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

# **Date: December 2023**

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:

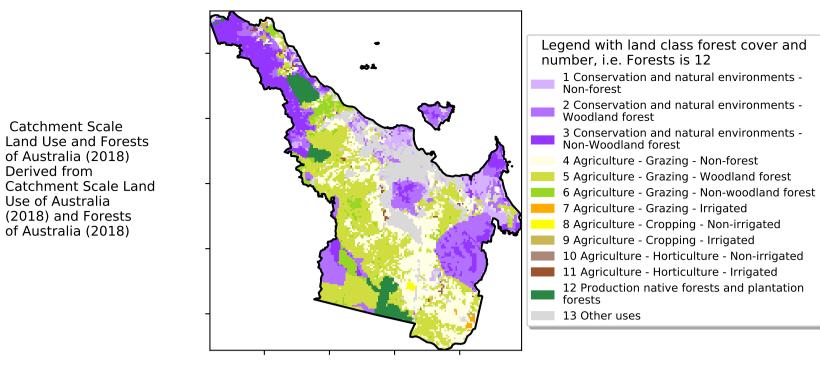
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# **Vegetation Cover Dec 2023**

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



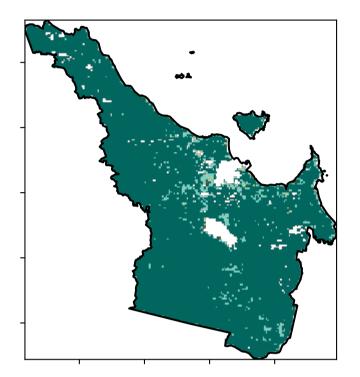
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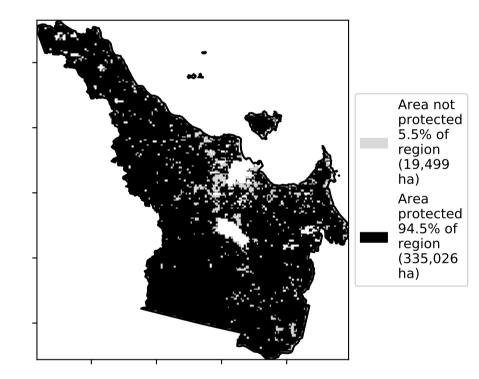
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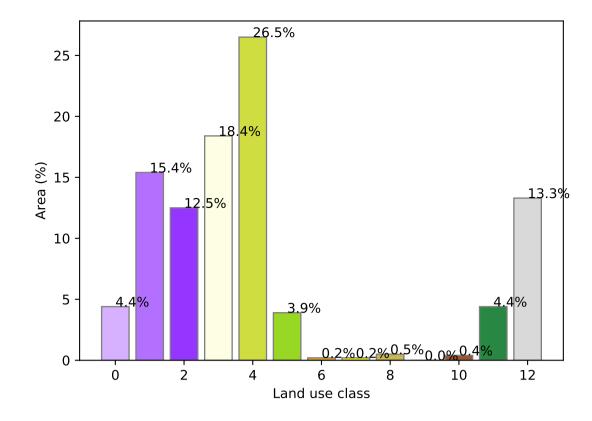
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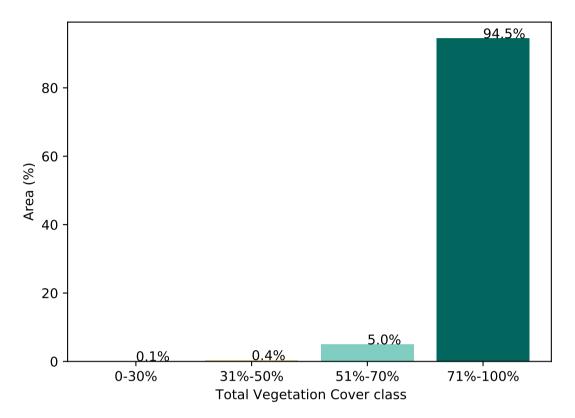


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

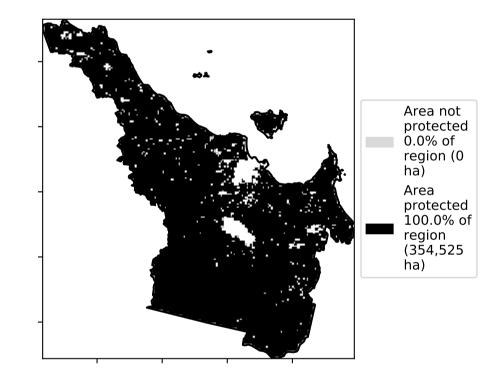




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



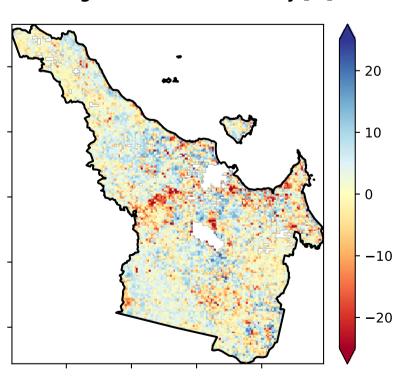
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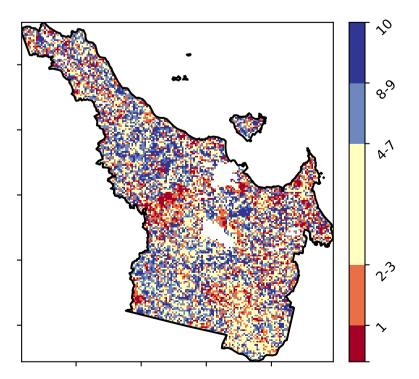
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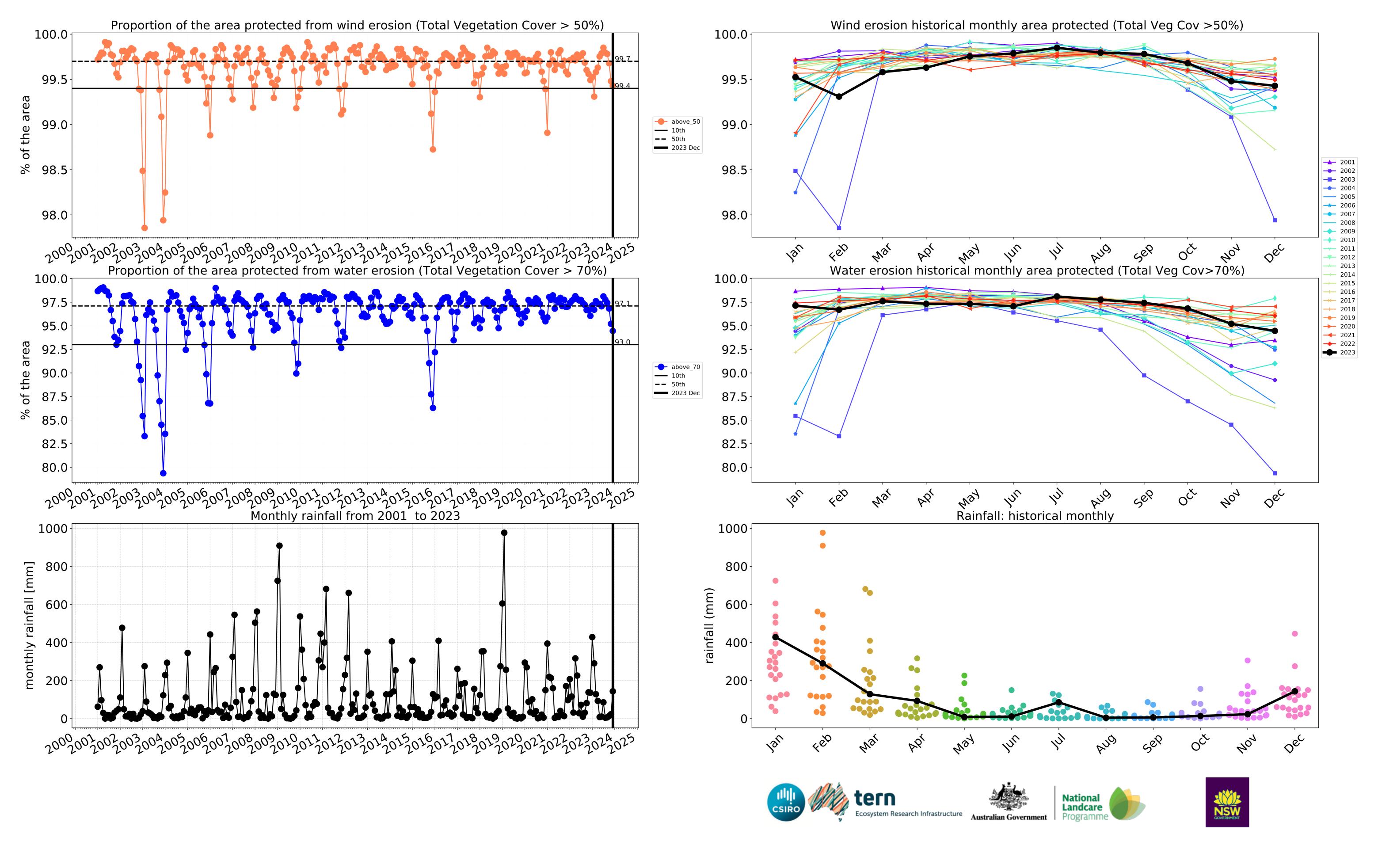
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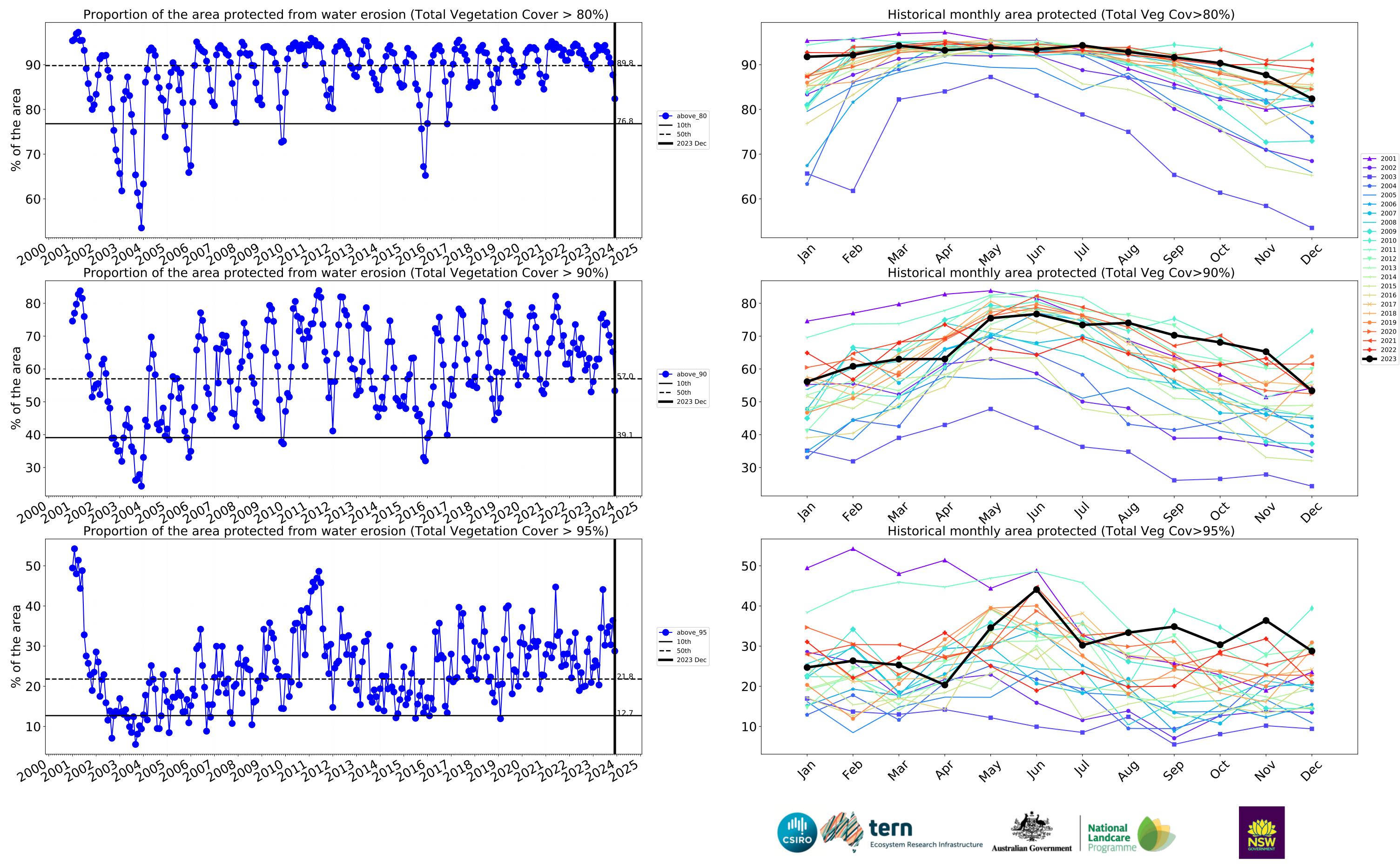


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woodland forest

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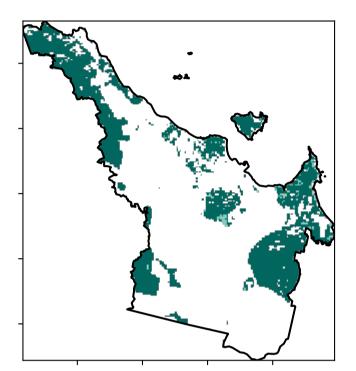
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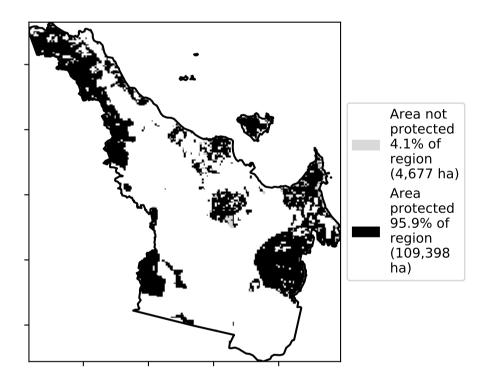
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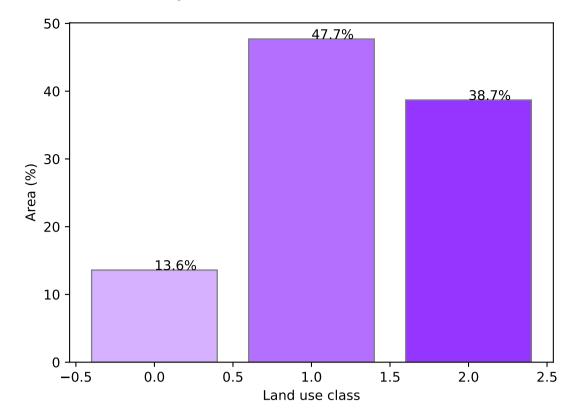
Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



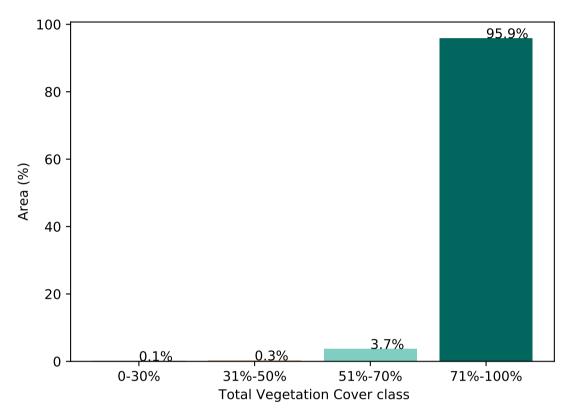
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



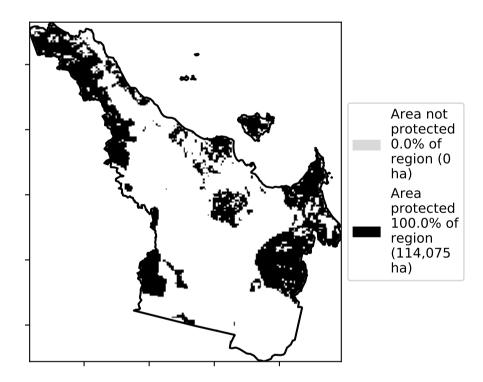


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

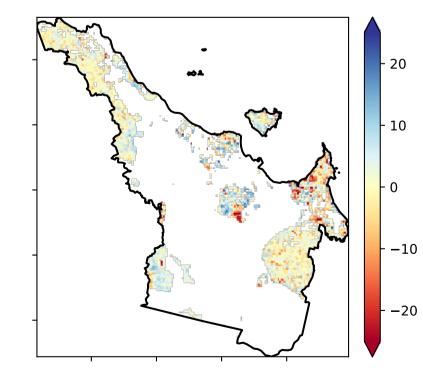


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

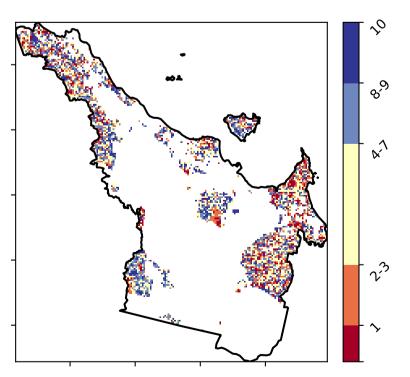


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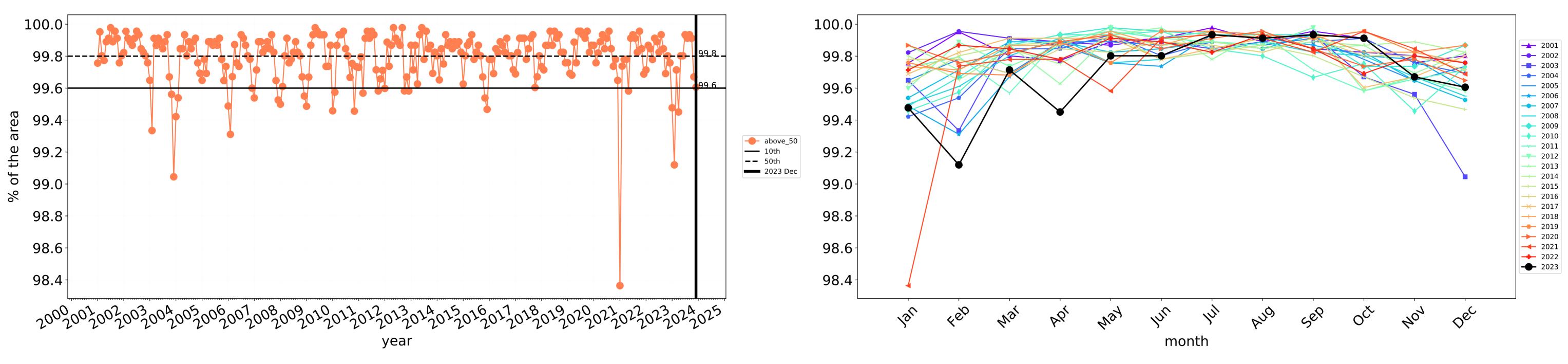
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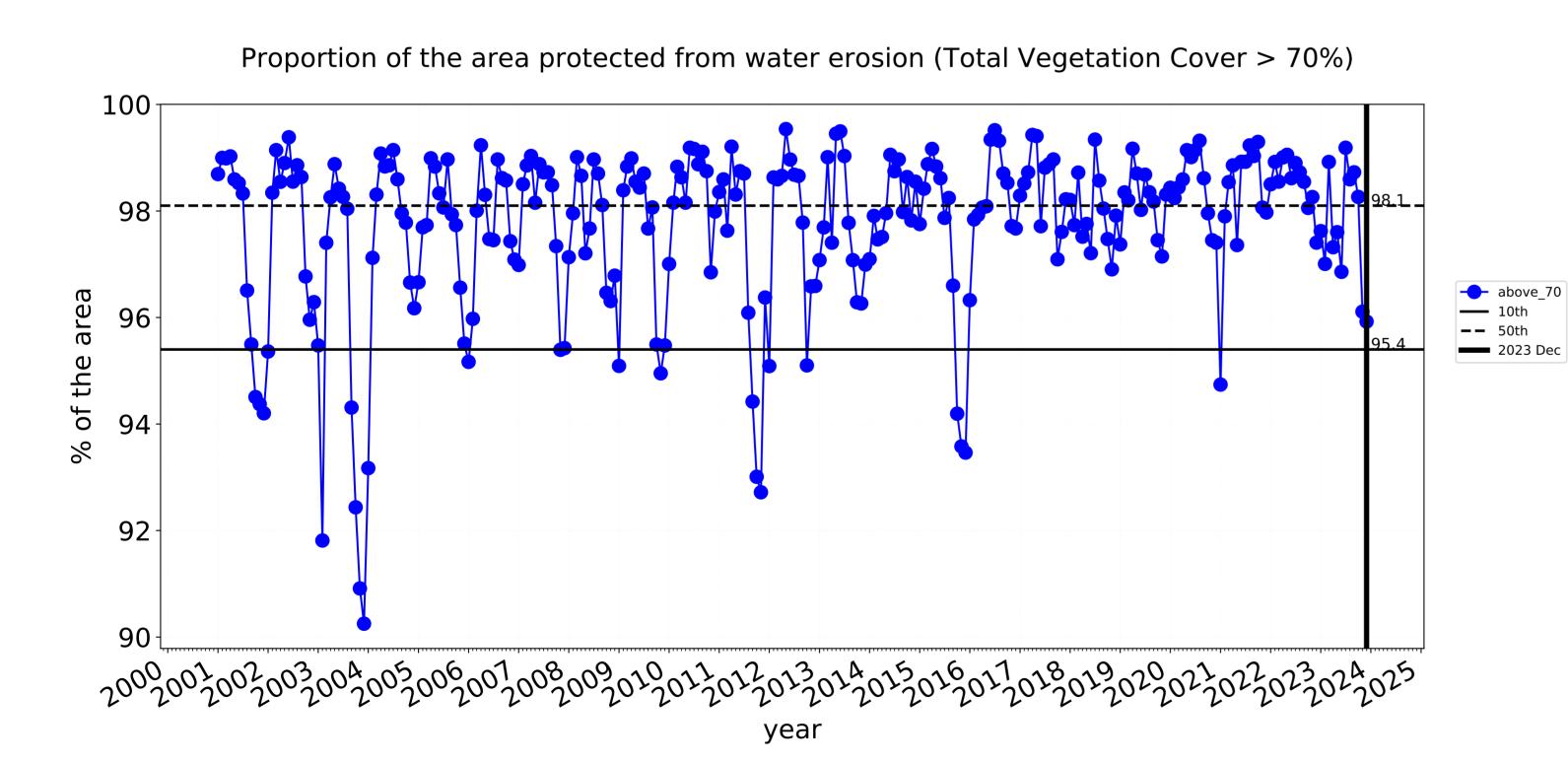
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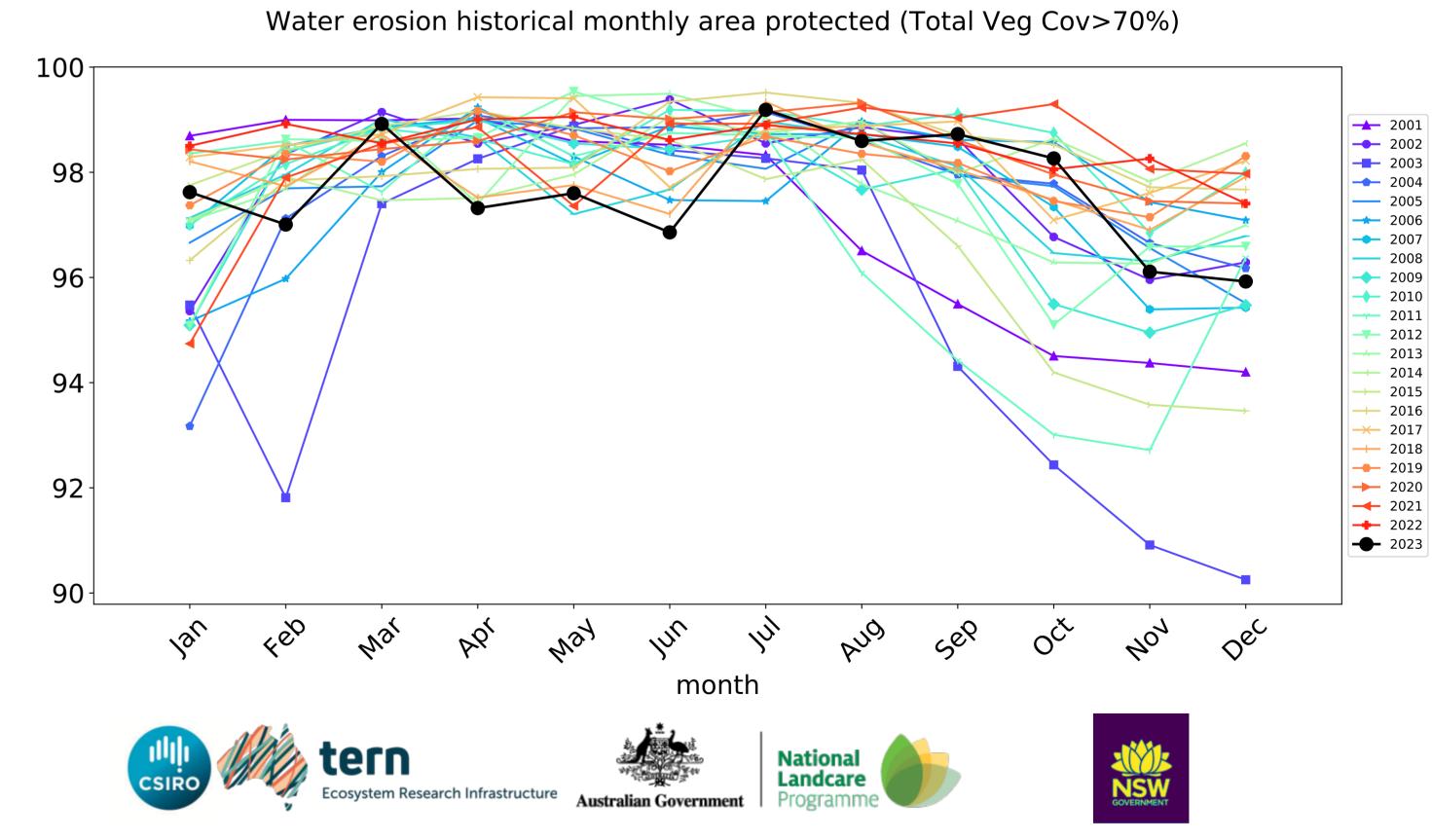


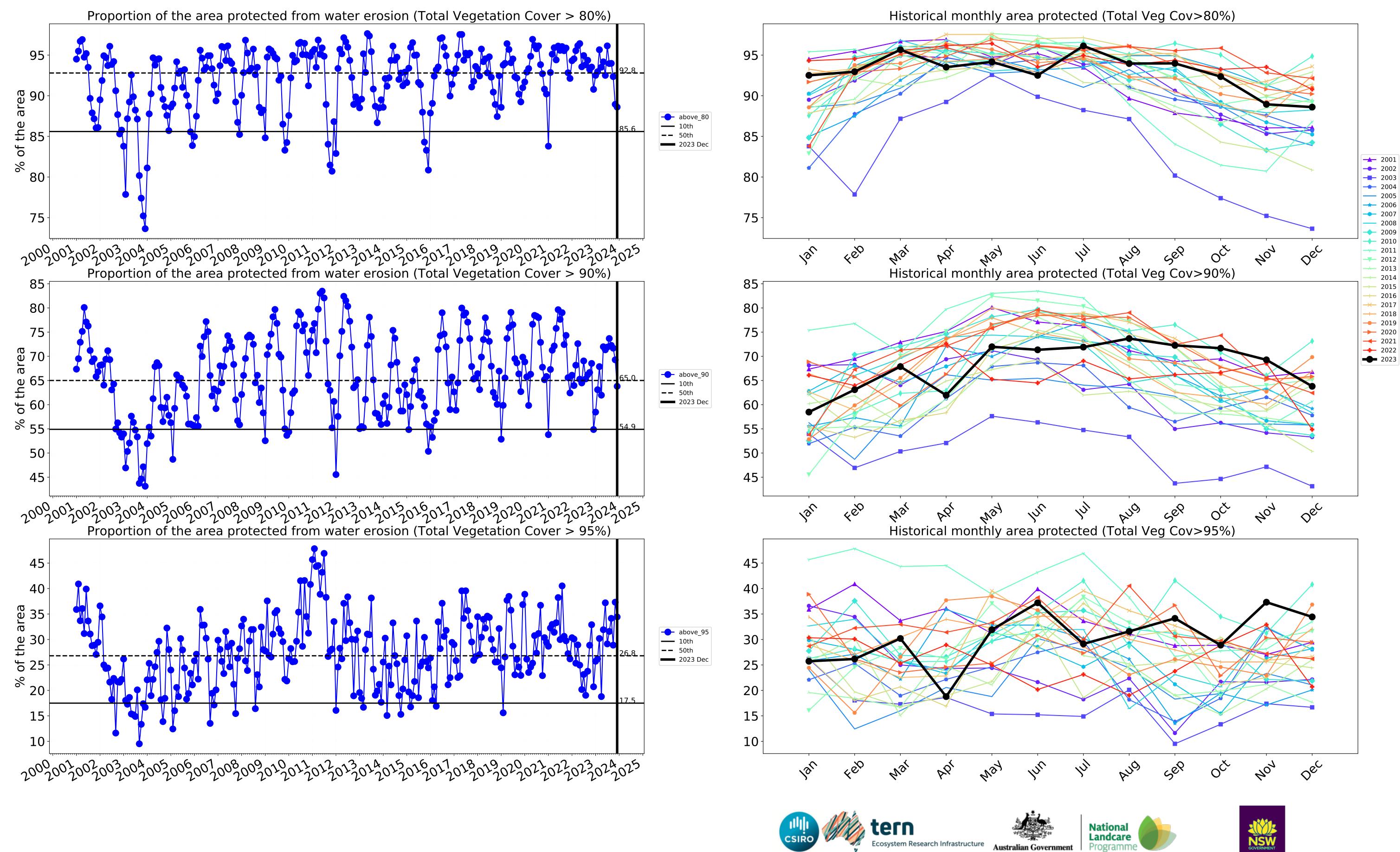


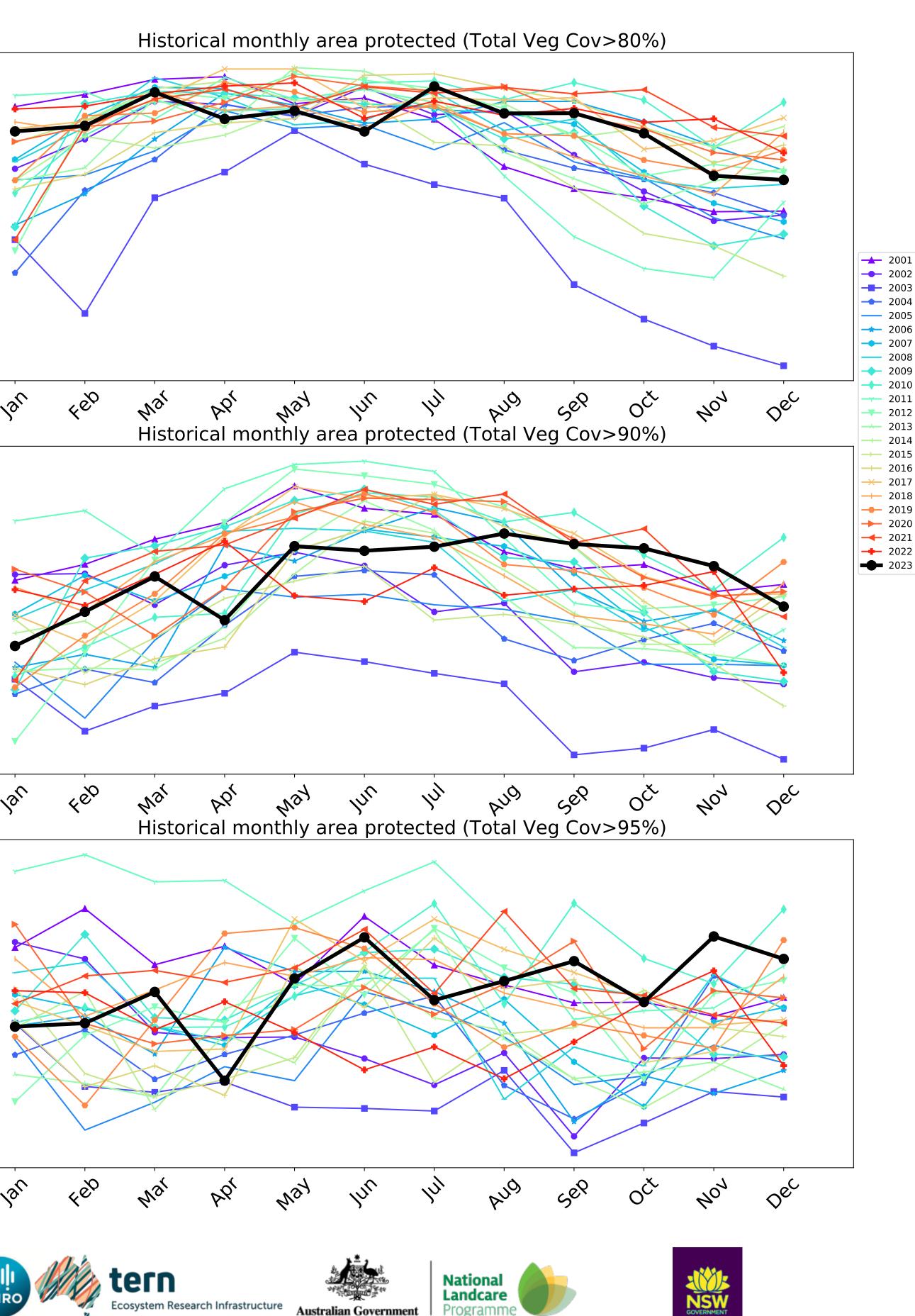




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



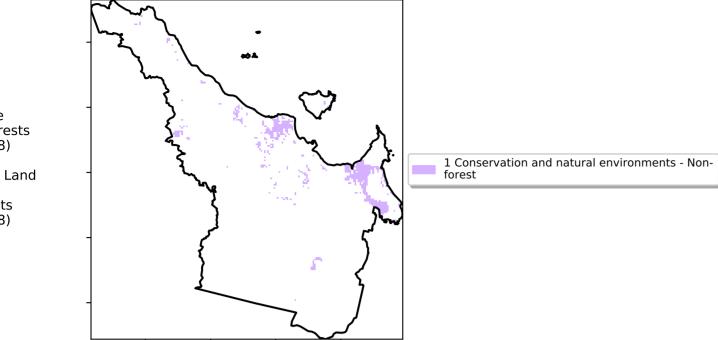






#### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

Land use and forest cover



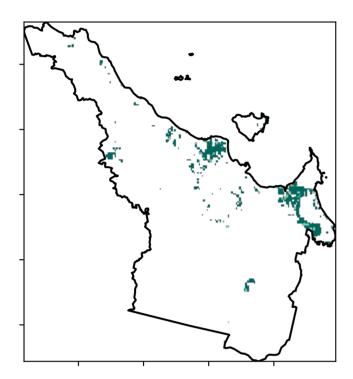
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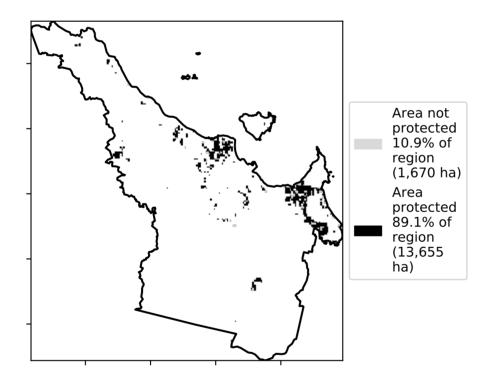
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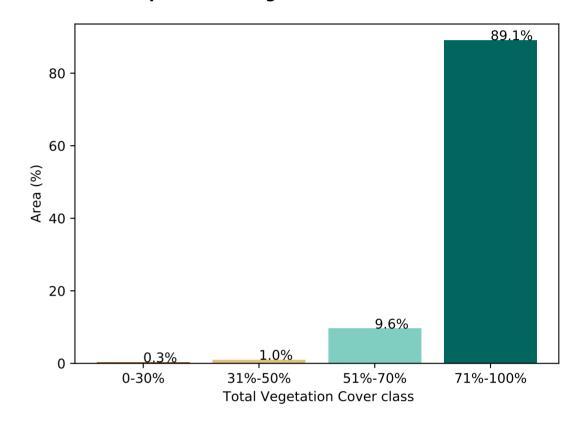
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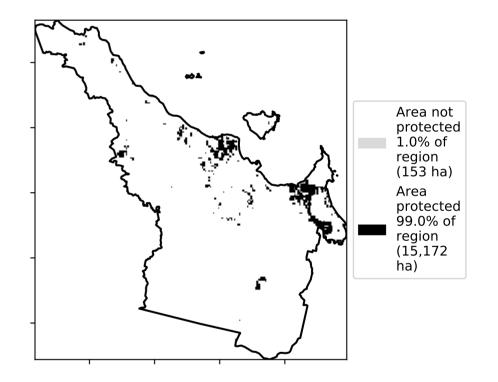




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

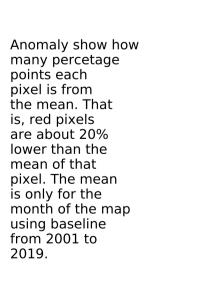


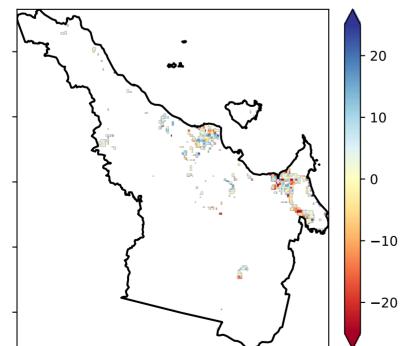
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



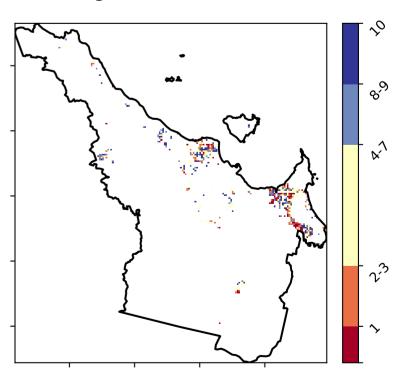


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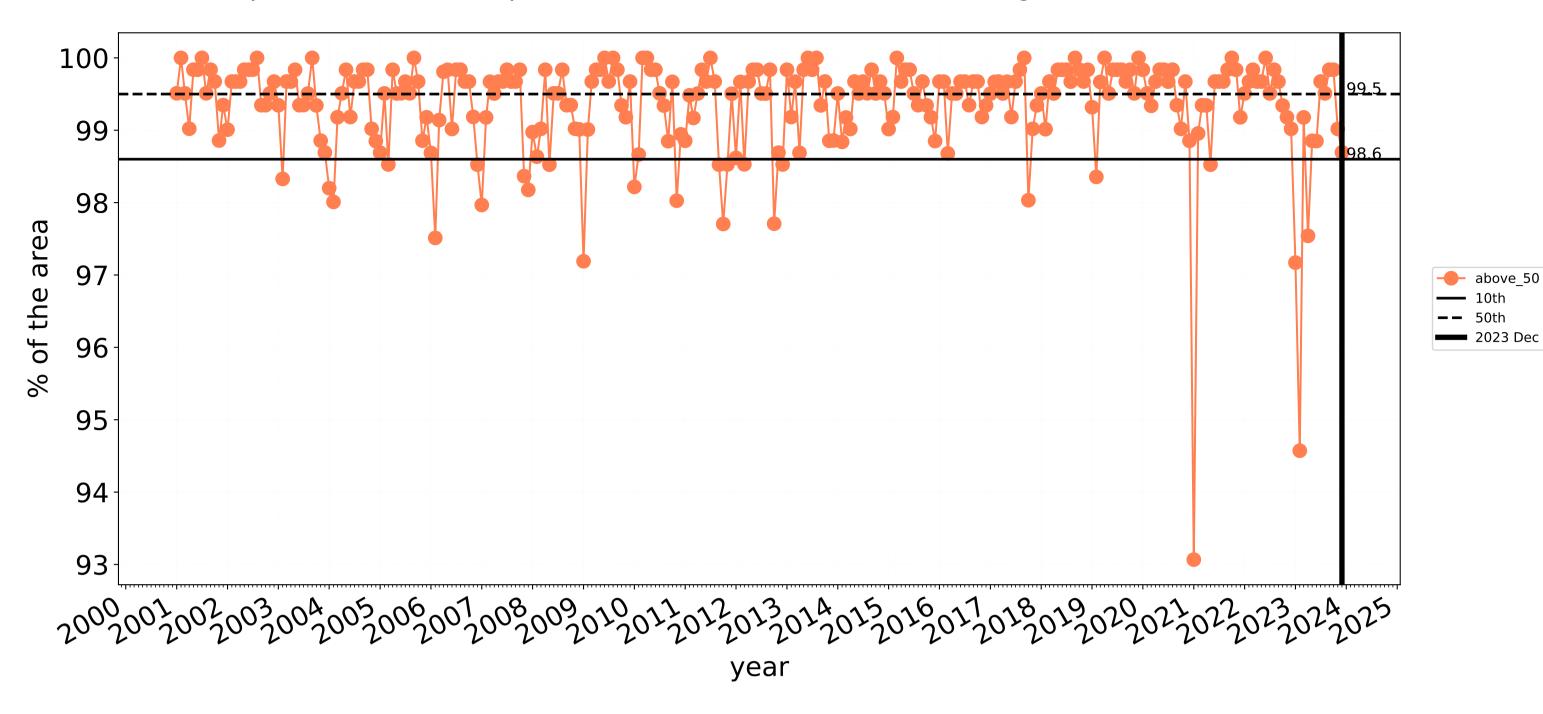


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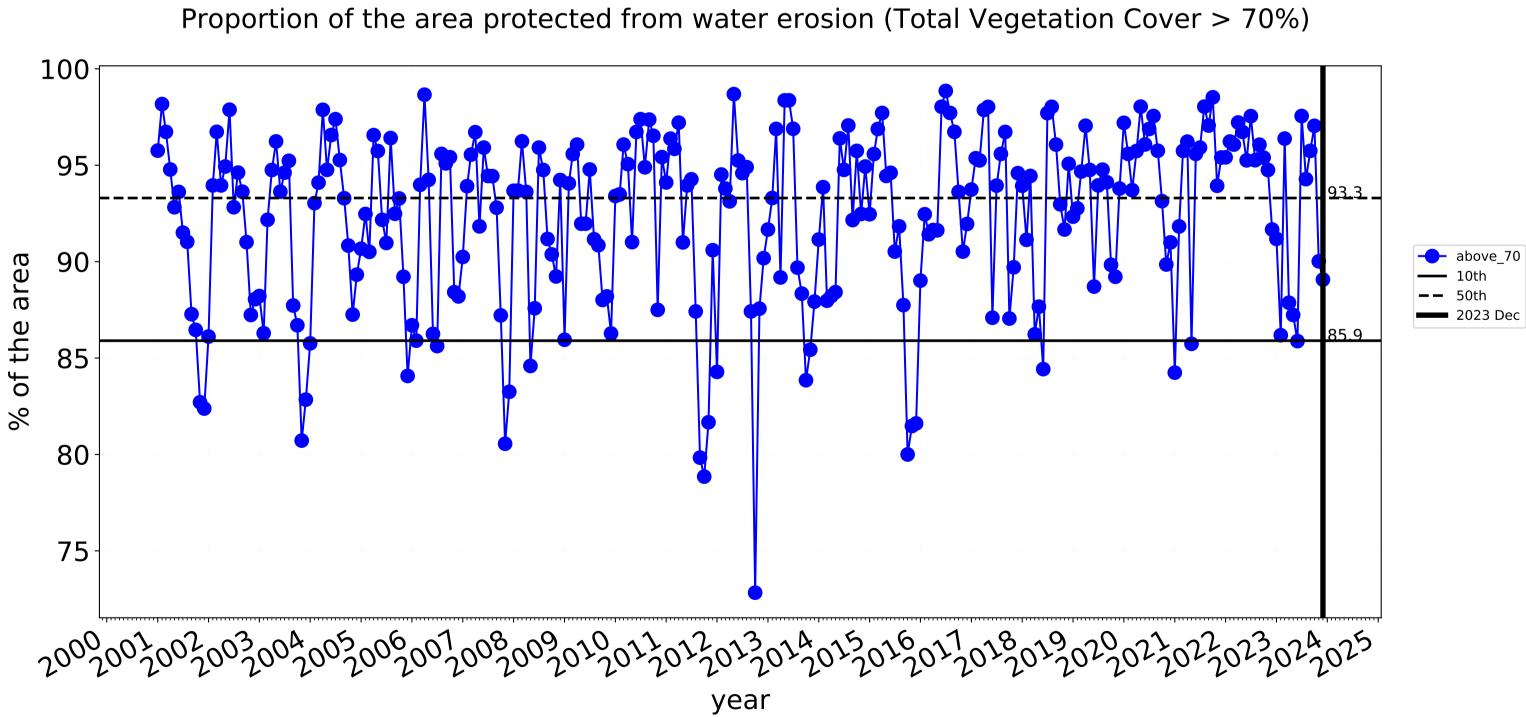








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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

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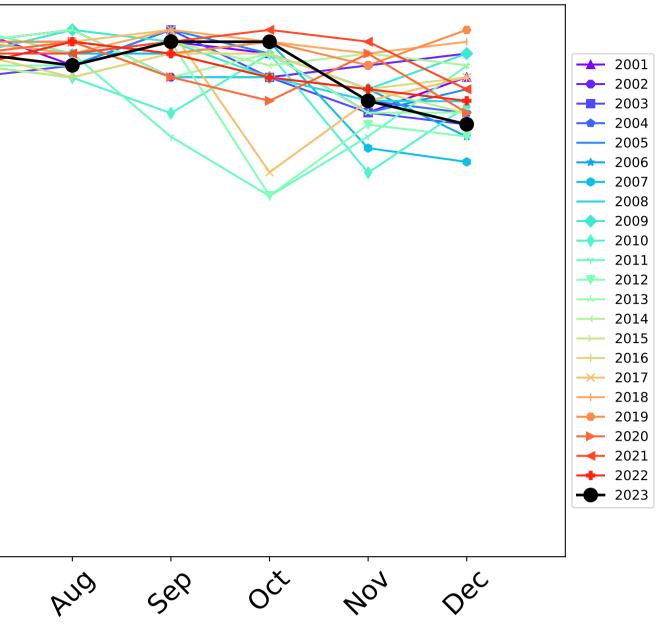
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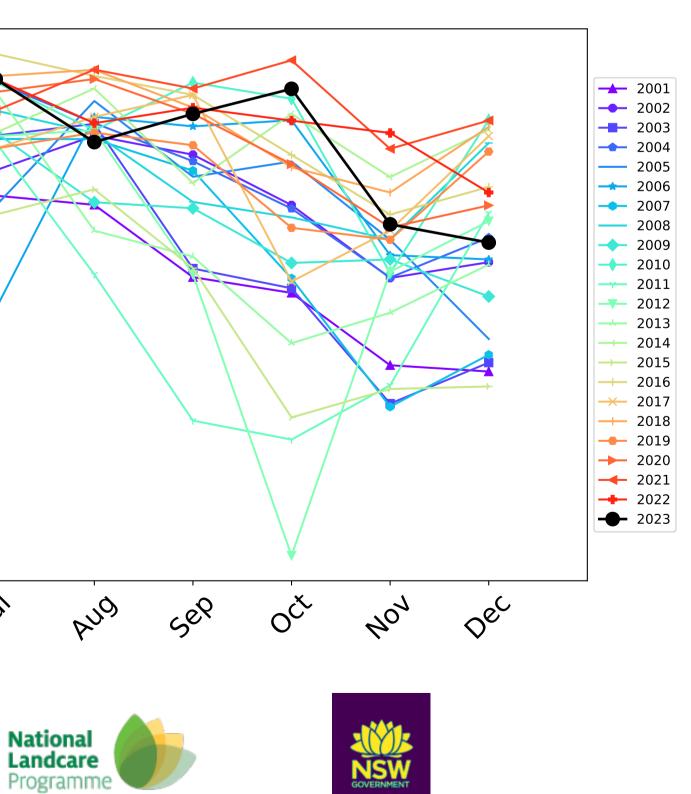
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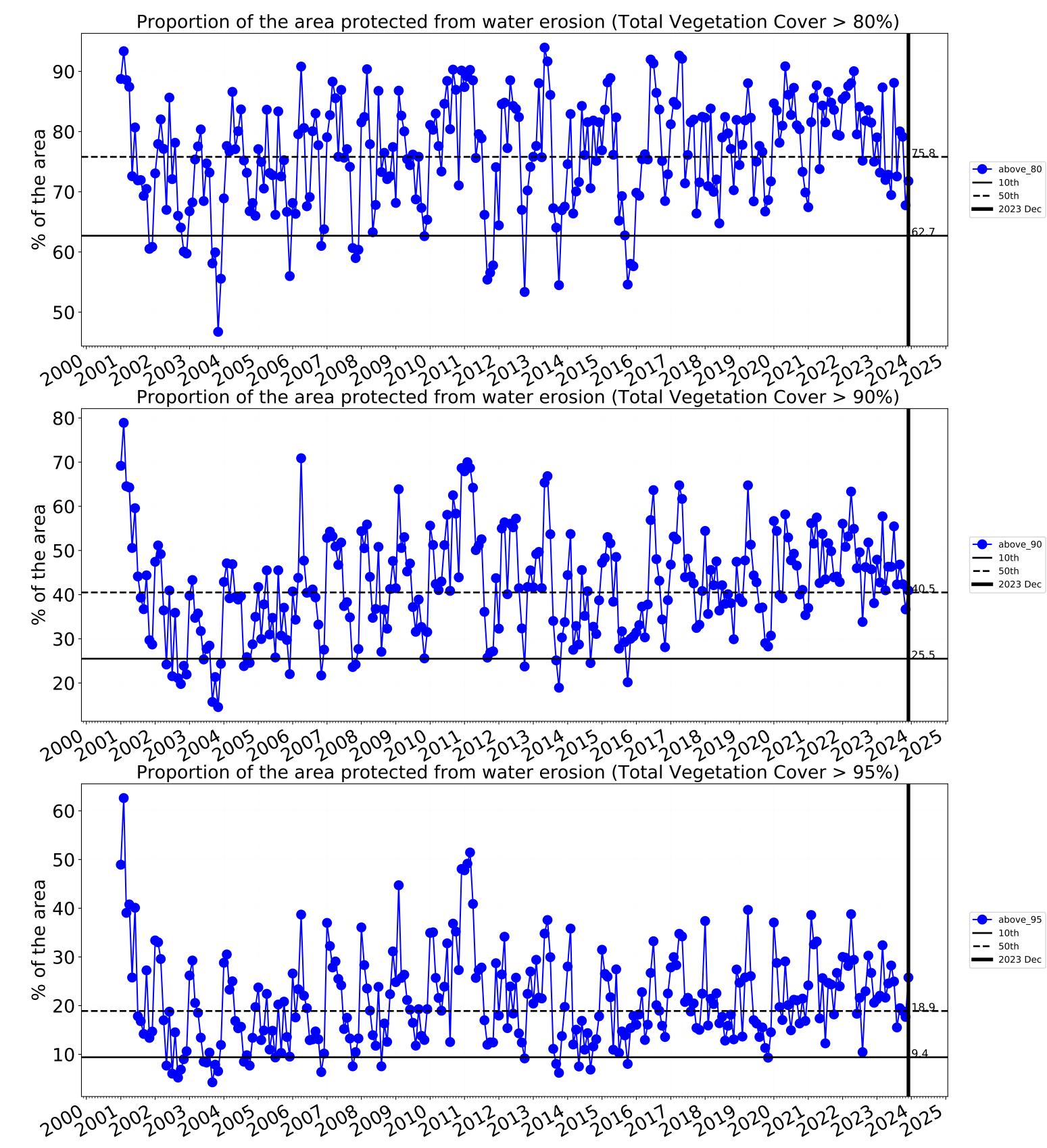
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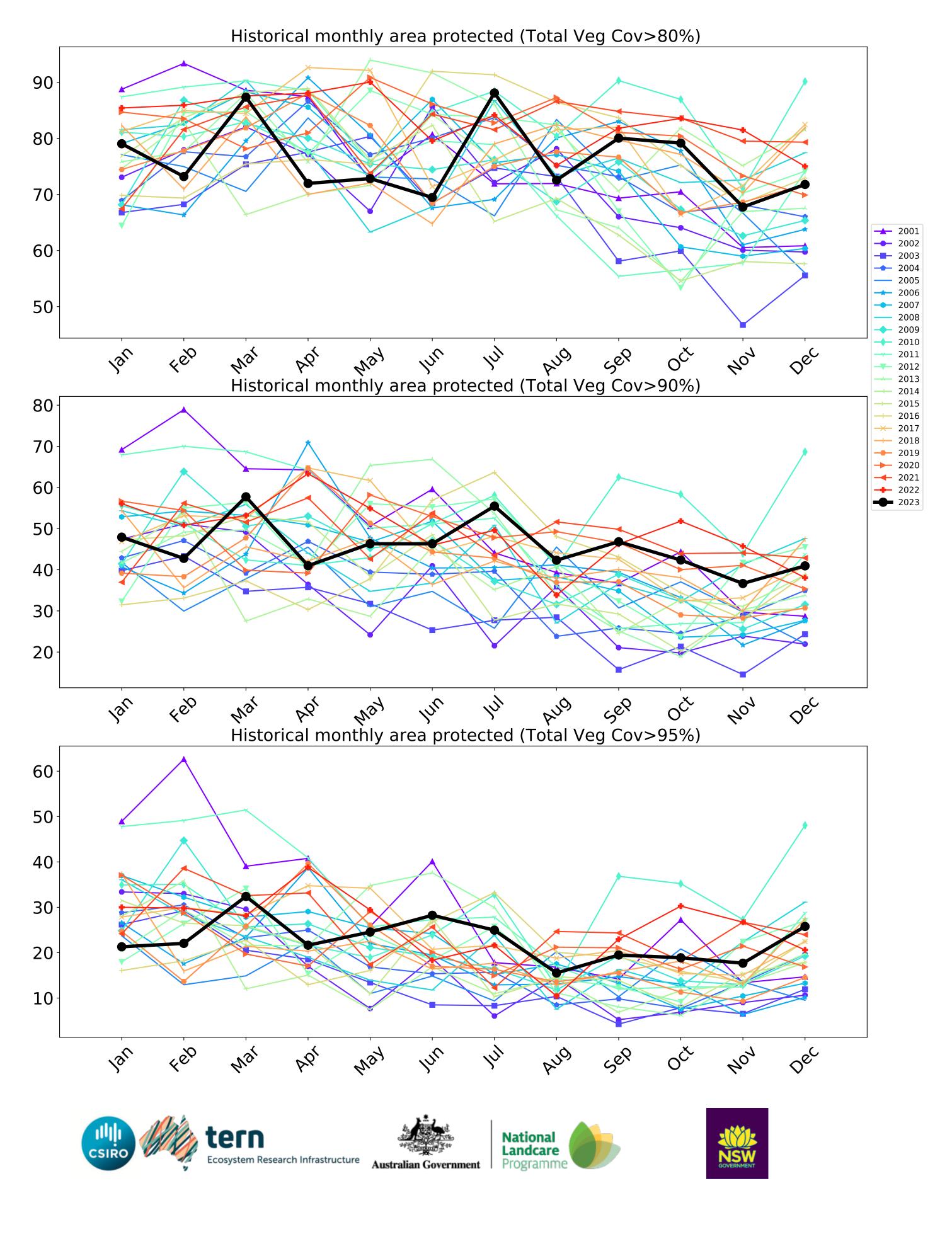
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



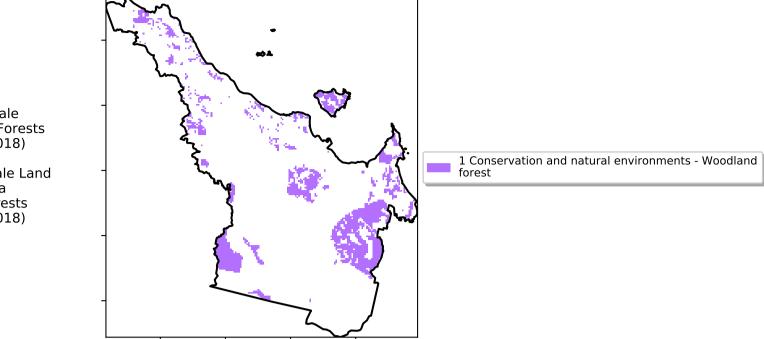






### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover



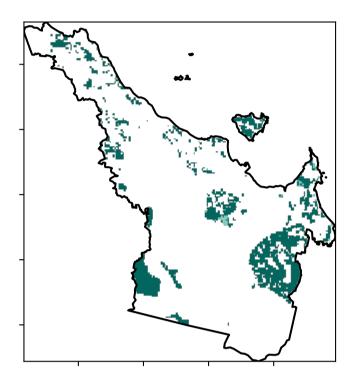
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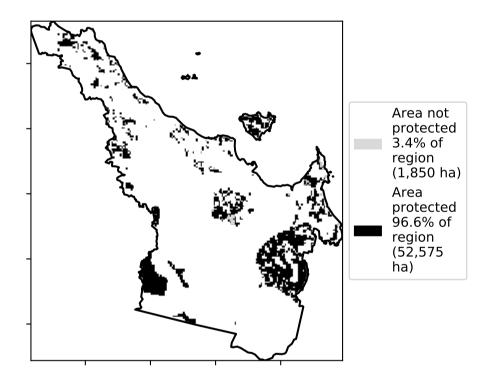
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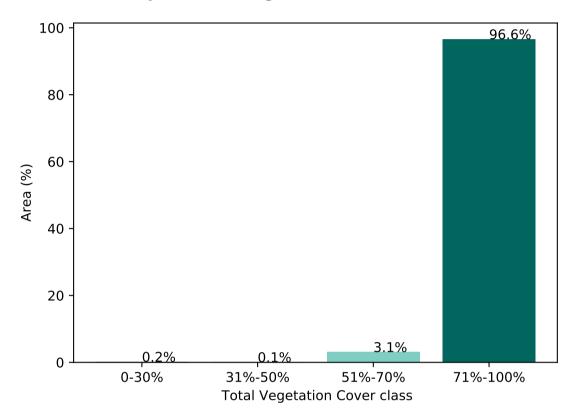
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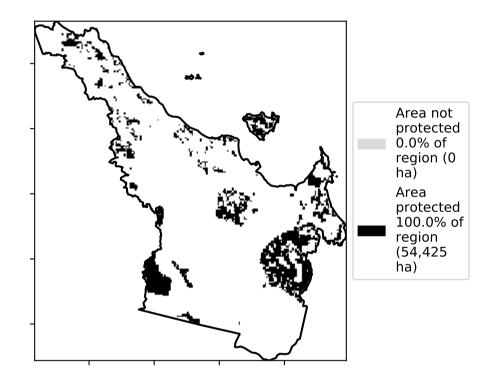






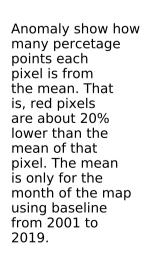


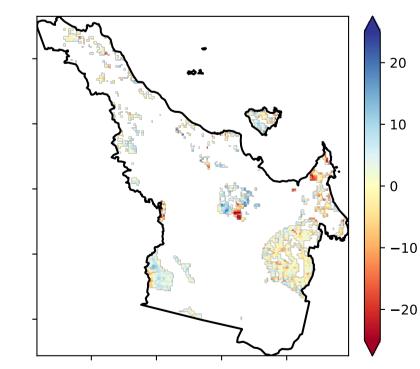
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



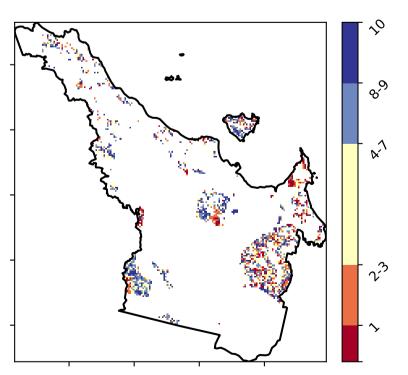


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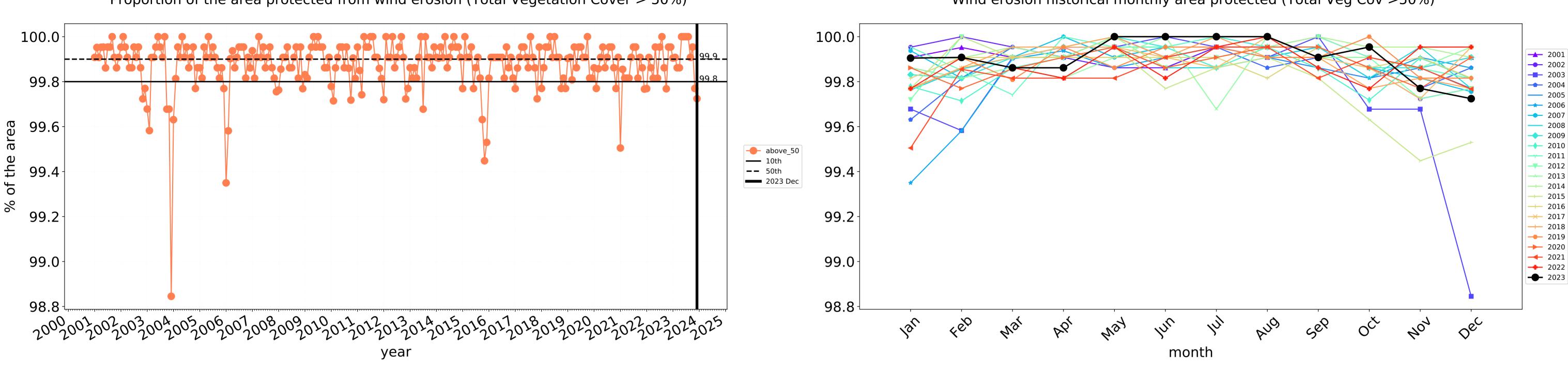




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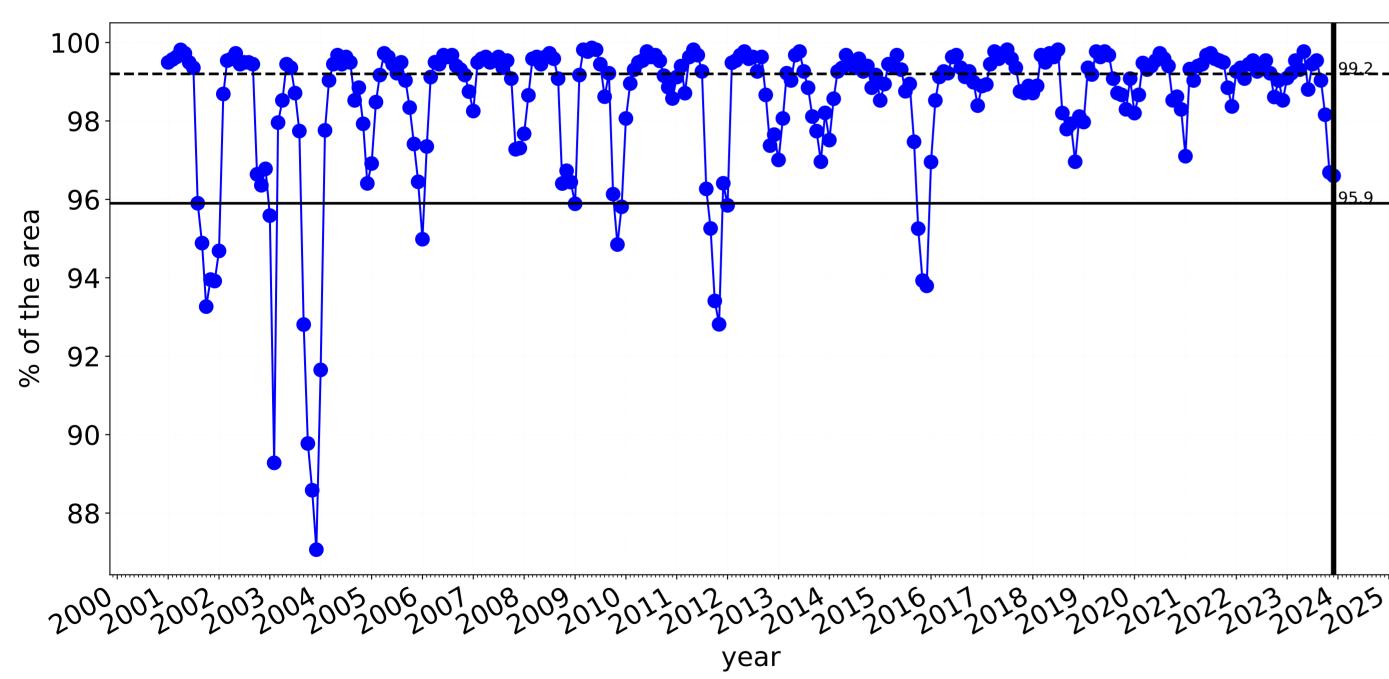






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

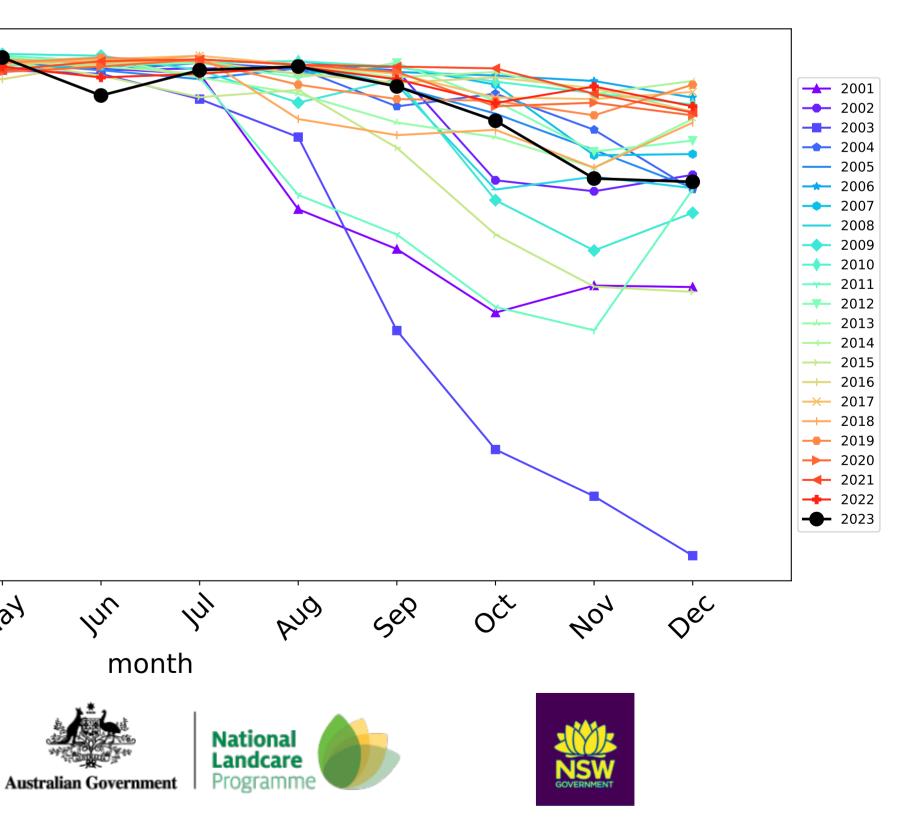
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

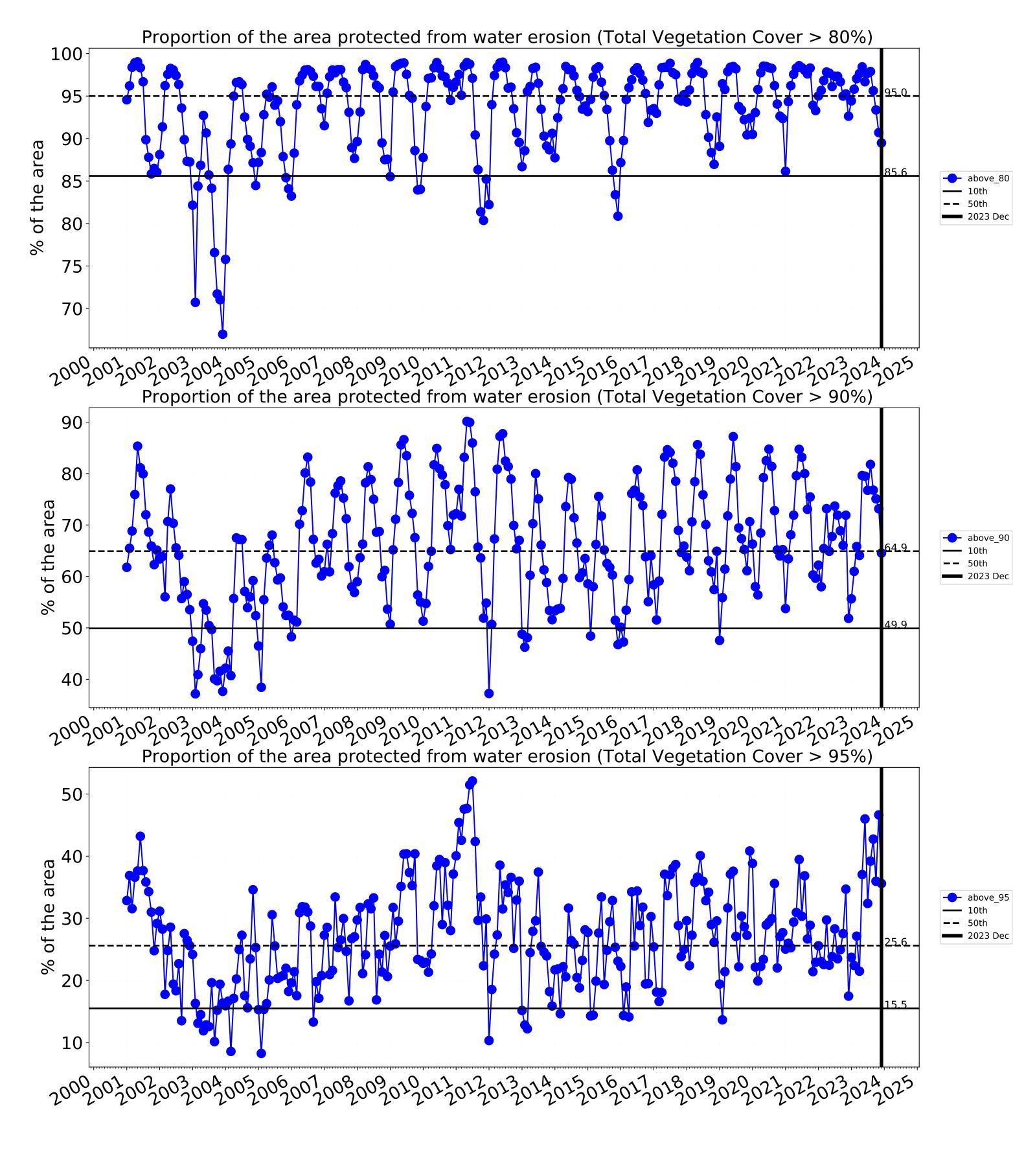


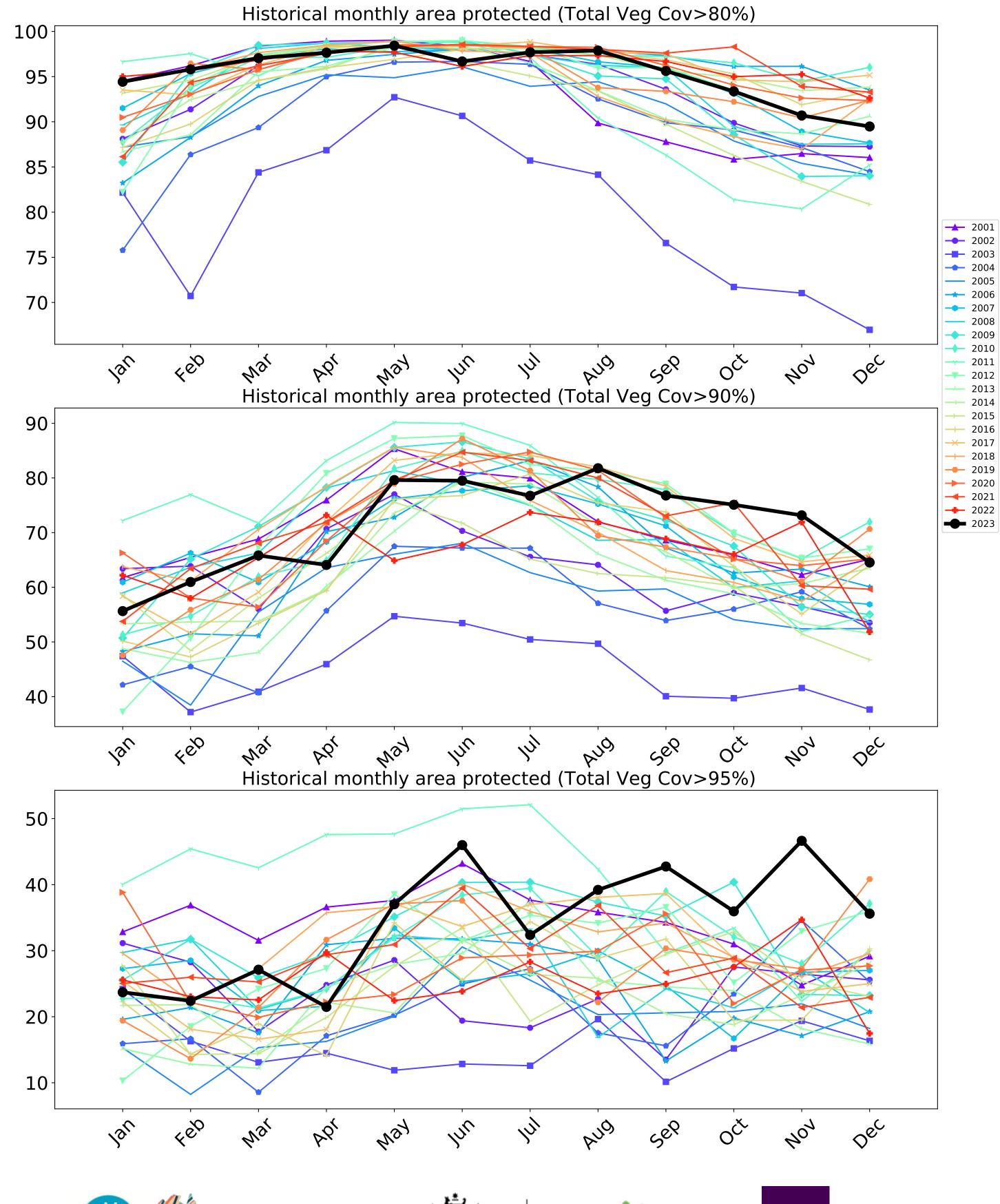
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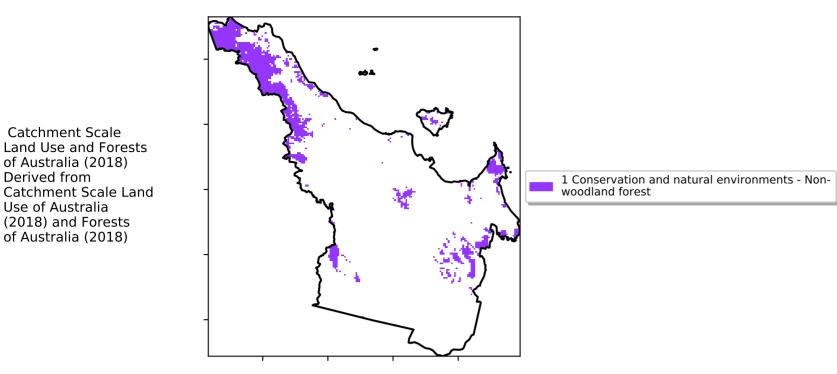






### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover



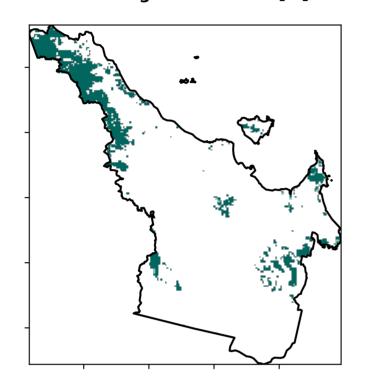
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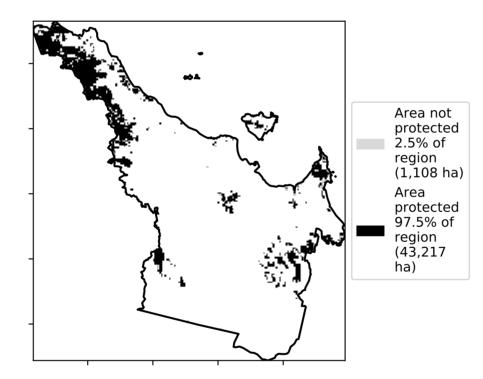
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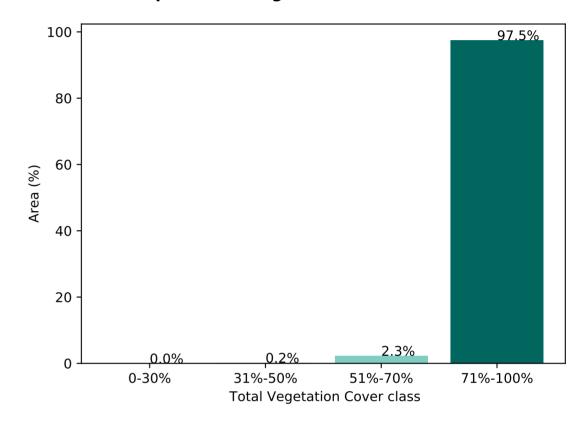
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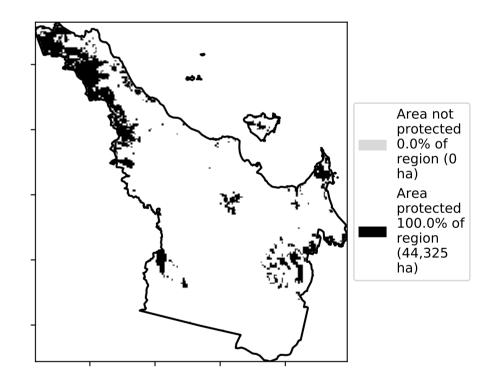
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



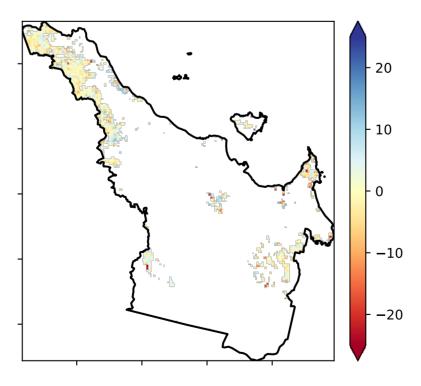
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



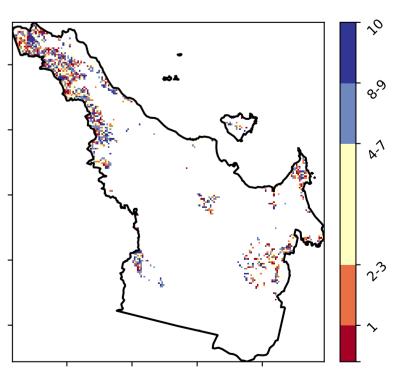
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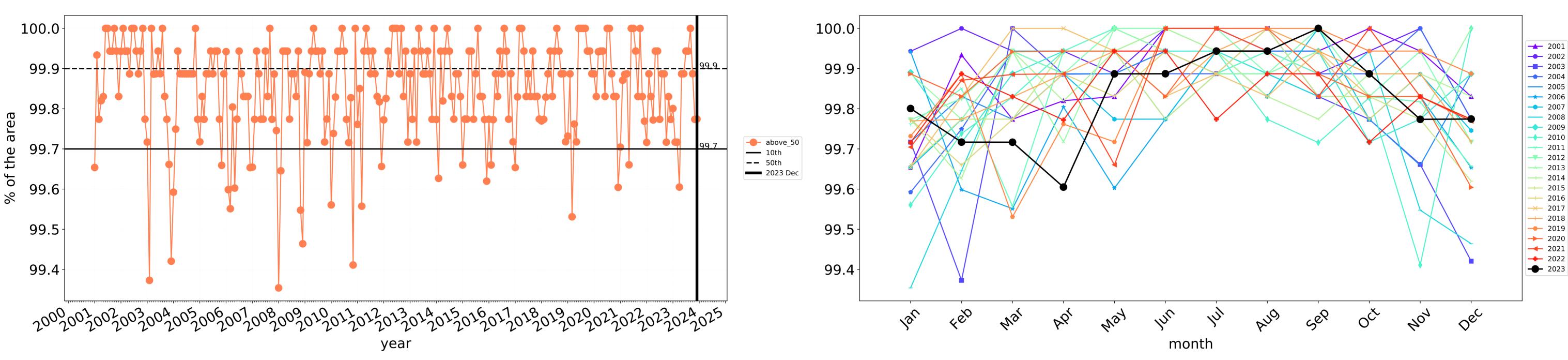
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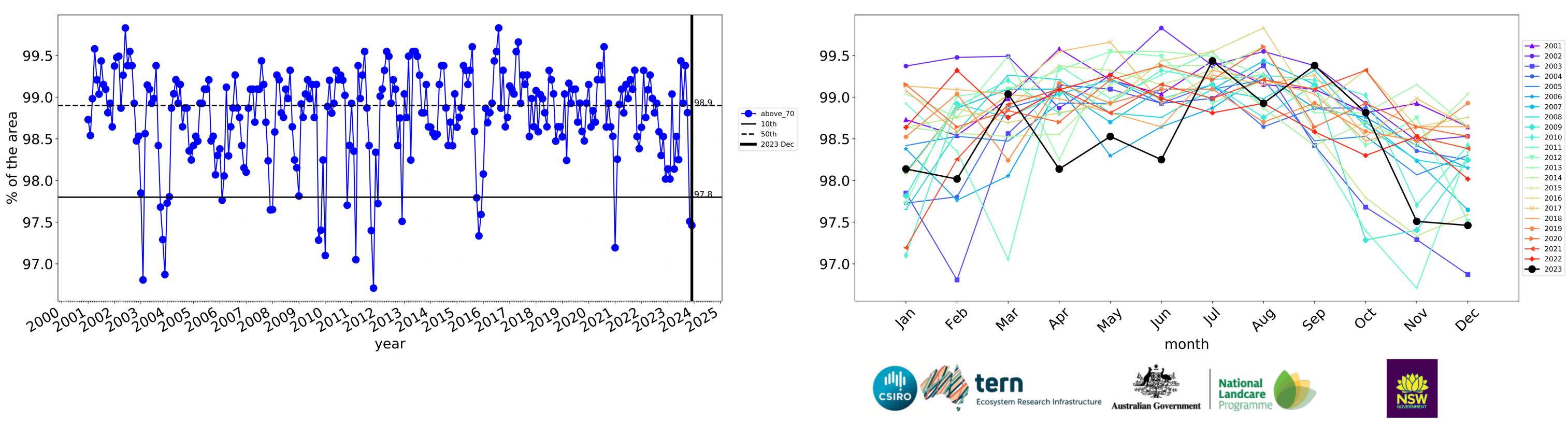






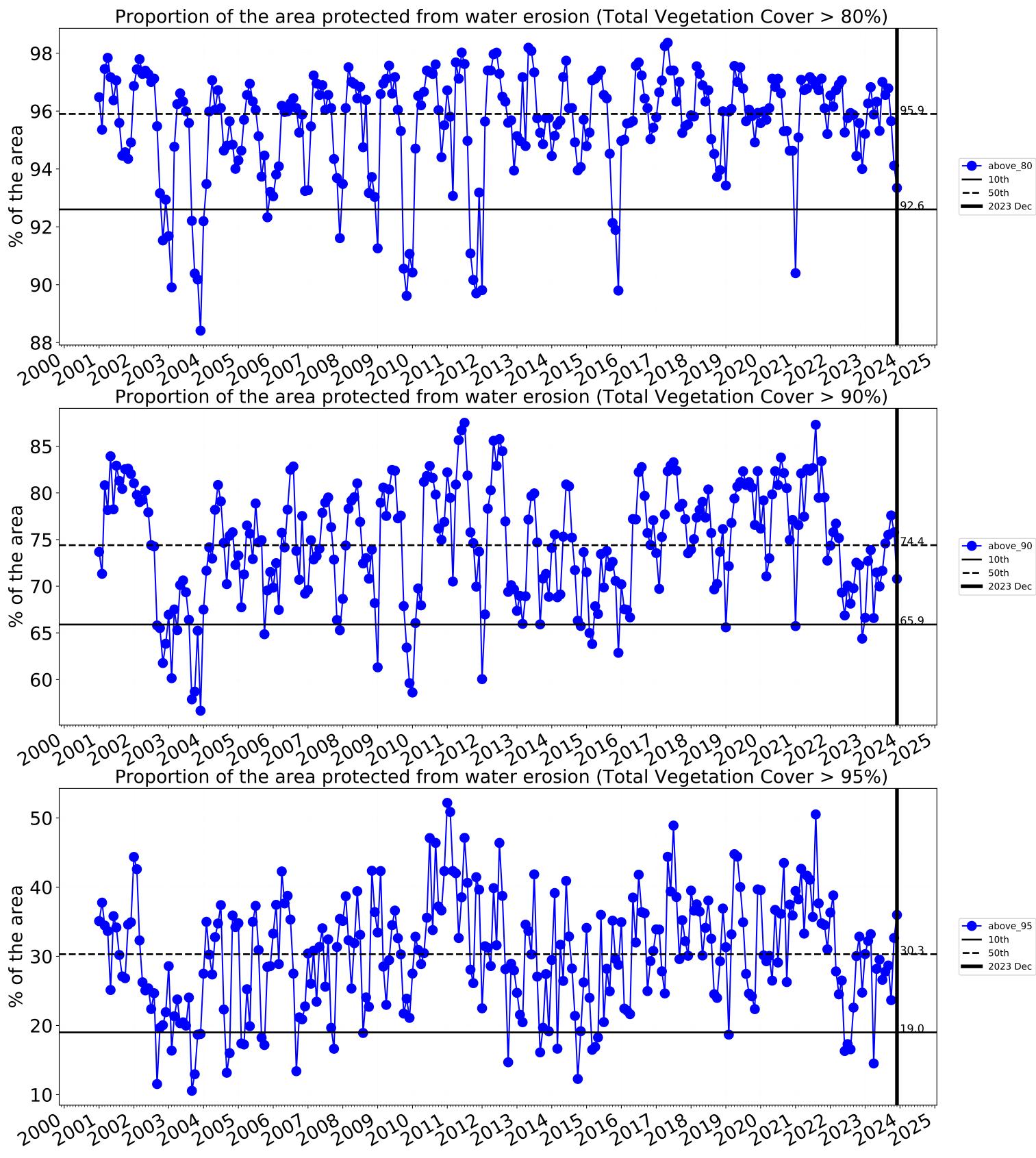
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

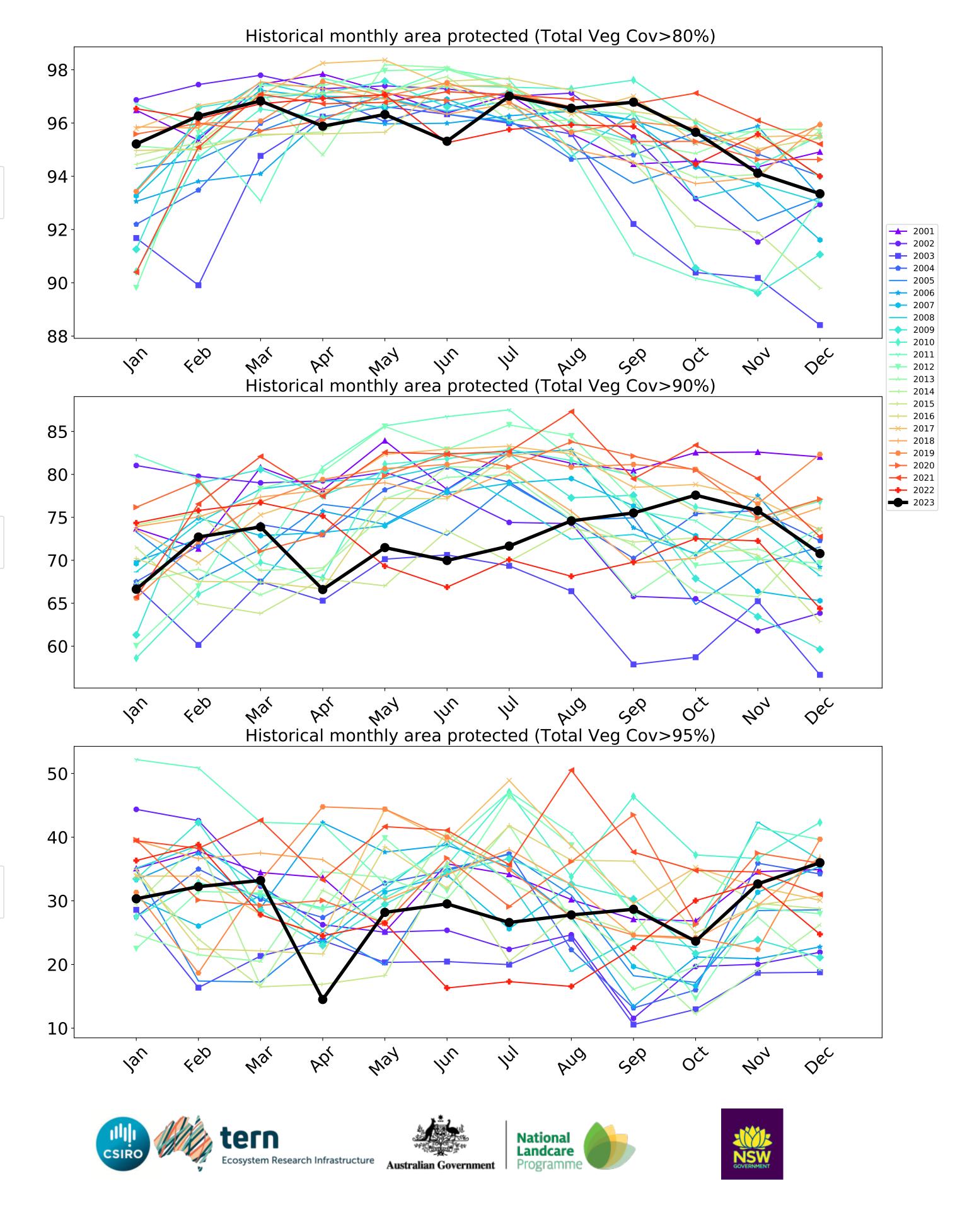
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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





### Agriculture

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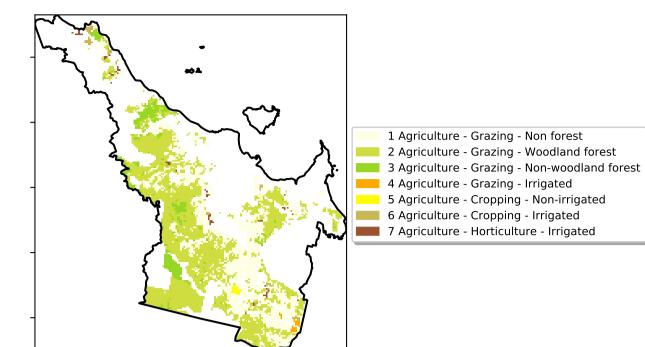
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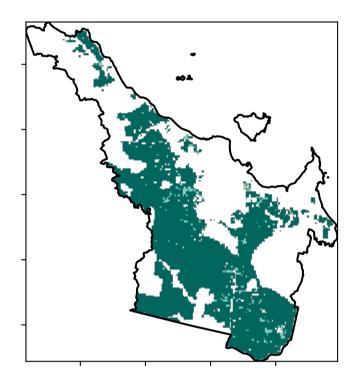
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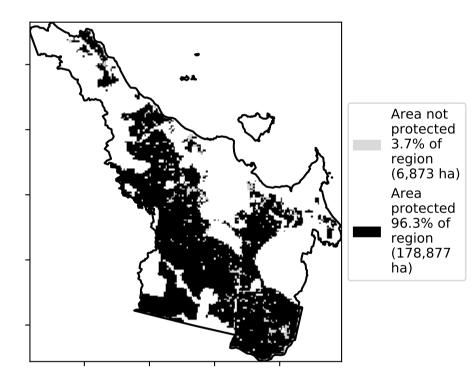


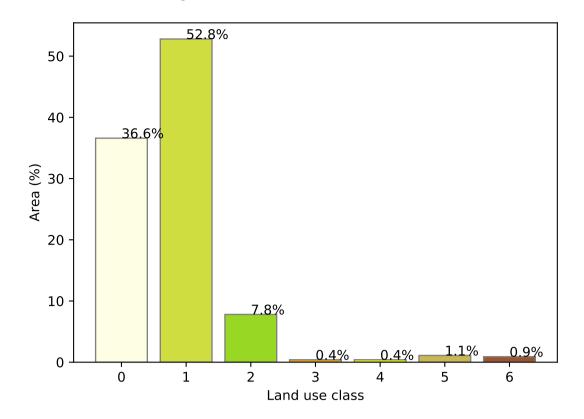
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



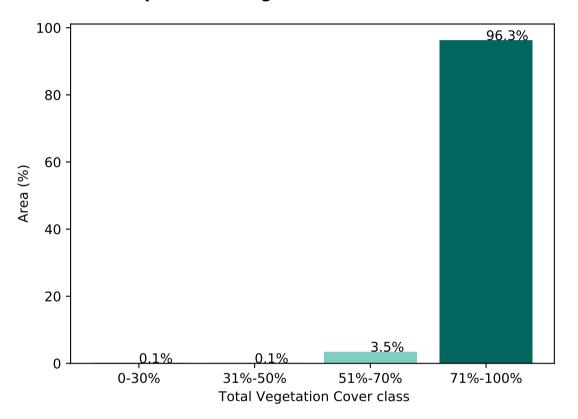
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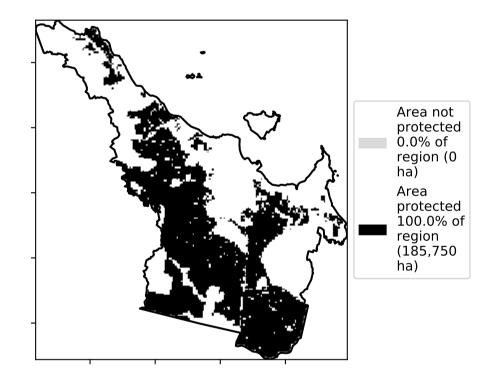


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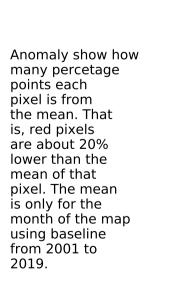
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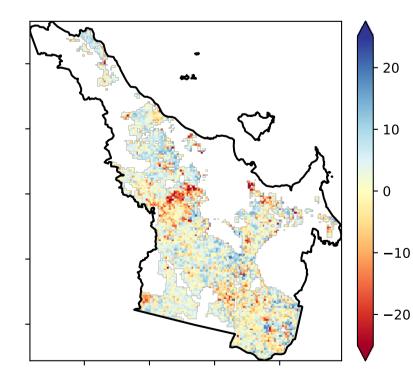


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

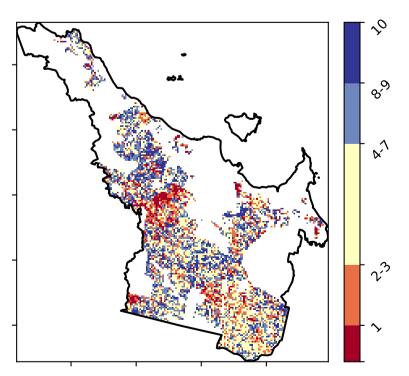


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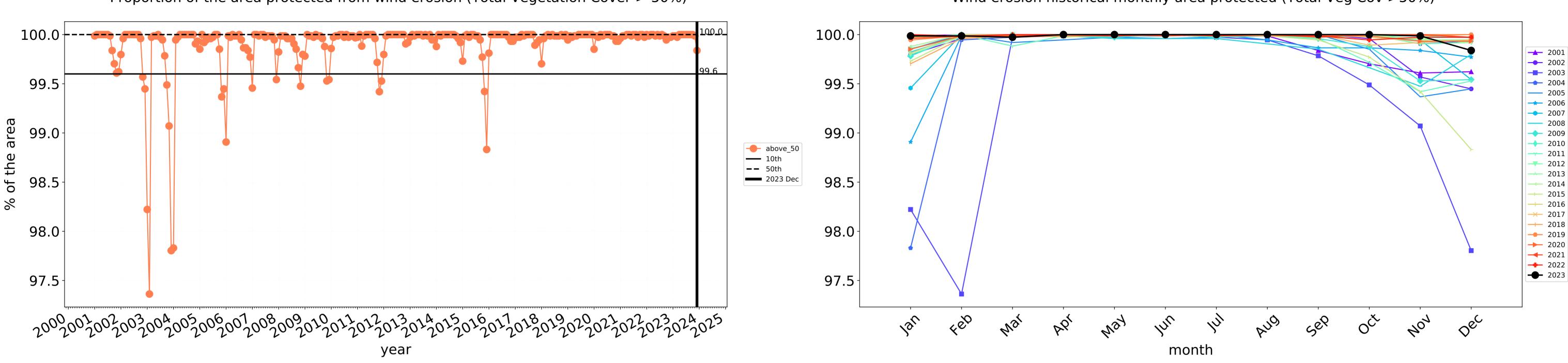


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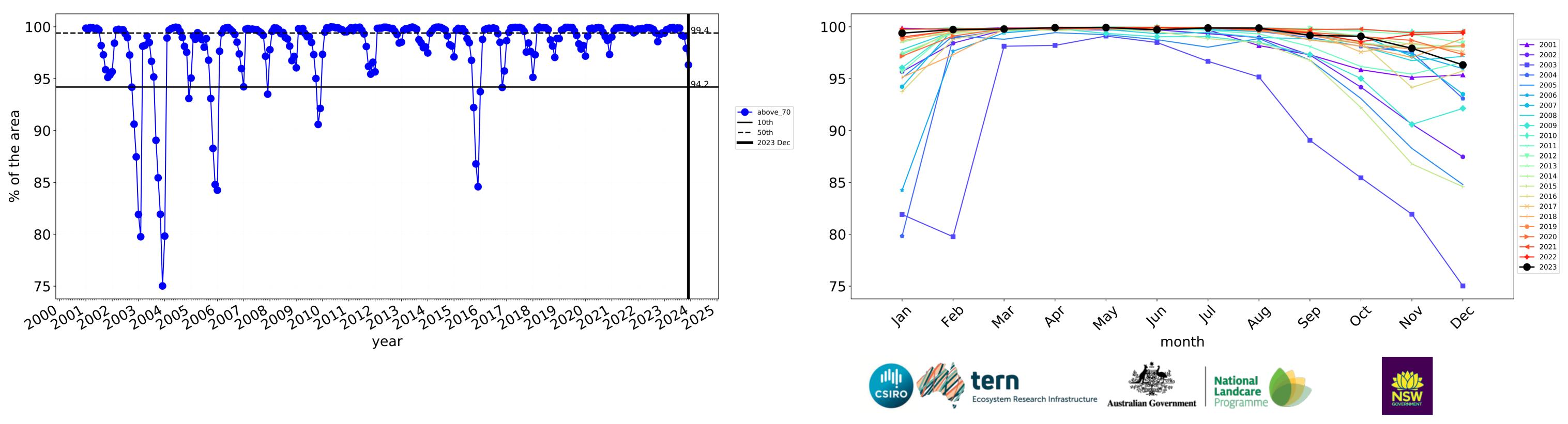






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

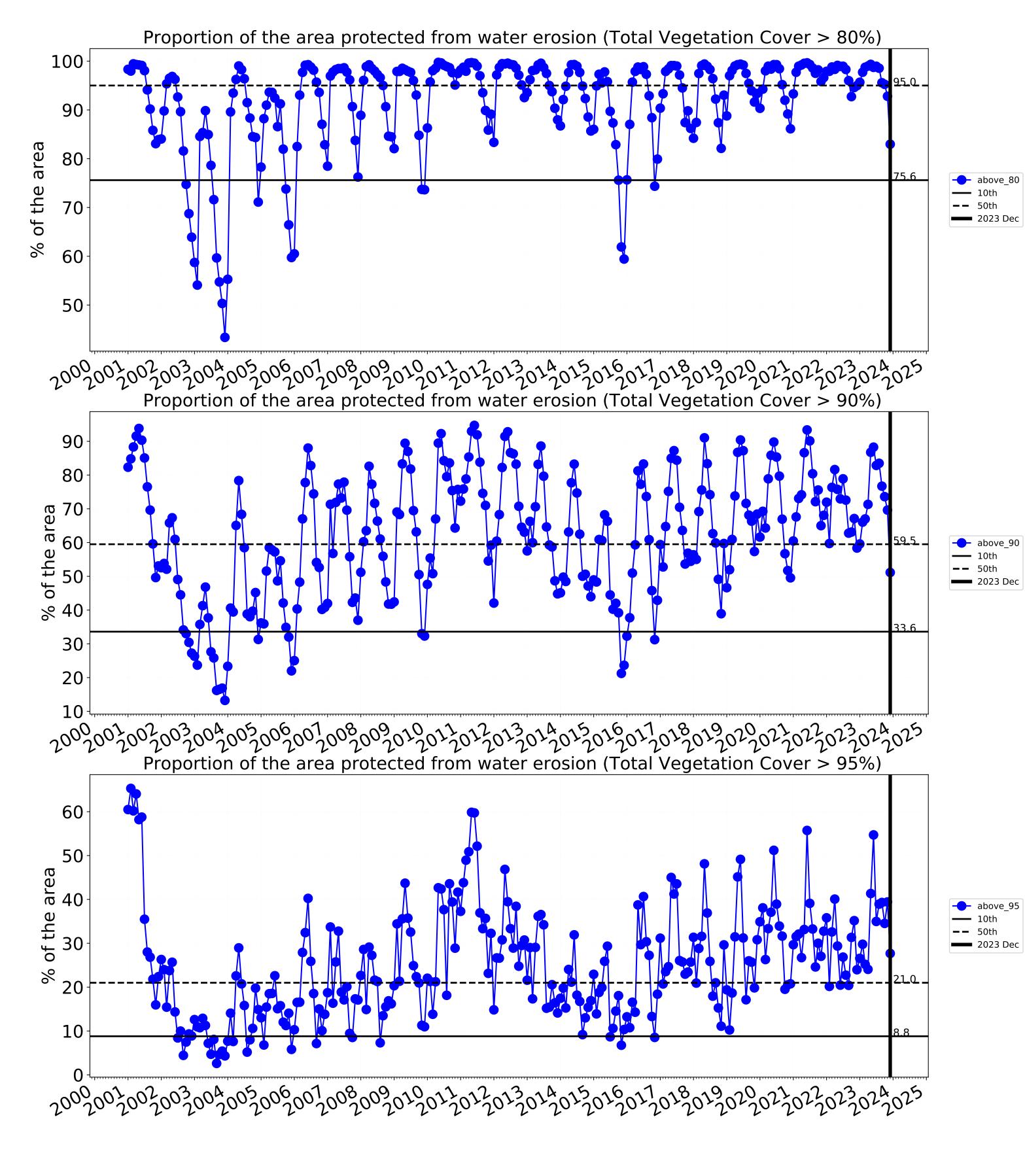
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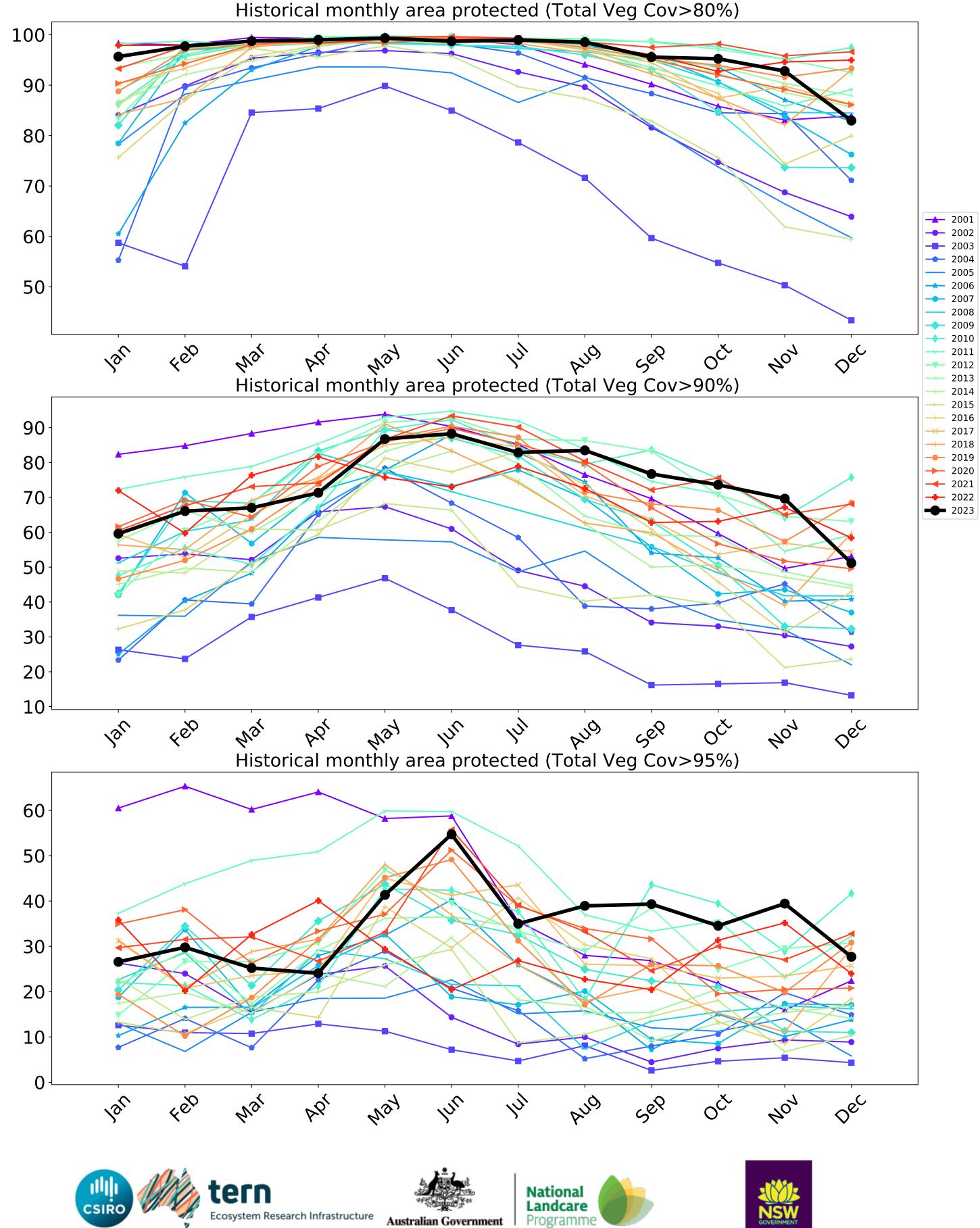


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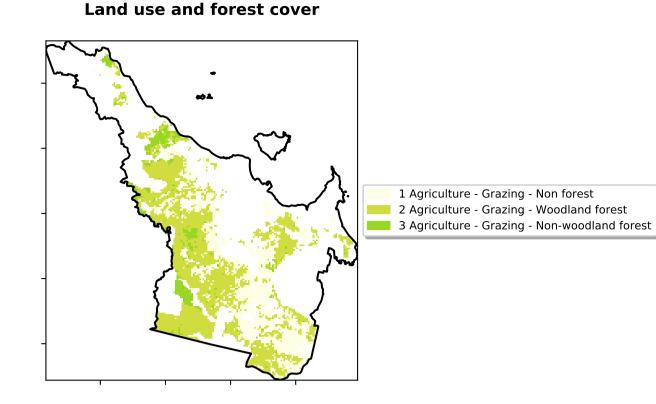






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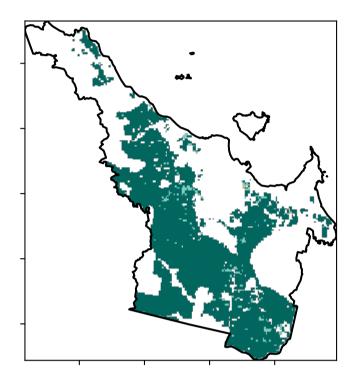
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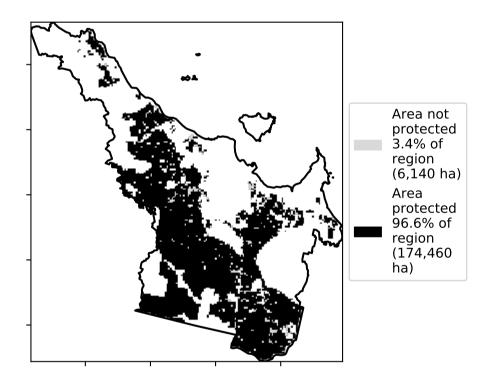
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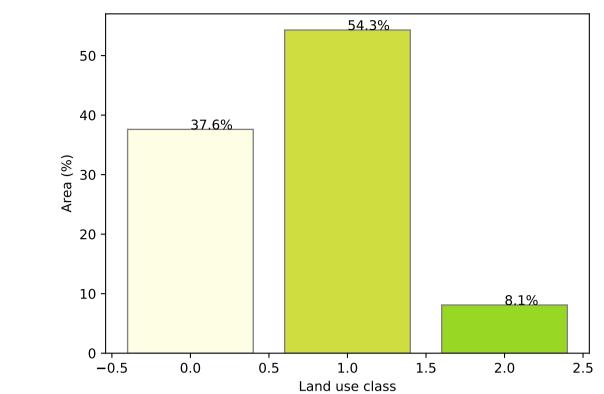
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



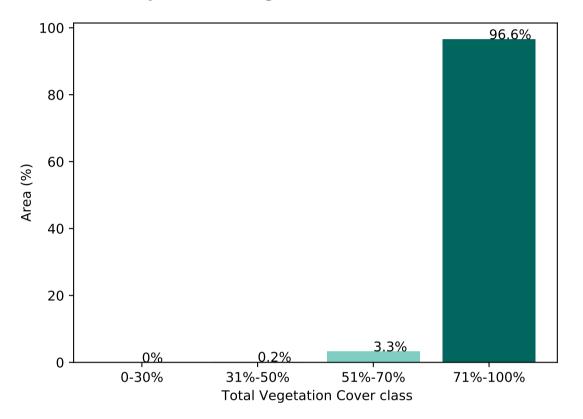
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



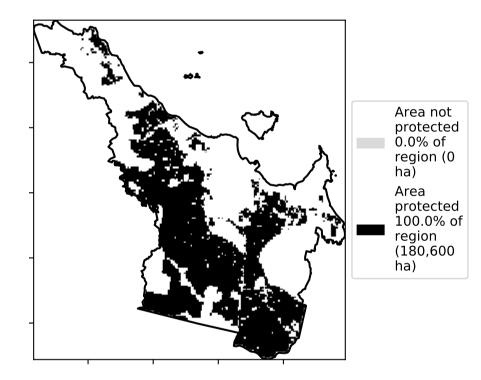


#### Proportion of each land class in area

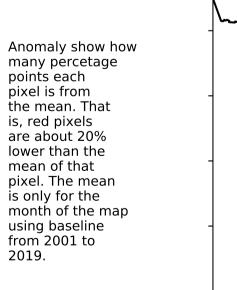
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

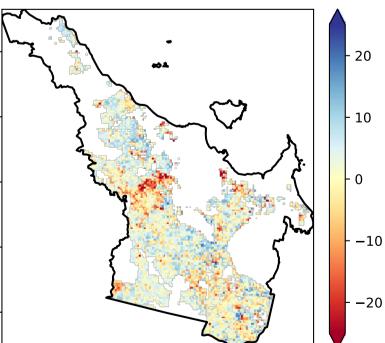


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

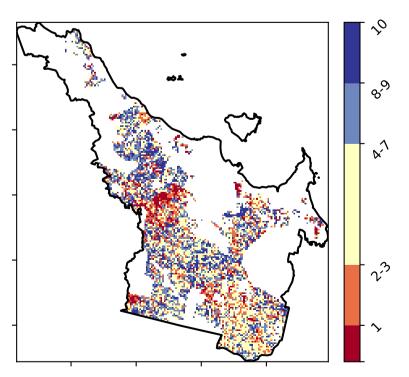


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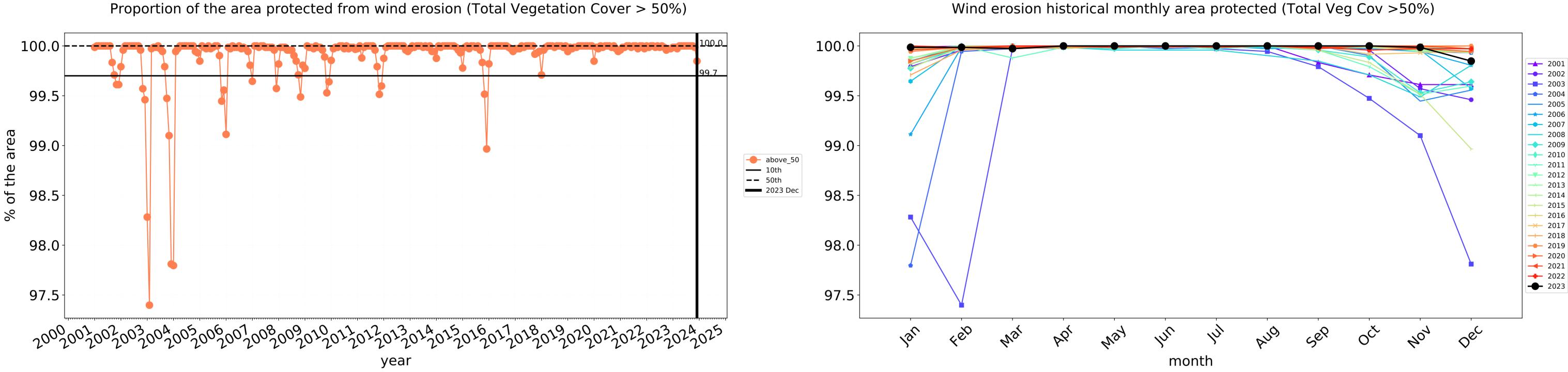




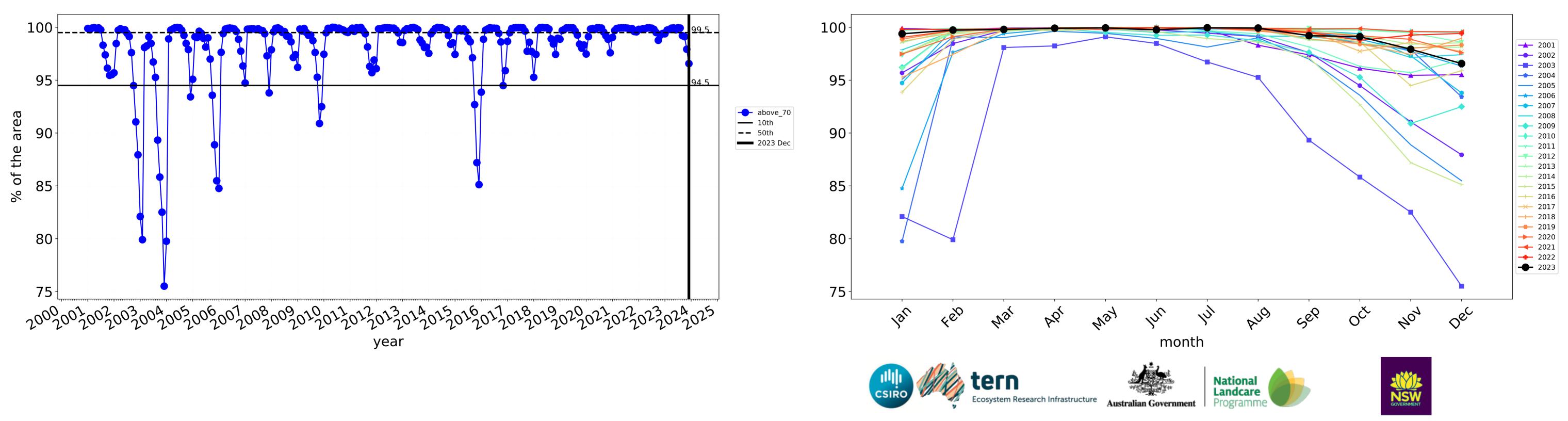
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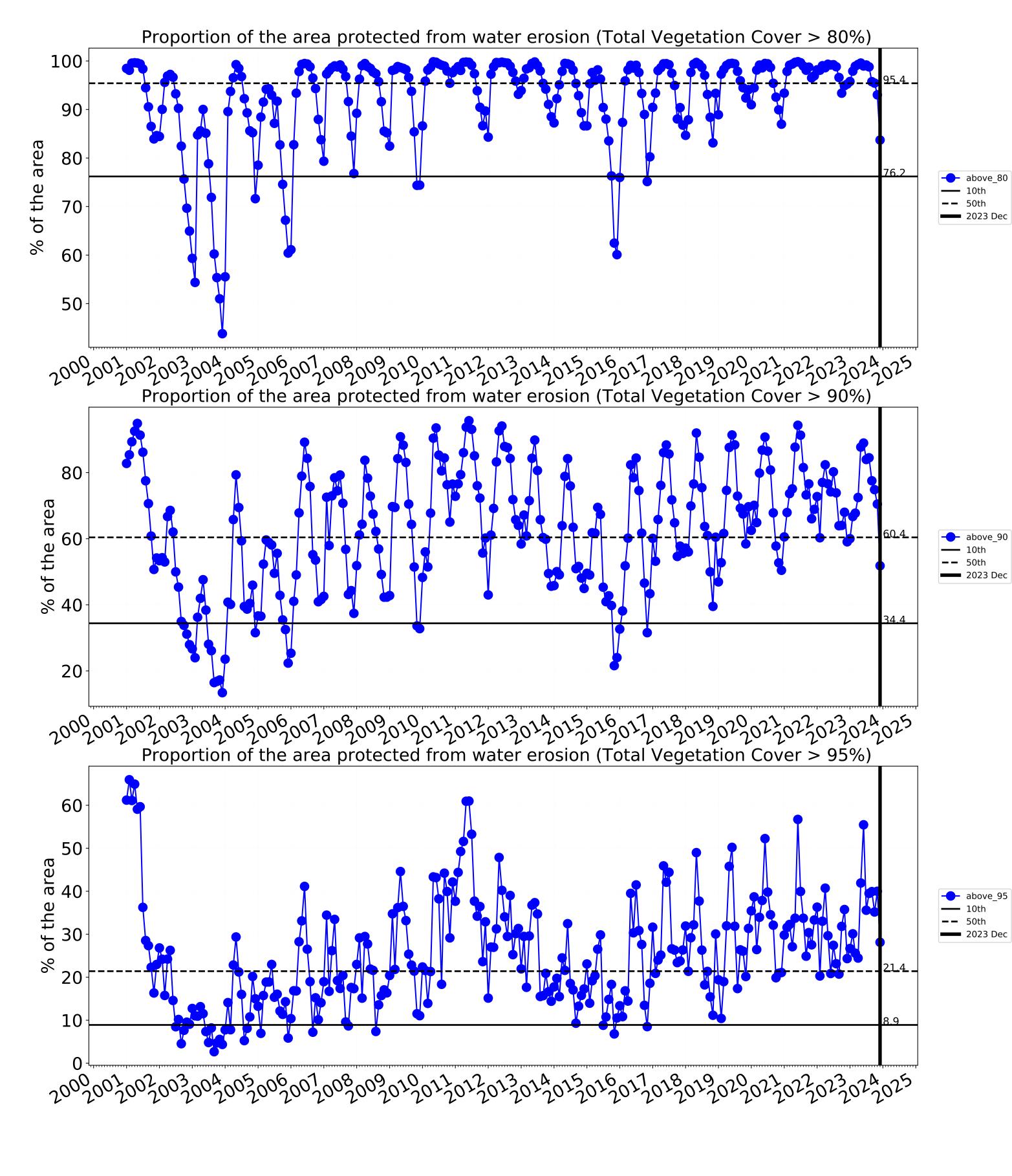


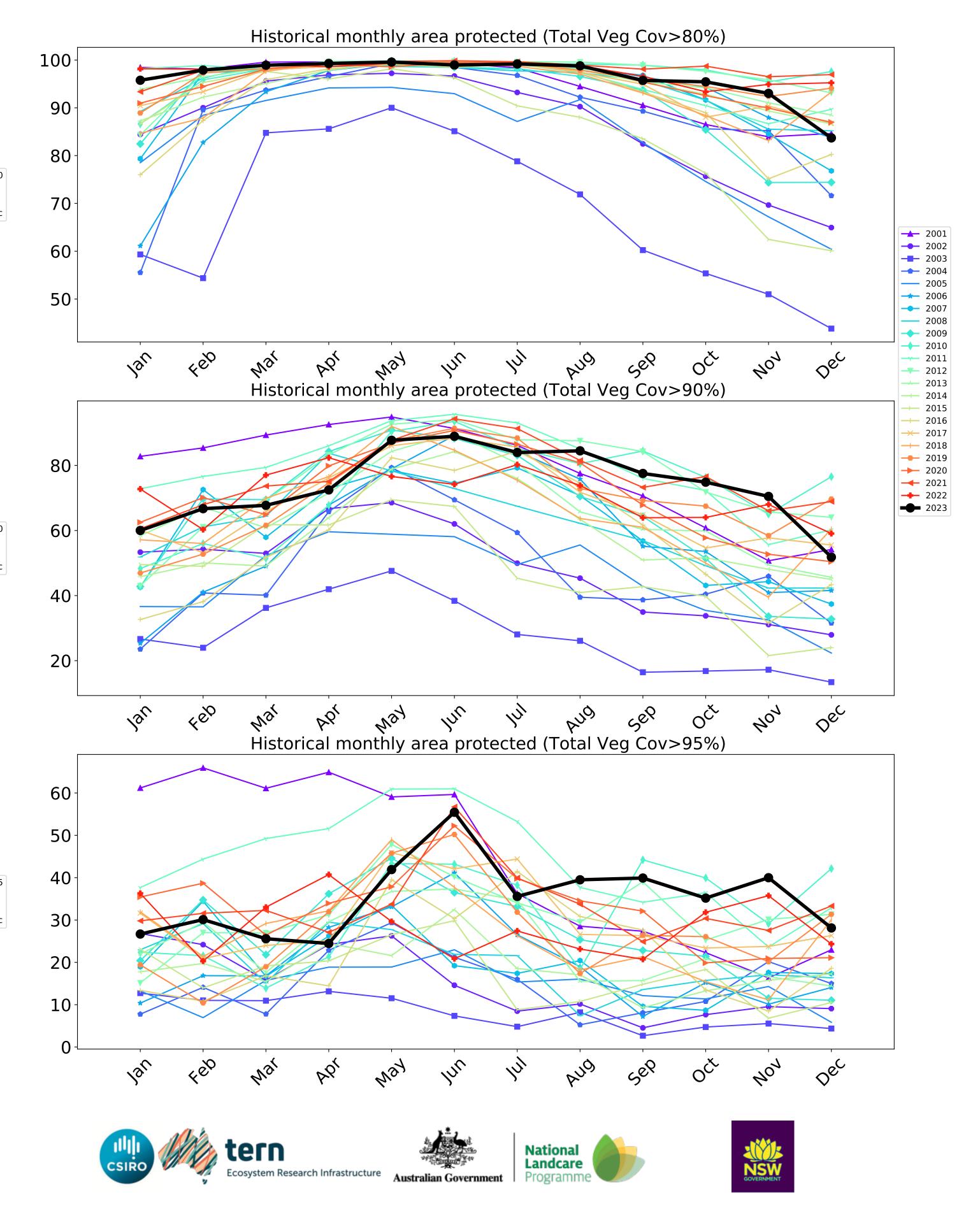






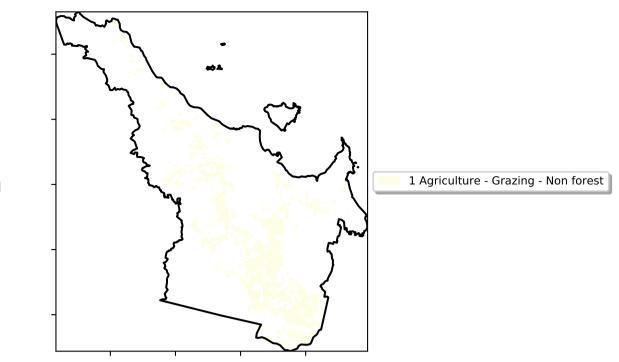
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



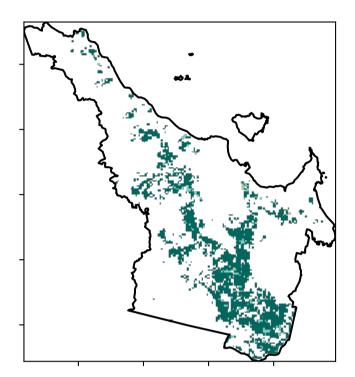


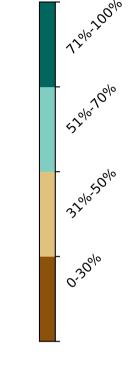
#### **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover

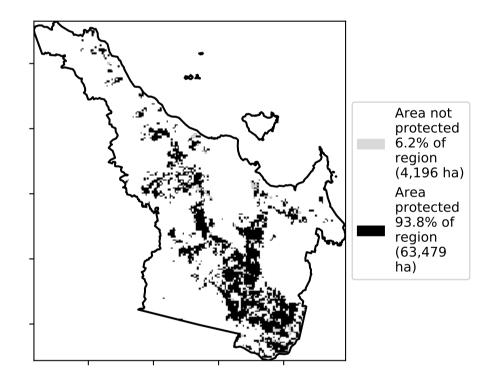


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

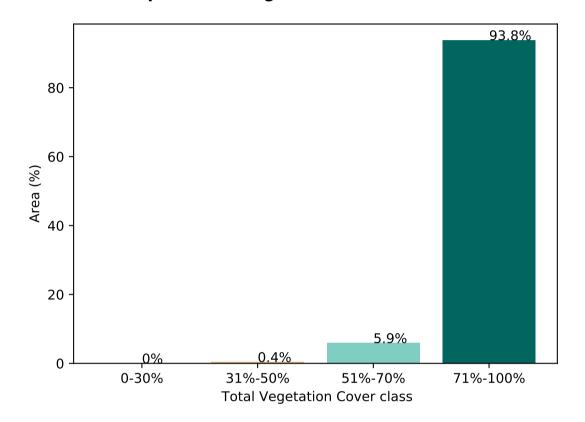




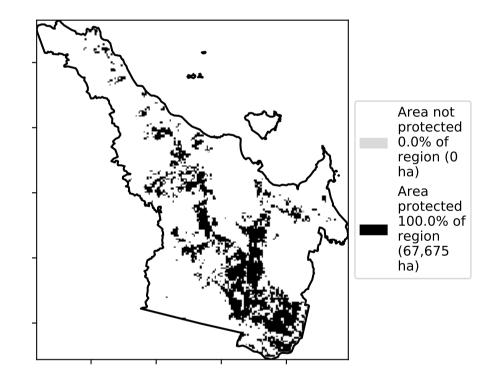
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

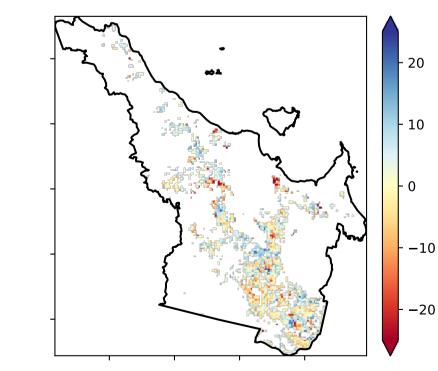
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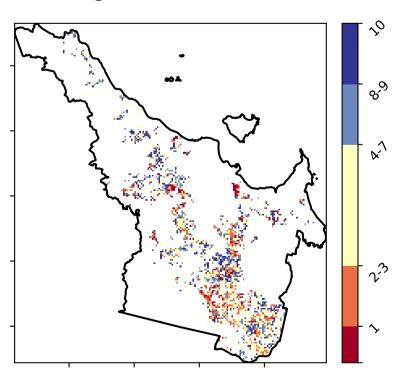
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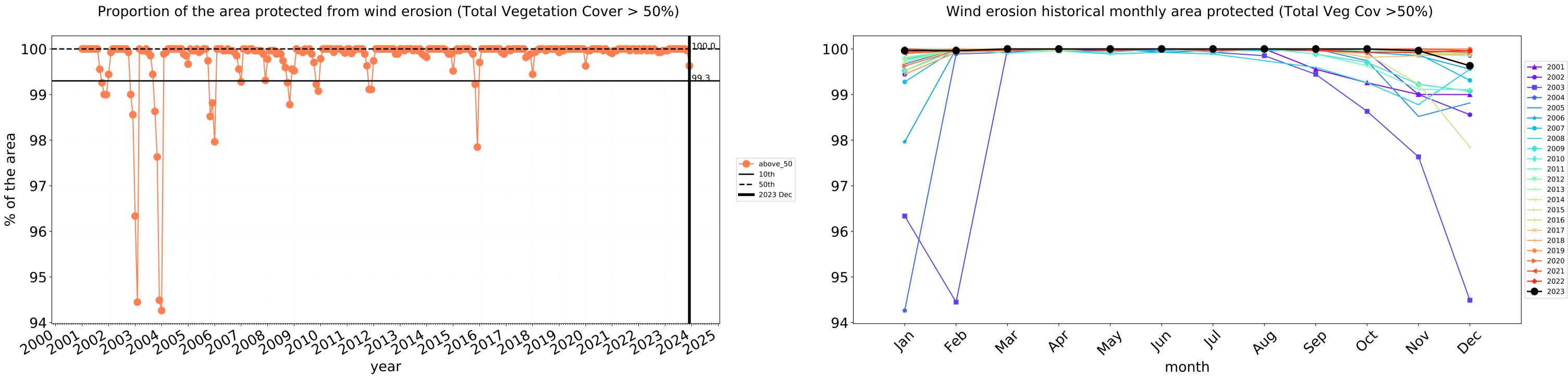
pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



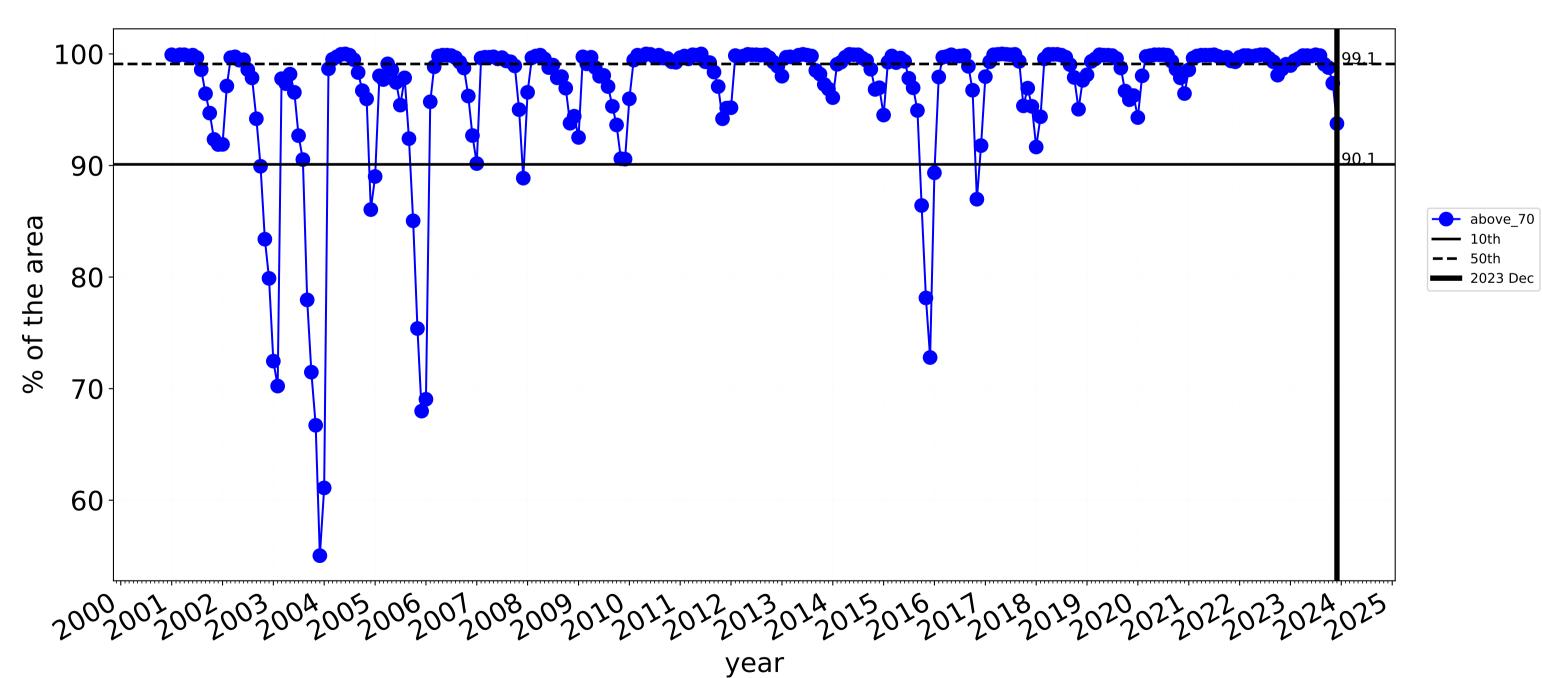
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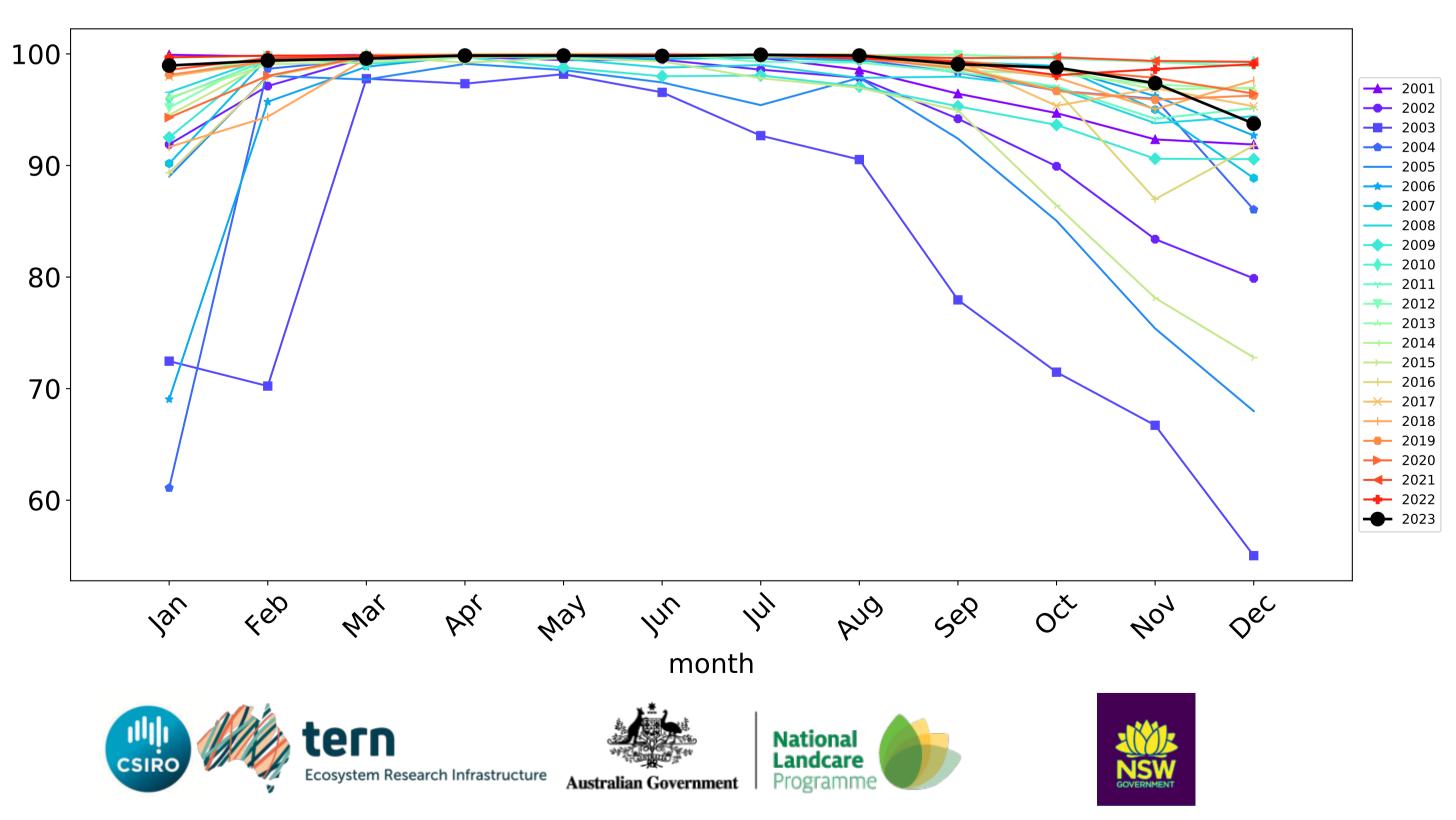


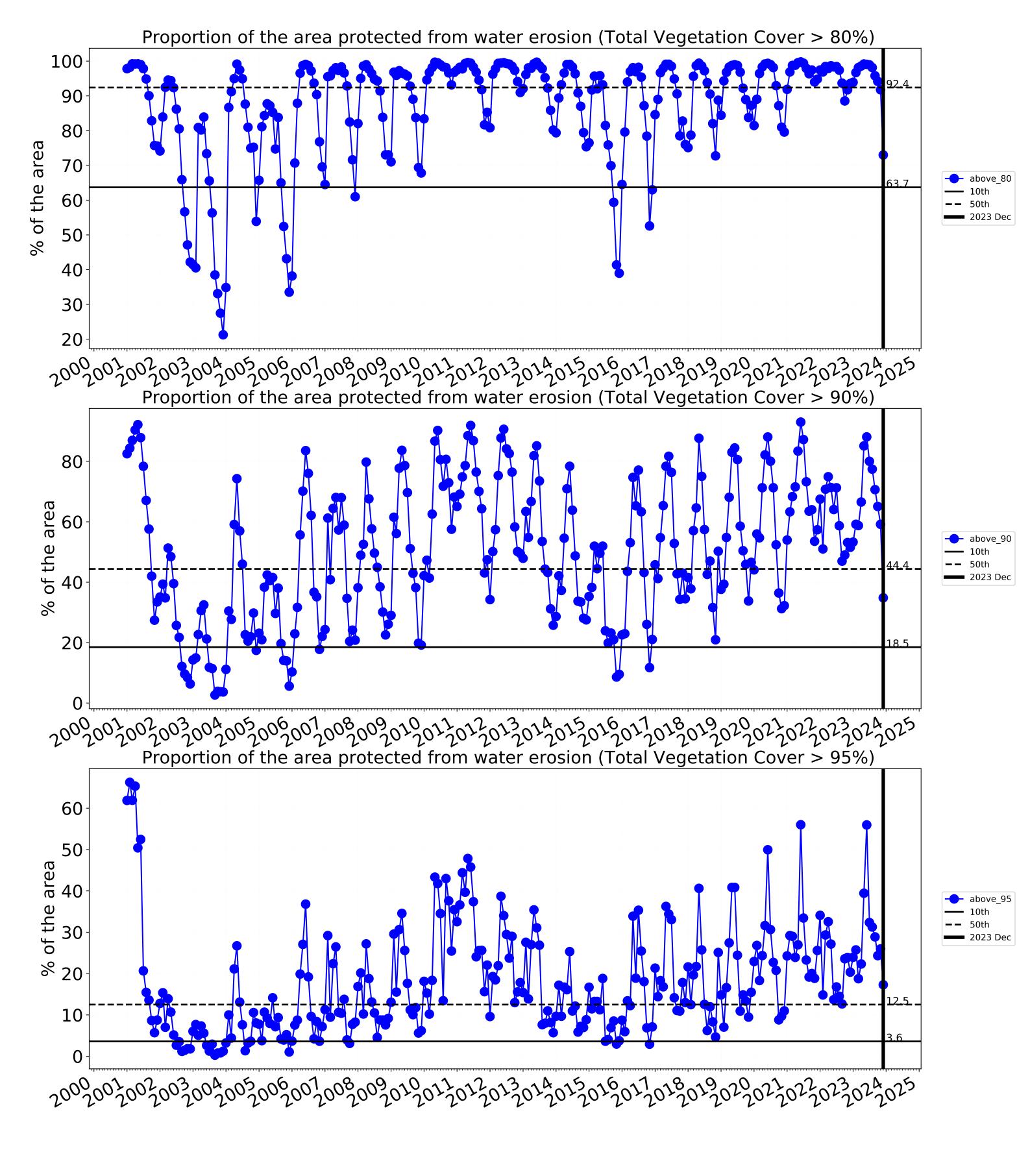
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

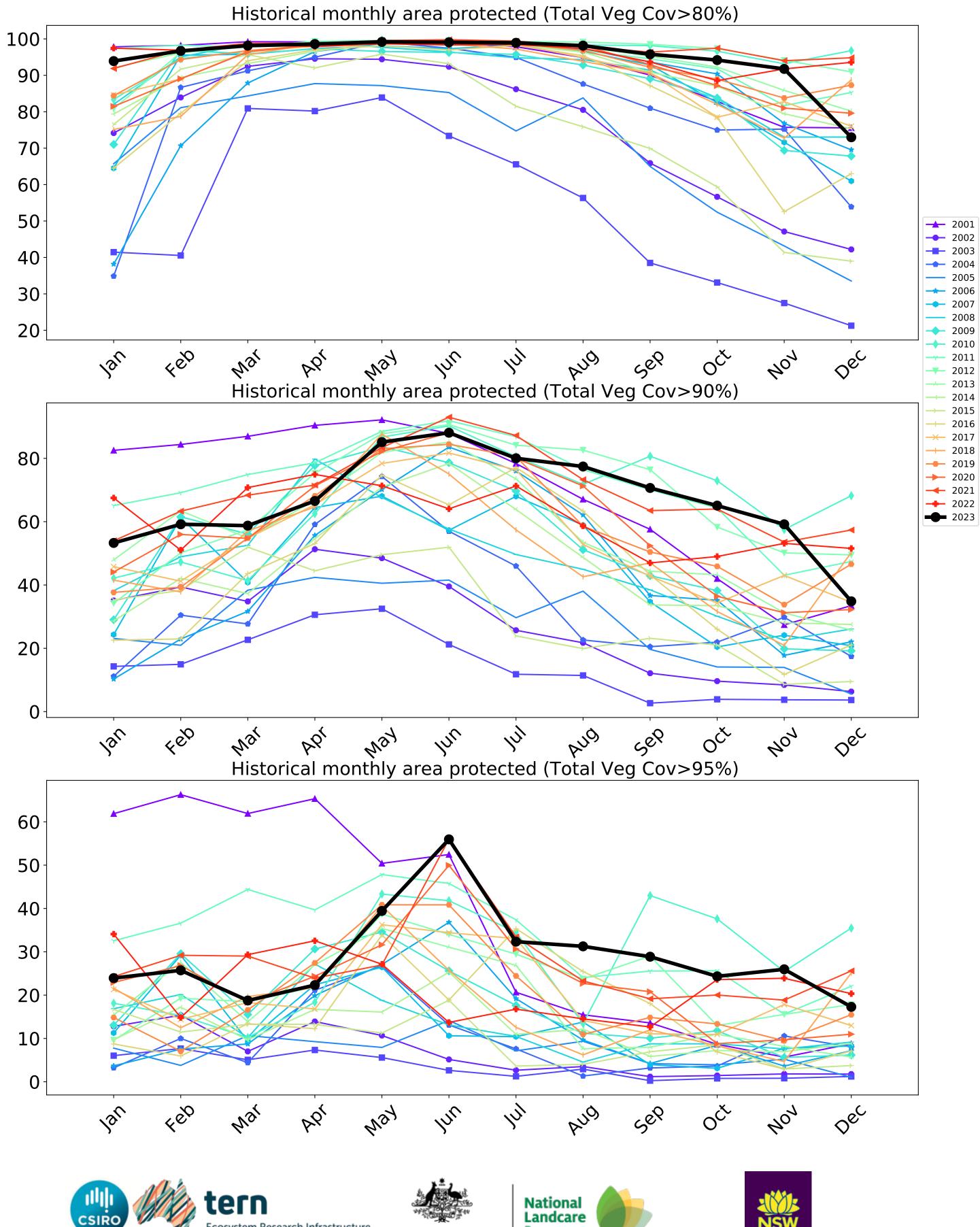


# Grazing non forest timeseries

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









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### **Grazing Woodland forest**

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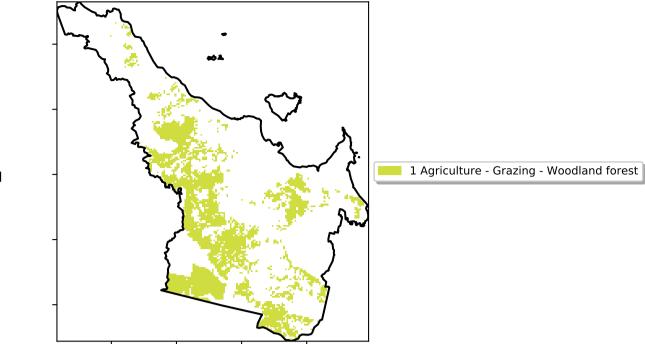
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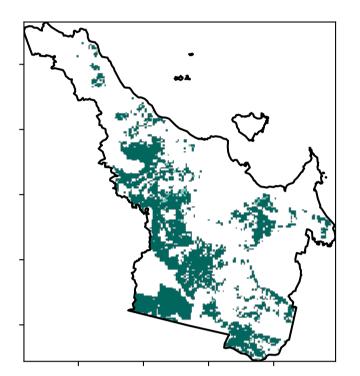
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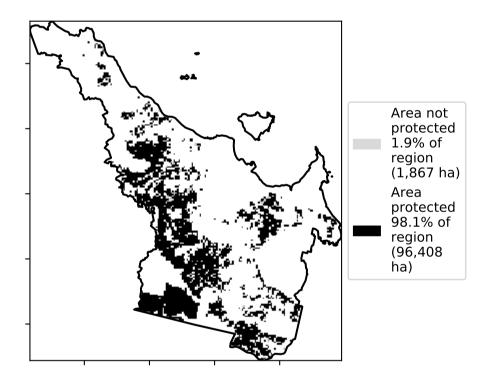
Land use and forest cover



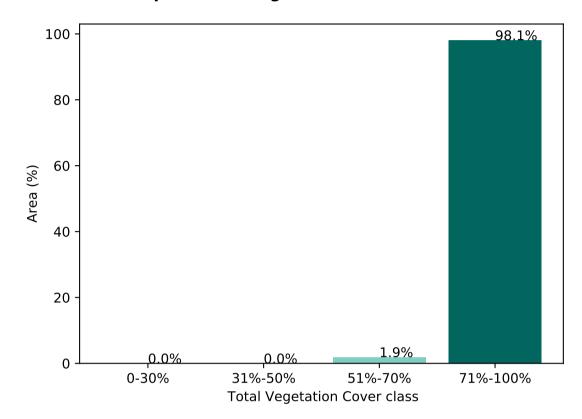
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



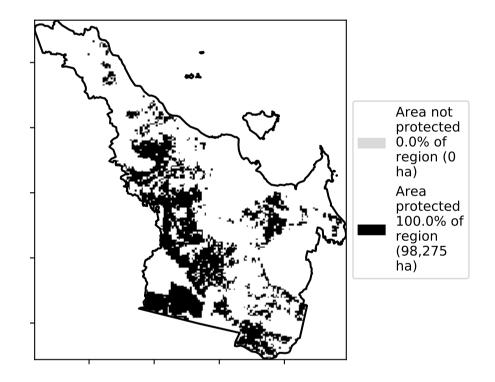




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

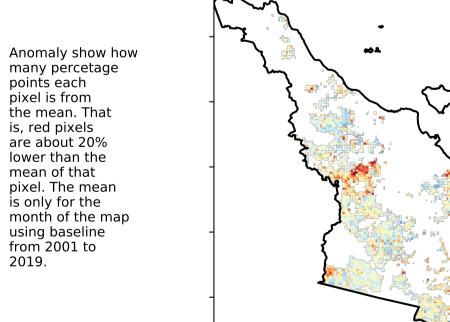


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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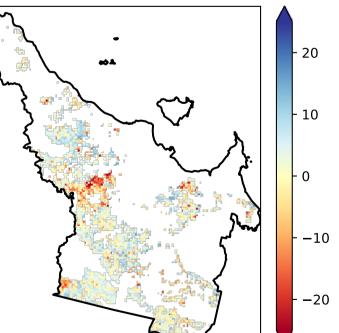
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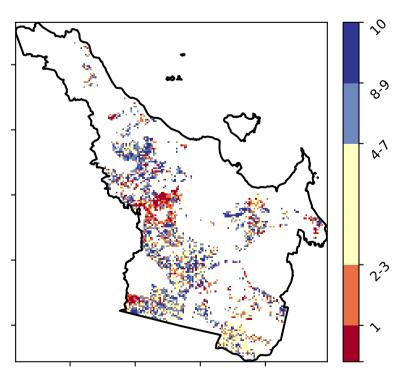
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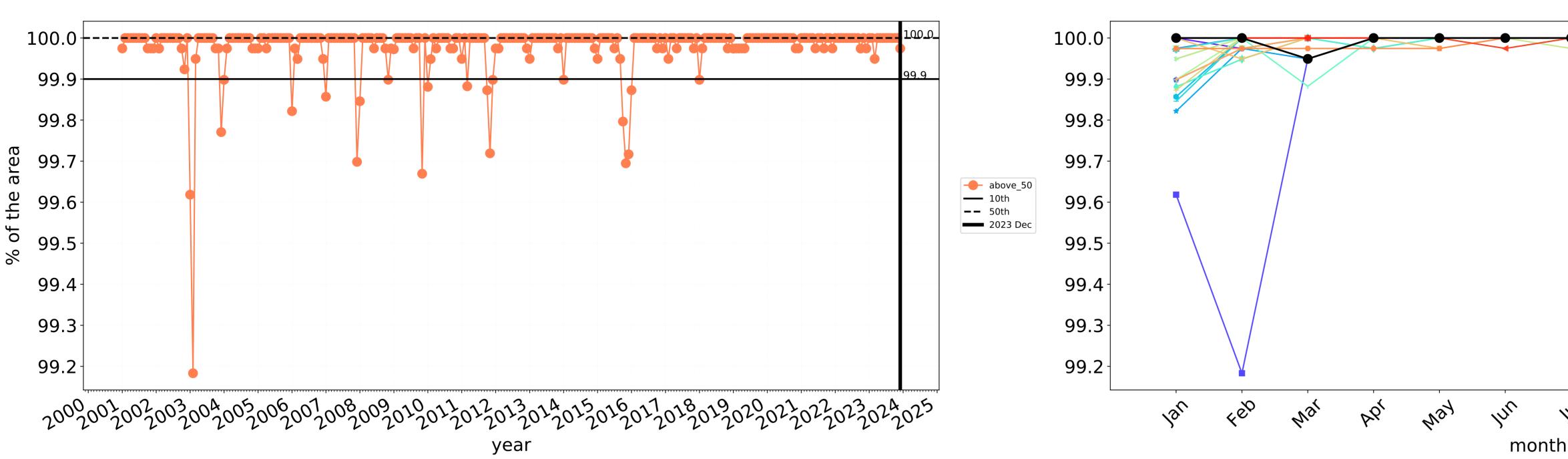


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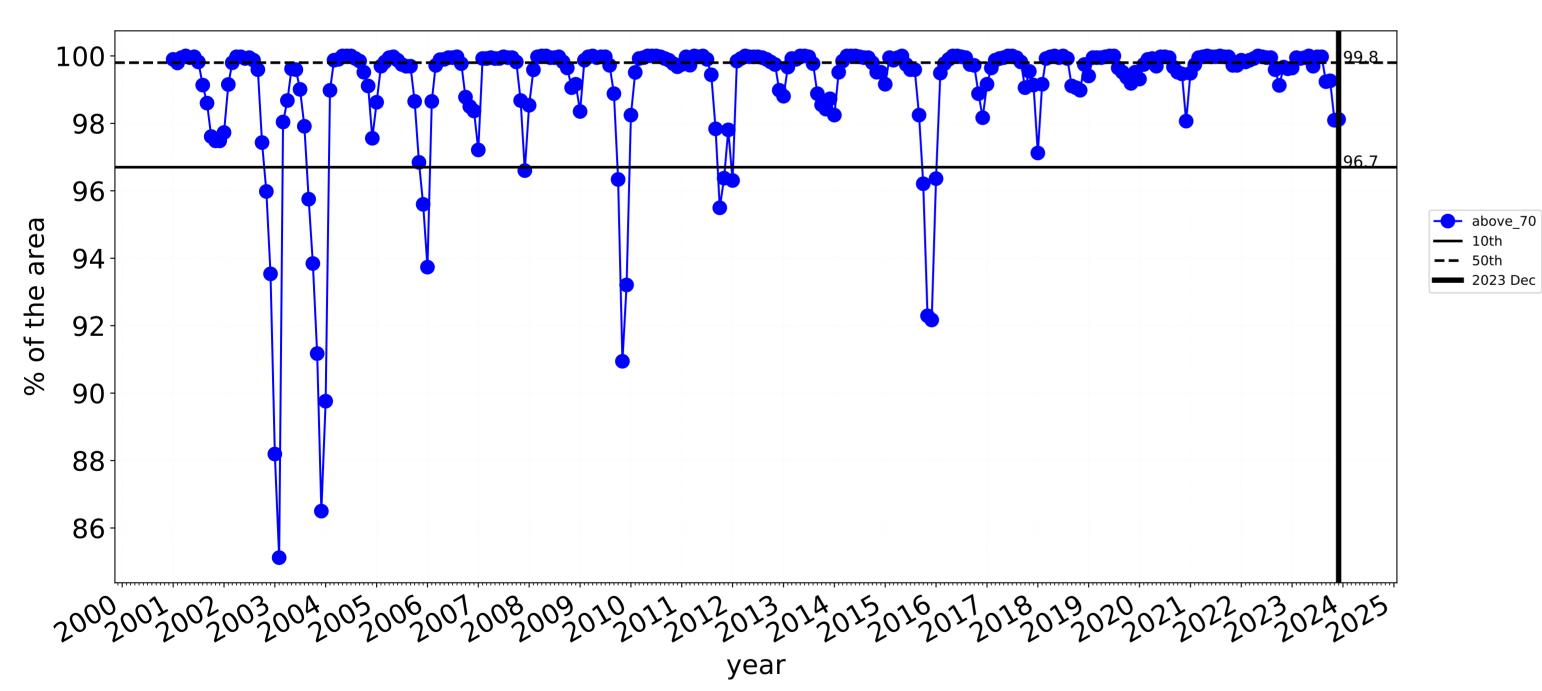


# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

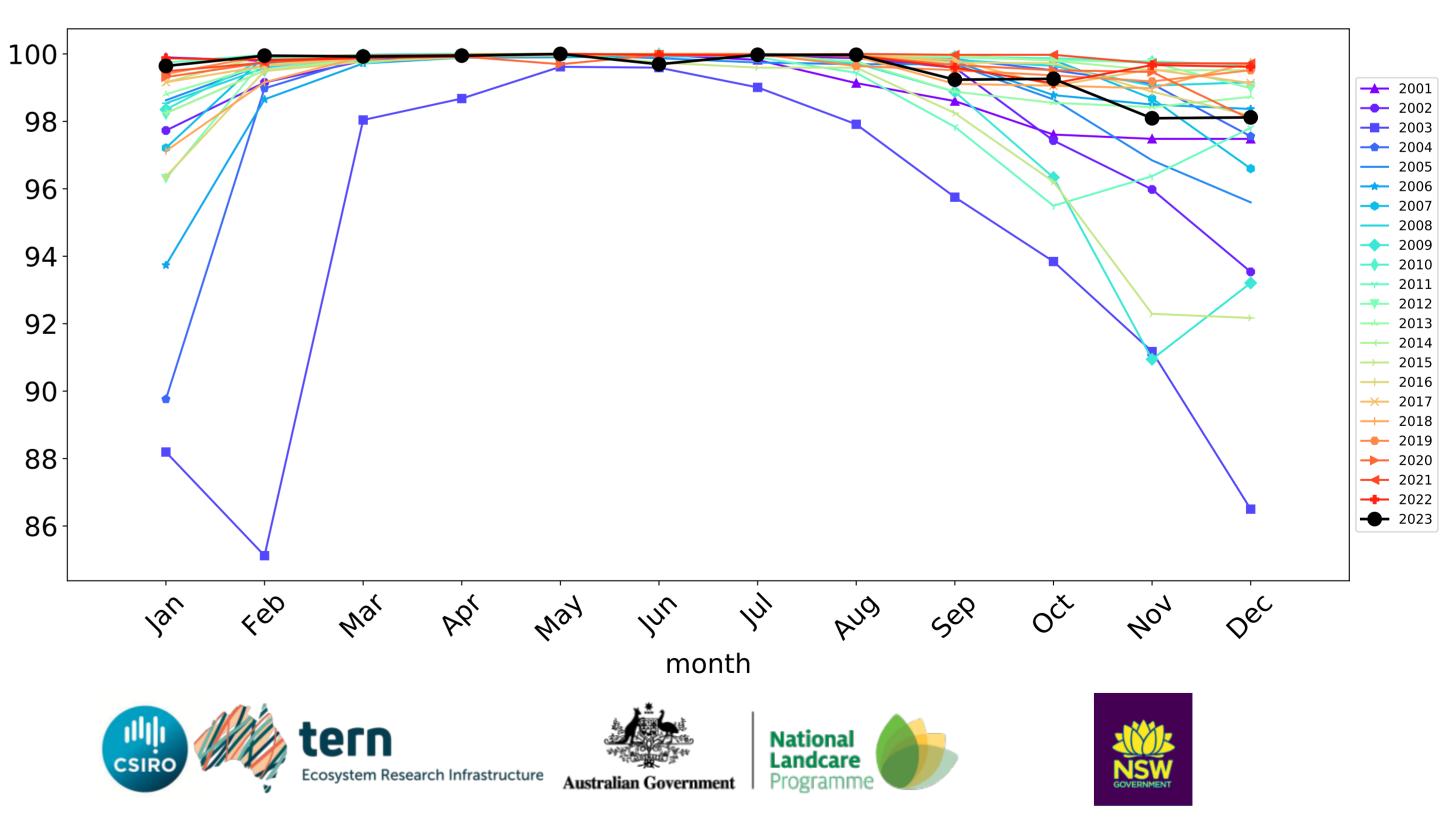


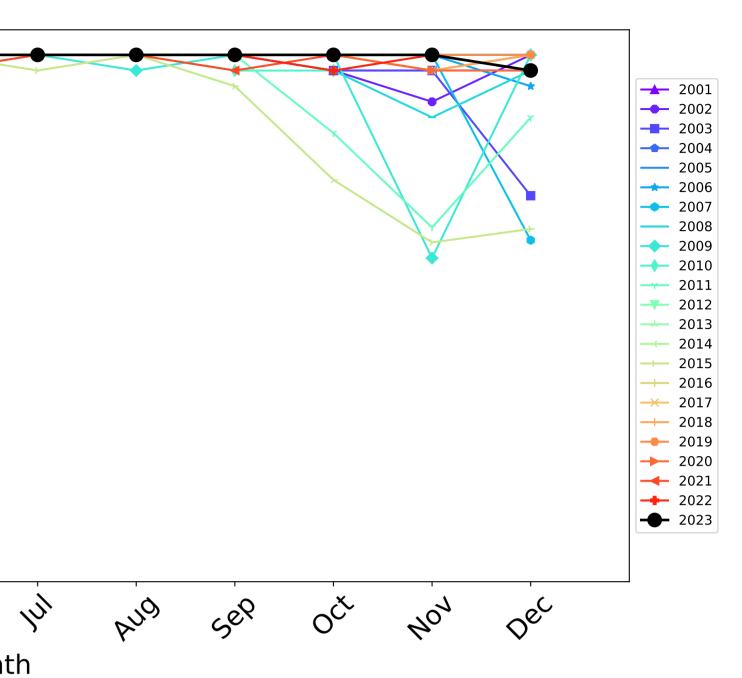
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

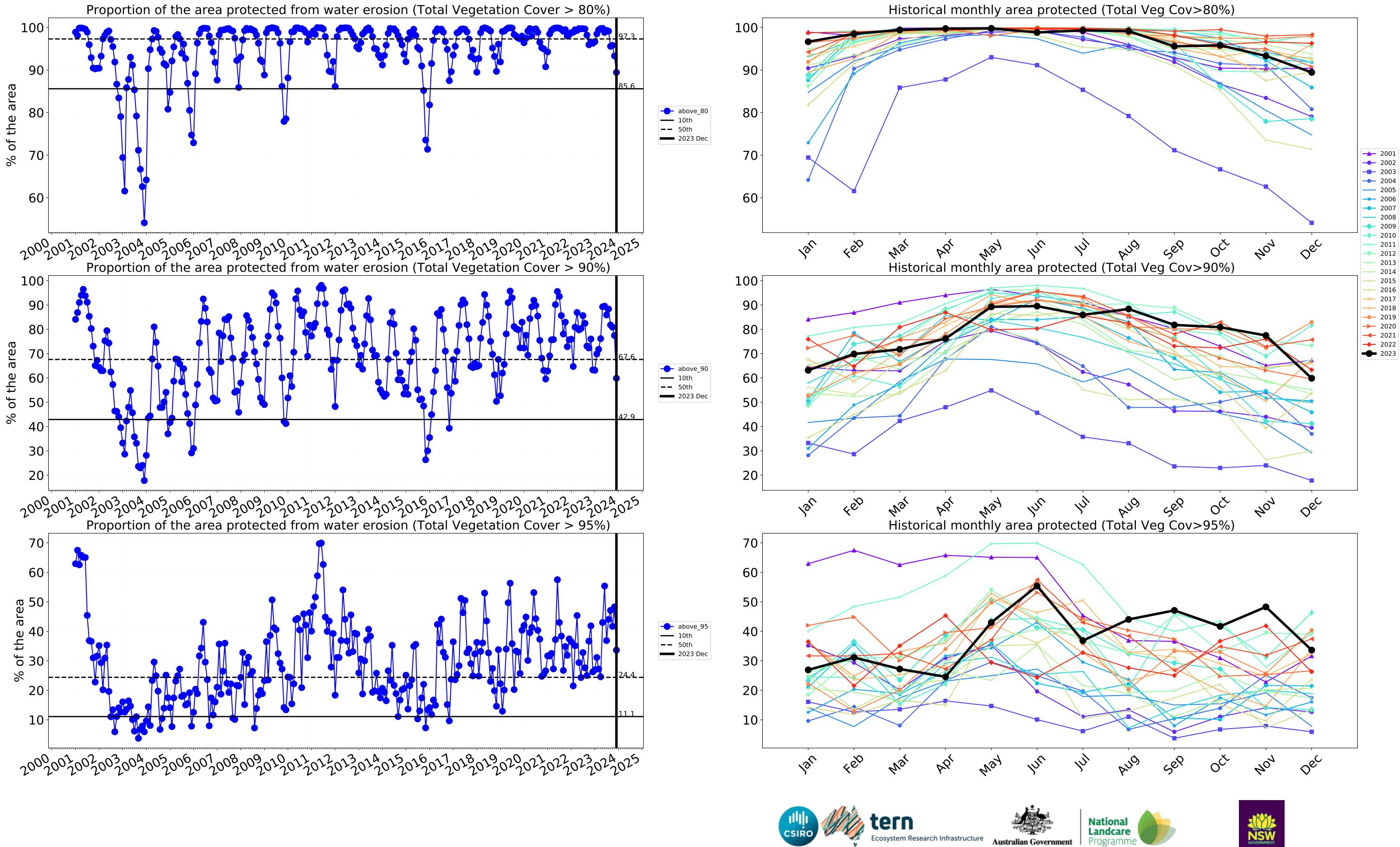
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

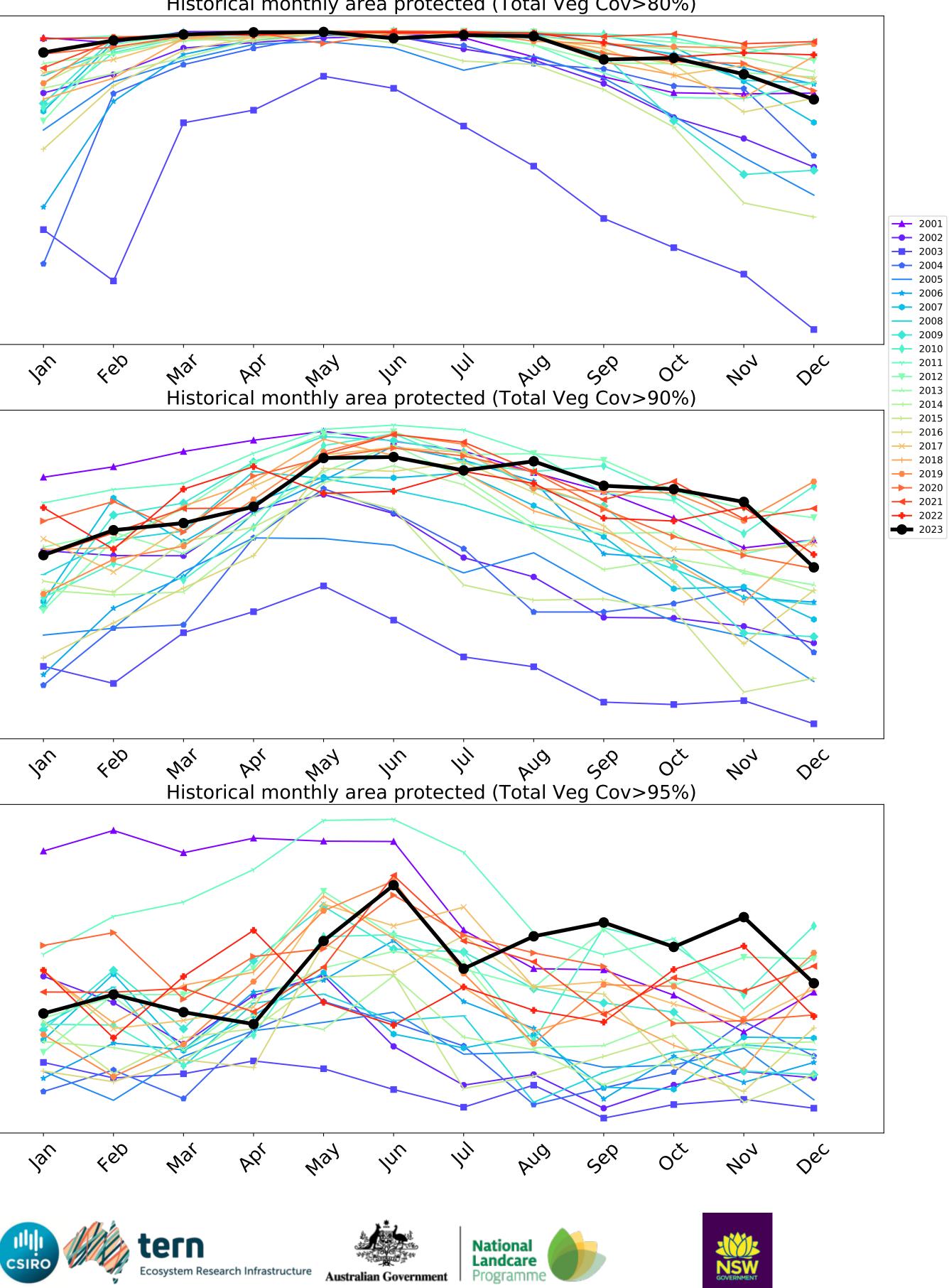


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



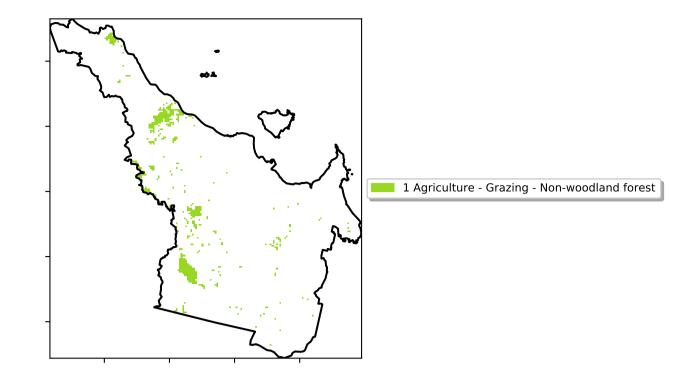




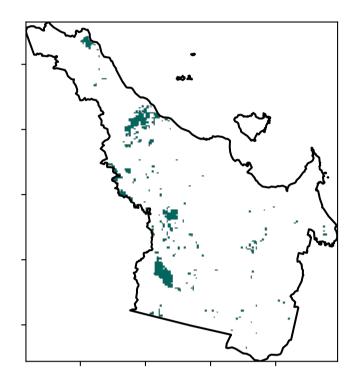


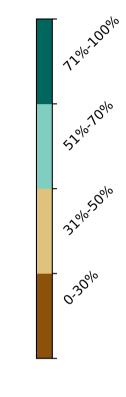
#### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

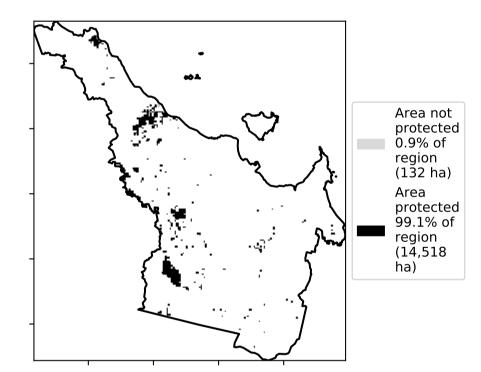


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

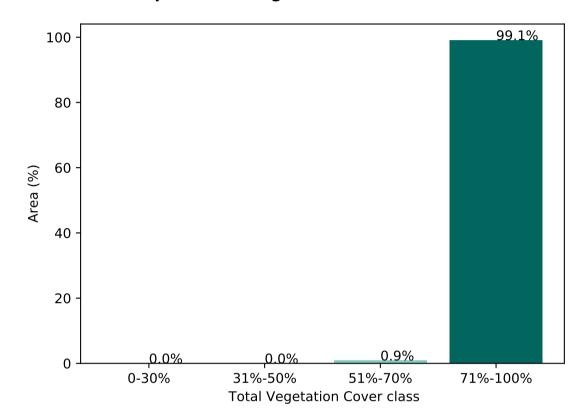




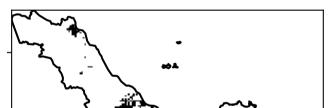
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

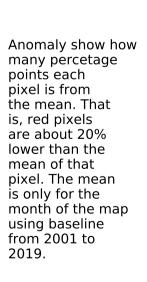


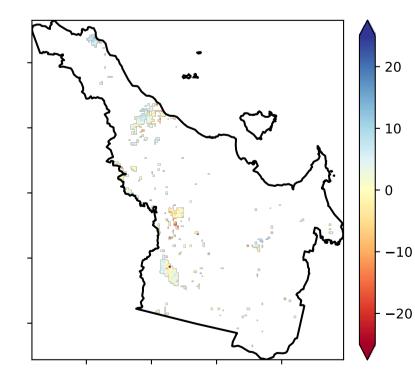
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



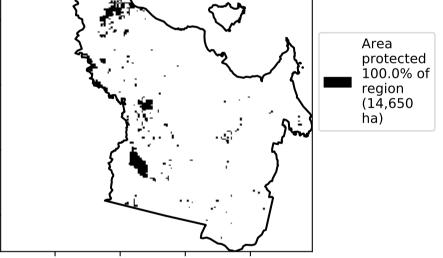
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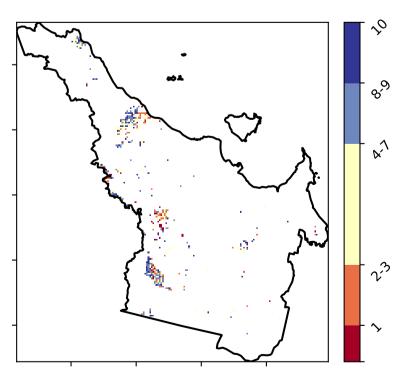
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





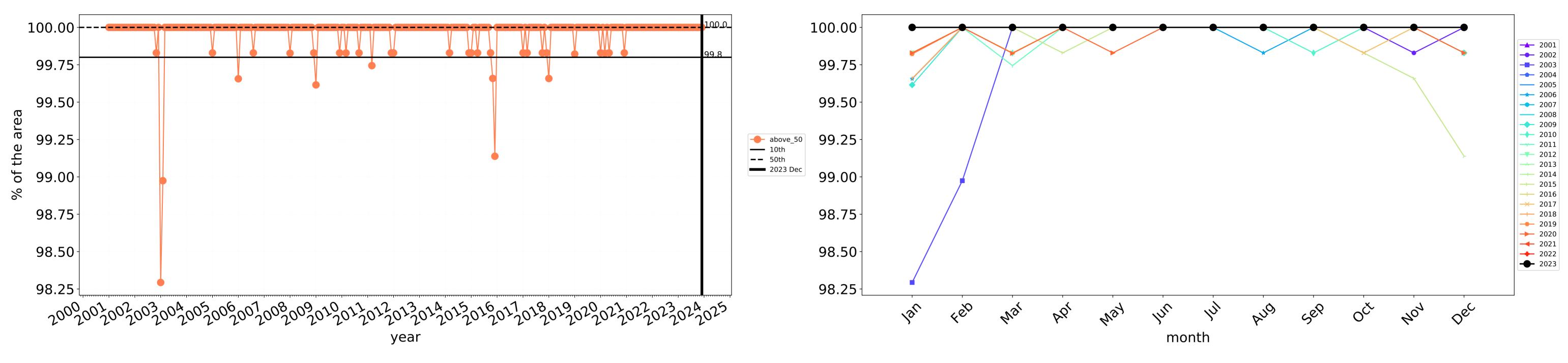
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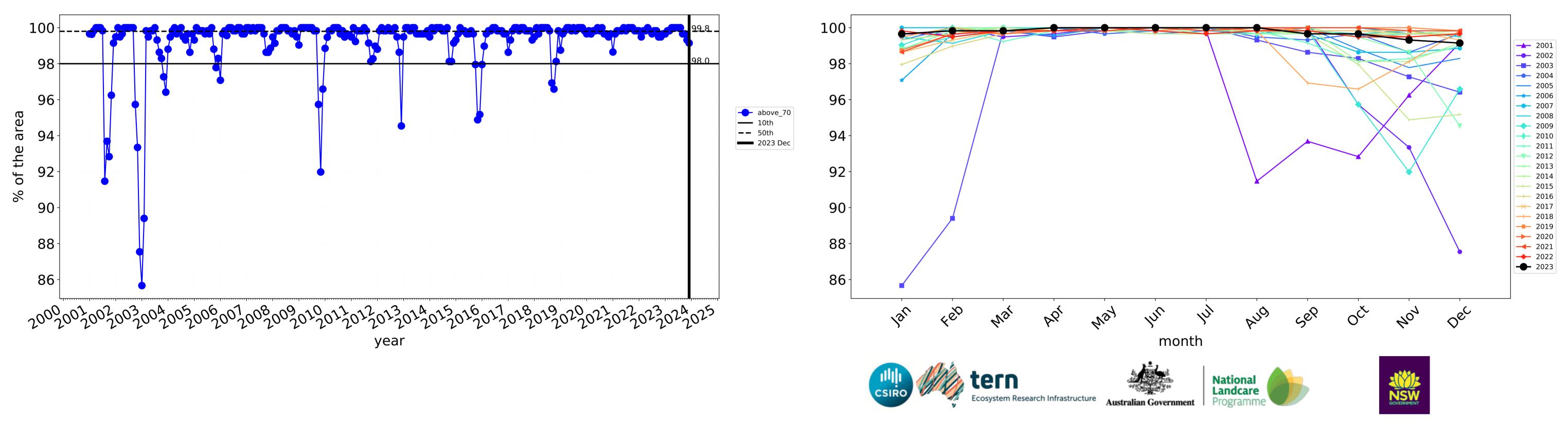


# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries



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

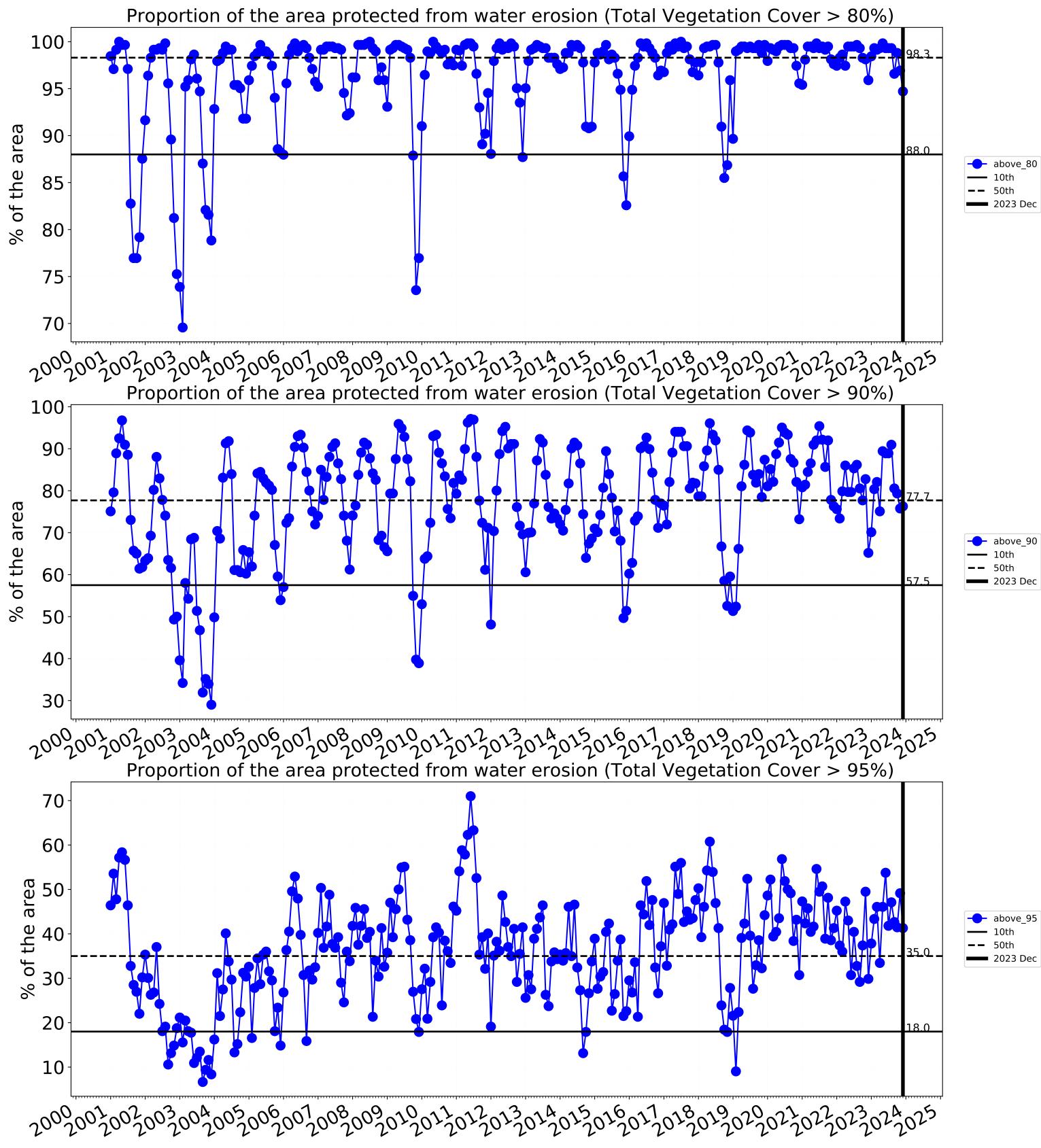
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

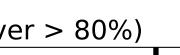




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

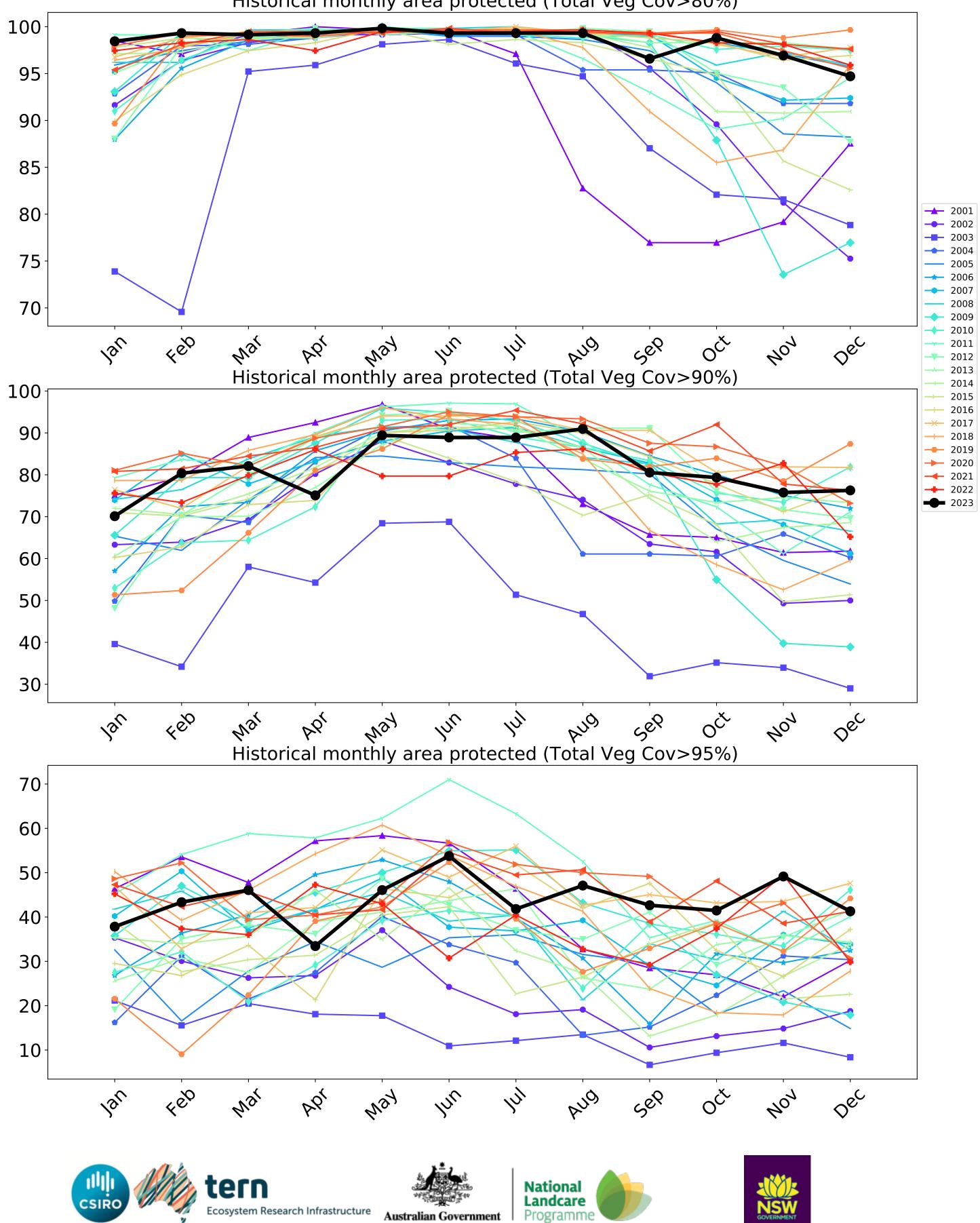
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





above 90

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)





#### Irrigation

-Land Use and Forests 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated Catchment Scale Land 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated (2018) and Forests

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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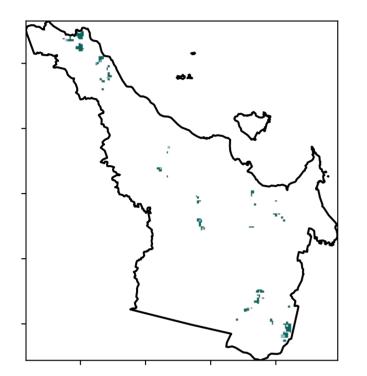
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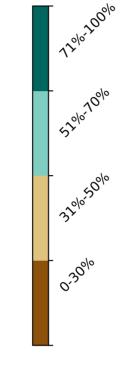
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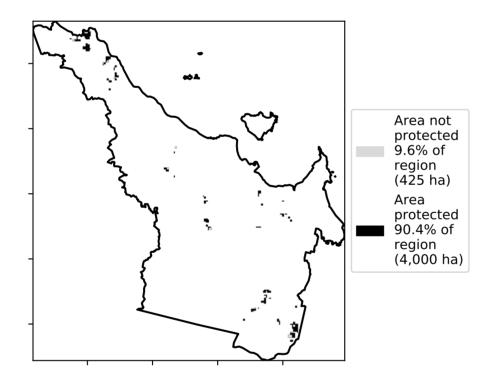
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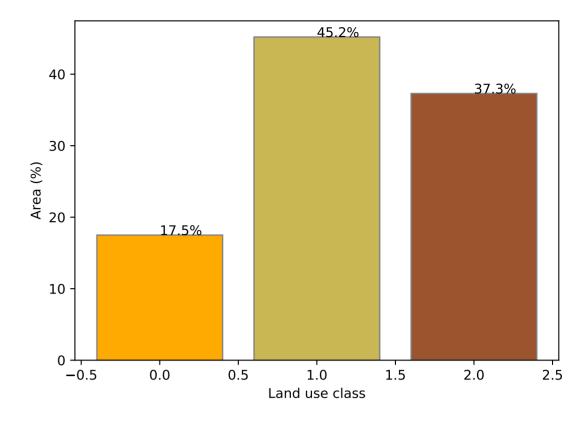
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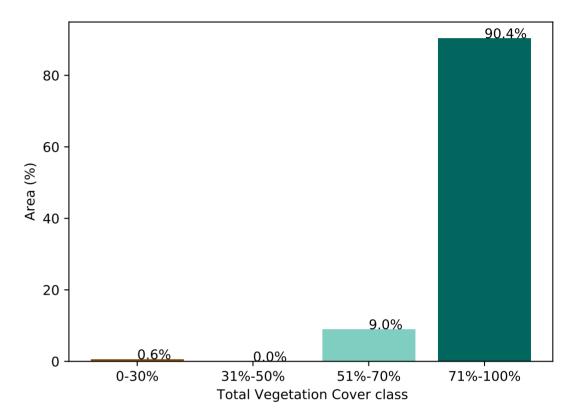
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



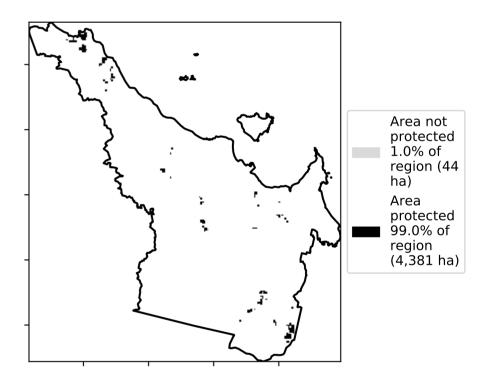


#### Proportion of each land class in area

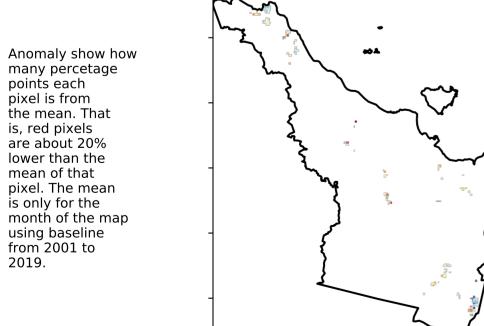
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

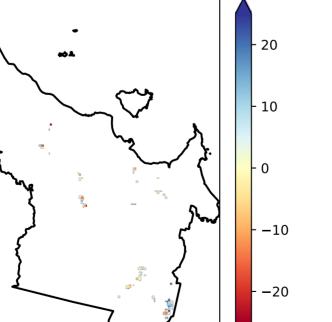


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



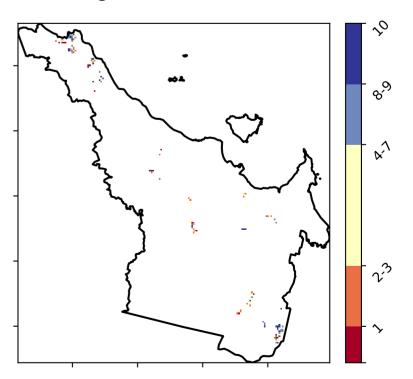
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





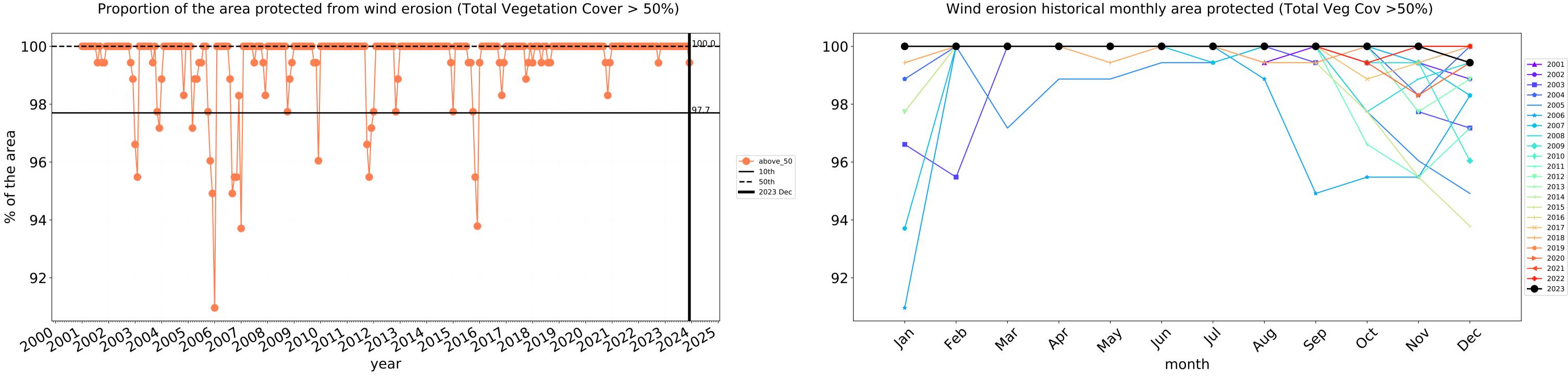
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



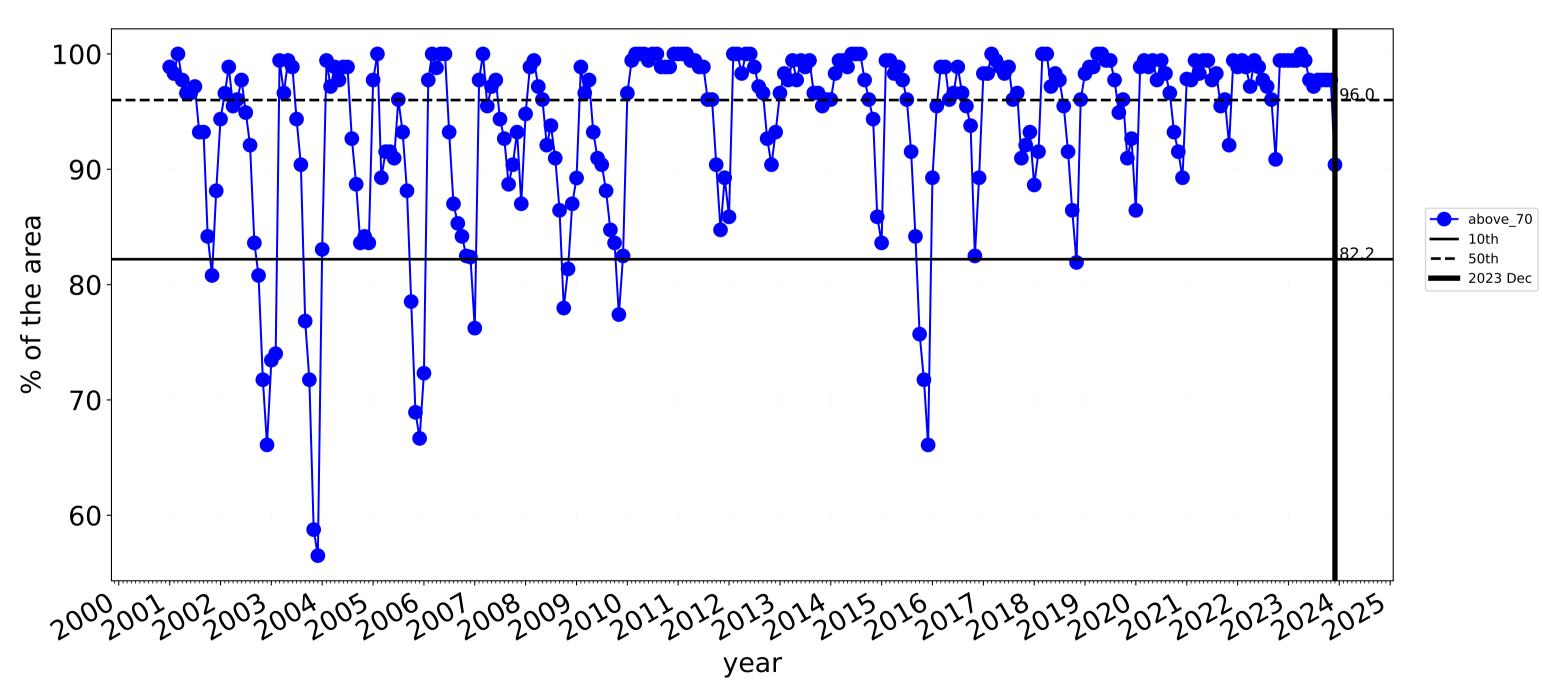


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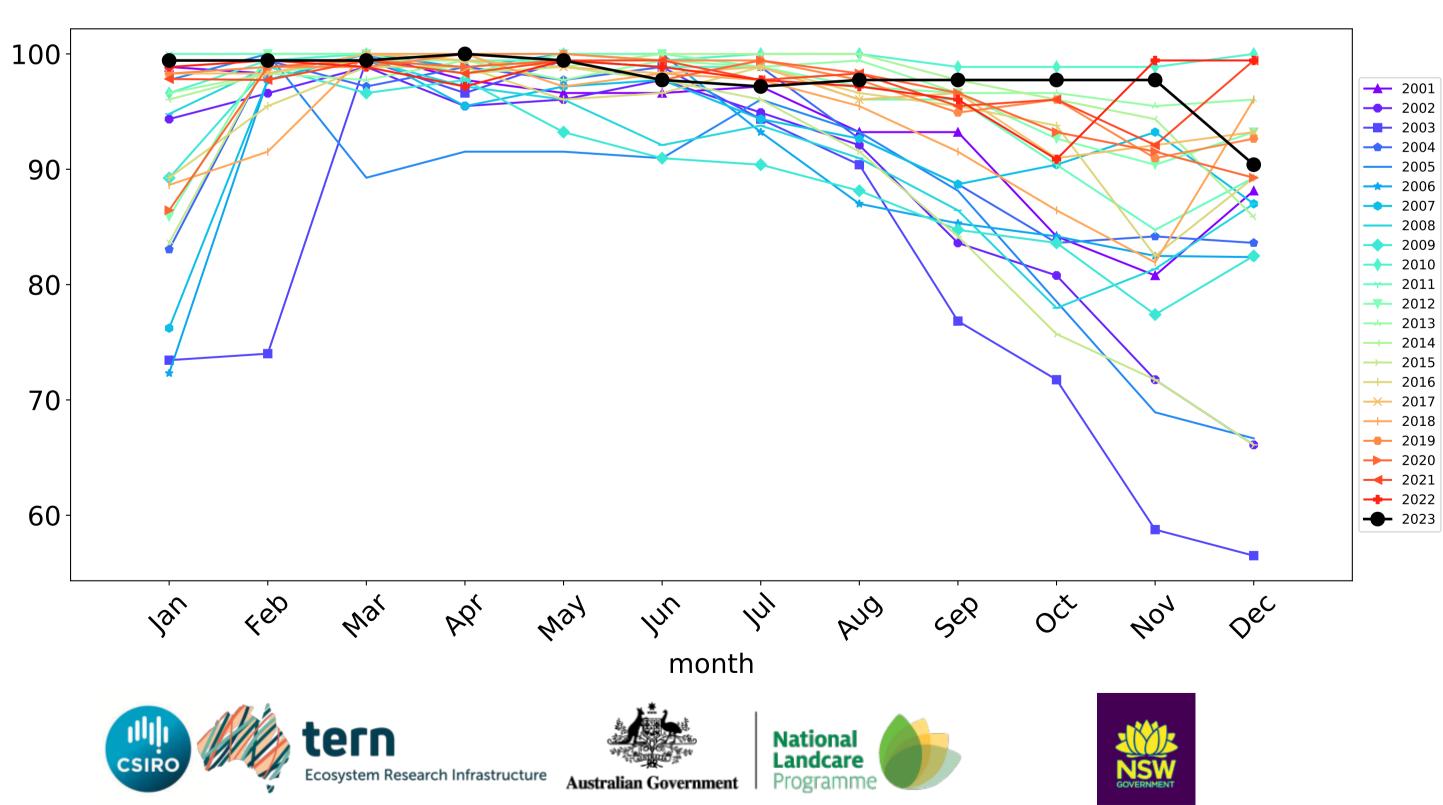


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

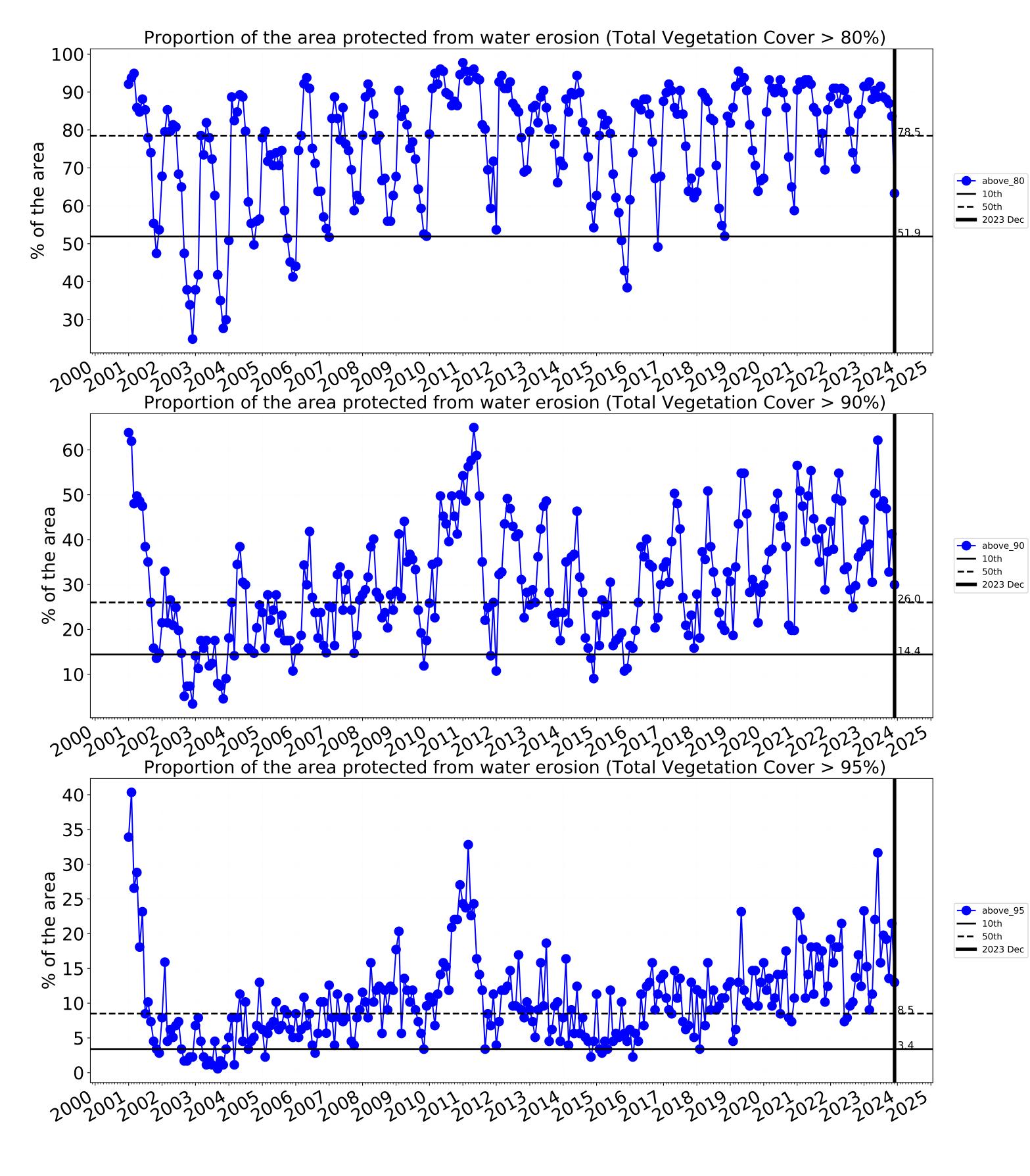
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

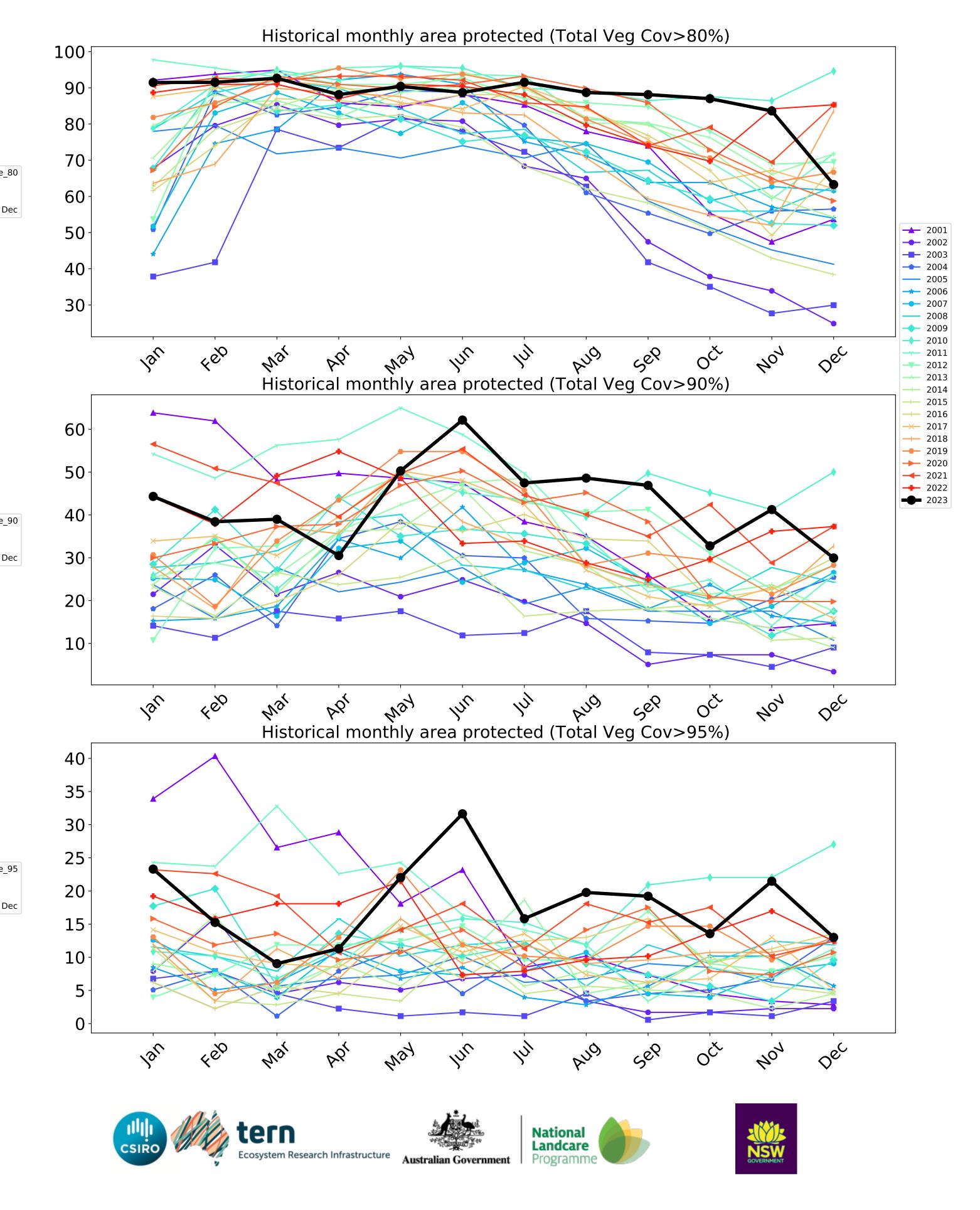


# Irrigation timeseries



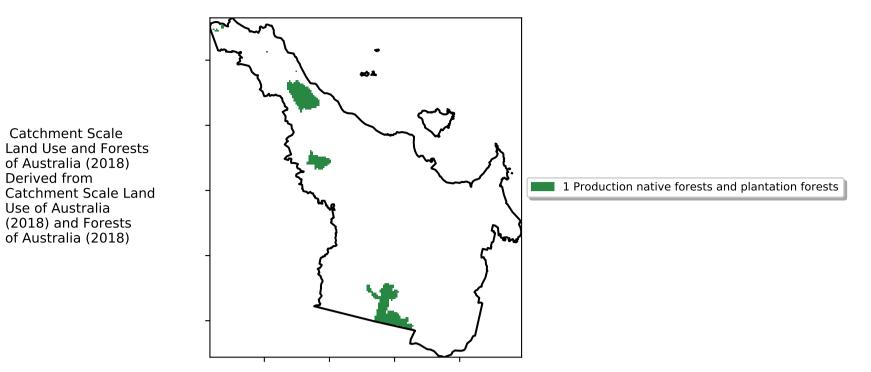
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





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

Land use and forest cover



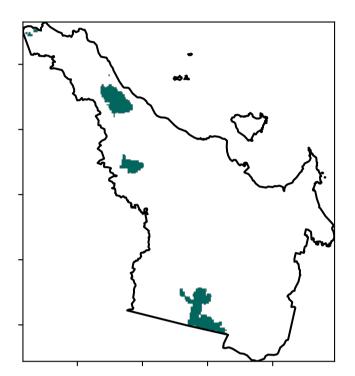
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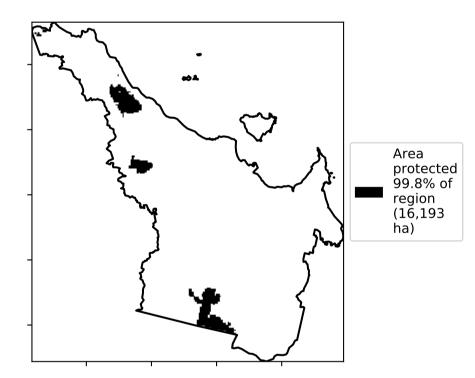
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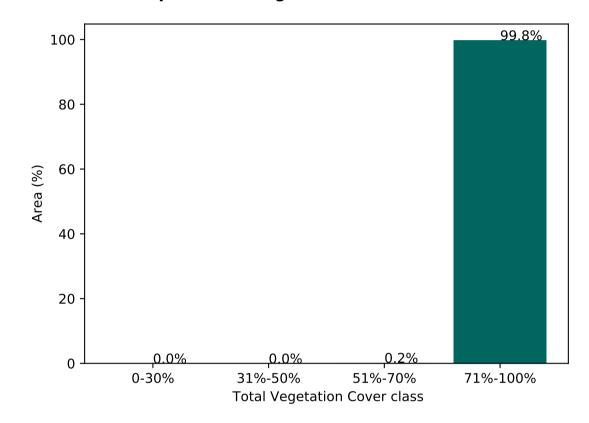
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



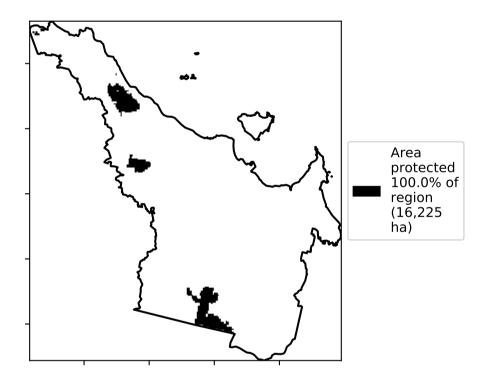




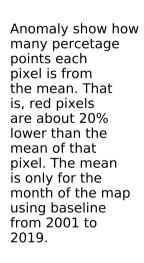
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

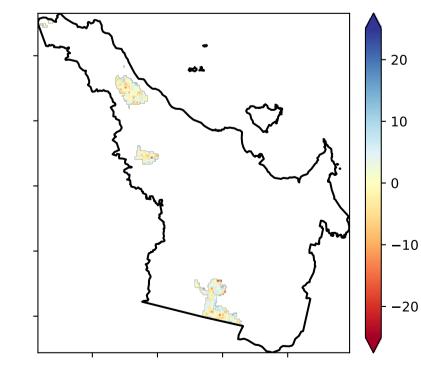


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

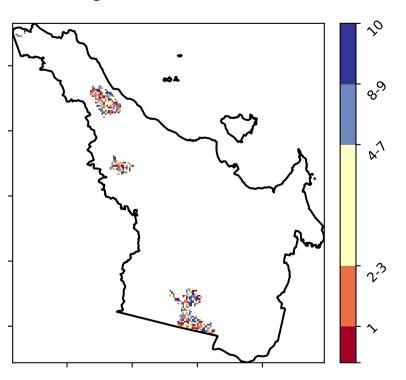


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



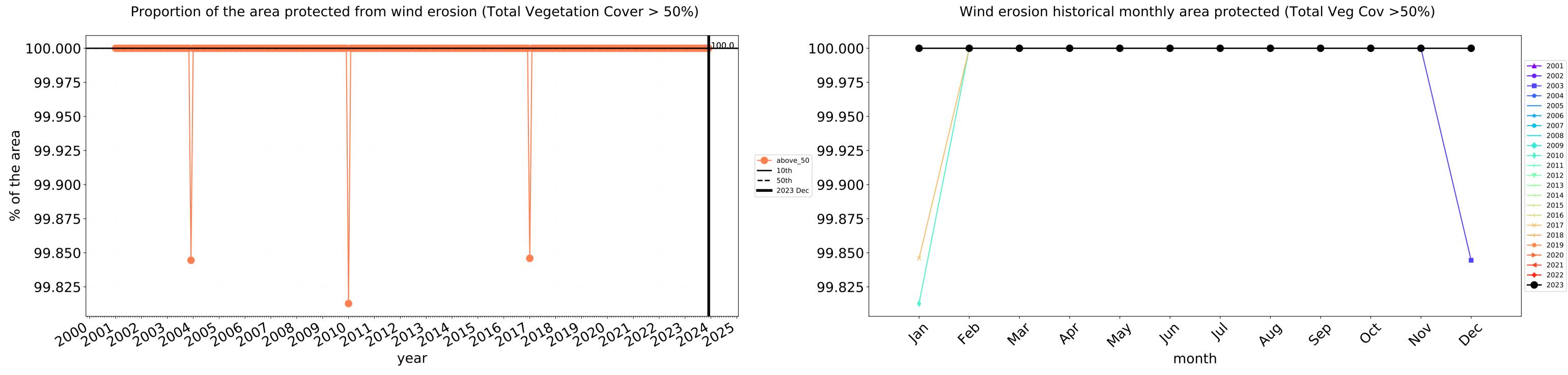


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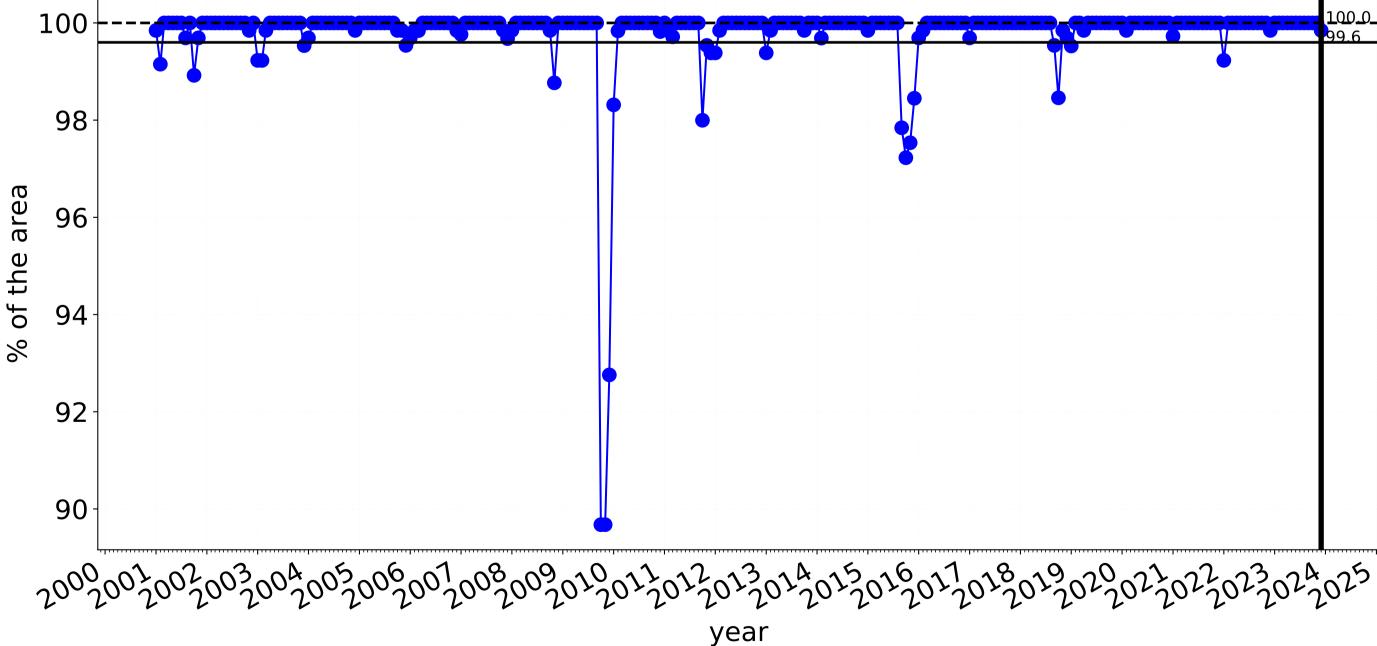




# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

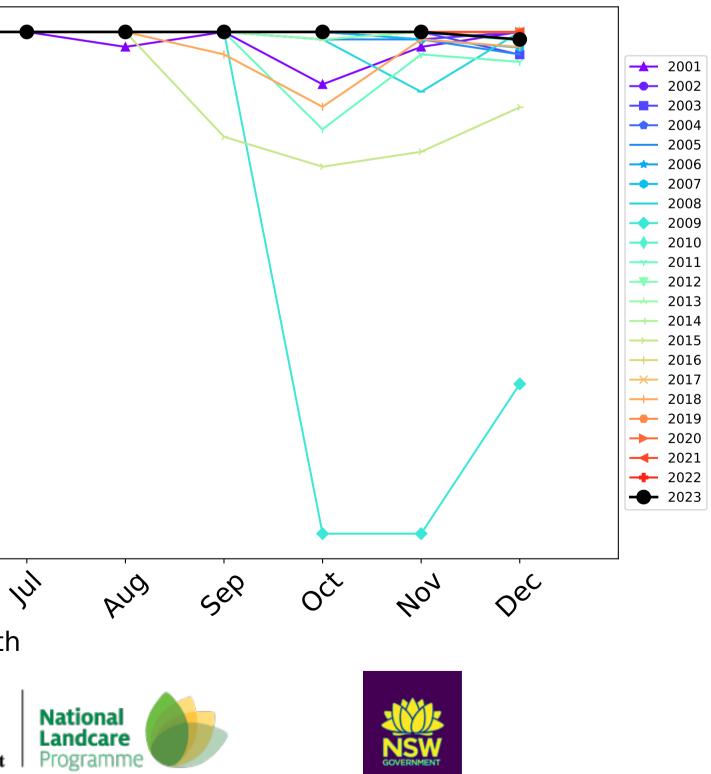


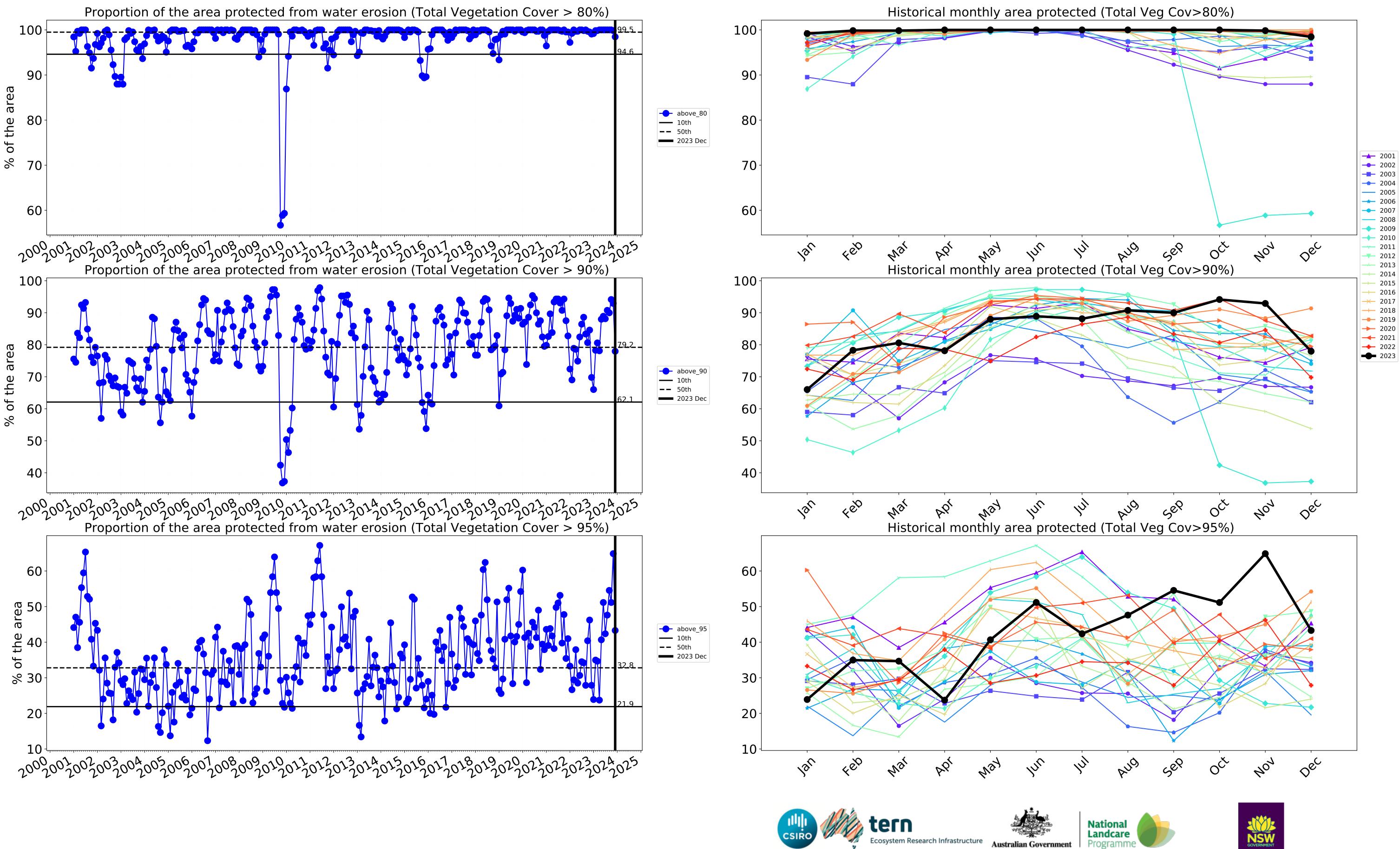
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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





# Townsville\_(C) (354,525 ha and no data 18,660 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	354,525	99.9% 354,075	99.4% 352,500	94.5% 334,875	82.4% 292,075	53.4% 189,200	28.8% 102,000
Conservation and natural environments	114,075	99.9% 113,925	99.6% 113,625	95.9% 109,425	88.6% 101,075	63.8% 72,775	34.4% 39,275
Conservation and natural environments non forest	15,325	99.7% 15,275	98.7% 15,125	89.1% 13,650	71.8% 11,000	40.9% 6,275	25.8% 3,950
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	54,425	99.9% 54,350	99.7% 54,275	96.6% 52,575	89.5% 48,700	64.5% 35,125	35.6% 19,375
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	44,325	99.9% 44,300	99.8% 44,225	97.5% 43,200	93.3% 41,375	70.8% 31,375	36.0% 15,950
Agriculture	185,750	100.0% 185,725	99.8% 185,450	96.3% 178,925	83.0% 154,125	51.1% 95,000	27.7% 51,425
Grazing	180,600	100.0% 180,600	99.8% 180,325	96.6% 174,400	83.7% 151,175	51.8% 93,575	28.1% 50,800
Grazing non forest	67,675	100.0% 67,675	99.6% 67,425	93.8% 63,450	73.0% 49,400	34.8% 23,575	17.3% 11,700
Grazing Woodland forest	98,275	100.0% 98,275	100.0% 98,250	98.1% 96,425	89.4% 87,900	59.9% 58,825	33.6% 33,050
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.1% 14,525	94.7% 13,875	76.3% 11,175	41.3% 6,050
Irrigation	4,425	99.4% 4,400	99.4% 4,400	90.4% 4,000	63.3% 2,800	29.9% 1,325	13.0% 575
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,225	100.0% 16,225	100.0% 16,225	99.8% 16,200	98.5% 15,975	78.0% 12,650	43.3% 7,025

