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

Date: September 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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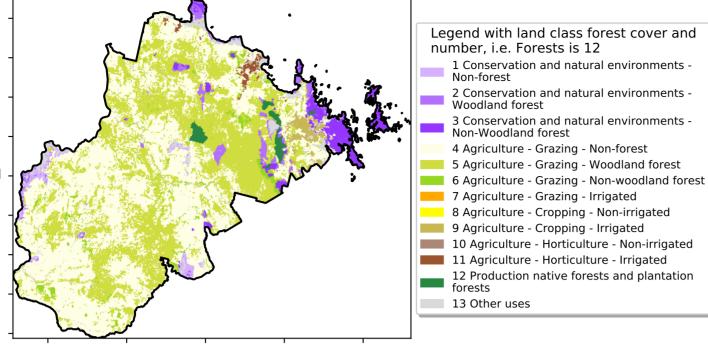


Vegetation Cover Sep 2022

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area





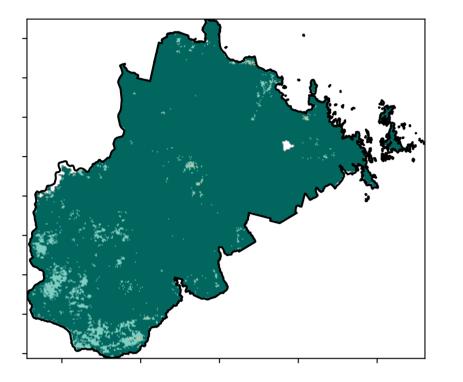
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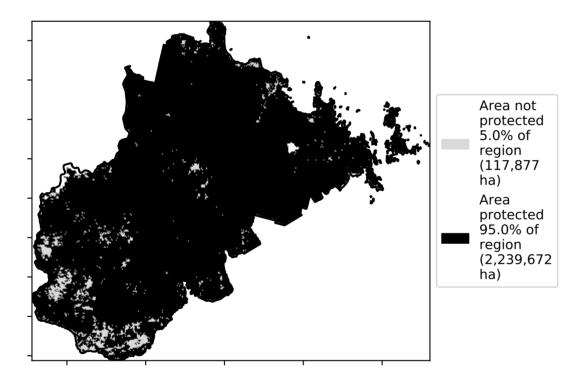
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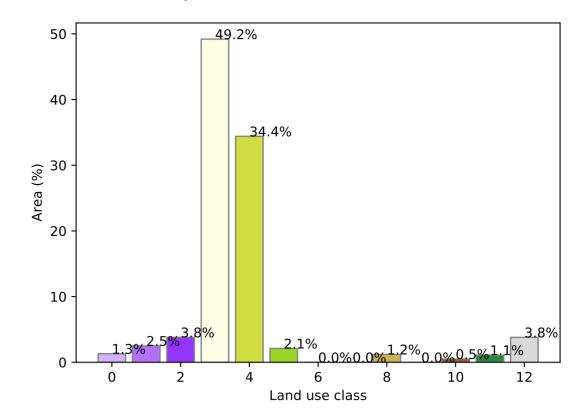
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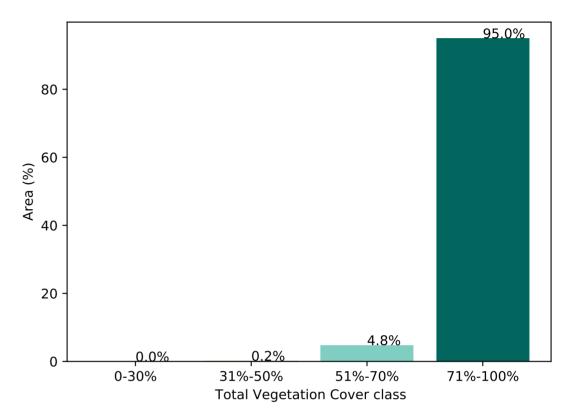


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

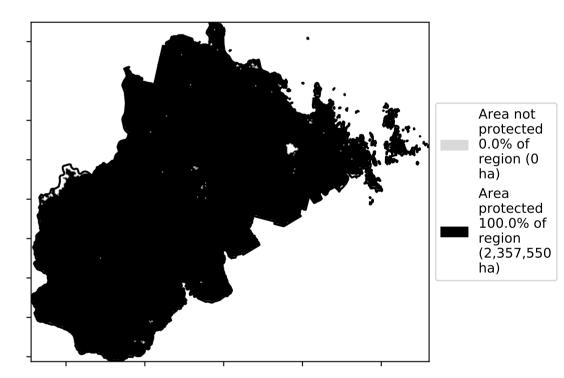




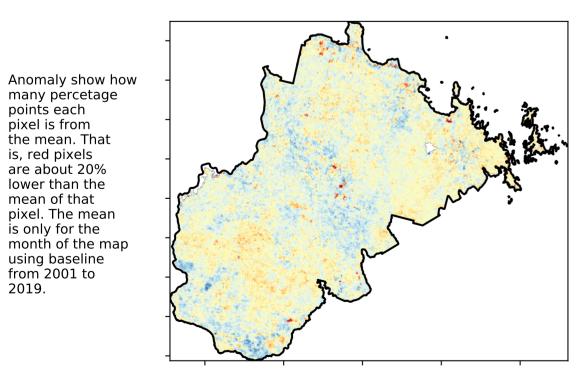
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



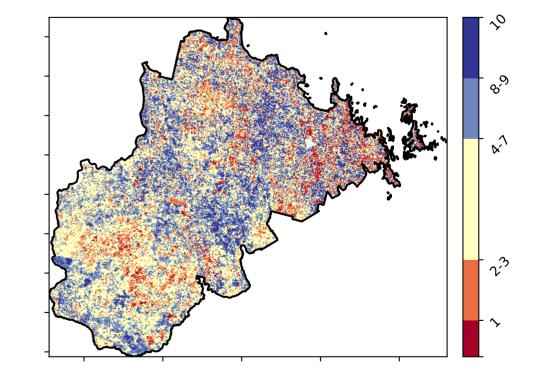
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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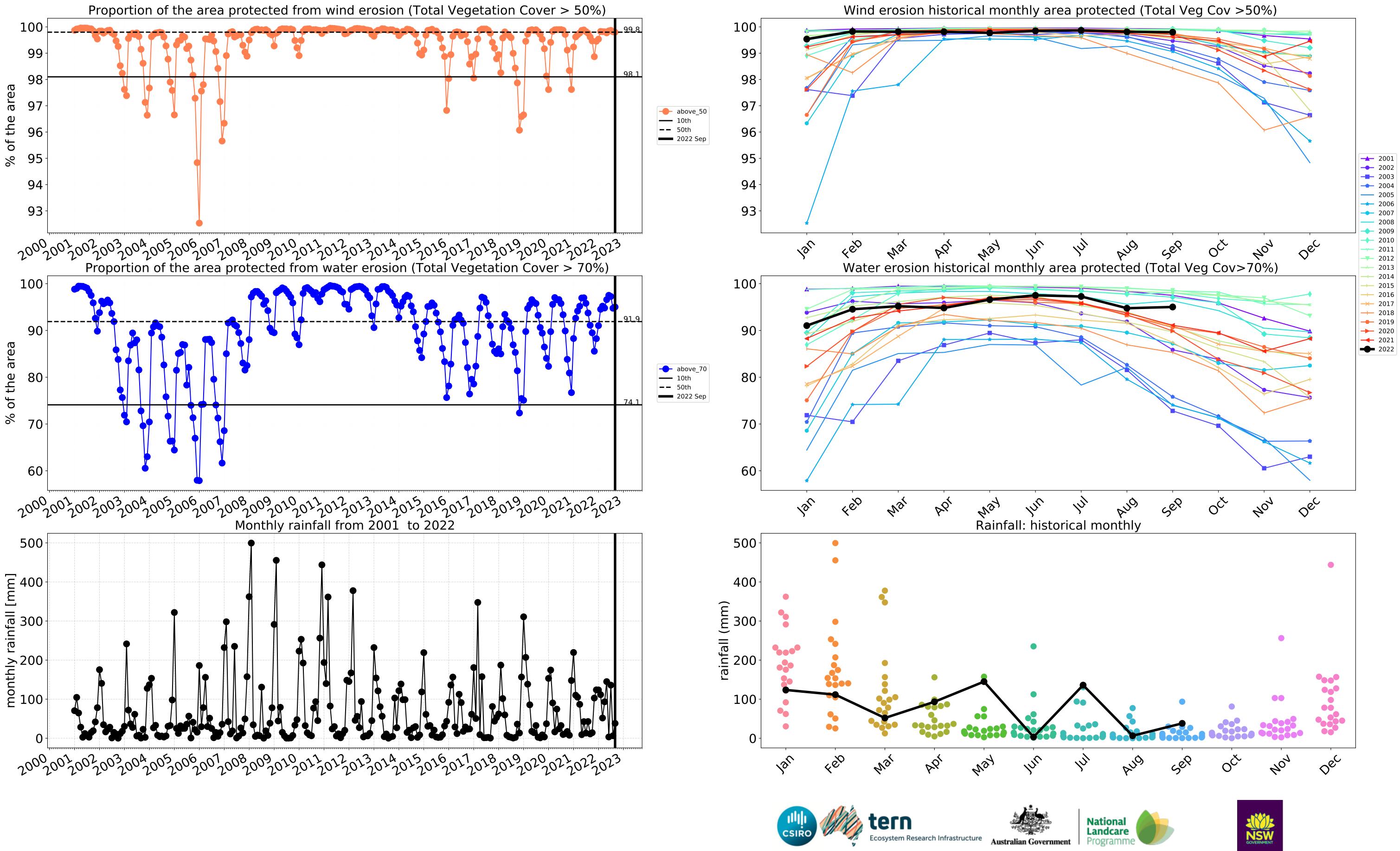
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Conservation and natural environments

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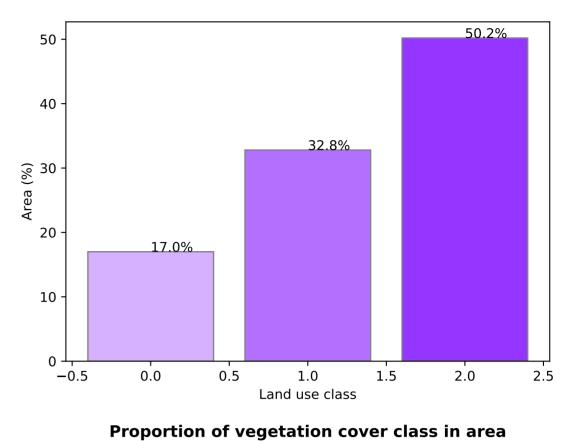
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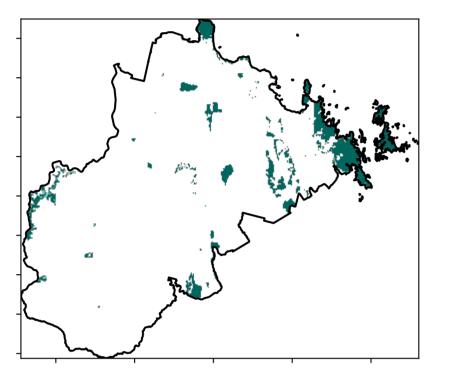
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Land use and forest cover

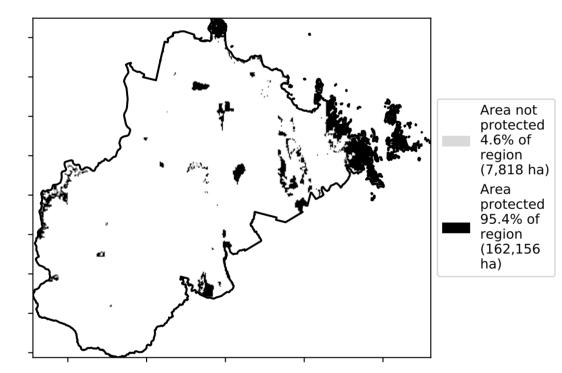
Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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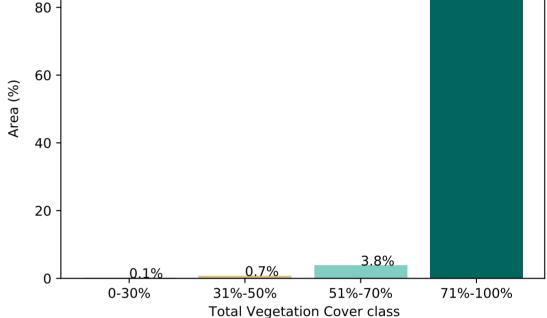
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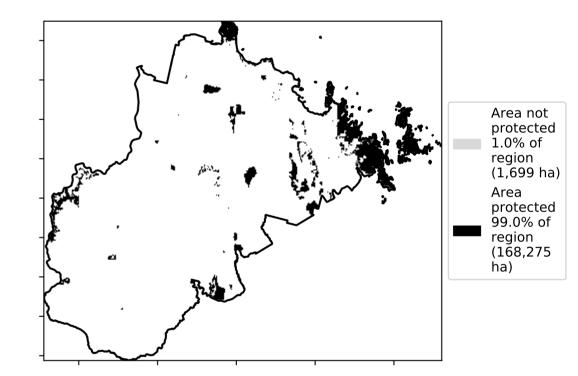
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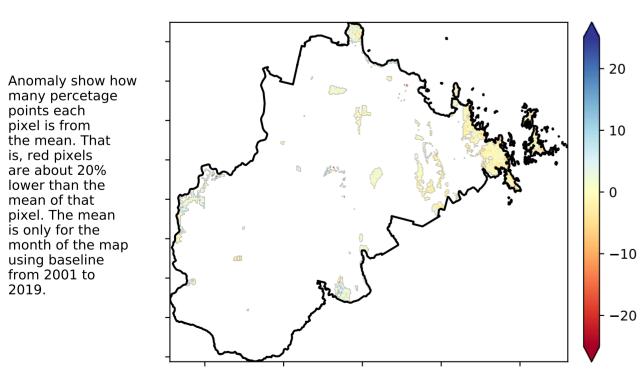
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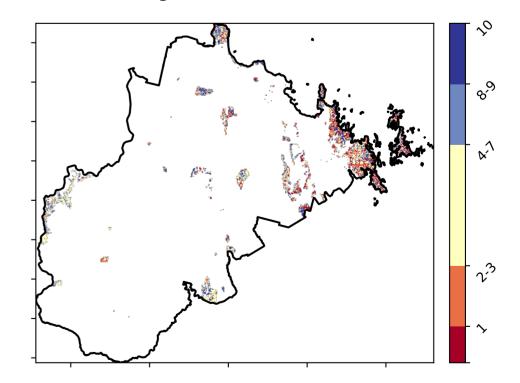


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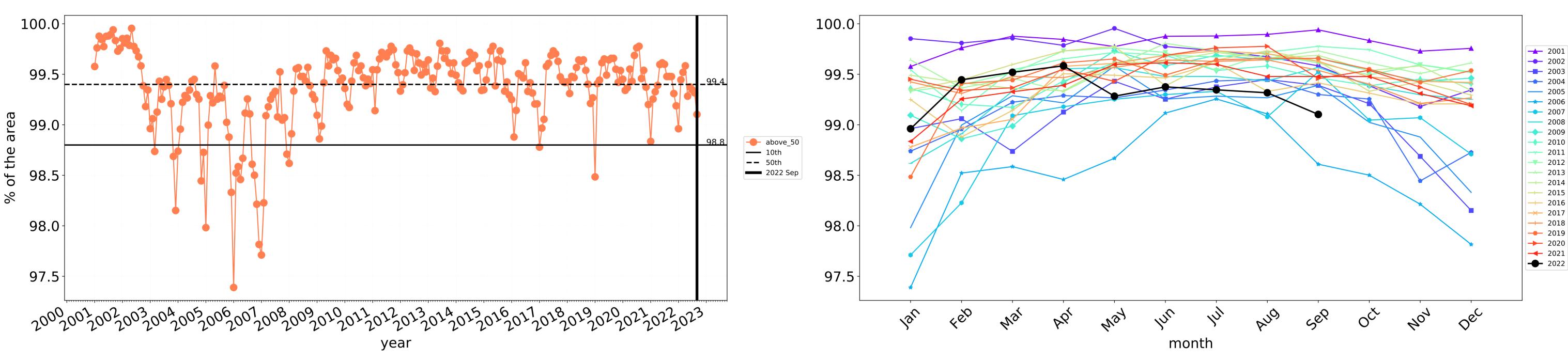


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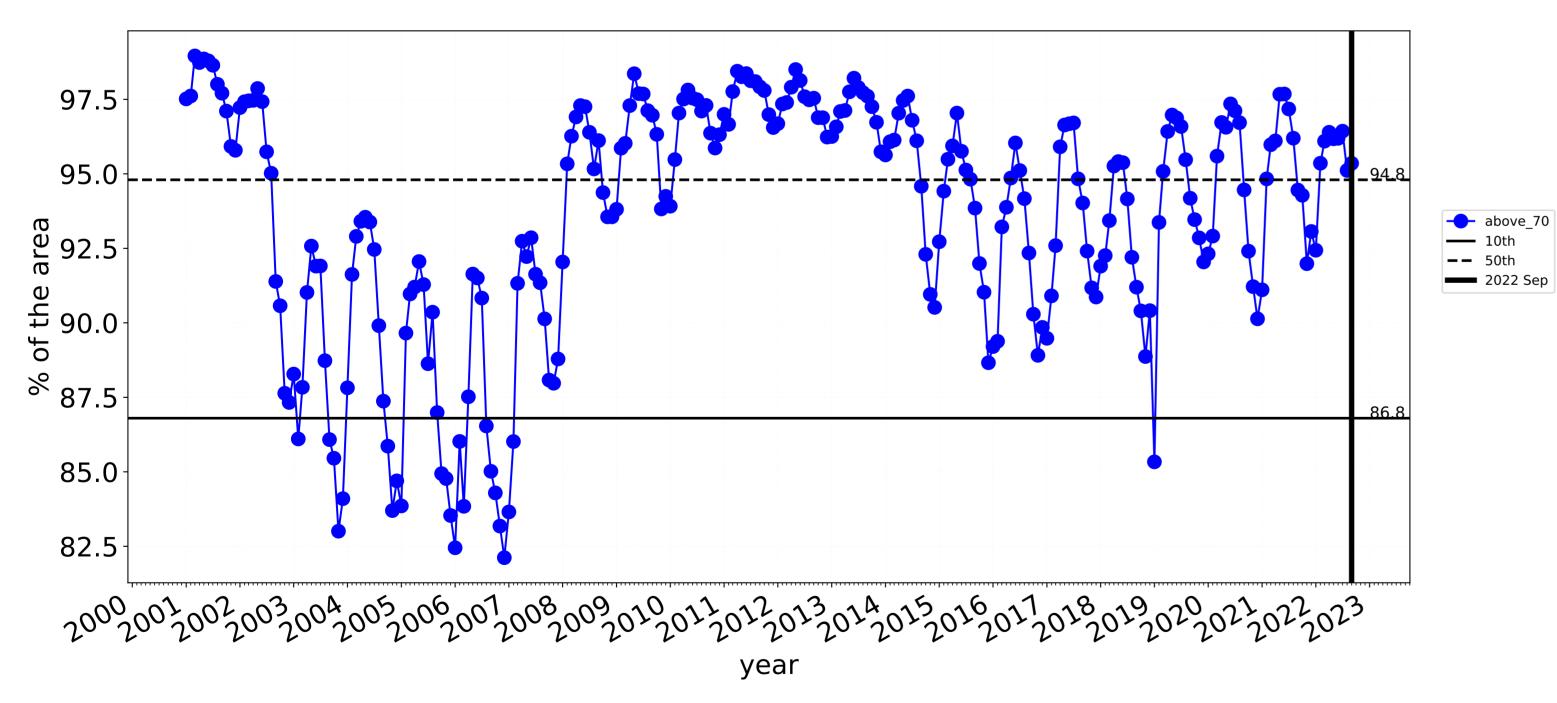
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



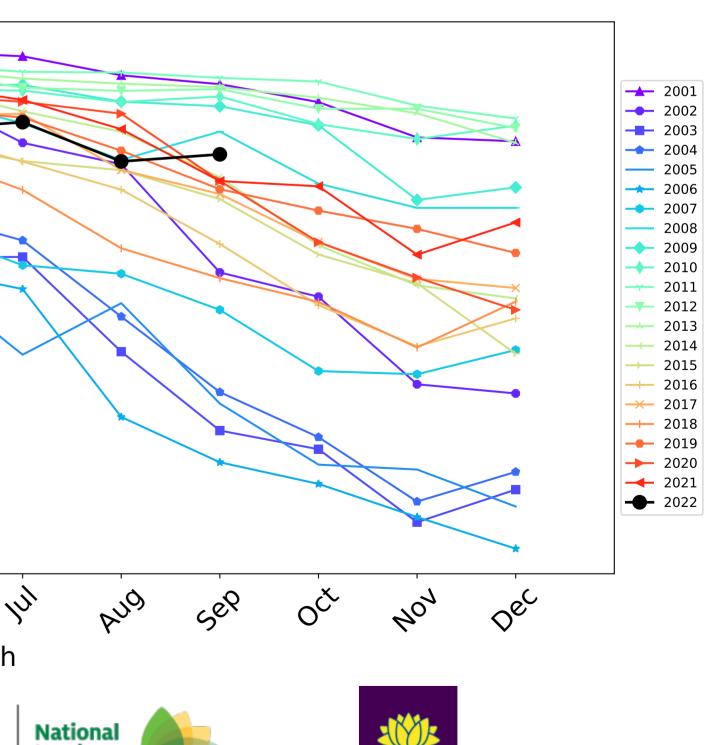
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Landcare

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



Conservation and natural environments non forest

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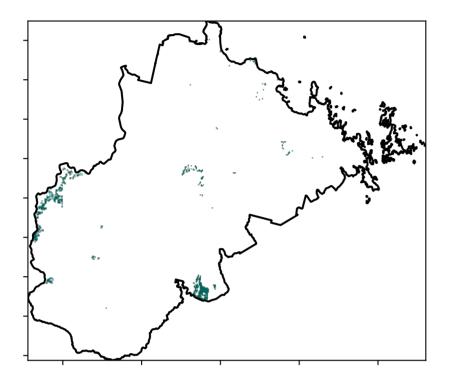
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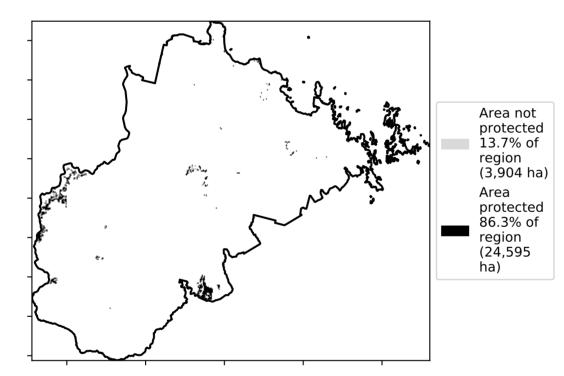
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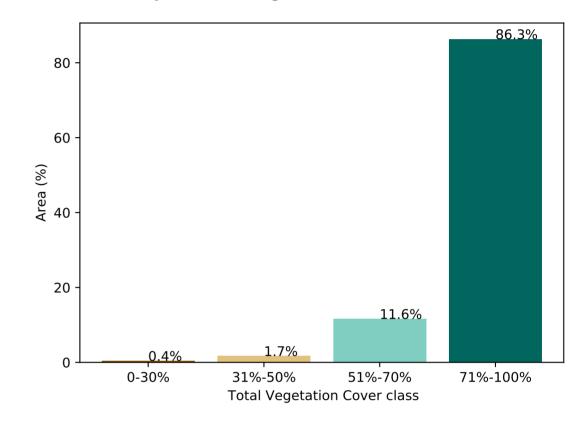
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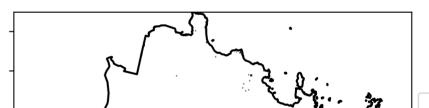
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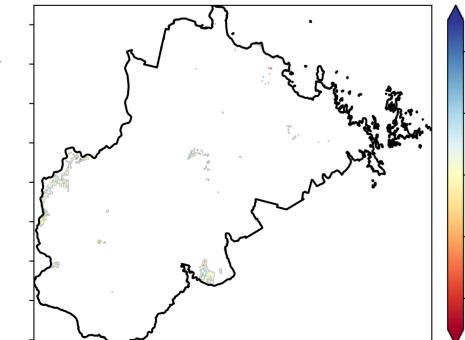
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



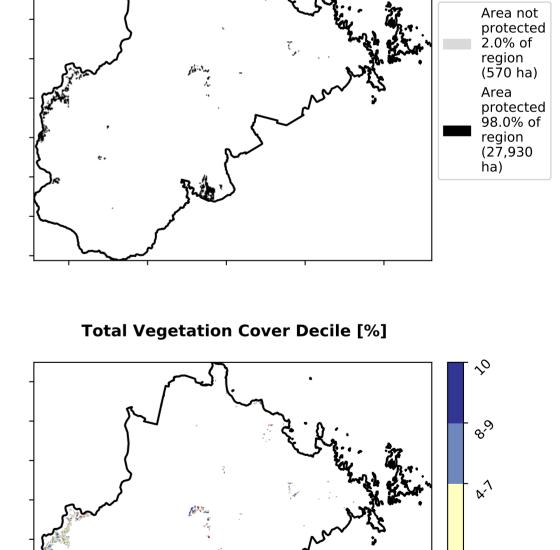
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



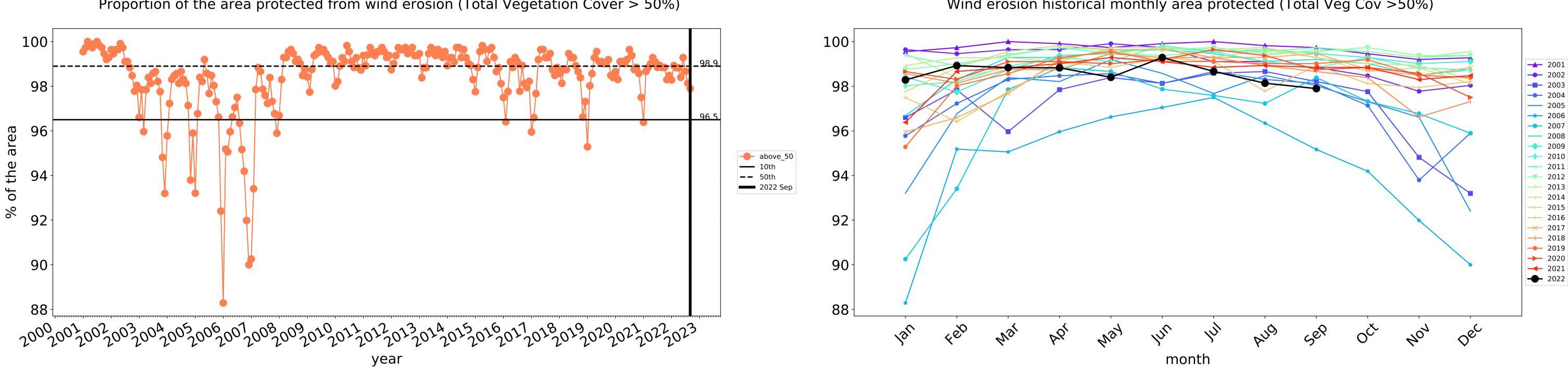
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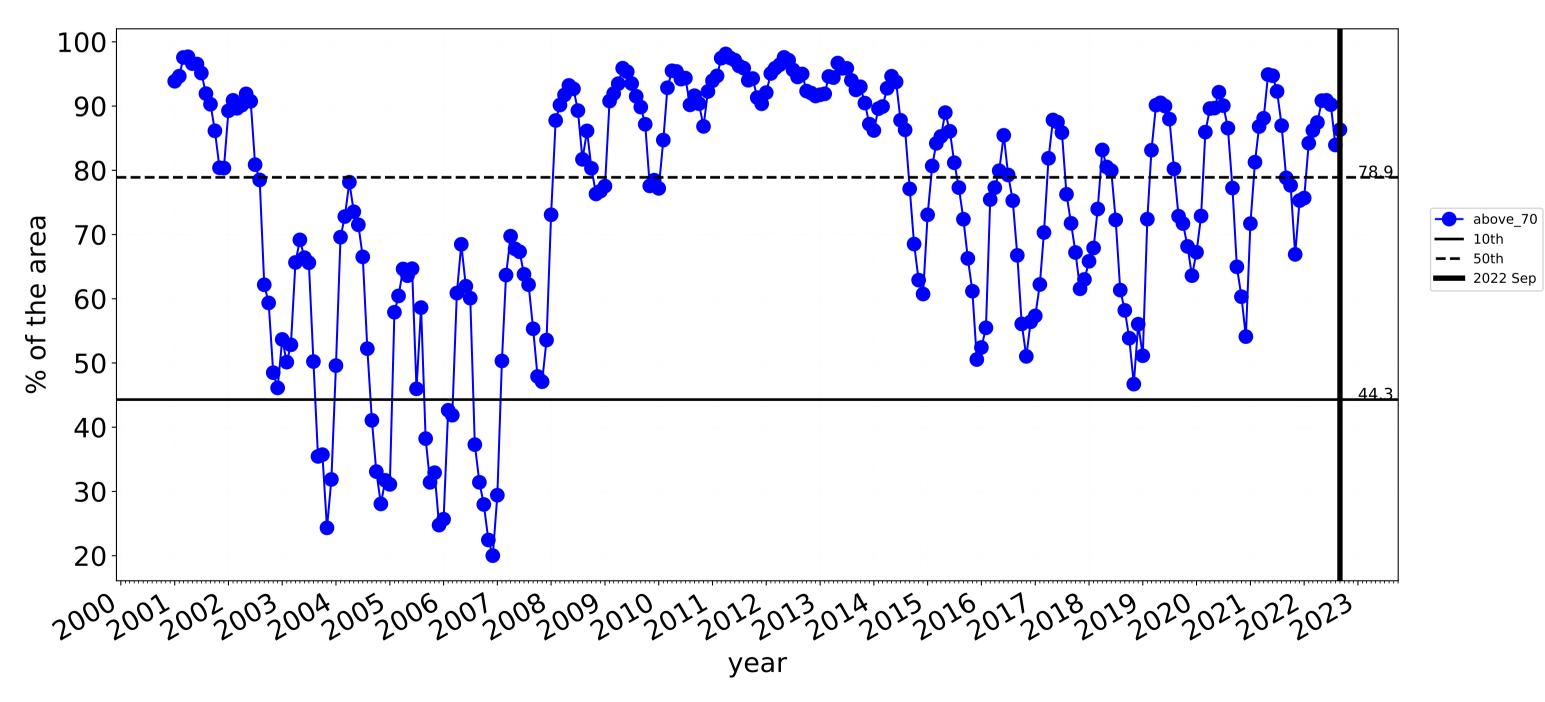




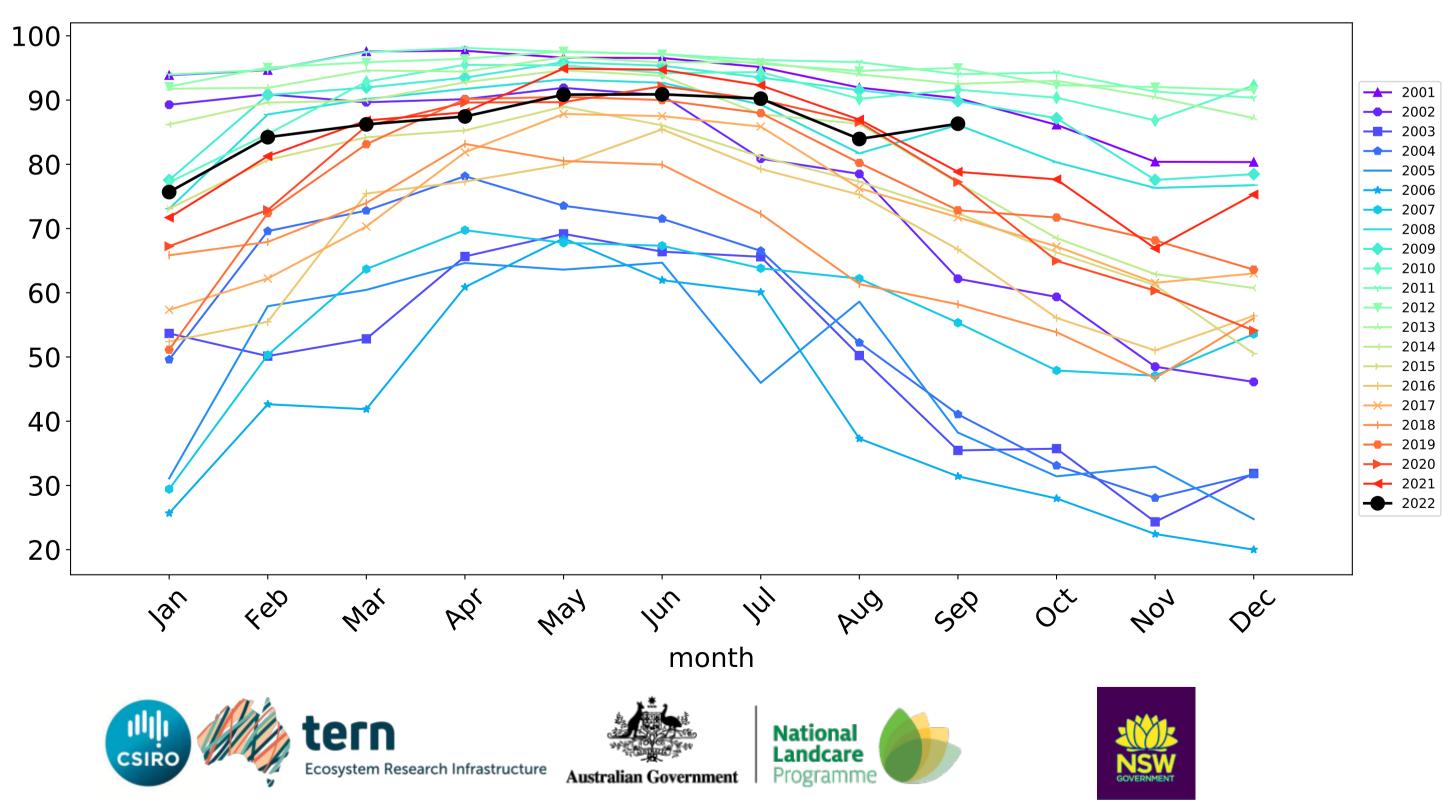
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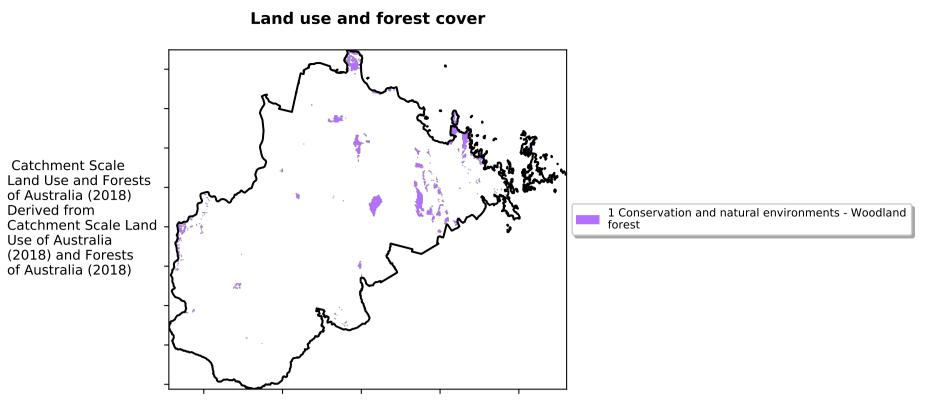


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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

Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest



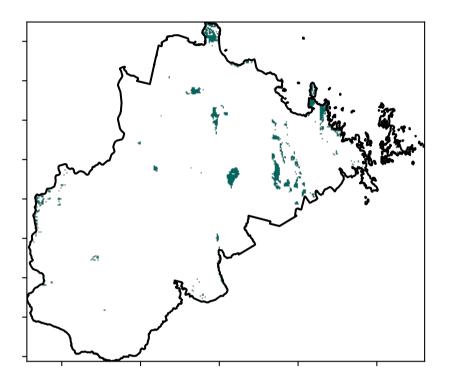
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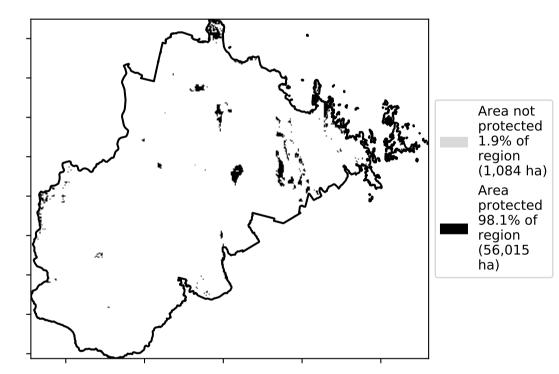
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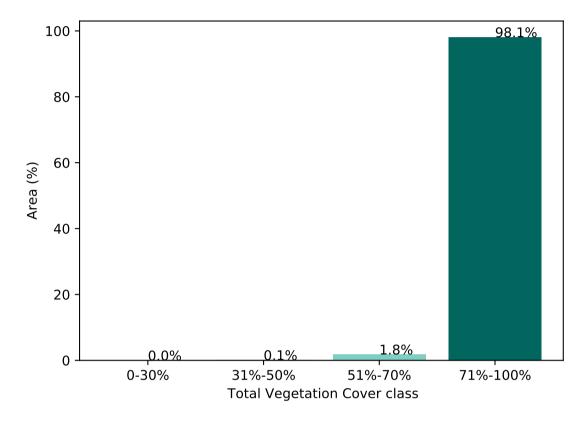
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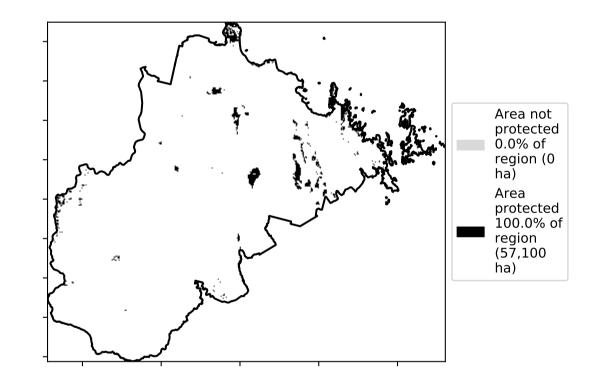
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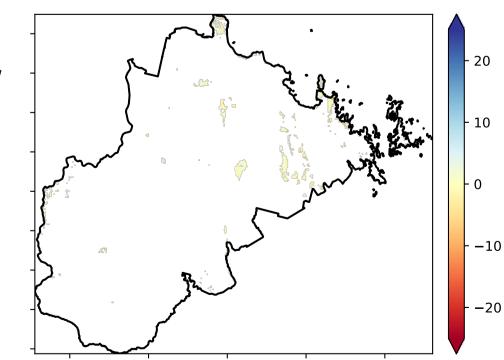
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



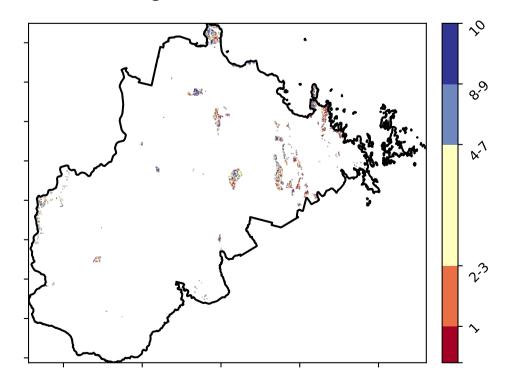
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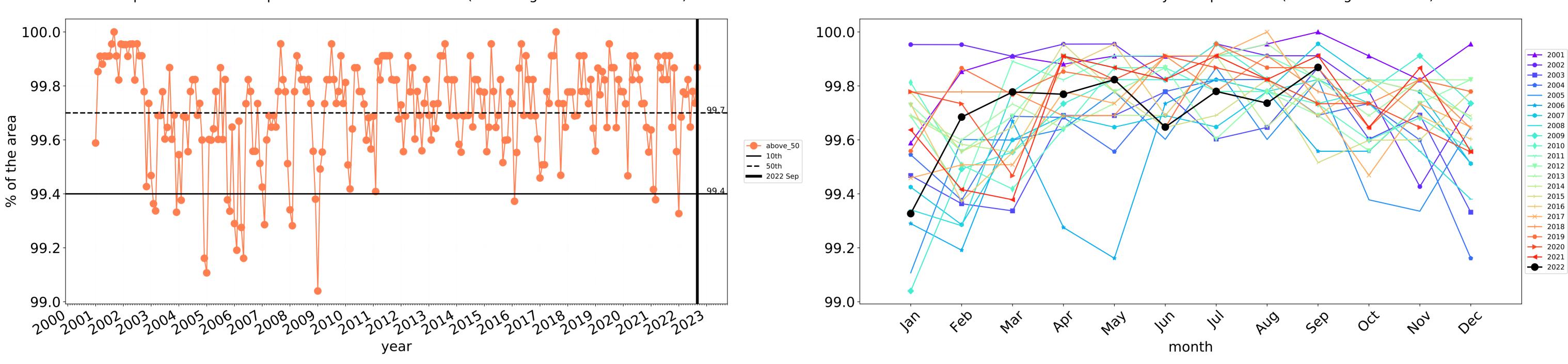


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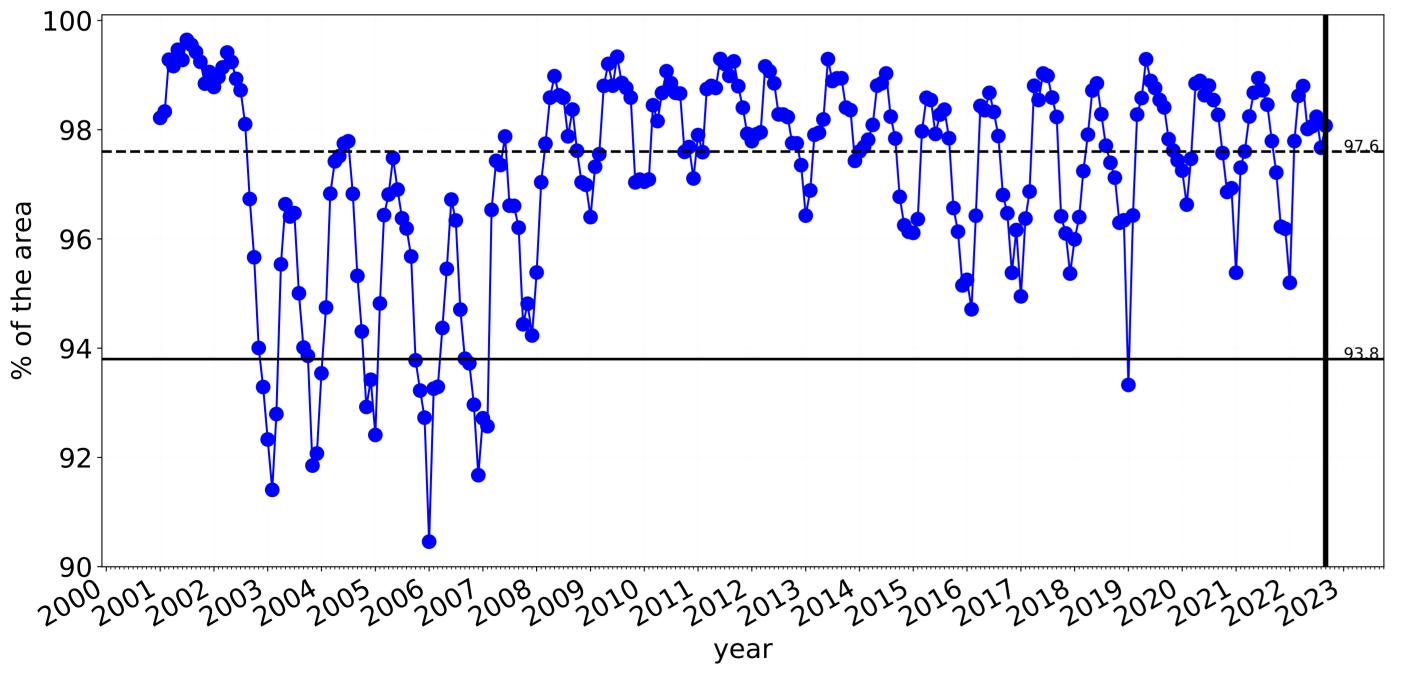
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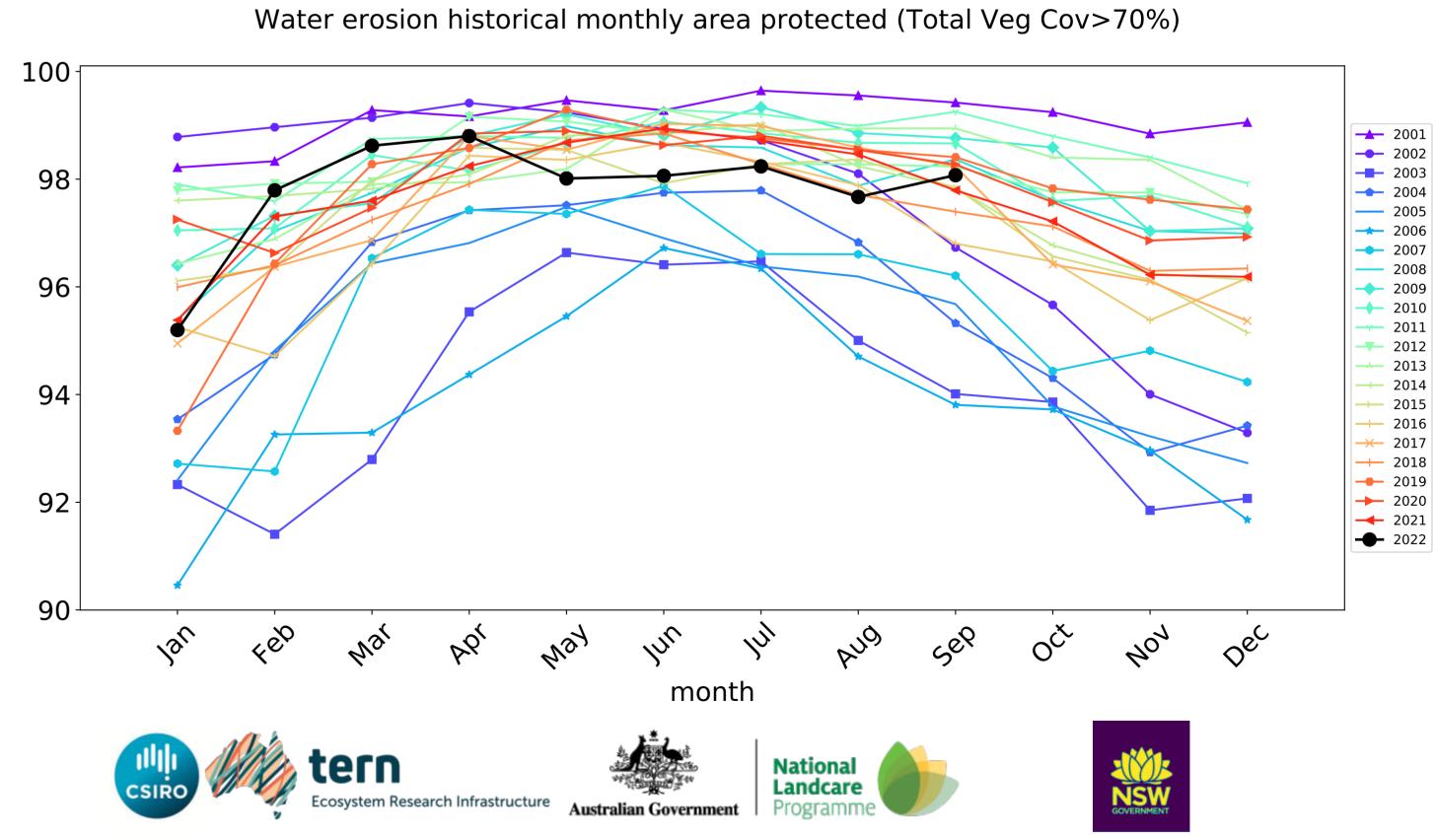
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

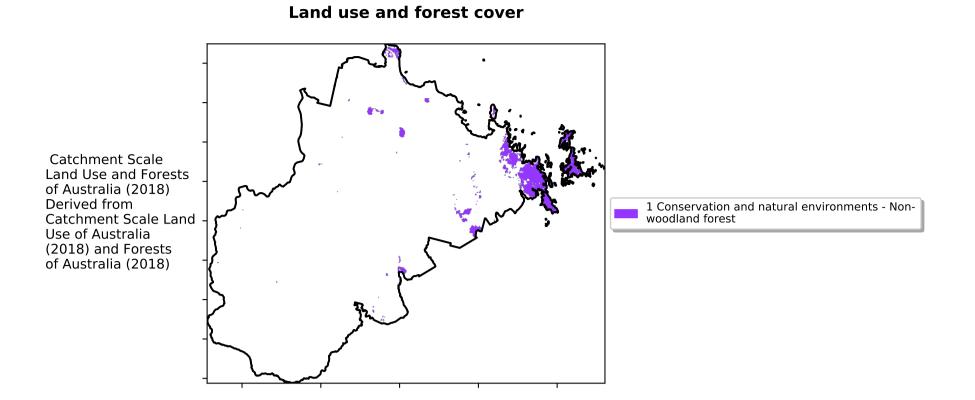




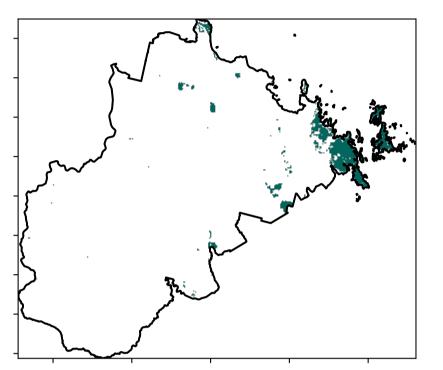


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

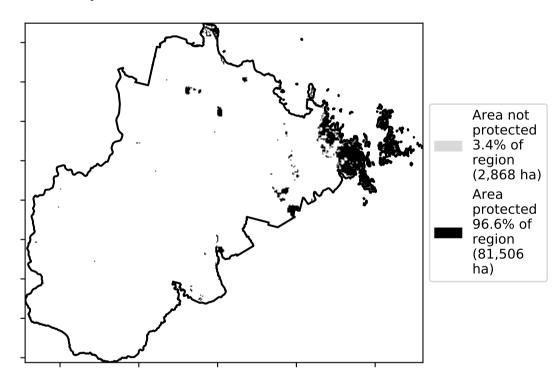
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

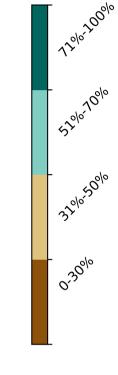


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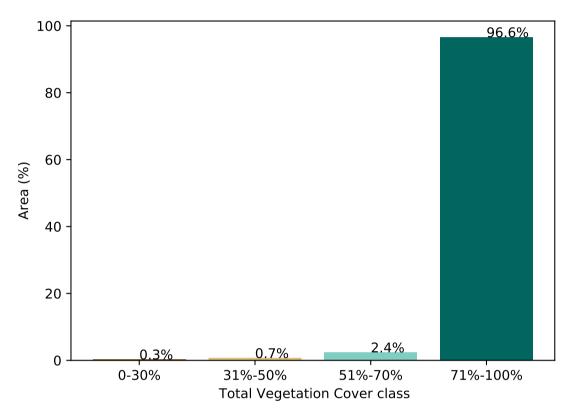


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

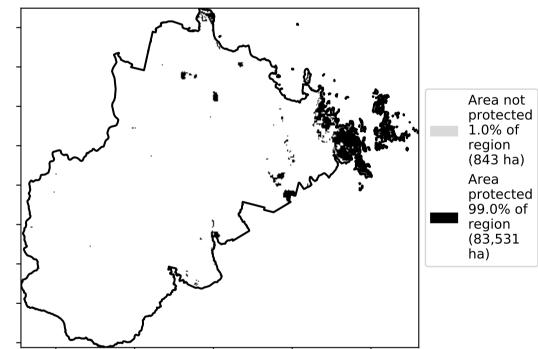




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

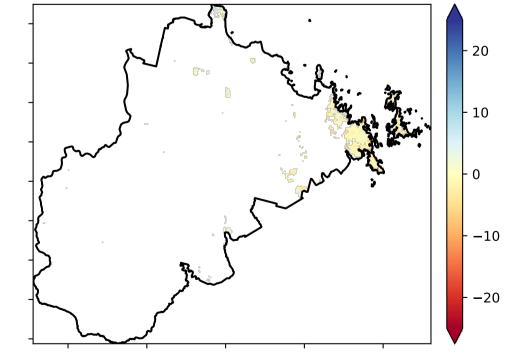


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



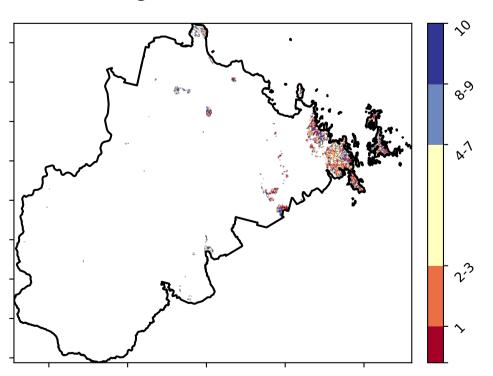
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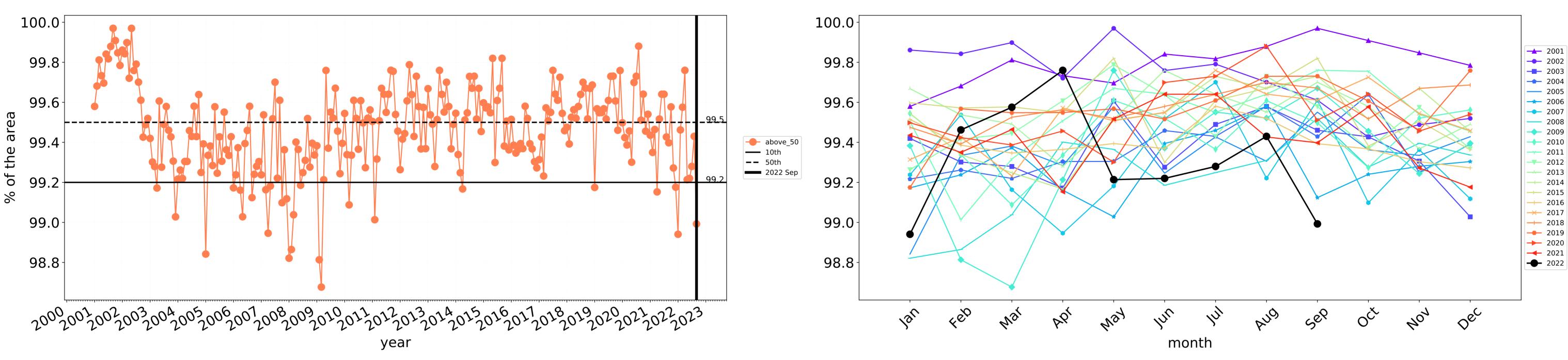
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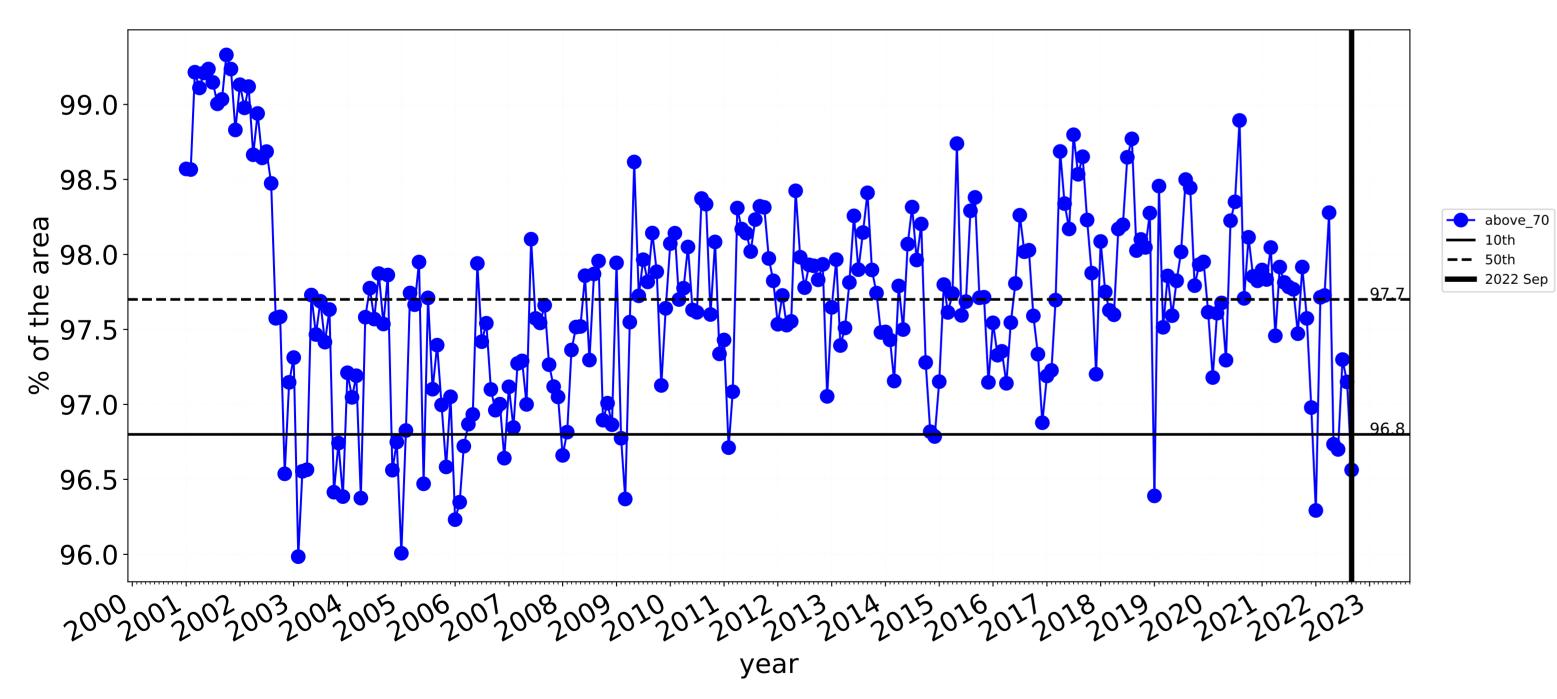


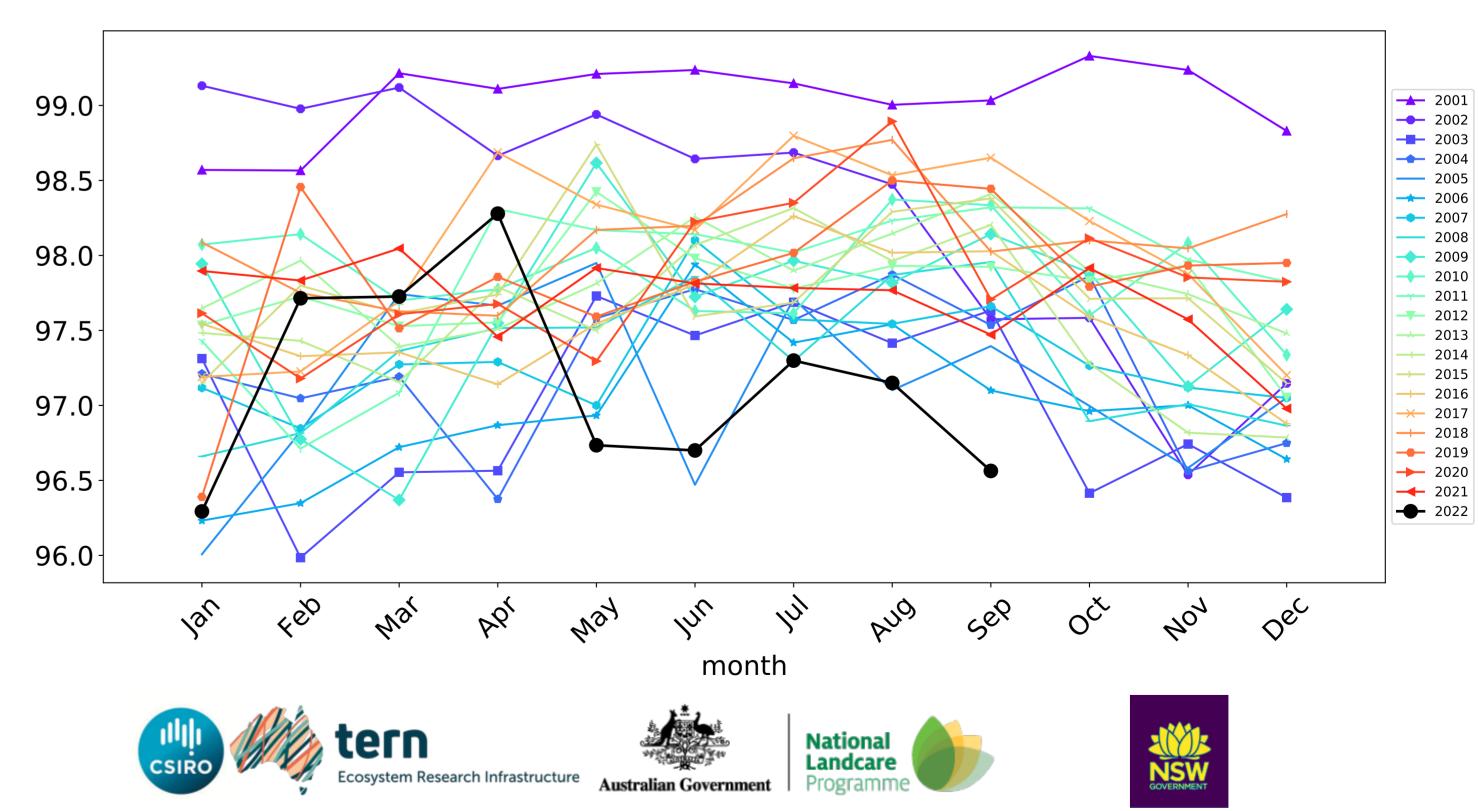
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





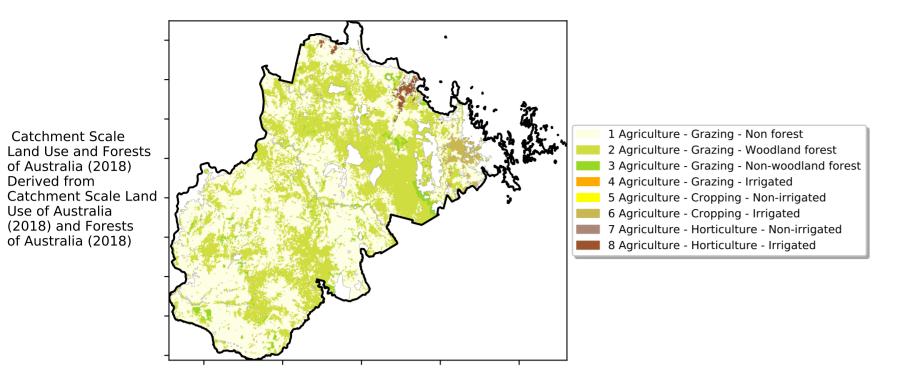
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

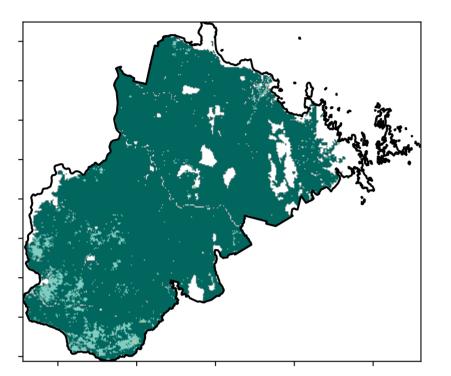
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

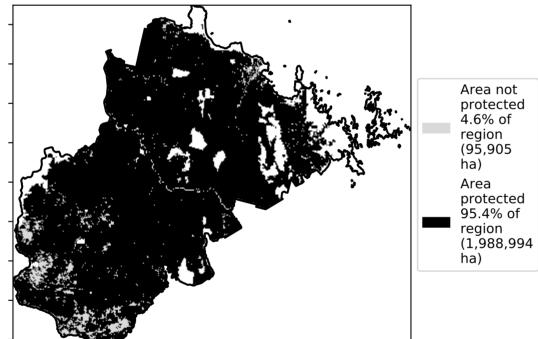


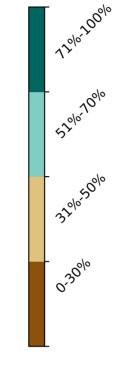


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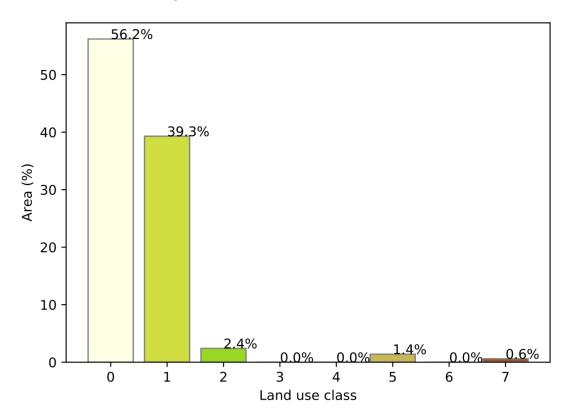


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

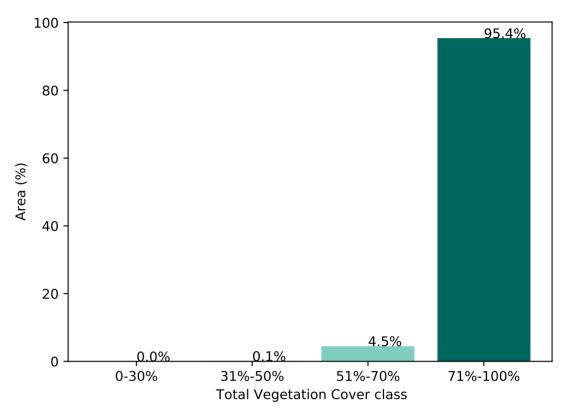




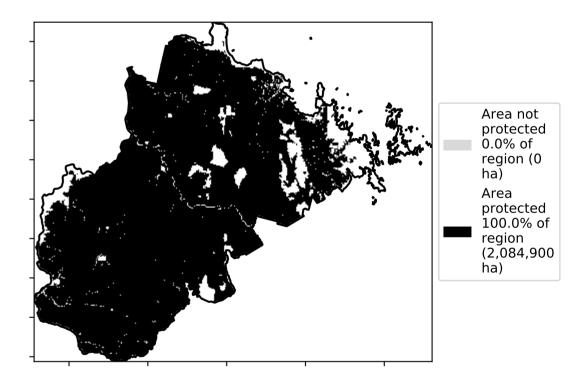




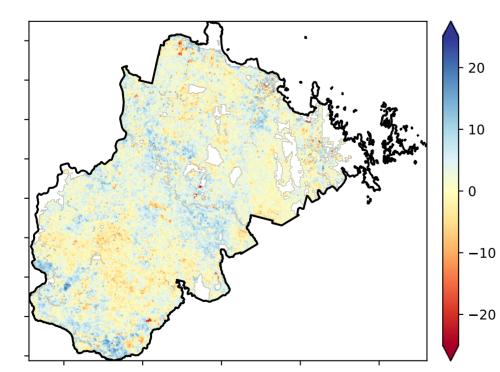
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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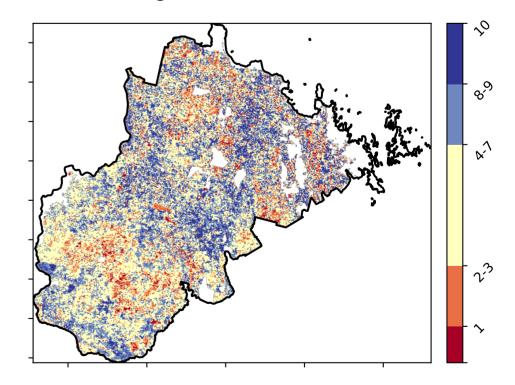


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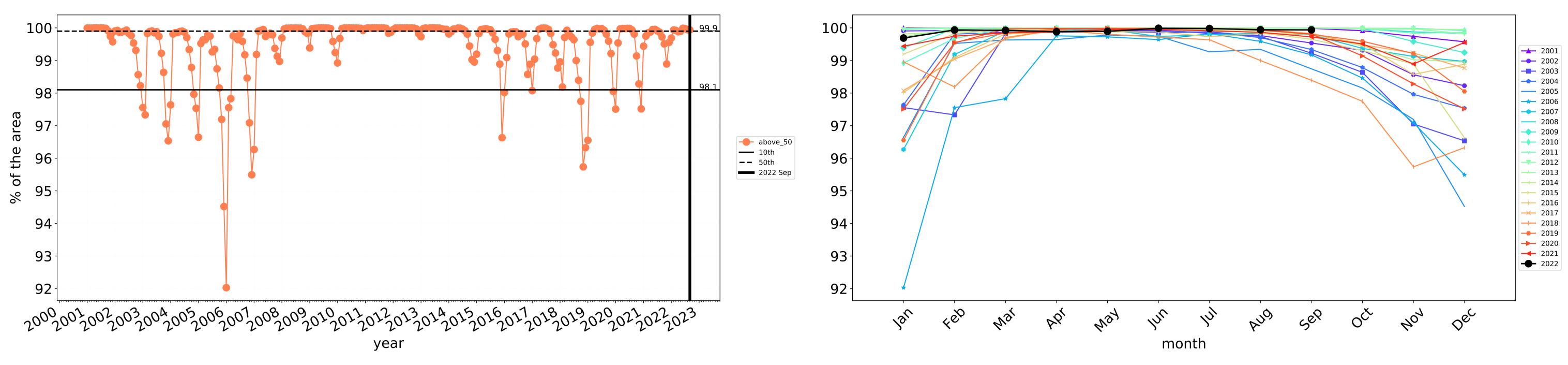


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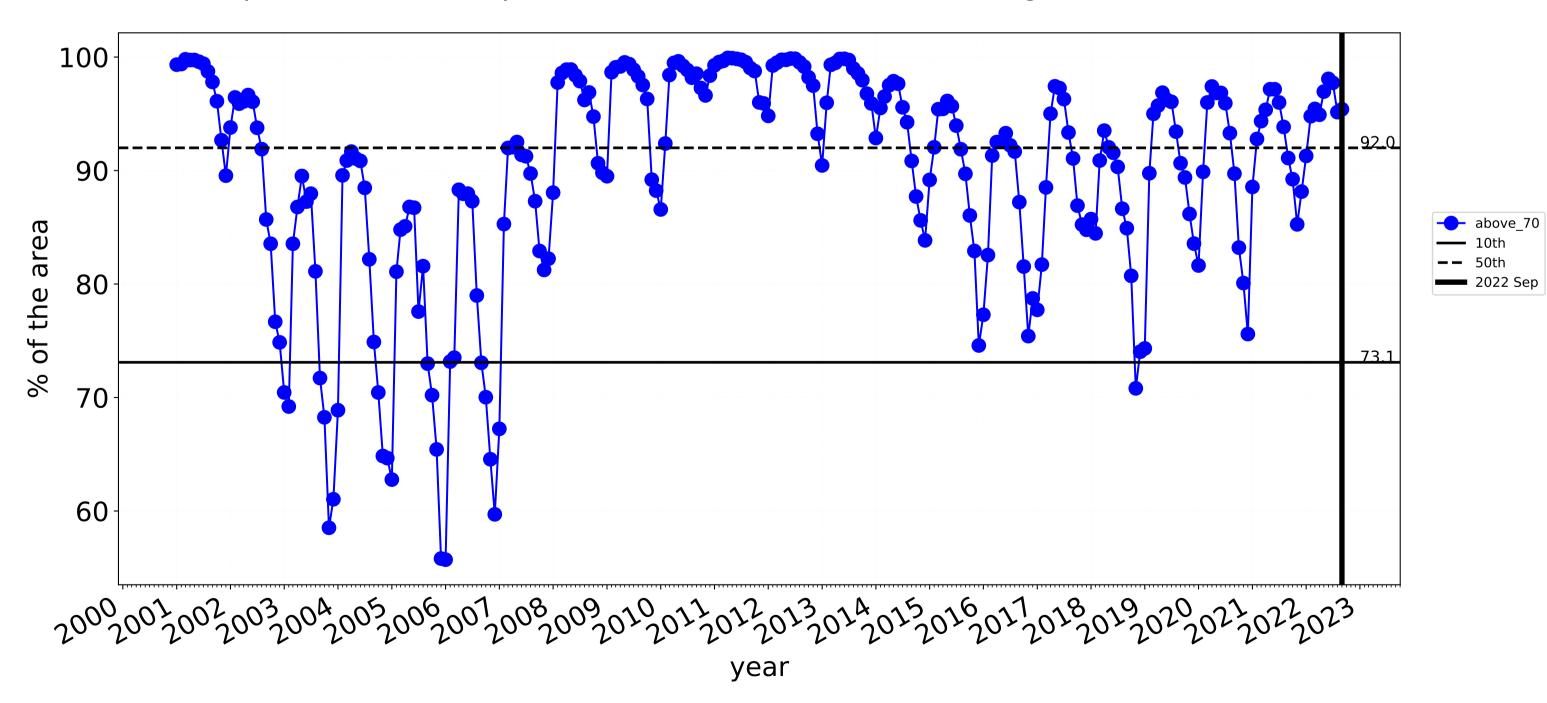
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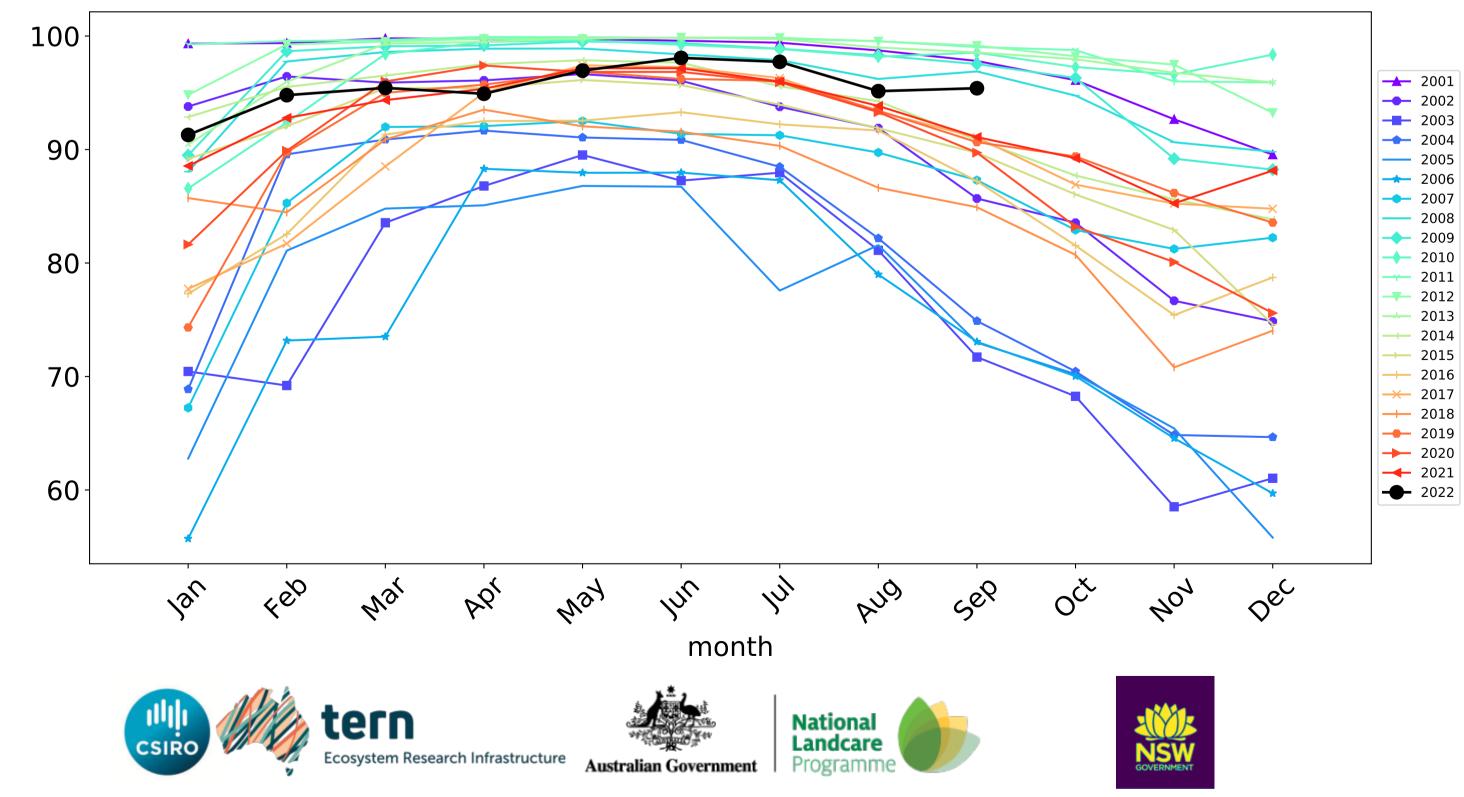
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



Agriculture timeseries



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



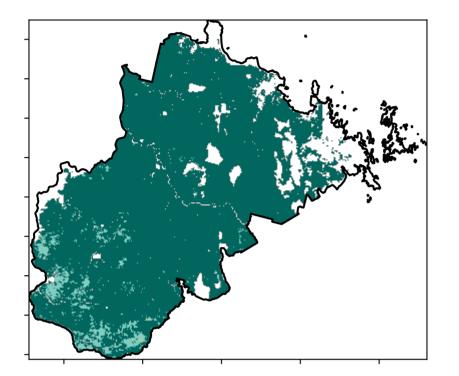
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Grazing

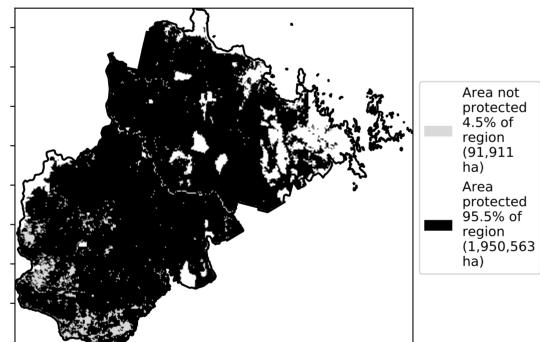
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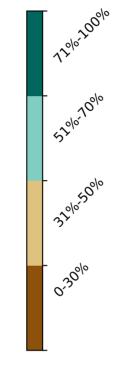
Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

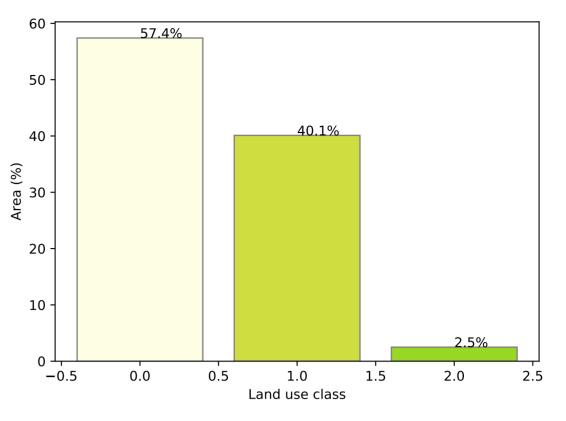


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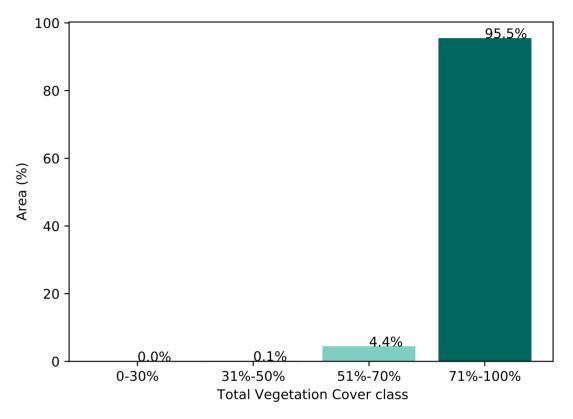




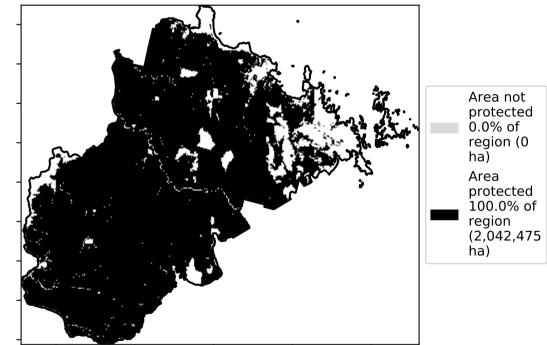


Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

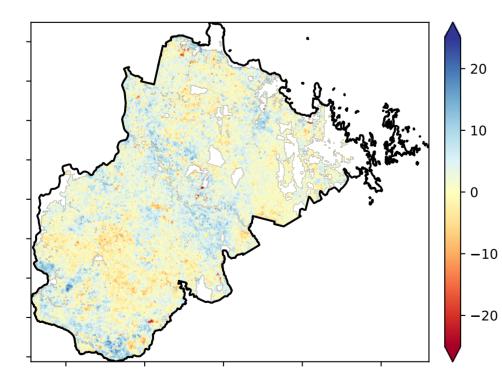


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



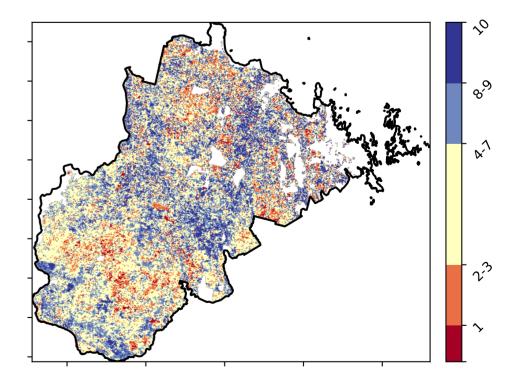


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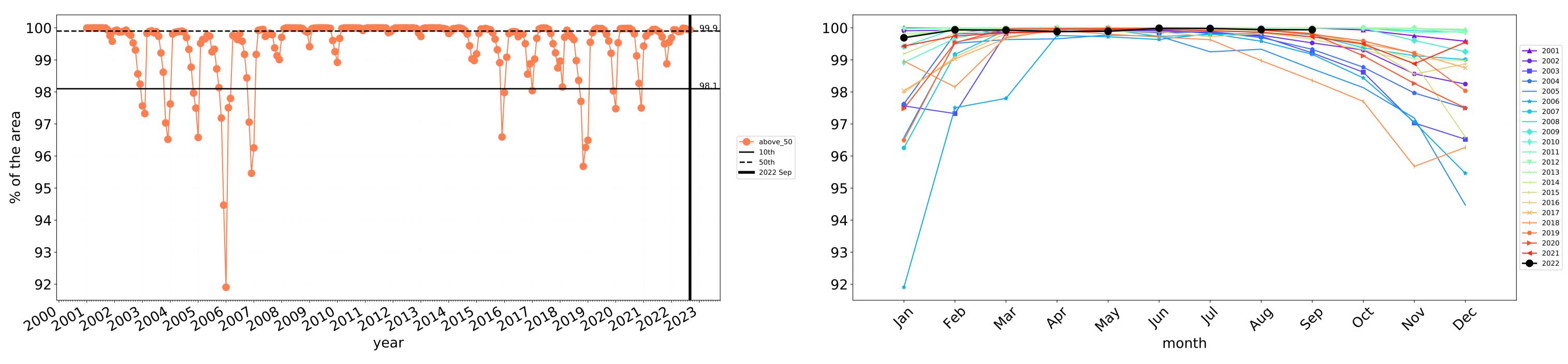
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

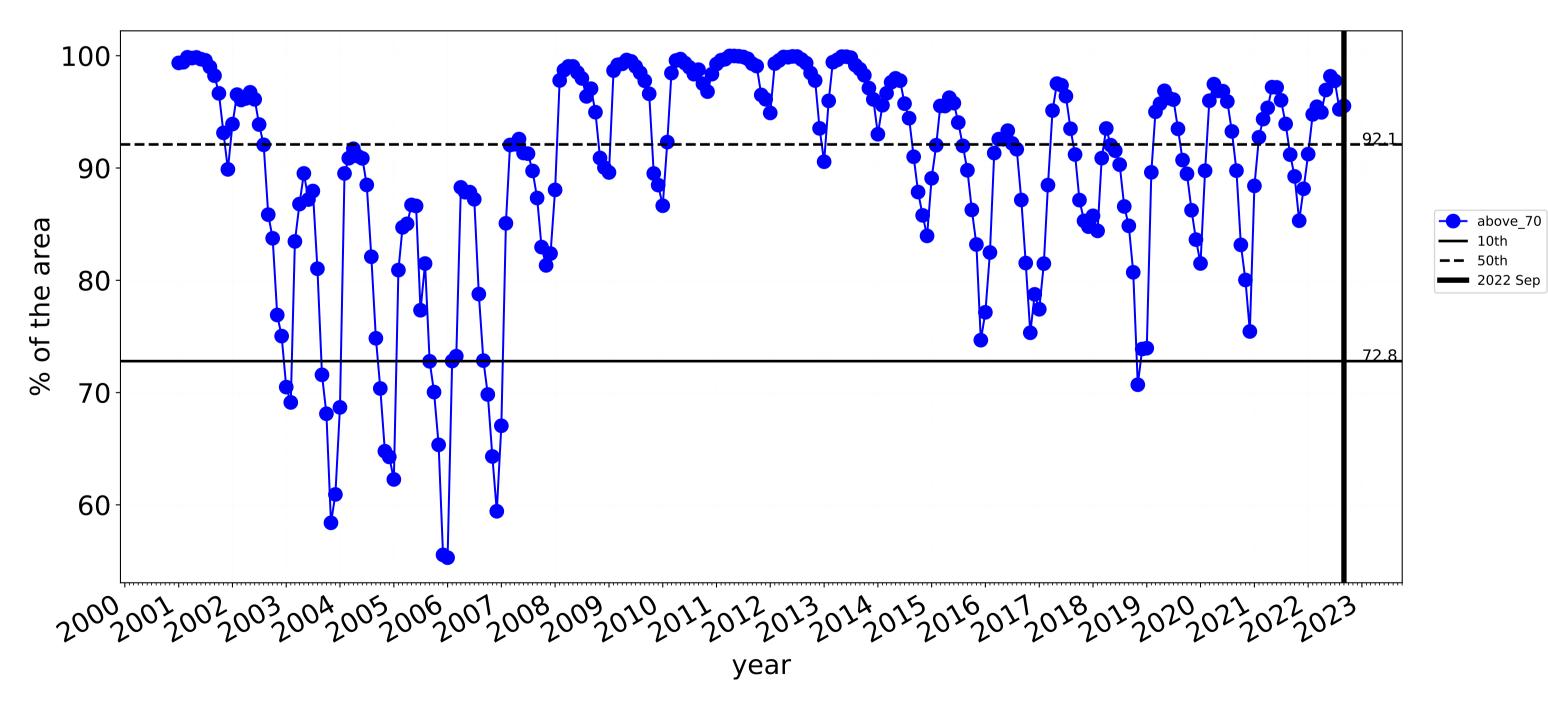








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



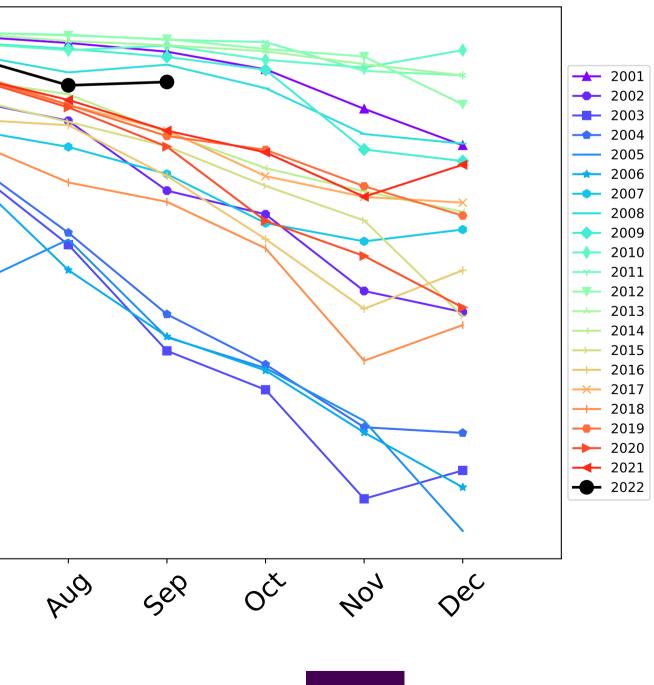
Grazing timeseries



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

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







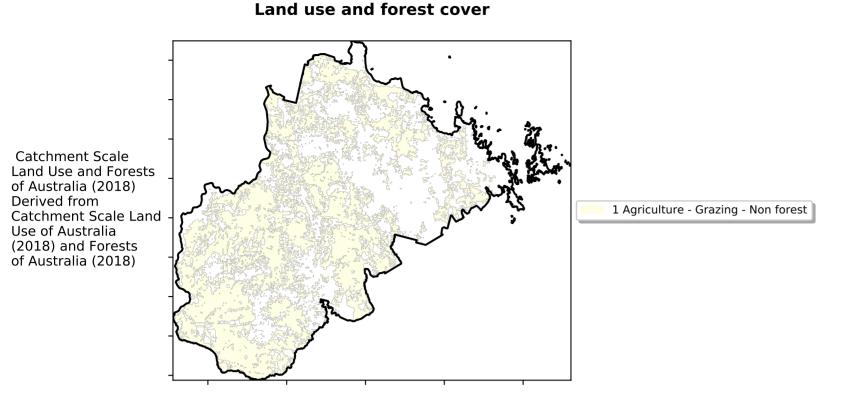
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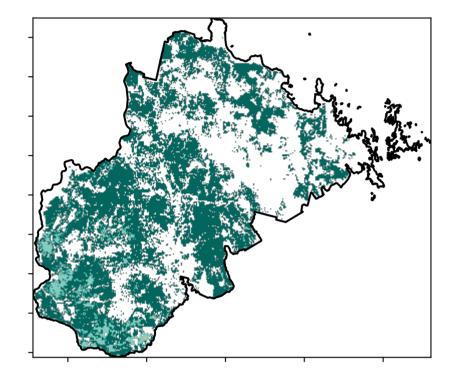
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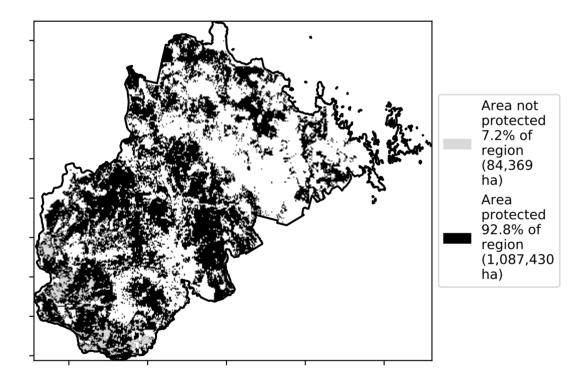
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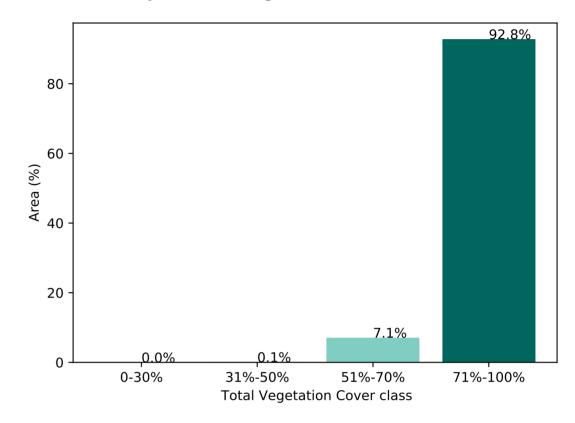
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



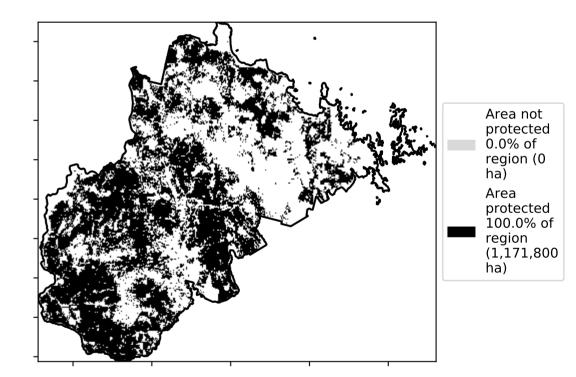
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



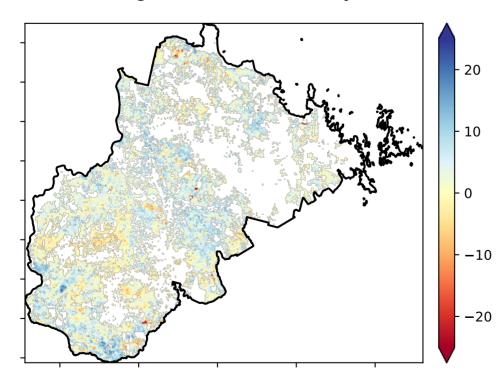
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



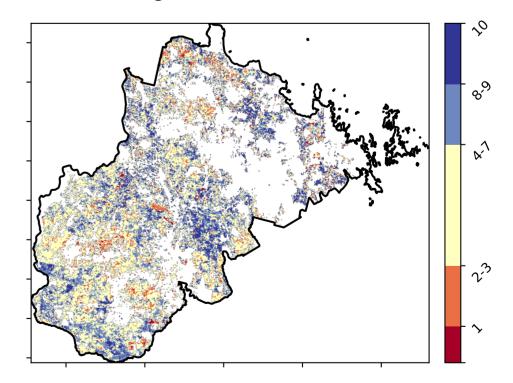
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

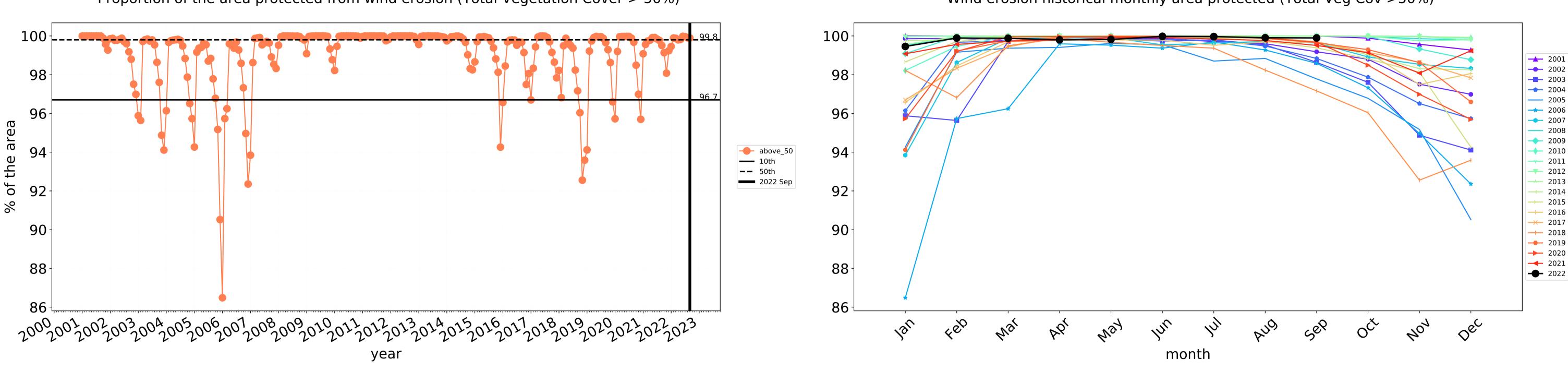


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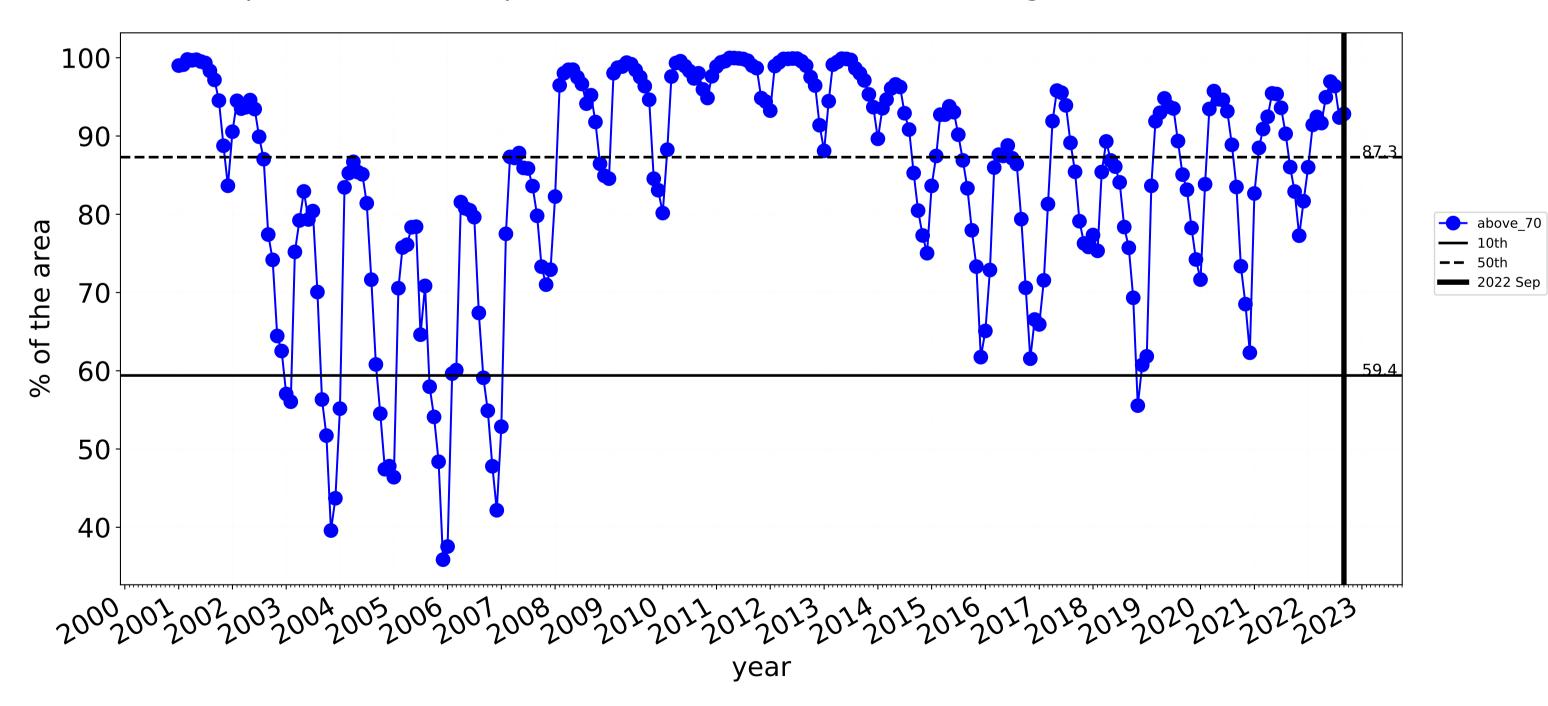








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

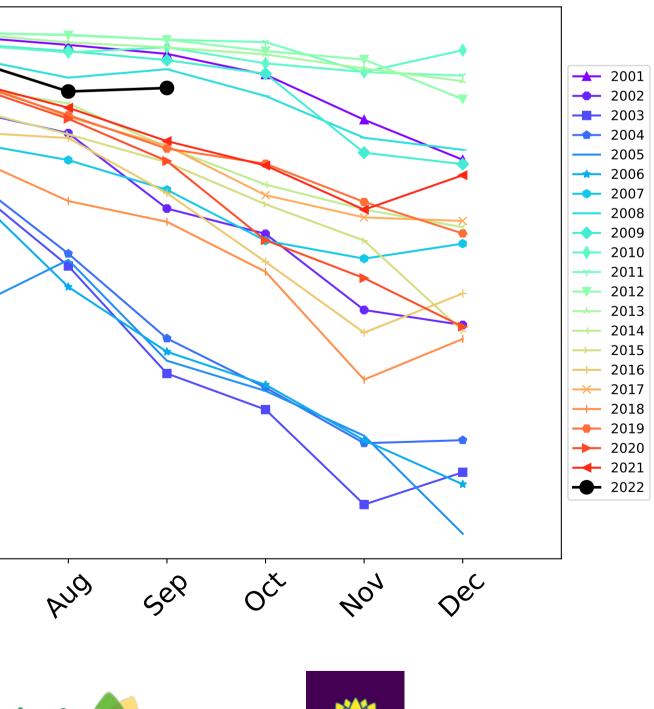


Grazing non forest timeseries

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

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







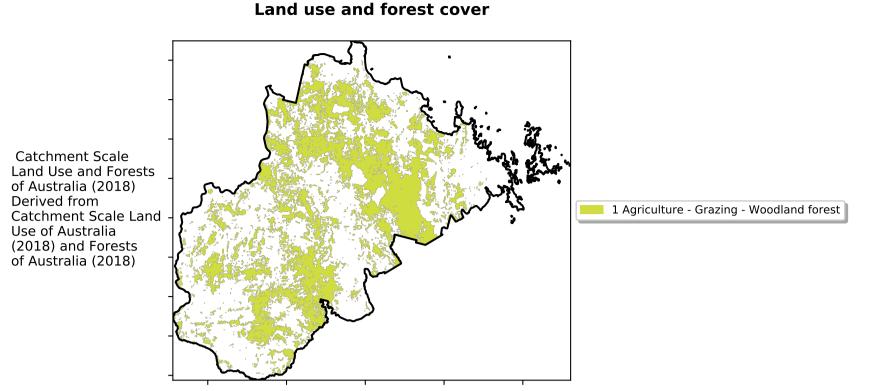
Grazing Woodland forest

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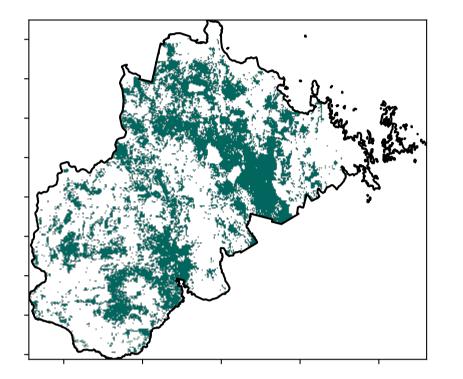
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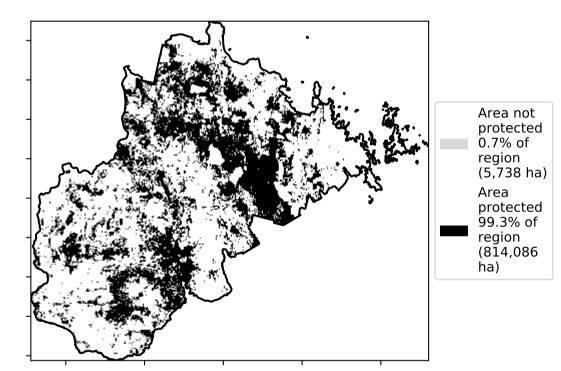
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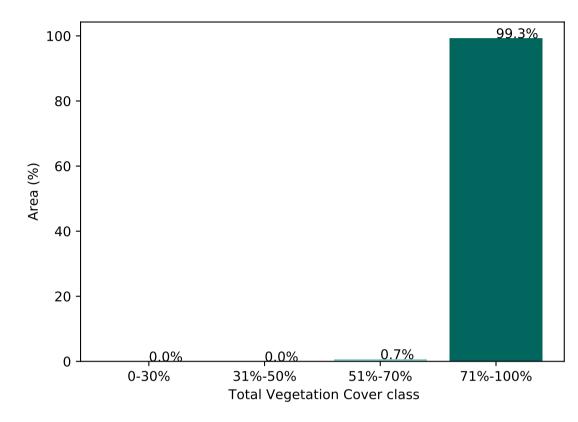
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



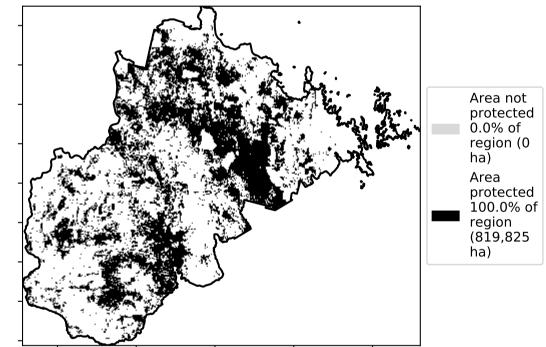
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



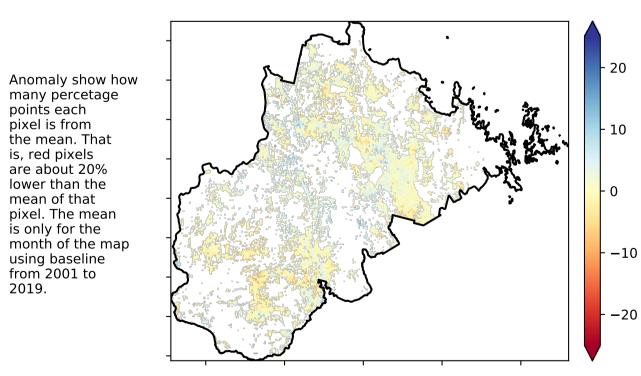
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

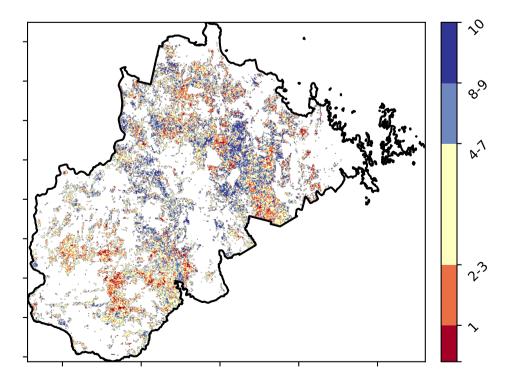


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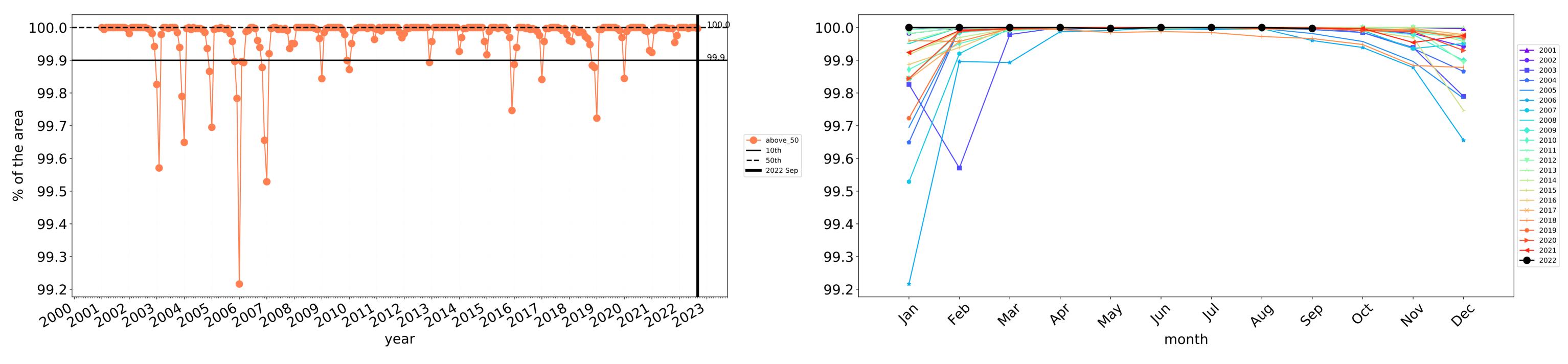
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



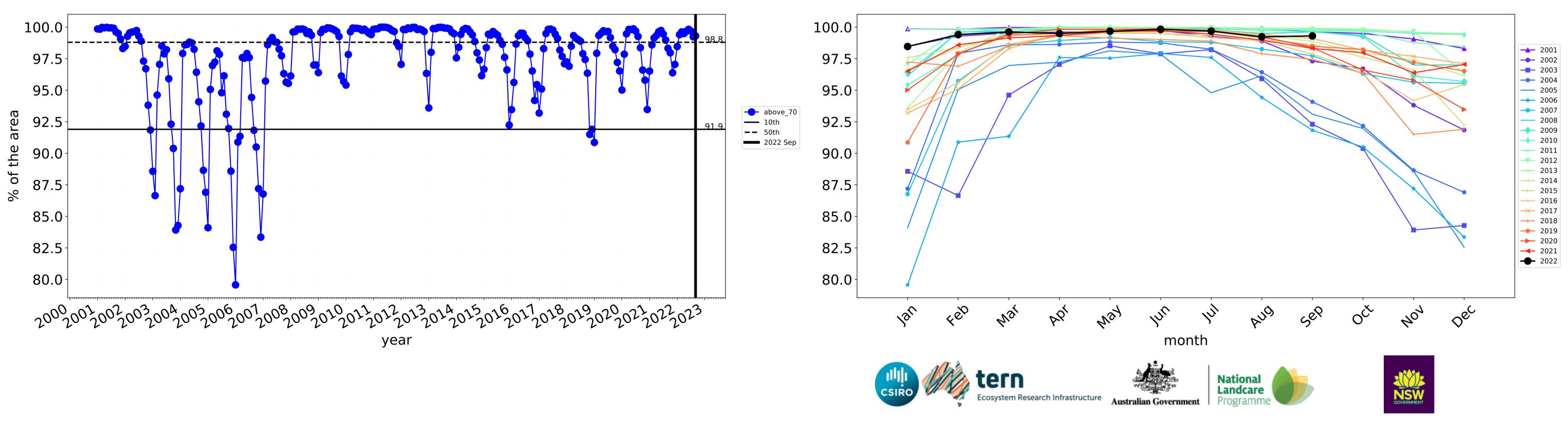


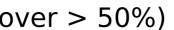
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



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

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





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

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

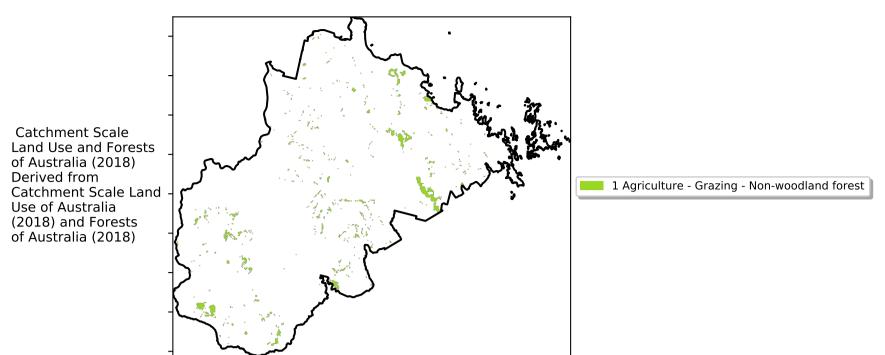
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

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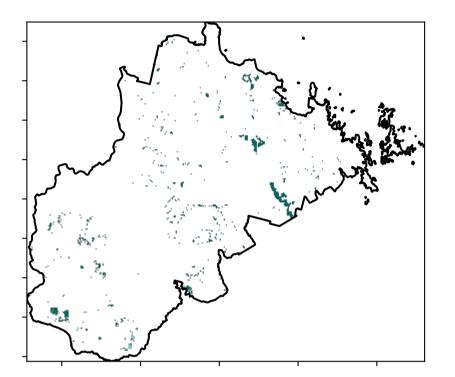
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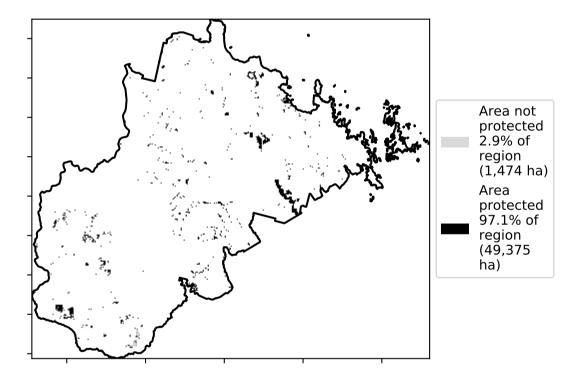


Land use and forest cover

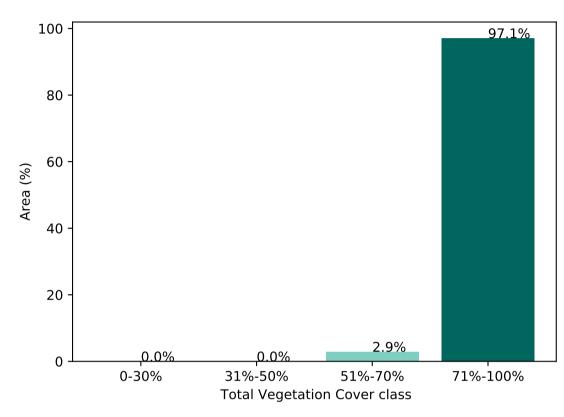
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



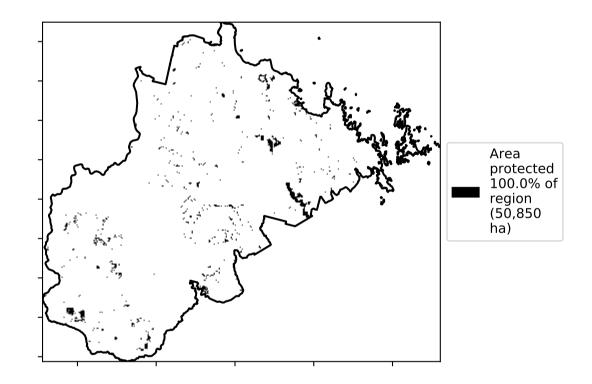
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



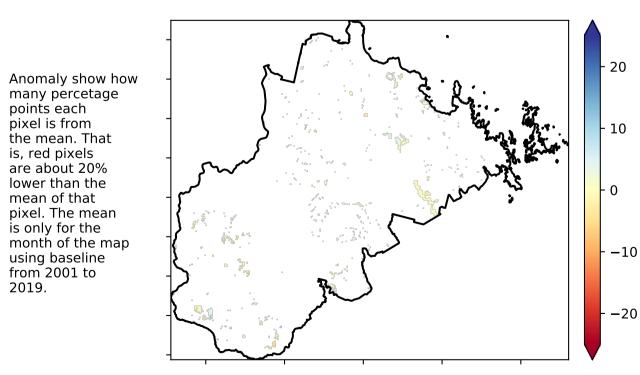




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



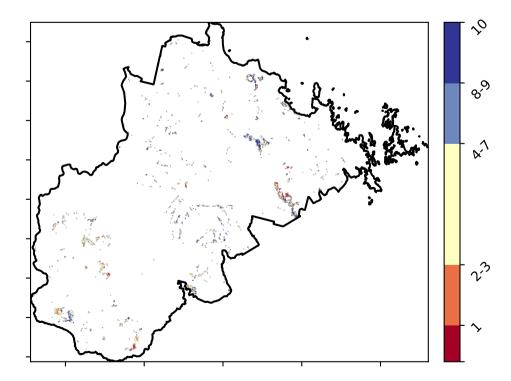
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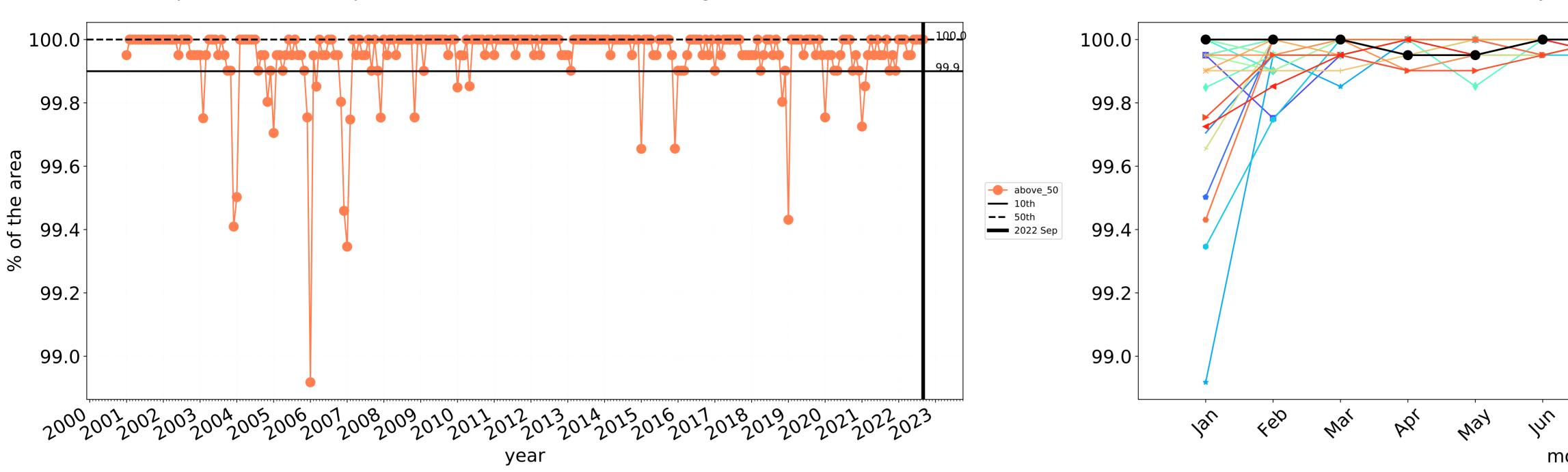
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

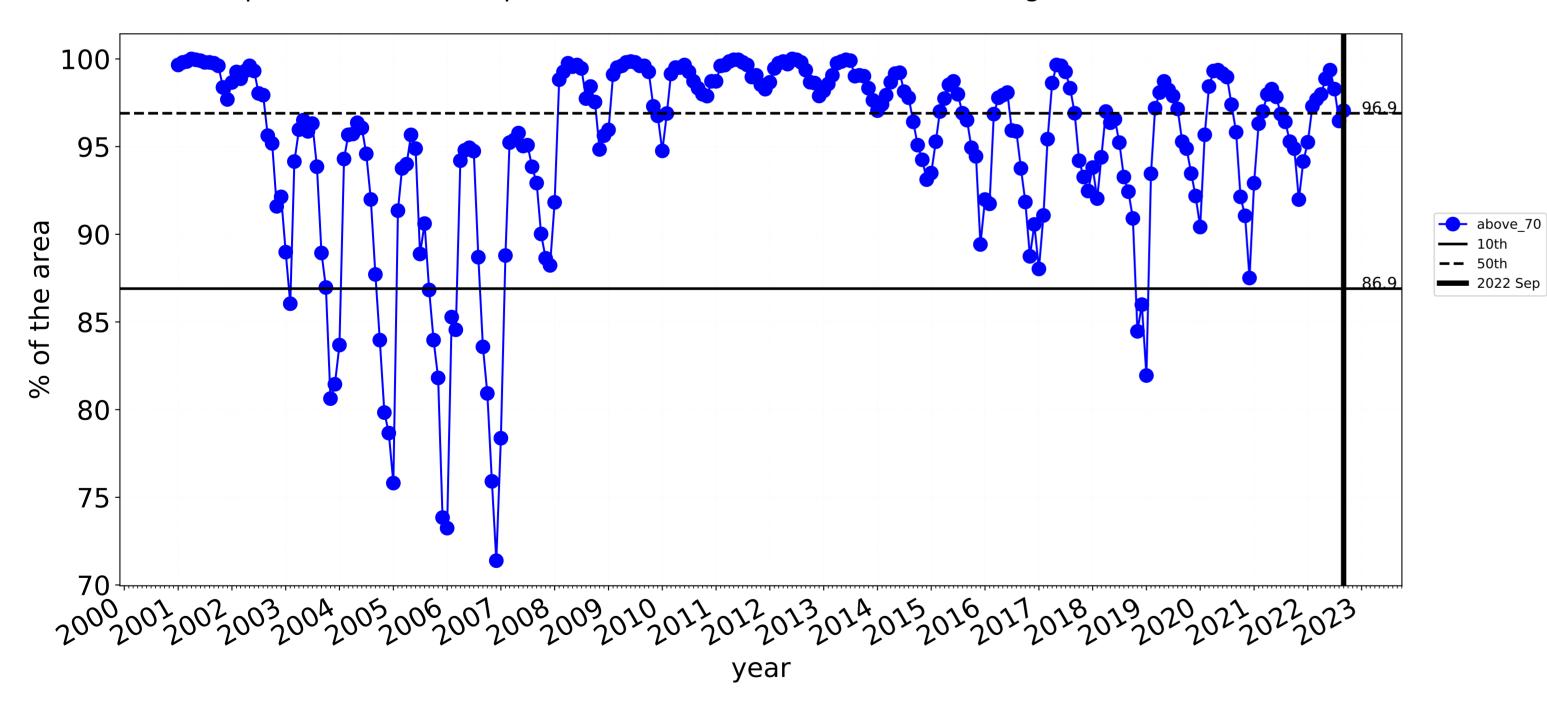


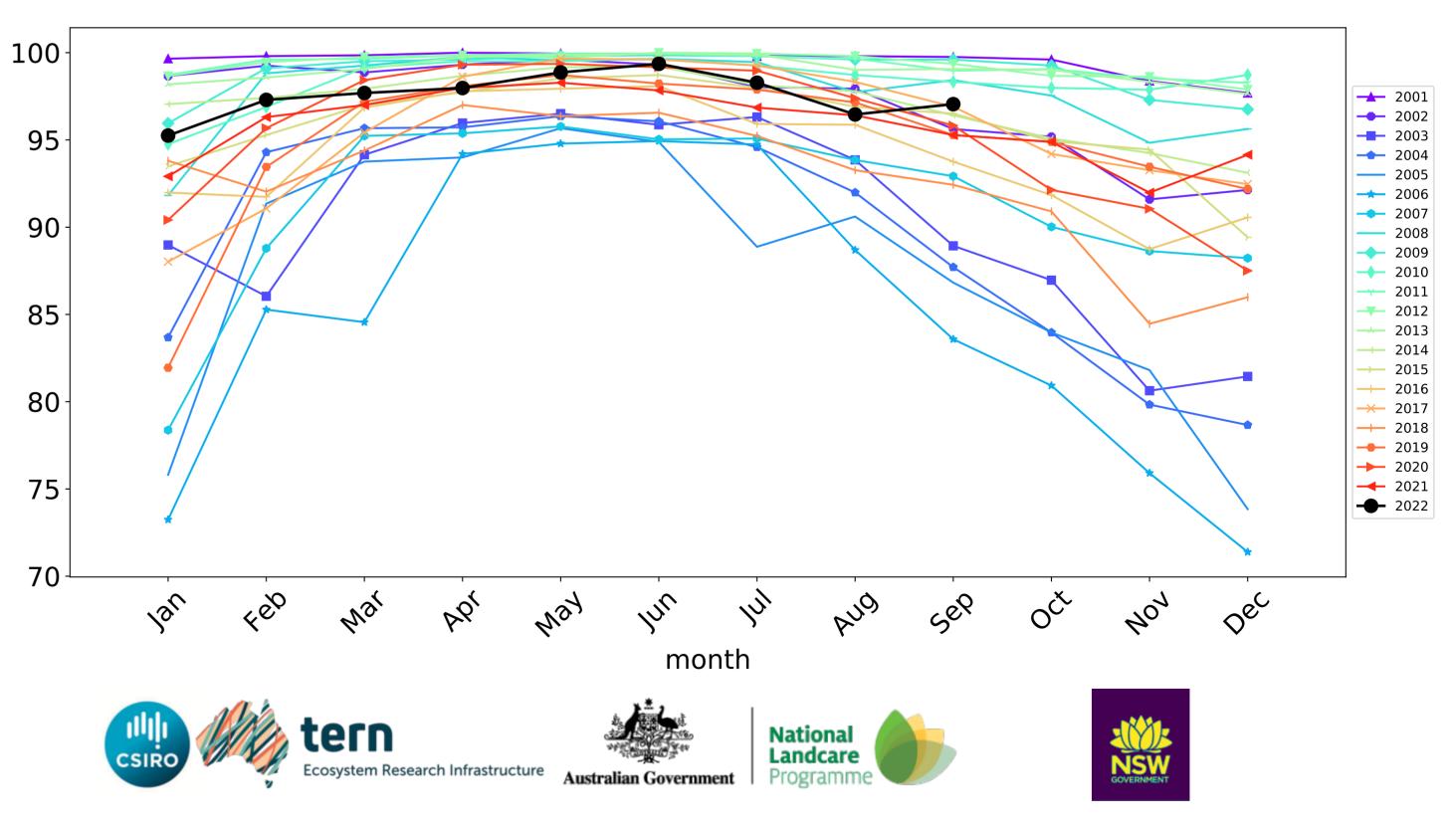


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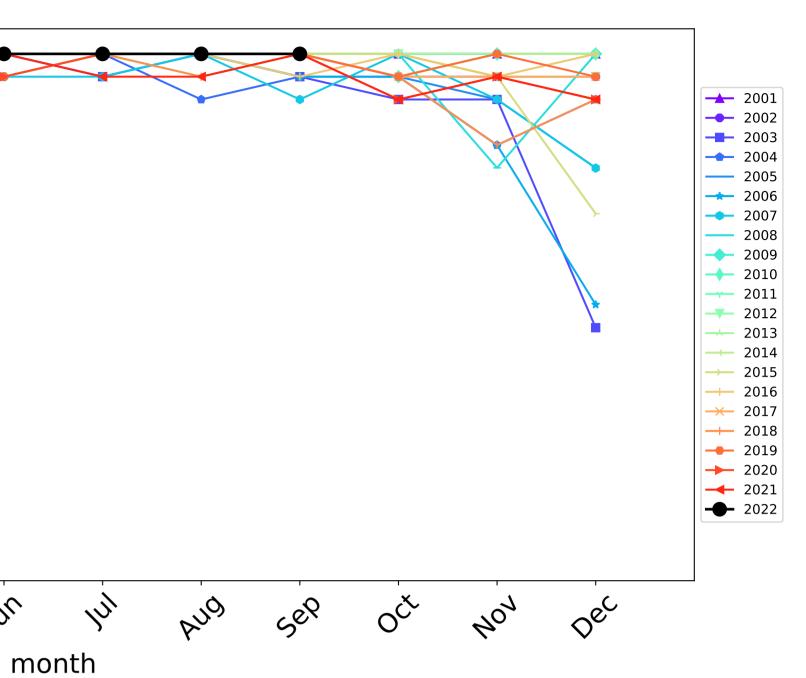


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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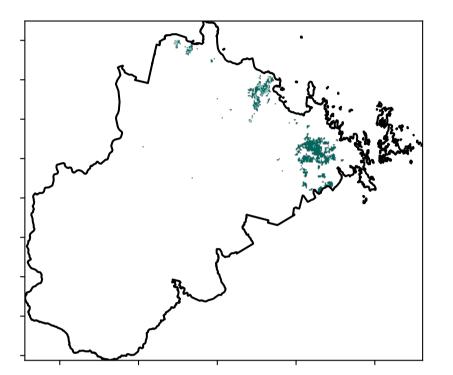
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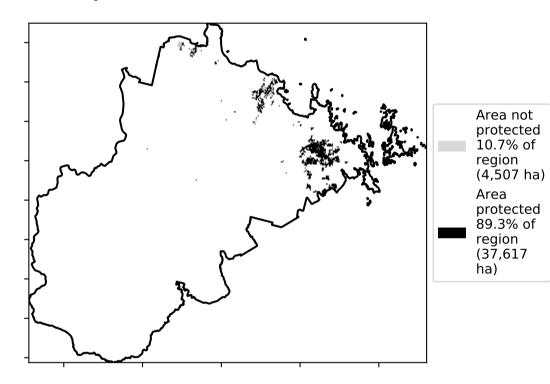
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

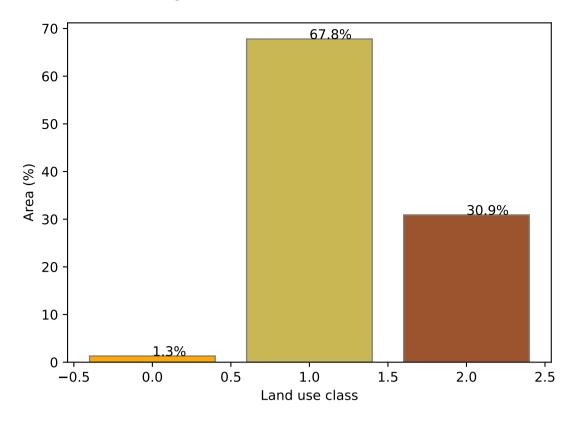
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover



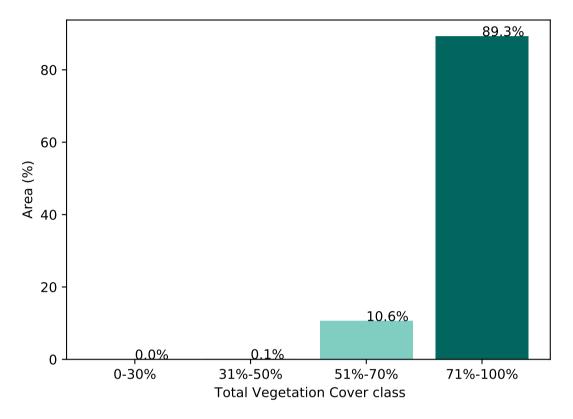
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



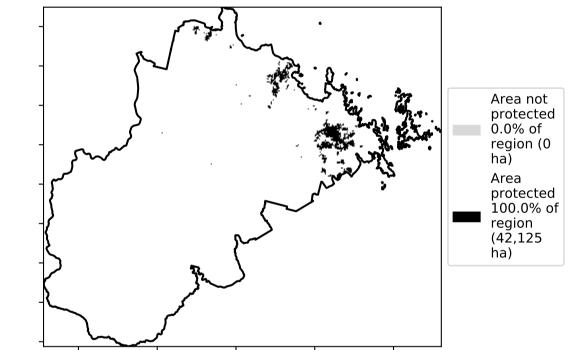


Proportion of each land class in area

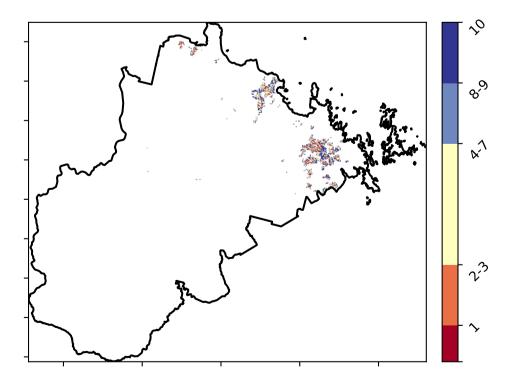
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



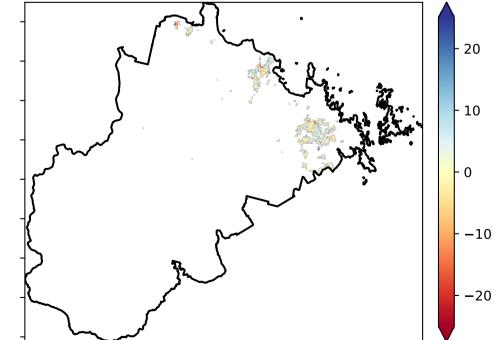
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

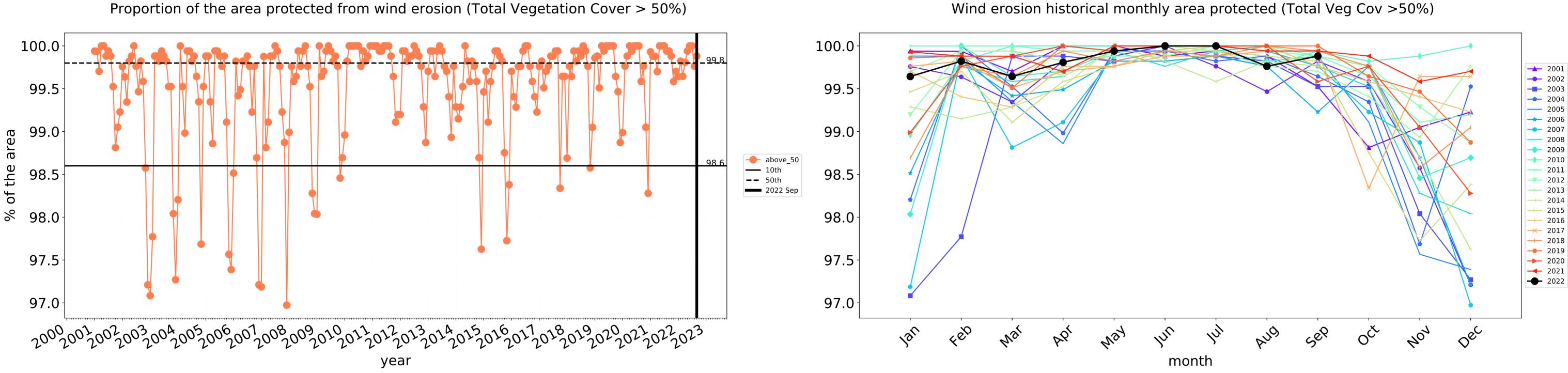


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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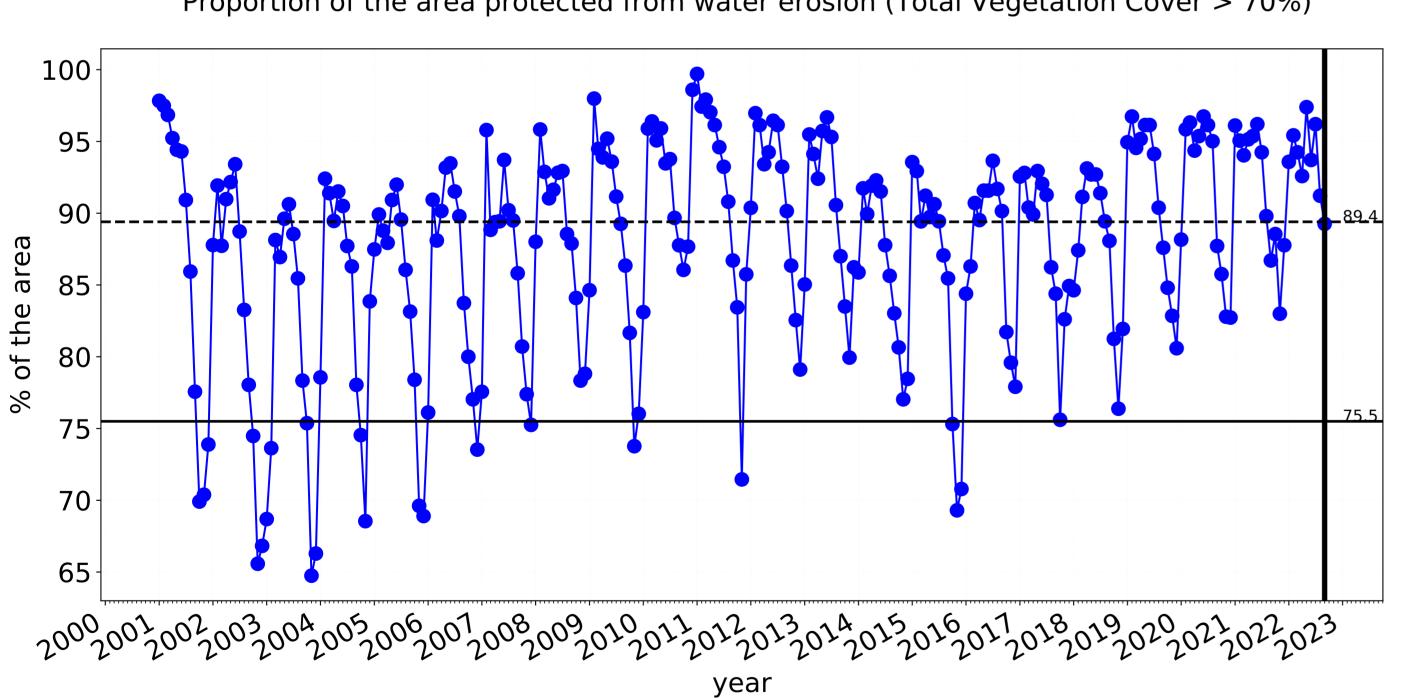
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—— 2022 Sep

—— 10th

—— 50th

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

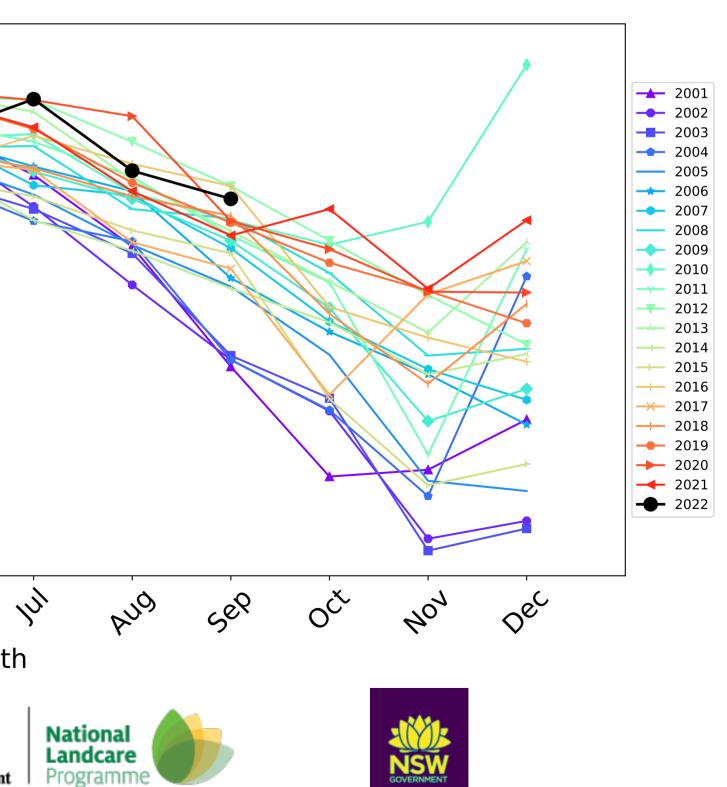


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

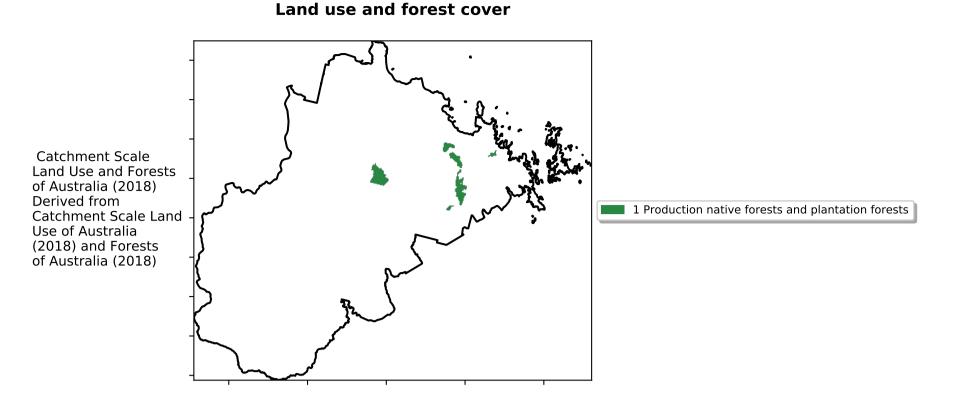
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



Production native forests and plantation forests



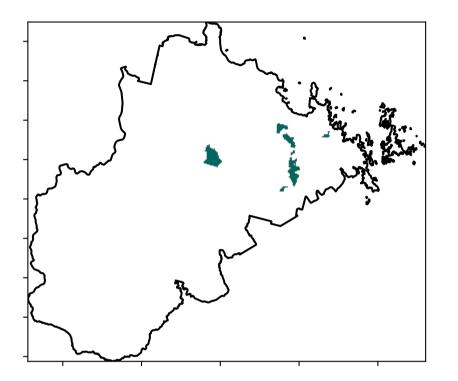
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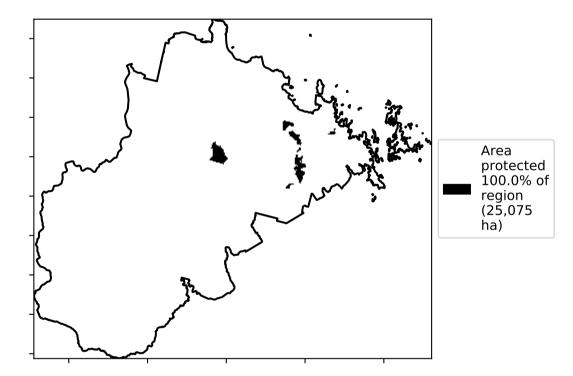
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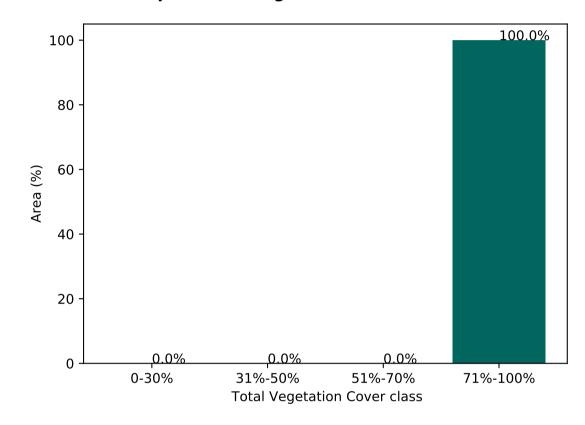
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



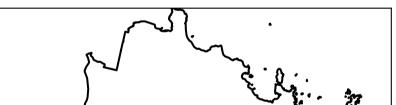
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



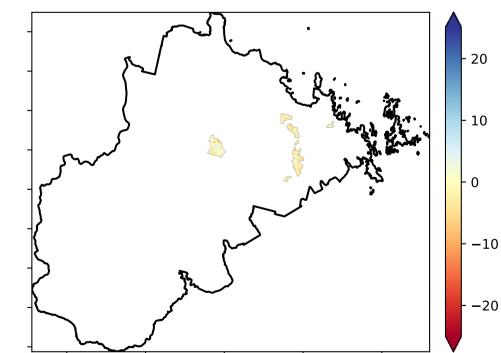
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



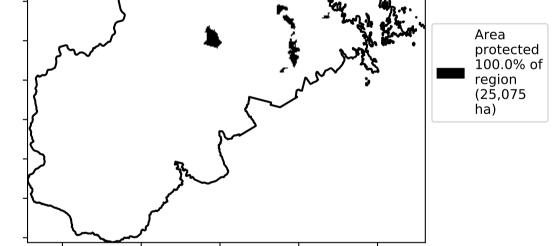
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



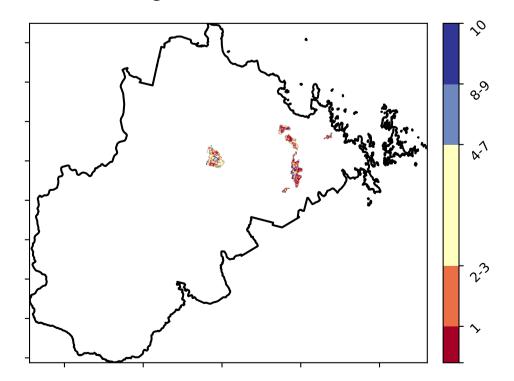
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



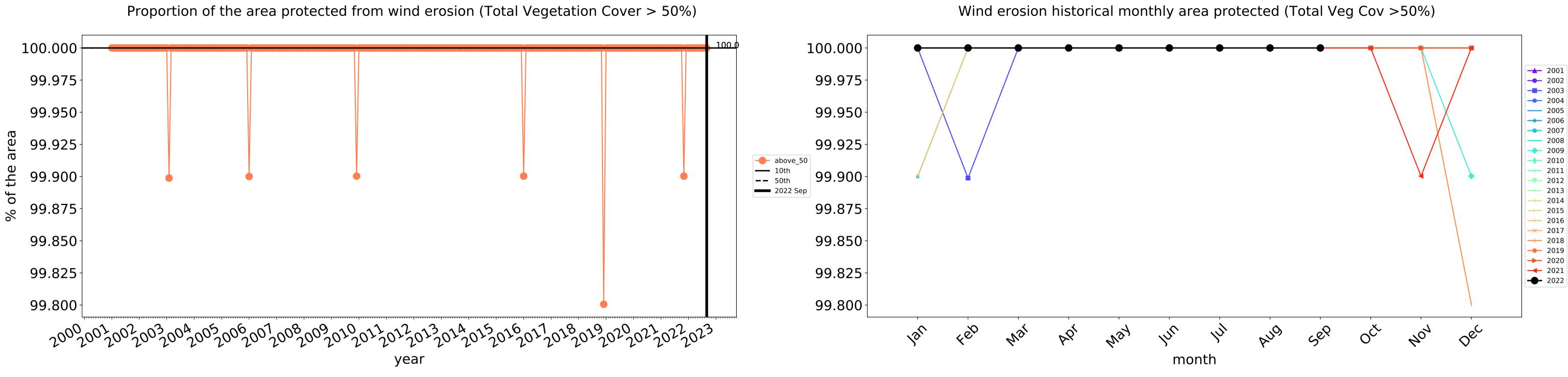
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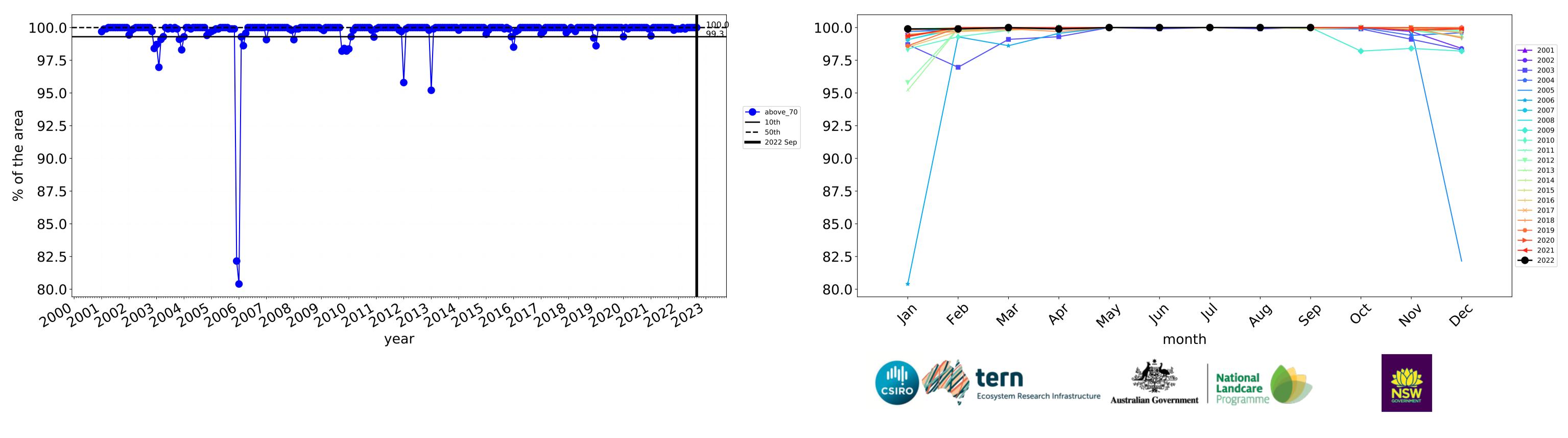


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]









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

Whitsunday_(R) (2,357,550 ha and no data 24,326 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	2,357,550	100.0% 2,356,875	99.8% 2,352,825	95.0% 2,240,125	78.3% 1,846,825	35.4% 834,350	9.5% 223,475
Conservation and natural environments	169,975	99.8% 169,575	99.1% 168,450	95.4% 162,075	83.9% 142,575	56.4% 95,900	22.5% 38,225
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,500	99.6% 28,375	97.9% 27,900	86.3% 24,600	41.3% 11,775	6.3% 1,800	1.1% 325
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	57,100	100.0% 57,075	99.9% 57,025	98.1% 56,000	91.2% 52,075	63.9% 36,475	25.8% 14,750
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	84,375	99.7% 84,125	99.0% 83,525	96.6% 81,475	93.3% 78,725	68.3% 57,625	27.4% 23,150
Agriculture	2,084,900	100.0% 2,084,900	99.9% 2,083,625	95.4% 1,989,025	78.5% 1,636,800	34.0% 707,900	8.5% 176,650
Grazing	2,042,475	100.0% 2,042,475	99.9% 2,041,250	95.5% 1,951,125	78.8% 1,610,325	34.2% 698,875	8.5% 174,050
Grazing non forest	1,171,800	100.0% 1,171,800	99.9% 1,170,600	92.8% 1,087,650	69.3% 811,775	24.5% 286,625	5.8% 67,425
Grazing Woodland forest	819,825	100.0% 819,825	100.0% 819,800	99.3% 814,125	92.2% 755,500	47.6% 390,375	11.9% 97,900
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,850	100.0% 50,850	100.0% 50,850	97.1% 49,350	84.7% 43,050	43.0% 21,875	17.2% 8,725
Irrigation	42,125	100.0% 42,125	99.9% 42,075	89.3% 37,600	62.3% 26,225	21.4% 9,000	6.2% 2,600
Production native forests and plantation forests	25,075	100.0% 25,075	100.0% 25,075	100.0% 25,075	99.1% 24,850	68.8% 17,250	17.3% 4,350

