# 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.

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:

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**Date: September 2023** 

# **Vegetation Cover Sep 2023**

### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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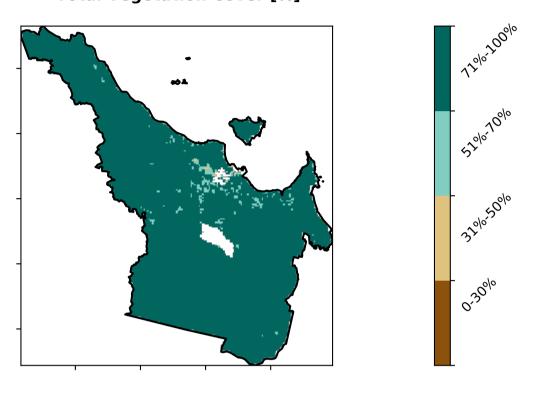
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Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

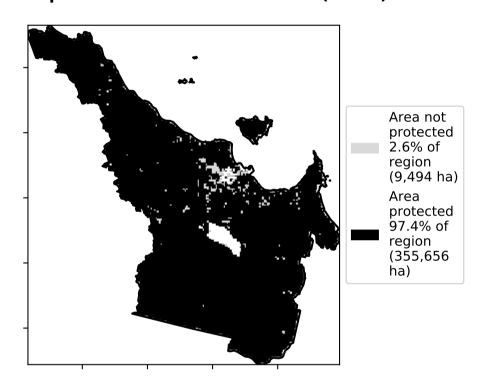
Catchment Scale Land

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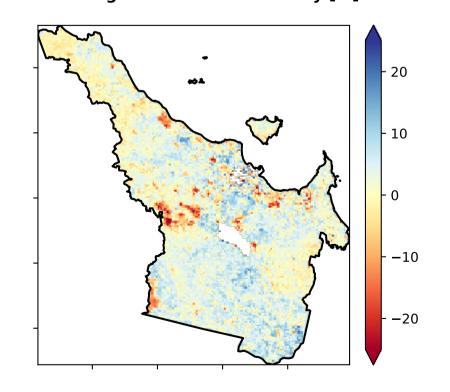
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

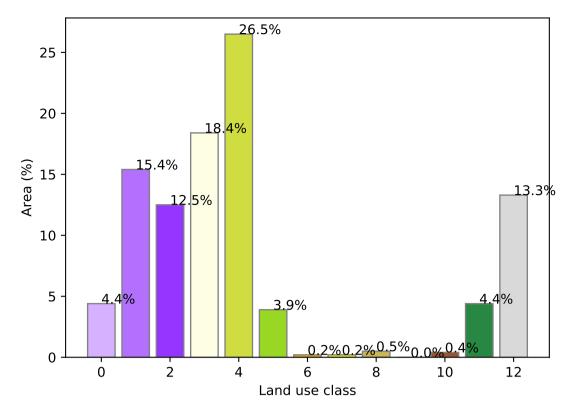


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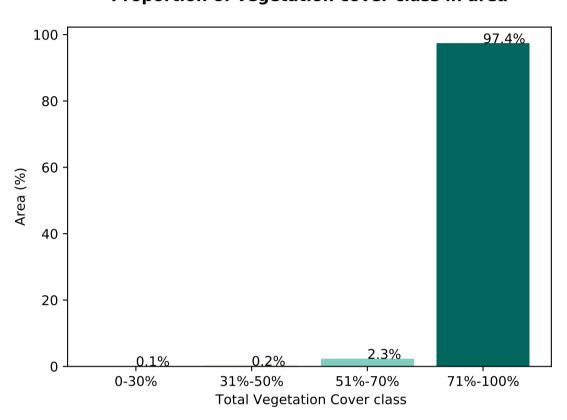


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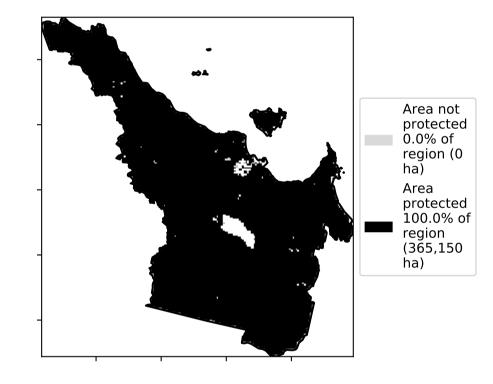
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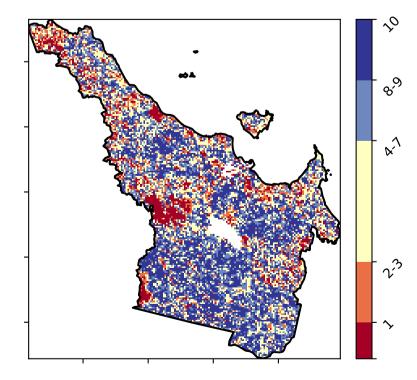


### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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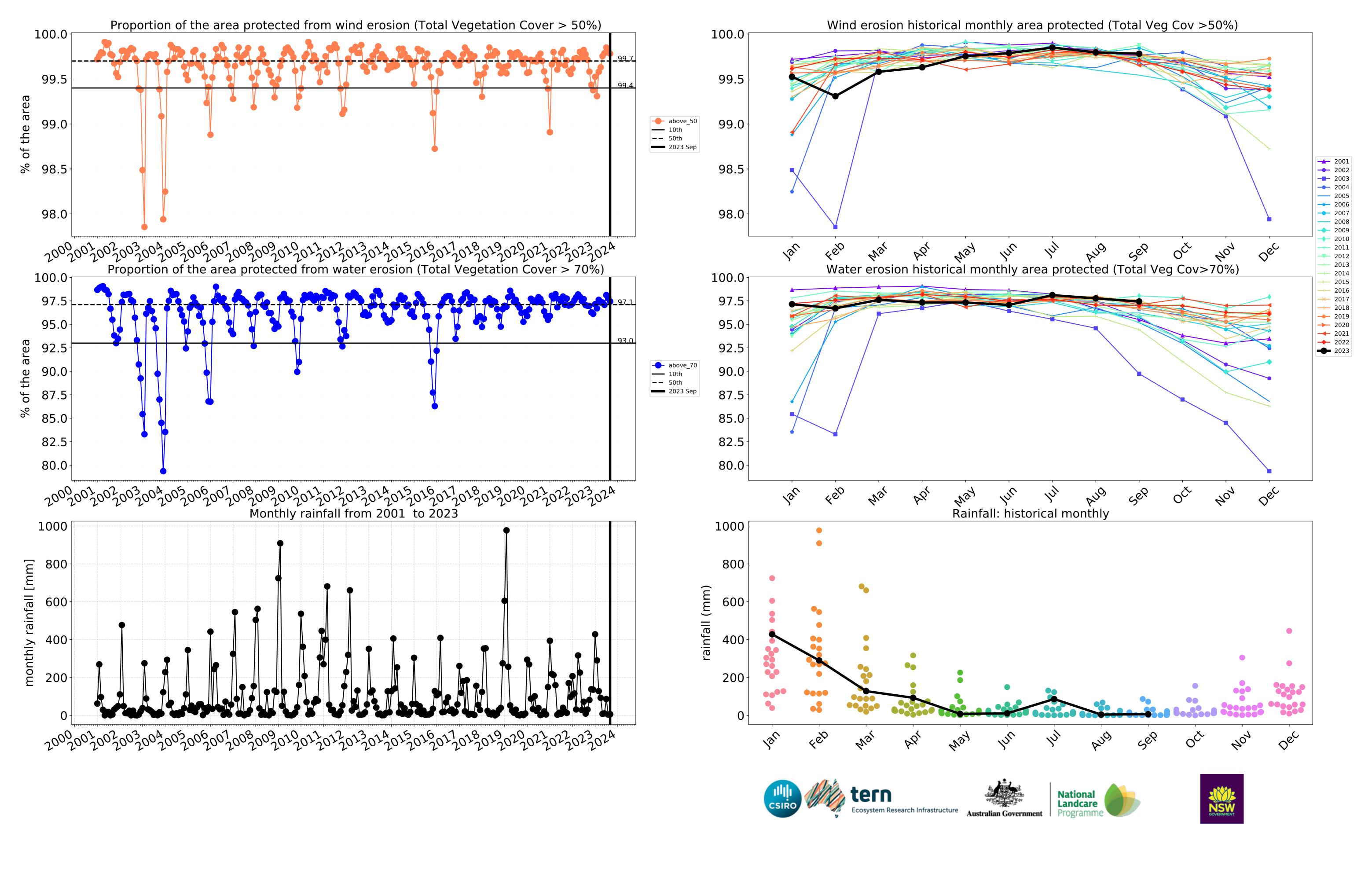


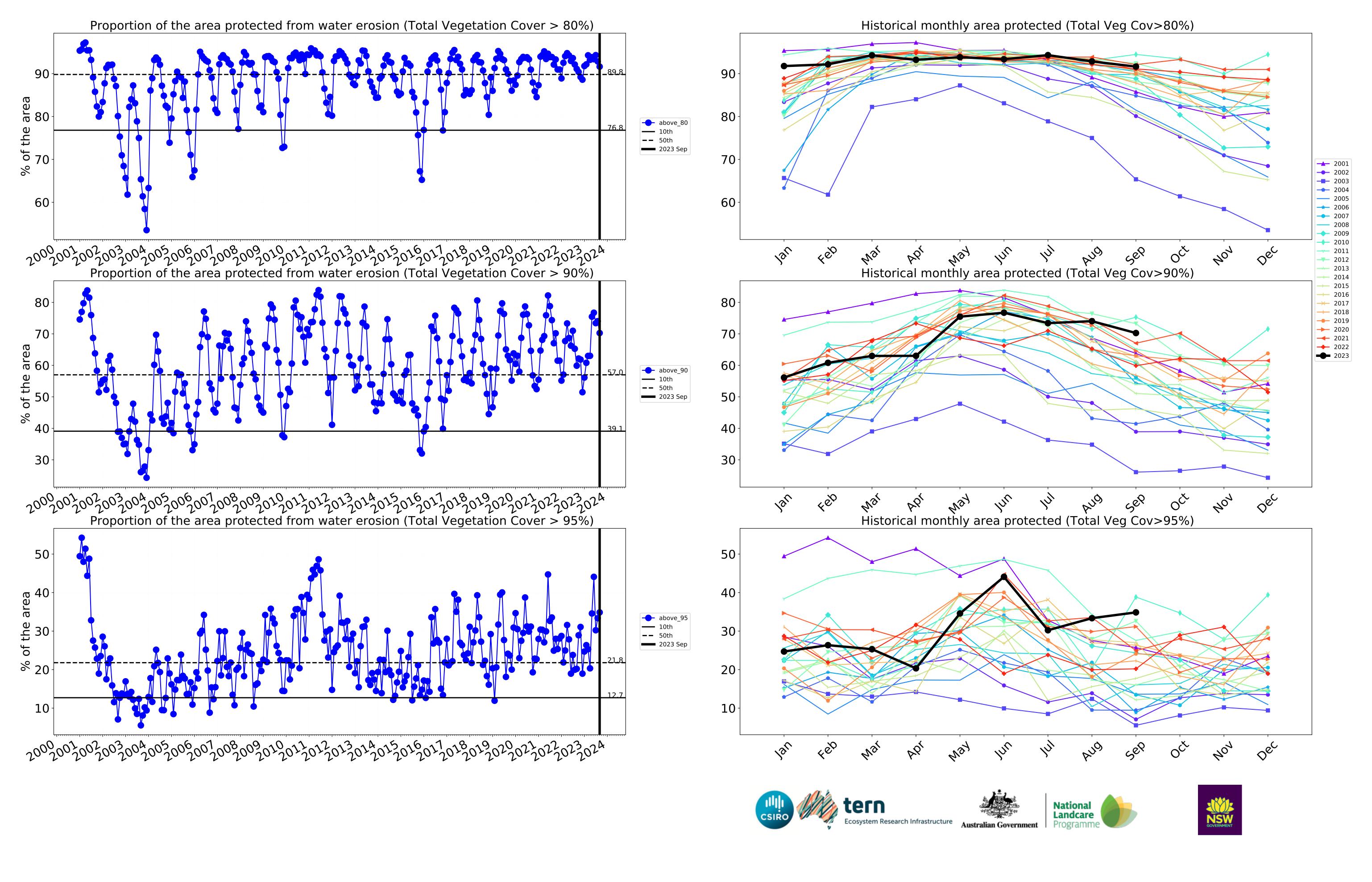








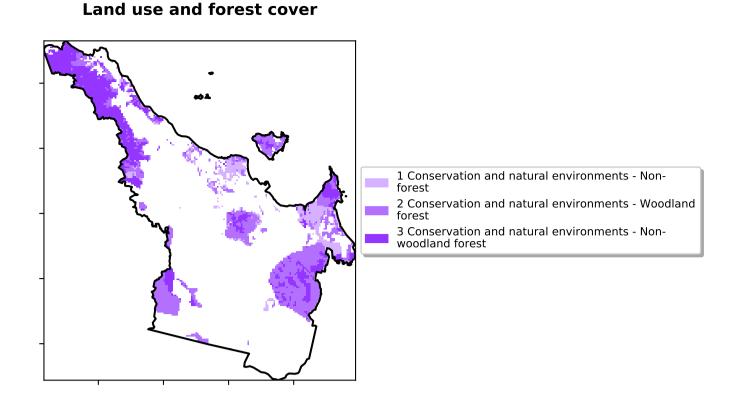




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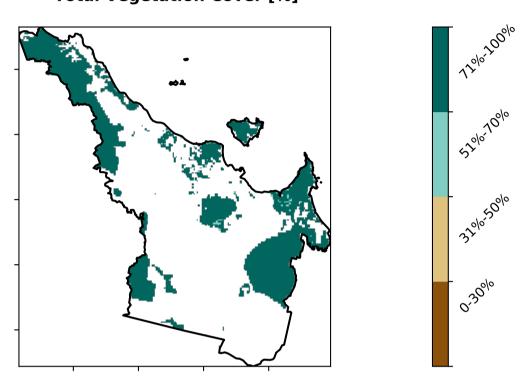
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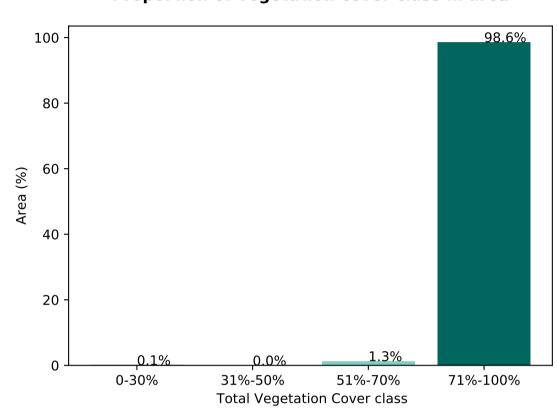
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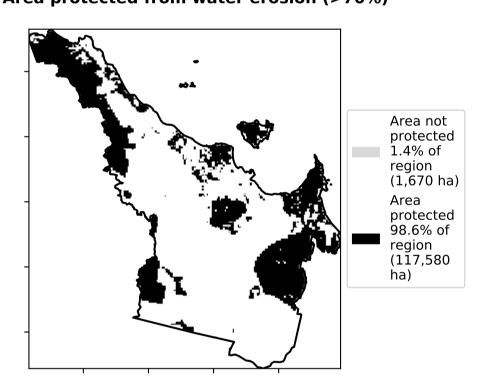


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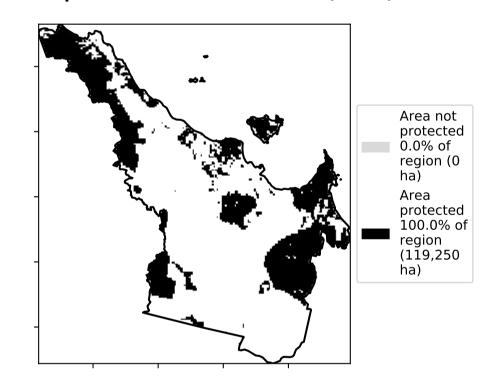
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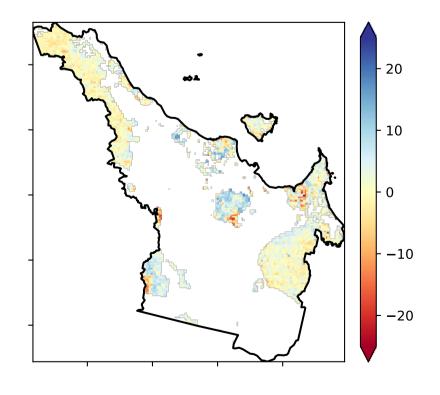
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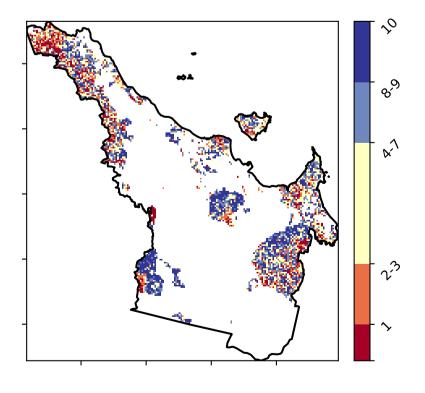


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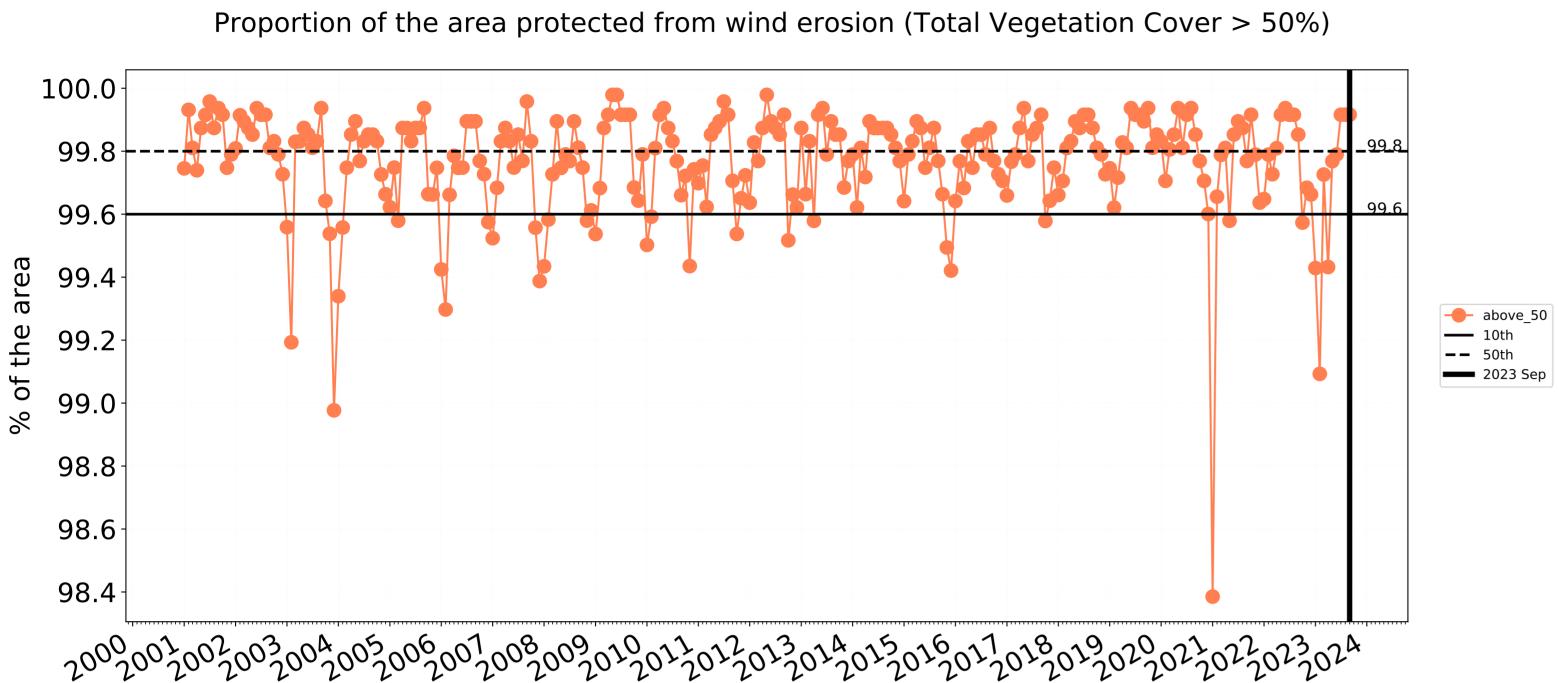




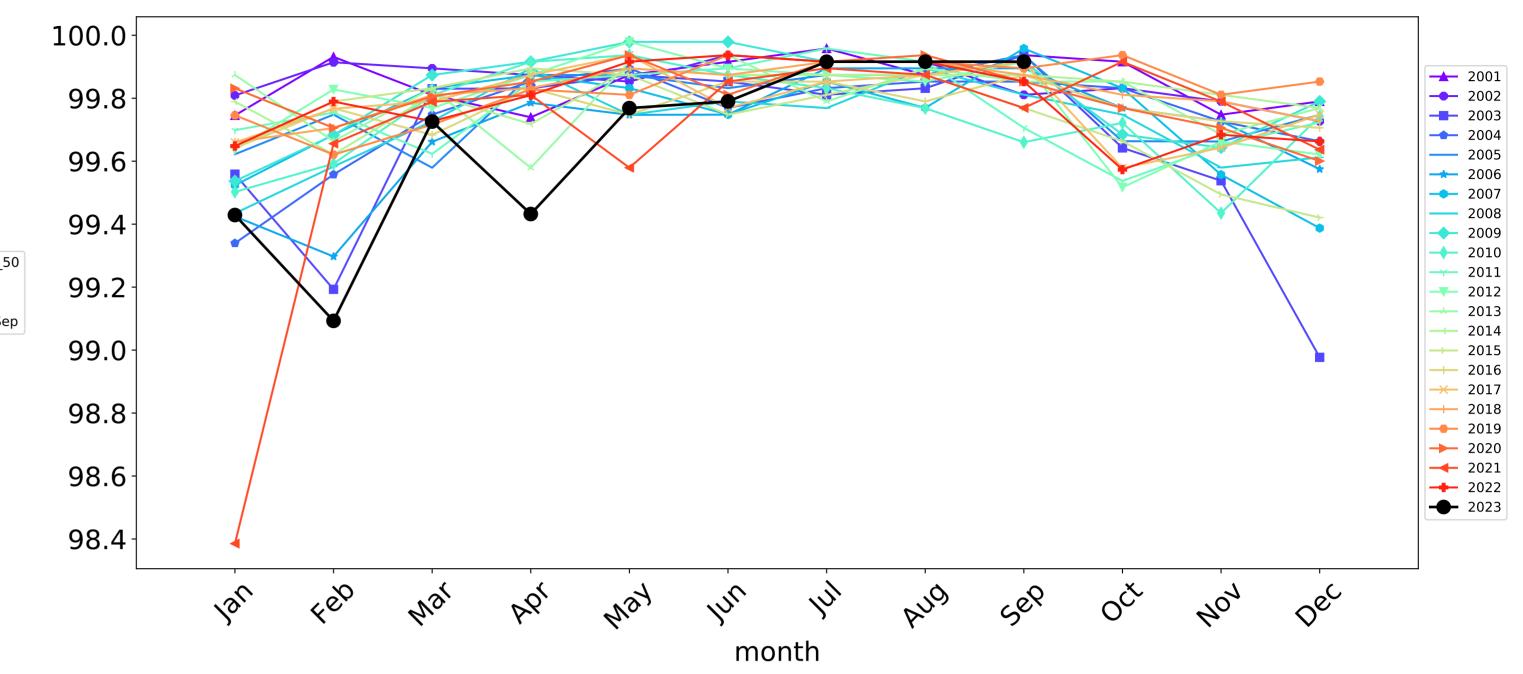




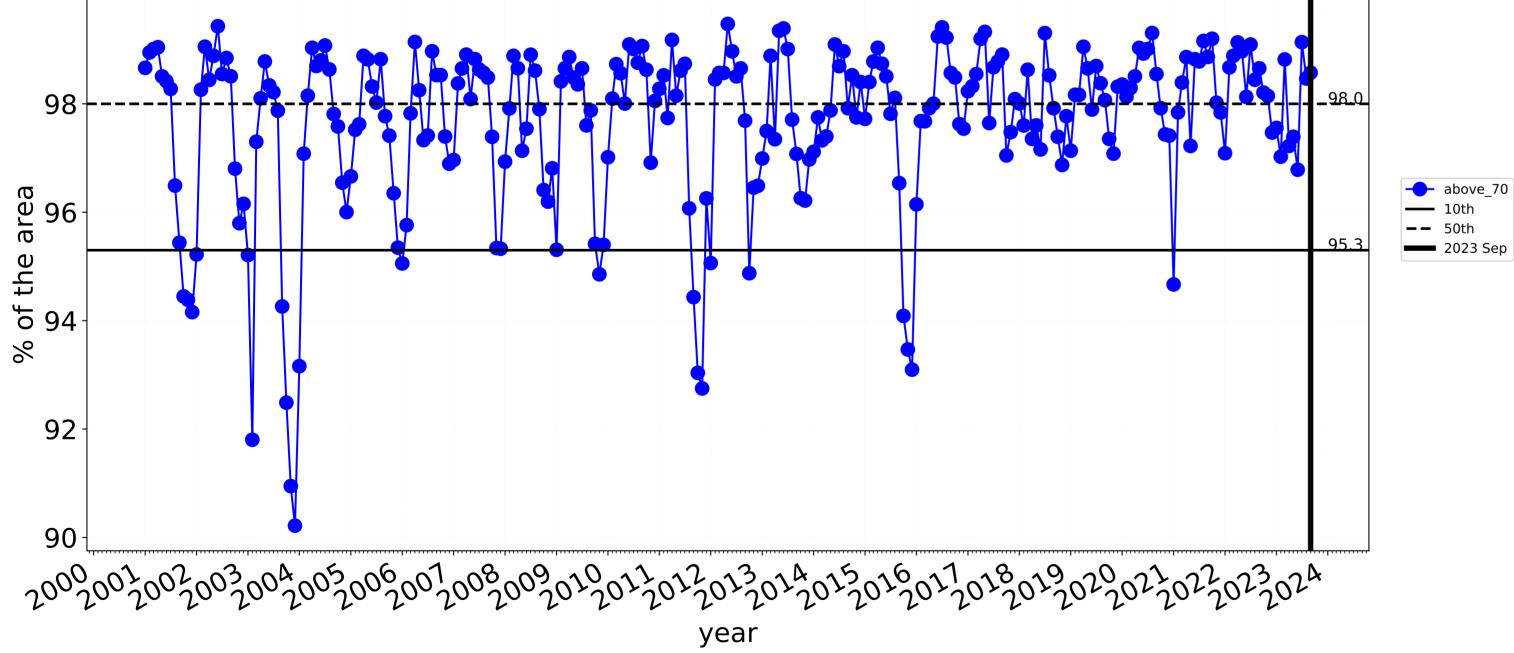
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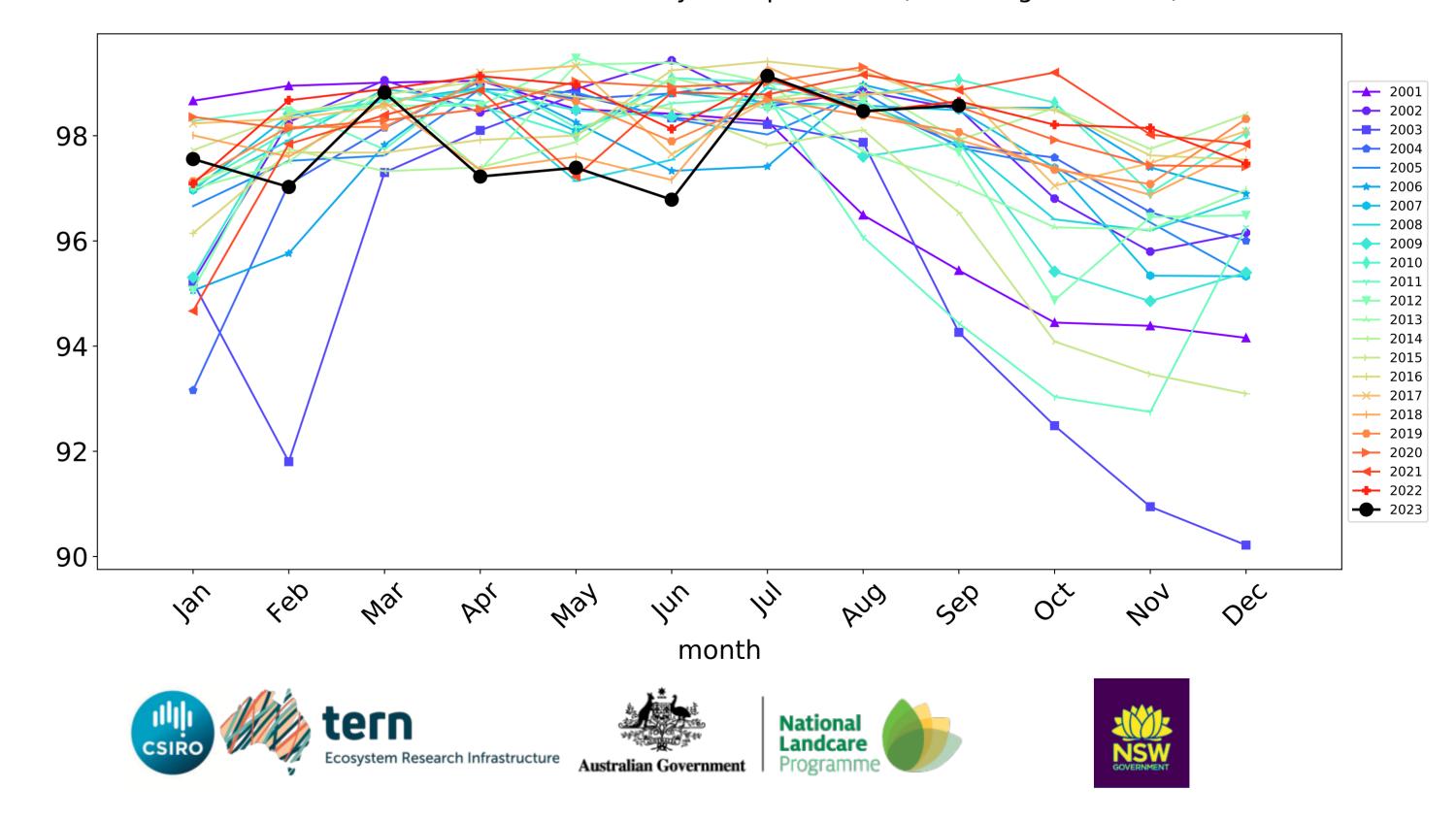


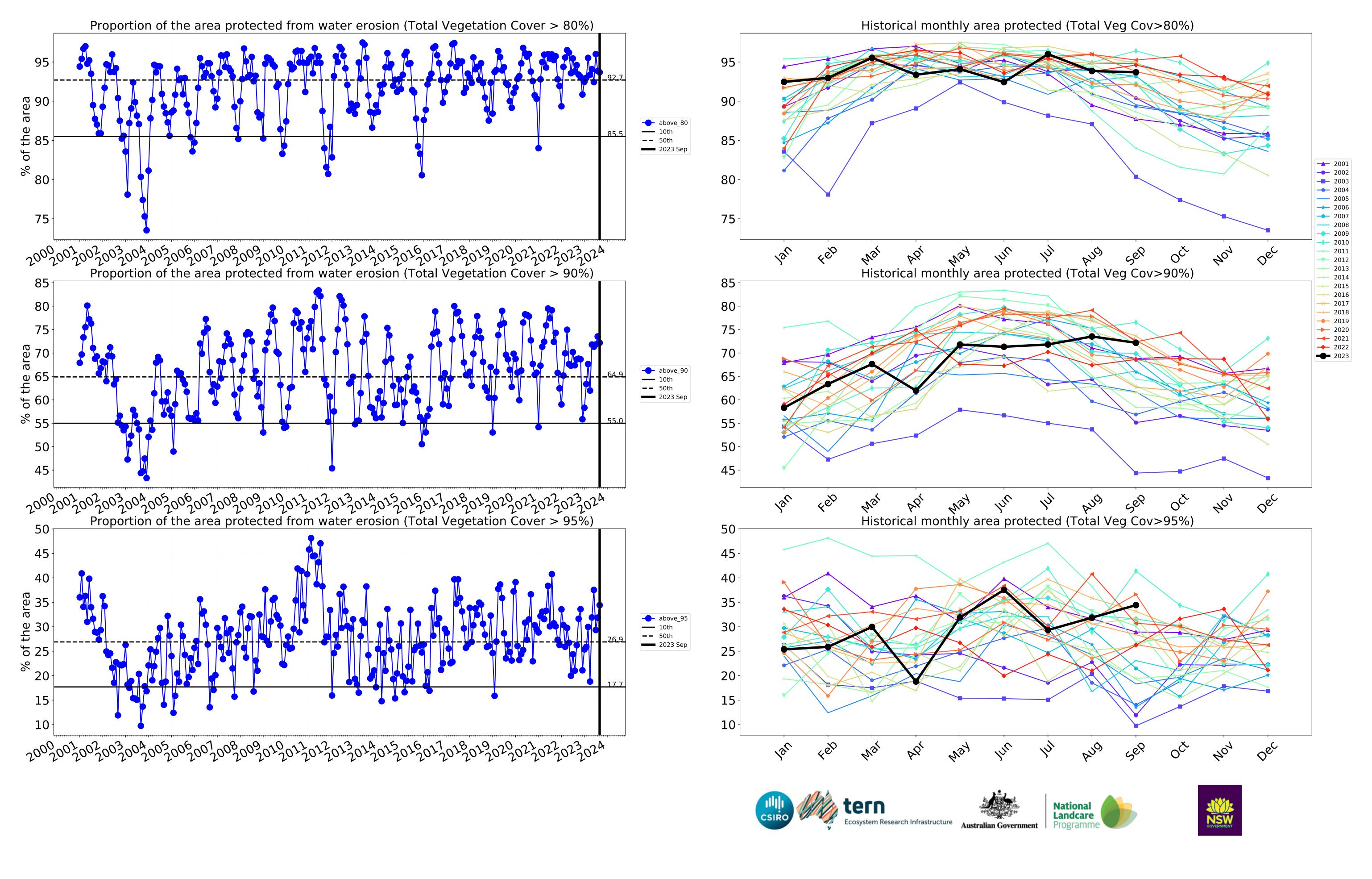


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

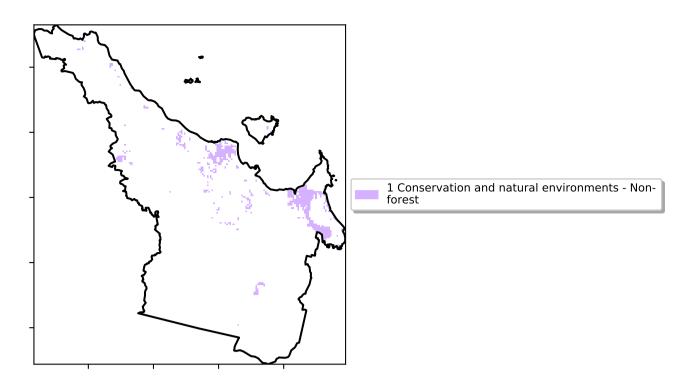




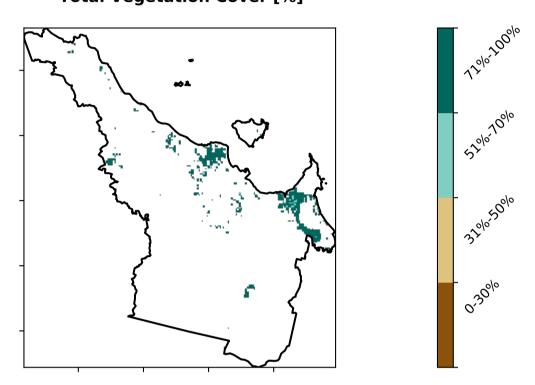
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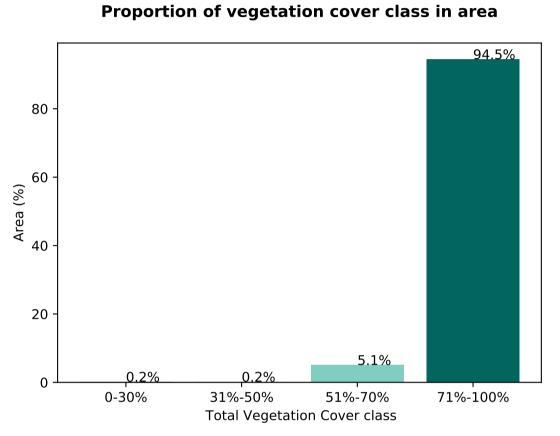
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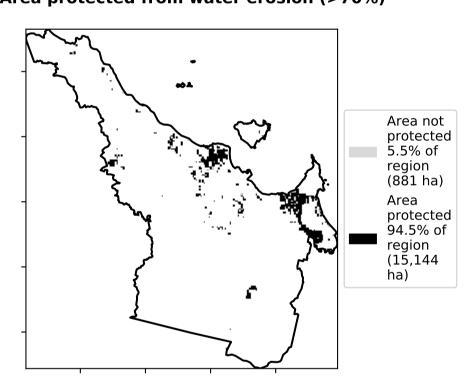


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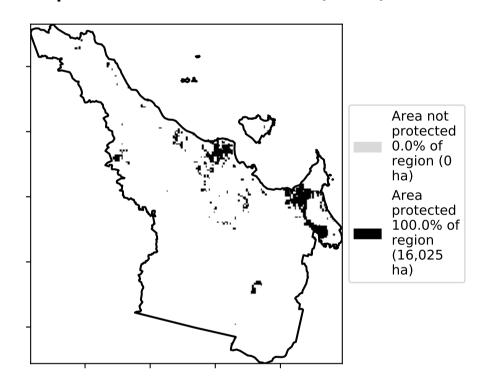




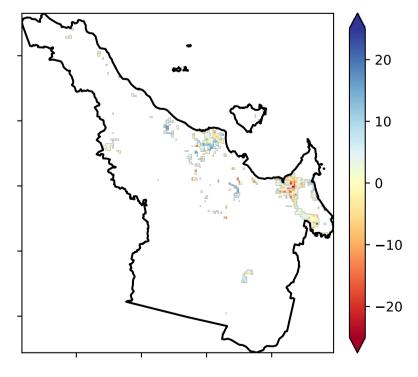
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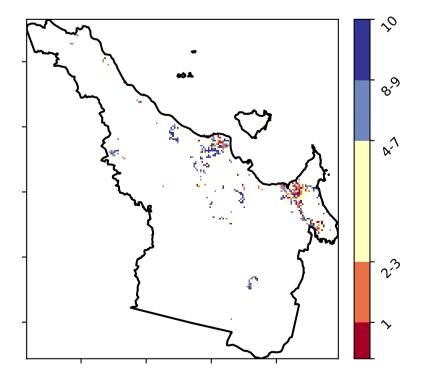


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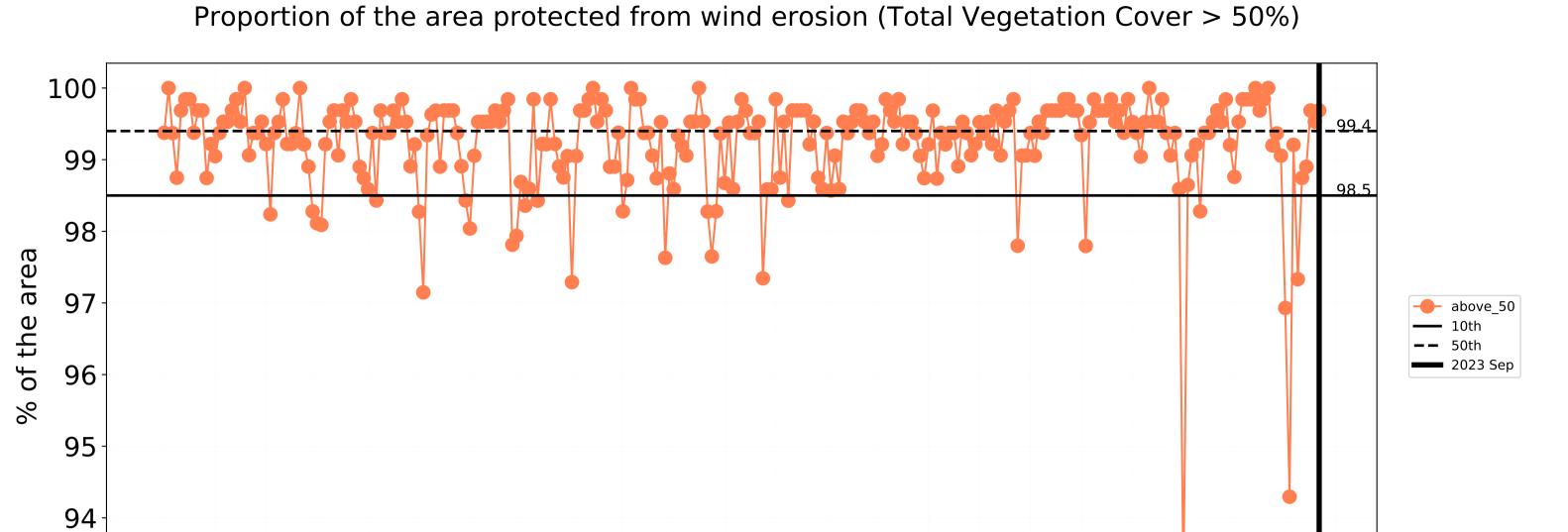


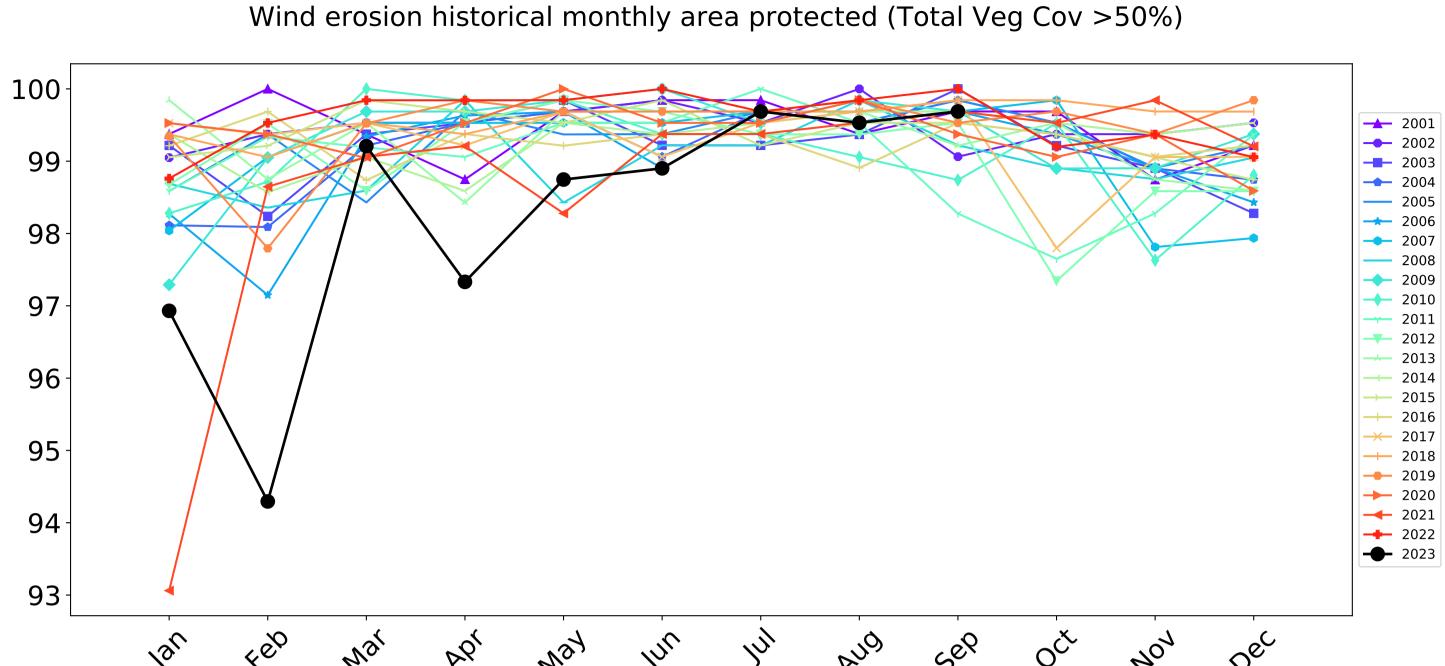






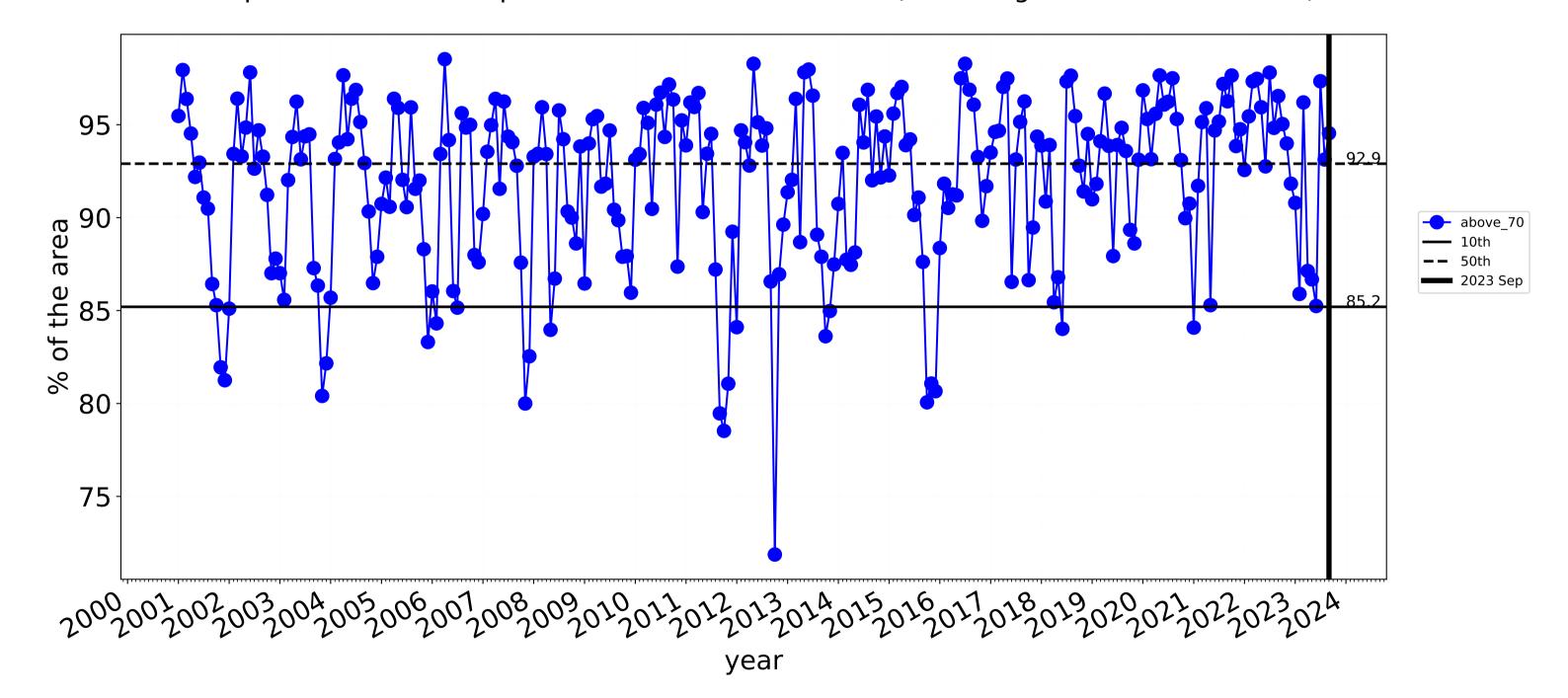
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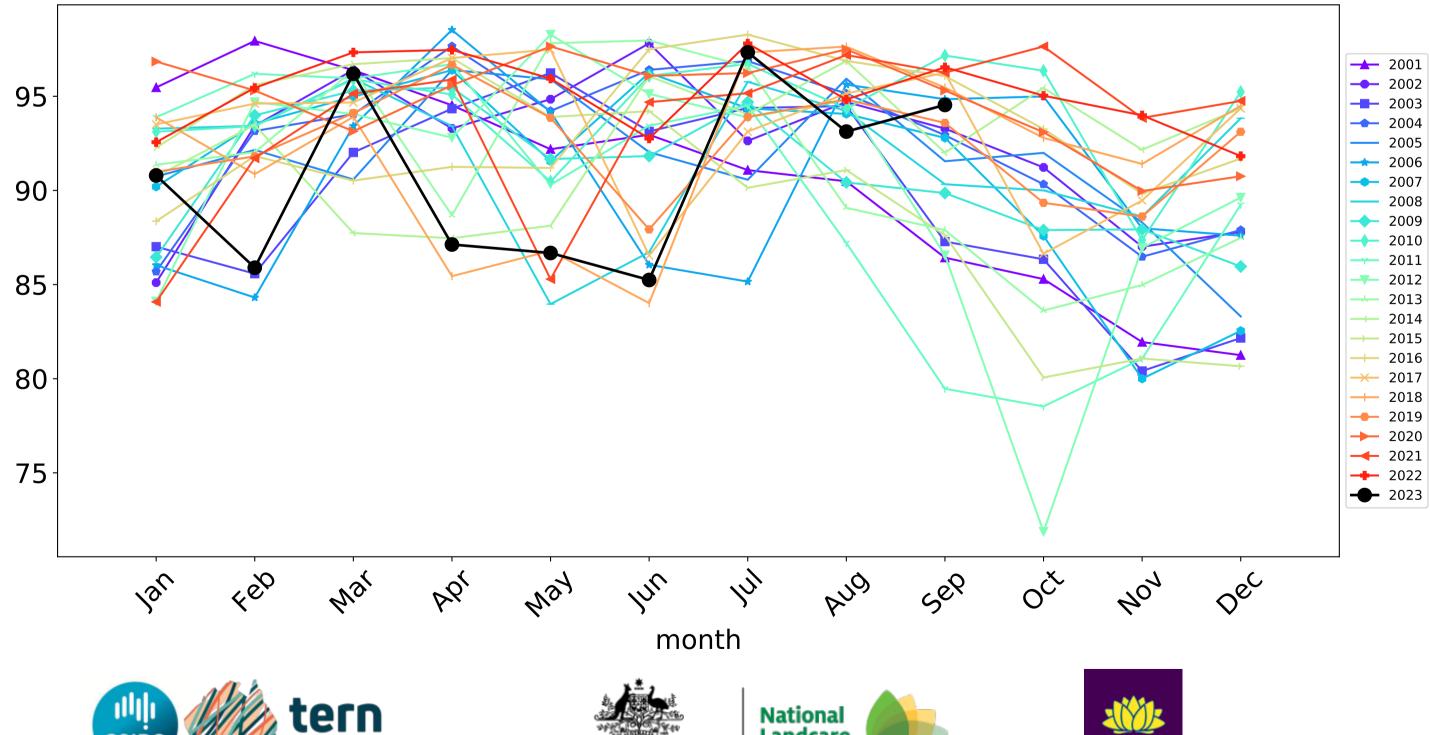


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# Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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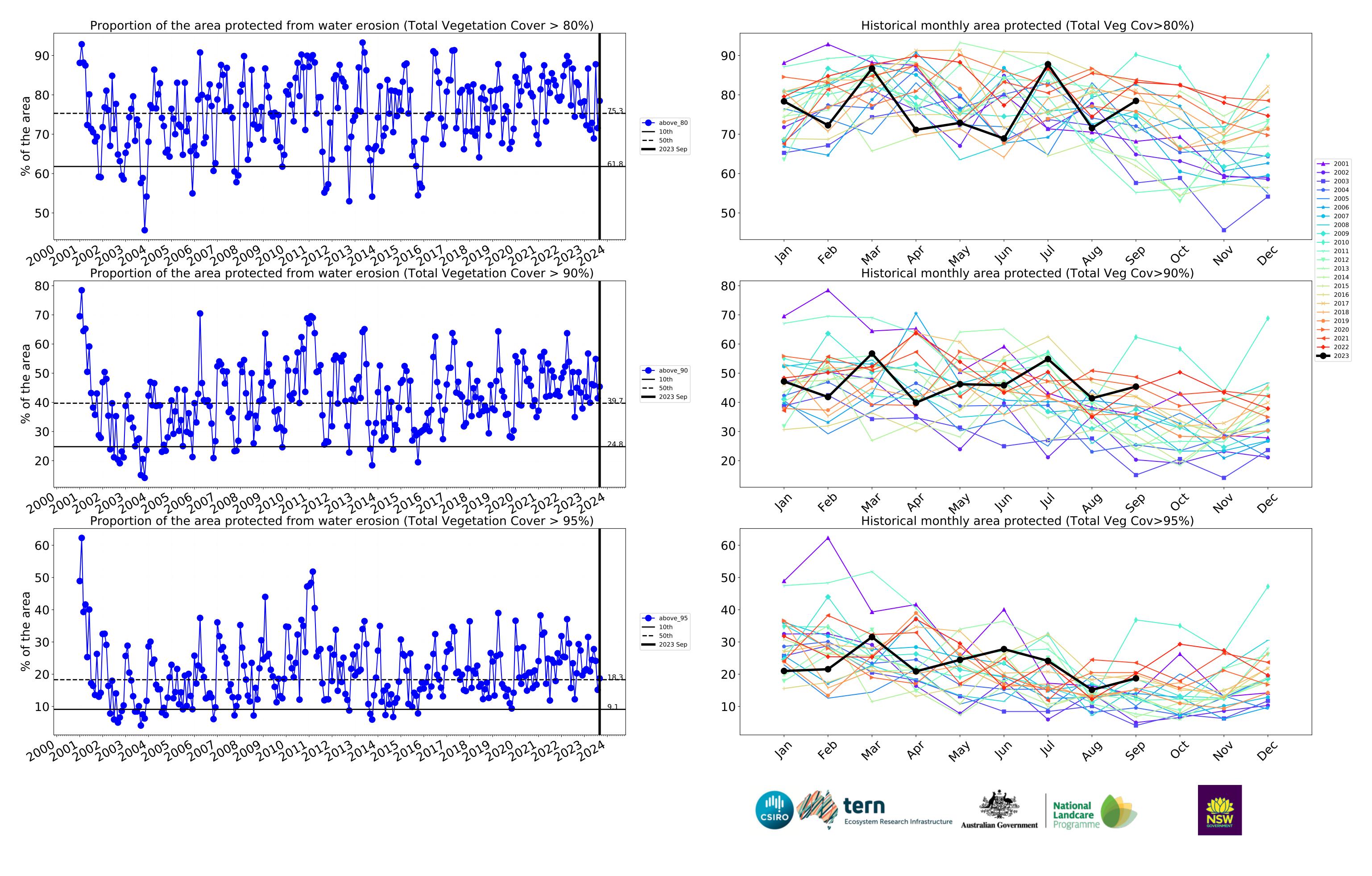












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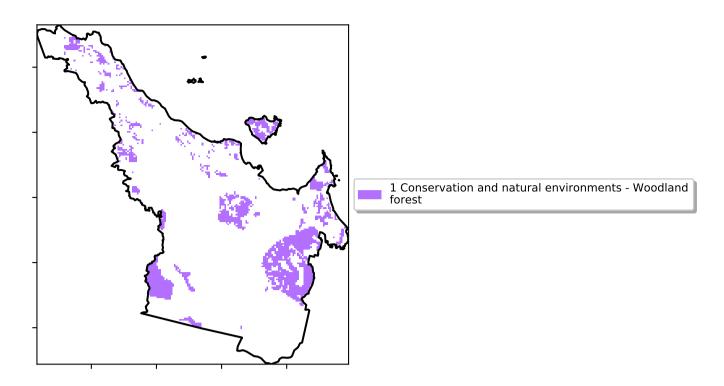
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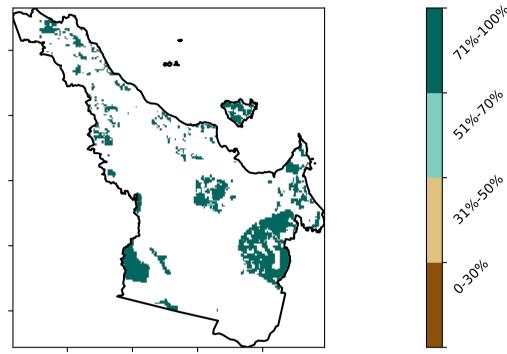
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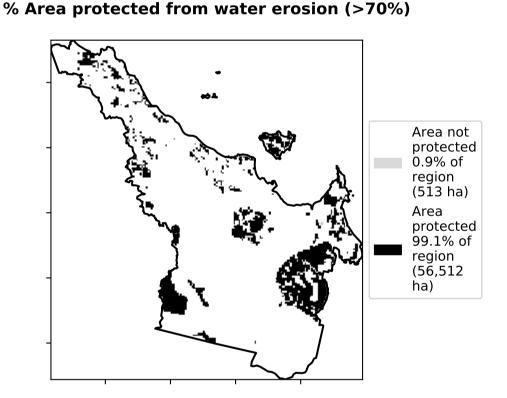
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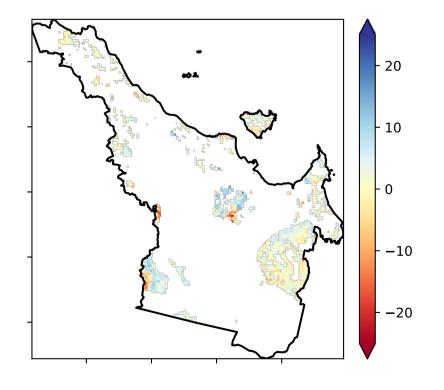


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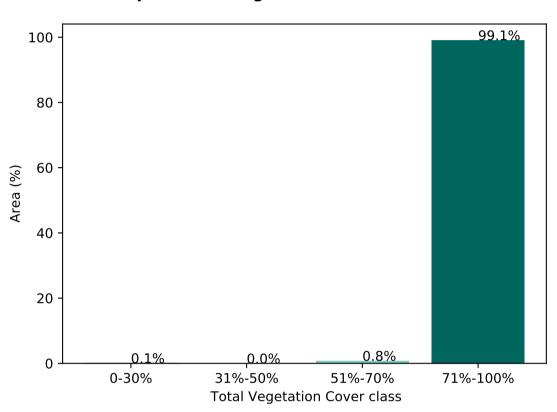


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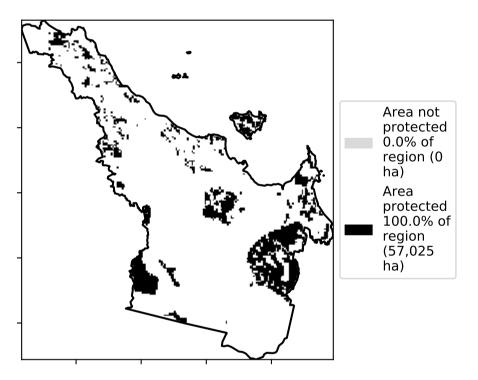


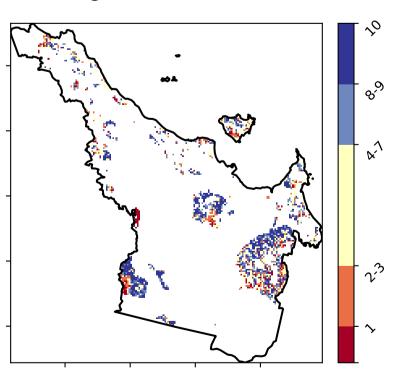
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





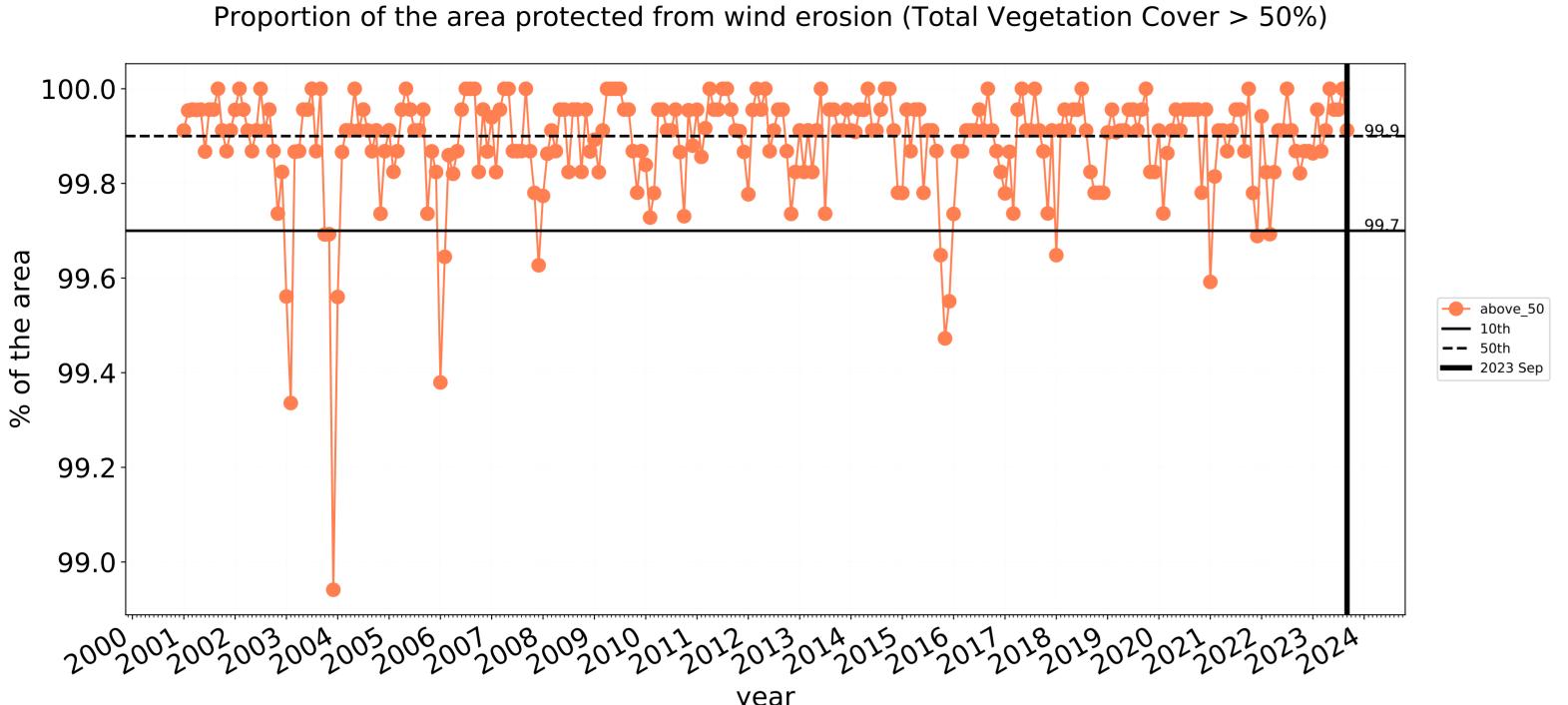


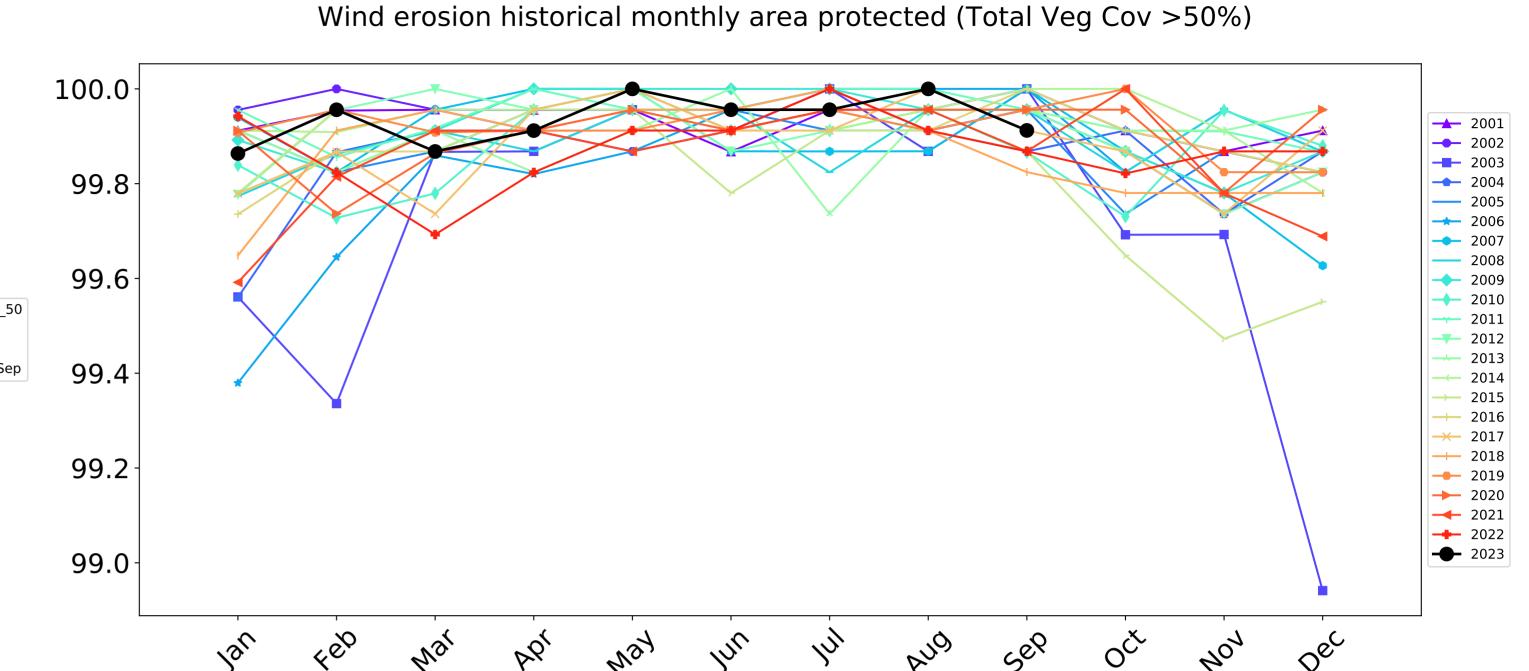




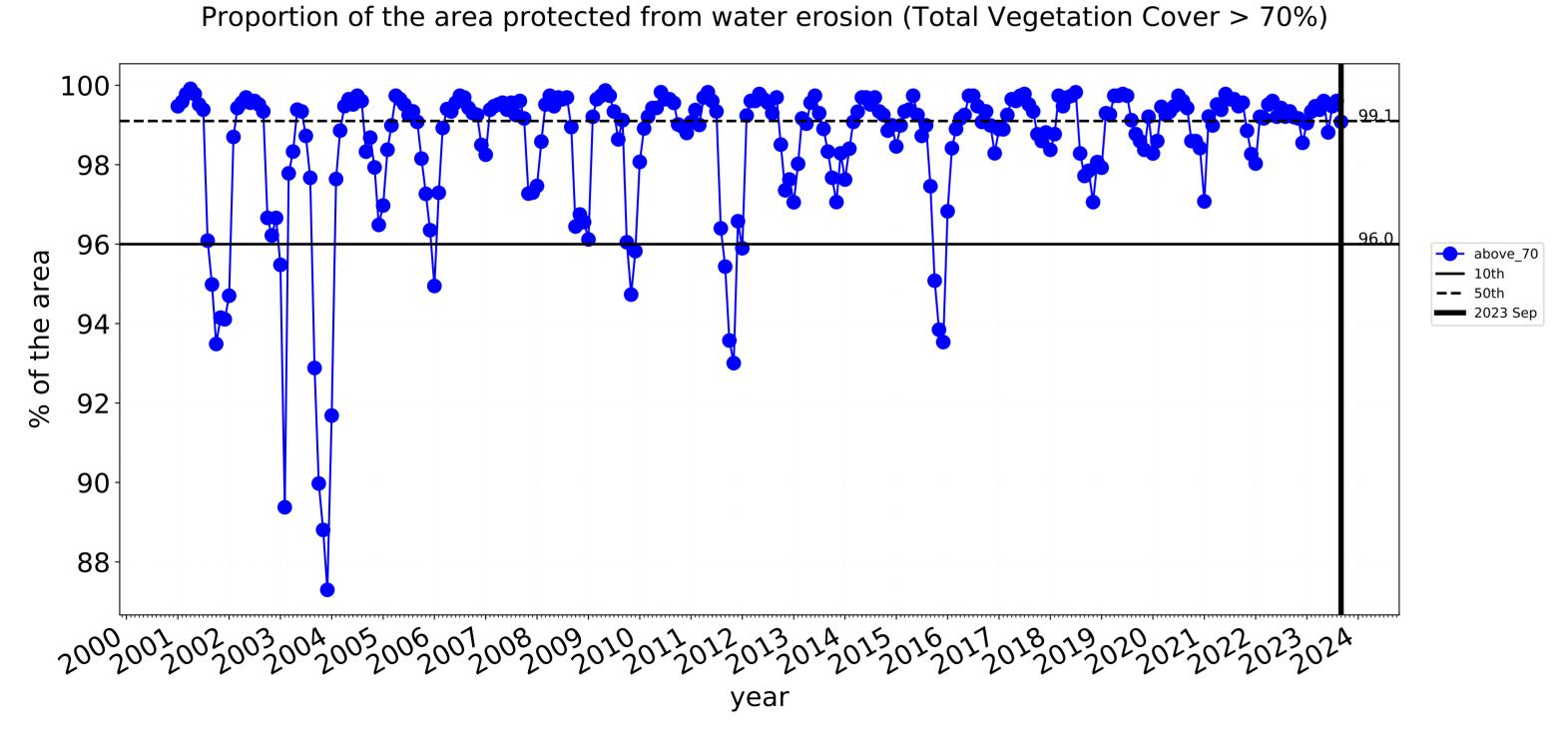


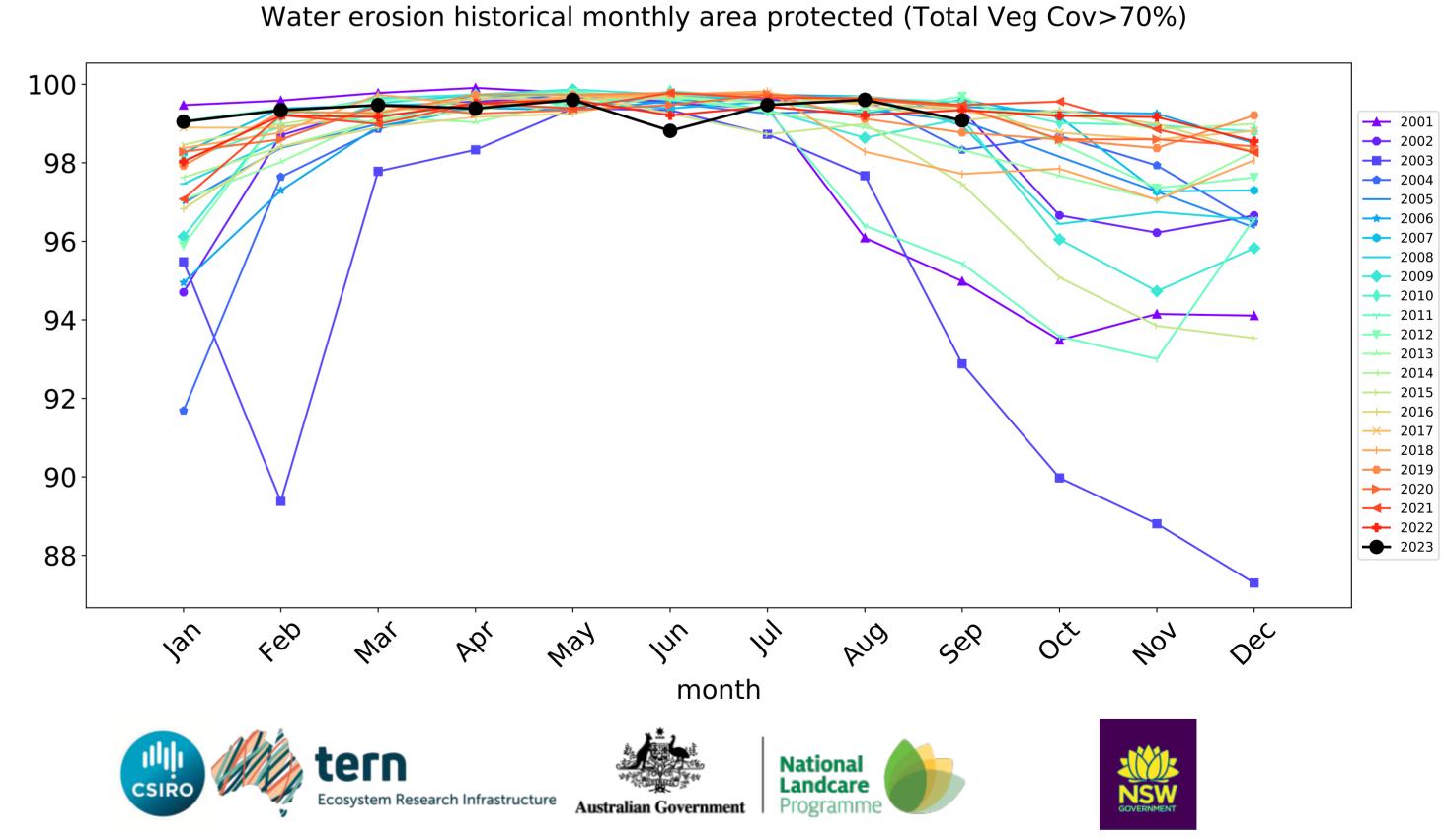
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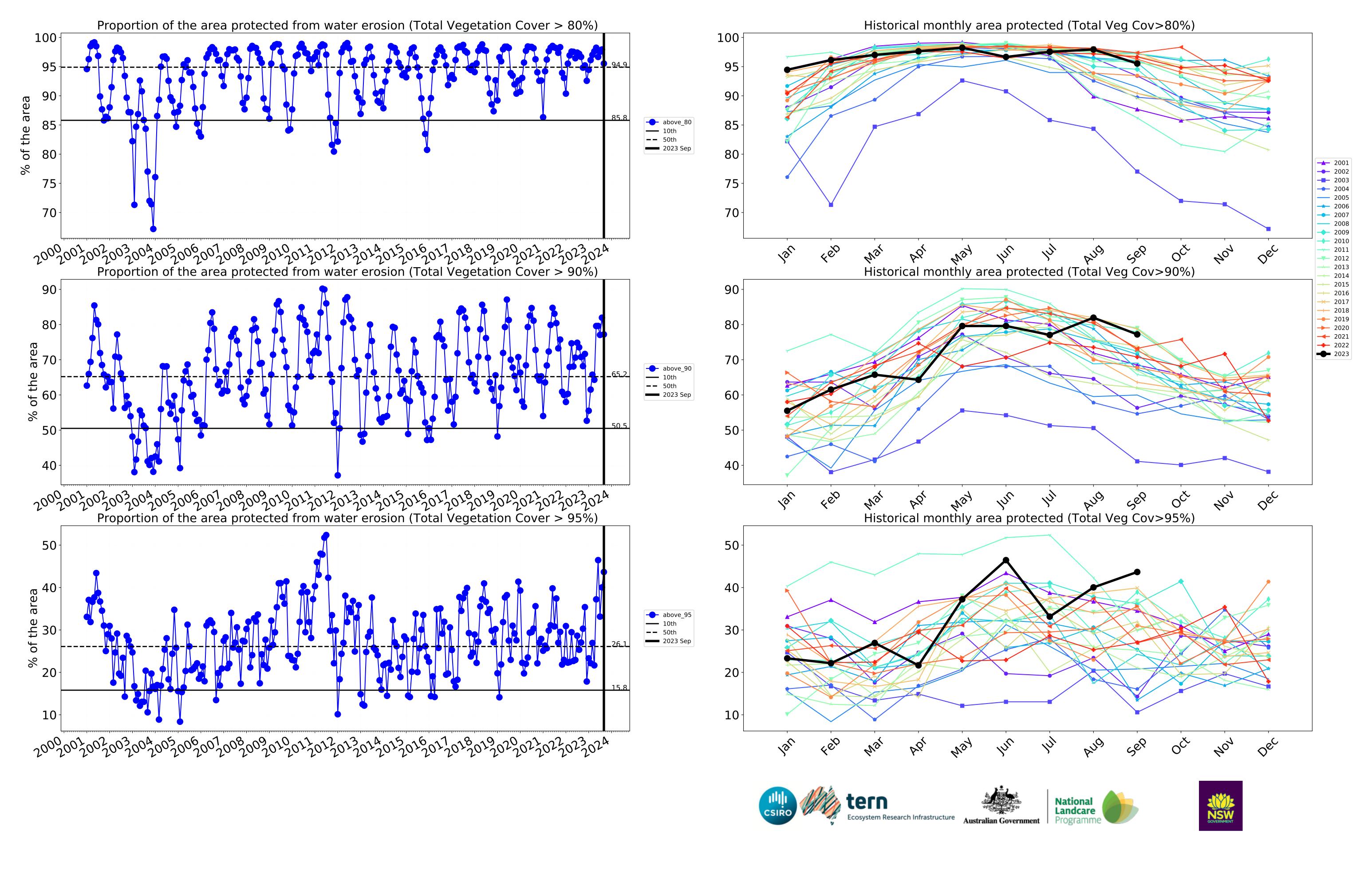




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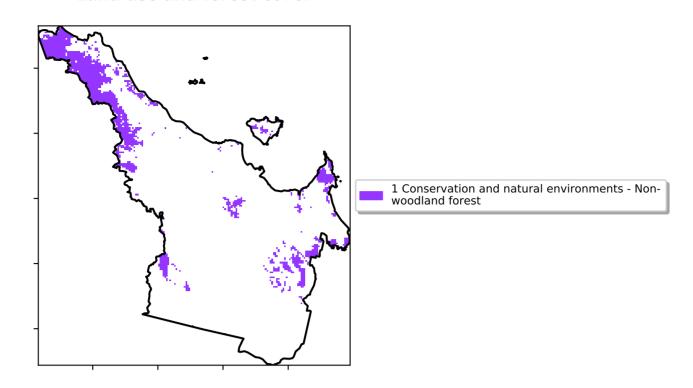




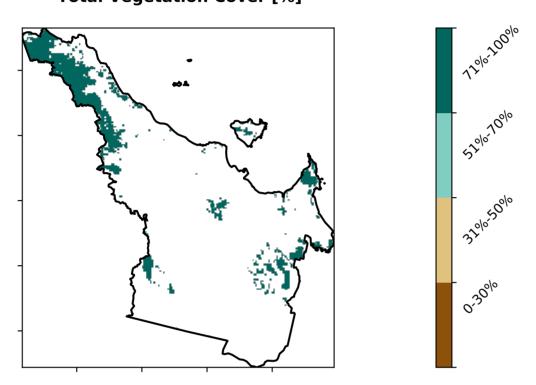
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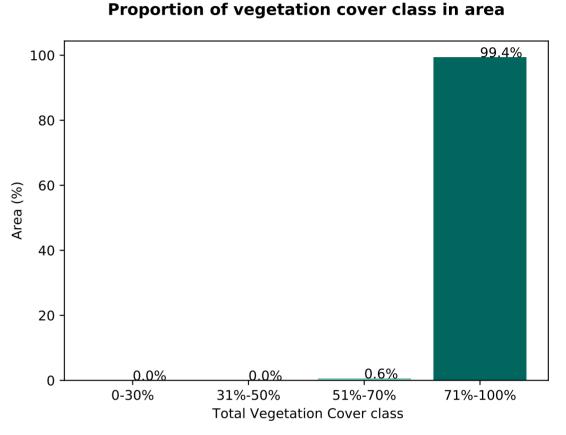
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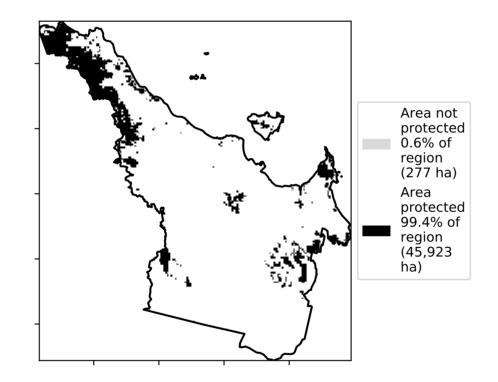


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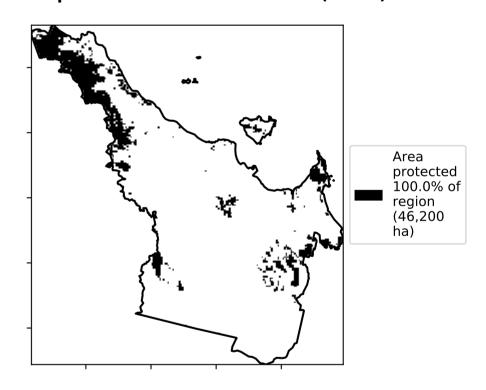




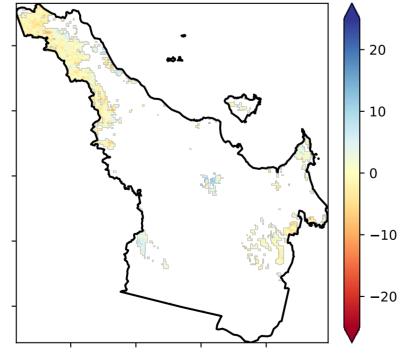
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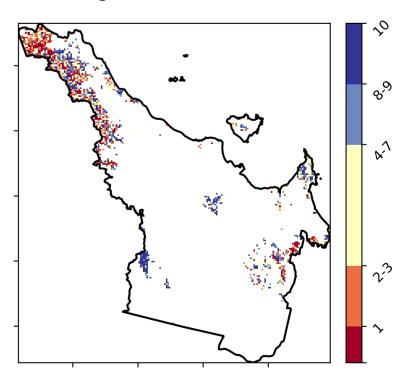


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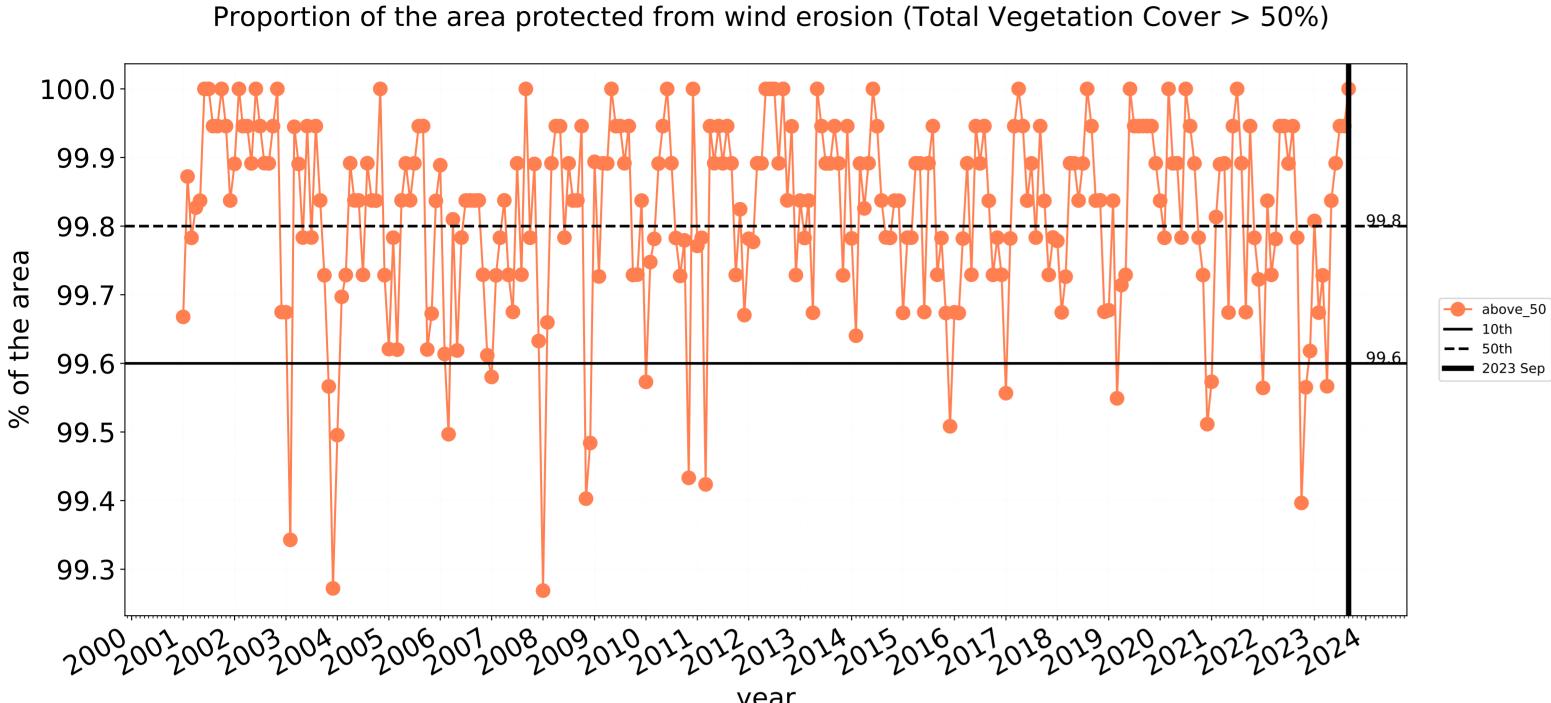
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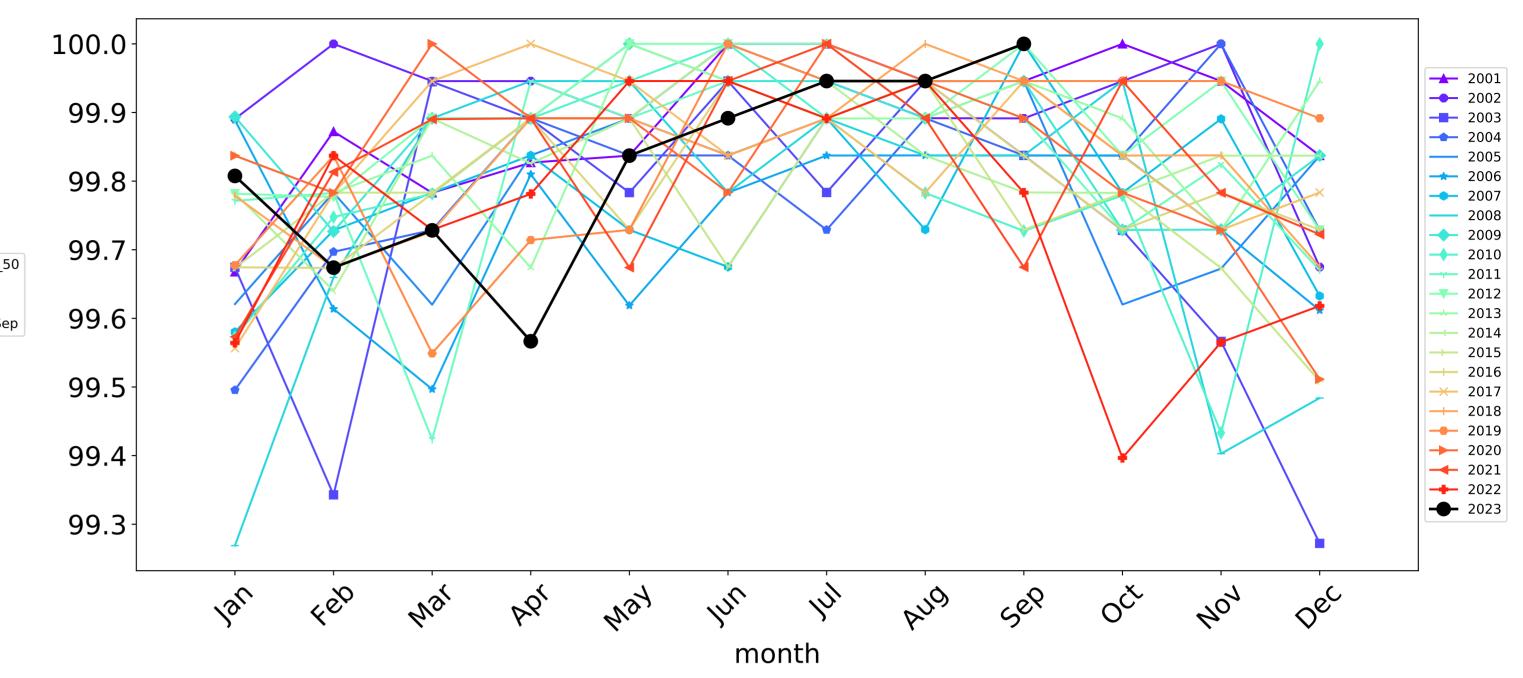


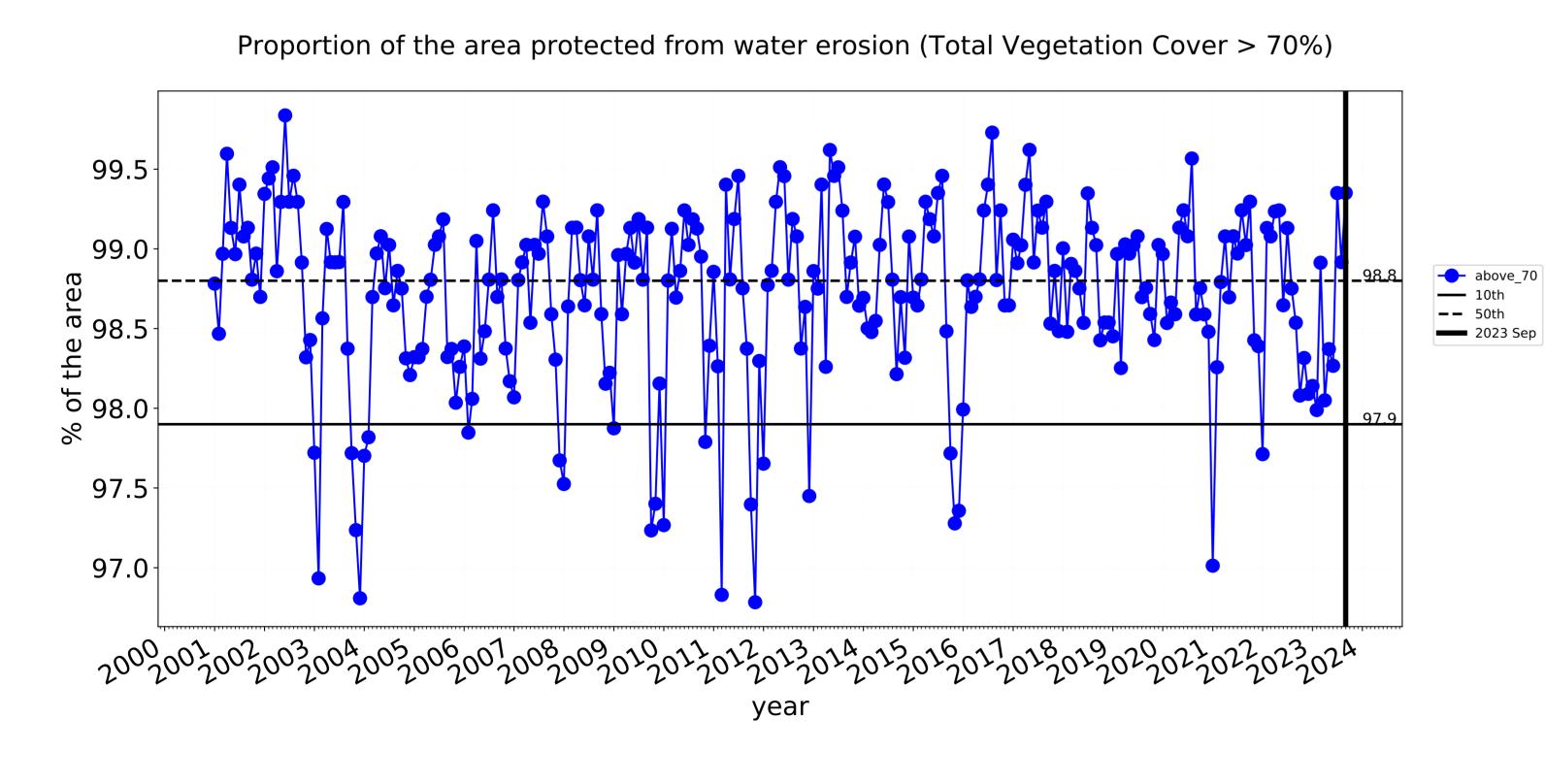






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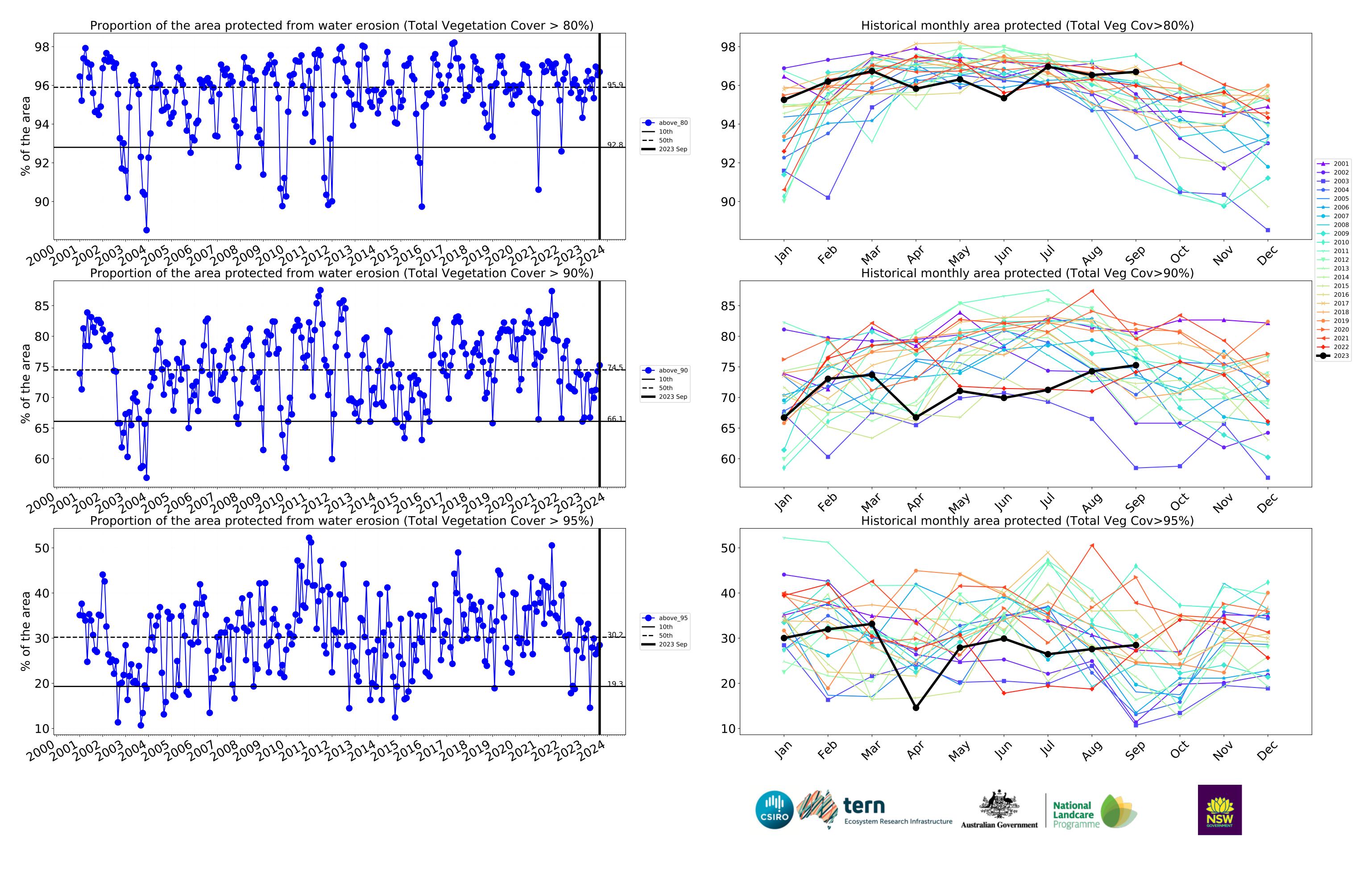




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**Ecosystem Research Infrastructure** 



# **Agriculture**

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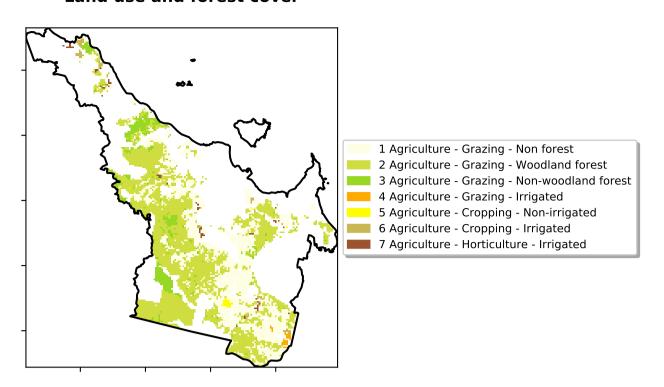
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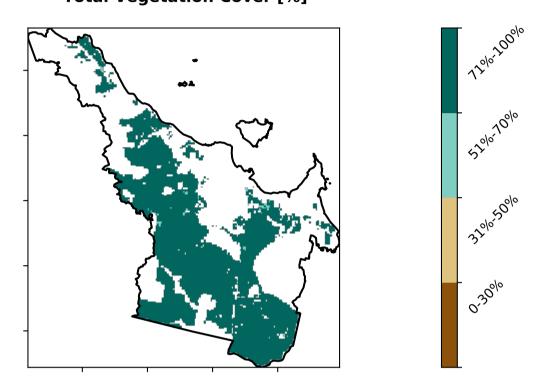
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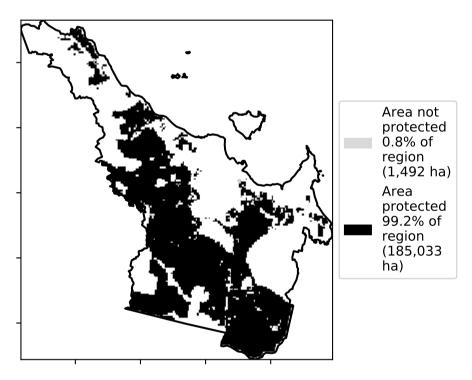
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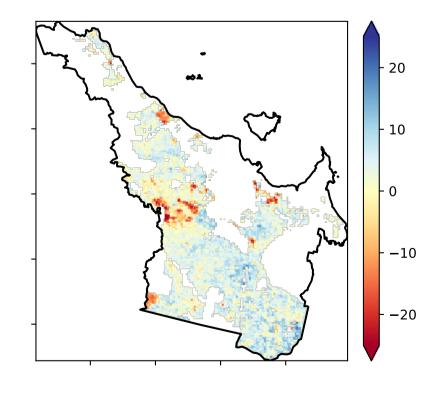
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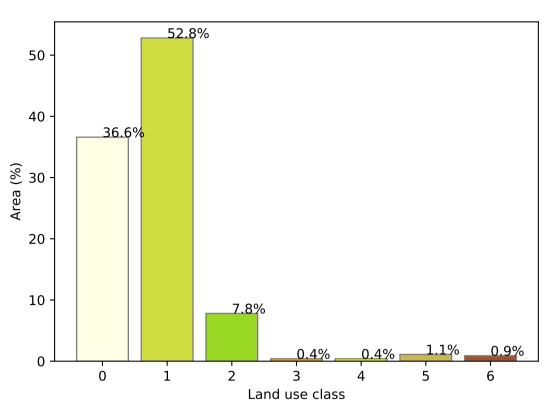


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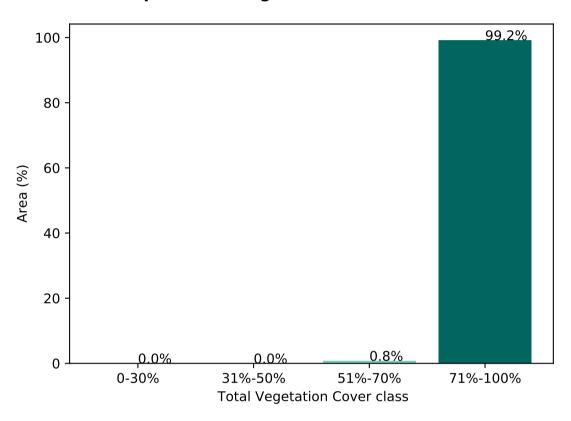


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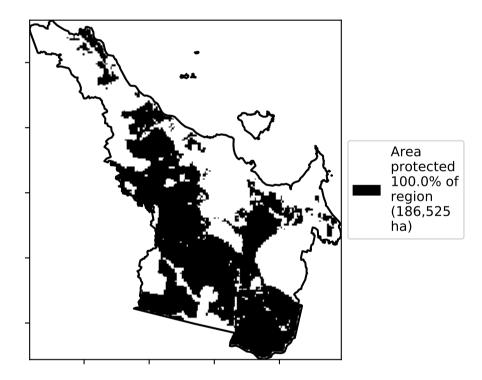
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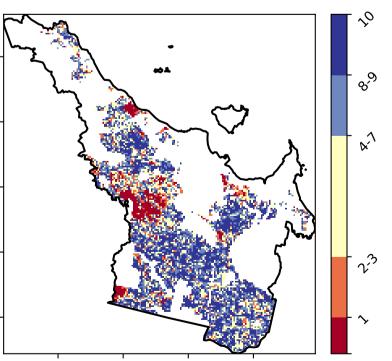


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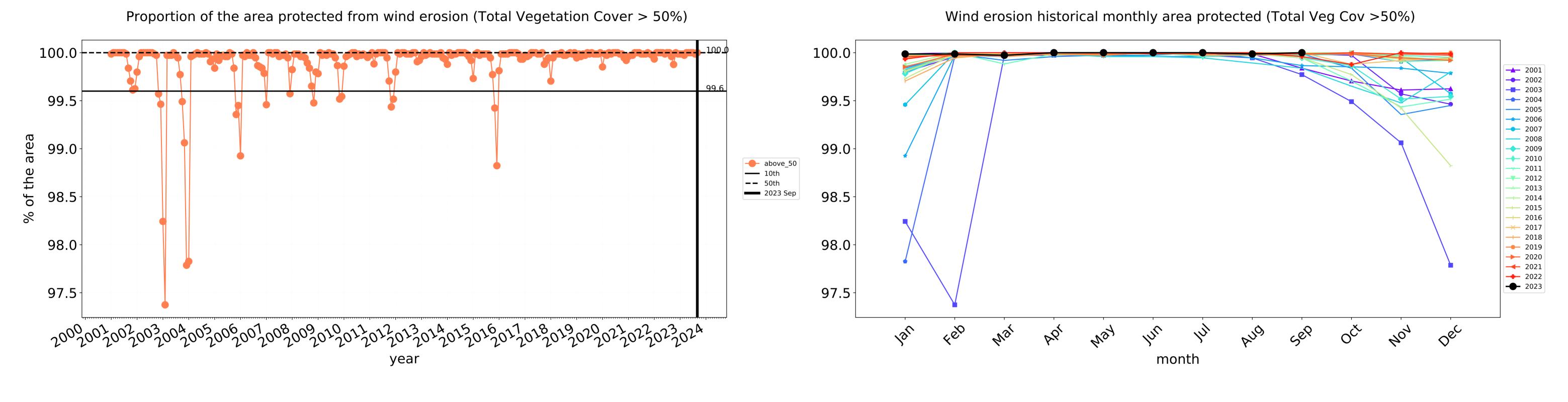


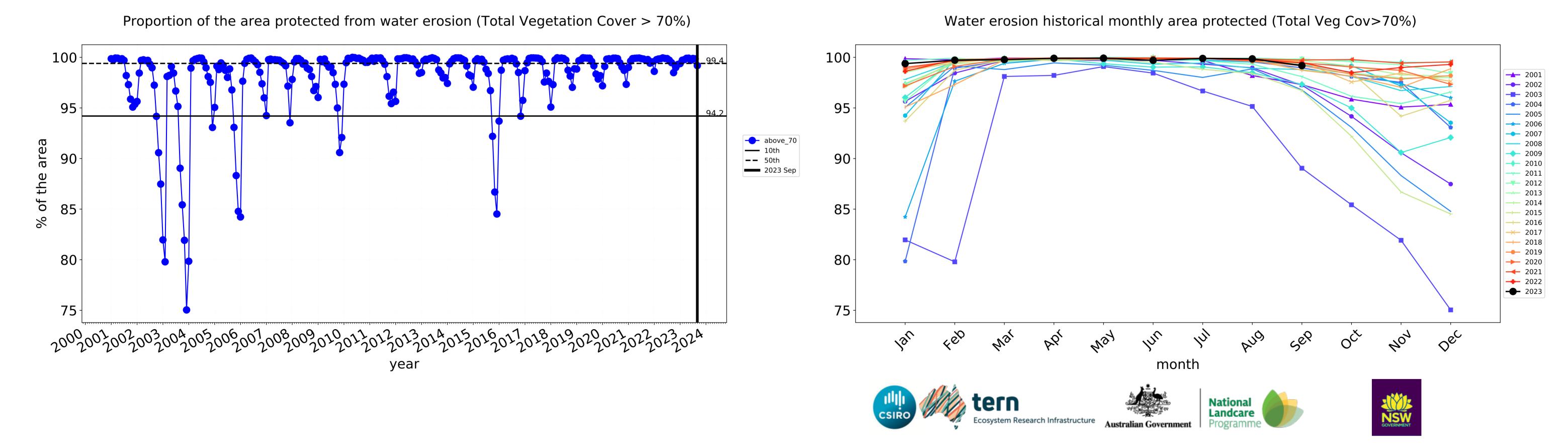


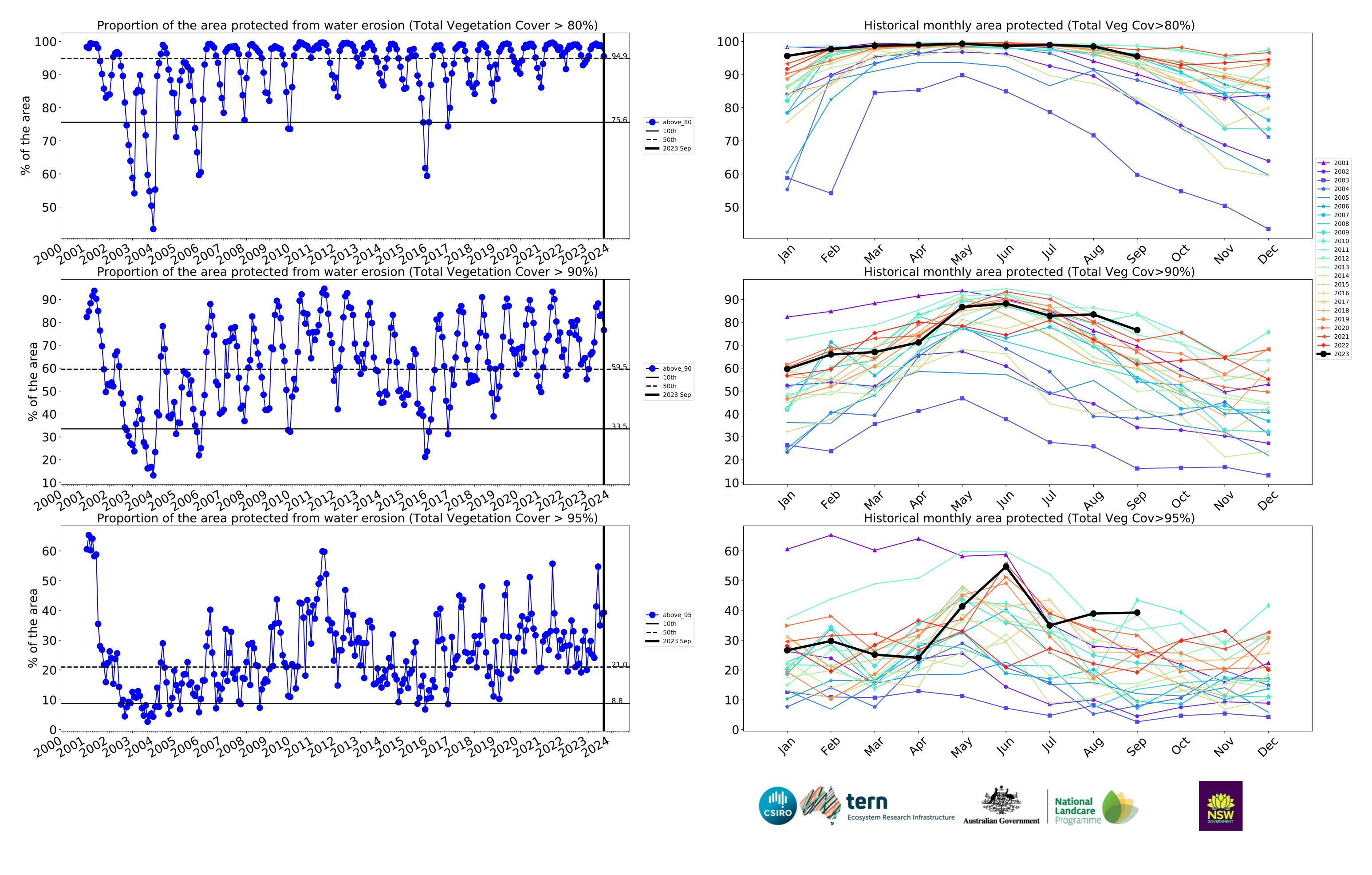




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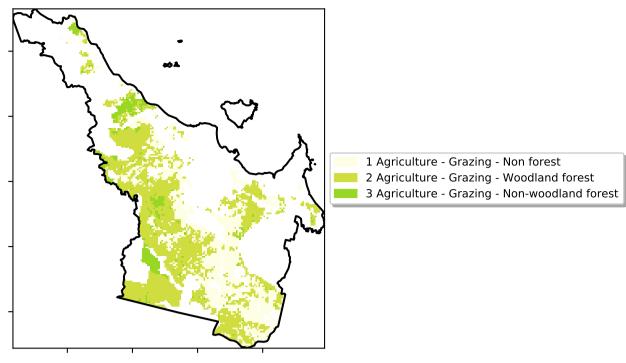


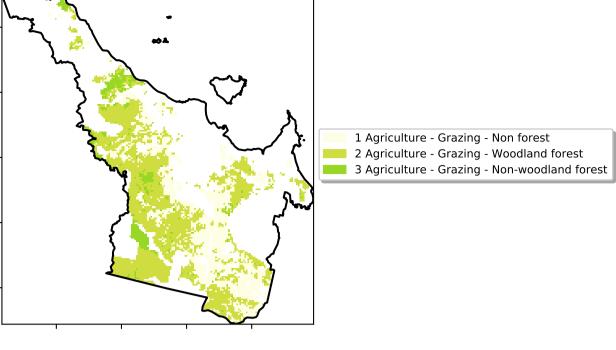


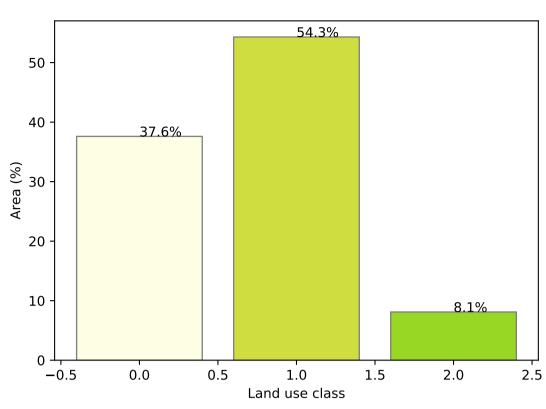
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# **Land use and forest cover**

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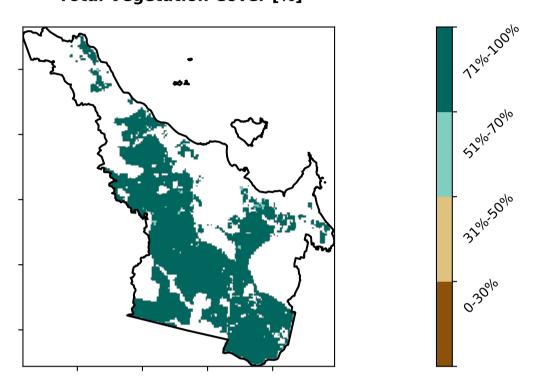




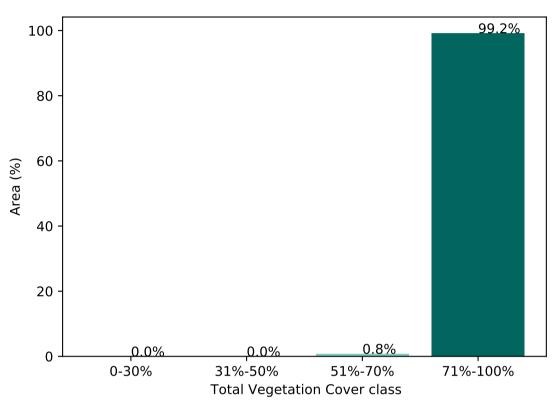


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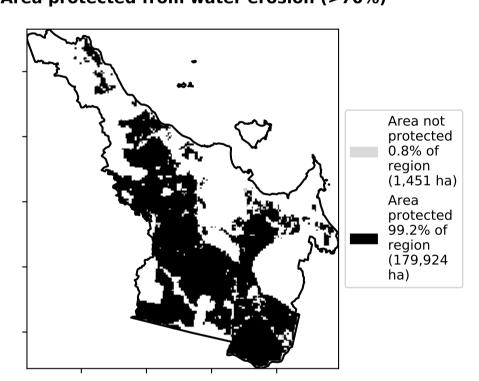




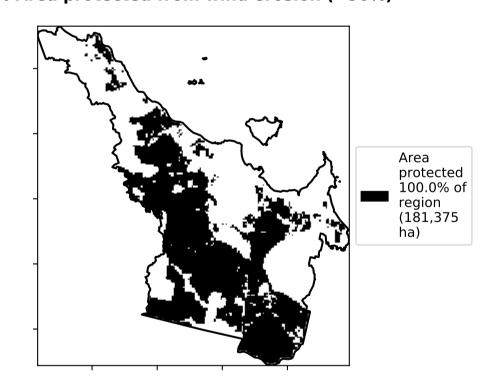
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



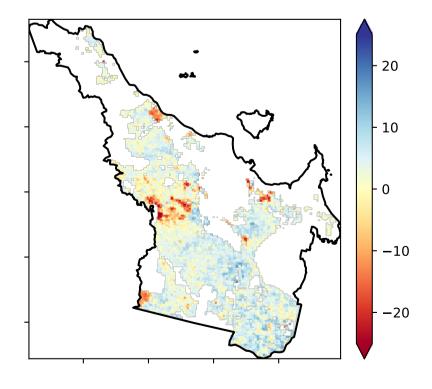
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

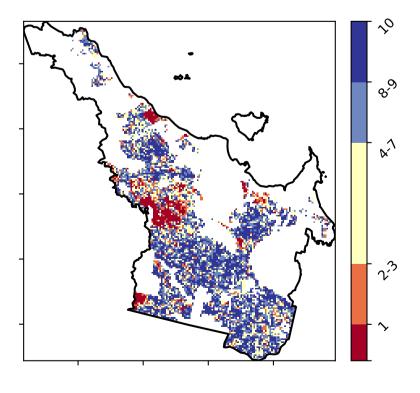


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



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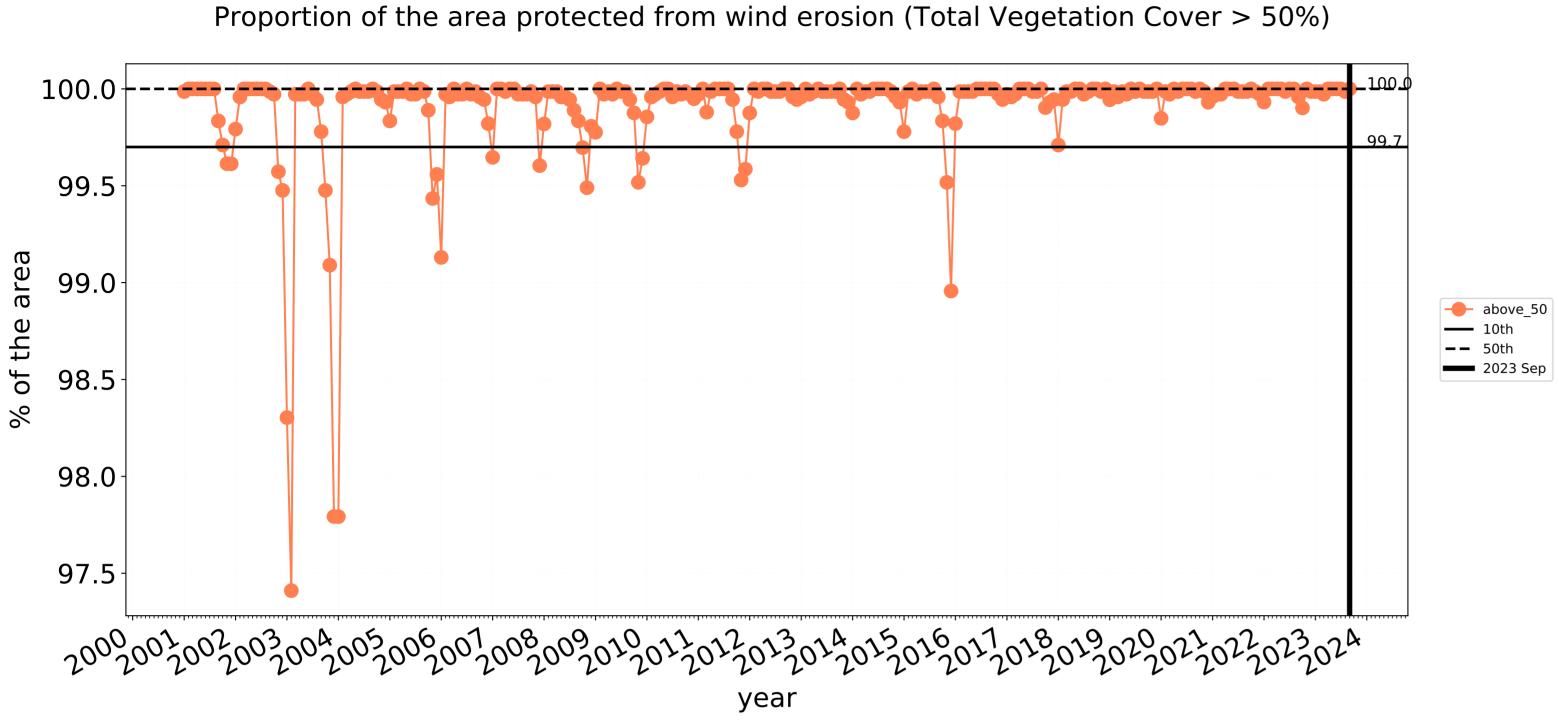


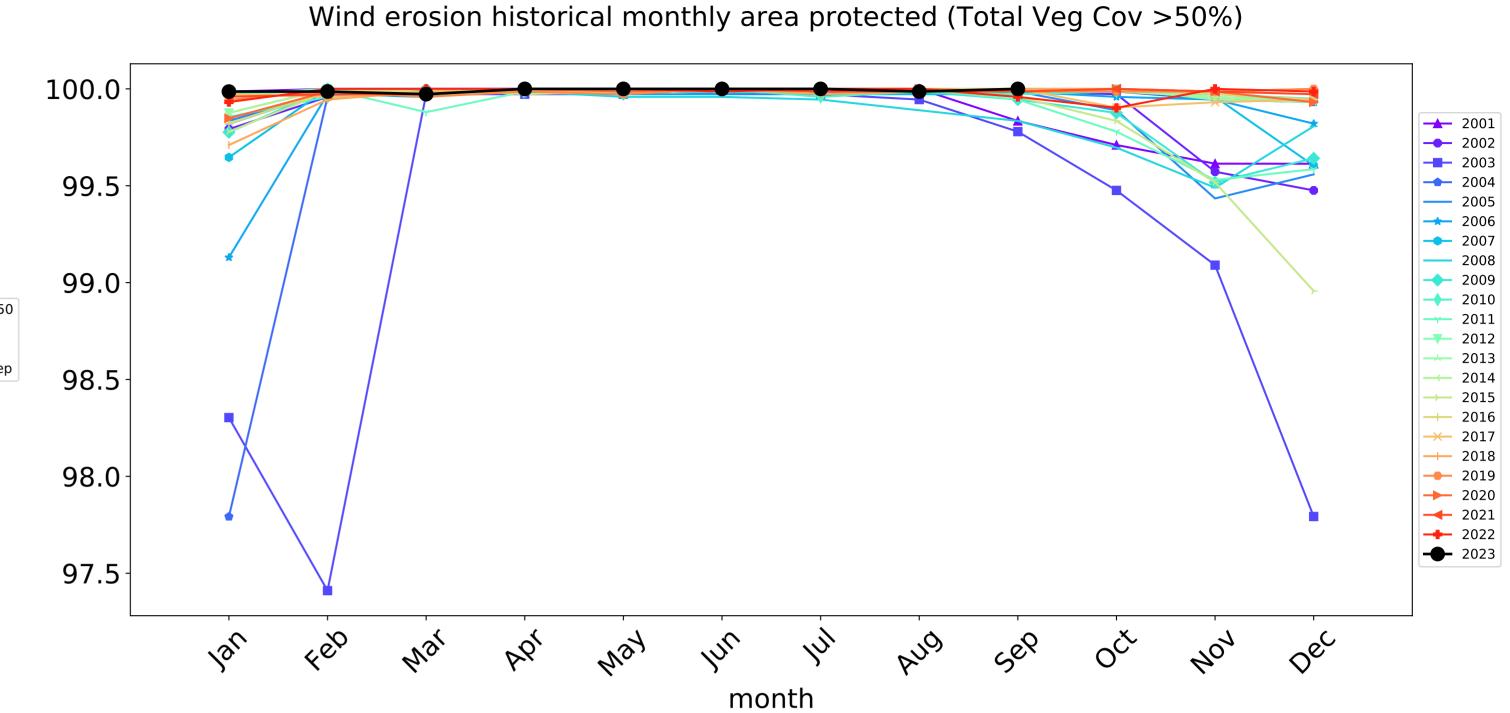


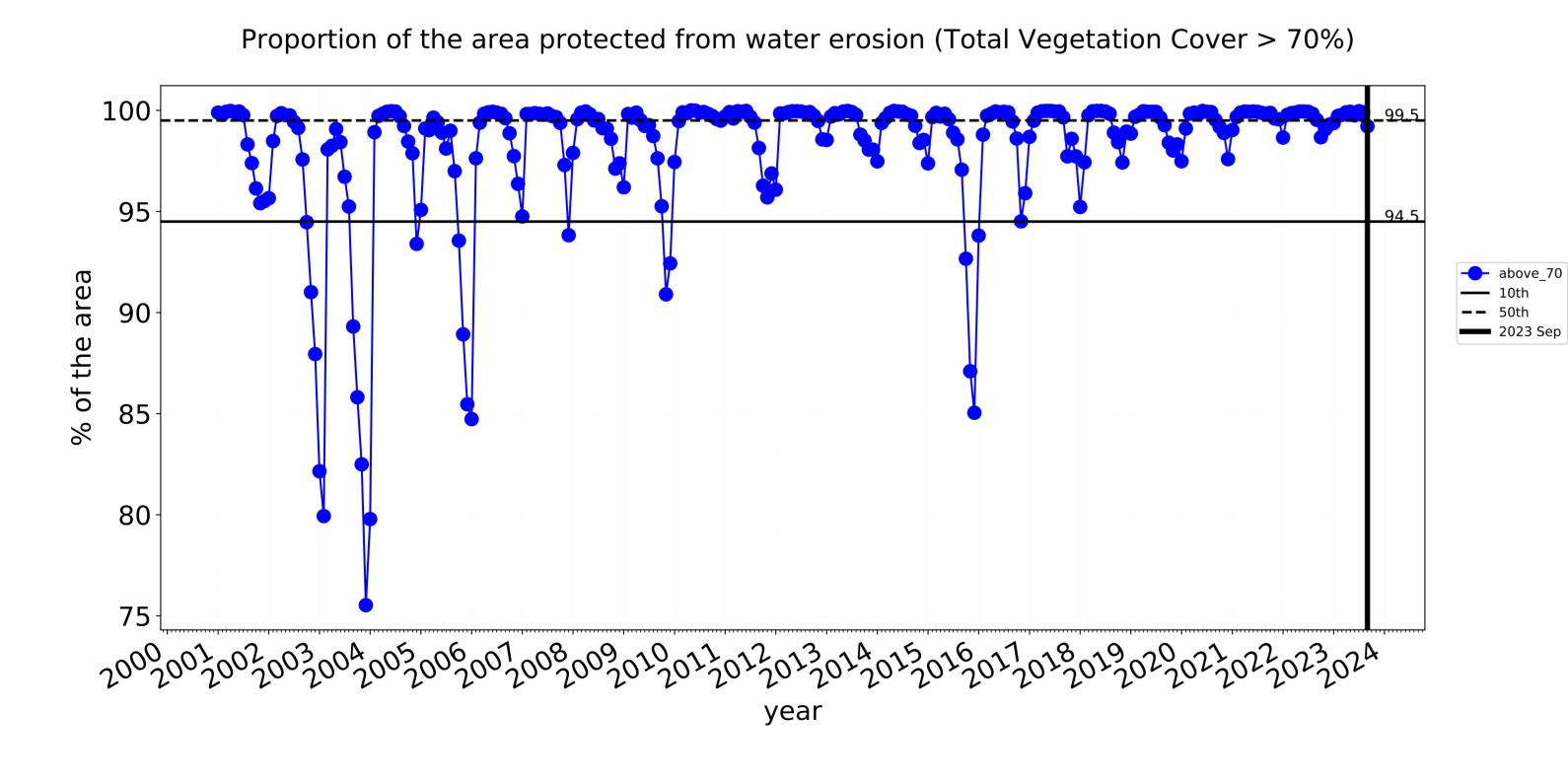


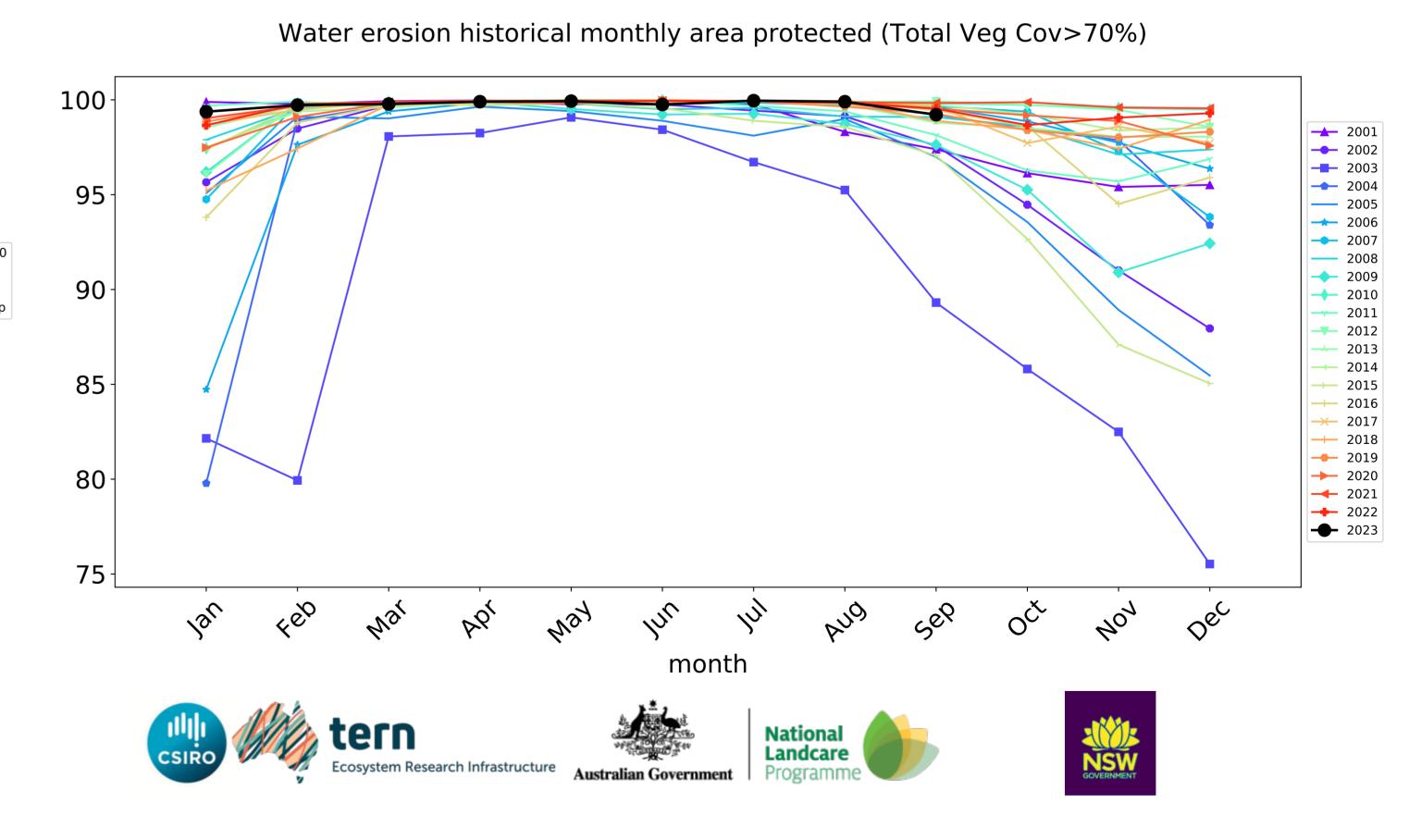


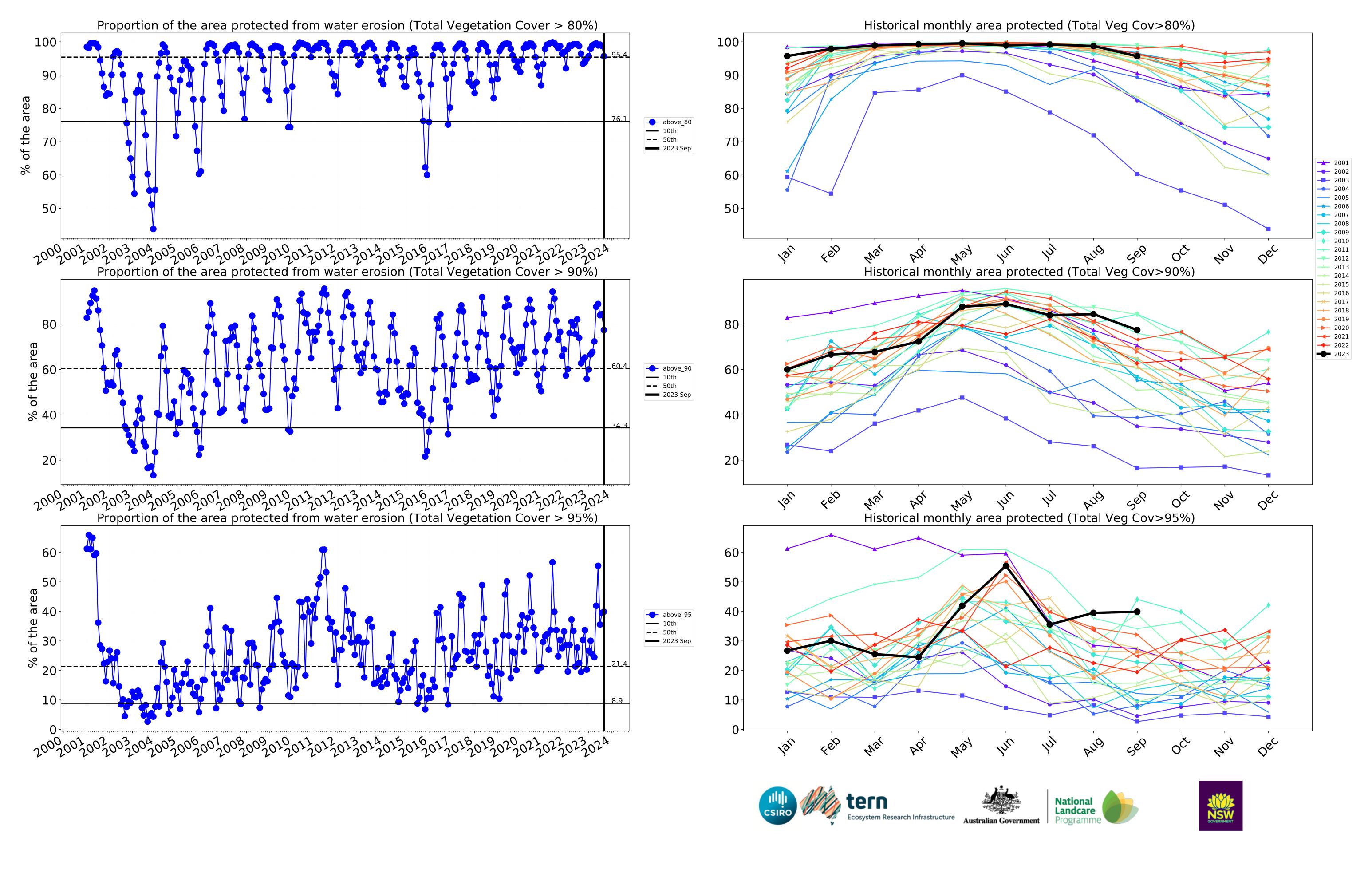
# **Grazing timeseries**











# **Grazing non forest**

### Land use and forest cover

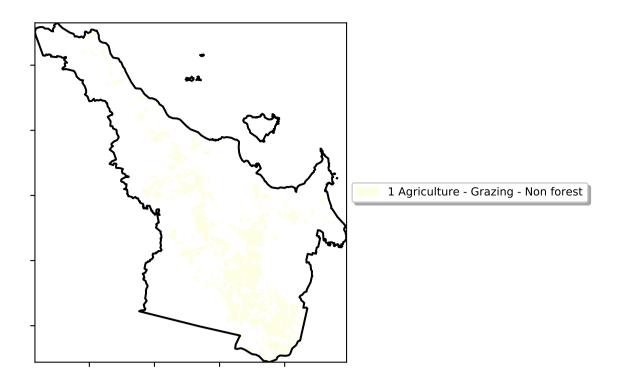
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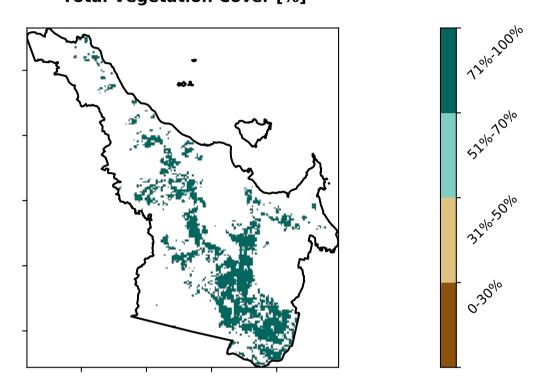
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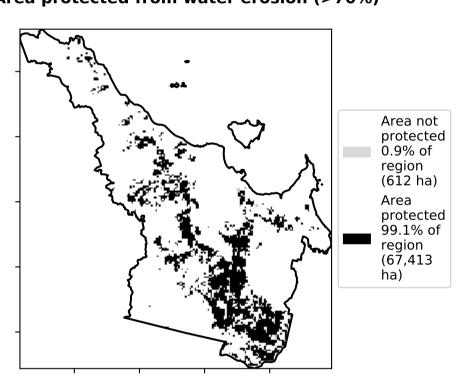
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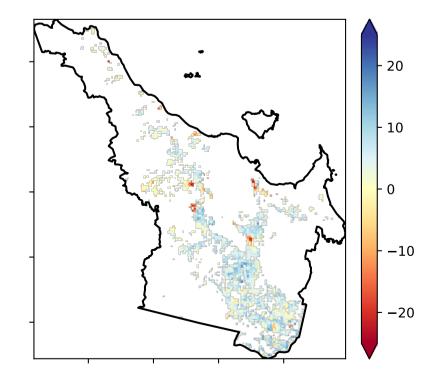
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

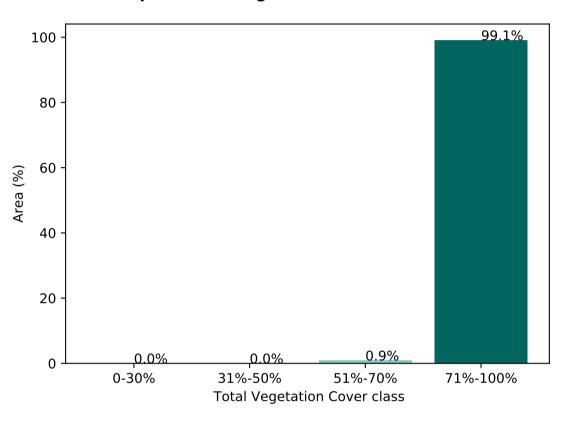


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

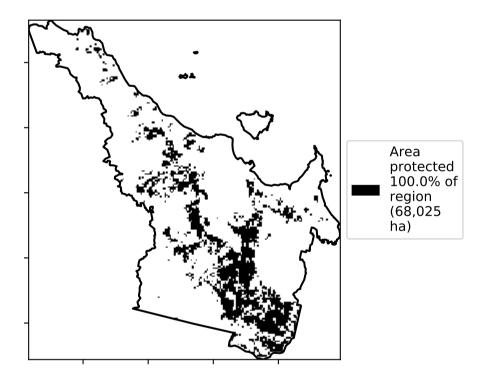


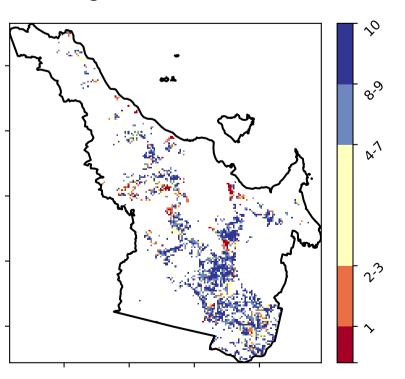
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





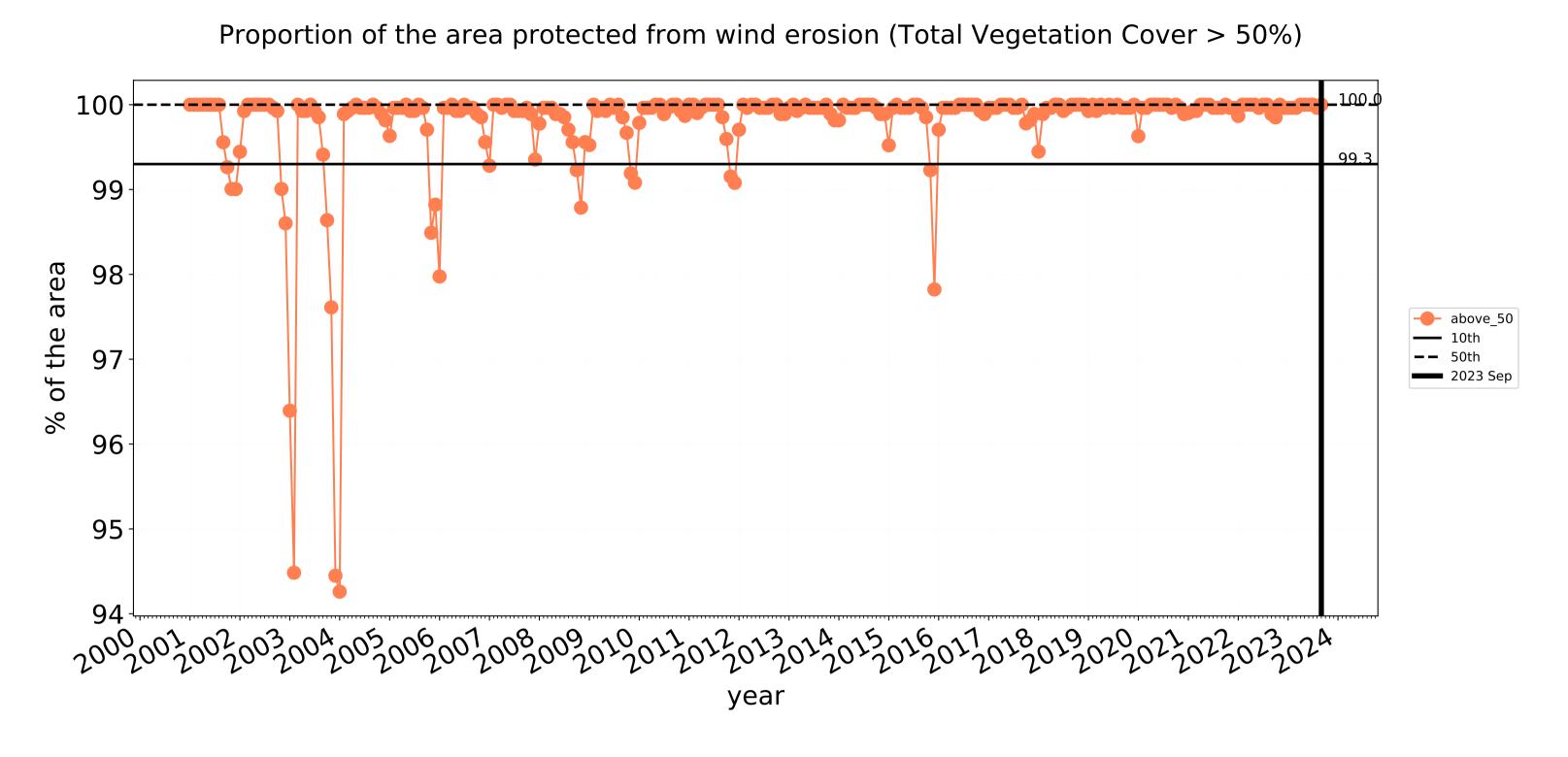


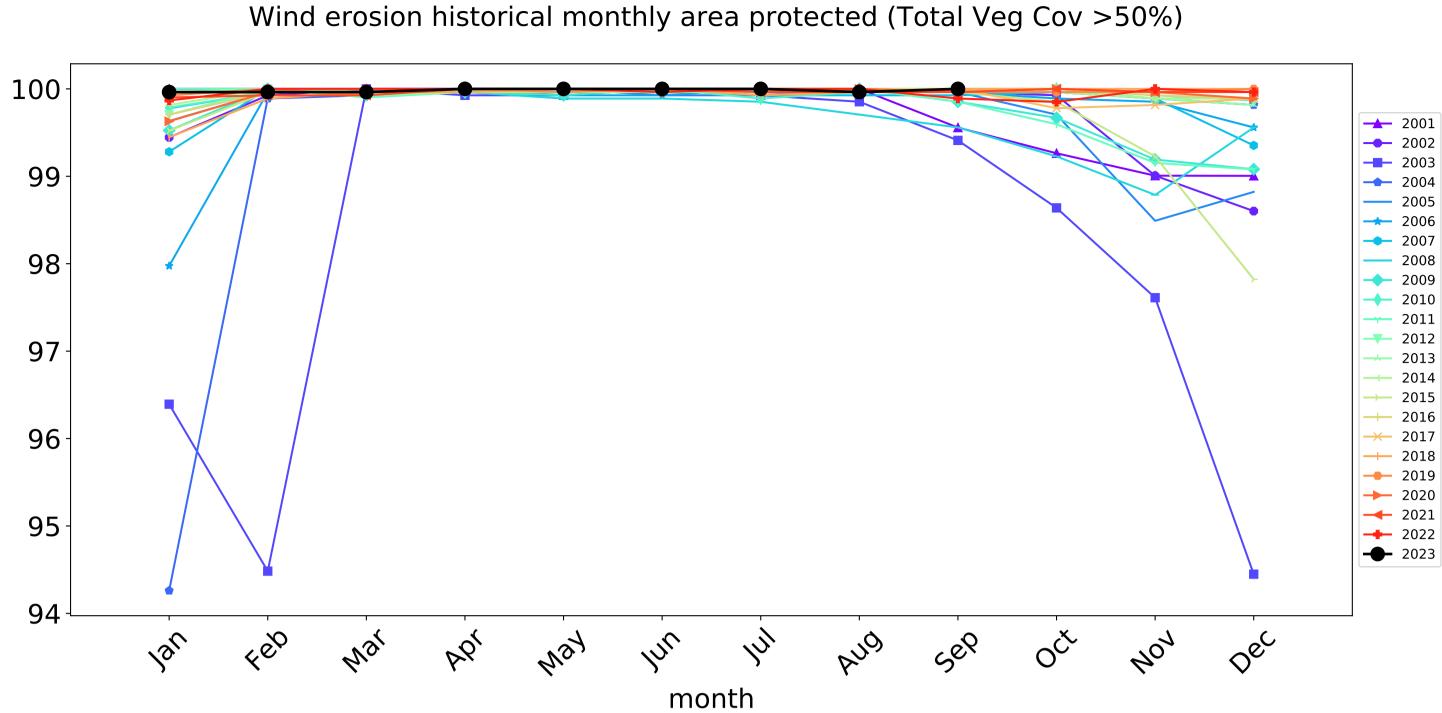


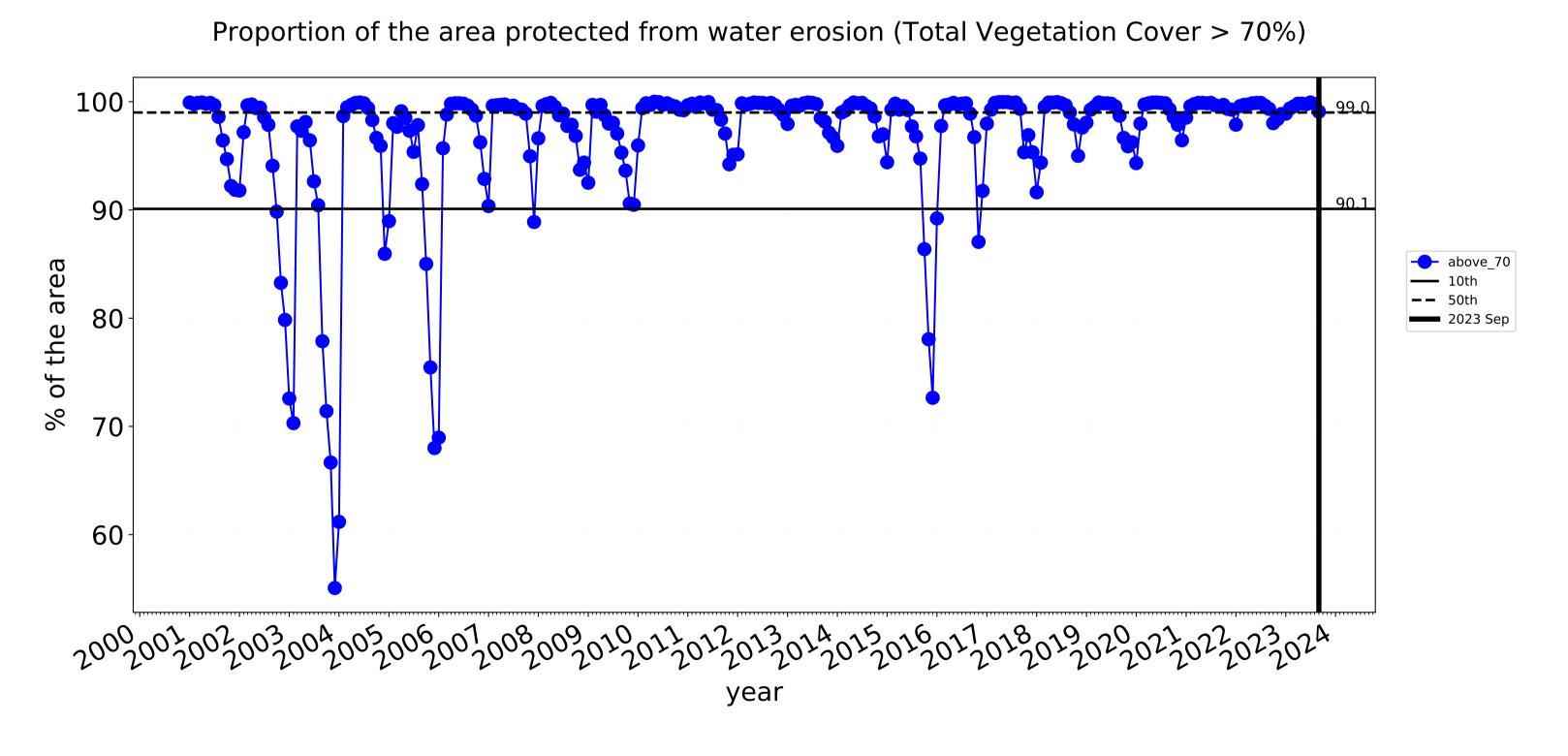


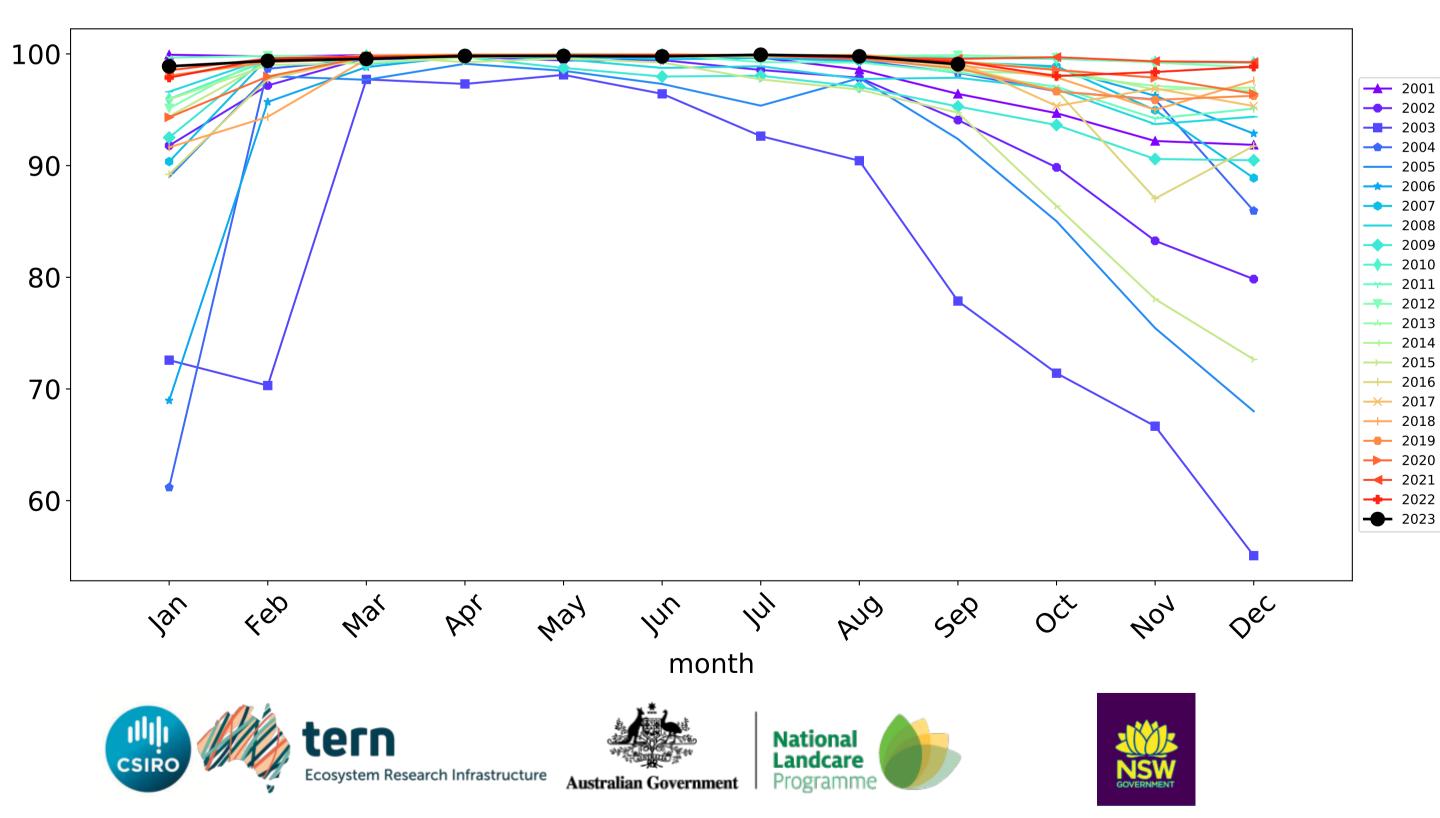


# **Grazing non forest timeseries**

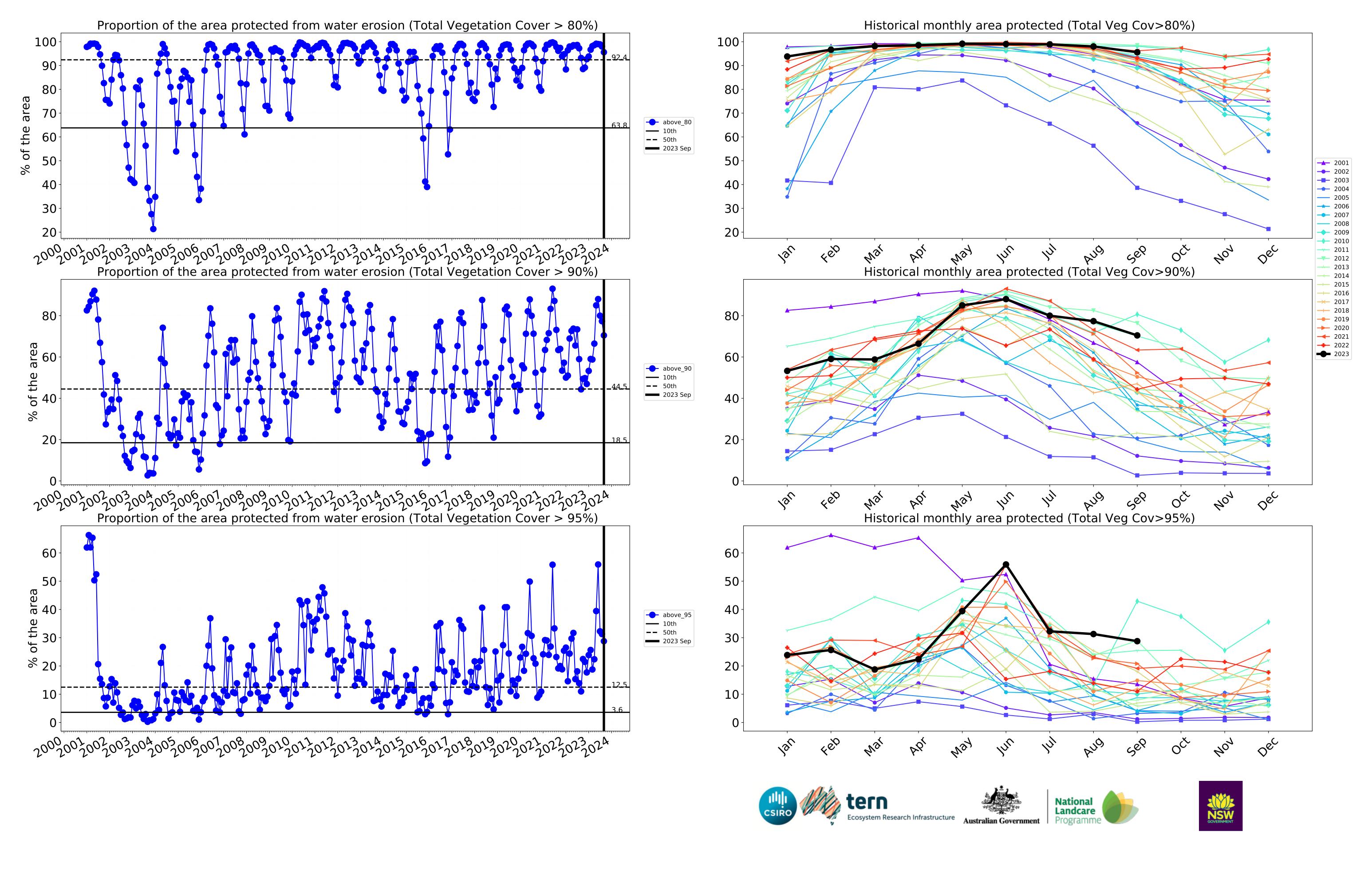








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# **Grazing Woodland forest**

### Land use and forest cover

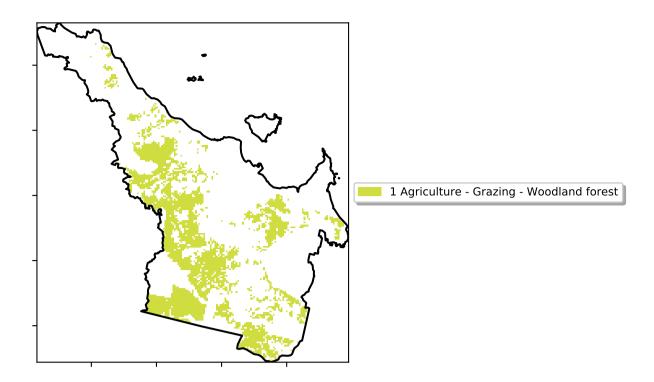
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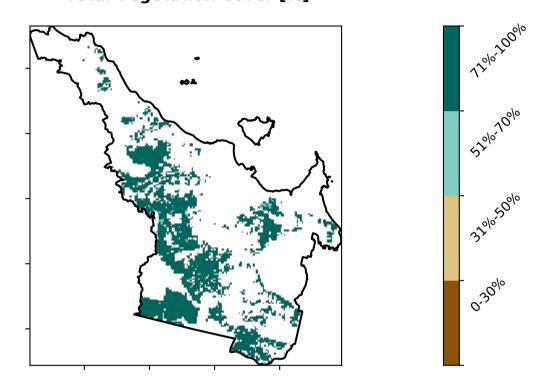
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using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

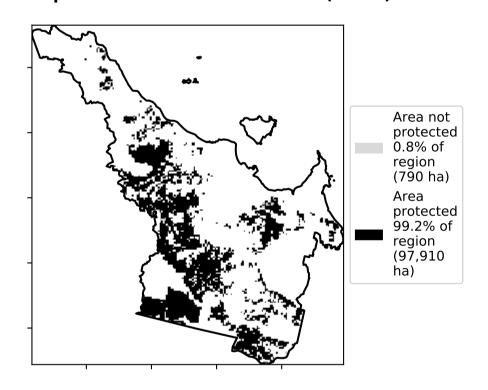
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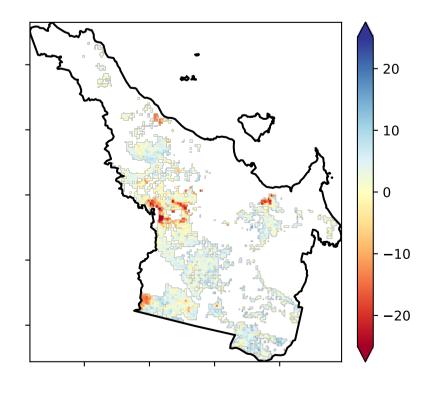
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

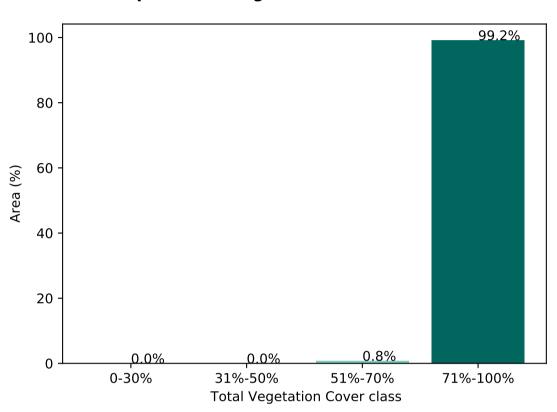


# Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

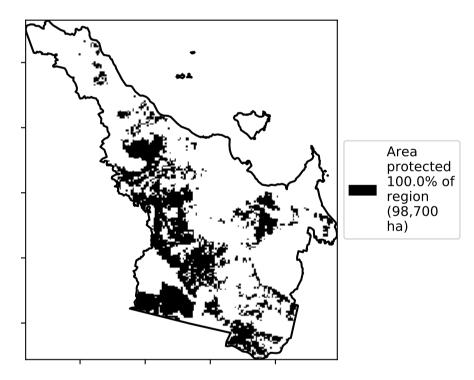


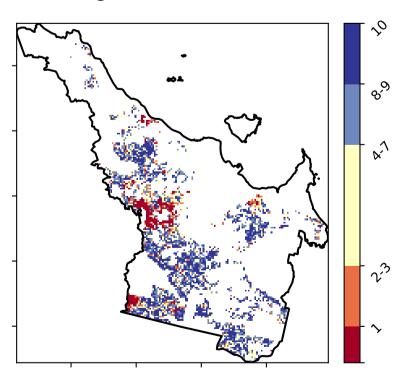
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





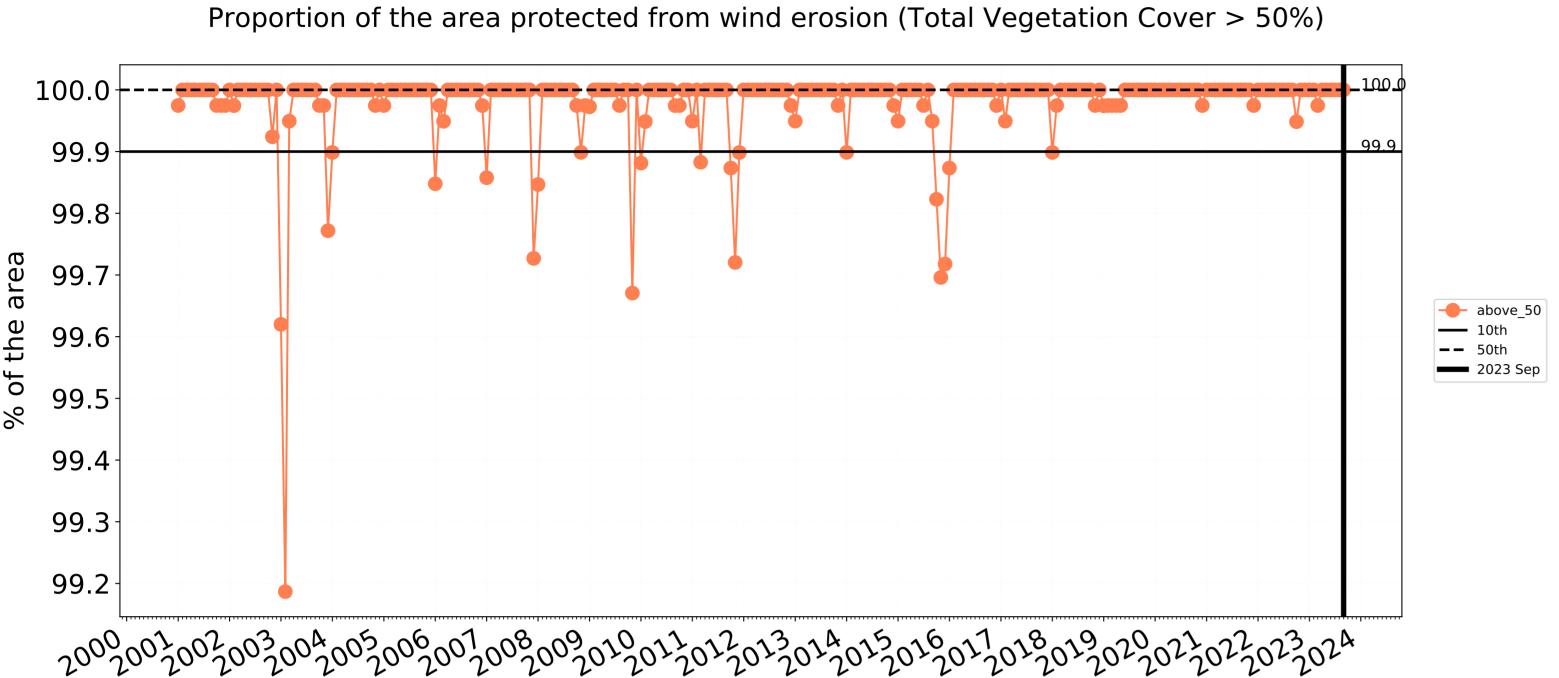


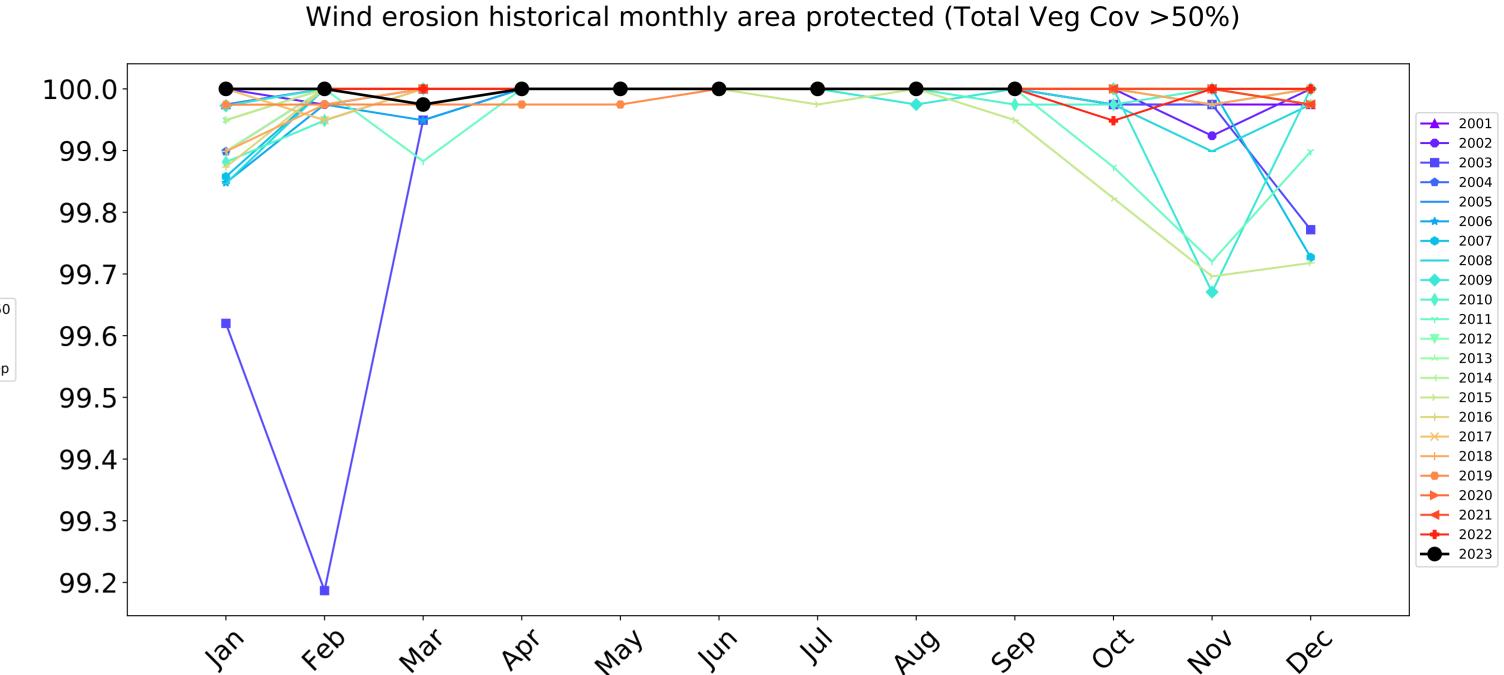




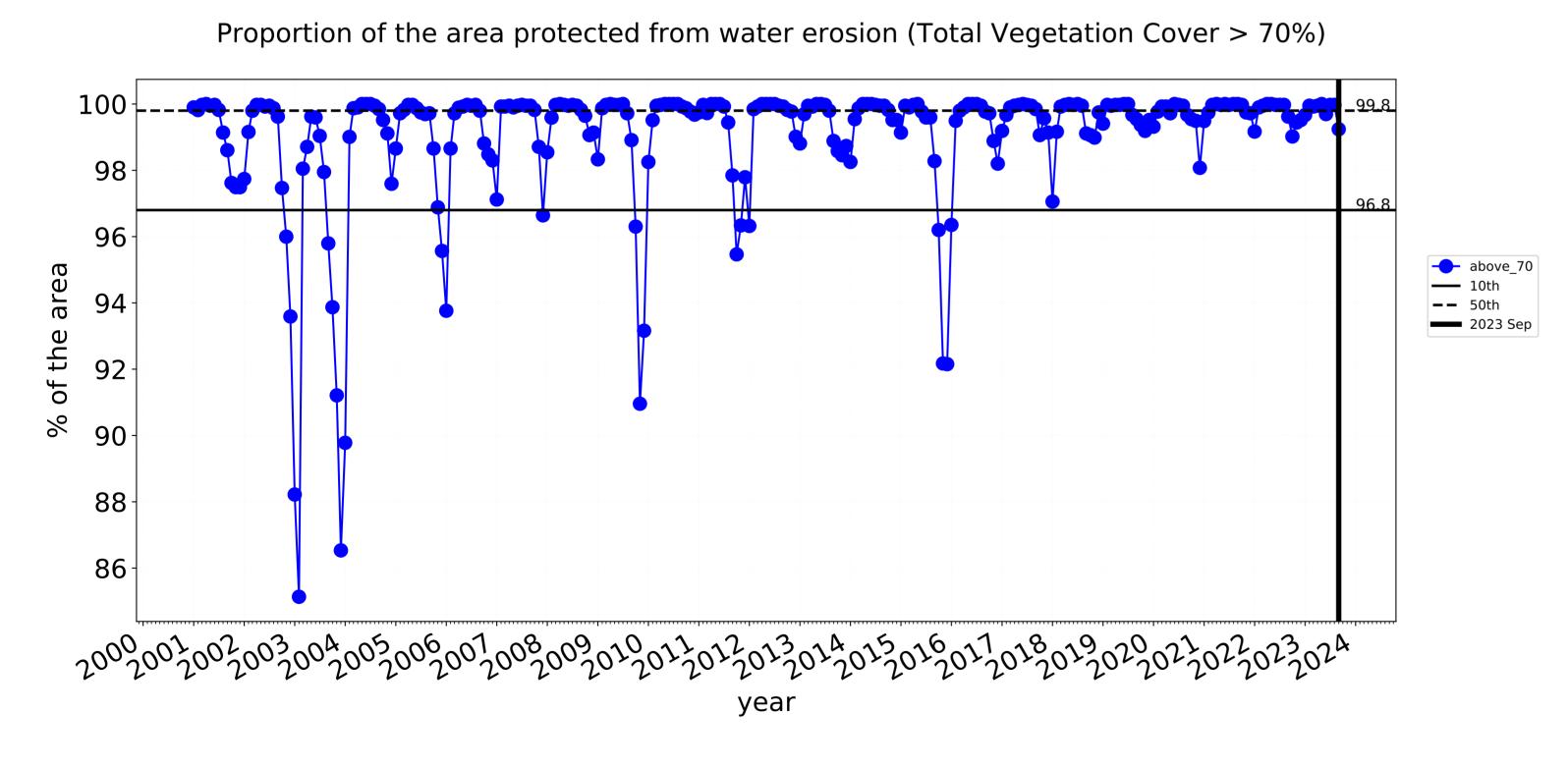


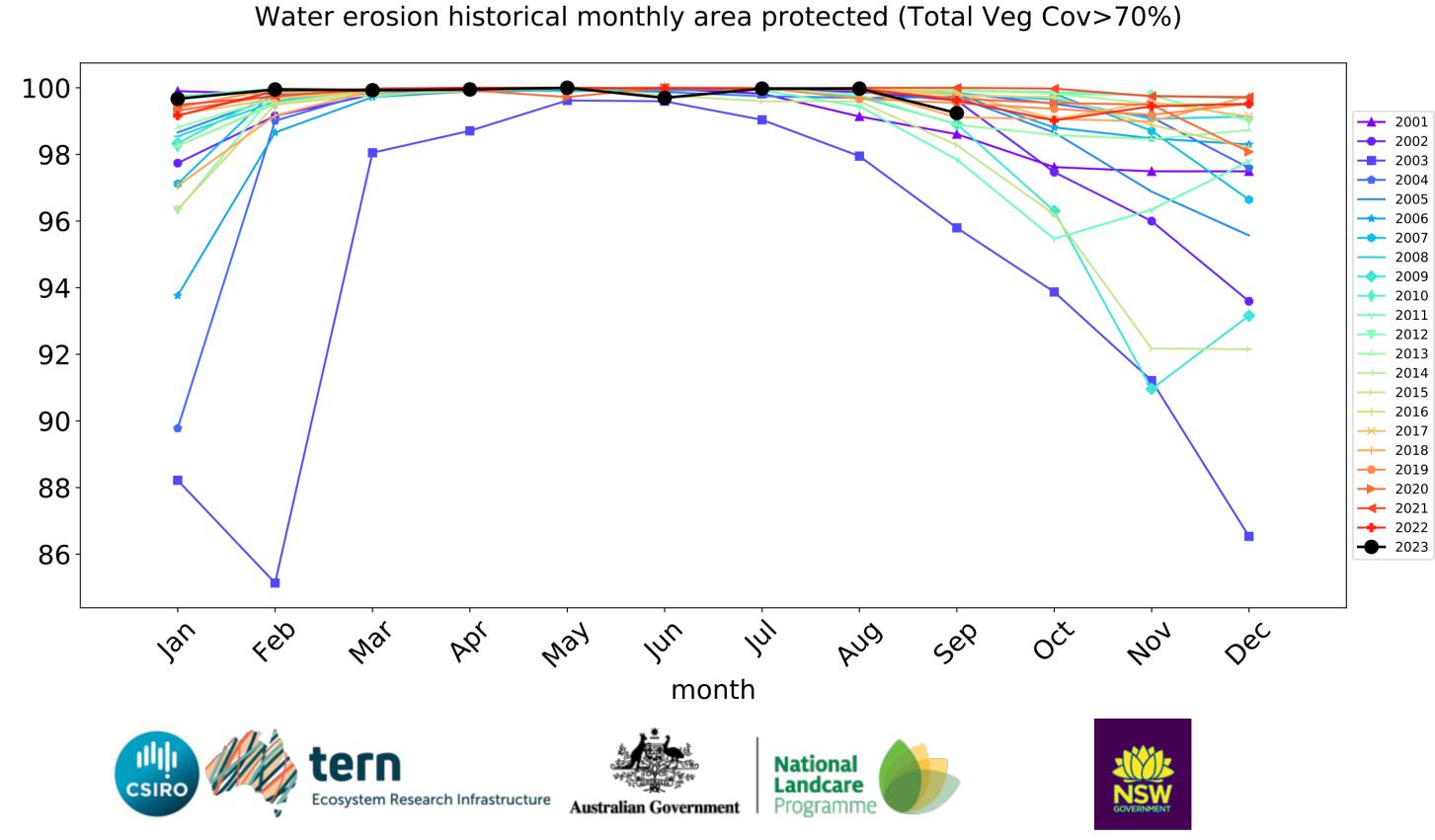
# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**

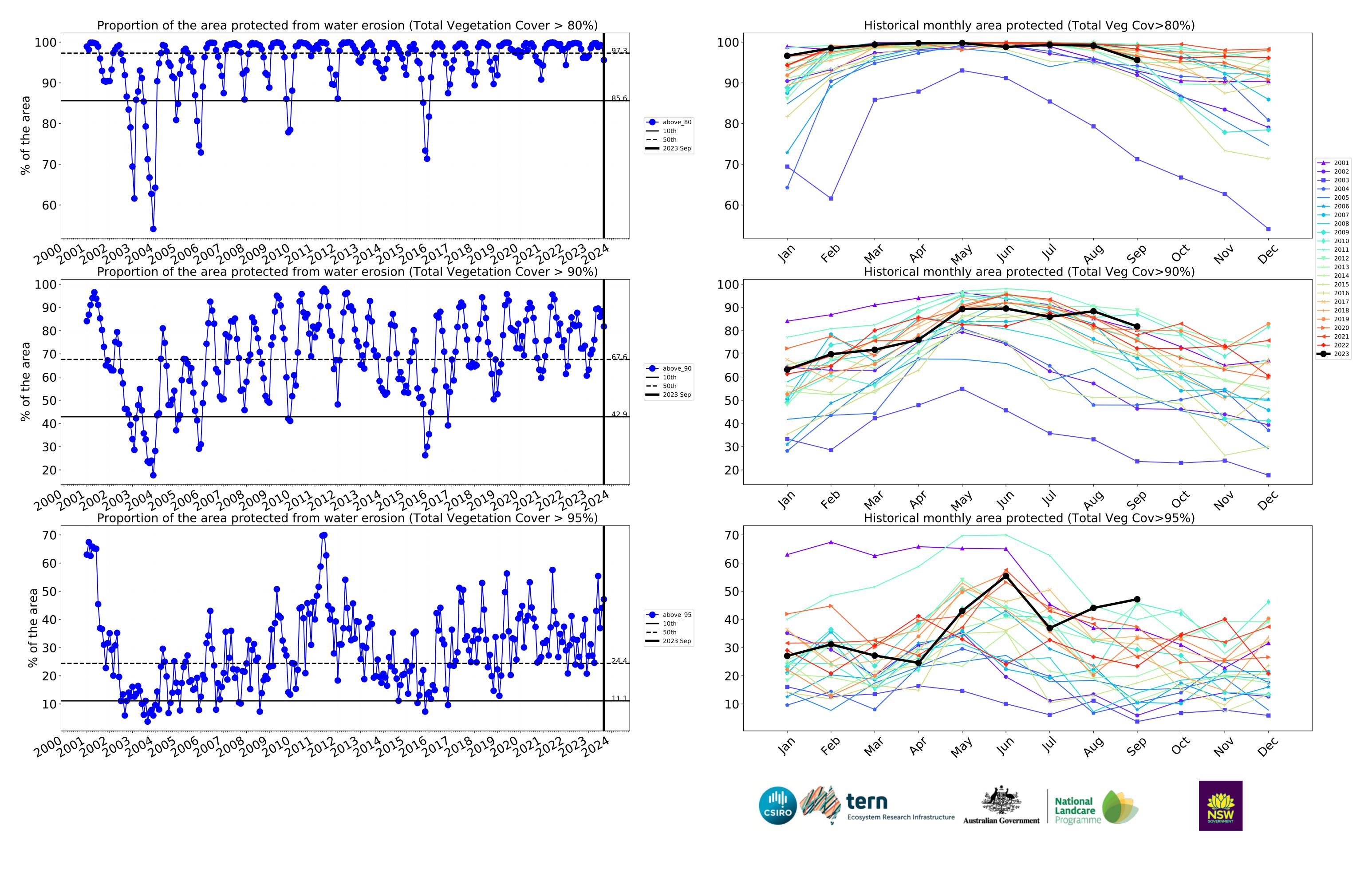




month



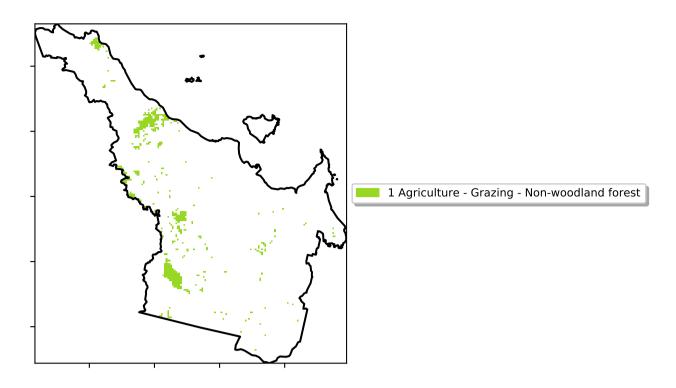




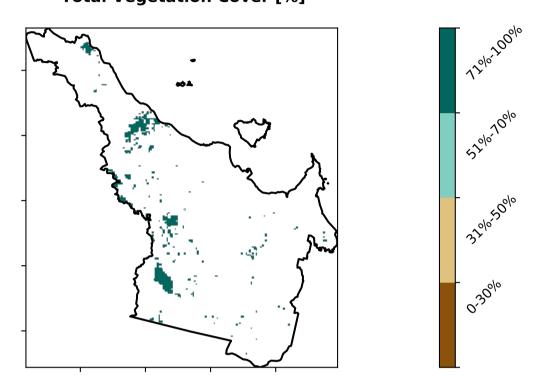
# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

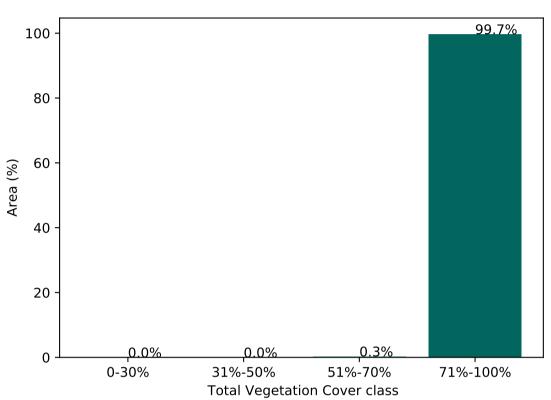
### Land use and forest cover

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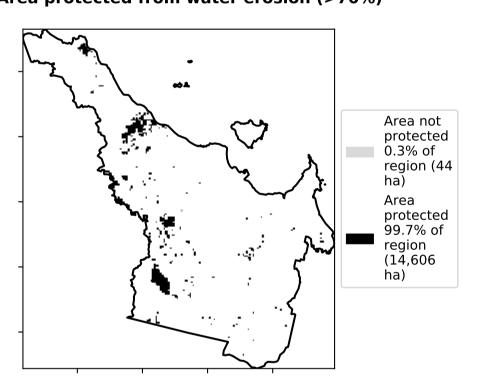
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



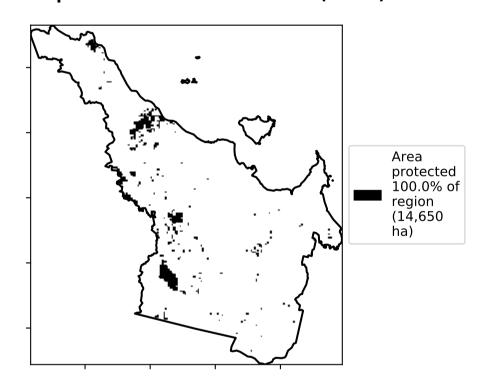


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

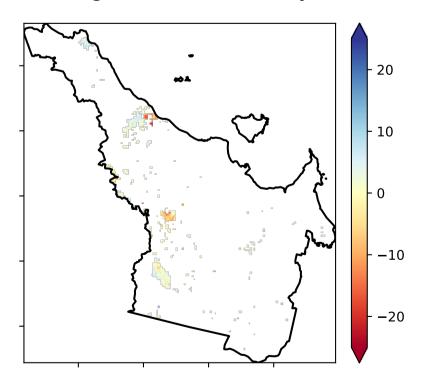
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

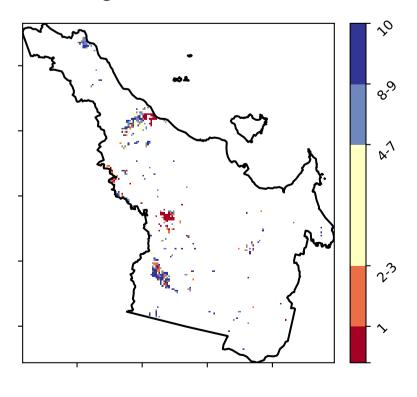


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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# **Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]**





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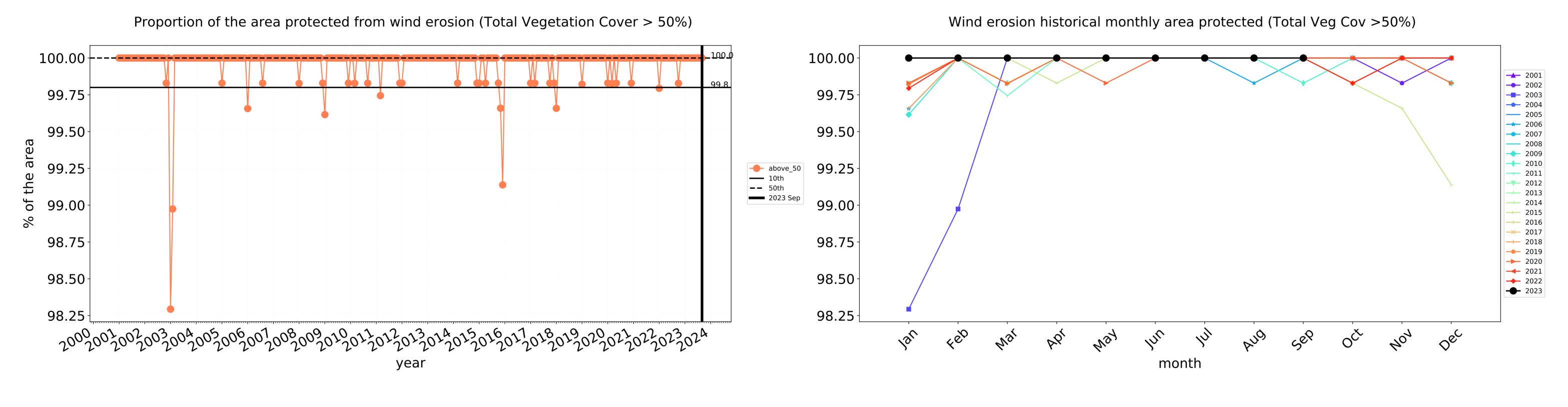
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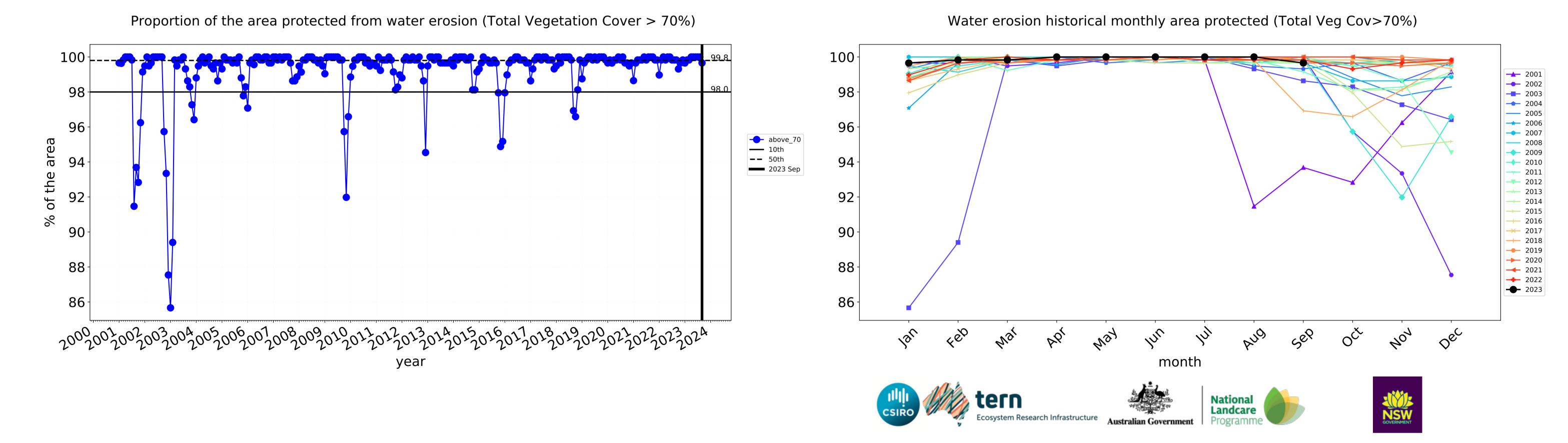


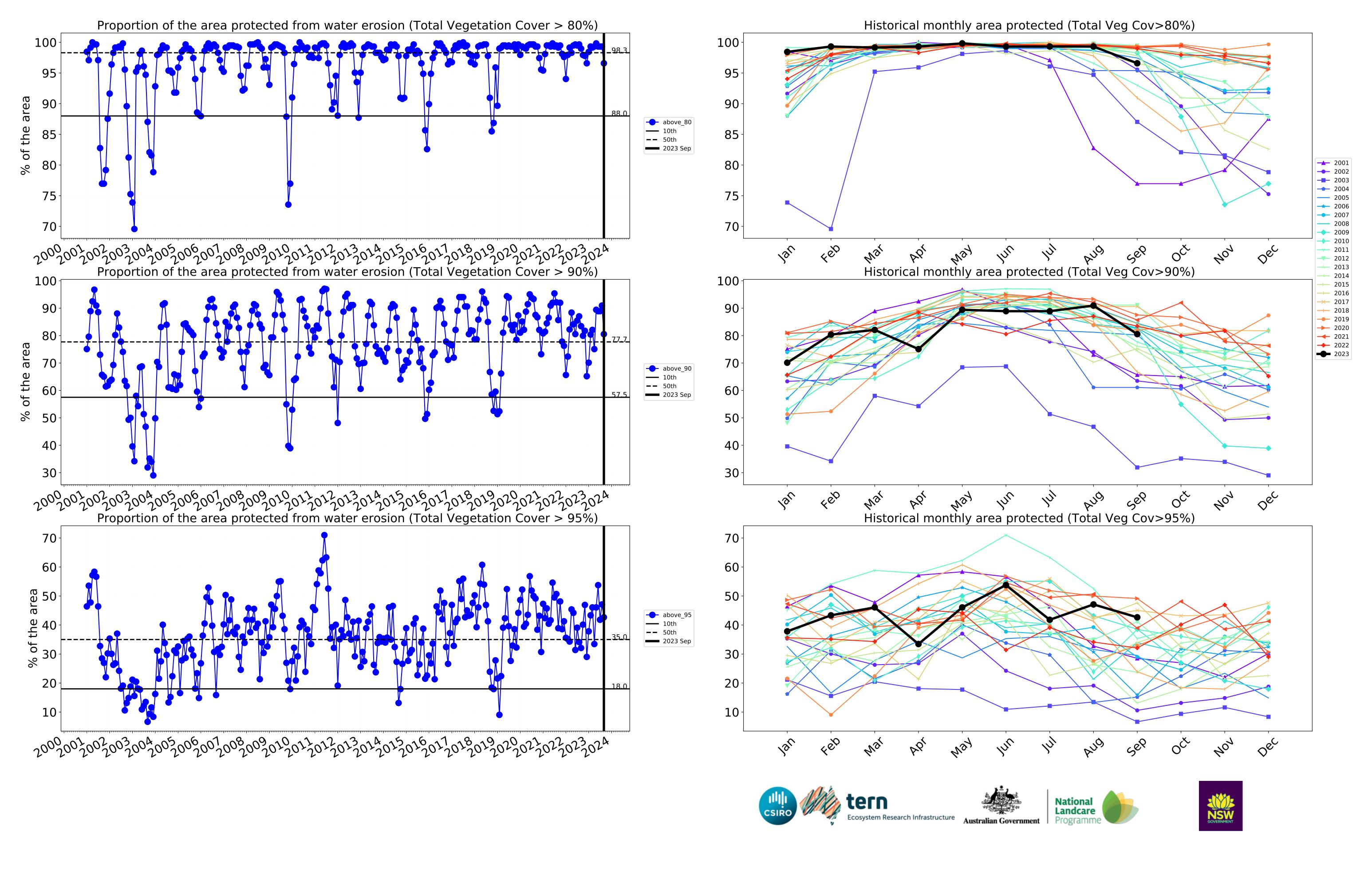












# **Irrigation**

### Land use and forest cover

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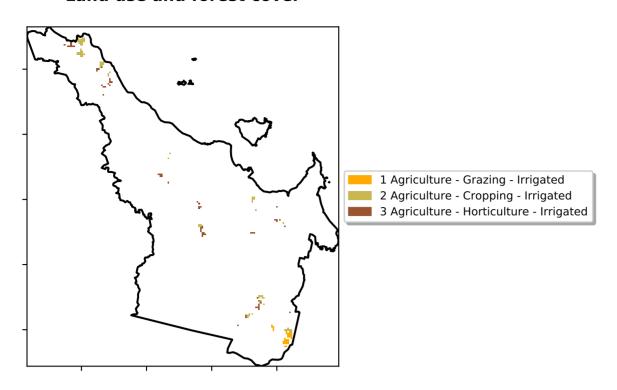
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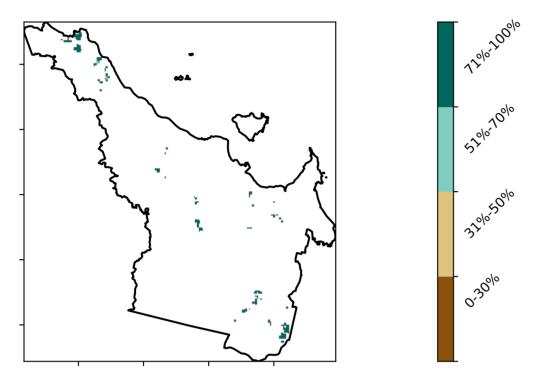
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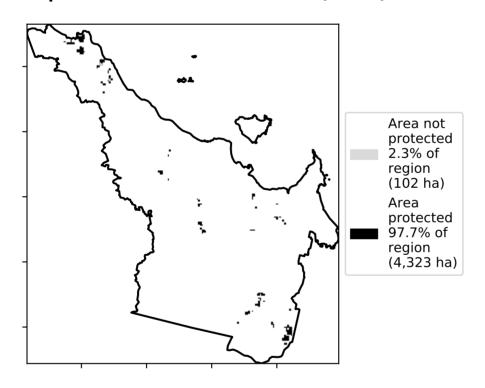
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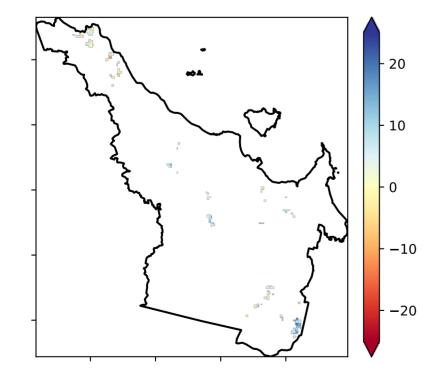
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

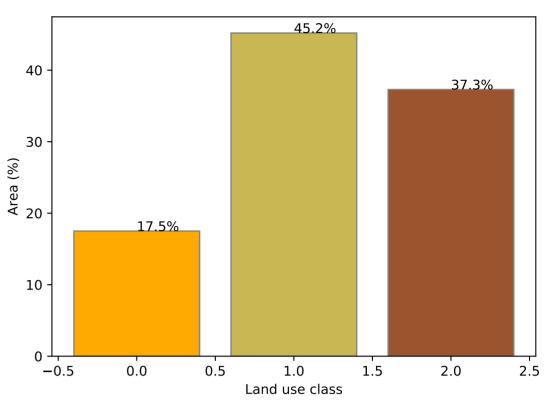


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

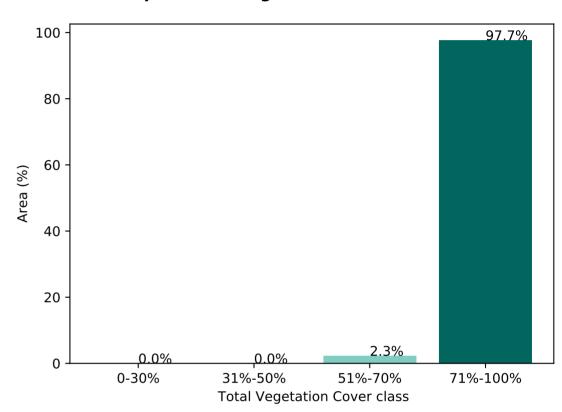


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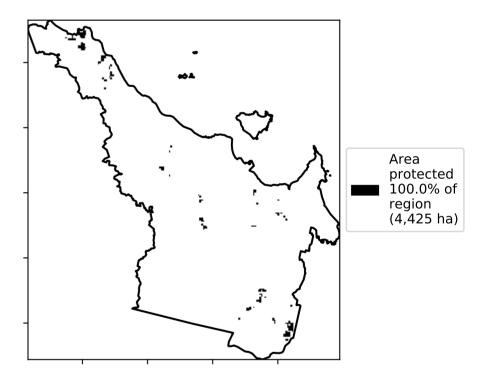
# Proportion of each land class in area

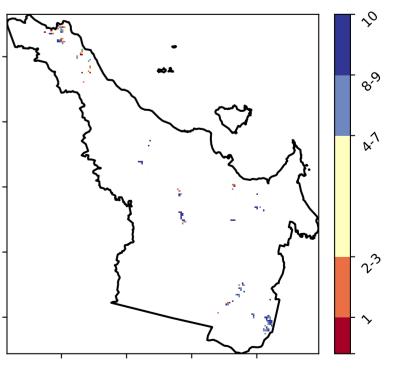


### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





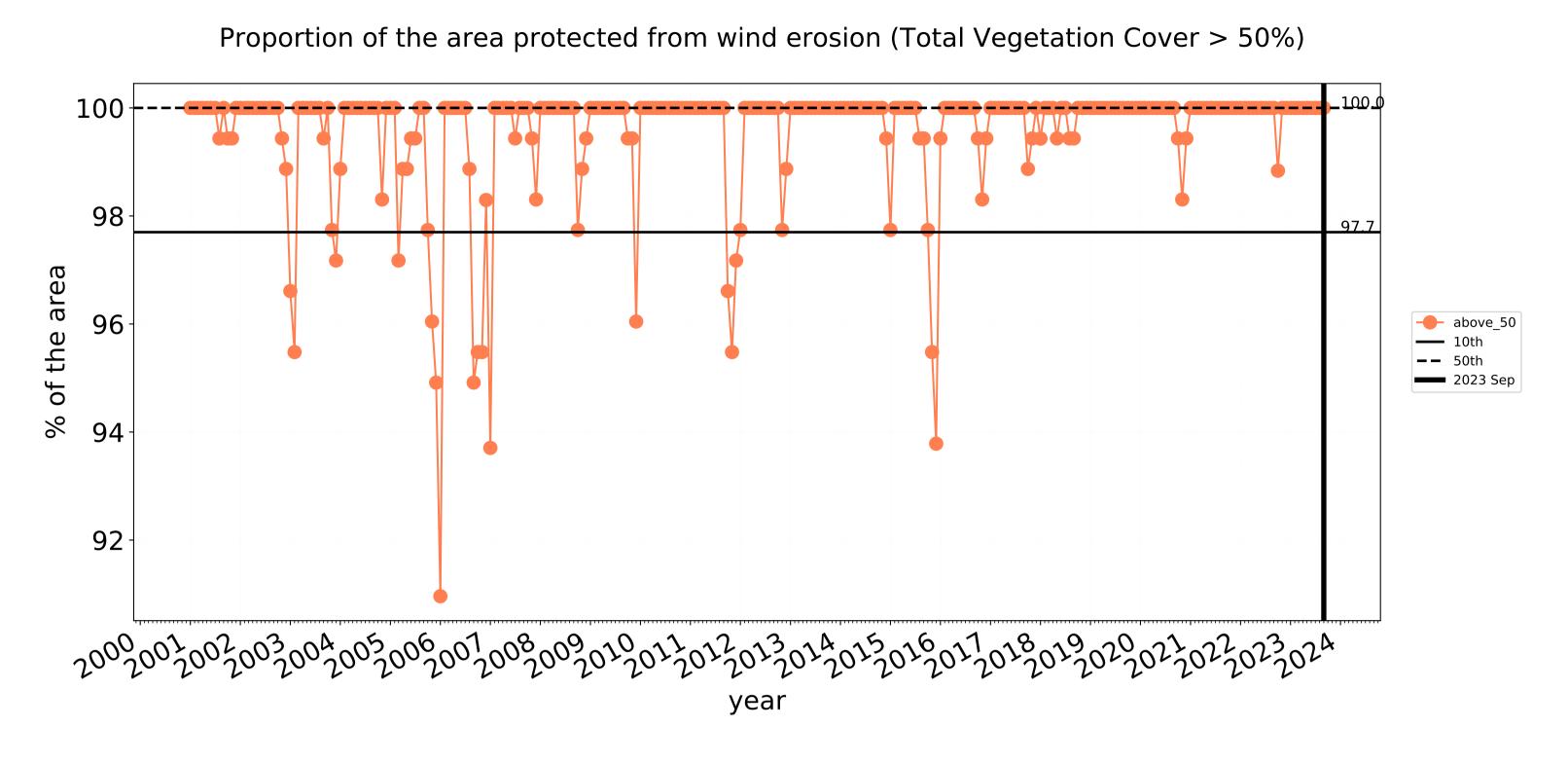


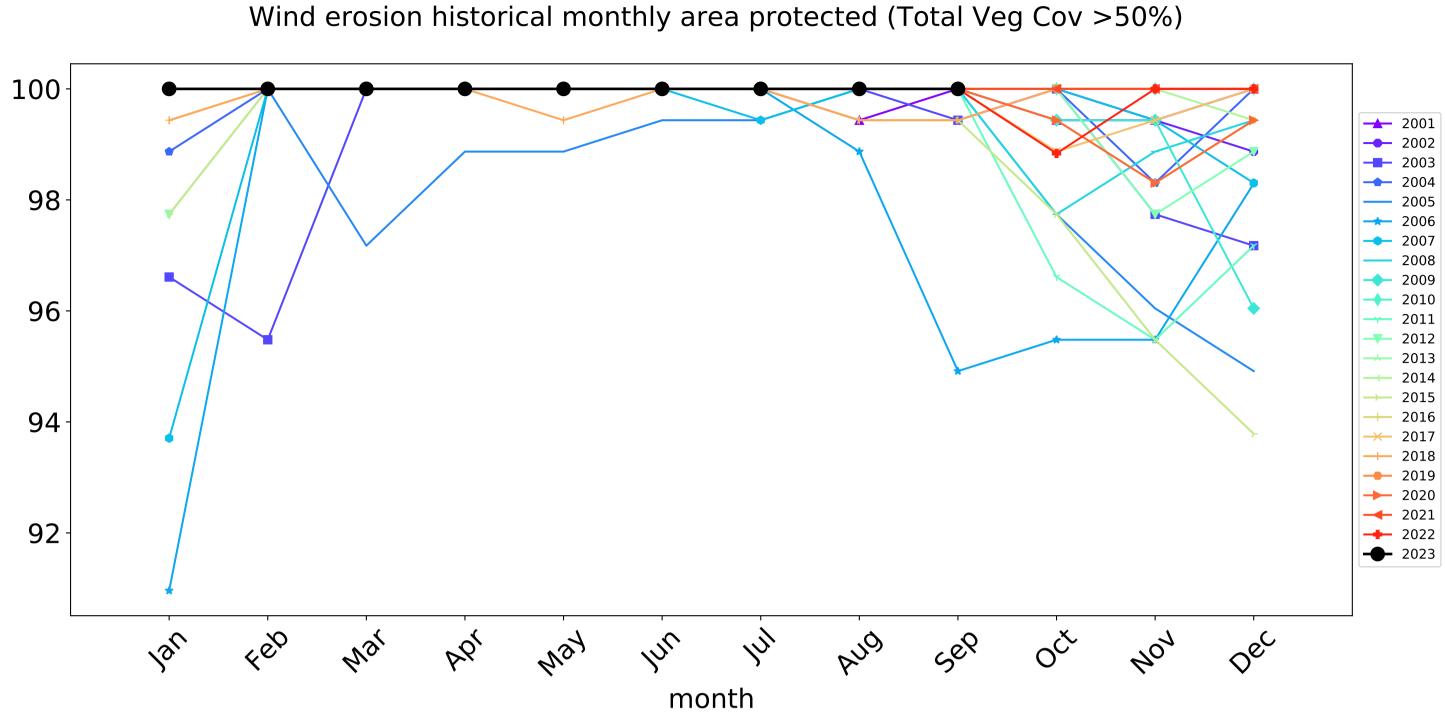


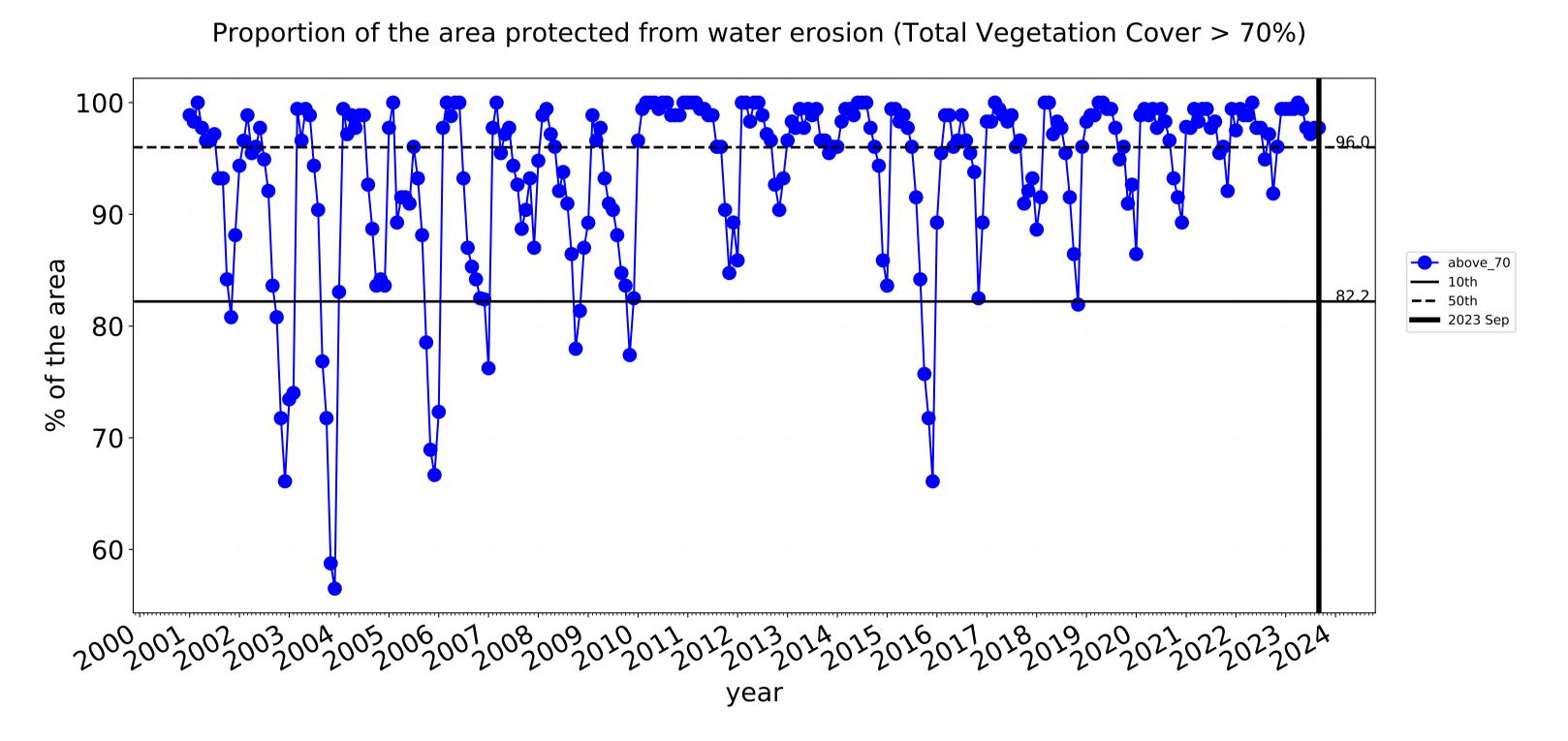


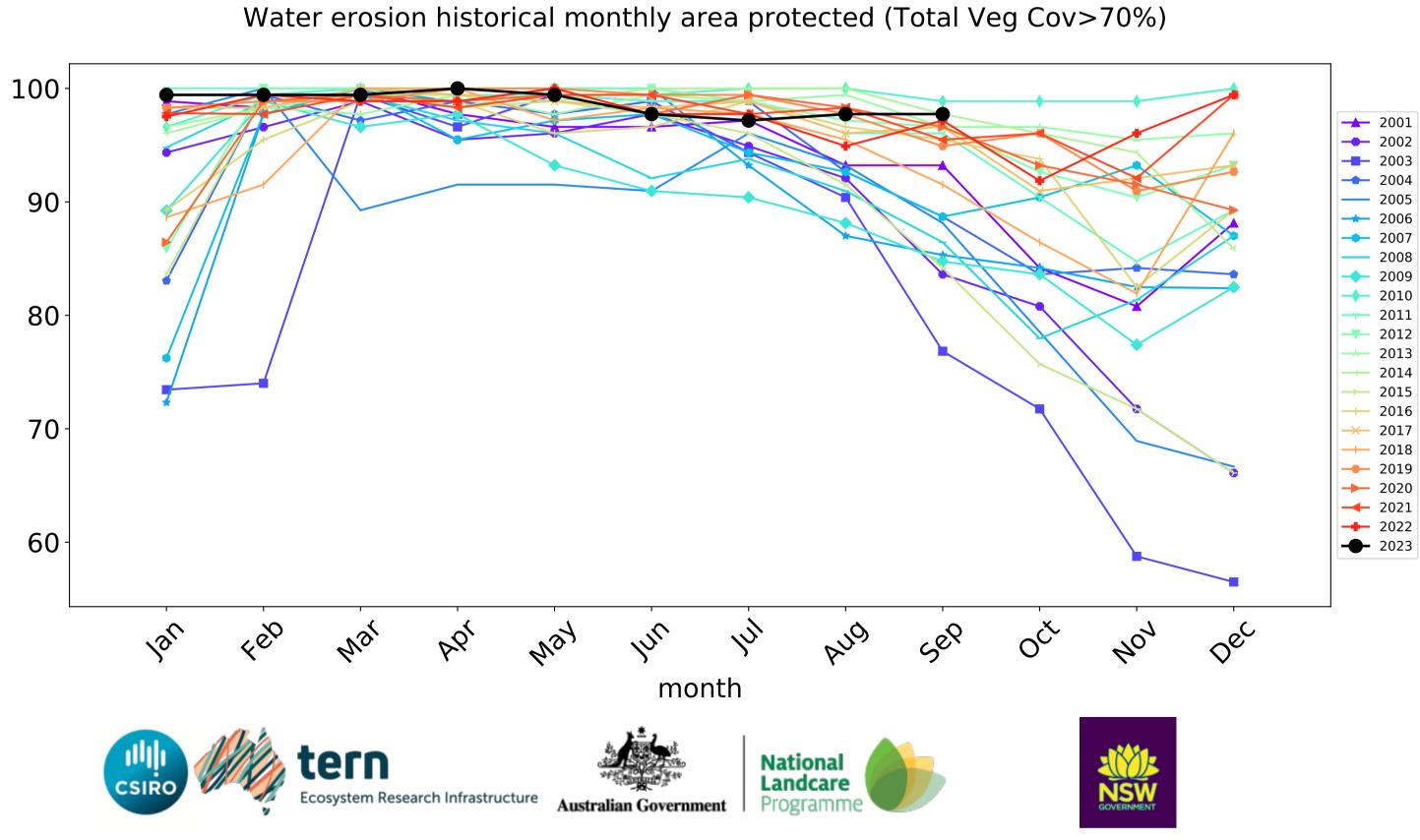


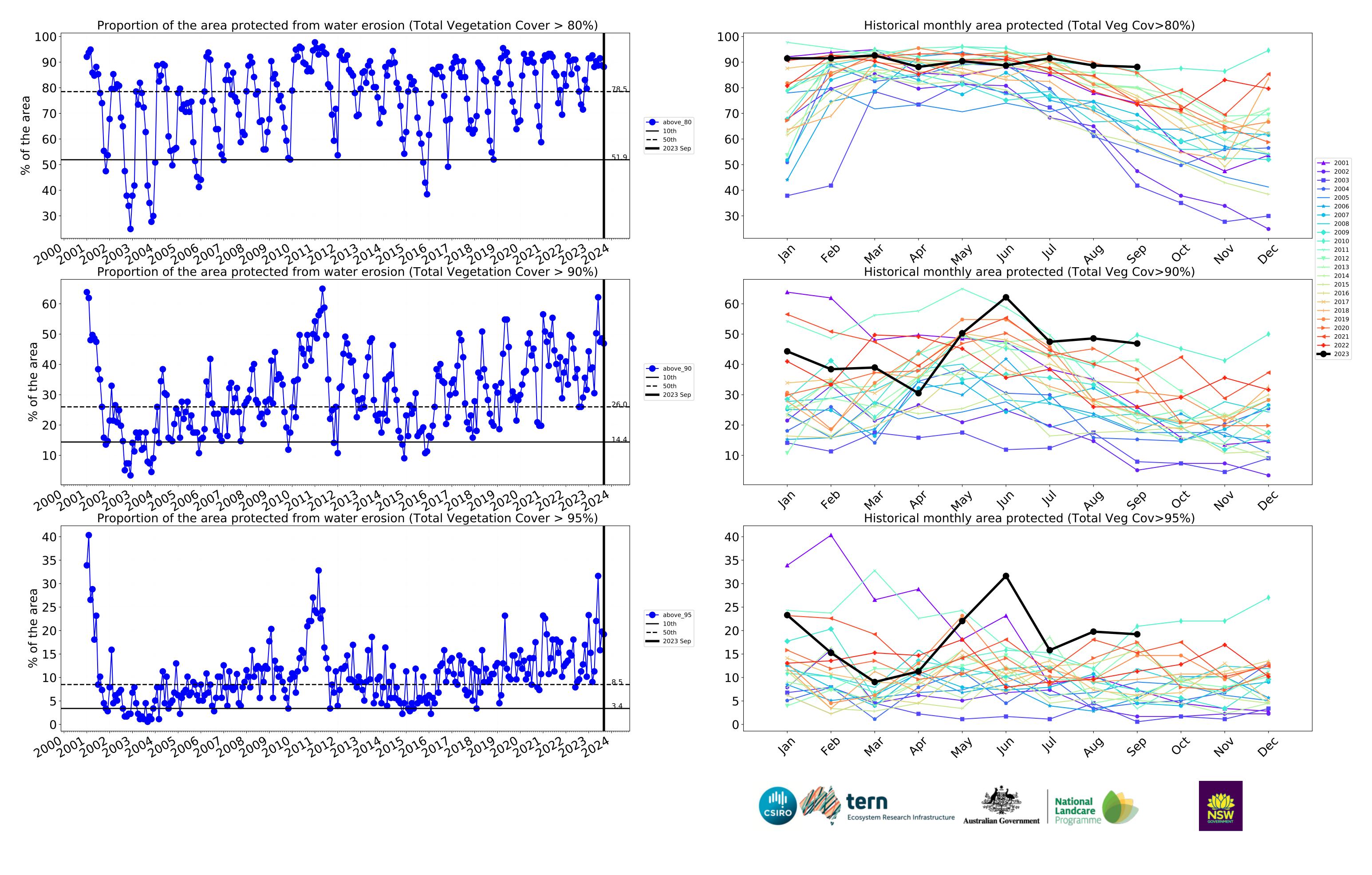












# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

### Land use and forest cover

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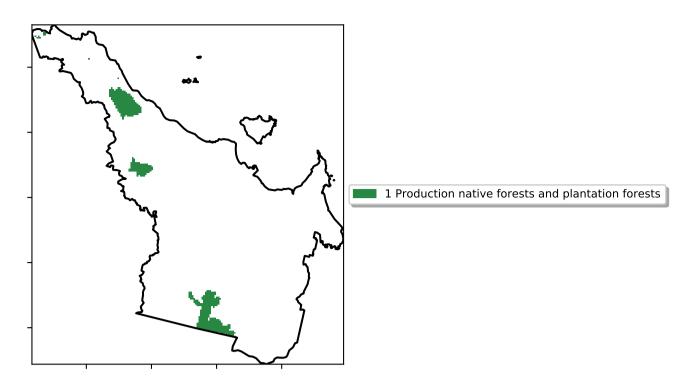
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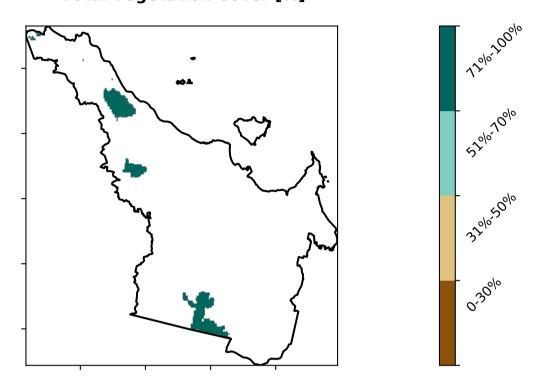
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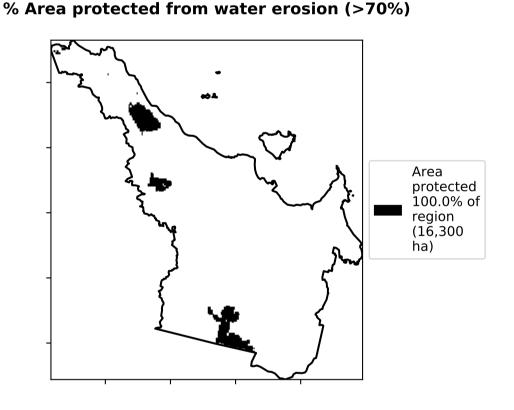
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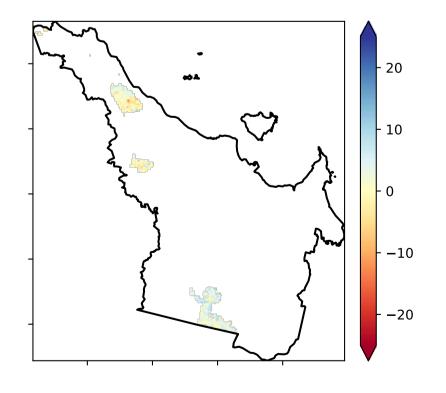


# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



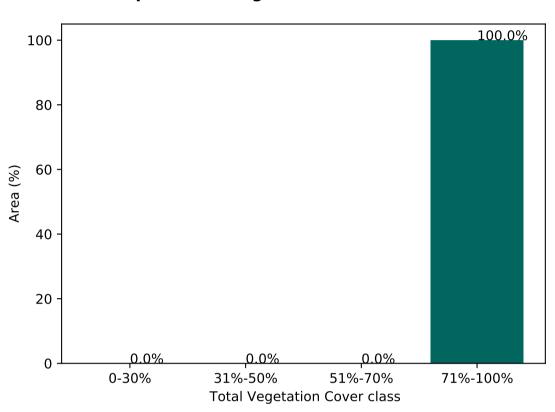


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

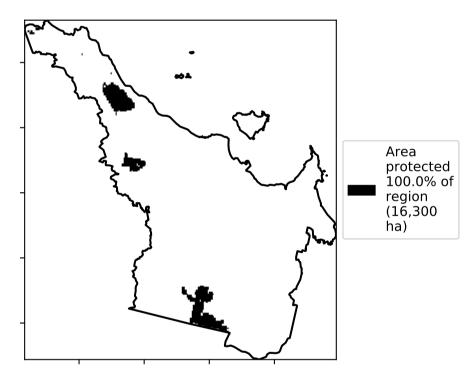


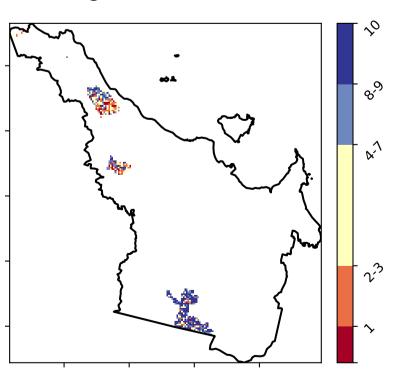
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





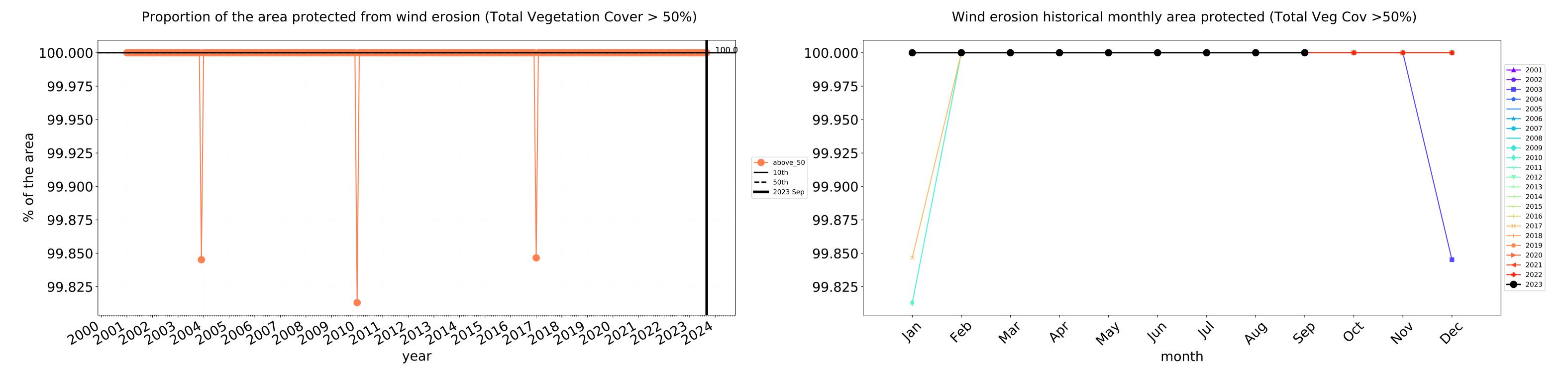


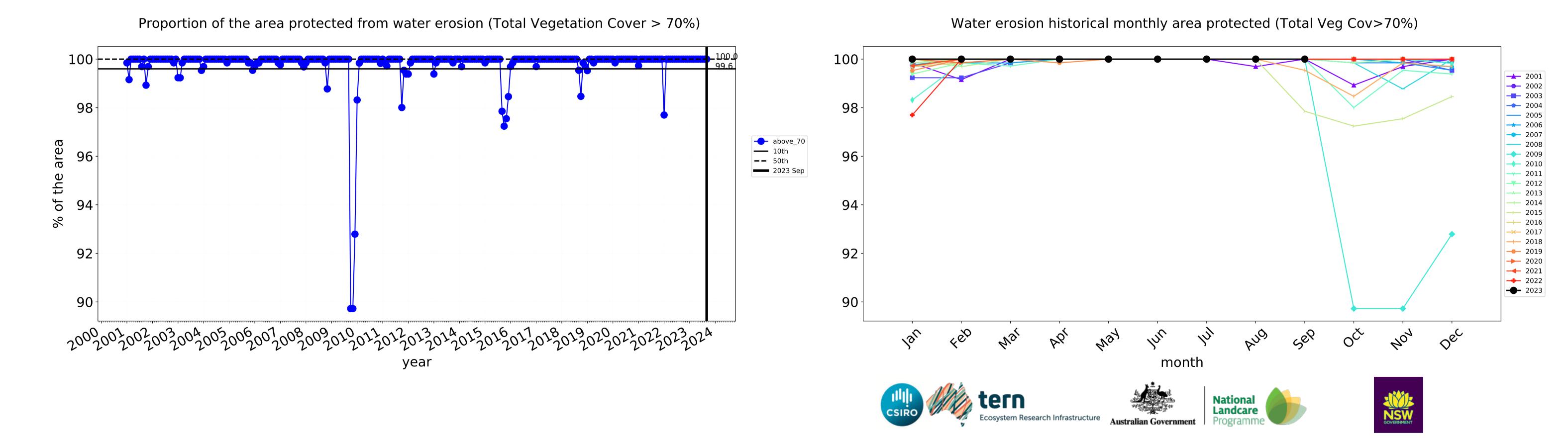


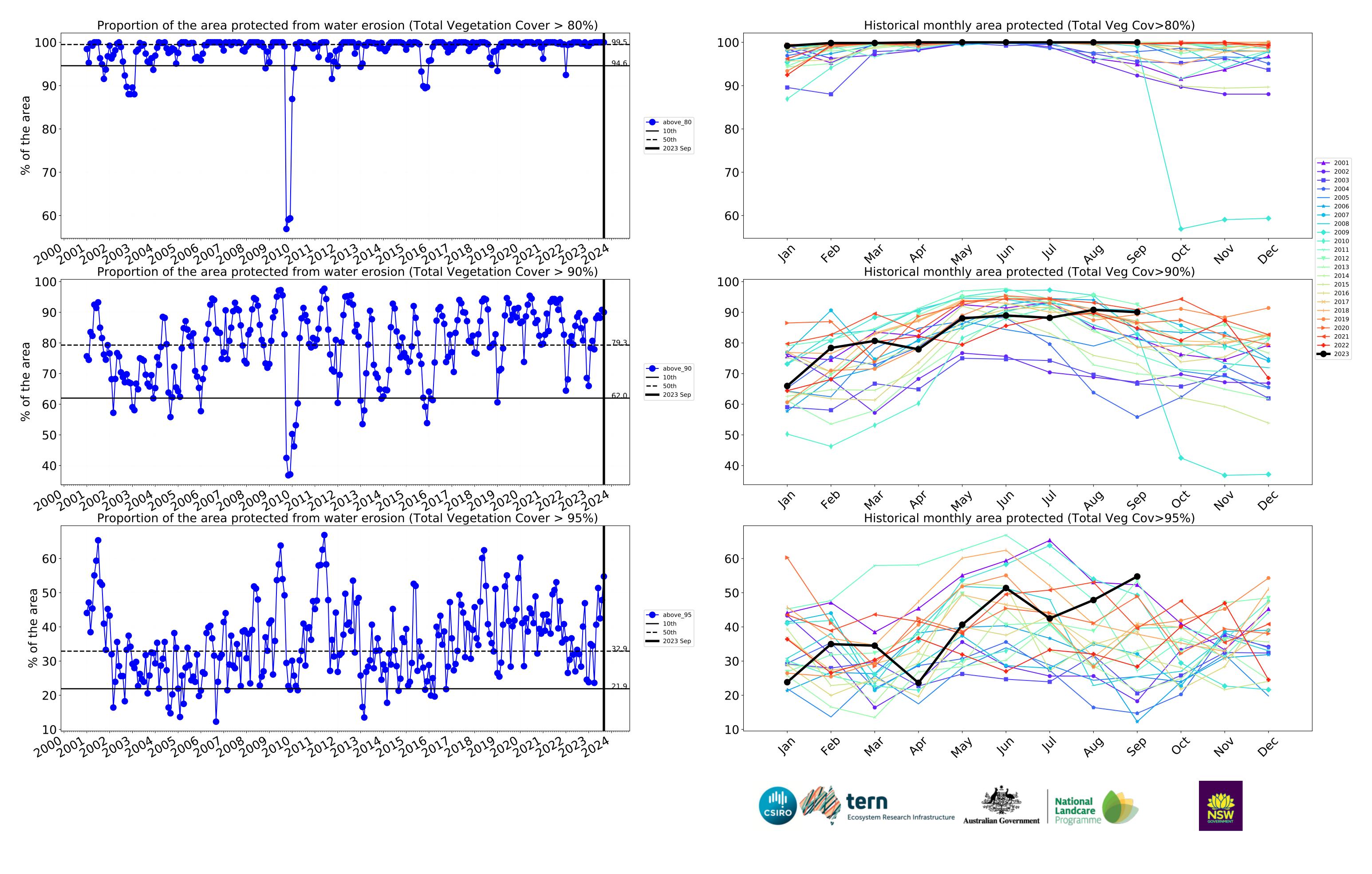




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Townsville\_(C) (365,150 ha and no data 8,035 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	365,150	100.0% 365,050	99.8% 364,350	97.4% 355,775	91.6% 334,600	70.3% 256,575	34.9% 127,300
Conservation and natural environments	119,250	100.0% 119,200	99.9% 119,150	98.6% 117,550	93.7% 111,725	72.2% 86,075	34.4% 41,050
Conservation and natural environments non forest	16,025	99.8% 16,000	99.7% 15,975	94.5% 15,150	78.5% 12,575	45.4% 7,275	18.7% 3,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	57,025	100.0% 57,000	99.9% 56,975	99.1% 56,500	95.5% 54,475	77.2% 44,025	43.7% 24,900
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,200	100.0% 46,200	100.0% 46,200	99.4% 45,900	96.7% 44,675	75.3% 34,775	28.5% 13,150
Agriculture	186,525	100.0% 186,525	100.0% 186,525	99.2% 185,000	95.5% 178,150	76.6% 142,925	39.3% 73,300
Grazing	181,375	100.0% 181,375	100.0% 181,375	99.2% 179,950	95.7% 173,525	77.5% 140,475	39.9% 72,375
Grazing non forest	68,025	100.0% 68,025	100.0% 68,025	99.1% 67,400	95.6% 65,025	70.5% 47,925	28.8% 19,575
Grazing Woodland forest	98,700	100.0% 98,700	100.0% 98,700	99.2% 97,950	95.6% 94,350	81.8% 80,750	47.2% 46,550
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.7% 14,600	96.6% 14,150	80.5% 11,800	42.7% 6,250
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	97.7% 4,325	88.1% 3,900	46.9% 2,075	19.2% 850
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	90.0% 14,675	54.8% 8,925







