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:

Date: May 2025

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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Vegetation Cover May 2025

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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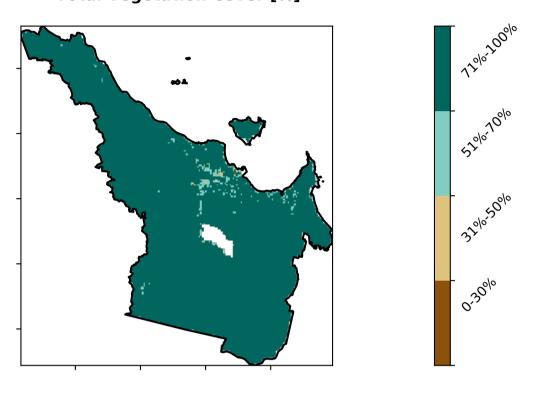
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Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

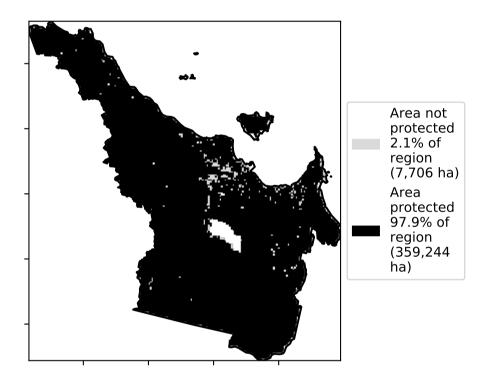
Catchment Scale Land

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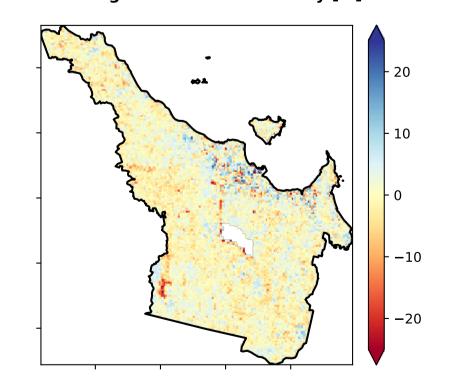
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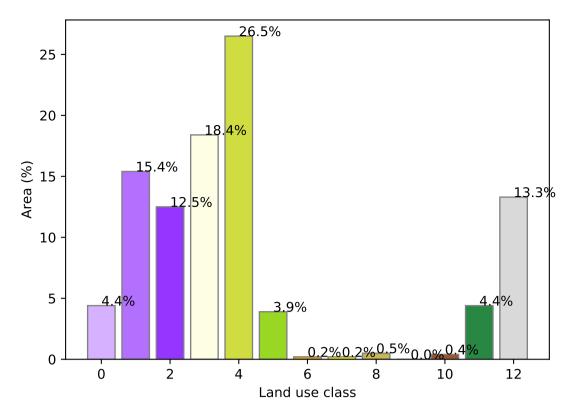


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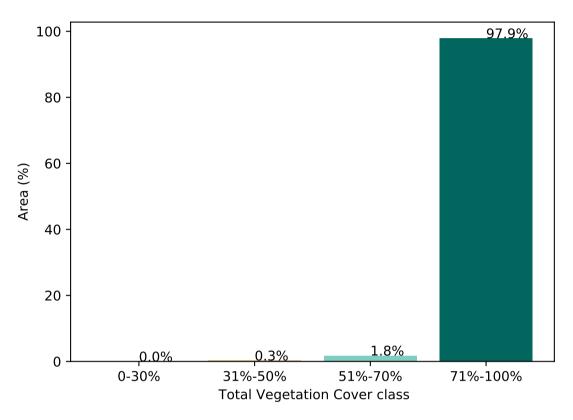


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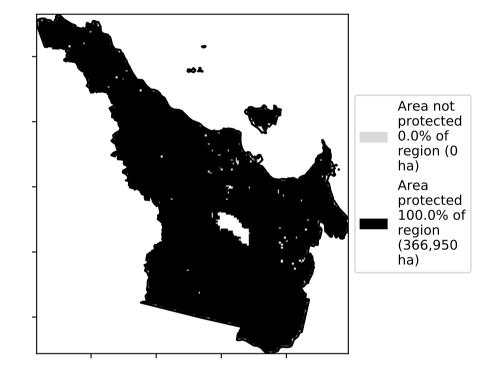
Proportion of each land class in area

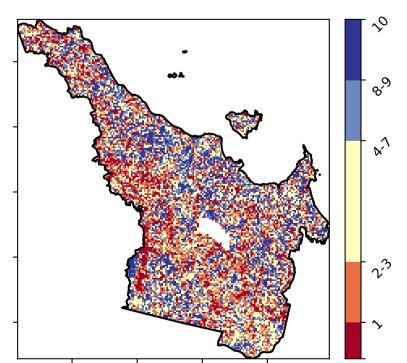


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



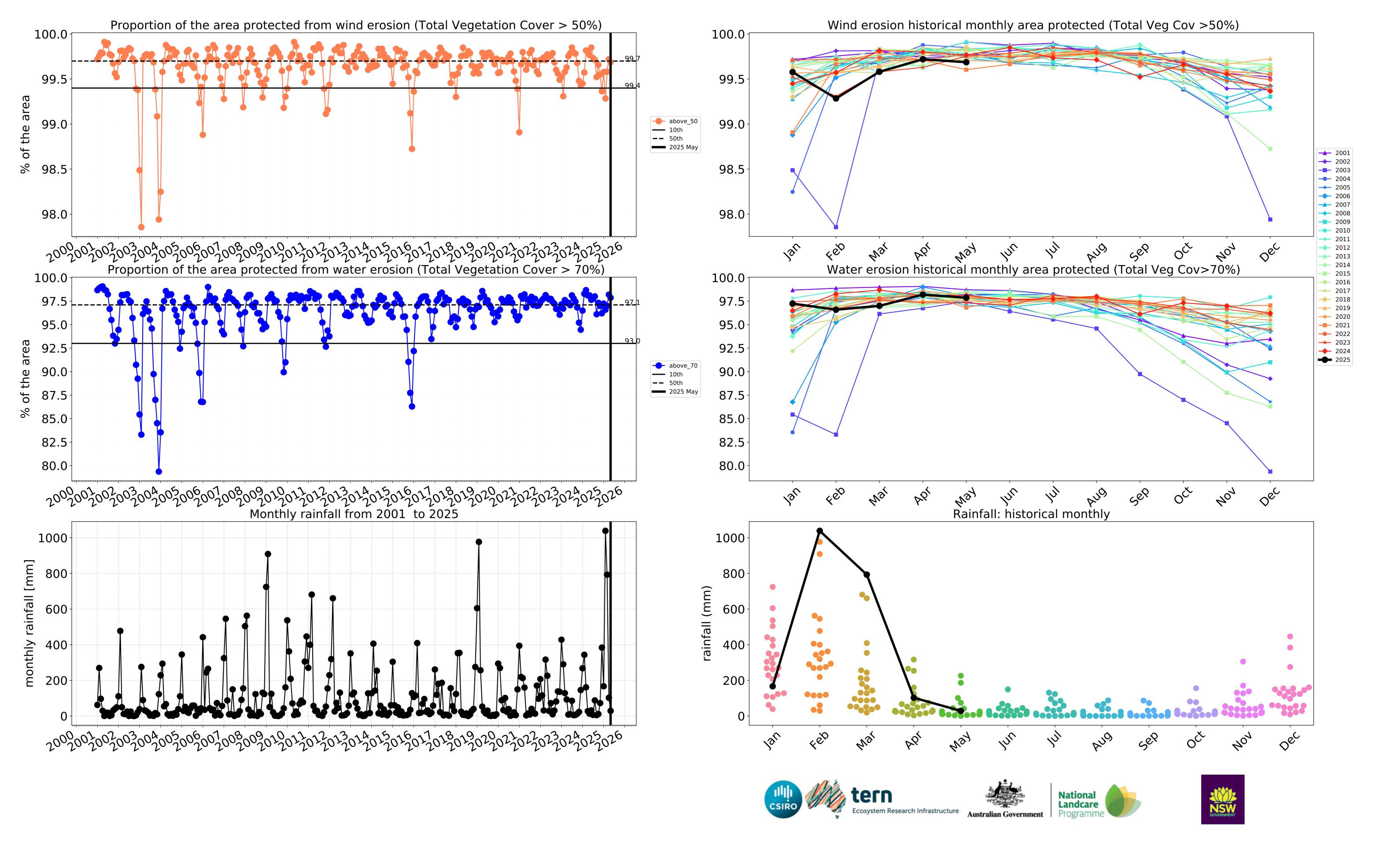


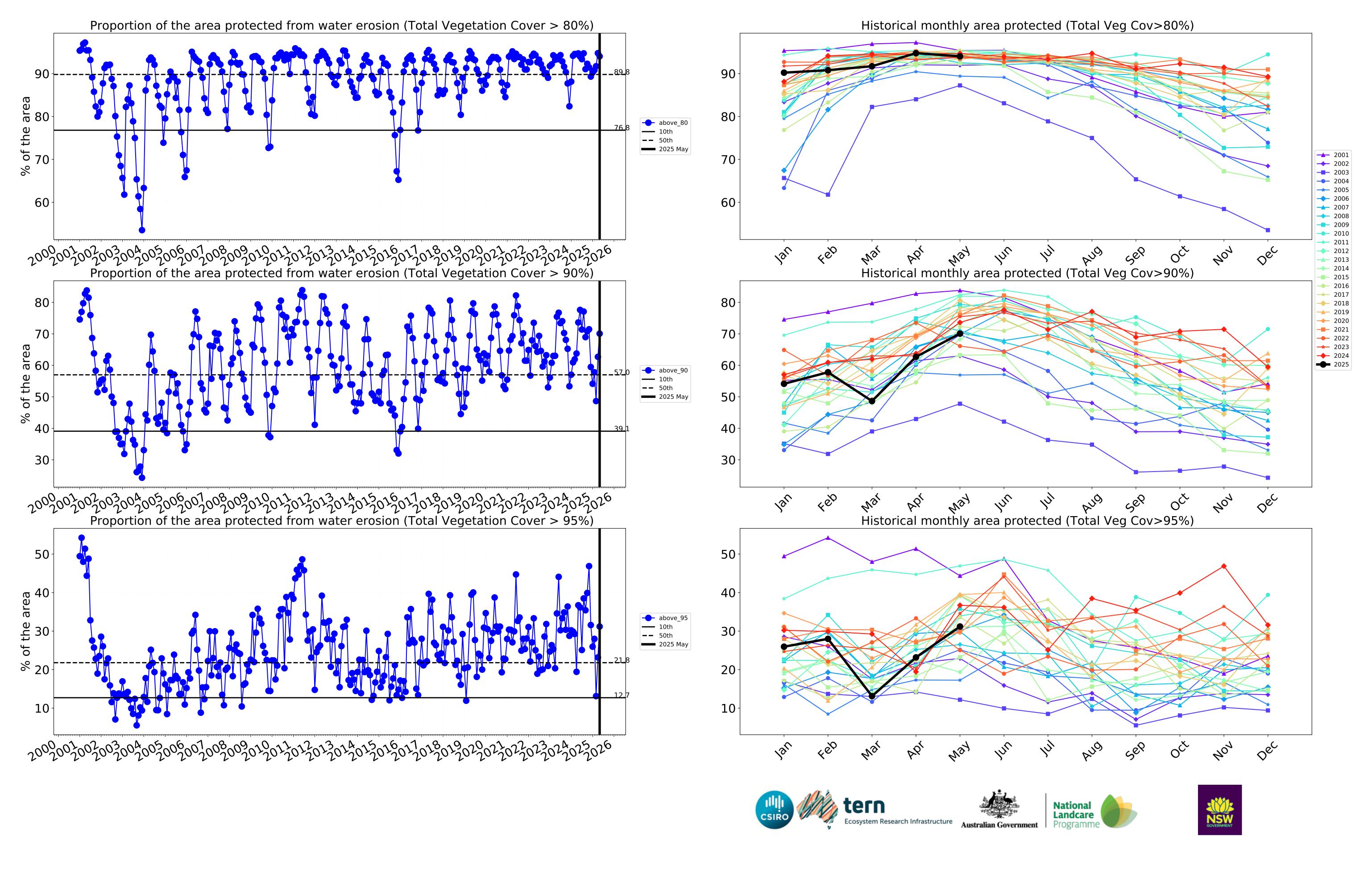












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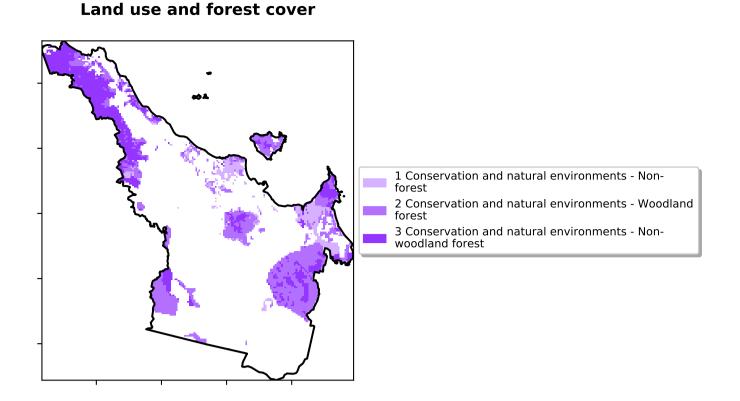
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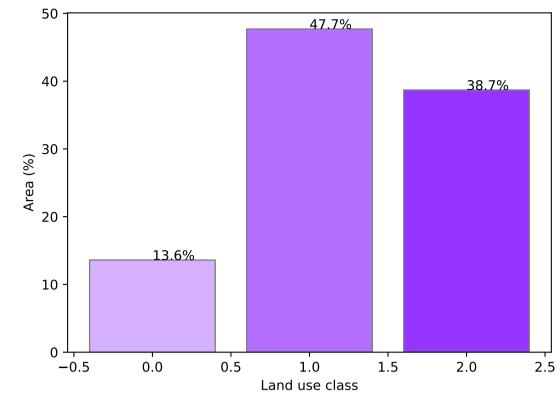
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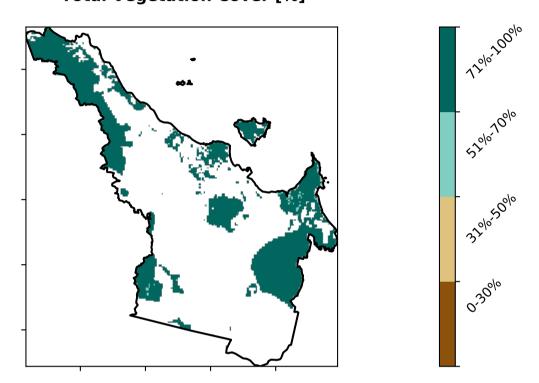
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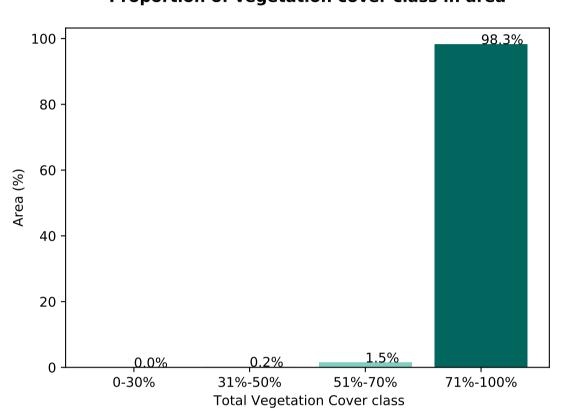
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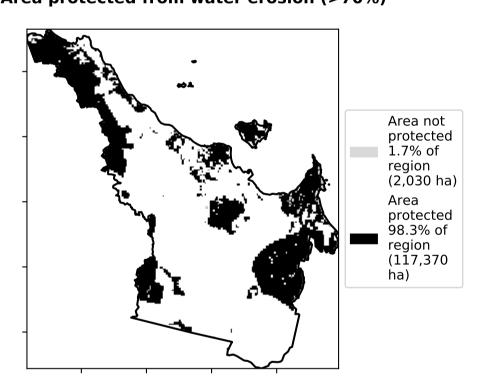
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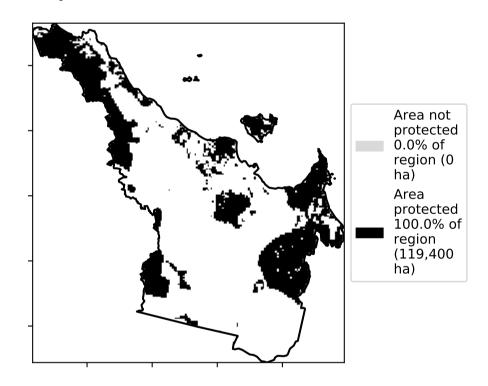
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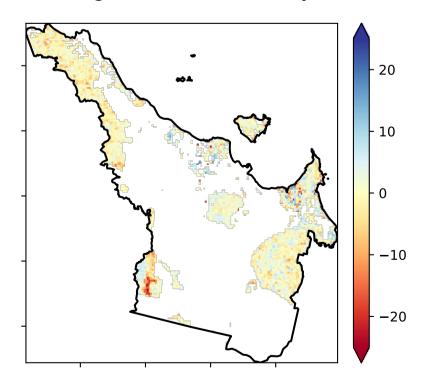
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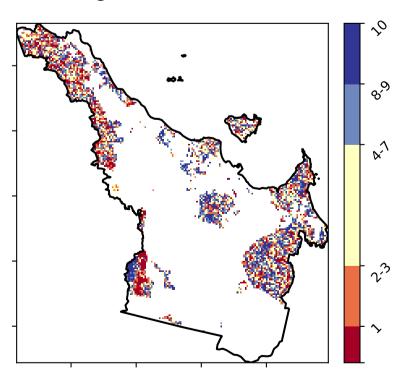


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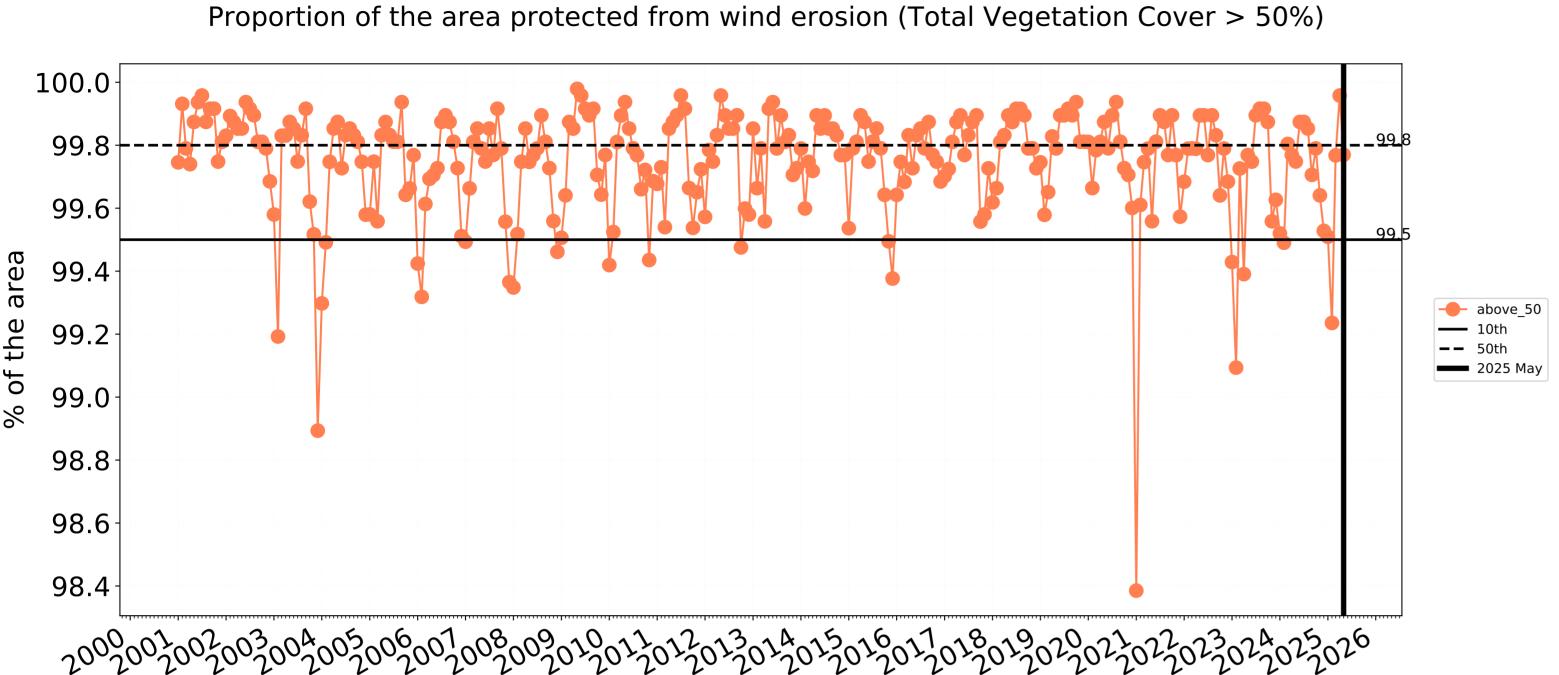
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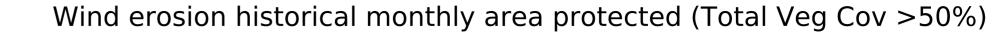


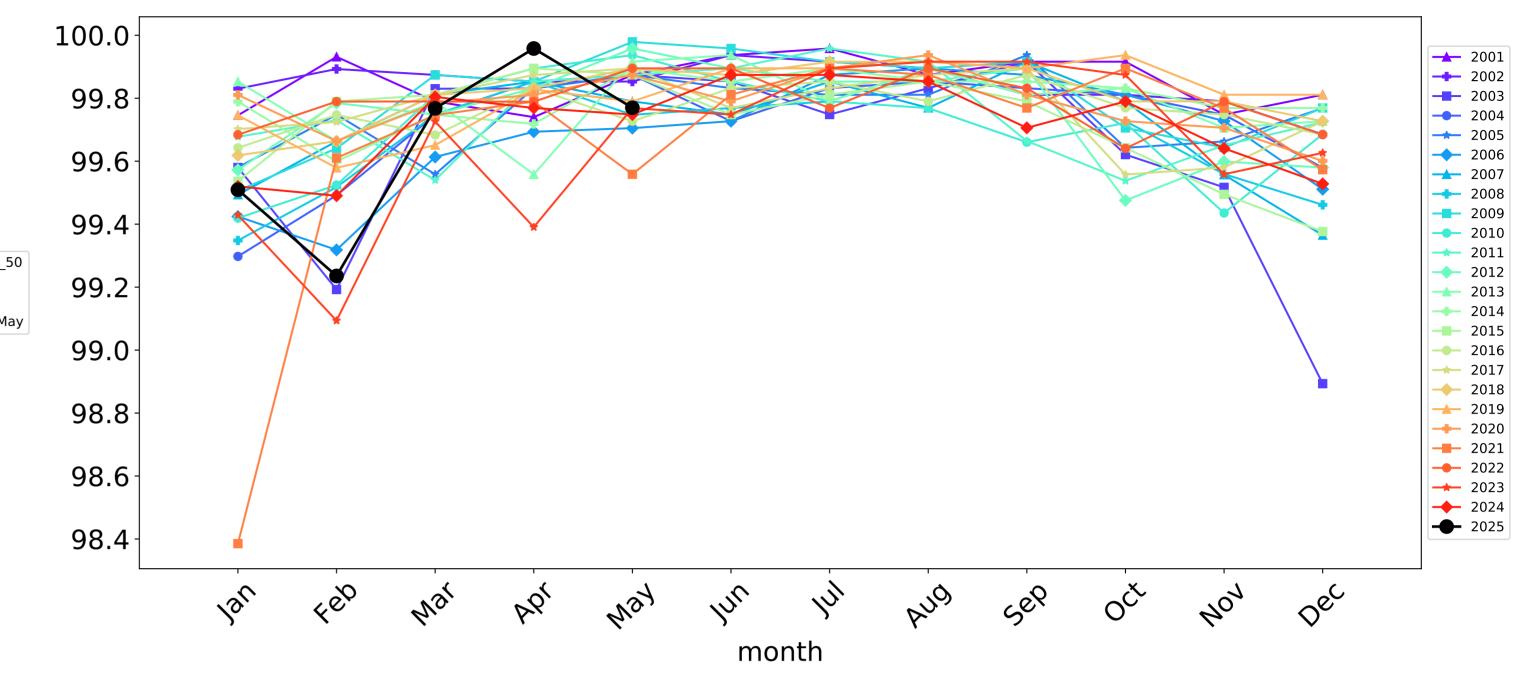


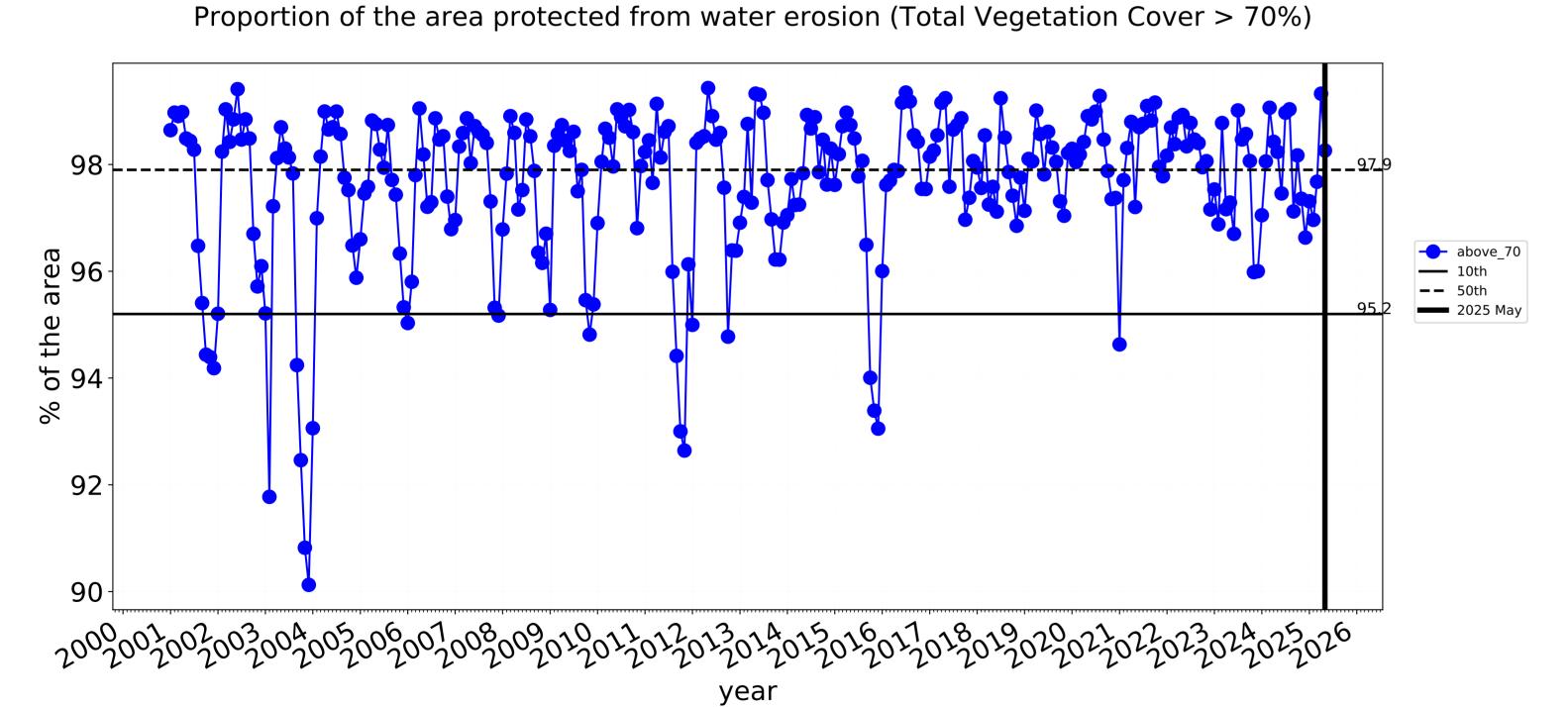


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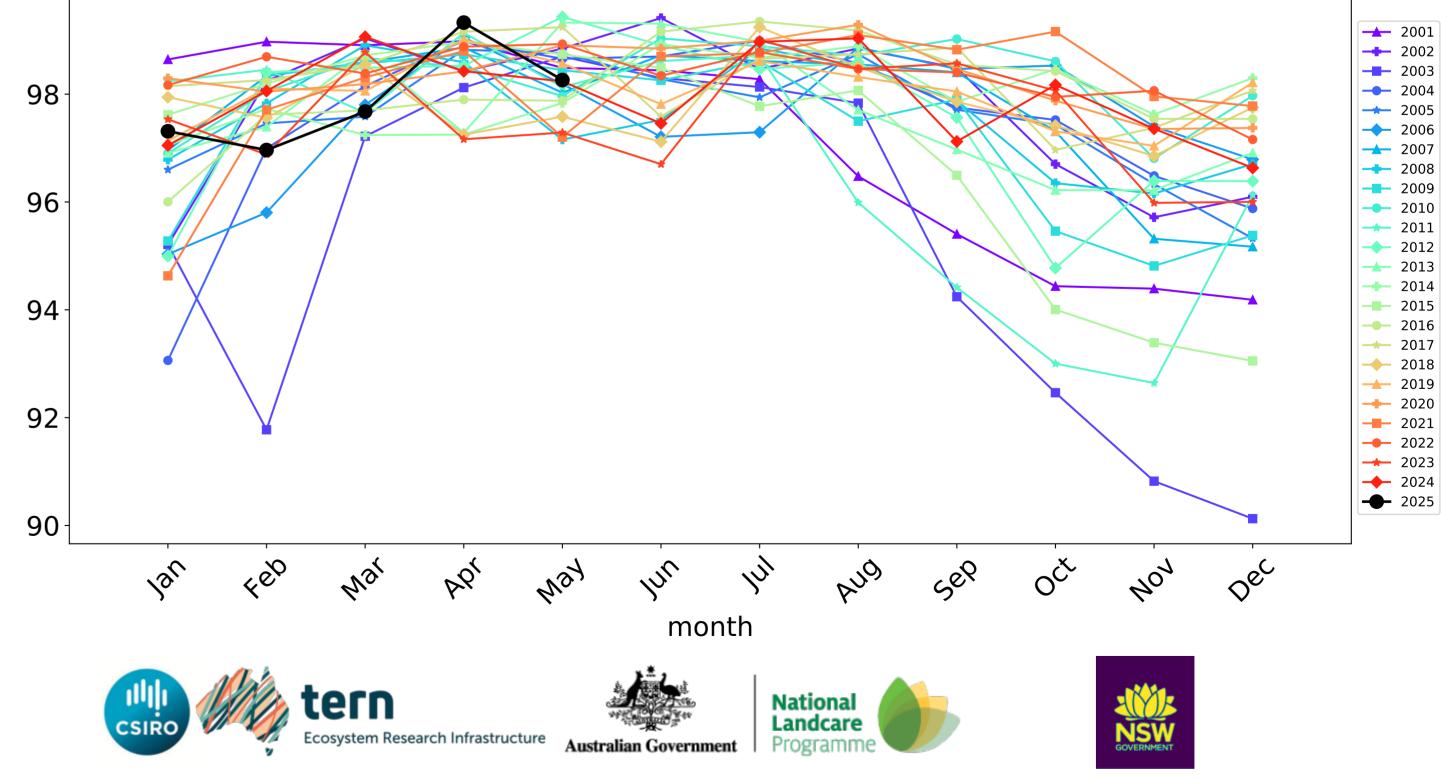


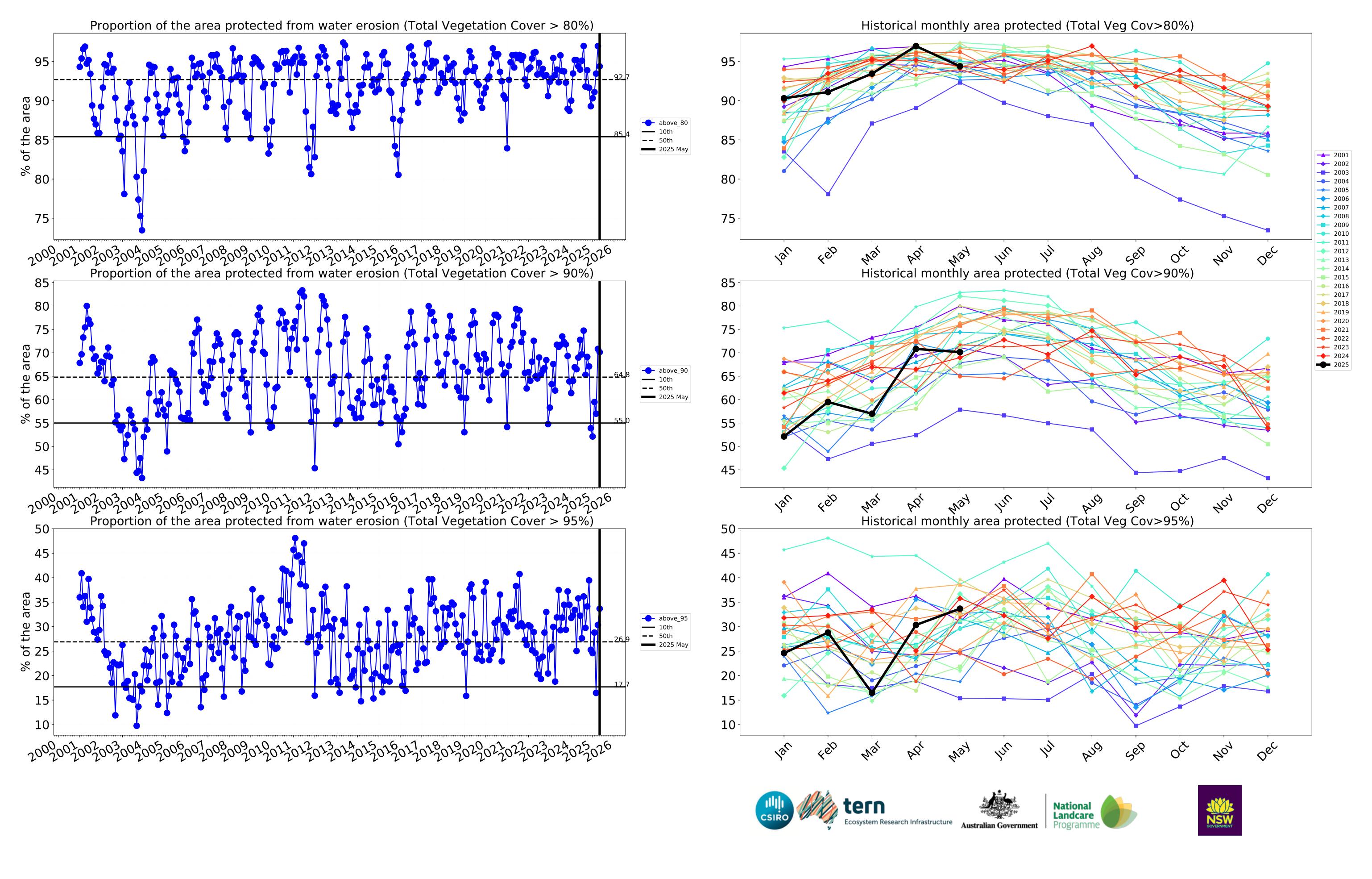












Conservation and natural environments non forest

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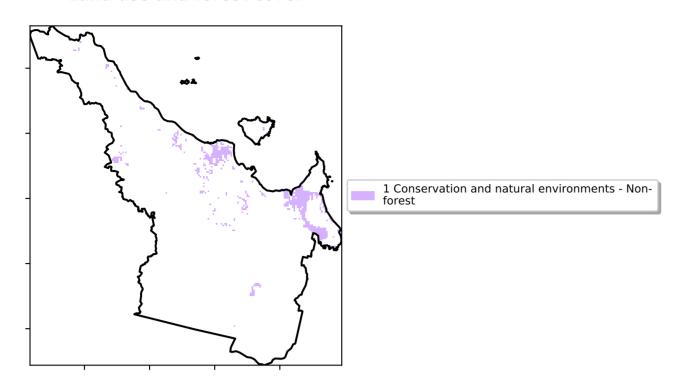
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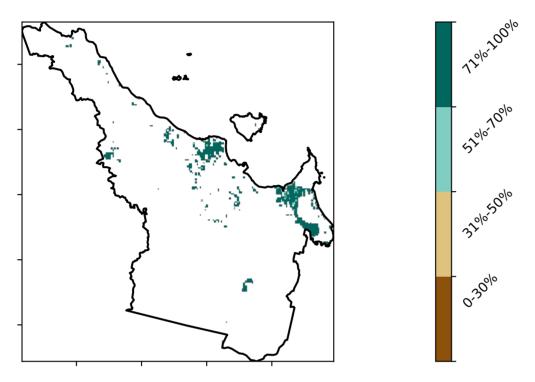
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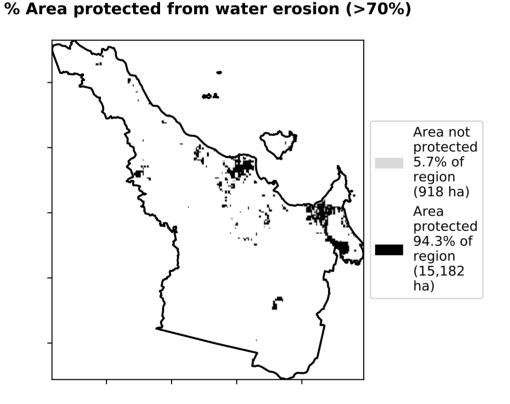
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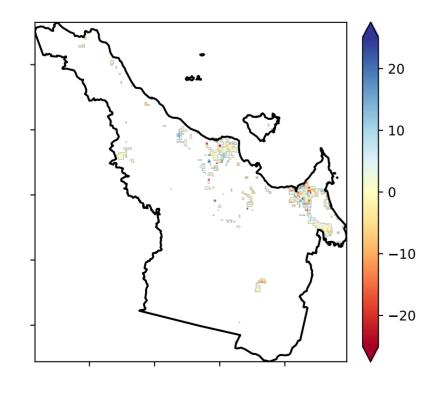


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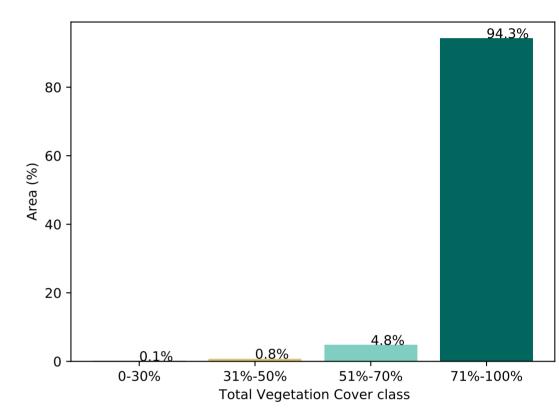


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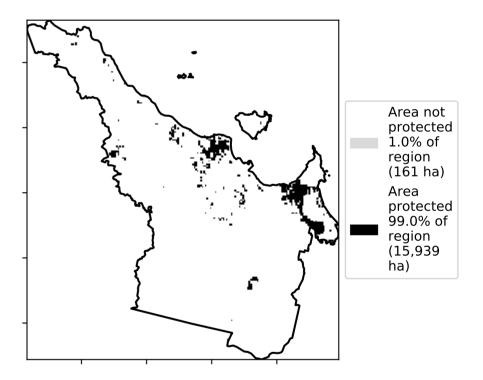


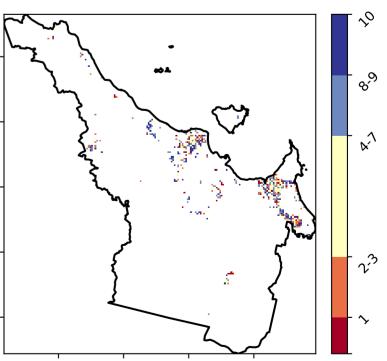
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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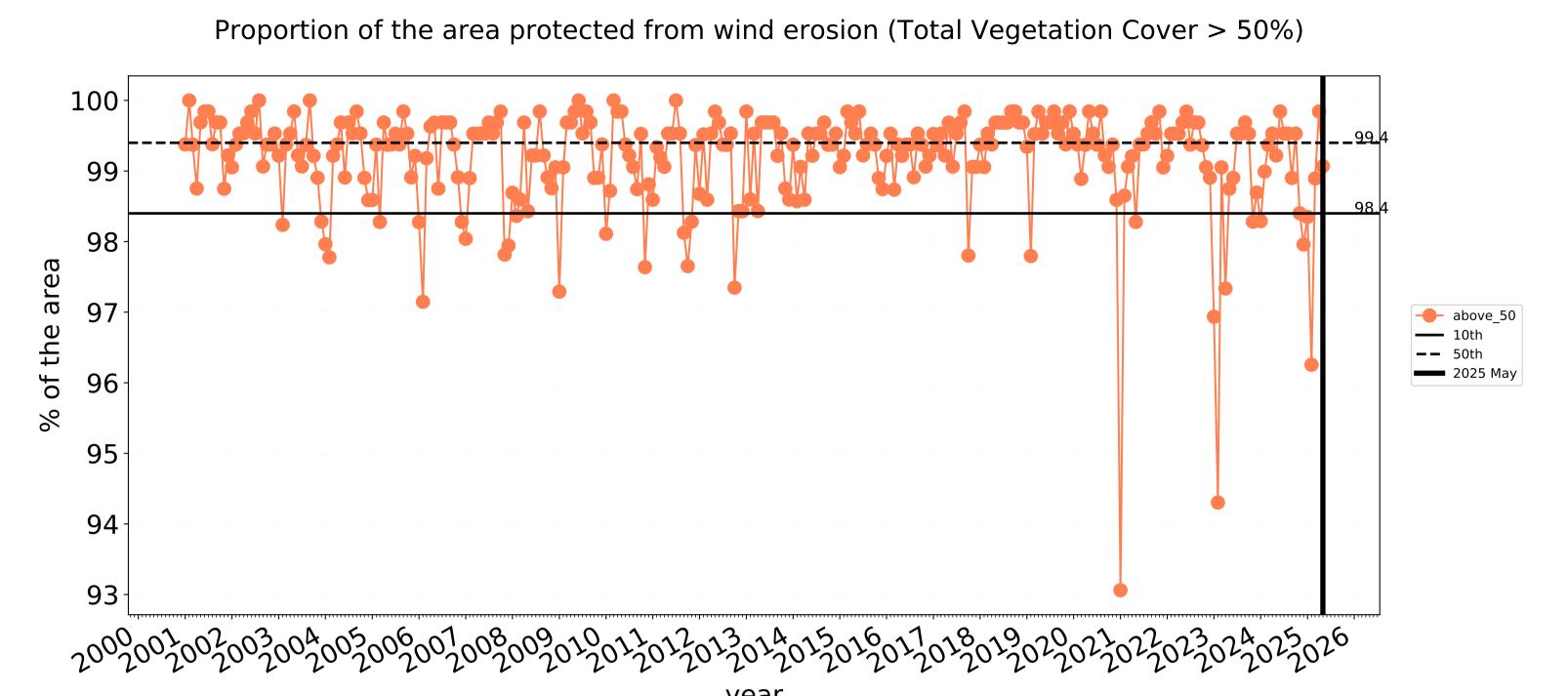


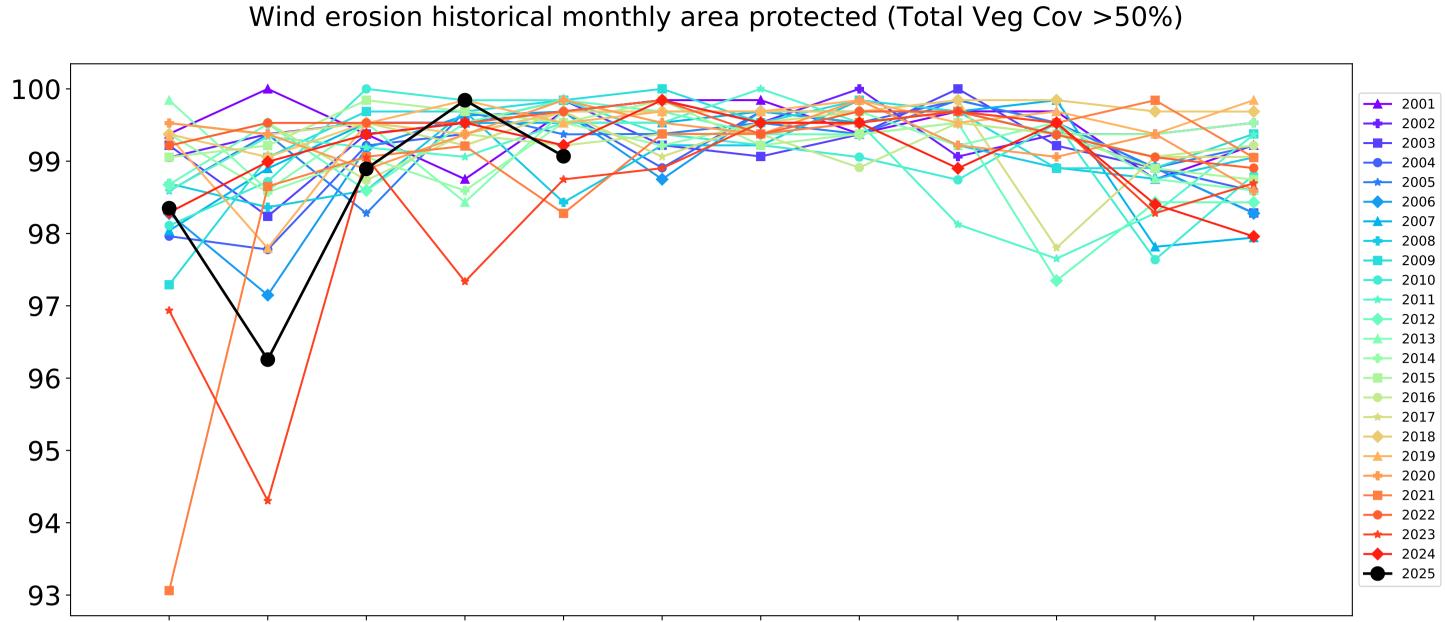






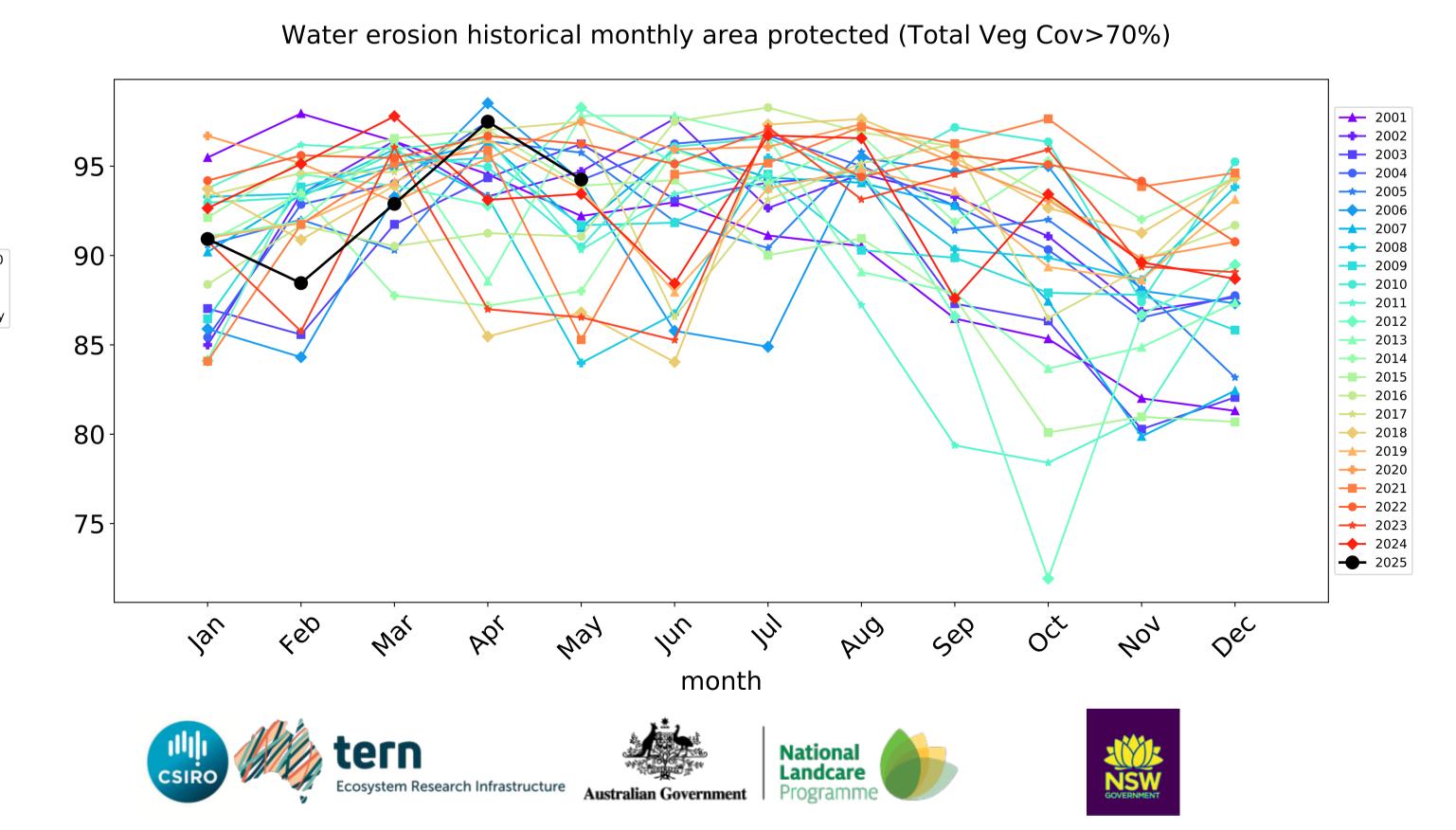
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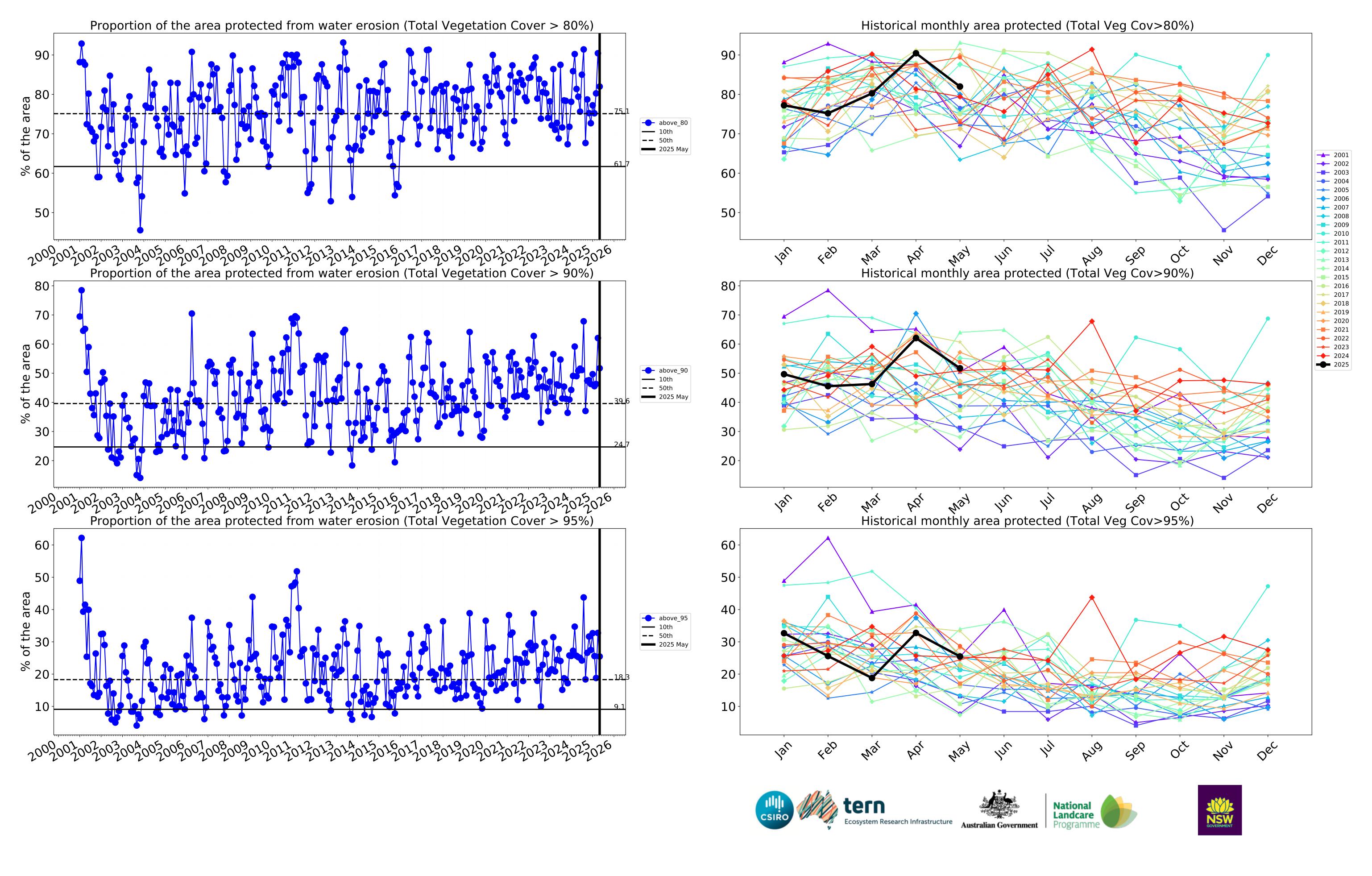




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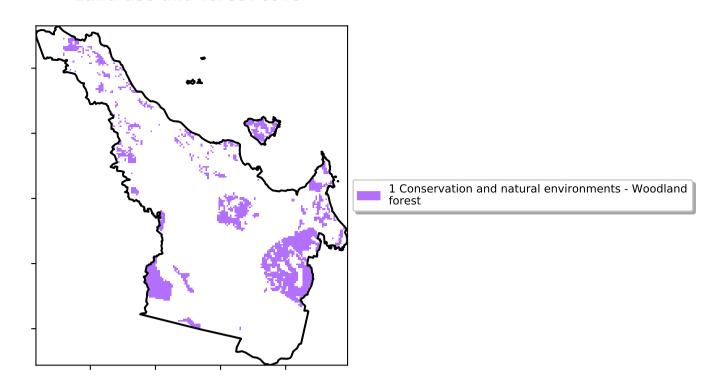




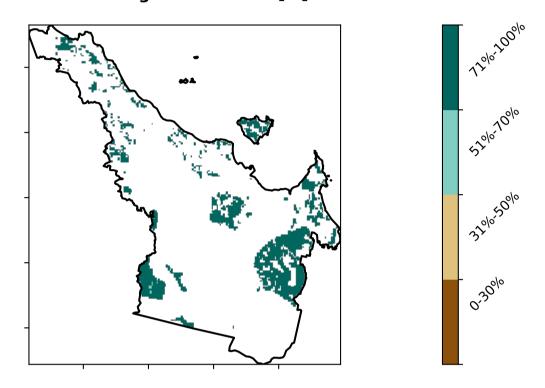
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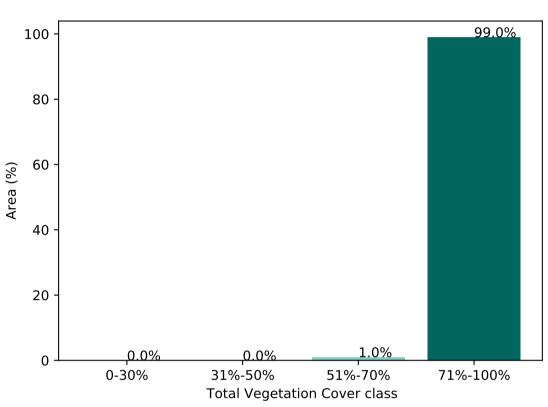
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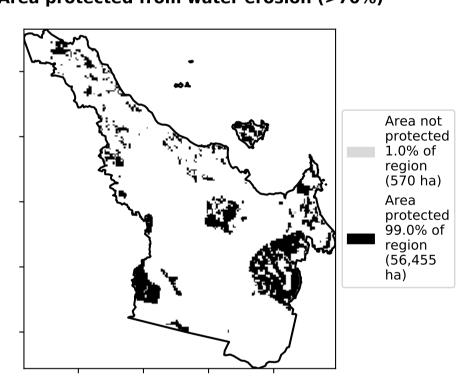
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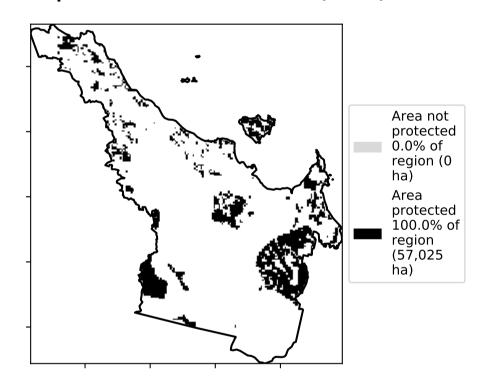
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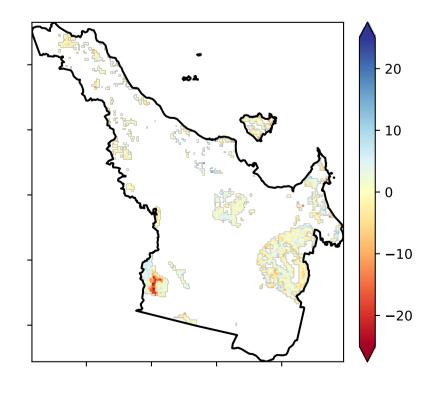
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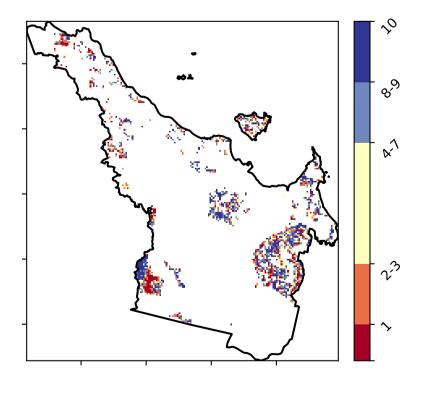


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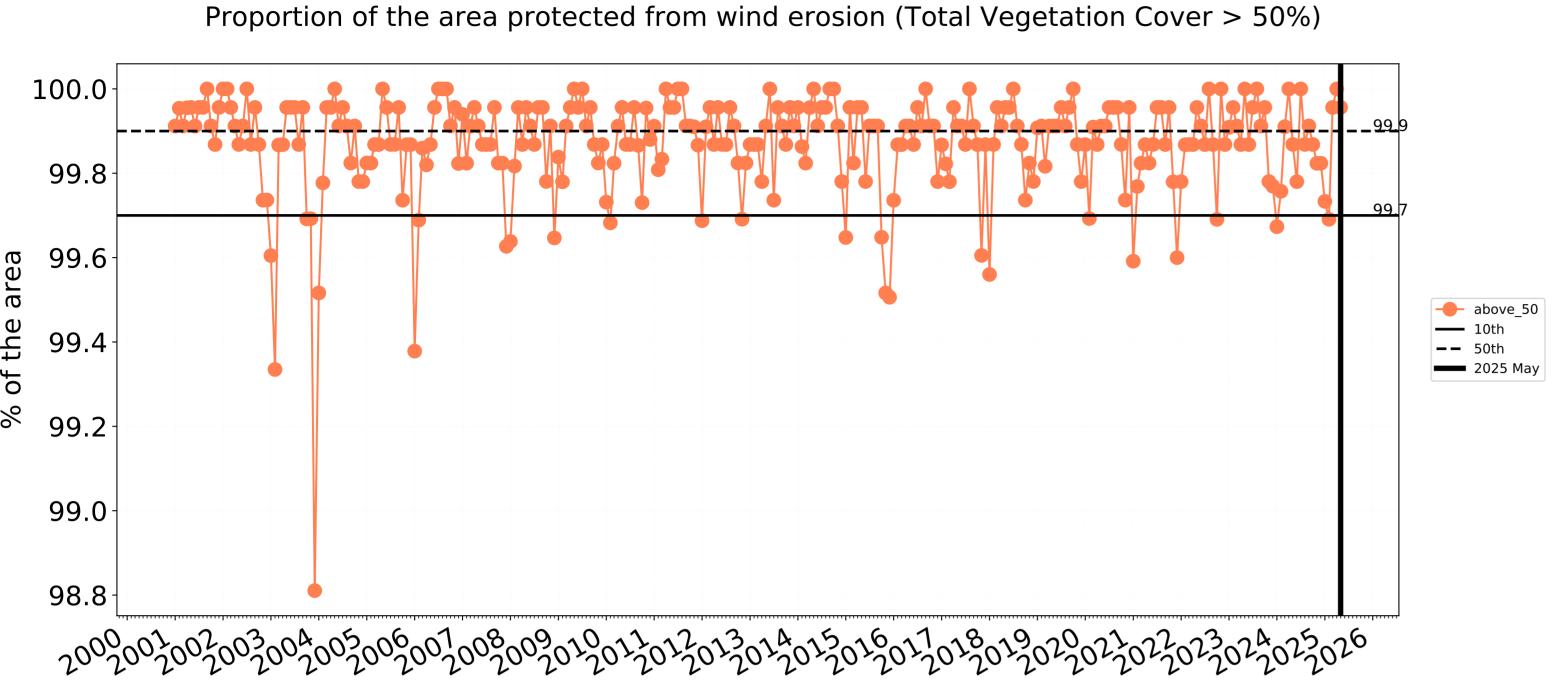


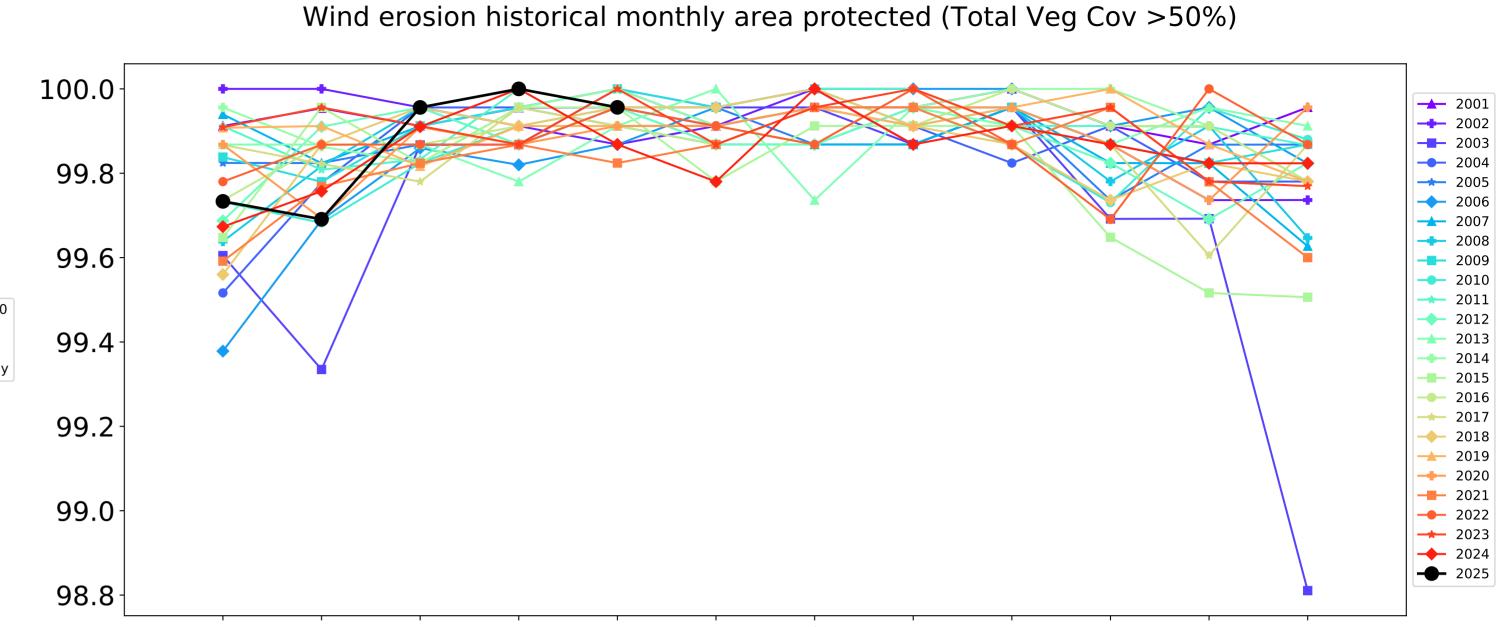




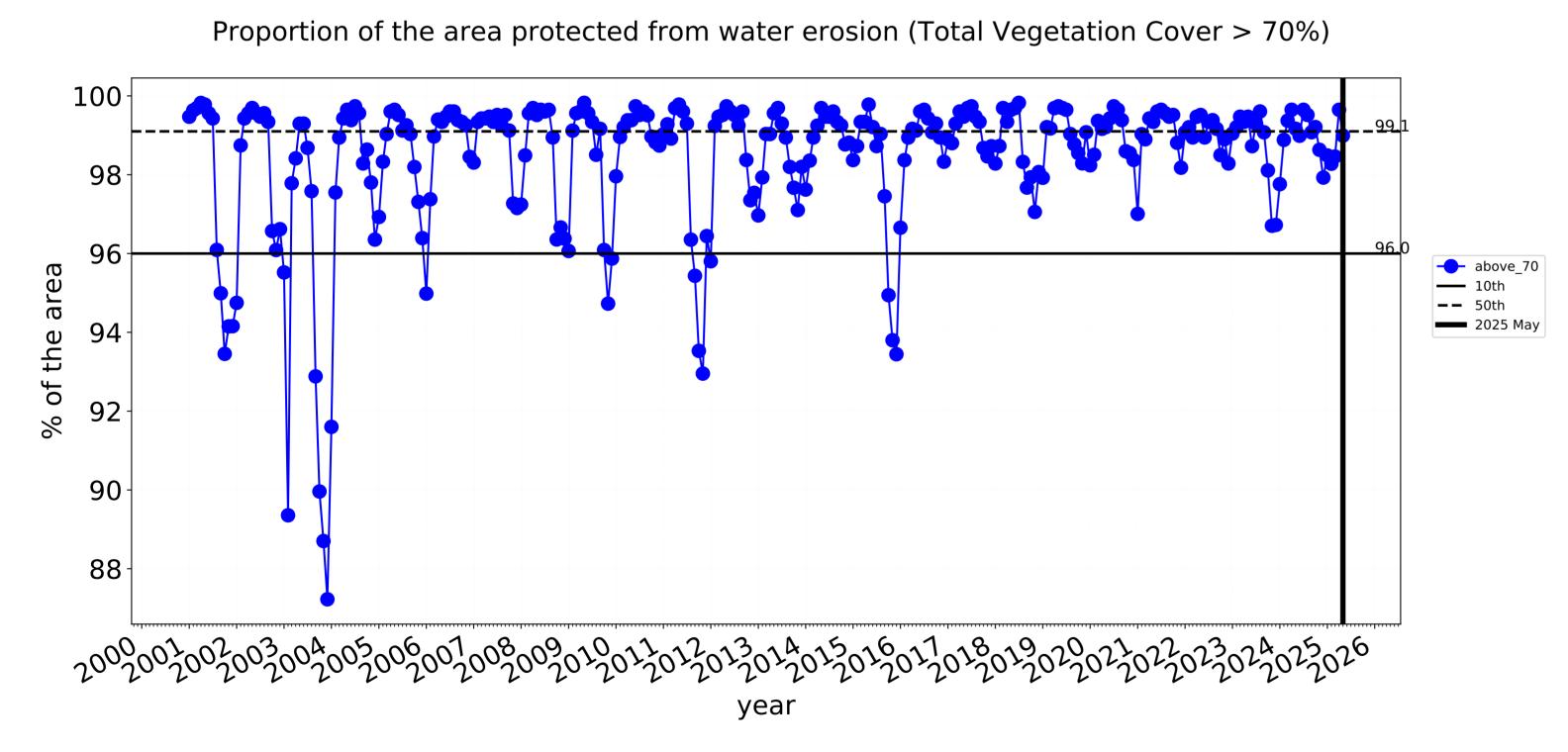


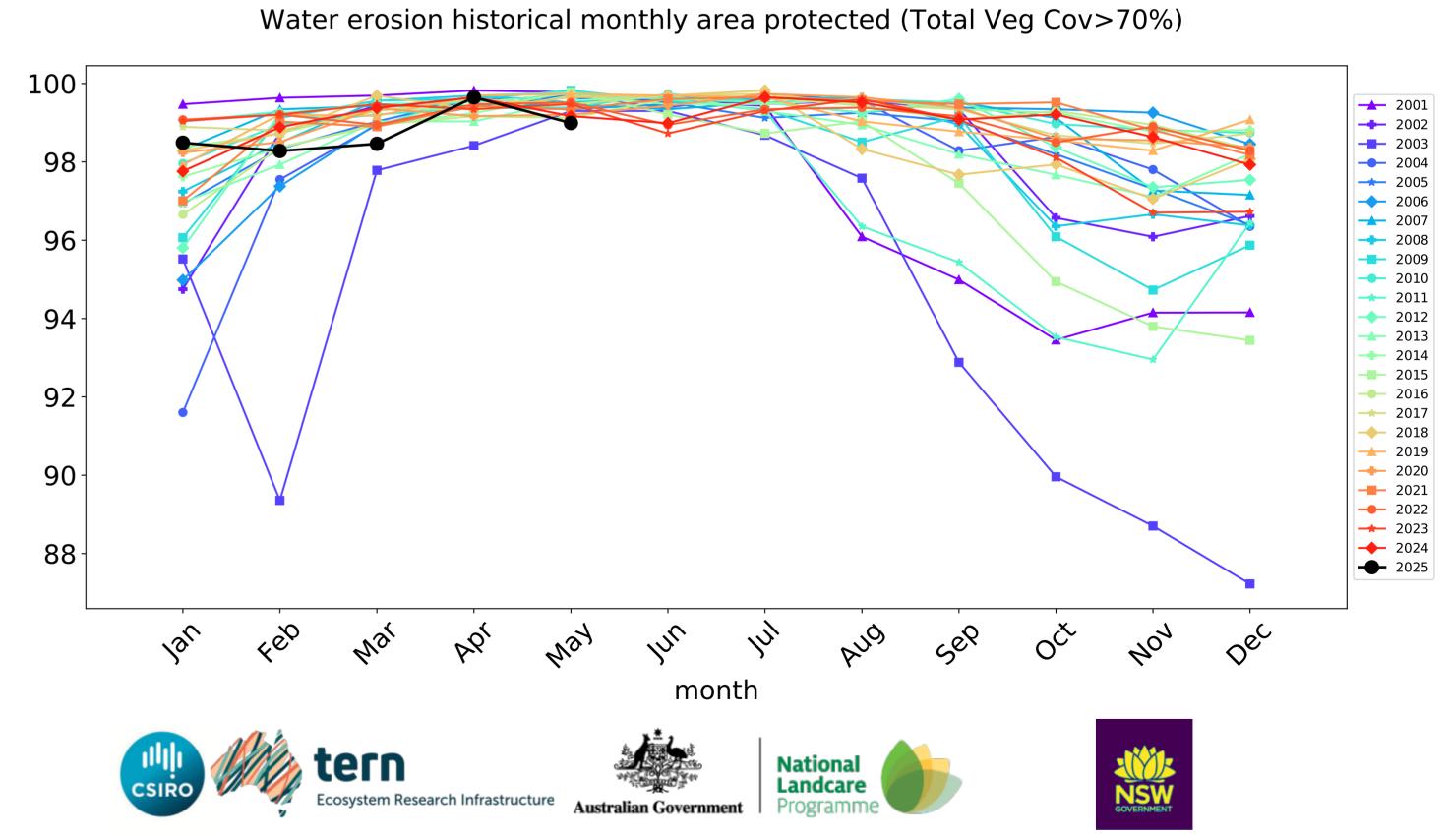
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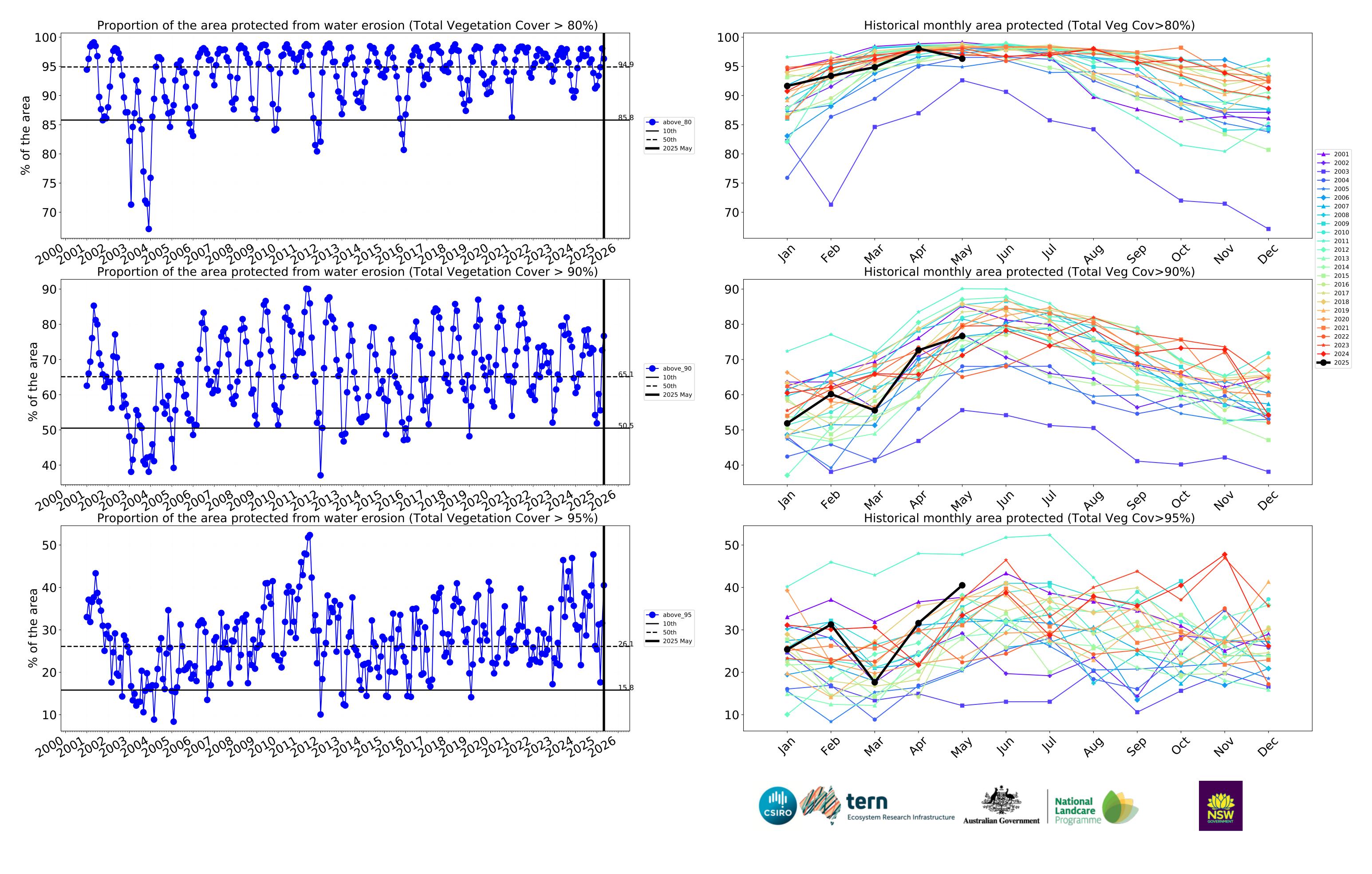




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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

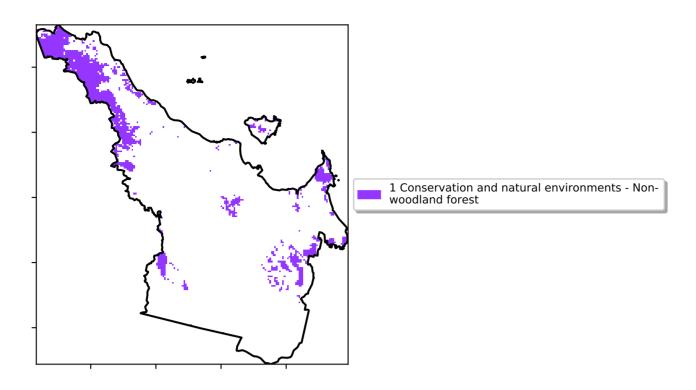
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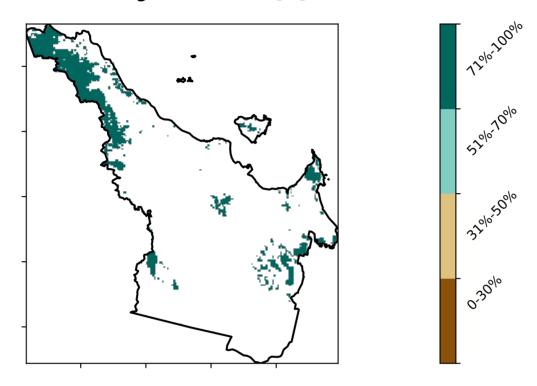
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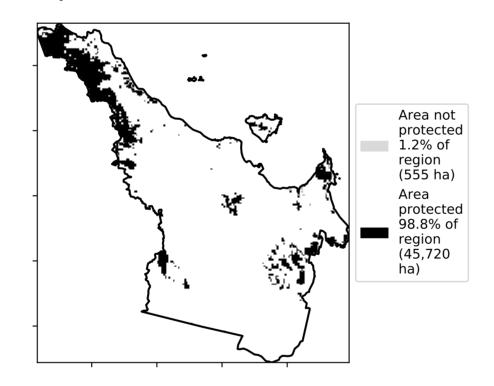
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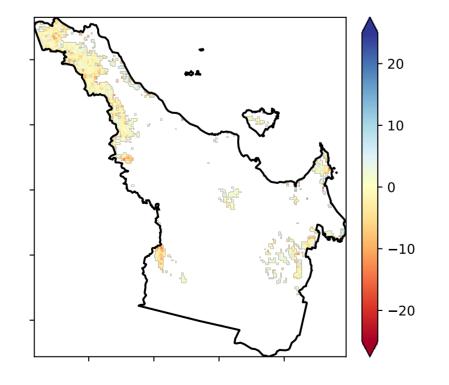
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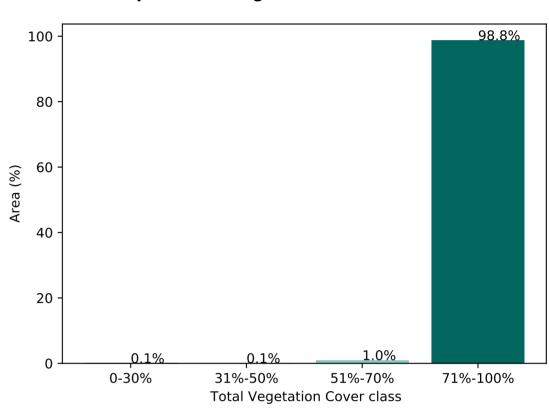


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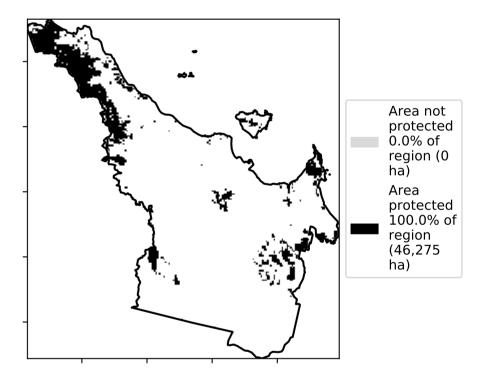


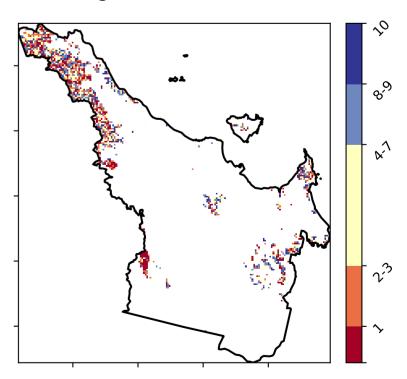
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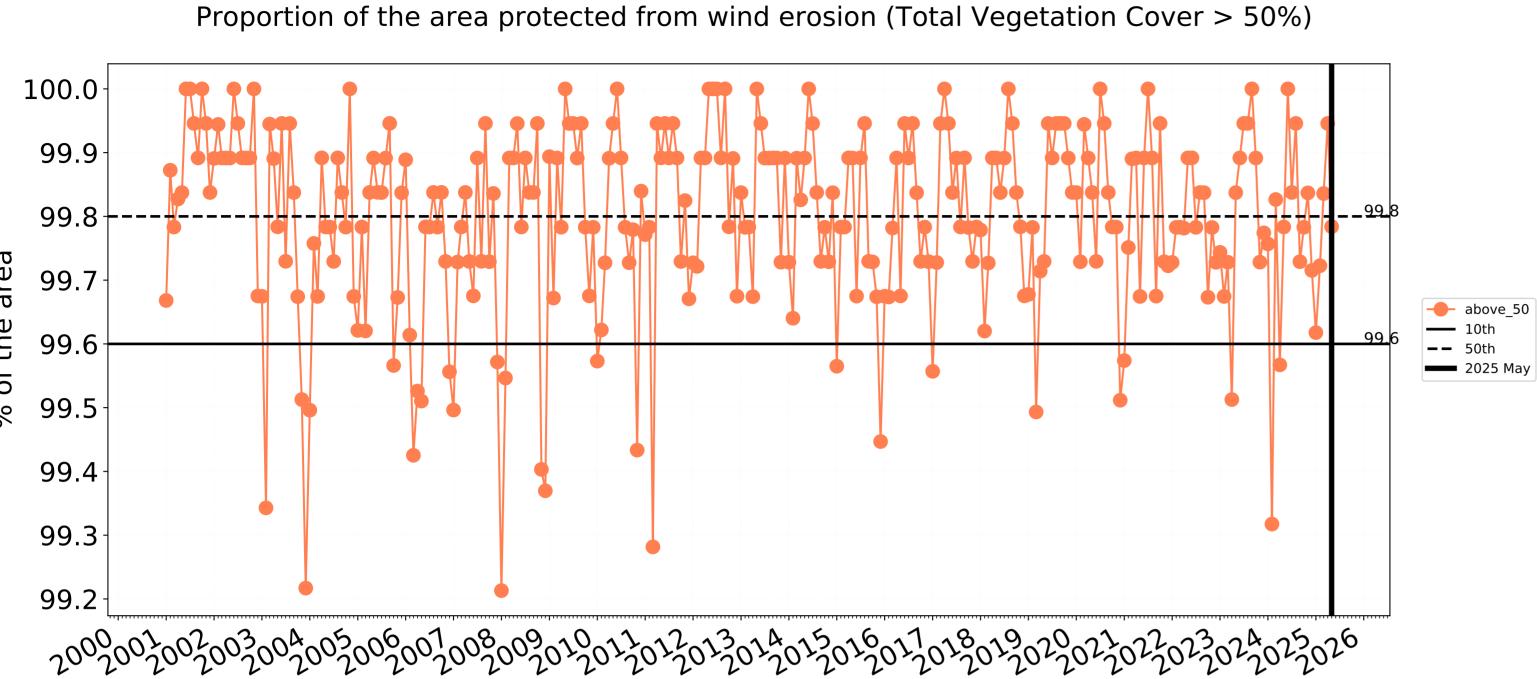




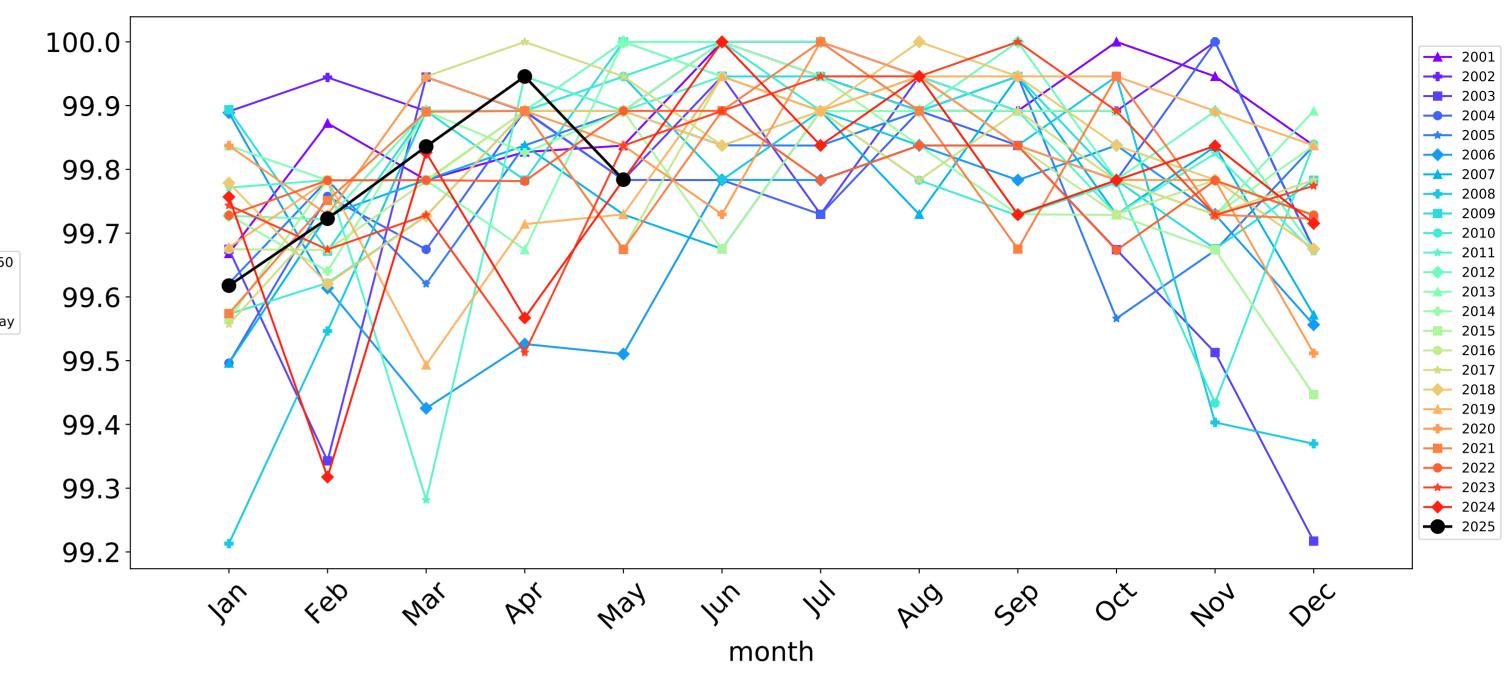


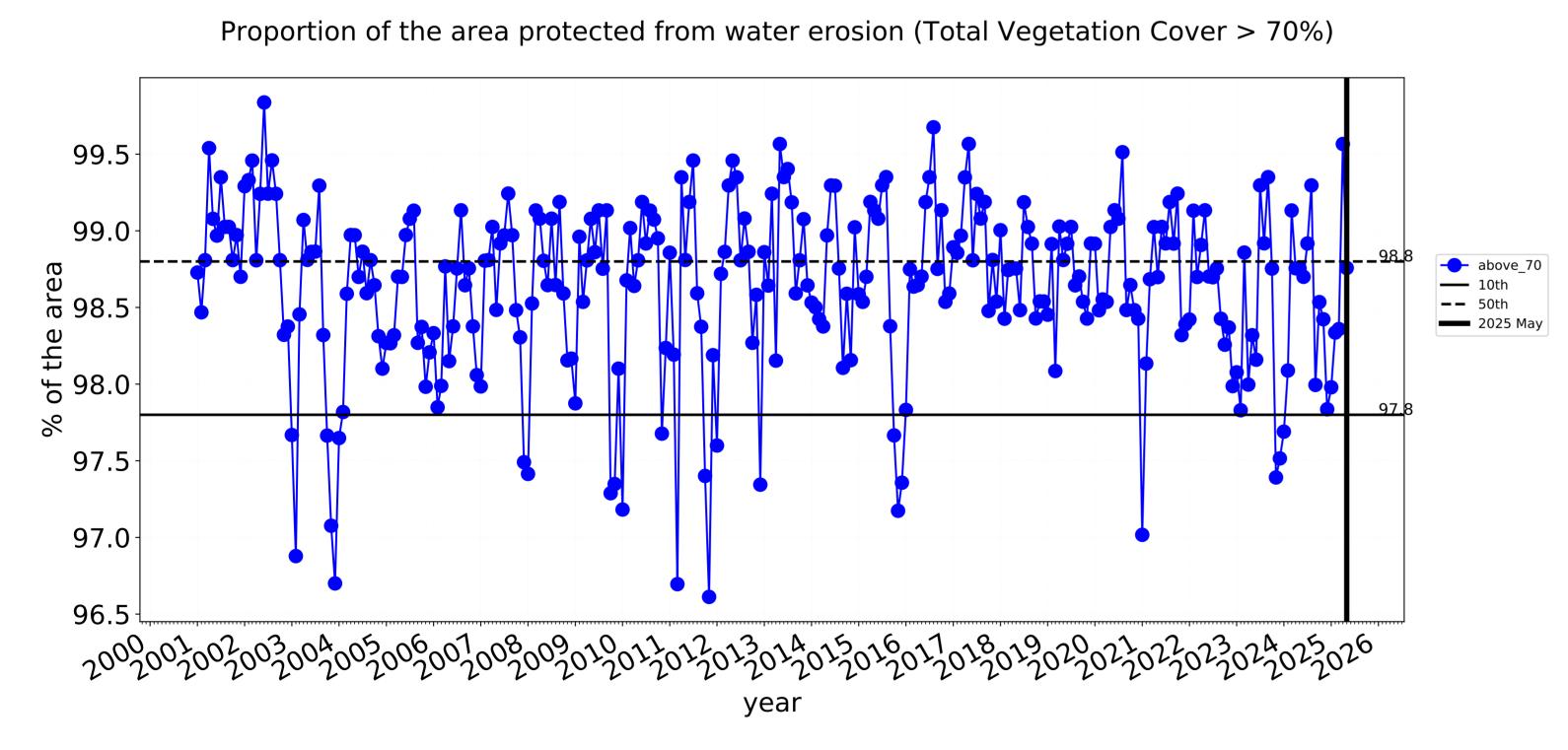




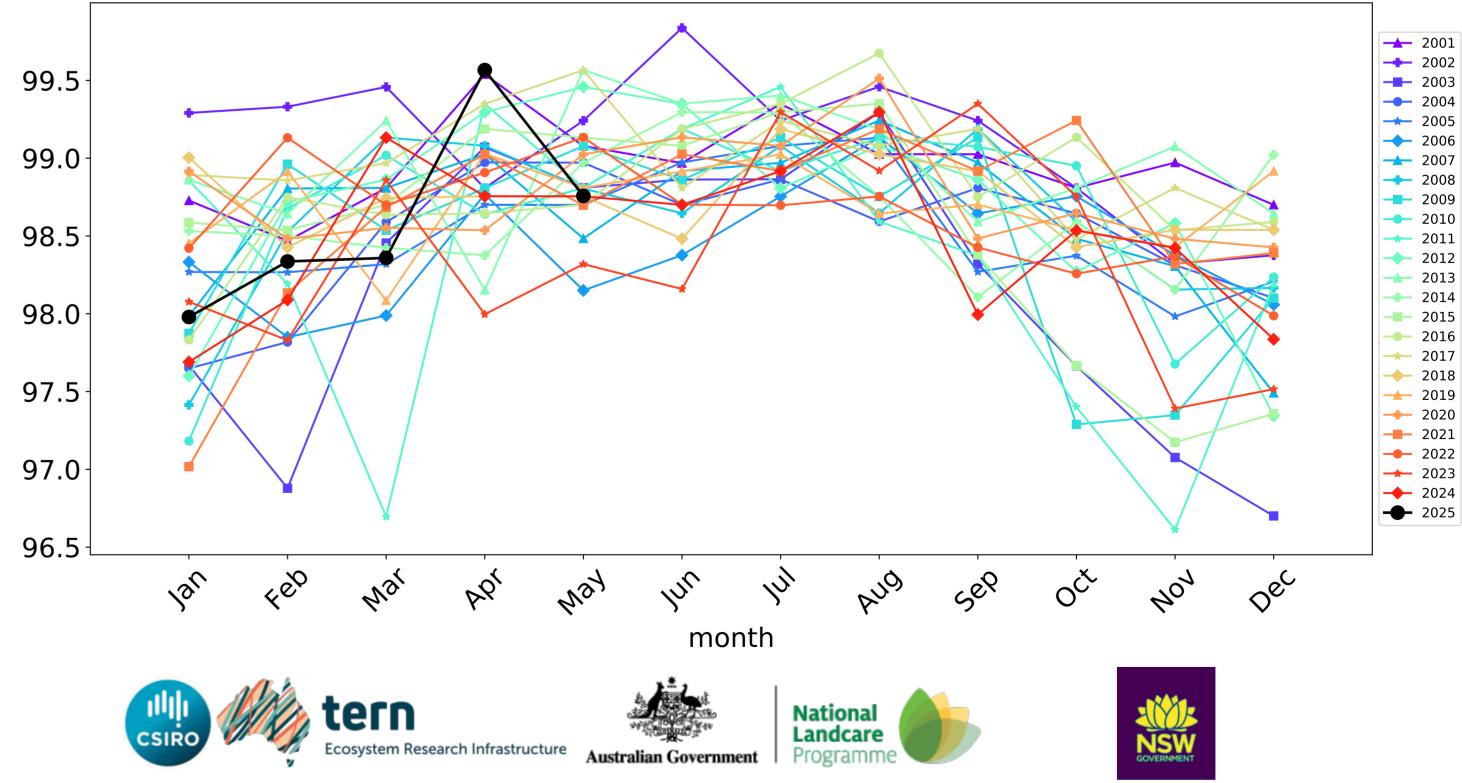


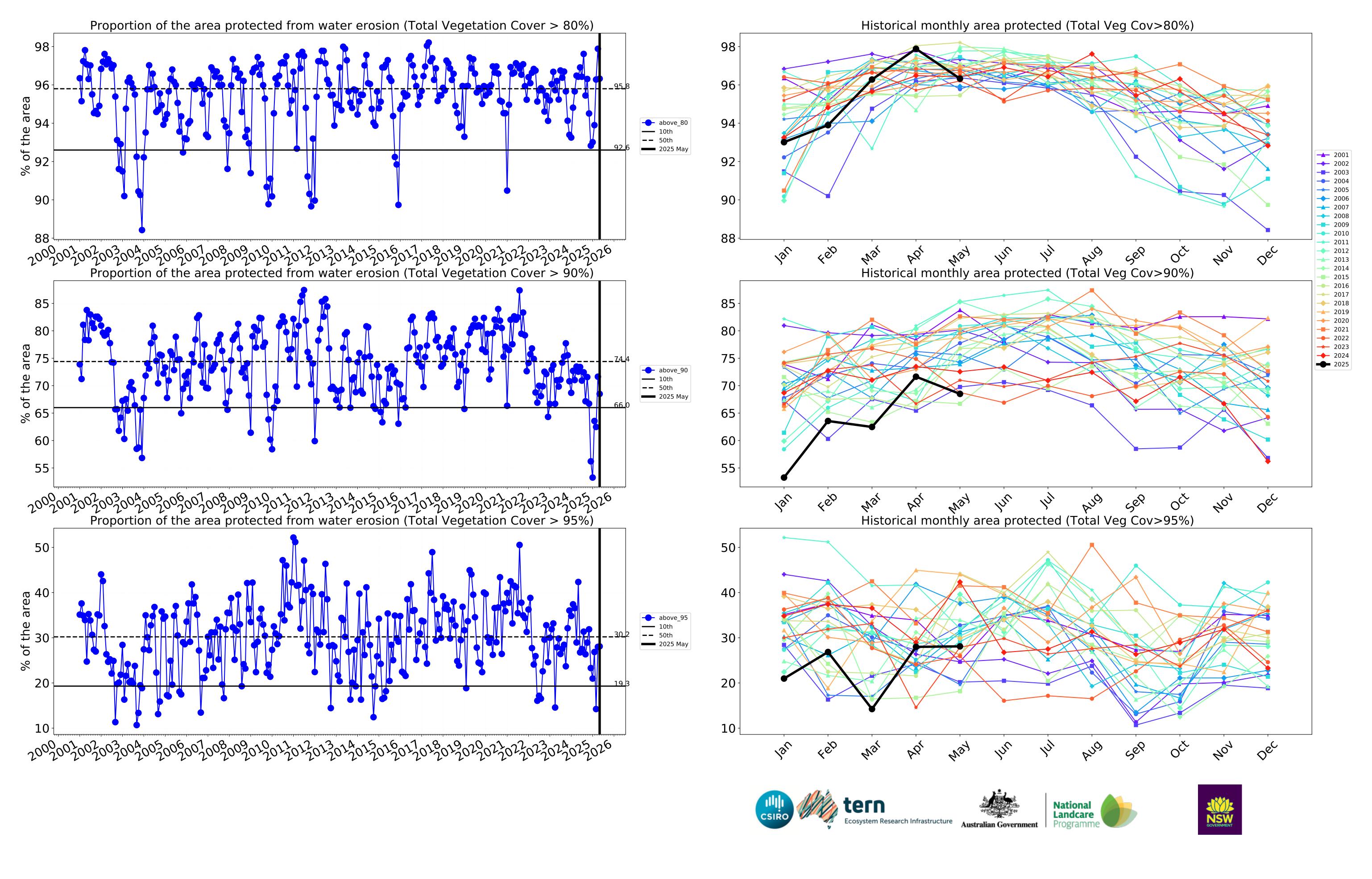
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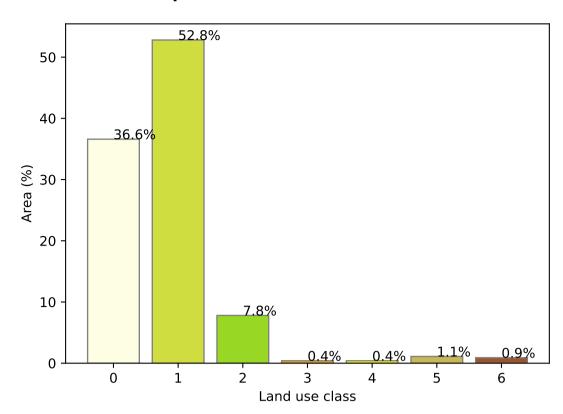


Agriculture

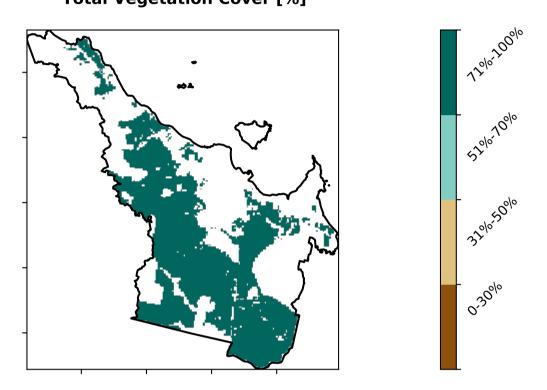
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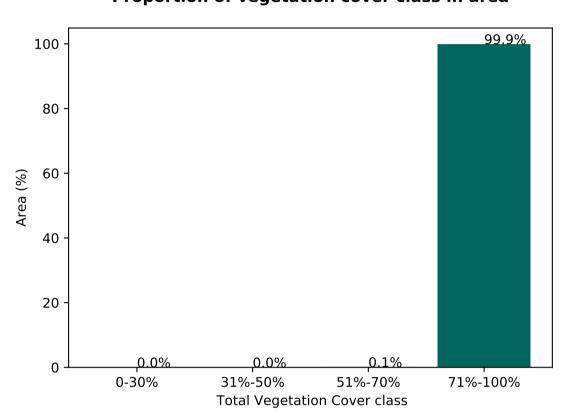
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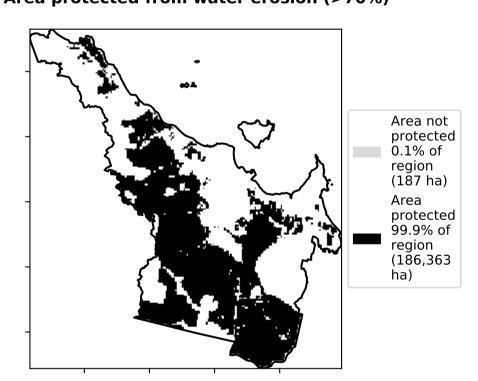
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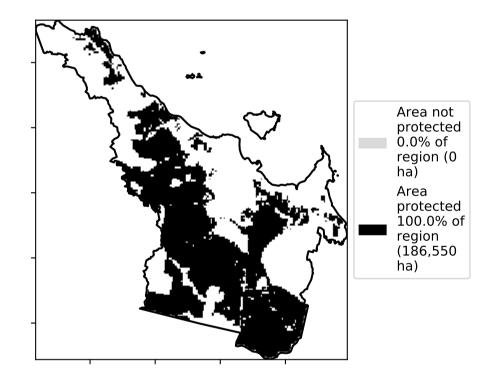
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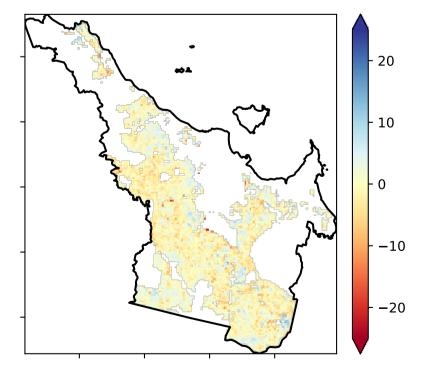
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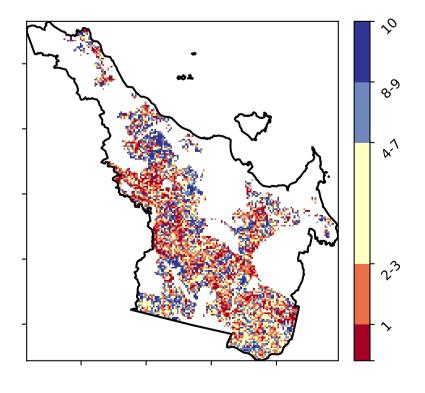


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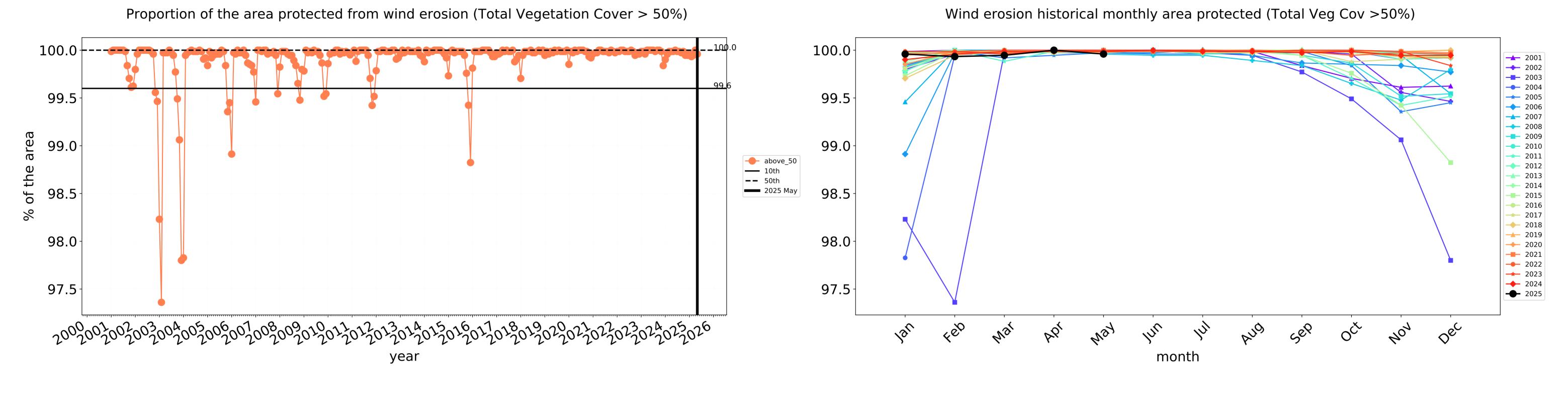


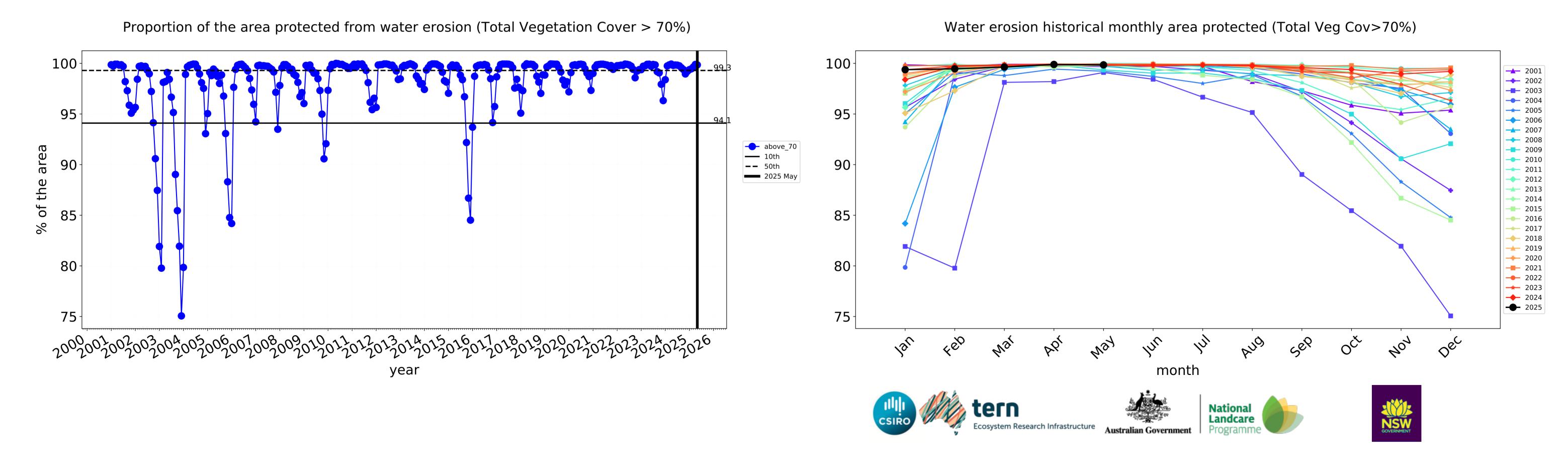


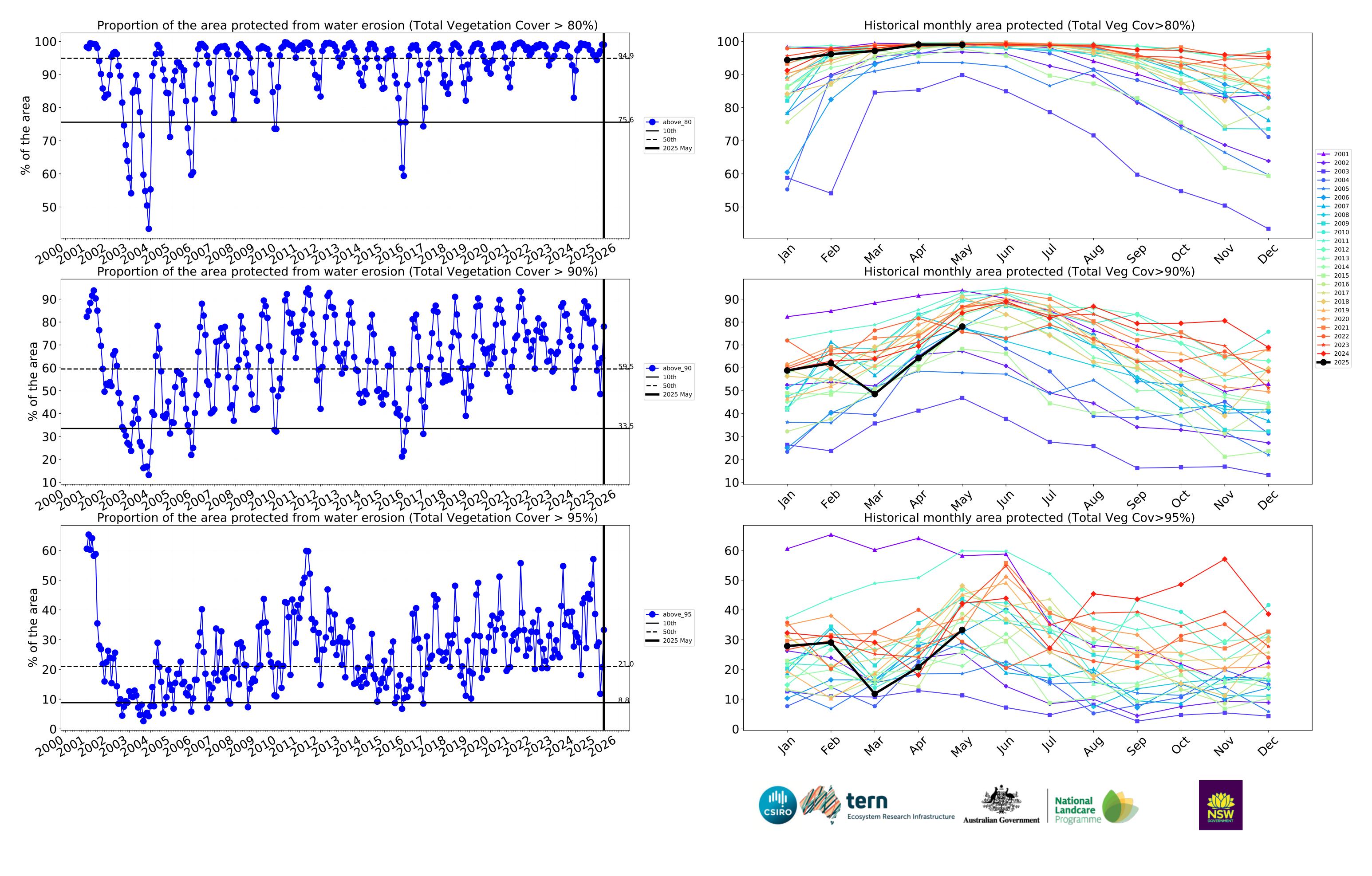




Agriculture timeseries







Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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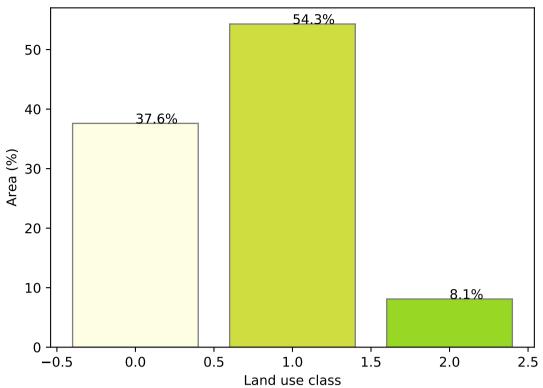
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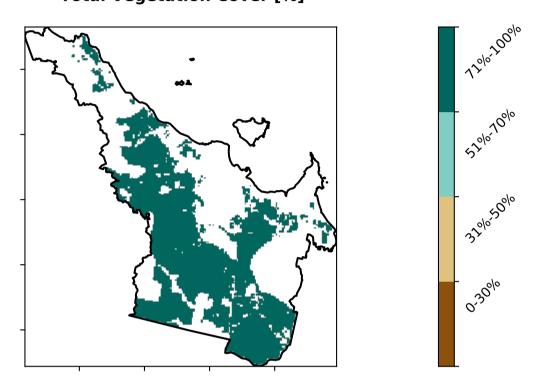
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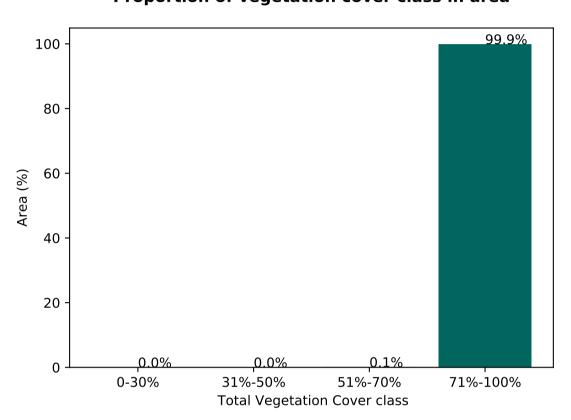
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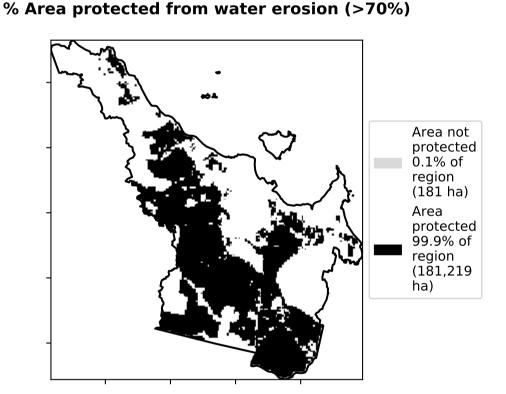
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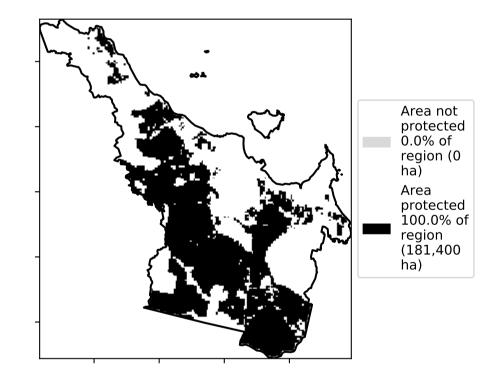
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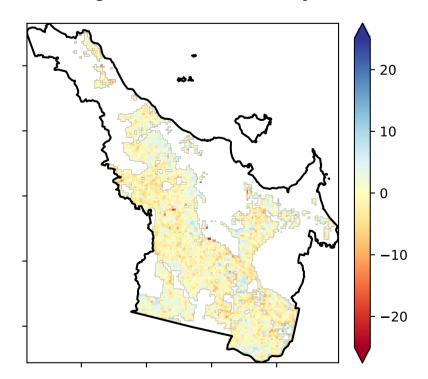
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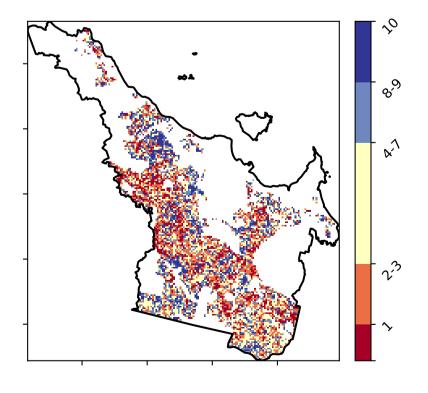
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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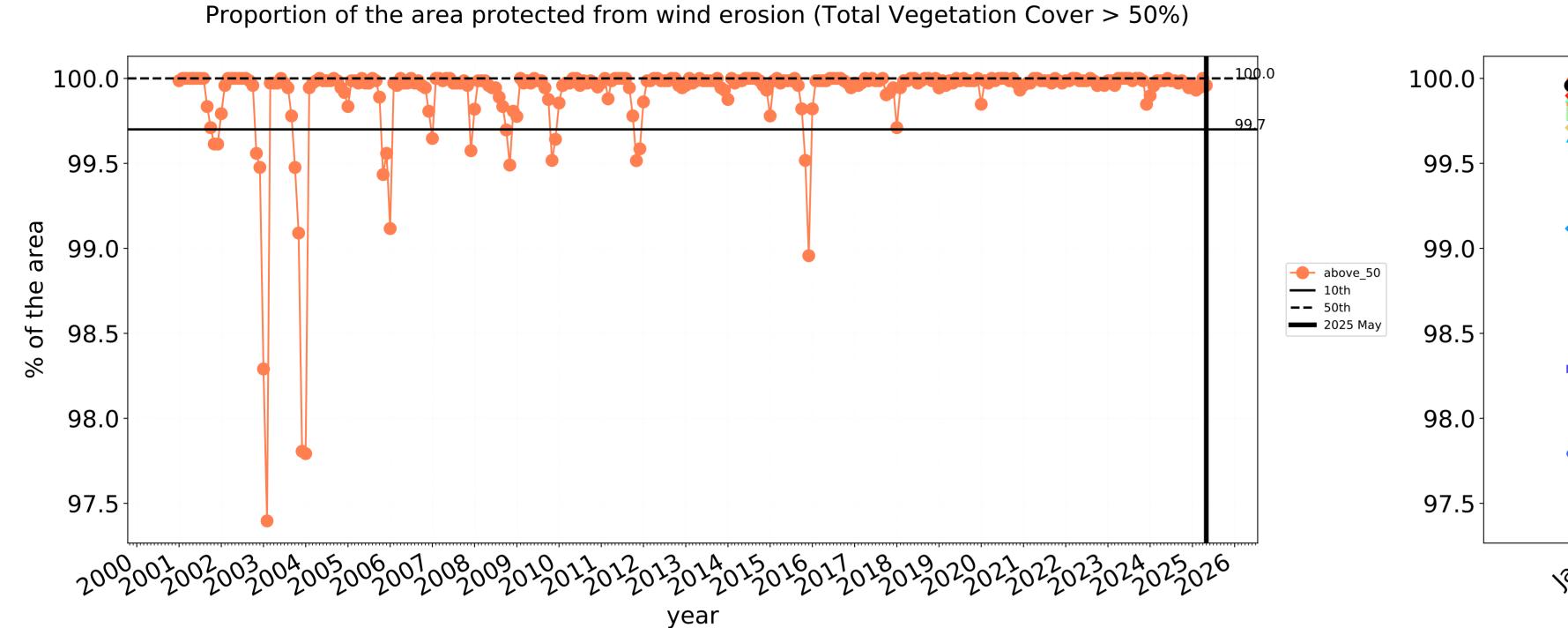


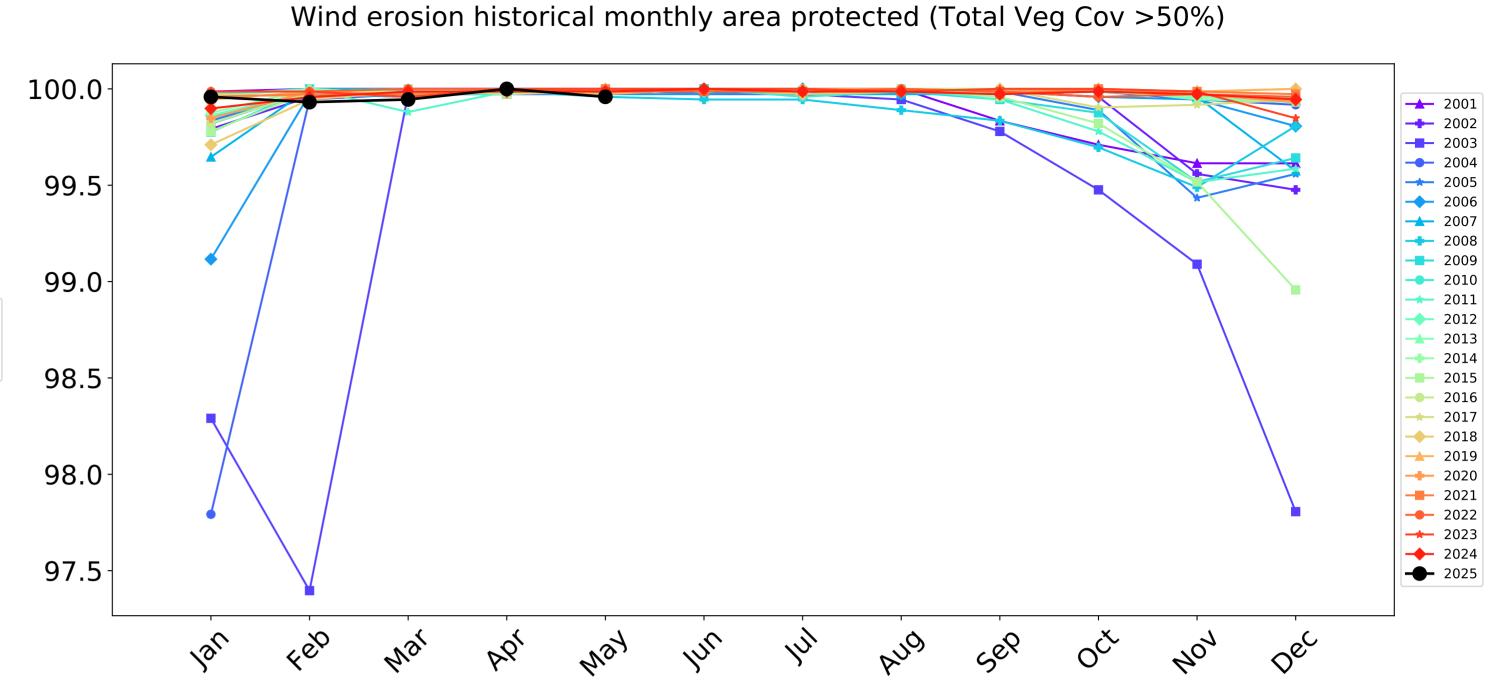




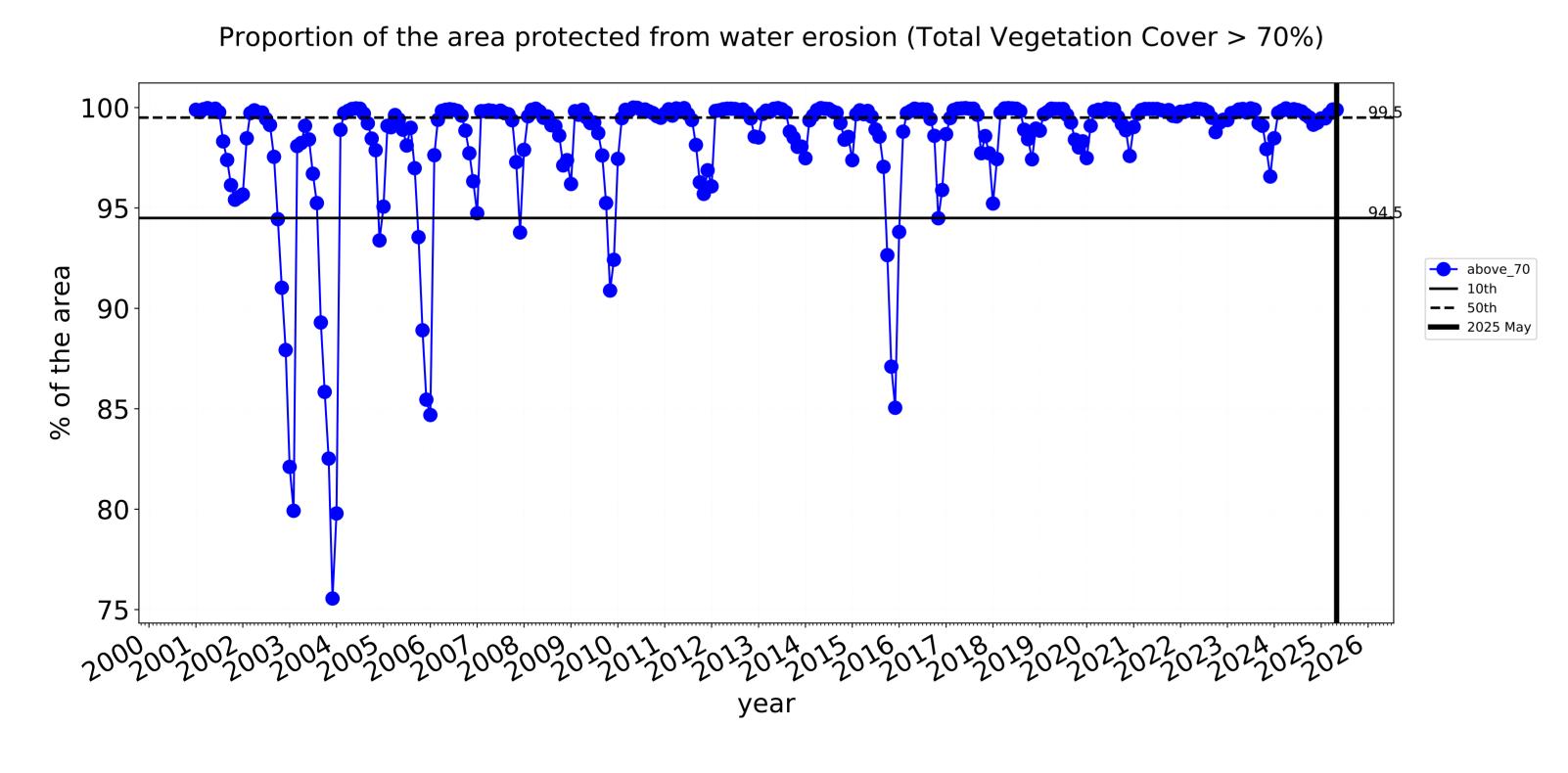


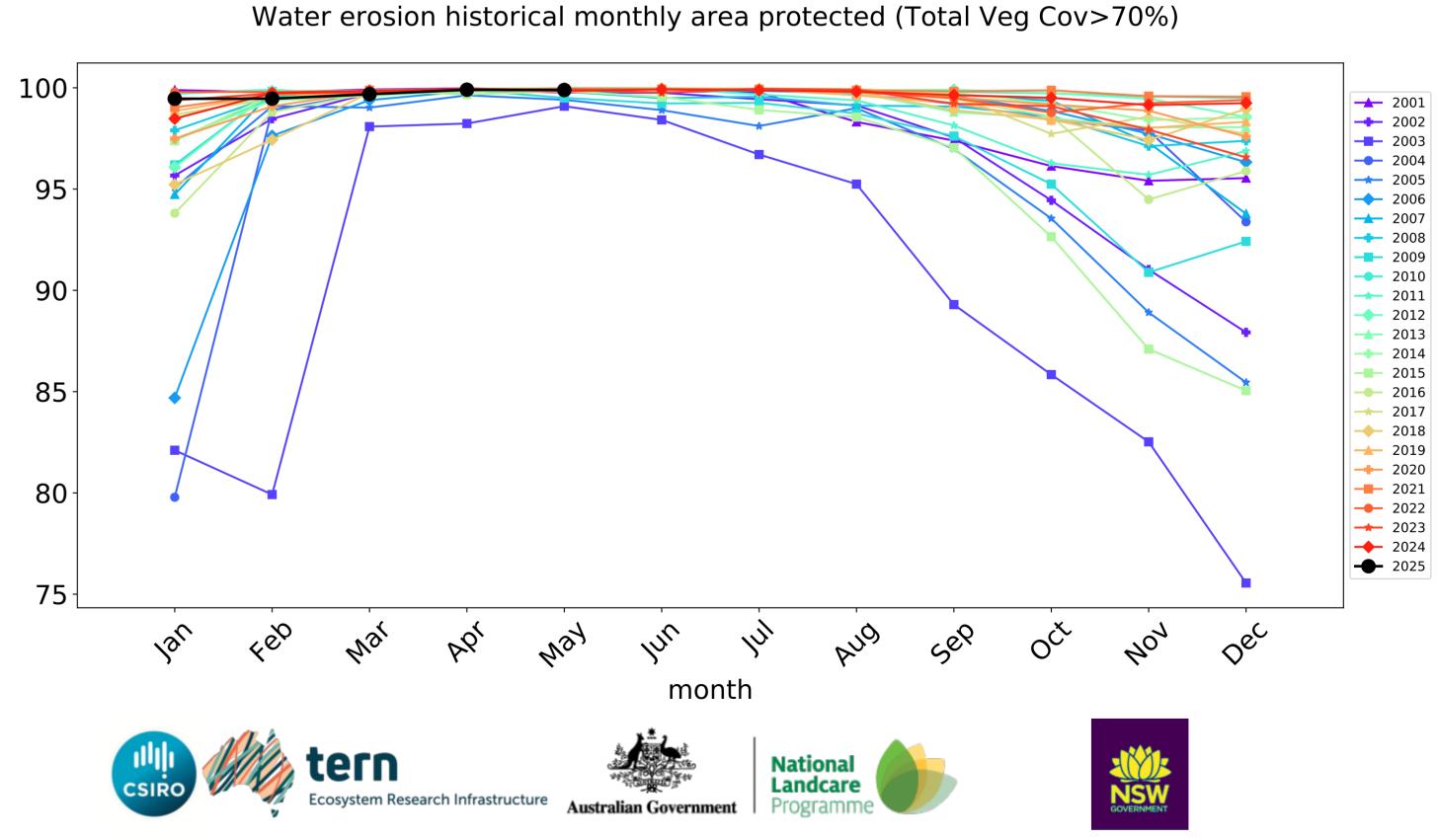
Grazing timeseries

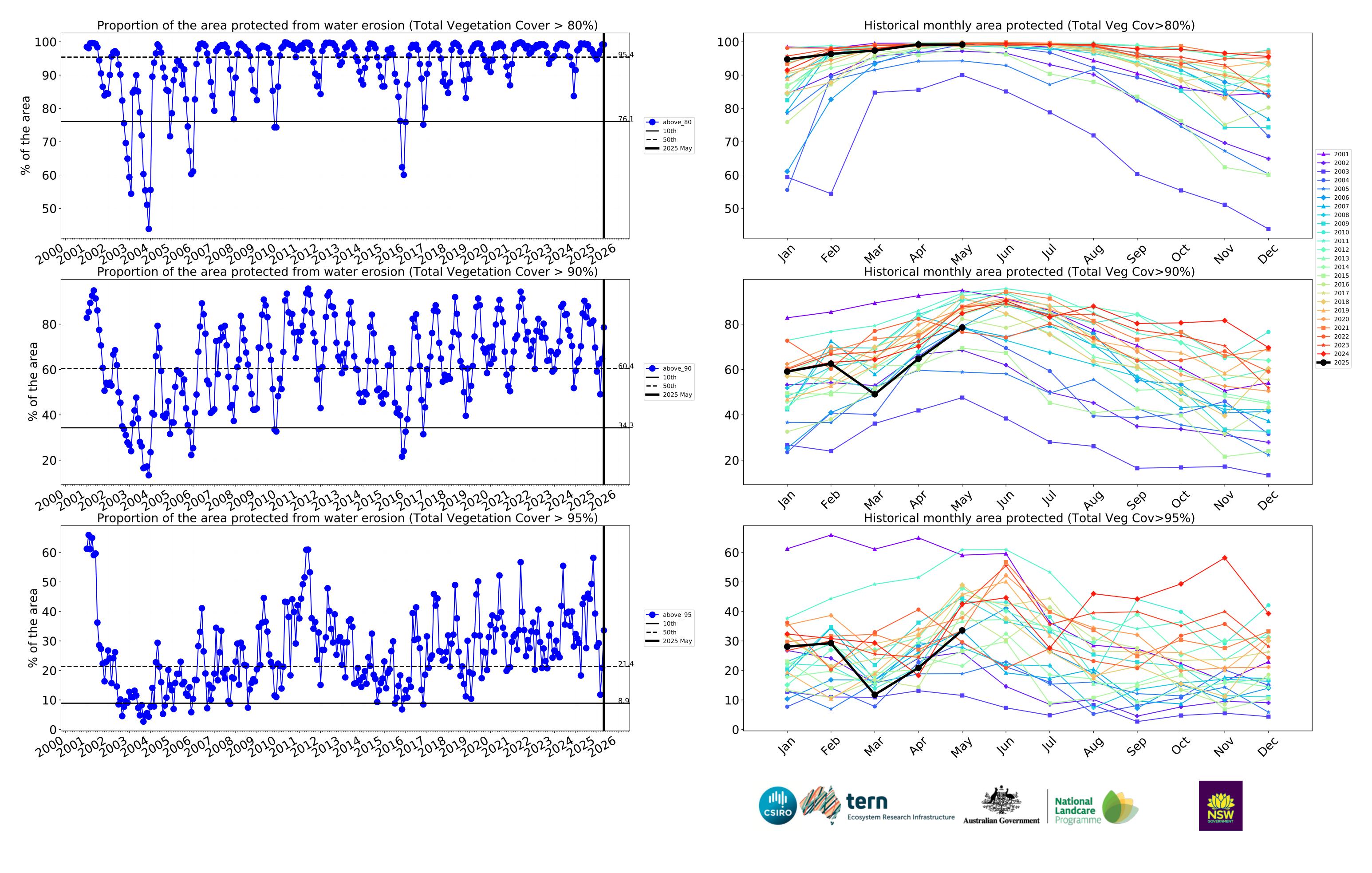




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Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

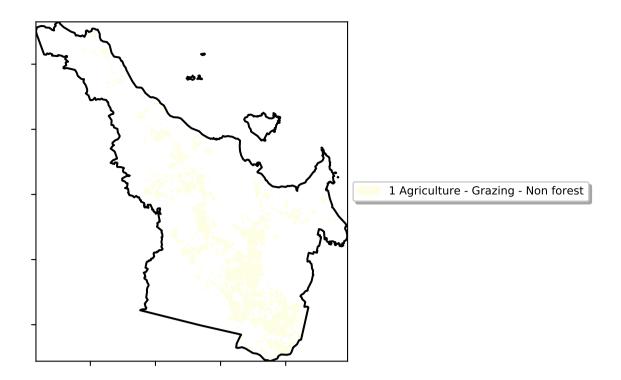
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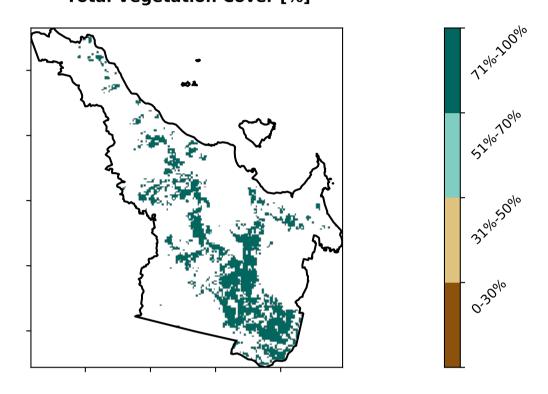
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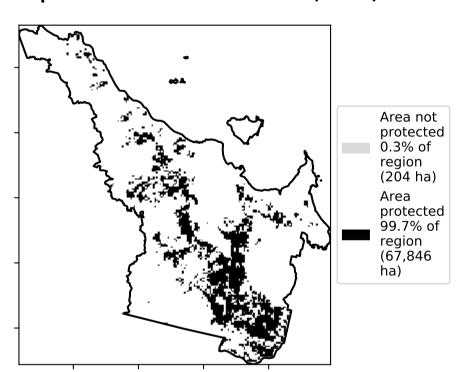
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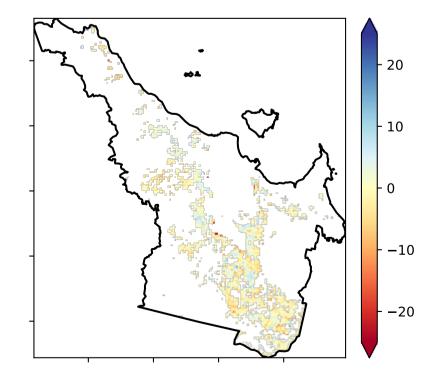
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

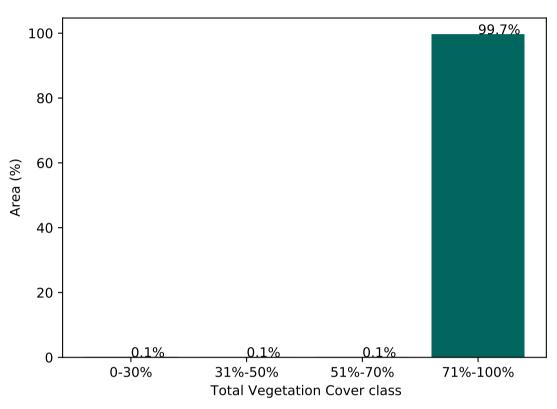


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

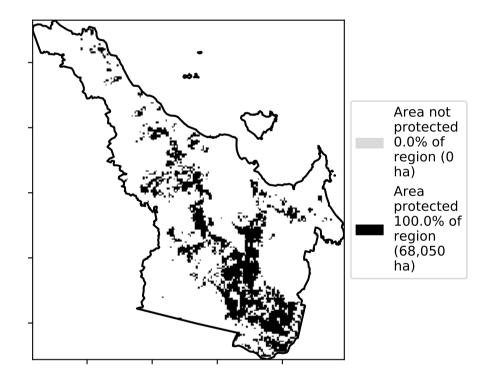


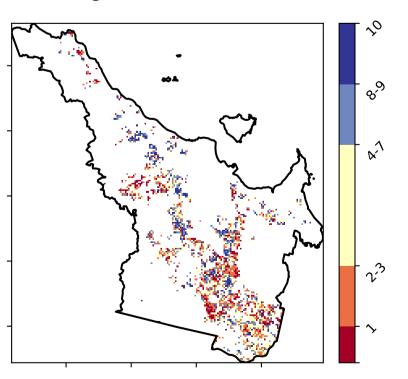
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





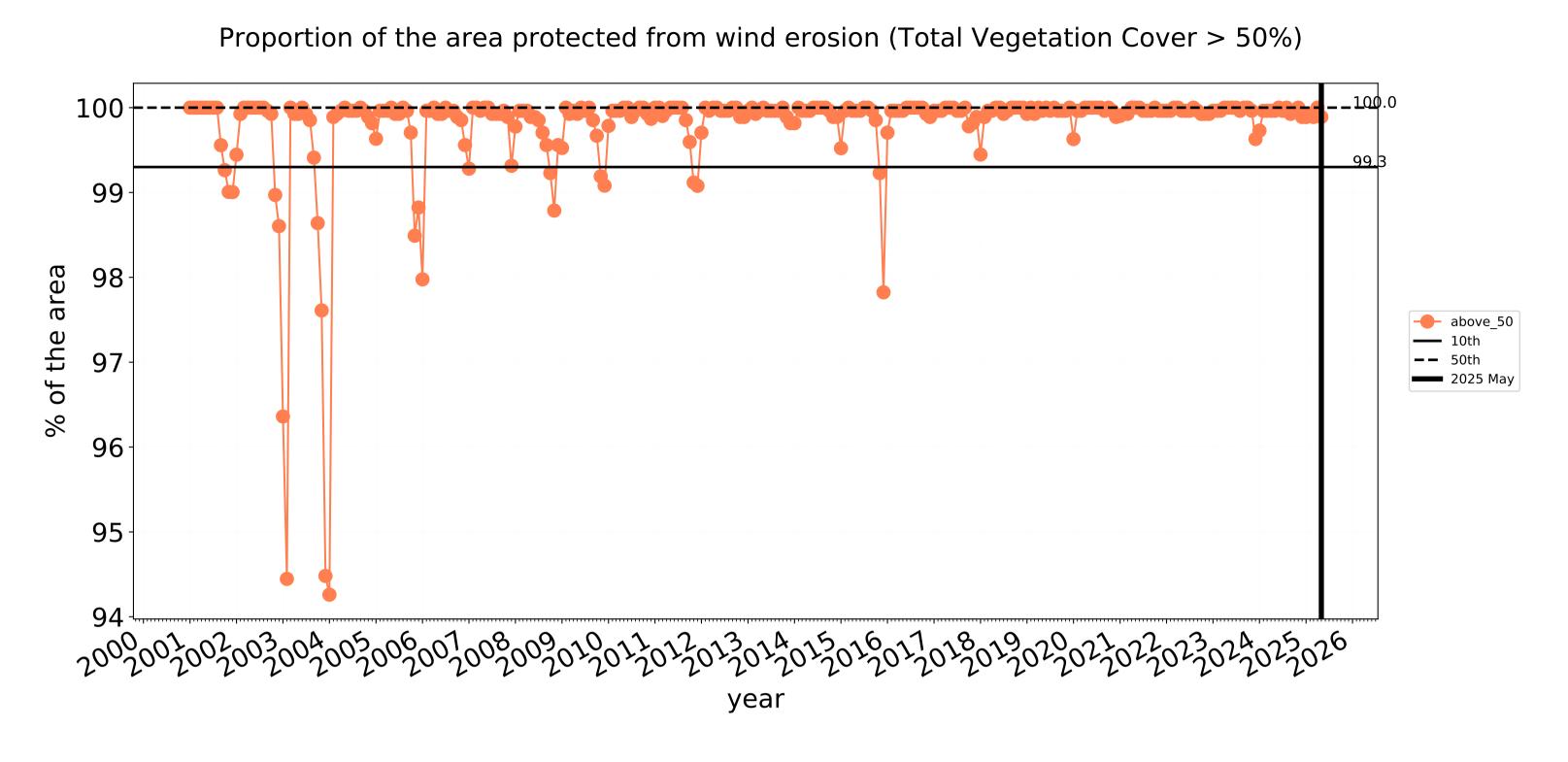


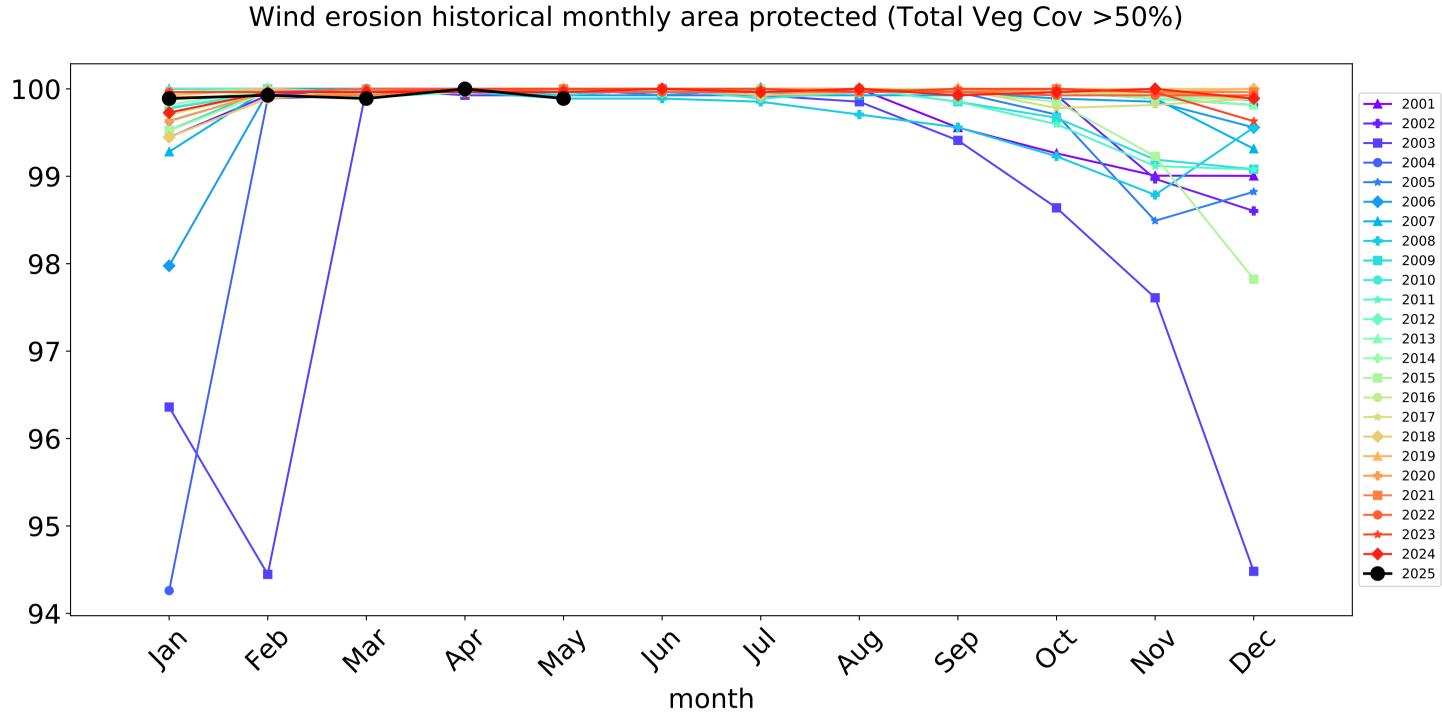


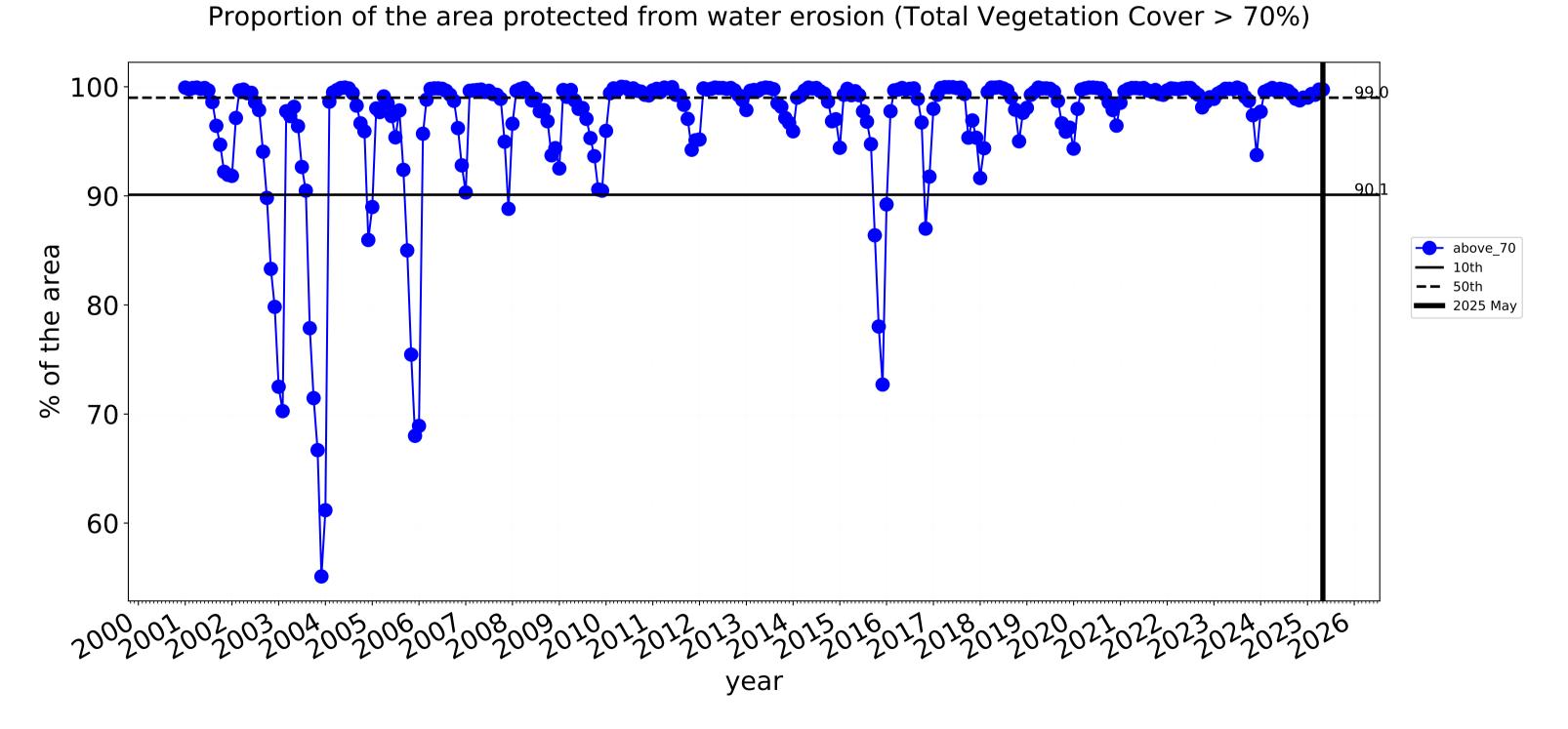


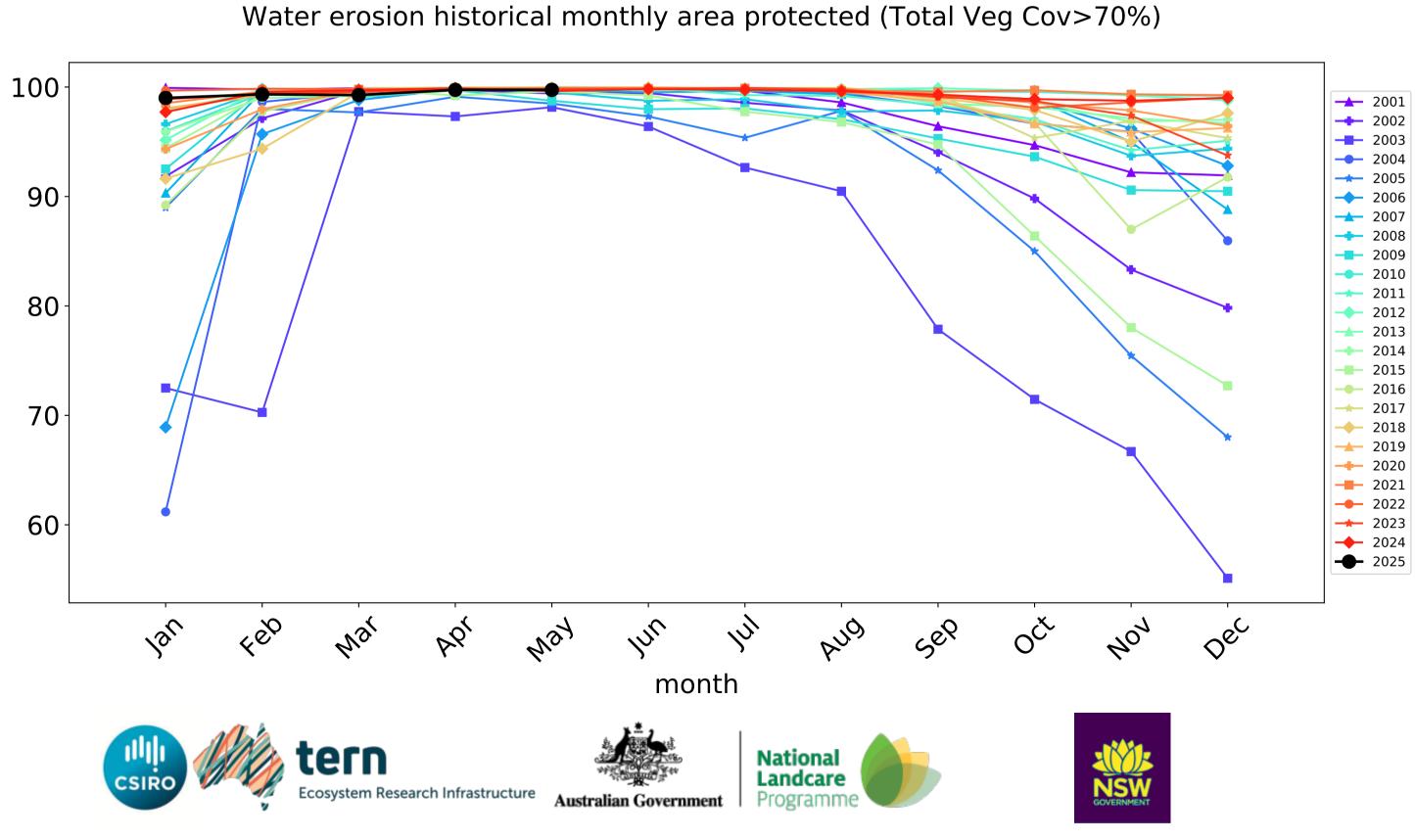


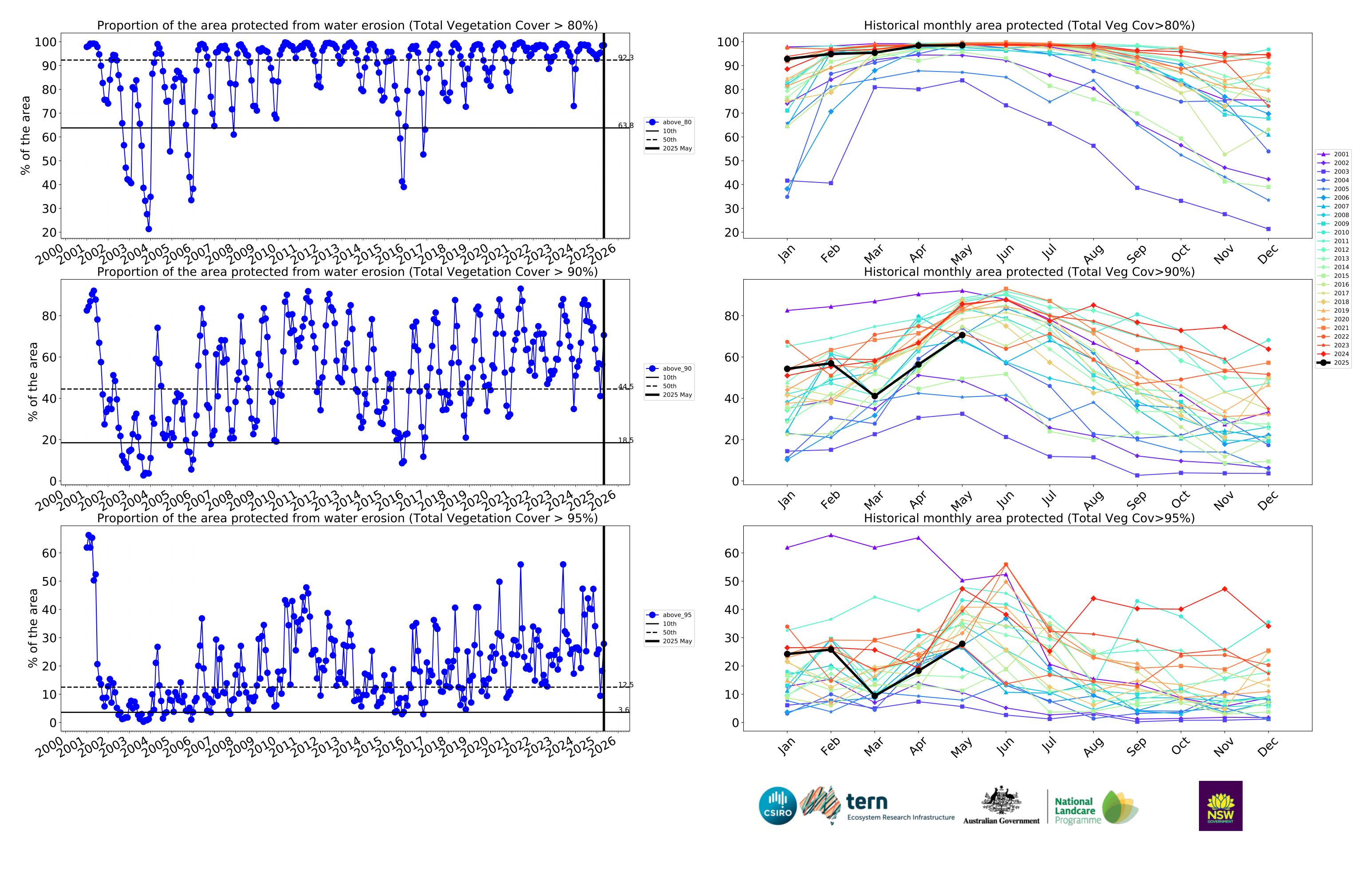
Grazing non forest timeseries











Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

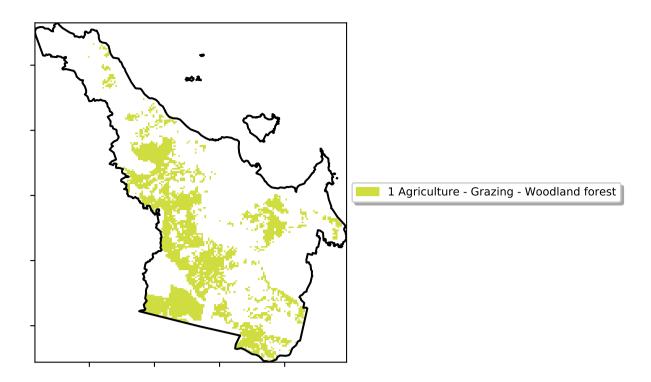
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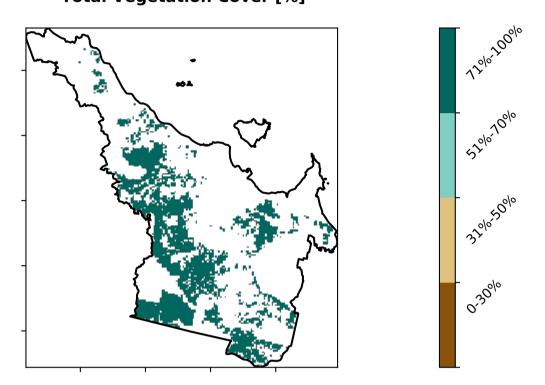
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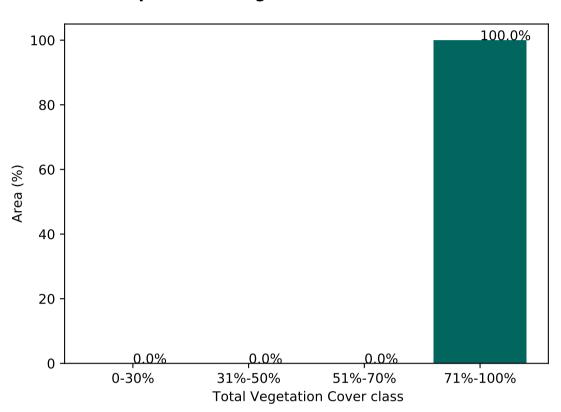
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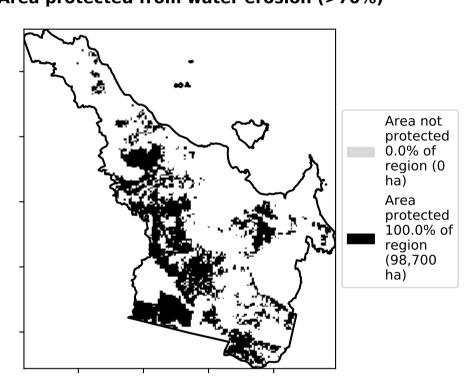
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



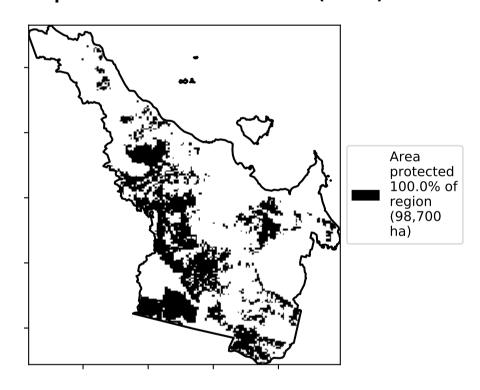
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



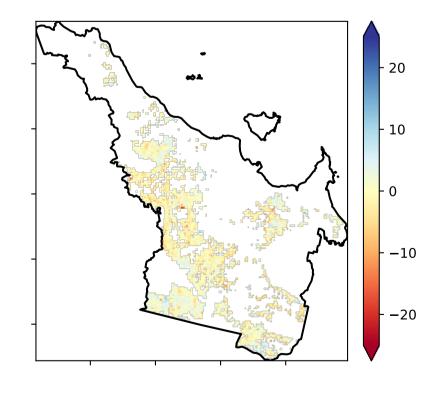
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

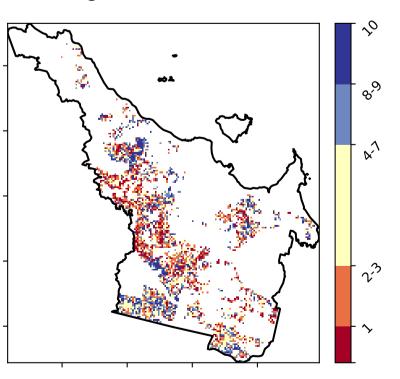


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



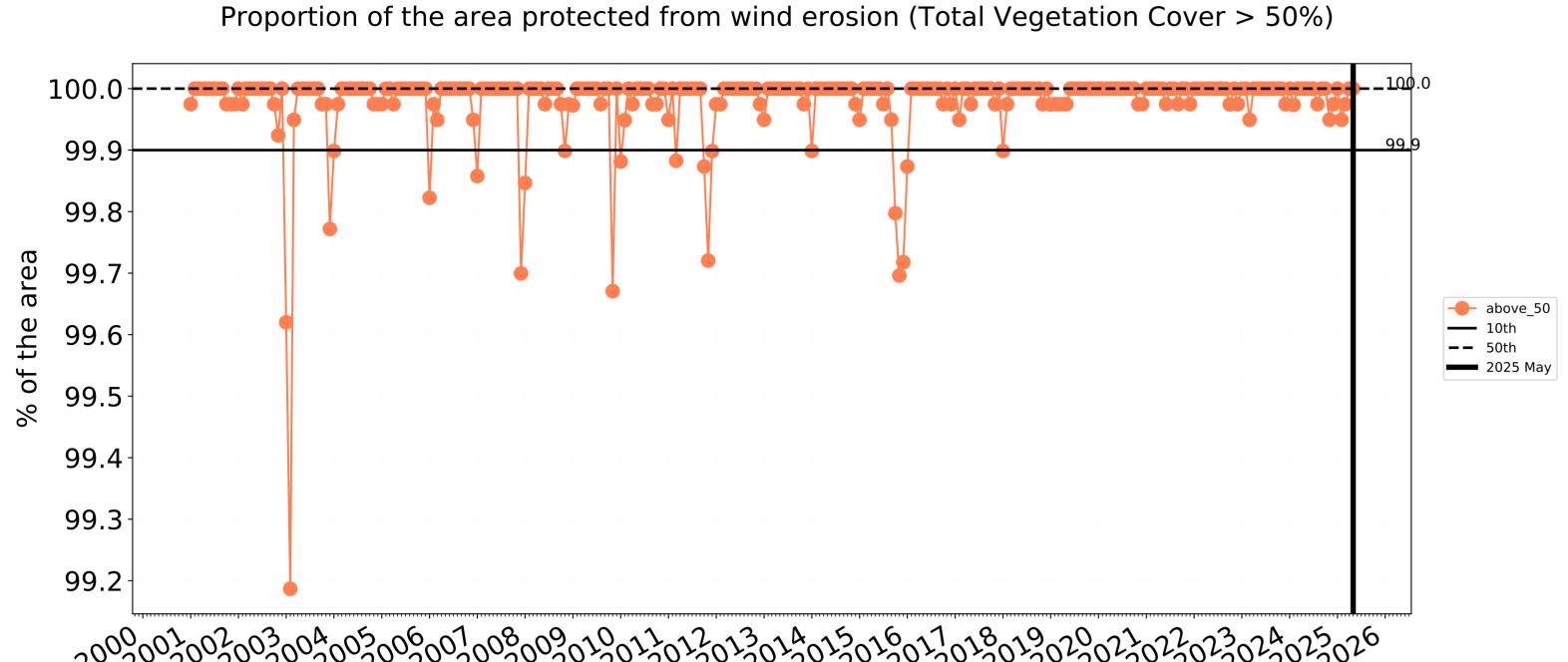




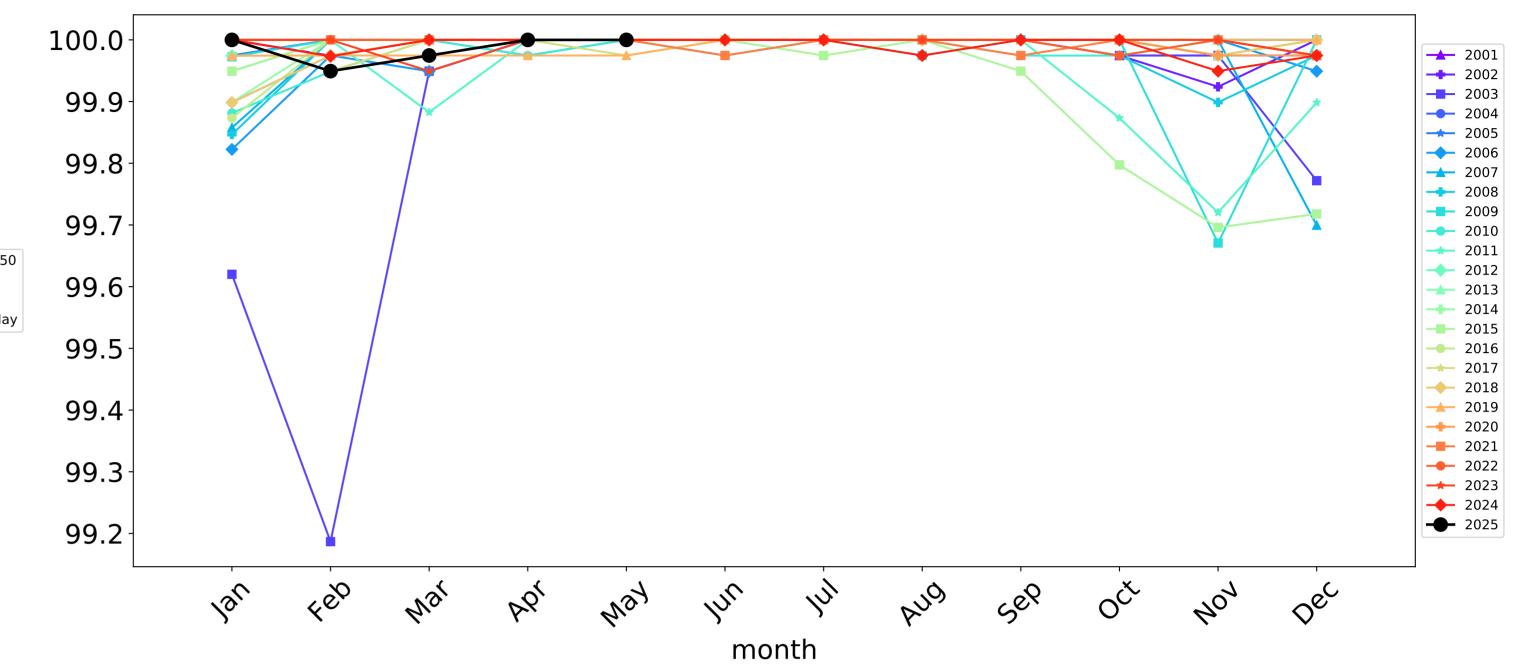


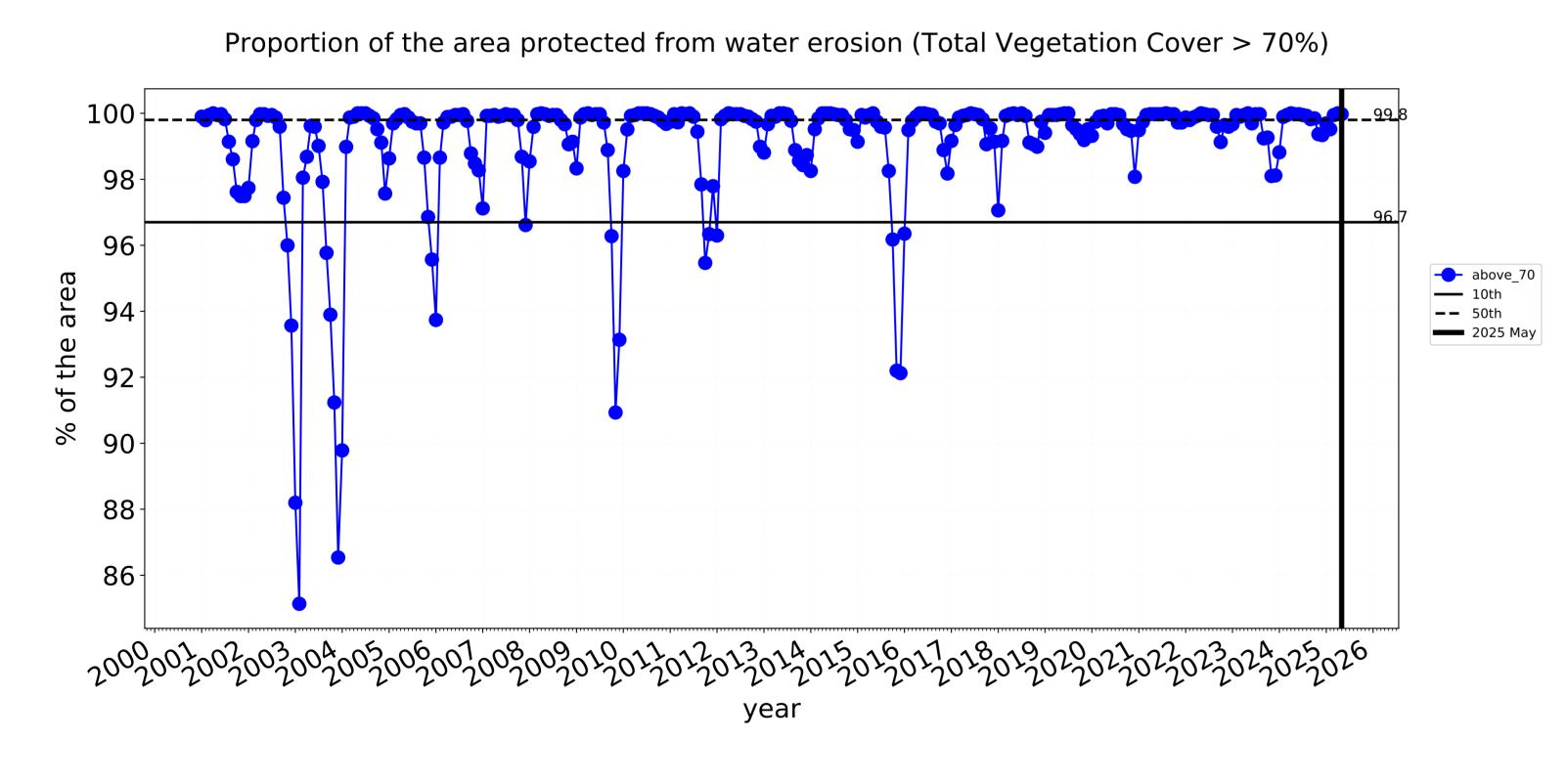


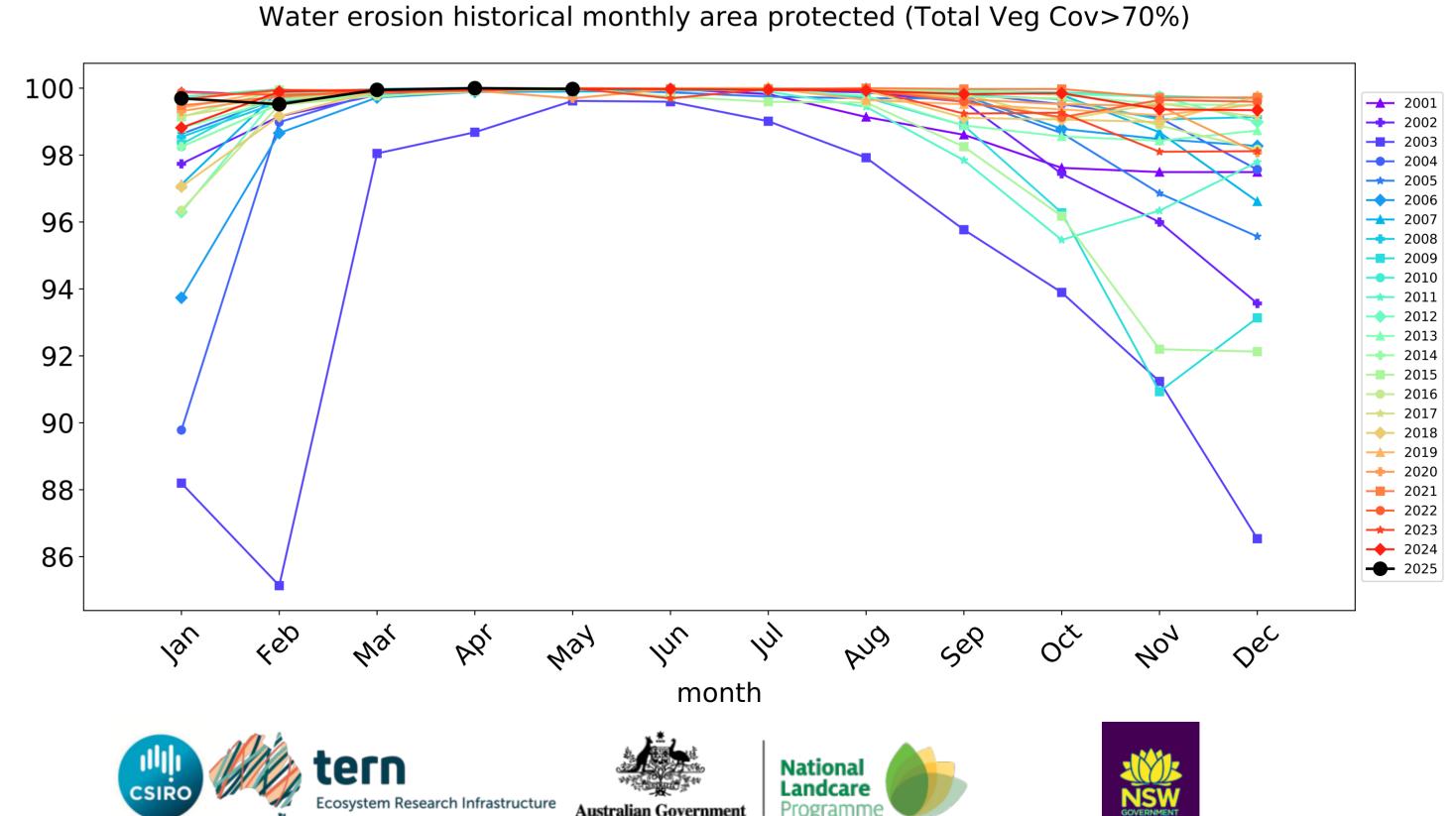
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

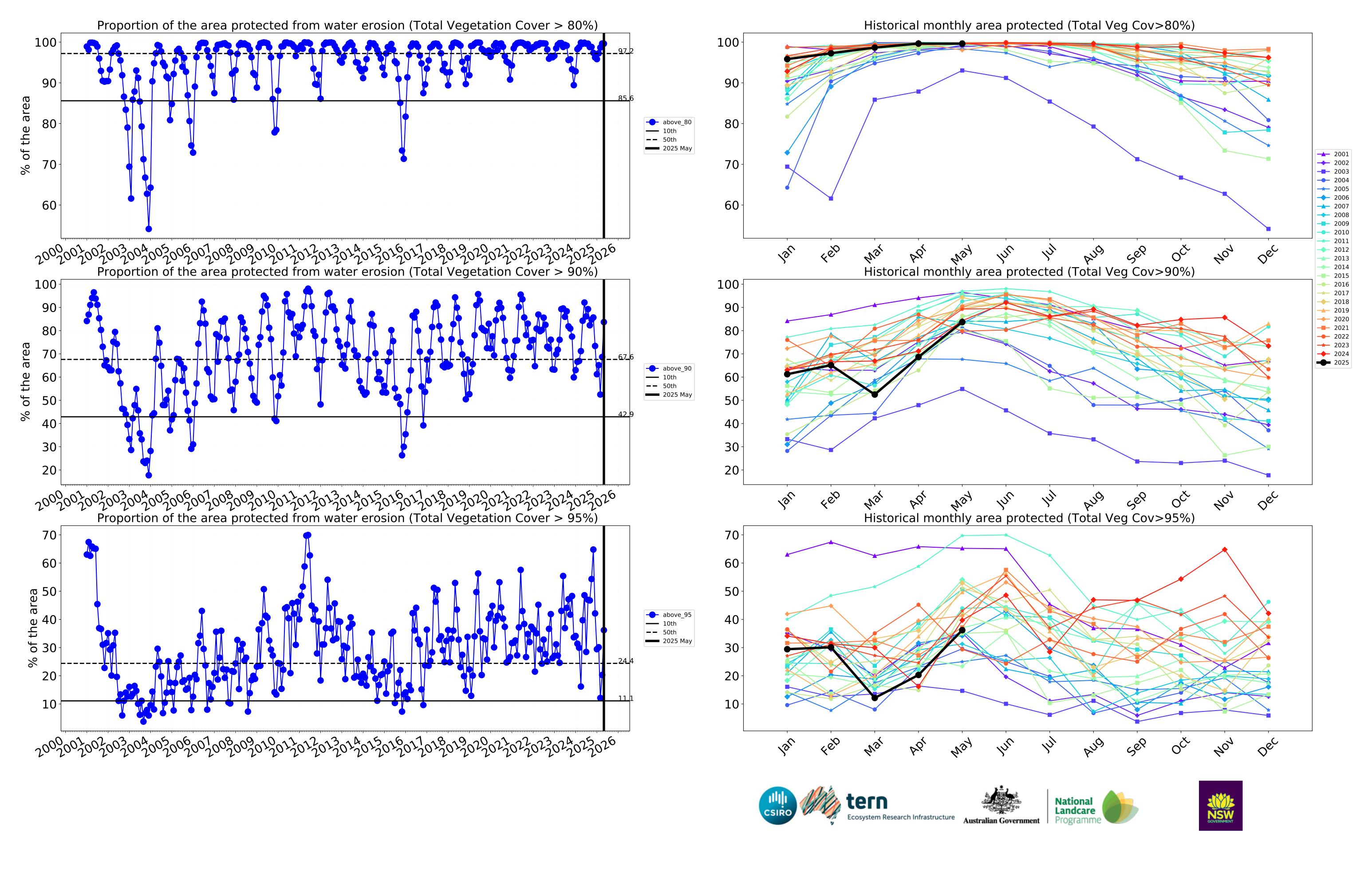












Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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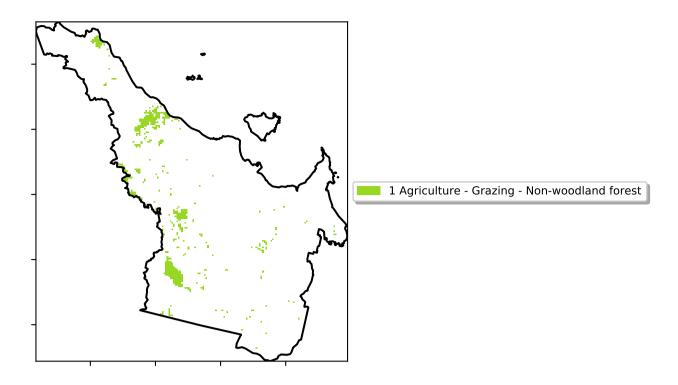
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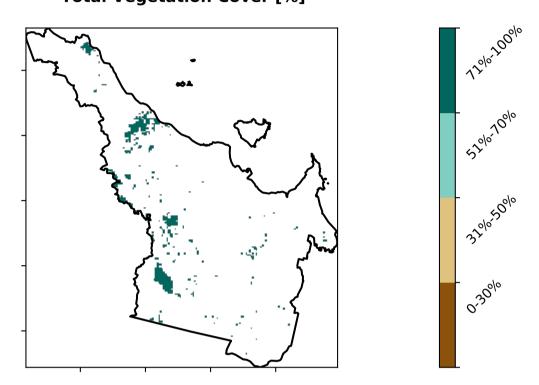
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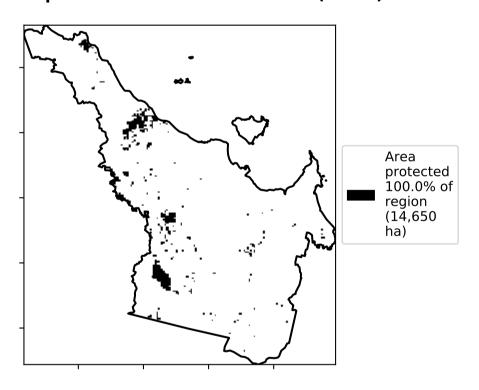
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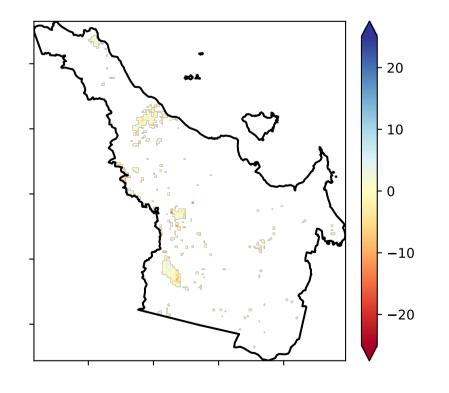
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

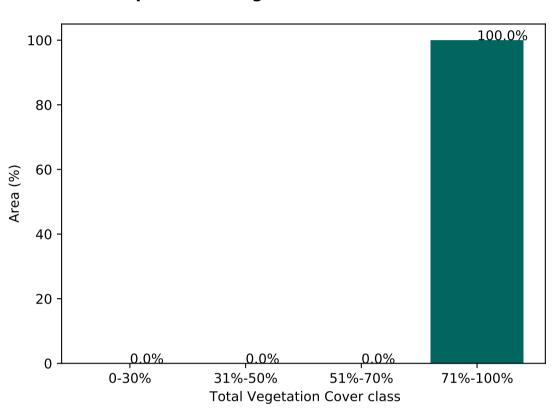


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

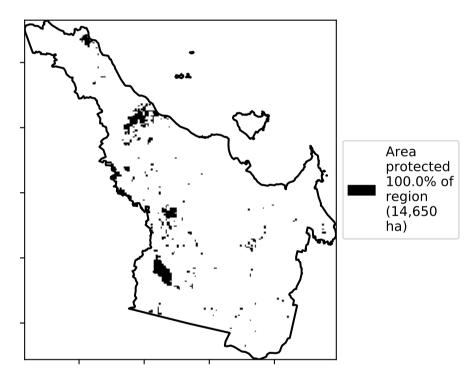


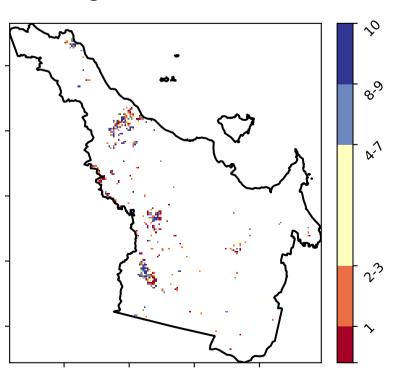
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



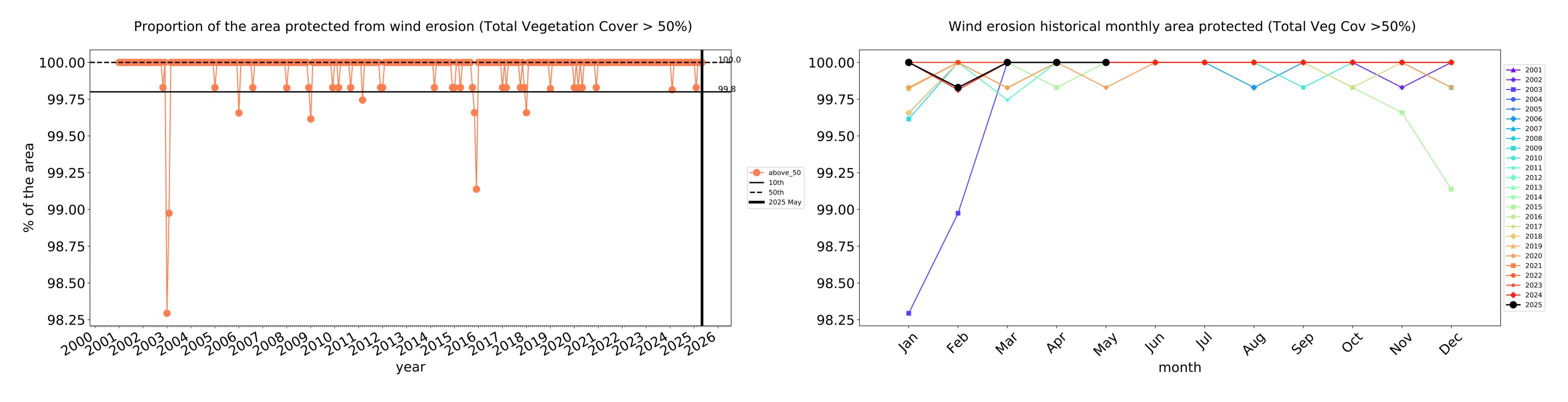


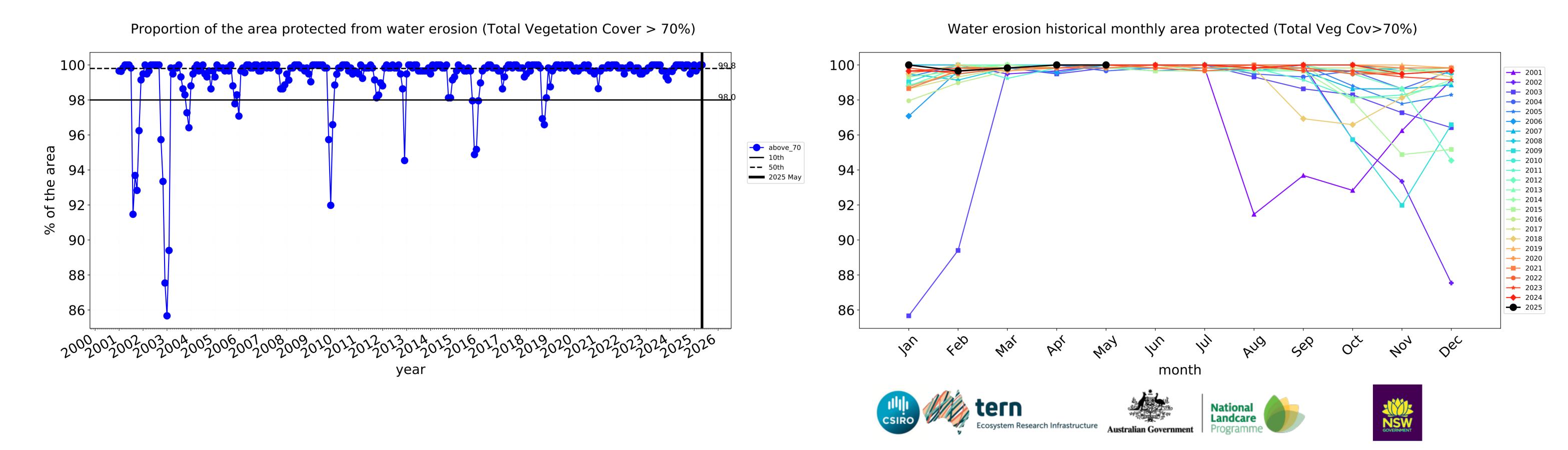


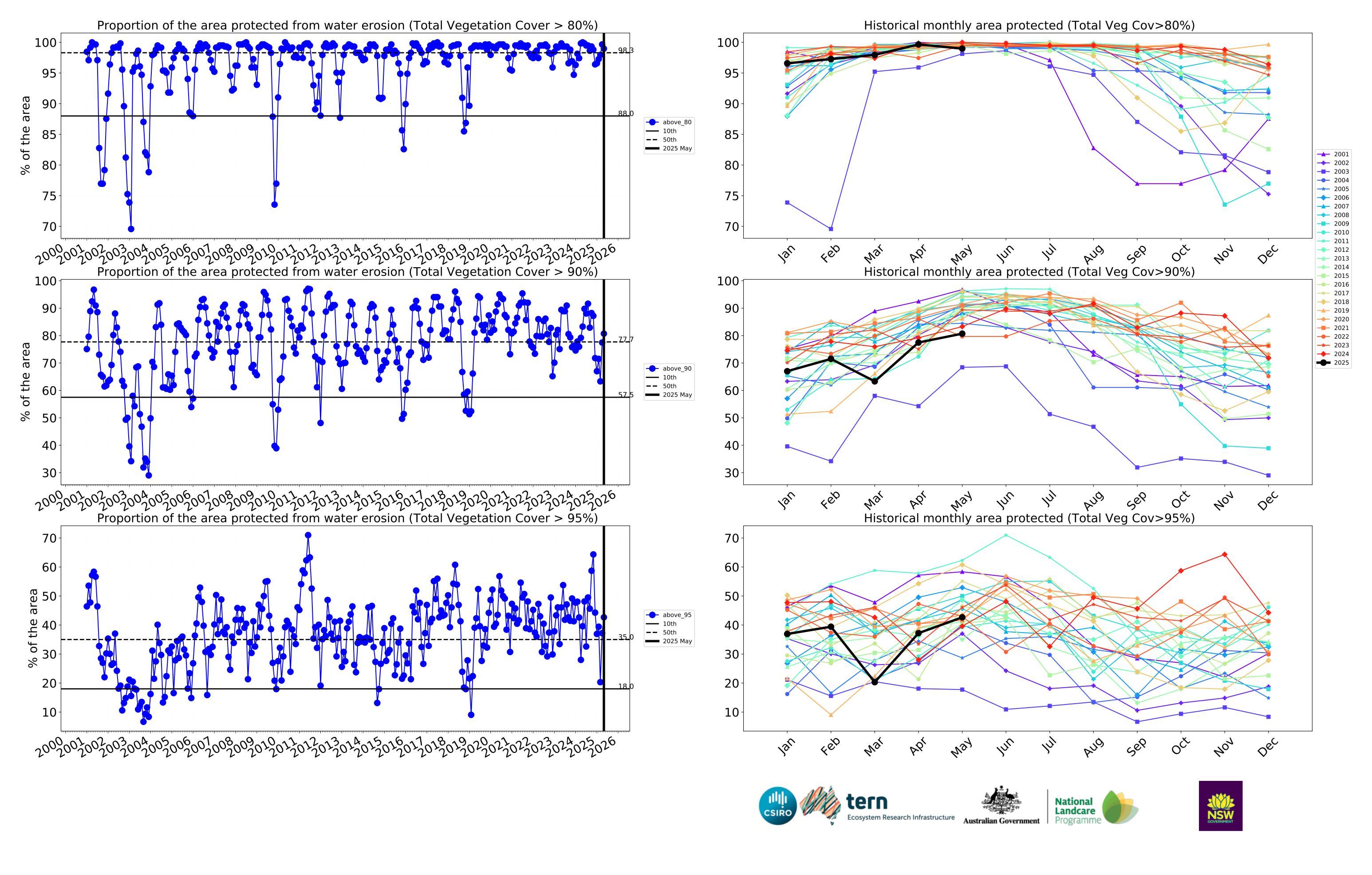












Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

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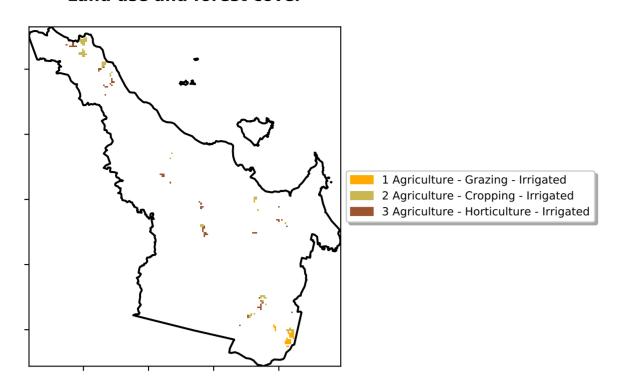
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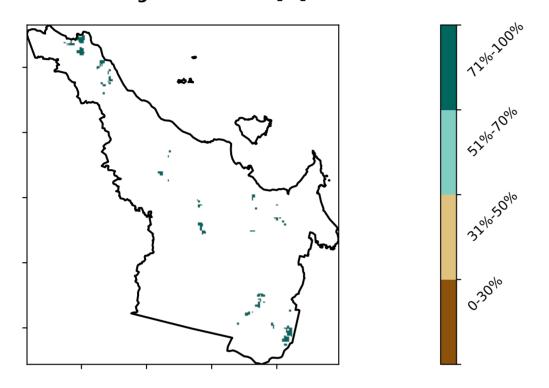
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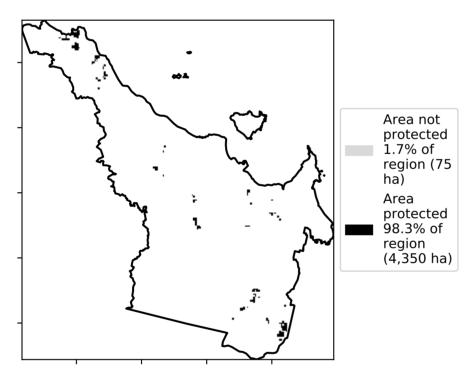
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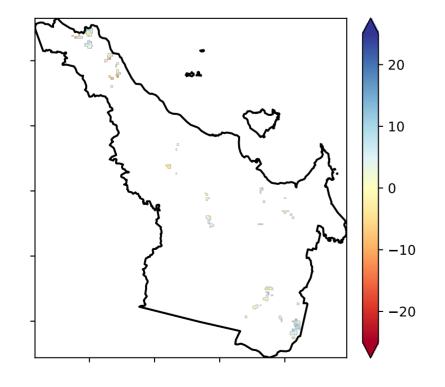
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

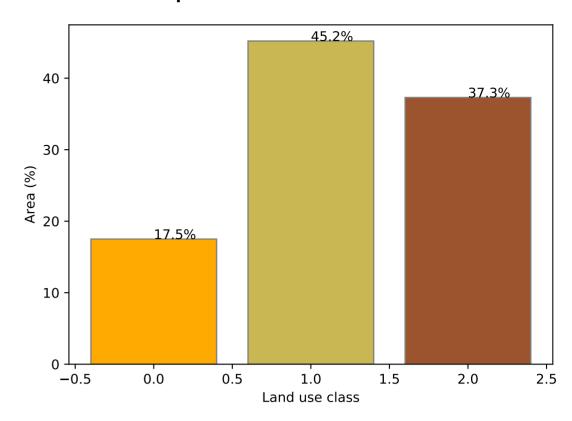


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

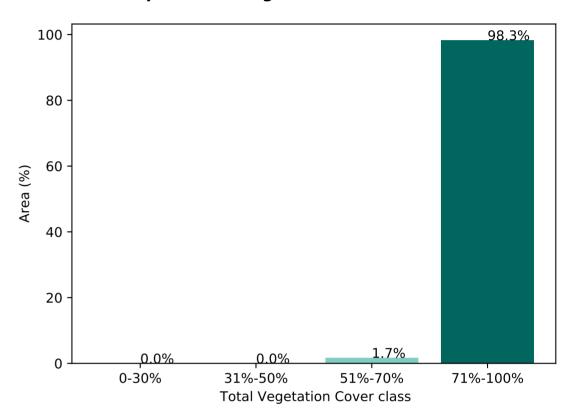


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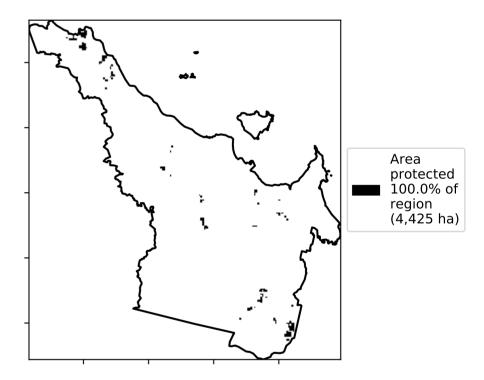
Proportion of each land class in area

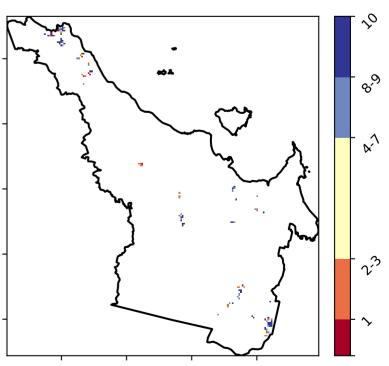


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





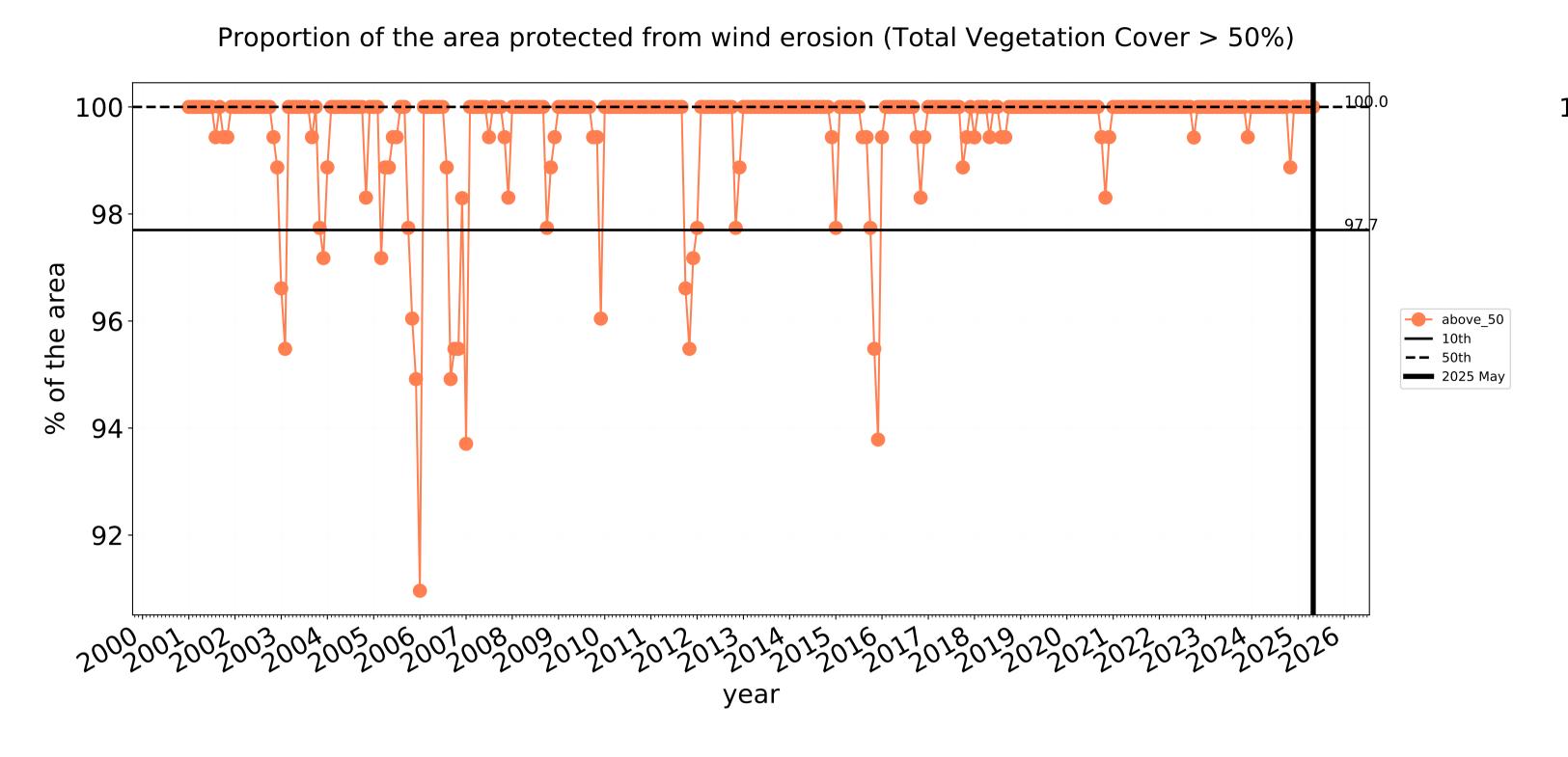


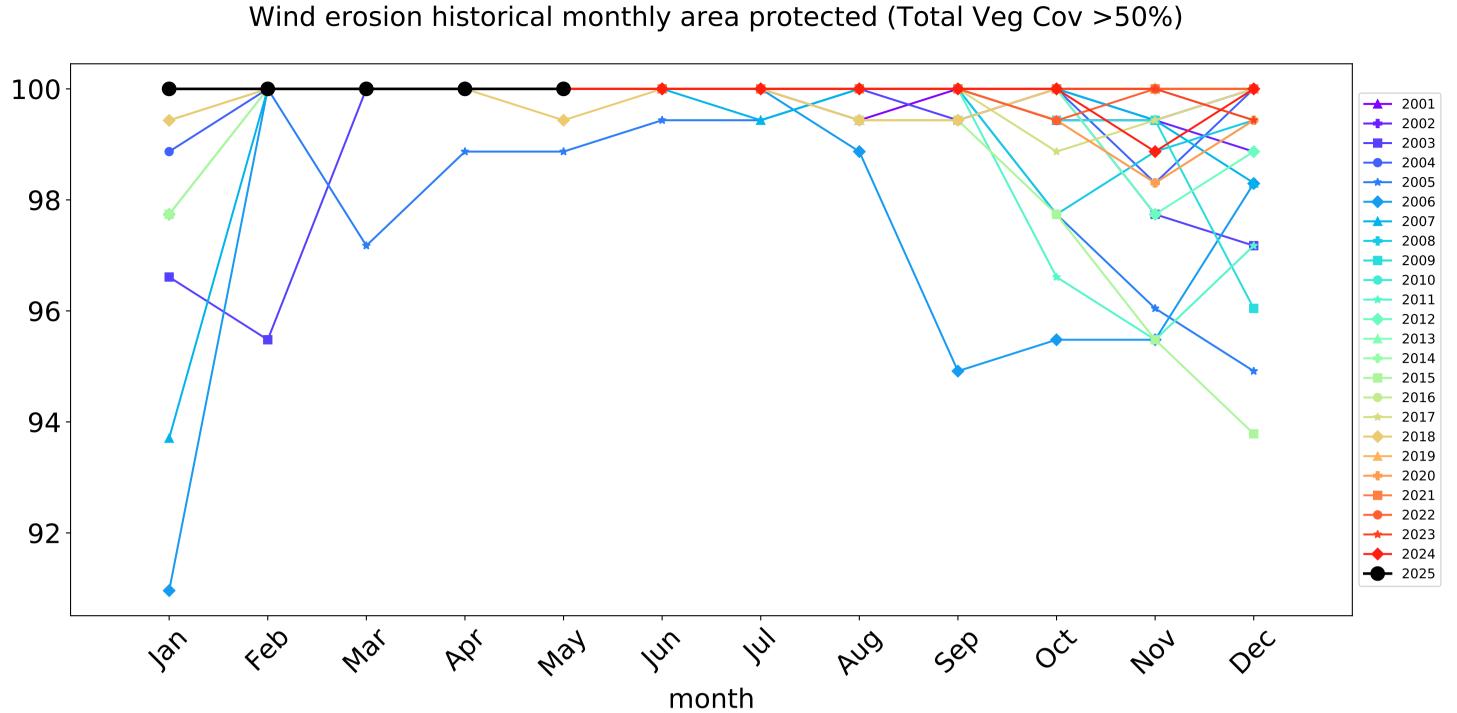


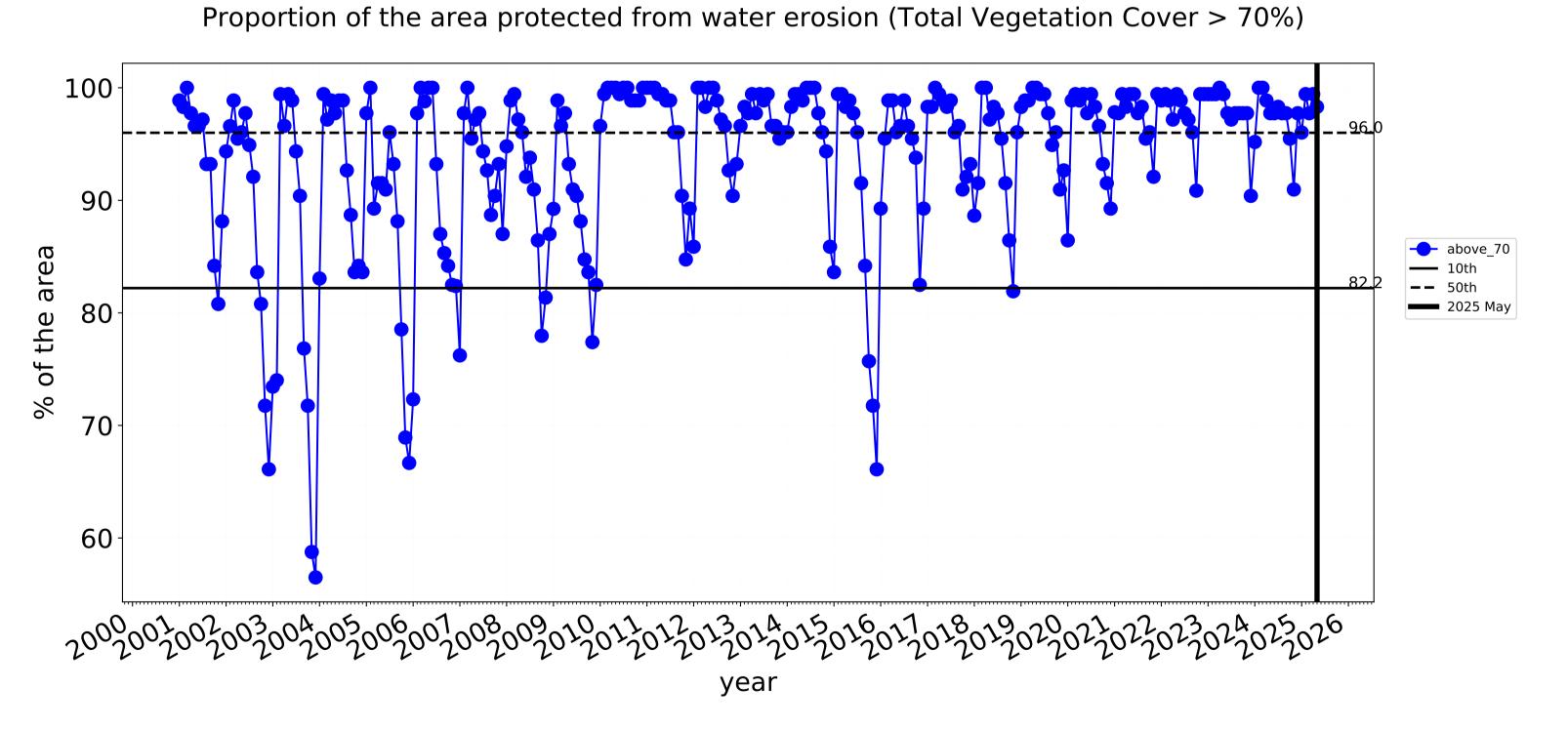


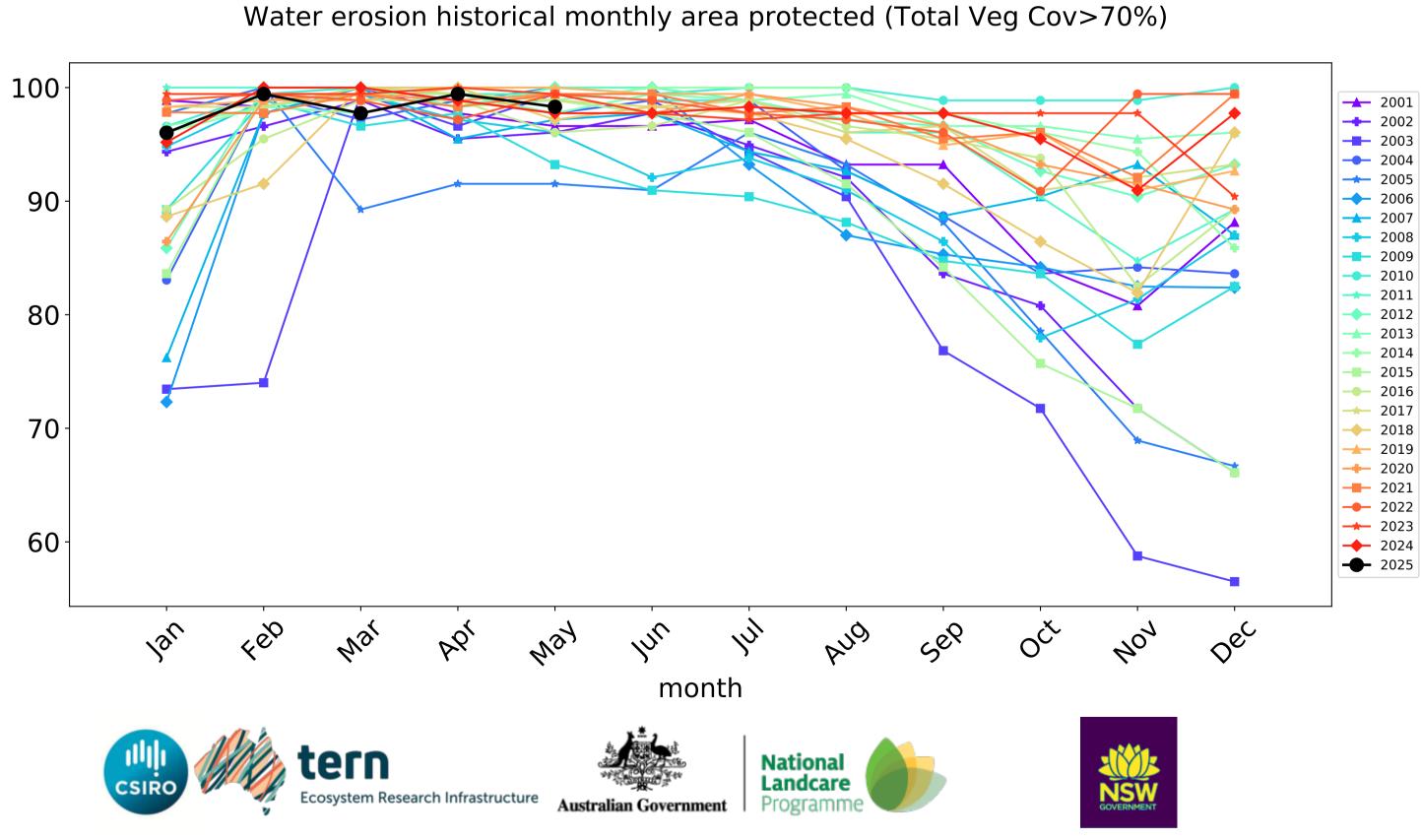


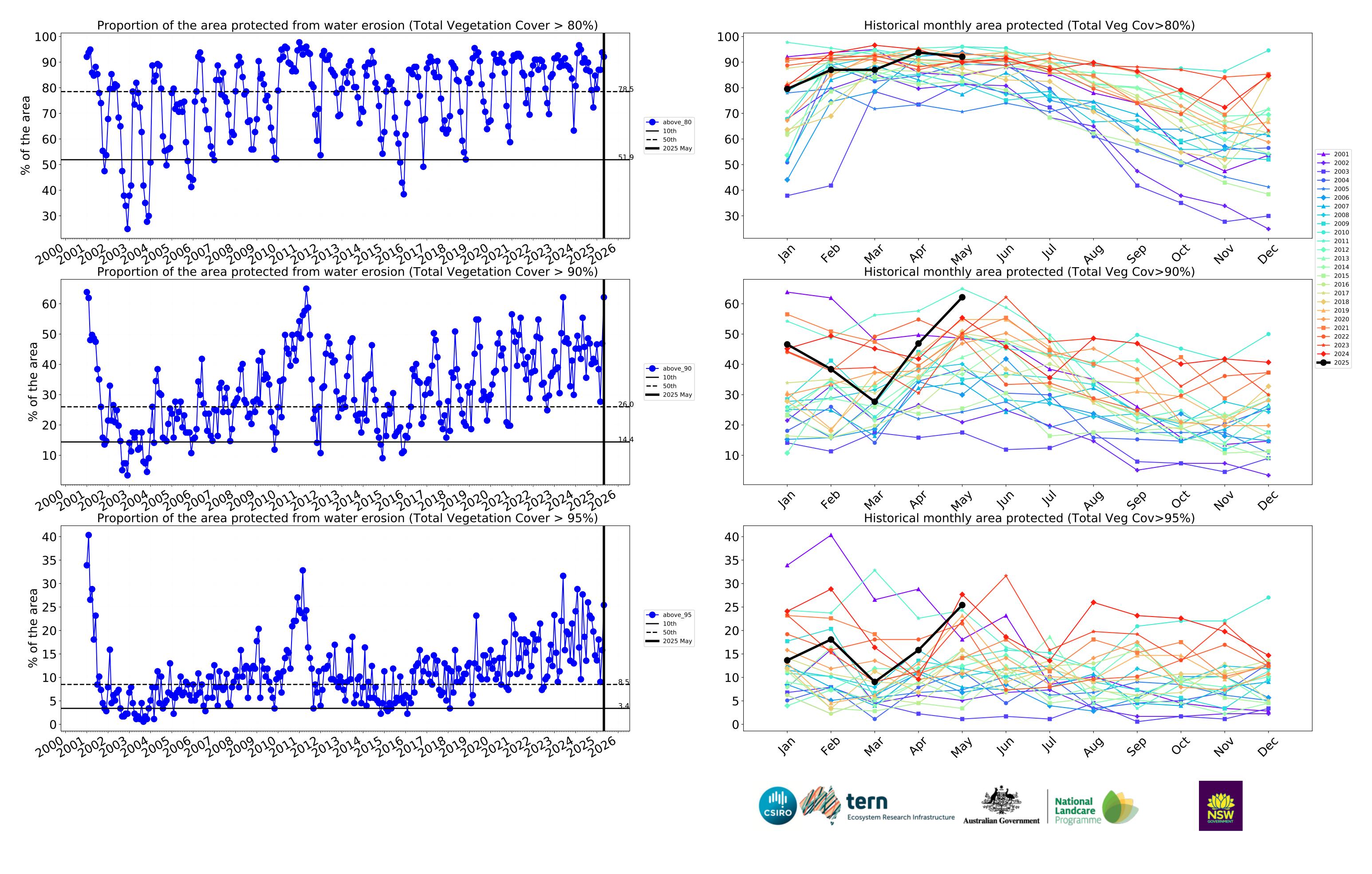












Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

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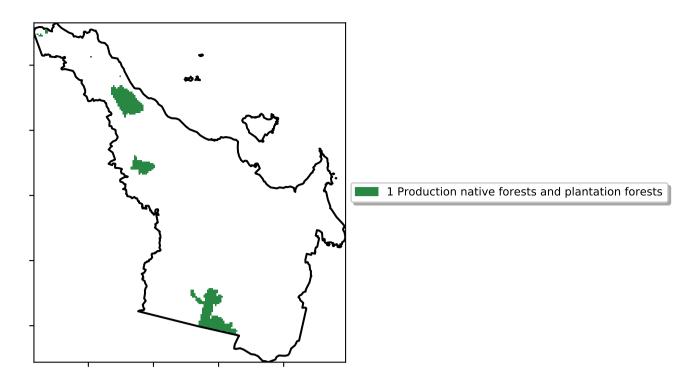
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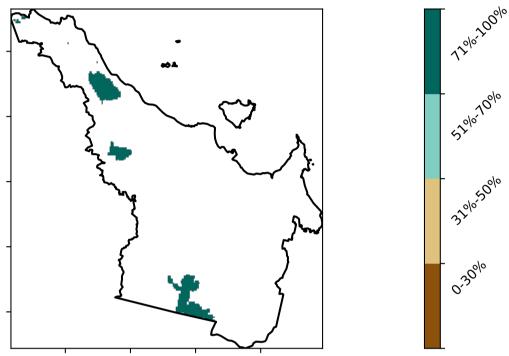
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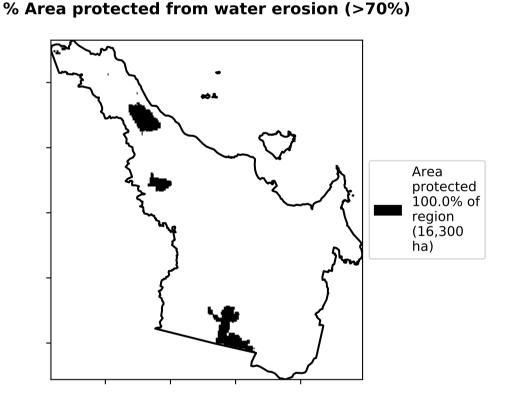
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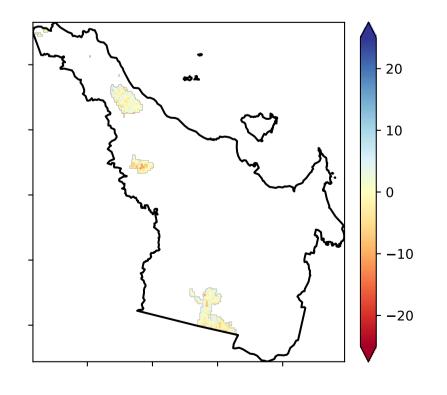


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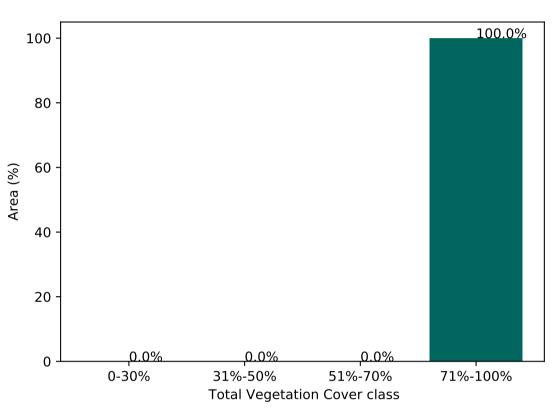


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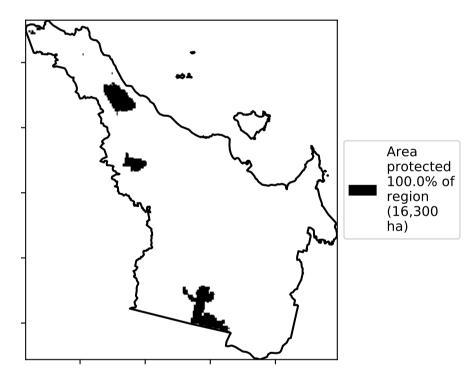


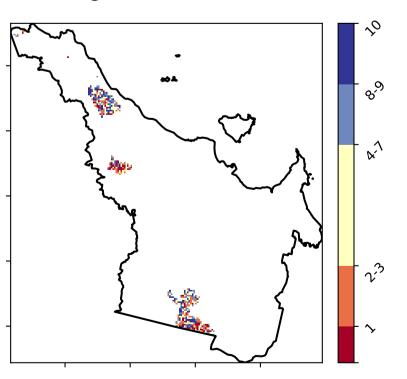
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





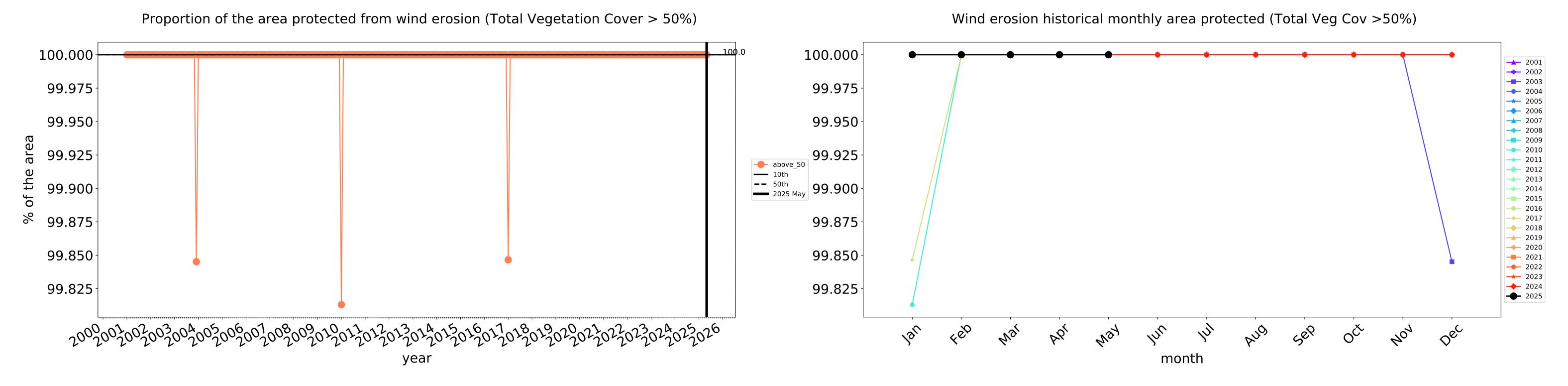


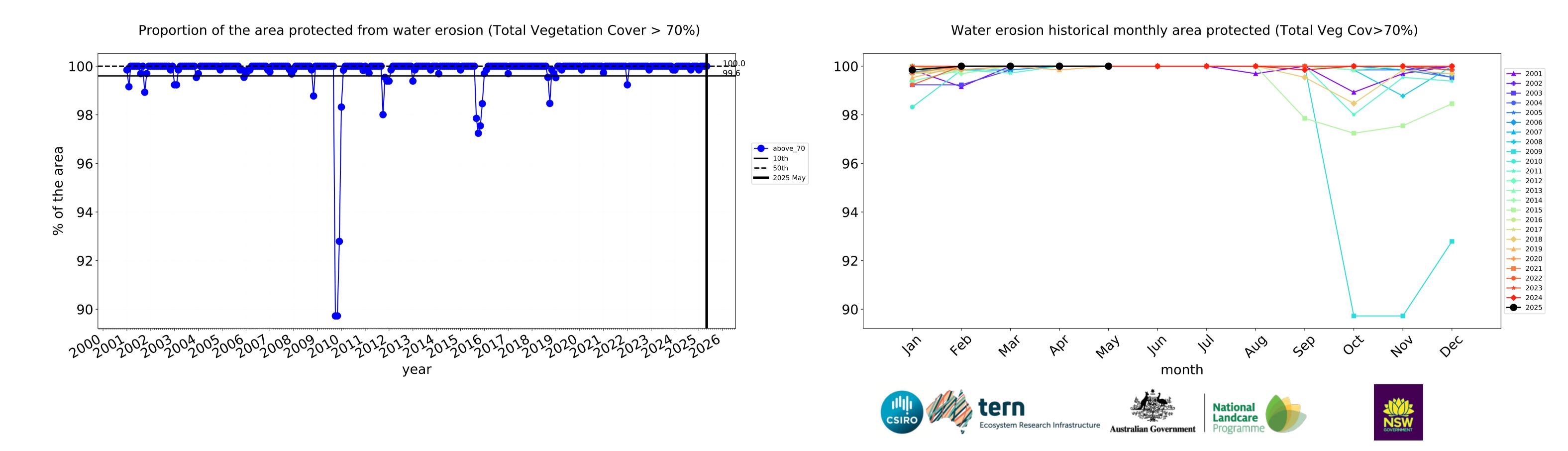


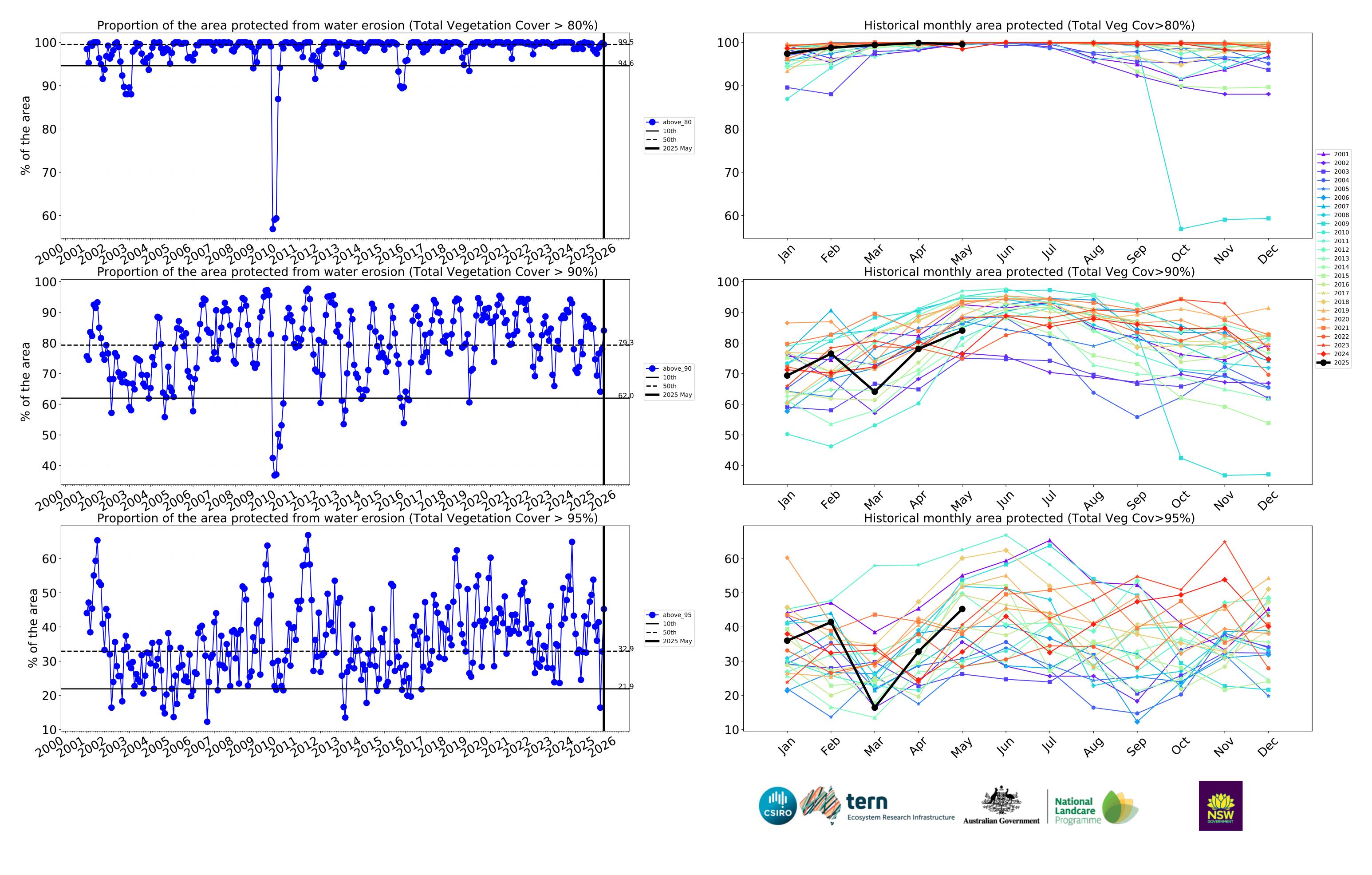




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







Townsville_(C) (366,950 ha and no data 6,235 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	366,950	100.0% 366,800	99.7% 365,800	97.9% 359,100	94.0% 345,050	70.1% 257,175	31.2% 114,450
Conservation and natural environments	119,400	99.9% 119,325	99.8% 119,125	98.3% 117,325	94.4% 112,700	70.1% 83,750	33.7% 40,200
Conservation and natural environments non forest	16,100	99.8% 16,075	99.1% 15,950	94.3% 15,175	82.0% 13,200	51.7% 8,325	25.5% 4,100
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	57,025	100.0% 57,025	100.0% 57,000	99.0% 56,450	96.3% 54,925	76.7% 43,725	40.5% 23,100
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	46,275	99.9% 46,225	99.8% 46,175	98.8% 45,700	96.3% 44,575	68.5% 31,700	28.1% 13,000
Agriculture	186,550	100.0% 186,550	100.0% 186,475	99.9% 186,275	99.0% 184,675	78.0% 145,575	33.3% 62,100
Grazing	181,400	100.0% 181,400	100.0% 181,325	99.9% 181,200	99.2% 179,875	78.5% 142,475	33.6% 60,925
Grazing non forest	68,050	100.0% 68,050	99.9% 67,975	99.7% 67,875	98.5% 67,050	70.6% 48,050	27.8% 18,950
Grazing Woodland forest	98,700	100.0% 98,700	100.0% 98,700	100.0% 98,675	99.6% 98,325	83.7% 82,600	36.2% 35,725
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	100.0% 14,650	99.0% 14,500	80.7% 11,825	42.7% 6,250
Irrigation	4,425	100.0% 4,425	100.0% 4,425	98.3% 4,350	92.1% 4,075	62.1% 2,750	25.4% 1,125
Production native forests and plantation forests	16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	100.0% 16,300	99.5% 16,225	84.0% 13,700	45.2% 7,375







