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

Date: March 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:

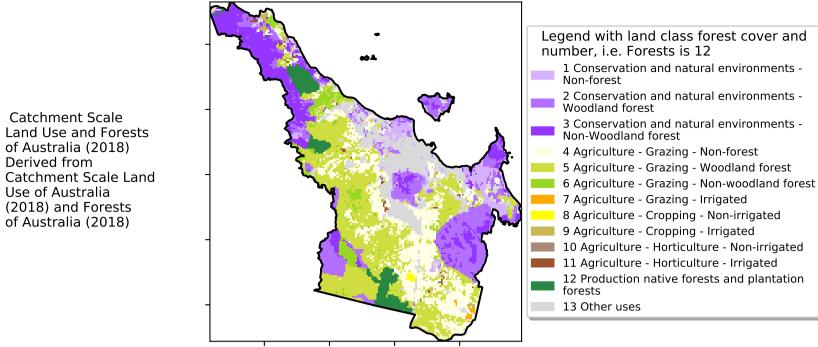
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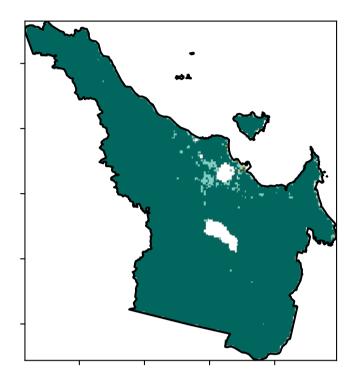
Vegetation Cover Mar 2022

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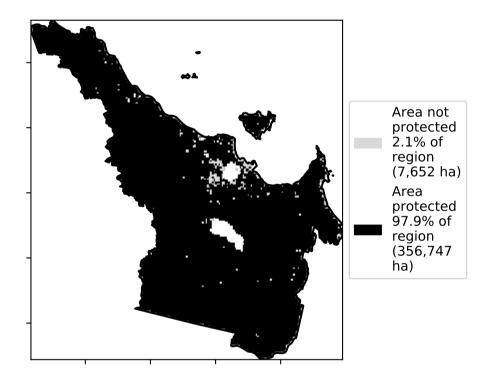
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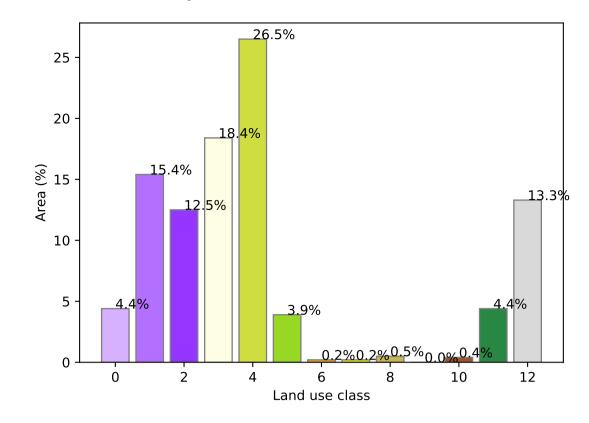


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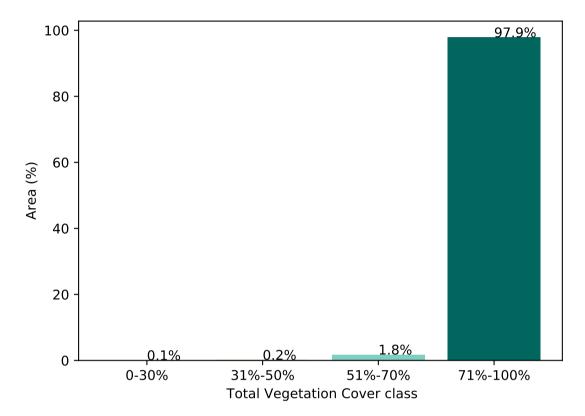


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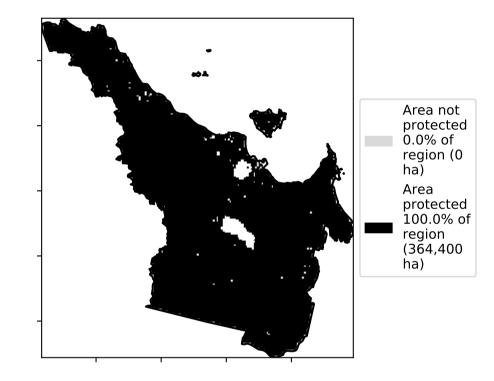




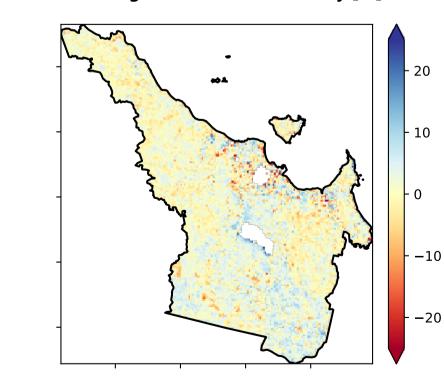
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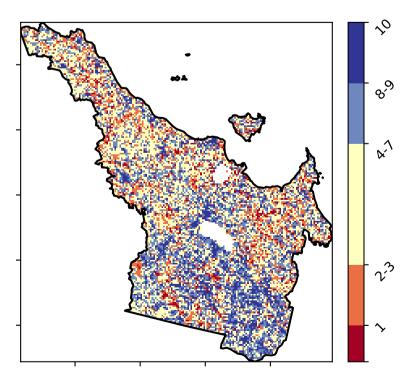
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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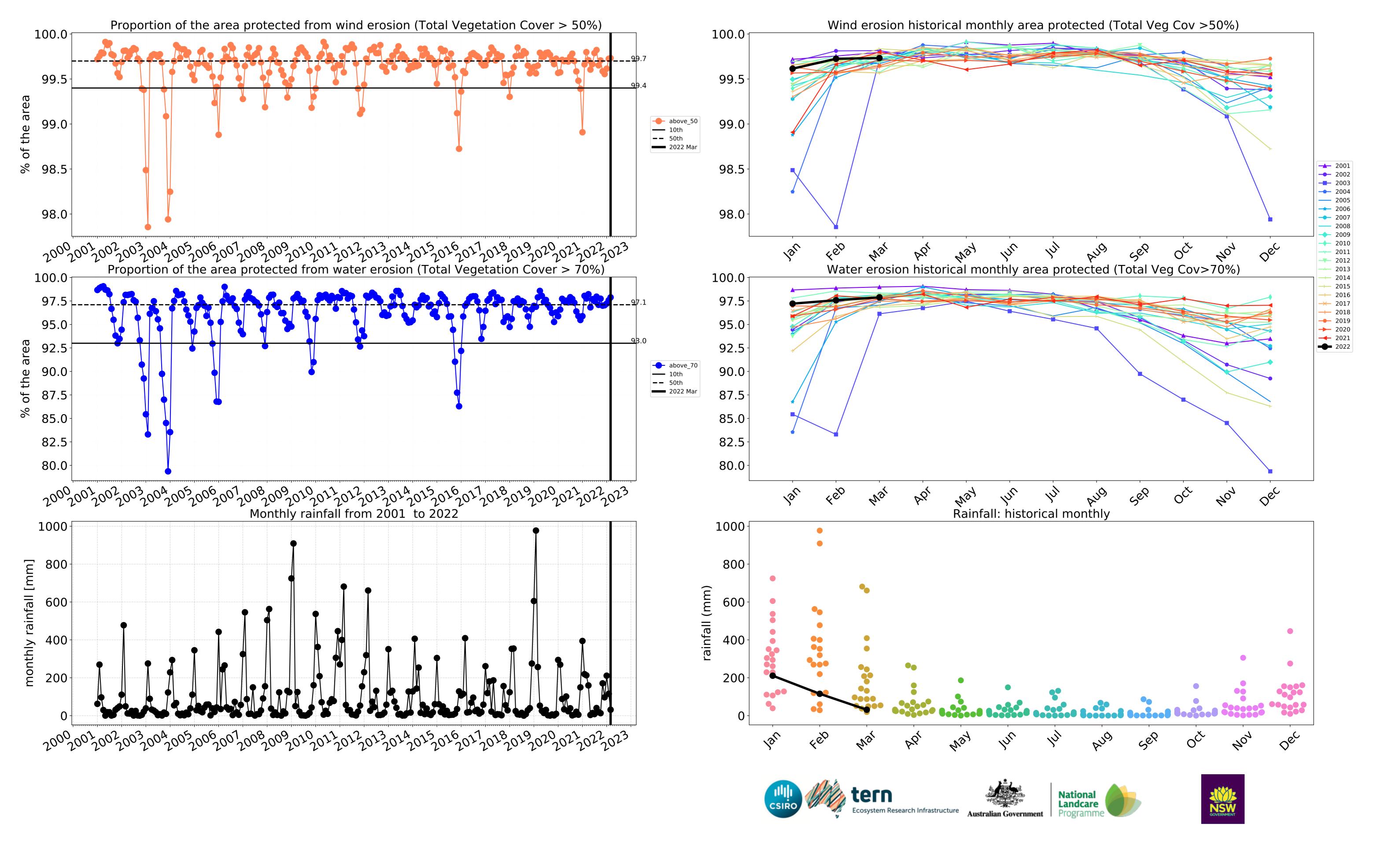
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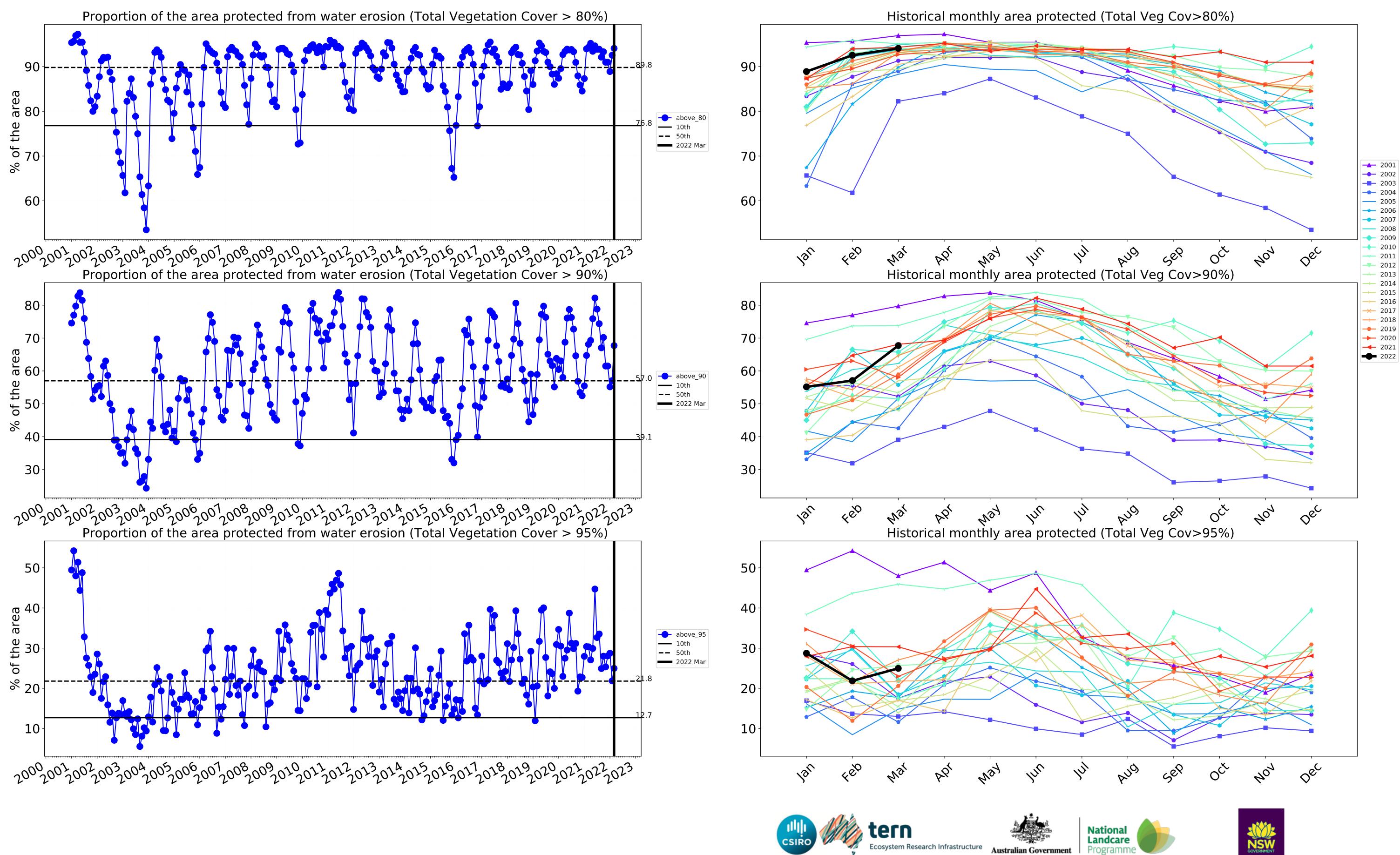
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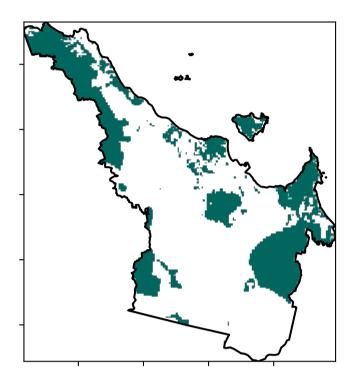
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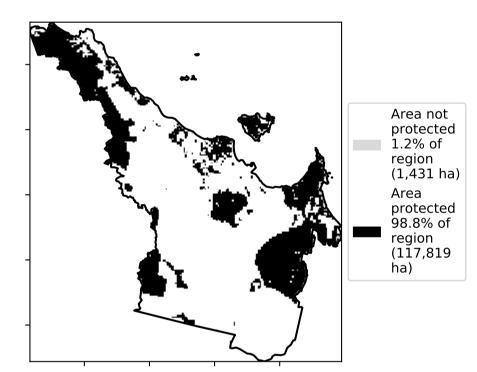
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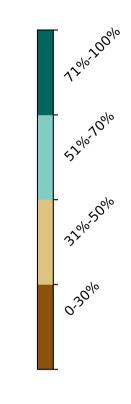
Land use and forest cover

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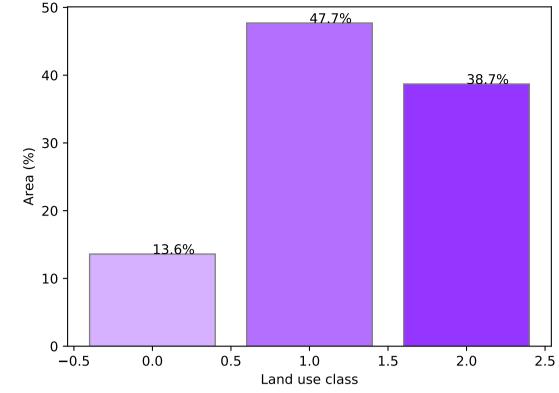


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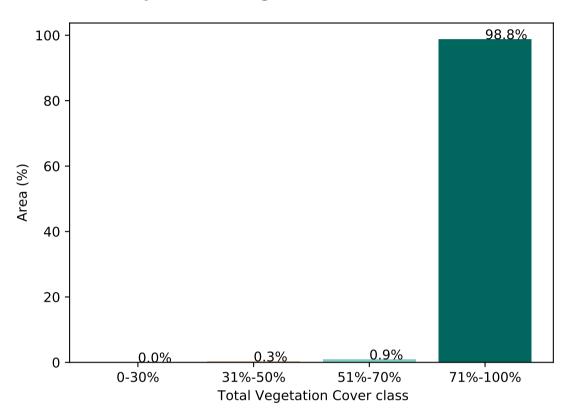
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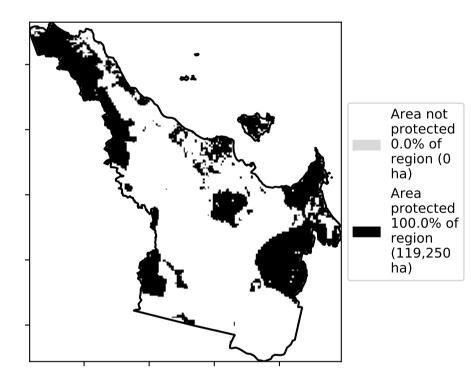




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

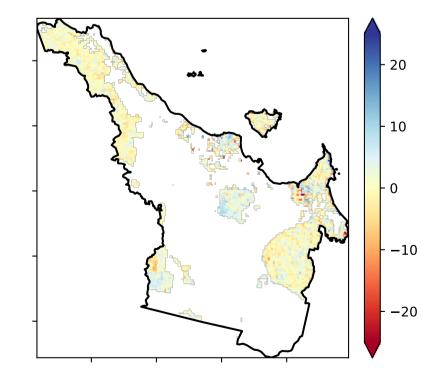


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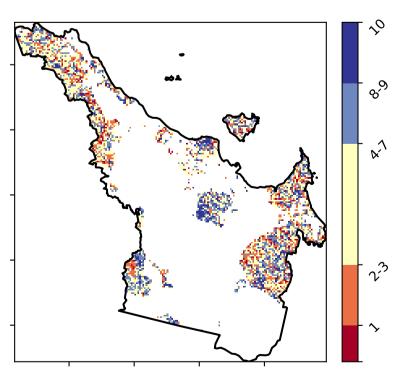


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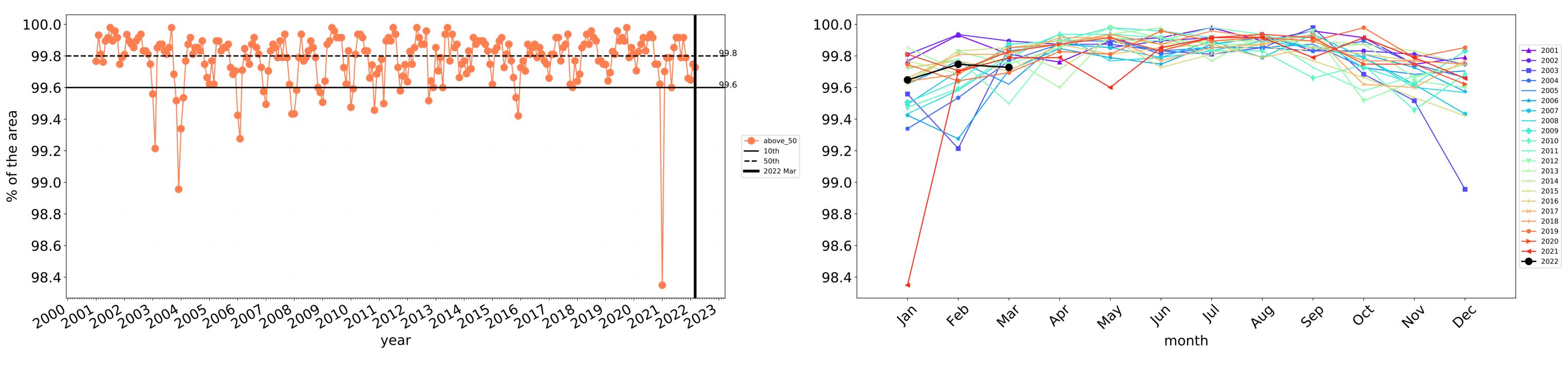


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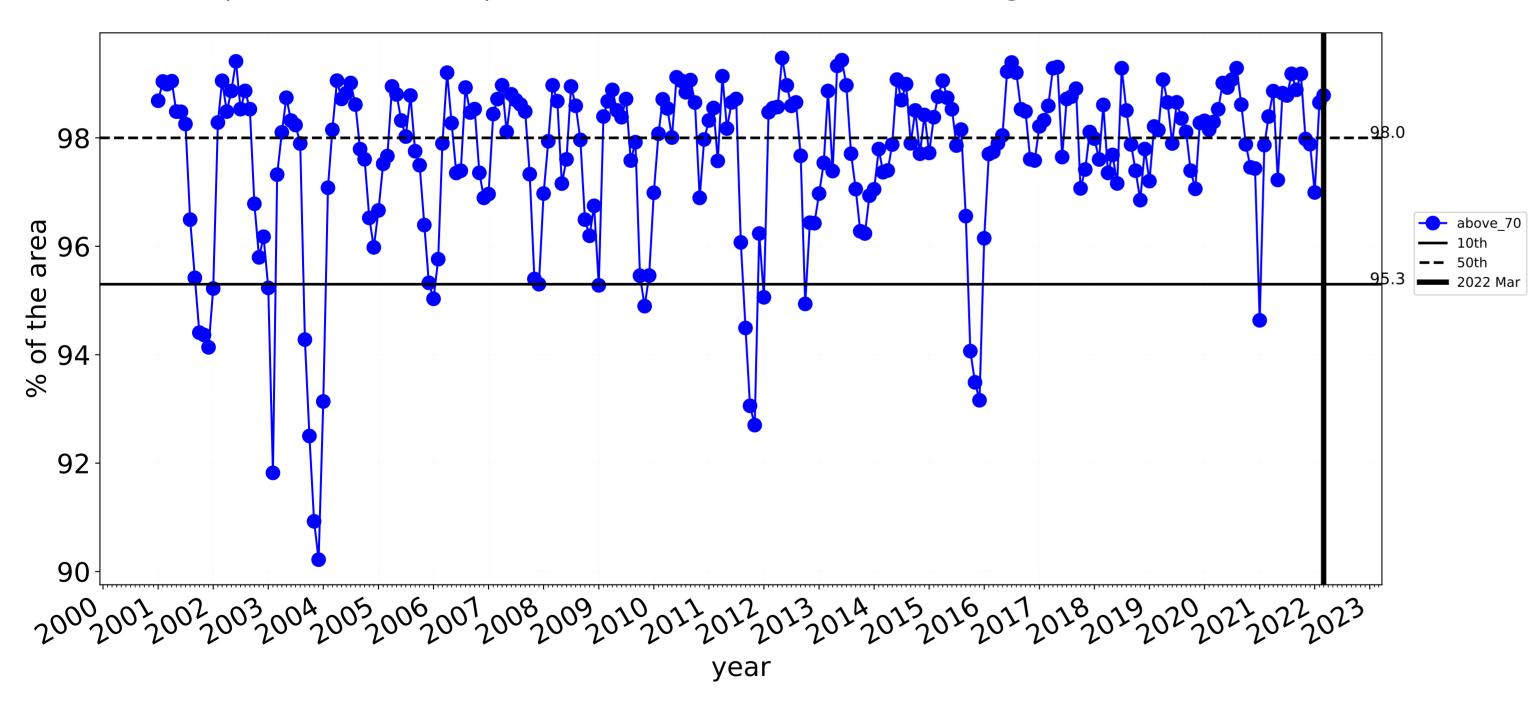


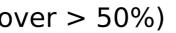






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

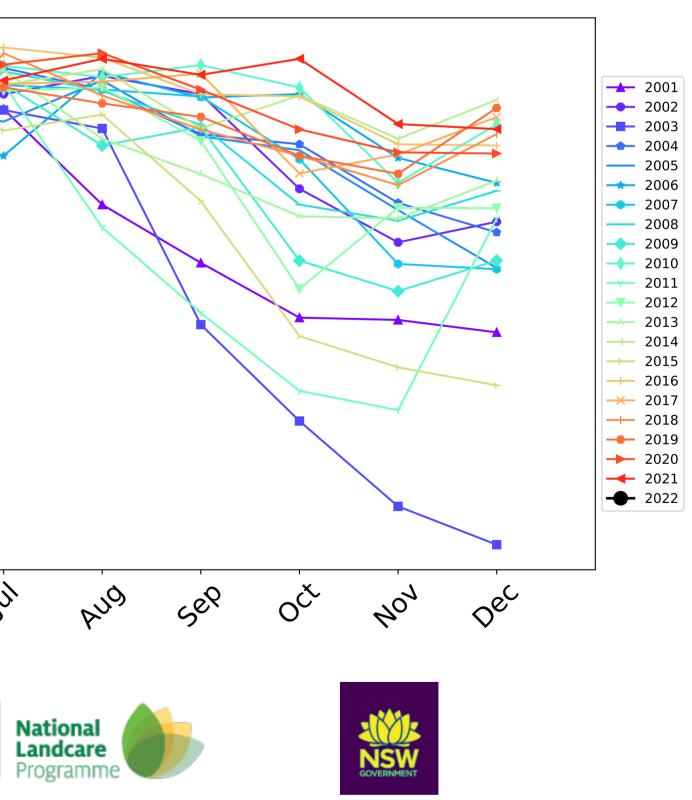




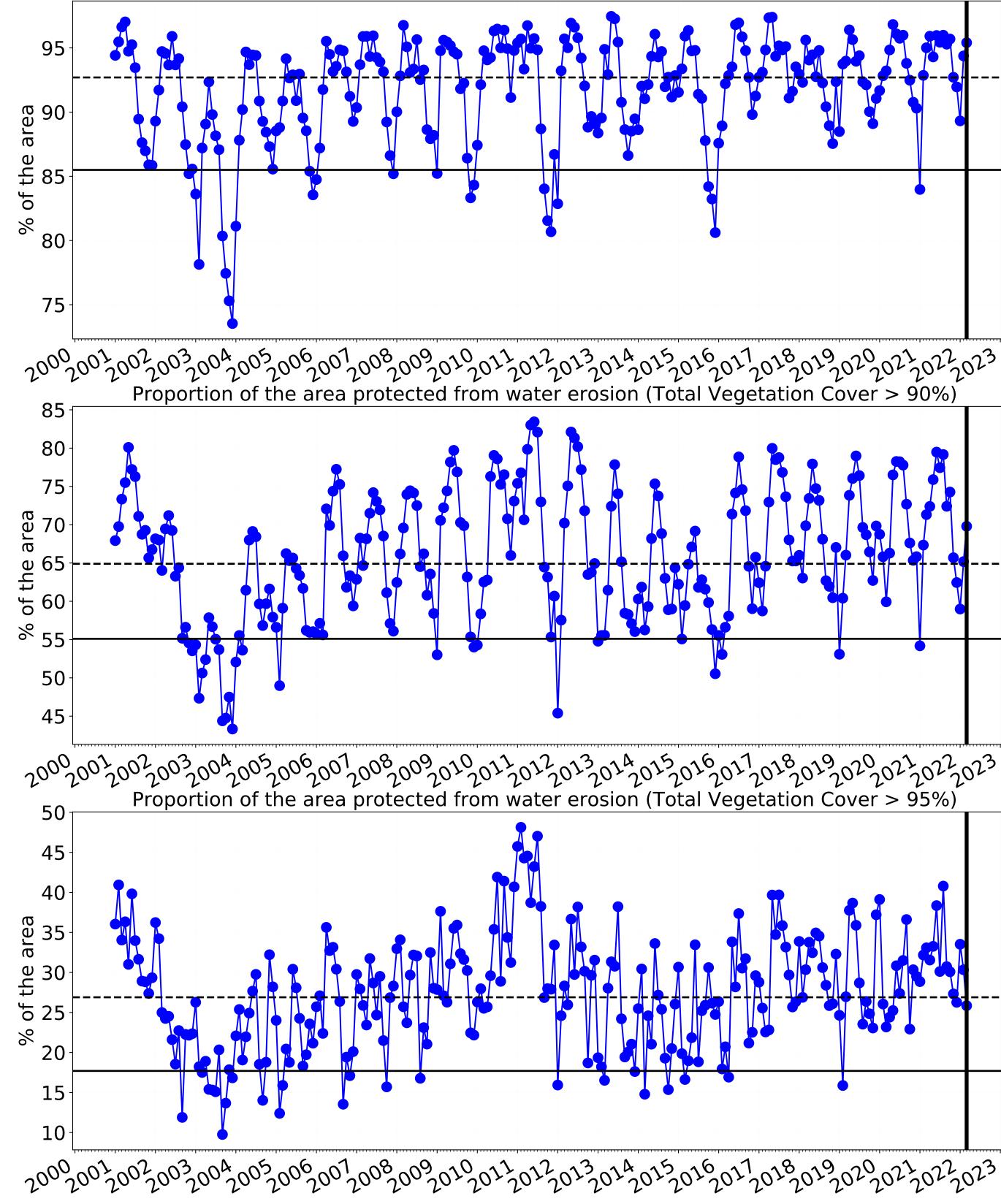
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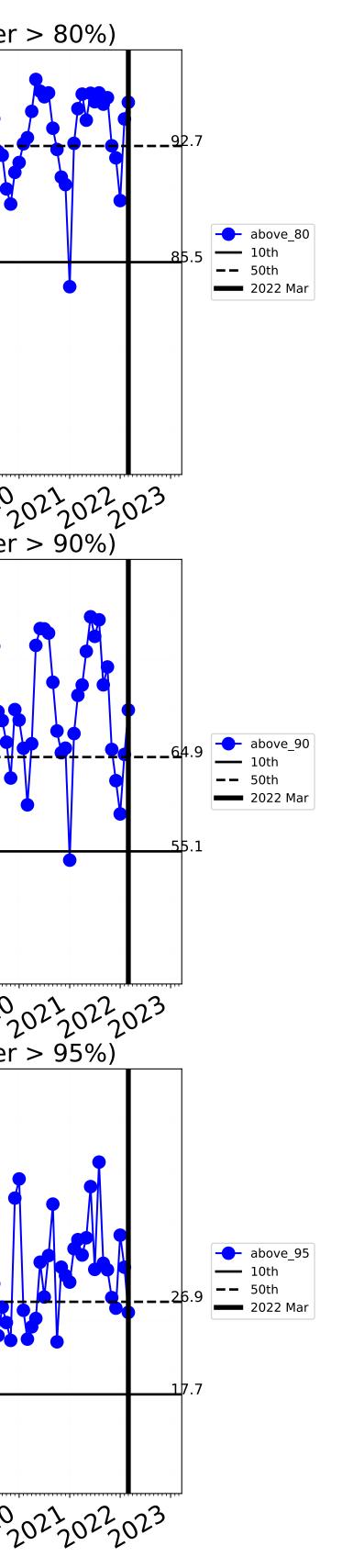
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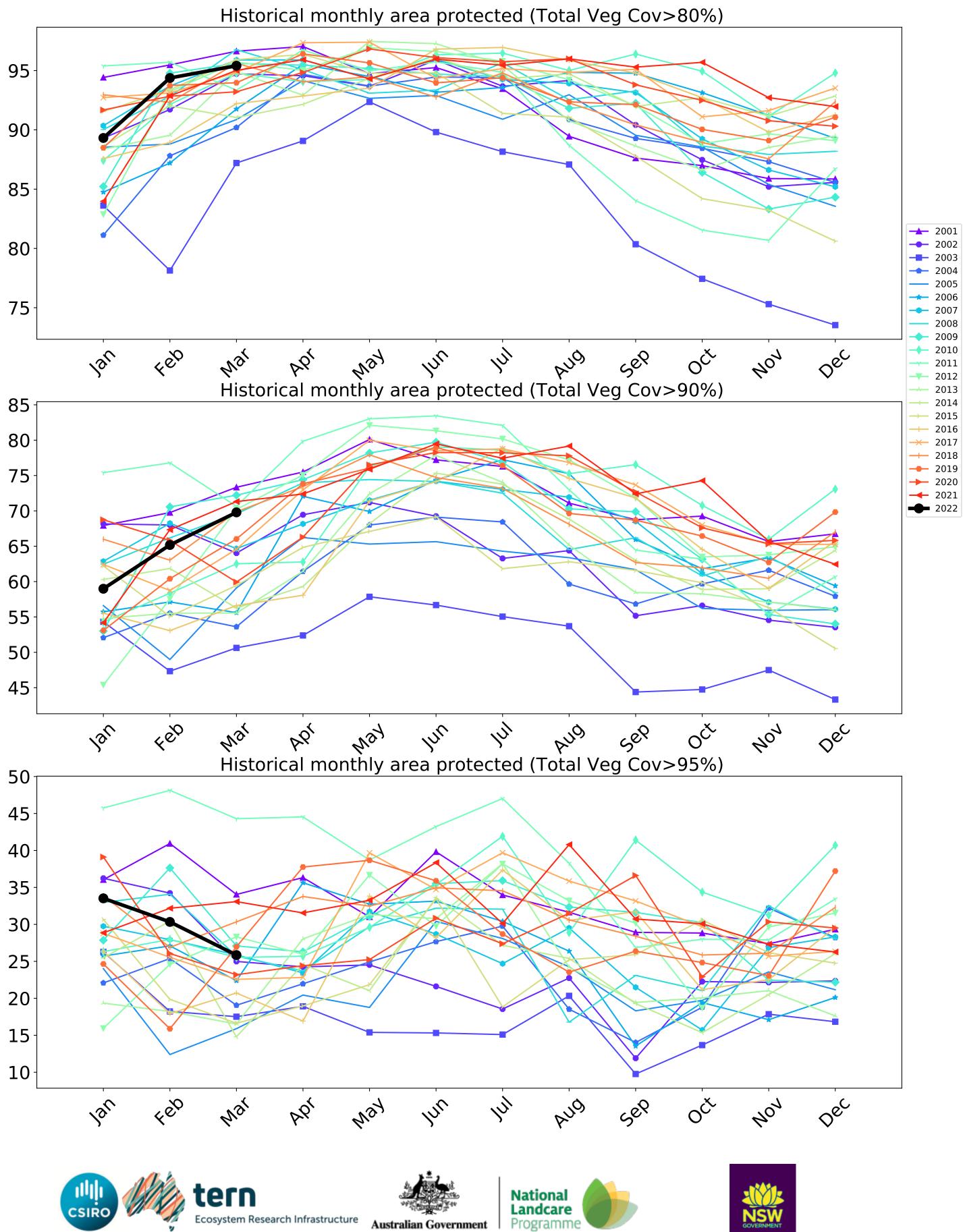
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



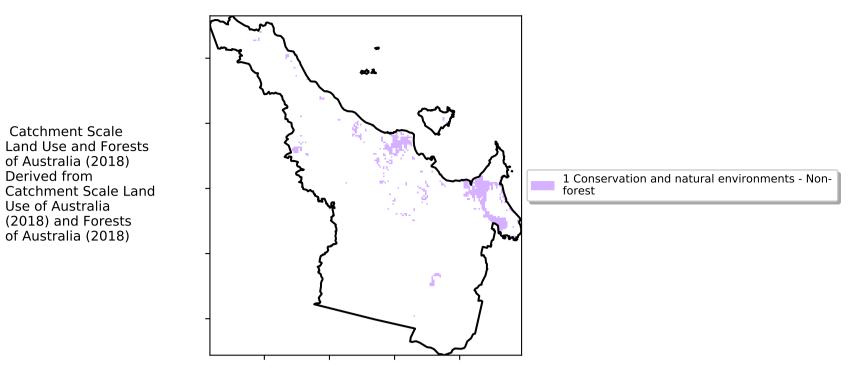




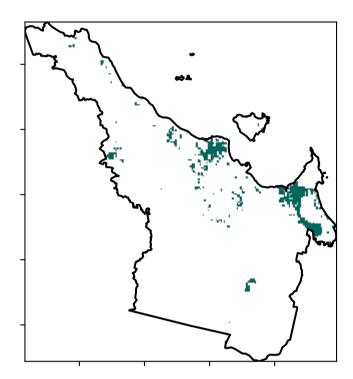


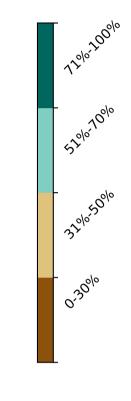
Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

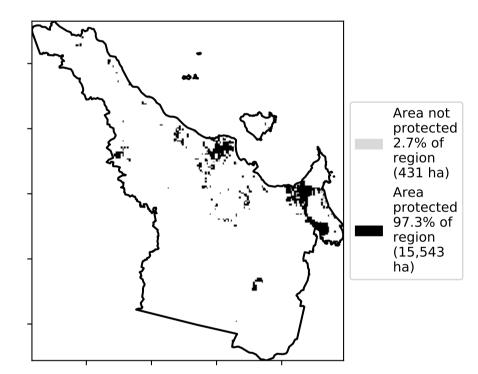


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

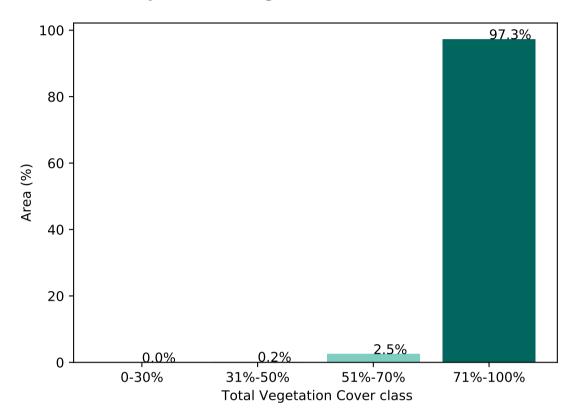




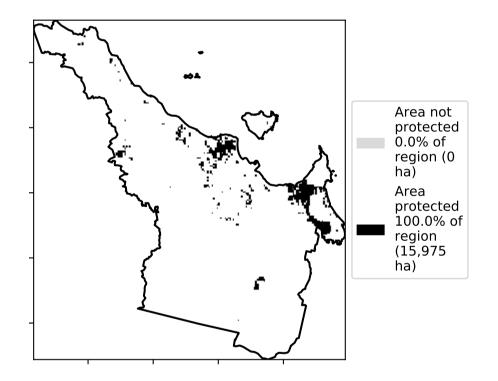
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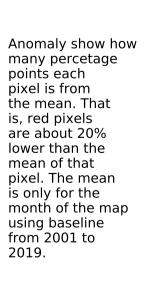


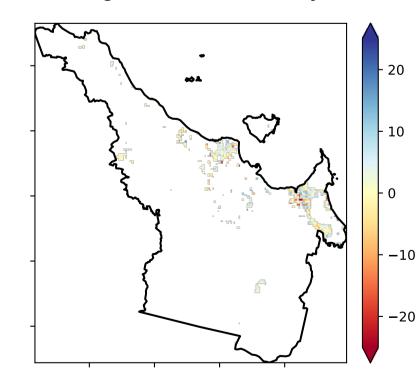


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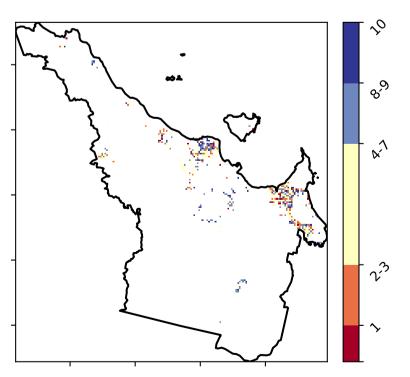


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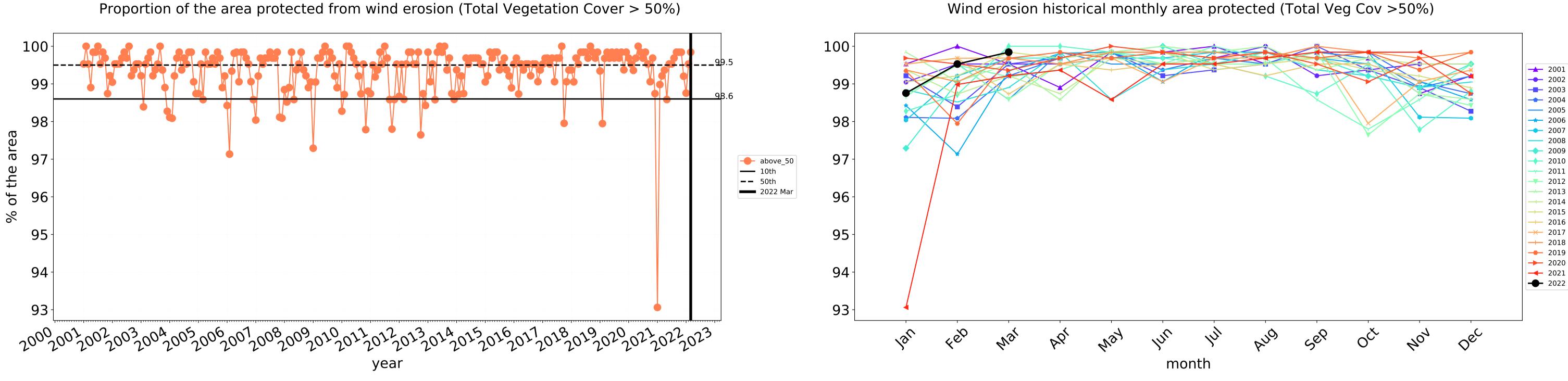


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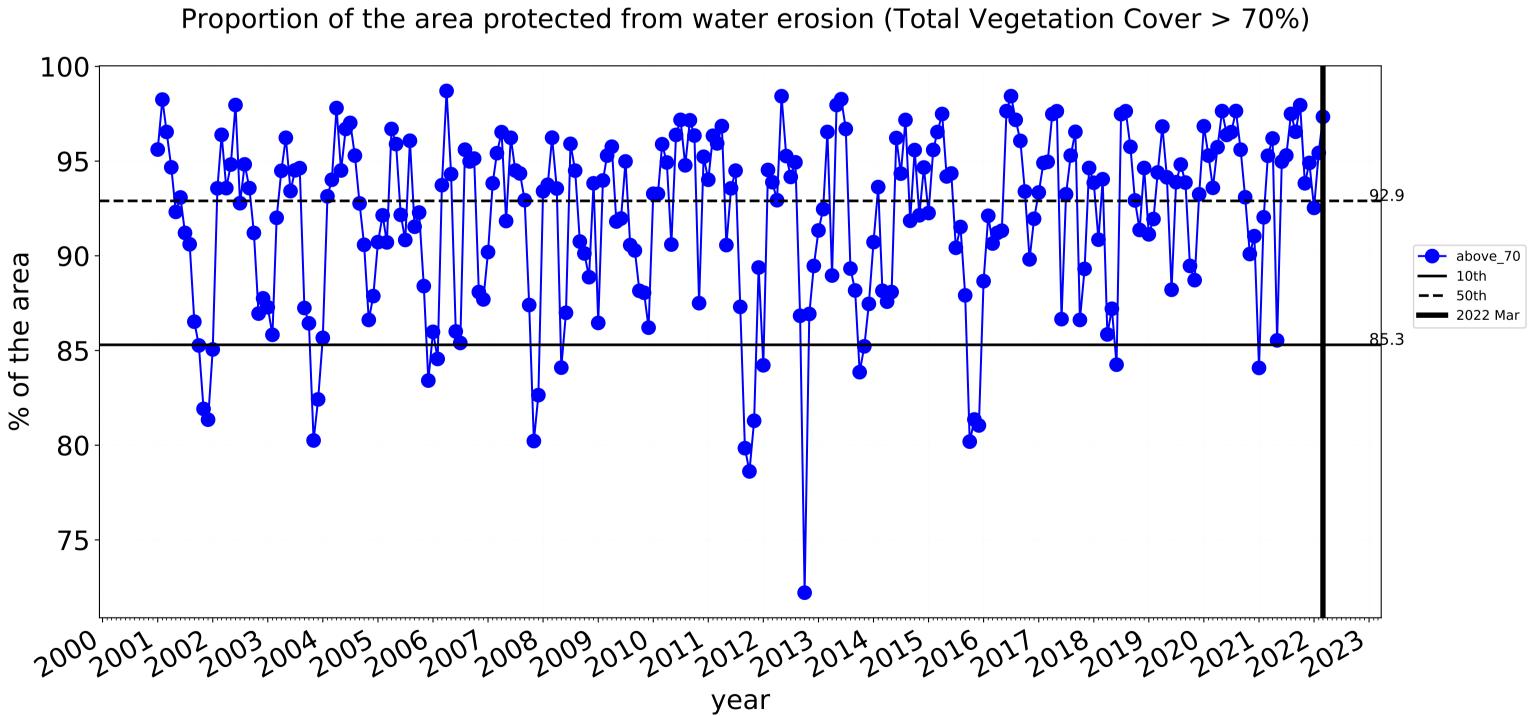






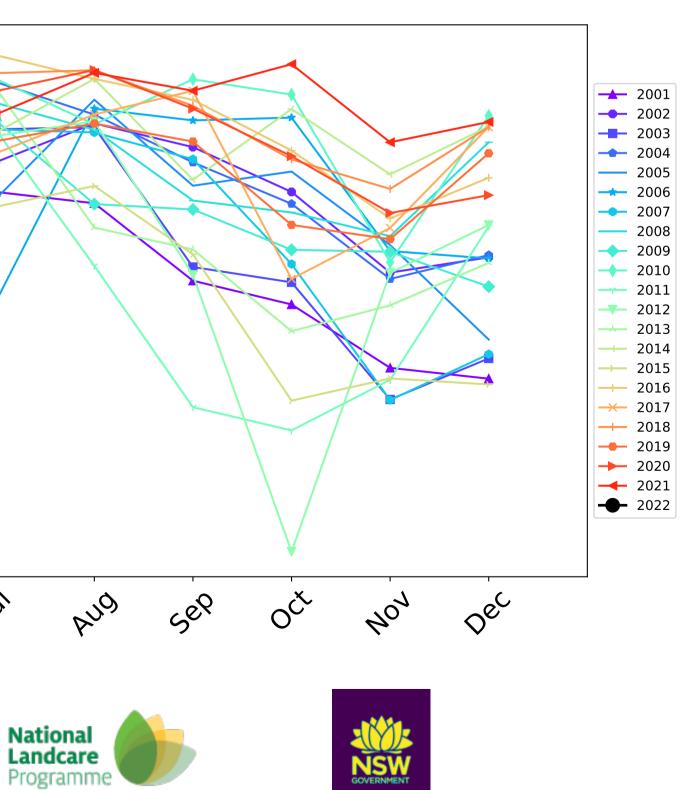


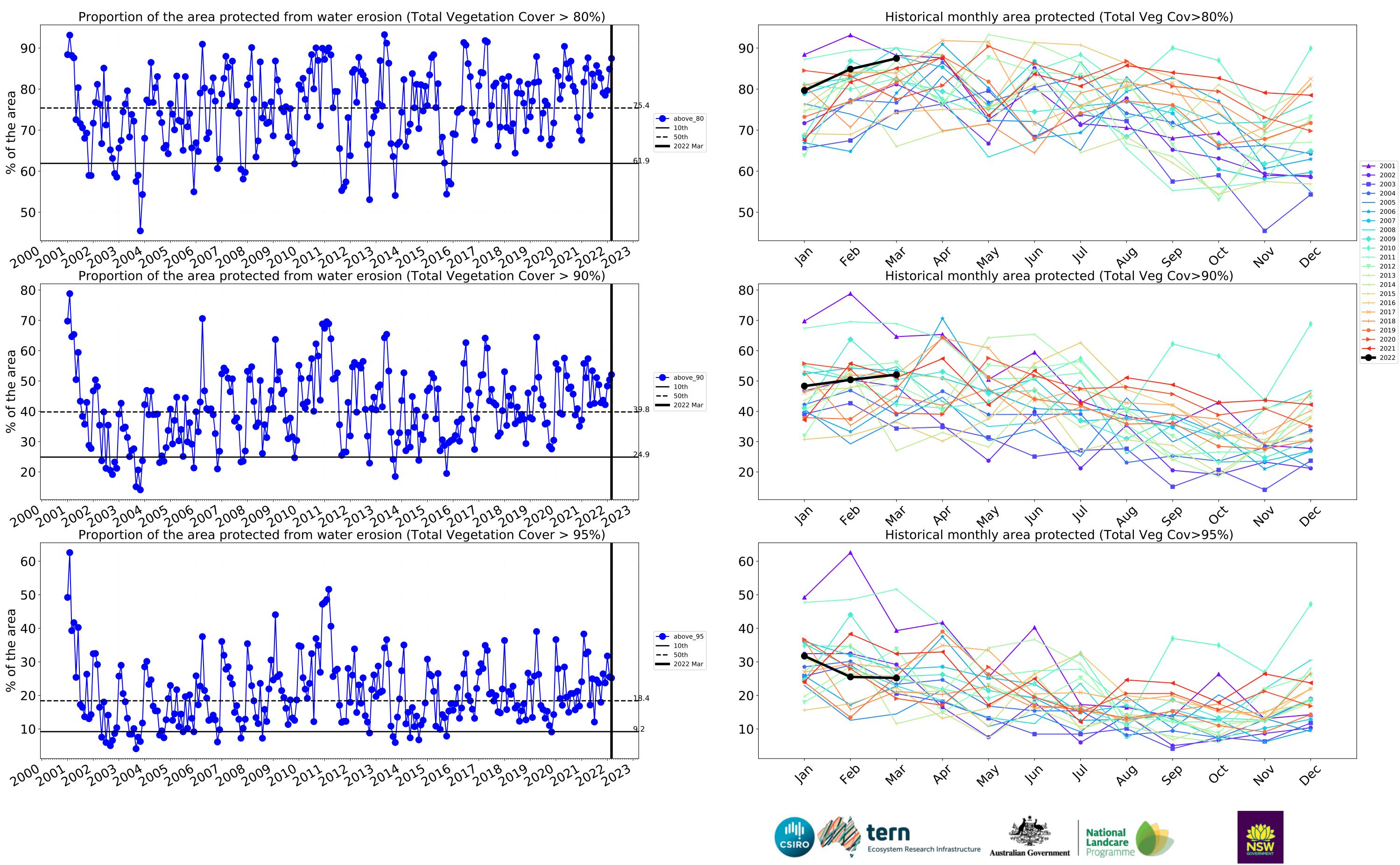
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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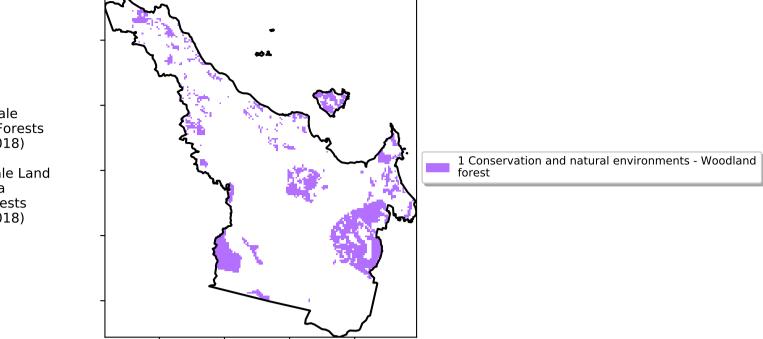






Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



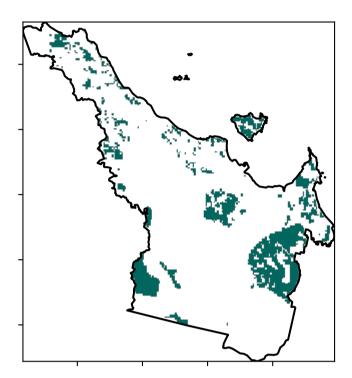
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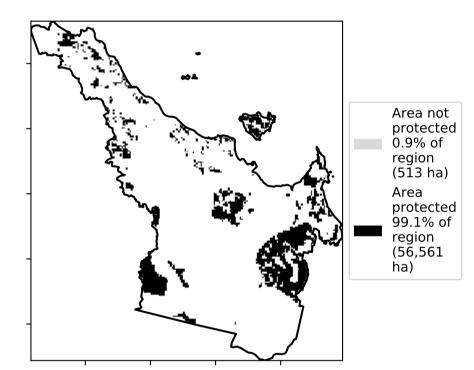
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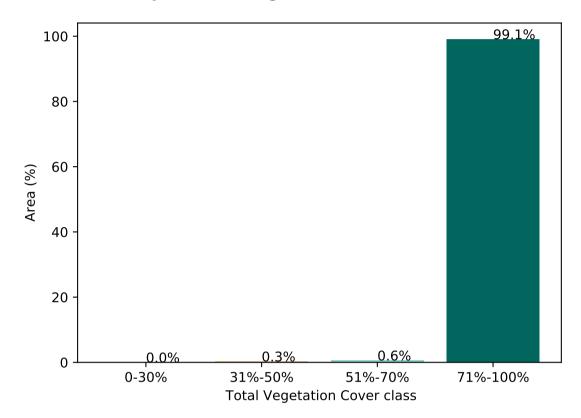
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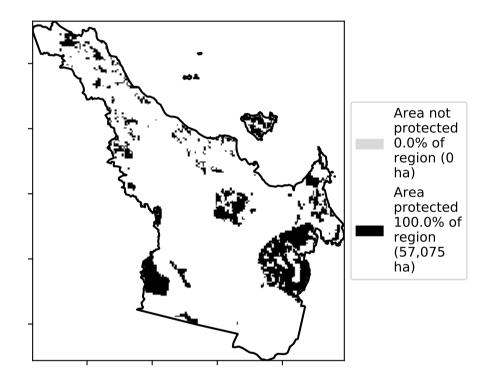






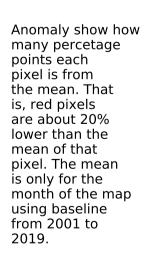


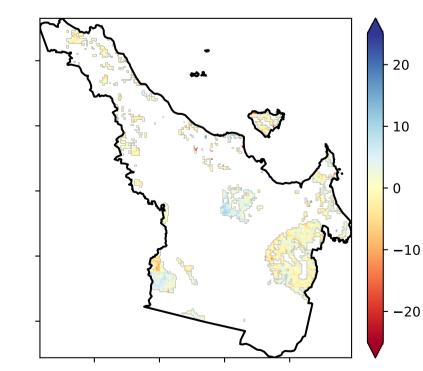
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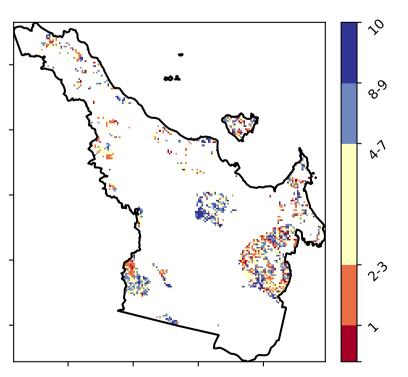
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



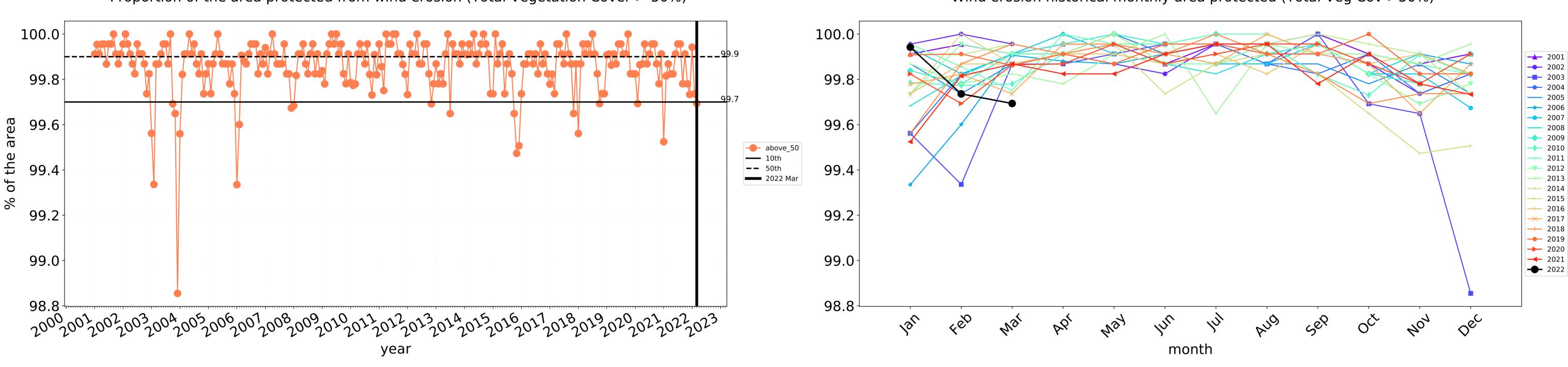


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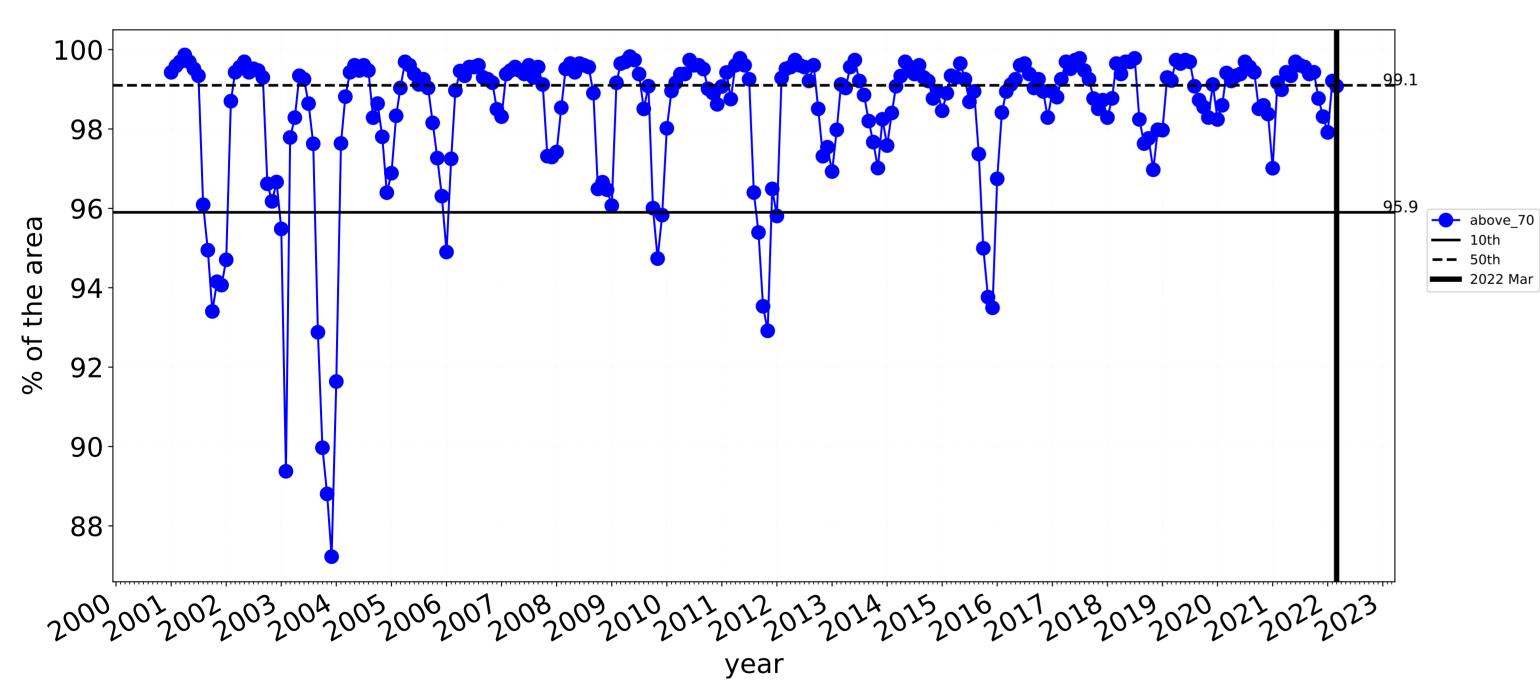


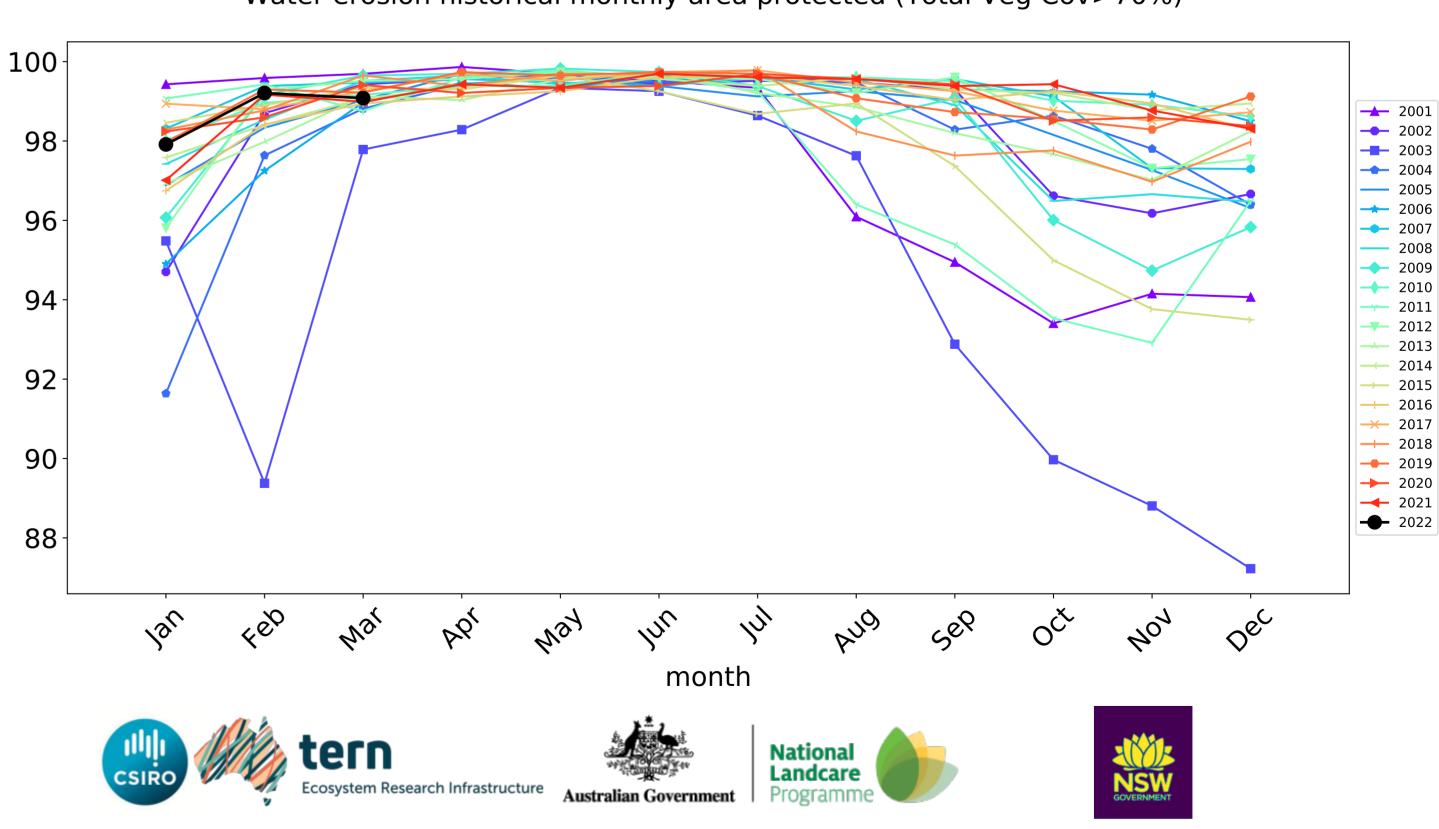






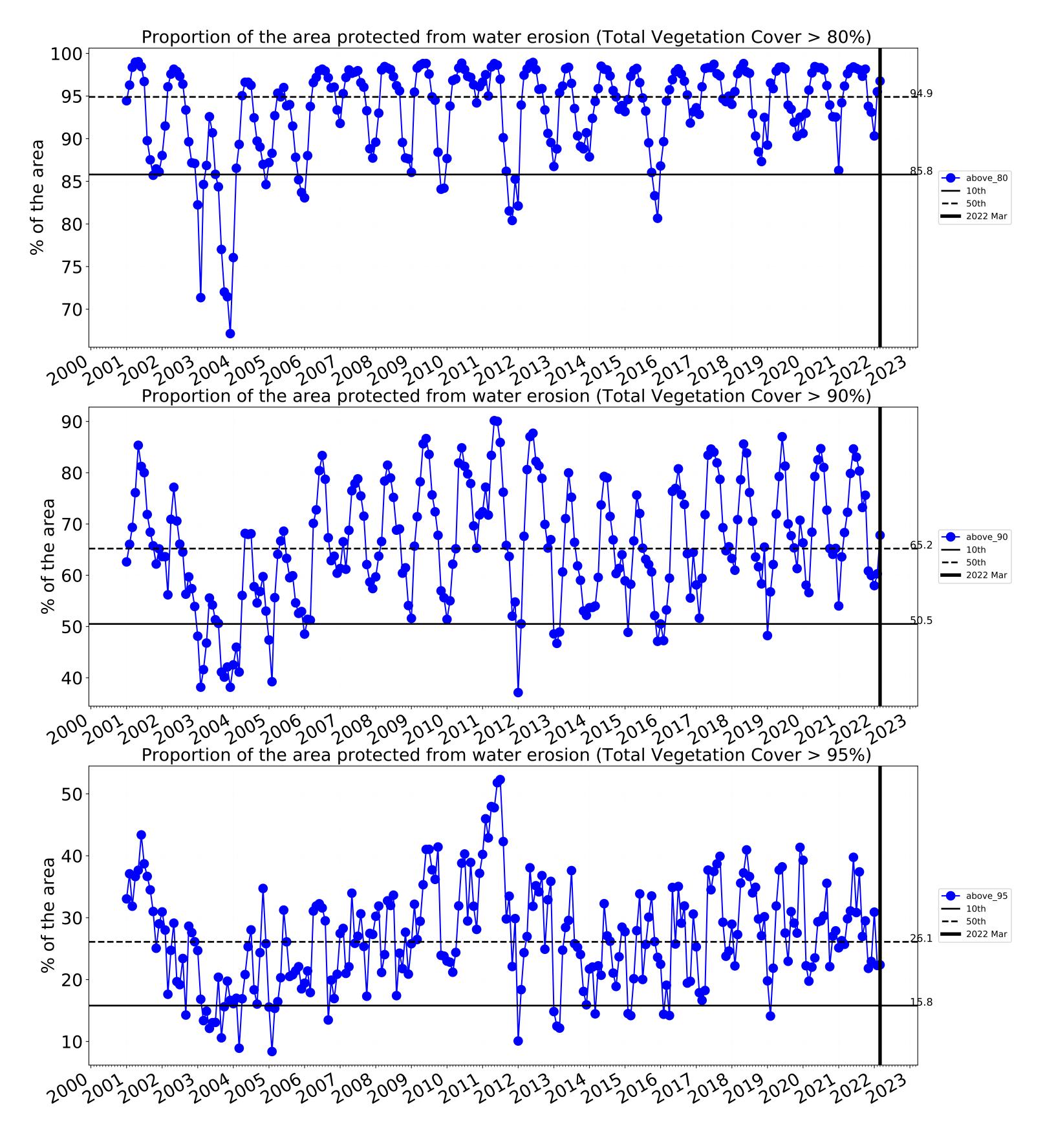
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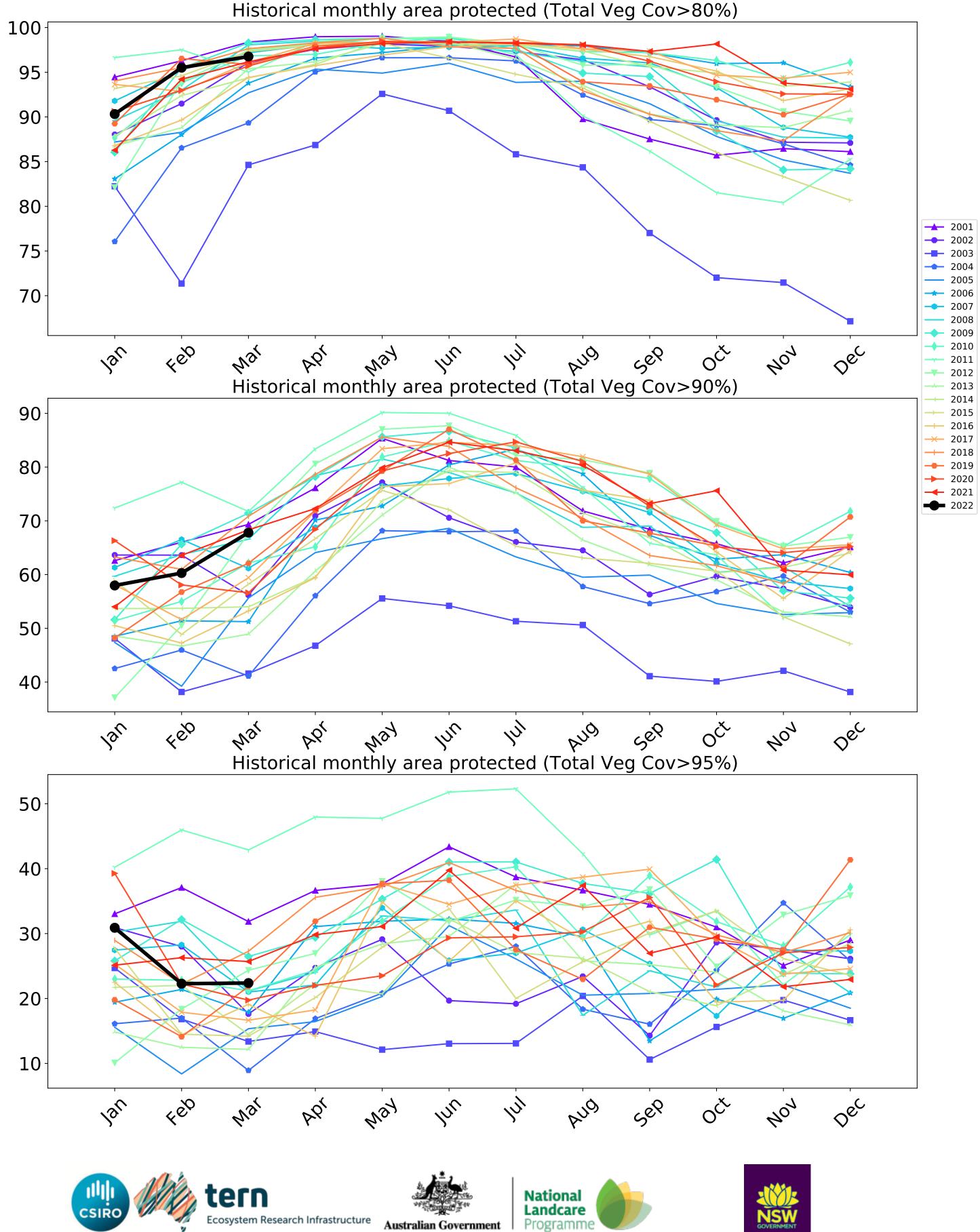




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

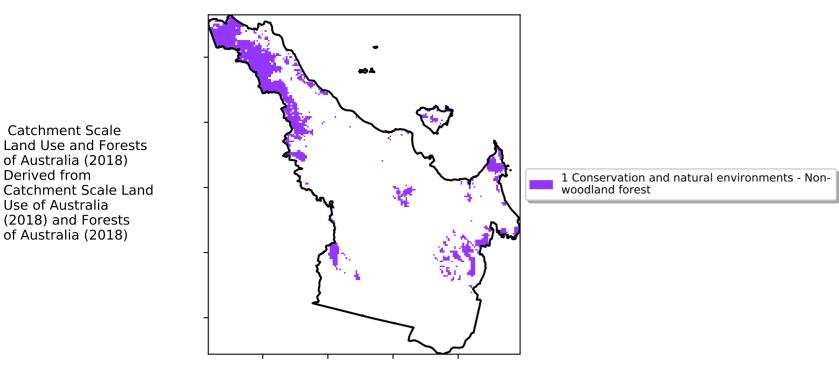






Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

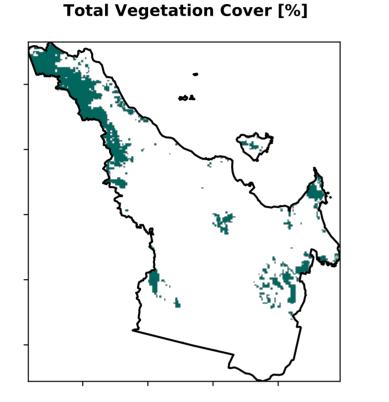


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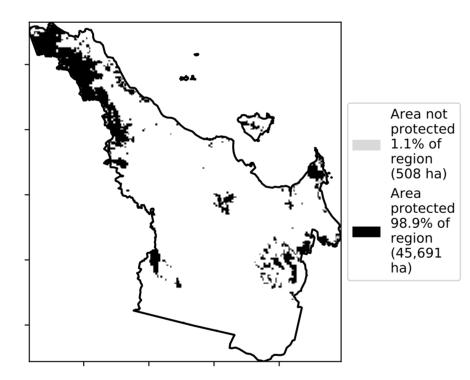
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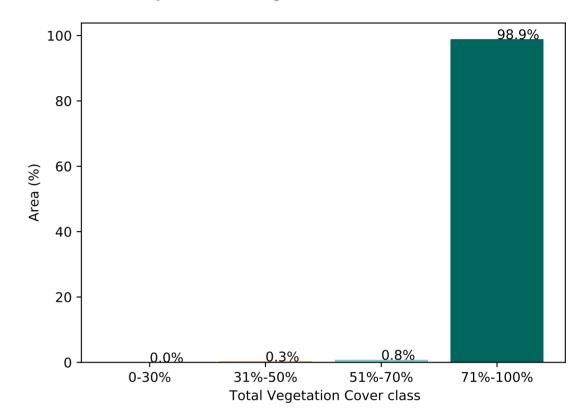
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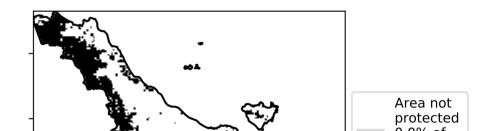
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



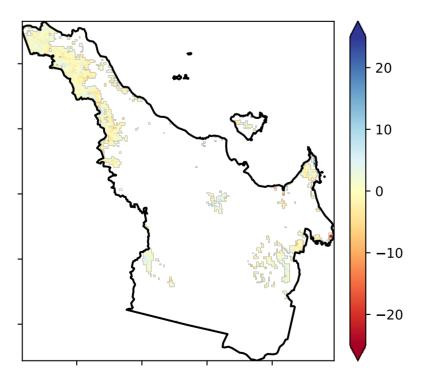
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

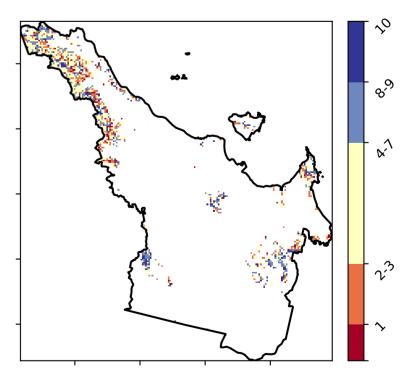
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



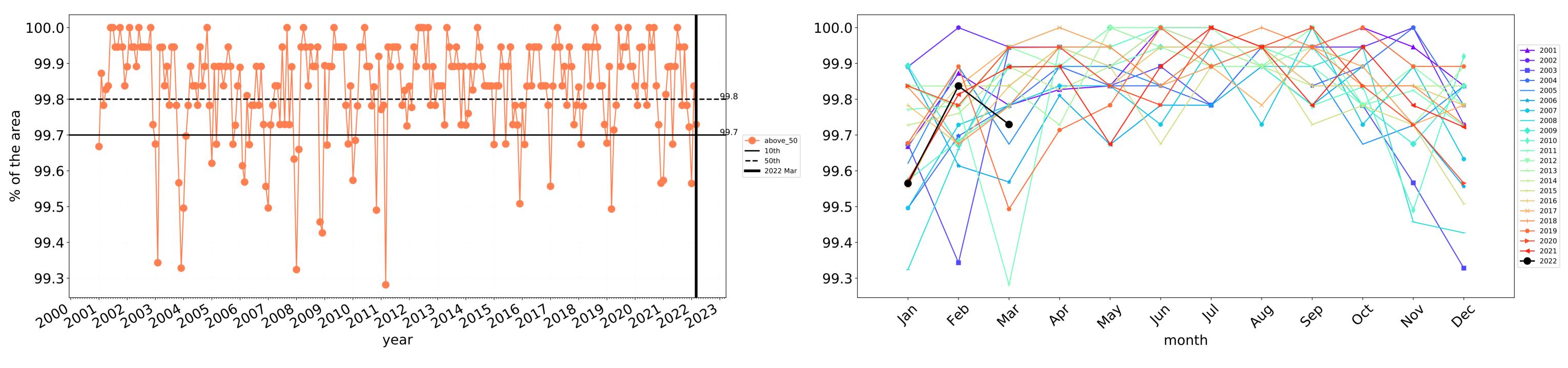


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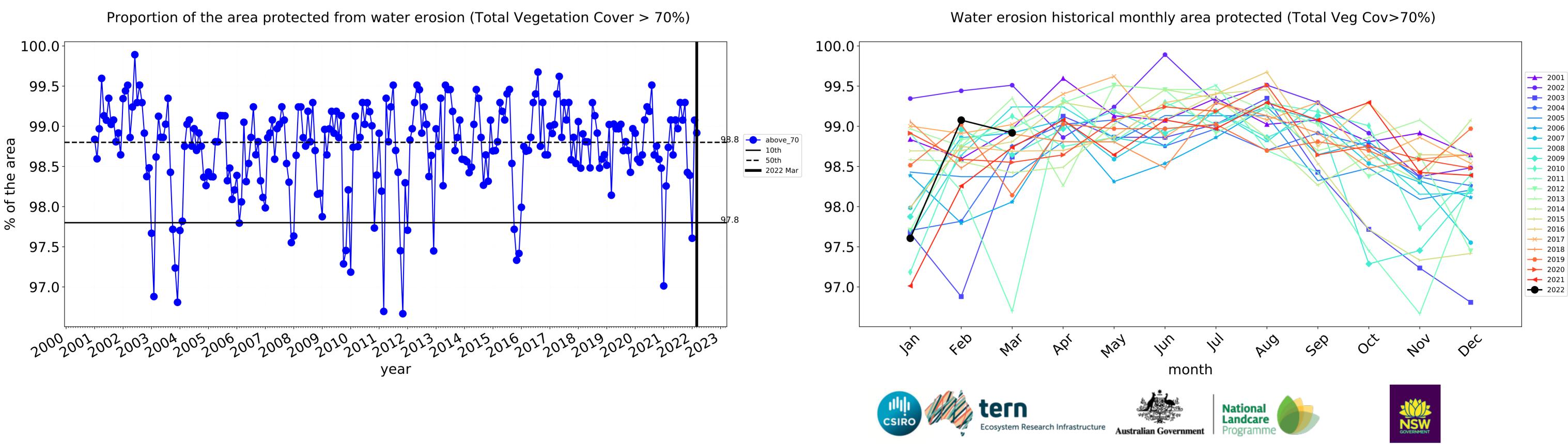
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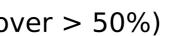
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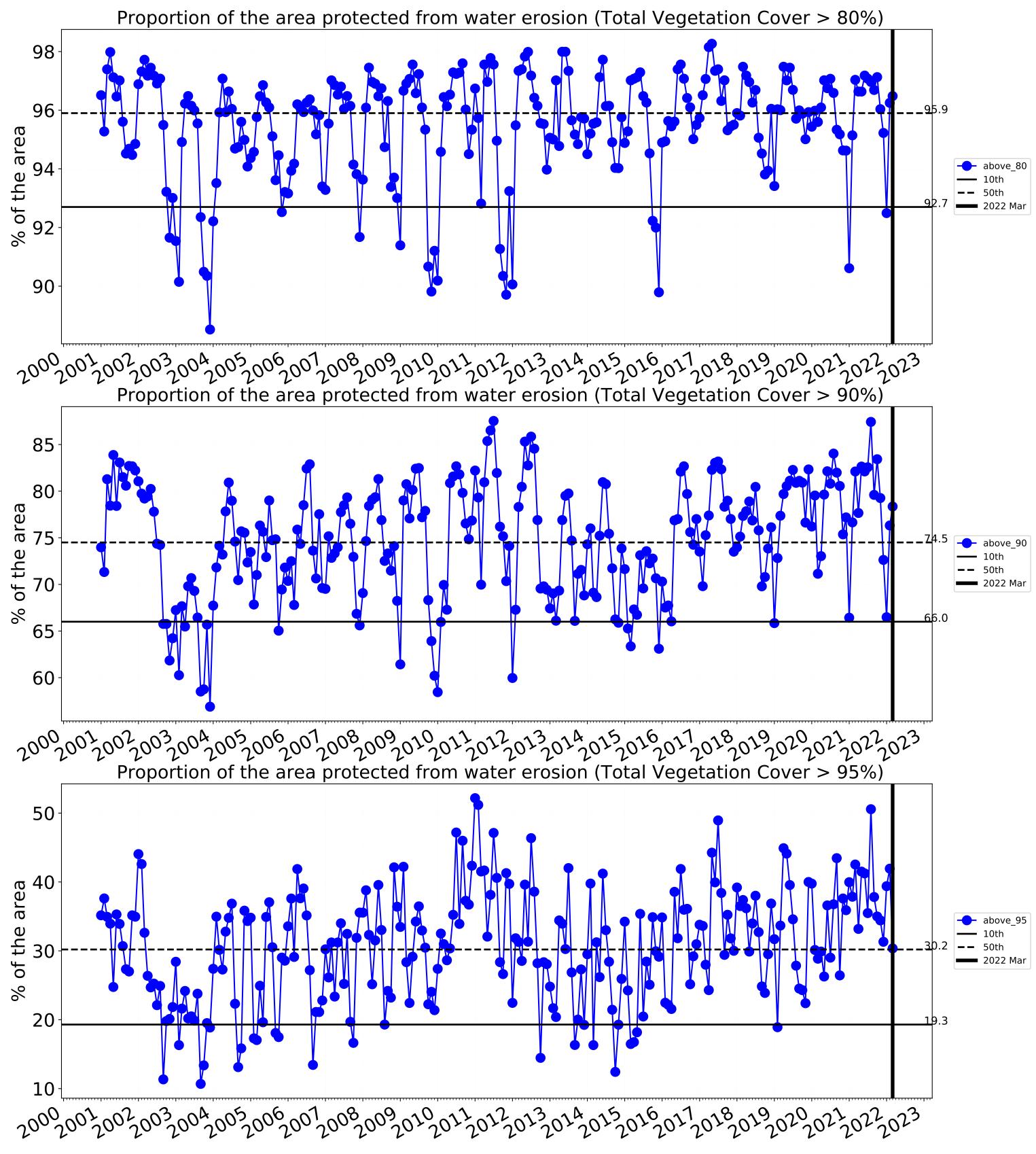


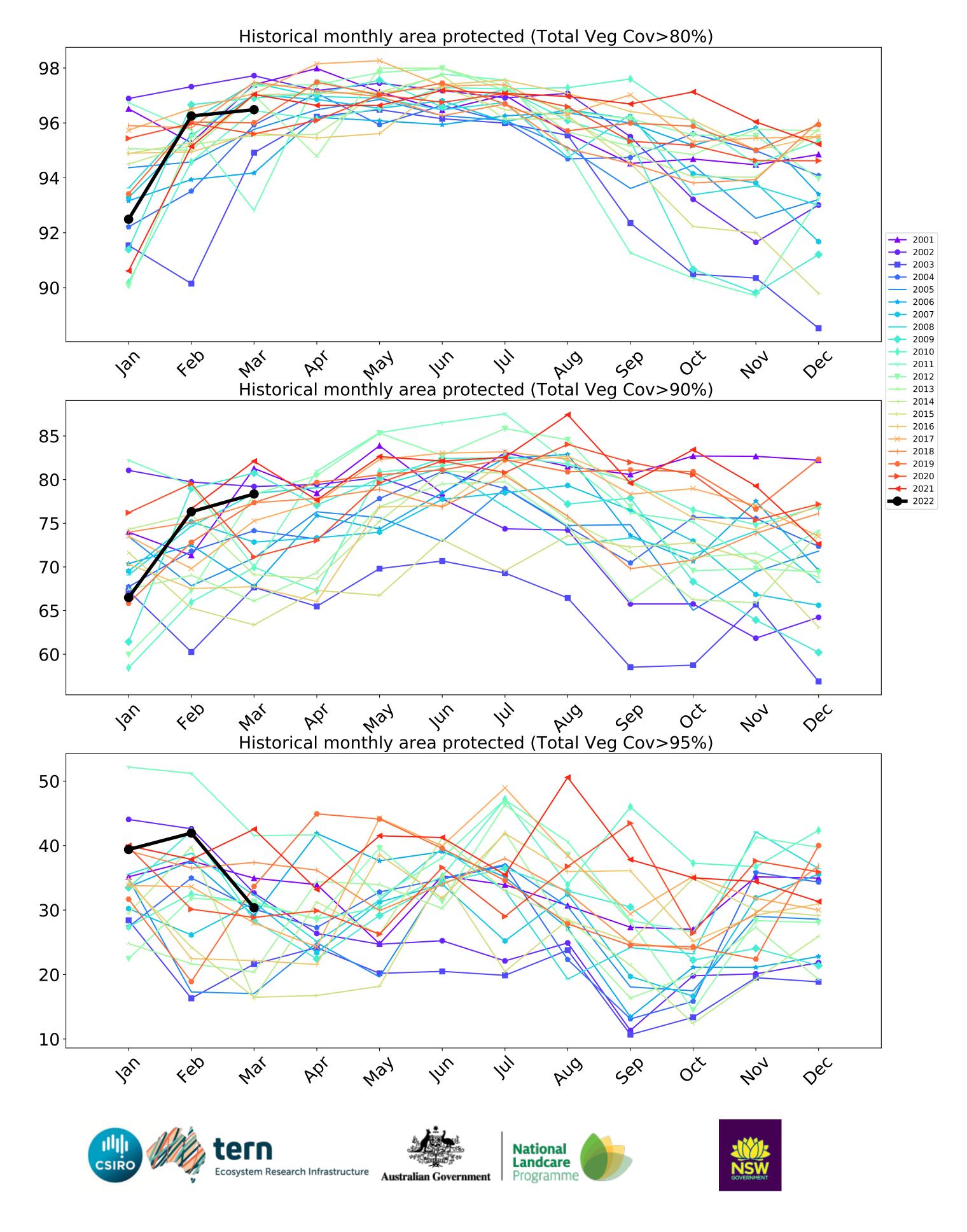
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





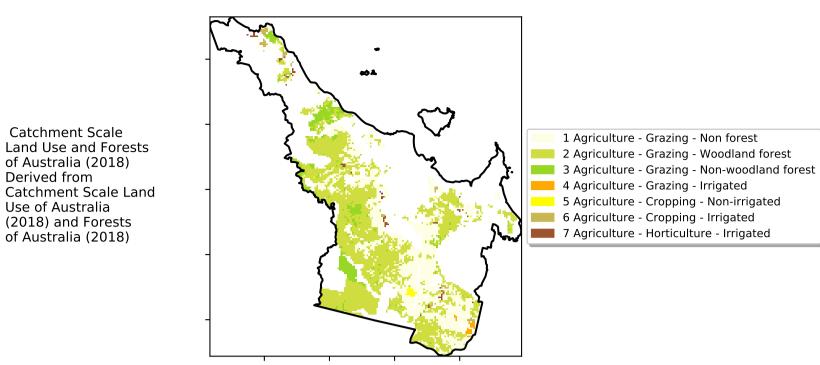
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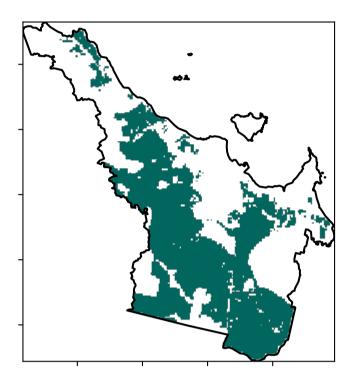


Agriculture

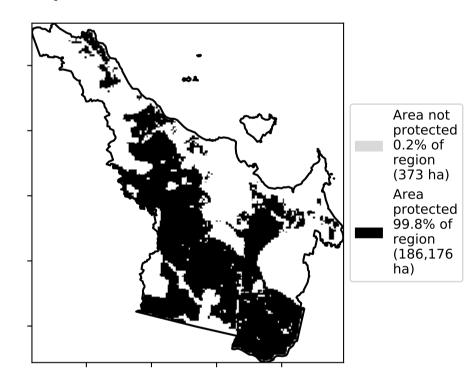
Land use and forest cover

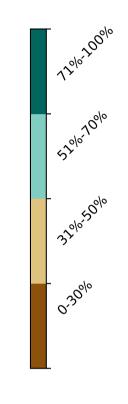


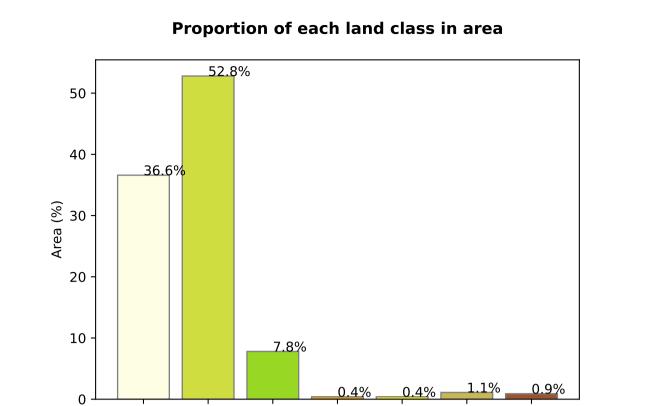
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

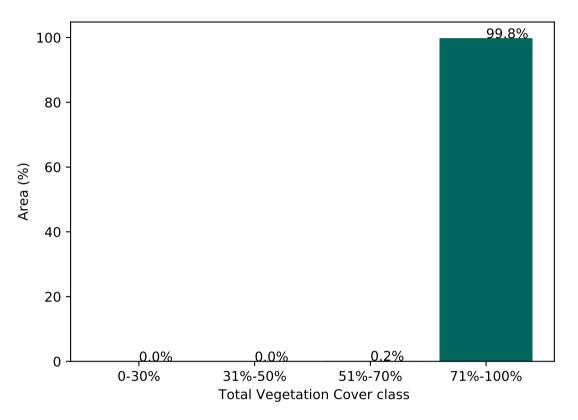
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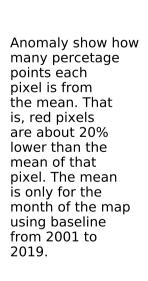
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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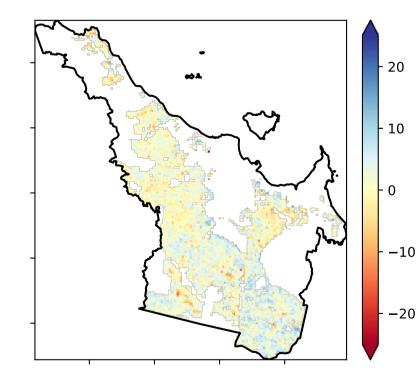
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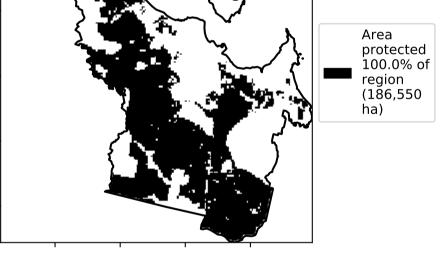
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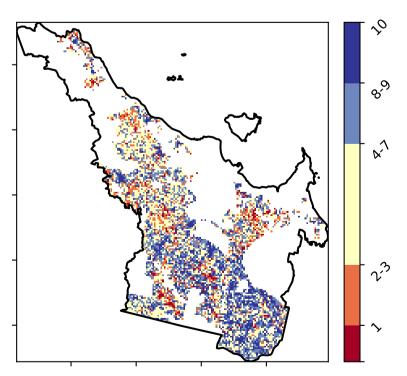
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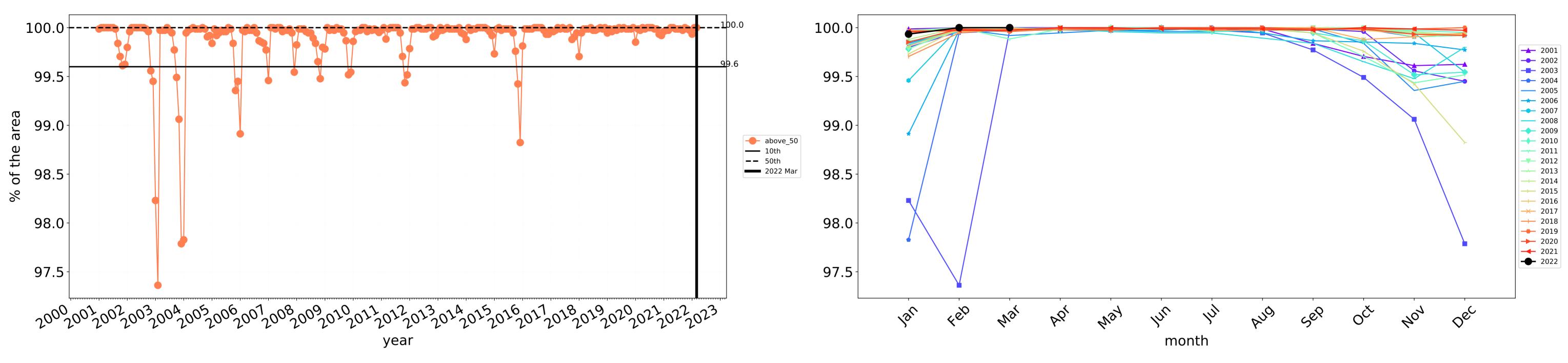
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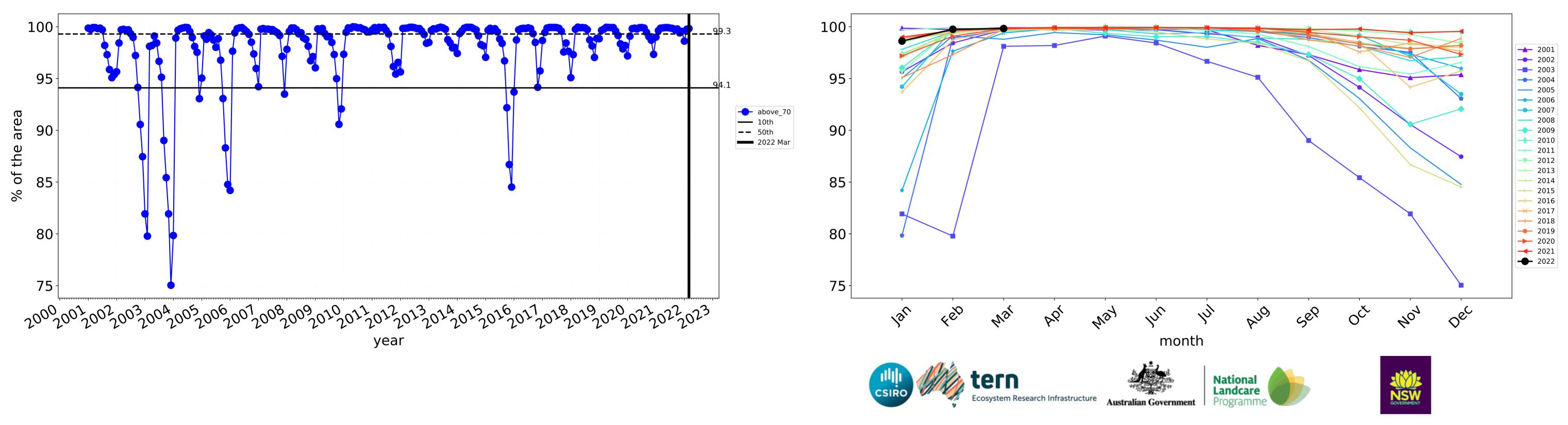




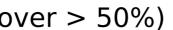


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

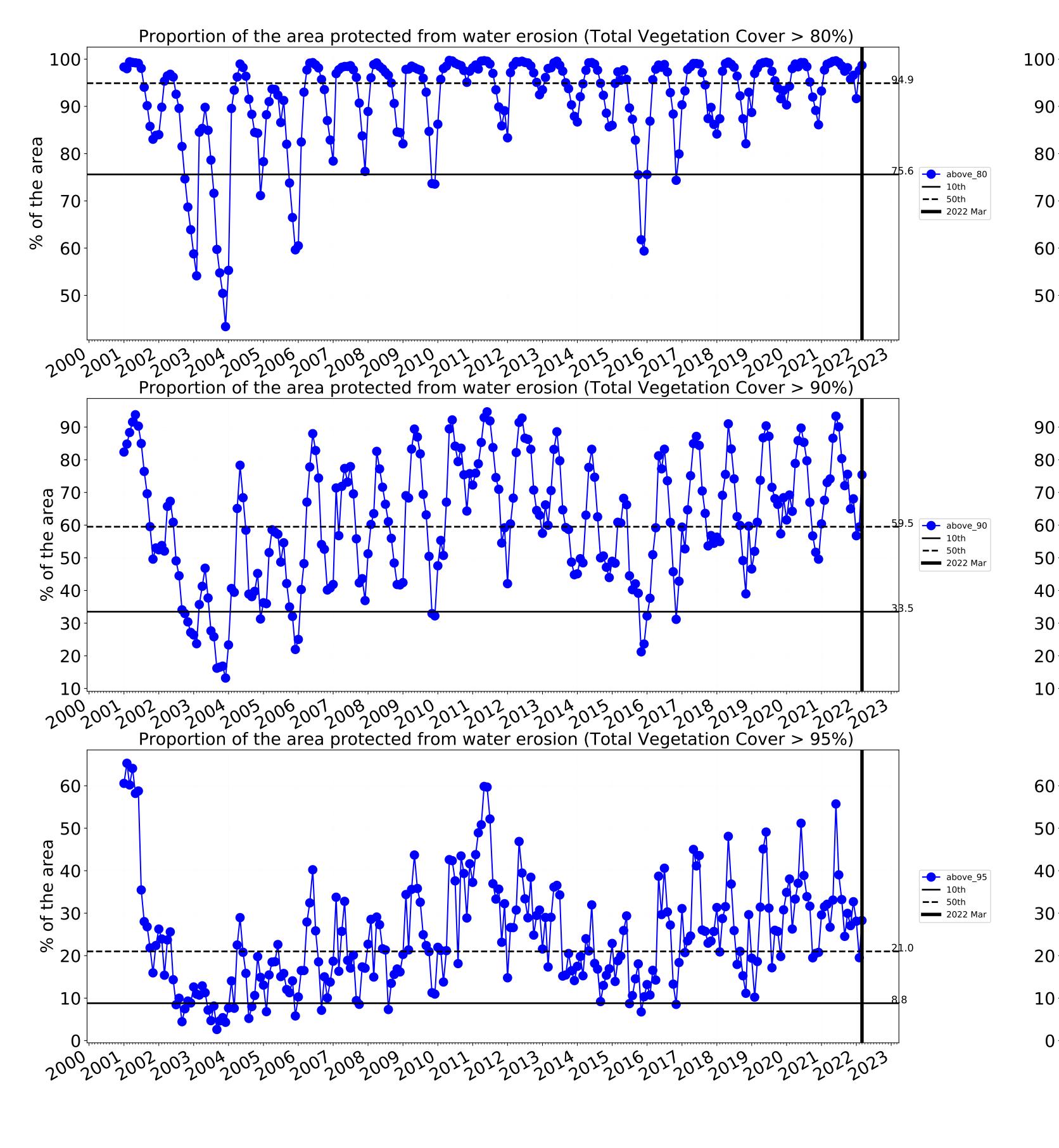


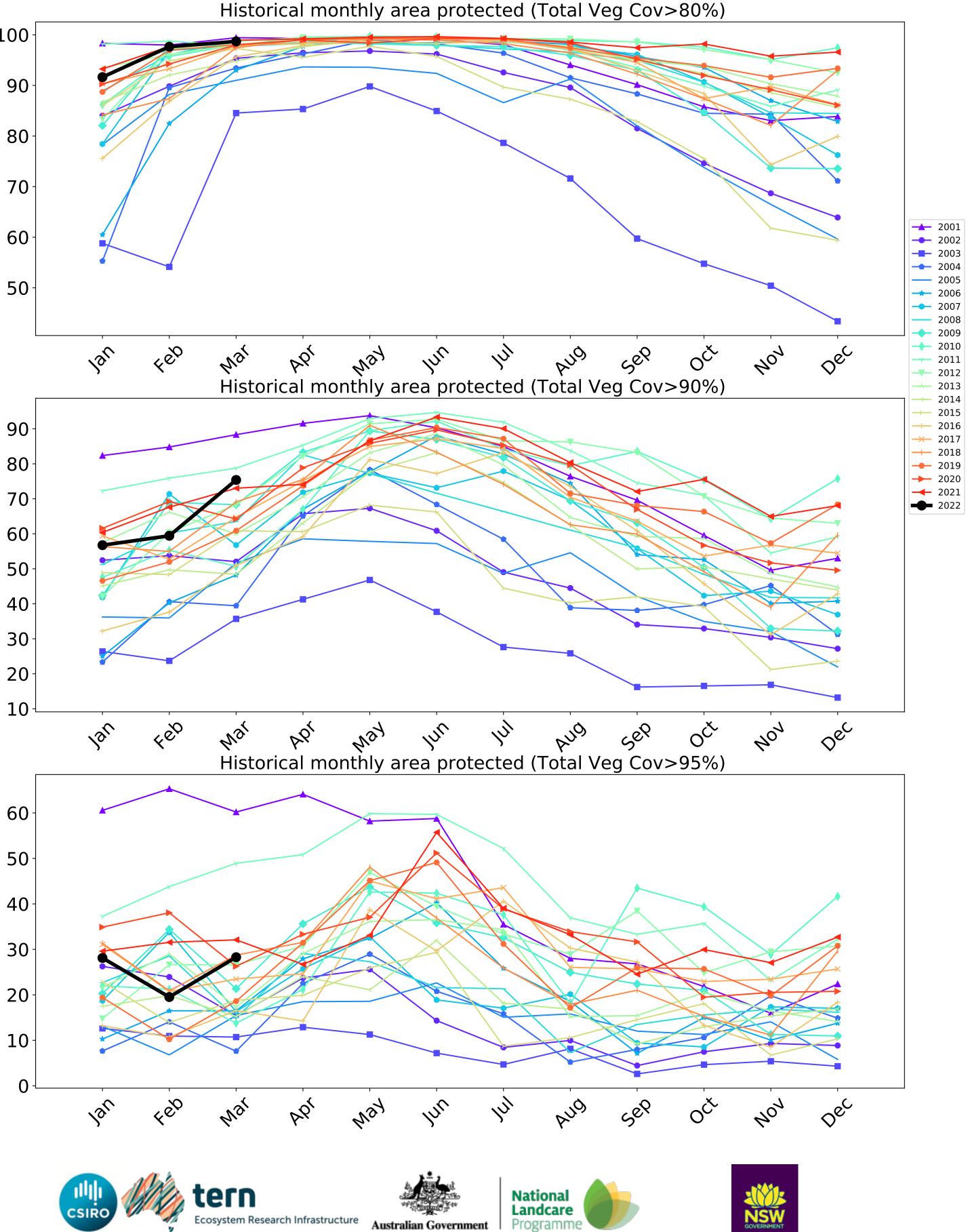
Agriculture timeseries



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

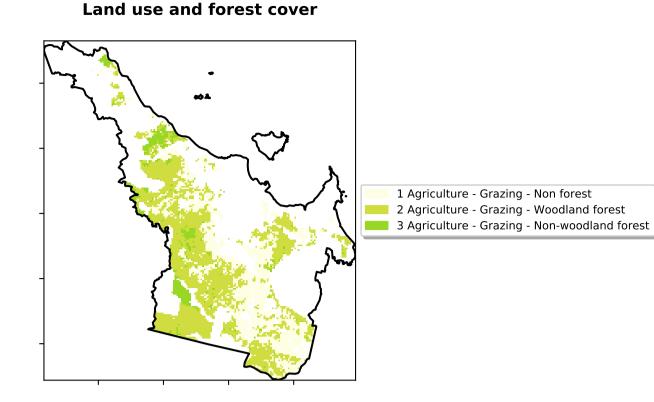
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



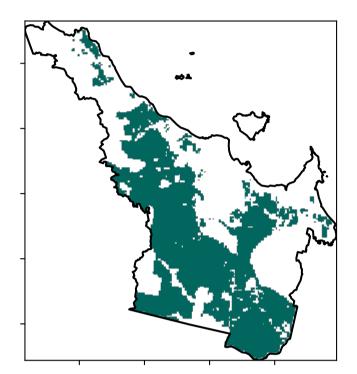


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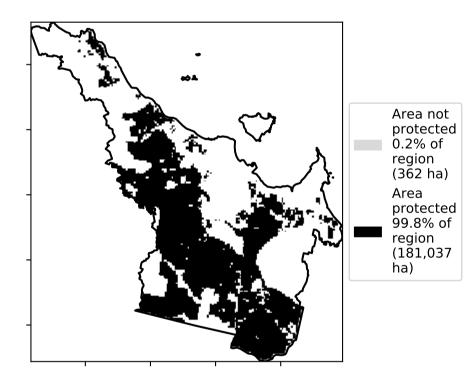
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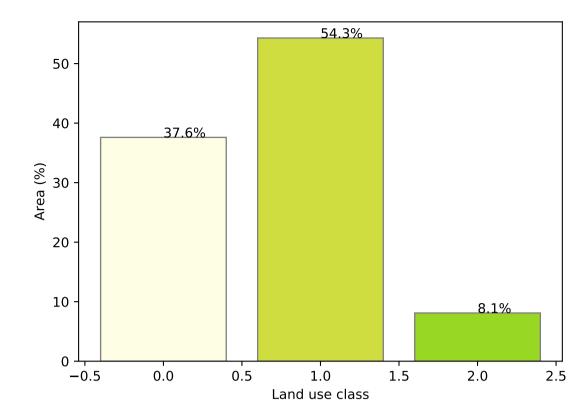


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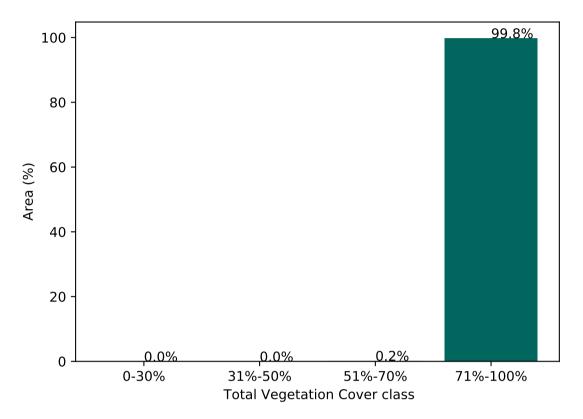
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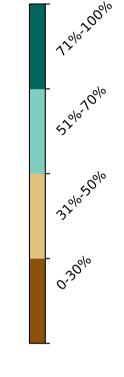
Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

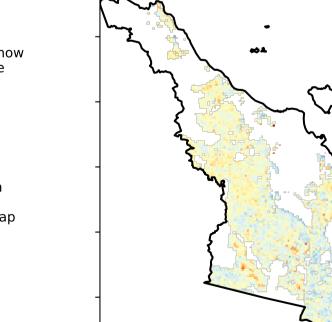


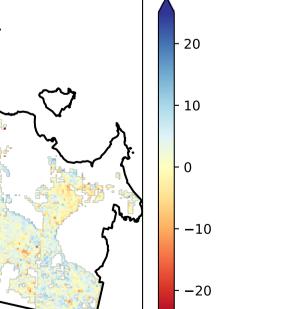
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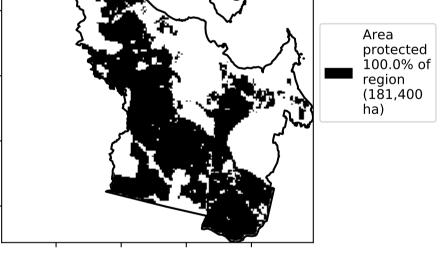


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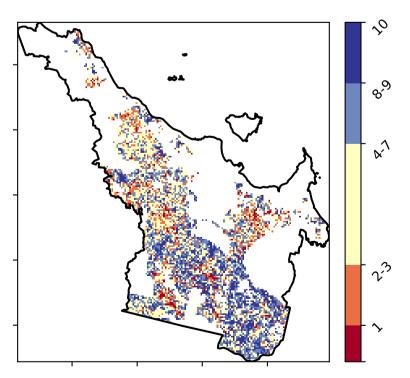




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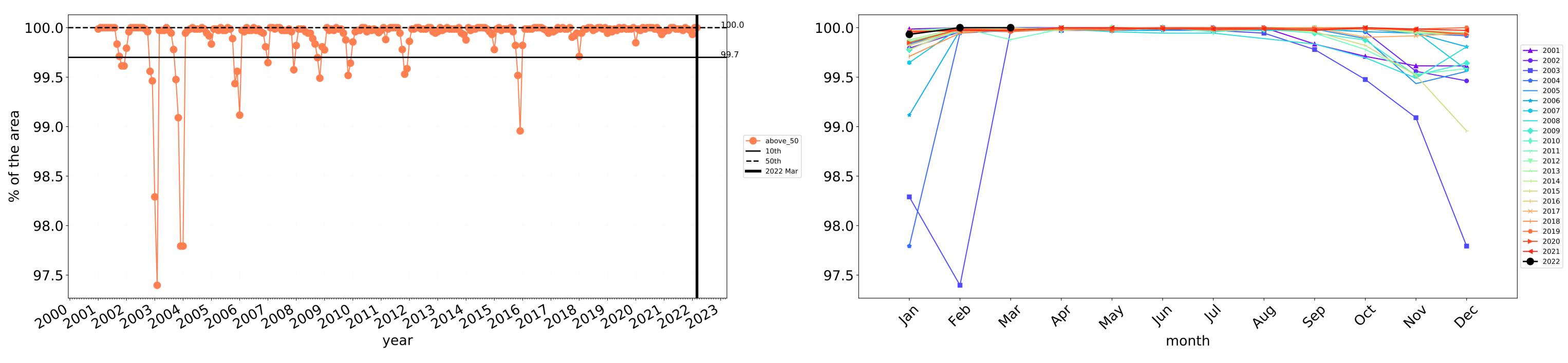
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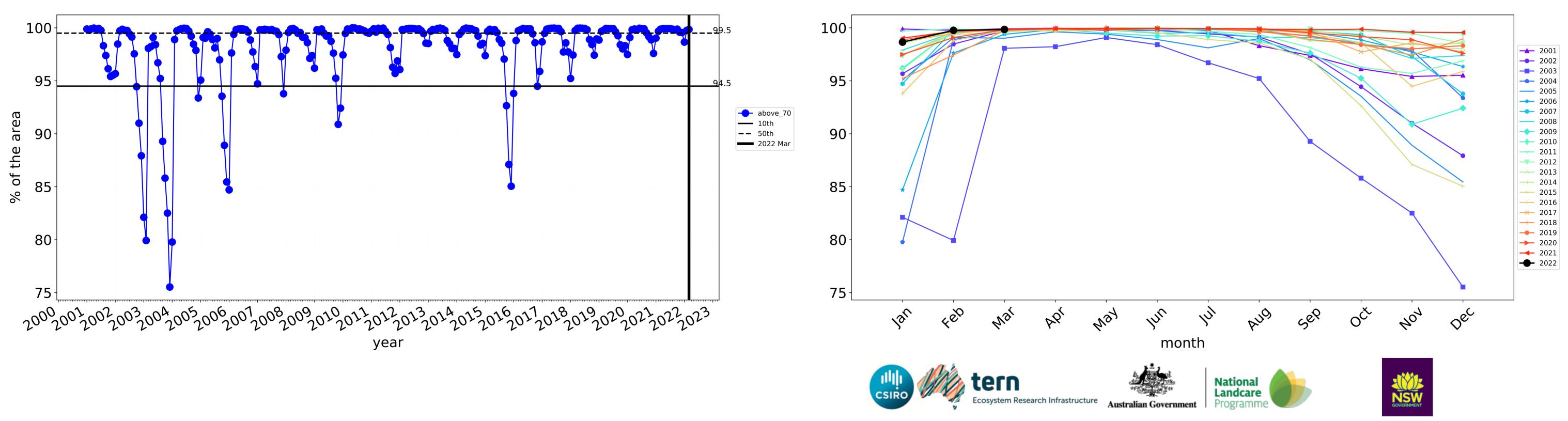


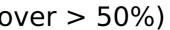
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

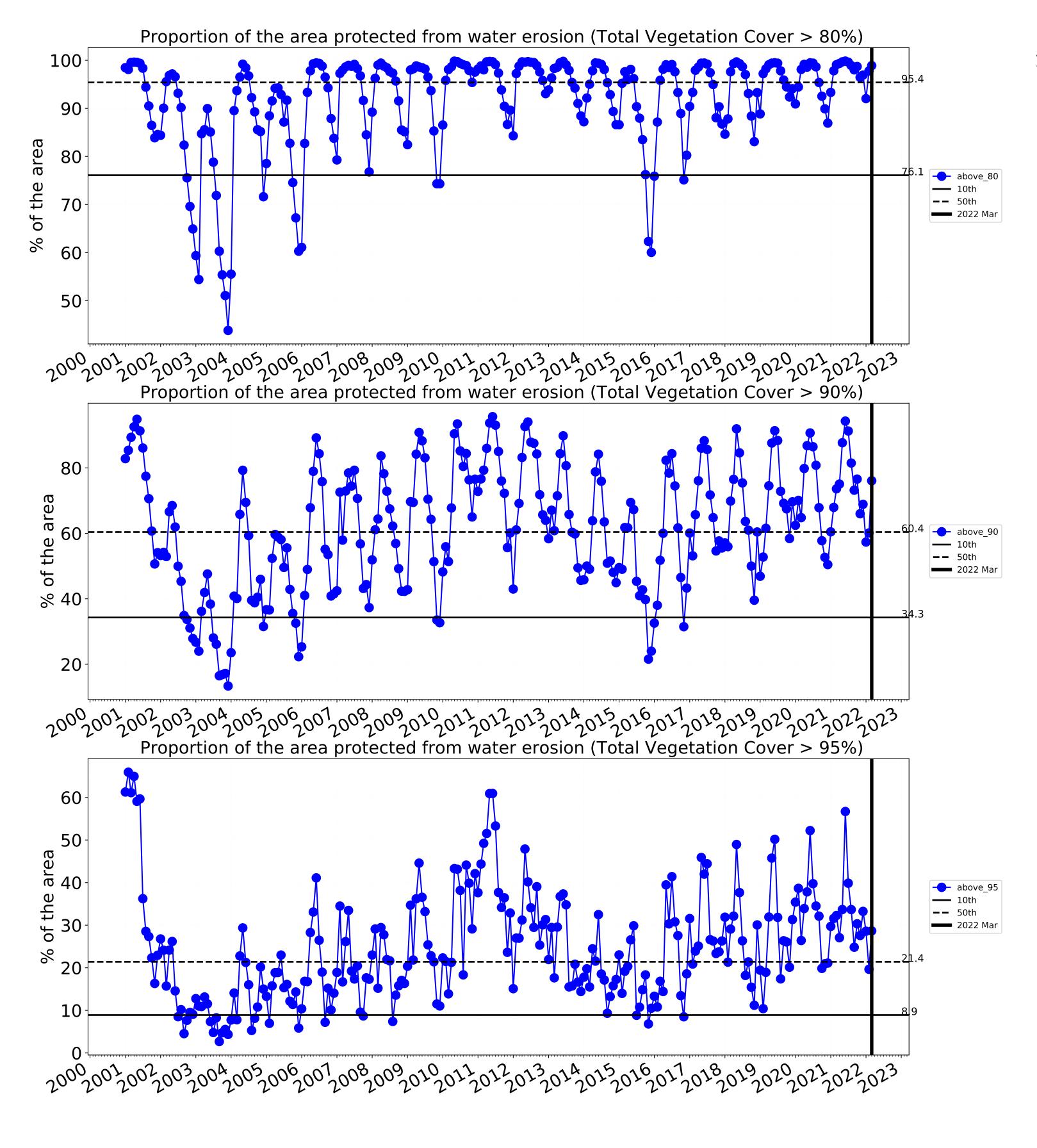
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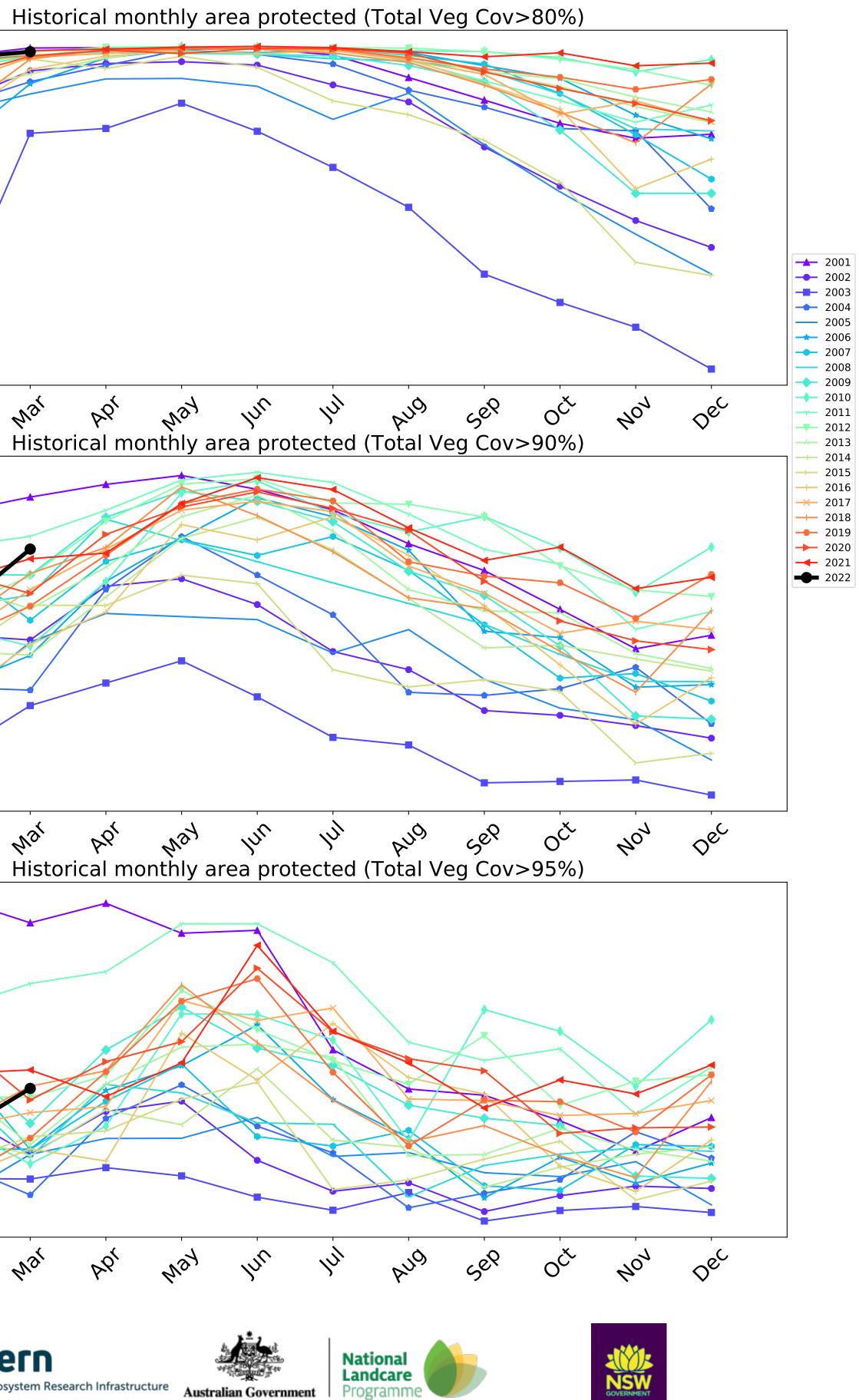


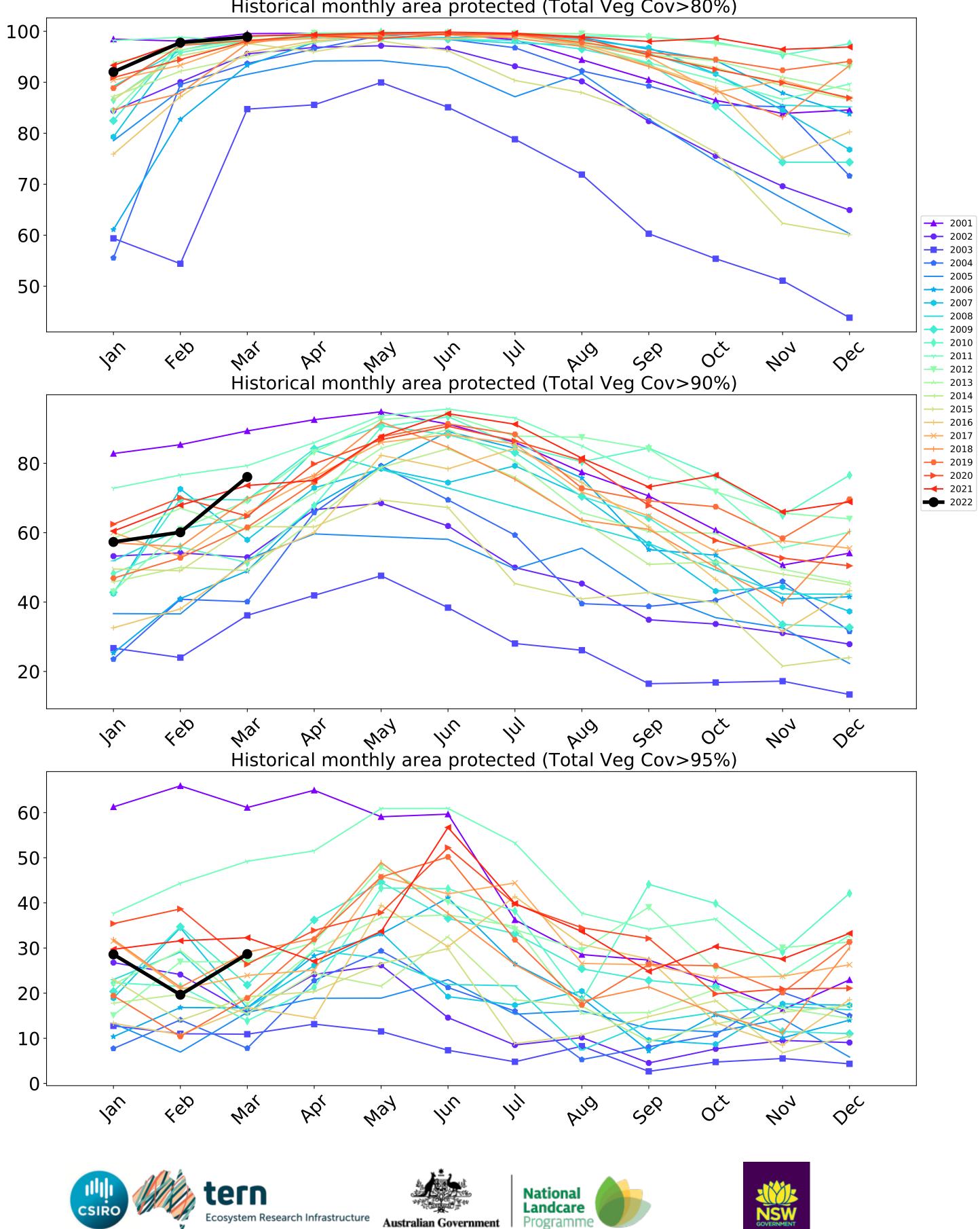


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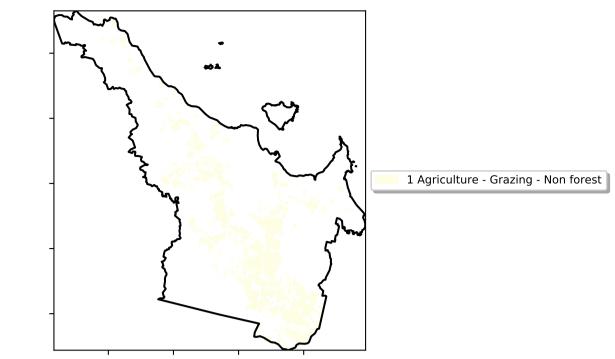




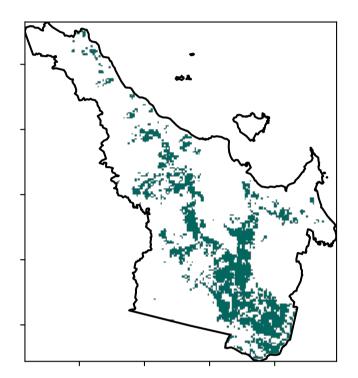


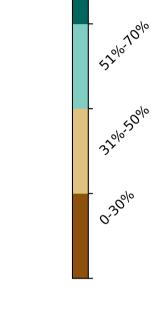
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



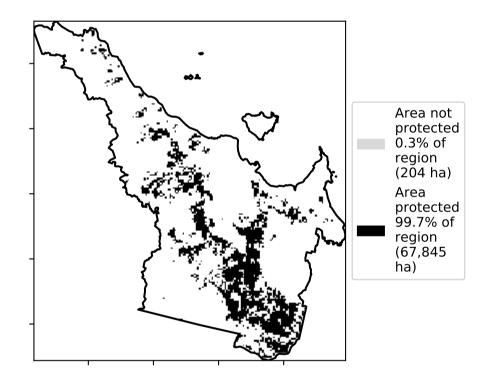
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



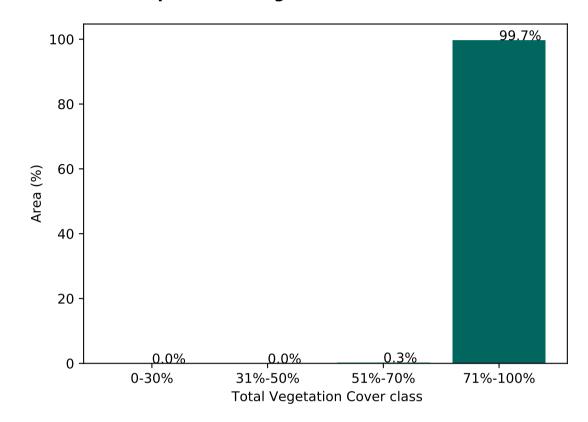


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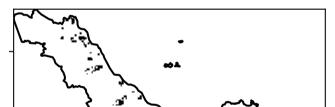
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

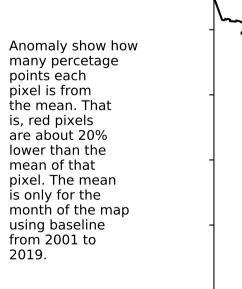


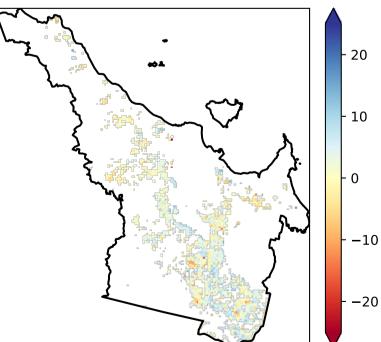
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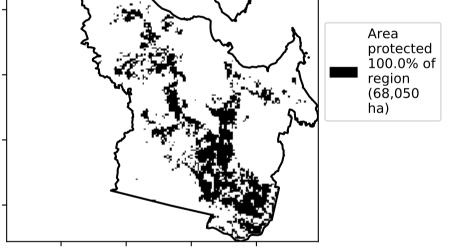
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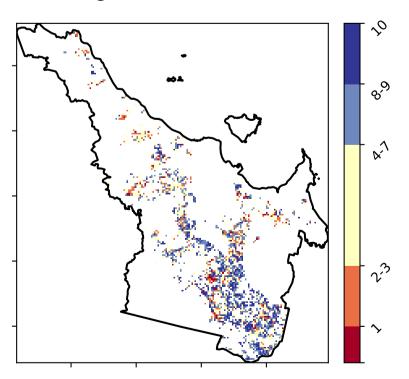
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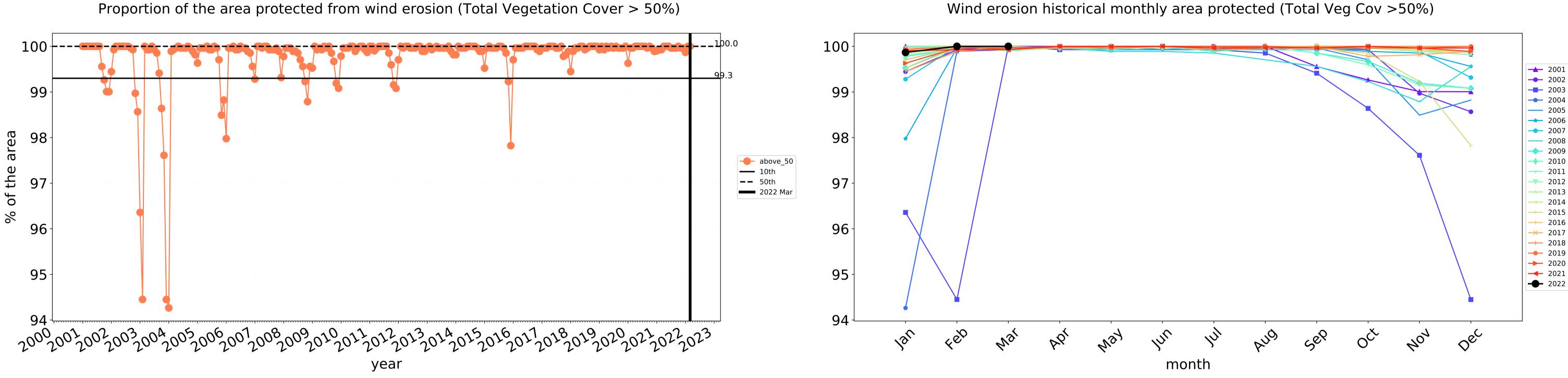
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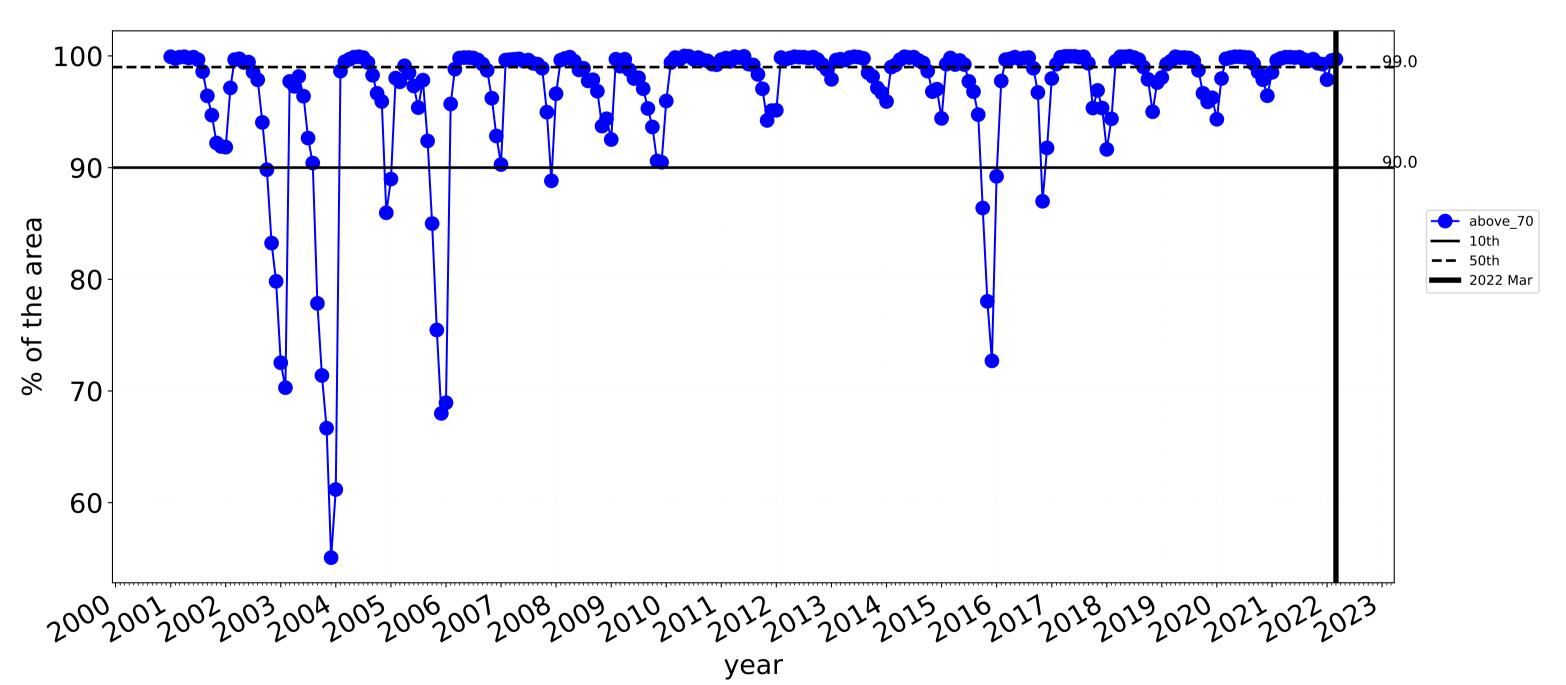






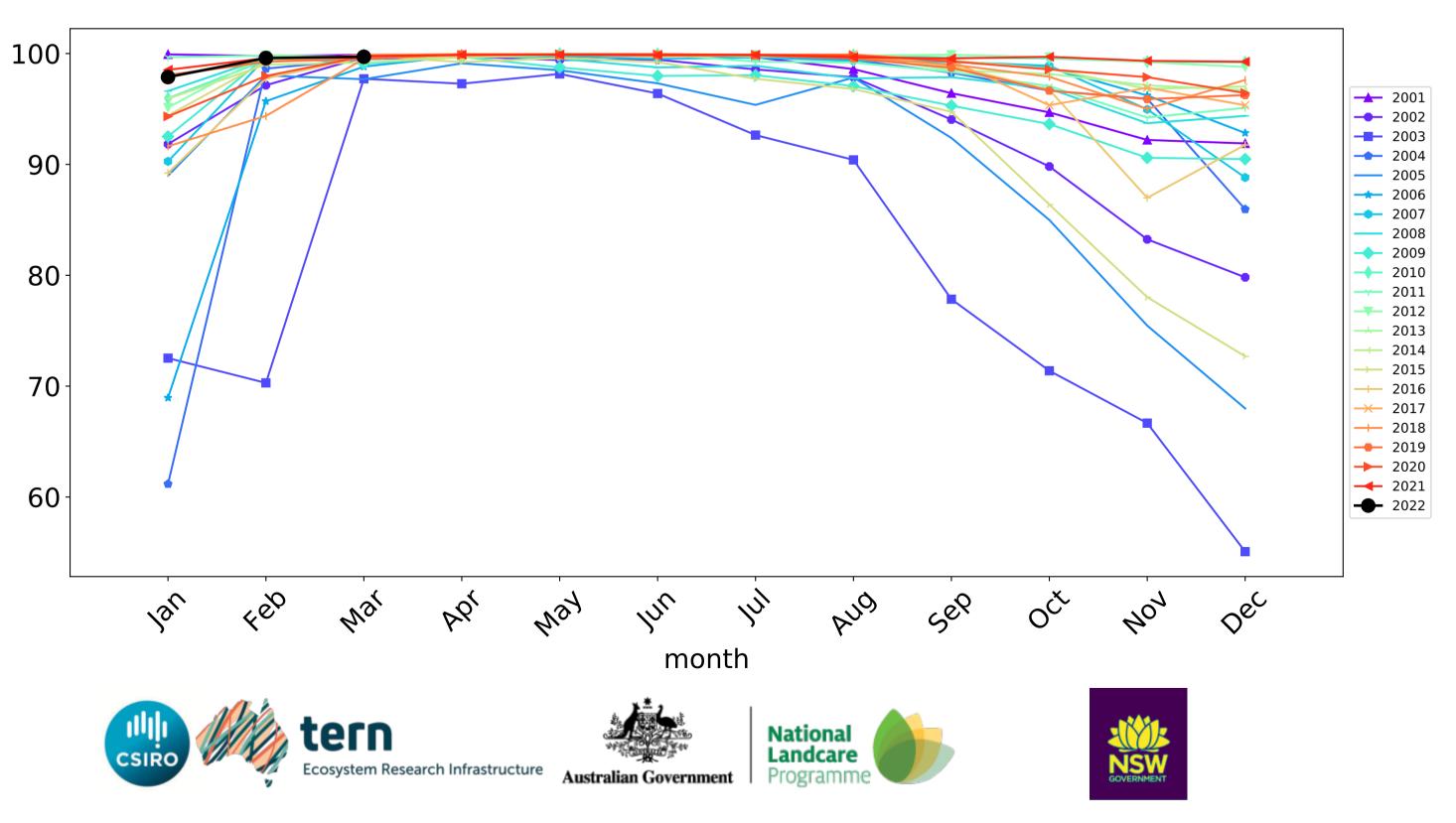


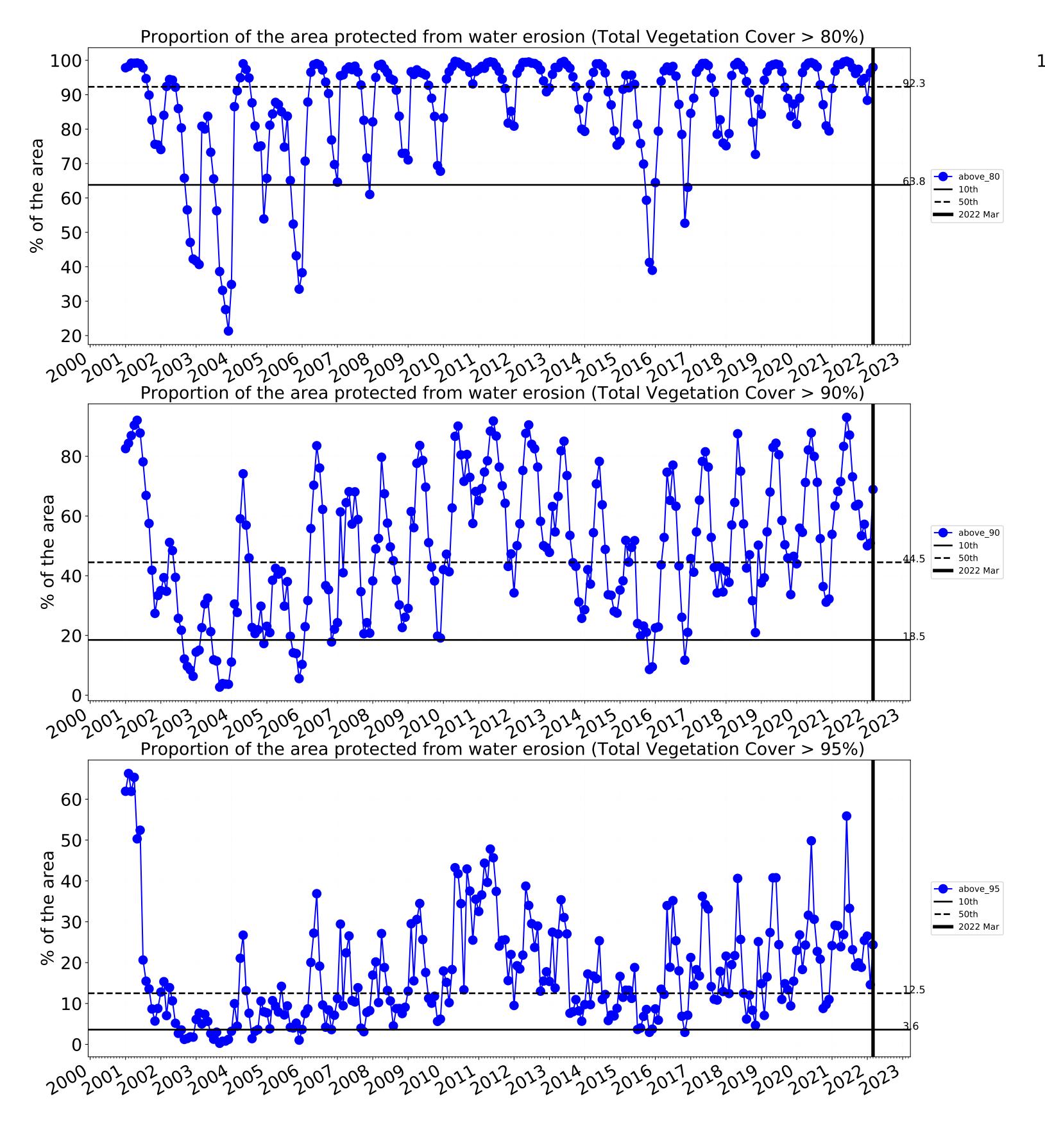
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

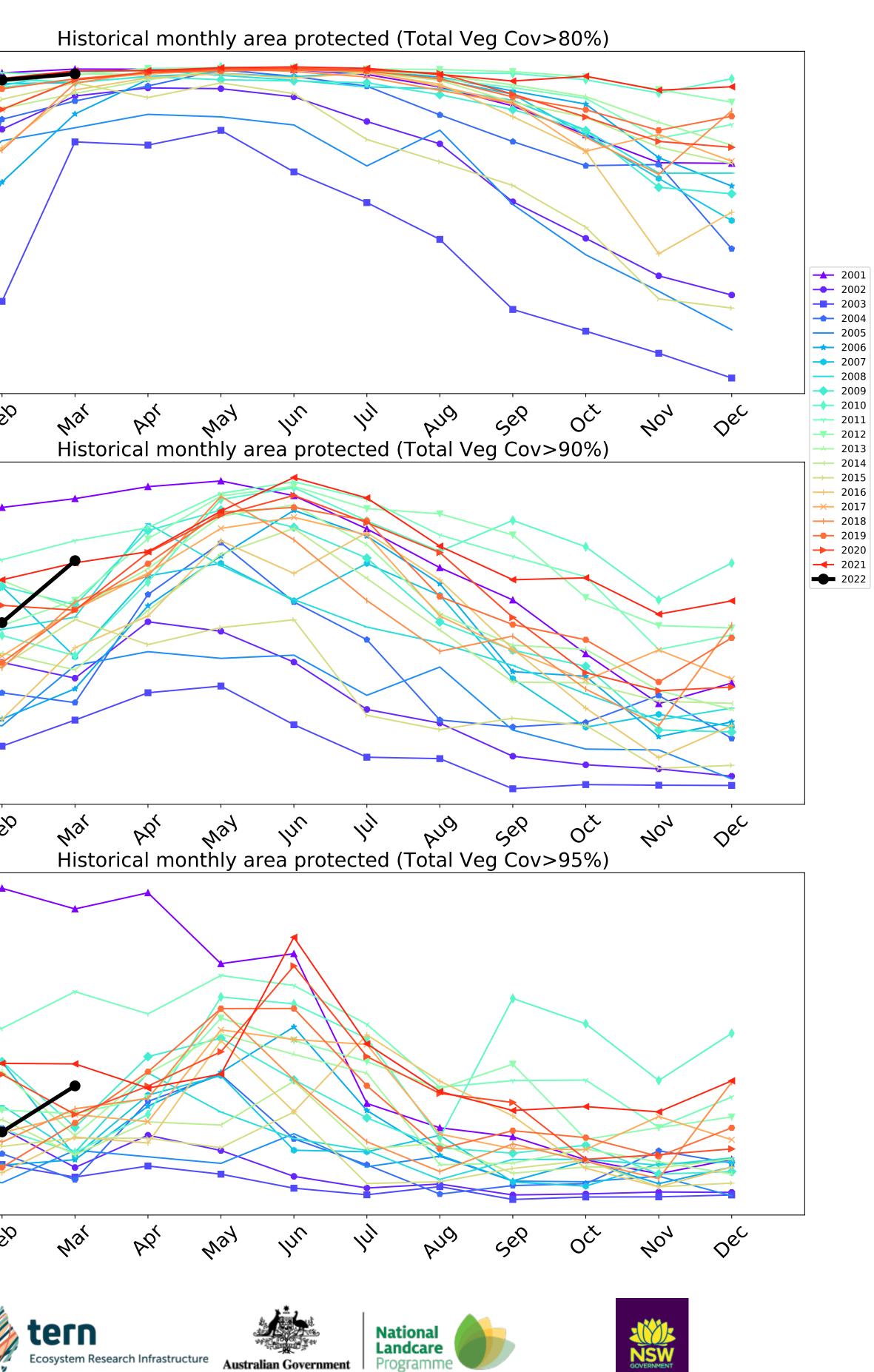


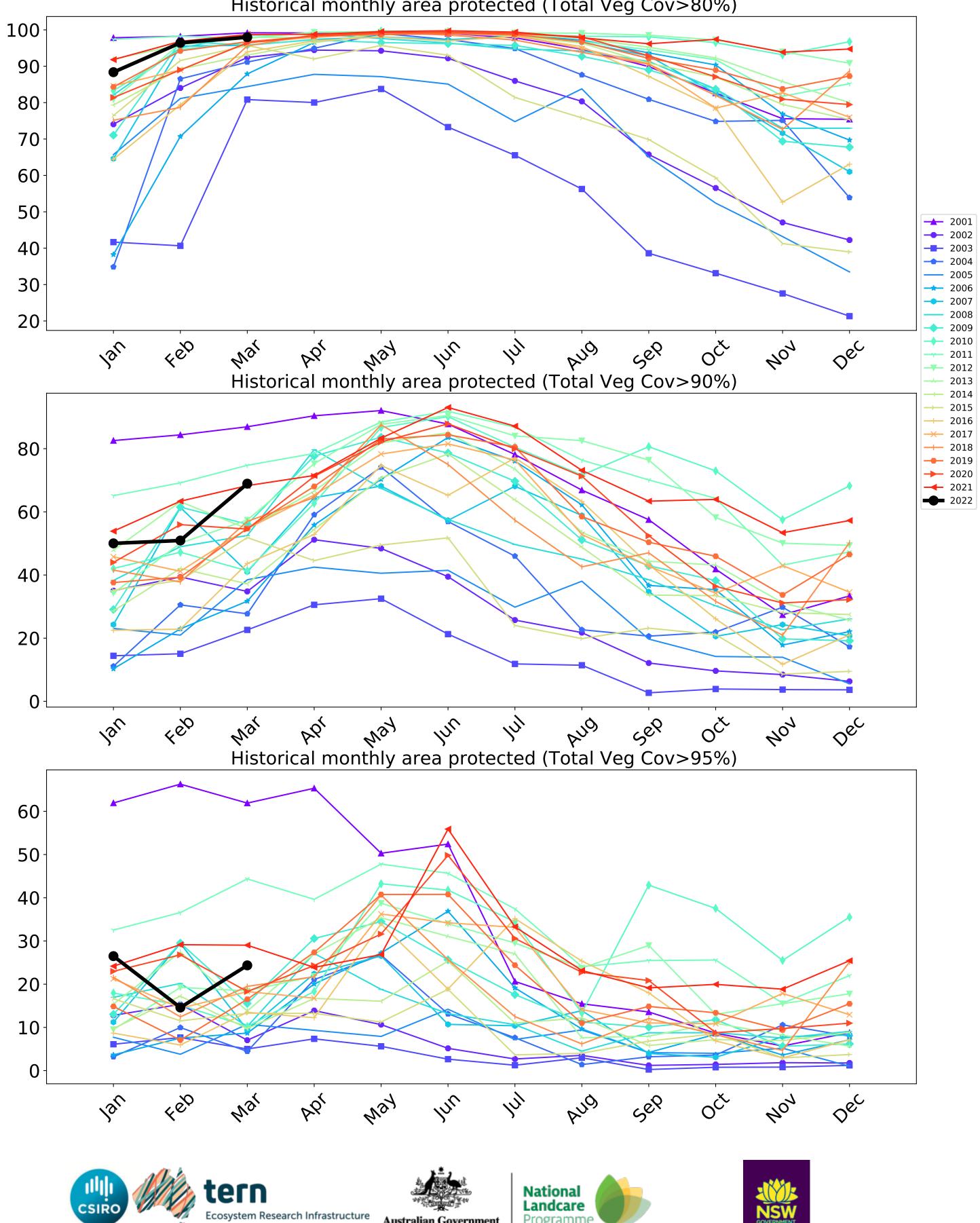
Grazing non forest timeseries

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











Grazing Woodland forest

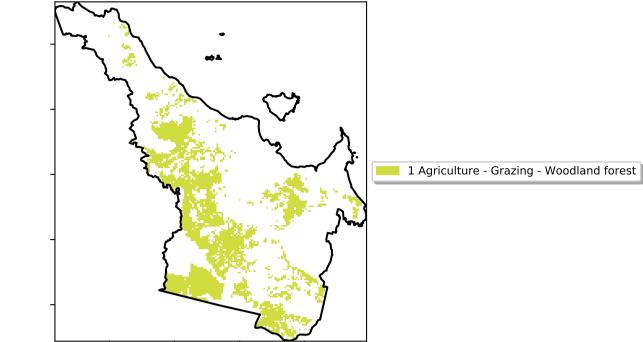
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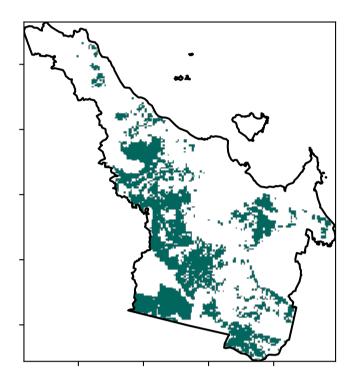
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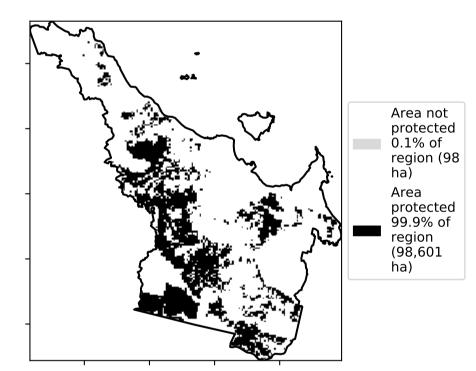
Land use and forest cover



Total Vegetation Cover [%]







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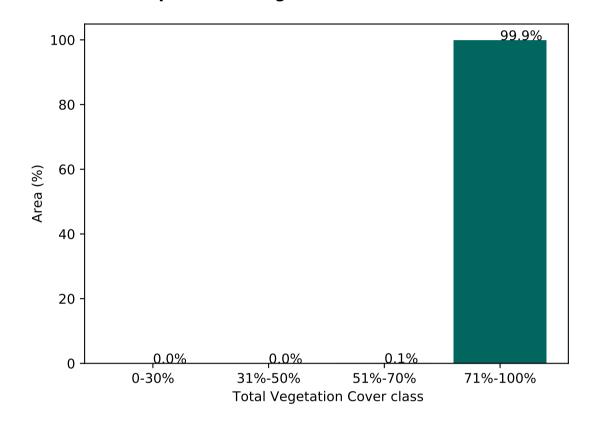
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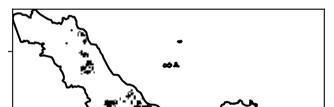
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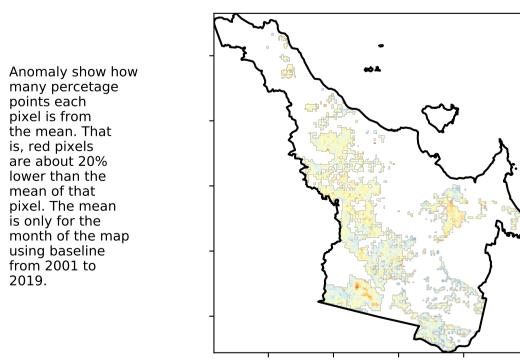


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

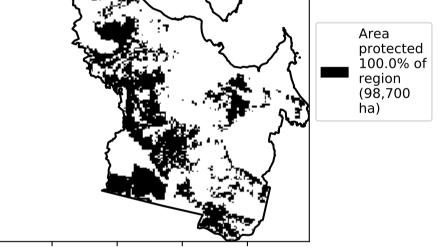


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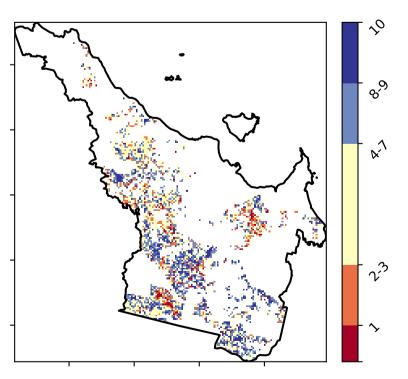
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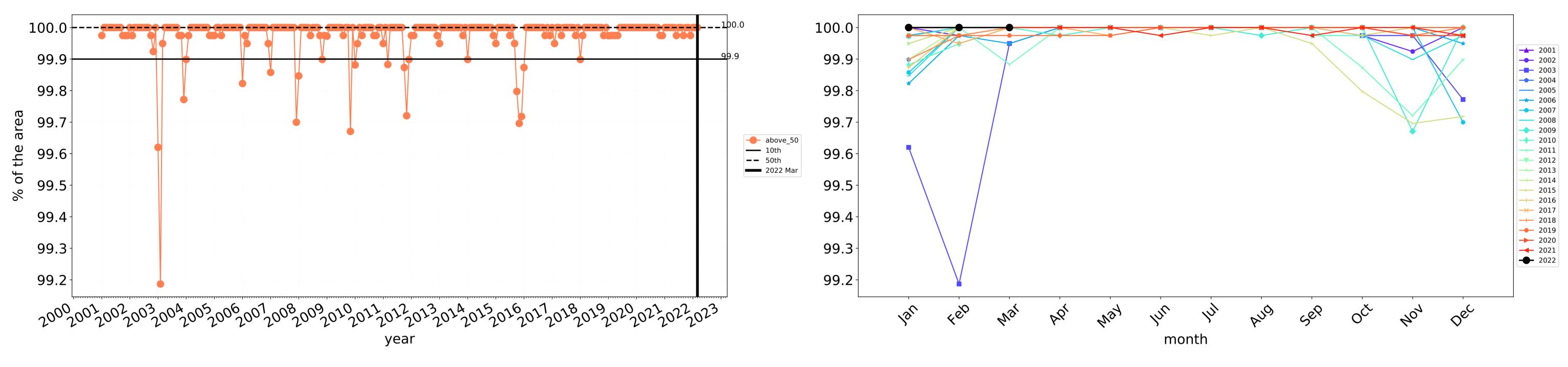


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

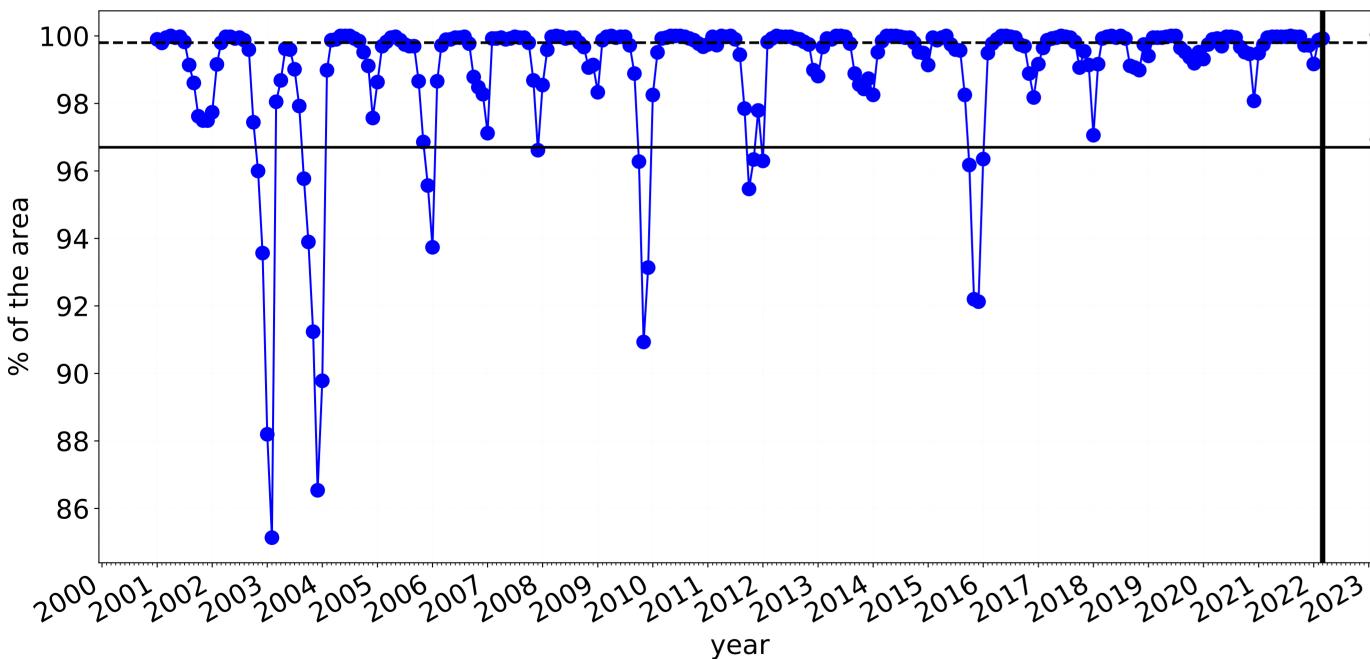


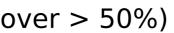


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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



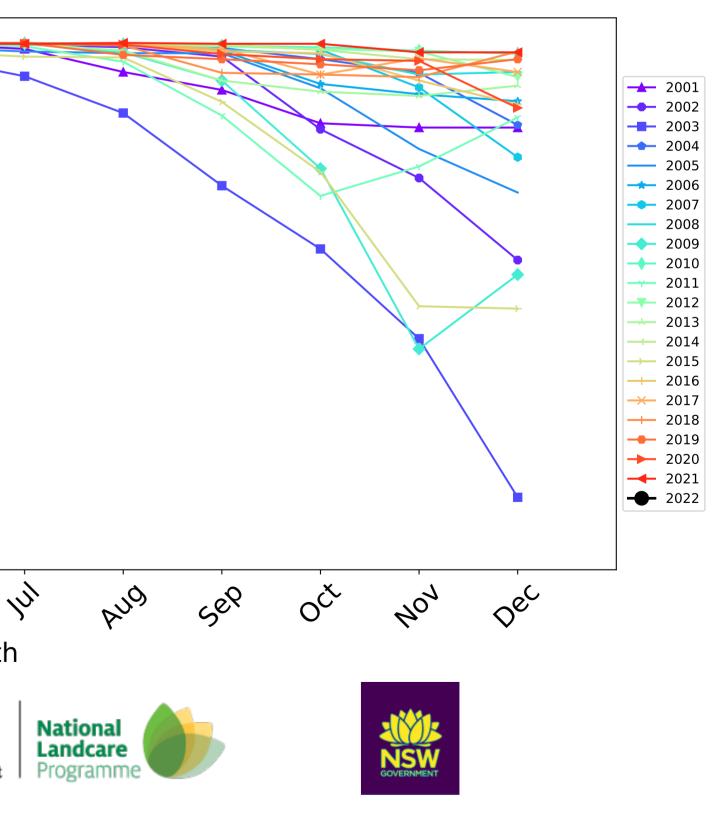


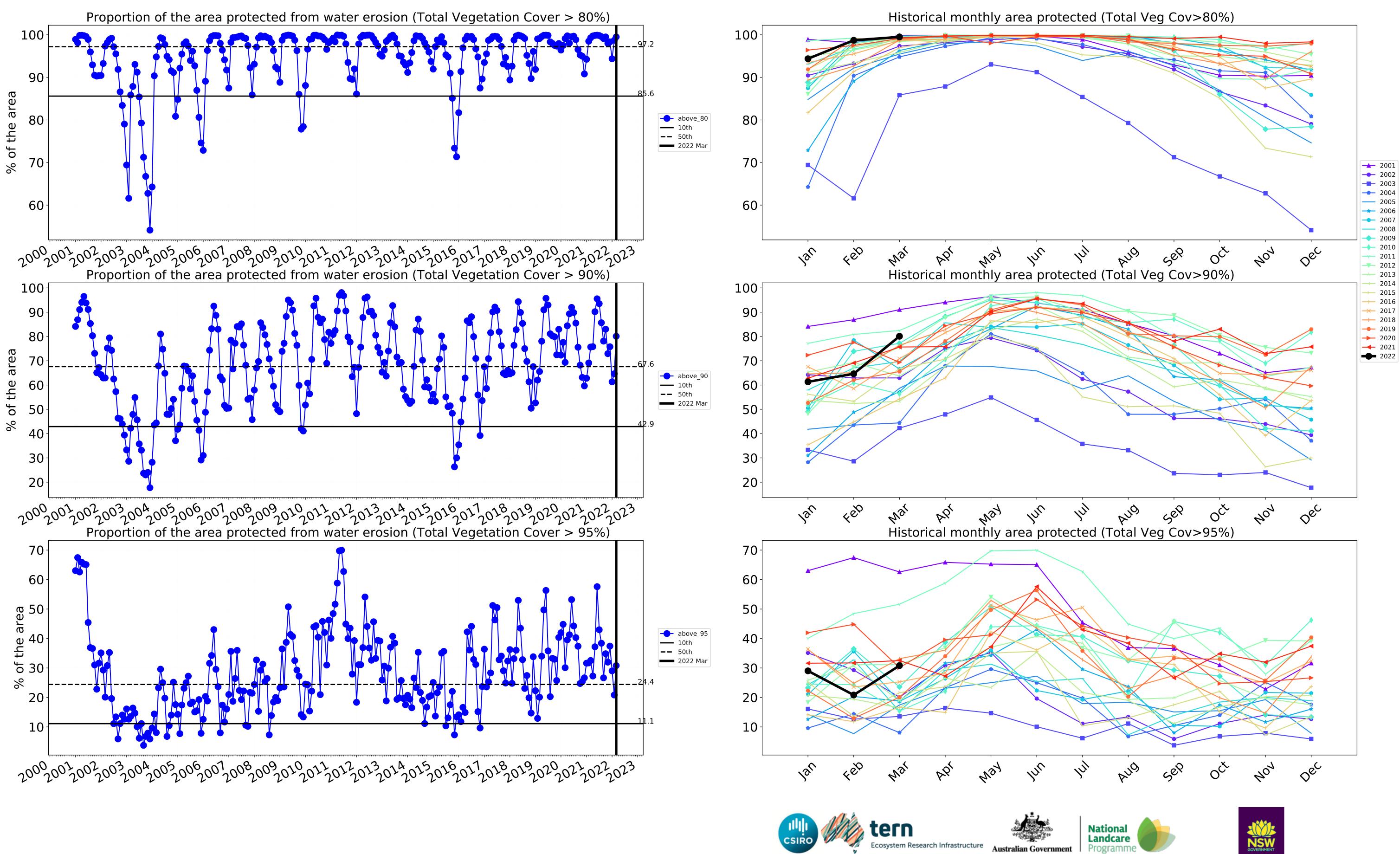
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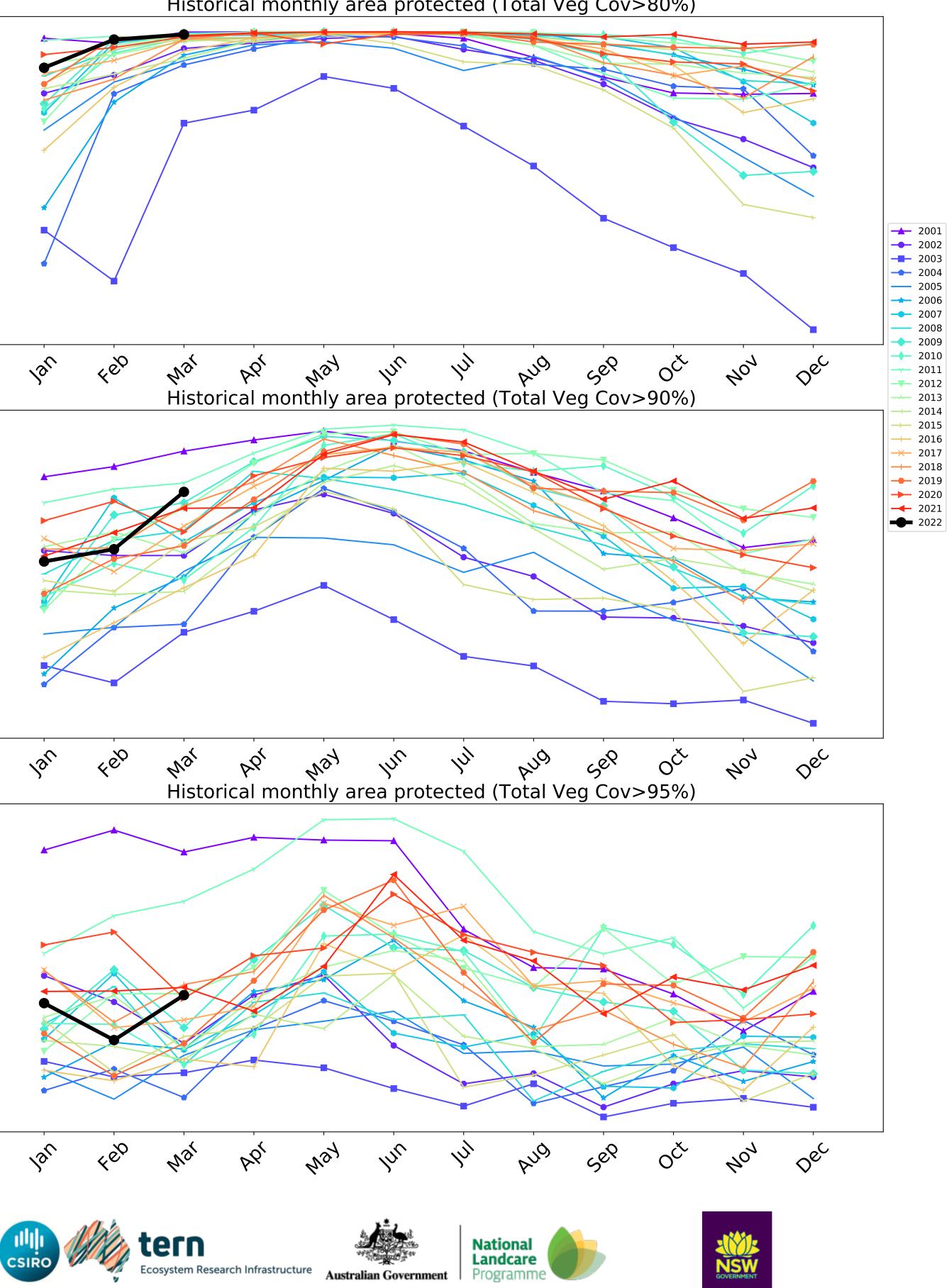
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

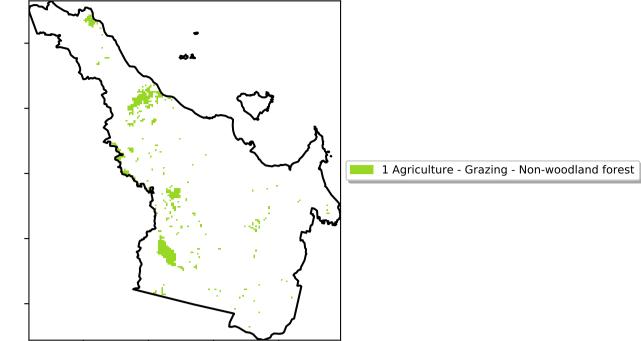
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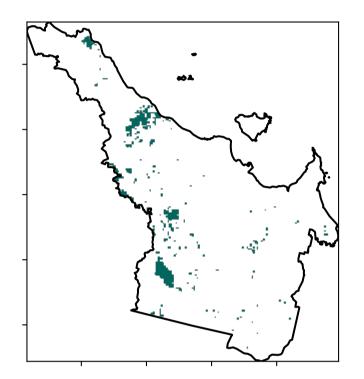
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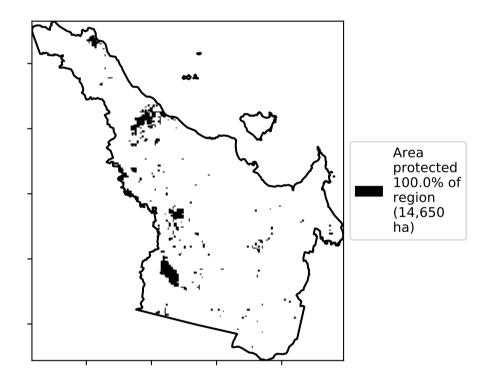
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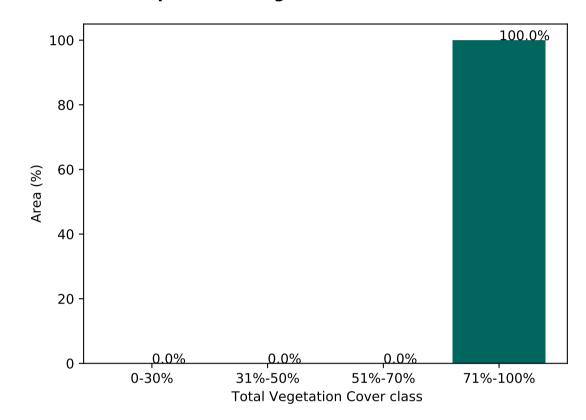
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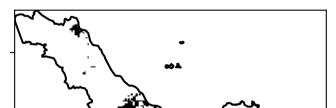


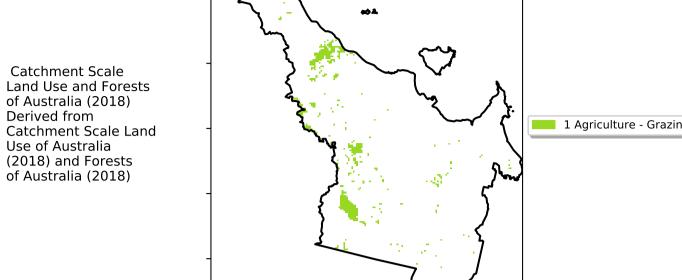


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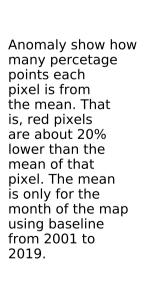


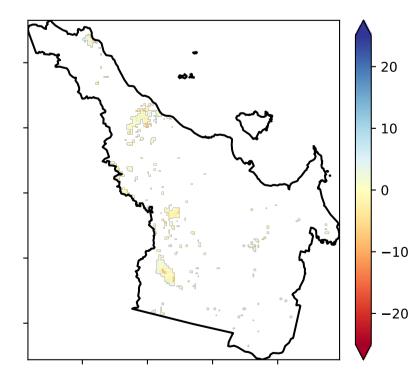
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



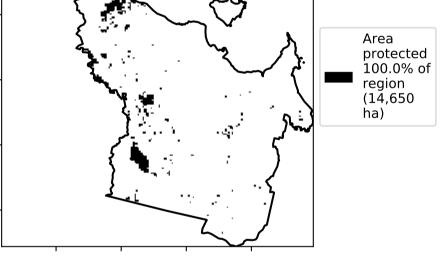


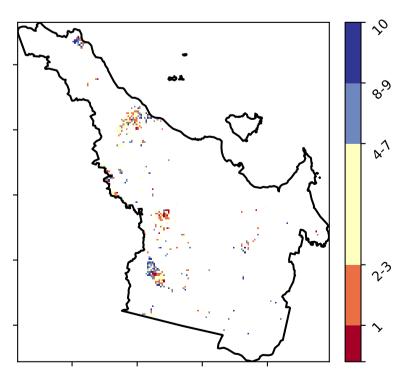
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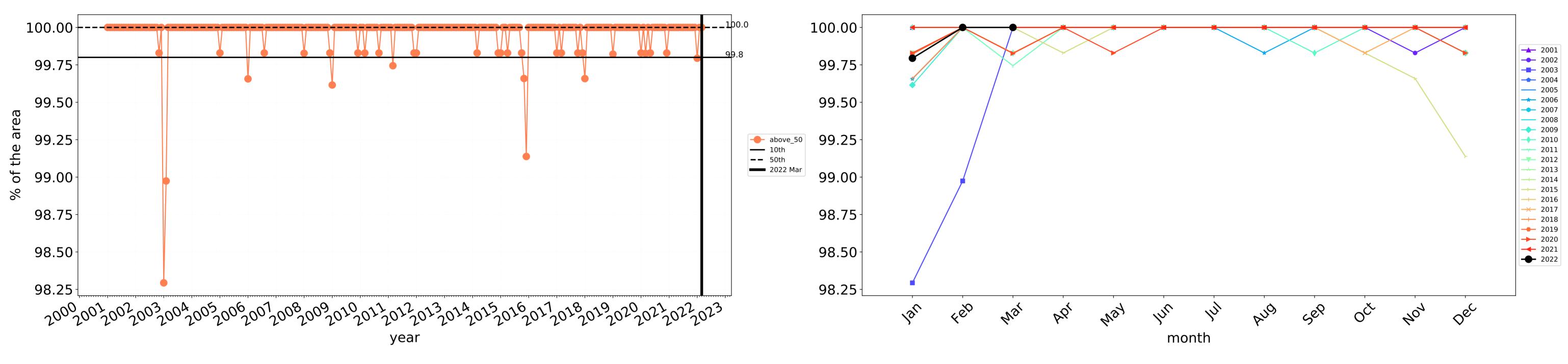


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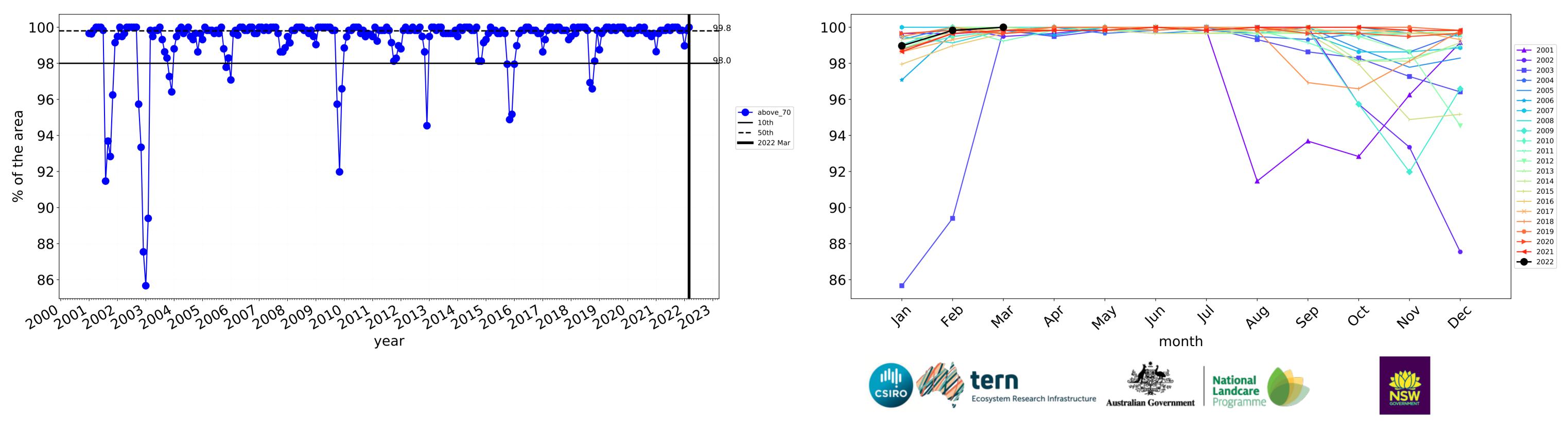








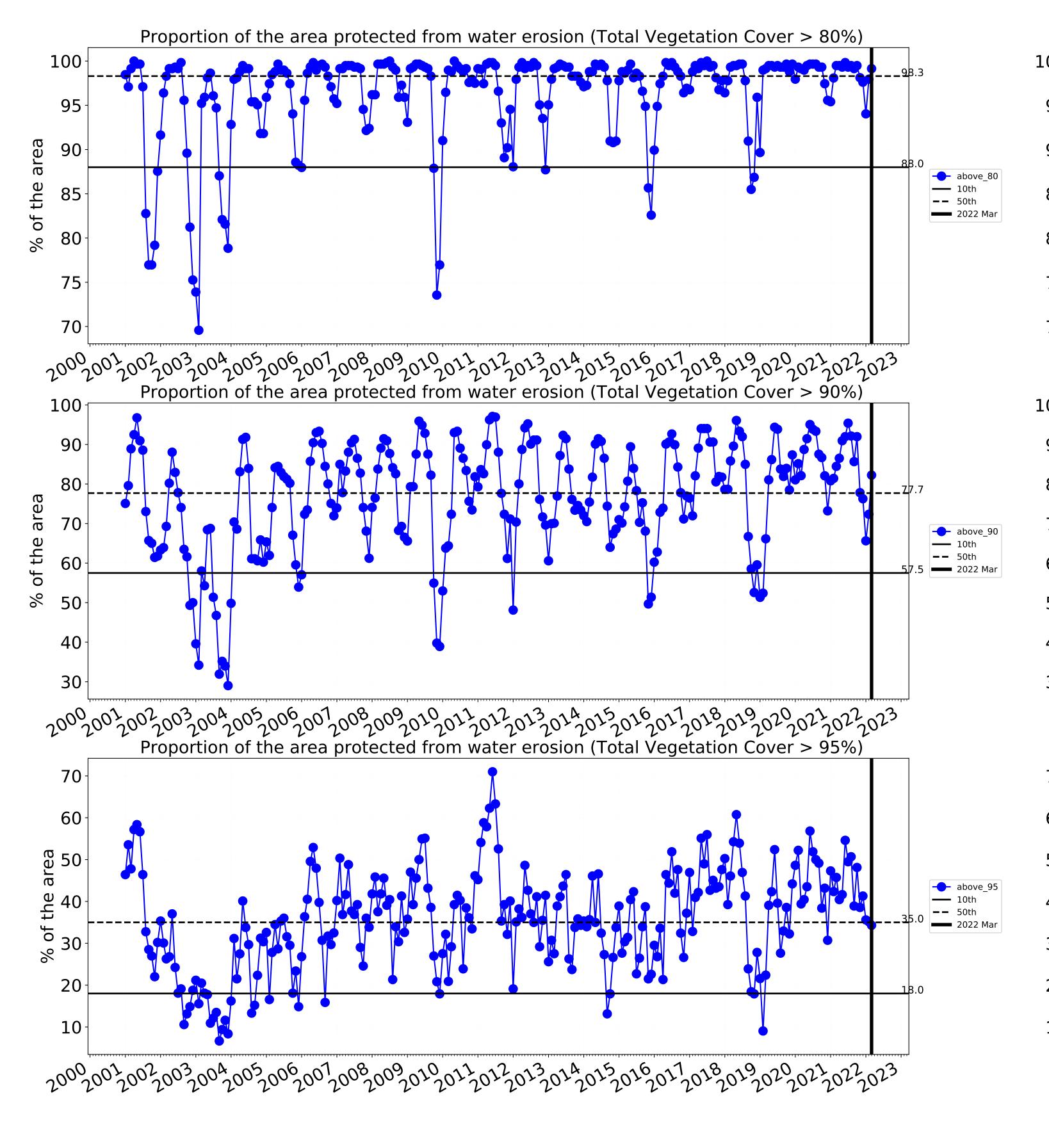
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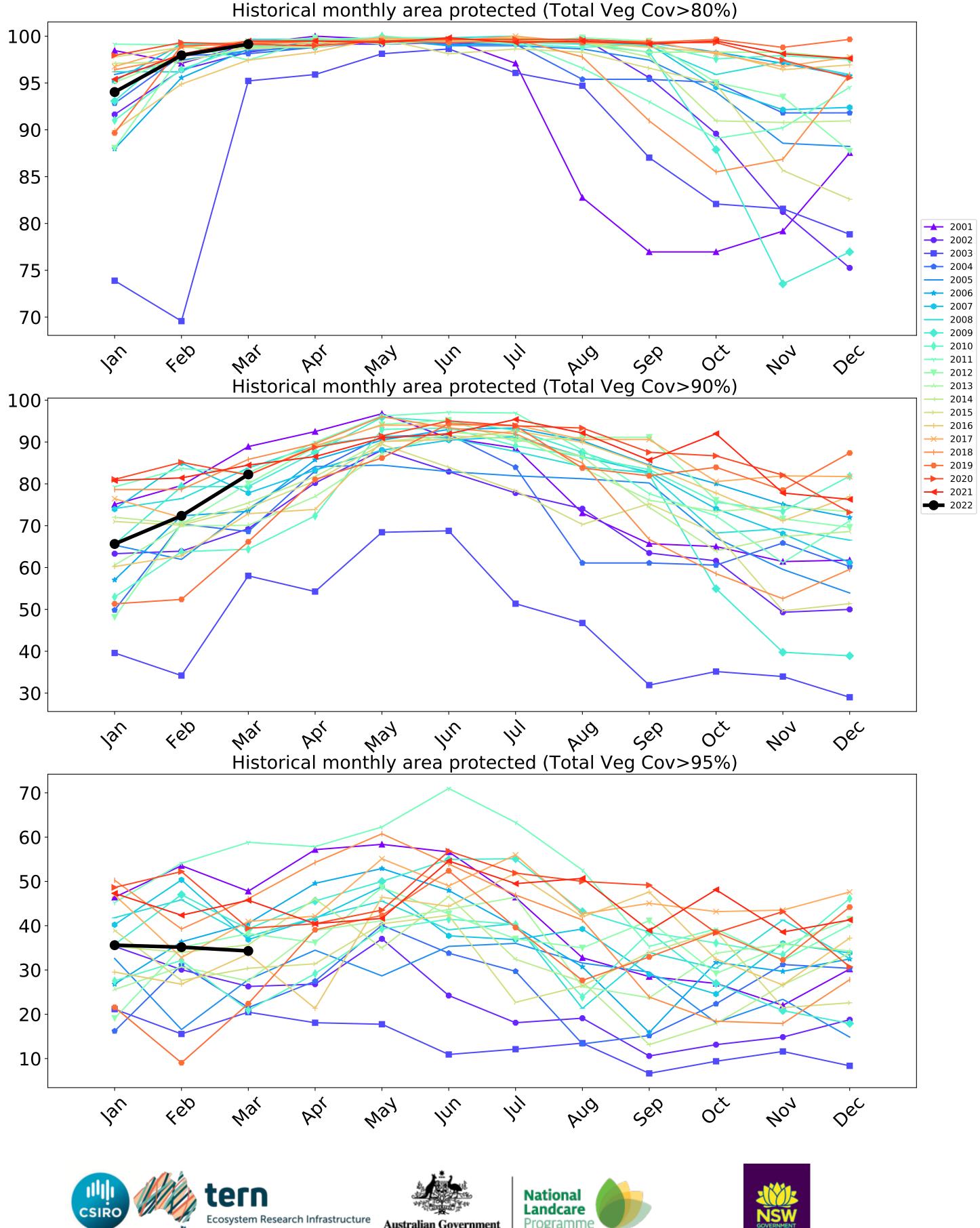


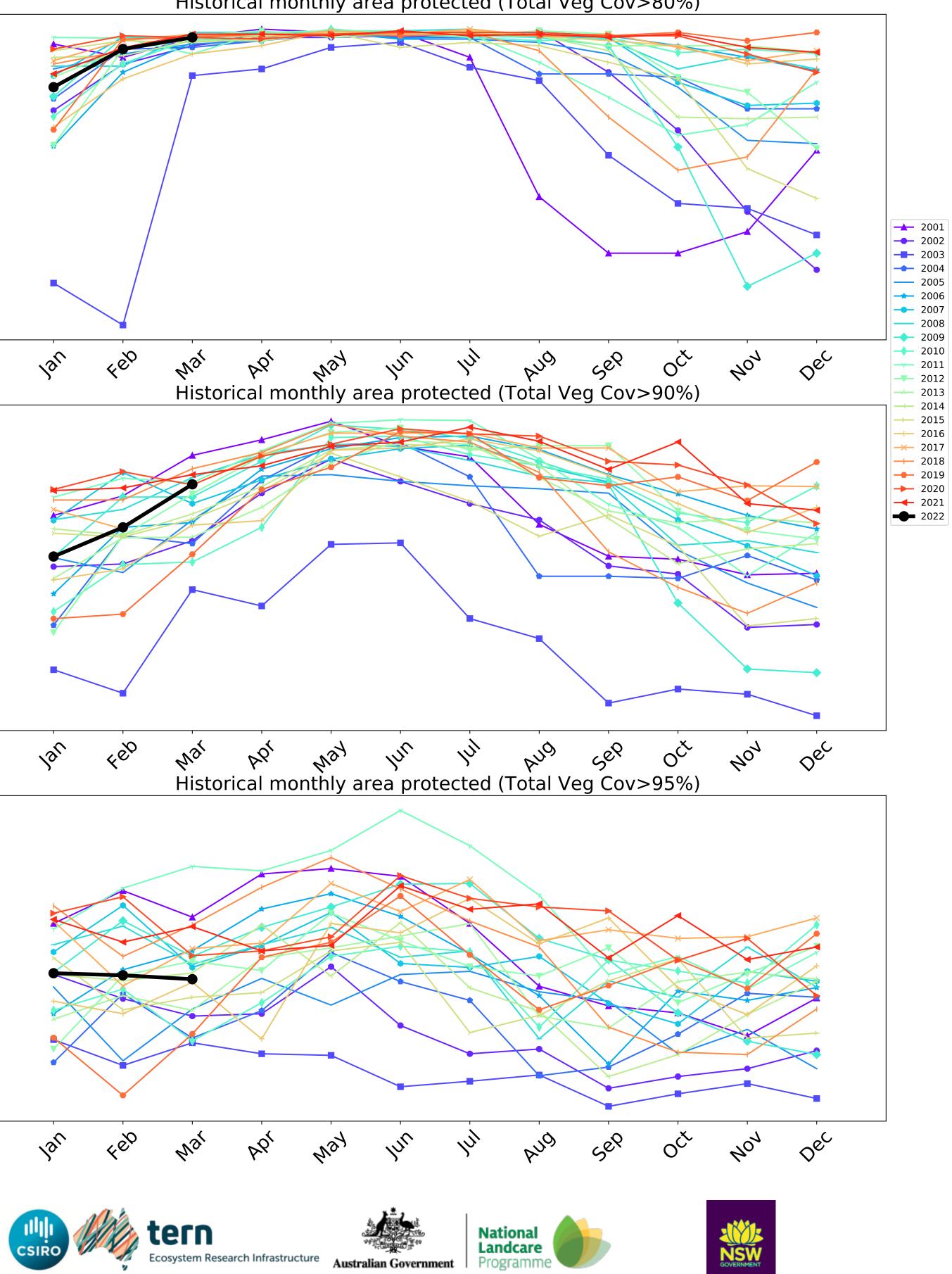
Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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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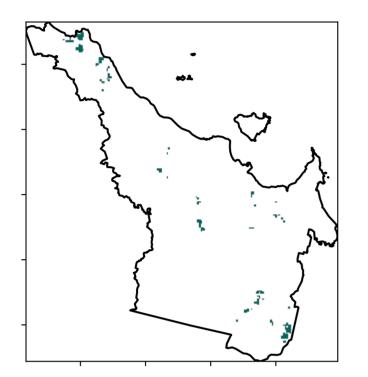
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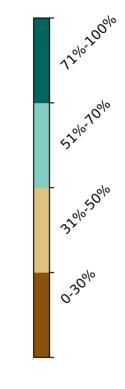
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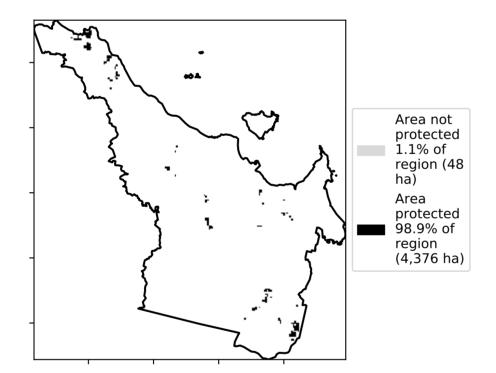
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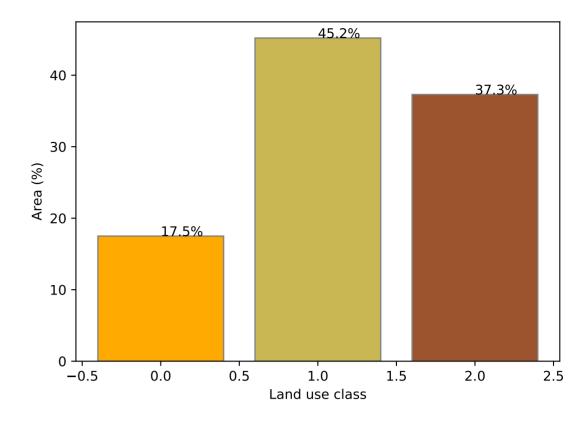
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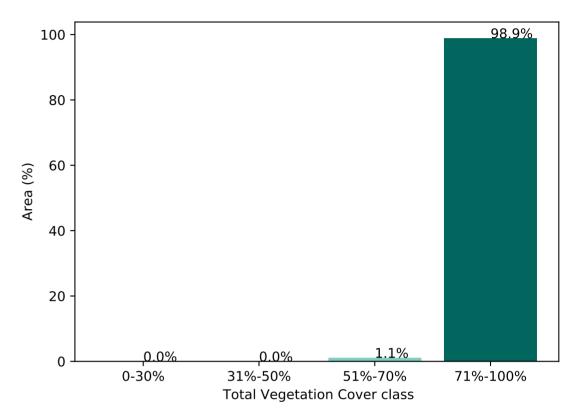
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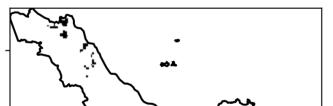


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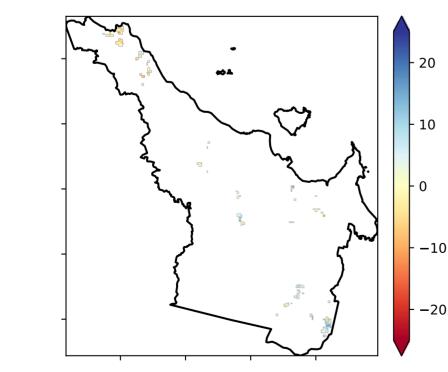
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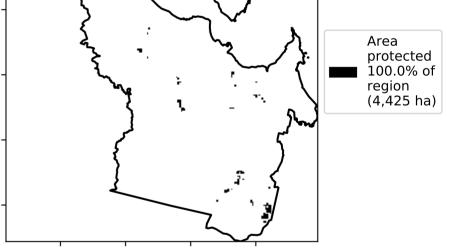
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

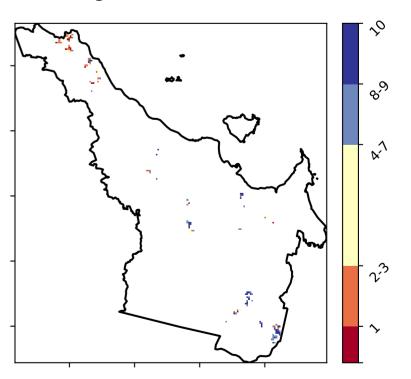


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

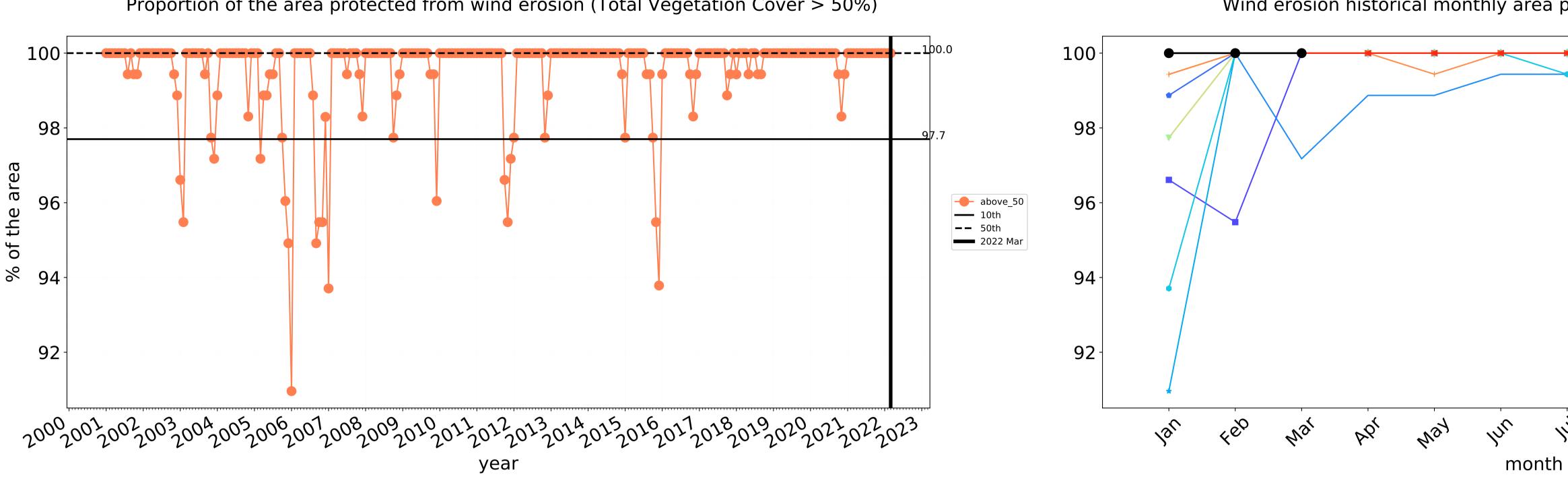


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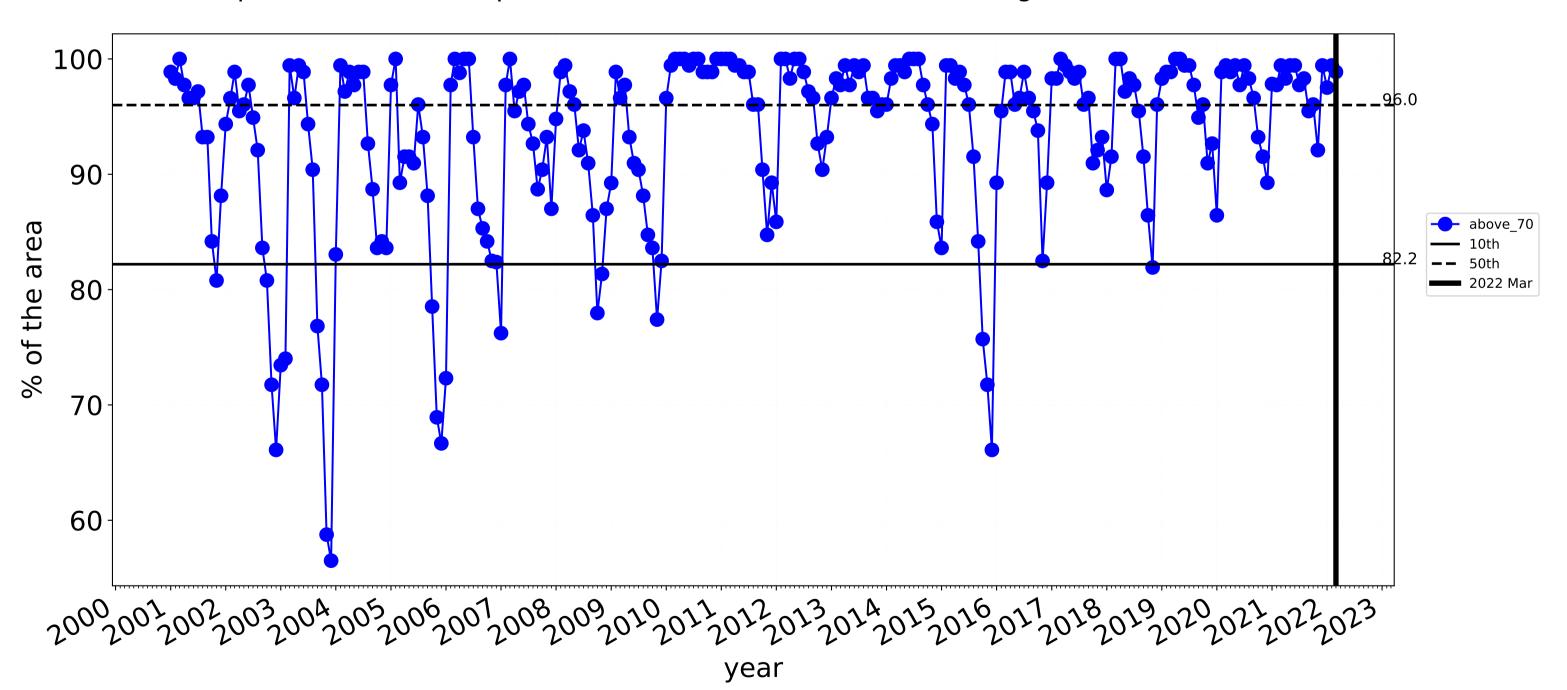






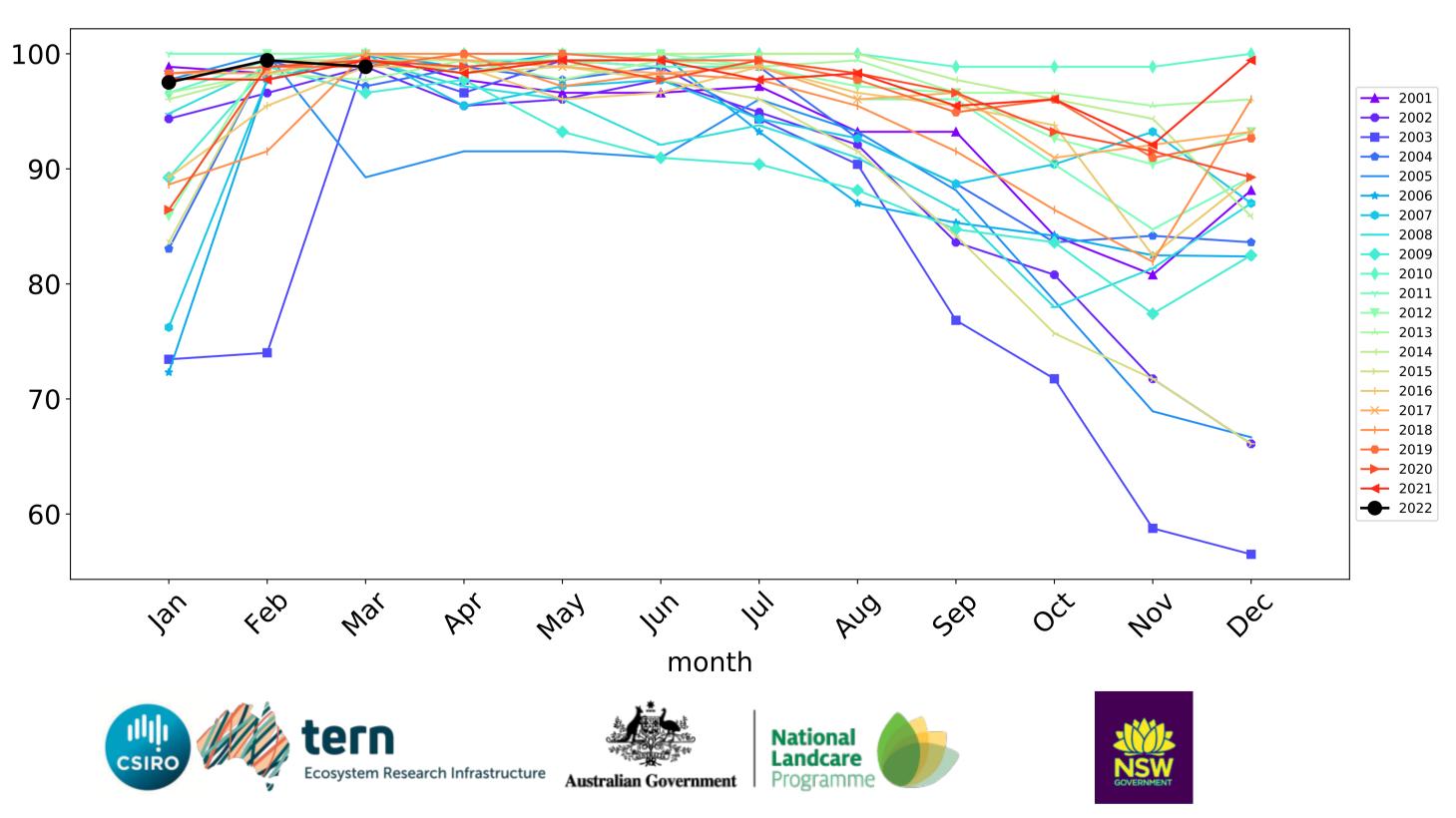


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

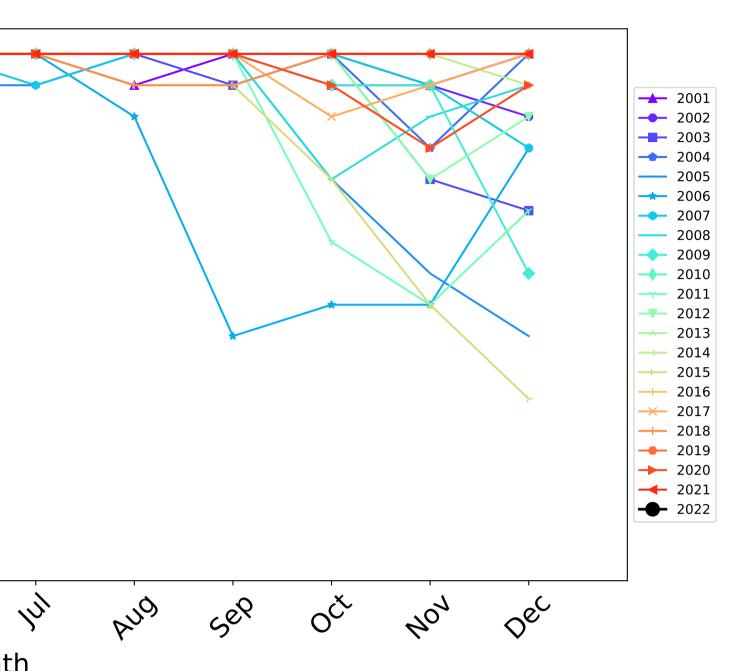


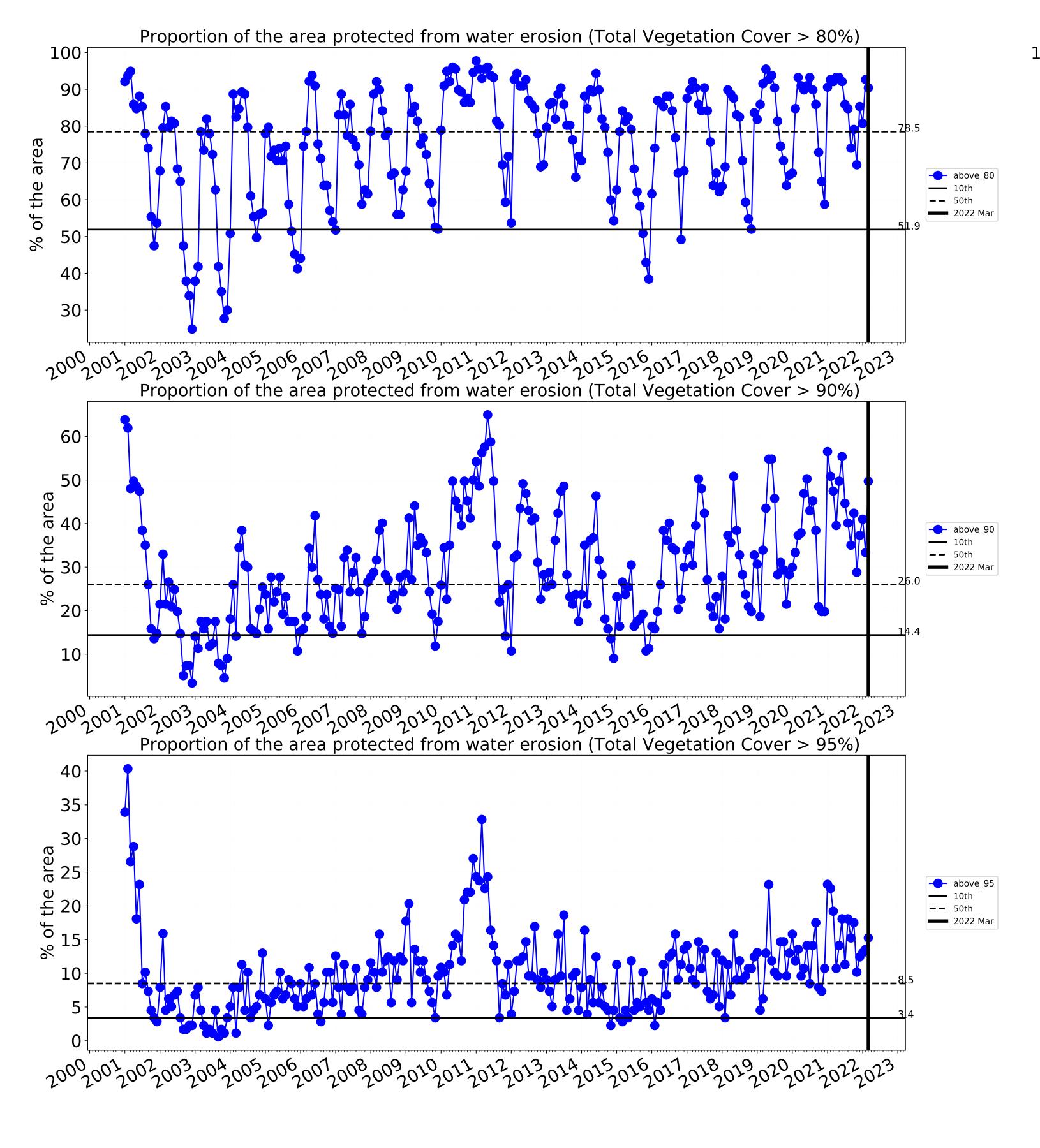
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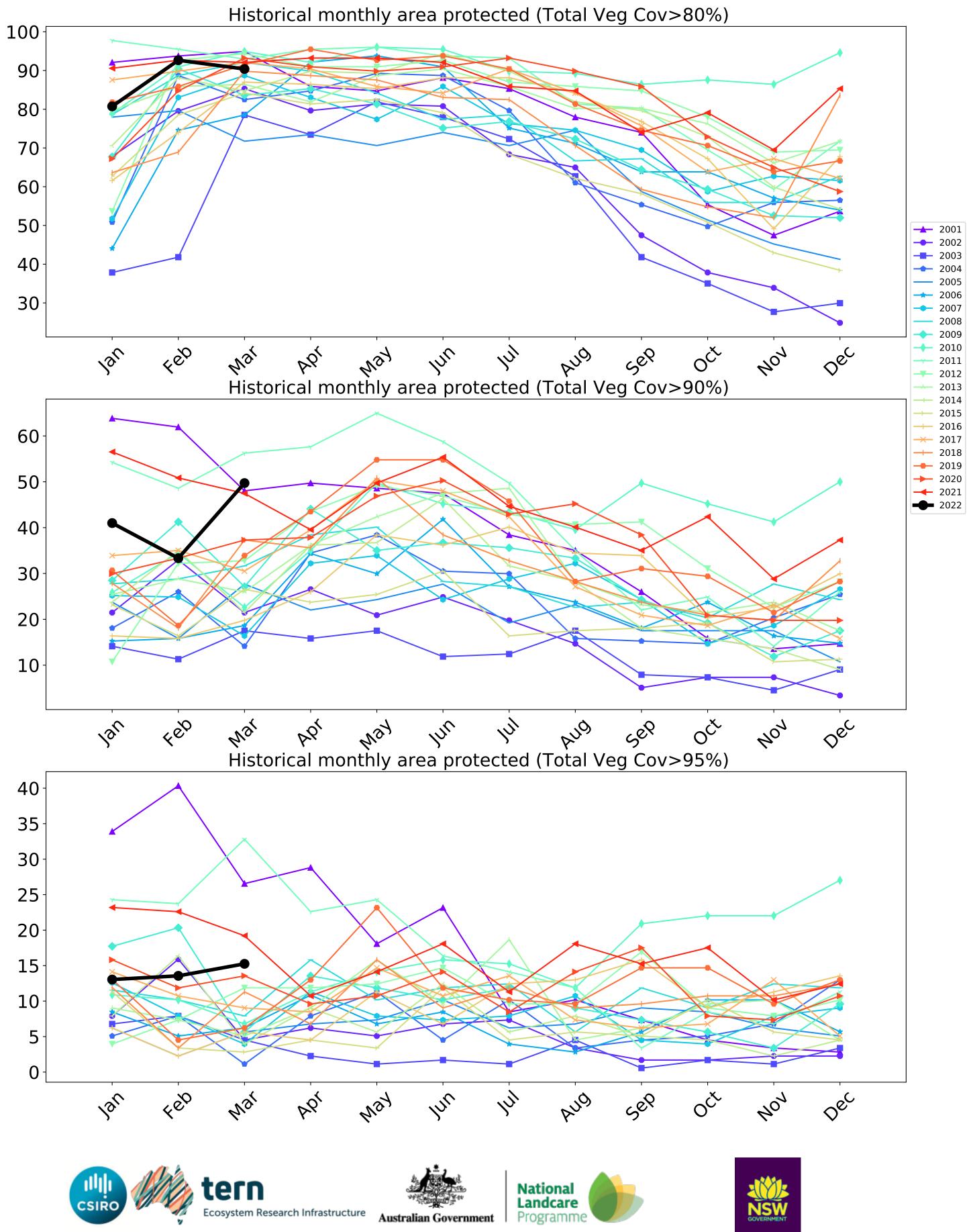
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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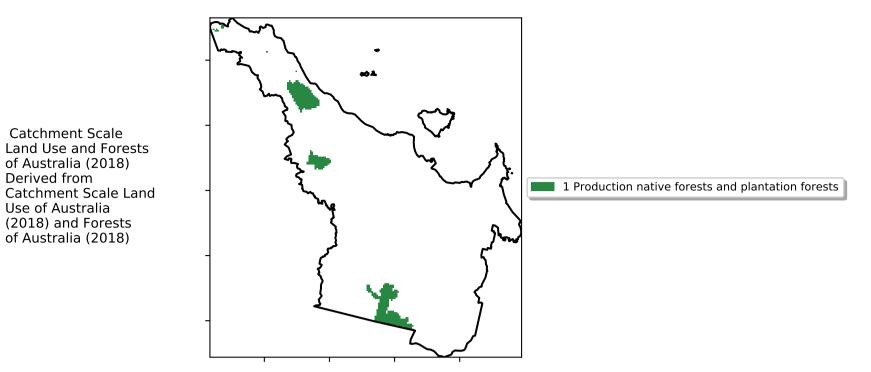






Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



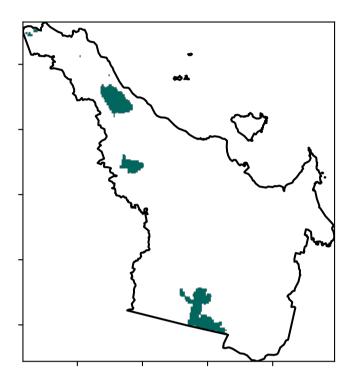
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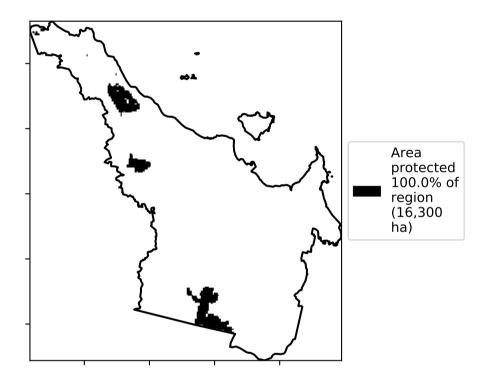
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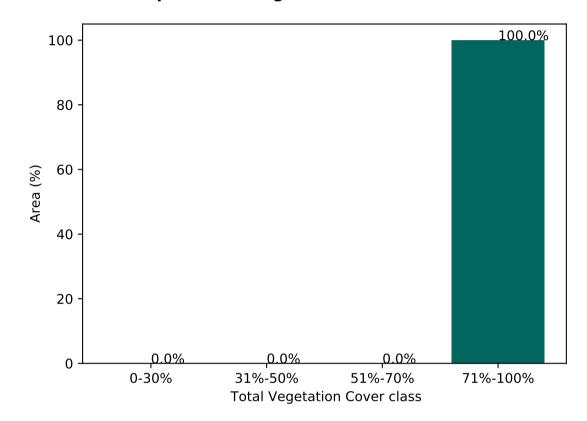
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



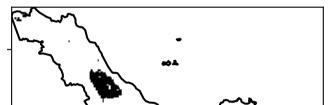




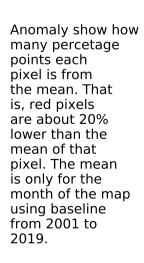
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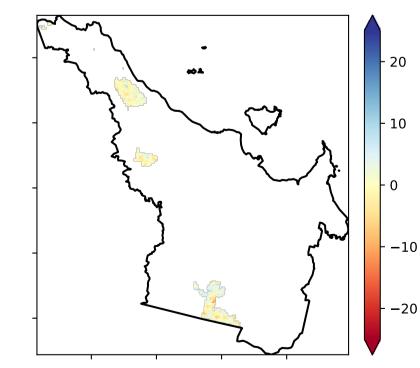


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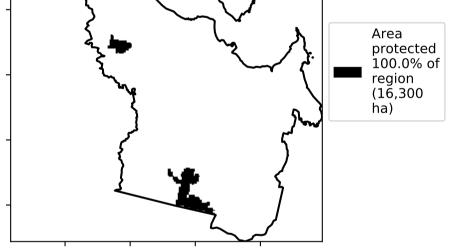


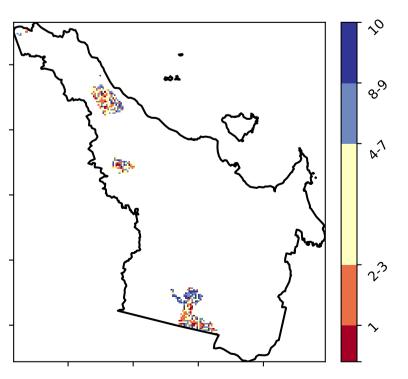
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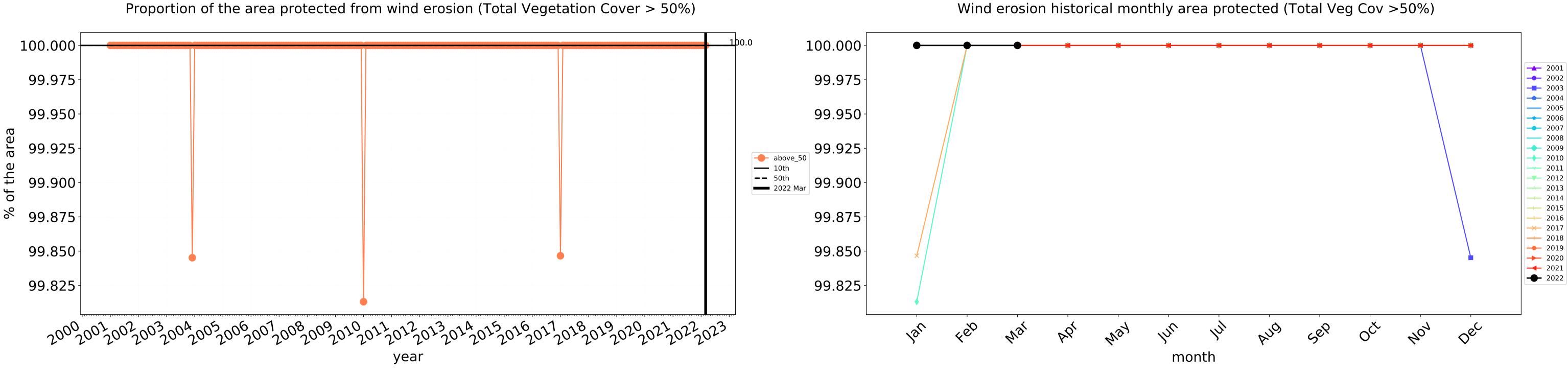


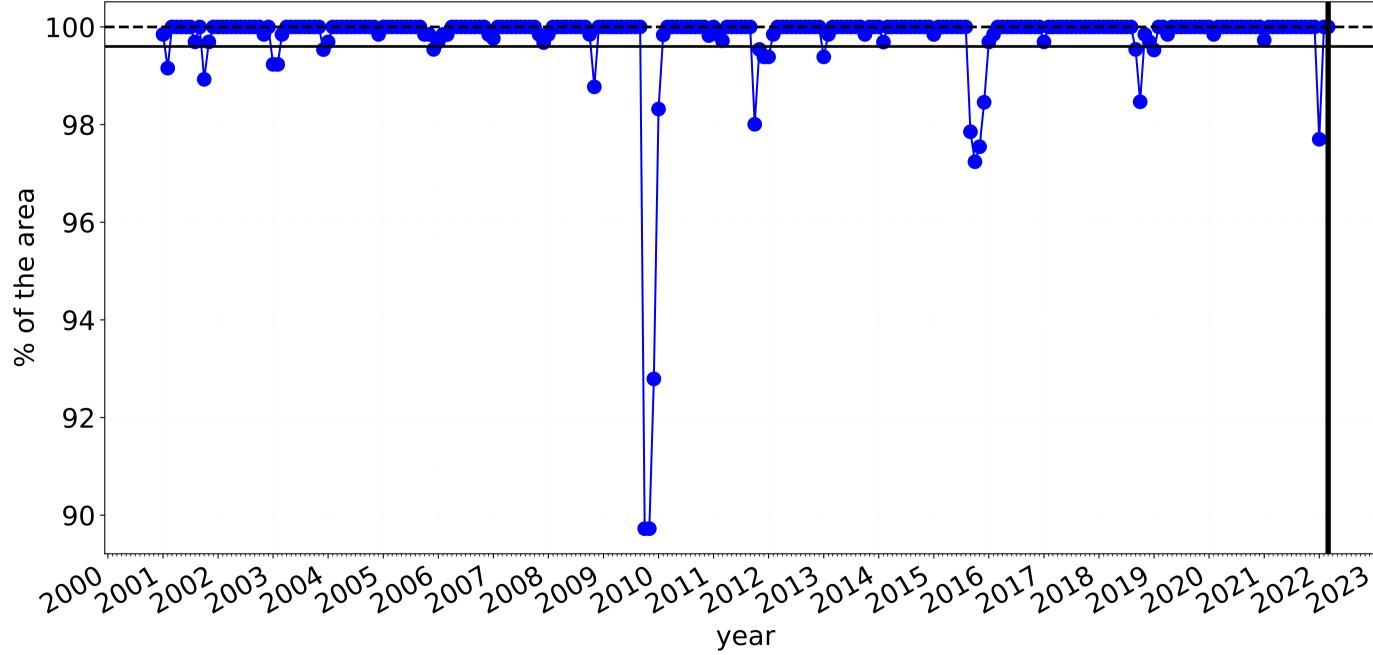
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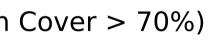




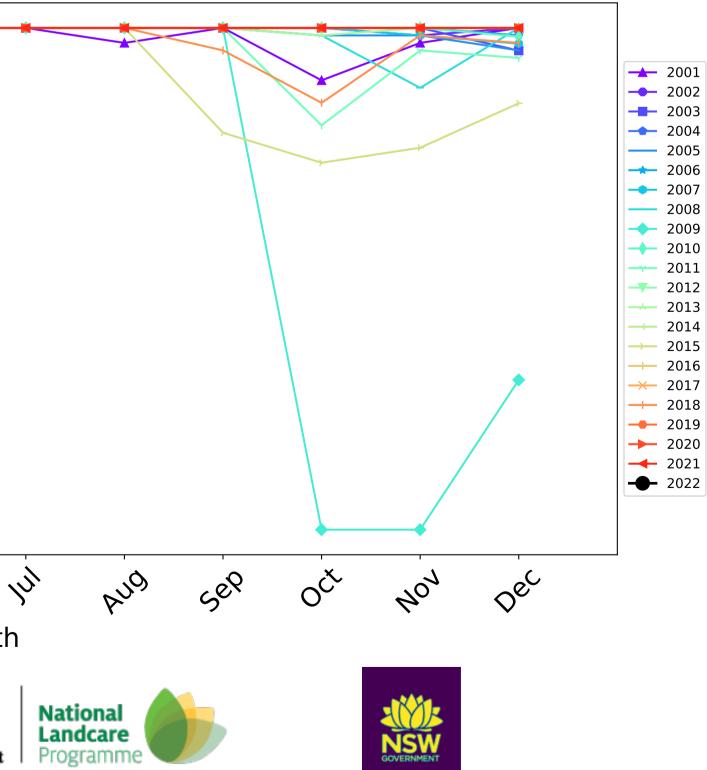


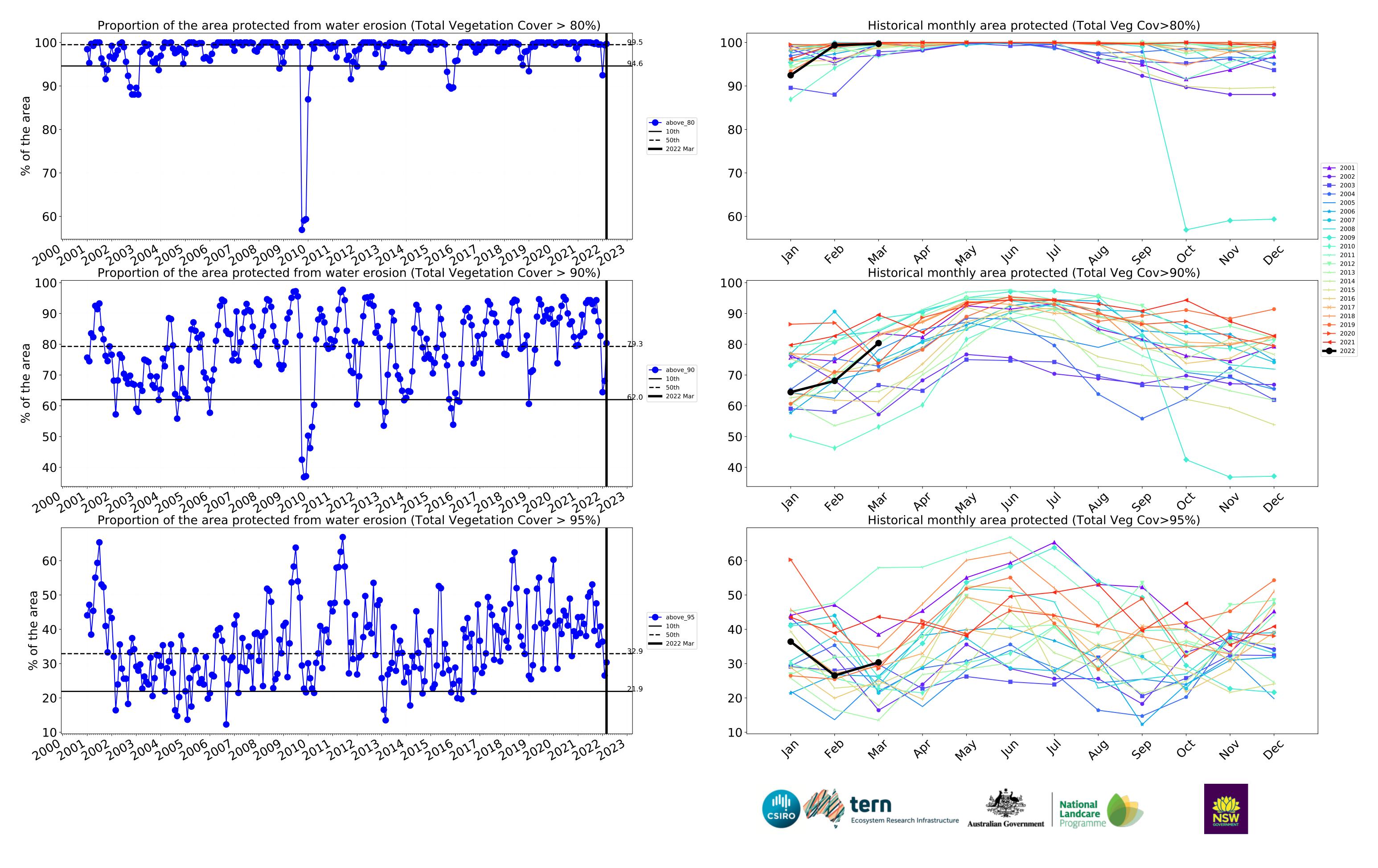






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%) <u>1</u>00.0 100 99.6 98 ---- above_70 **——** 10th 96 **——** 50th **——** 2022 Mar 94 92 90 4eb AUG sel In OCL May 401 PQ Jan War In 1 month / tern National Landcare NSW Ecosystem Research Infrastructure Australian Government Programm





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	99.9% 364,175	99.7% 363,425	97.9% 356,700	94.1% 342,800	67.7% 246,750	25.0% 91,000
Conservation and natural environments	119,250	100.0% 119,225	99.7% 118,925	98.8% 117,800	95.4% 113,775	69.8% 83,225	25.8% 30,825
Conservation and natural environments non forest	15,975	100.0% 15,975	99.8% 15,950	97.3% 15,550	87.5% 13,975	52.1% 8,325	25.2% 4,025
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	57,075	100.0% 57,050	99.7% 56,900	99.1% 56,550	96.8% 55,225	67.8% 38,700	22.4% 12,775
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,200	100.0% 46,200	99.7% 46,075	98.9% 45,700	96.5% 44,575	78.4% 36,200	30.4% 14,025
Agriculture	186,550	100.0% 186,550	100.0% 186,550	99.8% 186,225	98.7% 184,125	75.4% 140,650	28.3% 52,750
Grazing	181,400	100.0% 181,400	100.0% 181,400	99.8% 181,125	98.9% 179,400	76.1% 138,000	28.7% 52,000
Grazing non forest	68,050	100.0% 68,050	100.0% 68,050	99.7% 67,850	98.0% 66,675	68.9% 46,900	24.4% 16,575
Grazing Woodland forest	98,700	100.0% 98,700	100.0% 98,700	99.9% 98,625	99.5% 98,200	80.1% 79,050	30.8% 30,400
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.1% 14,525	82.3% 12,050	34.3% 5,025
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	98.9% 4,375	90.4% 4,000	49.7% 2,200	15.3% 675
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	99.7% 16,250	80.4% 13,100	30.4% 4,950

