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

Date: February 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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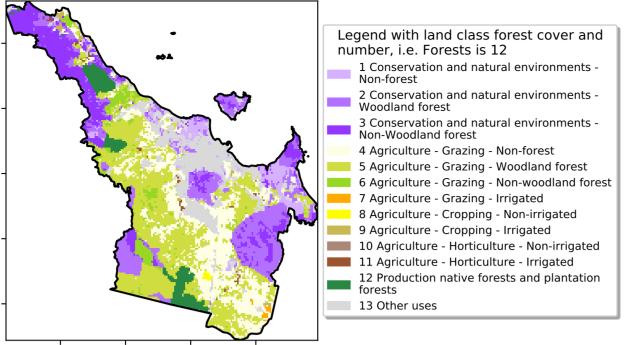


Vegetation Cover Feb 2023

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area





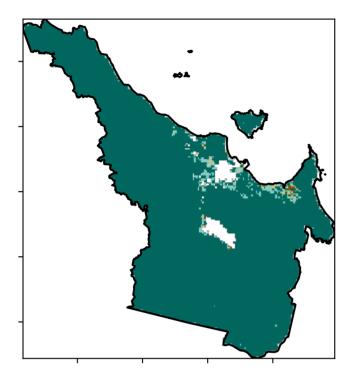
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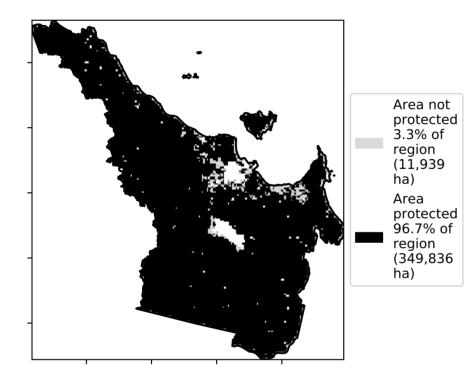
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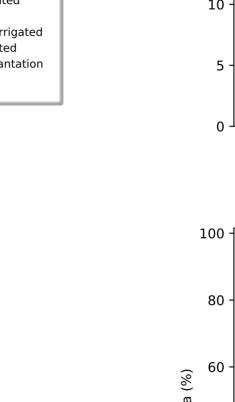
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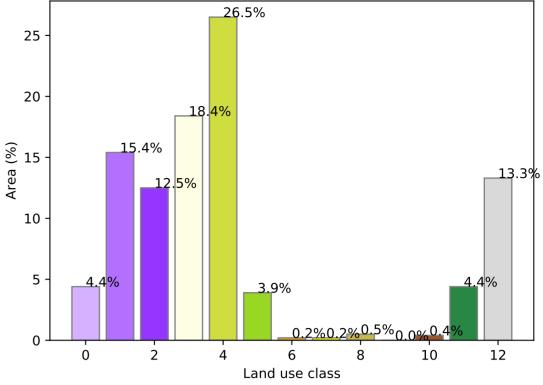
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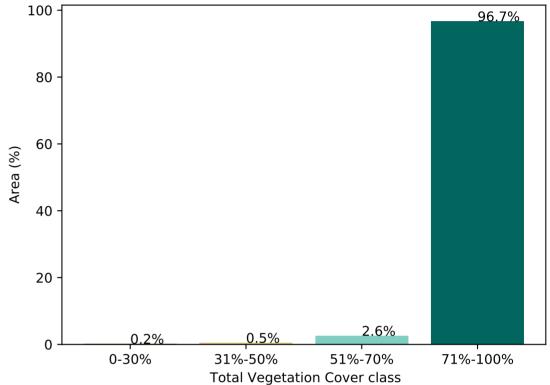
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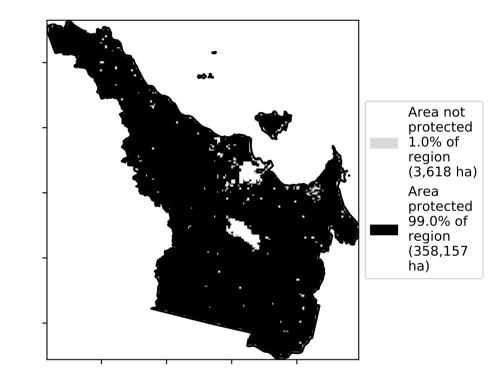




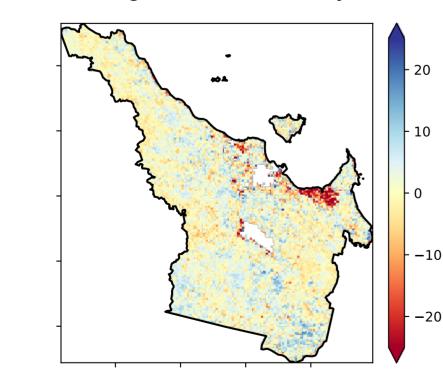
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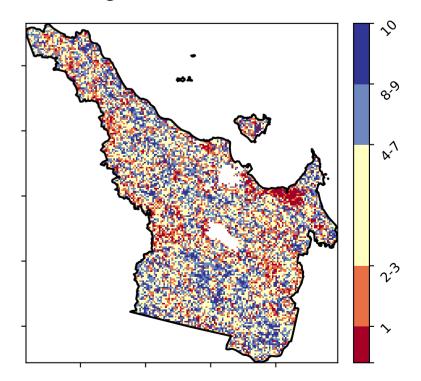
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



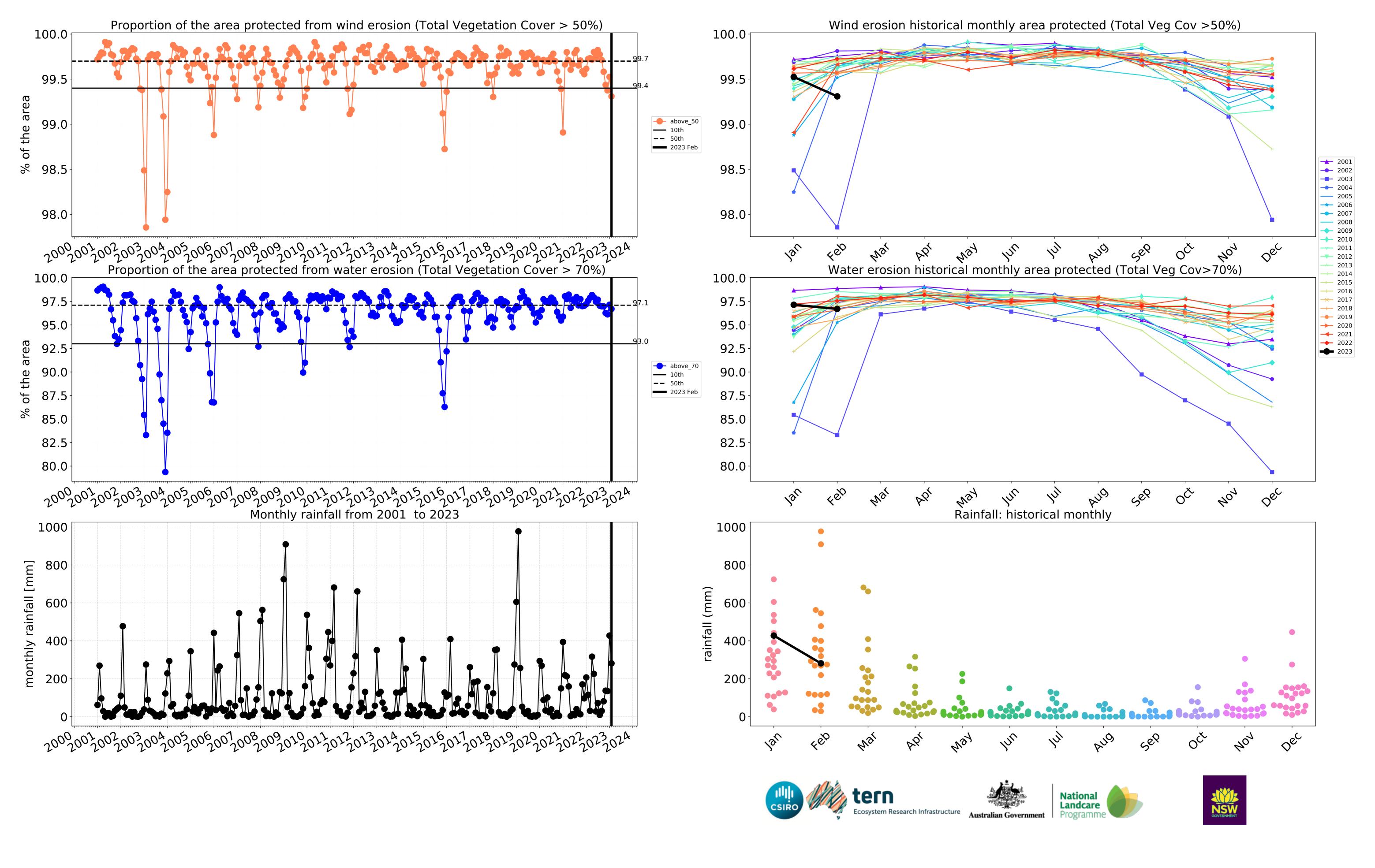
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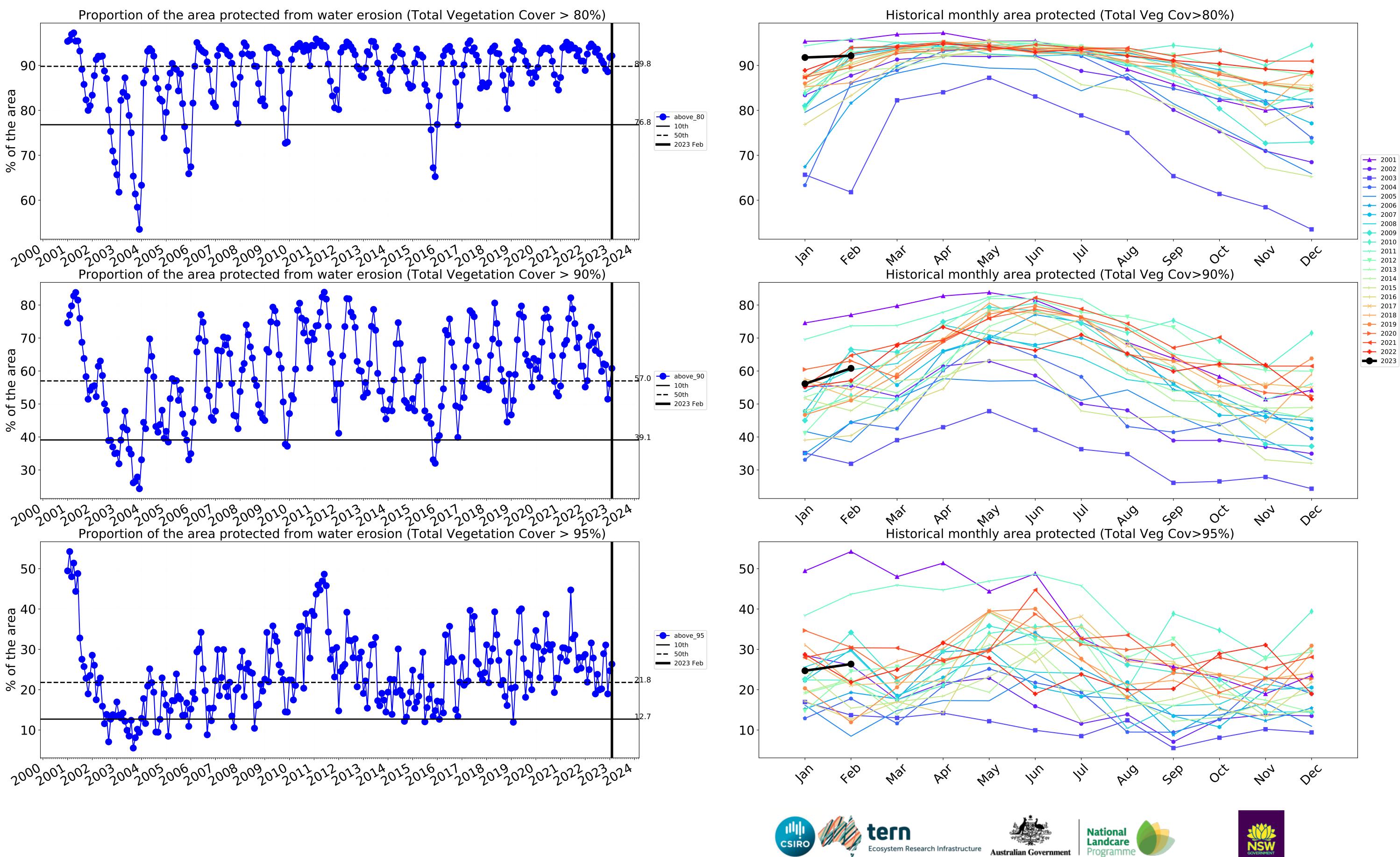




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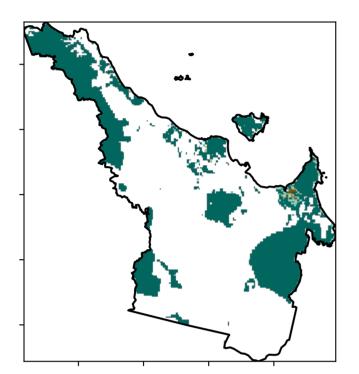


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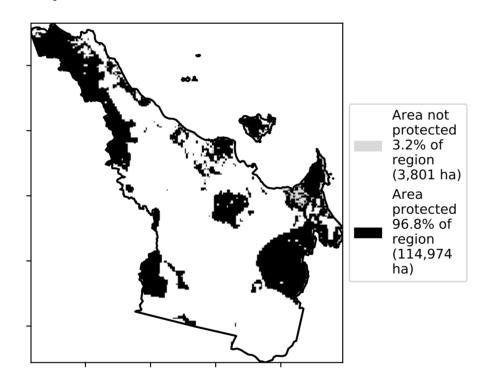
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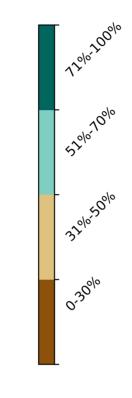
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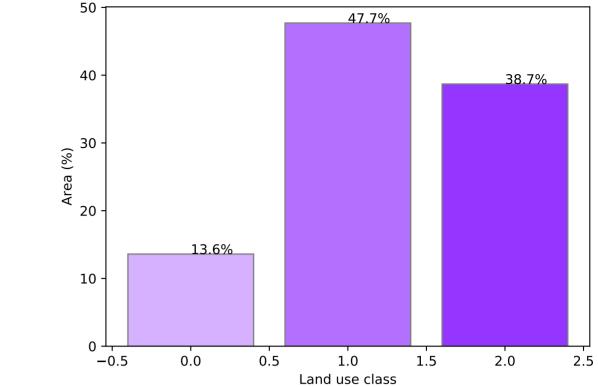
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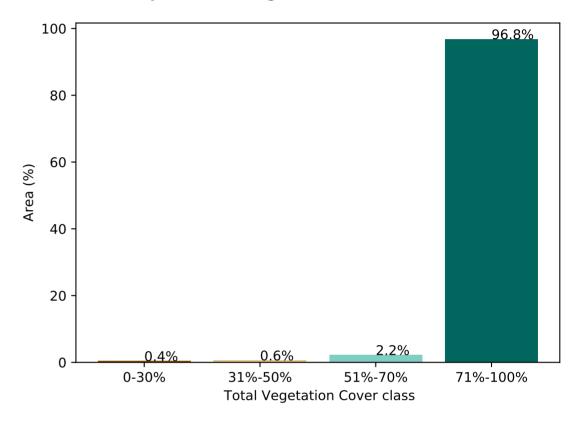






Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

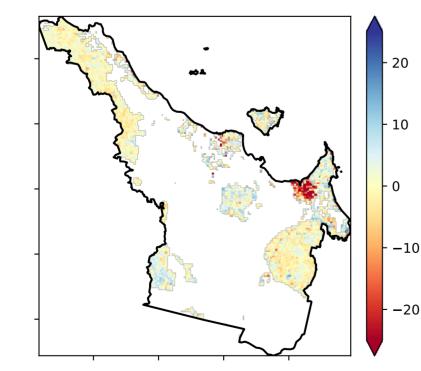


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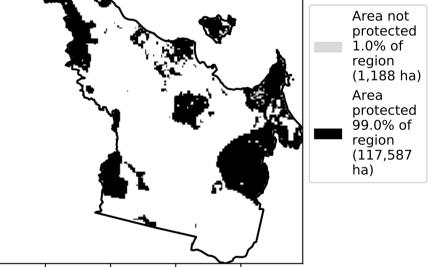


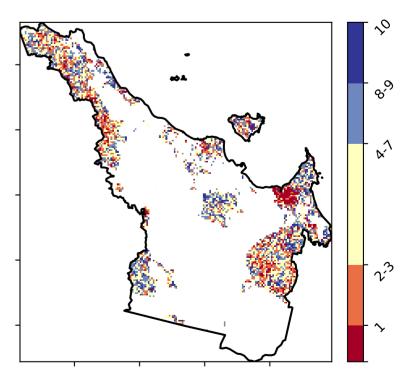
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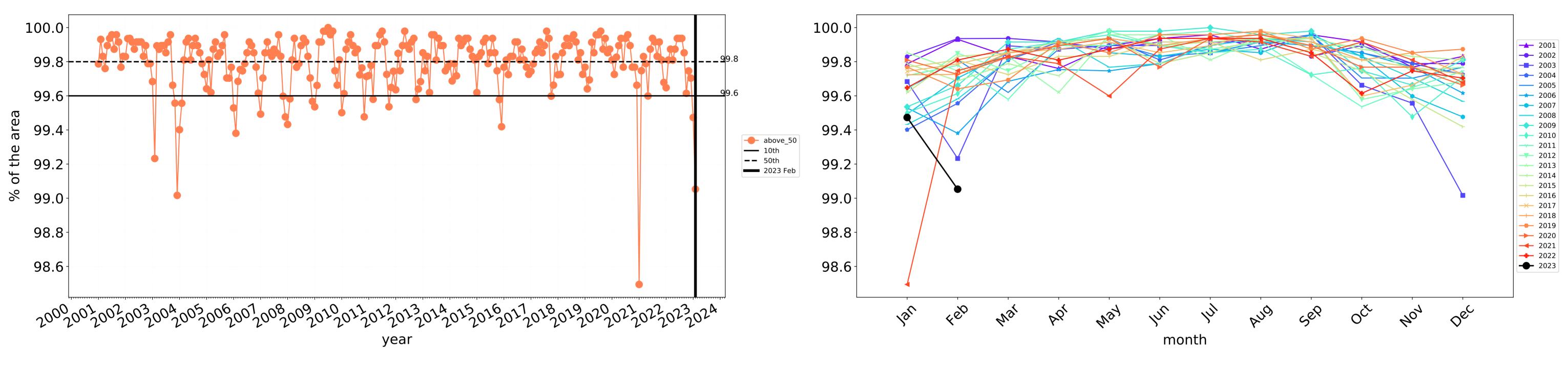


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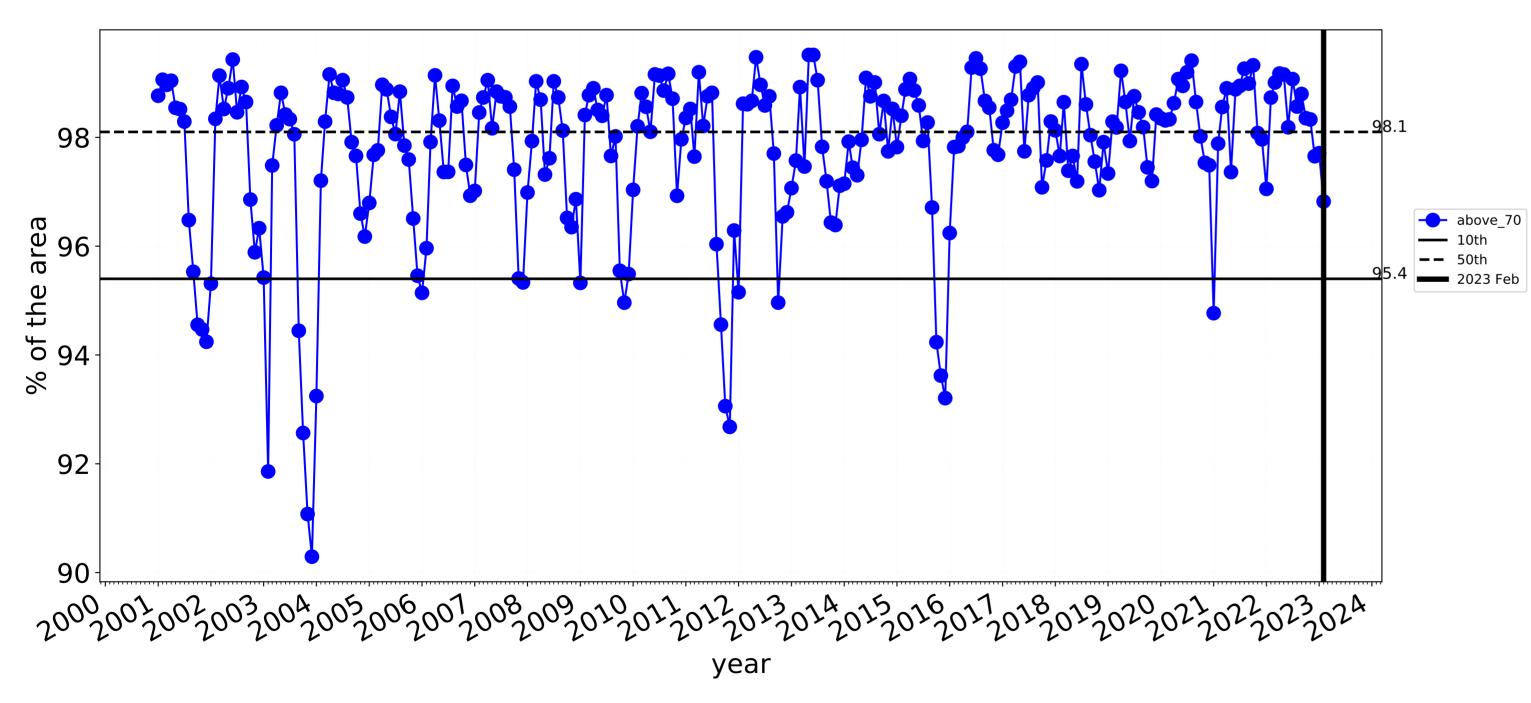


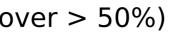






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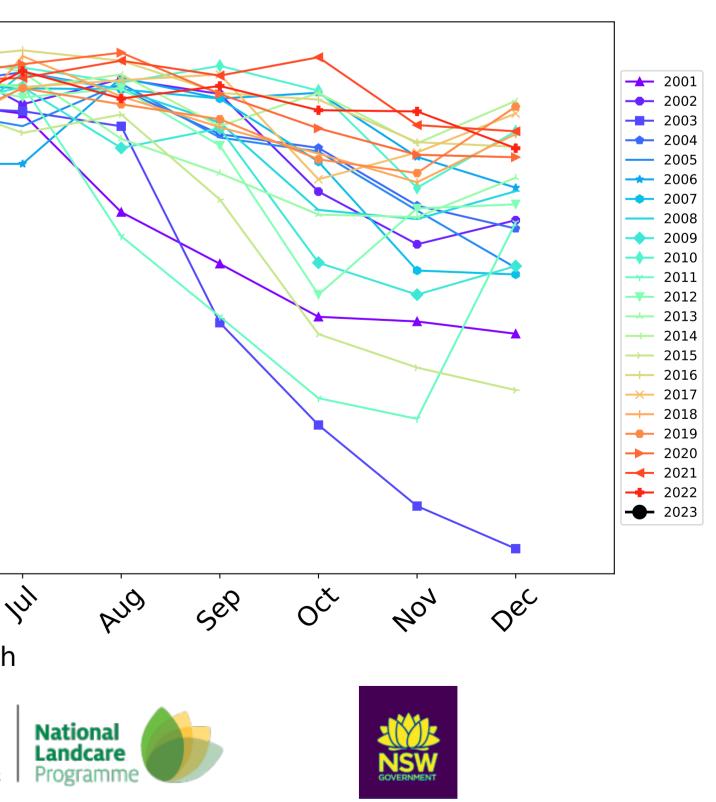


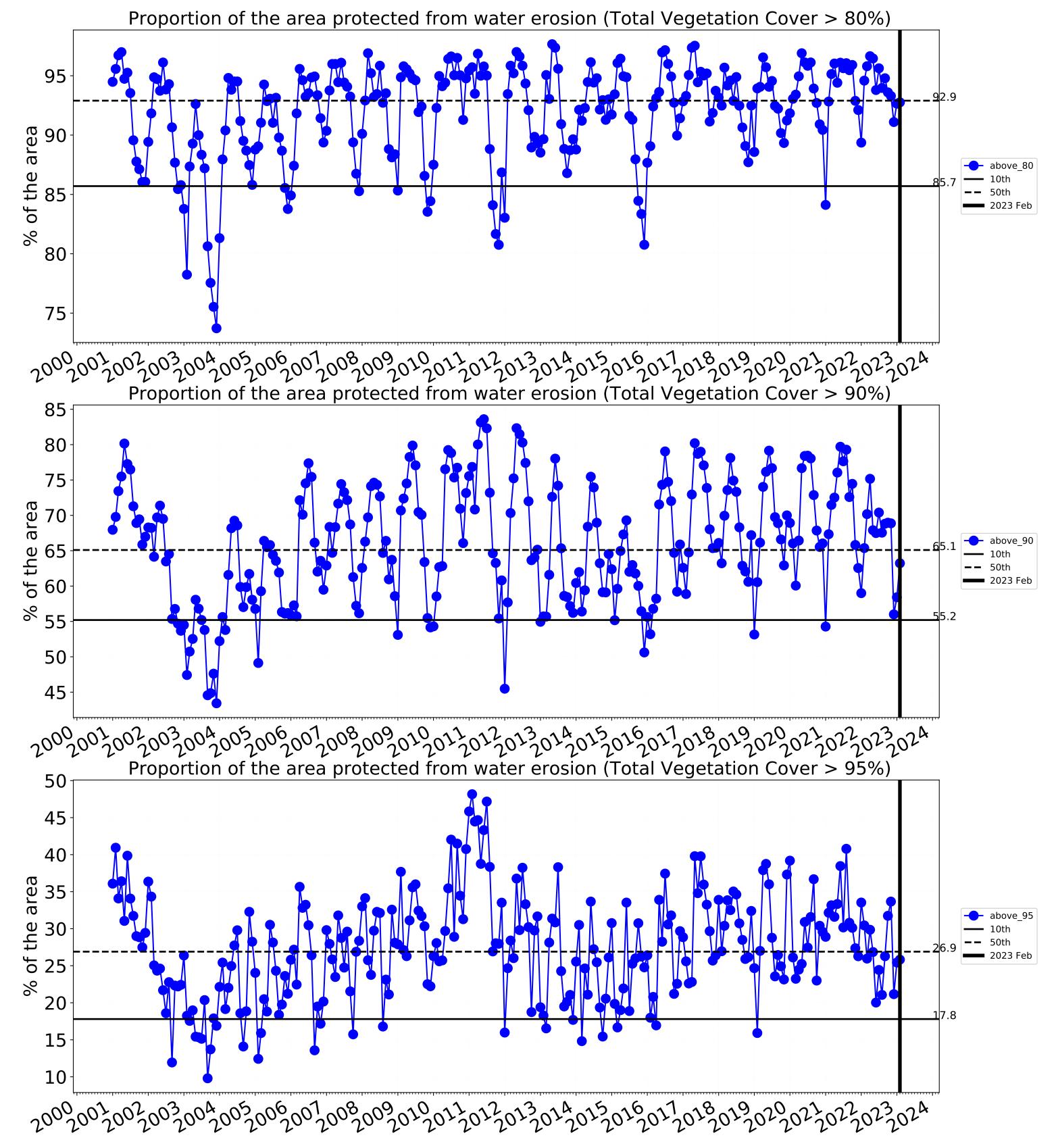


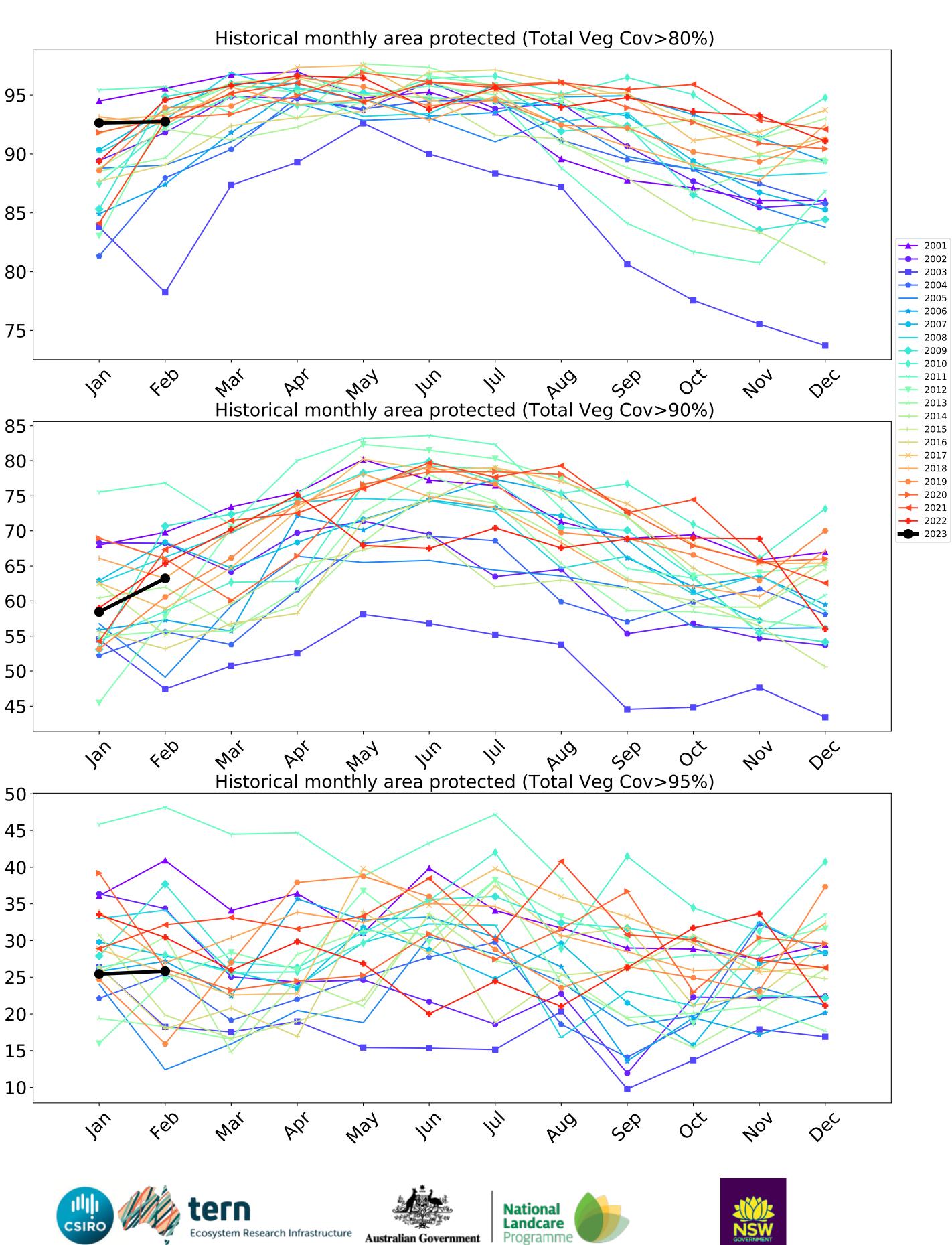
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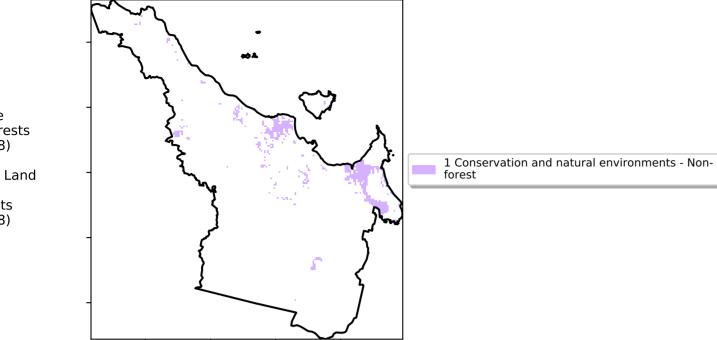


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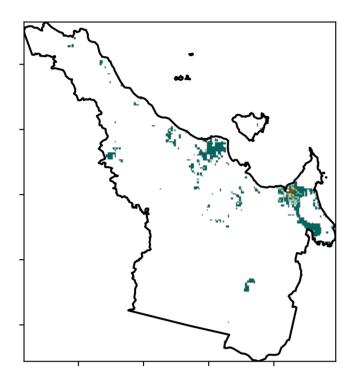
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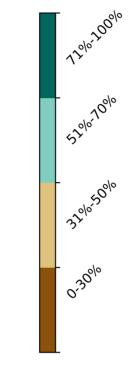
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Land use and forest cover

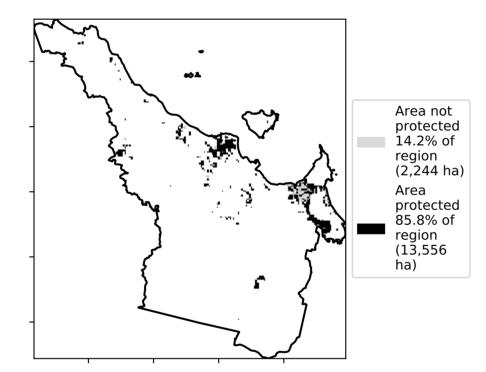


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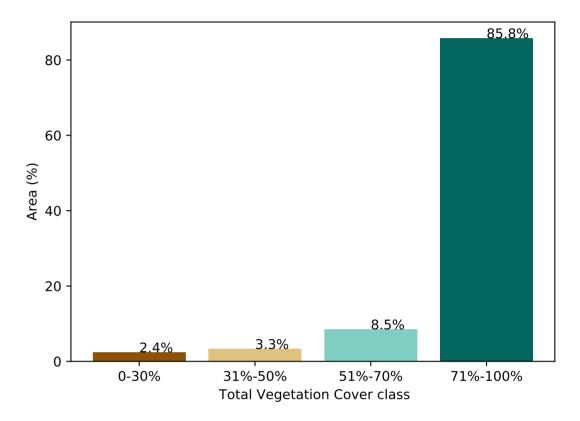




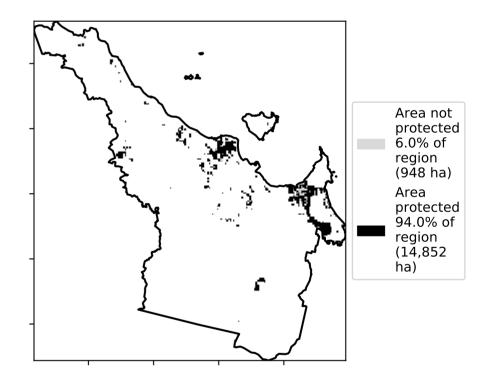
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

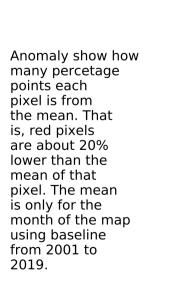


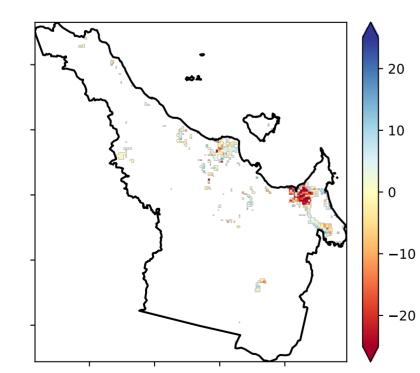
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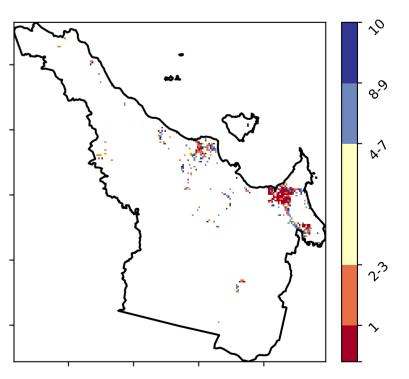
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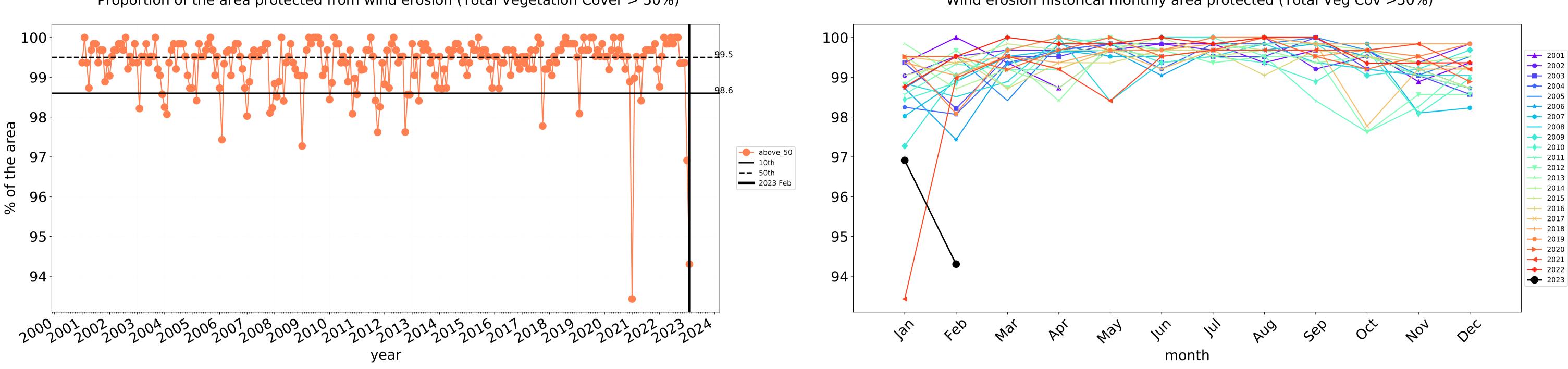


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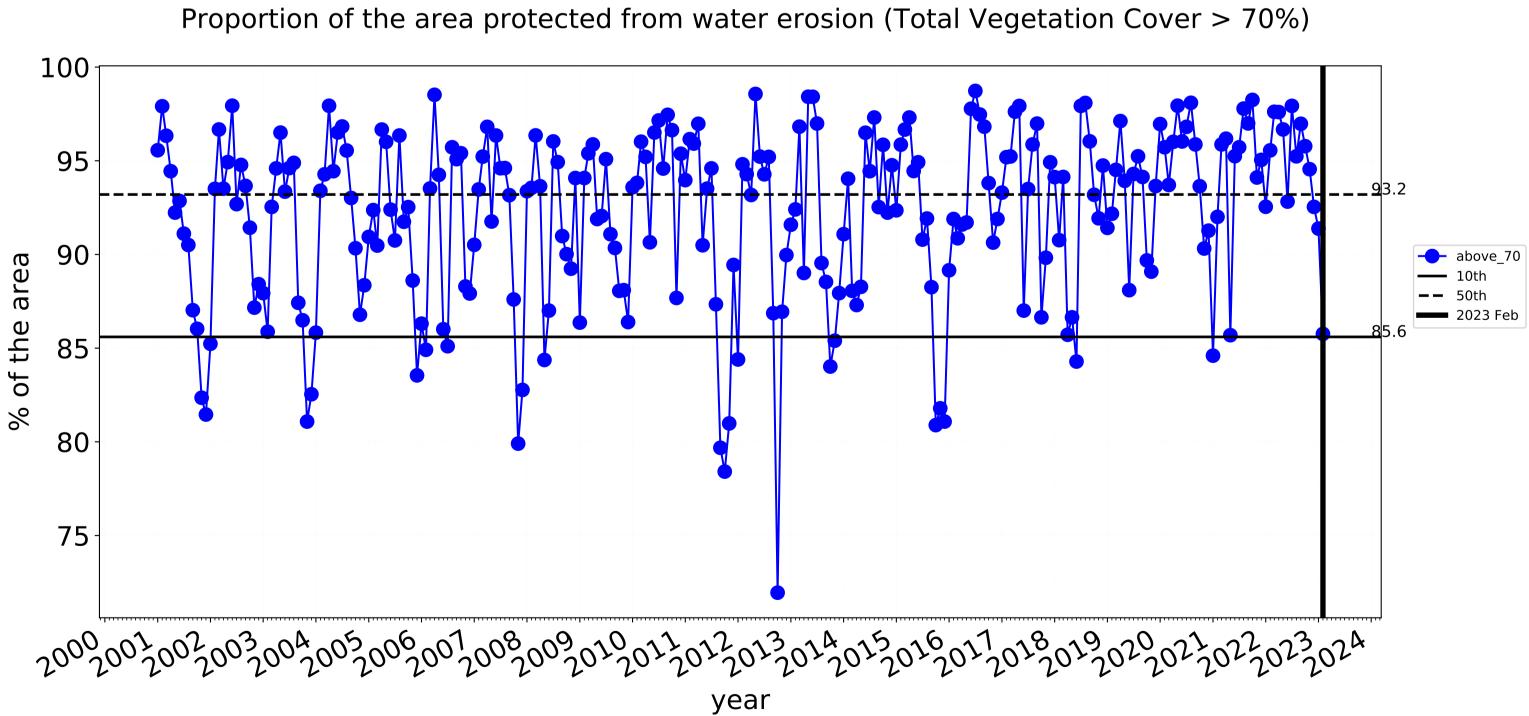








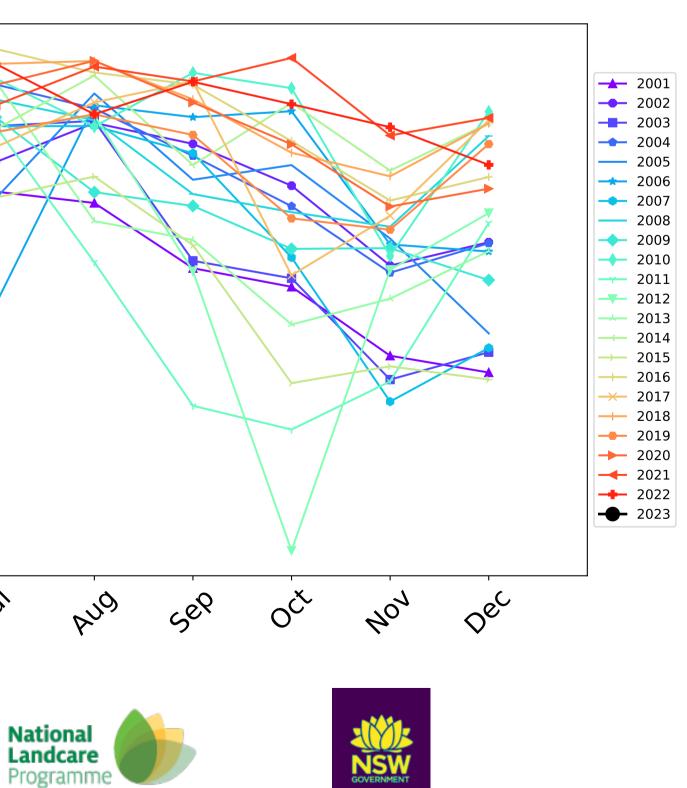
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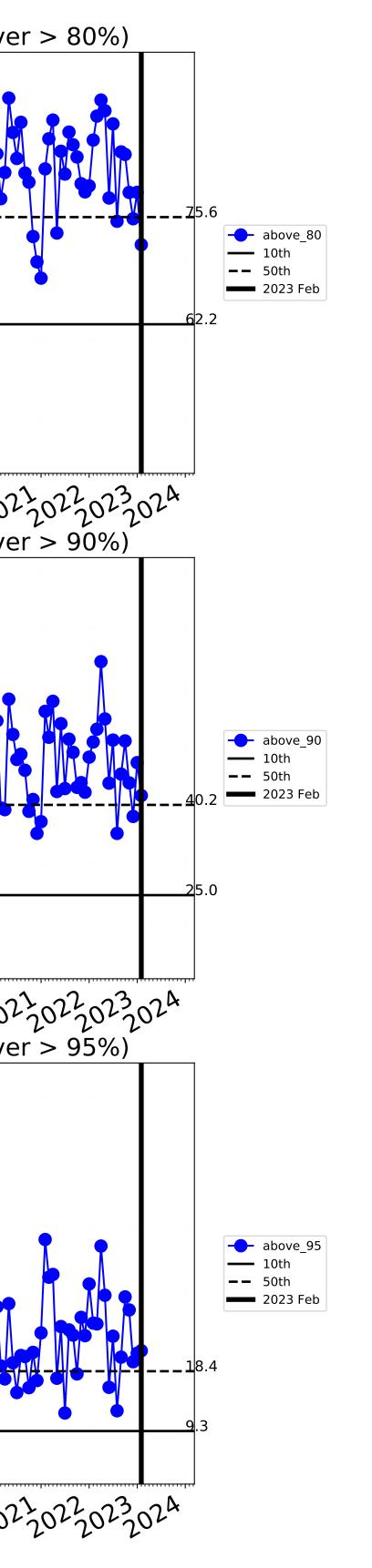
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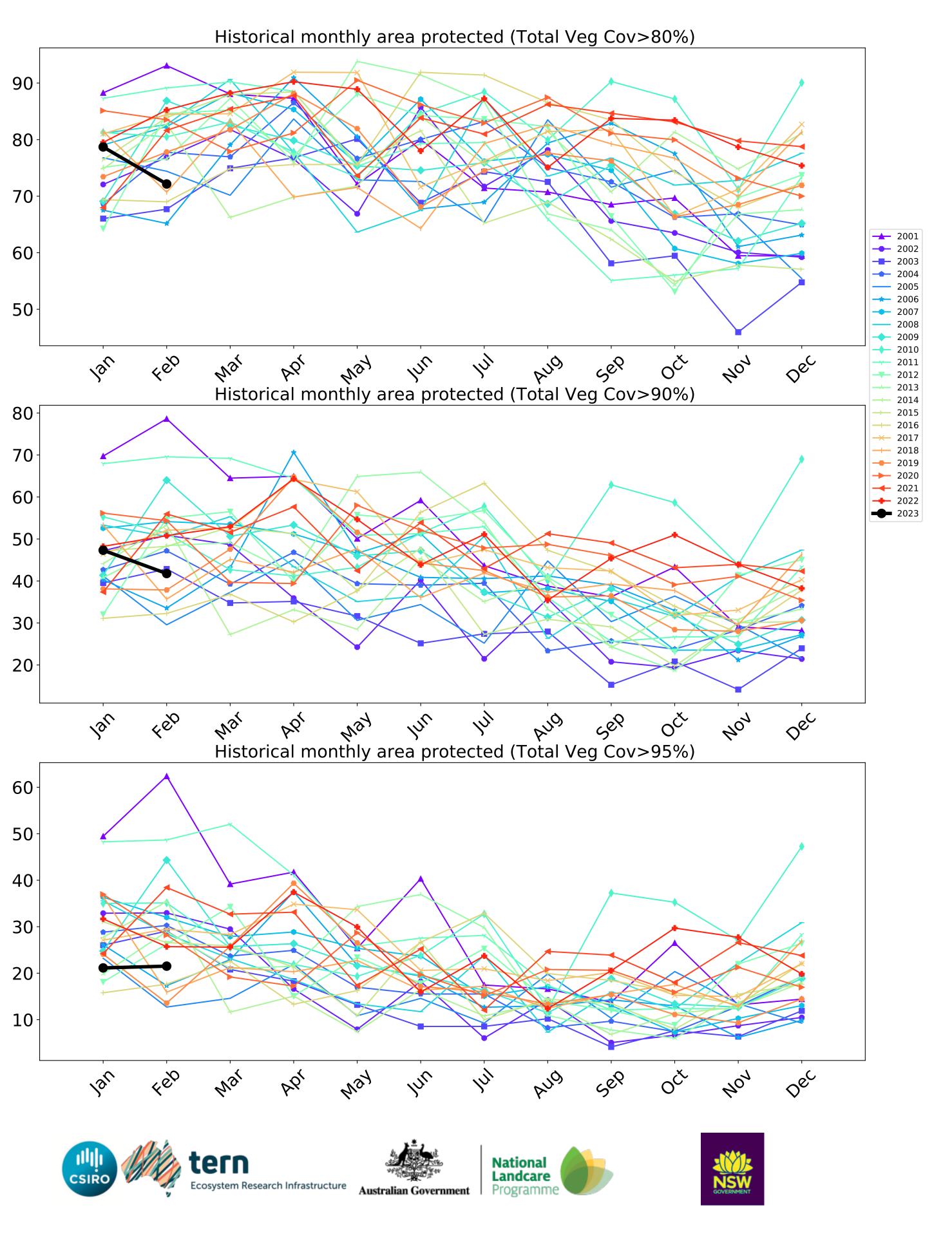
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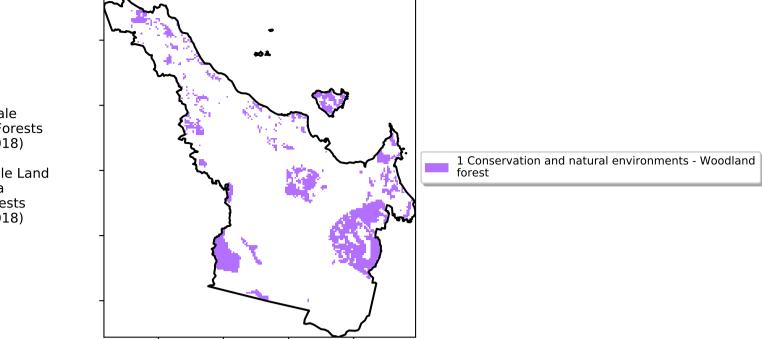
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Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



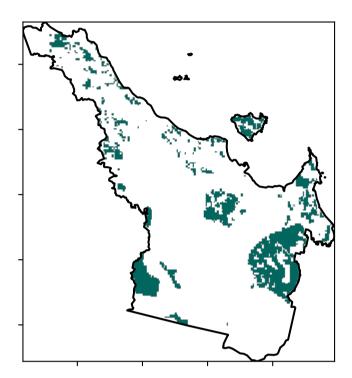
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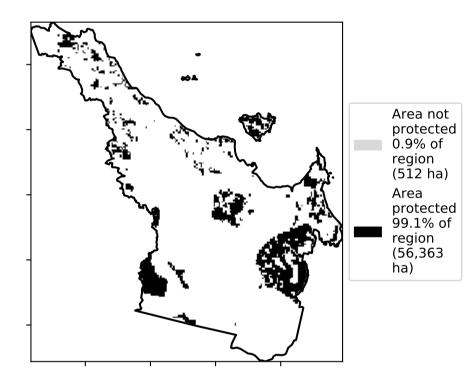
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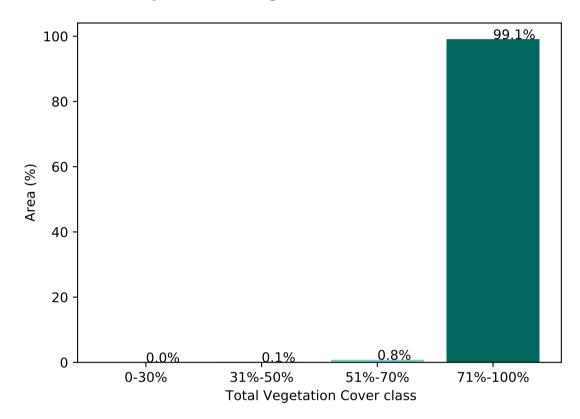
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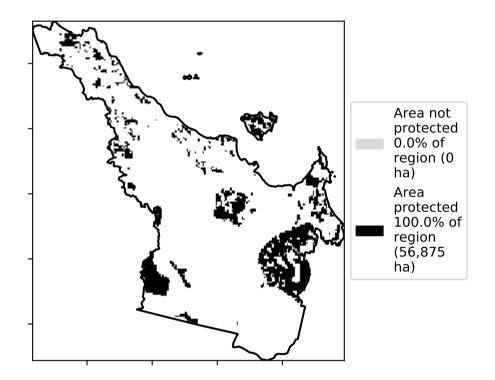








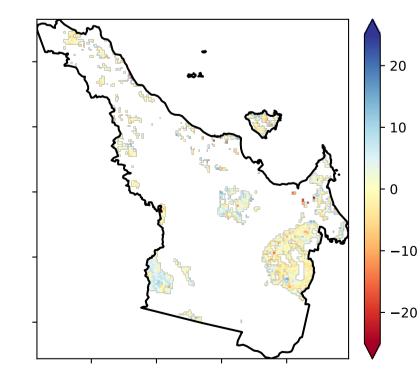
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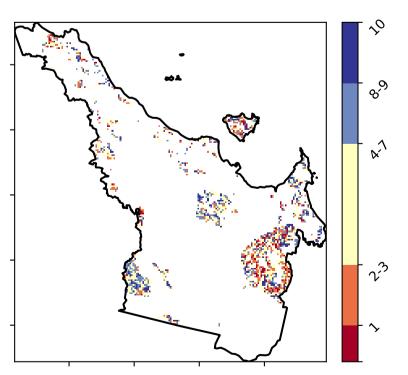
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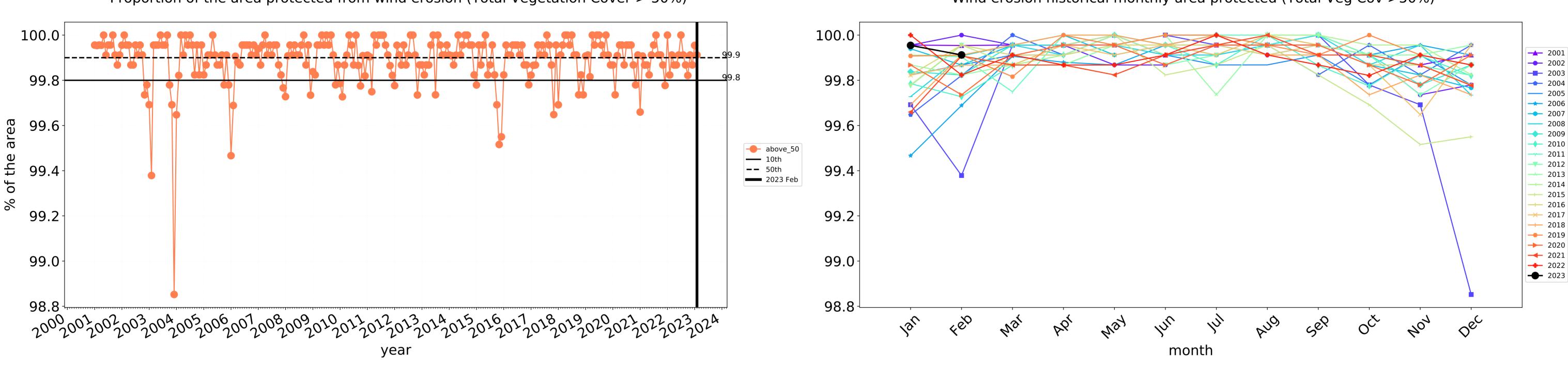
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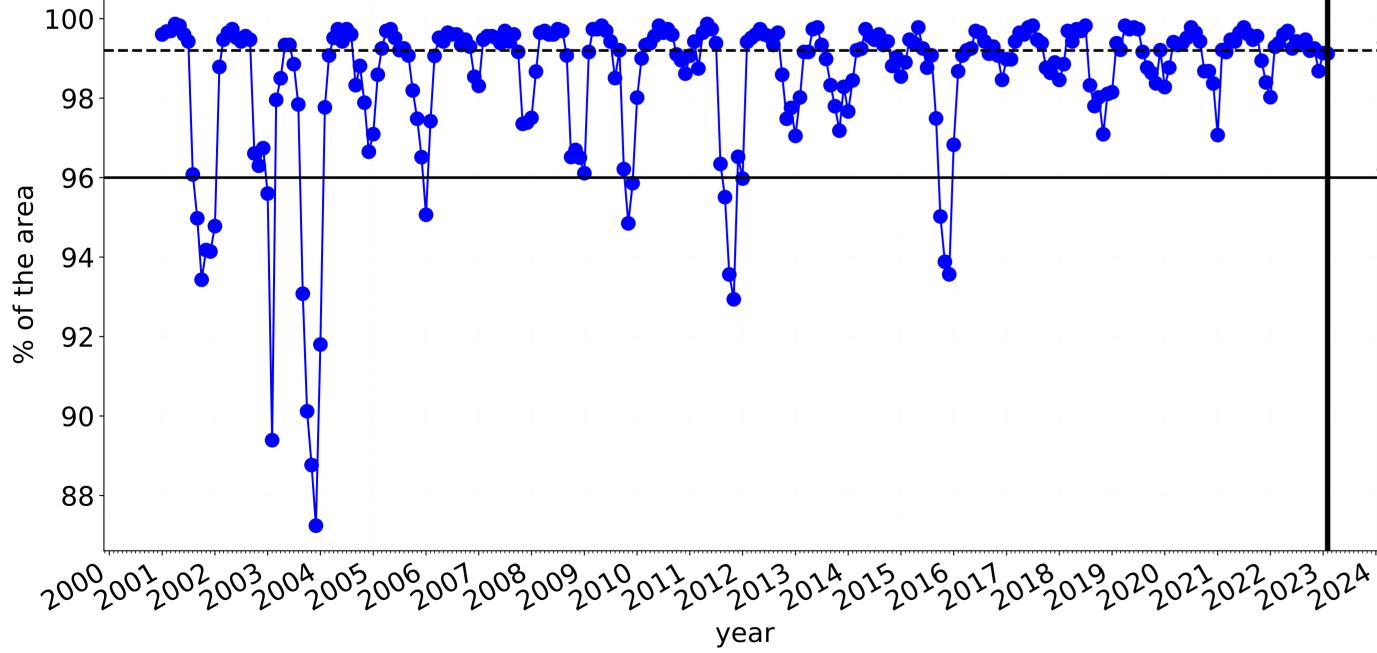
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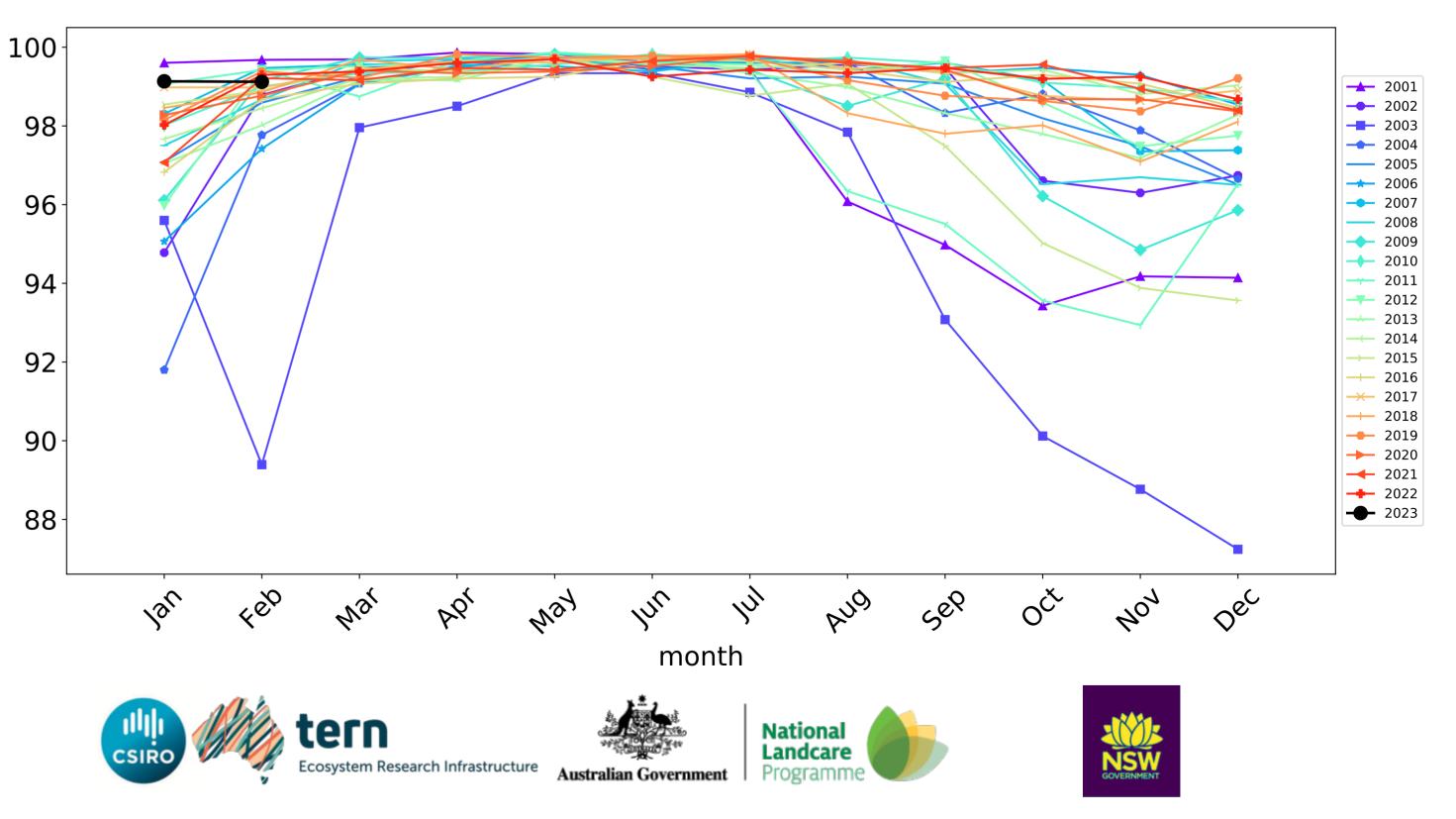




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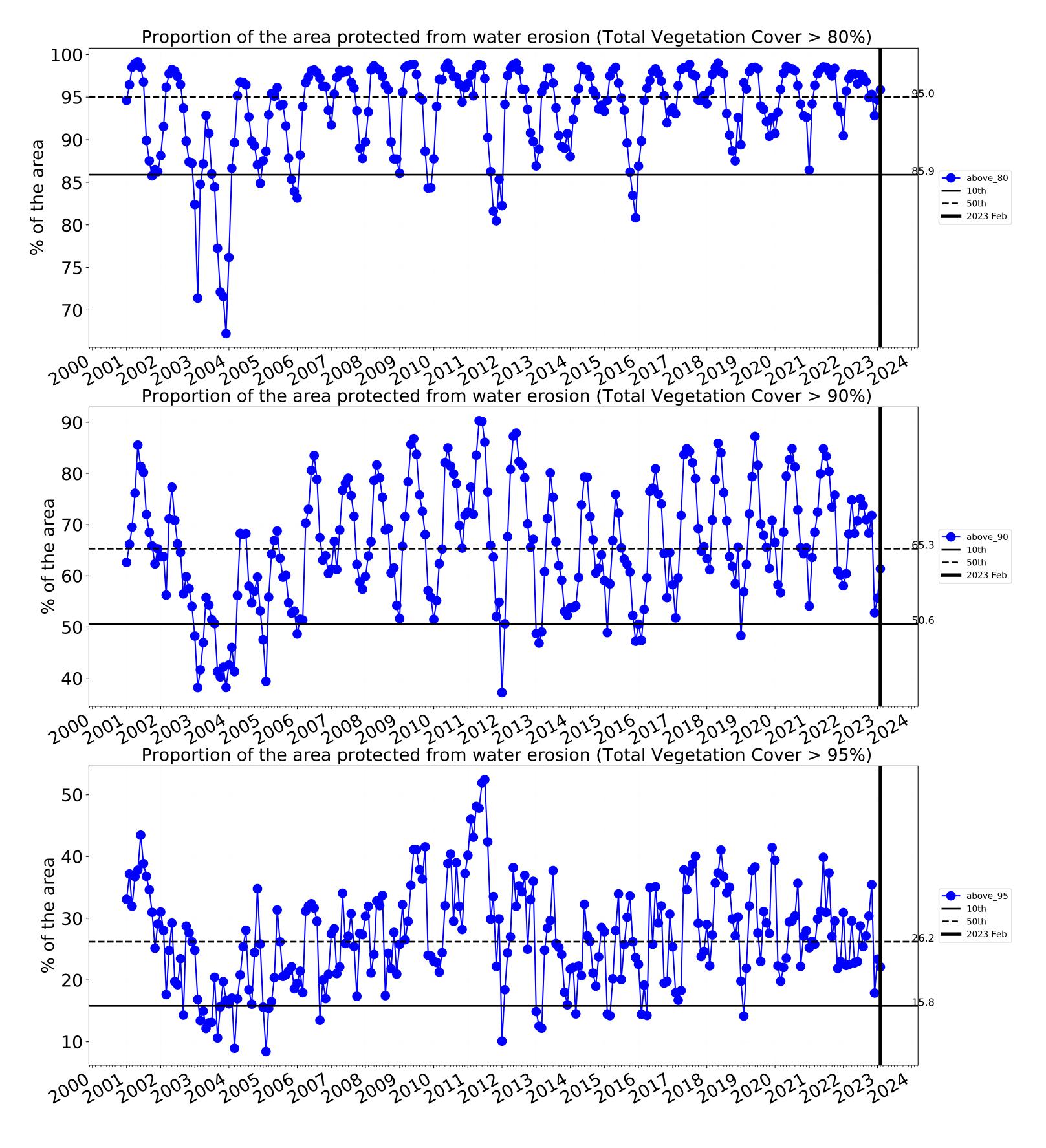


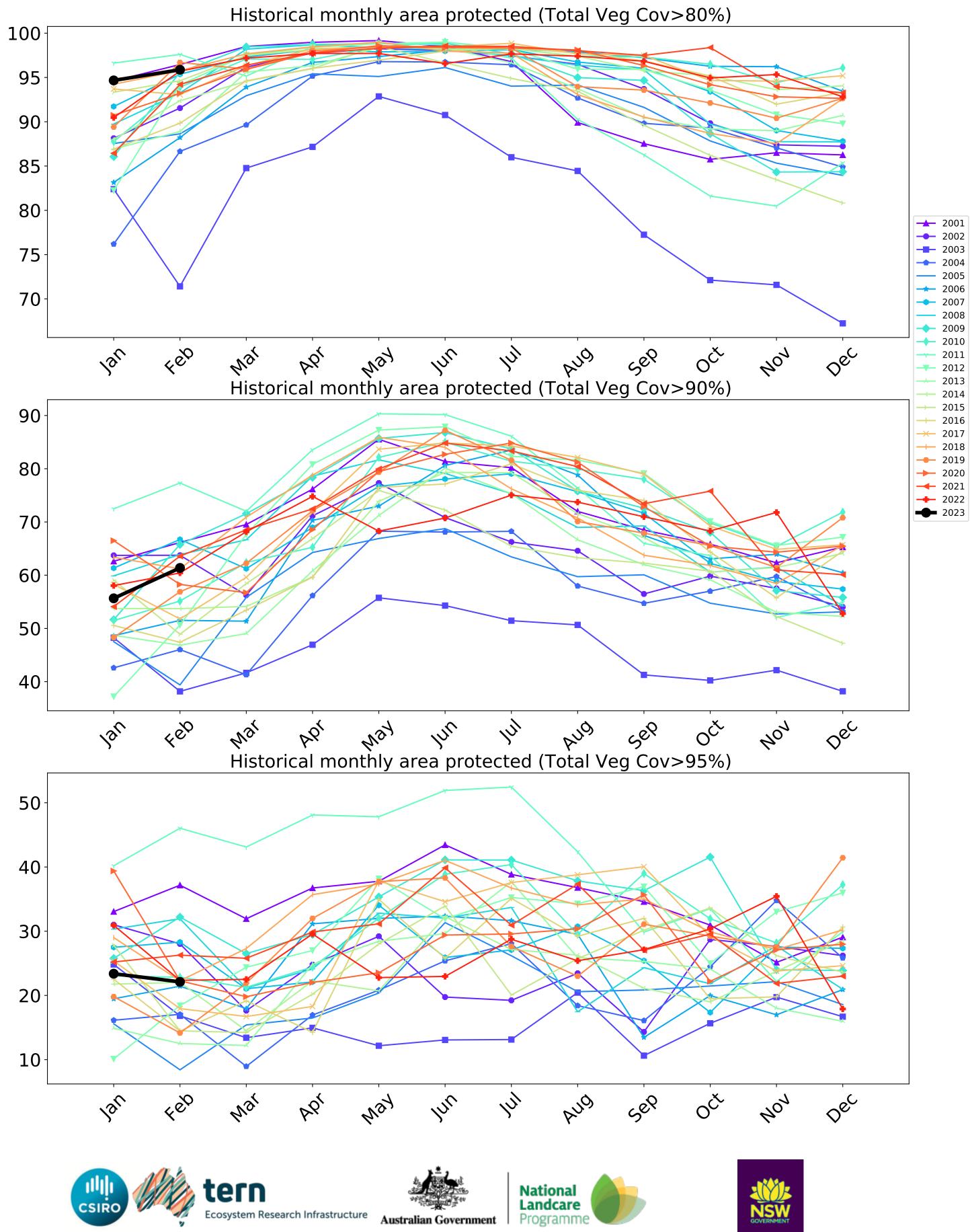
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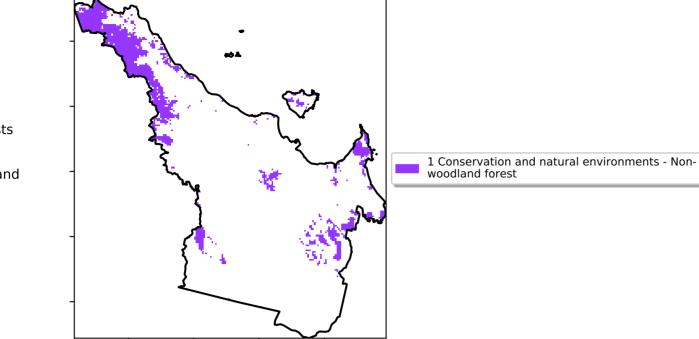






Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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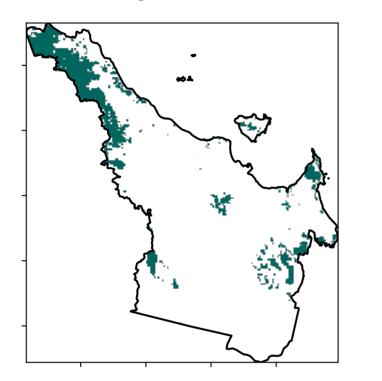
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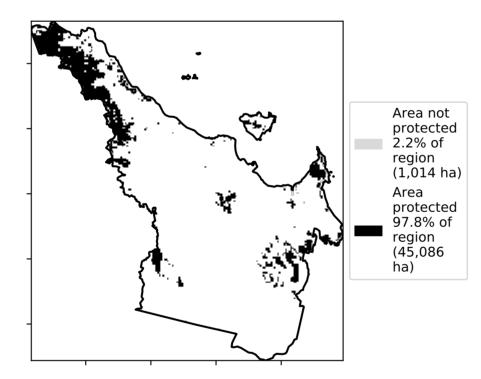
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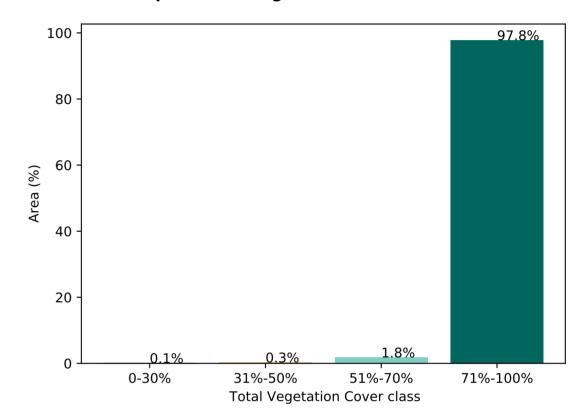
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



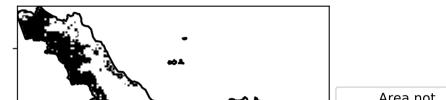
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

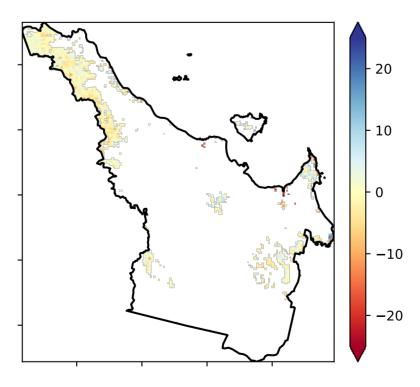


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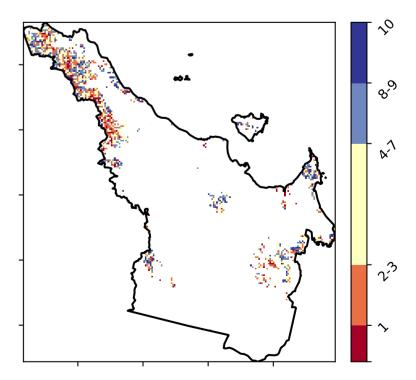
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Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha) Area protected 100.0% of region (46,100 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



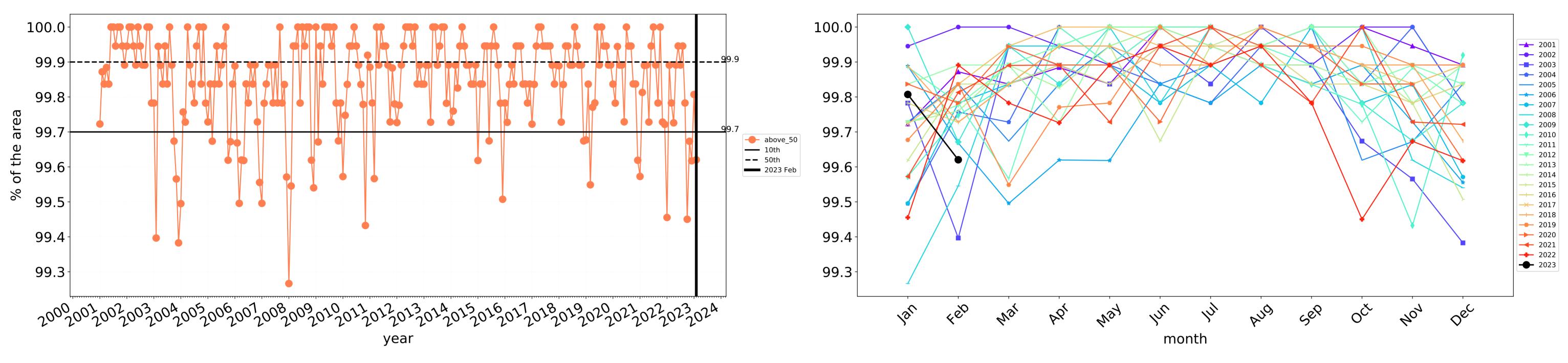


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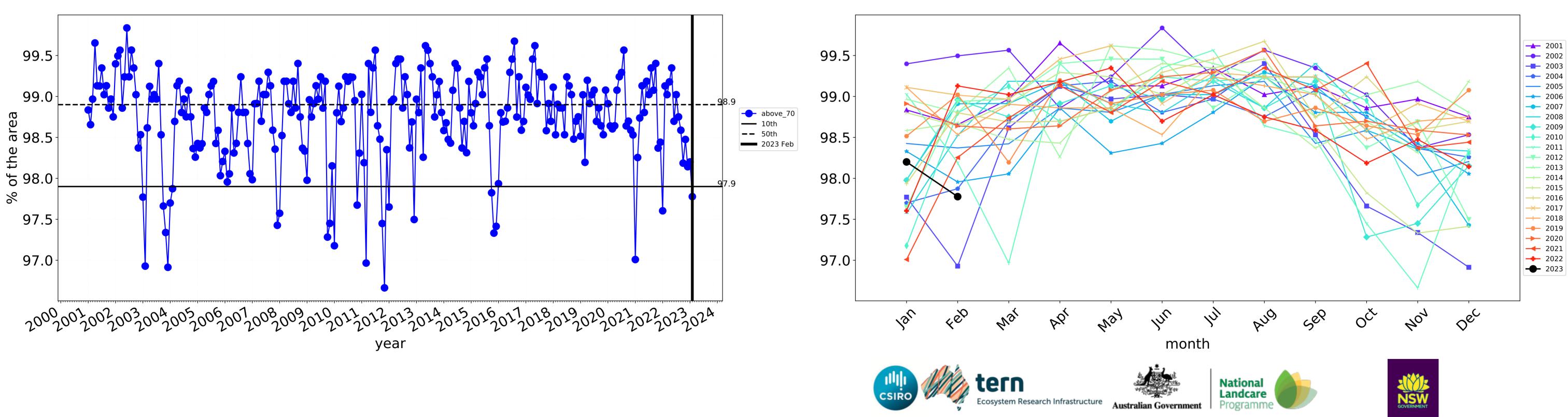
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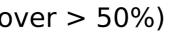
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

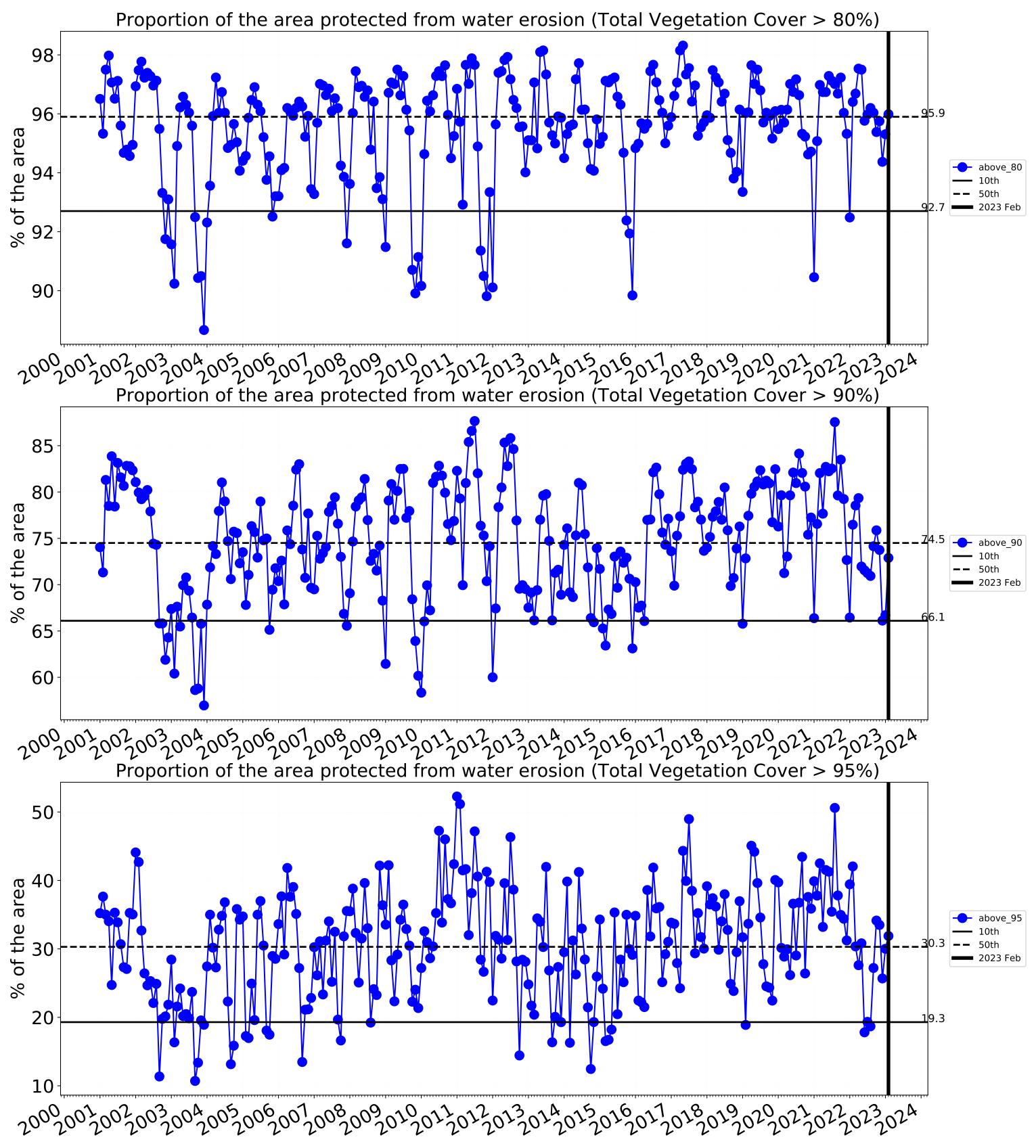
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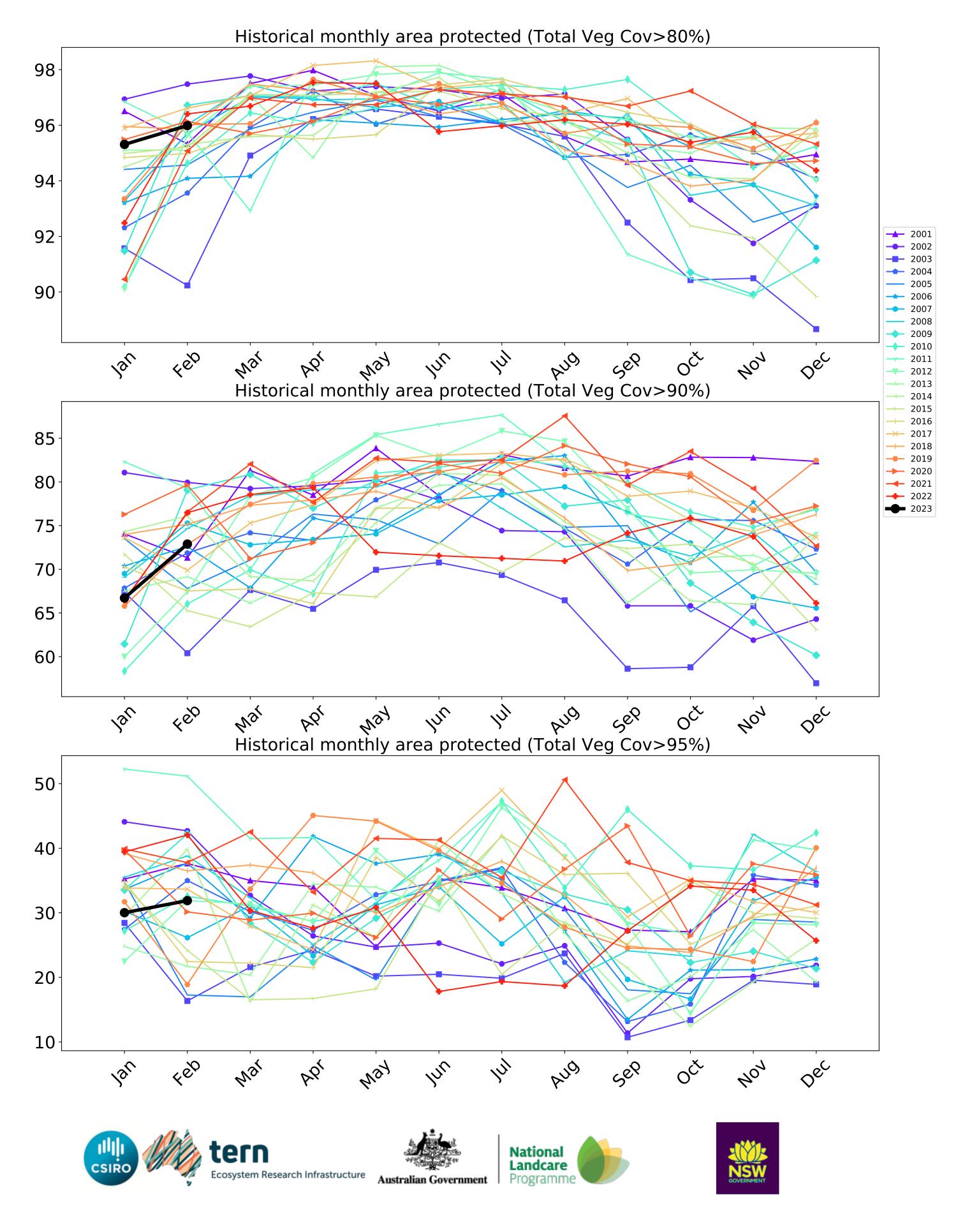




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Agriculture

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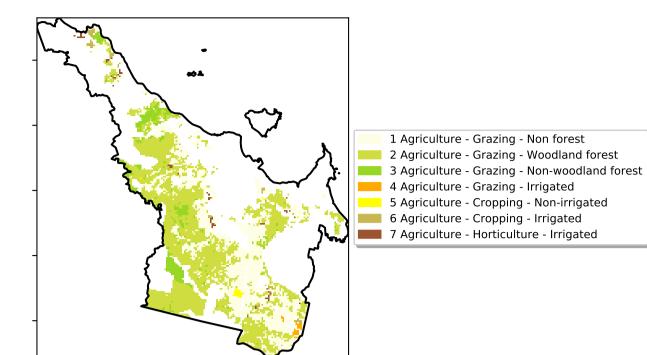
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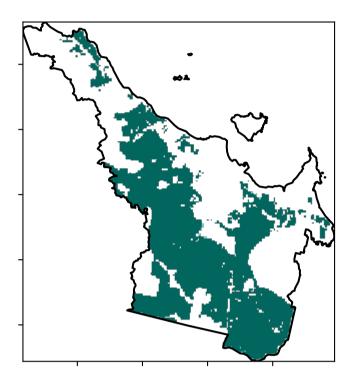
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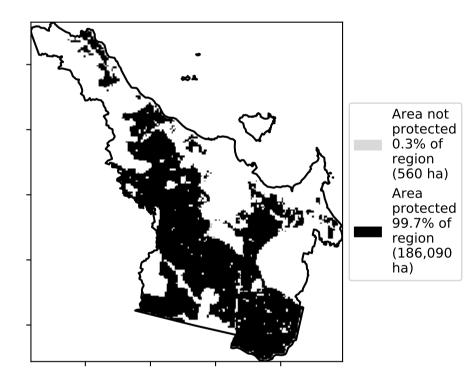


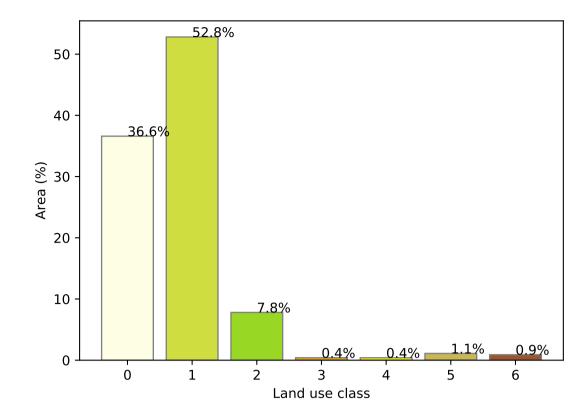
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Land use and forest cover



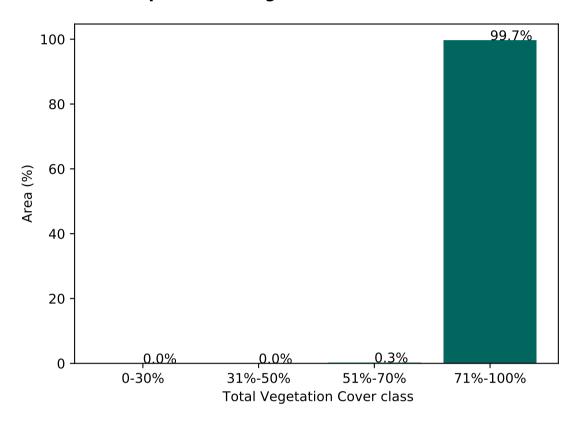
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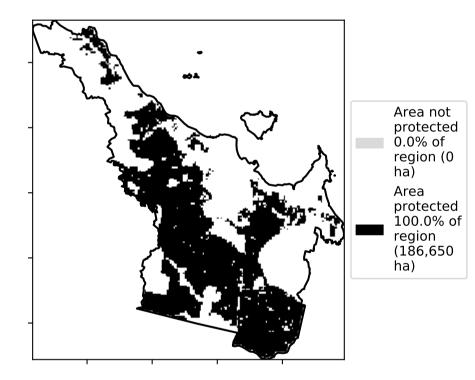


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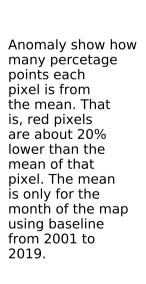
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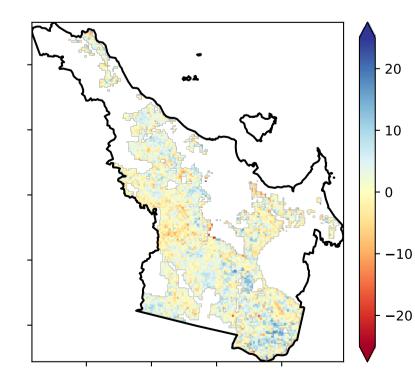


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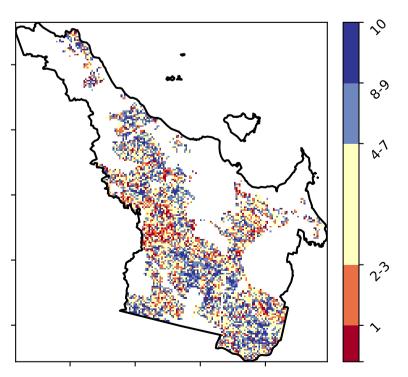


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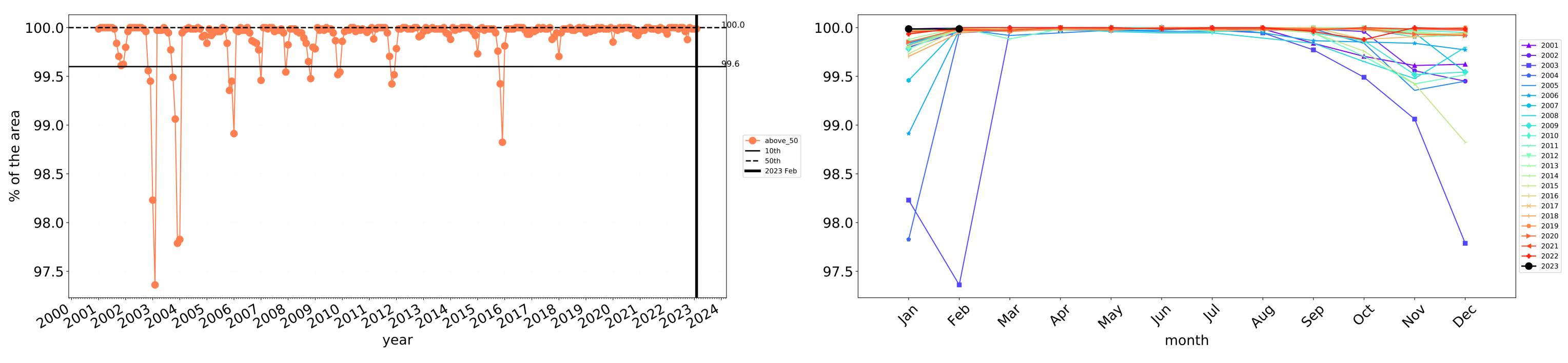




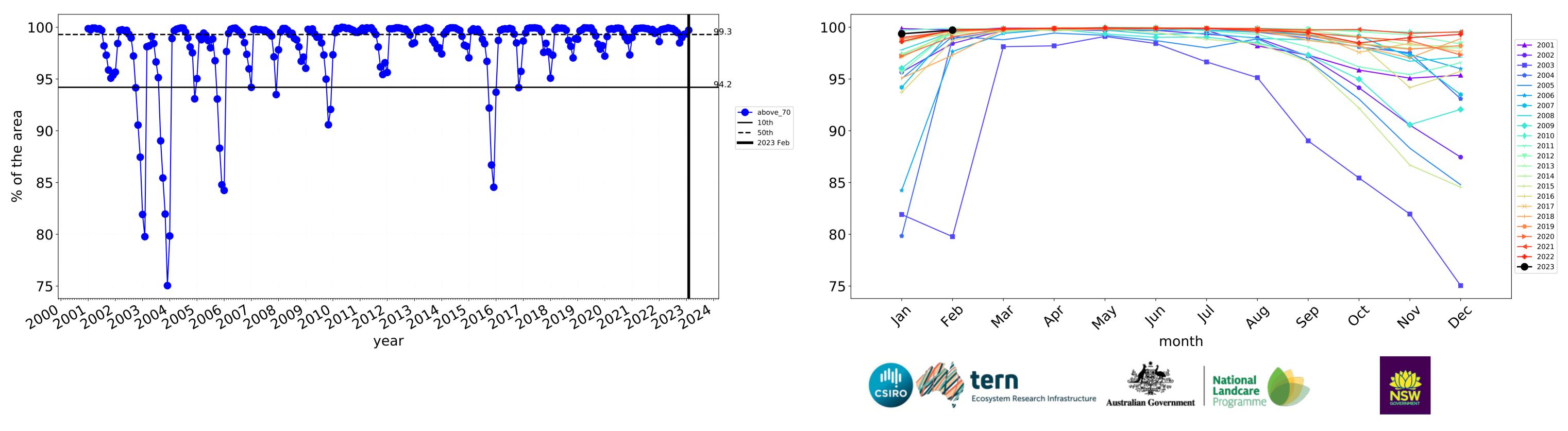
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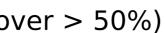






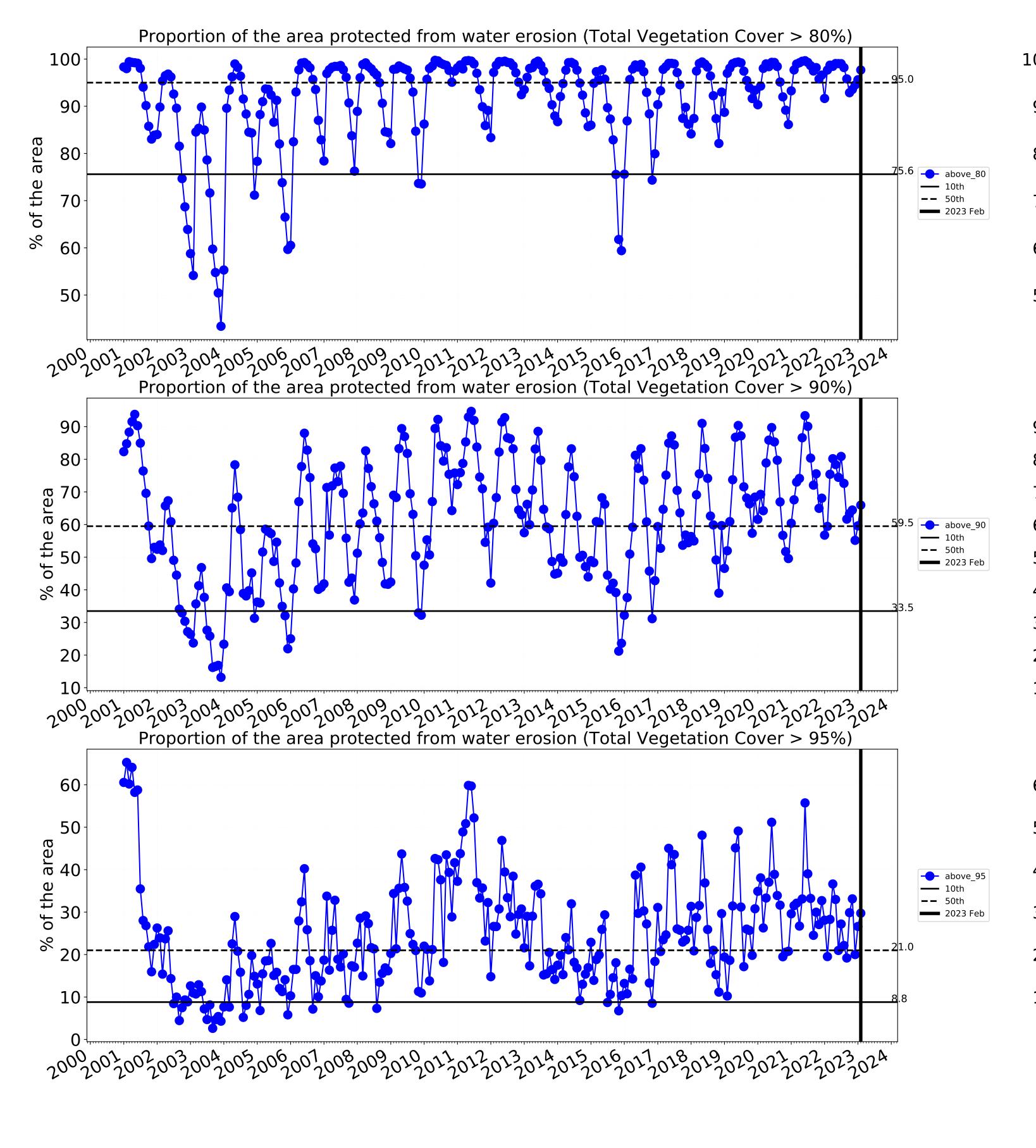
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

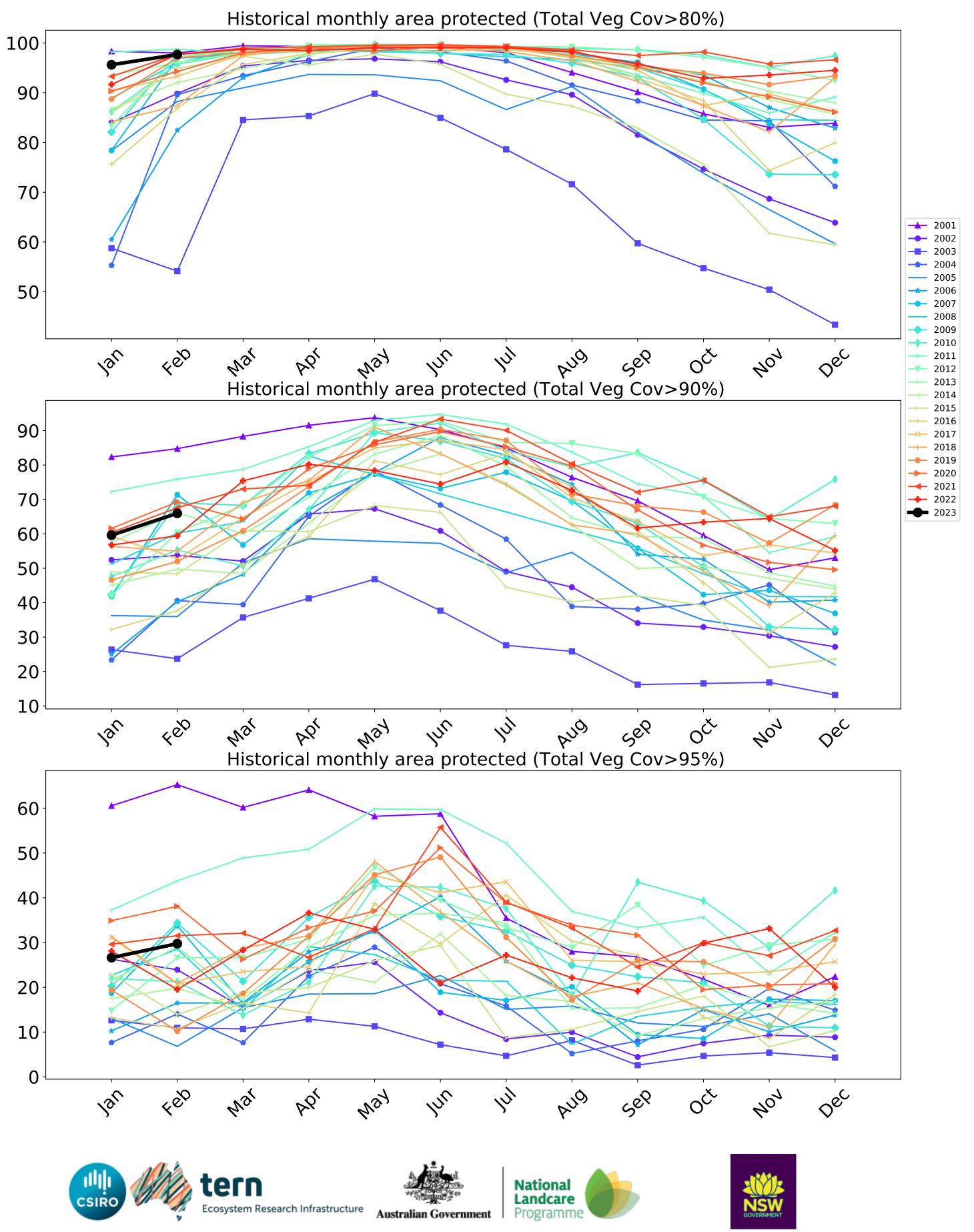




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

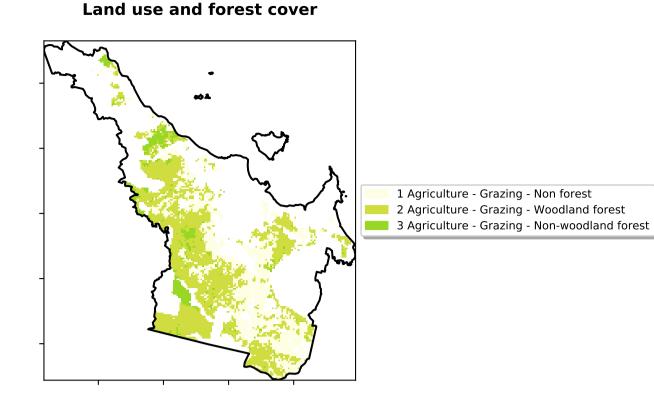
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Grazing

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



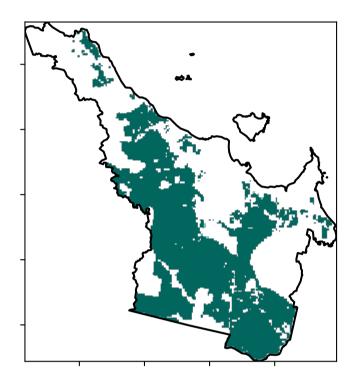
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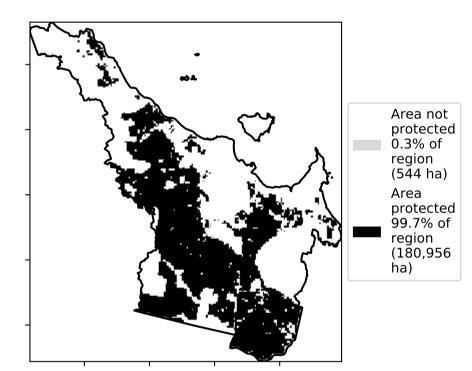
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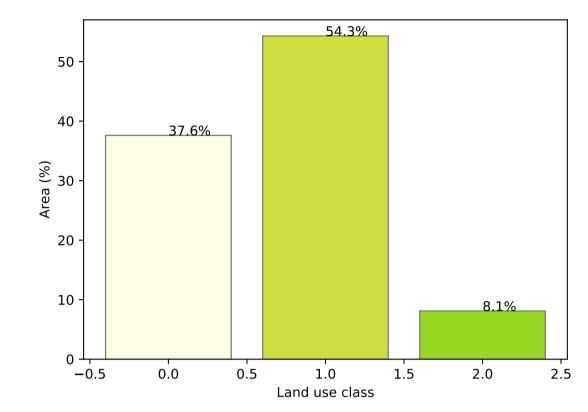
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



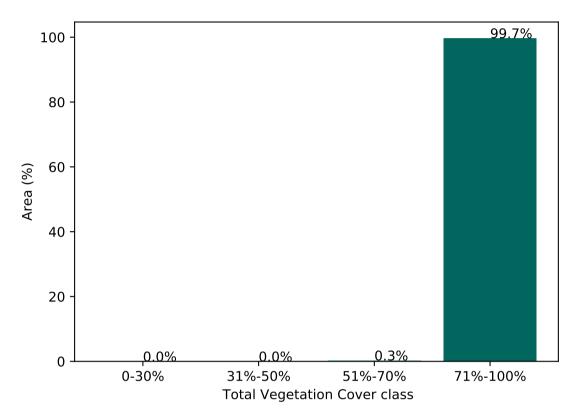
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



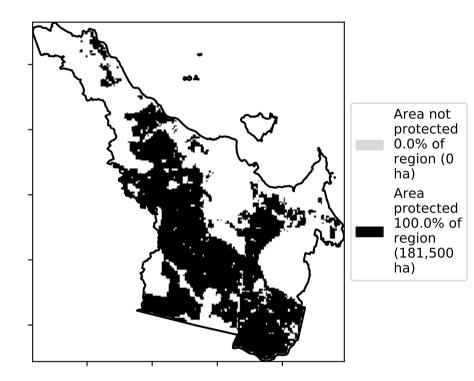


Proportion of each land class in area

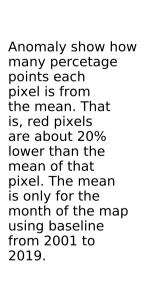
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

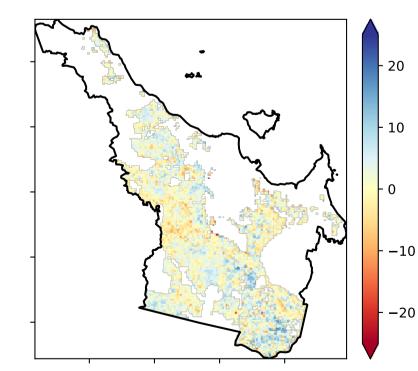


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

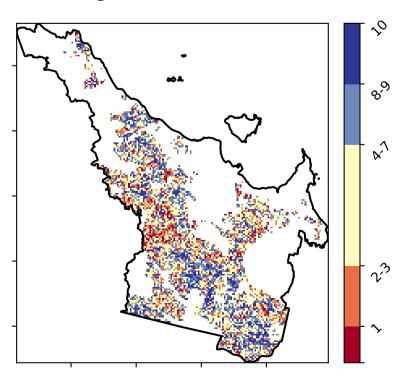


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

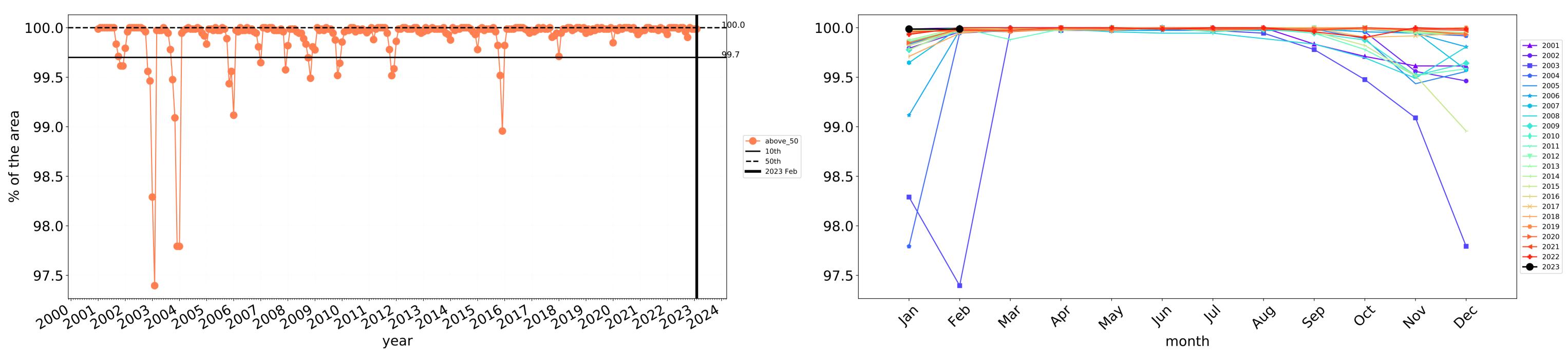




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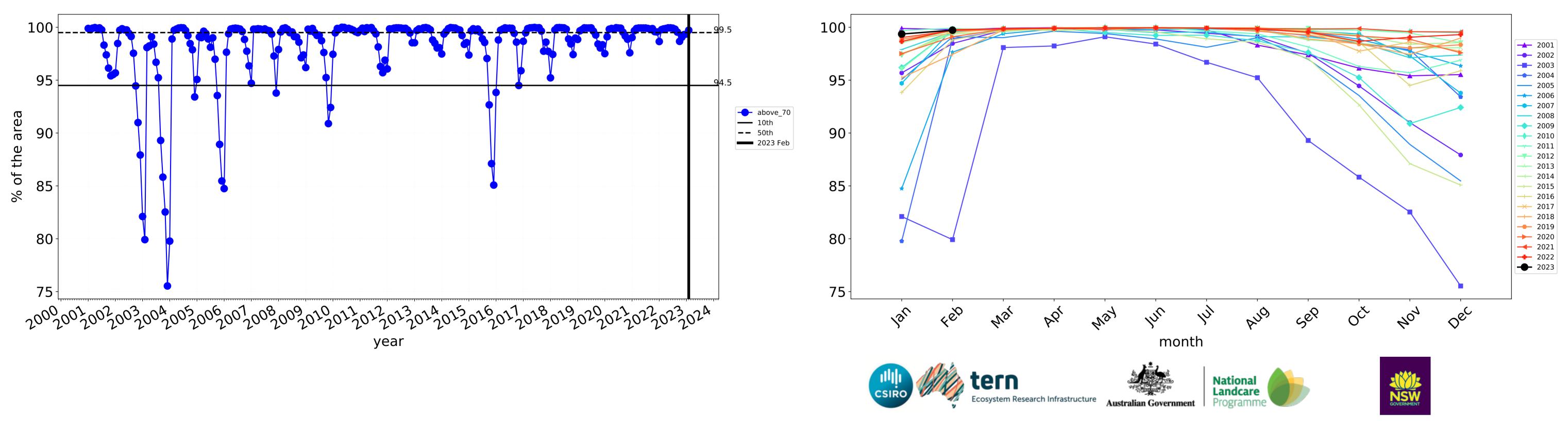


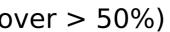




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

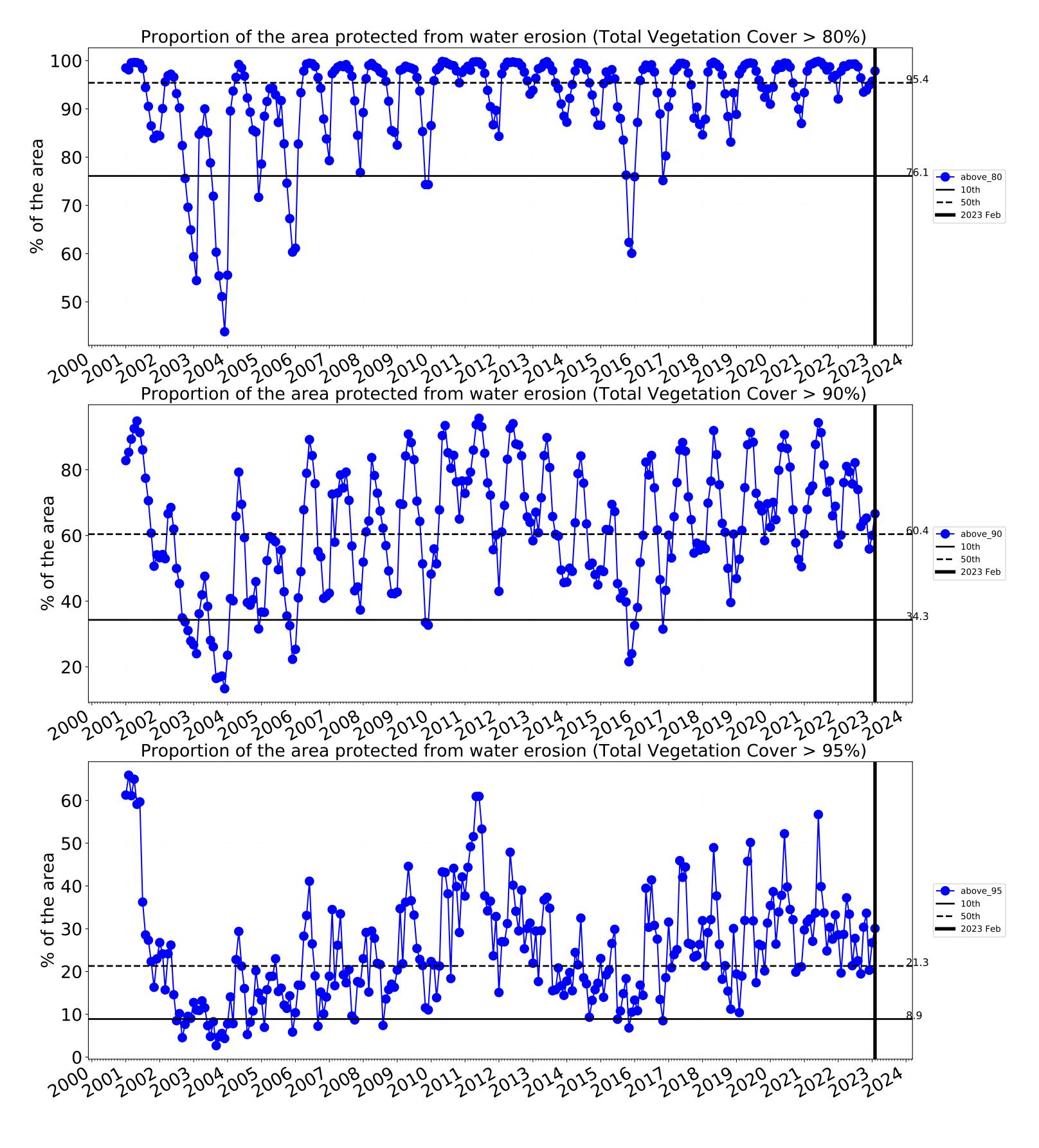
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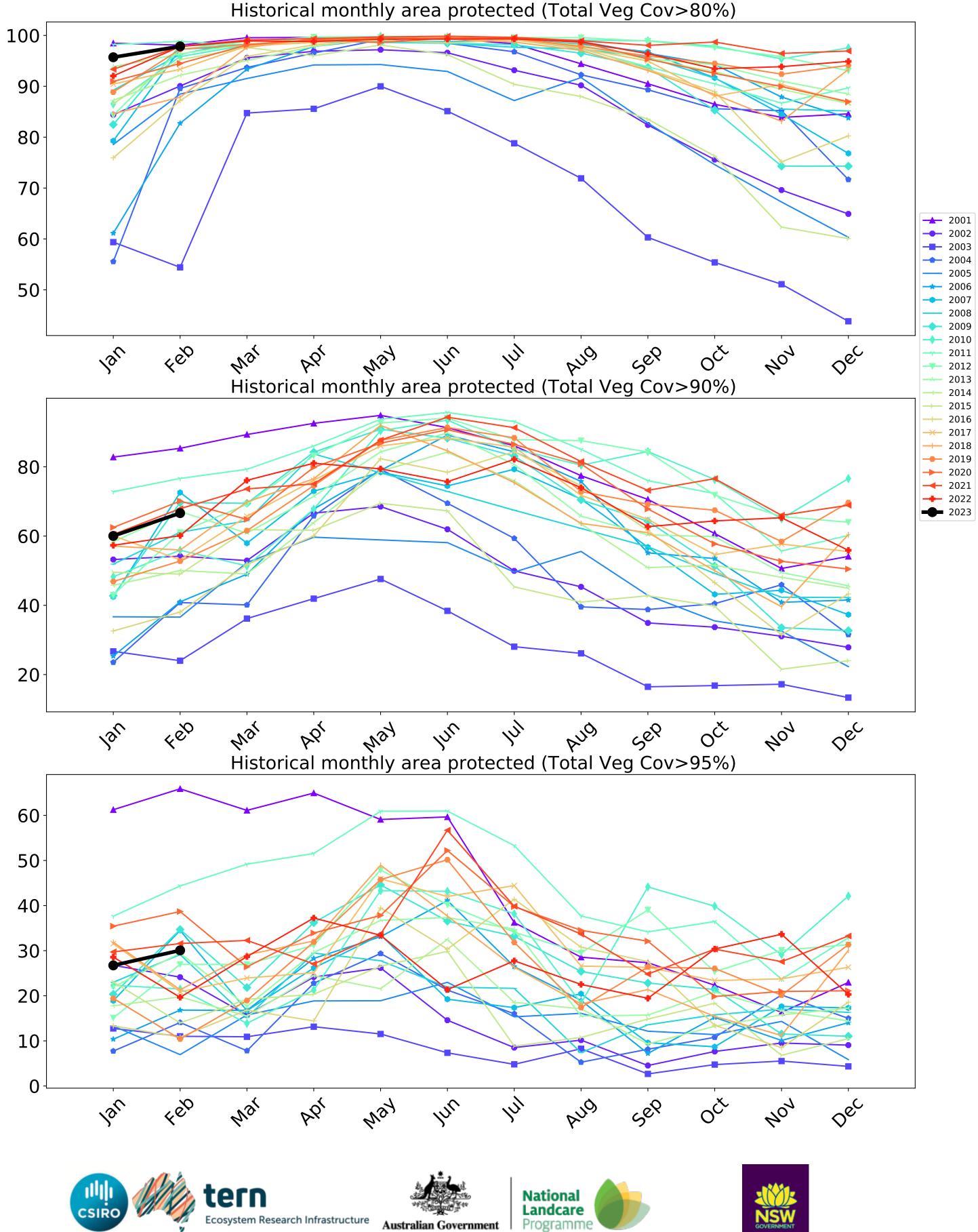




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

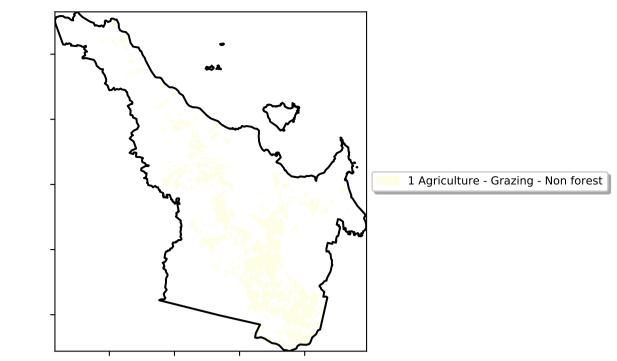




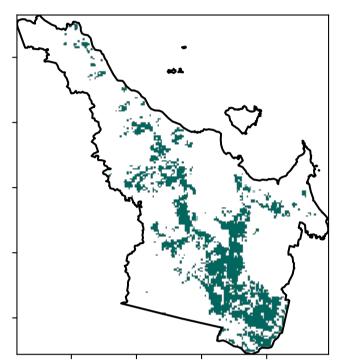


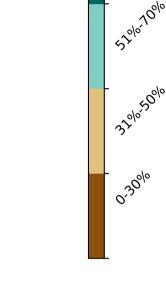
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



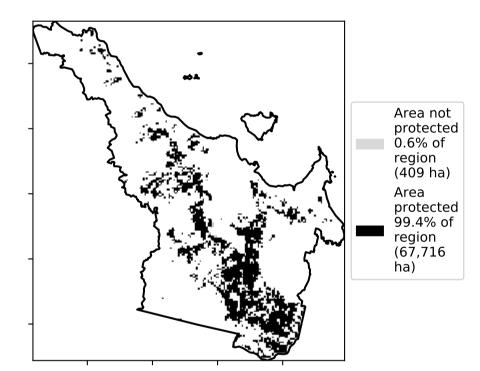
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



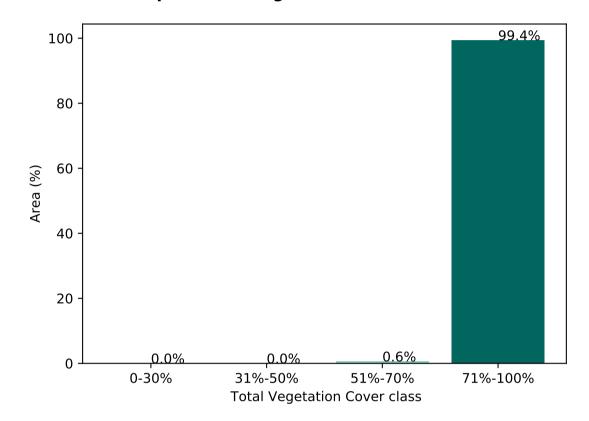


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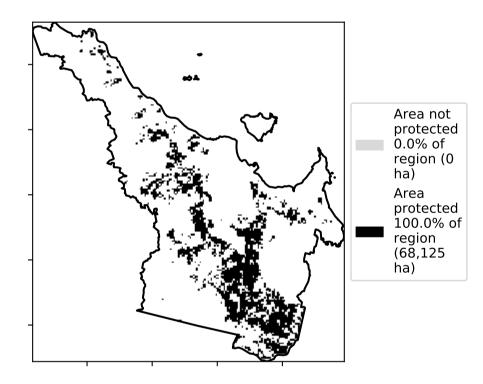
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

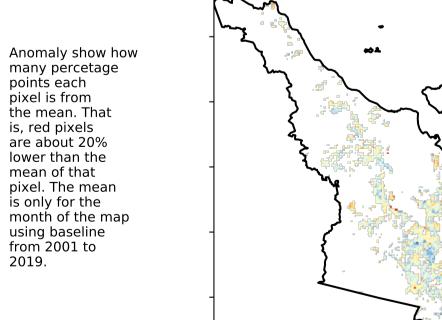


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





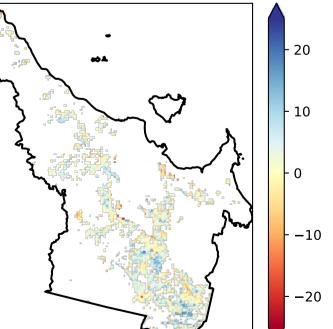
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



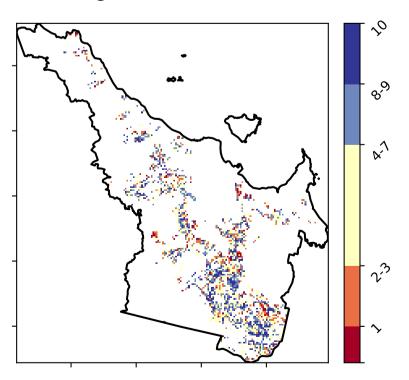
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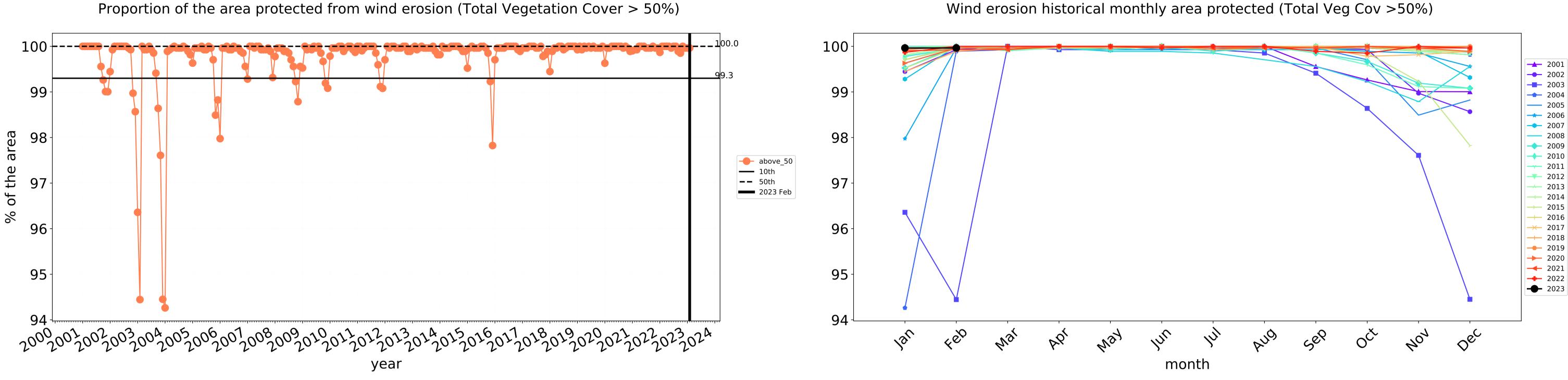
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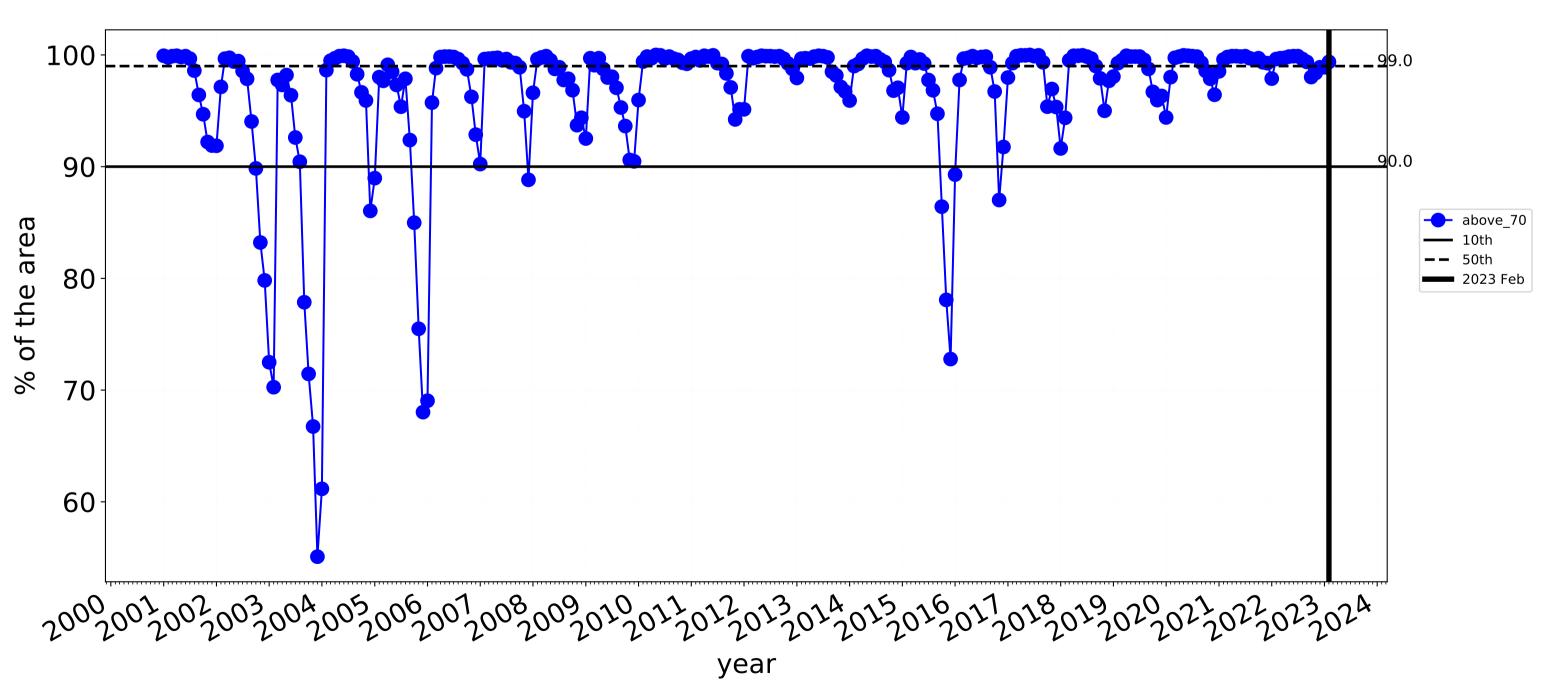


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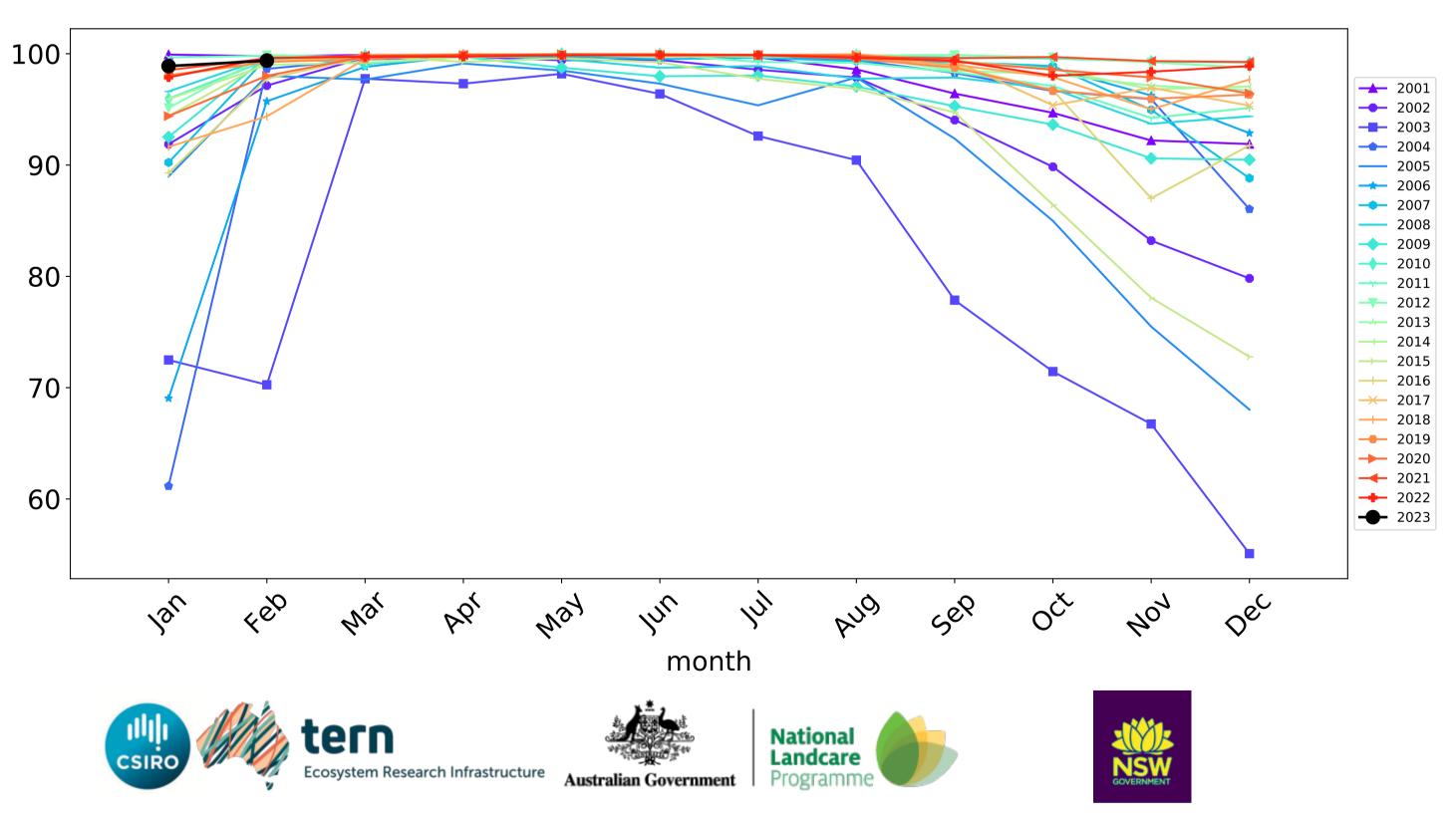


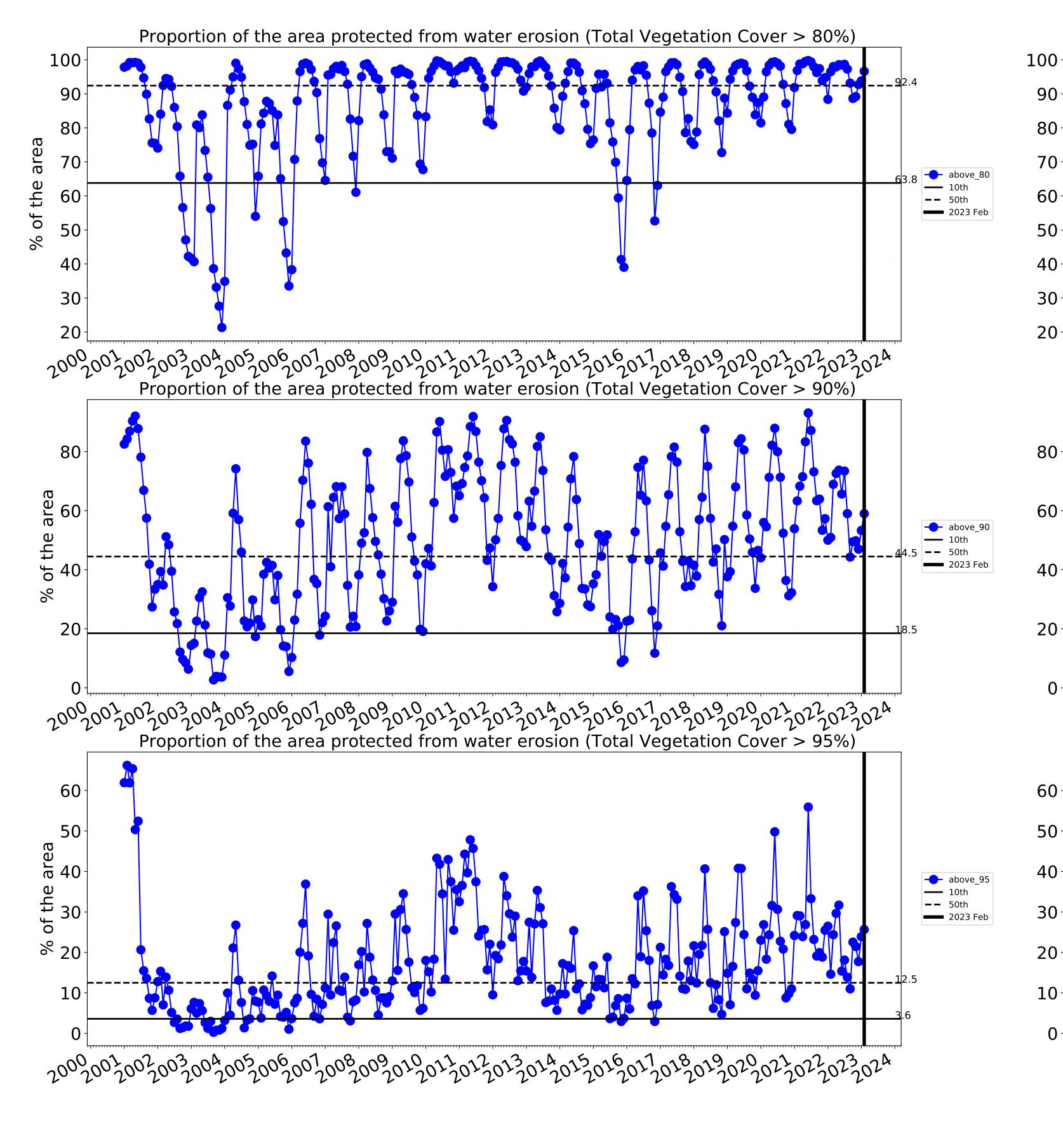


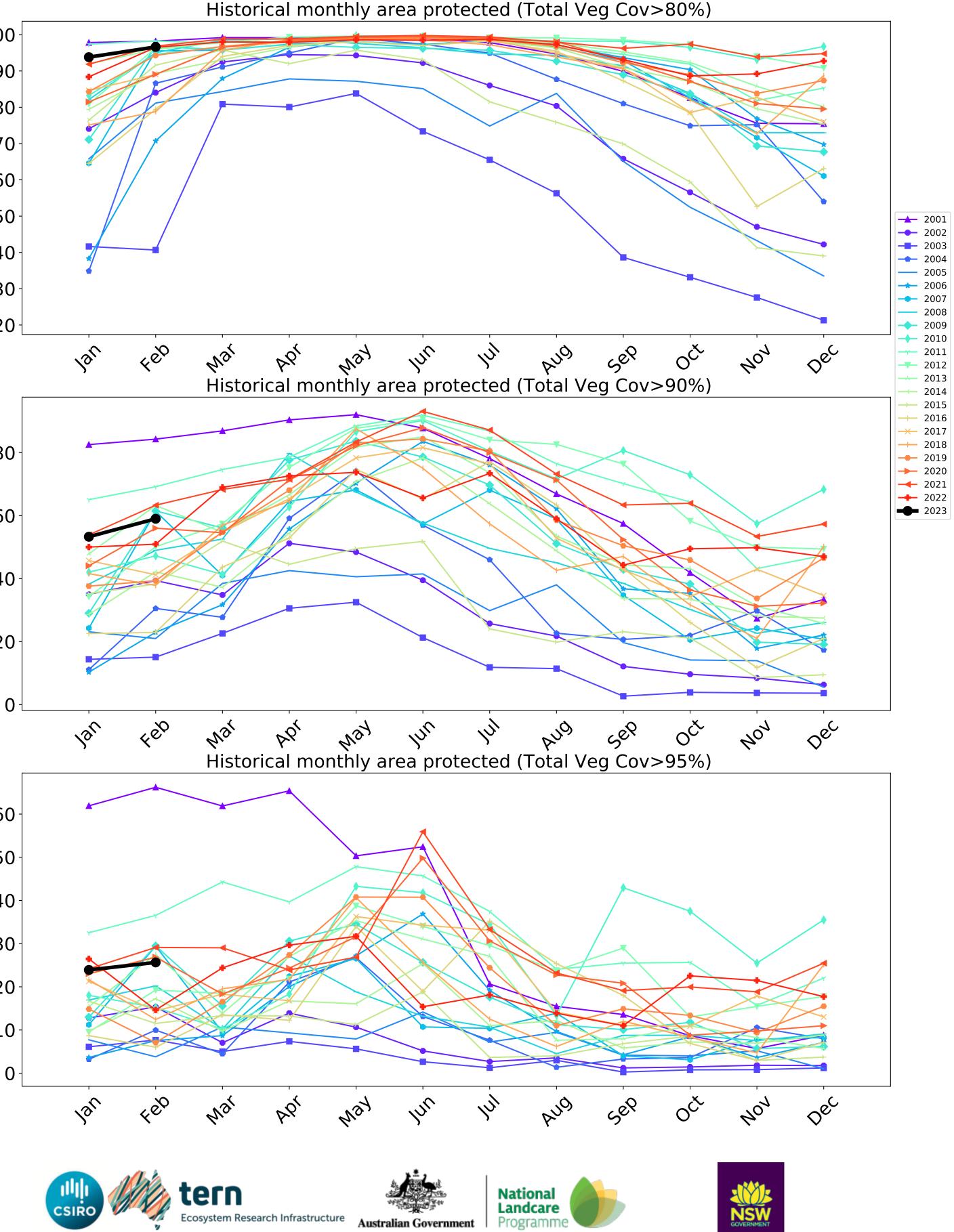


Grazing non forest timeseries

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







Grazing Woodland forest

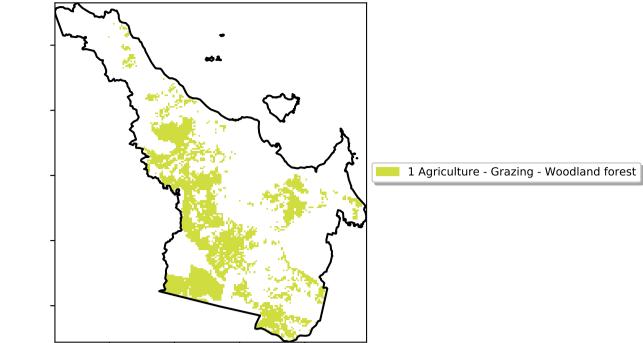
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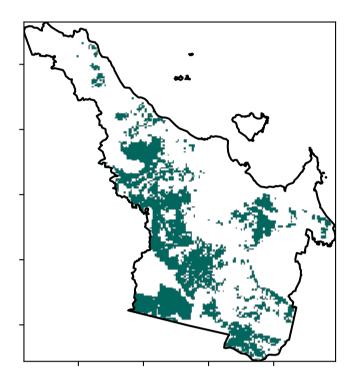
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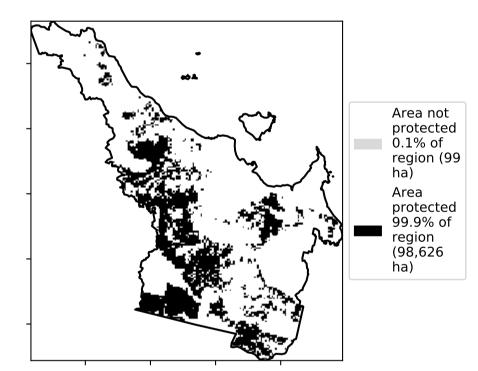
Land use and forest cover



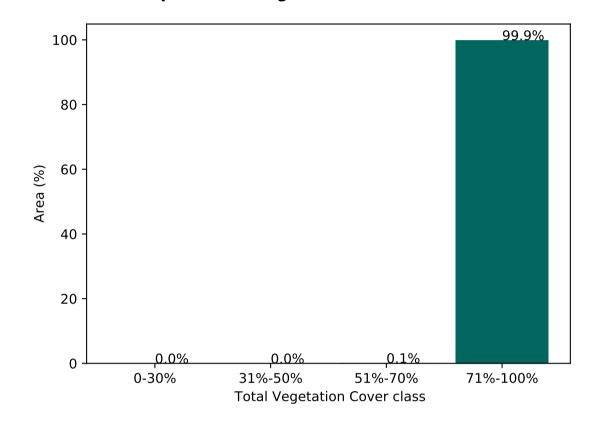
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



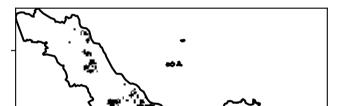




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

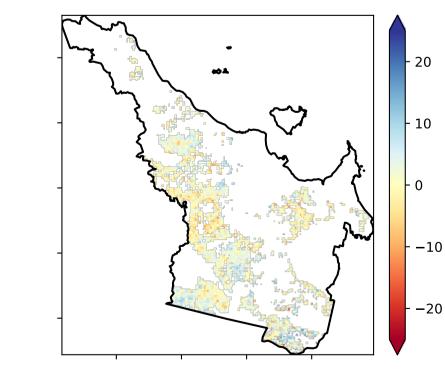


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

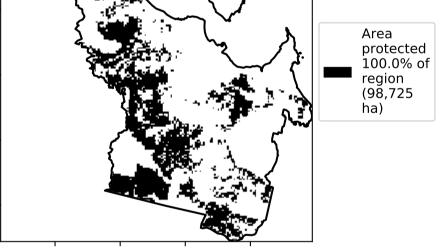


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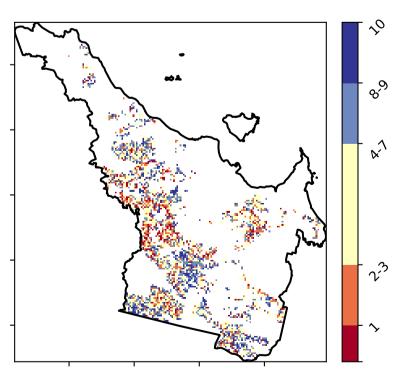
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



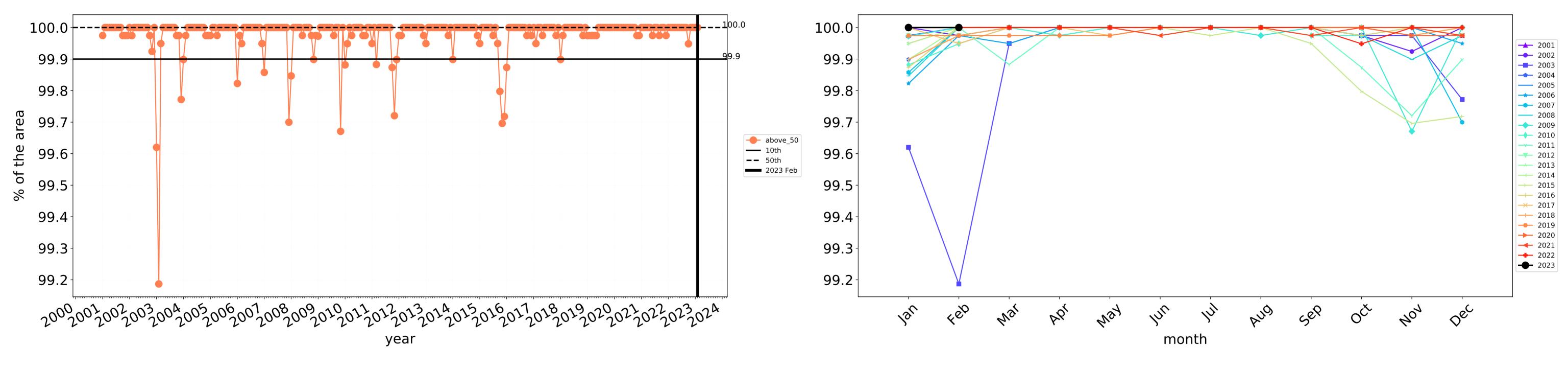


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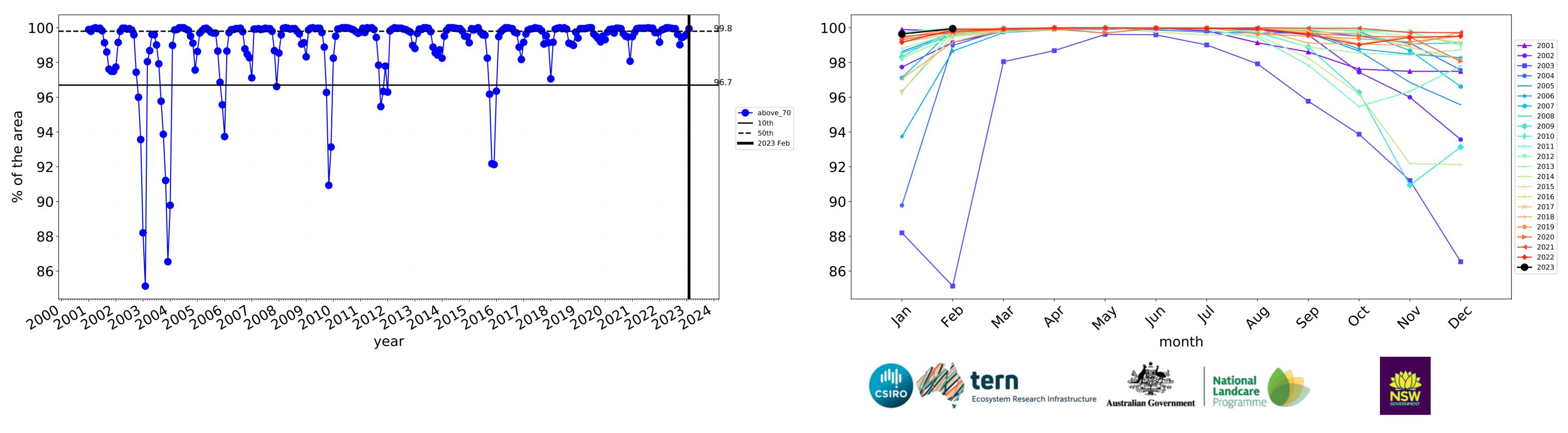
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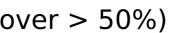
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



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

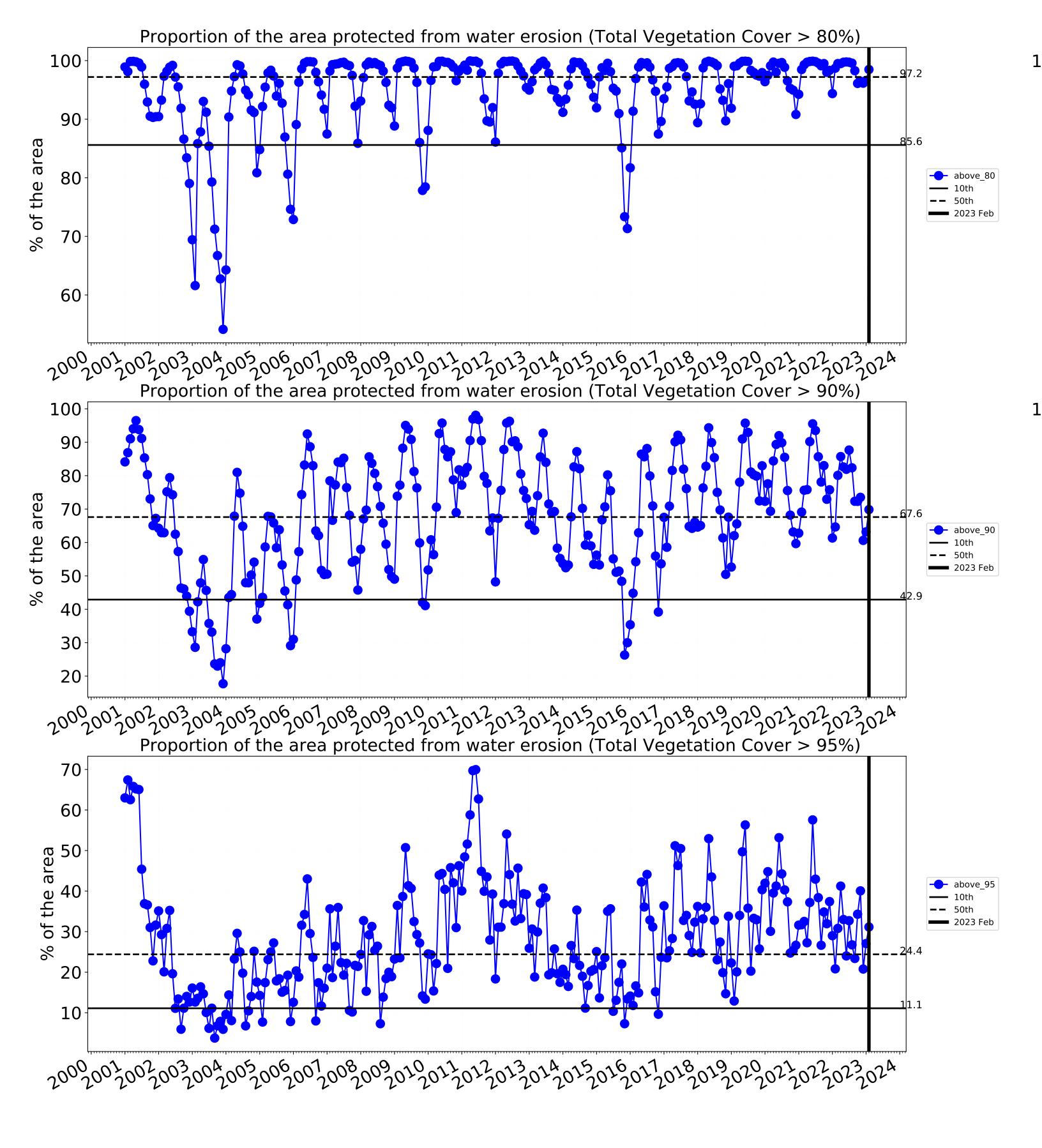
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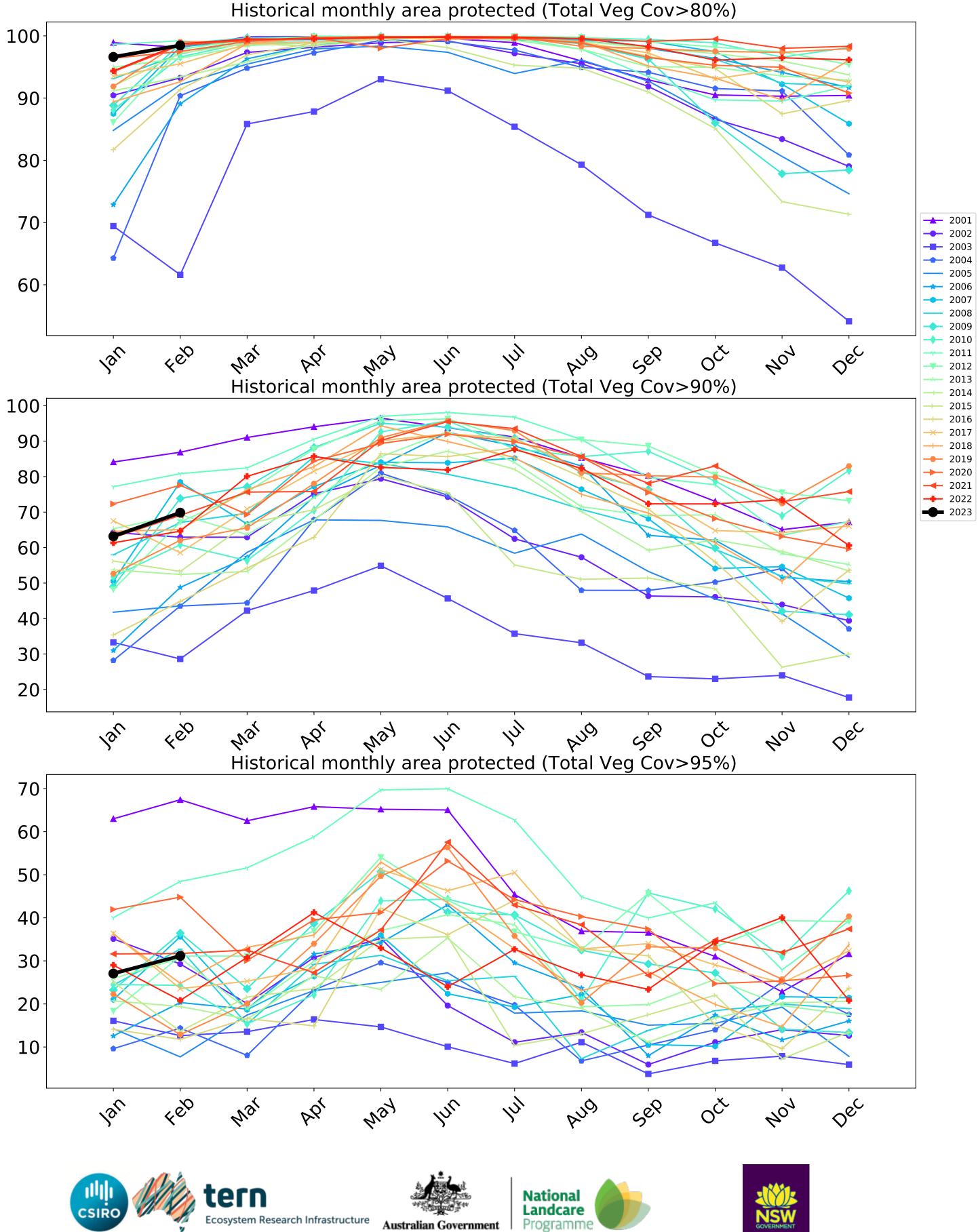




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

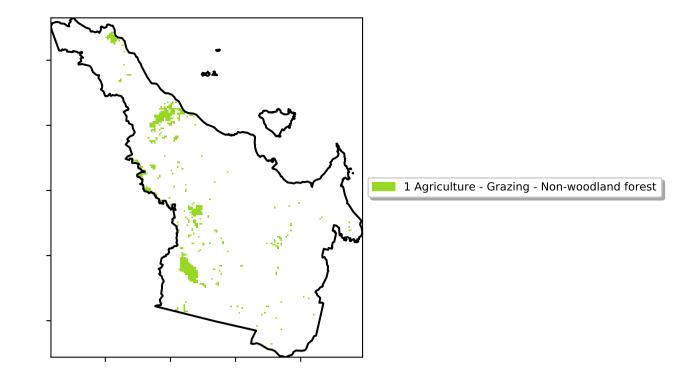




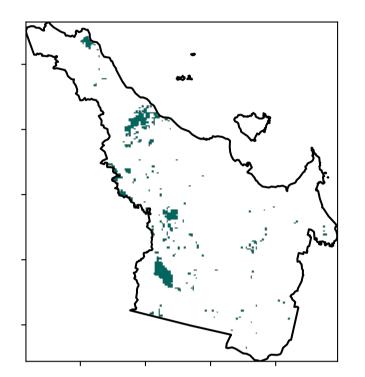


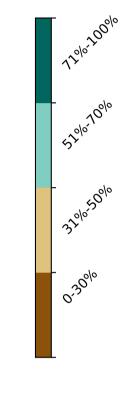
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

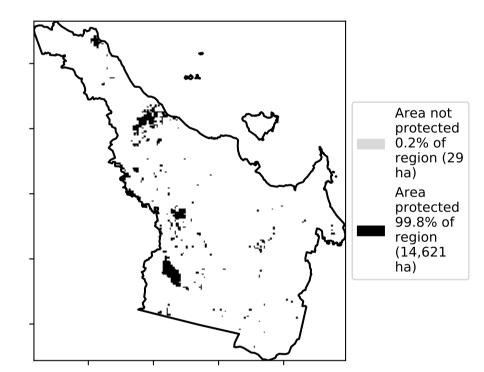


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

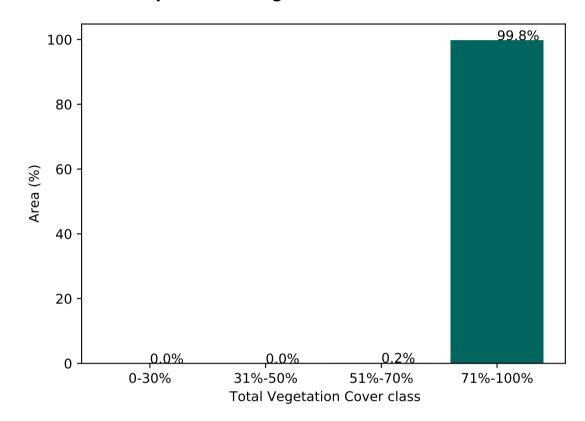




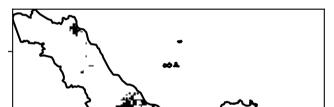
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

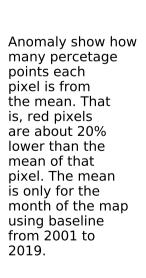


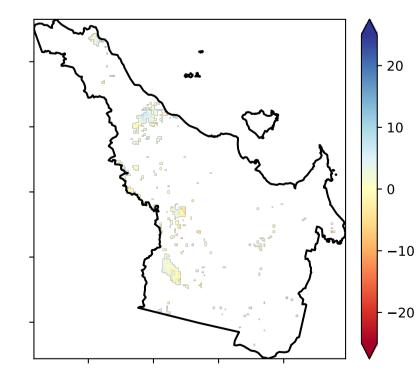
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



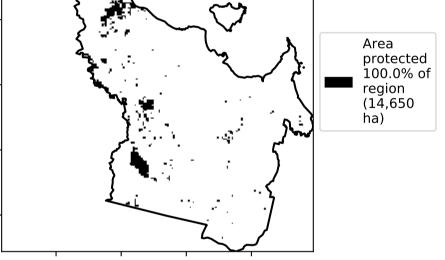
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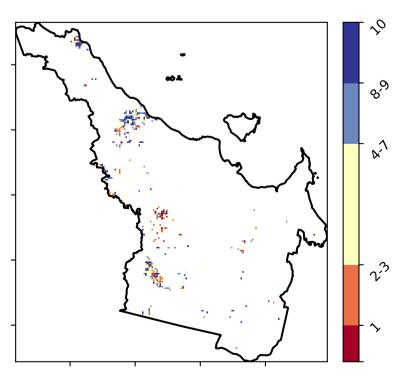
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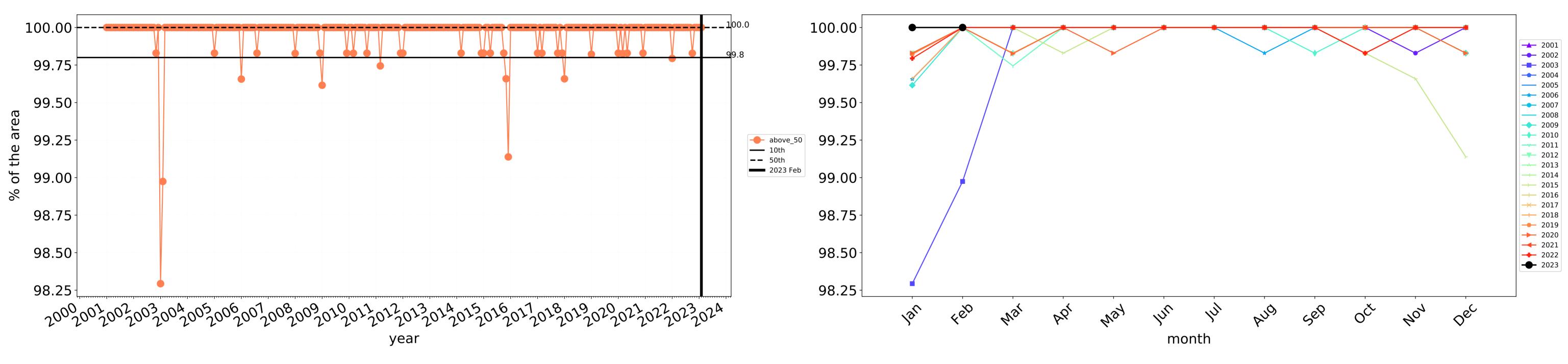


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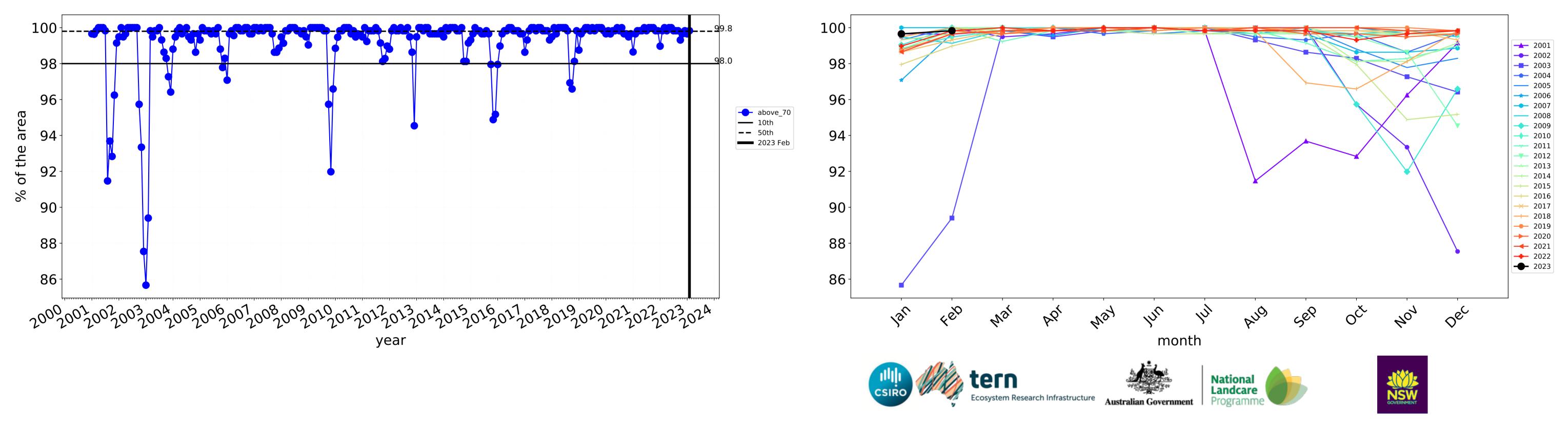








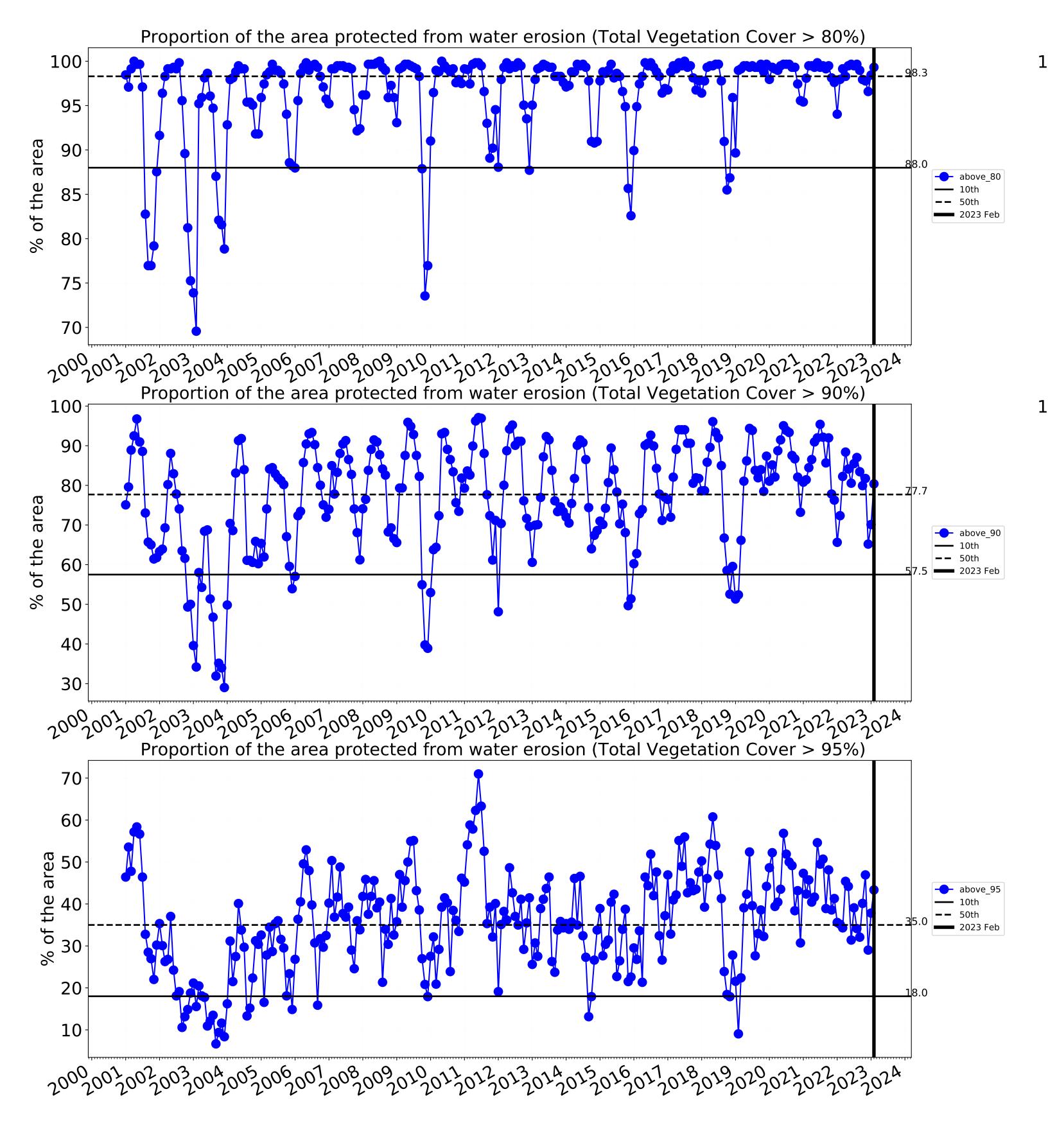
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

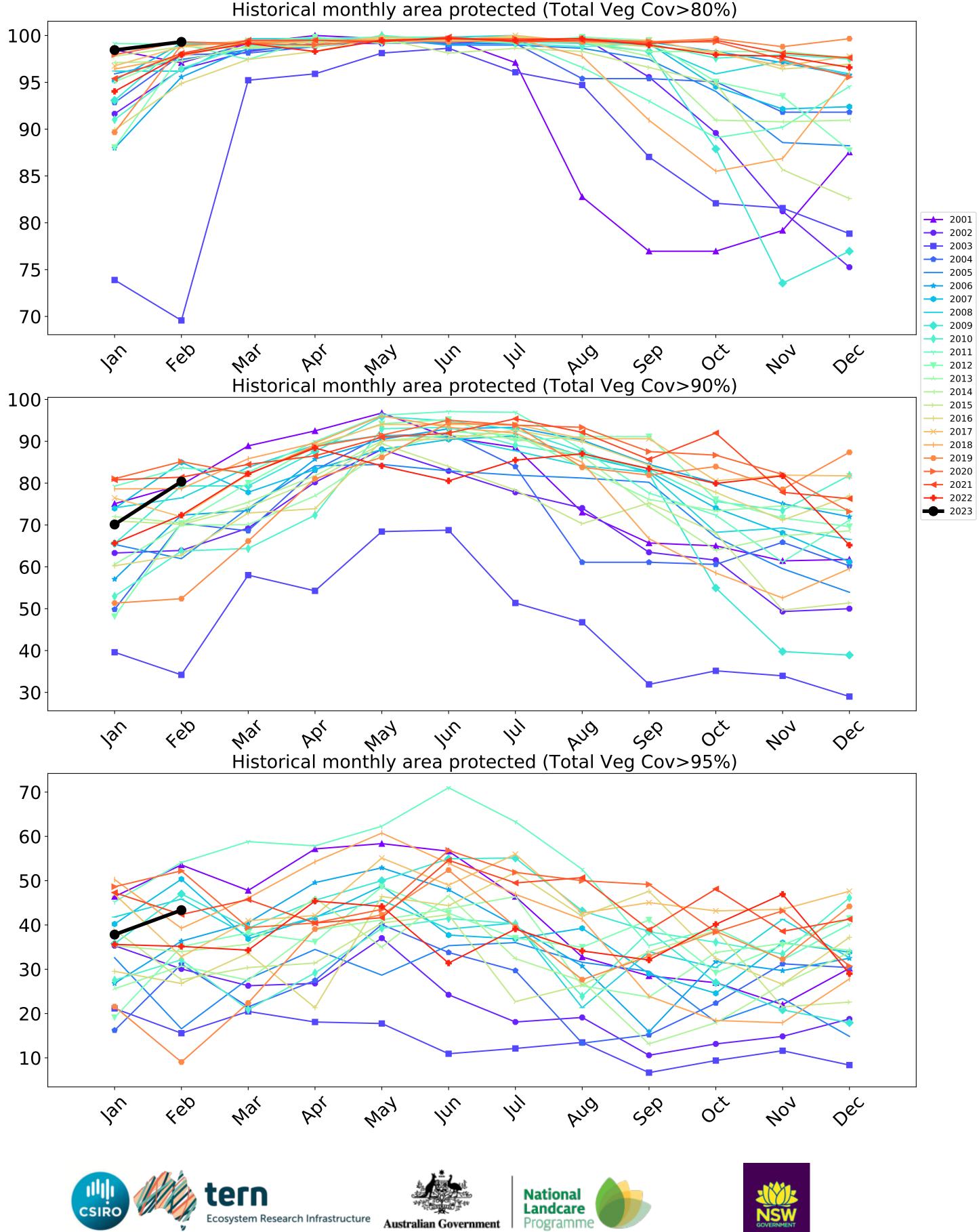


Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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

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







Irrigation

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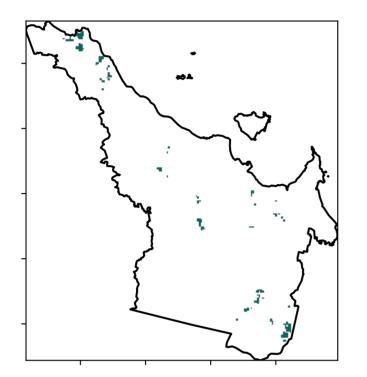
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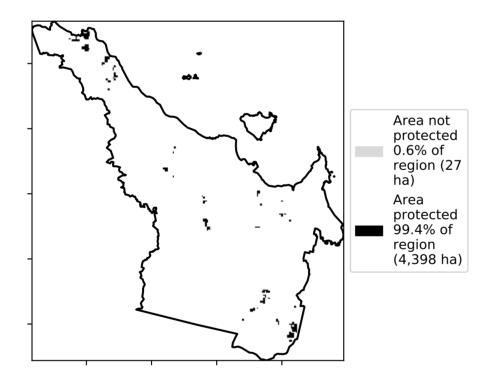
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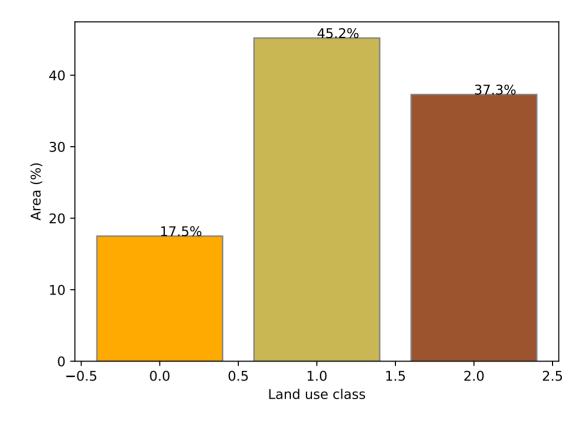
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover



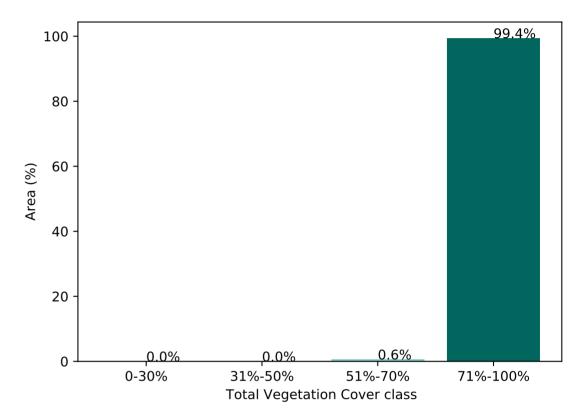




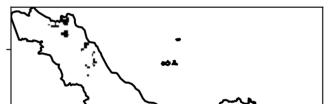


Proportion of each land class in area

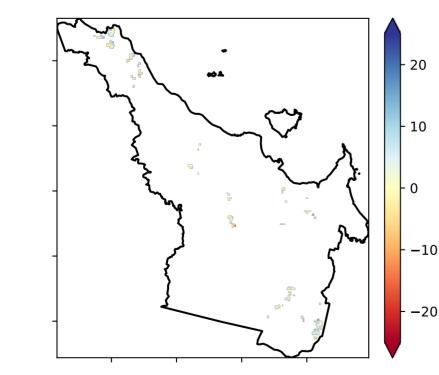
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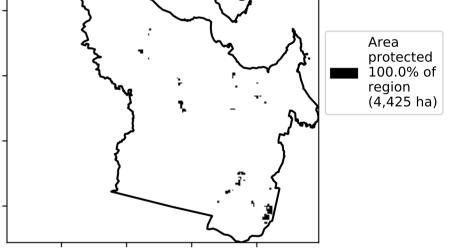
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



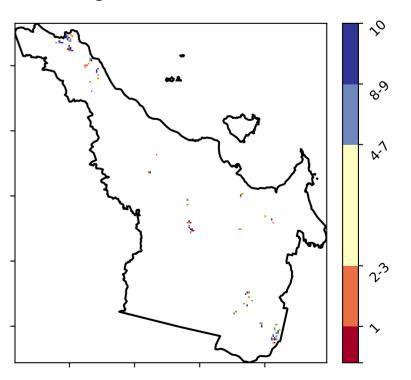
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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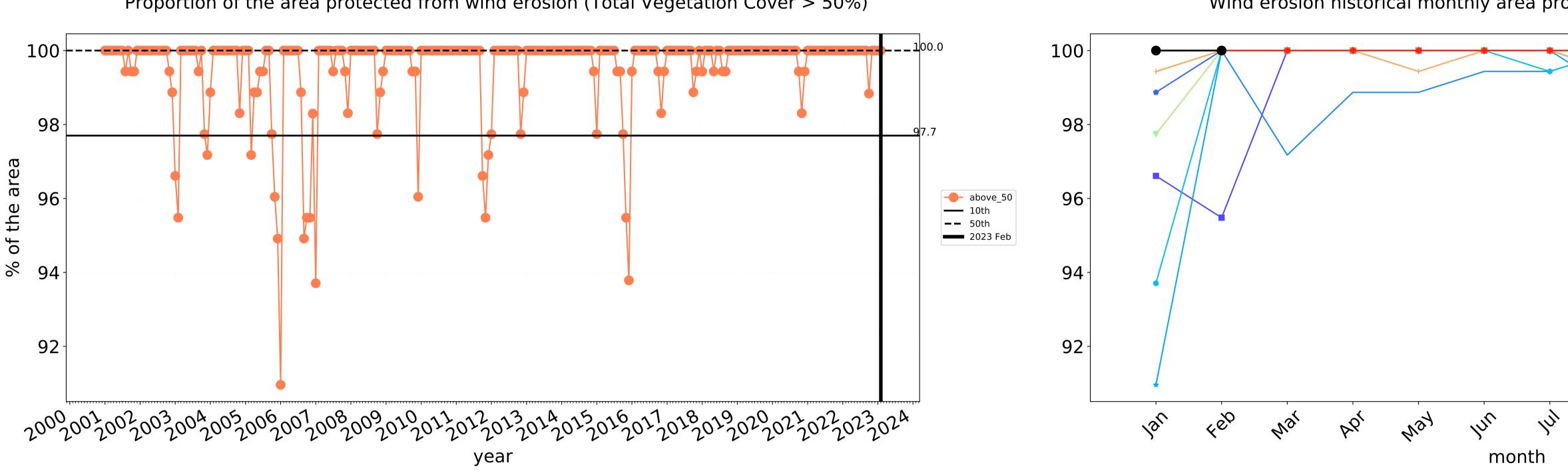
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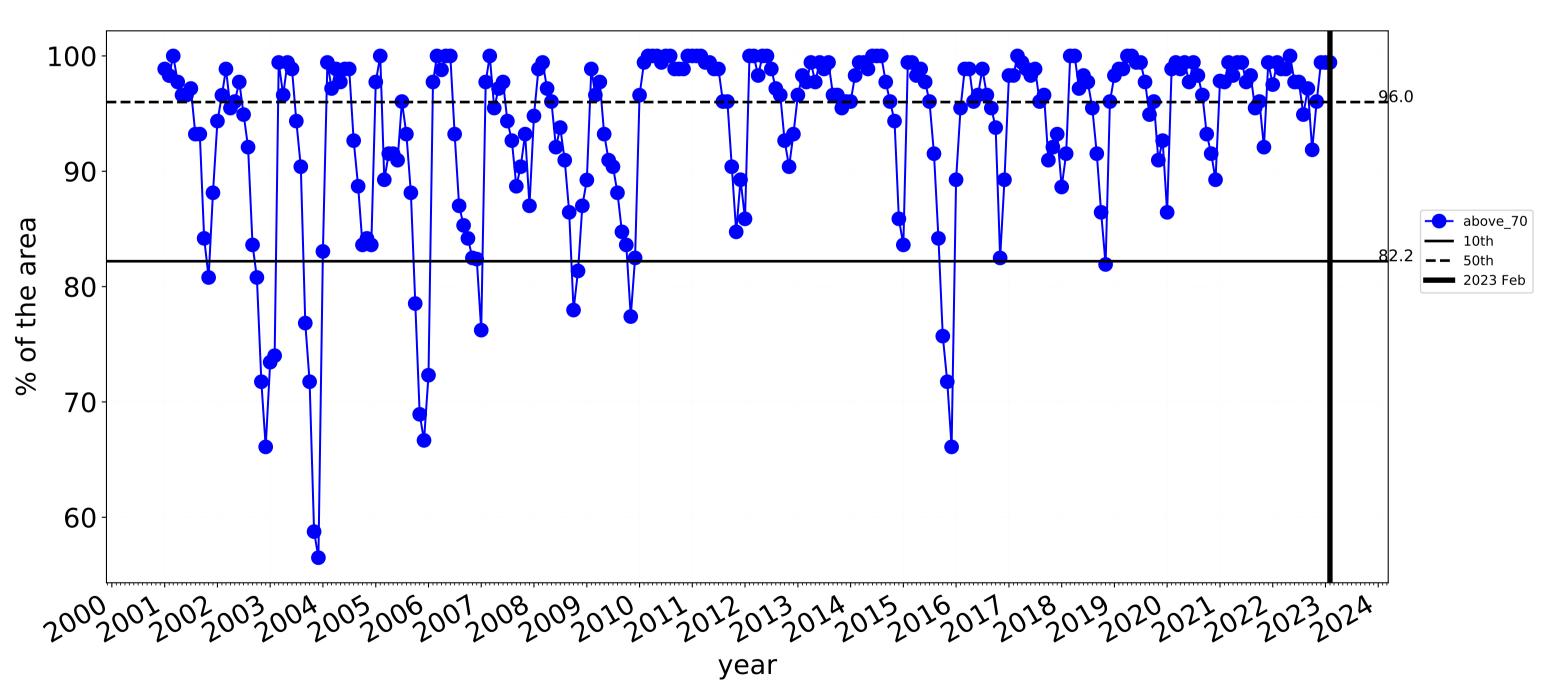
Use of Australia

of Australia (2018)

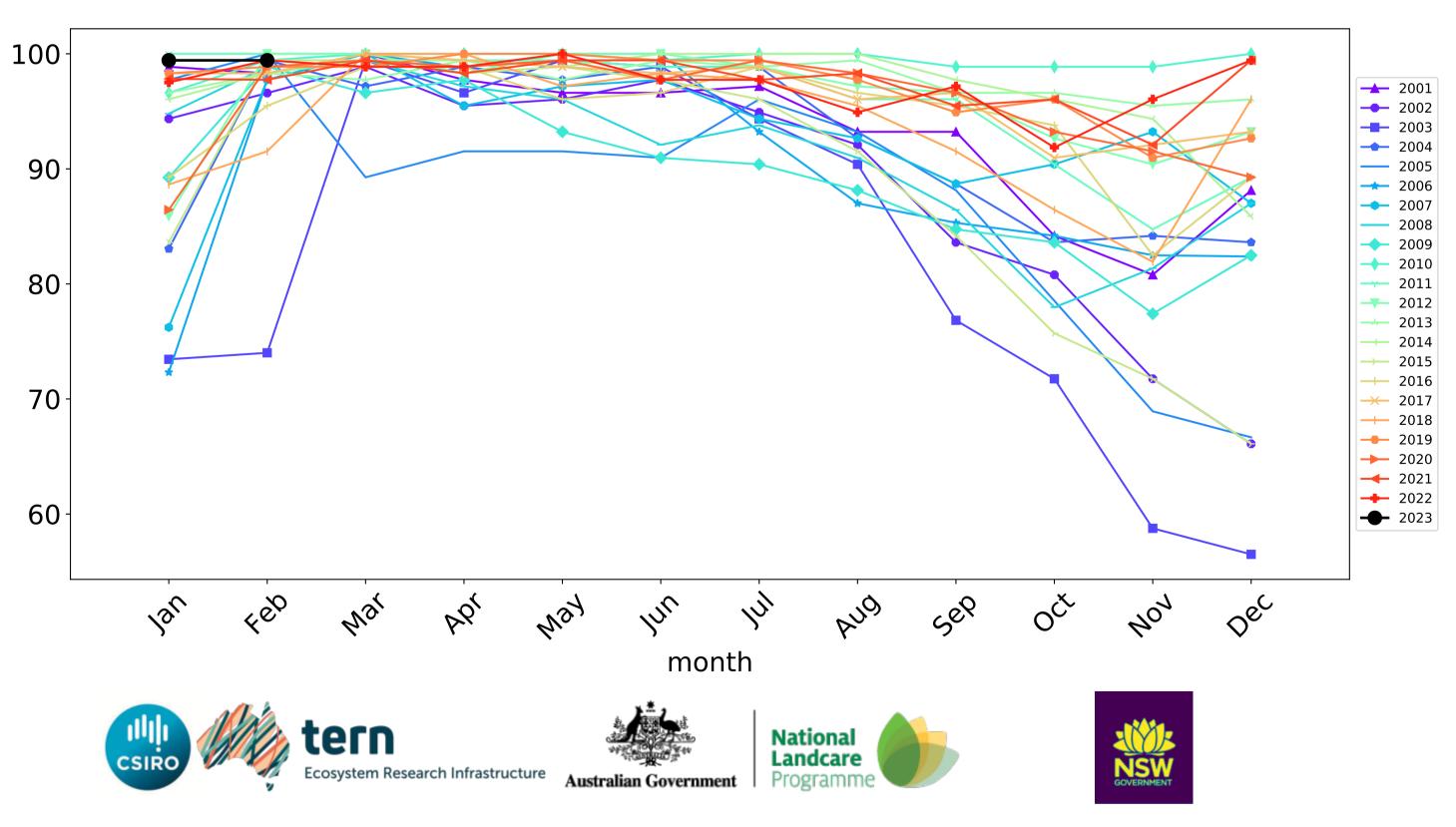


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

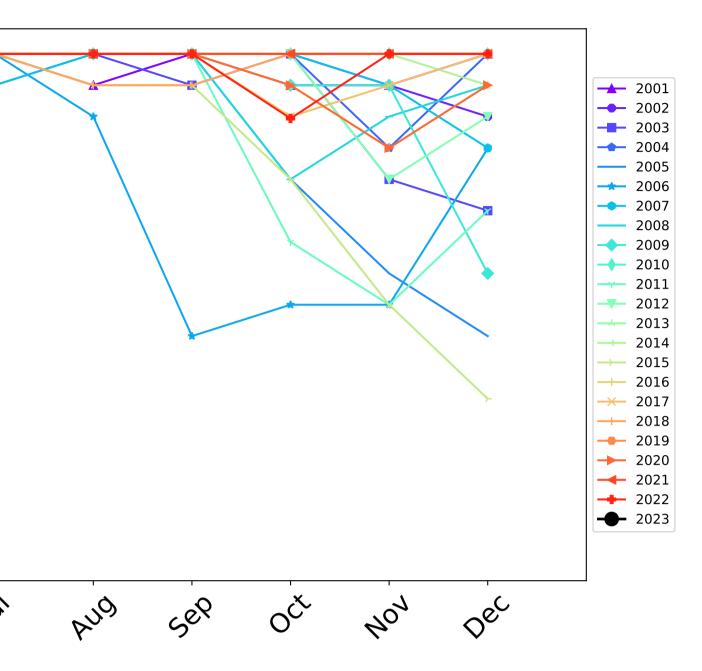
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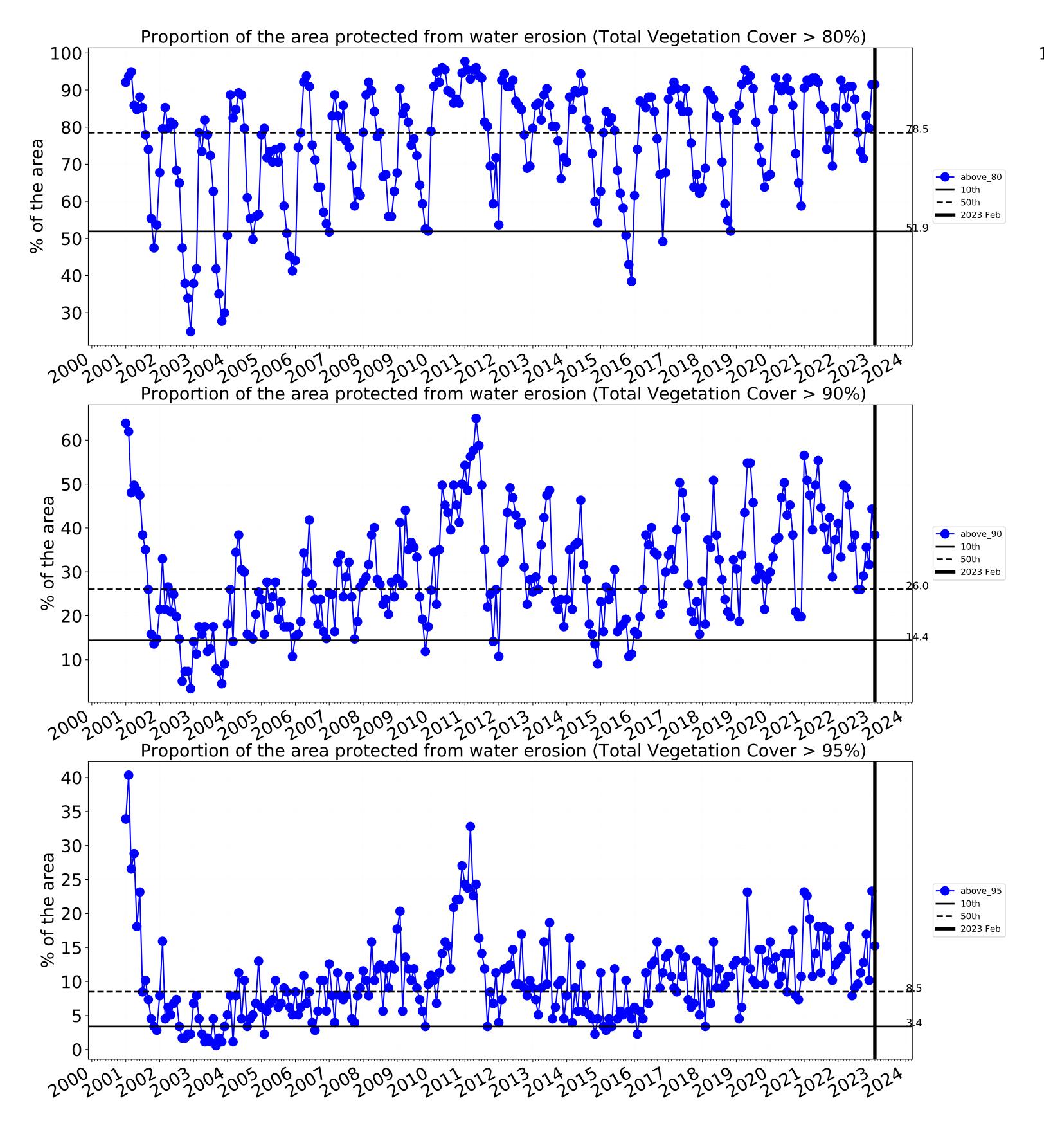
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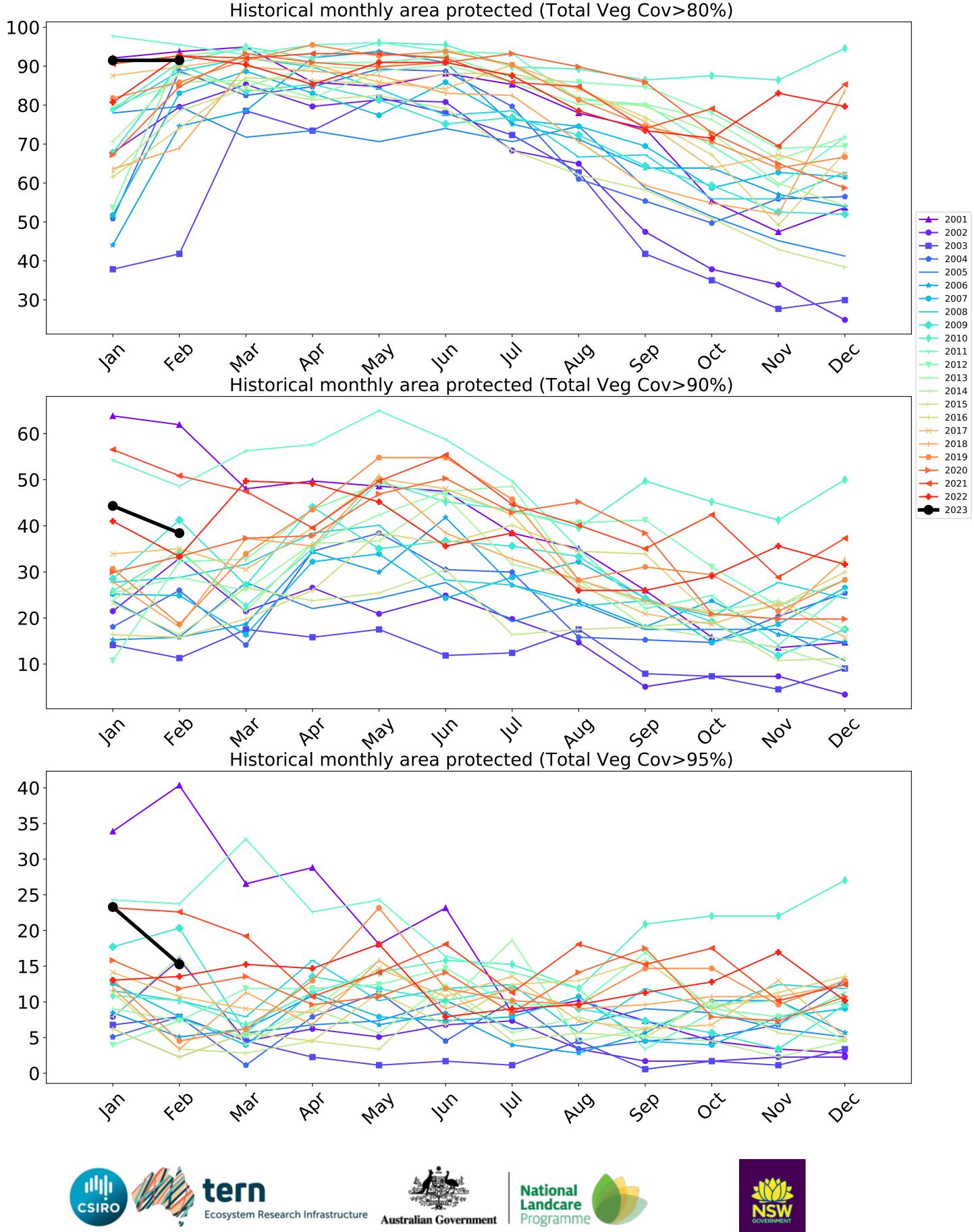


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



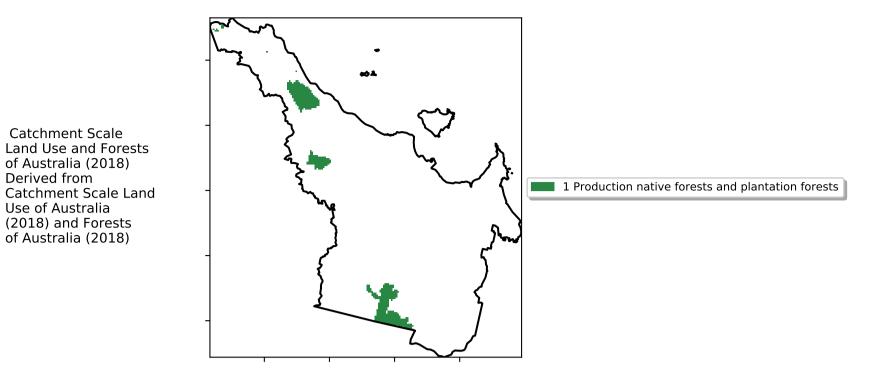
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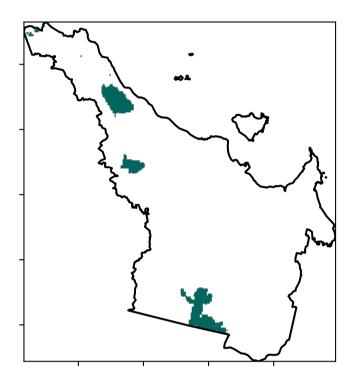


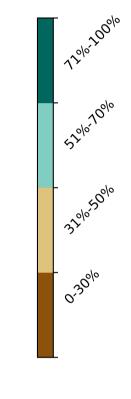
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

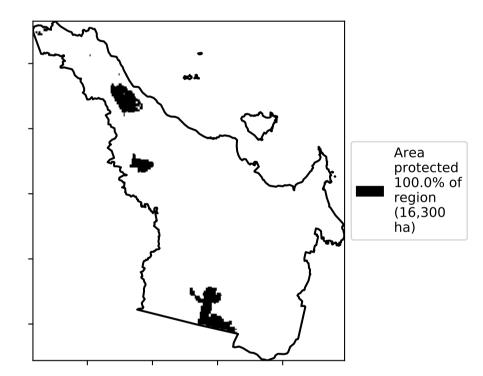


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

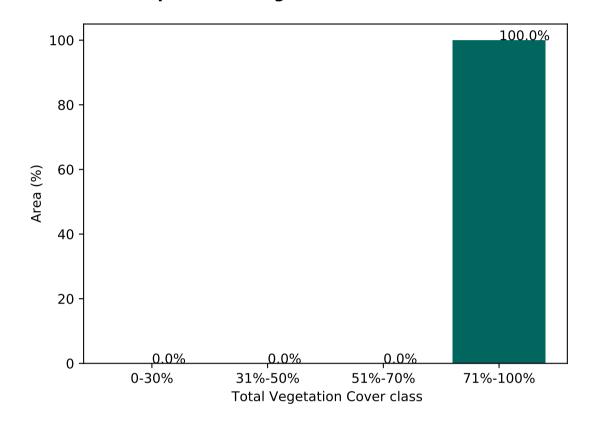




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



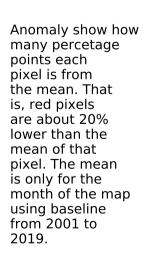
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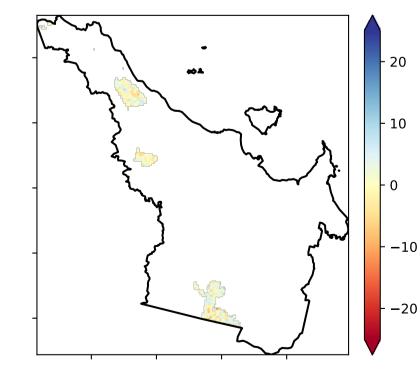


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

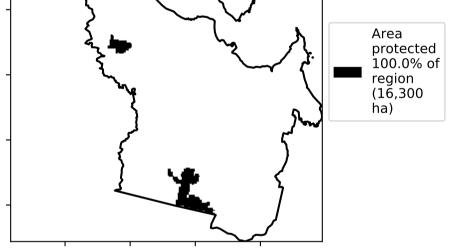


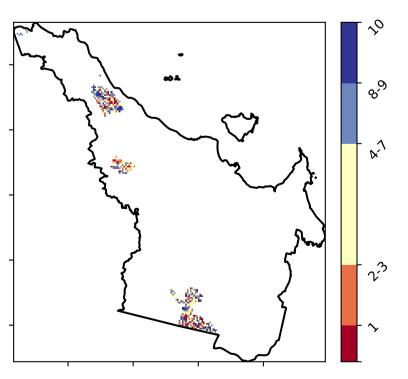
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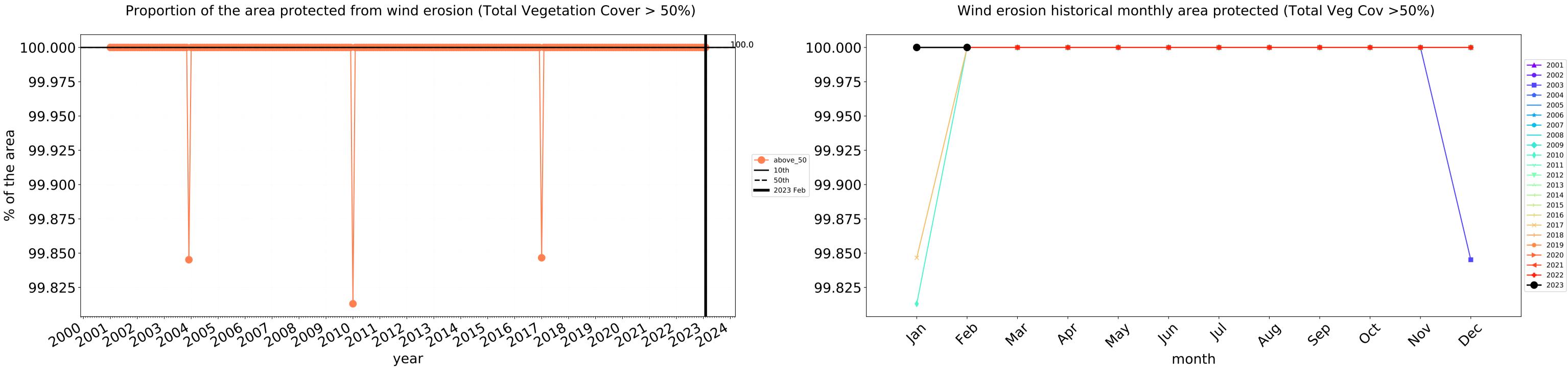


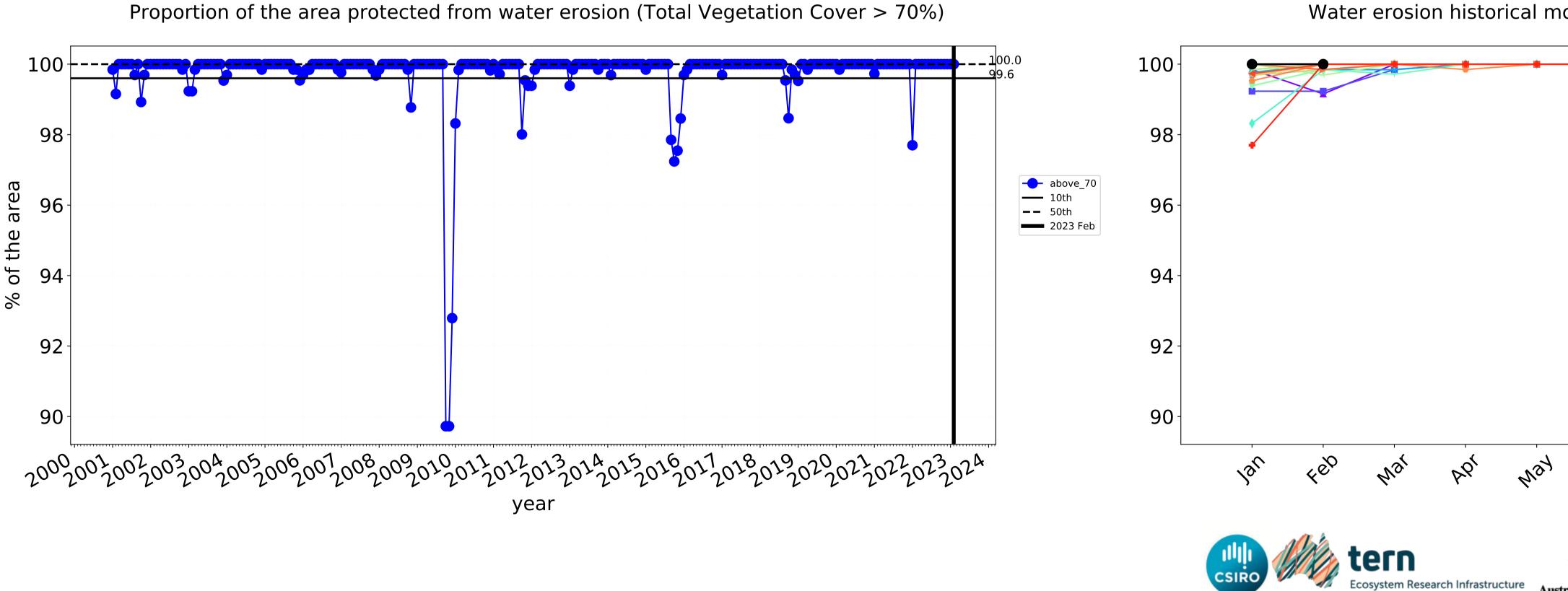
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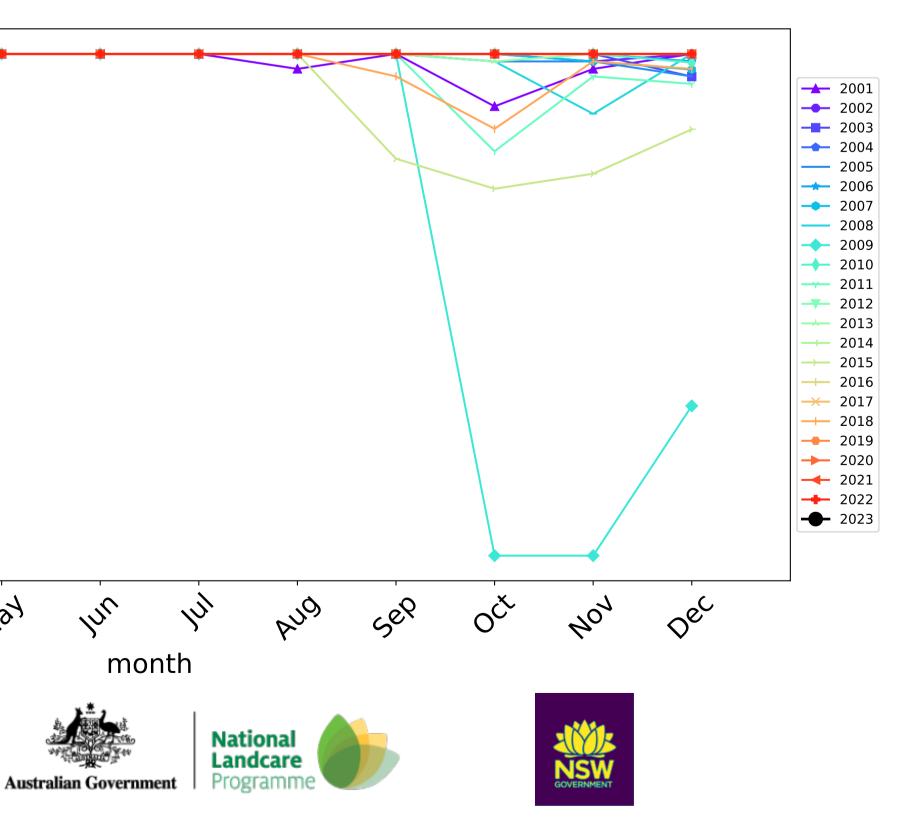


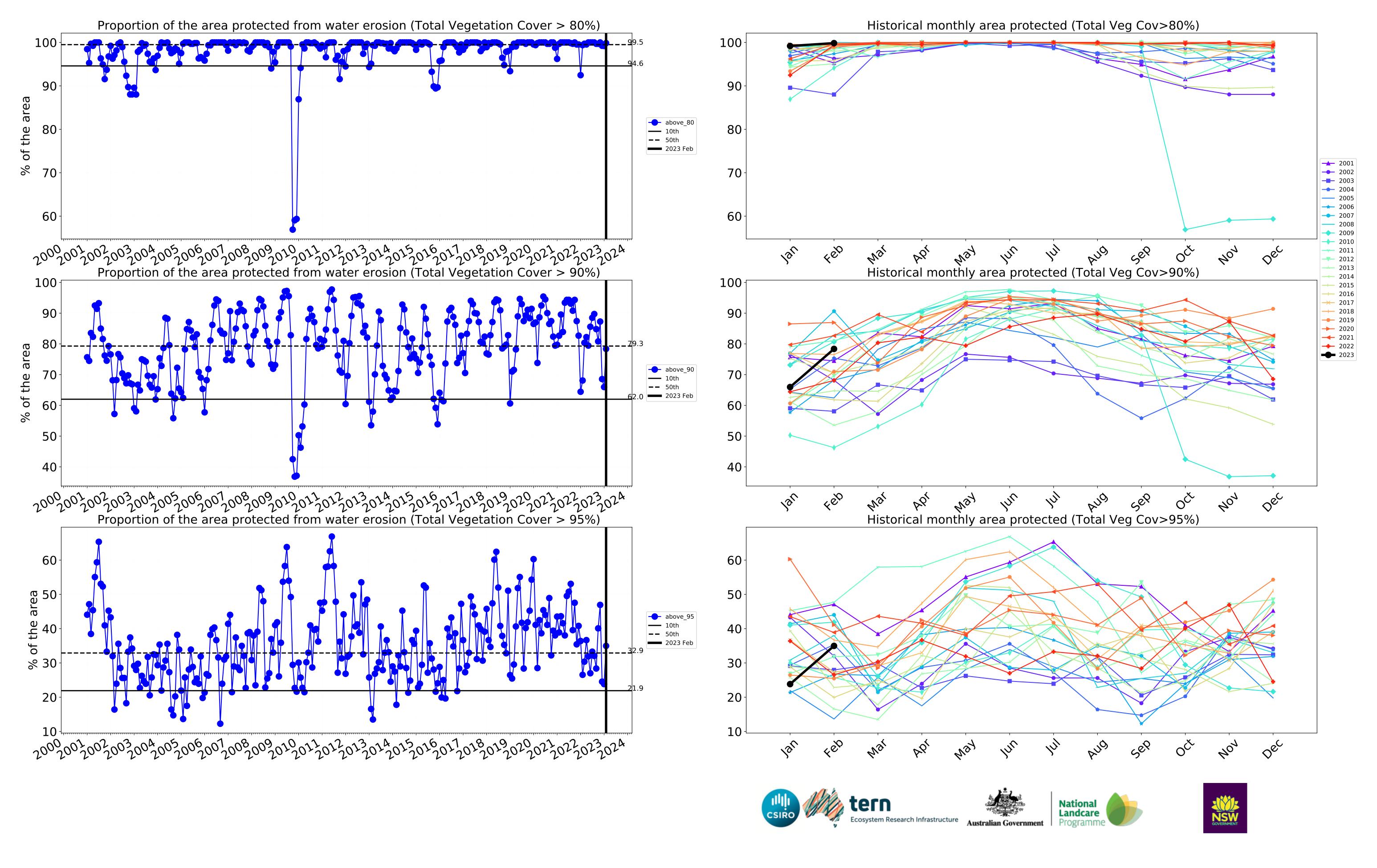


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





Townsville_(C) (361,775 ha and no data 11,410 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	361,775	99.8% 361,000	99.3% 359,275	96.7% 349,850	92.2% 333,400	60.8% 220,000	26.3% 95,325
Conservation and natural environments	118,775	99.6% 118,350	99.1% 117,650	96.8% 115,000	92.8% 110,175	63.2% 75,100	25.8% 30,675
Conservation and natural environments non forest	15,800	97.6% 15,425	94.3% 14,900	85.8% 13,550	72.2% 11,400	41.8% 6,600	21.5% 3,400
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	56,875	100.0% 56,875	99.9% 56,825	99.1% 56,375	95.9% 54,525	61.4% 34,900	22.1% 12,575
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,100	99.9% 46,050	99.6% 45,925	97.8% 45,075	96.0% 44,250	72.9% 33,600	31.9% 14,700
Agriculture	186,650	100.0% 186,625	100.0% 186,625	99.7% 186,125	97.7% 182,325	66.0% 123,125	29.7% 55,525
Grazing	181,500	100.0% 181,475	100.0% 181,475	99.7% 181,000	97.9% 177,600	66.6% 120,925	30.1% 54,575
Grazing non forest	68,125	100.0% 68,100	100.0% 68,100	99.4% 67,700	96.6% 65,825	59.0% 40,200	25.7% 17,475
Grazing Woodland forest	98,725	100.0% 98,725	100.0% 98,725	99.9% 98,675	98.5% 97,225	69.8% 68,950	31.1% 30,750
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.8% 14,625	99.3% 14,550	80.4% 11,775	43.3% 6,350
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	99.4% 4,400	91.5% 4,050	38.4% 1,700	15.3% 675
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	99.8% 16,275	78.4% 12,775	35.0% 5,700

