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

Date: May 2022

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:

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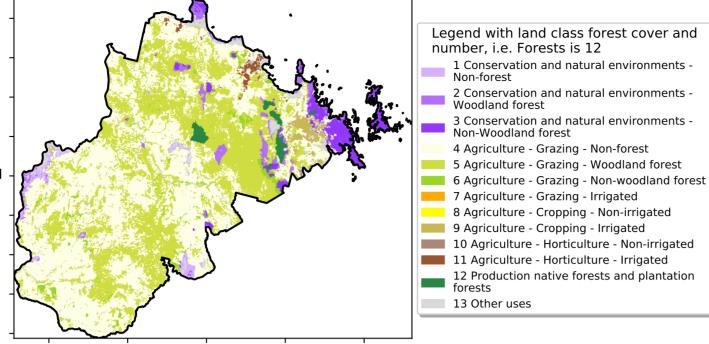


Vegetation Cover May 2022

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area





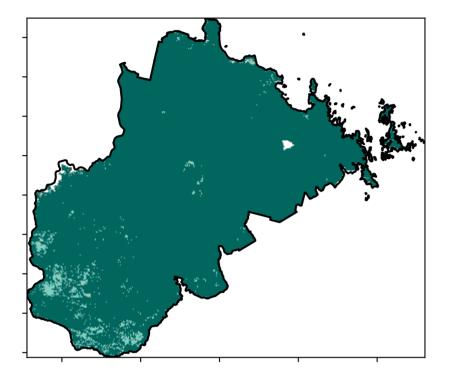
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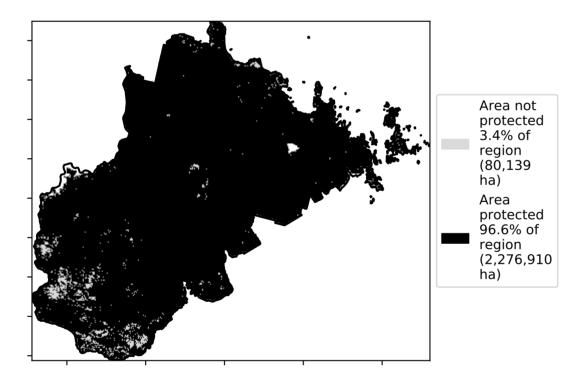
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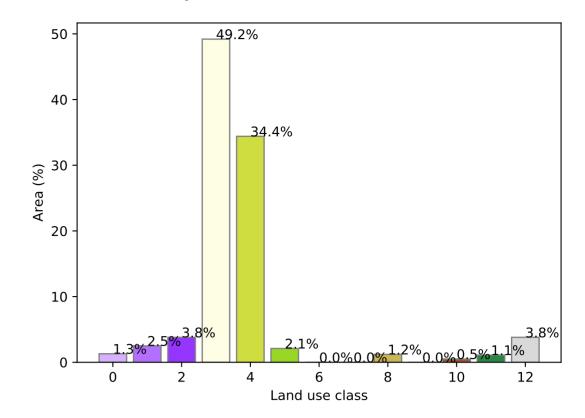
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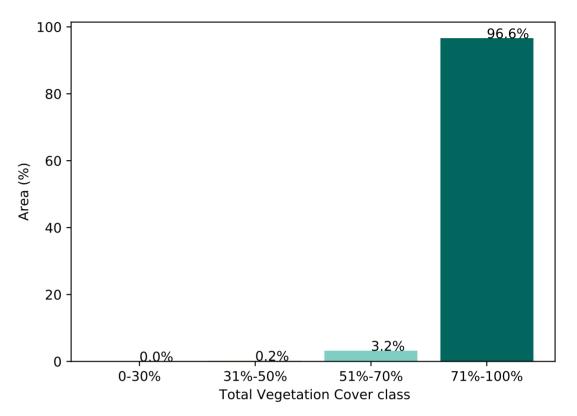


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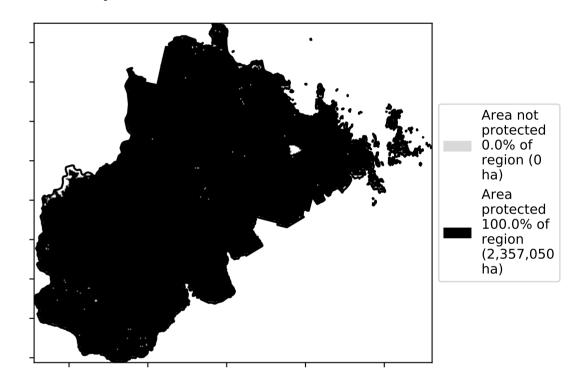




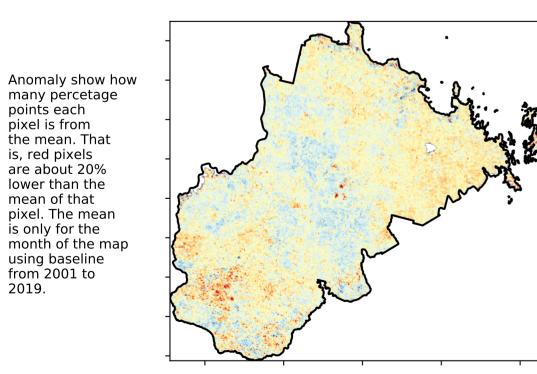
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



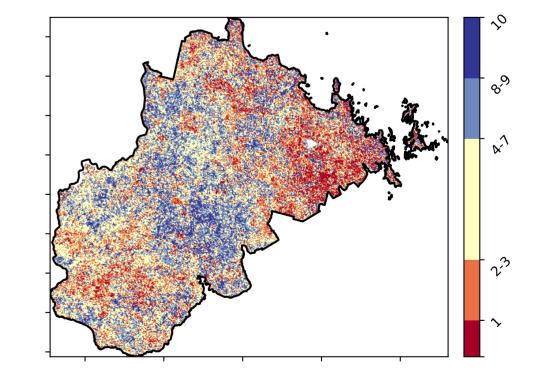
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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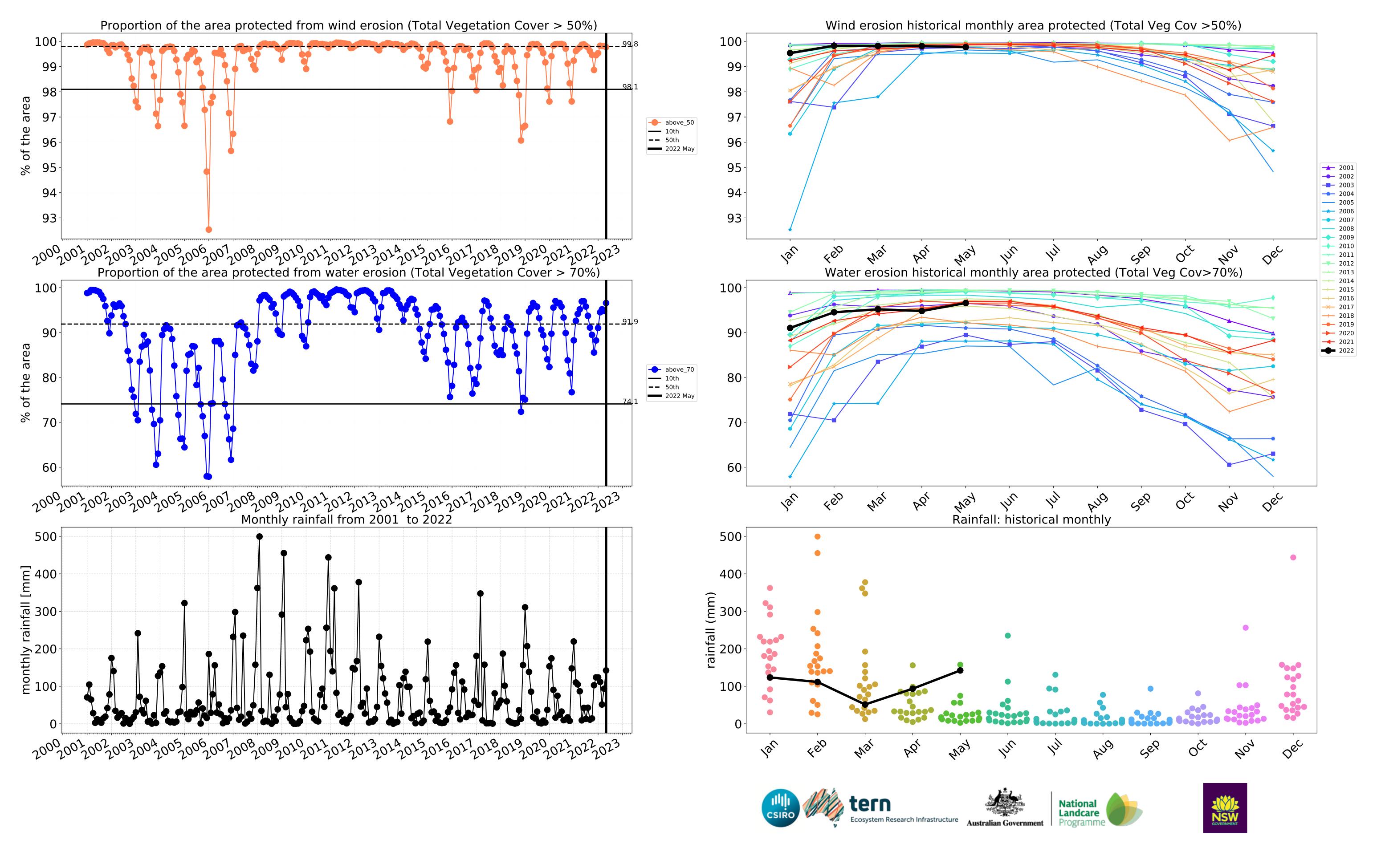
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Conservation and natural environments

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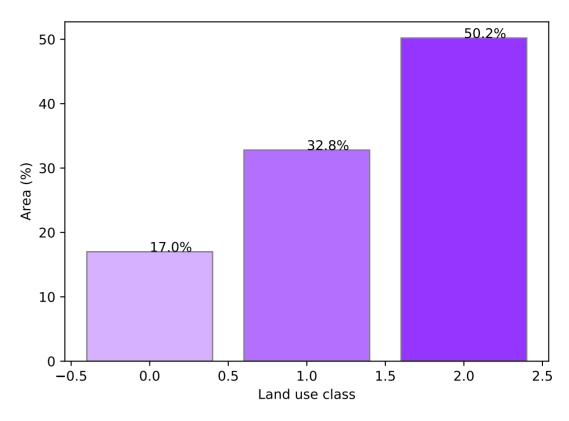
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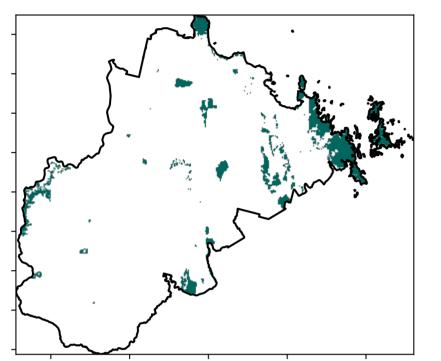
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Land use and forest cover

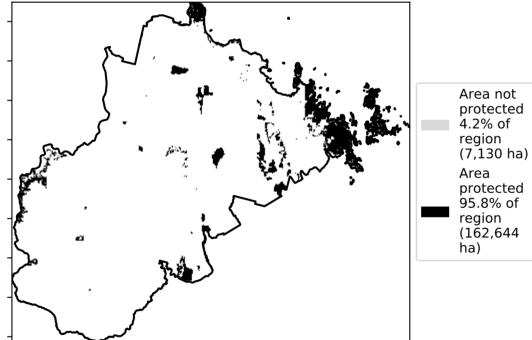
Proportion of each land class in area

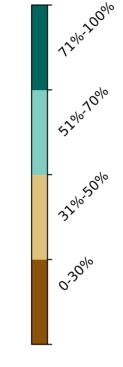


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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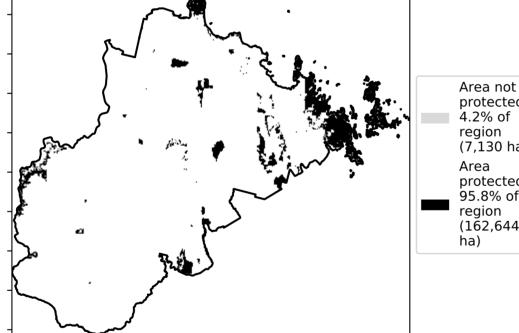




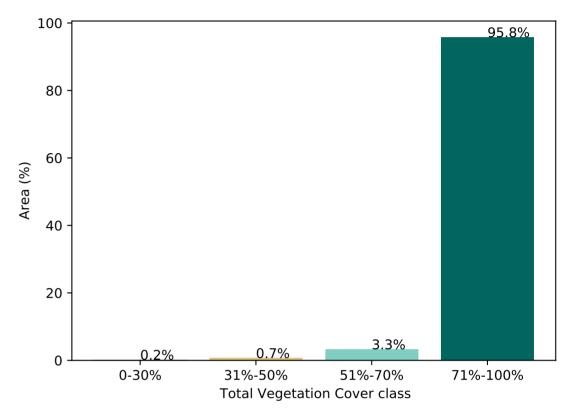
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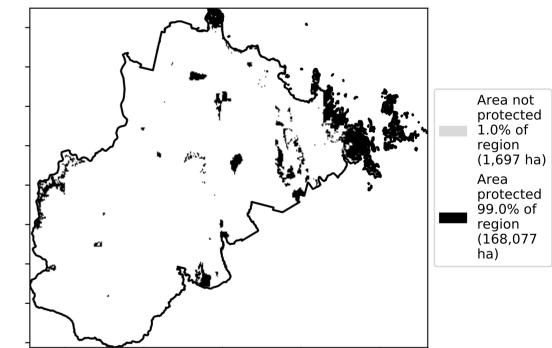
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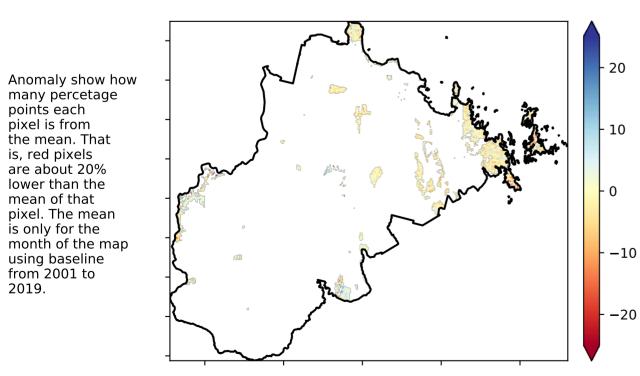
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



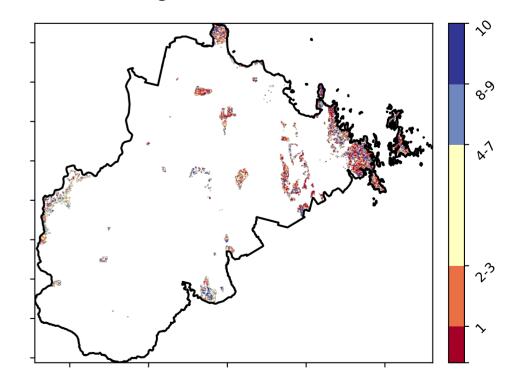
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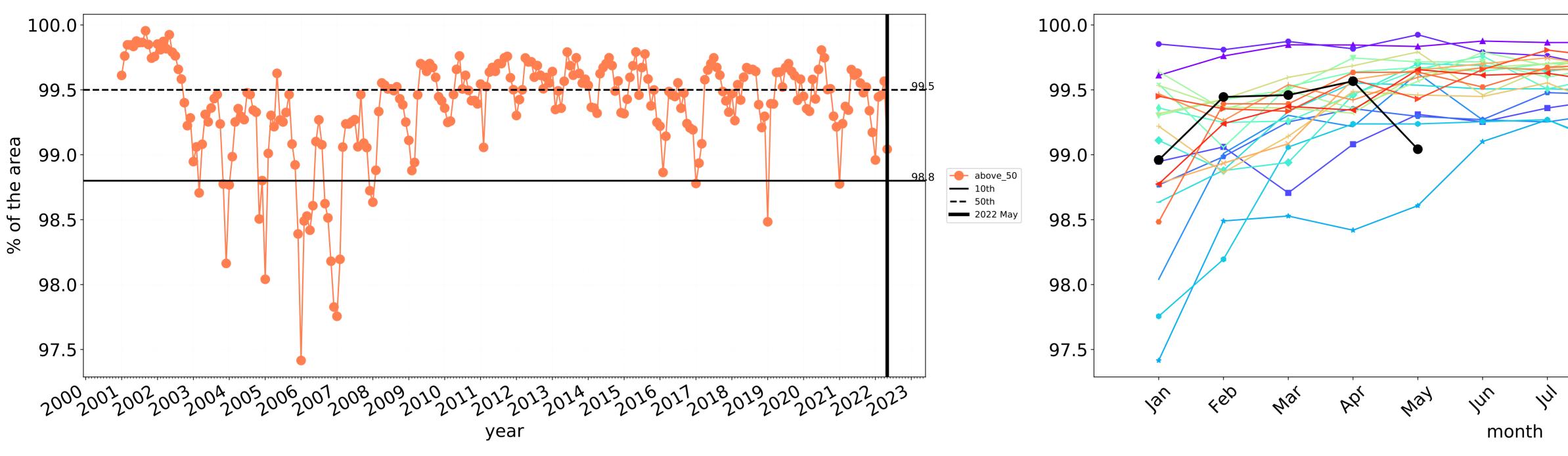
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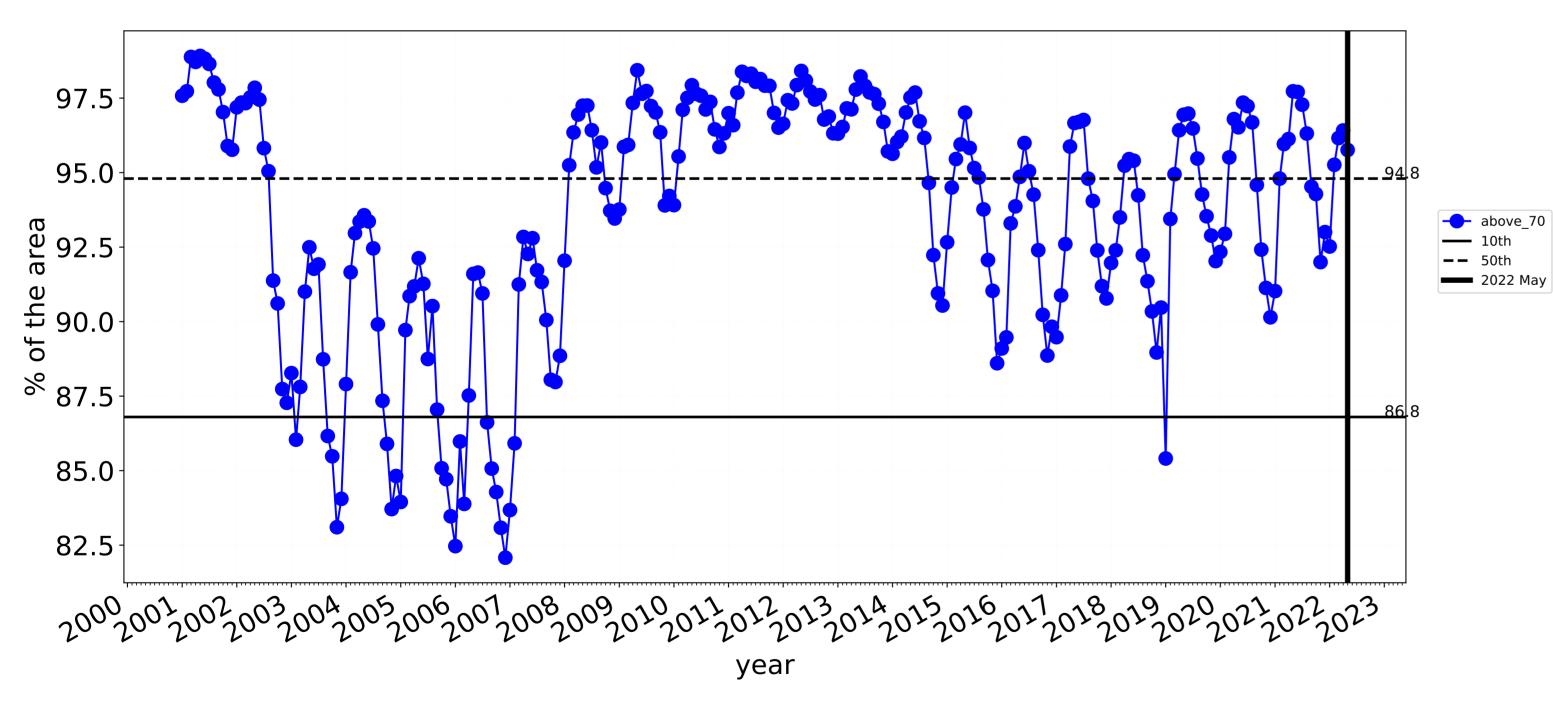
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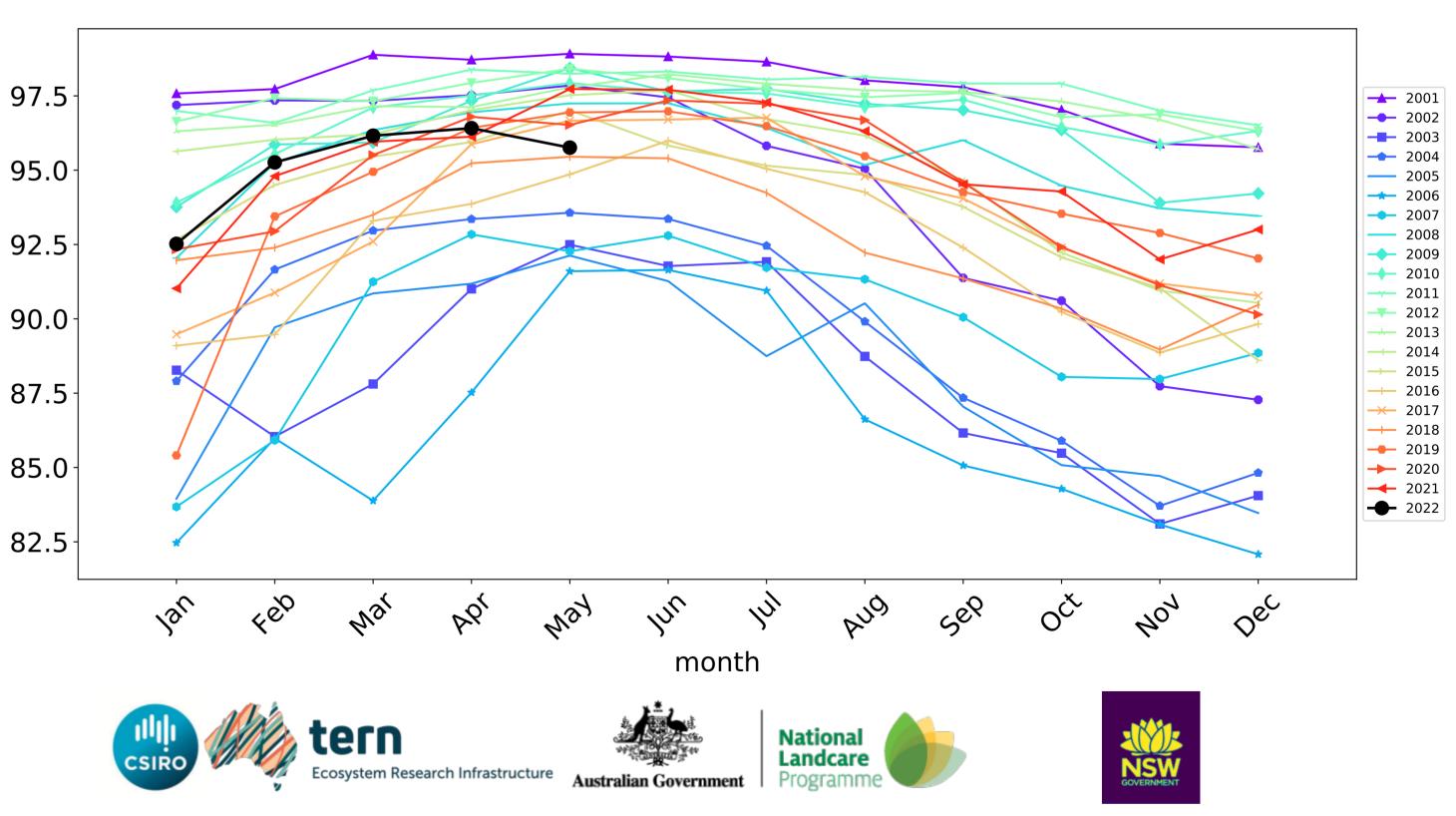






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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

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

Conservation and natural environments non forest

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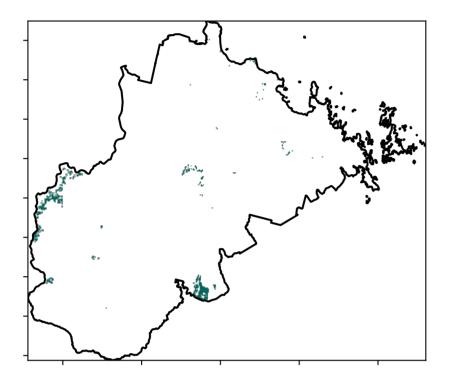
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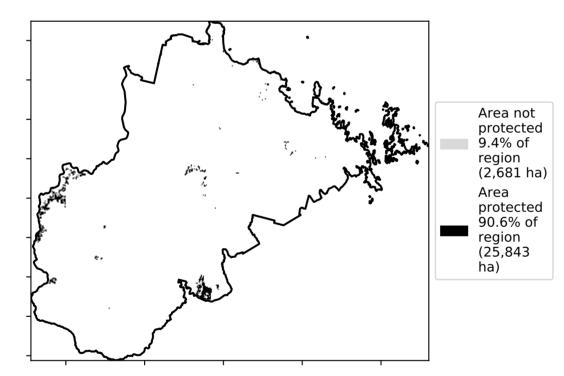
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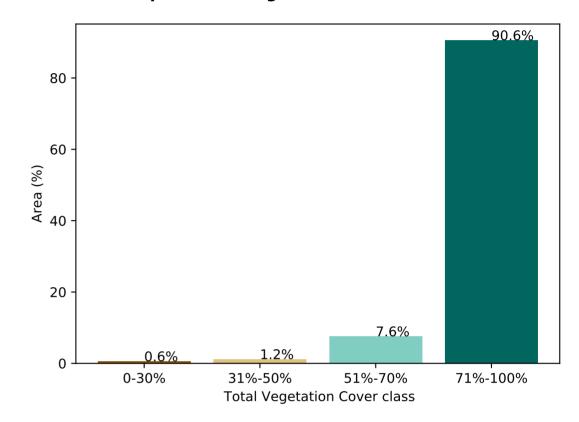
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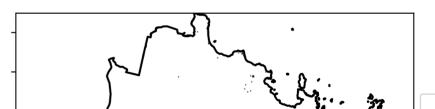
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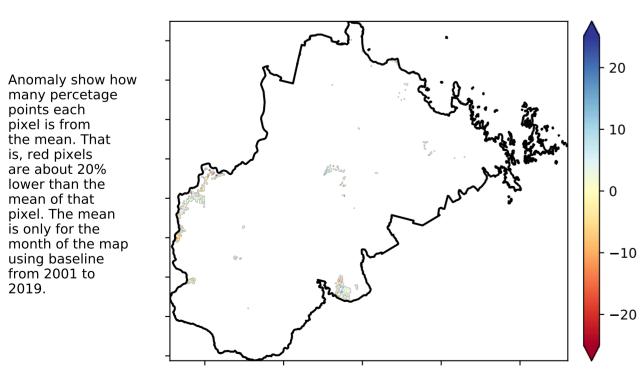
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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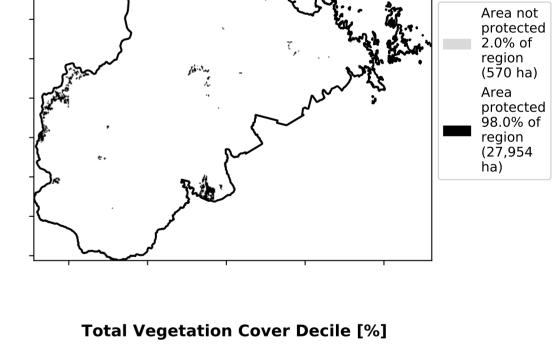
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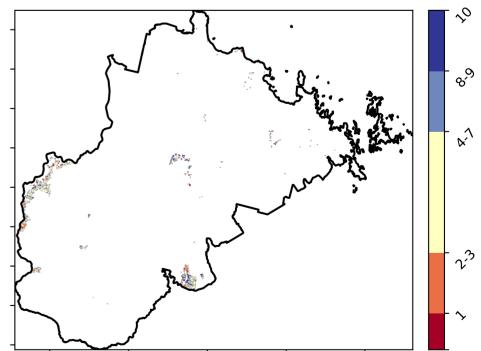
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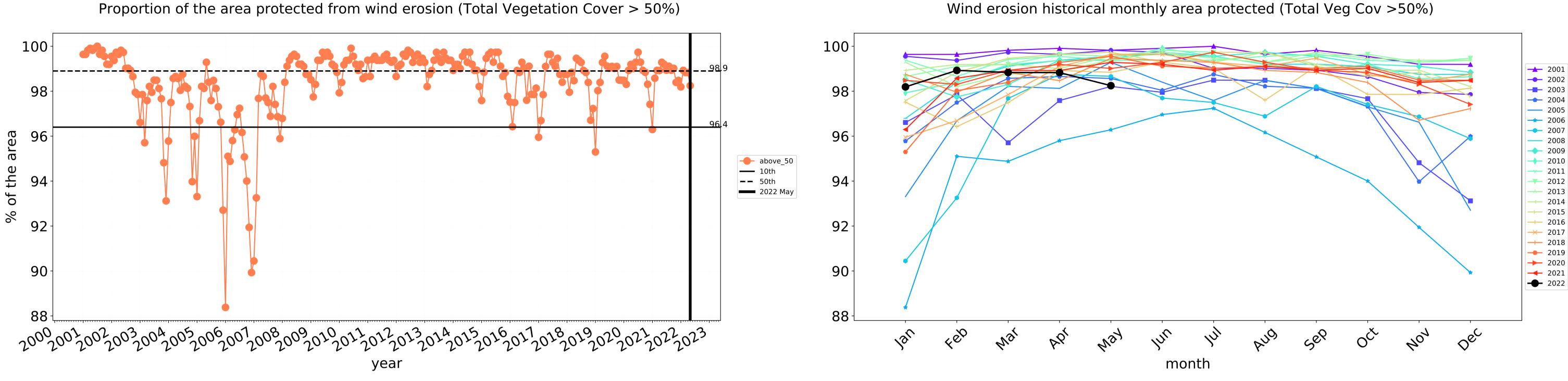
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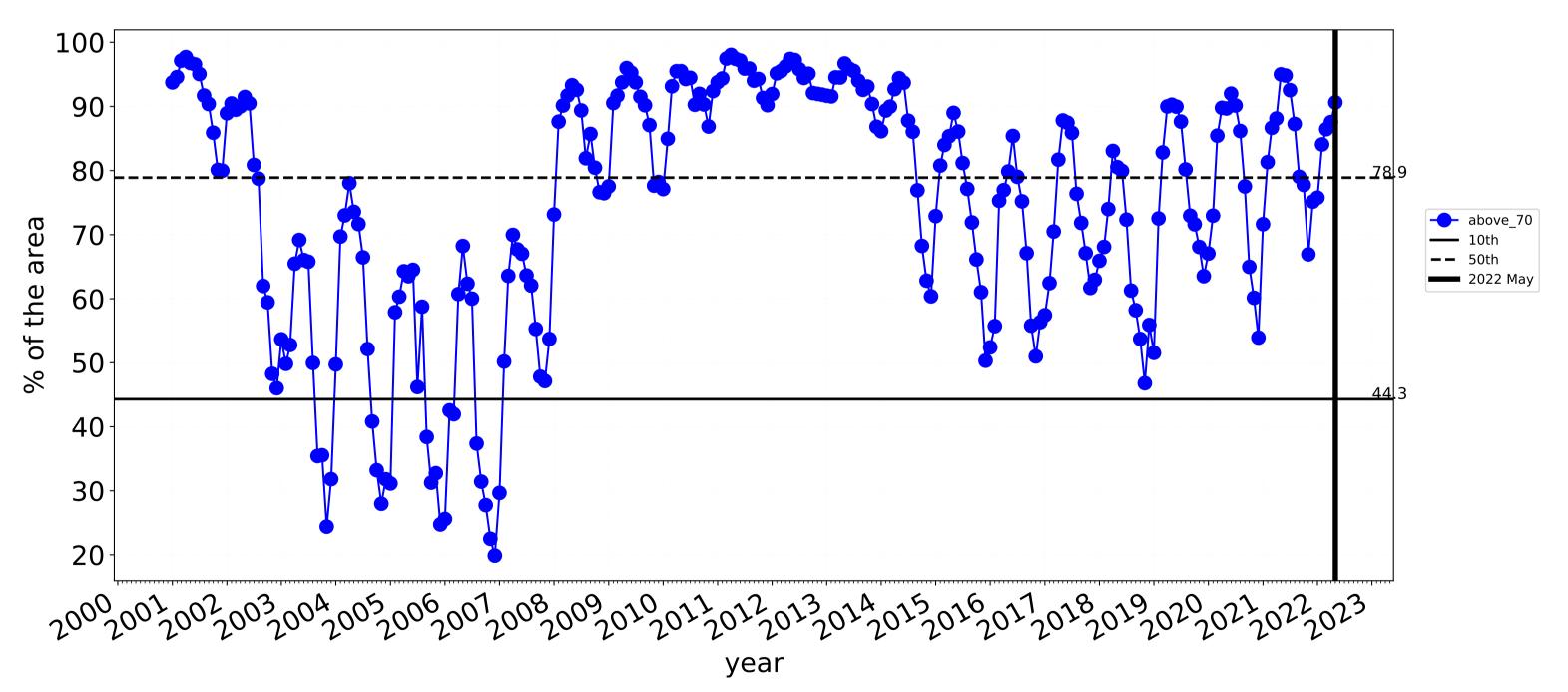
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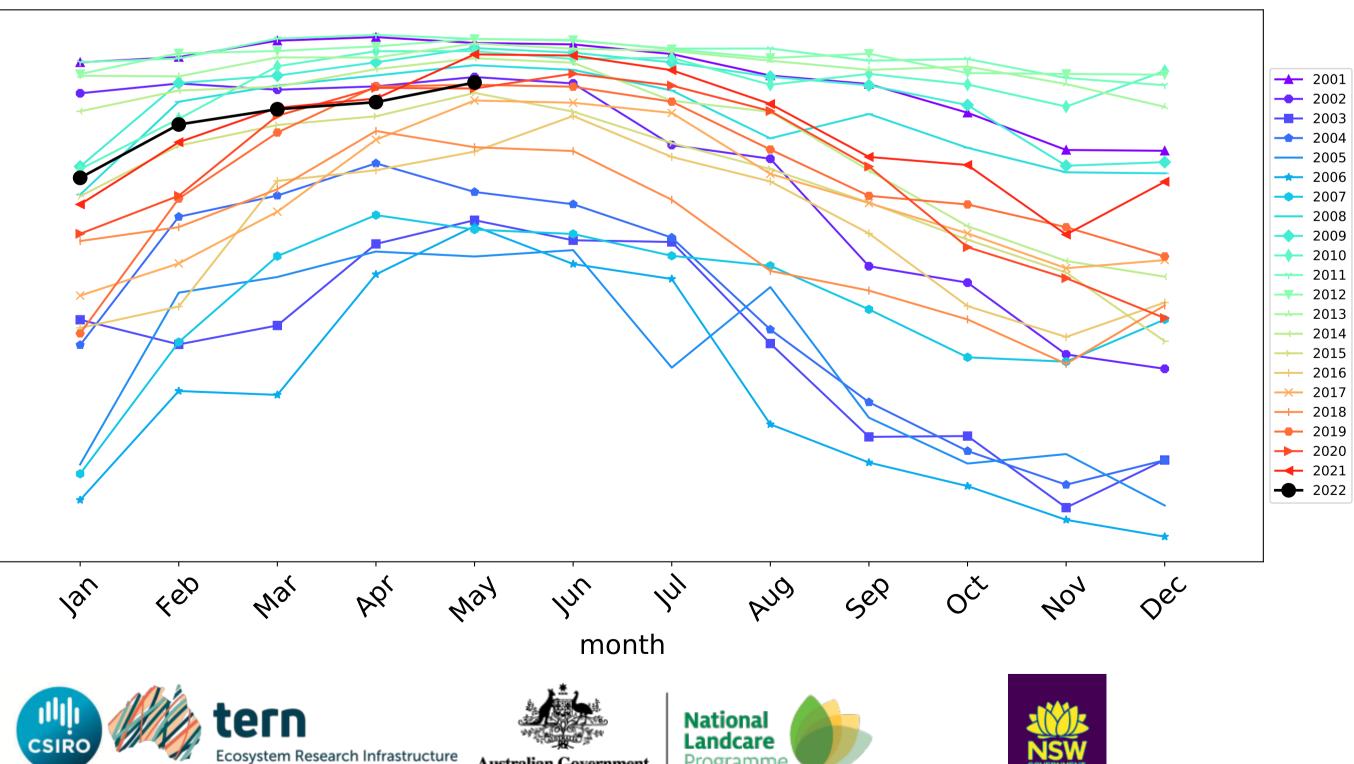
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





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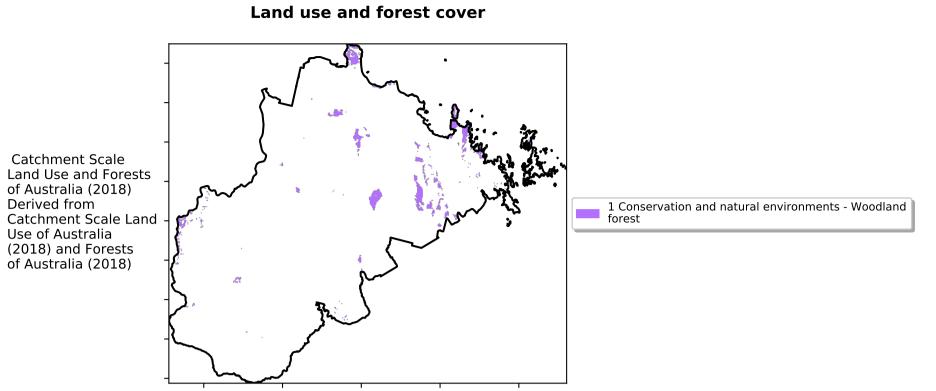
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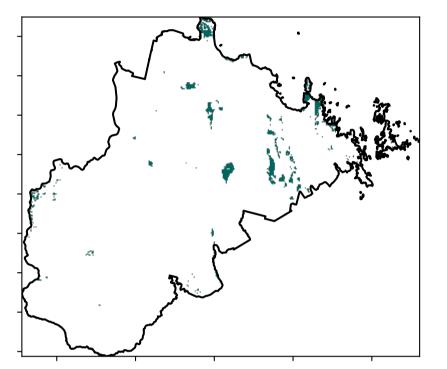


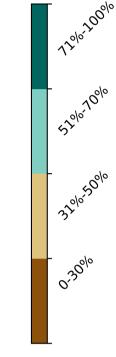


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

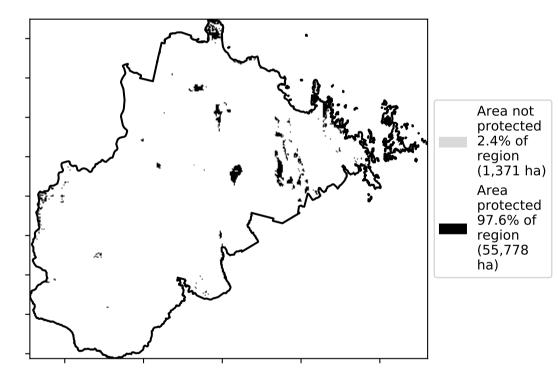


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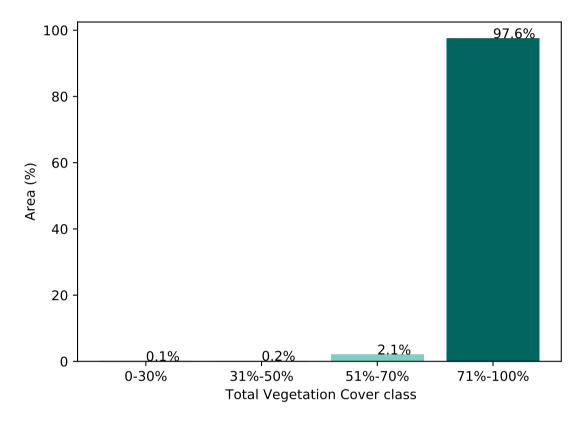




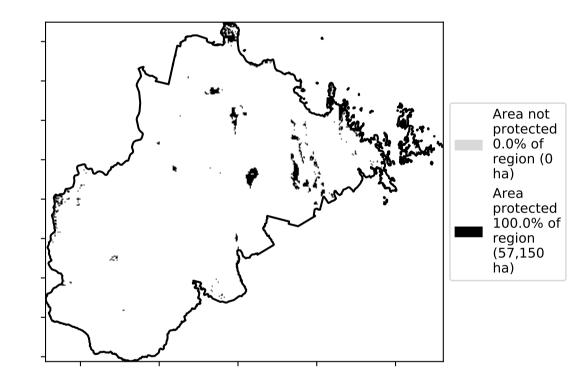
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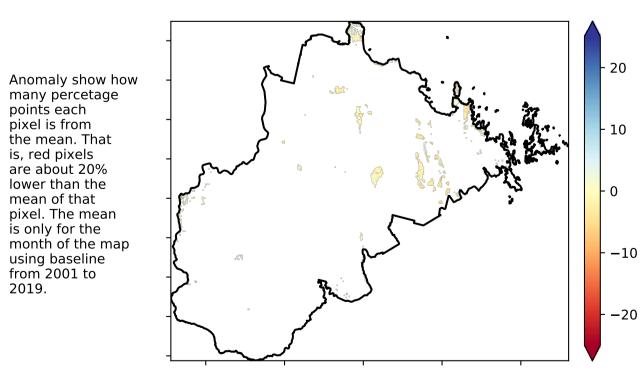
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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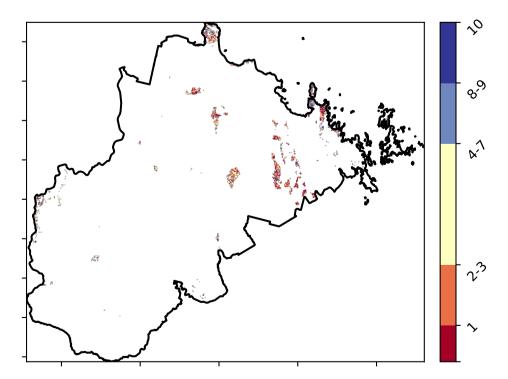
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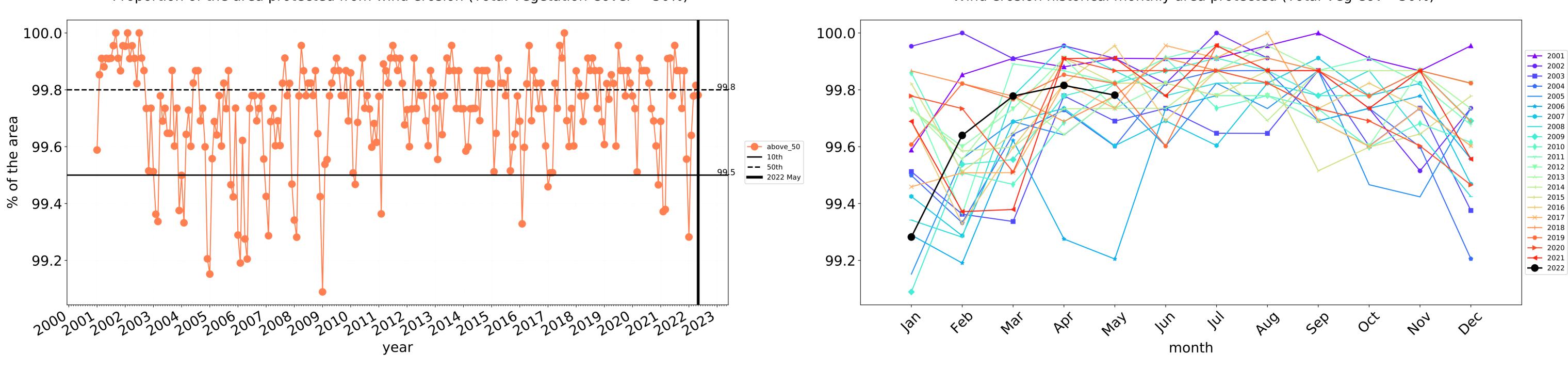
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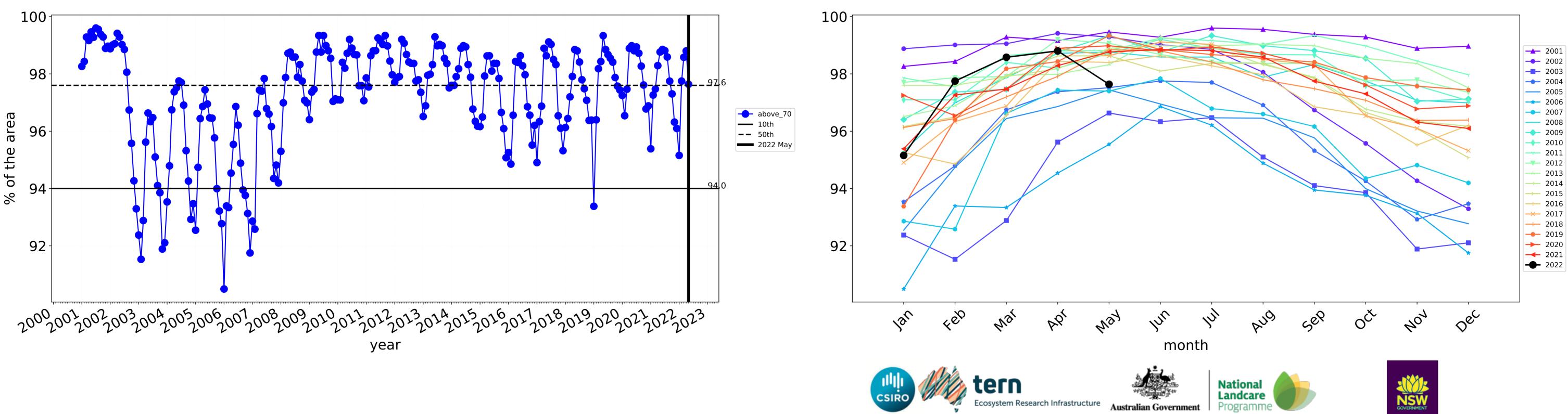






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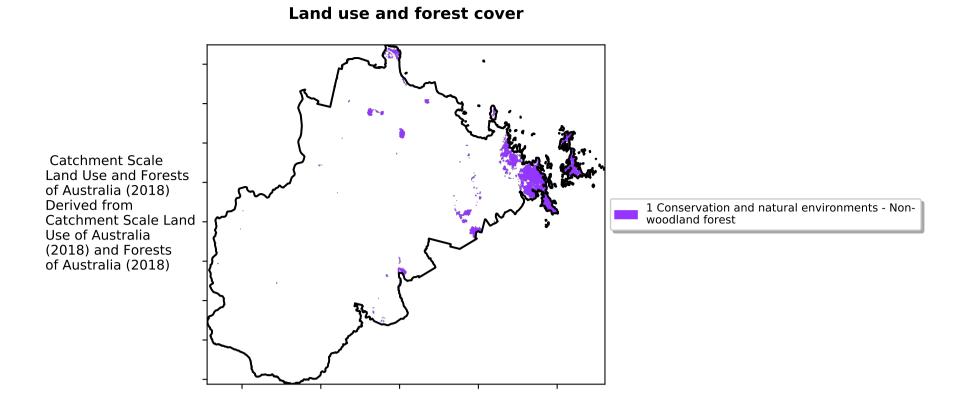




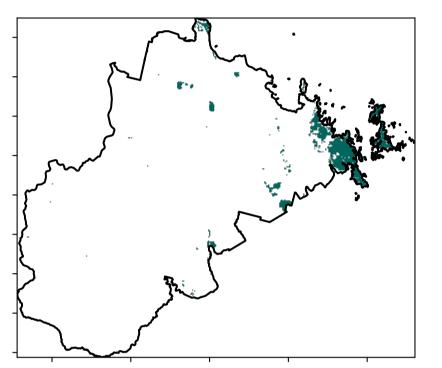
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

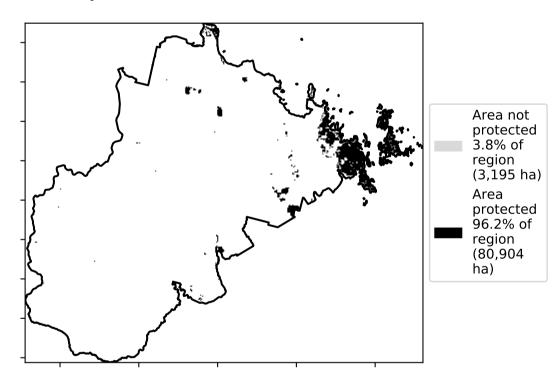
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

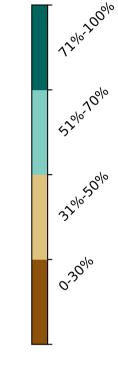


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

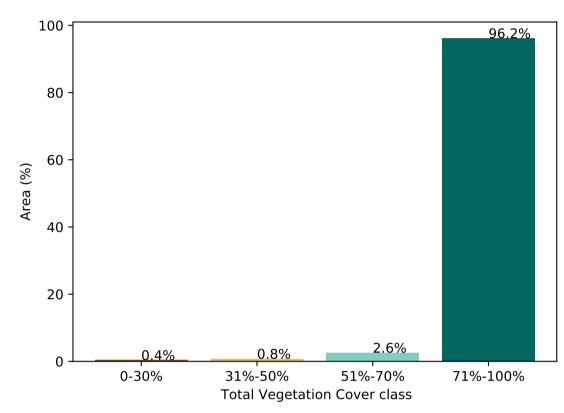


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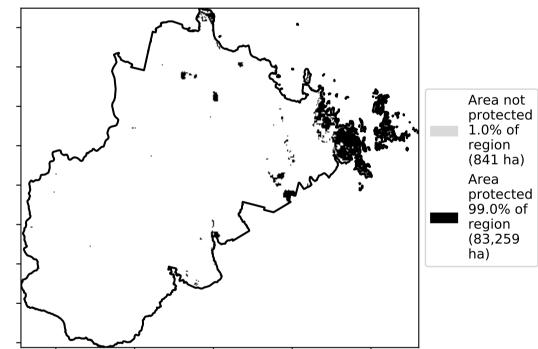




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

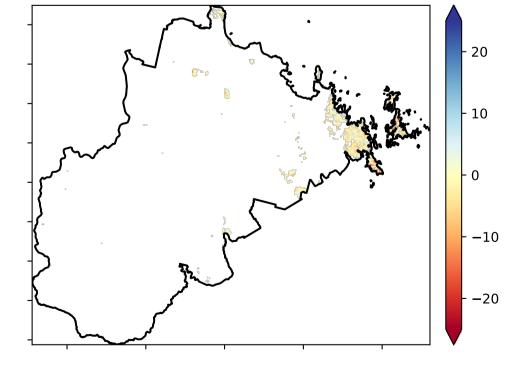


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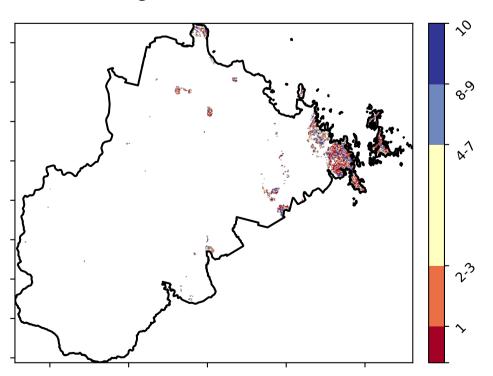


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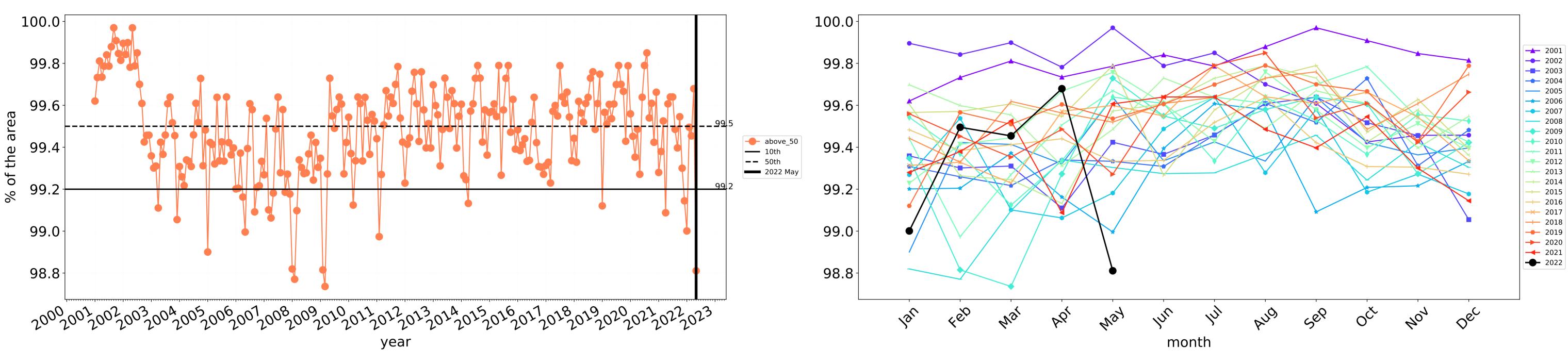
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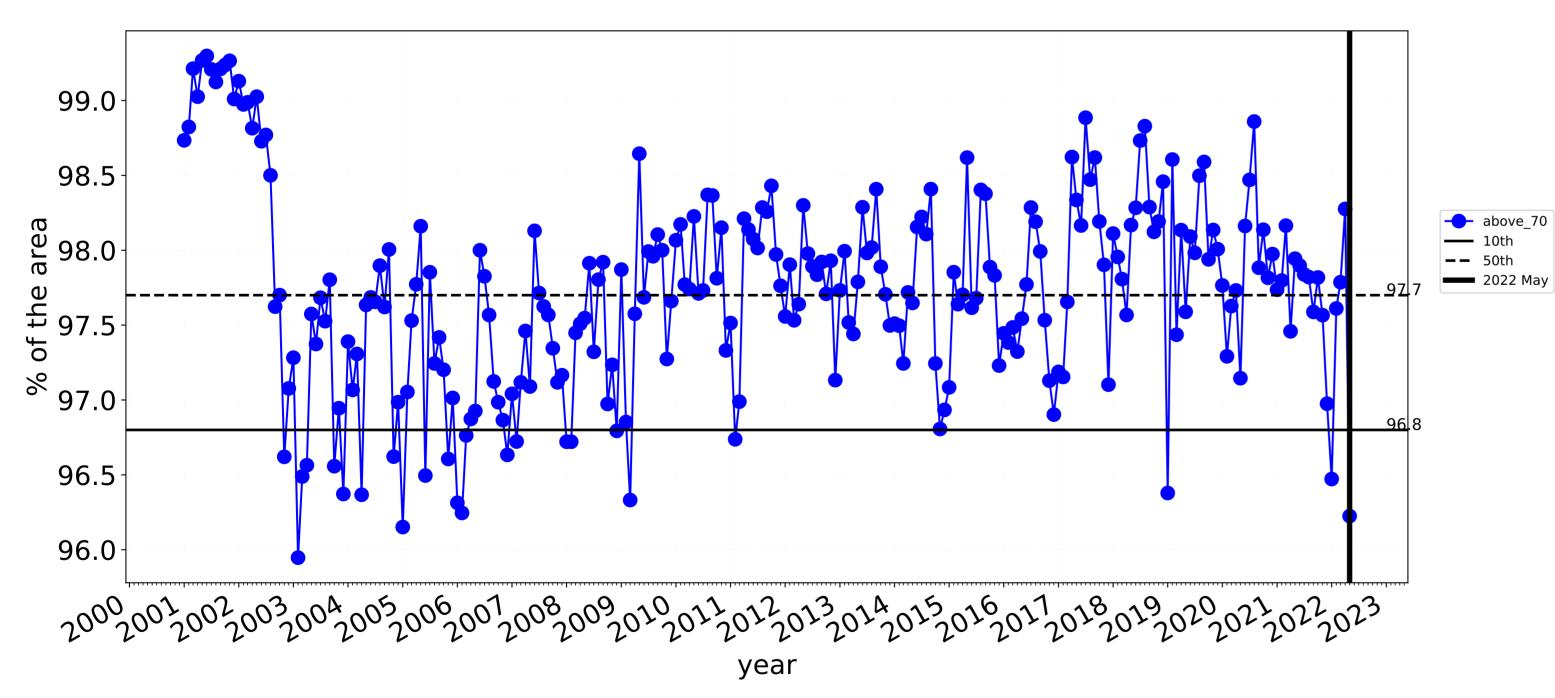
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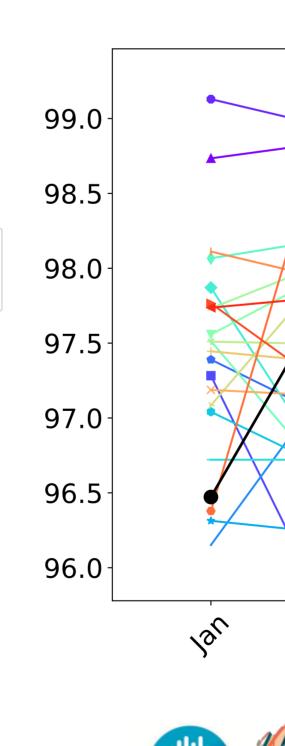




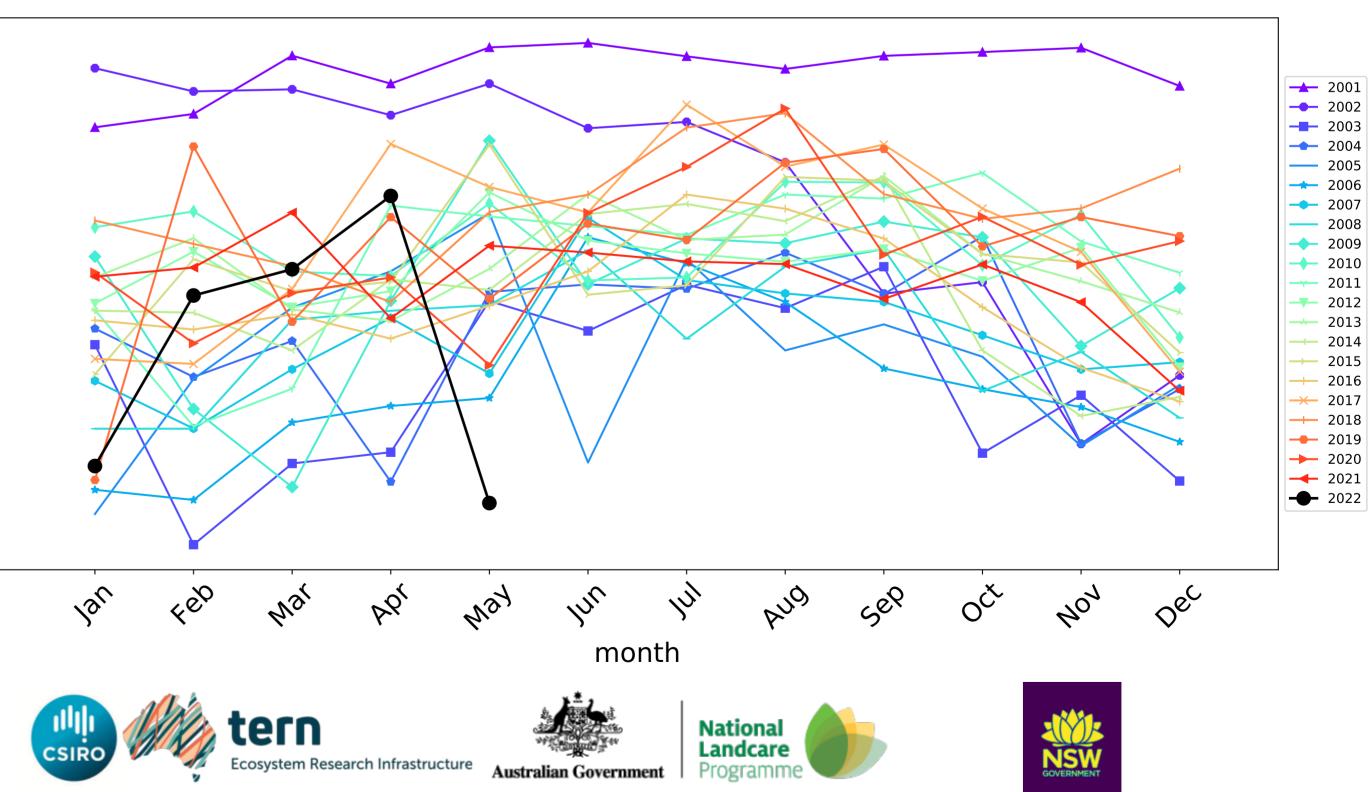


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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

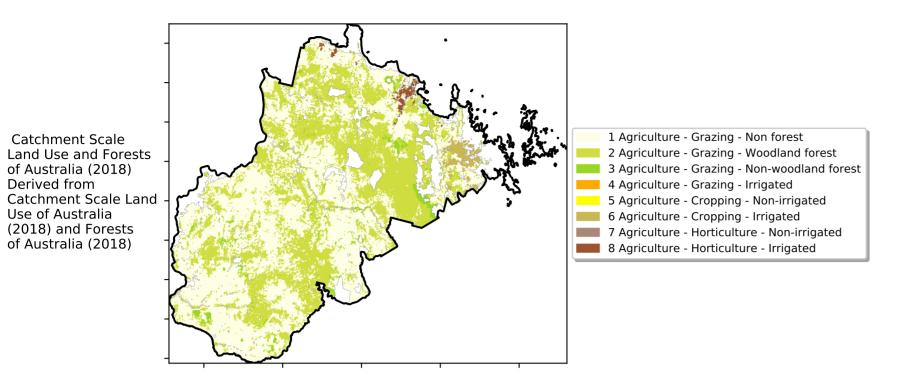


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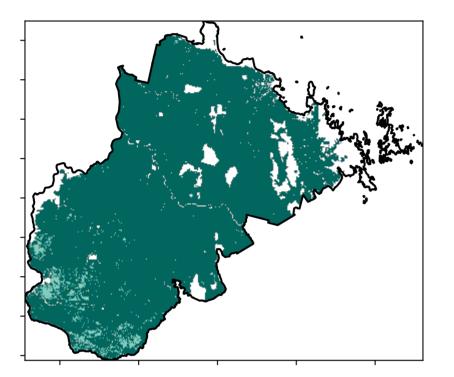
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

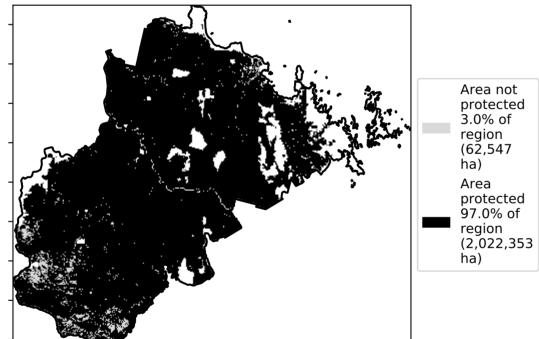
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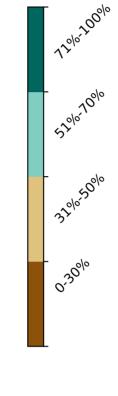


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





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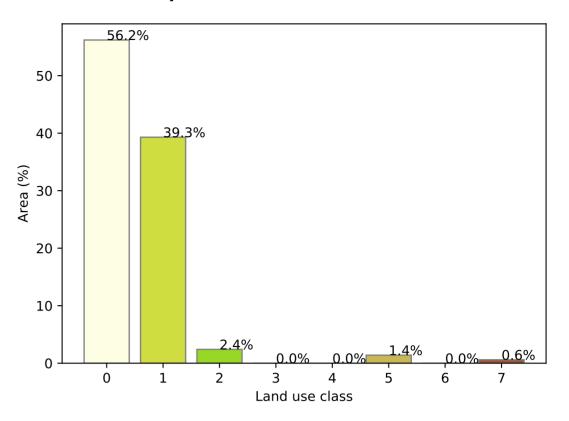
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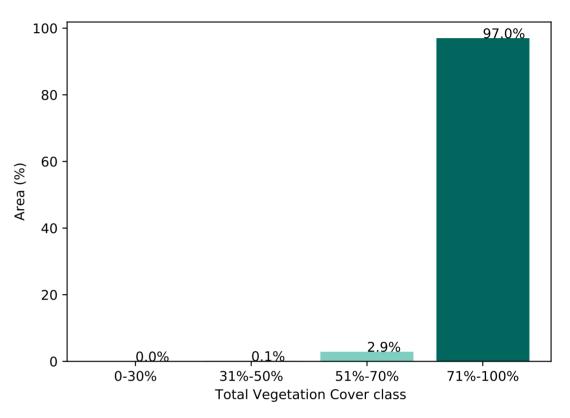
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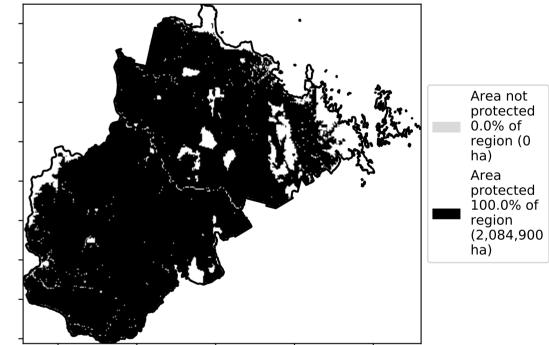




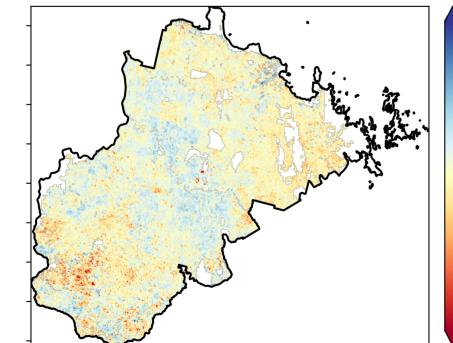
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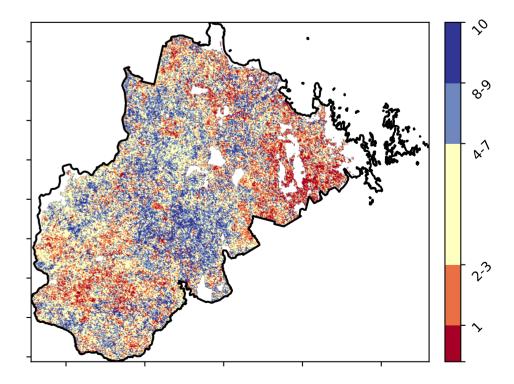


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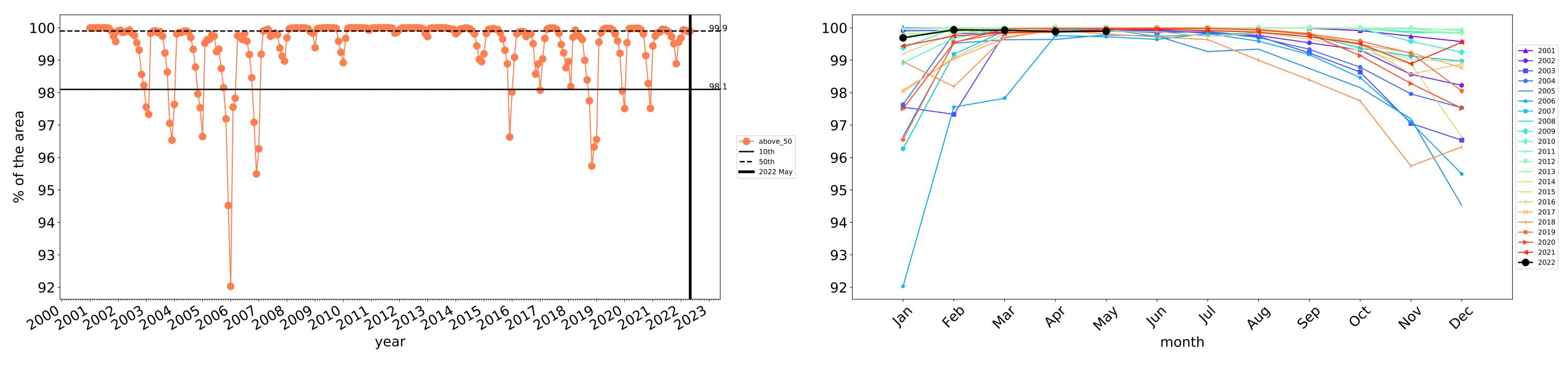
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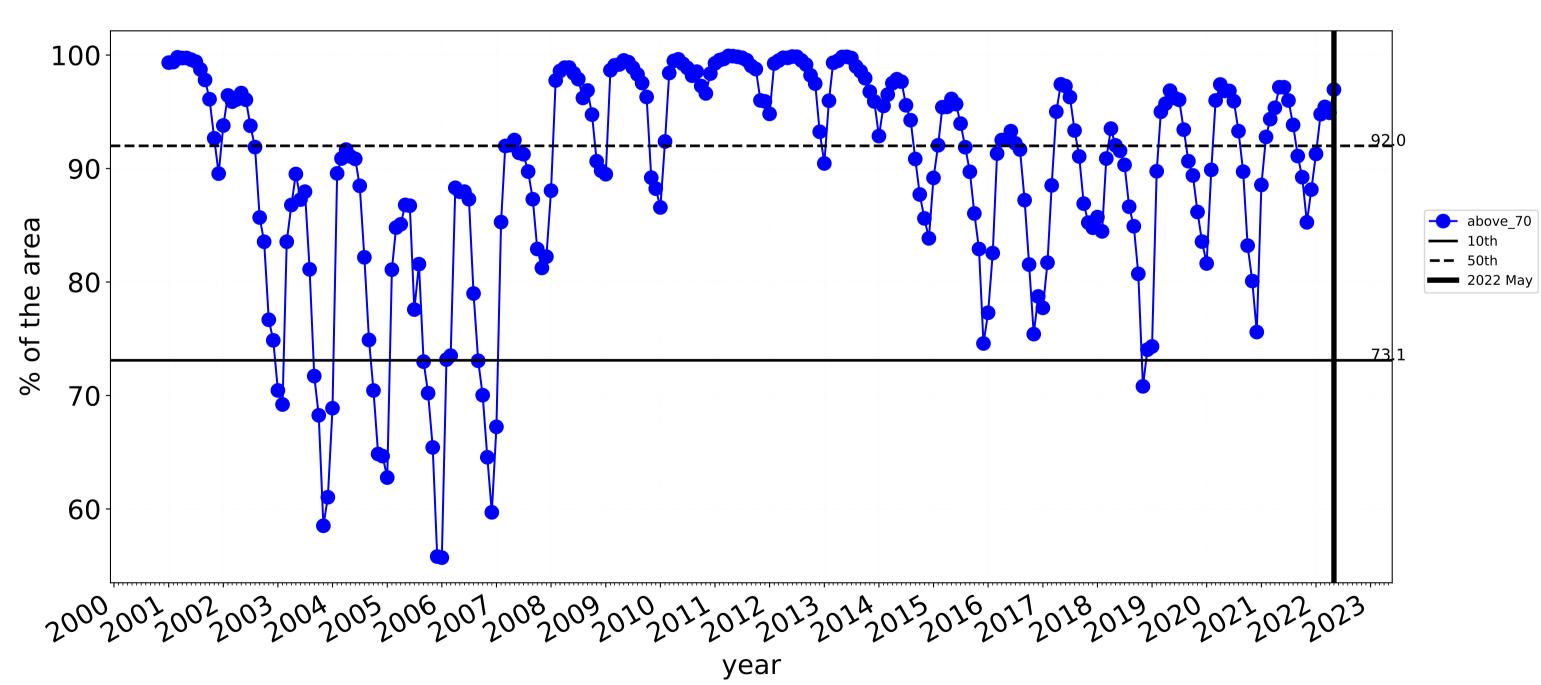


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



Agriculture timeseries

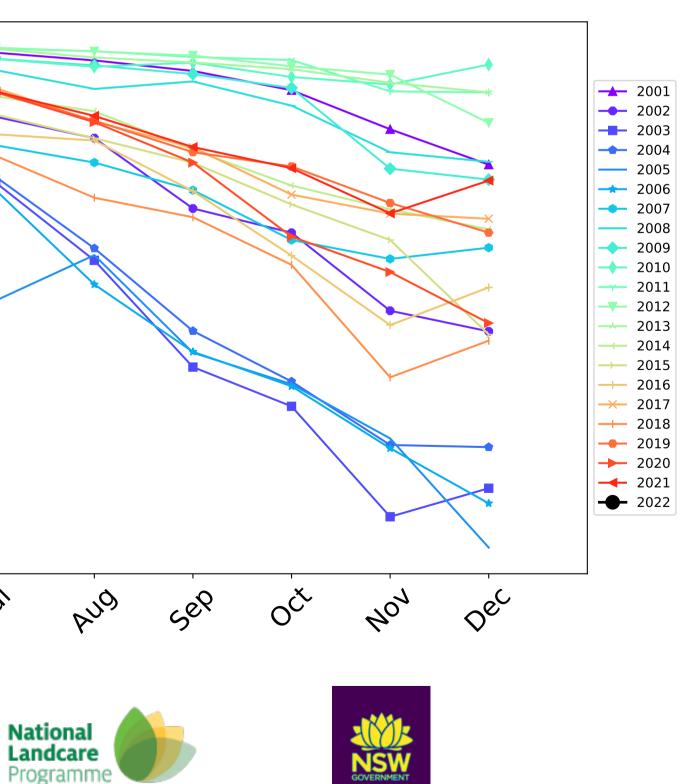


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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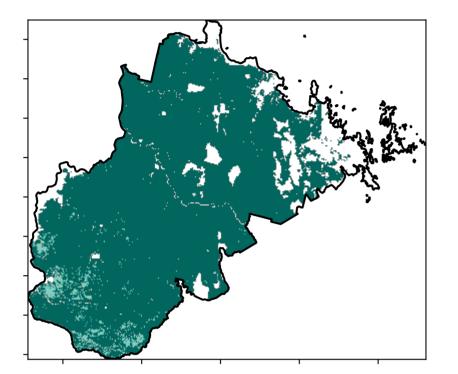


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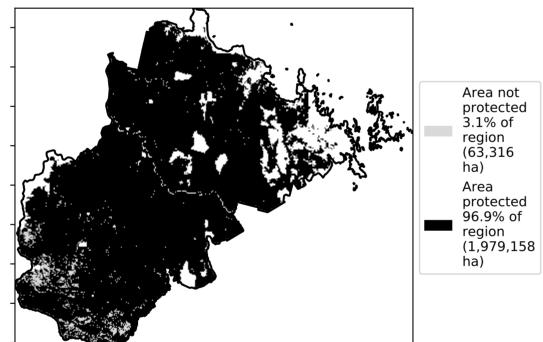
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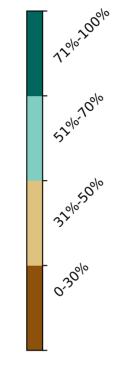
Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

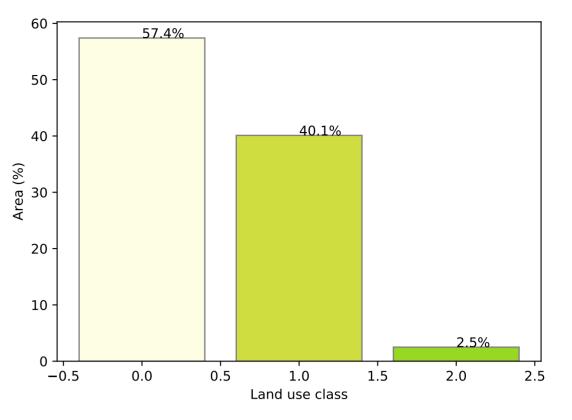


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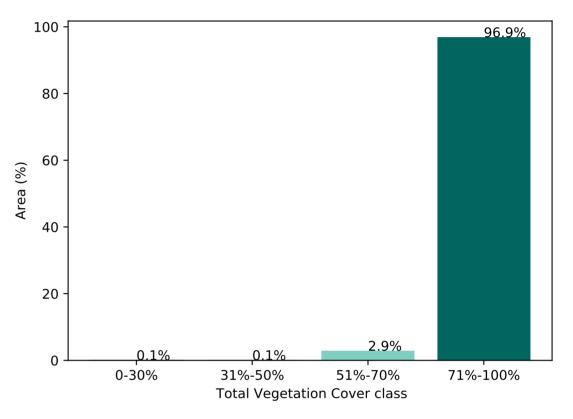




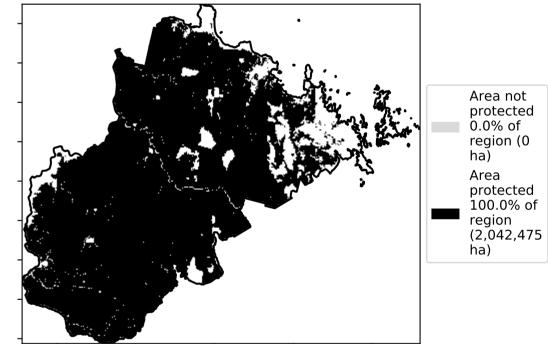


Proportion of each land class in area

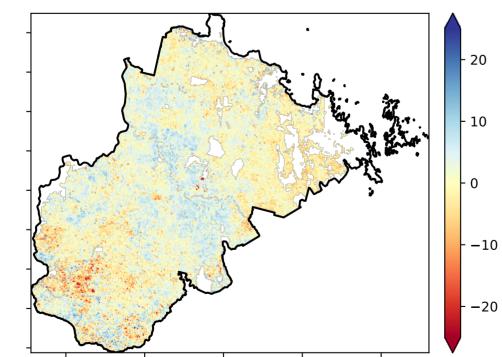
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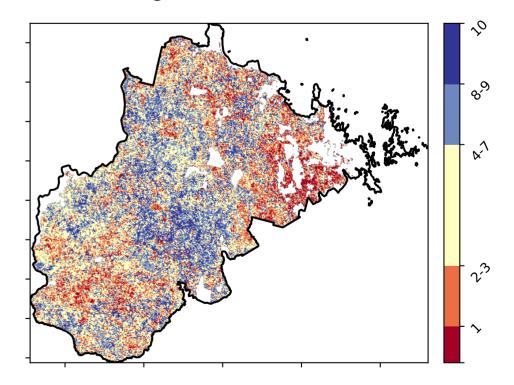


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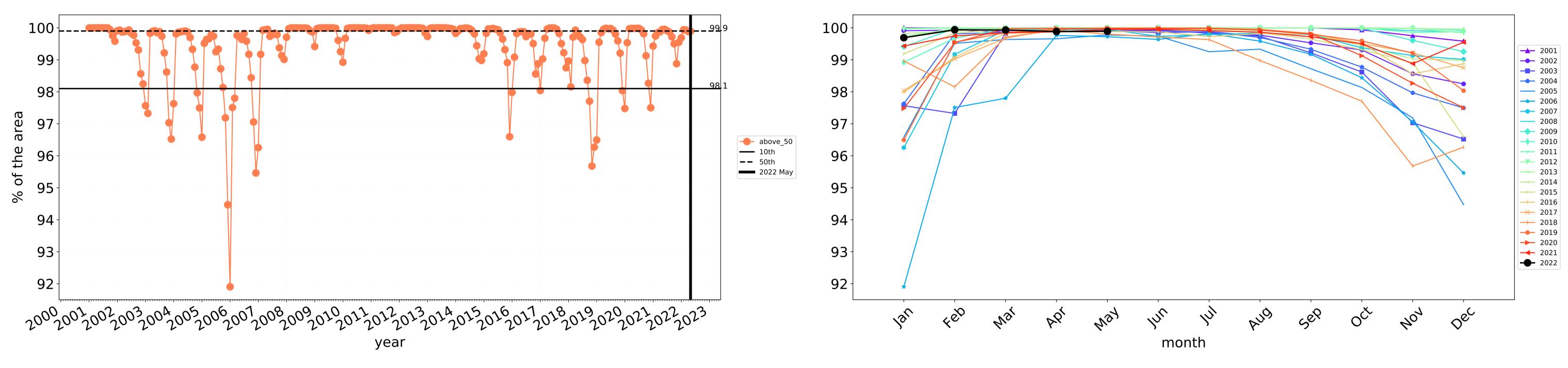
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

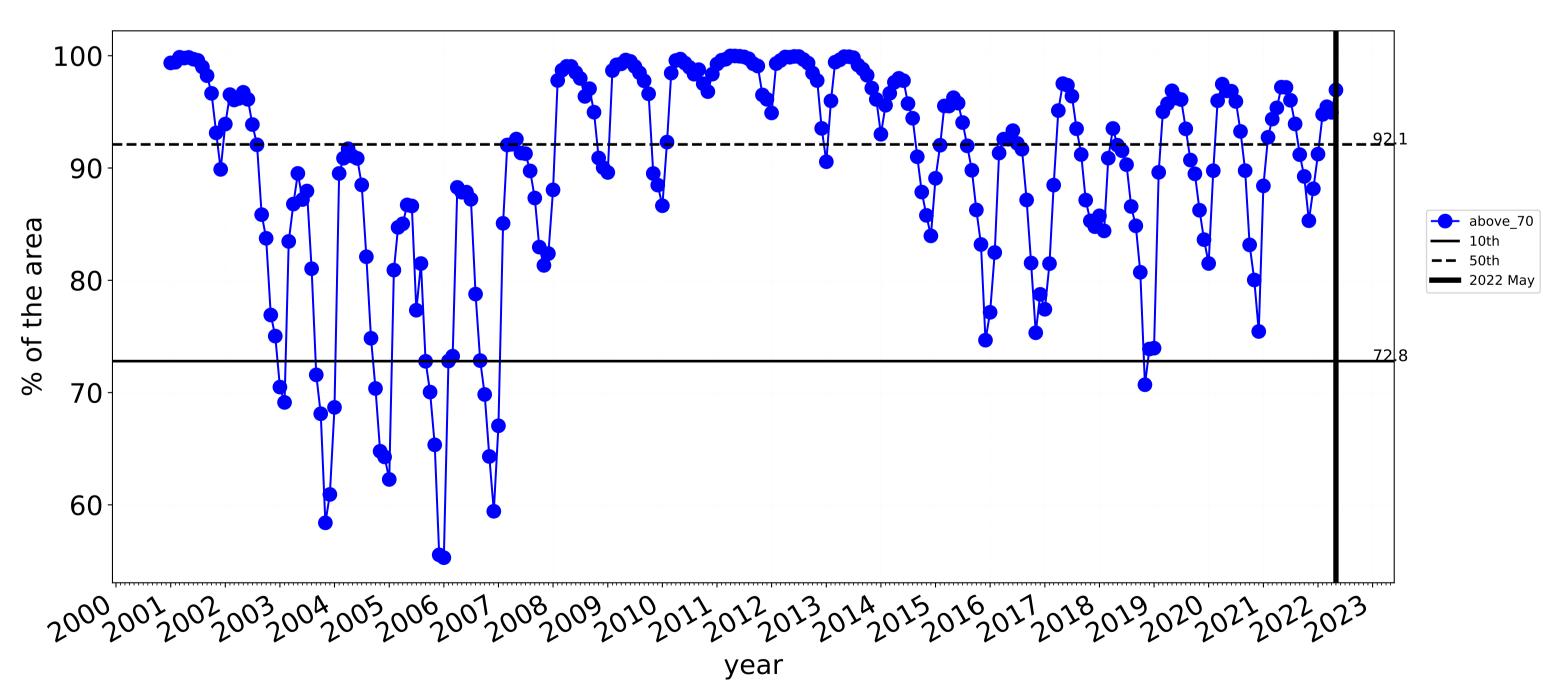




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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

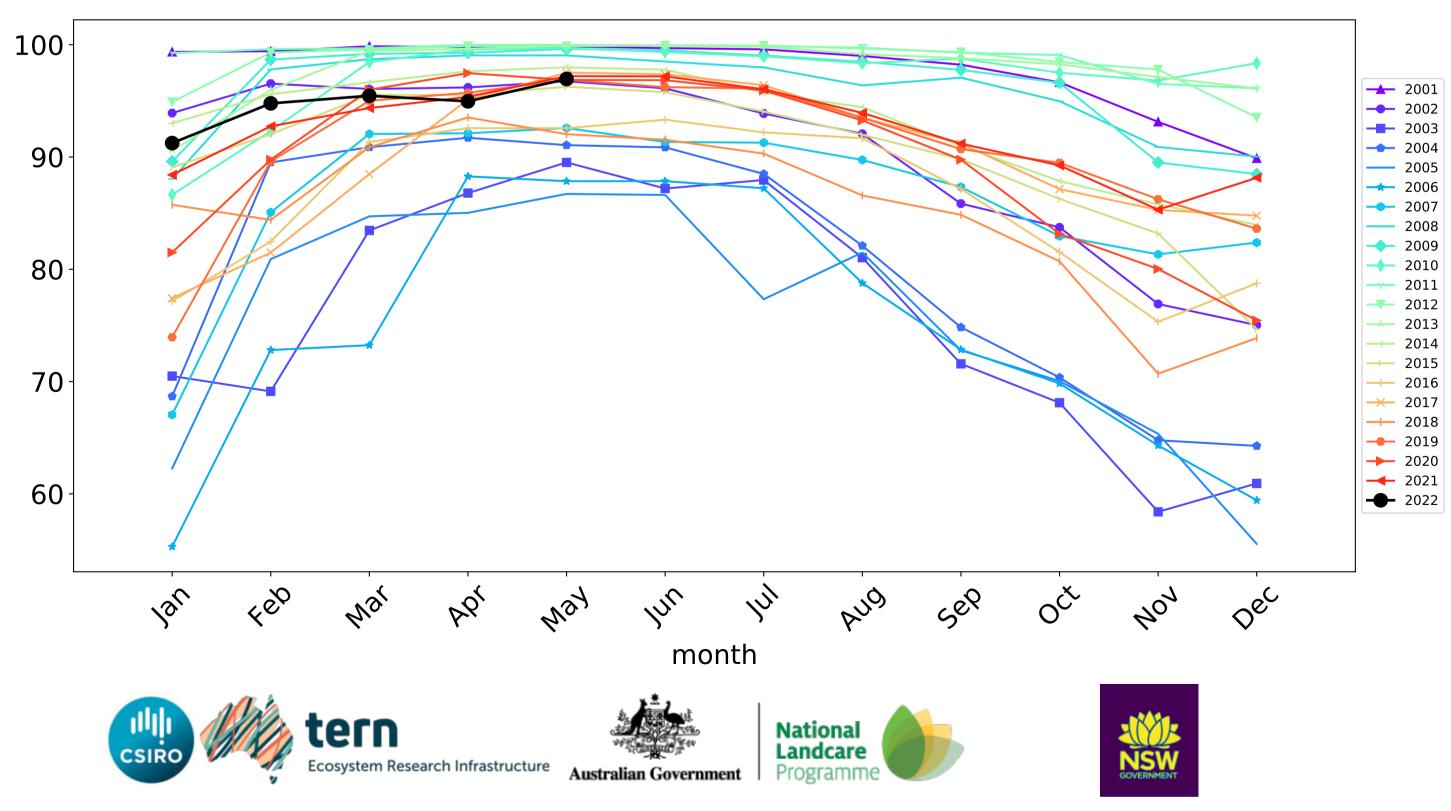


Grazing timeseries

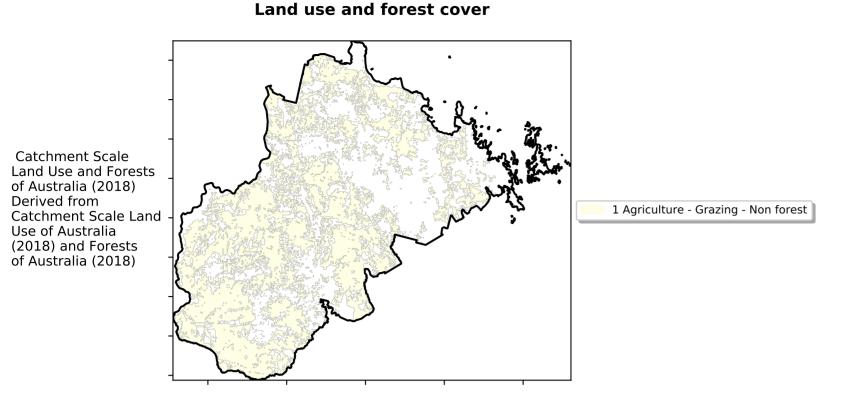


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

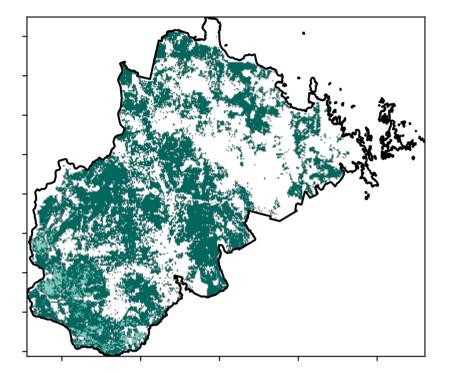
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



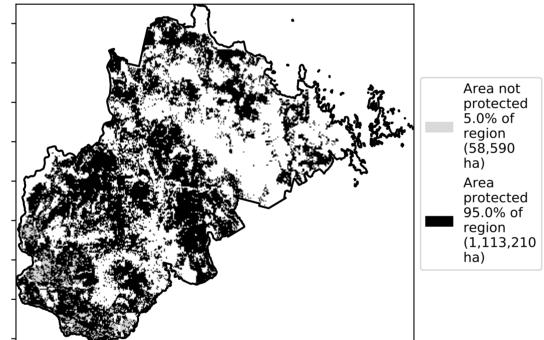
Grazing non forest



Total Vegetation Cover [%]

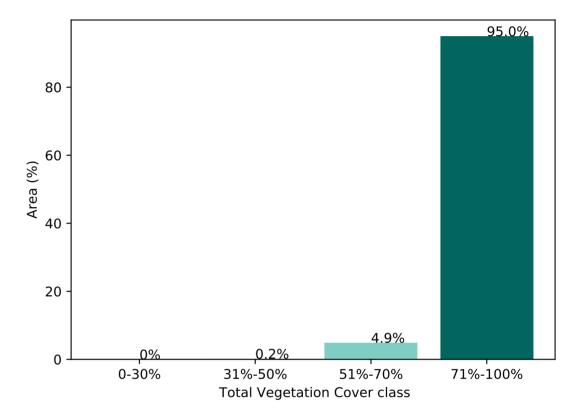


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

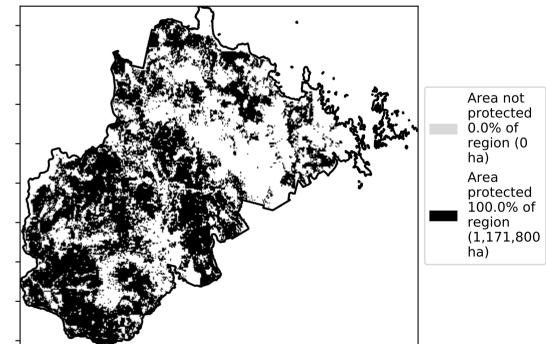


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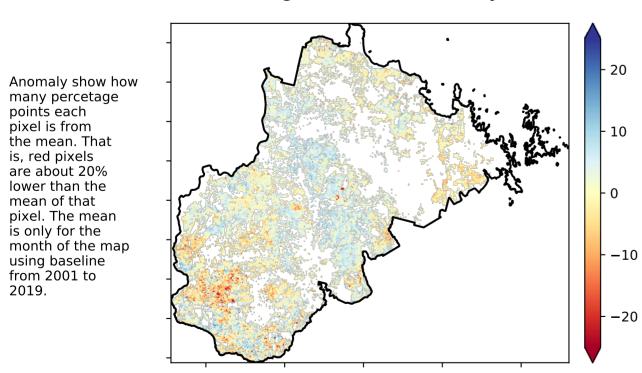
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



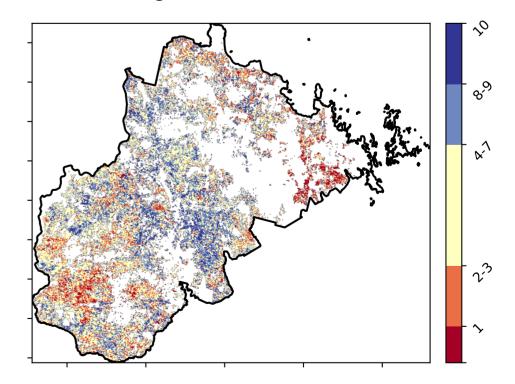
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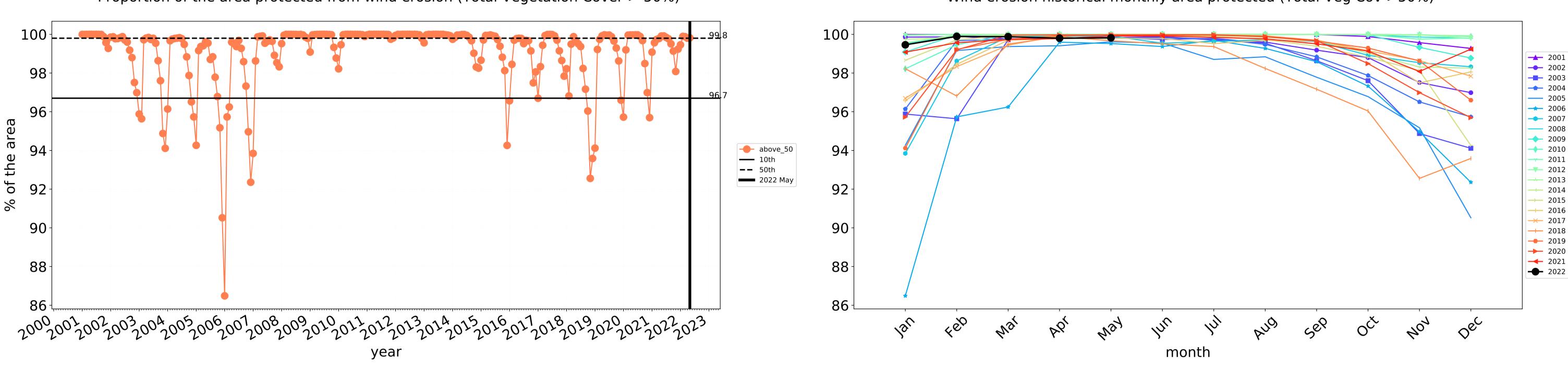
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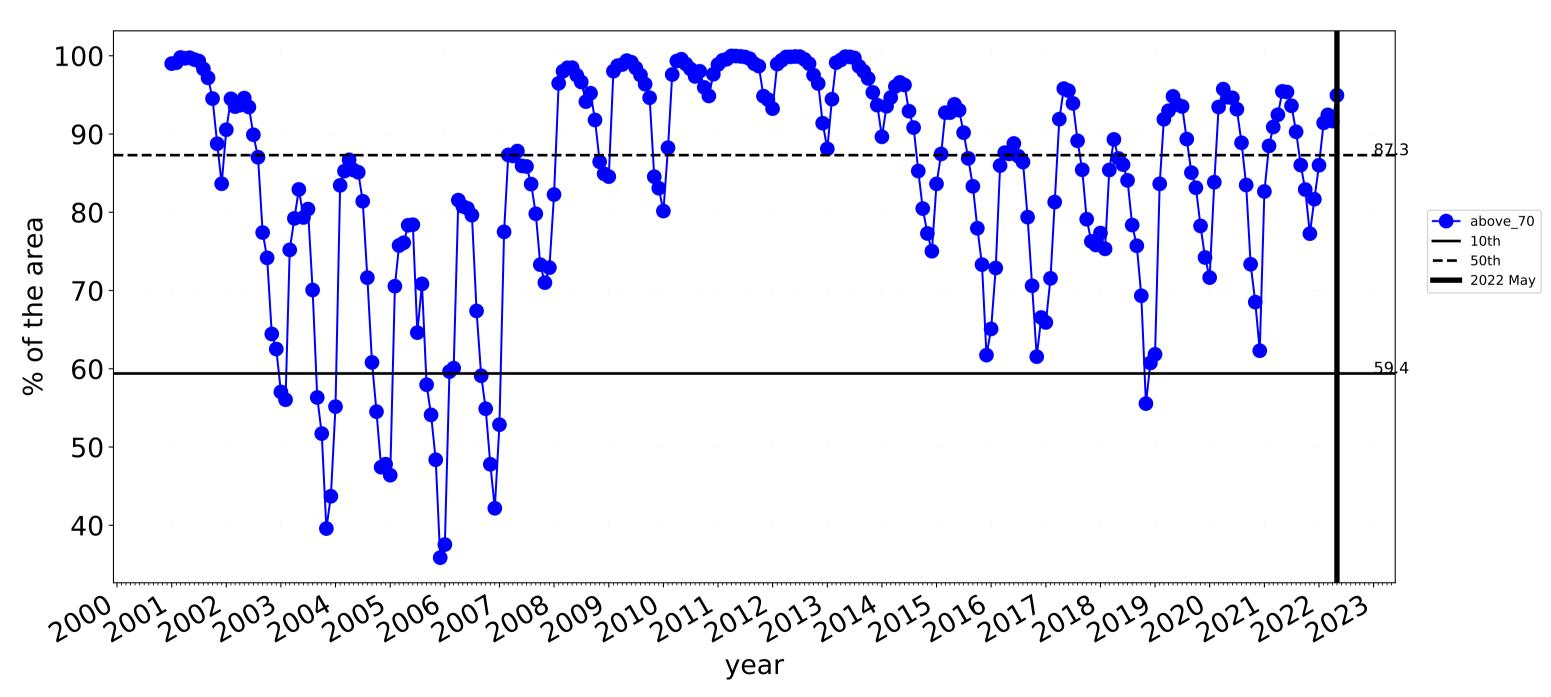
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



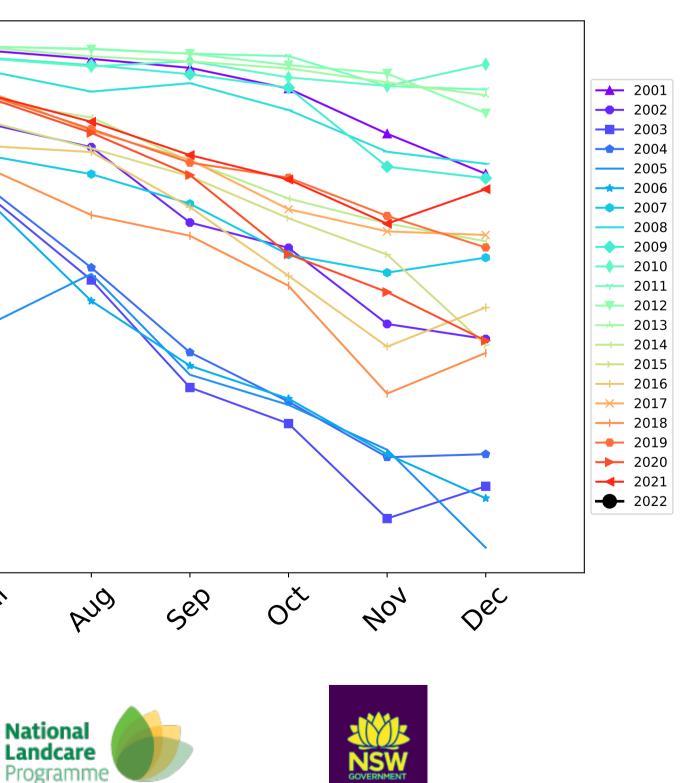
Grazing non forest timeseries

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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%)



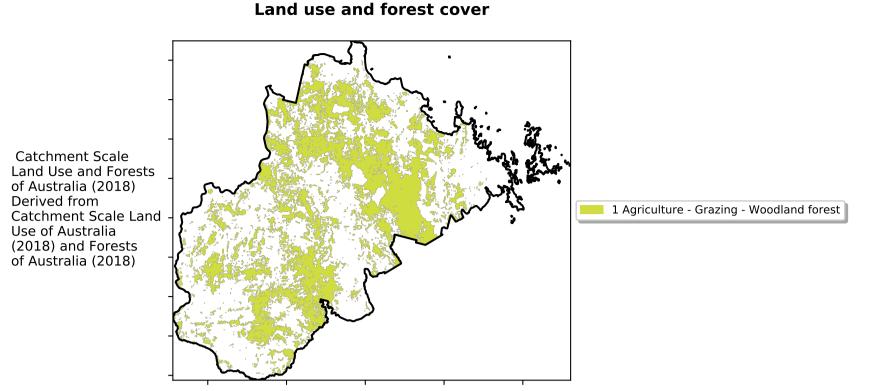
Grazing Woodland forest

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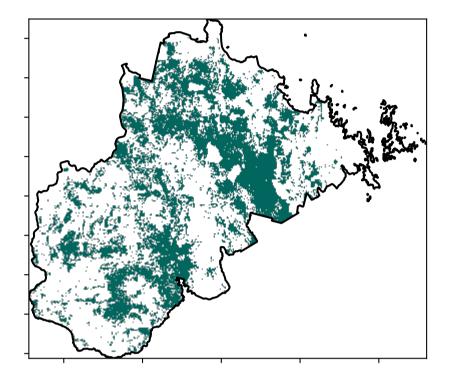
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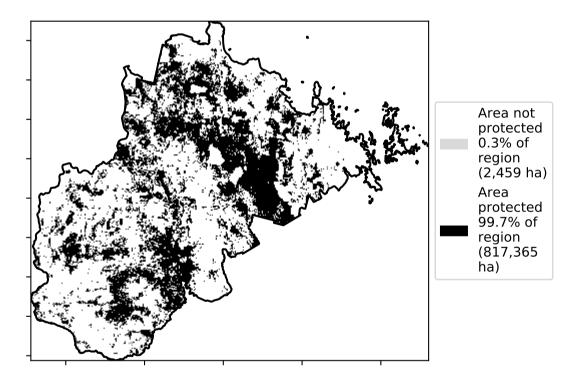
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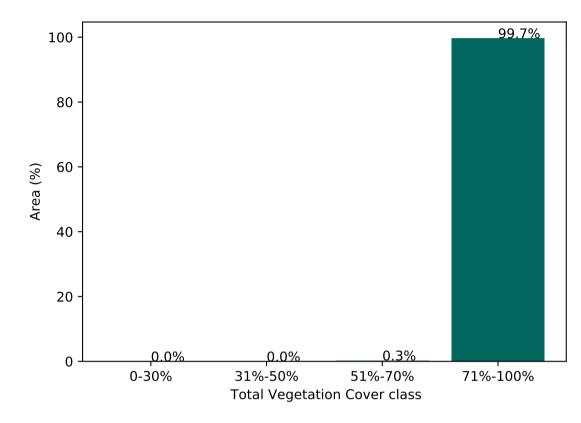
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



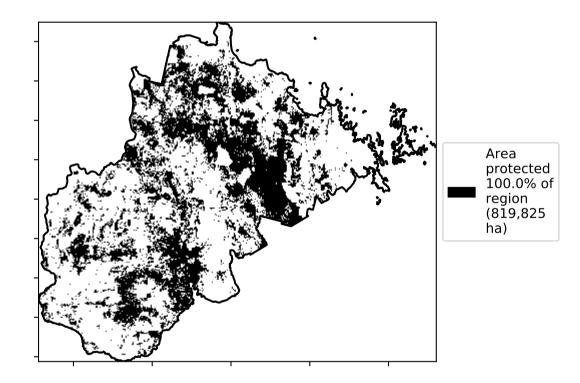
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



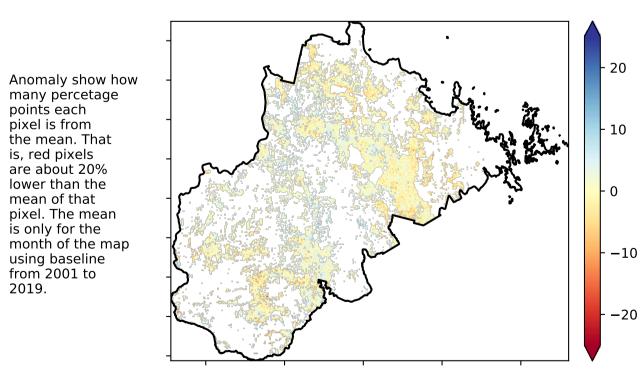
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

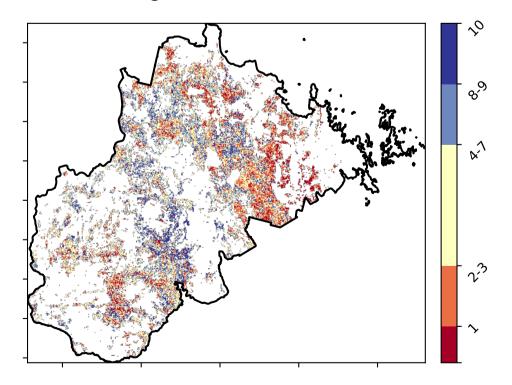


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

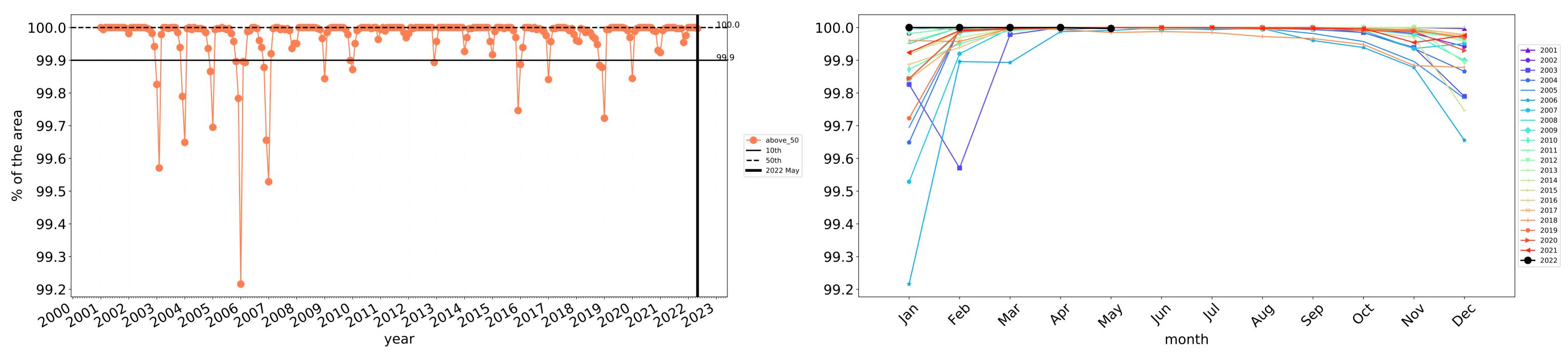


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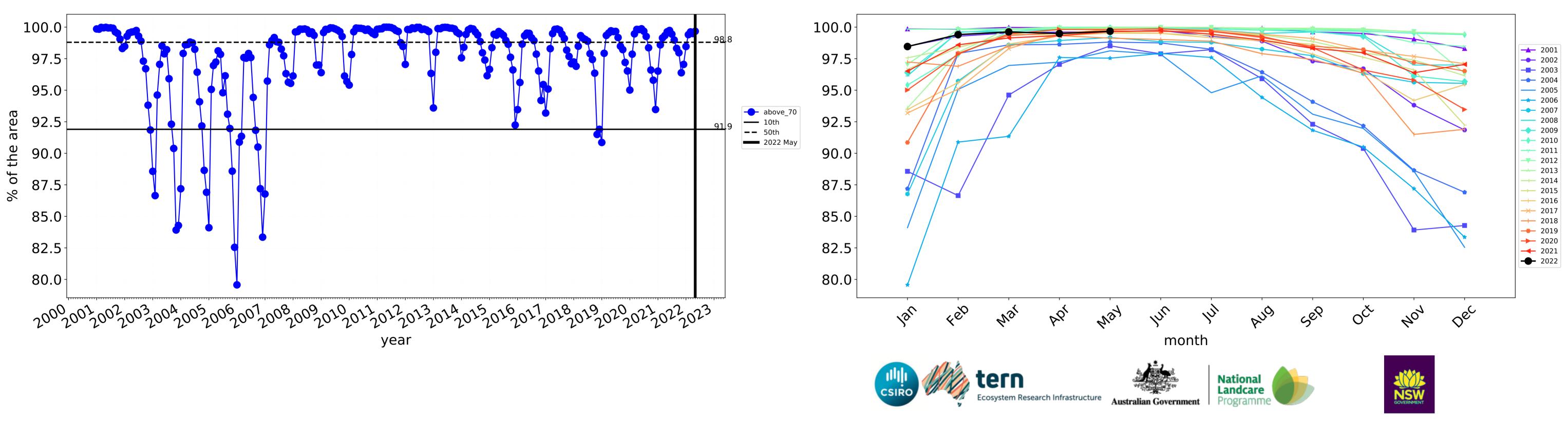
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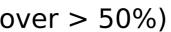






Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





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



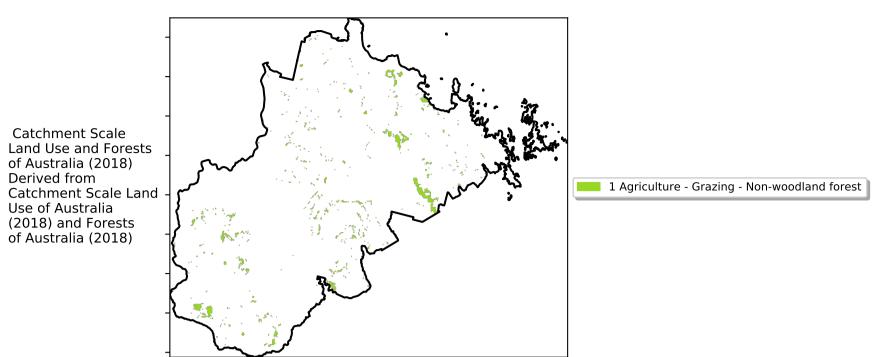
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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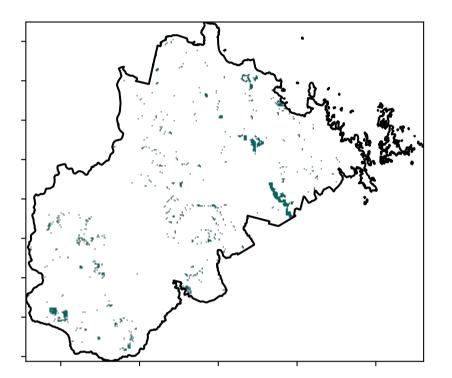
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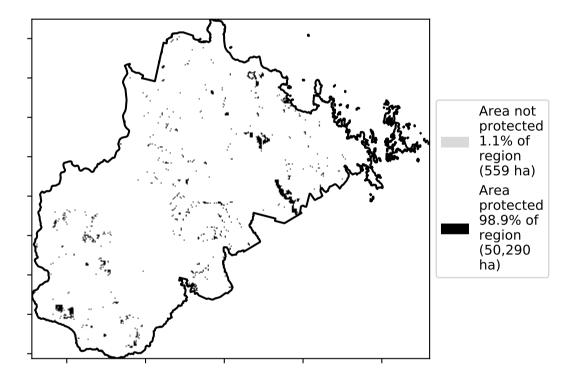


Land use and forest cover

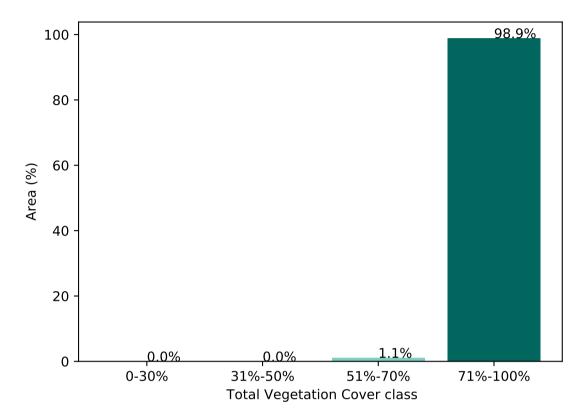
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



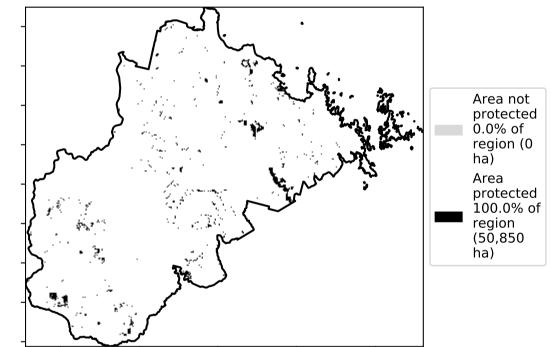
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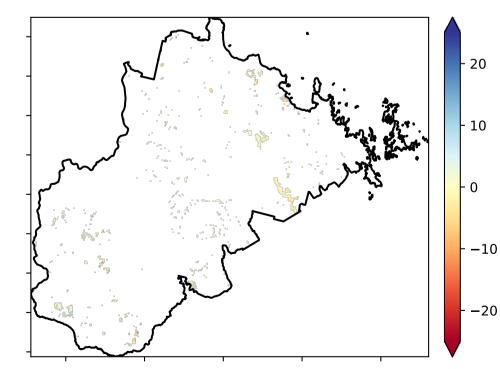




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

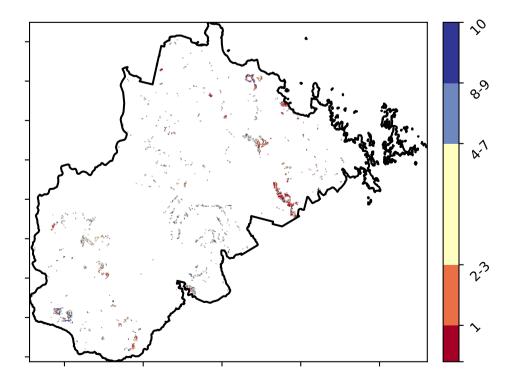


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



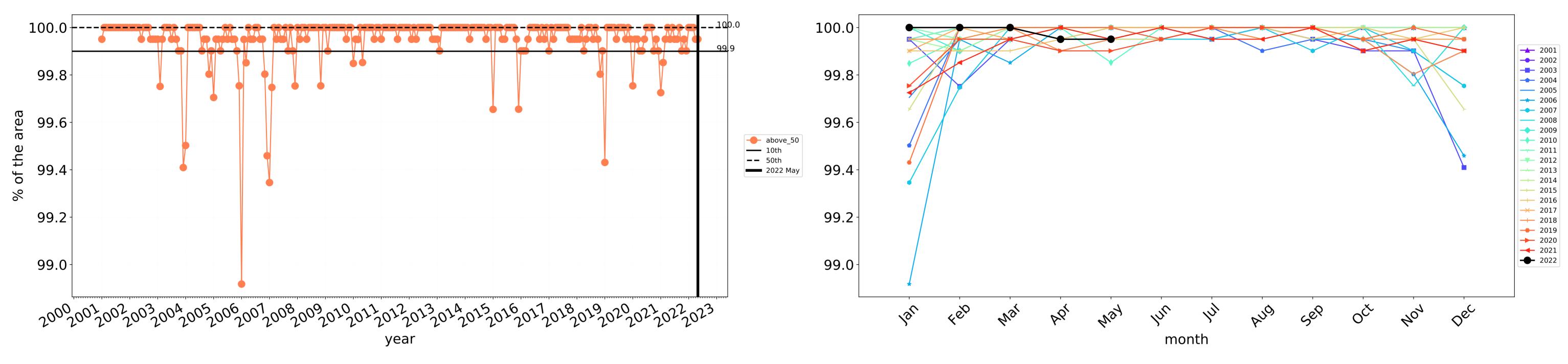
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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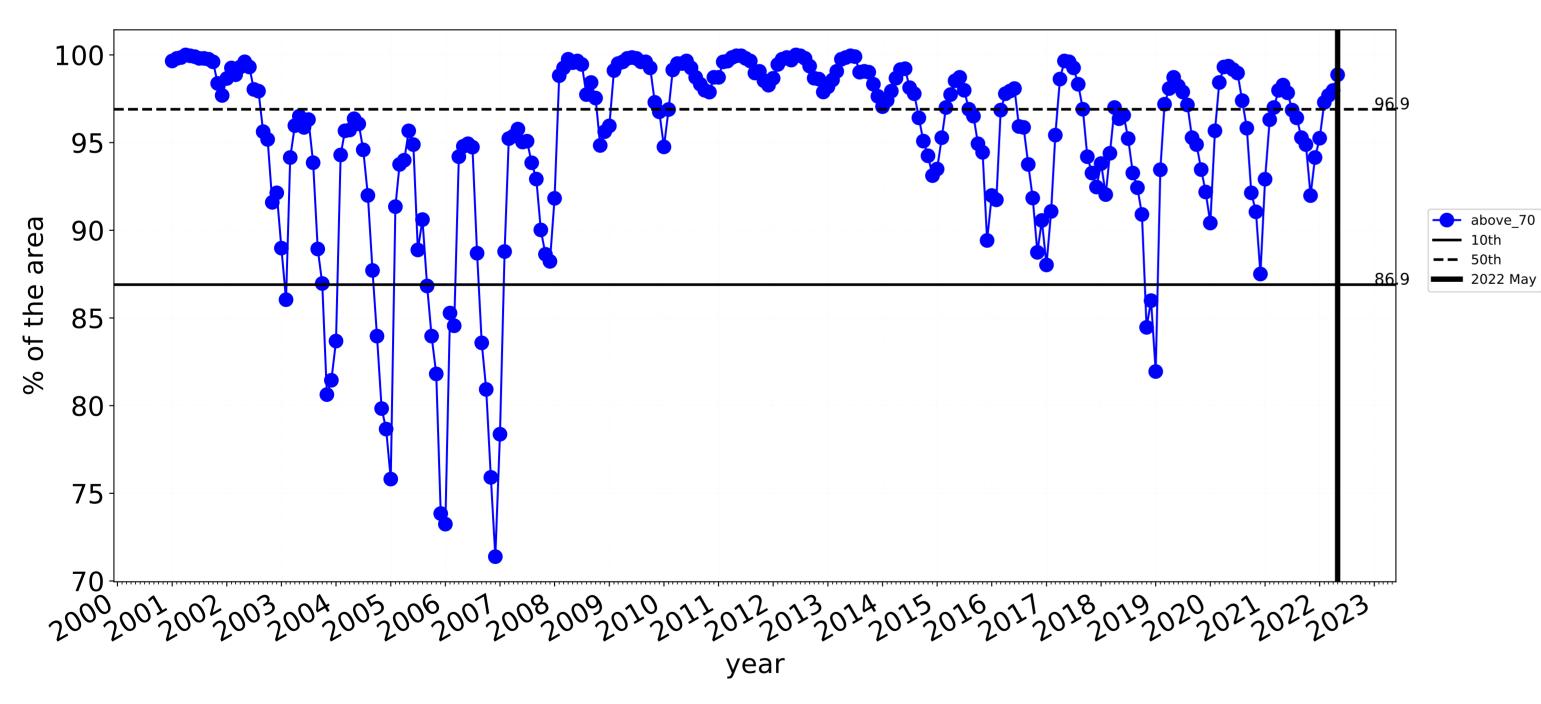
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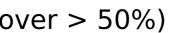
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

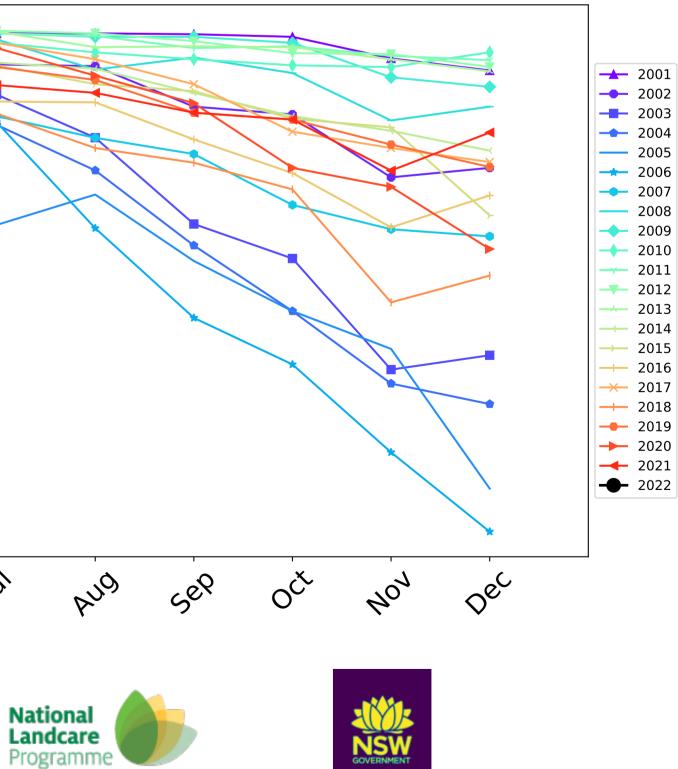




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



Irrigation

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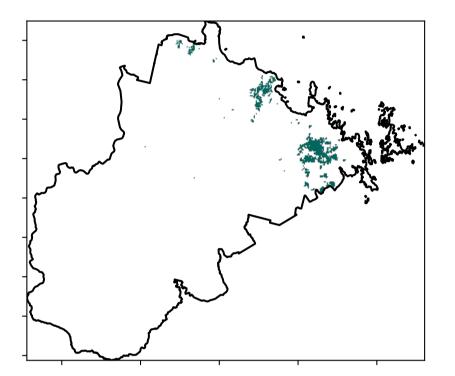
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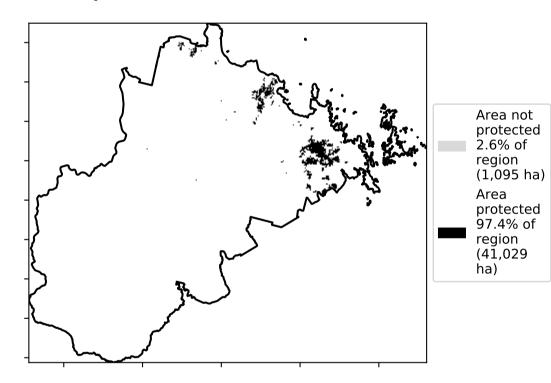
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

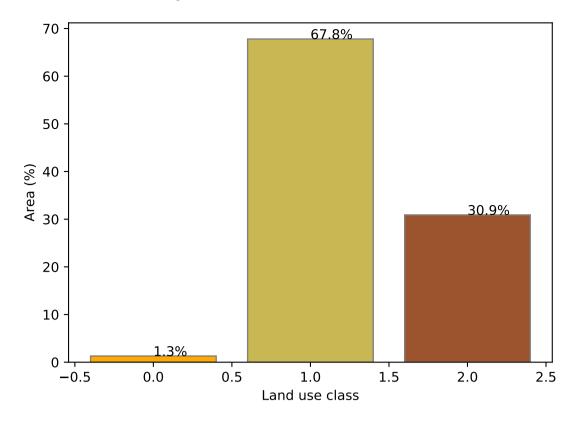
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover



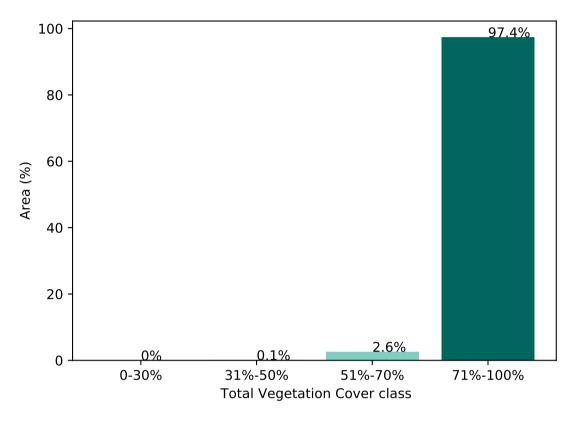
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



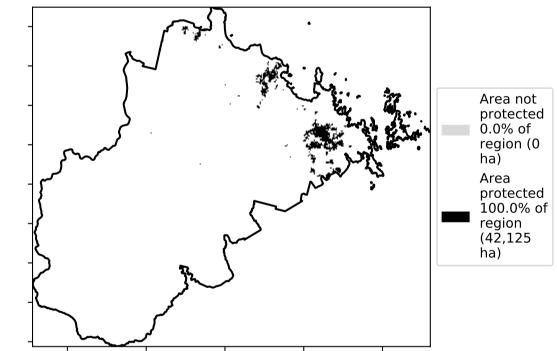


Proportion of each land class in area

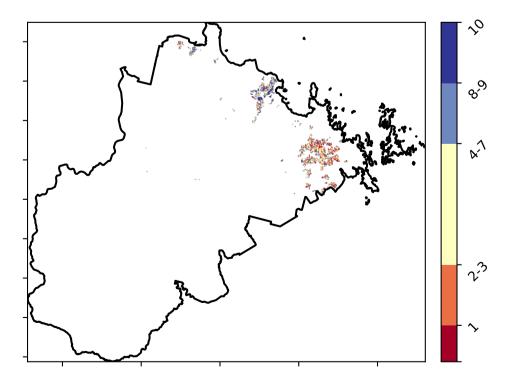
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



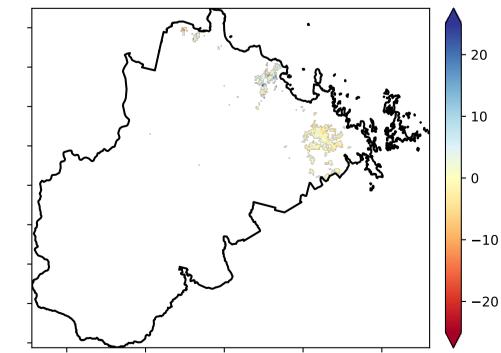
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



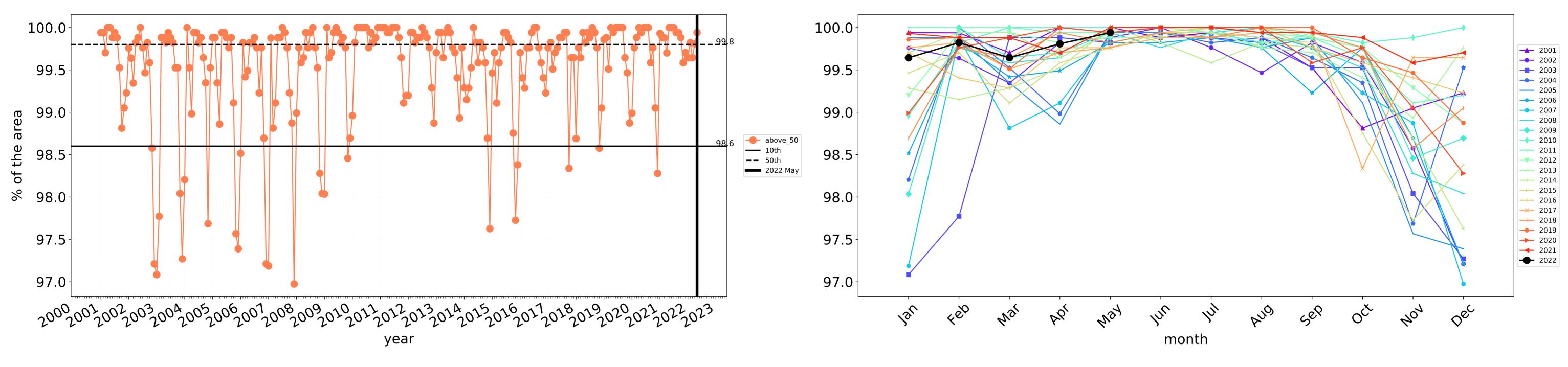
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



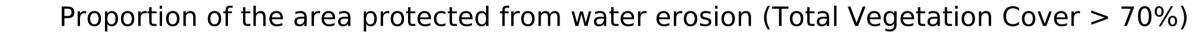
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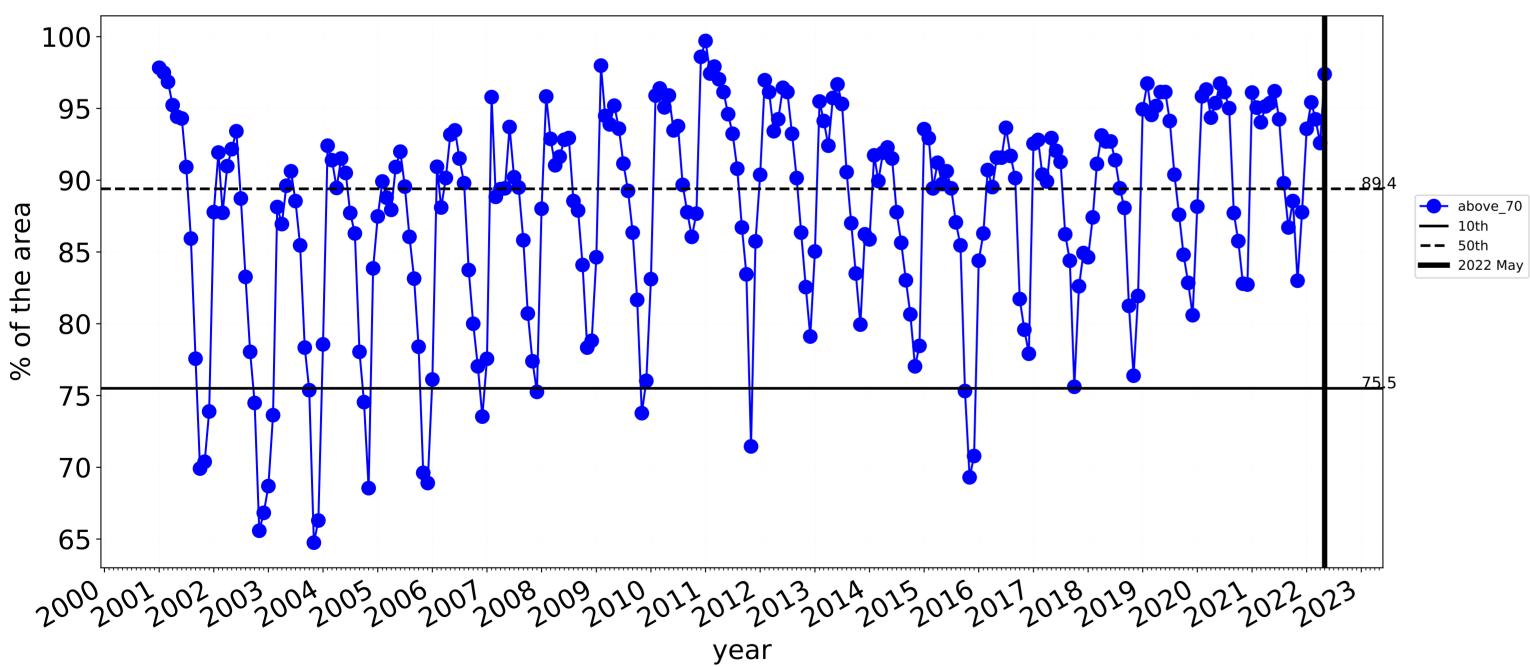


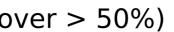
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





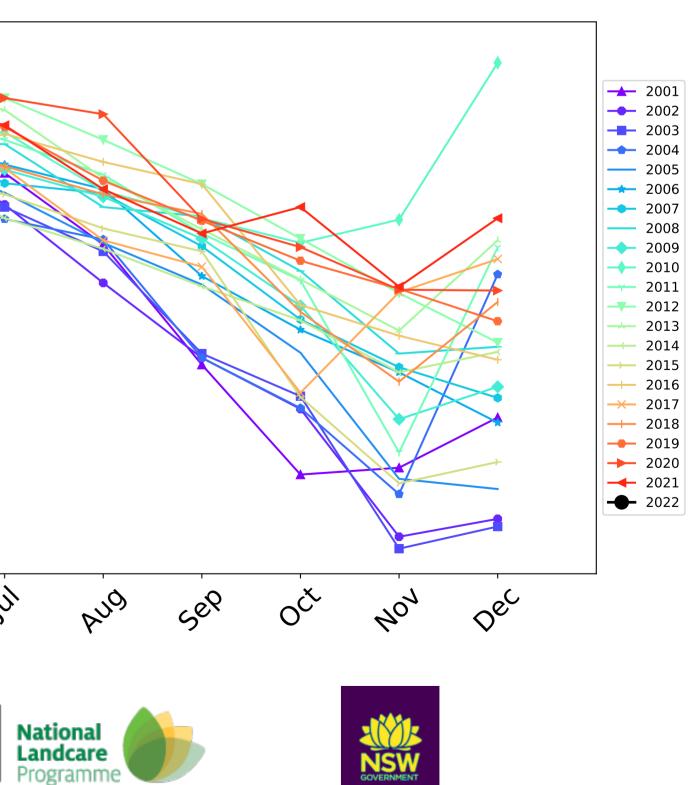


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

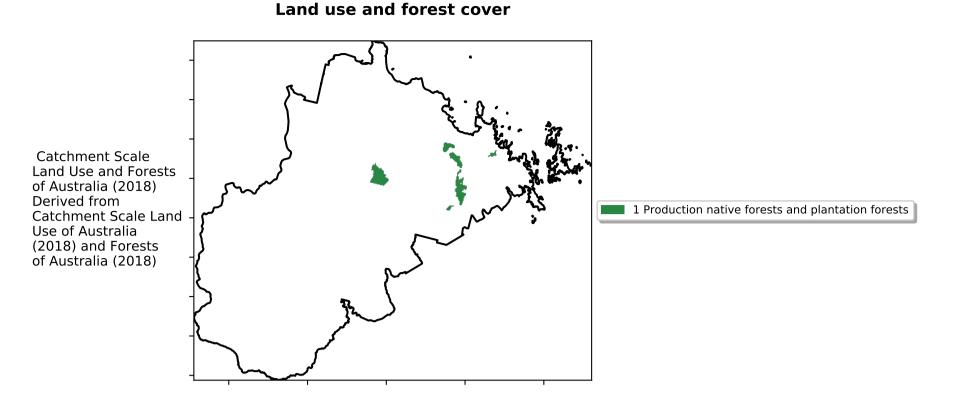
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Programme



Production native forests and plantation forests



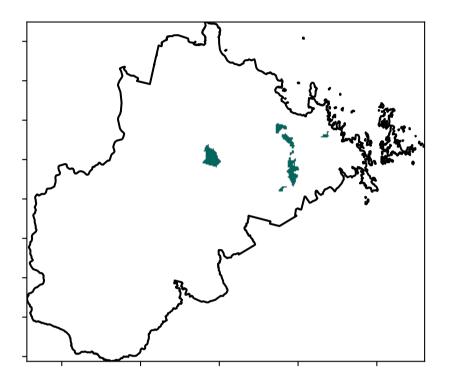
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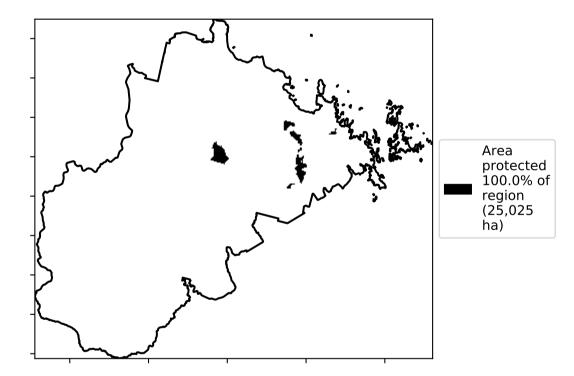
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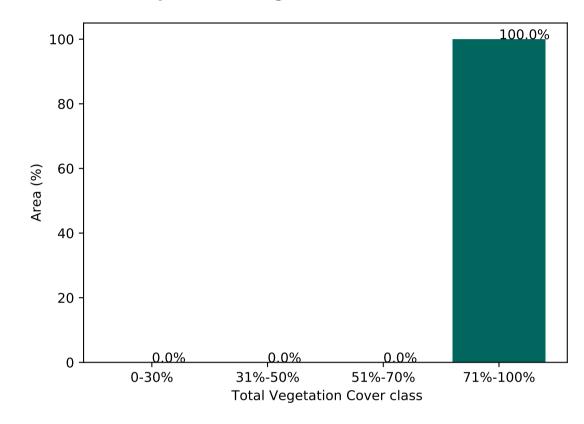
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



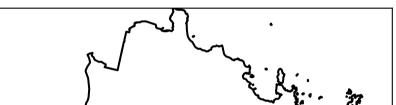
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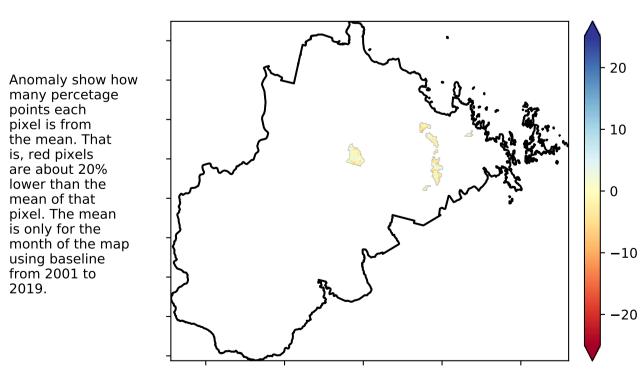
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

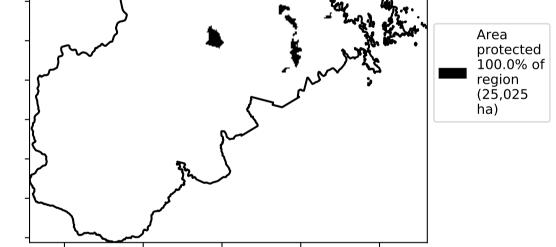


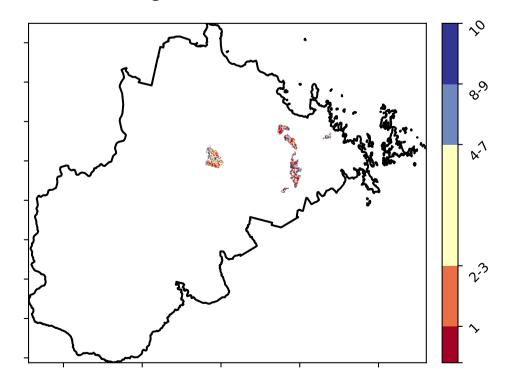
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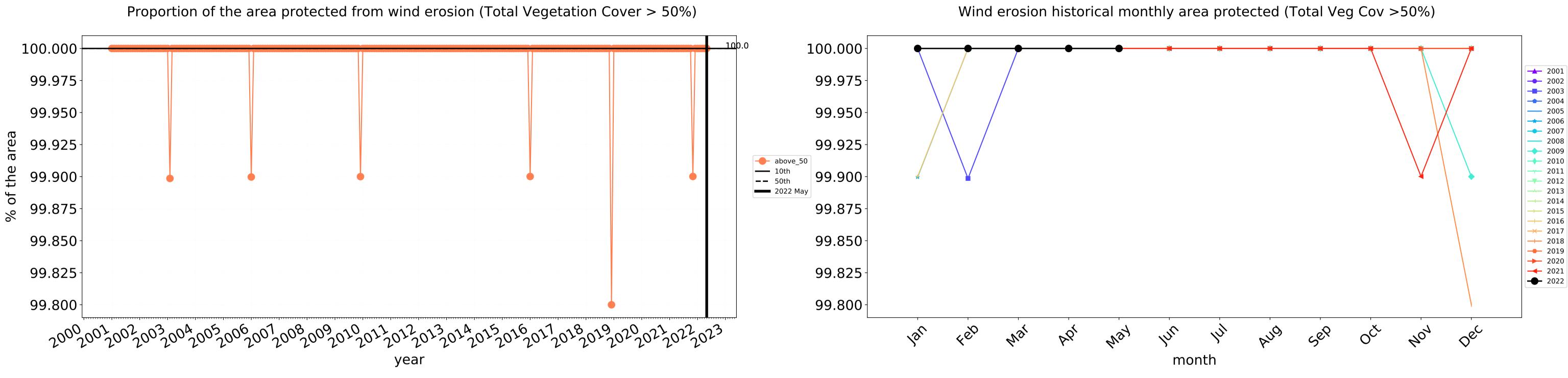
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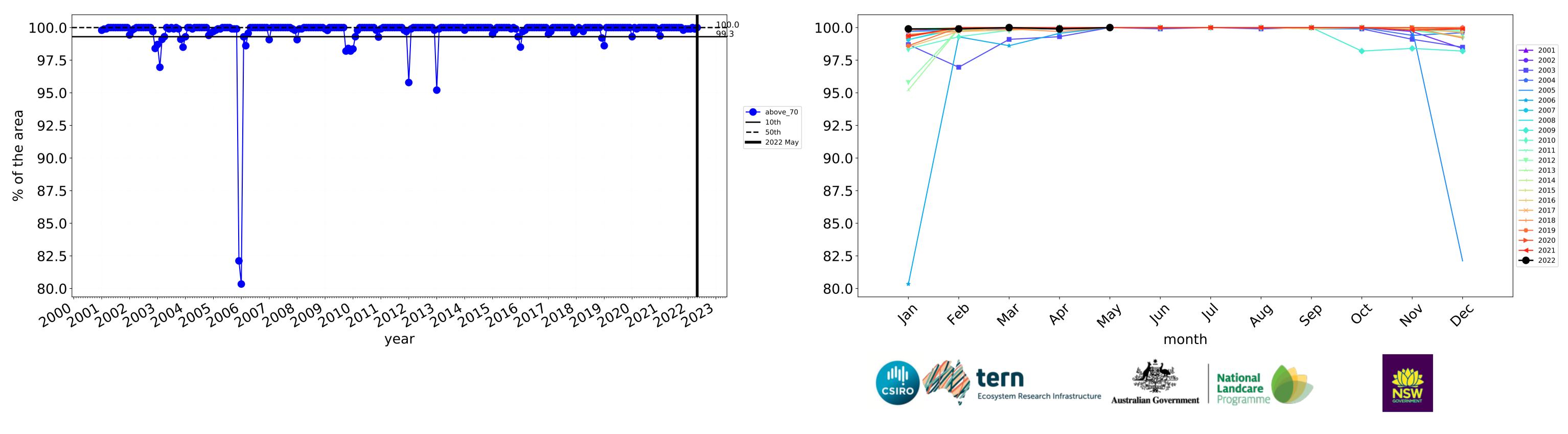
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Whitsunday_(R) (2,357,050 ha and no data 24,826 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	2,357,050	100.0% 2,356,100	99.8% 2,351,700	96.6% 2,276,725	87.3% 2,058,000	51.9% 1,224,000	16.8% 396,050
Conservation and natural environments	169,775	99.7% 169,275	99.0% 168,150	95.8% 162,575	87.0% 147,725	51.1% 86,675	22.1% 37,450
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,525	99.5% 28,375	98.2% 28,025	90.6% 25,850	64.9% 18,525	16.3% 4,650	3.9% 1,125
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	57,150	100.0% 57,125	99.8% 57,025	97.6% 55,800	91.7% 52,425	56.2% 32,100	18.2% 10,425
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	84,100	99.6% 83,775	98.8% 83,100	96.2% 80,925	91.3% 76,775	59.4% 49,925	30.8% 25,900
Agriculture	2,084,900	100.0% 2,084,900	99.9% 2,082,700	97.0% 2,021,425	88.0% 1,834,075	52.9% 1,102,150	16.6% 346,275
Grazing	2,042,475	100.0% 2,042,475	99.9% 2,040,300	96.9% 1,980,100	88.1% 1,799,025	53.7% 1,097,000	16.9% 345,475
Grazing non forest	1,171,800	100.0% 1,171,800	99.8% 1,169,675	95.0% 1,112,675	81.9% 959,325	45.2% 530,050	14.8% 173,275
Grazing Woodland forest	819,825	100.0% 819,825	100.0% 819,800	99.7% 817,150	96.7% 793,050	65.9% 540,350	20.1% 164,825
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,850	100.0% 50,850	100.0% 50,825	98.9% 50,275	91.7% 46,650	52.3% 26,600	14.5% 7,375
Irrigation	42,125	100.0% 42,125	99.9% 42,100	97.4% 41,025	82.5% 34,750	11.9% 5,025	1.7% 725
Production native forests and plantation forests	25,025	100.0% 25,025	100.0% 25,025	100.0% 25,025	99.9% 25,000	72.1% 18,050	26.4% 6,600

