

## LGA Somerset\_(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.

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- 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 80
  - 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).  
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- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover

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>



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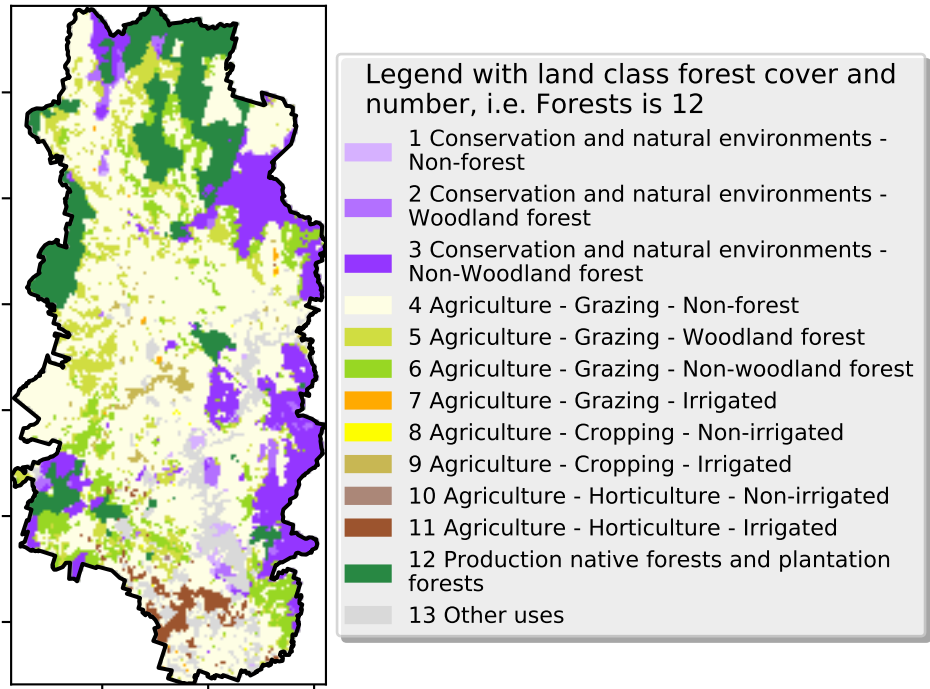


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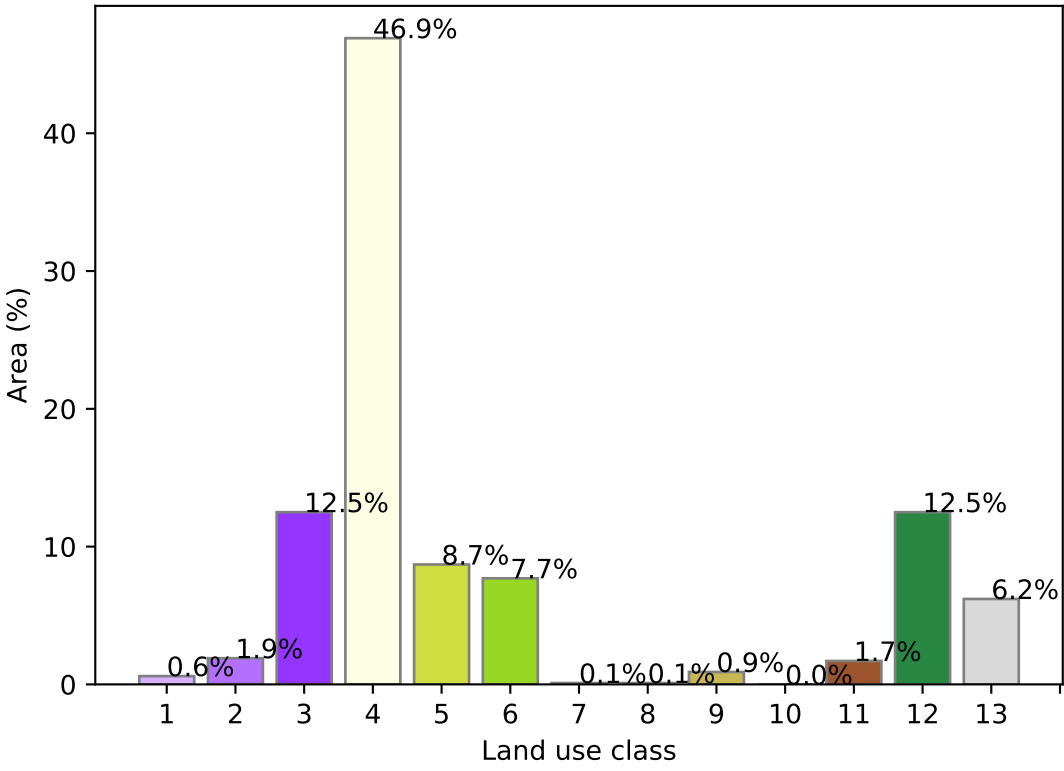
# Vegetation Cover Aug 2019

Land use and forest cover

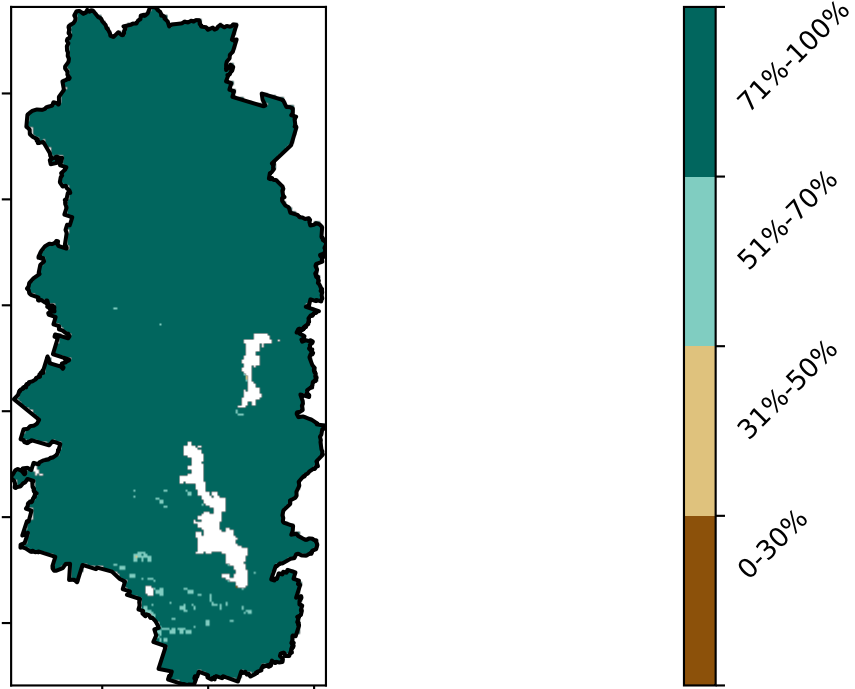
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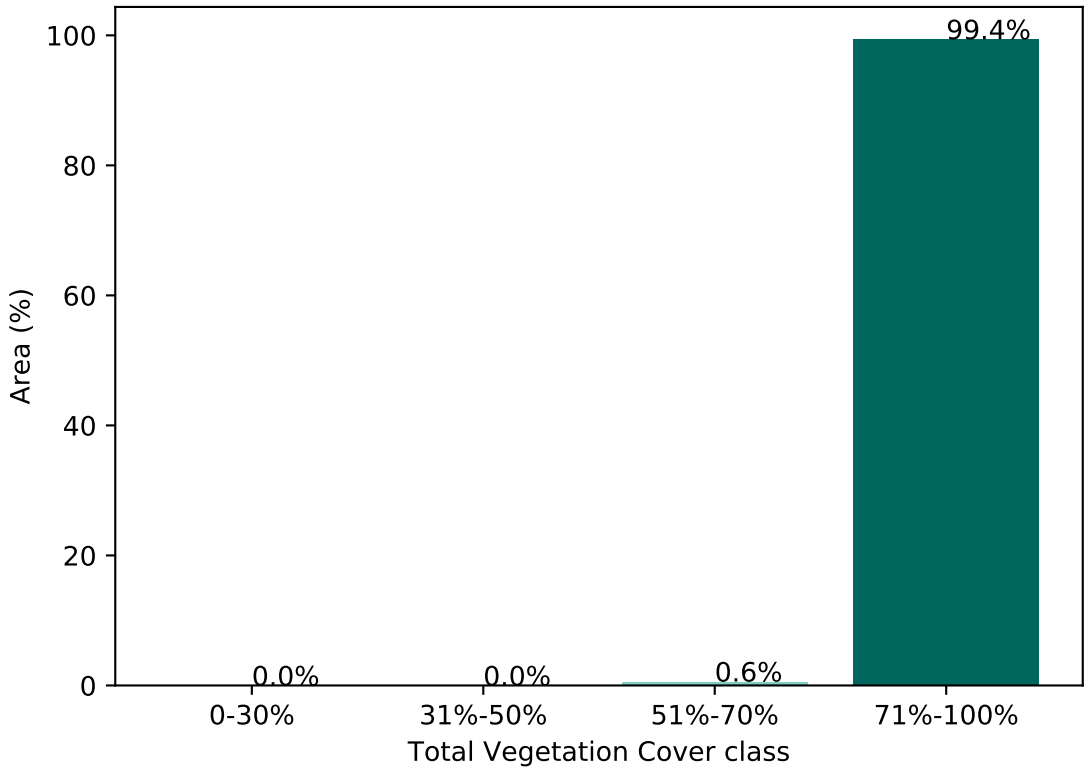
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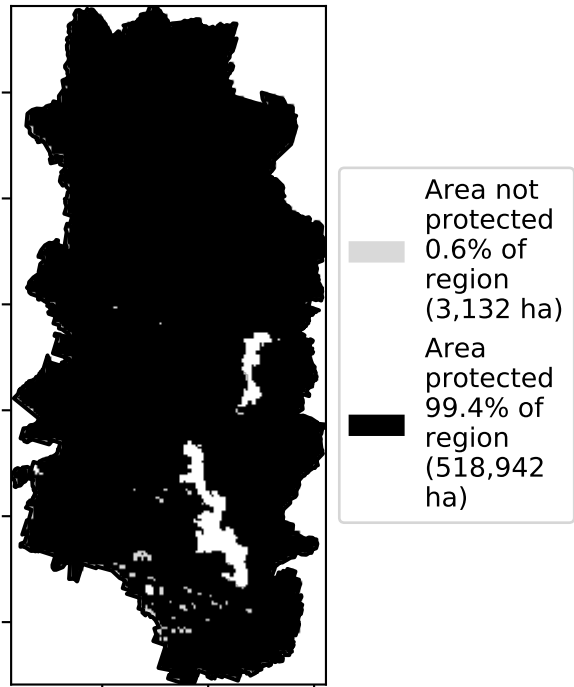
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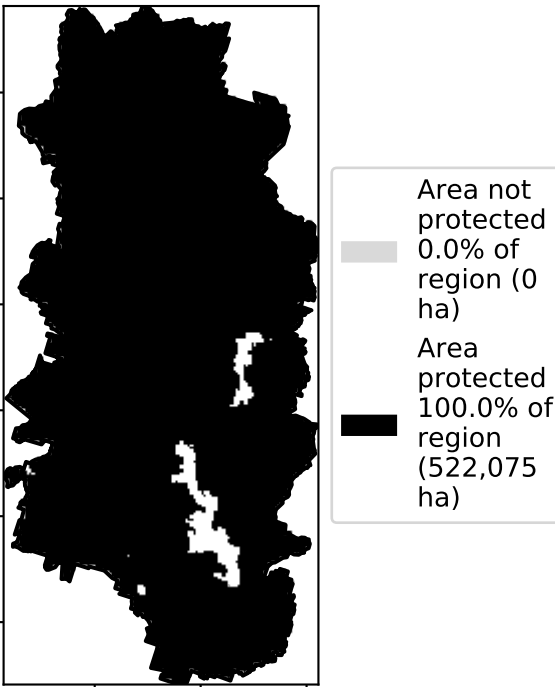
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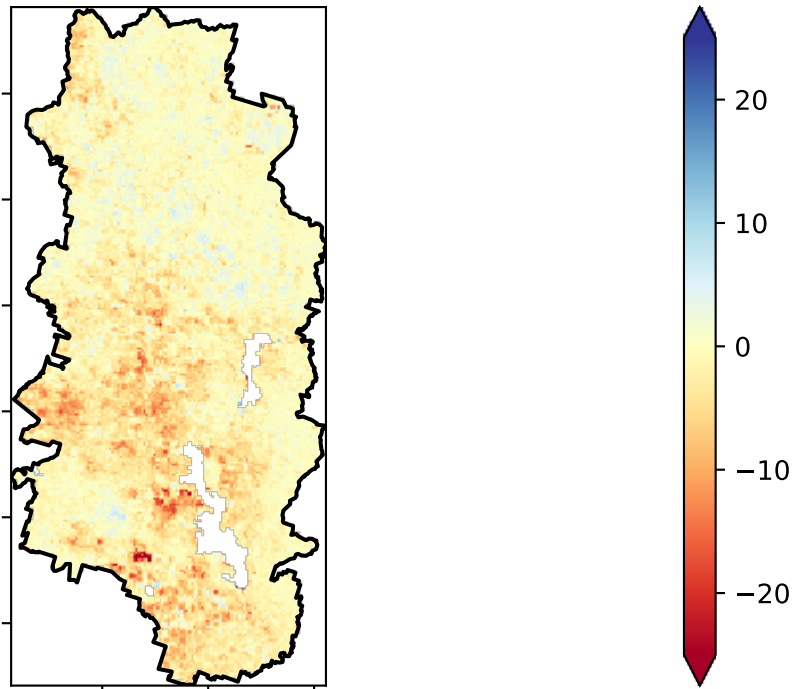


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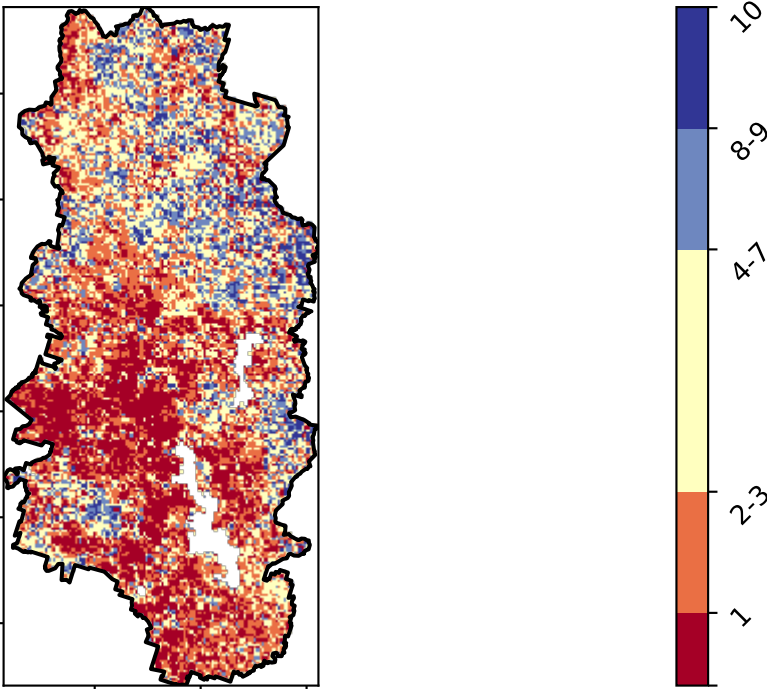
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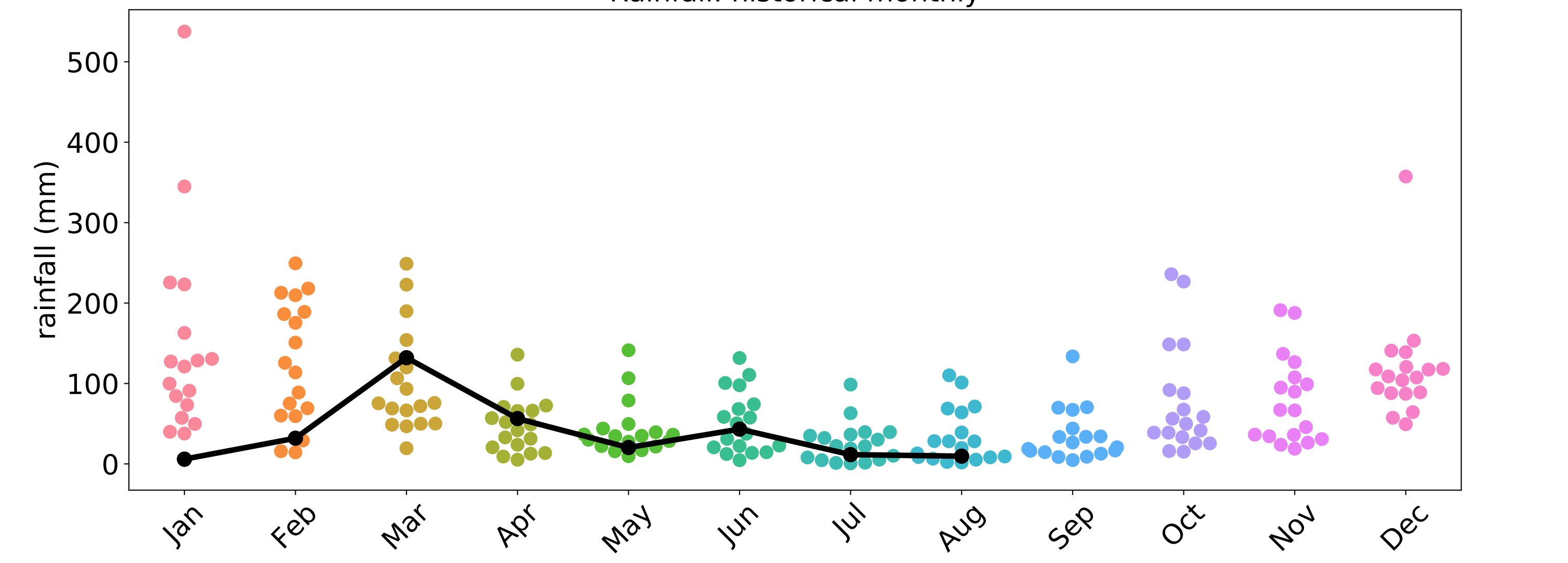
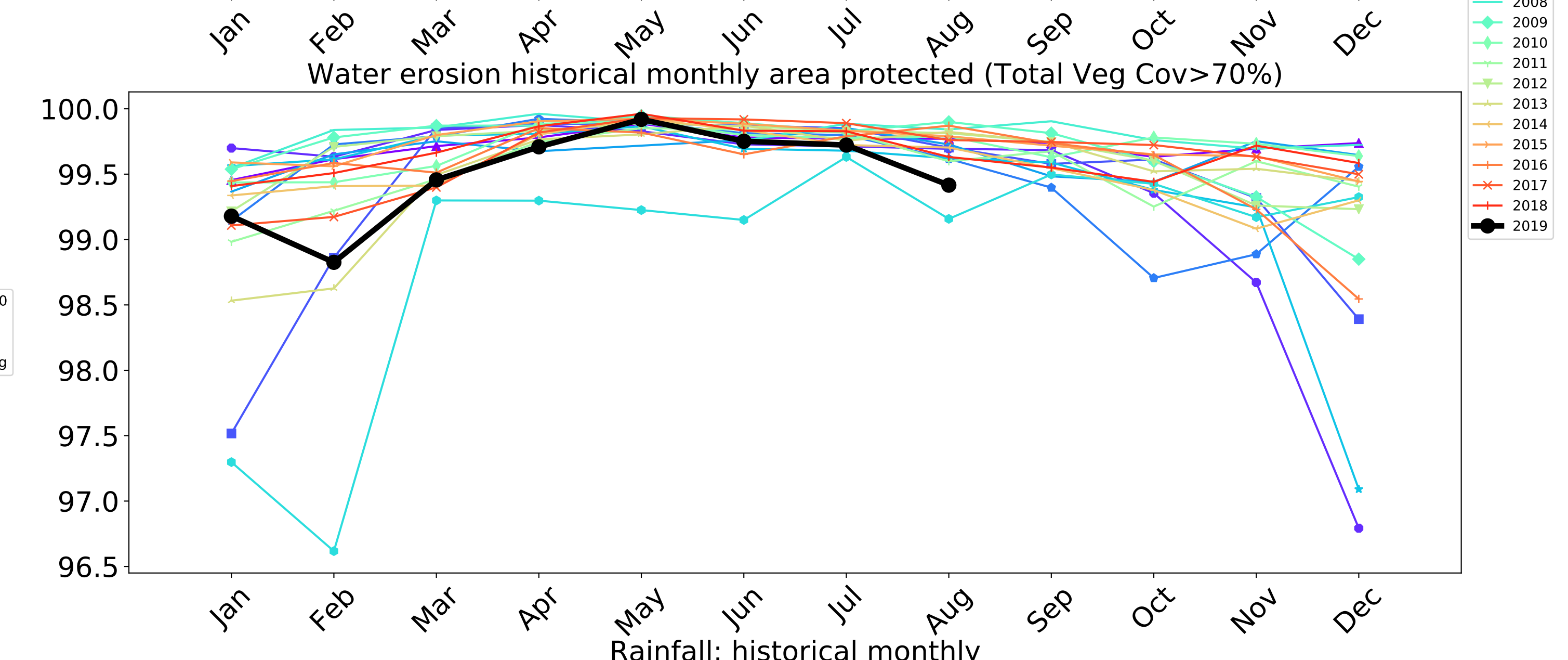
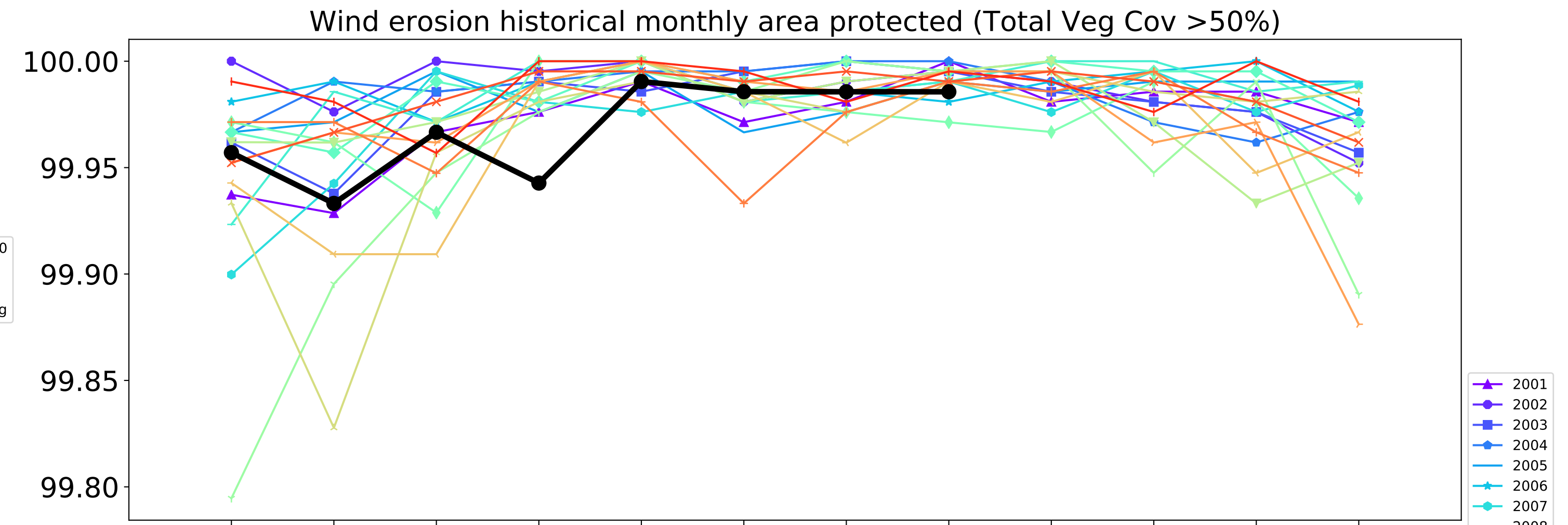
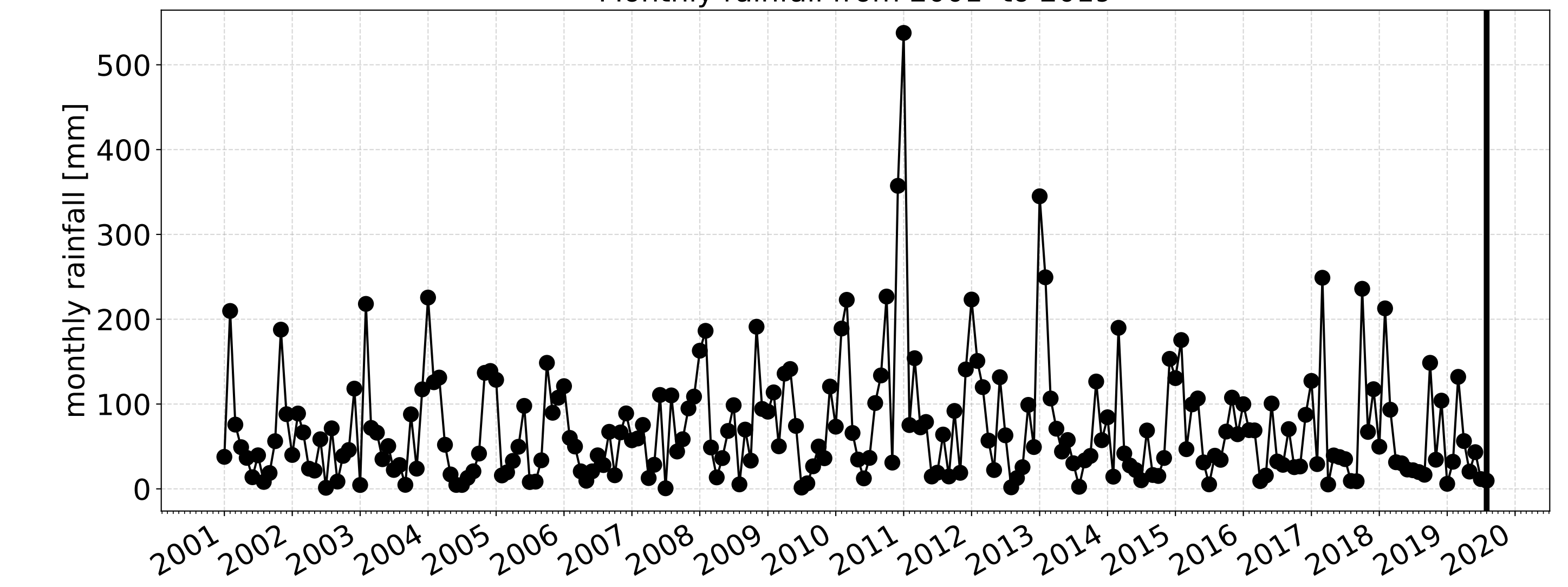
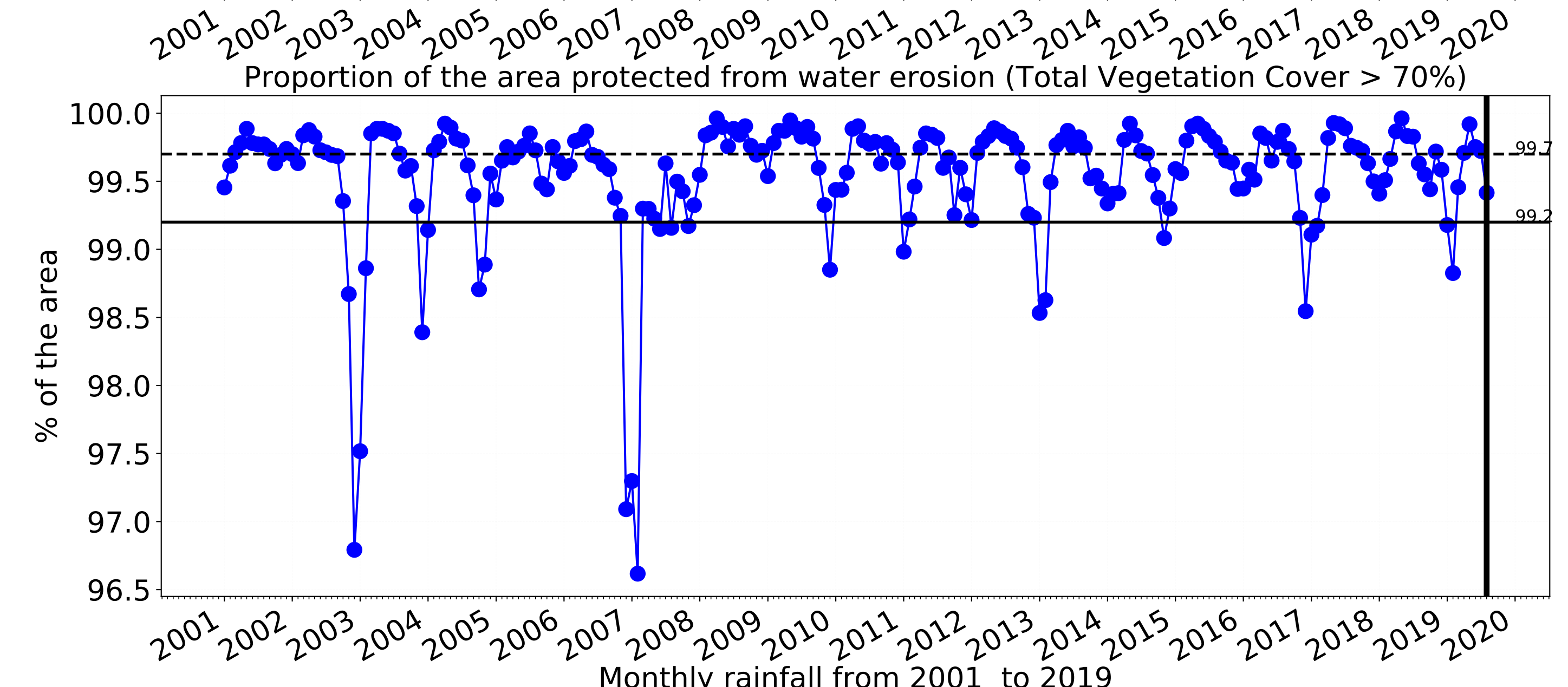
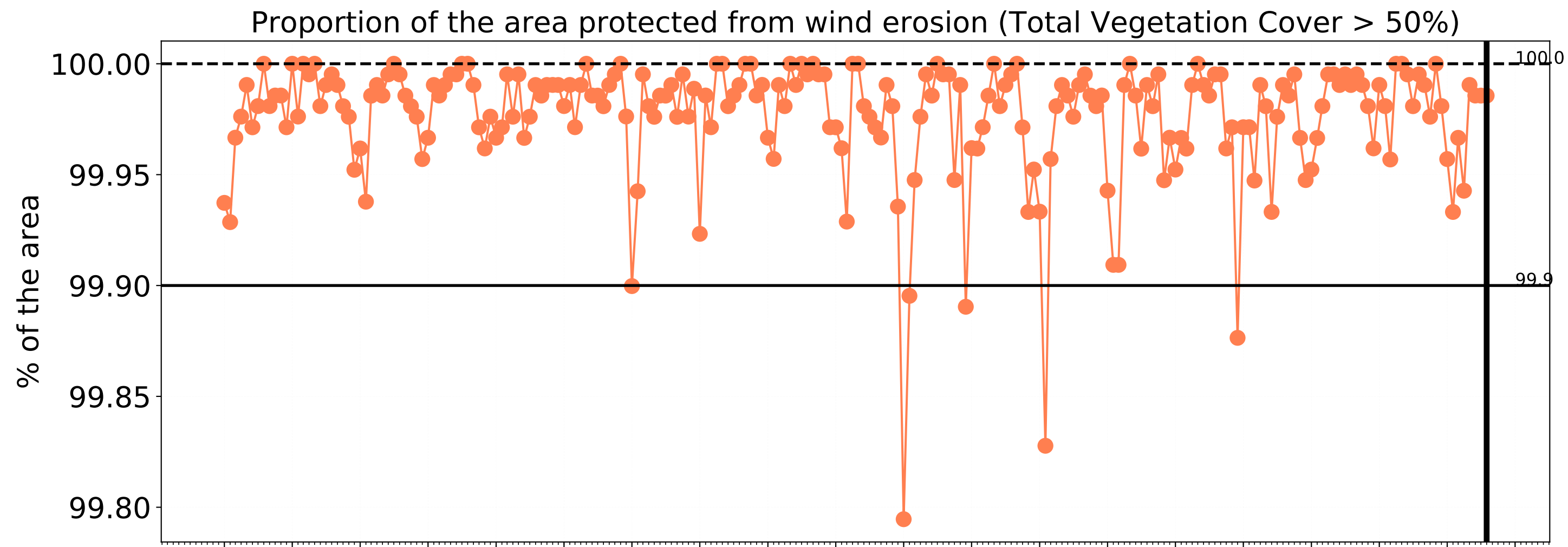


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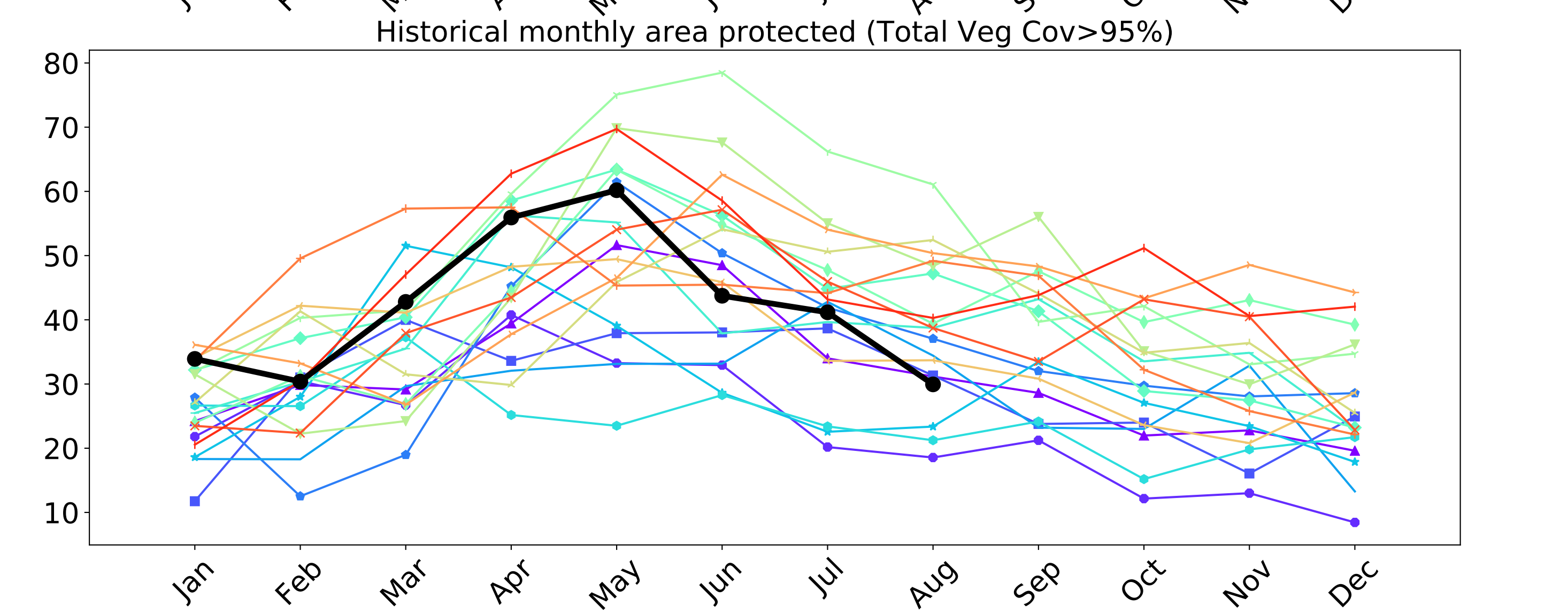
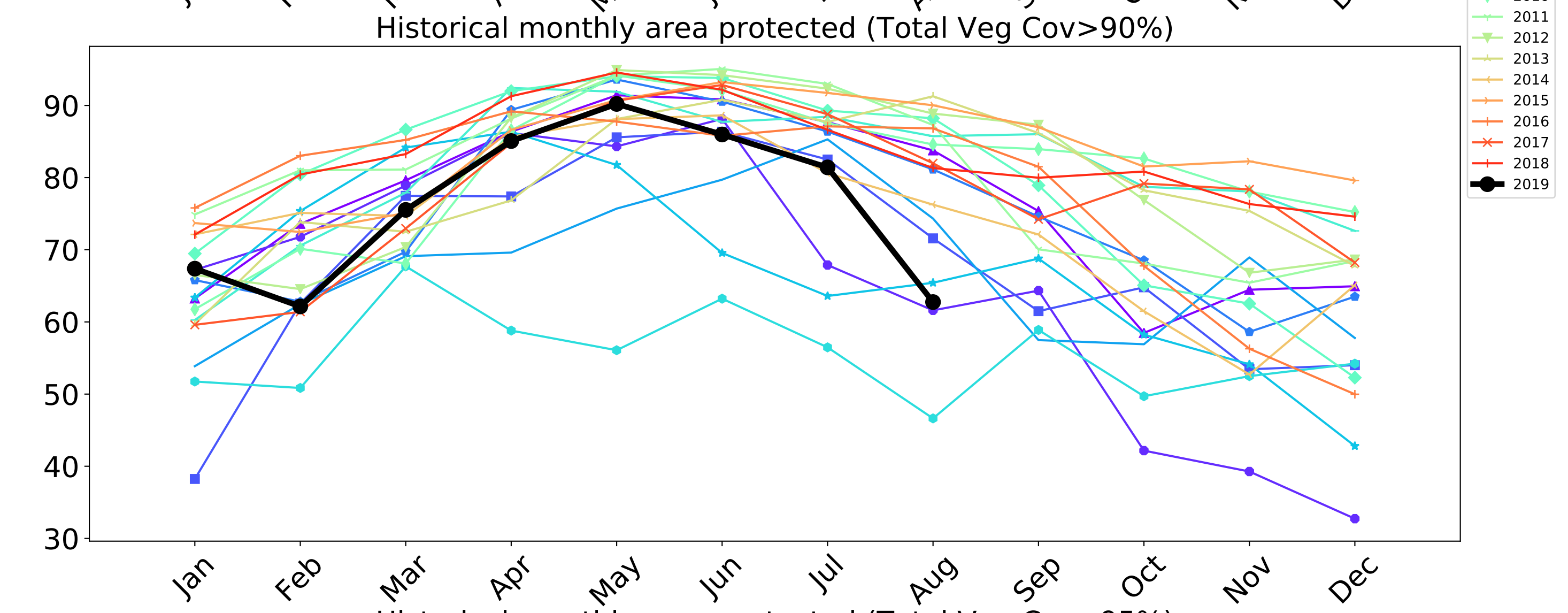
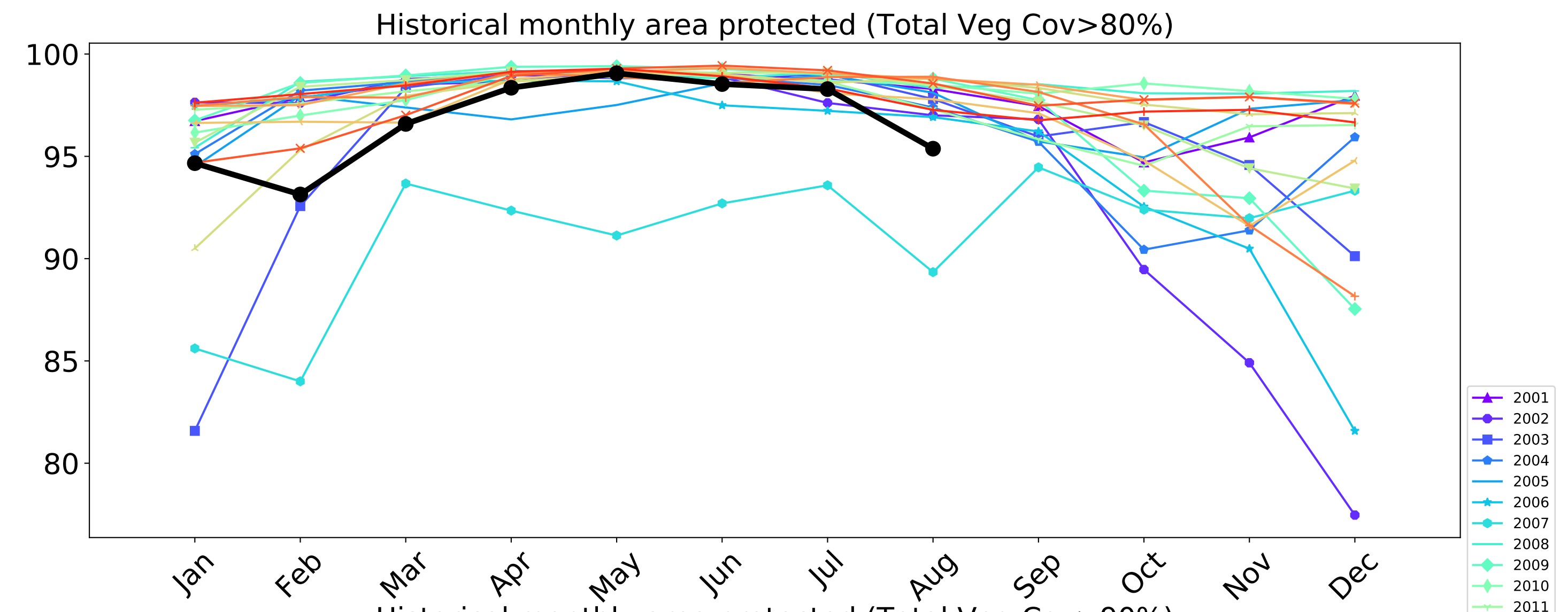
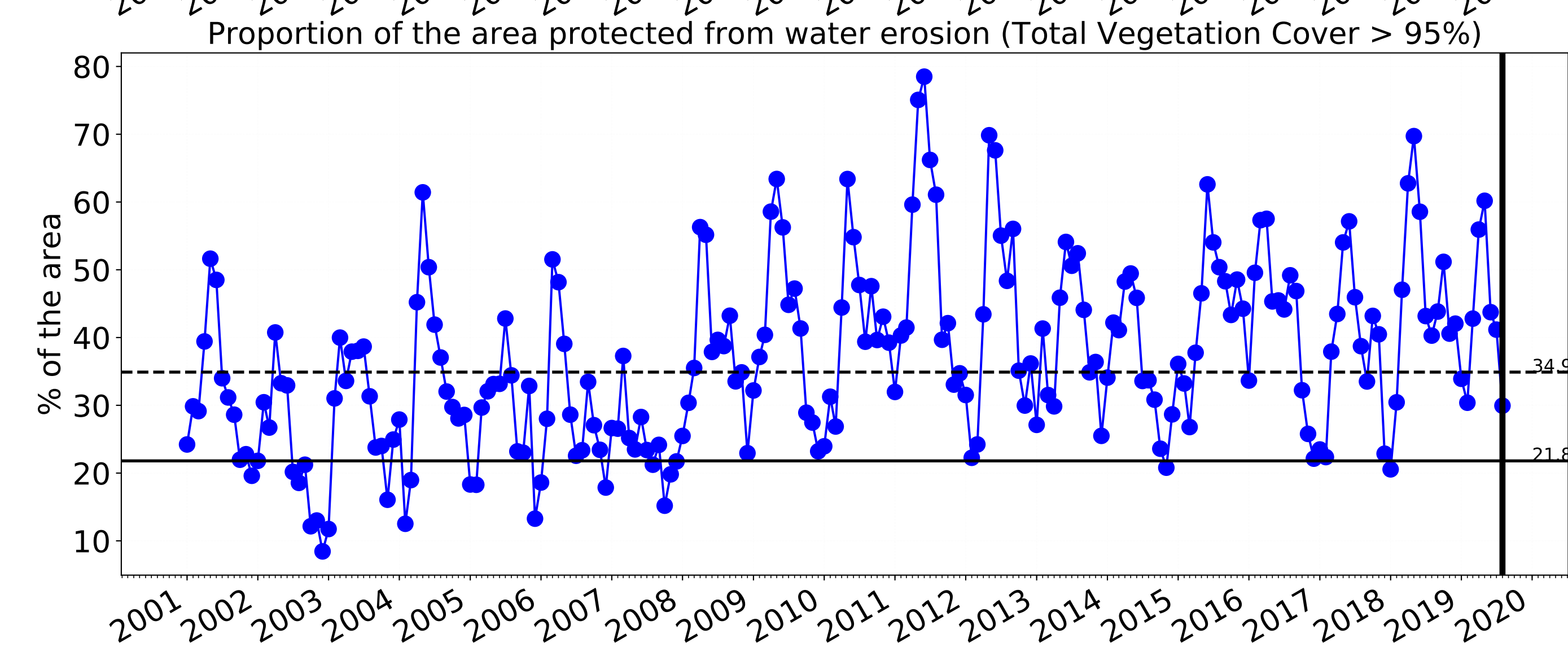
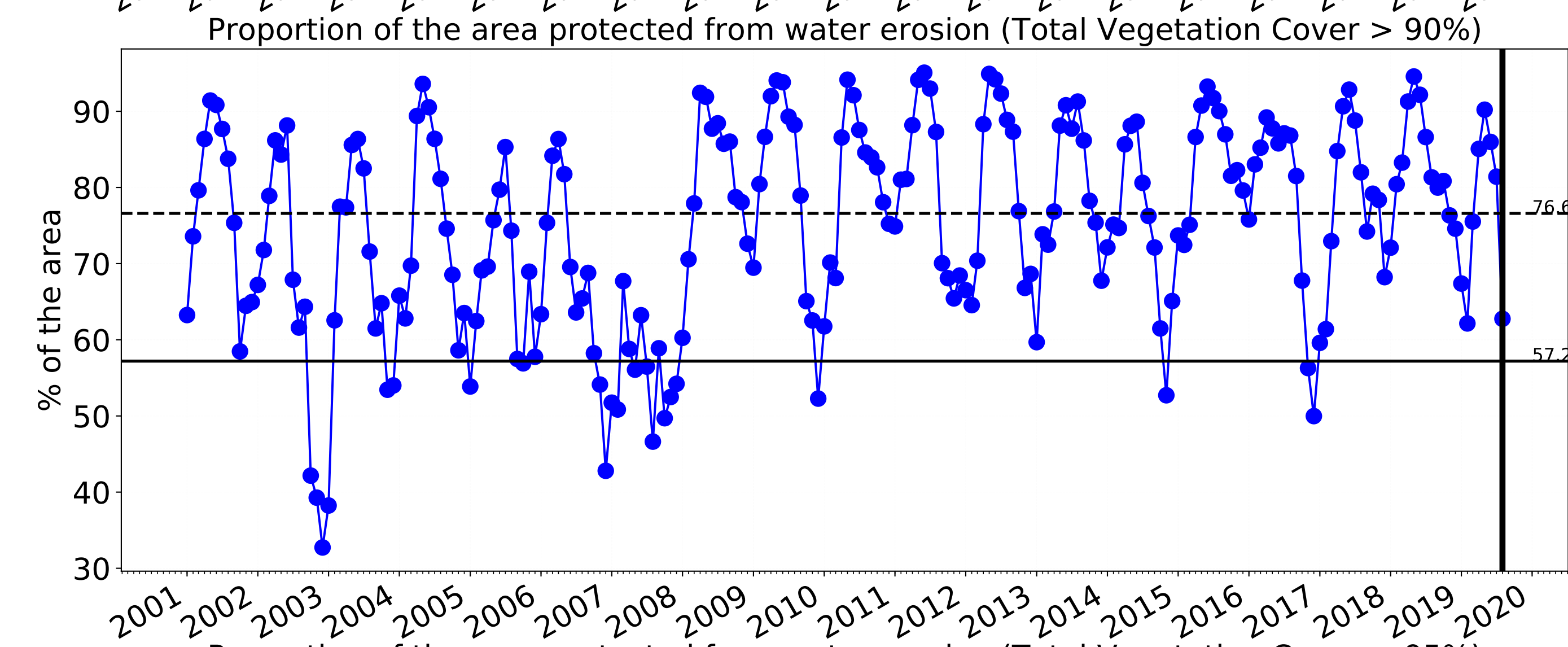
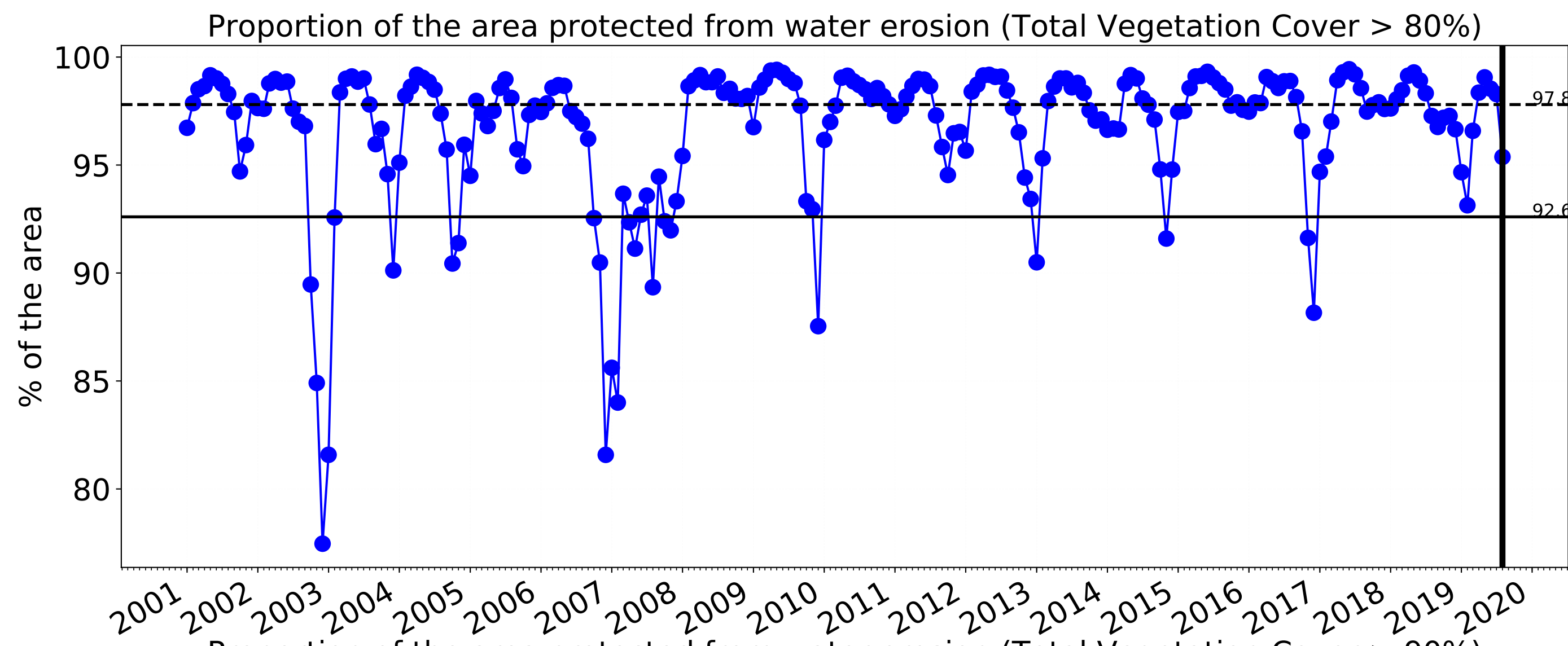


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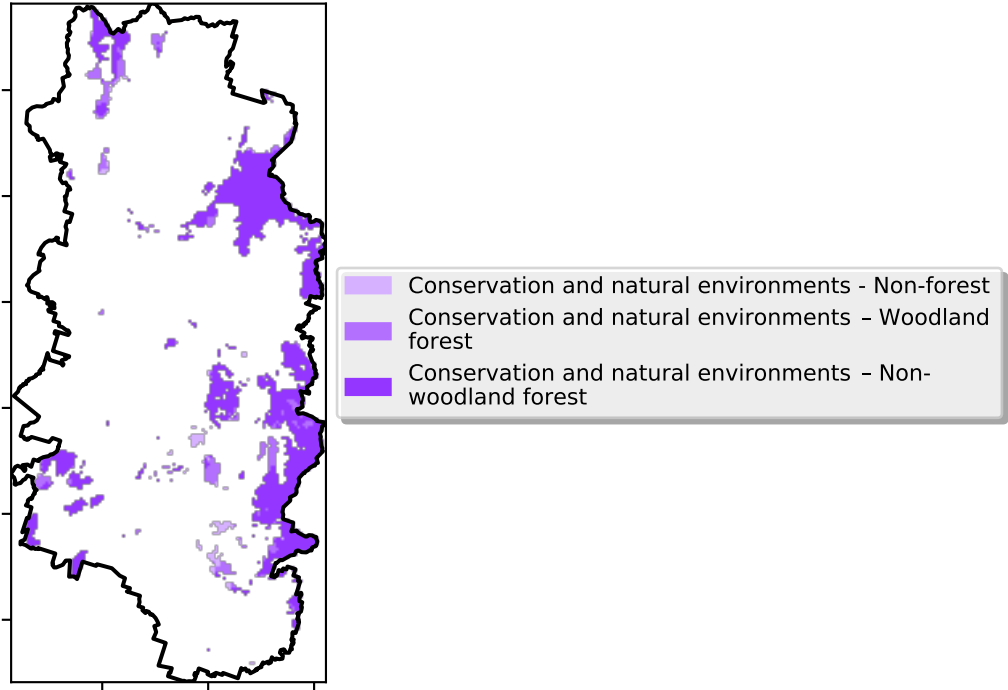




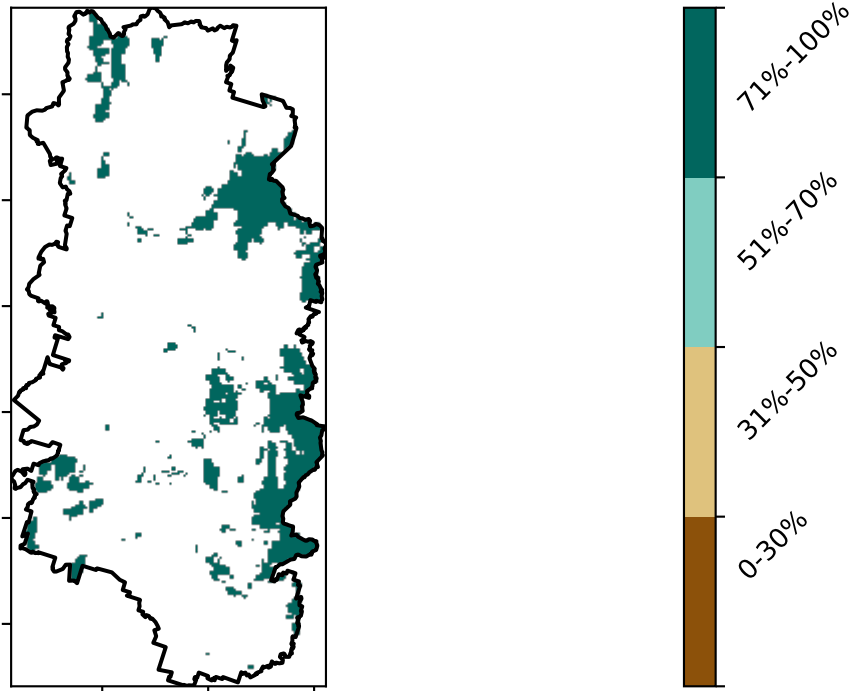
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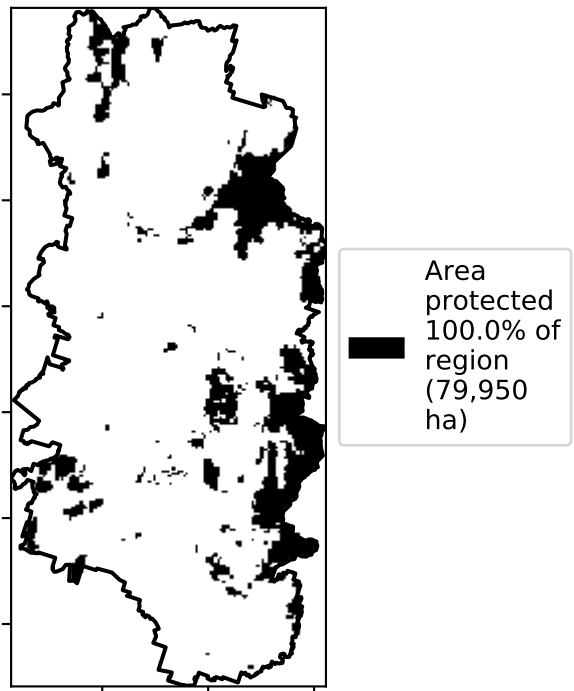
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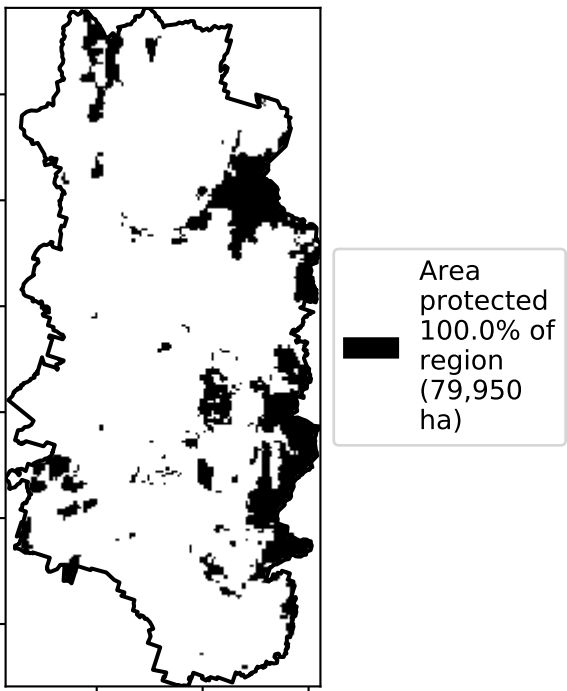
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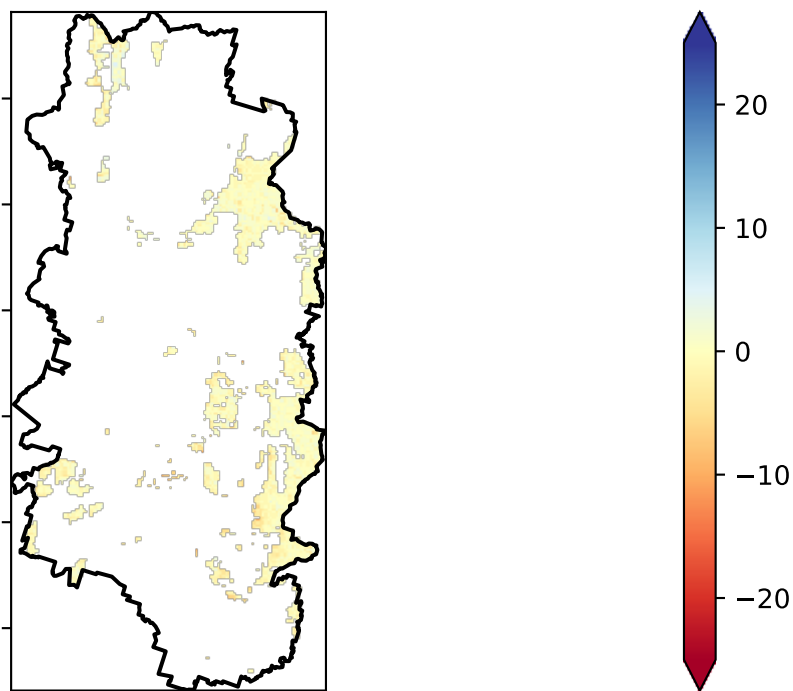


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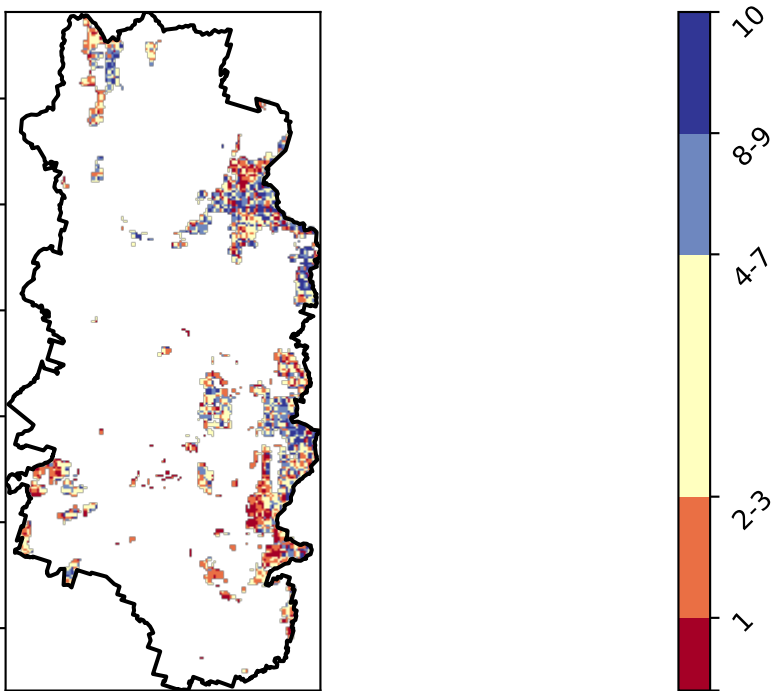
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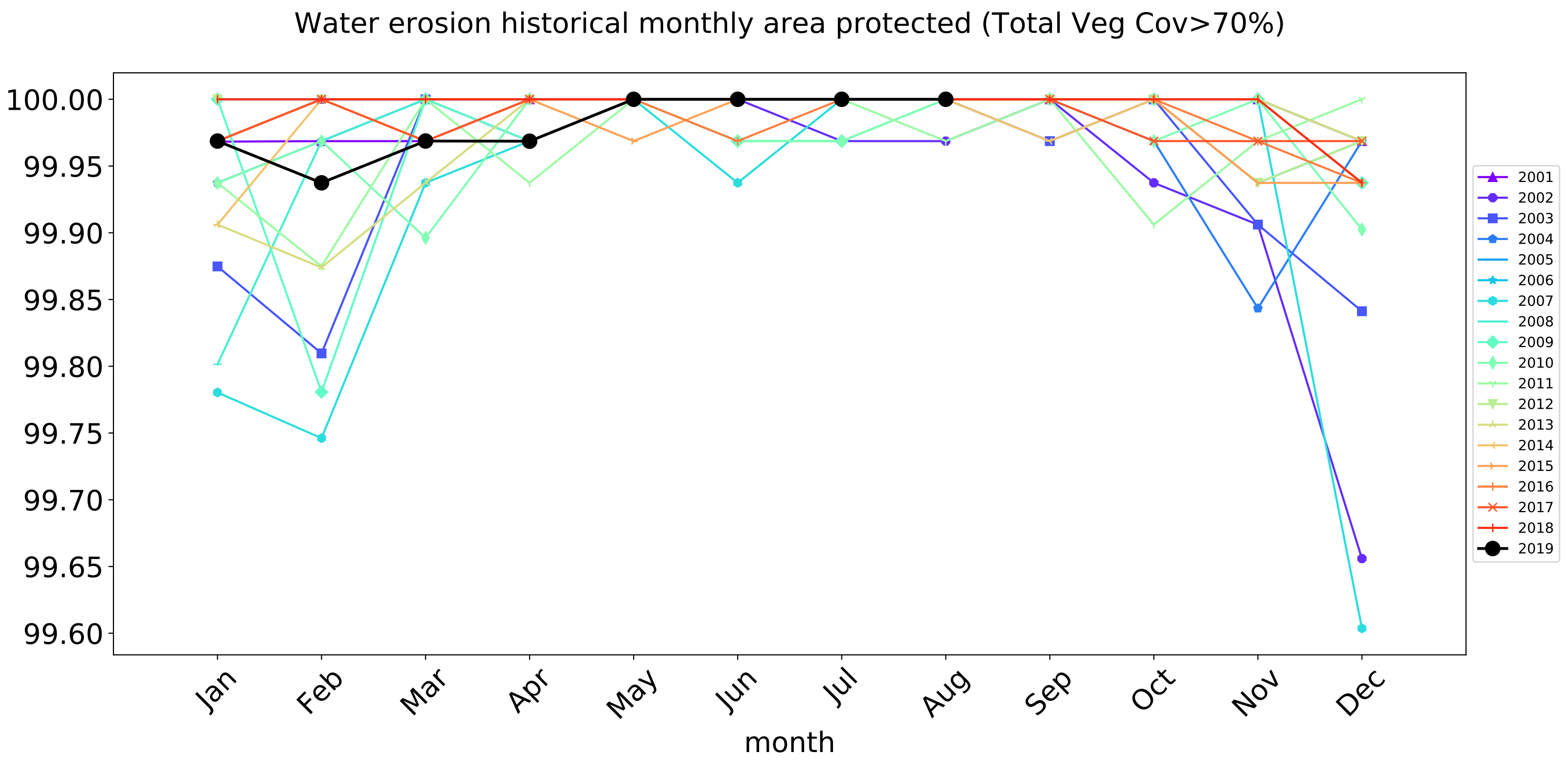
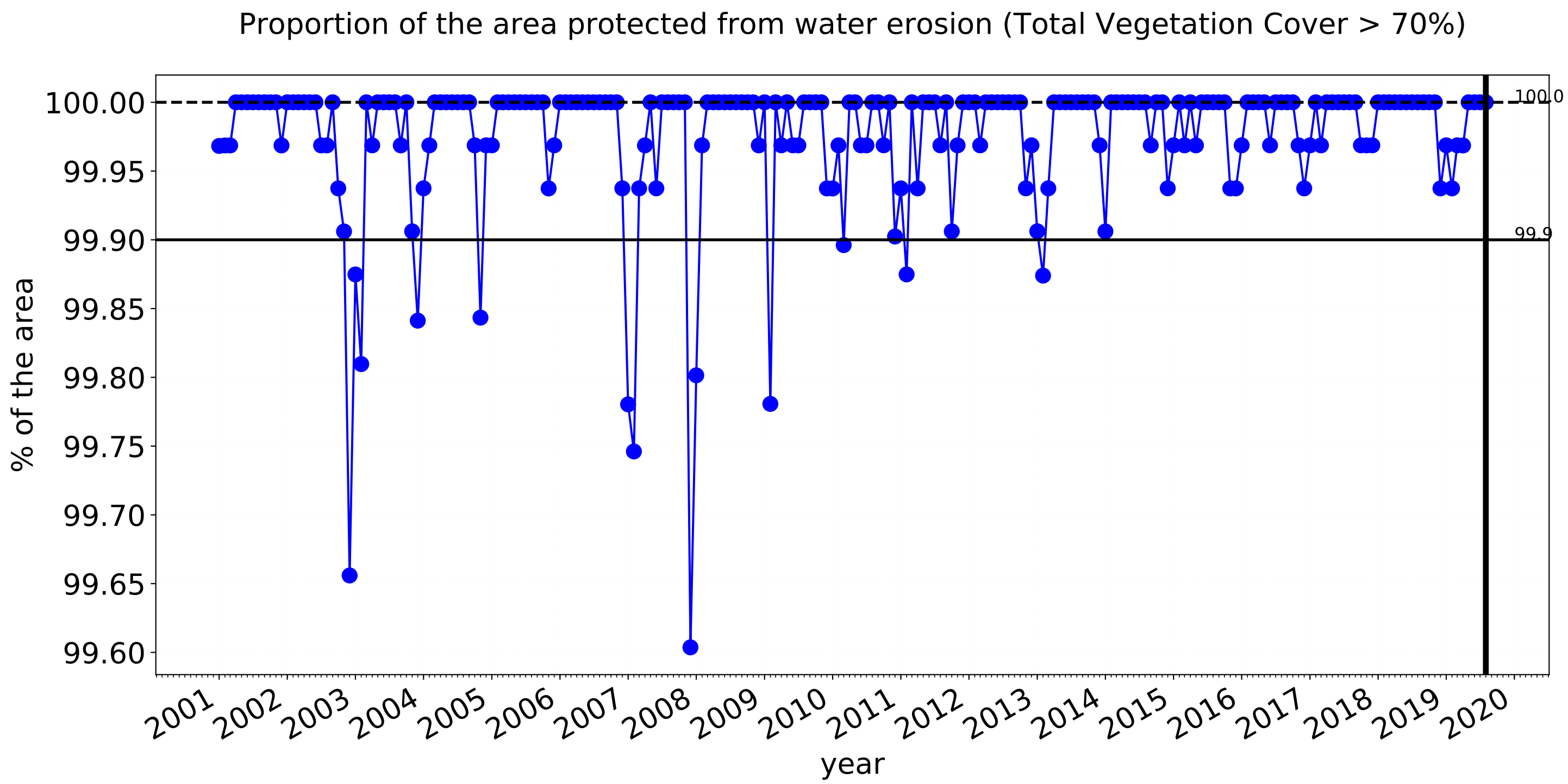
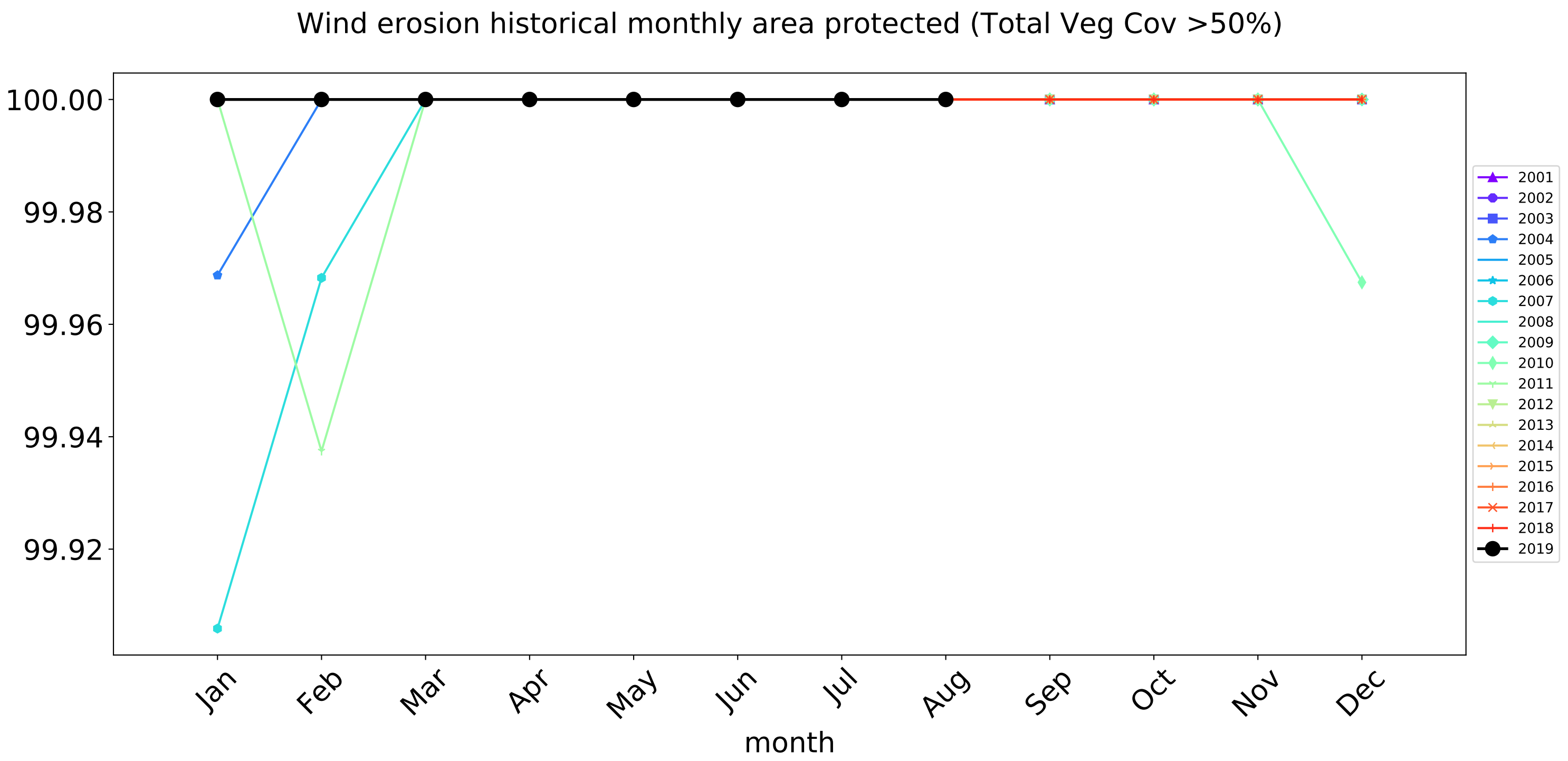
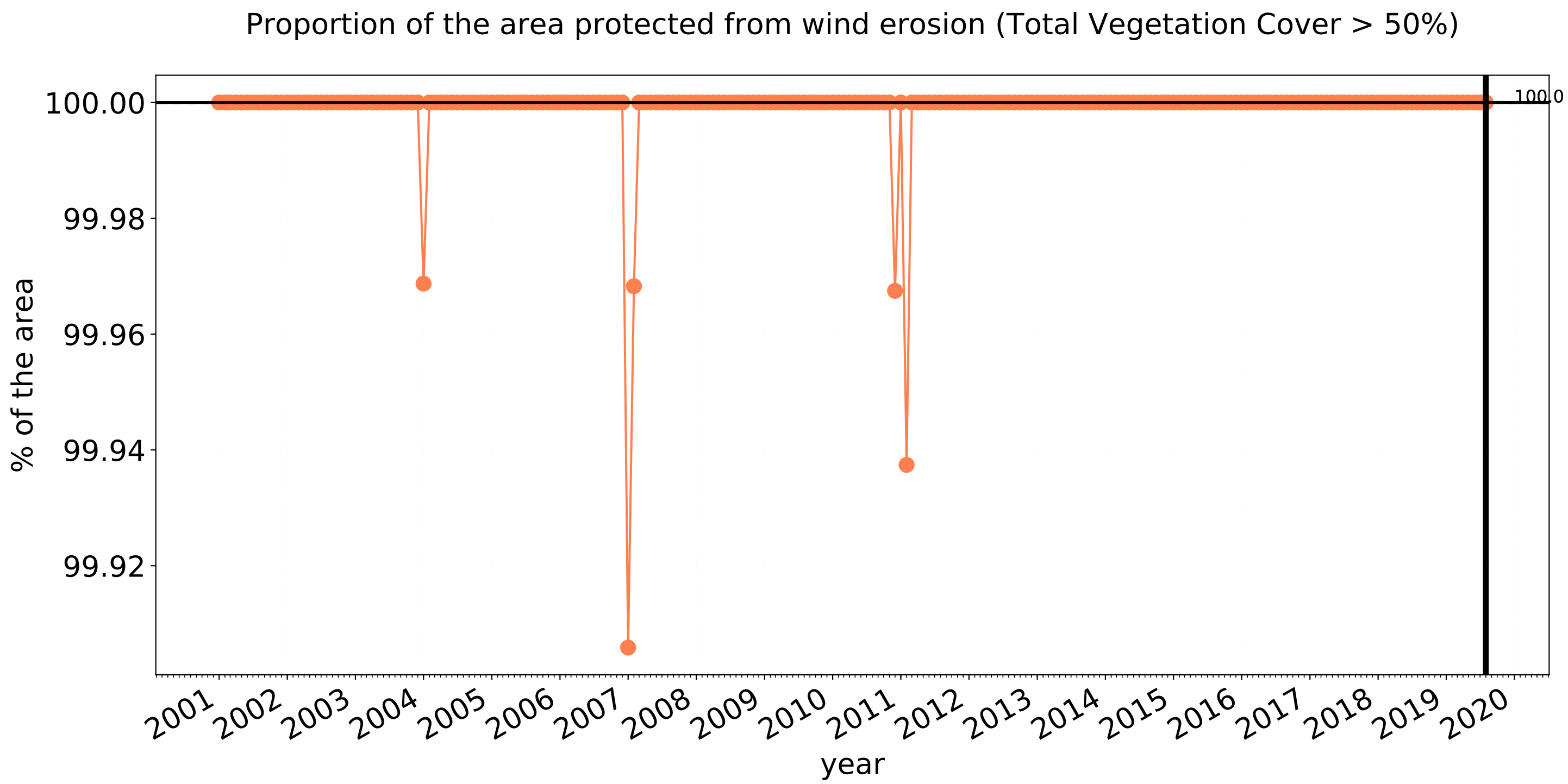
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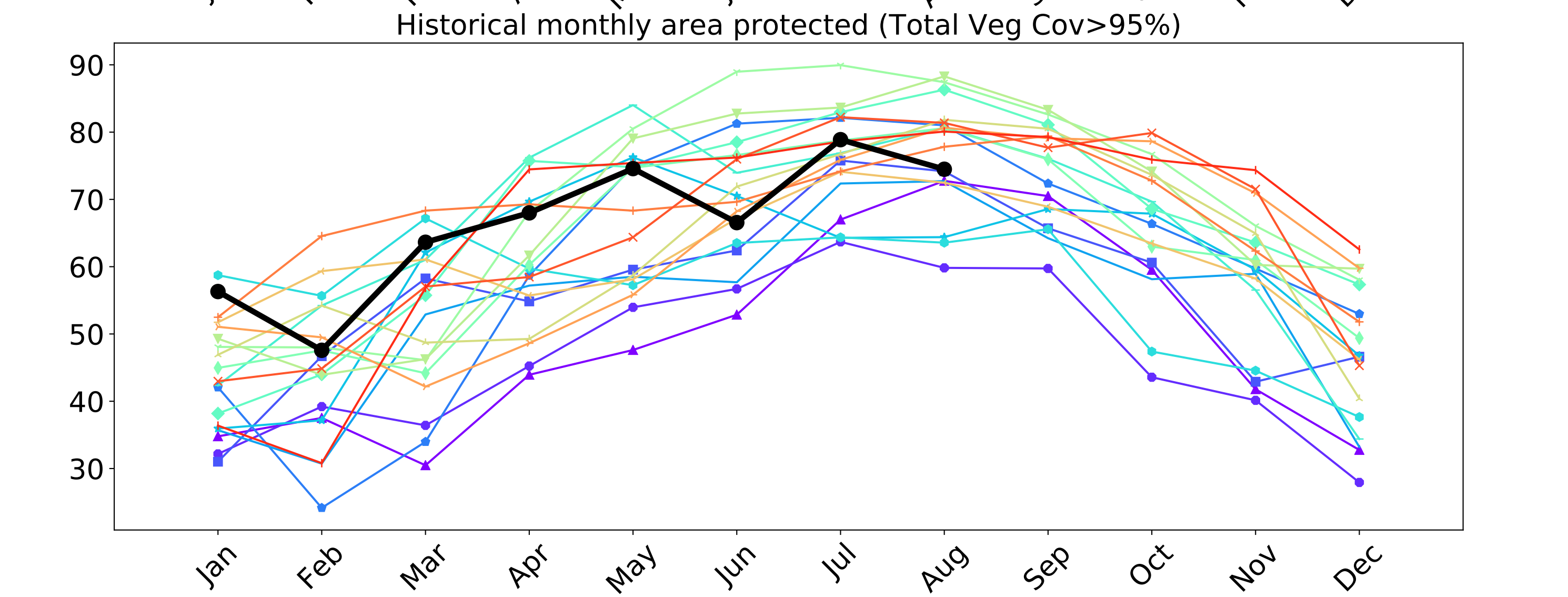
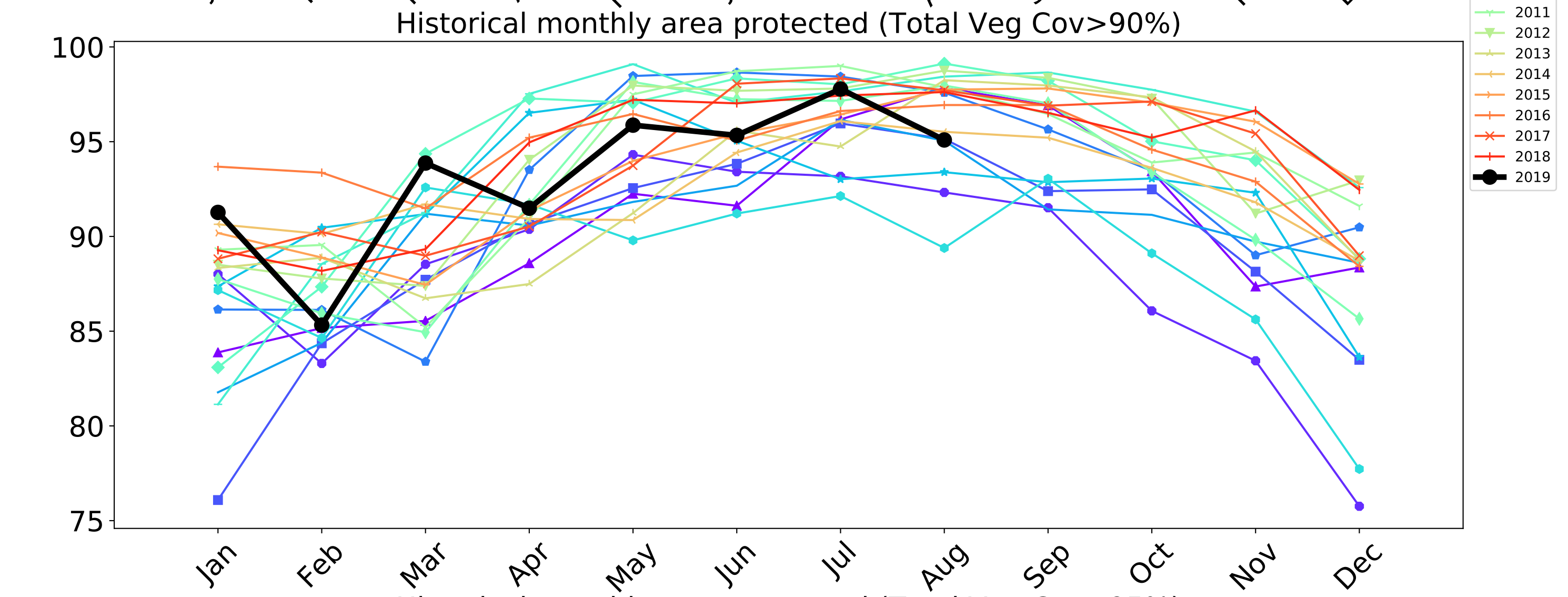
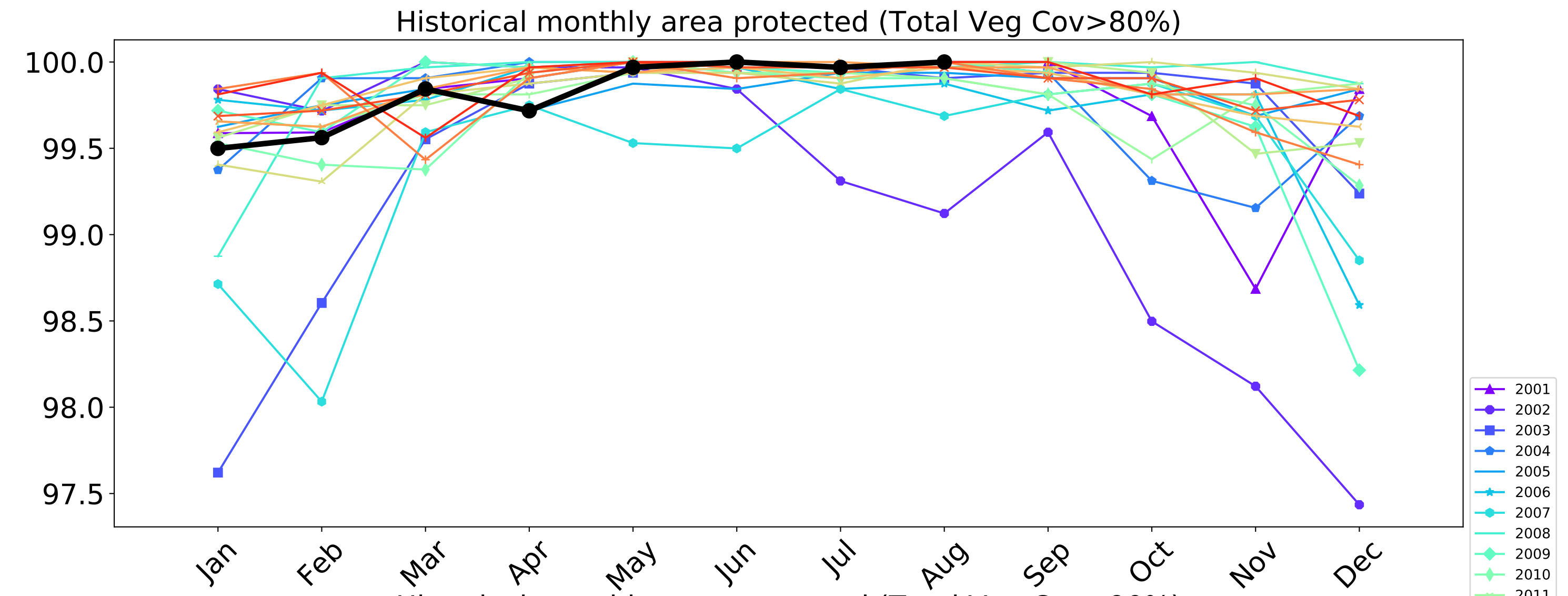
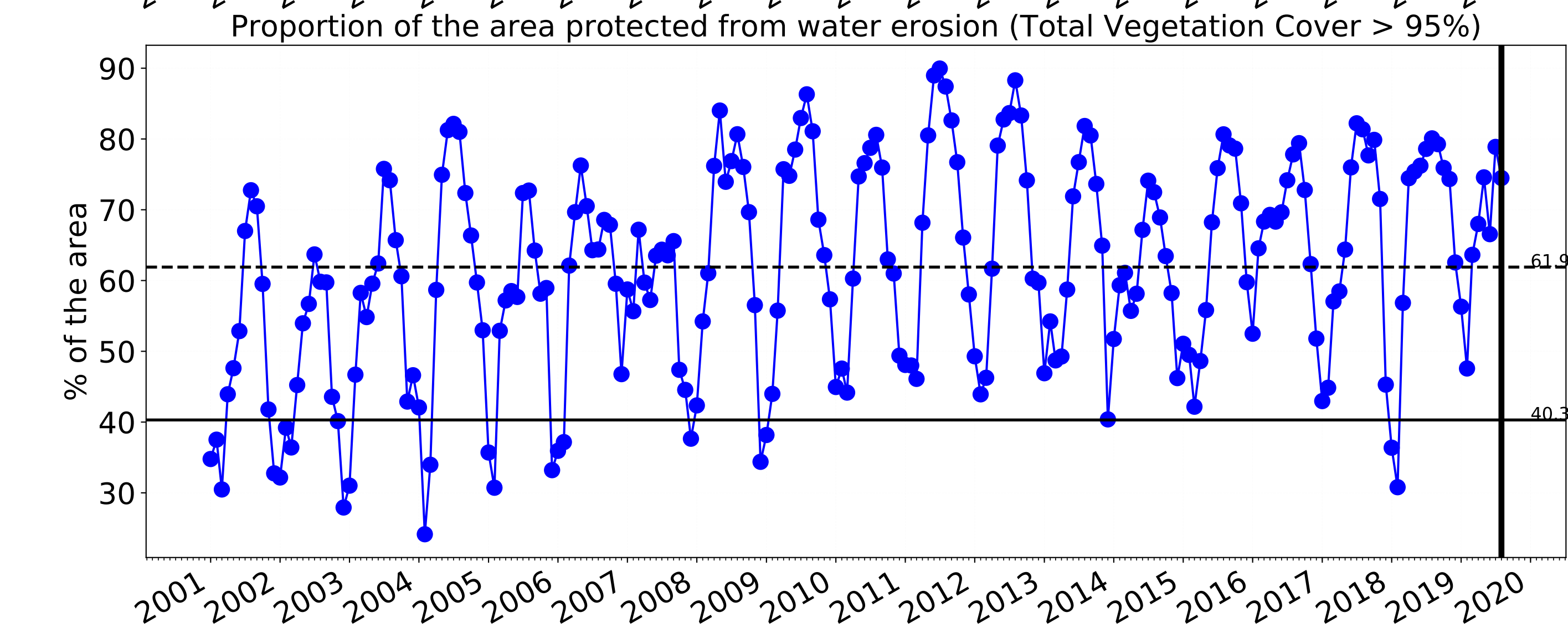
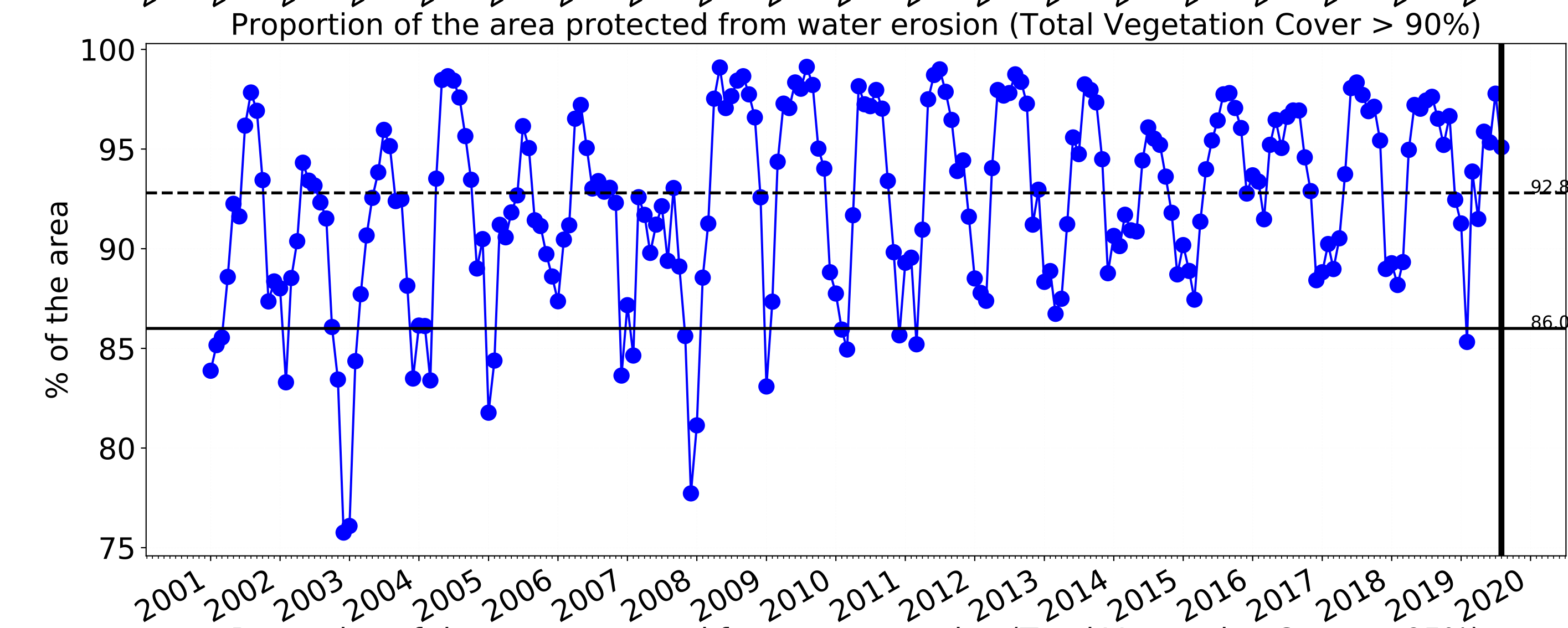
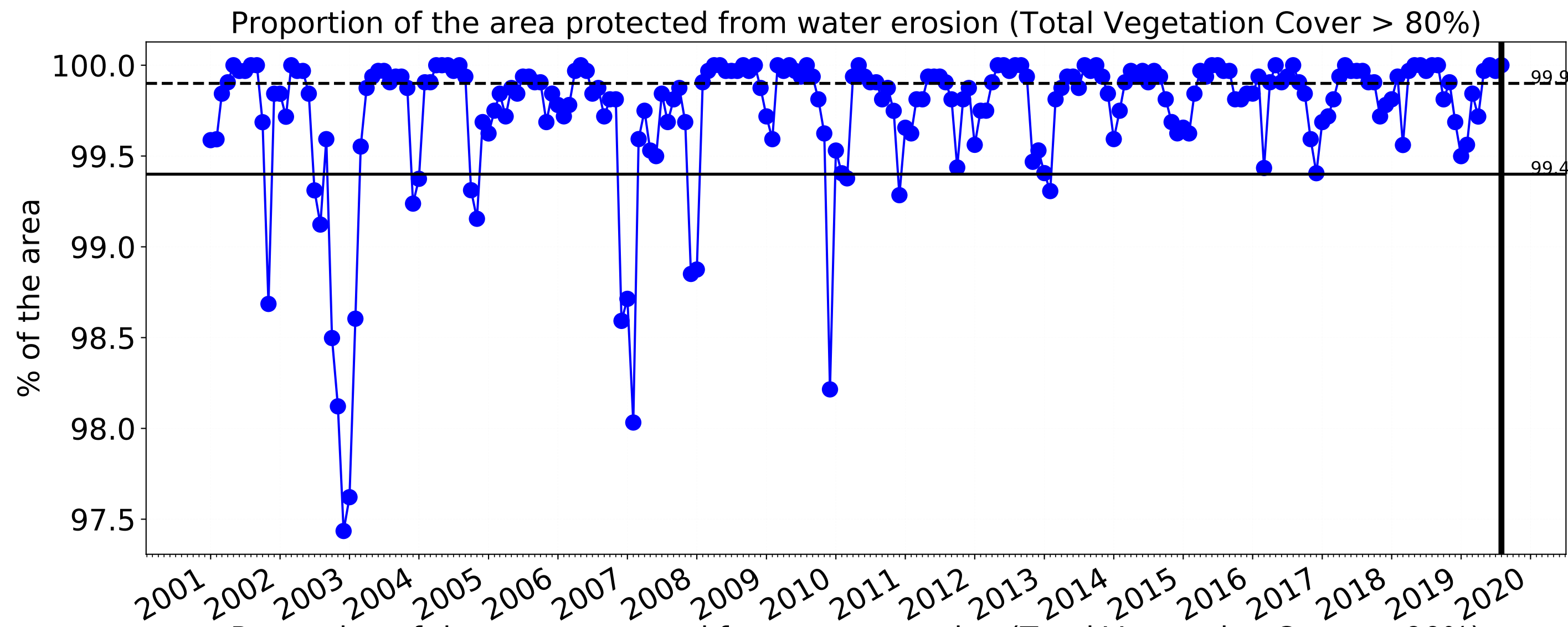
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Conservation and natural environments timeseries



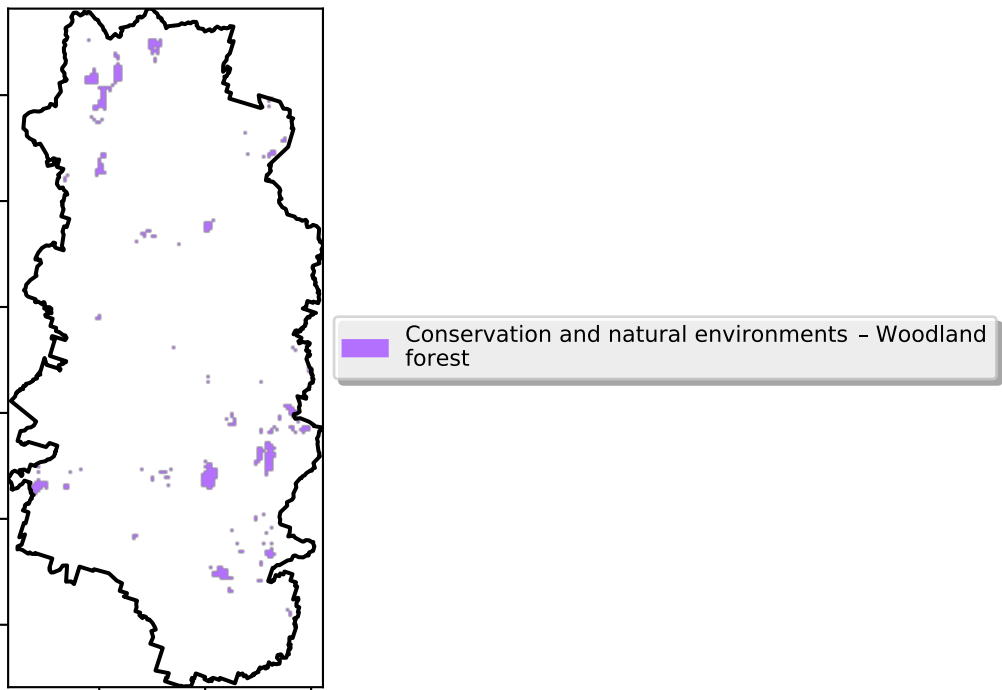




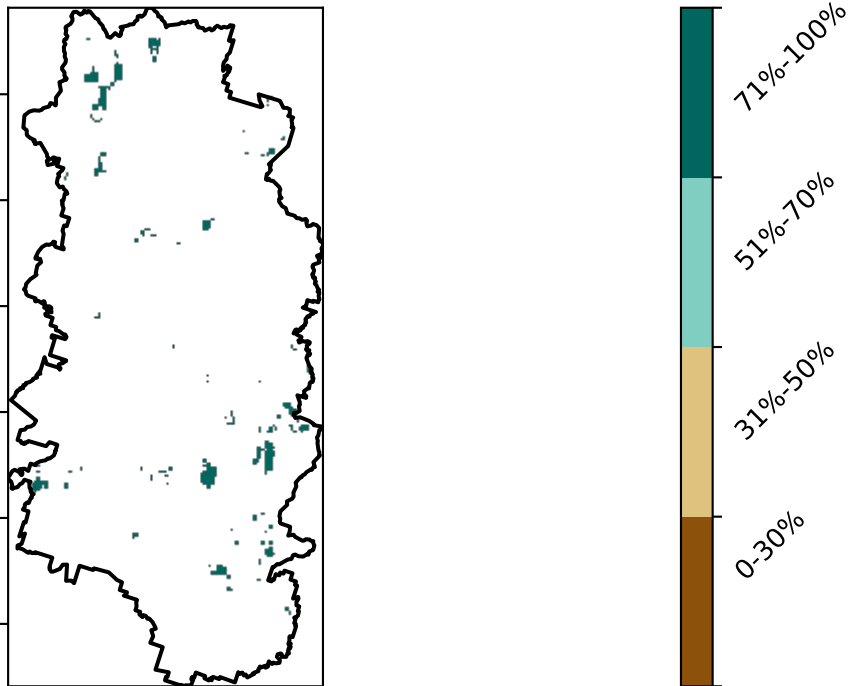
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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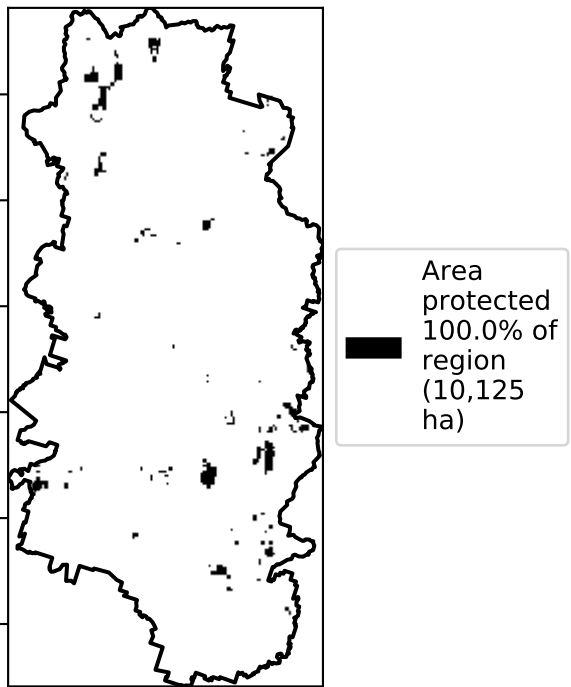
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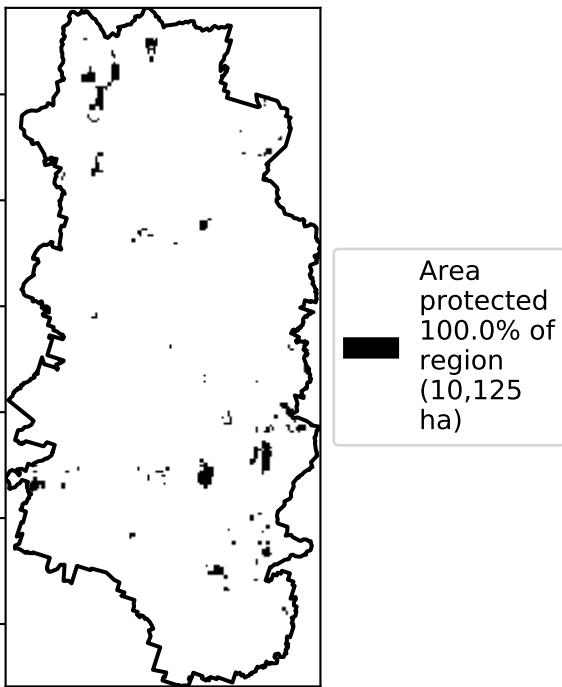
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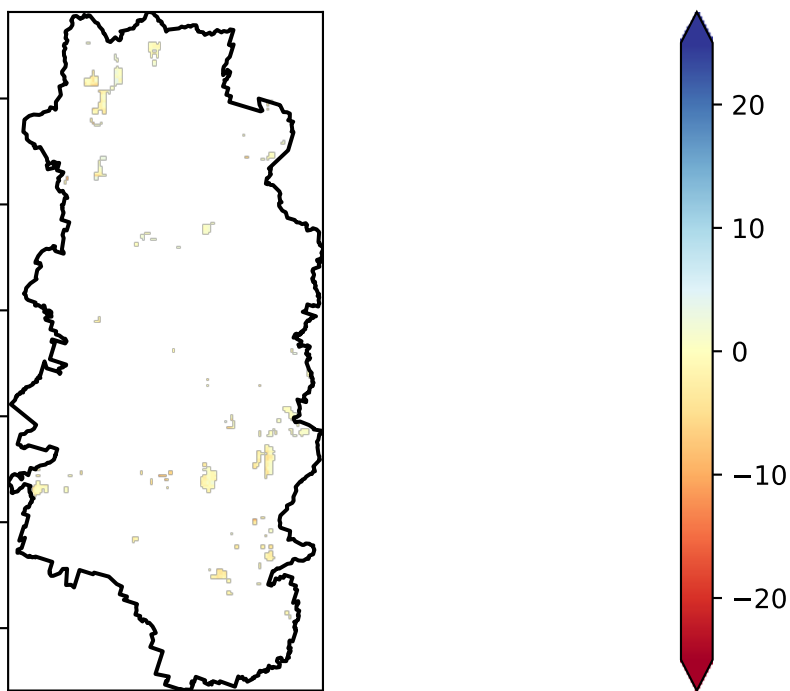


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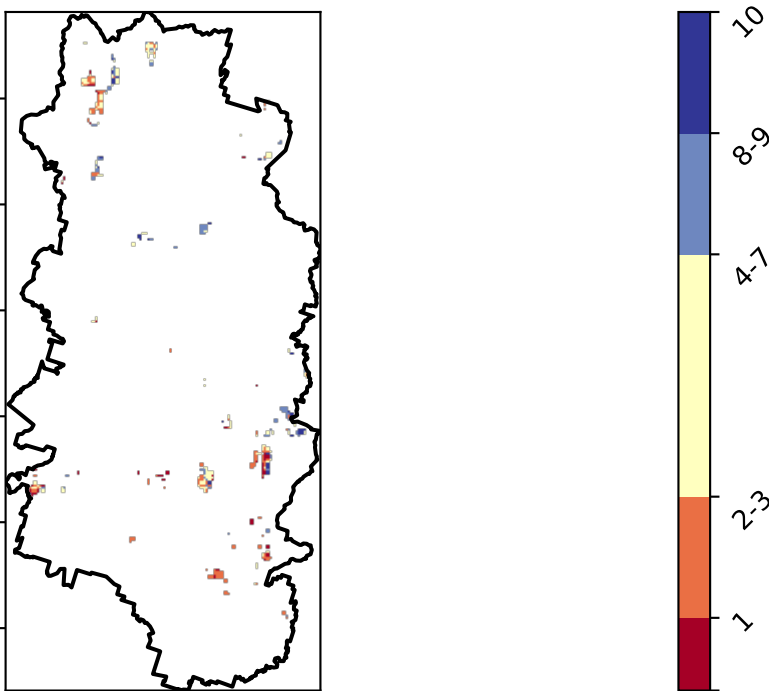
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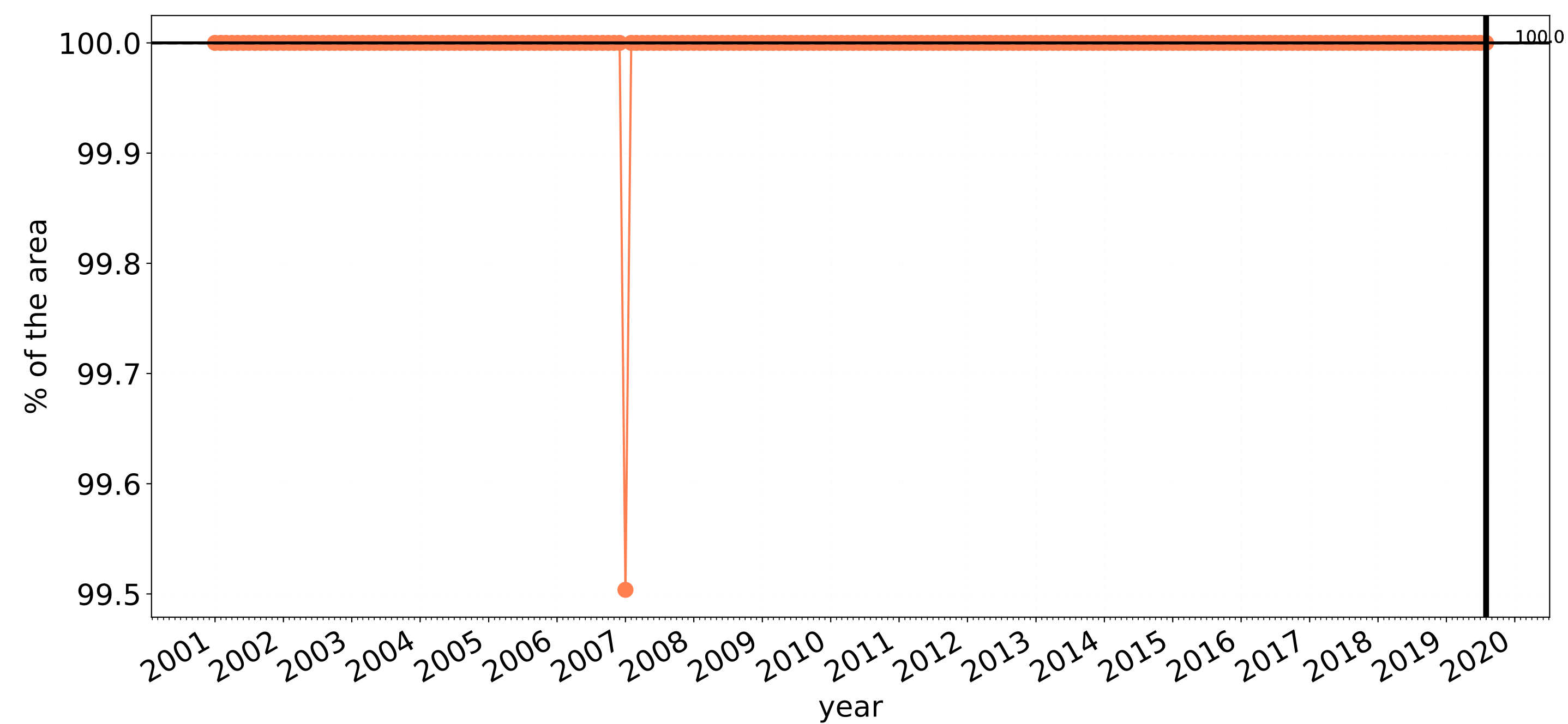


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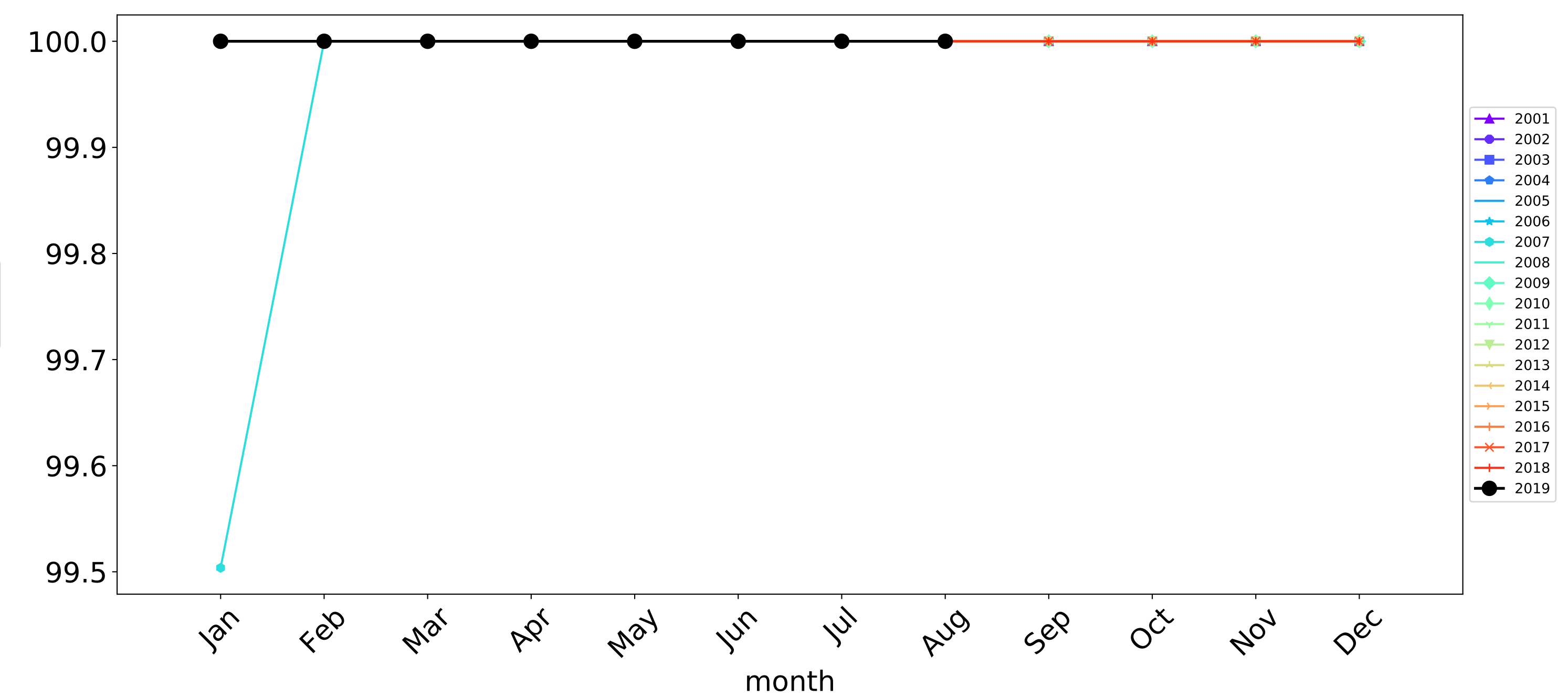


# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

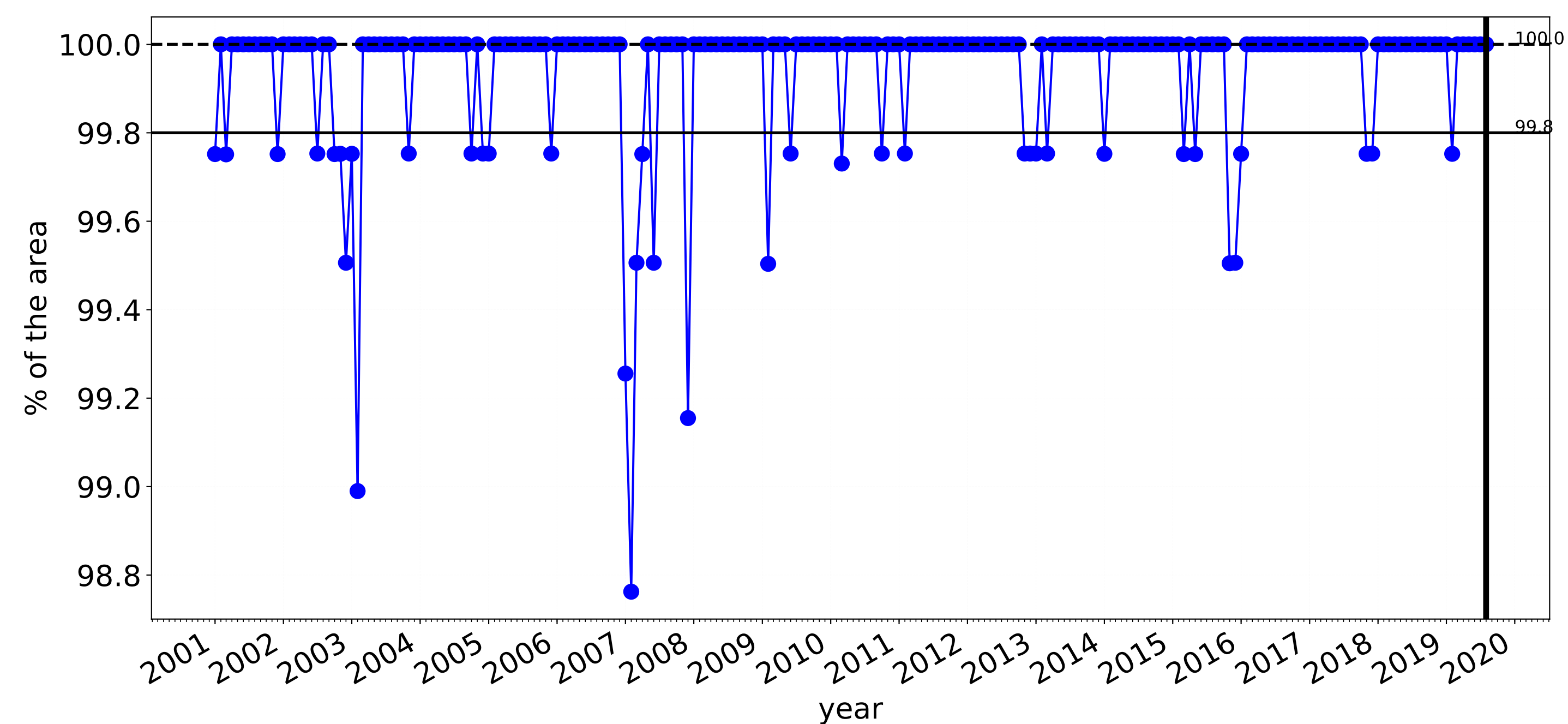
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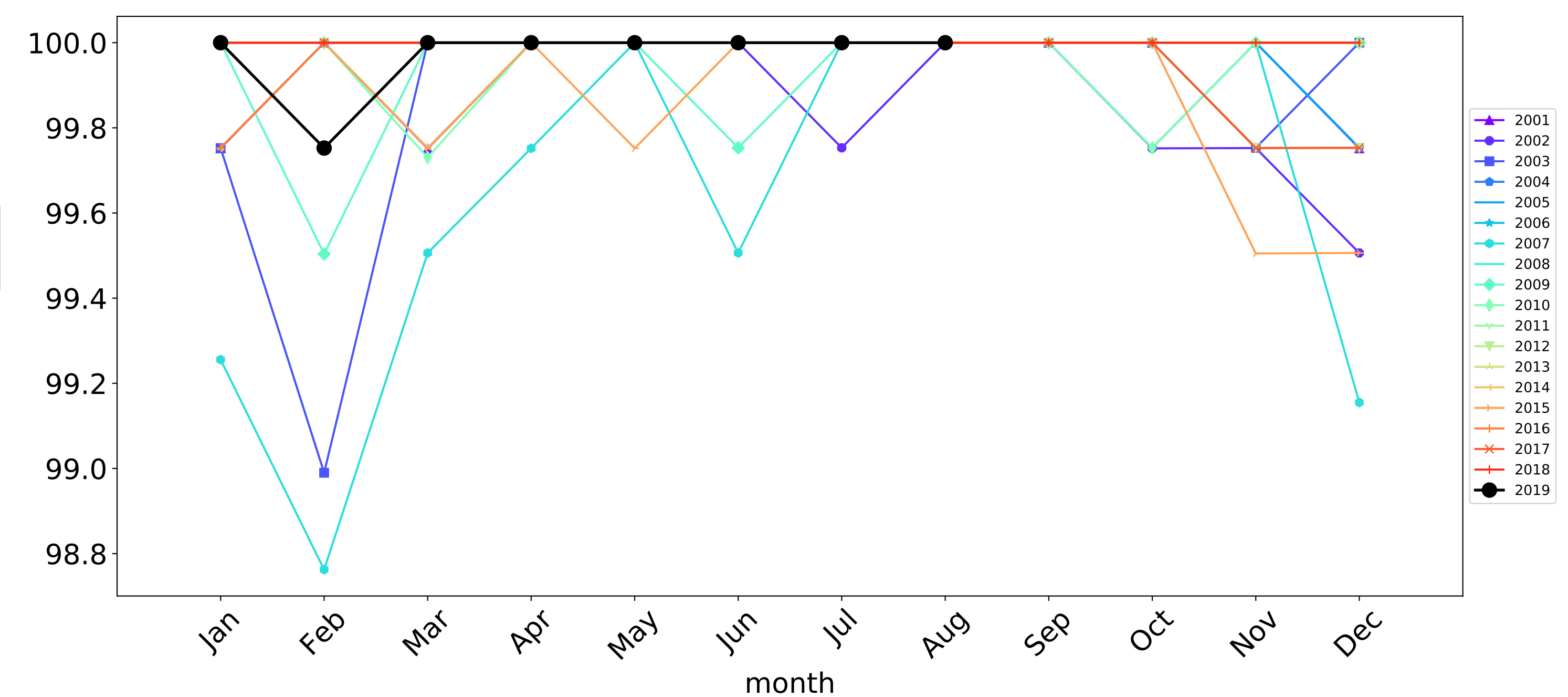
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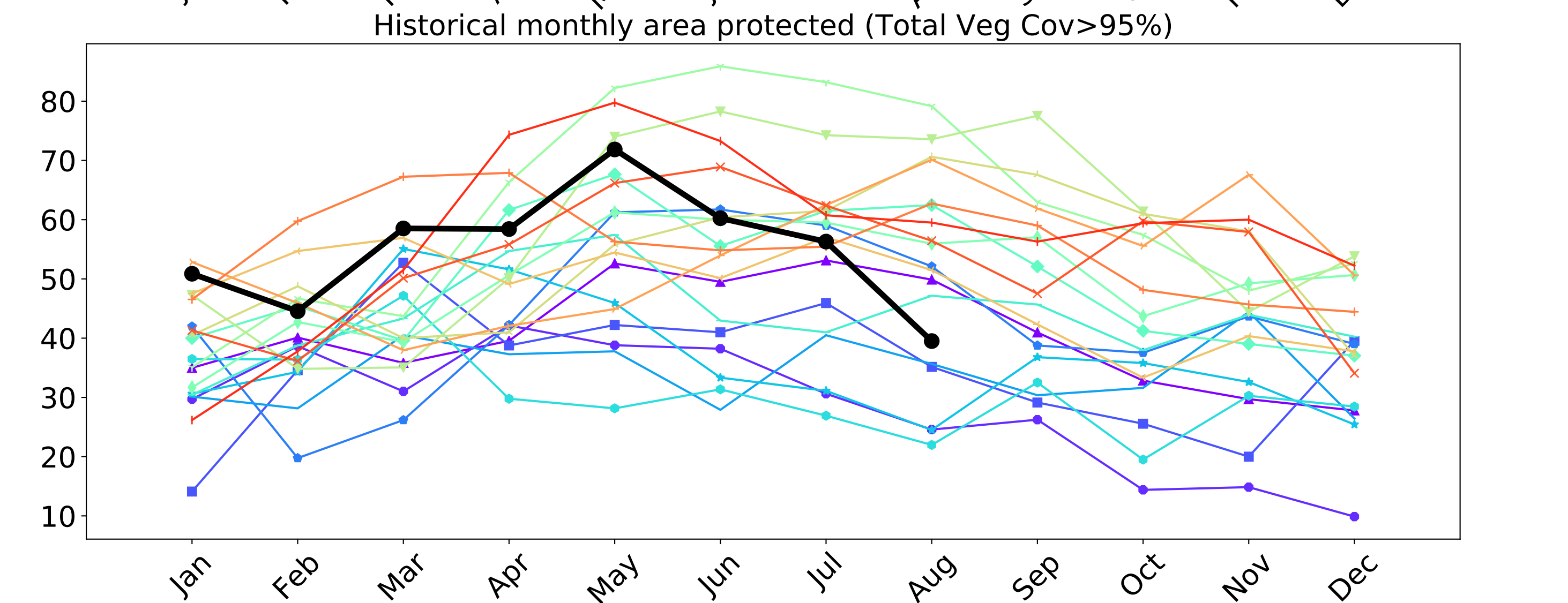
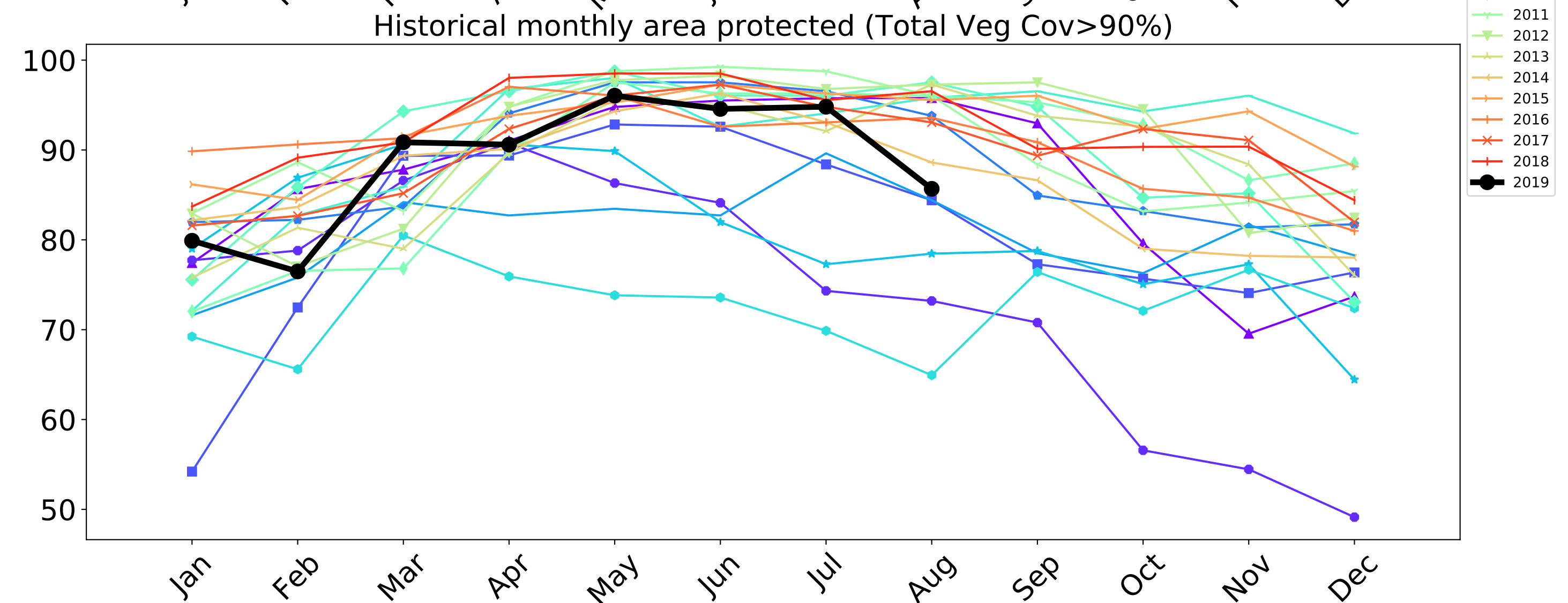
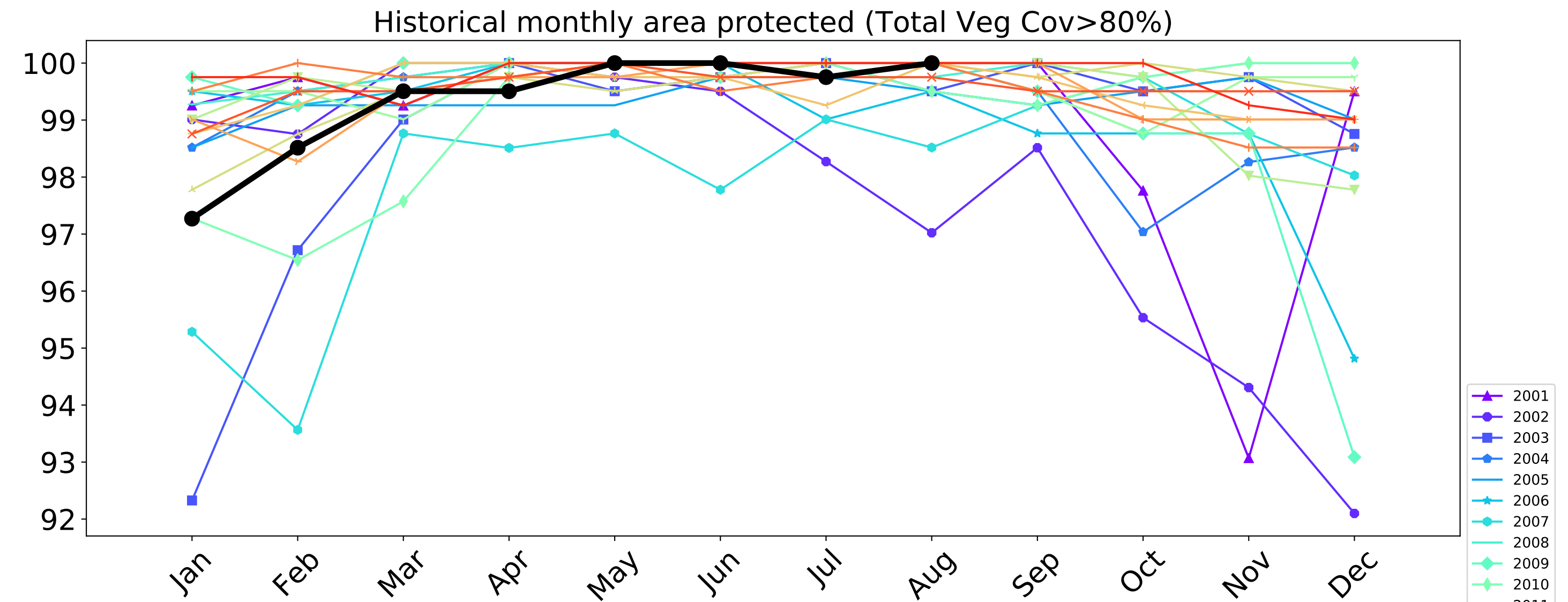
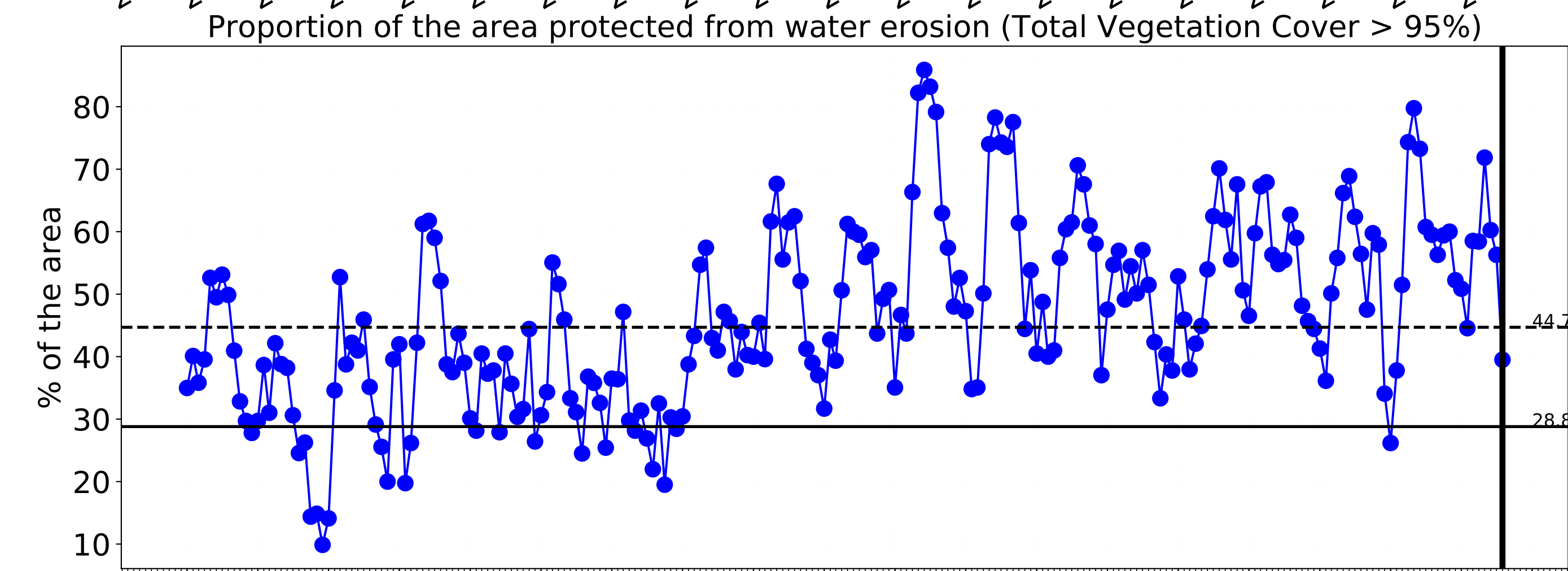
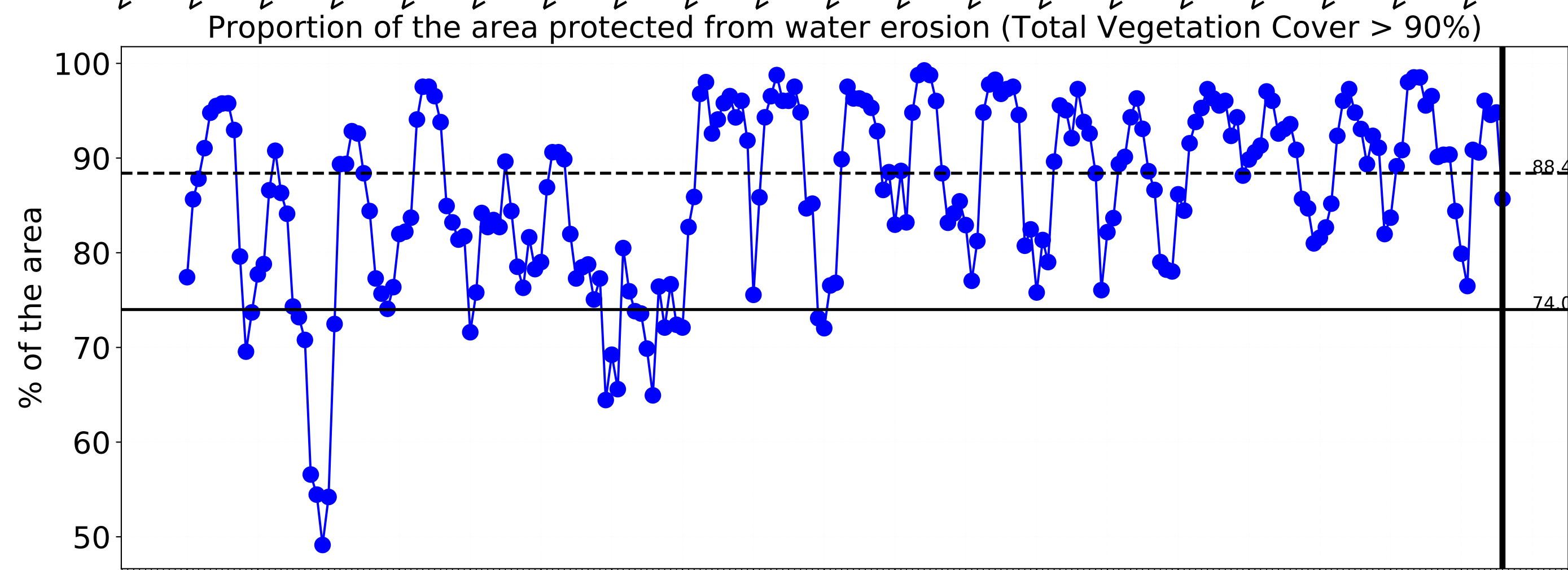
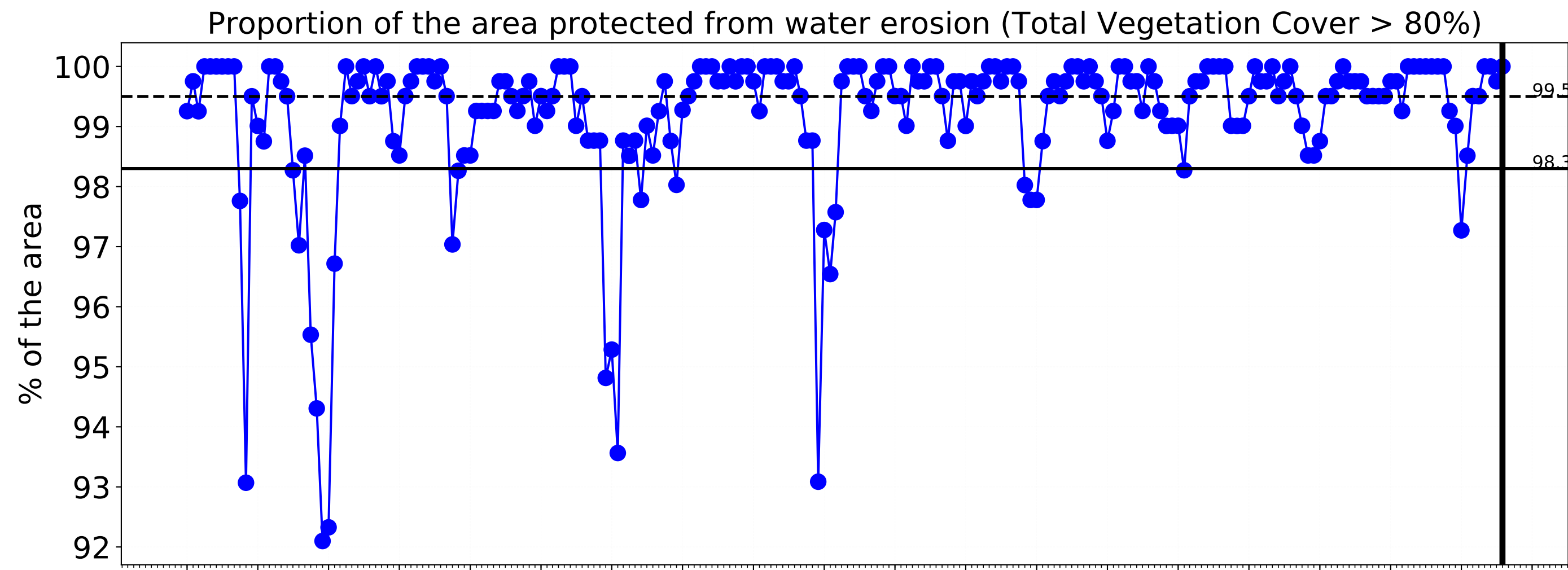
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





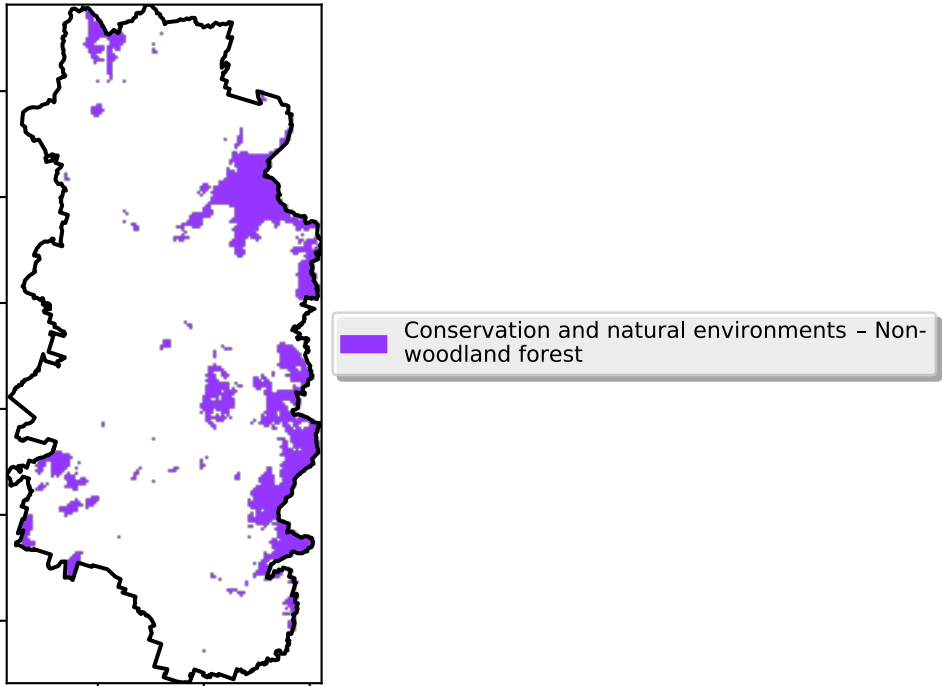




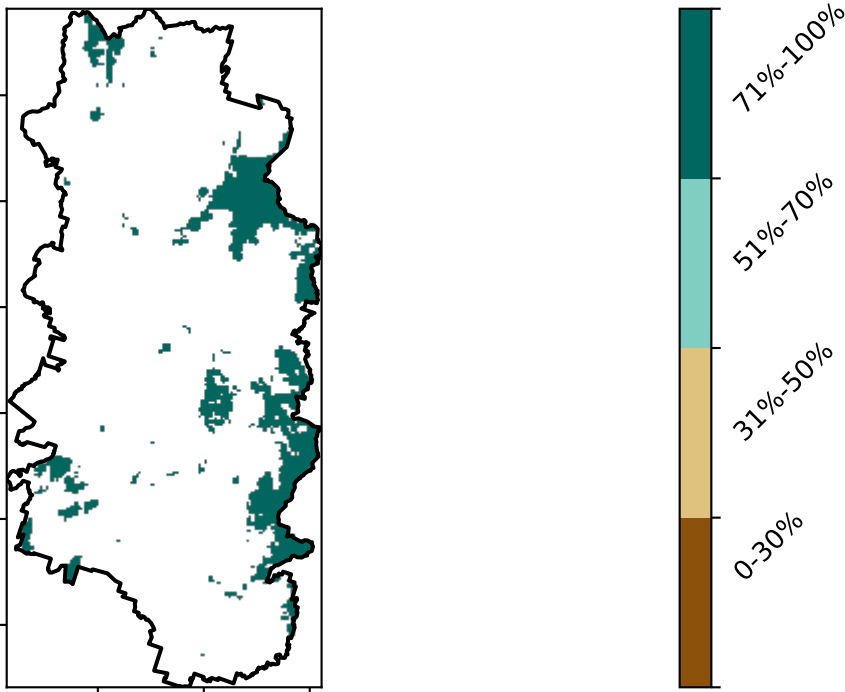
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

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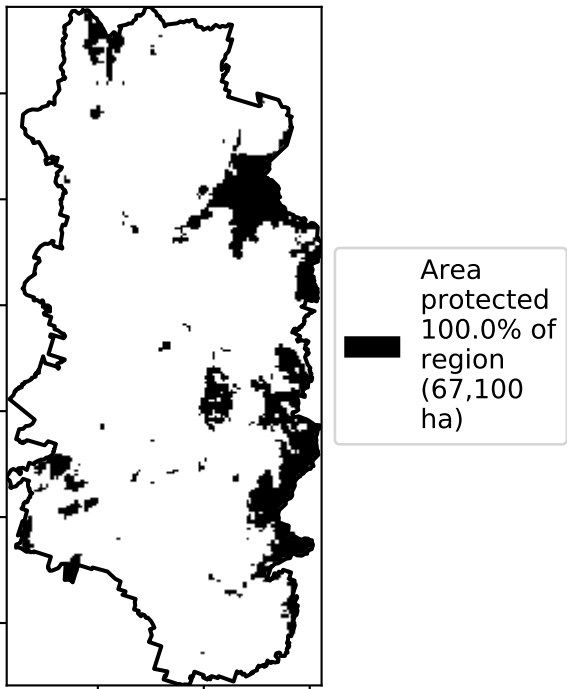
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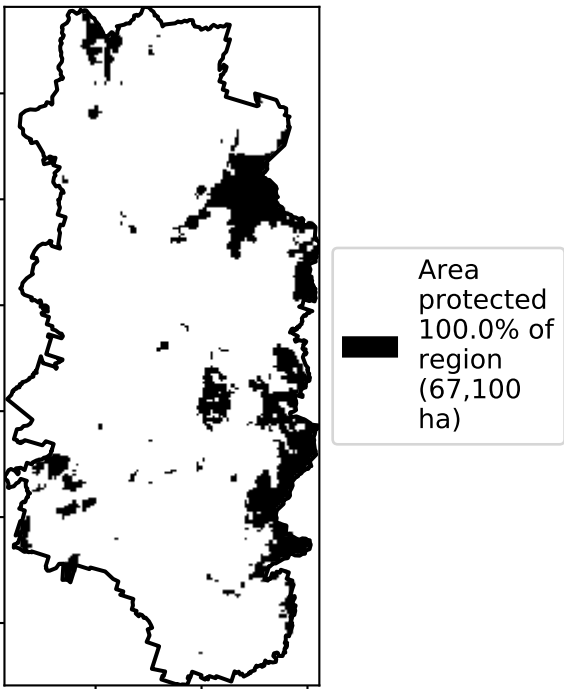
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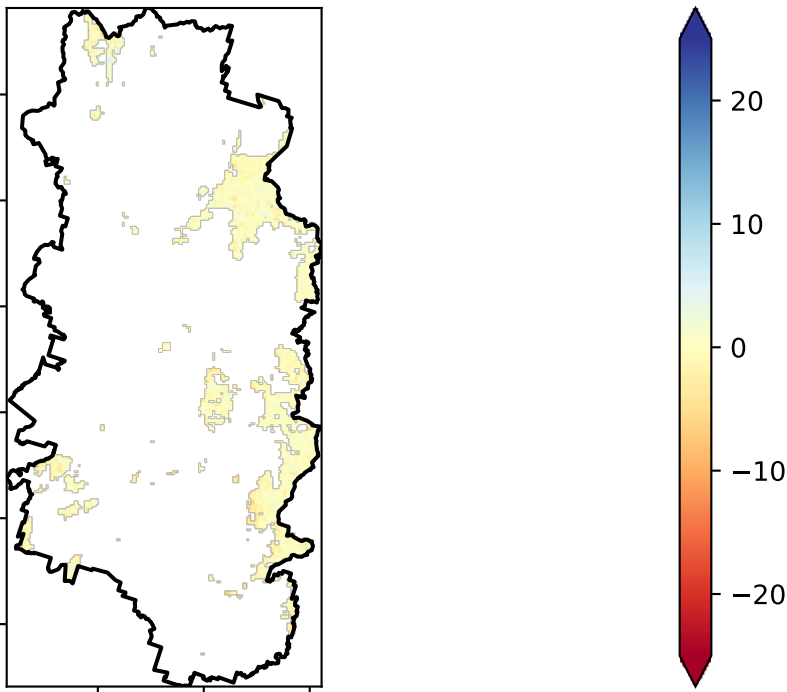


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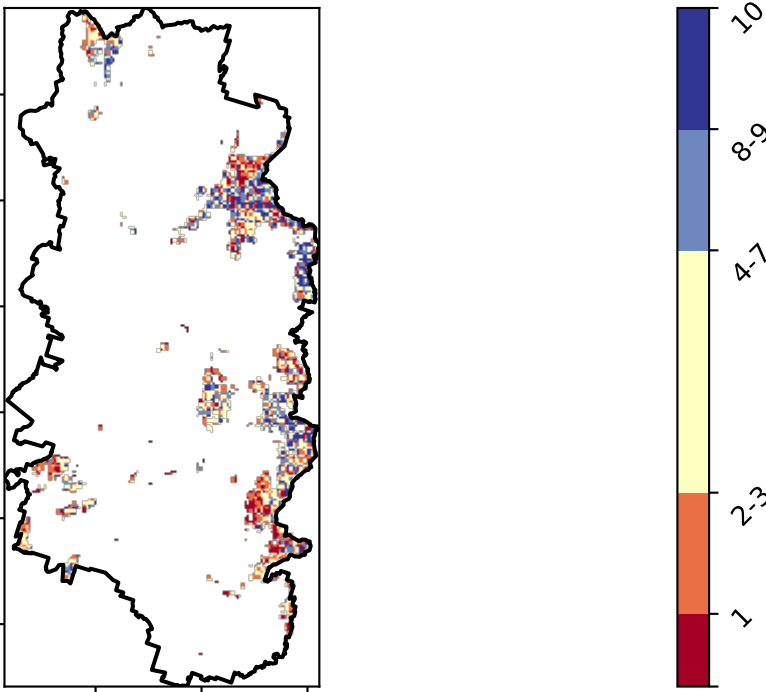
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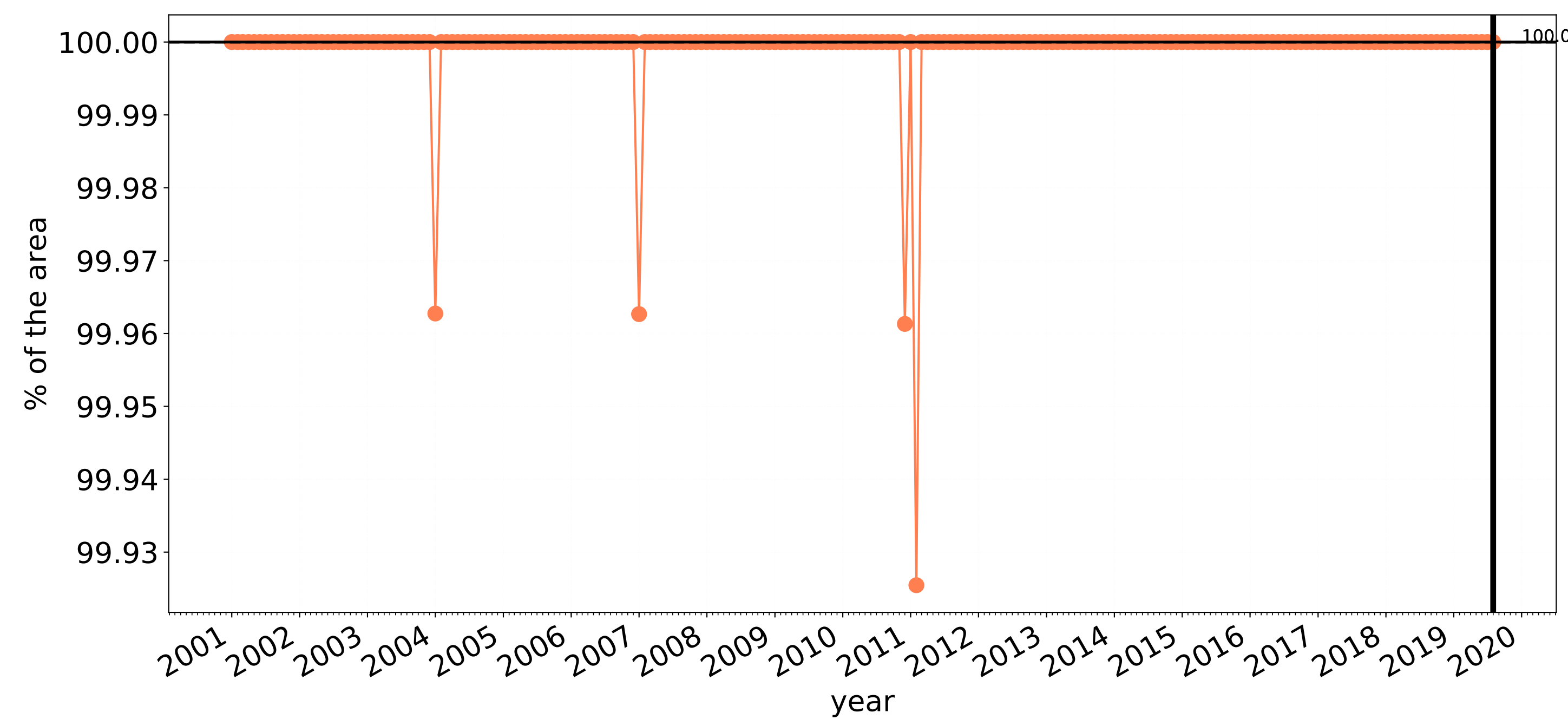
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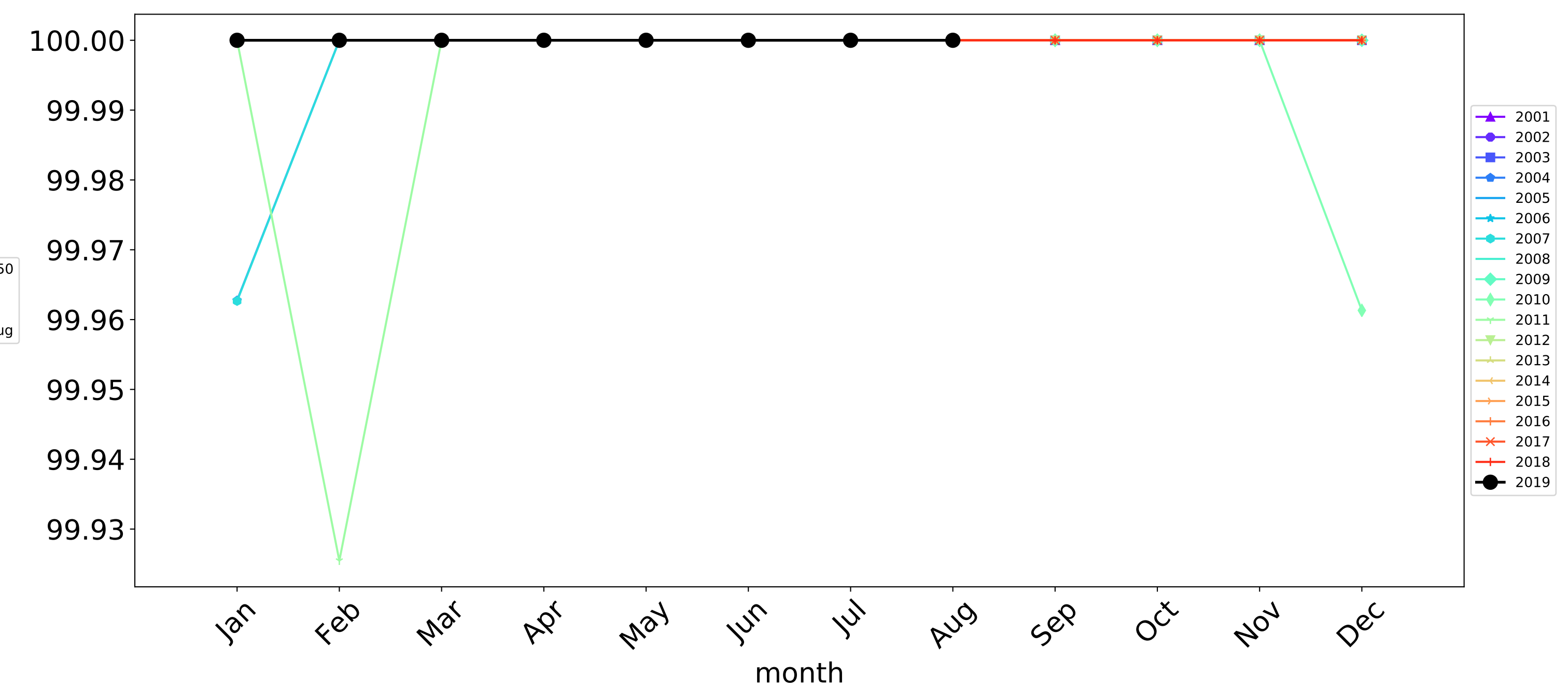
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# Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

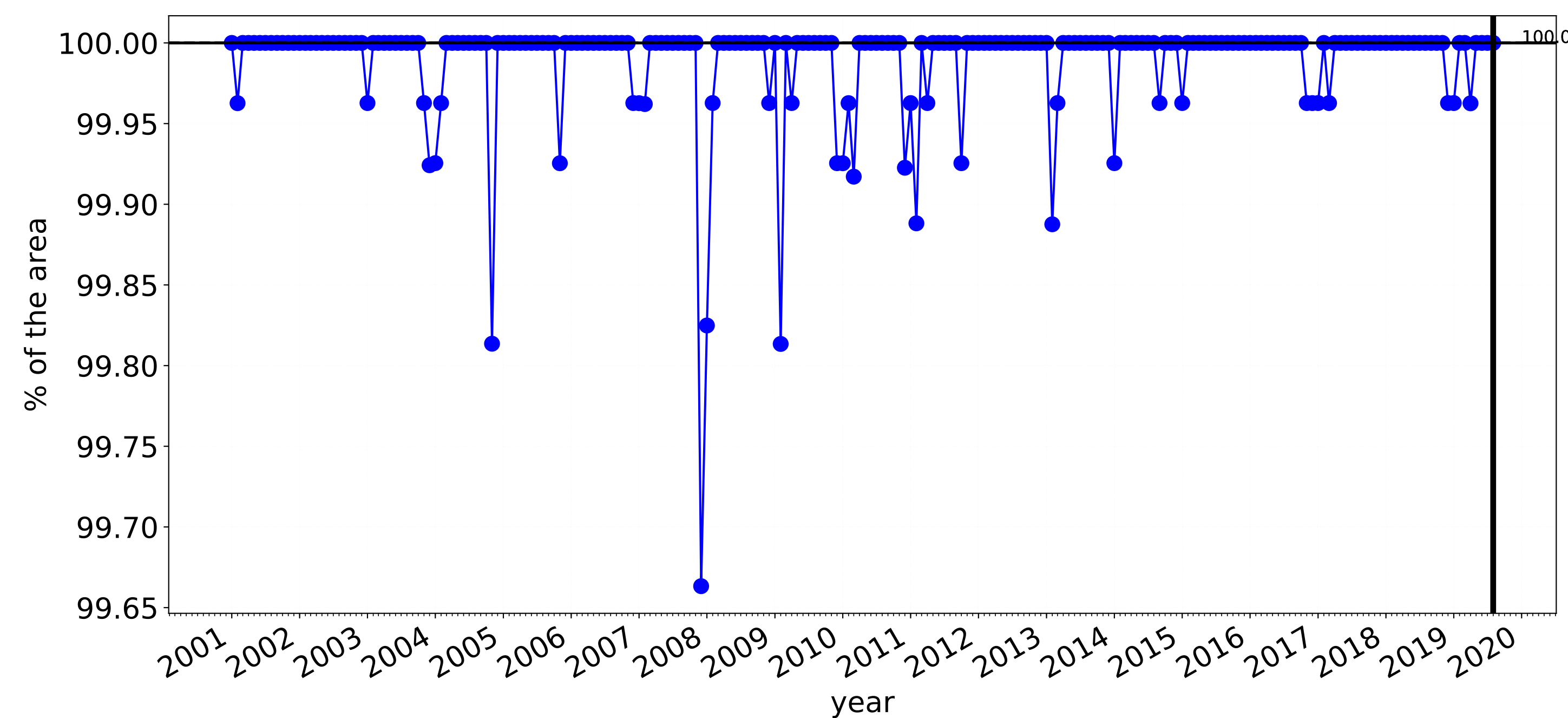
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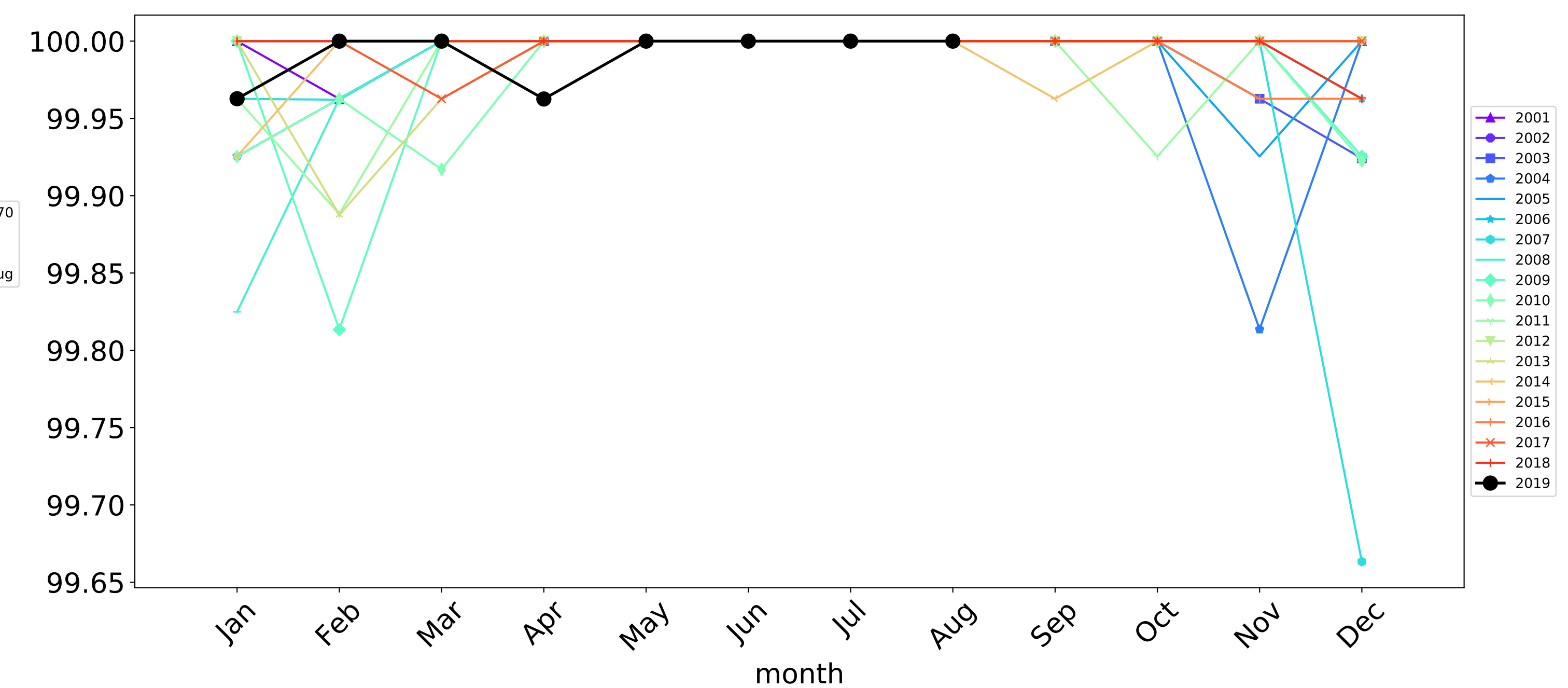
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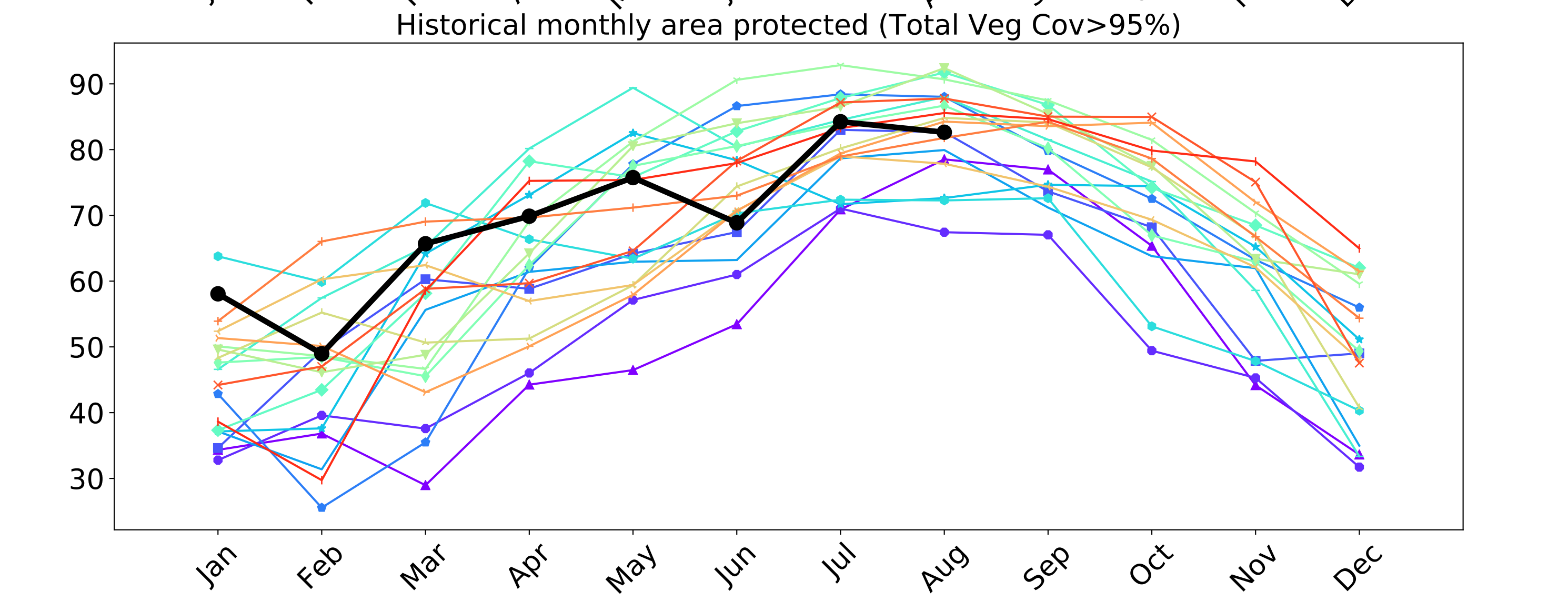
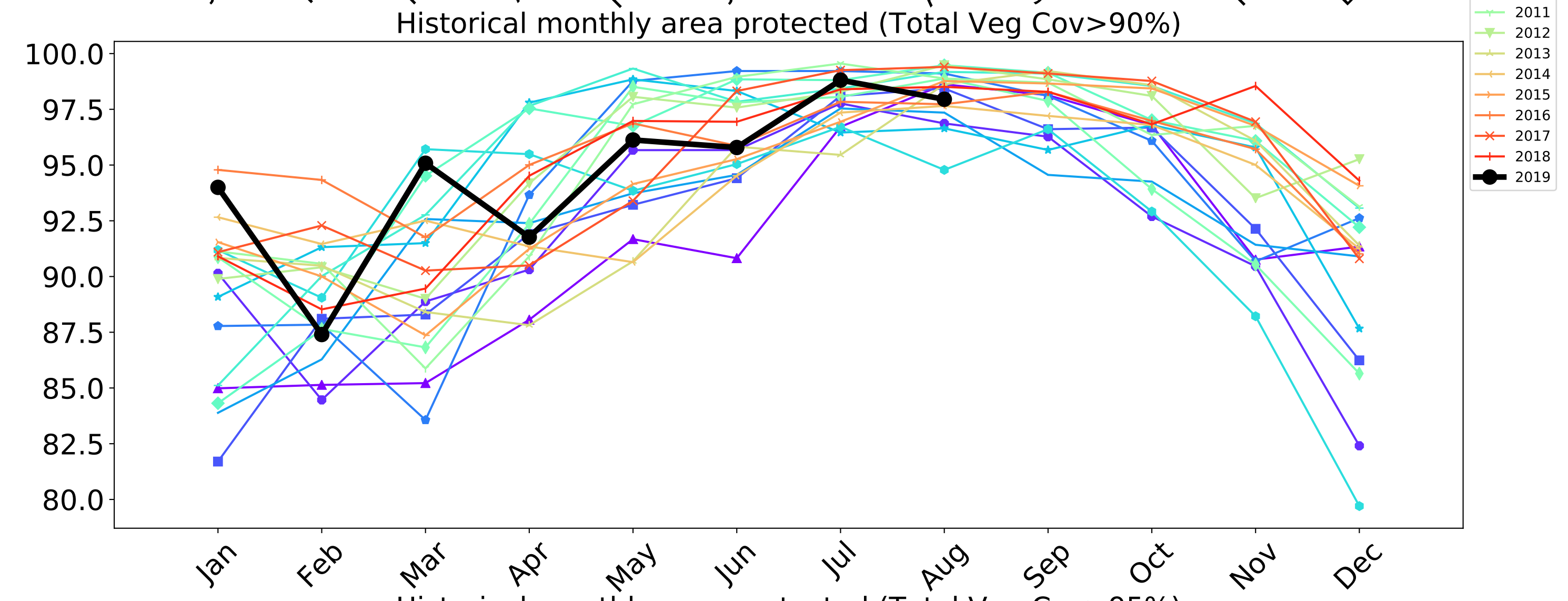
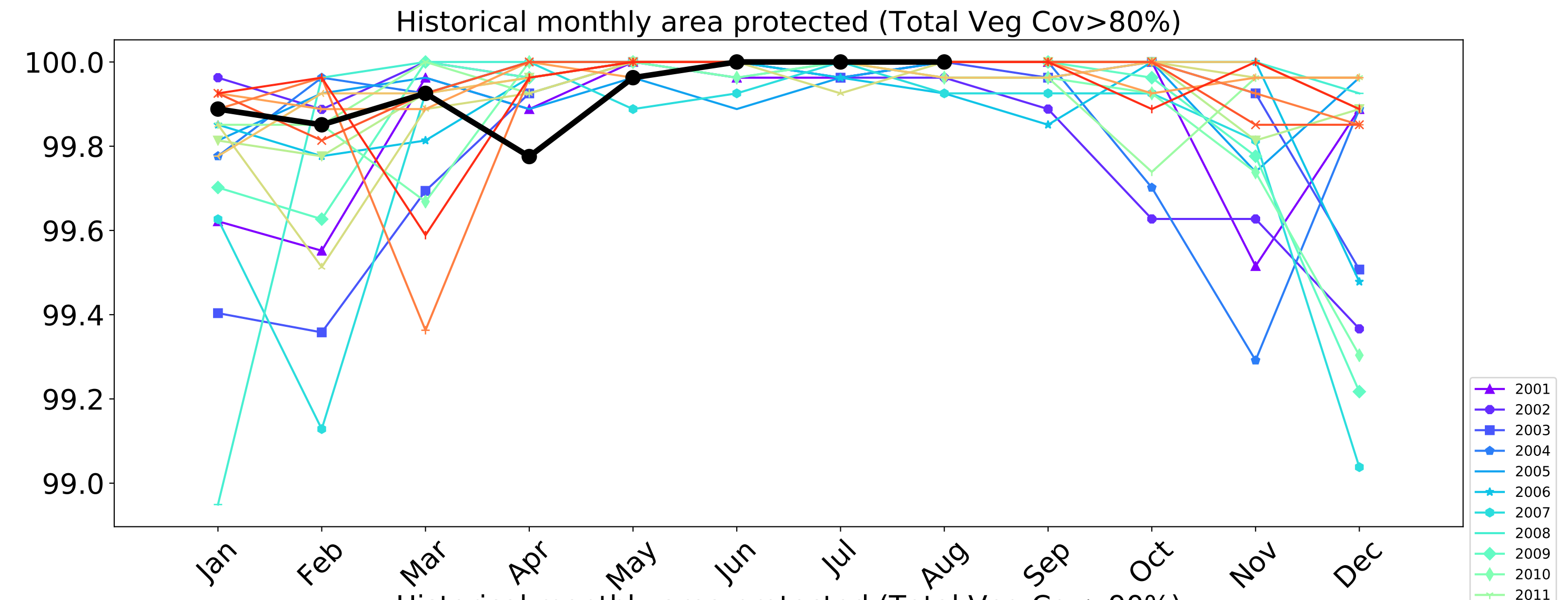
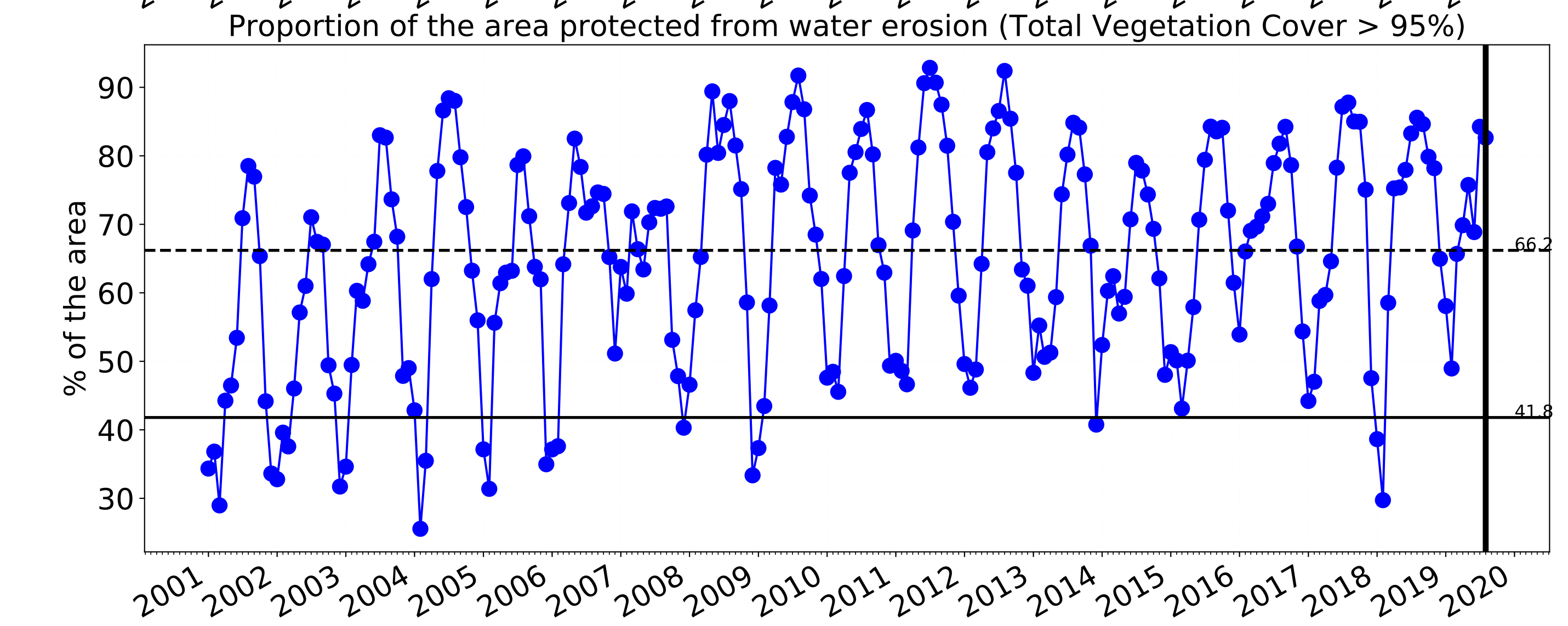
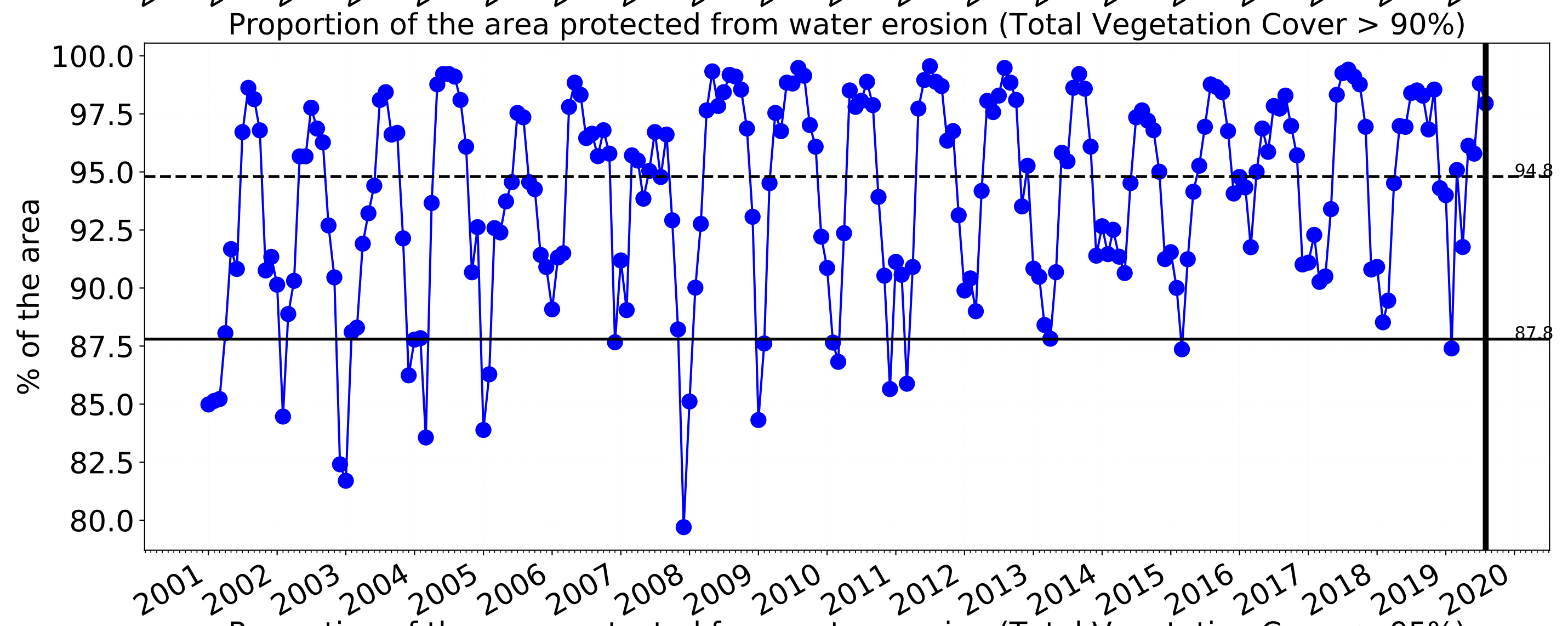
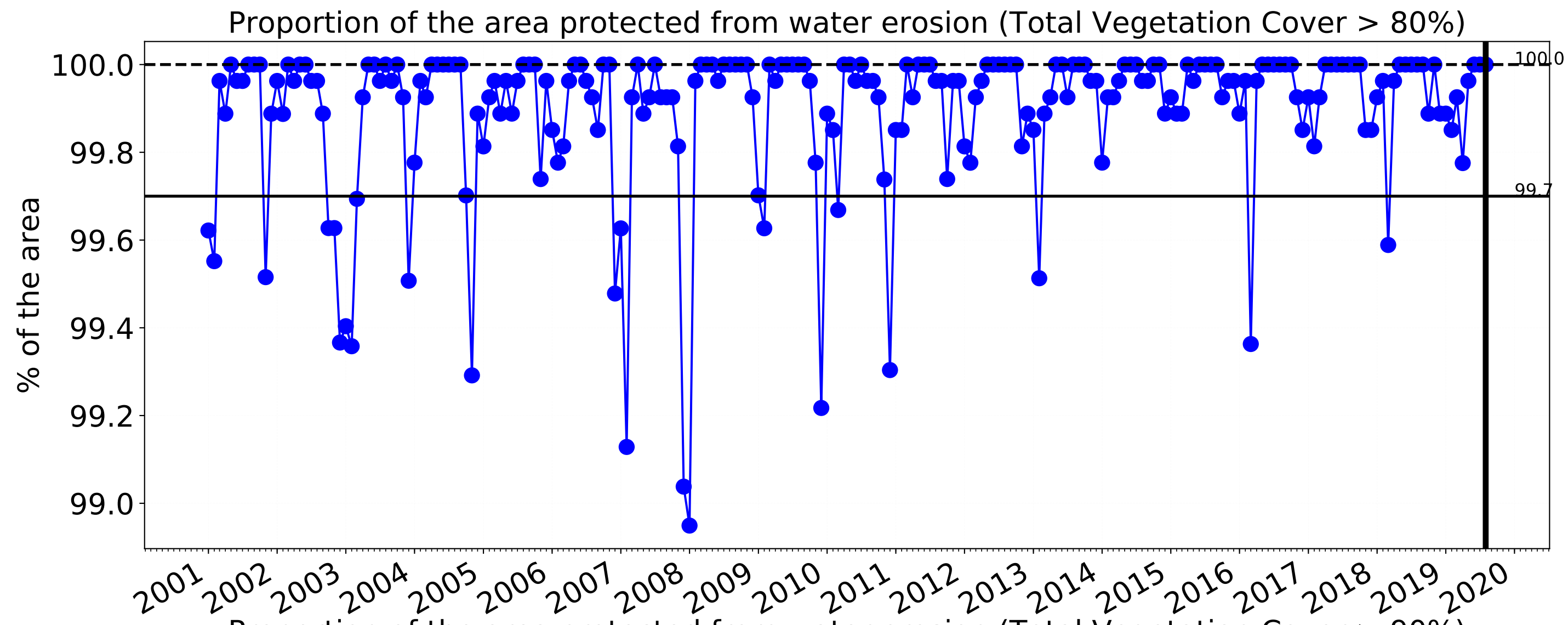
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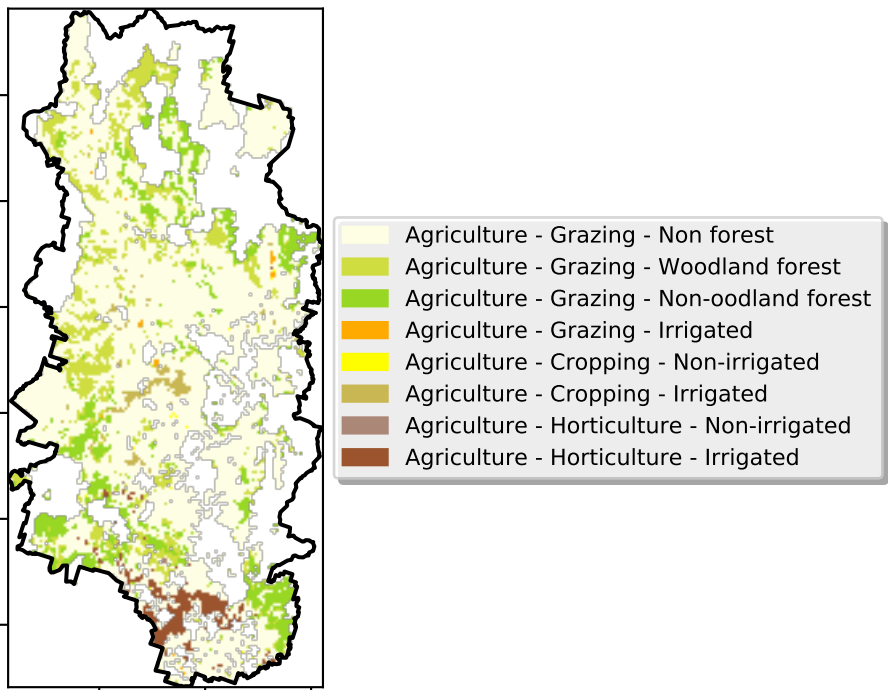




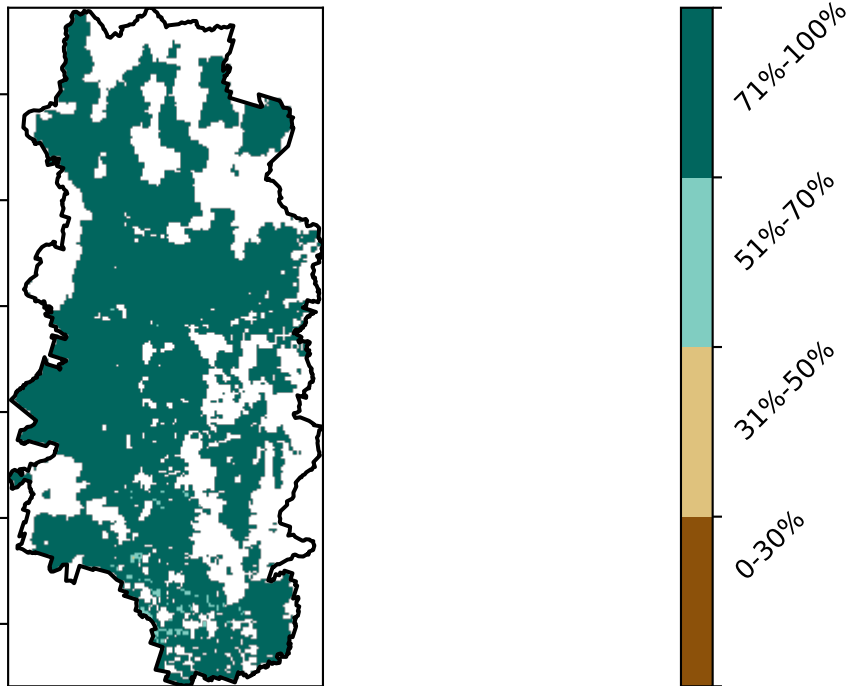
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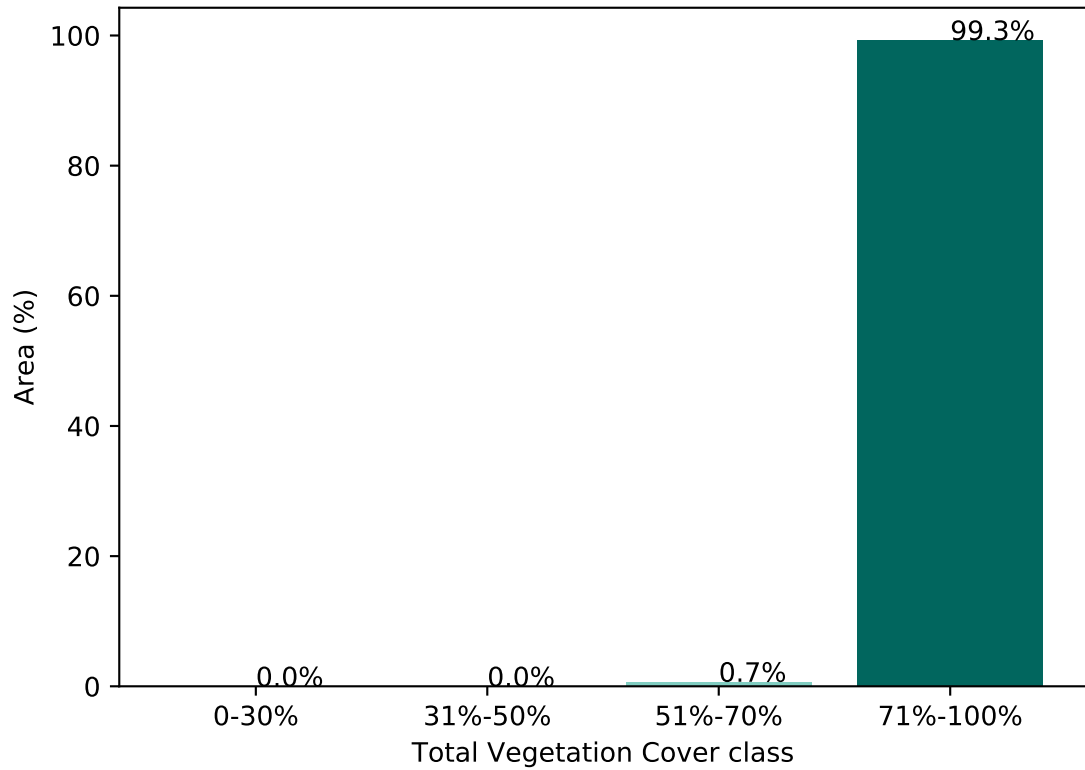
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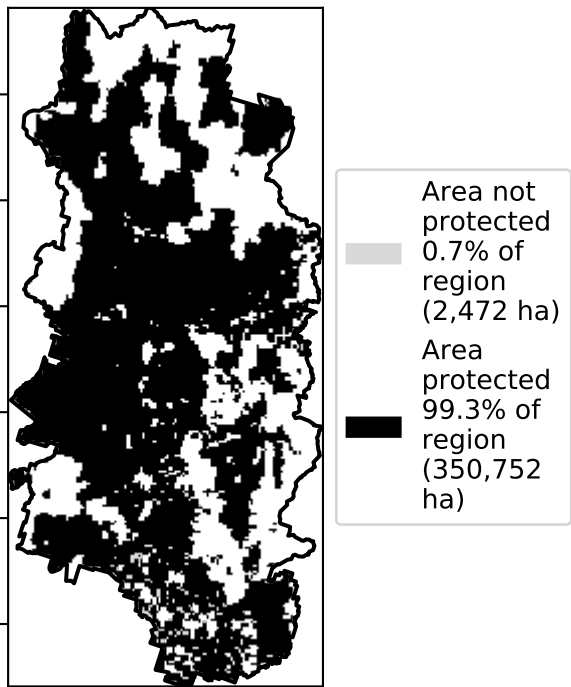
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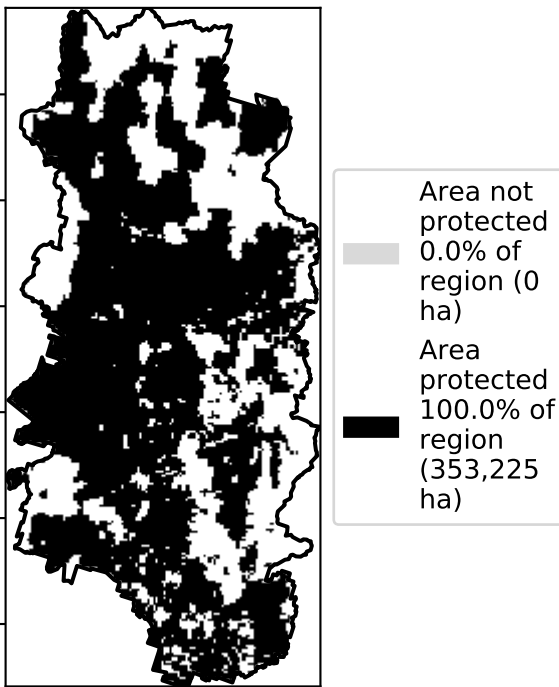
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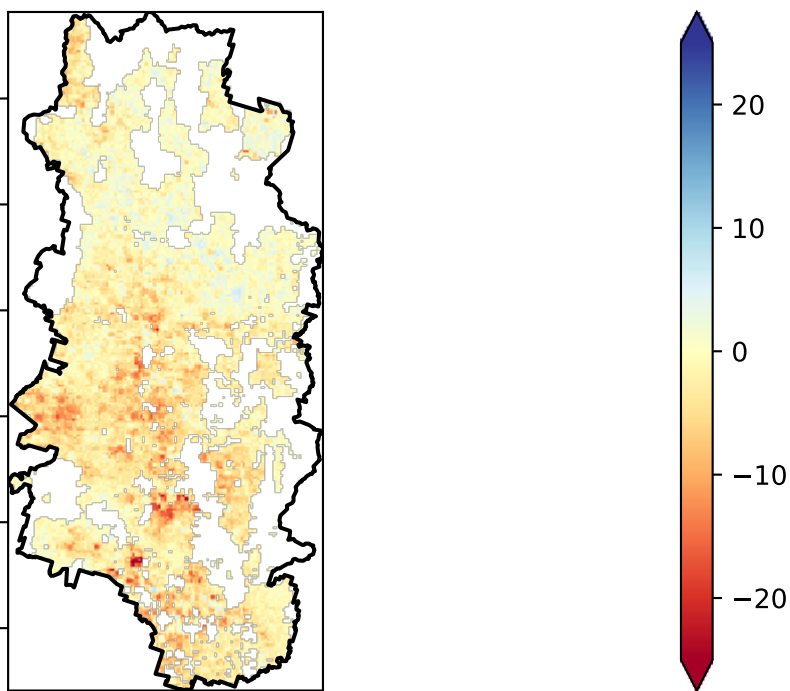


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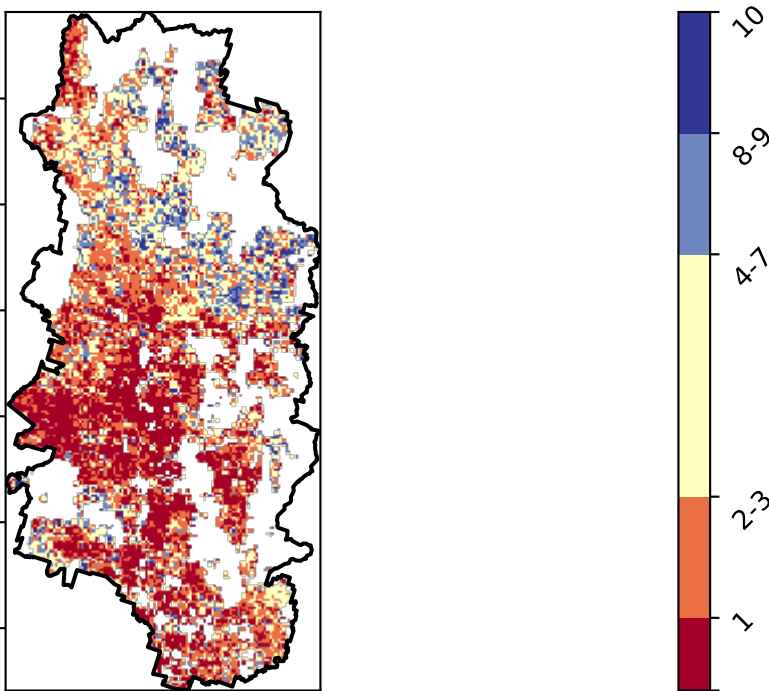
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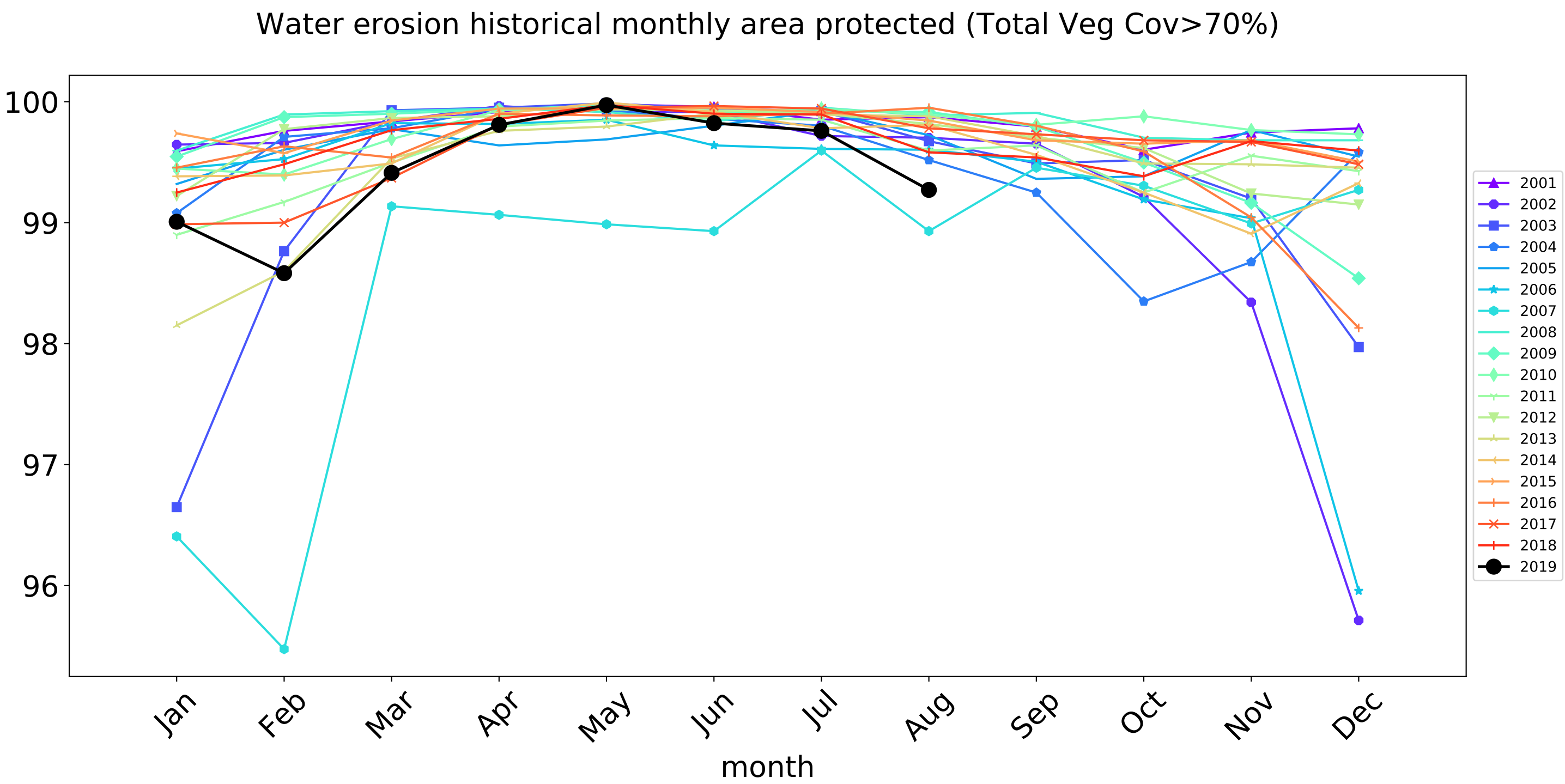
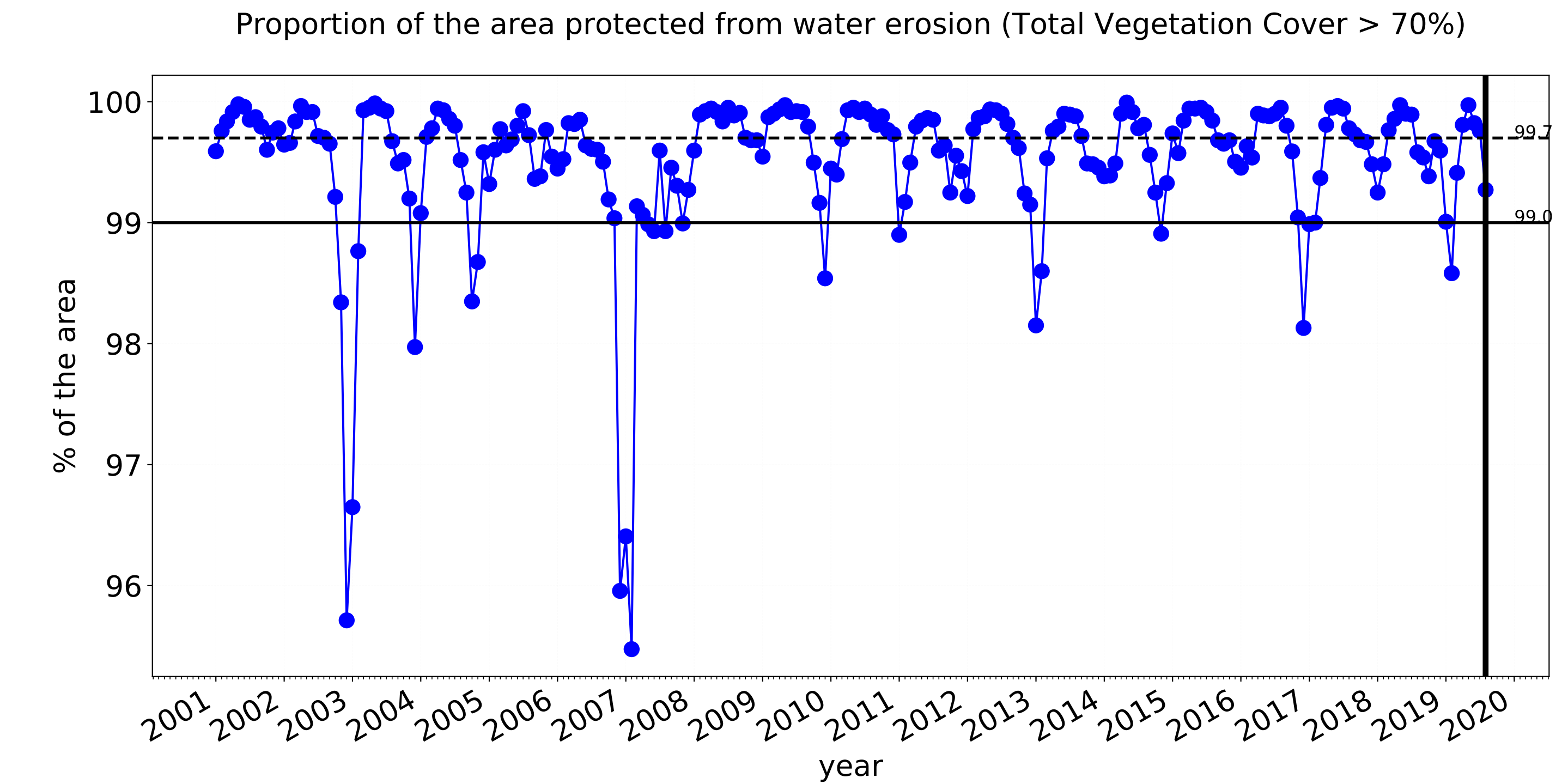
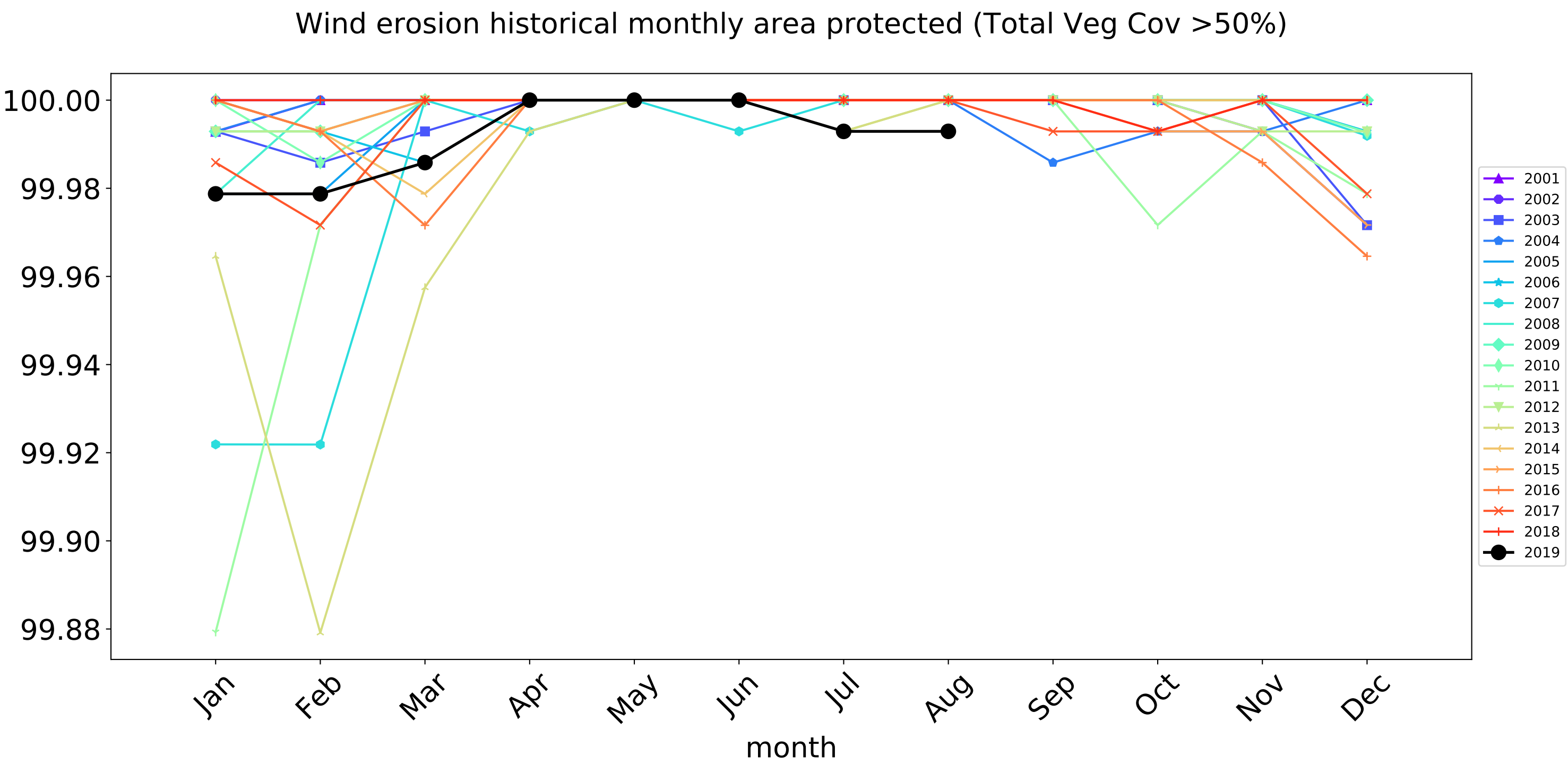
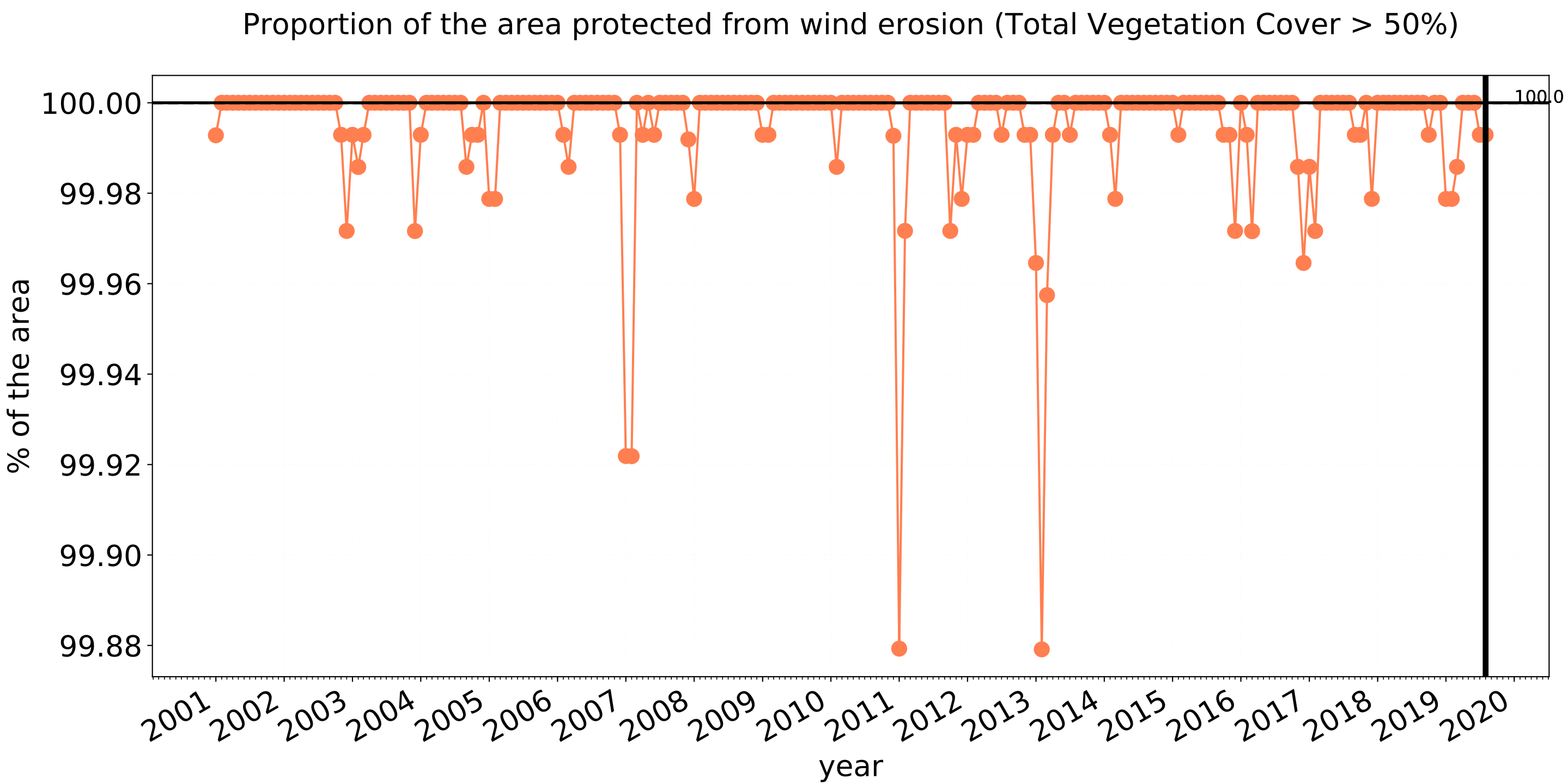
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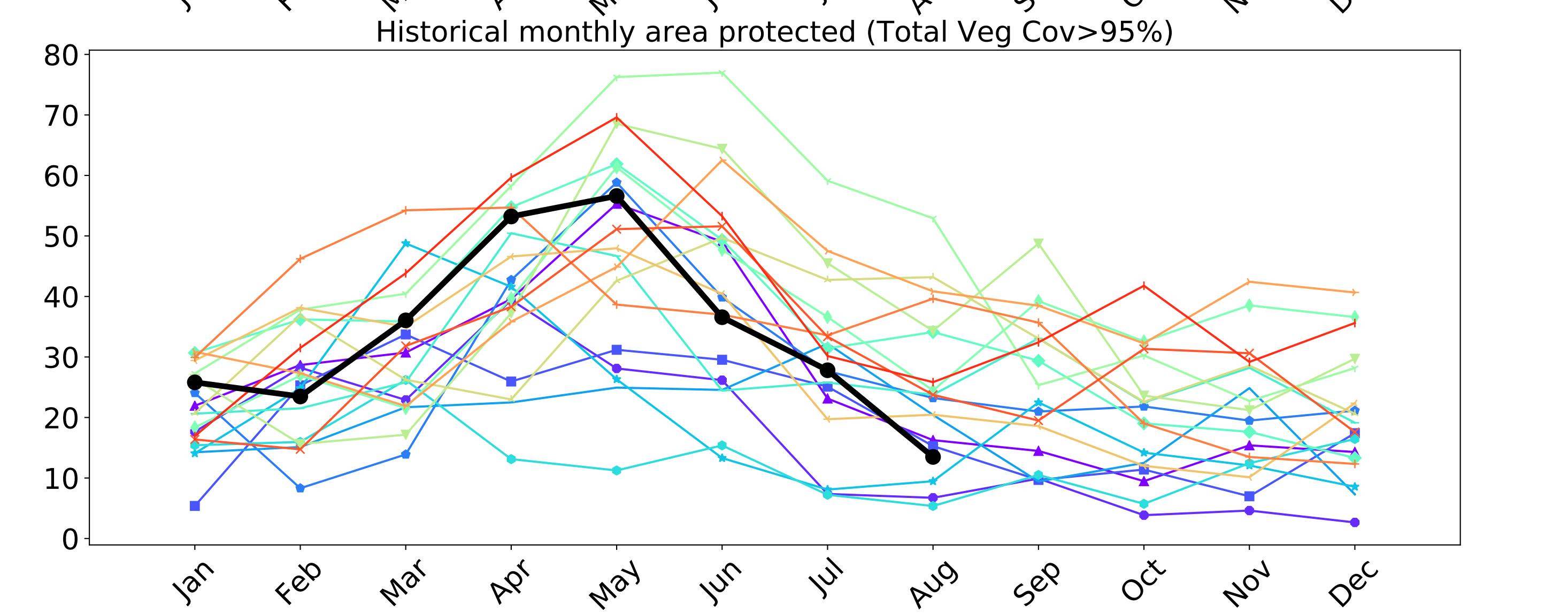
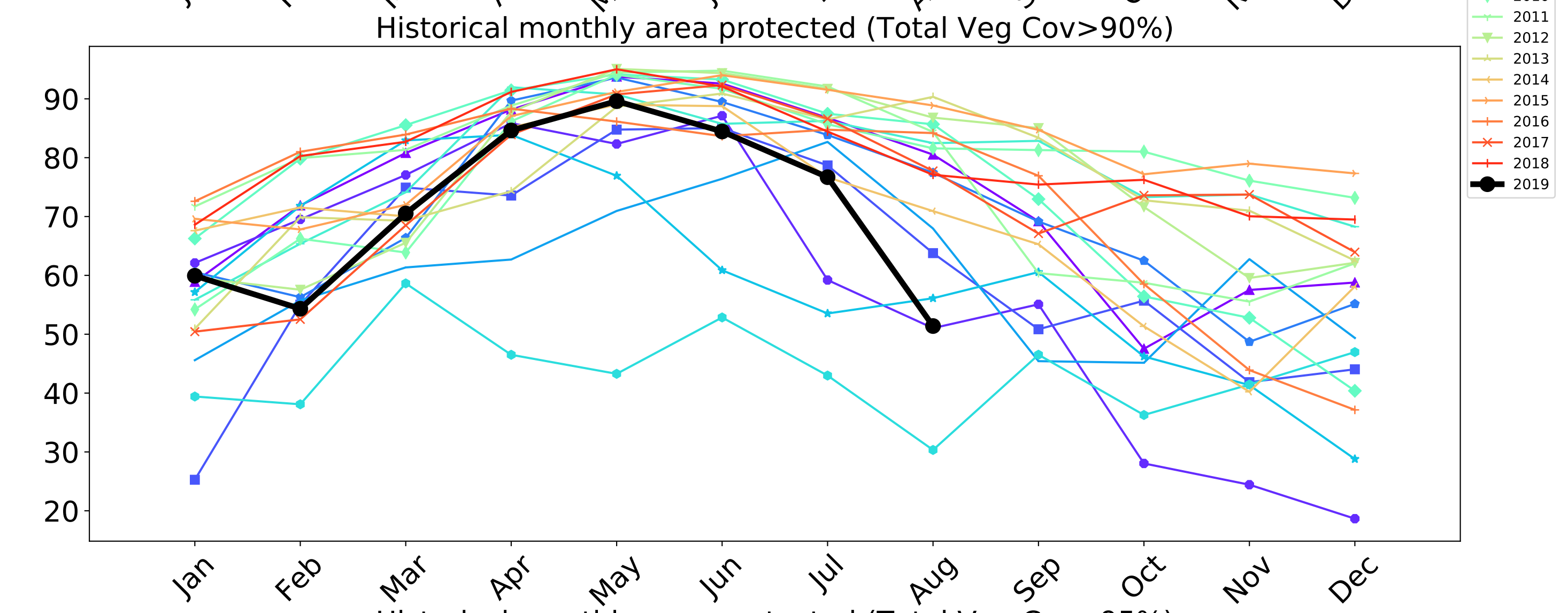
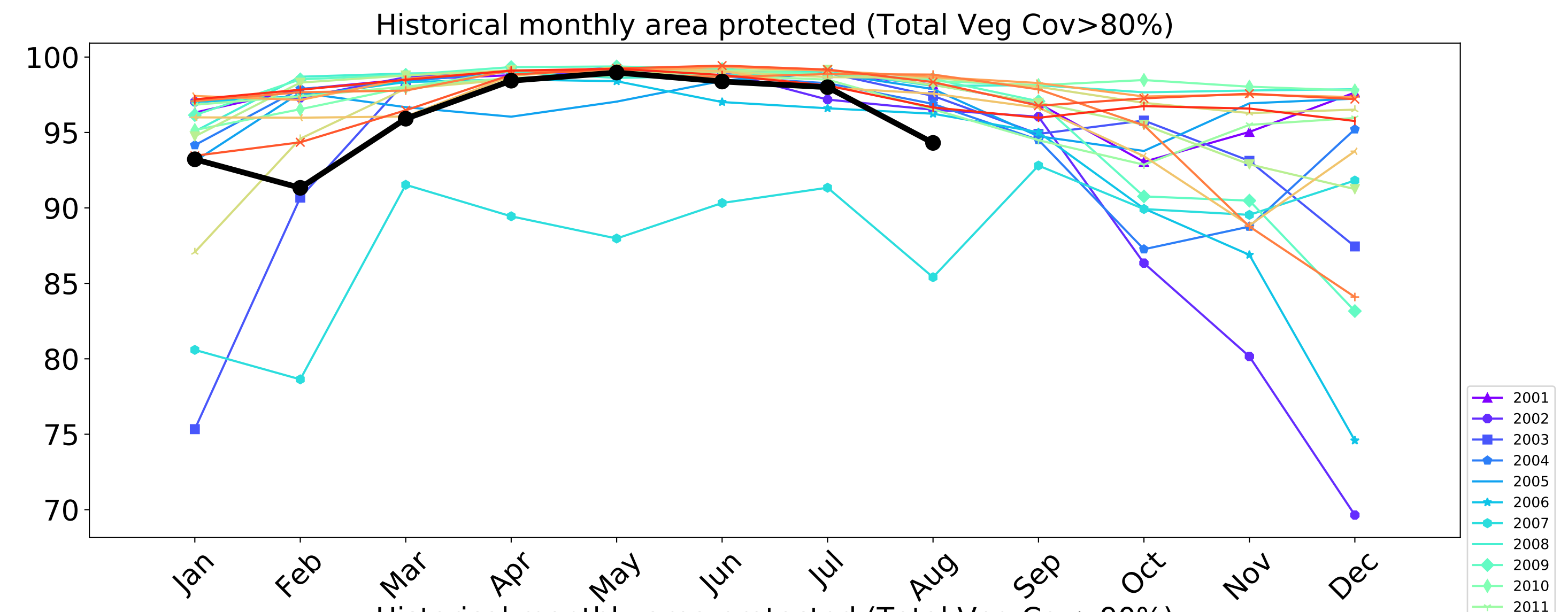
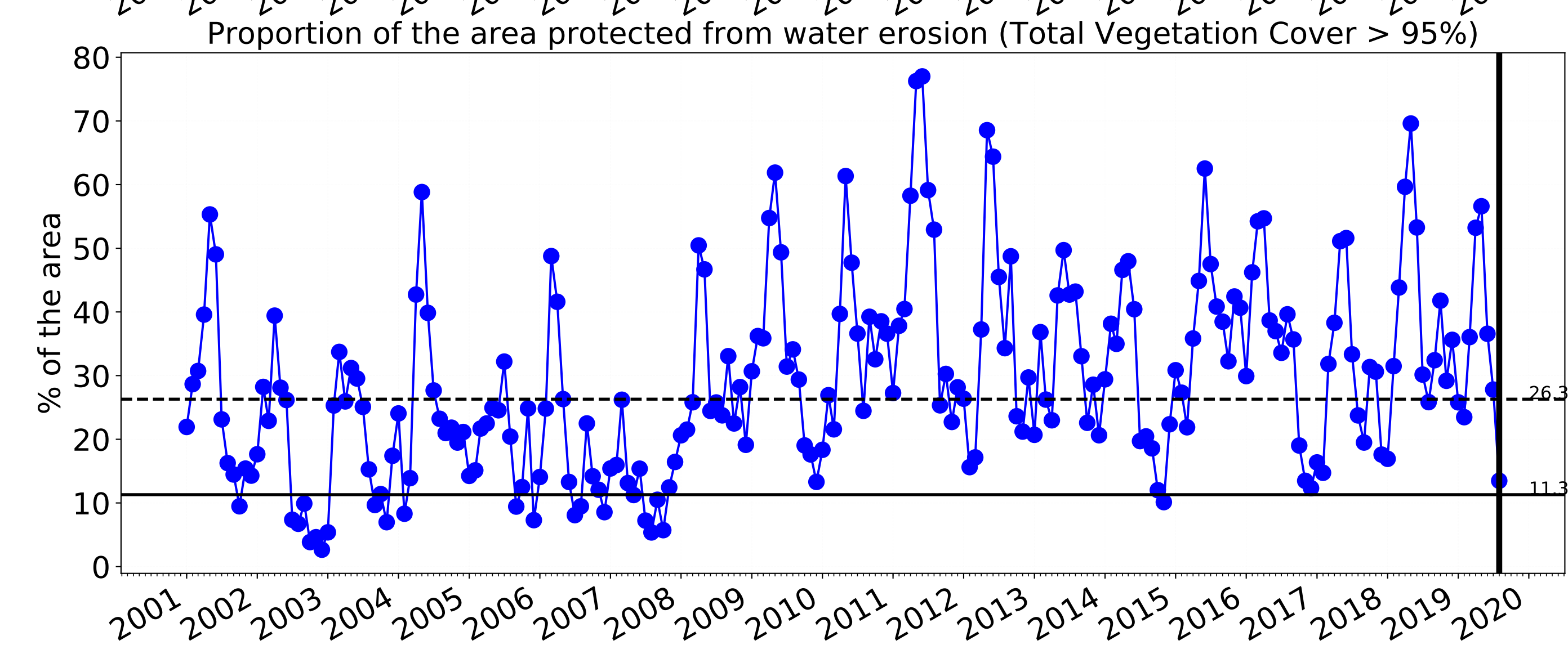
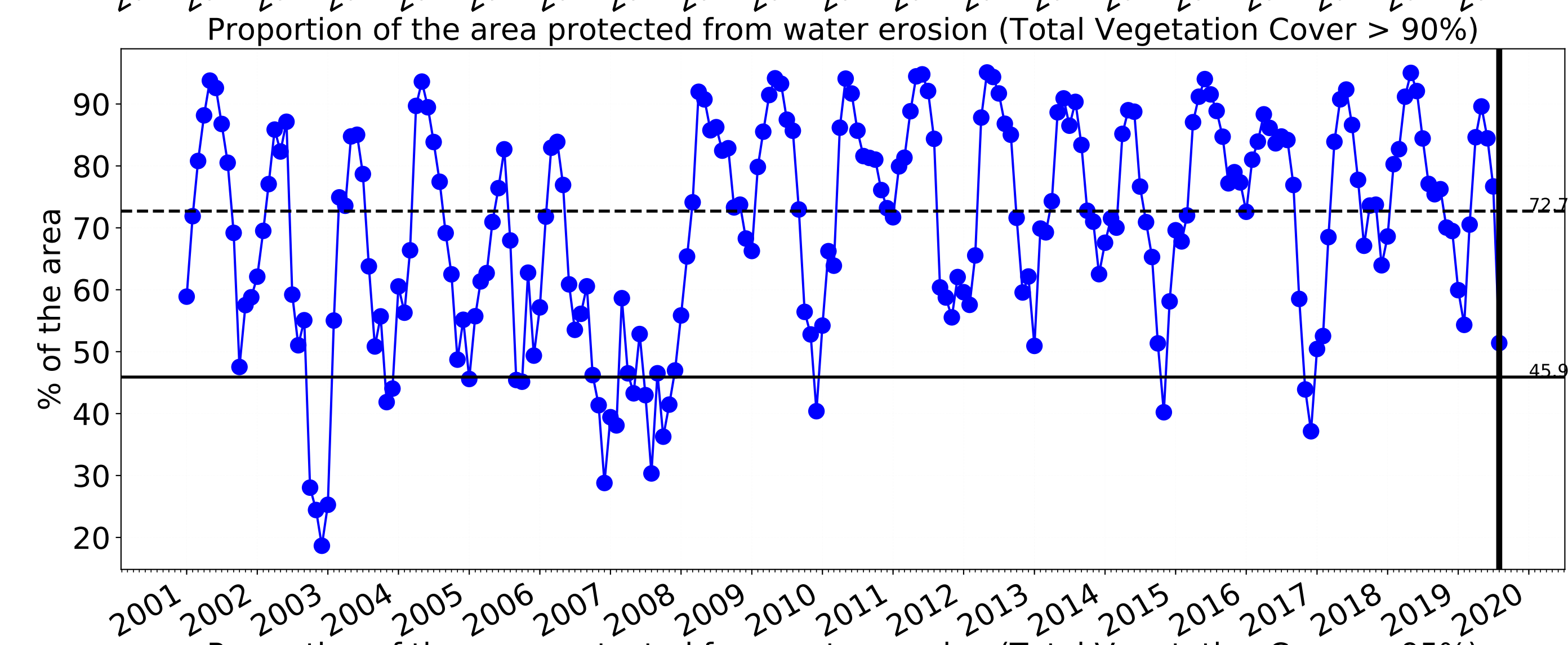
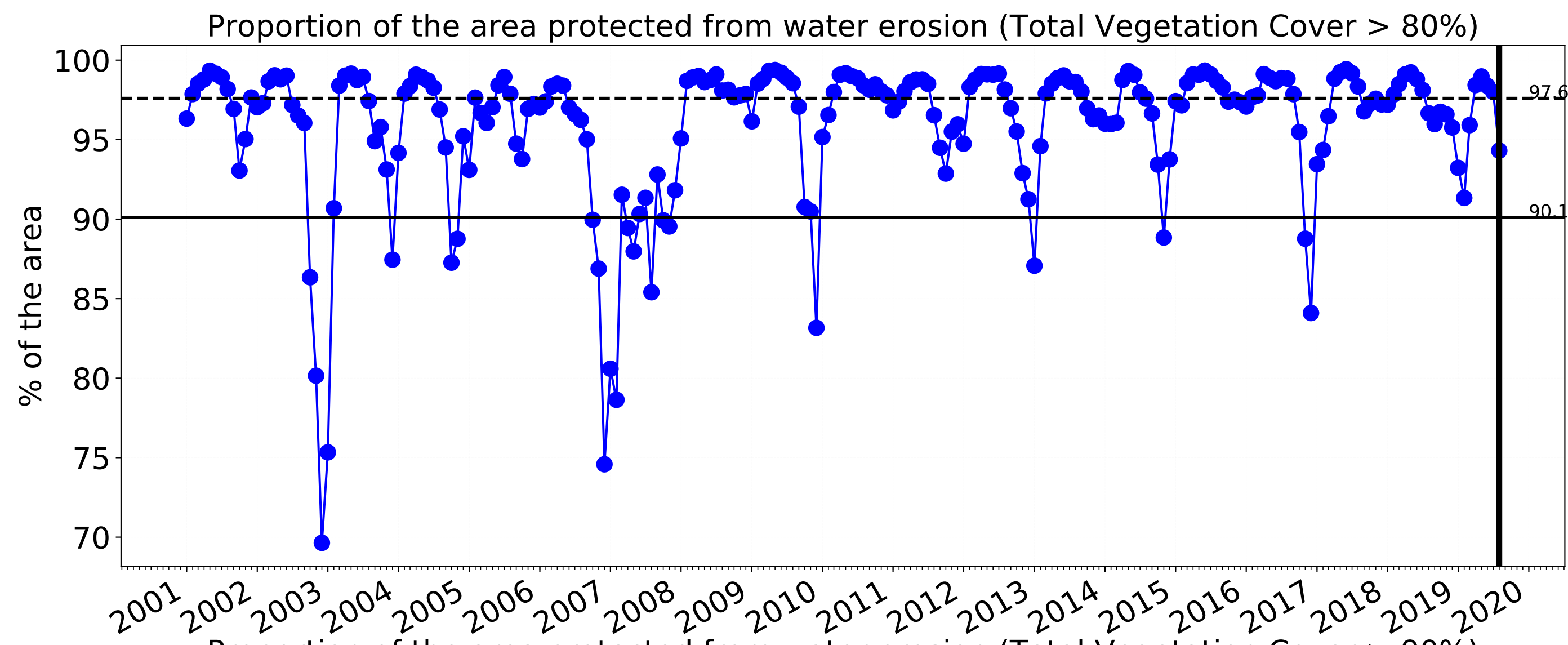
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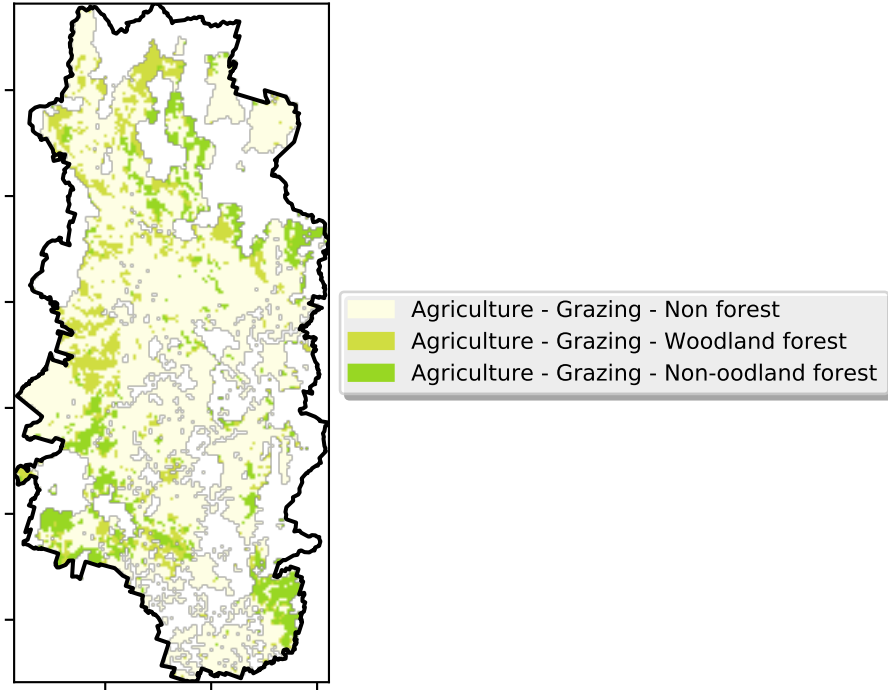




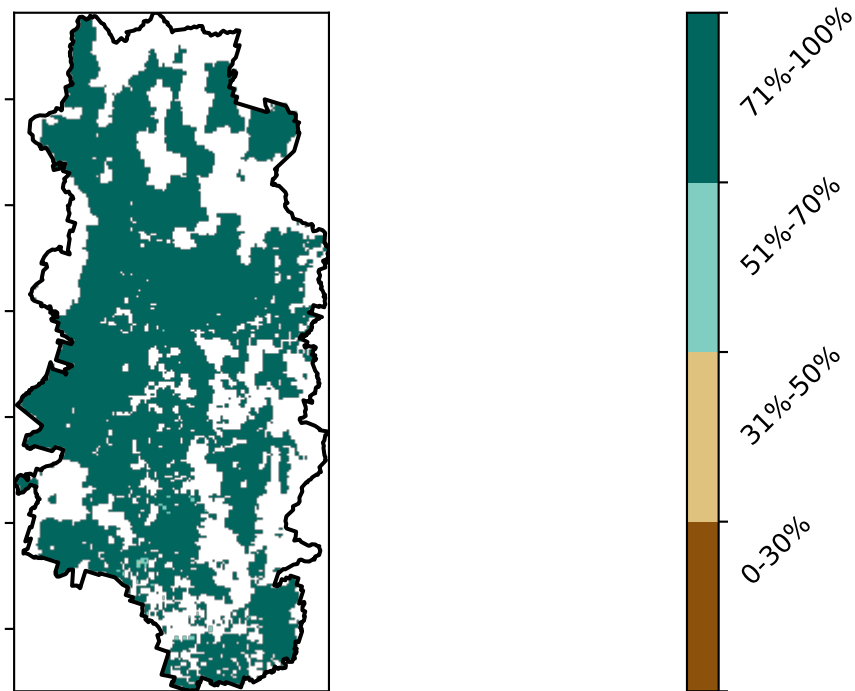
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Land use and forest cover

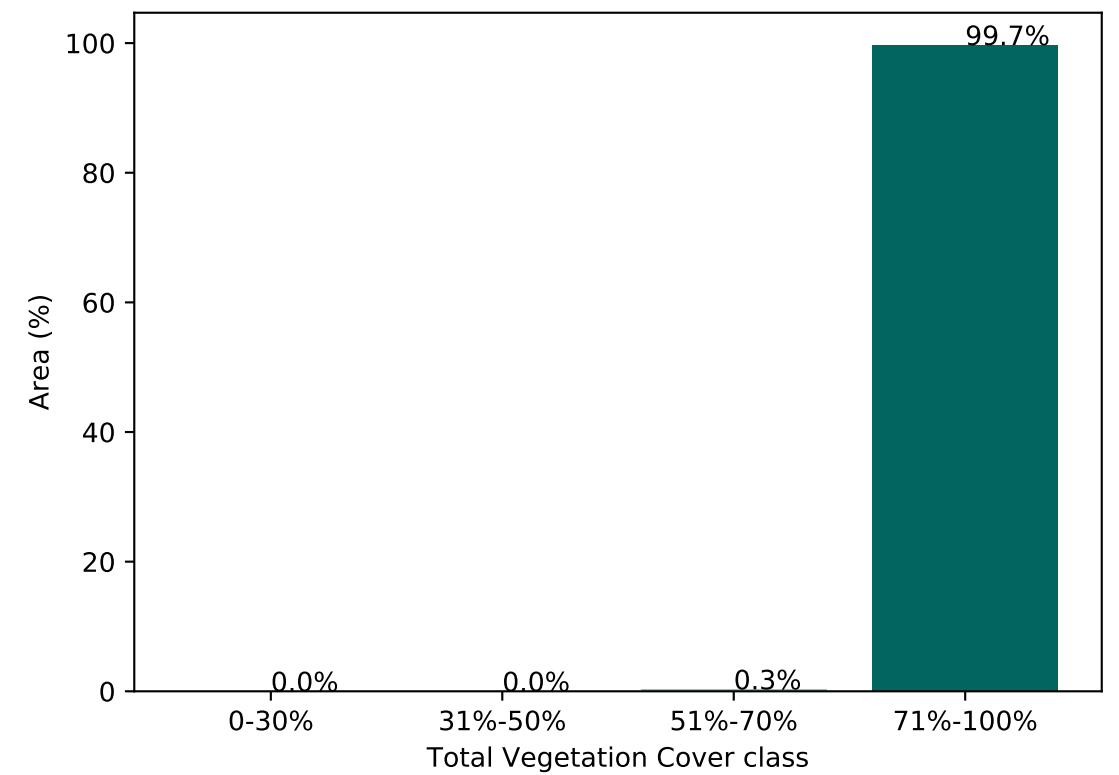
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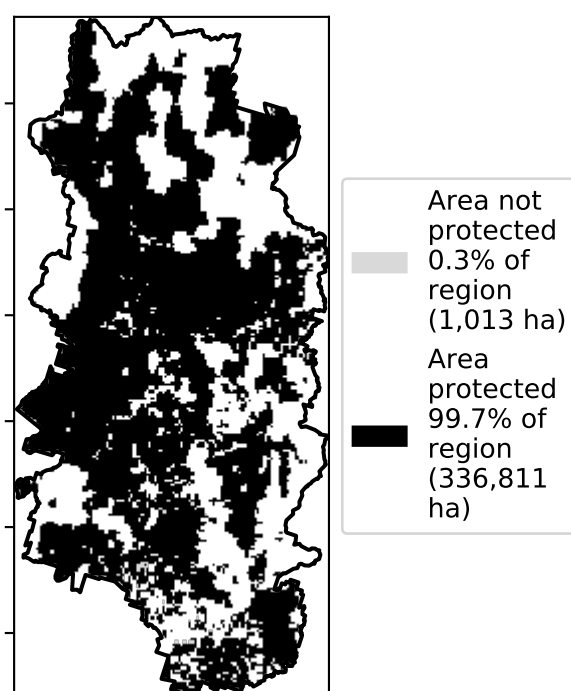
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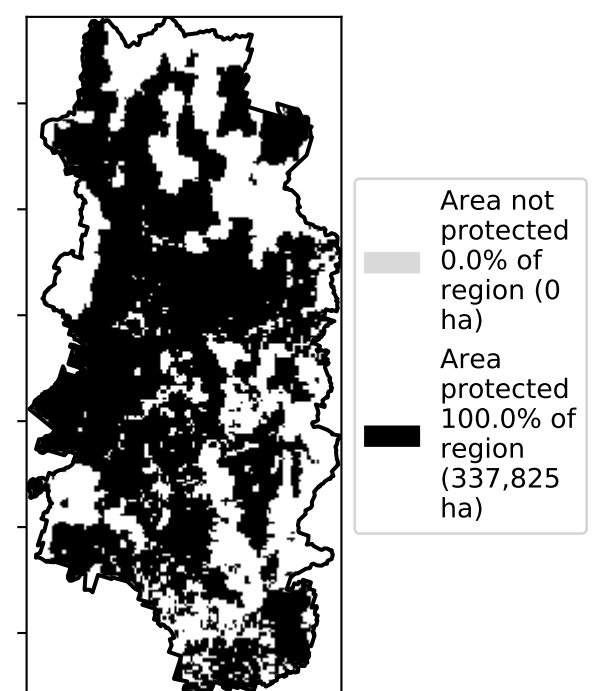
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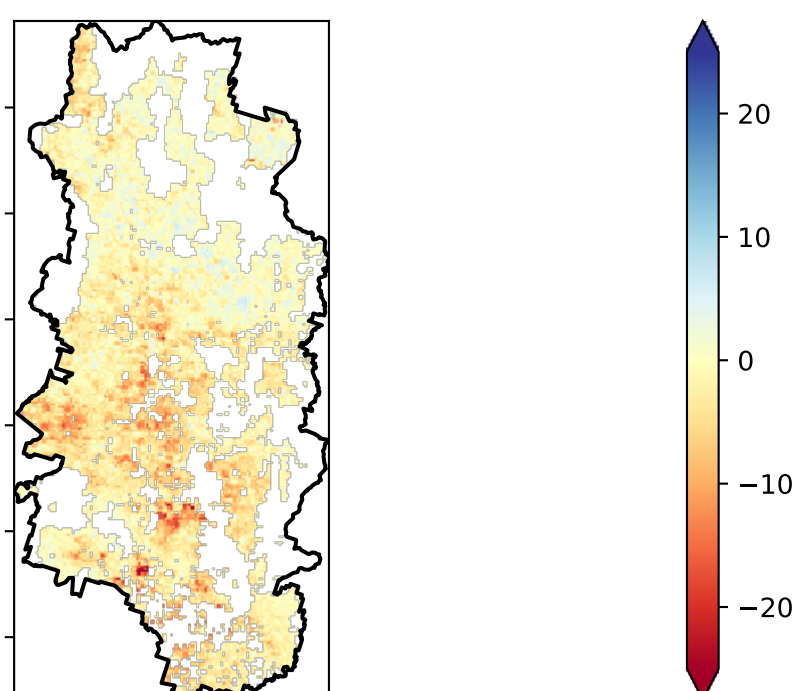


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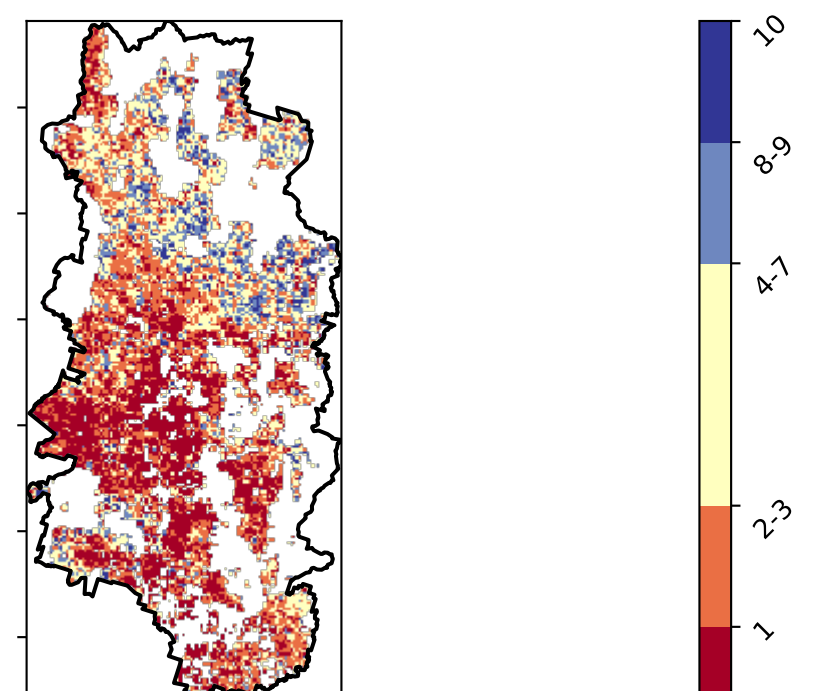
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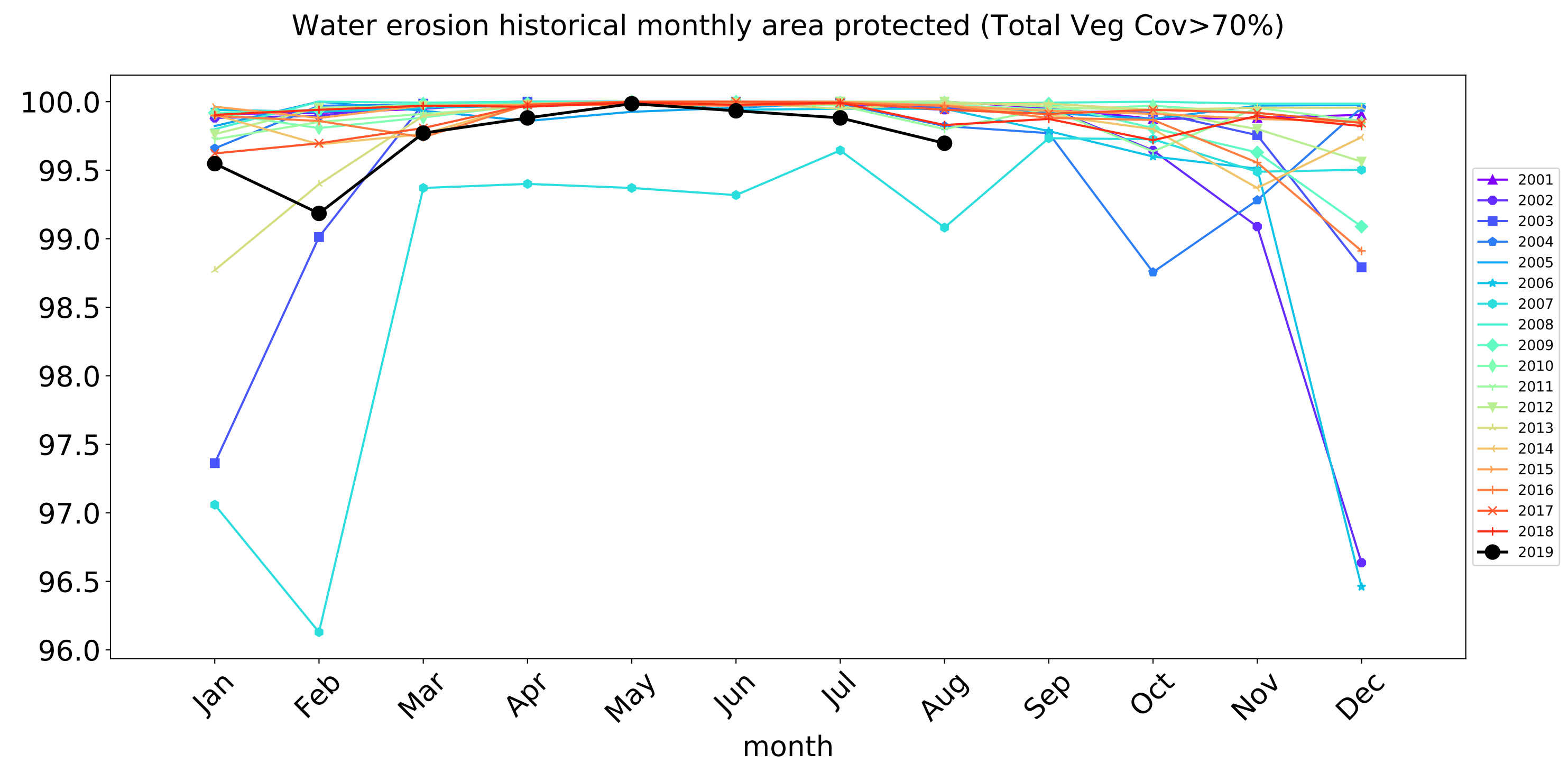
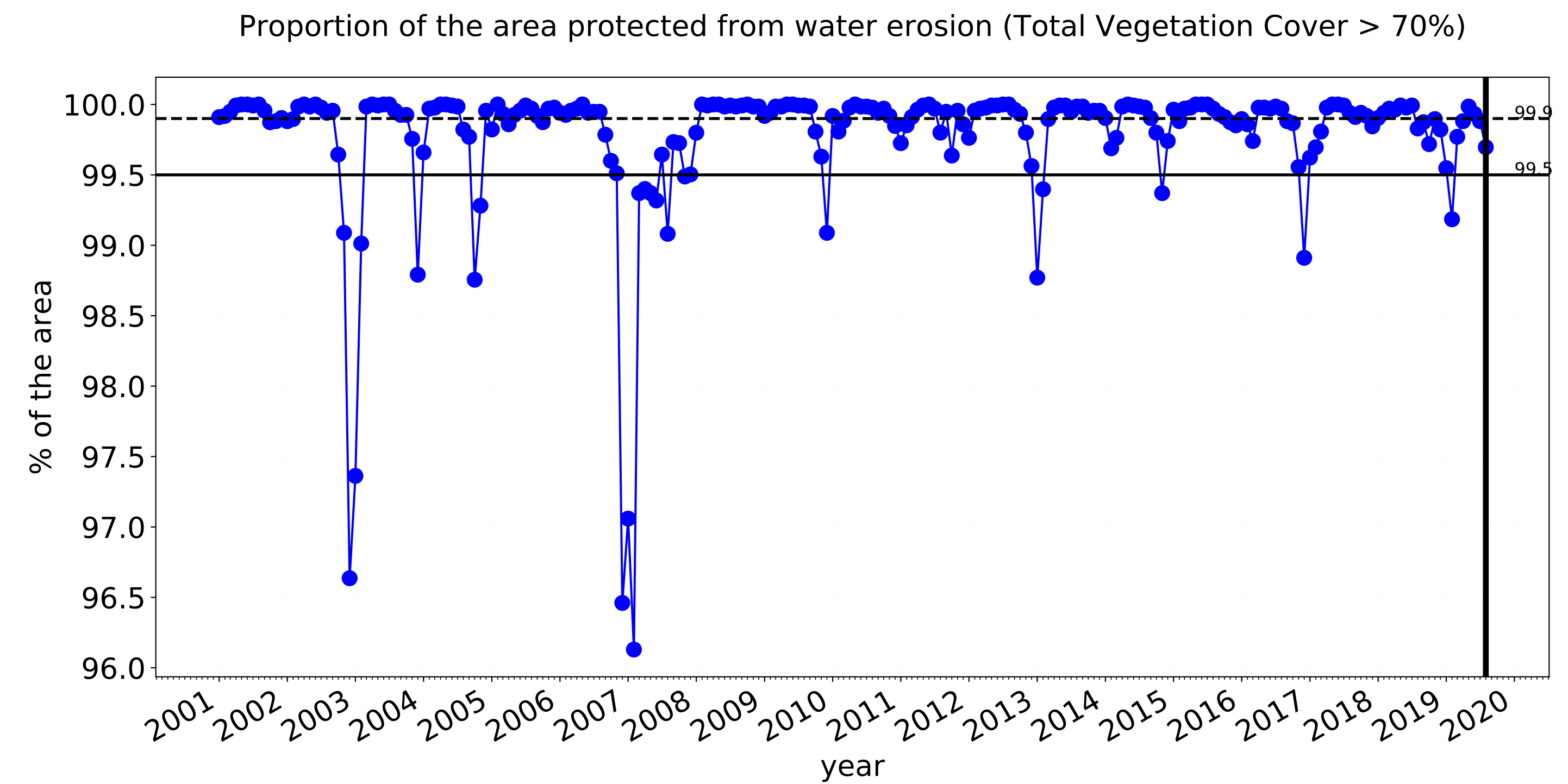
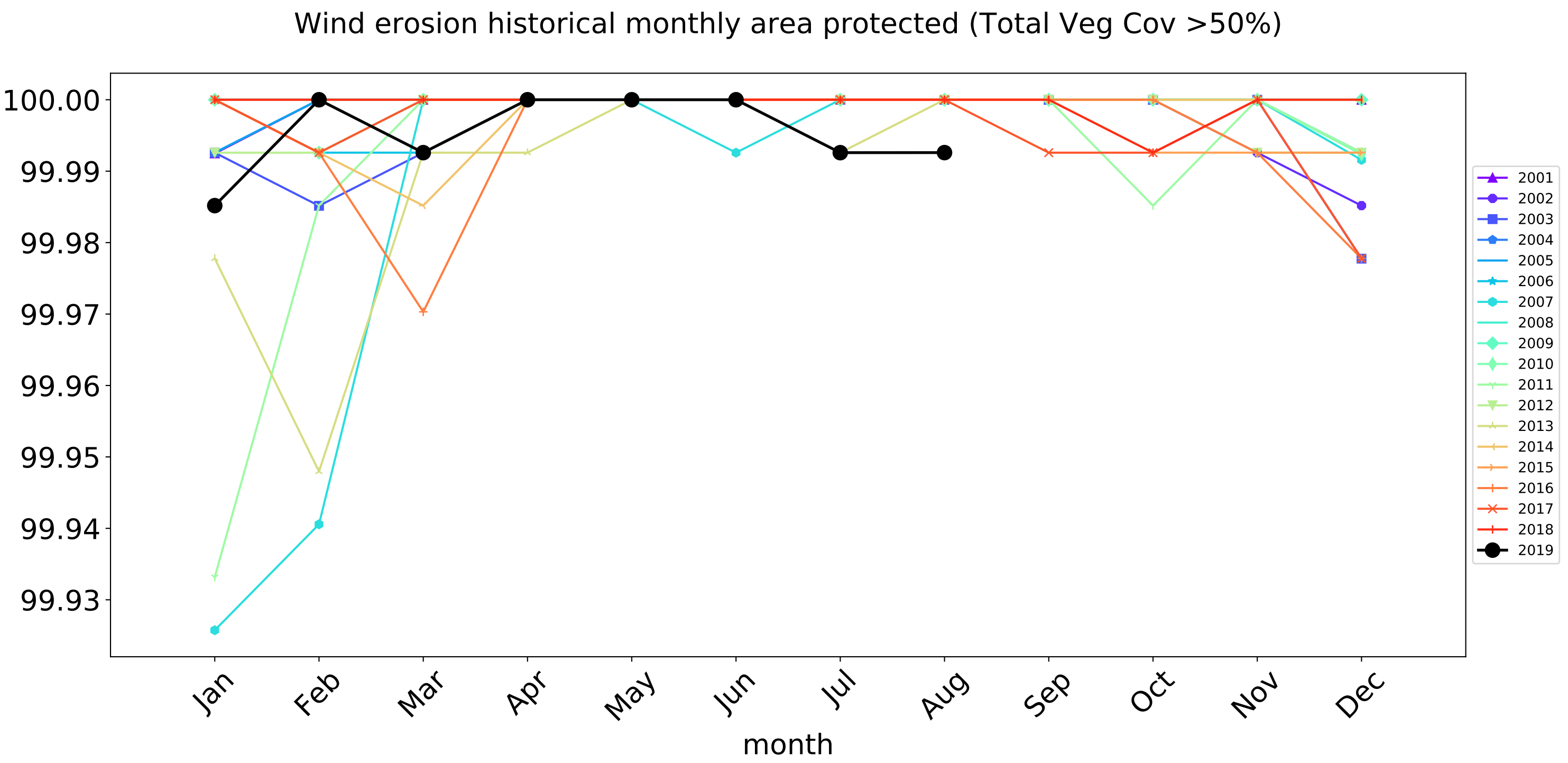
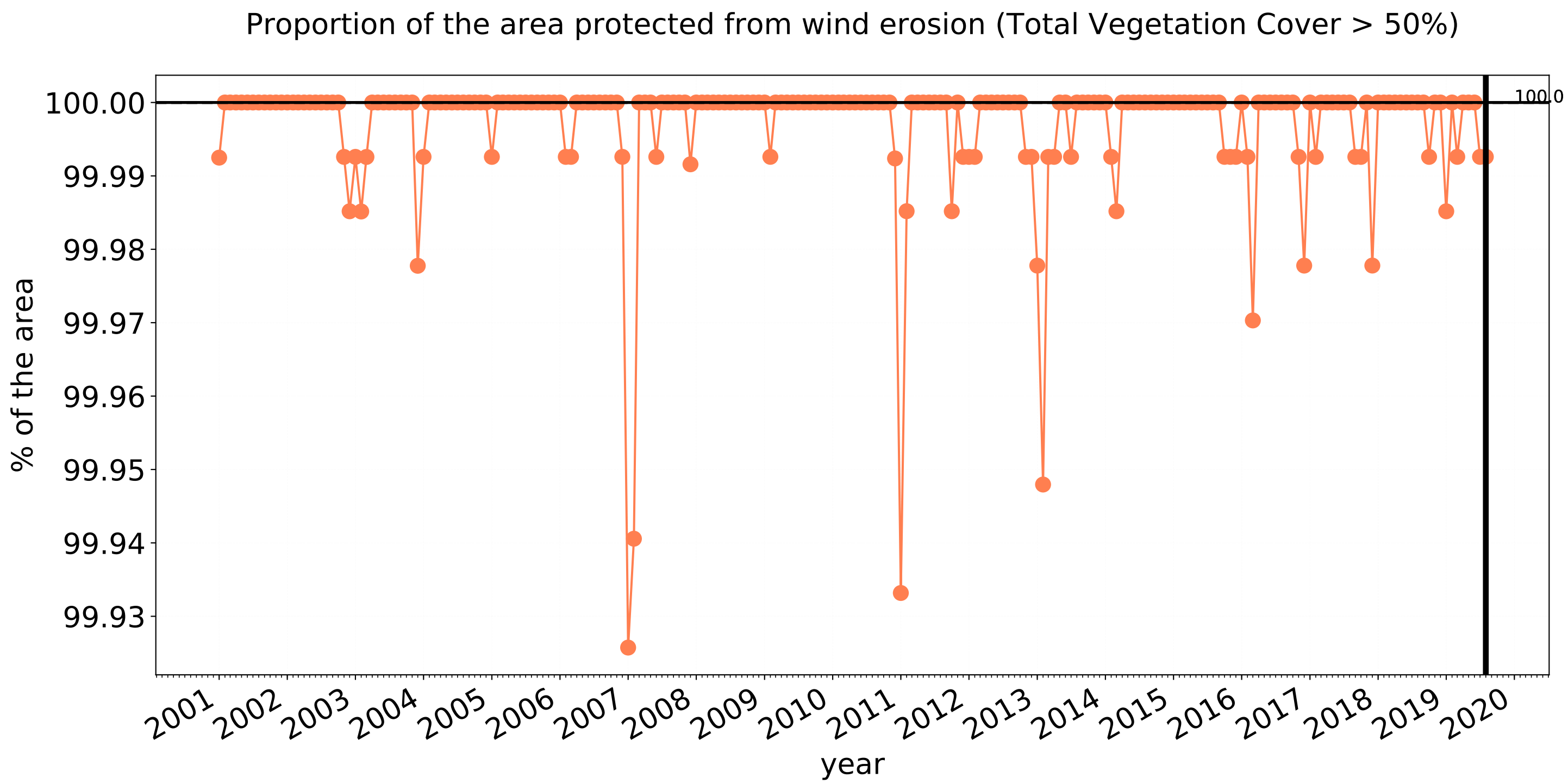


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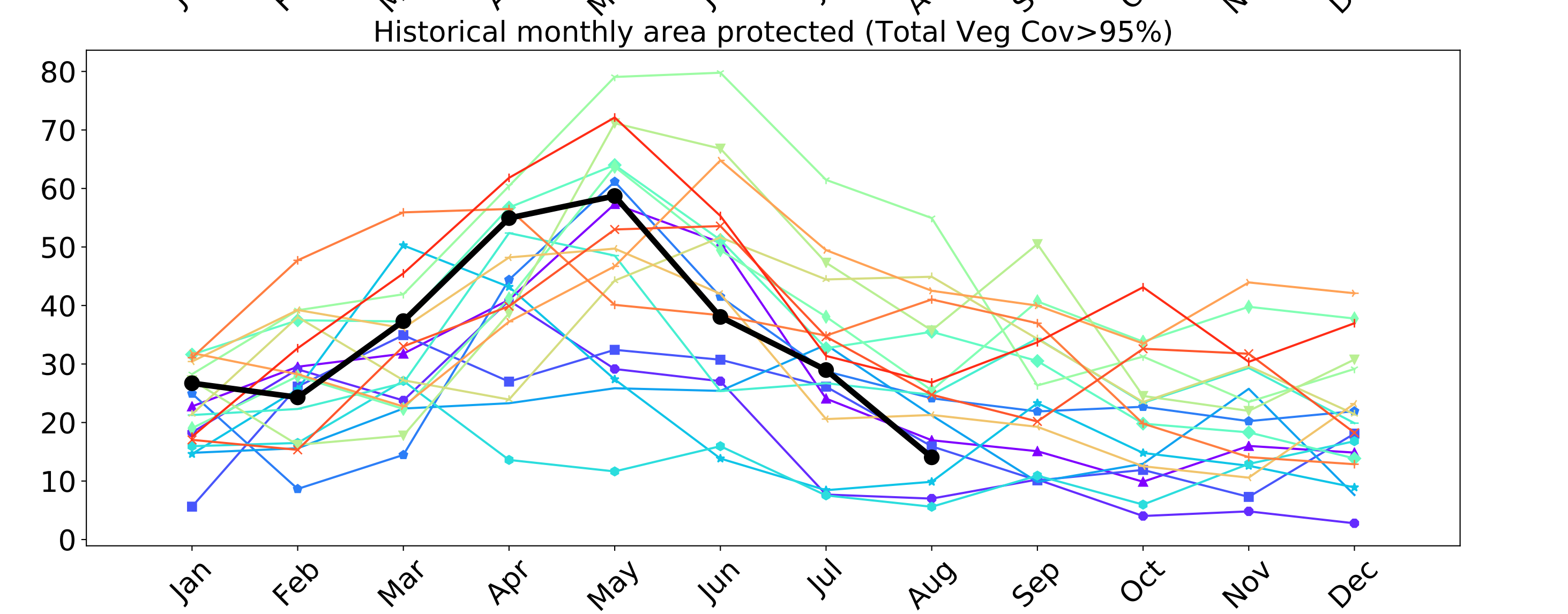
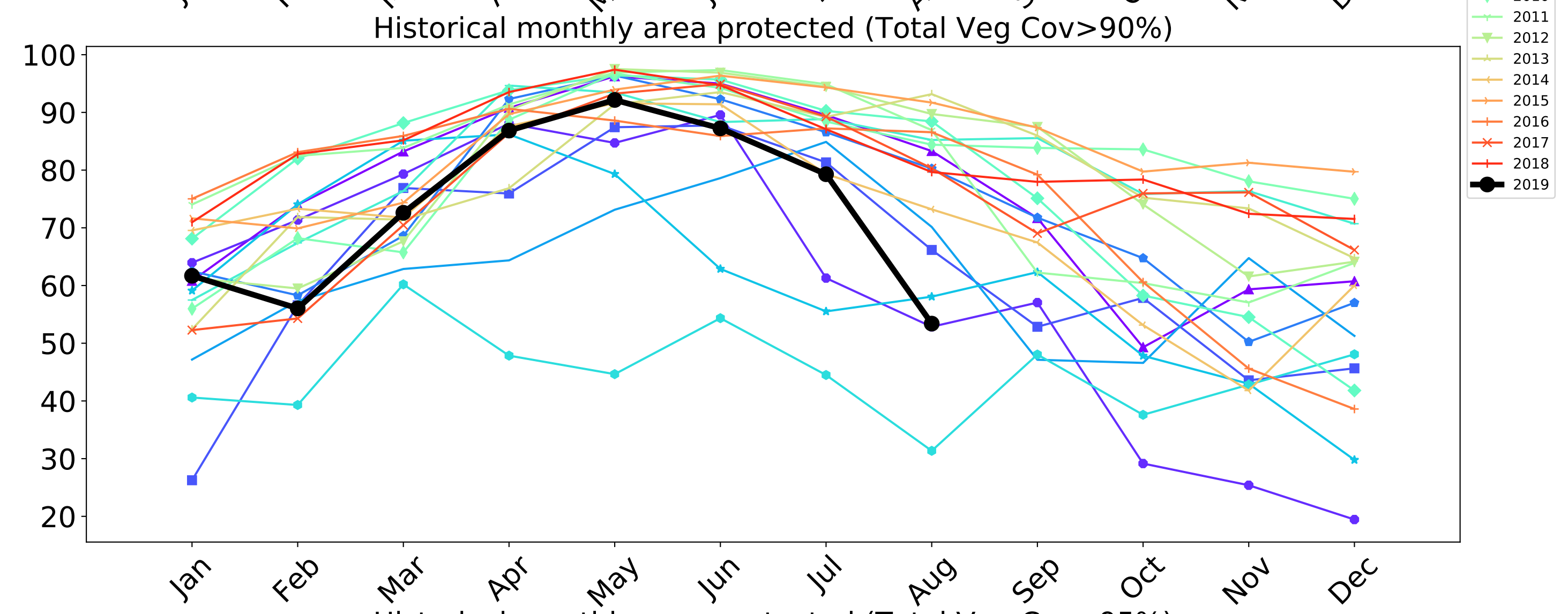
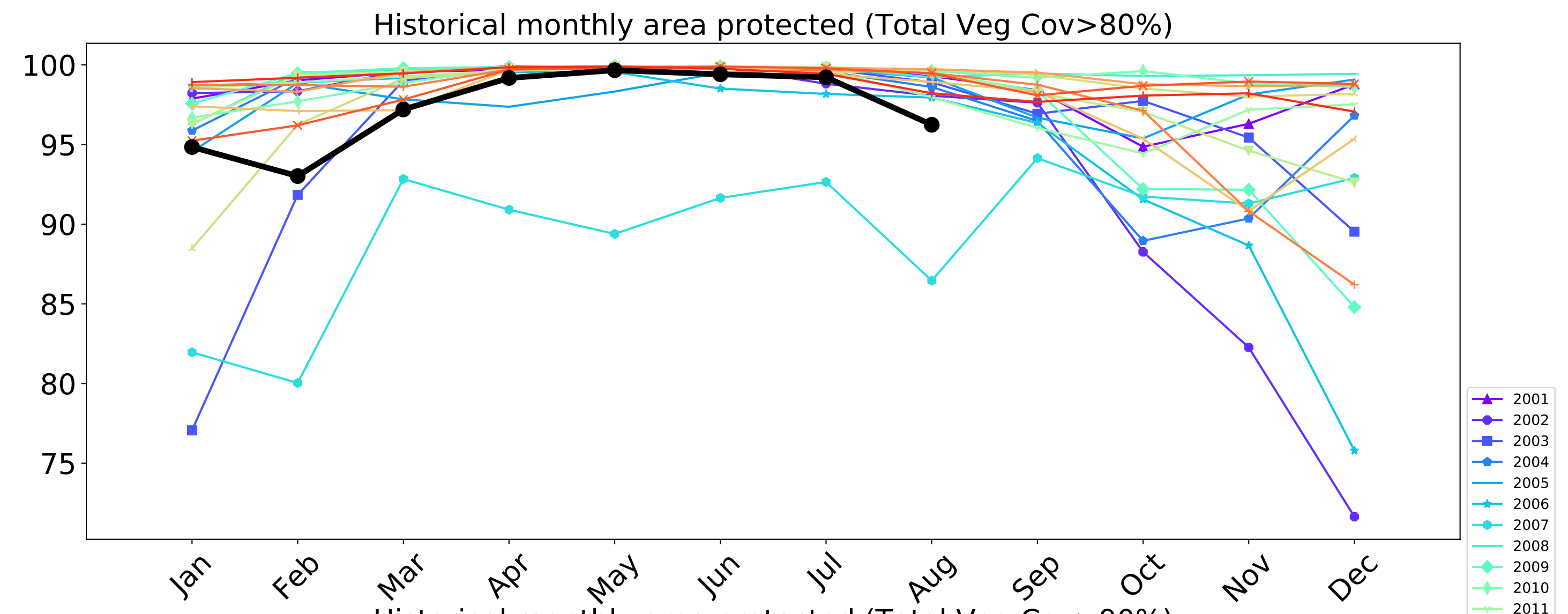
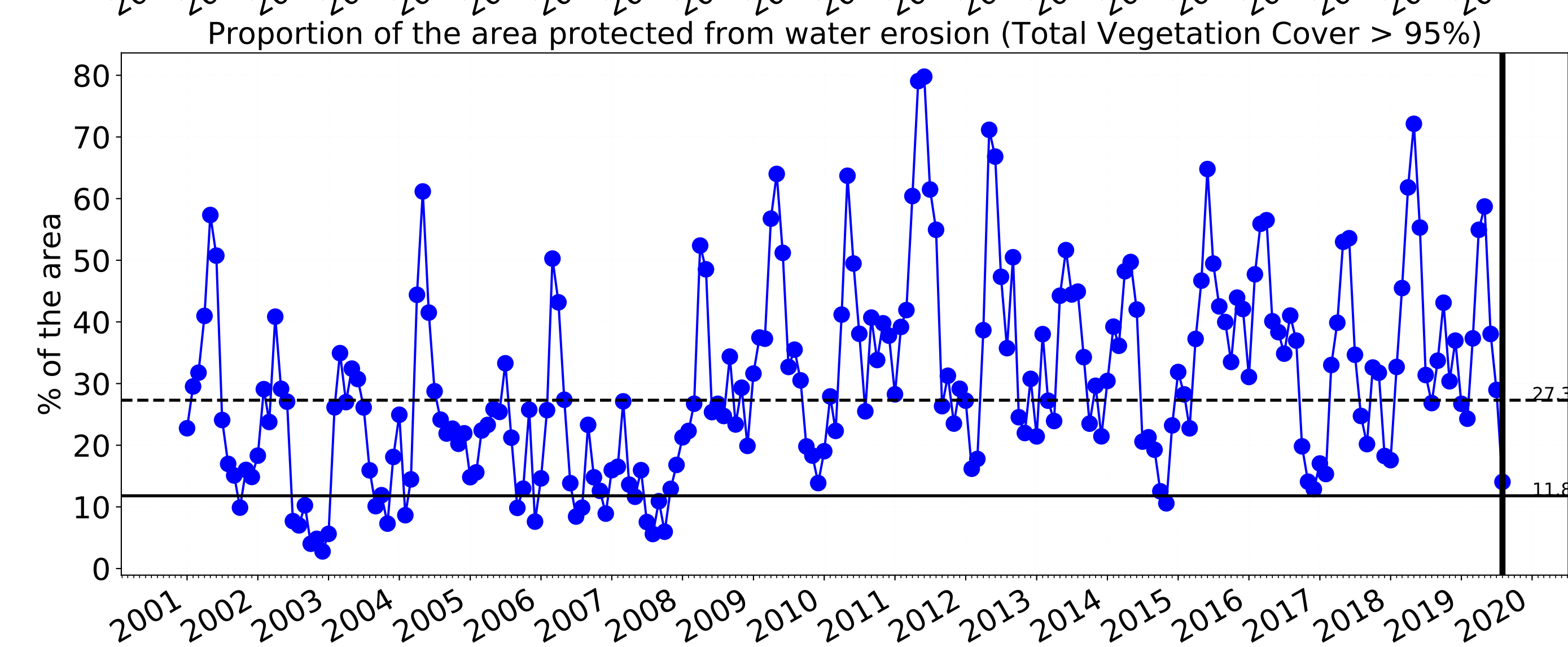
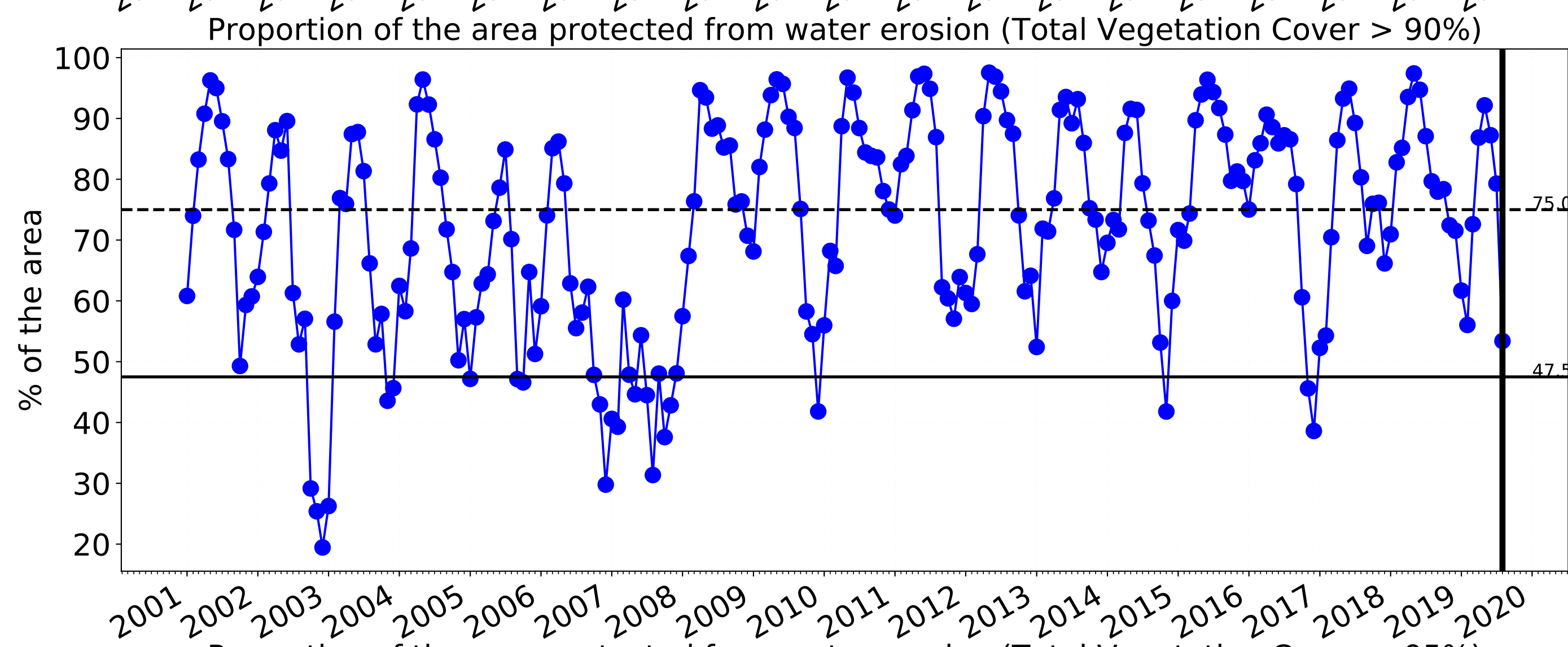
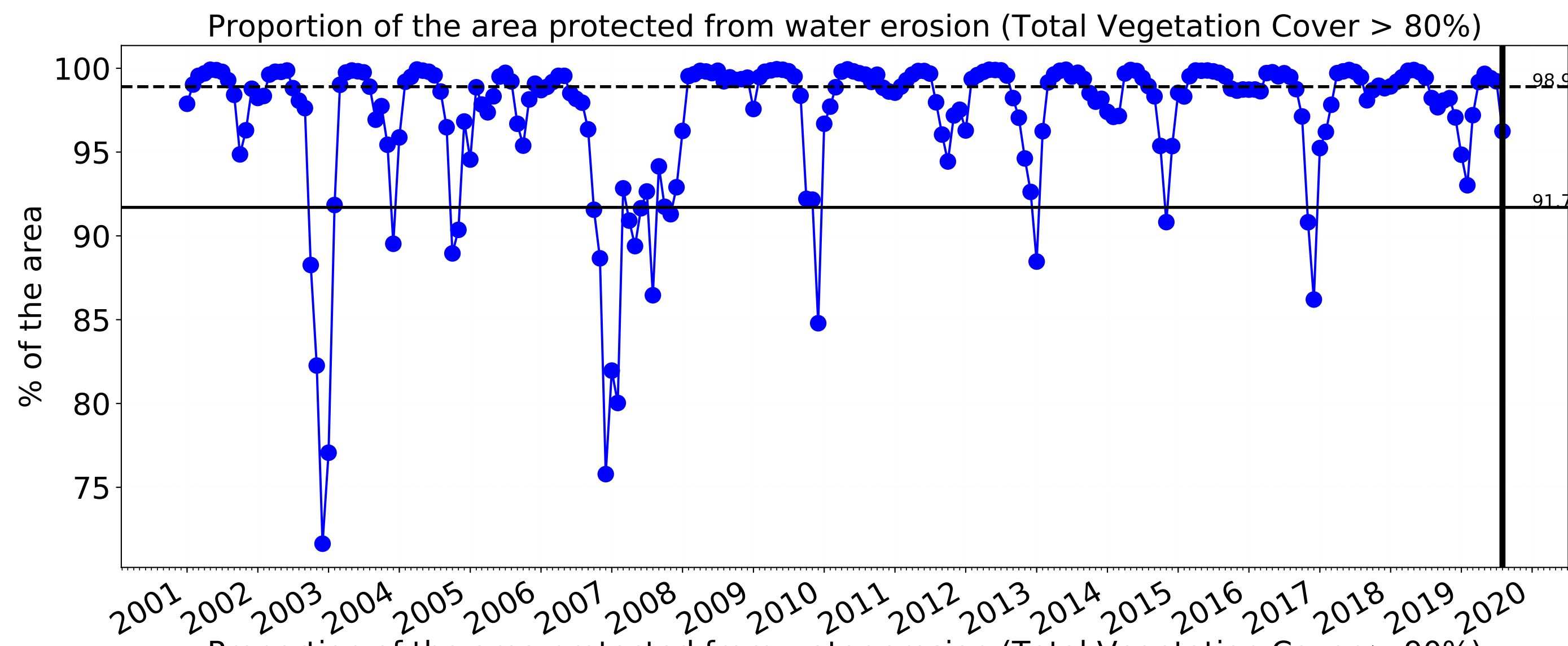


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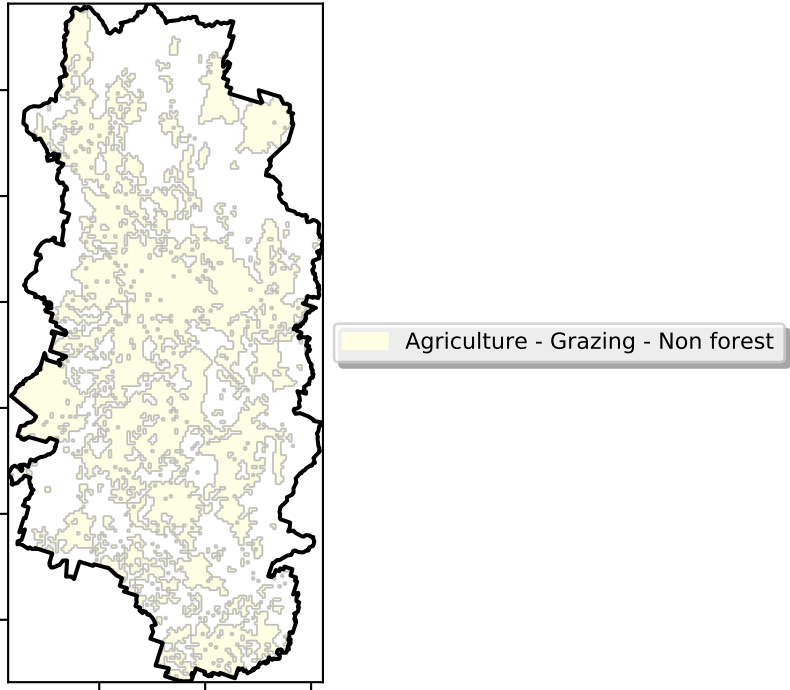




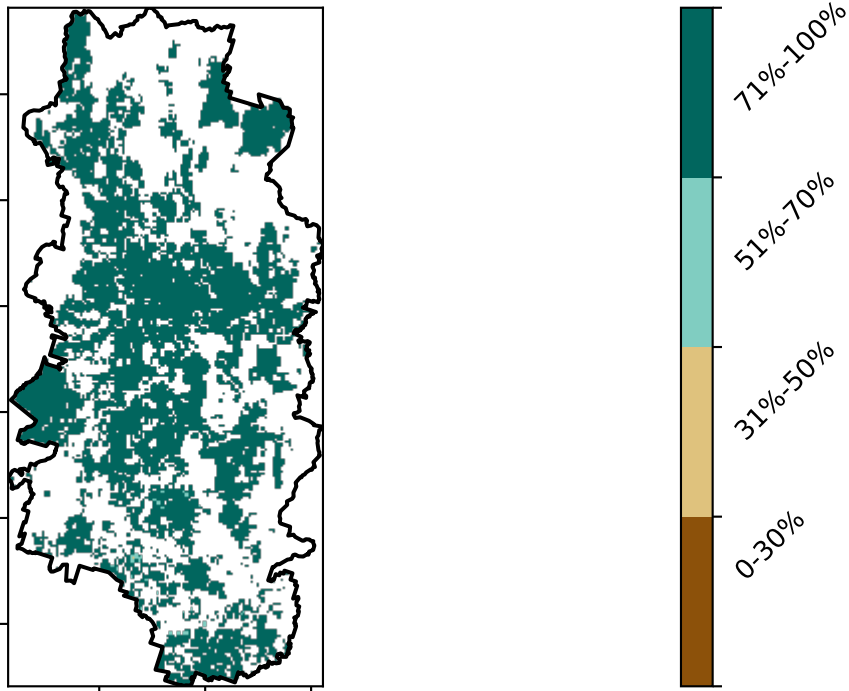
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Land use and forest cover

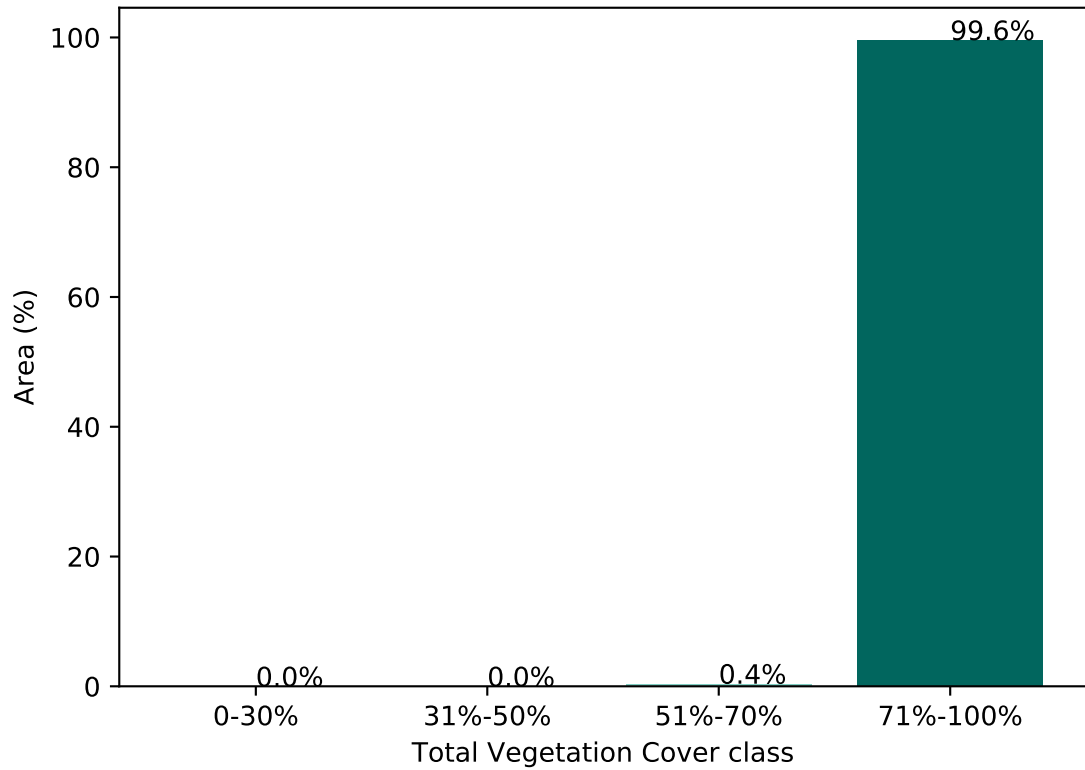
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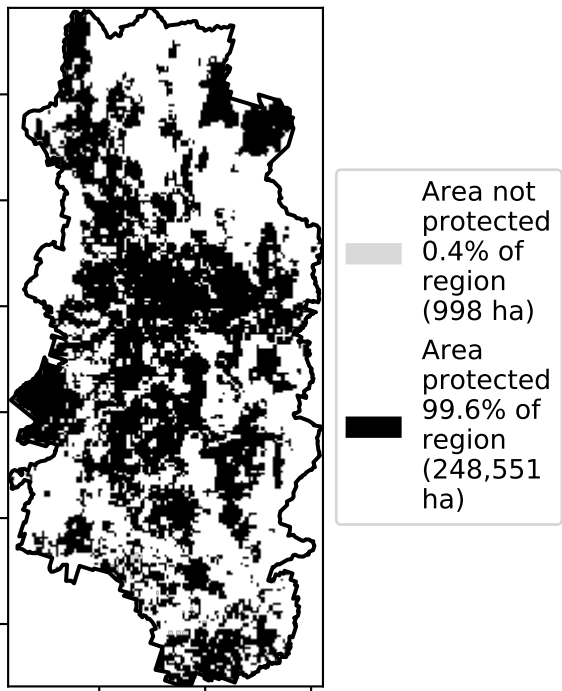
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



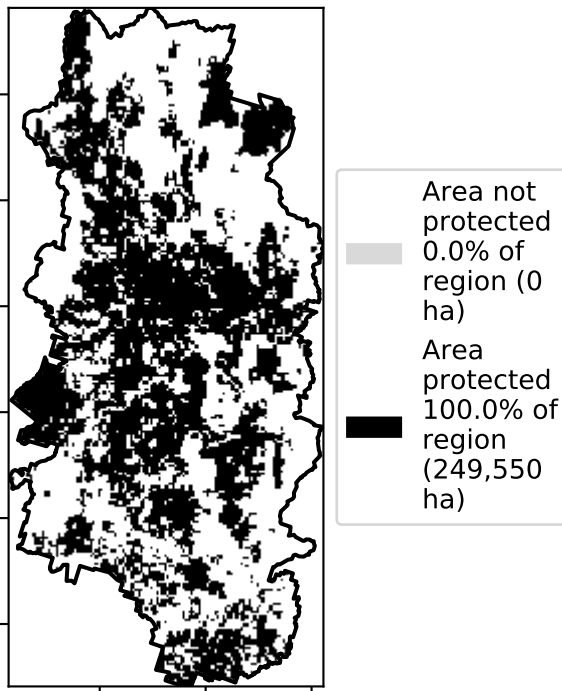
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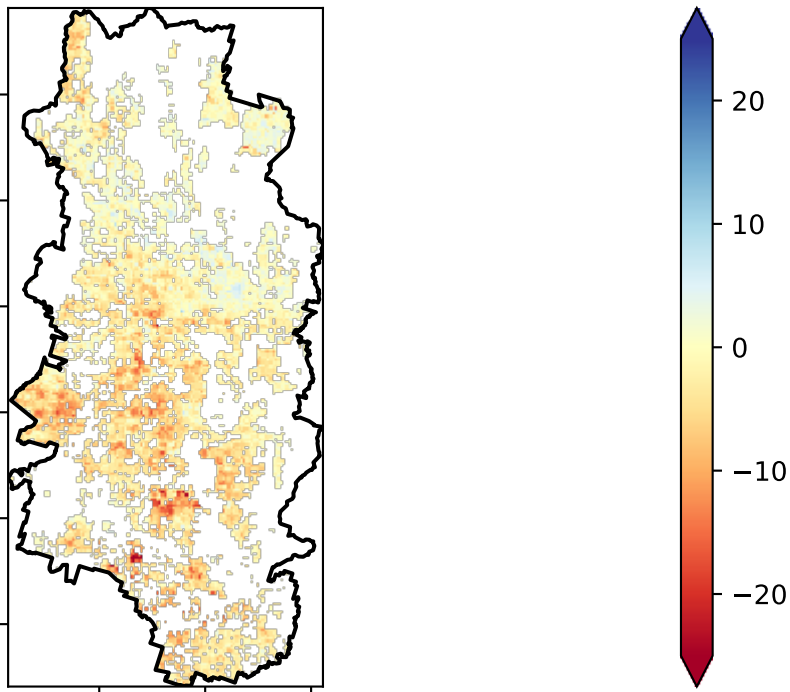


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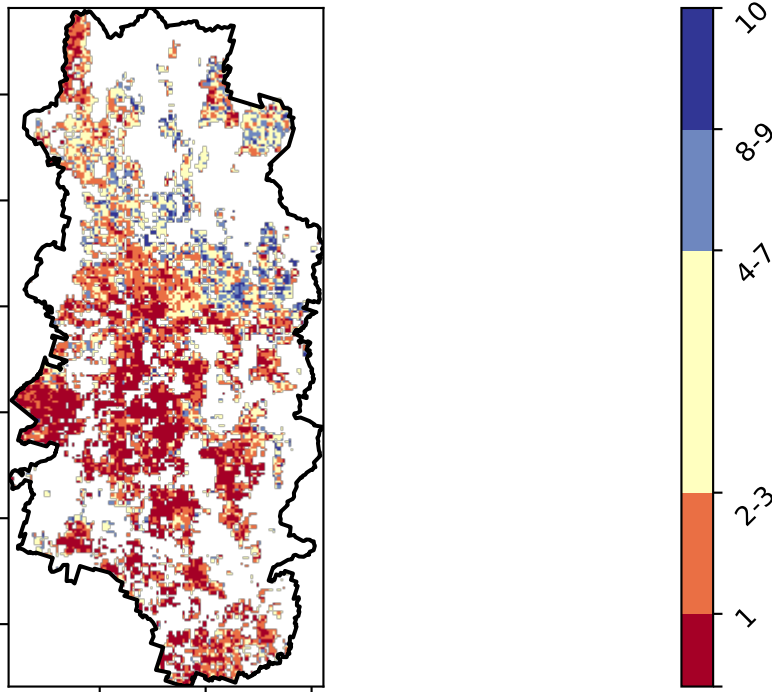
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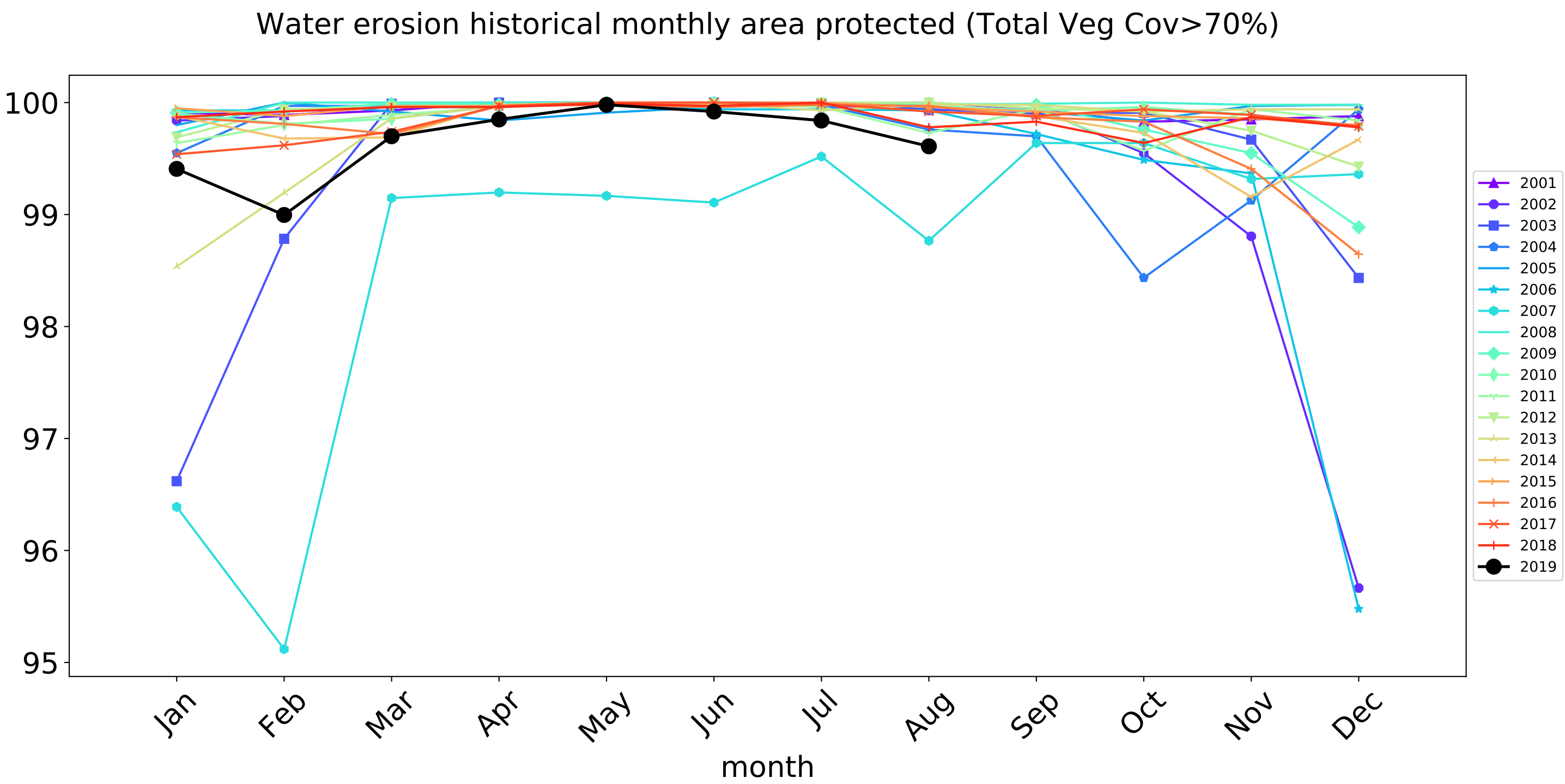
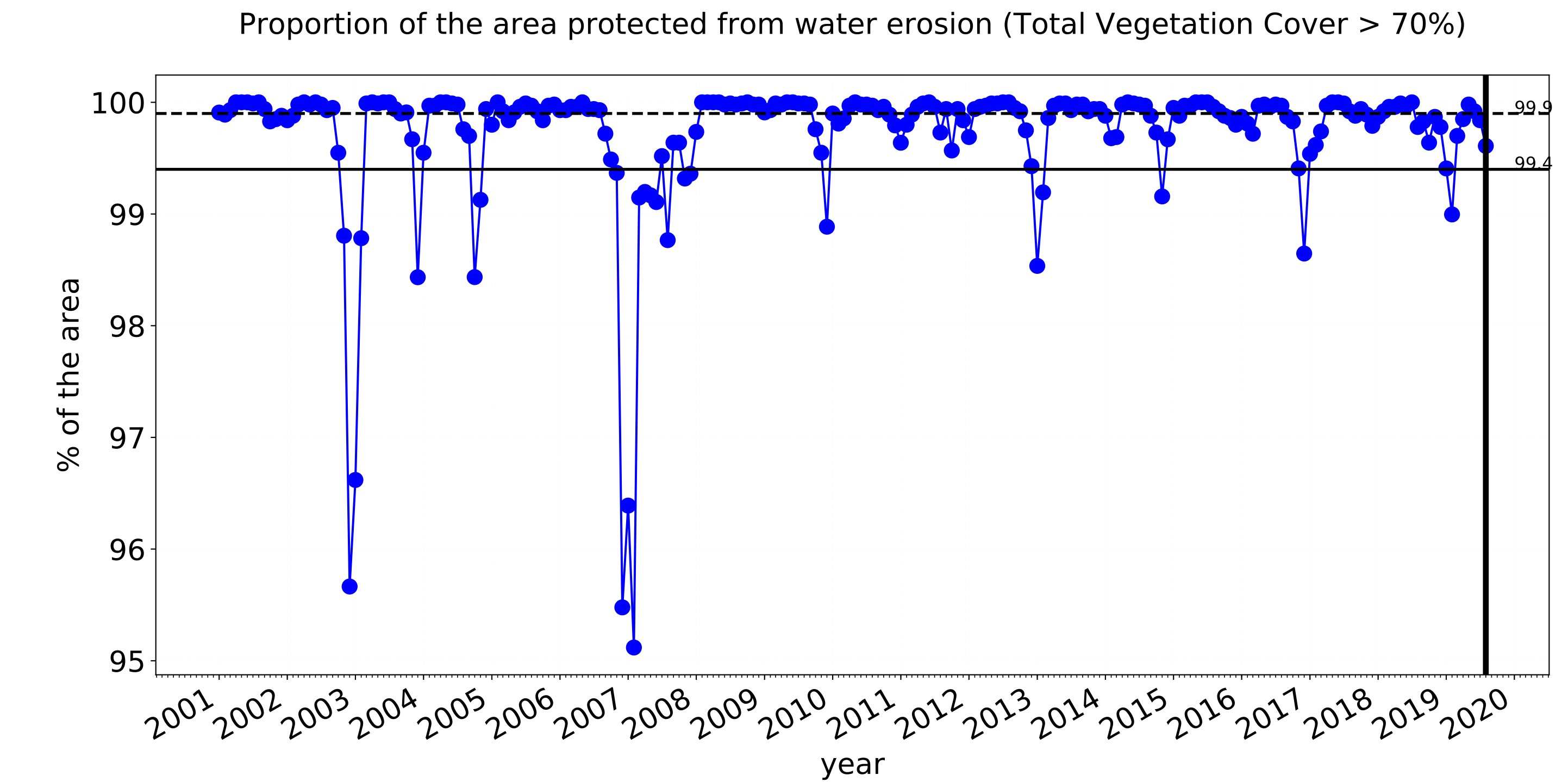
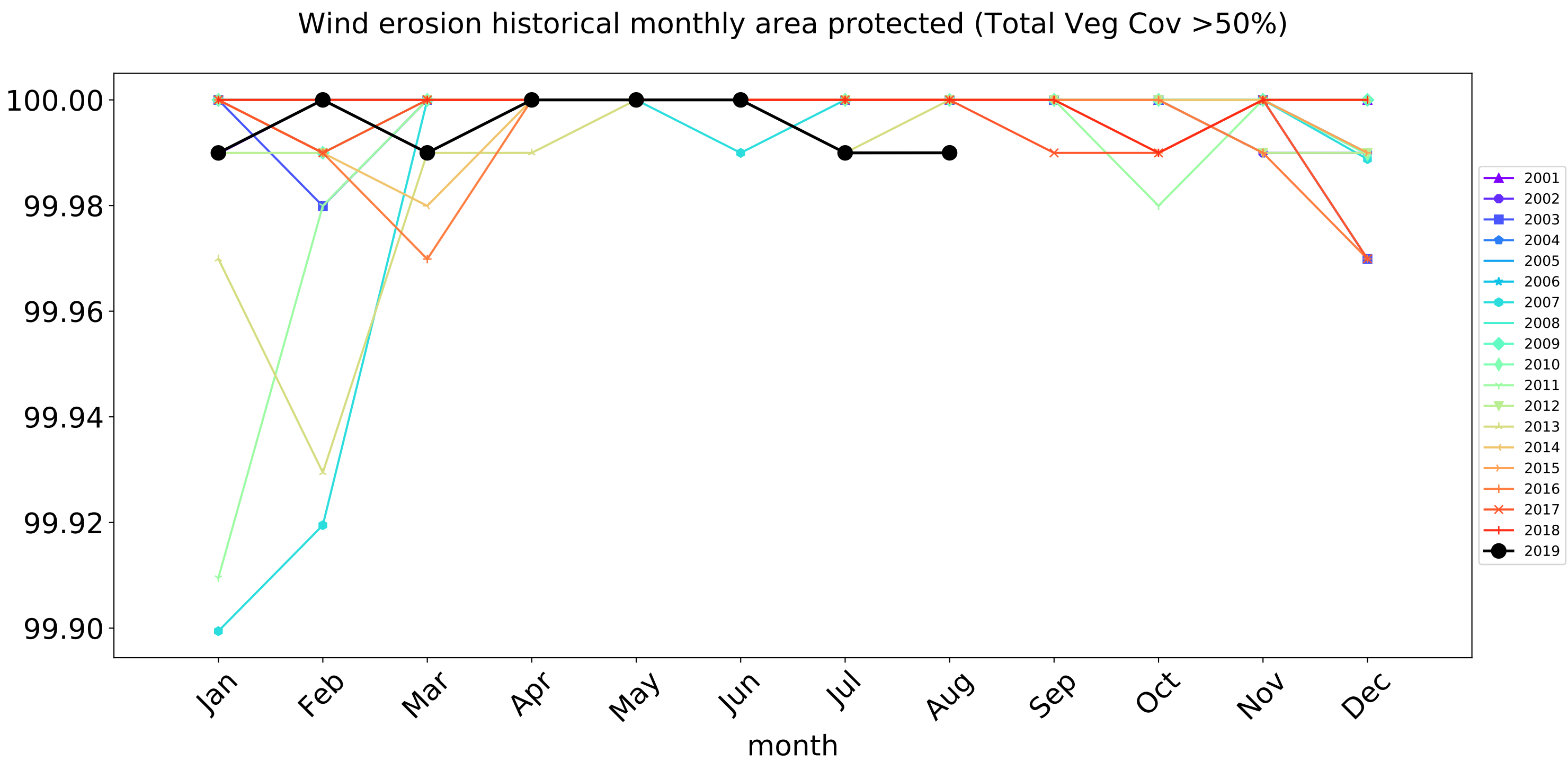
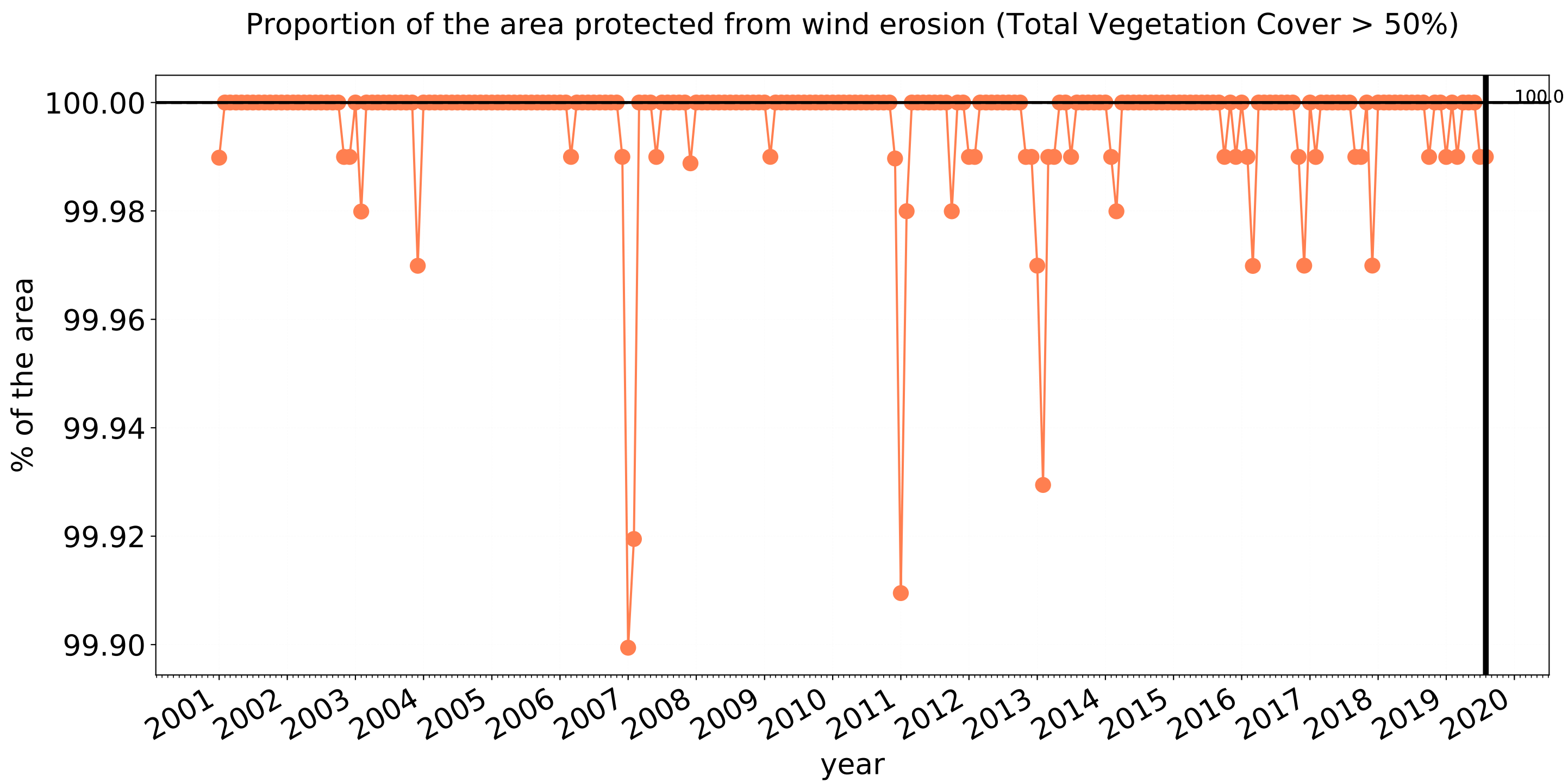
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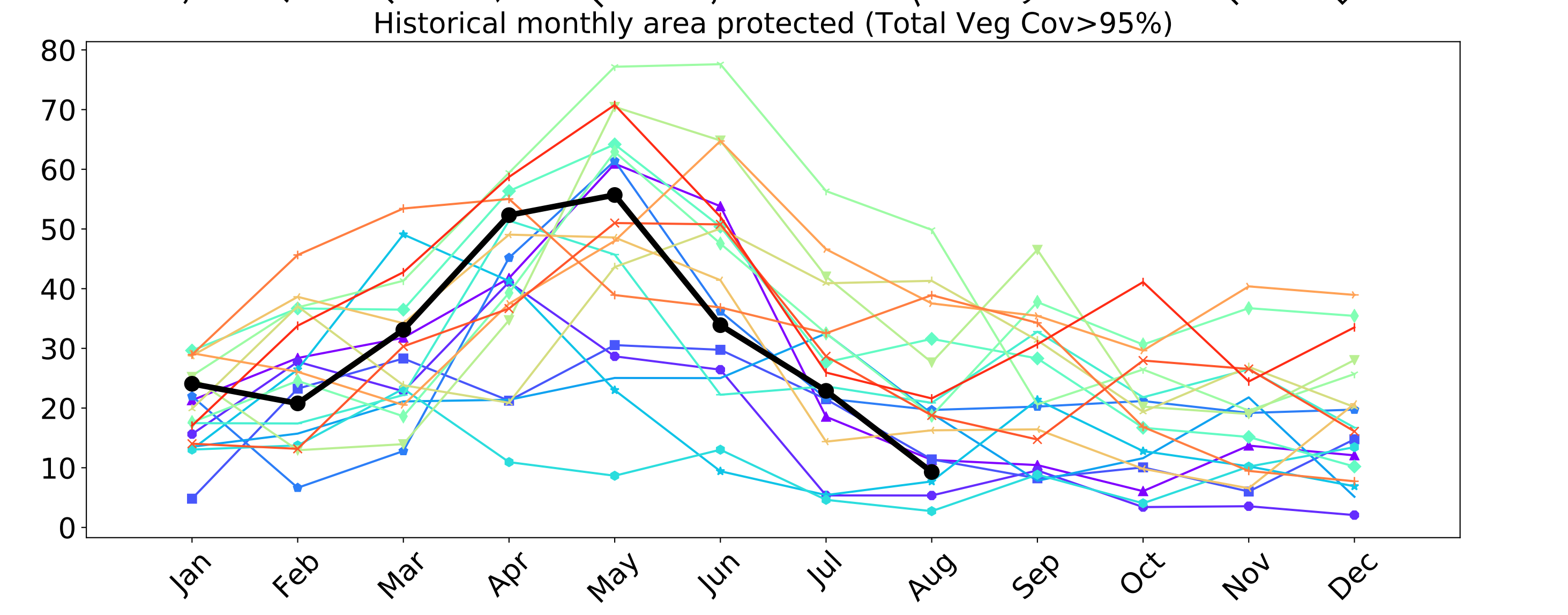
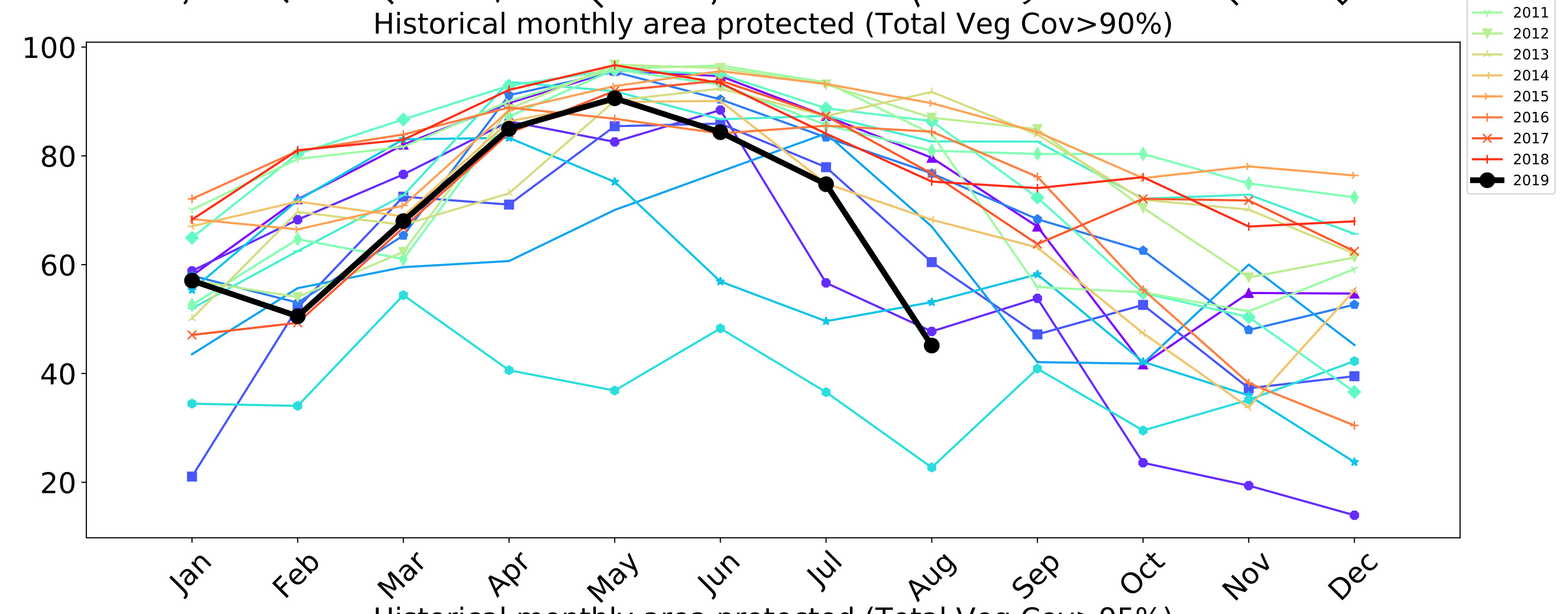
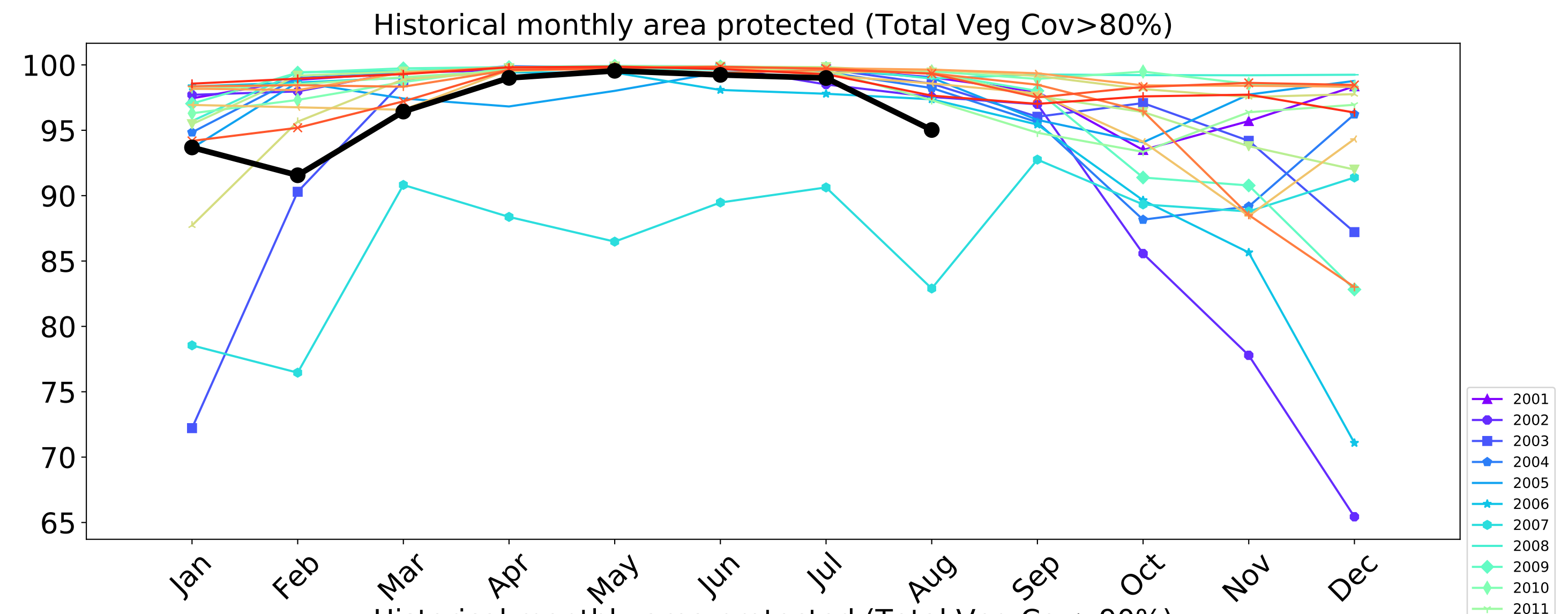
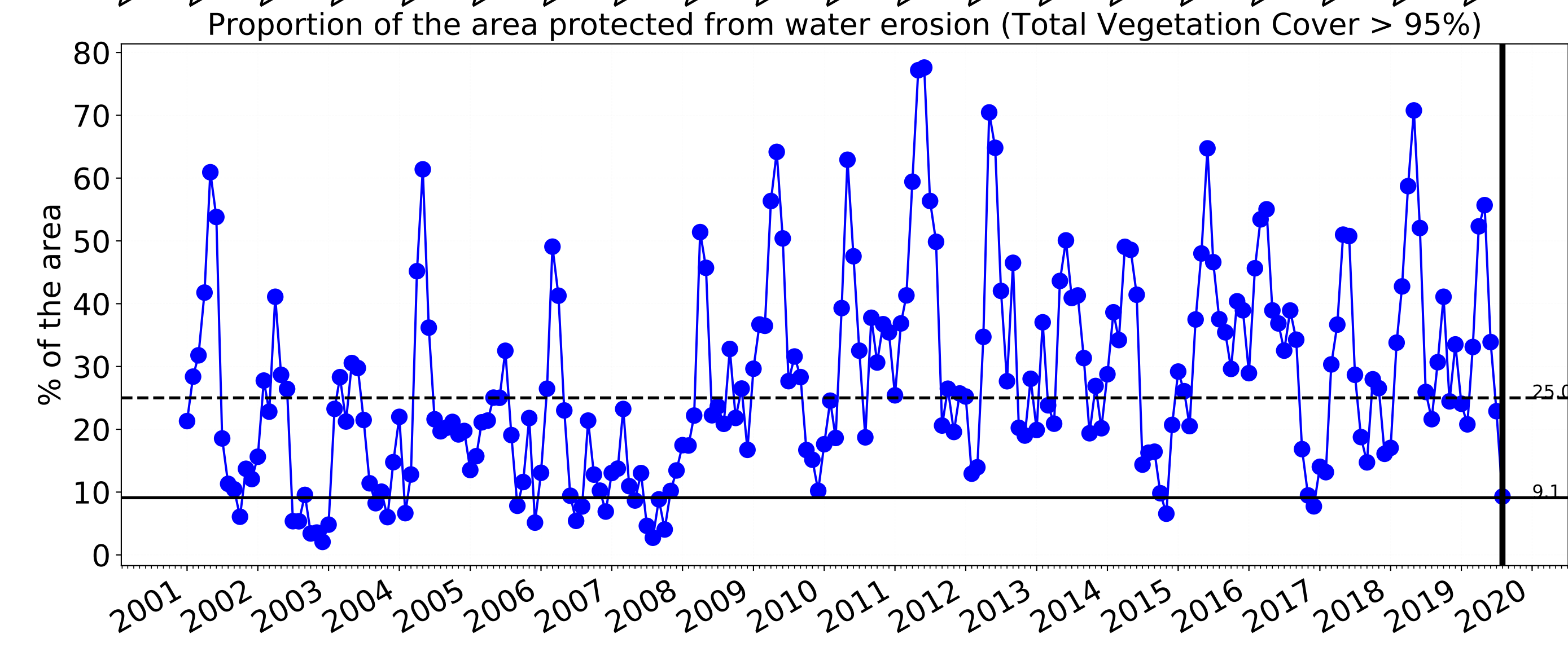
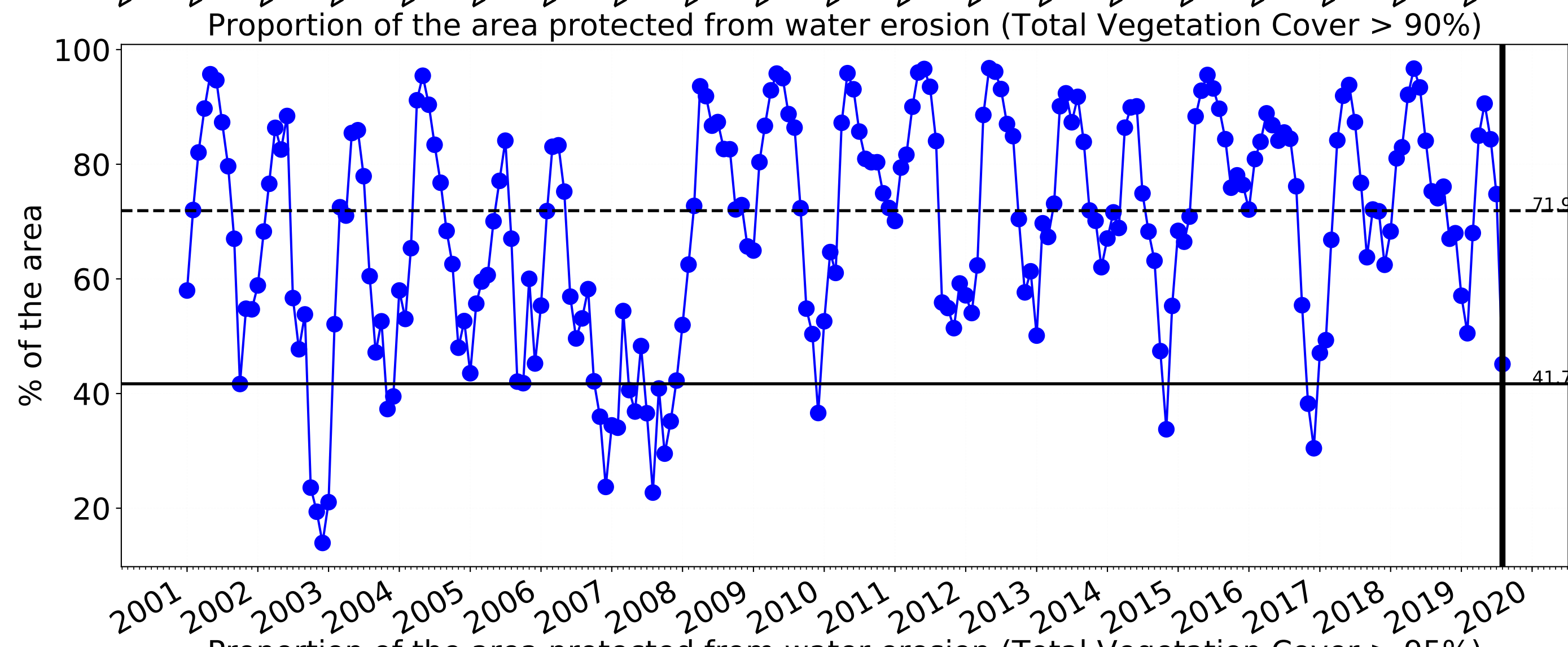
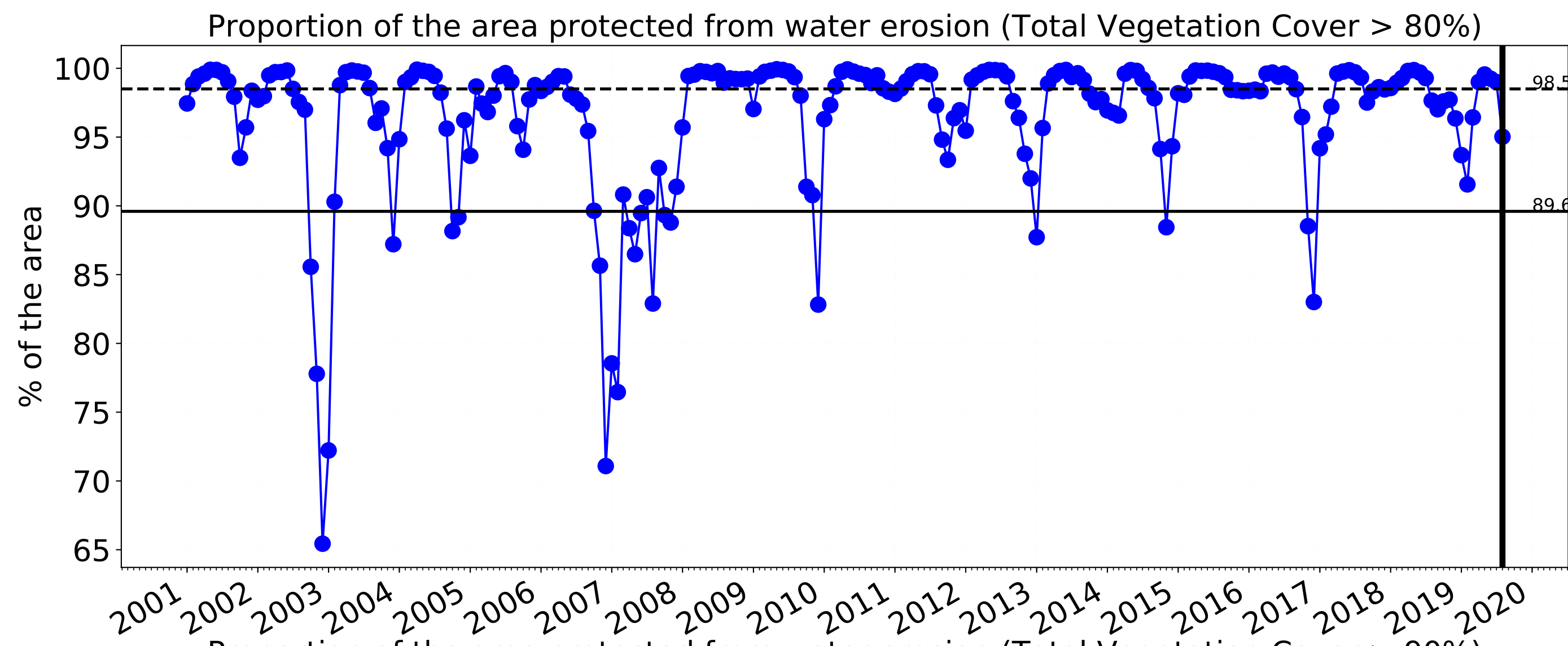
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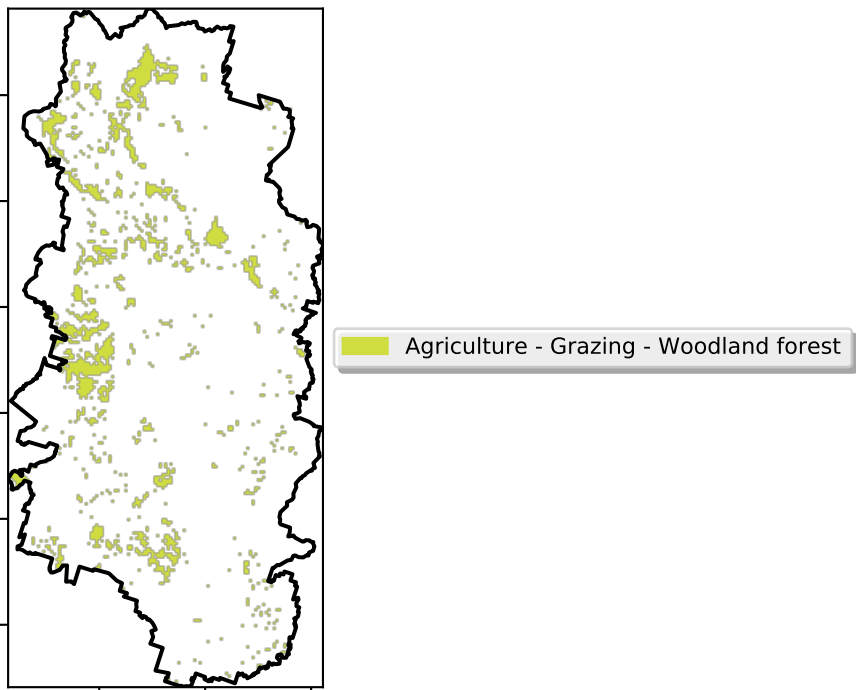




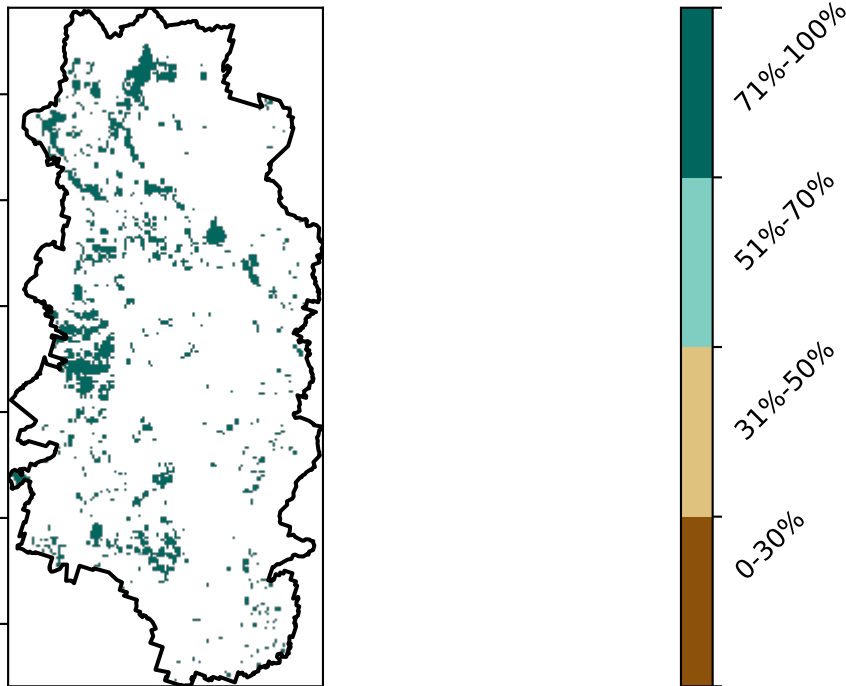
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Land use and forest cover

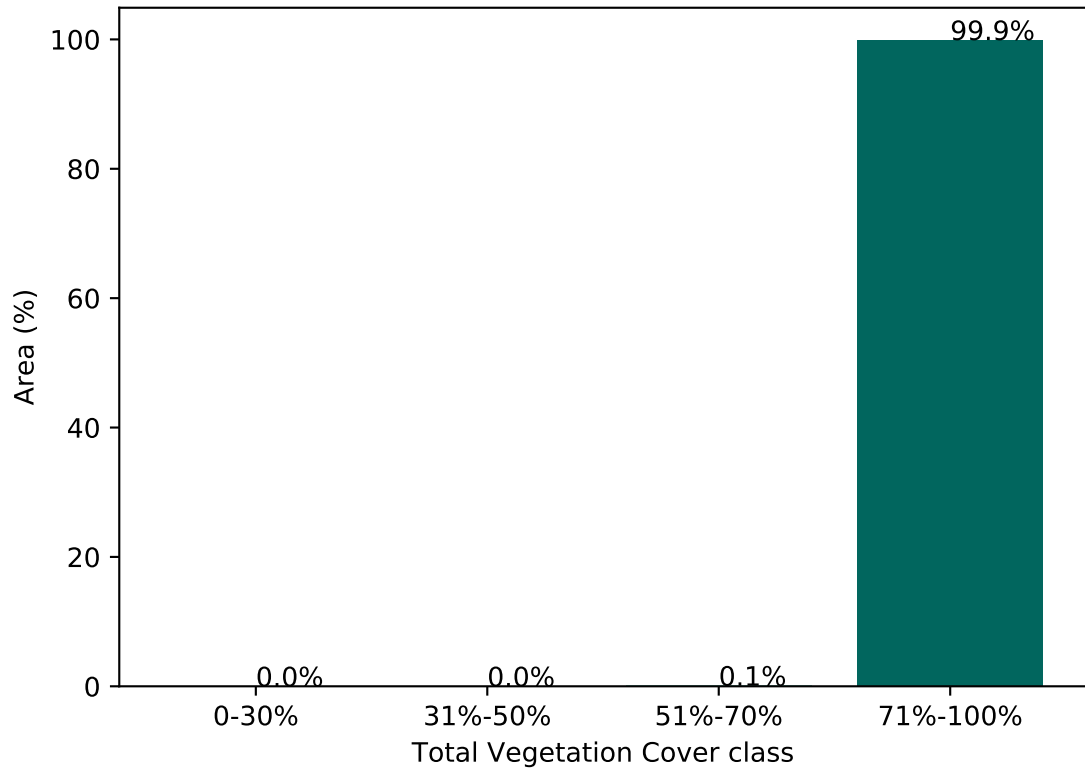
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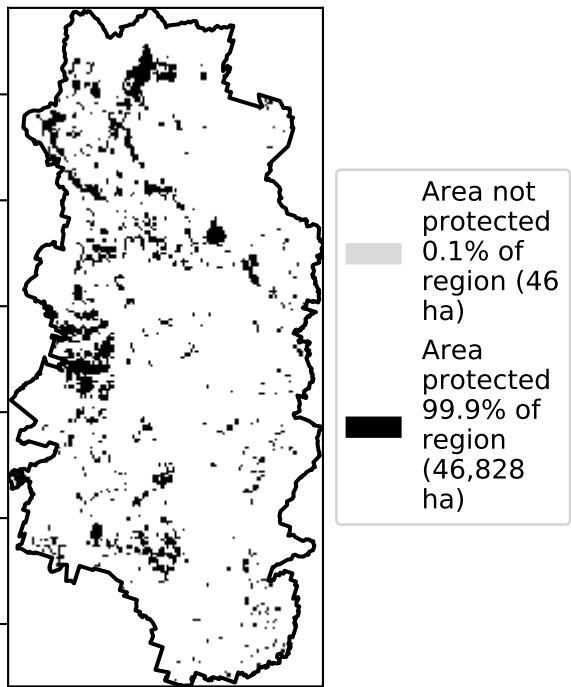
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



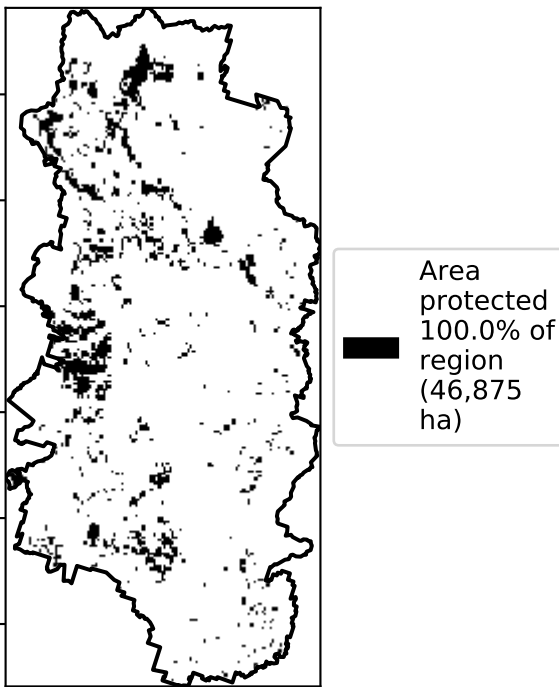
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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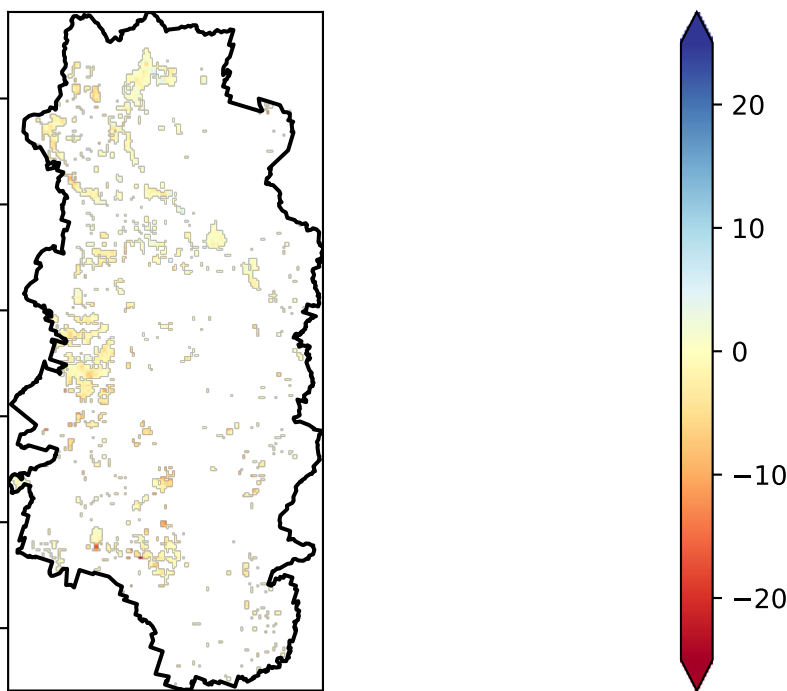


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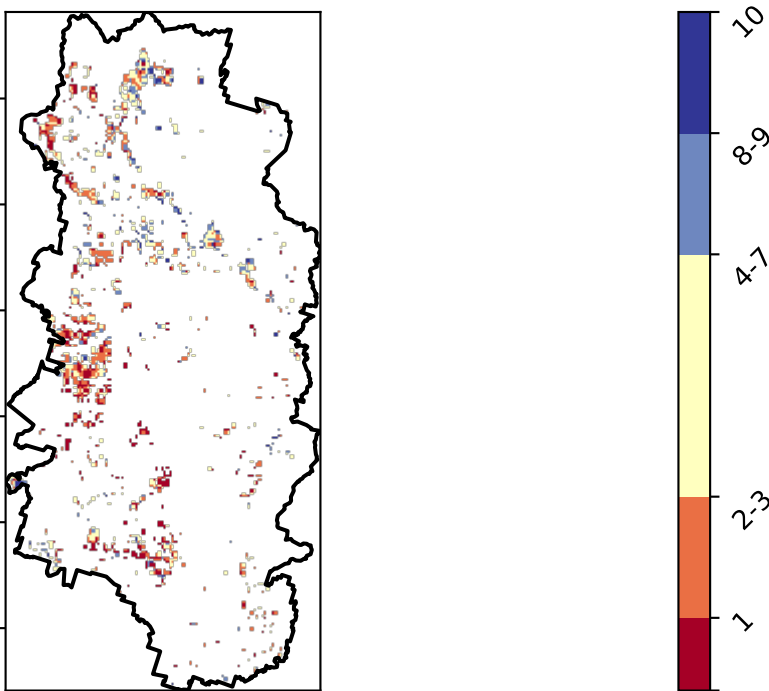
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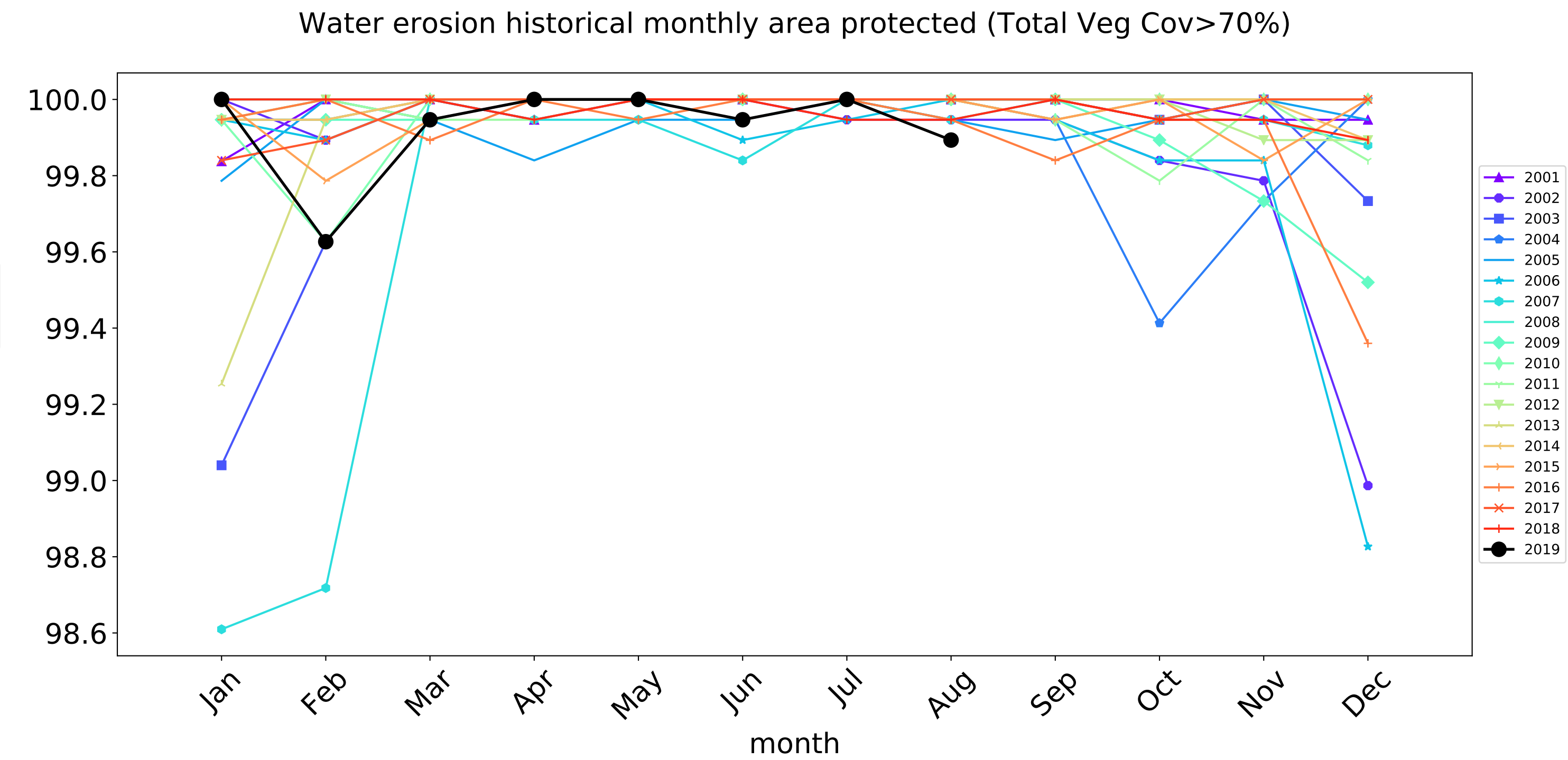
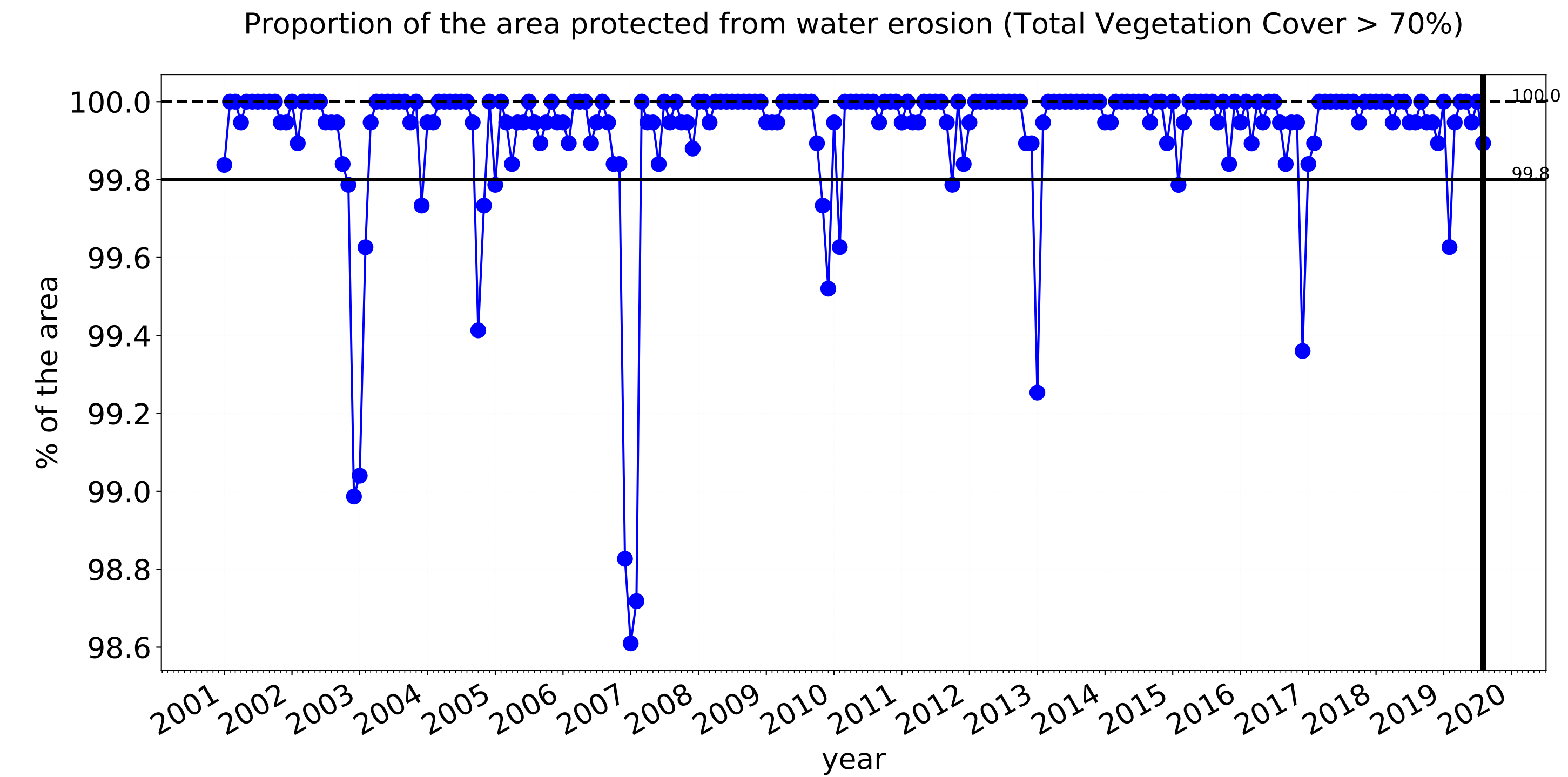
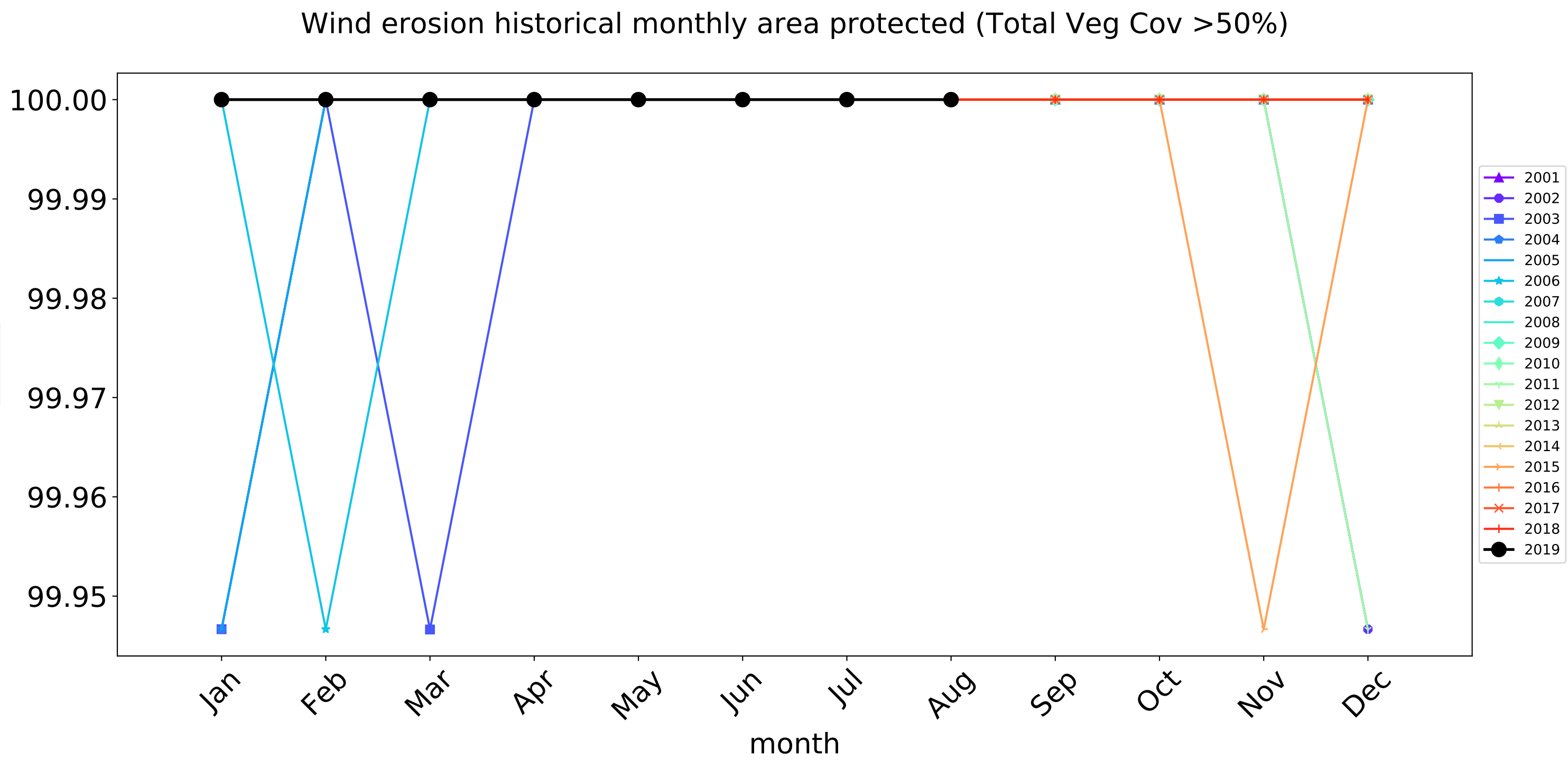
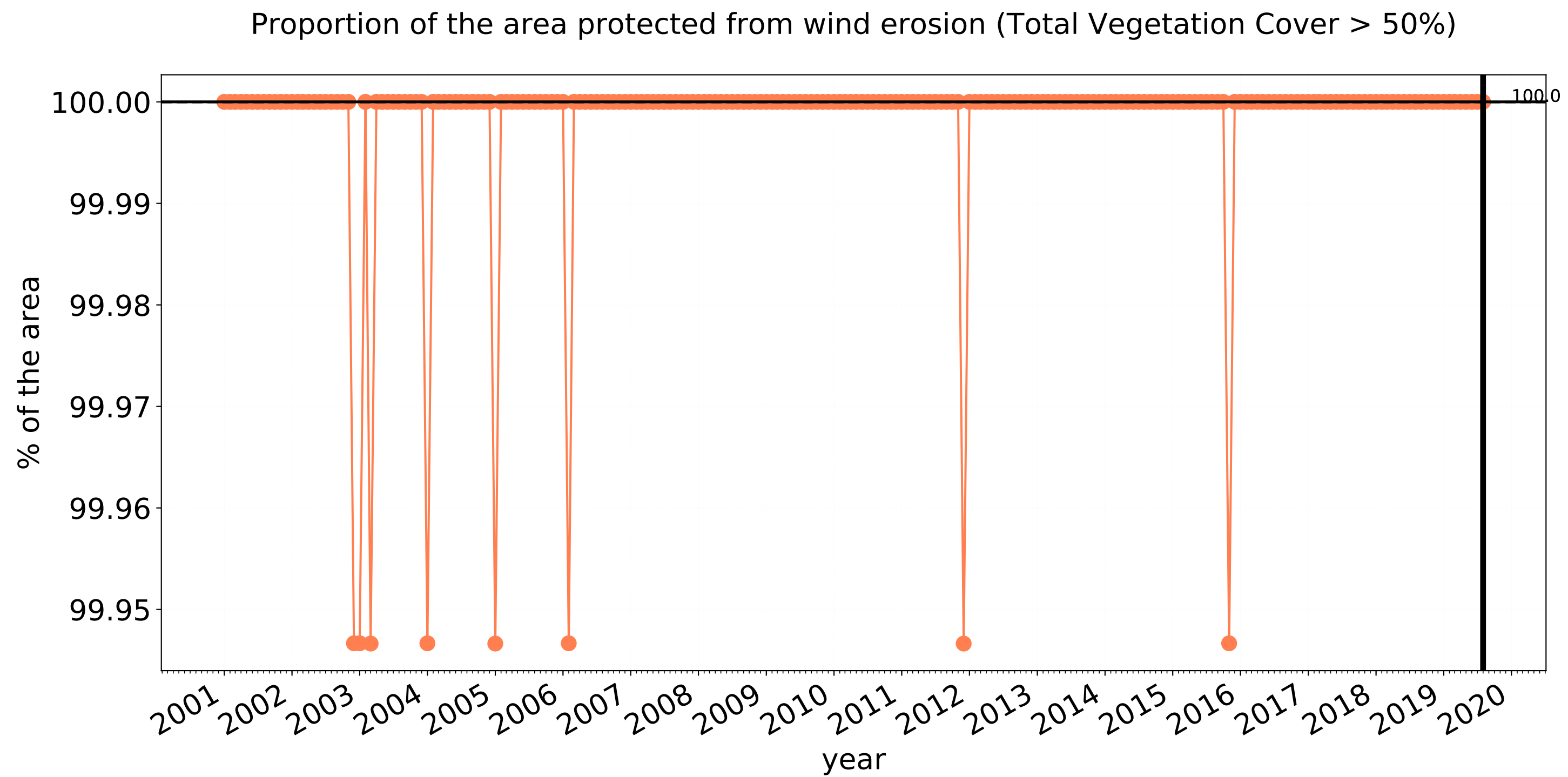


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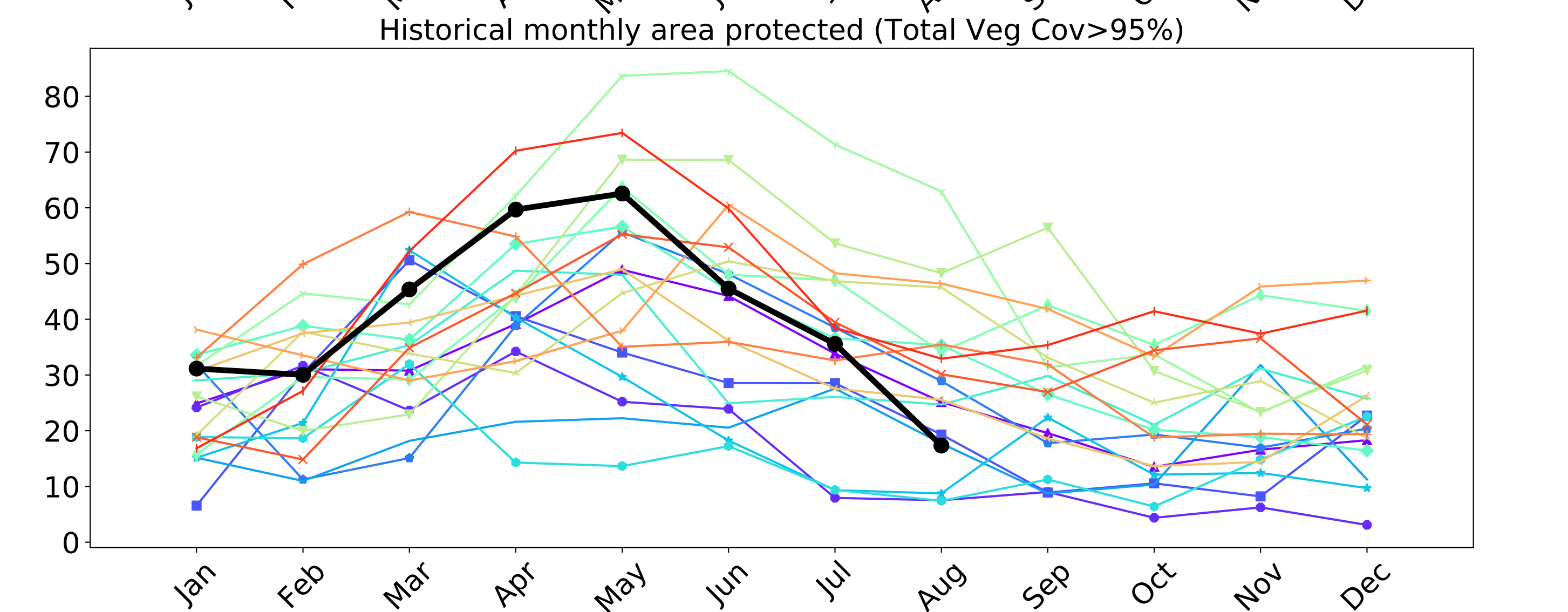
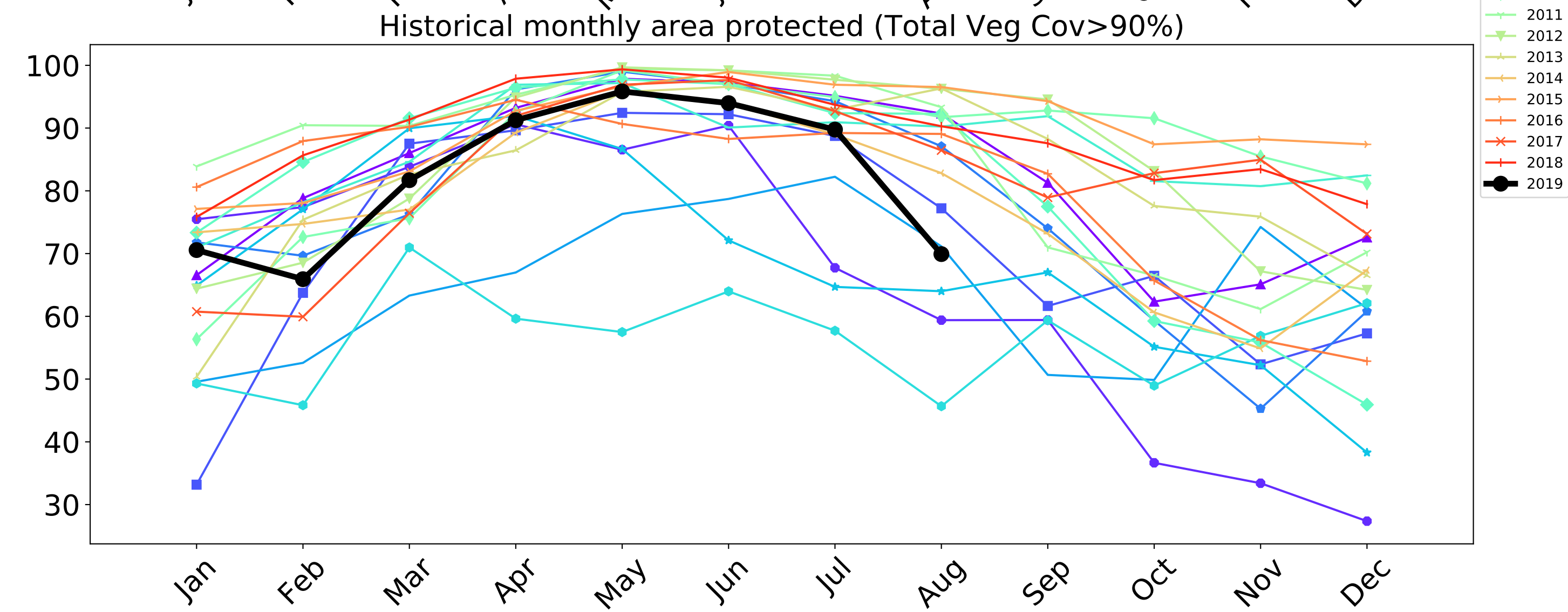
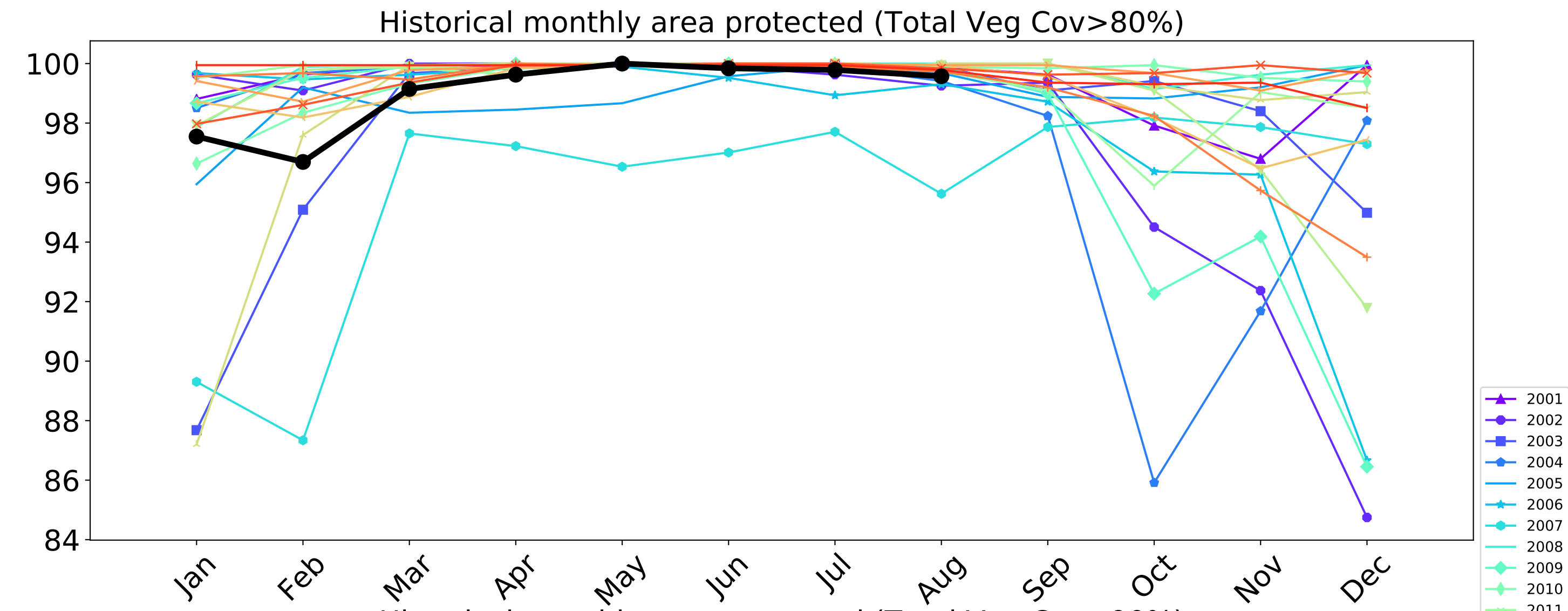
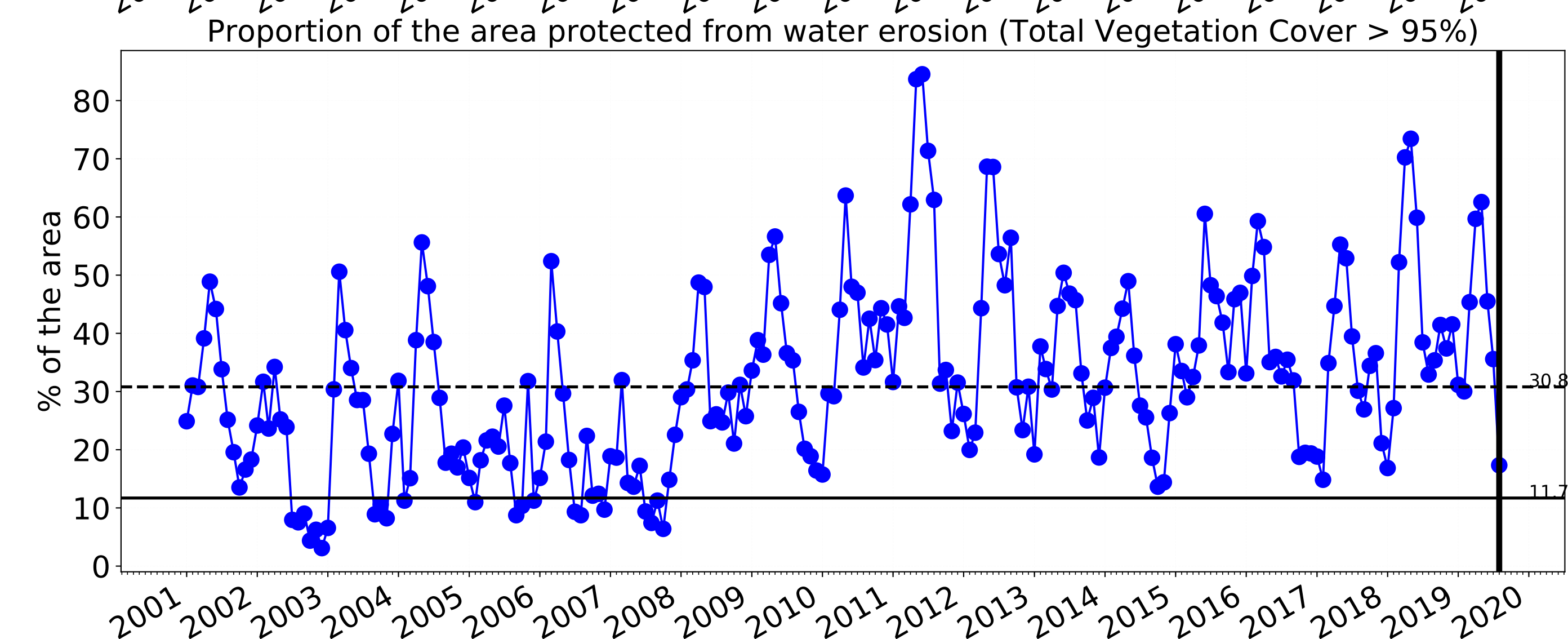
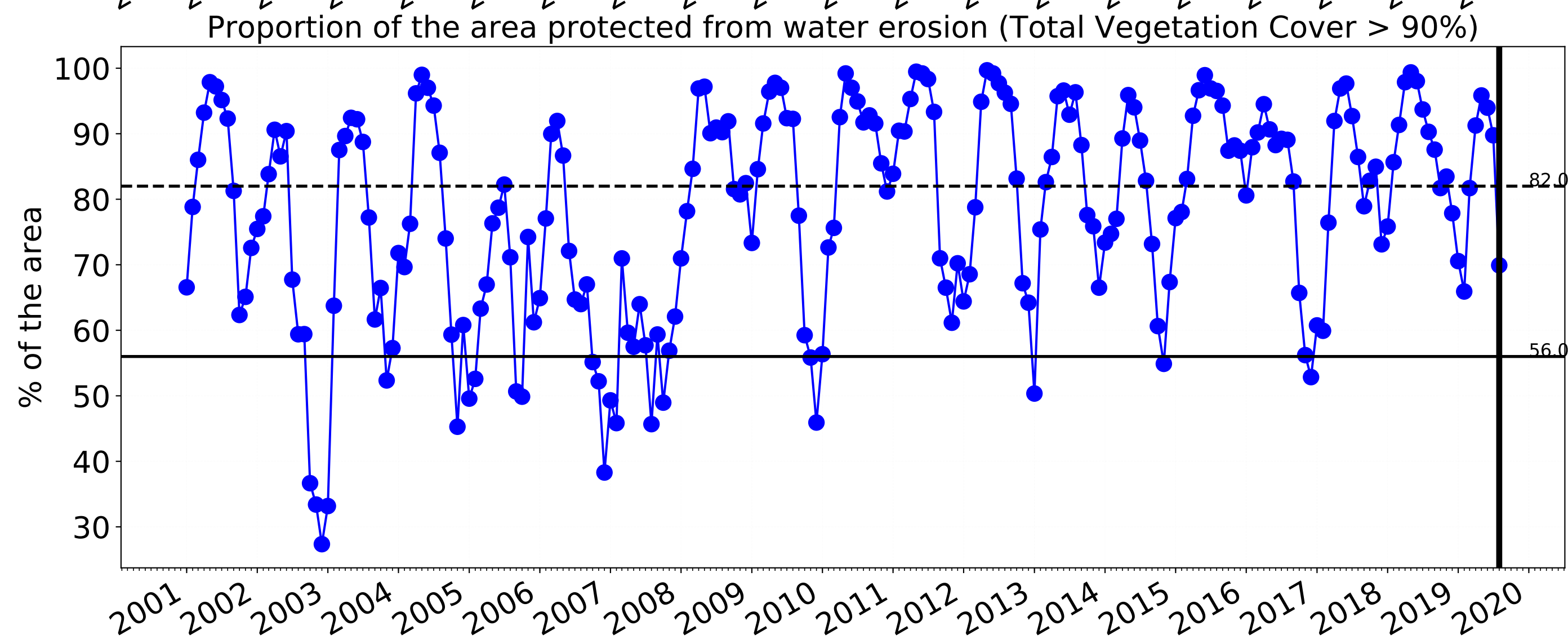
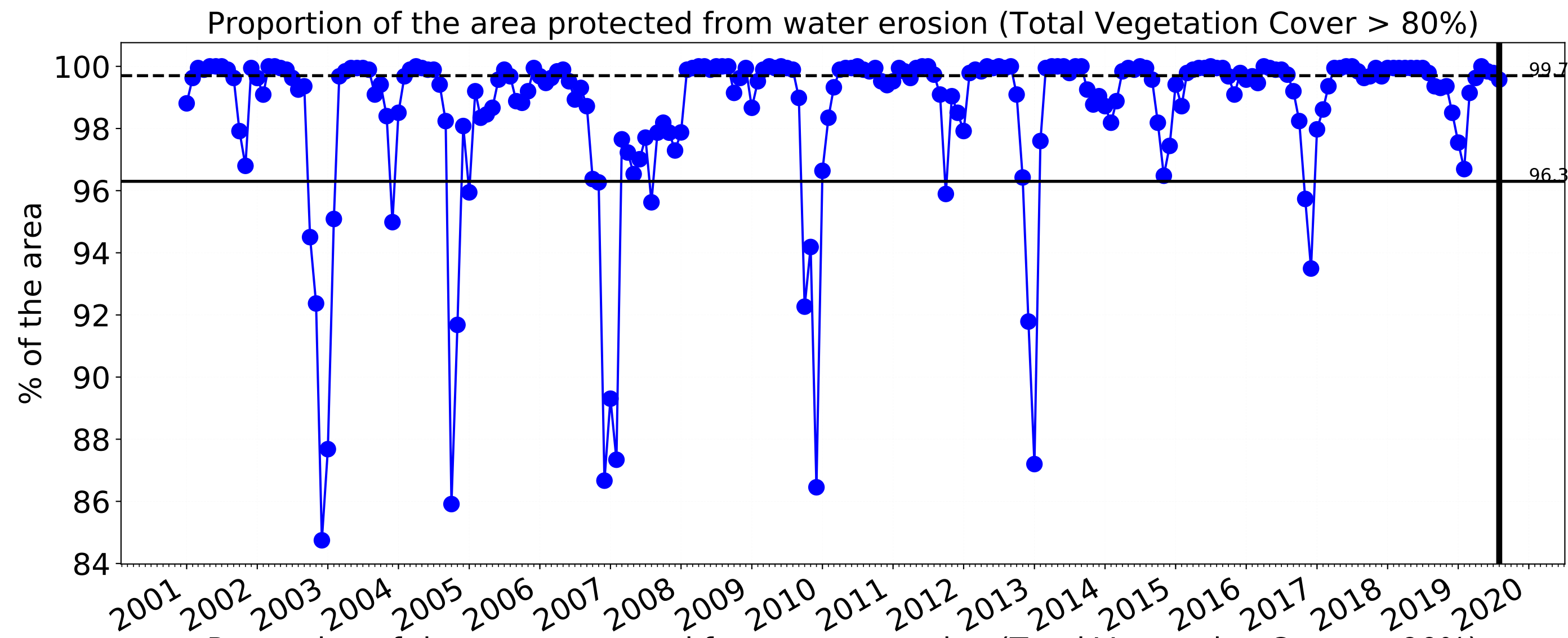


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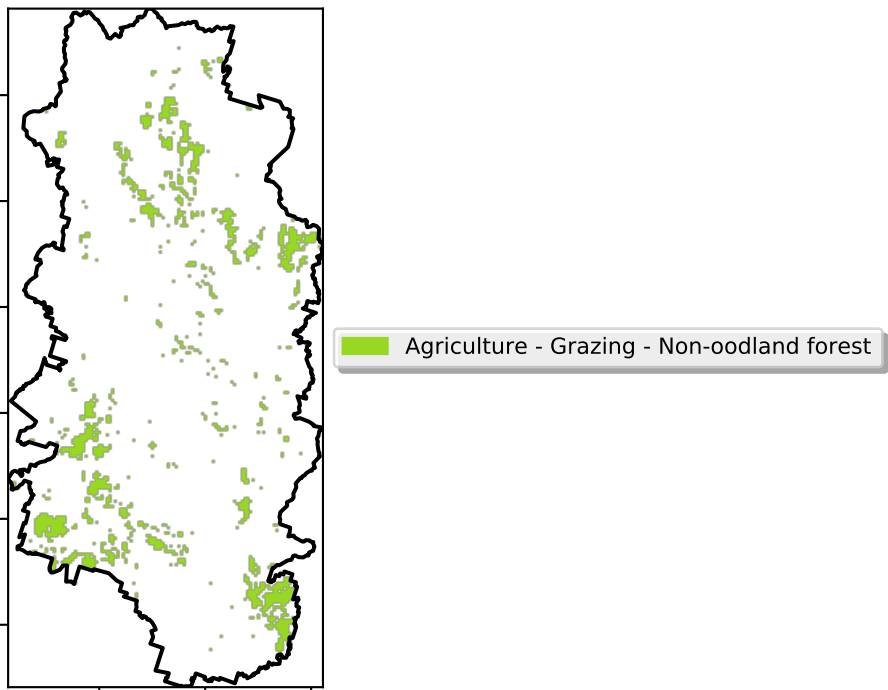




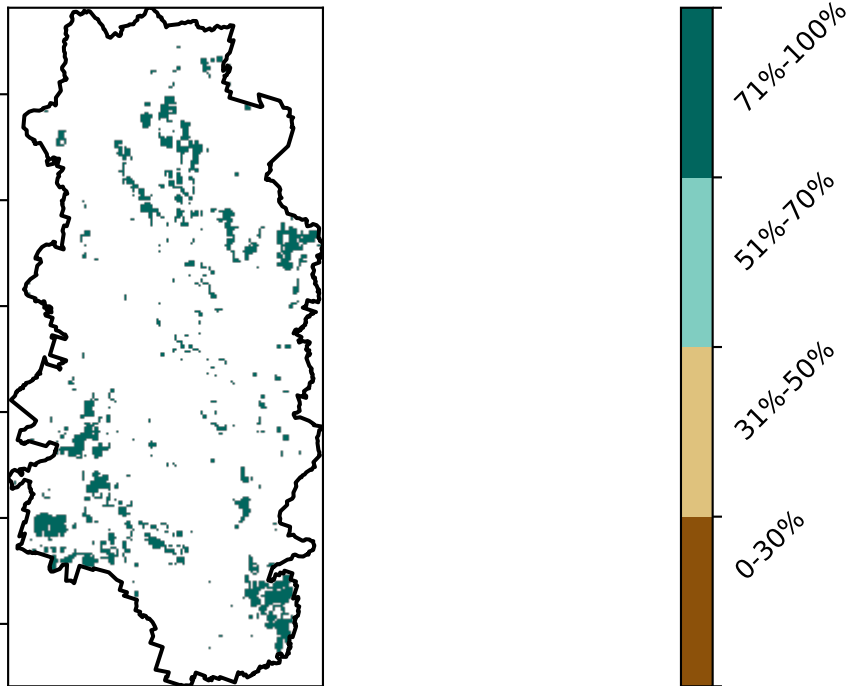
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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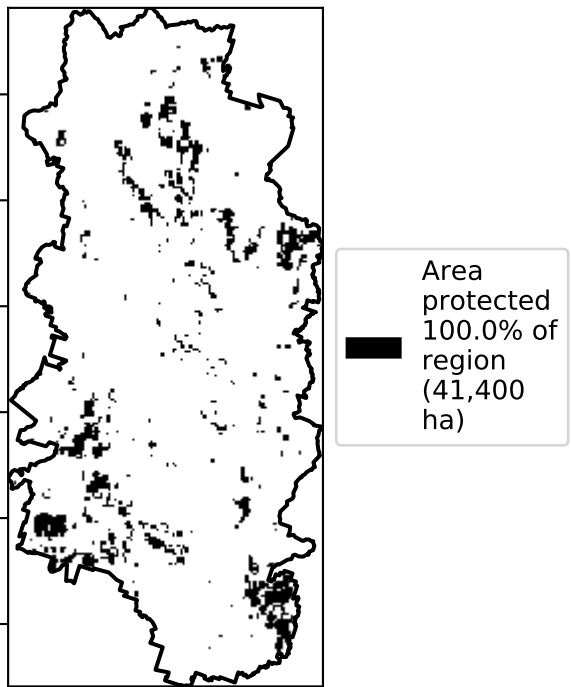
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



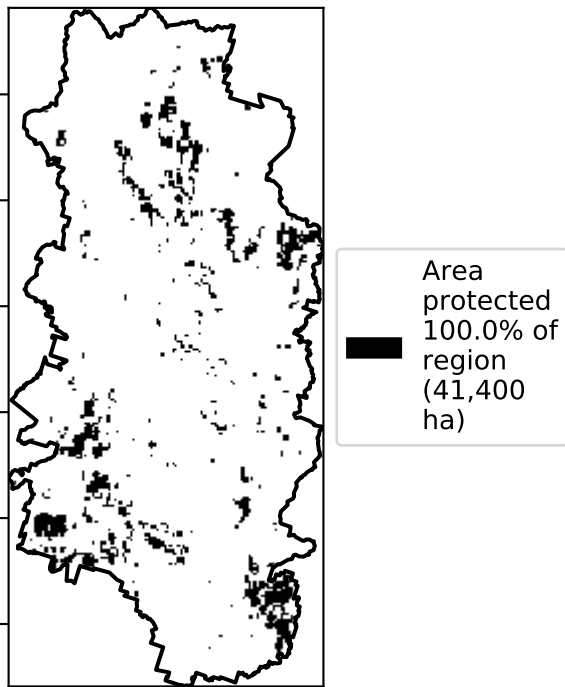
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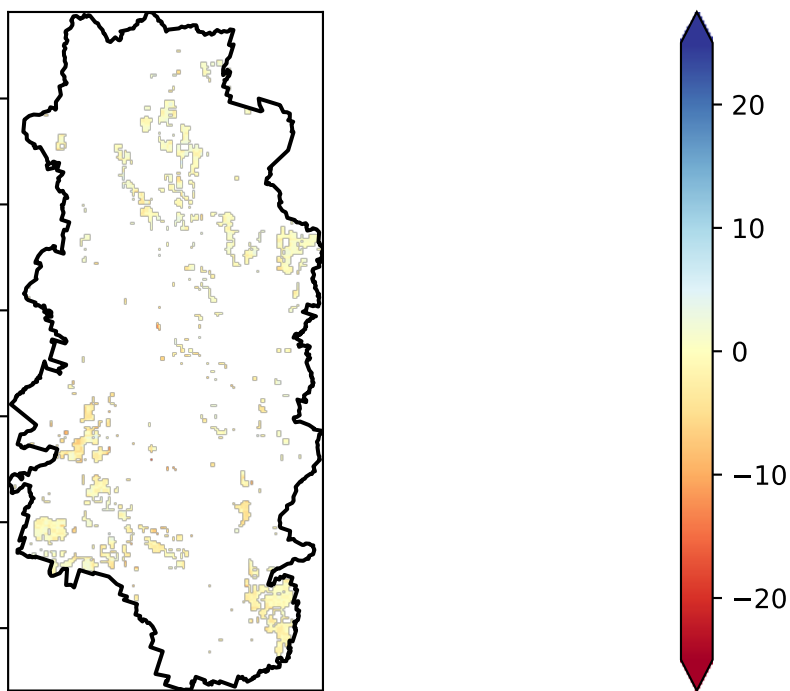


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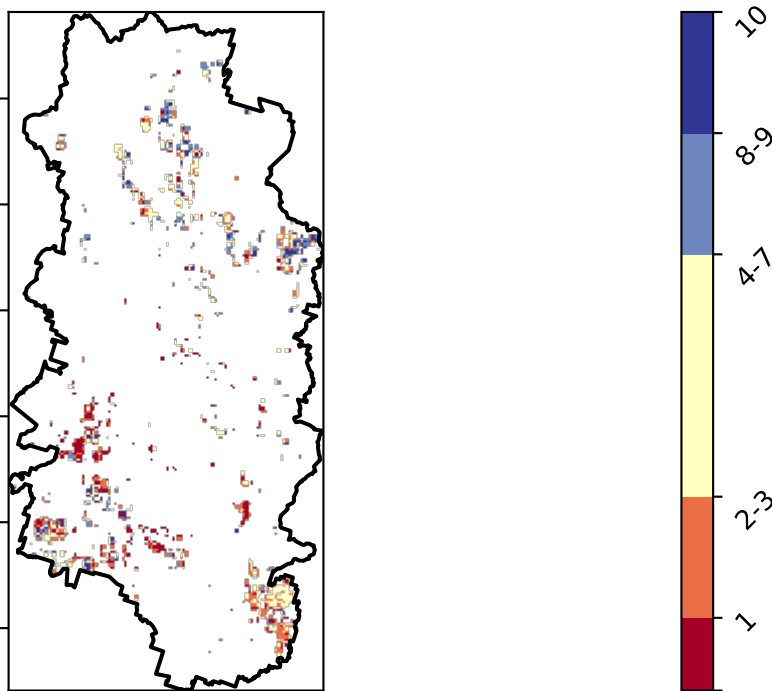
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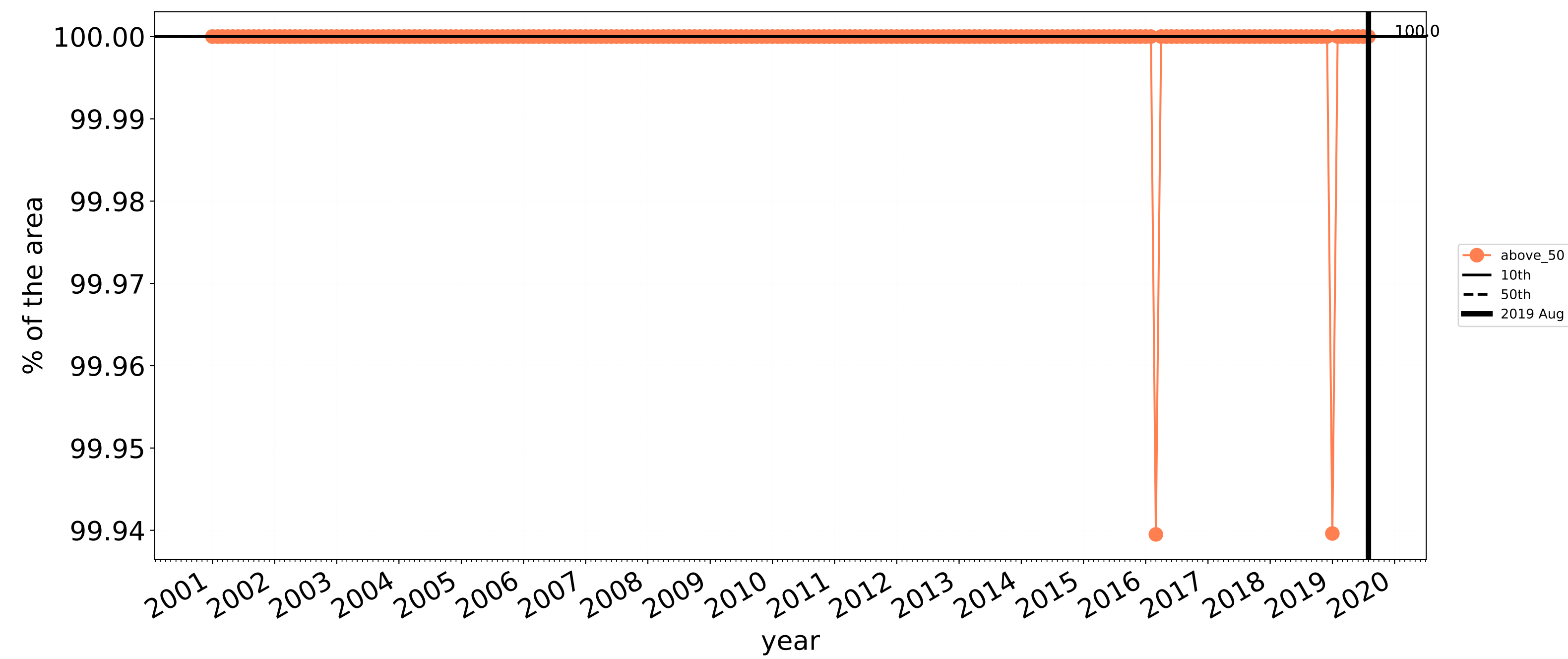


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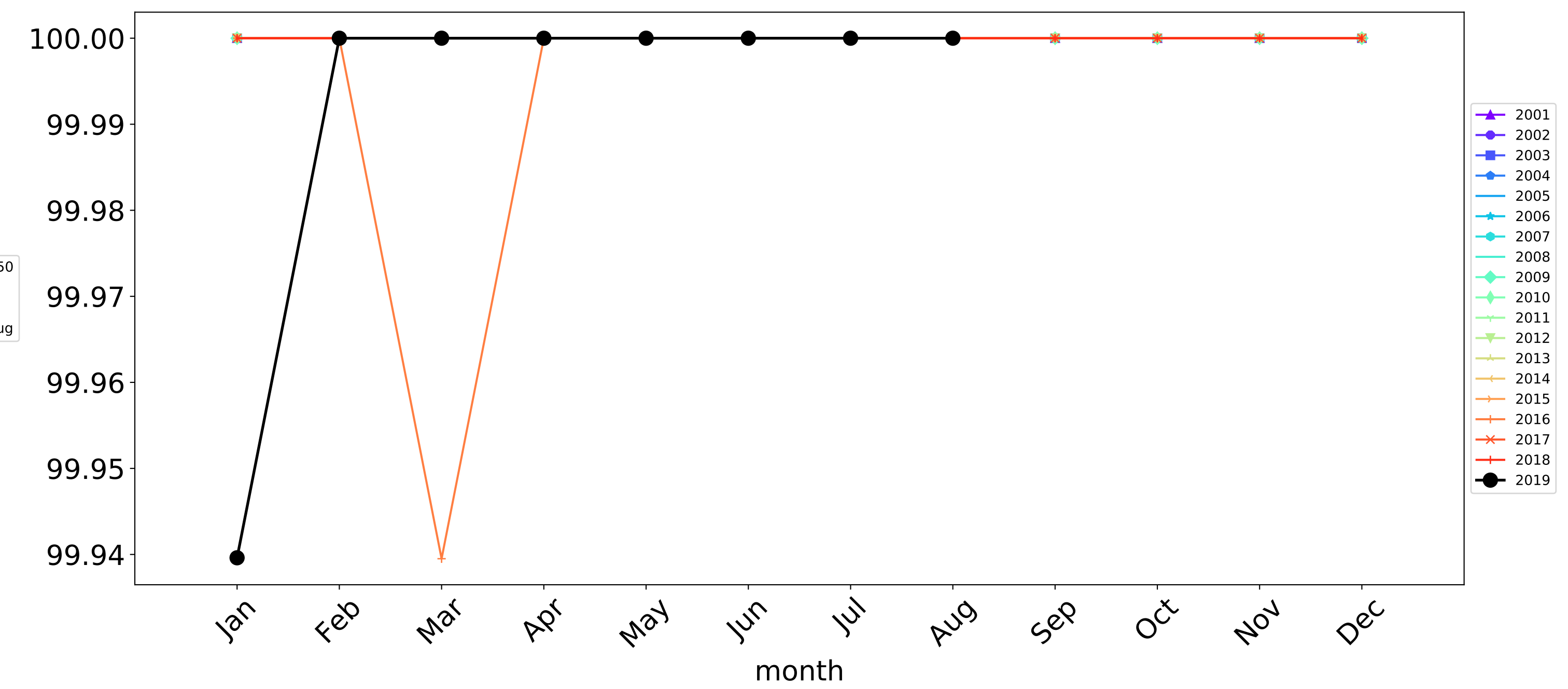


# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

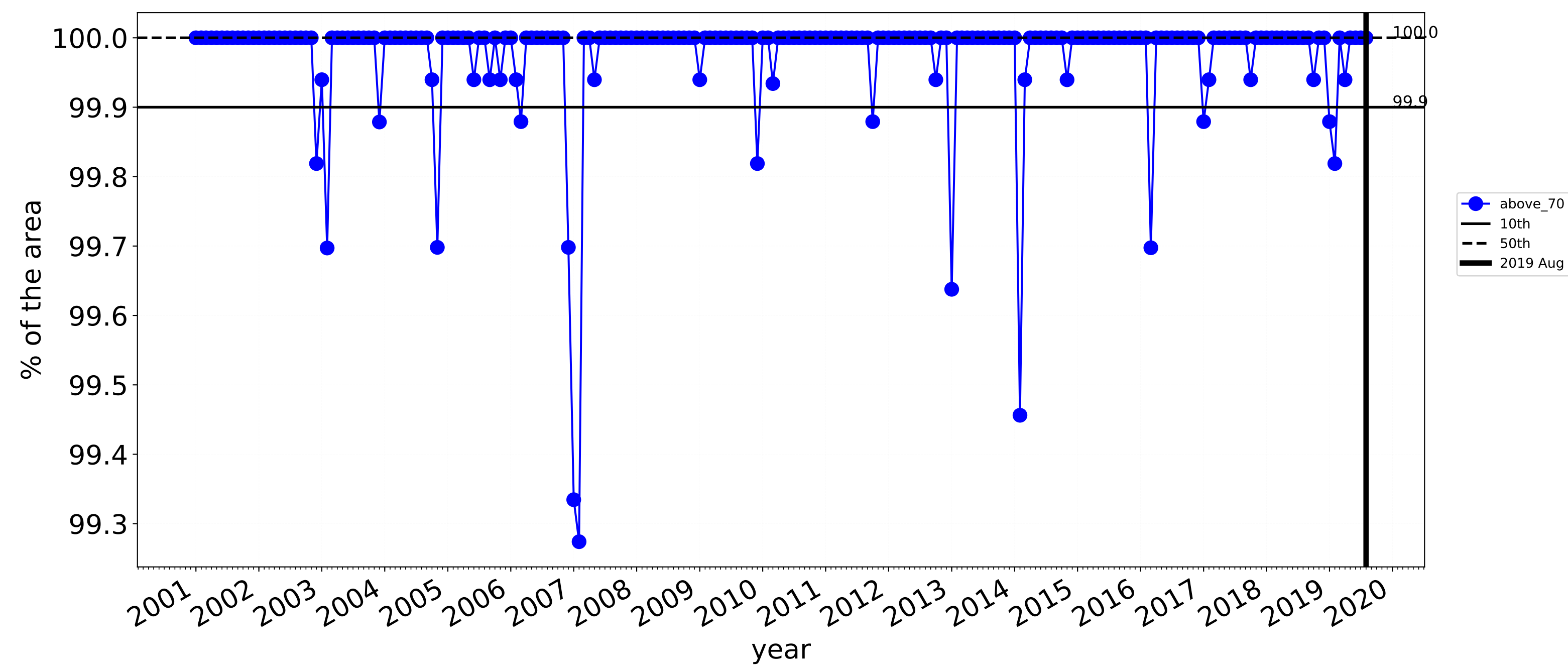
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



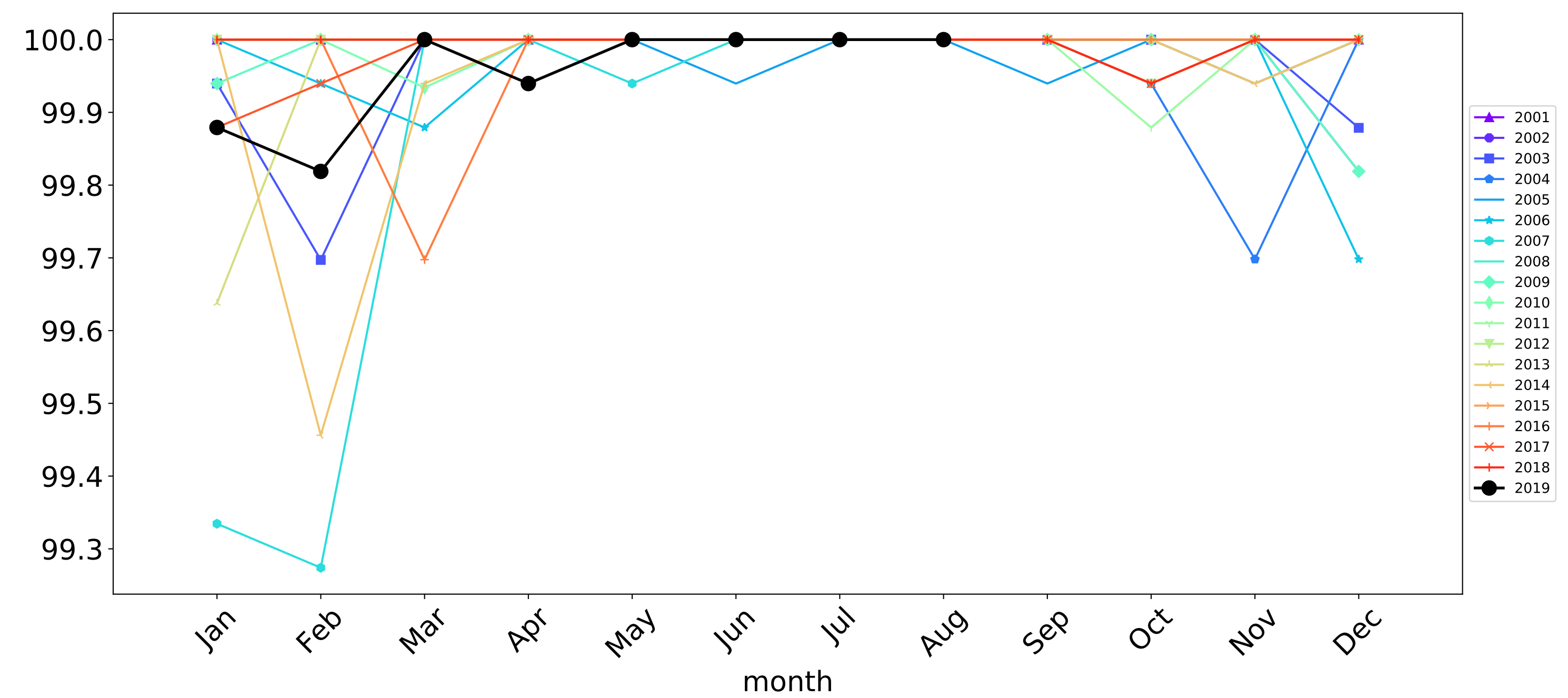
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

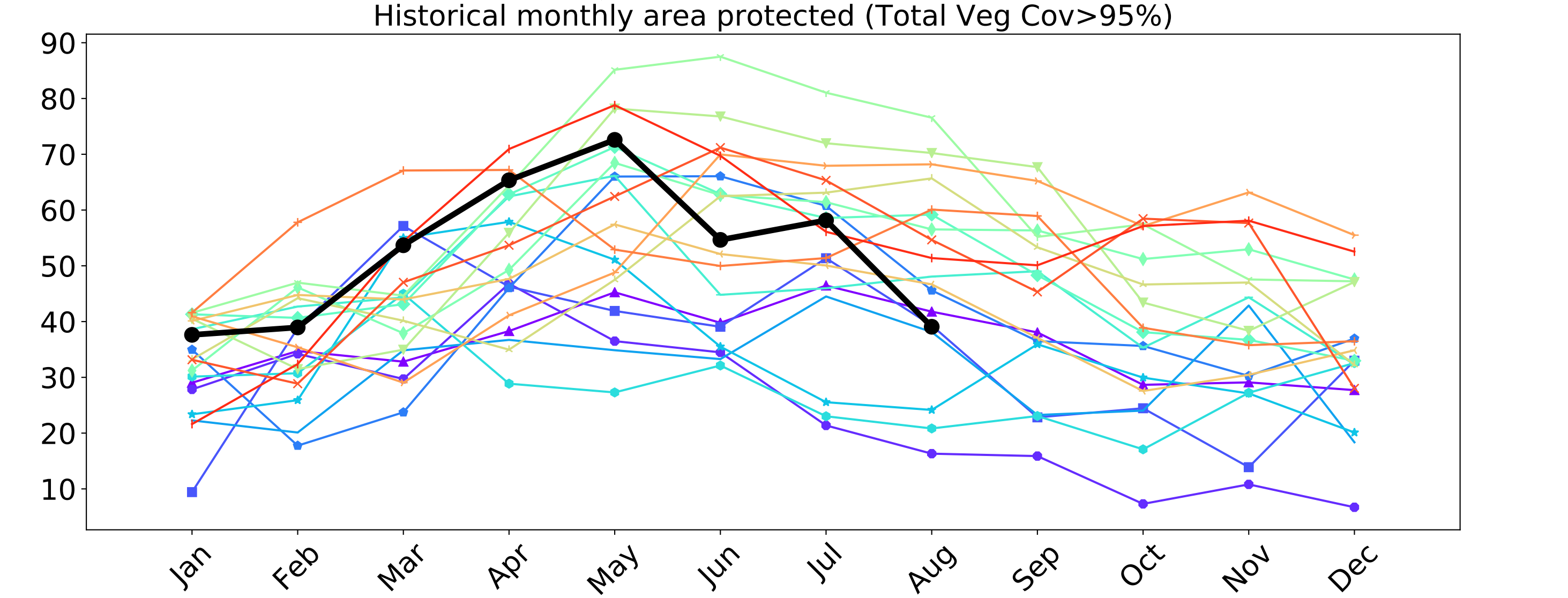
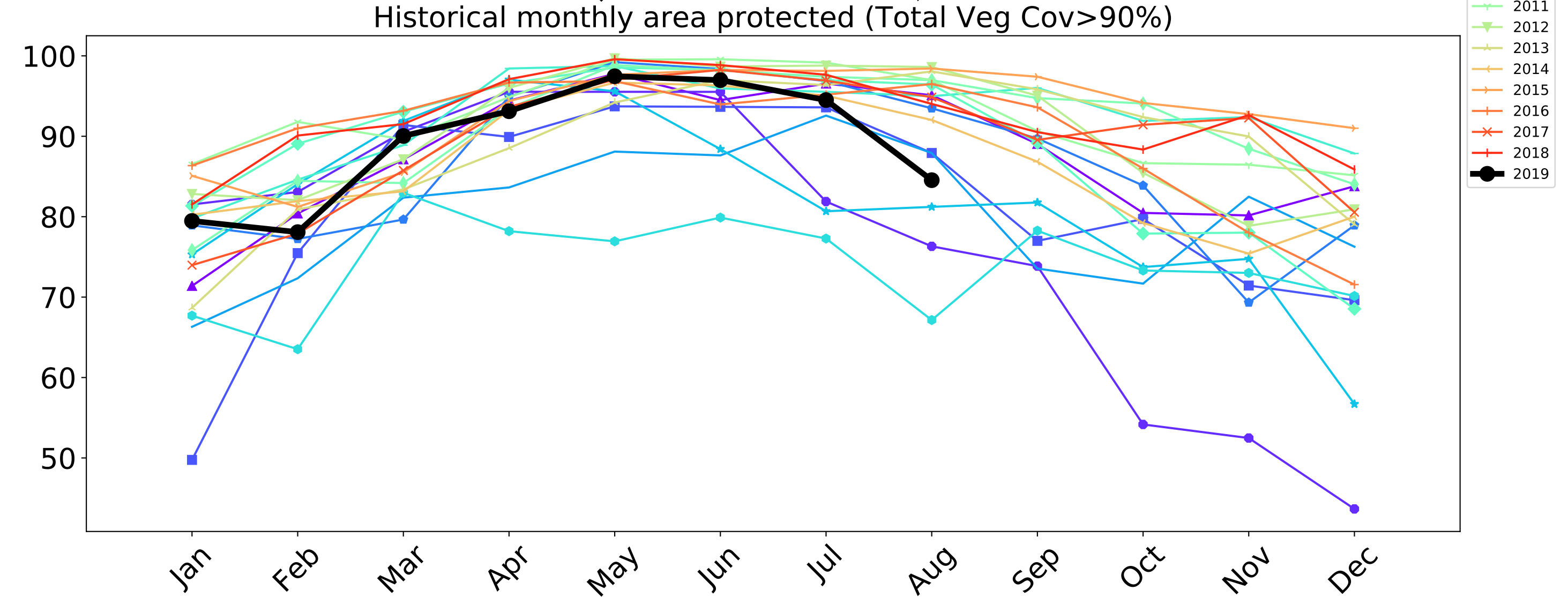
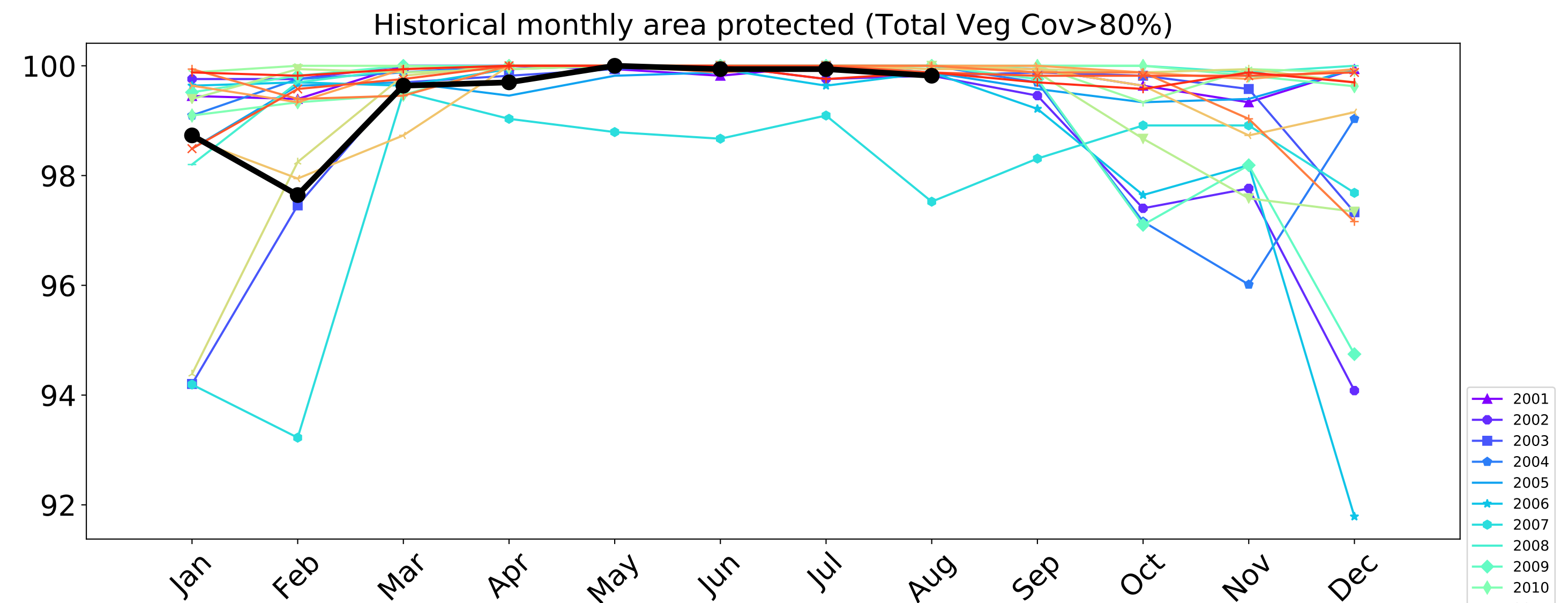
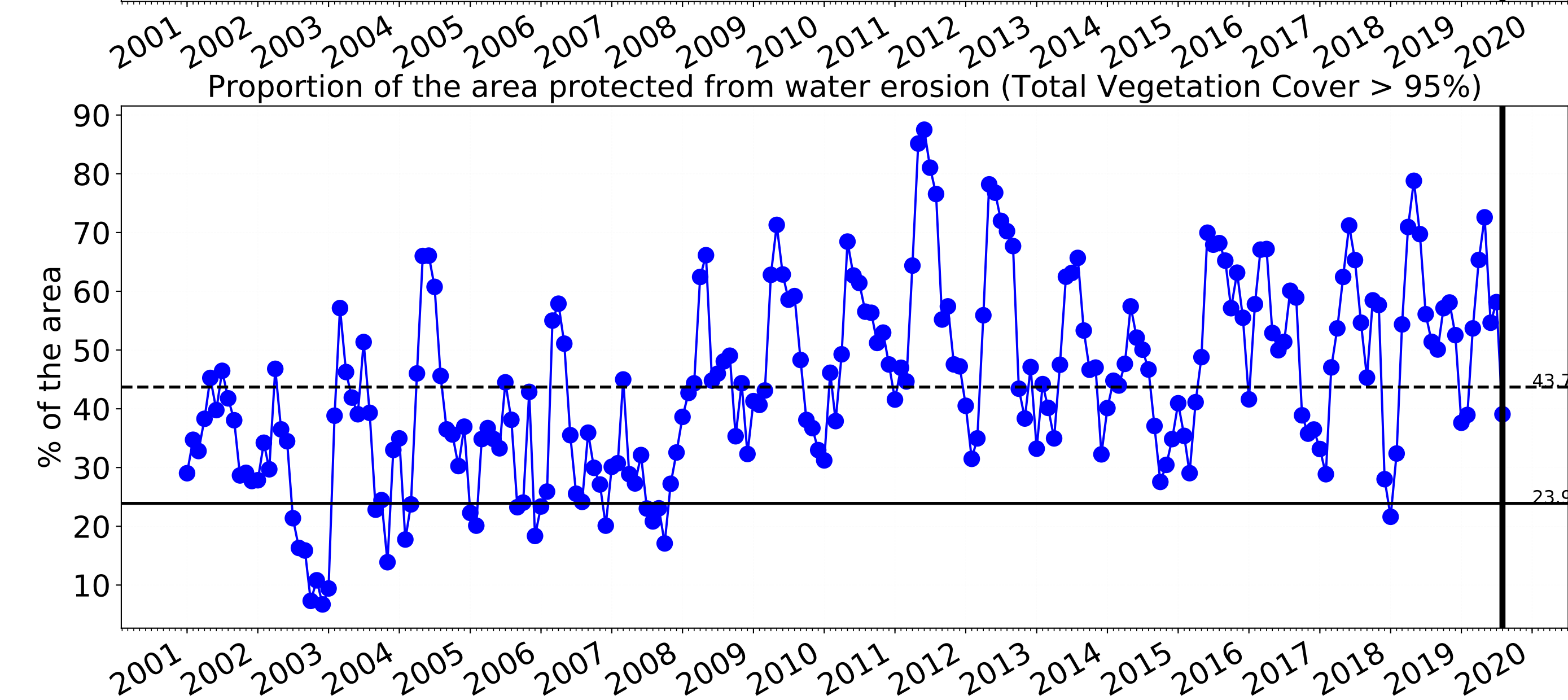
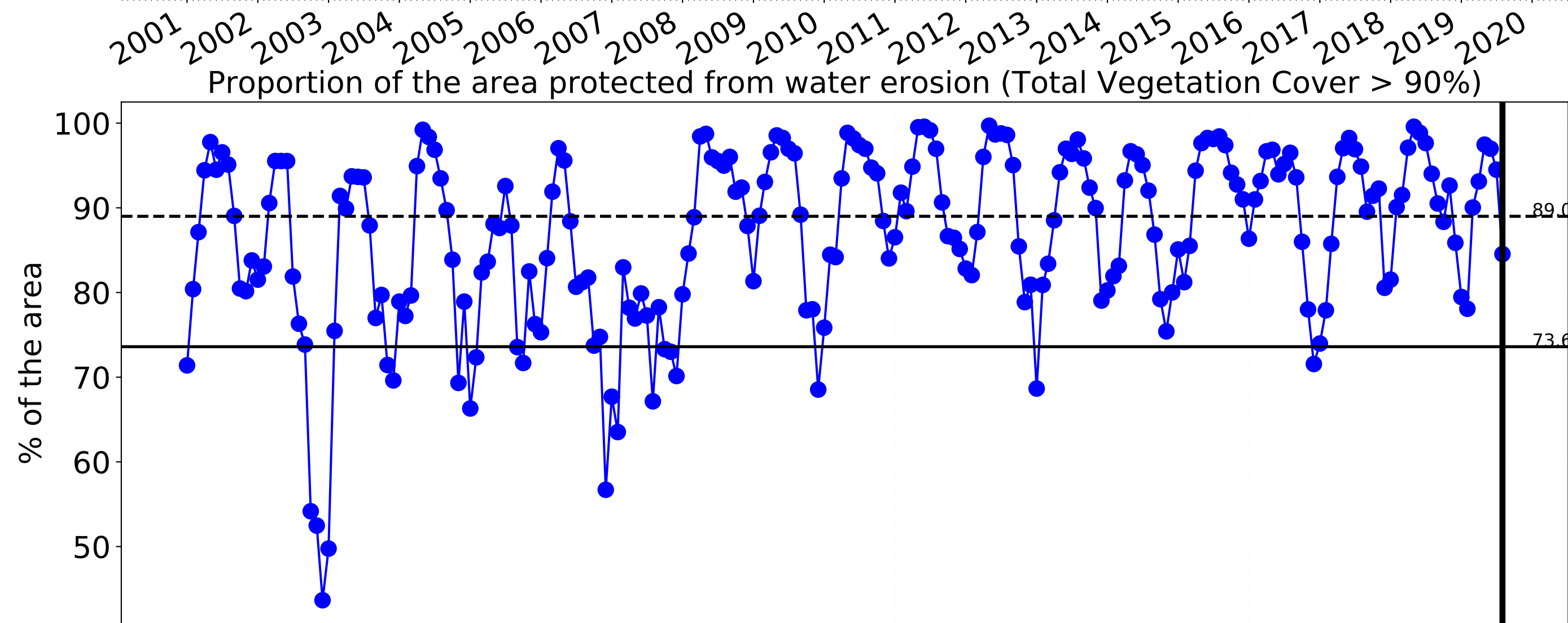
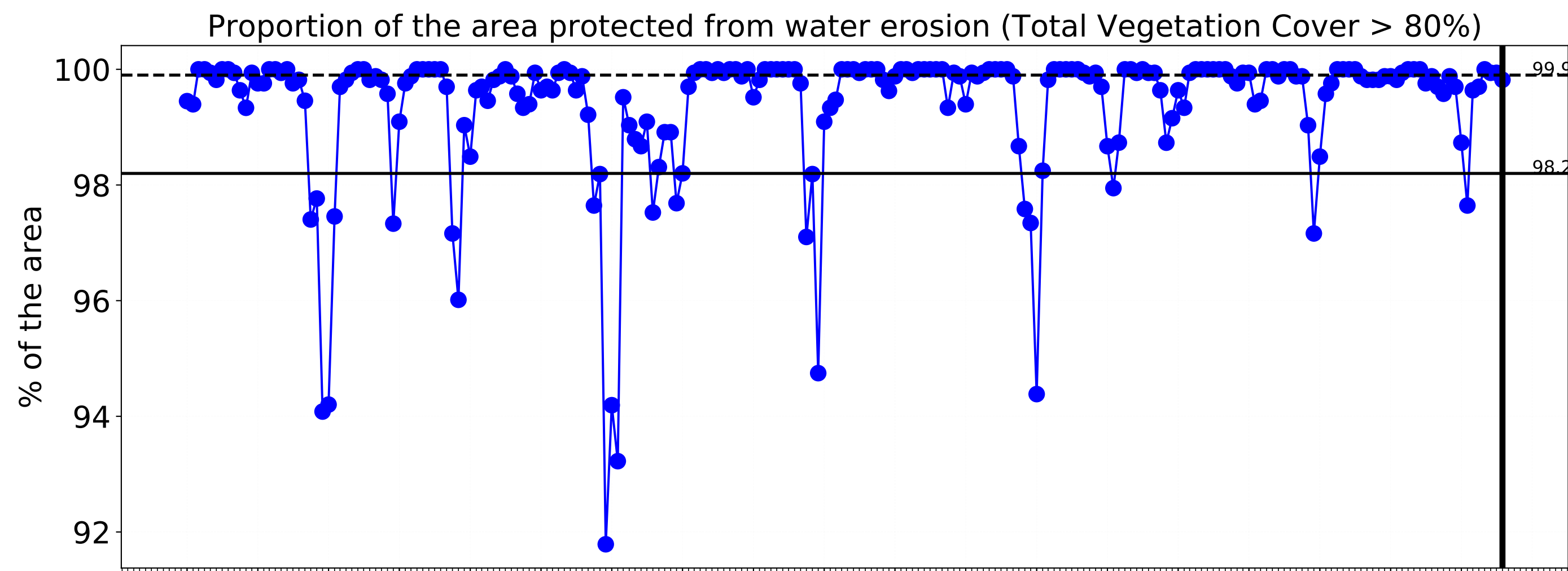


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



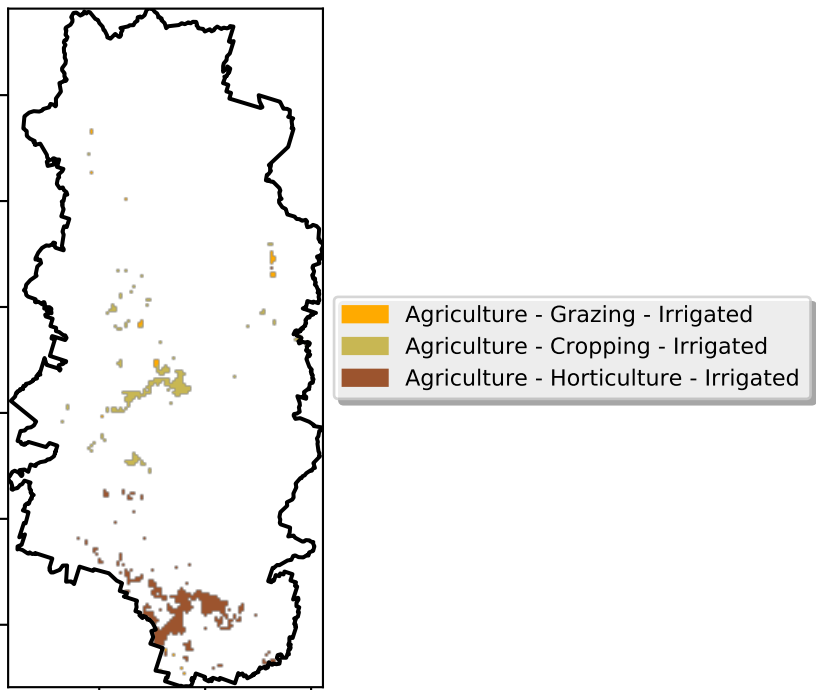




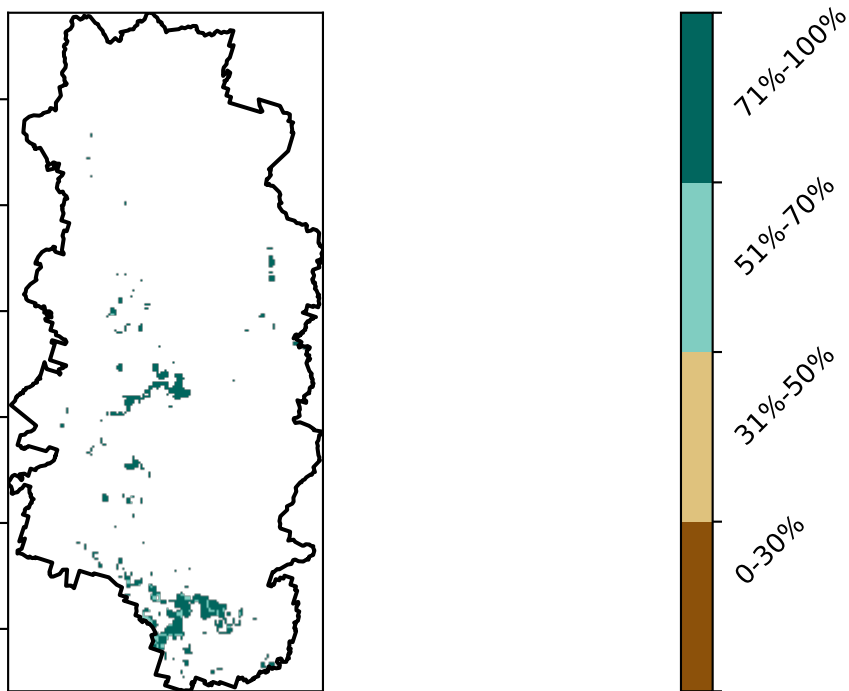
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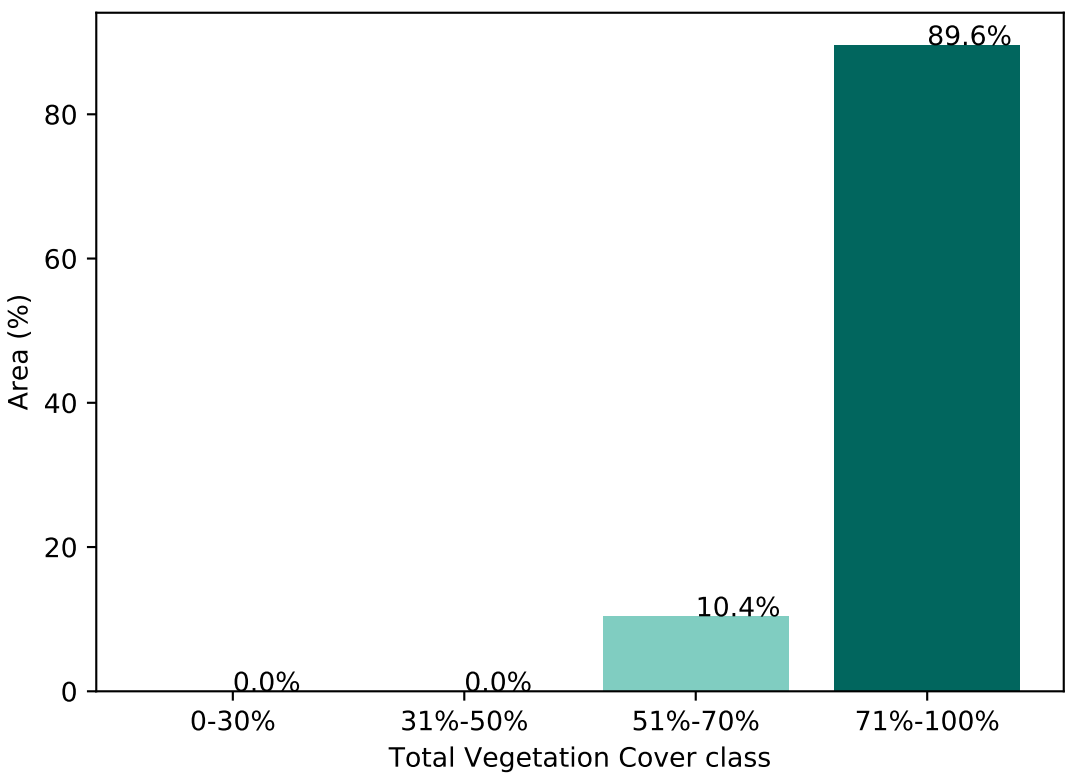
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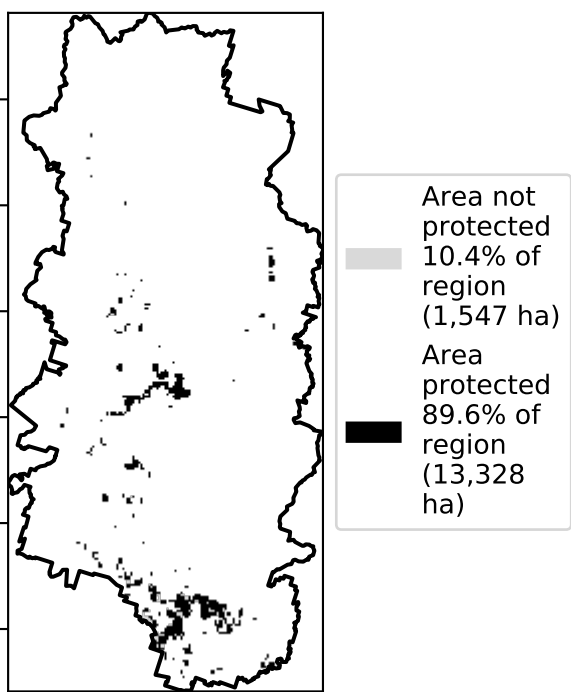
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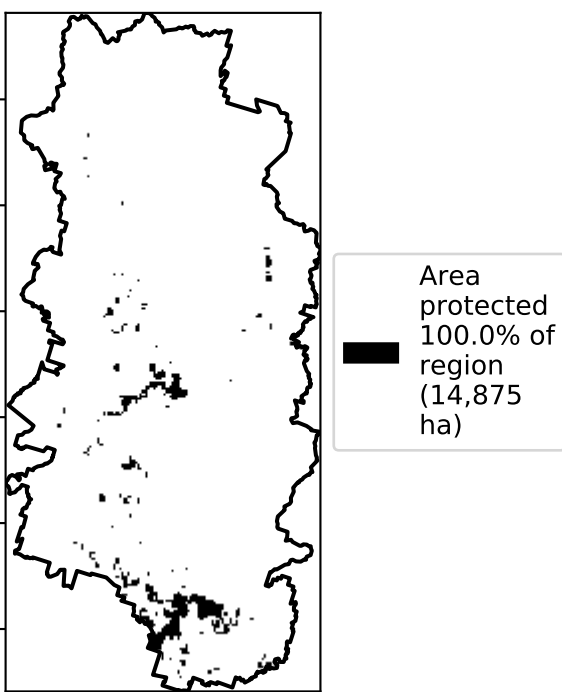
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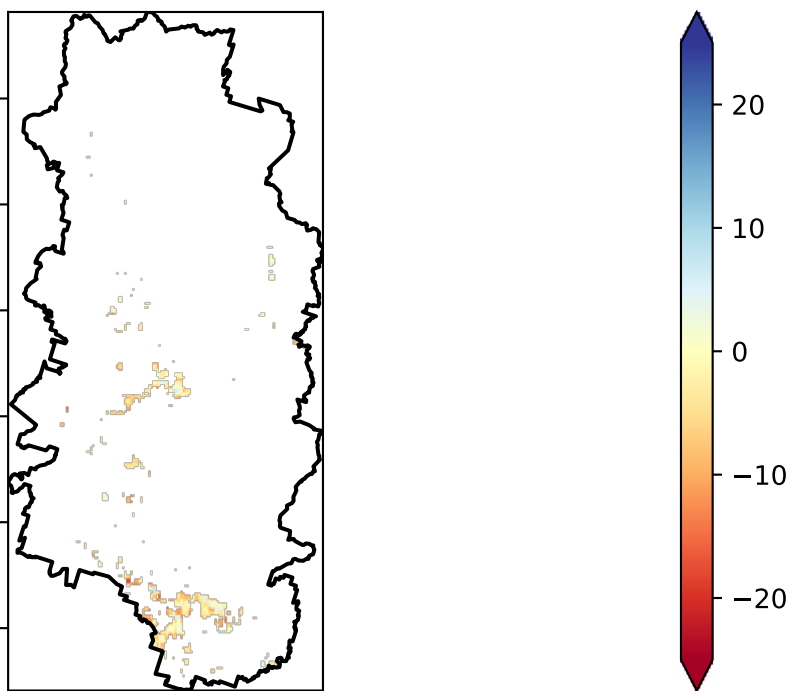


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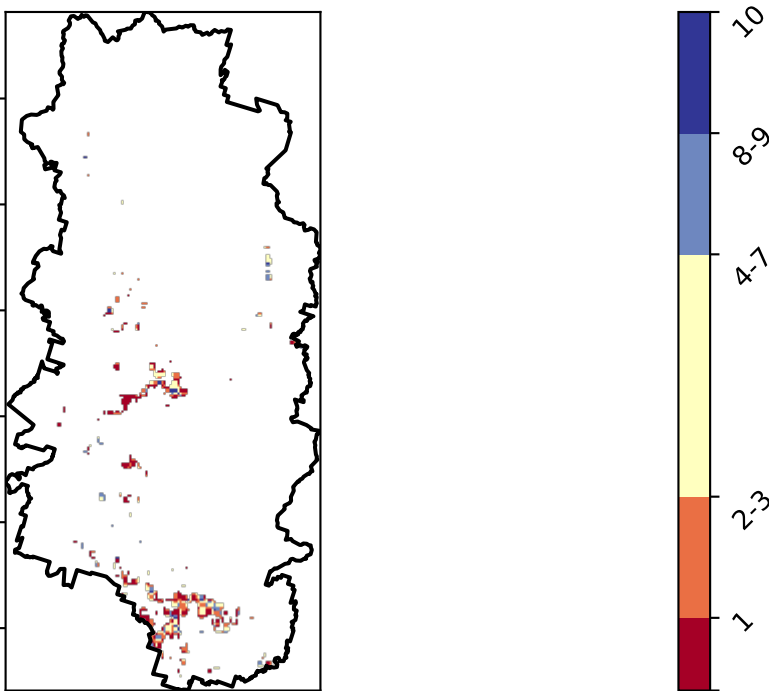
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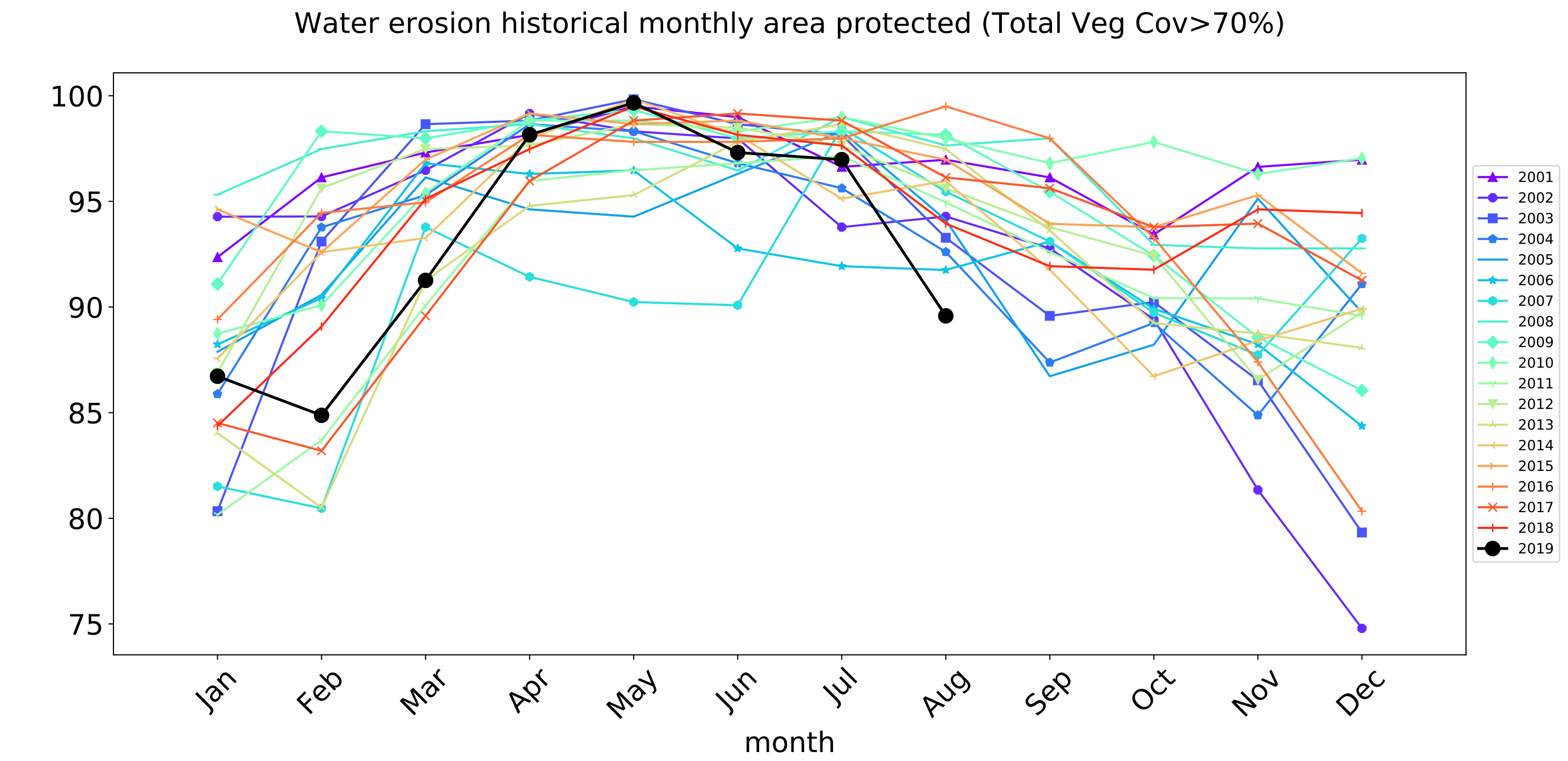
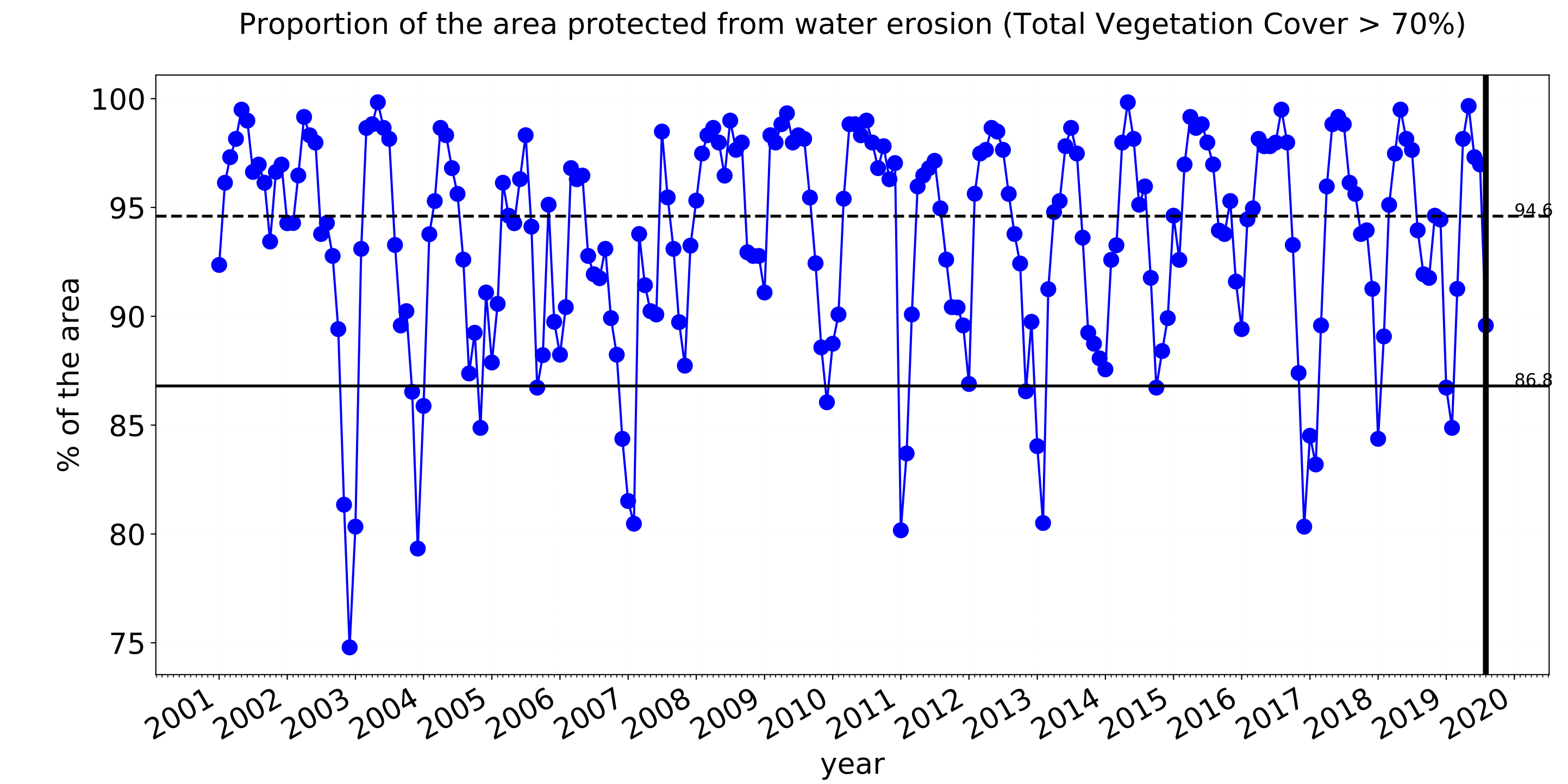
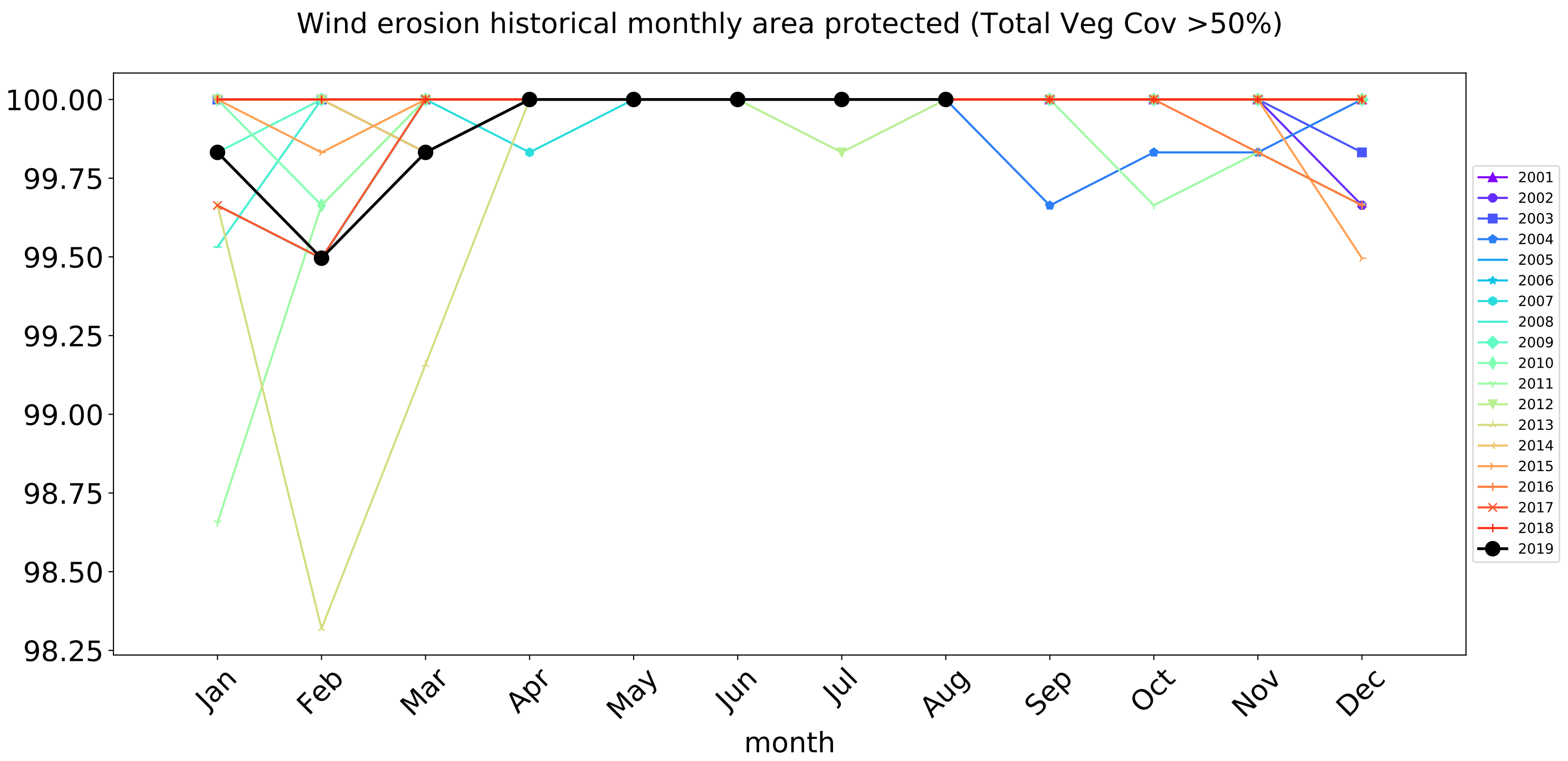
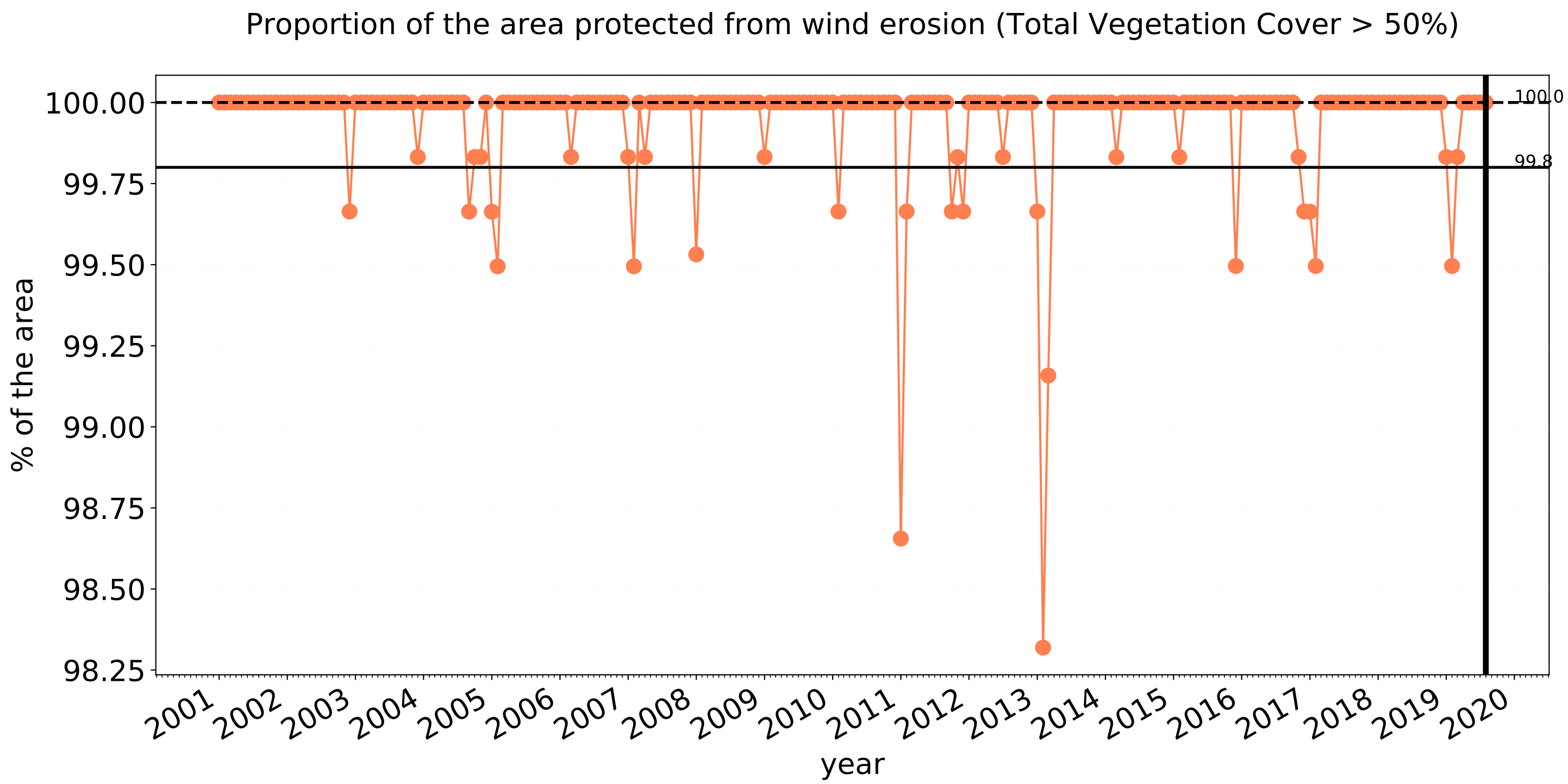


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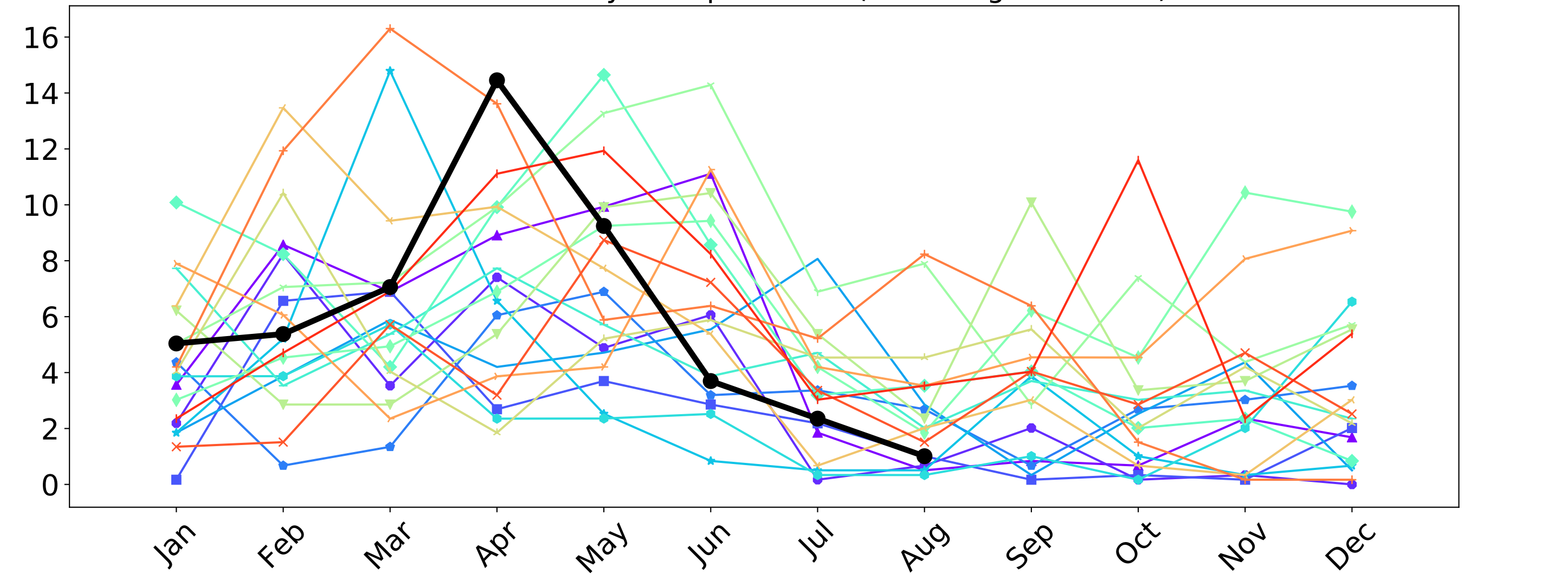
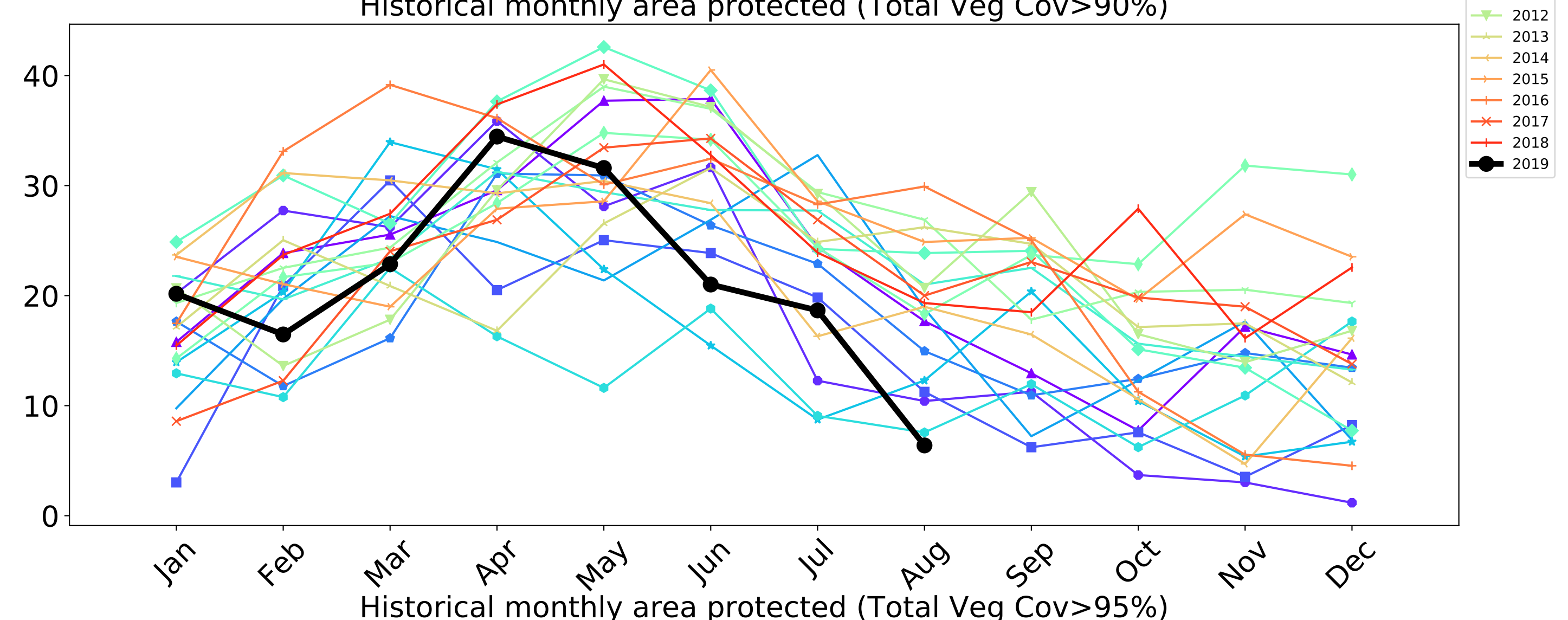
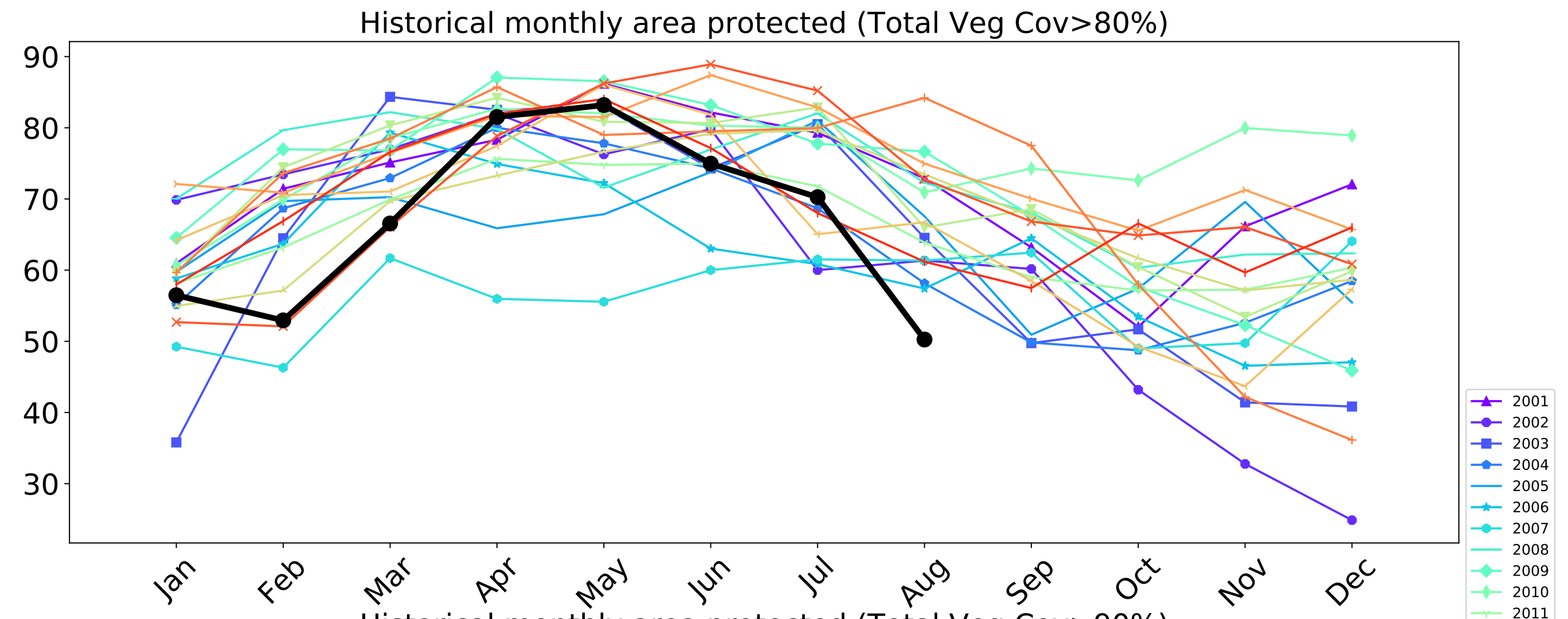
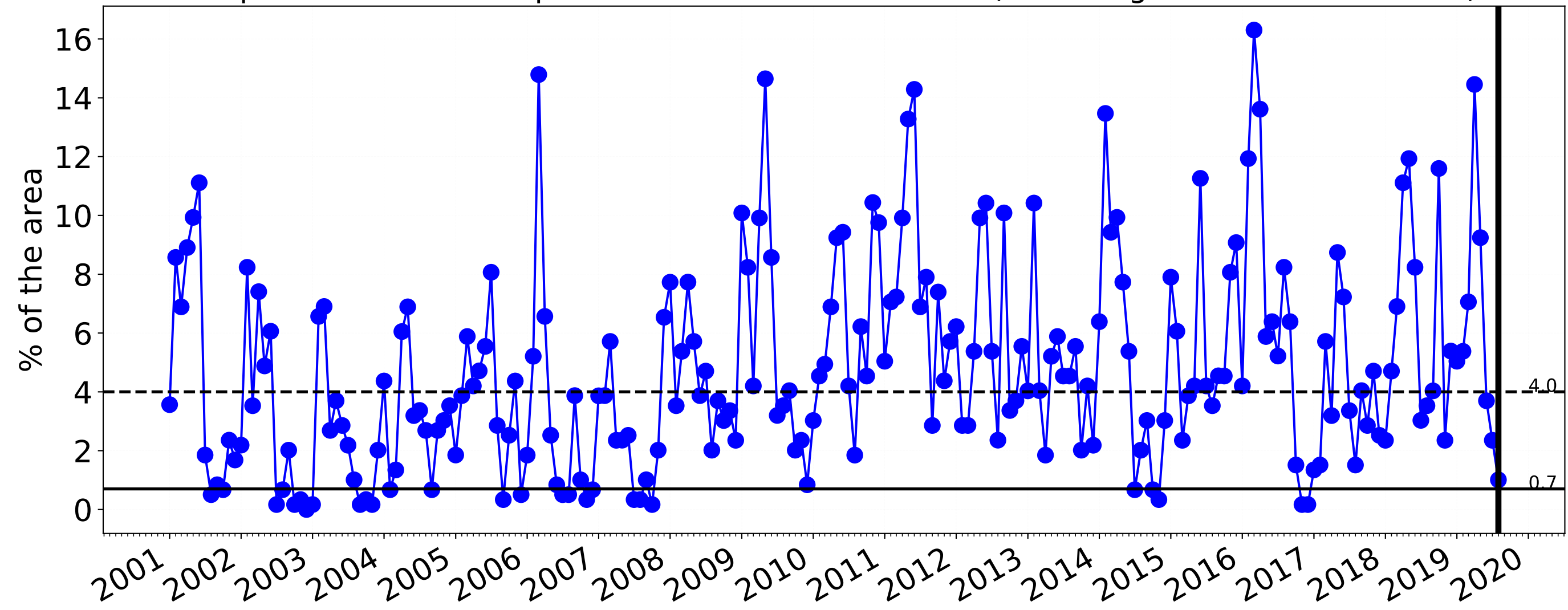
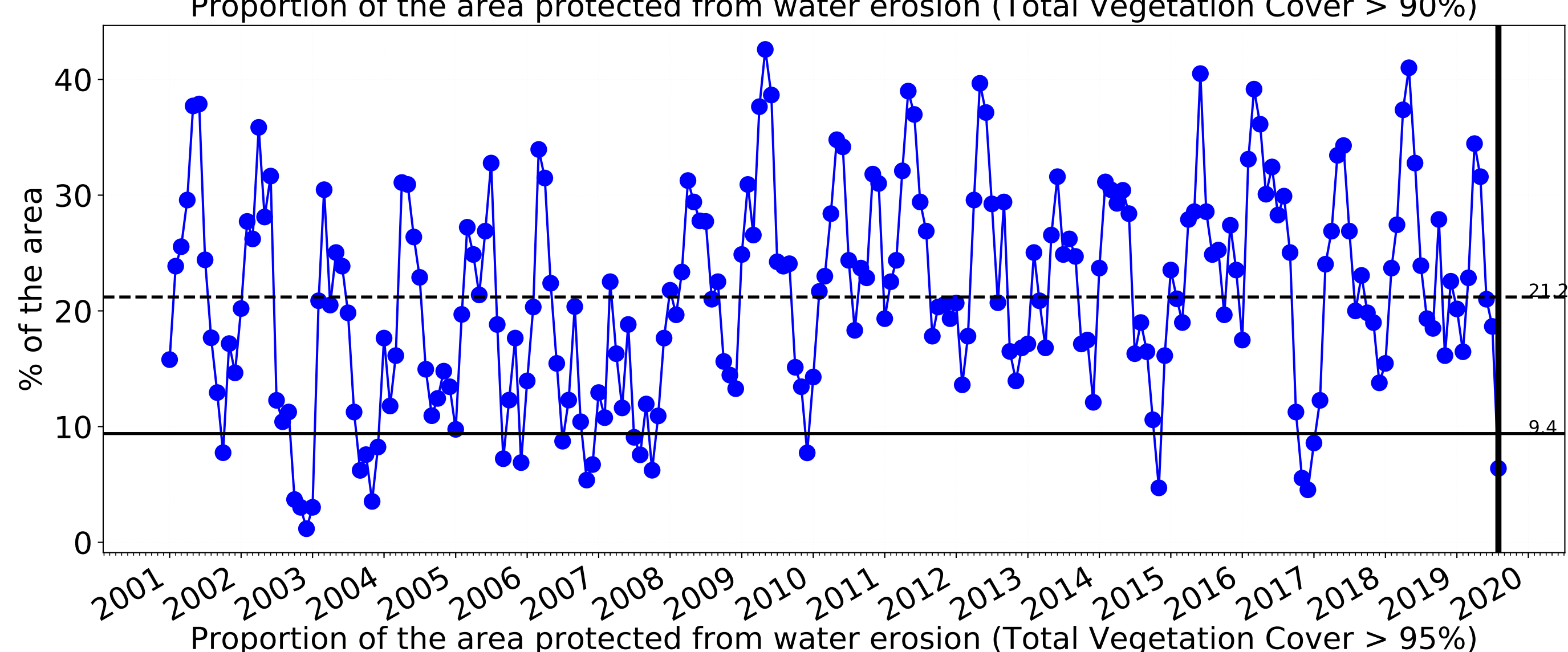
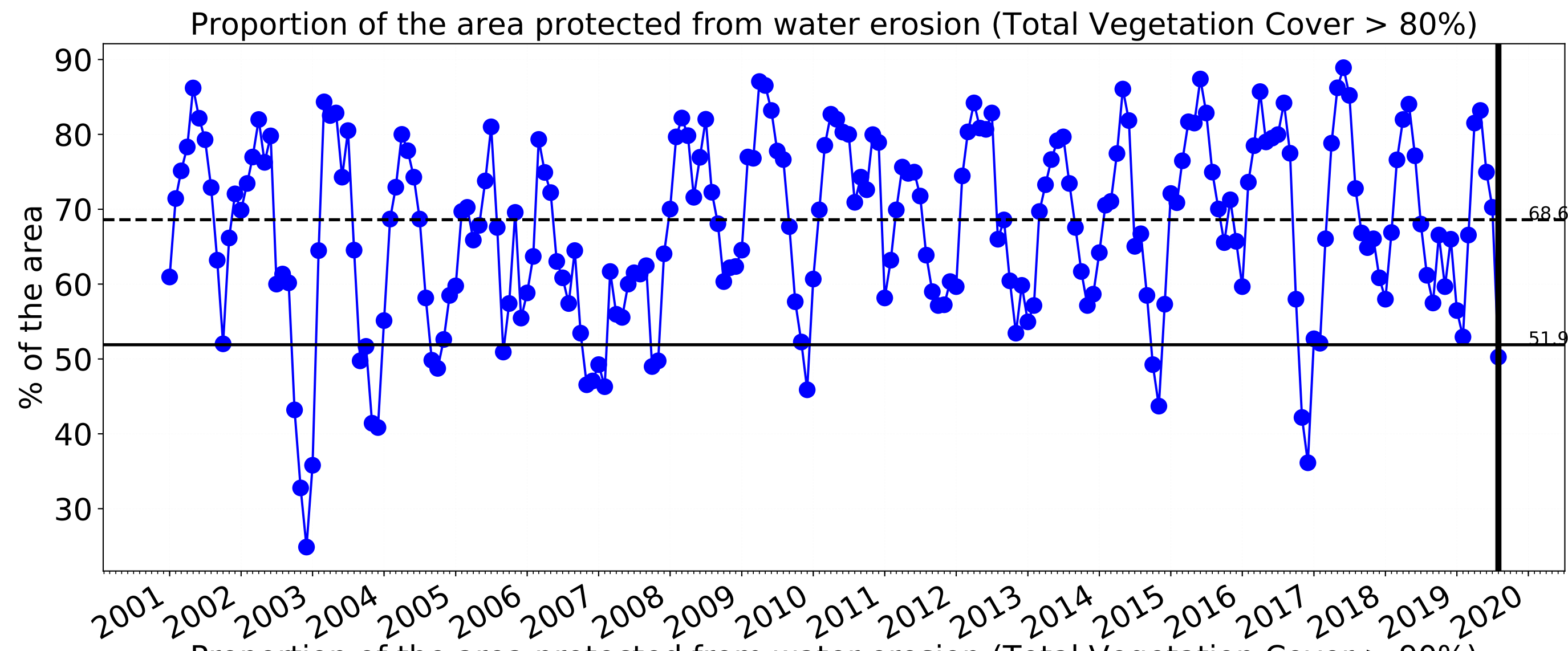


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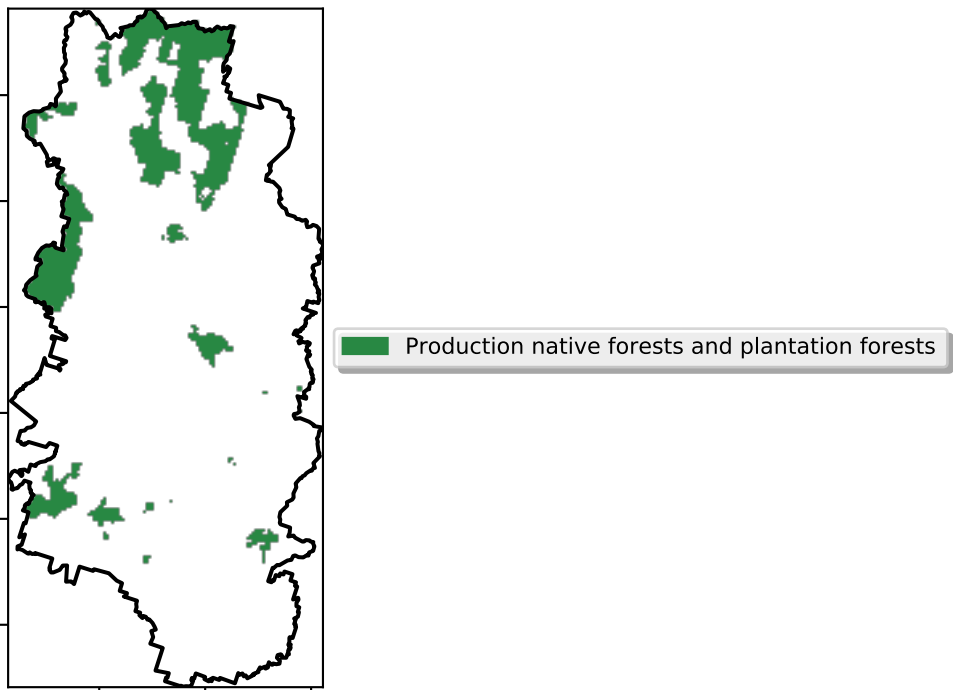




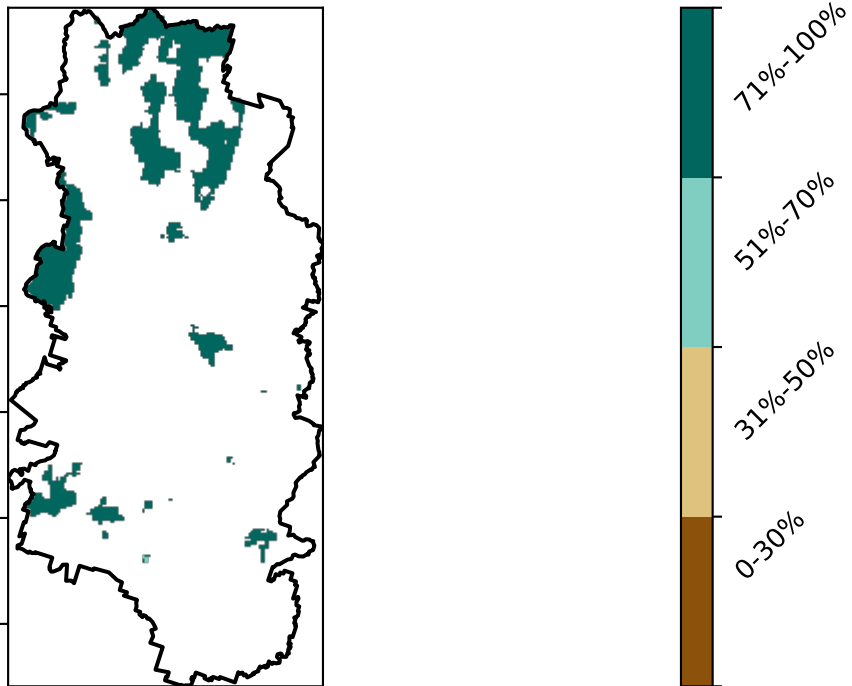
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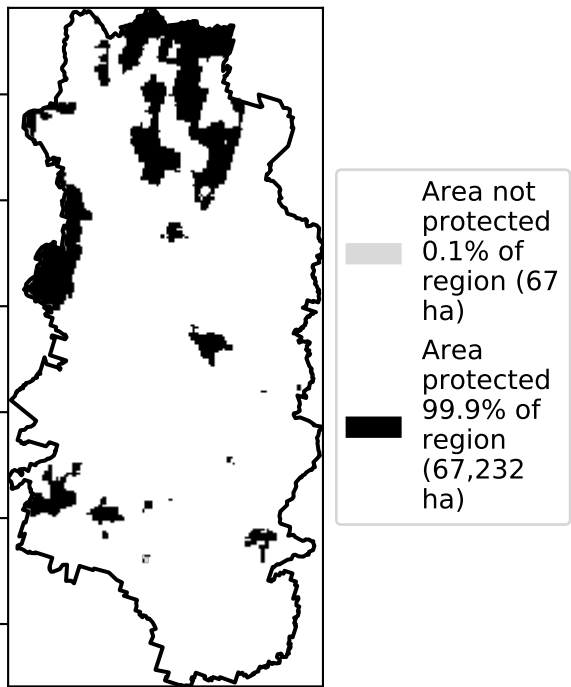
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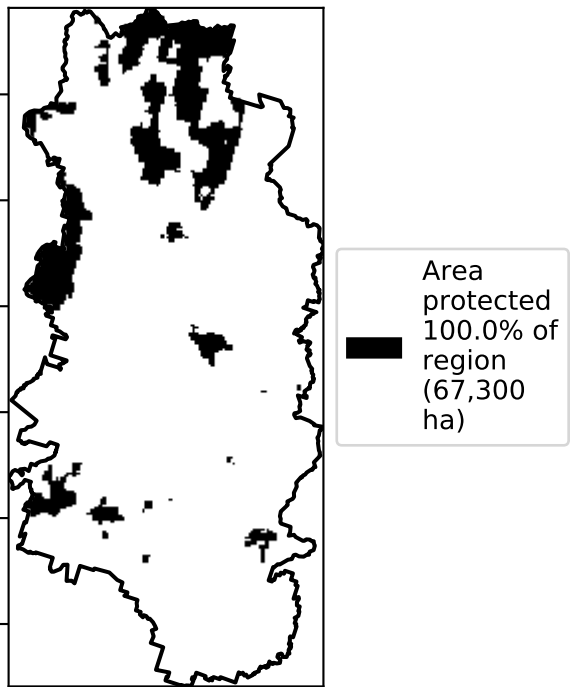
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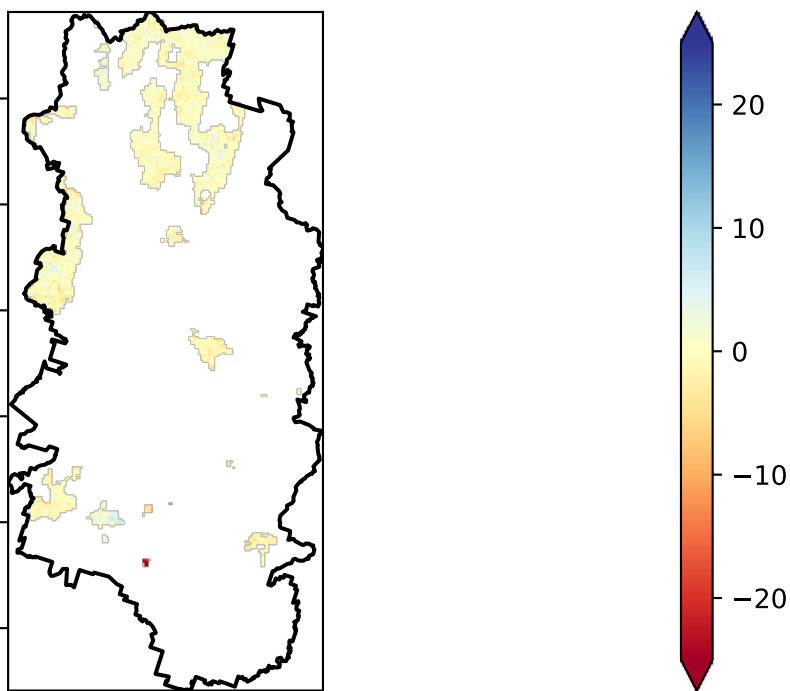


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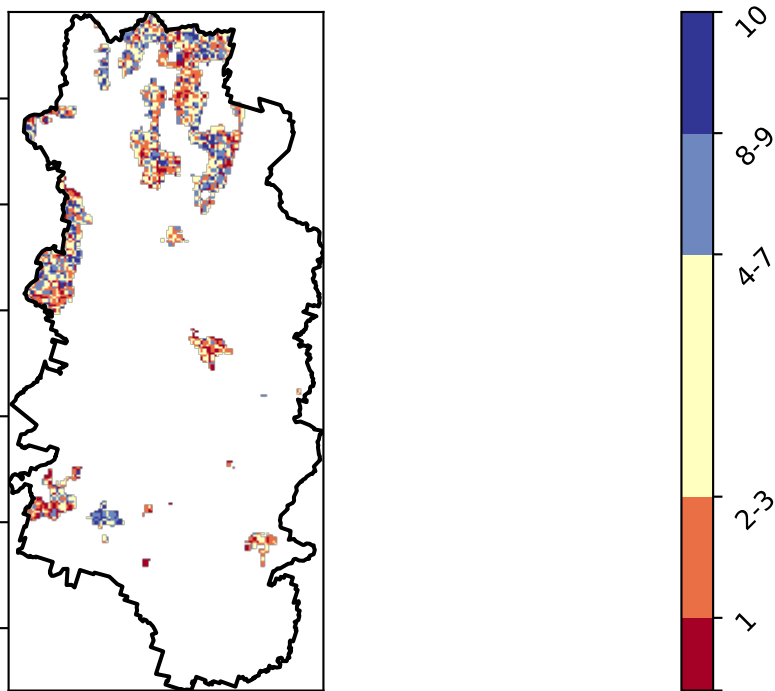
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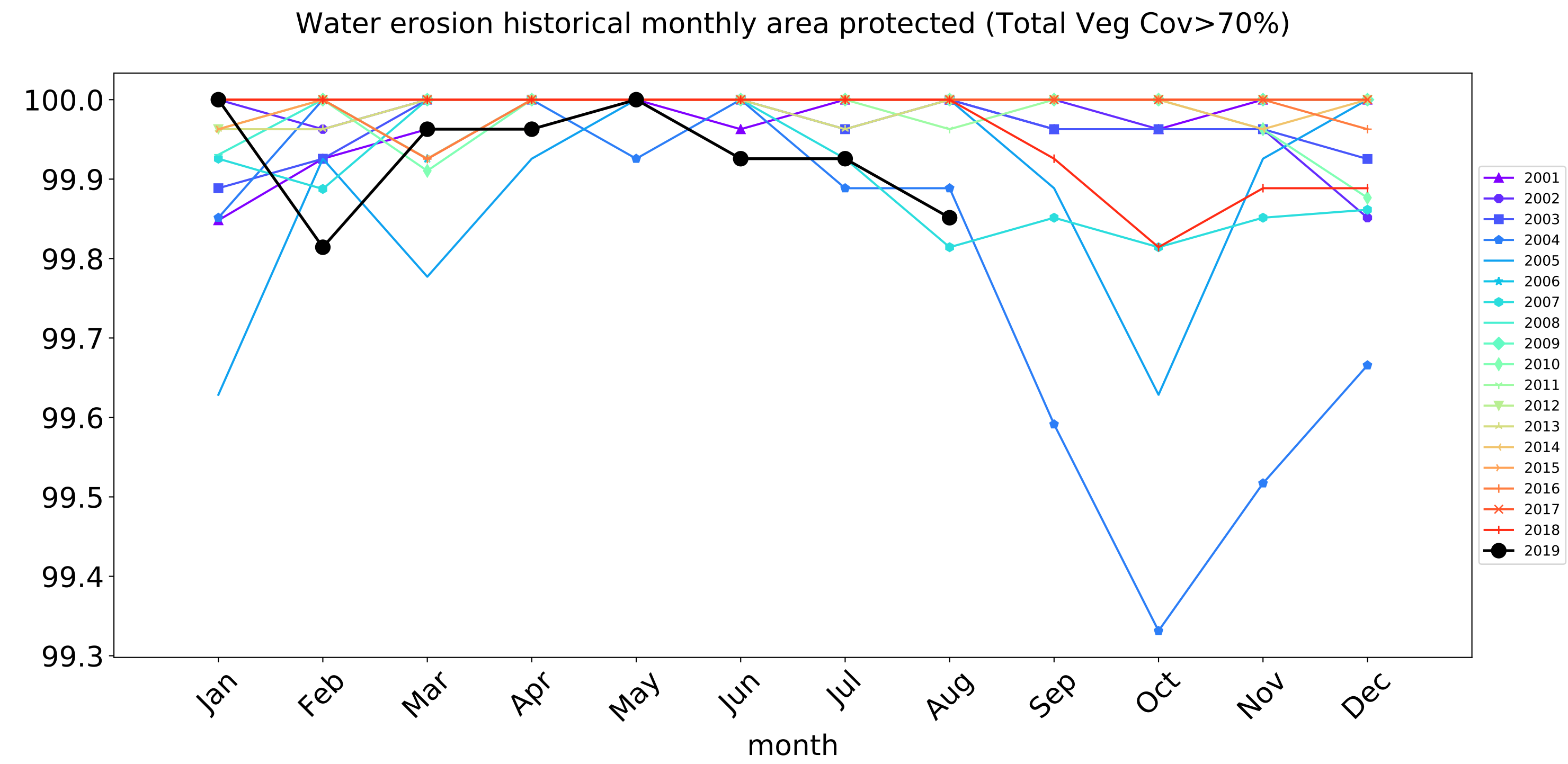
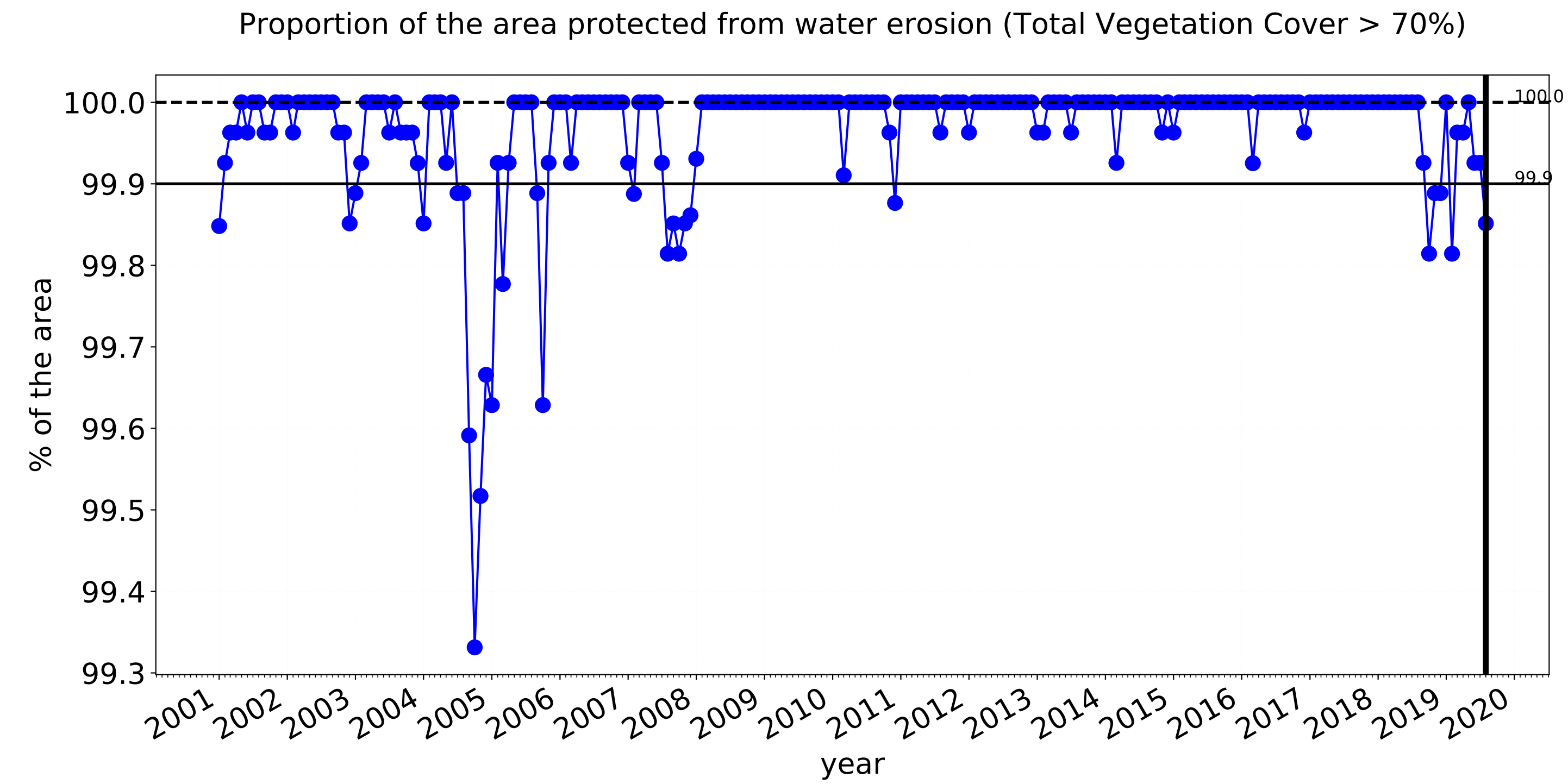
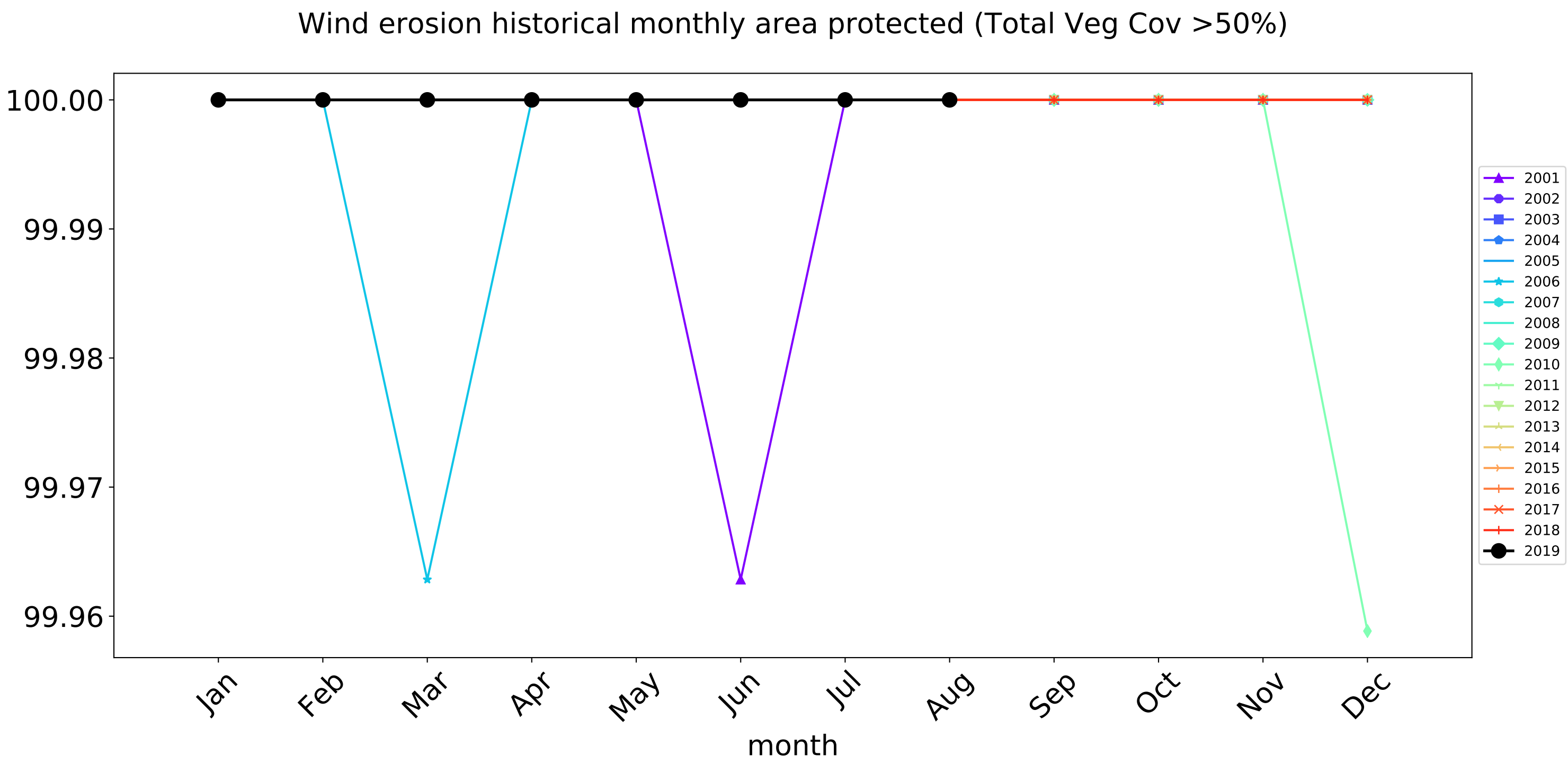
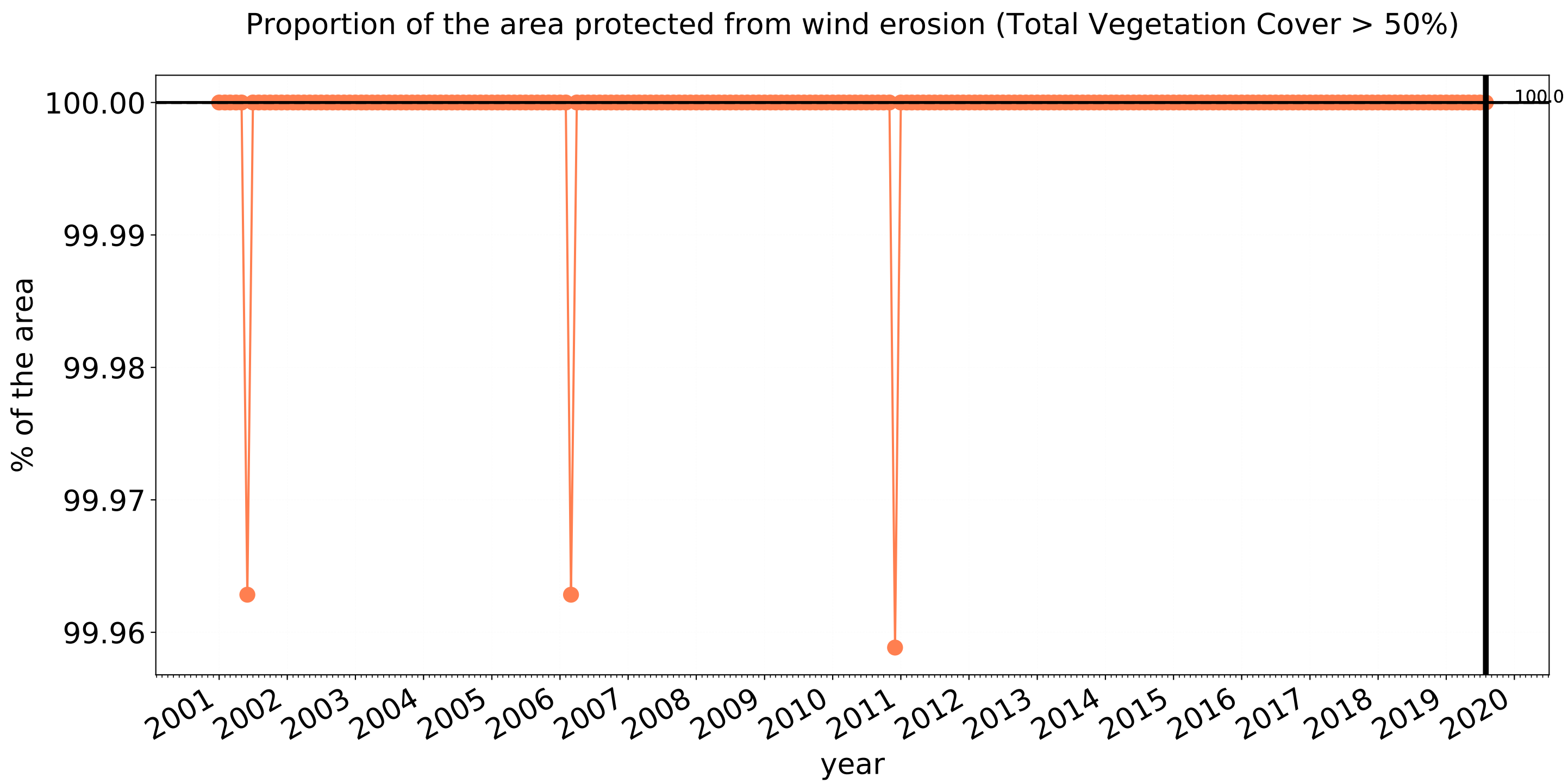
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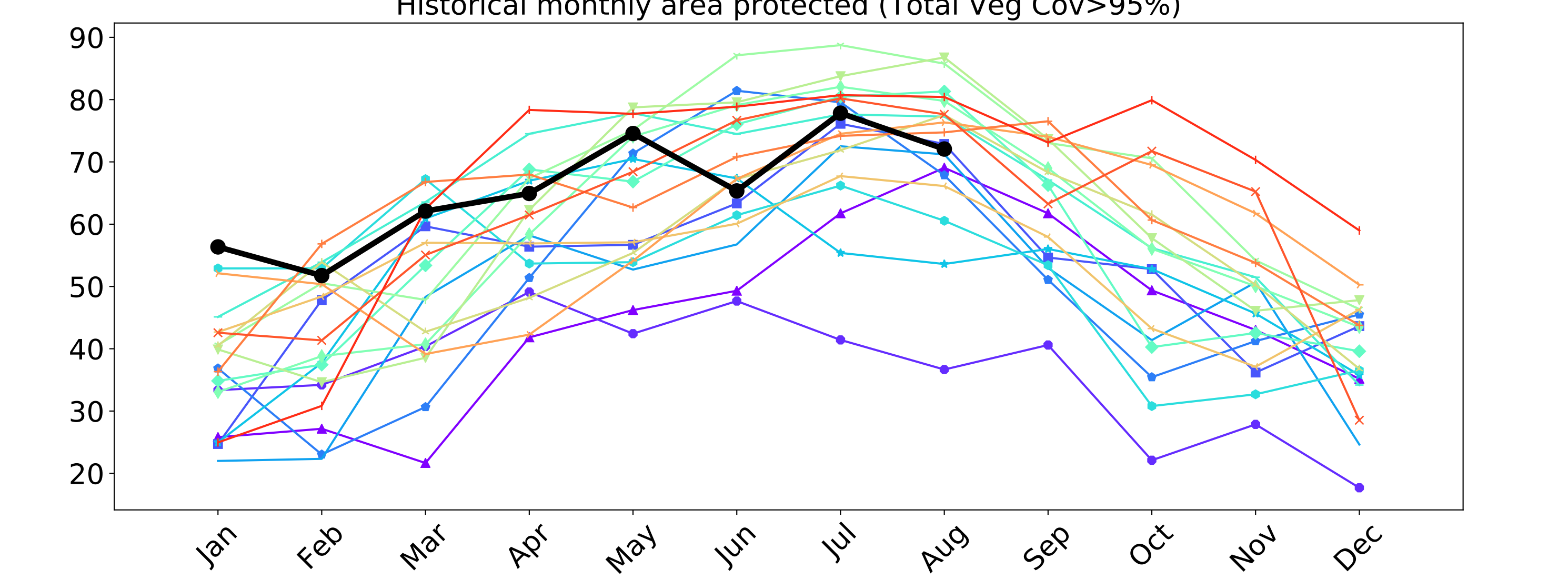
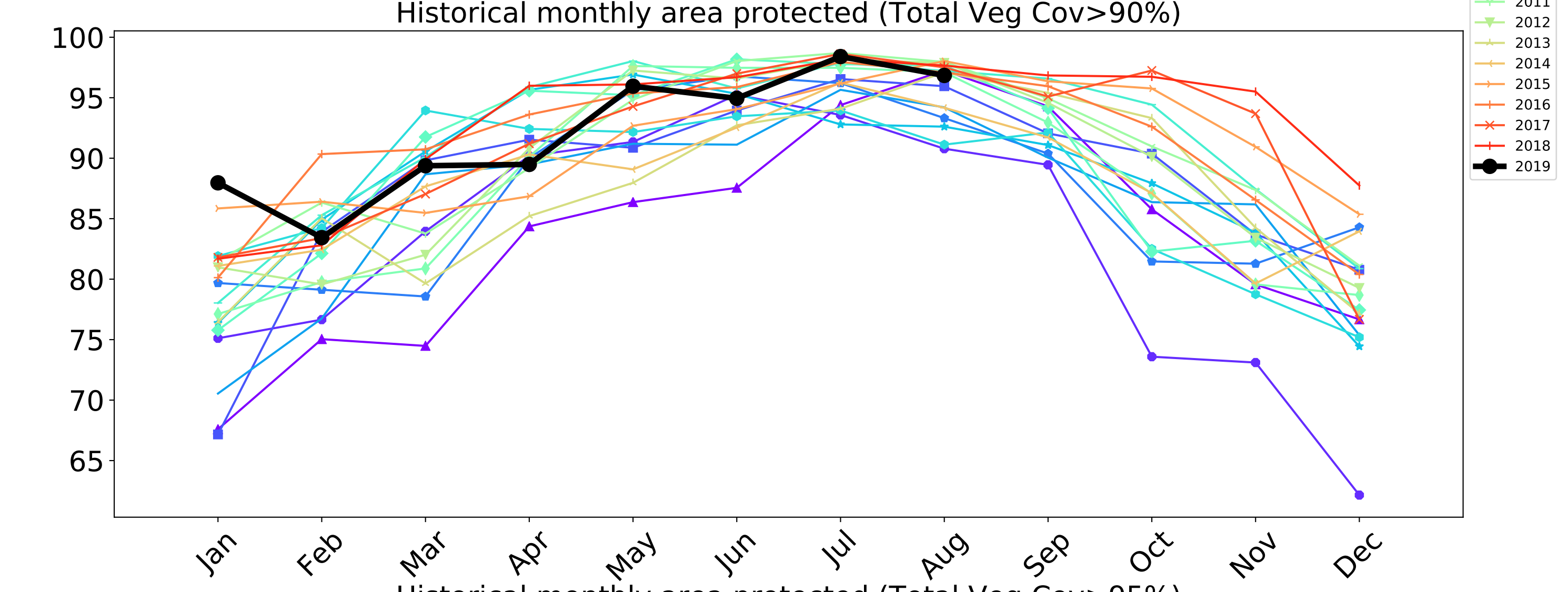
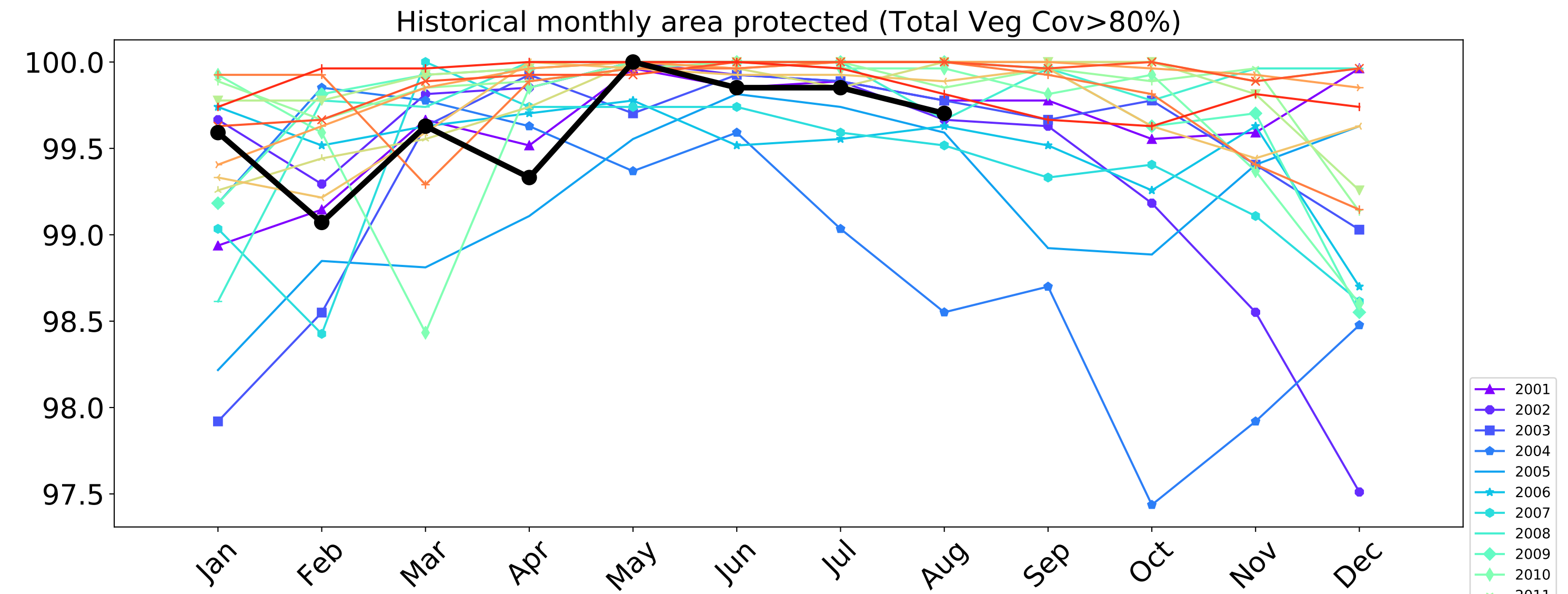
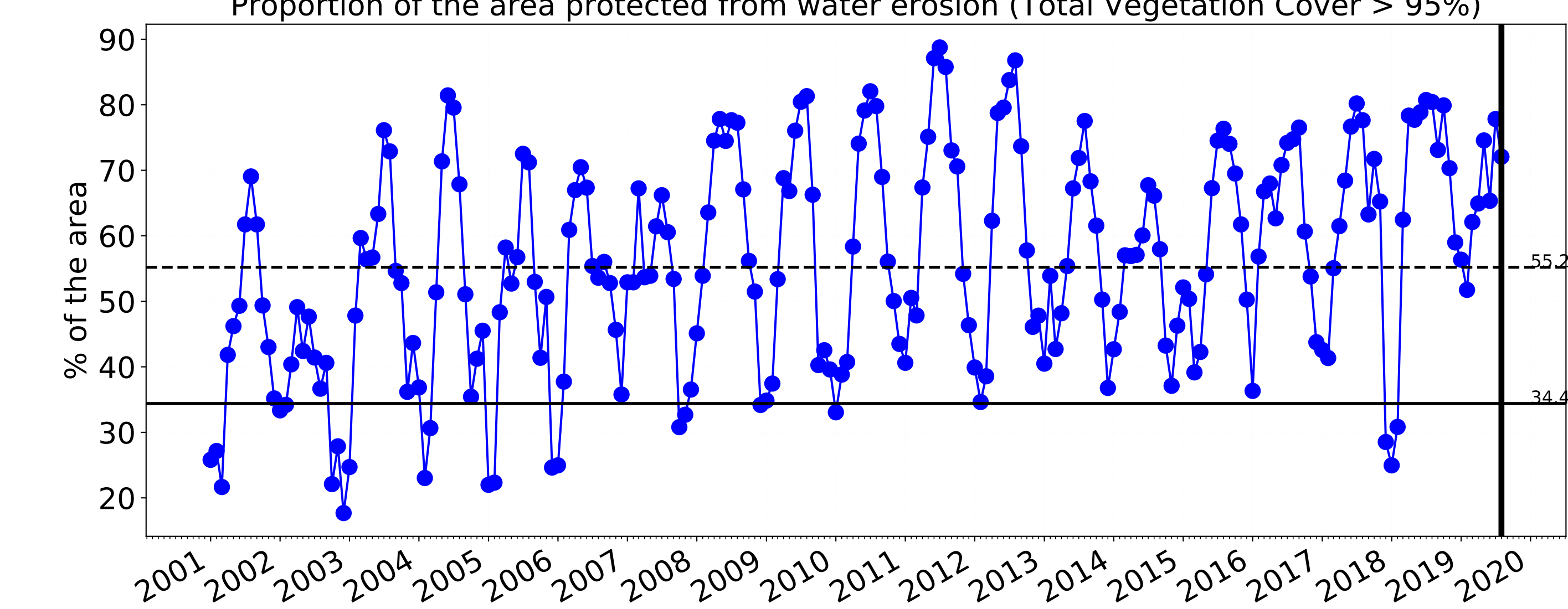
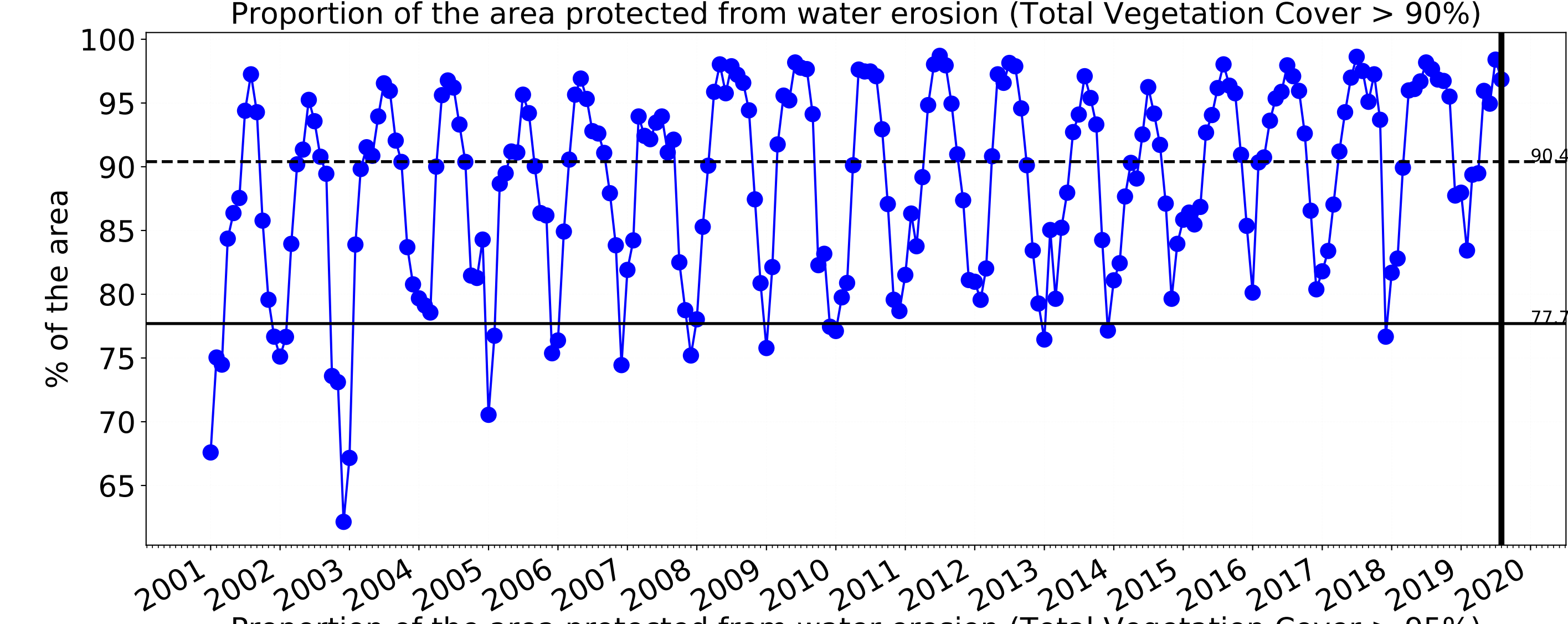
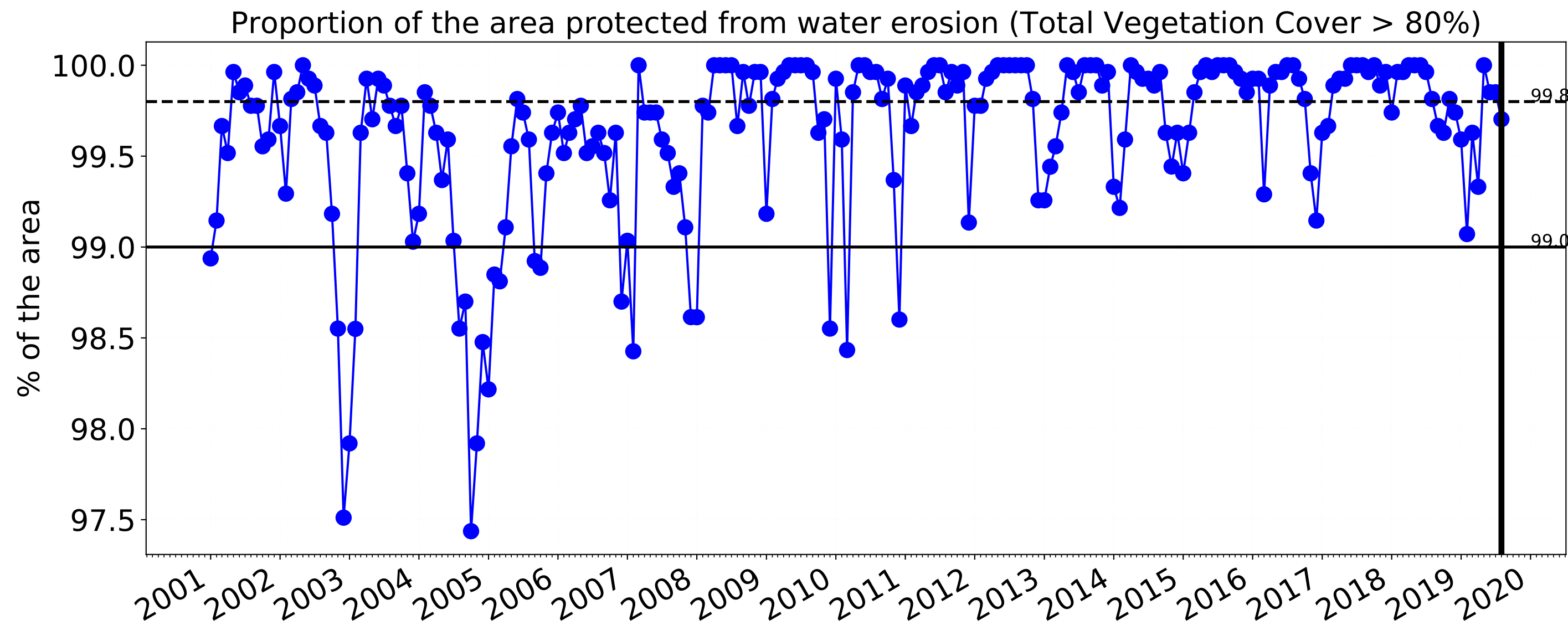
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Somerset\_(R) (522,075 ha and no data 15,177 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	522,075	100.0% 522,050	100.0% 522,000	99.4% 519,025	95.4% 497,925	62.8% 327,625	29.9% 156,325
Conservation and natural environments	78,311	100.0% 78,311	100.0% 78,311	100.0% 78,311	100.0% 78,311	95.1% 74,466	74.5% 58,329
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	9,919	100.0% 9,919	100.0% 9,919	100.0% 9,919	100.0% 9,919	85.7% 8,498	39.5% 3,918
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	65,259	100.0% 65,259	100.0% 65,259	100.0% 65,259	100.0% 65,259	98.0% 63,922	82.6% 53,928
Agriculture	353,966	100.0% 353,966	100.0% 353,941	99.3% 351,386	94.3% 333,824	51.4% 181,906	13.5% 47,725
Grazing	330,473	100.0% 330,473	100.0% 330,449	99.7% 329,470	96.2% 318,049	53.4% 176,474	14.1% 46,441
Grazing non forest	244,853	100.0% 244,853	100.0% 244,828	99.6% 243,896	95.0% 232,662	45.1% 110,505	9.3% 22,738
Grazing Woodland forest	45,420	100.0% 45,420	100.0% 45,420	99.9% 45,372	99.6% 45,226	69.9% 31,758	17.3% 7,872
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	40,199	100.0% 40,199	100.0% 40,199	100.0% 40,199	99.8% 40,126	84.5% 33,985	39.1% 15,706
Irrigation	14,096	100.0% 14,096	100.0% 14,096	89.6% 12,627	50.3% 7,083	6.4% 900	1.0% 142
Production native forests and plantation forests	65,259	100.0% 65,259	100.0% 65,259	99.9% 65,162	99.7% 65,065	96.8% 63,198	72.1% 47,029



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