LGA Townsville_(C) (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.

Townsville_(C)

Context

o Map: Land use and forest cover

o Chart: Land use and forest cover area

- Total vegetation cover for this month

 Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
 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:

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

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Area (%)

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Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

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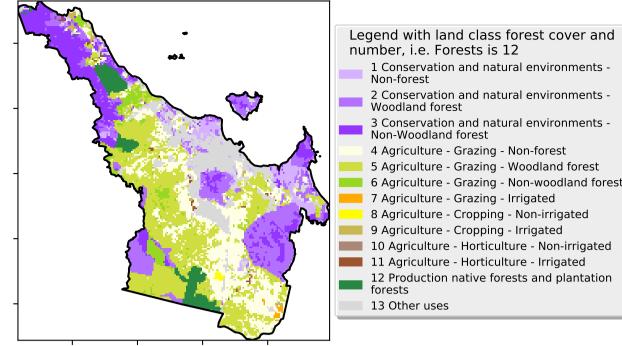
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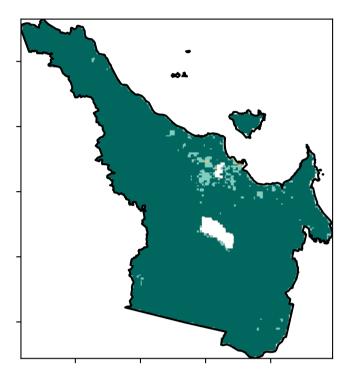
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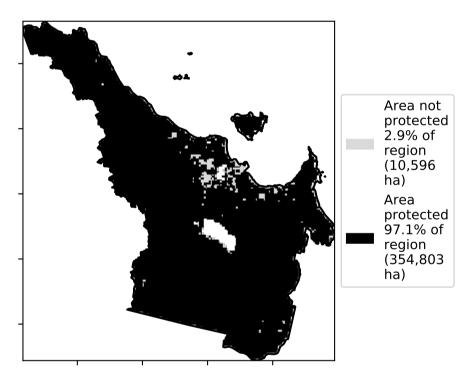
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Land use class

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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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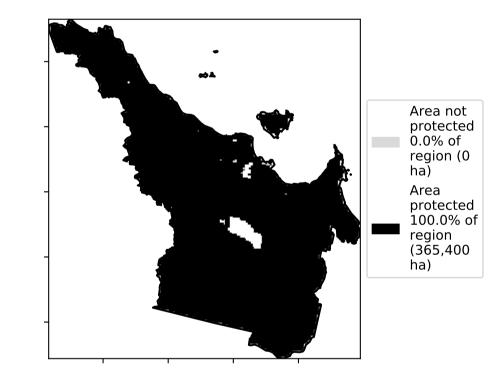
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is <

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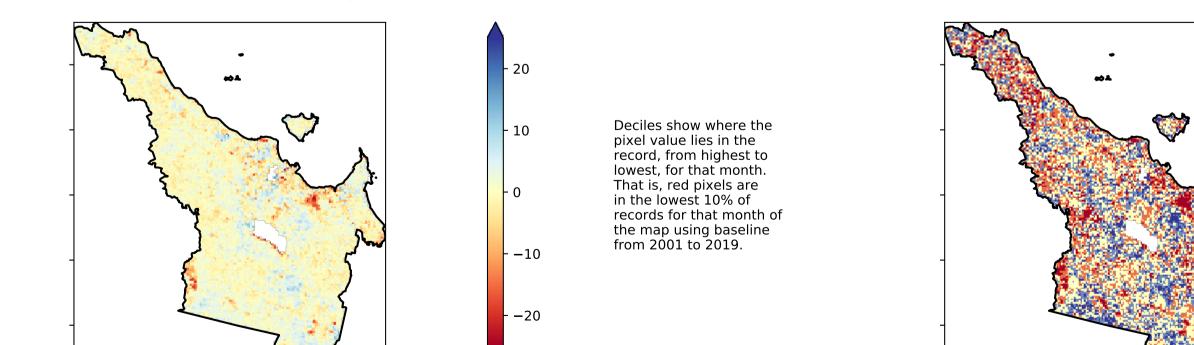
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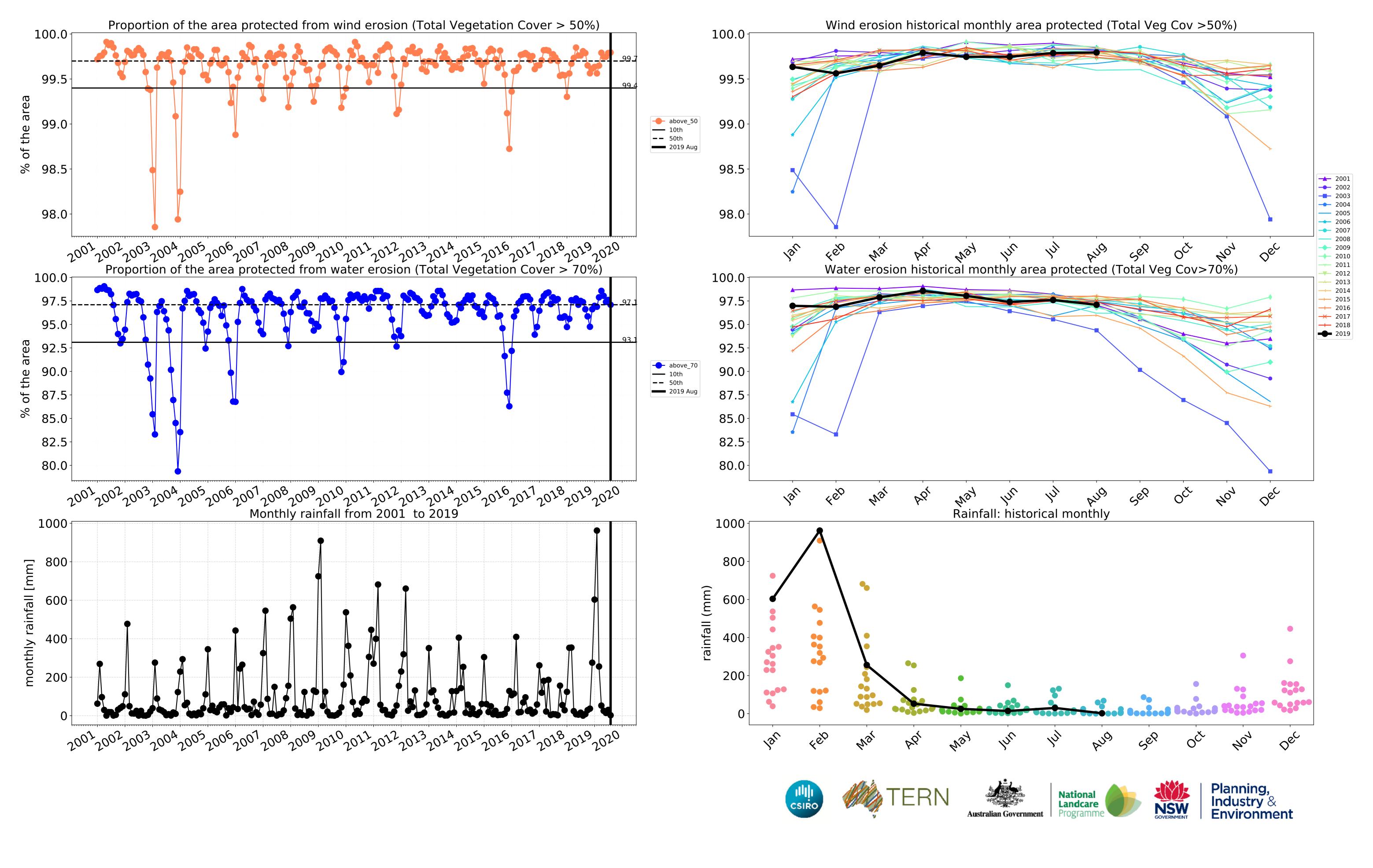
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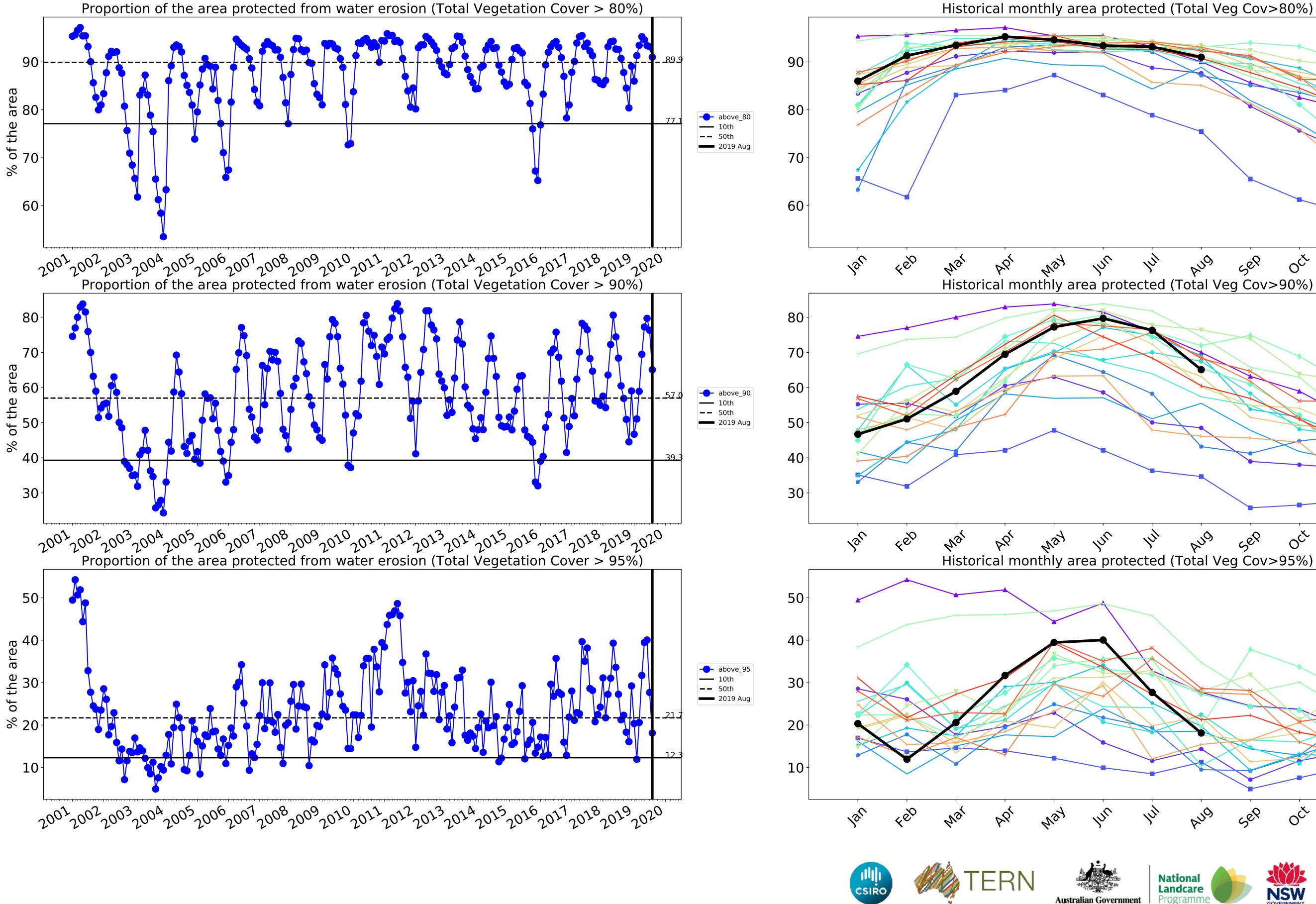
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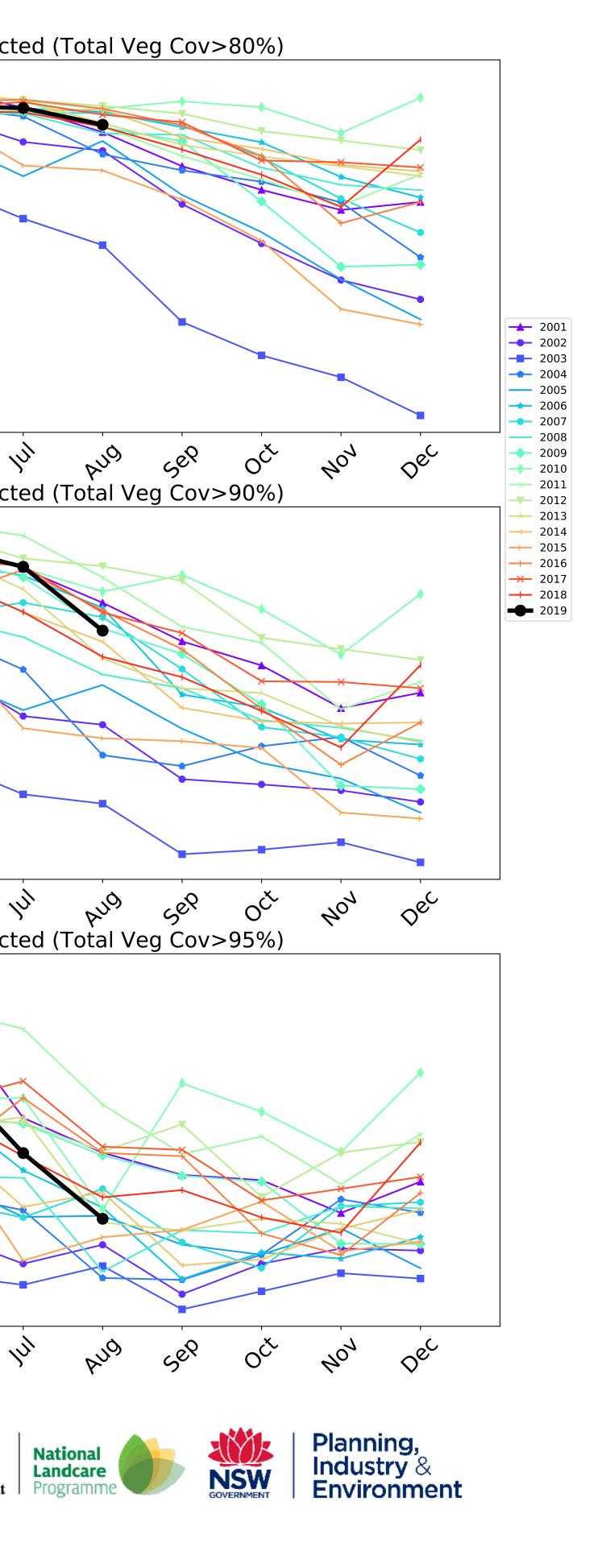




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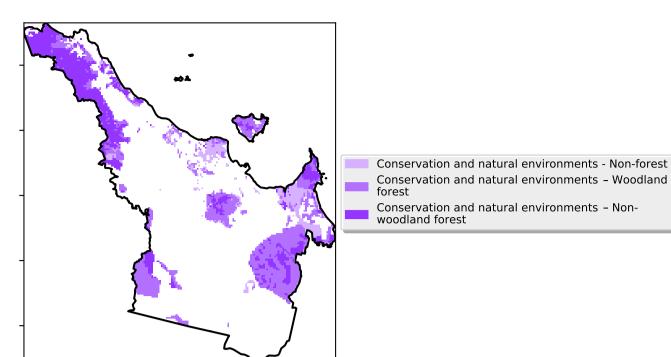




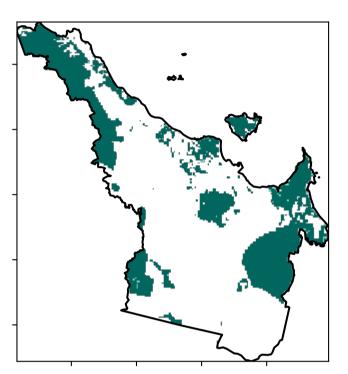
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

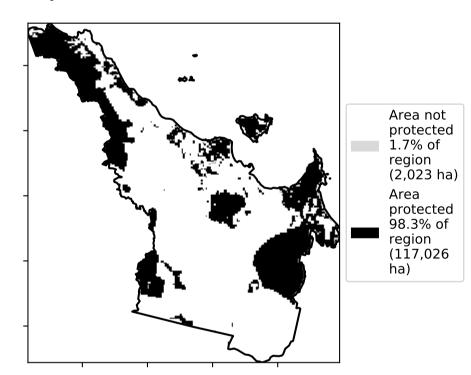
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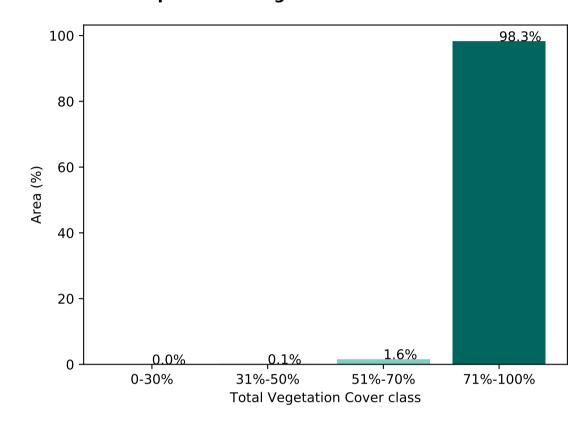
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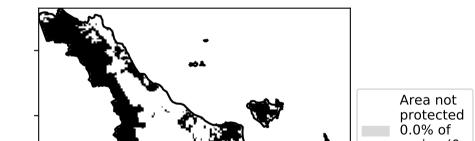
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



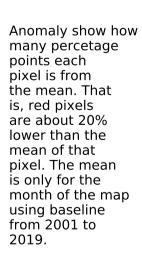
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

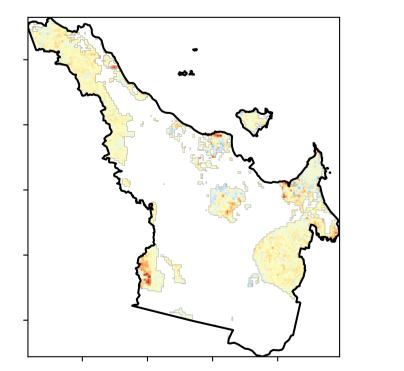


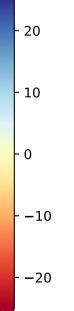
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





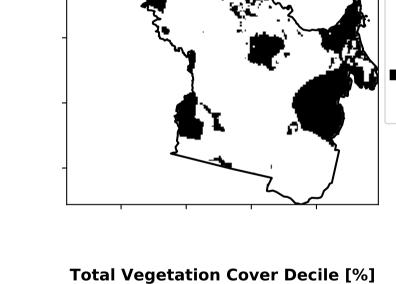


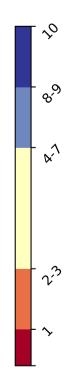
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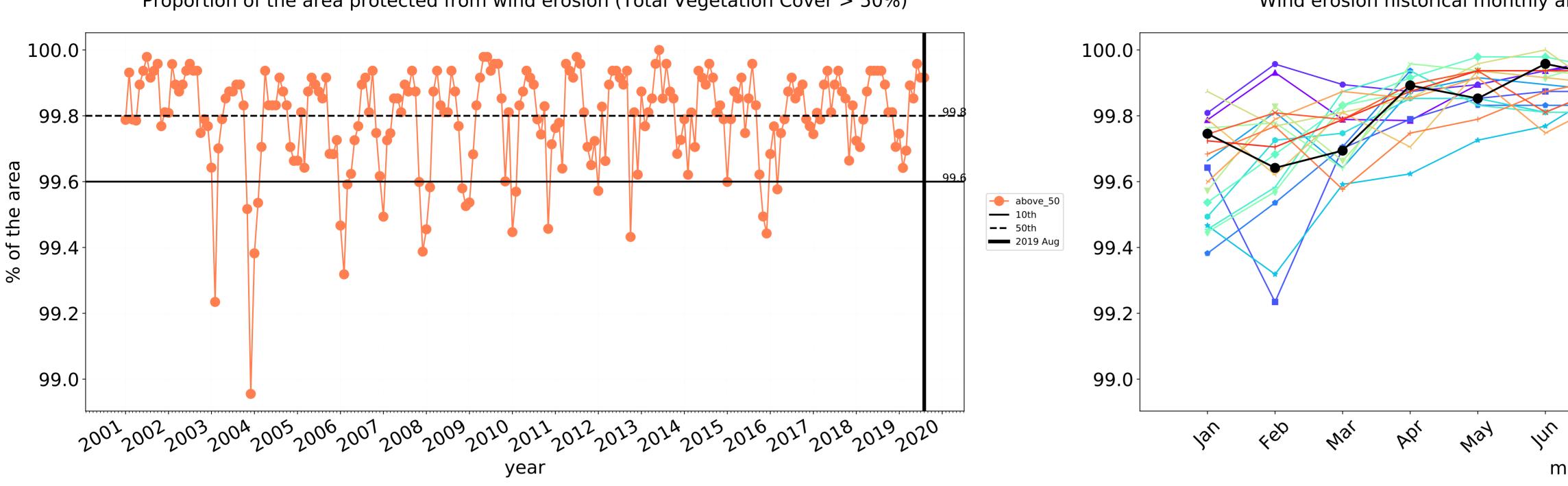
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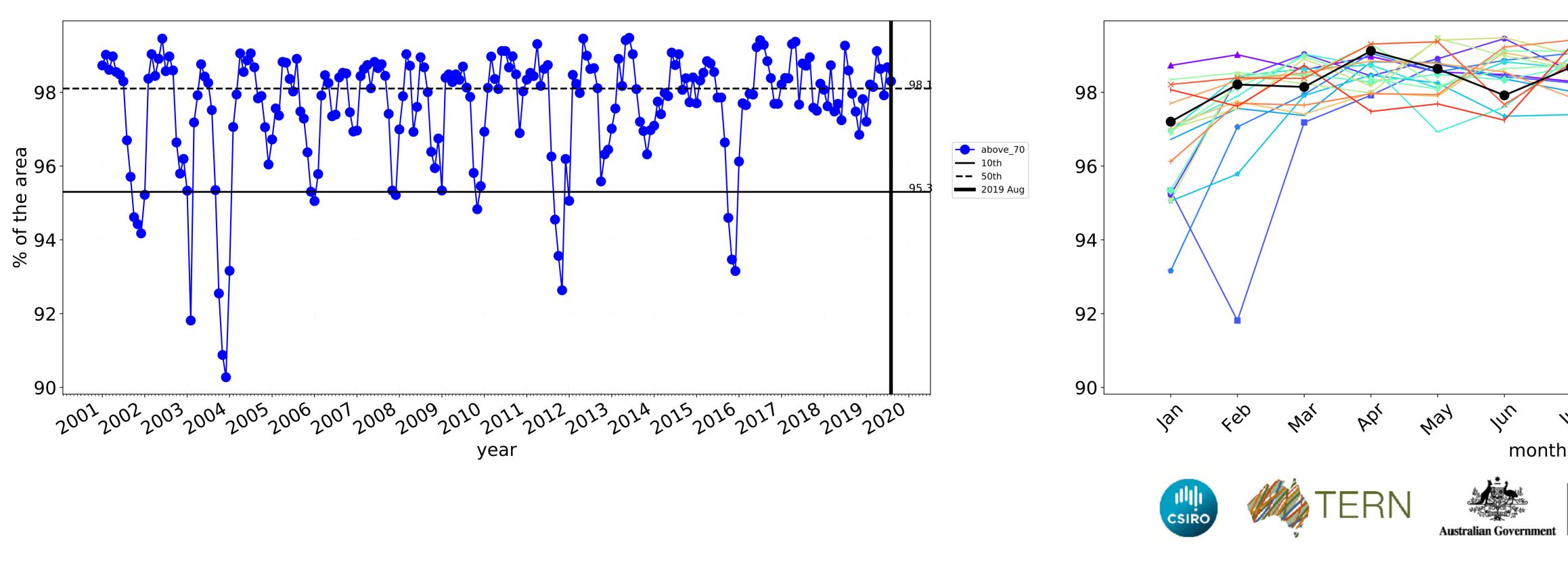
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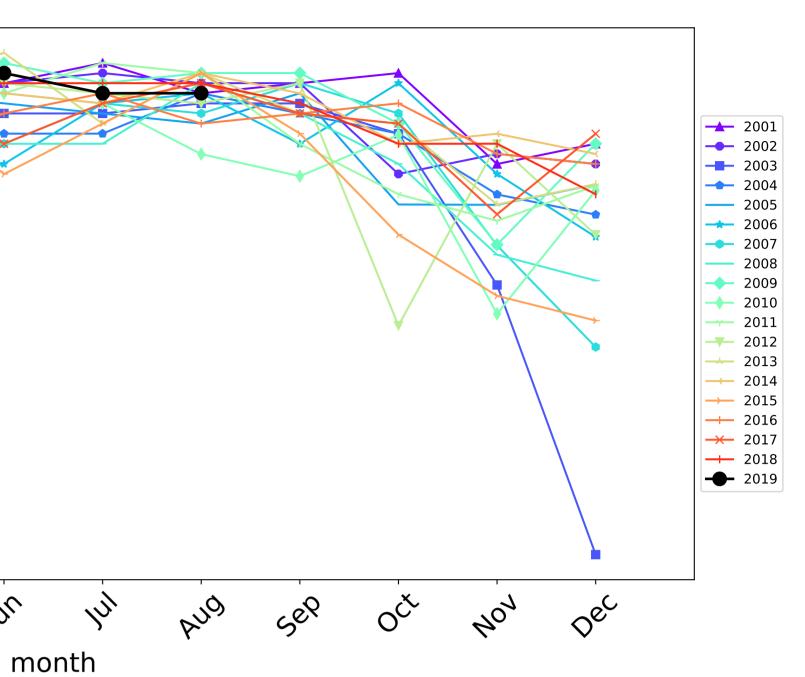


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

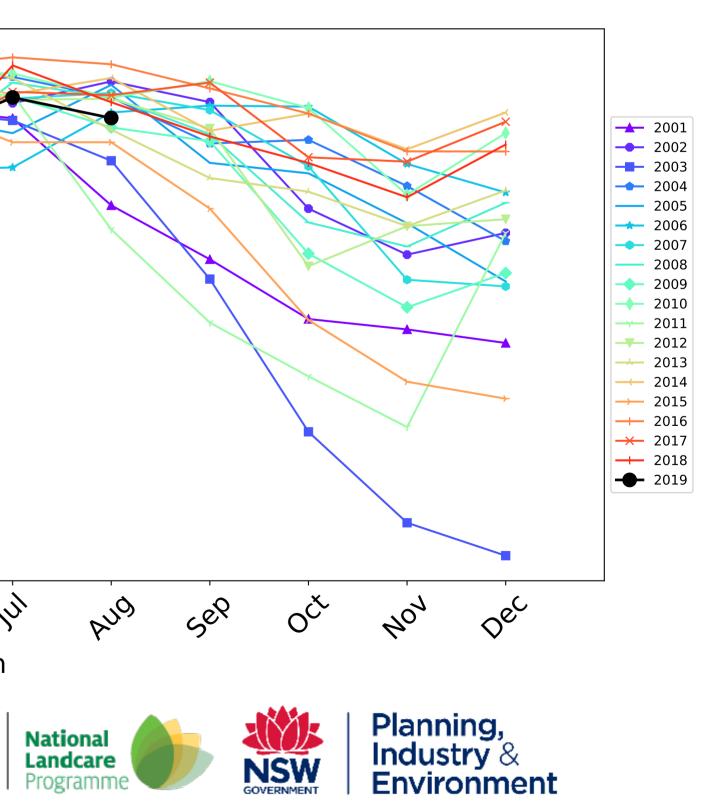
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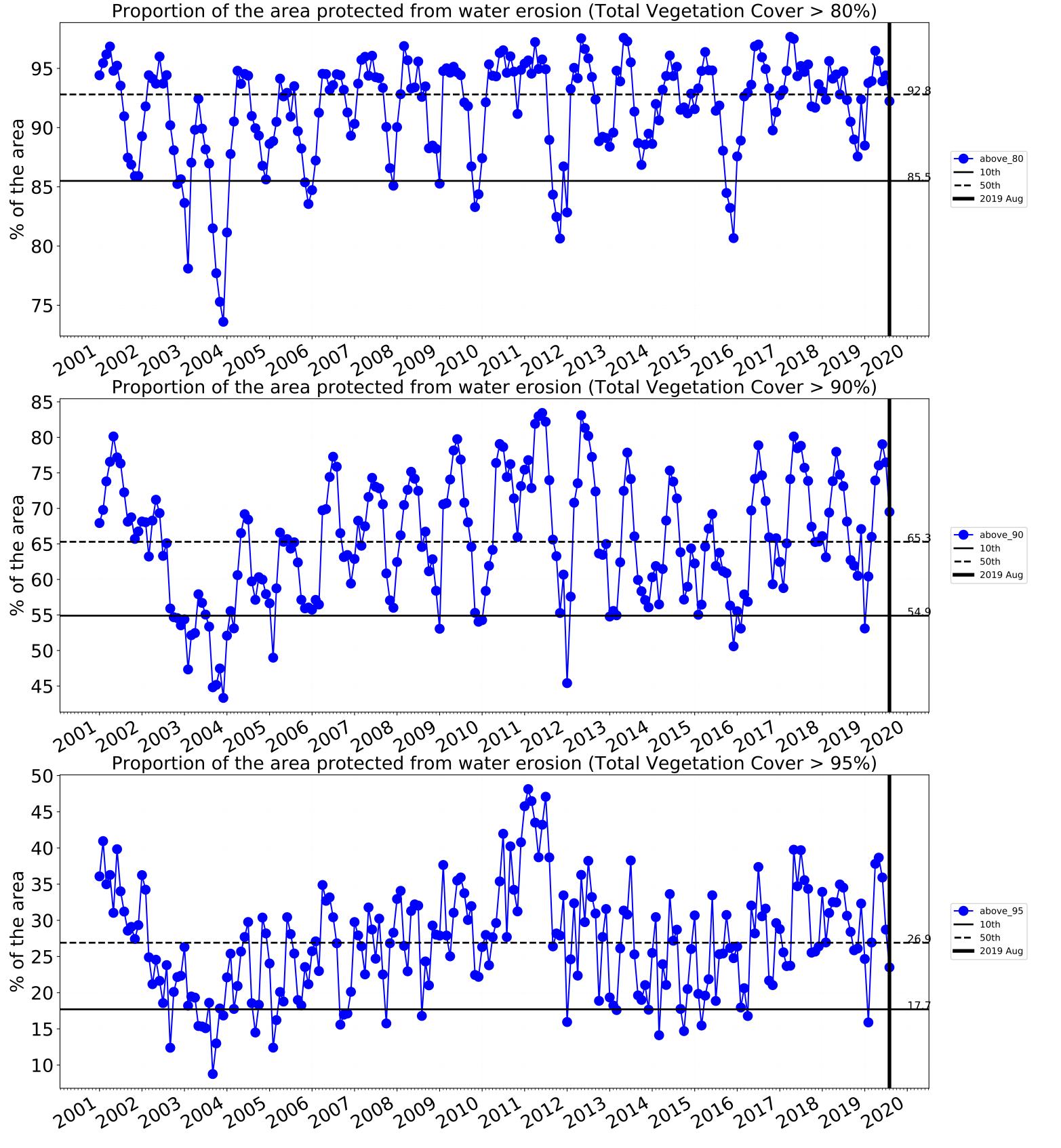


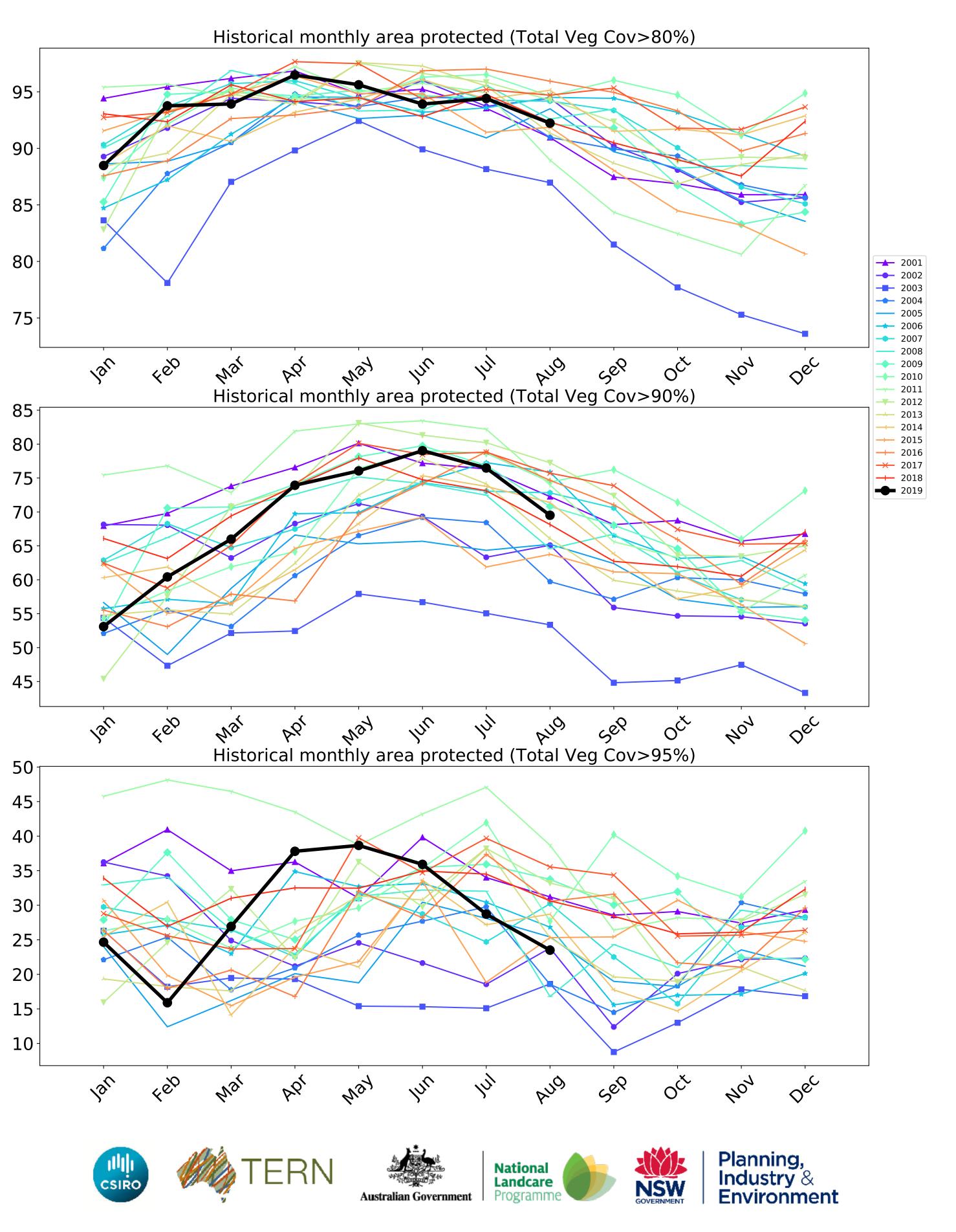
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



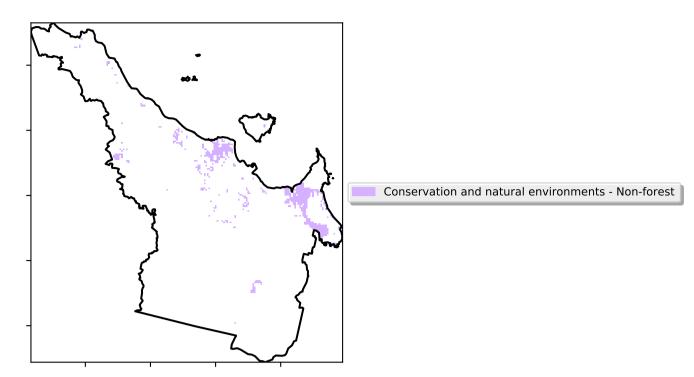




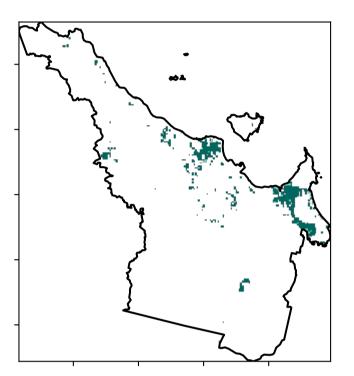
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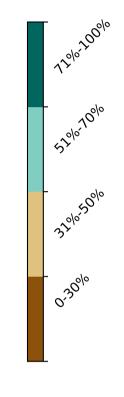
Land use and forest cover

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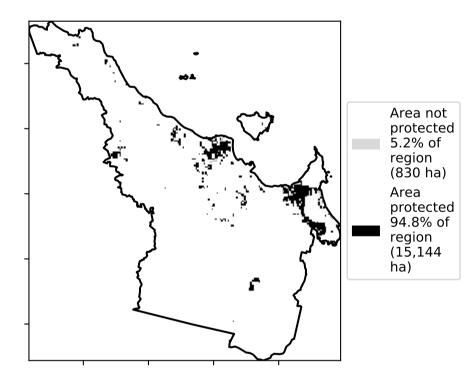


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

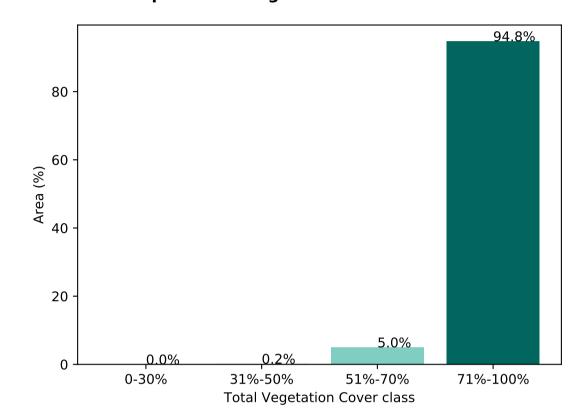




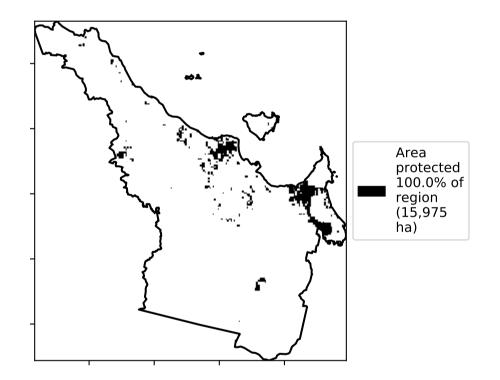
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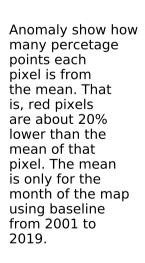
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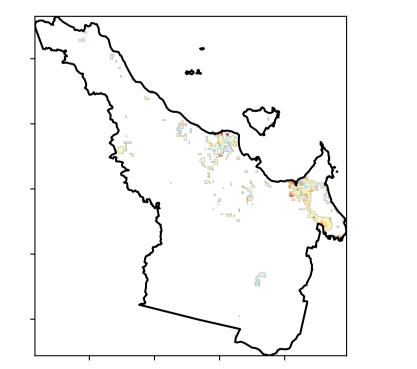


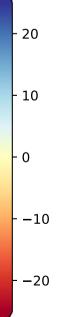
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



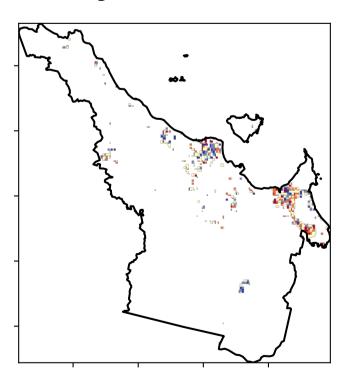
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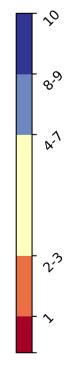






Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







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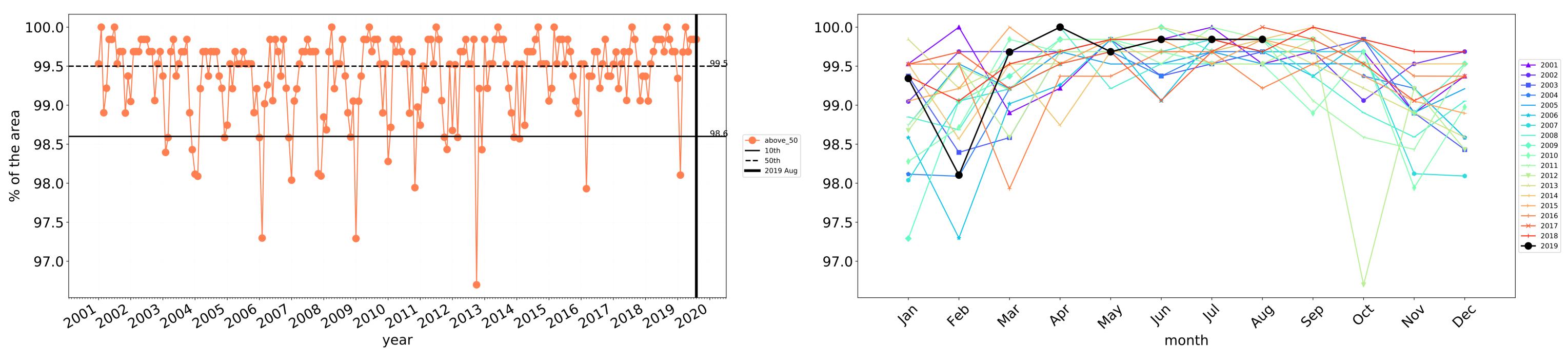
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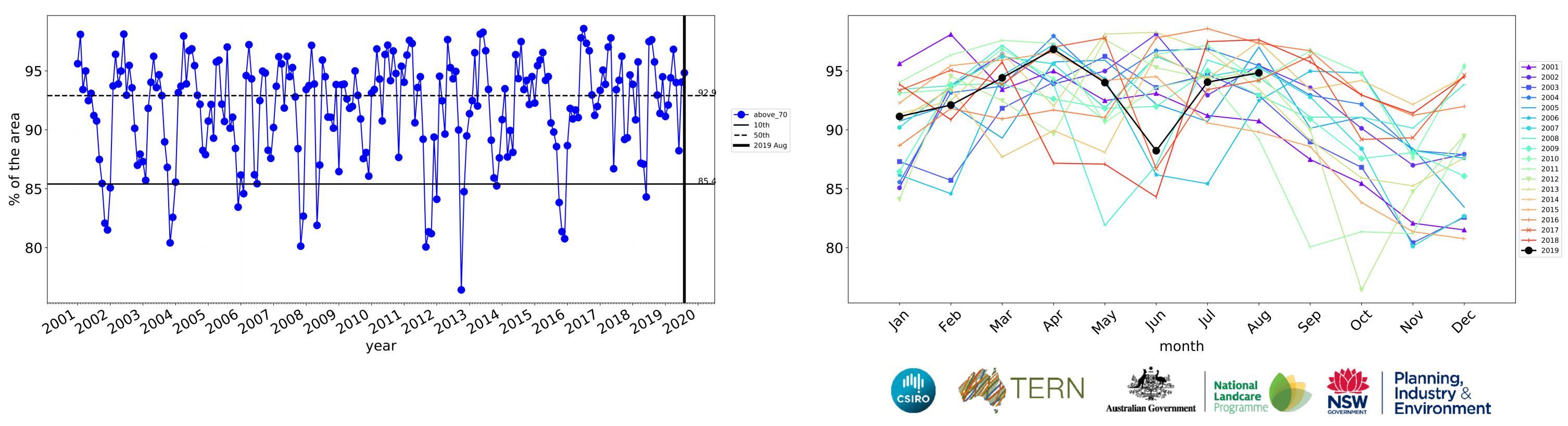
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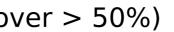
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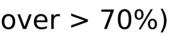
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

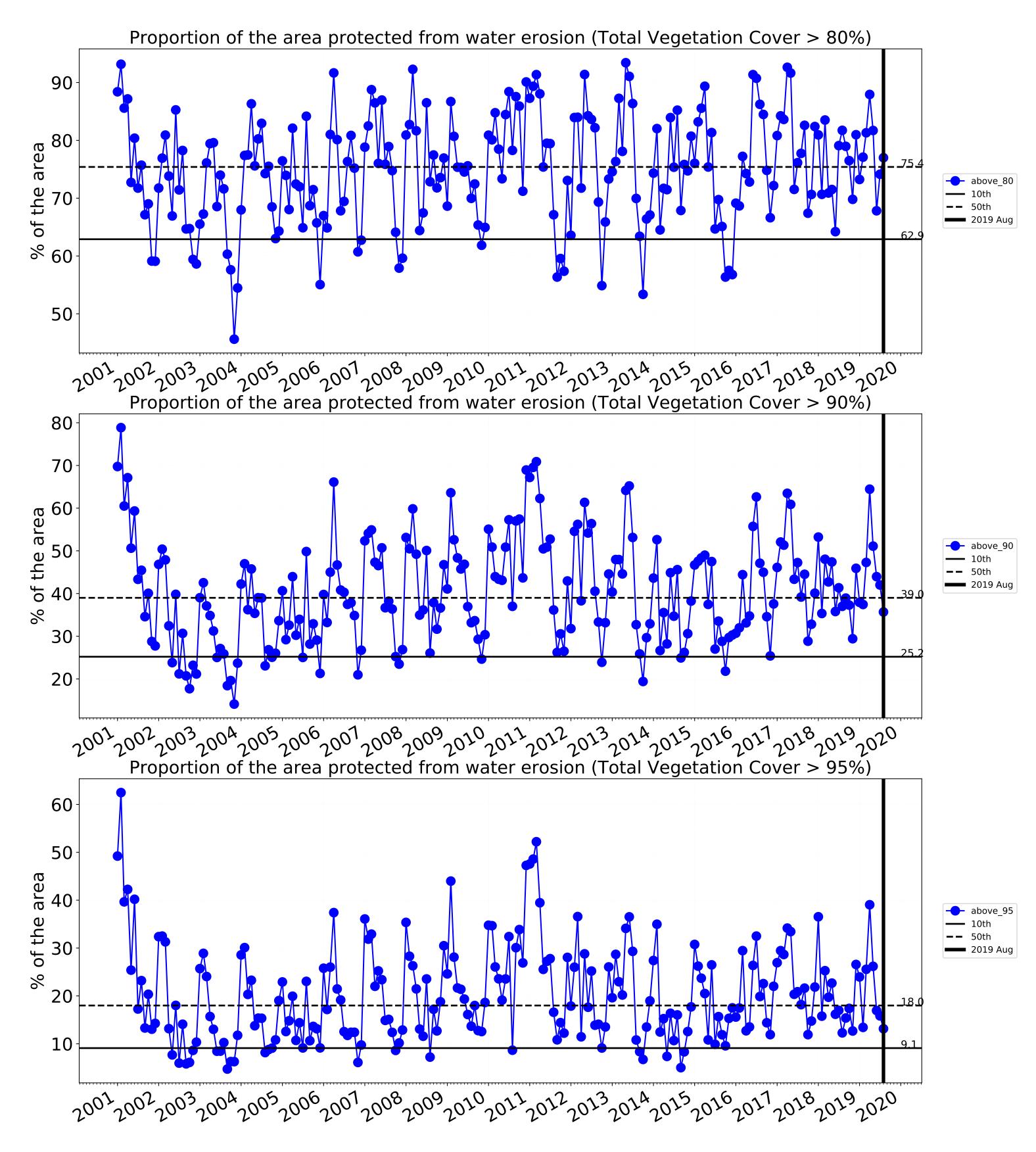


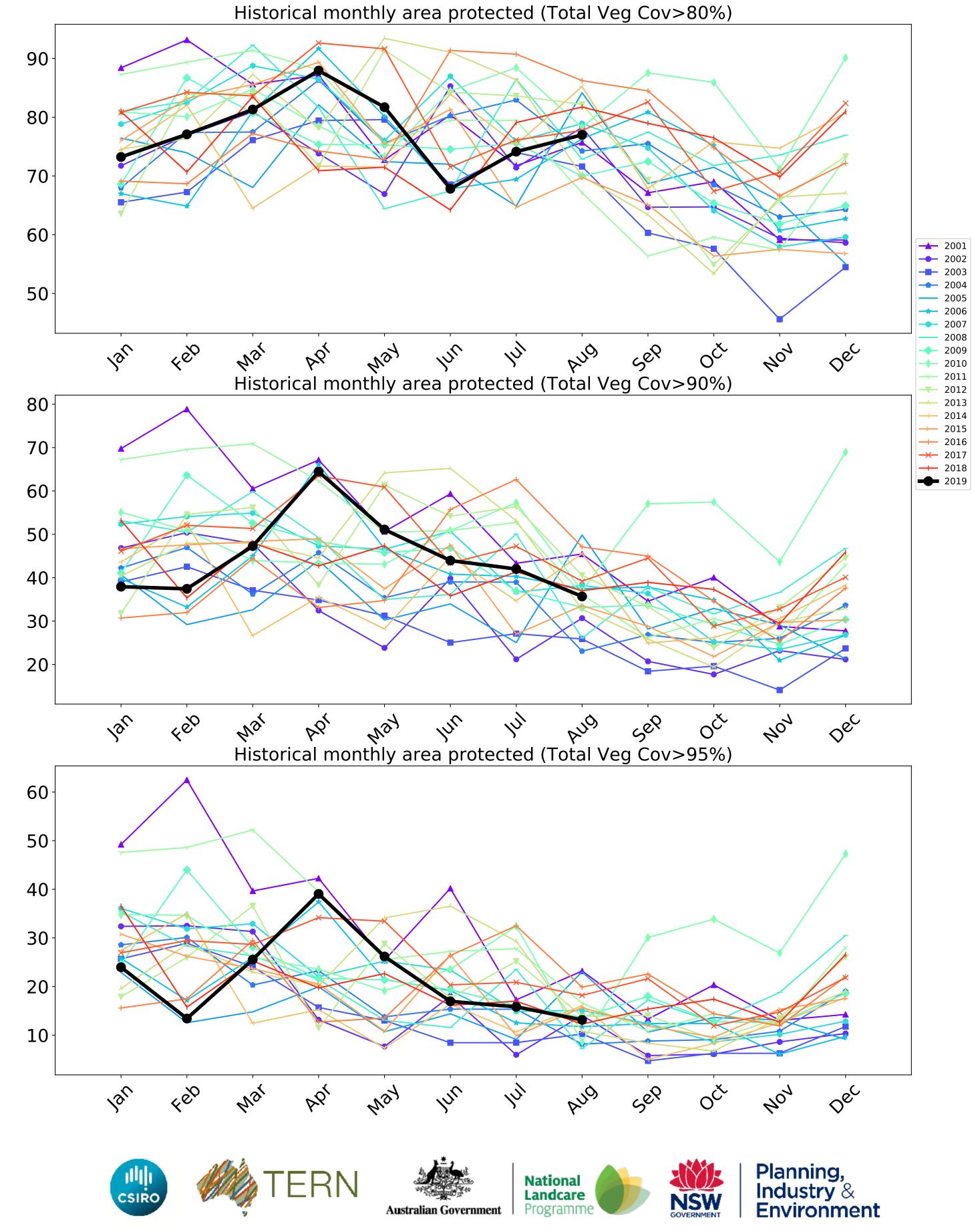


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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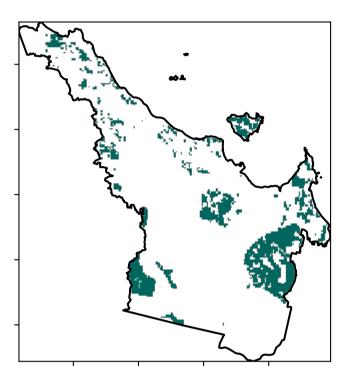


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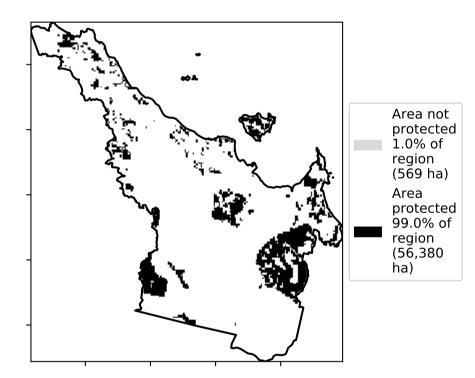
Land use and forest cover

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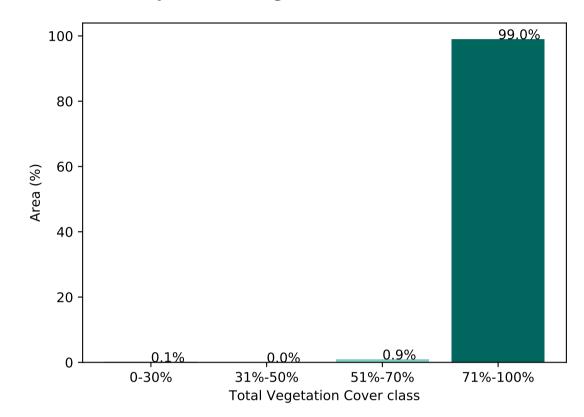
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



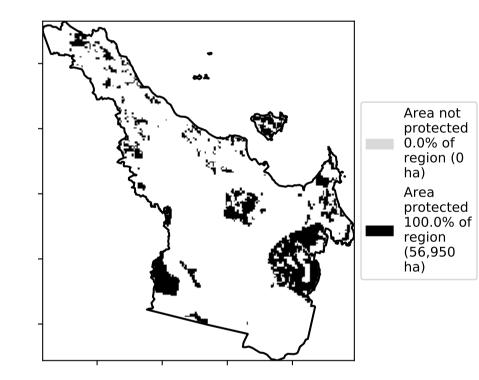
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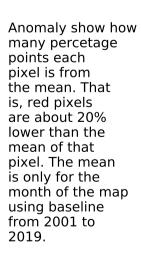


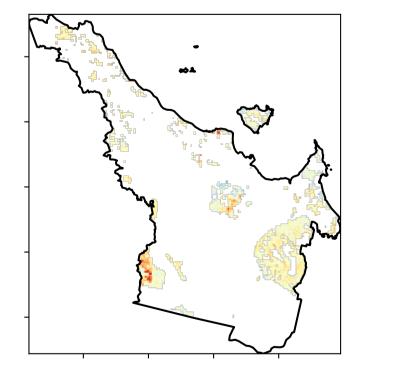
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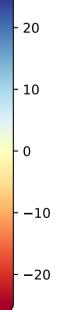


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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





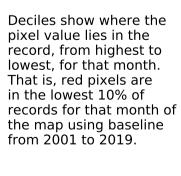


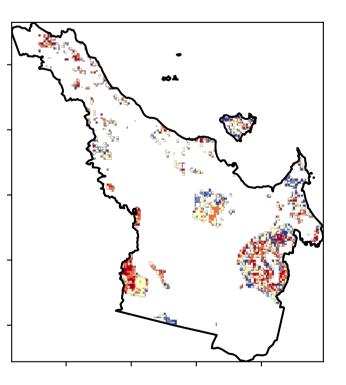
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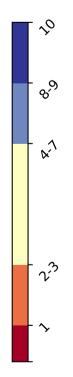
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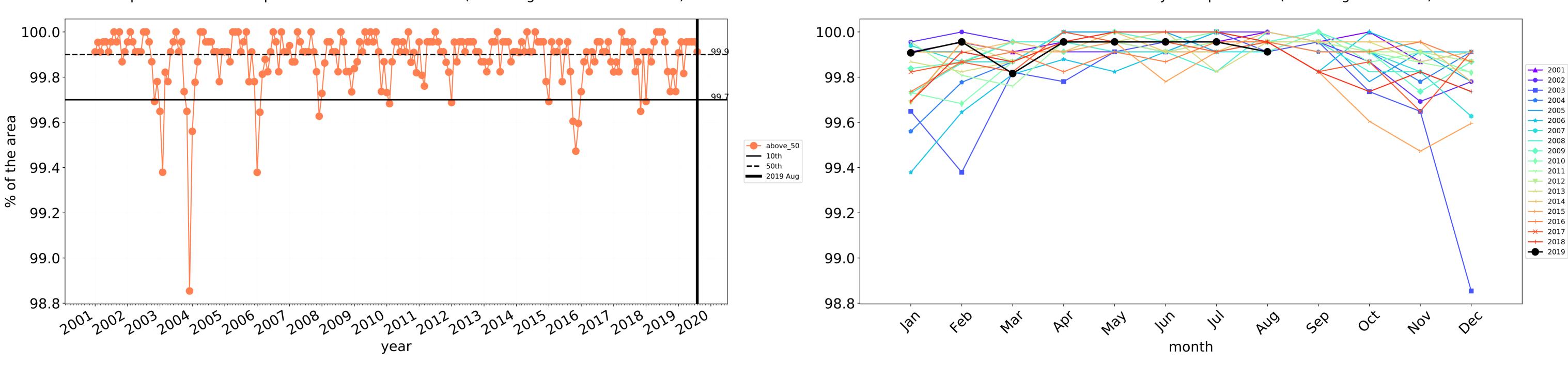
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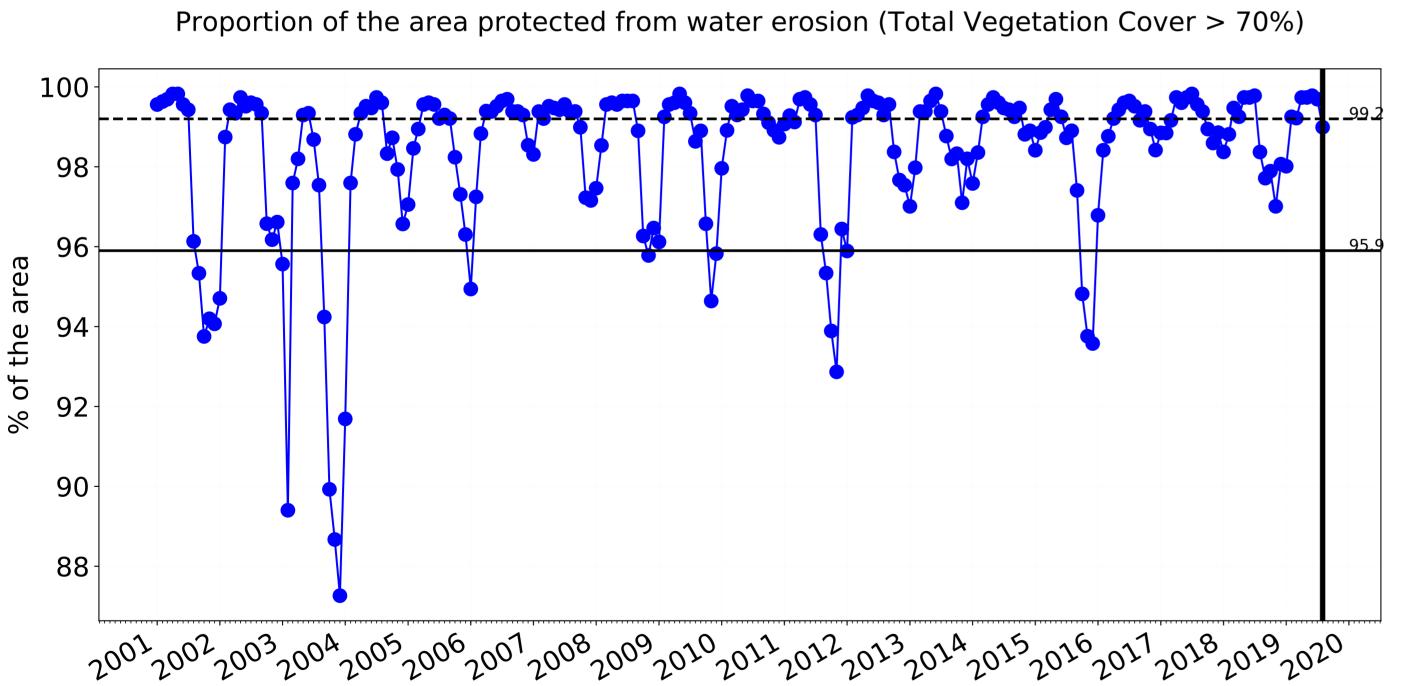
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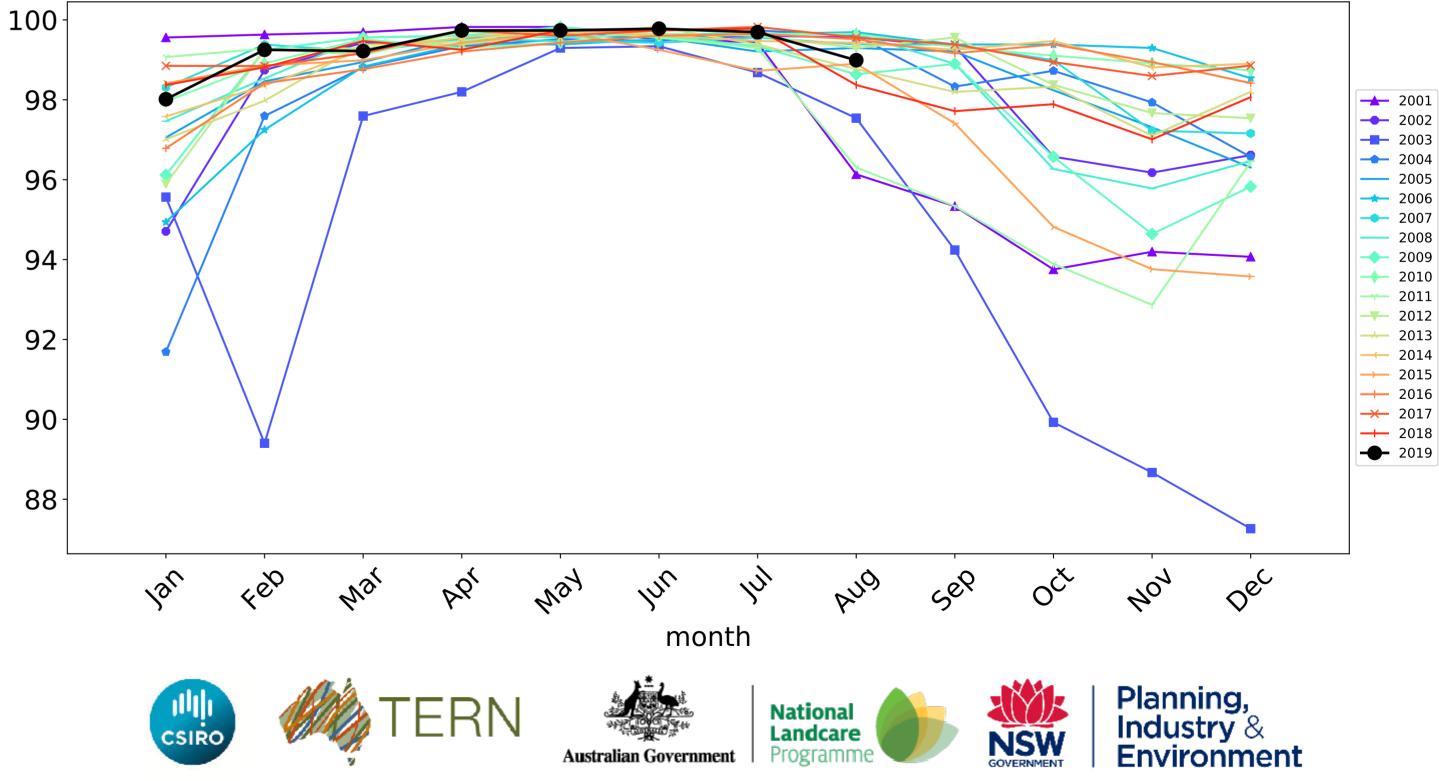
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

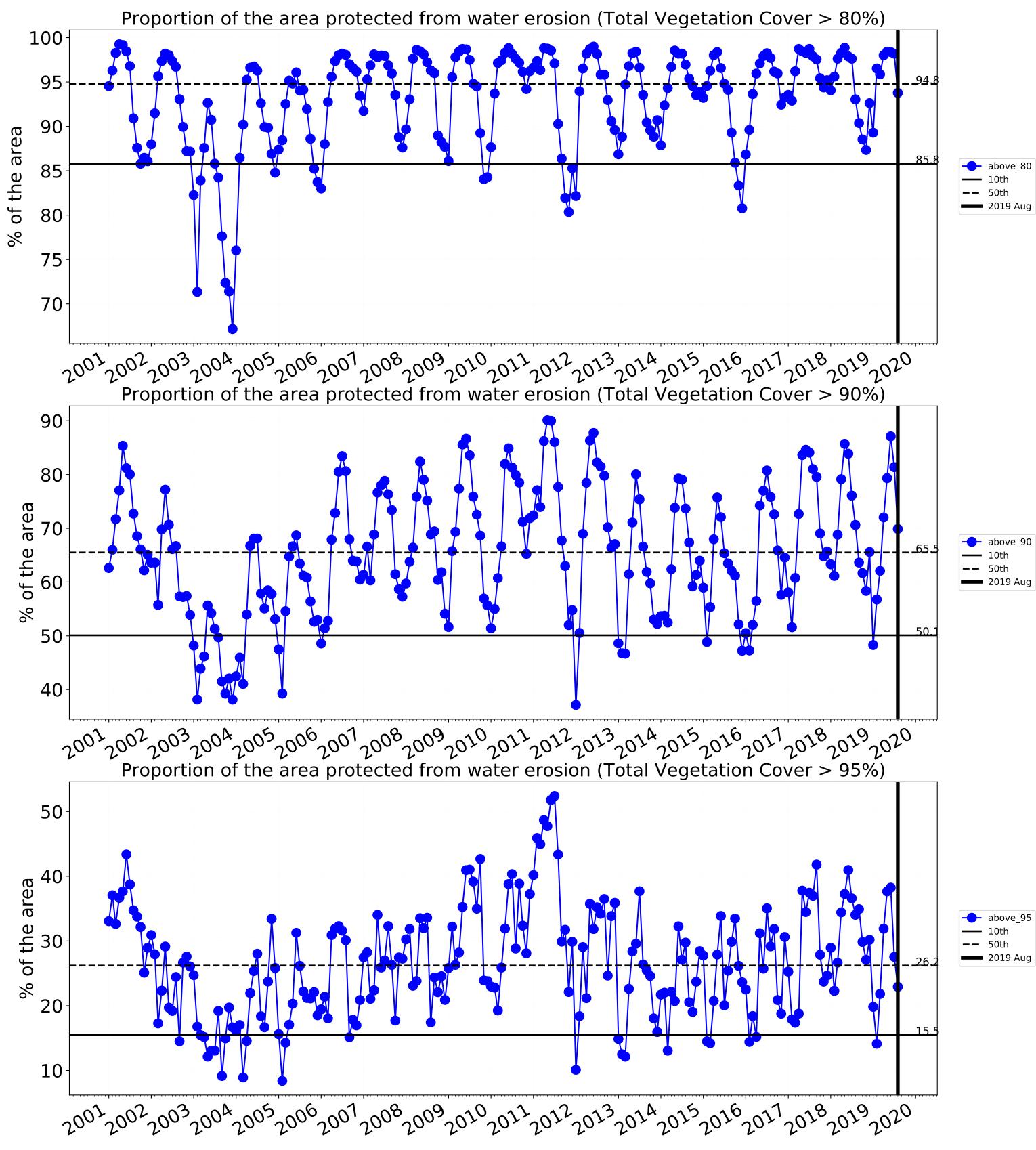


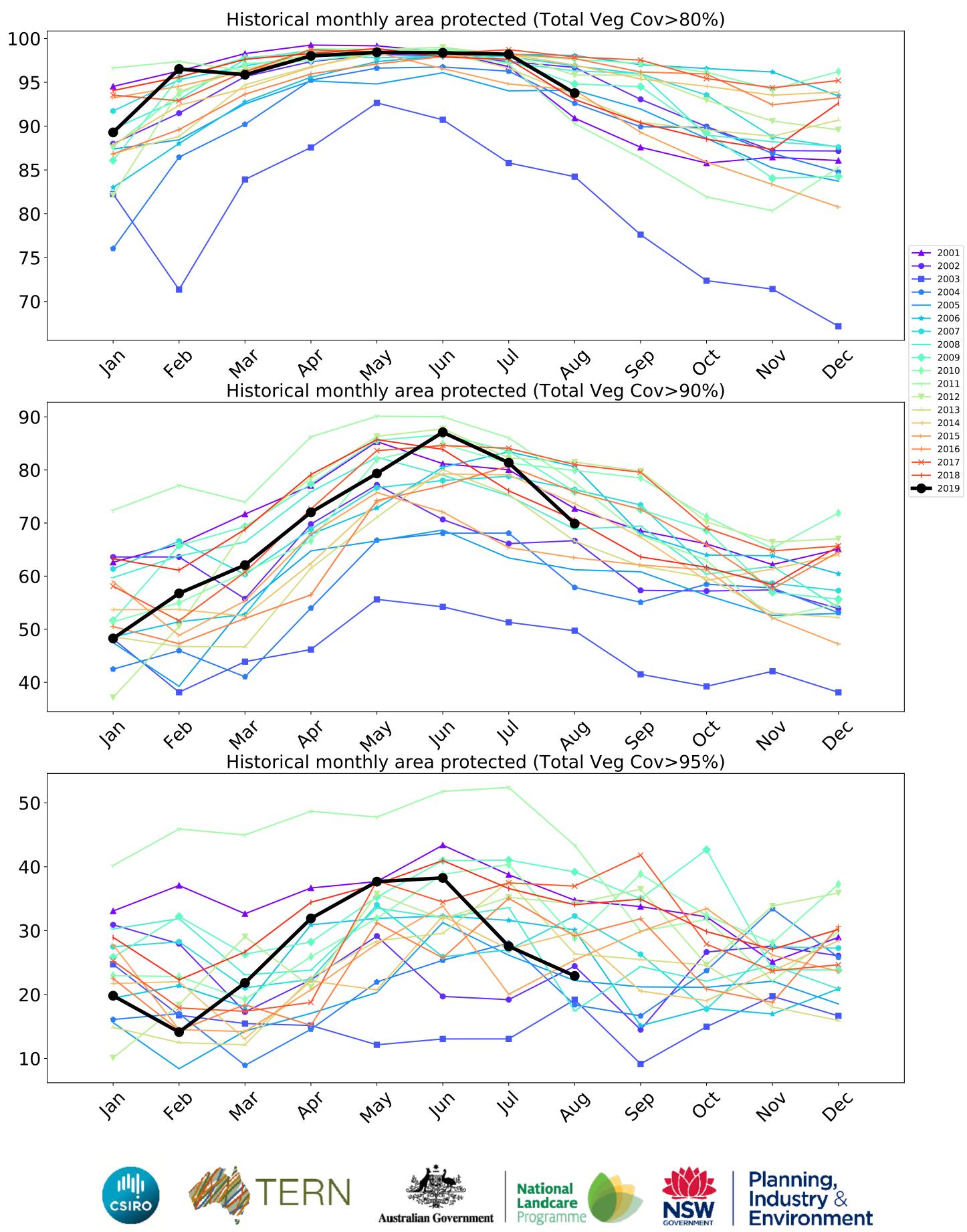
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



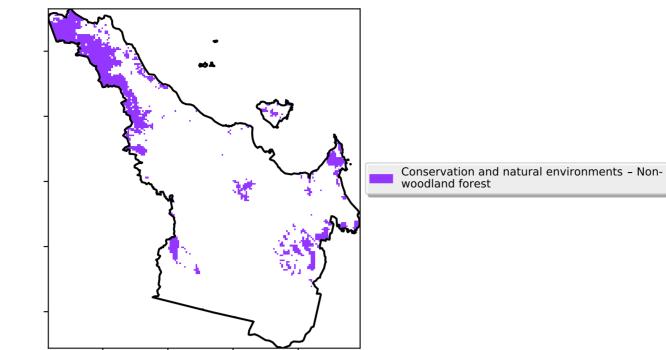




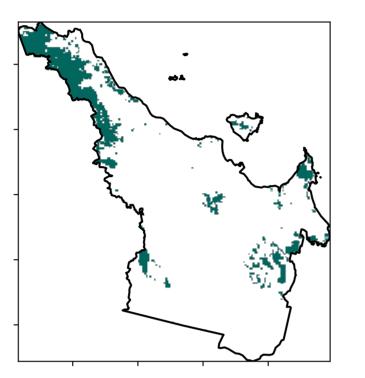
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

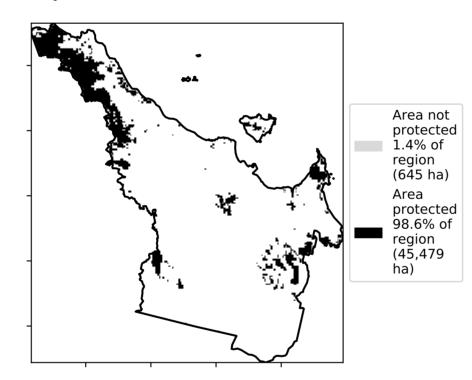
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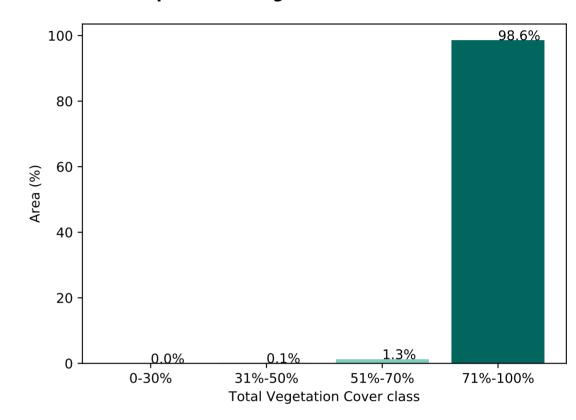
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



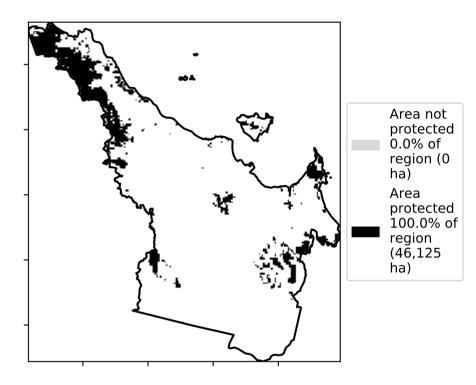
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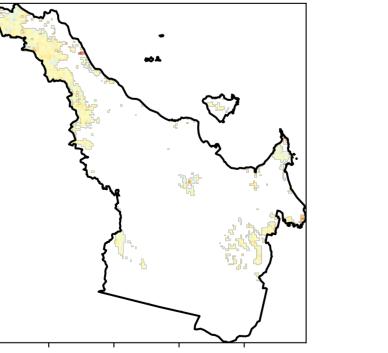


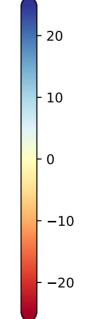
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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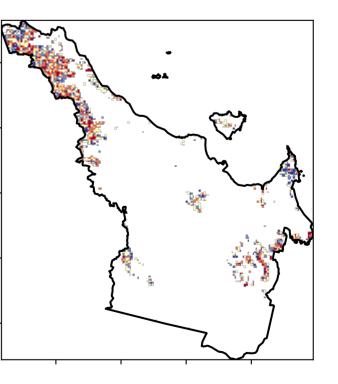
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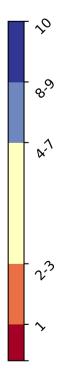
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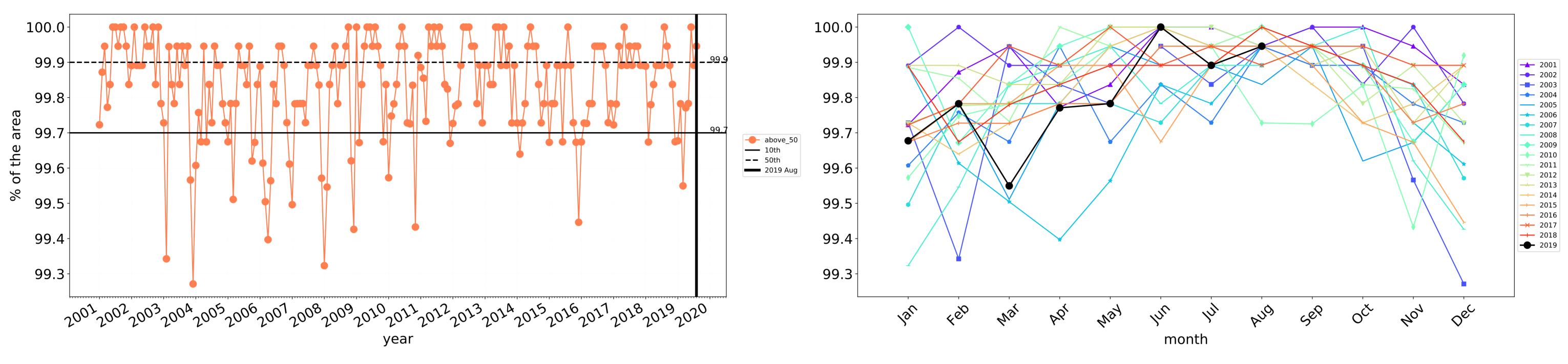
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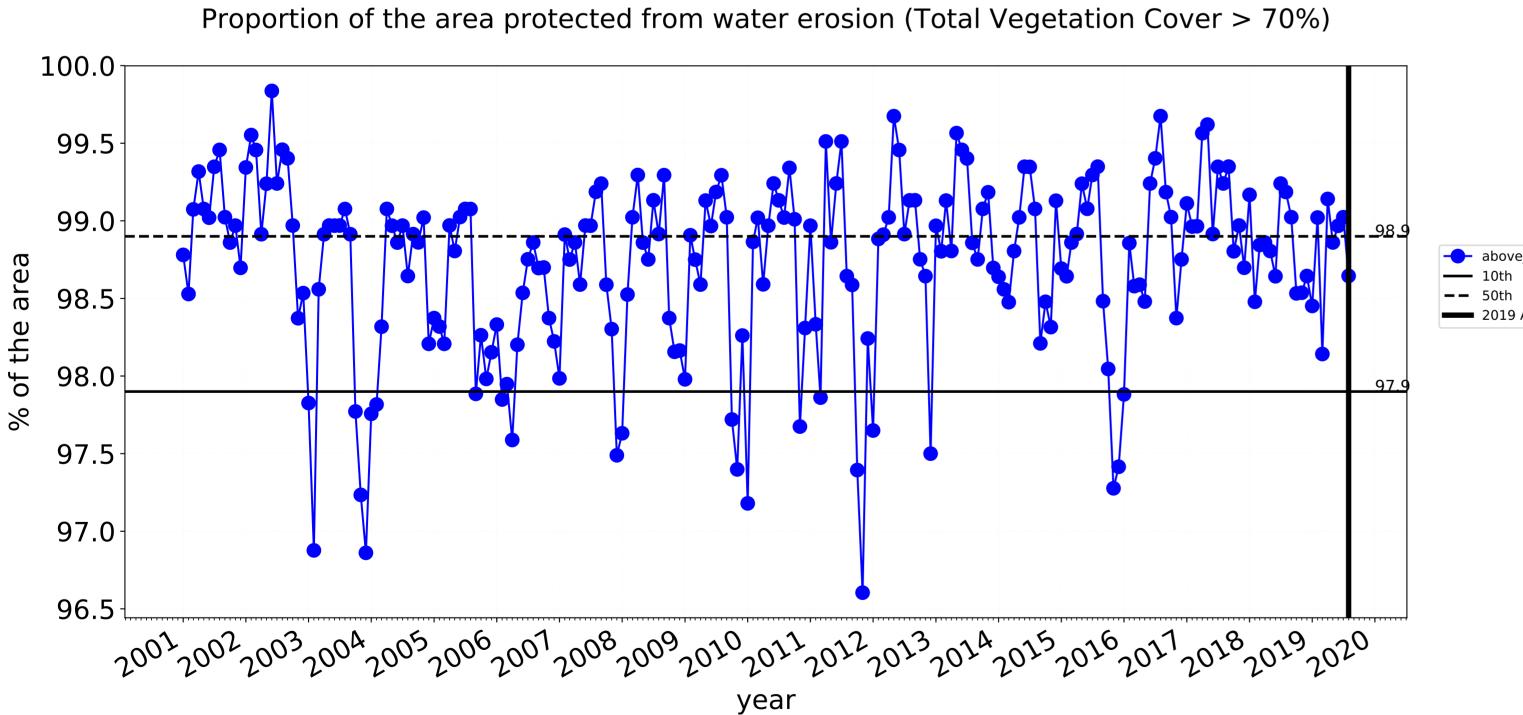


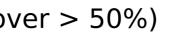




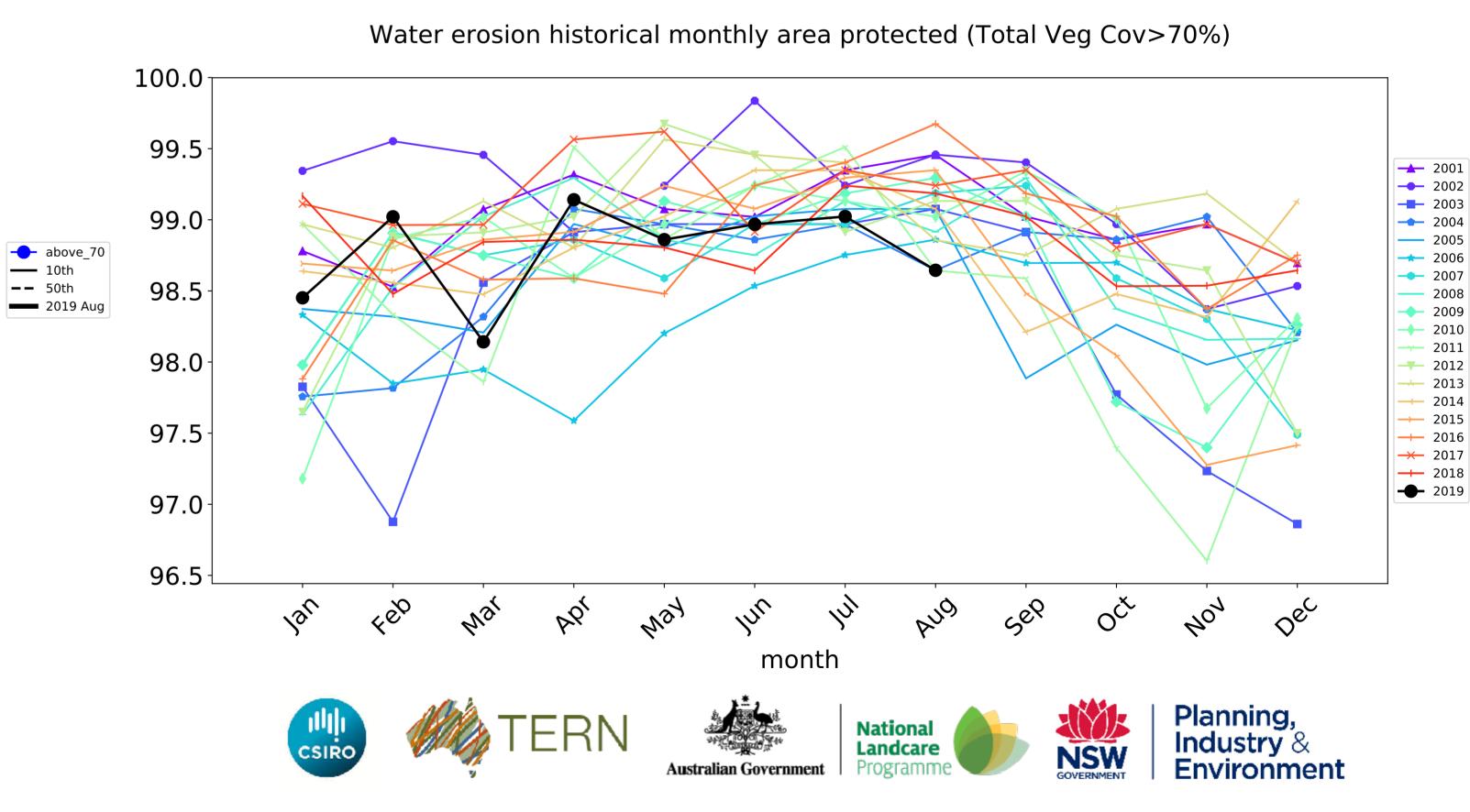
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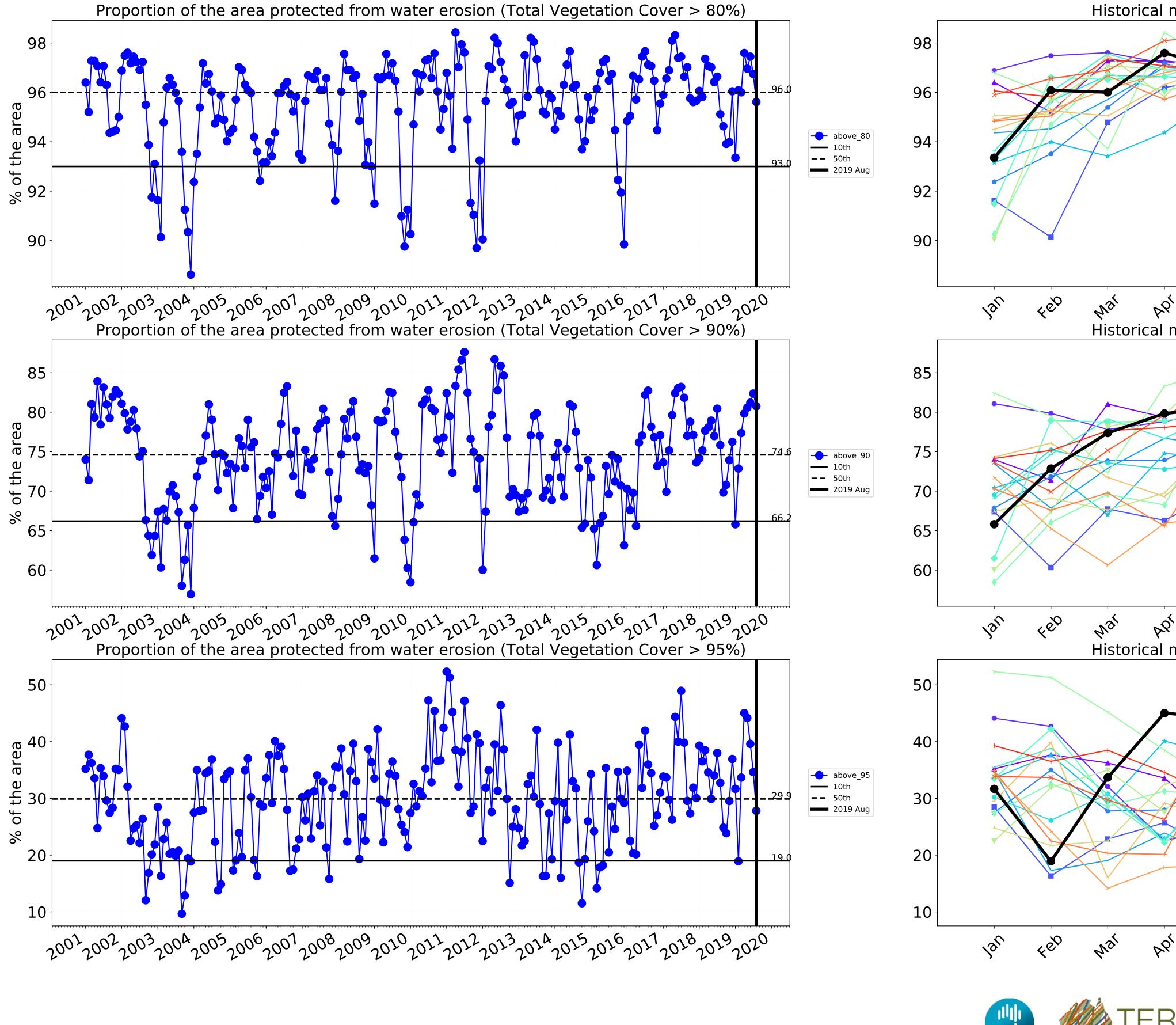
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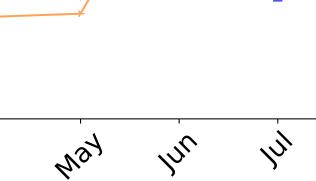




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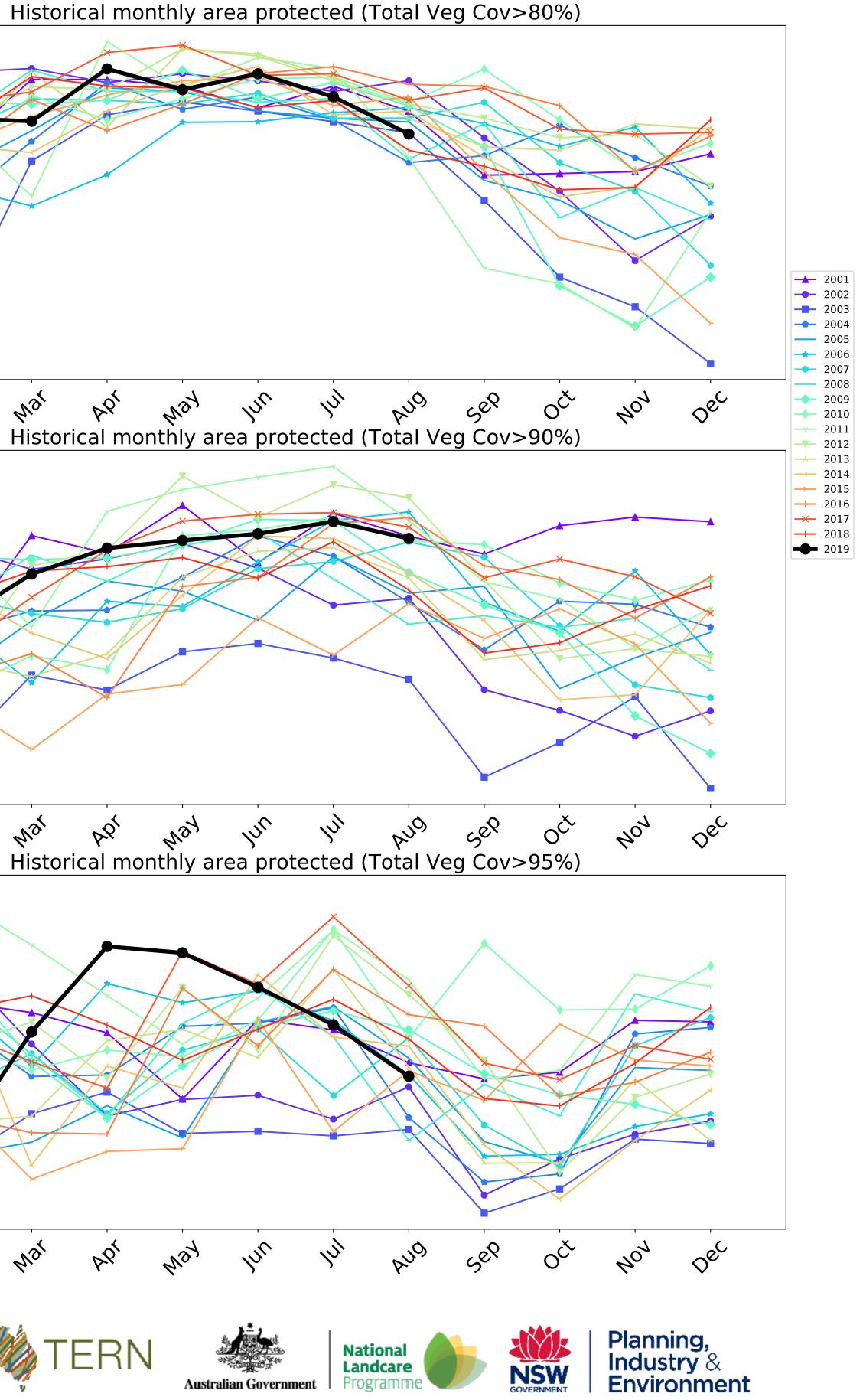
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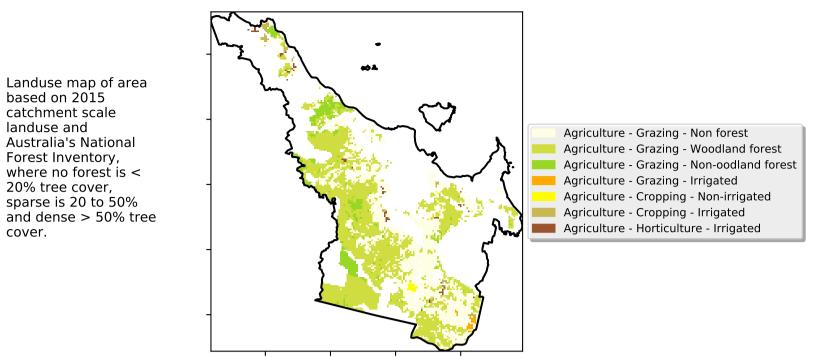
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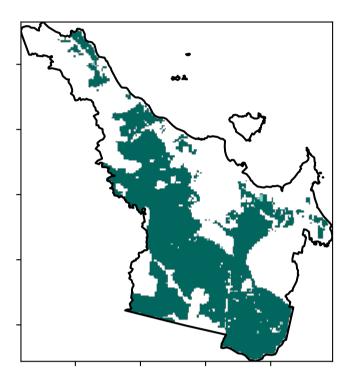


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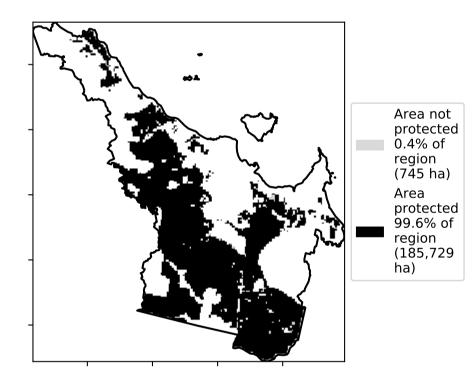
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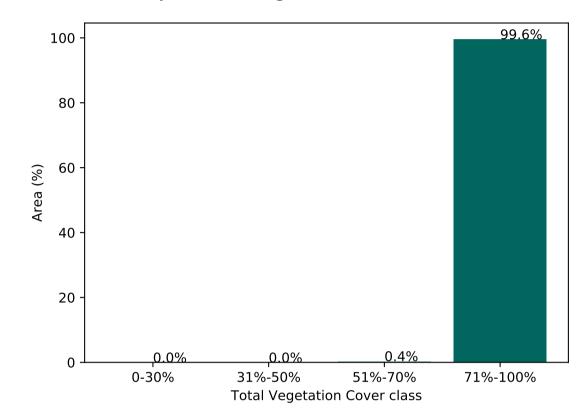
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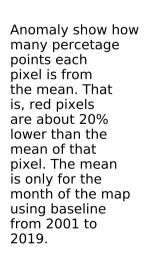




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



Landuse map of area based on 2015

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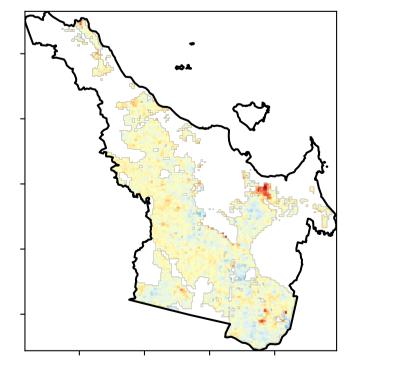
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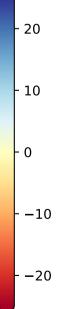
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Forest Inventory,

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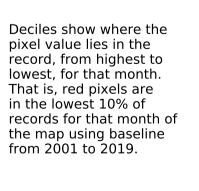


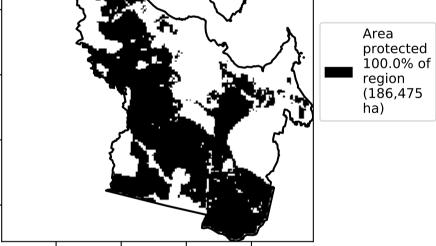
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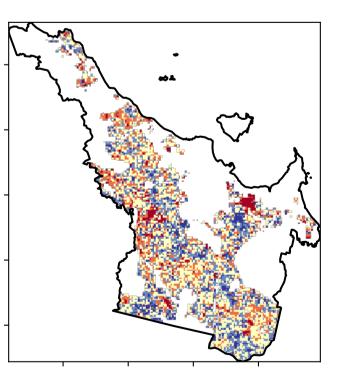
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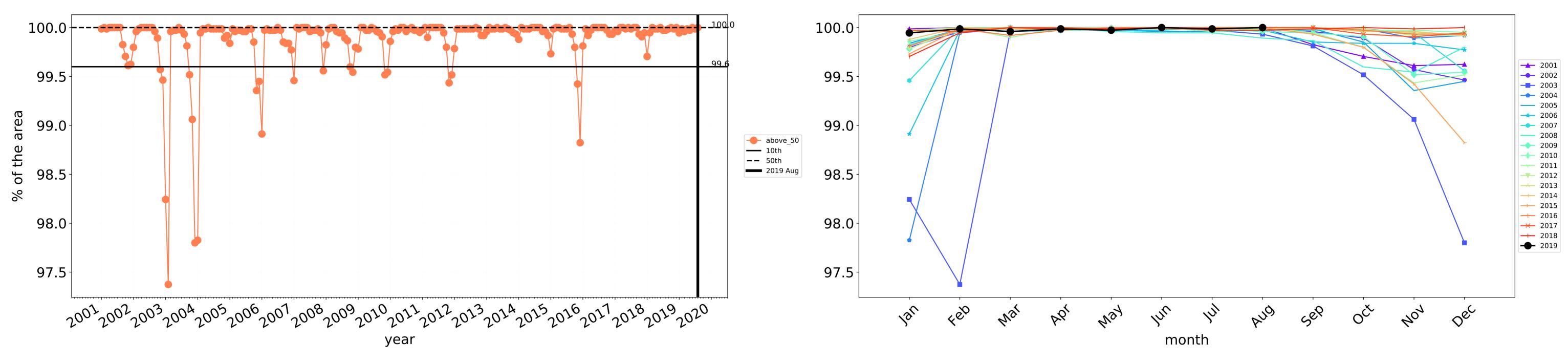






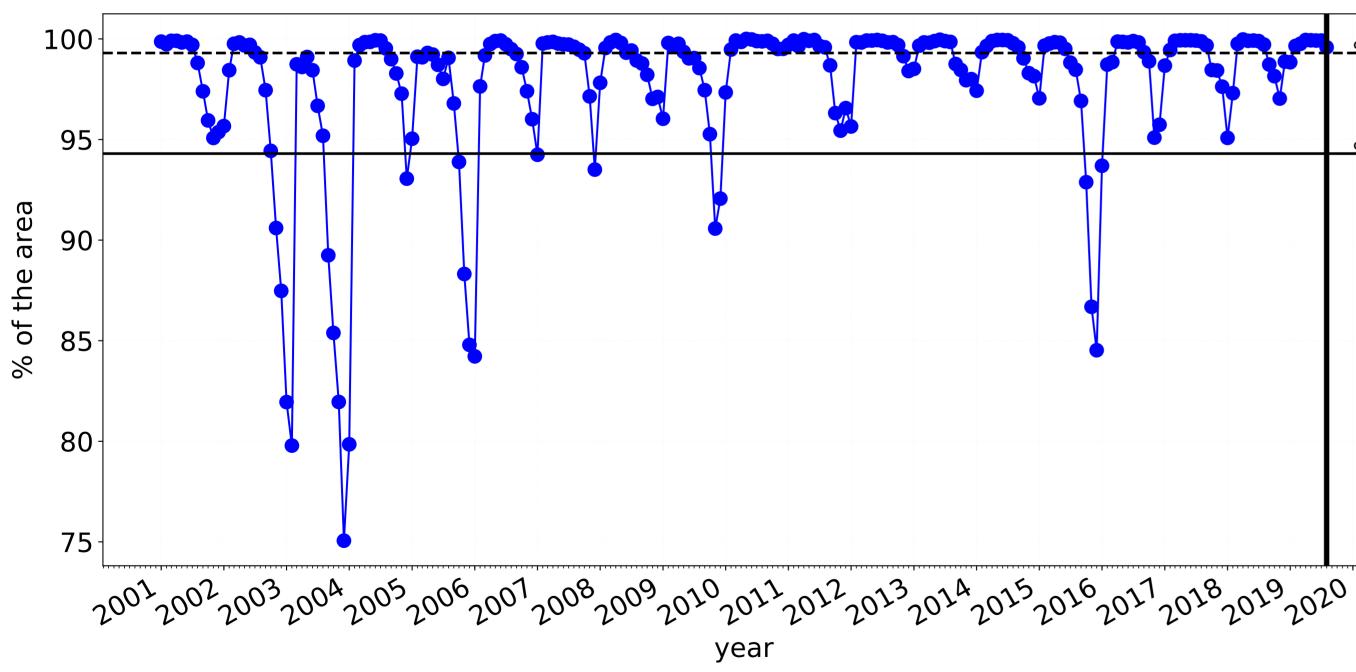




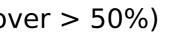


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



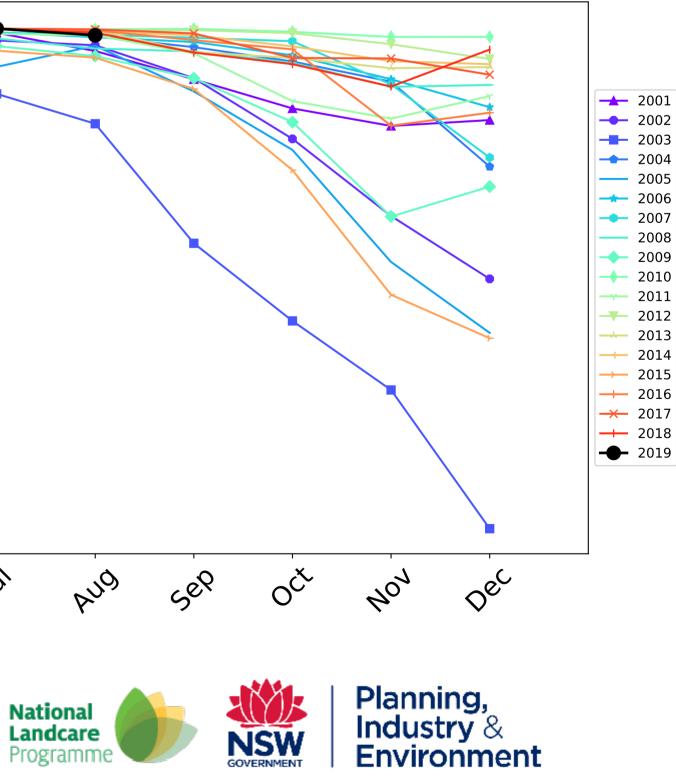
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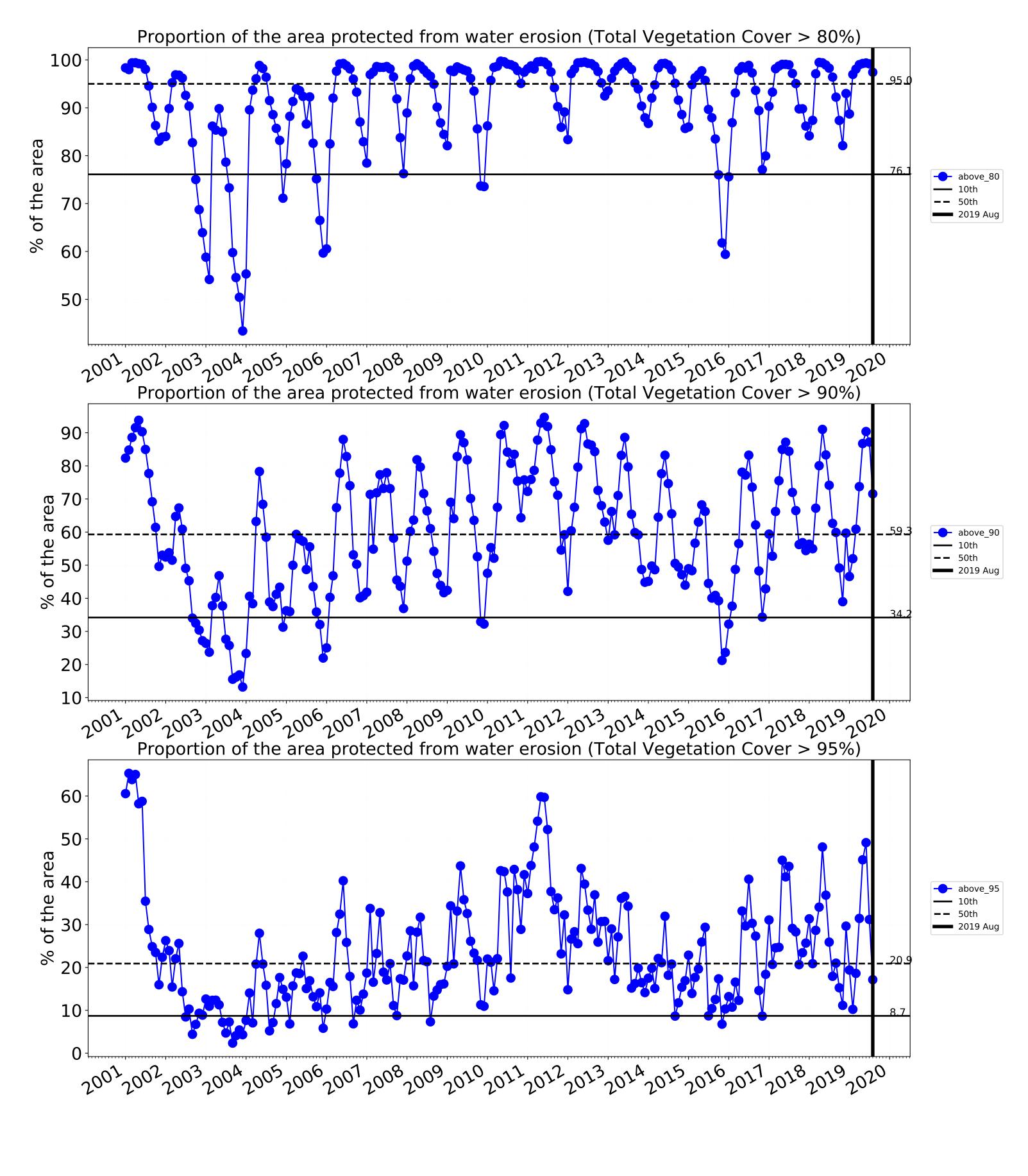


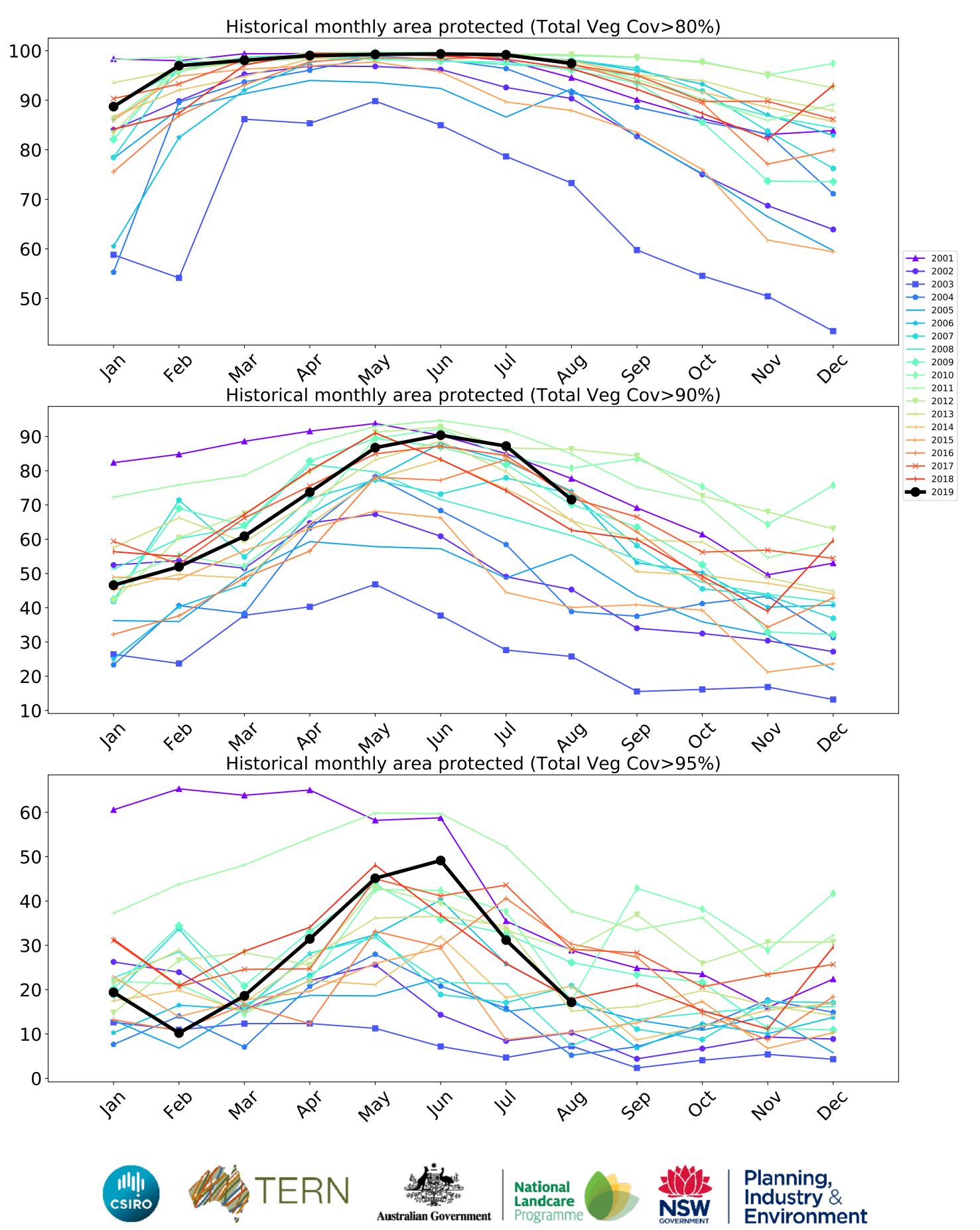
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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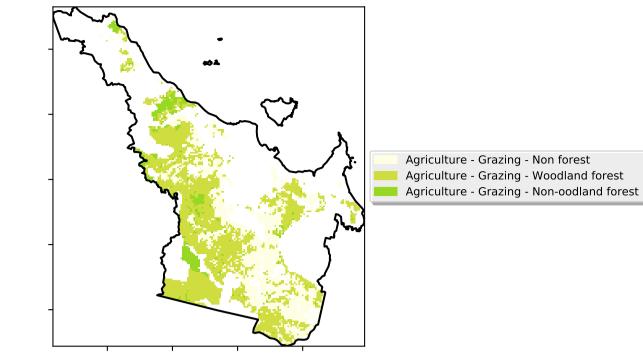




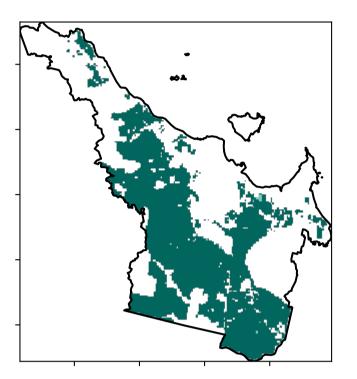


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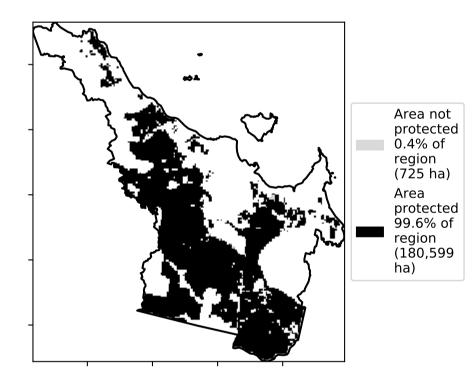
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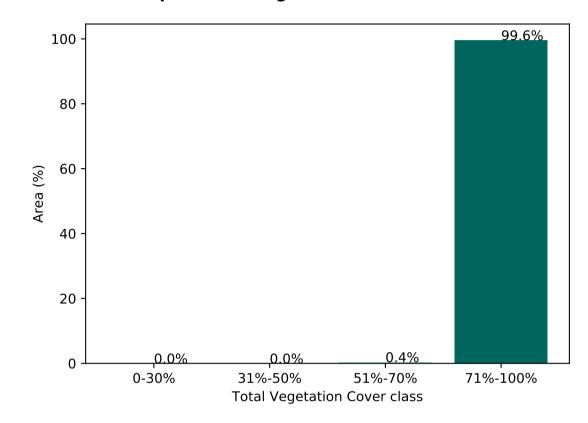
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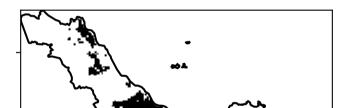




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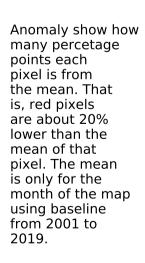


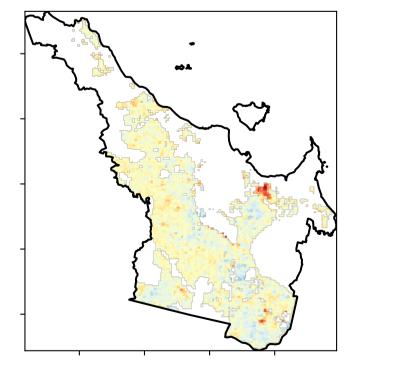
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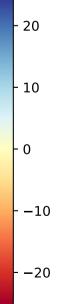


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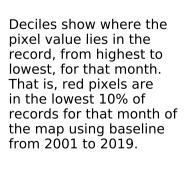


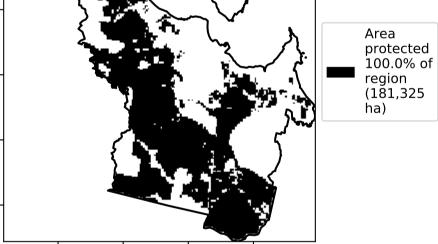
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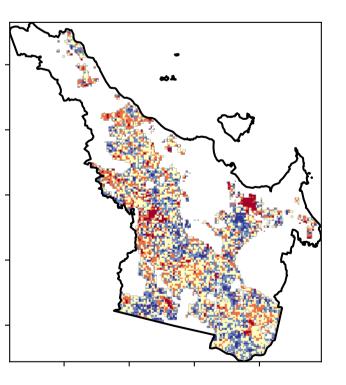
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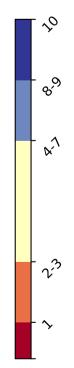
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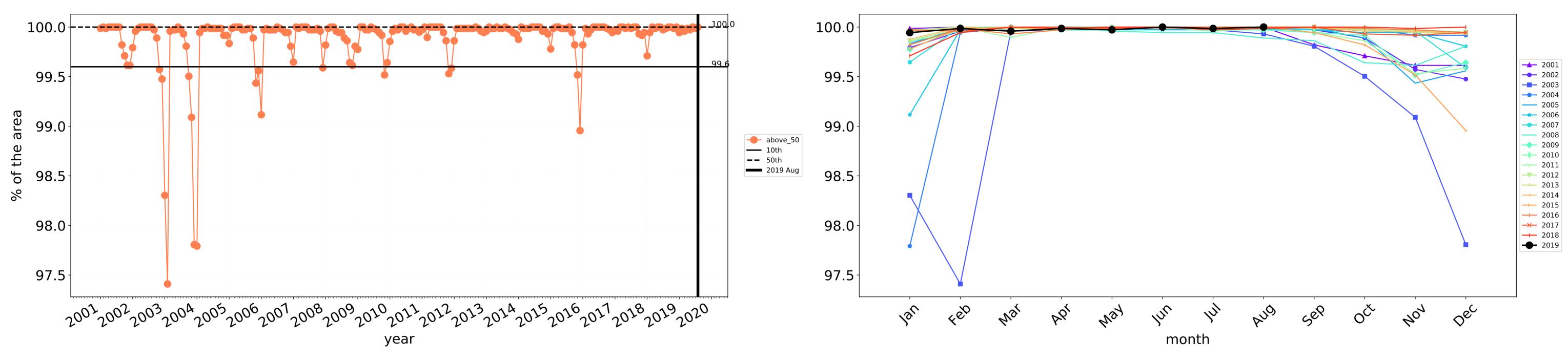






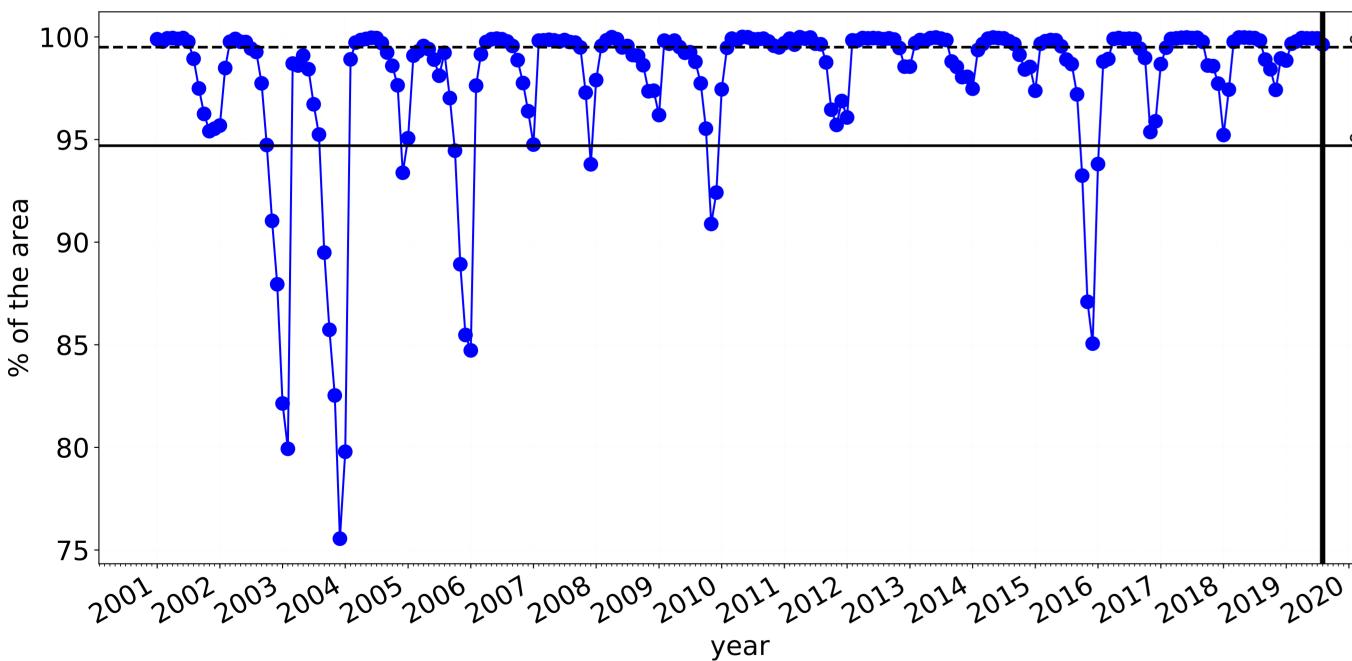






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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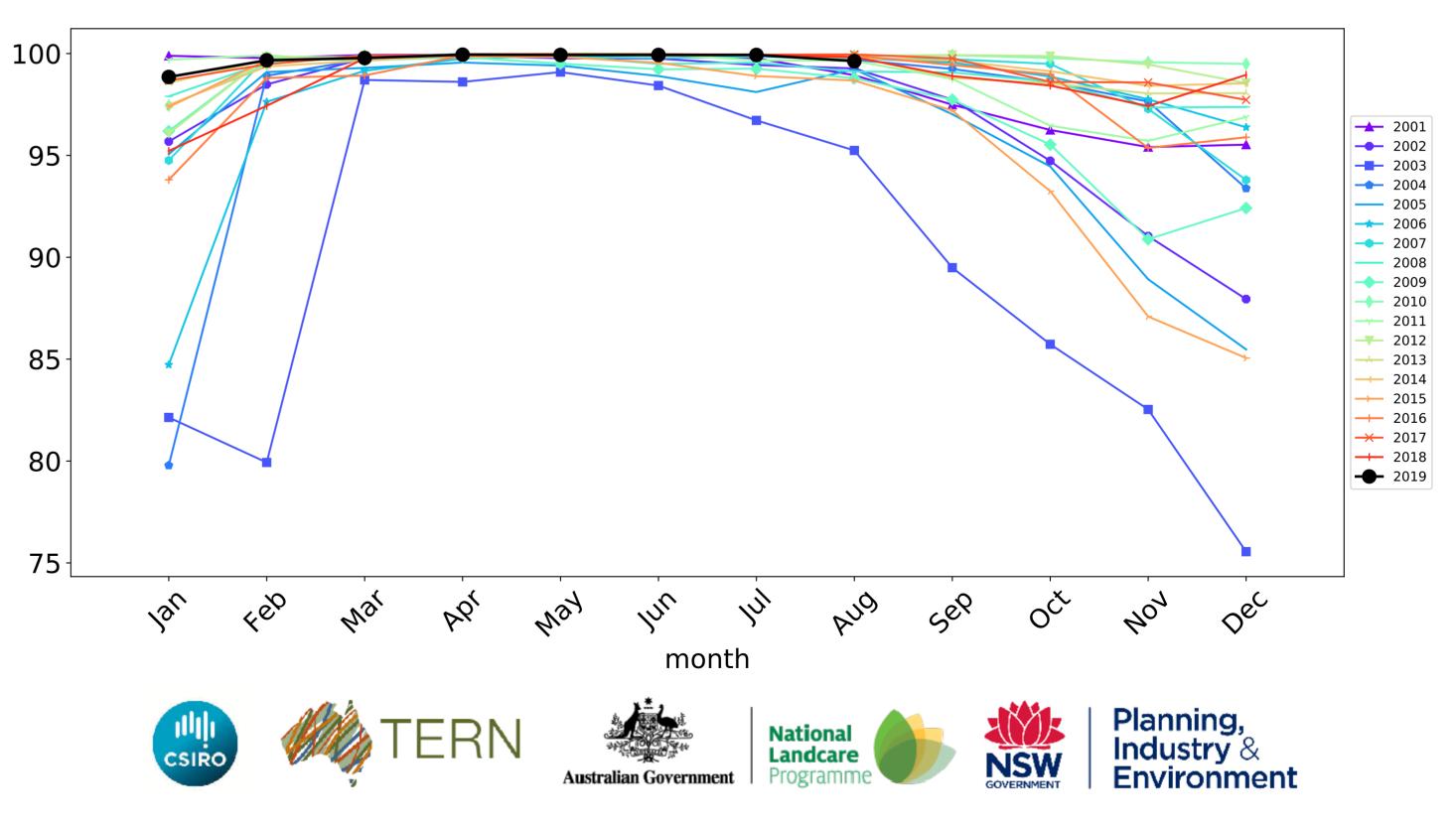


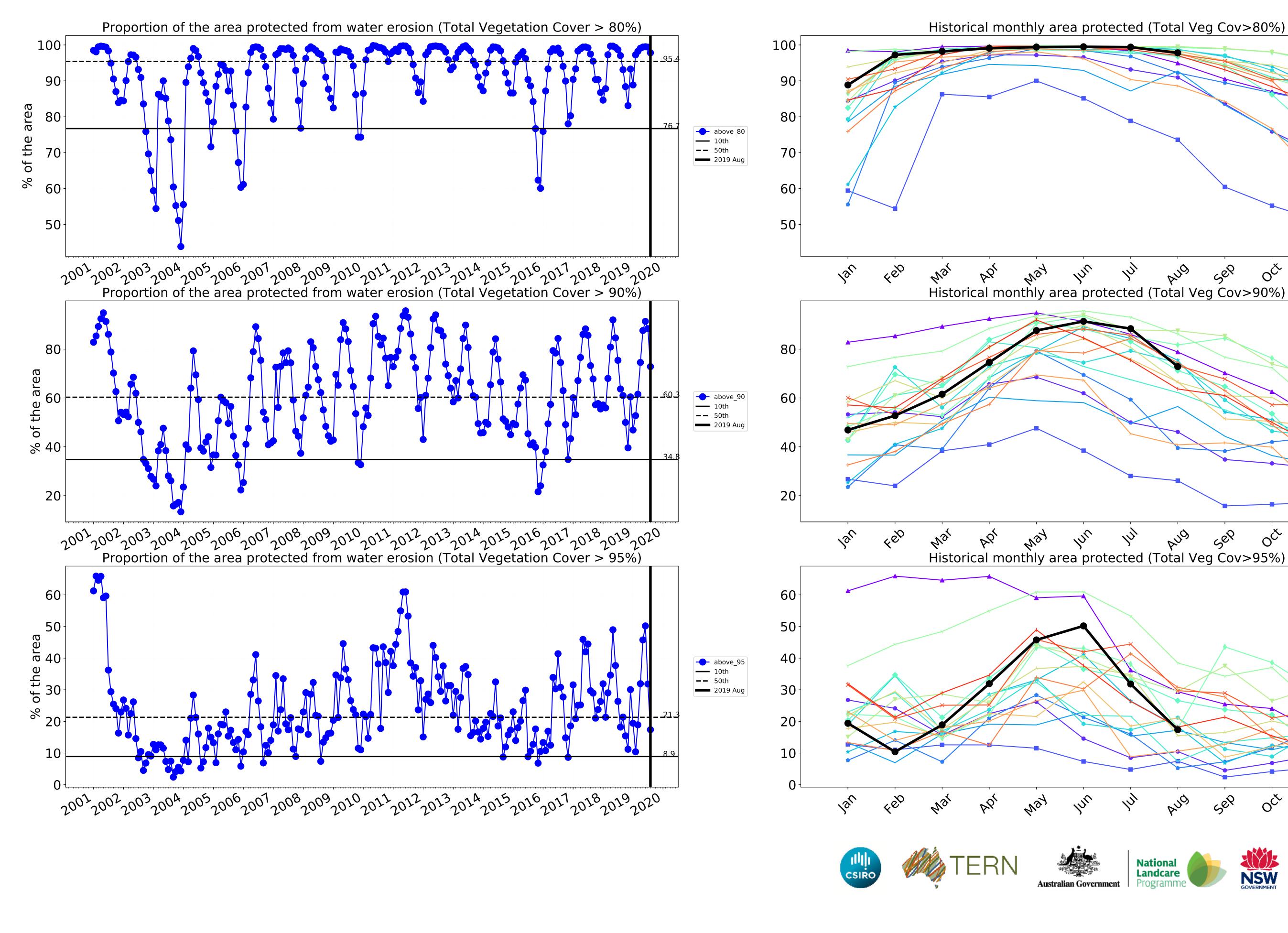


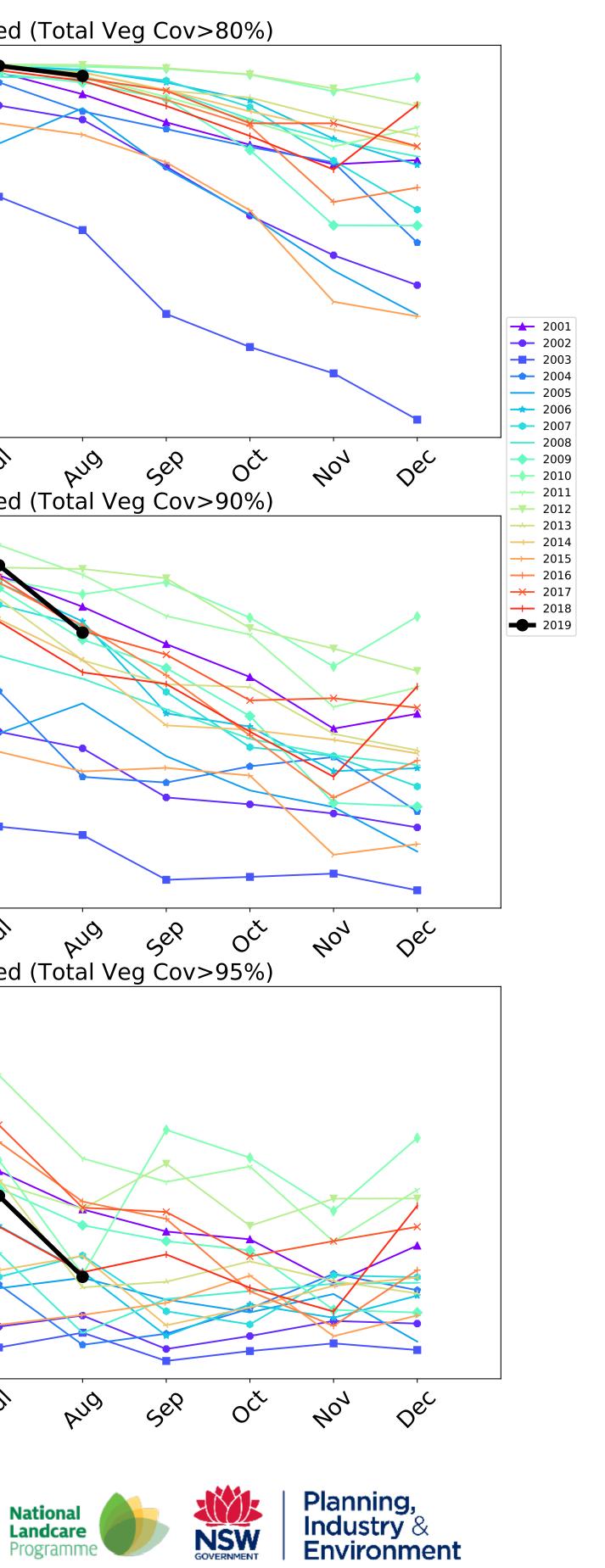
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Grazing non forest

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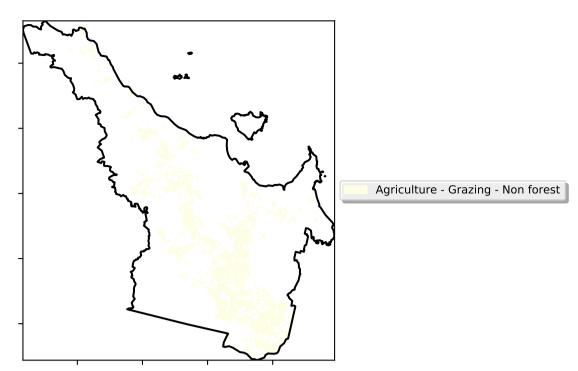
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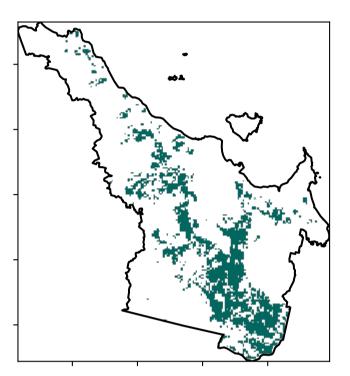
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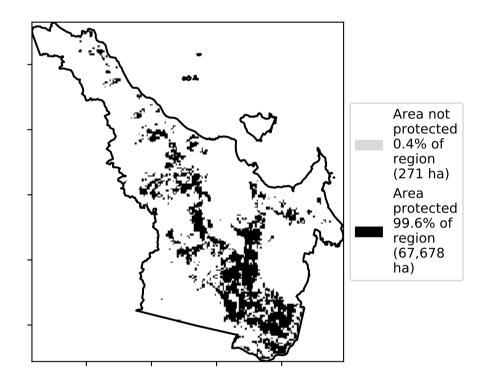
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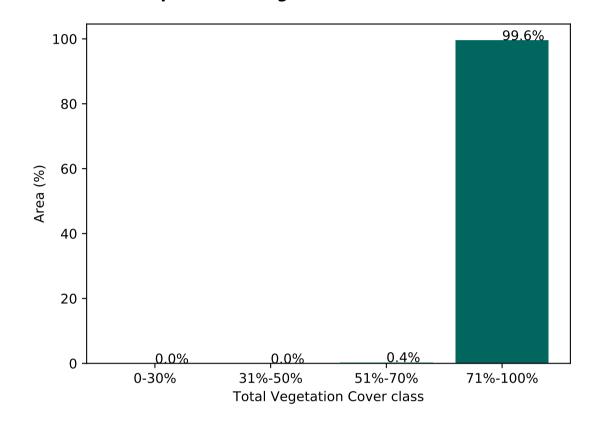
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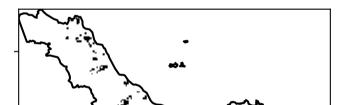




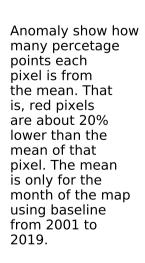
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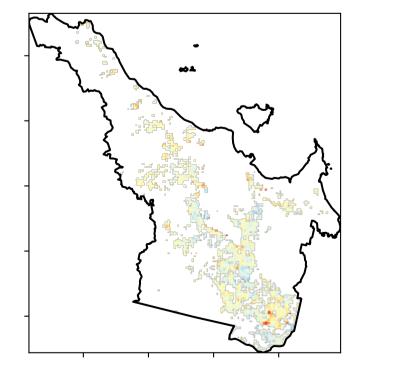


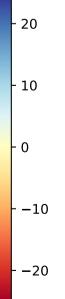
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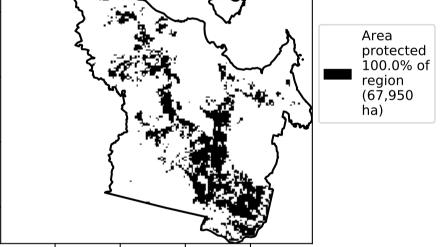


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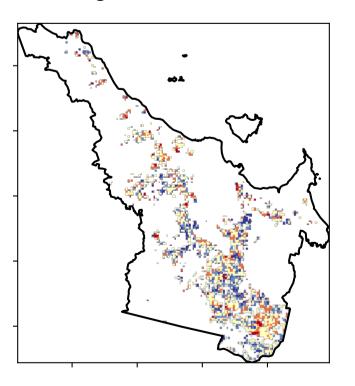
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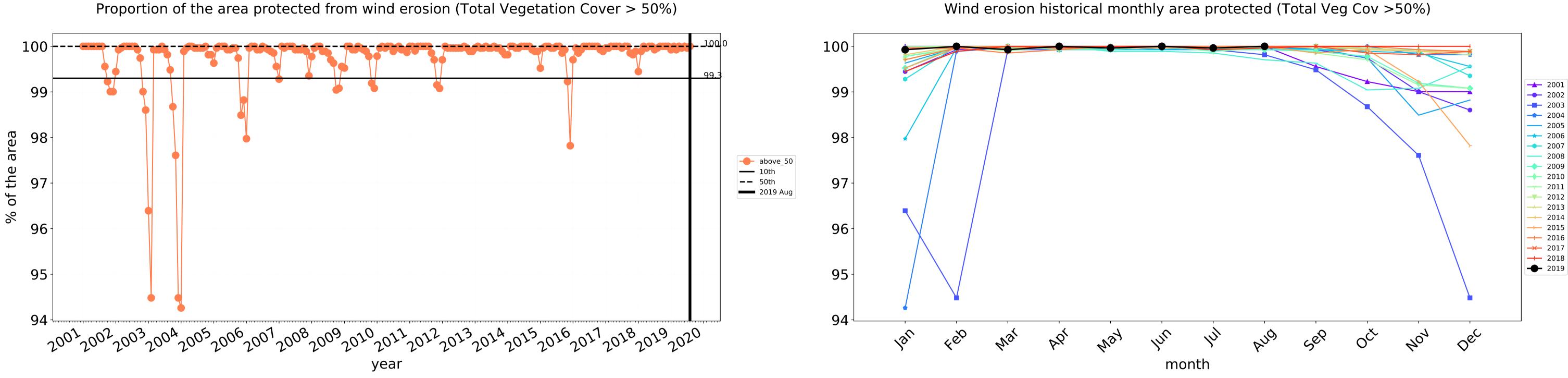




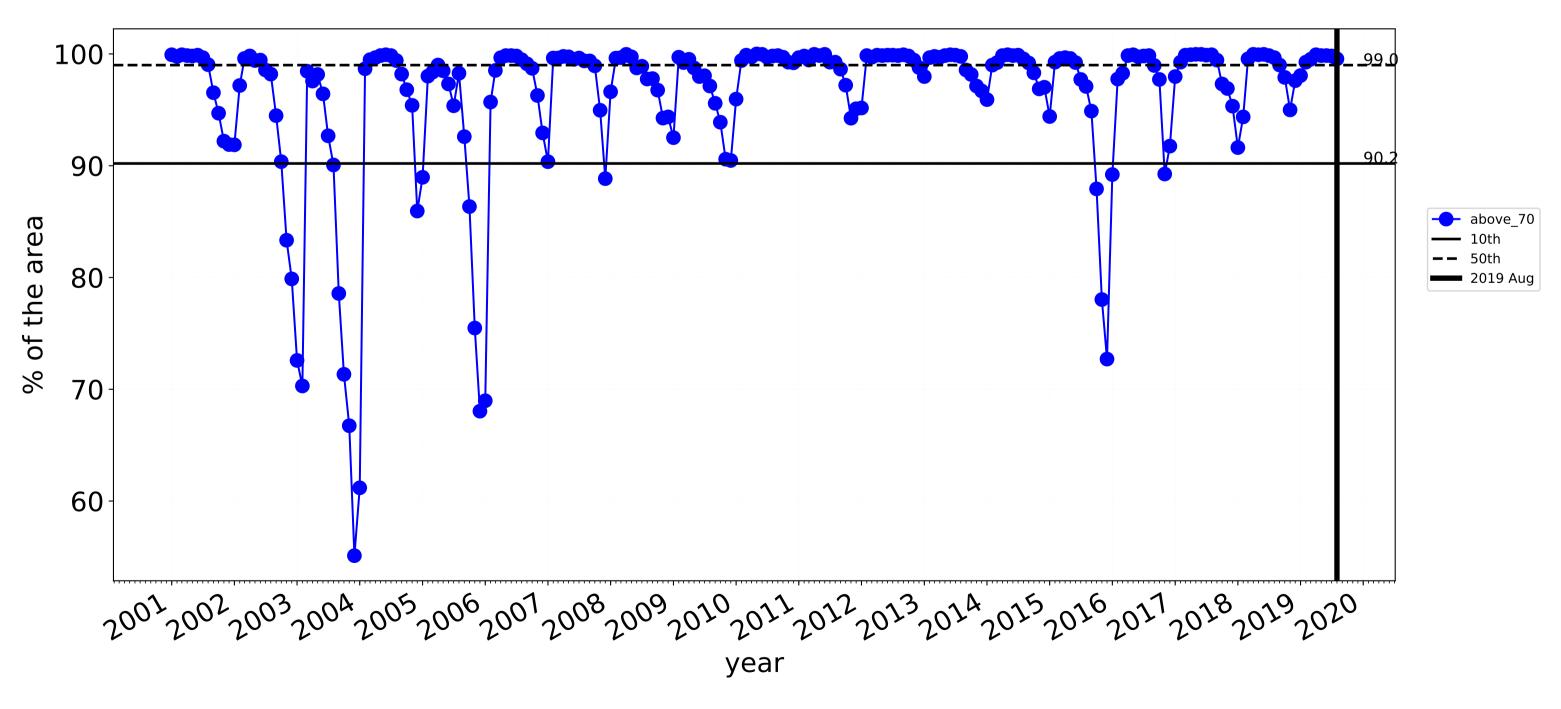
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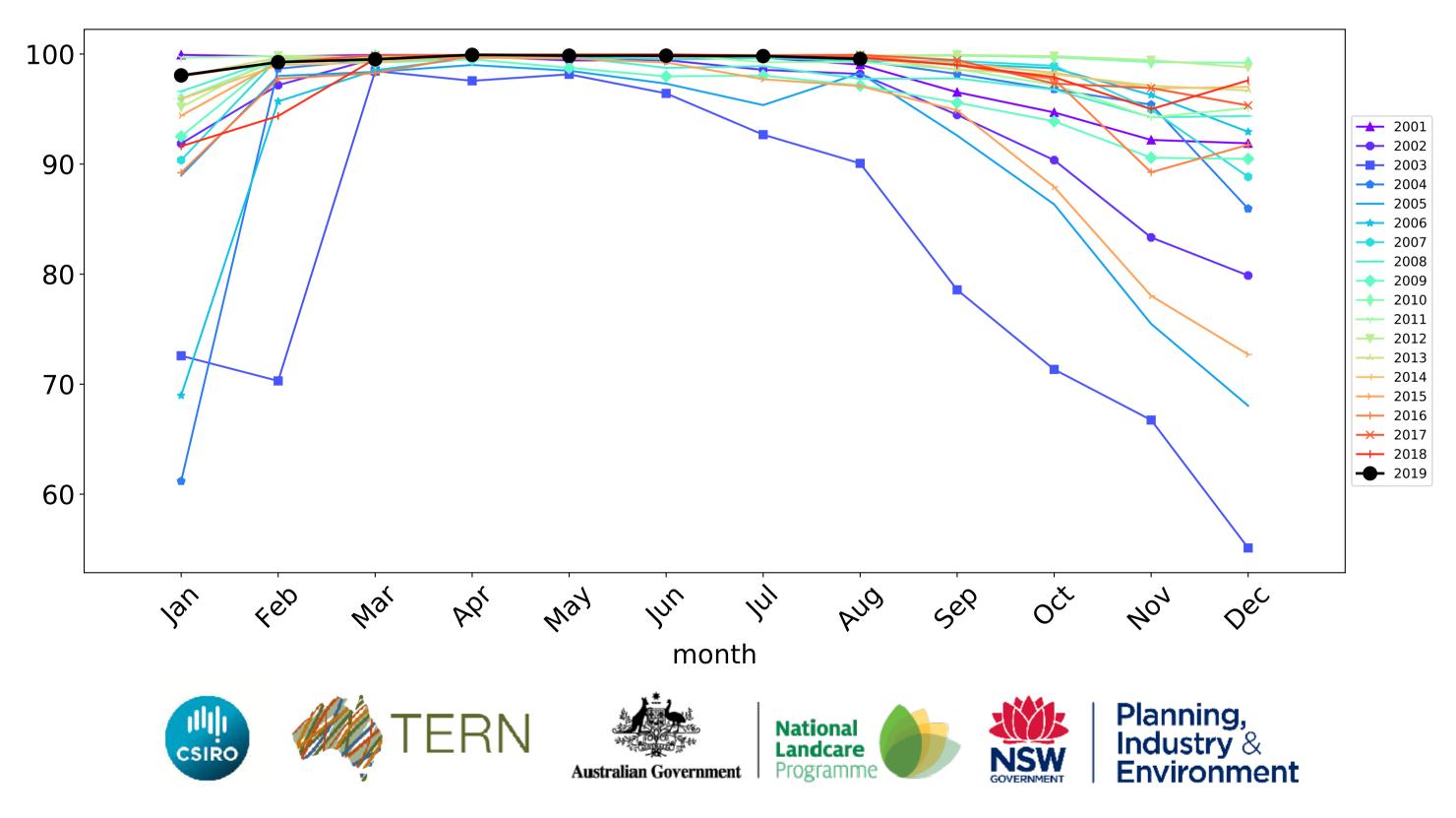


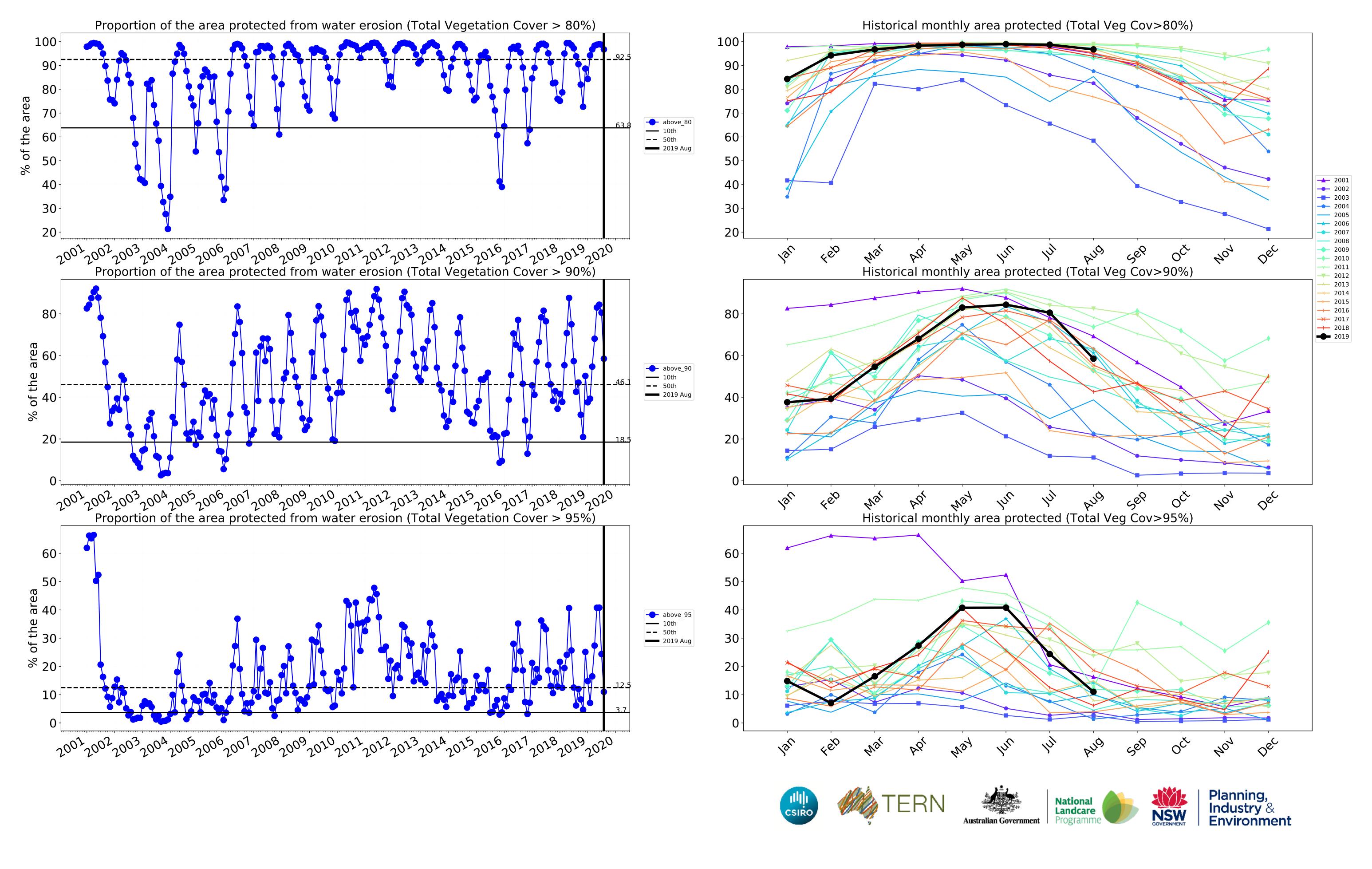
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Grazing non forest timeseries

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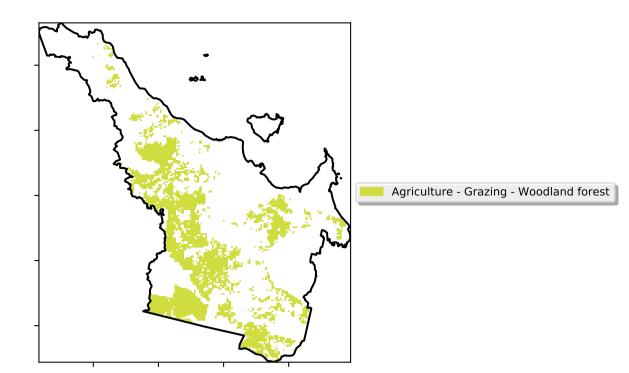




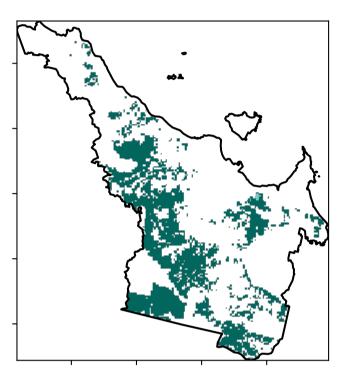
Grazing Woodland forest

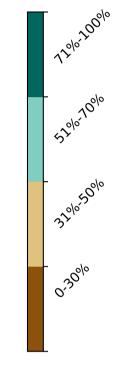
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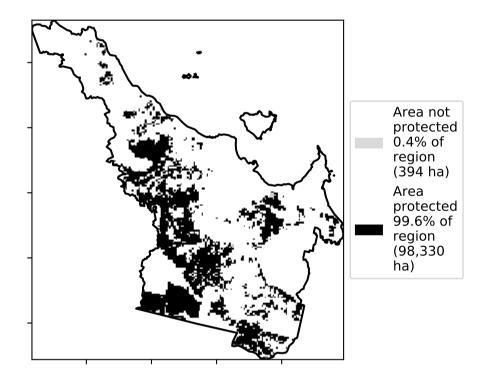


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

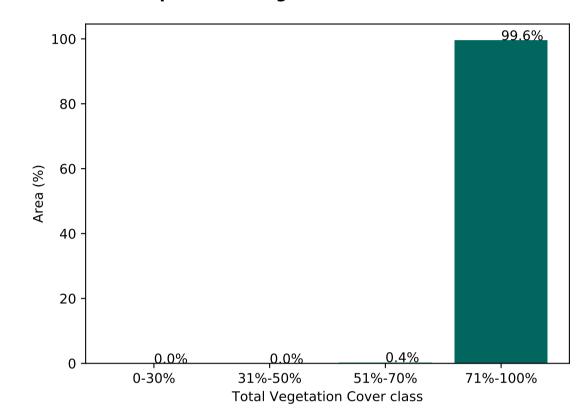




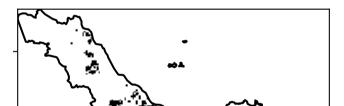
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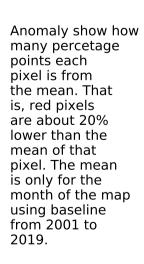
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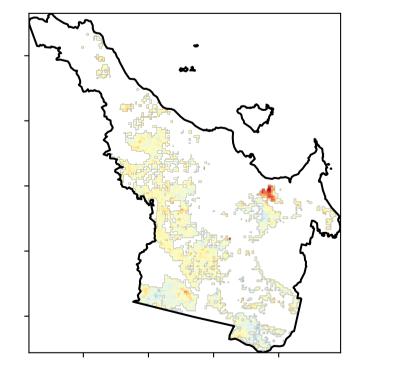


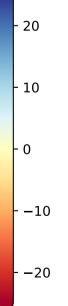
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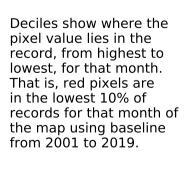


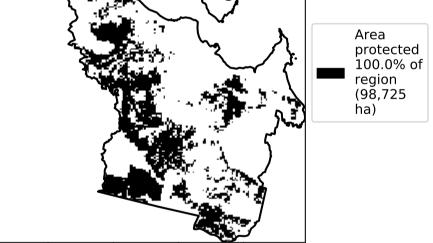
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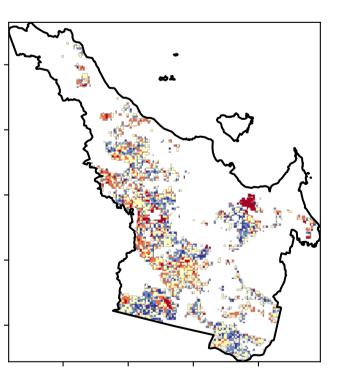


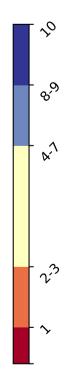






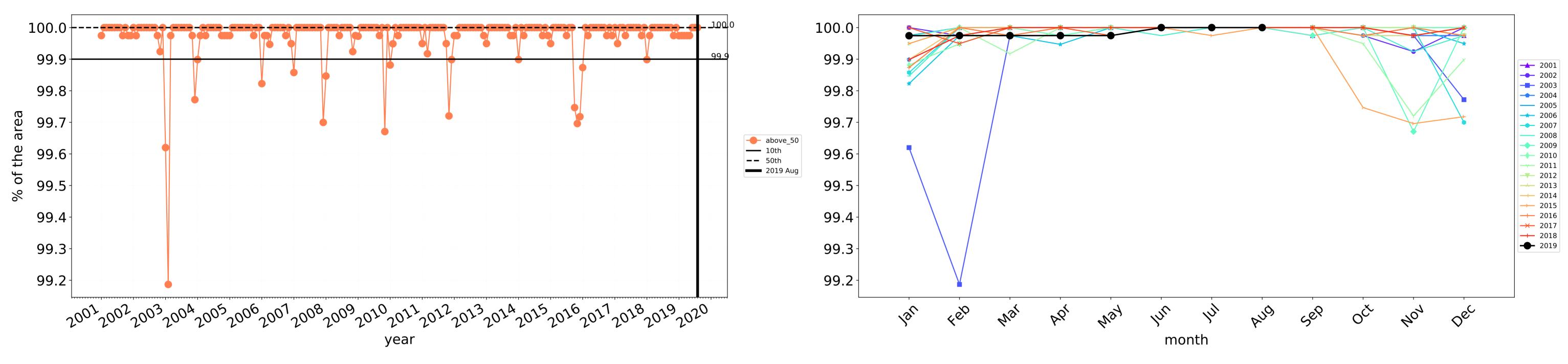








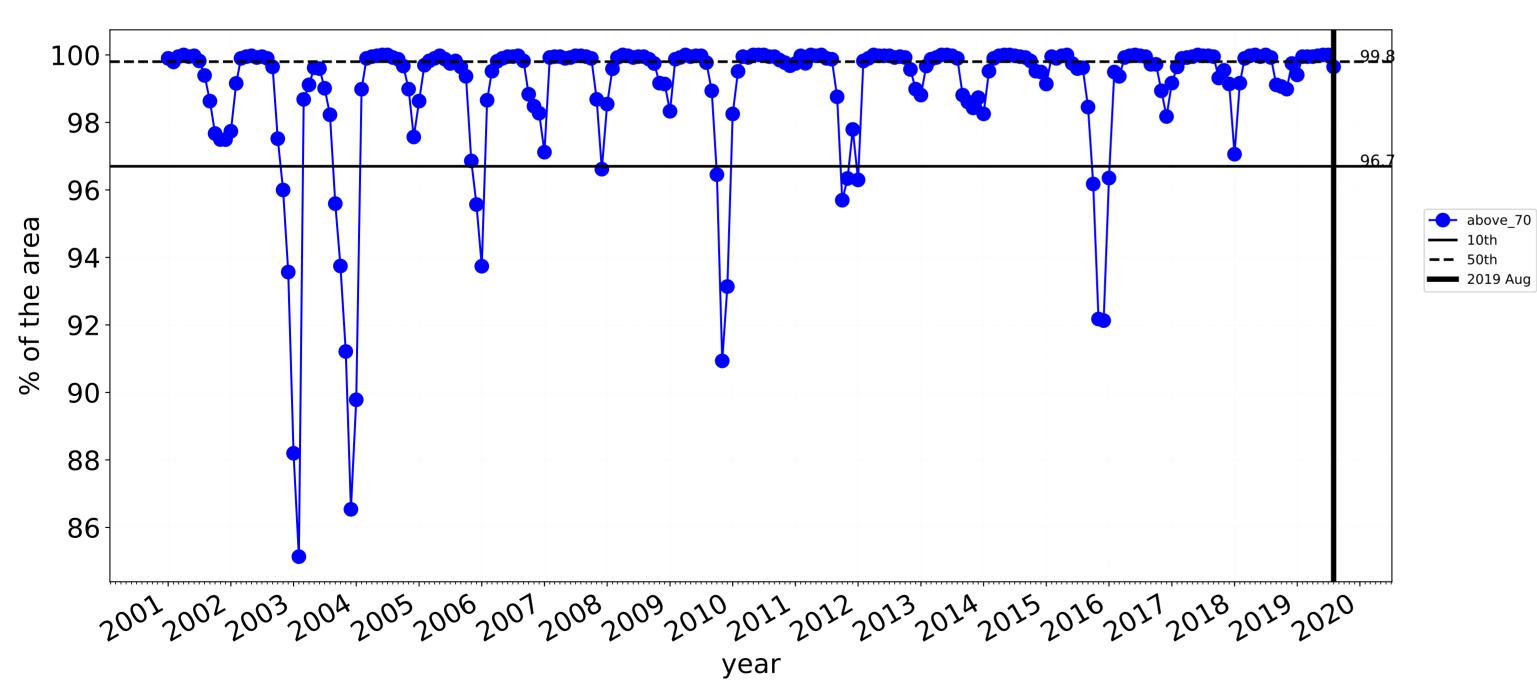
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



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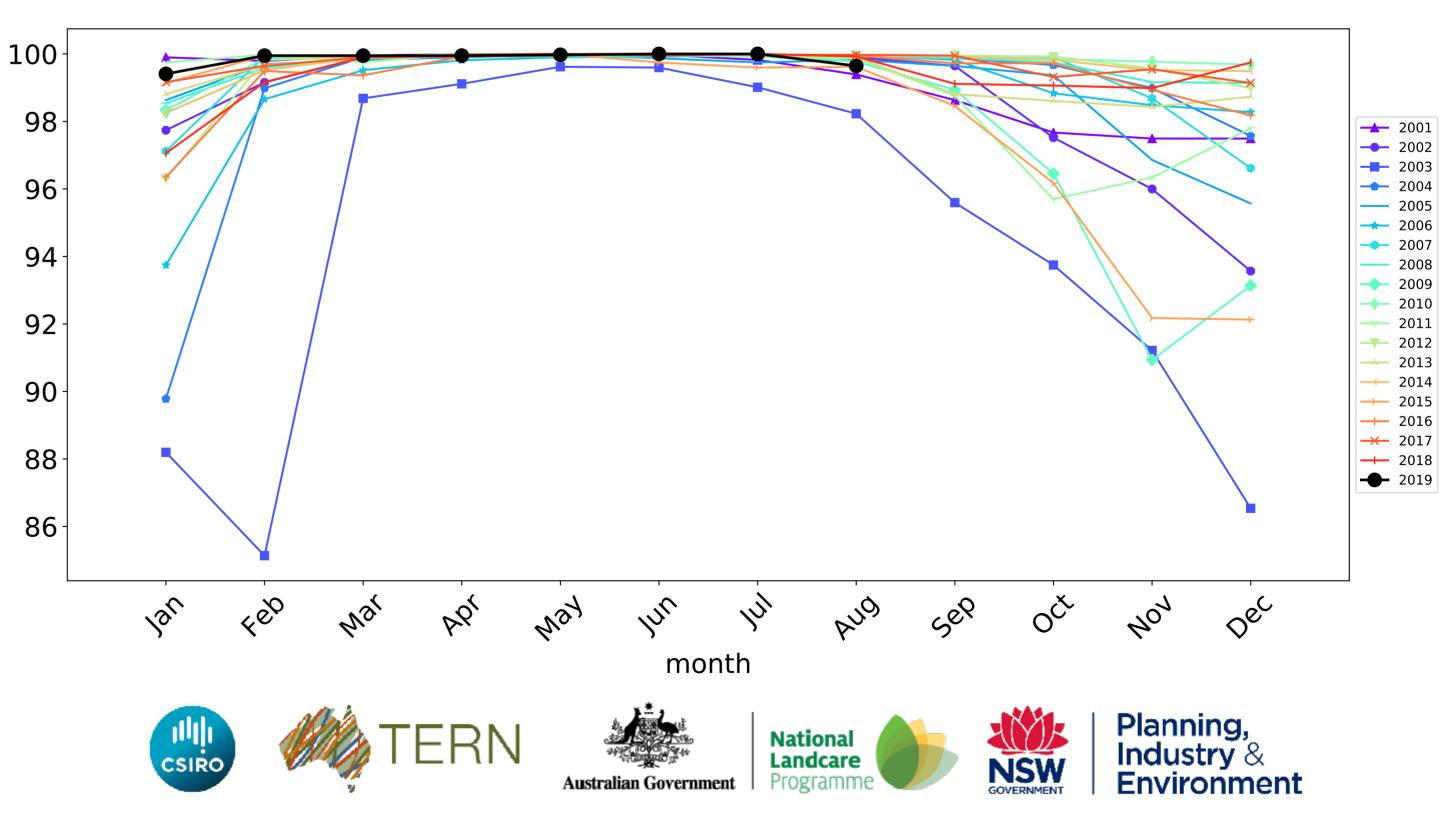
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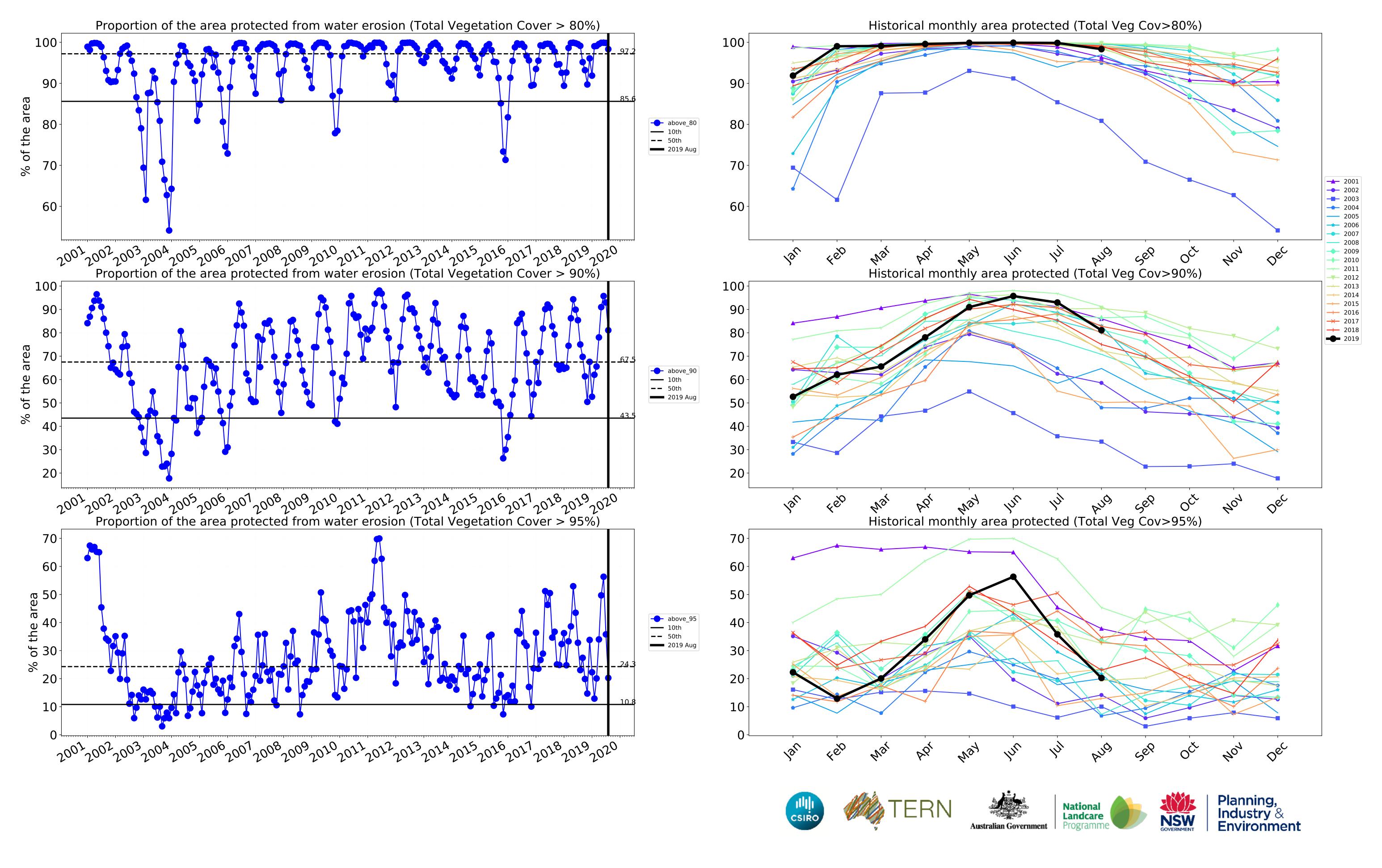




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Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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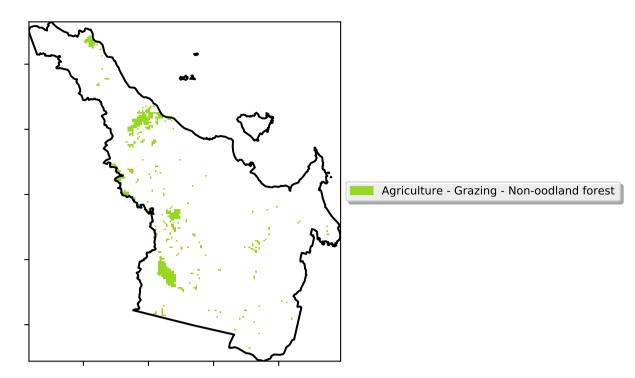
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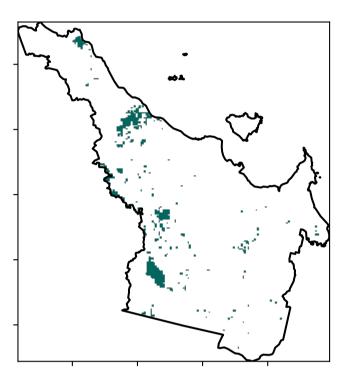
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Land use and forest cover

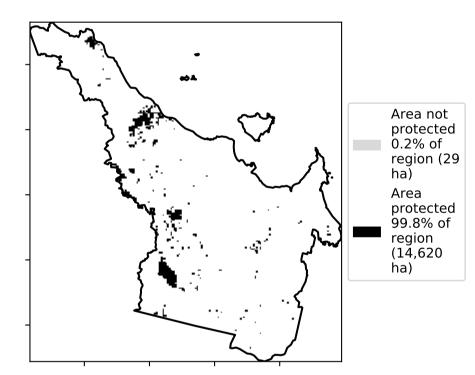
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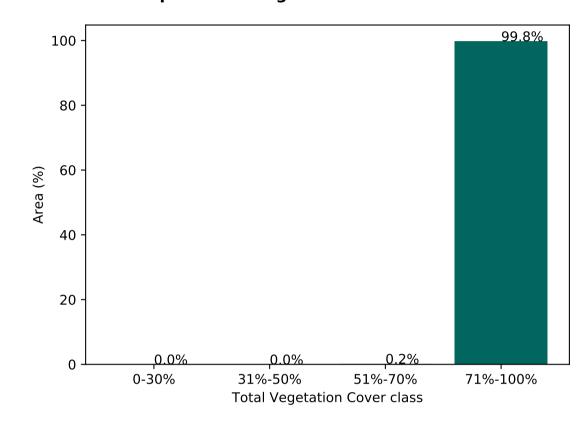
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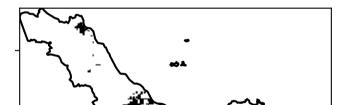




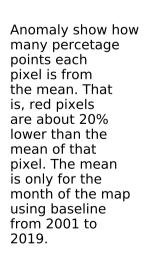
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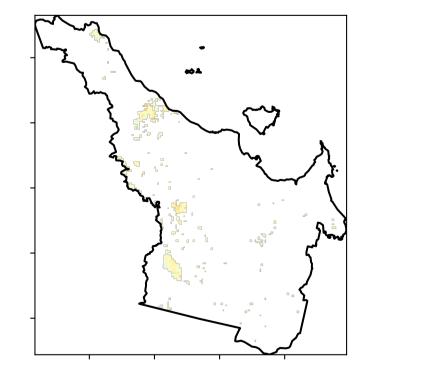


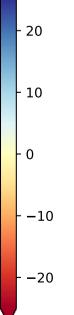
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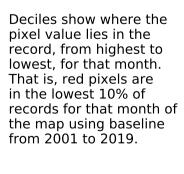


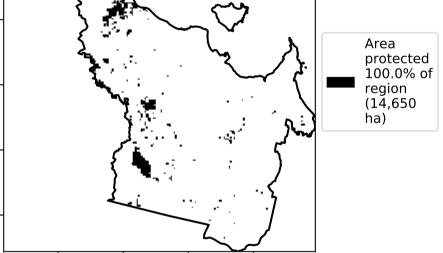
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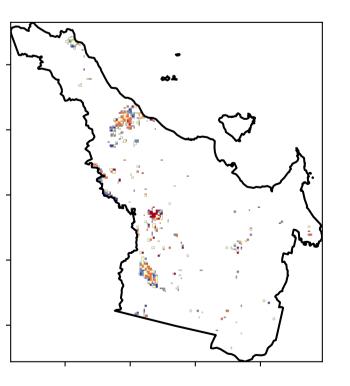


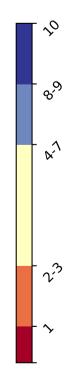




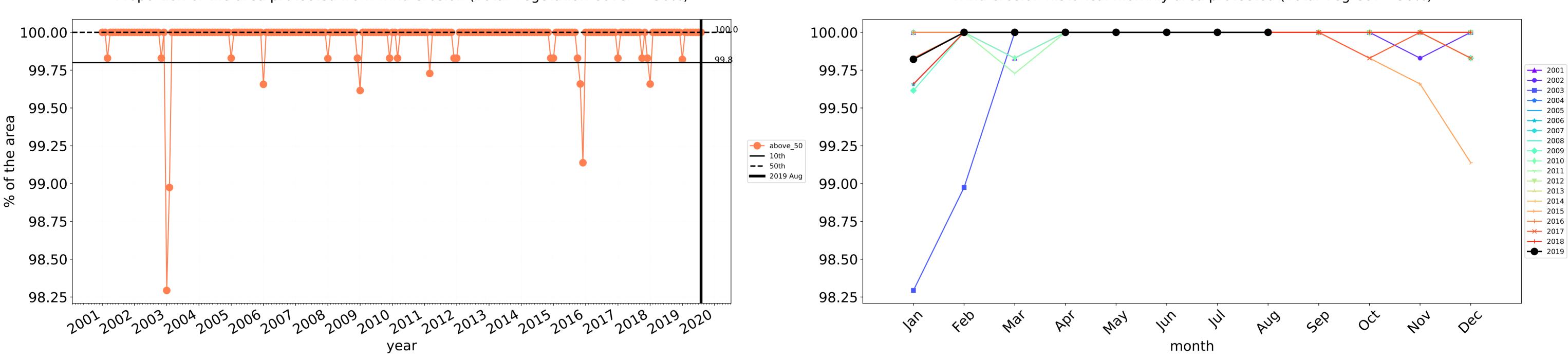






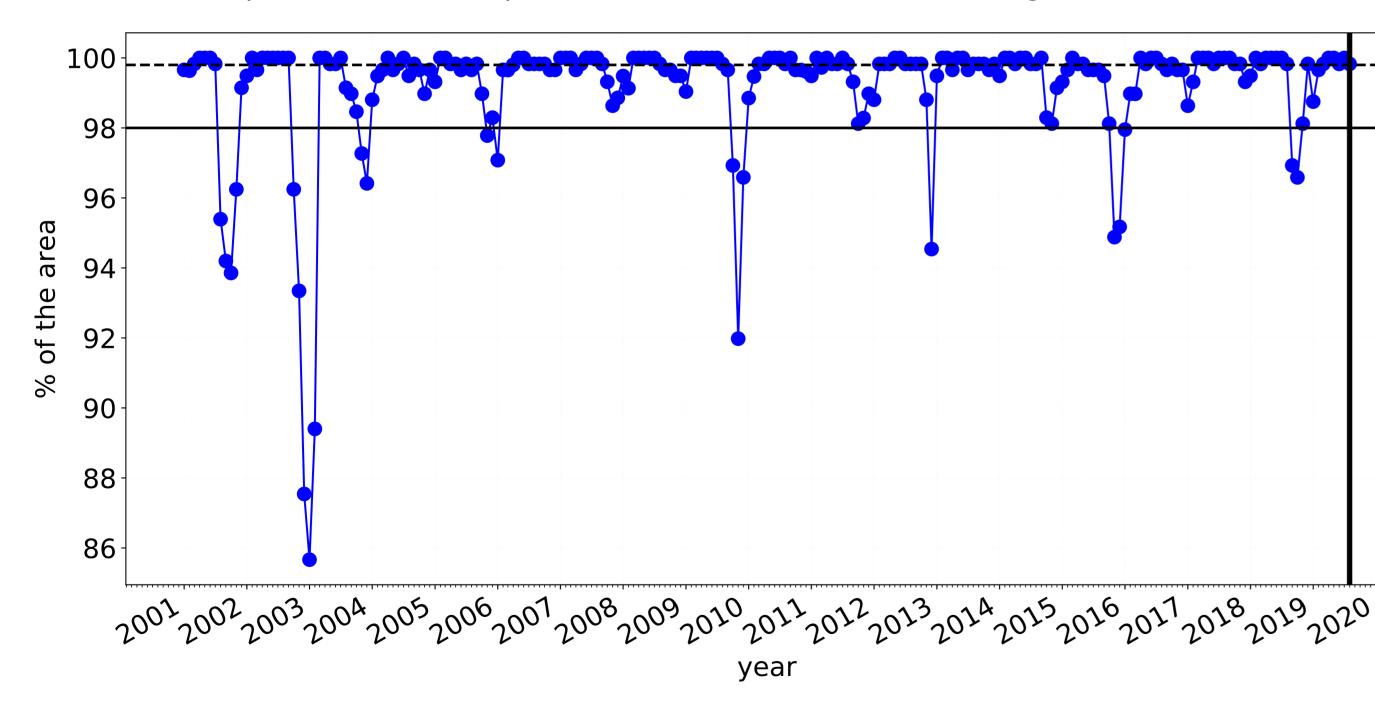






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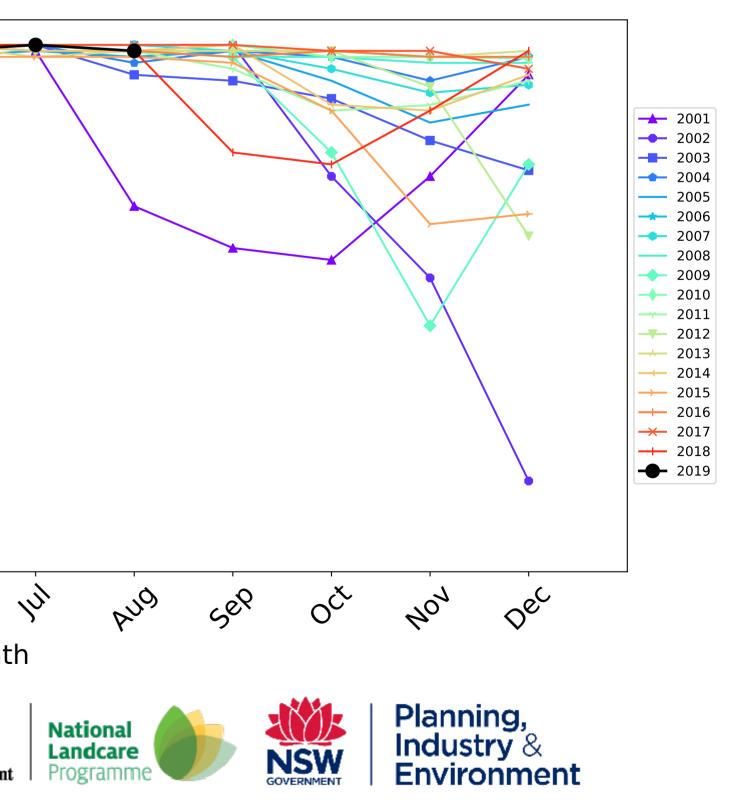


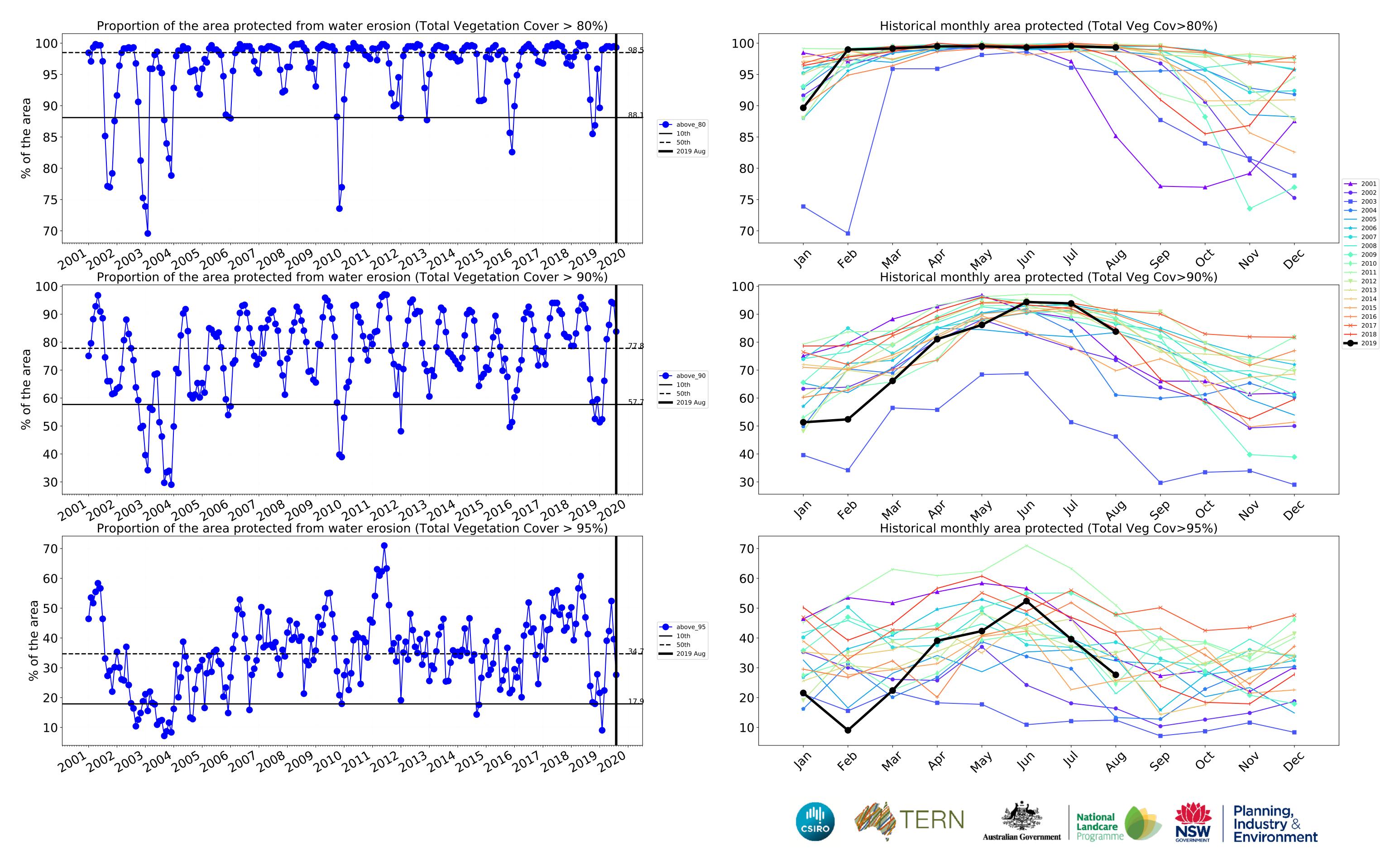
Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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

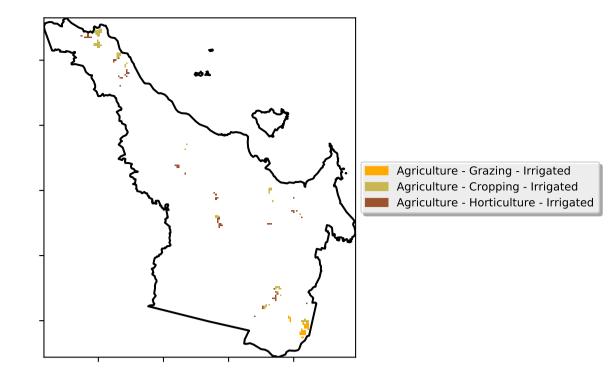
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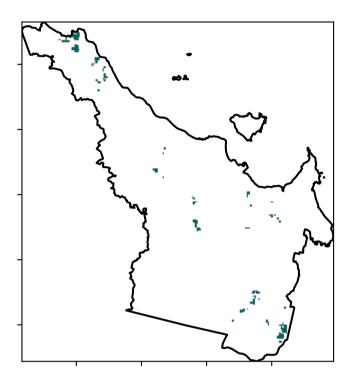


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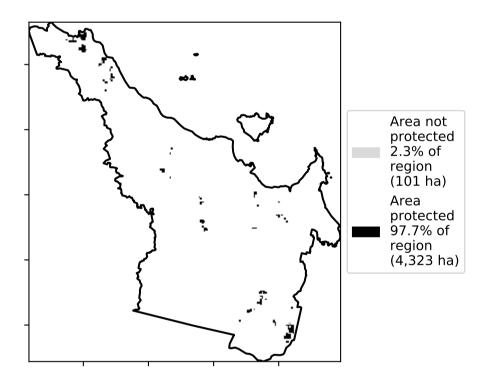
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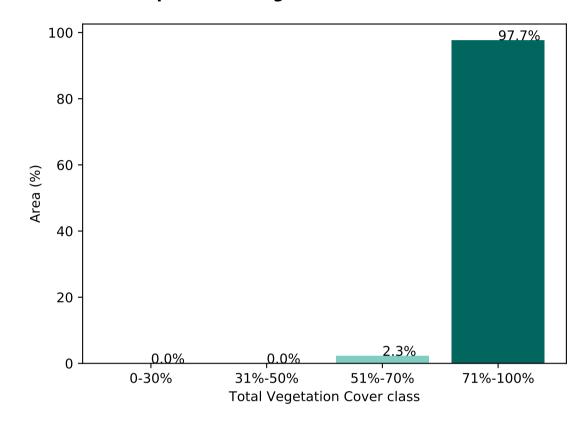
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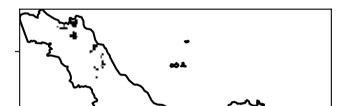




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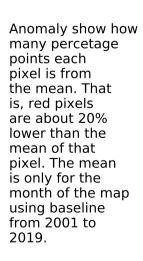


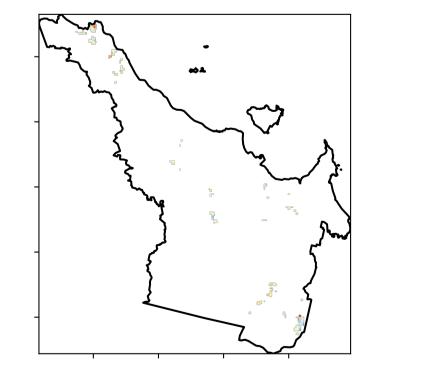
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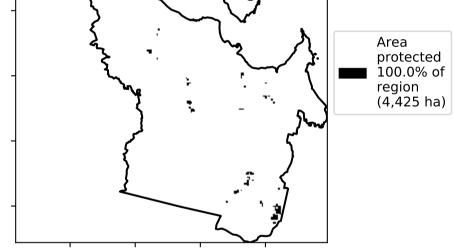


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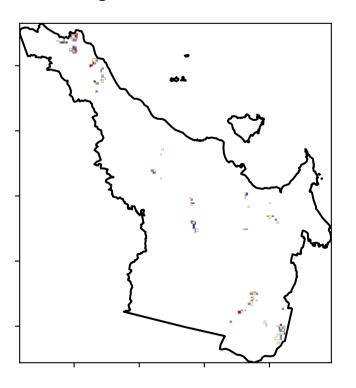
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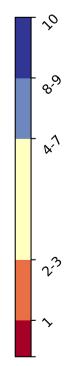
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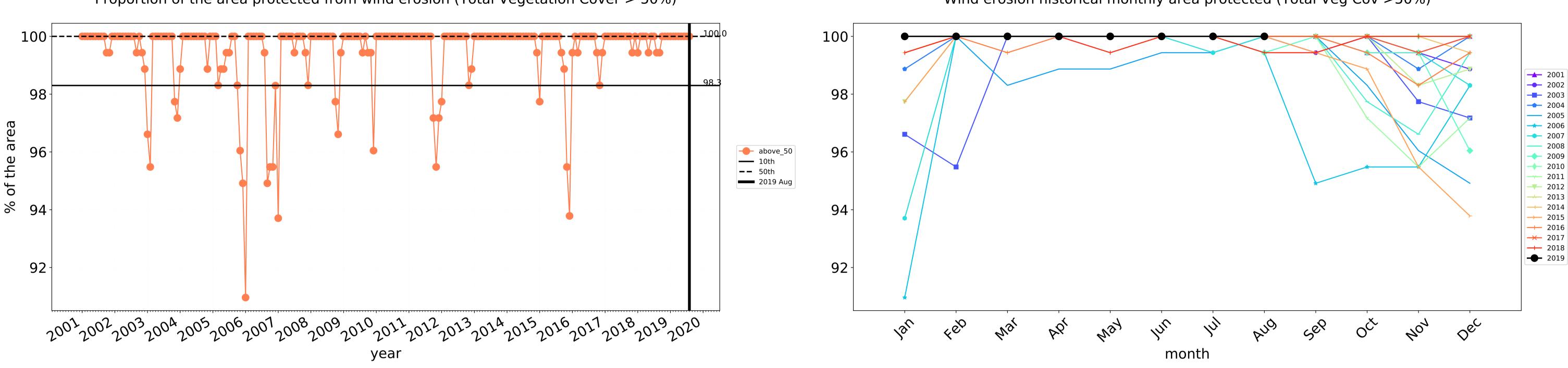
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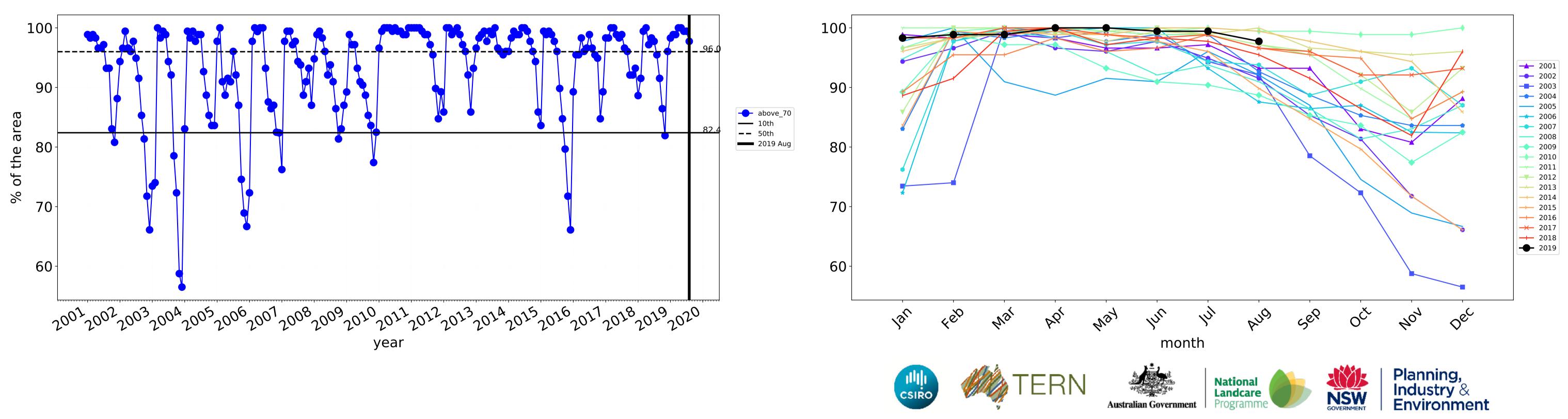
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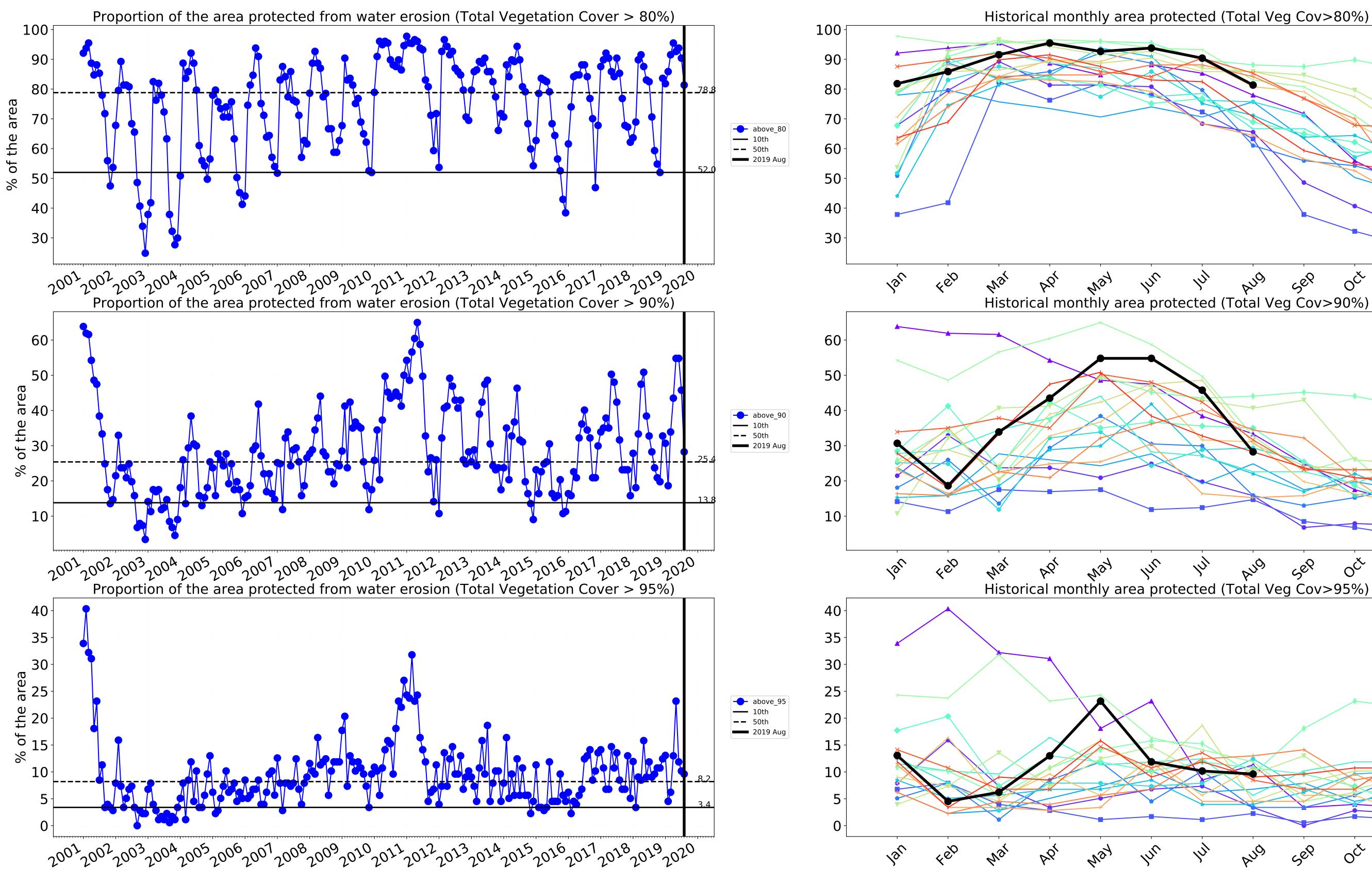
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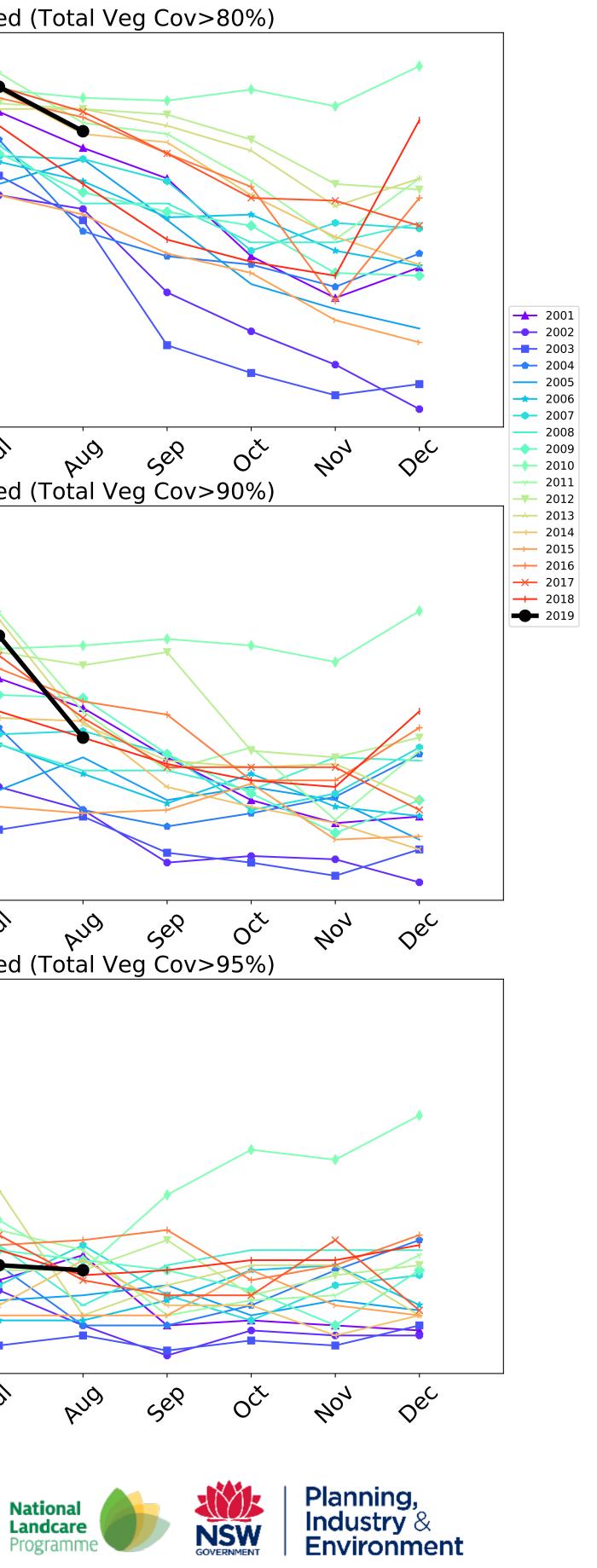
Irrigation timeseries

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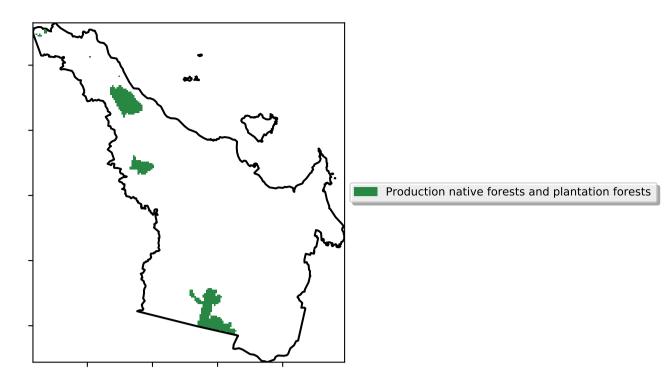
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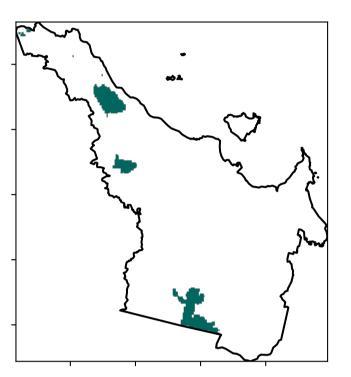
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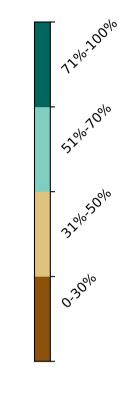
Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

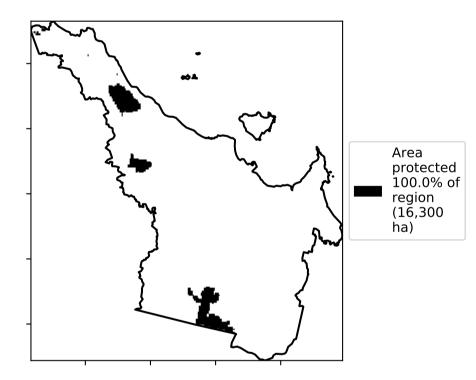


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

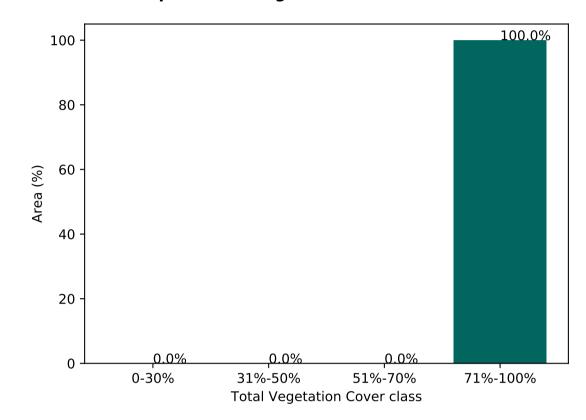




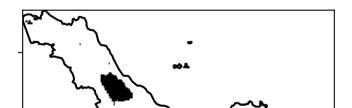
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



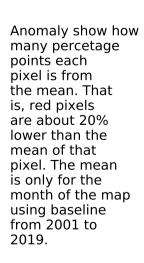
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

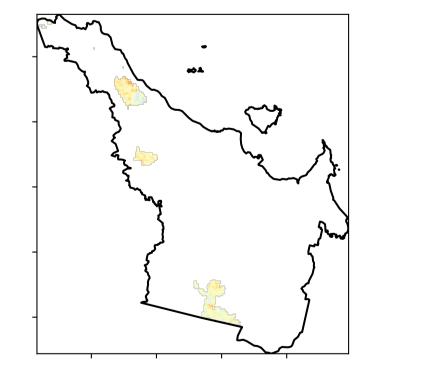


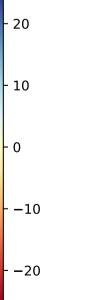
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

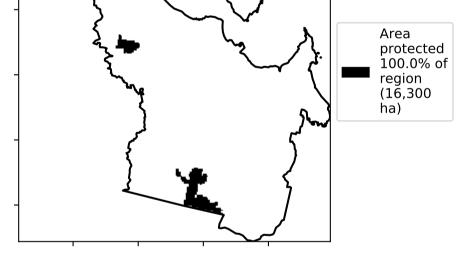


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]









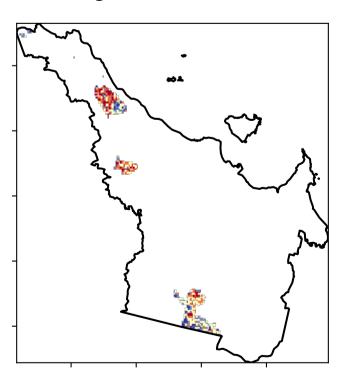
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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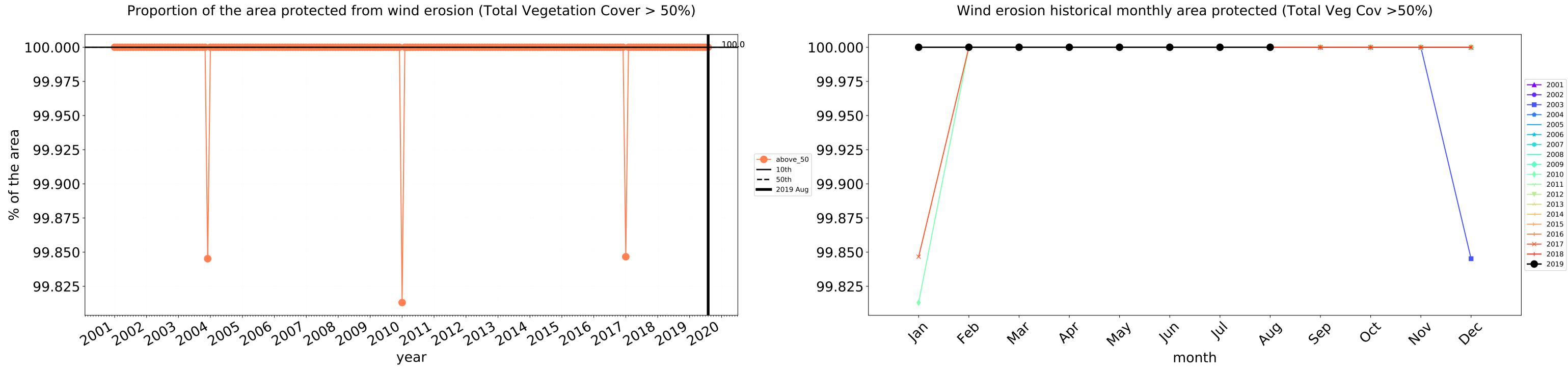
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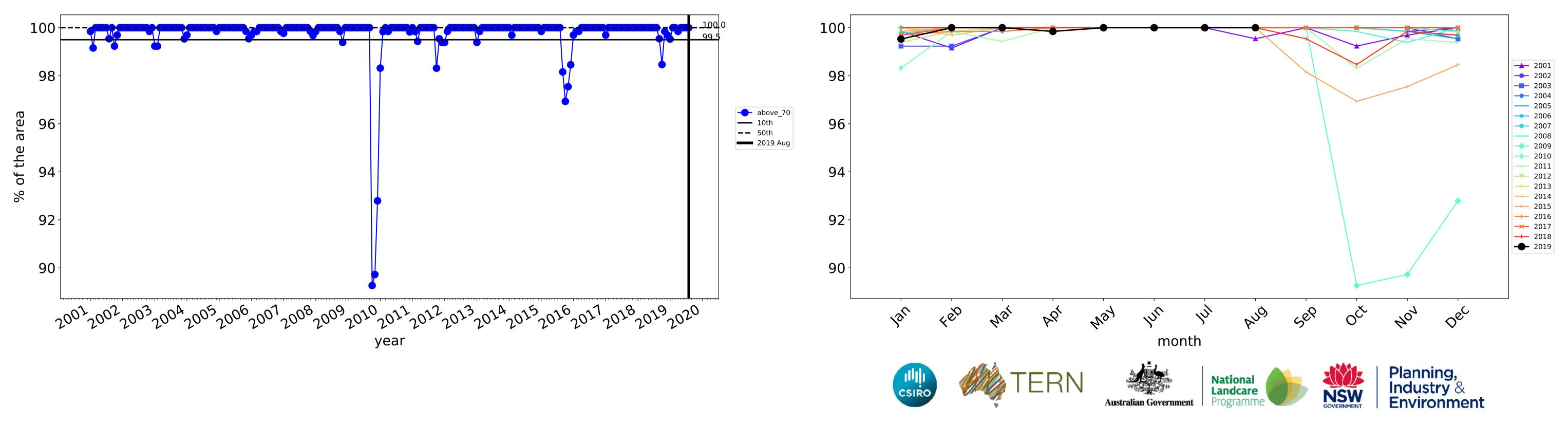
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the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

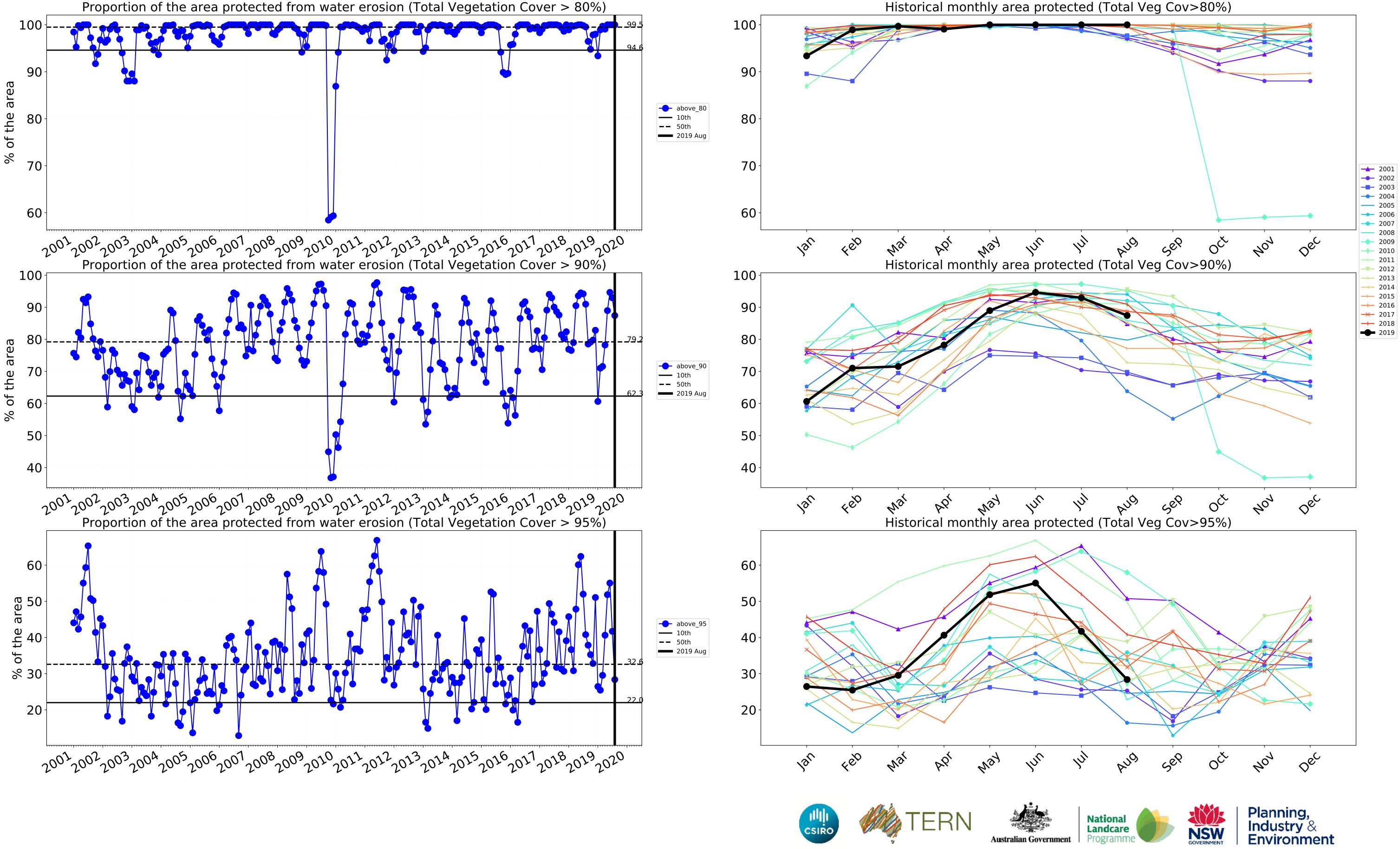
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



Townsville_(C) (365,400 ha and no data 7,785 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	365,400	100.0% 365,275	99.8% 364,650	97.1% 354,775	91.0% 332,475	65.1% 237,800	18.1% 66,200
Conservation and natural environments	118,024	100.0% 117,999	99.9% 117,925	98.3% 116,016	92.2% 108,853	69.5% 82,036	23.5% 27,733
Conservation and natural environments non forest	16,077	100.0% 16,077	99.8% 16,052	94.8% 15,247	77.0% 12,378	35.7% 5,736	13.1% 2,113
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	56,271	100.0% 56,246	99.9% 56,222	99.0% 55,703	93.8% 52,763	69.9% 39,325	22.9% 12,894
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	45,675	100.0% 45,675	99.9% 45,650	98.6% 45,056	95.6% 43,669	80.8% 36,886	27.8% 12,699
Agriculture	184,527	100.0% 184,527	100.0% 184,527	99.6% 183,760	97.4% 179,777	71.6% 132,031	17.1% 31,640
Grazing	178,315	100.0% 178,315	100.0% 178,315	99.6% 177,651	97.8% 174,406	72.8% 129,882	17.4% 31,001
Grazing non forest	67,233	100.0% 67,233	100.0% 67,233	99.6% 66,936	96.7% 65,032	58.5% 39,330	11.0% 7,396
Grazing Woodland forest	96,831	100.0% 96,831	100.0% 96,831	99.6% 96,487	98.3% 95,212	81.1% 78,514	20.3% 19,616
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,250	100.0% 14,250	100.0% 14,250	99.8% 14,226	99.3% 14,153	83.8% 11,940	27.6% 3,939
Irrigation	4,019	100.0% 4,019	100.0% 4,019	97.7% 3,928	81.4% 3,270	28.2% 1,135	9.6% 386
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,077	100.0% 16,077	100.0% 16,077	100.0% 16,077	100.0% 16,077	87.4% 14,055	28.4% 4,561

