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:

Date: August 2023

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
 - 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
 - 31-50% Low cover not protected
 - 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

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Vegetation Cover Aug 2023

Land use and forest cover

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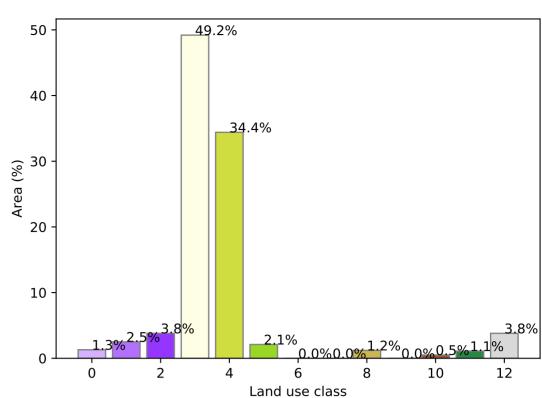
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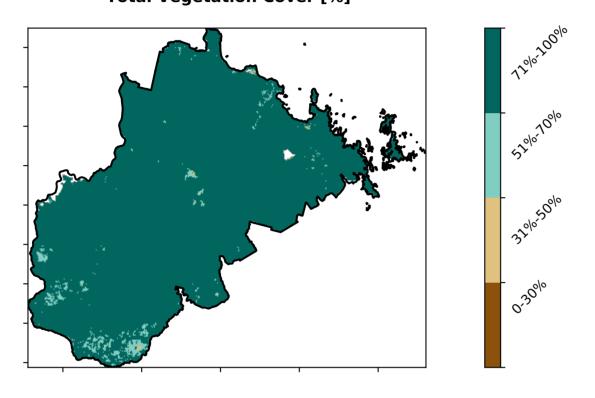
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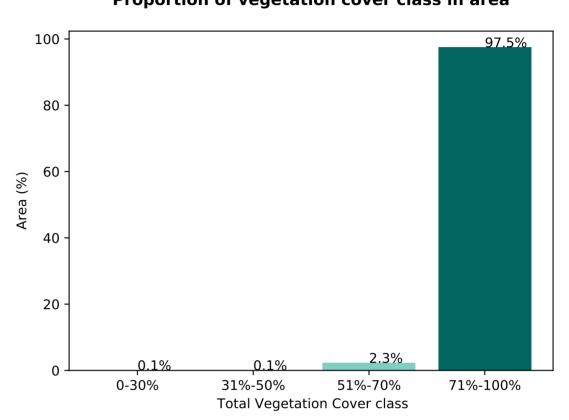
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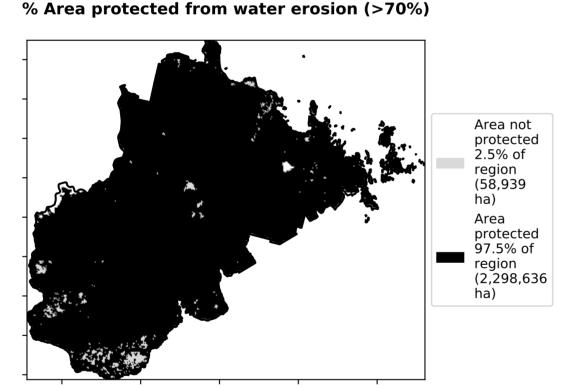


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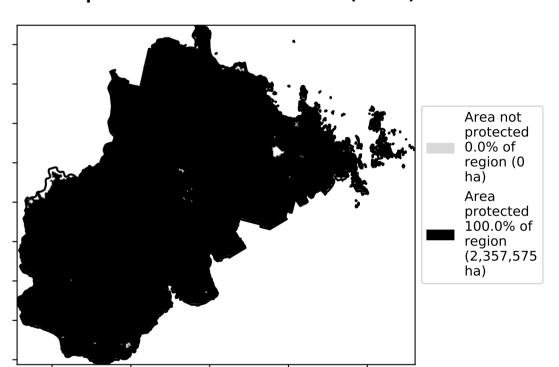


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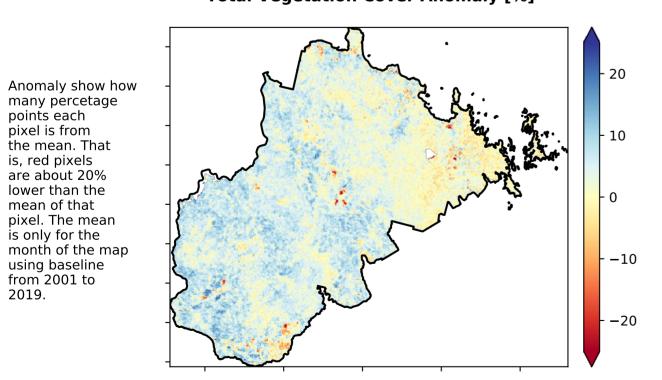




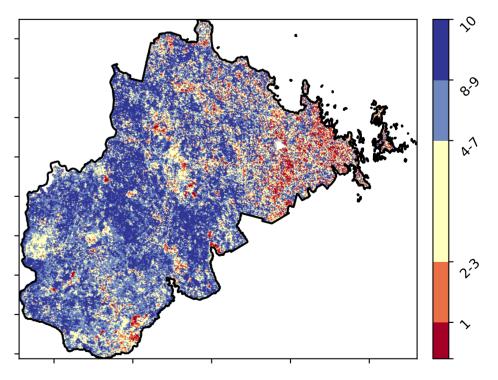
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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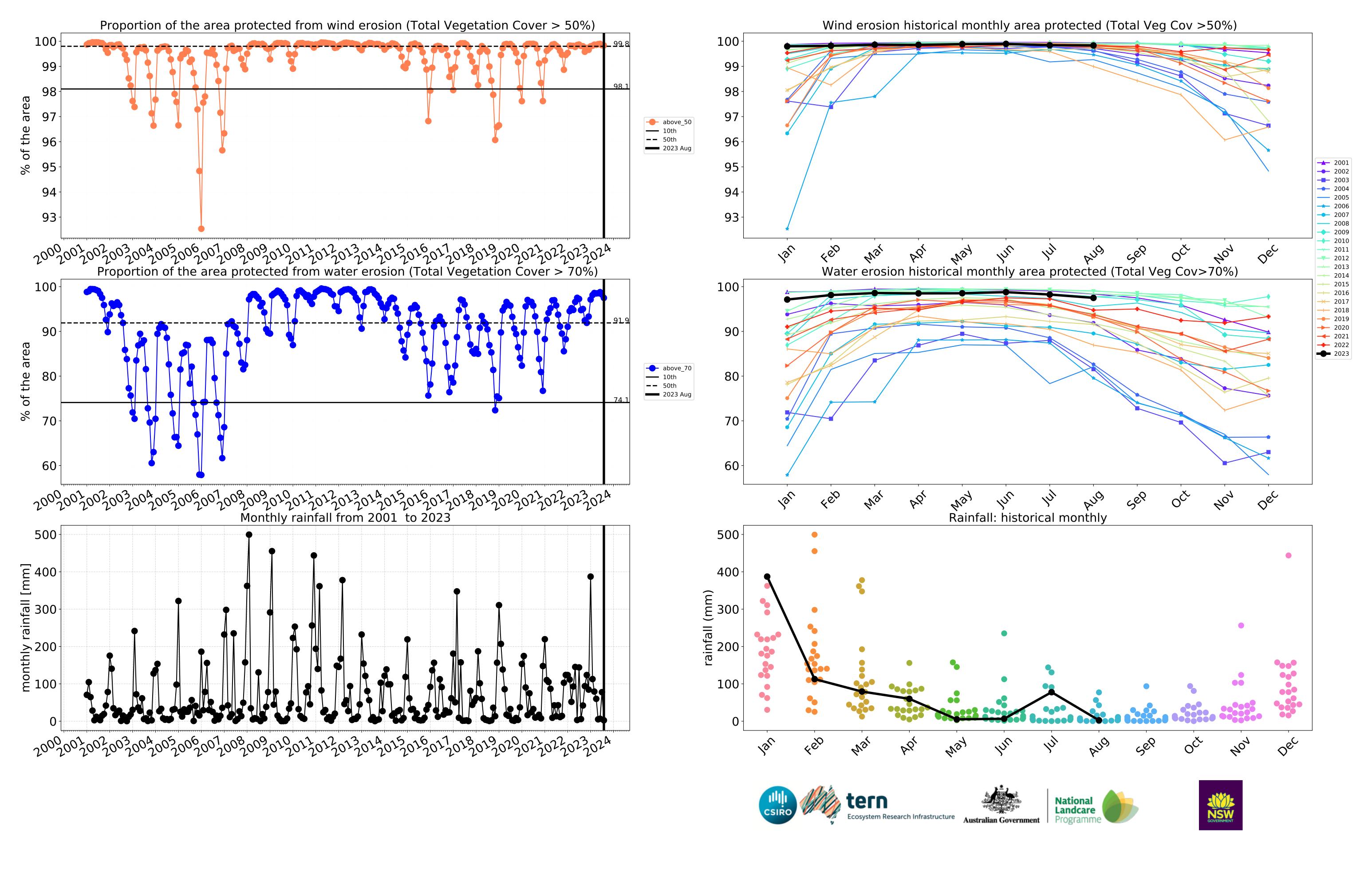








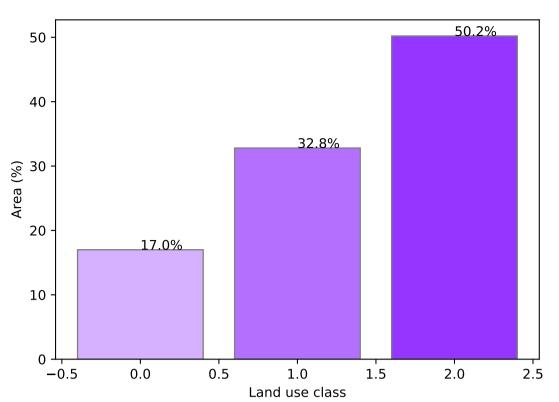




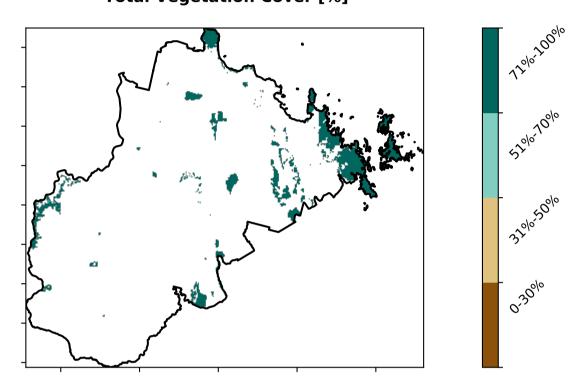
Conservation and natural environments

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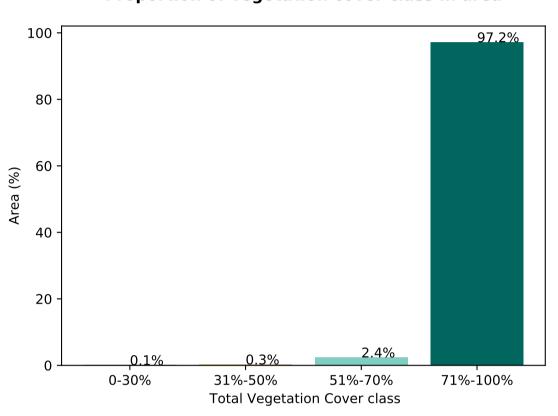
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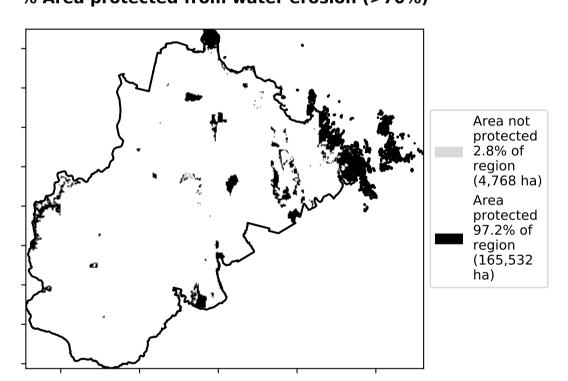
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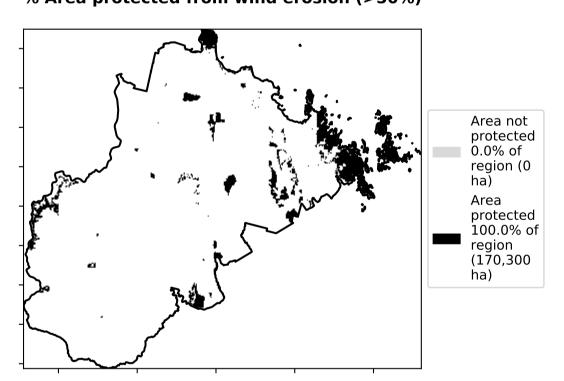
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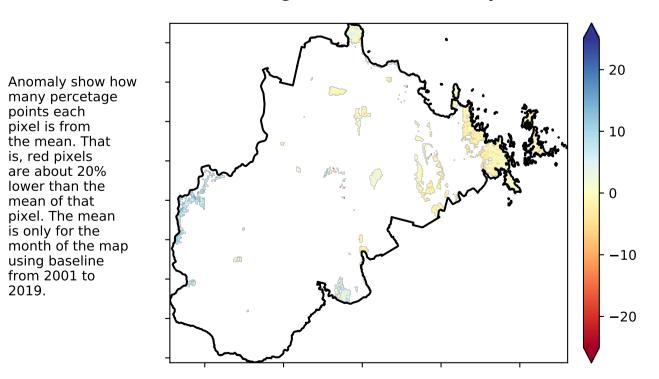
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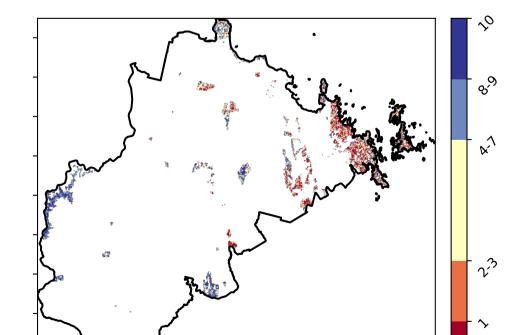
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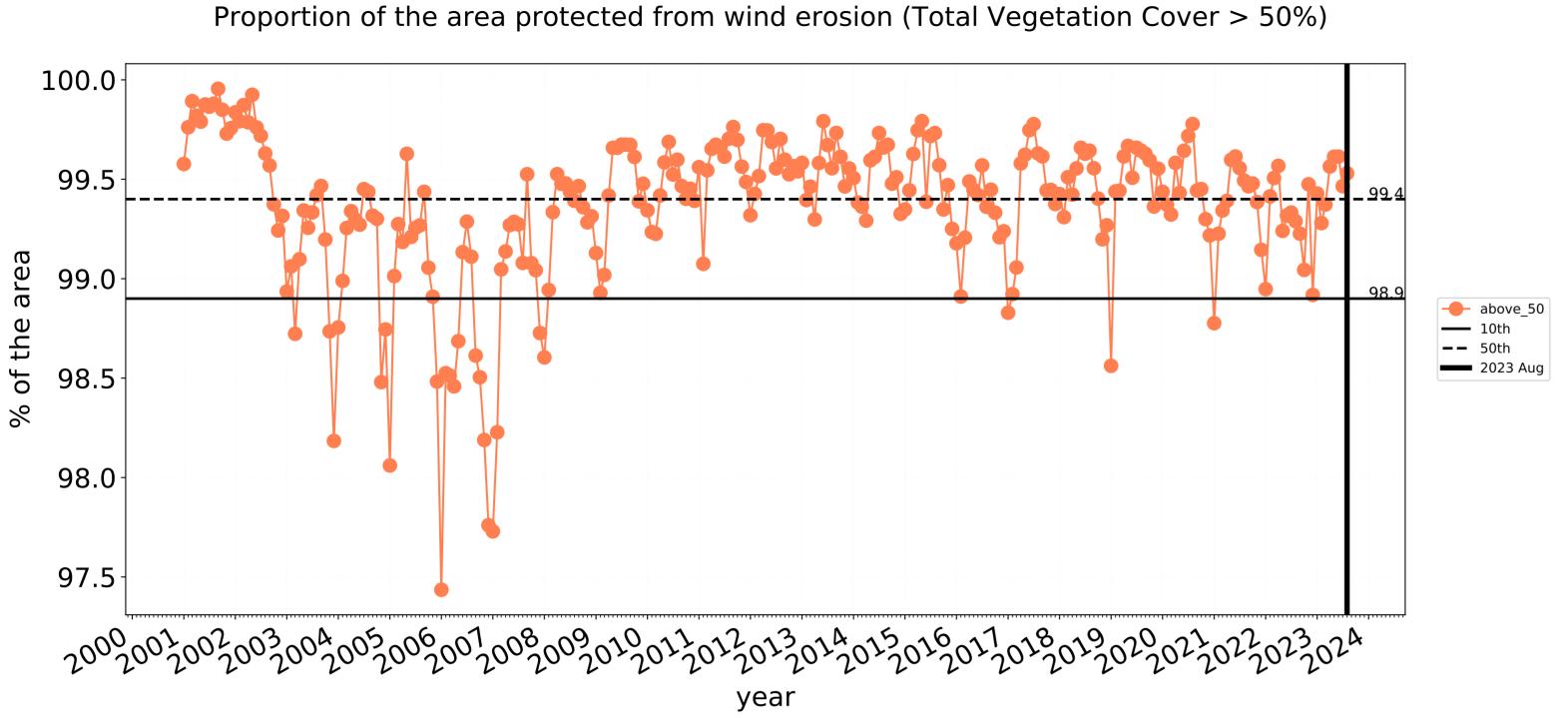


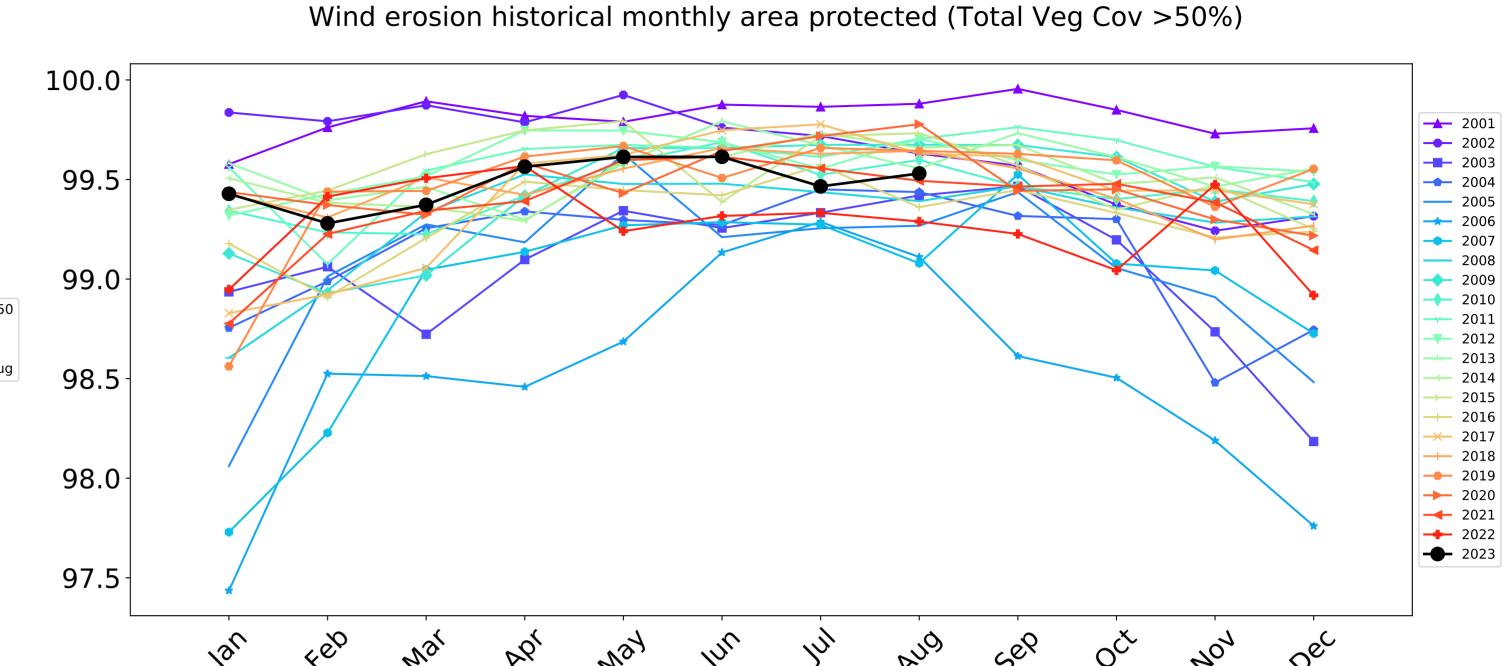


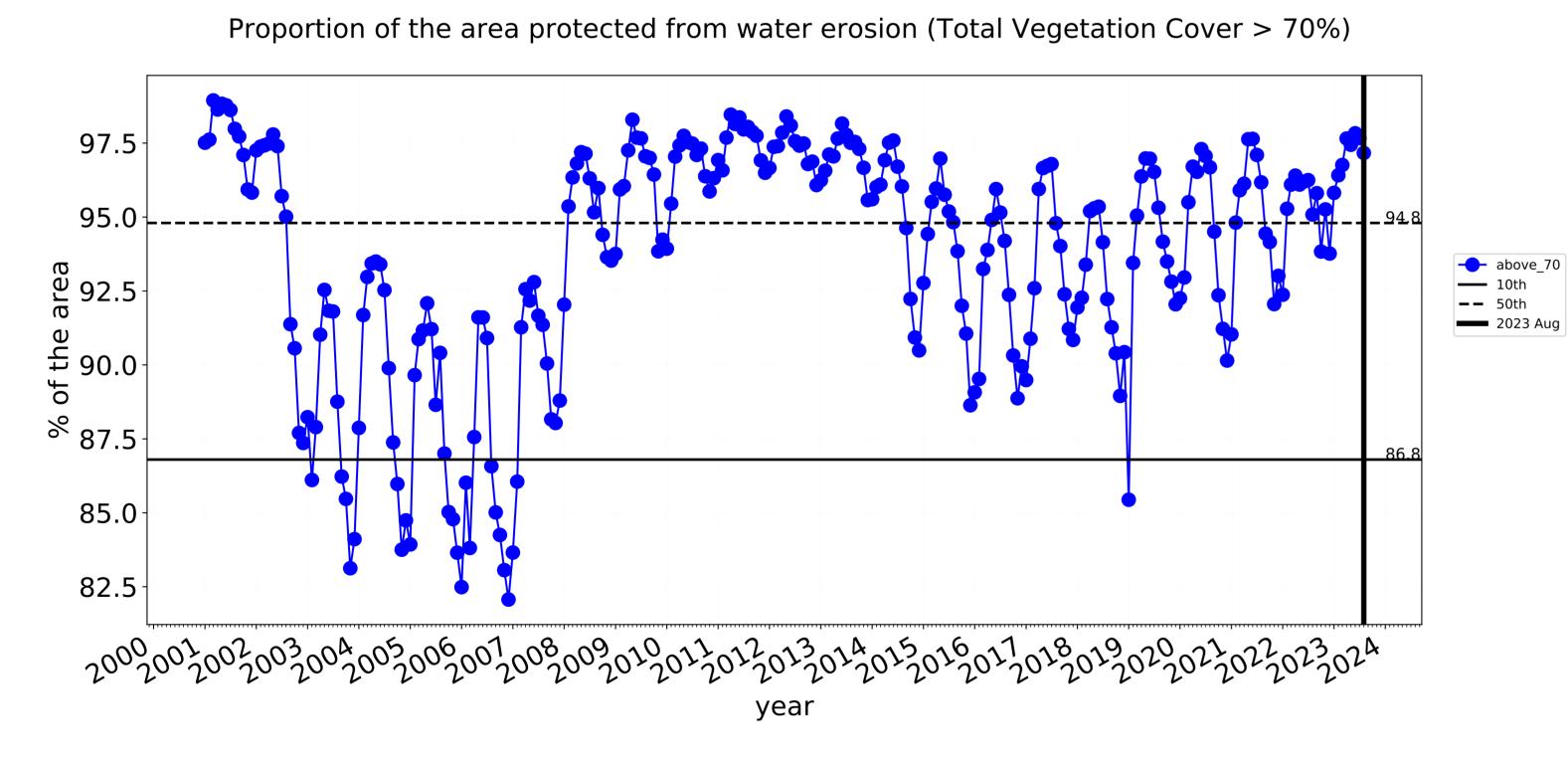


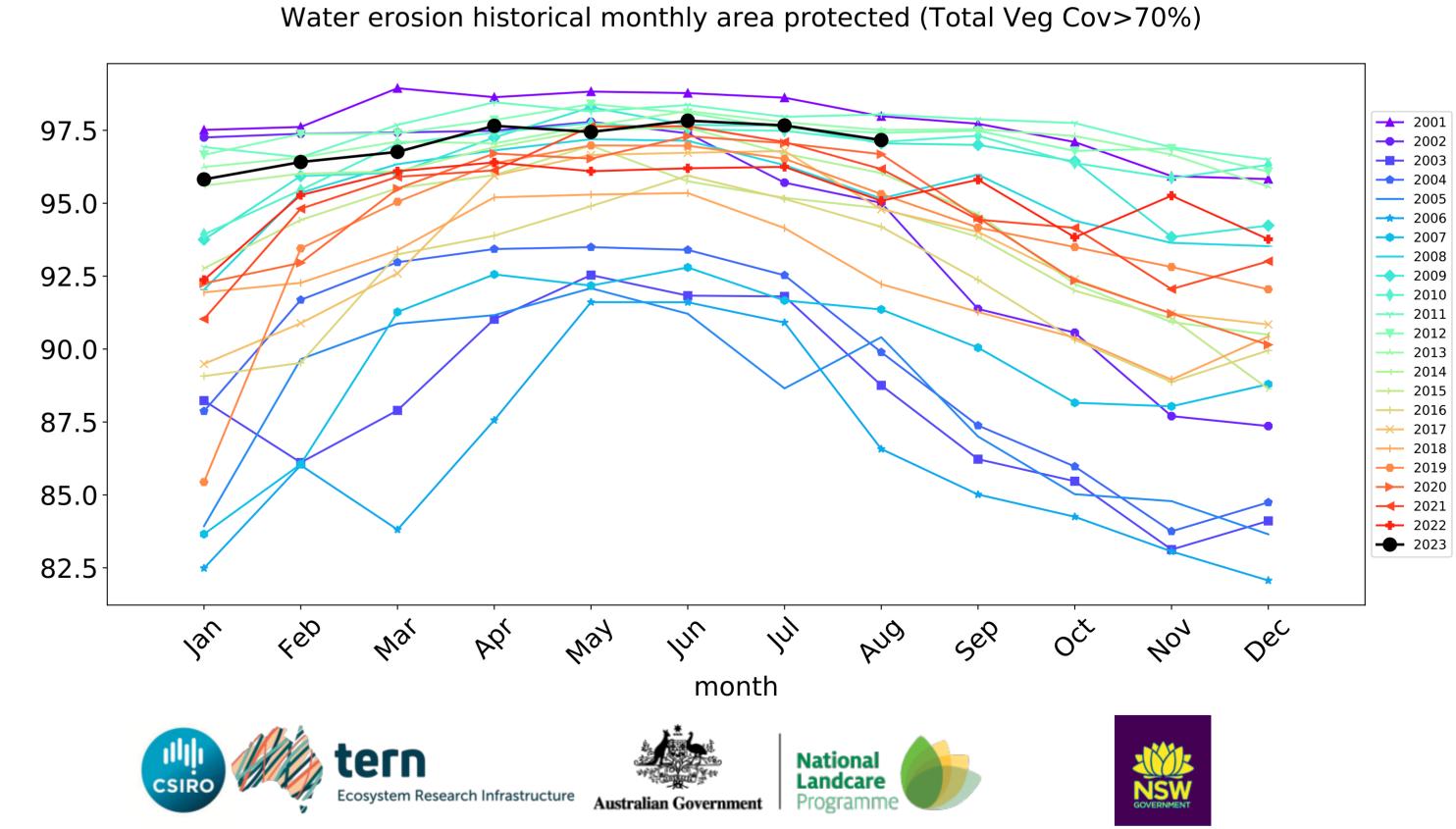


Conservation and natural environments timeseries









Conservation and natural environments non forest

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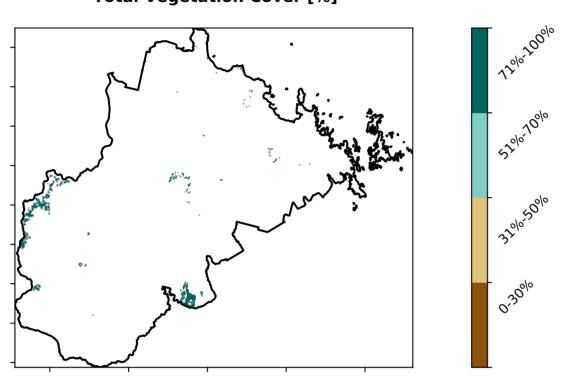
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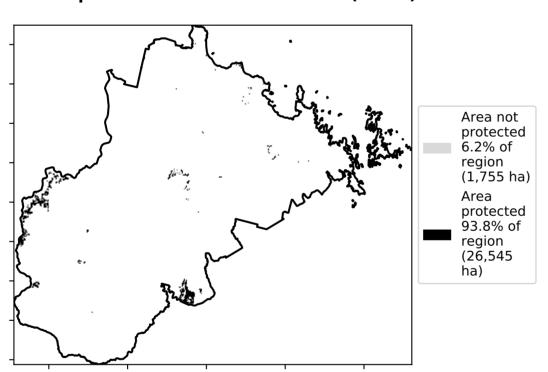
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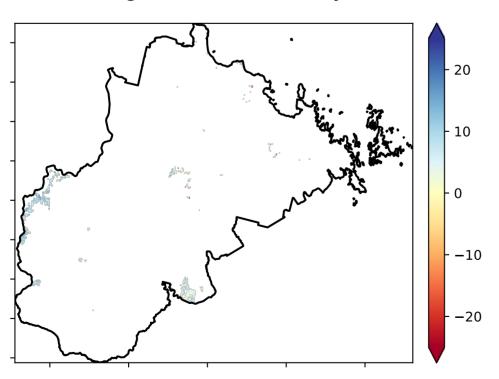
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

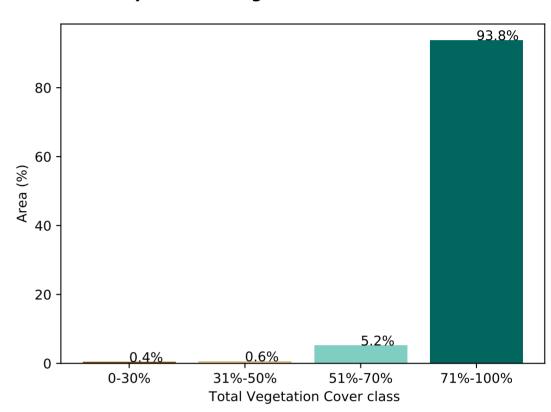


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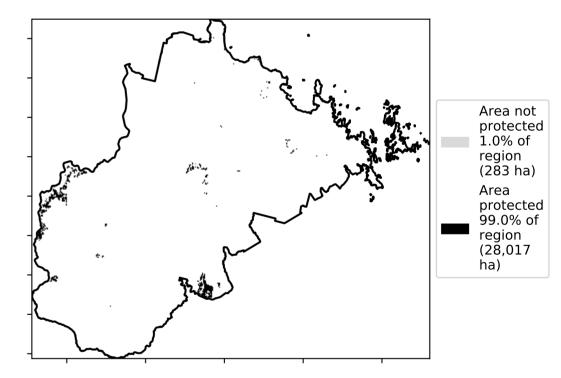


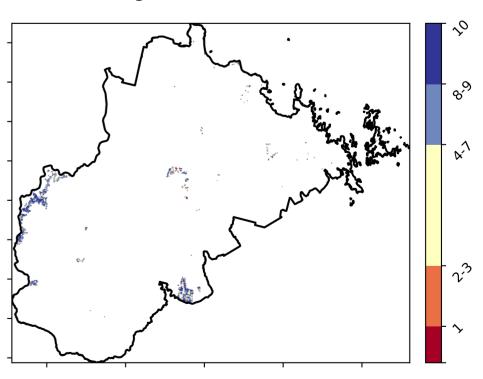
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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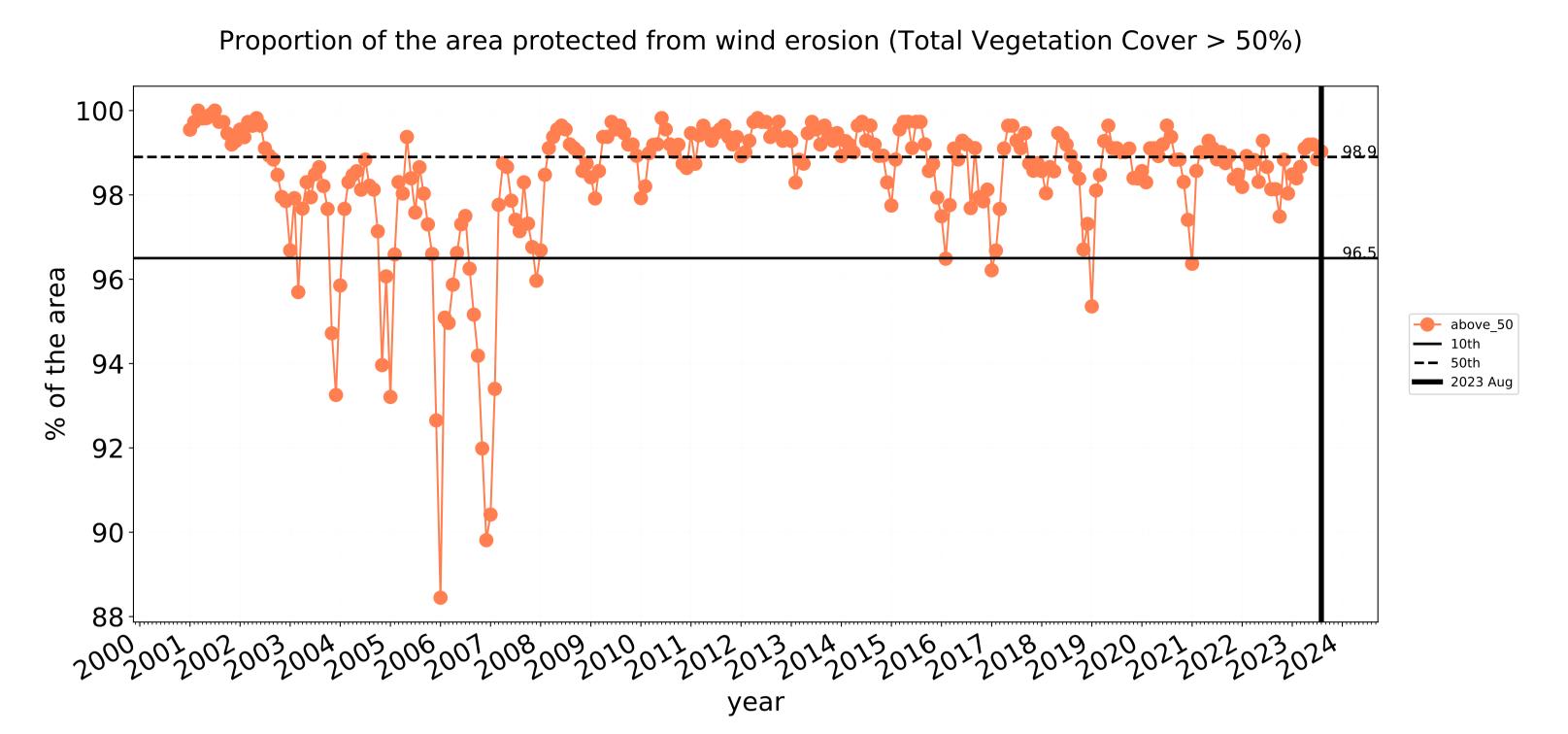


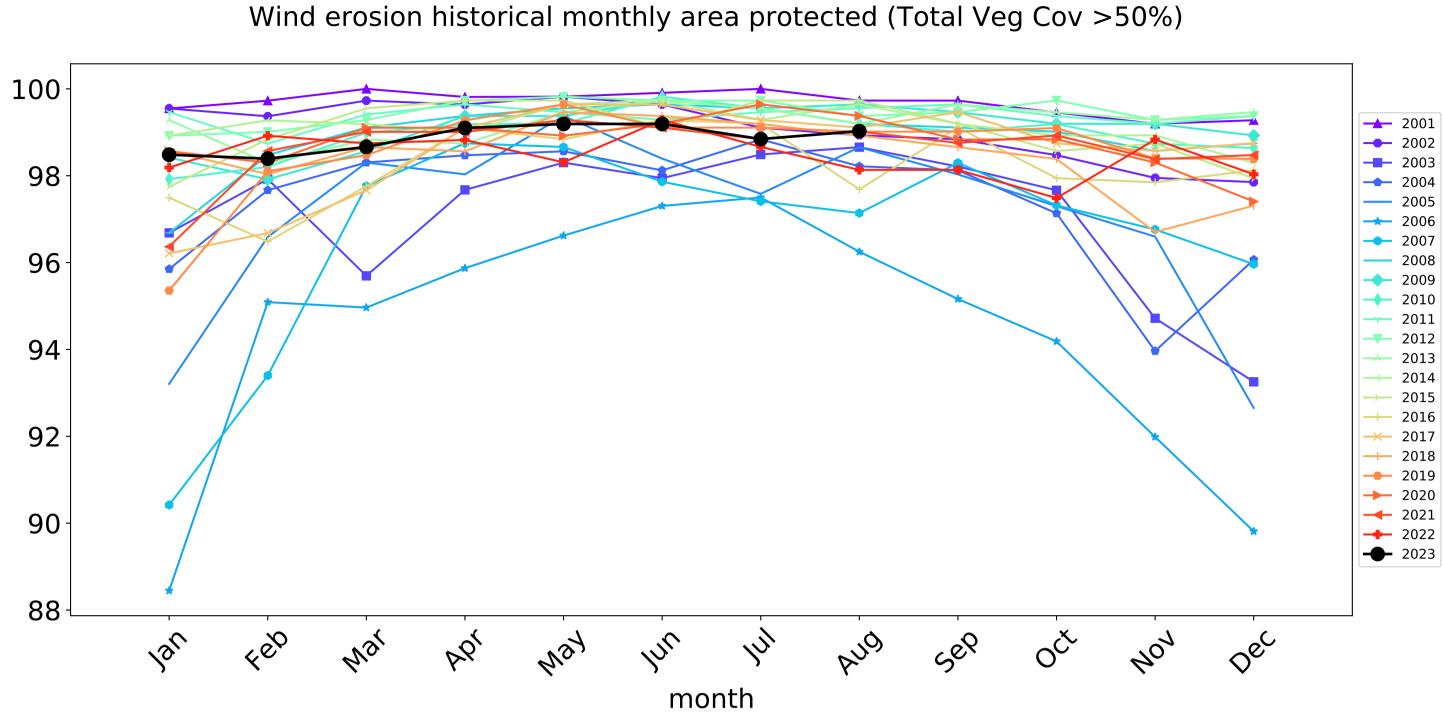


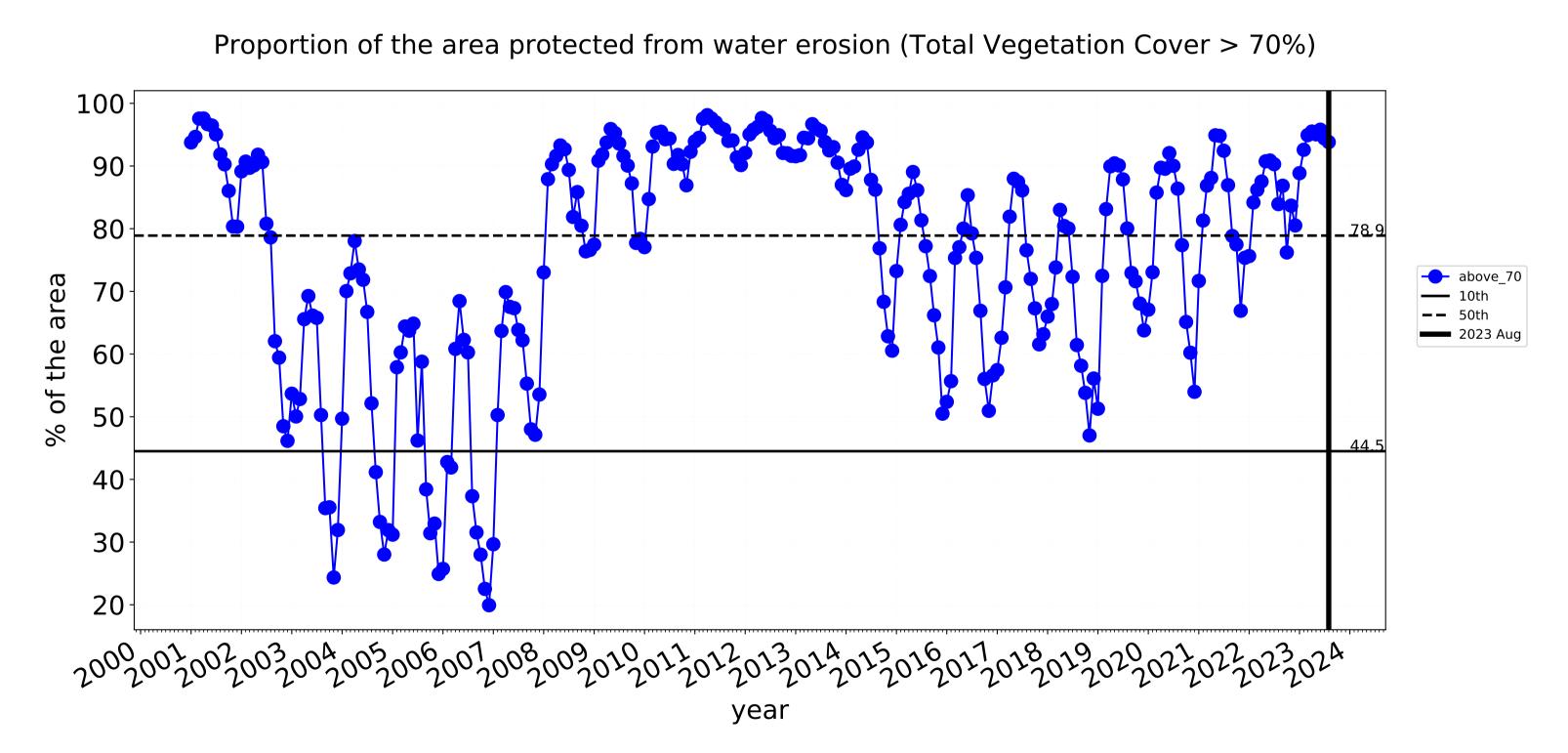


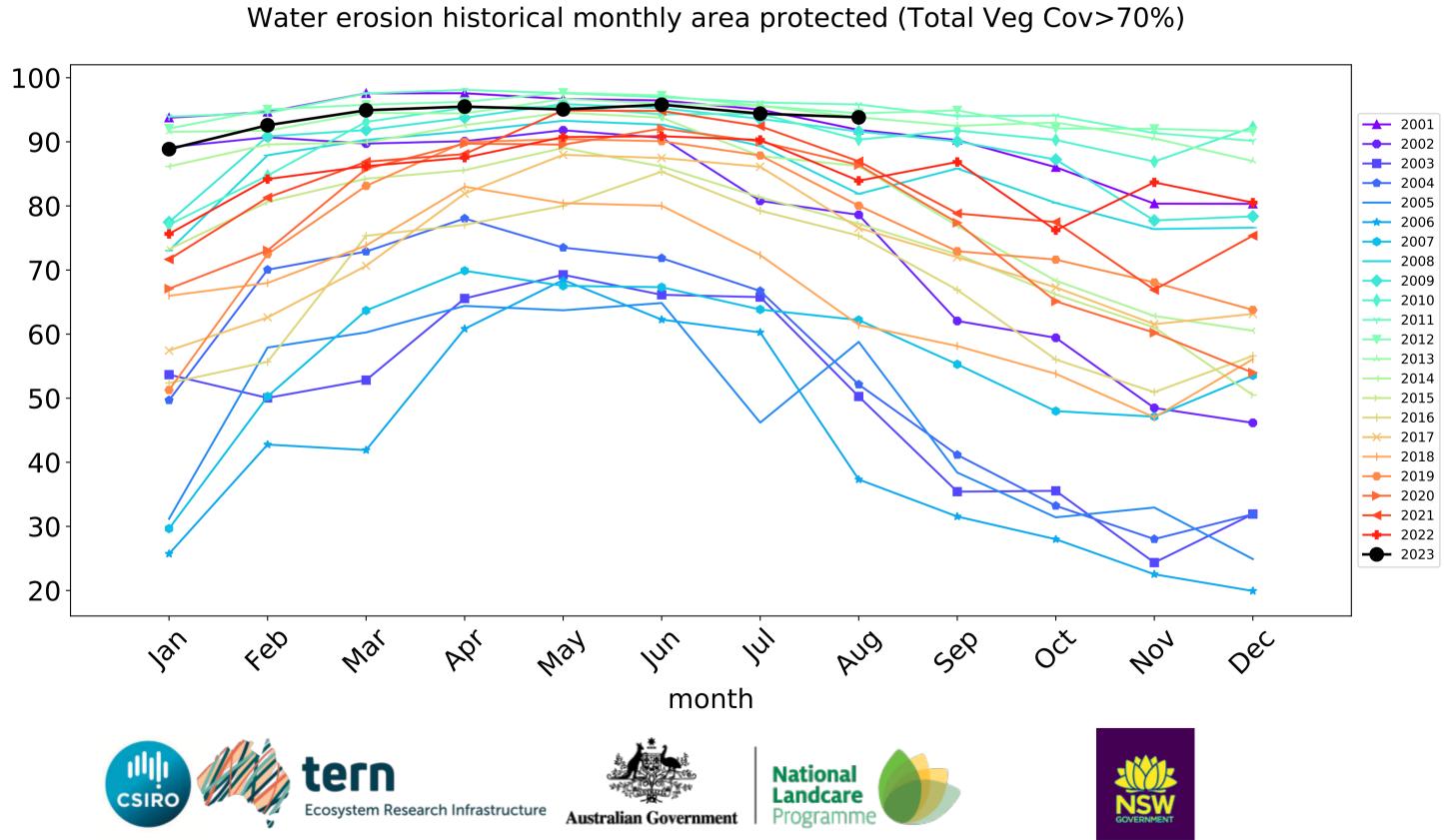


Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries





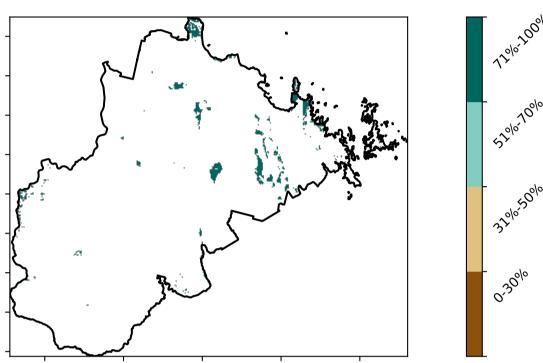




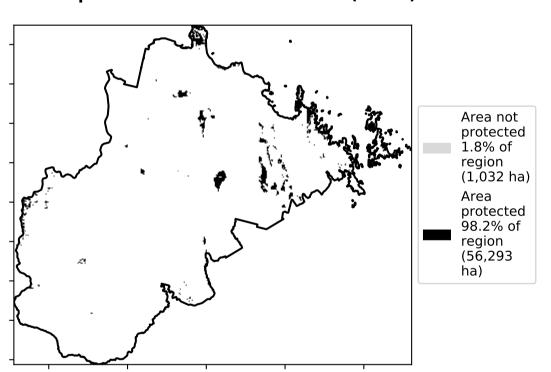
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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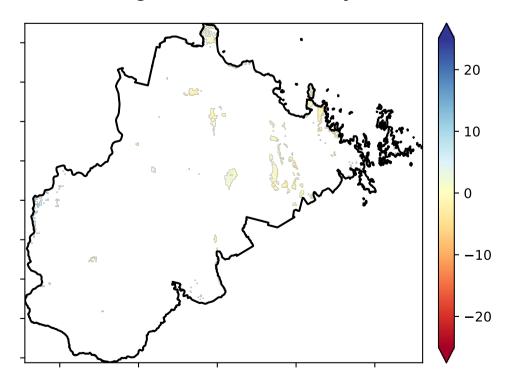
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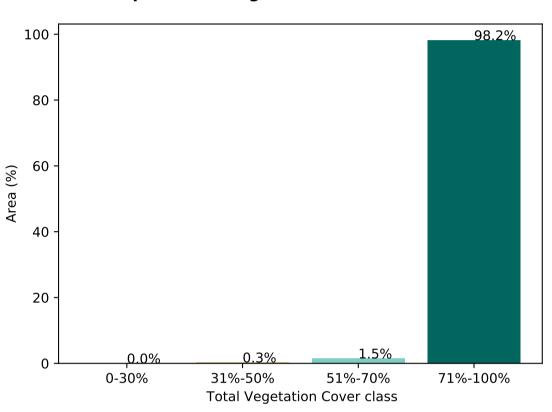
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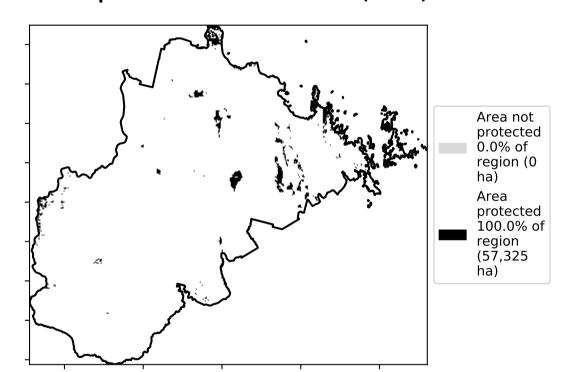


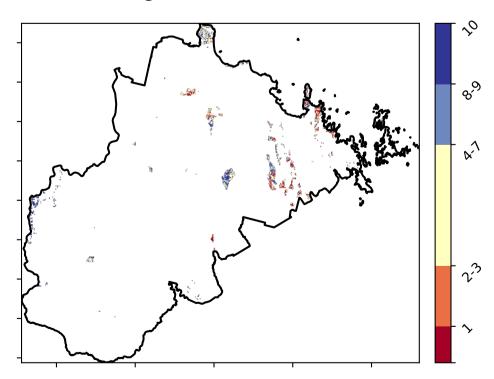
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





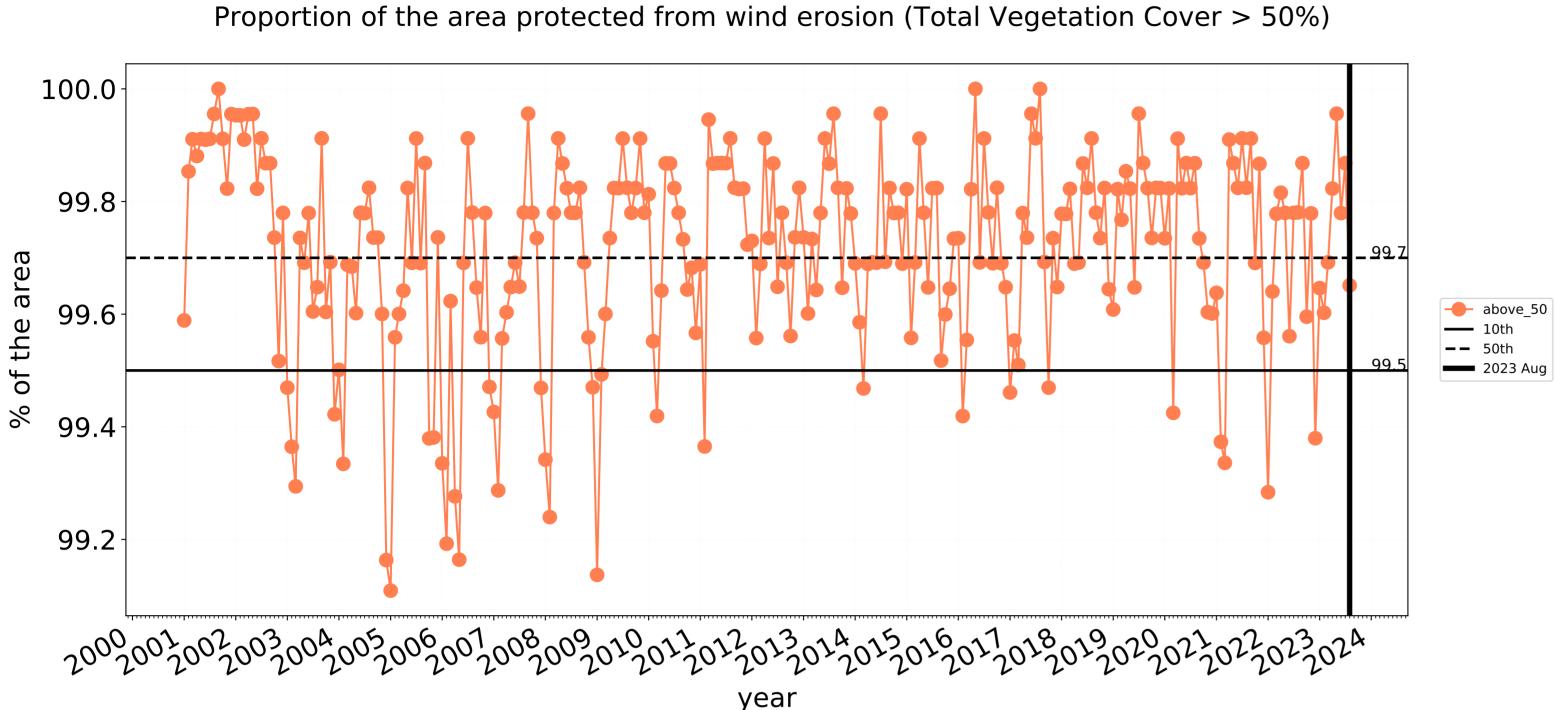


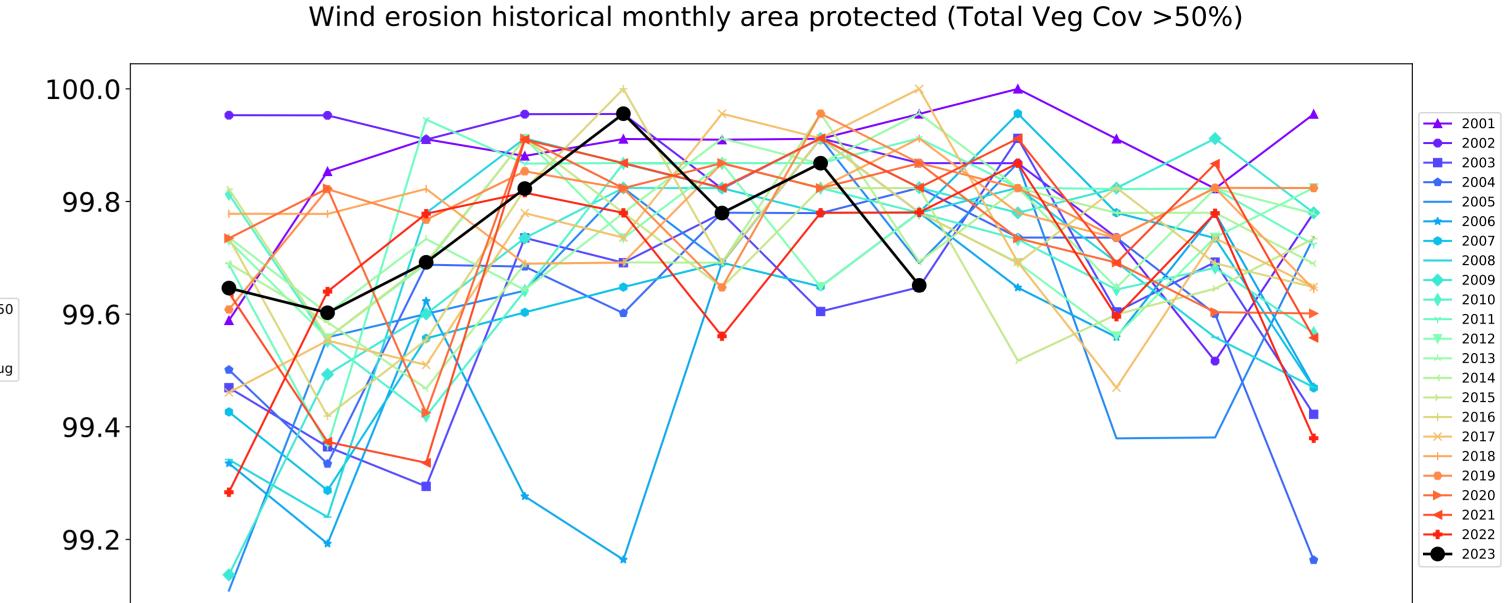


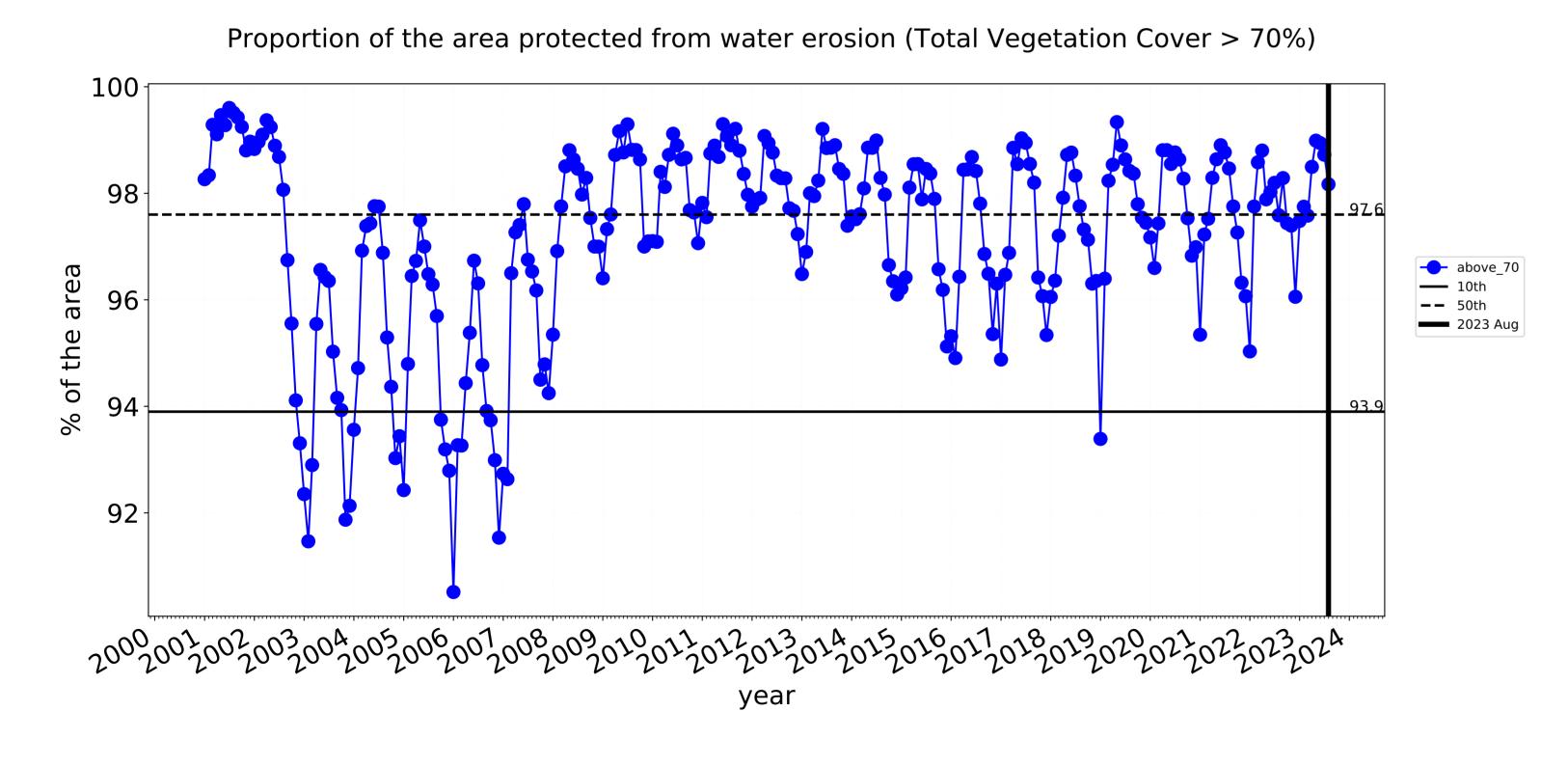


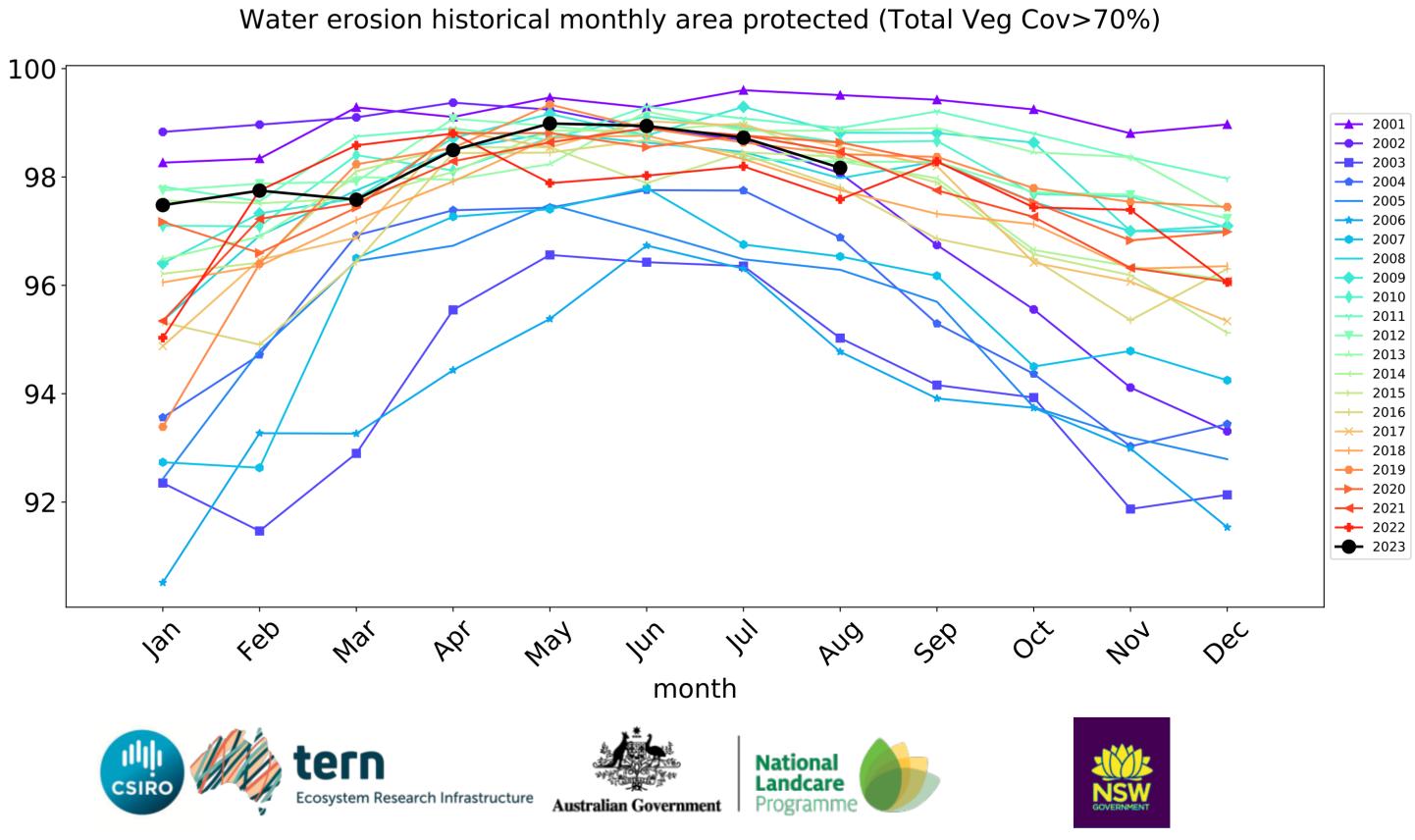


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries



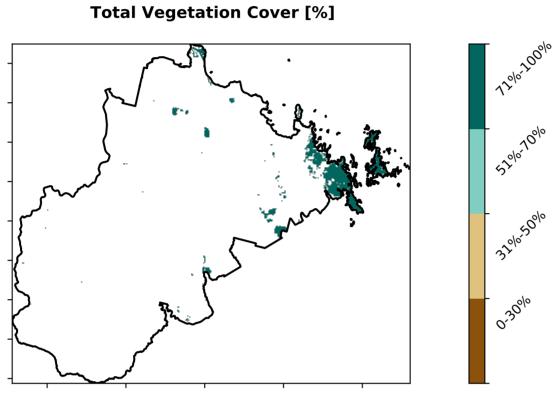


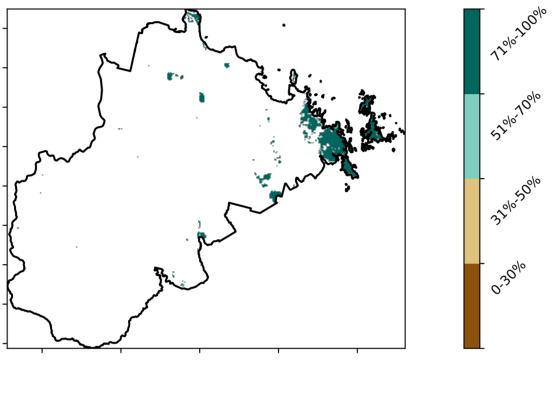


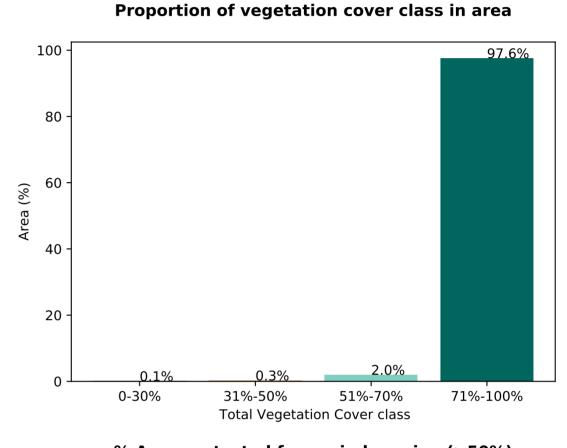


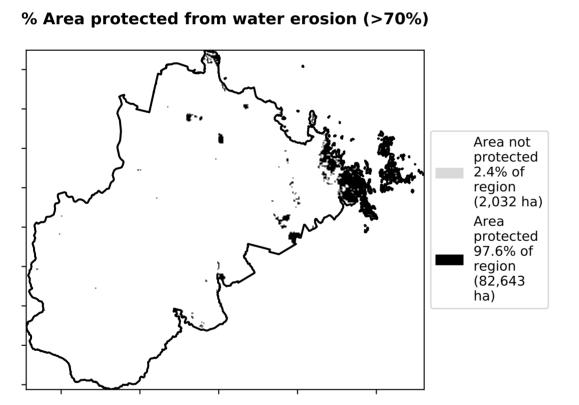
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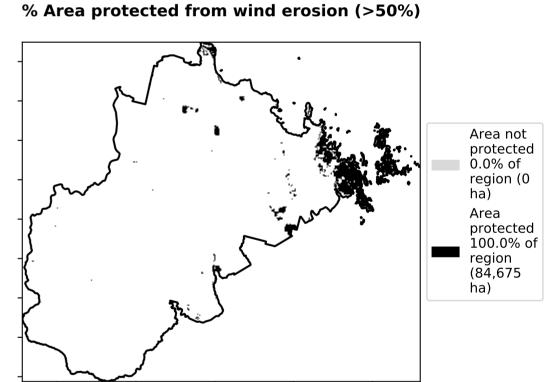
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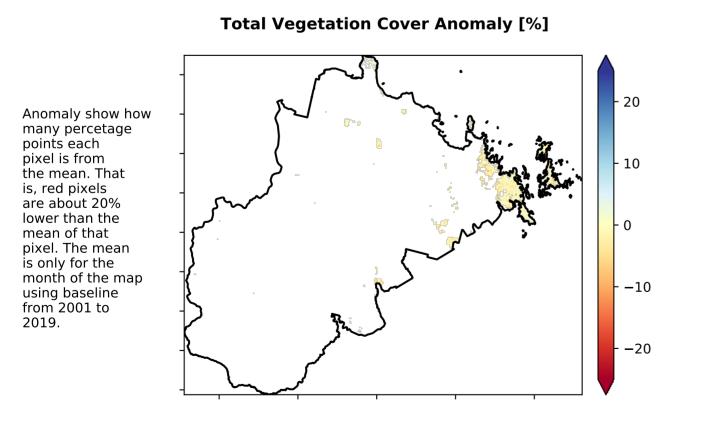




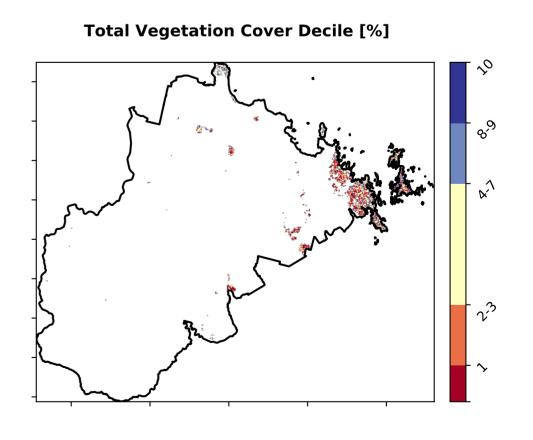








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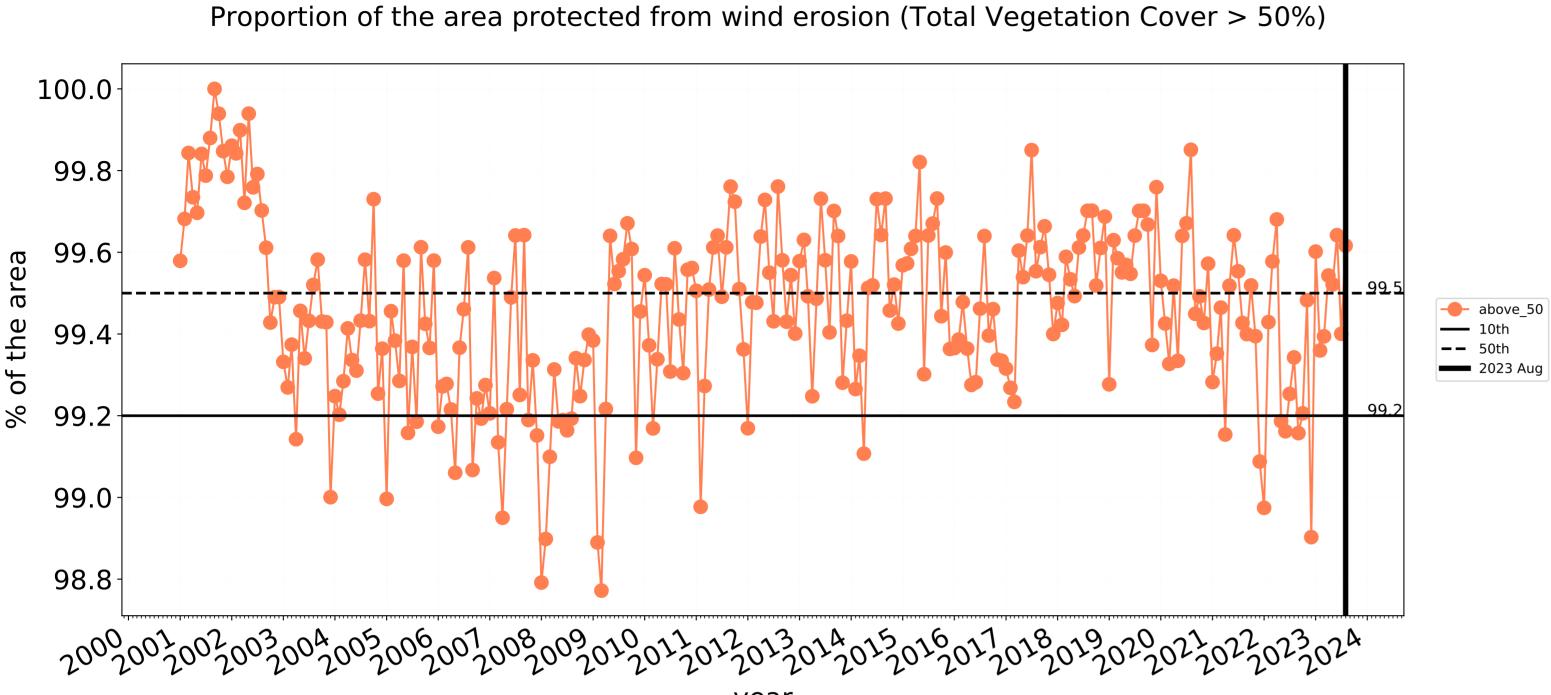


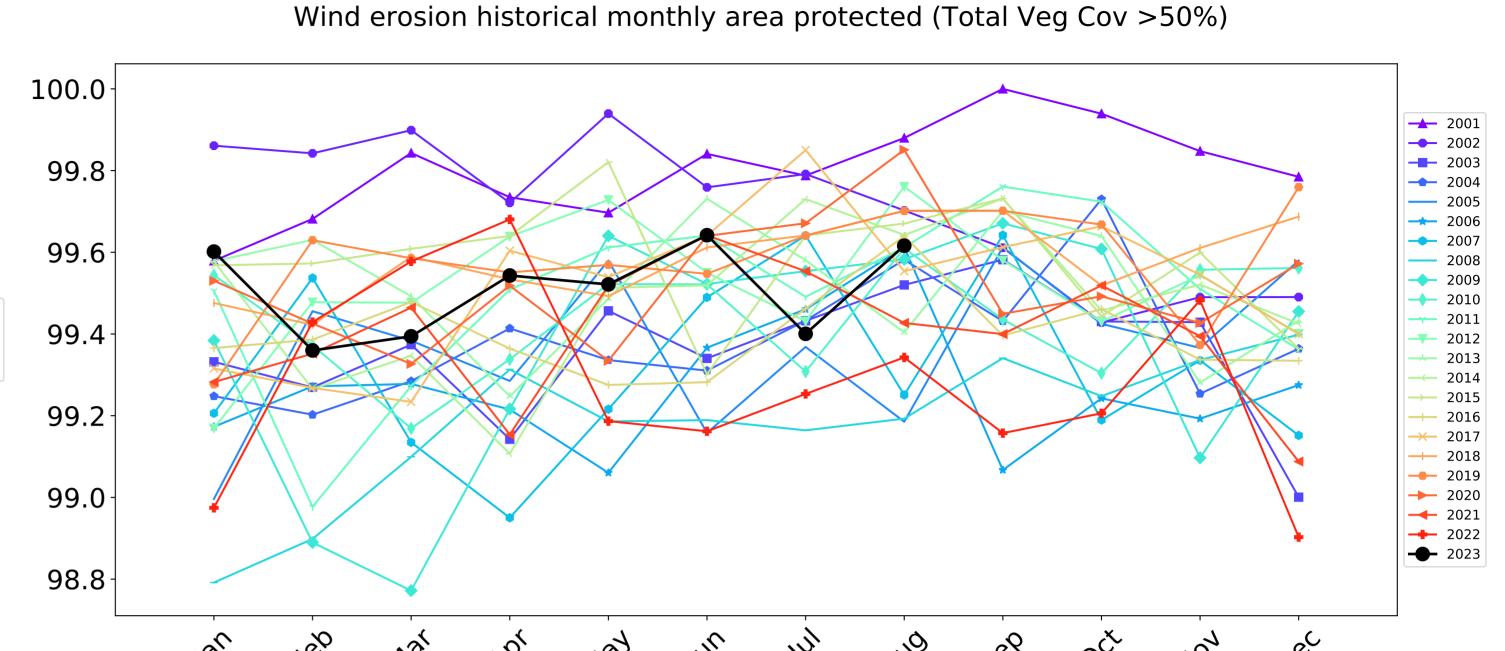


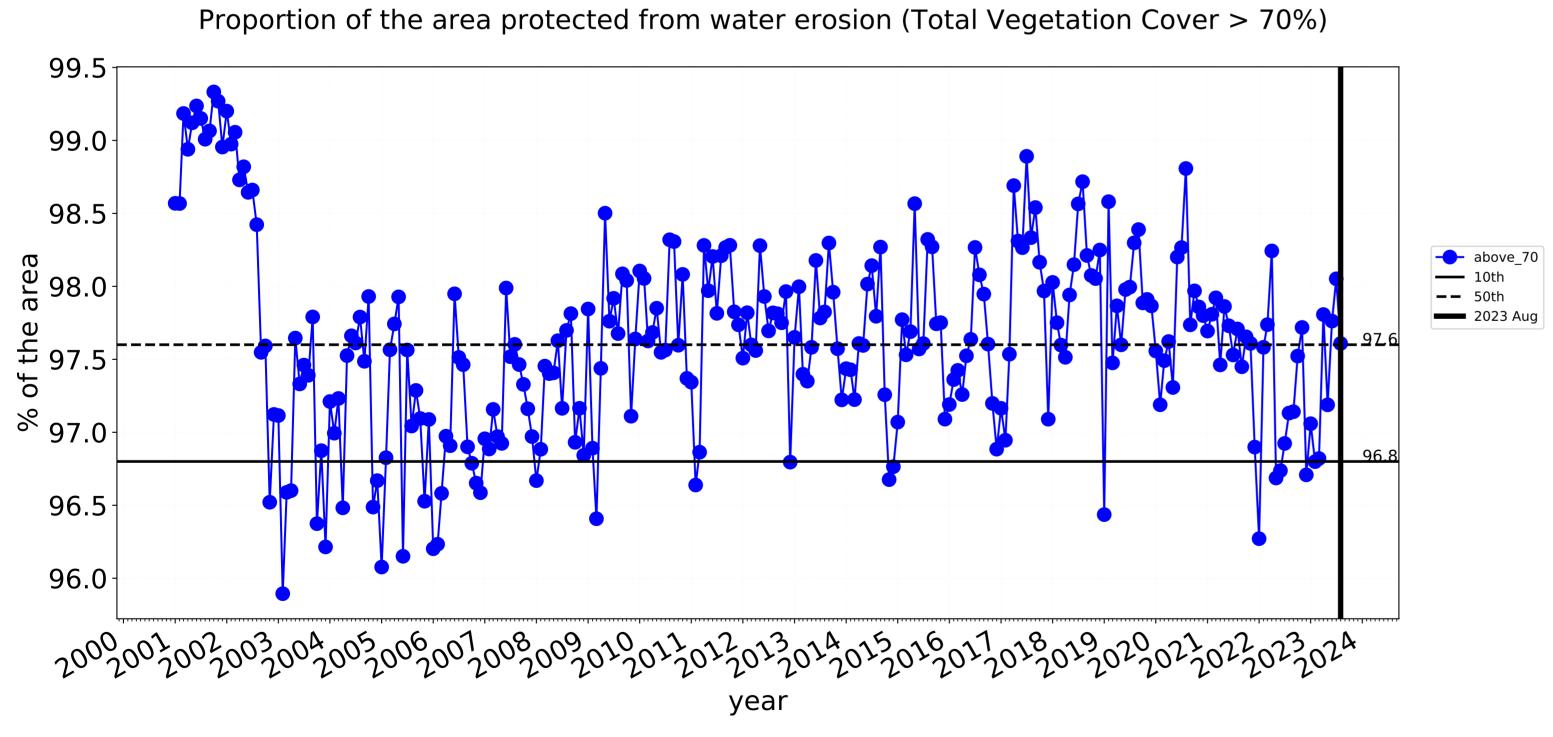


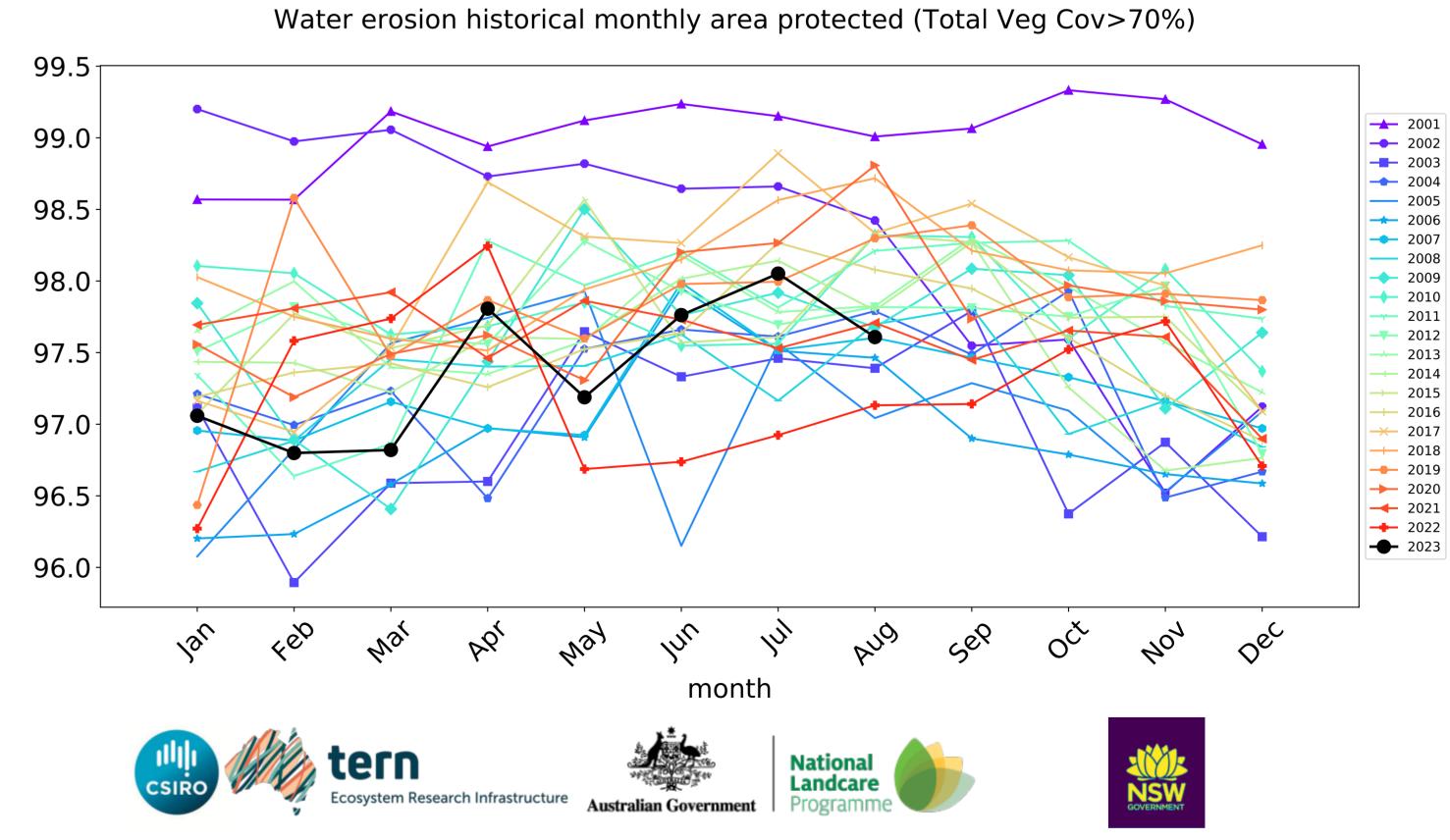












Agriculture

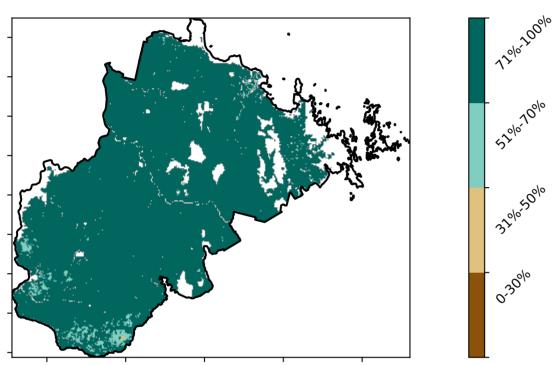
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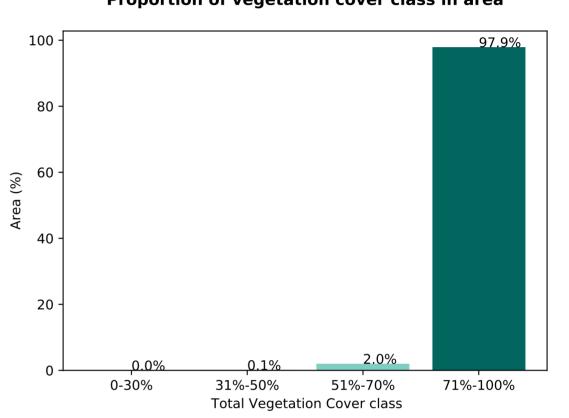
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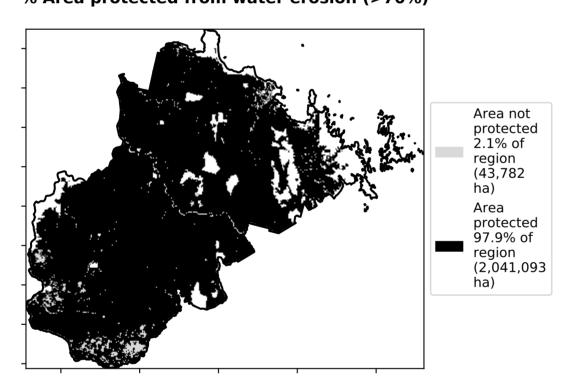


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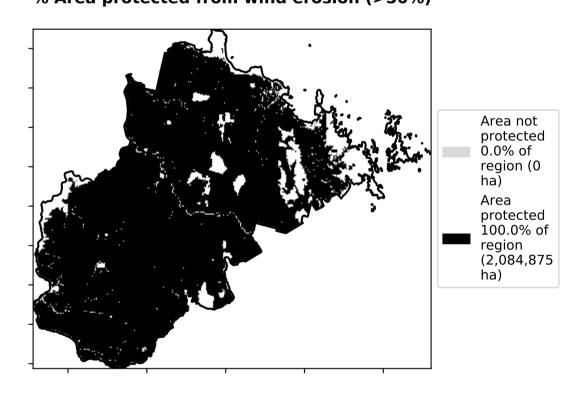
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



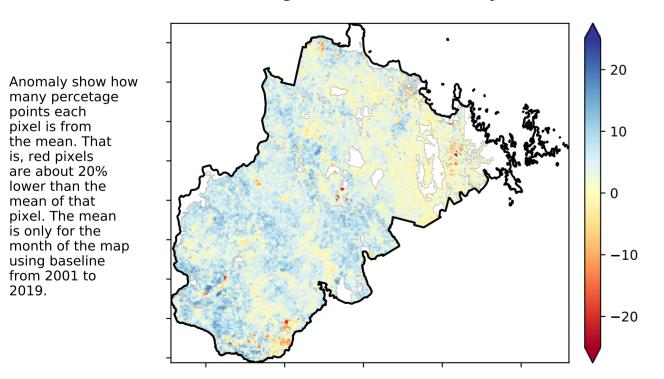
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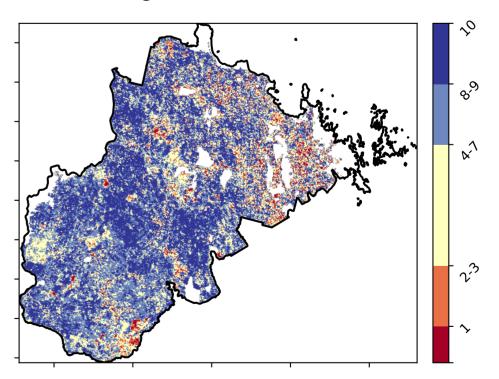
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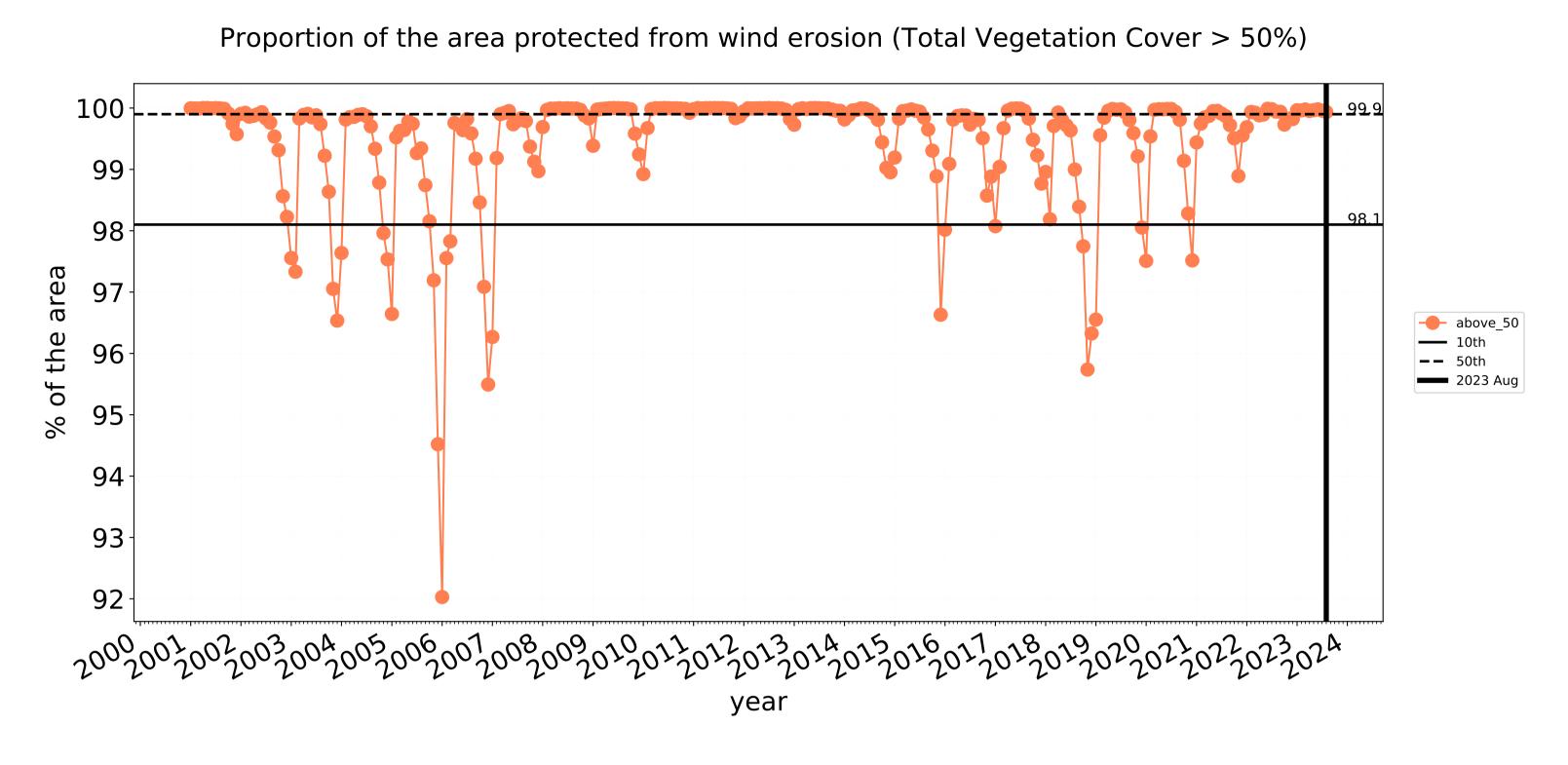


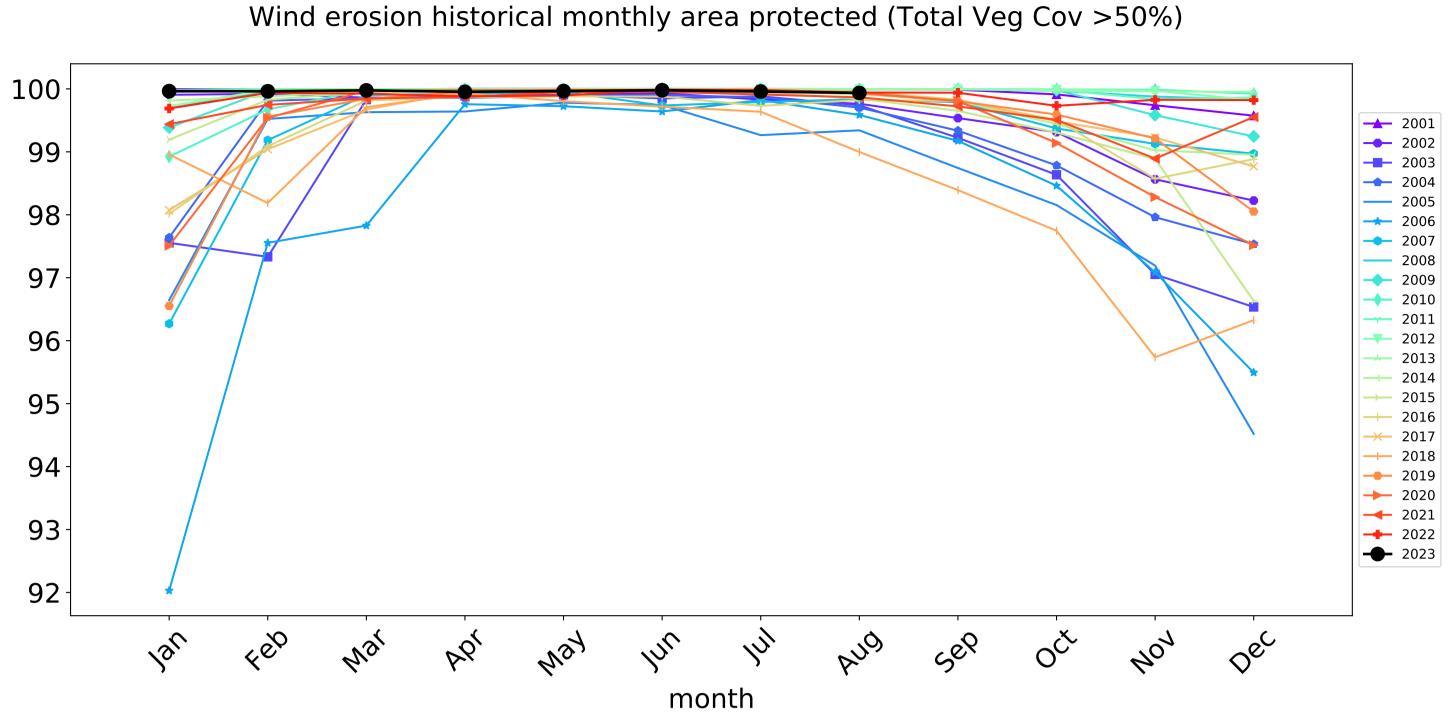


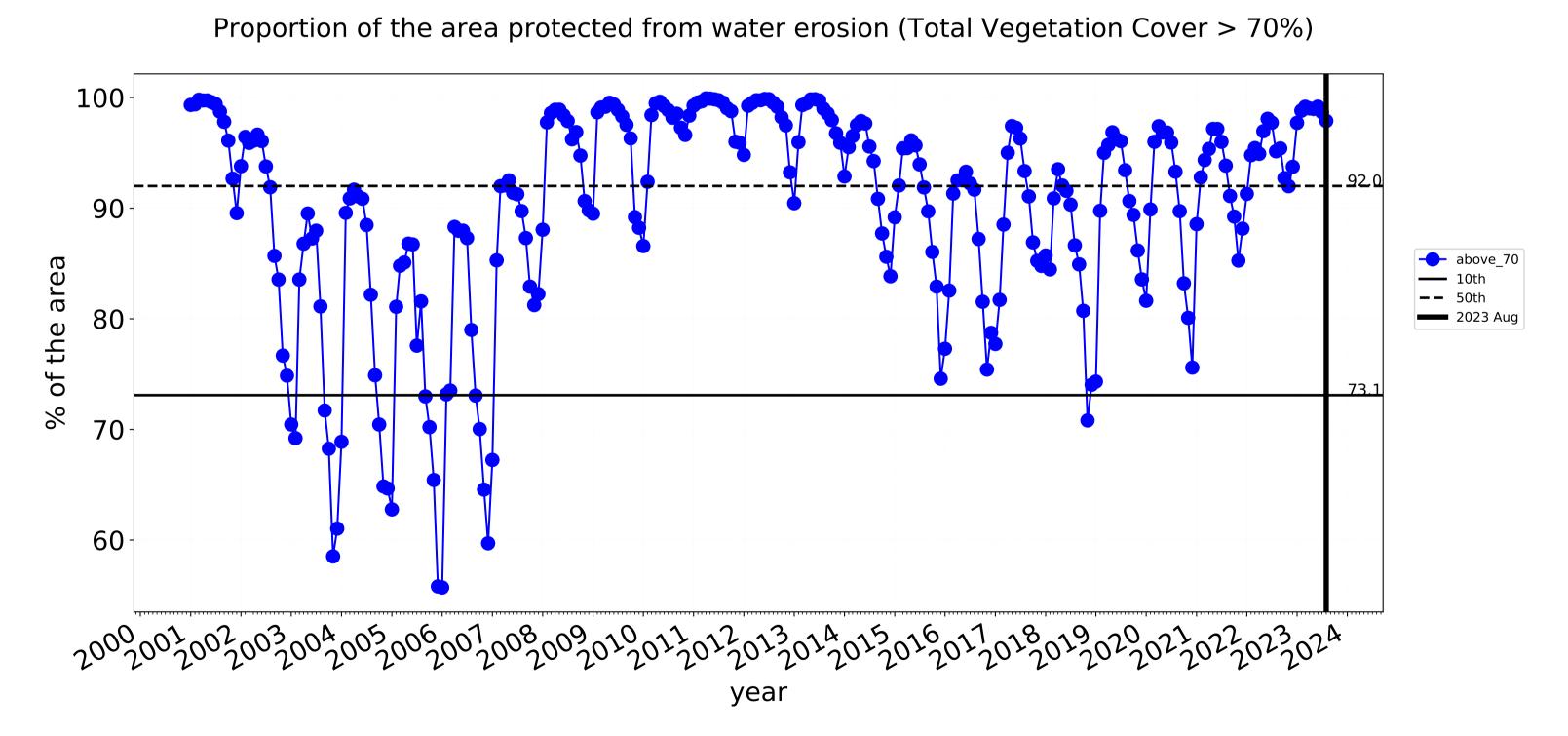


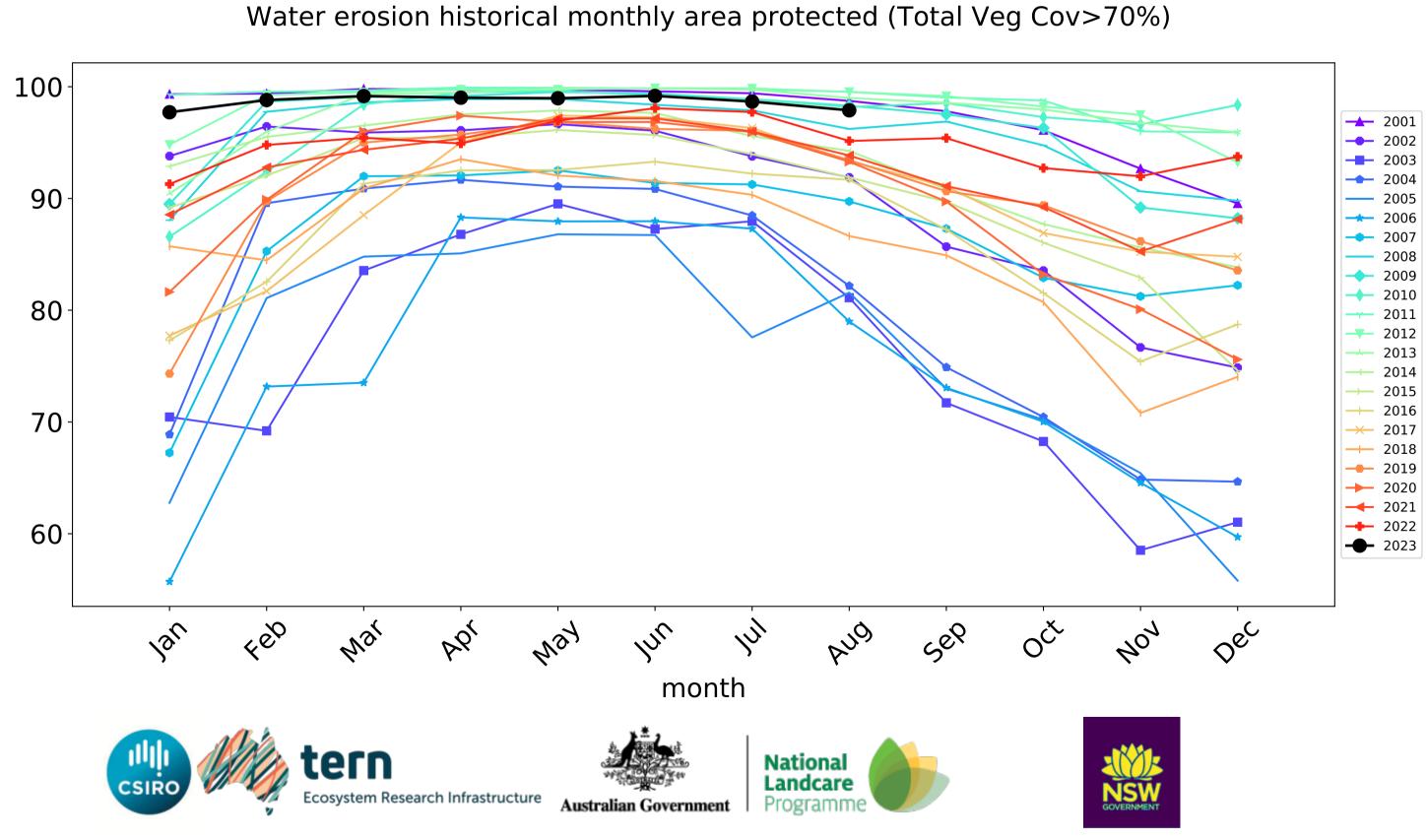


Agriculture timeseries



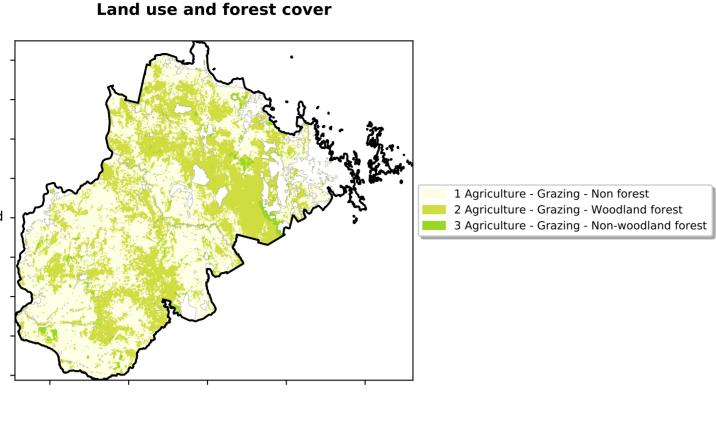


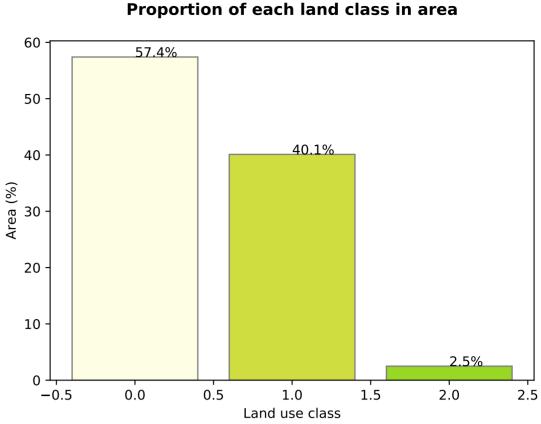


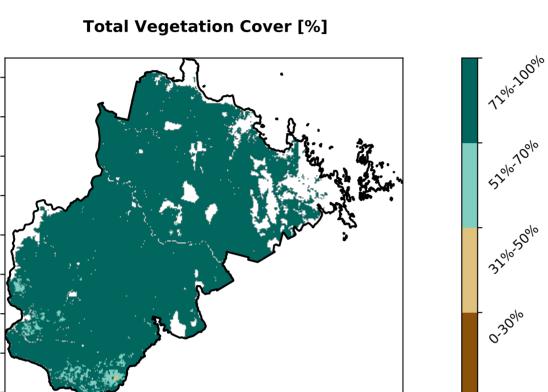


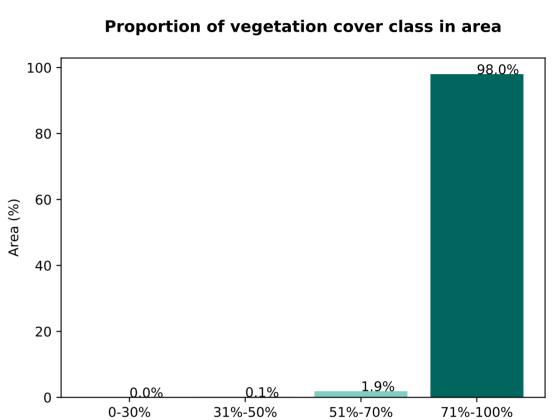
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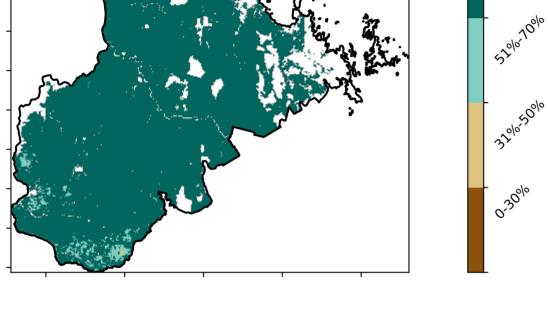
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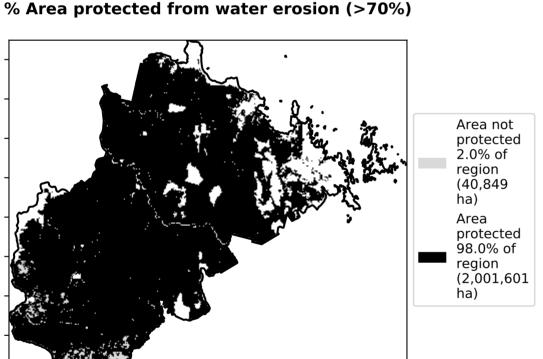


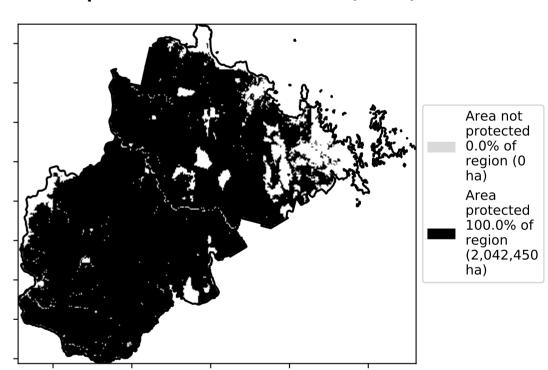




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Total Vegetation Cover class





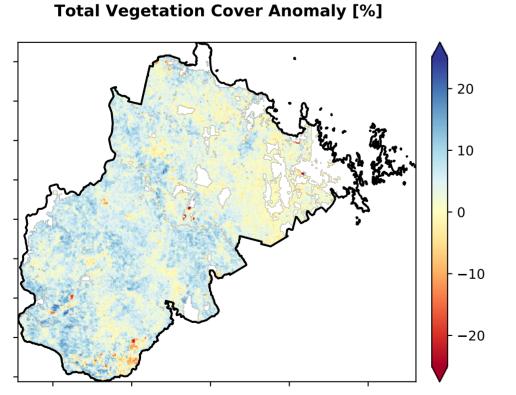
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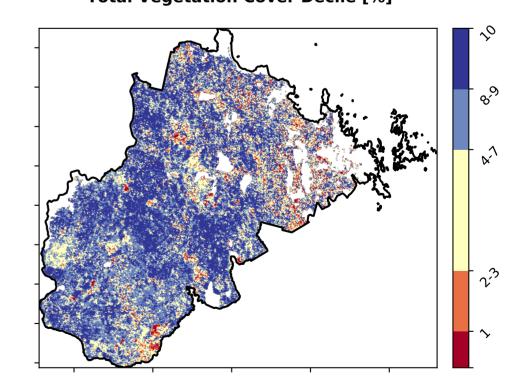
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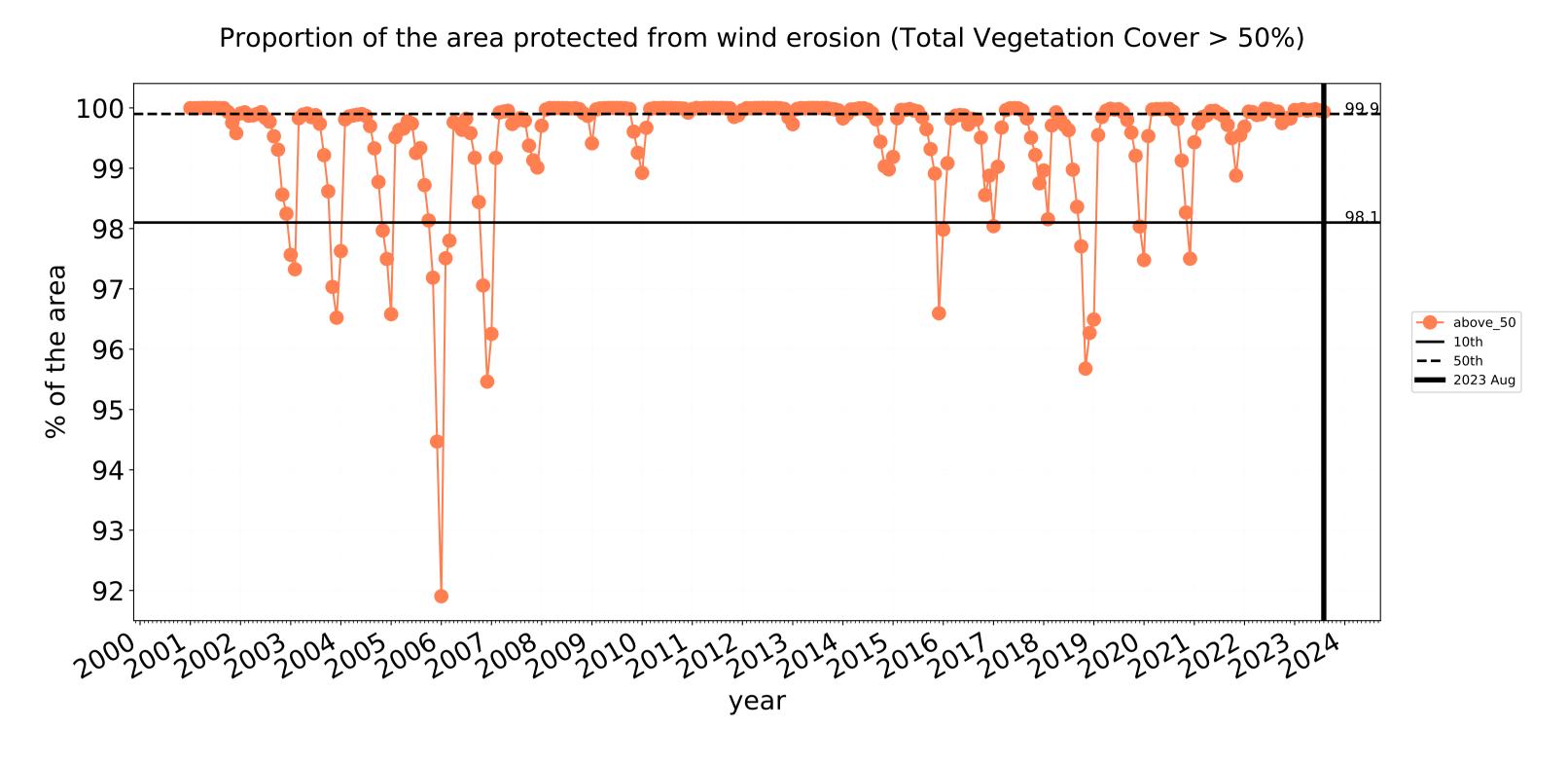


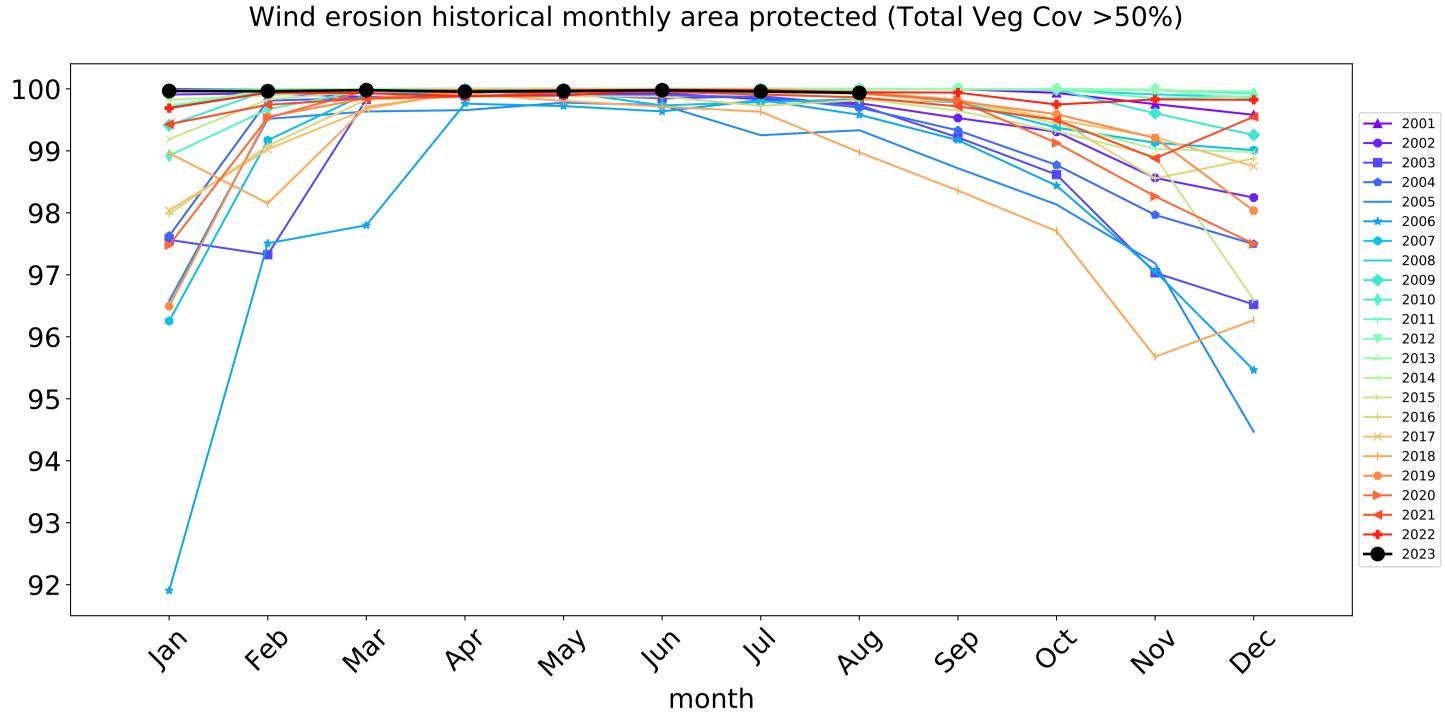


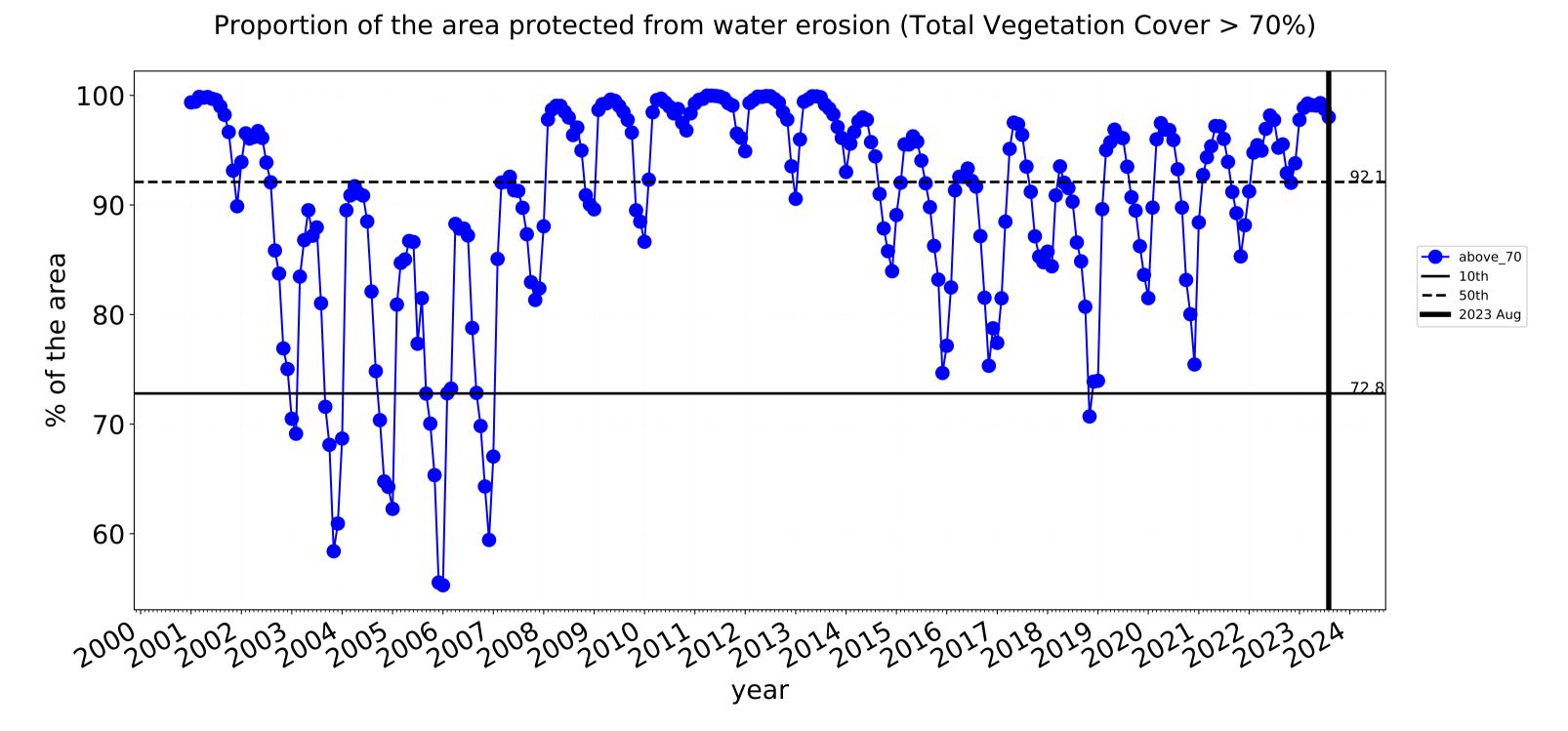


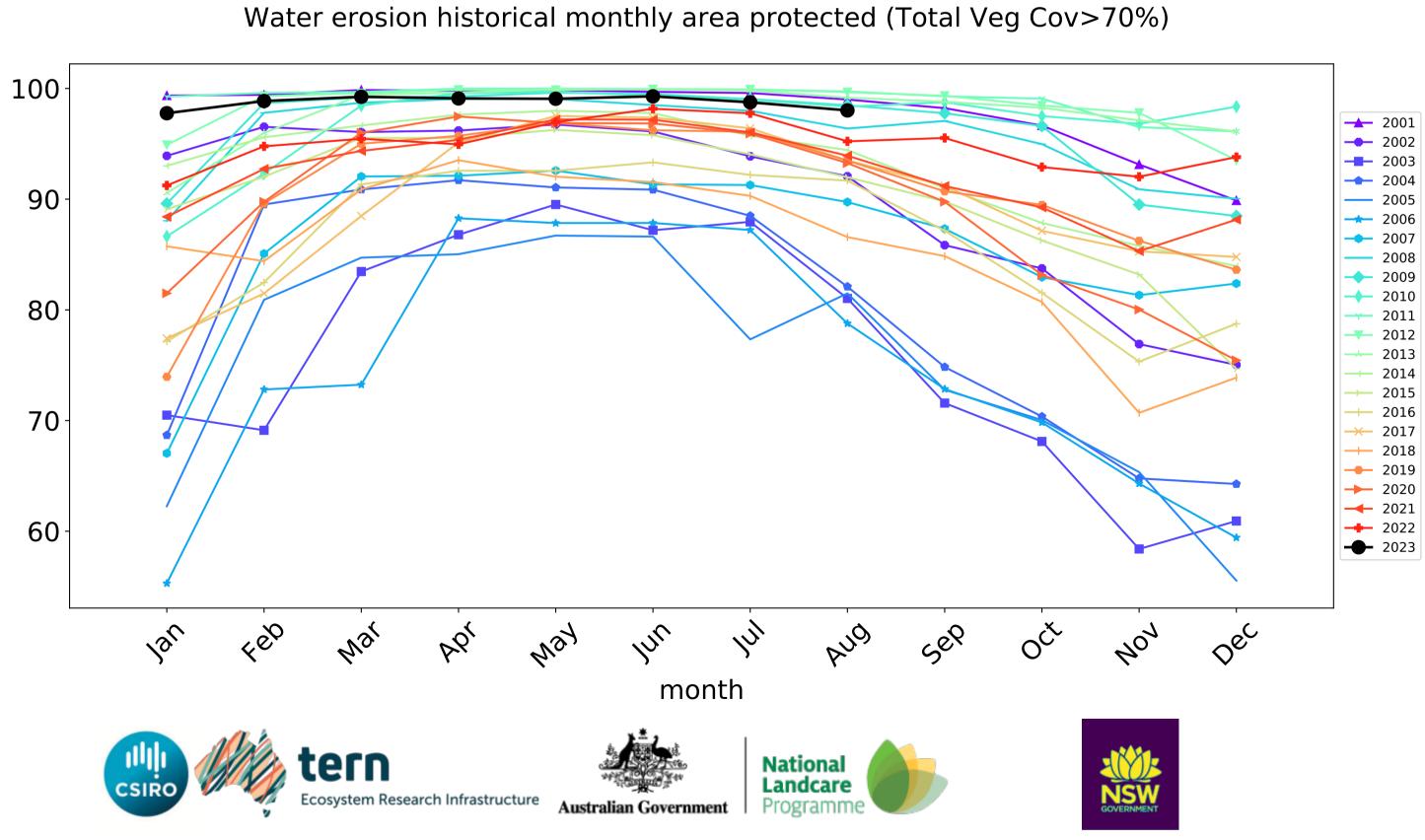


Grazing timeseries





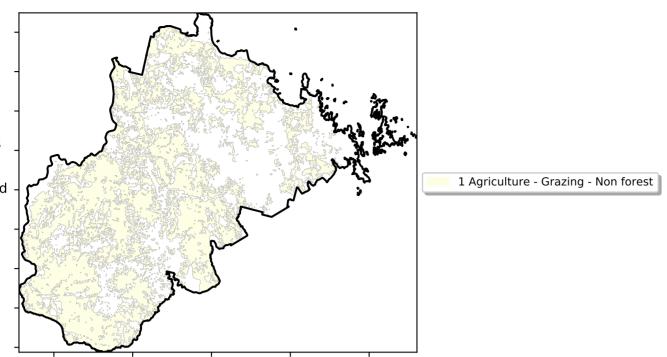




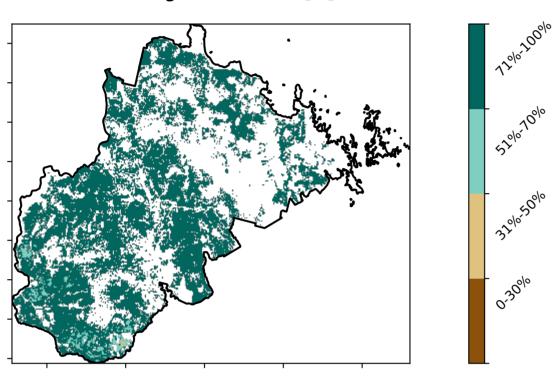
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Land use and forest cover

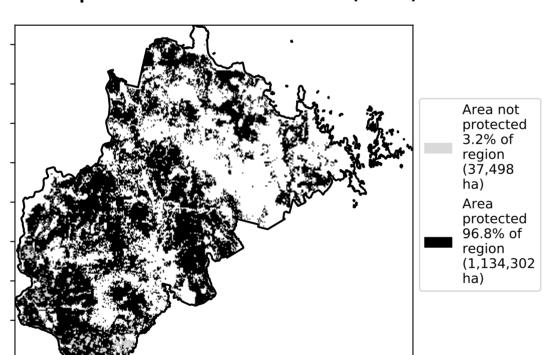
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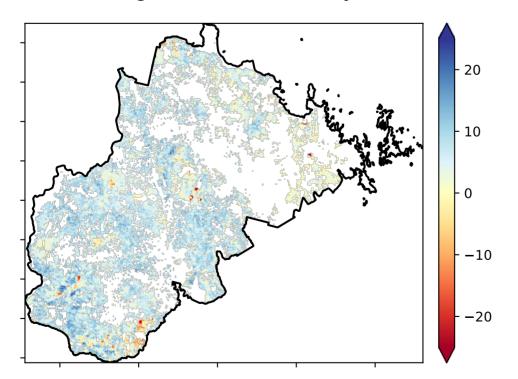
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

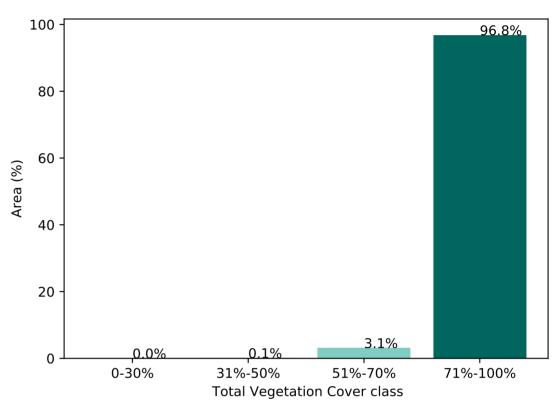


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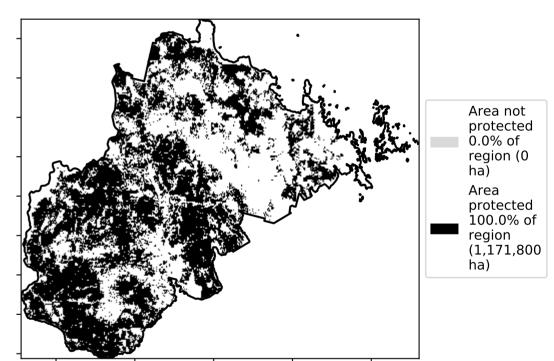


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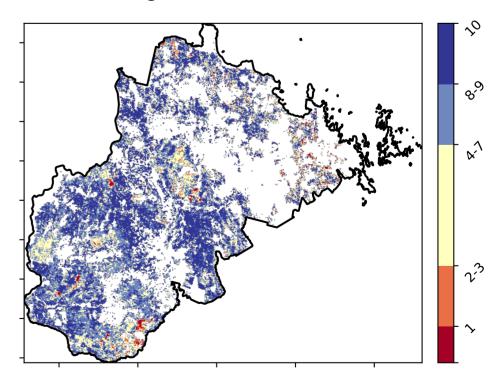
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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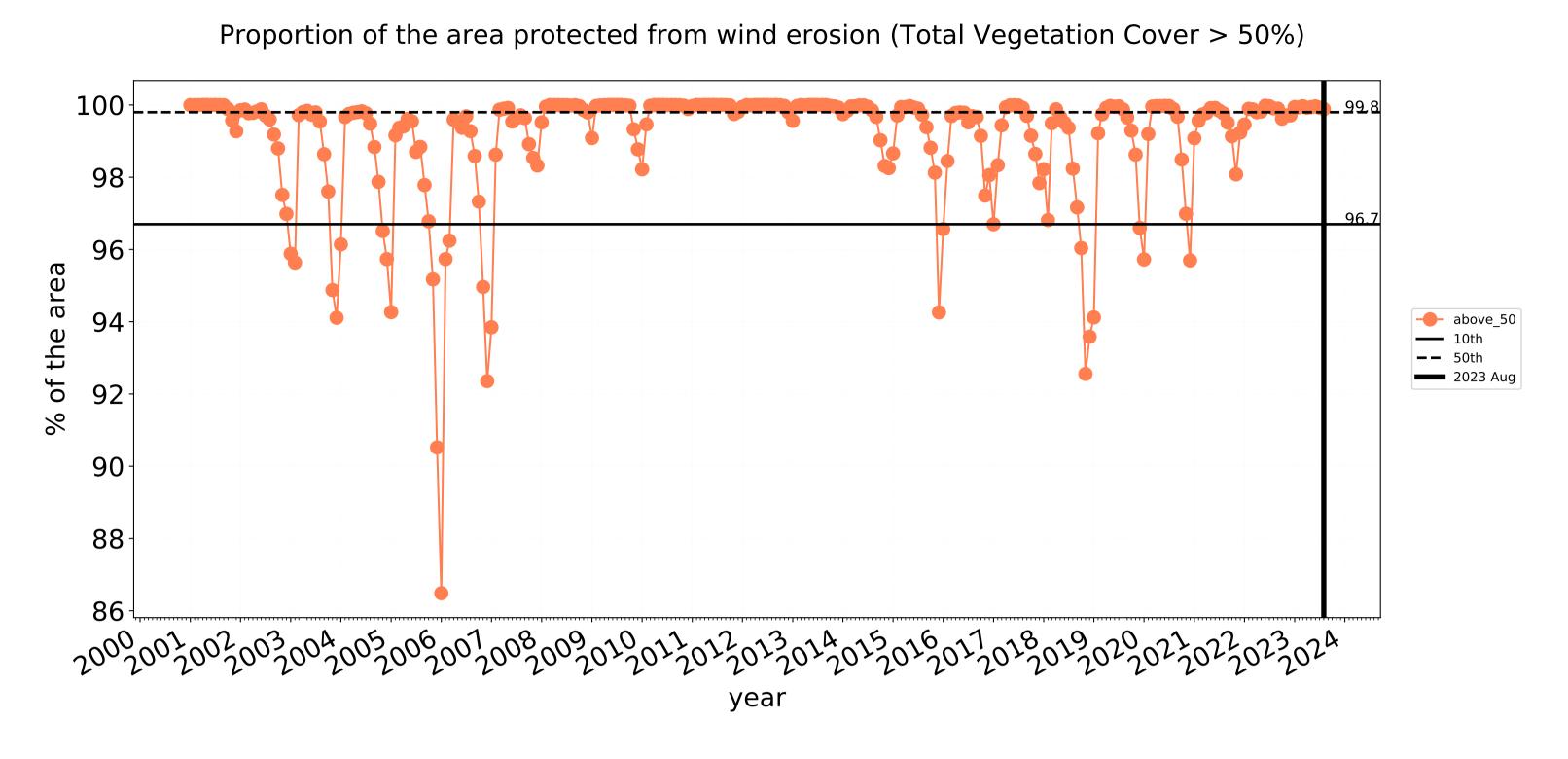


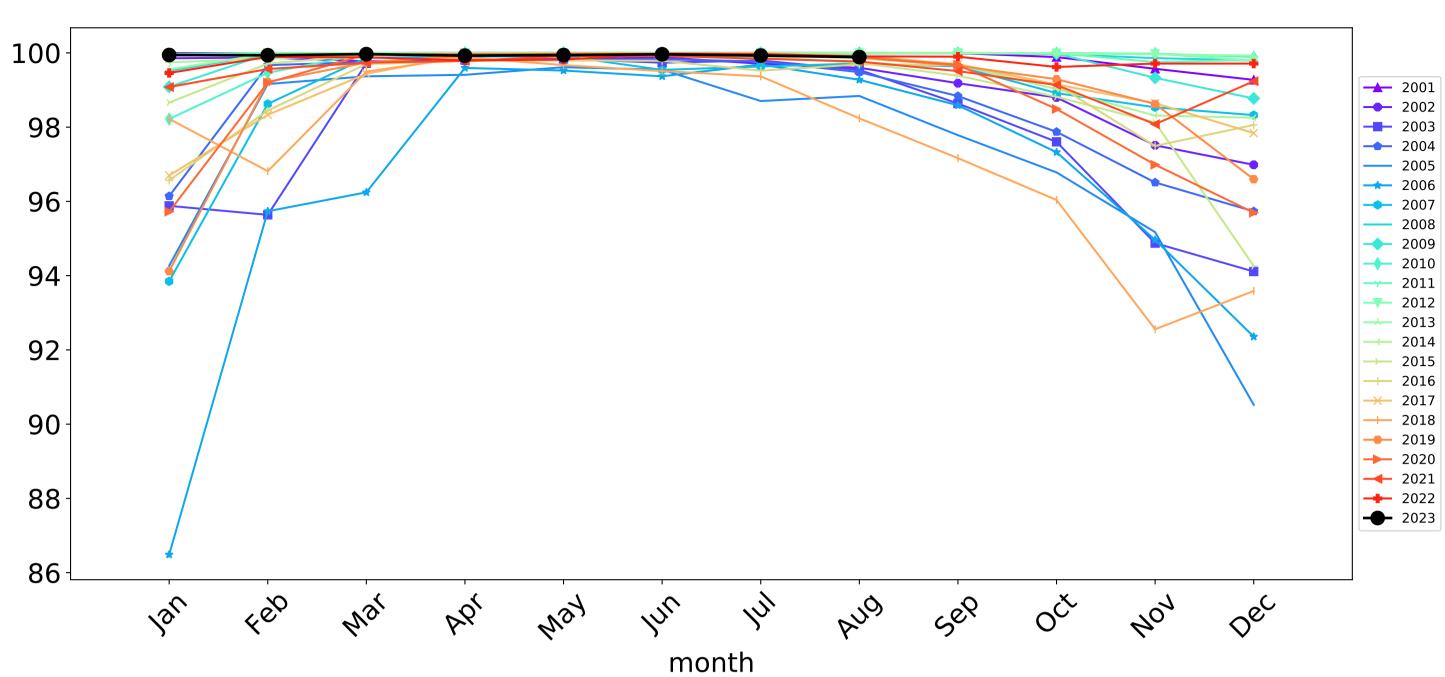




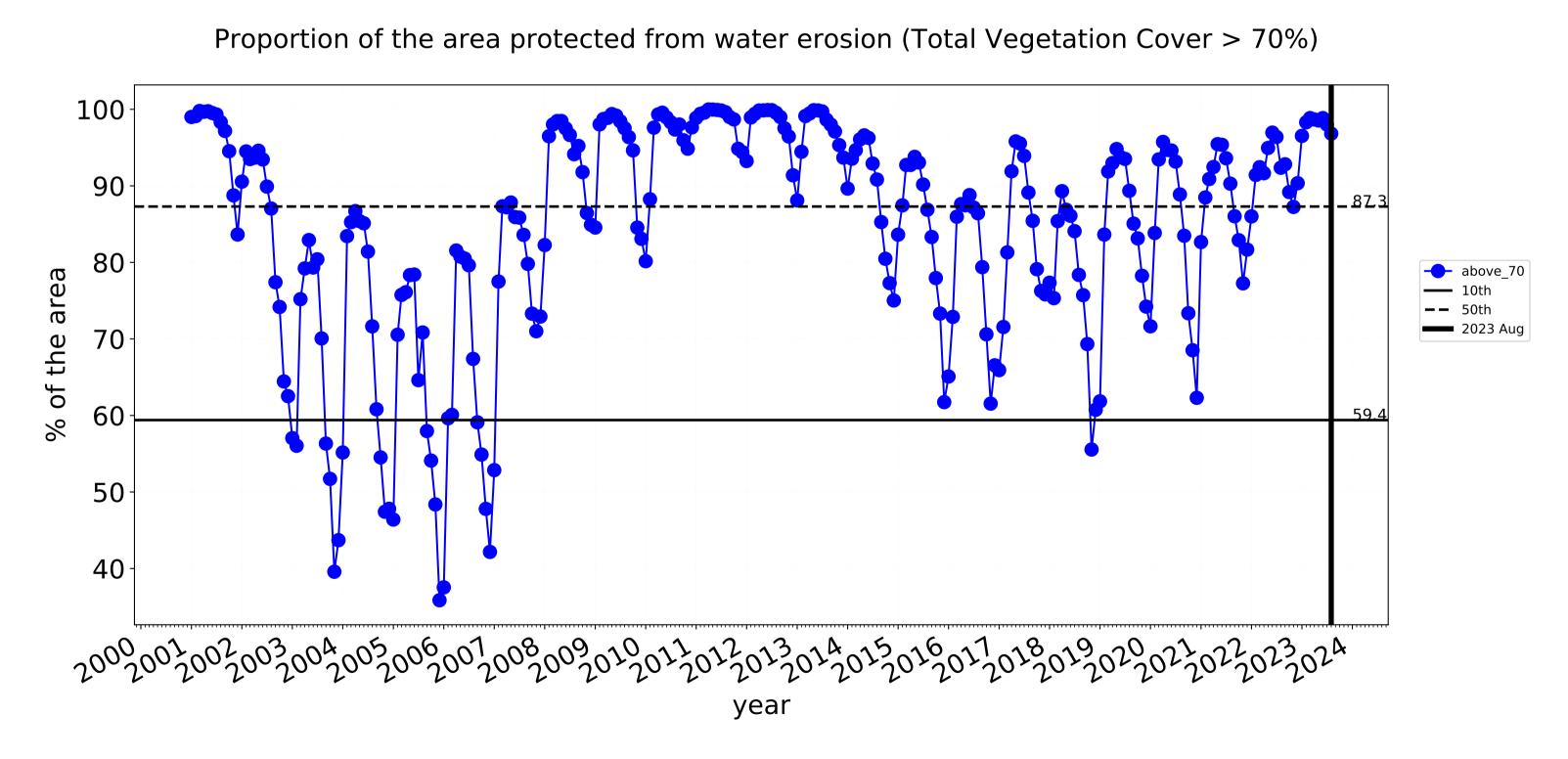


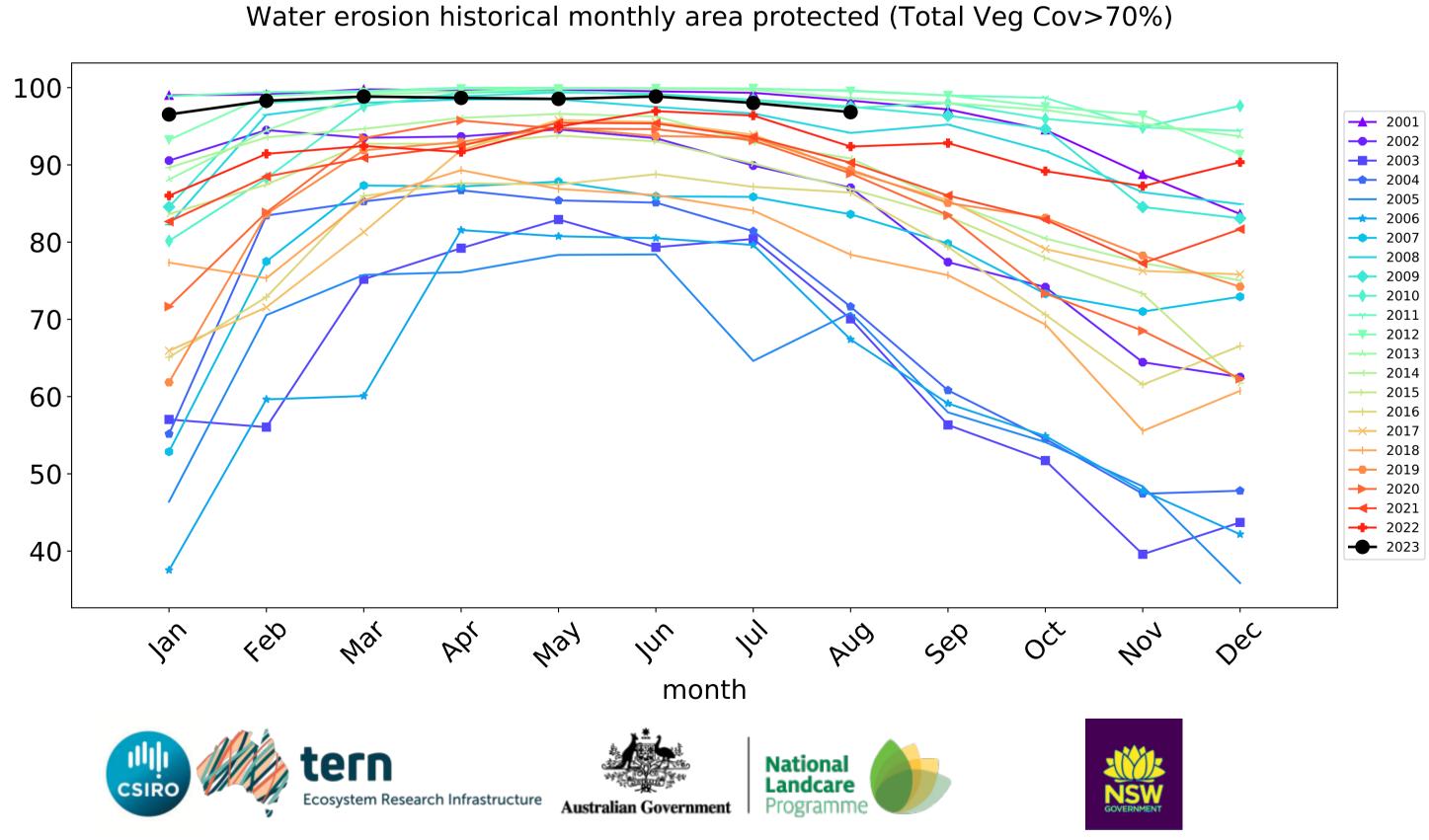
Grazing non forest timeseries





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

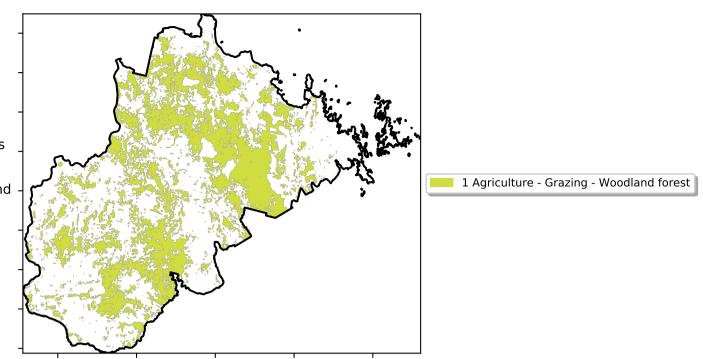




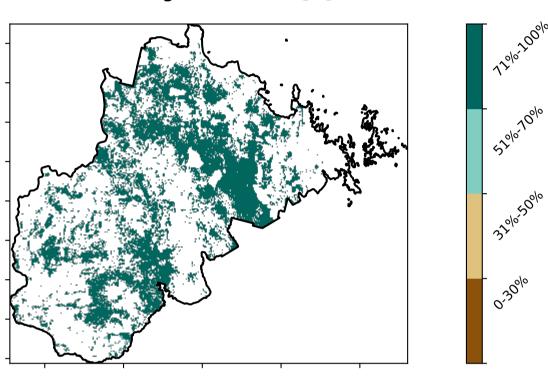
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

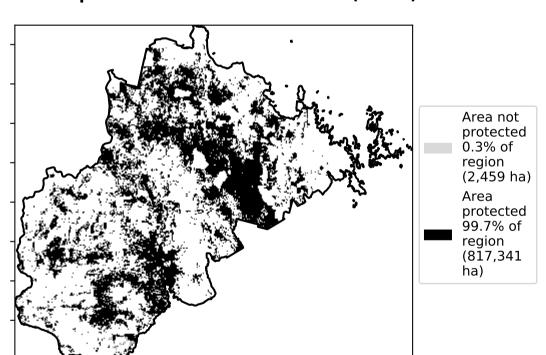
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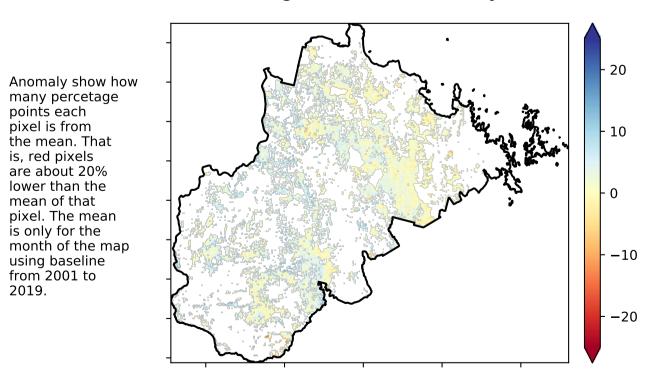
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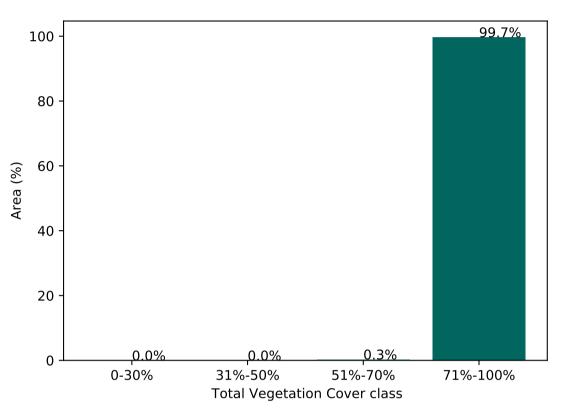


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

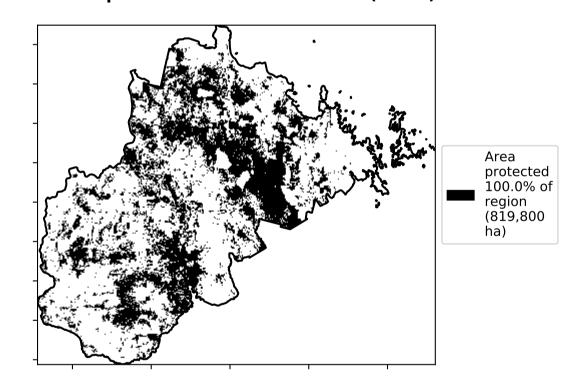


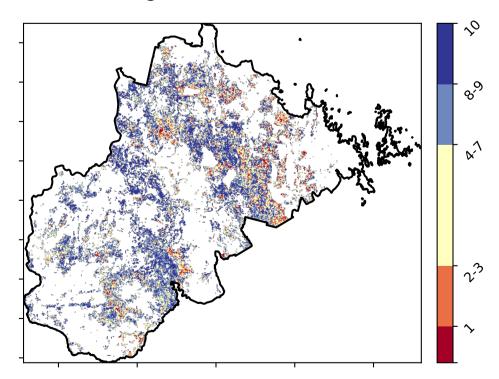
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





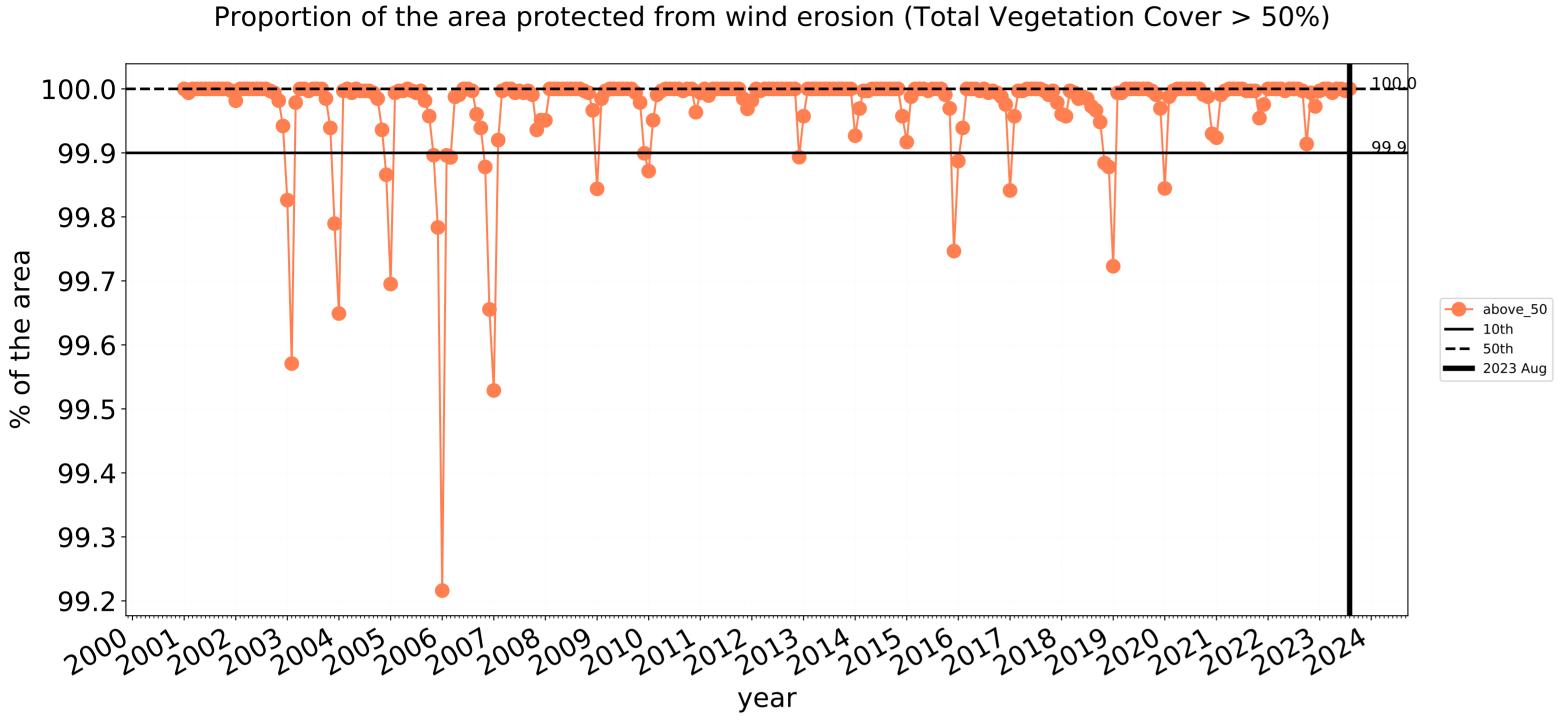


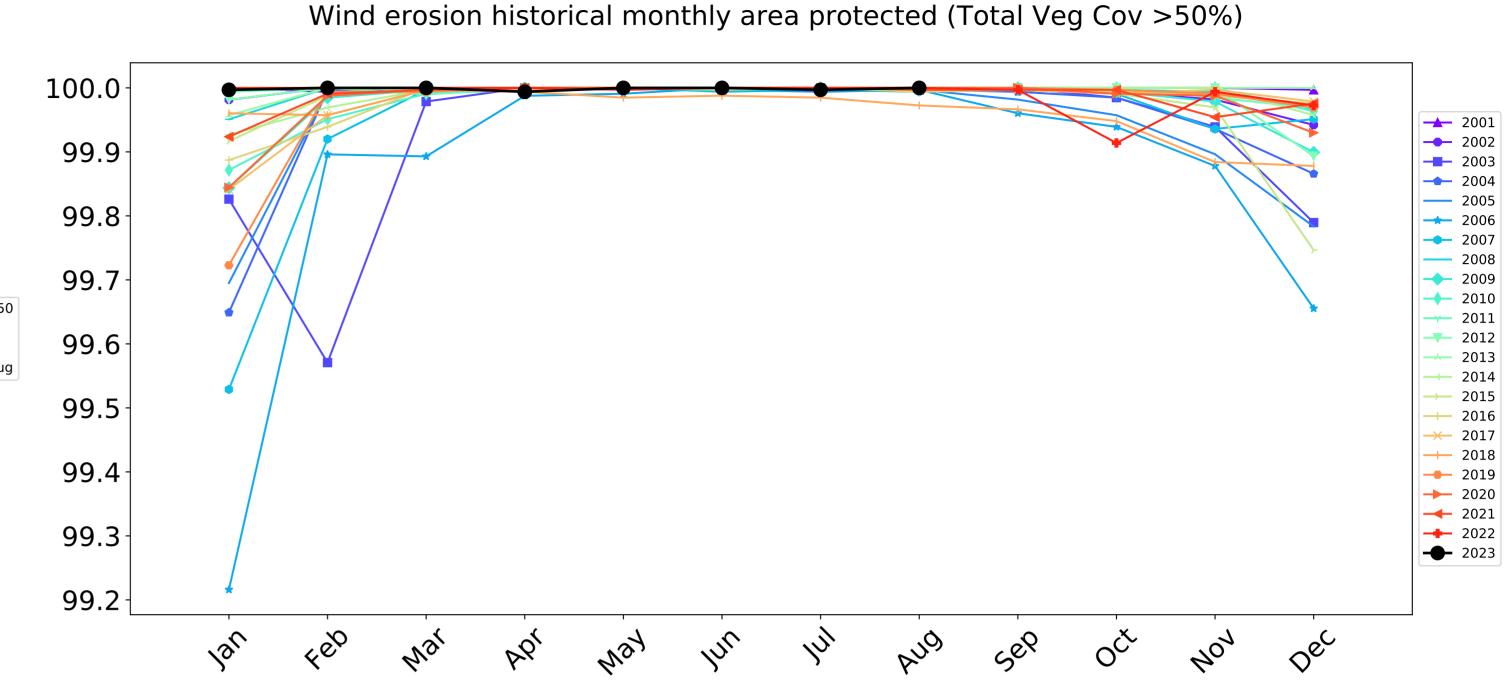


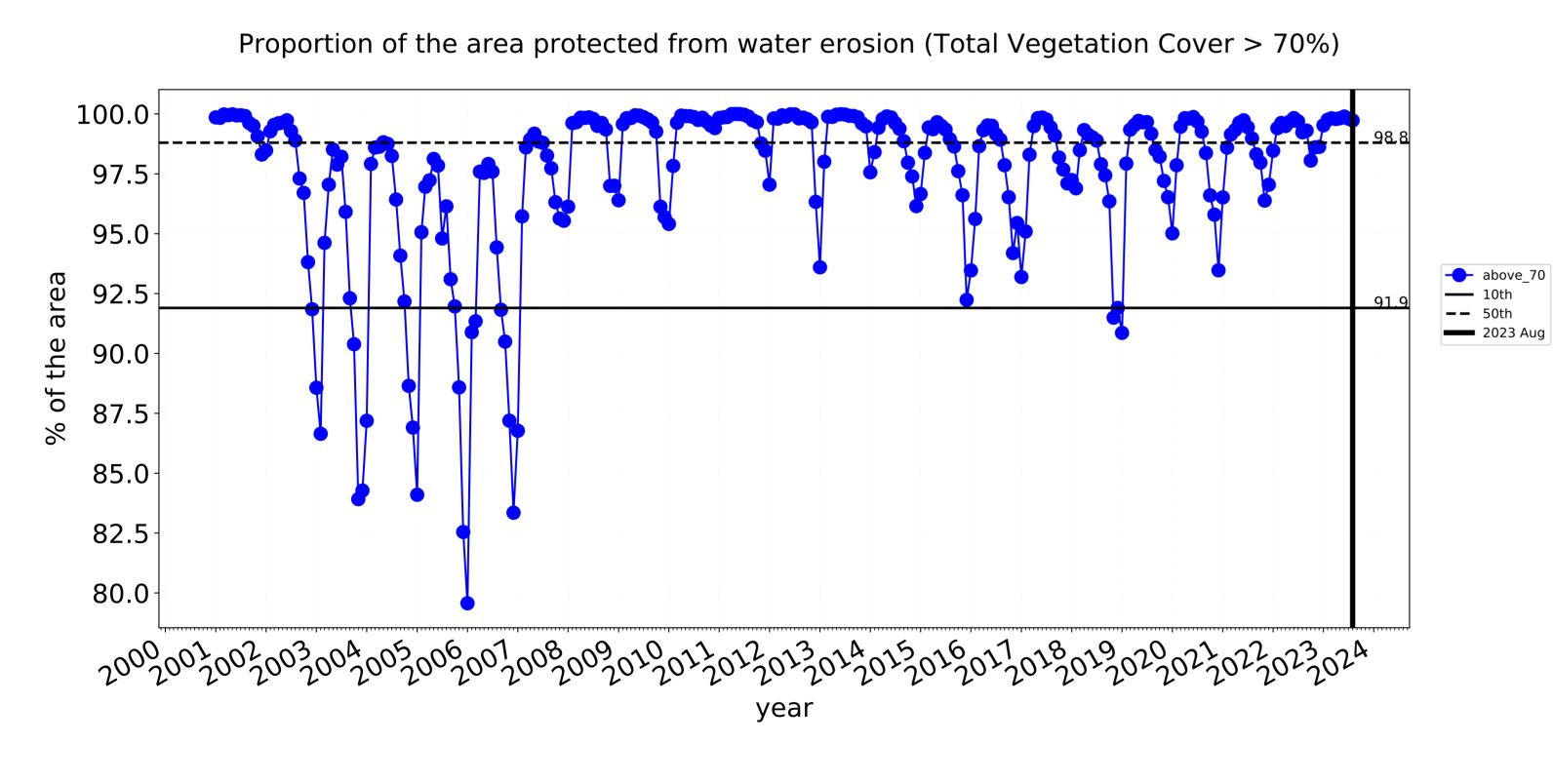


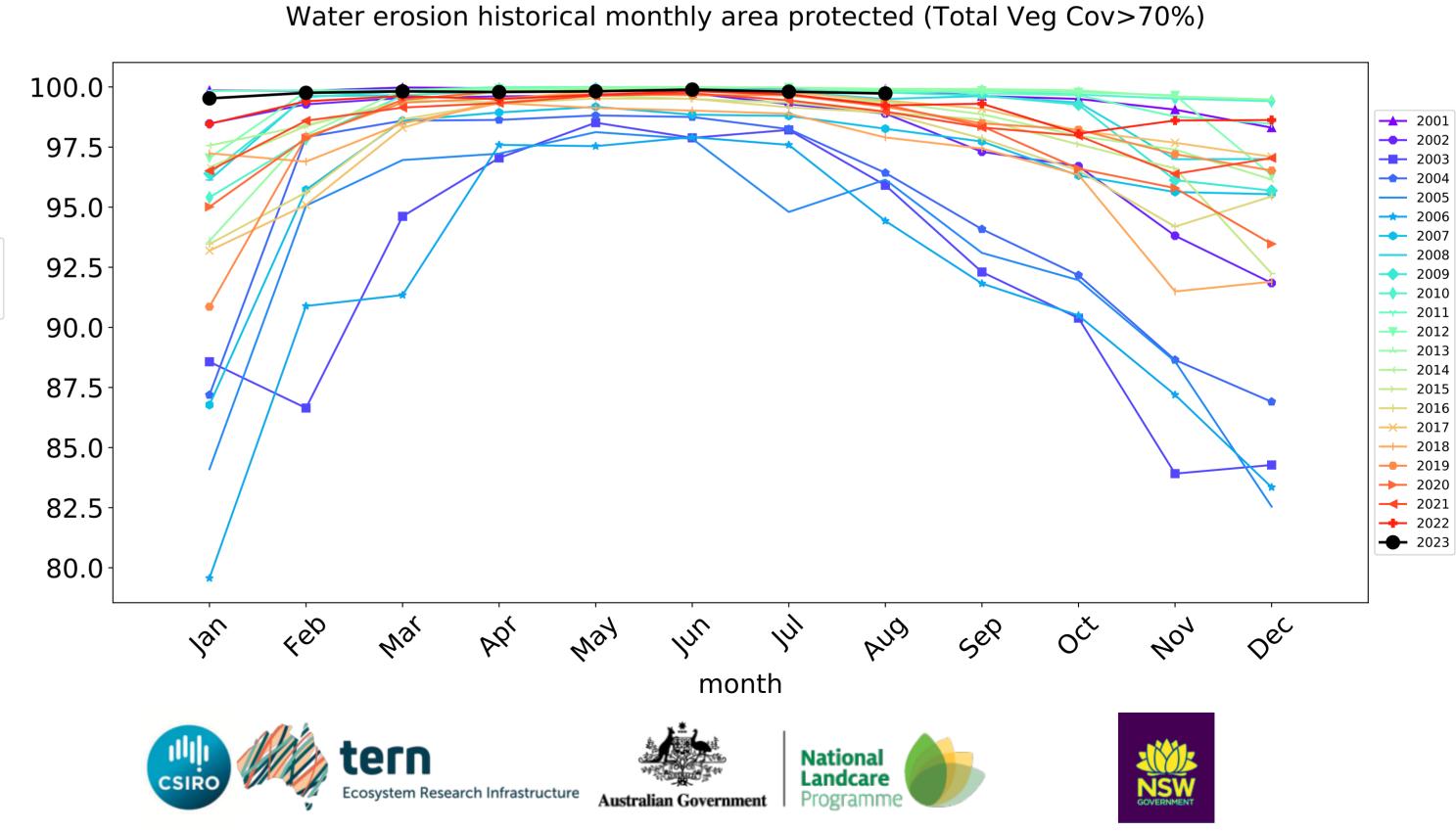


Grazing Woodland forest timeseries







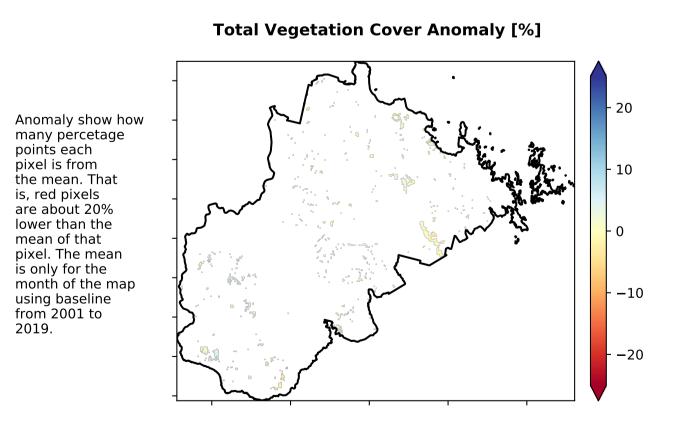


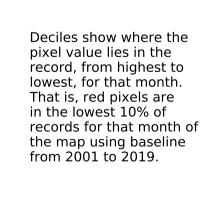
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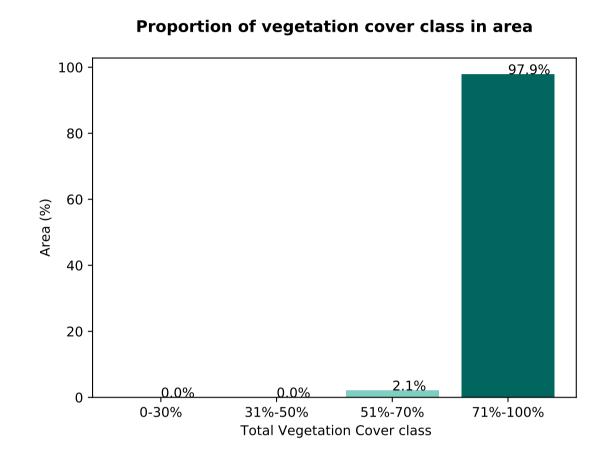
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Area not protected 2.1% of region (1,068 ha) Area protected 2.7% of region (1,068 ha) Area protected 97.9% of region (49,782 ha)

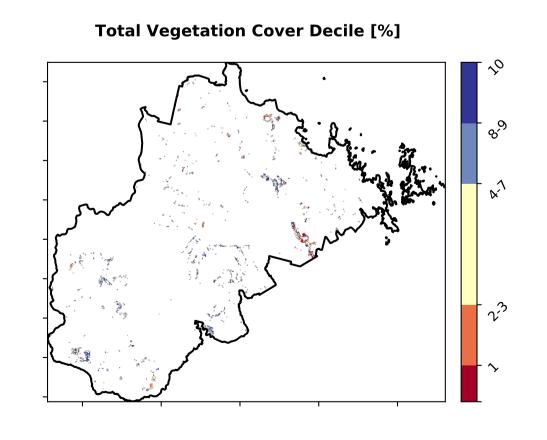






Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area protected 100.0% of region (50,850 ha)

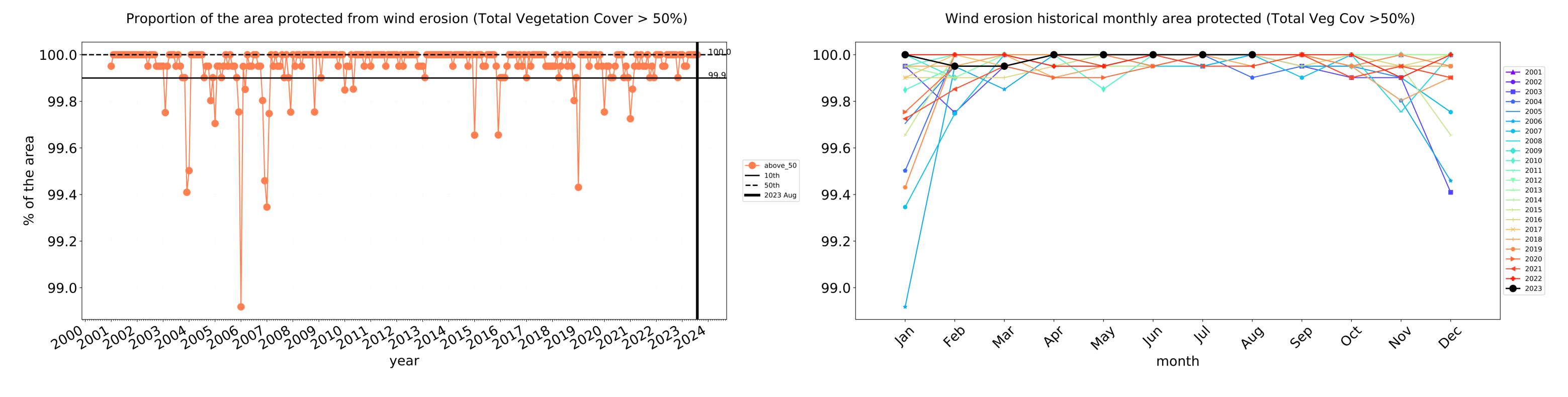


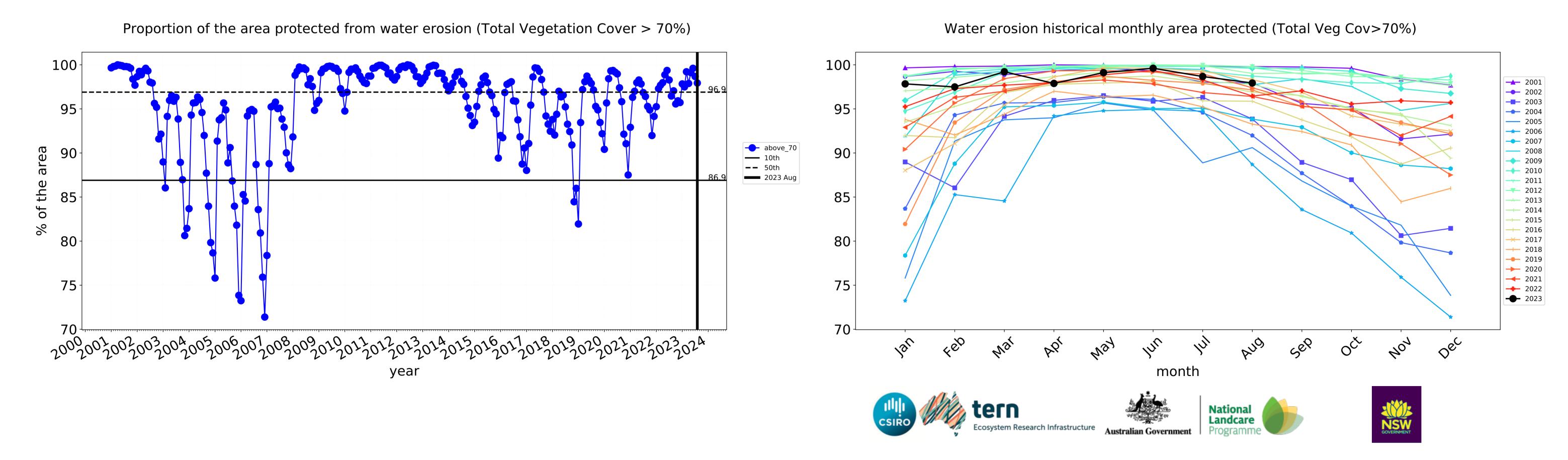












Irrigation

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Area (%) 00 00

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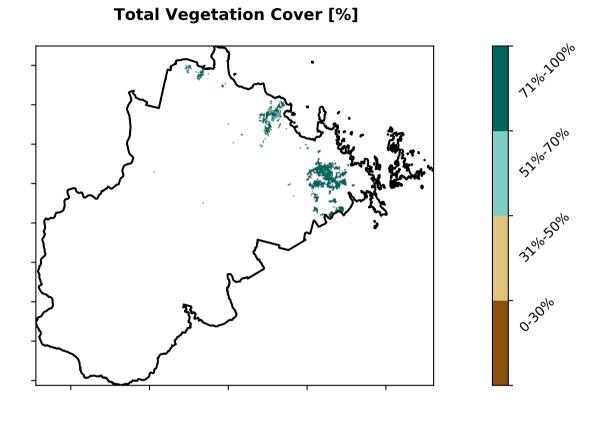
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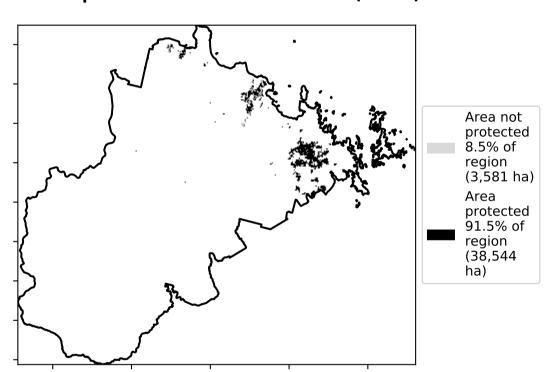
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Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3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



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

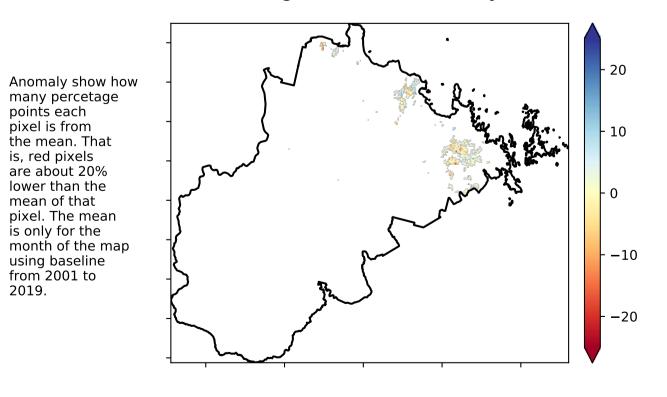


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67.8% 30.9%

Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

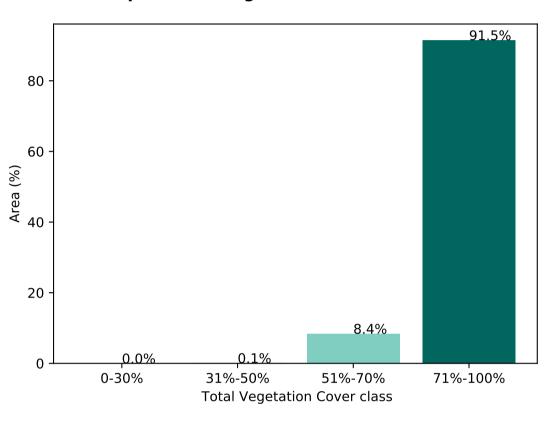
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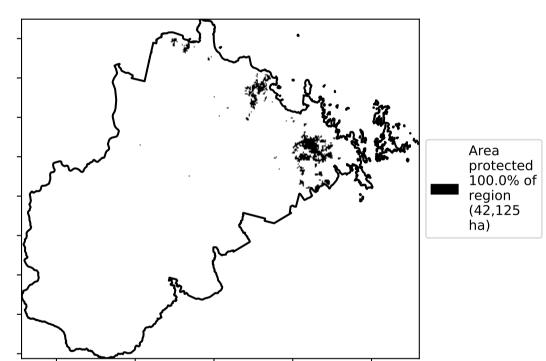
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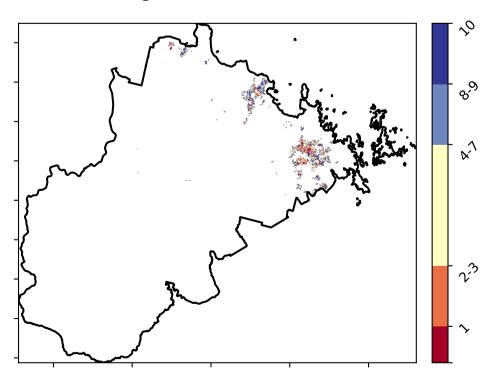
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



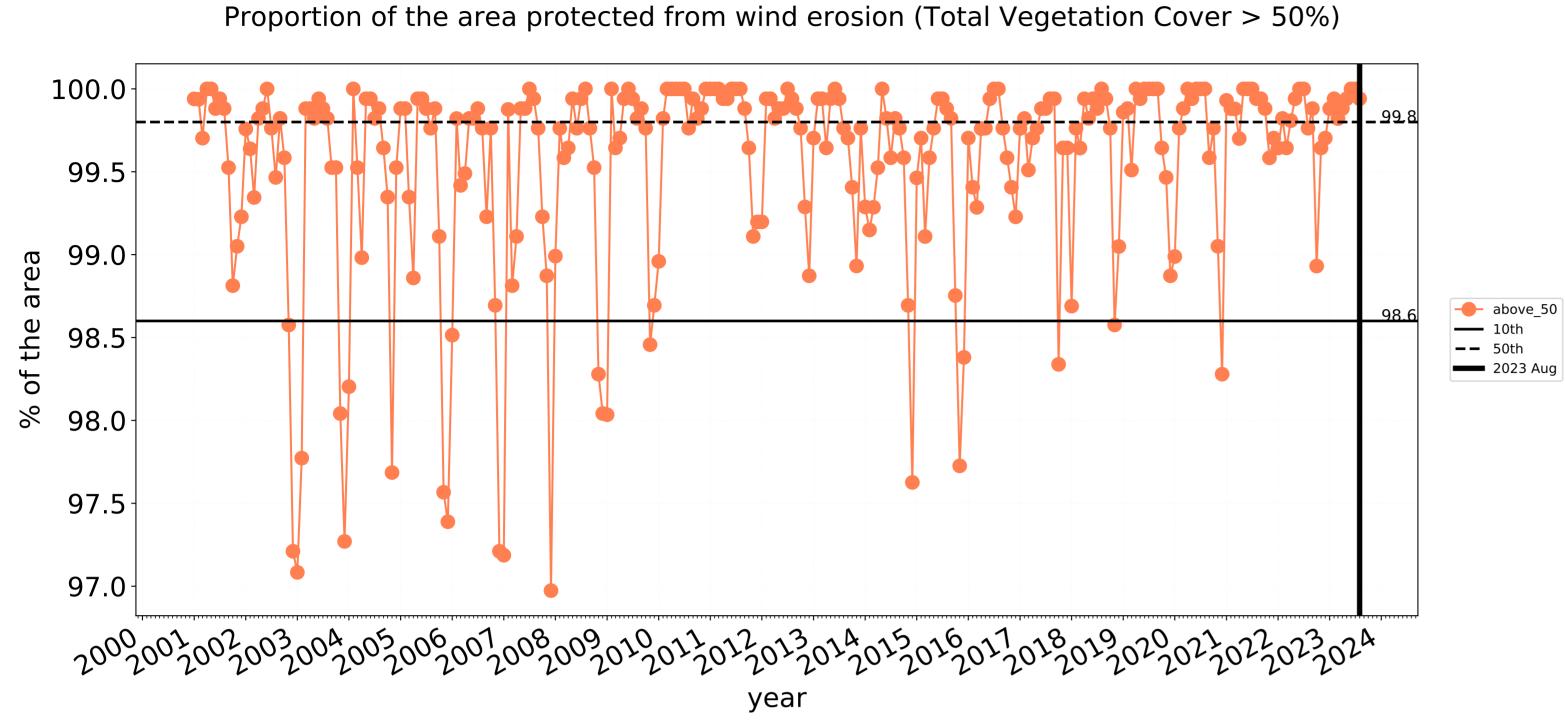


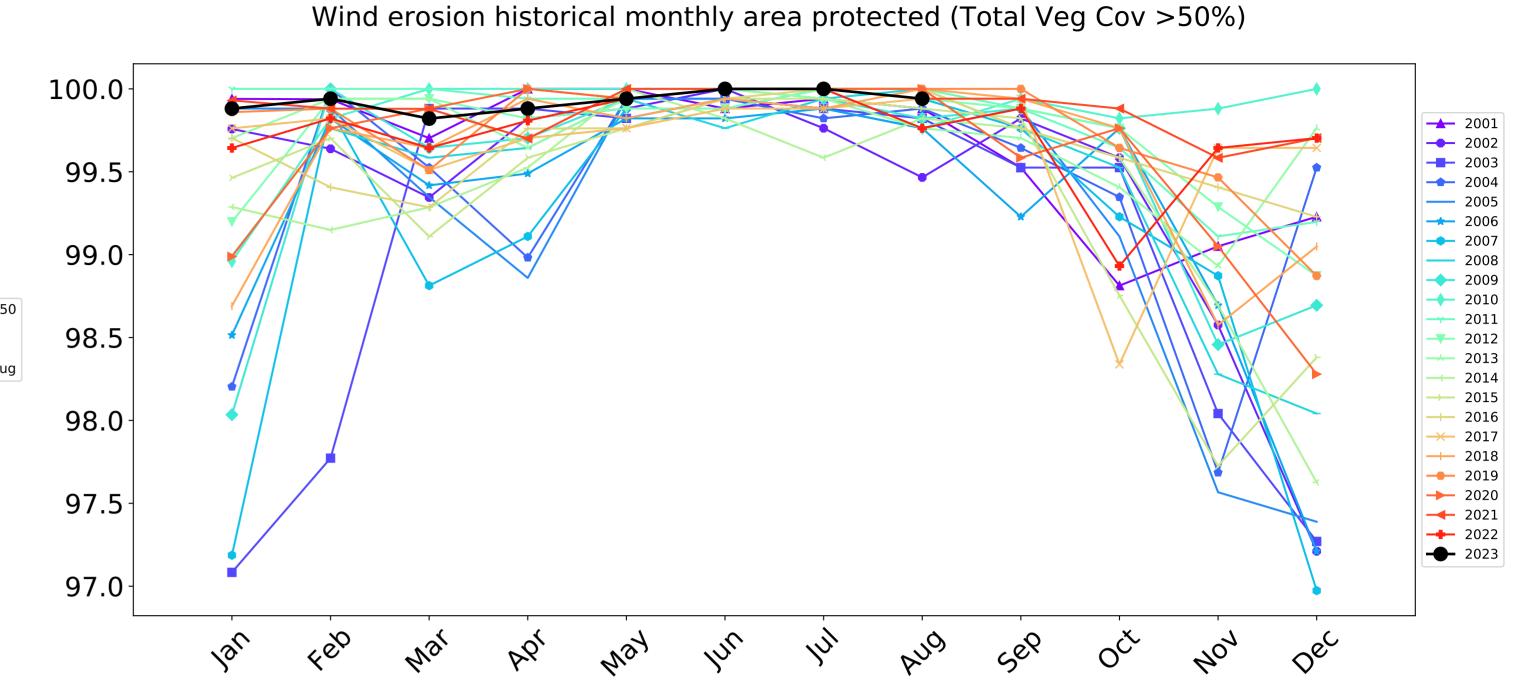


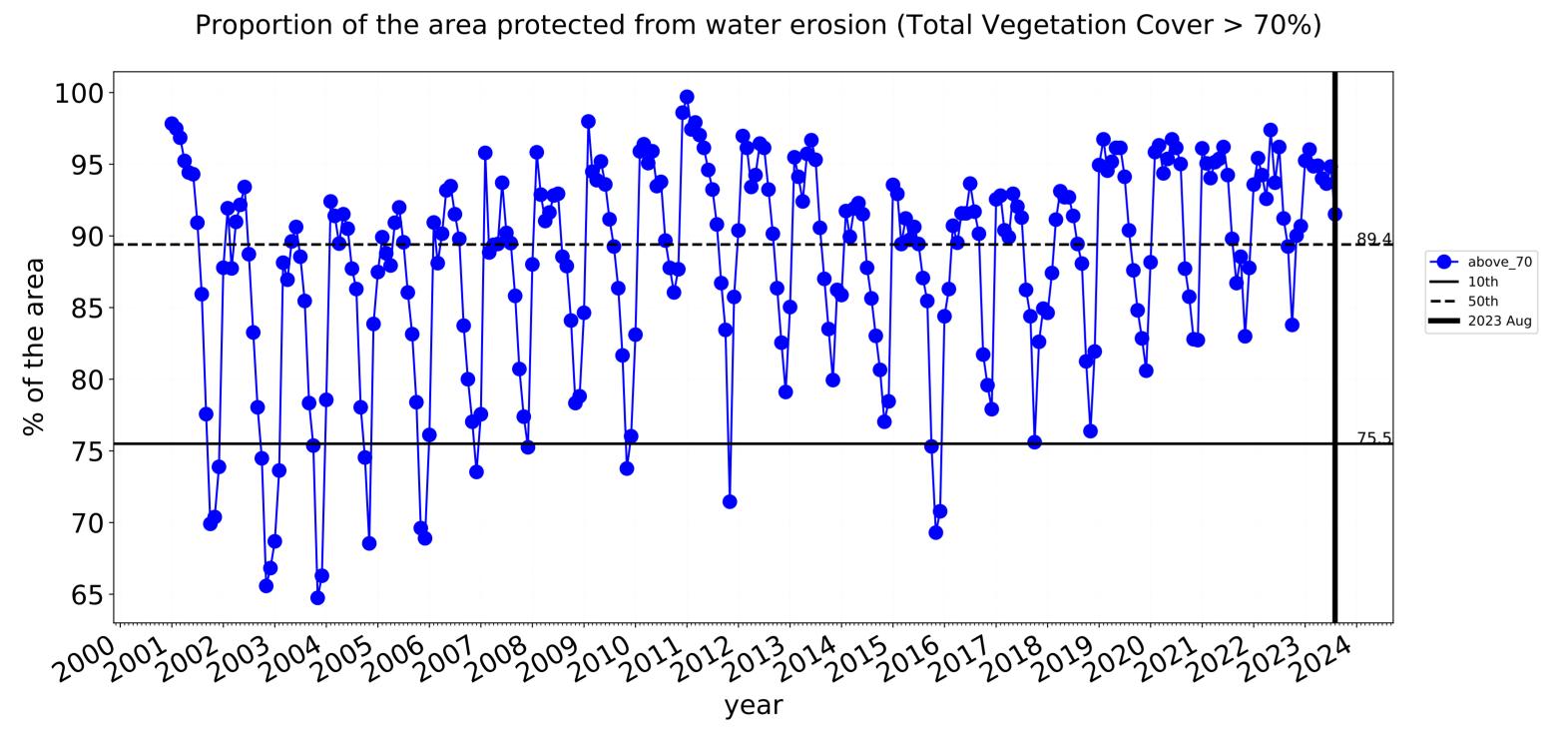


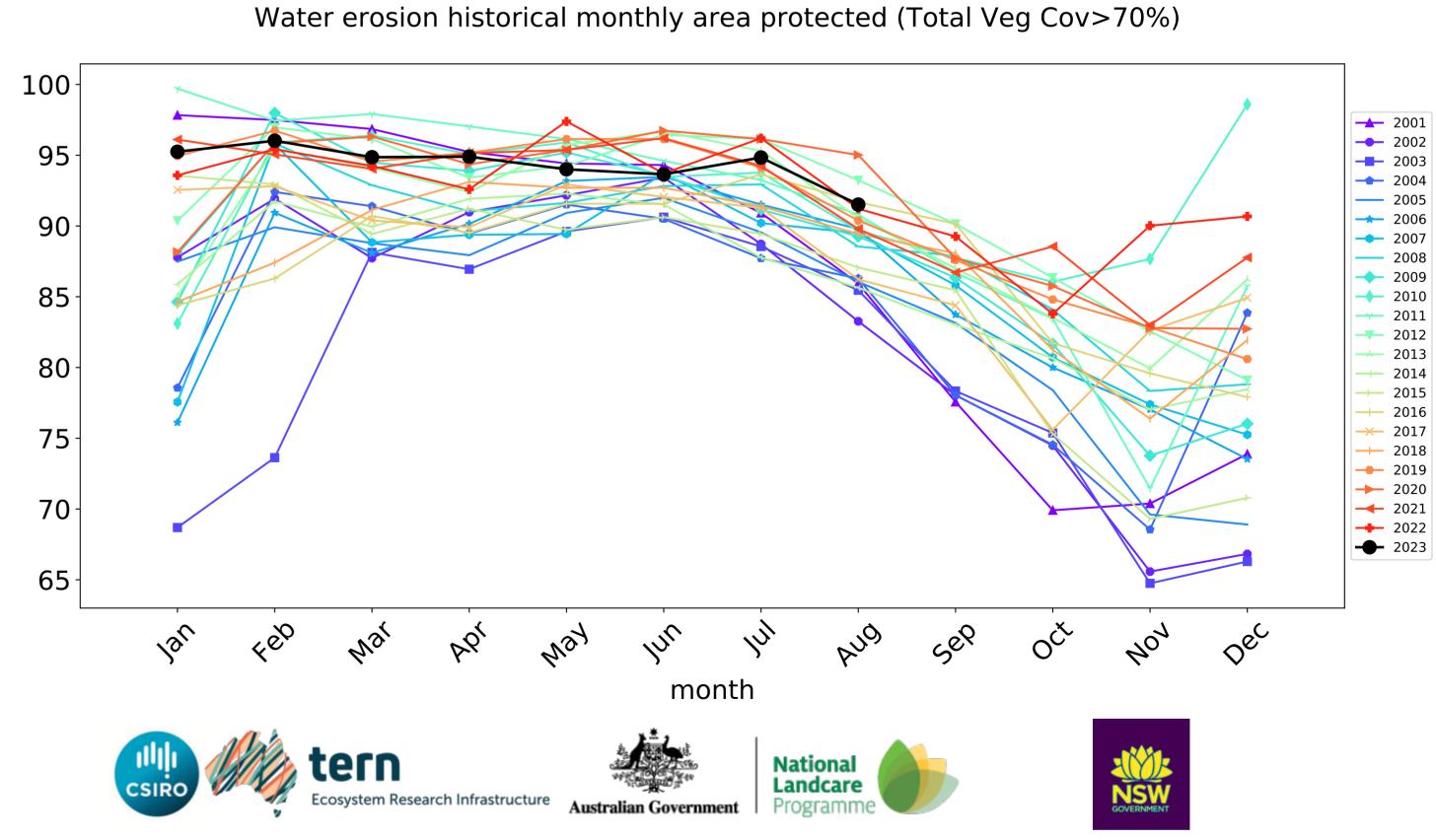


Irrigation timeseries







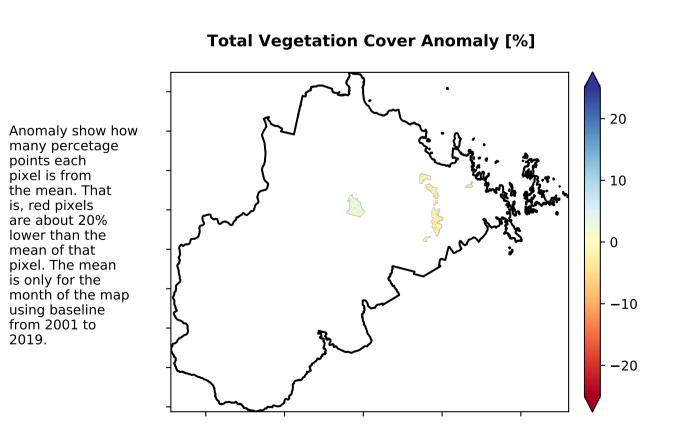


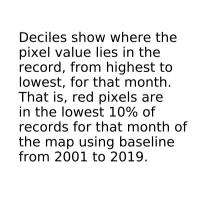
Production native forests and plantation forests

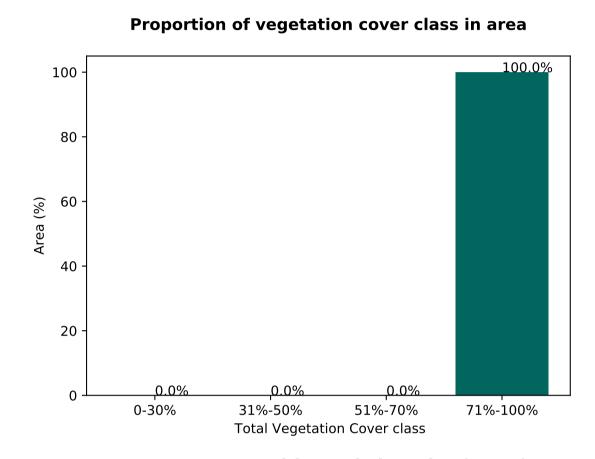
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area protected 100.0% of region (25,125 ha)

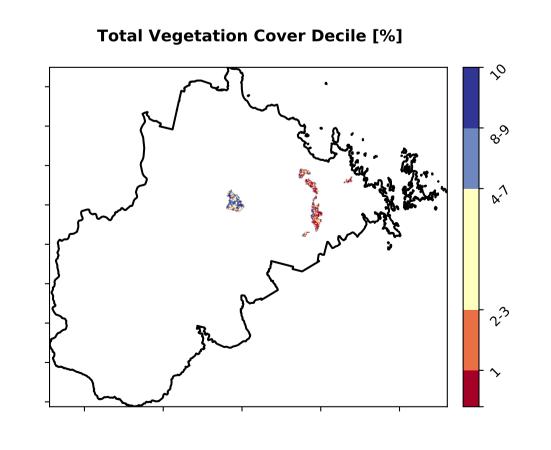






Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area protected 100.0% of region (25,125 ha)



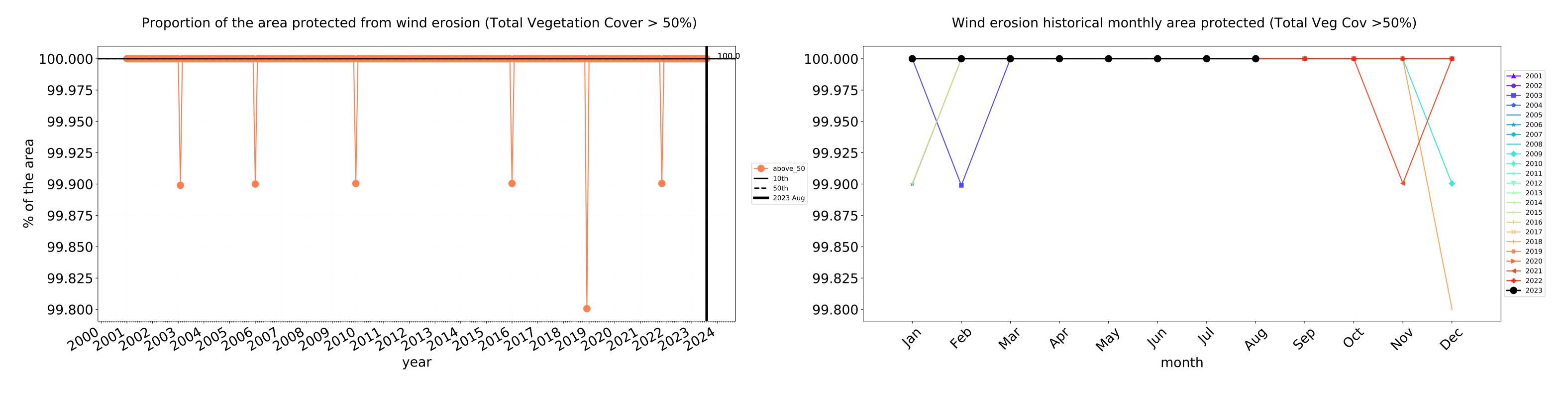


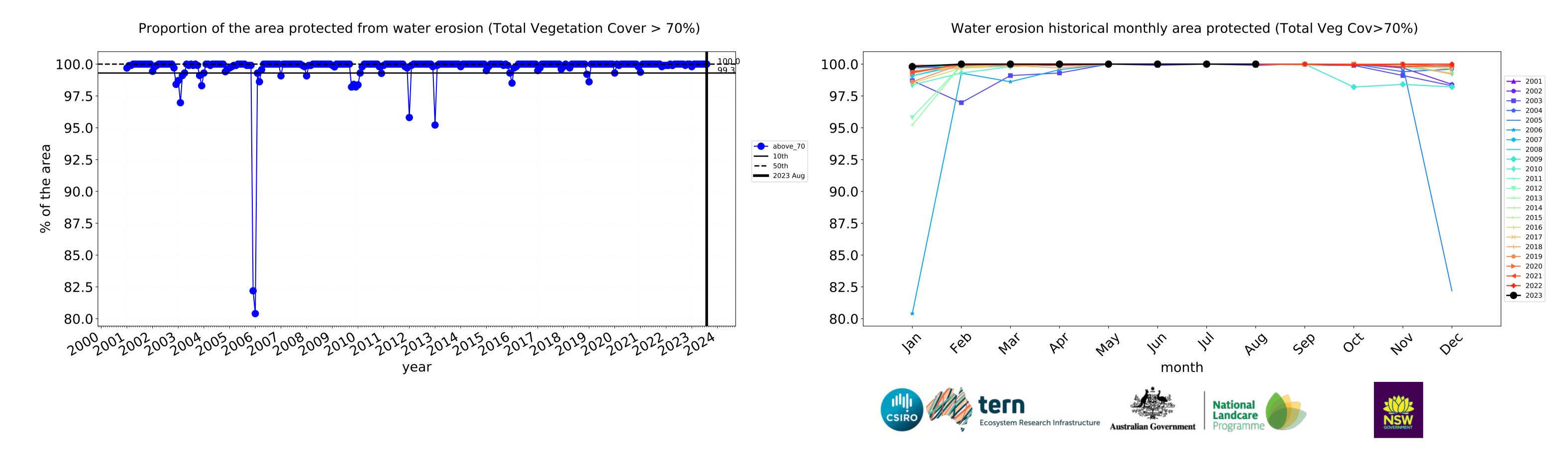






Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries





Whitsunday_(R) (2,357,575 ha and no data 24,301 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	2,357,575	100.0% 2,356,825	99.8% 2,353,625	97.5% 2,298,550	90.1% 2,123,675	53.9% 1,269,900	15.1% 356,350
Conservation and natural environments	170,300	99.9% 170,075	99.5% 169,500	97.2% 165,475	90.6% 154,250	57.3% 97,650	20.6% 35,100
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,300	99.6% 28,200	99.0% 28,025	93.8% 26,550	72.7% 20,575	12.6% 3,575	2.0% 575
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	57,325	99.9% 57,275	99.7% 57,125	98.2% 56,275	94.3% 54,050	67.9% 38,925	23.3% 13,350
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	84,675	99.9% 84,600	99.6% 84,350	97.6% 82,650	94.0% 79,625	65.1% 55,150	25.0% 21,175
Agriculture	2,084,875	100.0% 2,084,825	99.9% 2,083,525	97.9% 2,040,850	90.9% 1,894,600	54.5% 1,136,450	14.9% 310,575
Grazing	2,042,450	100.0% 2,042,400	99.9% 2,041,125	98.0% 2,002,000	91.3% 1,865,450	55.1% 1,126,350	15.1% 308,375
Grazing non forest	1,171,800	100.0% 1,171,750	99.9% 1,170,475	96.8% 1,134,625	86.8% 1,017,625	48.1% 564,150	13.1% 153,125
Grazing Woodland forest	819,800	100.0% 819,800	100.0% 819,800	99.7% 817,575	97.7% 800,550	65.7% 538,325	17.9% 146,800
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,850	100.0% 50,850	100.0% 50,850	97.9% 49,800	93.0% 47,275	47.0% 23,875	16.6% 8,450
Irrigation	42,125	100.0% 42,125	99.9% 42,100	91.5% 38,550	68.5% 28,850	23.7% 10,000	5.2% 2,200
Production native forests and plantation forests	25,125	100.0% 25,125	100.0% 25,125	100.0% 25,125	99.9% 25,100	77.7% 19,525	25.1% 6,300







