## Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Rockhampton (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:

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

#### **Erosion protection**

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

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

#### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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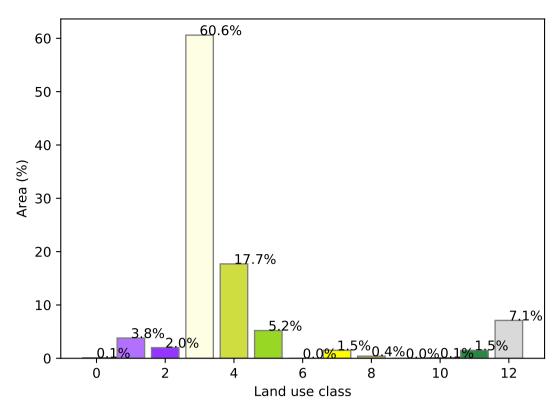
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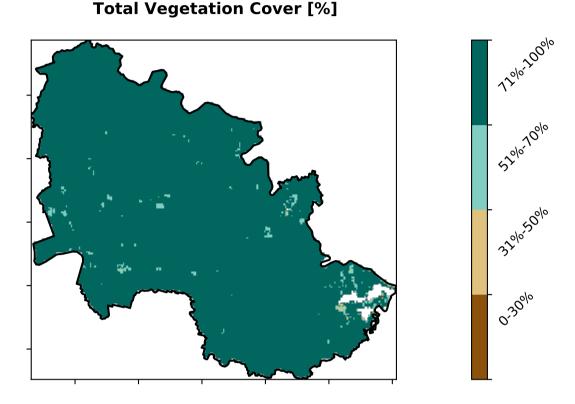
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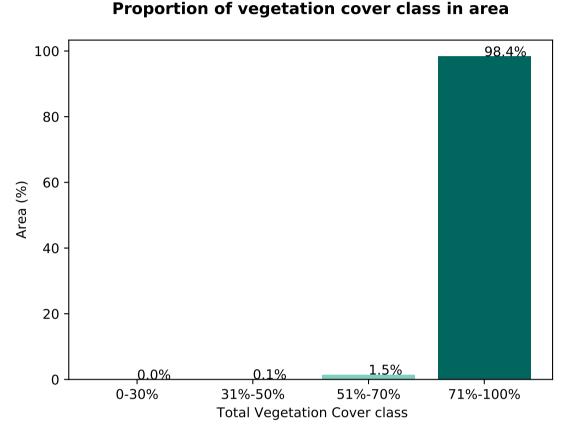
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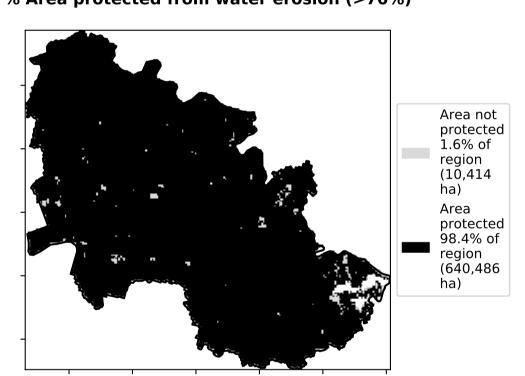
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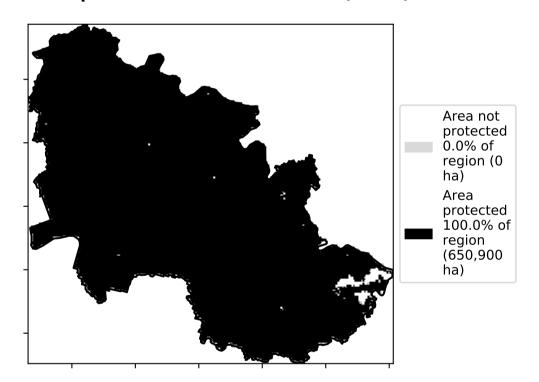
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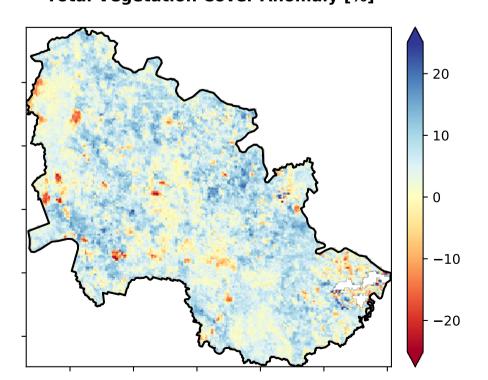
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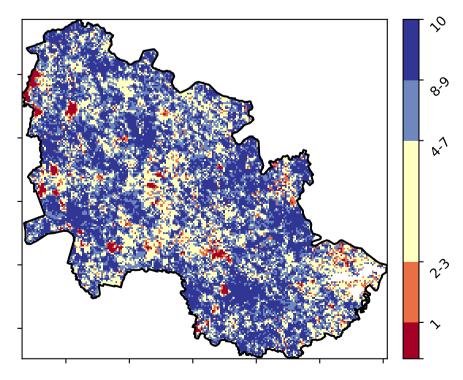


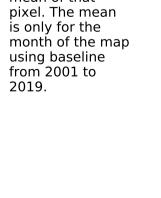
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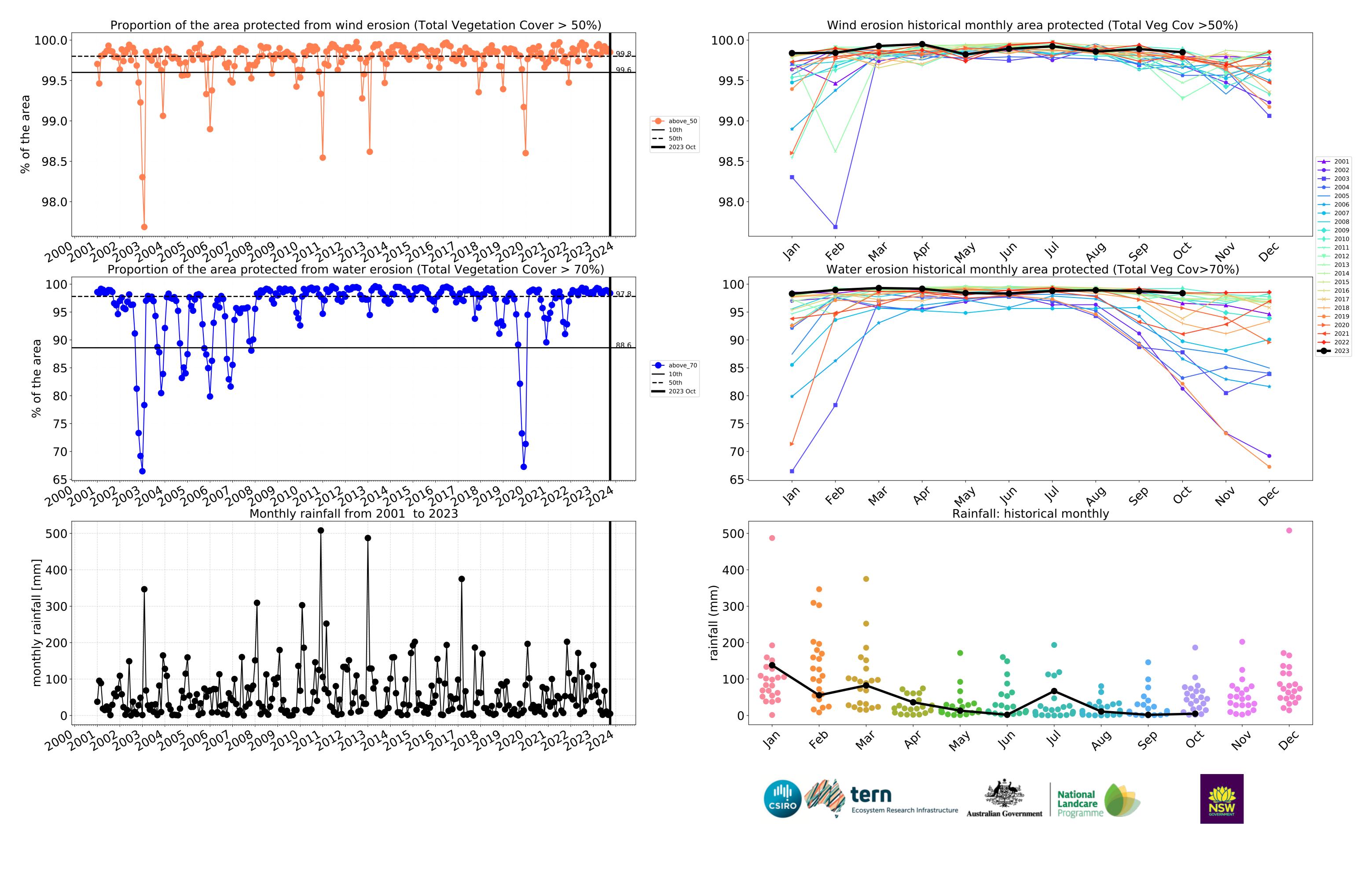
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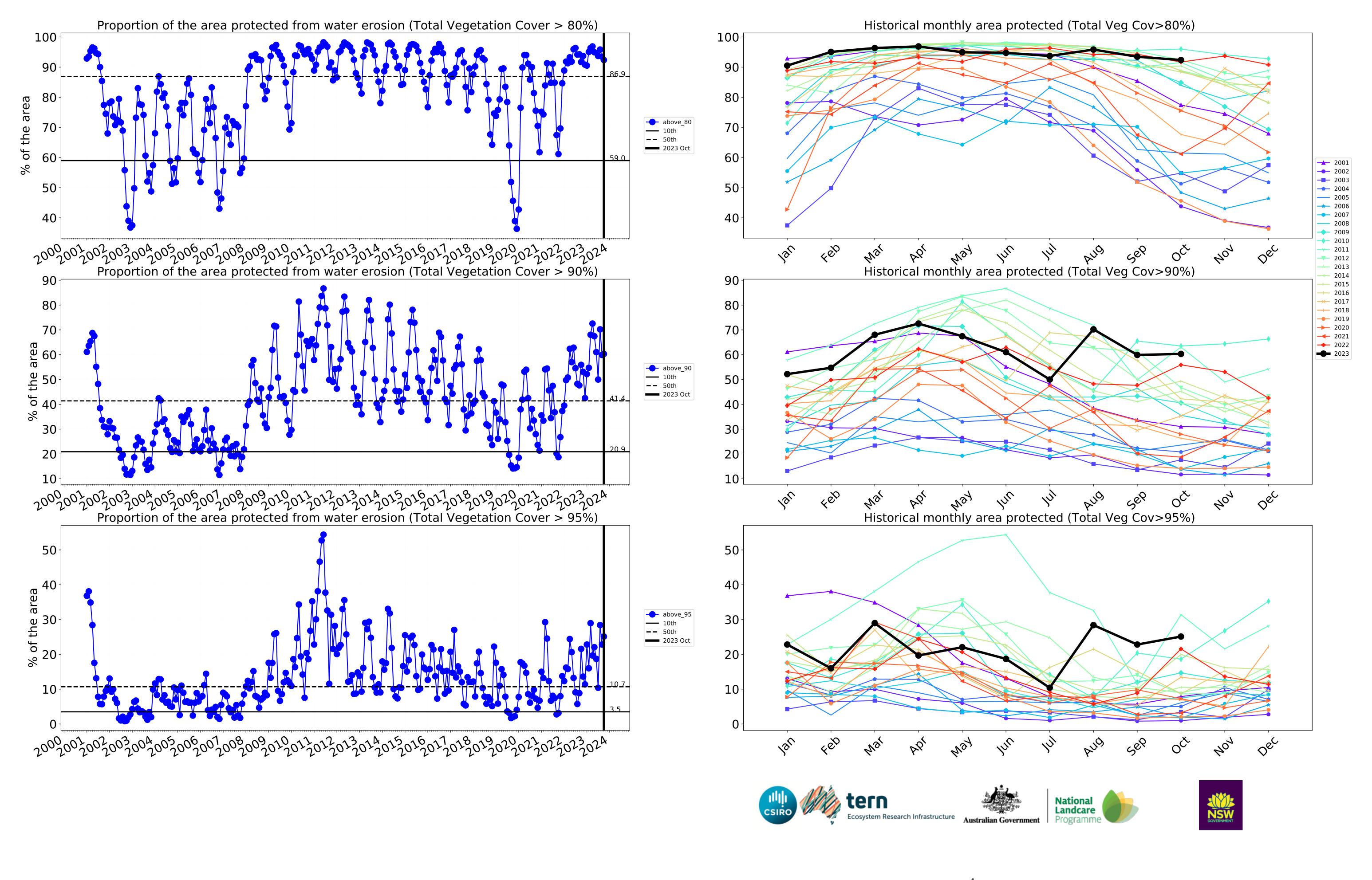






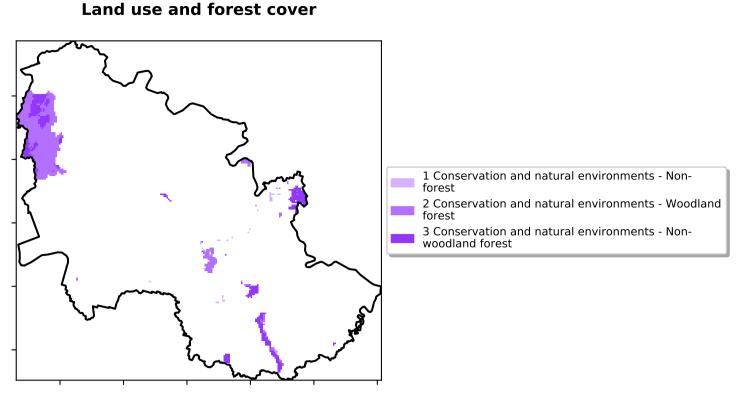






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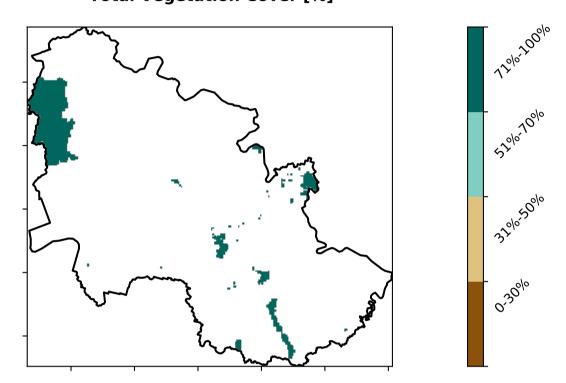
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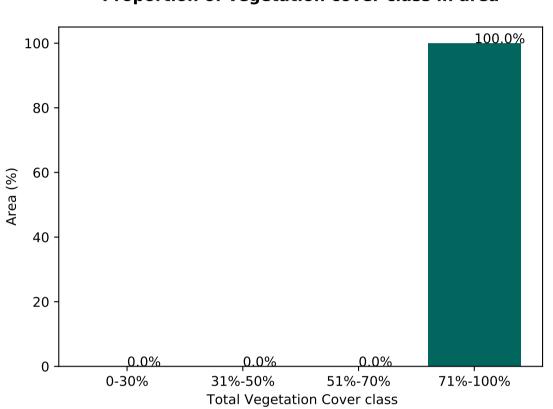
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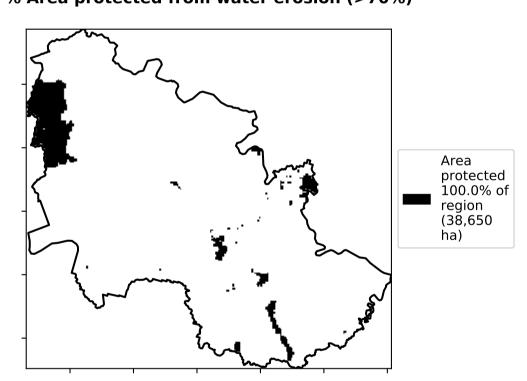
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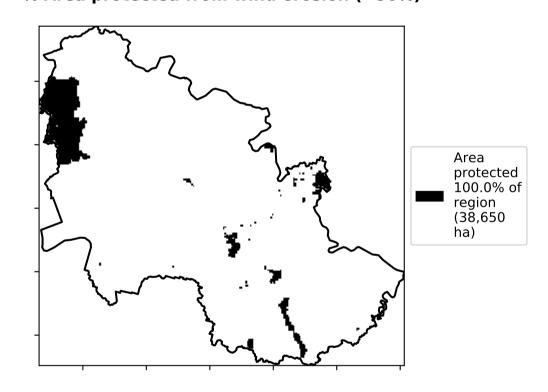
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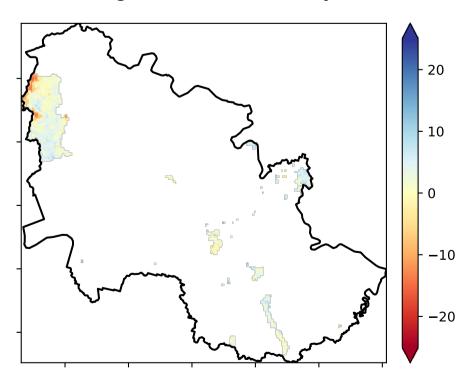
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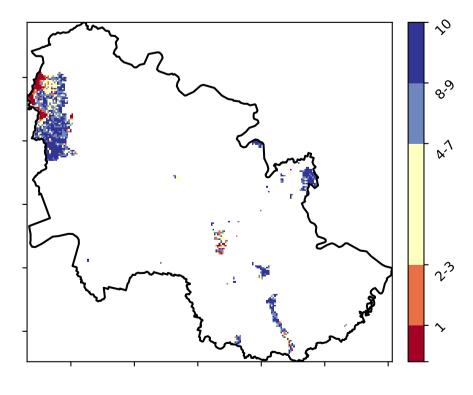


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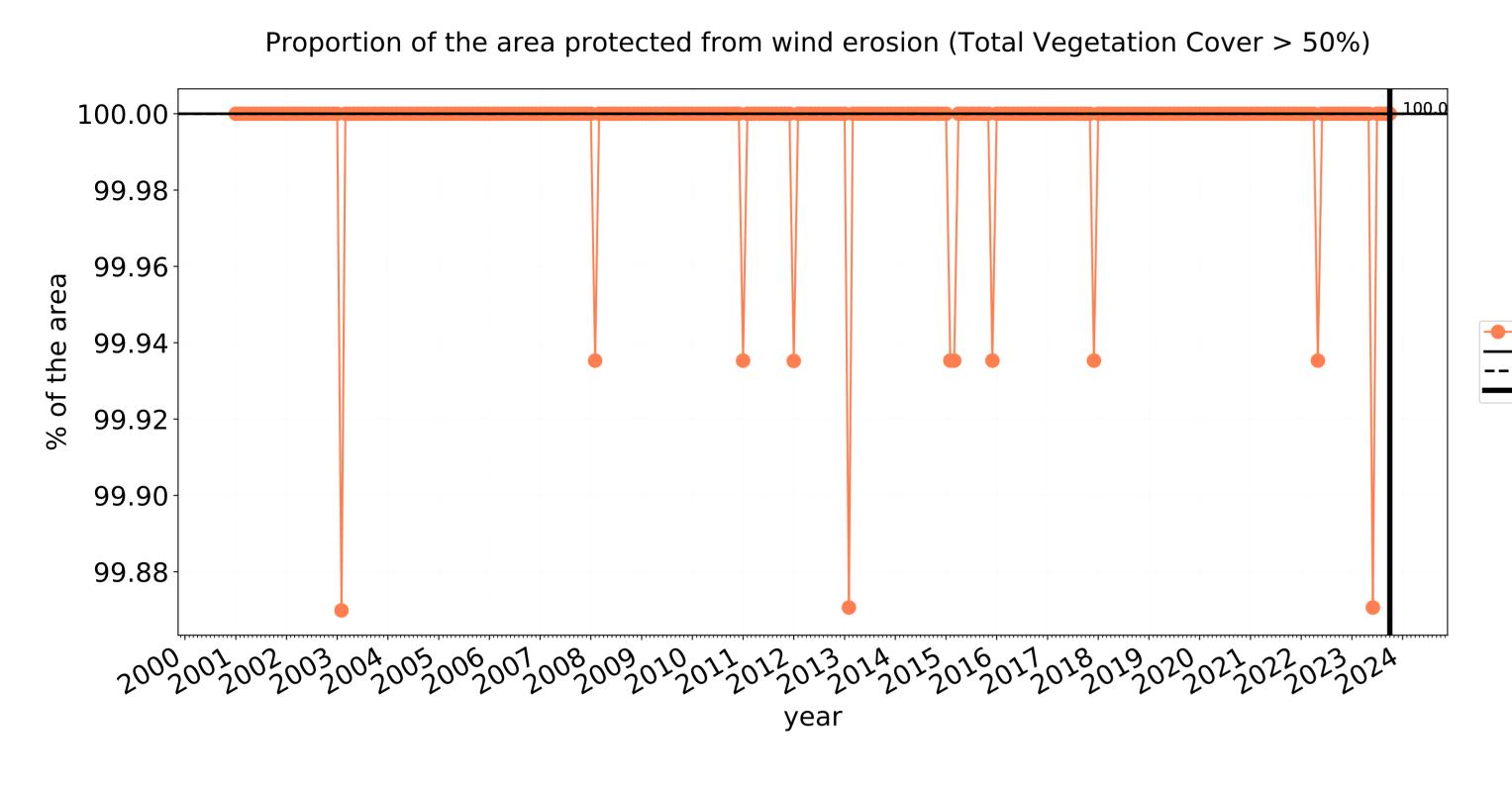


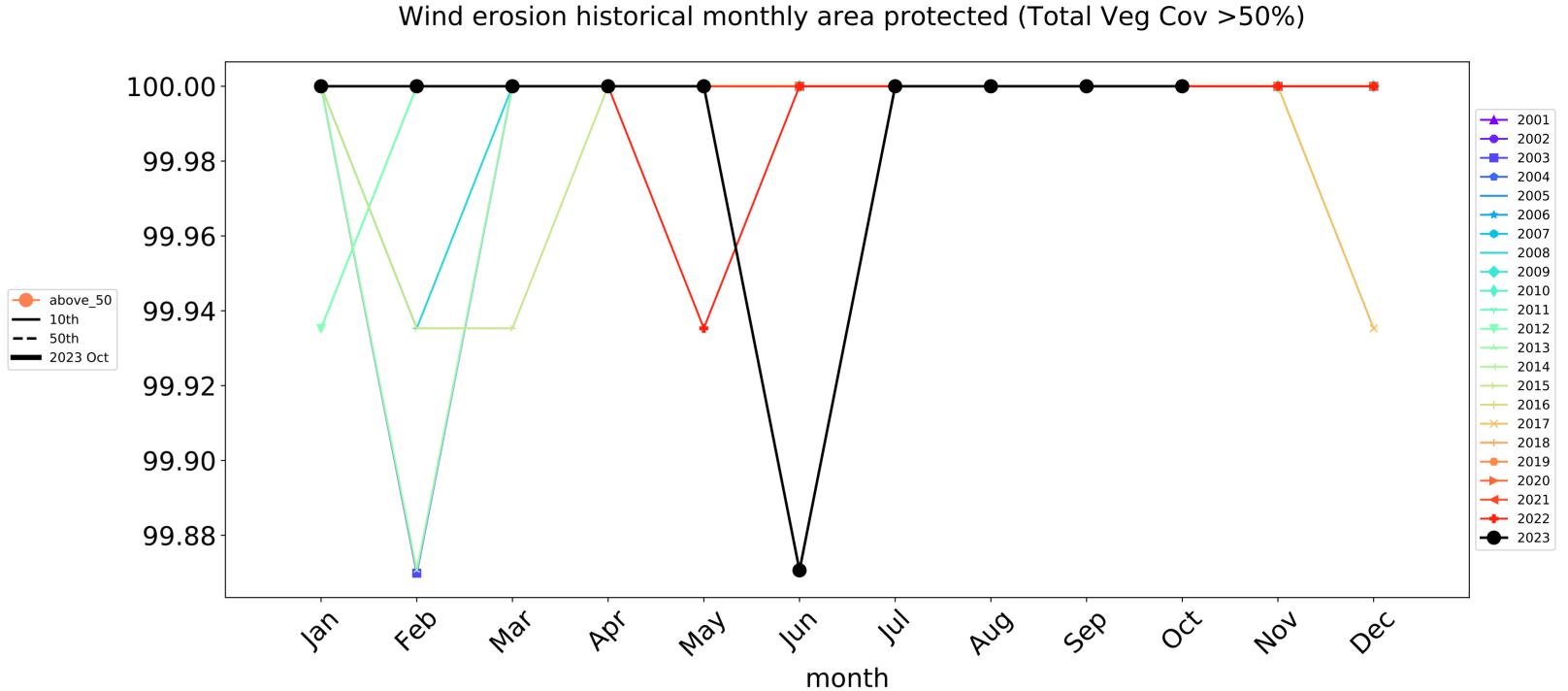


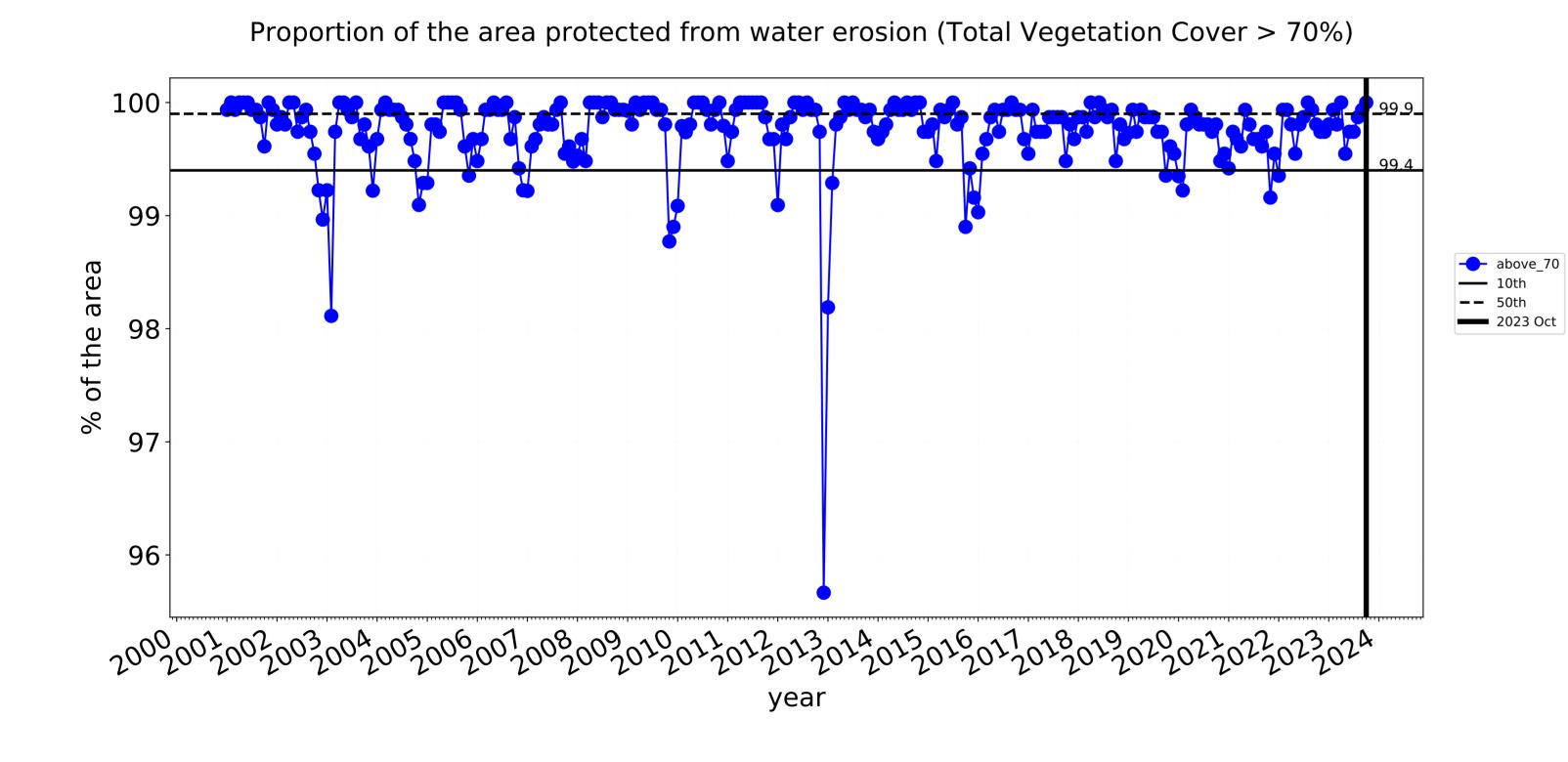


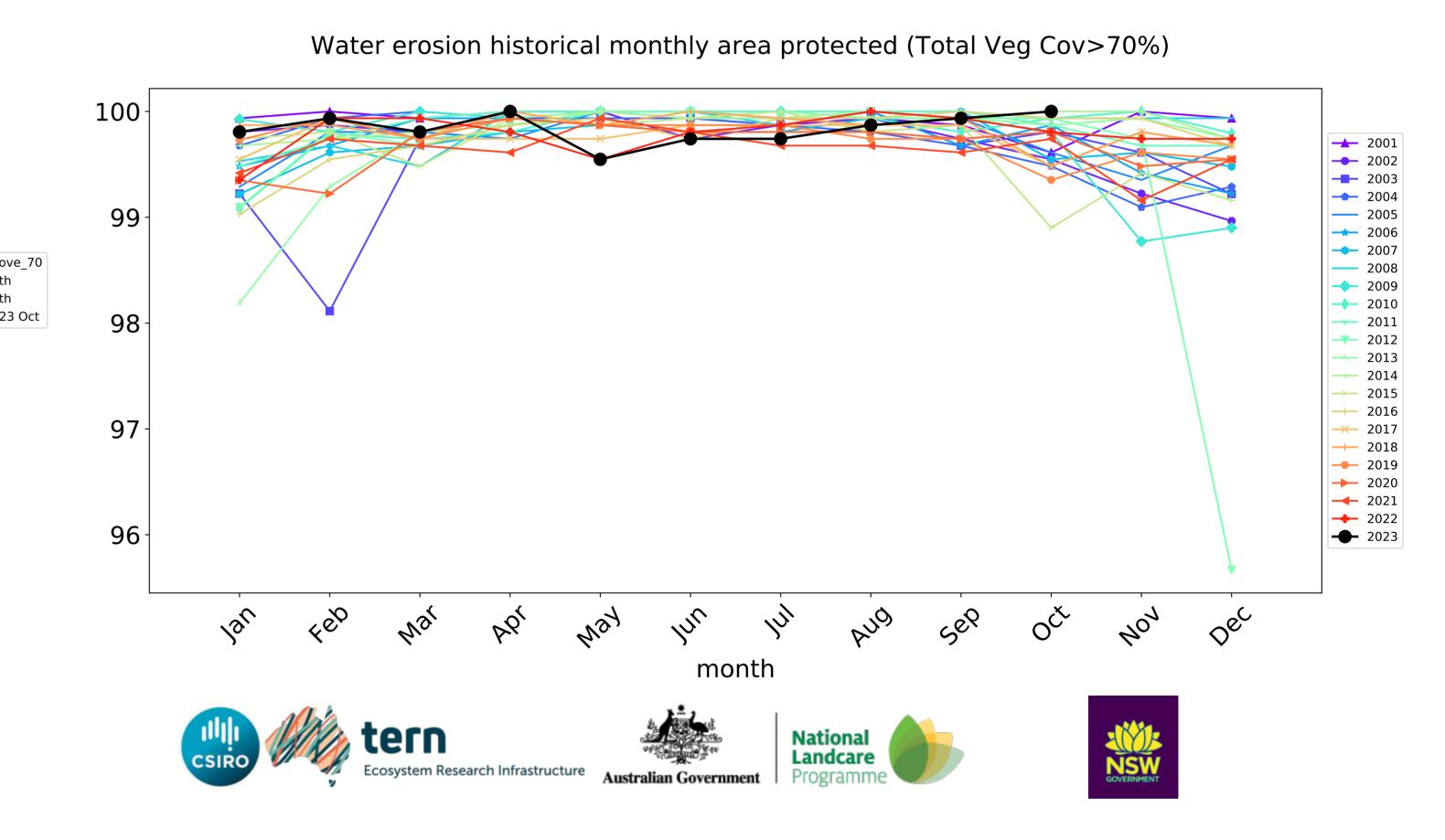


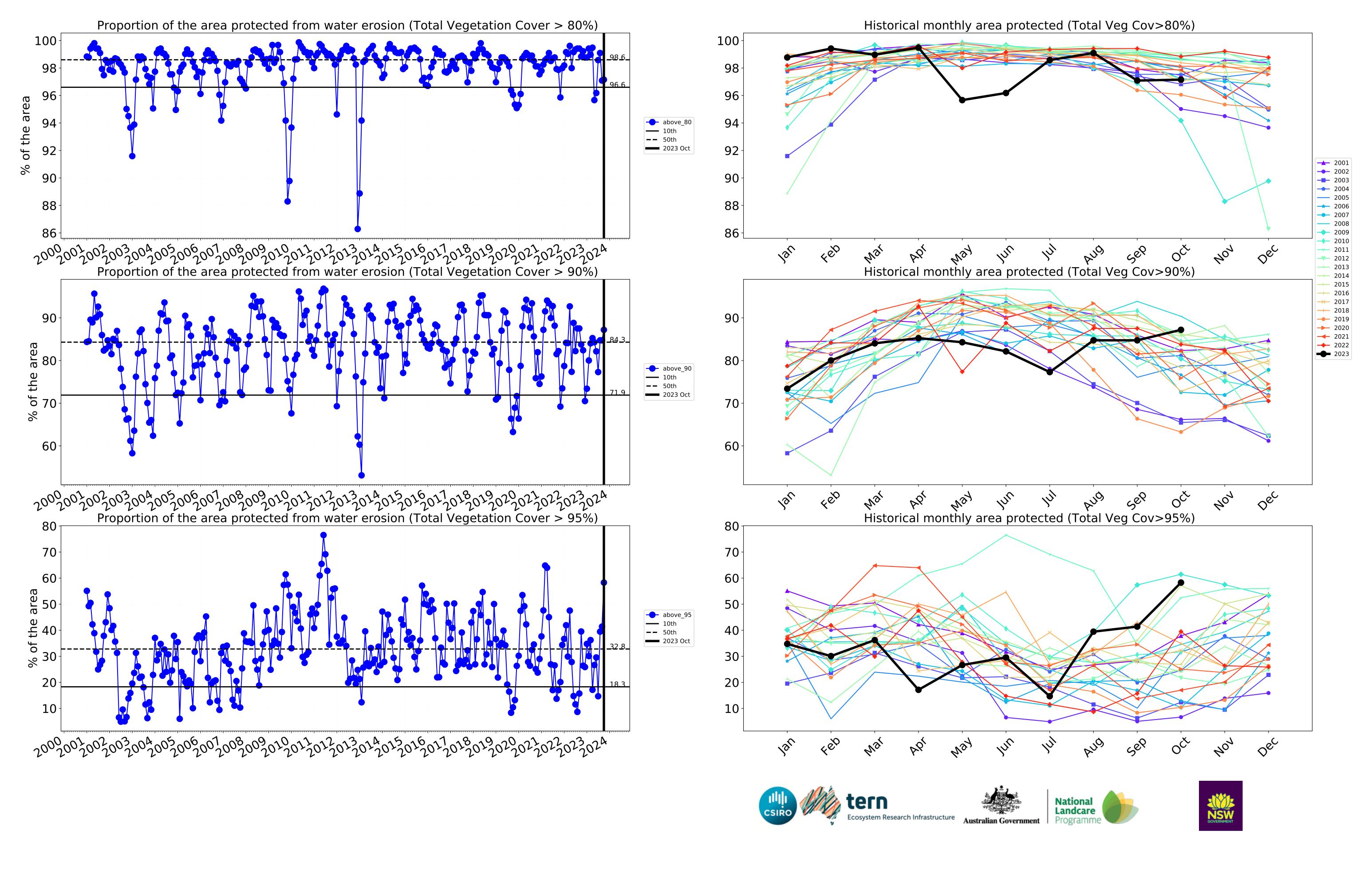
#### **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**











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

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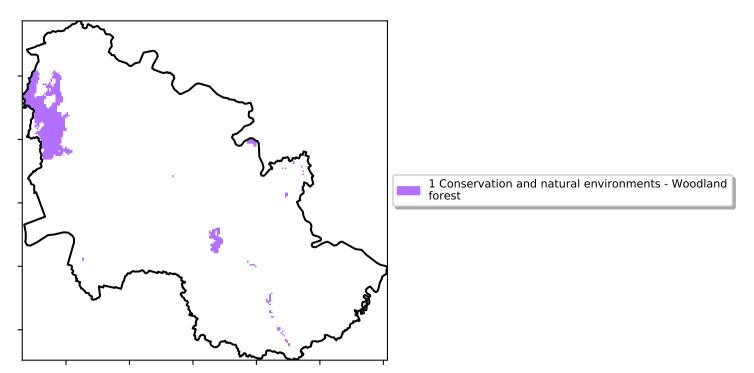
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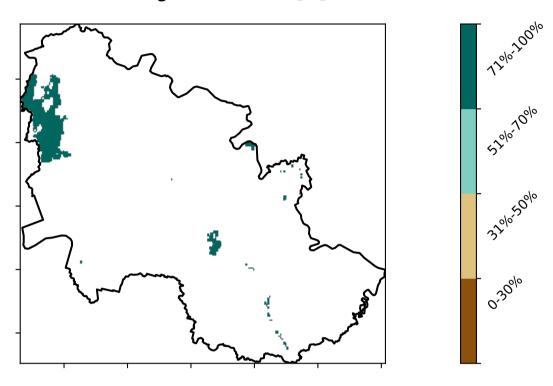
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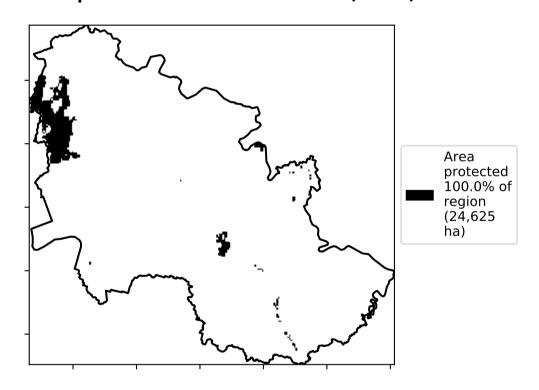
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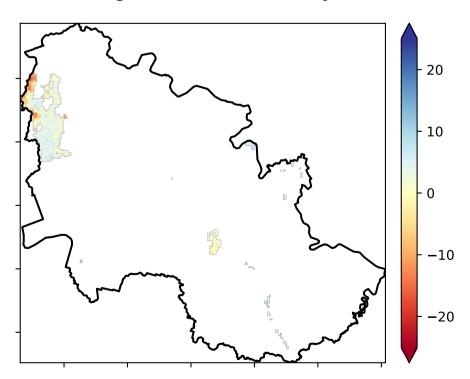
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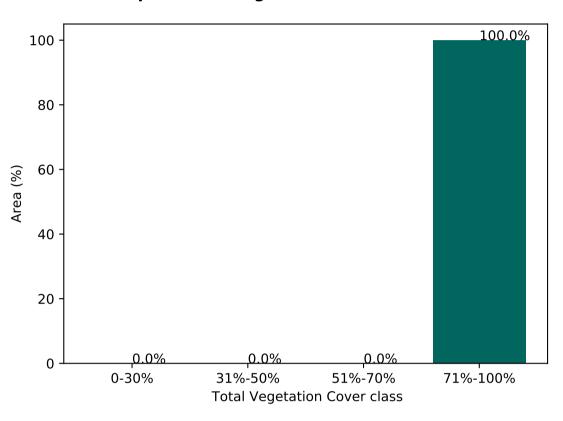


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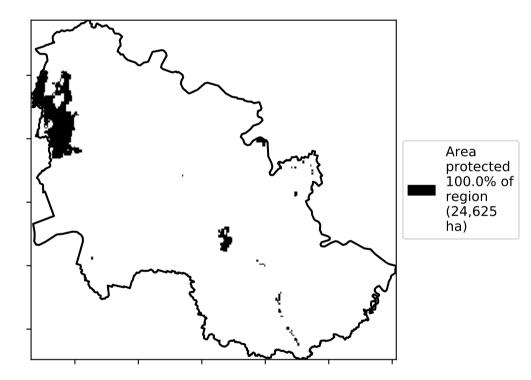


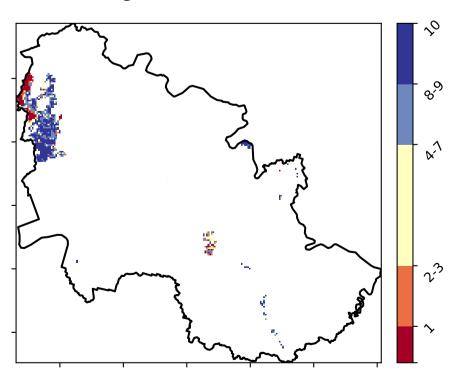
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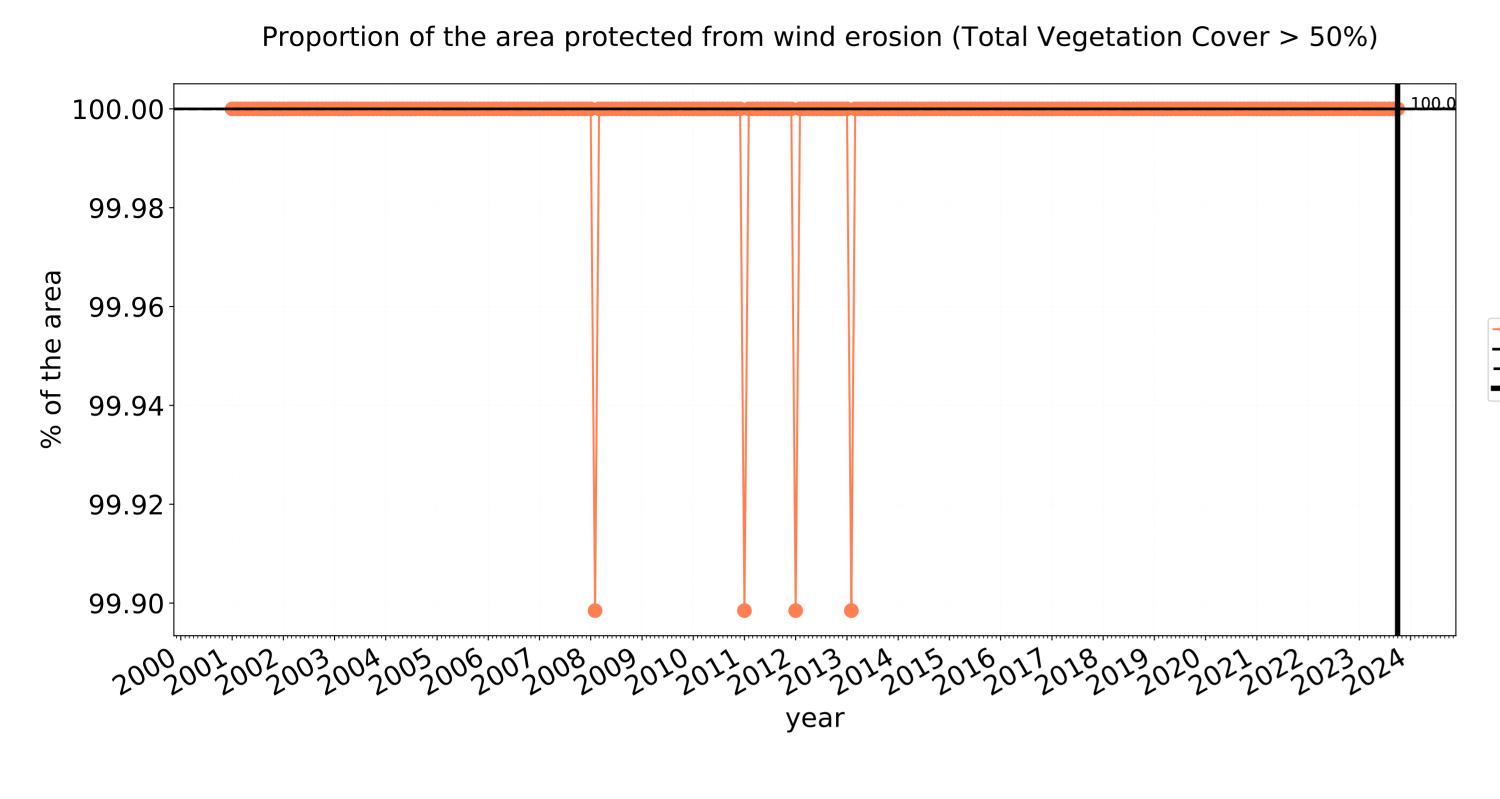


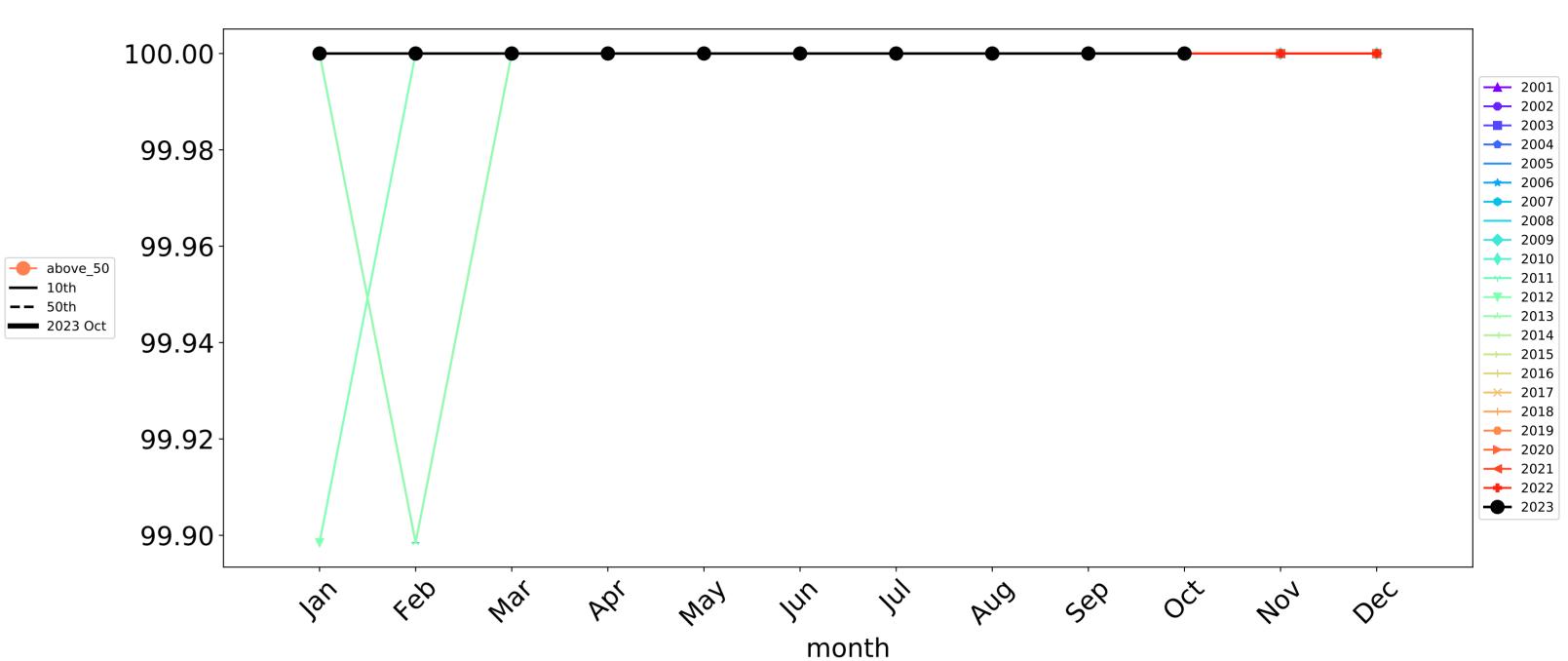




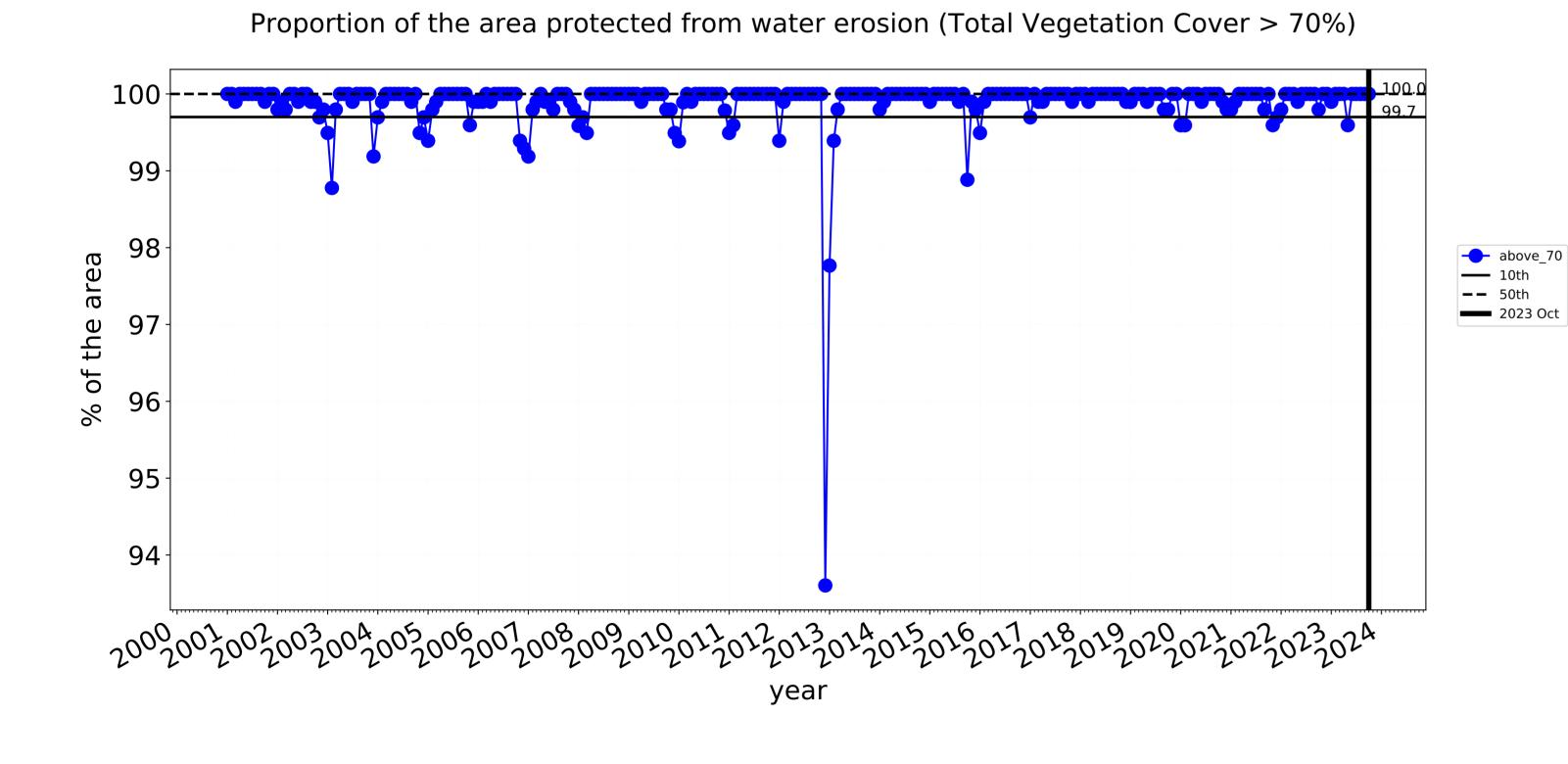


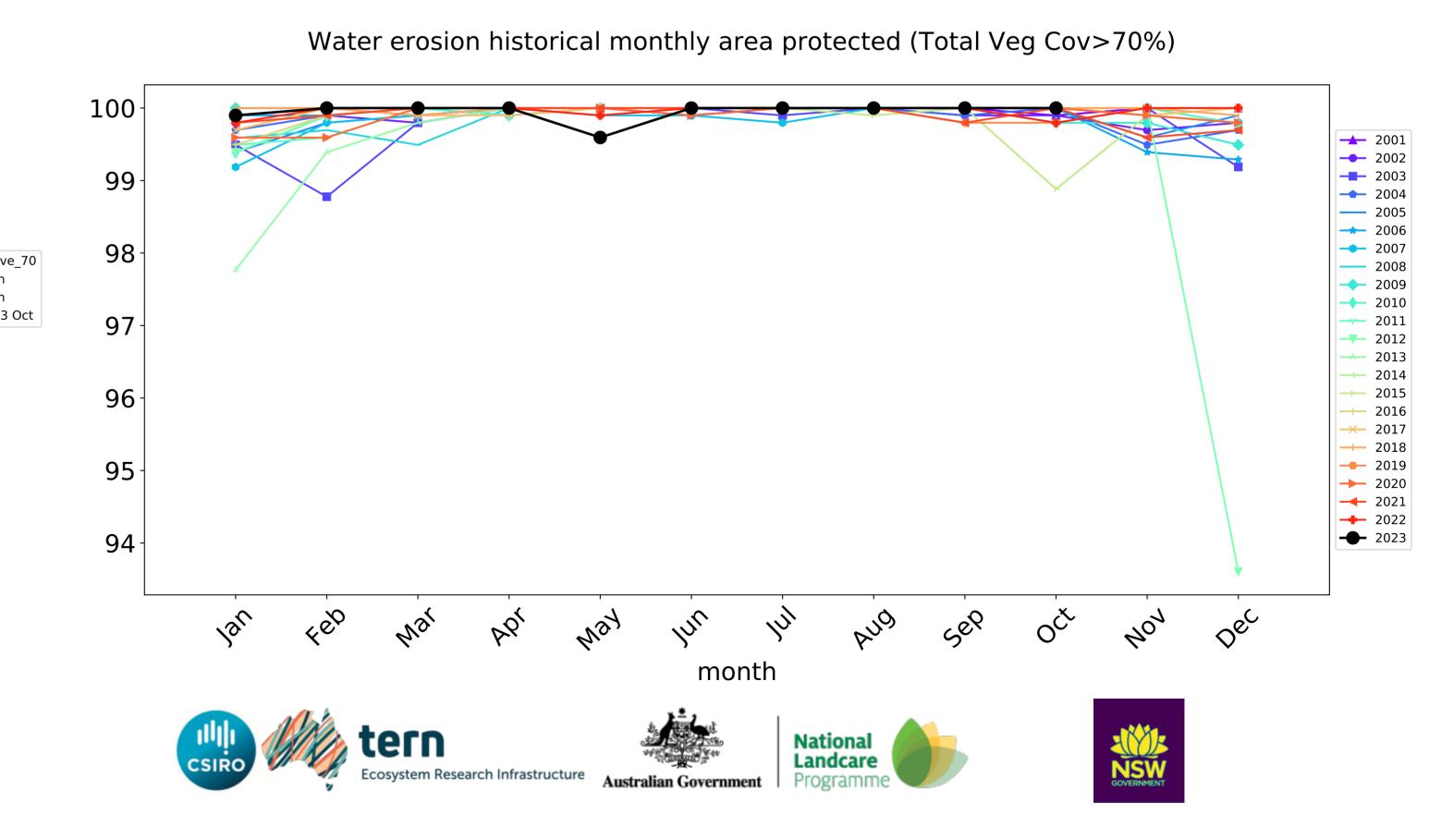
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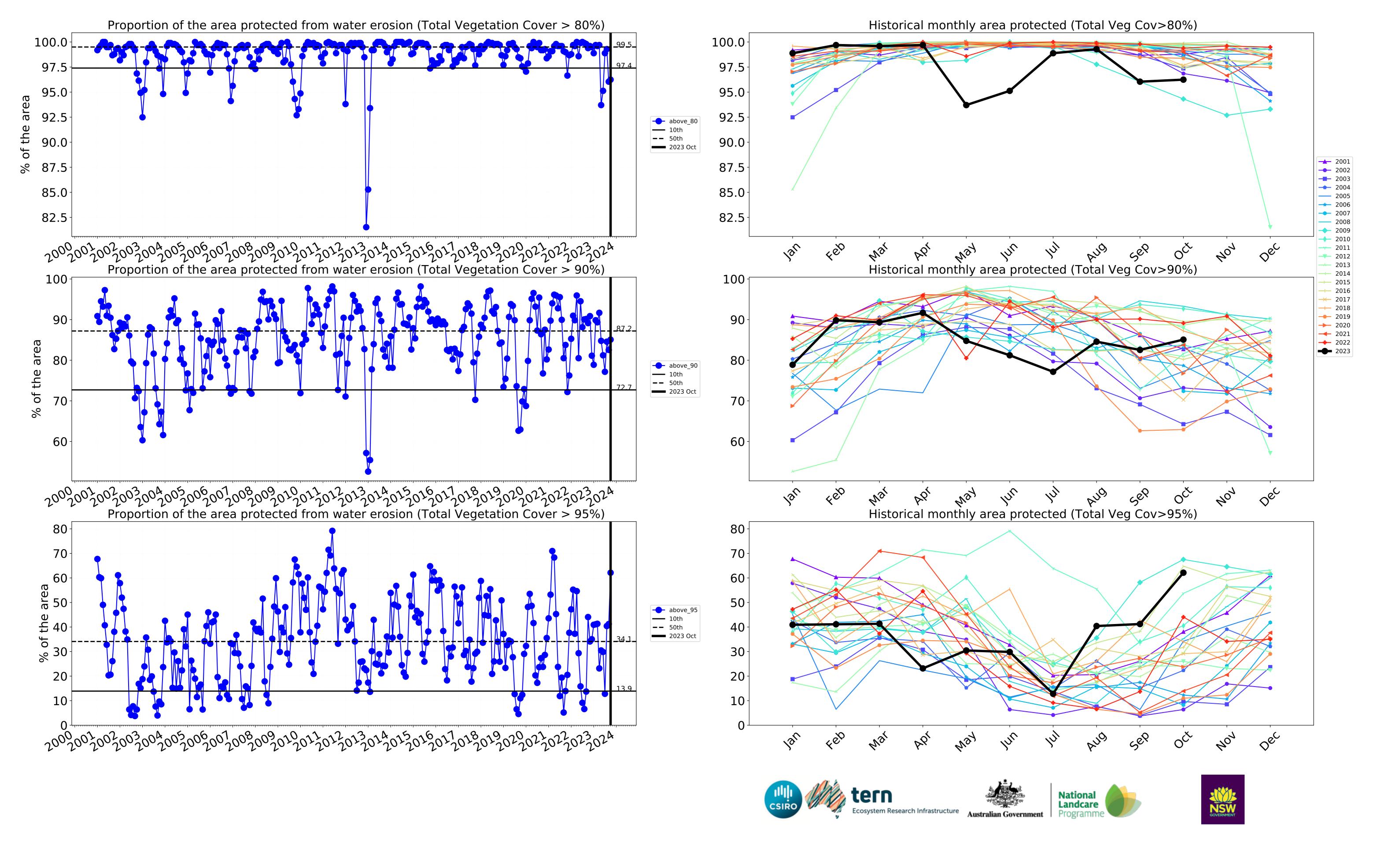




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







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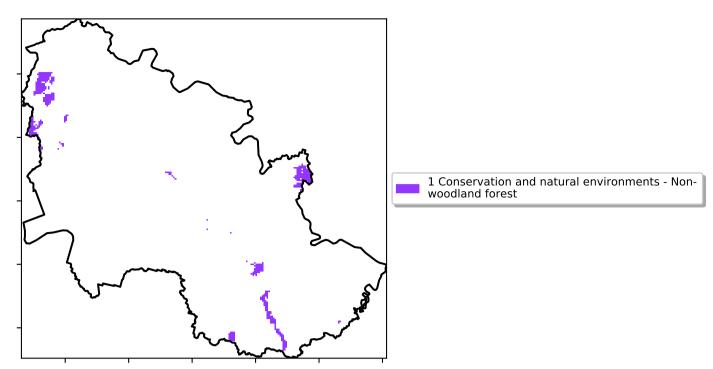
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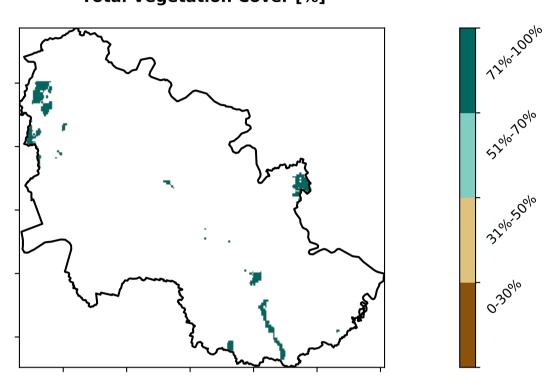
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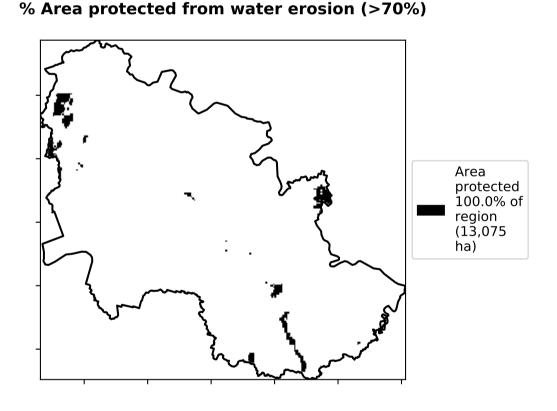
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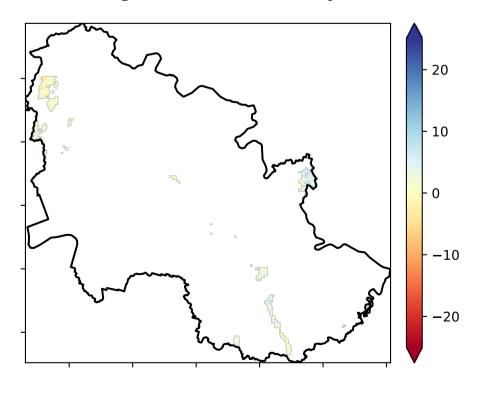


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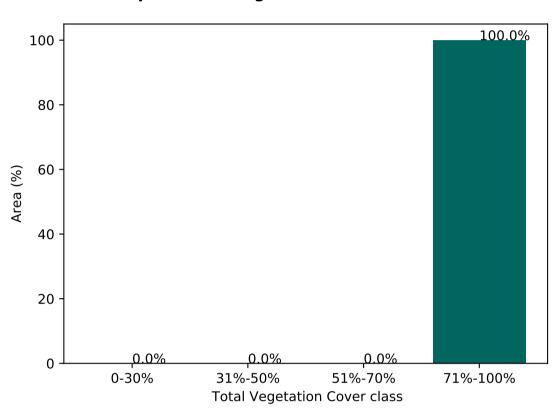


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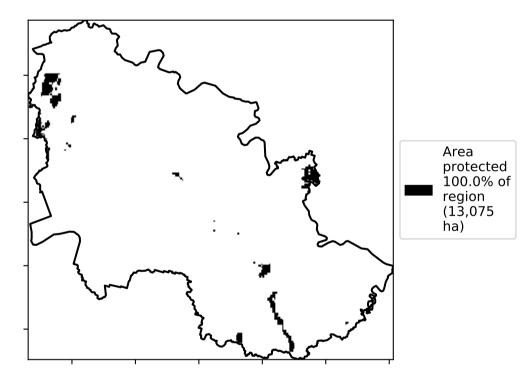


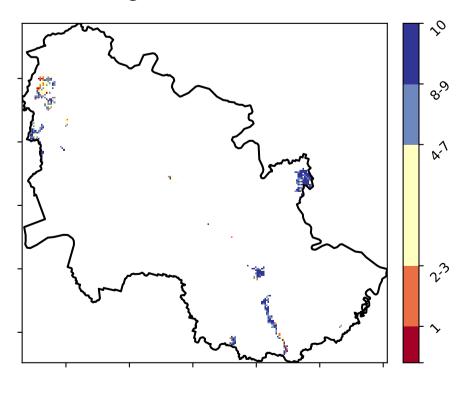
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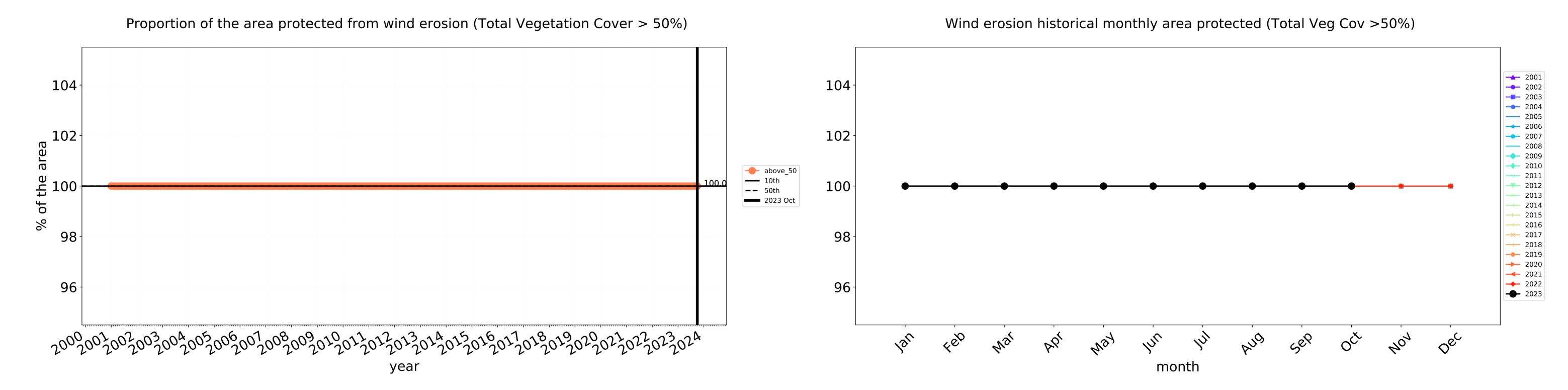


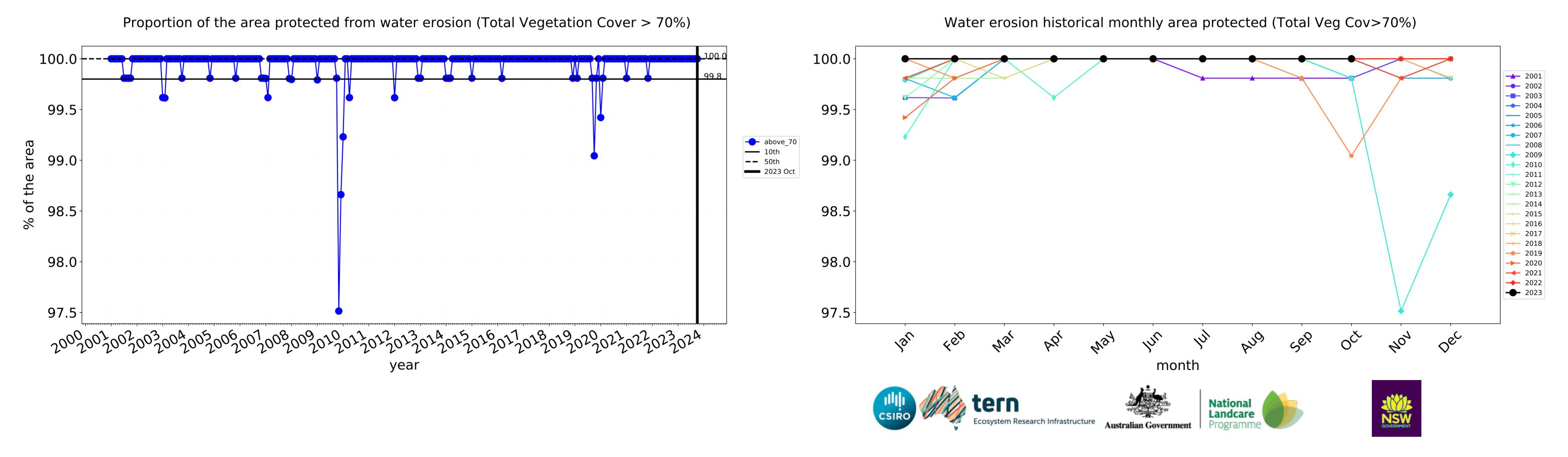


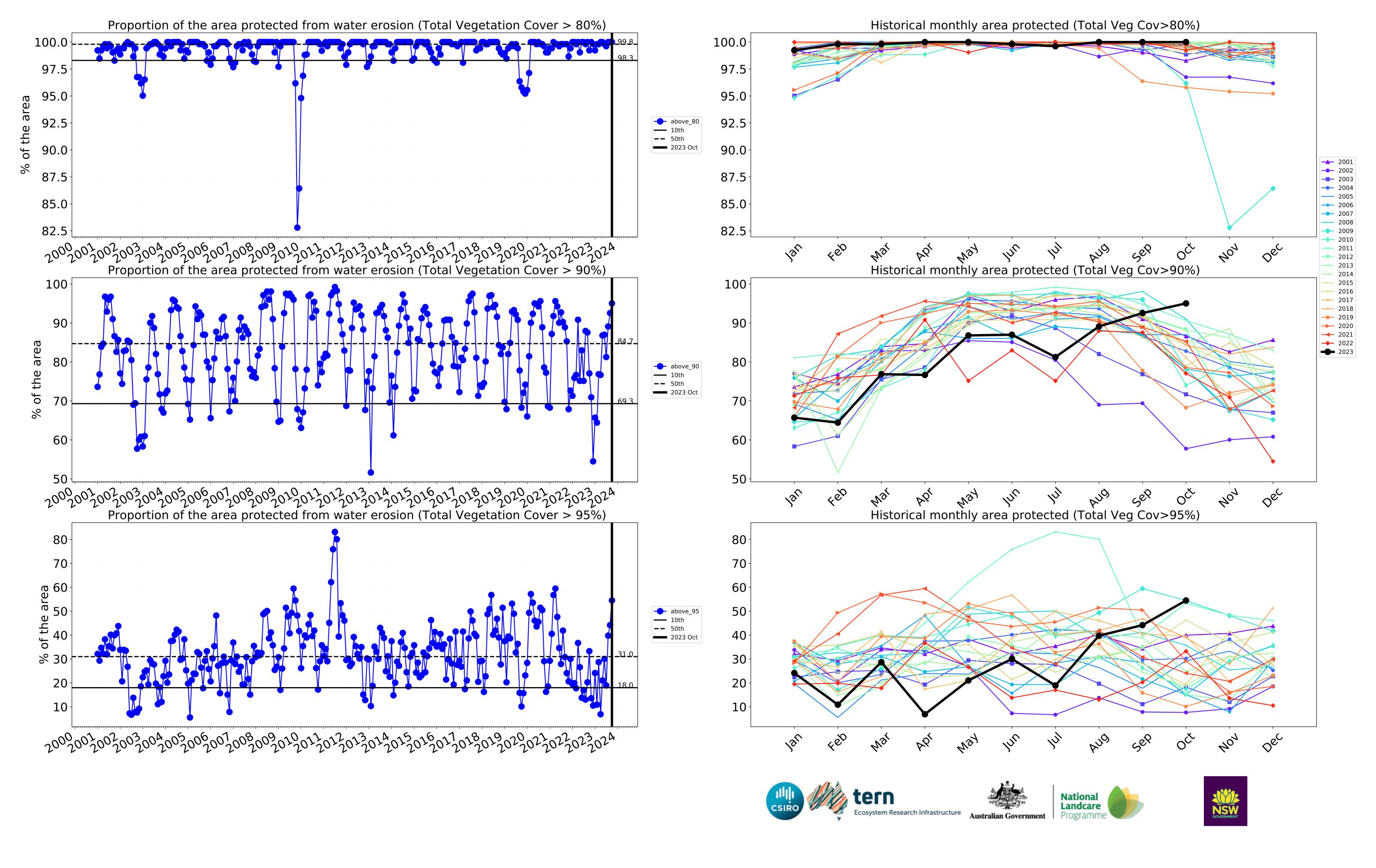










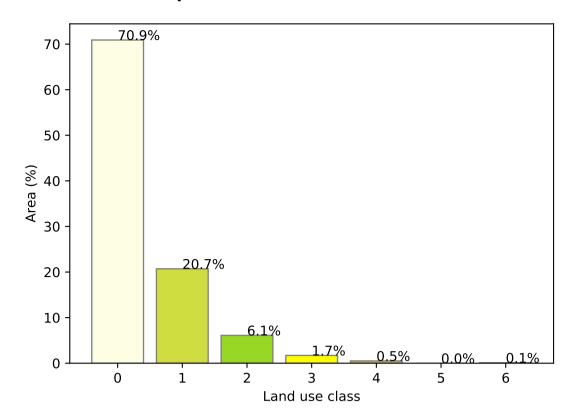


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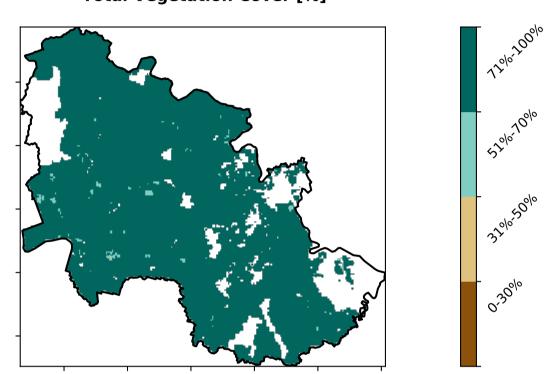
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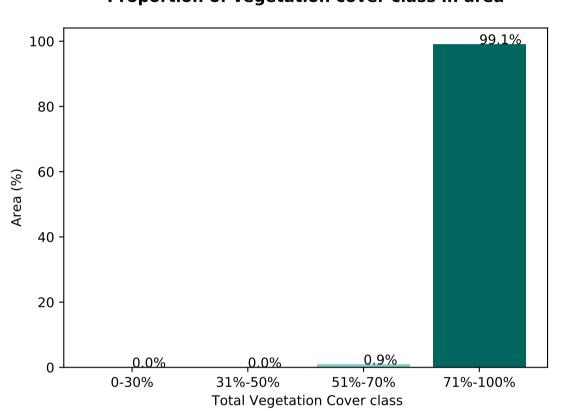
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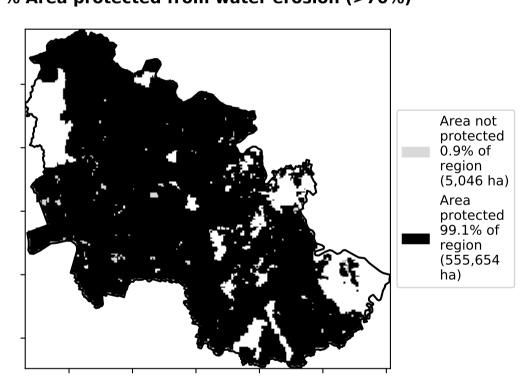
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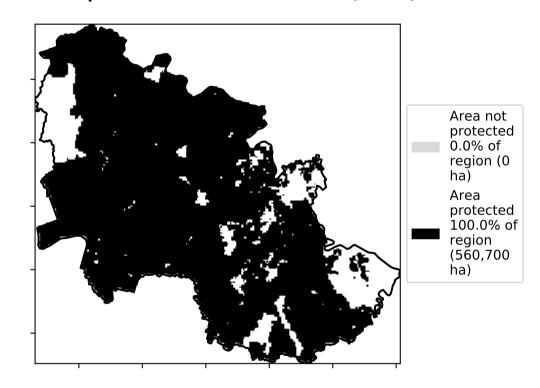
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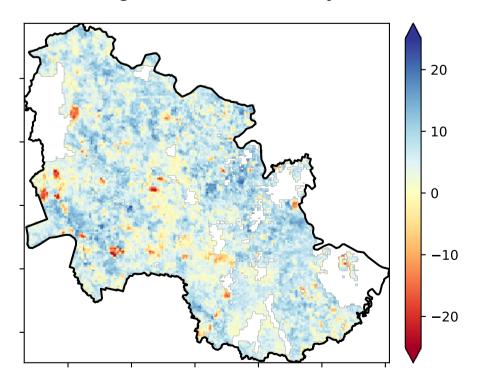
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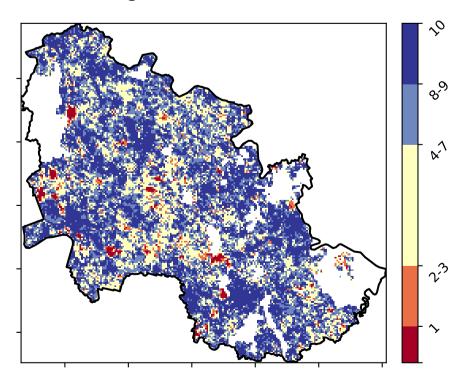
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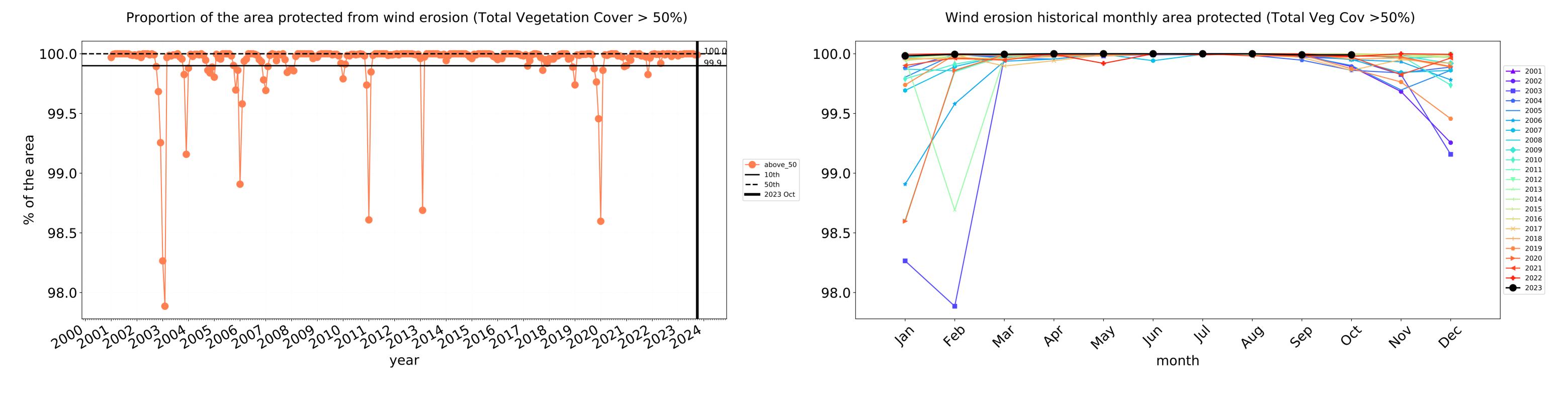


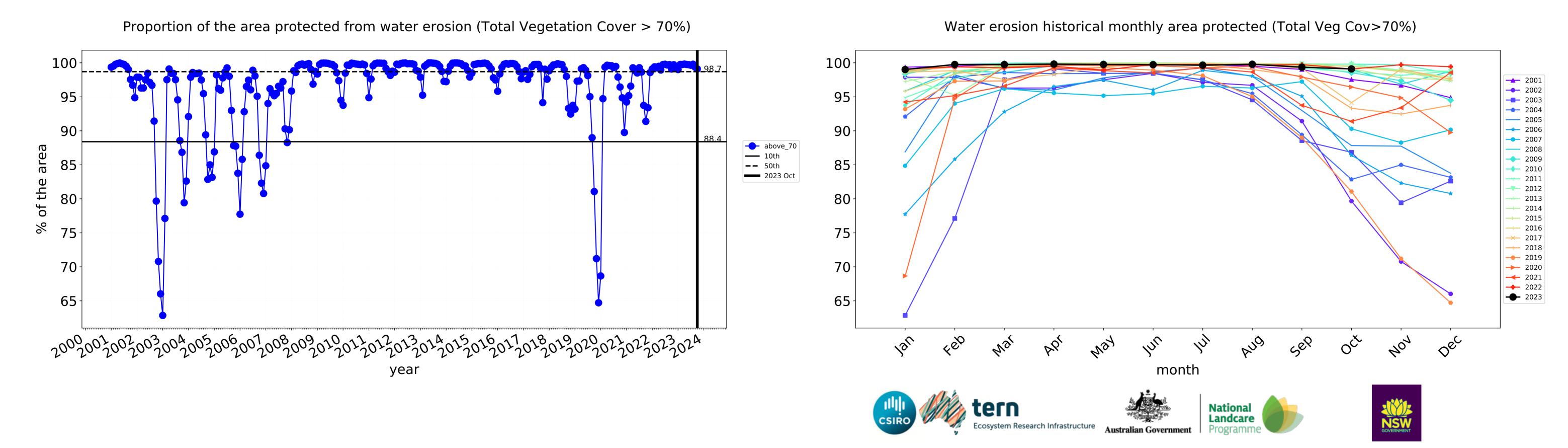


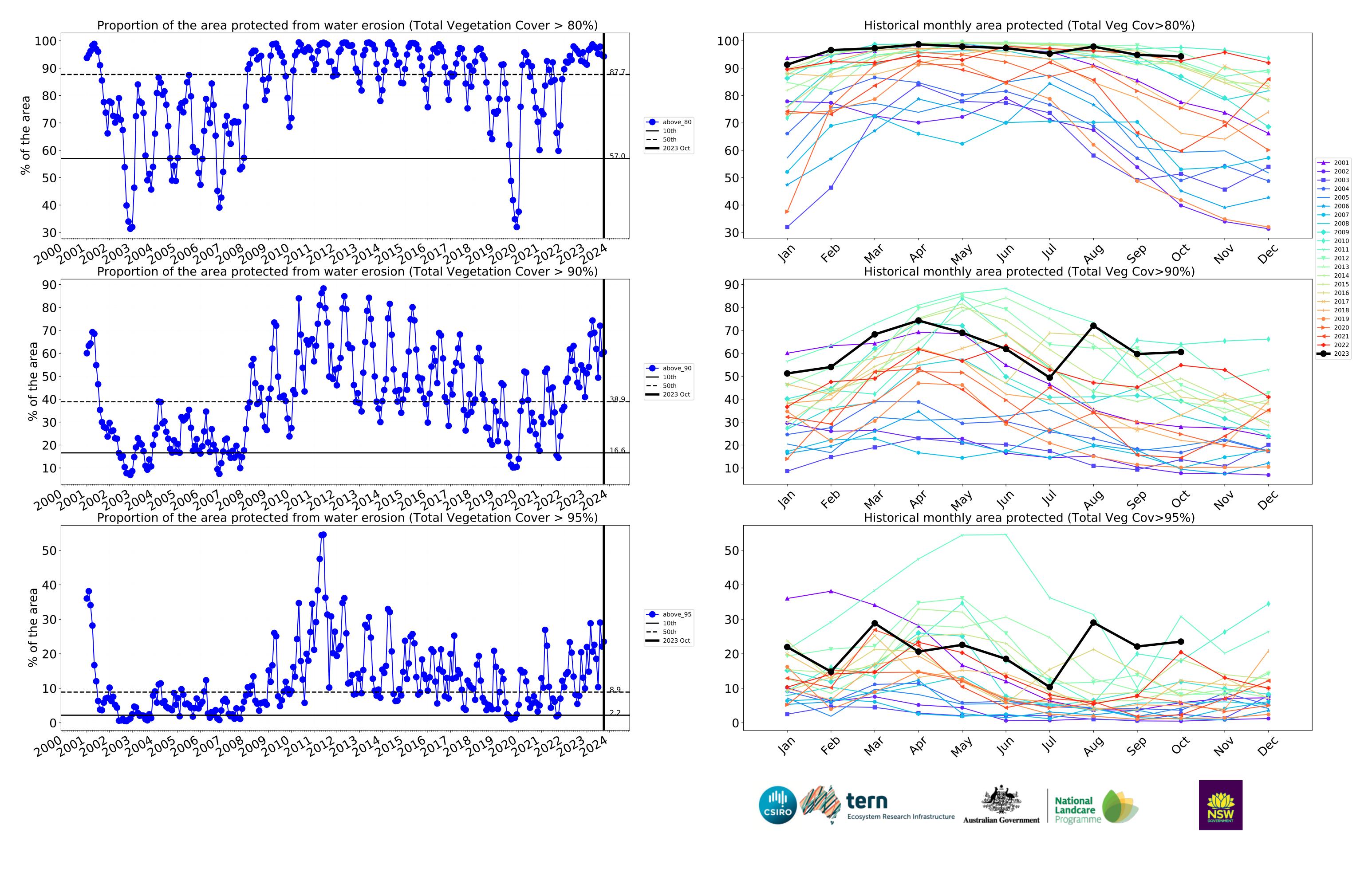




#### **Agriculture timeseries**







#### **Grazing**

#### **Land use and forest cover**

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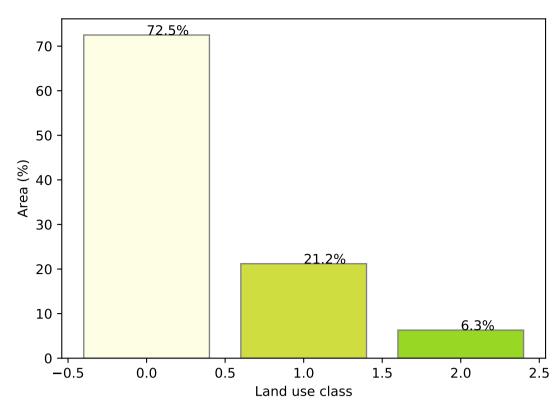
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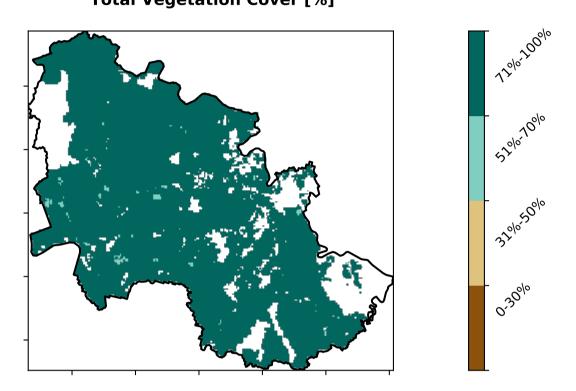
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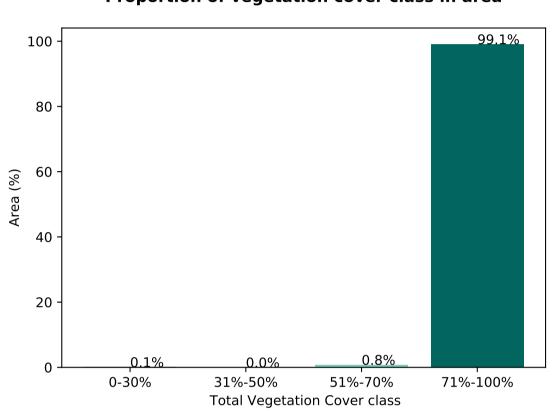
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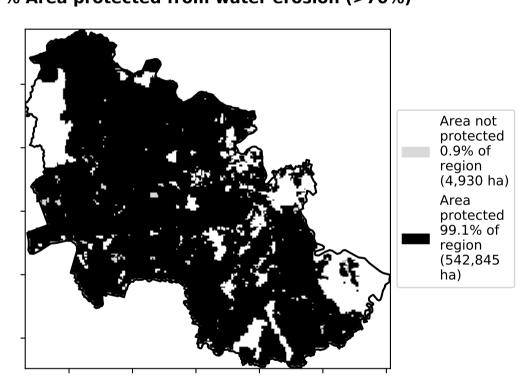
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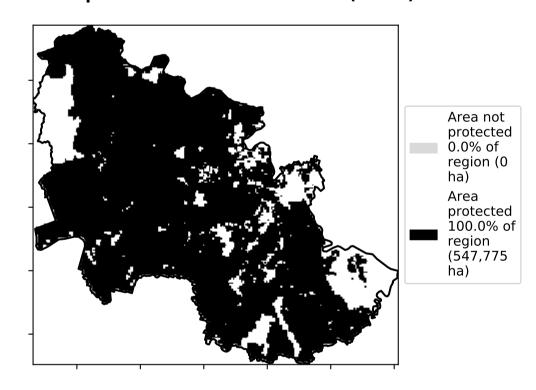
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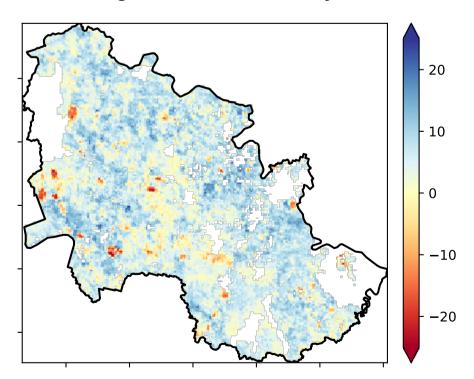
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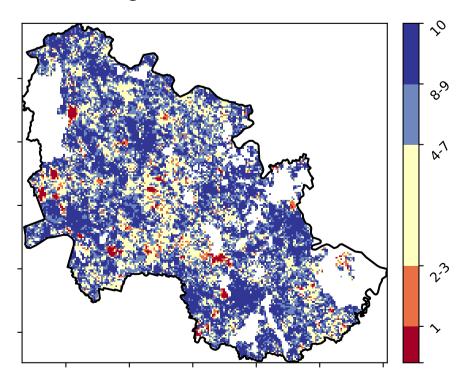
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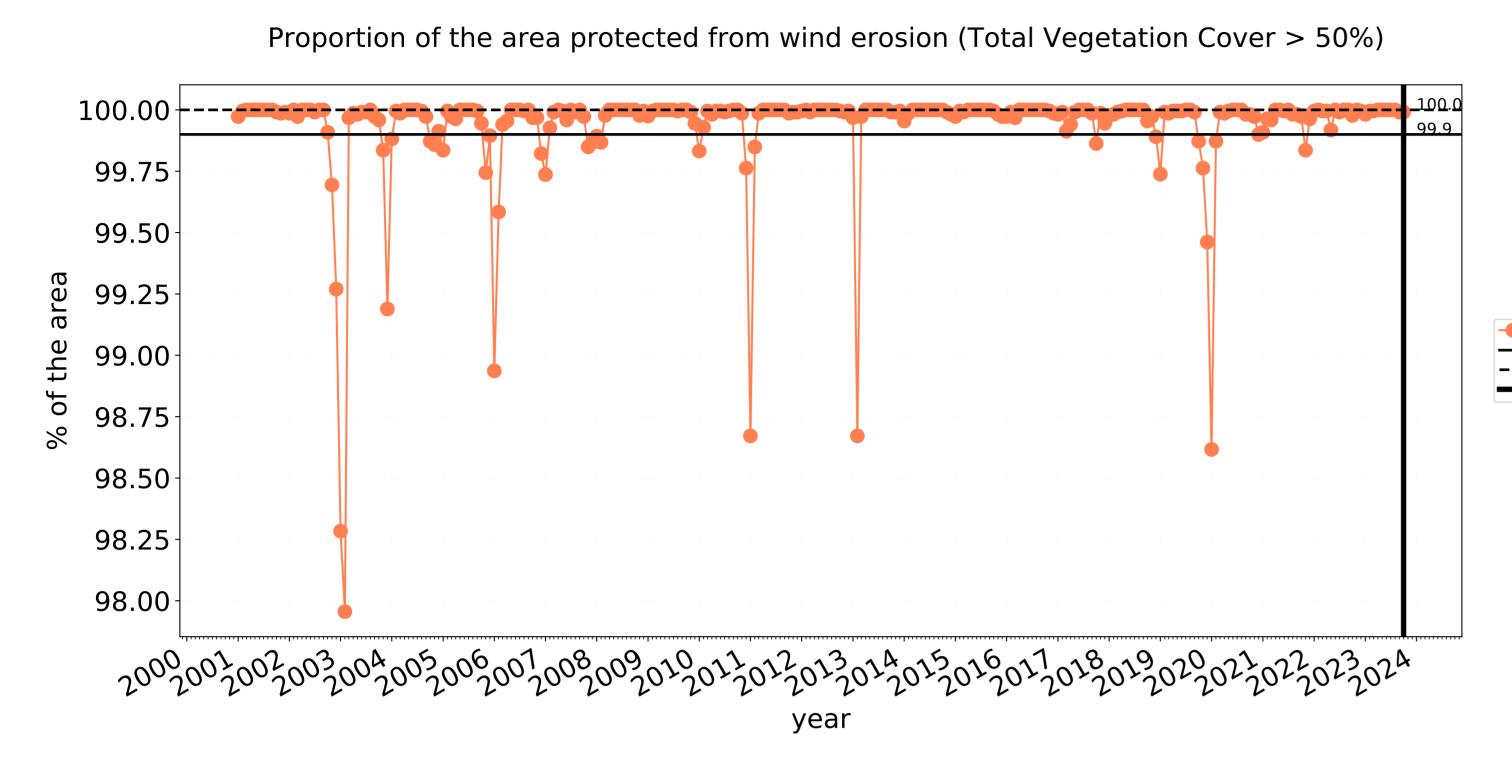


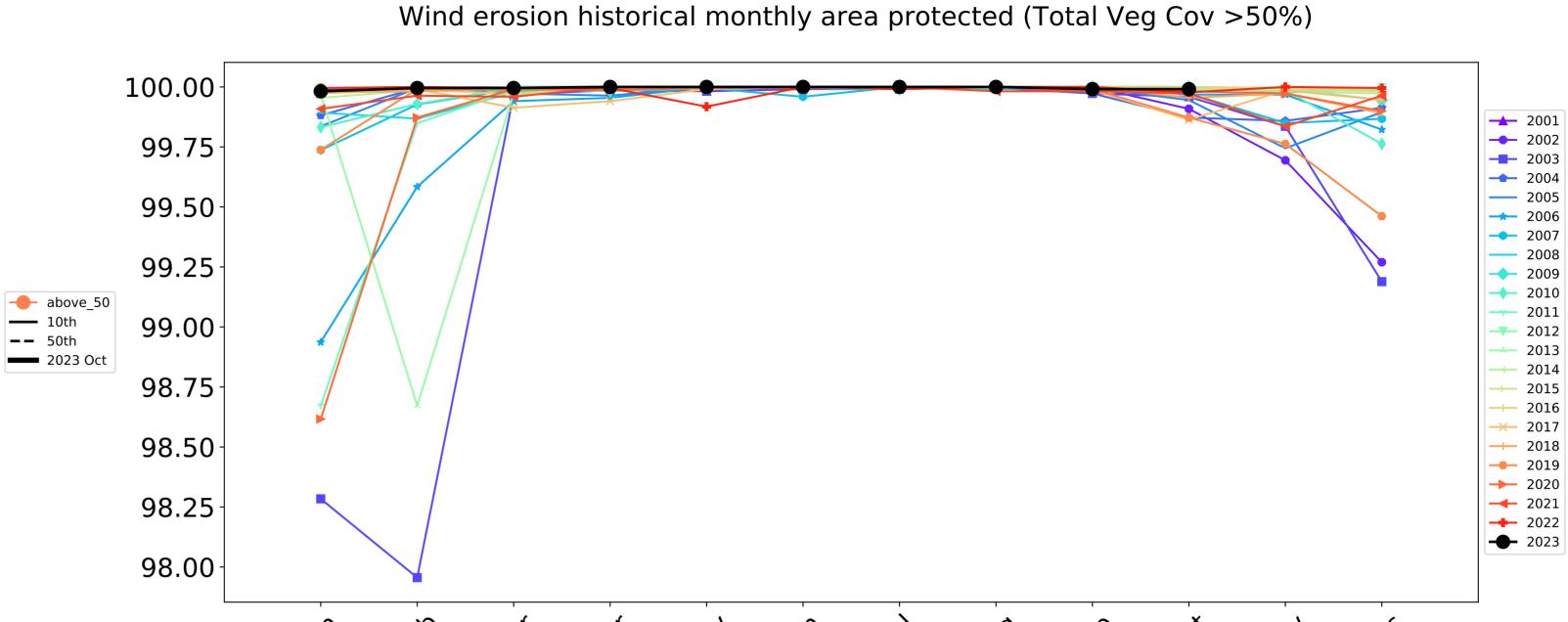




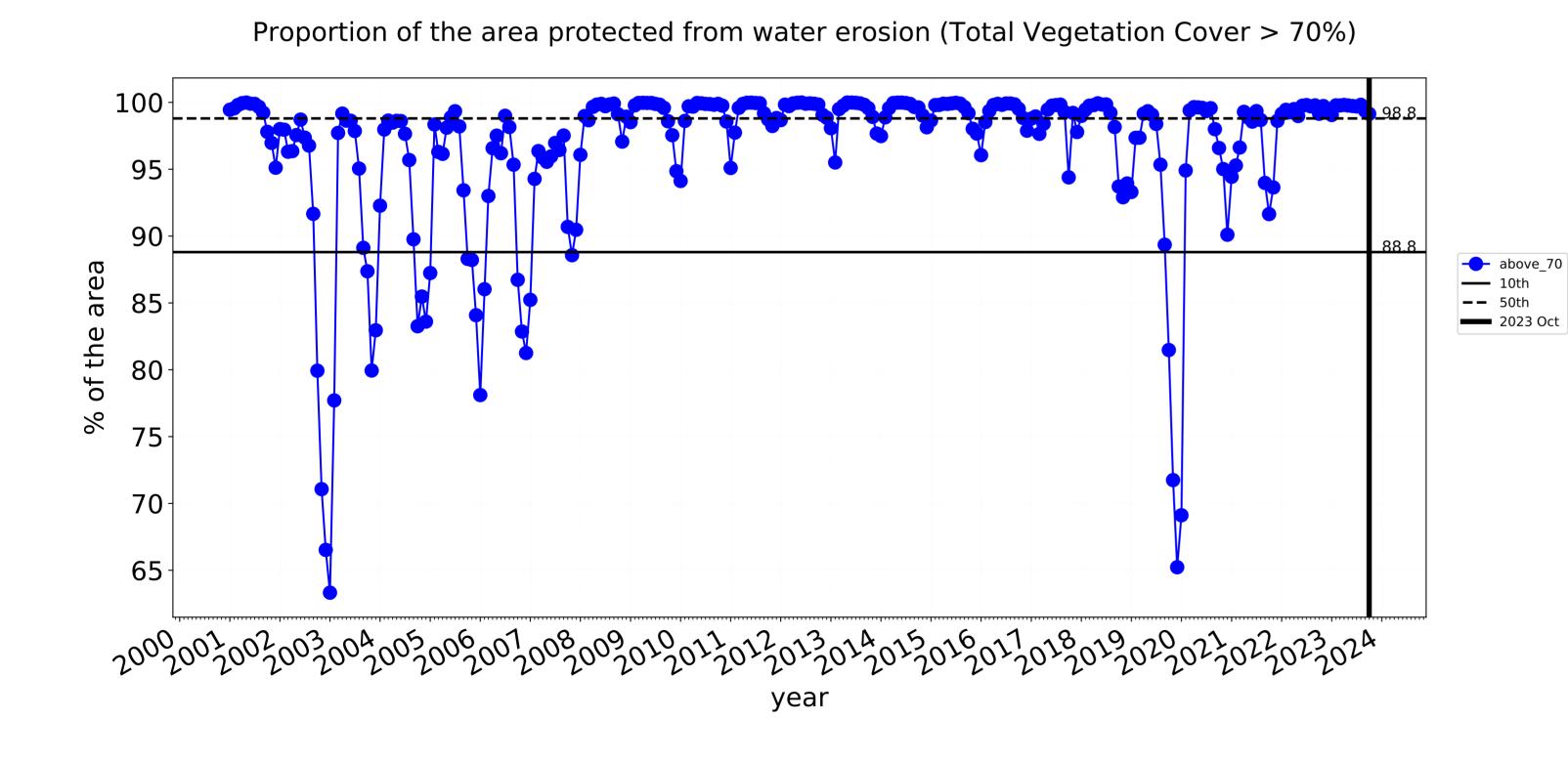


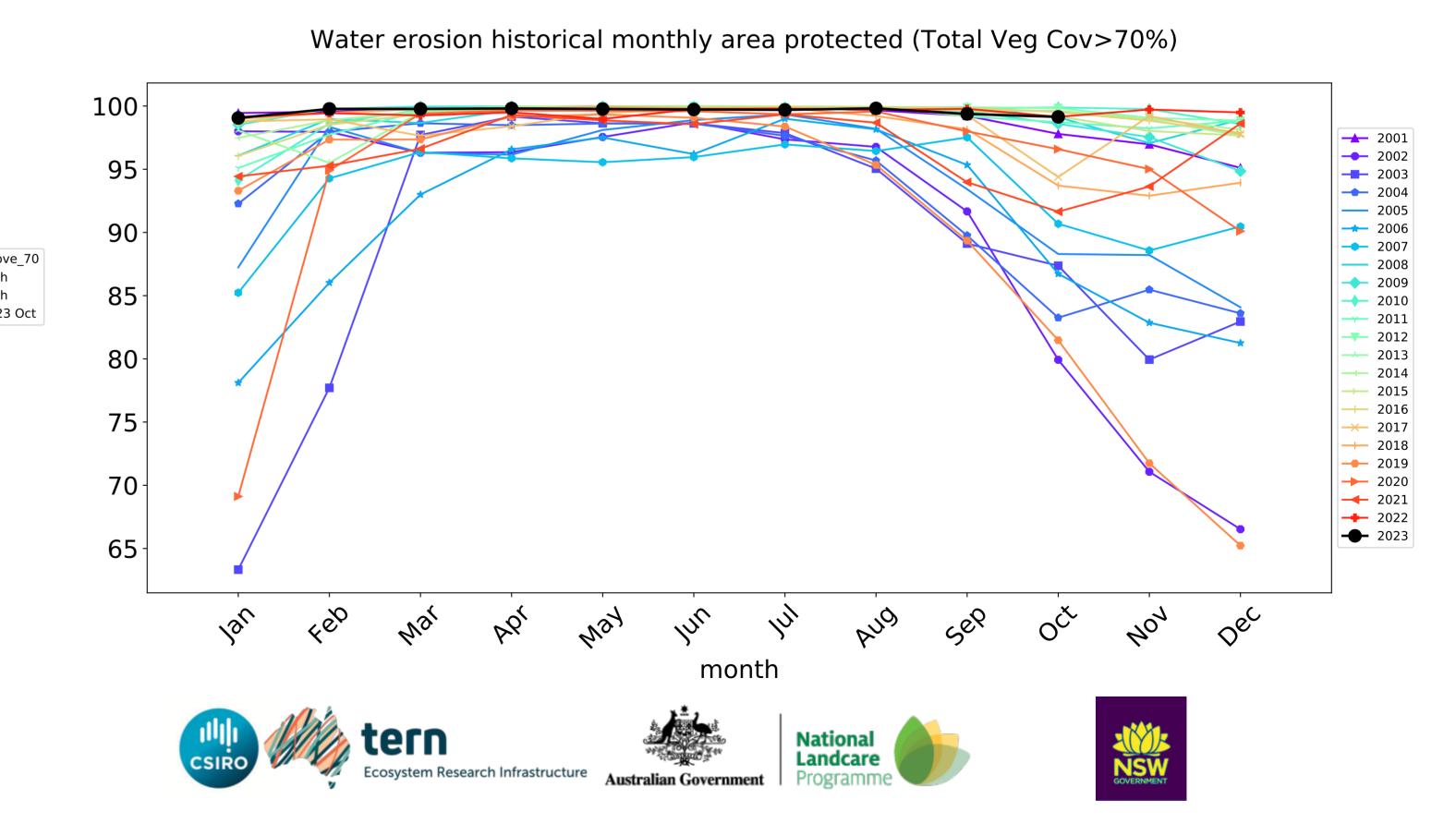
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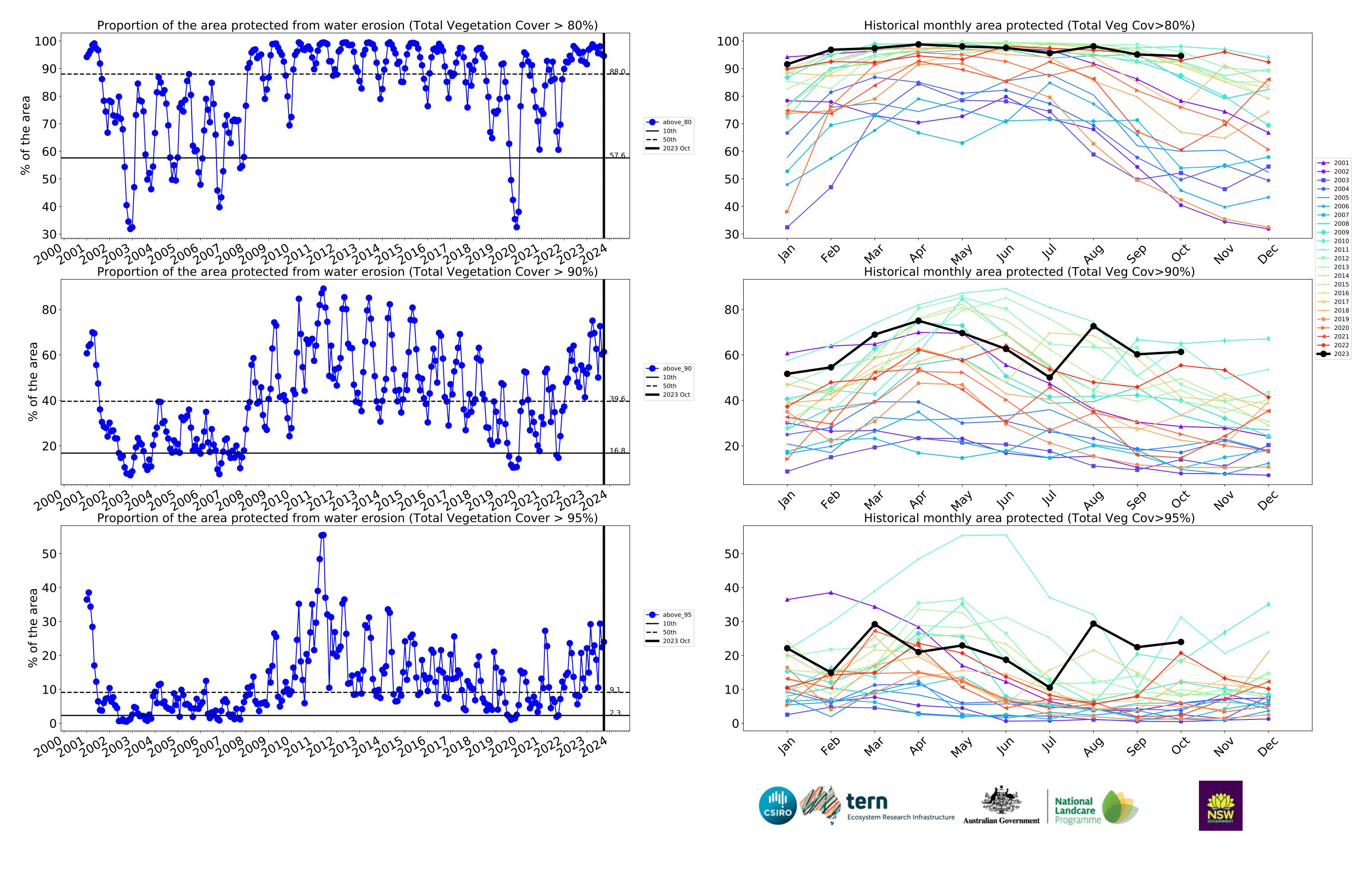




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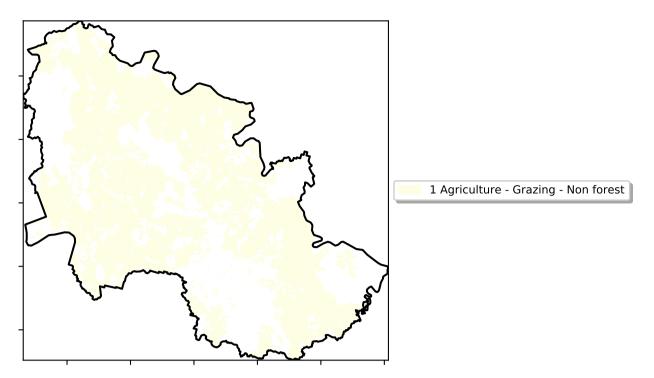
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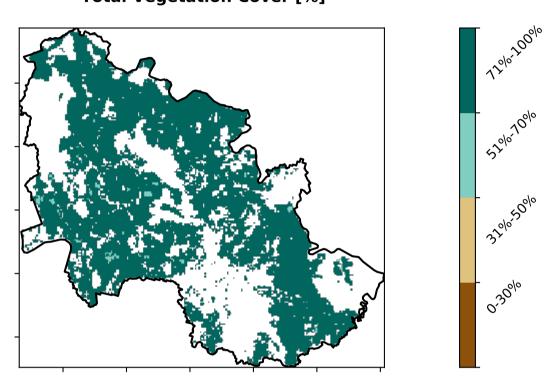
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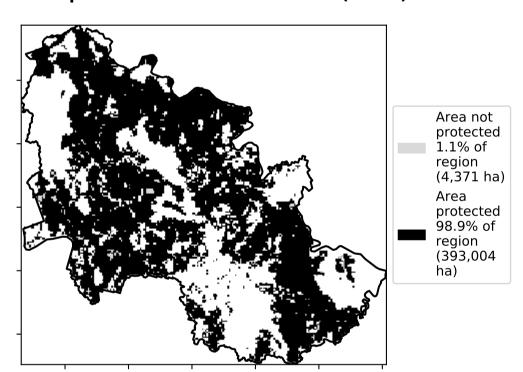
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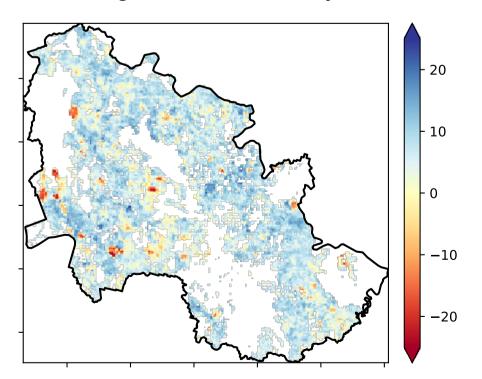
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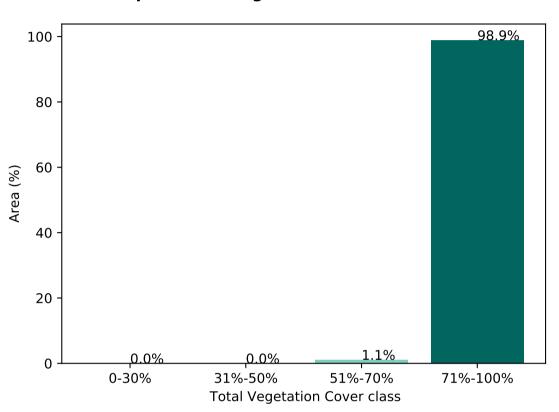


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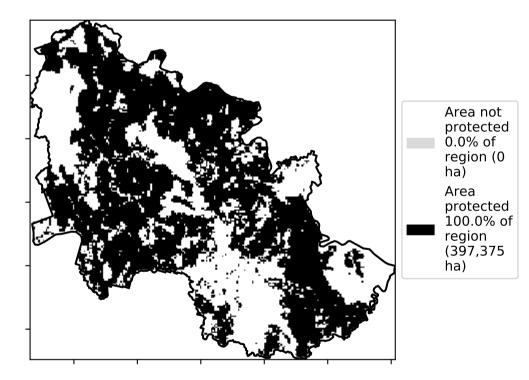


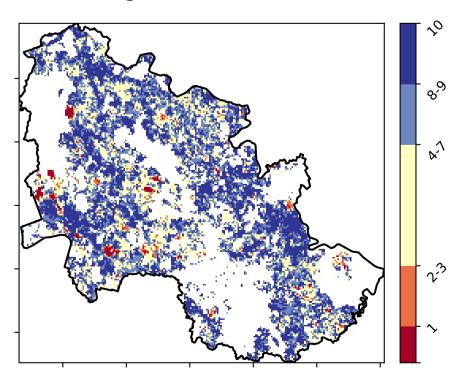
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





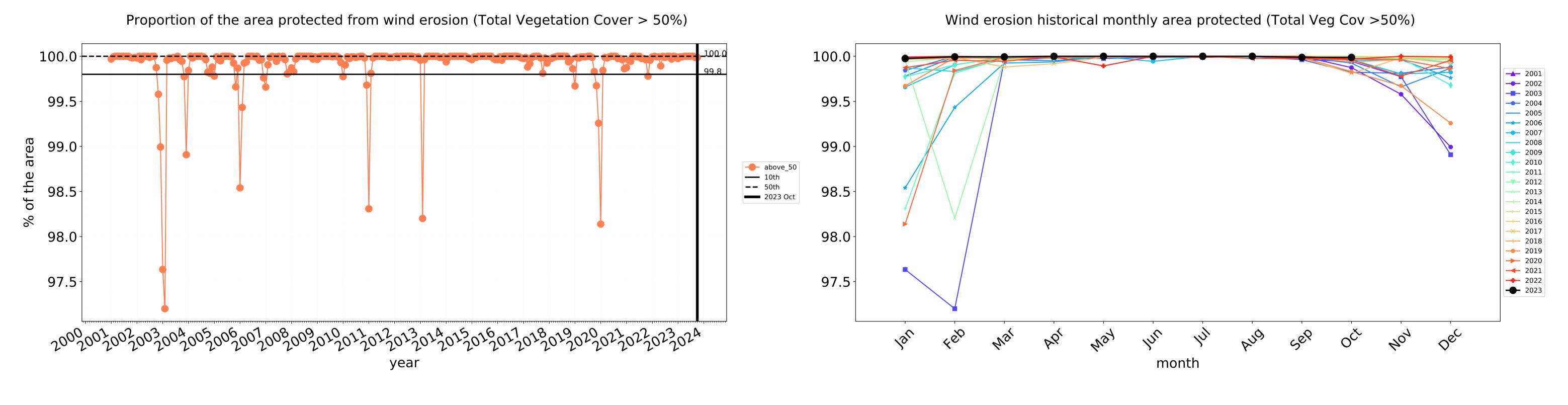


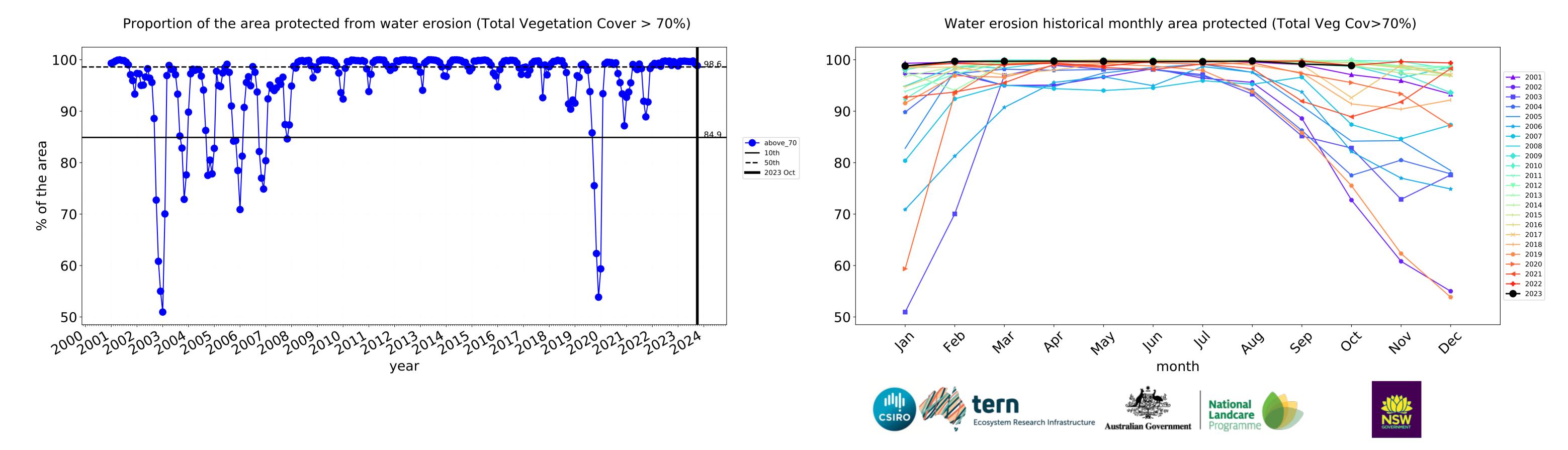


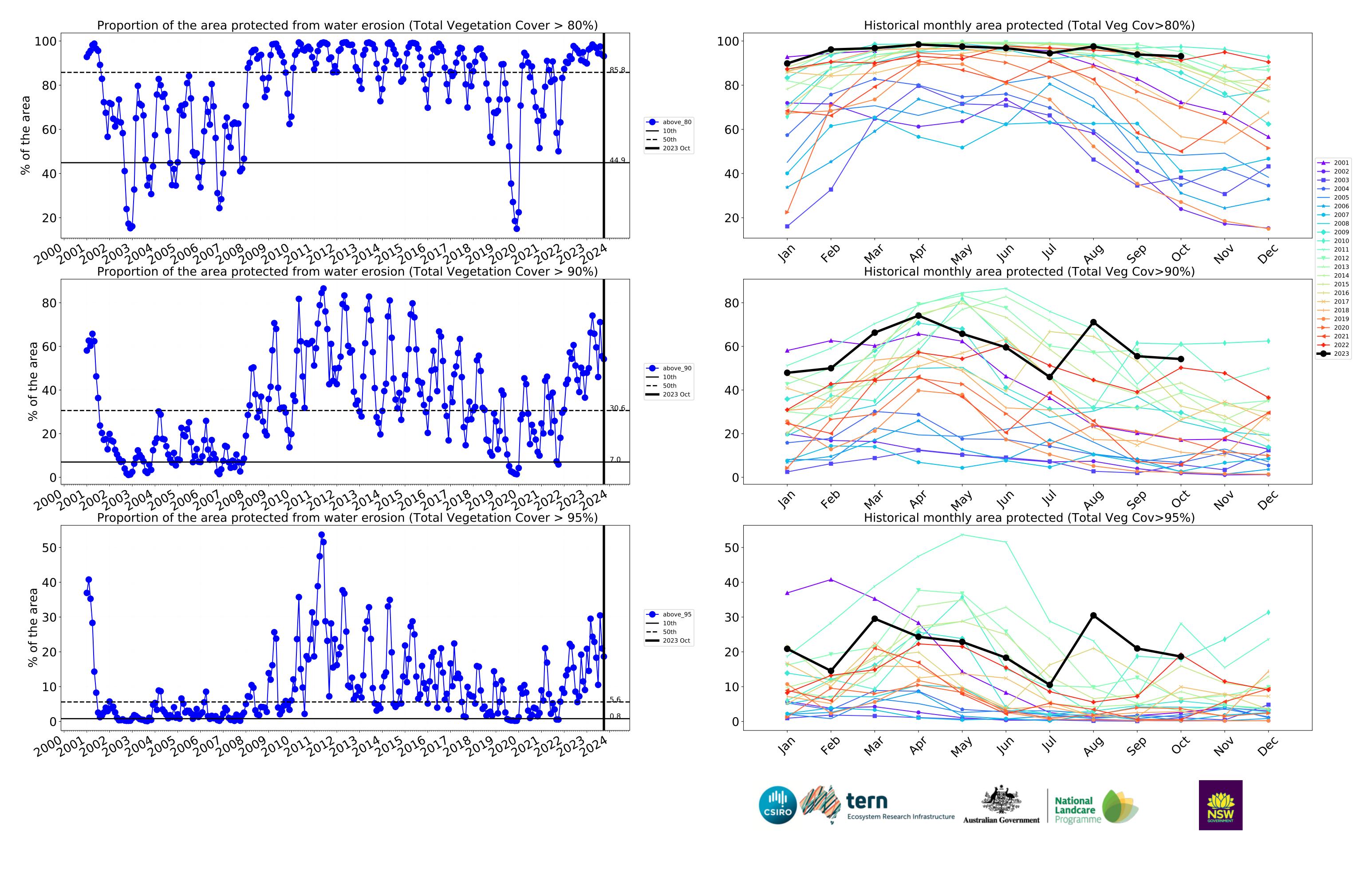




#### **Grazing non forest timeseries**







#### **Grazing Woodland forest**

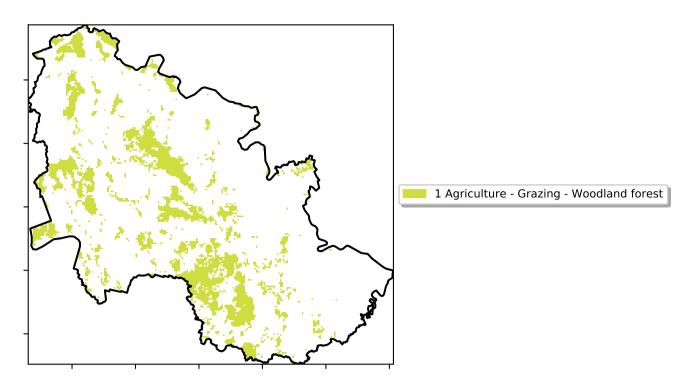
#### **Land use and forest cover**

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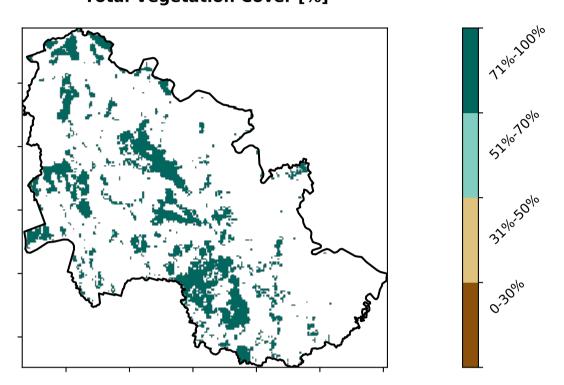
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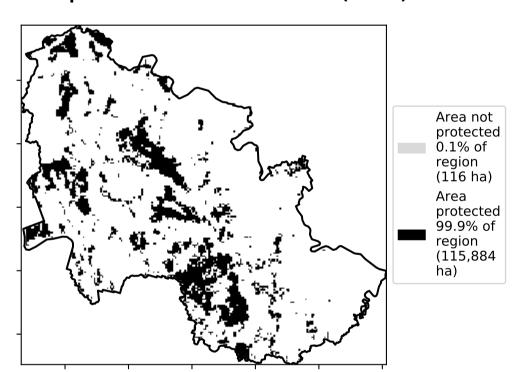
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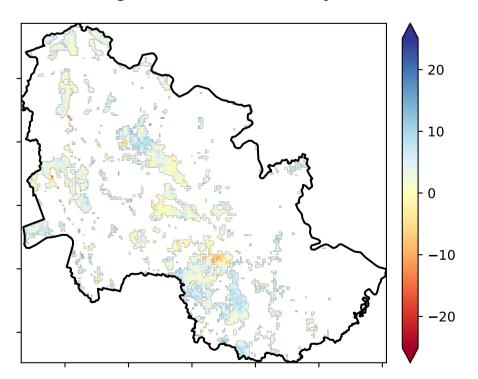
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

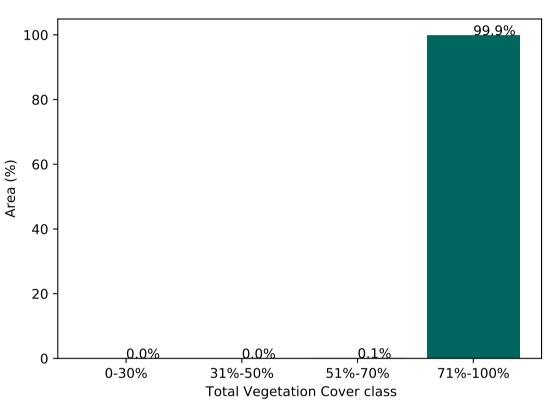


#### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

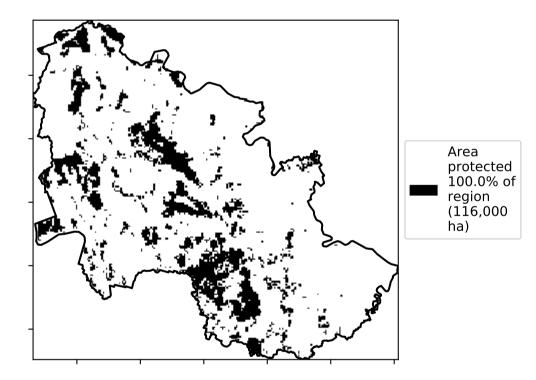


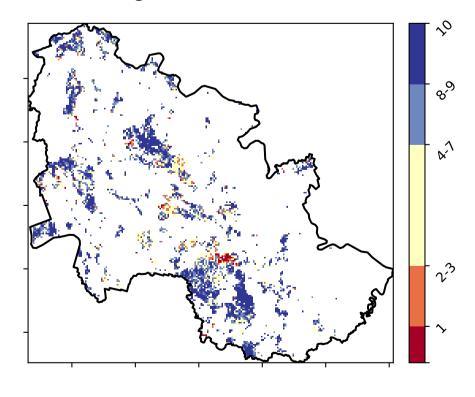
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#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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





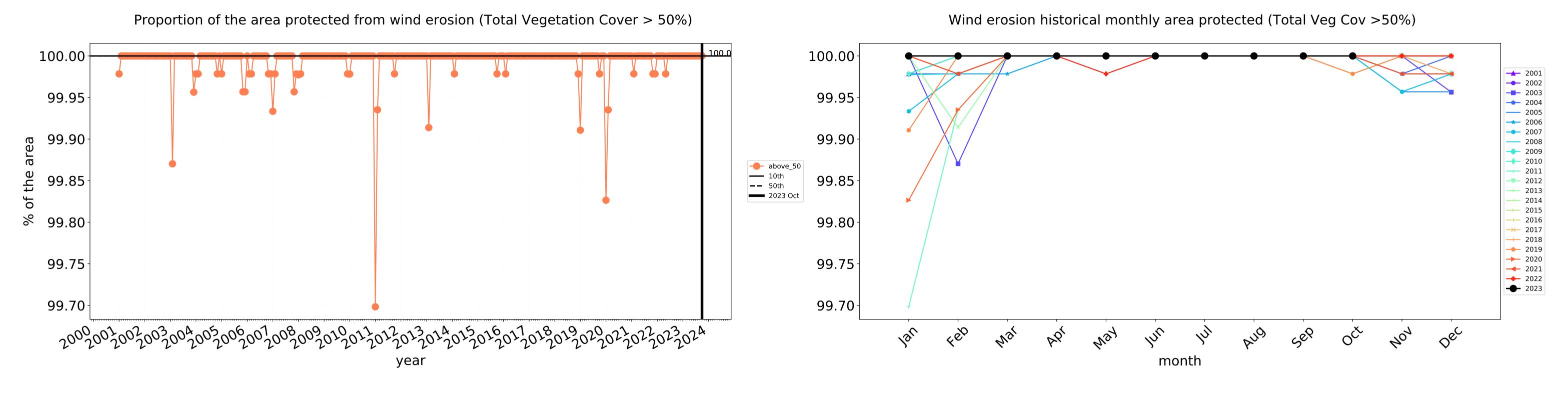


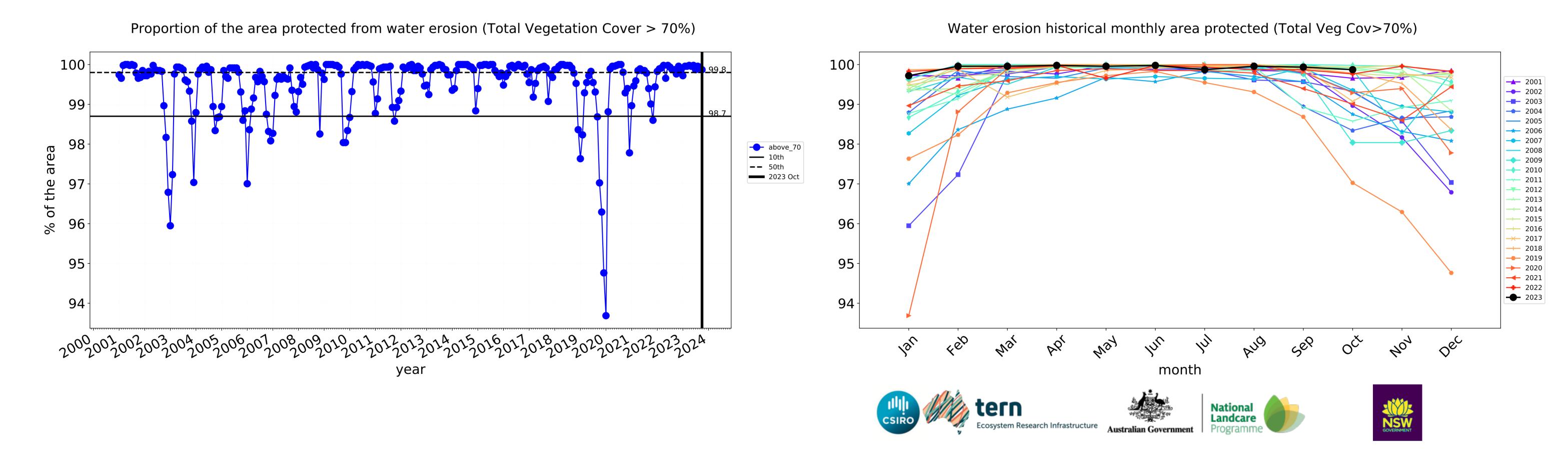


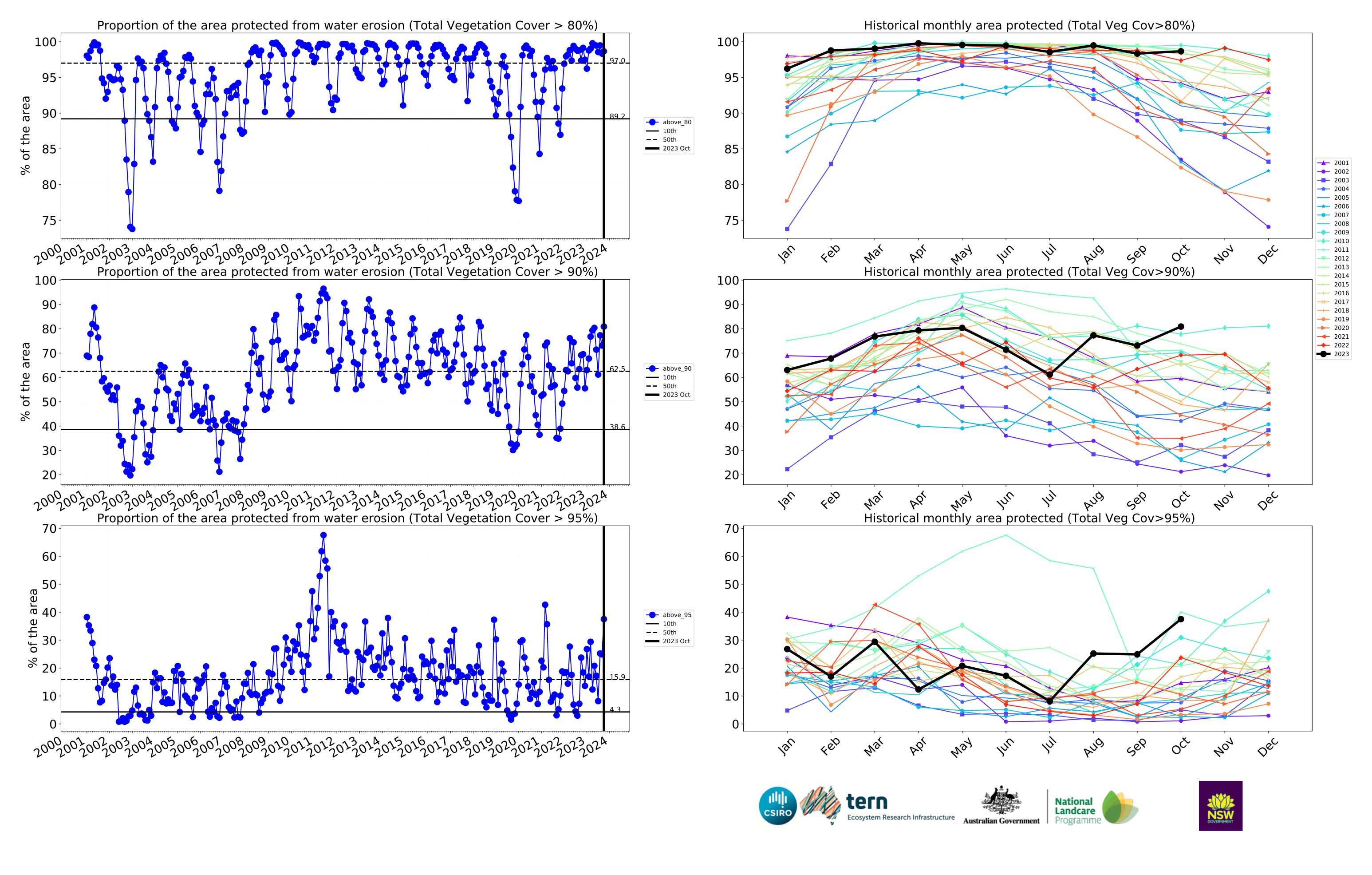




#### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







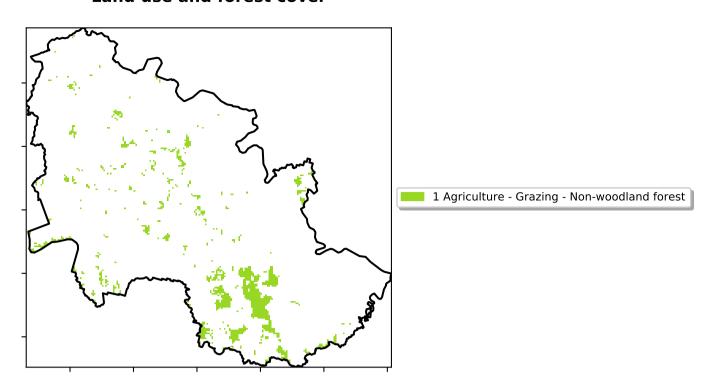
#### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

#### Land use and forest cover

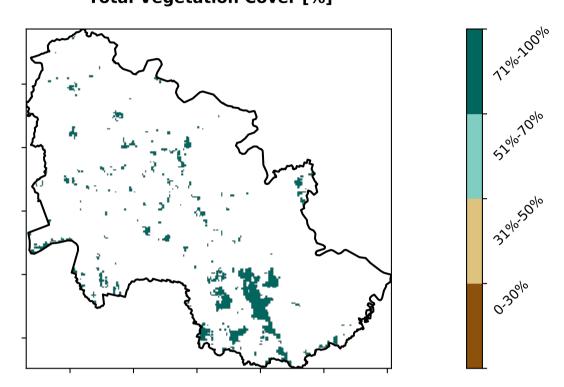
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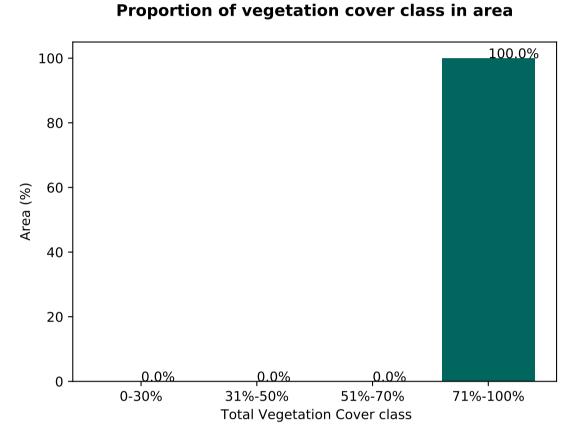
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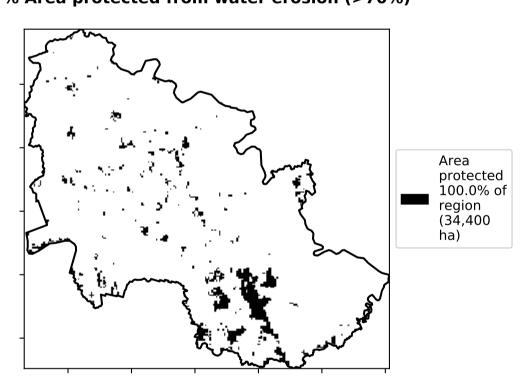


#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

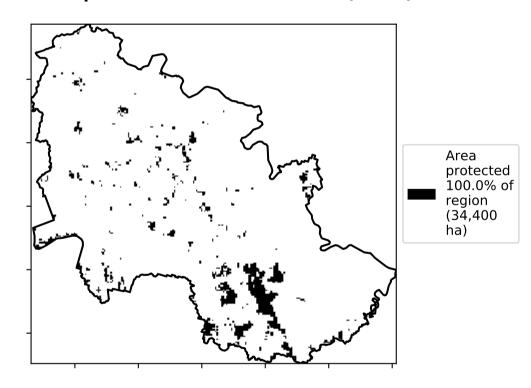




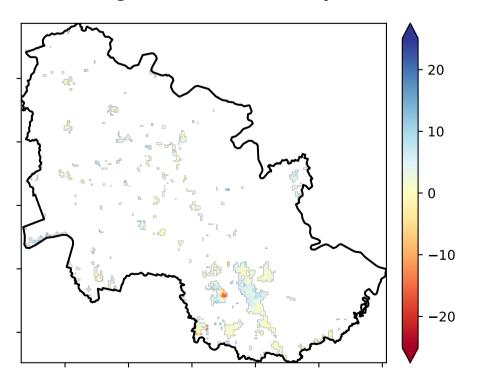
#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



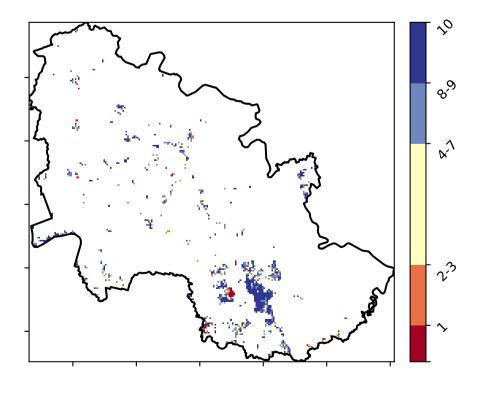
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#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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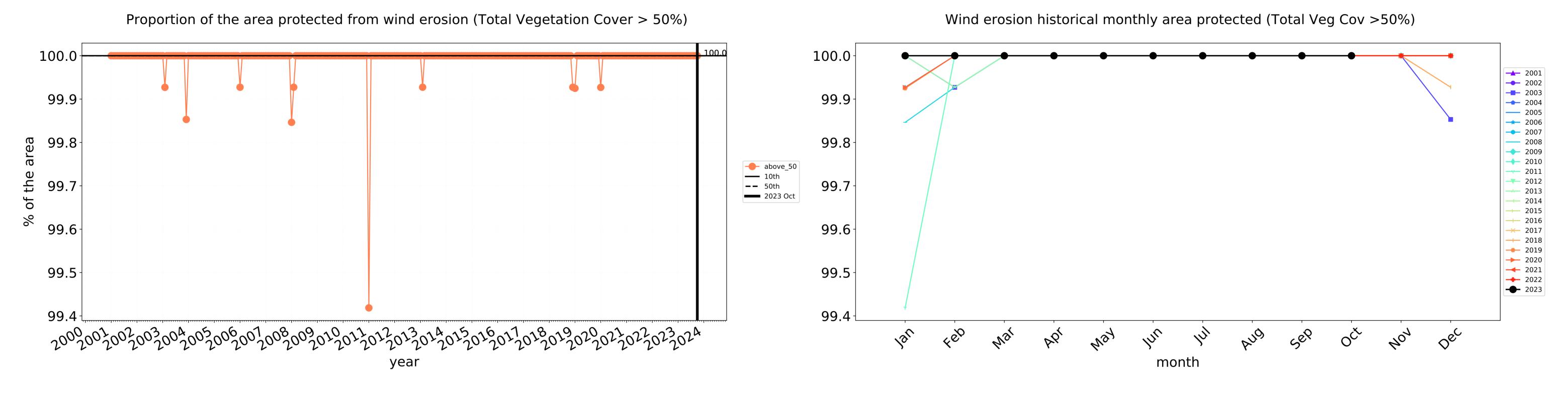


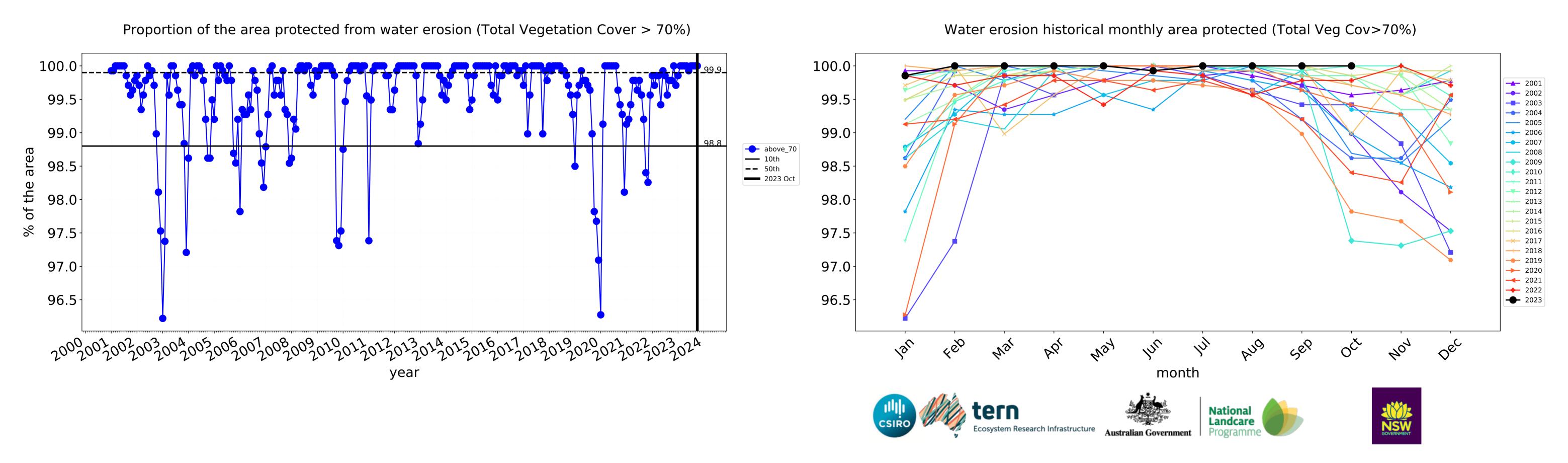


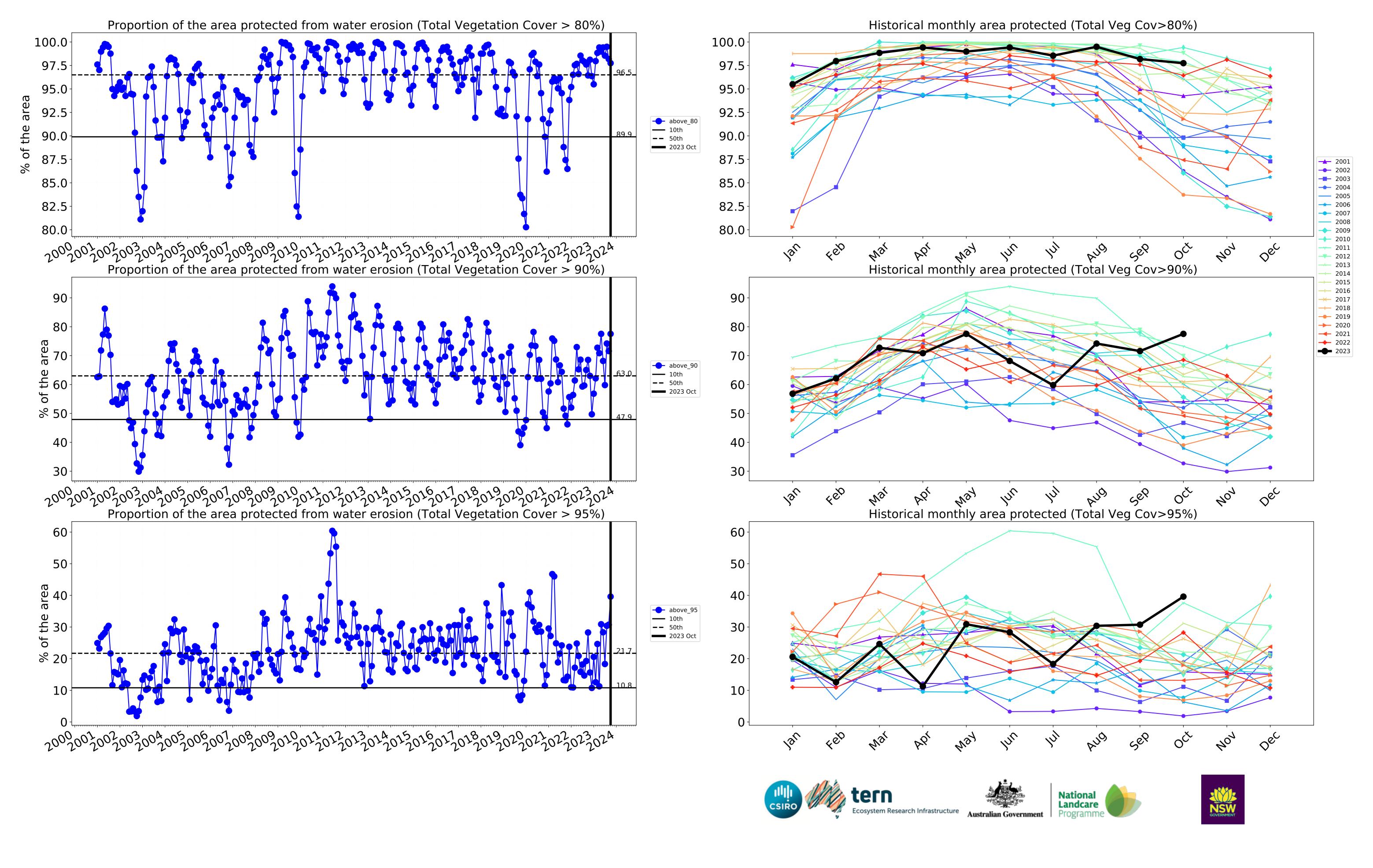












#### **Cropping**

#### Land use and forest cover

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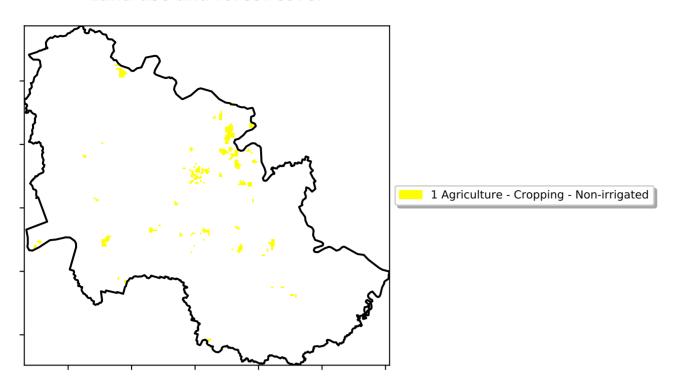
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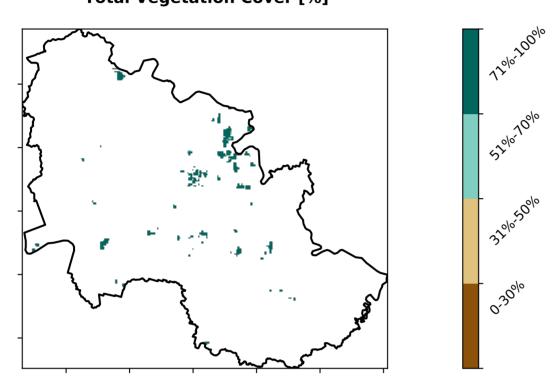
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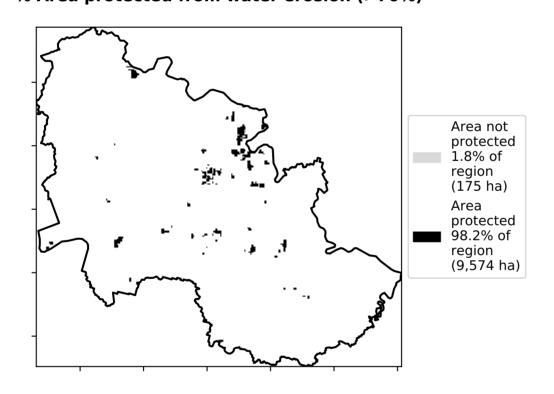
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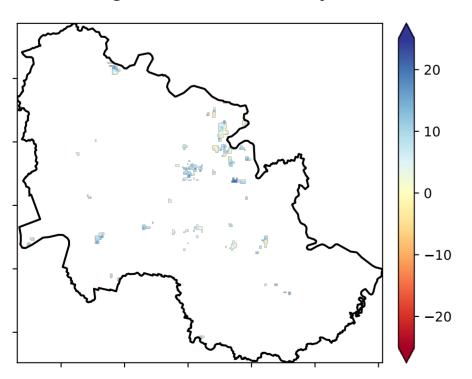
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

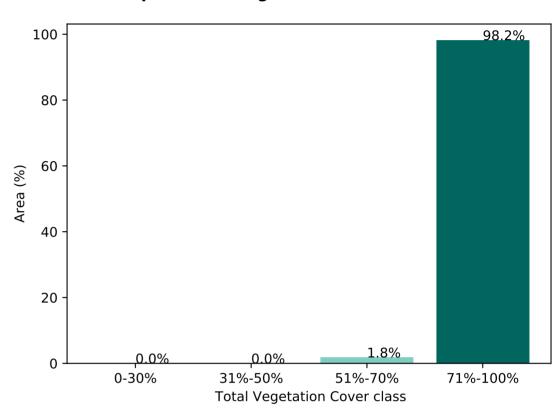


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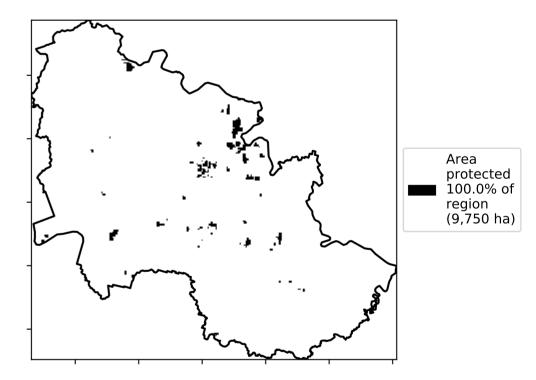


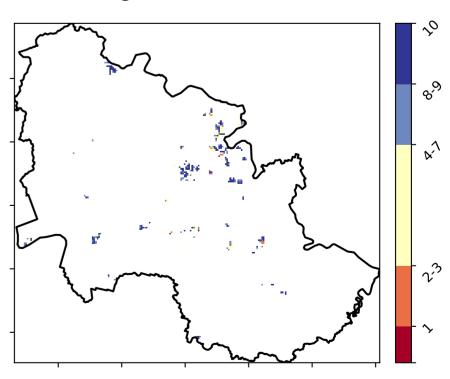
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





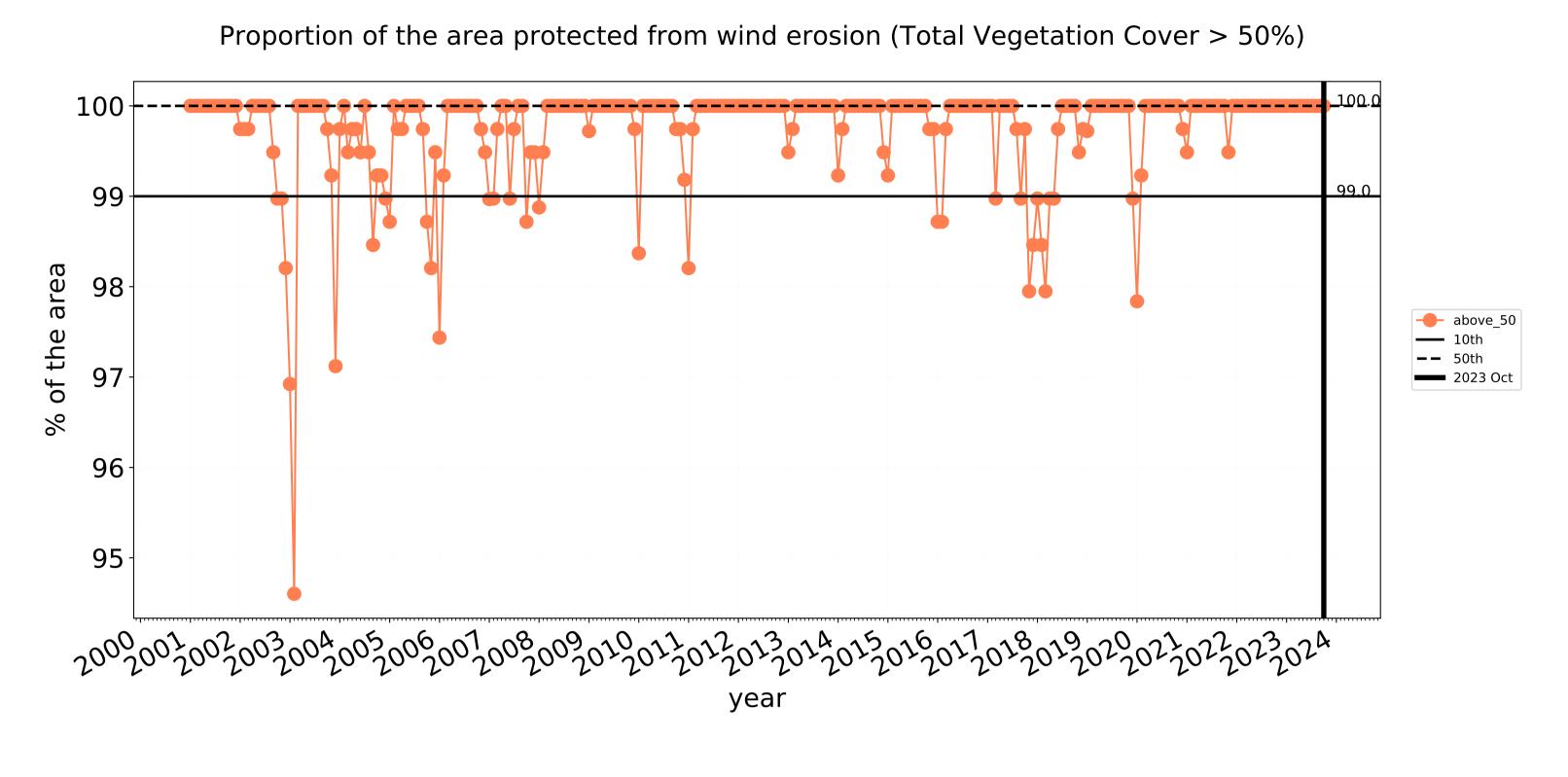


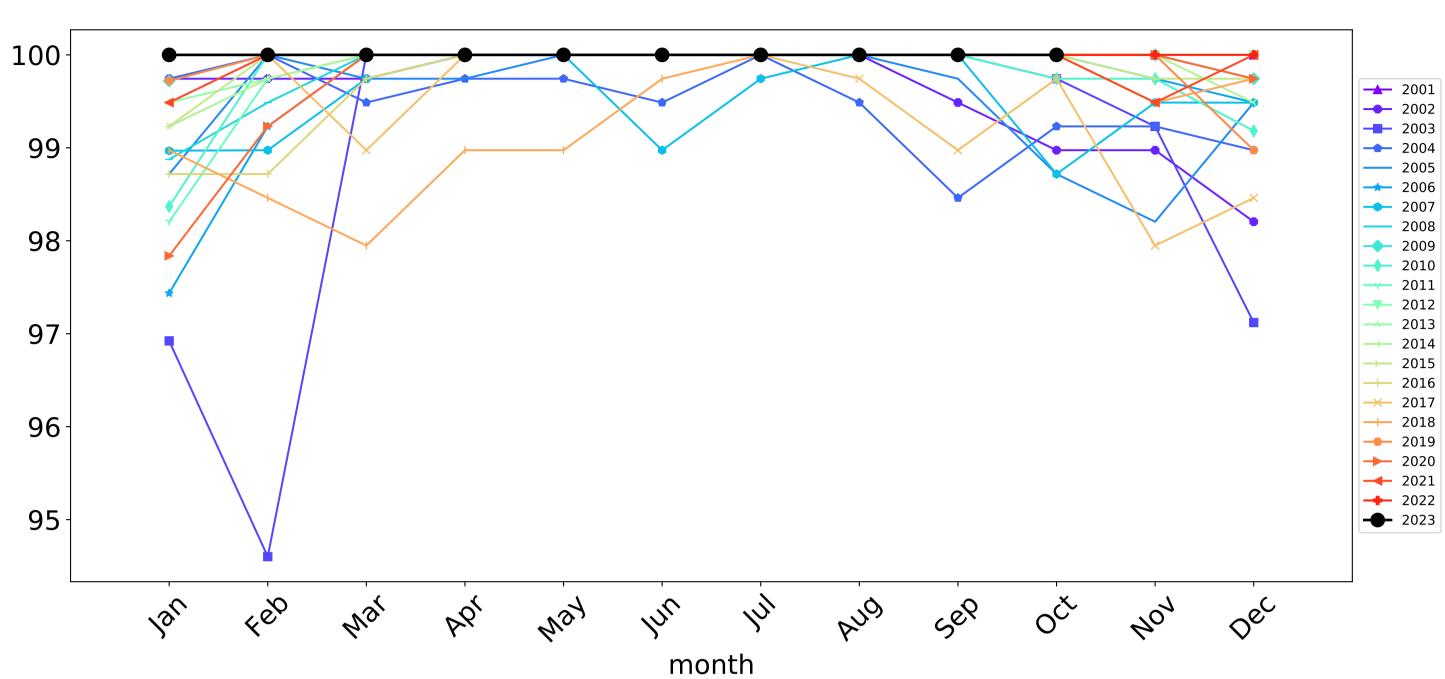




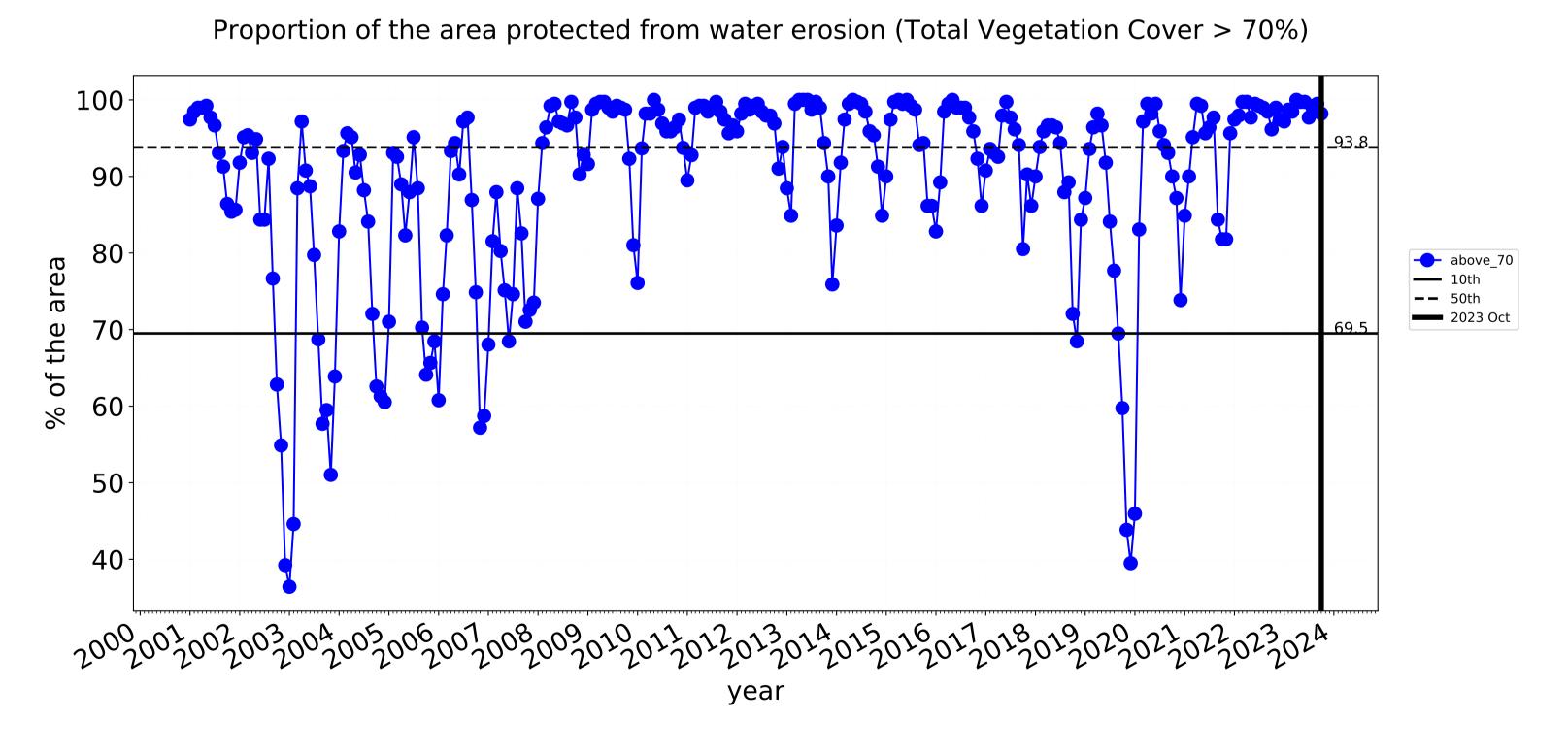


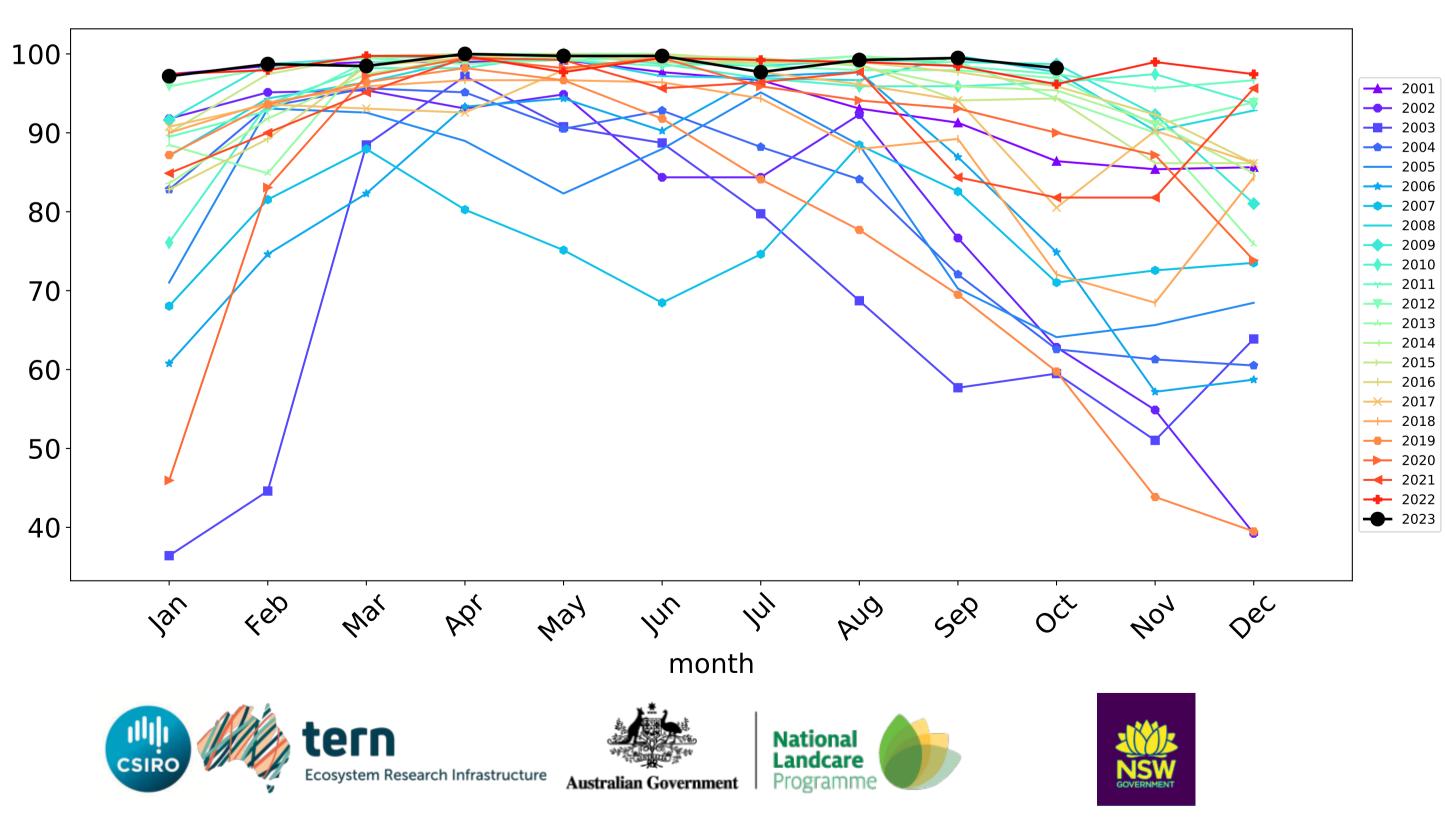
#### **Cropping timeseries**



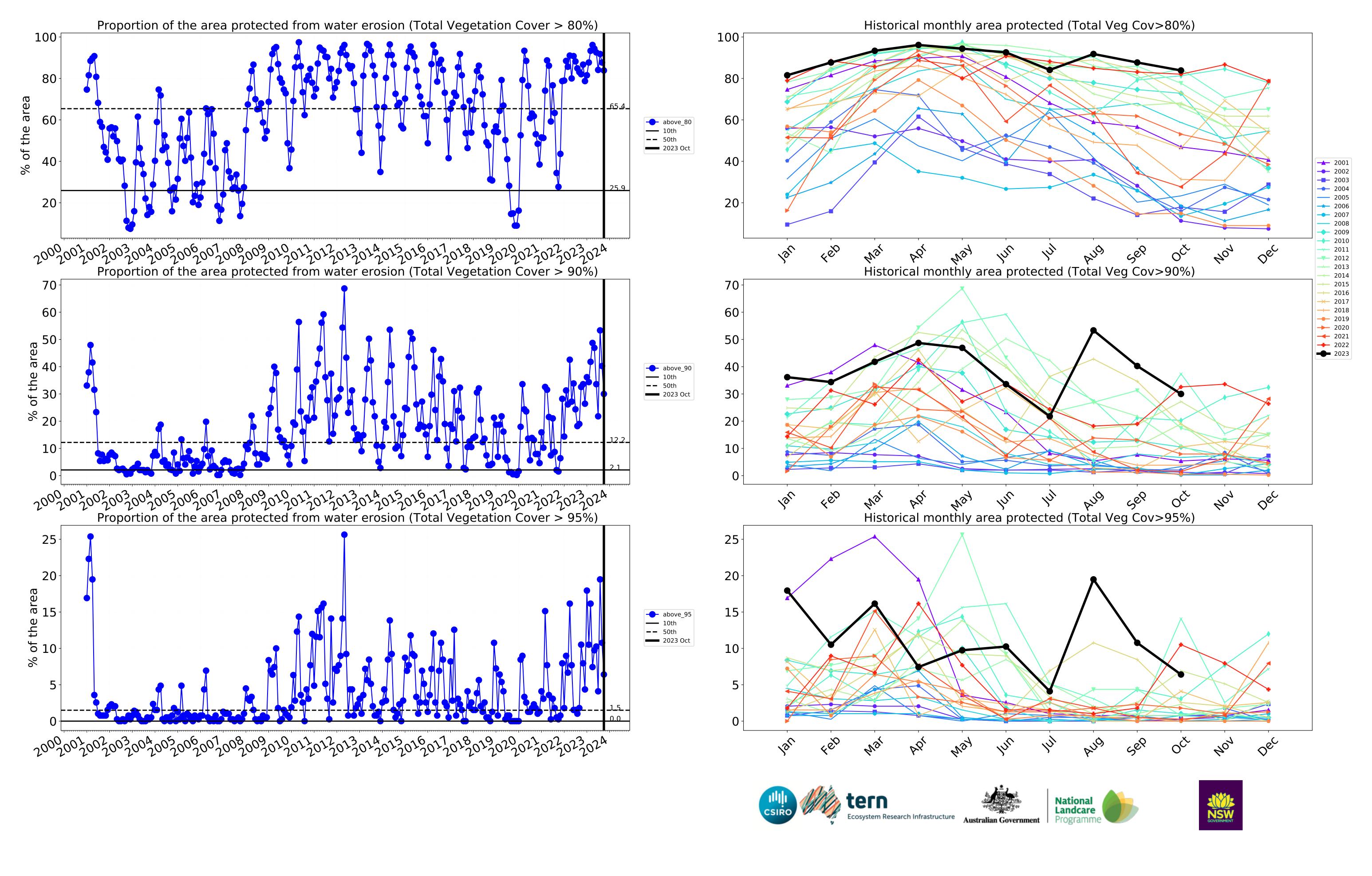


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





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



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

#### Land use and forest cover

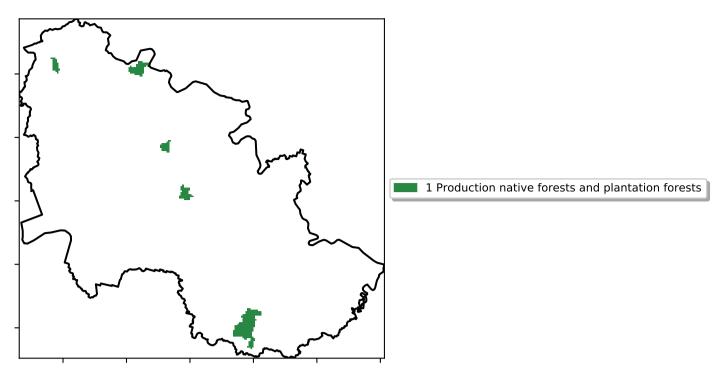
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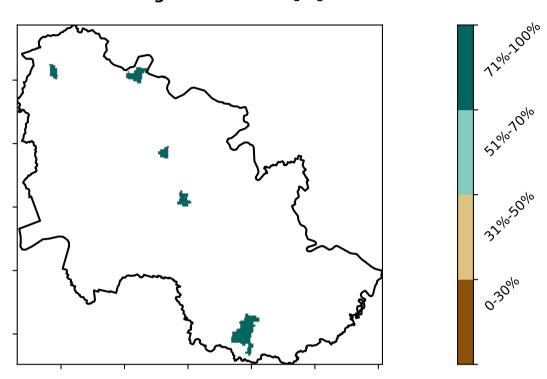
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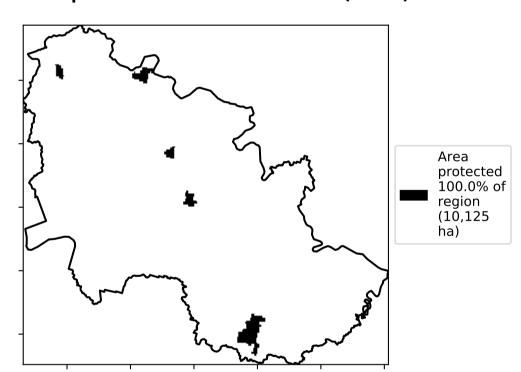
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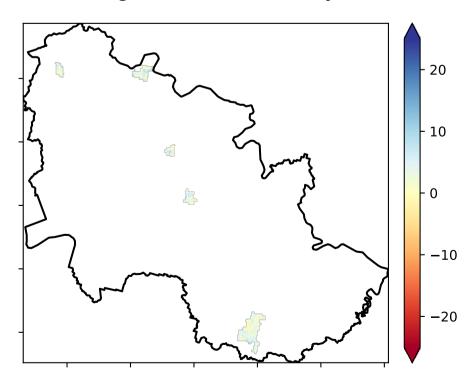
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

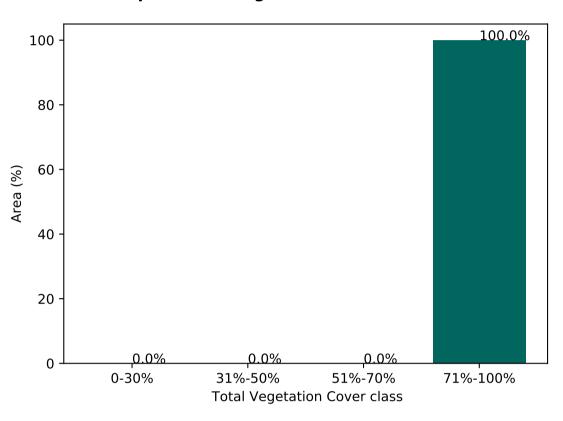


#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

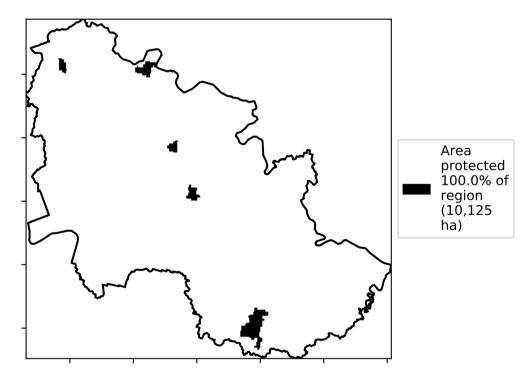


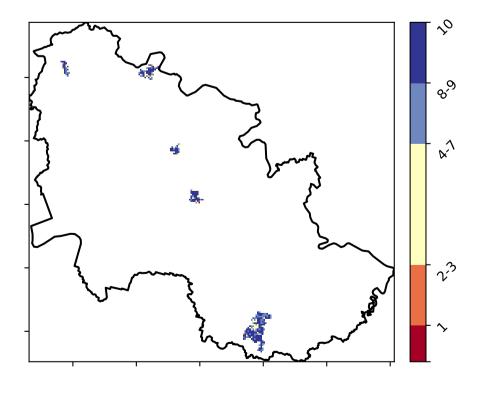
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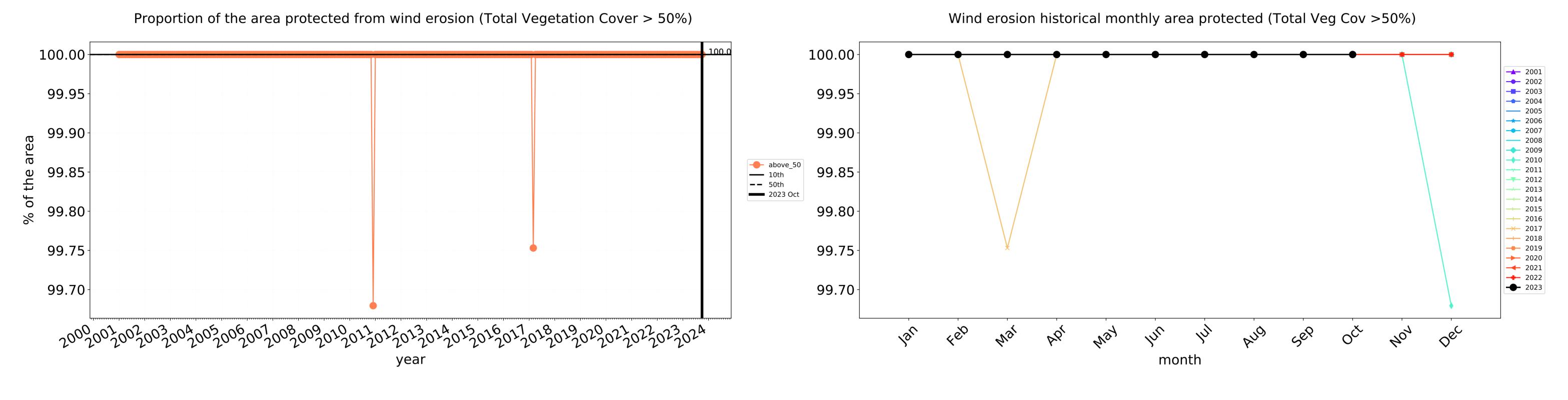


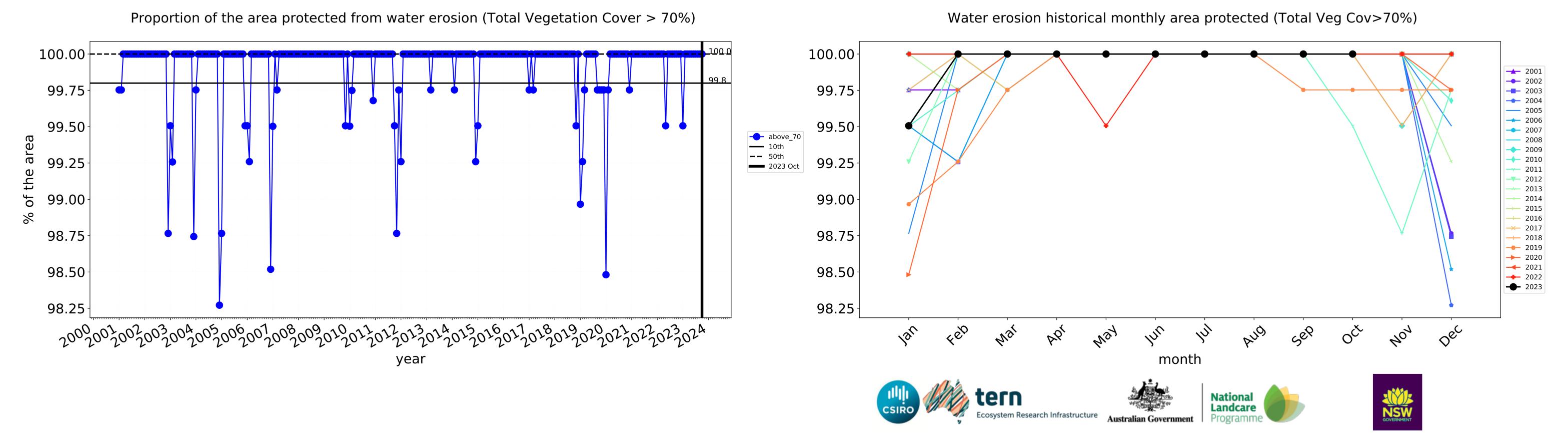


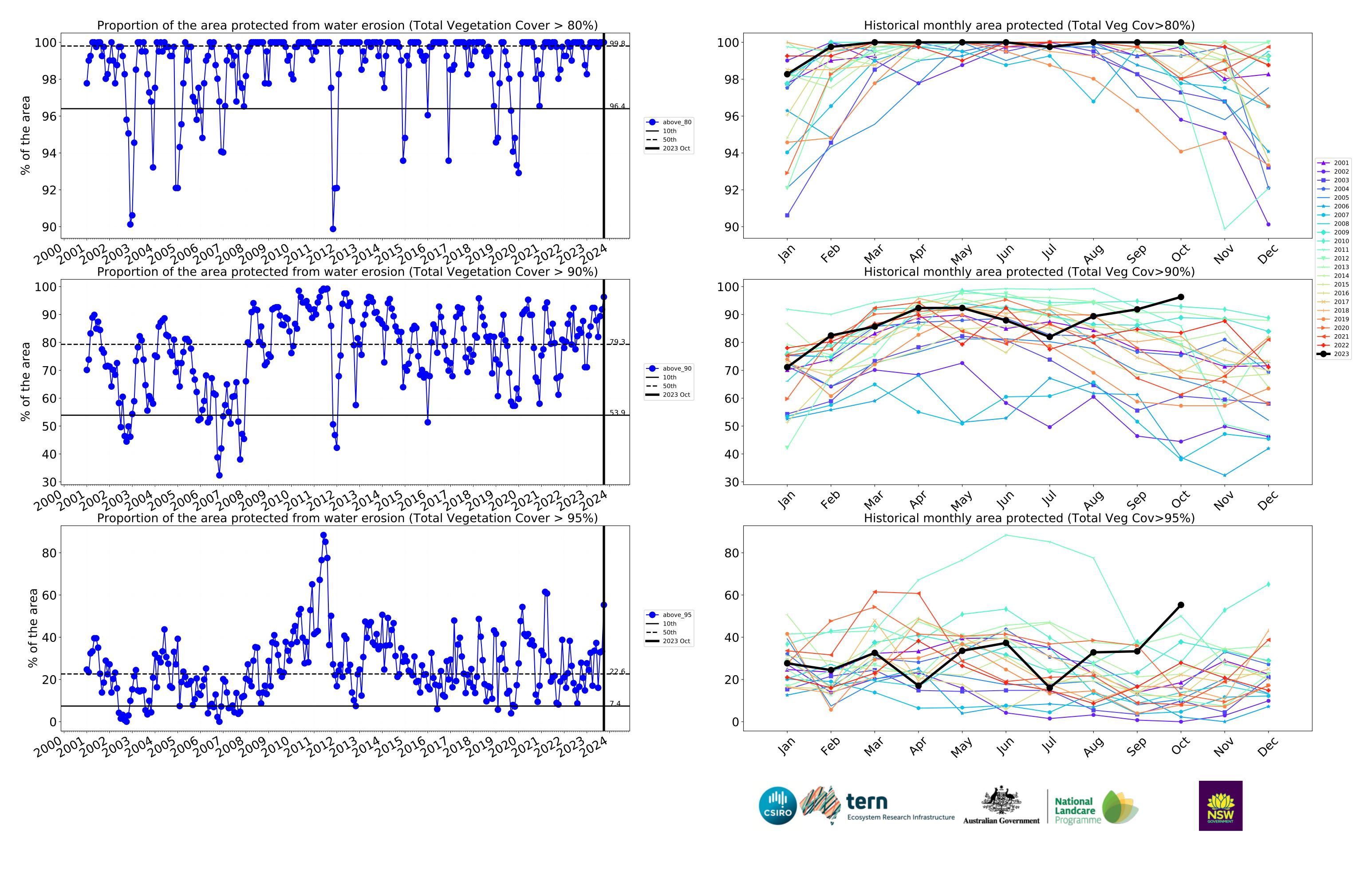




#### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







## Rockhampton\_(R) (650,900 ha and no data 6,168 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	650,900	100.0% 650,725	99.9% 649,925	98.4% 640,375	92.4% 601,225	60.3% 392,600	25.1% 163,500
Conservation and natural environments	38,650	100.0% 38,650	100.0% 38,650	100.0% 38,650	97.2% 37,550	87.2% 33,700	58.3% 22,525
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	24,625	100.0% 24,625	100.0% 24,625	100.0% 24,625	96.2% 23,700	85.1% 20,950	62.1% 15,300
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	13,075	100.0% 13,075	100.0% 13,075	100.0% 13,075	100.0% 13,075	95.0% 12,425	54.5% 7,125
Agriculture	560,700	100.0% 560,700	100.0% 560,650	99.1% 555,650	94.3% 528,725	60.6% 339,525	23.5% 131,950
Grazing	547,775	100.0% 547,775	100.0% 547,725	99.1% 543,075	94.6% 518,150	61.3% 335,900	24.0% 131,225
Grazing non forest	397,375	100.0% 397,375	100.0% 397,325	98.9% 392,825	93.1% 370,075	54.2% 215,375	18.6% 74,075
Grazing Woodland forest	116,000	100.0% 116,000	100.0% 116,000	99.9% 115,850	98.7% 114,450	80.9% 93,850	37.5% 43,525
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	34,400	100.0% 34,400	100.0% 34,400	100.0% 34,400	97.7% 33,625	77.5% 26,675	39.6% 13,625
Cropping	9,750	100.0% 9,750	100.0% 9,750	98.2% 9,575	83.8% 8,175	30.0% 2,925	6.4% 625
Production native forests and plantation forests	10,125	100.0% 10,125	100.0% 10,125	100.0% 10,125	100.0% 10,125	96.3% 9,750	55.3% 5,600







