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

# Date: July 2024

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:

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



# **Vegetation Cover Jul 2024**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

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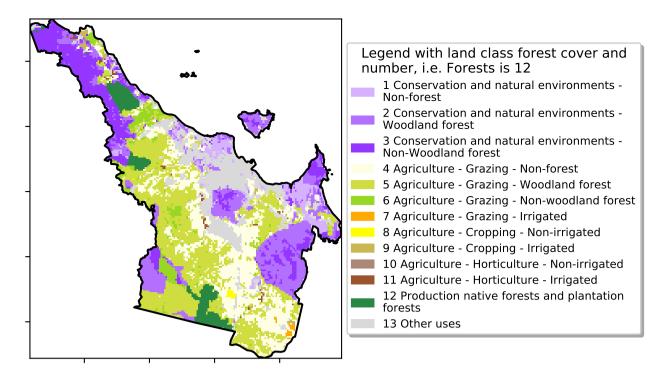
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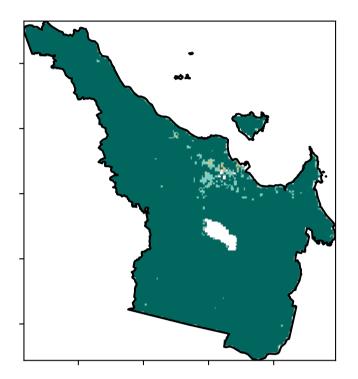
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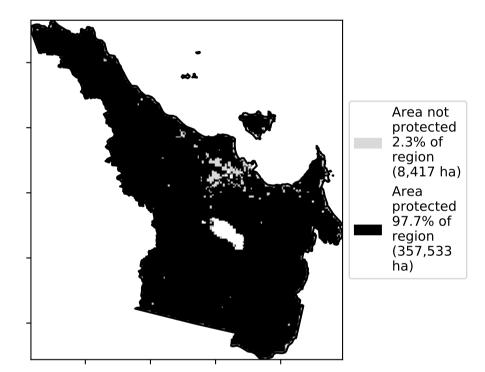
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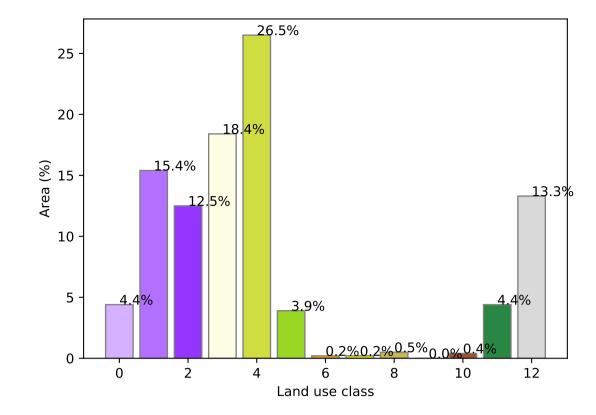
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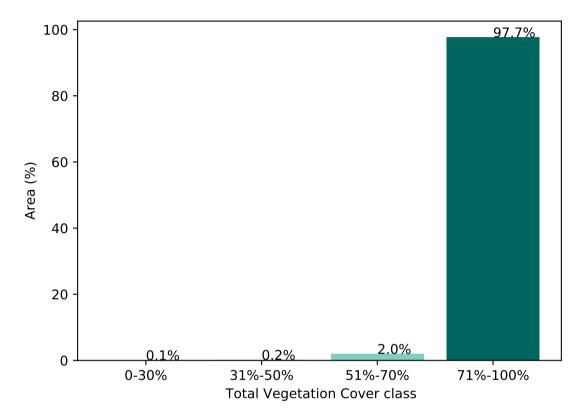


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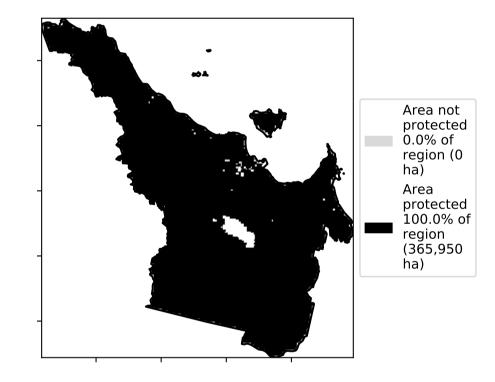




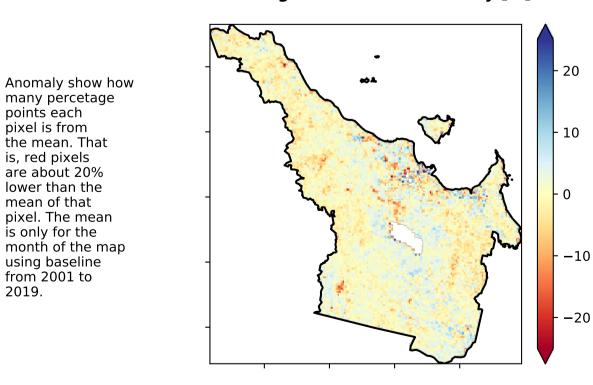
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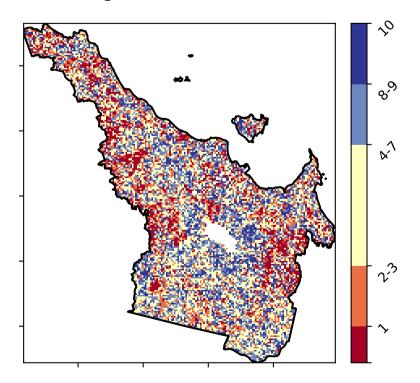
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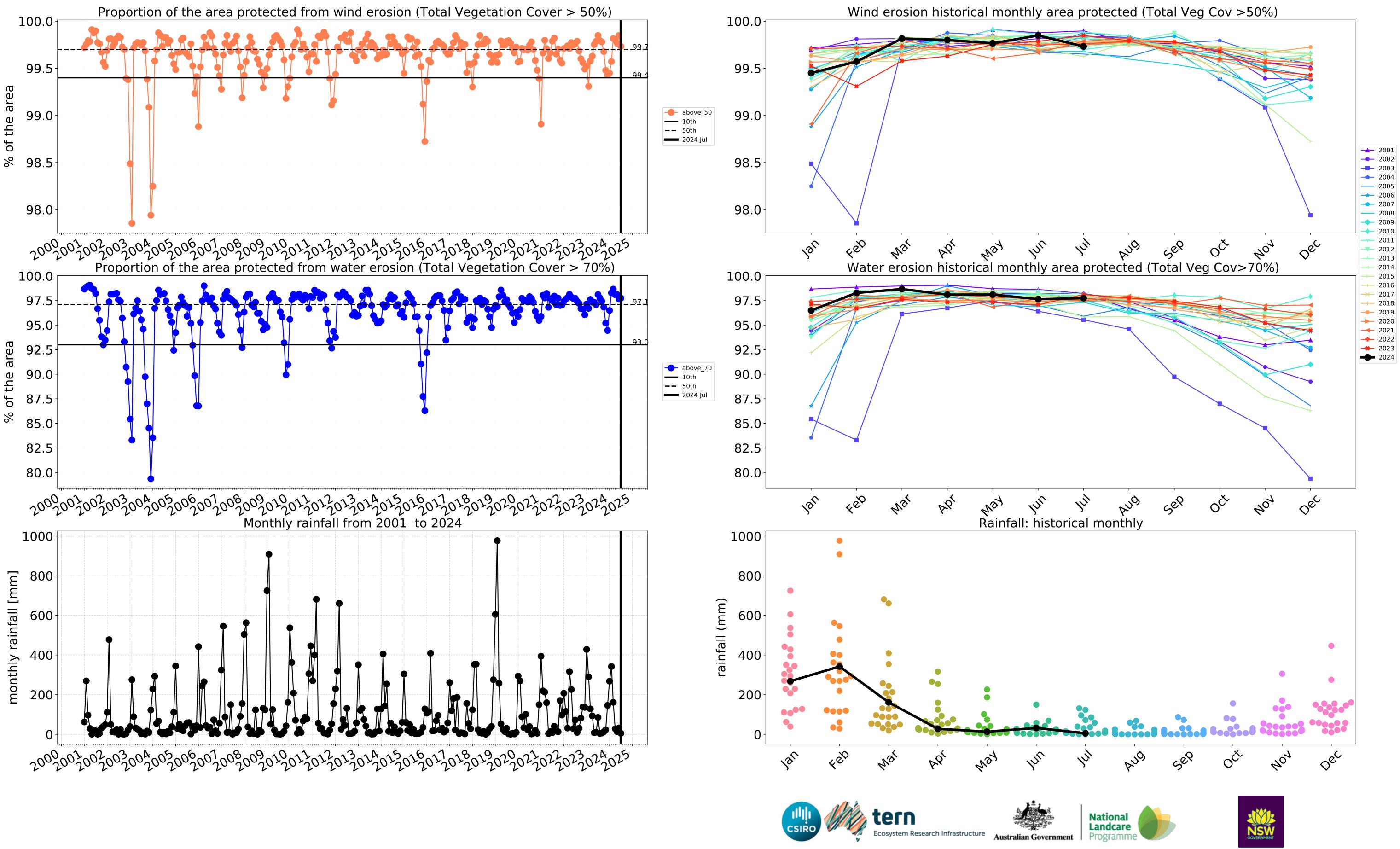
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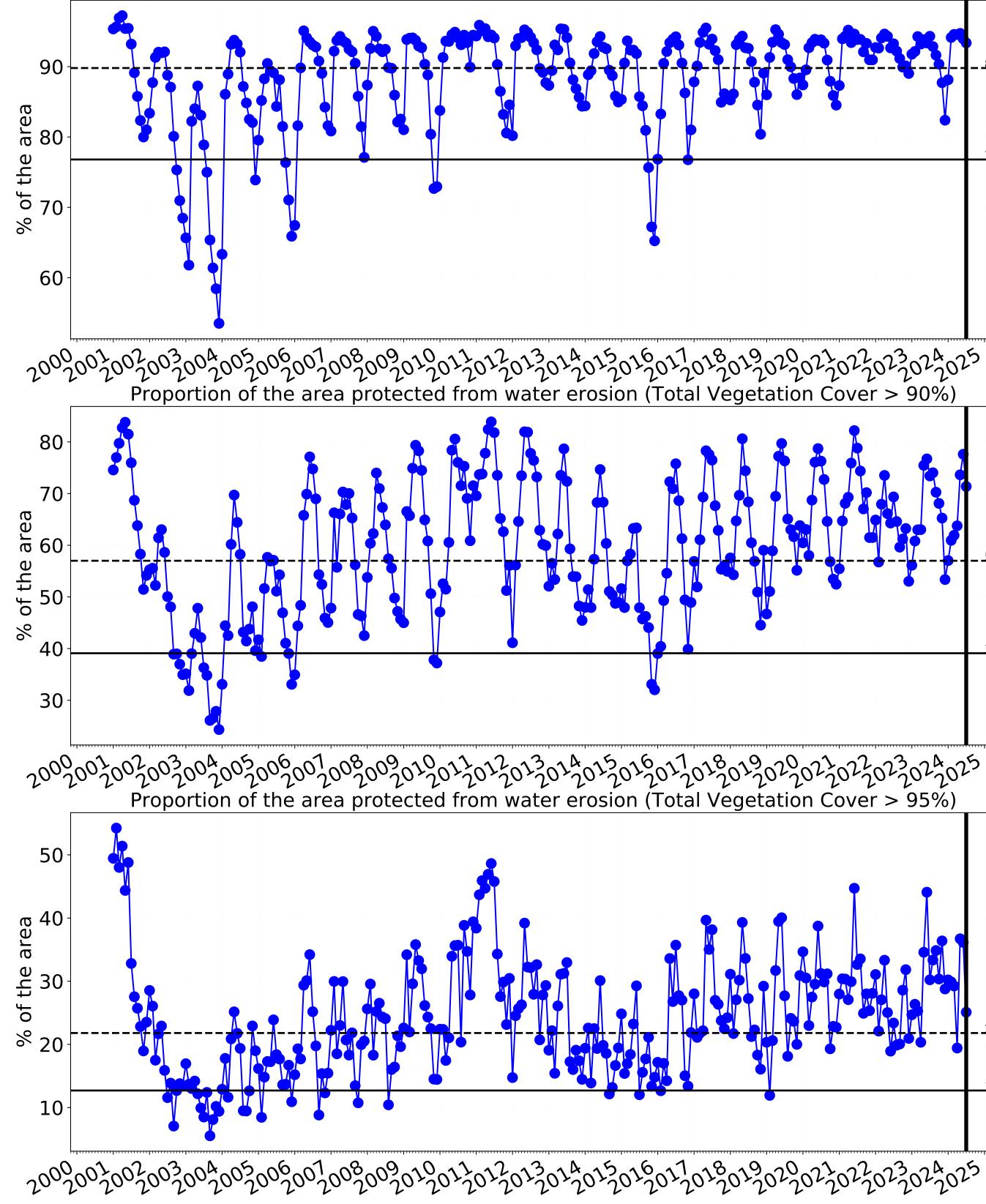
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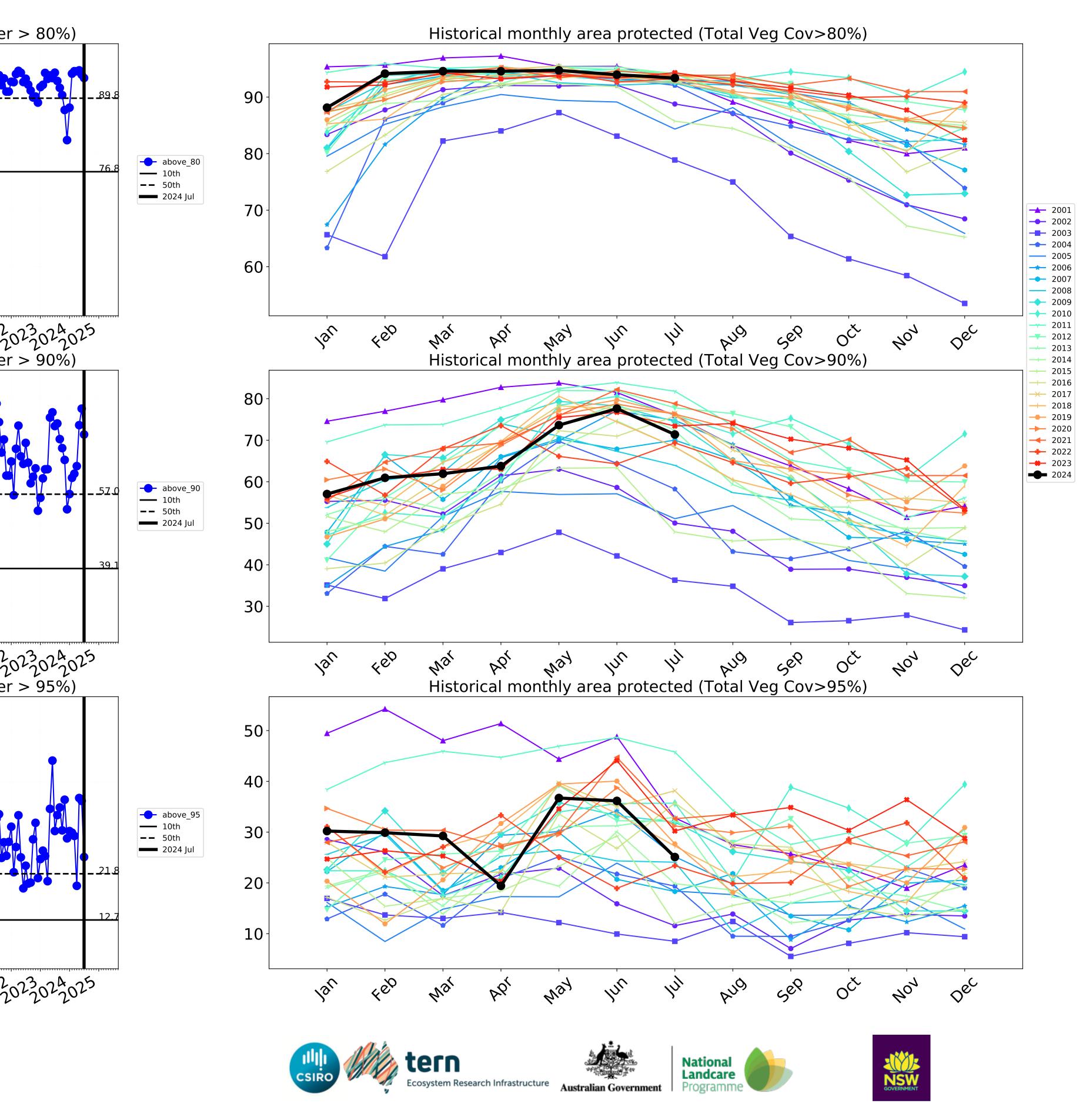






Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)





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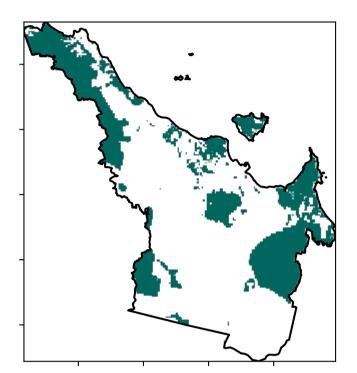
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woodland forest

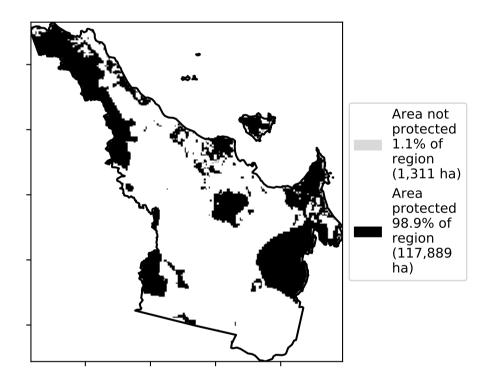
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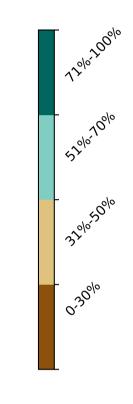
Land use and forest cover

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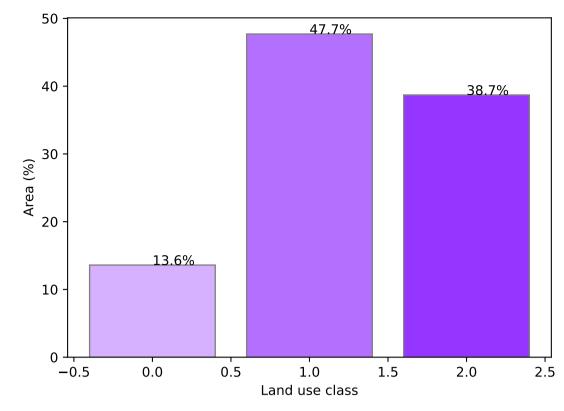


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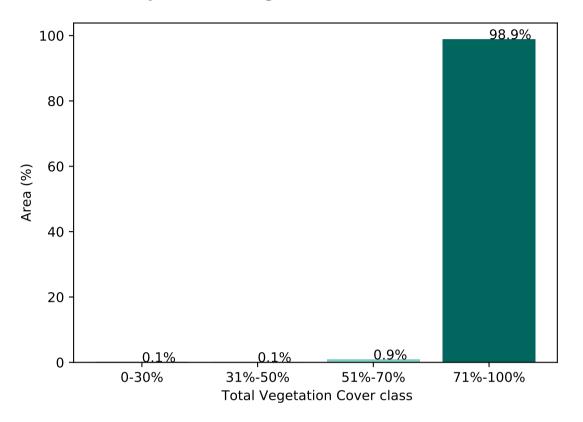
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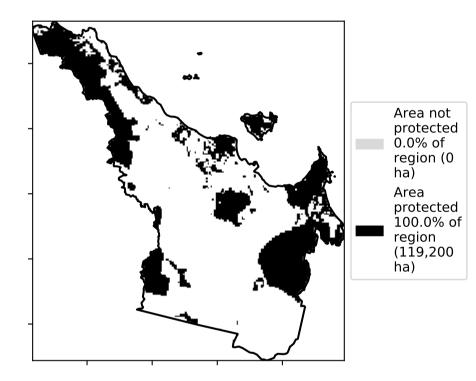




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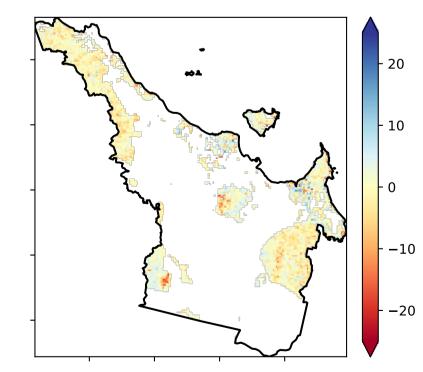


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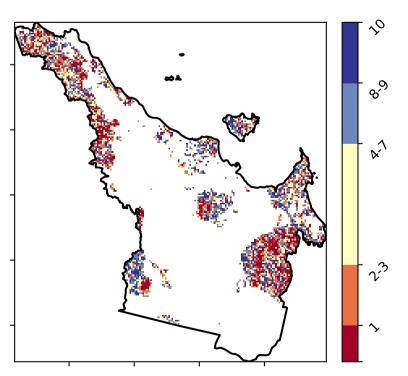


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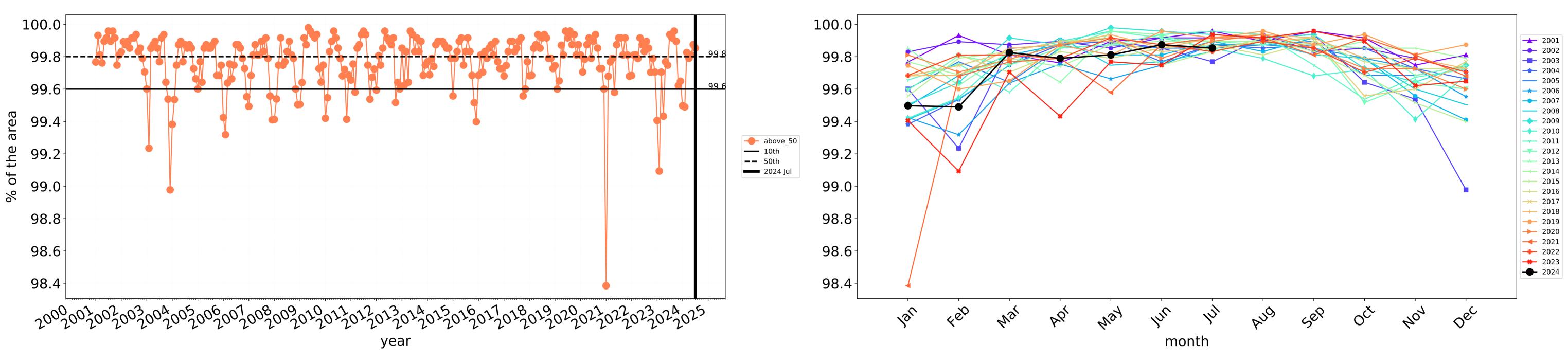


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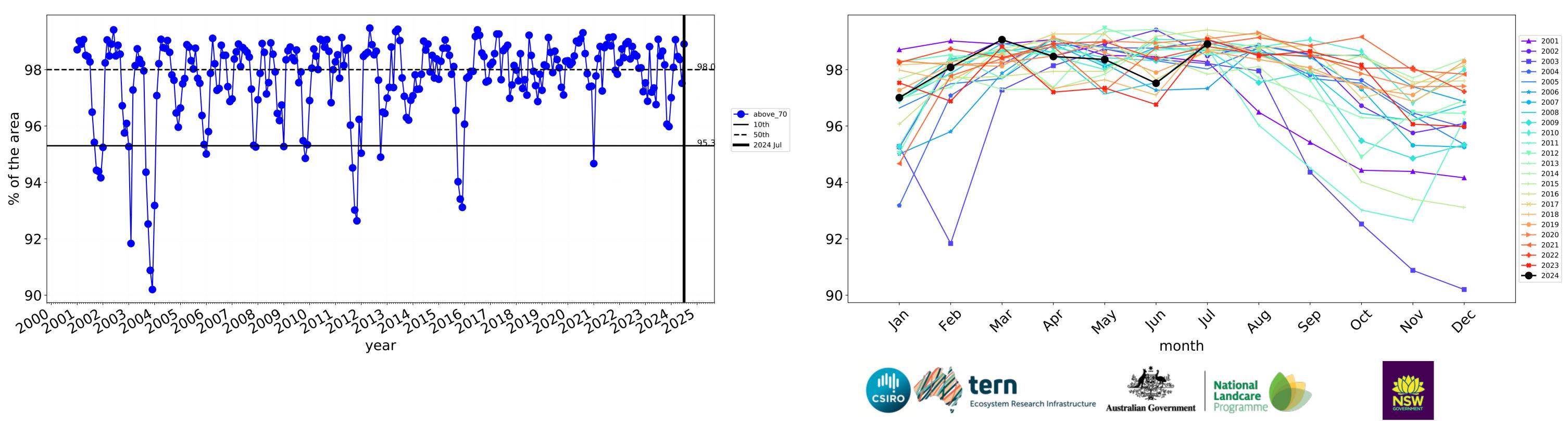


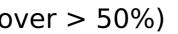






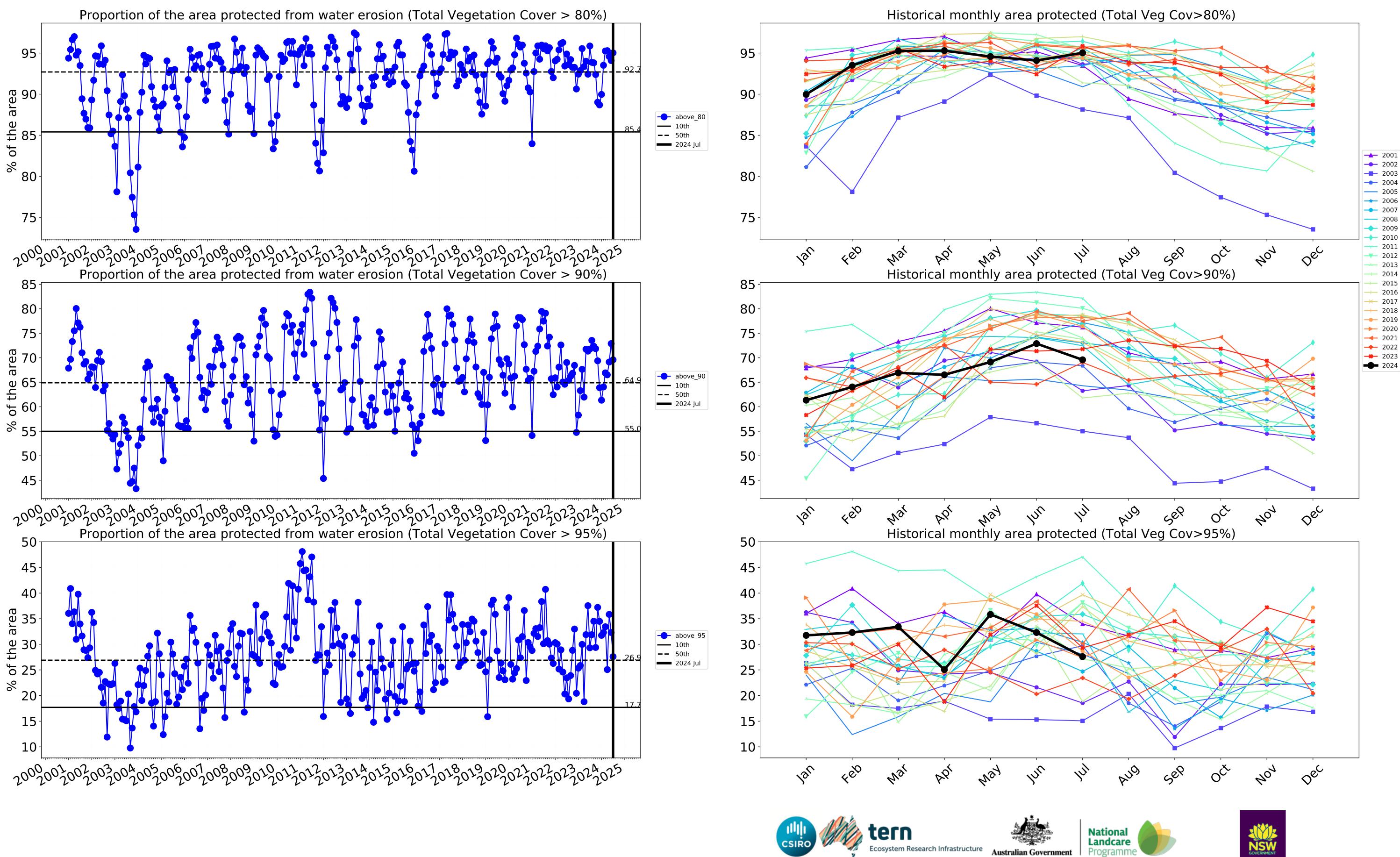
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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

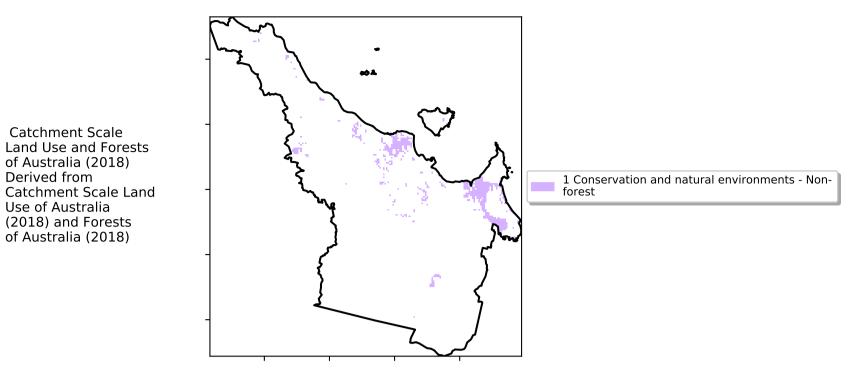
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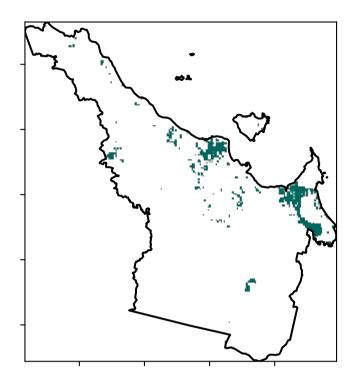


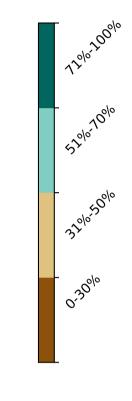
### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

Land use and forest cover

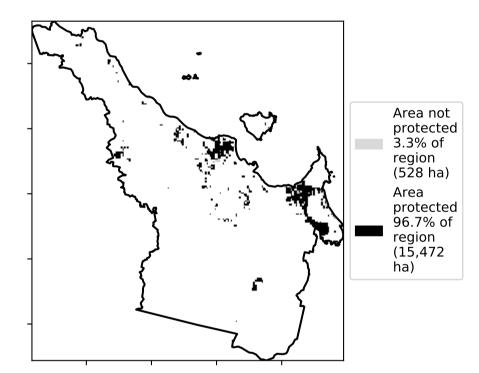


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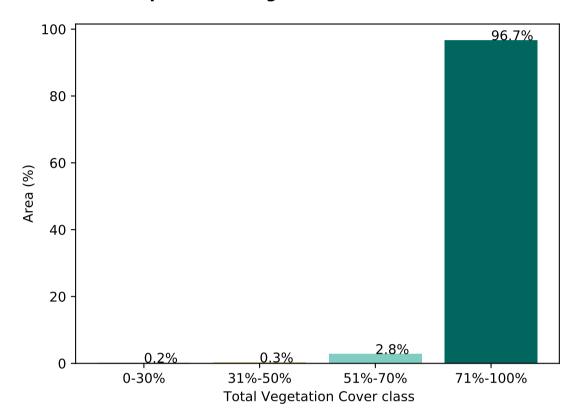




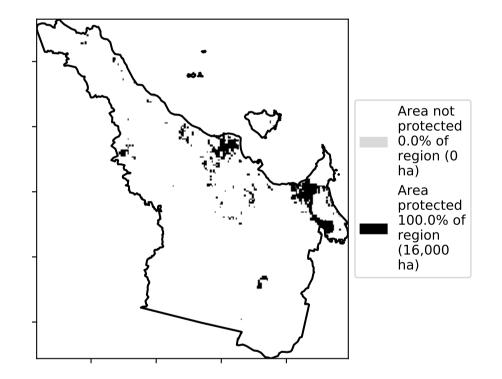
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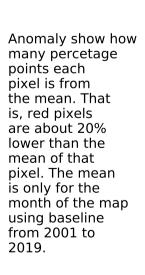
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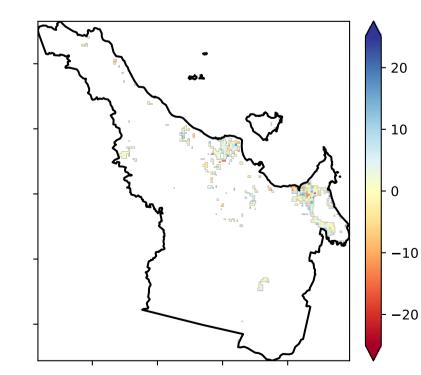


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

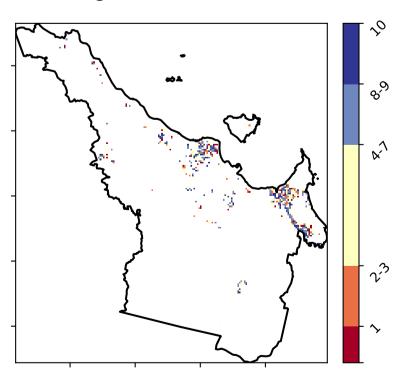


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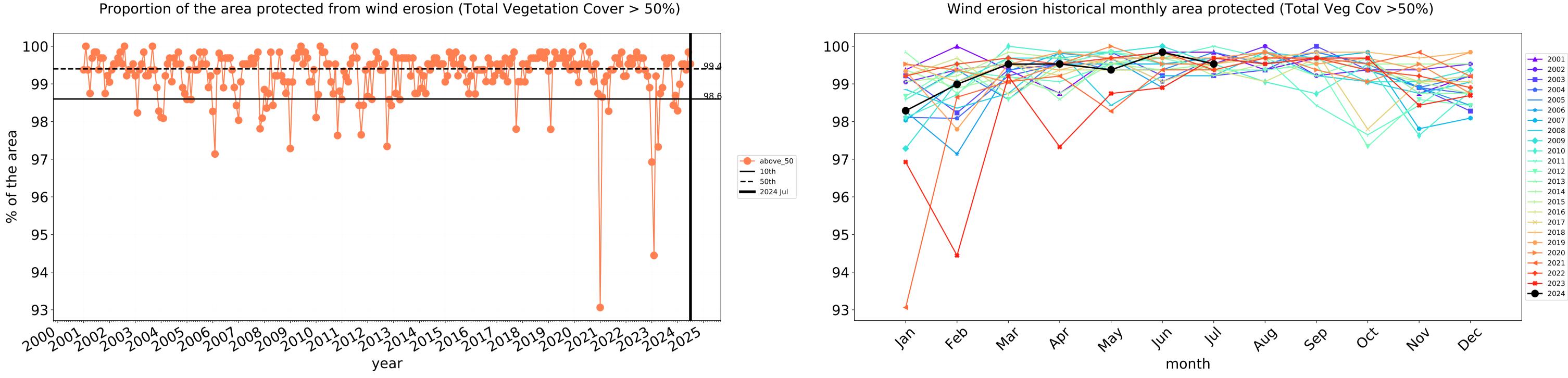


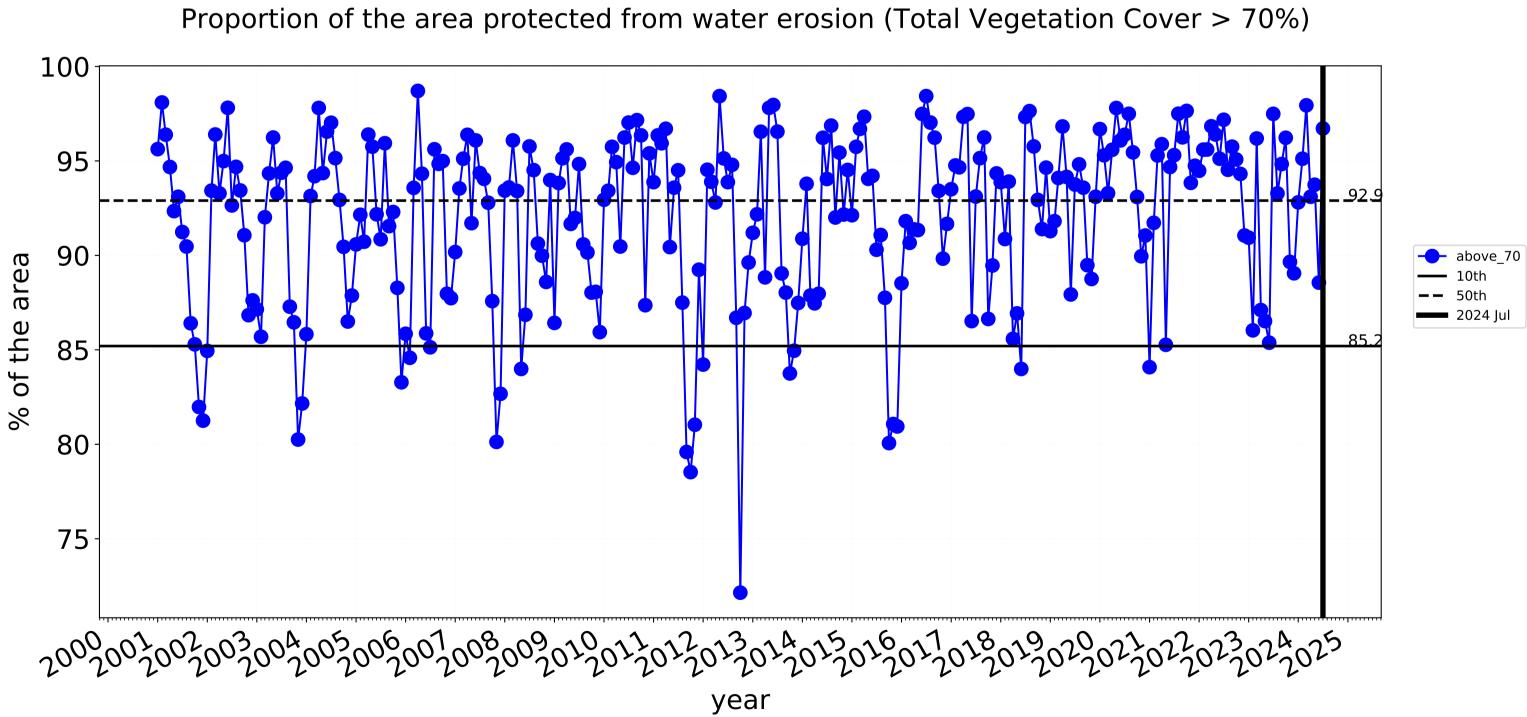
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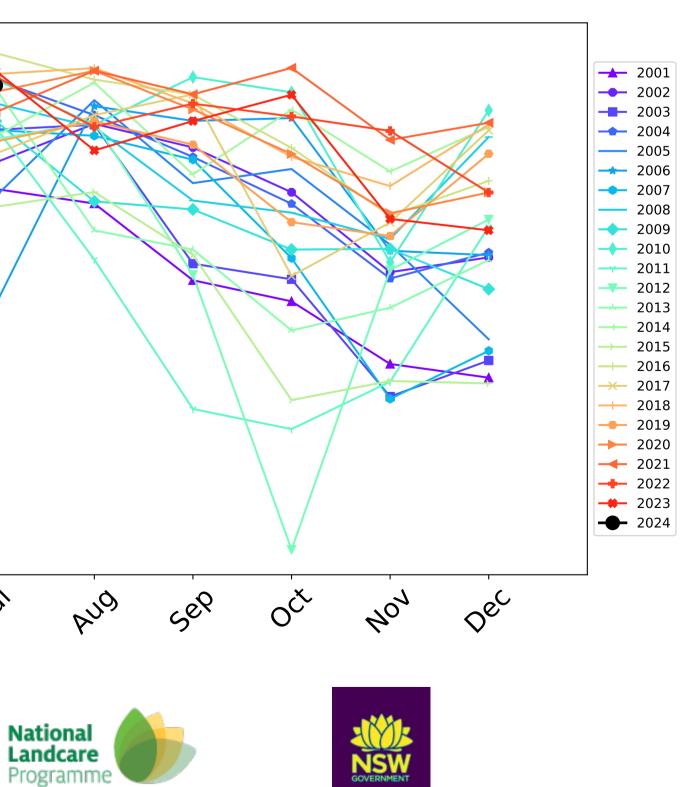
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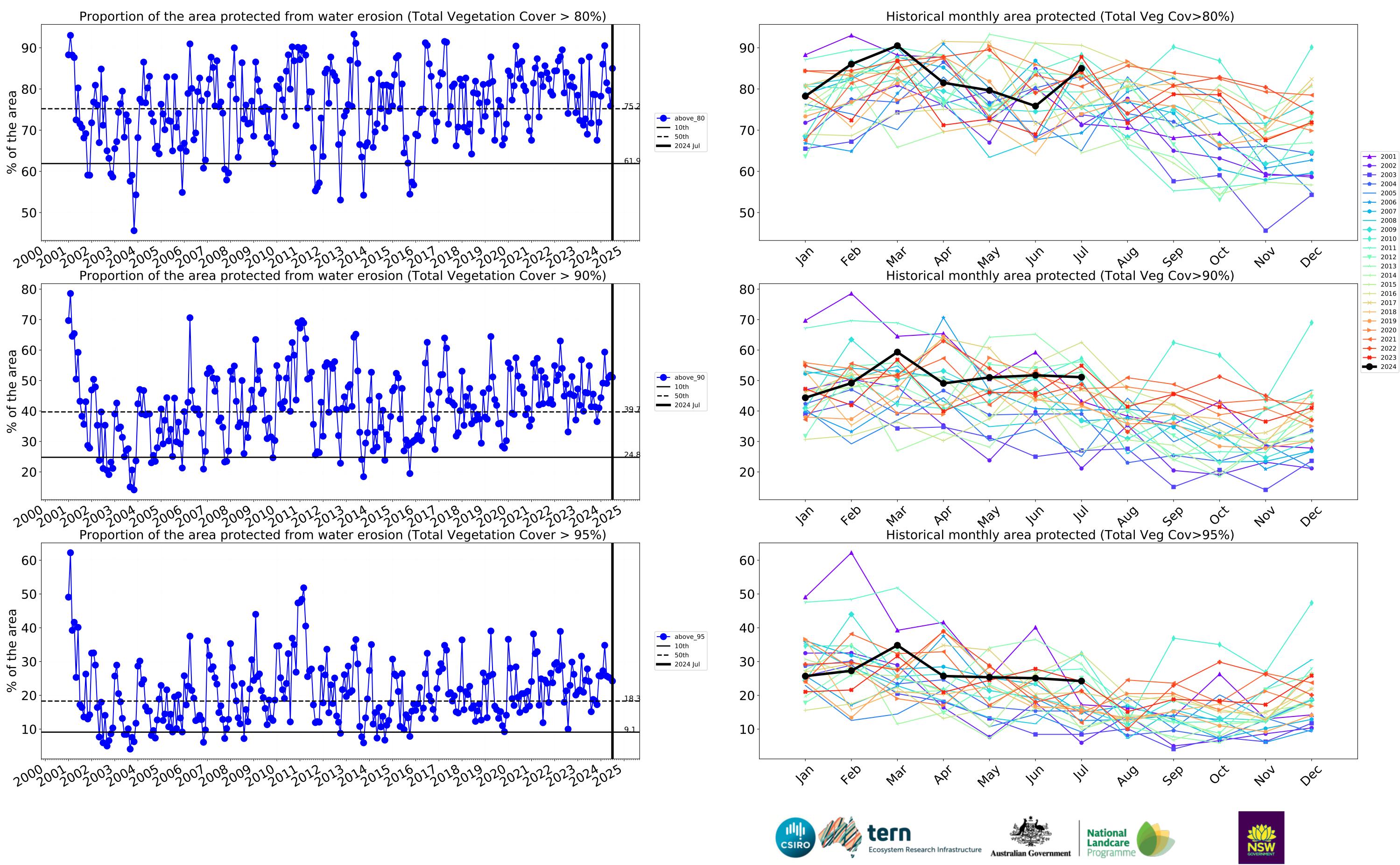




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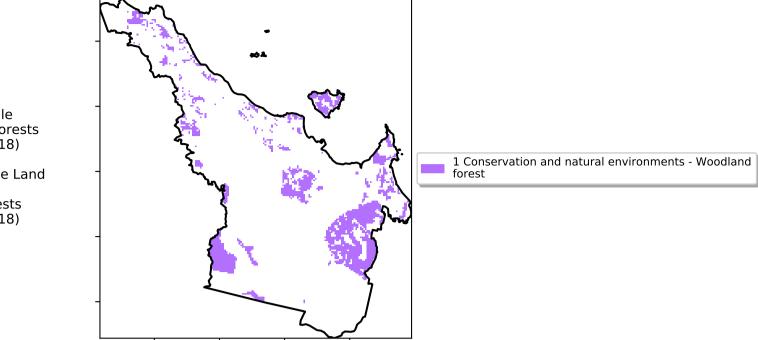
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### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover



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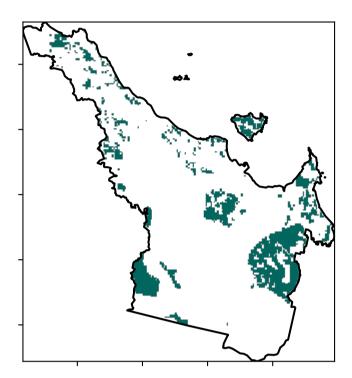
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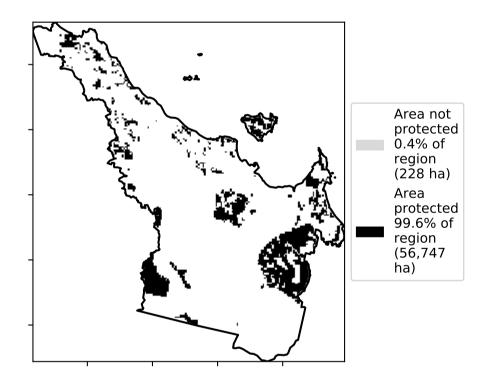
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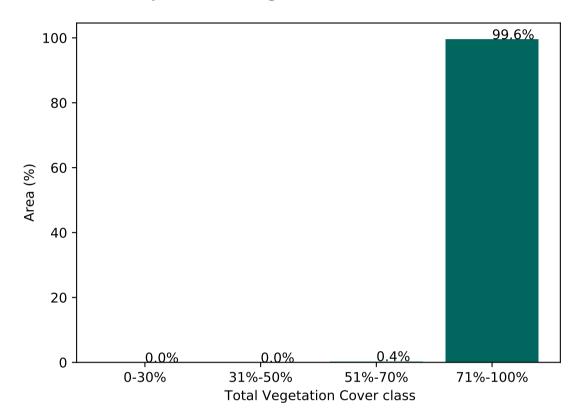
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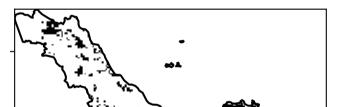








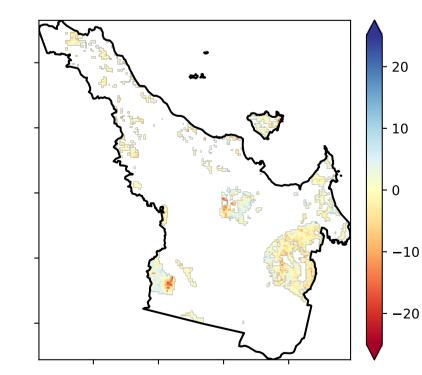
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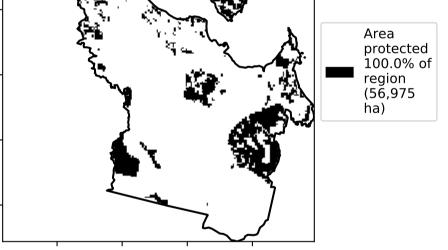
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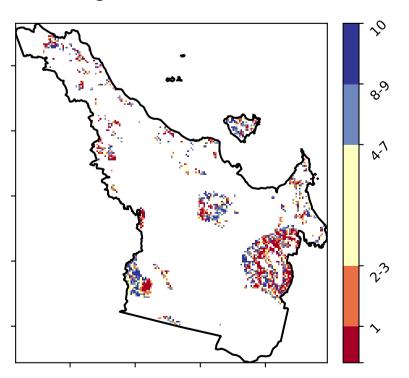
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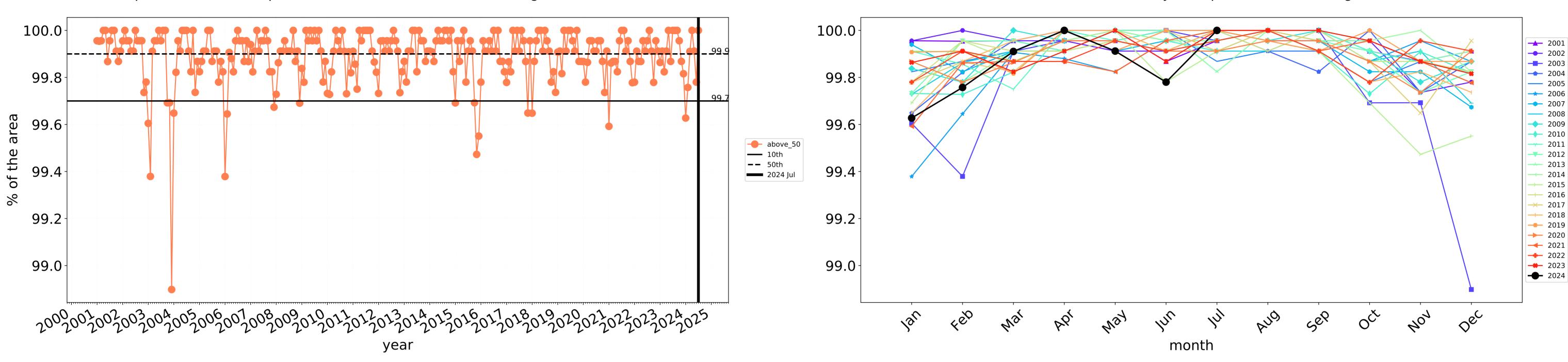
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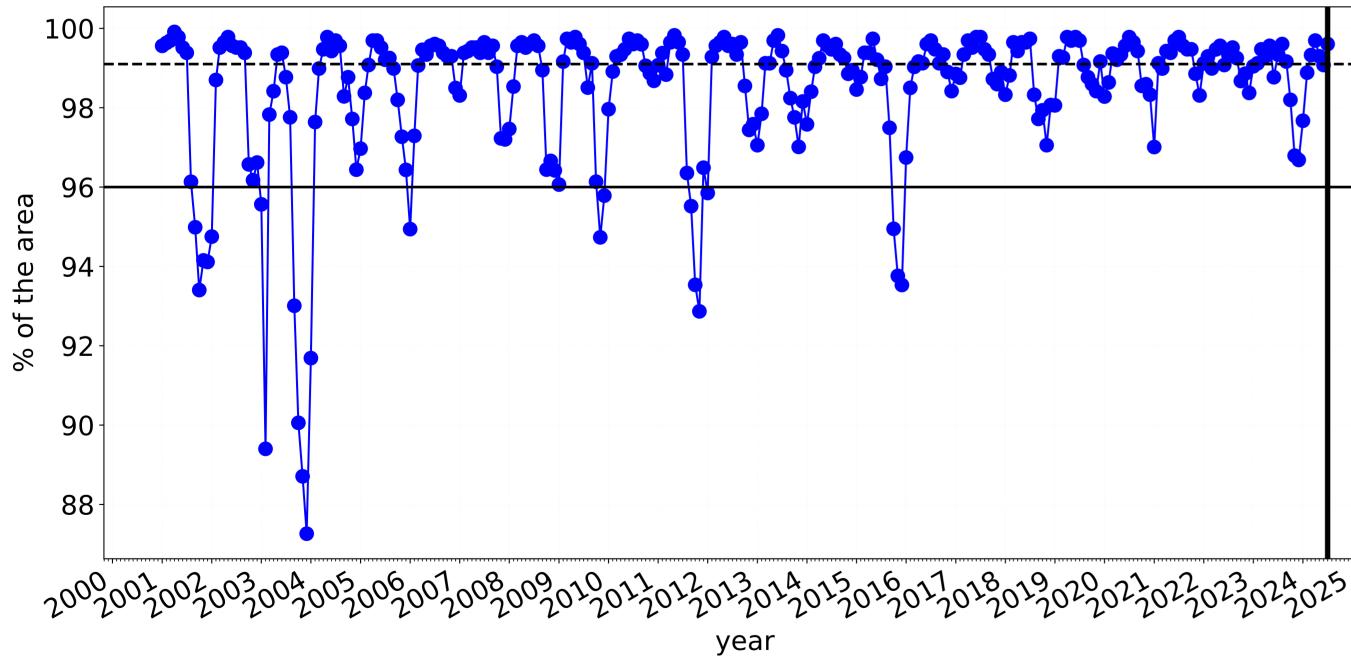








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

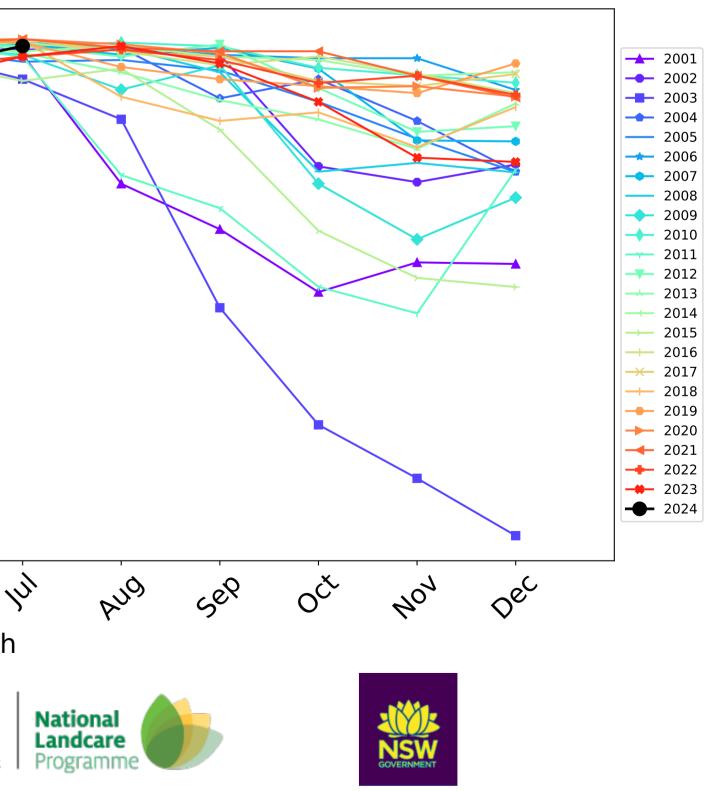


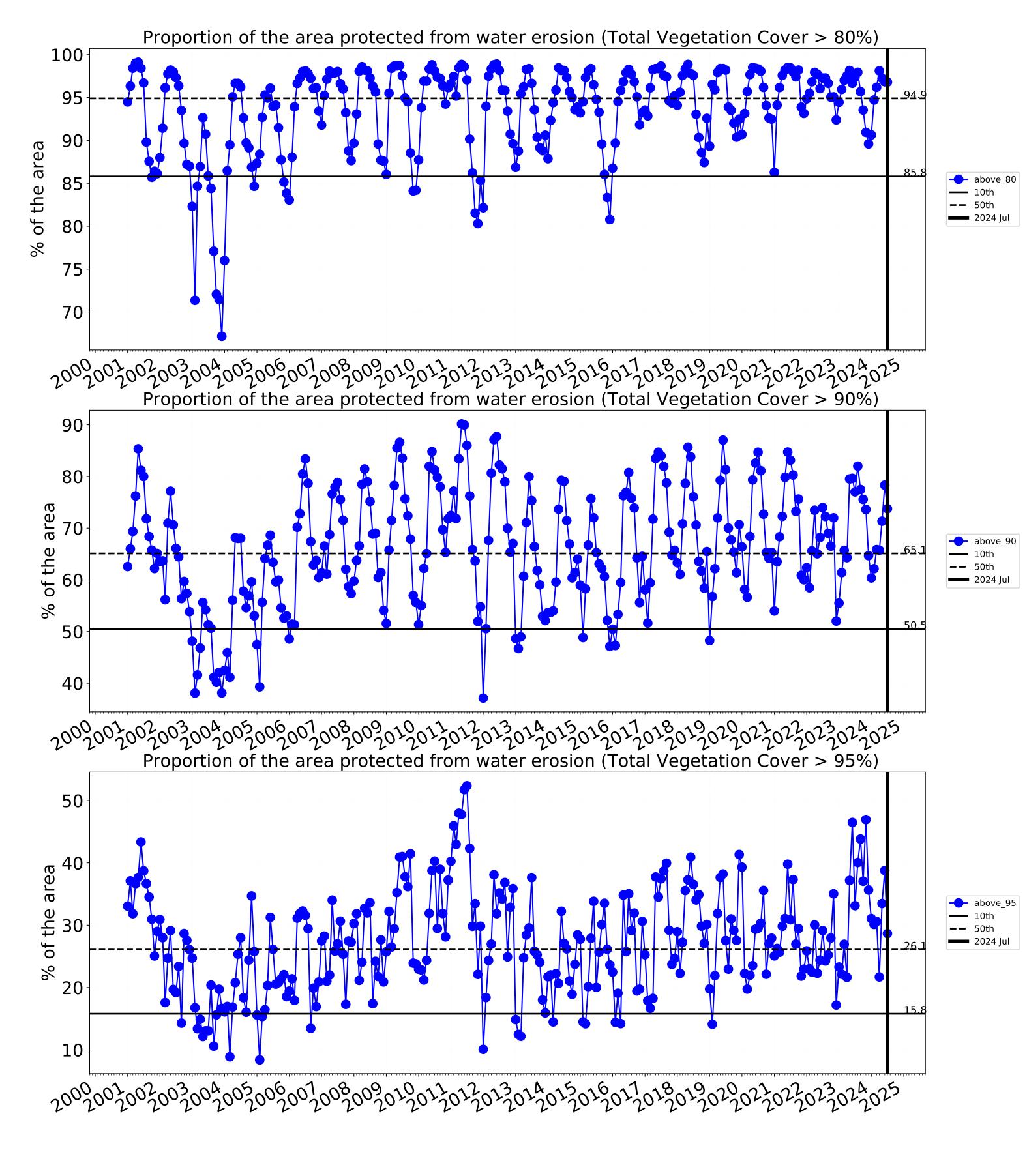
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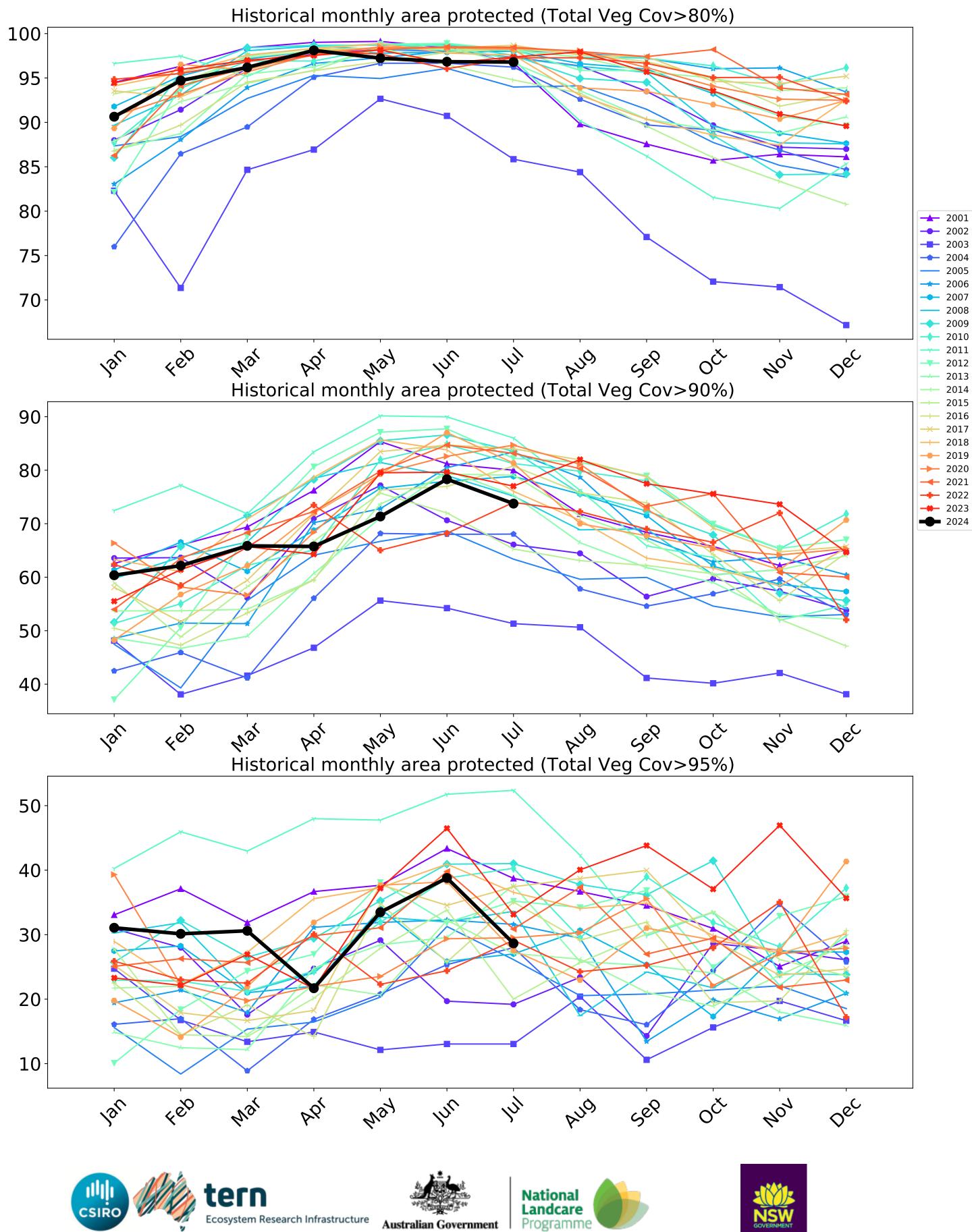
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



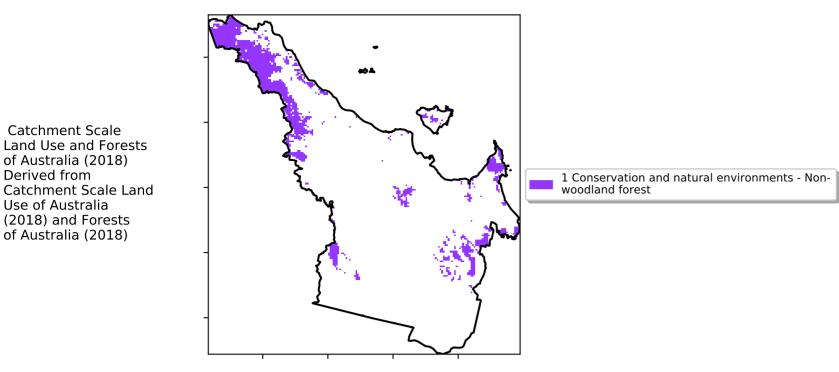






### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover

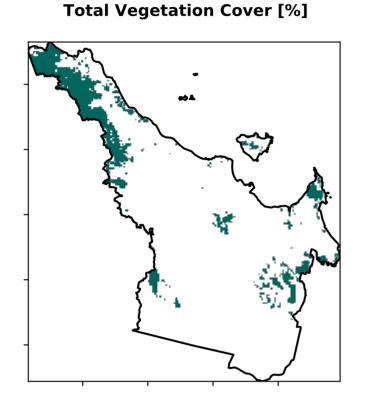


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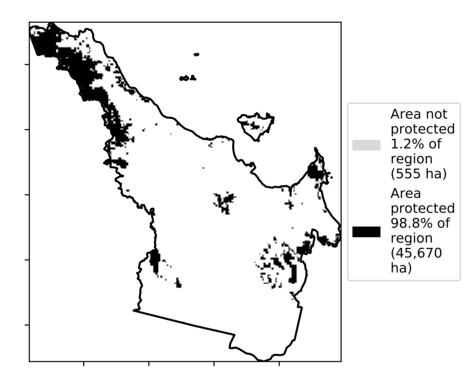
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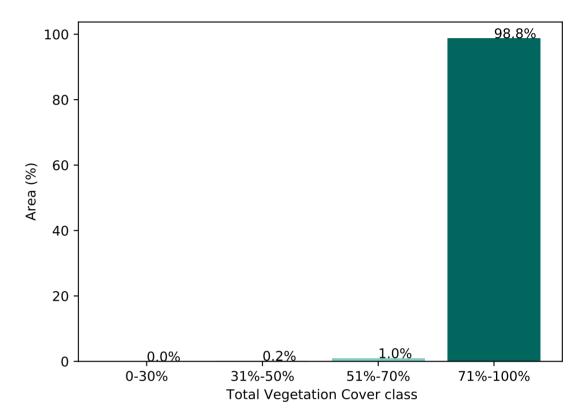
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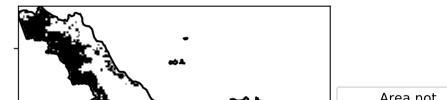
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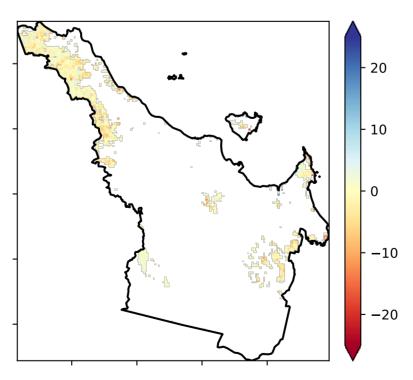
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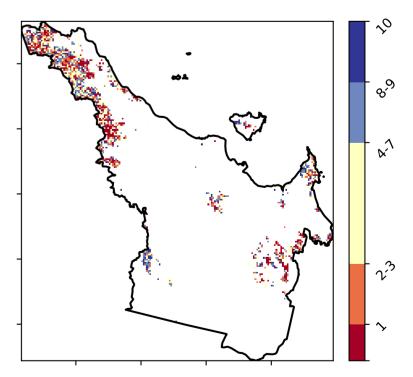
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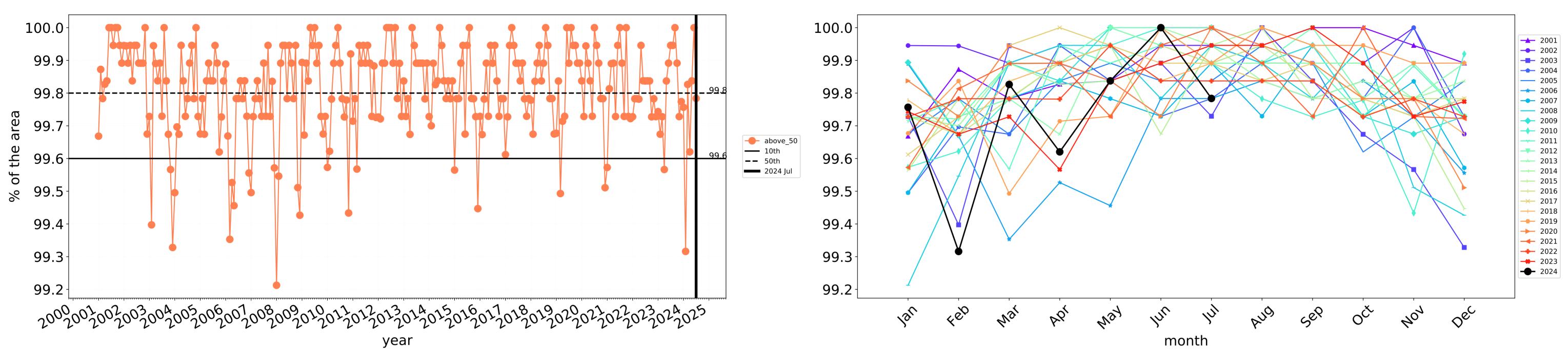


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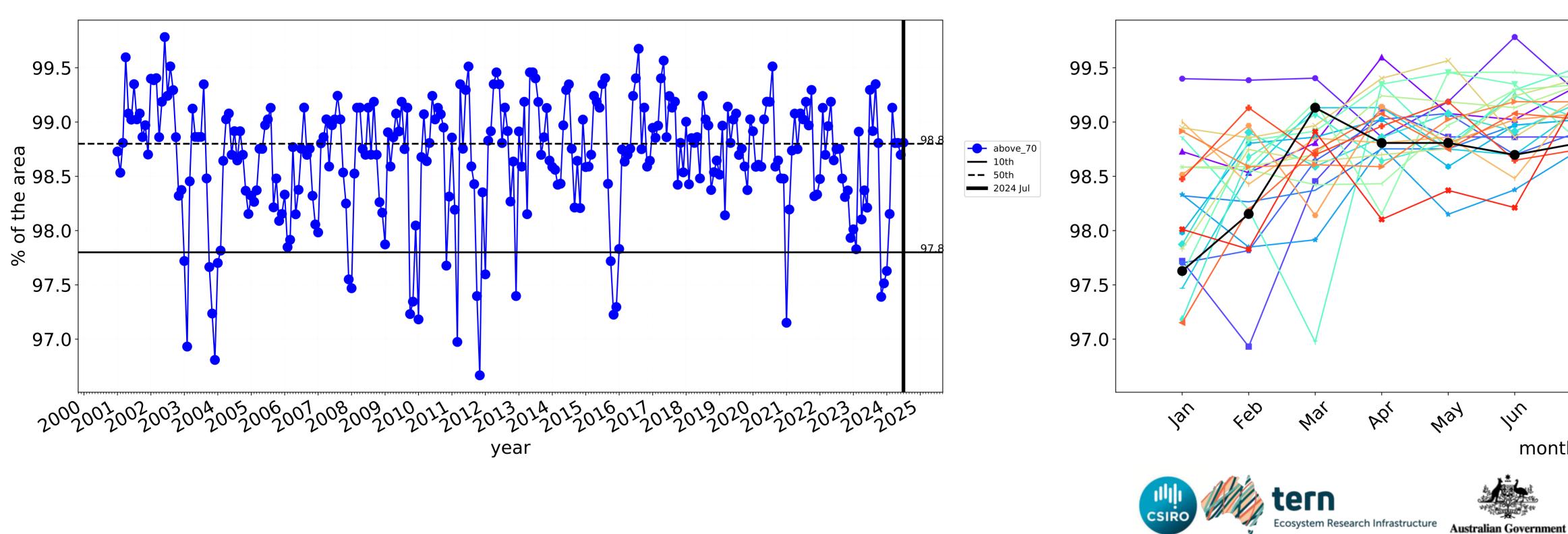
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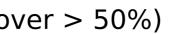
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

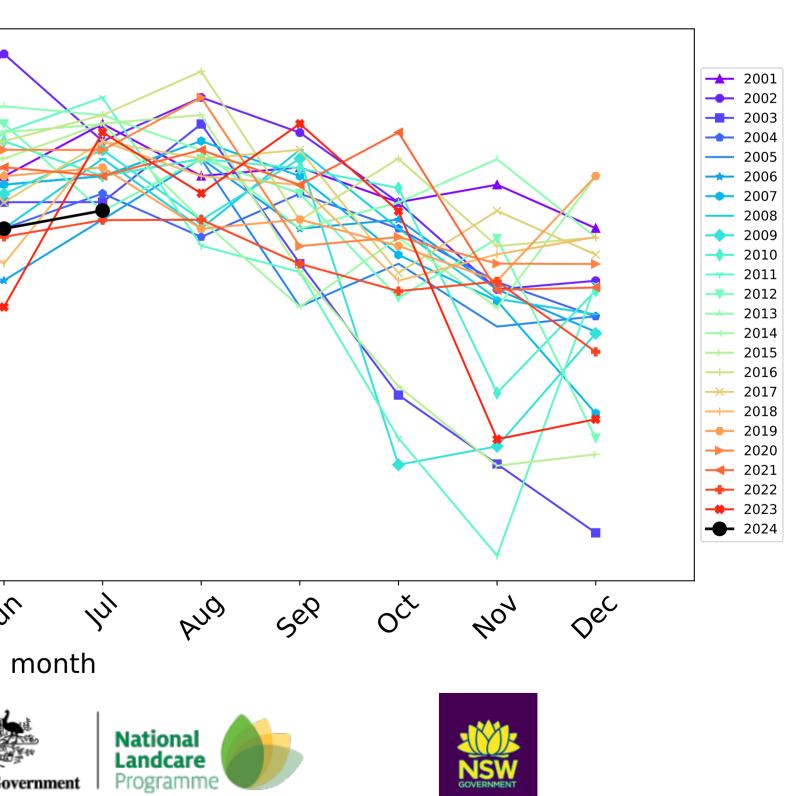
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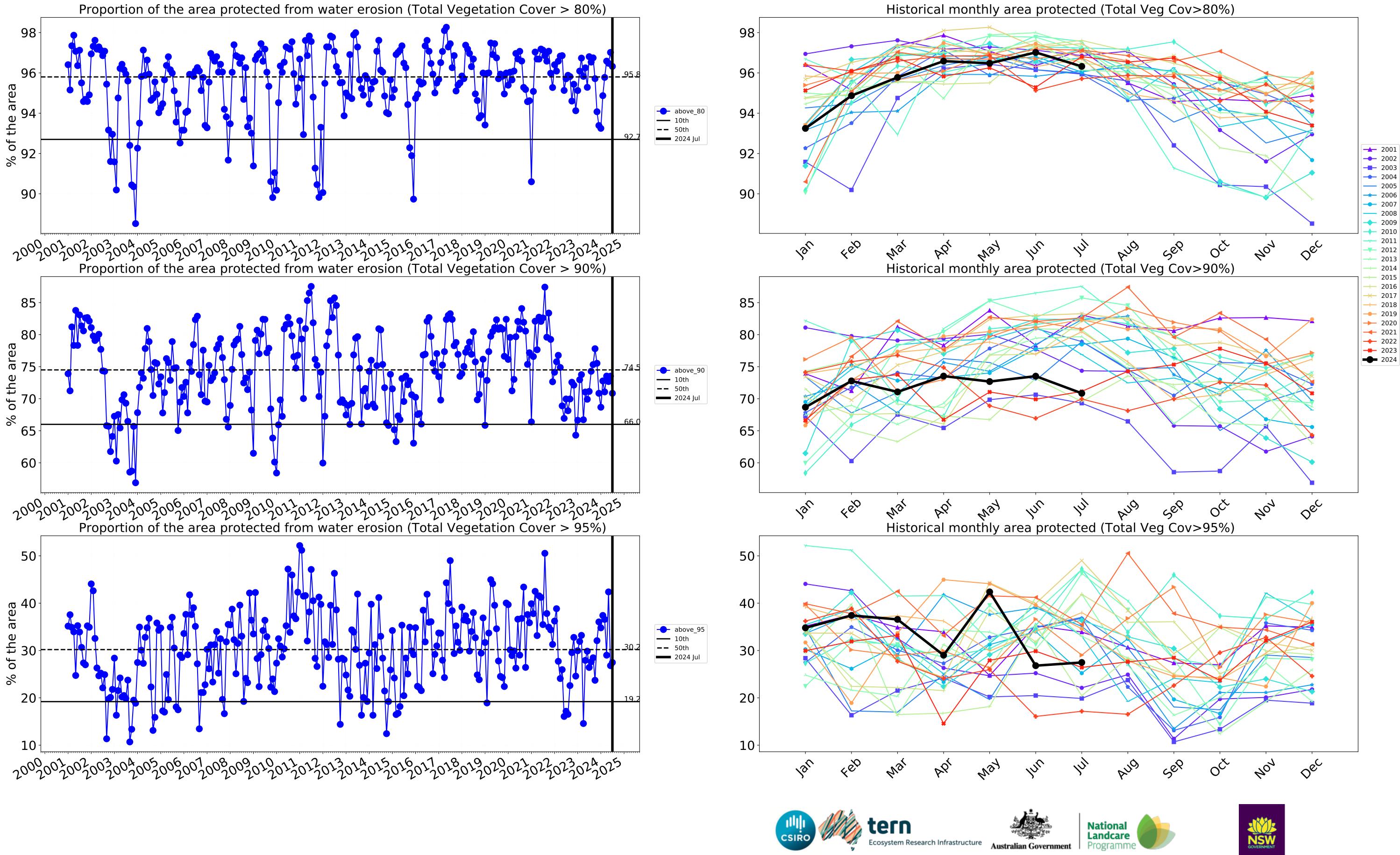




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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### Agriculture

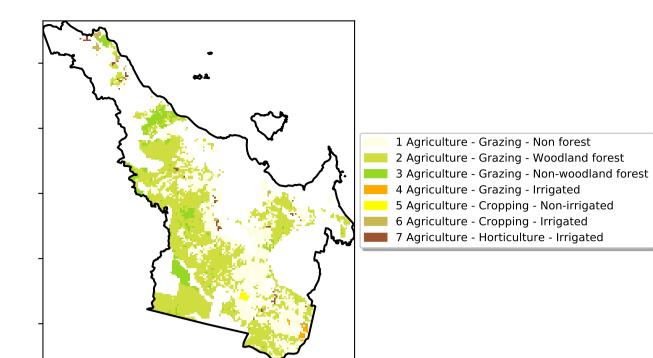
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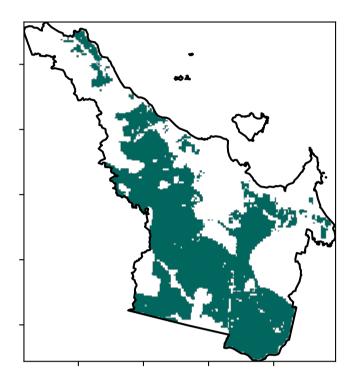
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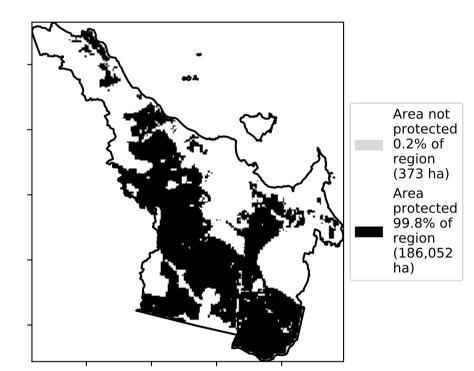


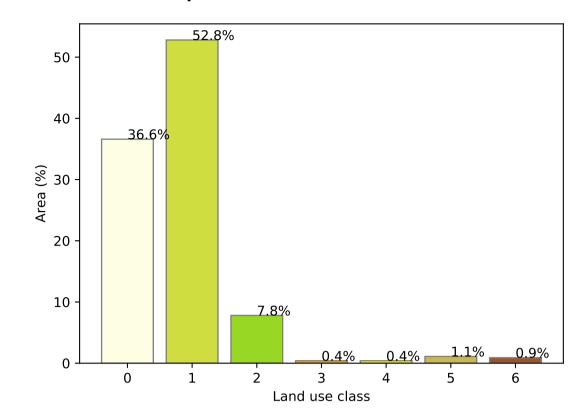
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Land use and forest cover



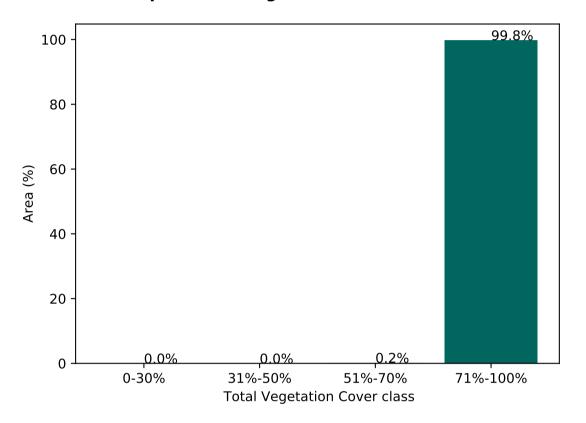
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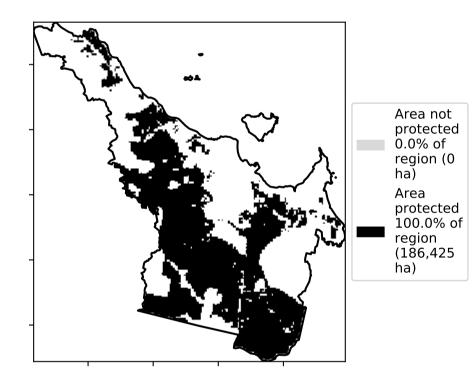


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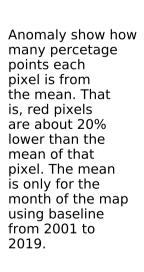
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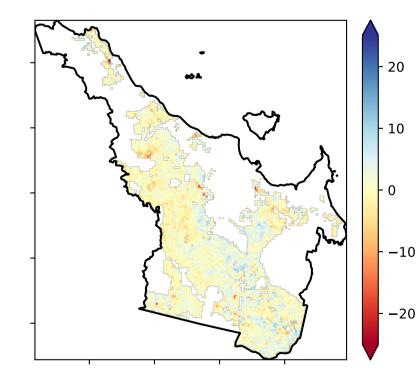


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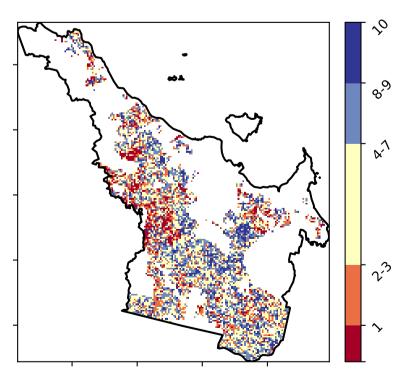


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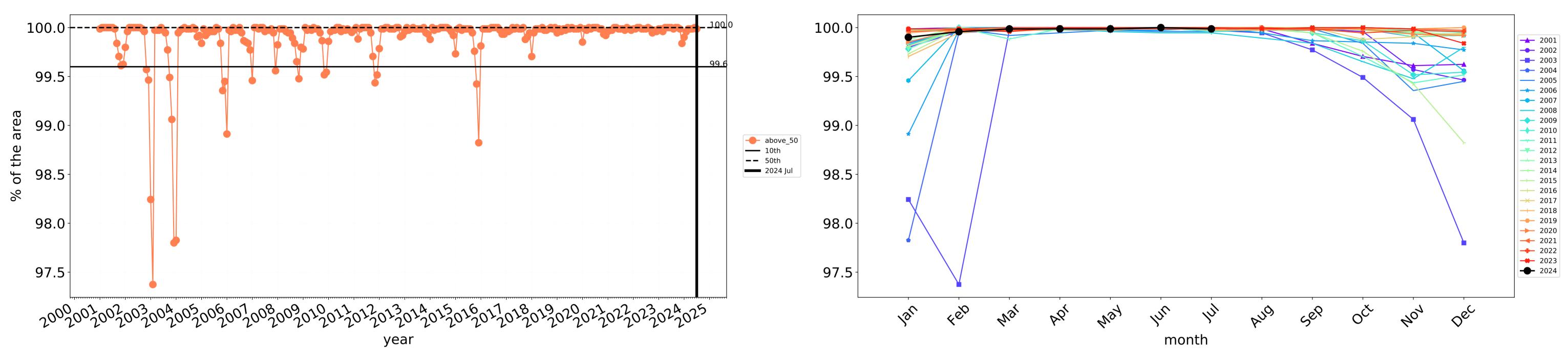




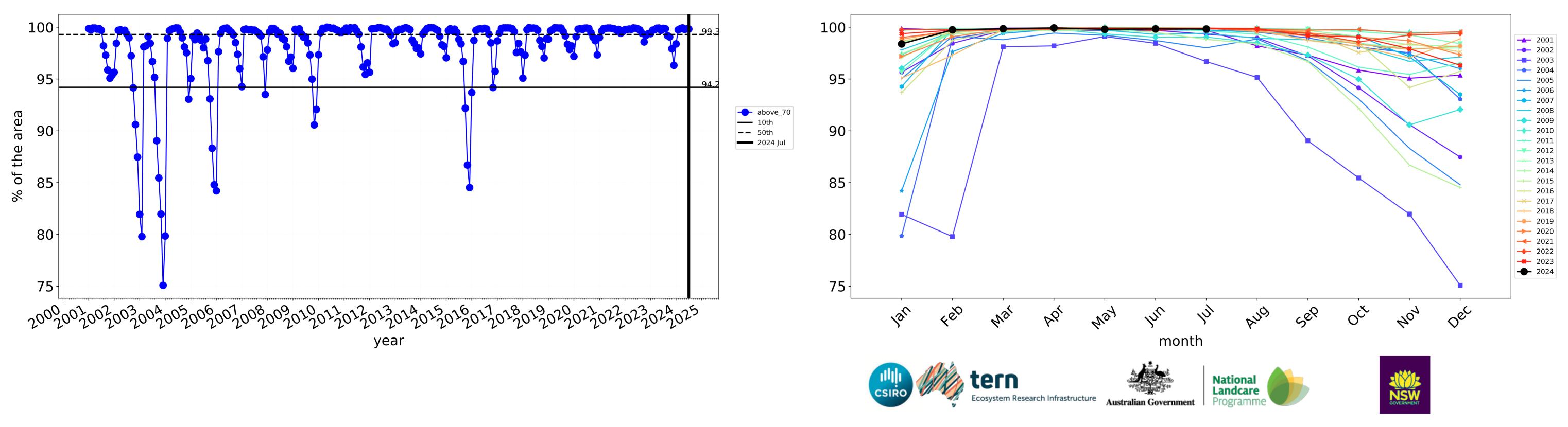
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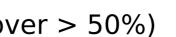




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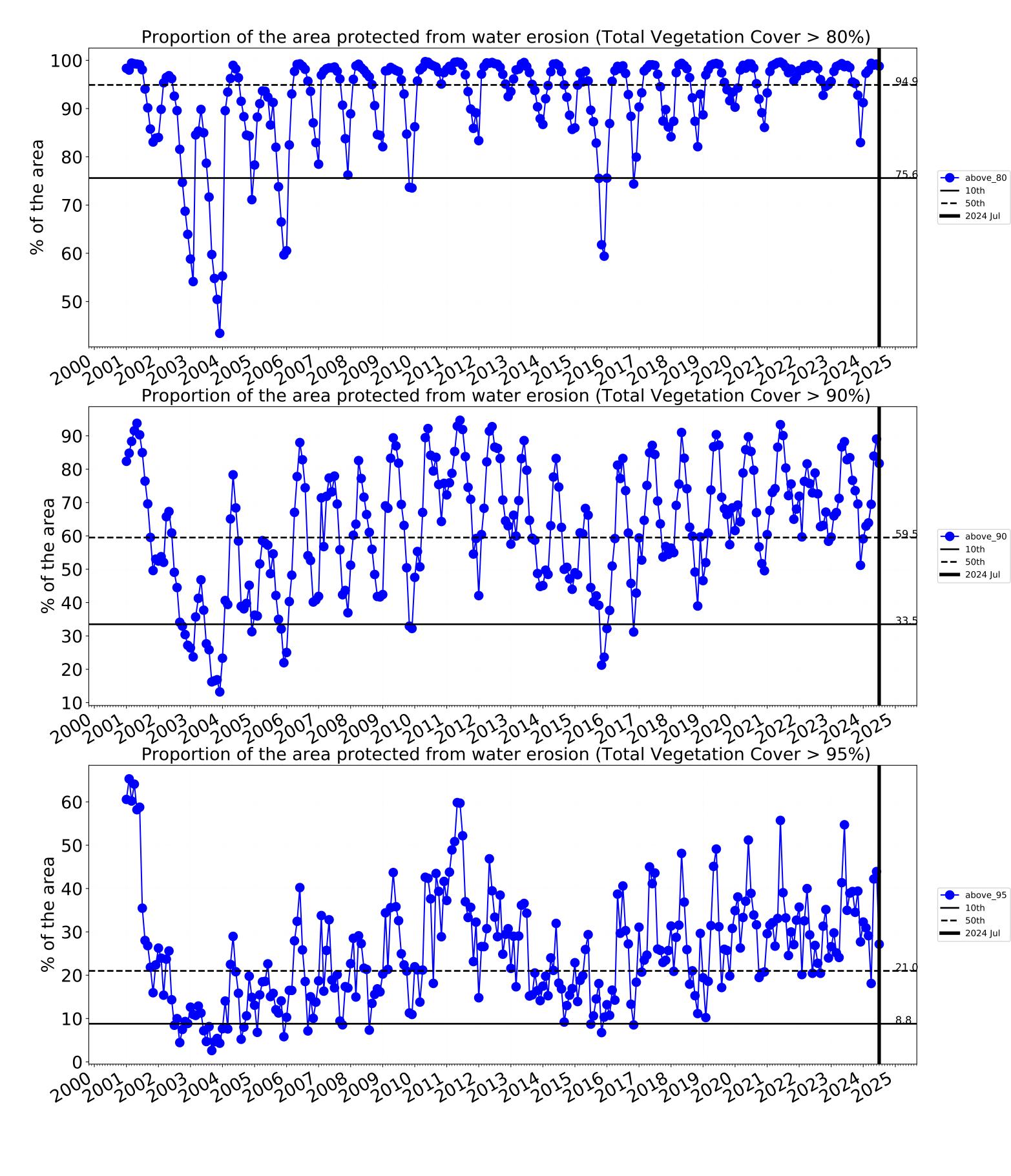


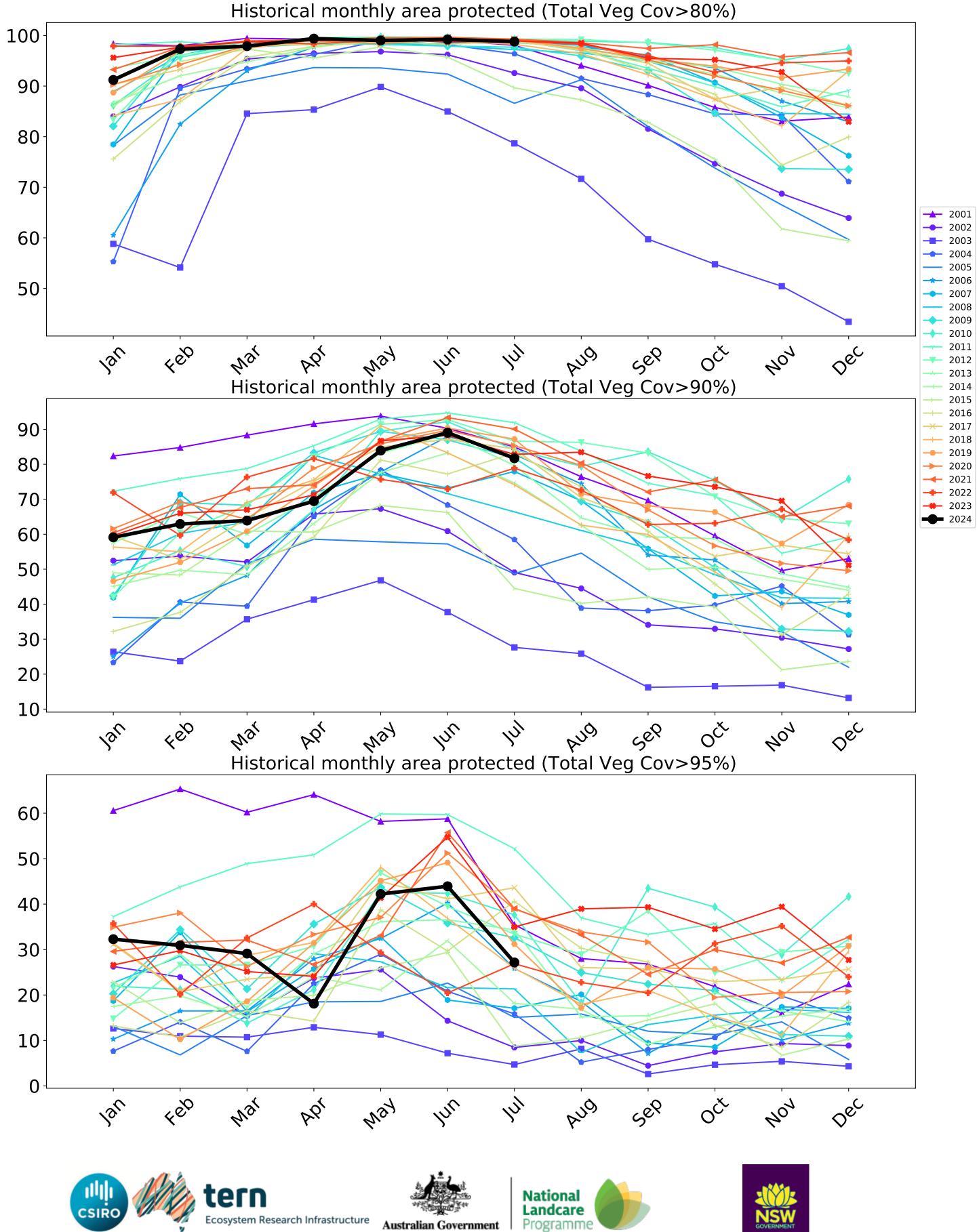
### Agriculture timeseries



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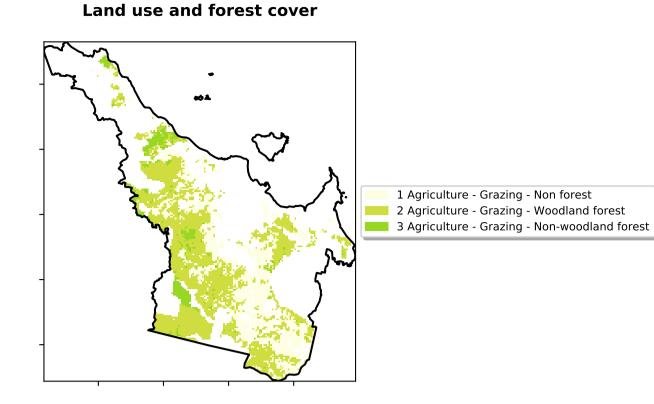
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





### Grazing

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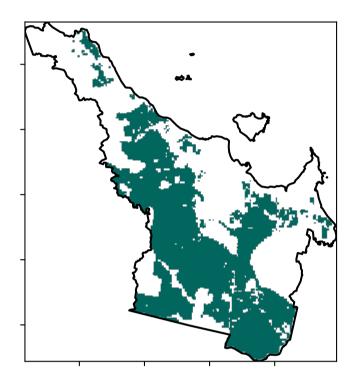
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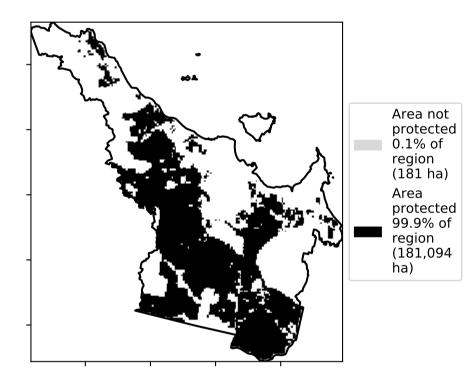
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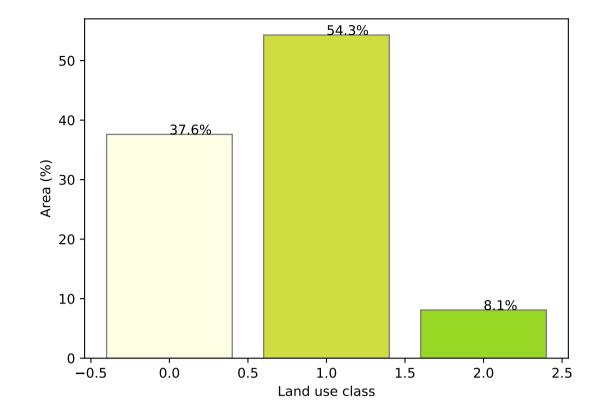
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



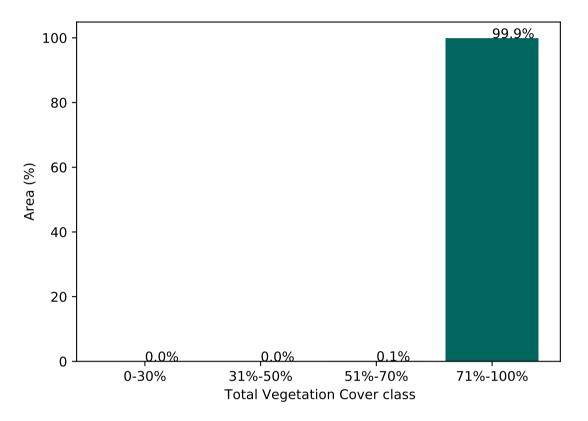
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



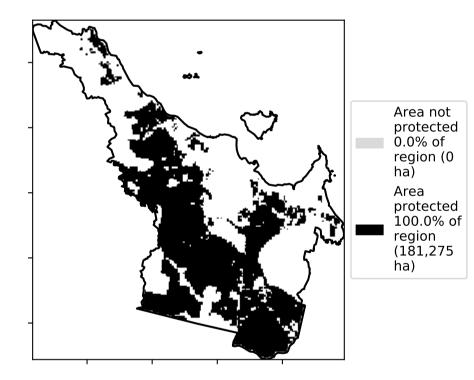


#### Proportion of each land class in area

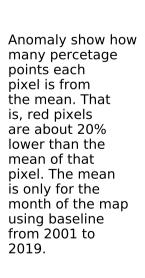
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

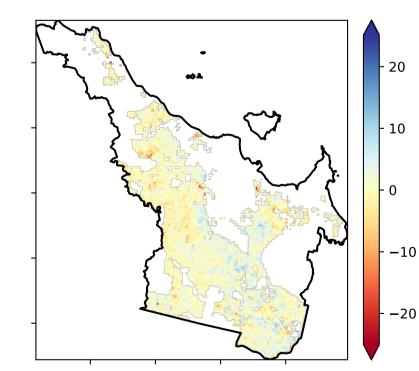


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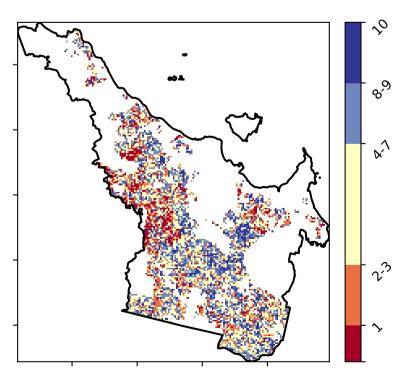


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

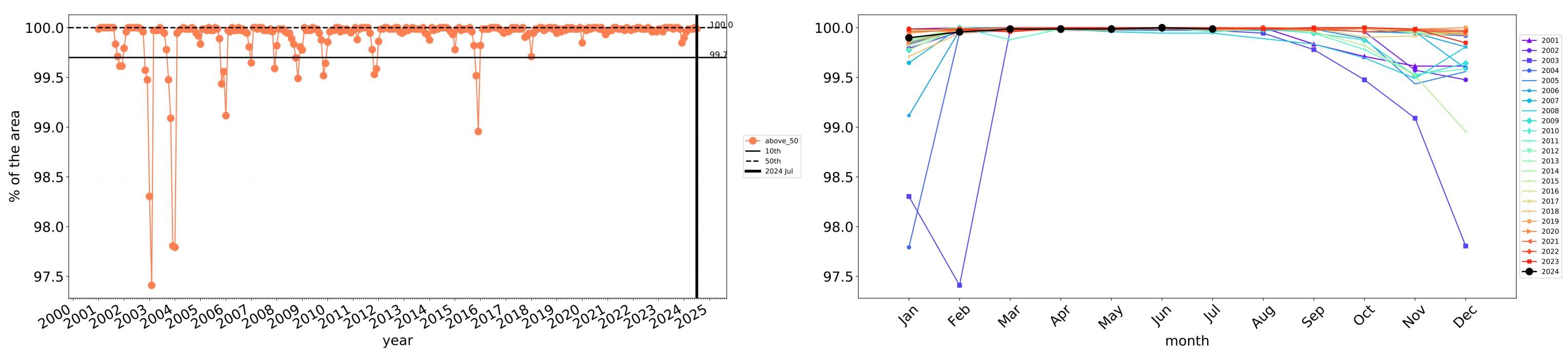




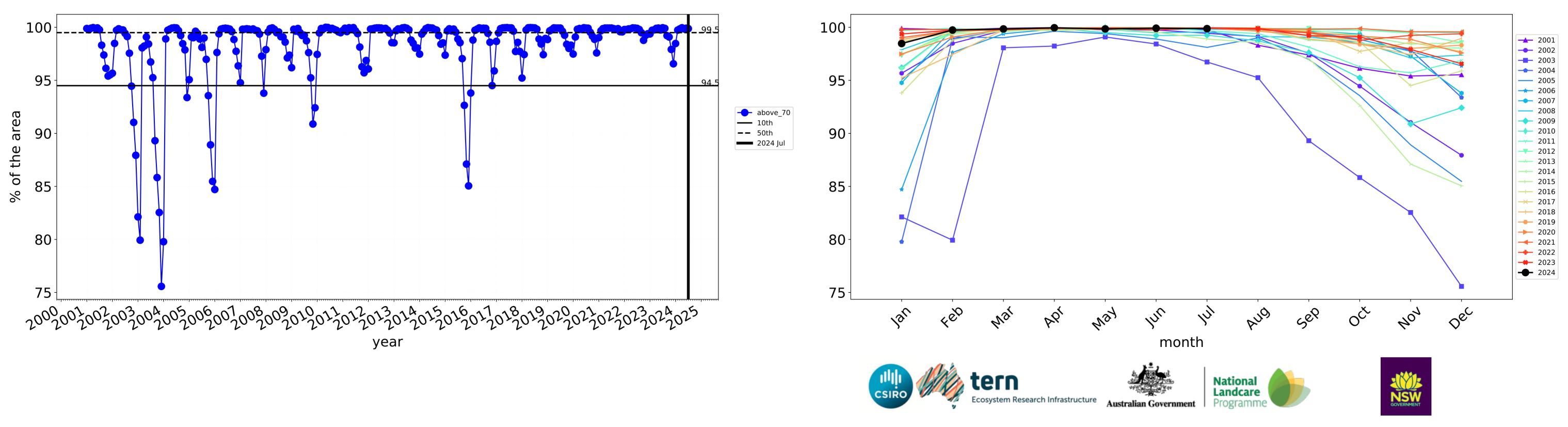
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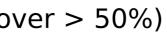






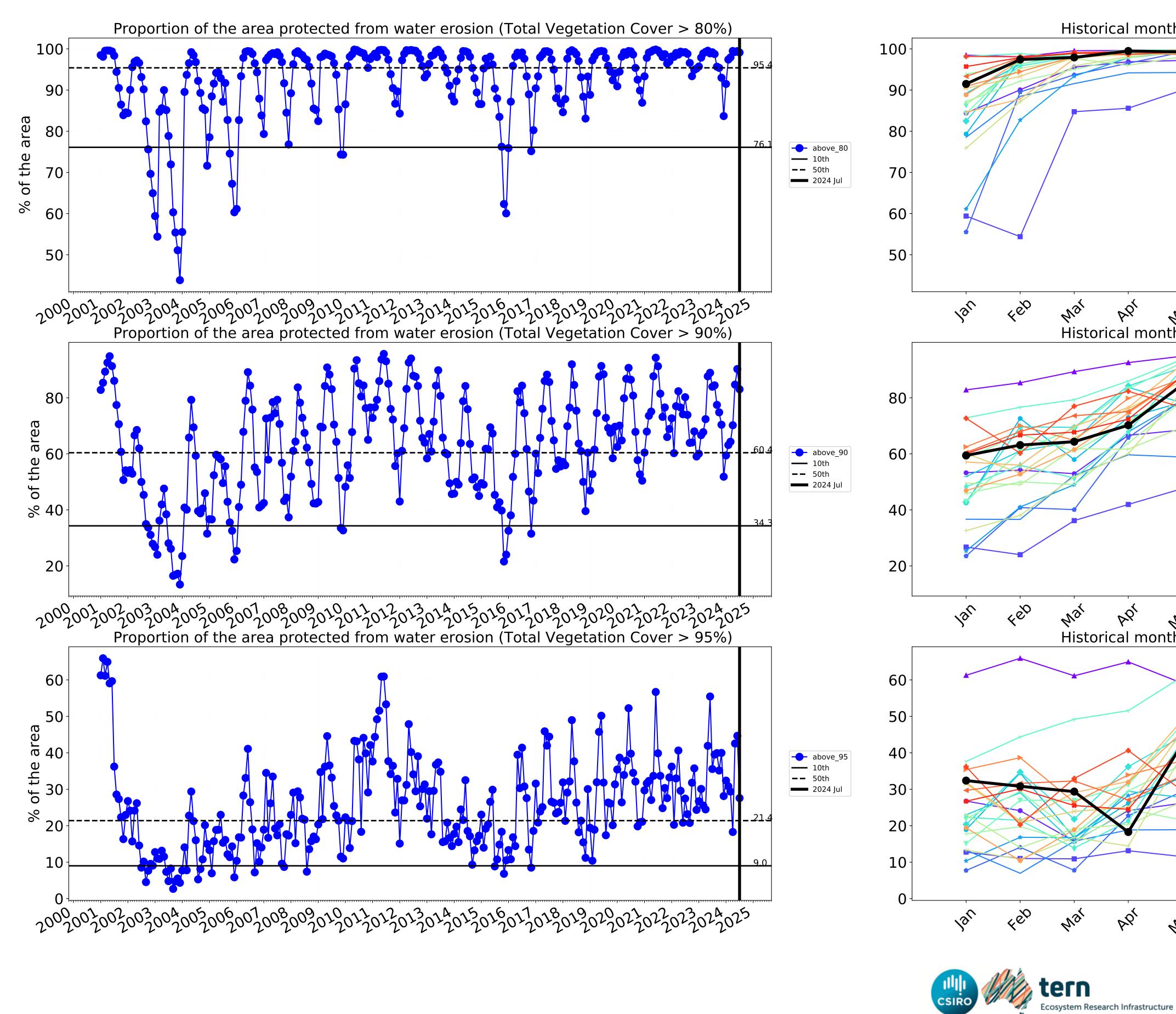
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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

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



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

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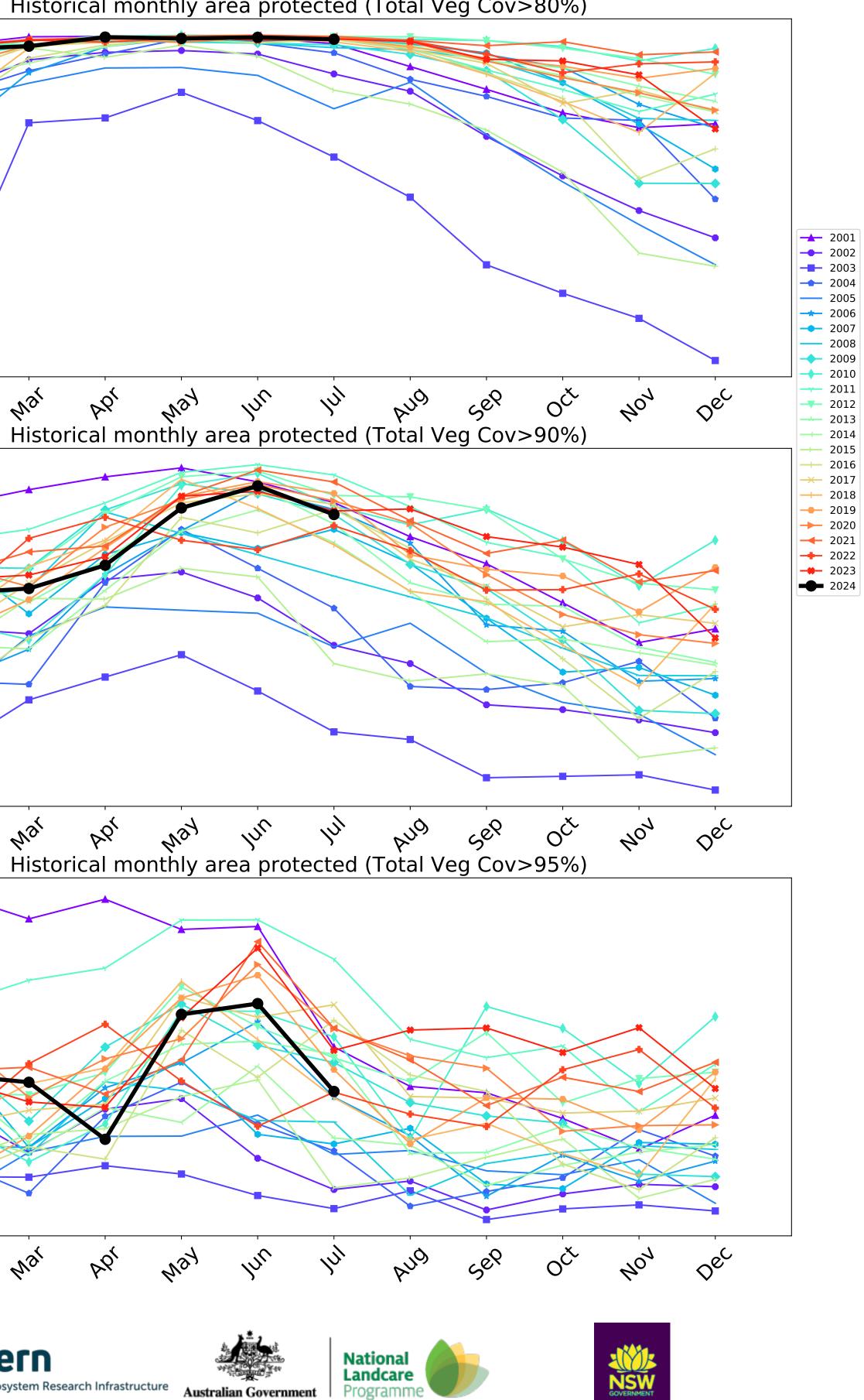
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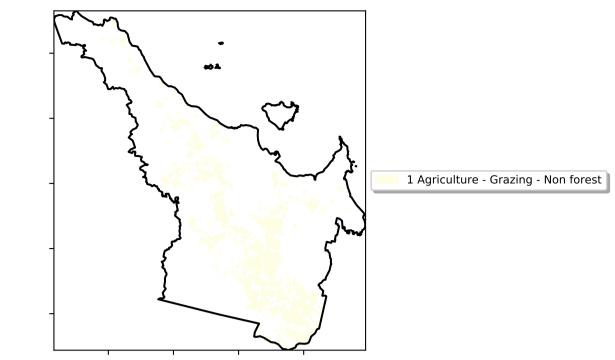
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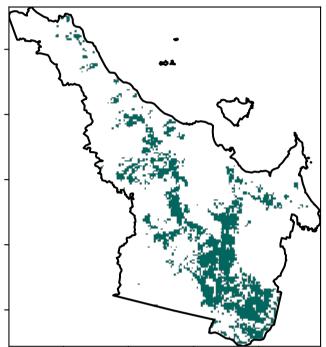


### **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





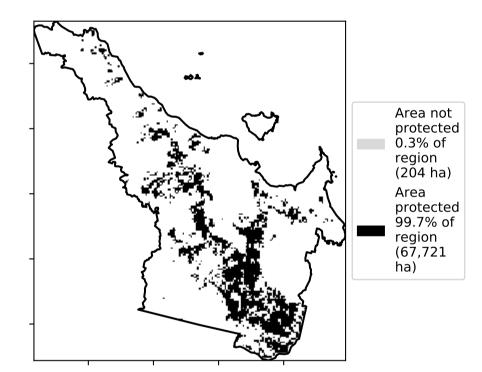
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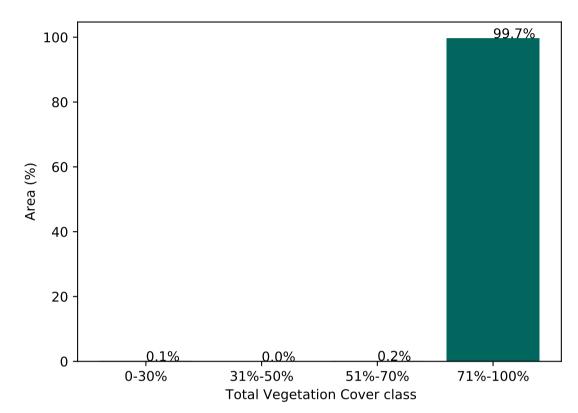
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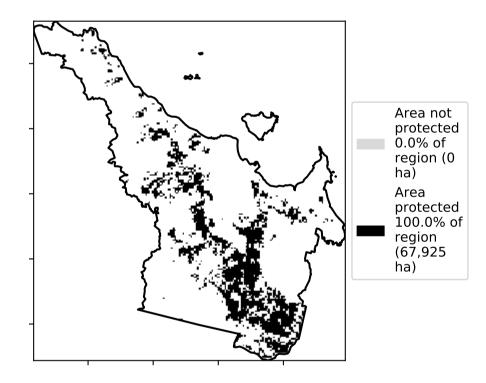
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





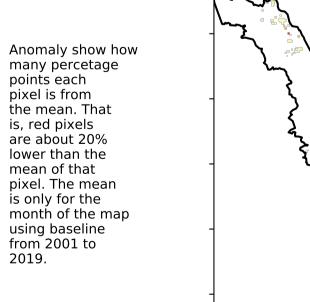


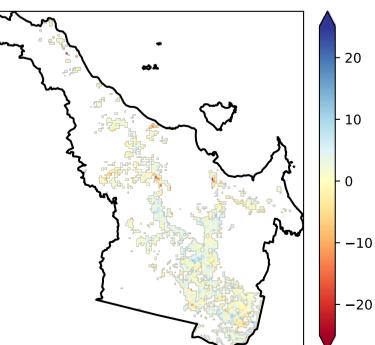
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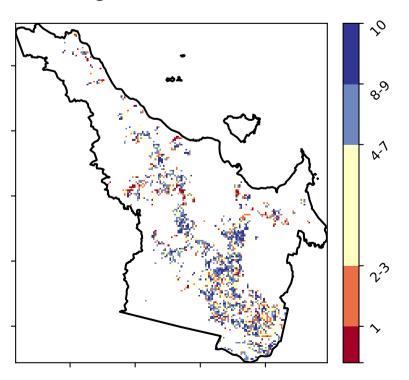
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

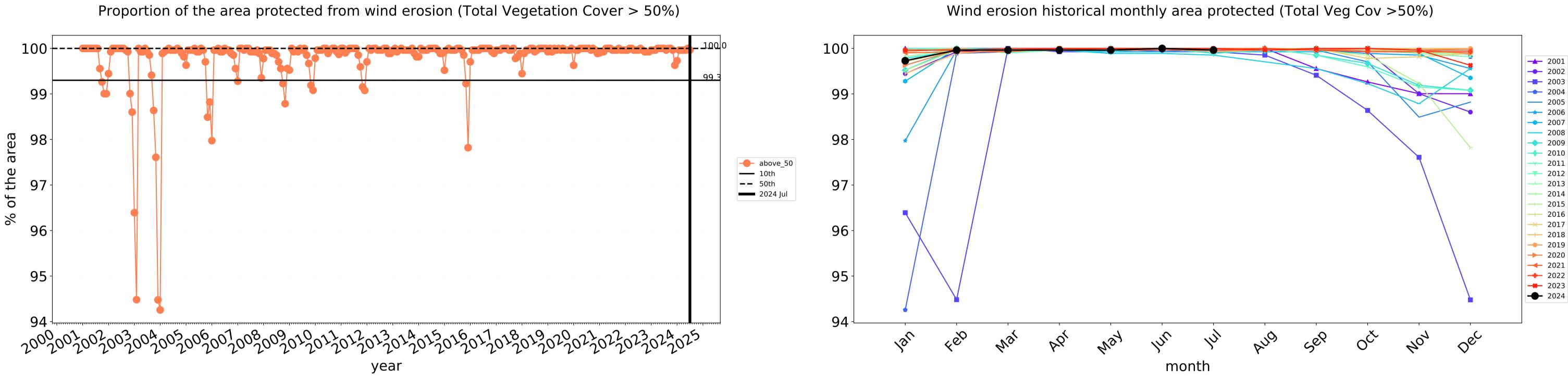


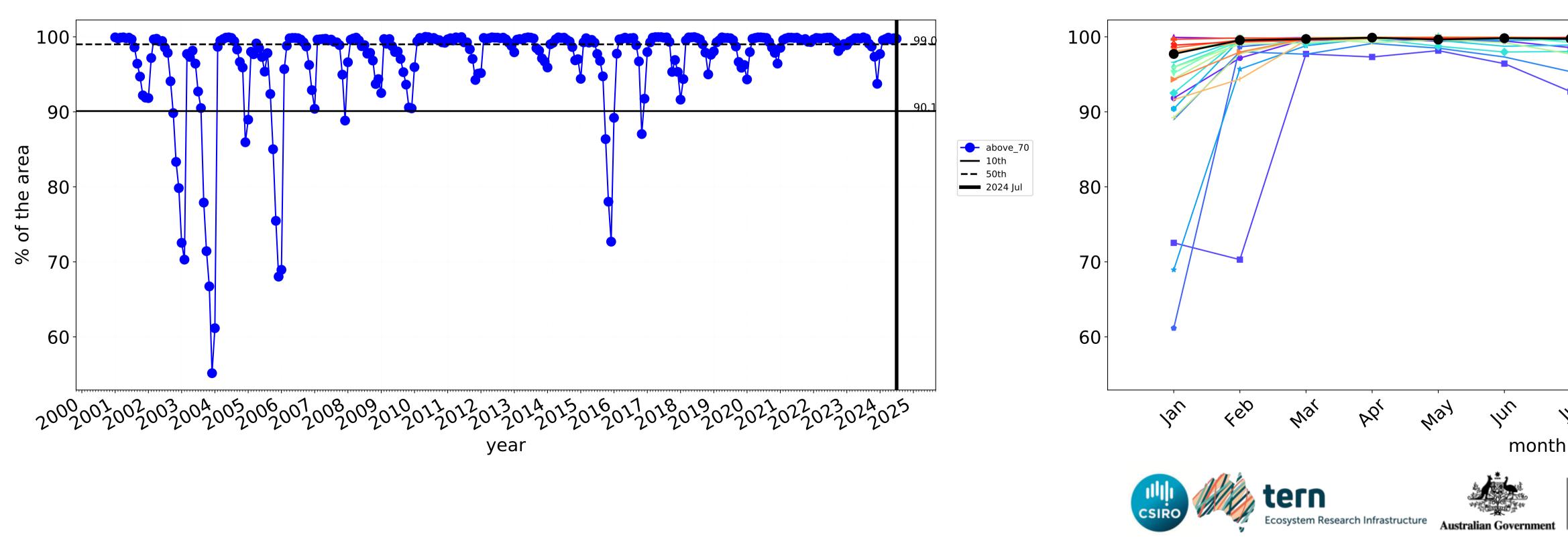


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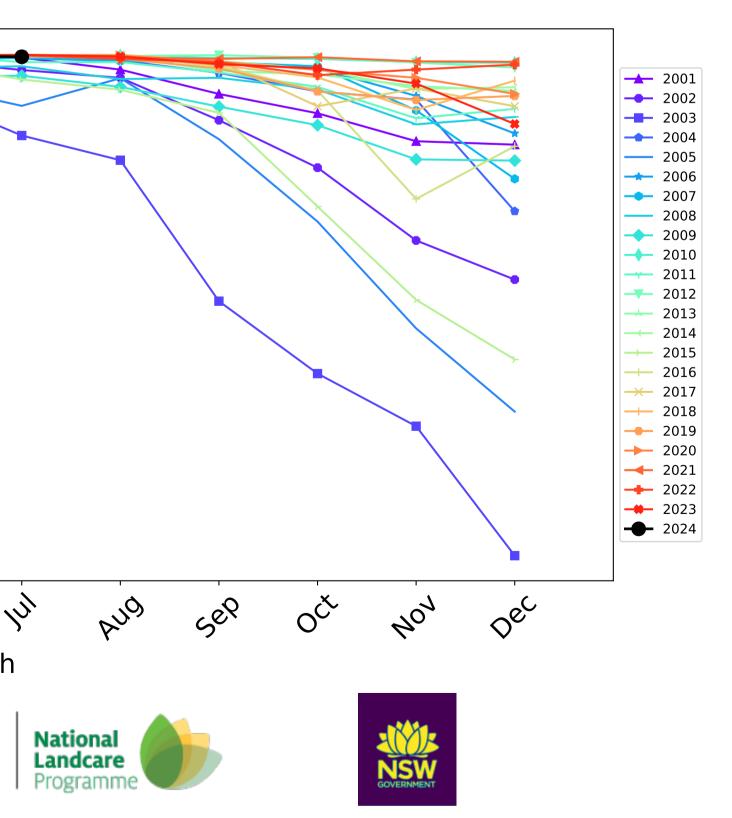


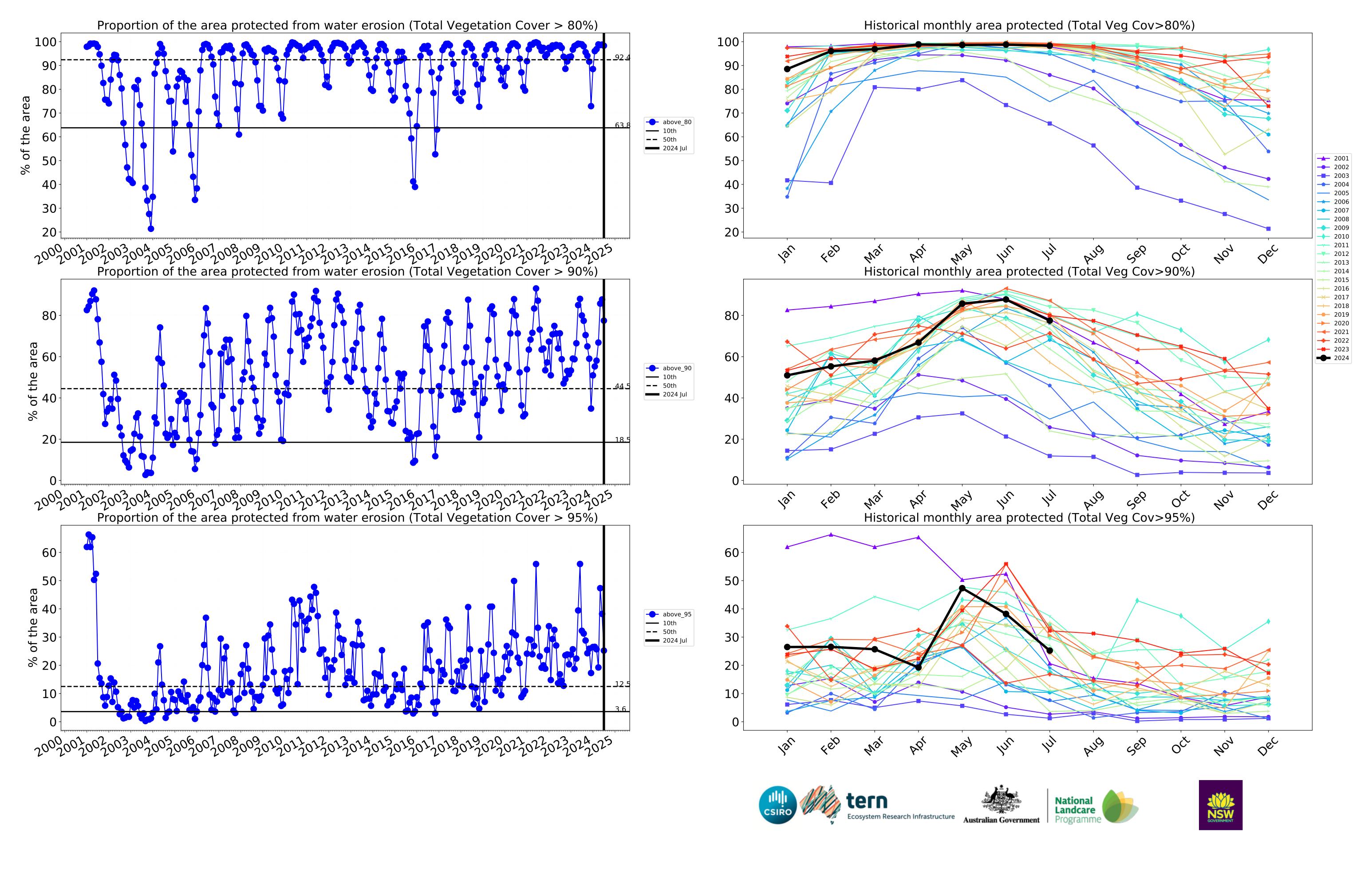


### Grazing non forest timeseries

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





### **Grazing Woodland forest**

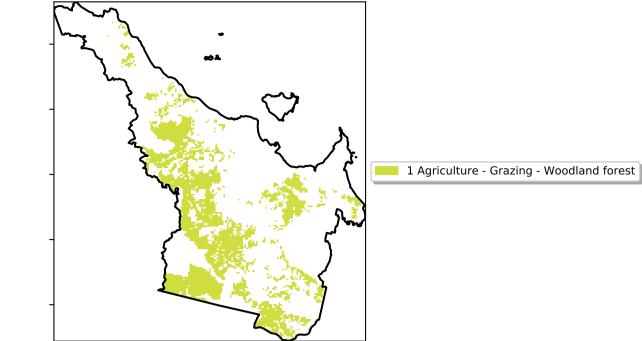
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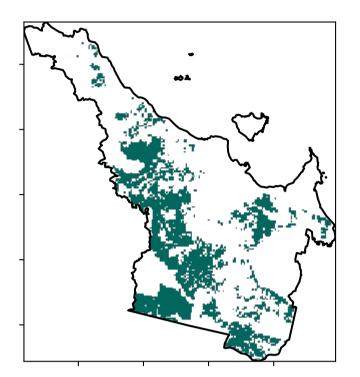
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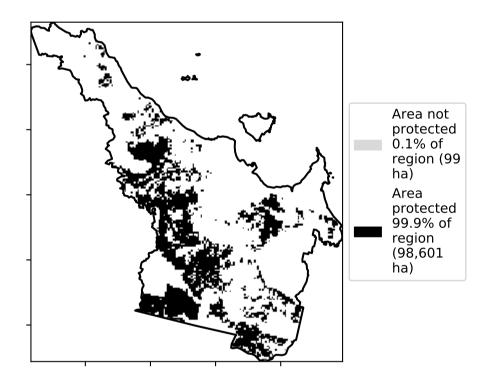
Land use and forest cover



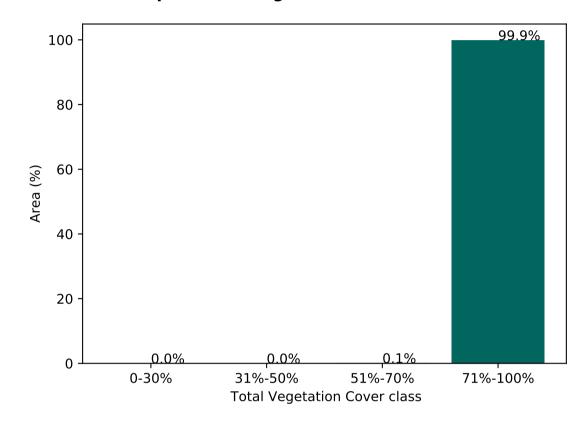
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 







Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

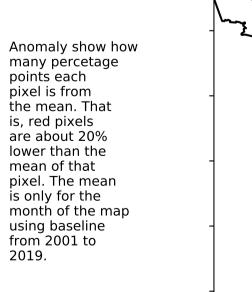


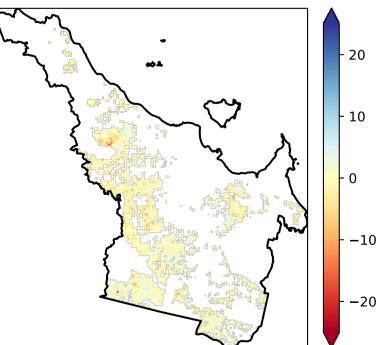
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



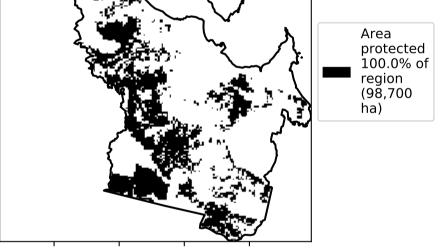
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

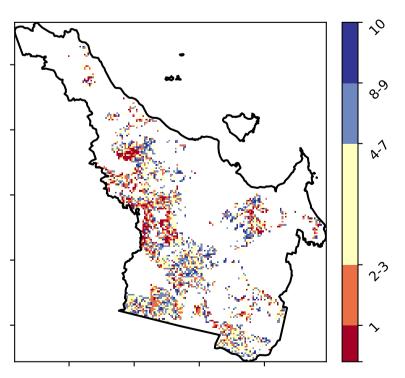




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

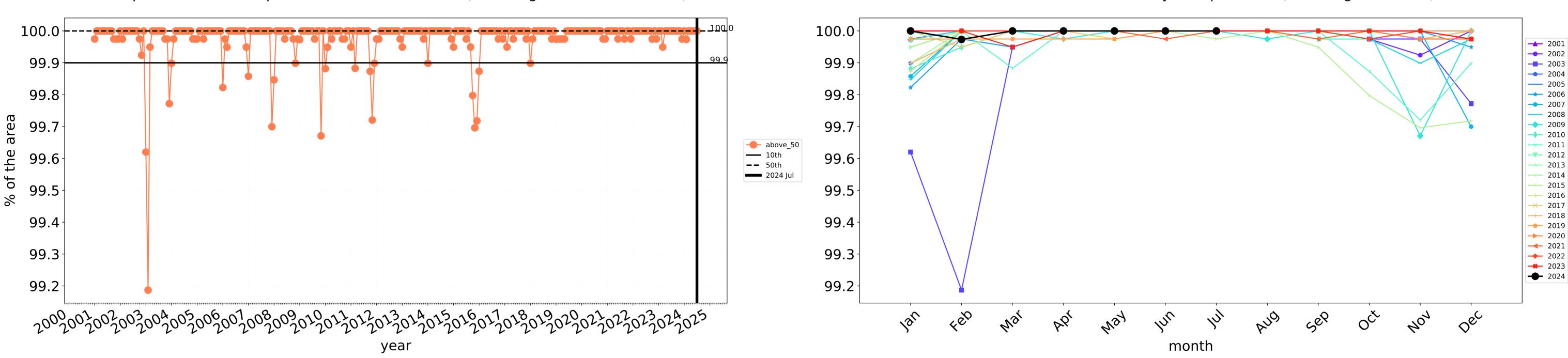






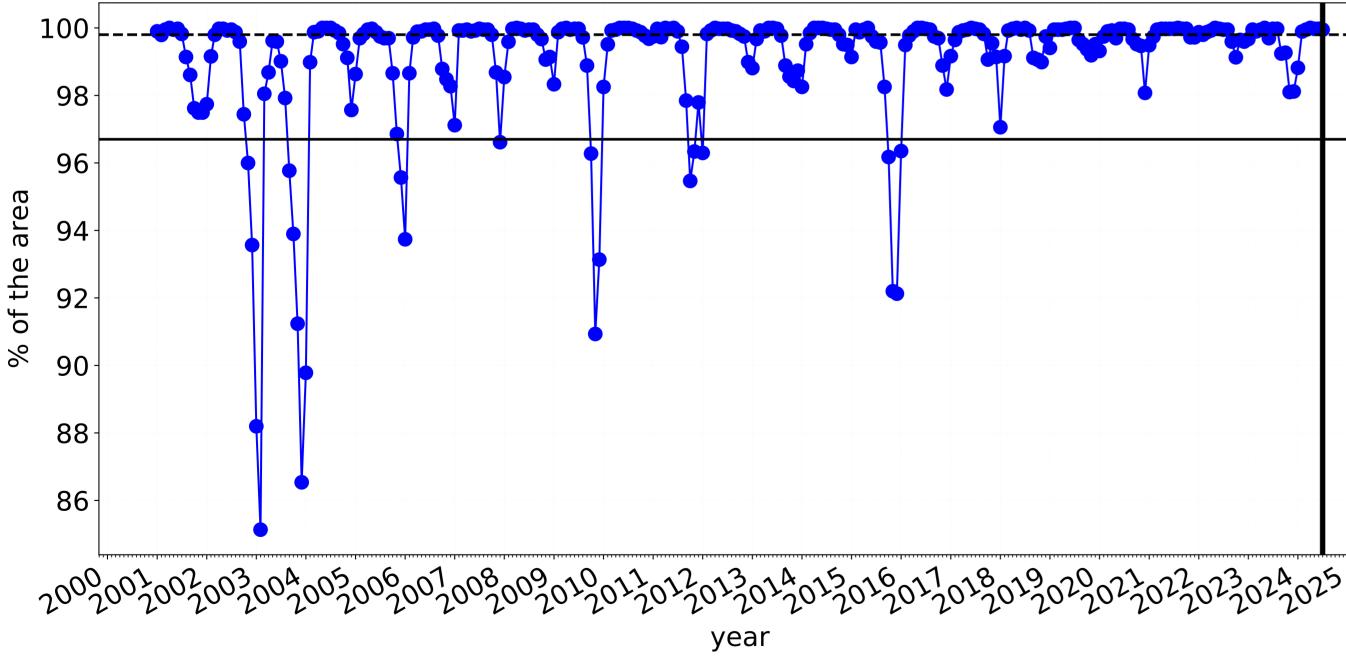
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### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**



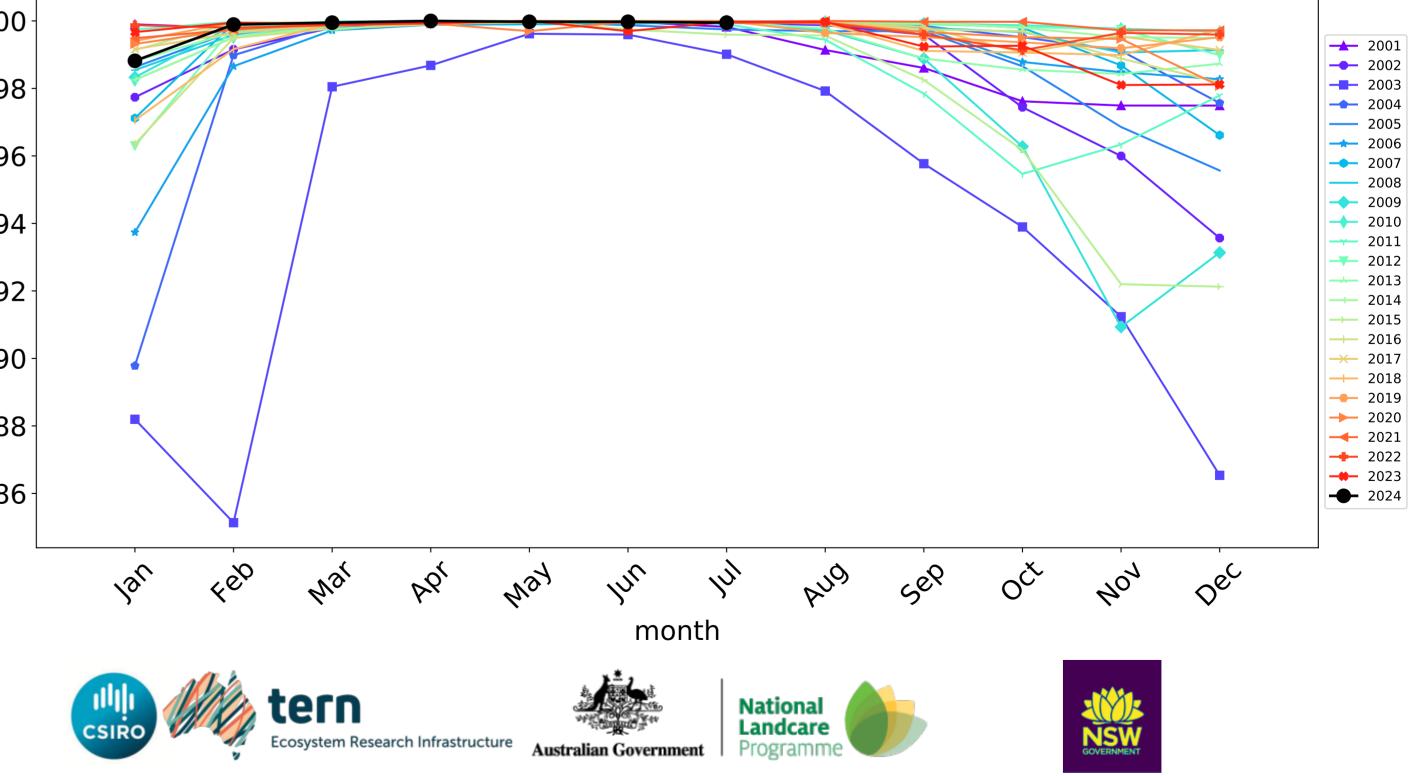
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

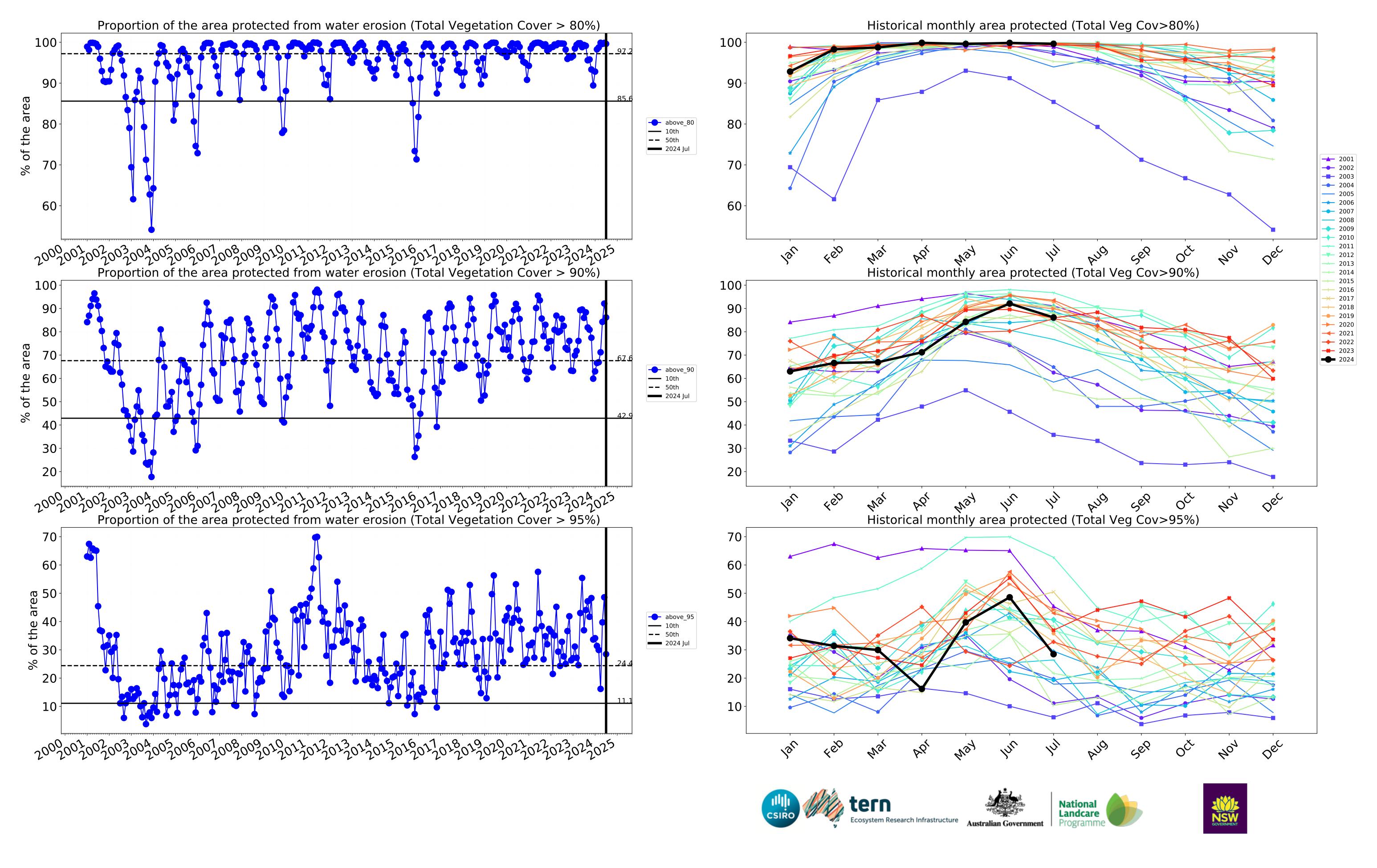


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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



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

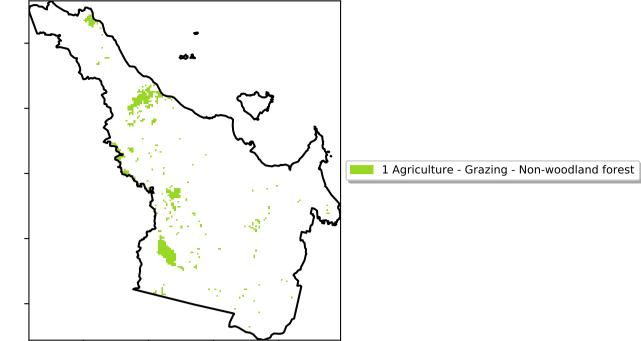
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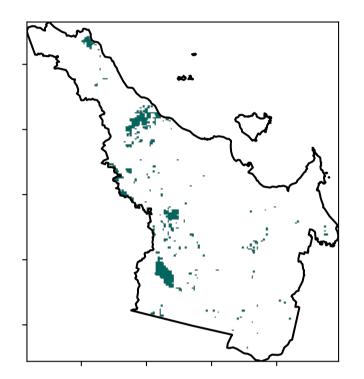
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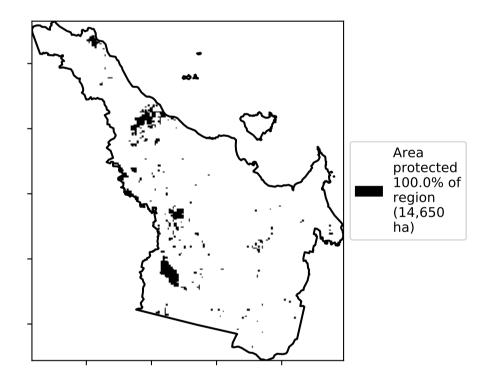
Land use and forest cover



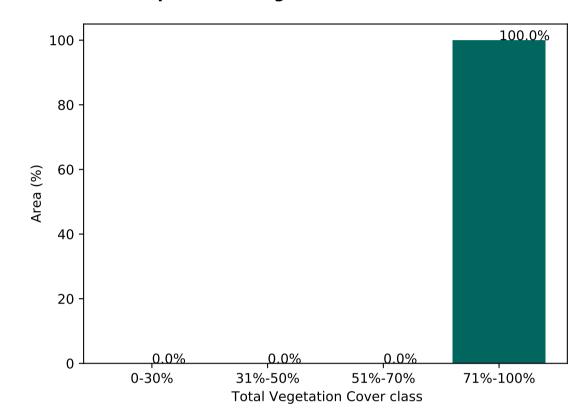
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



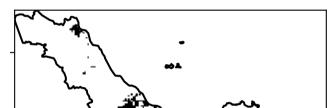


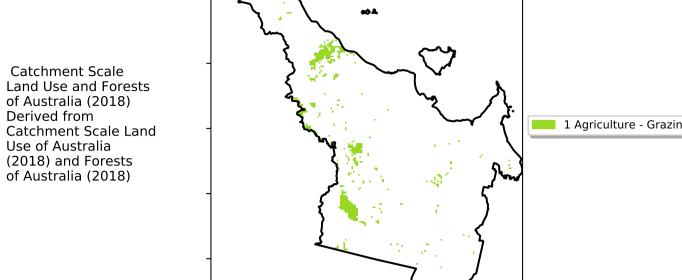


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

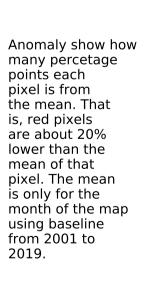


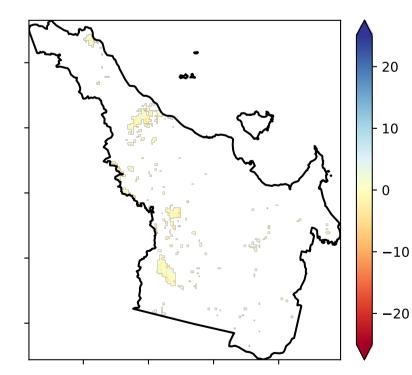
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



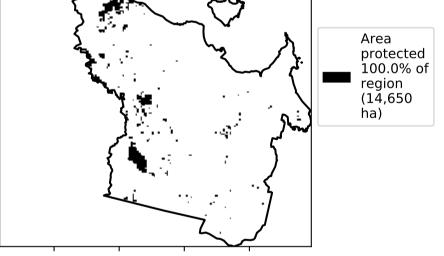


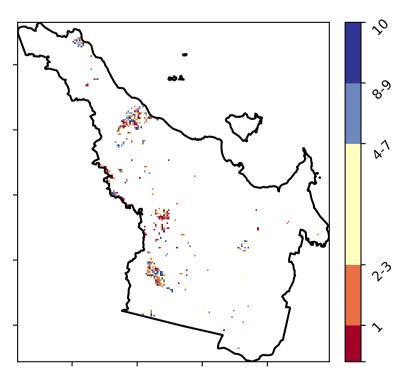
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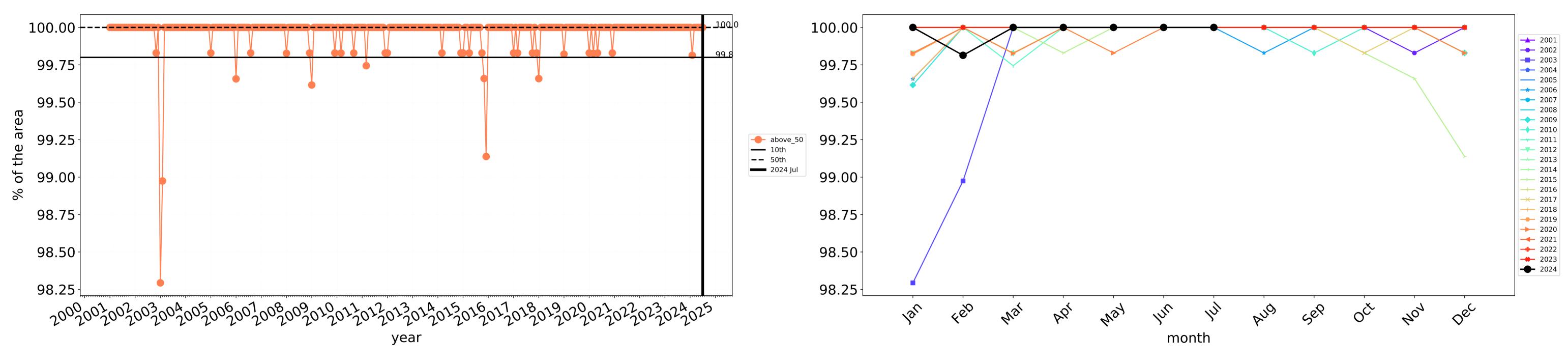


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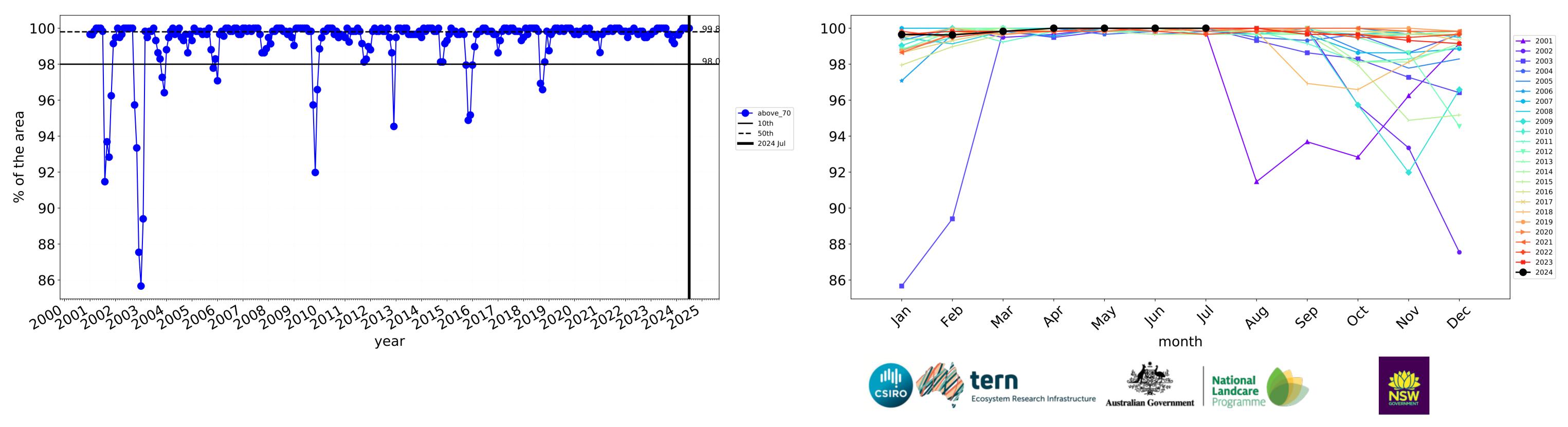








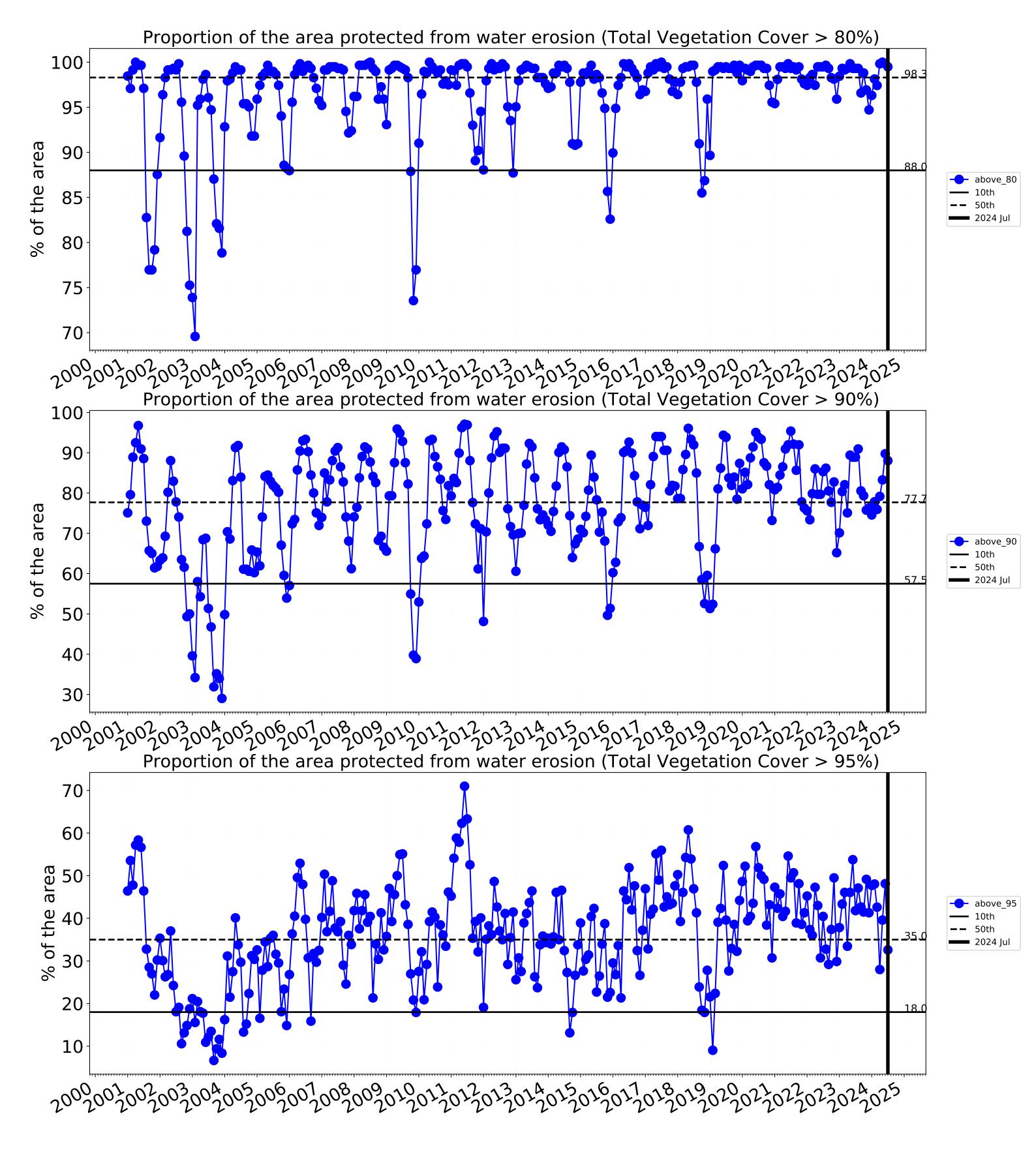
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

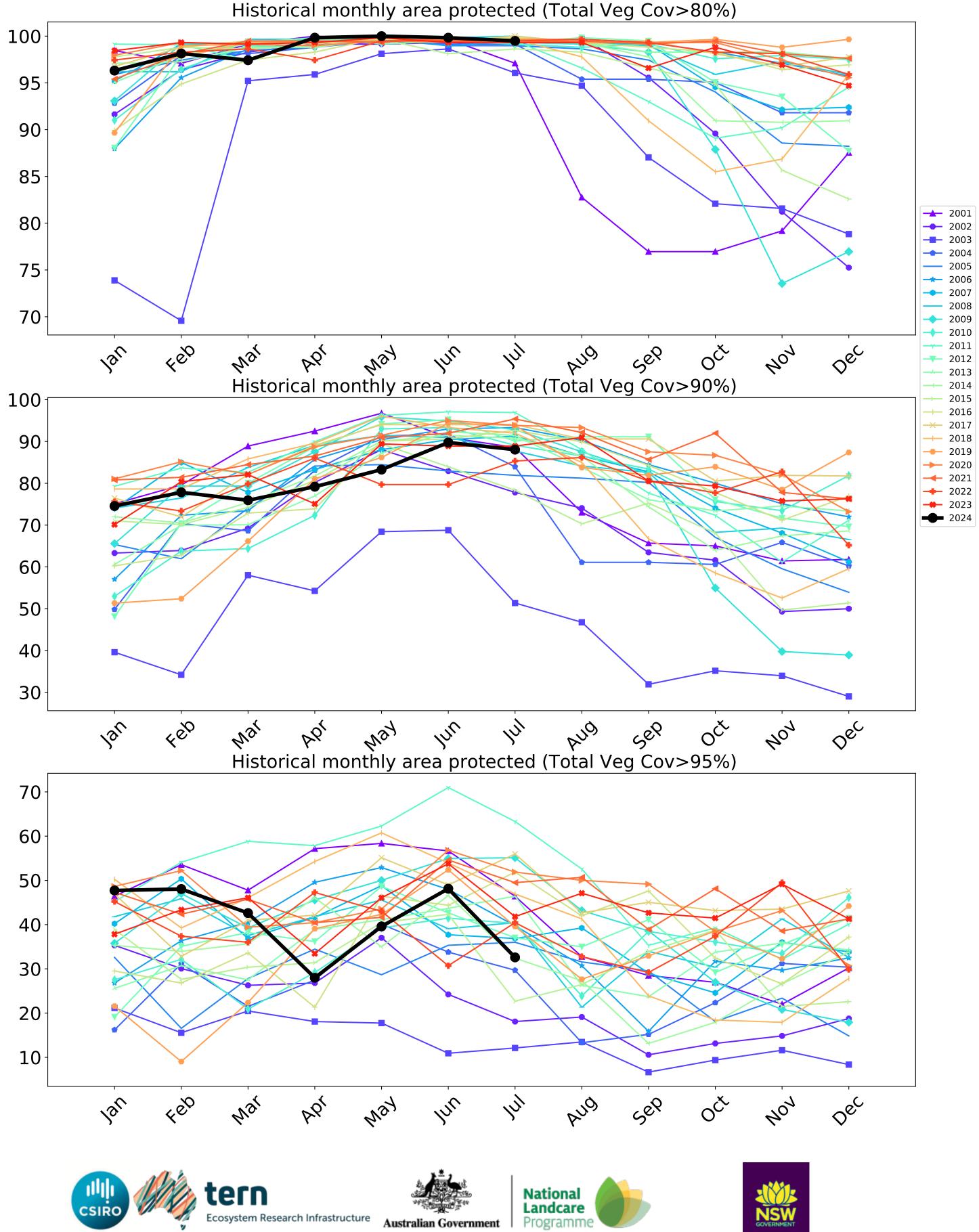




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







### Irrigation

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

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

of Australia (2018)

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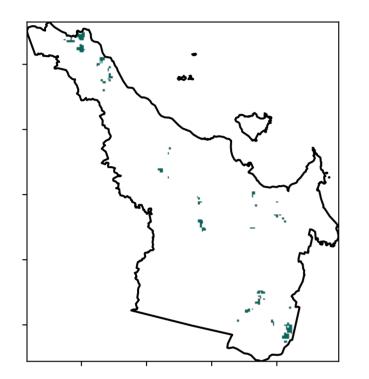
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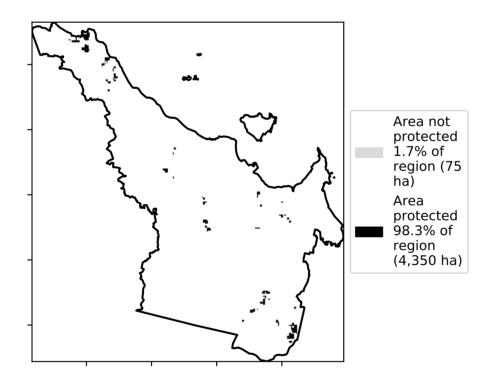
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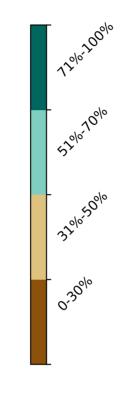
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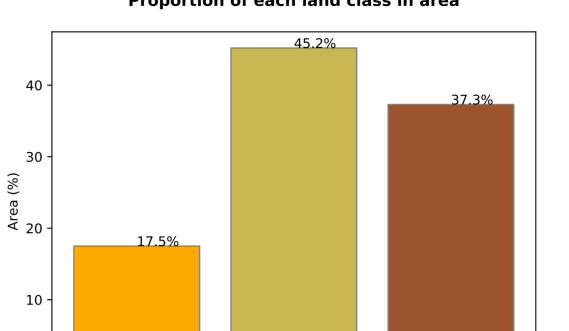
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### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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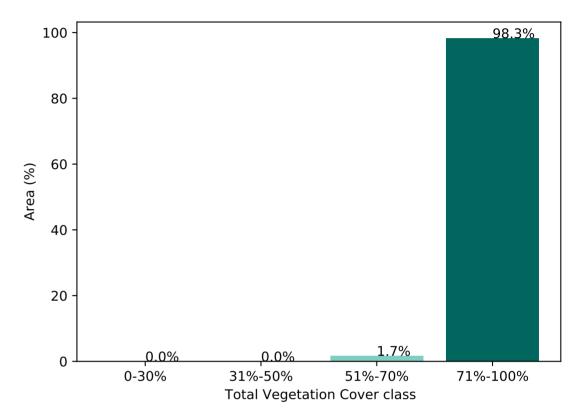
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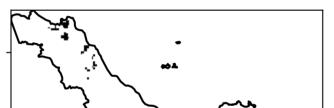
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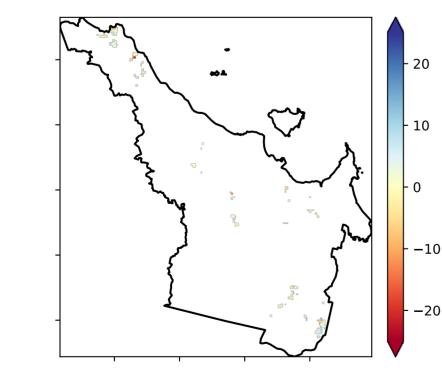
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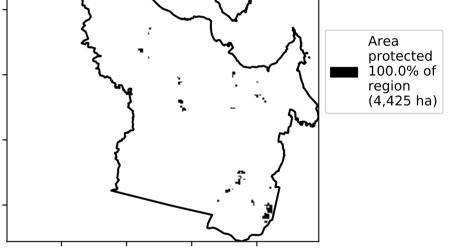
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



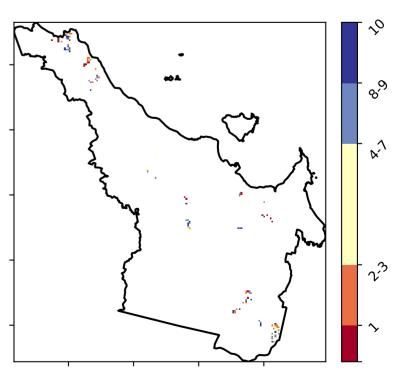
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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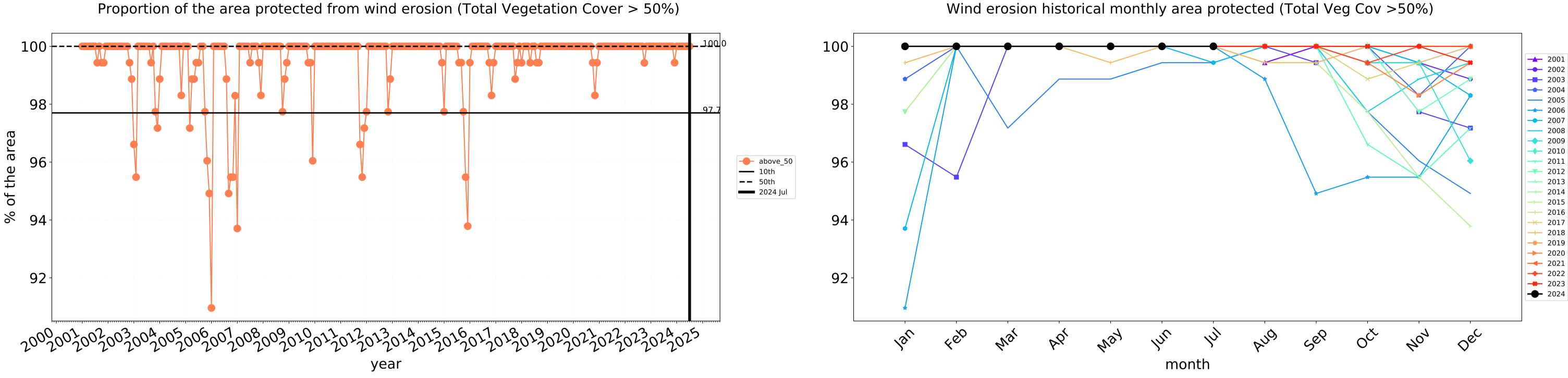


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



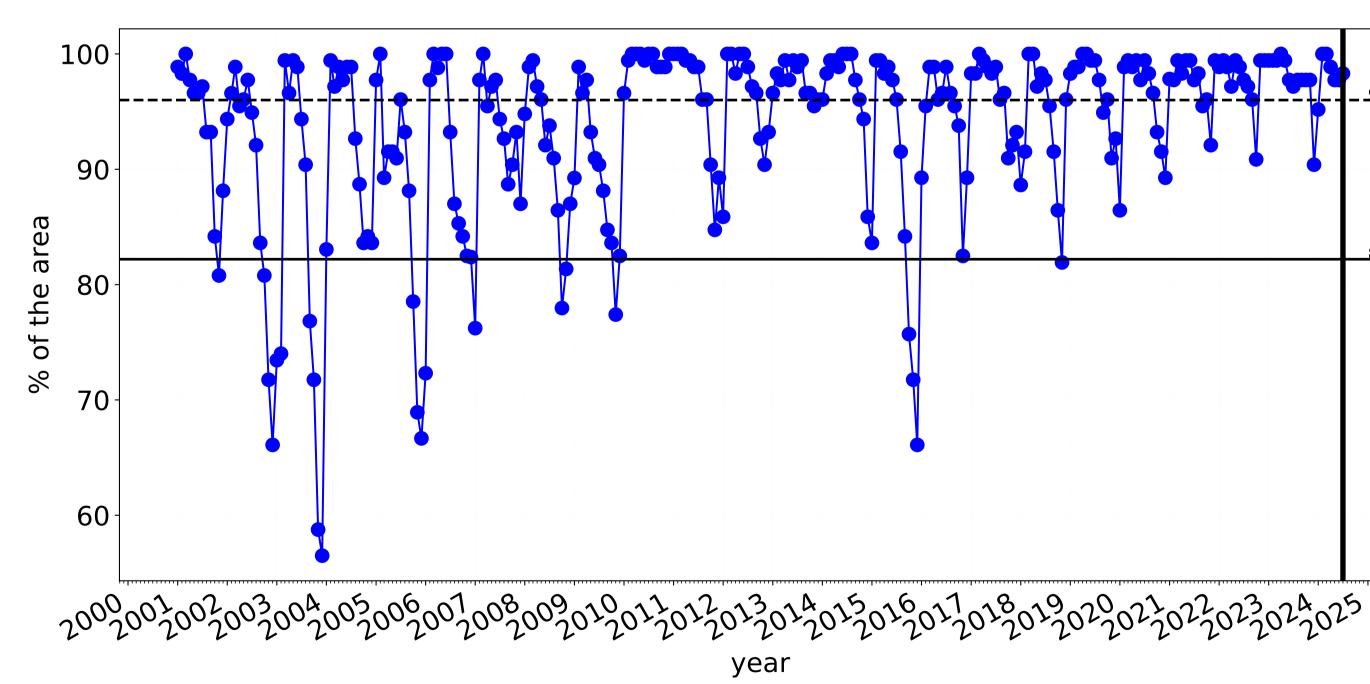


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

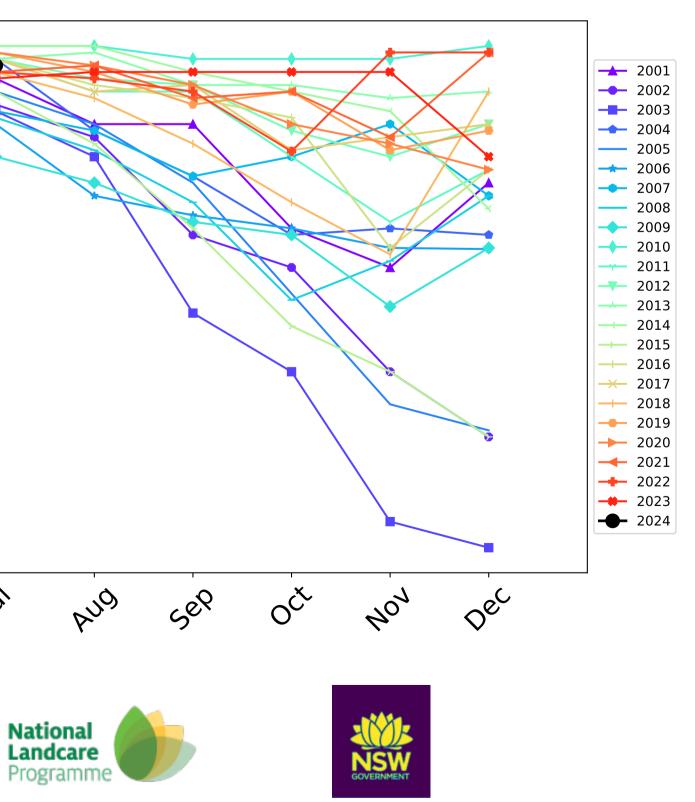
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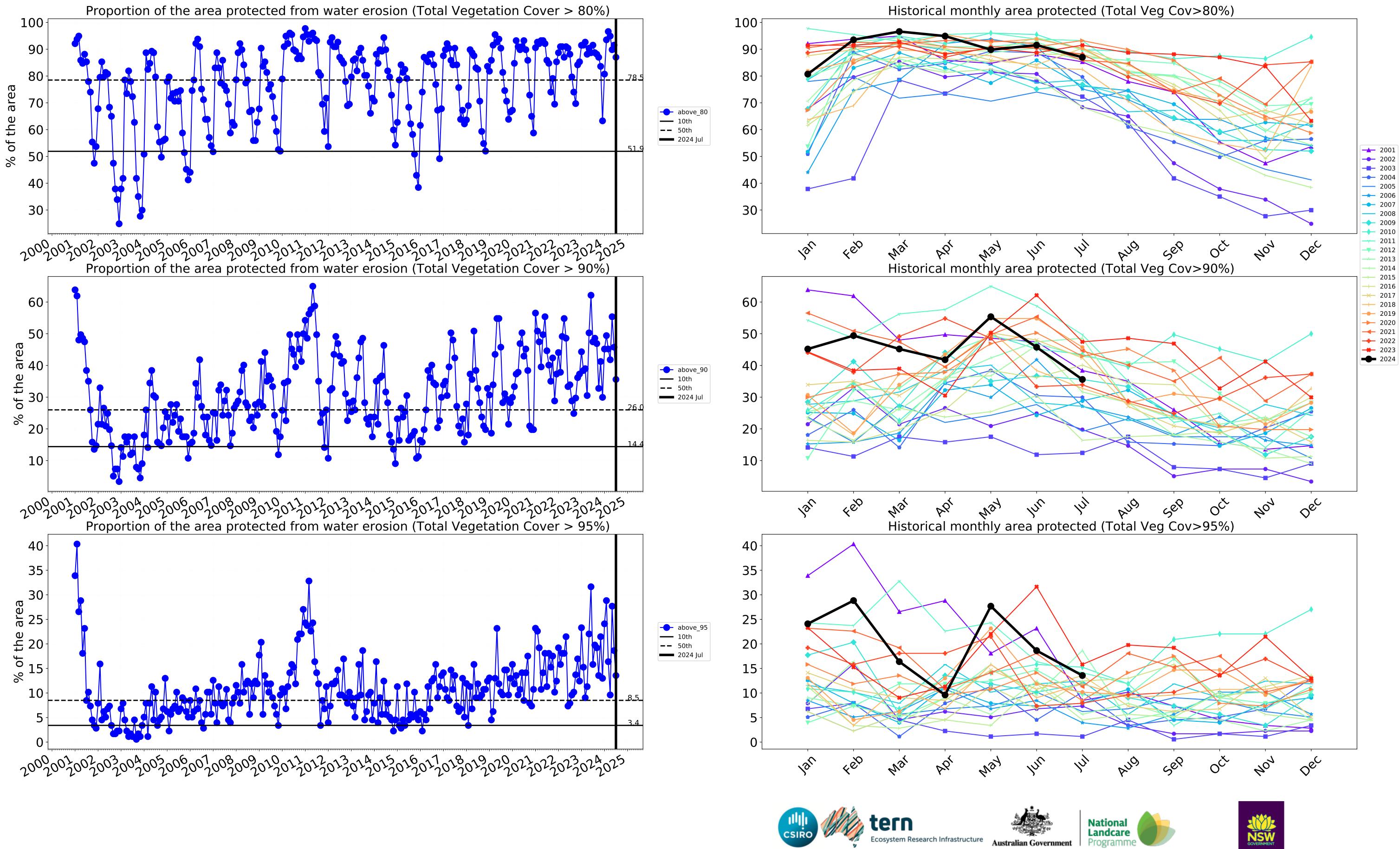


### Irrigation timeseries

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

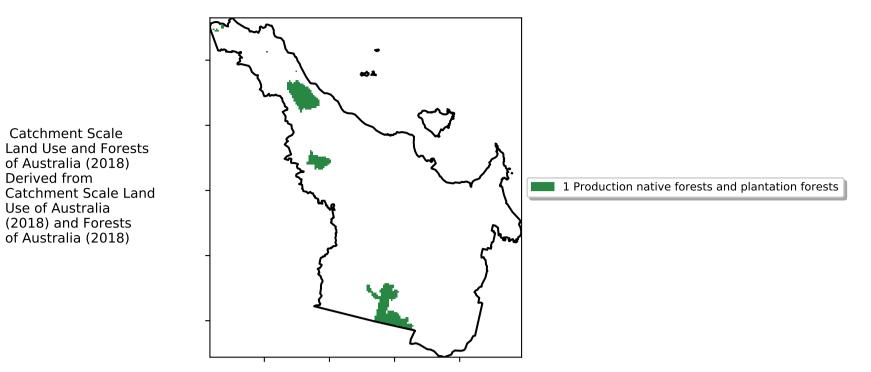




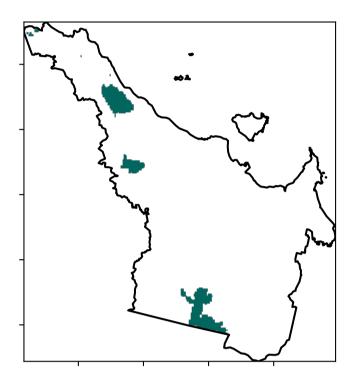


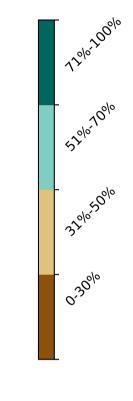
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

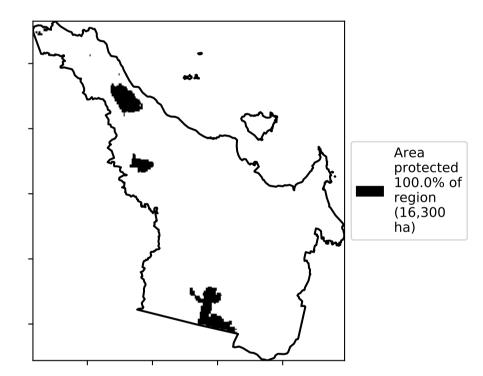


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

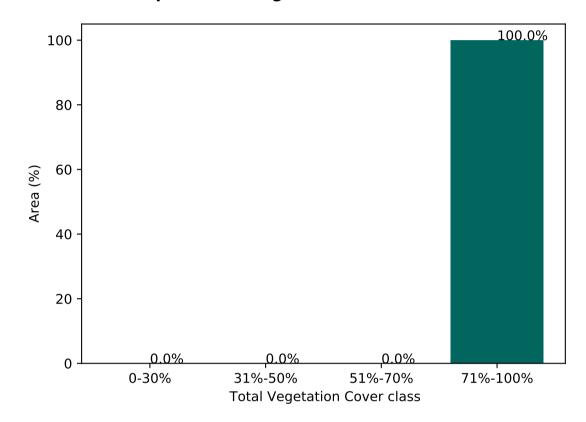




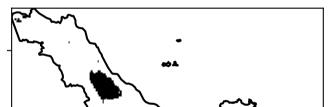
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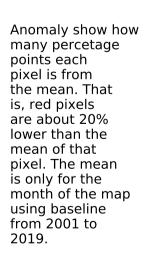
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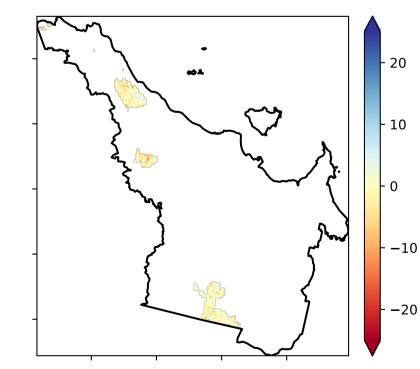


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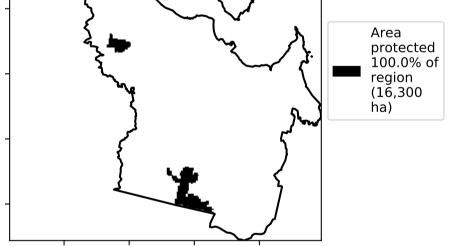


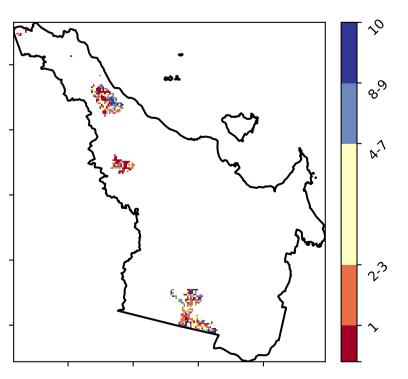
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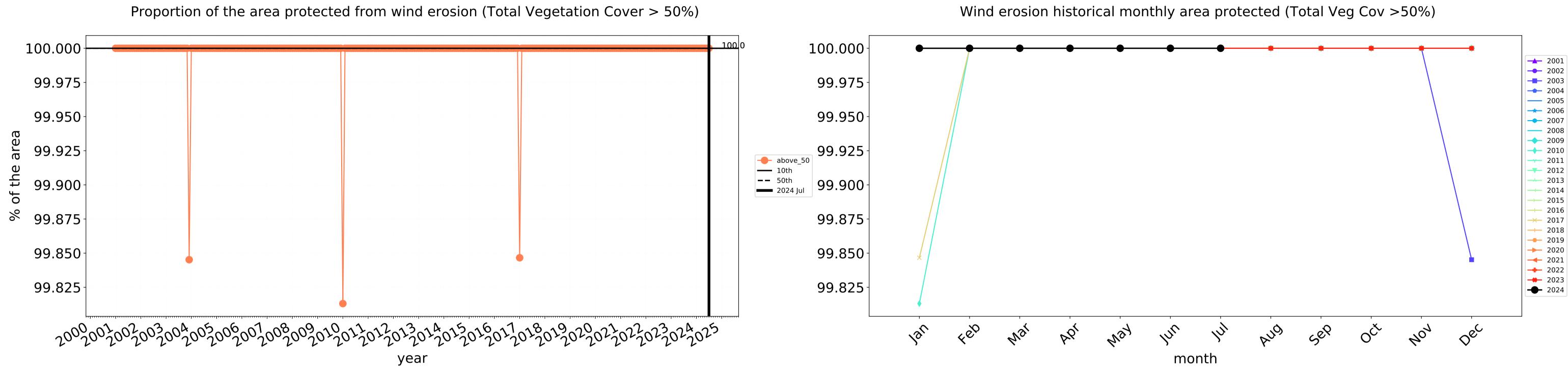


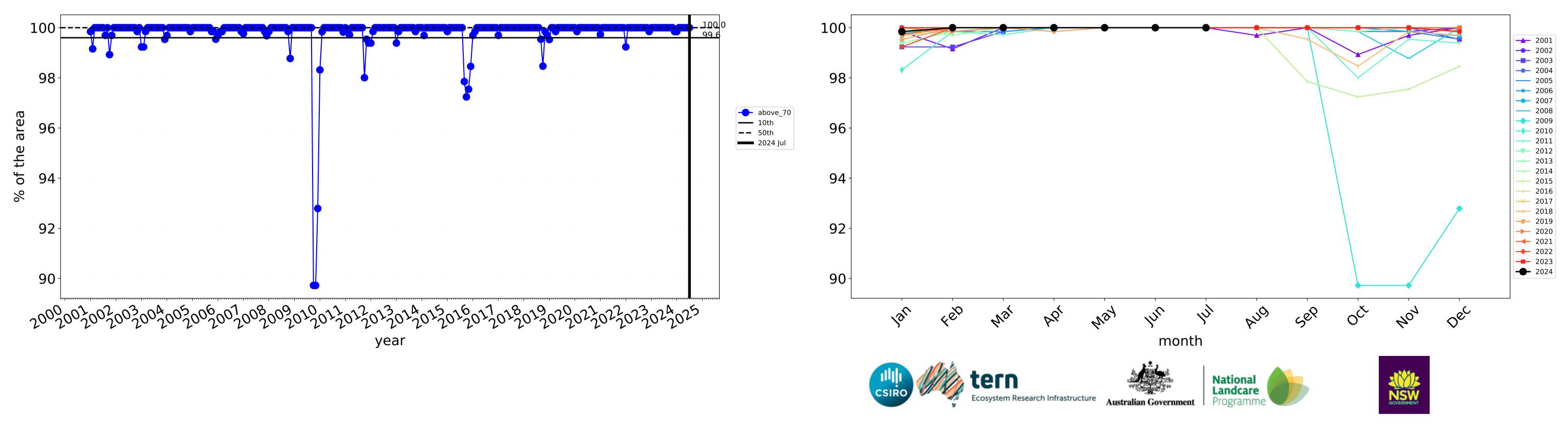
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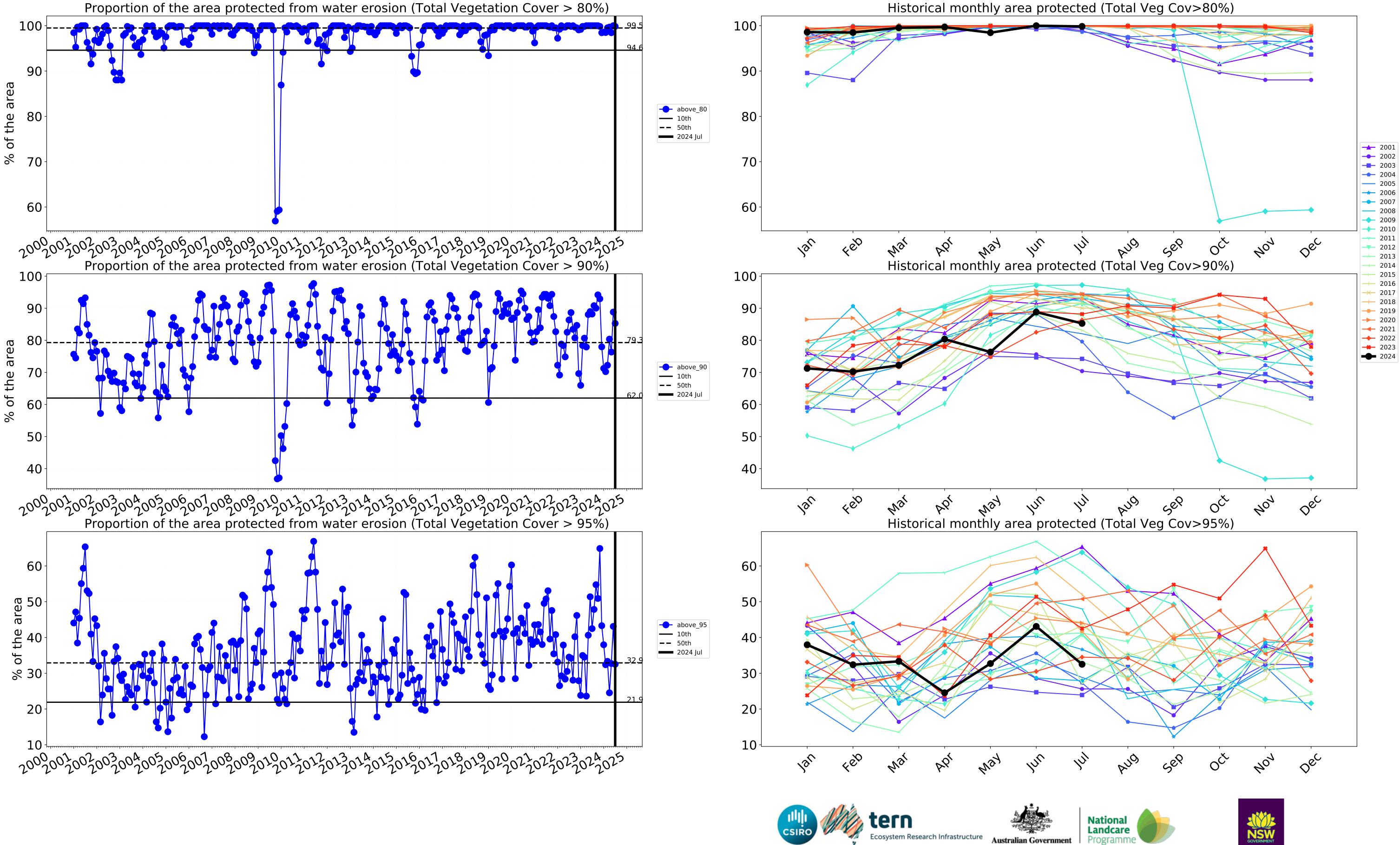












# Townsville\_(C) (365,950 ha and no data 7,235 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	365,950	100.0% 365,800	99.7% 364,975	97.7% 357,700	93.4% 341,700	71.4% 261,200	25.1% 91,825
Conservation and natural environments	119,200	100.0% 119,150	99.9% 119,025	98.9% 117,900	95.0% 113,275	69.6% 82,950	27.6% 32,900
Conservation and natural environments non forest	16,000	99.8% 15,975	99.5% 15,925	96.7% 15,475	85.0% 13,600	51.1% 8,175	24.2% 3,875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	56,975	100.0% 56,975	100.0% 56,975	99.6% 56,750	96.8% 55,150	73.8% 42,025	28.7% 16,325
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,225	99.9% 46,200	99.8% 46,125	98.8% 45,675	96.3% 44,525	70.8% 32,750	27.5% 12,700
Agriculture	186,425	100.0% 186,425	100.0% 186,400	99.8% 186,100	98.8% 184,175	81.7% 152,350	27.2% 50,625
Grazing	181,275	100.0% 181,275	100.0% 181,250	99.9% 181,050	99.1% 179,675	83.1% 150,550	27.6% 50,000
Grazing non forest	67,925	100.0% 67,925	100.0% 67,900	99.7% 67,750	98.3% 66,775	77.5% 52,625	25.2% 17,125
Grazing Woodland forest	98,700	100.0% 98,700	100.0% 98,700	99.9% 98,650	99.6% 98,325	86.1% 85,025	28.5% 28,100
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.5% 14,575	88.1% 12,900	32.6% 4,775
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	98.3% 4,350	87.0% 3,850	35.6% 1,575	13.6% 600
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	99.8% 16,275	85.3% 13,900	32.5% 5,300

