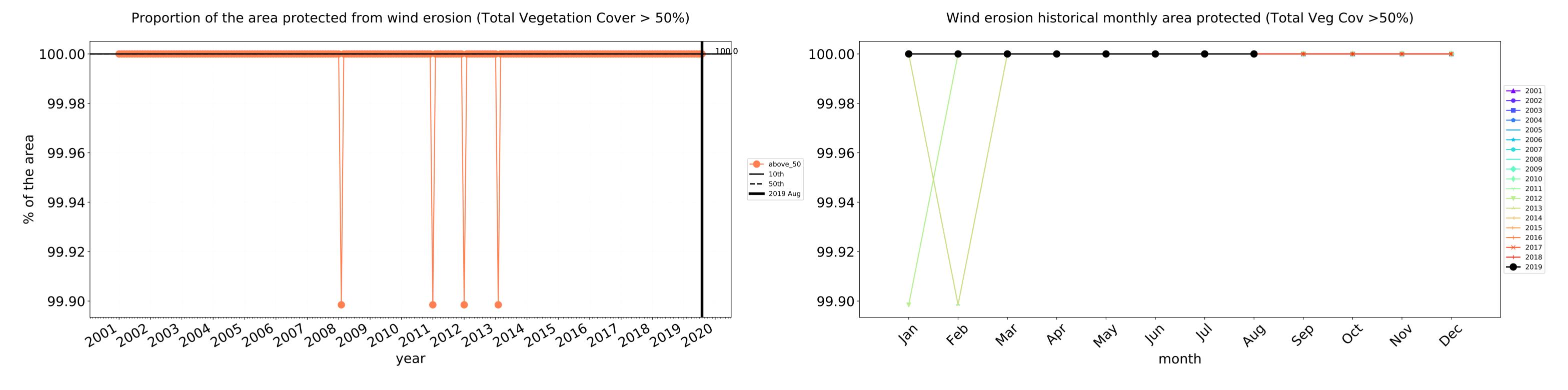


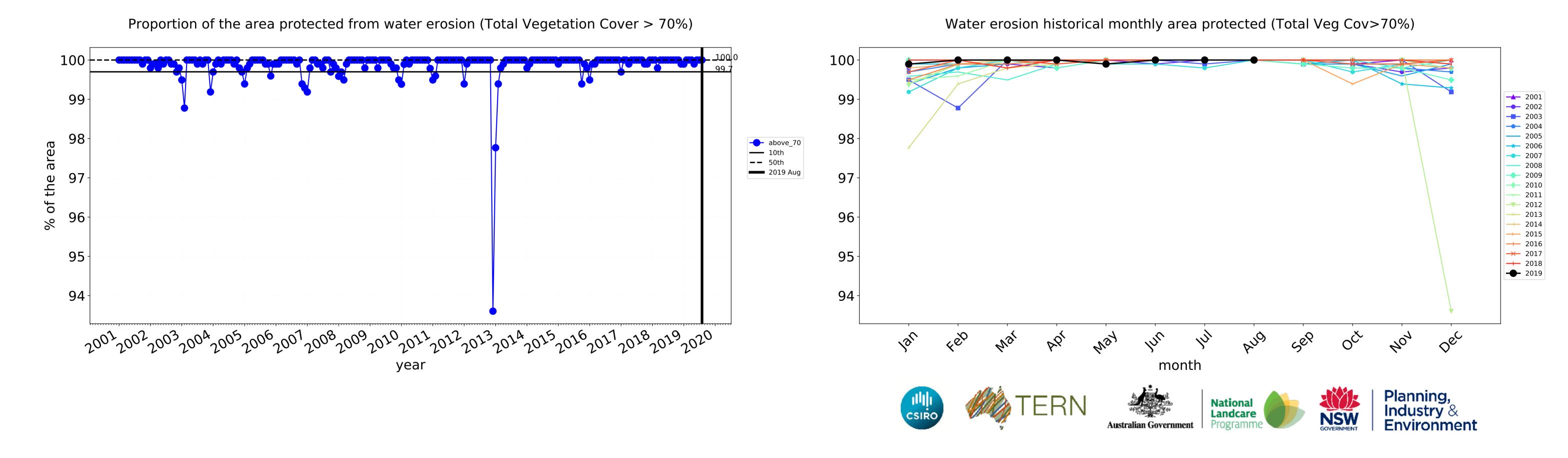
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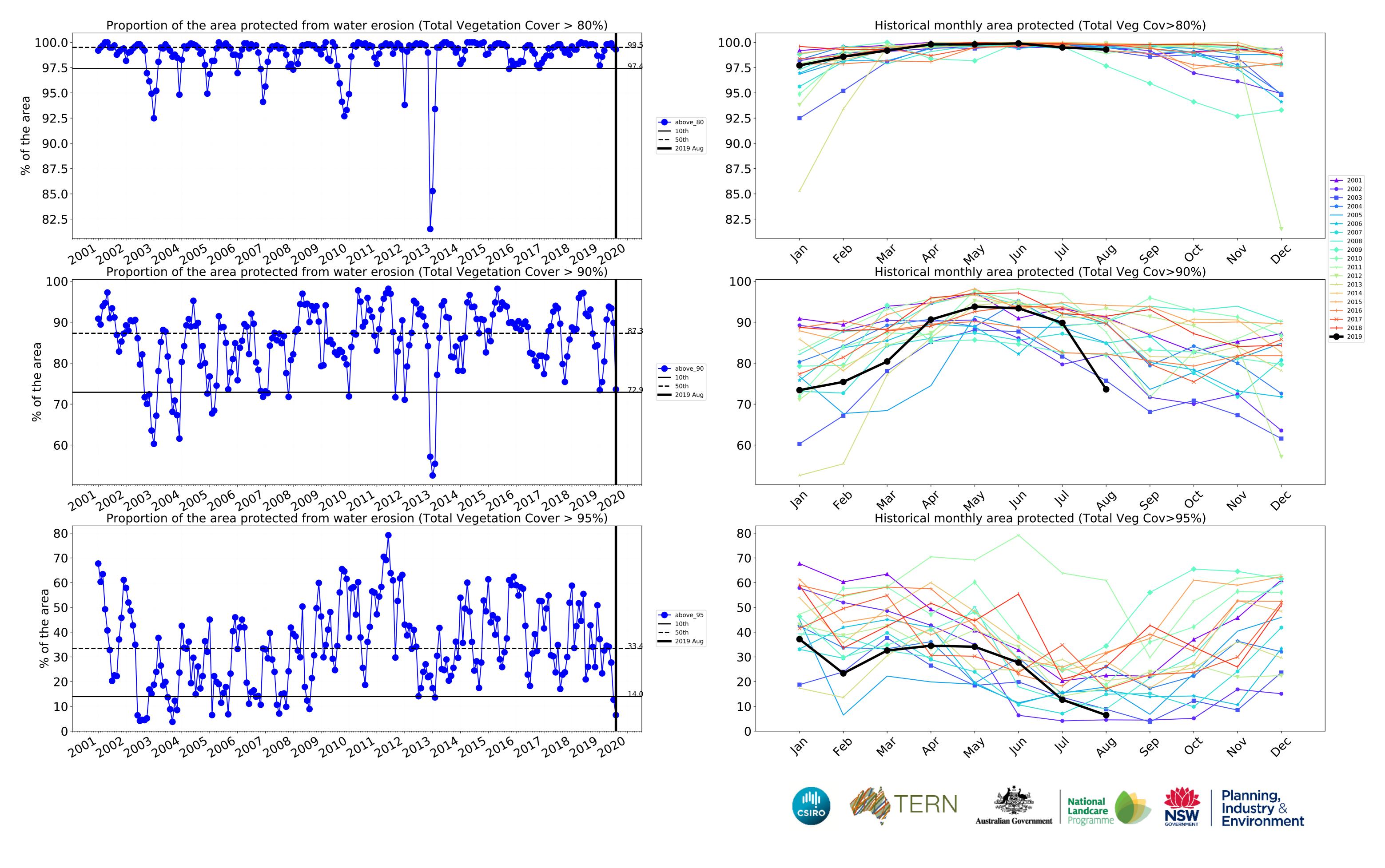
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# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

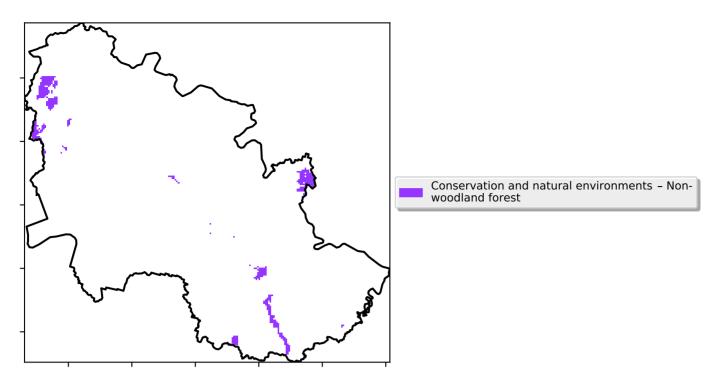
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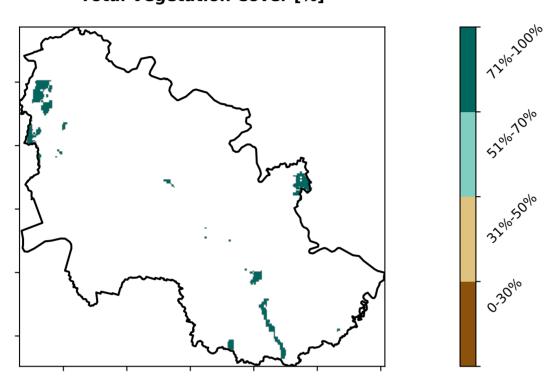
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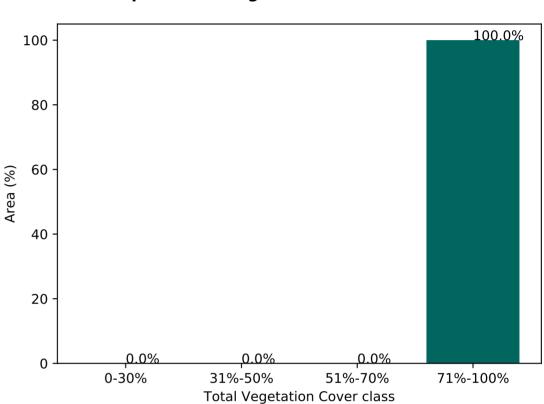
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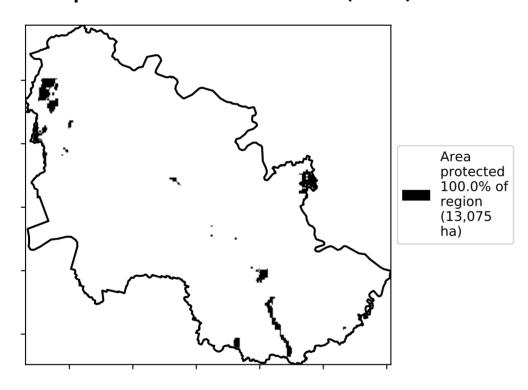
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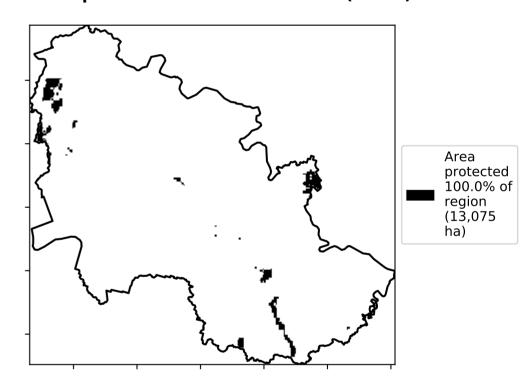
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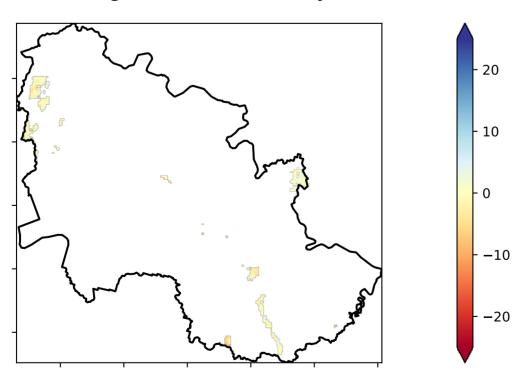
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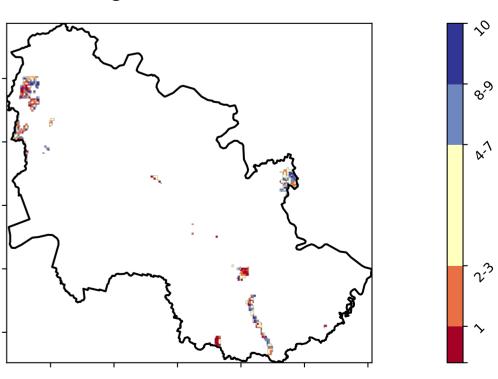


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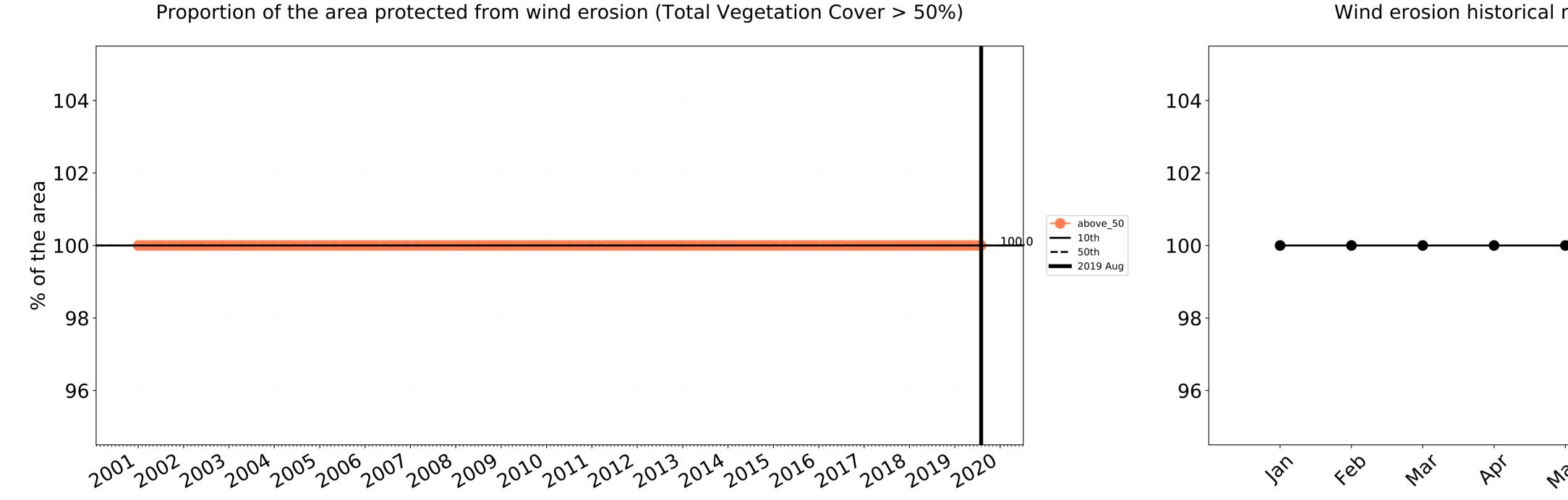


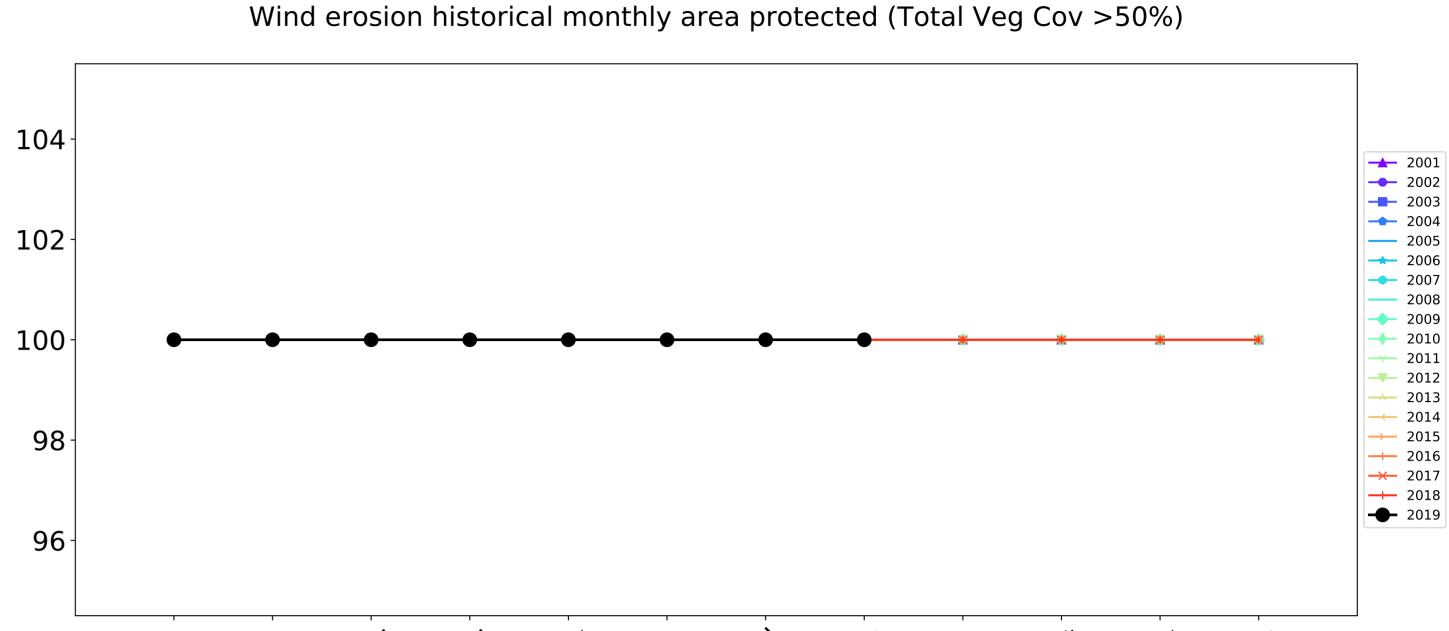




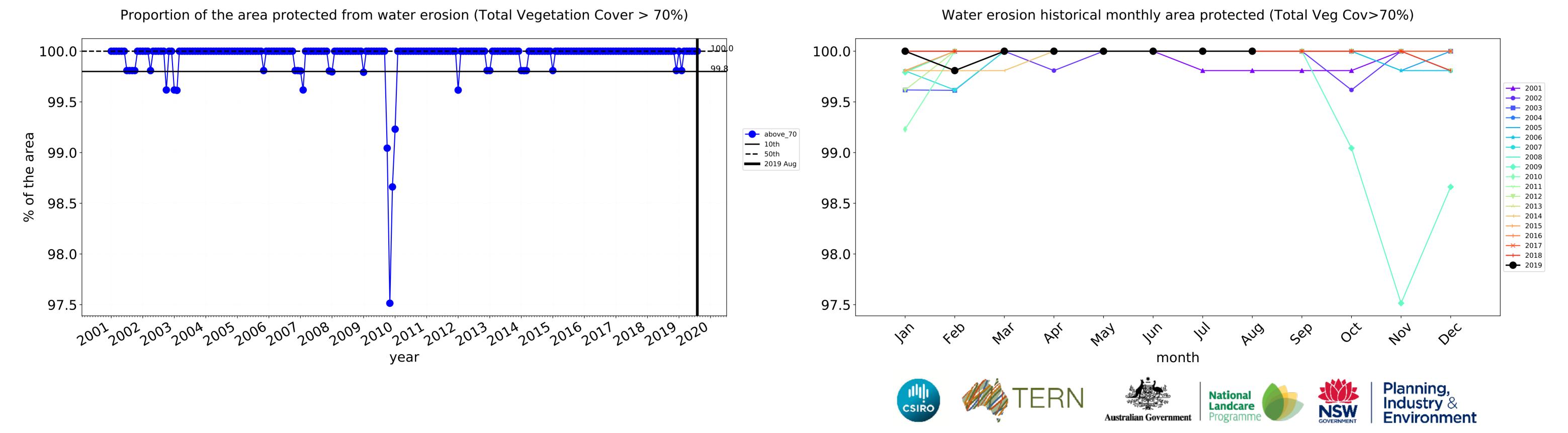


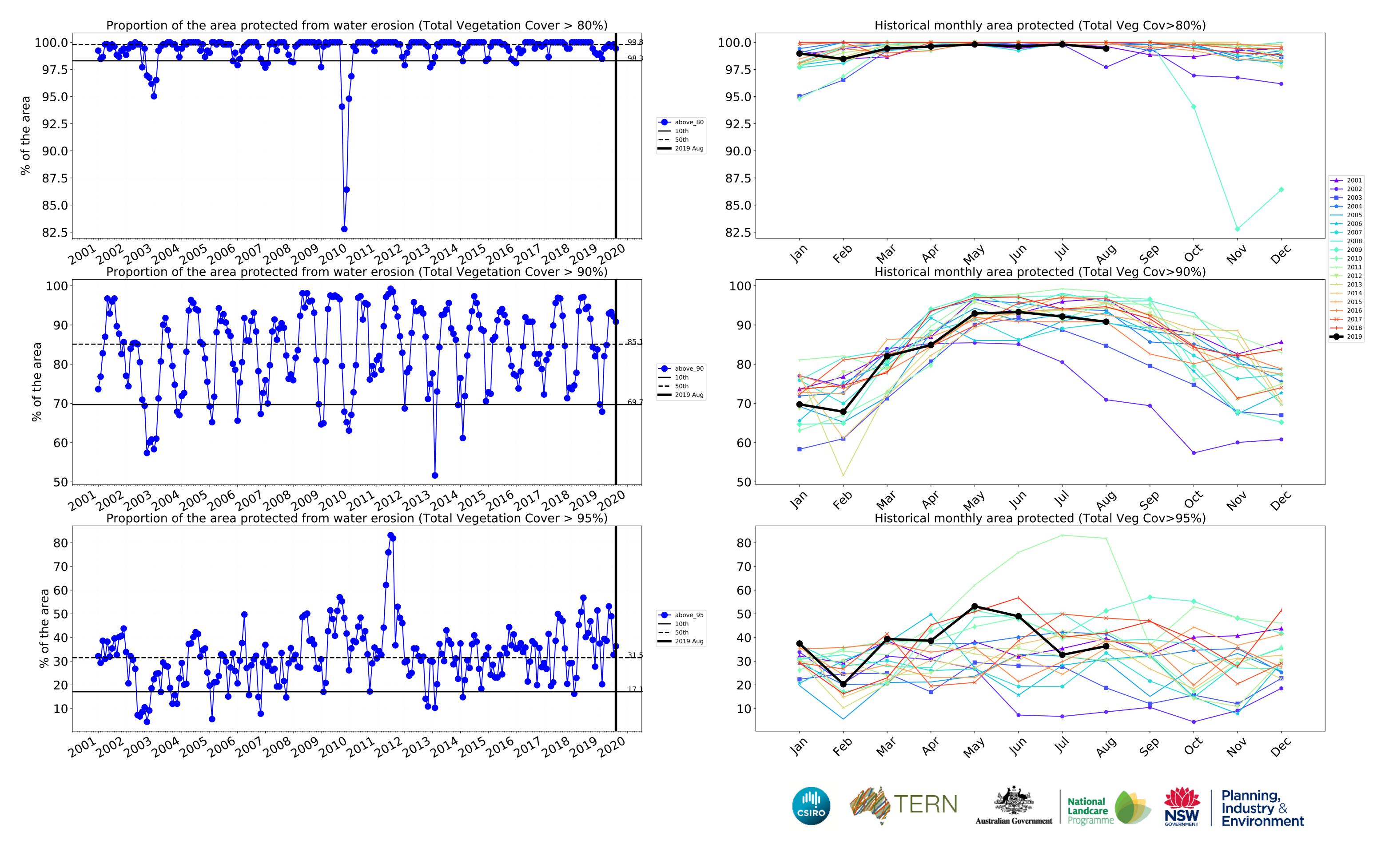






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# **Agriculture**

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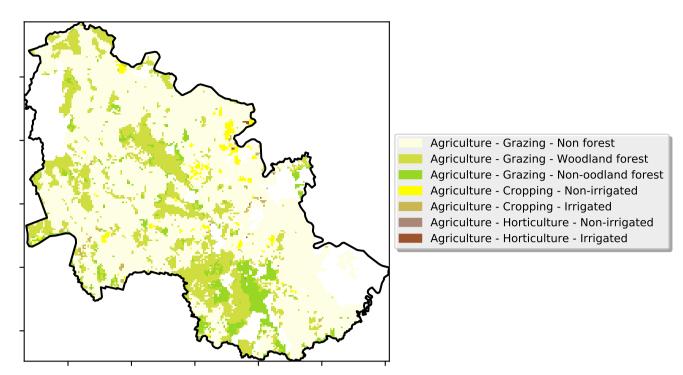
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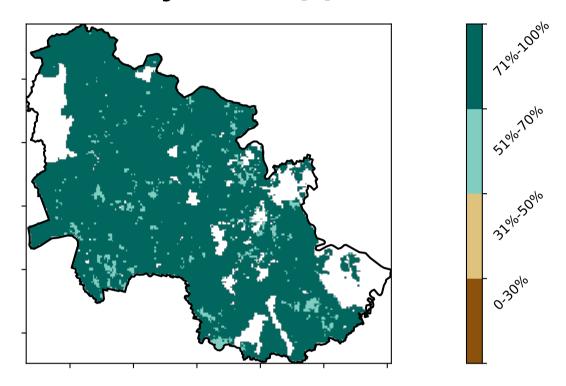
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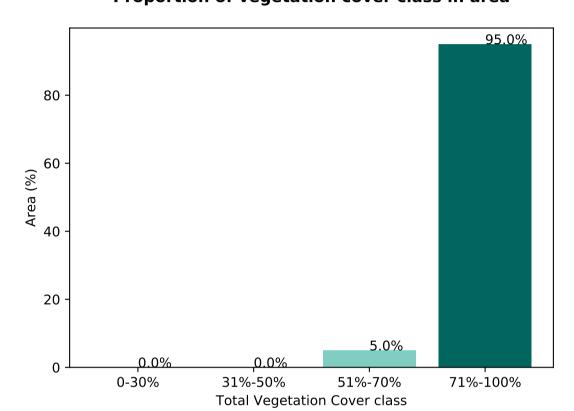
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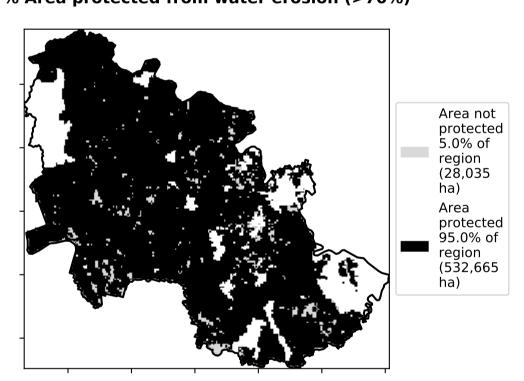
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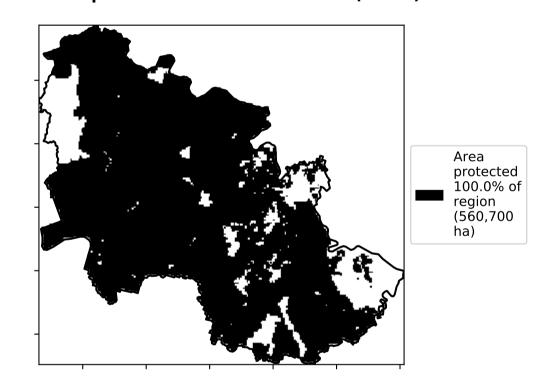
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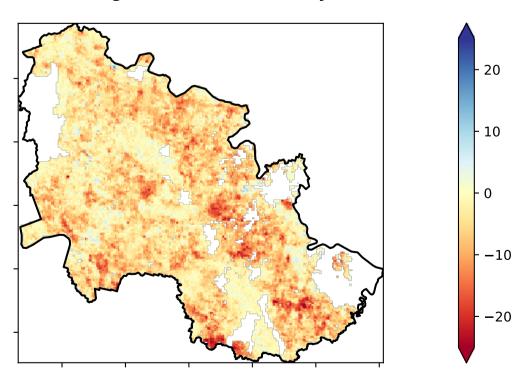
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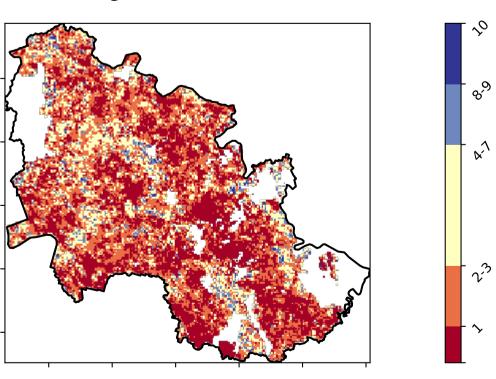
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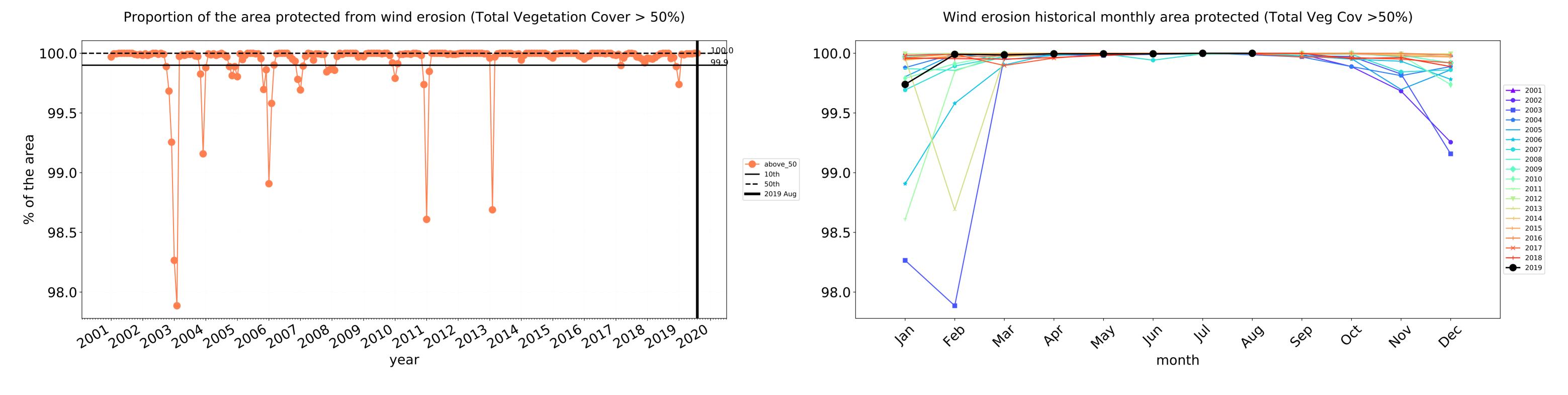


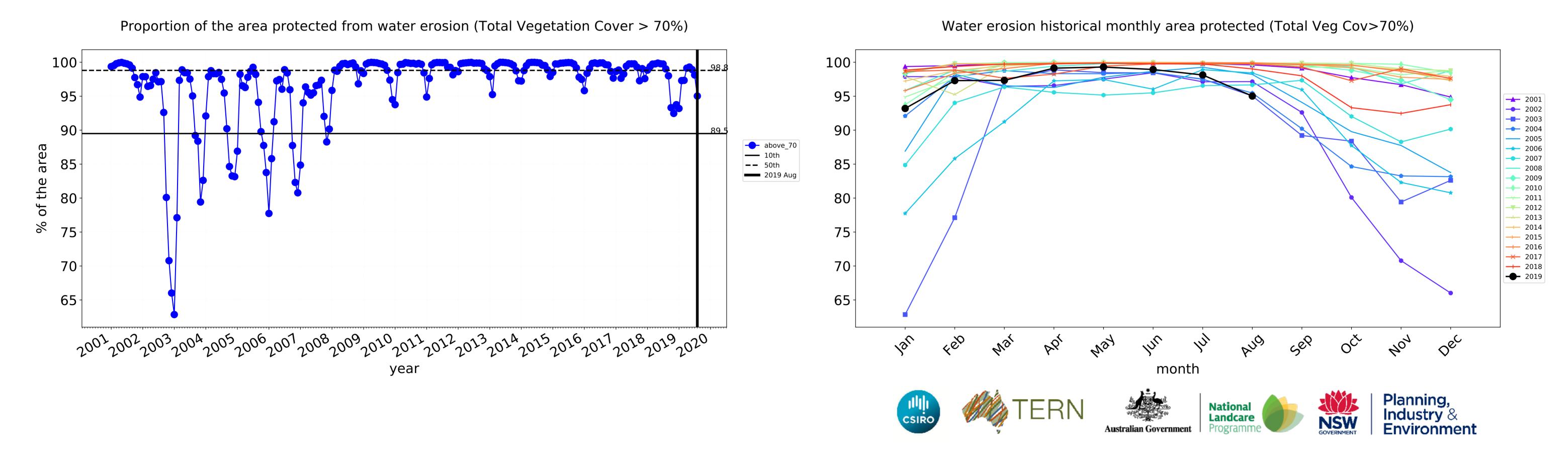


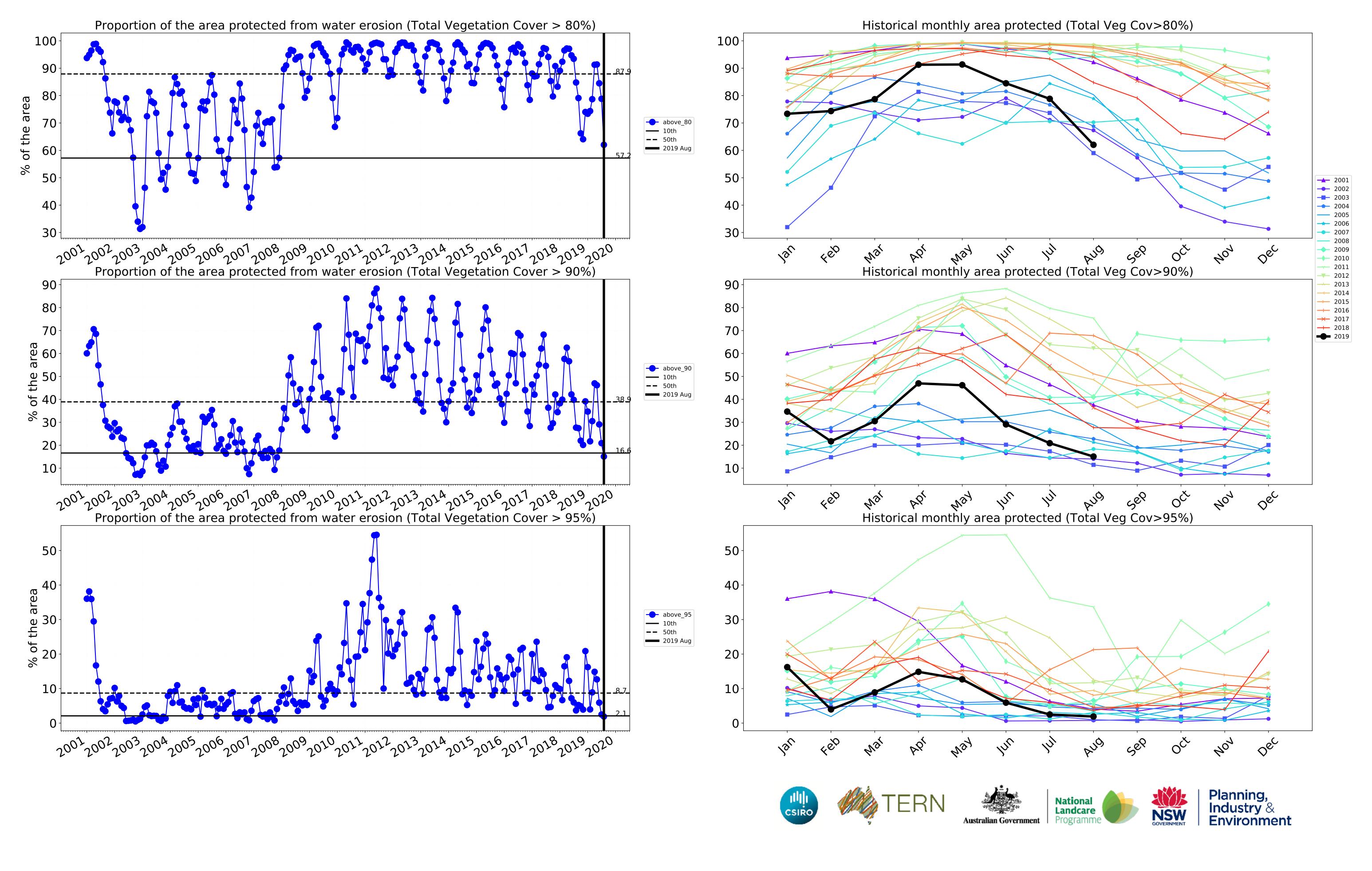




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# **Grazing**

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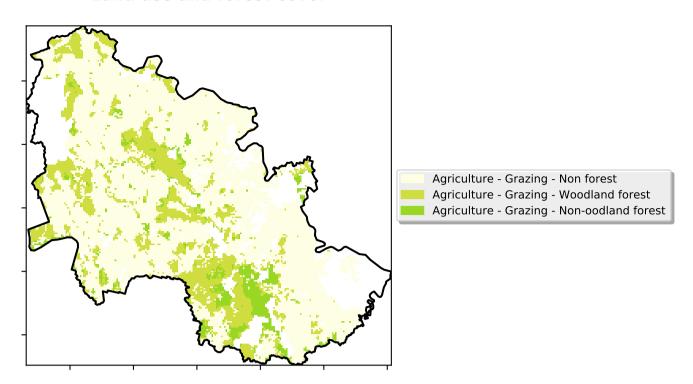
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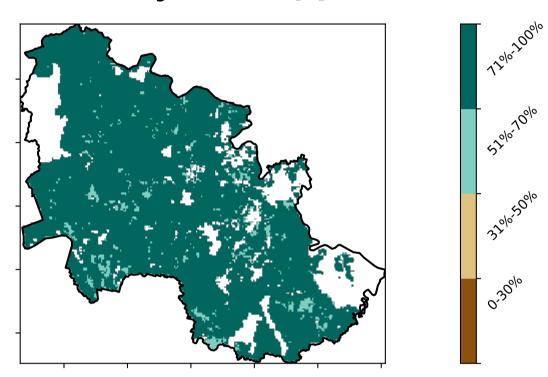
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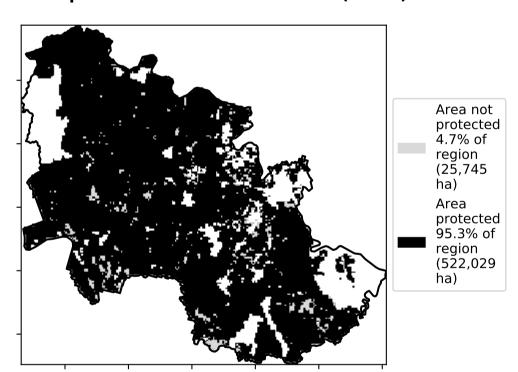
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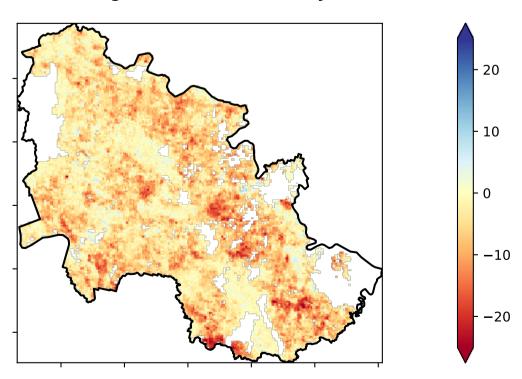
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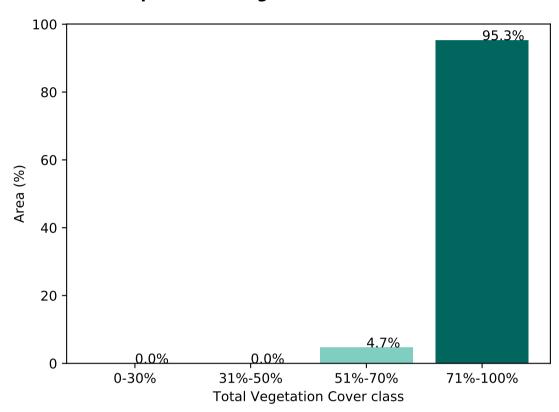


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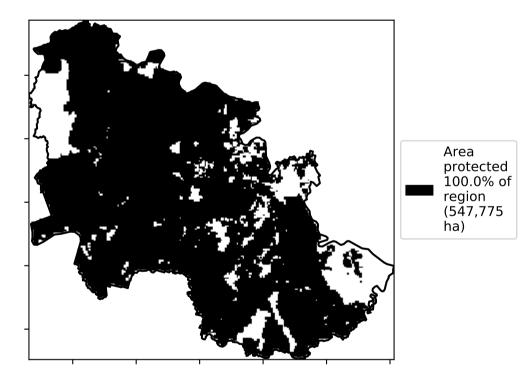


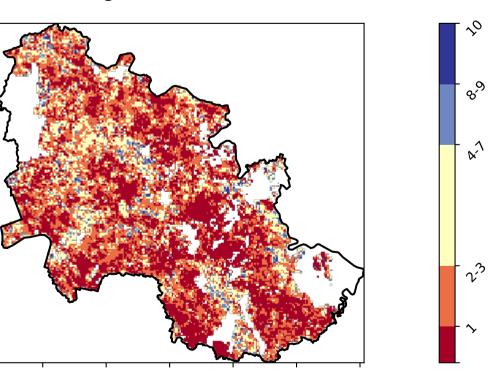
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









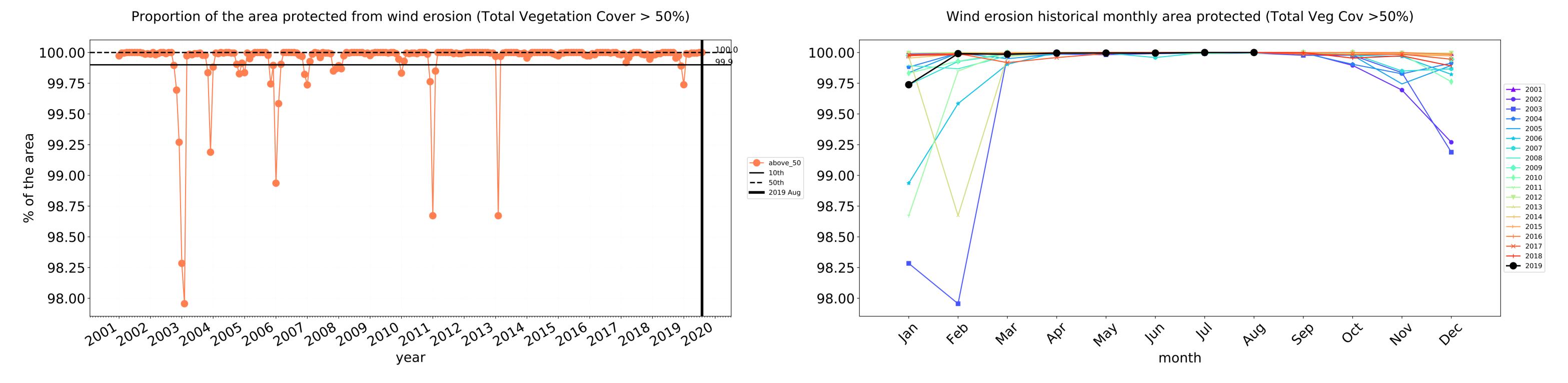


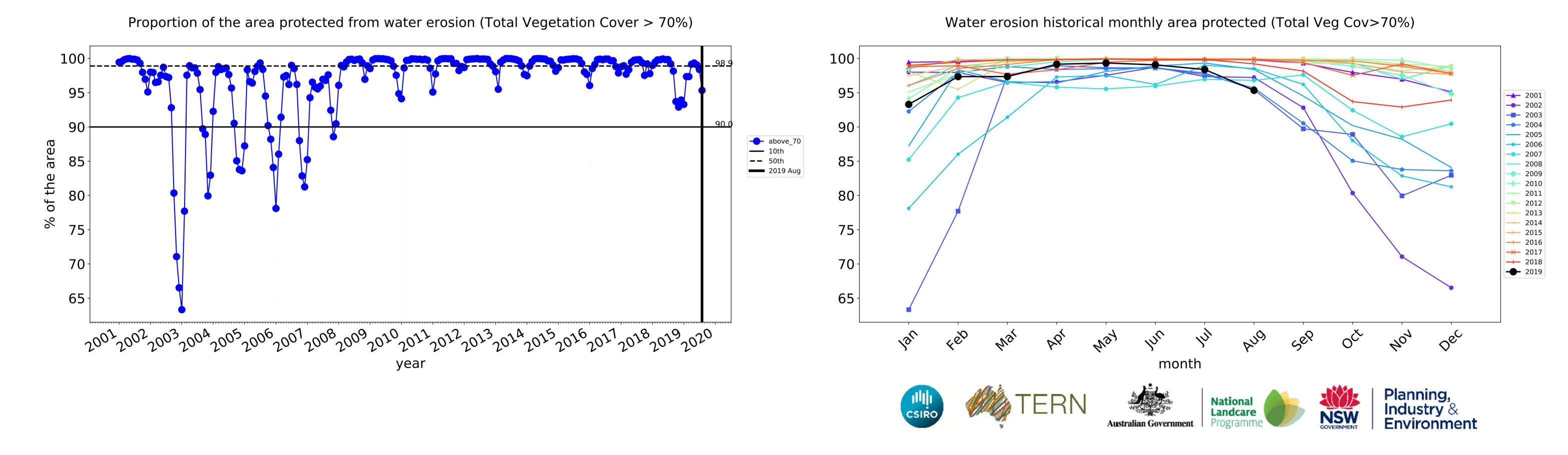


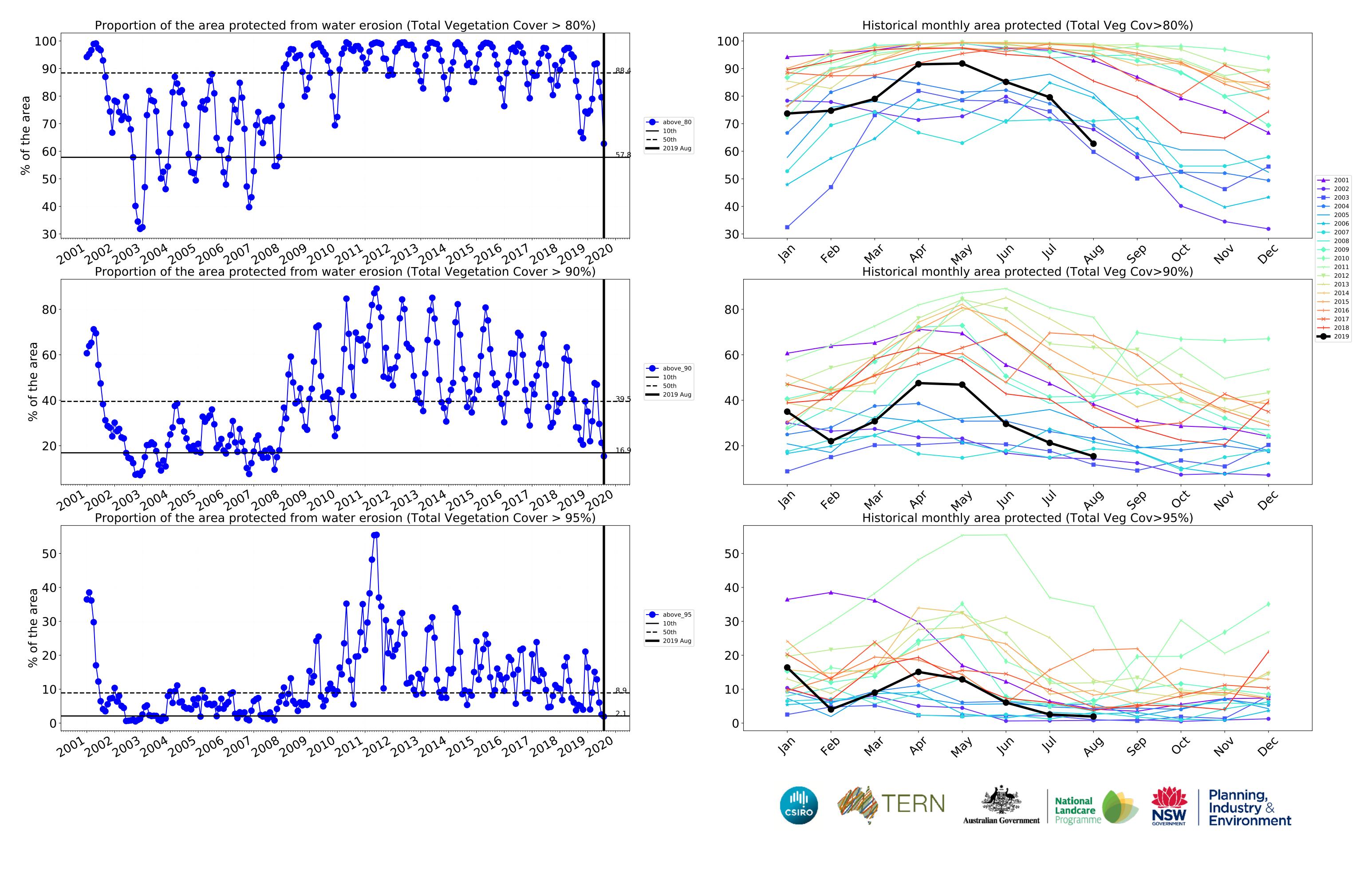




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

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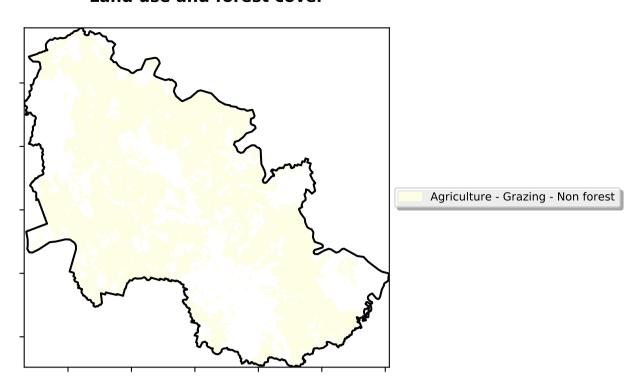
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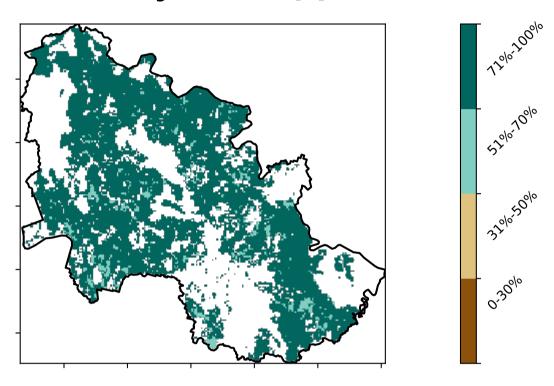
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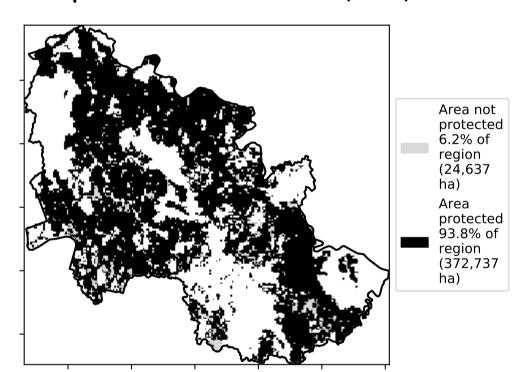
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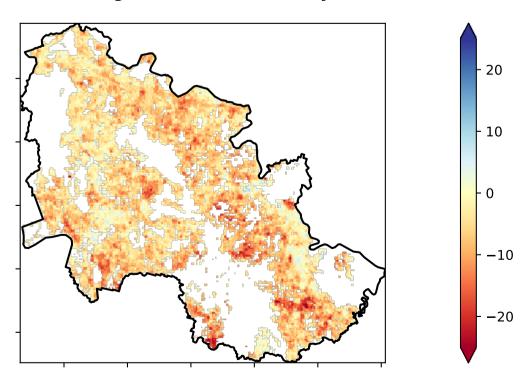
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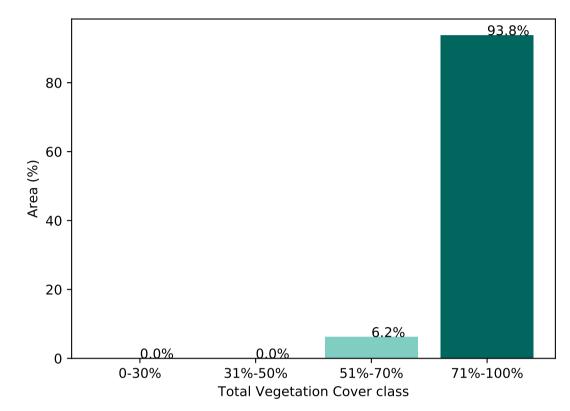


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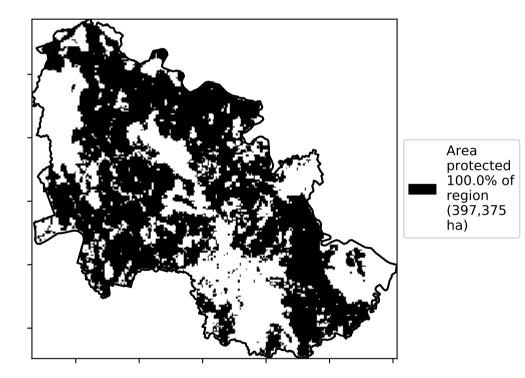


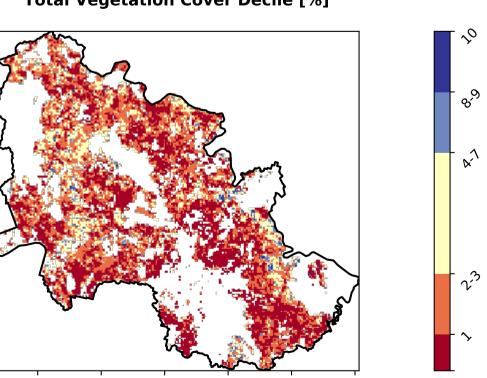
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









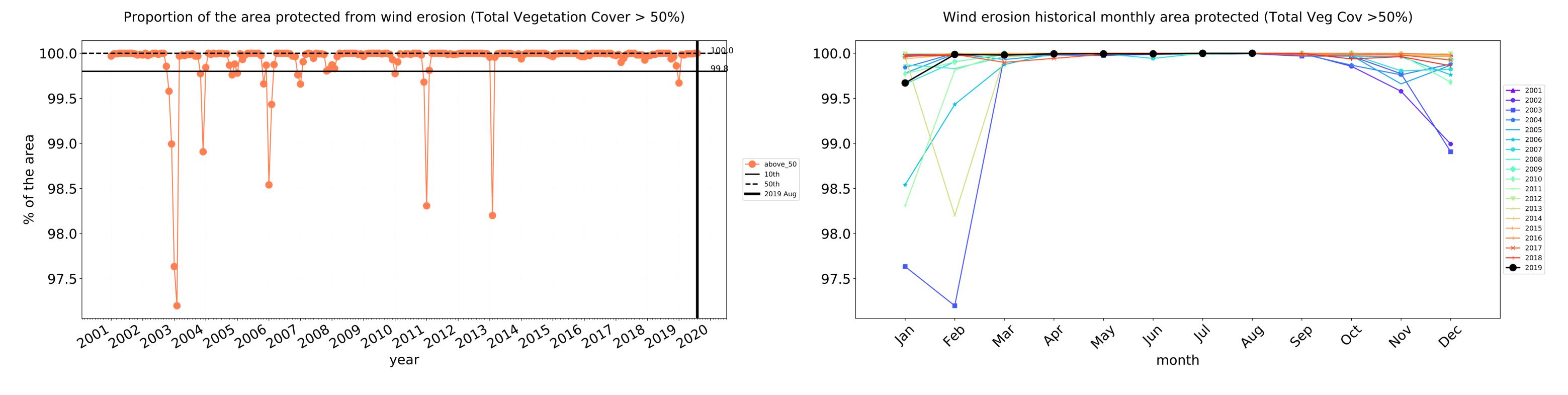


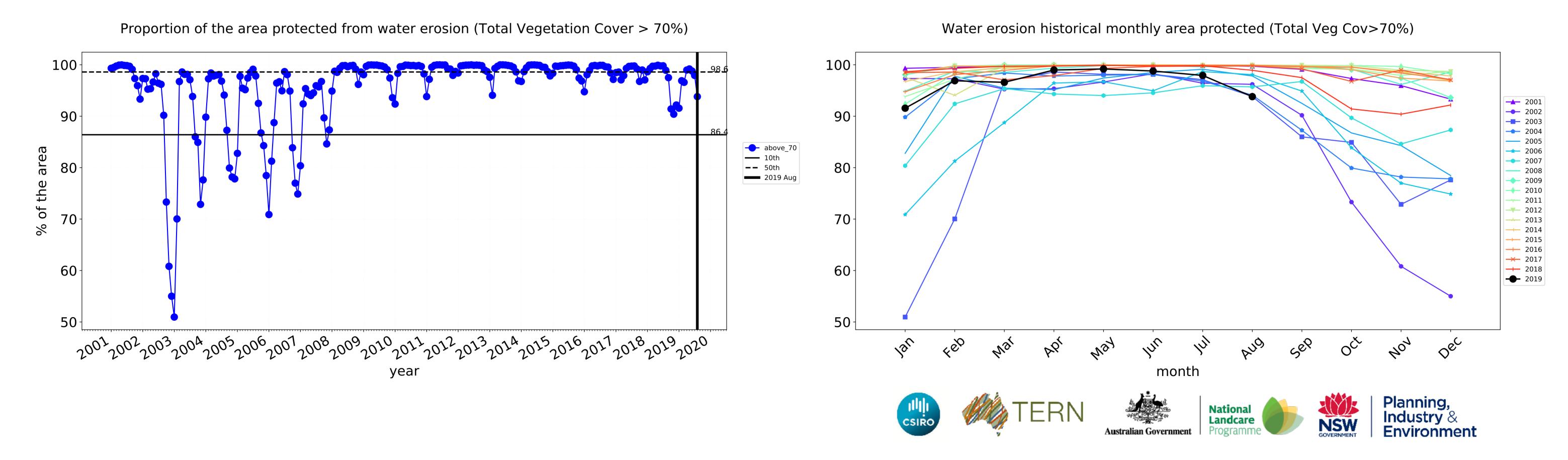


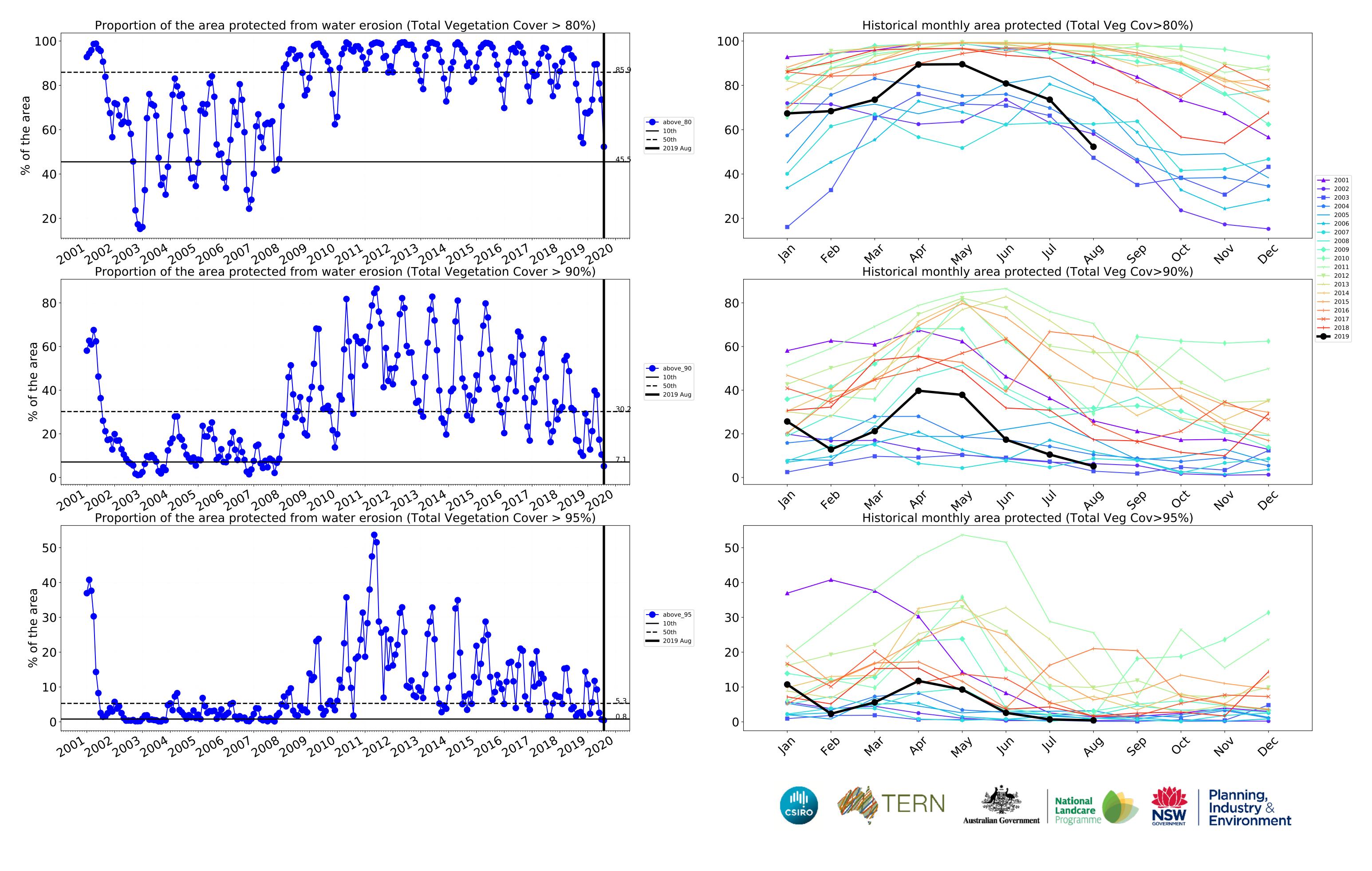




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

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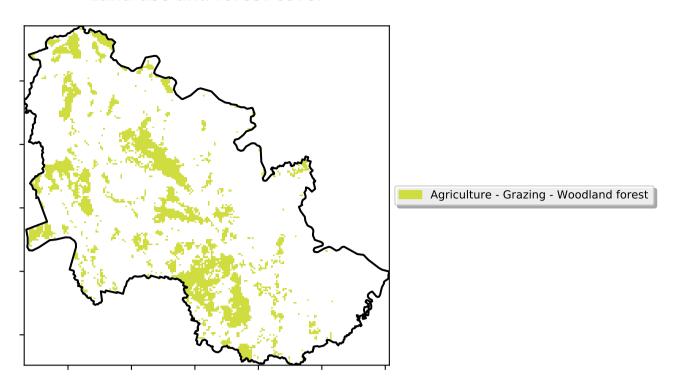
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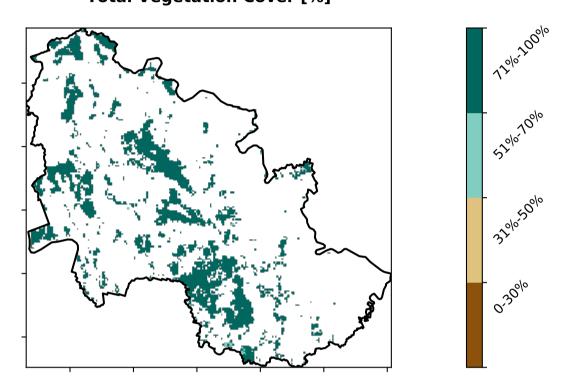
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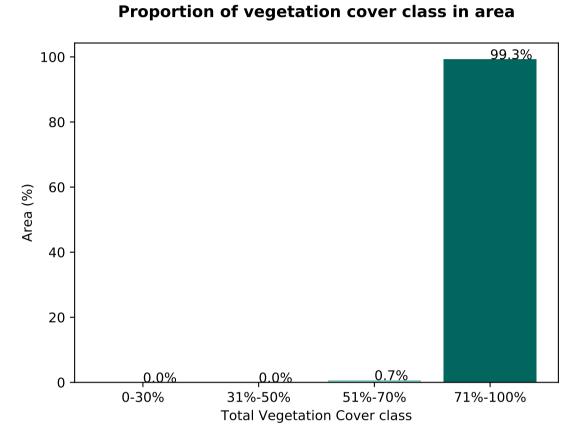
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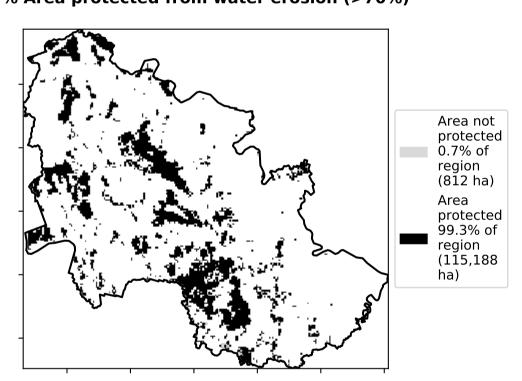


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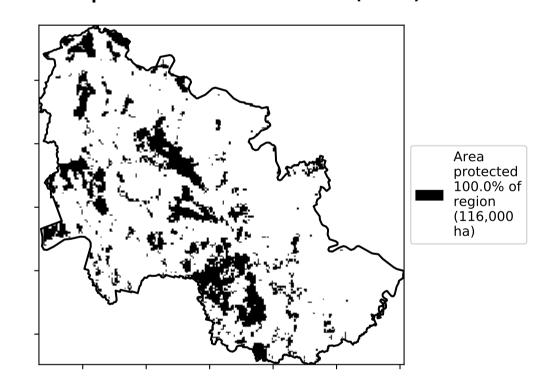




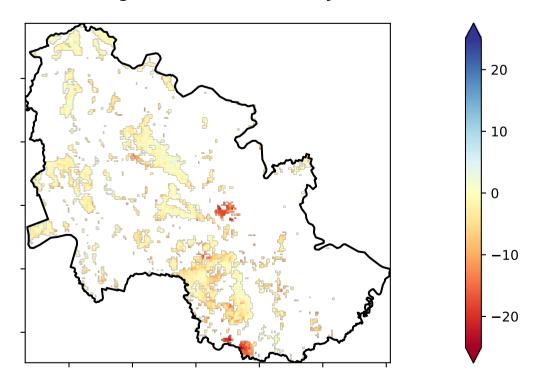
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



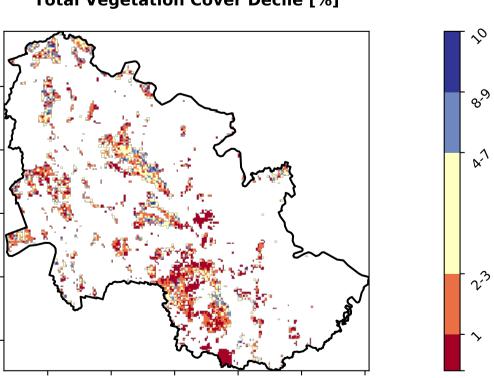
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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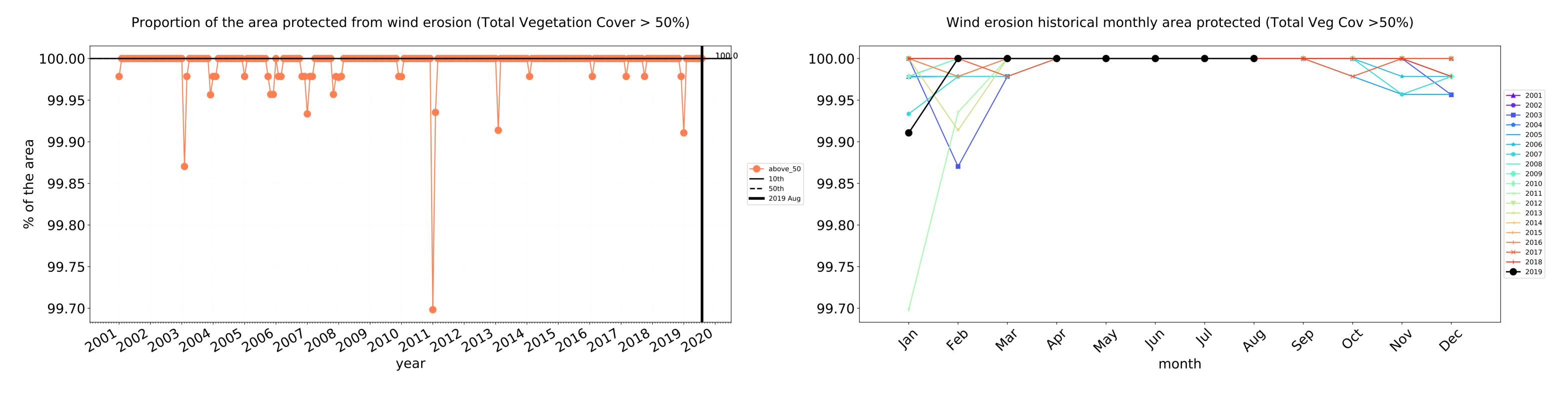


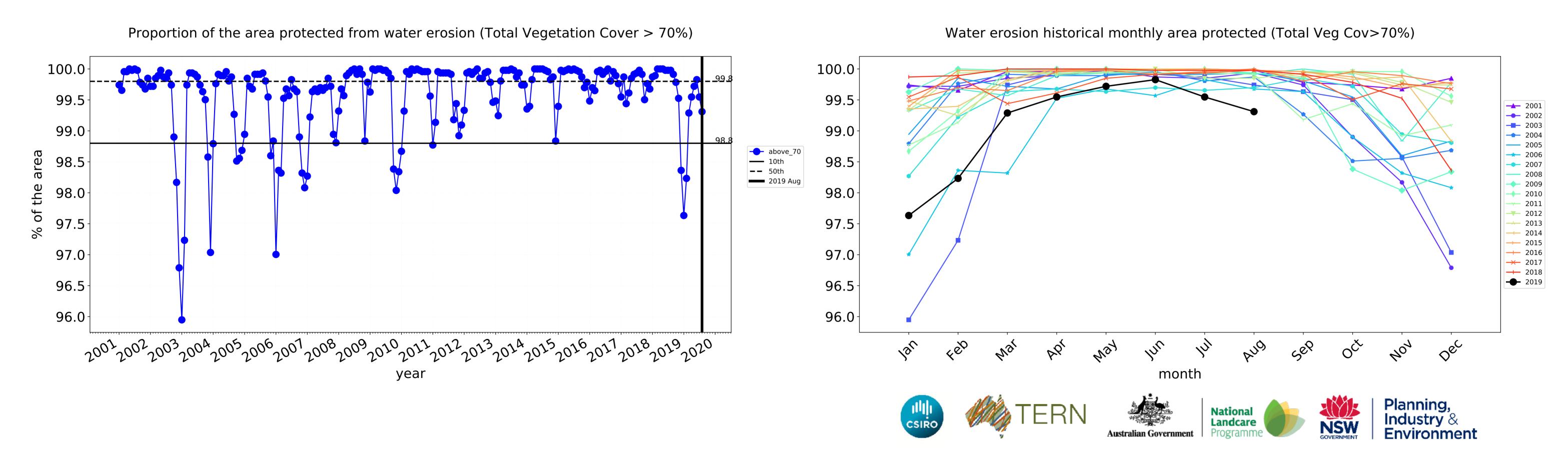


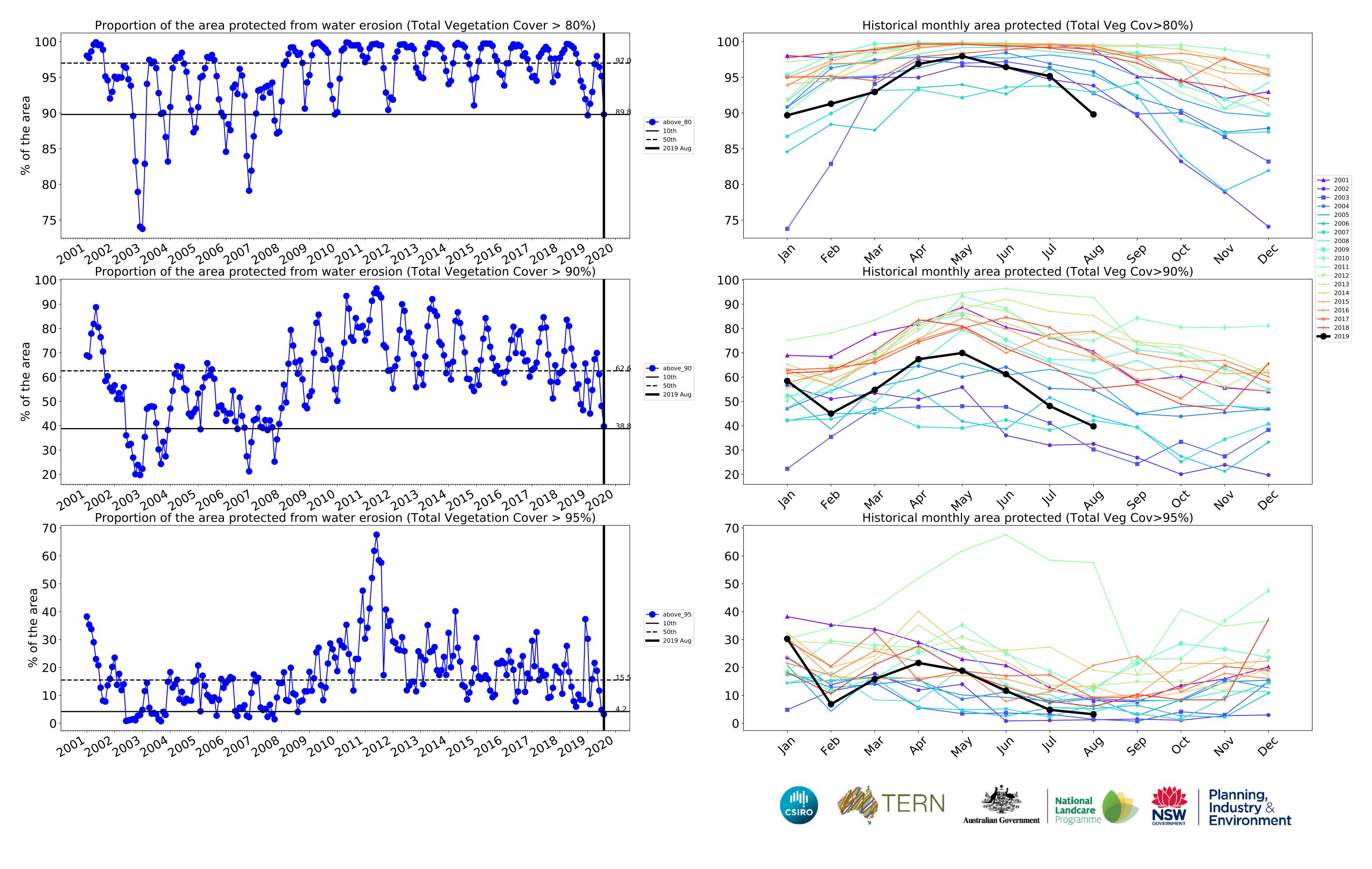




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







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

### Land use and forest cover

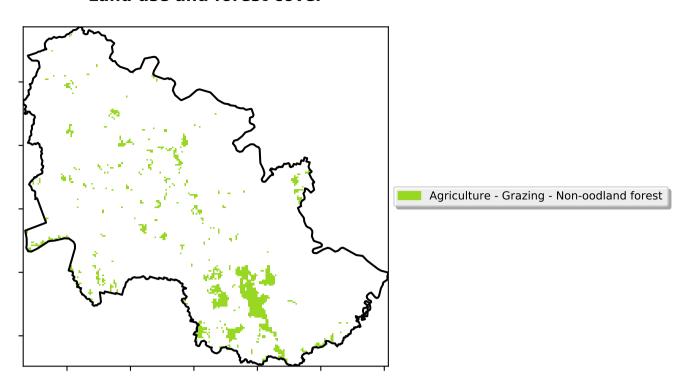
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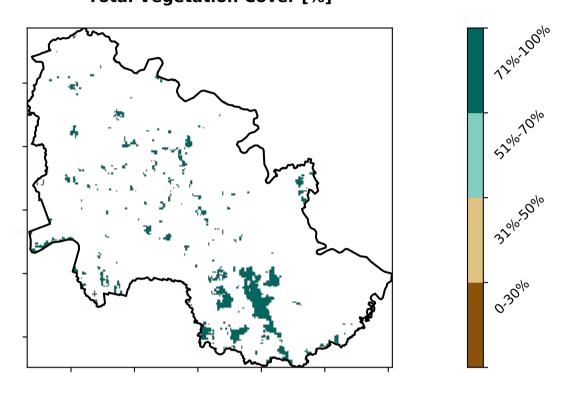
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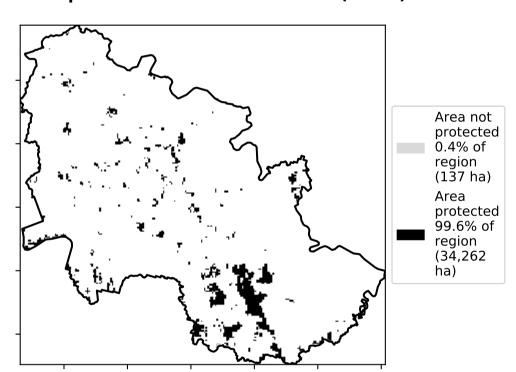
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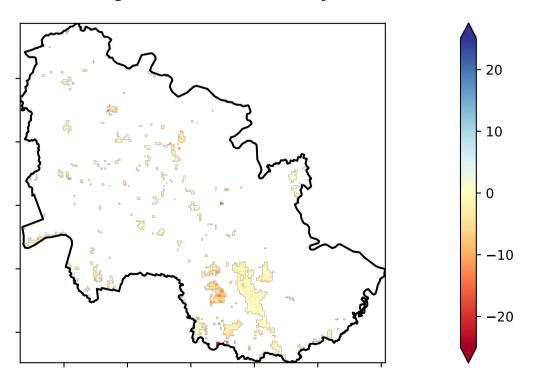
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

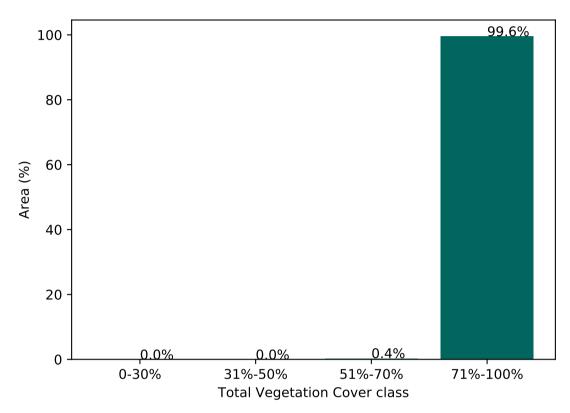


# Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

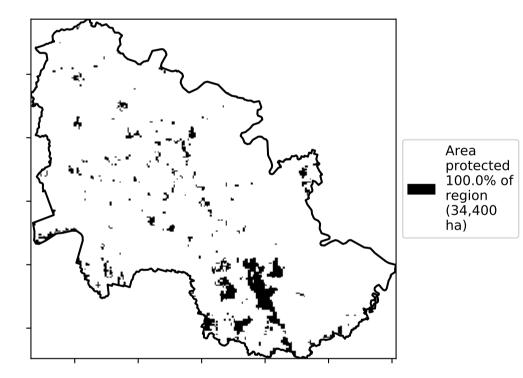


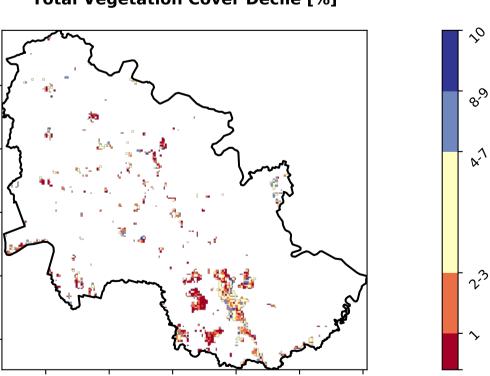
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







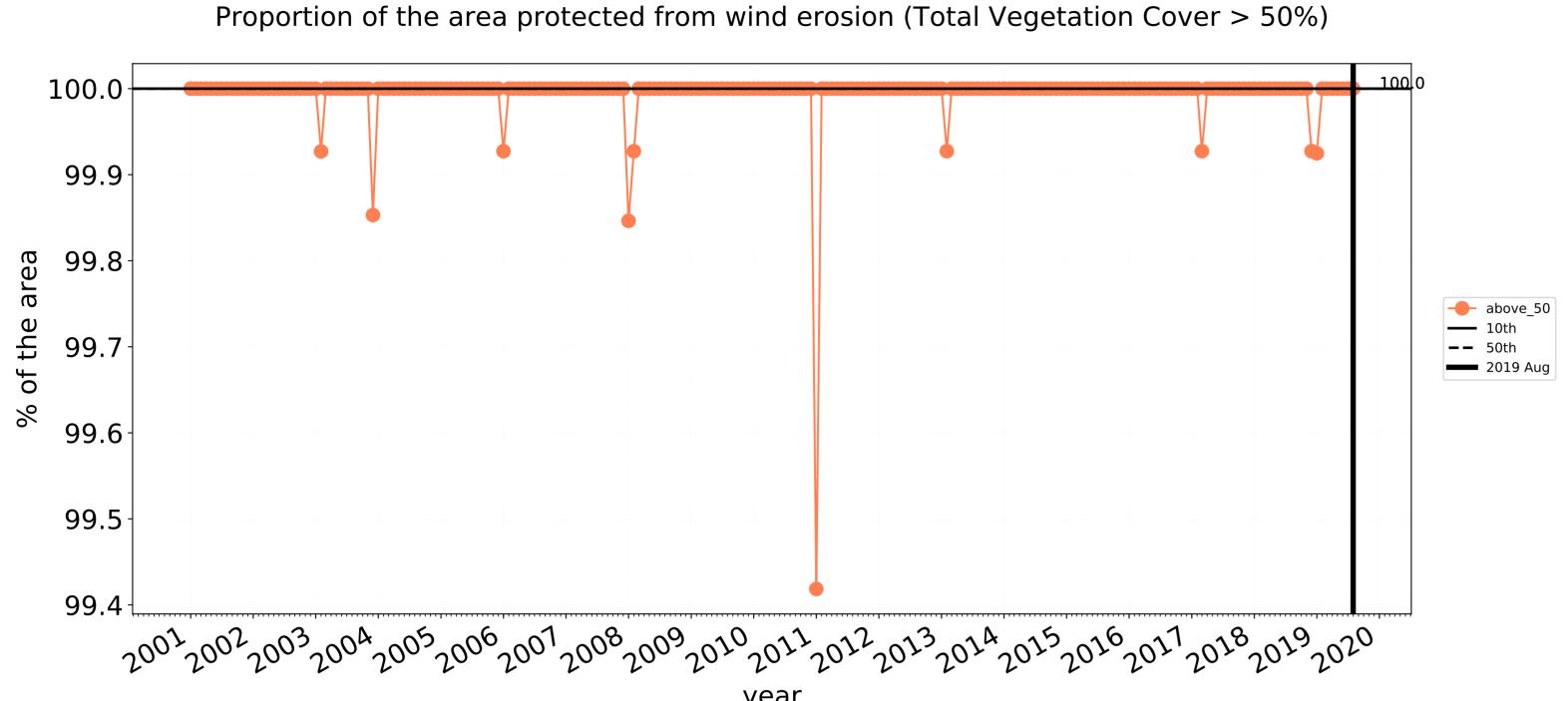


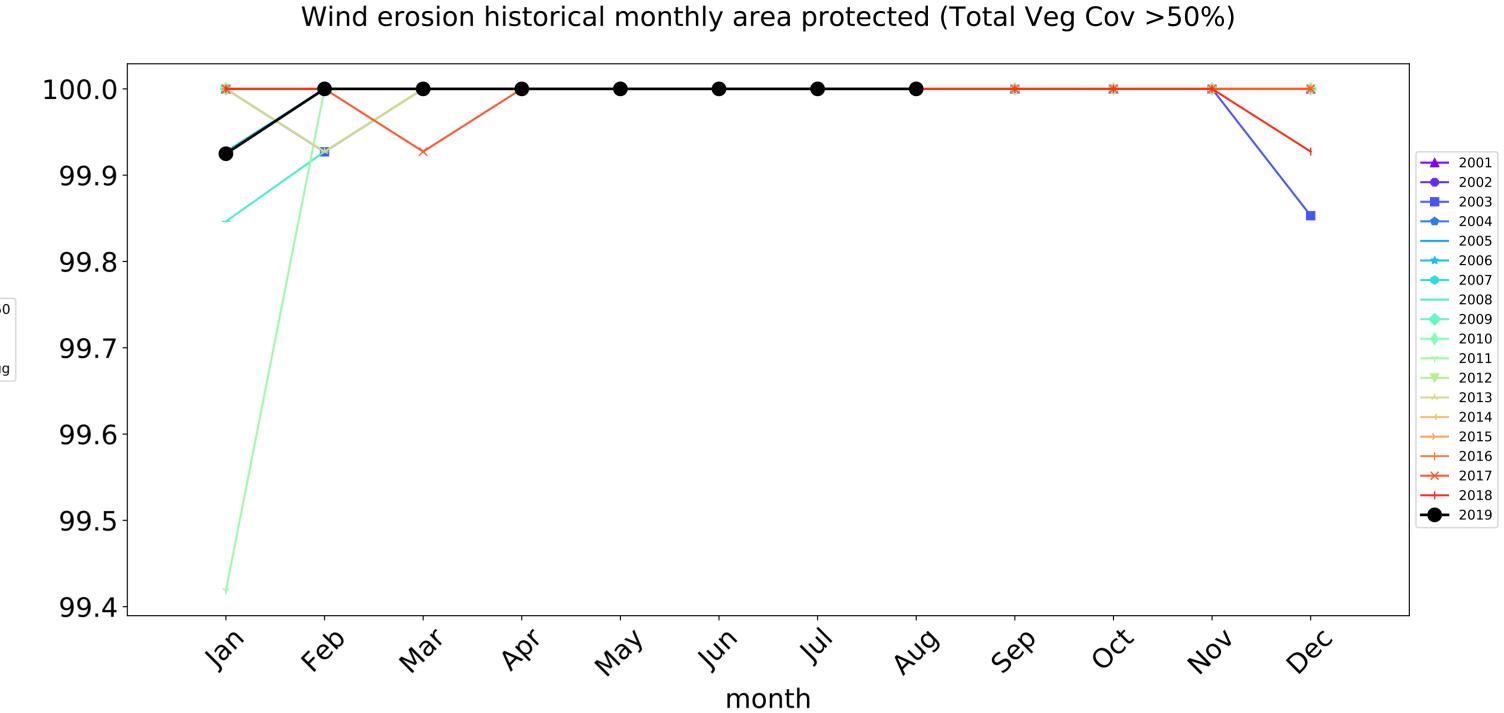


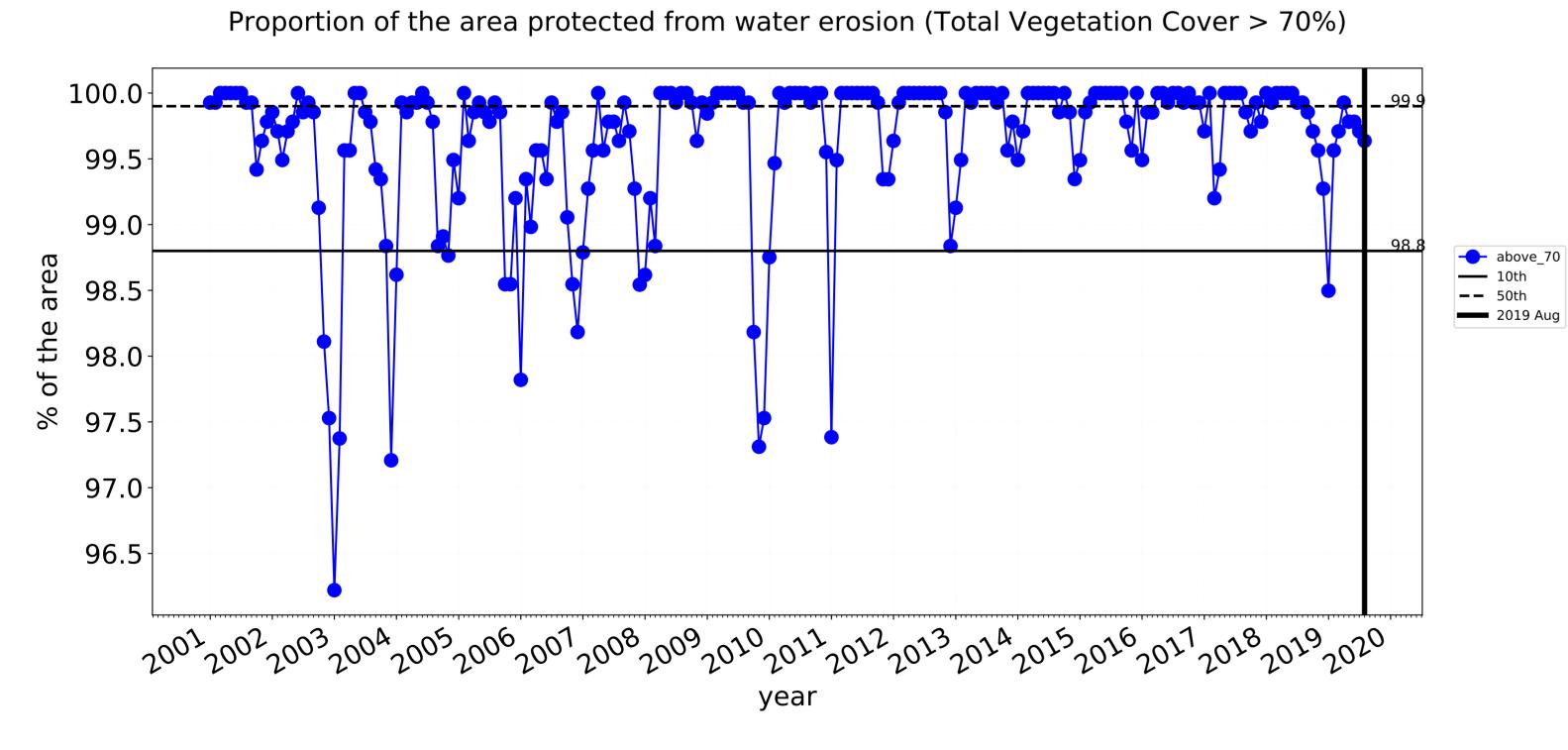


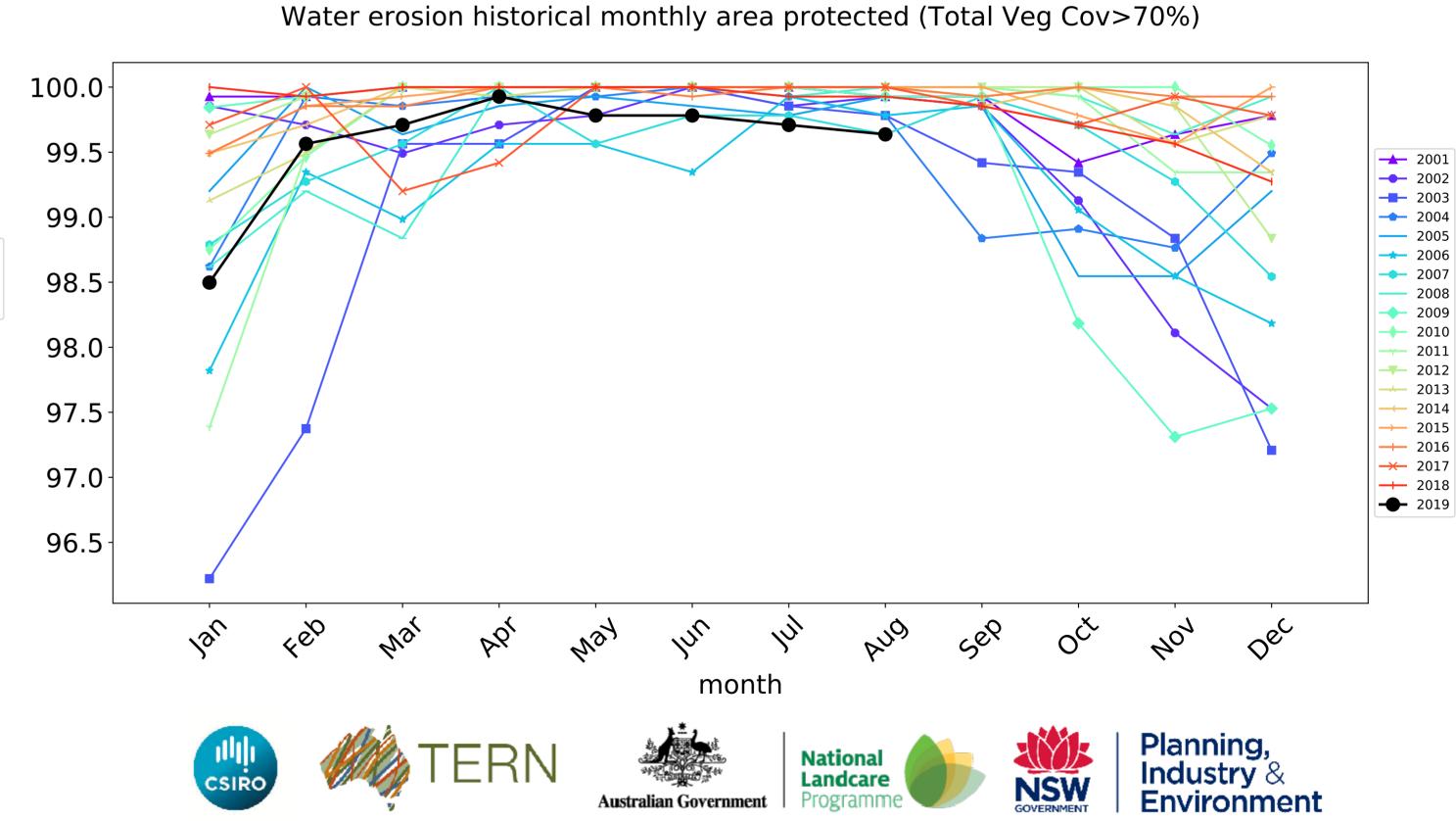


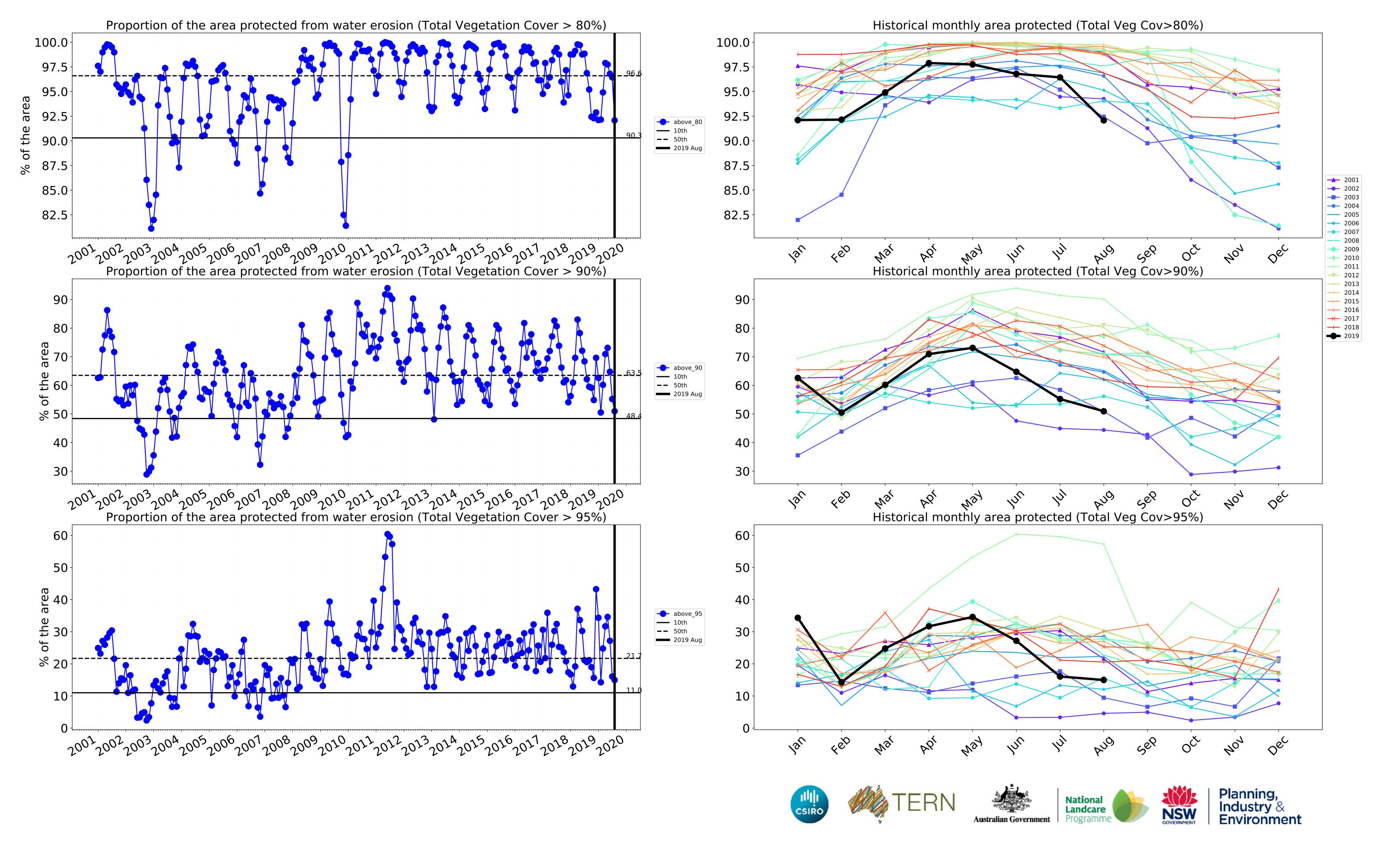












# **Cropping**

### Land use and forest cover

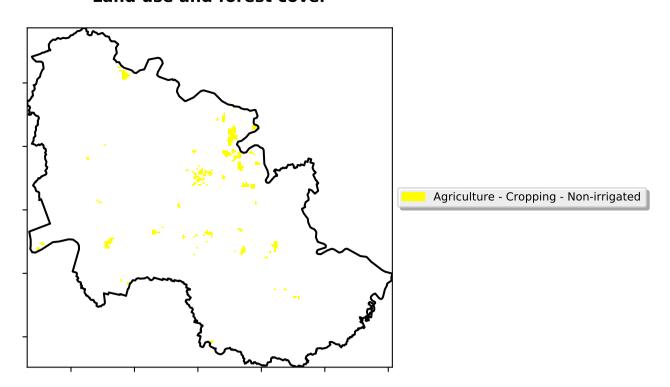
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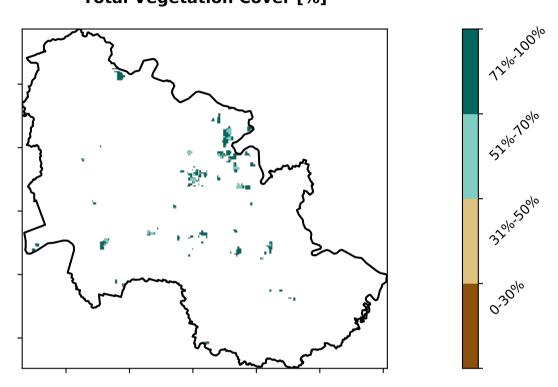
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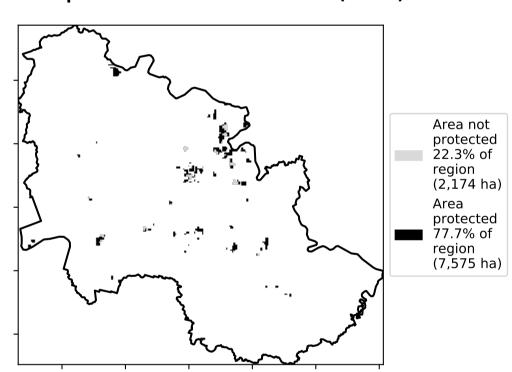
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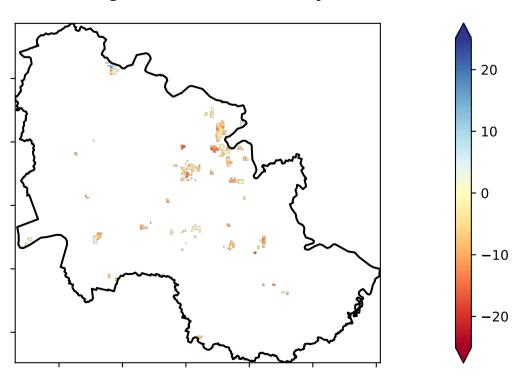
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

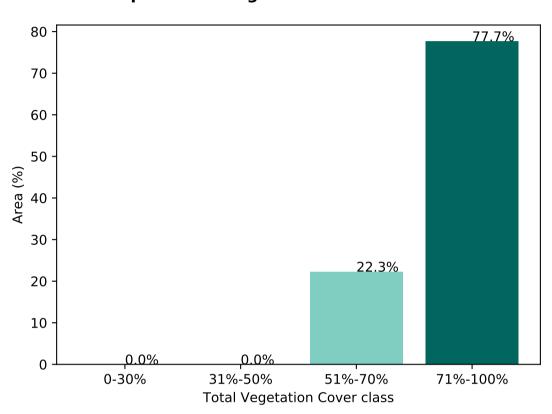


# Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

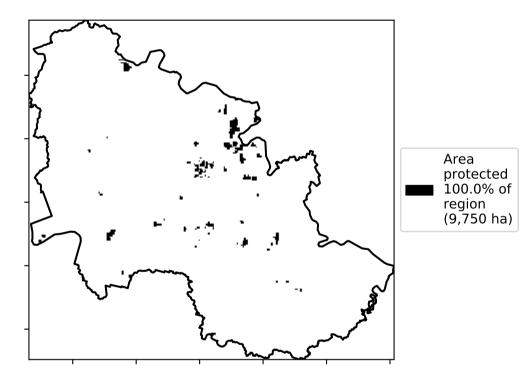


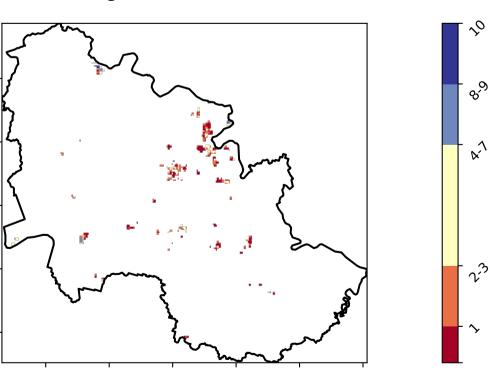
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









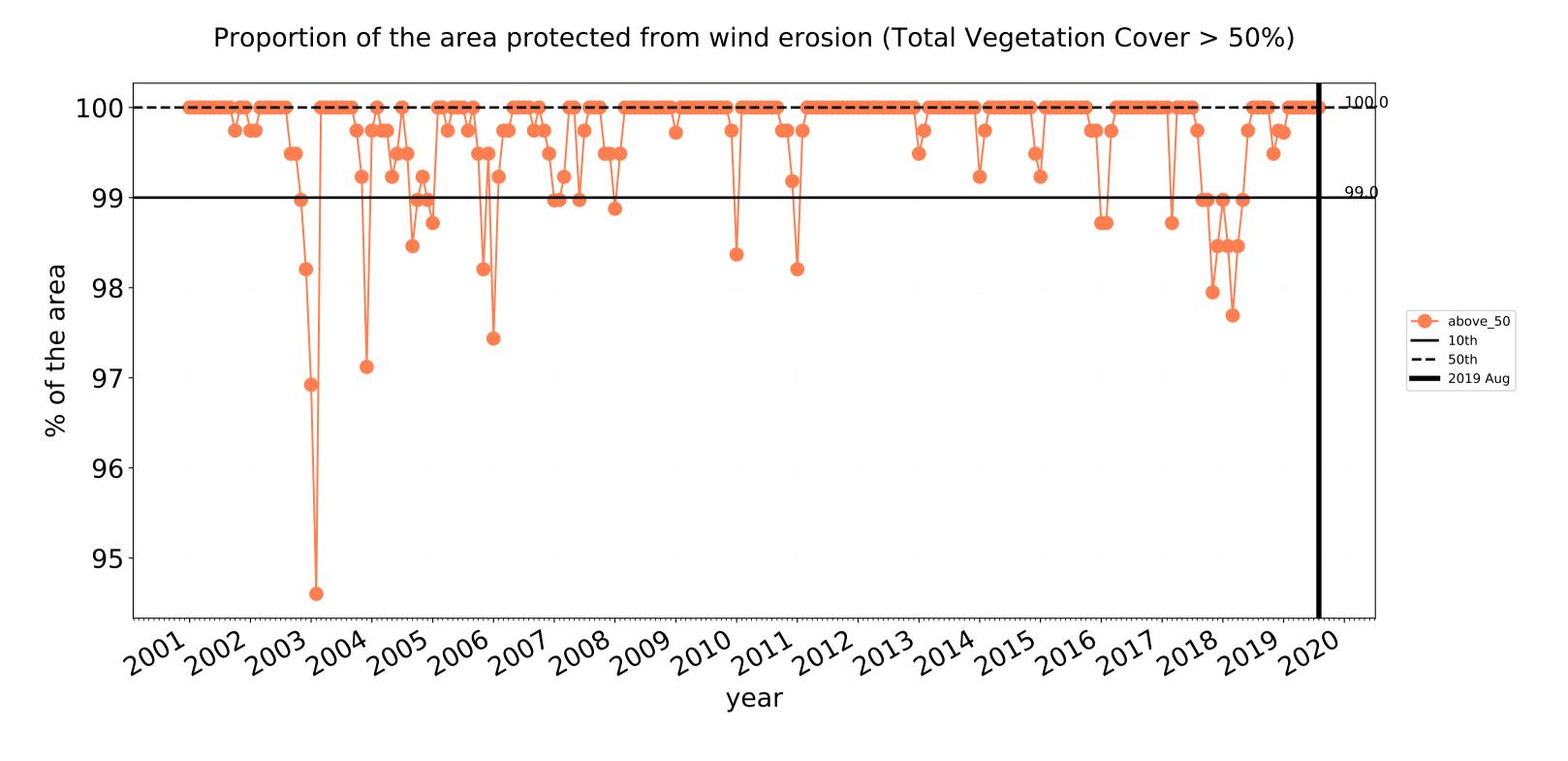


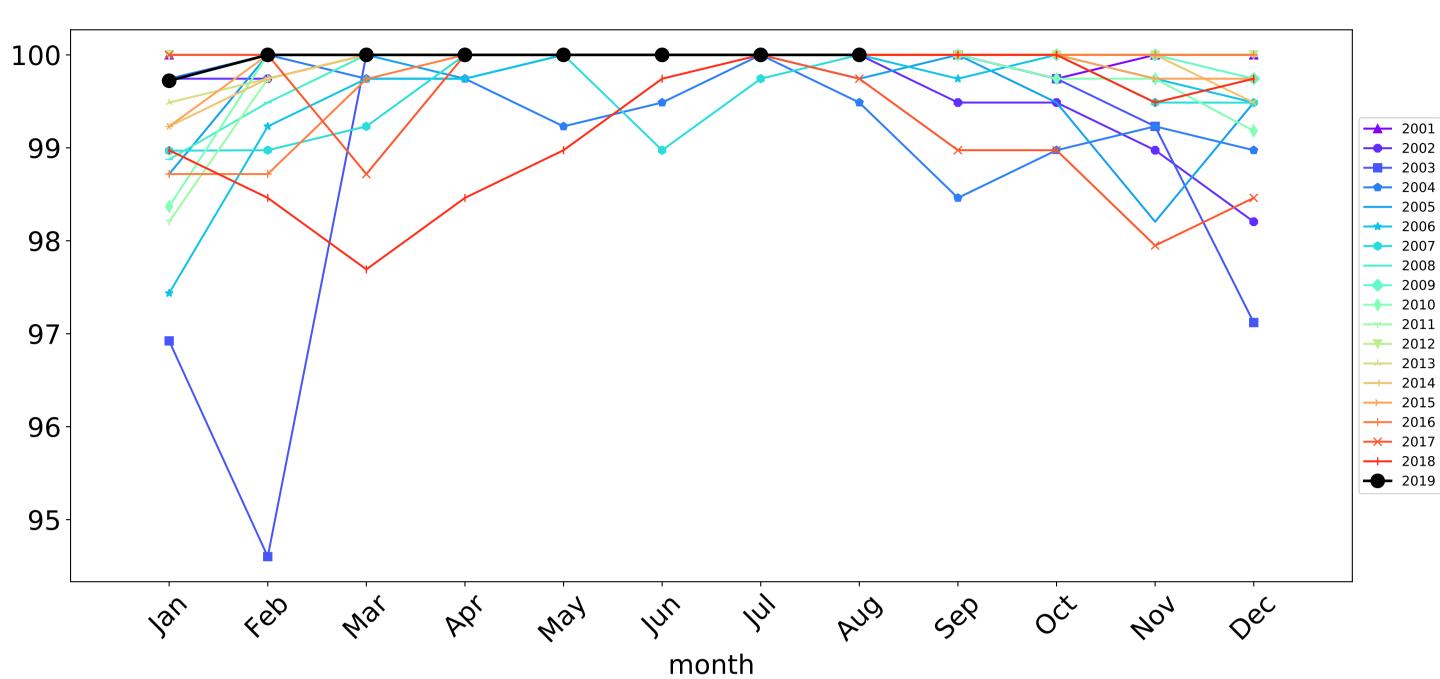




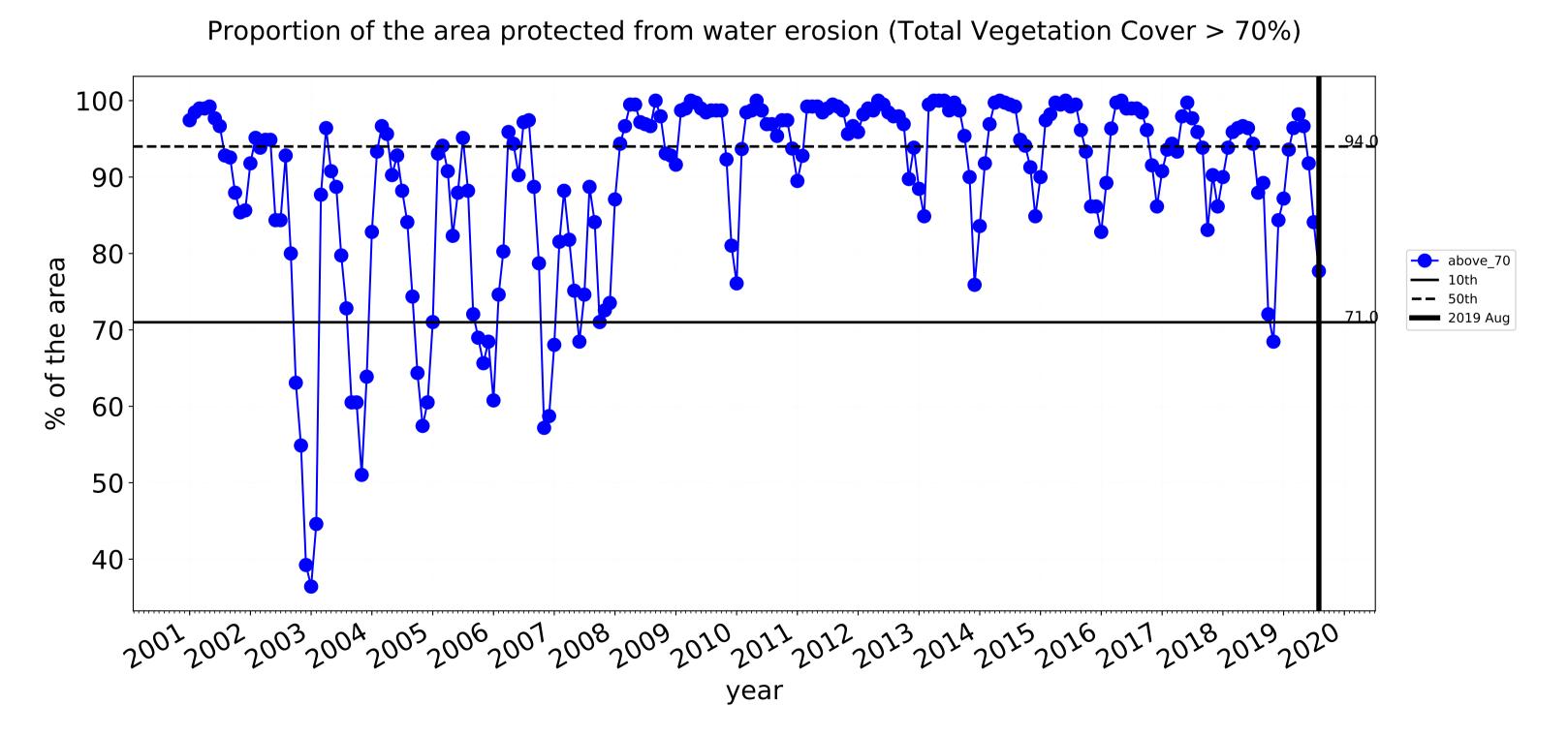


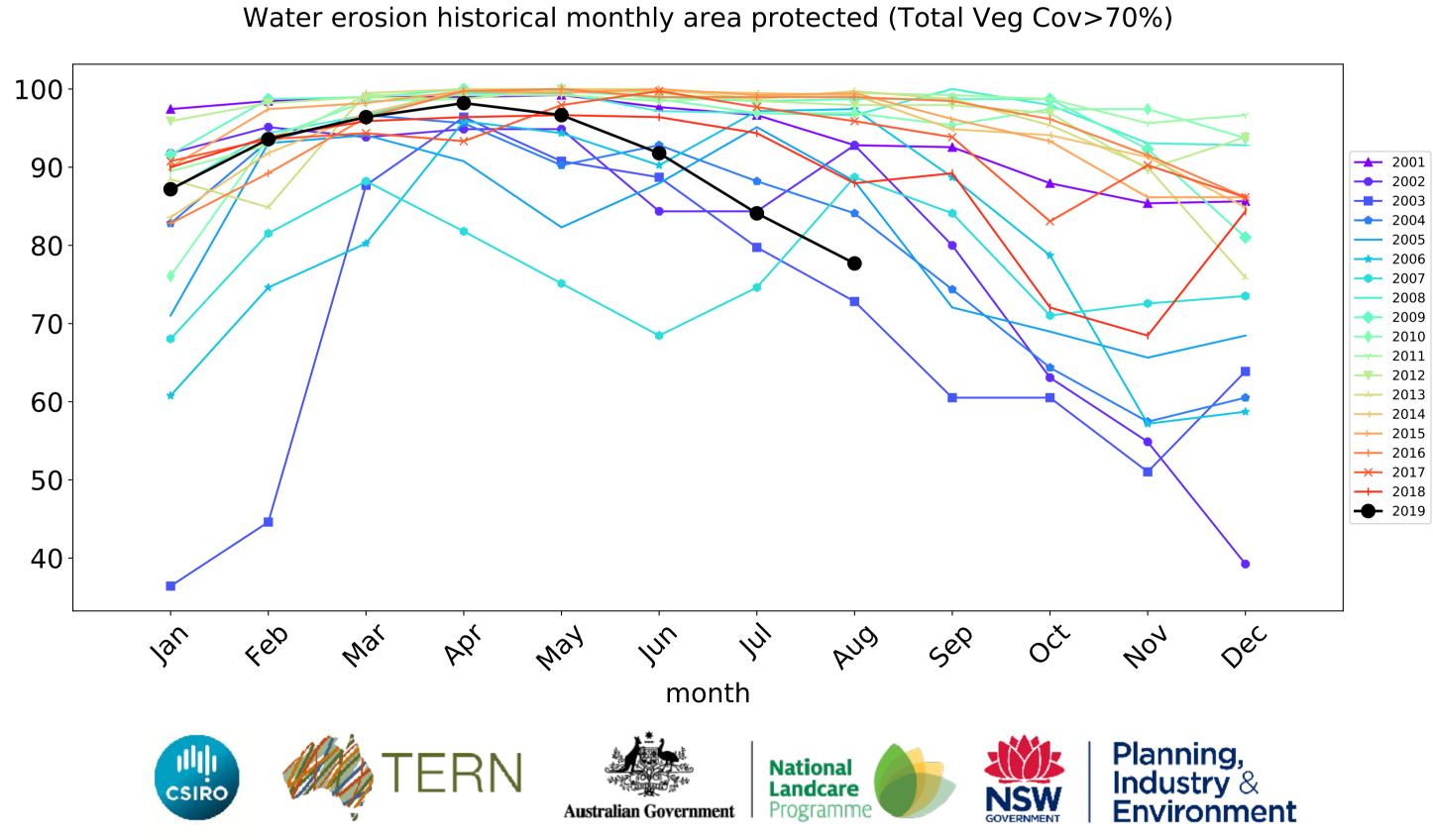
# **Cropping timeseries**

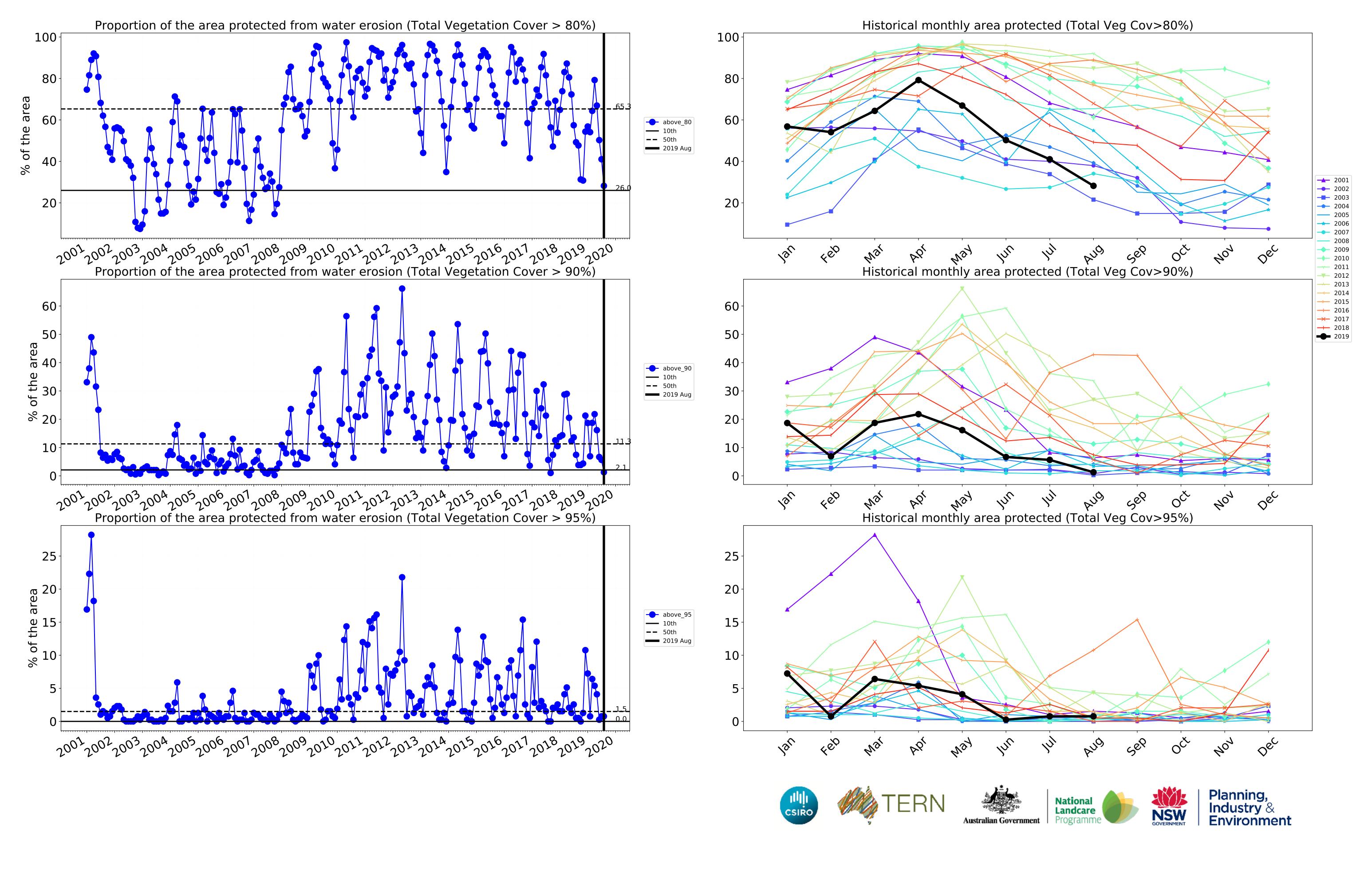




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

### Land use and forest cover

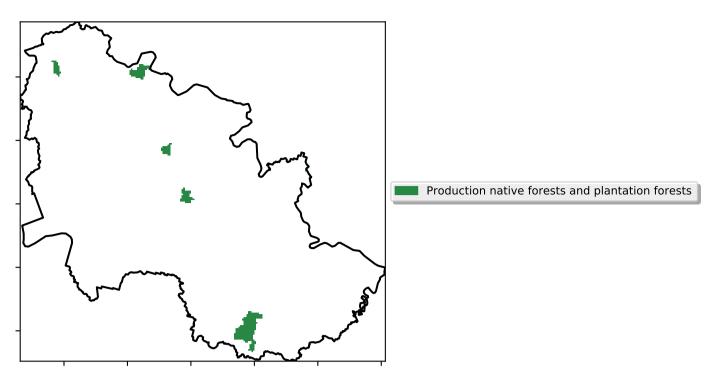
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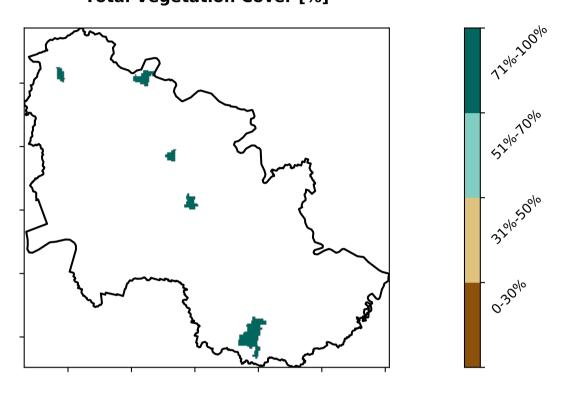
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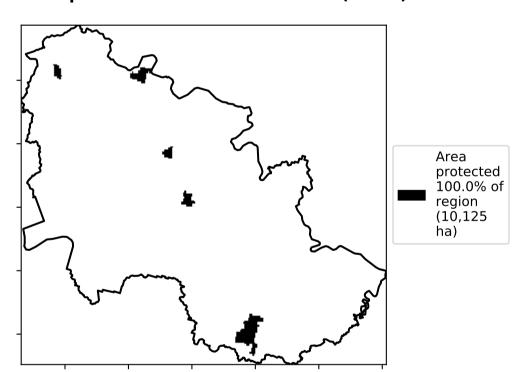
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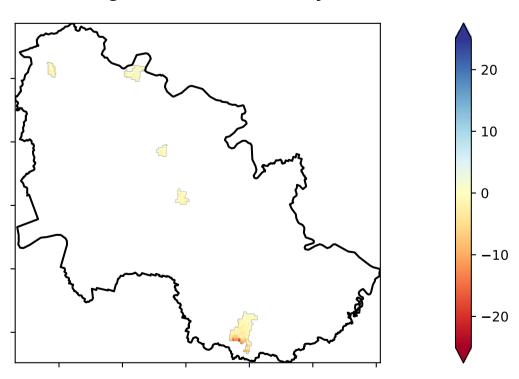
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

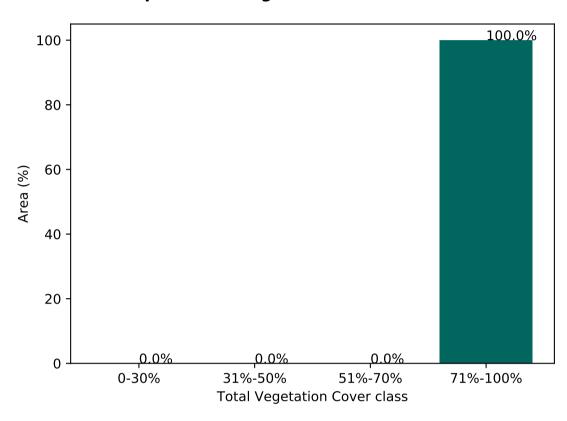


# Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

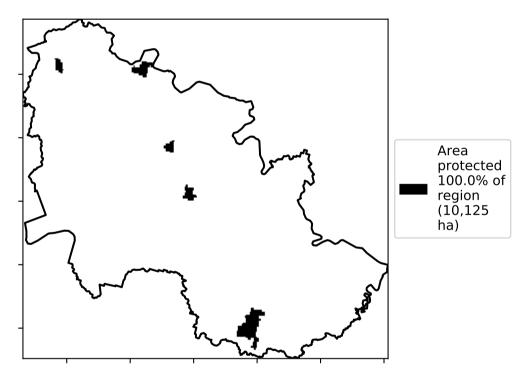


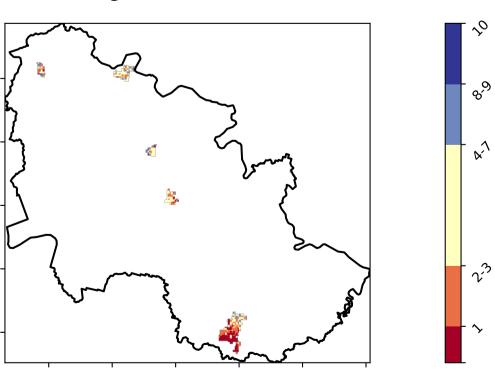
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









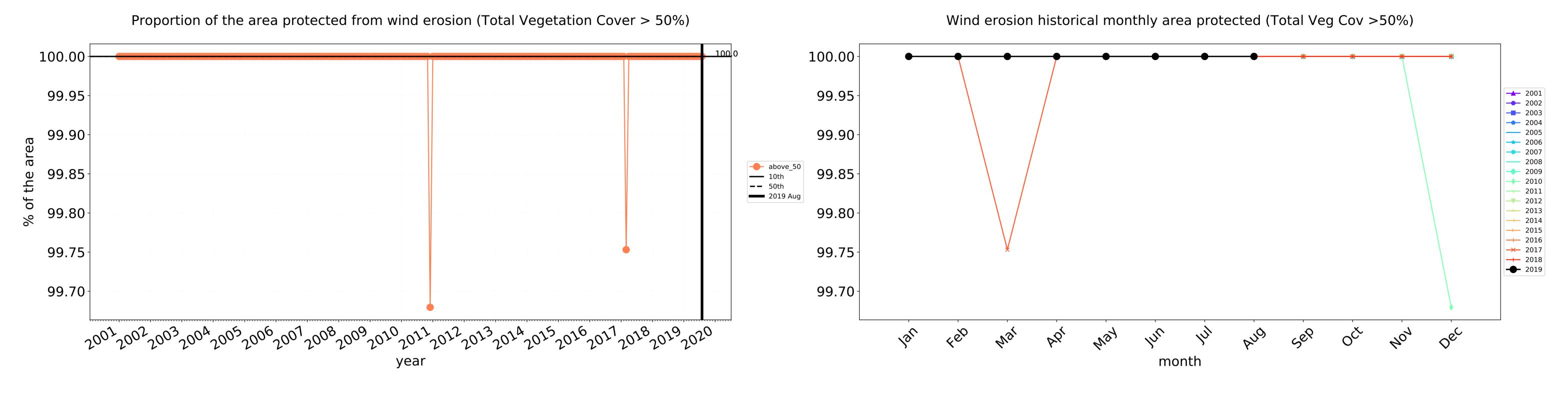


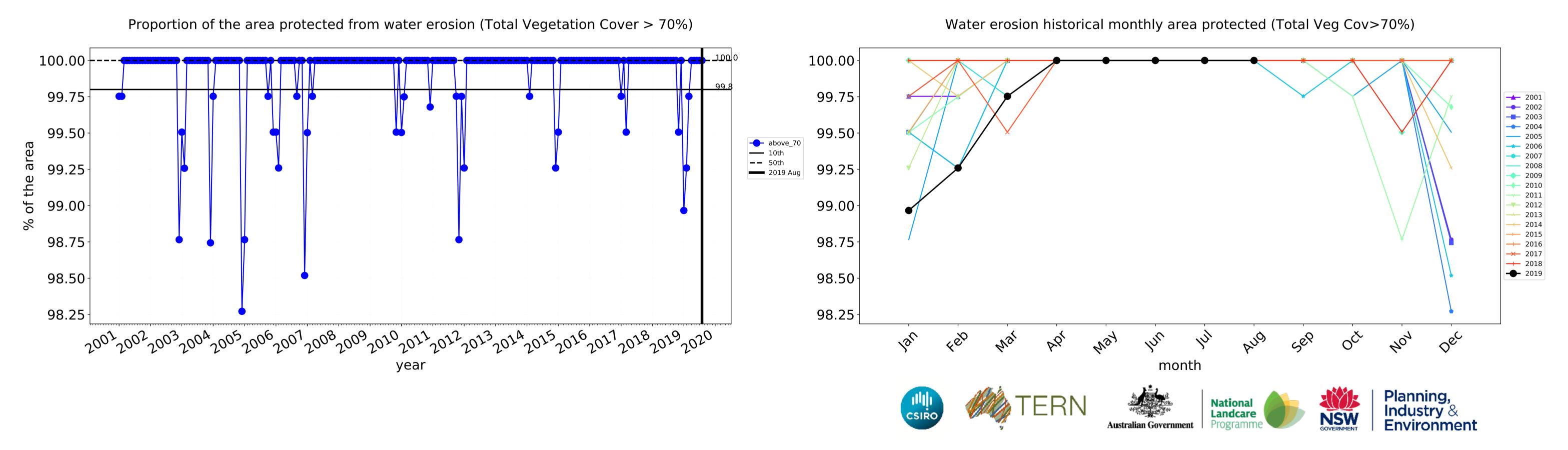


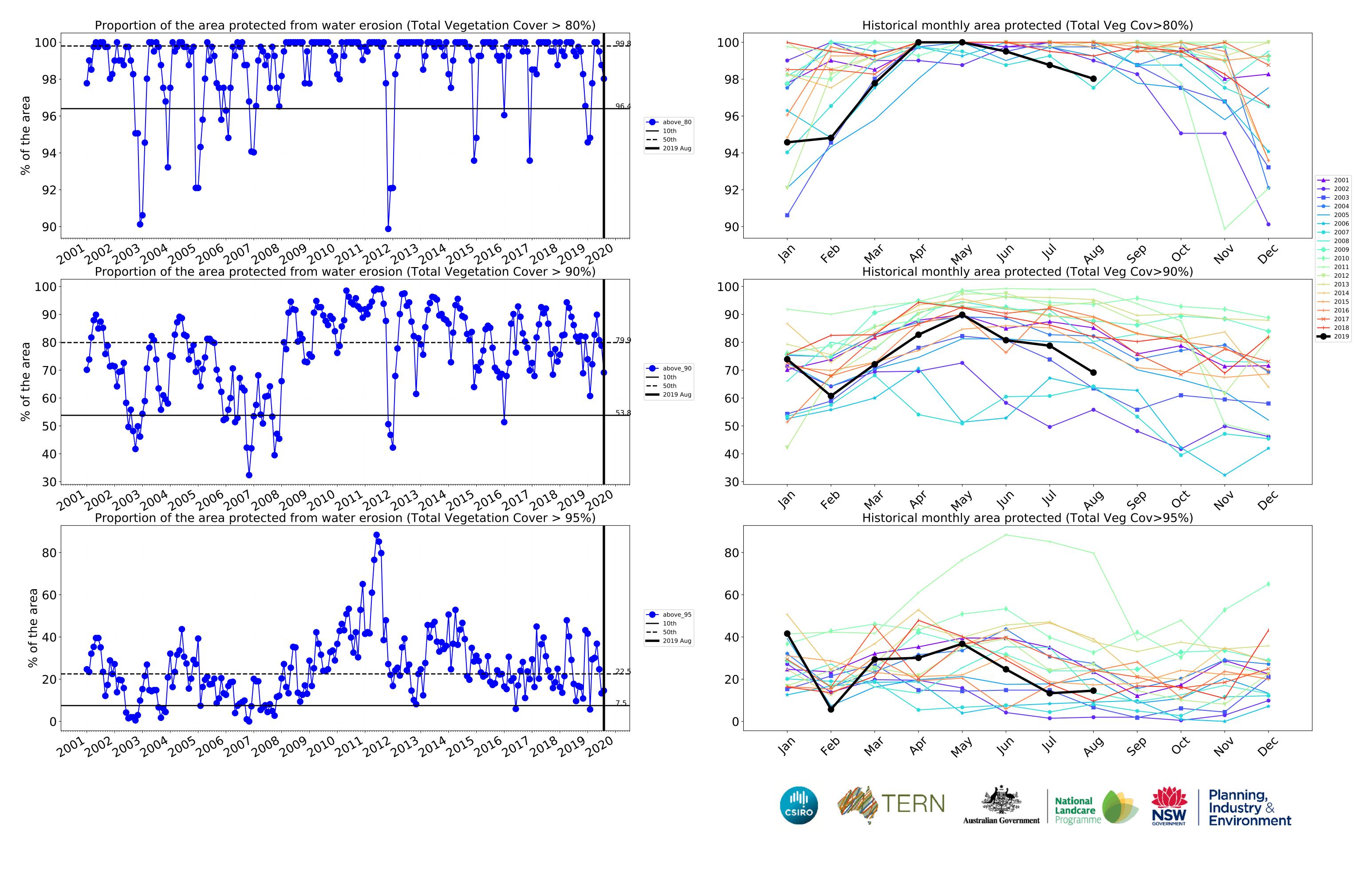




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Rockhampton\_(R) (650,775 ha and no data 6,293 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	650,775	100.0% 650,600	99.8% 649,700	94.6% 615,575	64.0% 416,600	19.7% 127,950	3.2% 20,775
Conservation and natural environments	38,395	100.0% 38,395	100.0% 38,395	99.7% 38,296	98.1% 37,675	77.8% 29,877	16.4% 6,308
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	24,729	100.0% 24,729	100.0% 24,729	100.0% 24,729	99.3% 24,553	73.6% 18,201	6.5% 1,606
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	13,015	100.0% 13,015	100.0% 13,015	100.0% 13,015	99.4% 12,940	90.8% 11,820	36.3% 4,728
Agriculture	557,063	100.0% 557,063	100.0% 557,063	95.0% 529,344	62.0% 345,544	15.1% 83,927	1.9% 10,630
Grazing	543,397	100.0% 543,397	100.0% 543,397	95.3% 518,076	62.7% 340,903	15.4% 83,601	1.9% 10,515
Grazing non forest	394,369	100.0% 394,369	100.0% 394,369	93.8% 369,955	52.3% 206,228	5.2% 20,469	0.4% 1,711
Grazing Woodland forest	115,187	100.0% 115,187	100.0% 115,187	99.3% 114,392	89.8% 103,445	39.8% 45,801	3.2% 3,698
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	33,840	100.0% 33,840	100.0% 33,840	99.6% 33,717	92.1% 31,159	50.9% 17,239	15.0% 5,066
Cropping	9,761	100.0% 9,761	100.0% 9,761	77.7% 7,584	28.2% 2,753	1.3% 125	0.8% 75
Production native forests and plantation forests	9,761	100.0% 9,761	100.0% 9,761	100.0% 9,761	98.0% 9,568	69.1% 6,748	14.6% 1,422











