Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Townsville_(C) QLD

Date: January 2021

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

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

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

• 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
 - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
 - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3



Vegetation Cover Jan 2021

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



12%2000

52% 70%

32%50%

0.30%

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

Catchment Scale

Derived from

Use of Australia



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





Ecosystem Research Infrastructure

Conservation and natural environments

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Conservation and natural environments - Nonforest
2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments - Nonwoodland forest

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





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









Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover



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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]









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



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

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









Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



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

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







Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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



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

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



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



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Agriculture

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Land use and forest cover



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Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



Agriculture timeseries

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









Grazing

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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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Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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Grazing non forest timeseries

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Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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Irrigation

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Irrigation timeseries

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Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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Townsville_(C) (231,350 ha and no data 141,835 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	231,350	99.6% 230,350	98.9% 228,825	95.9% 221,825	87.3% 202,000	55.4% 128,275	28.0% 64,700
Conservation and natural environments	66,675	99.0% 66,025	98.4% 65,575	94.6% 63,075	83.9% 55,950	54.1% 36,100	28.8% 19,225
Conservation and natural environments non forest	12,250	95.7% 11,725	93.1% 11,400	84.1% 10,300	67.6% 8,275	37.1% 4,550	24.1% 2,950
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	36,825	99.7% 36,725	99.5% 36,650	96.9% 35,700	86.2% 31,750	54.0% 19,875	25.1% 9,250
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	17,600	99.9% 17,575	99.6% 17,525	97.0% 17,075	90.5% 15,925	66.3% 11,675	39.9% 7,025
Agriculture	127,825	100.0% 127,825	100.0% 127,775	99.0% 126,550	93.3% 119,200	60.4% 77,175	29.6% 37,825
Grazing	123,700	100.0% 123,700	100.0% 123,650	99.0% 122,500	93.3% 115,450	60.4% 74,775	29.7% 36,750
Grazing non forest	51,025	100.0% 51,025	99.9% 50,975	98.5% 50,275	91.8% 46,850	53.8% 27,475	24.2% 12,325
Grazing Woodland forest	63,425	100.0% 63,425	100.0% 63,425	99.5% 63,100	94.2% 59,775	62.8% 39,825	31.6% 20,050
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	9,250	100.0% 9,250	100.0% 9,250	98.6% 9,125	95.4% 8,825	80.8% 7,475	47.3% 4,375
Irrigation	3,450	100.0% 3,450	100.0% 3,450	97.8% 3,375	90.6% 3,125	56.5% 1,950	23.2% 800
Production native forests and plantation forests	9,250	100.0% 9,250	100.0% 9,250	99.7% 9,225	96.2% 8,900	79.7% 7,375	43.5% 4,025

