# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Townsville\_(C) QLD

# Date: June 2022

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:

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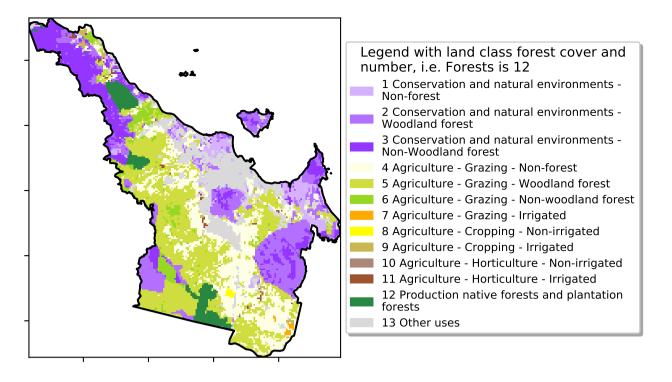


# **Vegetation Cover Jun 2022**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area





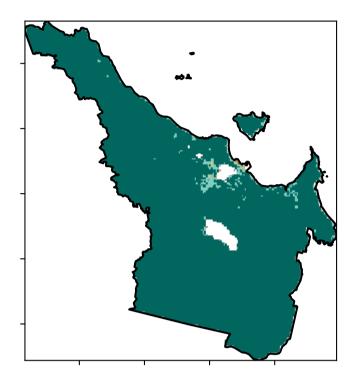
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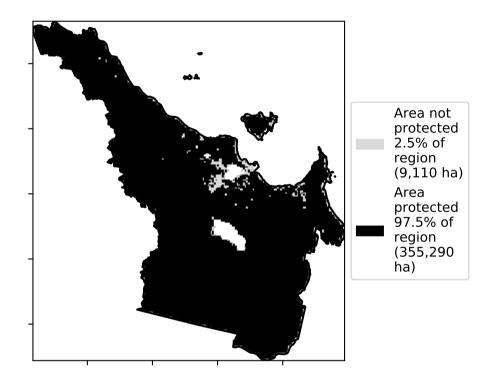
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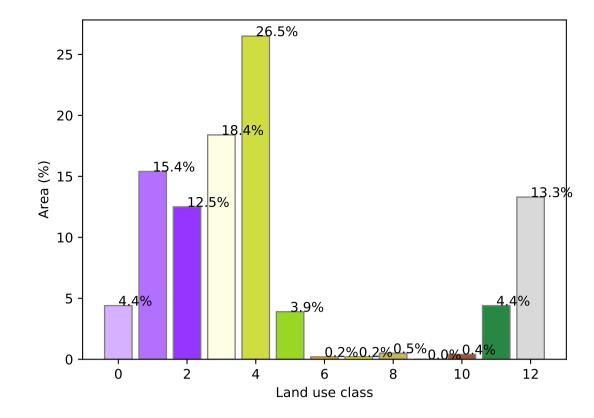
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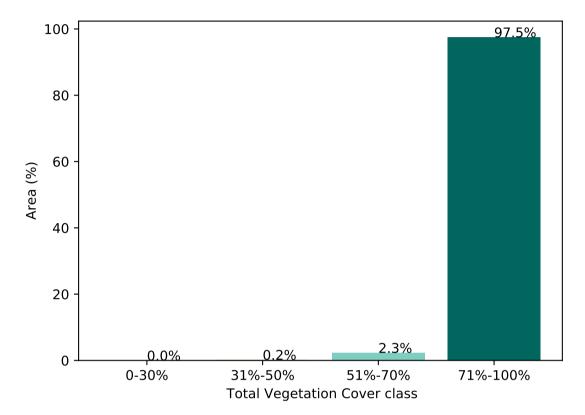


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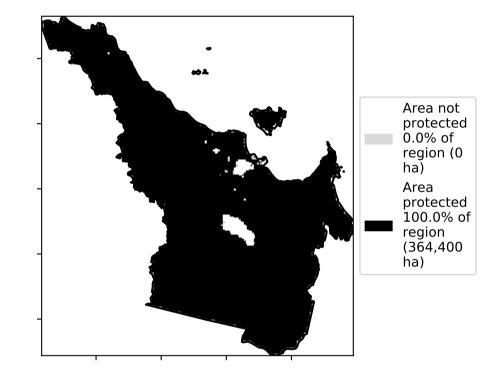




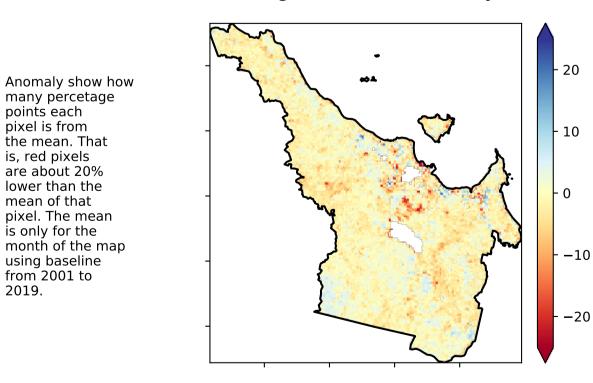
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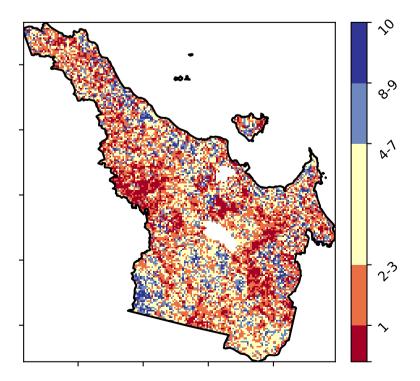


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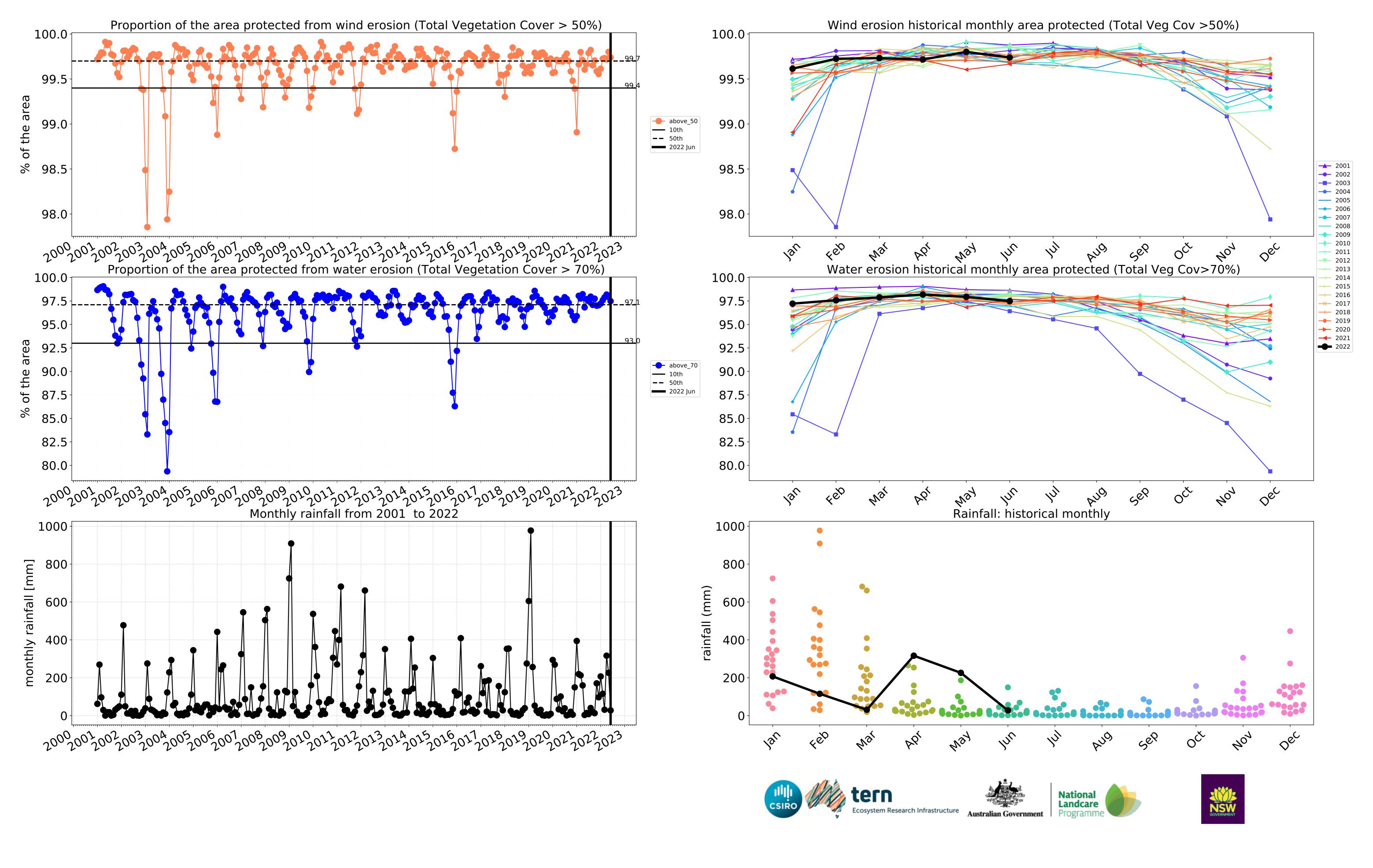
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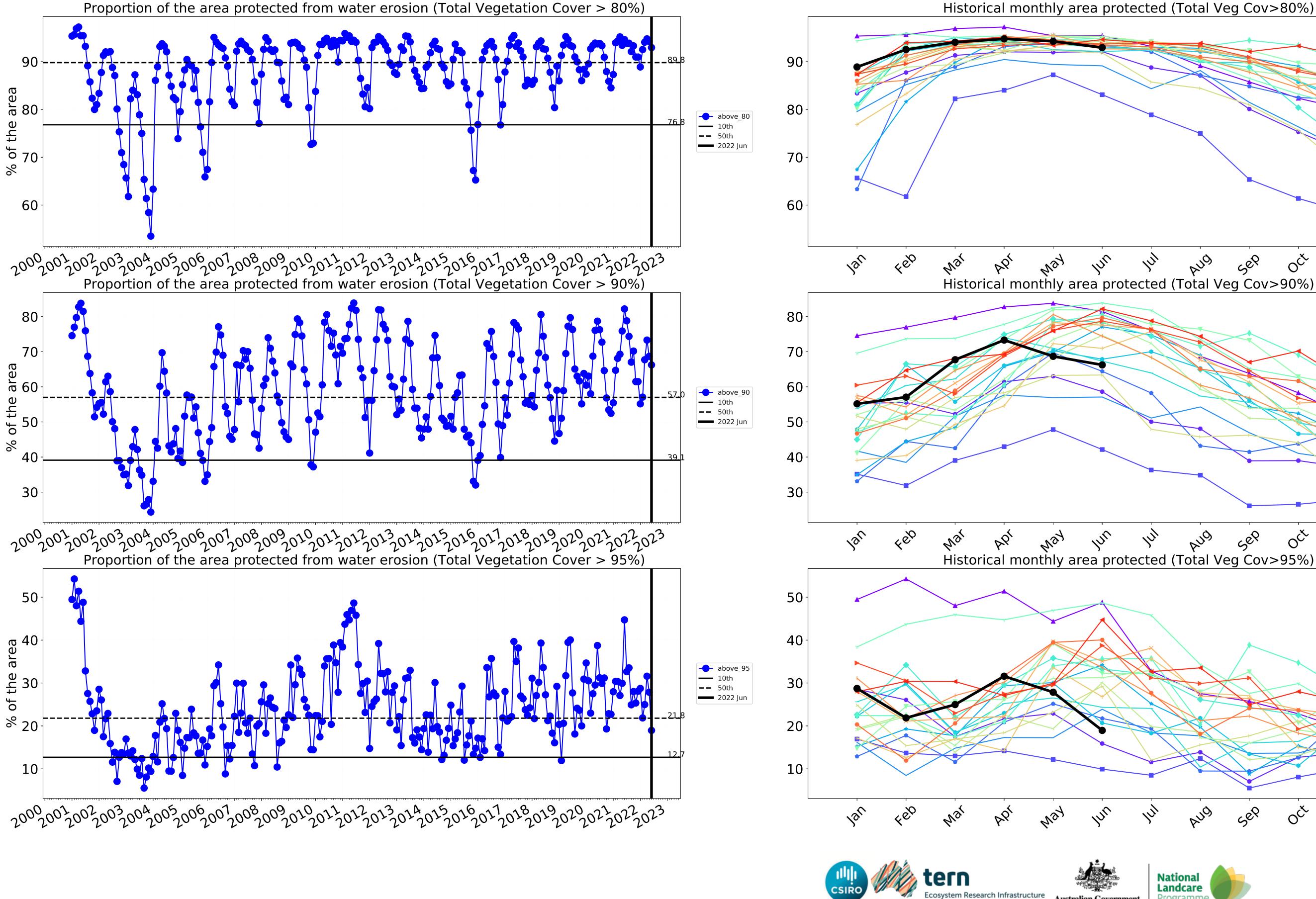
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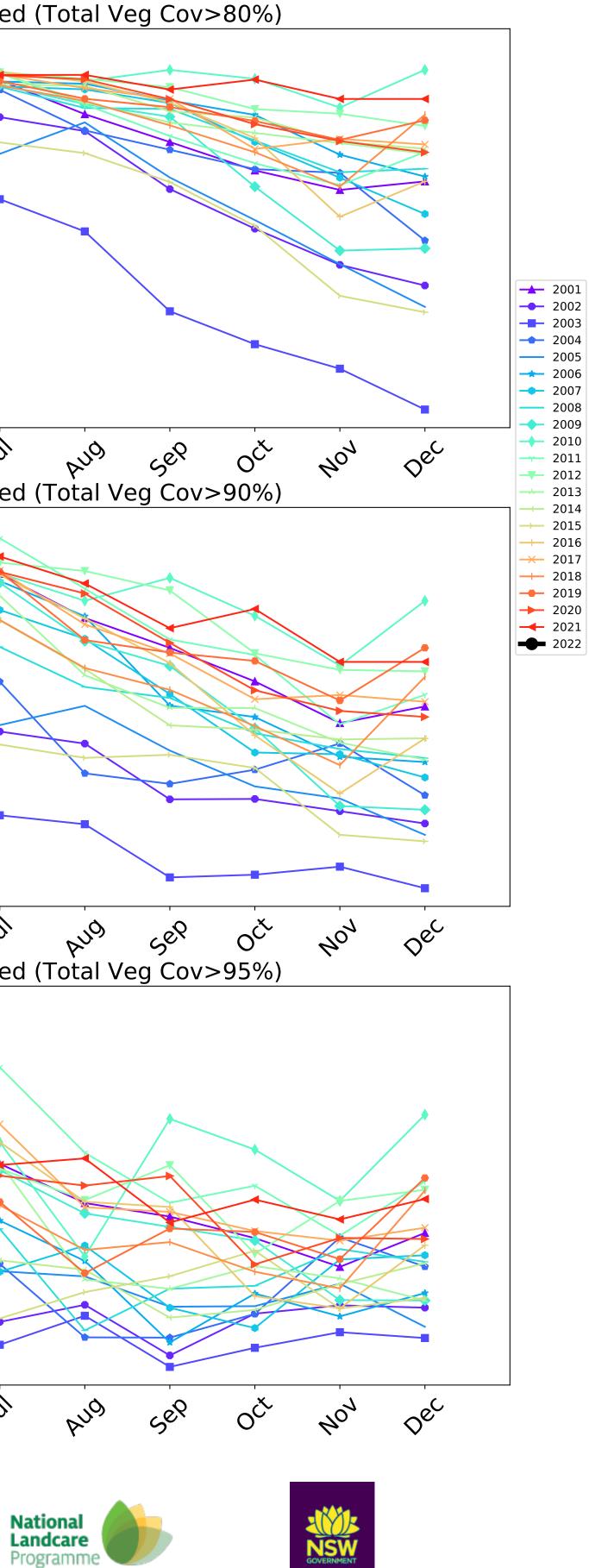
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### **Conservation and natural environments**

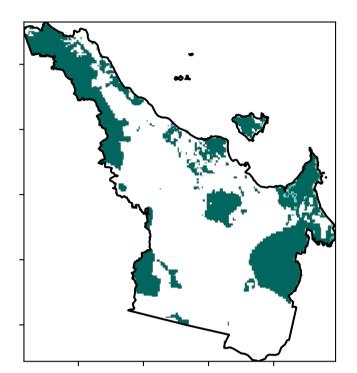
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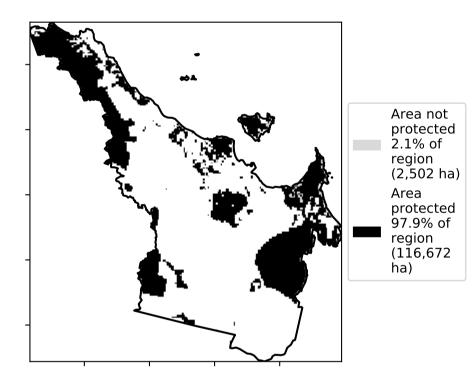
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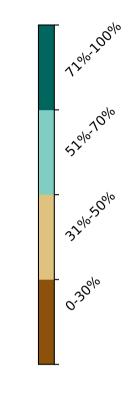
Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

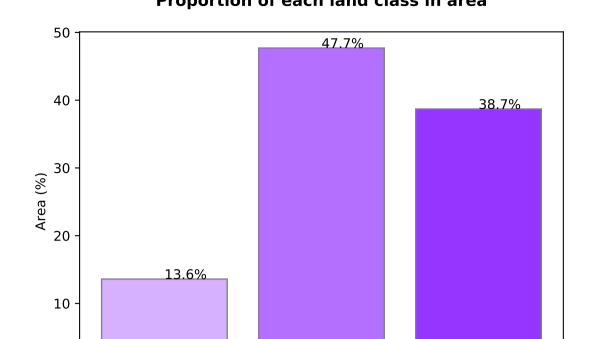




1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

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2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland



Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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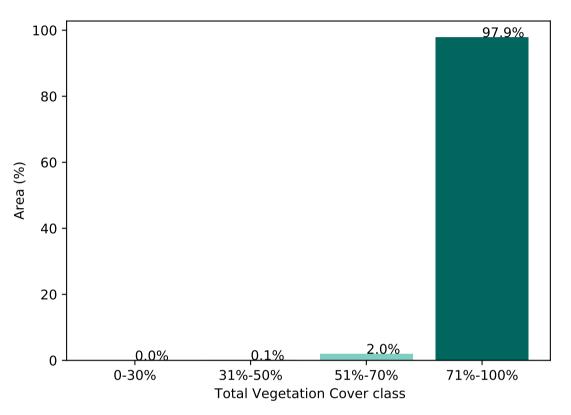
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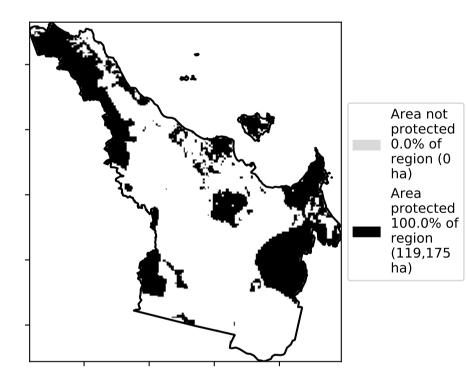
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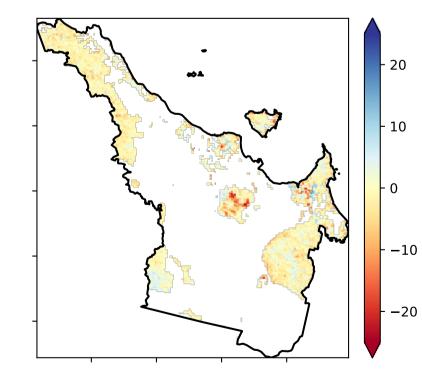


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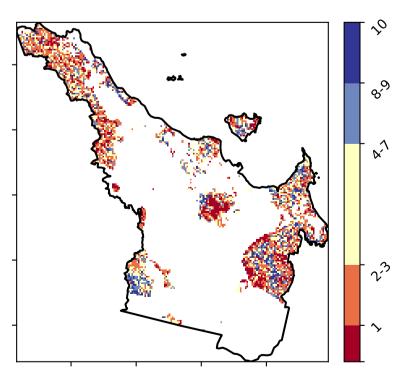
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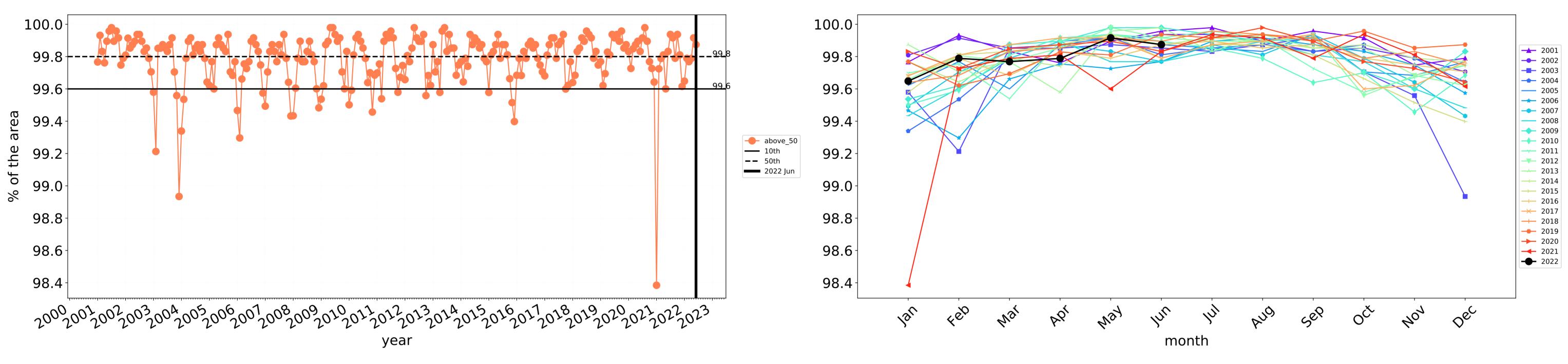
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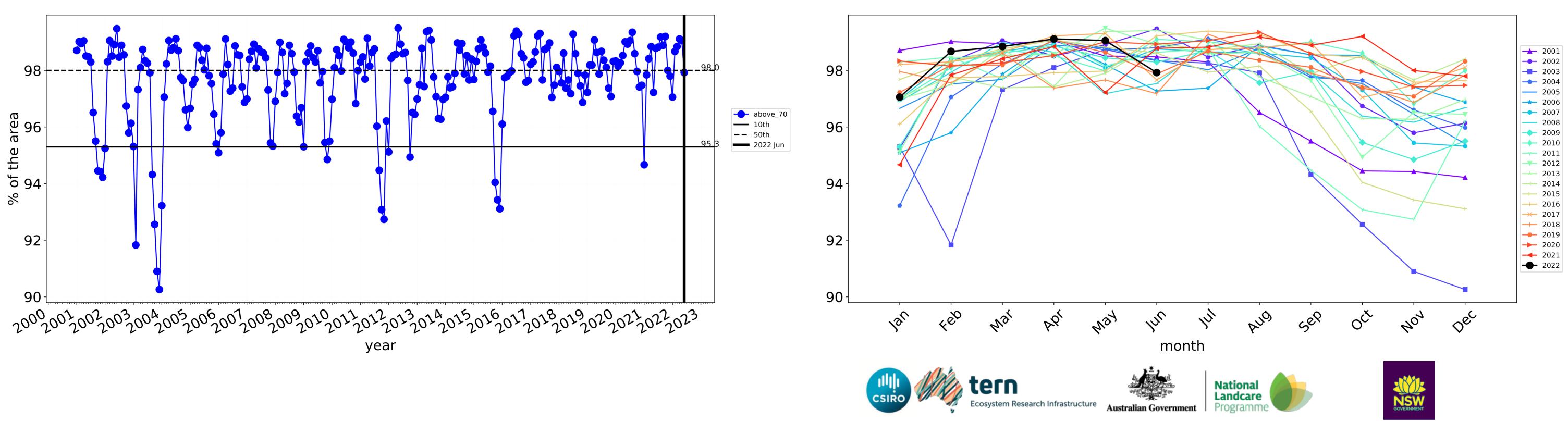


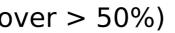
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

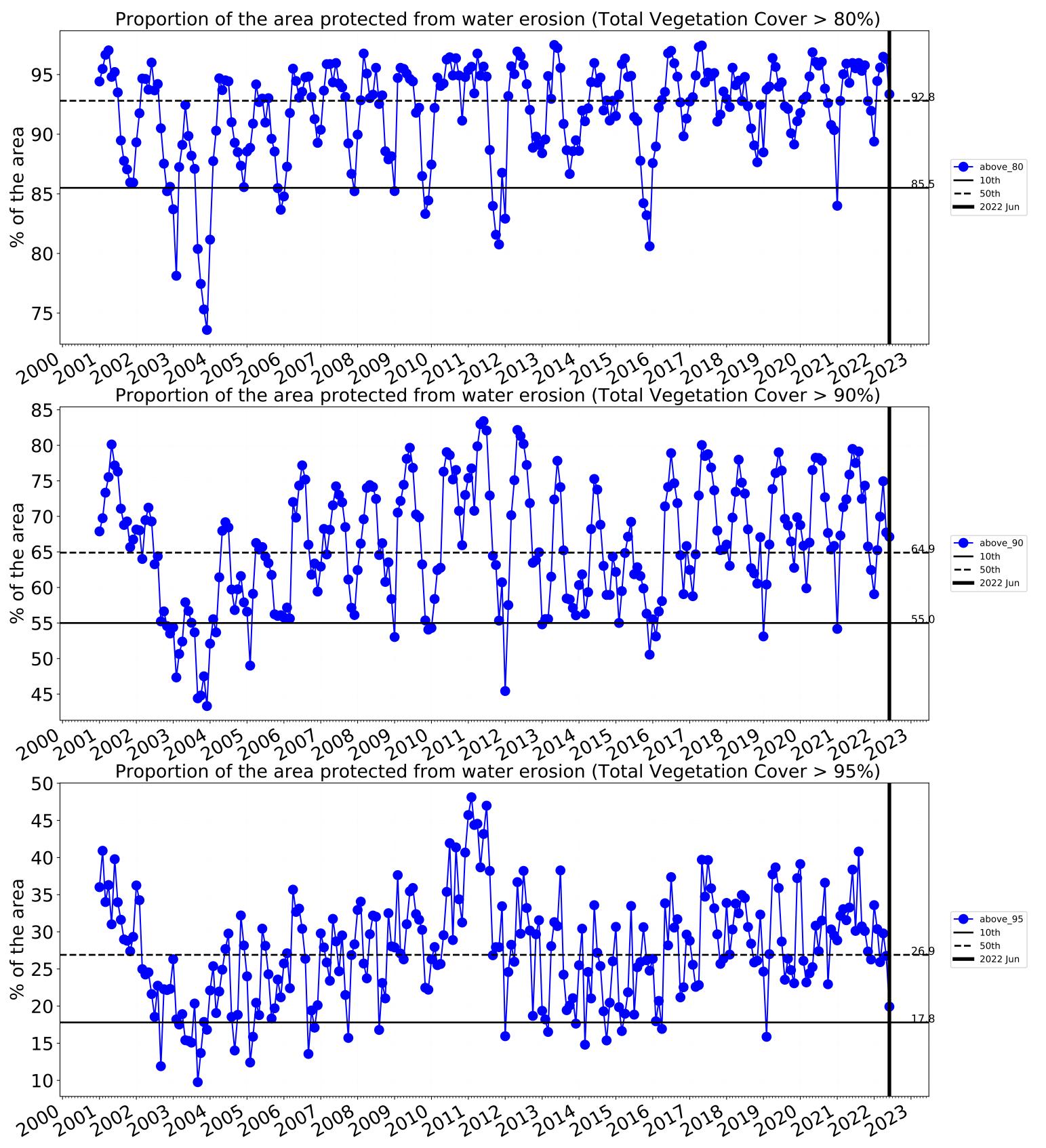
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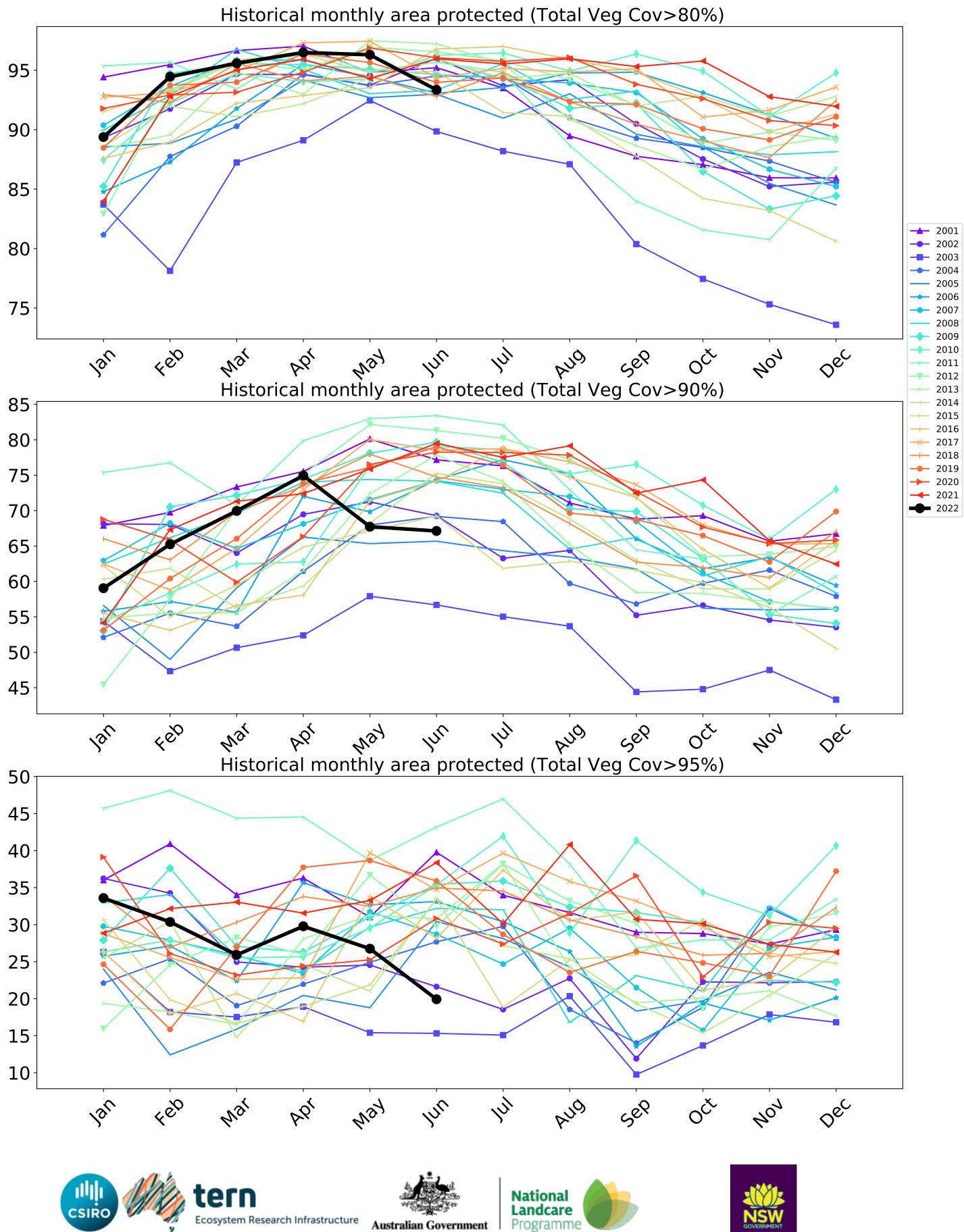




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

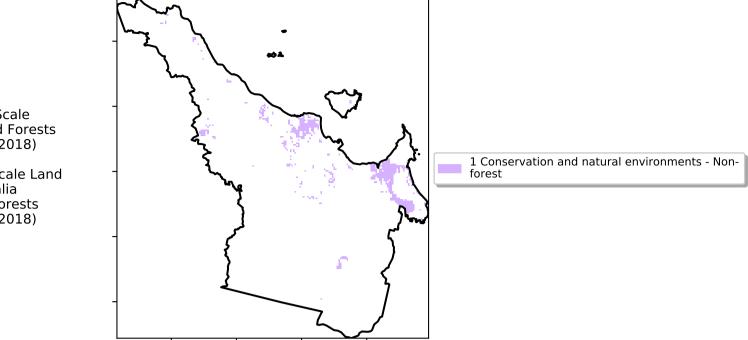




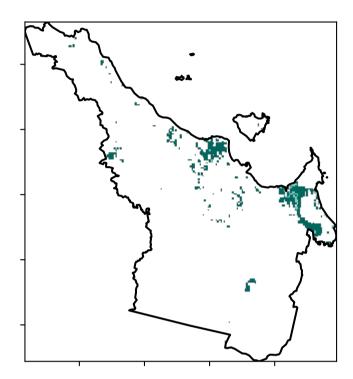


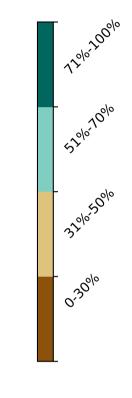
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Land use and forest cover

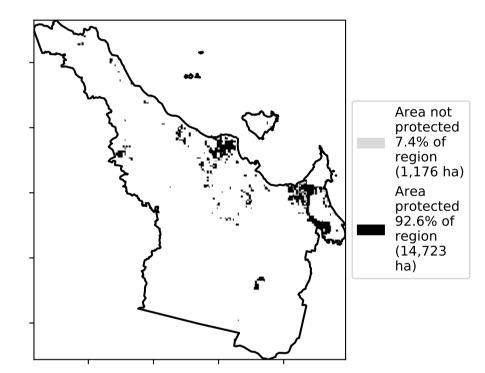


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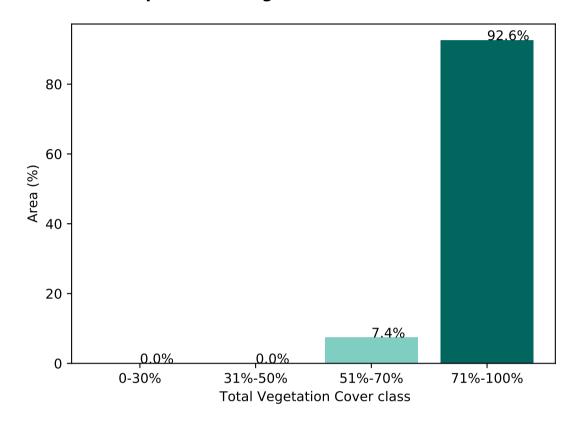




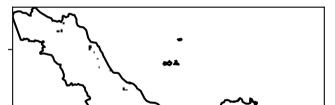
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

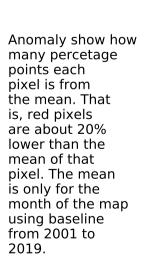


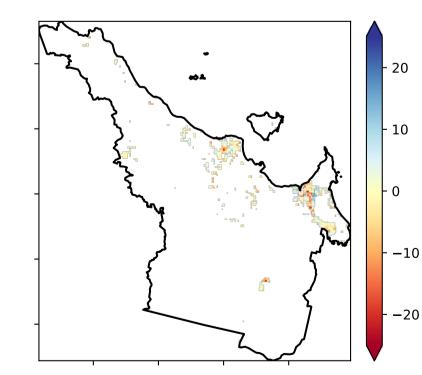
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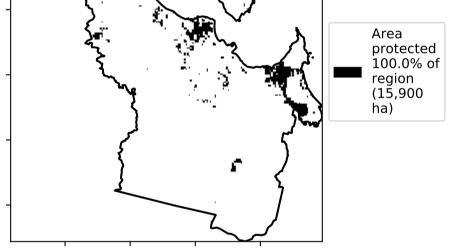
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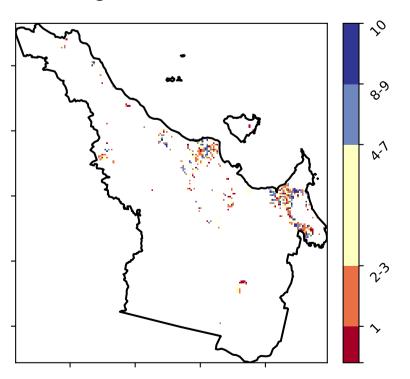
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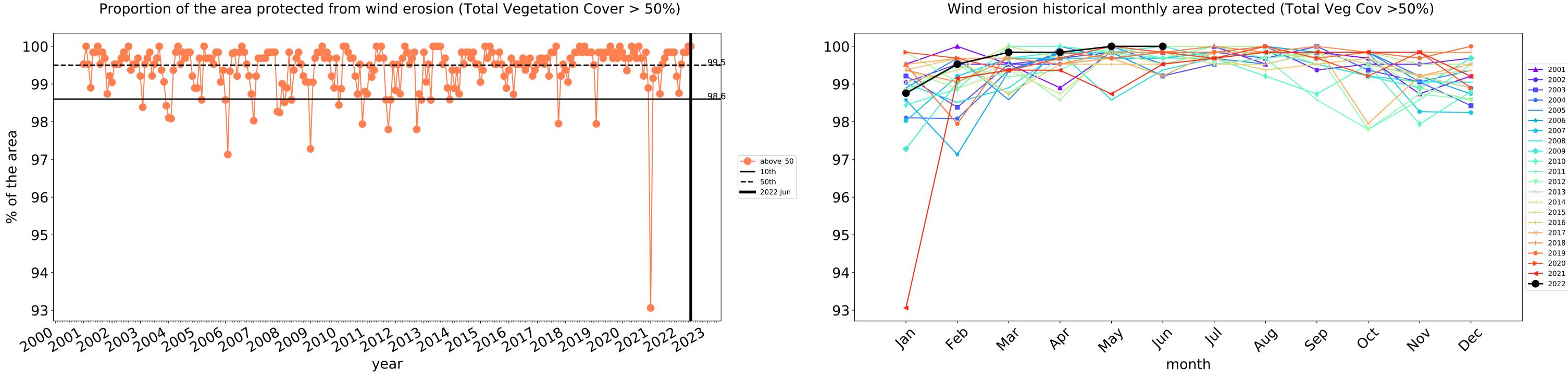


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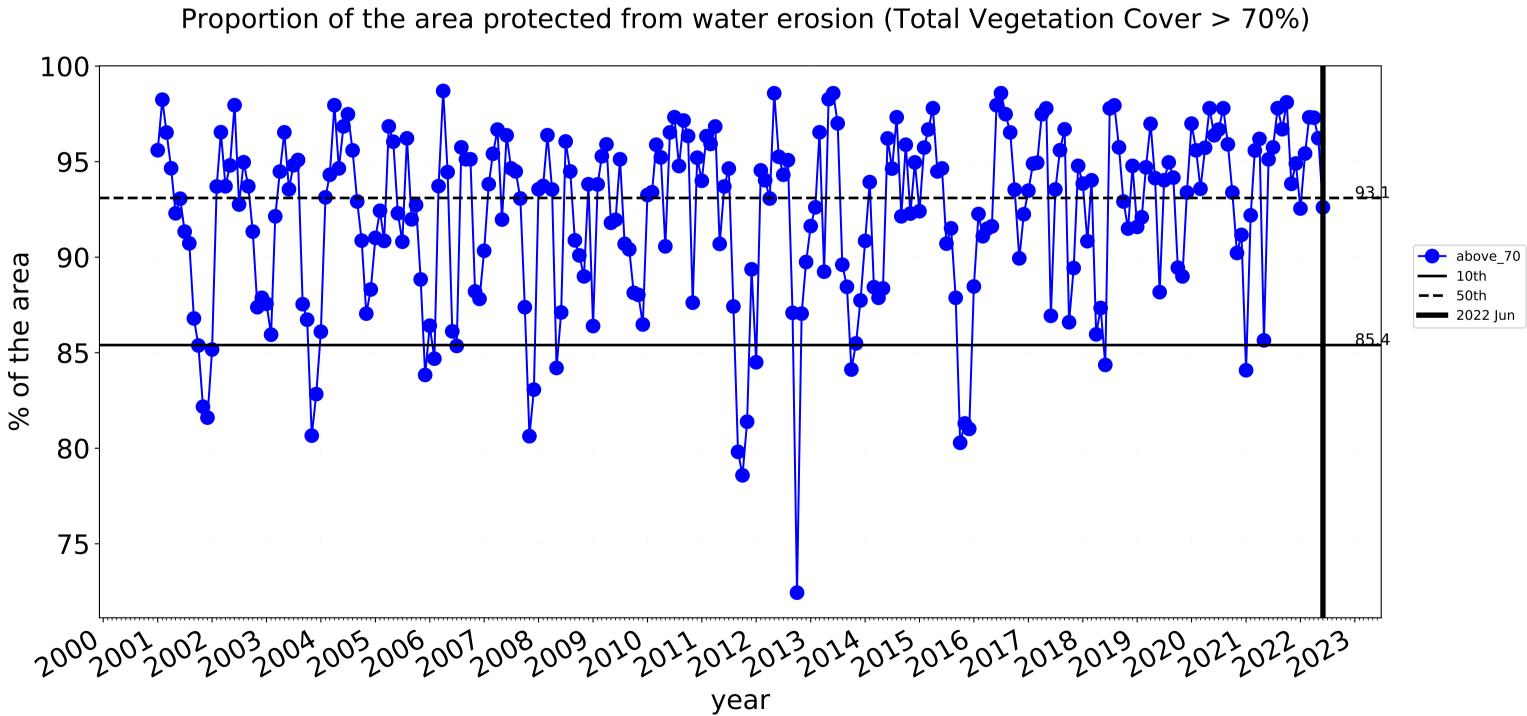


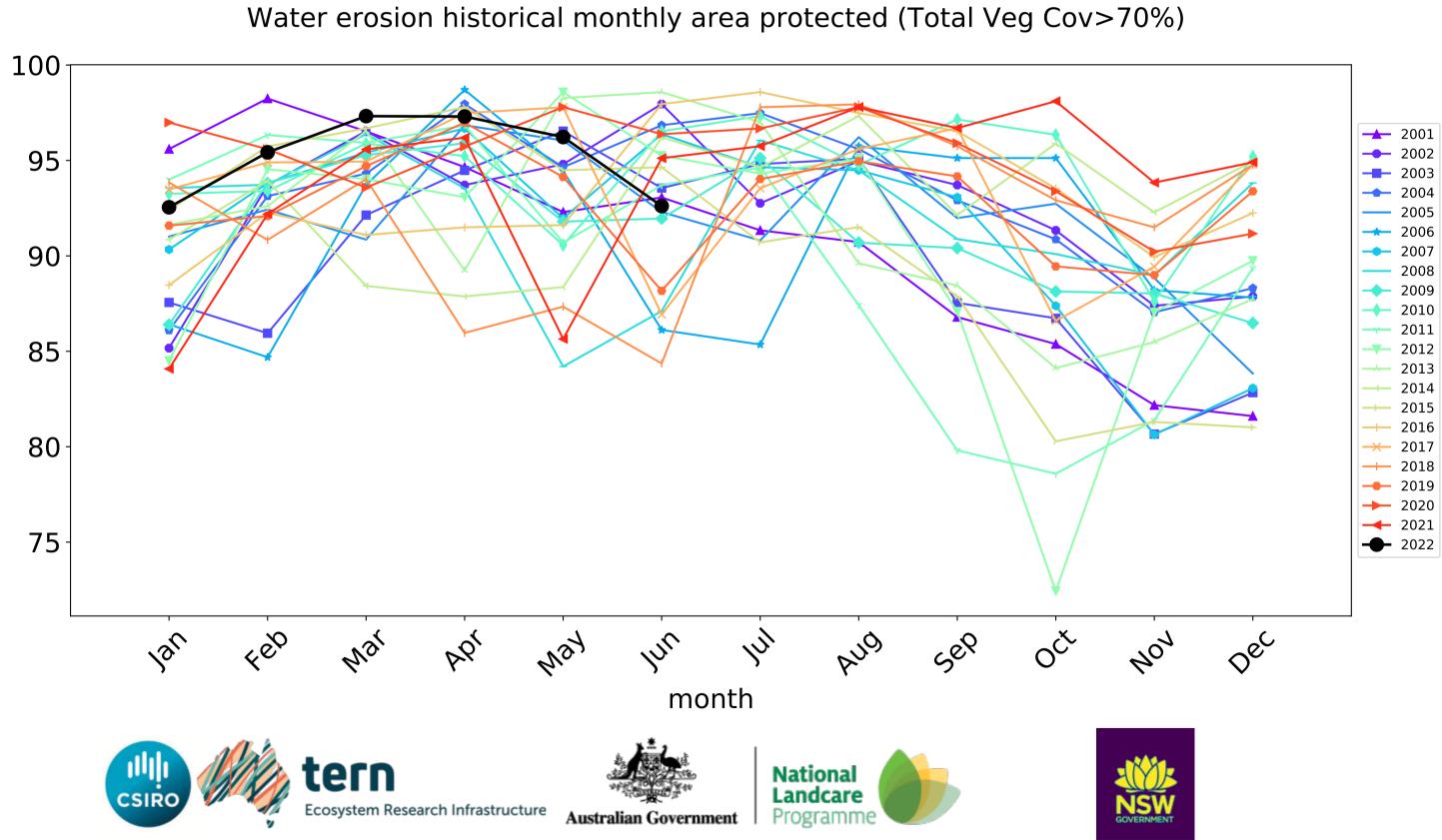


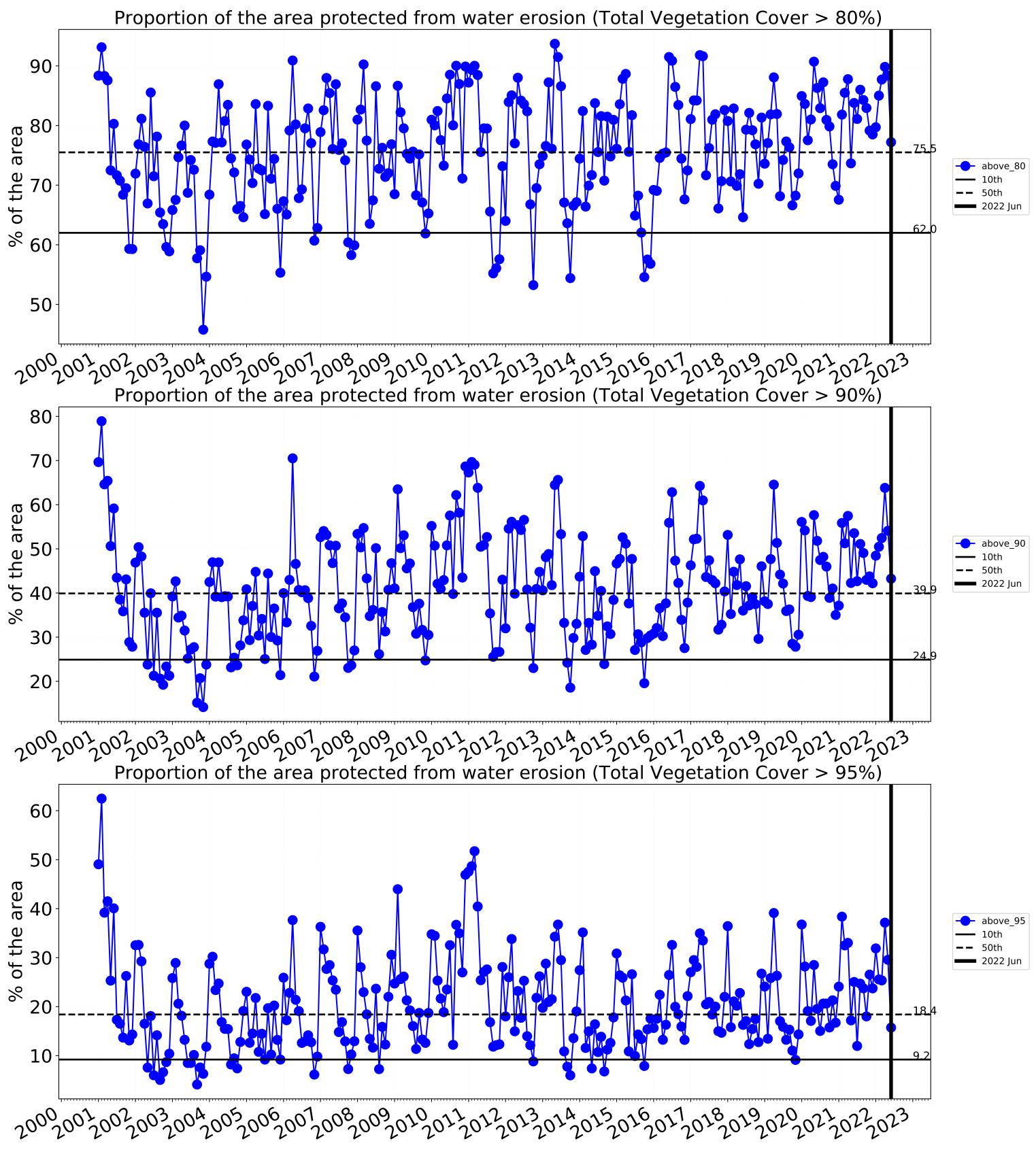


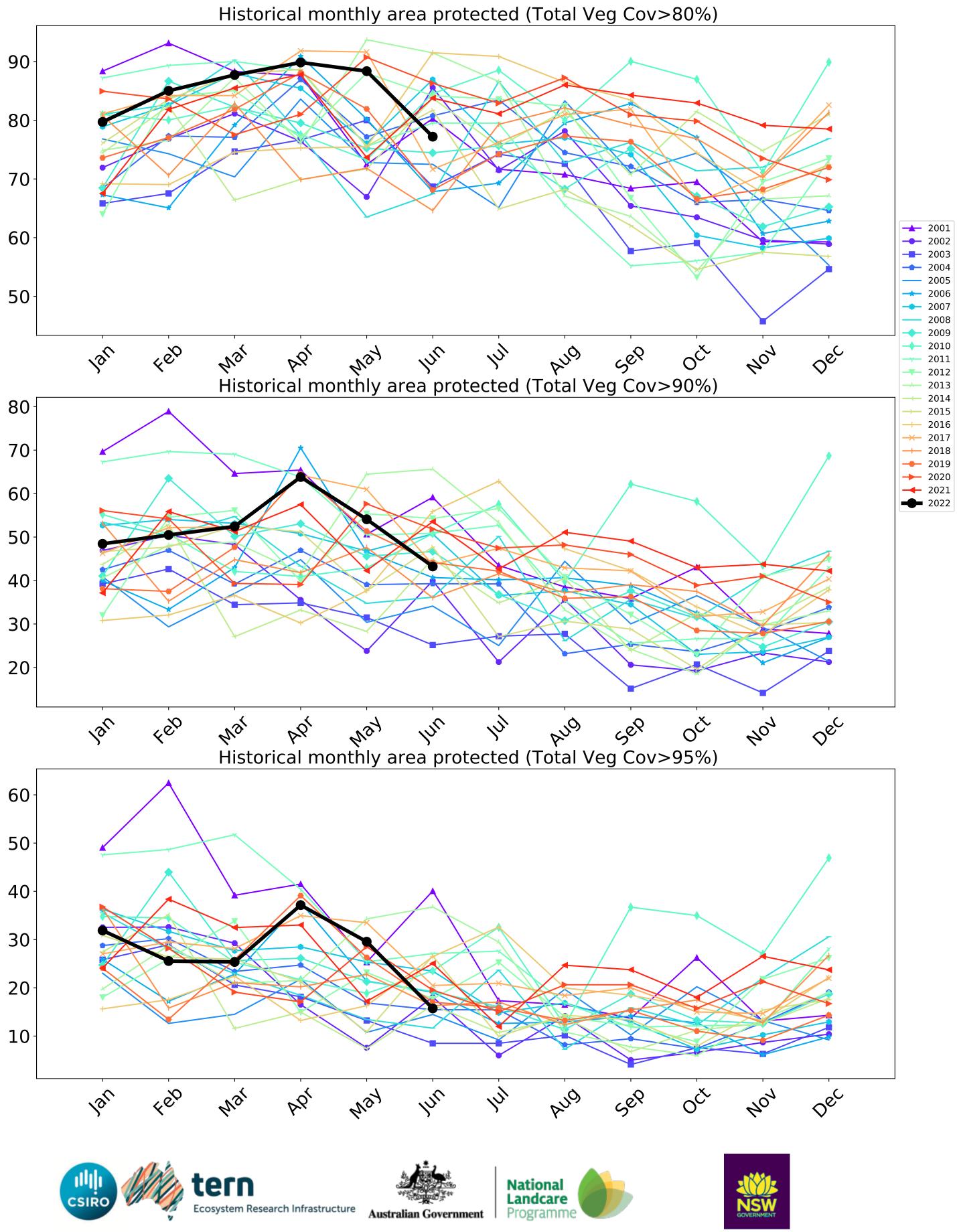








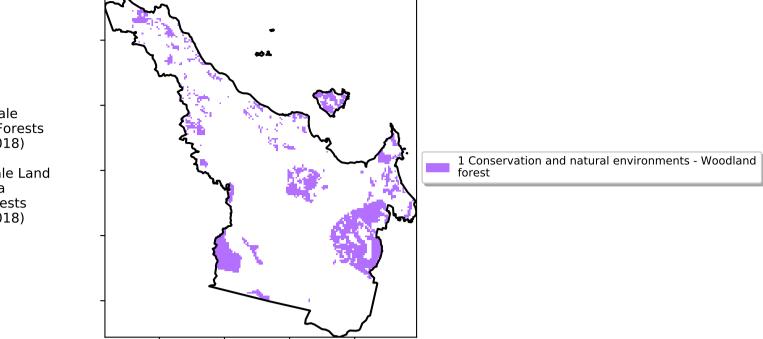






### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover



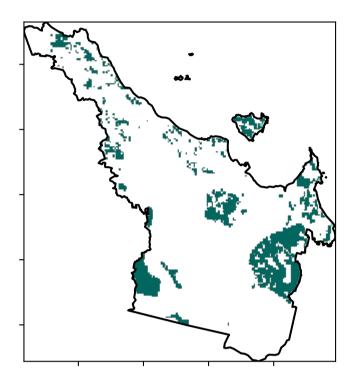
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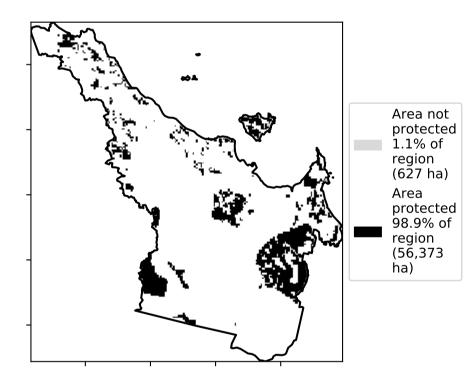
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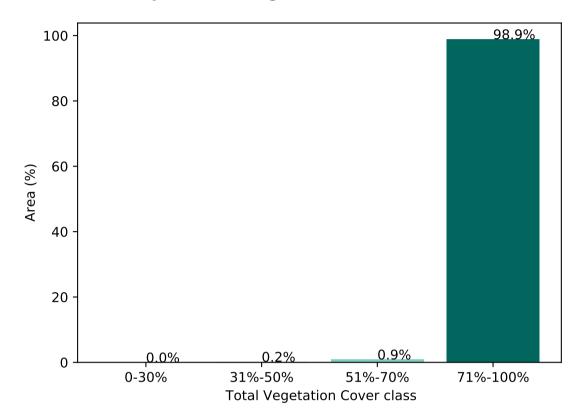
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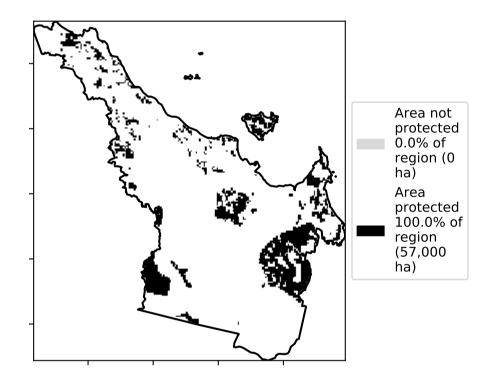






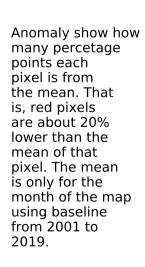


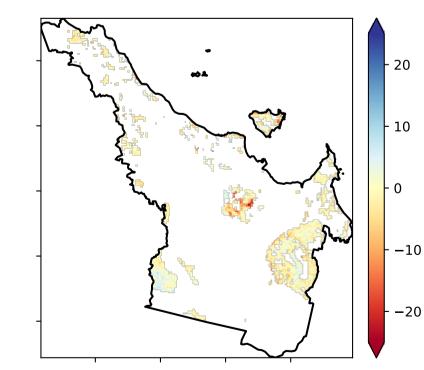
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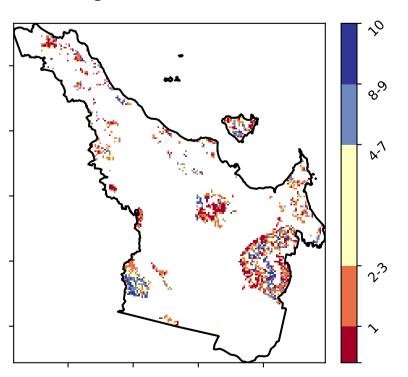
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



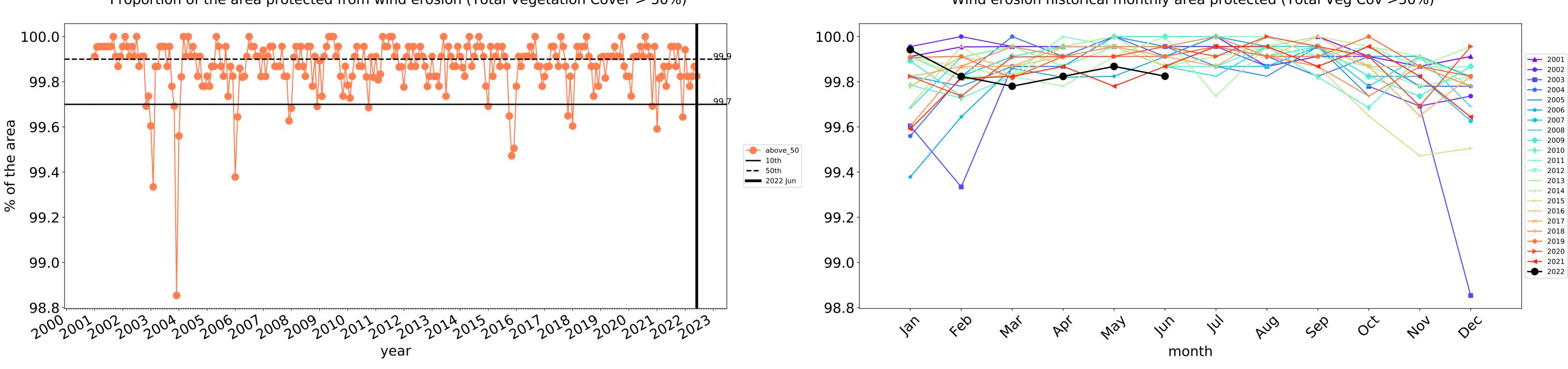


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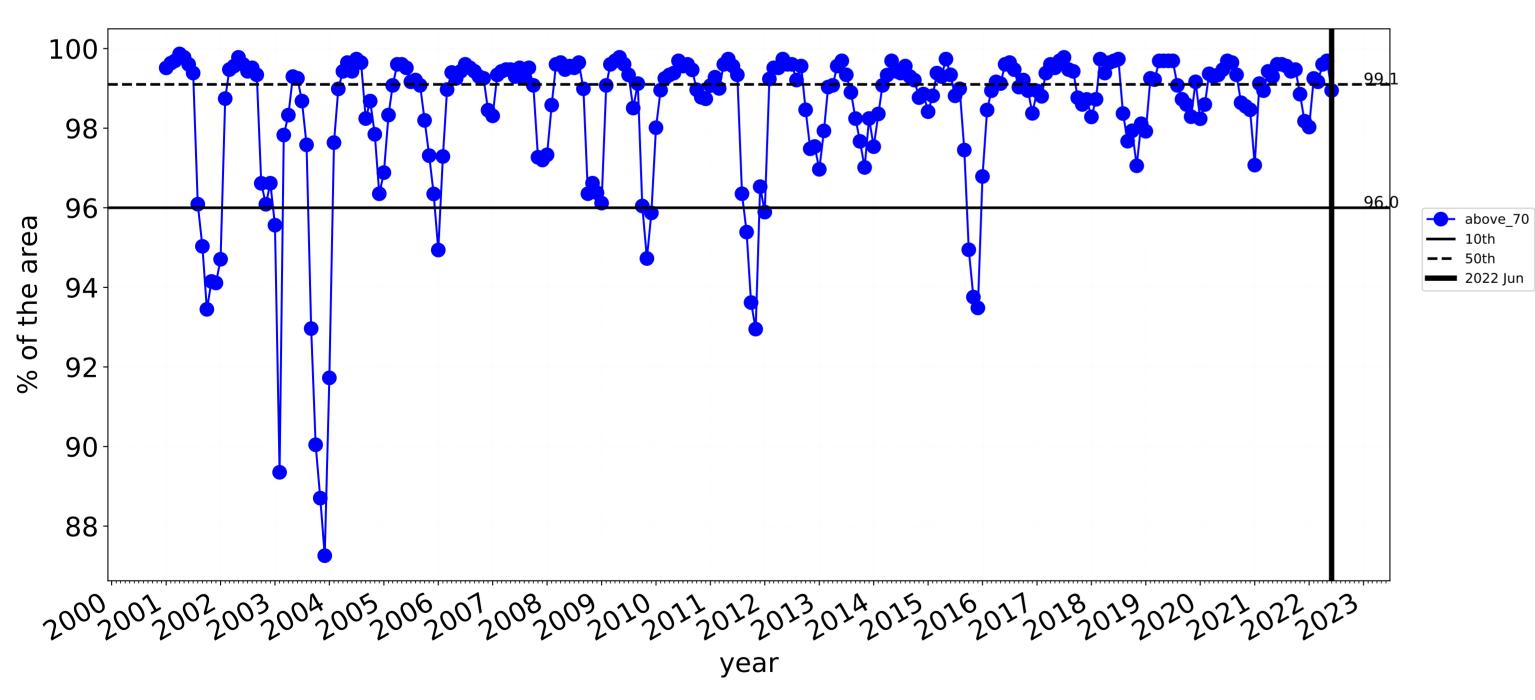


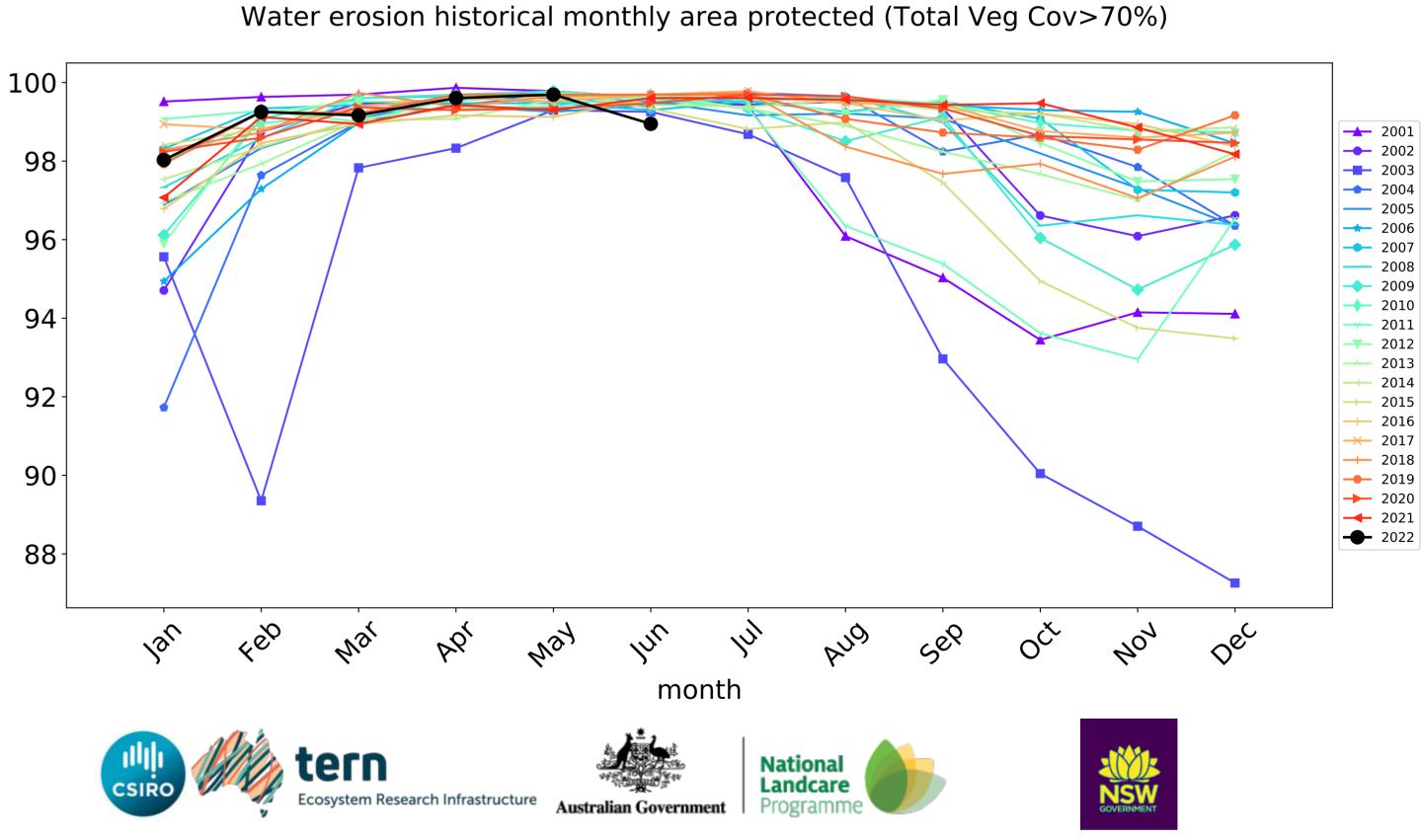




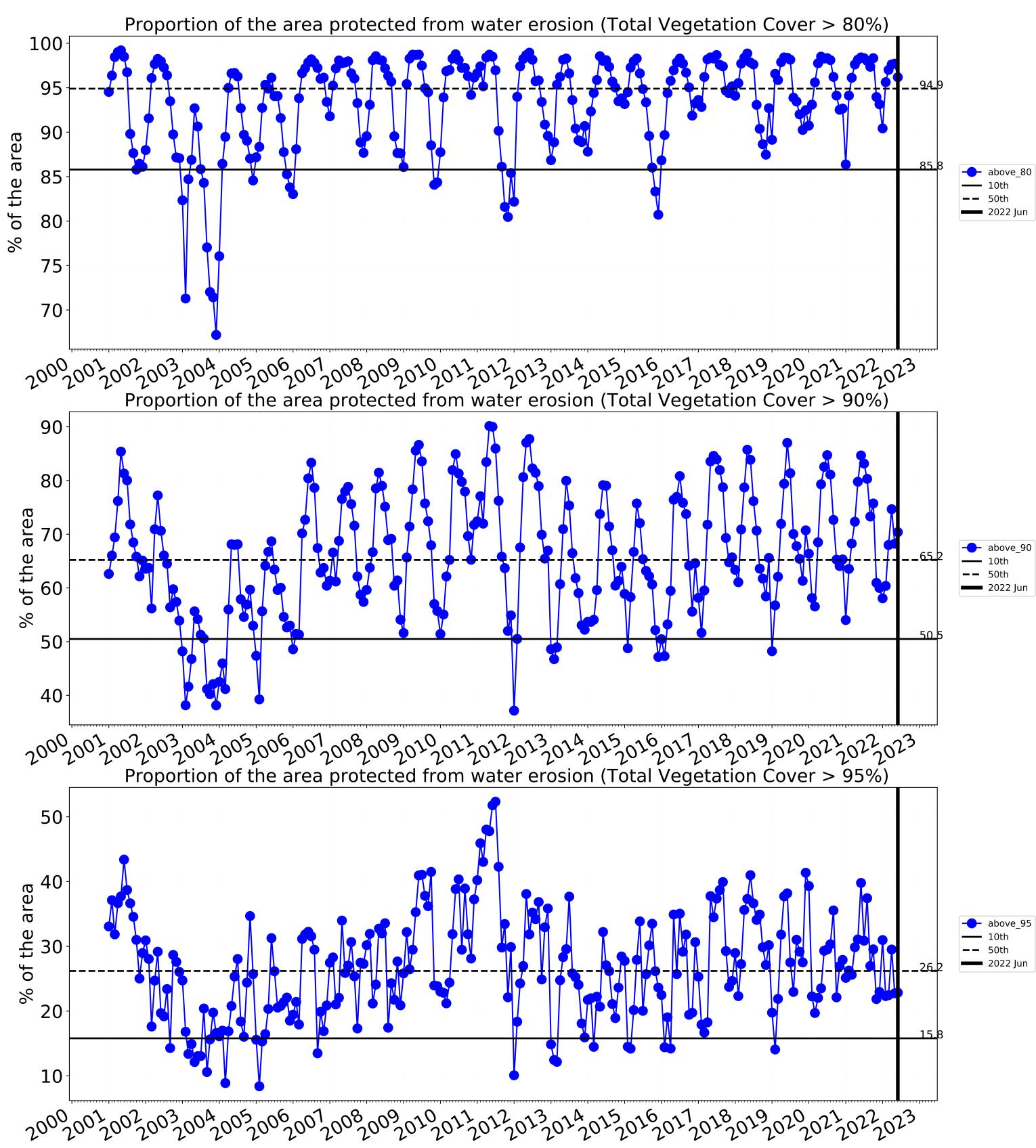
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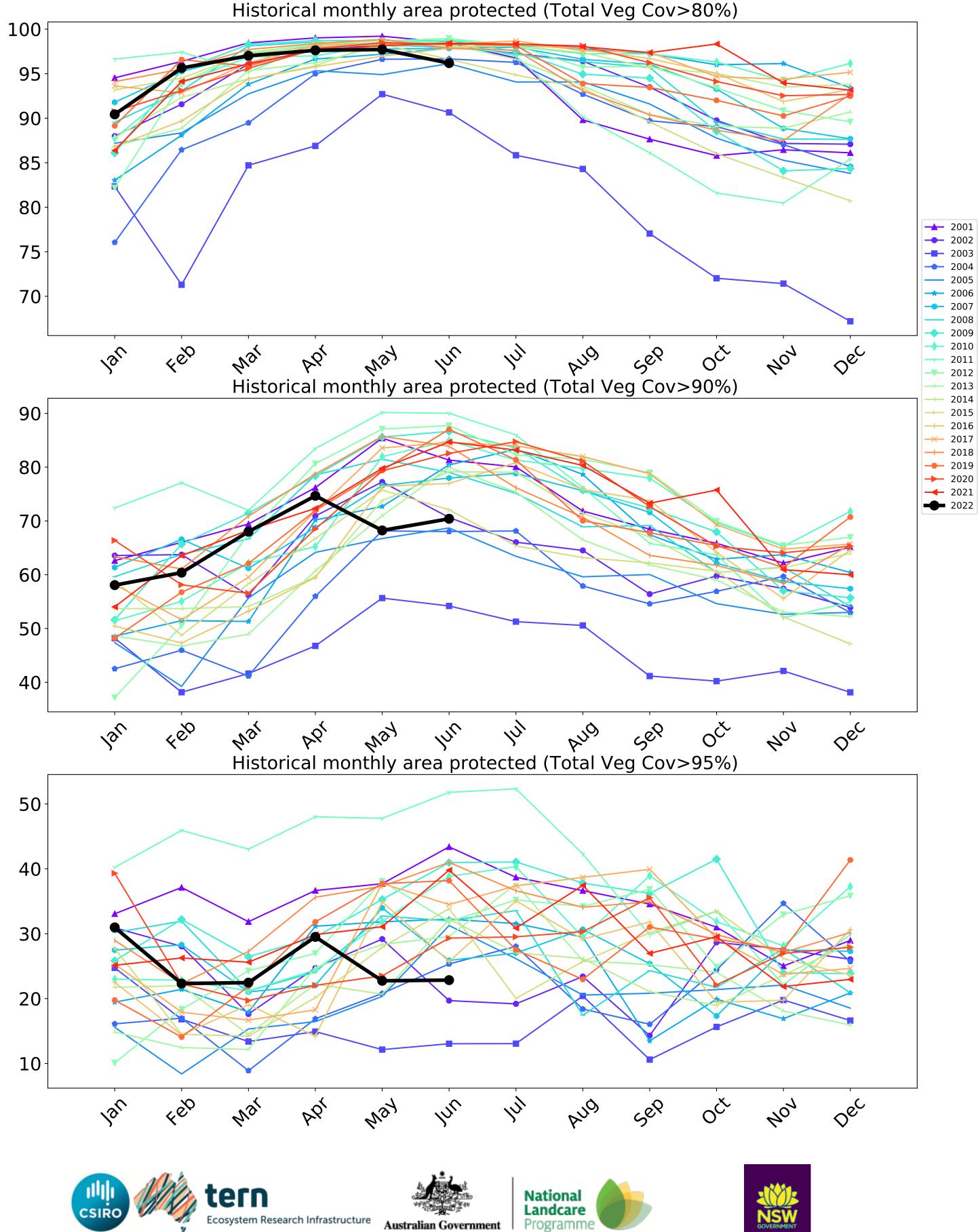
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





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

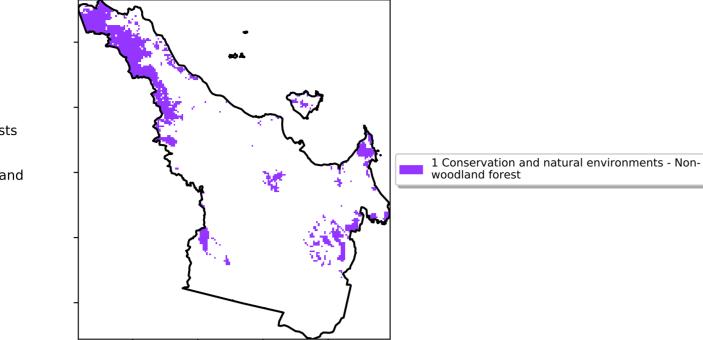






#### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover



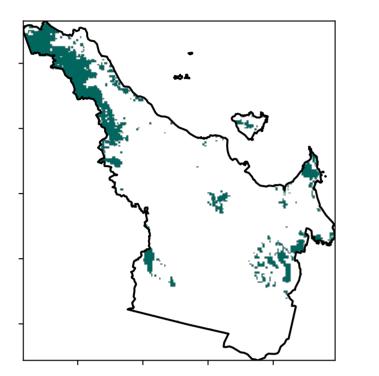
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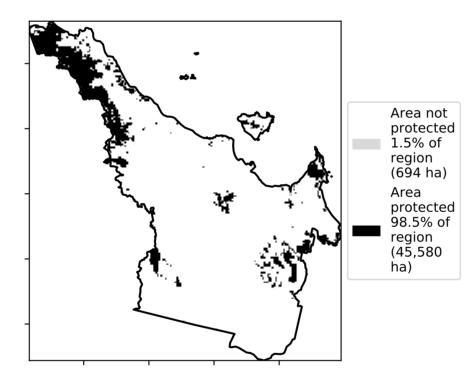
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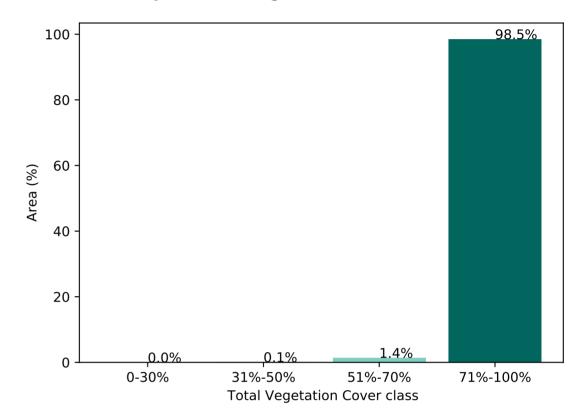
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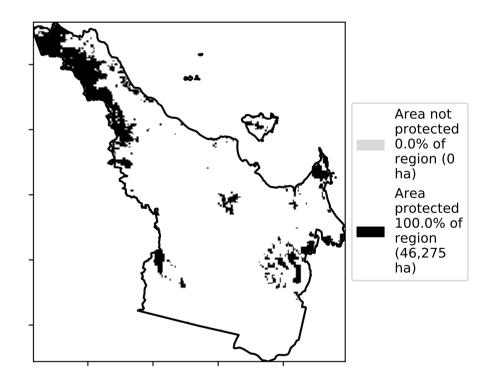
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



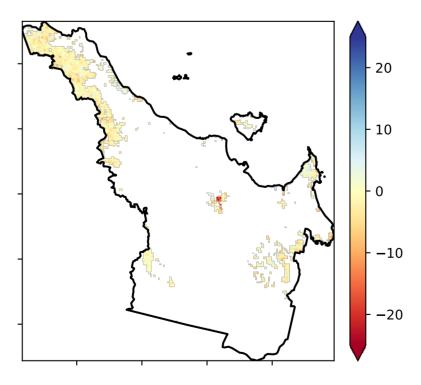
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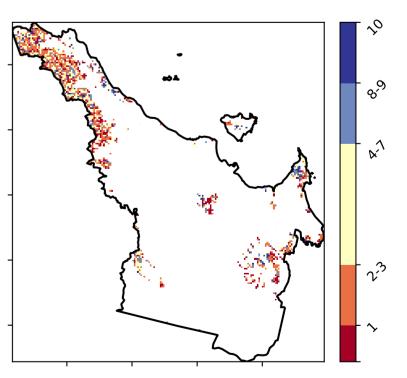
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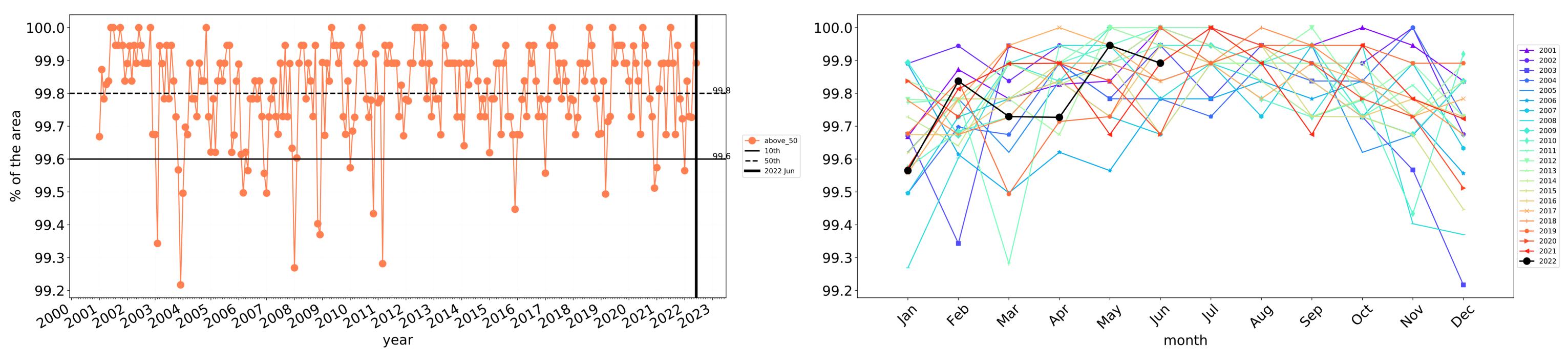
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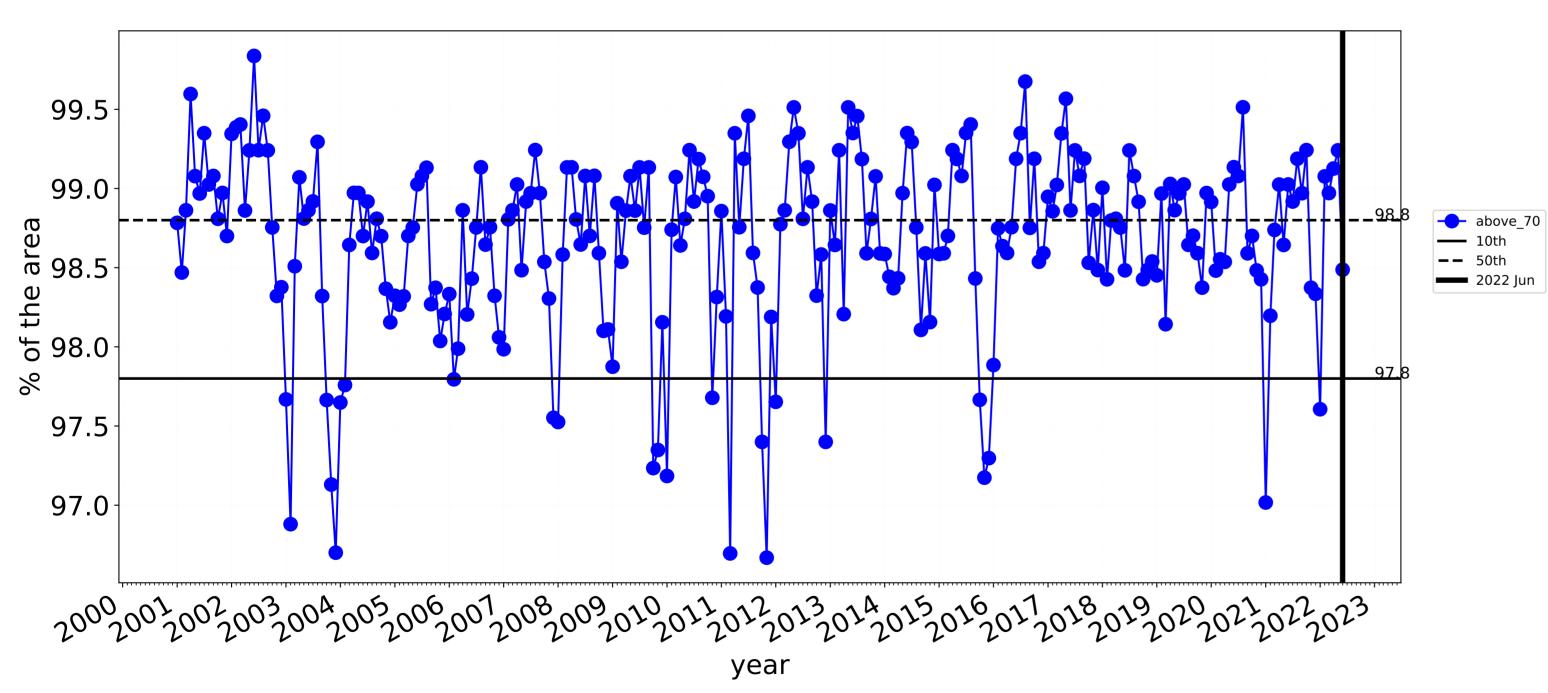


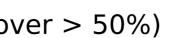




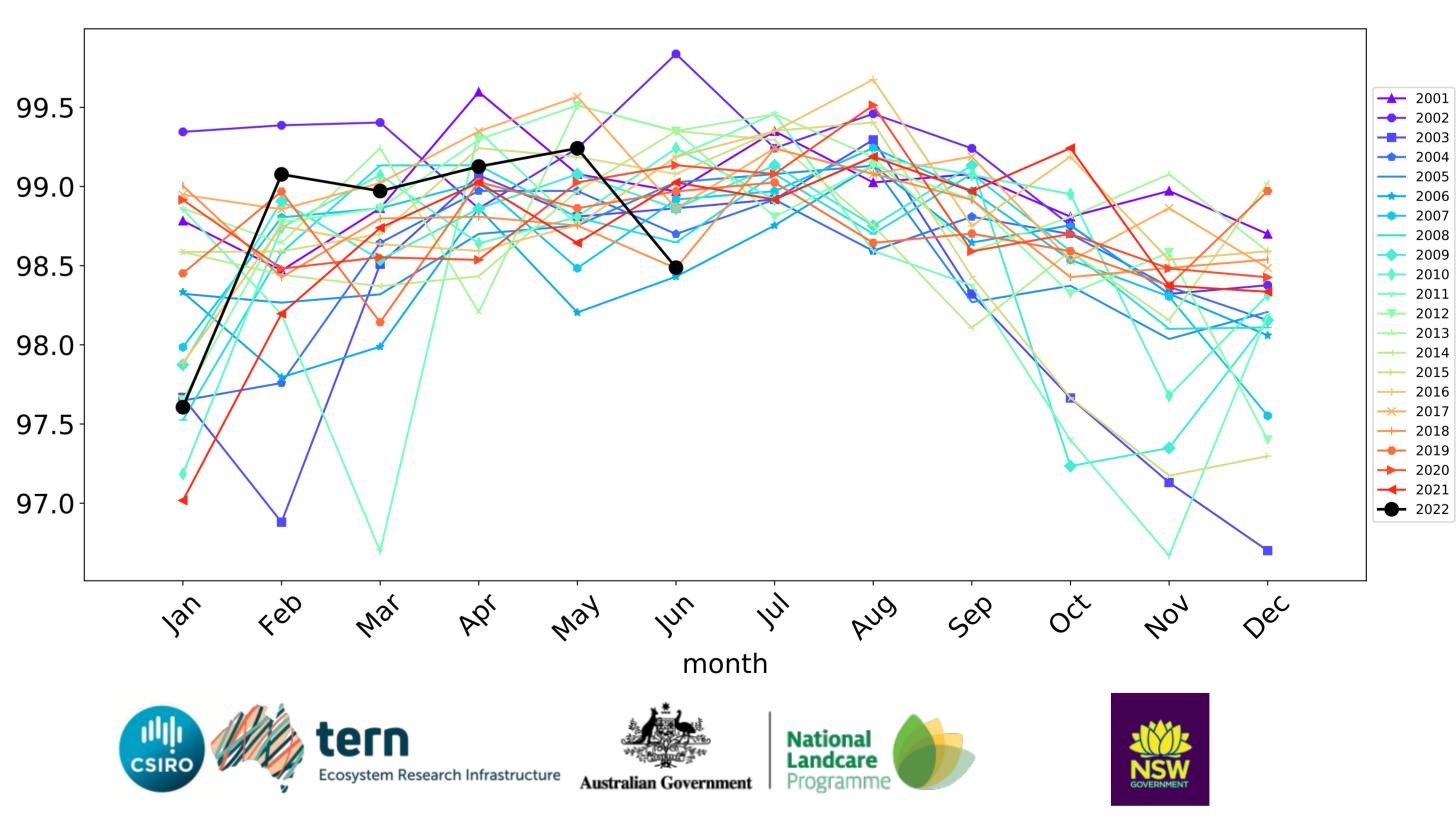
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

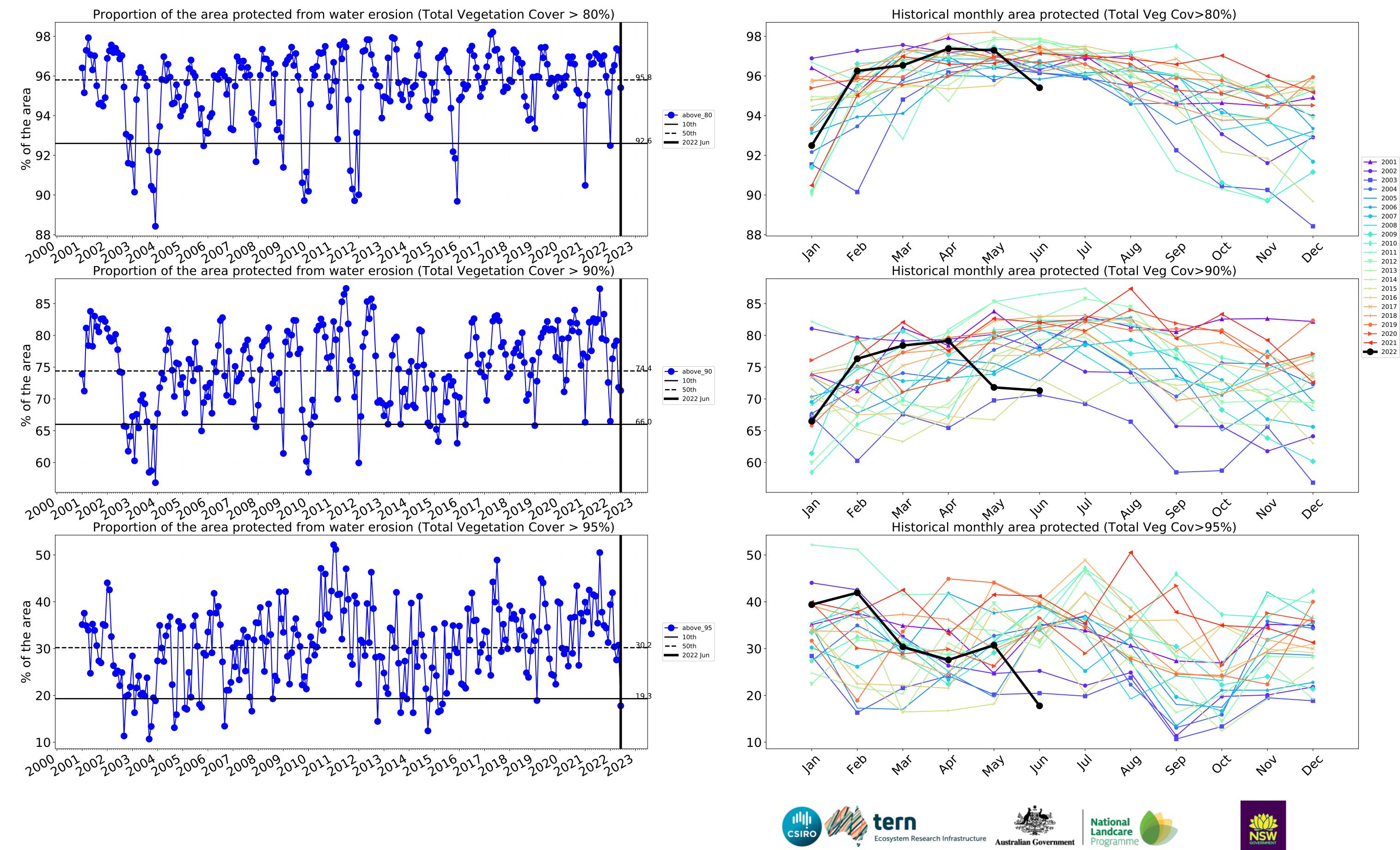




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



### Agriculture

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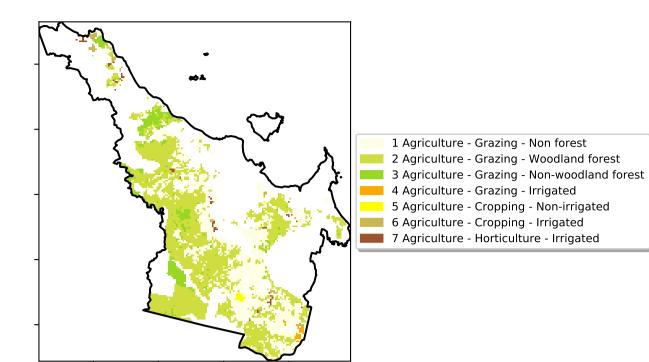
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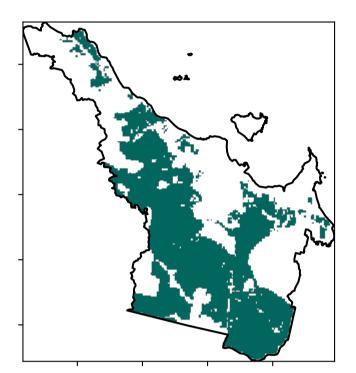
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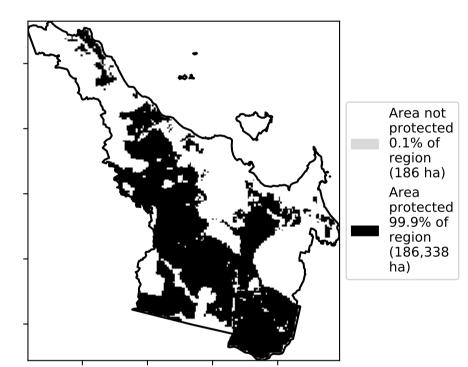


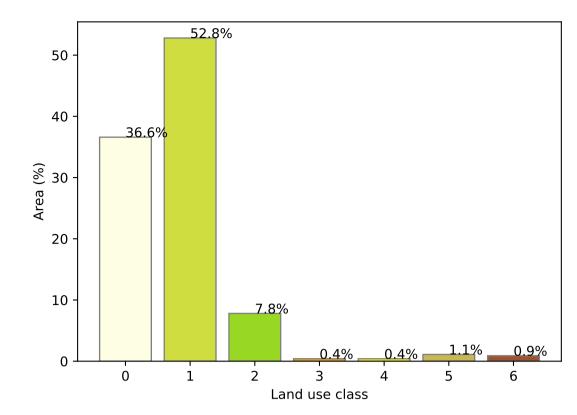
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Land use and forest cover



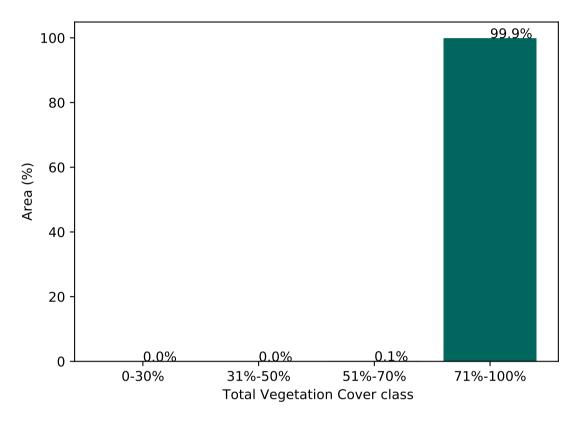




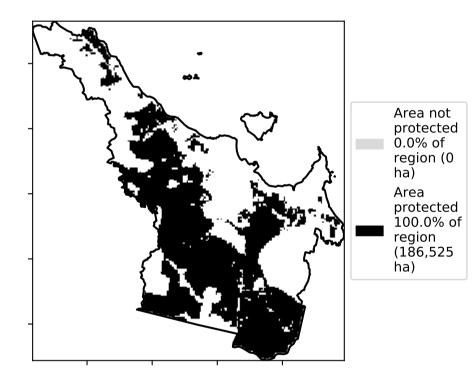


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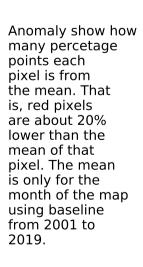
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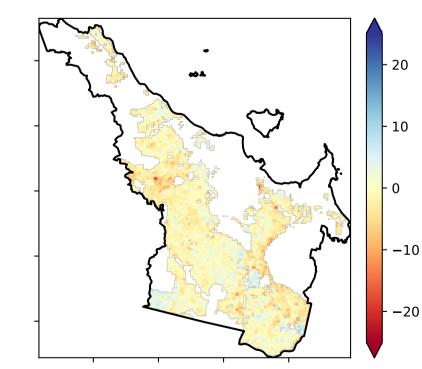


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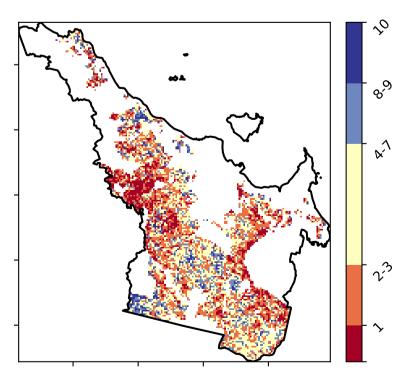


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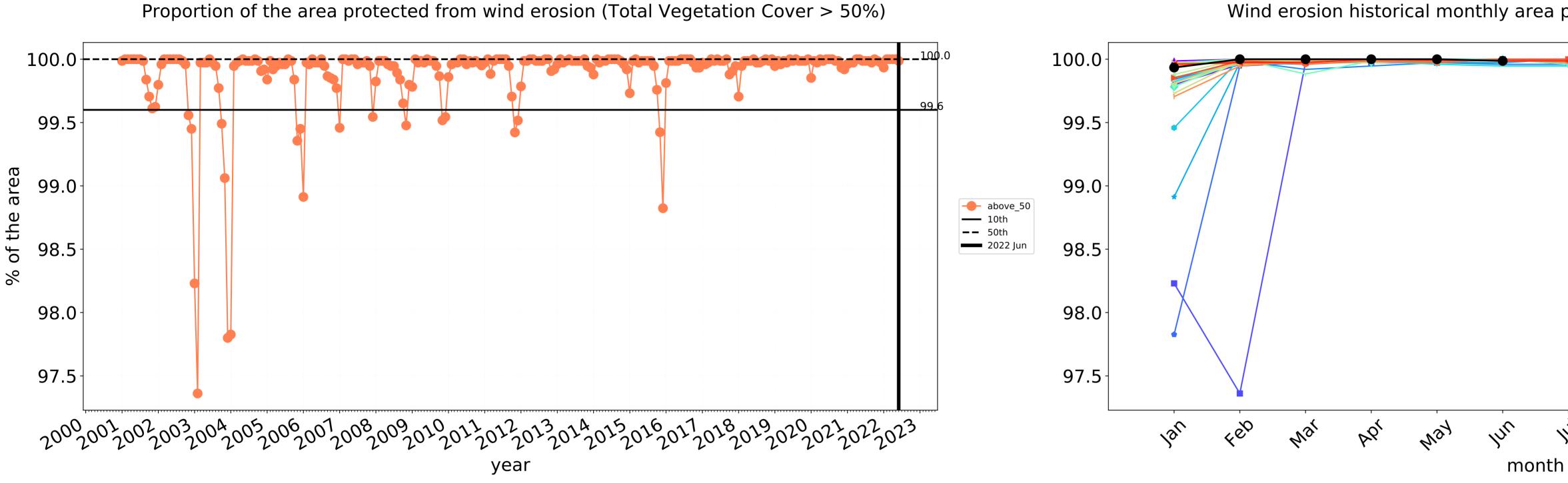


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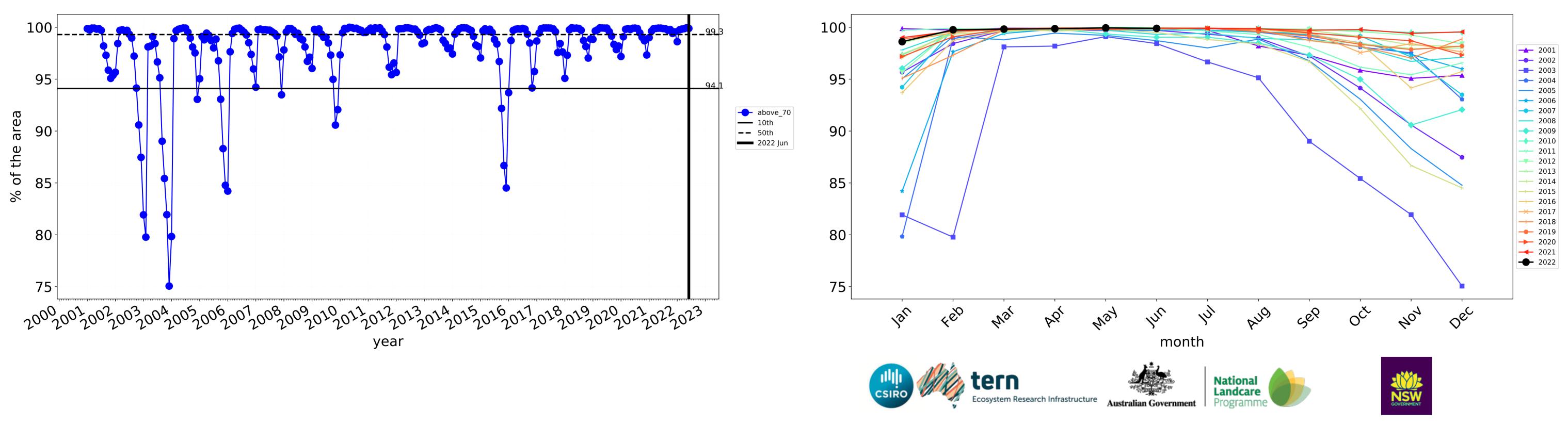




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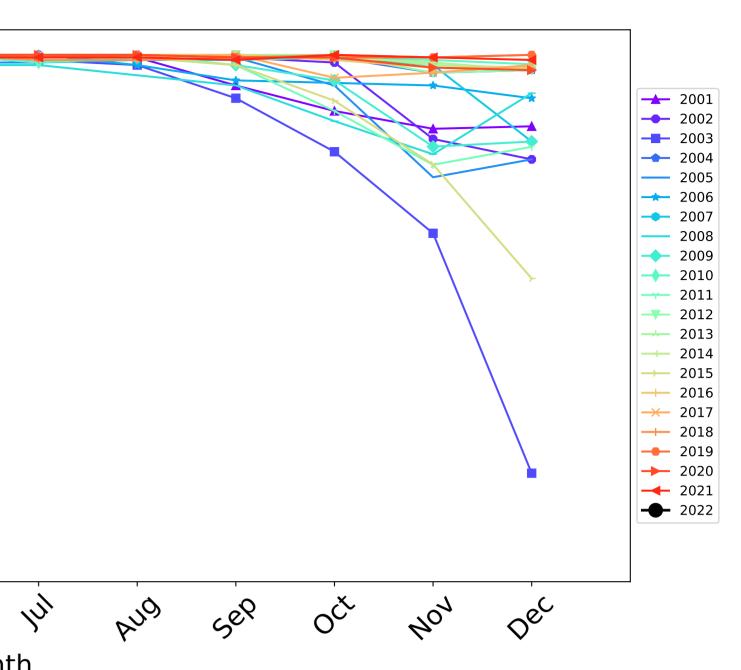


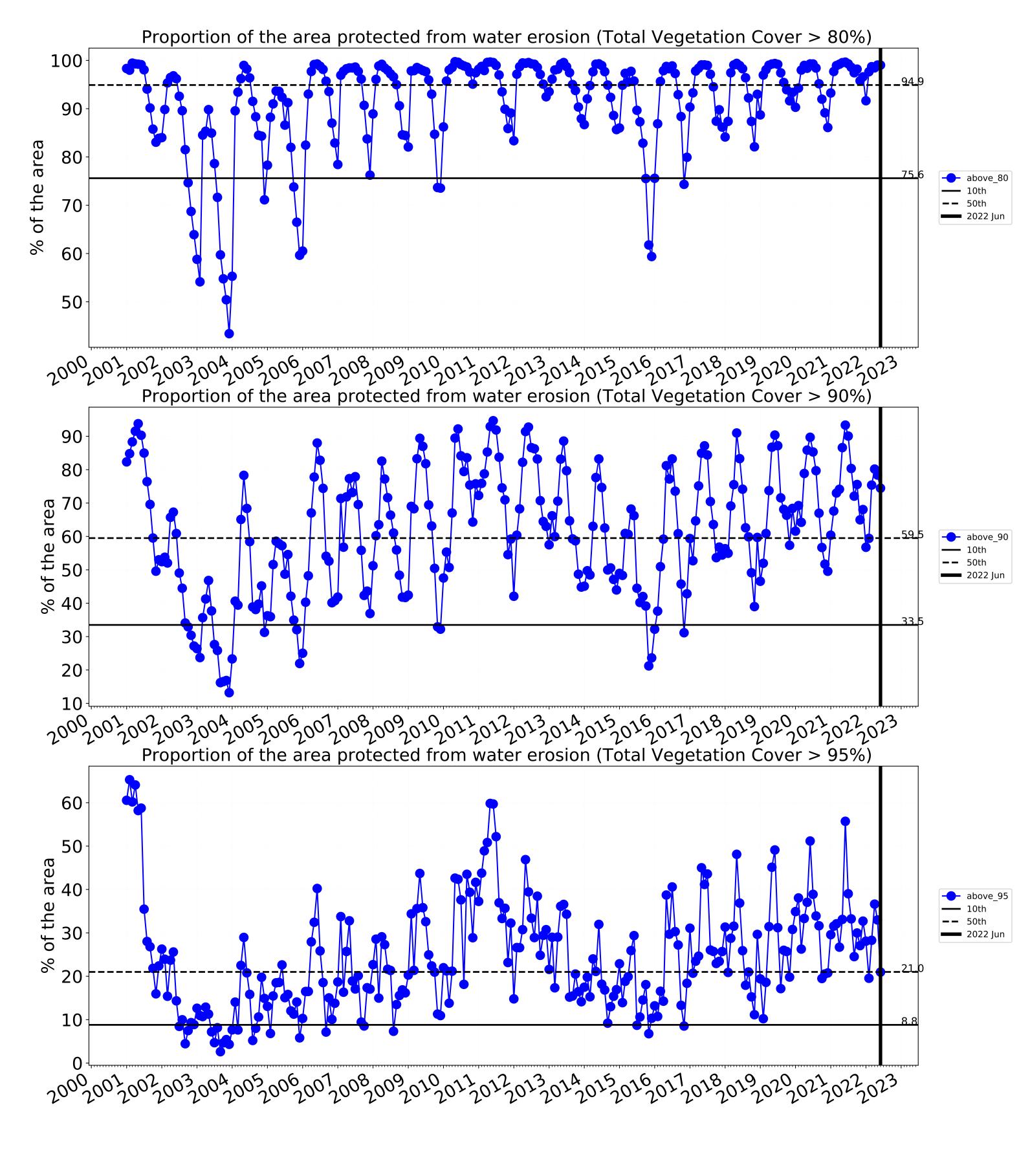
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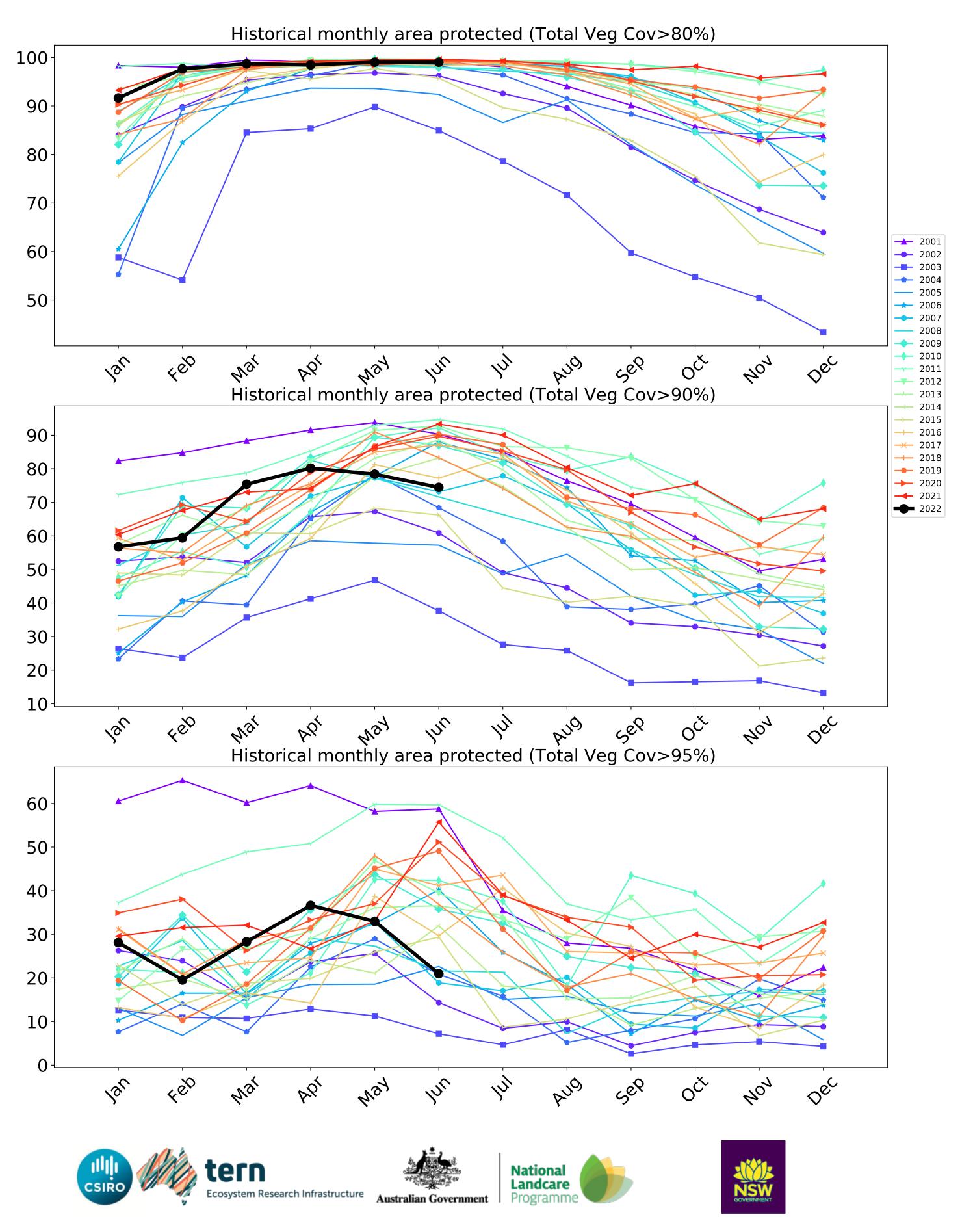


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

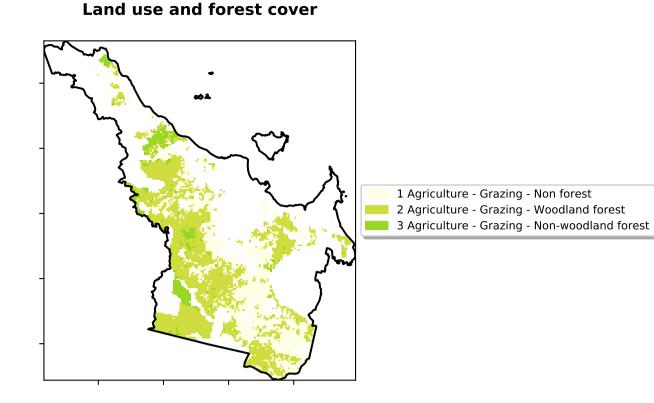






#### Grazing

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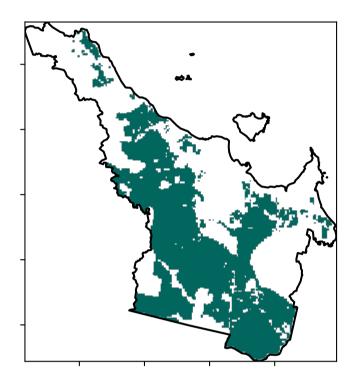
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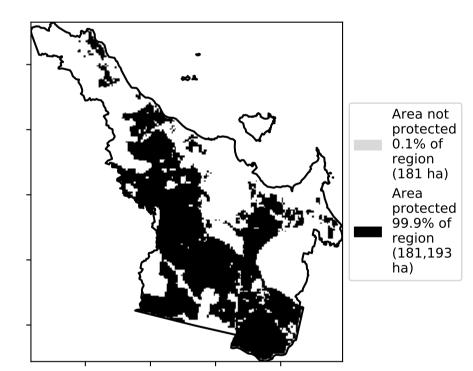
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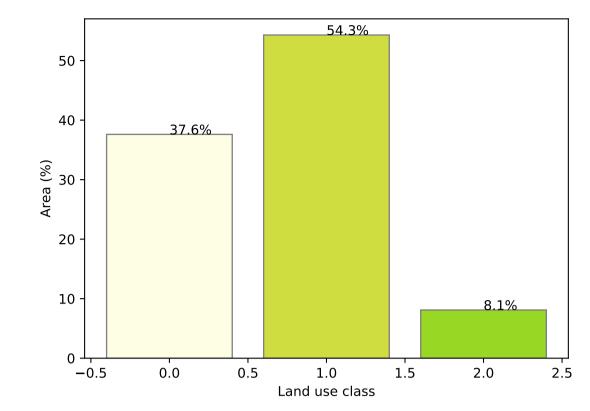
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



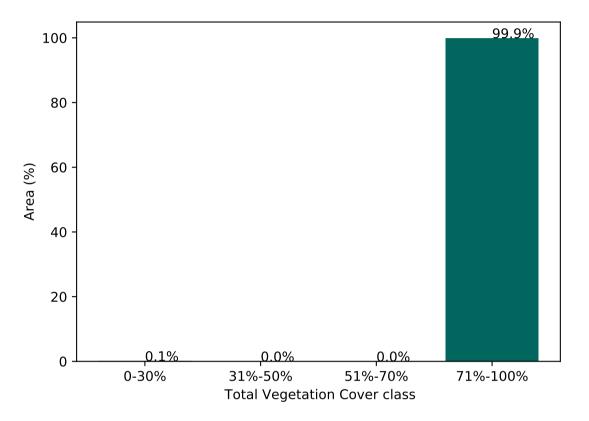
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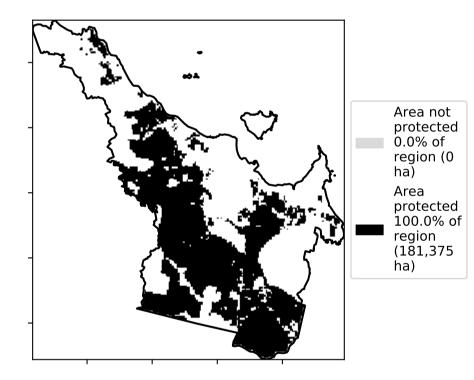


#### Proportion of each land class in area

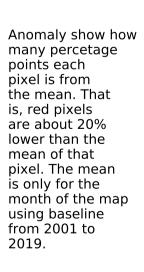
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

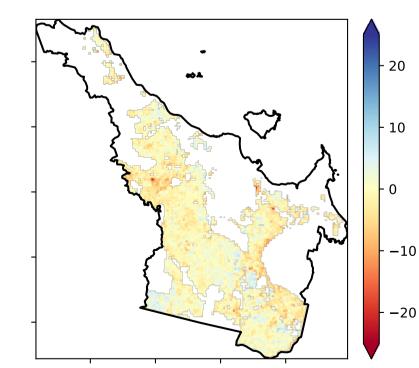


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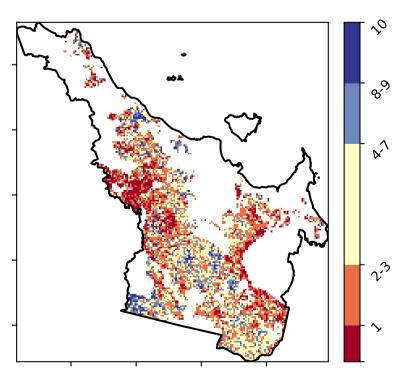


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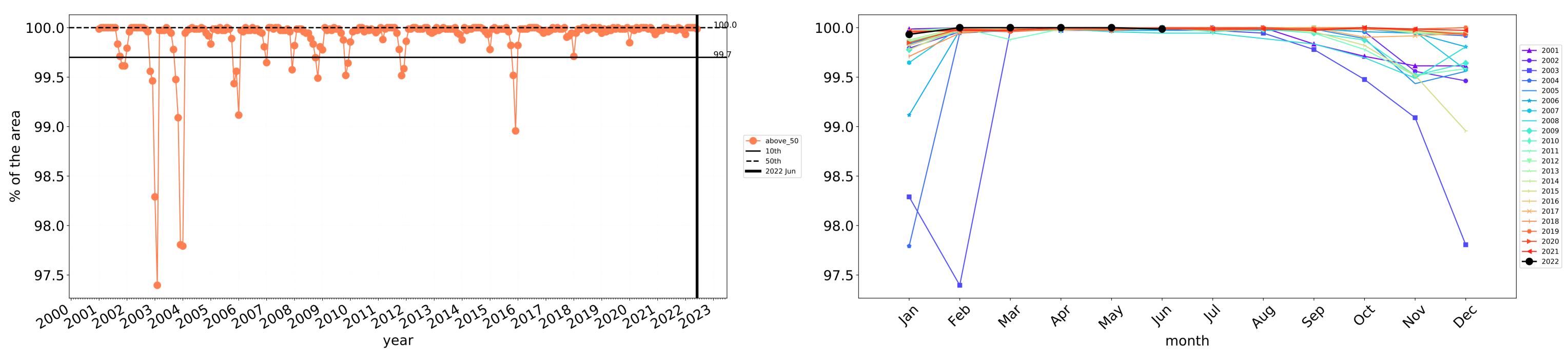




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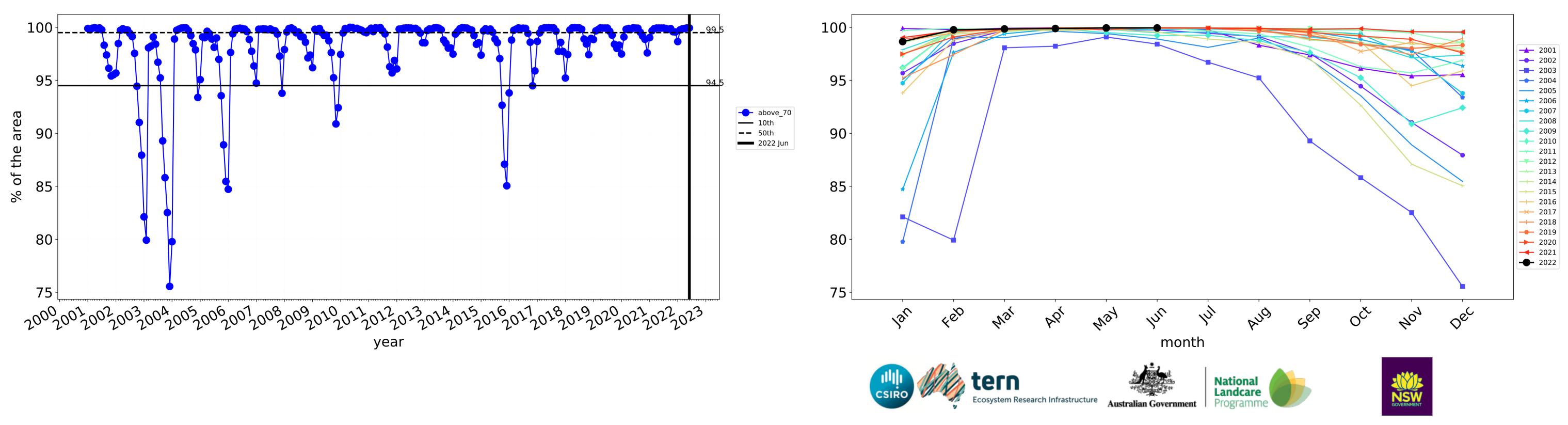


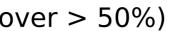




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

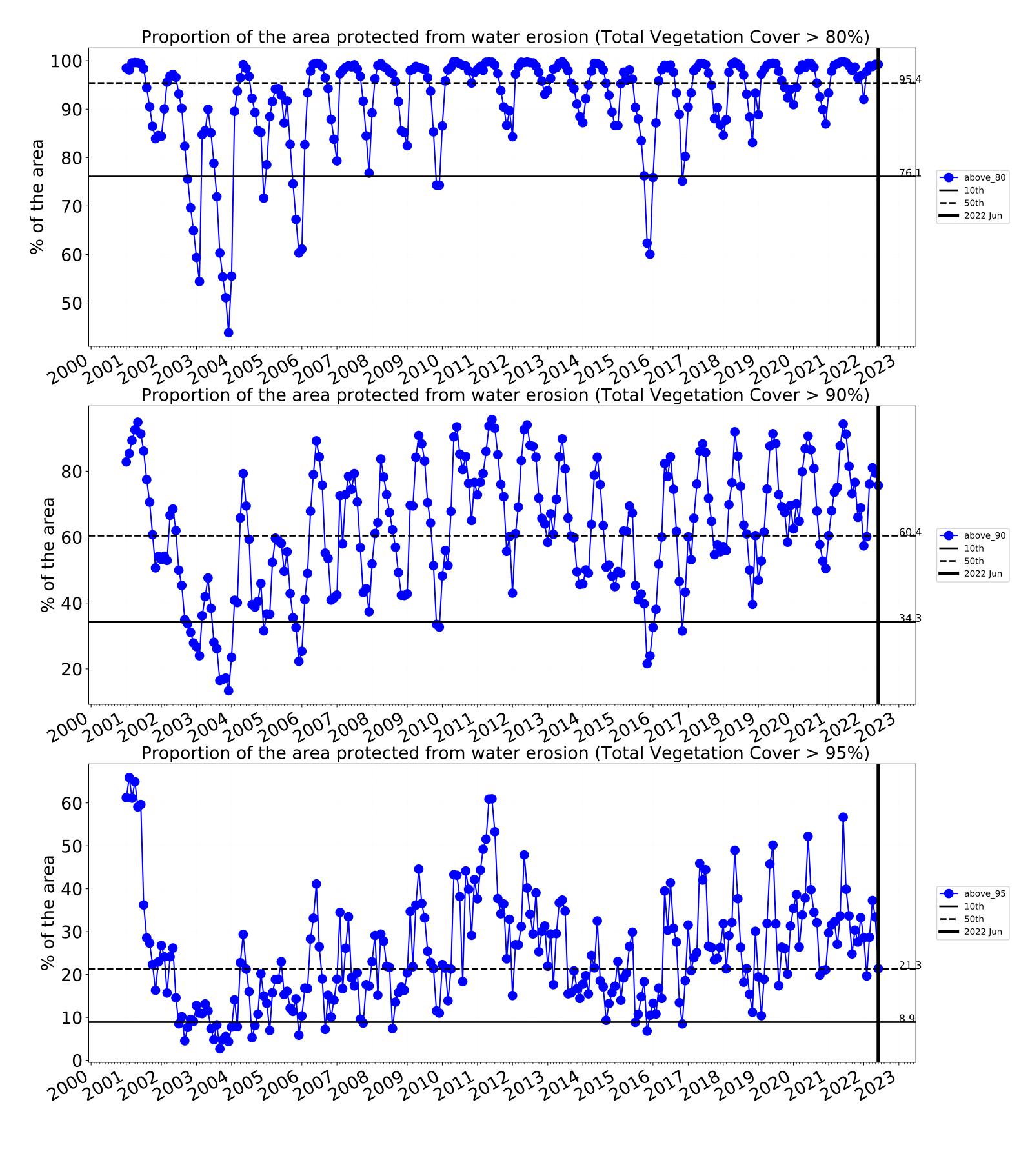
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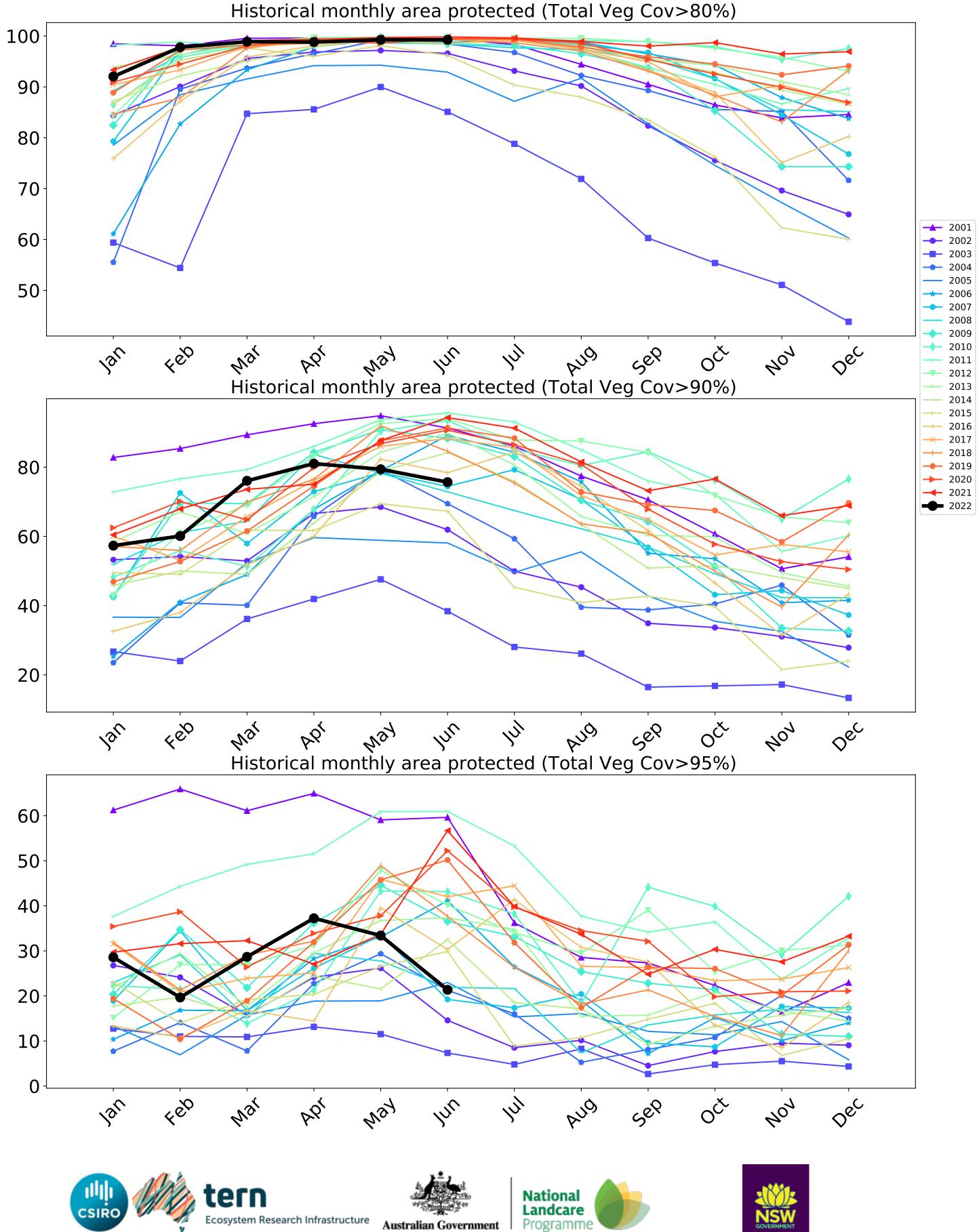




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







#### **Grazing non forest**

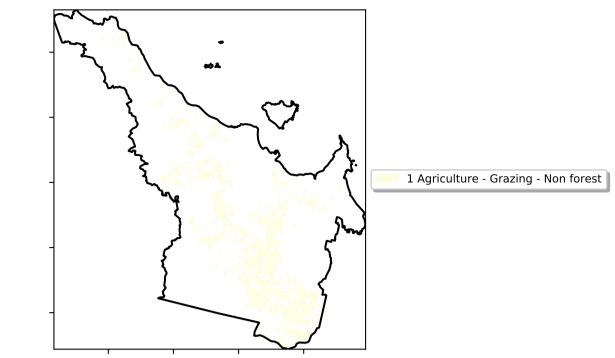
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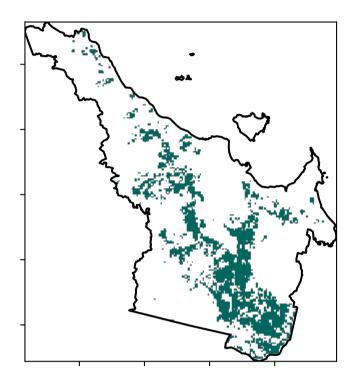
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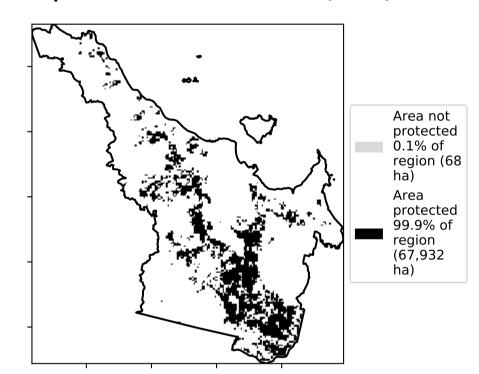
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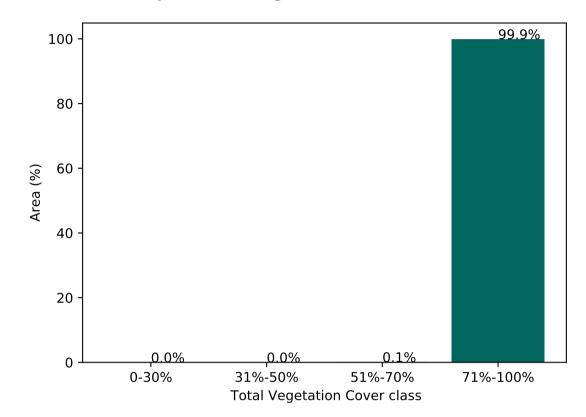
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



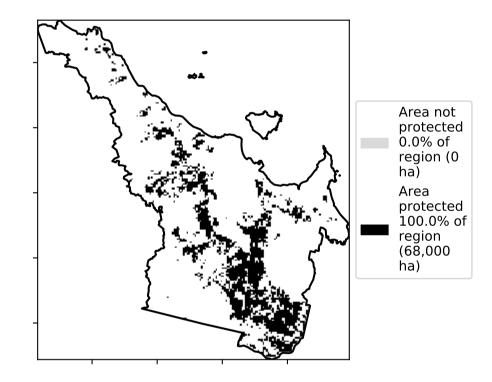






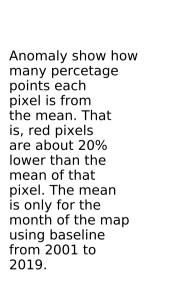


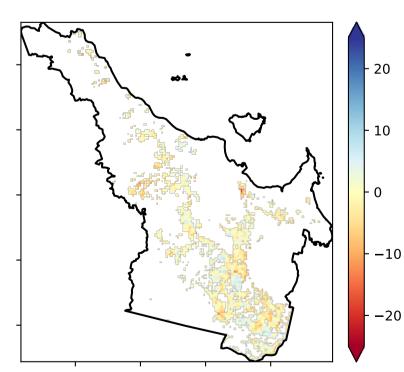
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



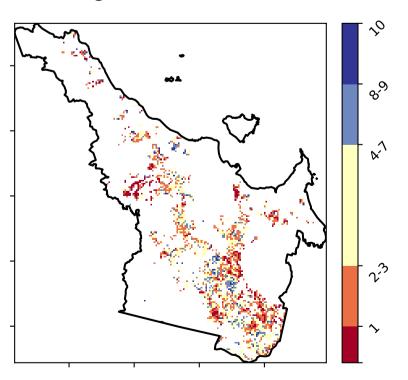
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

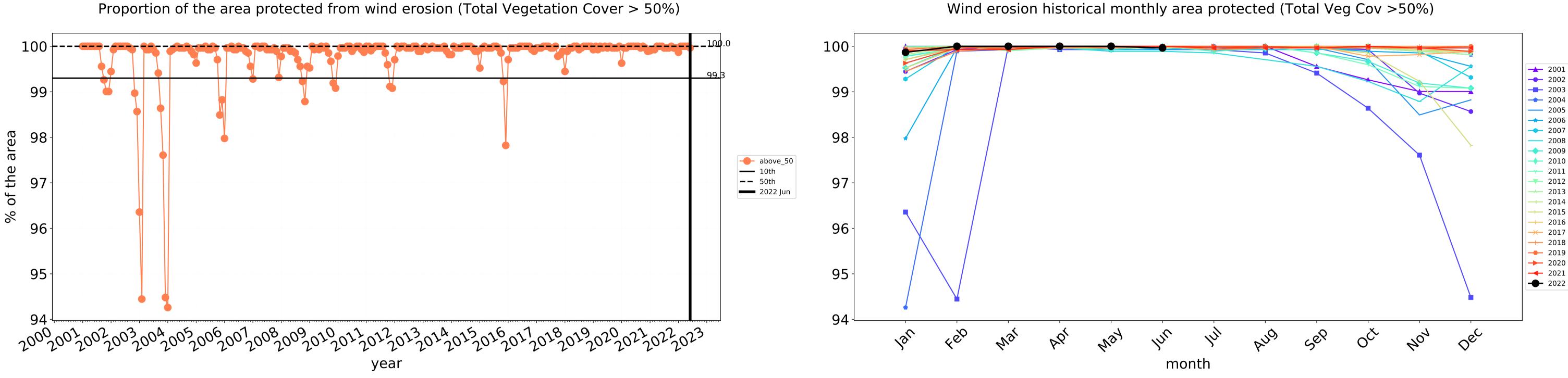




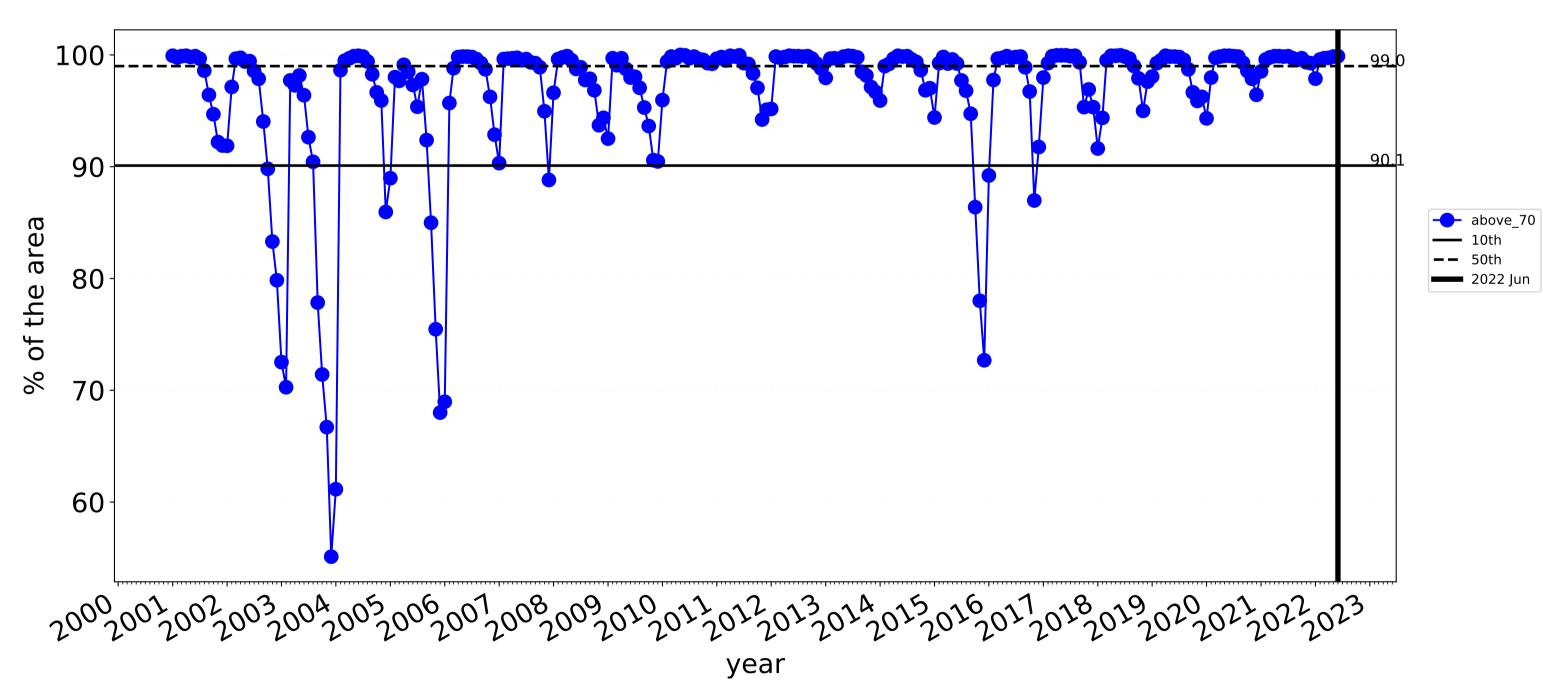
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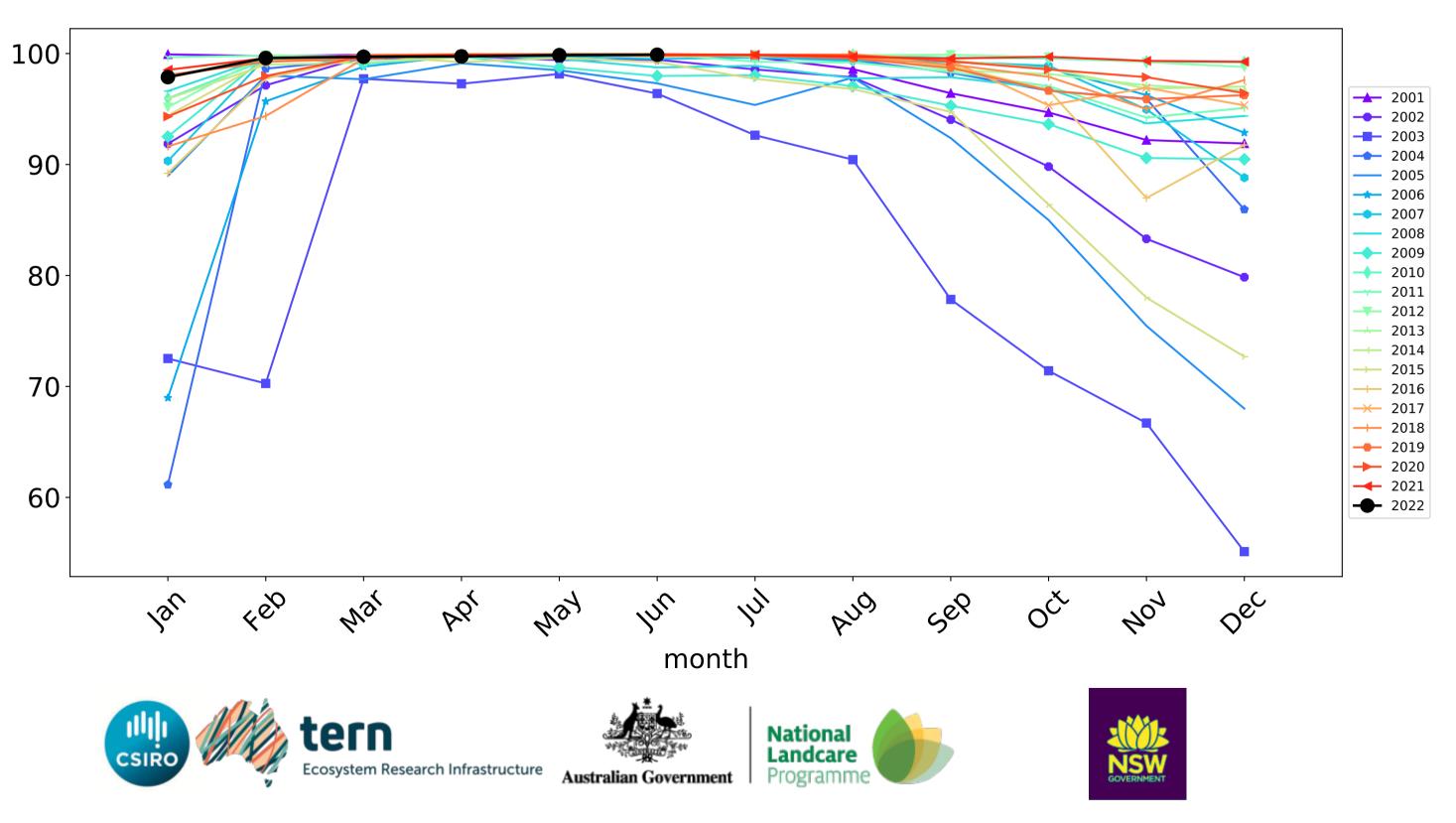


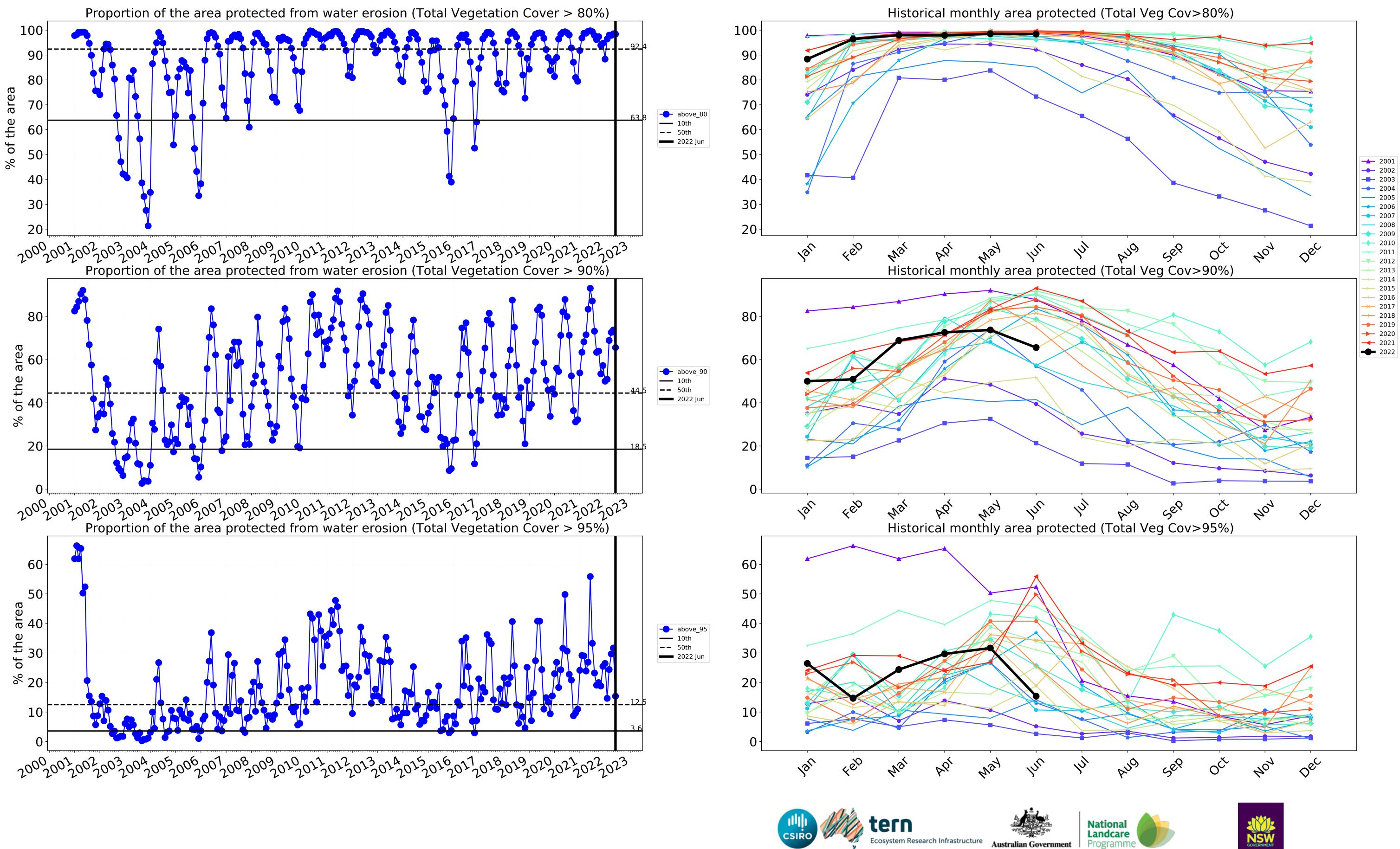
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

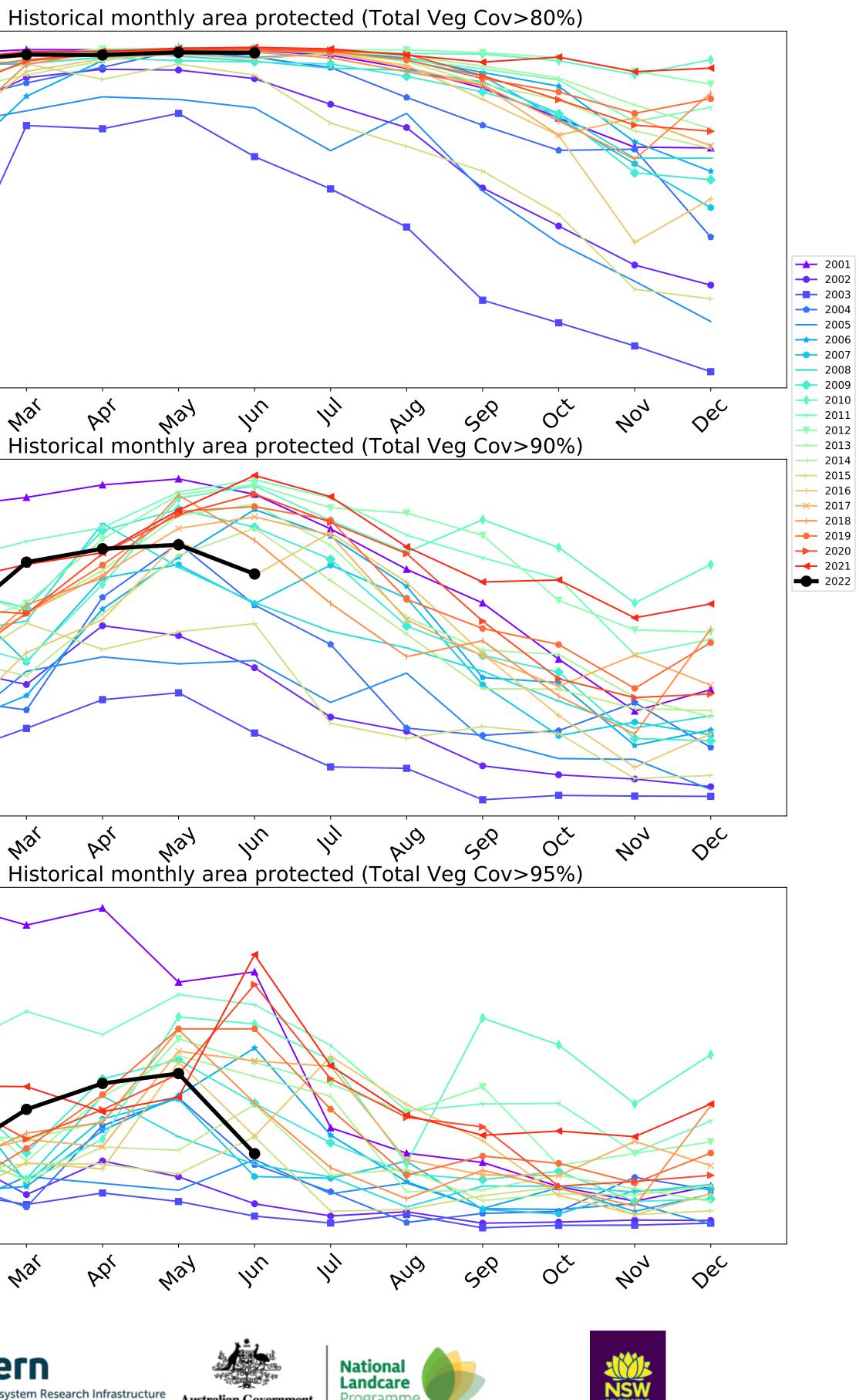


### Grazing non forest timeseries

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









### **Grazing Woodland forest**

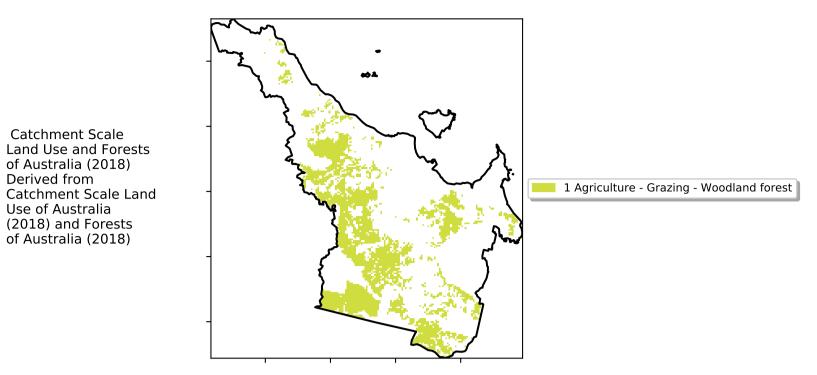
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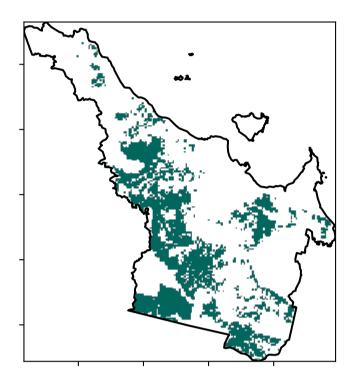
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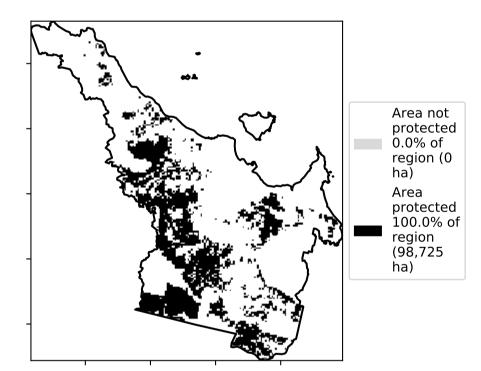
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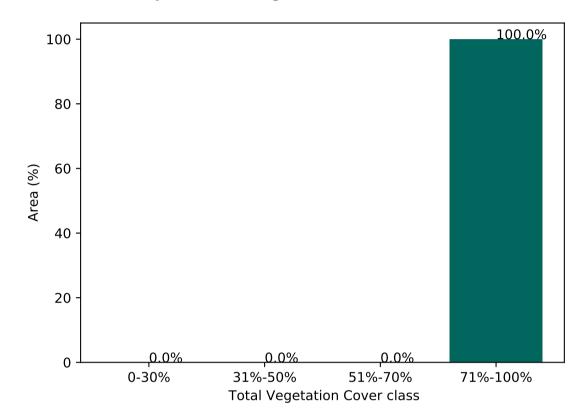
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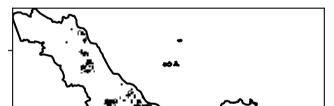




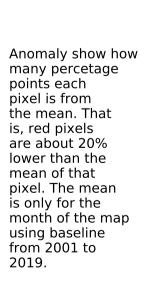




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

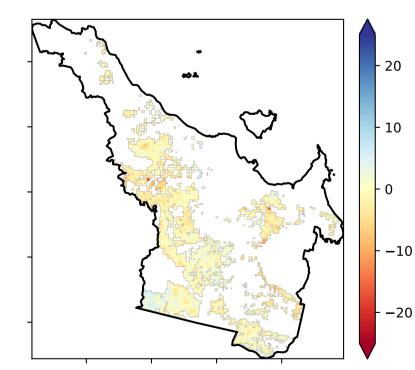


Catchment Scale

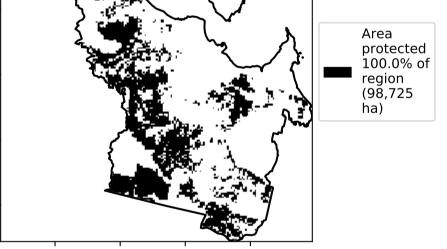
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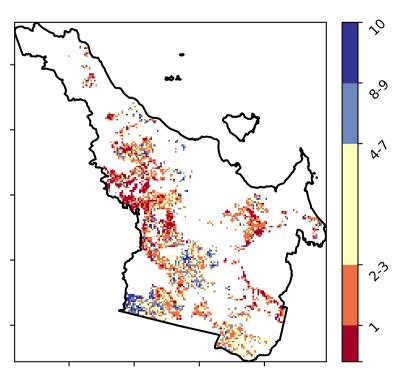
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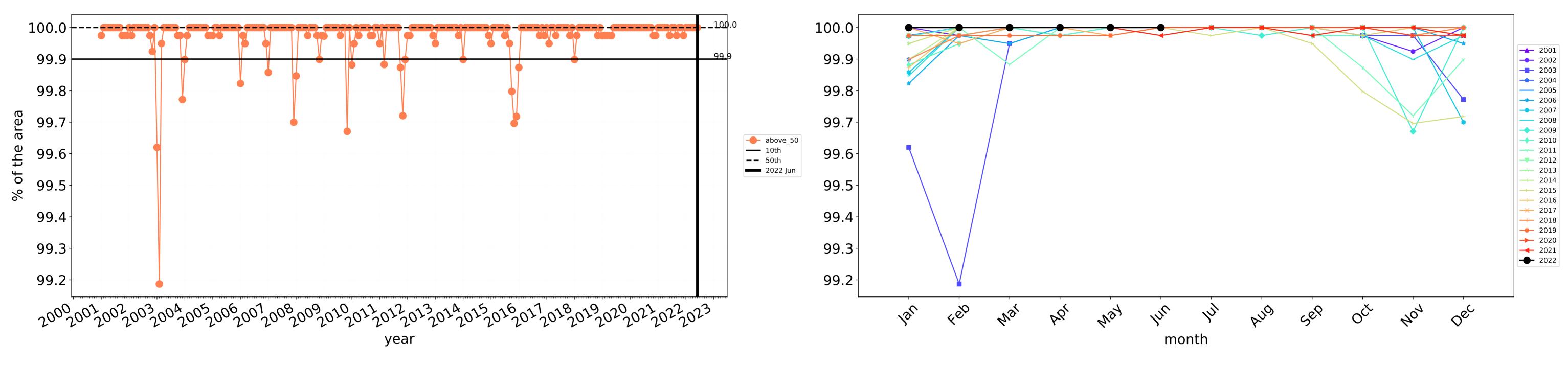


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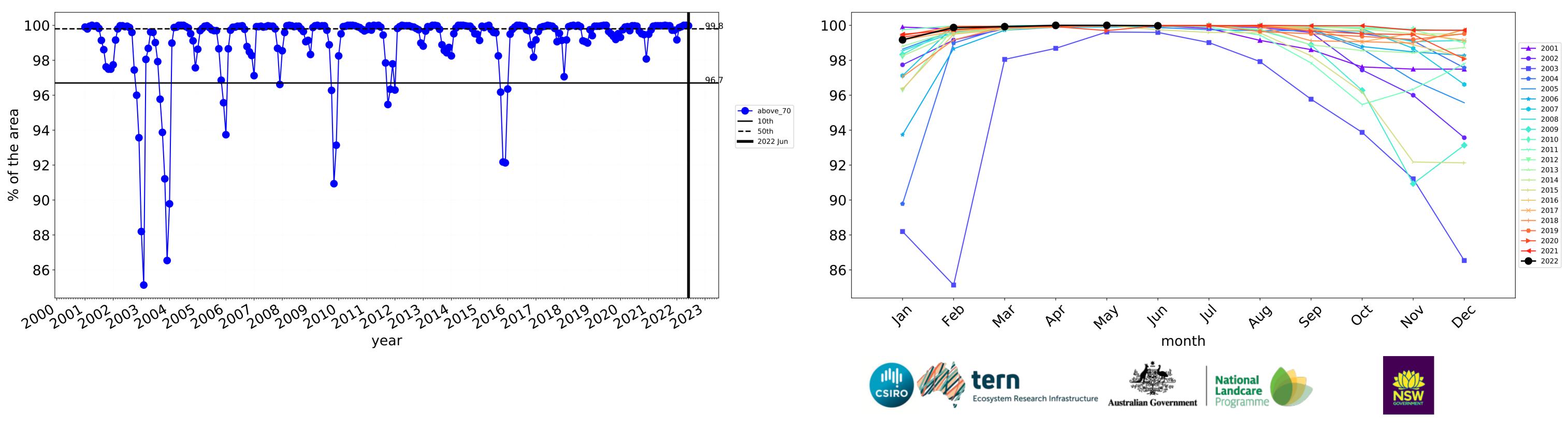


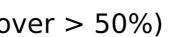




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

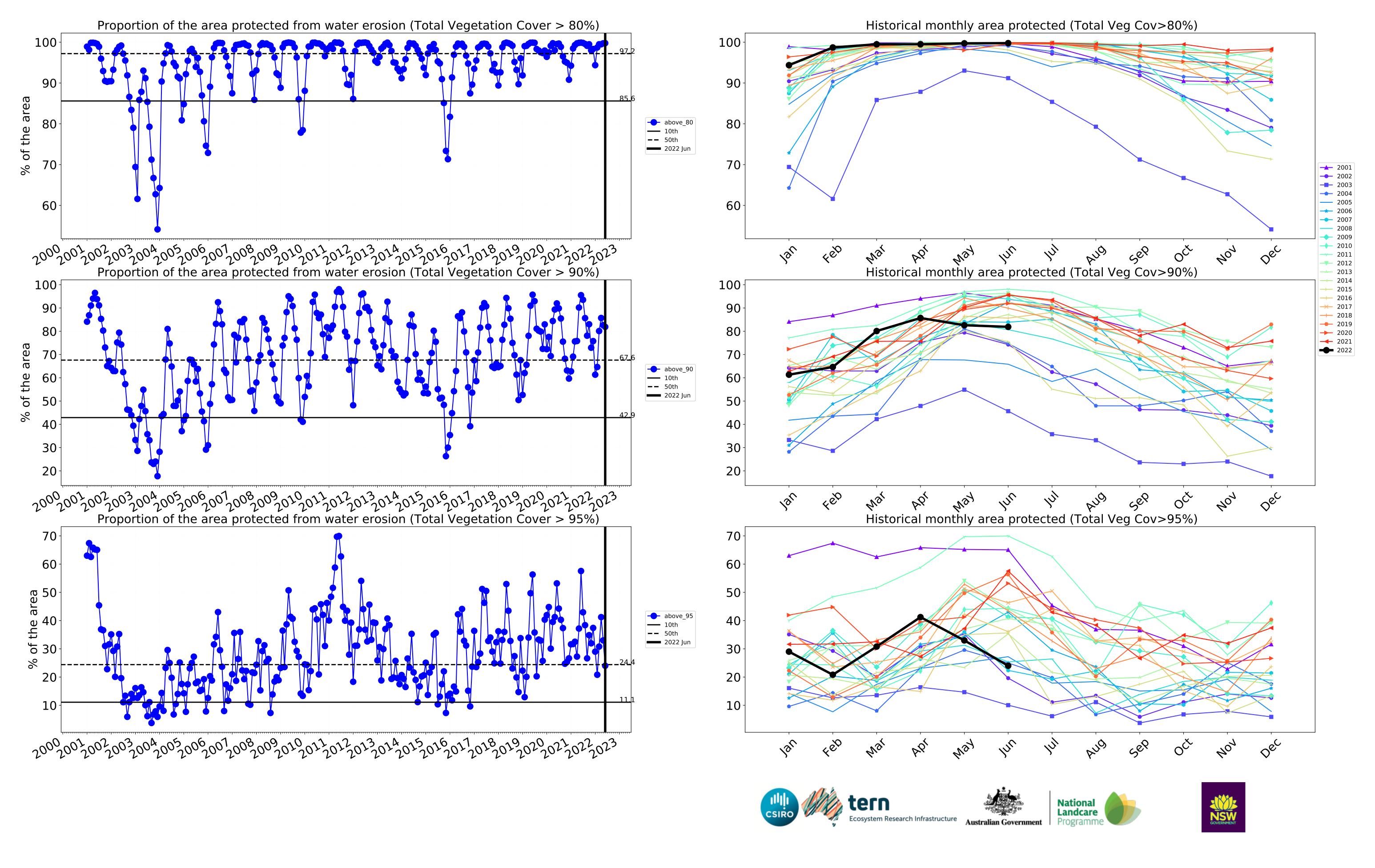
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





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

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



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

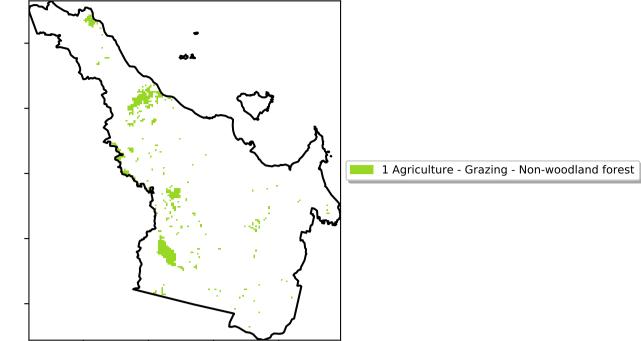
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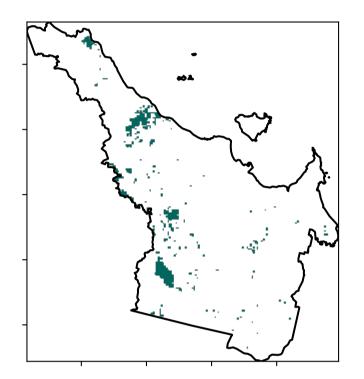
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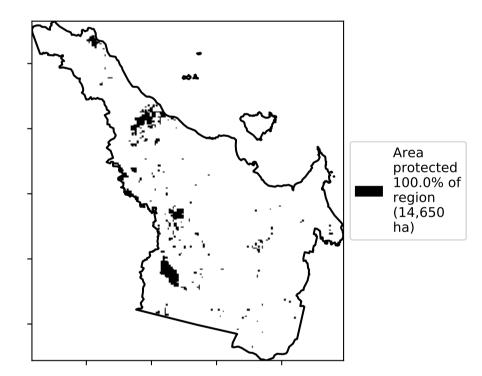
Land use and forest cover



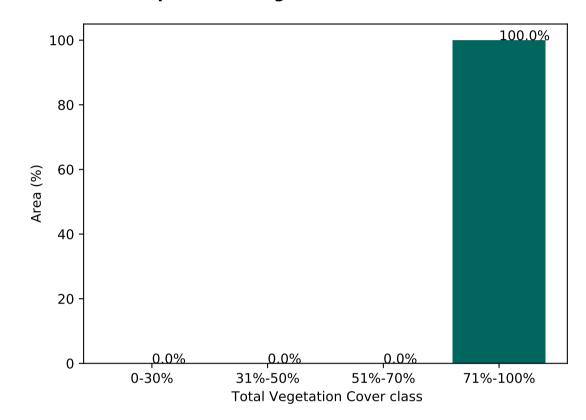
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



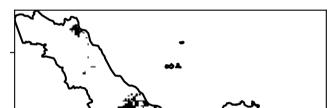


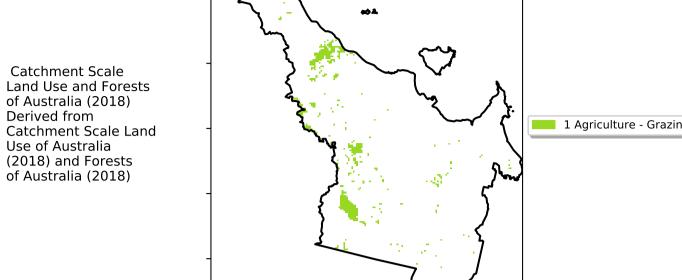


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

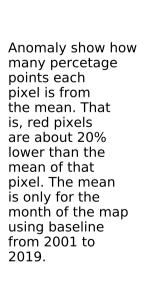


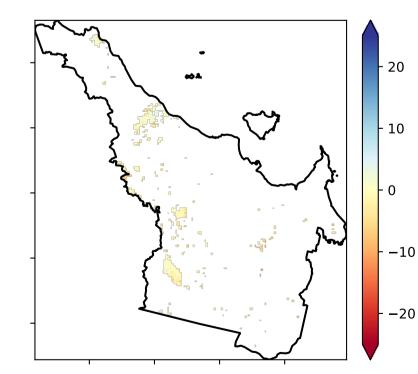
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



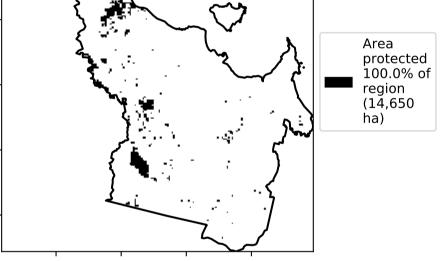


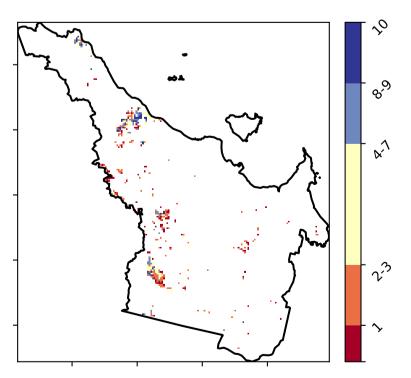
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



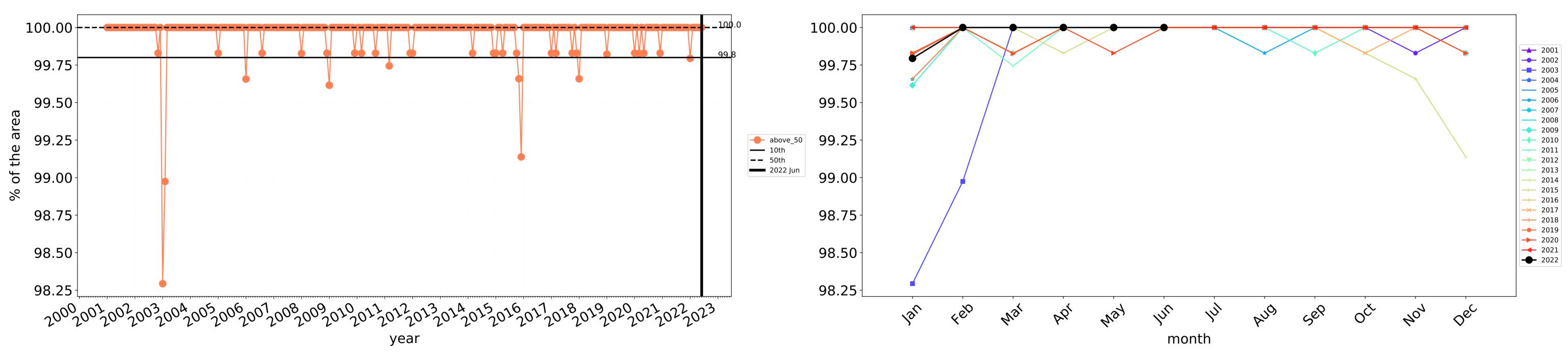


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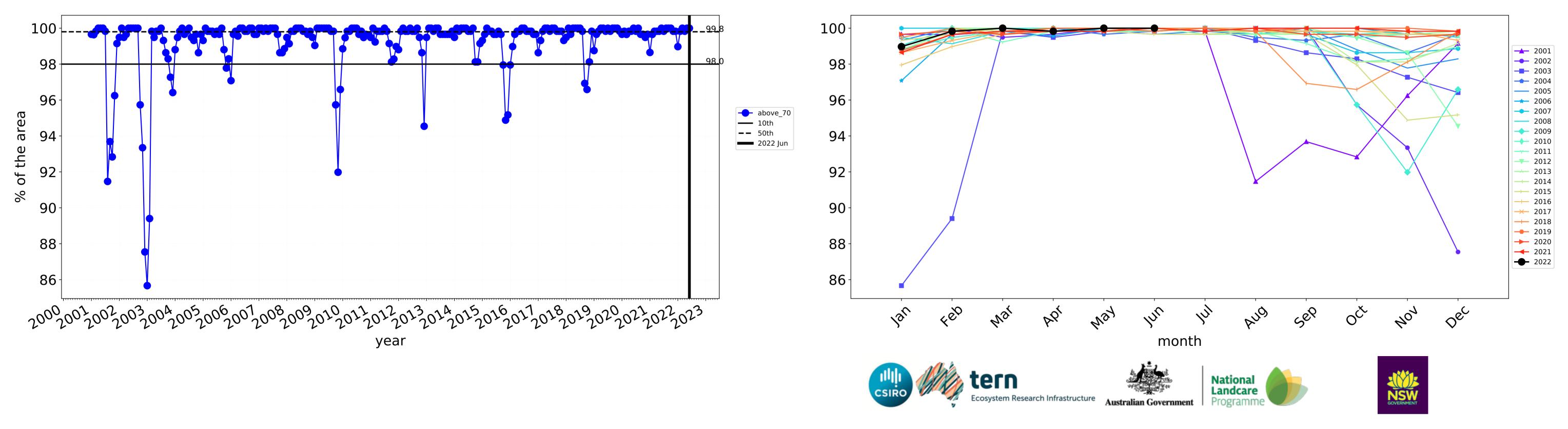






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

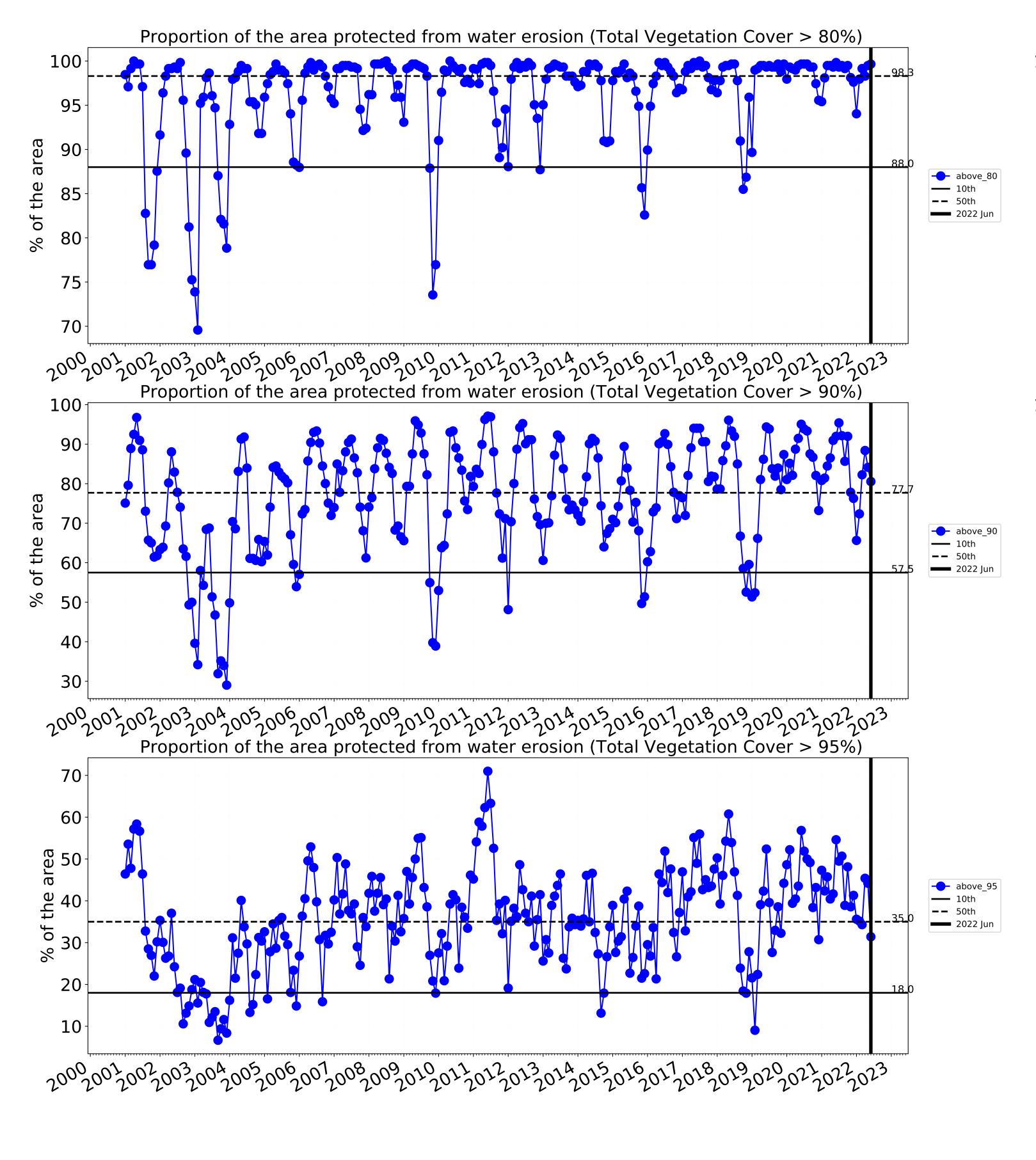
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

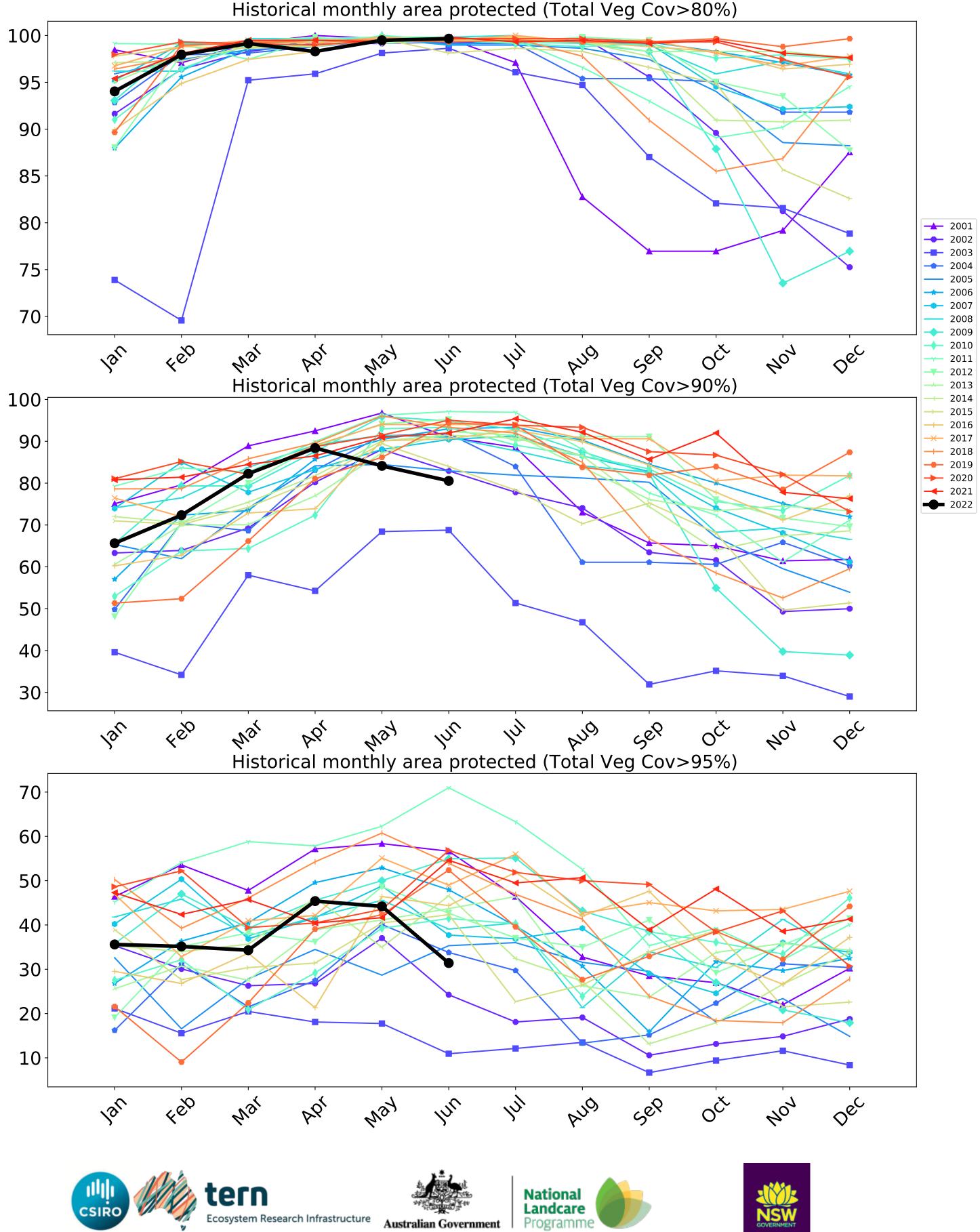


### Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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

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







#### Irrigation

-Land Use and Forests 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated Catchment Scale Land 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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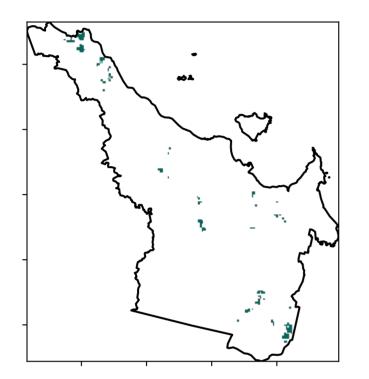
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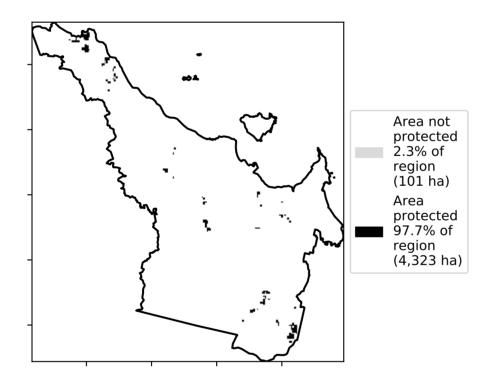
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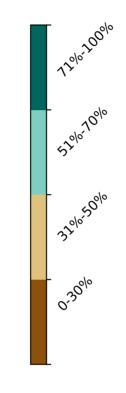
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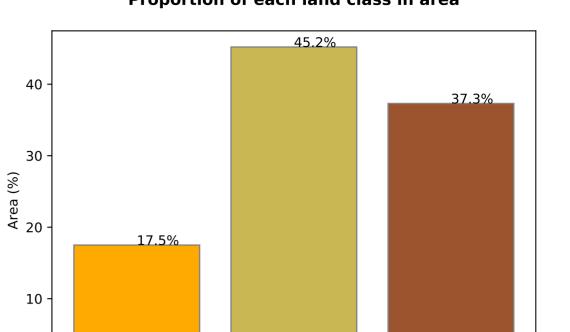
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#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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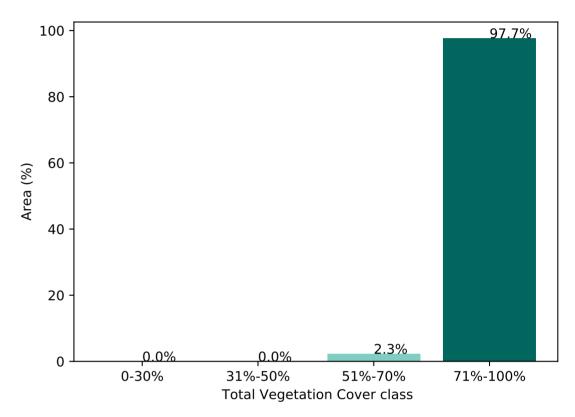
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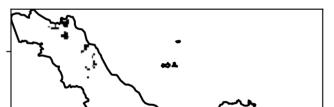
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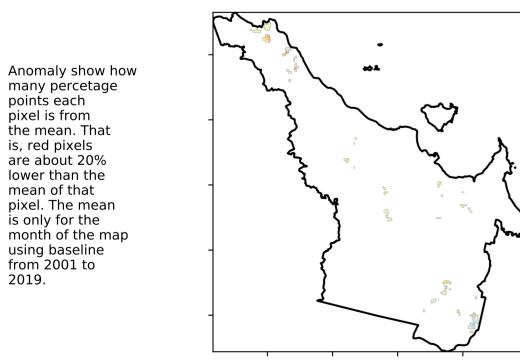
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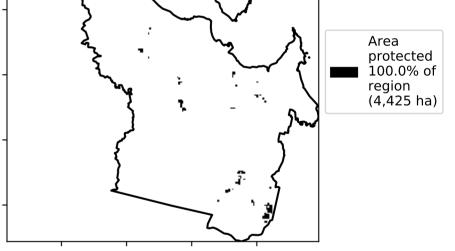
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

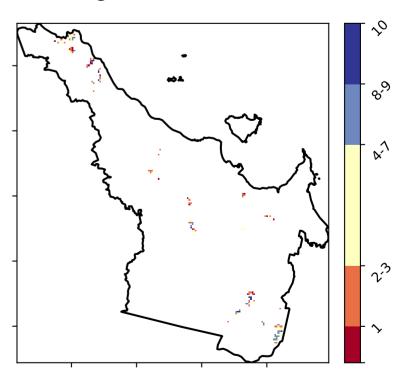


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

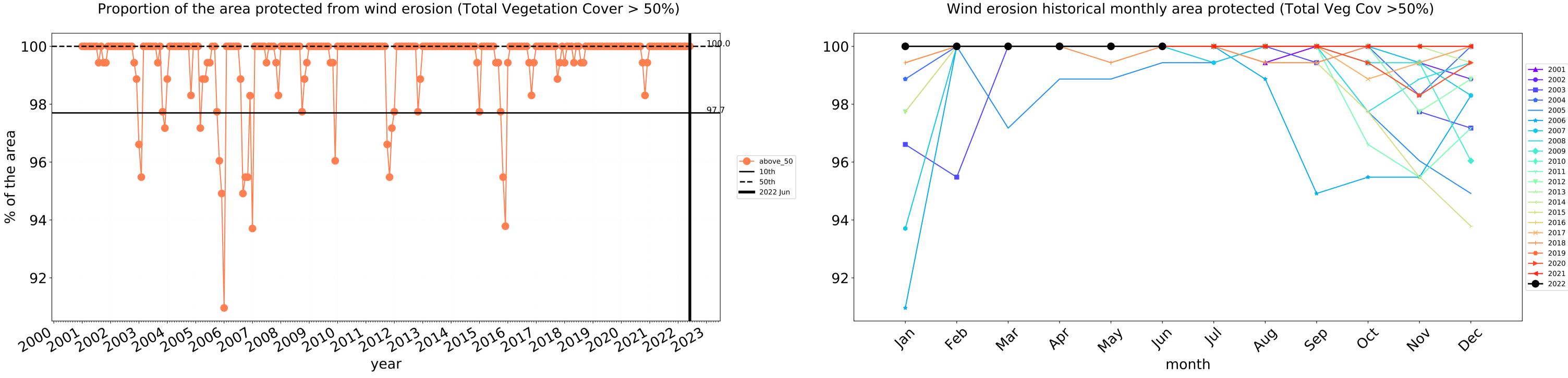


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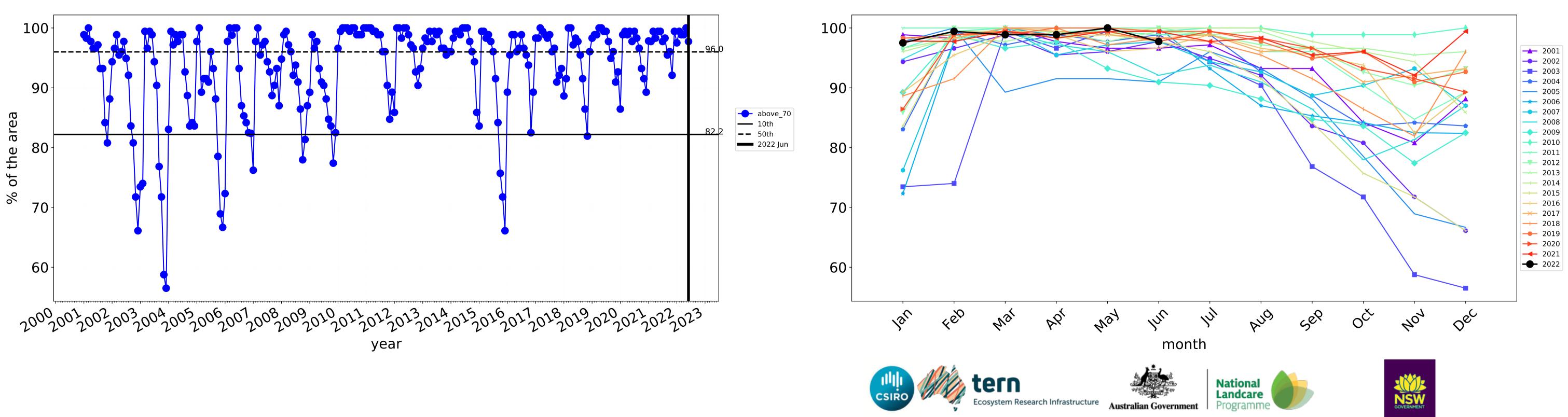






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

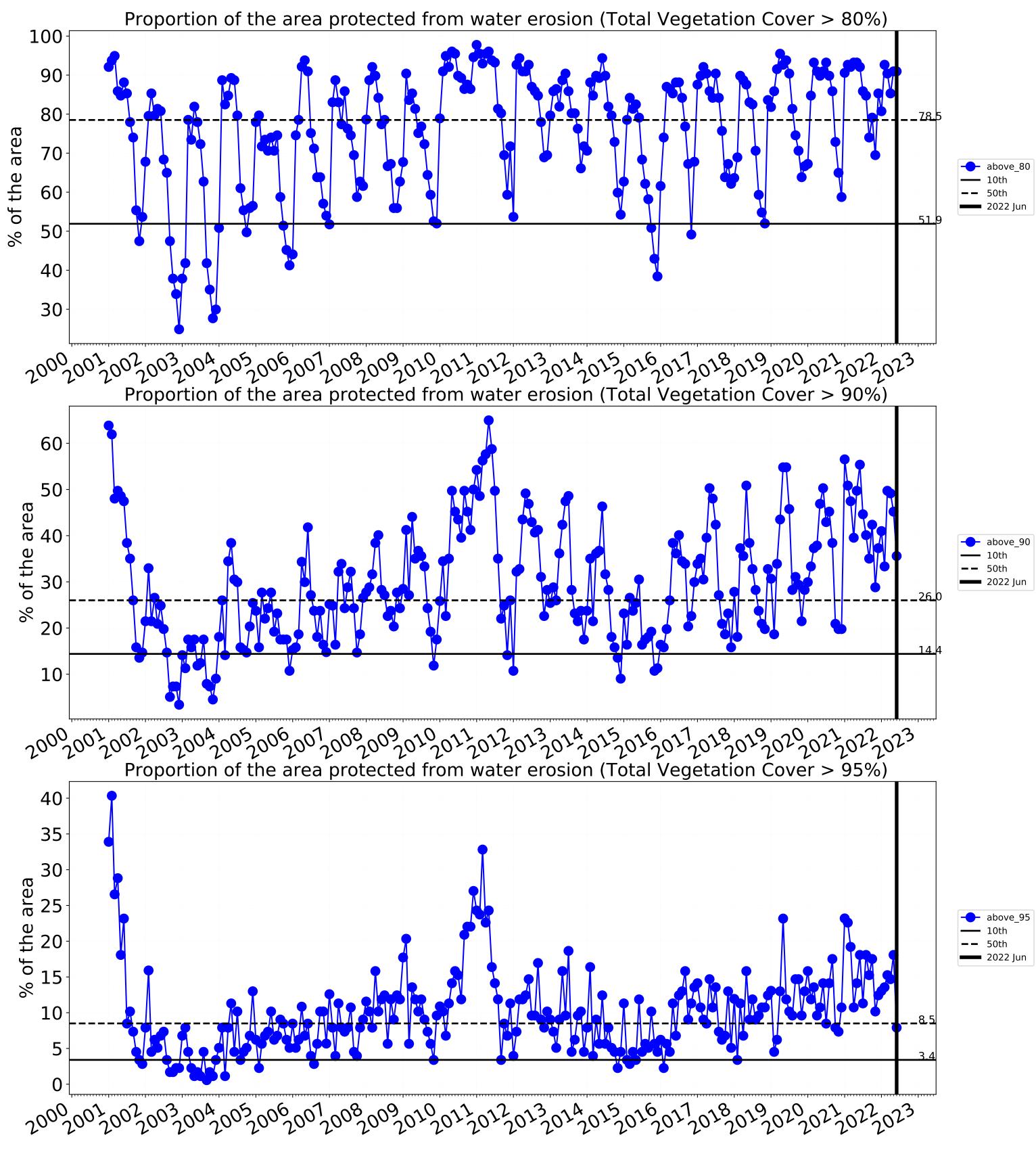
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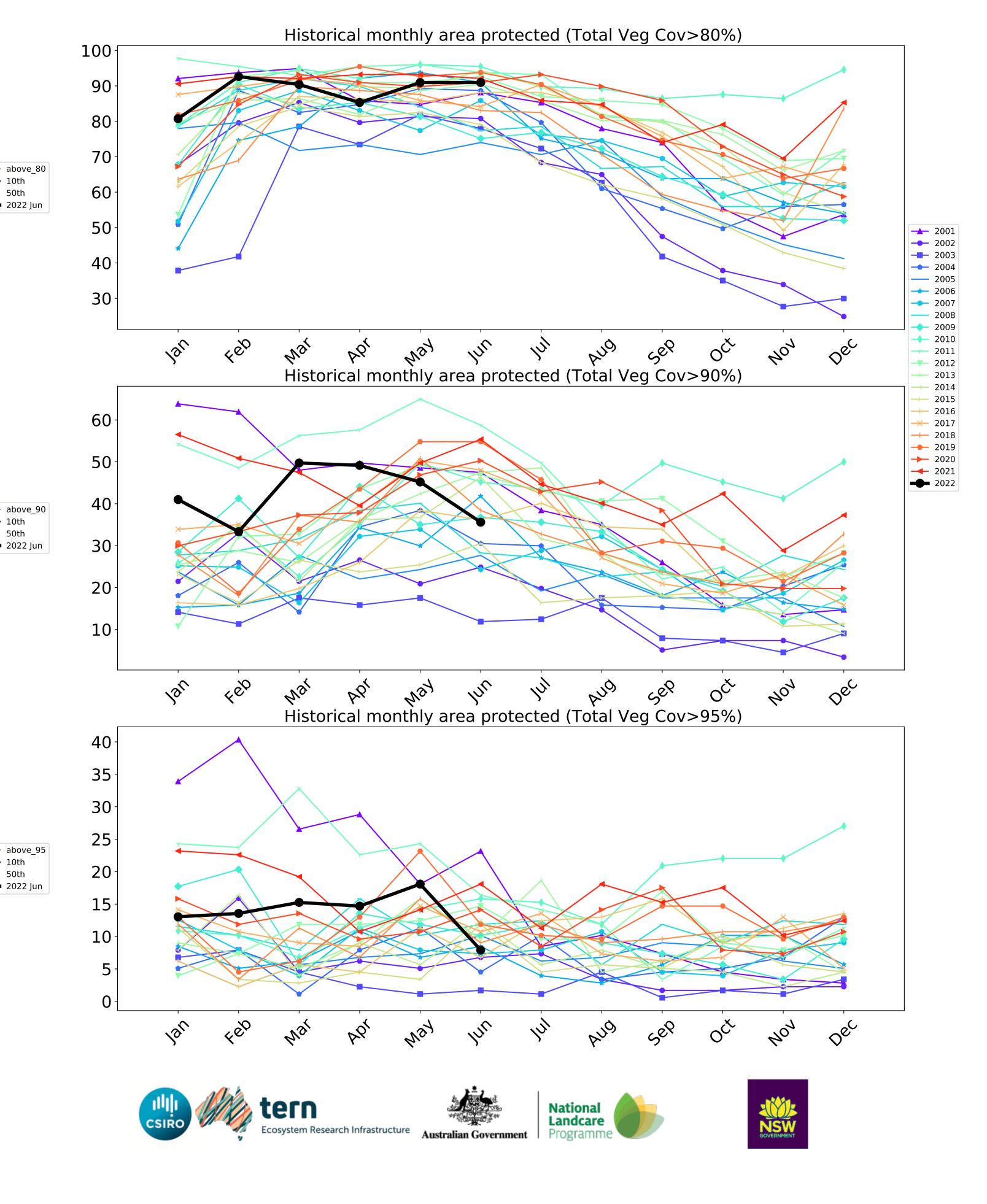


### Irrigation timeseries

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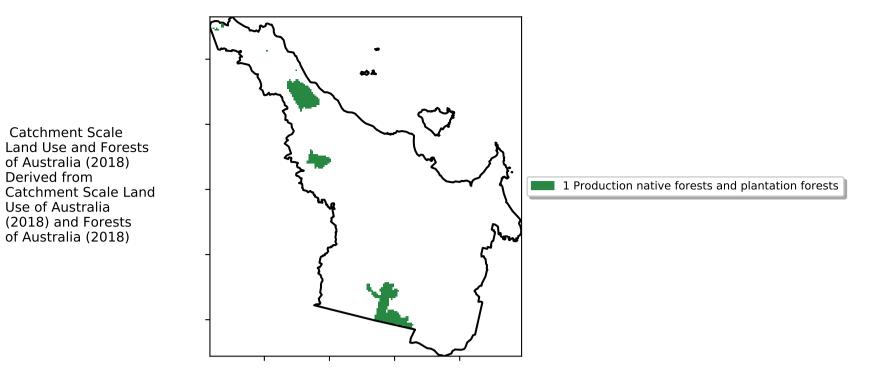
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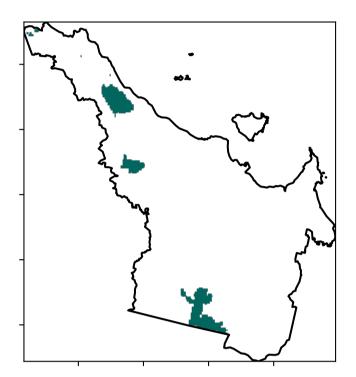


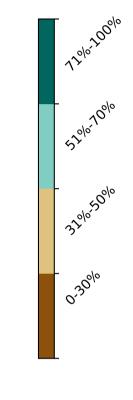
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

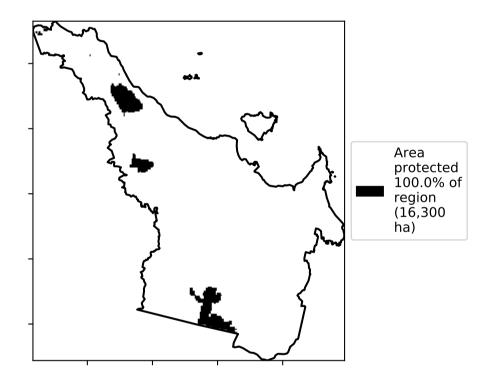


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

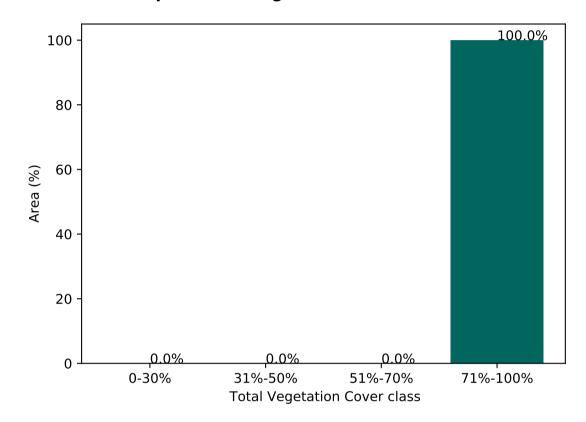




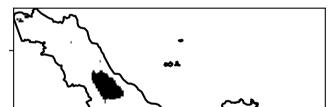
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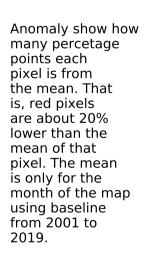
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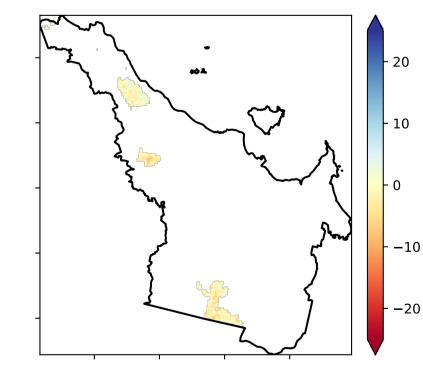


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

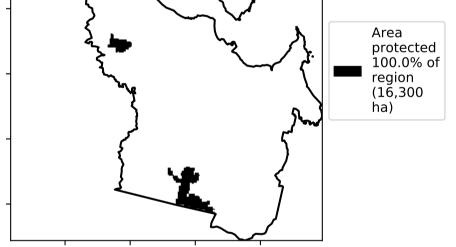


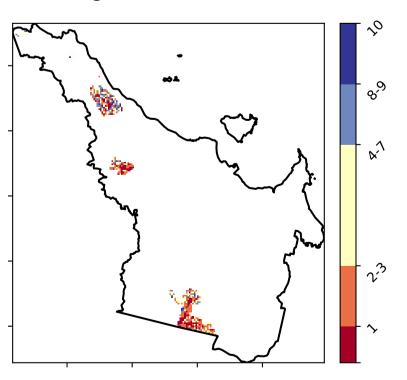
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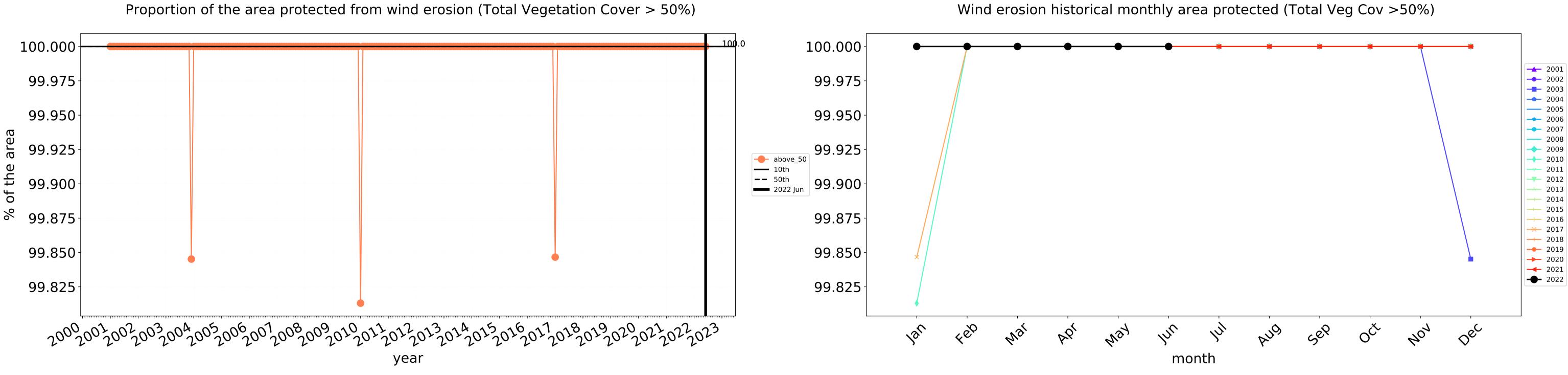




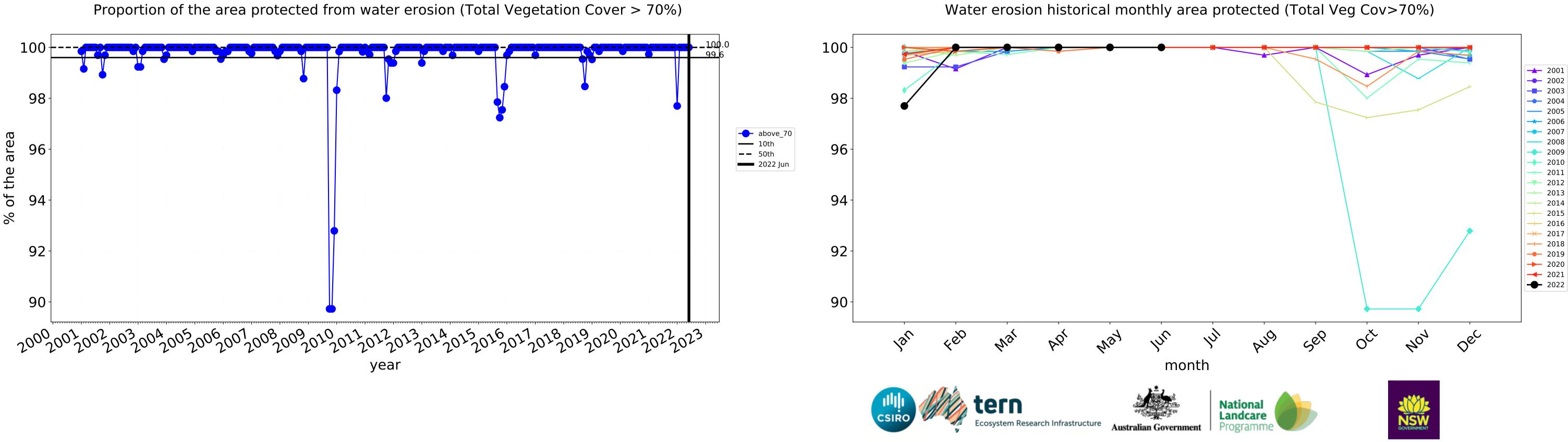


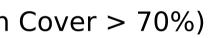


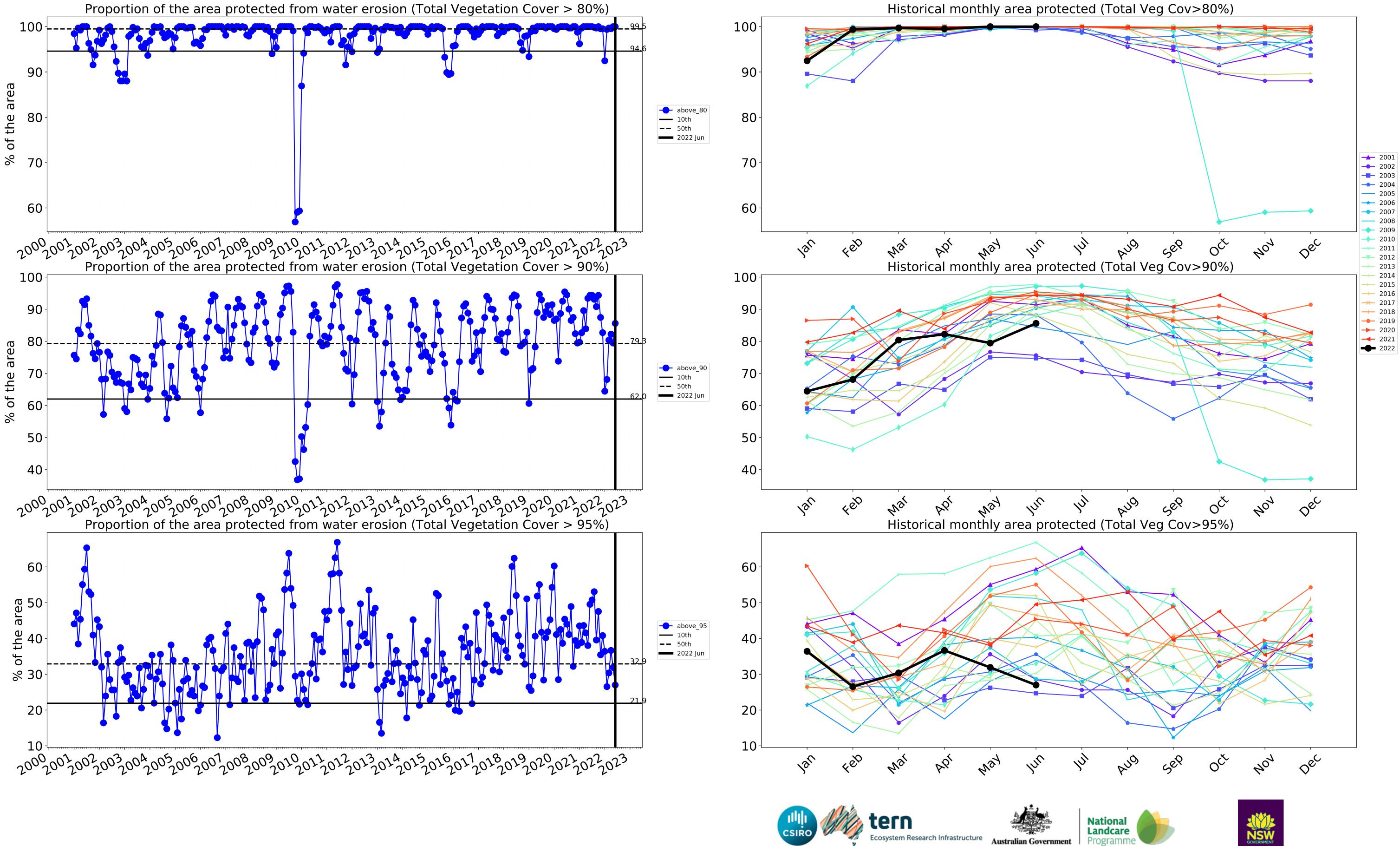




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)







# Townsville\_(C) (364,400 ha and no data 8,785 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	364,400	100.0% 364,275	99.7% 363,450	97.5% 355,225	92.9% 338,700	66.2% 241,400	19.0% 69,075
Conservation and natural environments	119,175	100.0% 119,175	99.9% 119,025	97.9% 116,700	93.4% 111,250	67.1% 80,000	19.9% 23,750
Conservation and natural environments non forest	15,900	100.0% 15,900	100.0% 15,900	92.6% 14,725	77.2% 12,275	43.2% 6,875	15.7% 2,500
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	57,000	100.0% 57,000	99.8% 56,900	98.9% 56,400	96.2% 54,825	70.4% 40,125	22.9% 13,025
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,275	100.0% 46,275	99.9% 46,225	98.5% 45,575	95.4% 44,150	71.3% 33,000	17.8% 8,225
Agriculture	186,525	100.0% 186,525	100.0% 186,500	99.9% 186,325	99.0% 184,700	74.5% 138,875	21.0% 39,100
Grazing	181,375	100.0% 181,375	100.0% 181,350	99.9% 181,275	99.3% 180,025	75.7% 137,250	21.4% 38,750
Grazing non forest	68,000	100.0% 68,000	100.0% 67,975	99.9% 67,925	98.4% 66,925	65.6% 44,600	15.4% 10,450
Grazing Woodland forest	98,725	100.0% 98,725	100.0% 98,725	100.0% 98,700	99.8% 98,500	81.9% 80,850	24.0% 23,700
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.7% 14,600	80.5% 11,800	31.4% 4,600
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	97.7% 4,325	91.0% 4,025	35.6% 1,575	7.9% 350
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	85.6% 13,950	27.0% 4,400

