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

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.

Date: June 2023

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 cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
 - 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
 - 31-50% Low cover not protected
 - 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

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









Vegetation Cover Jun 2023

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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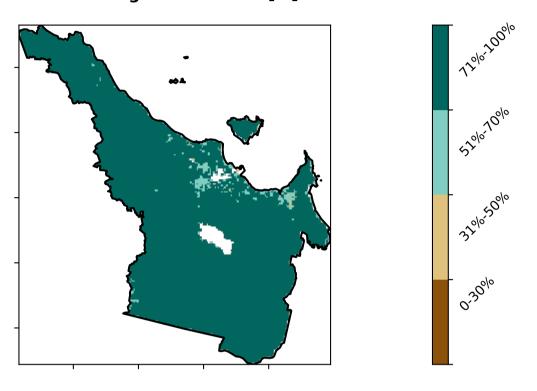
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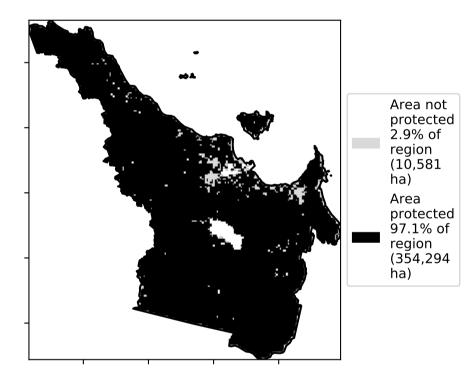
Catchment Scale Land

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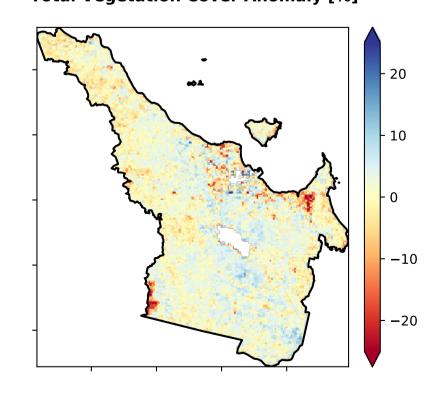
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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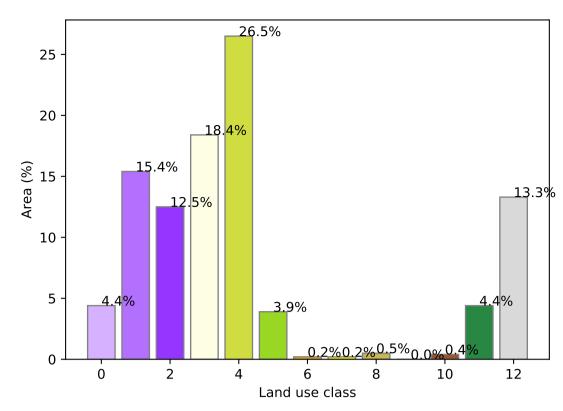


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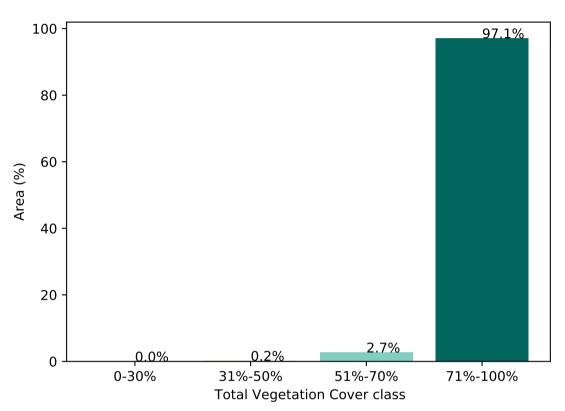


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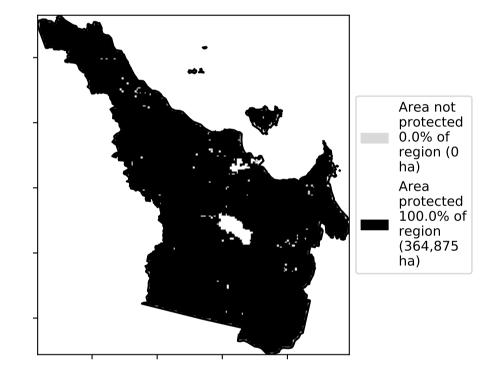
Proportion of each land class in area

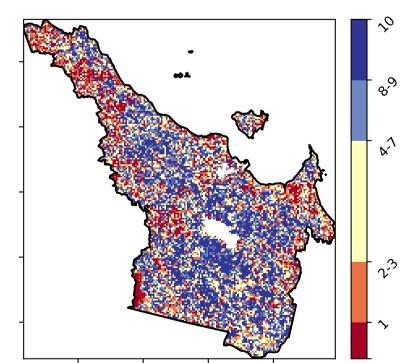


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



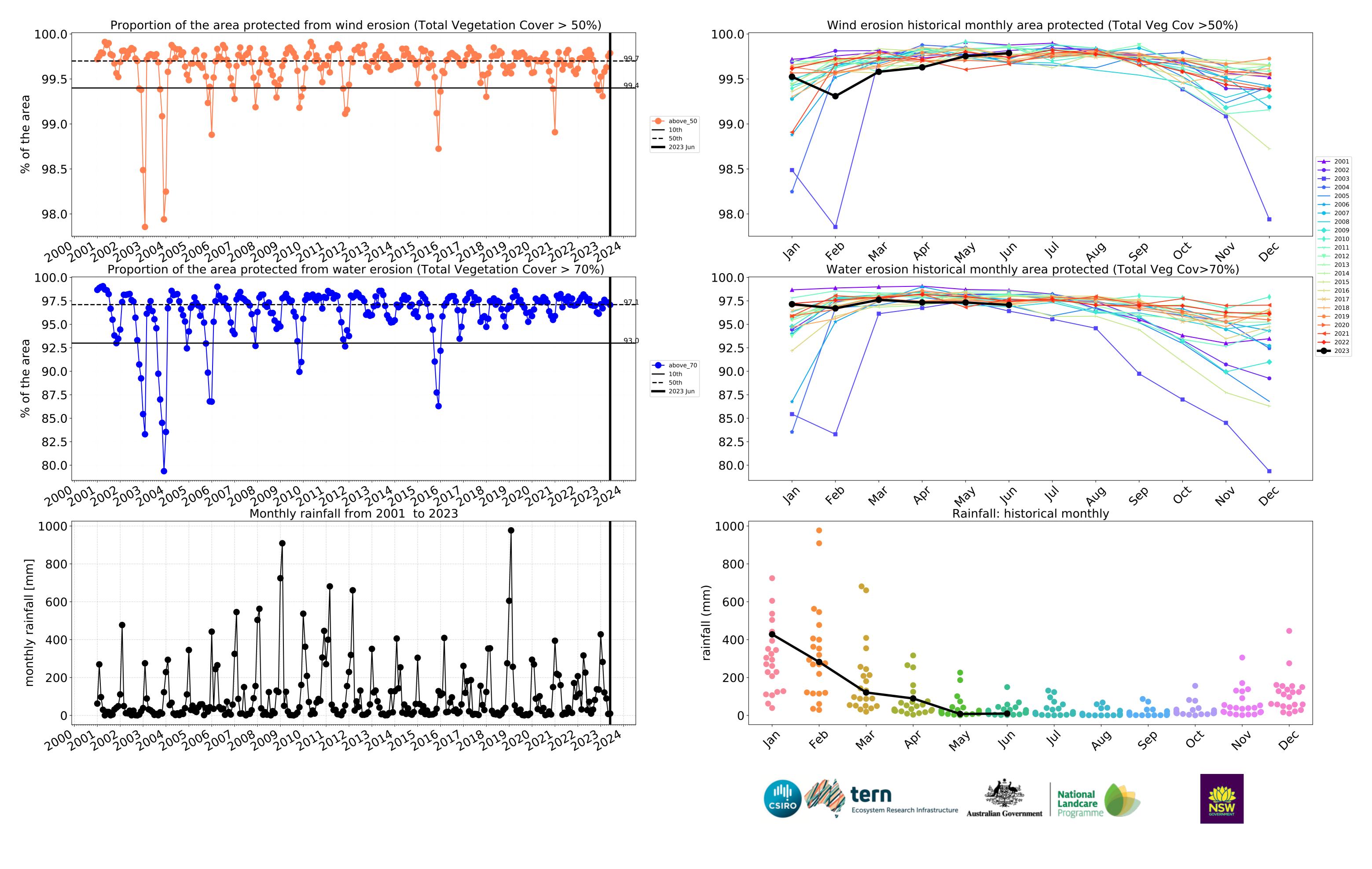


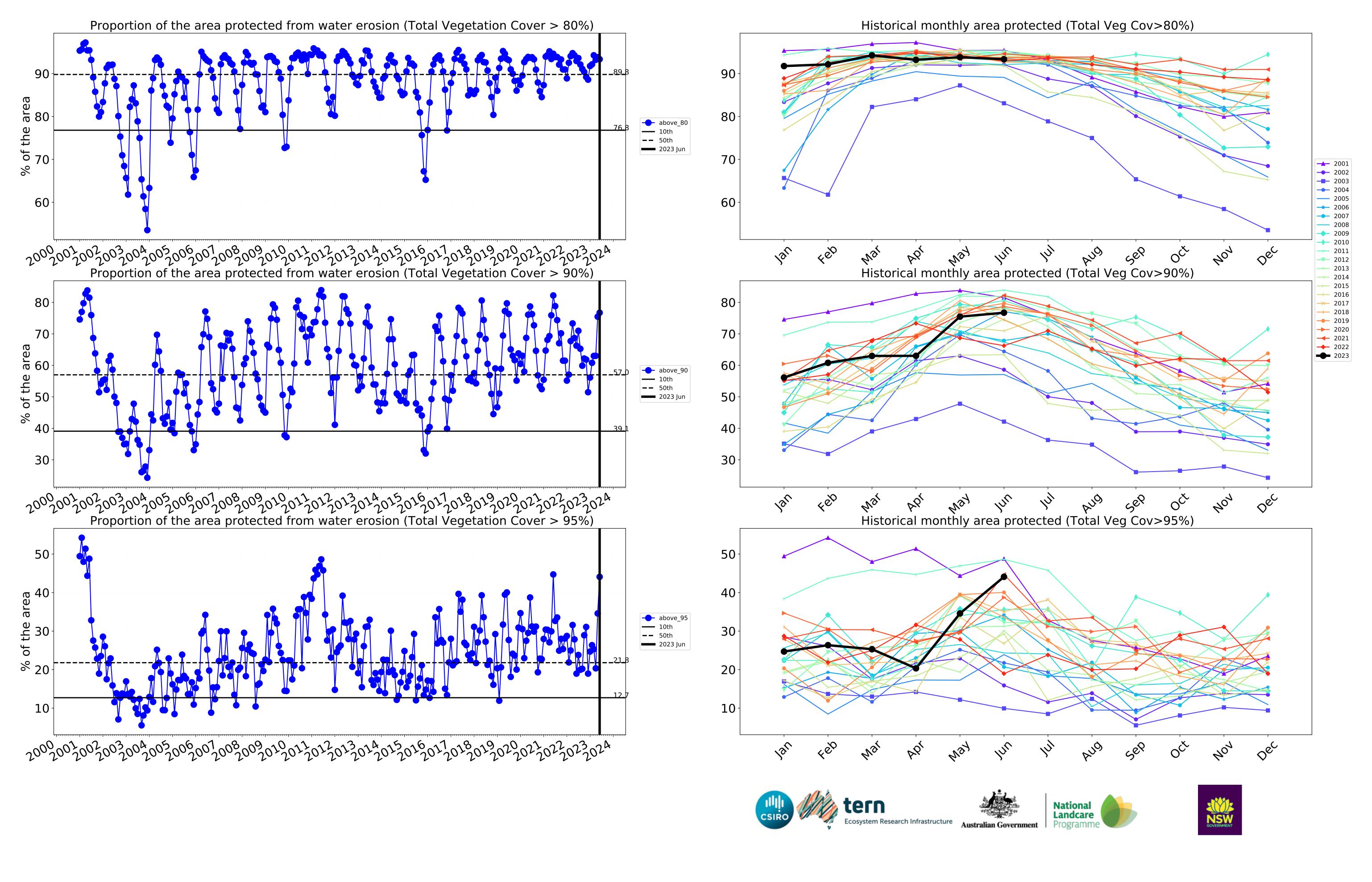












Conservation and natural environments

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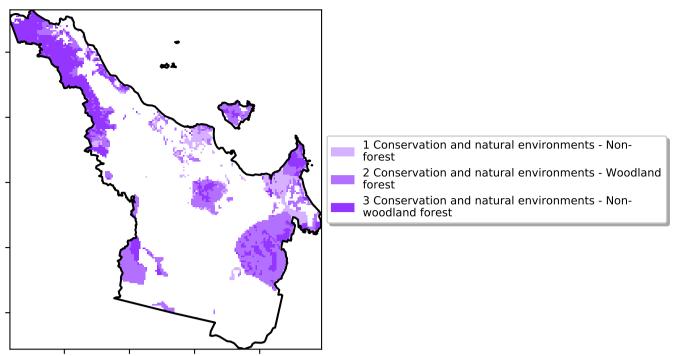
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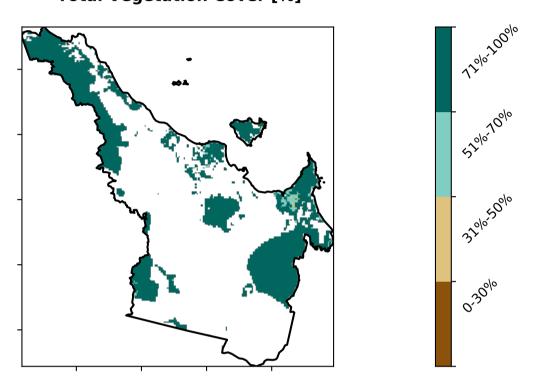


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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover

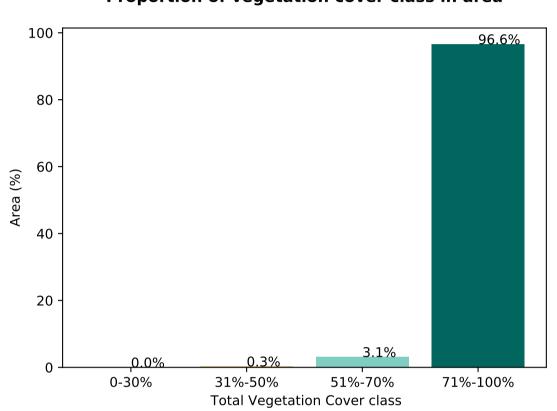


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

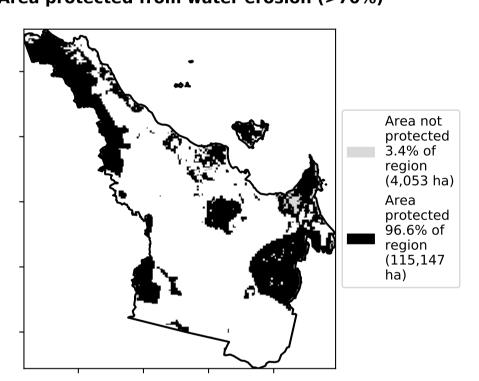
Land use class

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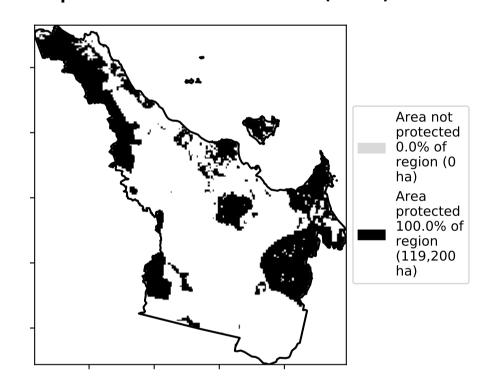
47.7%



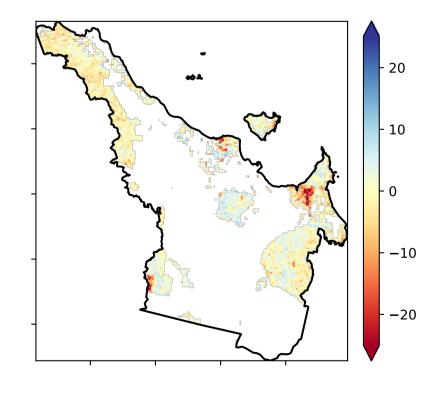
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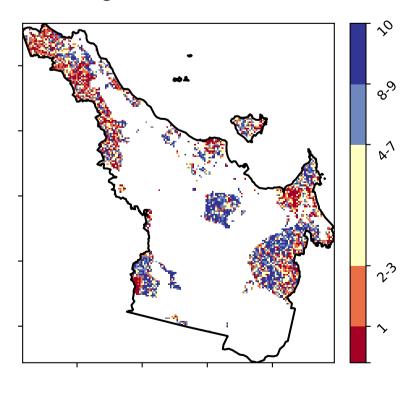


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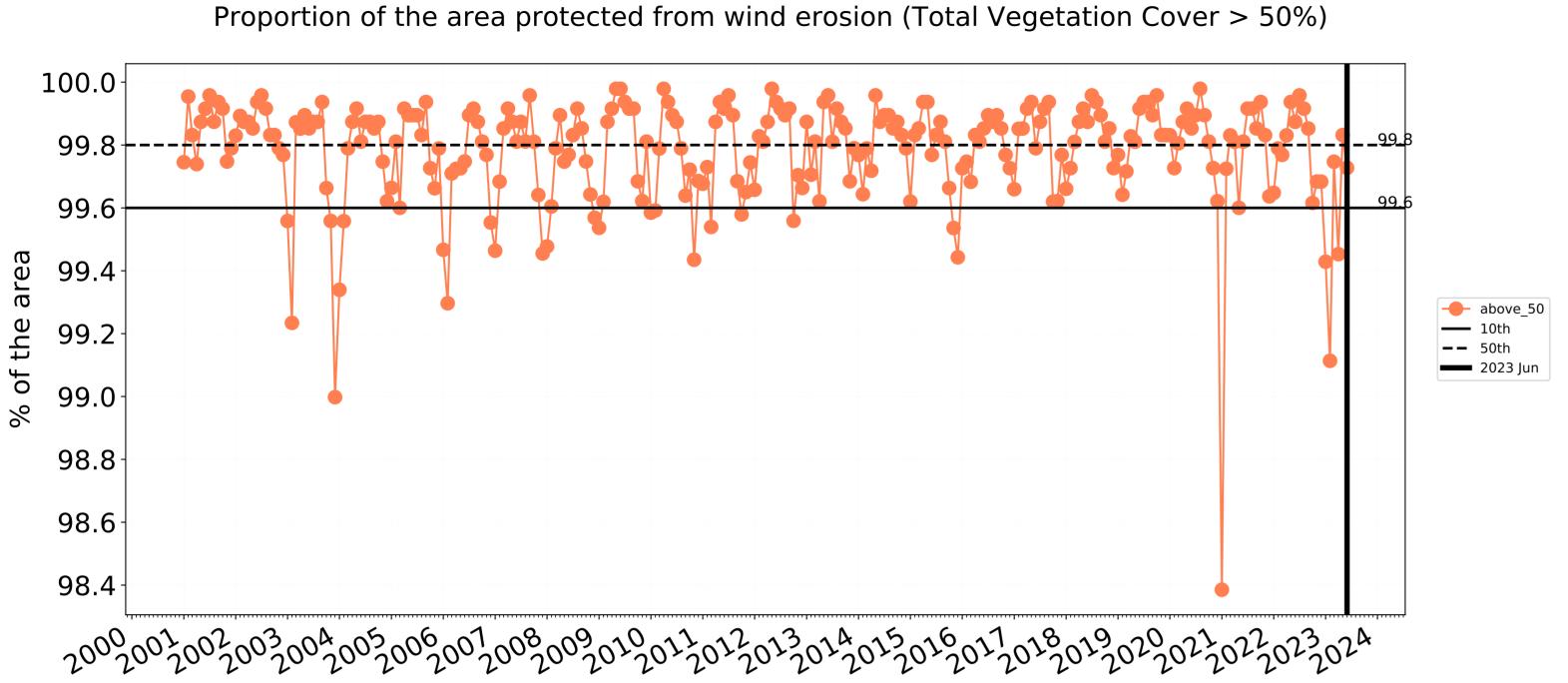


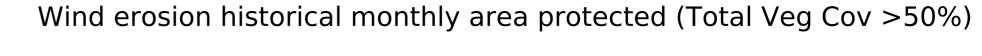


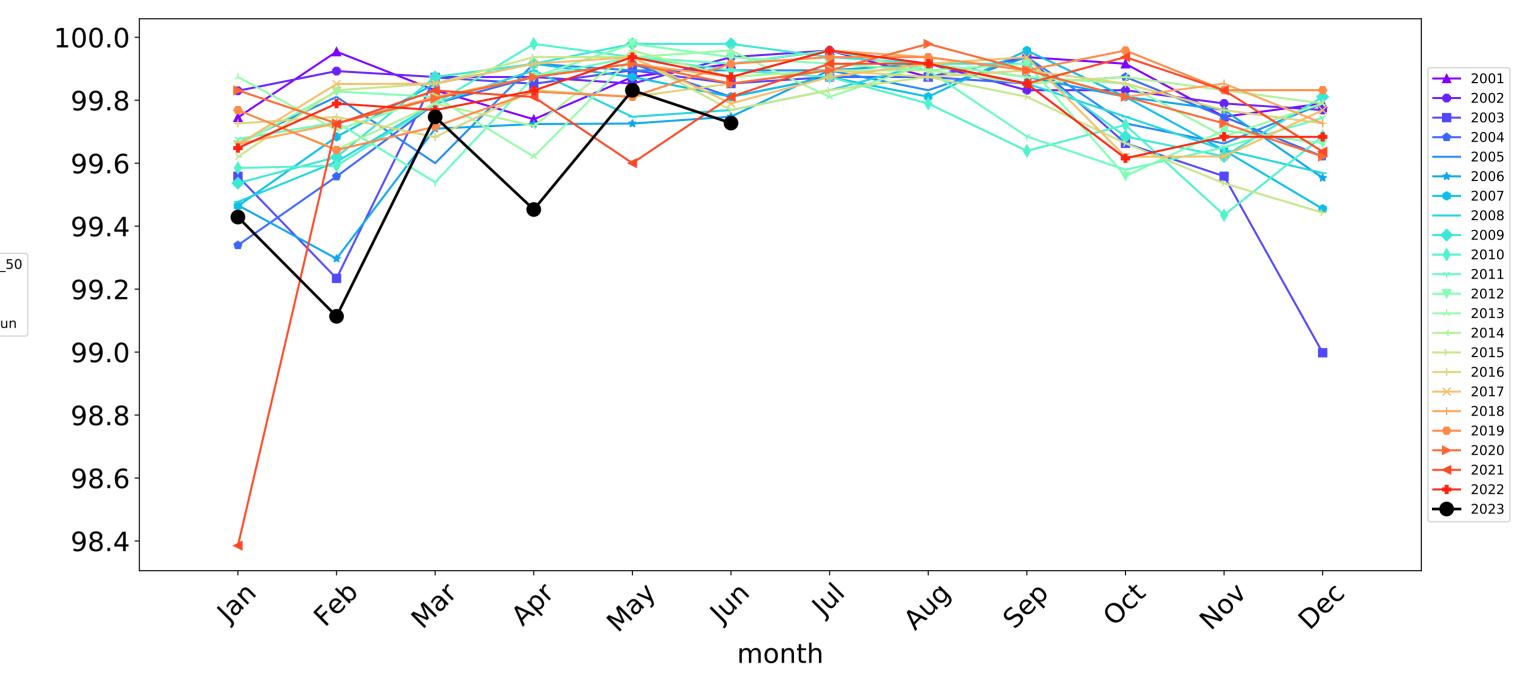




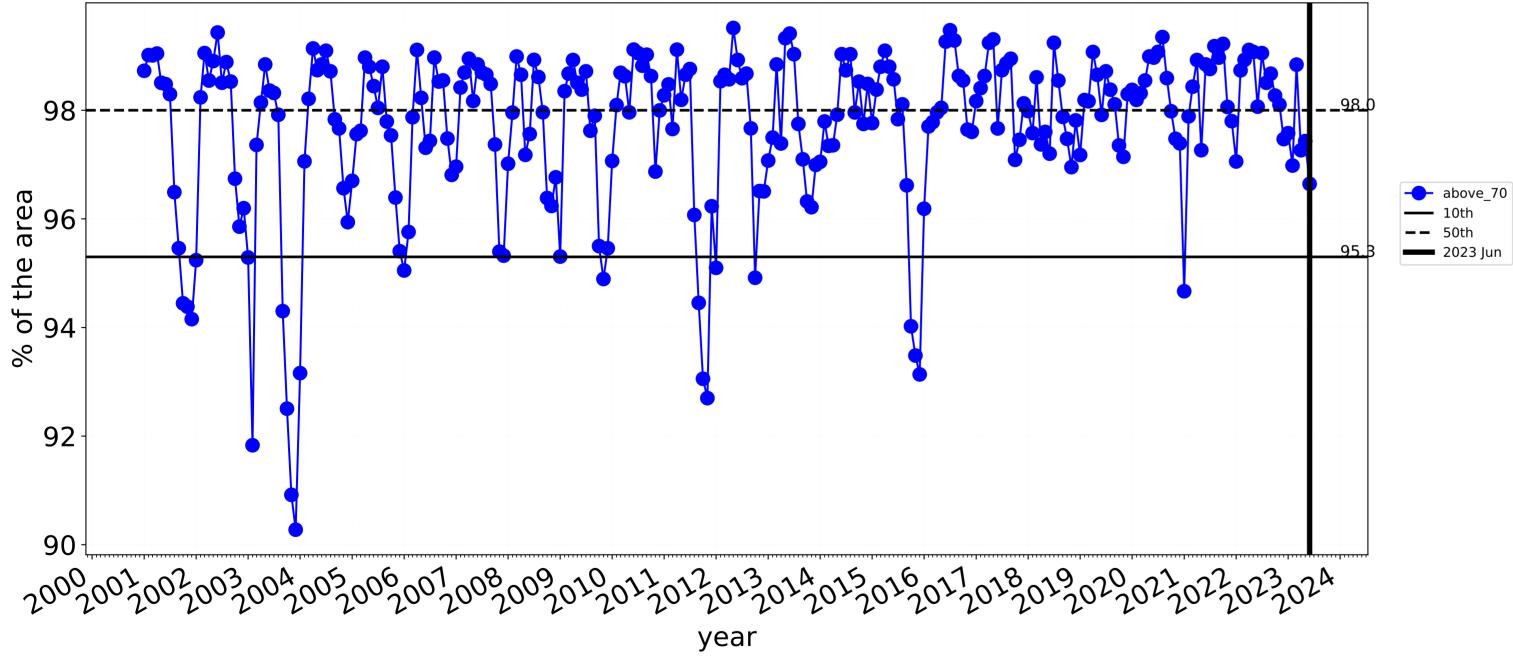
Conservation and natural environments timeseries



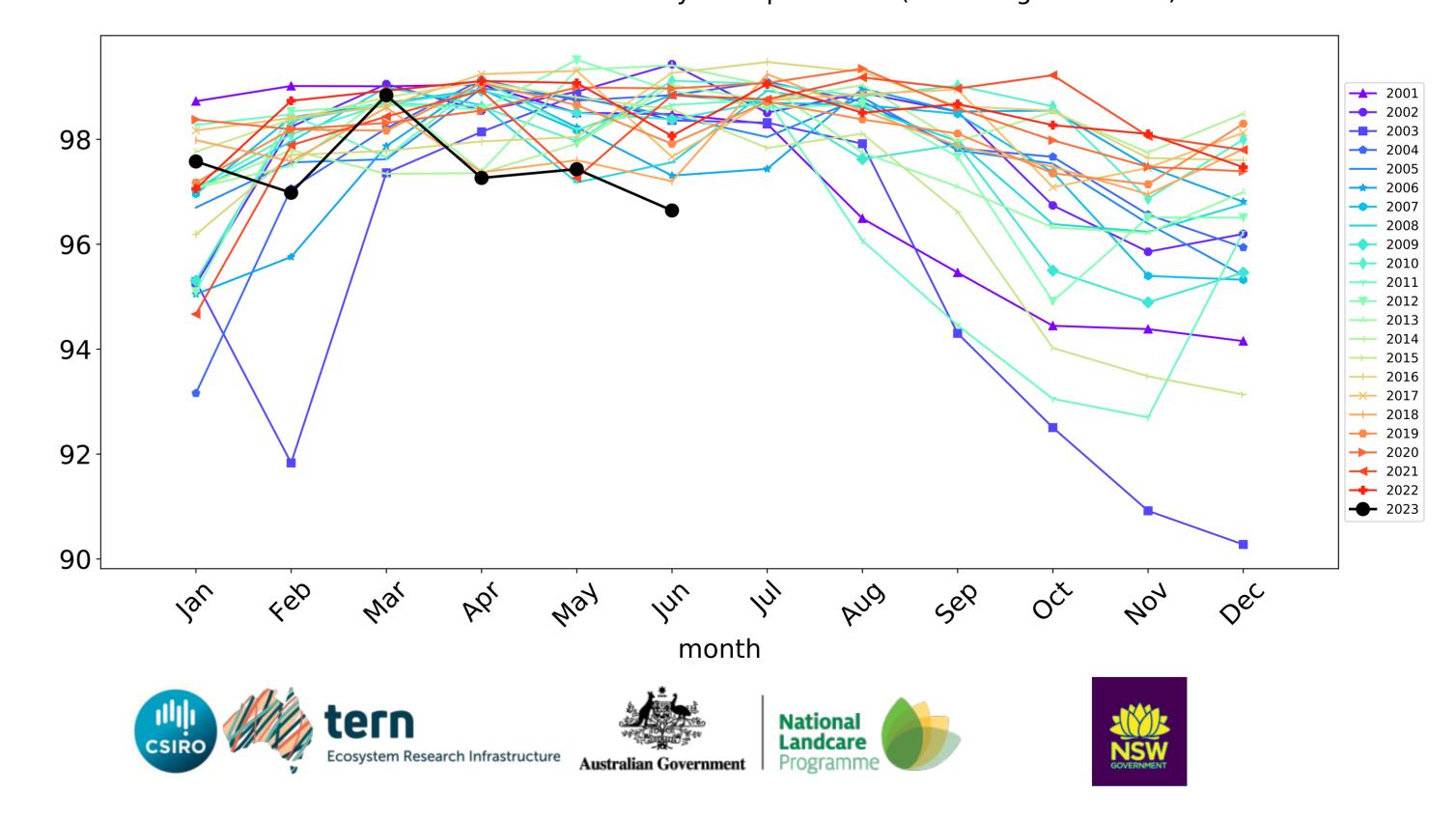


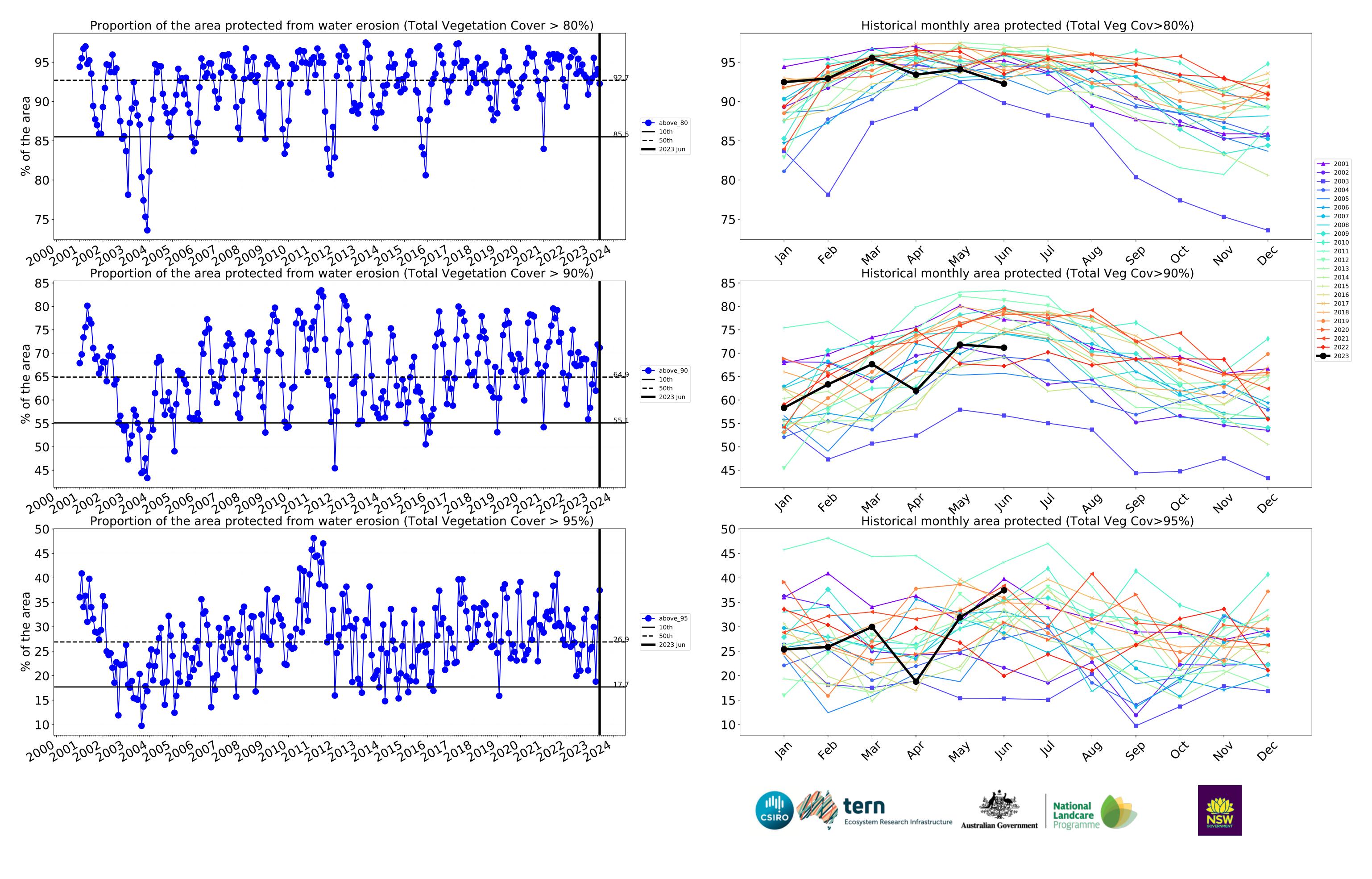


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

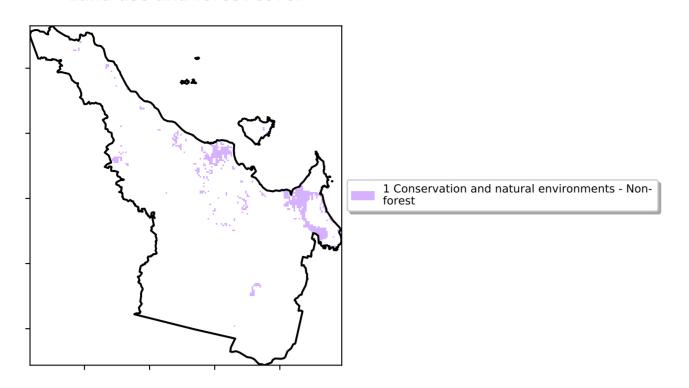




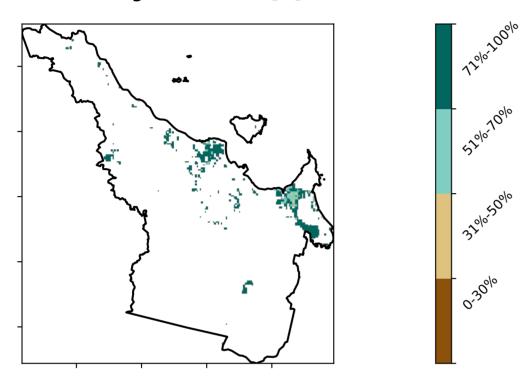
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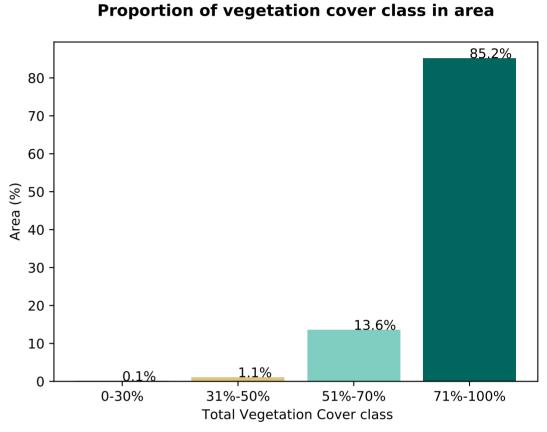
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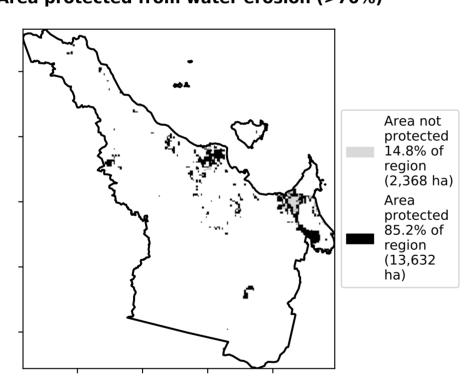


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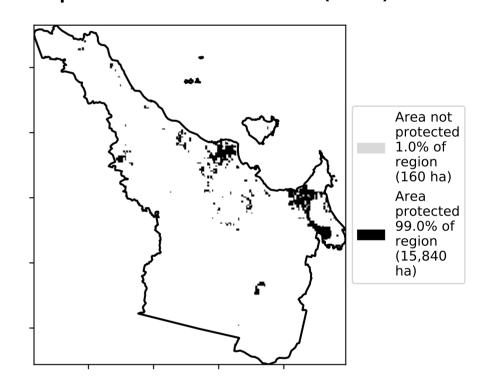




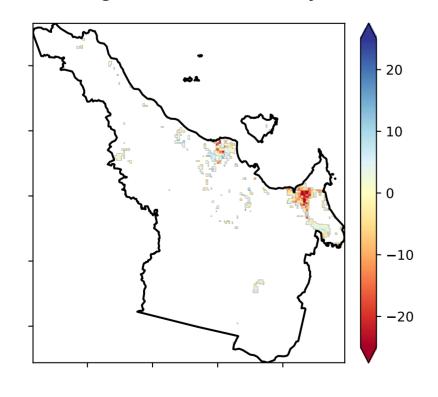
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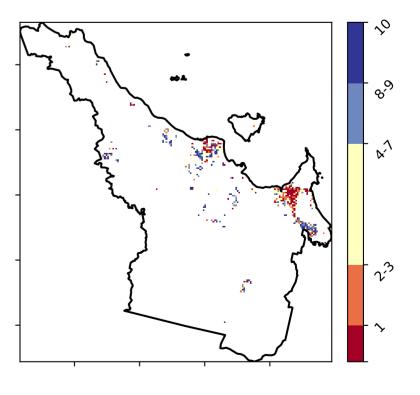


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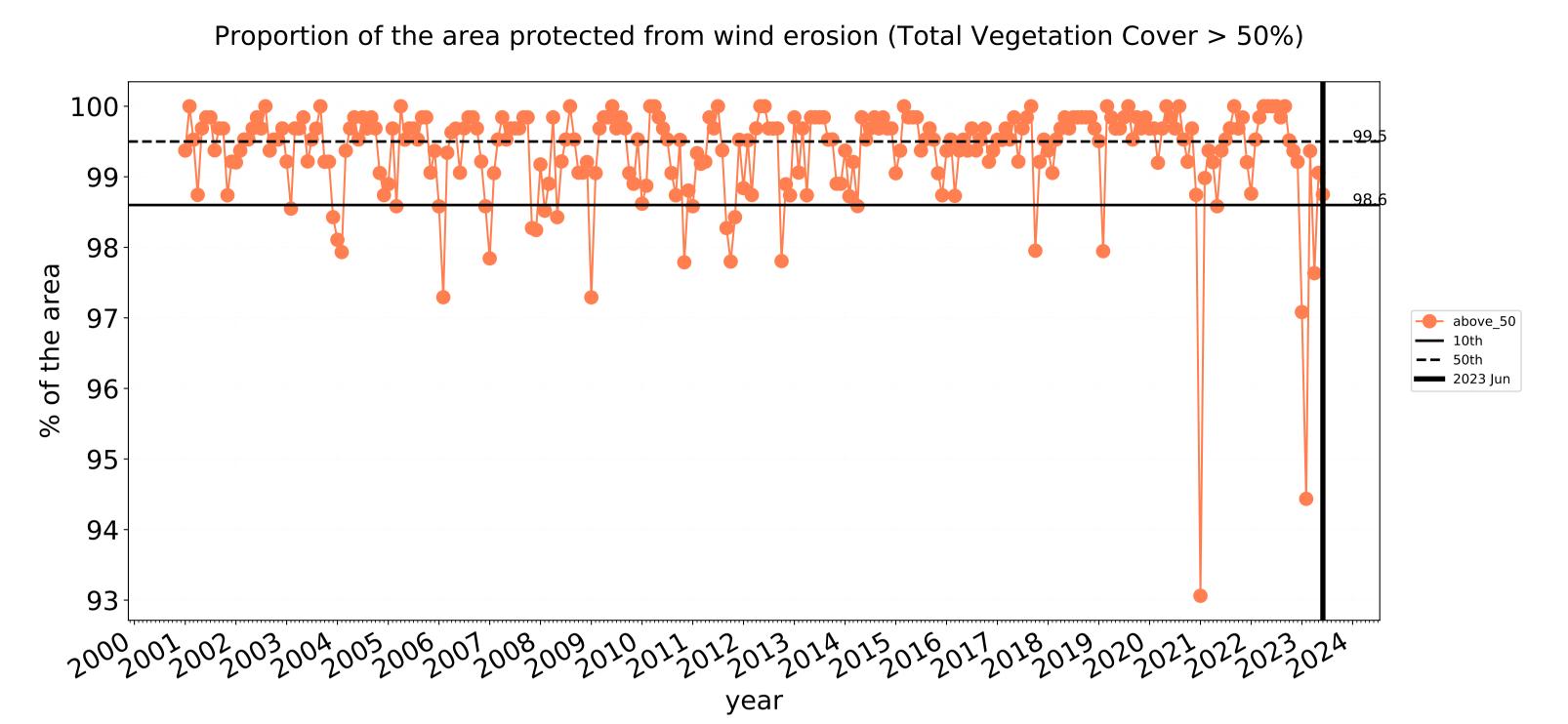


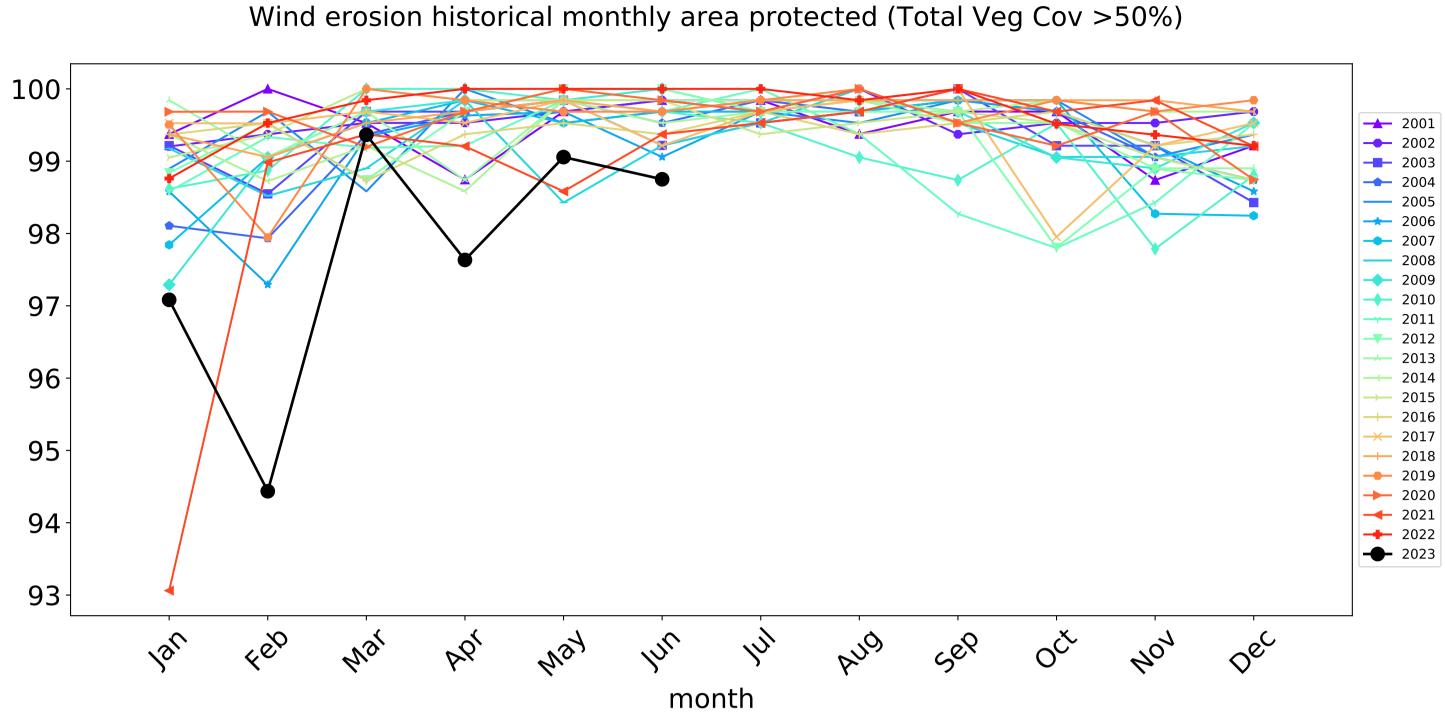


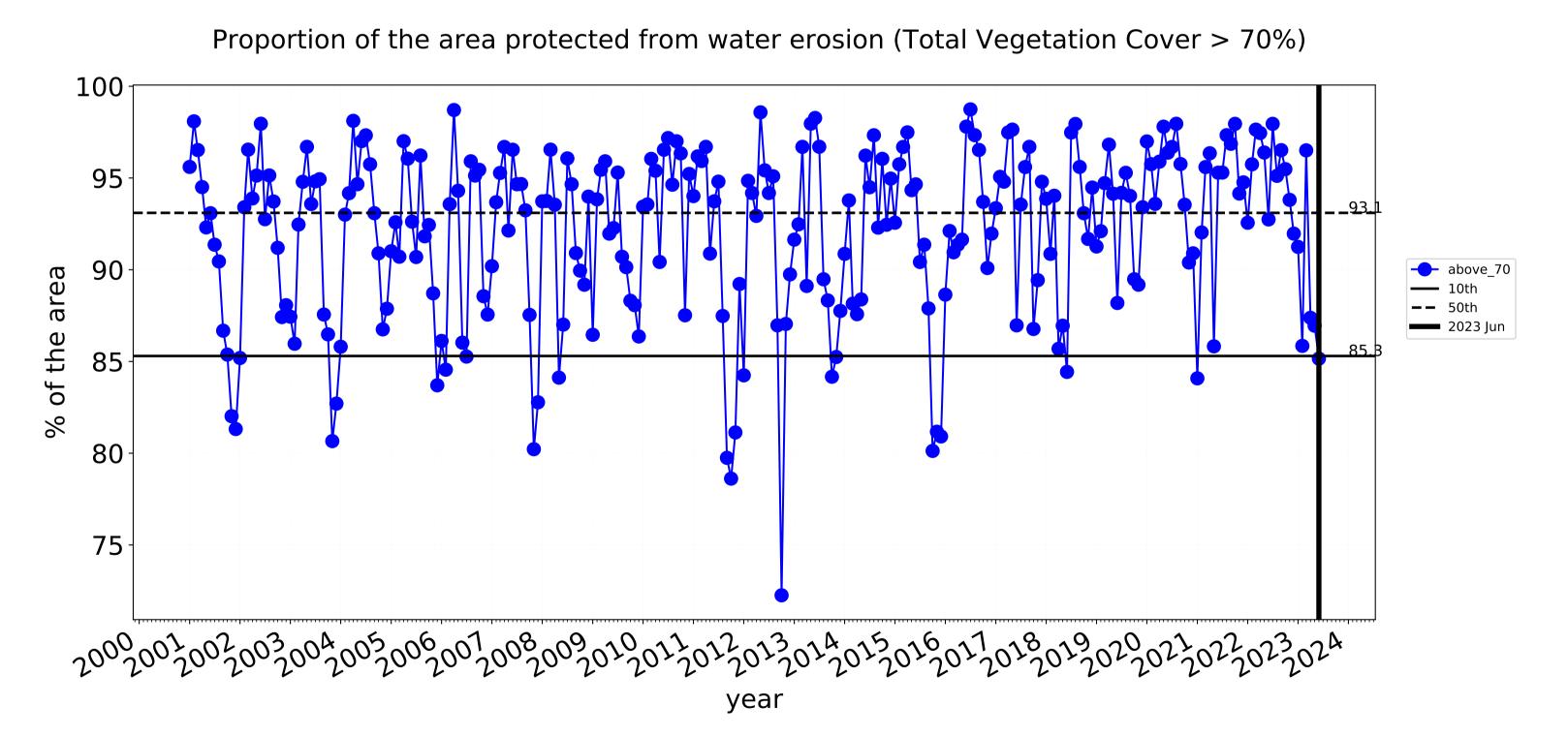


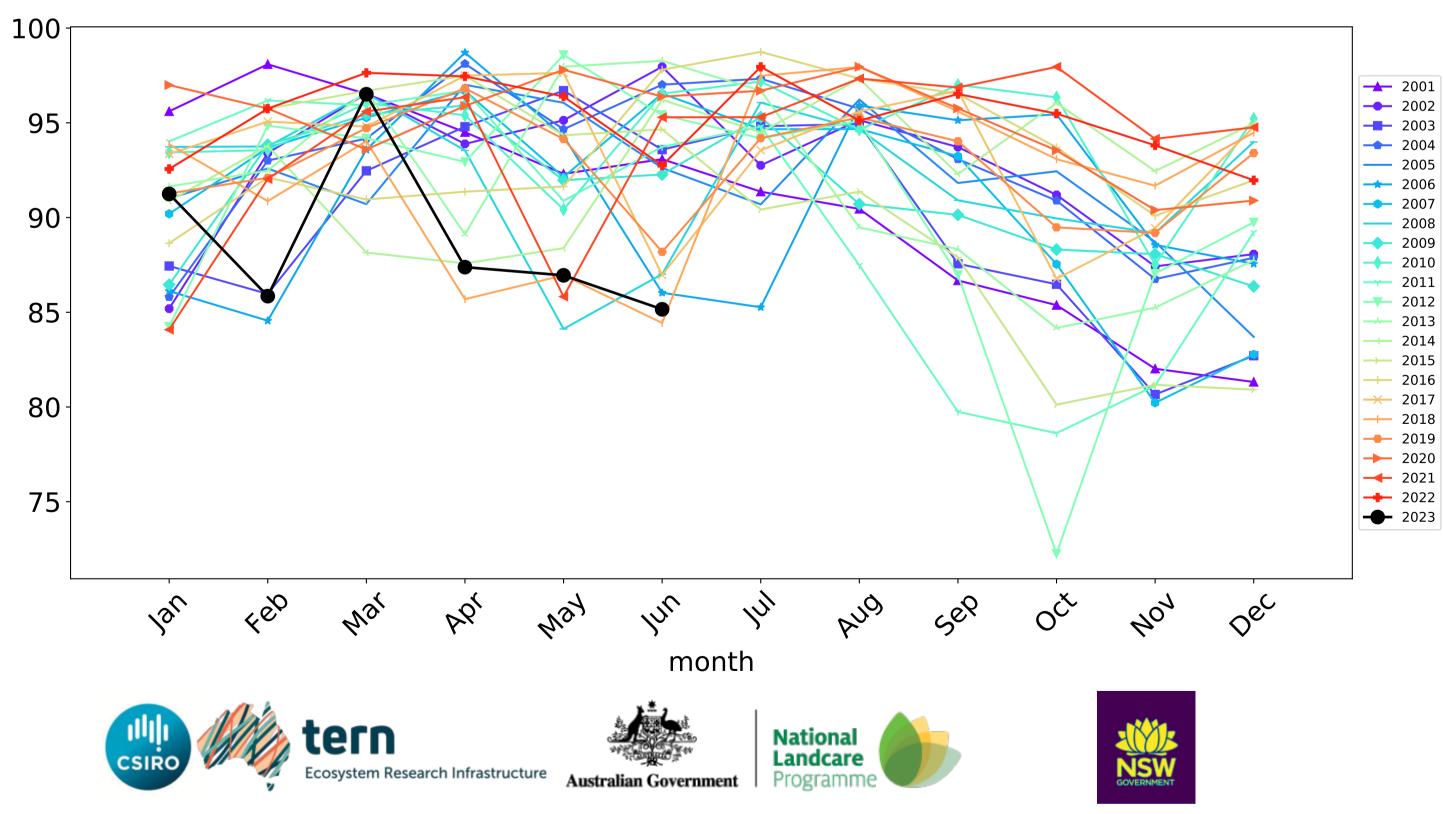


Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

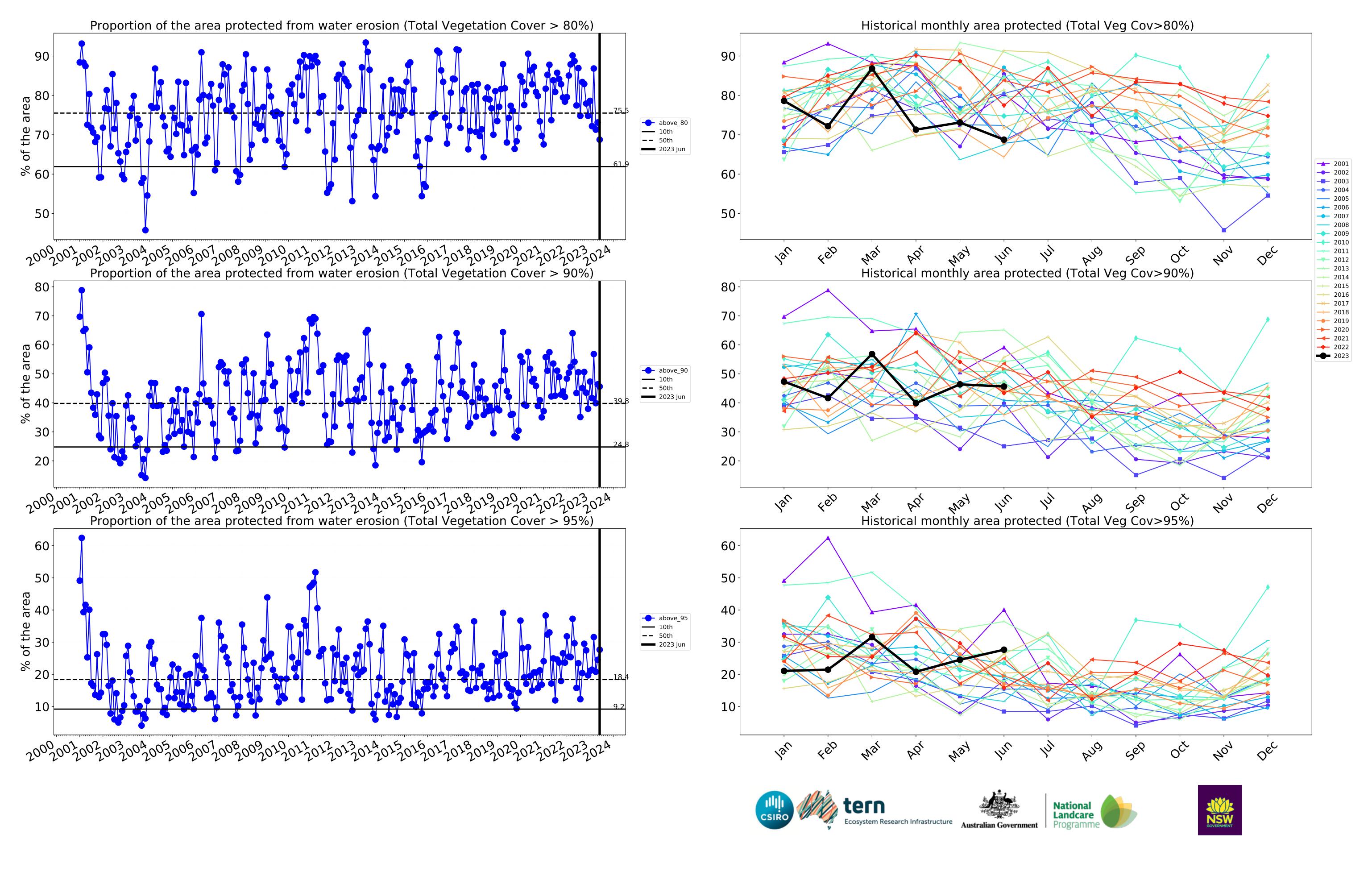








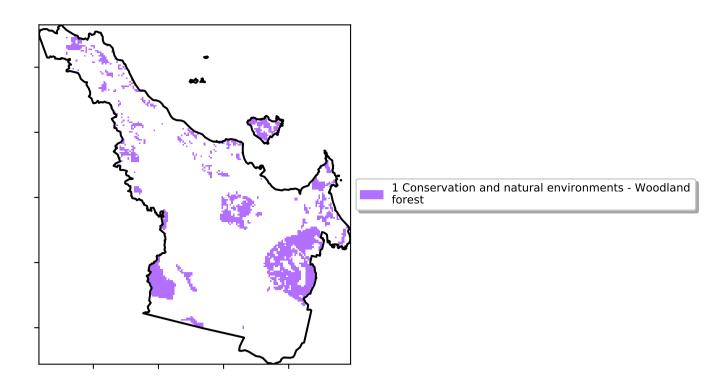
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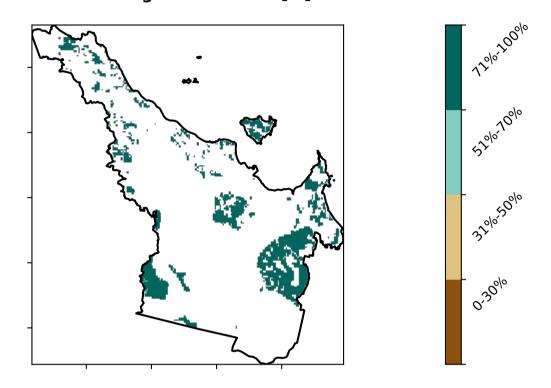
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

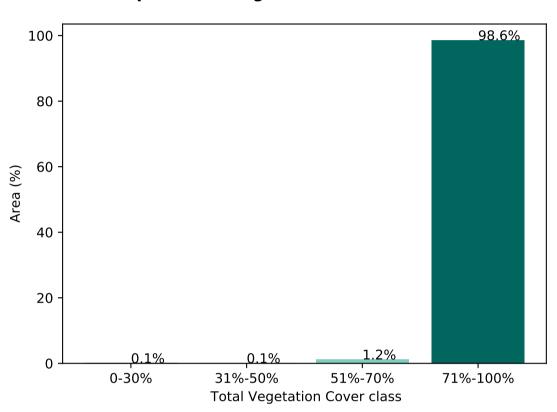
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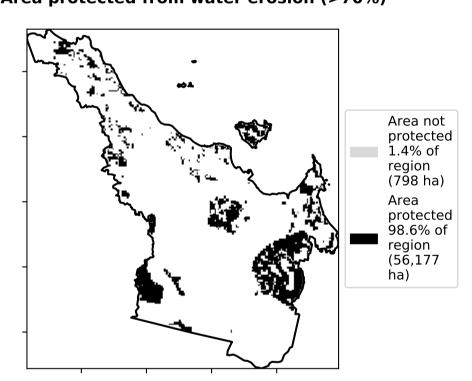
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



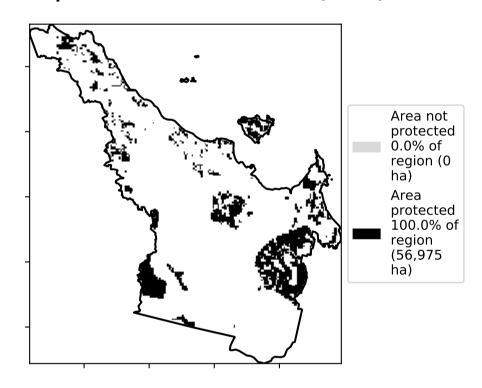
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



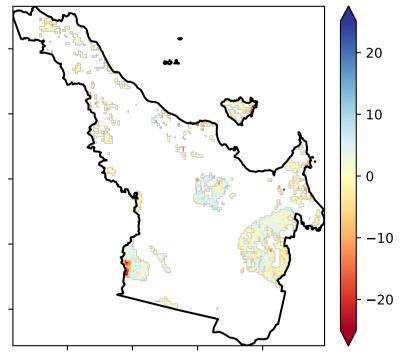
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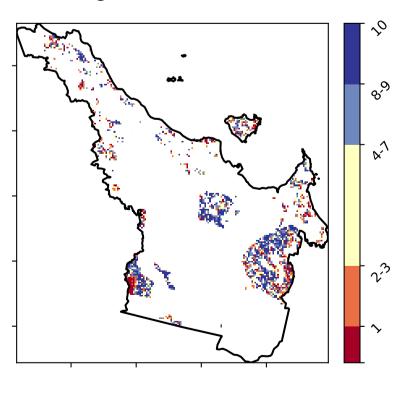


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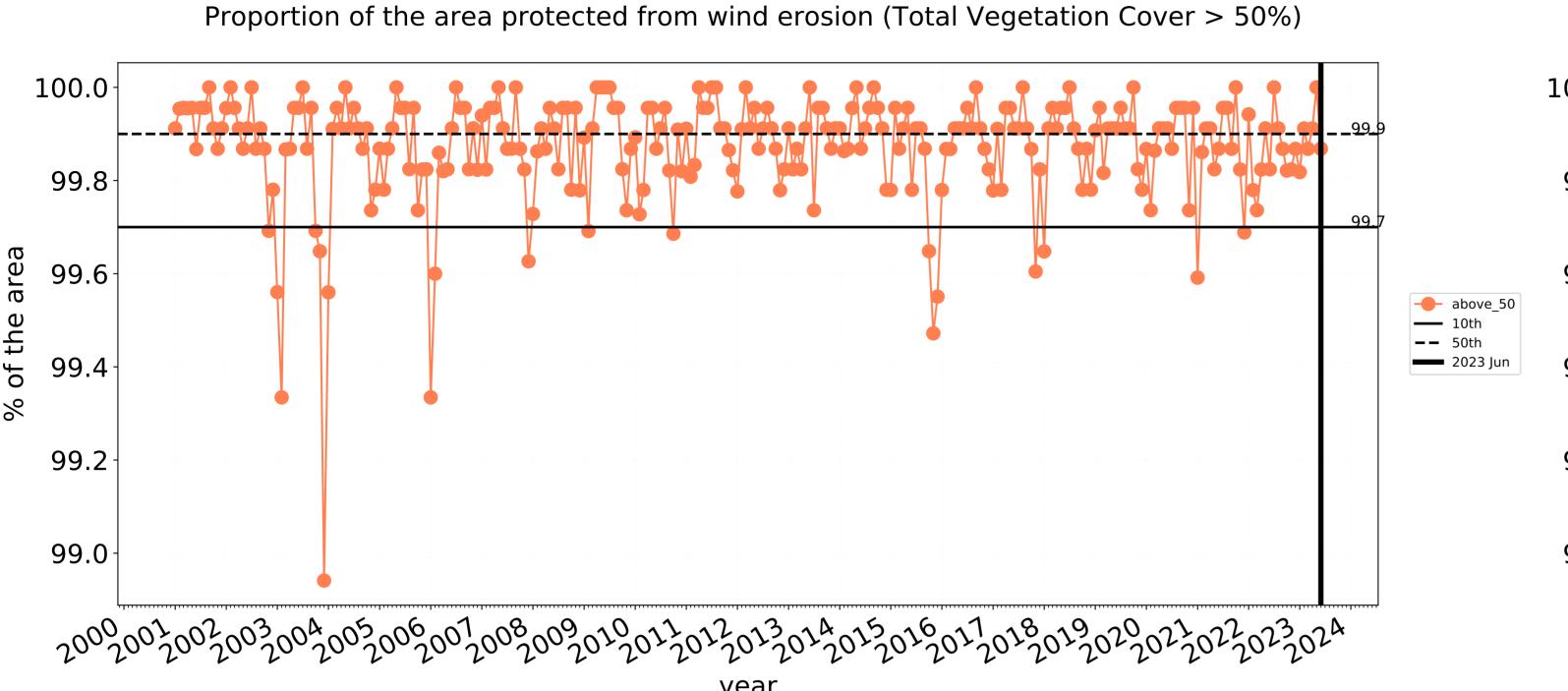


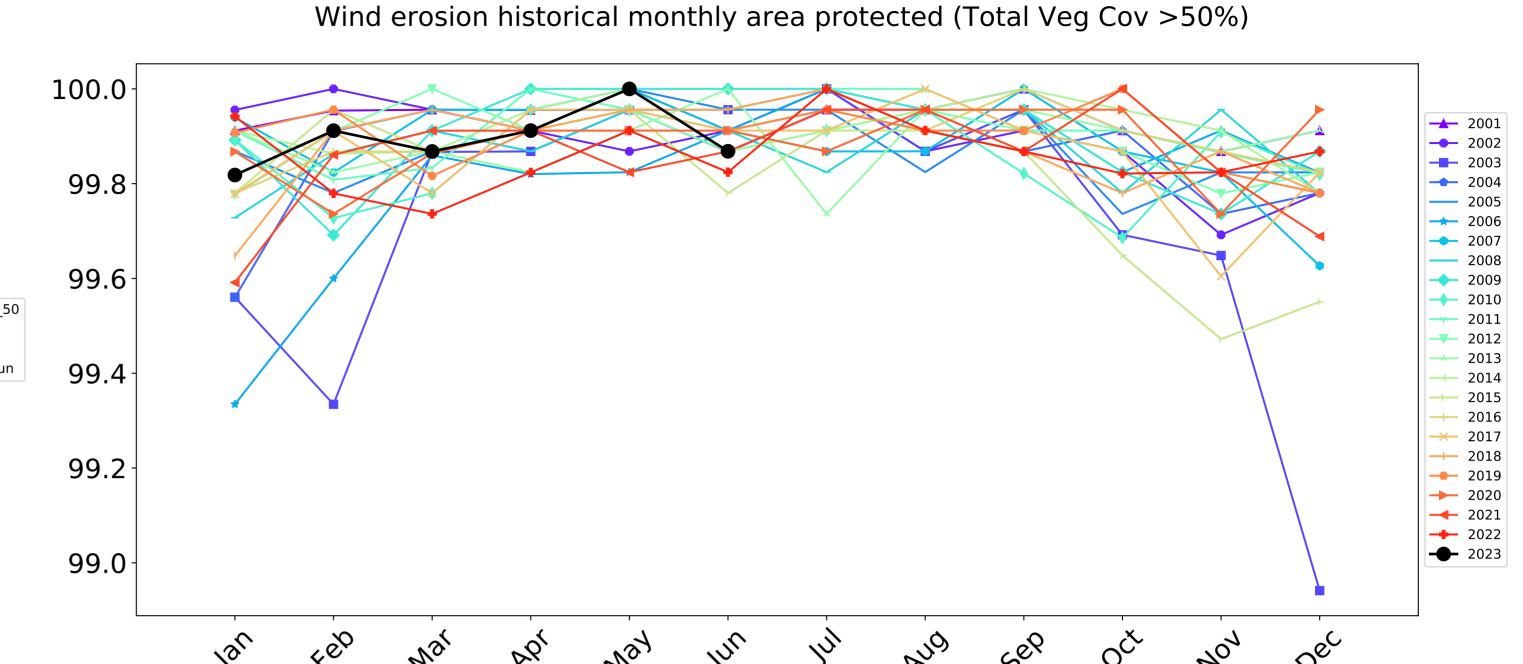




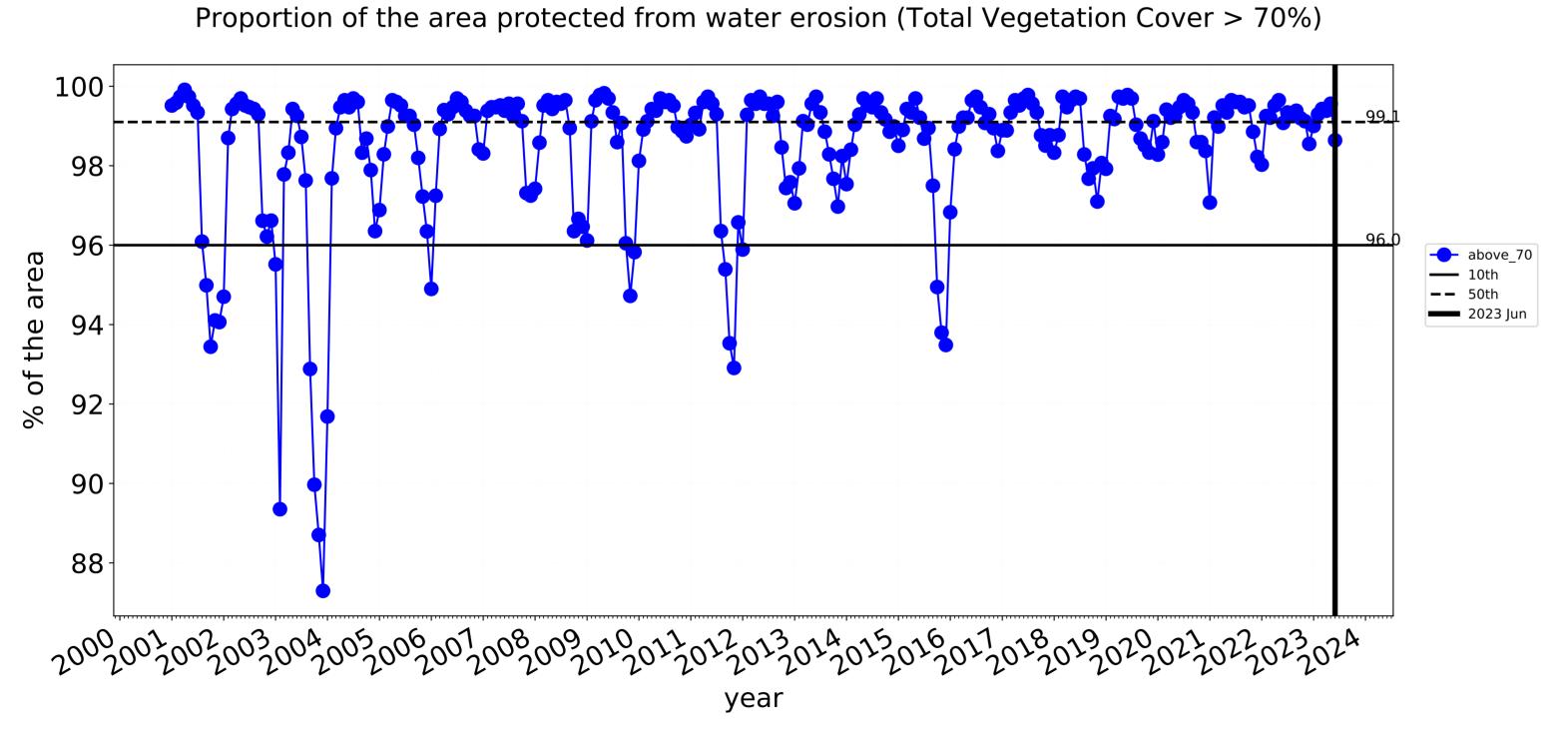


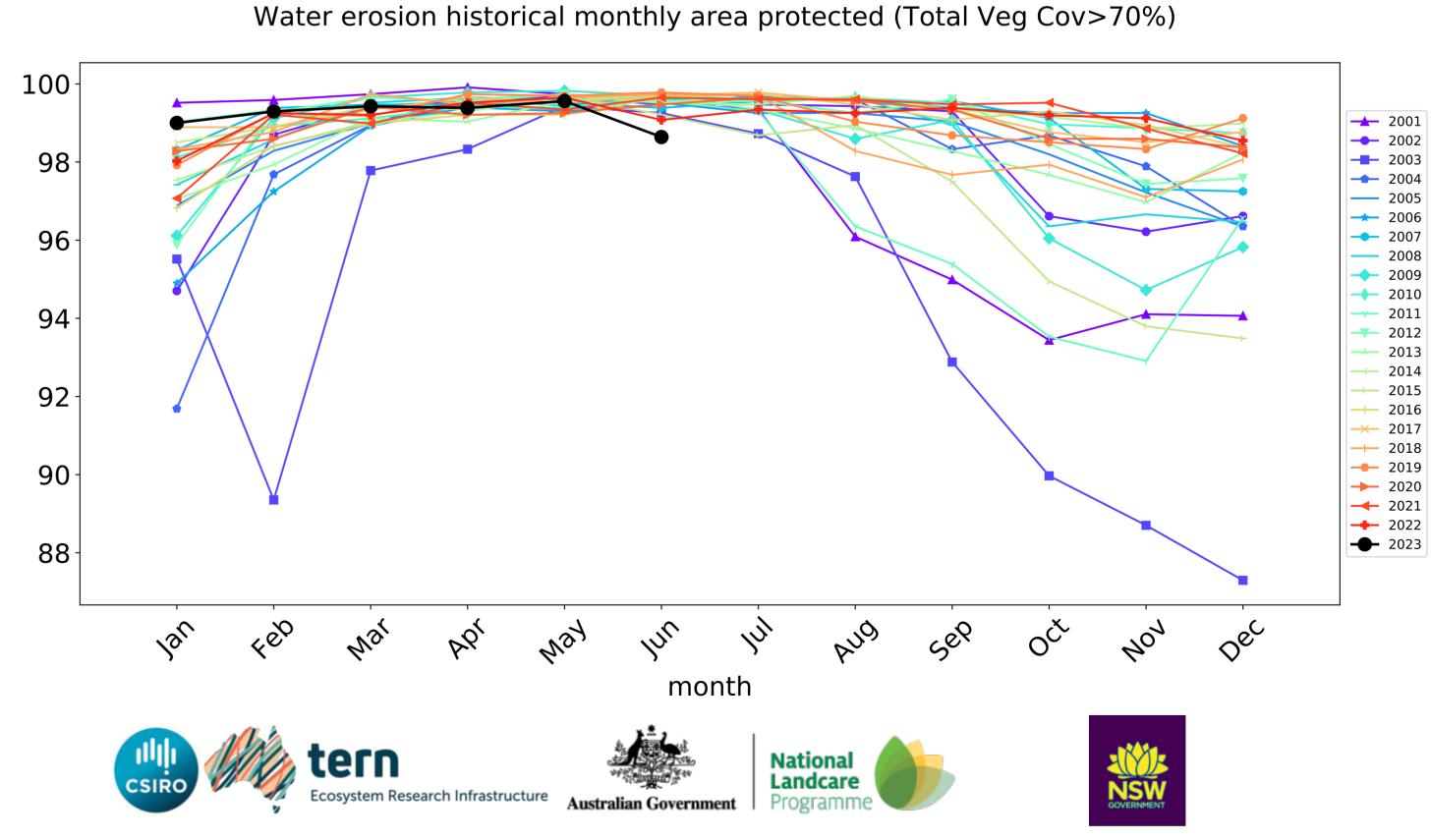
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

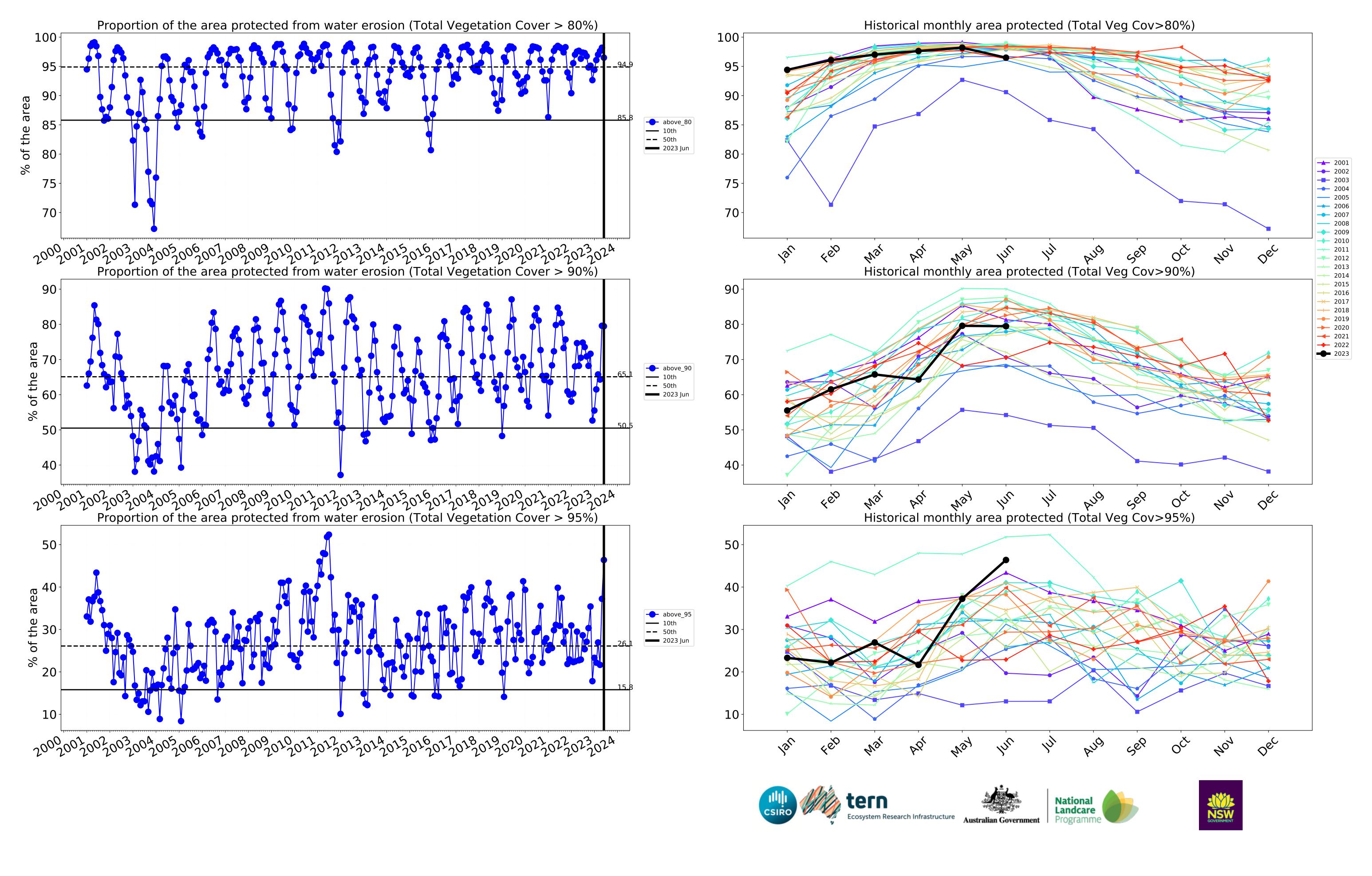




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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

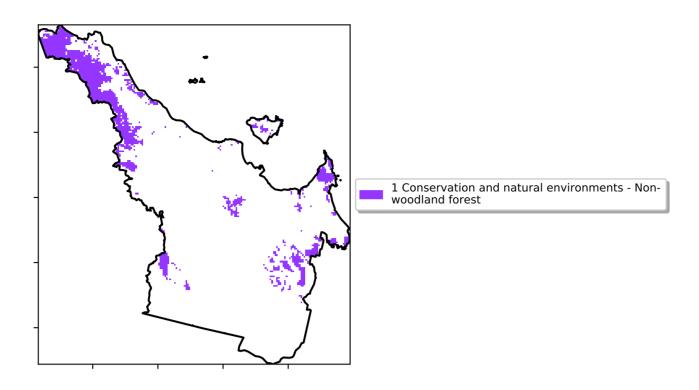
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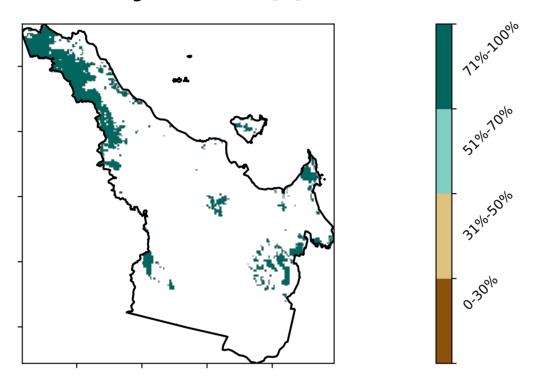
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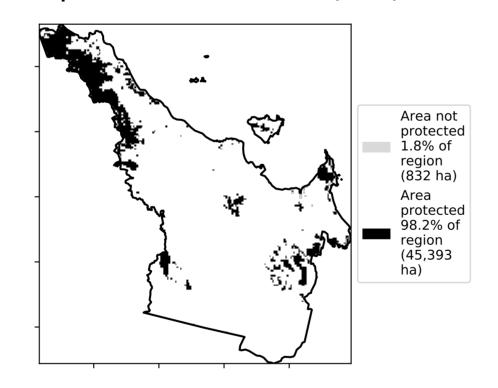
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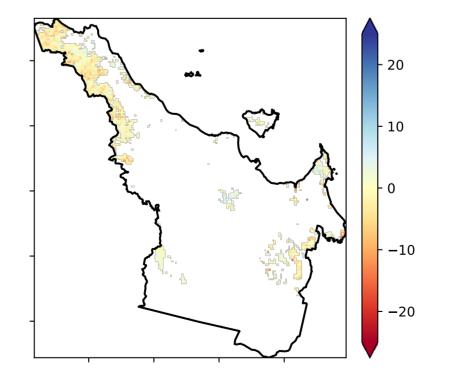
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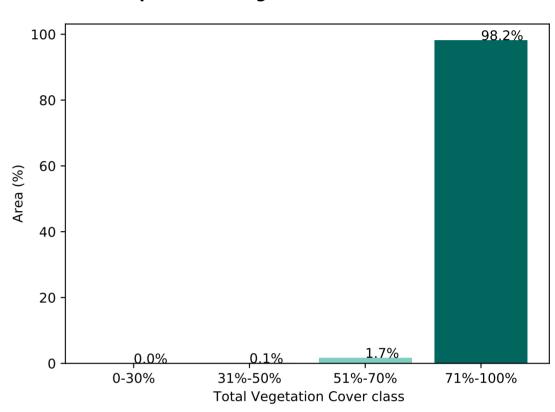


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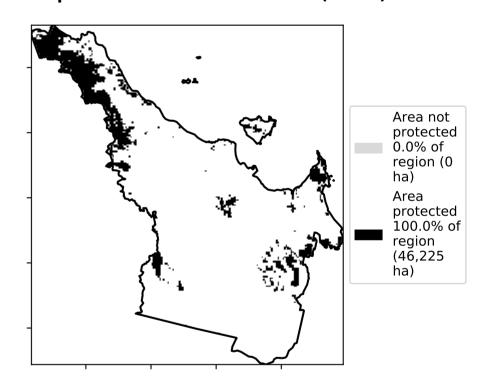


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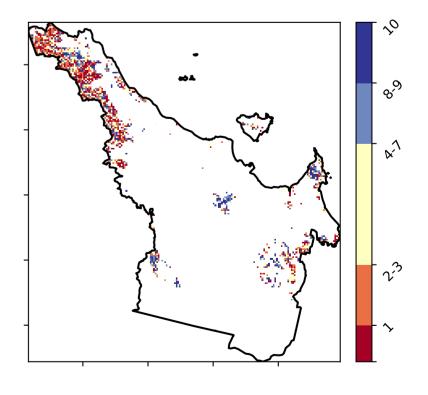
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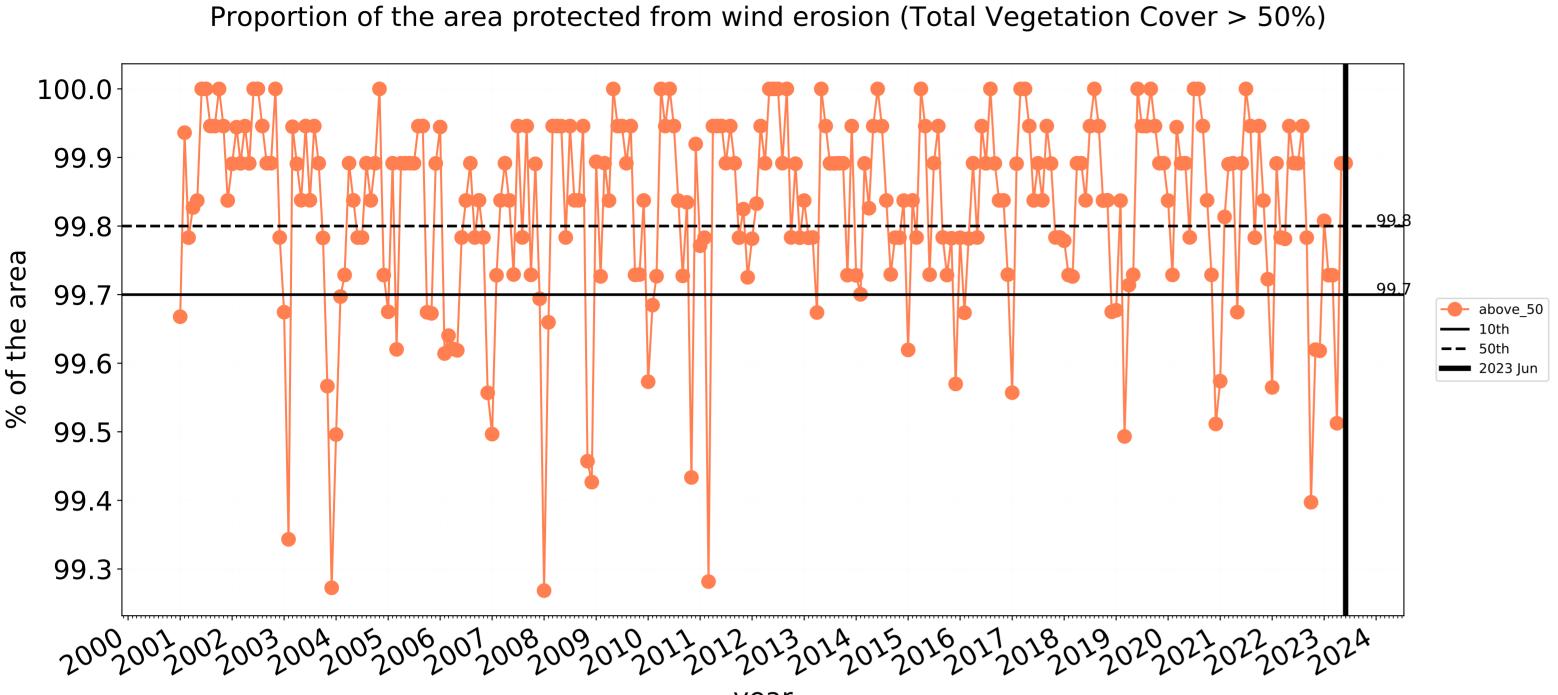




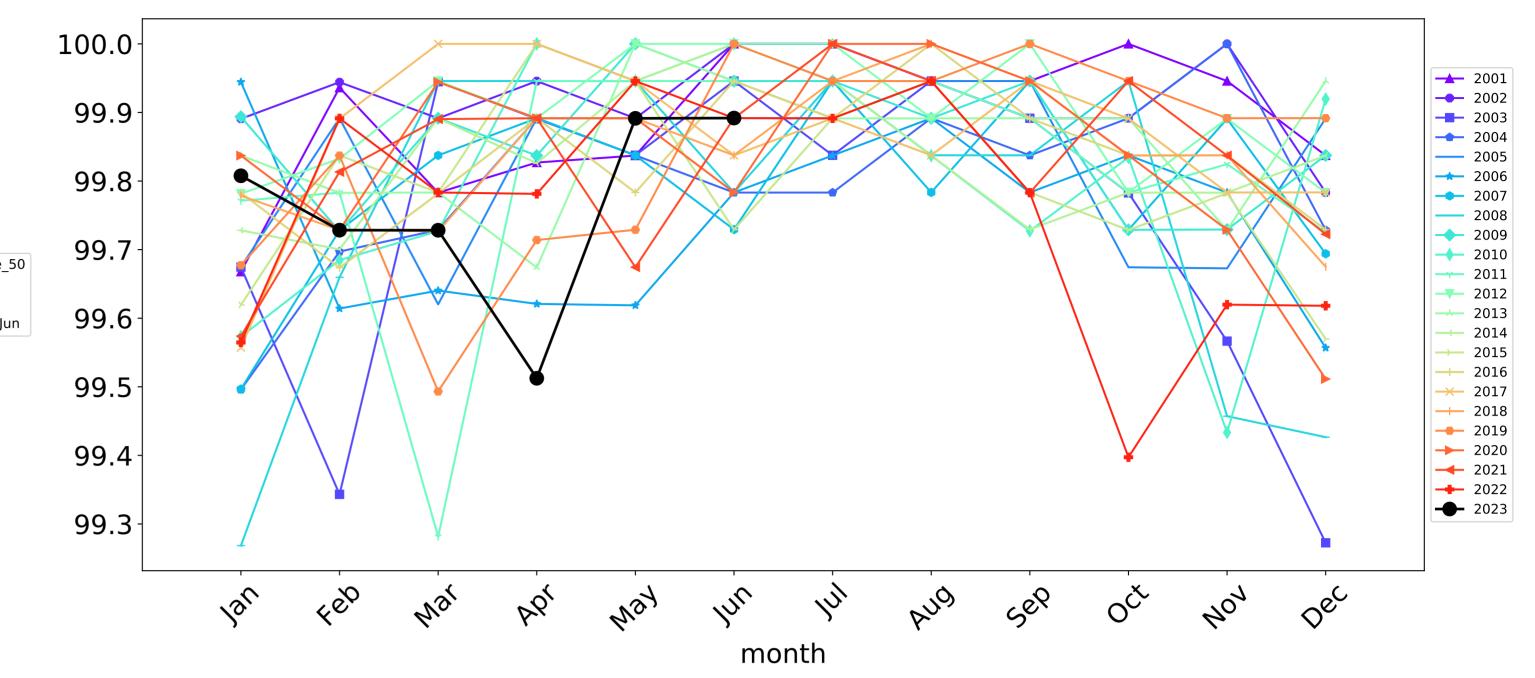


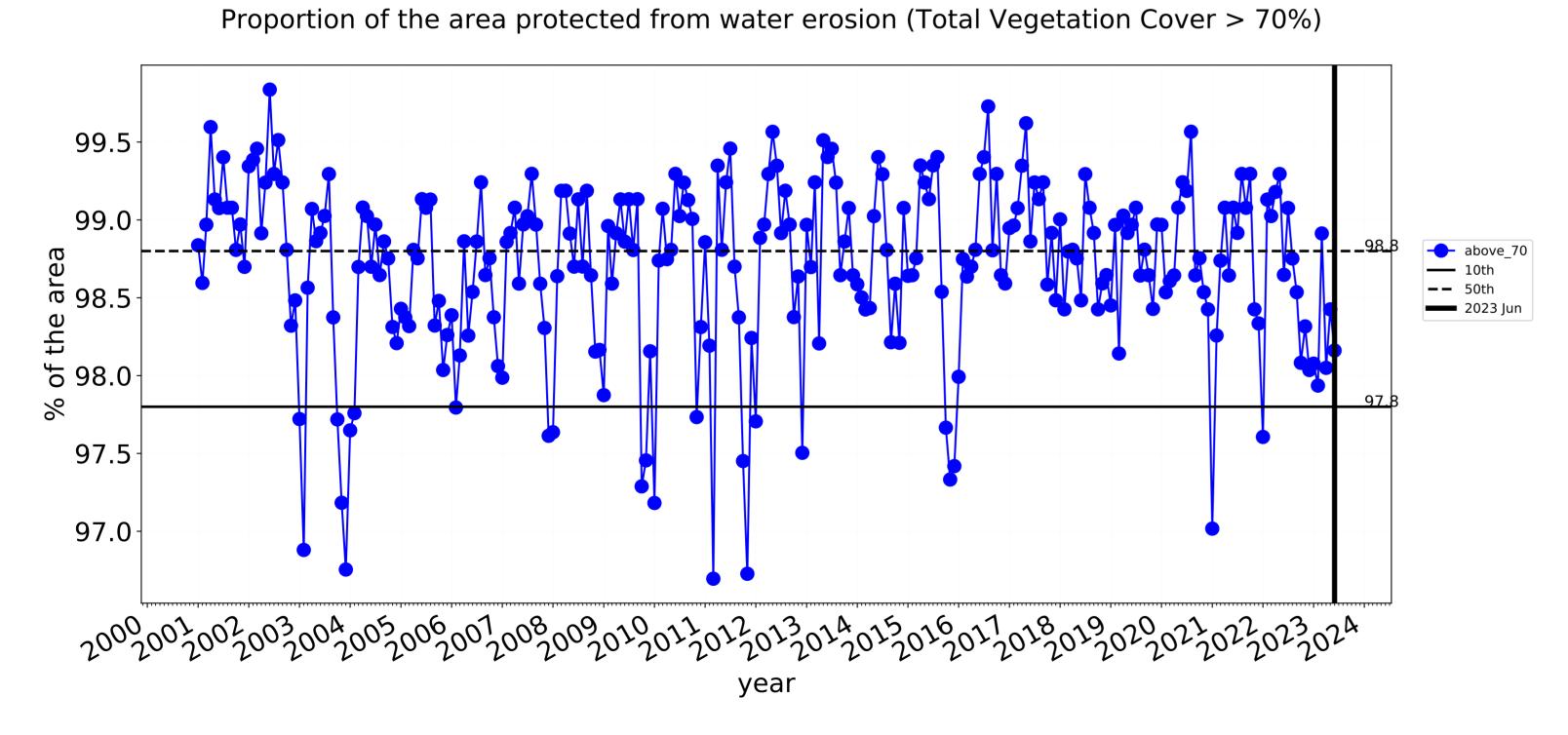




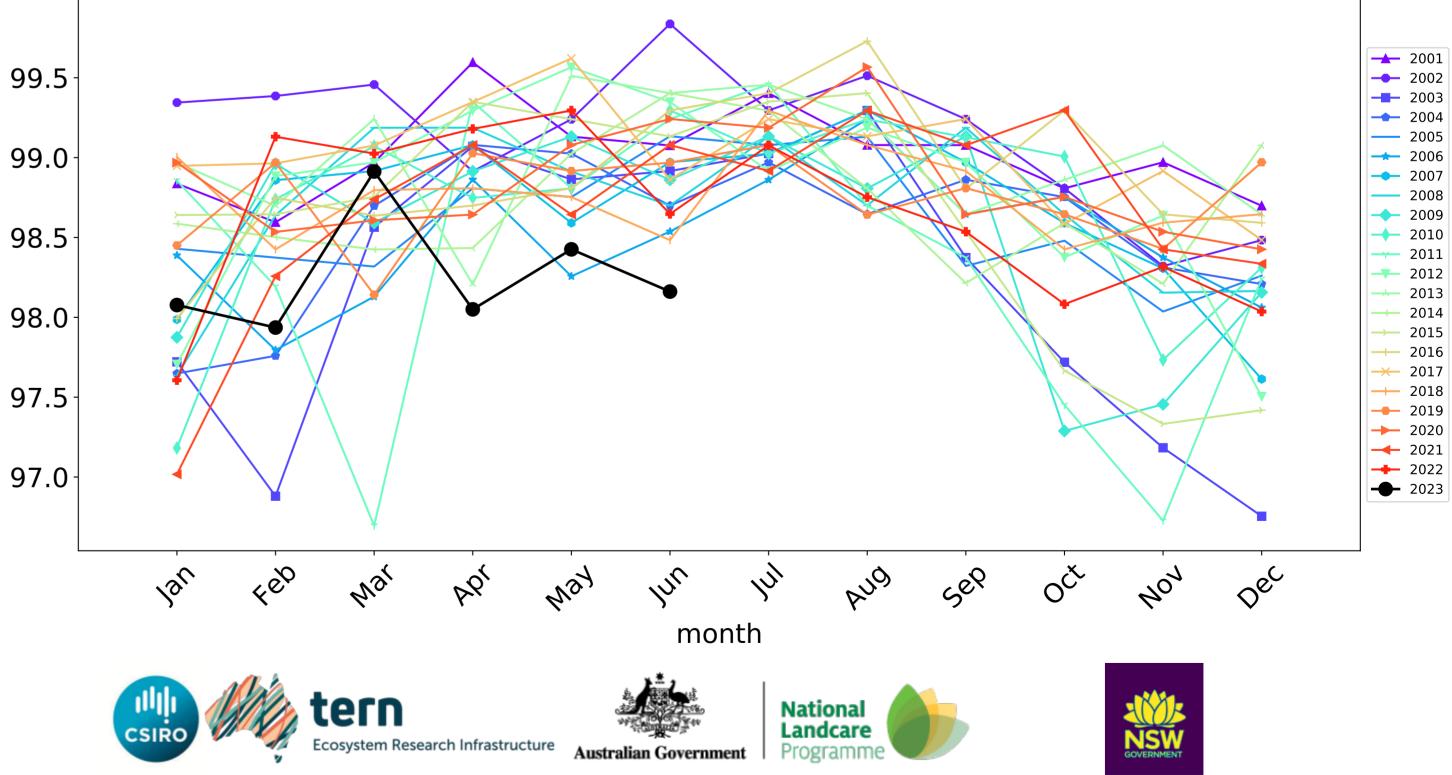


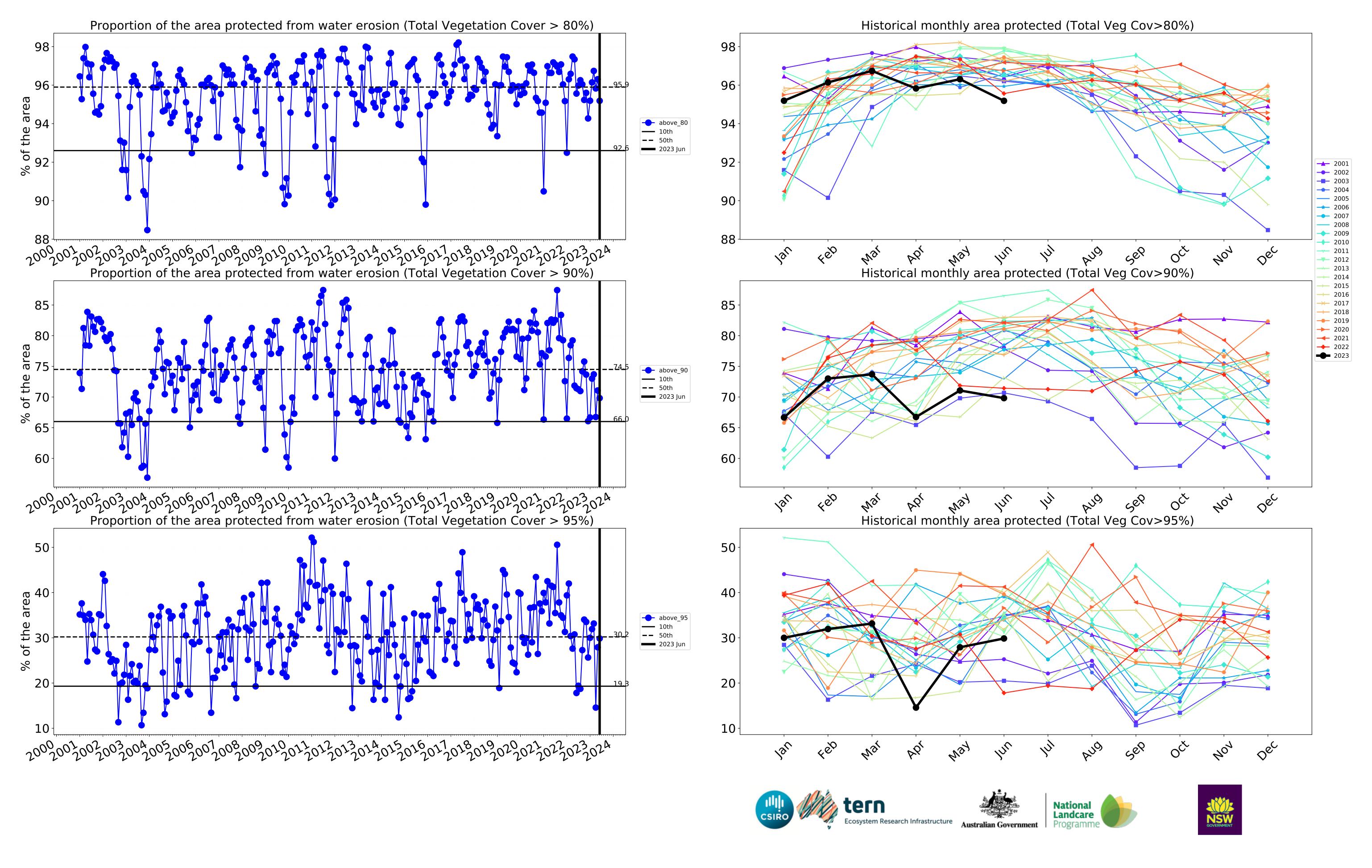
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





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





Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

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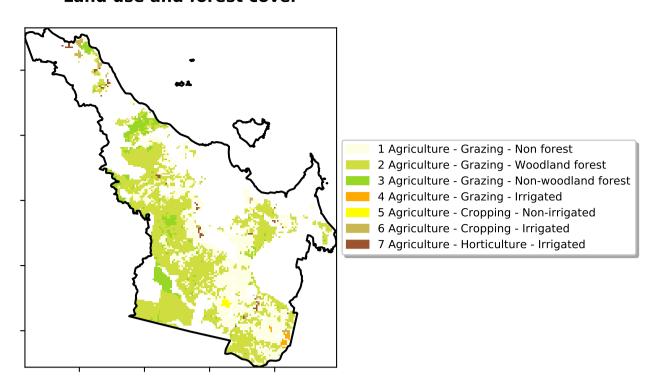
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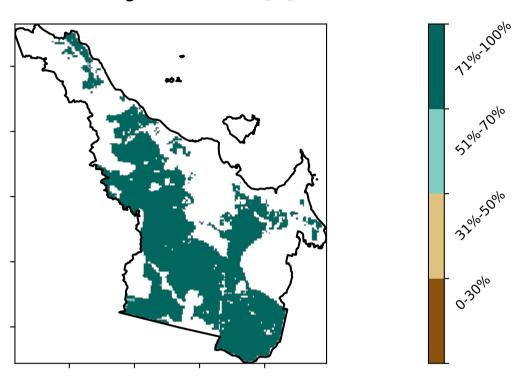
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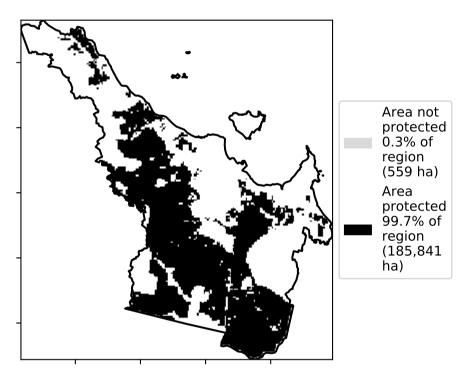
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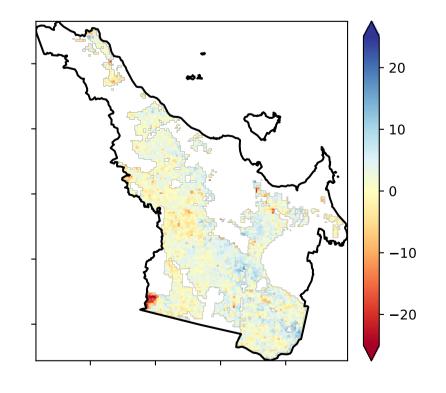
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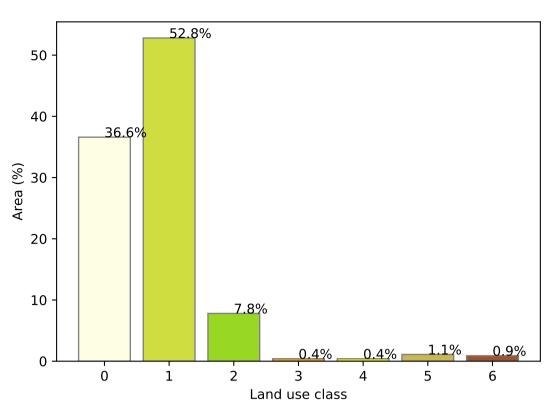


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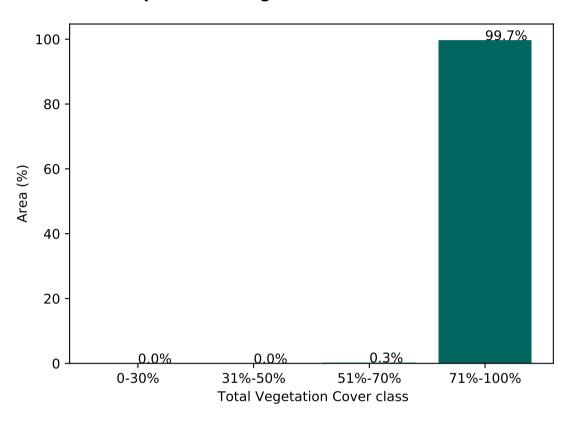


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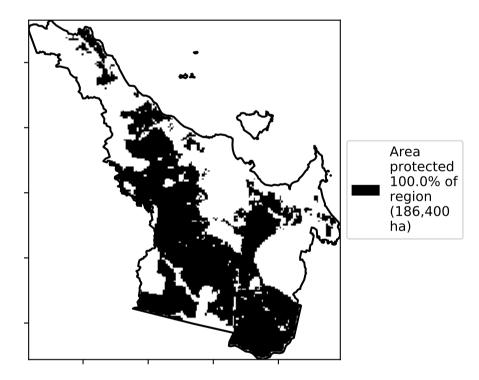
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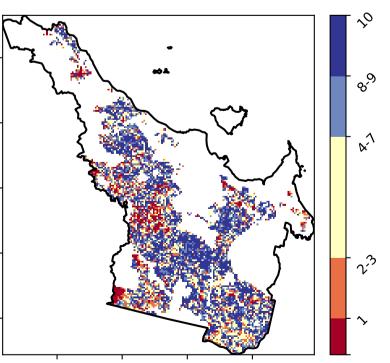


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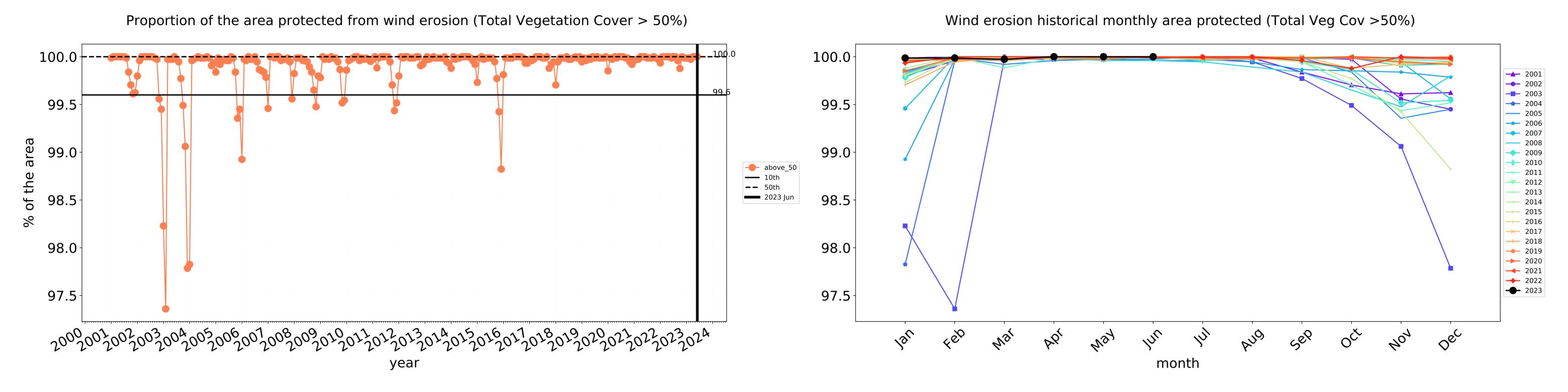


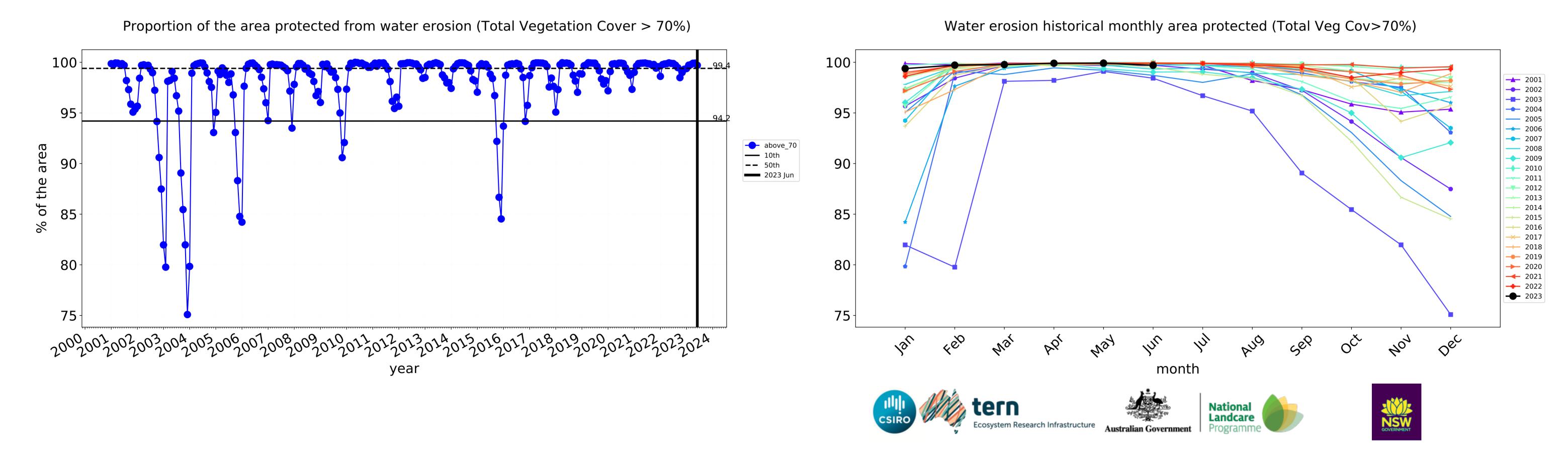


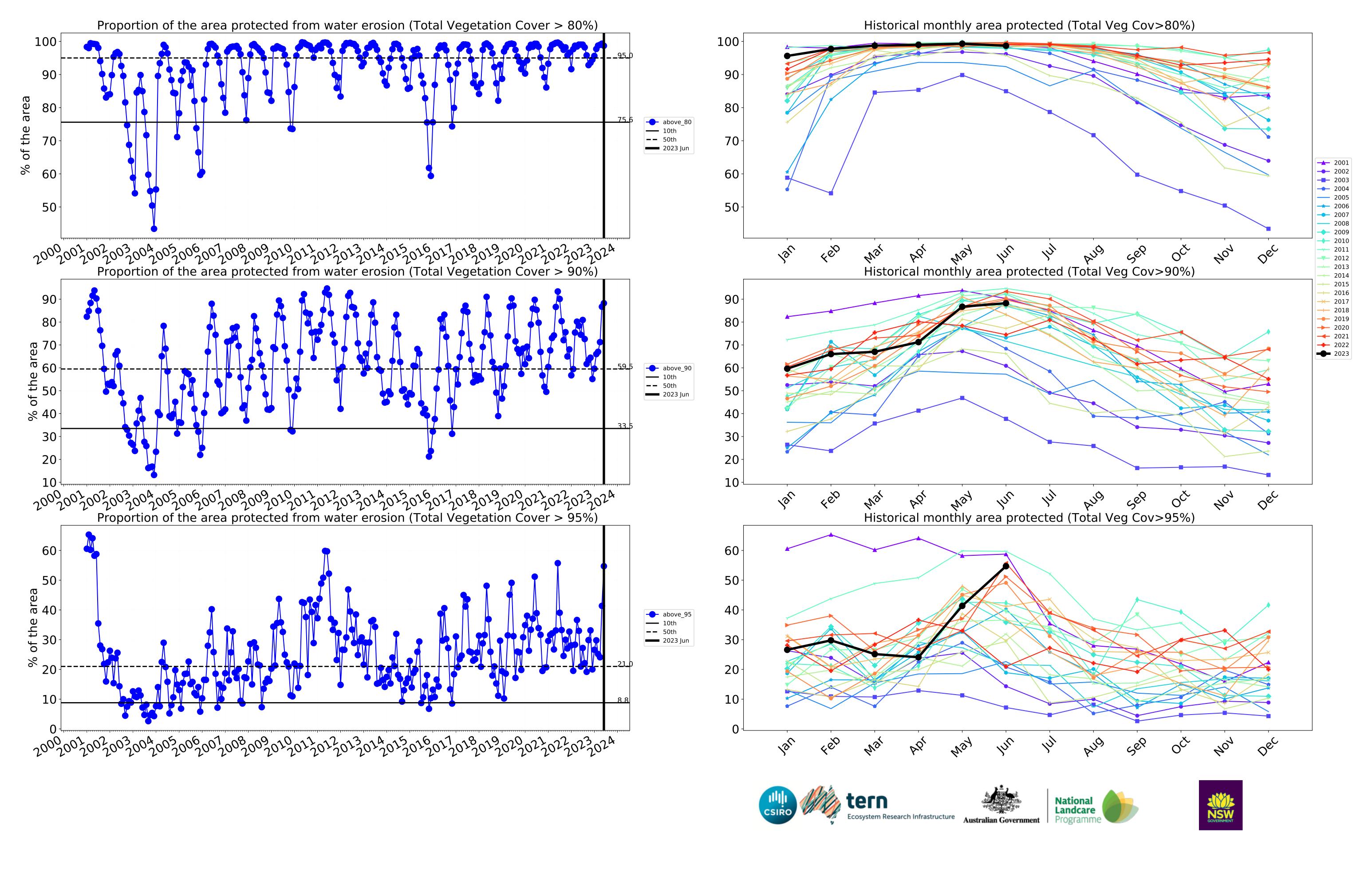




Agriculture timeseries







Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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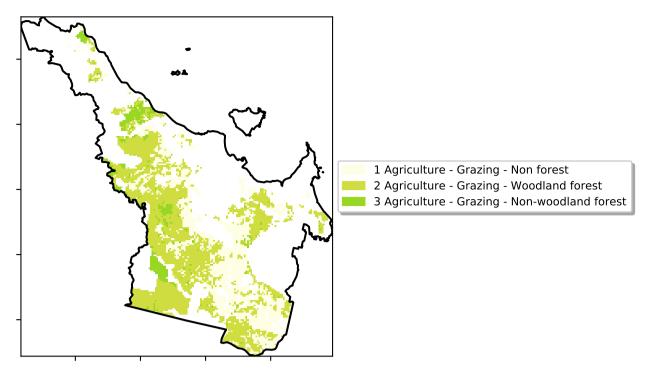
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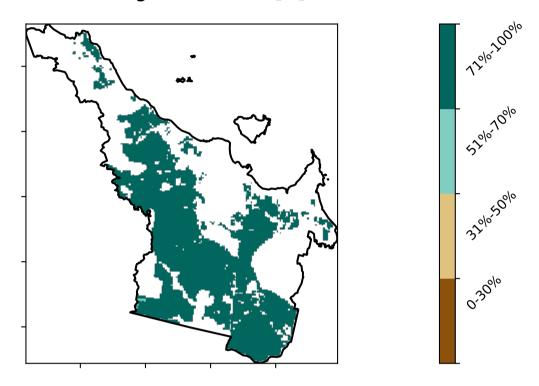
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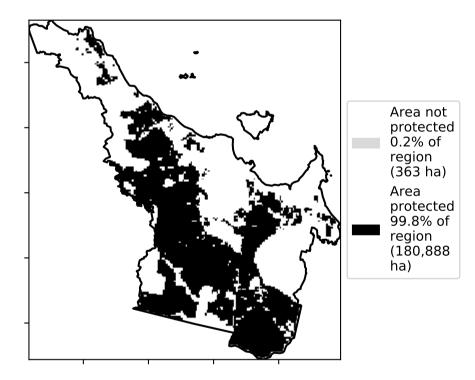
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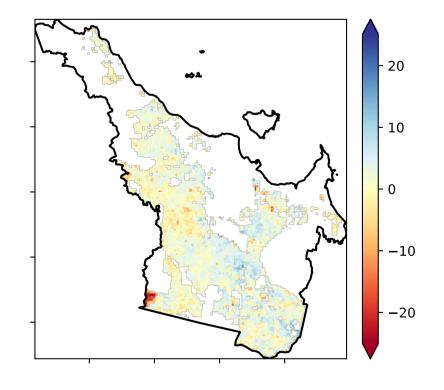
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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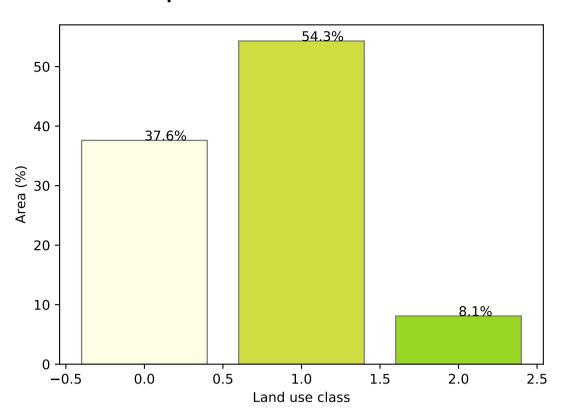


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

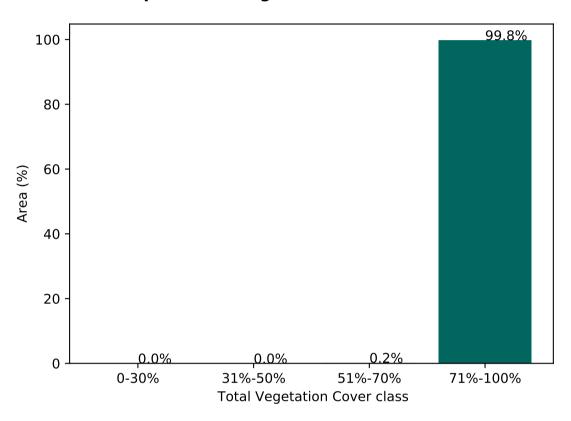


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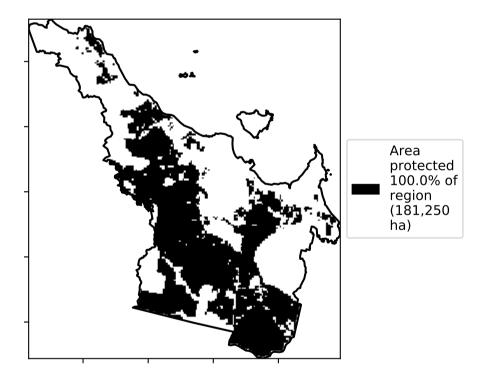
Proportion of each land class in area

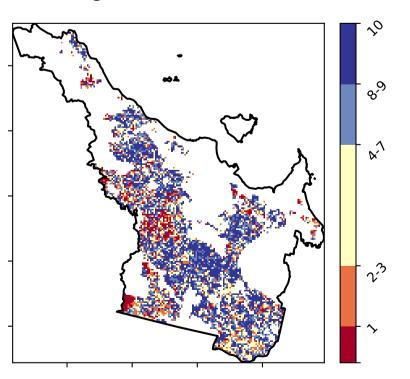


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





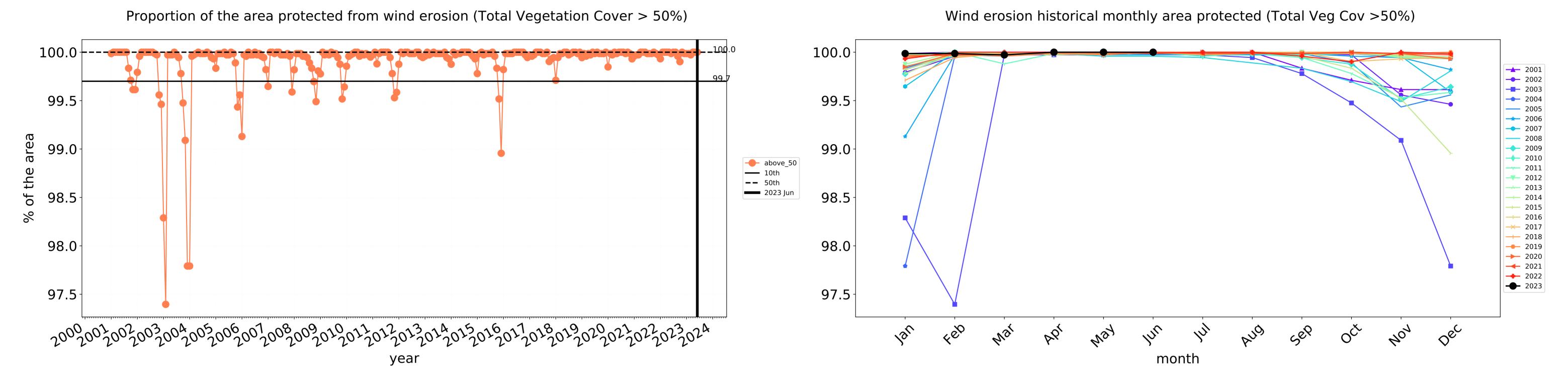


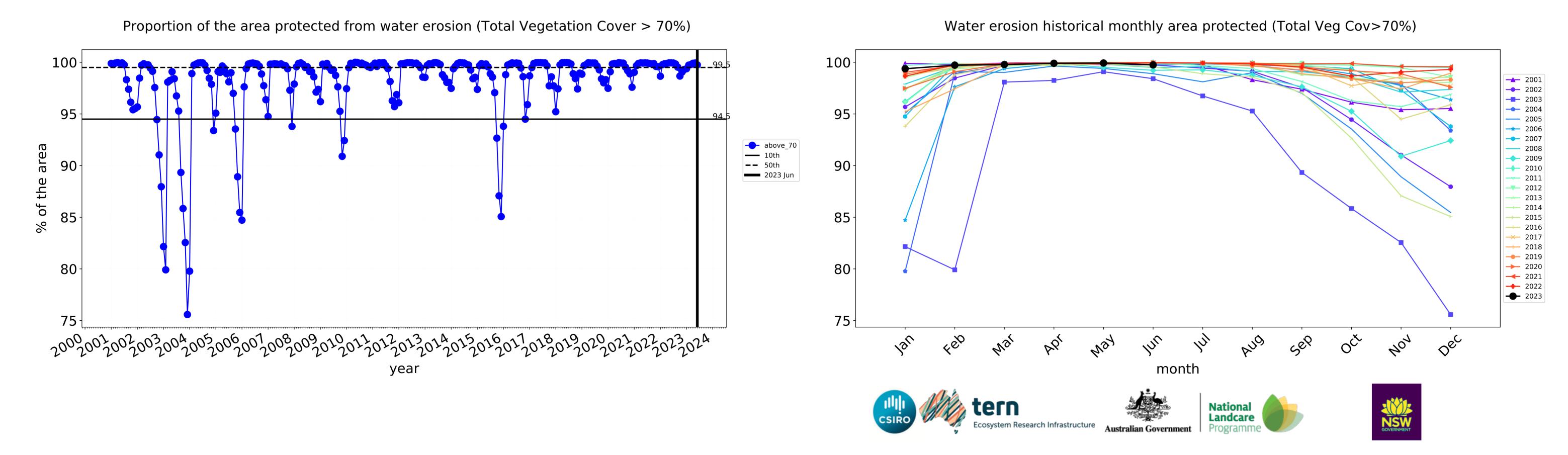


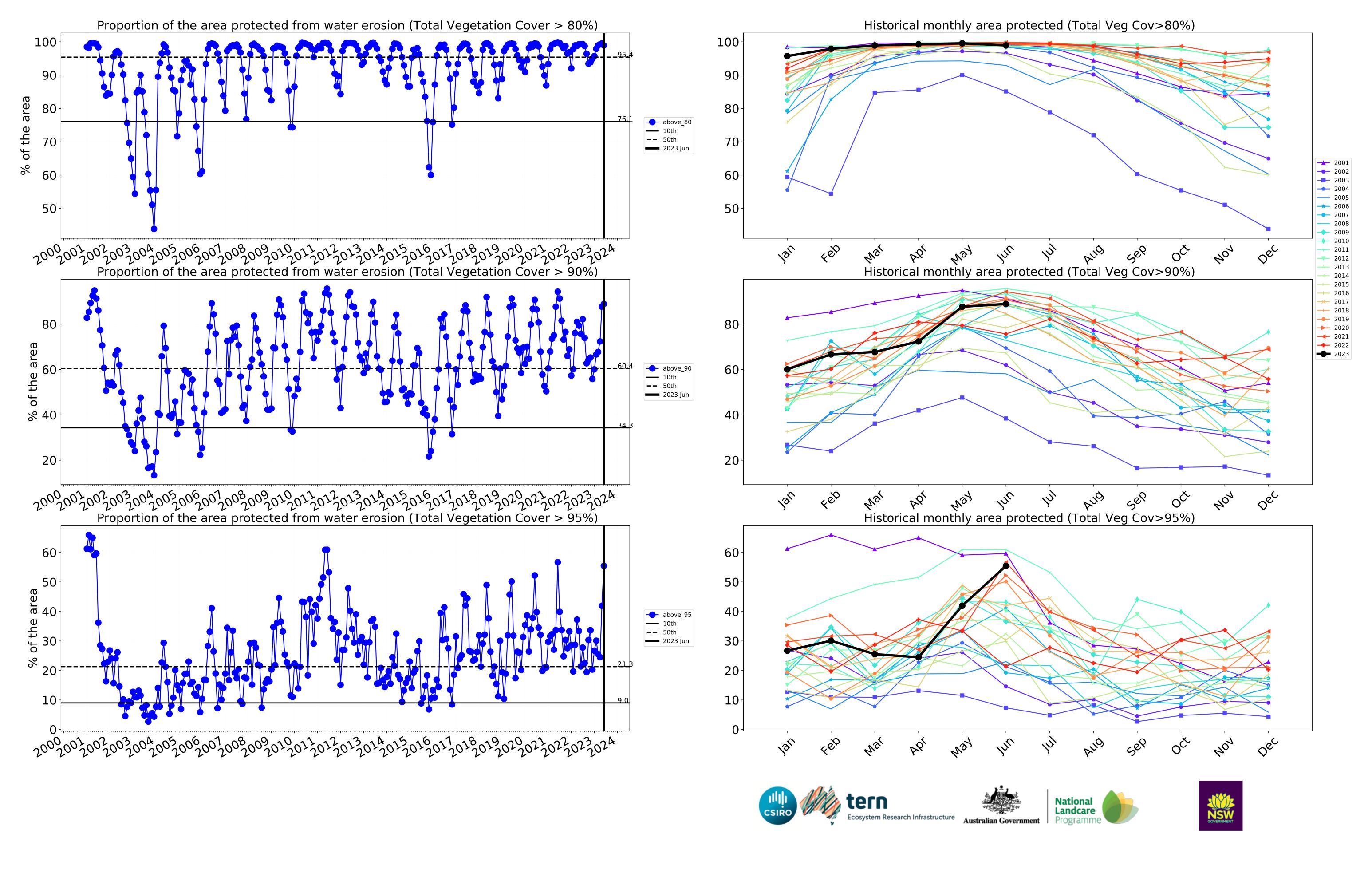




Grazing timeseries







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

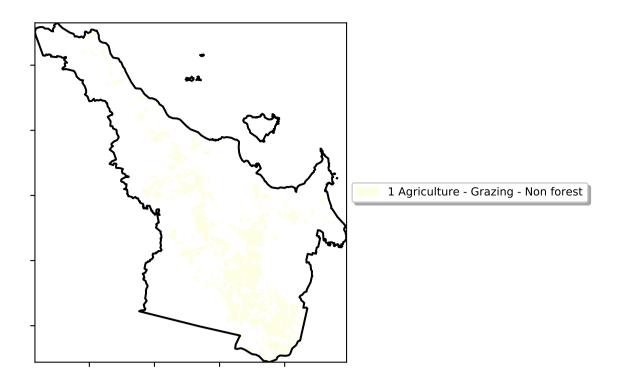
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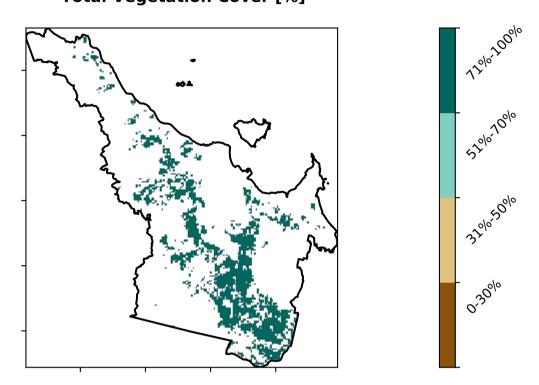
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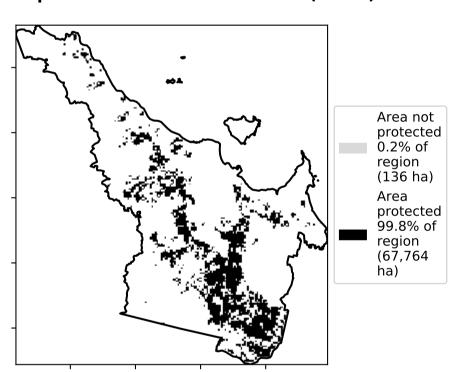
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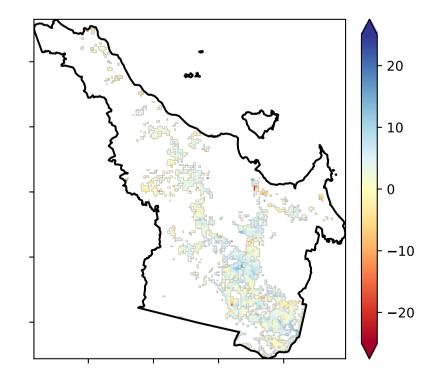
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

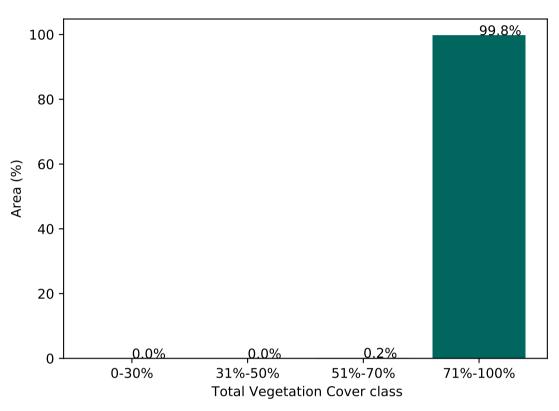


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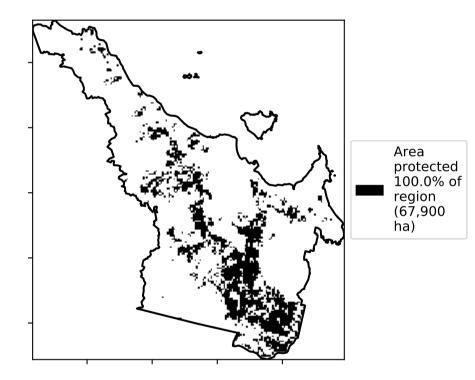


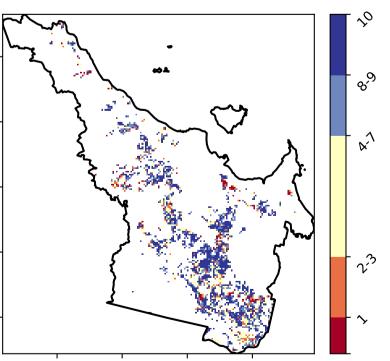
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





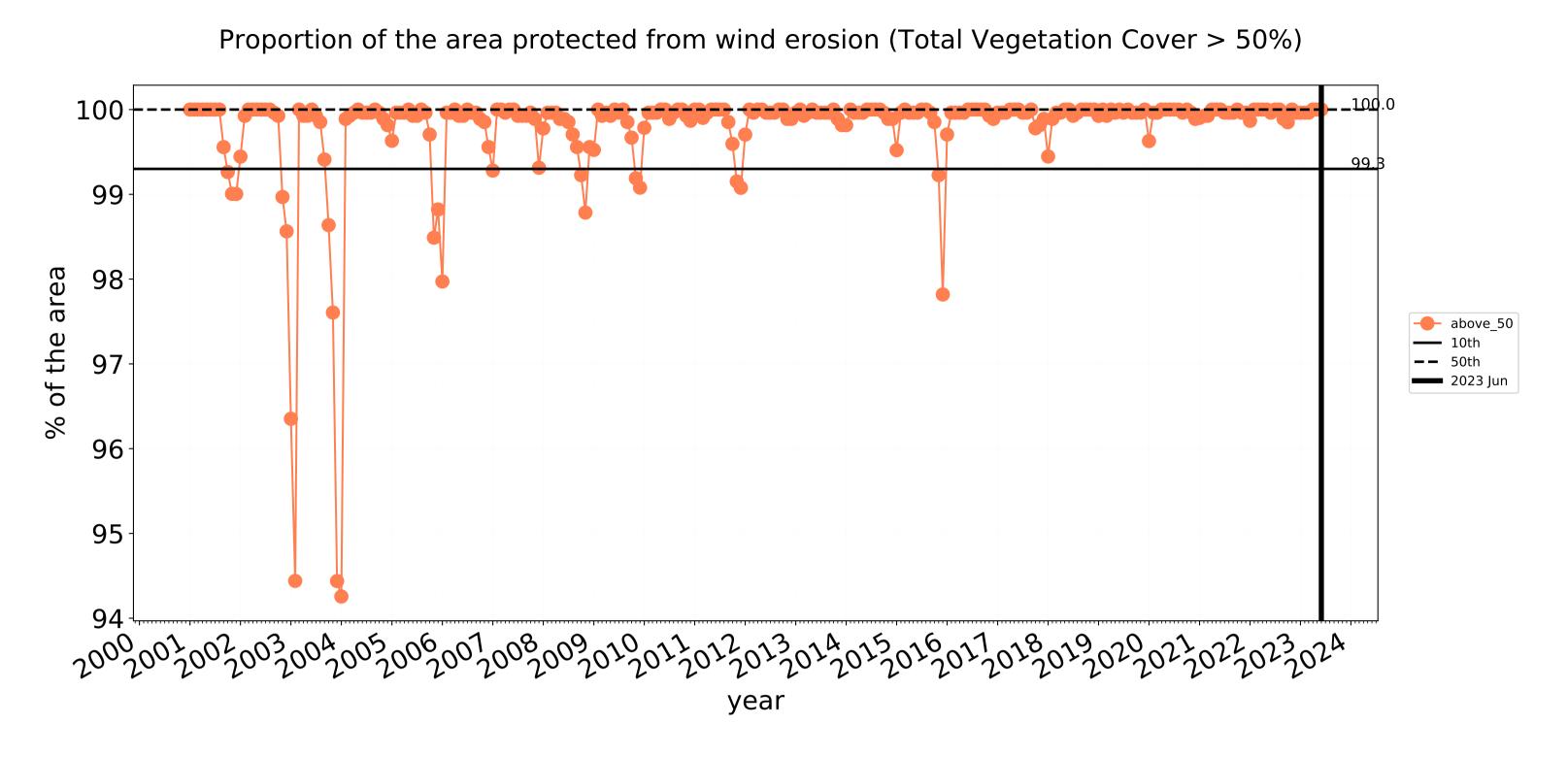


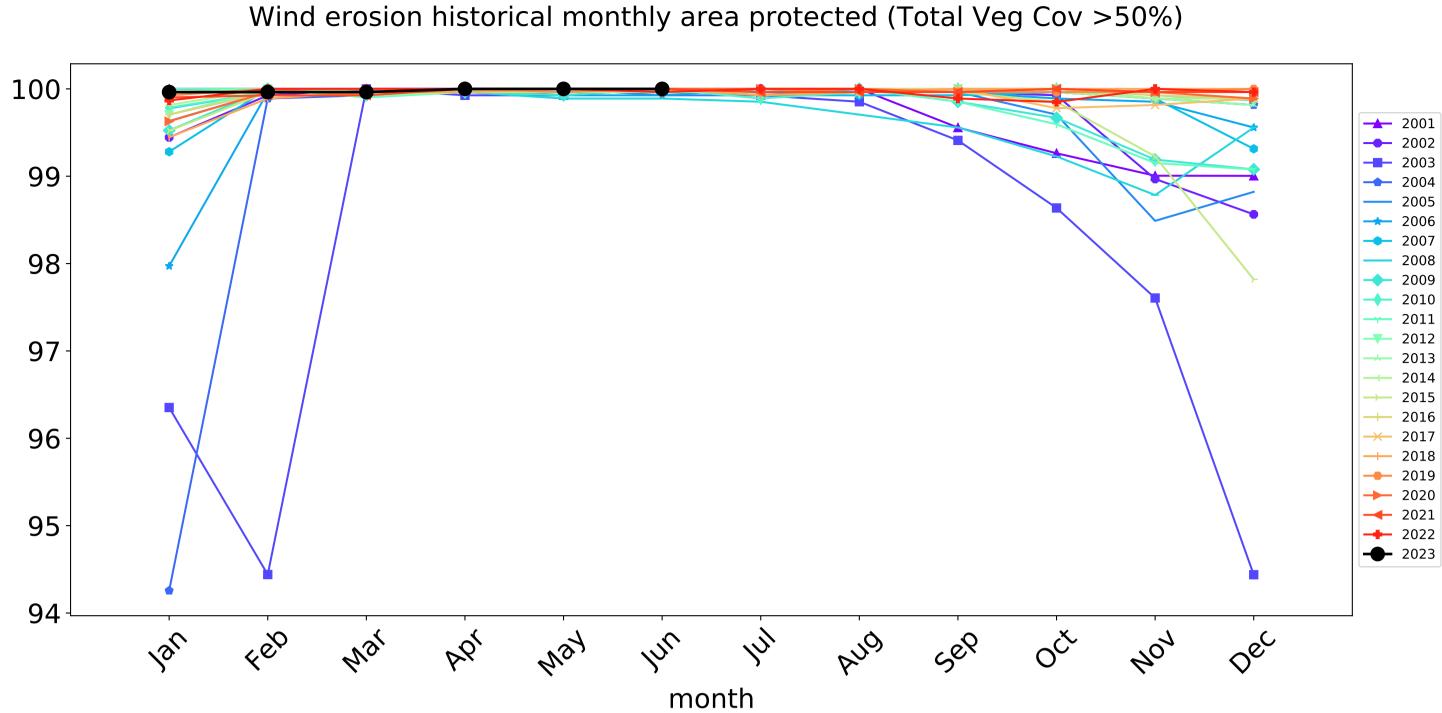


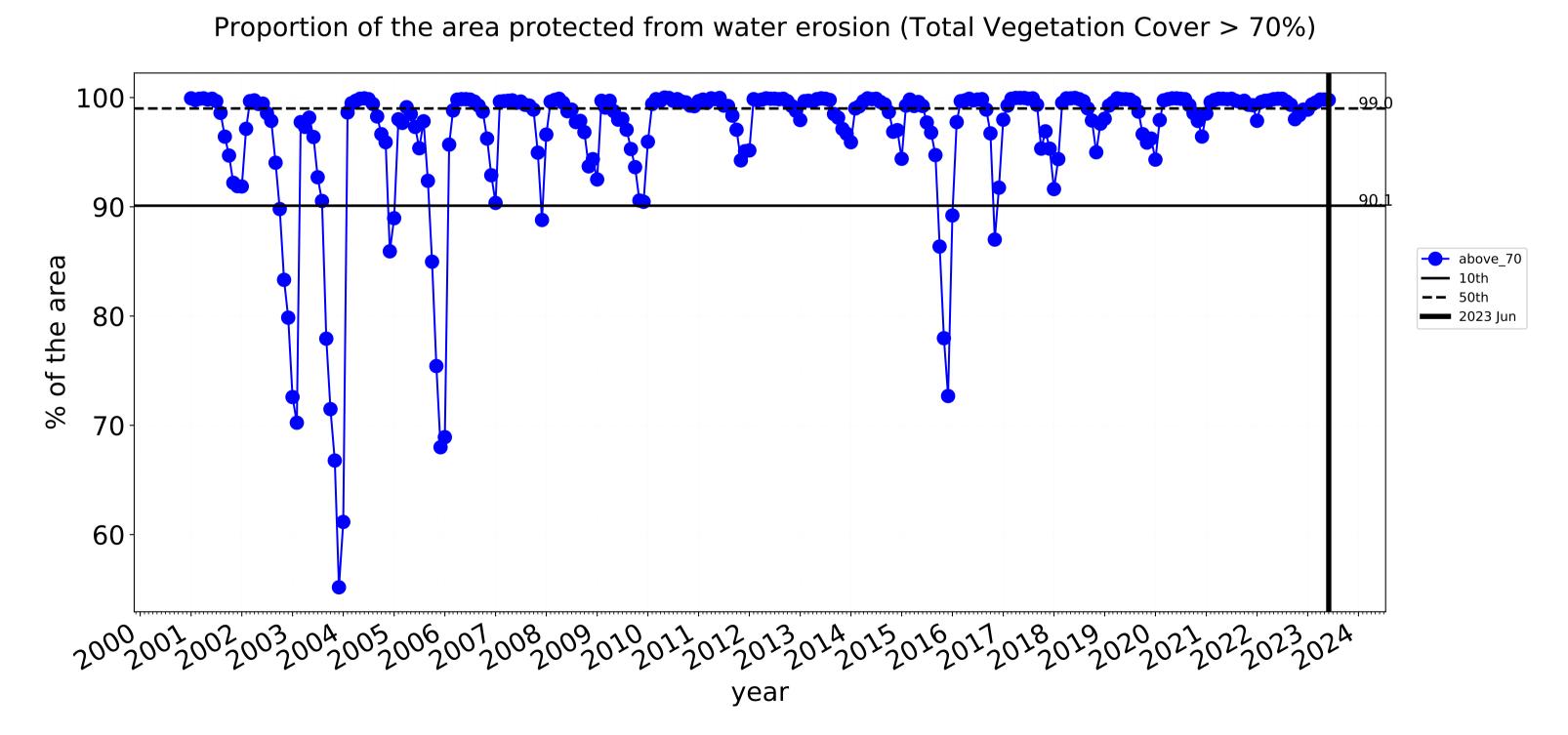


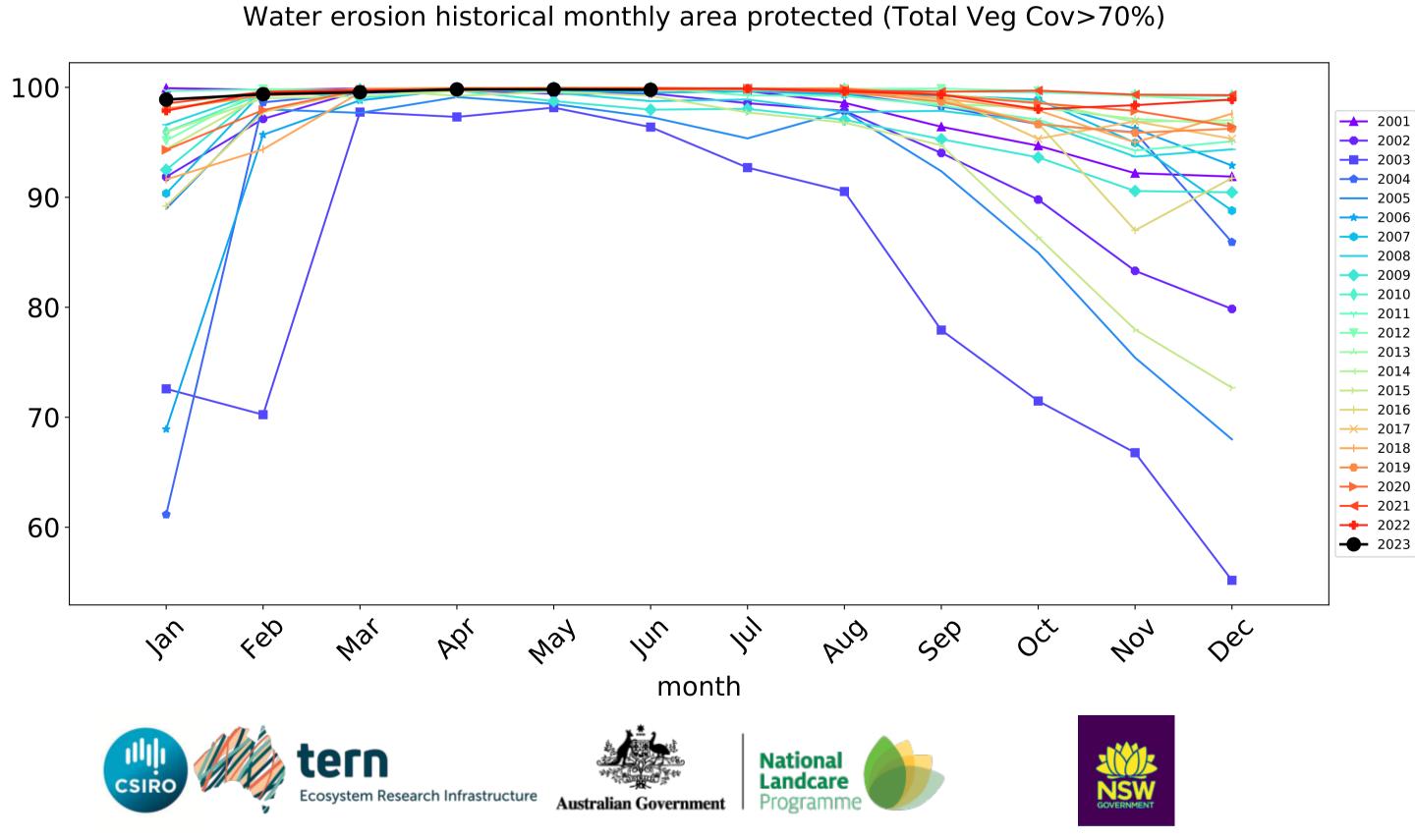


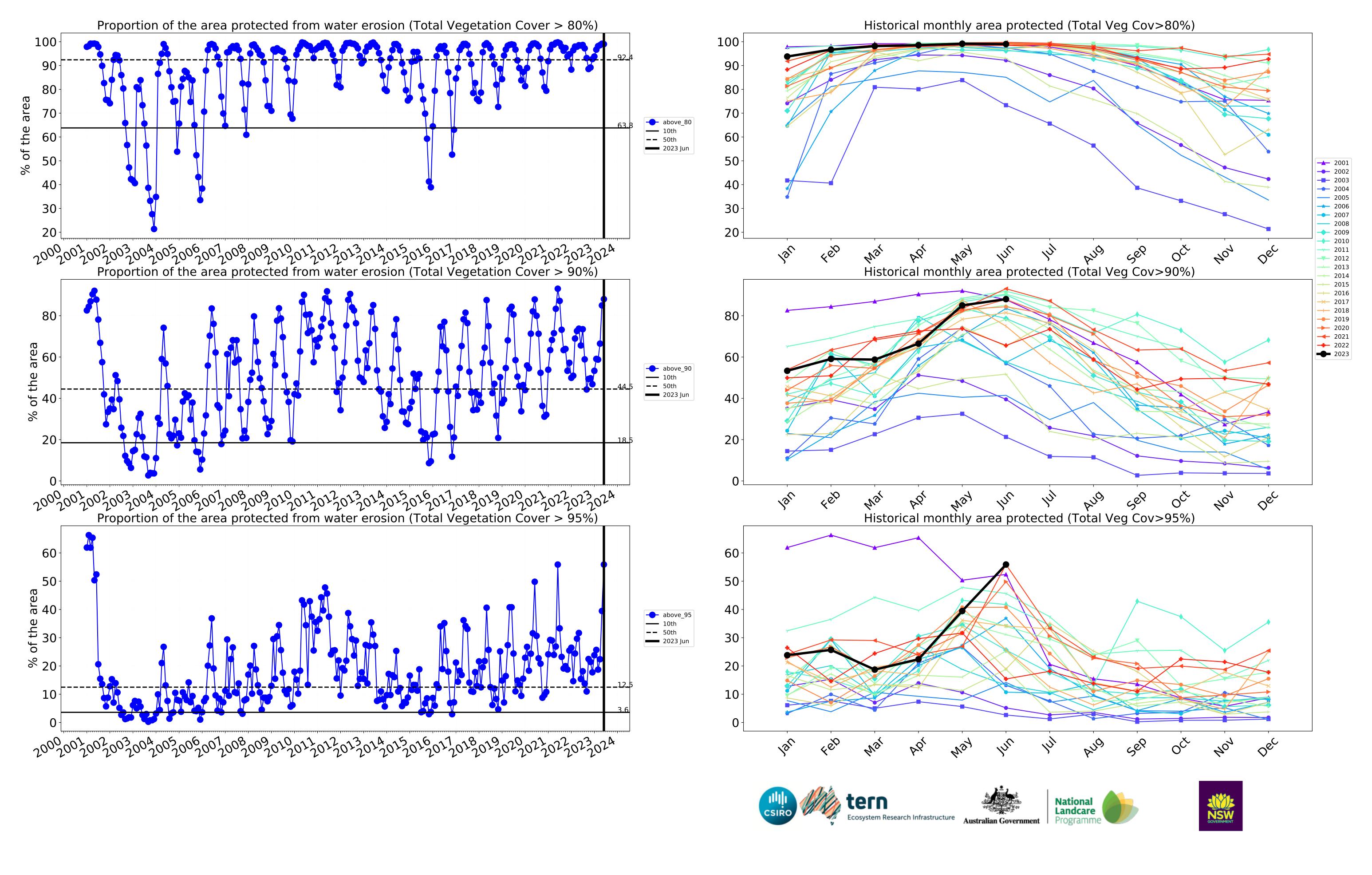
Grazing non forest timeseries











Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

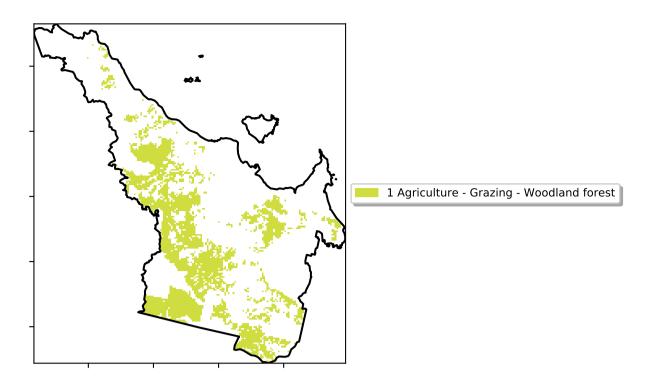
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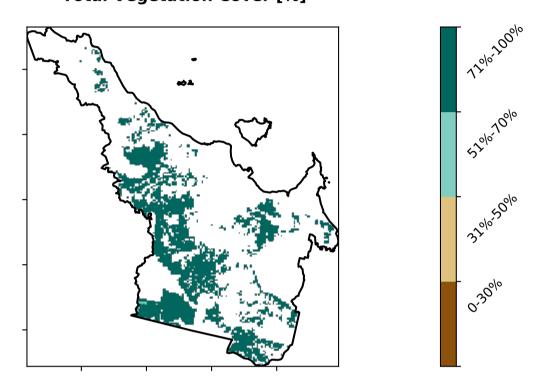
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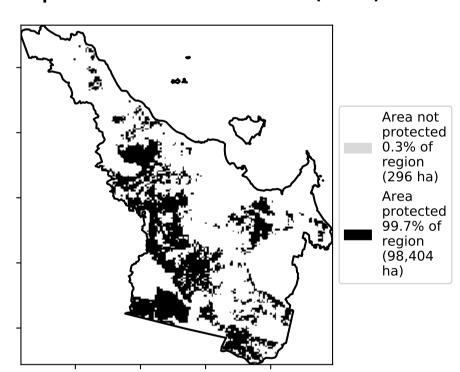
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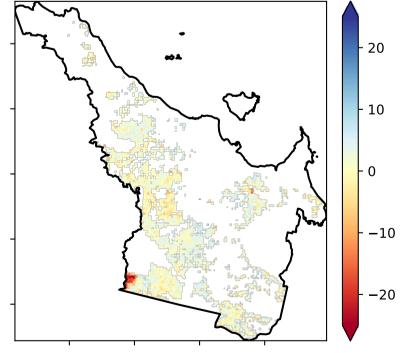
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

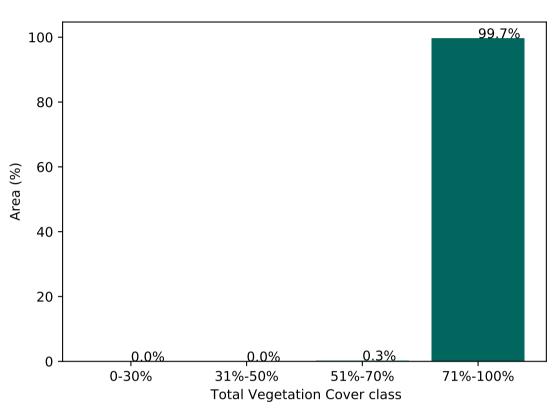


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

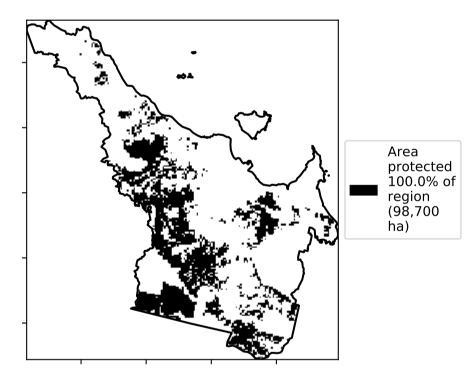


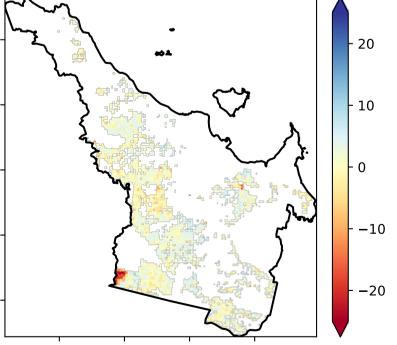
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





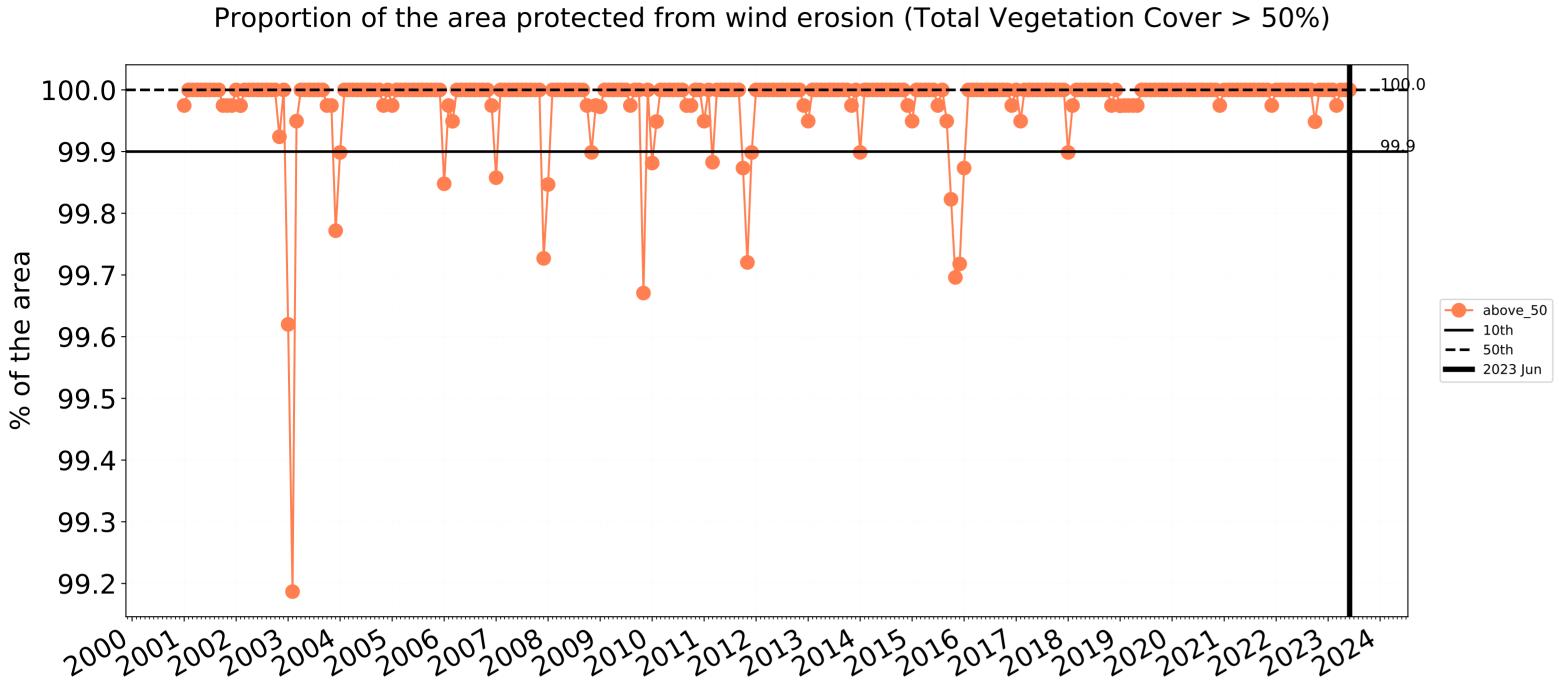


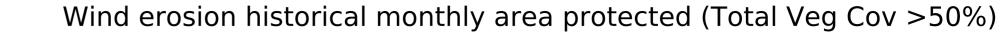


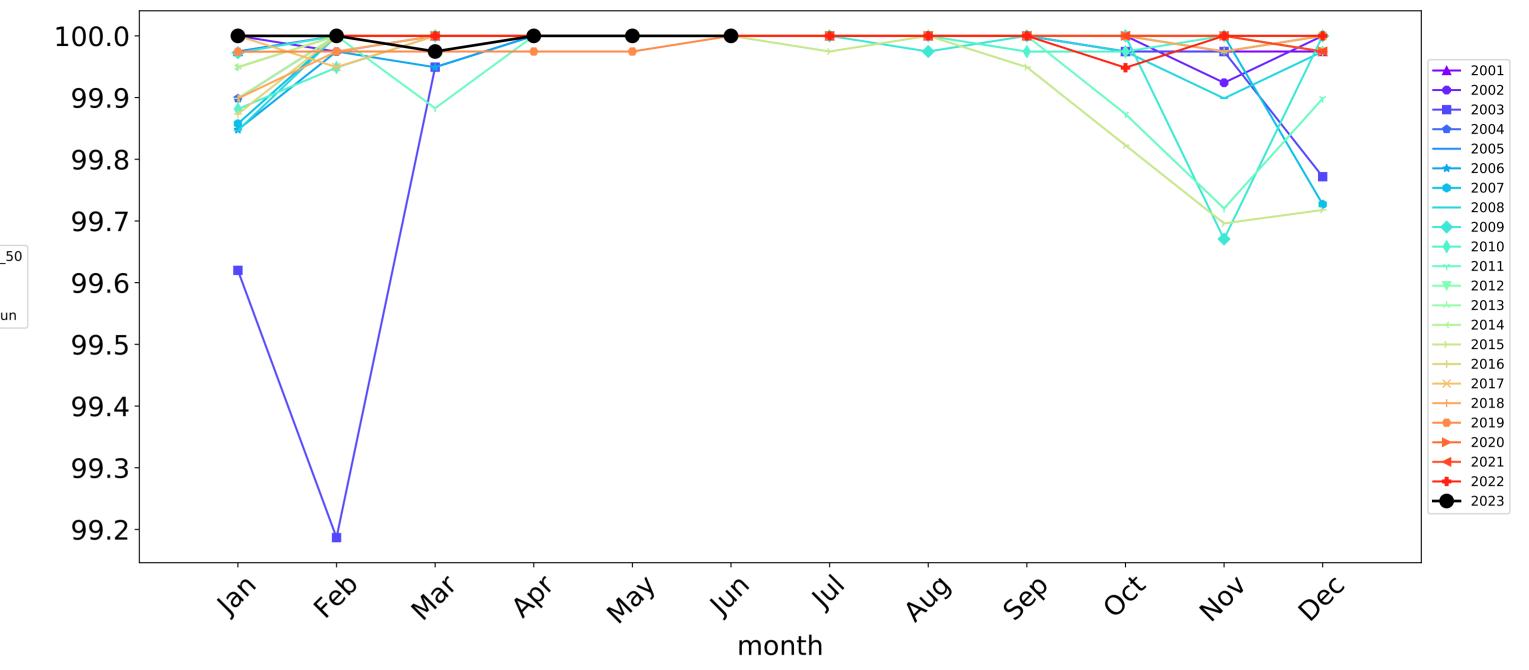


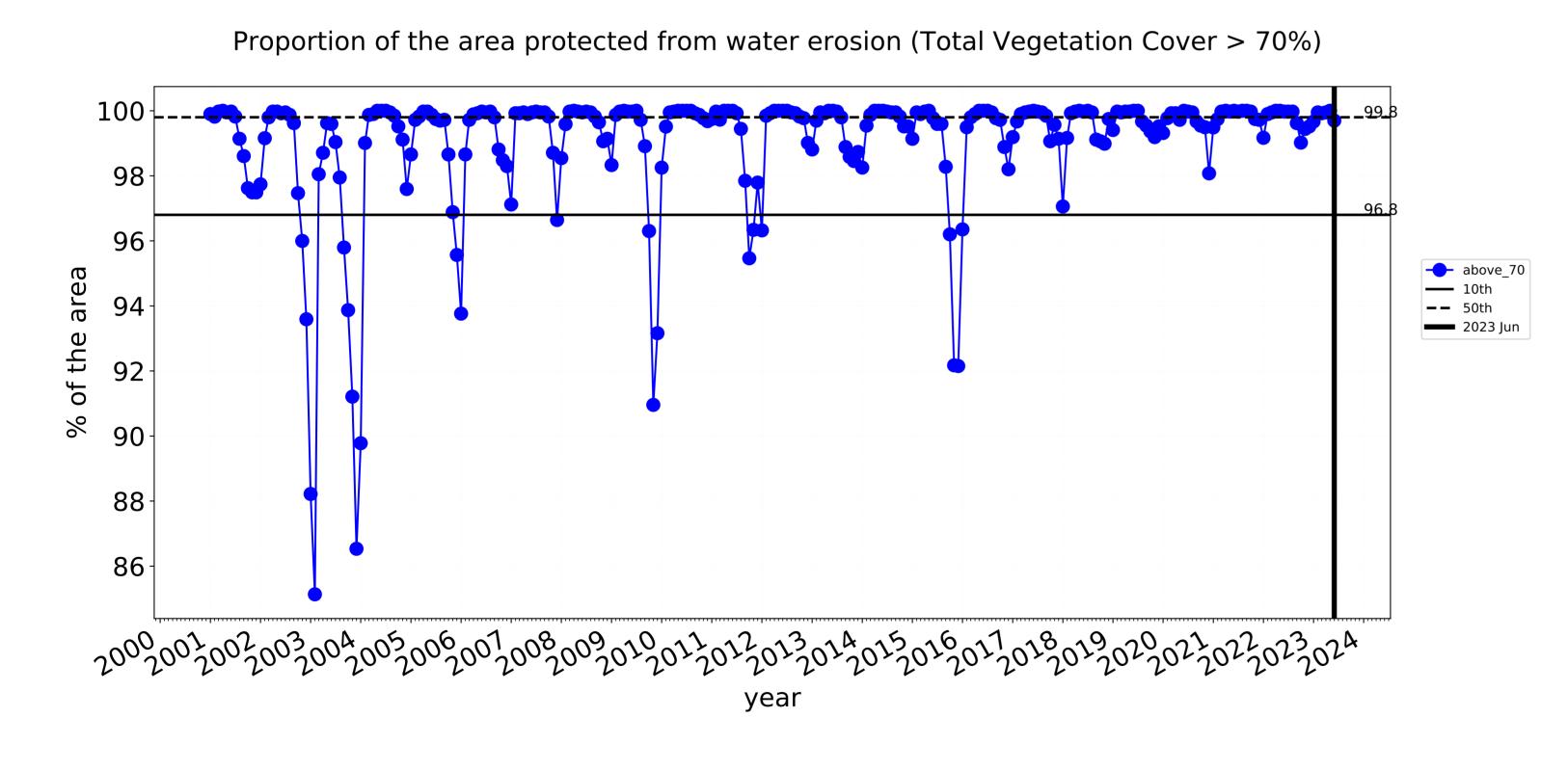


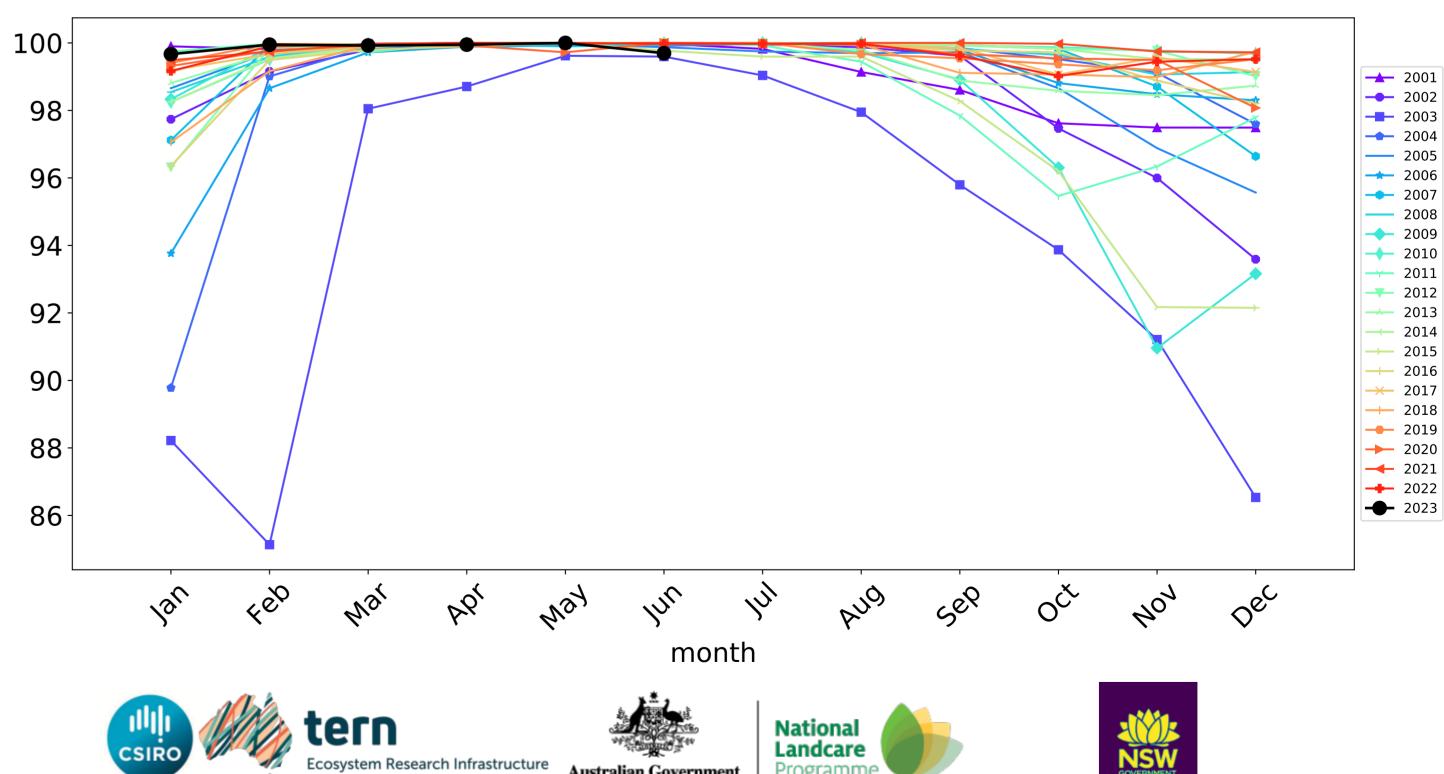
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



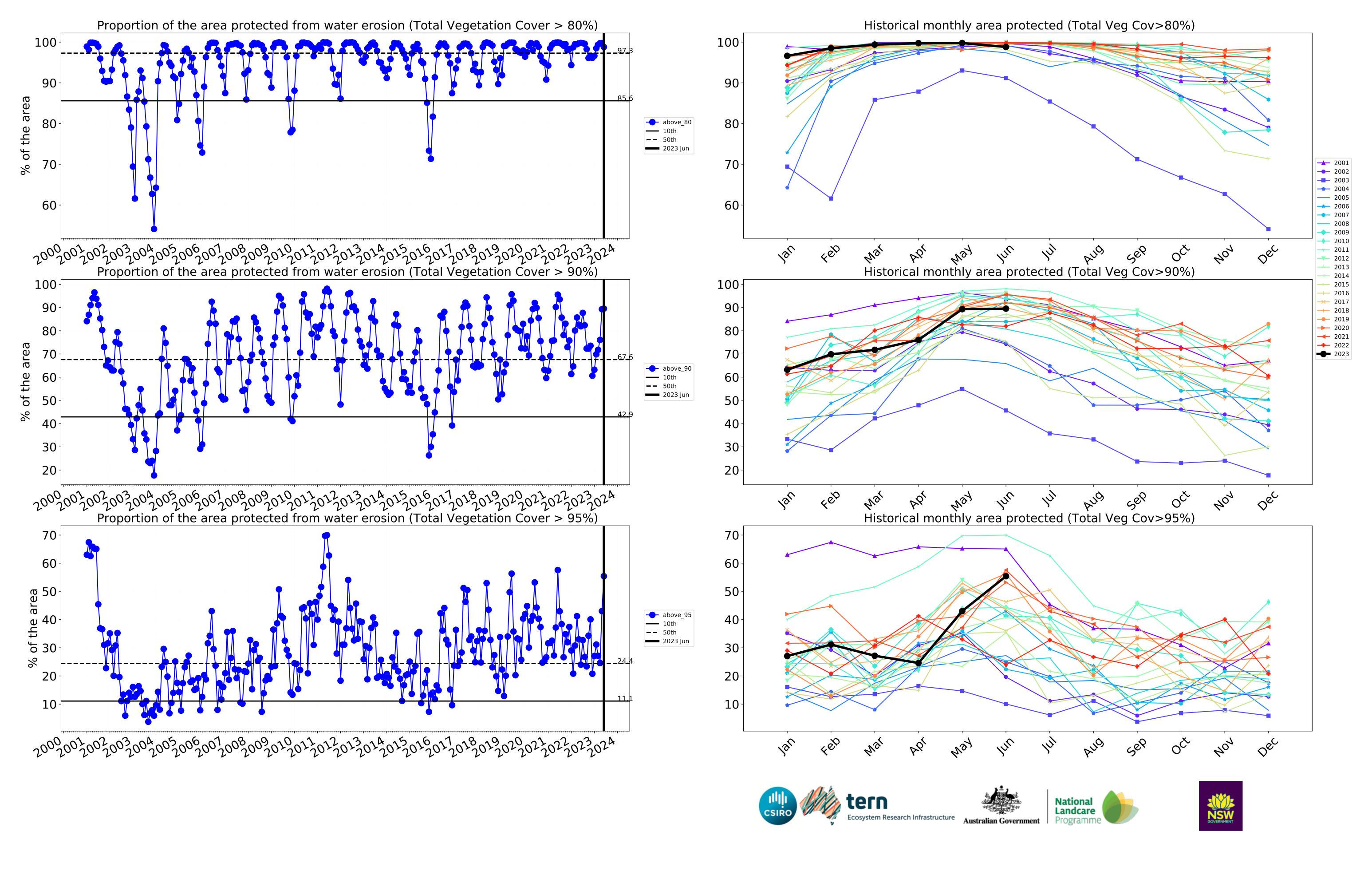








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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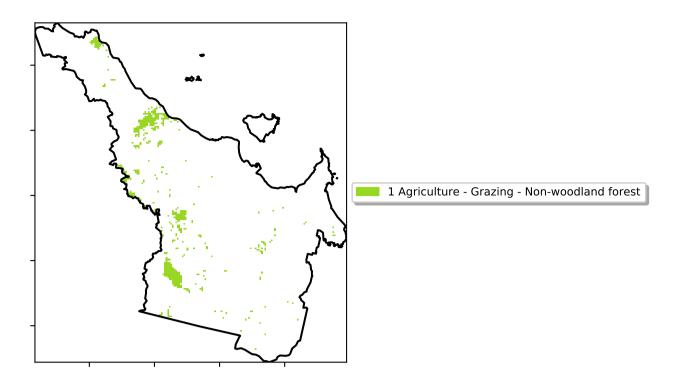
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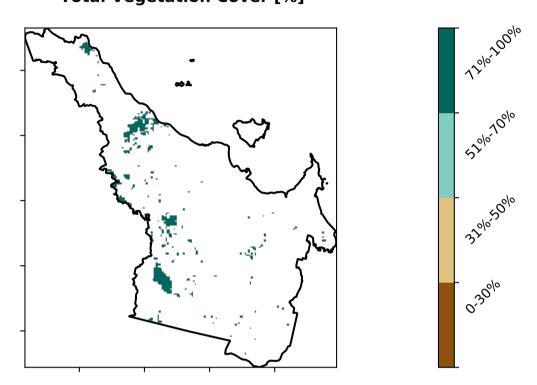
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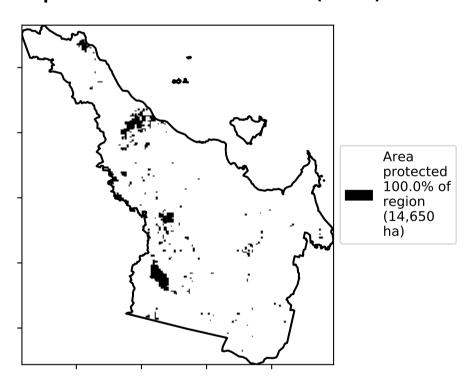
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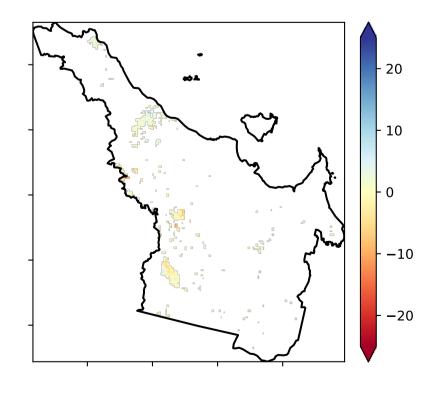
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

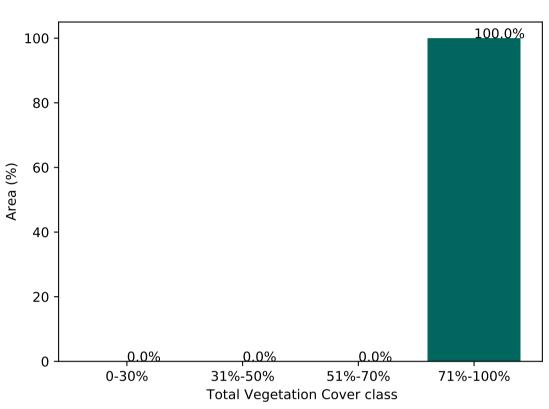


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

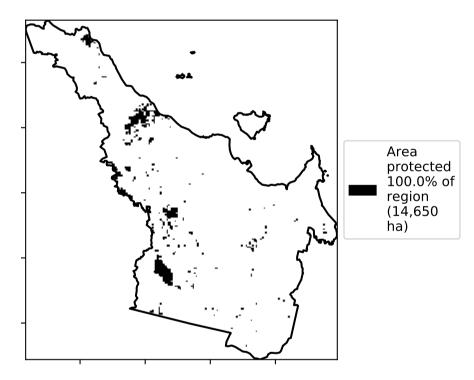


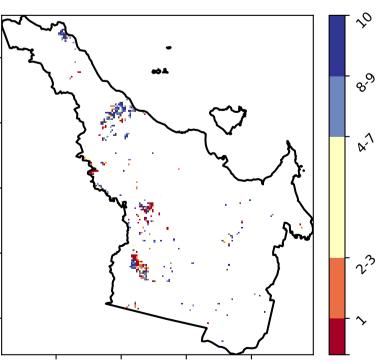
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



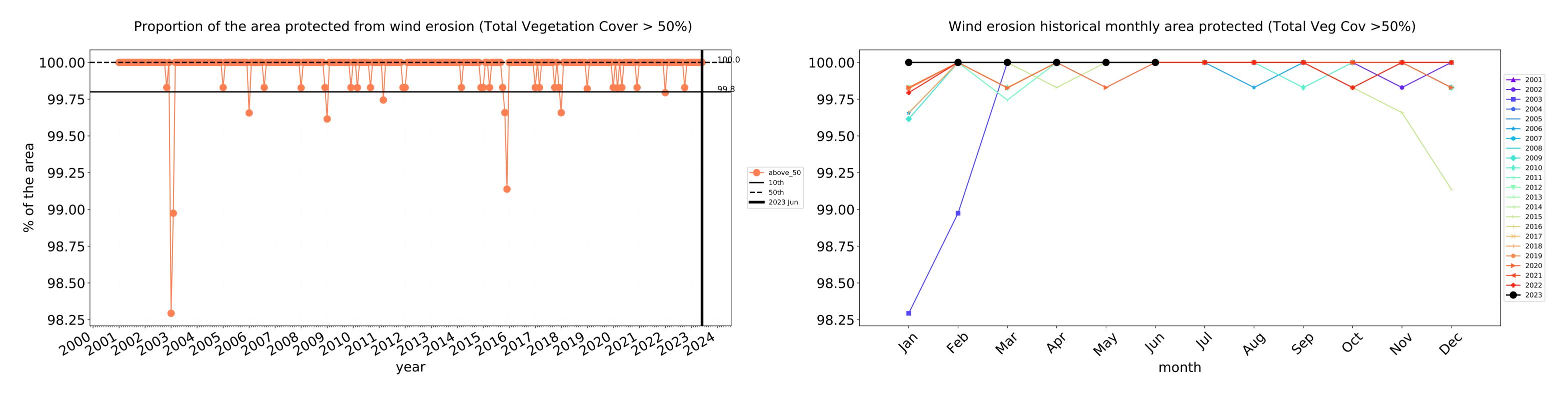


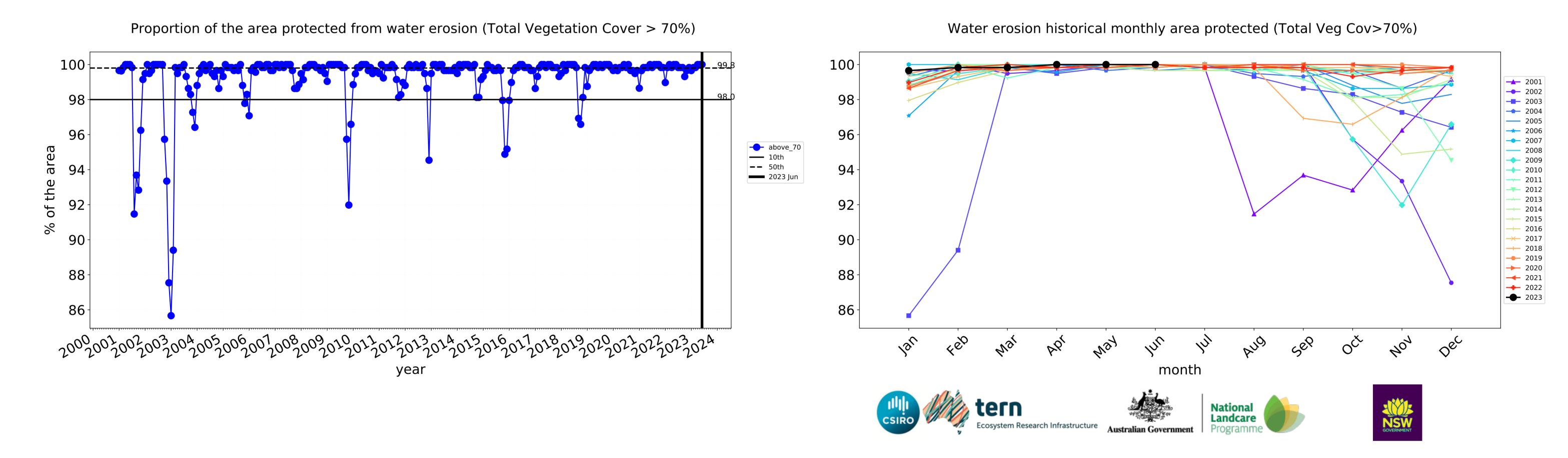


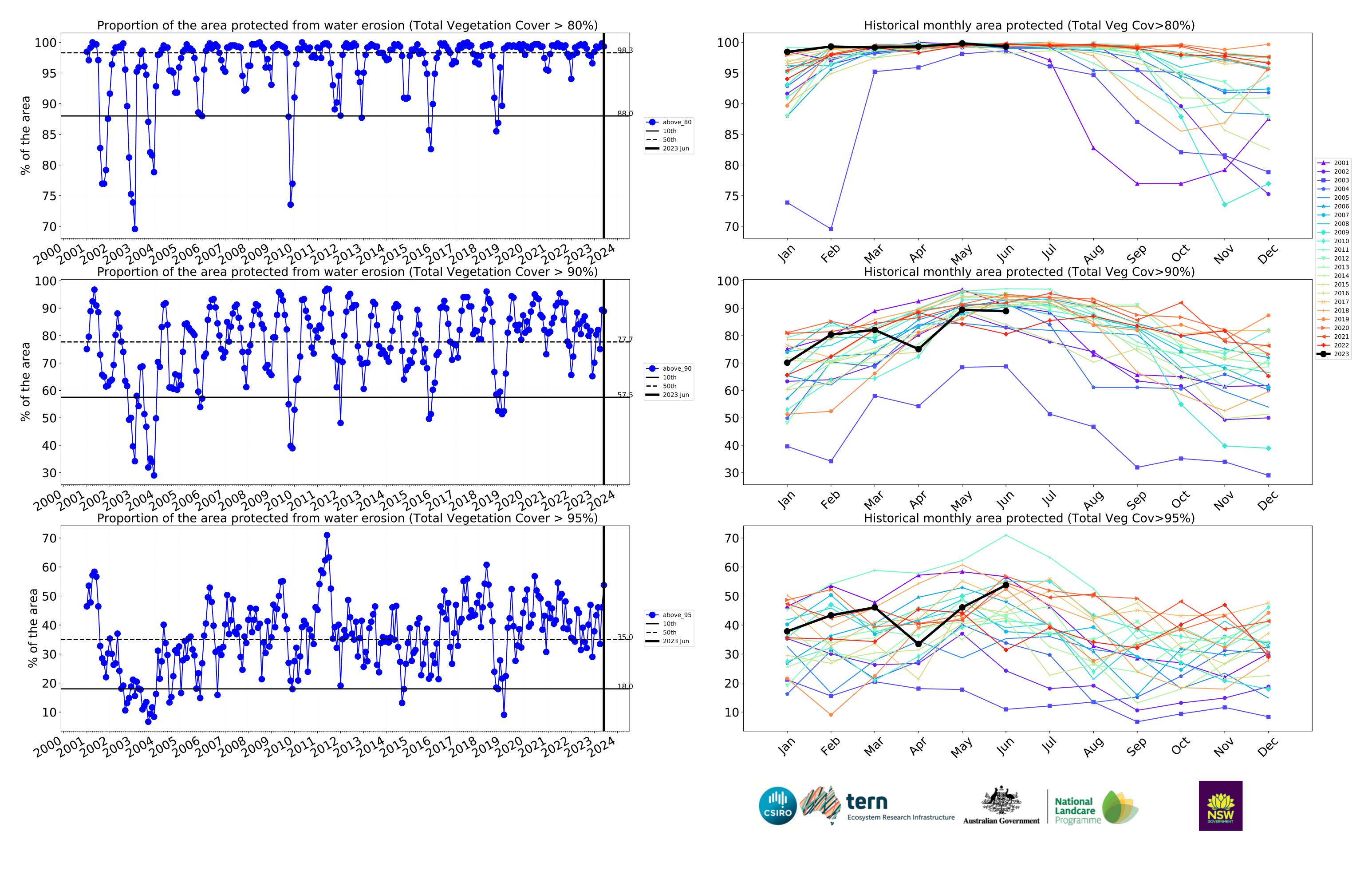












Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

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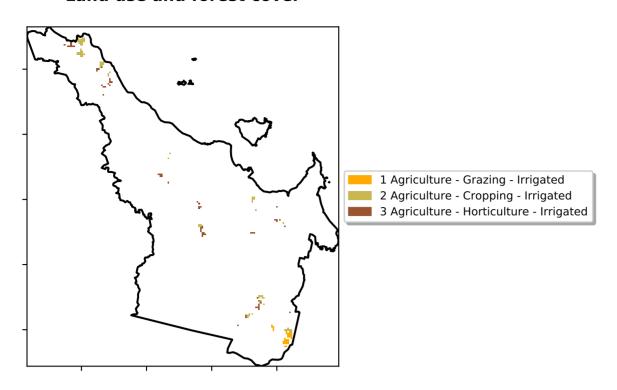
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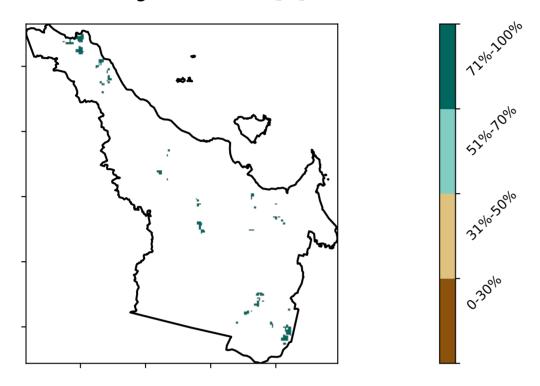
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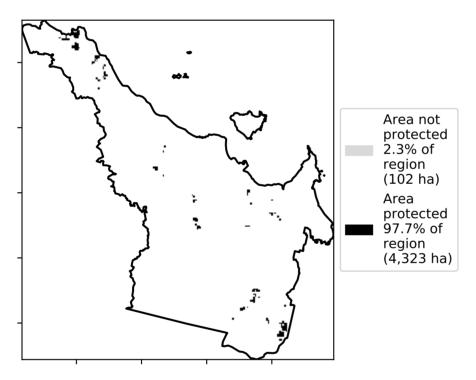
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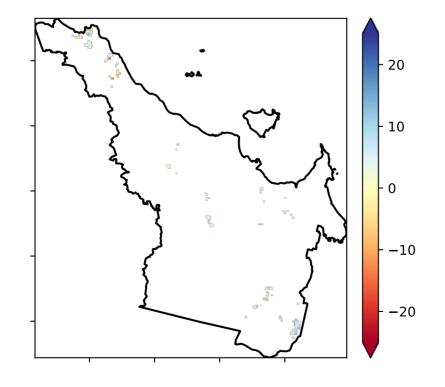
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

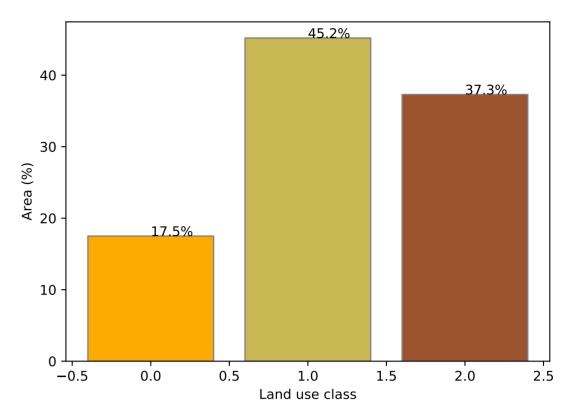


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

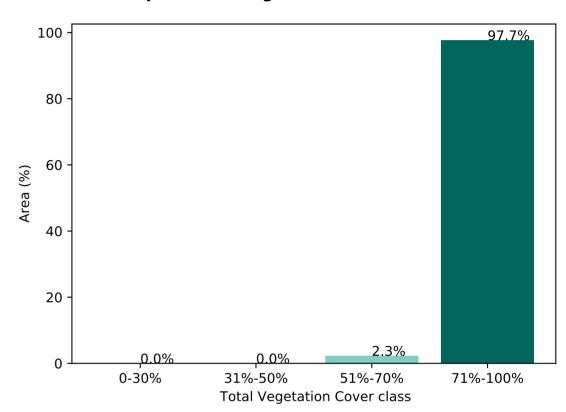


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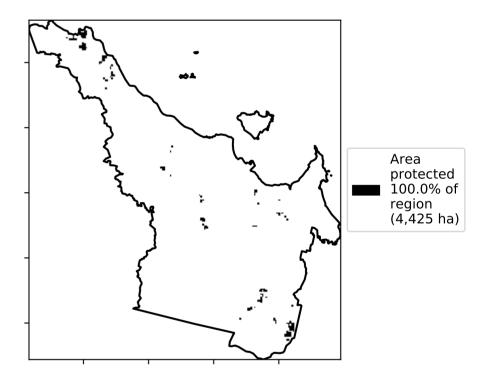
Proportion of each land class in area

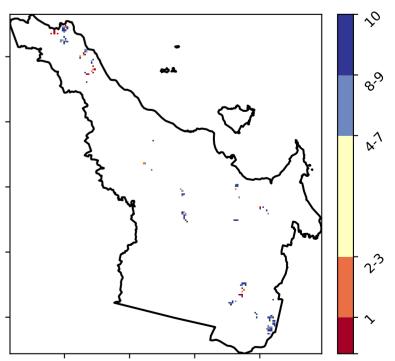


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



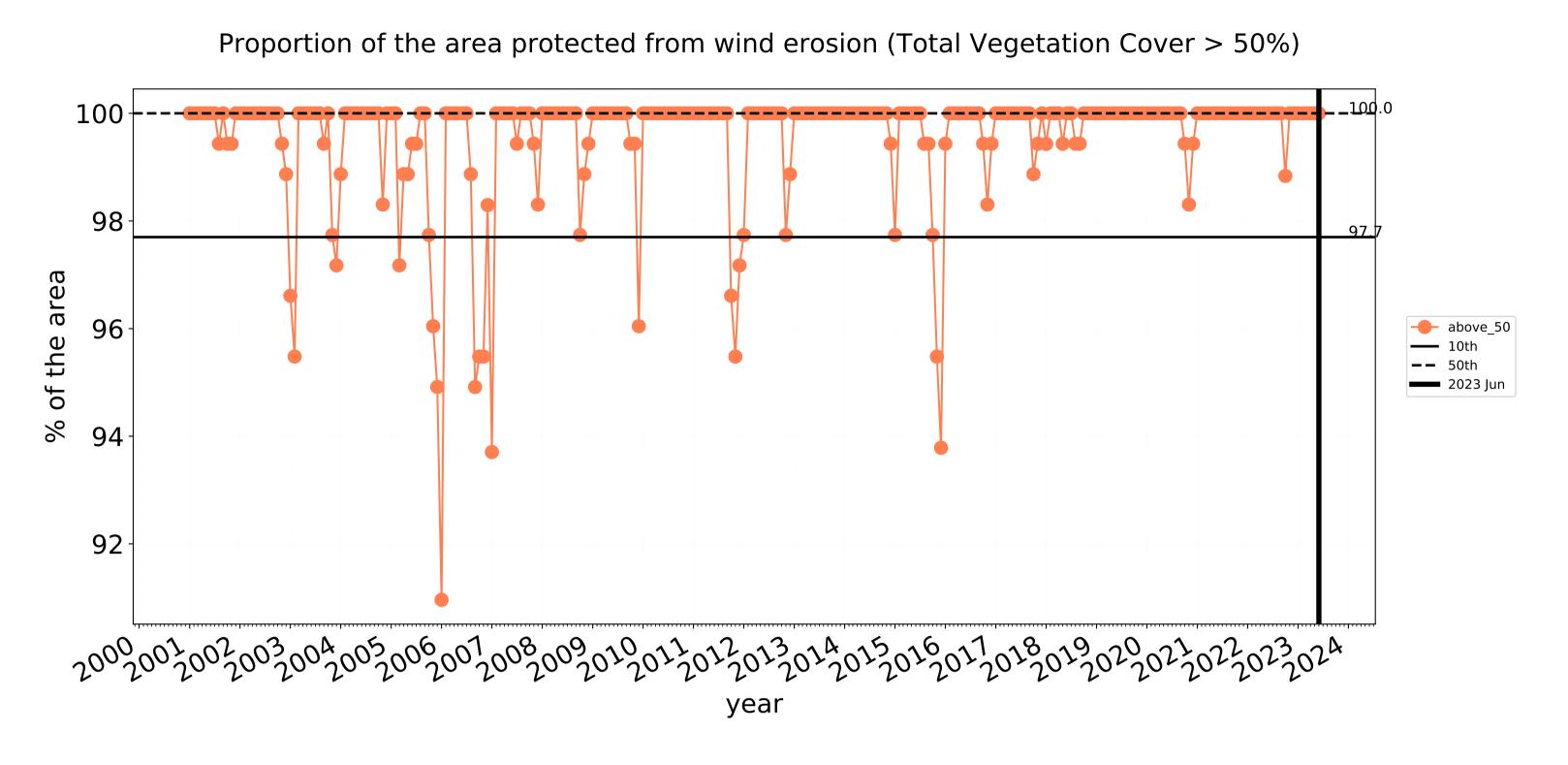


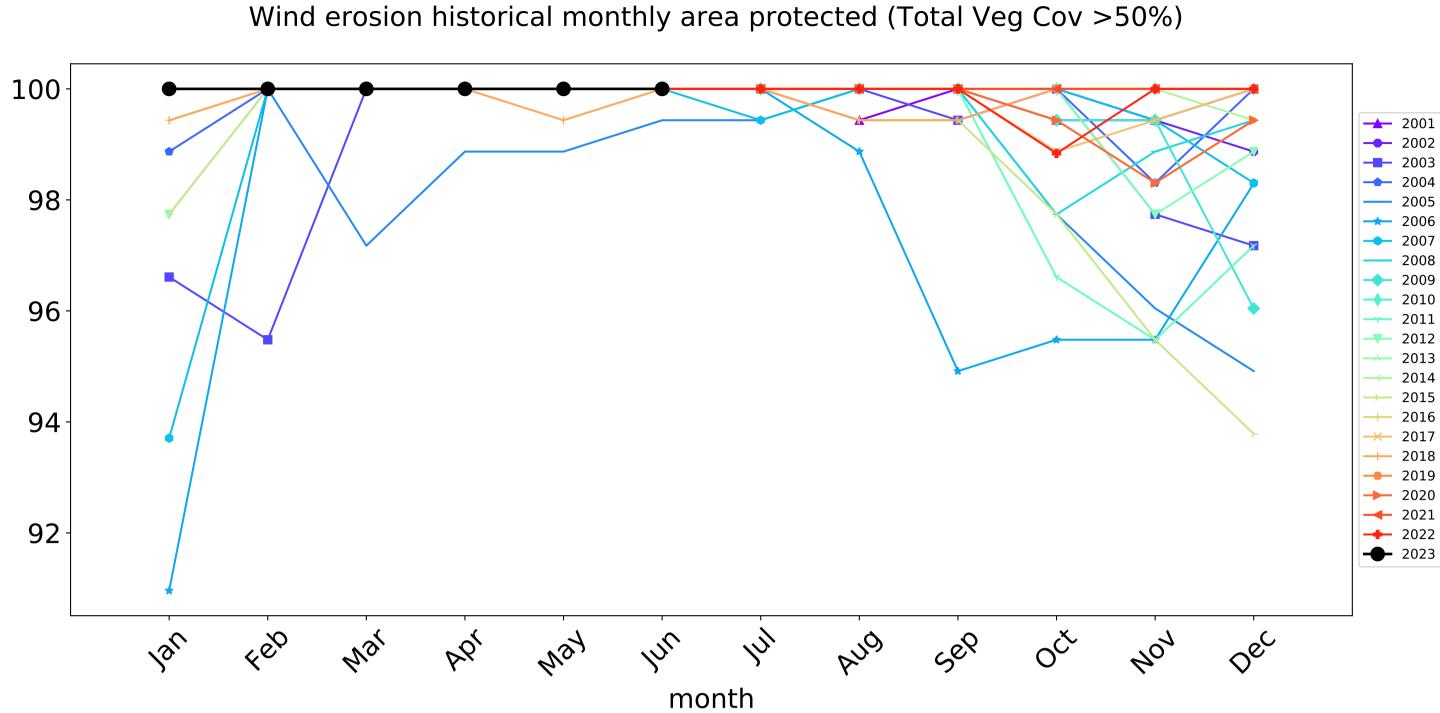


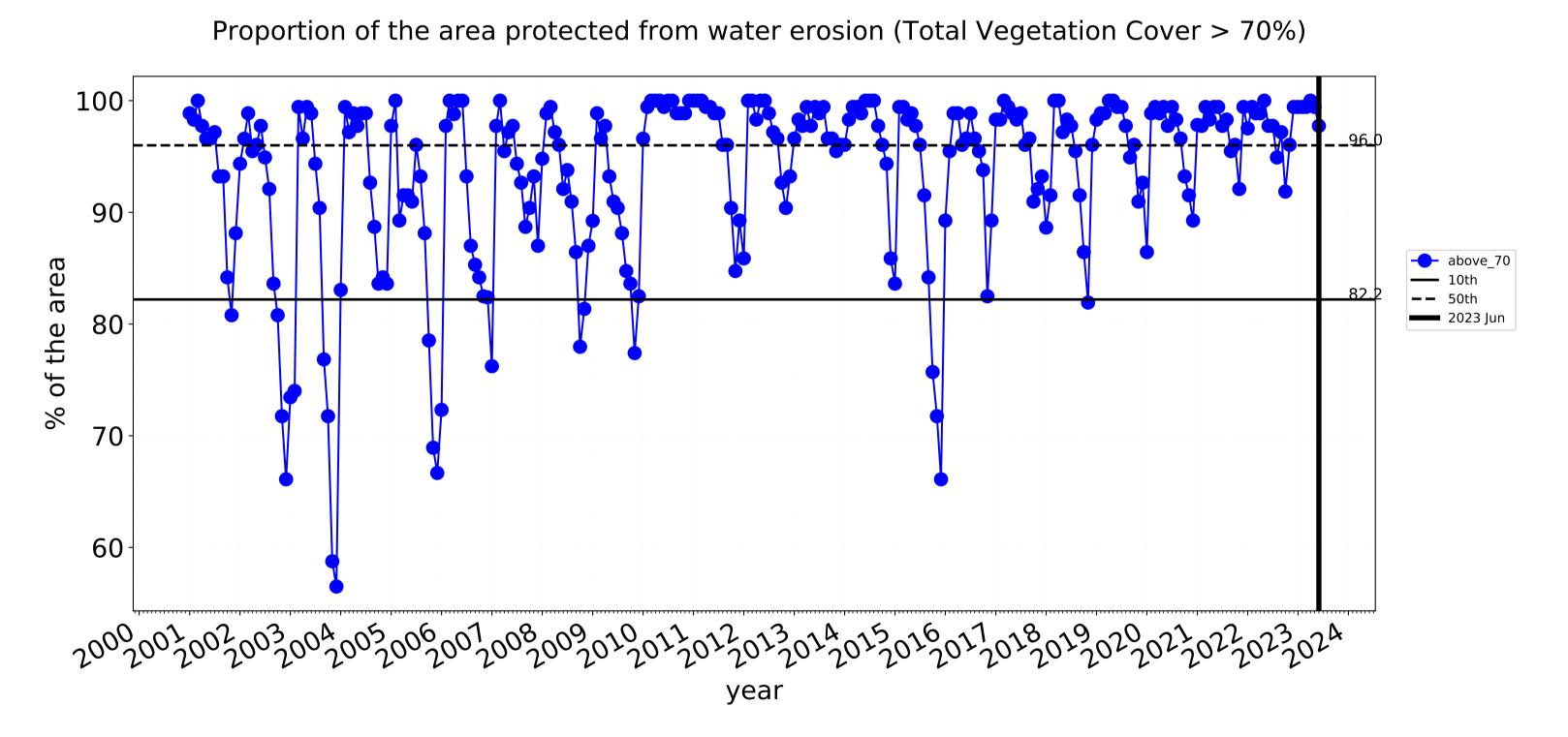


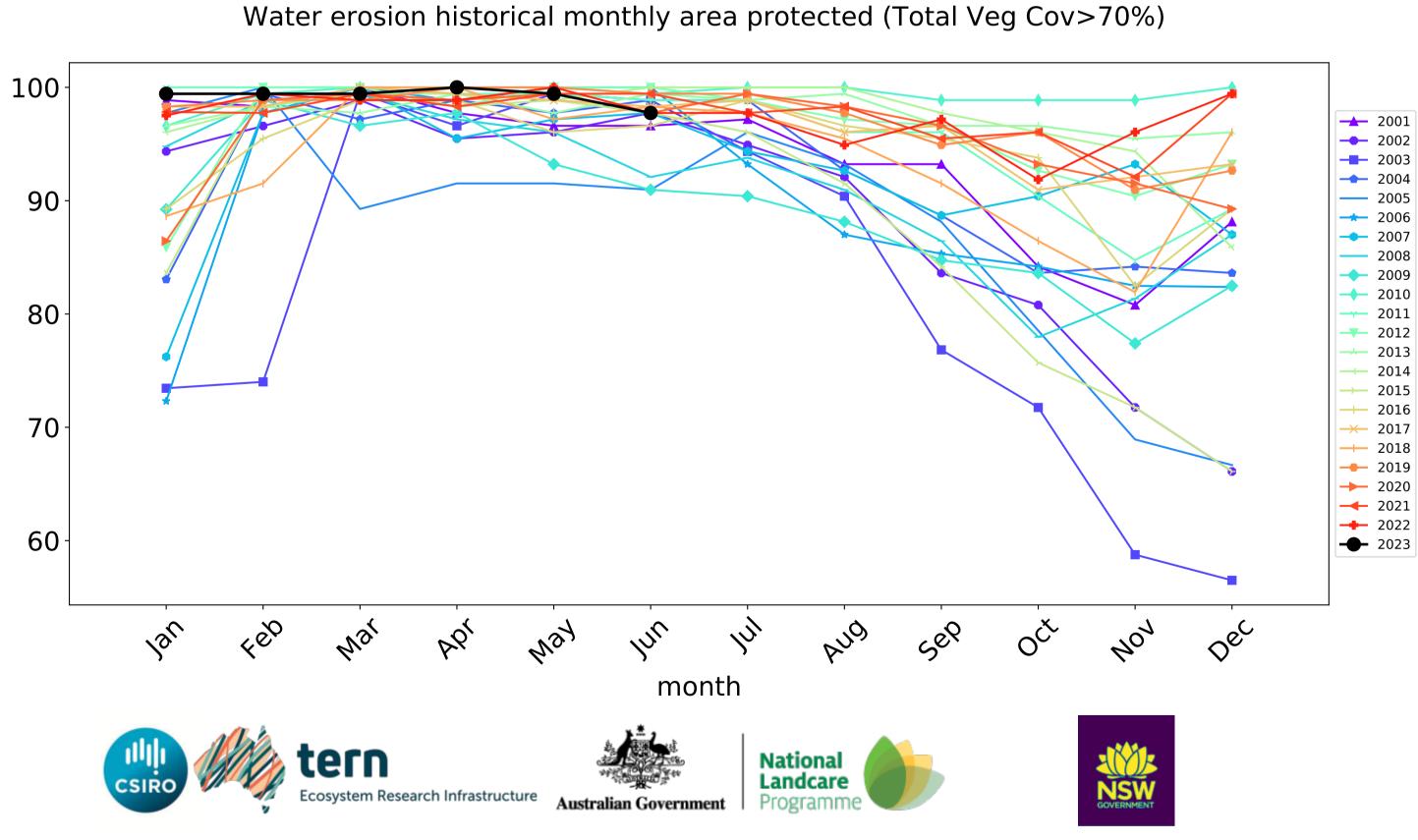


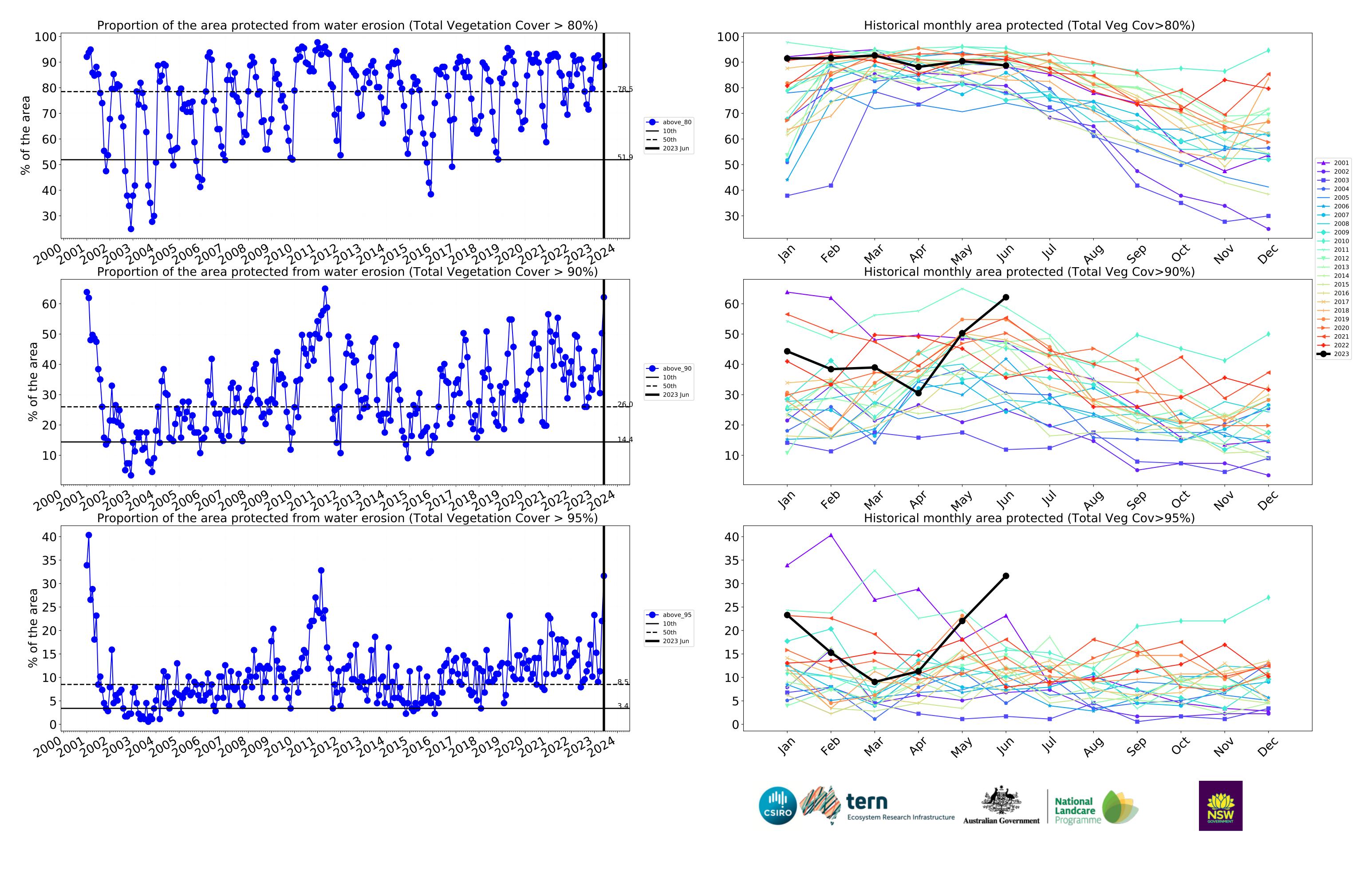












Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

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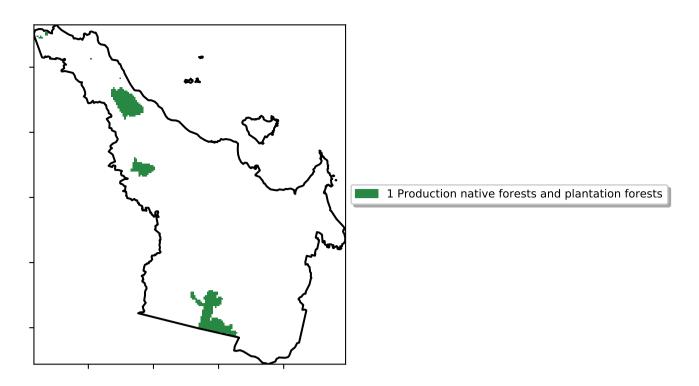
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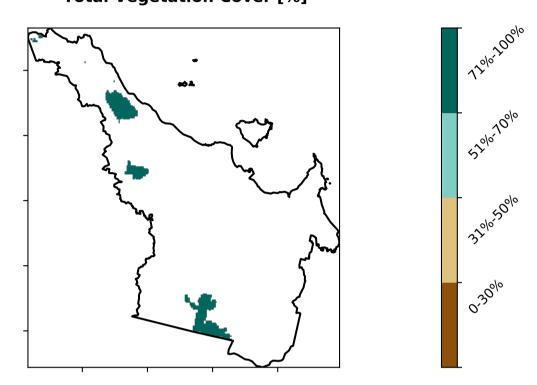
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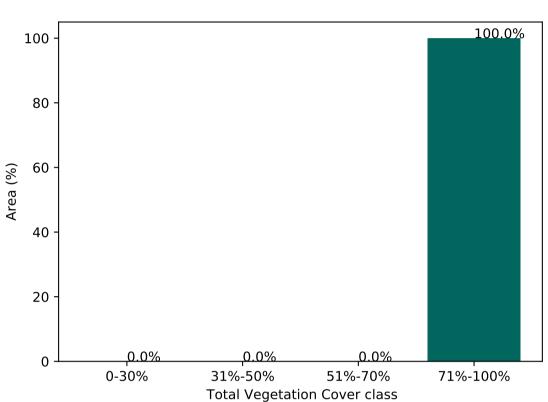
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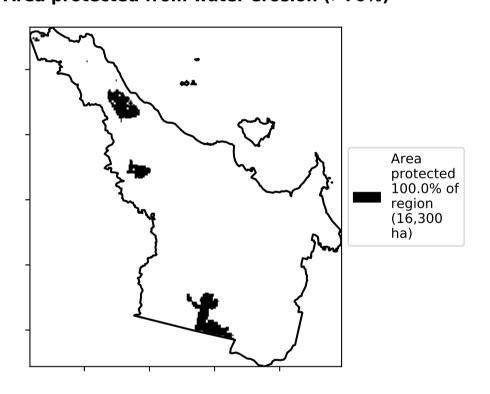
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



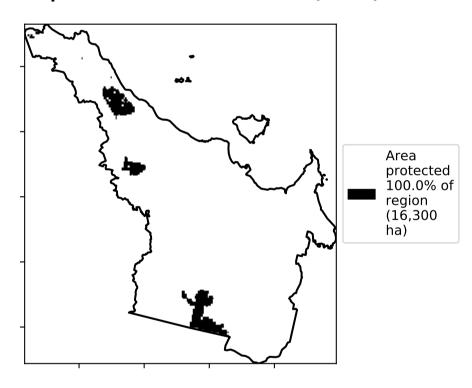
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



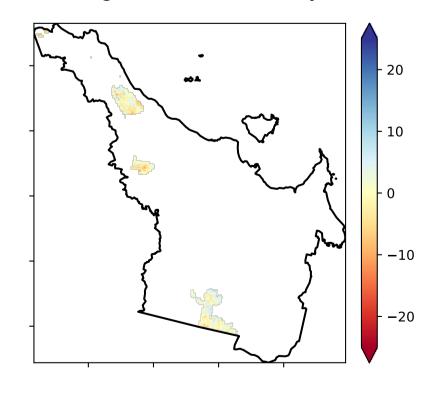
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



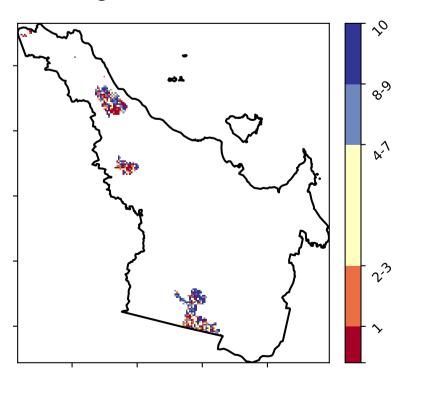
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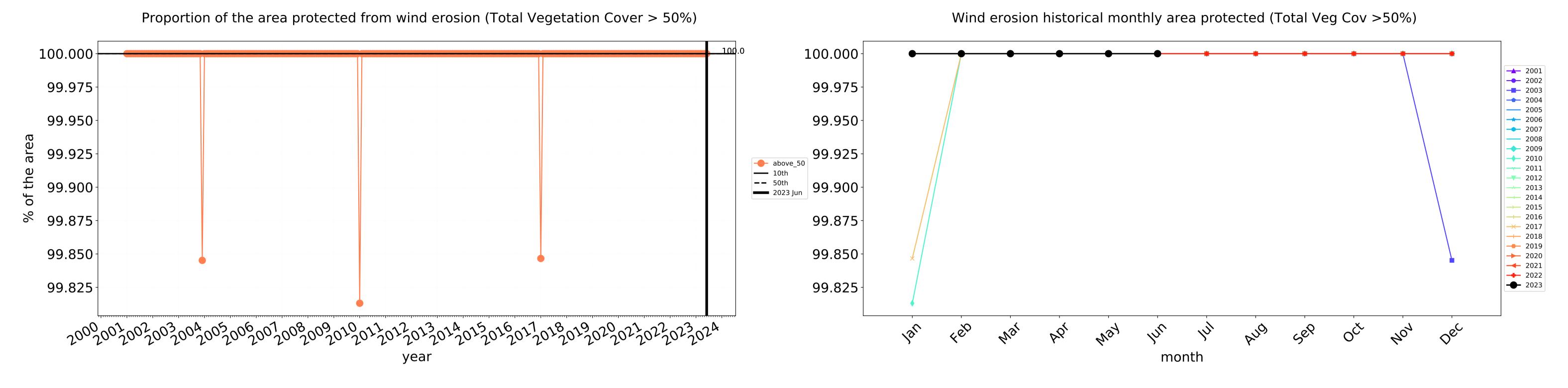


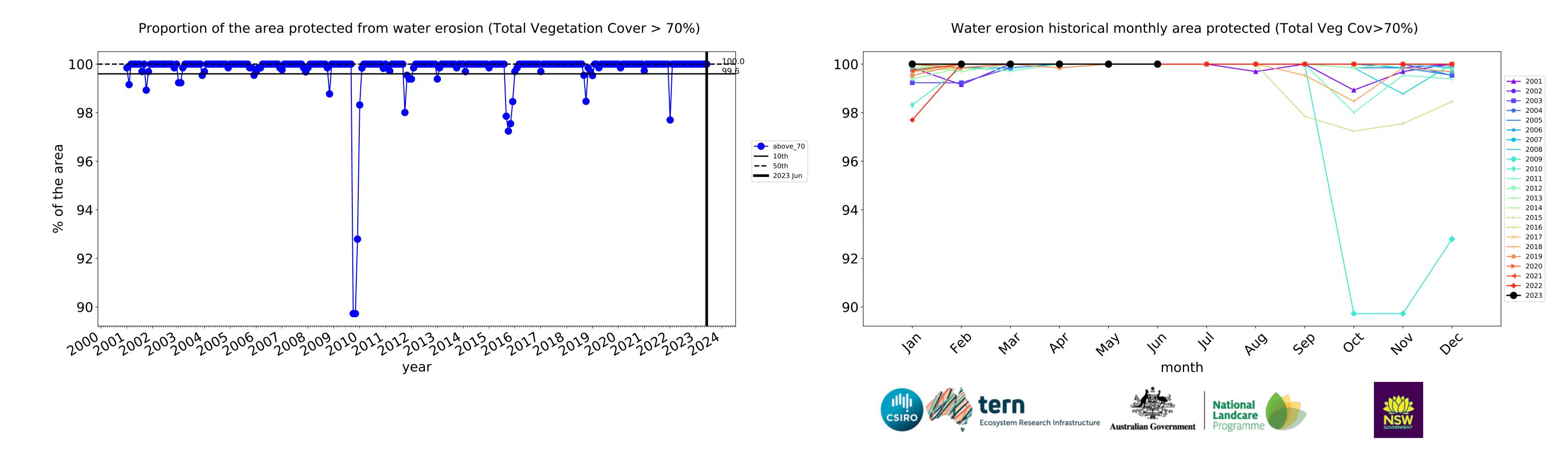


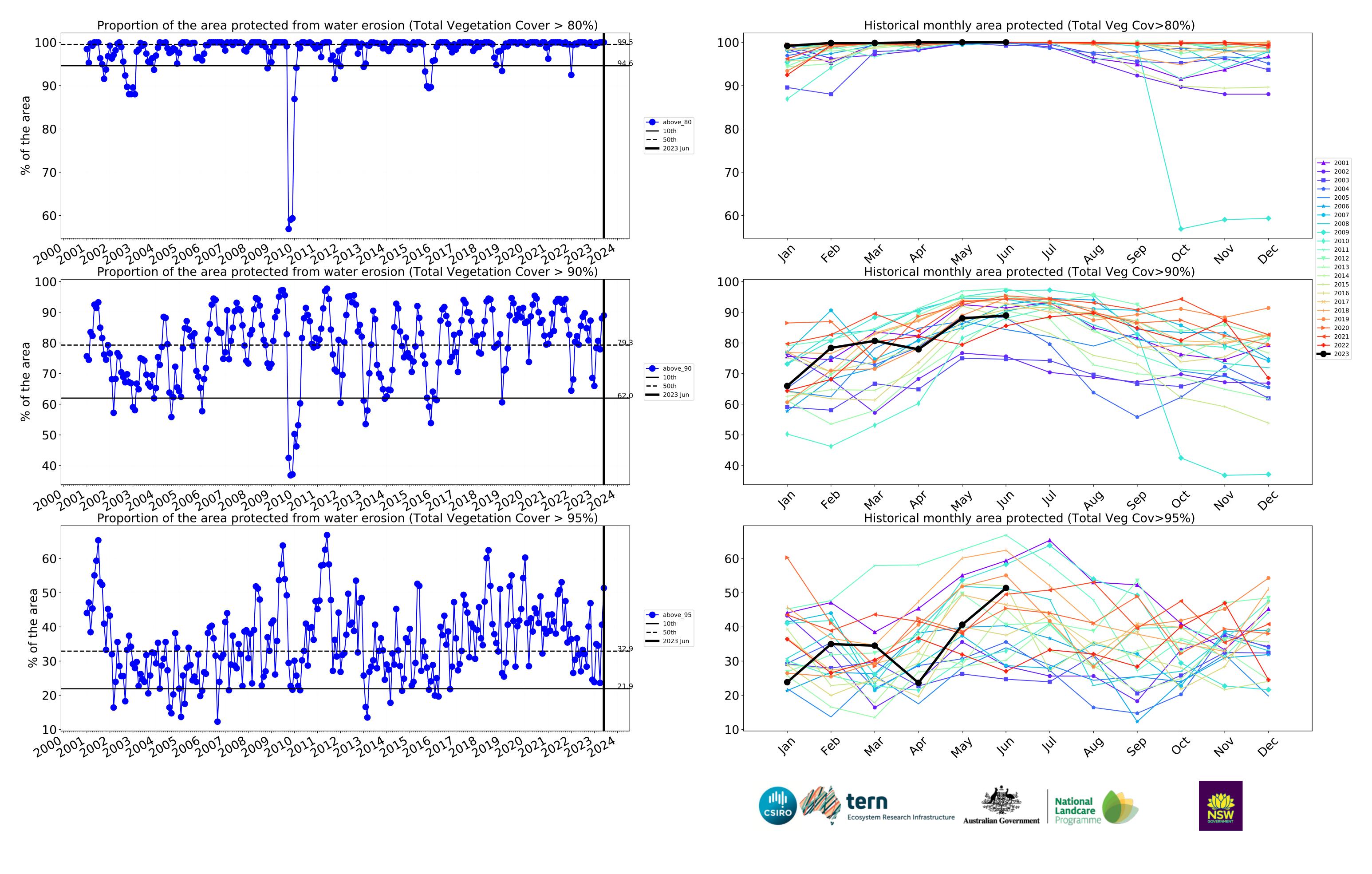




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







Townsville_(C) (364,875 ha and no data 8,310 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	364,875	100.0% 364,825	99.8% 364,100	97.1% 354,175	93.4% 340,650	76.7% 279,925	44.1% 160,875
Conservation and natural environments	119,200	100.0% 119,175	99.7% 118,875	96.6% 115,200	92.3% 109,975	71.2% 84,850	37.5% 44,650
Conservation and natural environments non forest	16,000	99.8% 15,975	98.8% 15,800	85.2% 13,625	68.8% 11,000	45.6% 7,300	27.7% 4,425
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	56,975	100.0% 56,975	99.9% 56,900	98.6% 56,200	96.5% 54,975	79.5% 45,275	46.4% 26,425
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,225	100.0% 46,225	99.9% 46,175	98.2% 45,375	95.2% 44,000	69.8% 32,275	29.9% 13,800
Agriculture	186,400	100.0% 186,400	100.0% 186,400	99.7% 185,850	98.7% 183,950	88.2% 164,475	54.7% 101,975
Grazing	181,250	100.0% 181,250	100.0% 181,250	99.8% 180,800	98.9% 179,300	88.9% 161,175	55.4% 100,500
Grazing non forest	67,900	100.0% 67,900	100.0% 67,900	99.8% 67,750	99.0% 67,225	88.0% 59,775	55.9% 37,950
Grazing Woodland forest	98,700	100.0% 98,700	100.0% 98,700	99.7% 98,400	98.8% 97,525	89.5% 88,375	55.4% 54,675
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.3% 14,550	88.9% 13,025	53.8% 7,875
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	97.7% 4,325	88.7% 3,925	62.1% 2,750	31.6% 1,400
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	89.0% 14,500	51.4% 8,375







