Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Whitsunday (R) QLD

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps.

Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for

each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

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

• 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

• 51-70% Moderate cover – protected from wind erosion

- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

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









Date: January 2022

Vegetation Cover Jan 2022

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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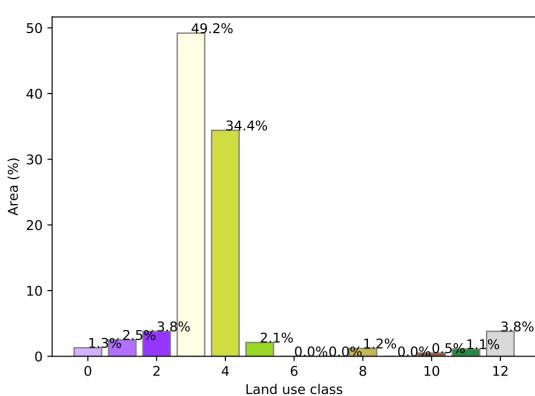
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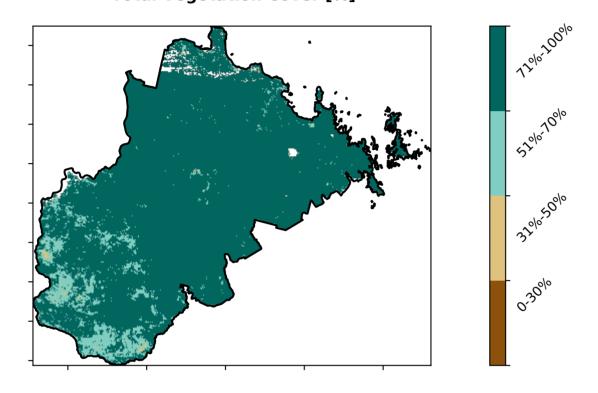
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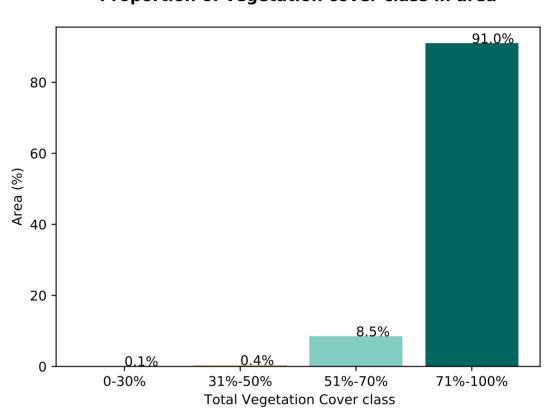
Proportion of each land class in area

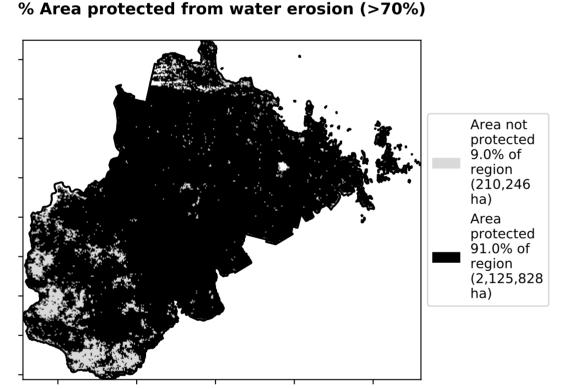


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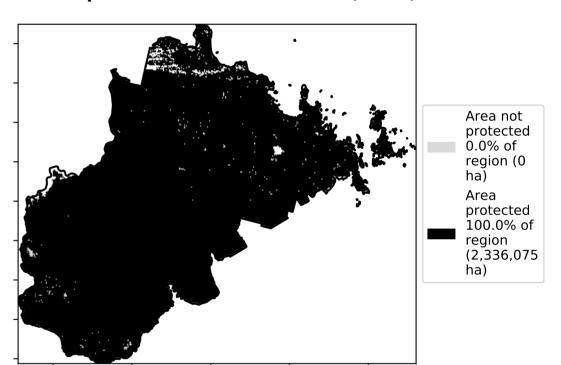


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

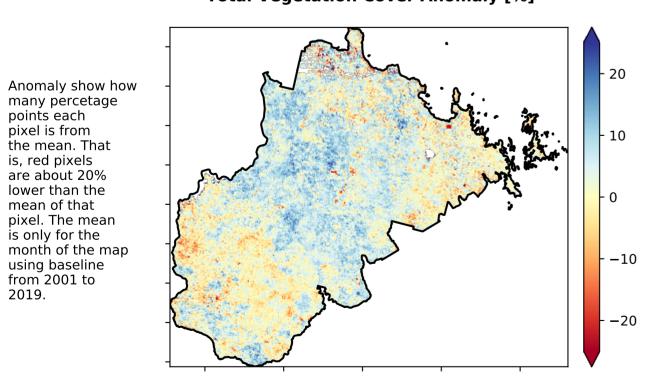




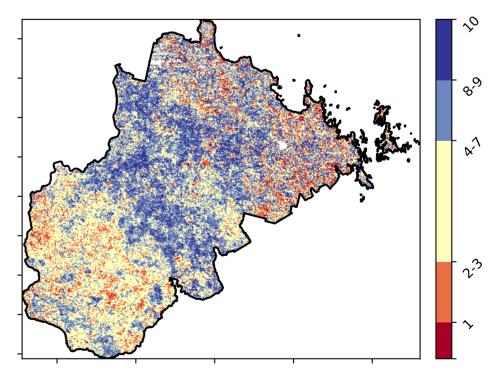
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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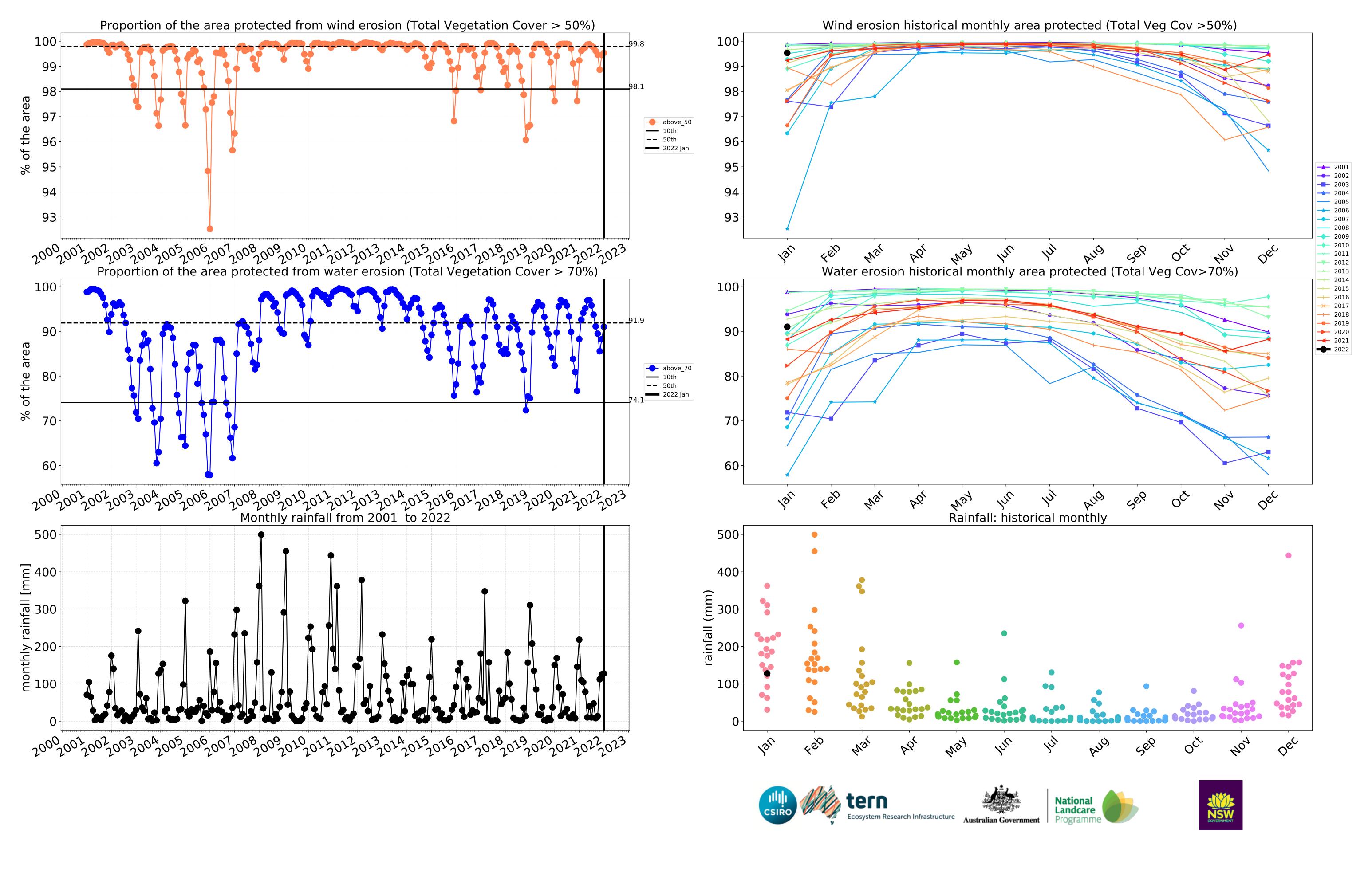








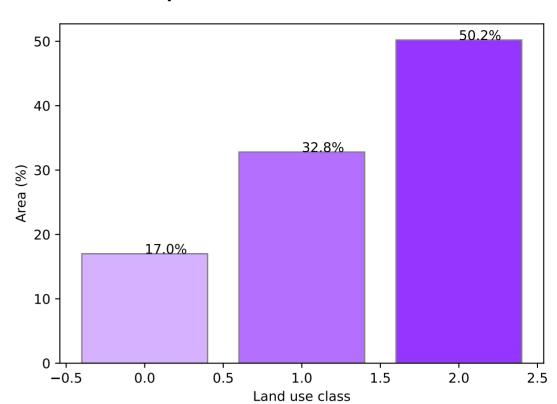




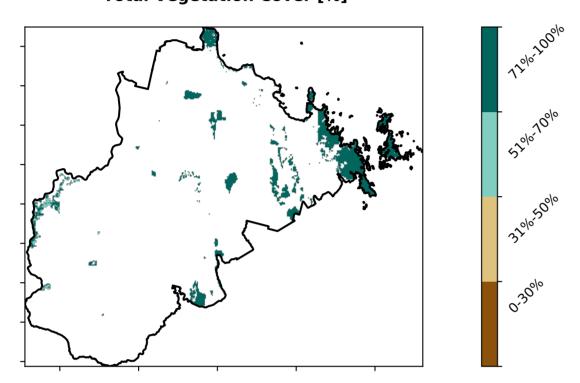
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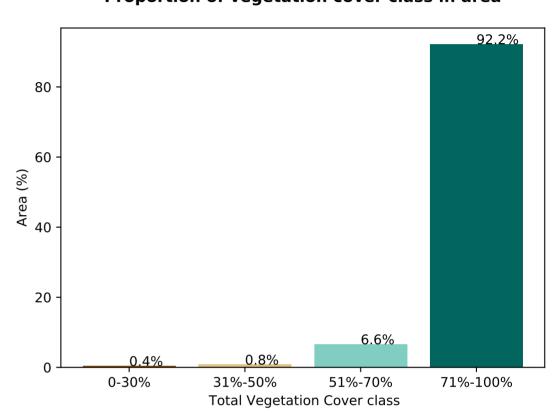
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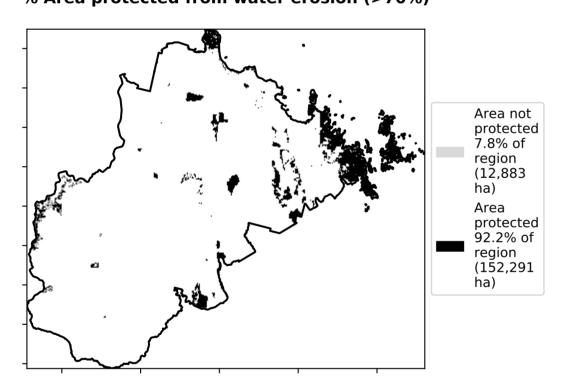
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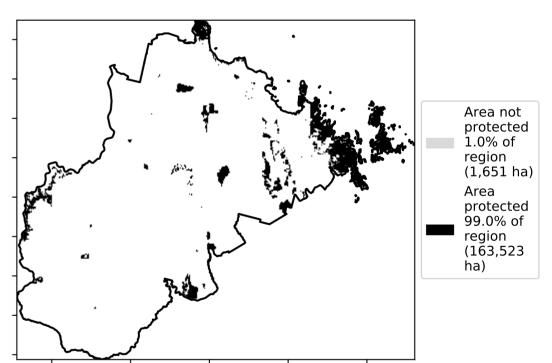
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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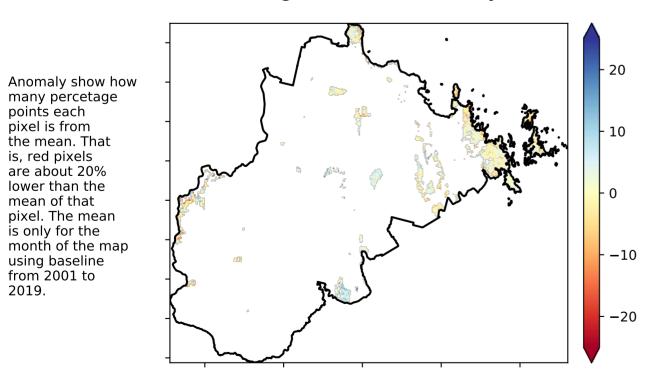
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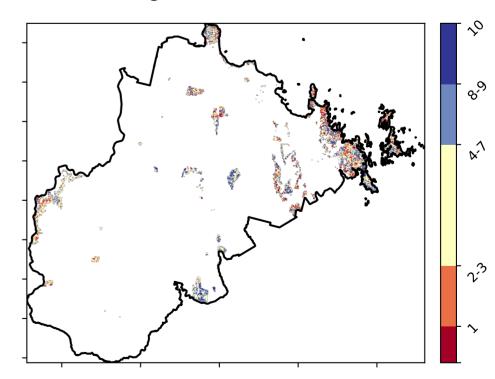
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



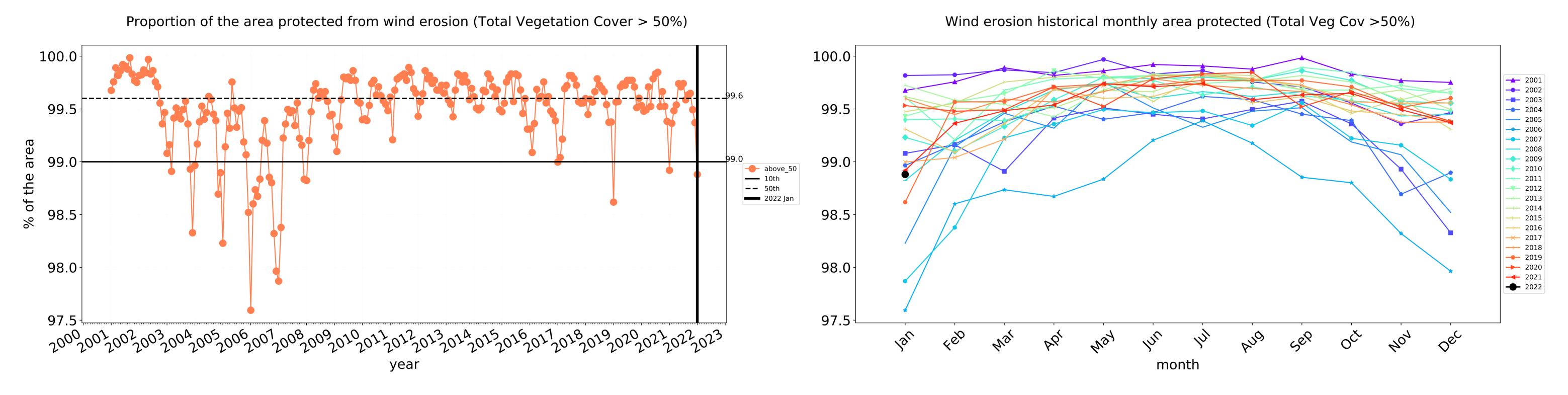


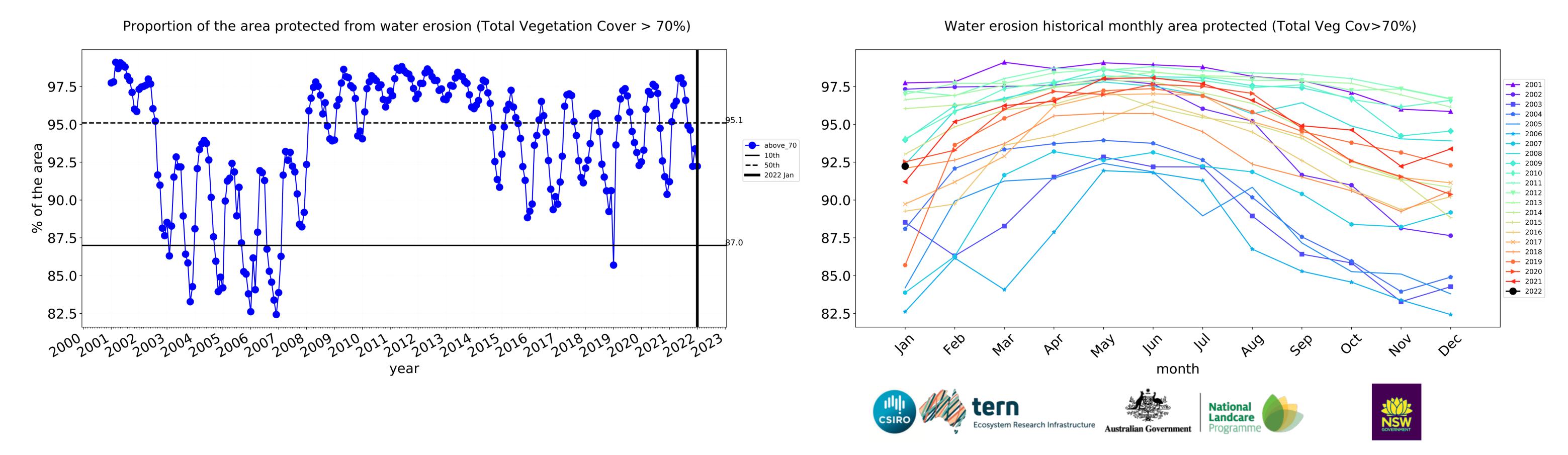






Conservation and natural environments timeseries





Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

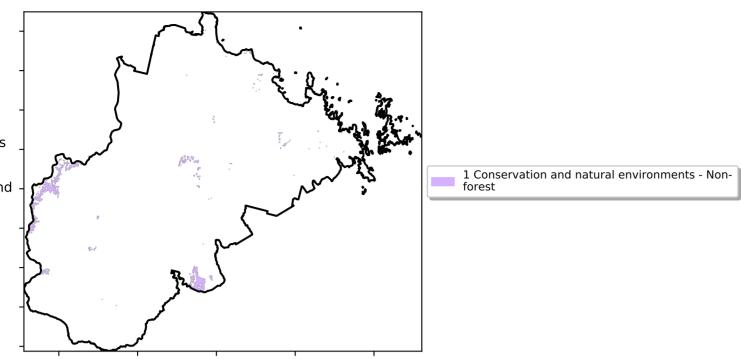


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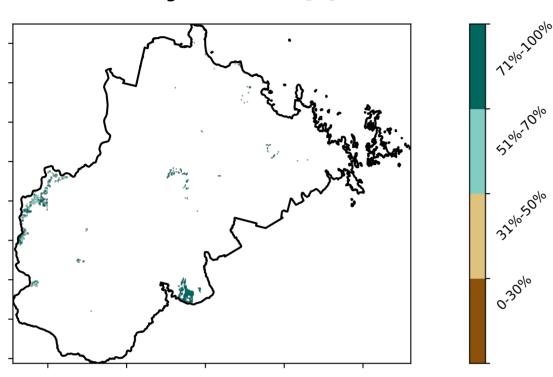
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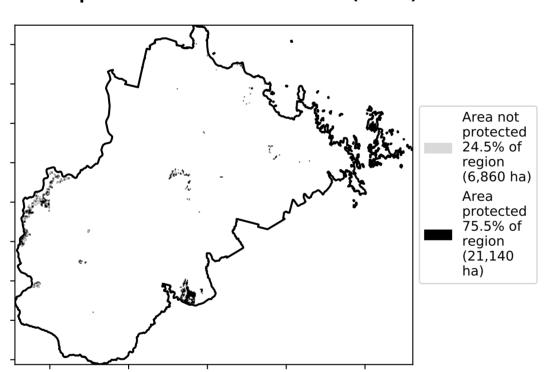
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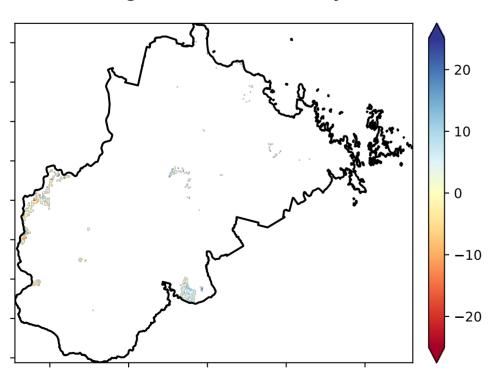
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

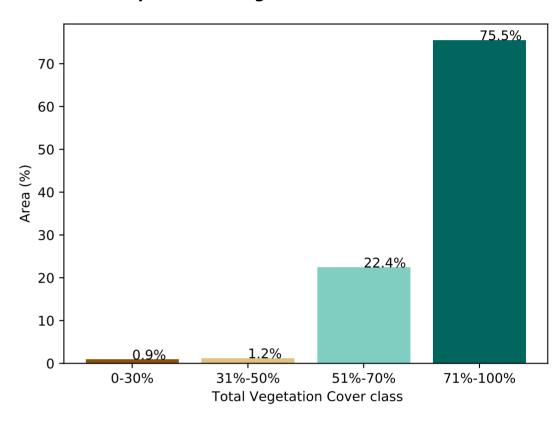


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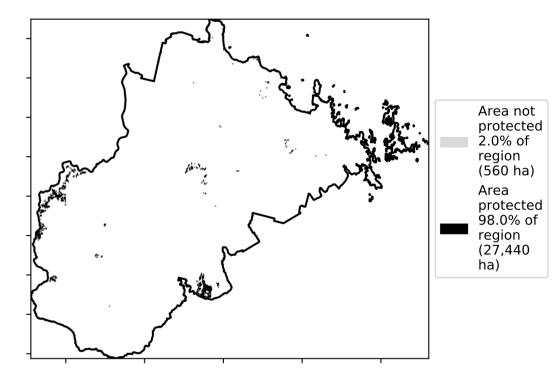


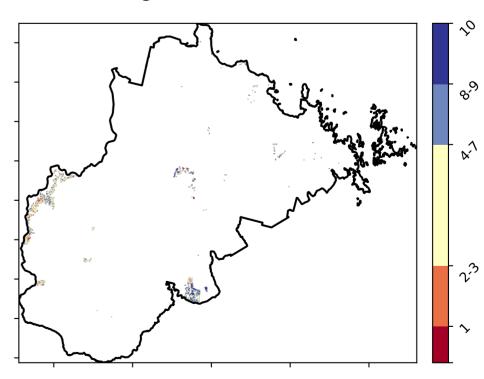
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)







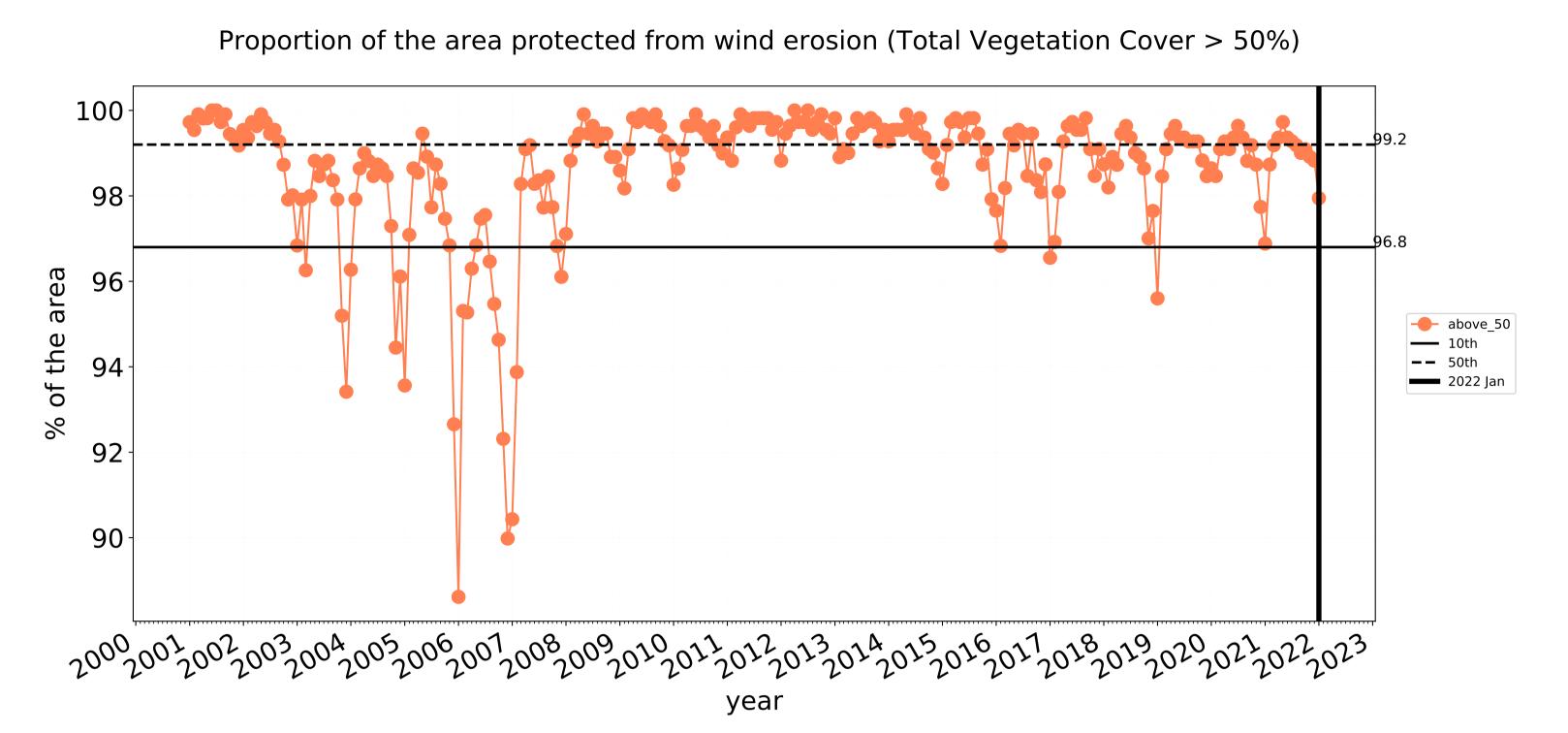


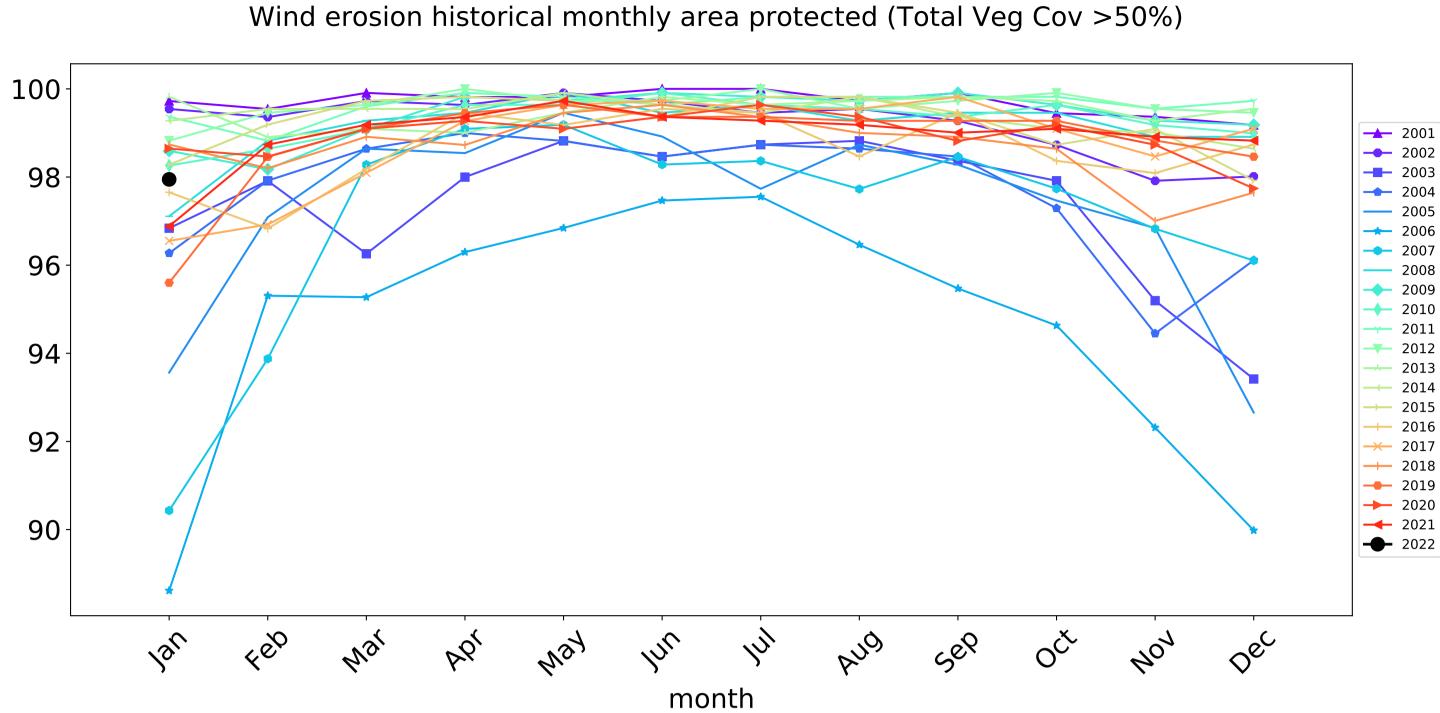


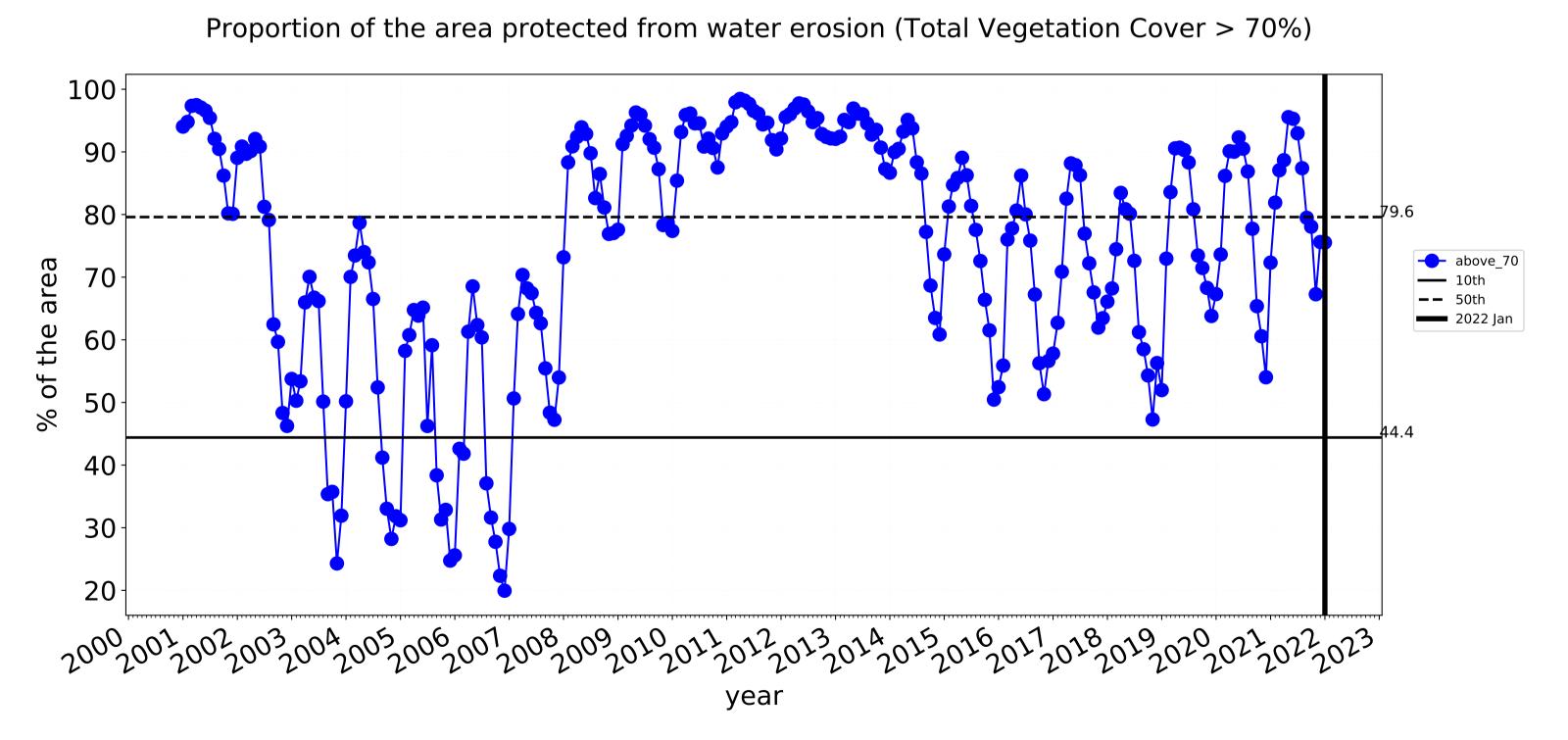


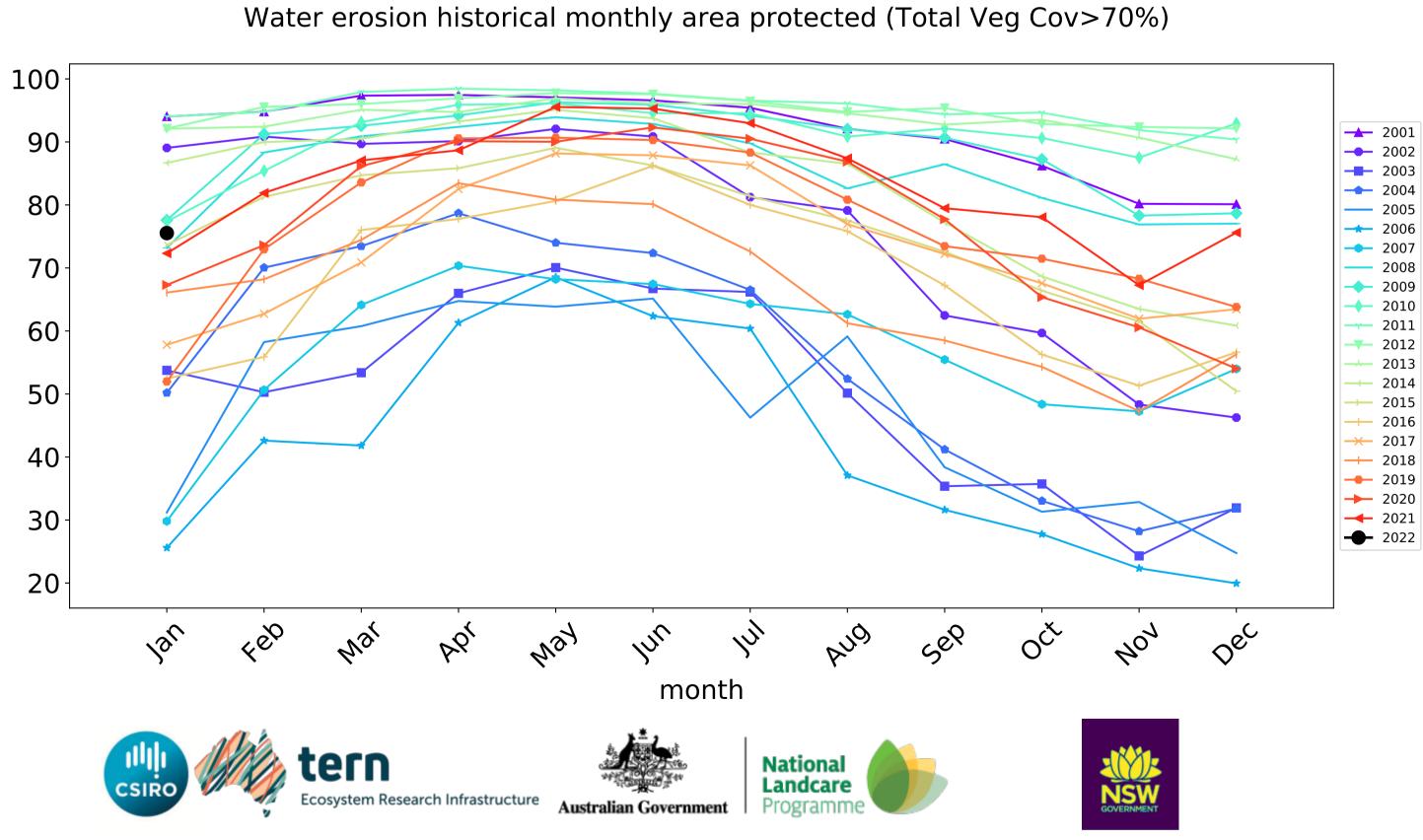


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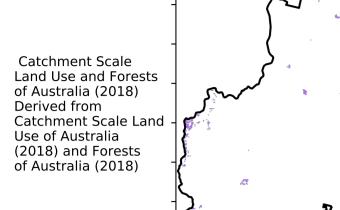


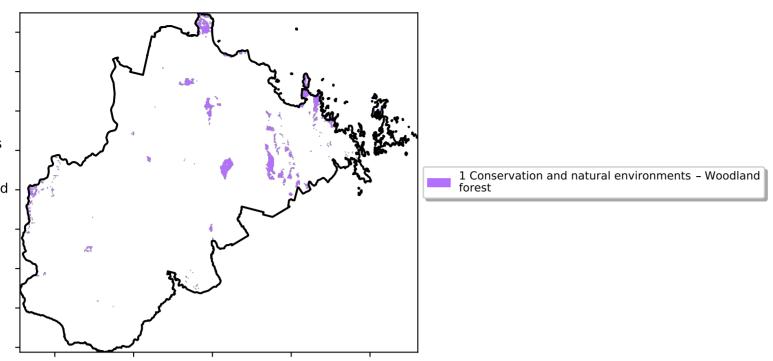




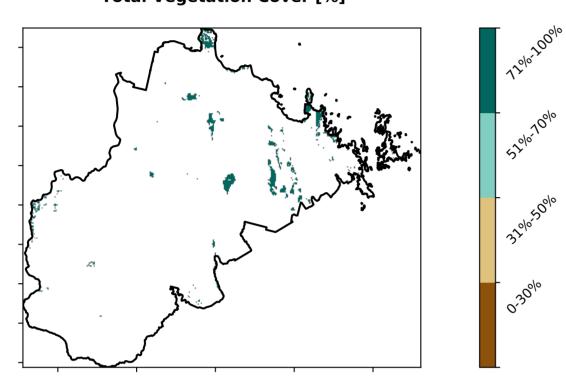
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

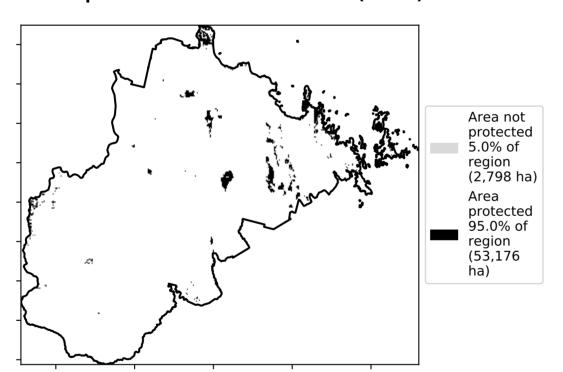




Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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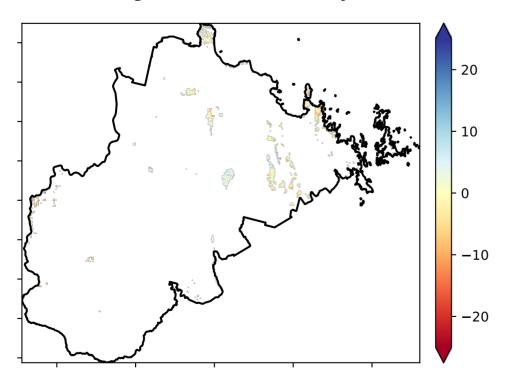
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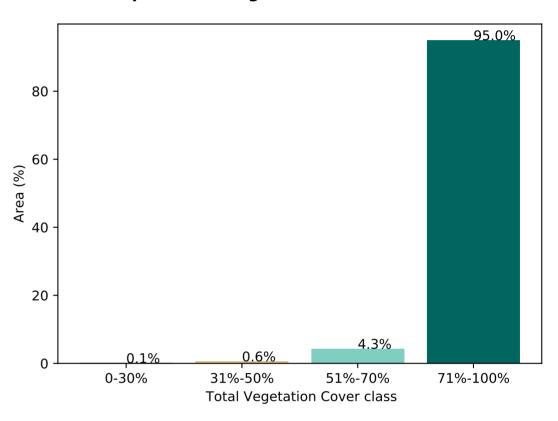
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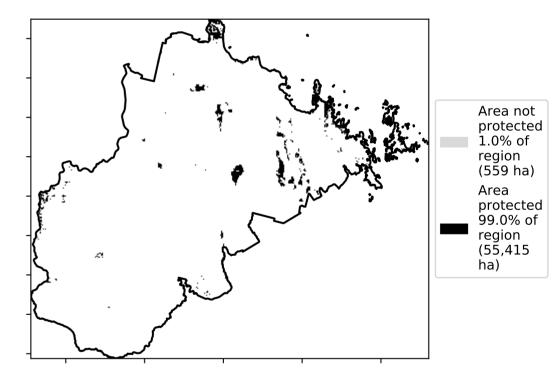


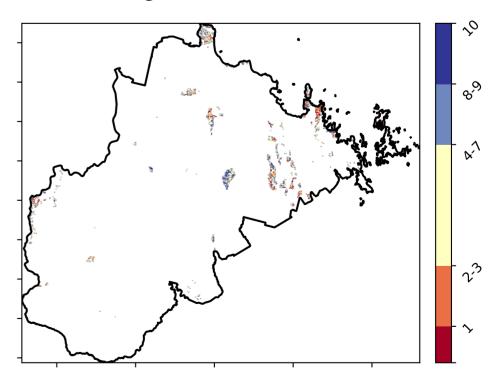
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





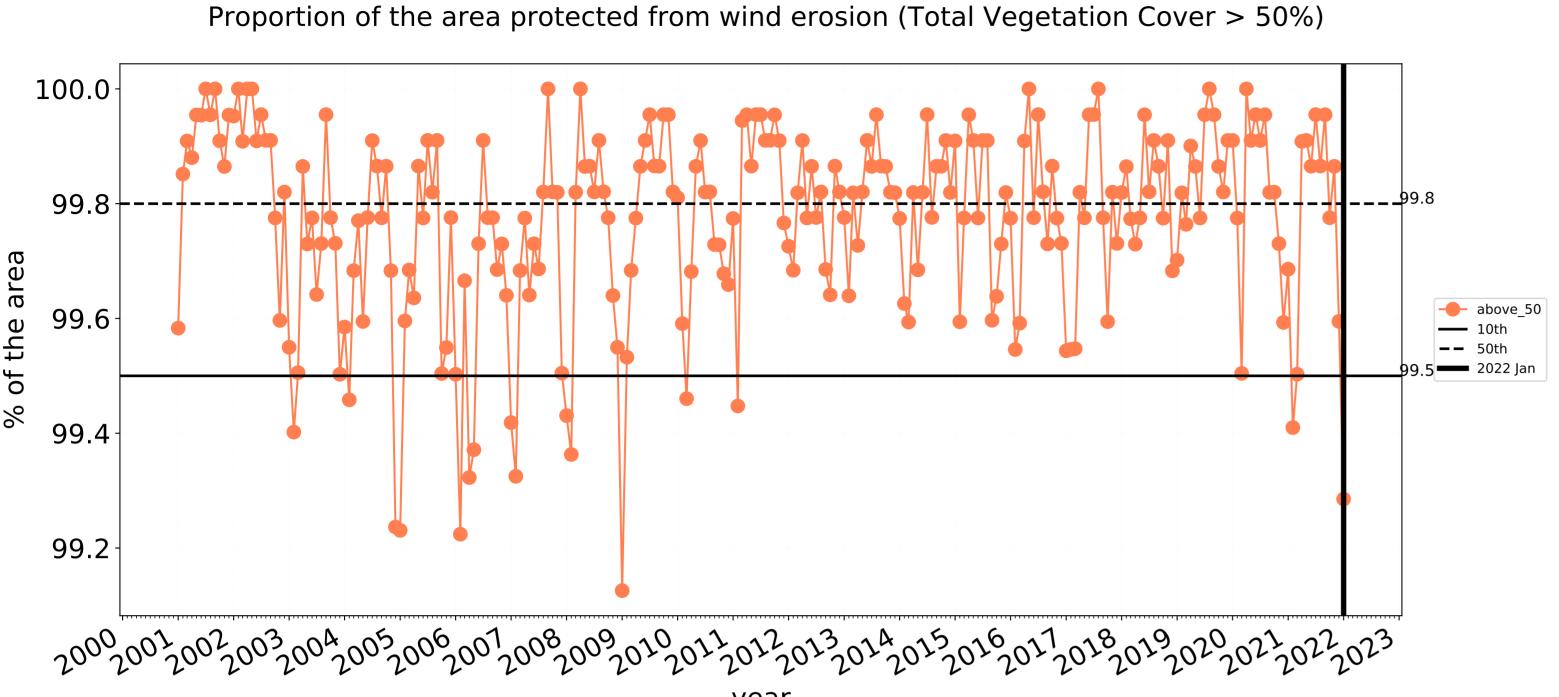


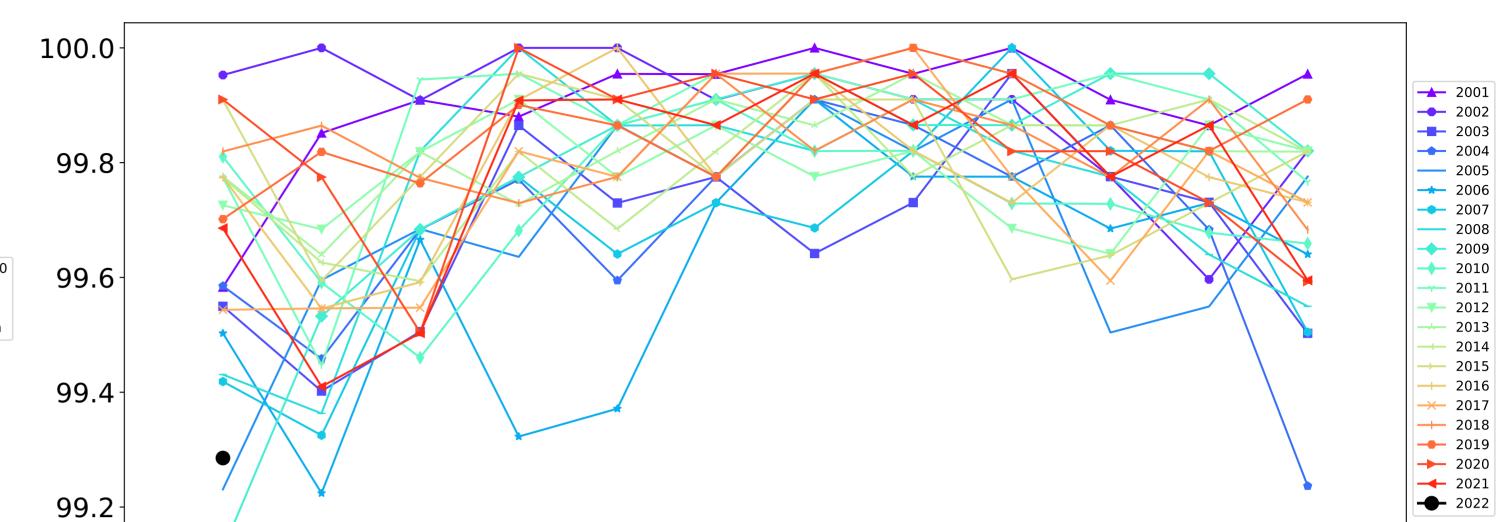






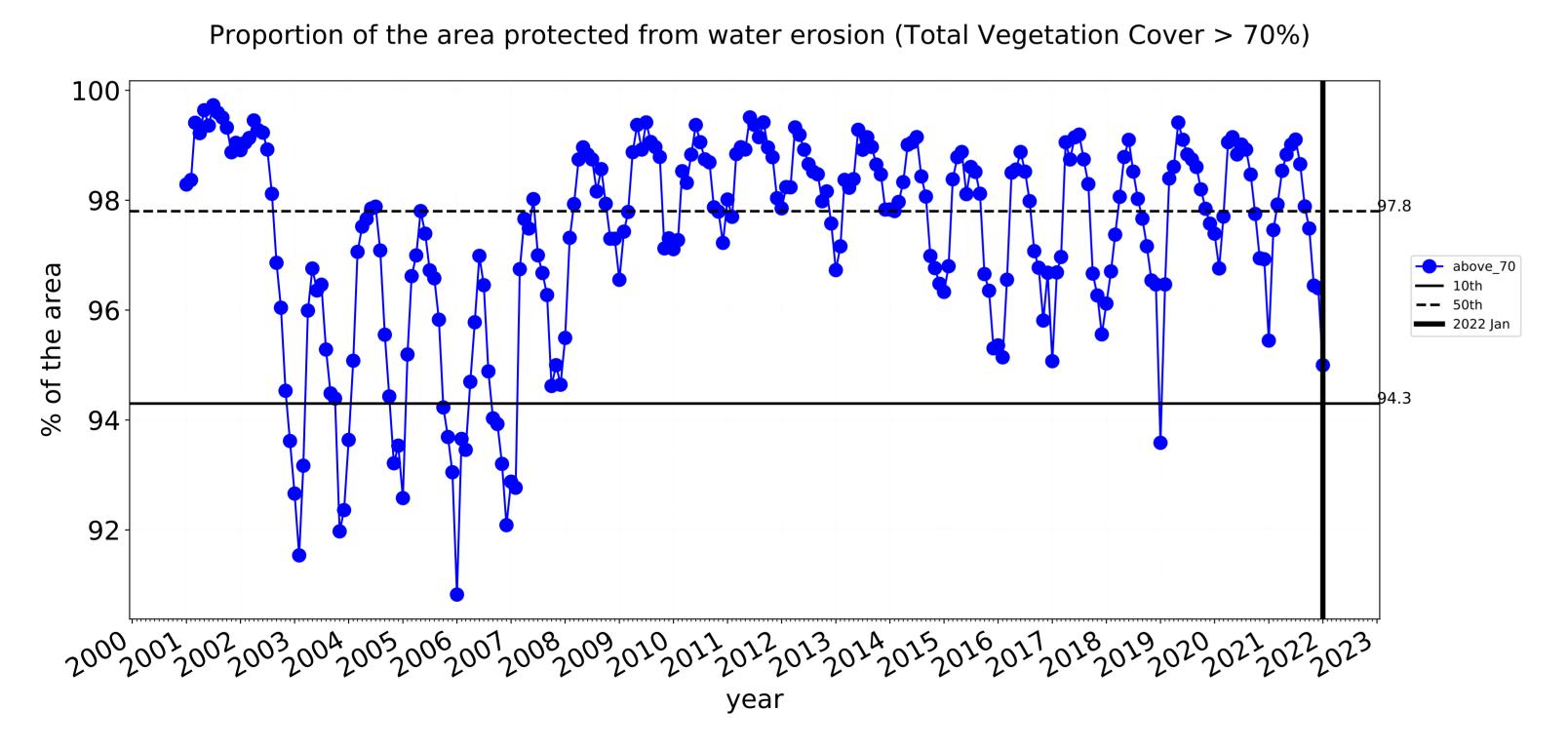
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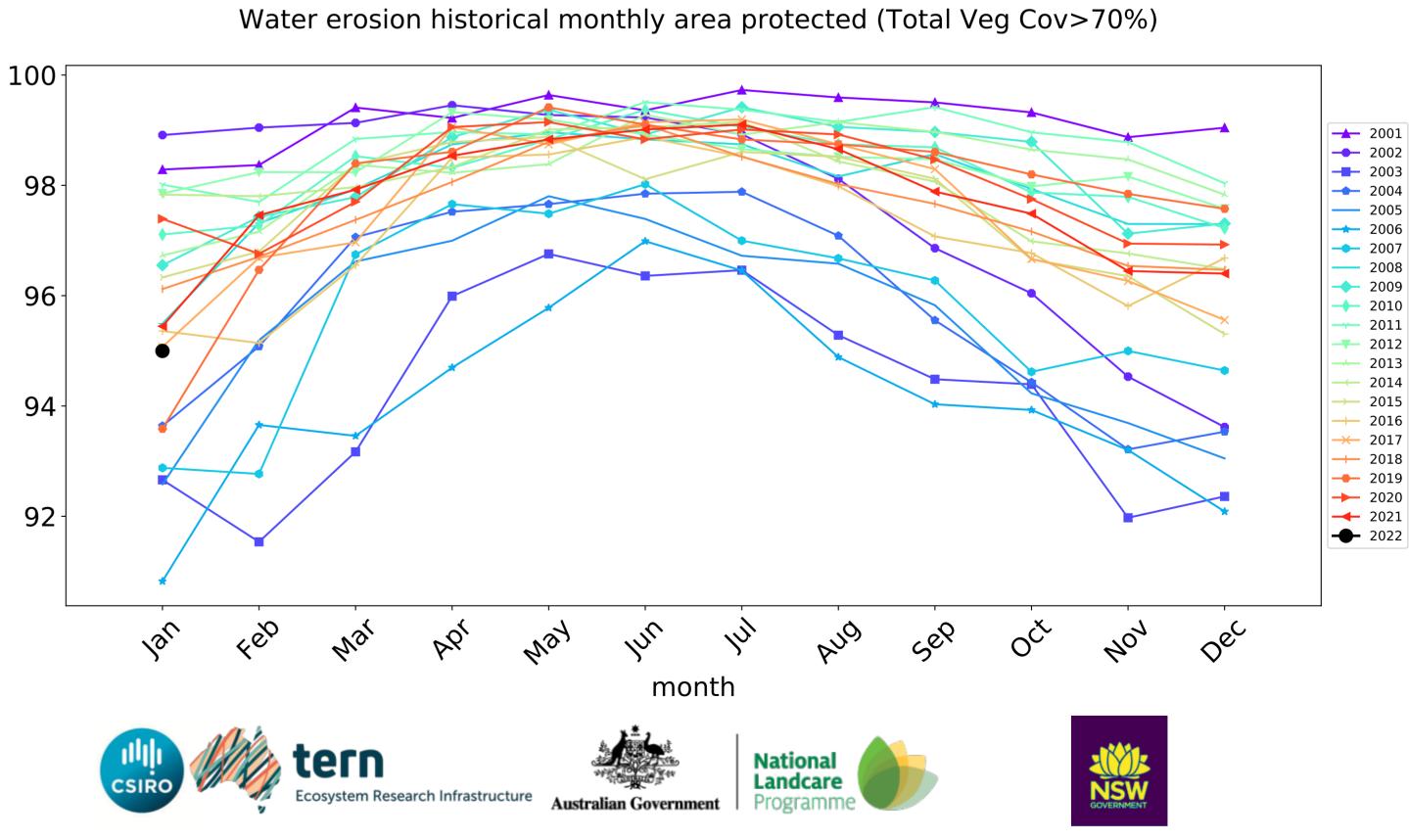




month

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





Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

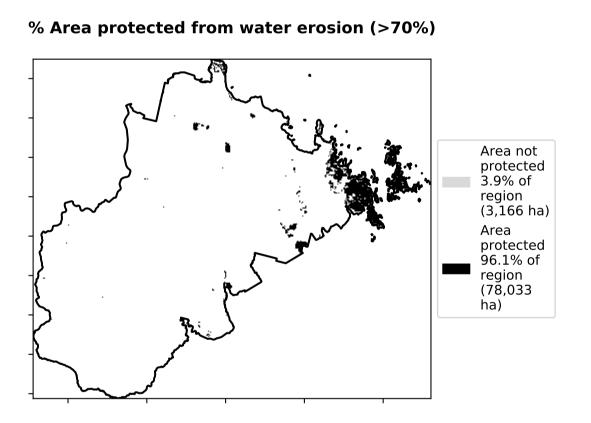
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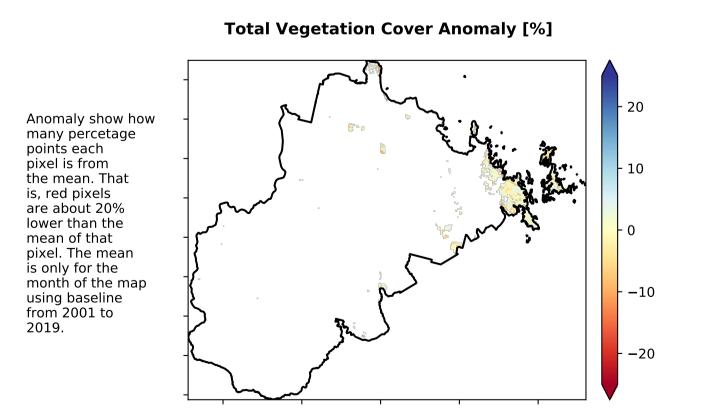
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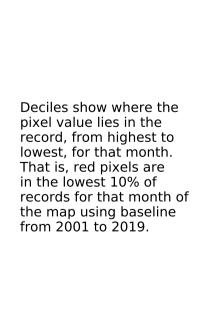
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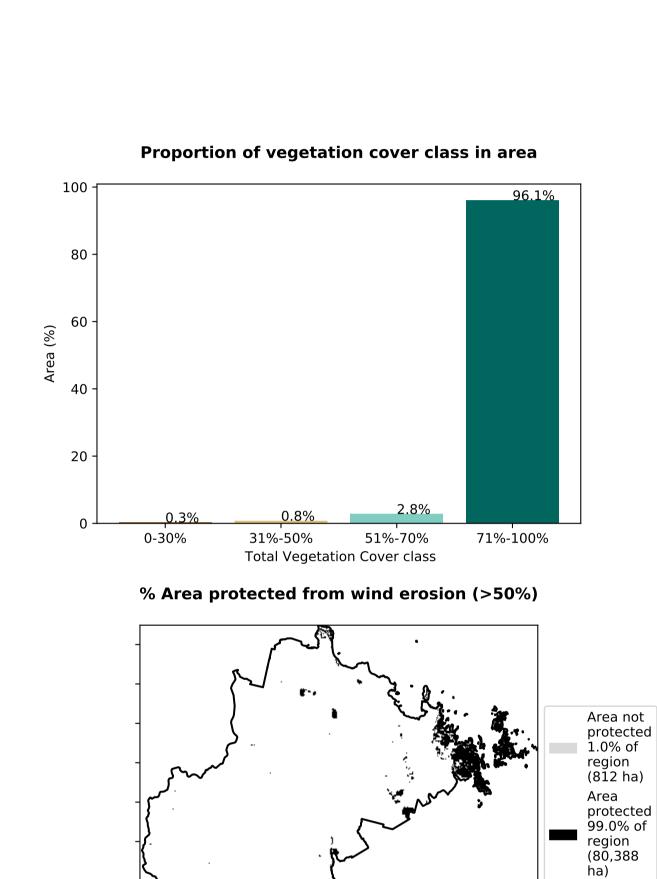
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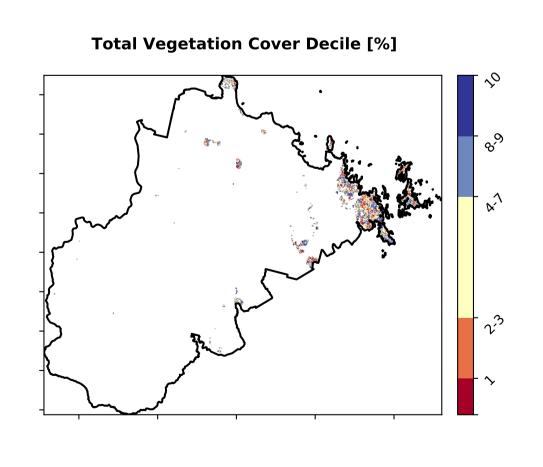
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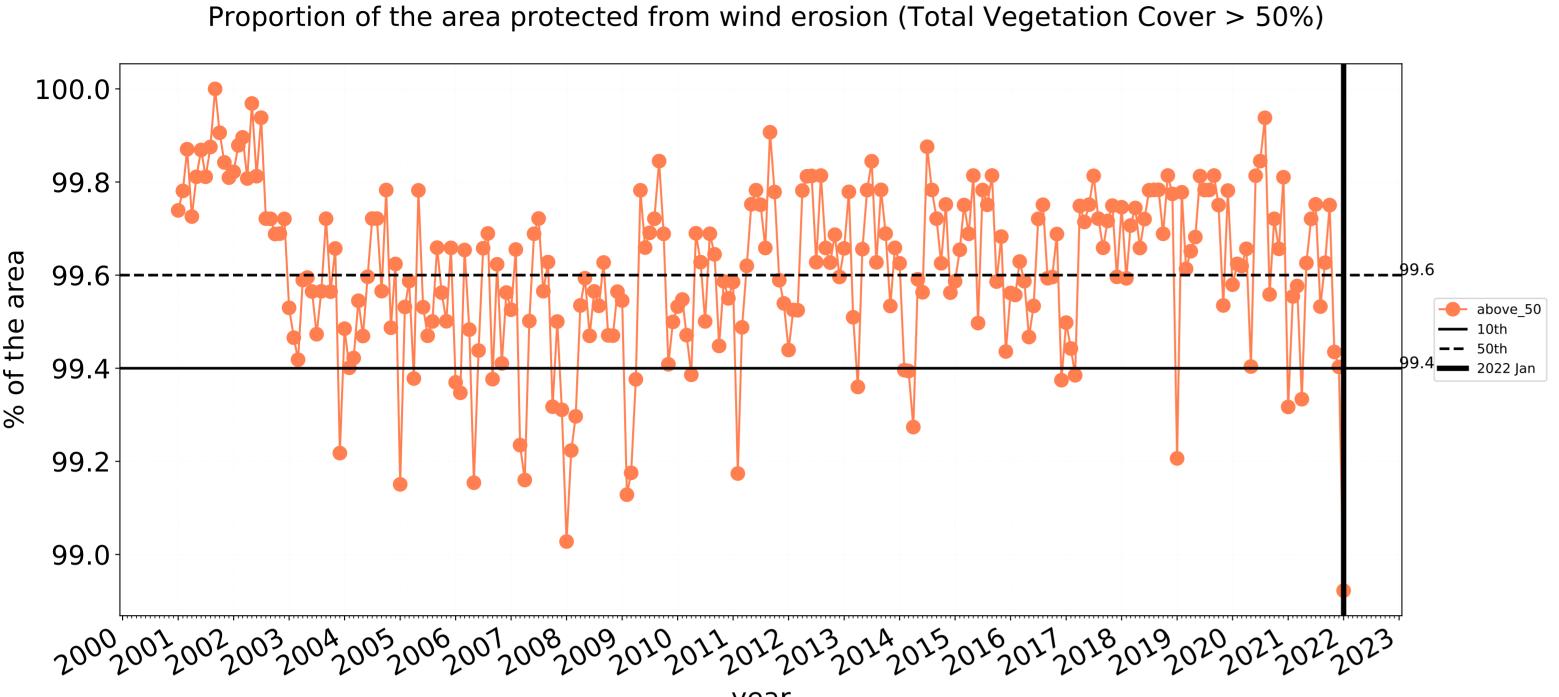


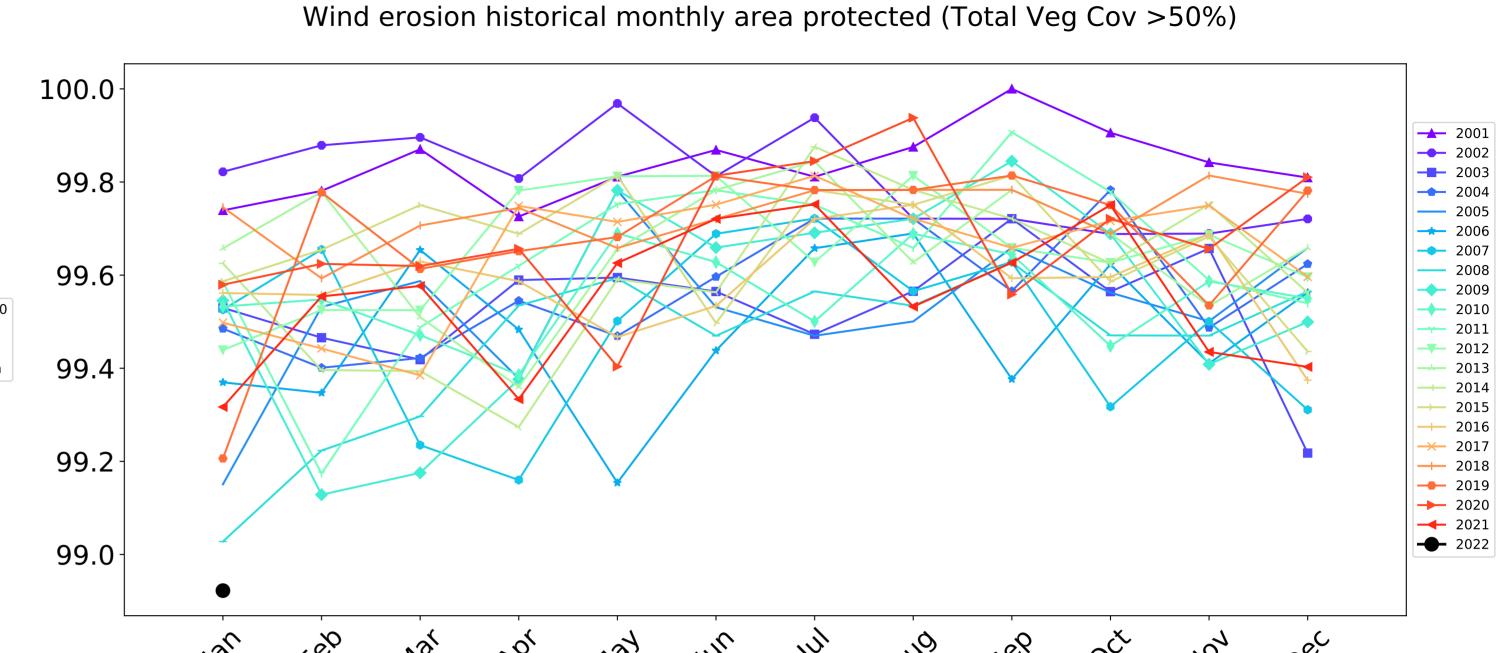




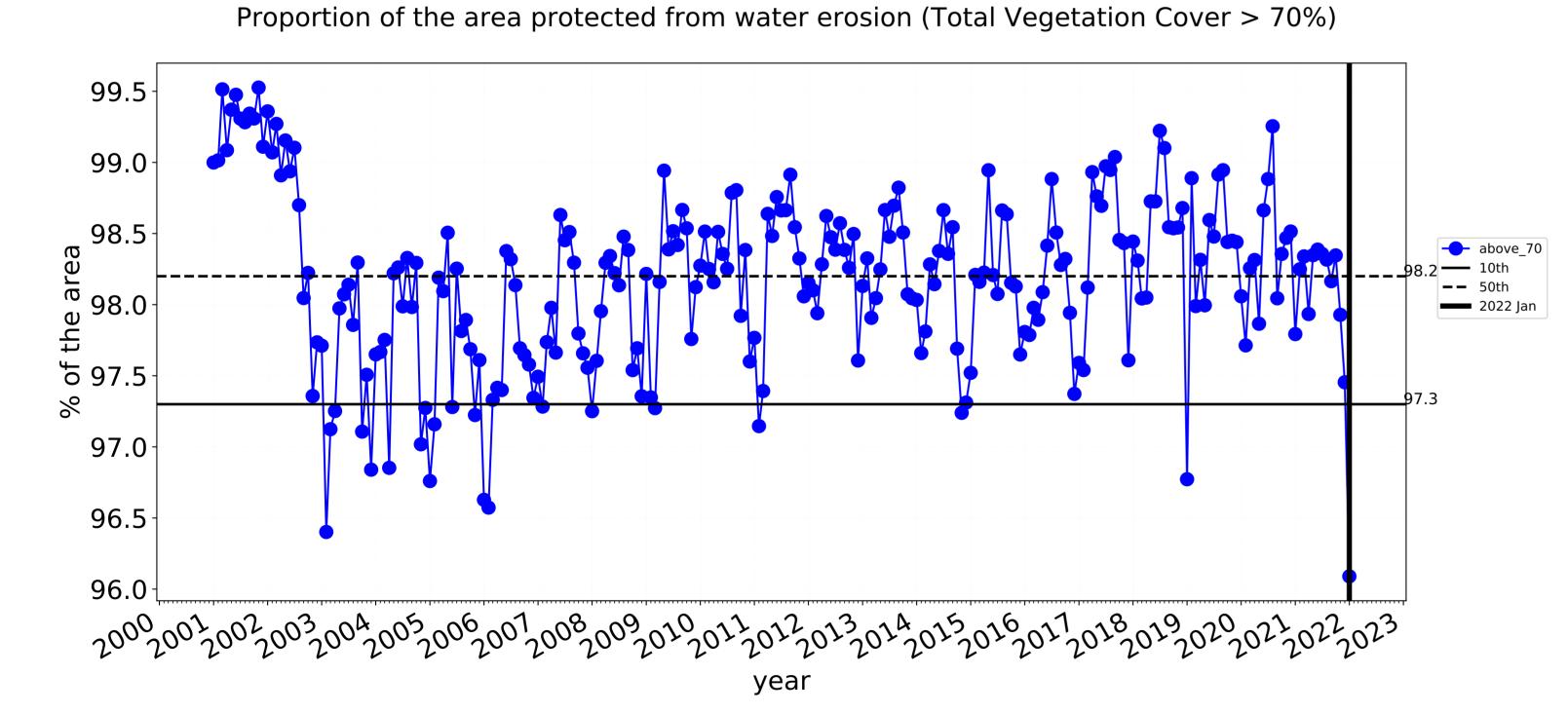


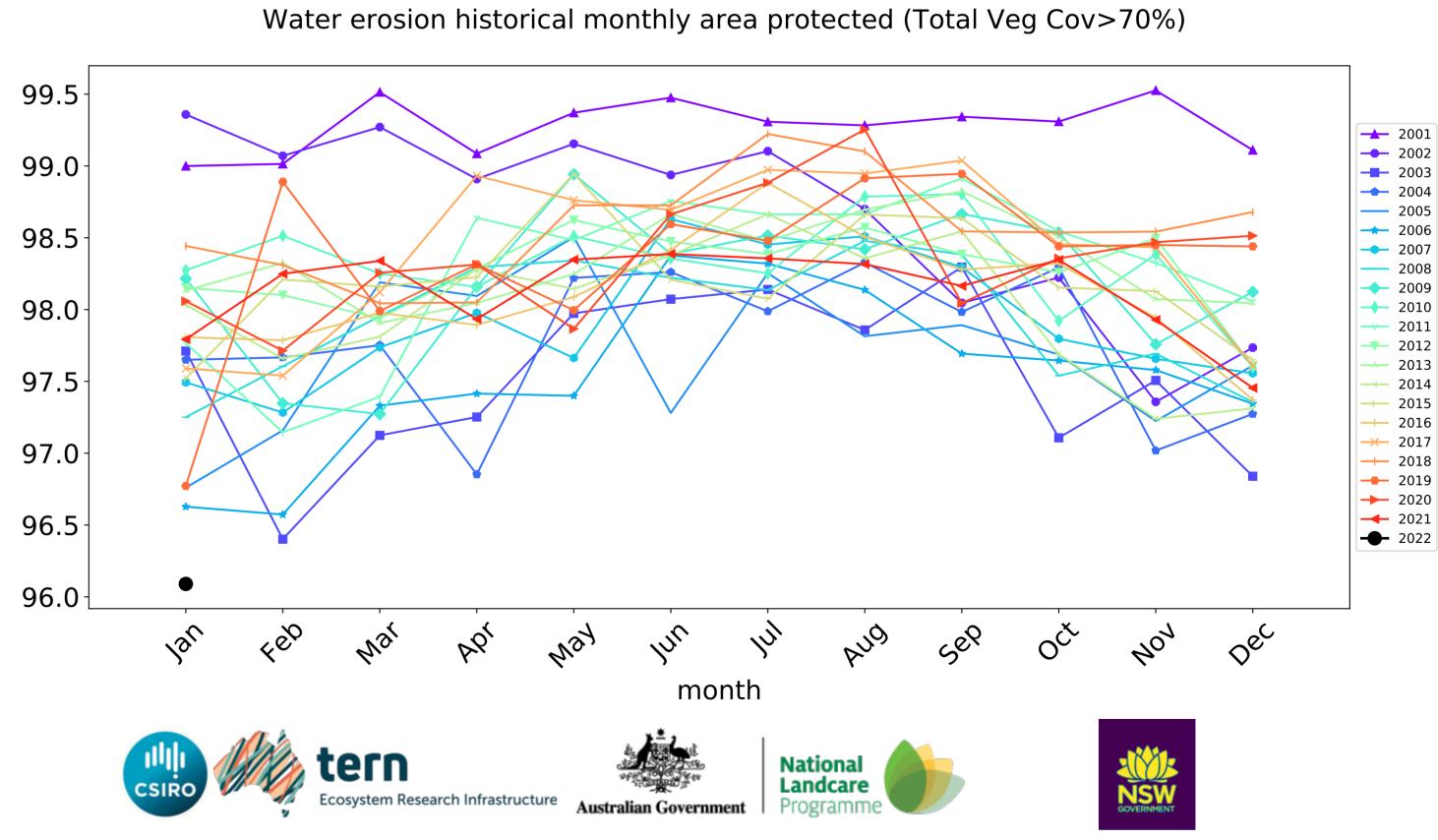
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Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

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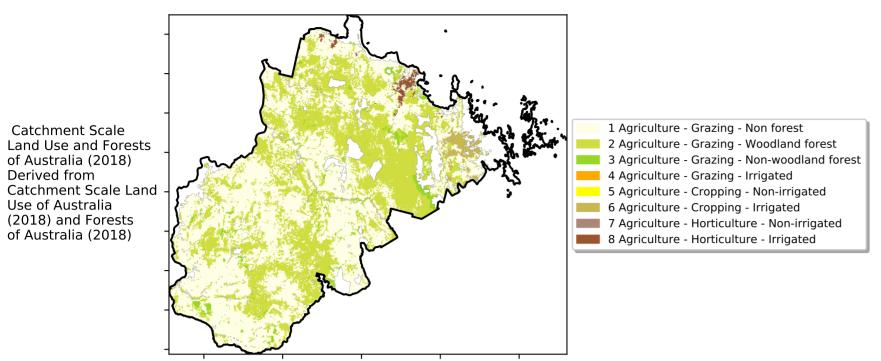
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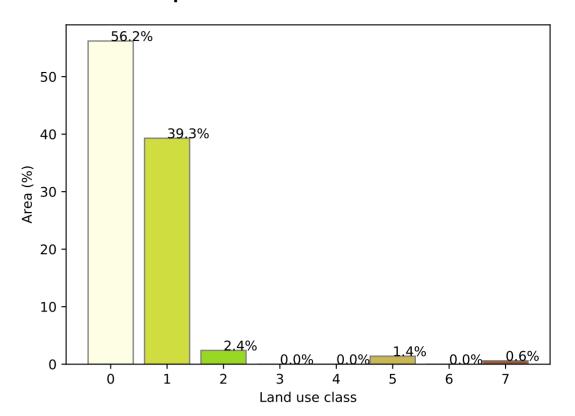
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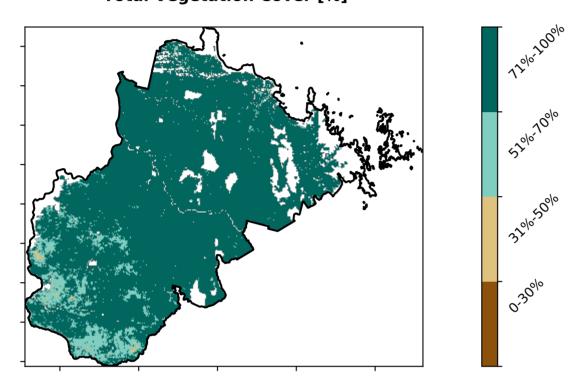
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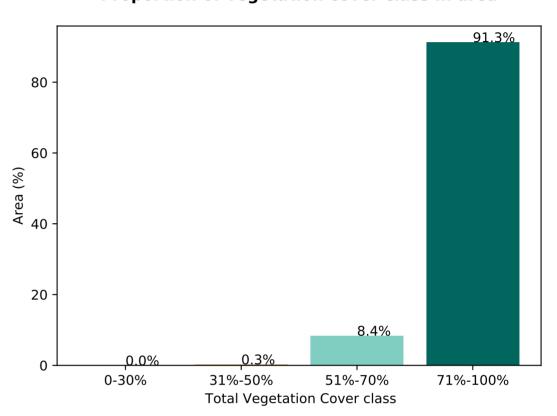
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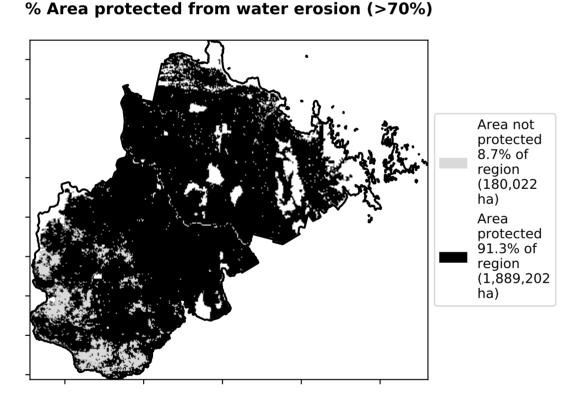


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

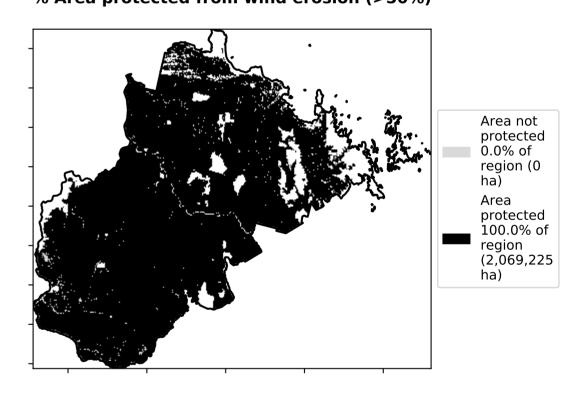


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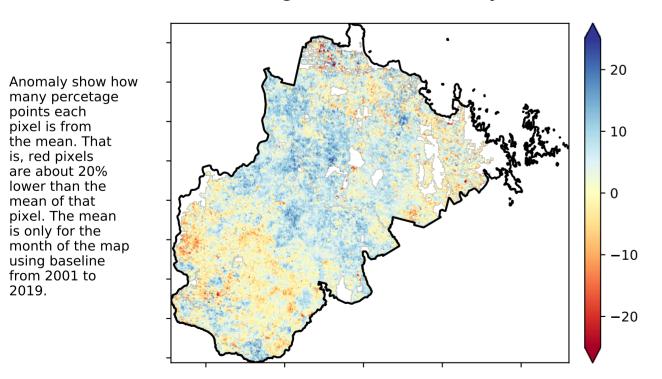




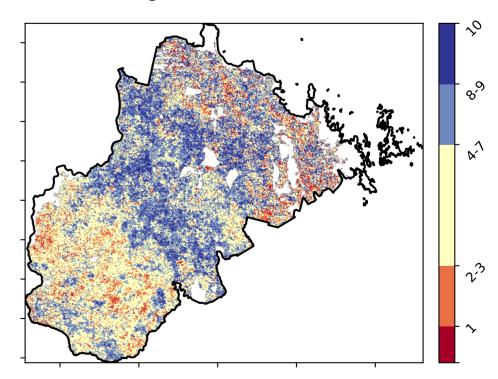
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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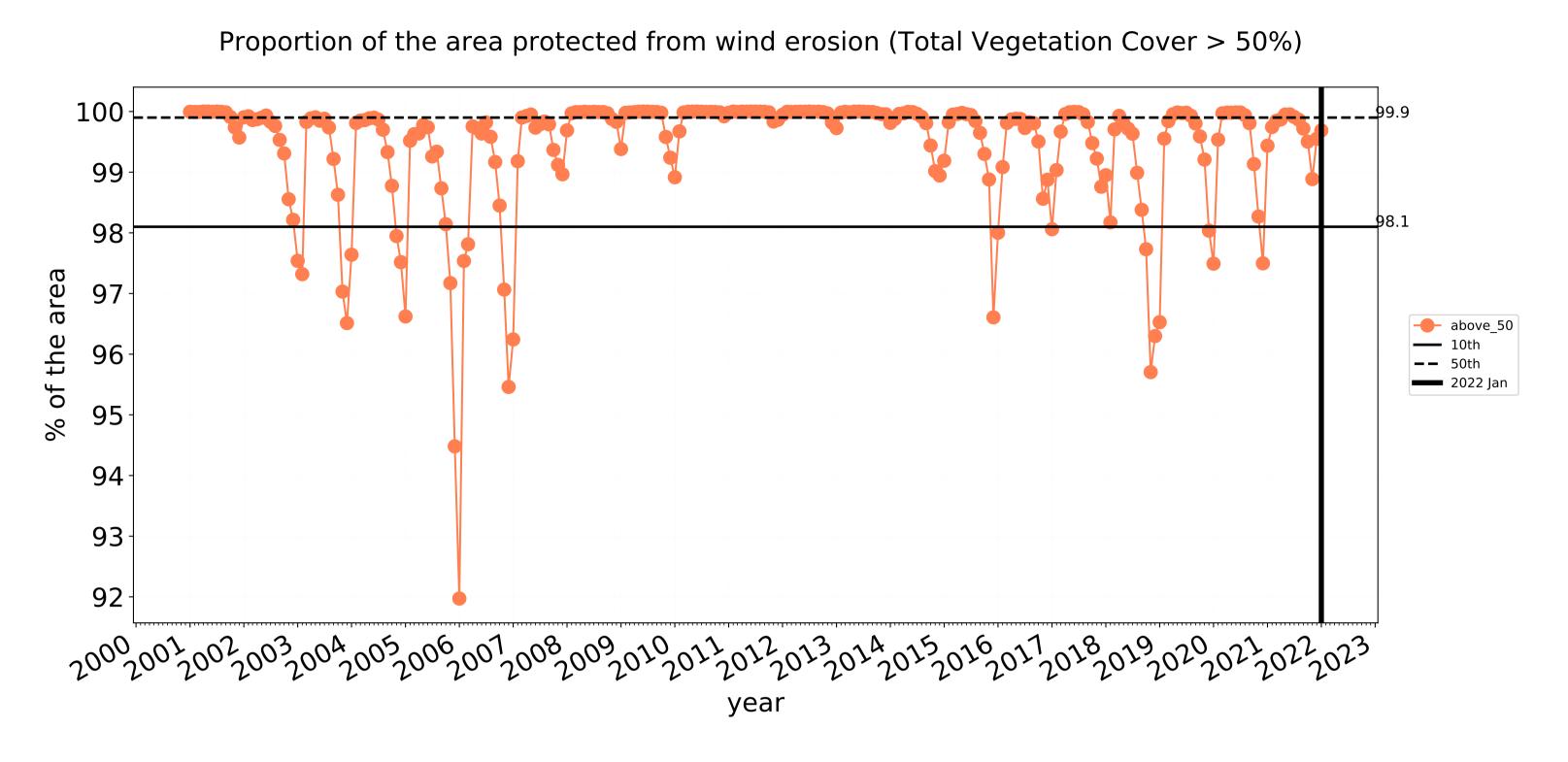


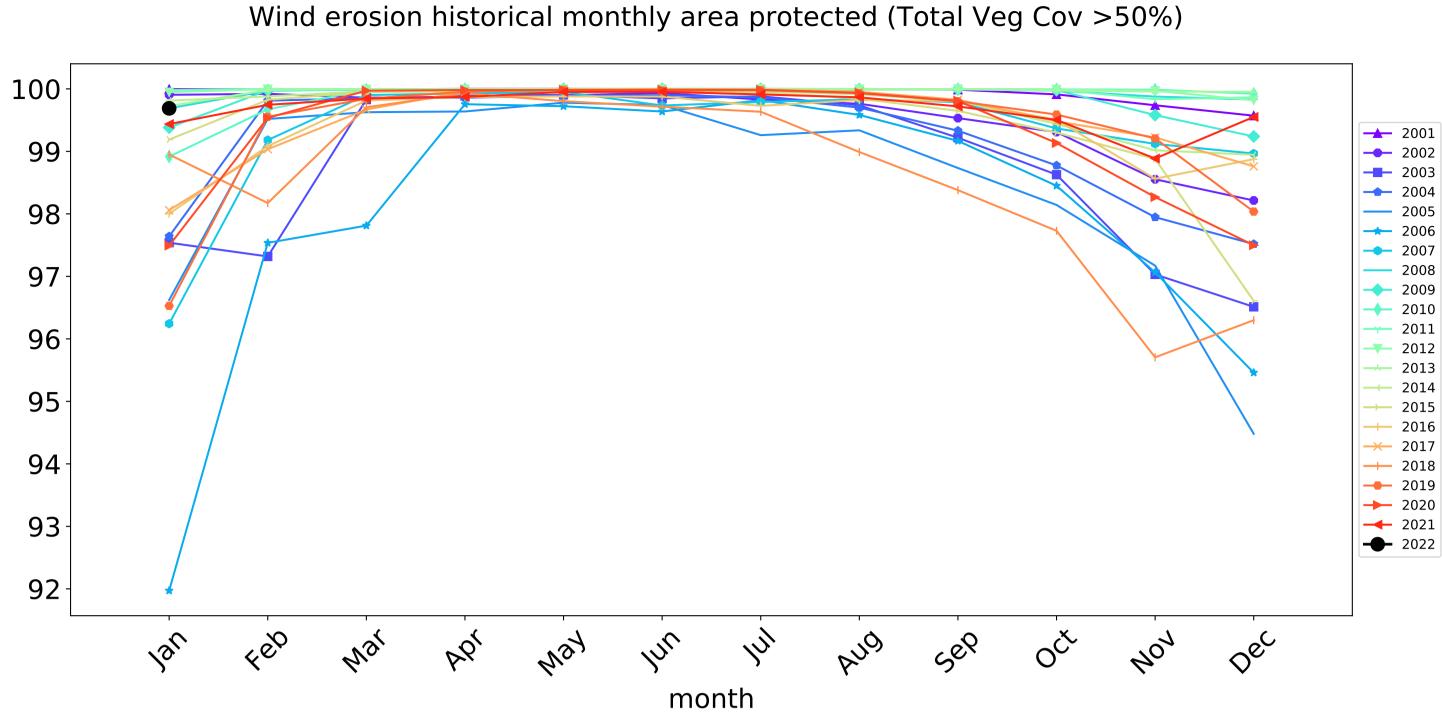


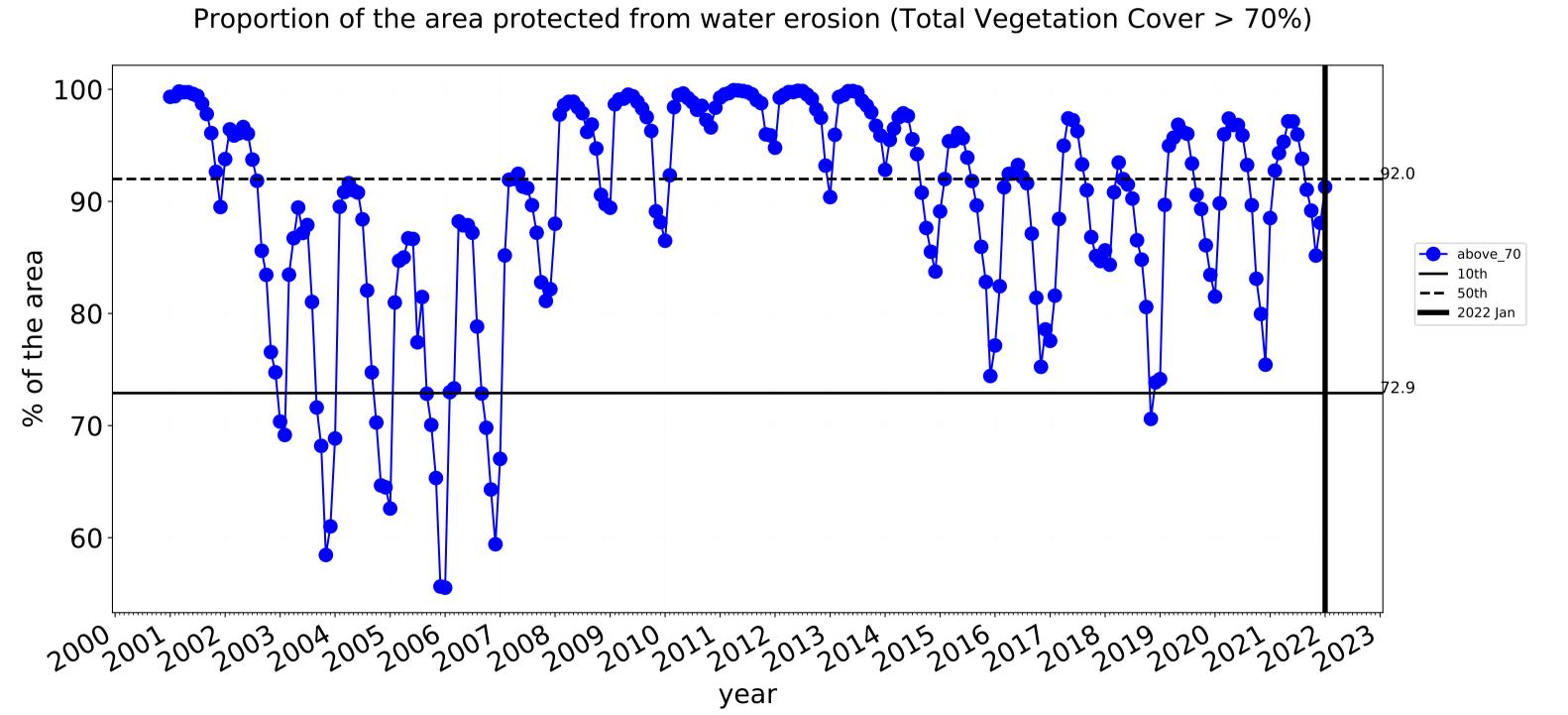


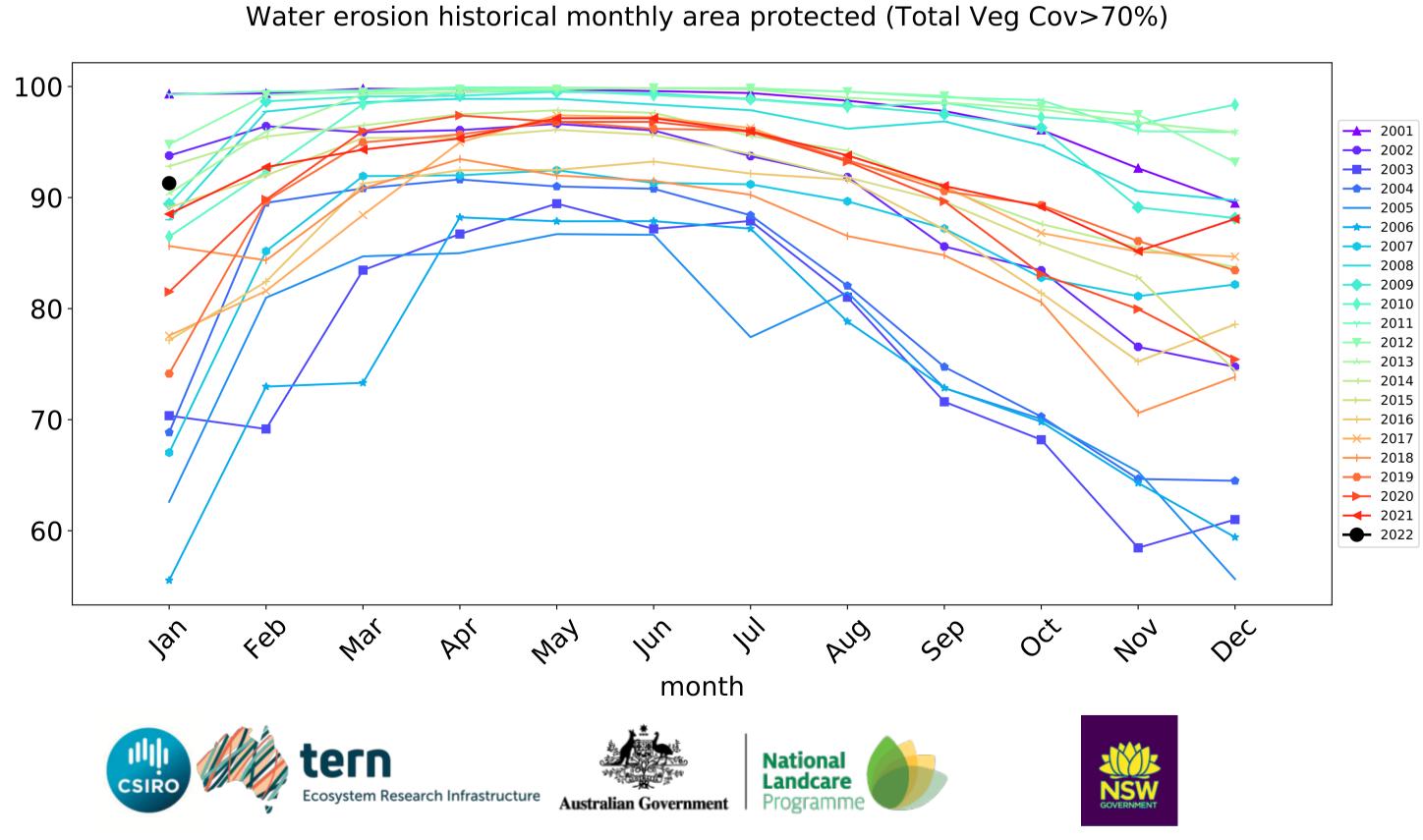


Agriculture timeseries



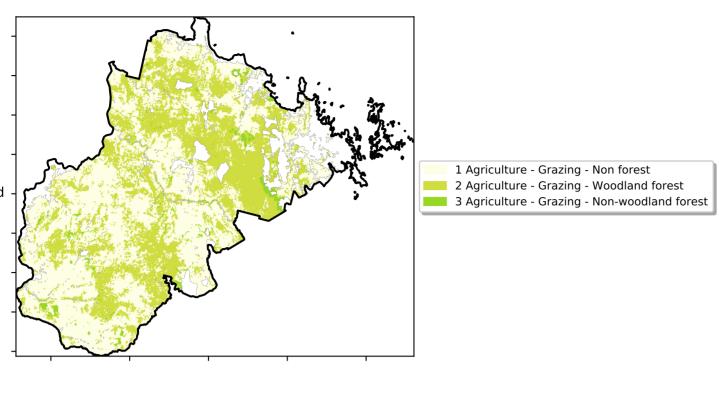




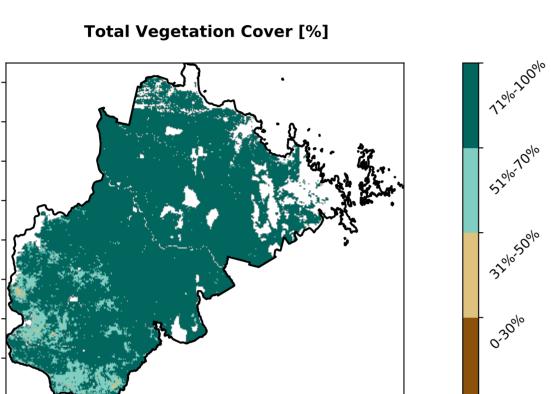


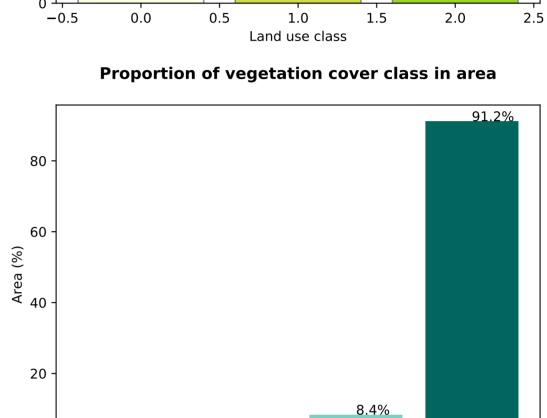
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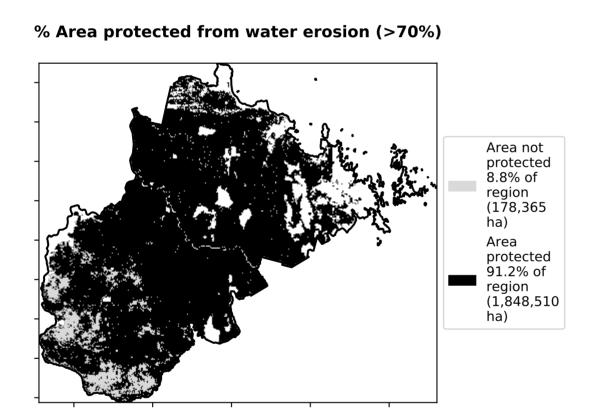
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Proportion of each land class in area 60 -57.4% 50 40.1% 40 Area (%) 20 10 0.5 1.0 -0.5 1.5 0.0 2.0







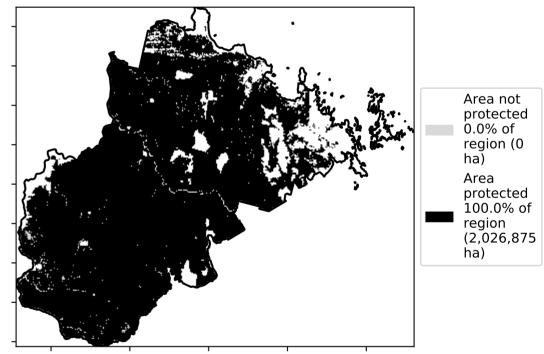
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

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31%-50%

0-30%



51%-70%

71%-100%



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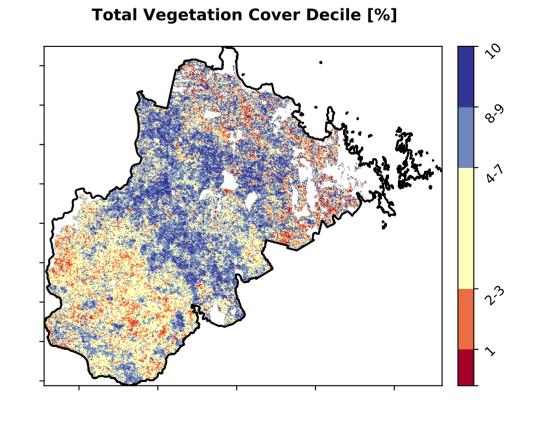
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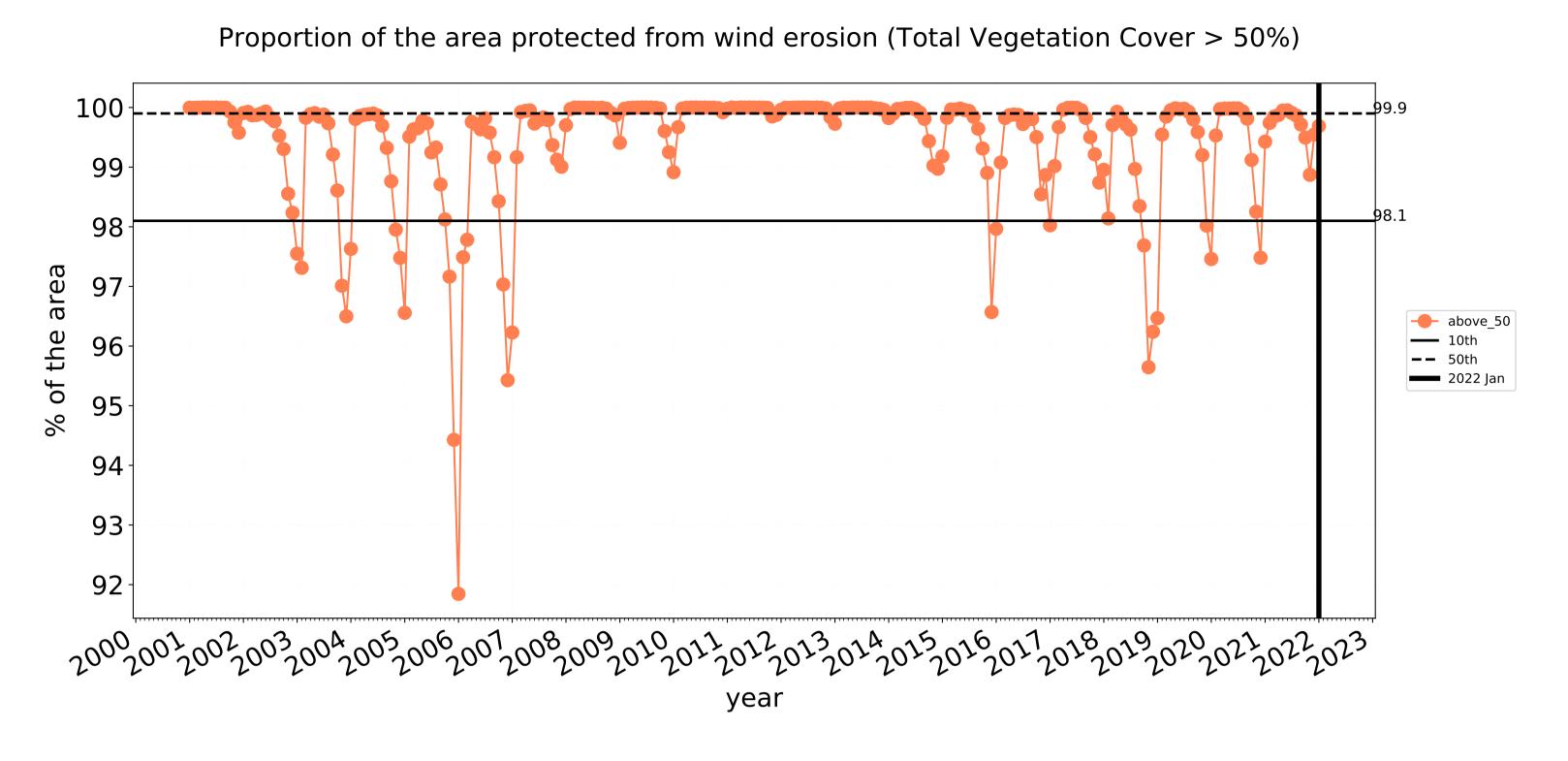


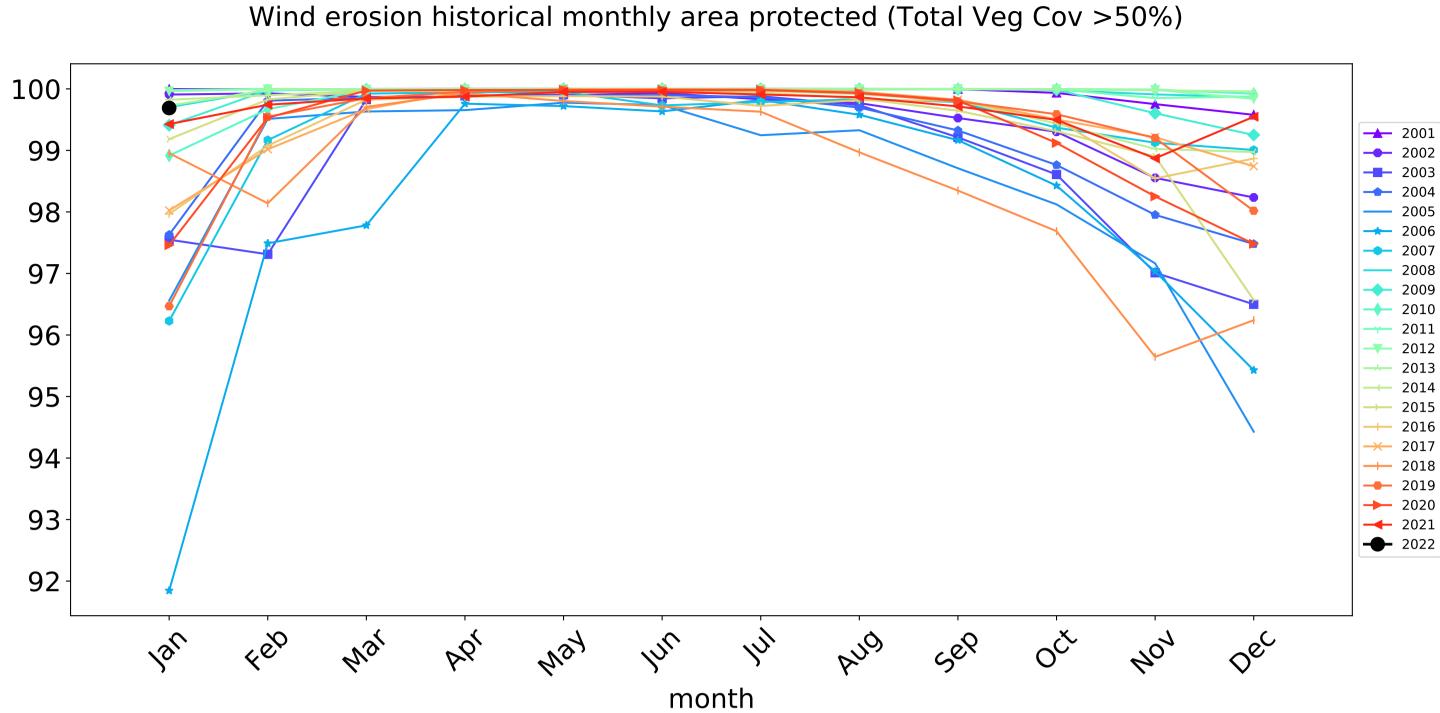


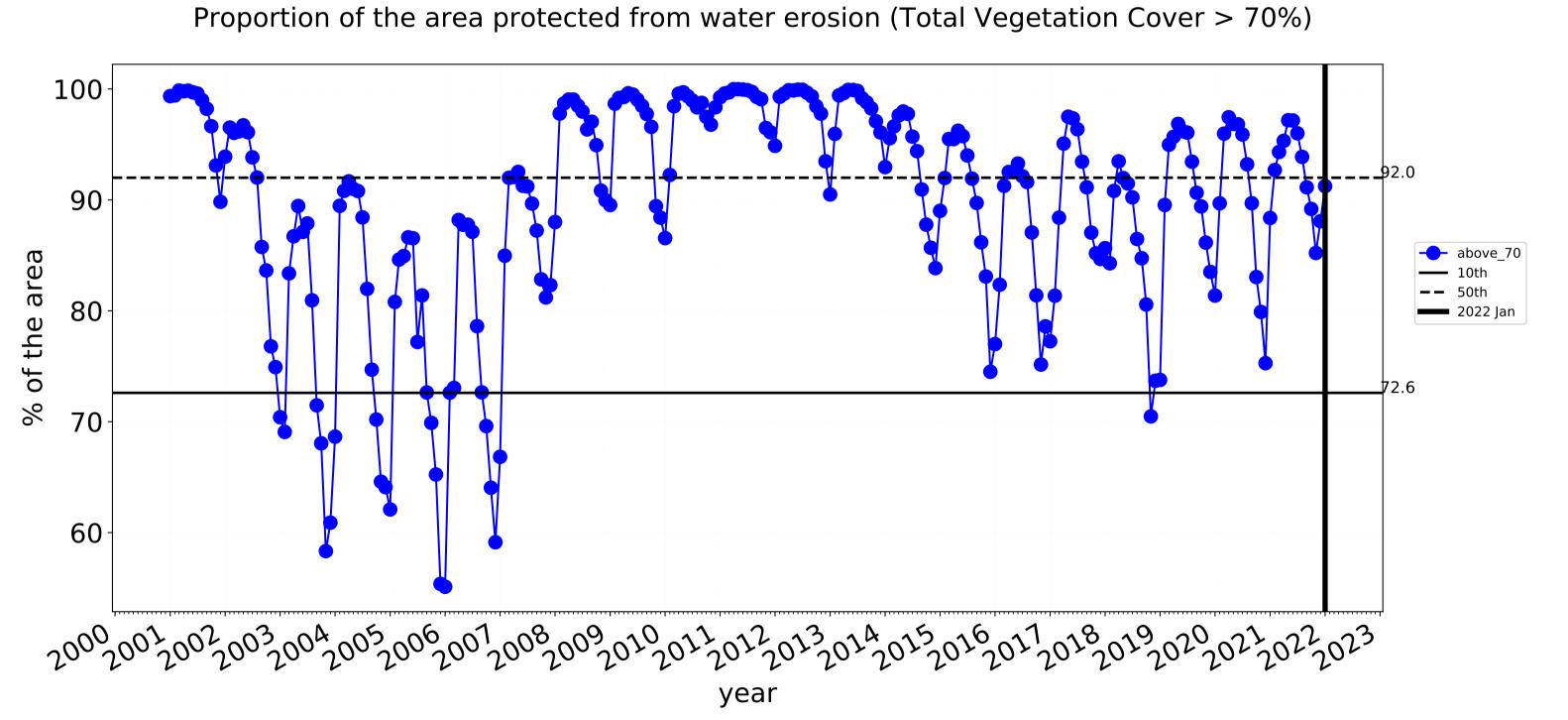


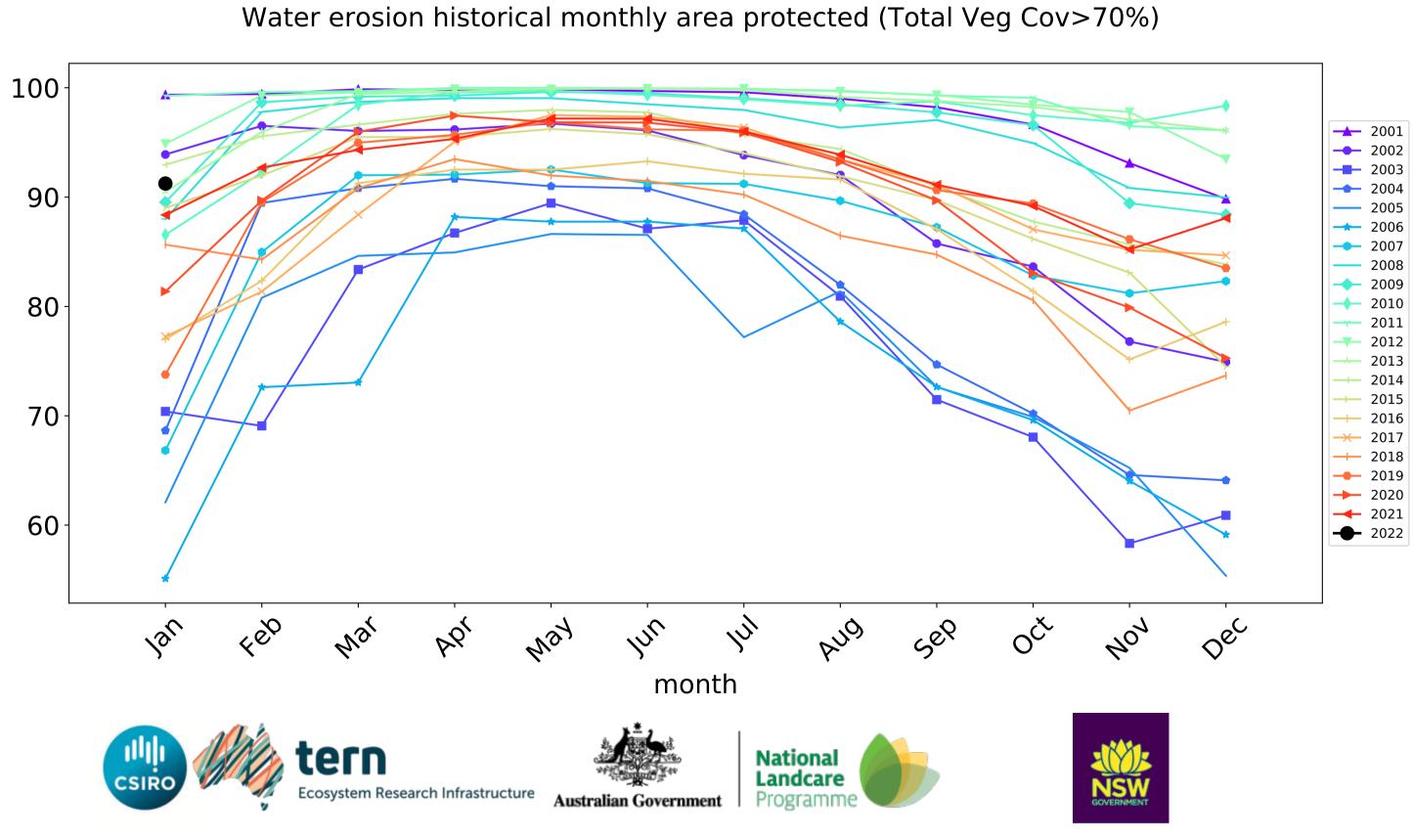


Grazing timeseries







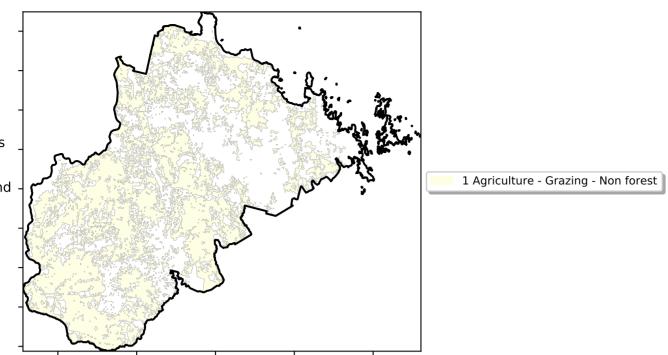


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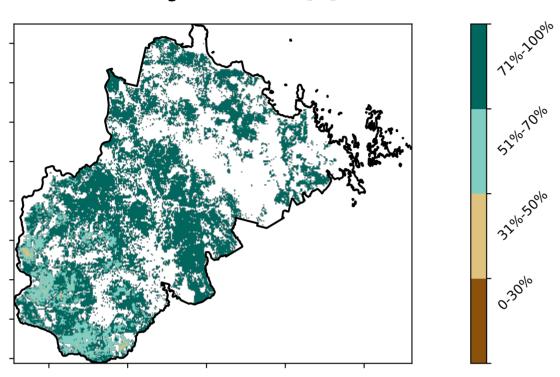
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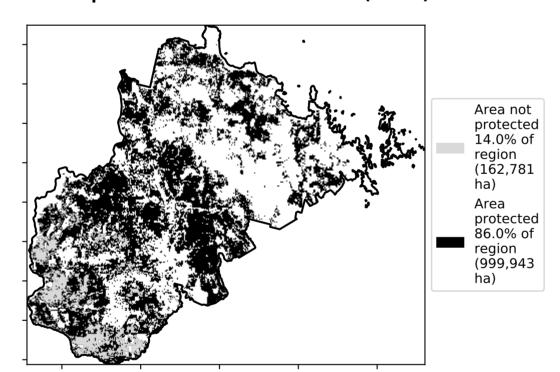
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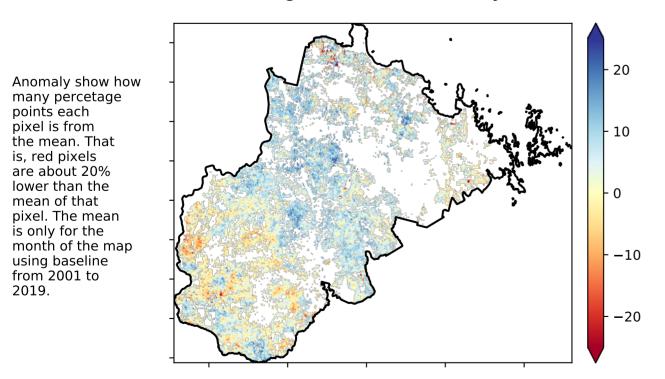
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

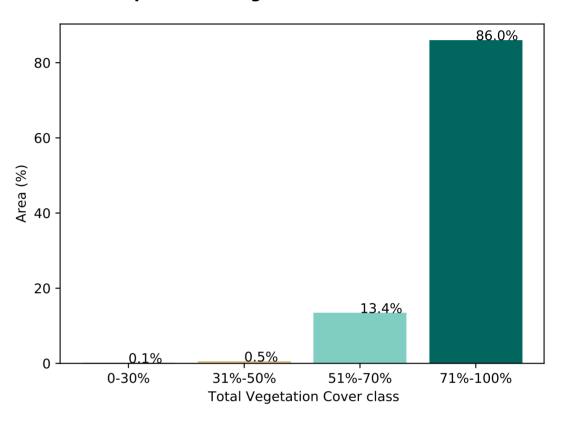


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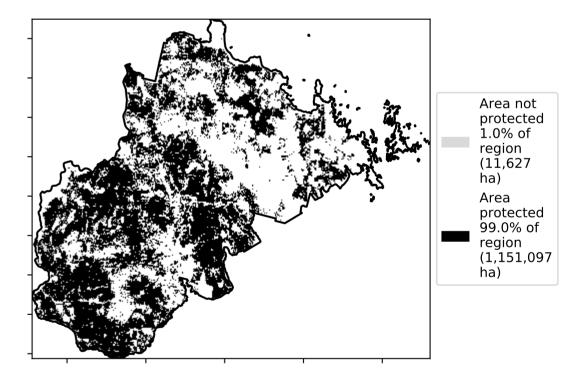


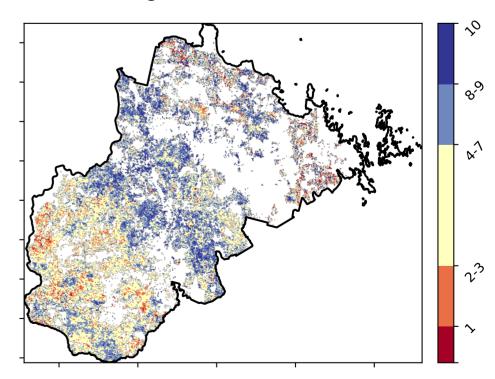
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





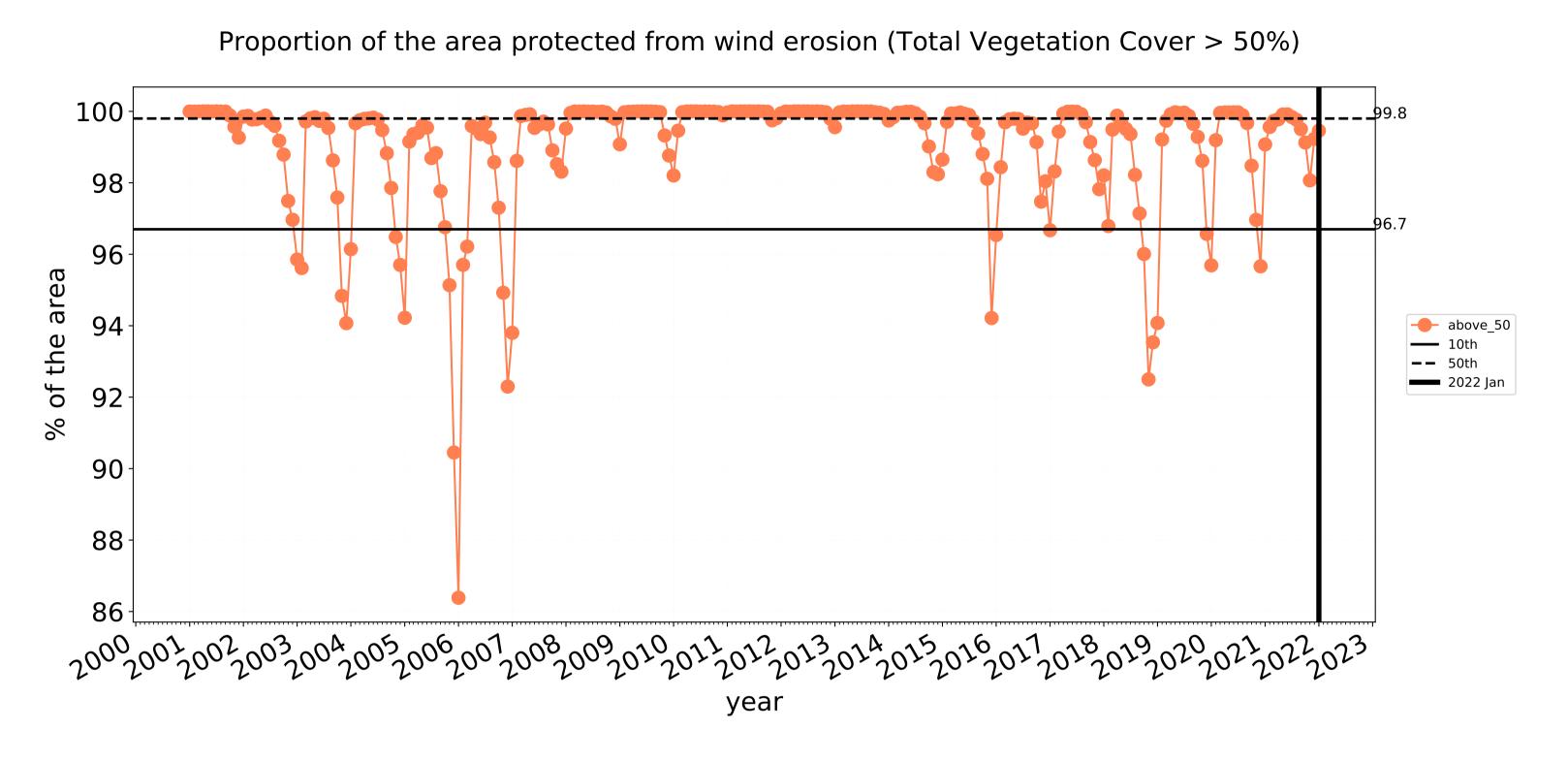


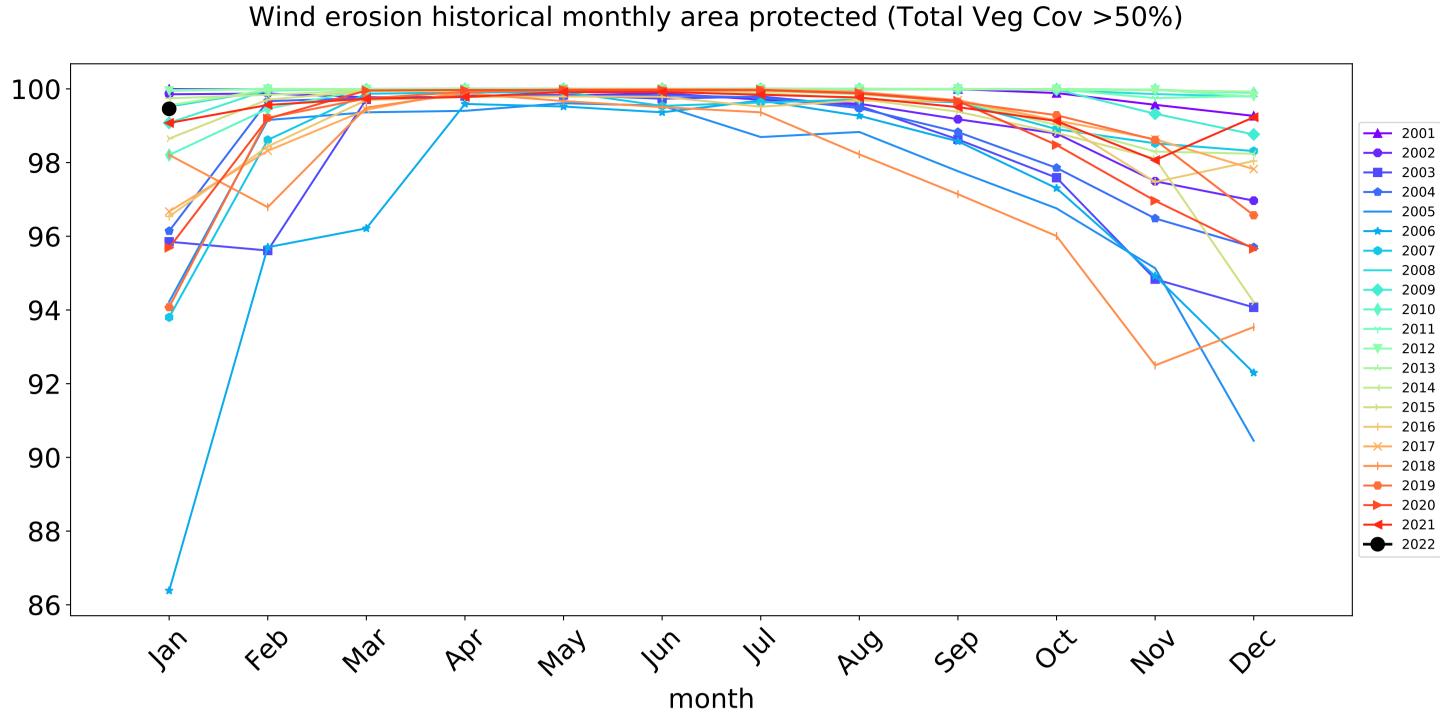


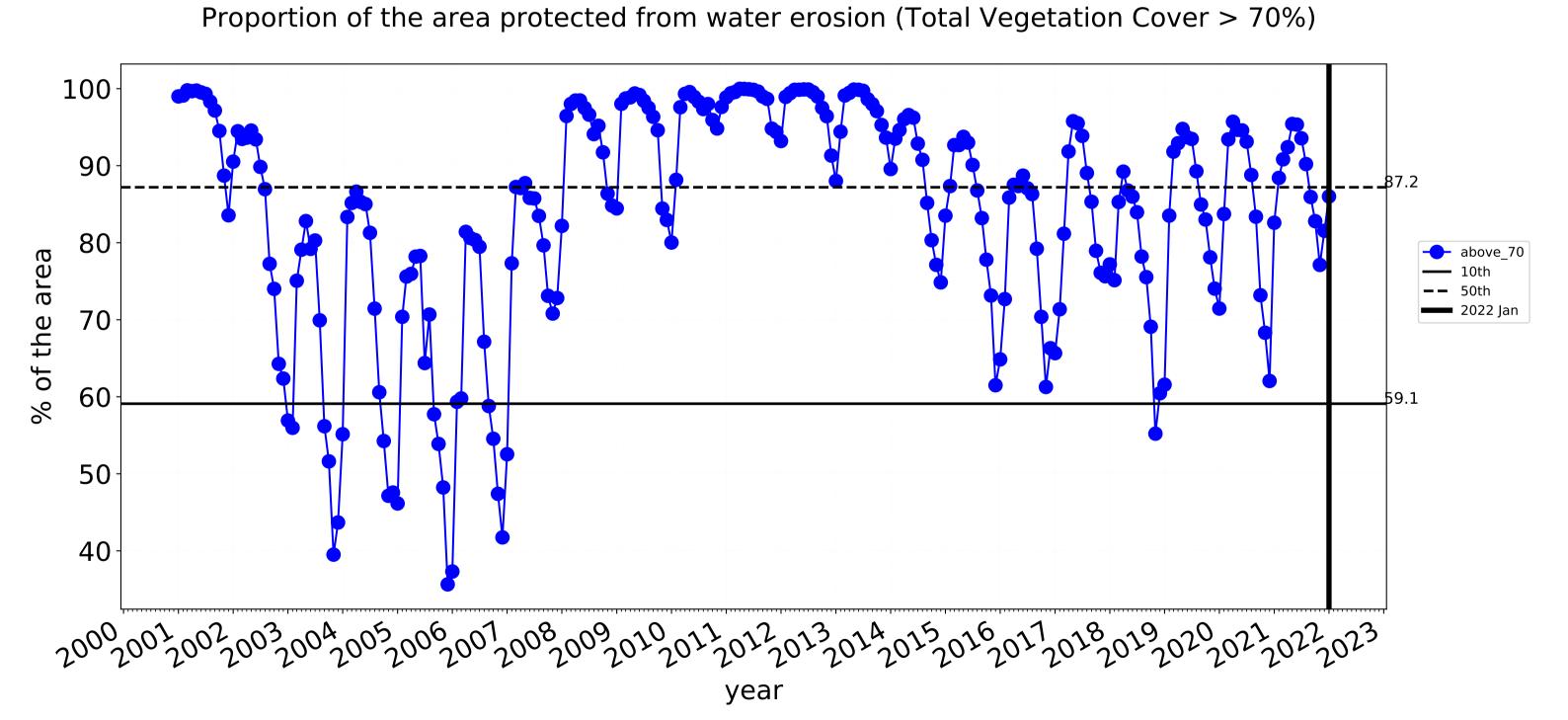


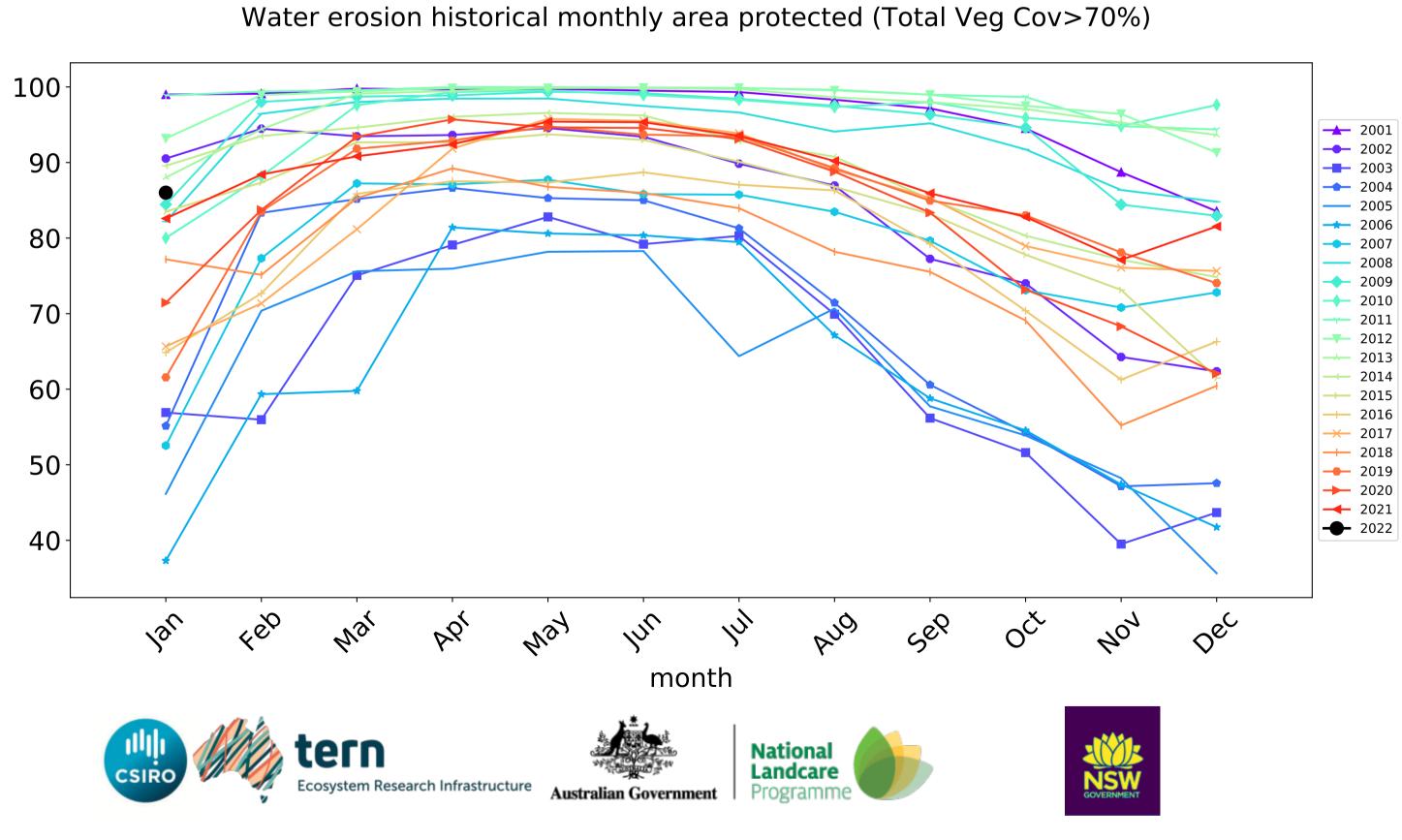


Grazing non forest timeseries





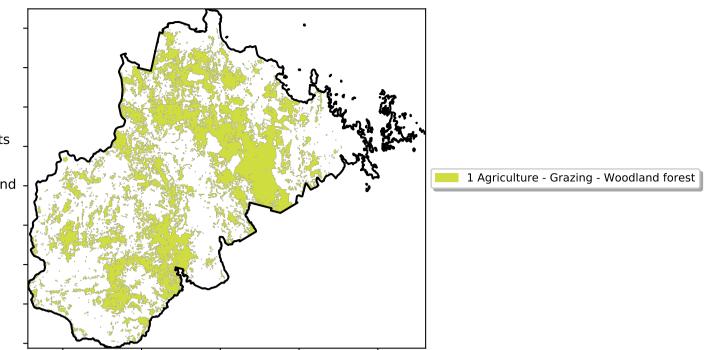




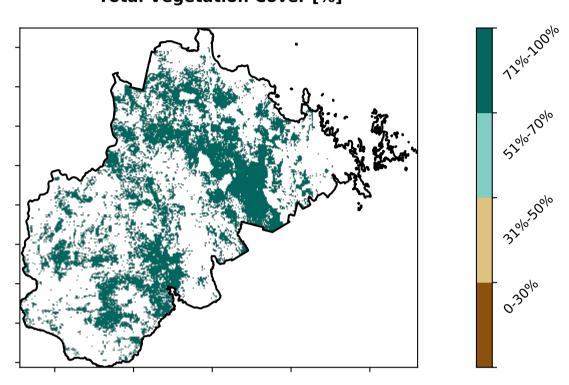
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

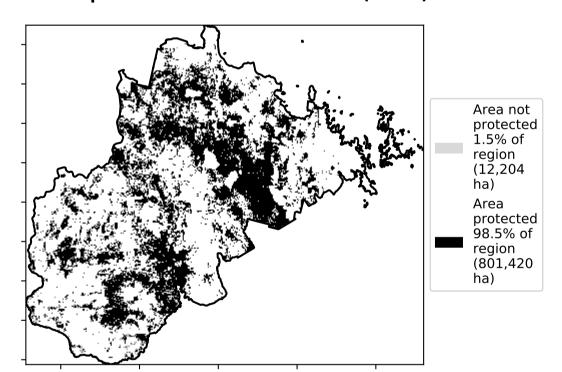




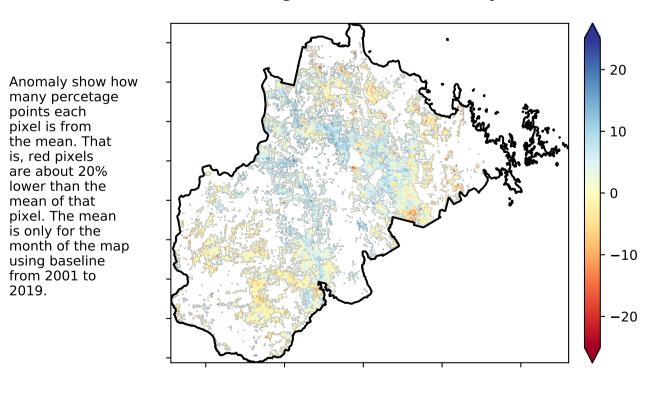
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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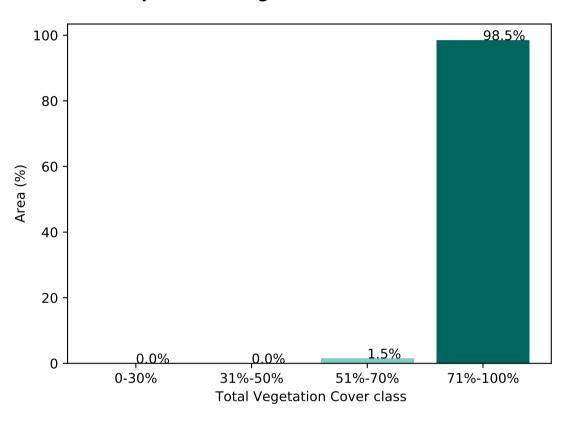


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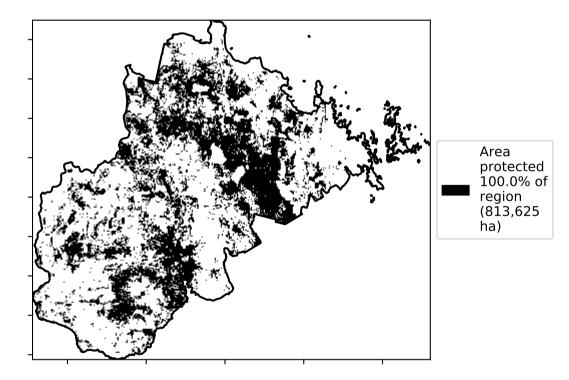


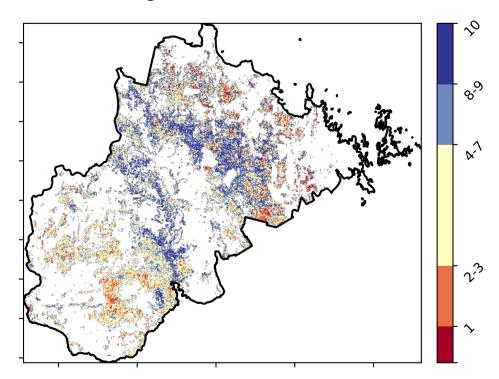
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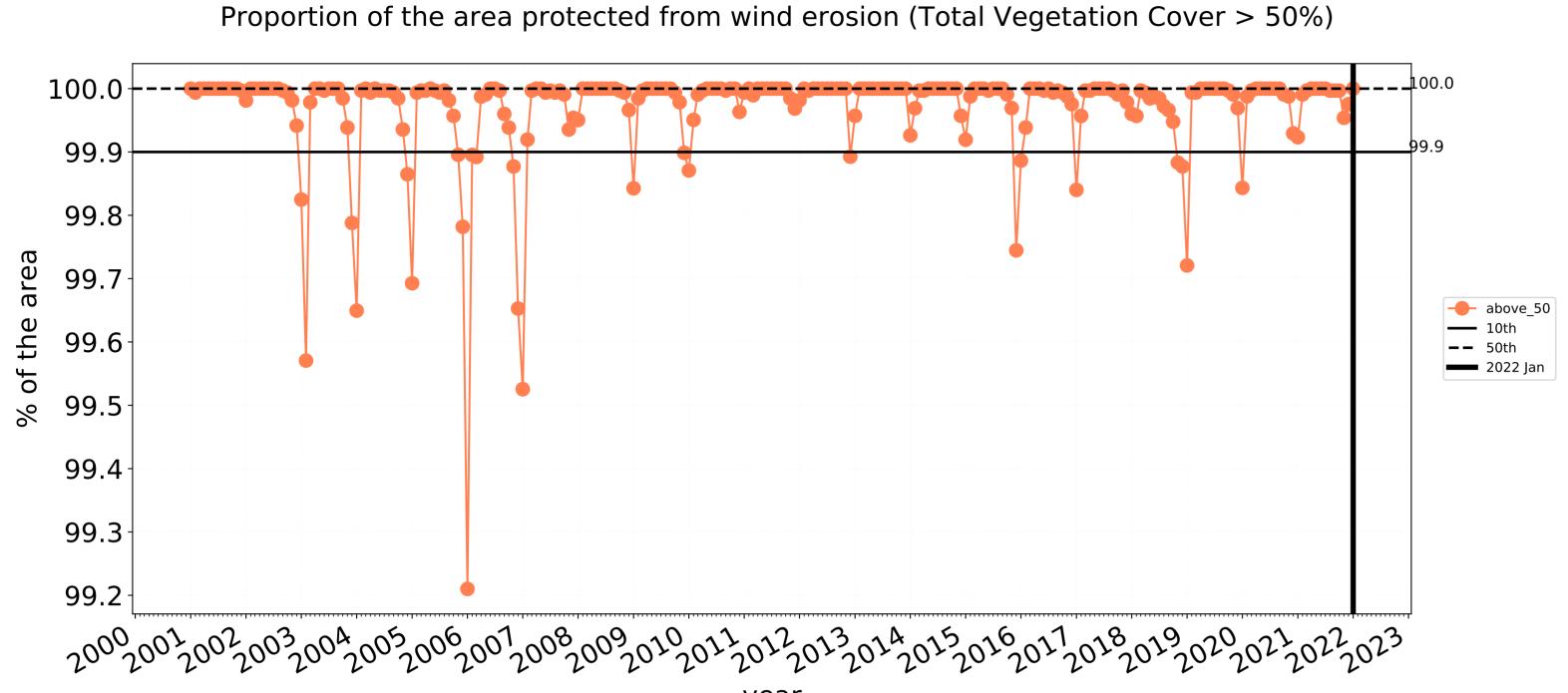


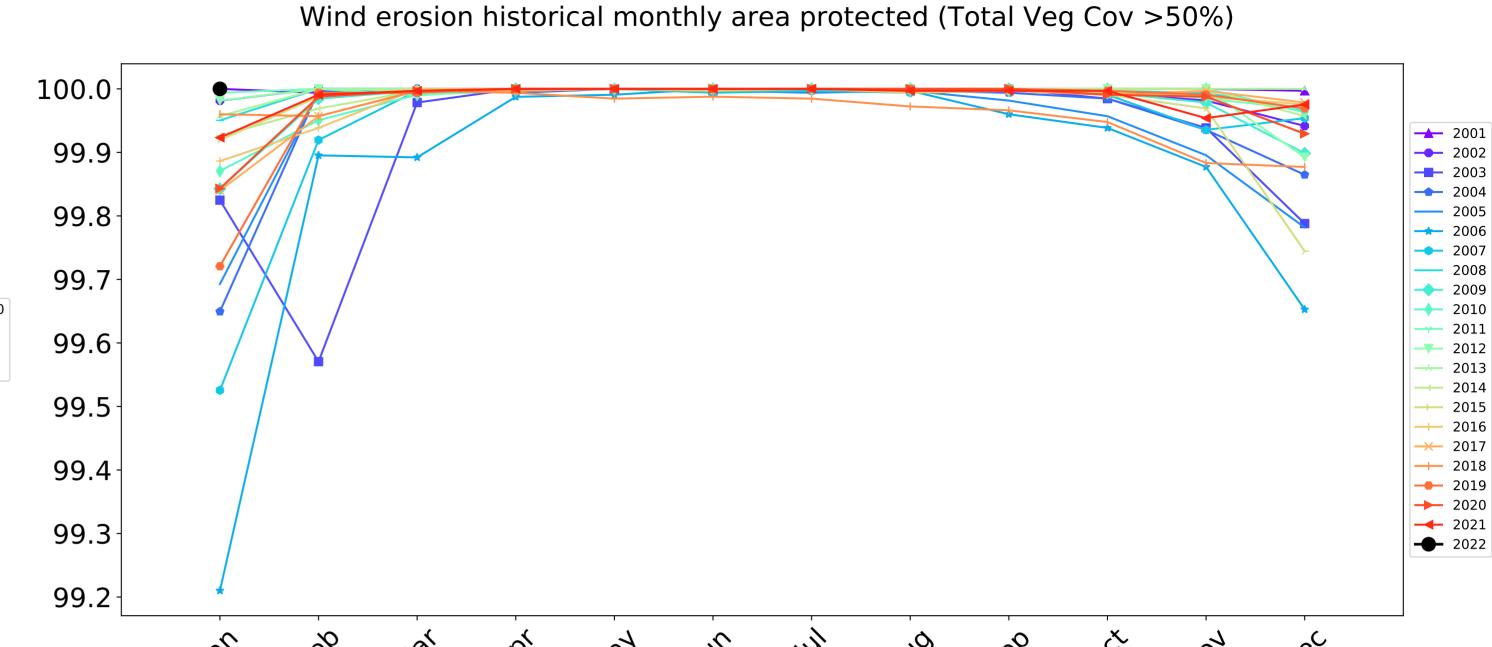




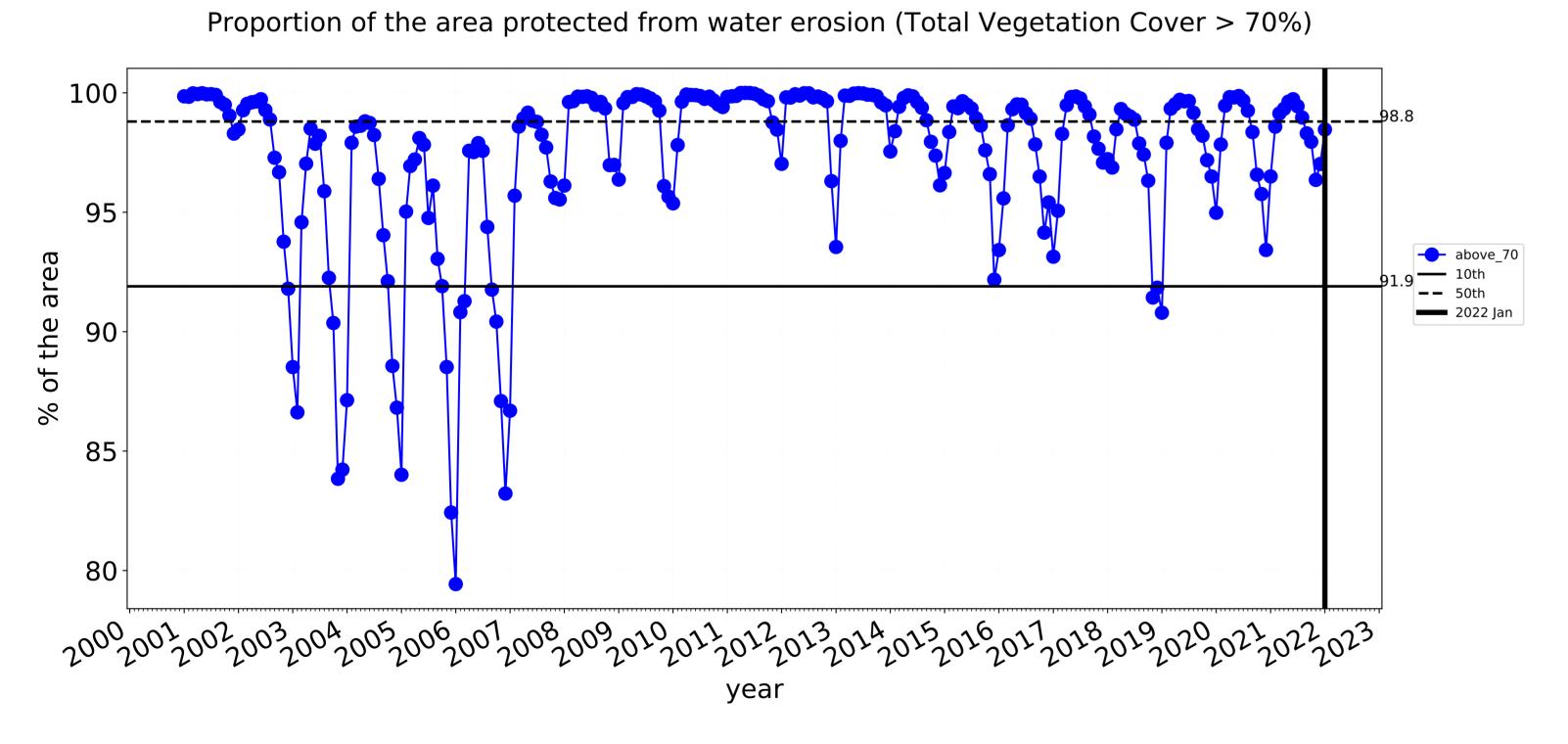


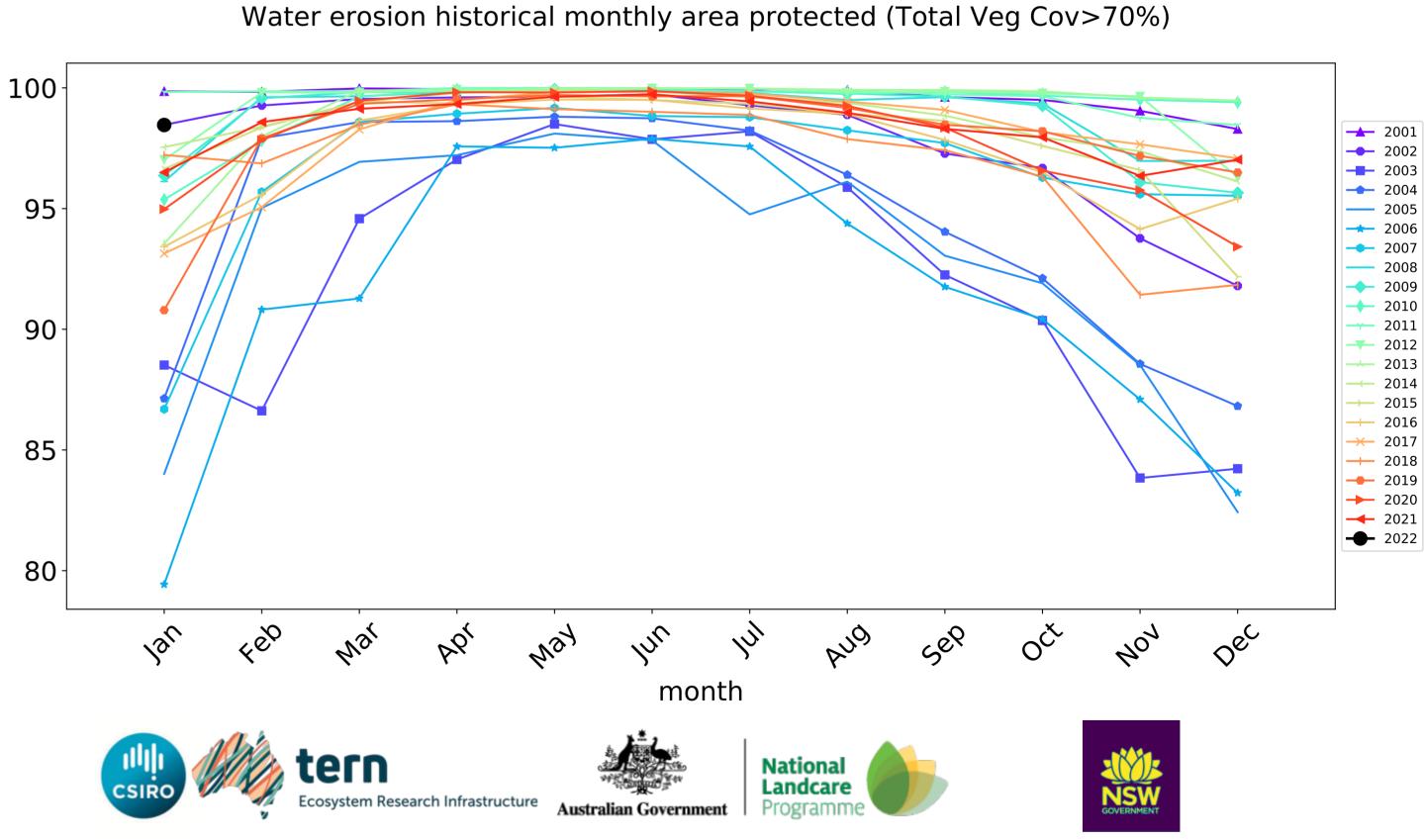
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries





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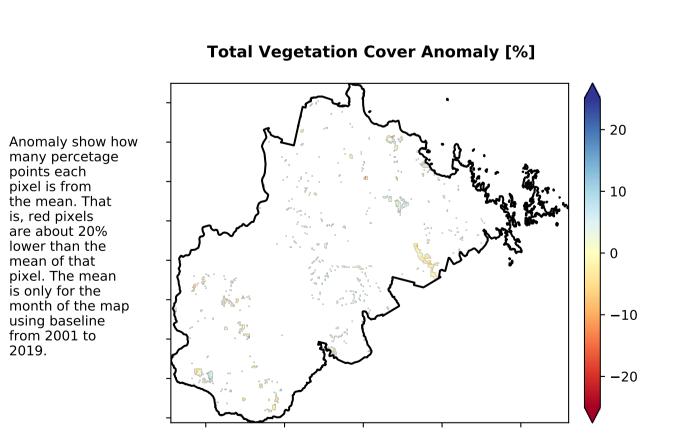


Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

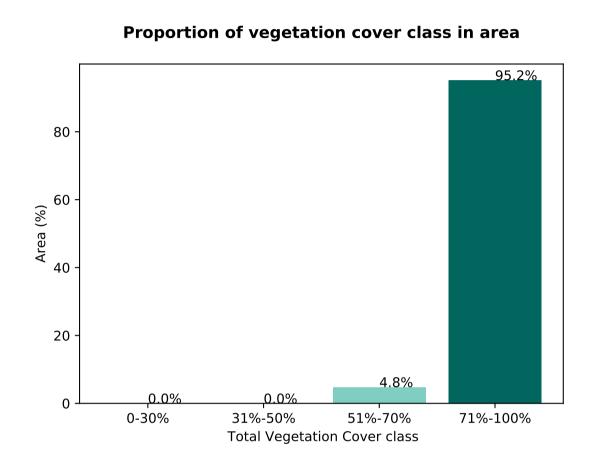
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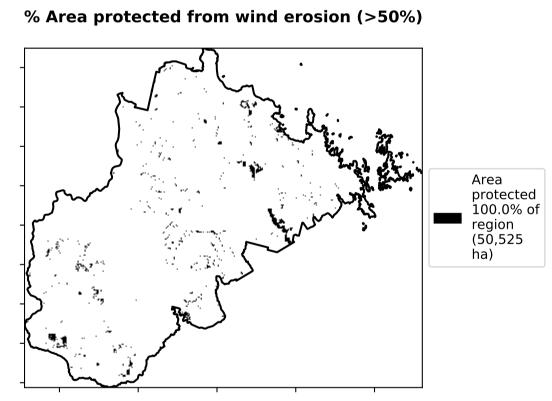
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

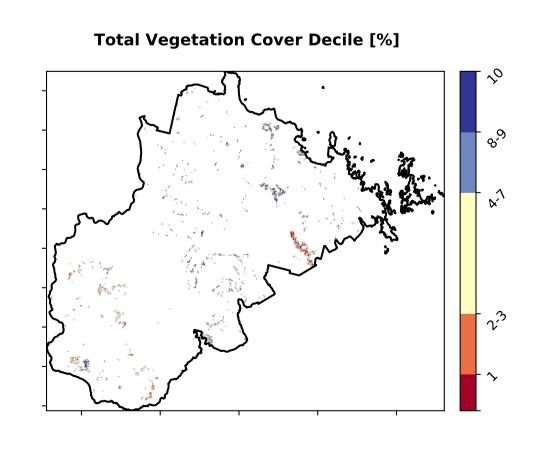
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 4.8% of region (2,425 ha) Area protected 95.2% of region (48,099 ha)



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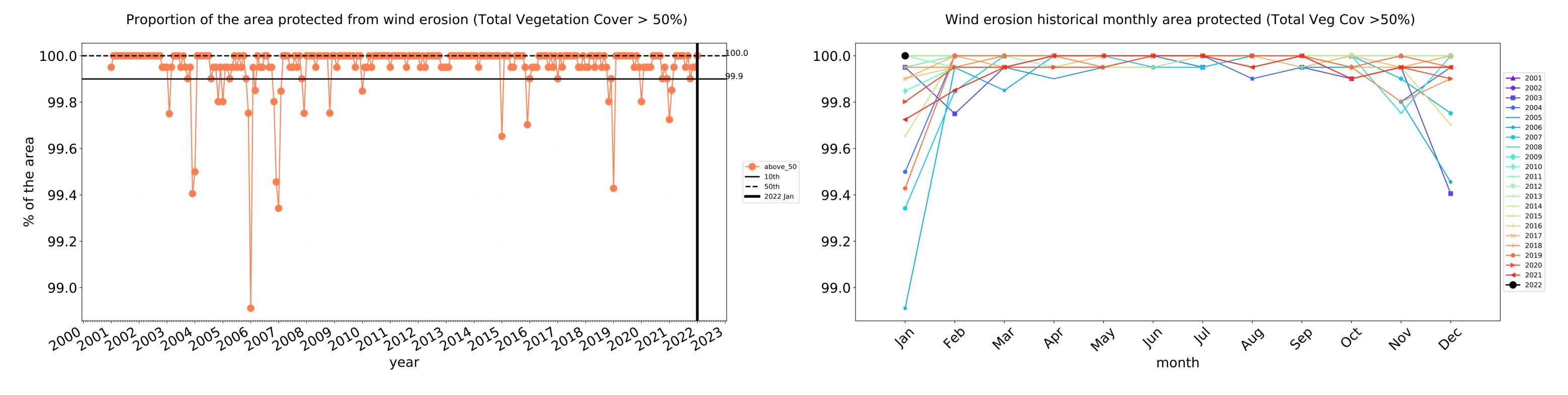


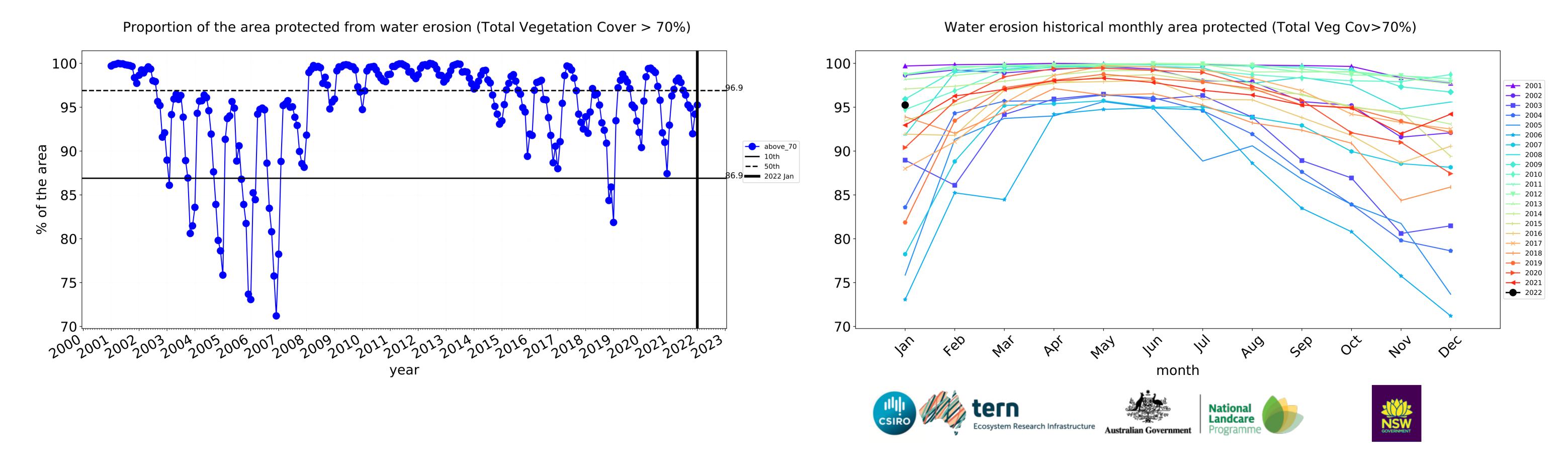






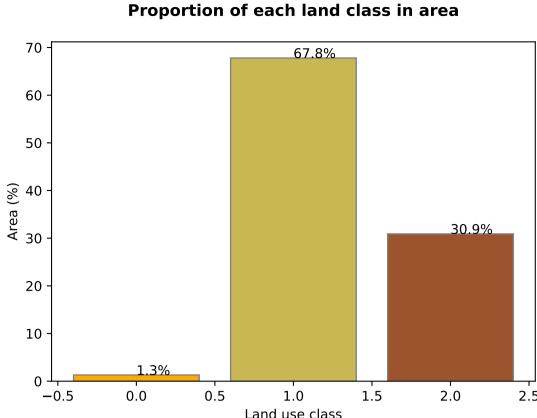


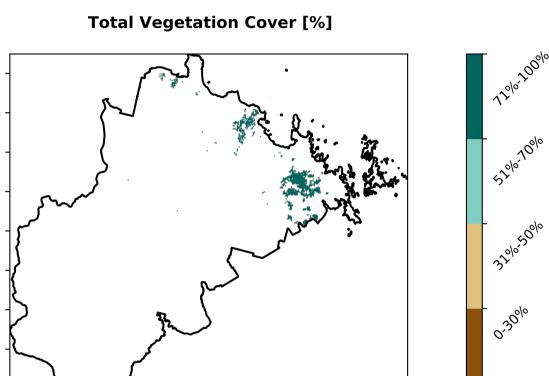


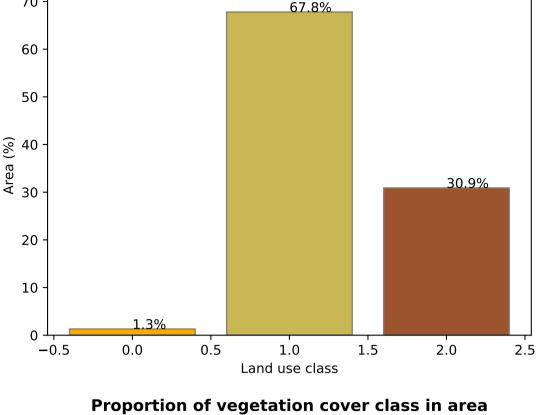


Irrigation

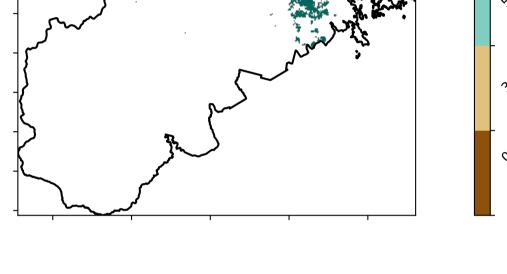
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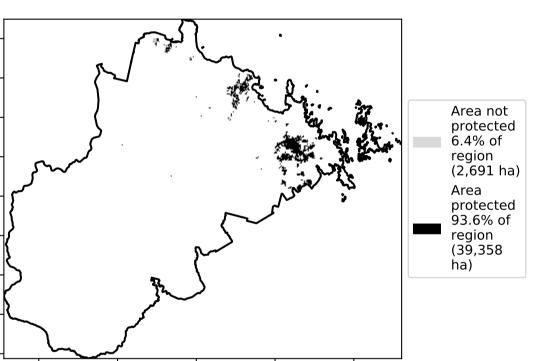


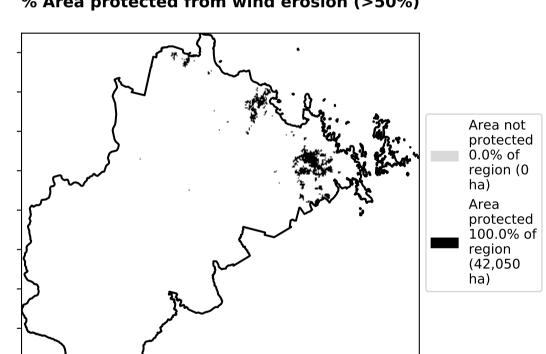
93.6% 80 20 6.1% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% **Total Vegetation Cover class**

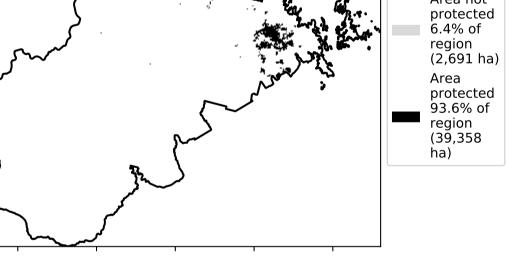


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

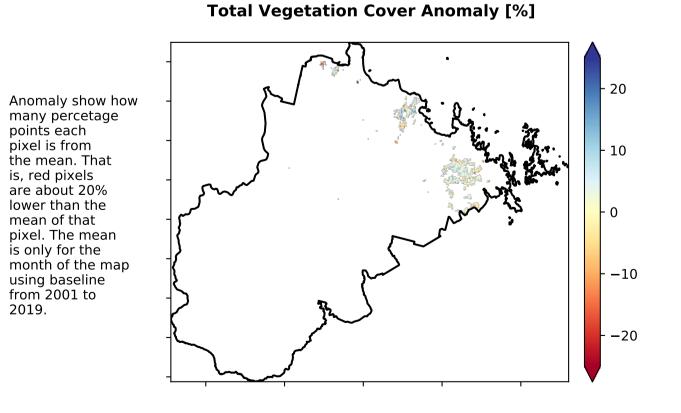
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

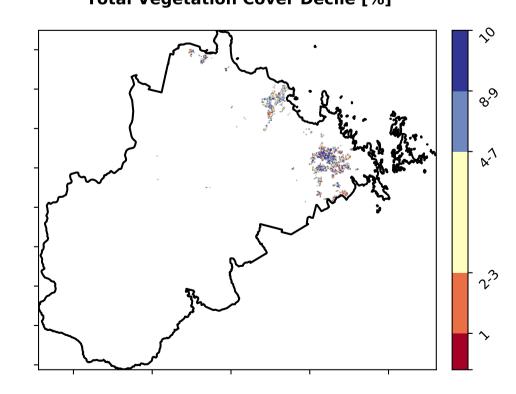






Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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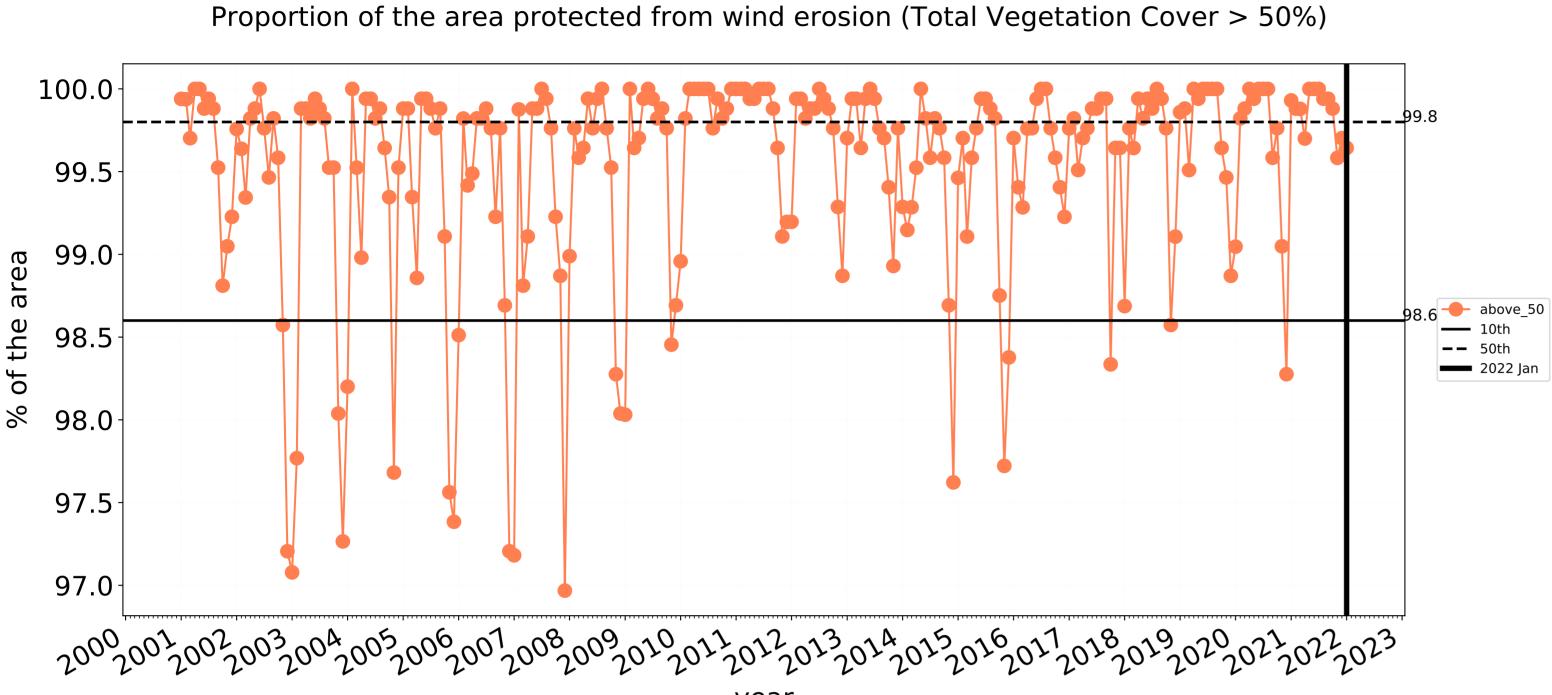


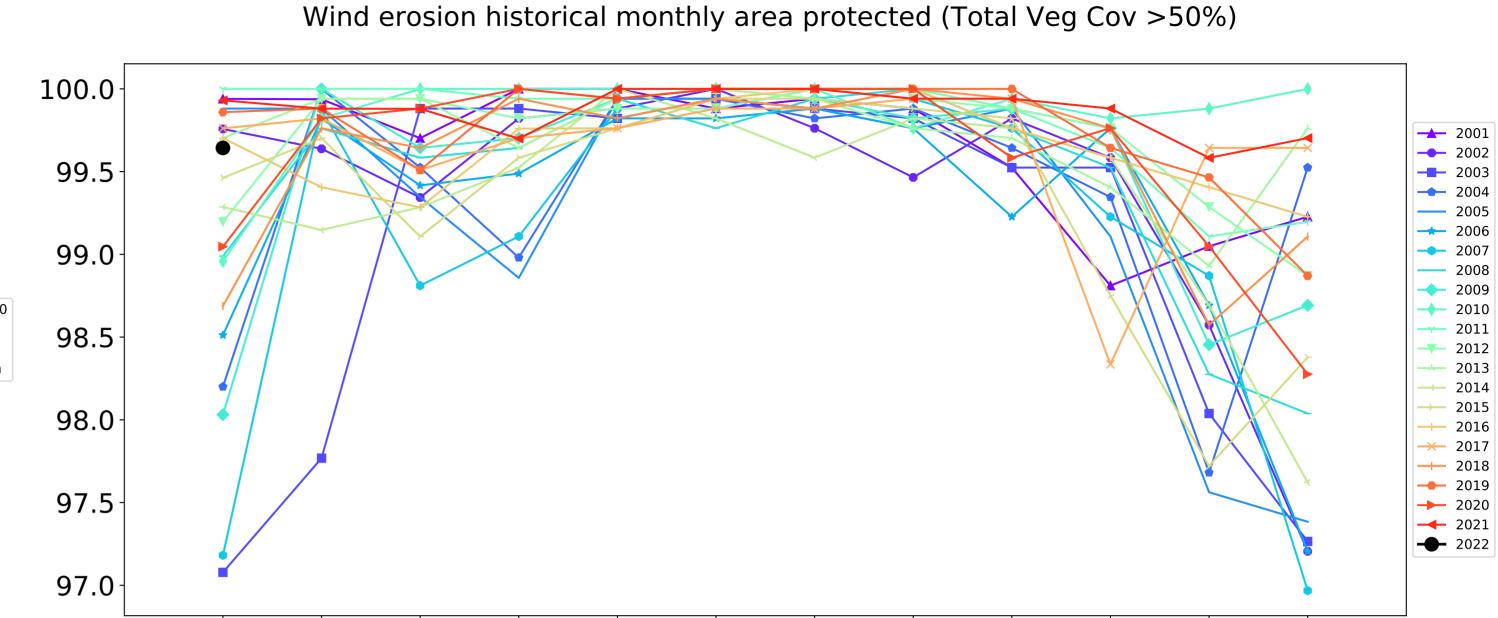




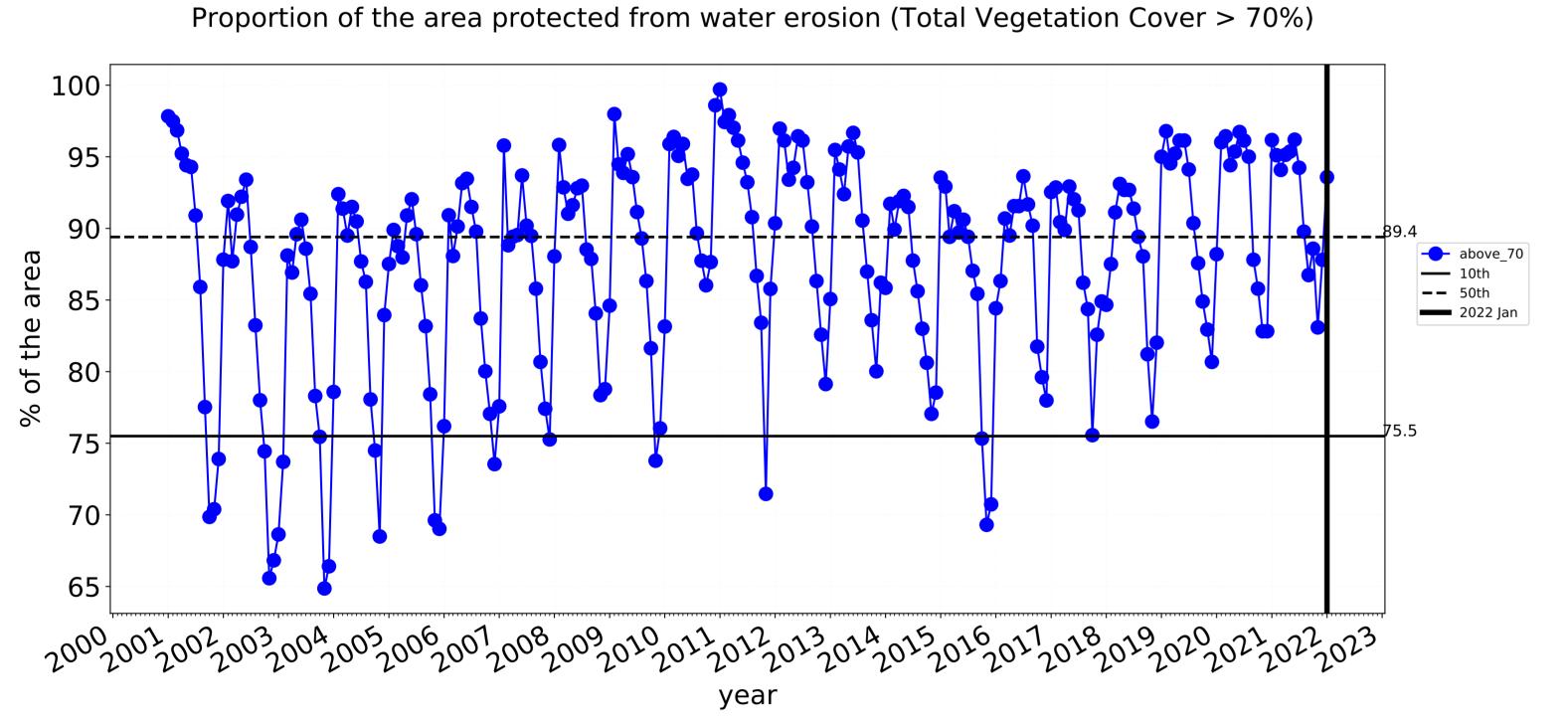


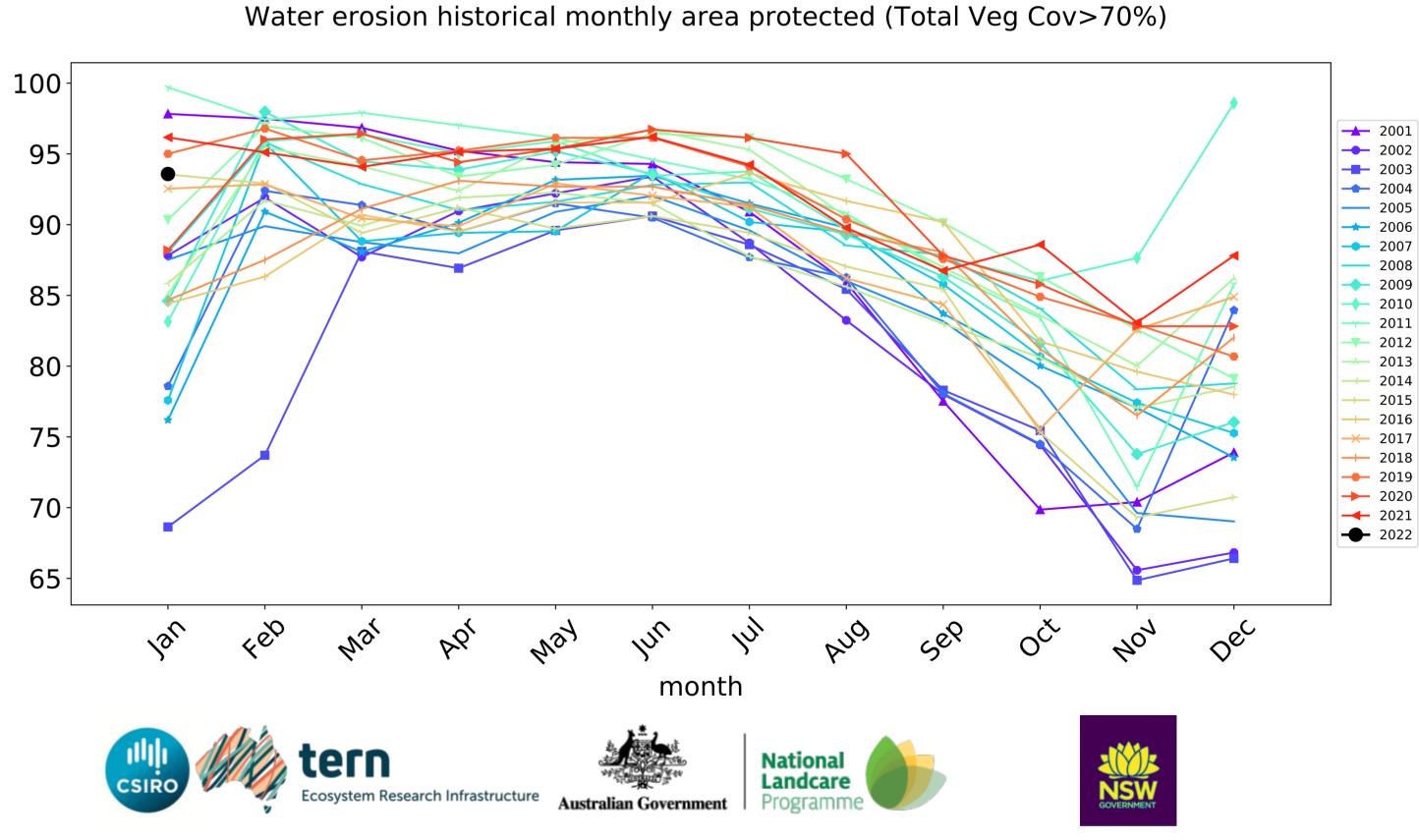
Irrigation timeseries





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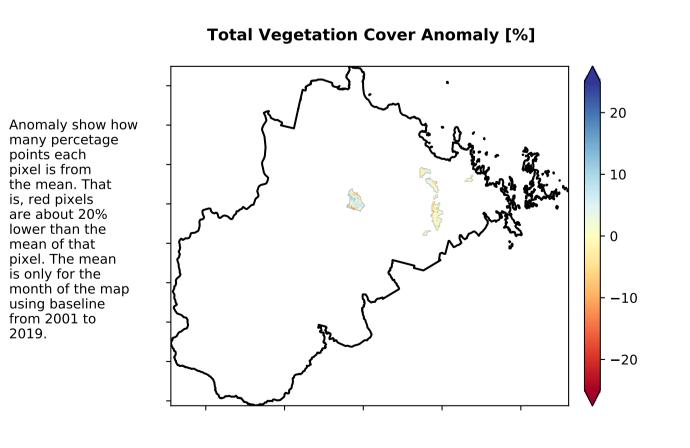


Production native forests and plantation forests

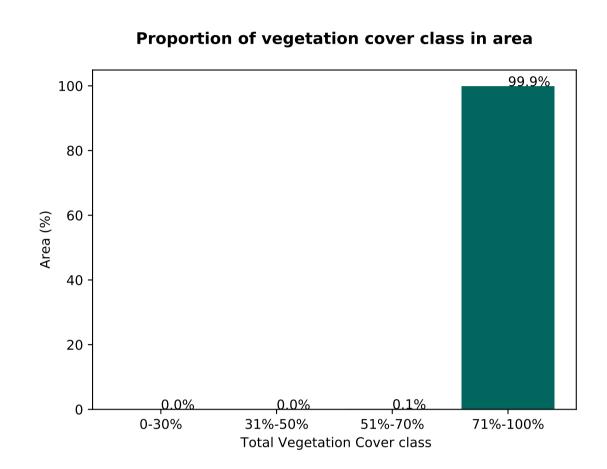
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area protected 99.9% of region (25,074 ha)

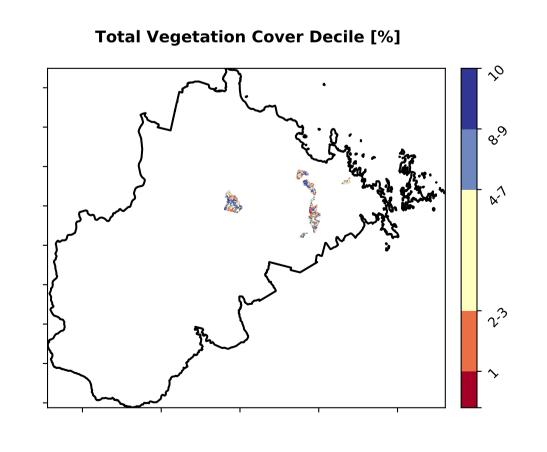


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Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

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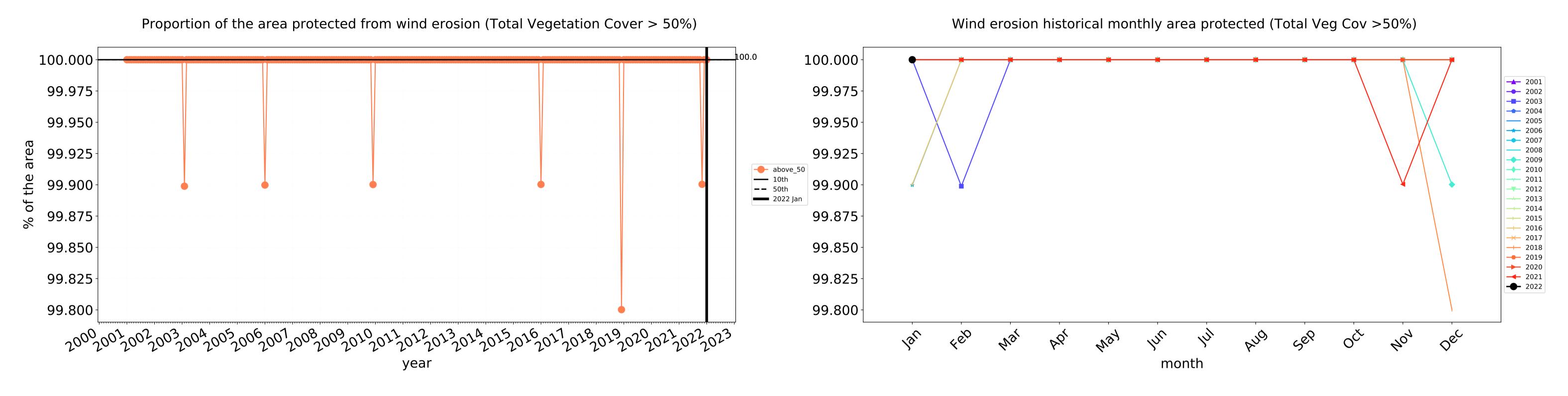


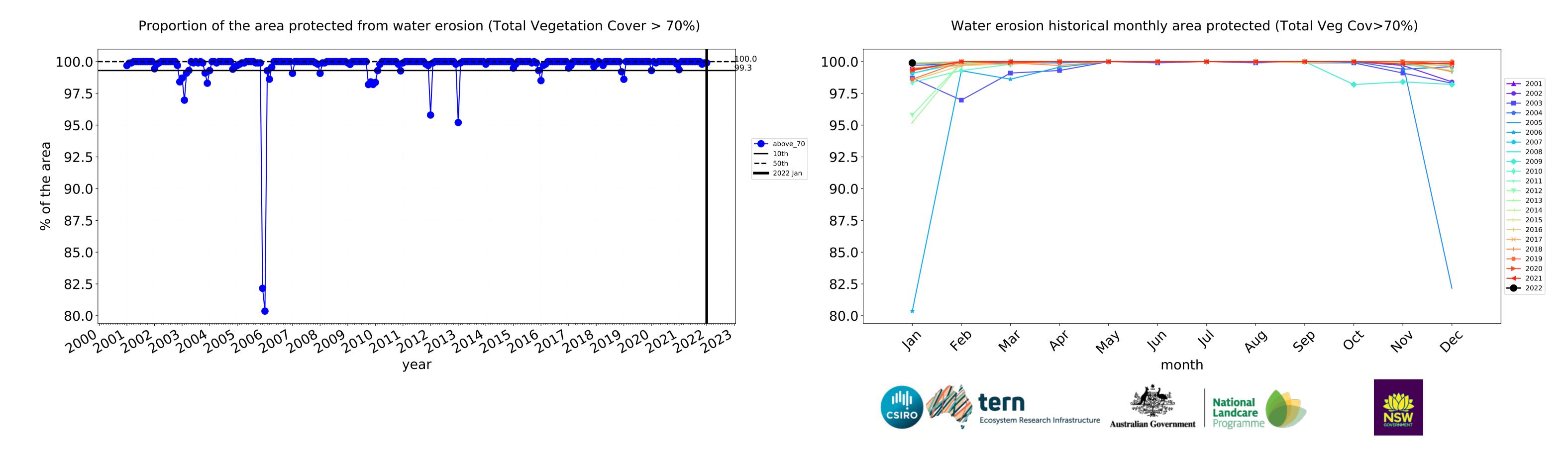






Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries





Whitsunday_(R) (2,336,075 ha and no data 45,801 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	2,336,075	99.9% 2,334,850	99.5% 2,325,225	91.0% 2,126,675	74.0% 1,729,300	37.7% 879,600	16.1% 375,175
Conservation and natural environments	165,175	99.7% 164,650	98.9% 163,325	92.2% 152,350	81.2% 134,200	54.5% 89,950	30.2% 49,850
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,000	99.1% 27,750	97.9% 27,425	75.5% 21,150	43.0% 12,050	10.0% 2,800	3.6% 1,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	55,975	99.9% 55,925	99.3% 55,575	95.0% 53,175	85.5% 47,875	53.1% 29,750	21.1% 11,825
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	81,200	99.7% 80,975	98.9% 80,325	96.1% 78,025	91.5% 74,275	70.7% 57,400	45.6% 37,025
Agriculture	2,069,225	100.0% 2,069,125	99.7% 2,062,775	91.3% 1,888,975	74.0% 1,530,925	36.5% 755,625	14.9% 308,250
Grazing	2,026,875	100.0% 2,026,775	99.7% 2,020,575	91.2% 1,849,325	74.0% 1,499,375	36.7% 744,500	15.0% 304,875
Grazing non forest	1,162,725	100.0% 1,162,625	99.5% 1,156,425	86.0% 1,000,075	63.3% 735,850	26.5% 308,475	9.6% 111,075
Grazing Woodland forest	813,625	100.0% 813,625	100.0% 813,625	98.5% 801,125	88.8% 722,400	51.2% 416,675	23.0% 186,825
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,525	100.0% 50,525	100.0% 50,525	95.2% 48,125	81.4% 41,125	38.3% 19,350	13.8% 6,975
Irrigation	42,050	100.0% 42,050	99.6% 41,900	93.6% 39,350	74.5% 31,325	26.2% 11,025	8.0% 3,375
Production native forests and plantation forests	25,100	100.0% 25,100	100.0% 25,100	99.9% 25,075	97.4% 24,450	73.8% 18,525	39.5% 9,925







