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

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

Land use forest cover:

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

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Date: November 2023

Vegetation Cover Nov 2023

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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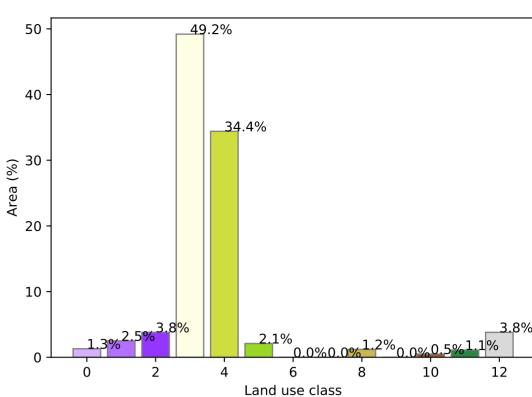
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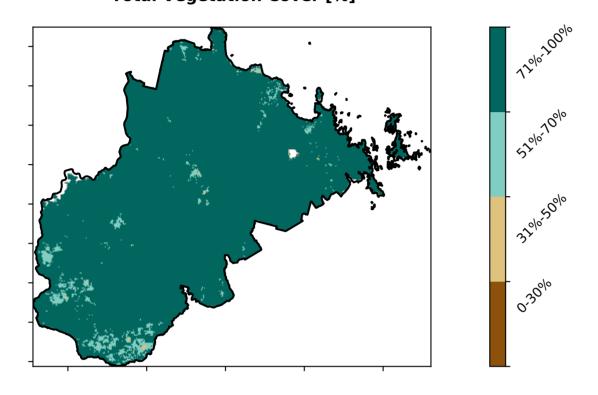
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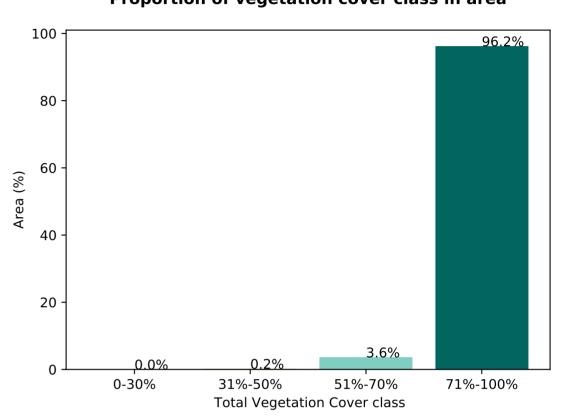
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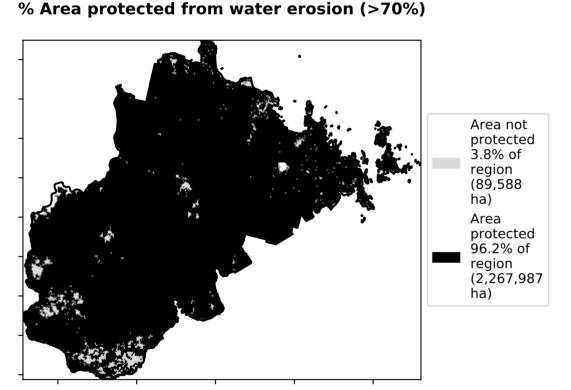


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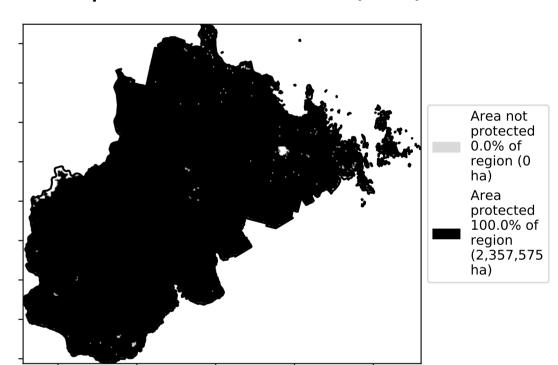


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

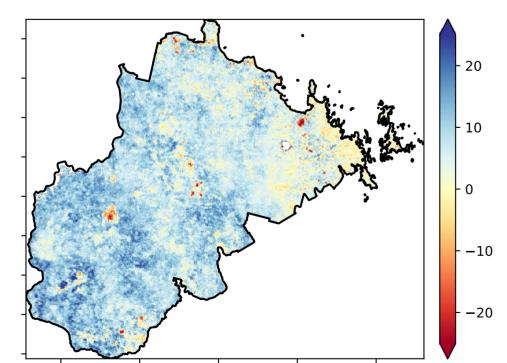




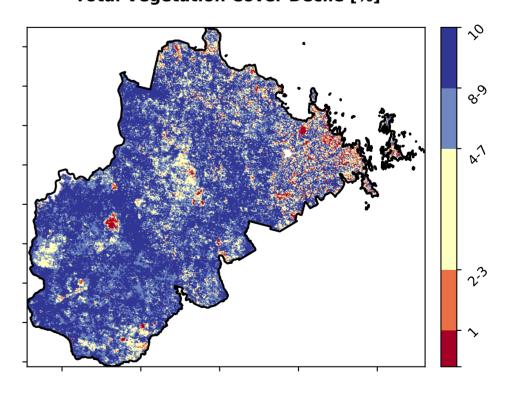
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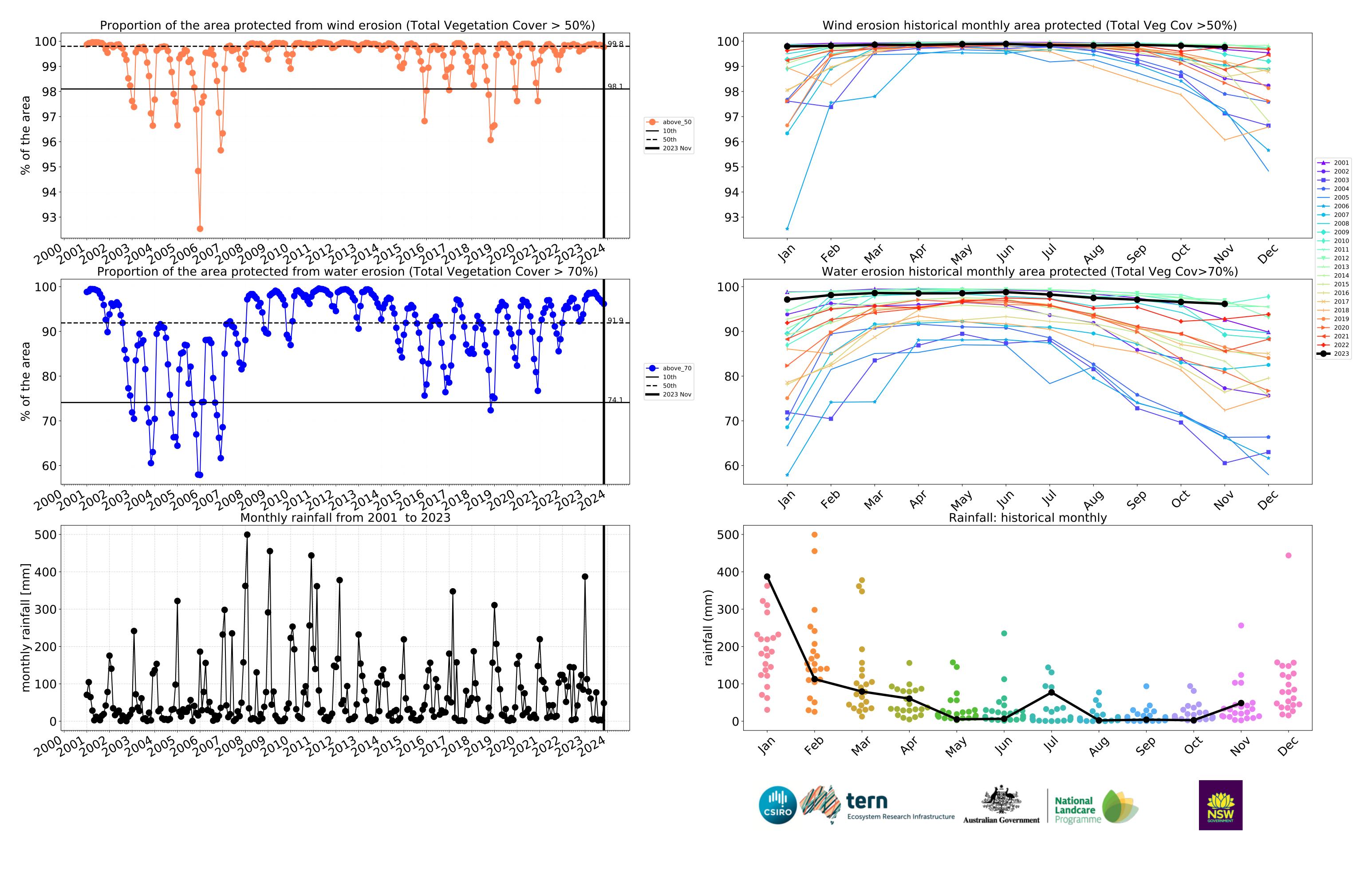








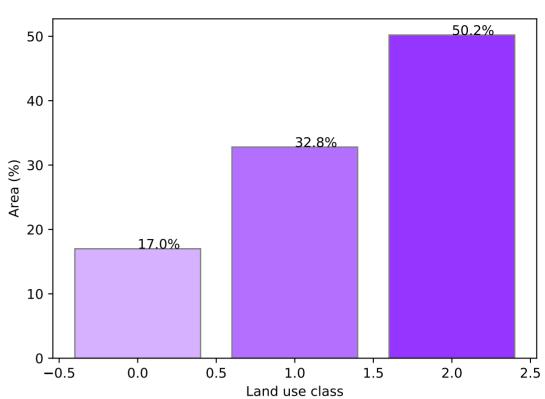




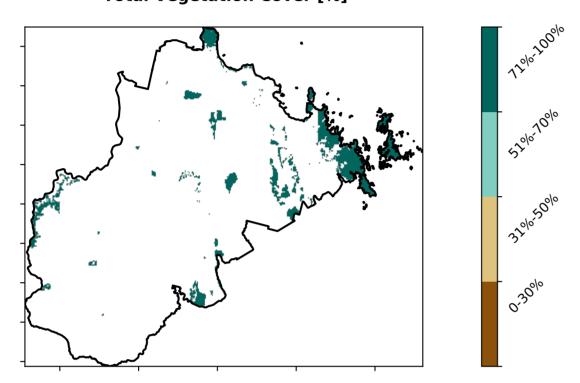
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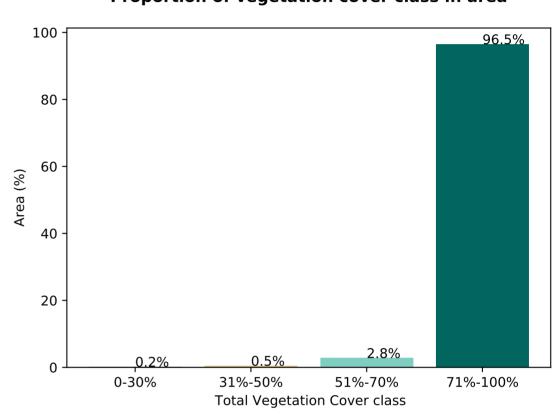
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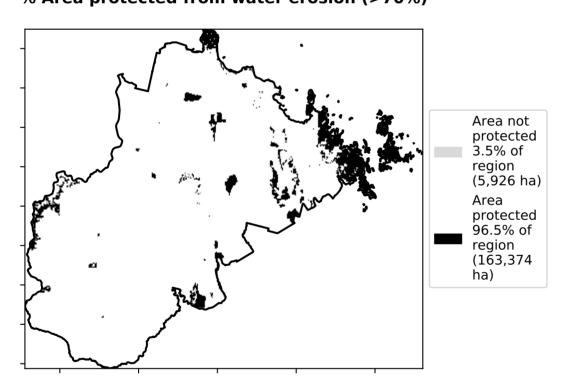
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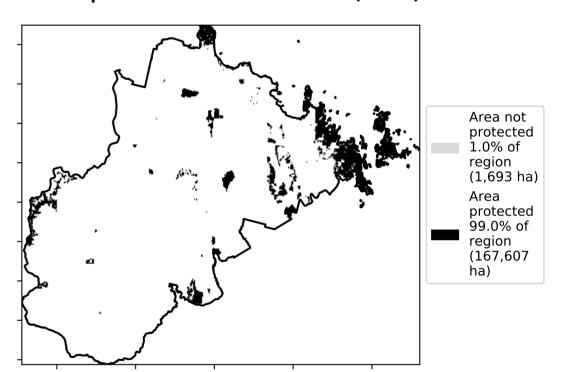
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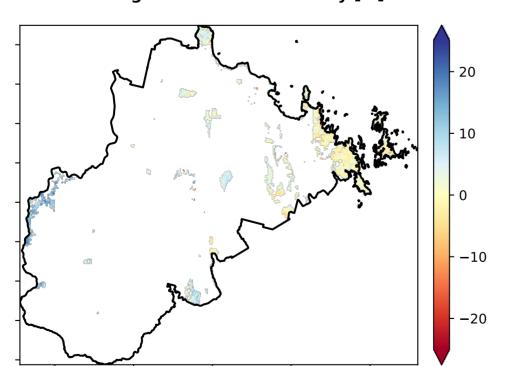
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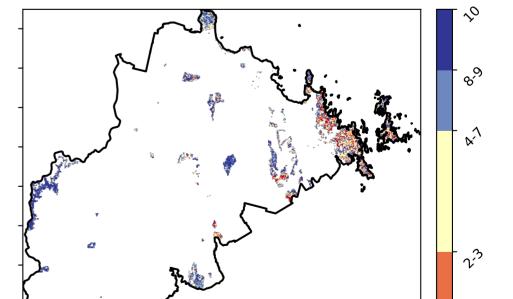
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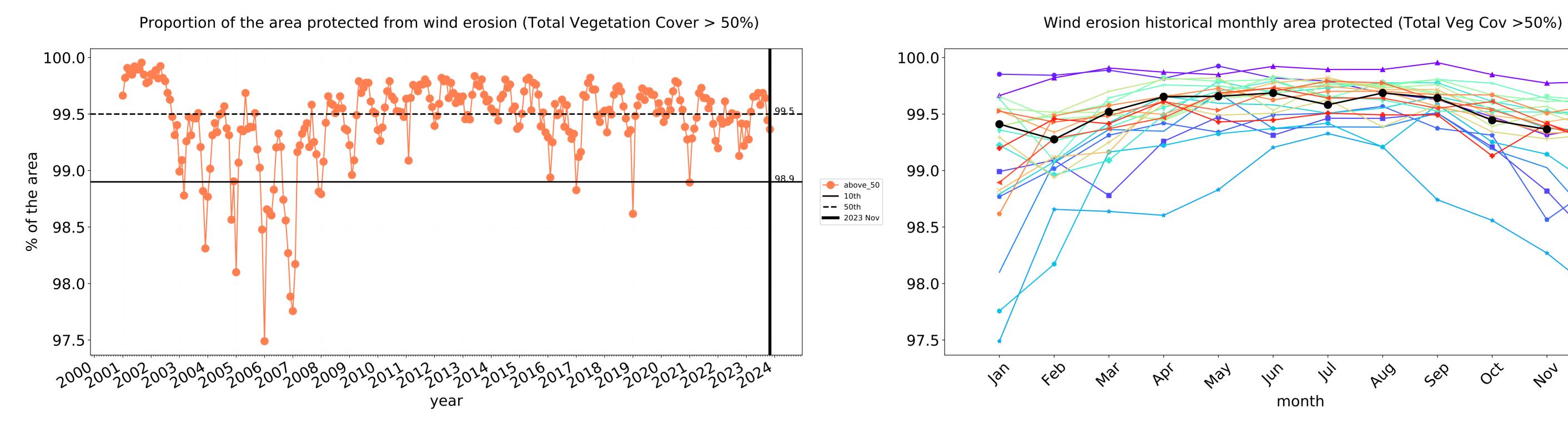


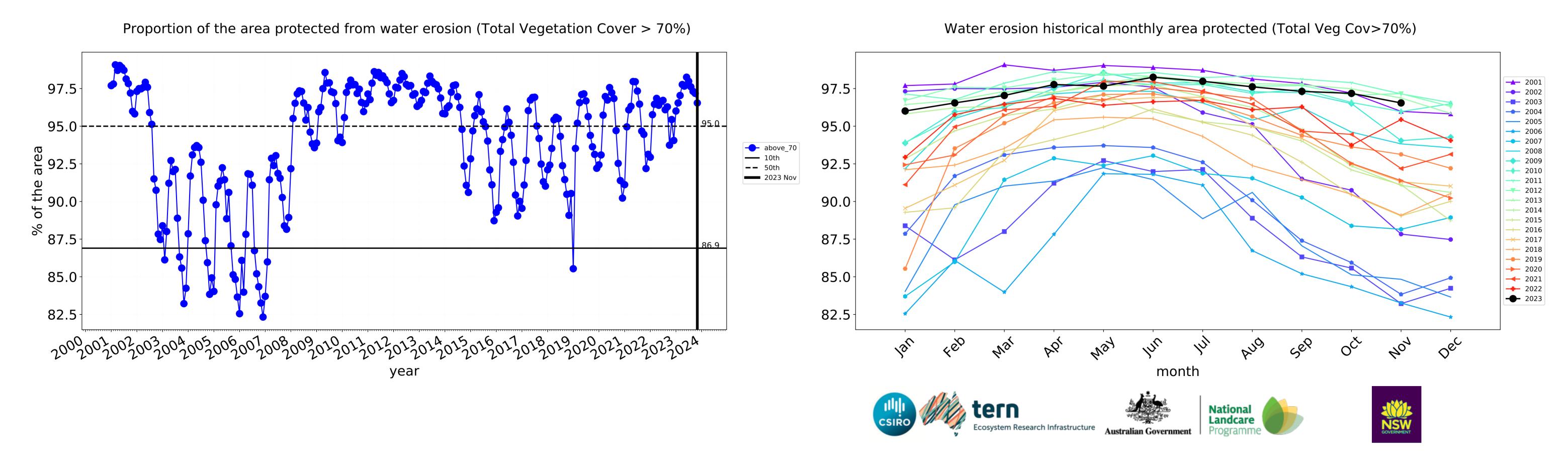






Conservation and natural environments timeseries





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Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

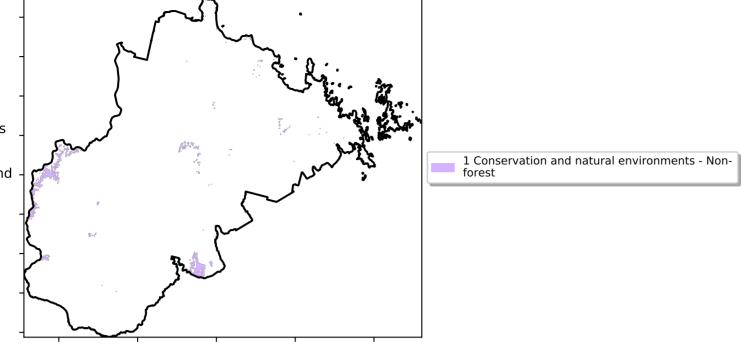
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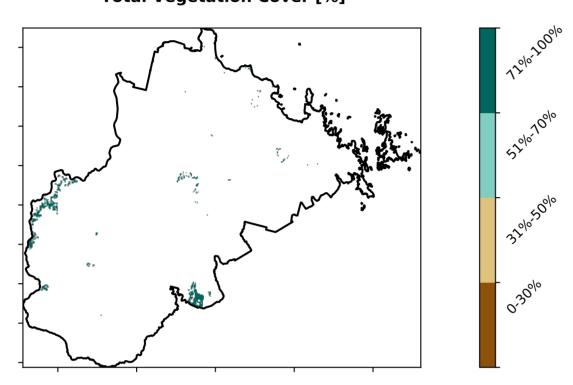
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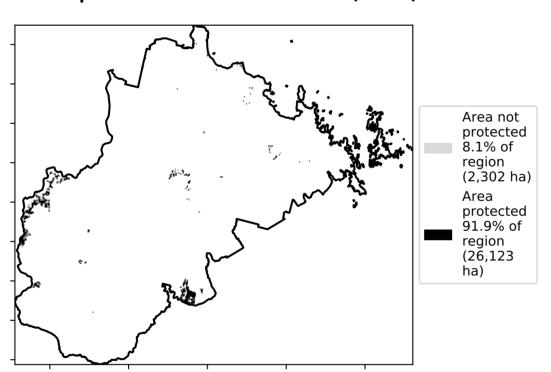
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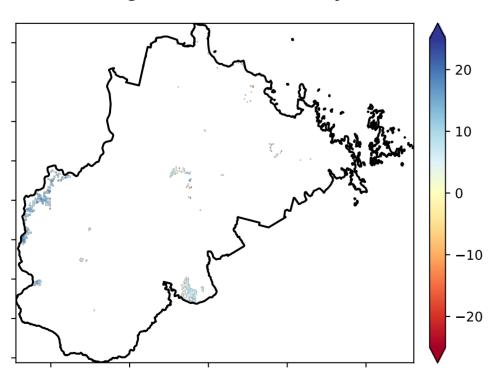
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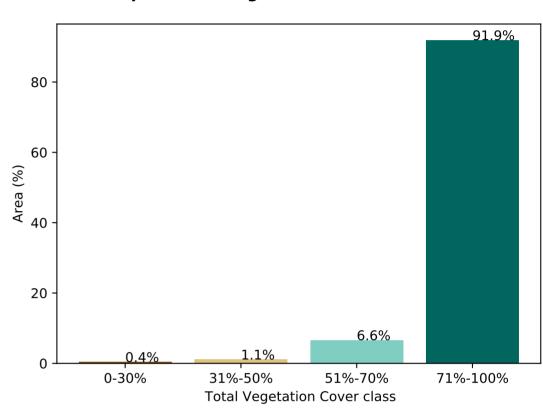


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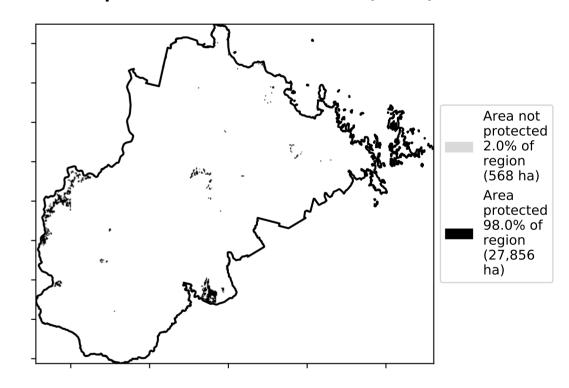


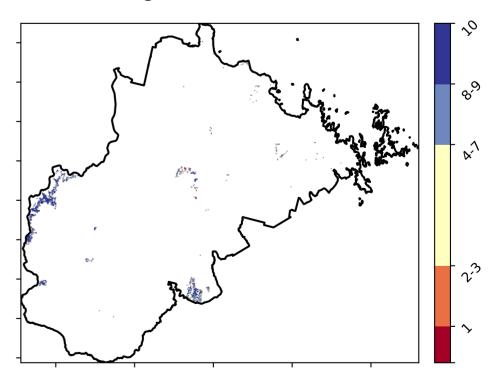
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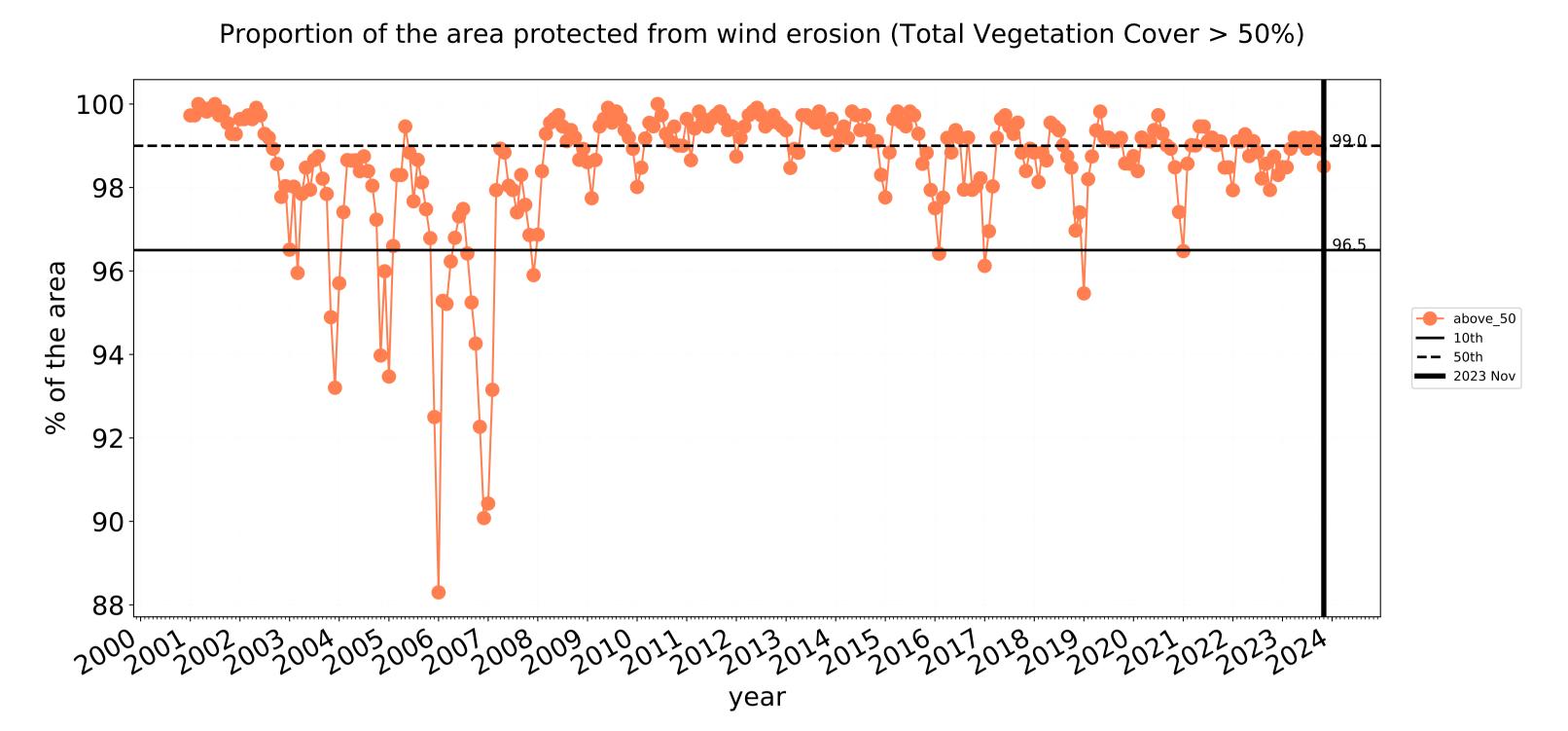


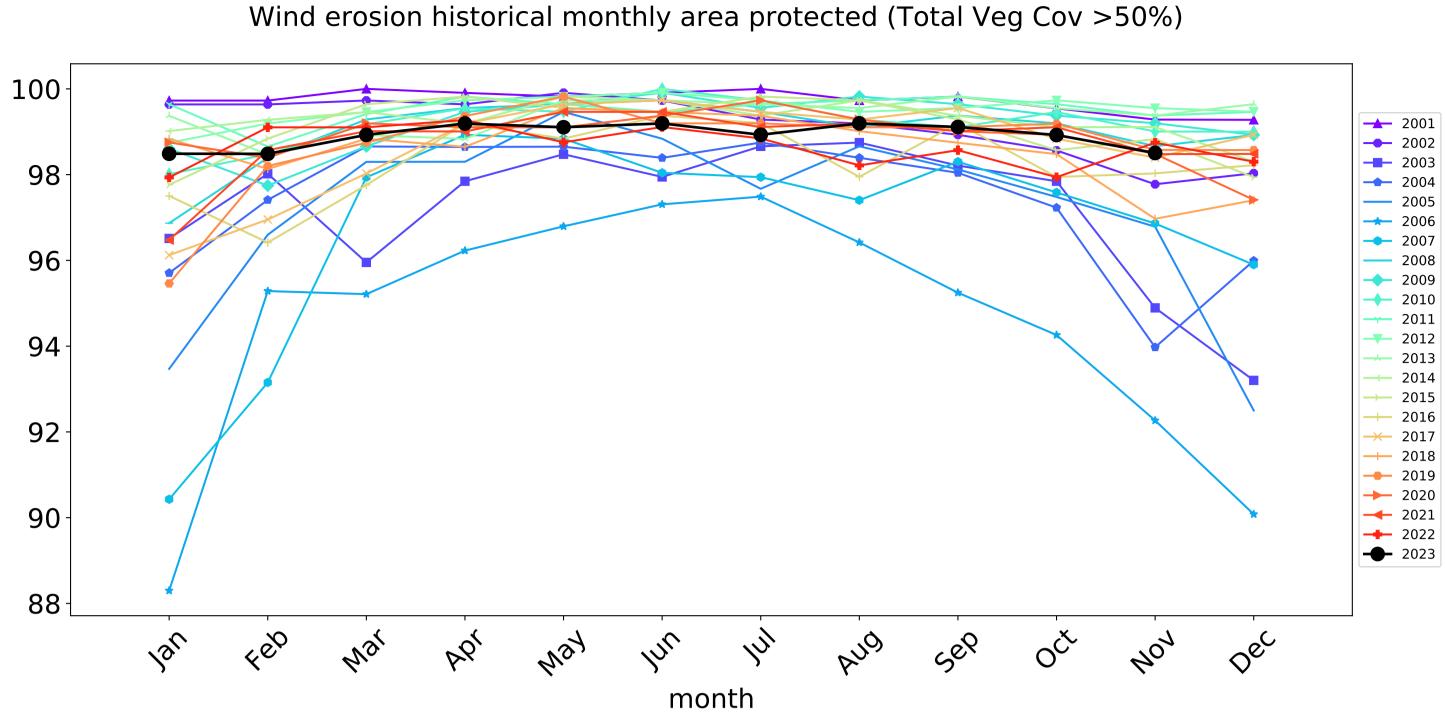


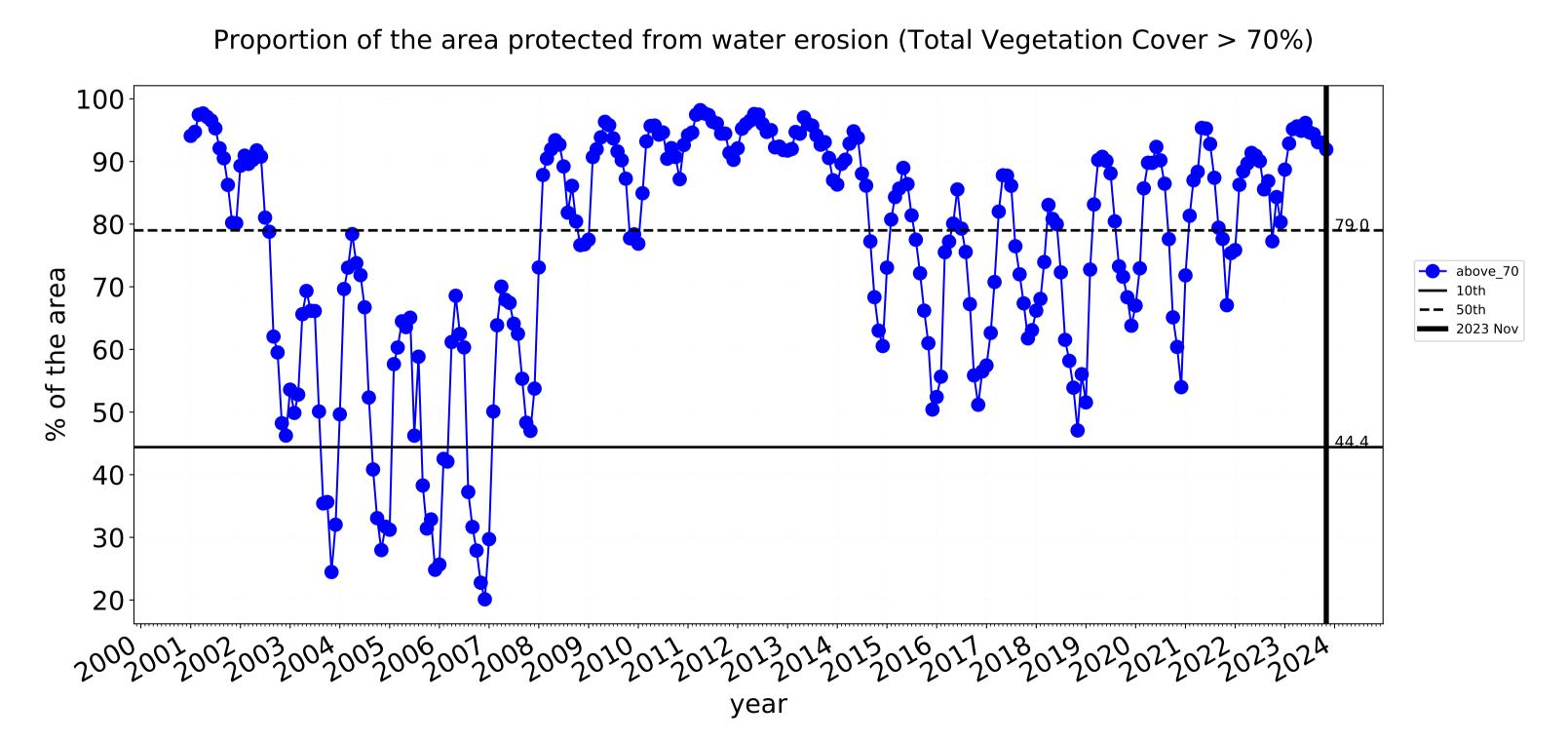


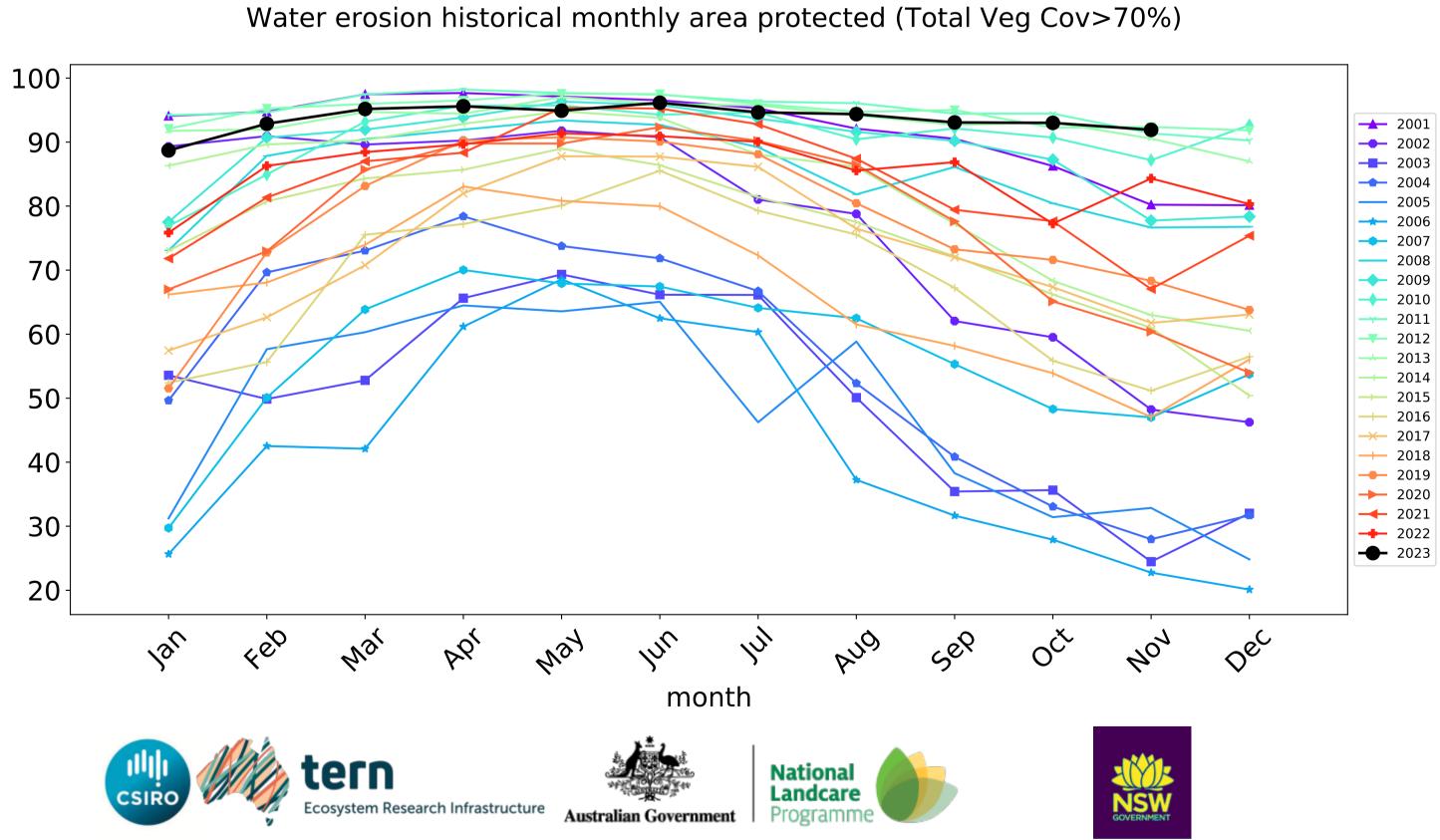


Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries





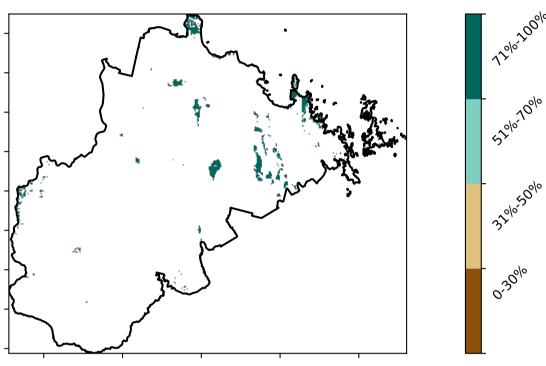




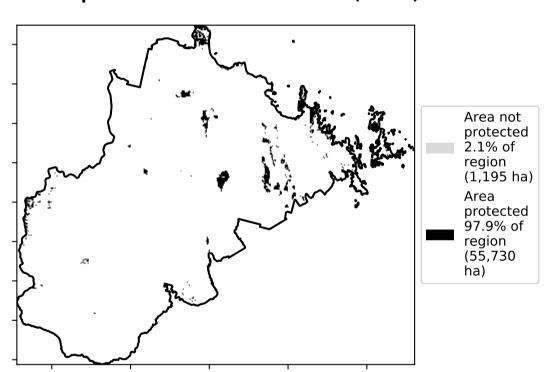
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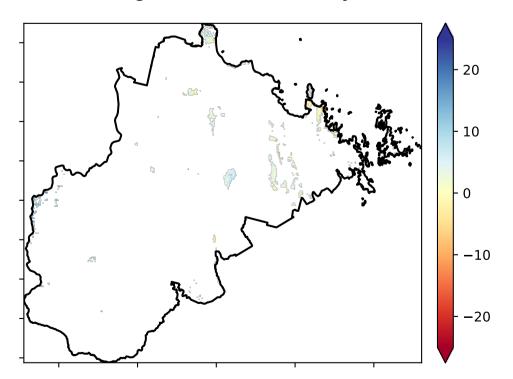
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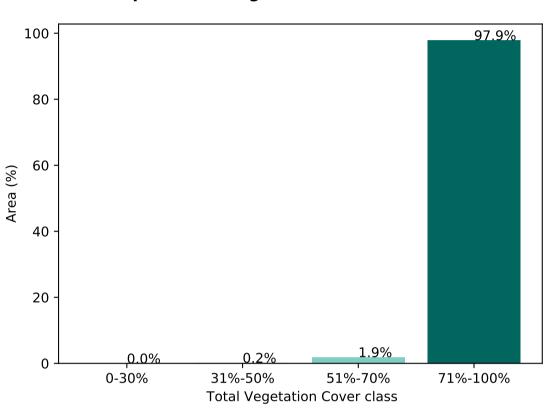
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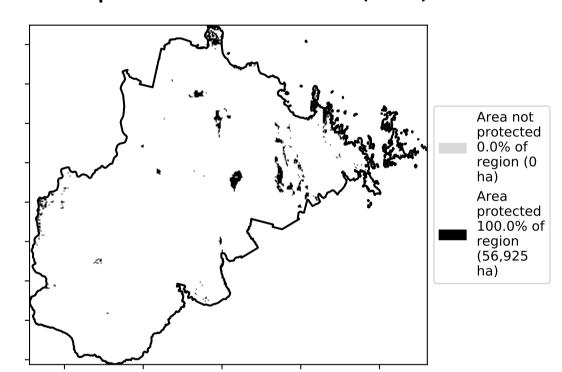


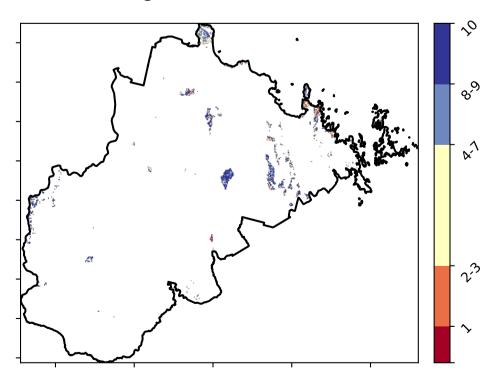
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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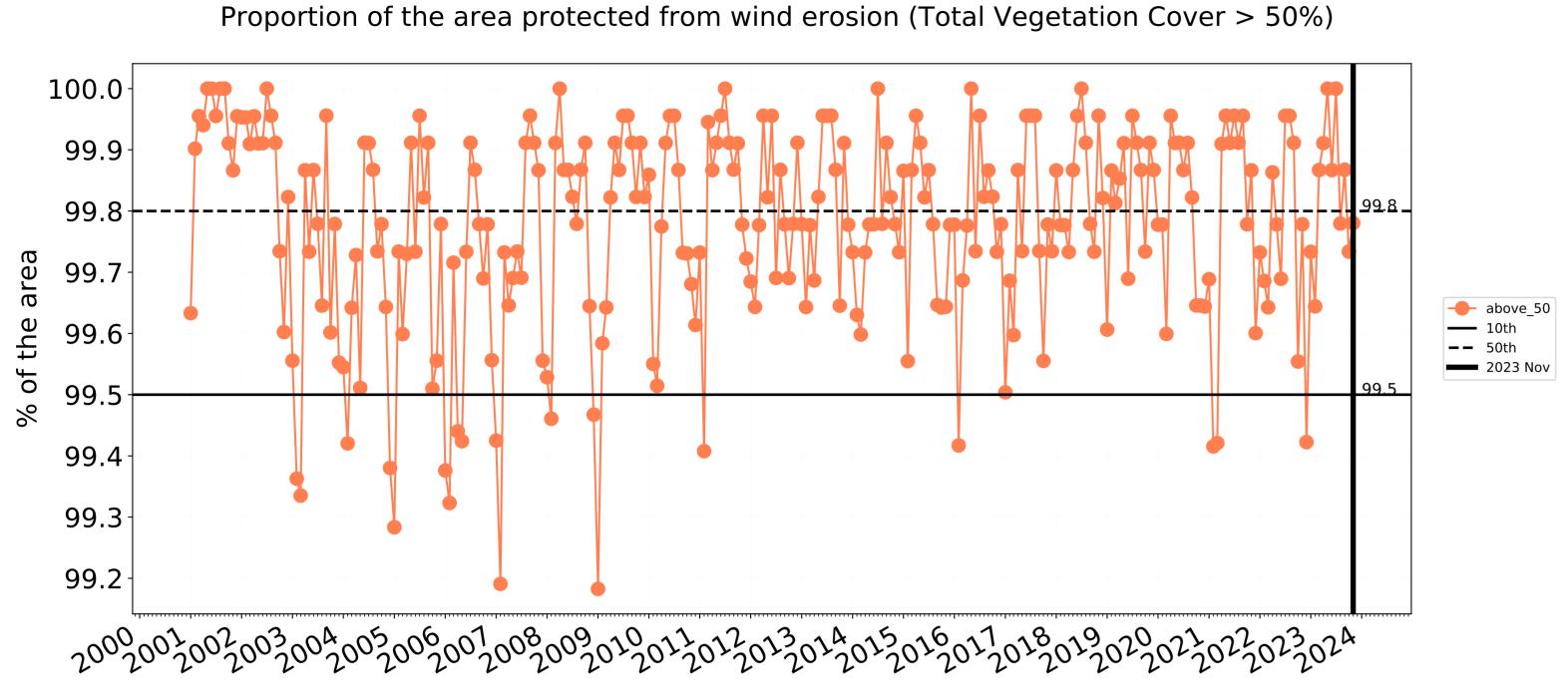




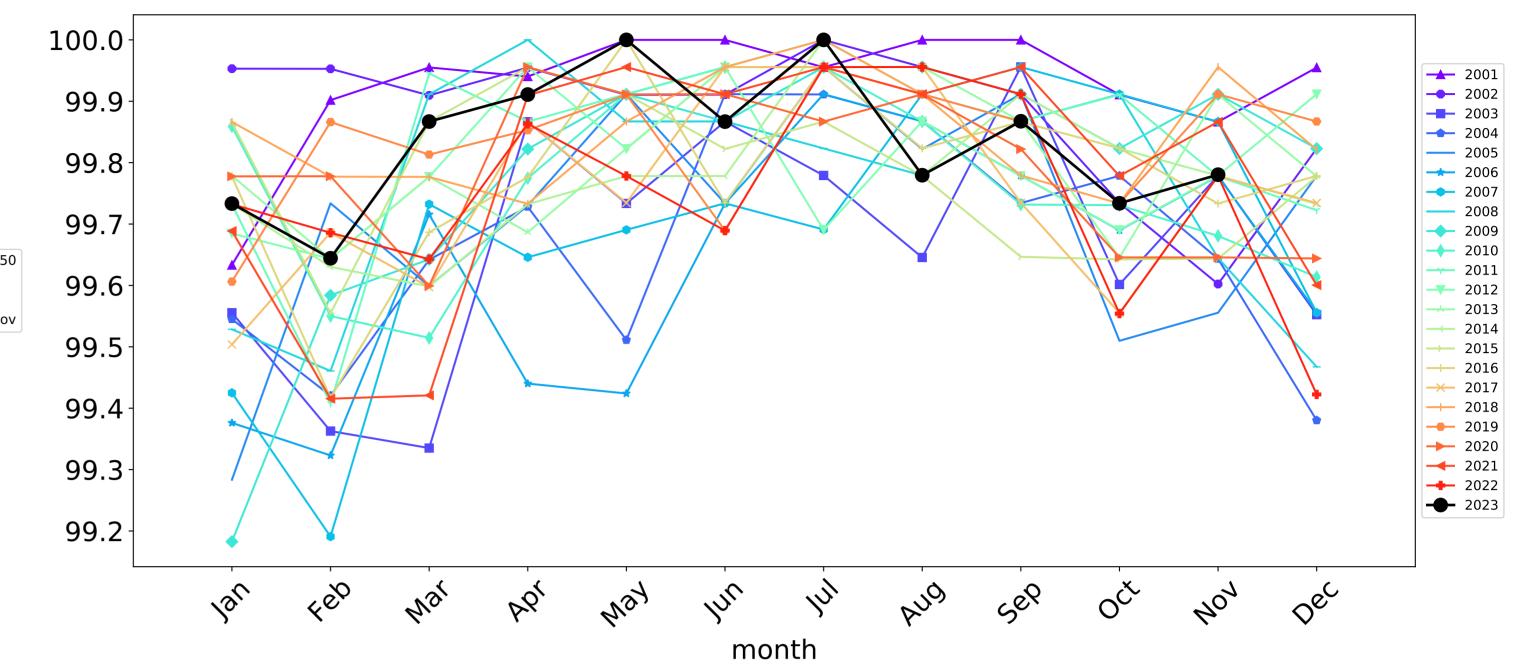


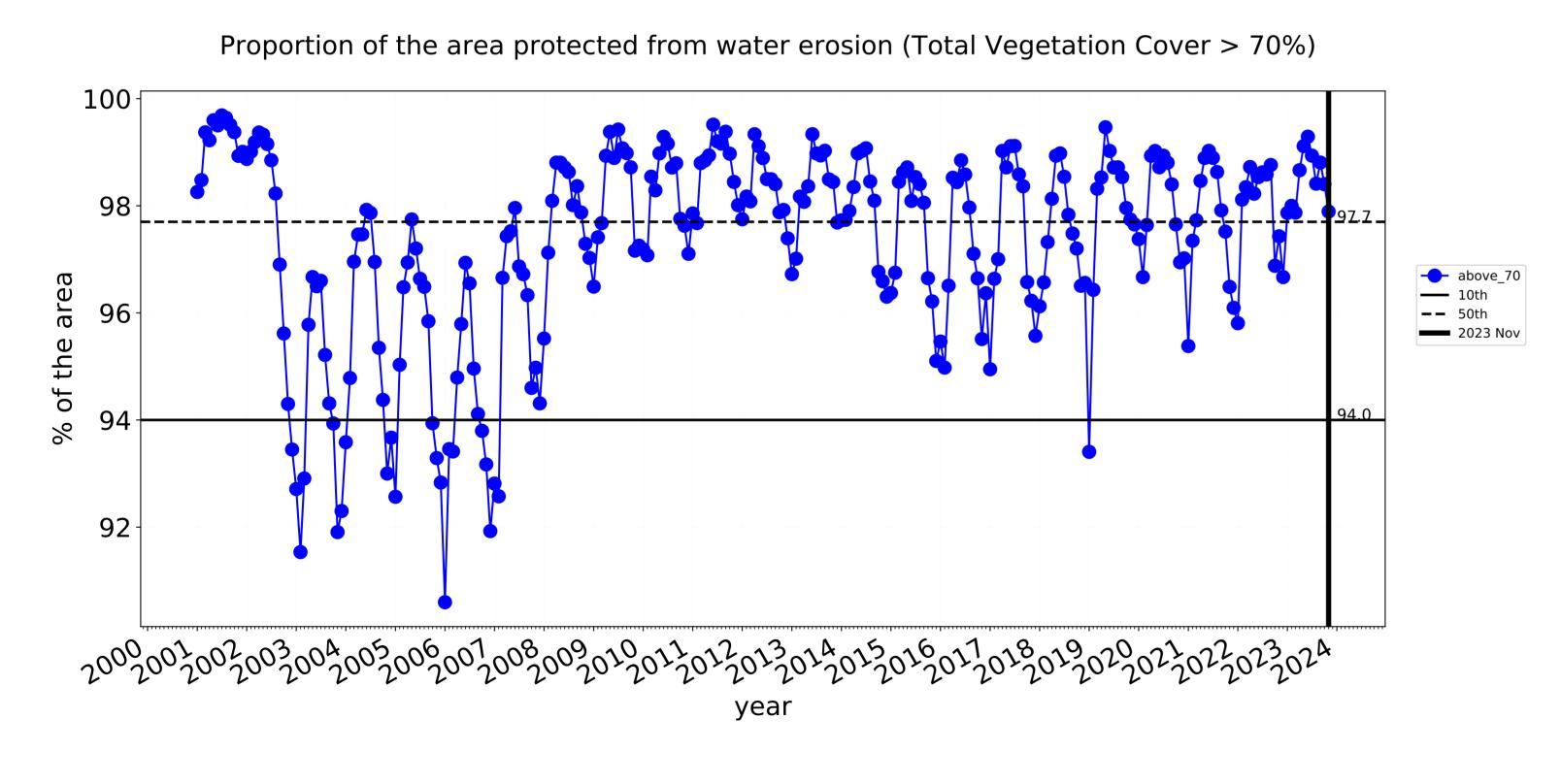


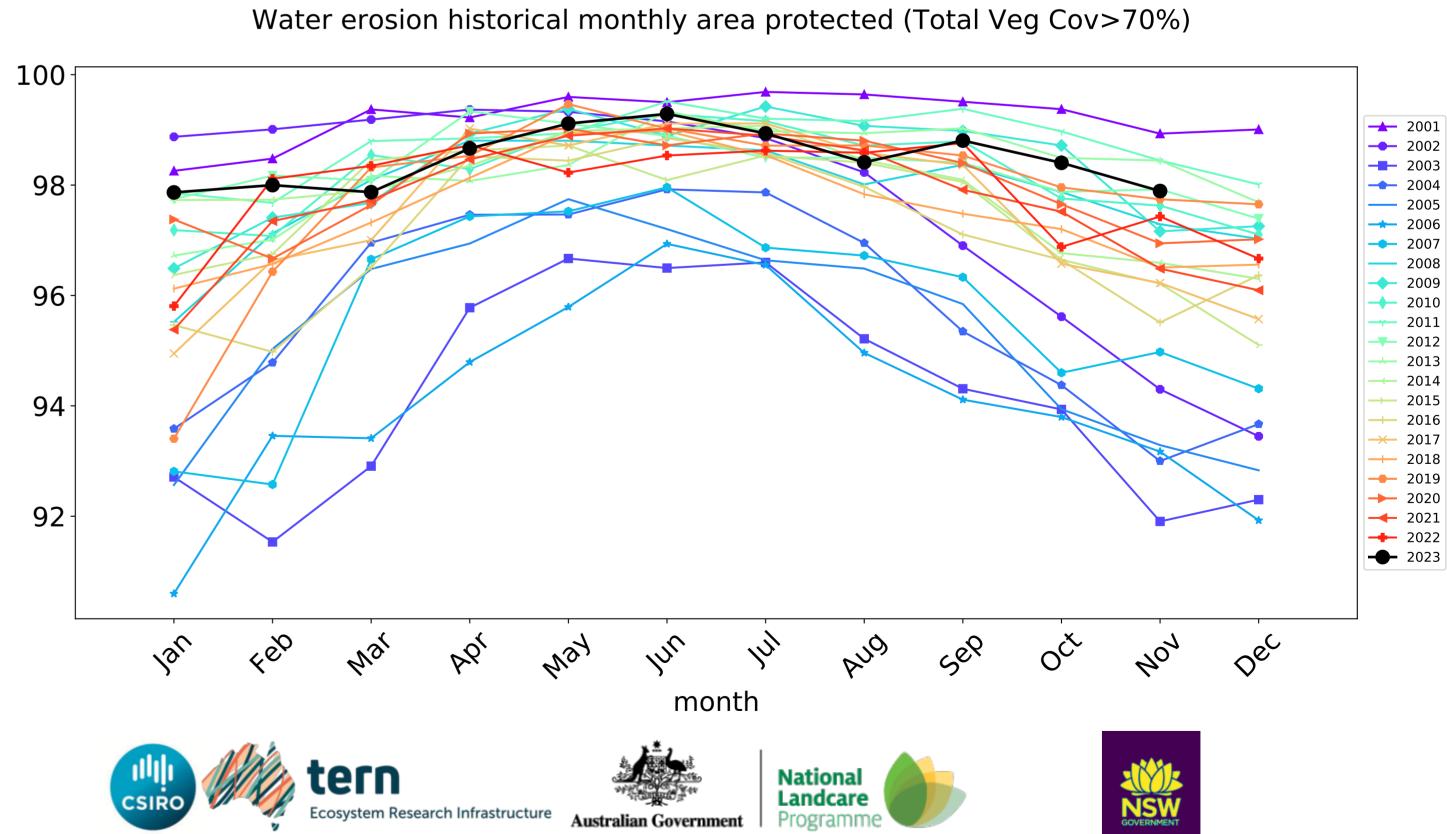
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries









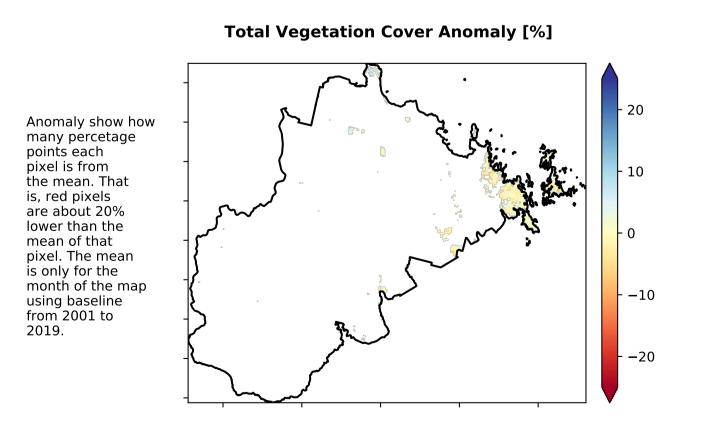


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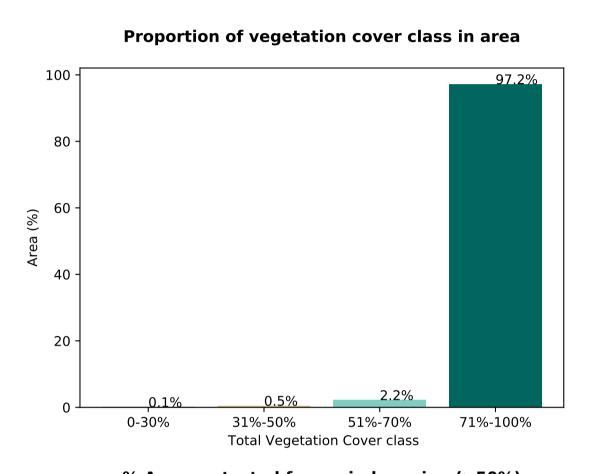
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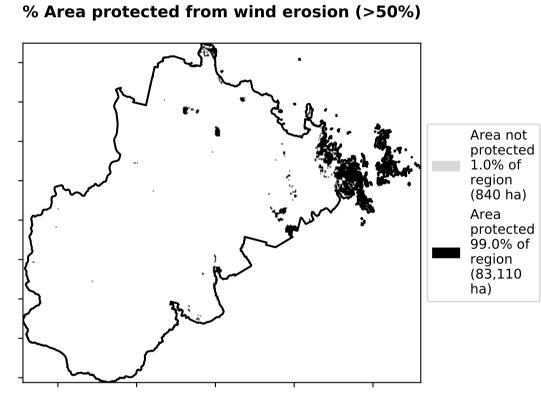
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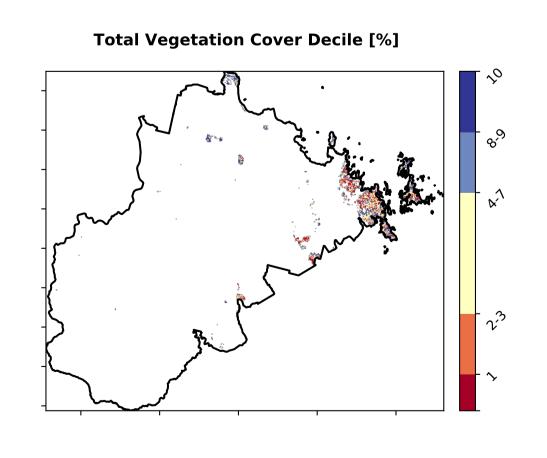
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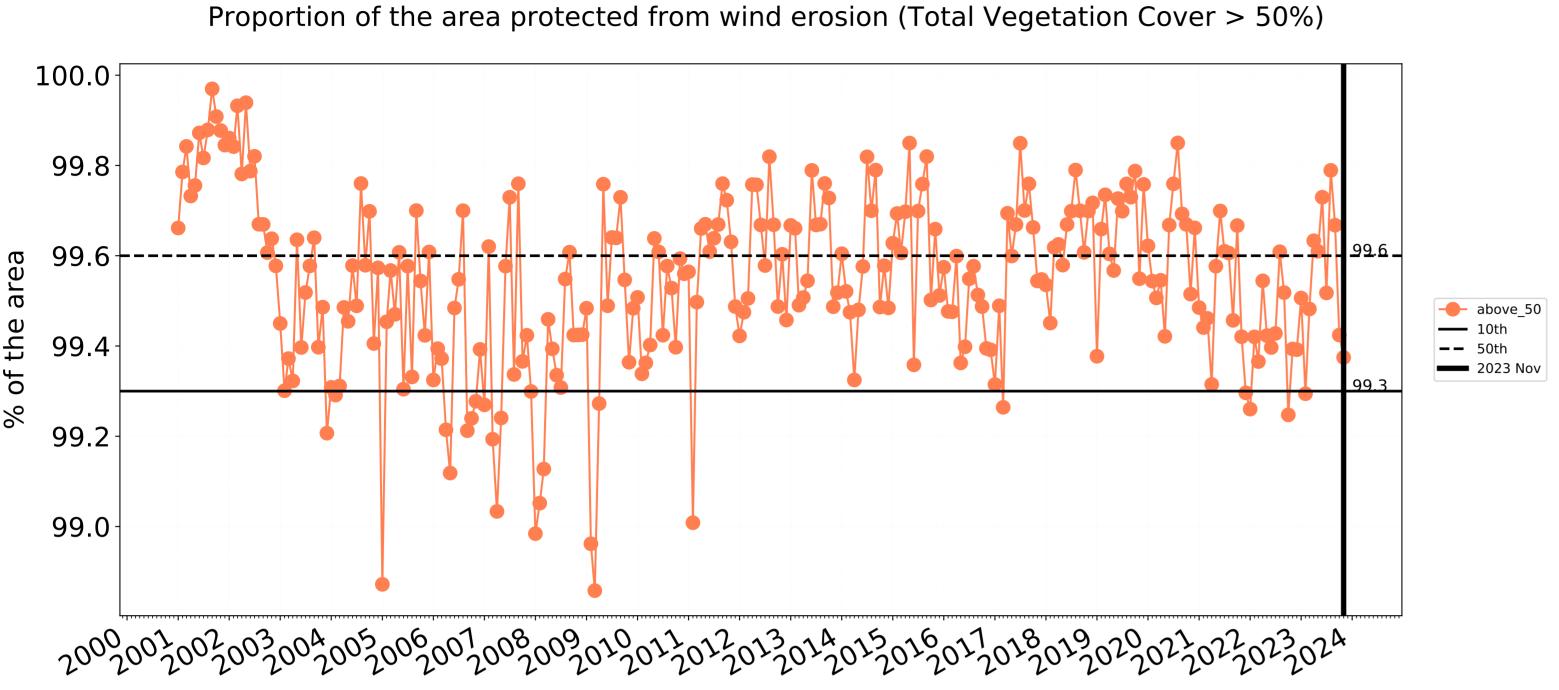


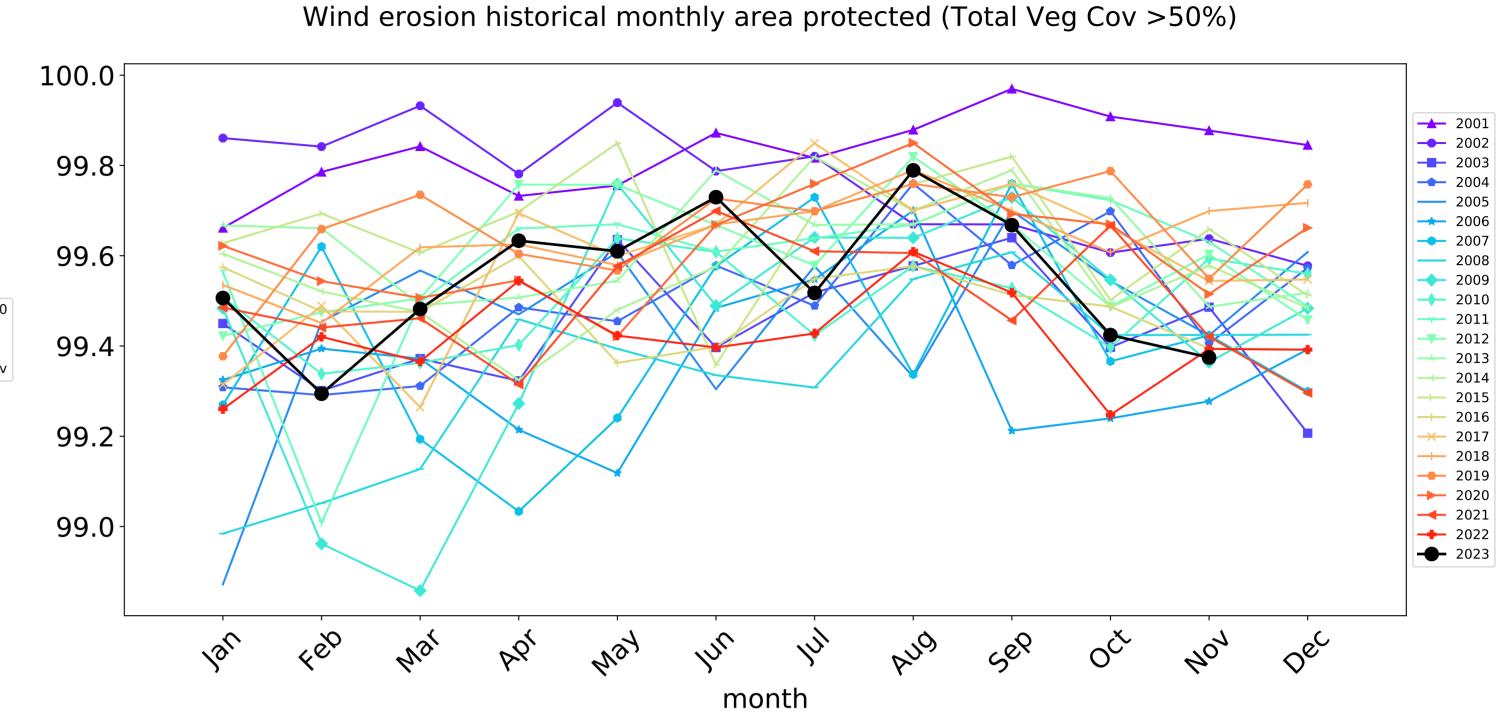


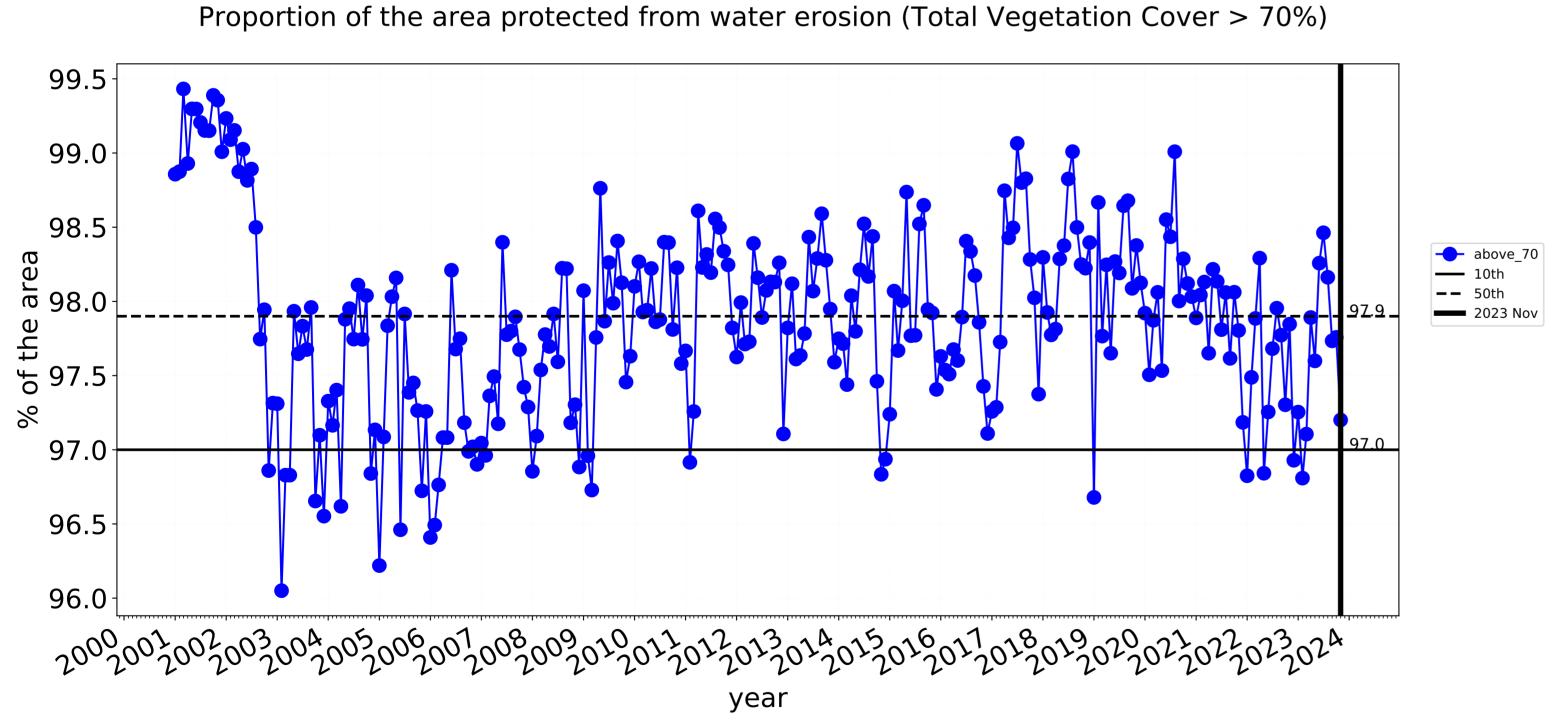


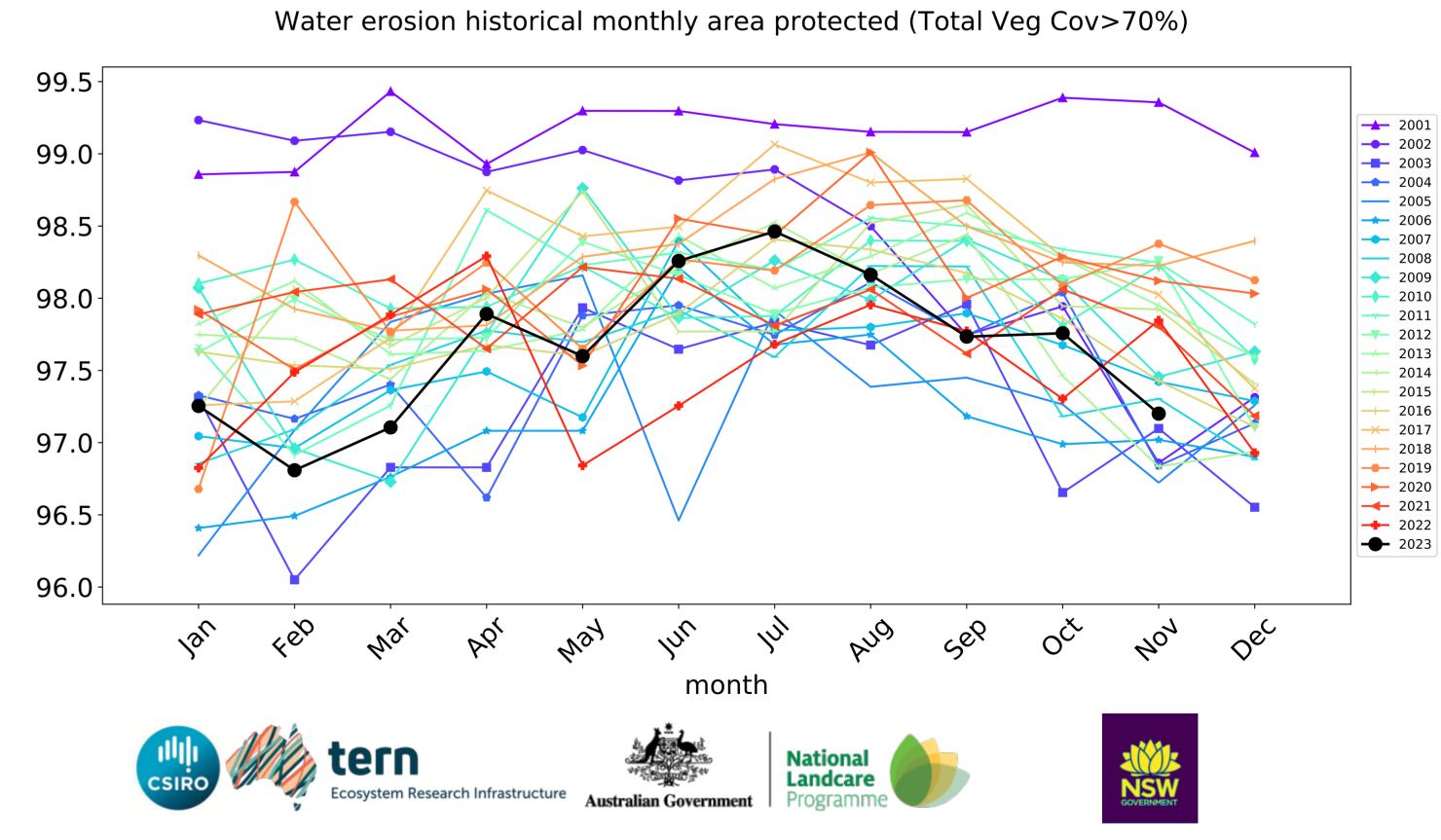








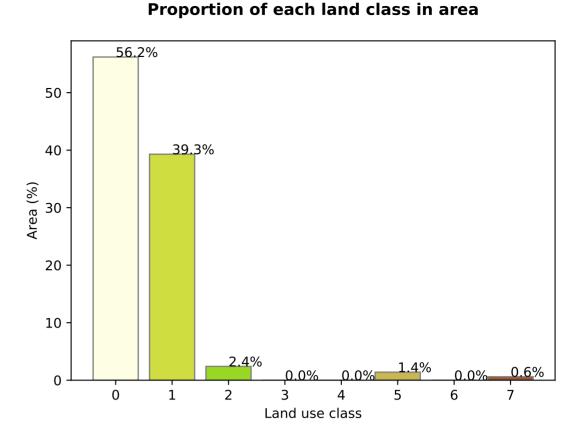


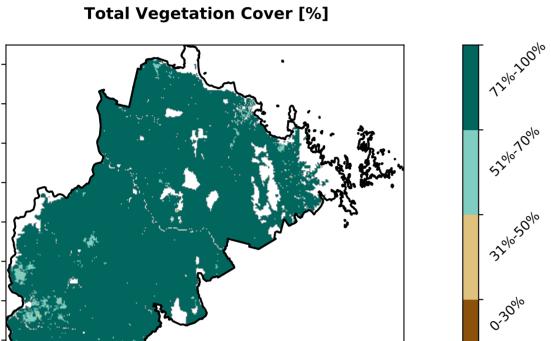


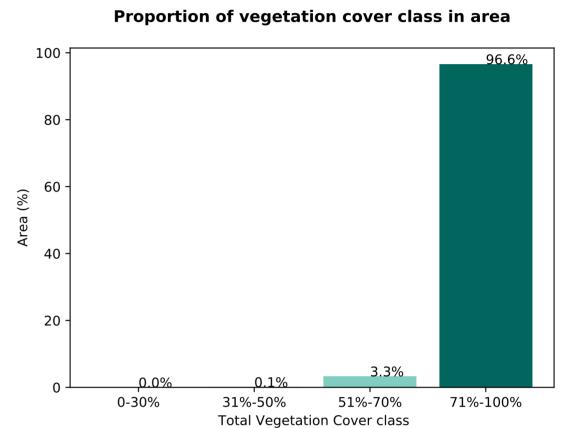
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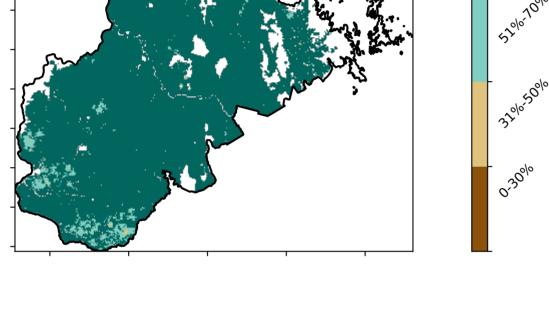
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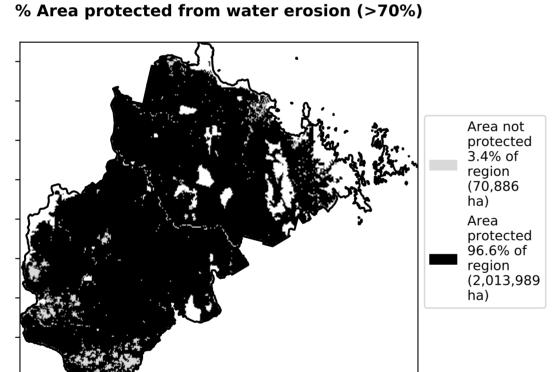


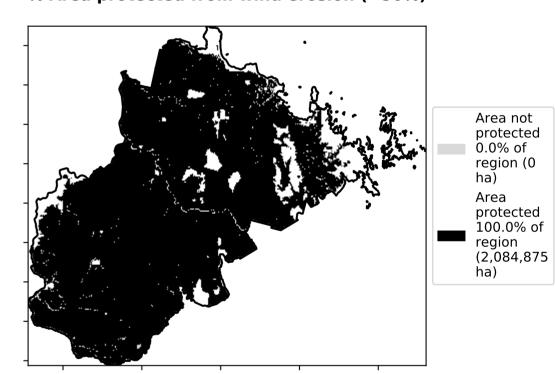






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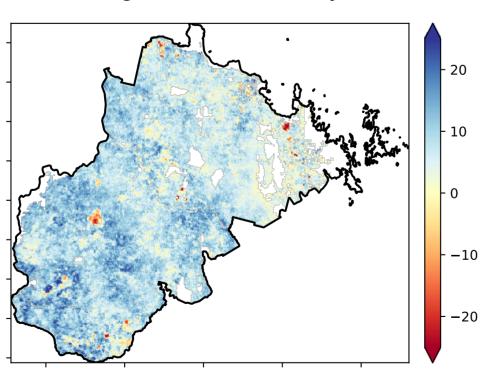
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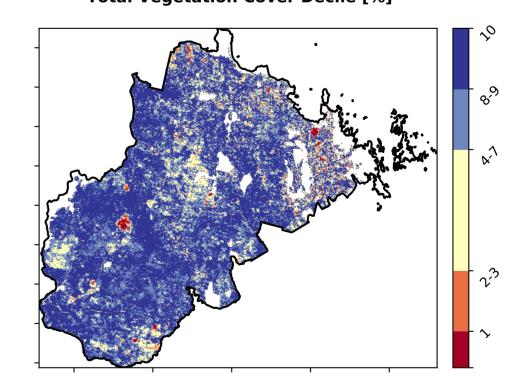
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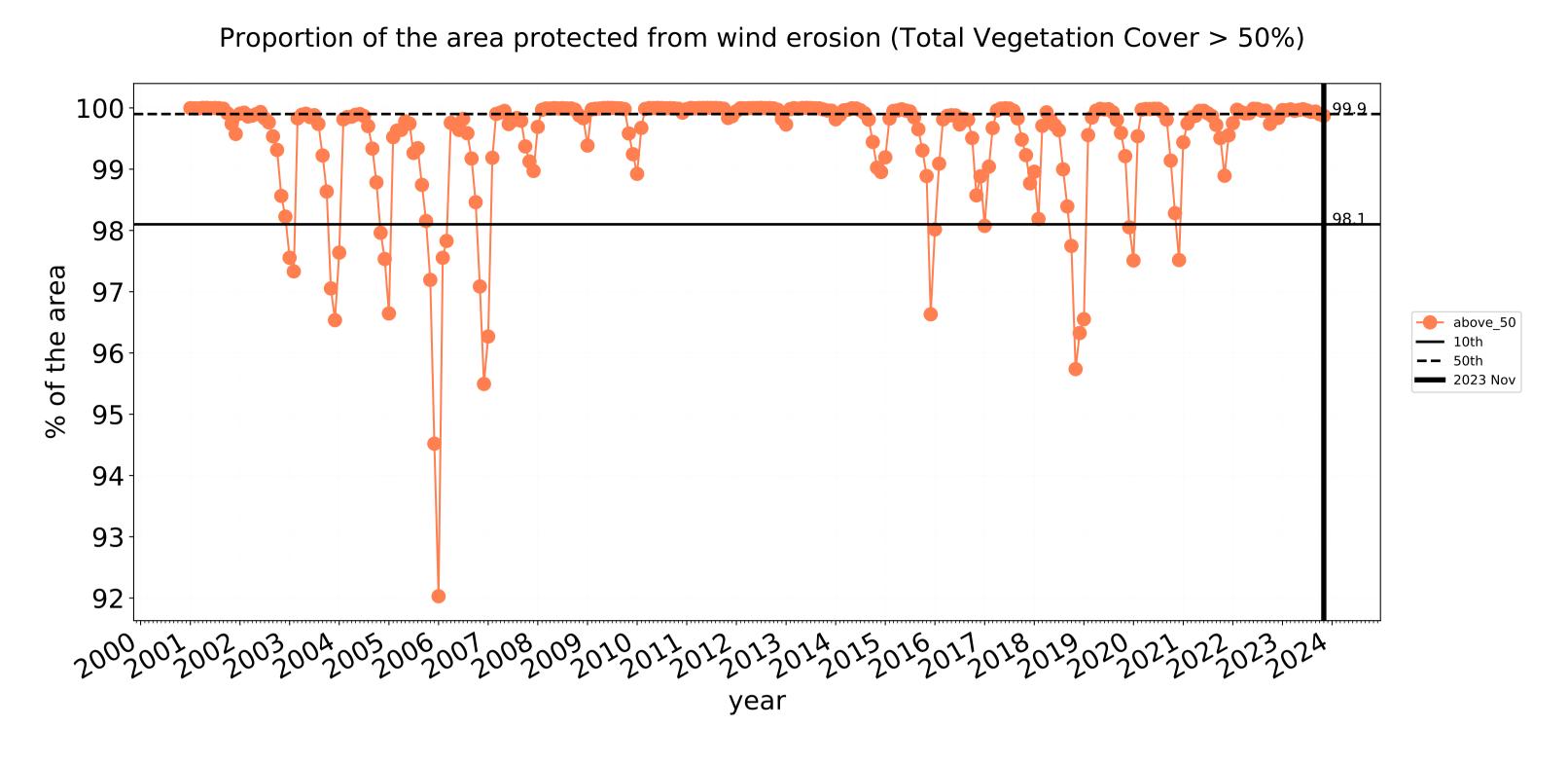


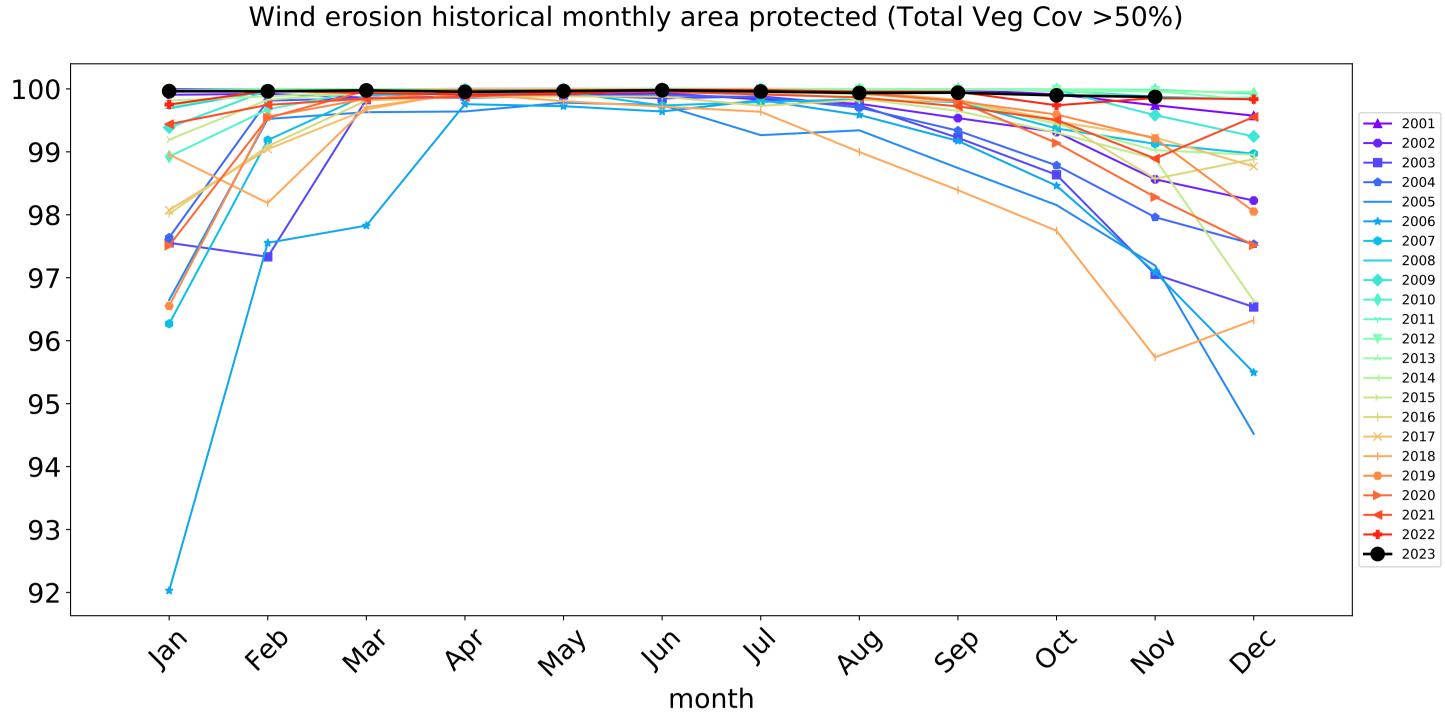


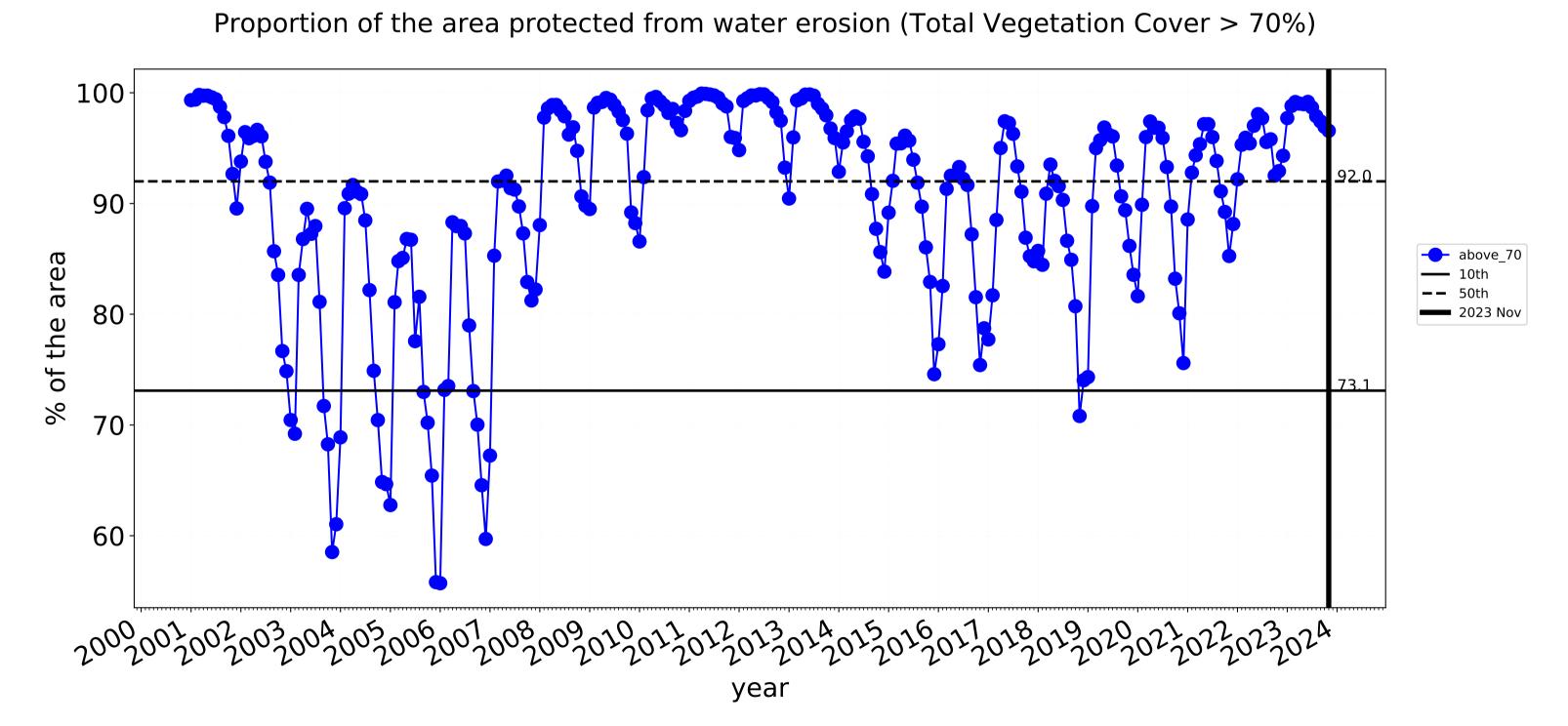


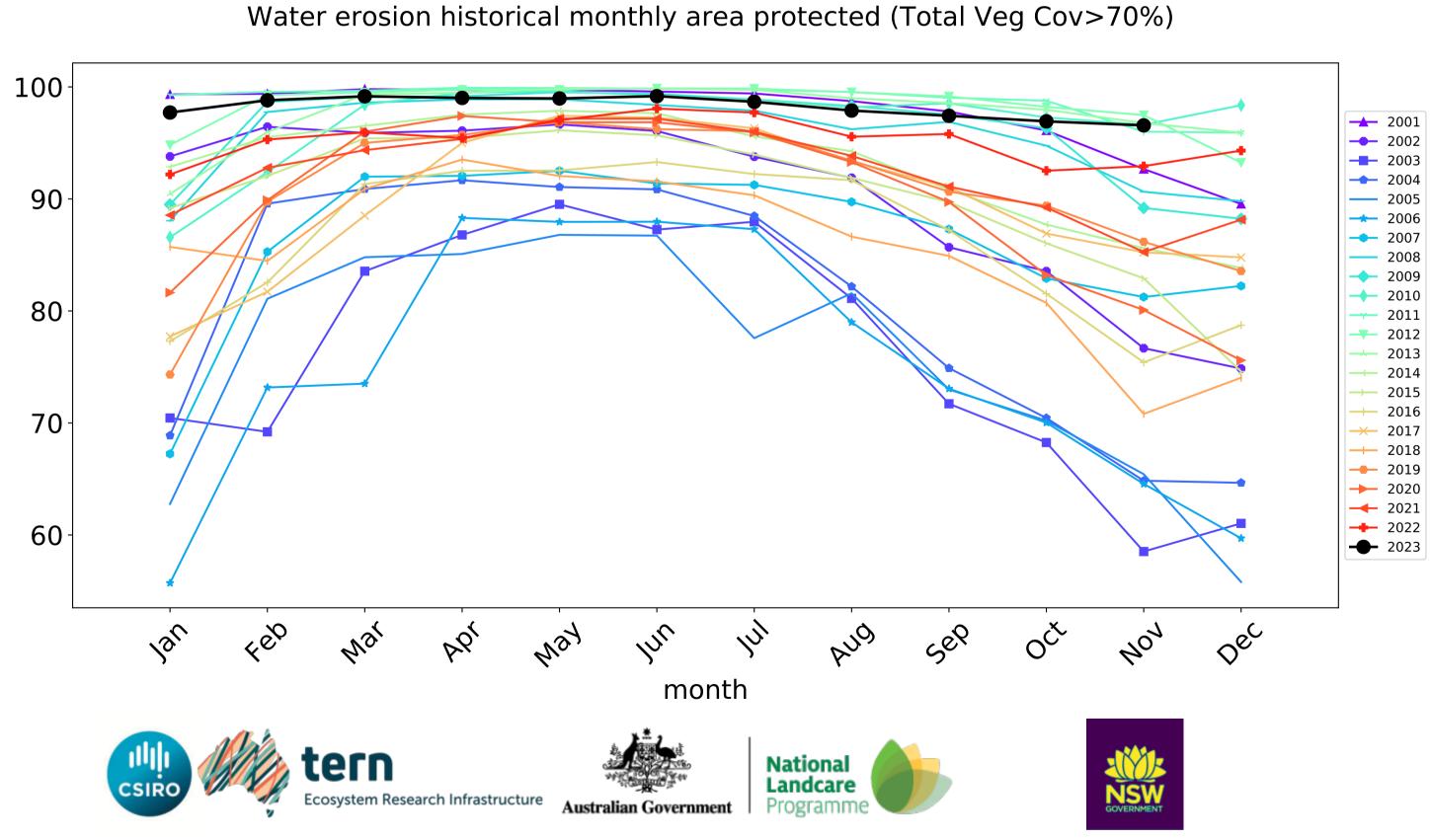


Agriculture timeseries









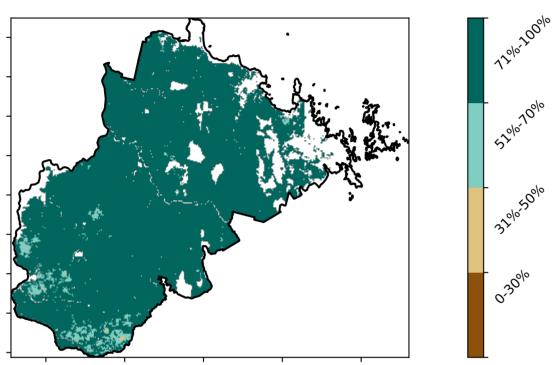
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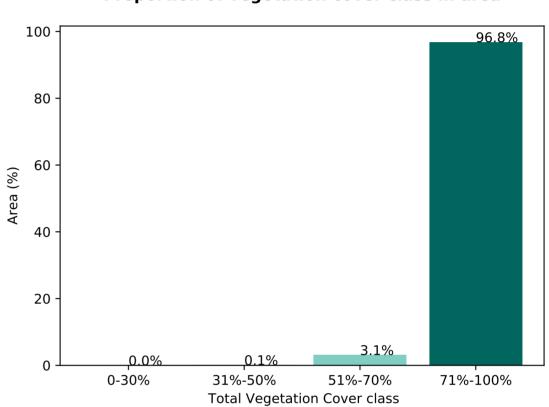
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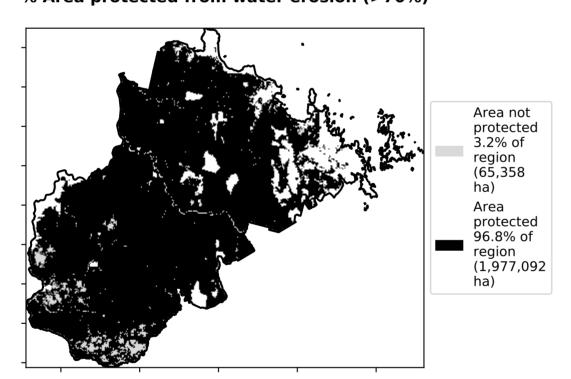
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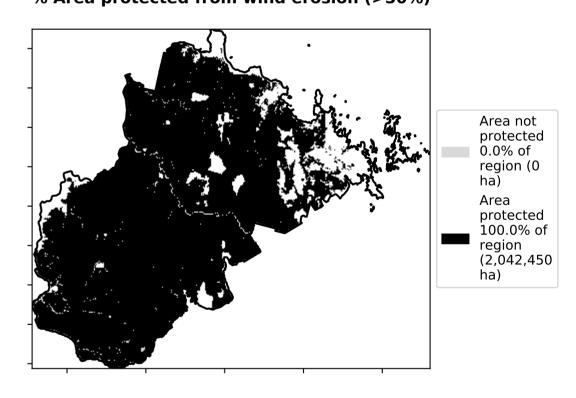
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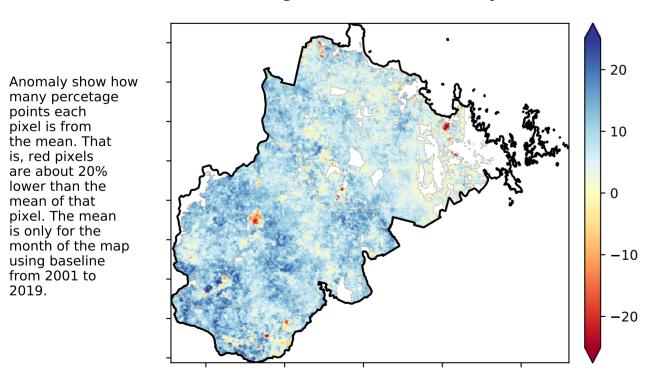
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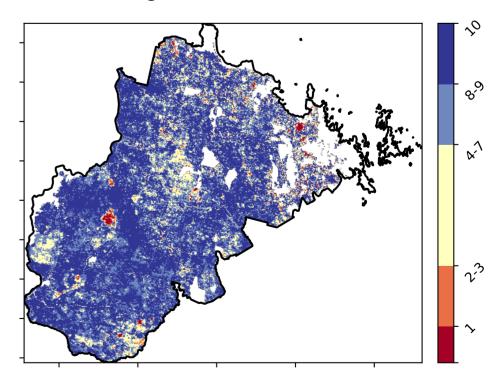


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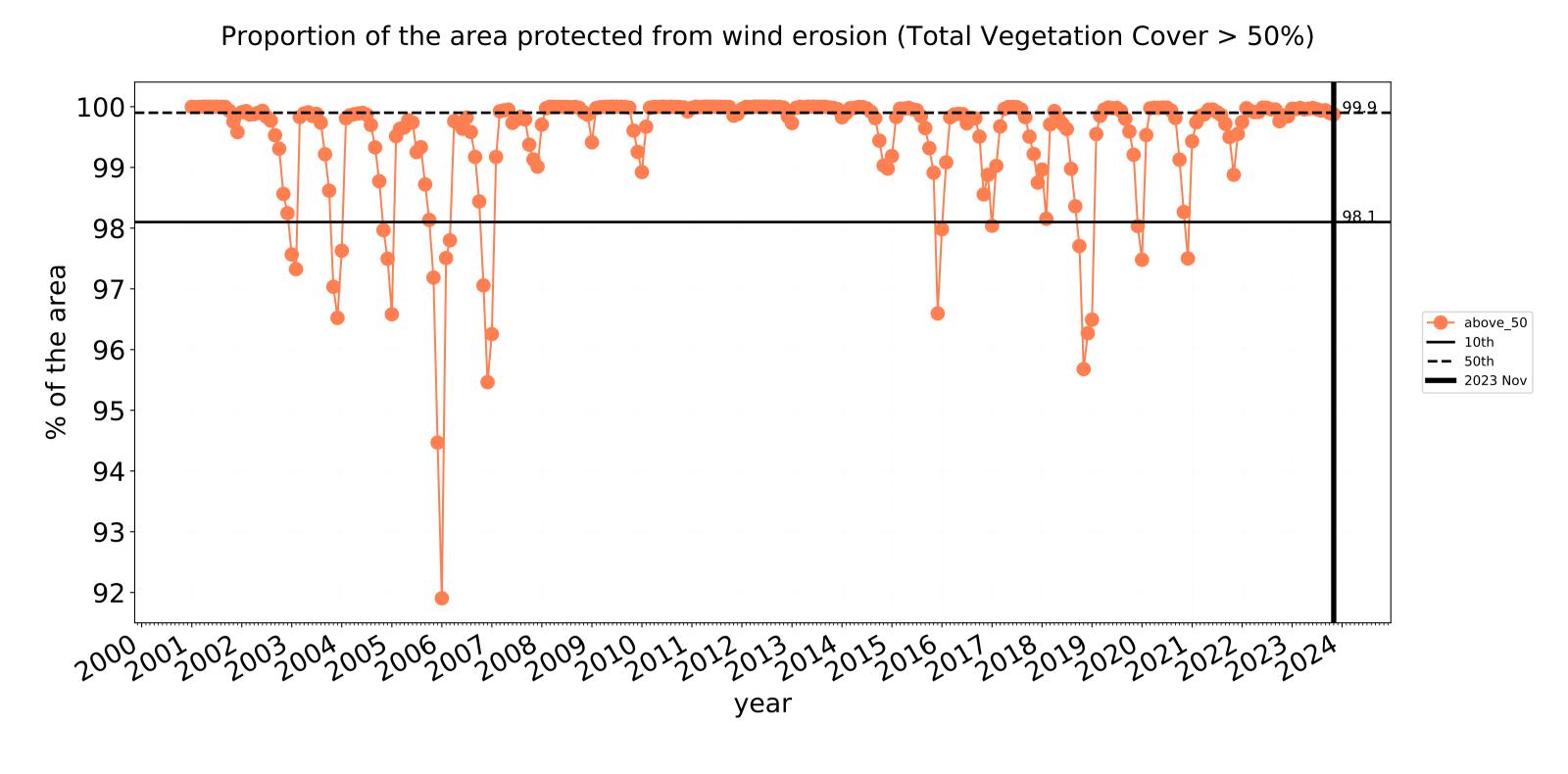


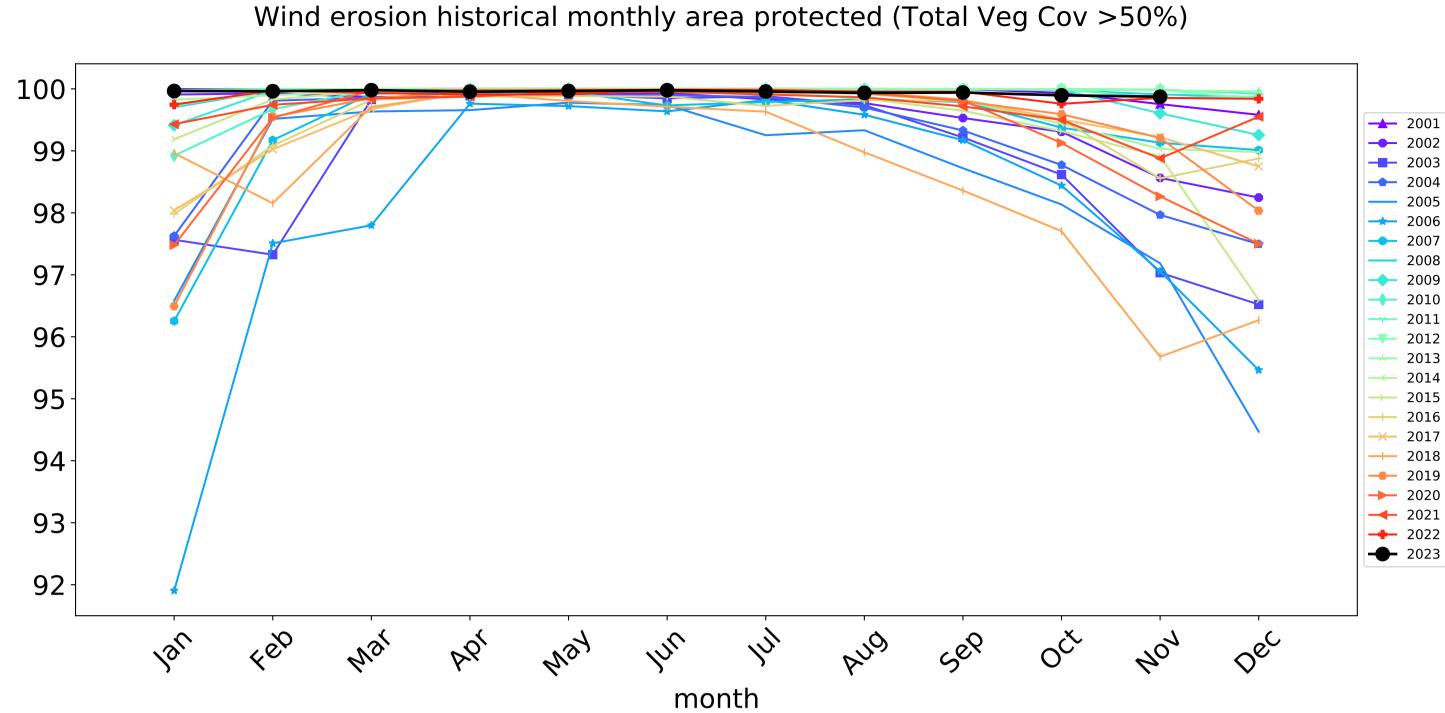


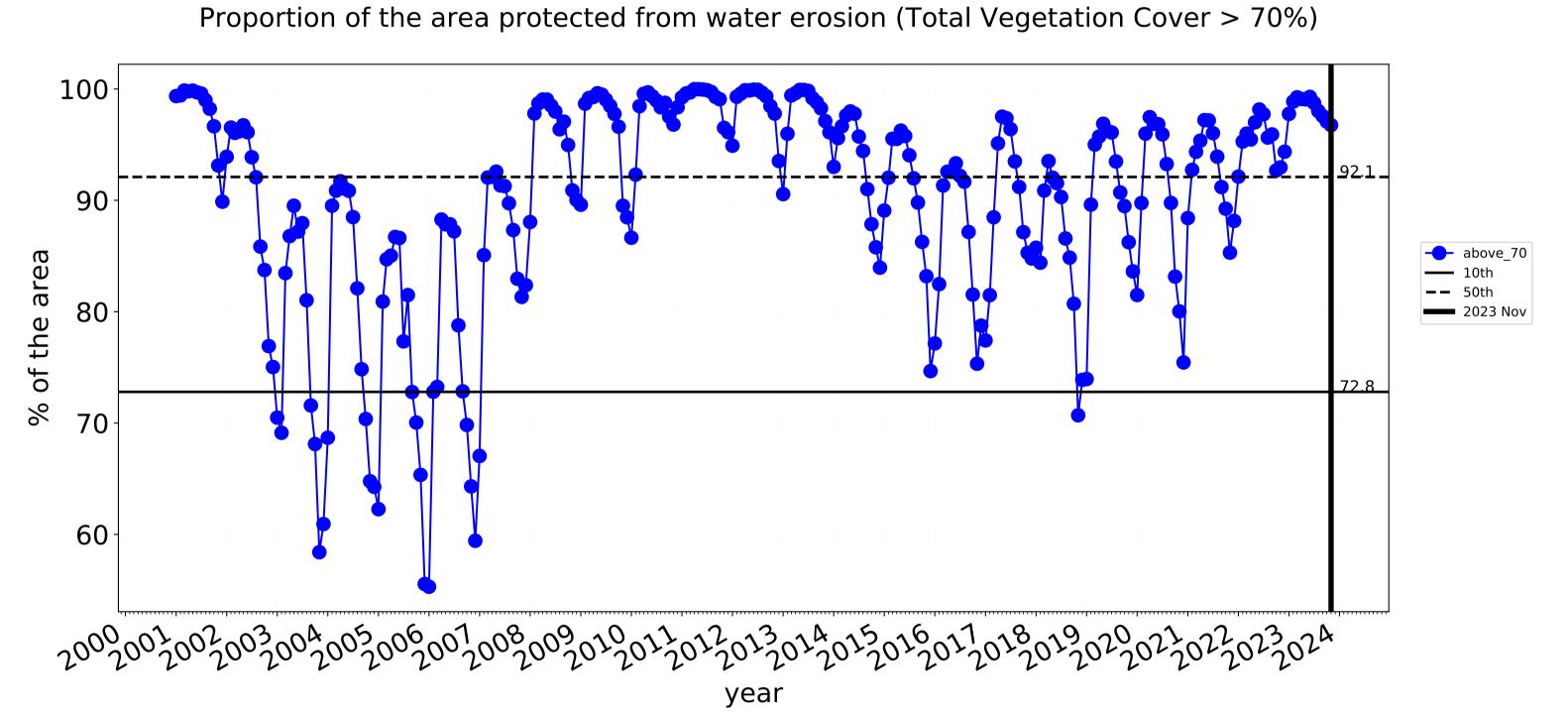


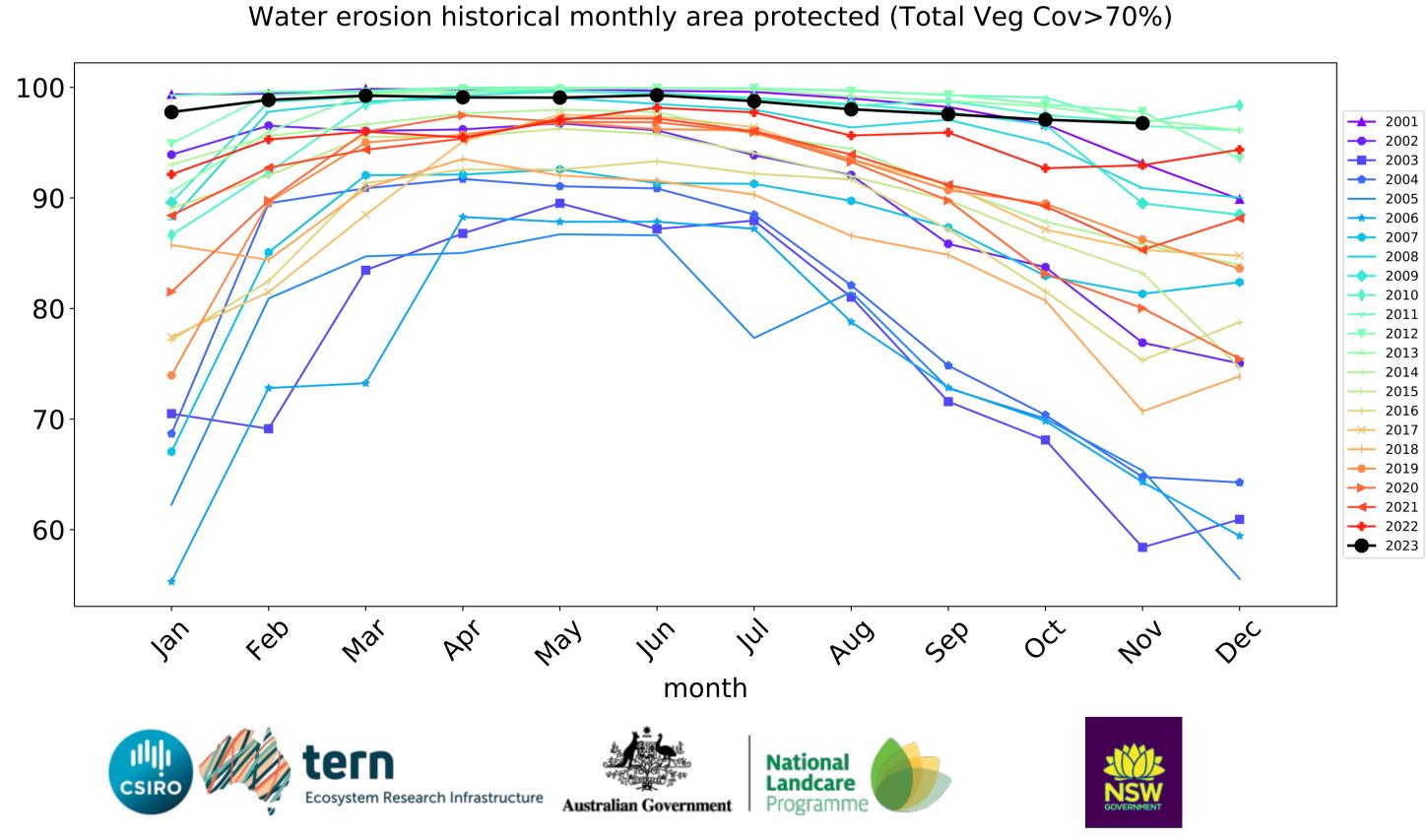


Grazing timeseries





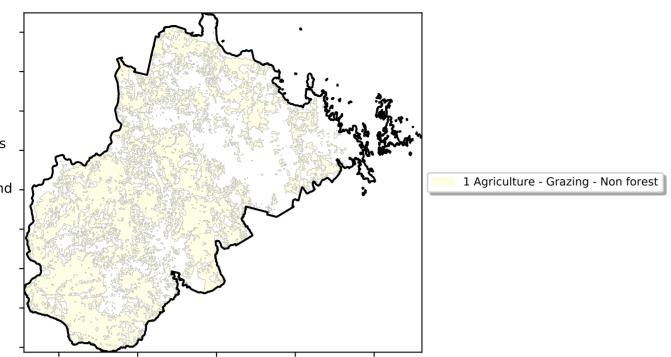




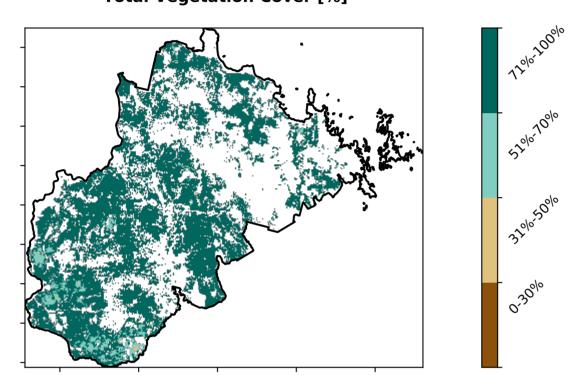
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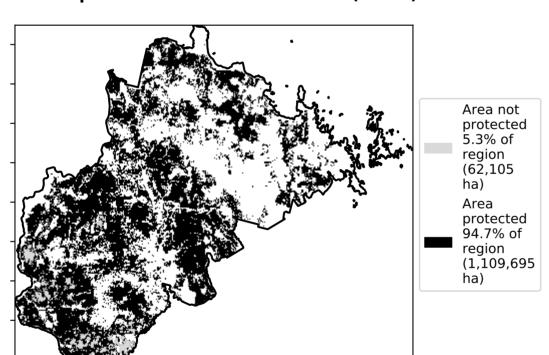
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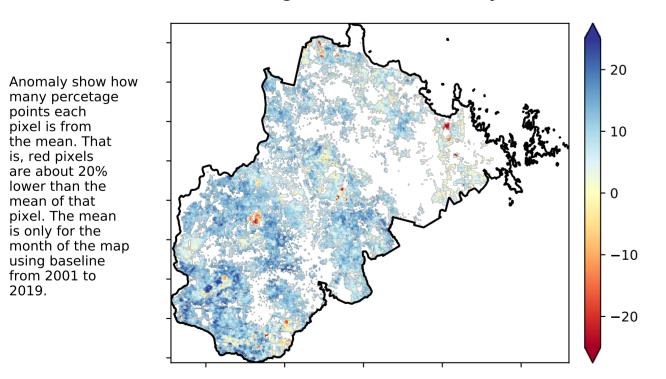
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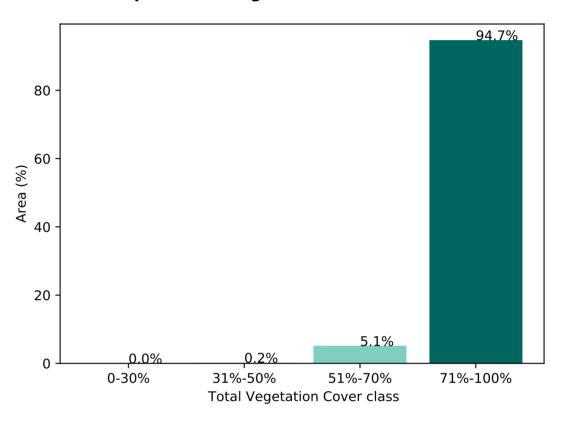


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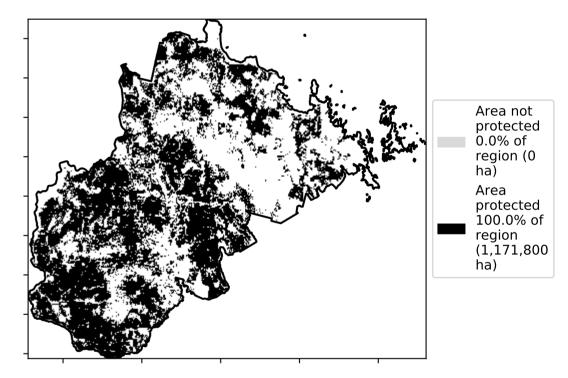


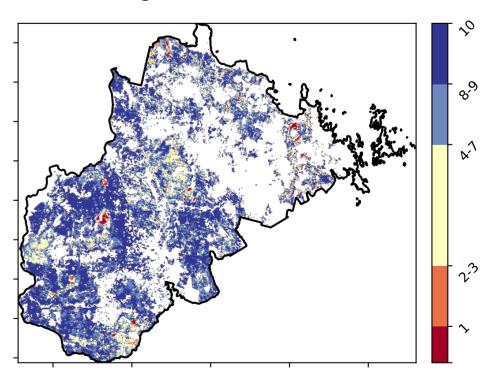
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









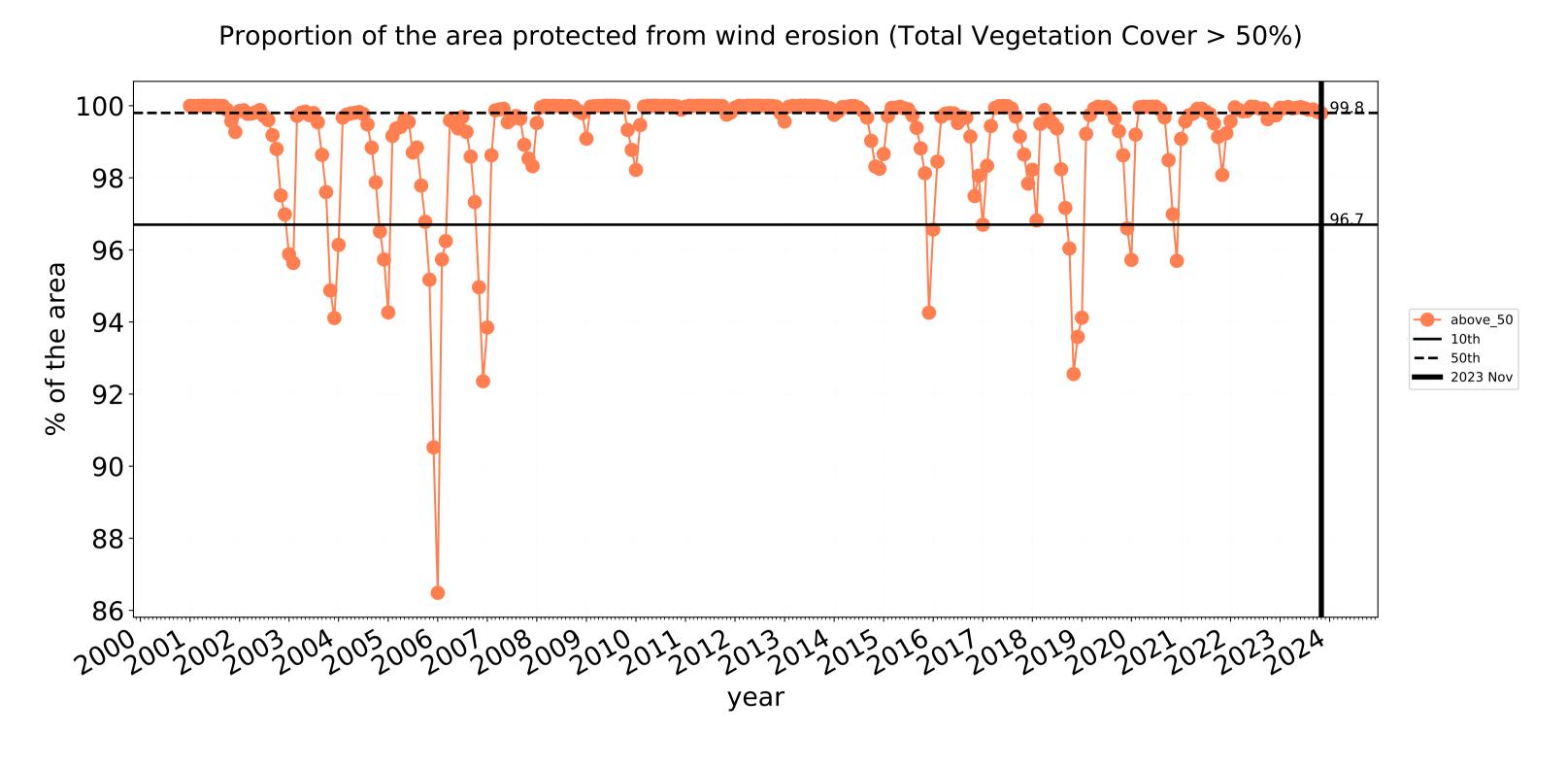


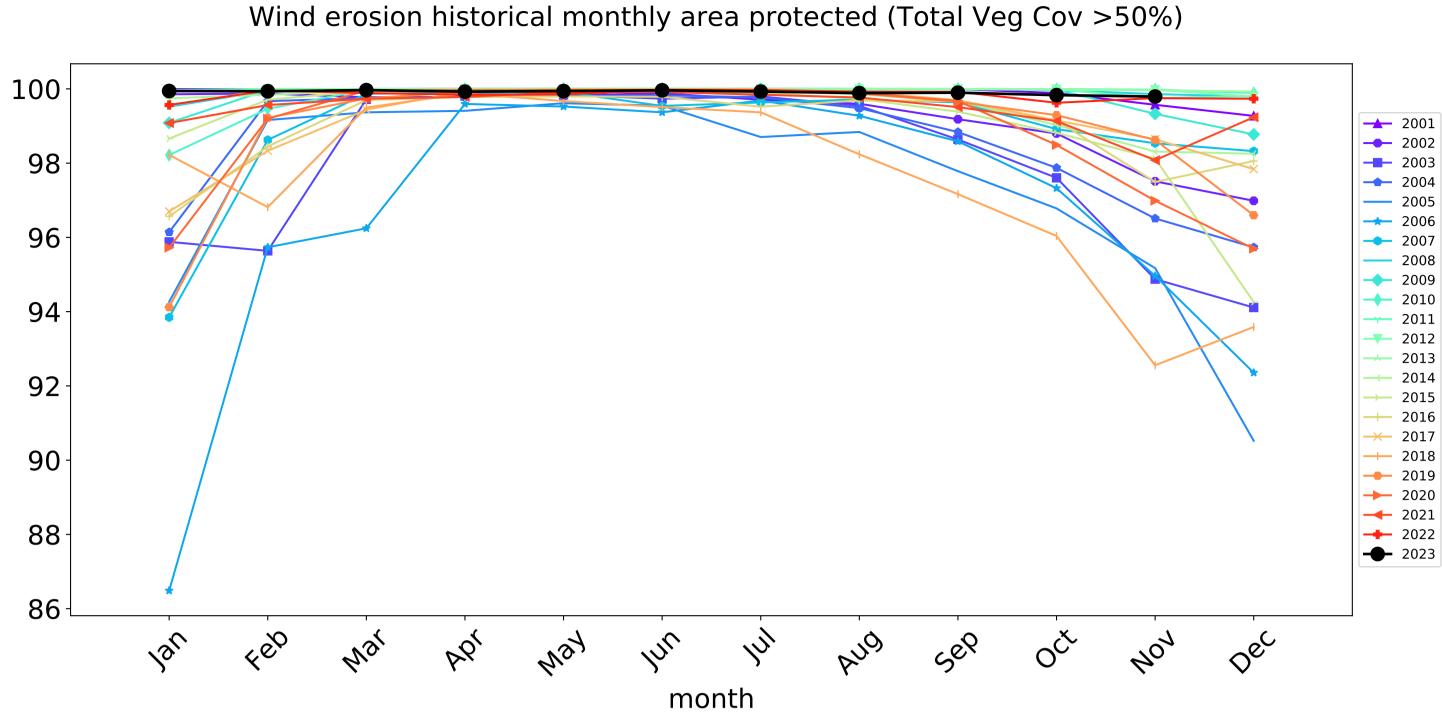


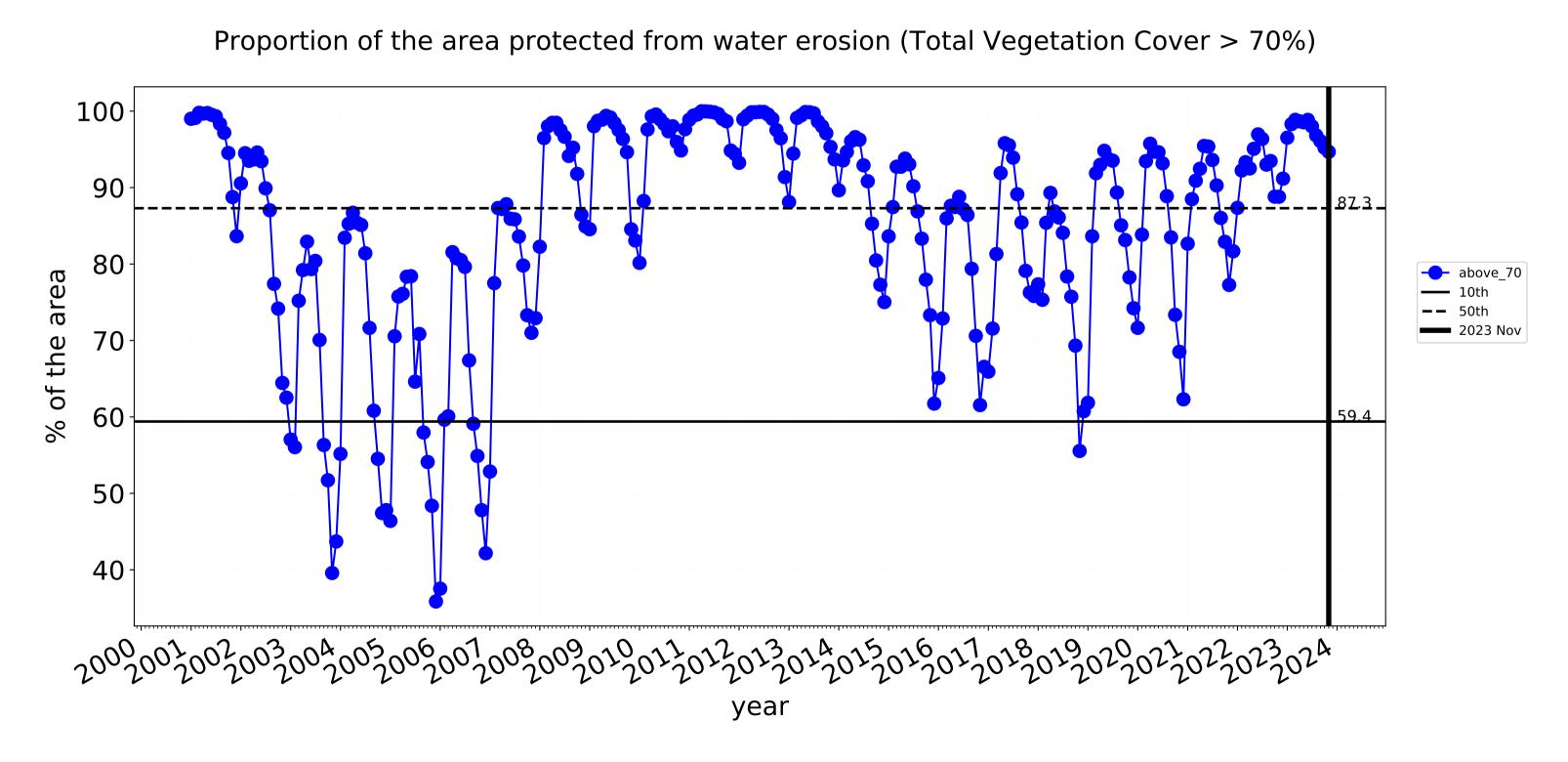


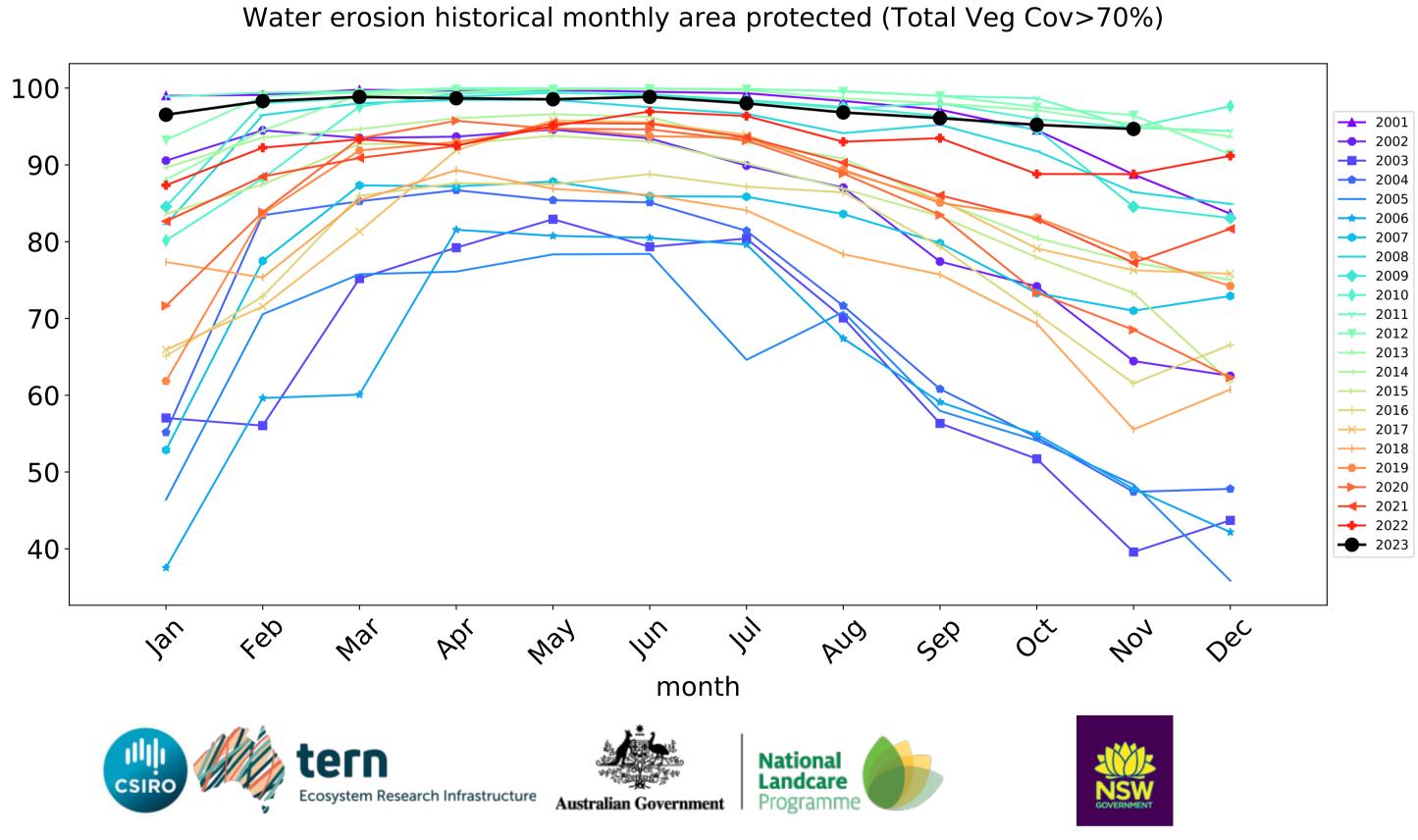


Grazing non forest timeseries





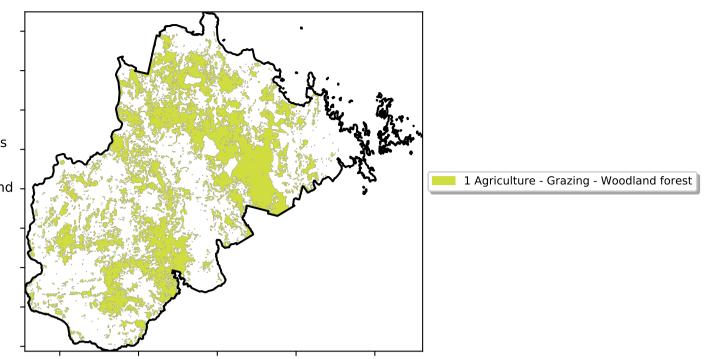




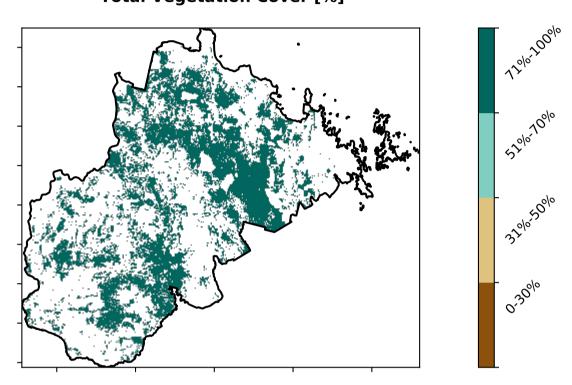
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

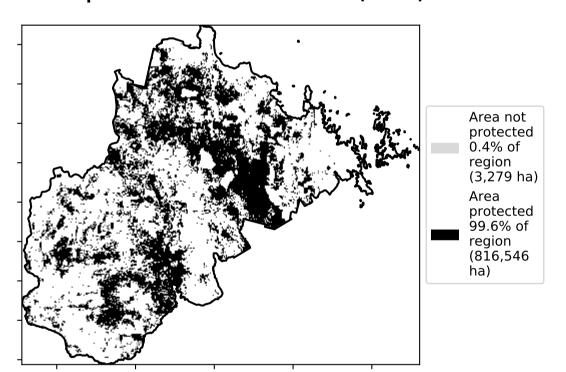




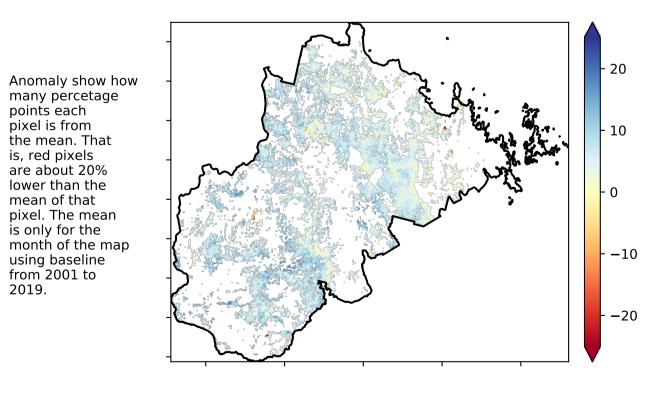
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

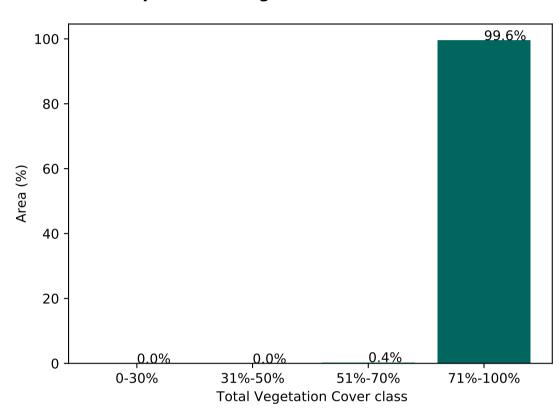


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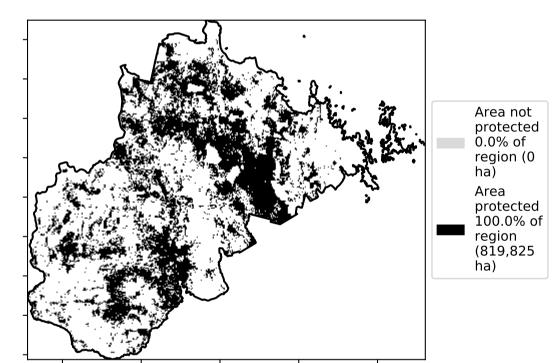


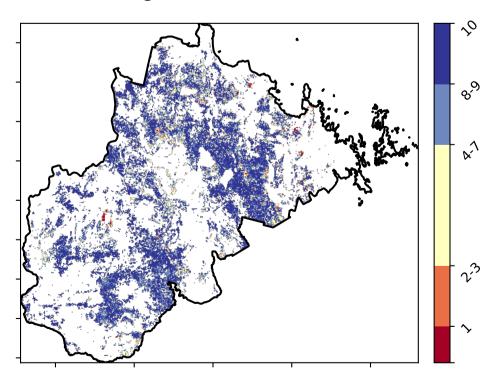
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





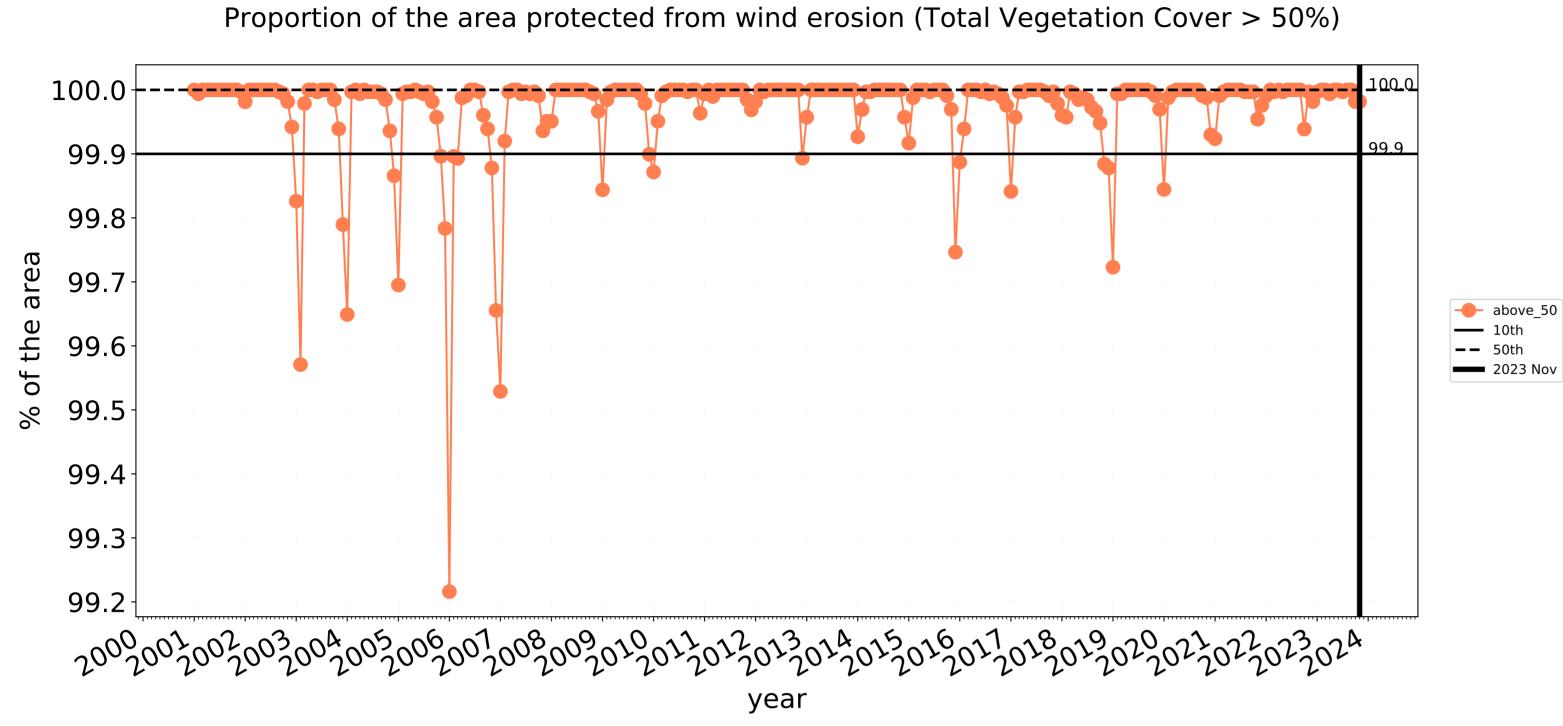


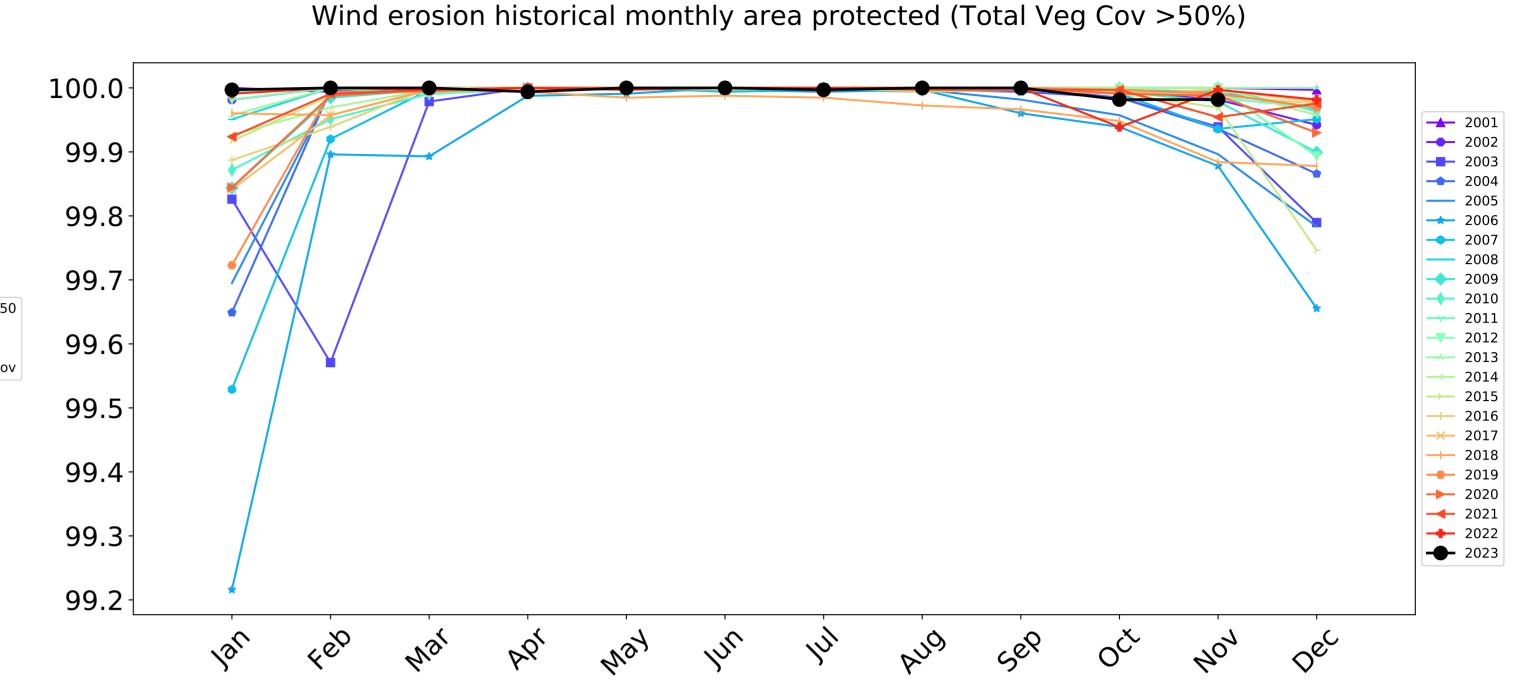




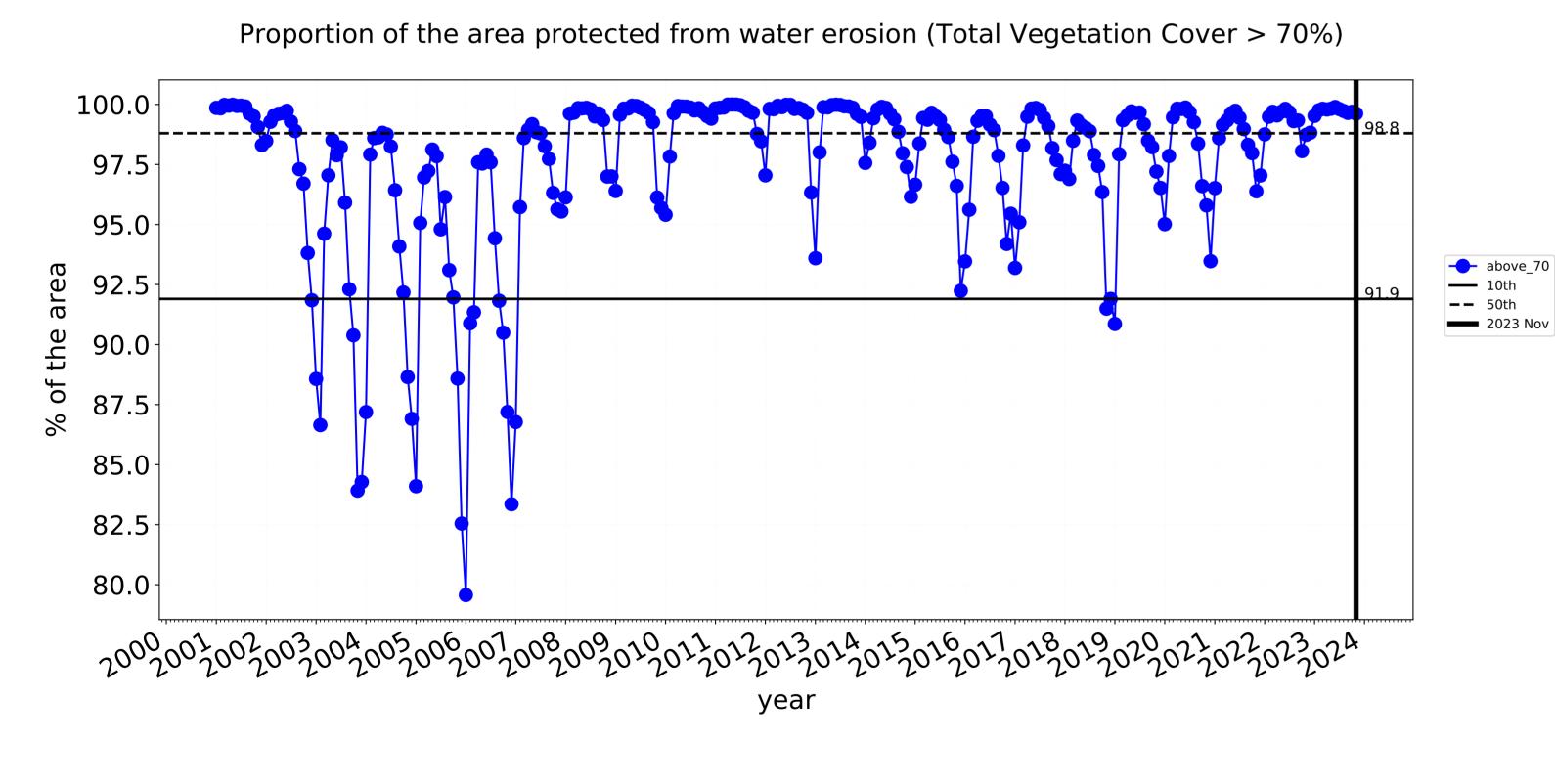


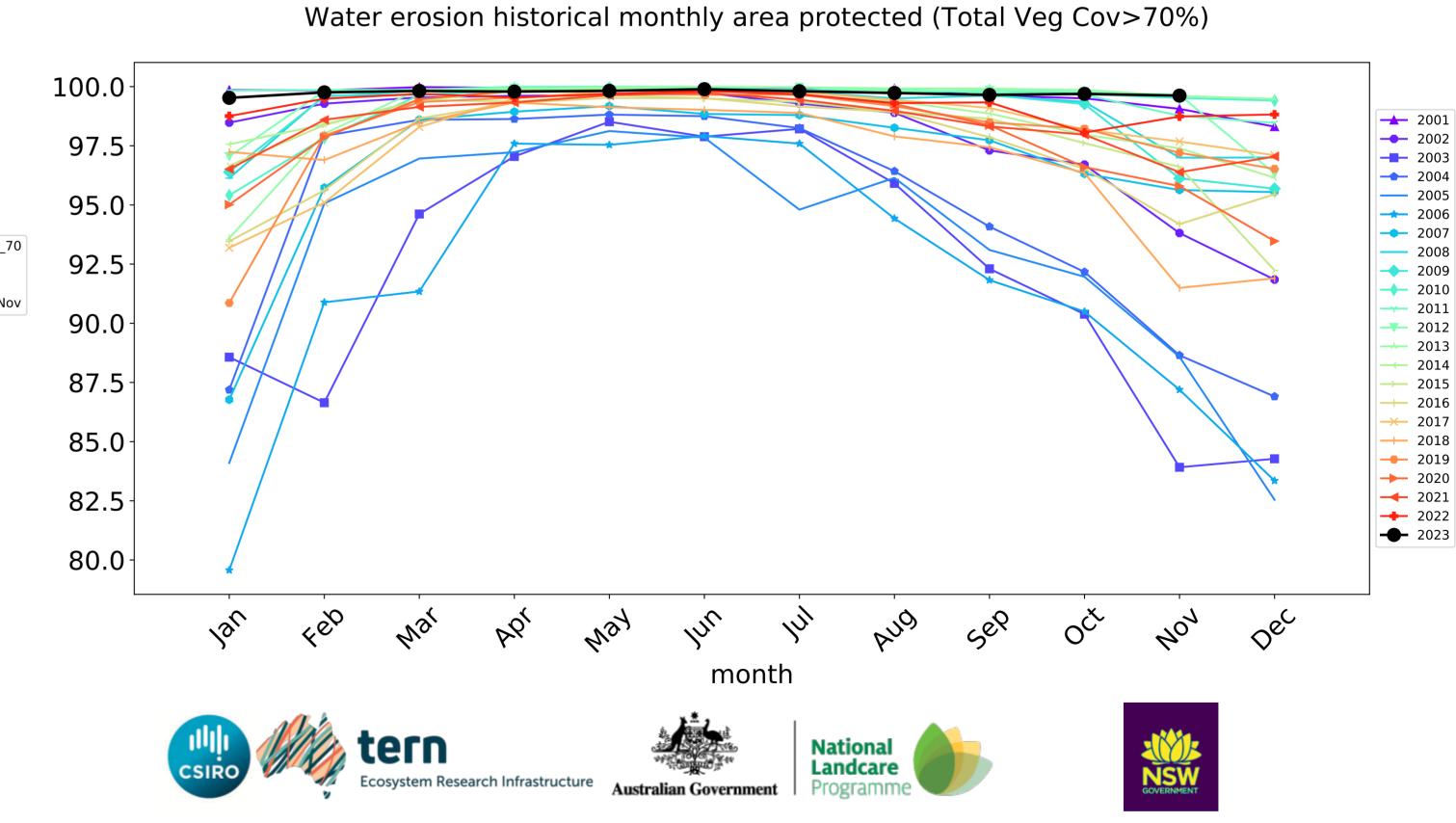
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries





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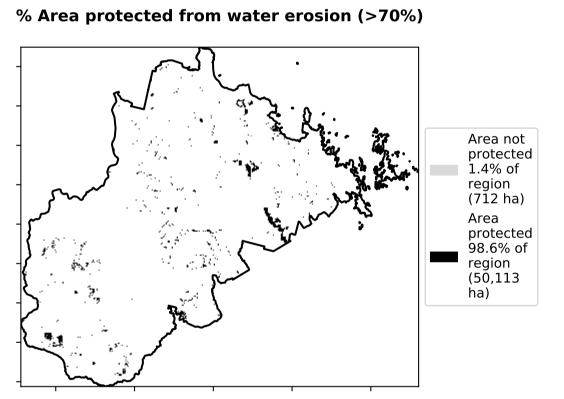
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

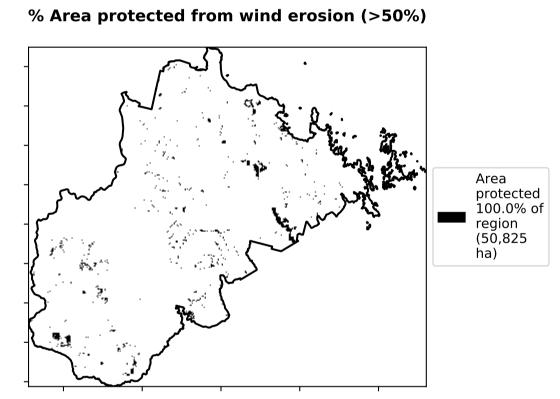
Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

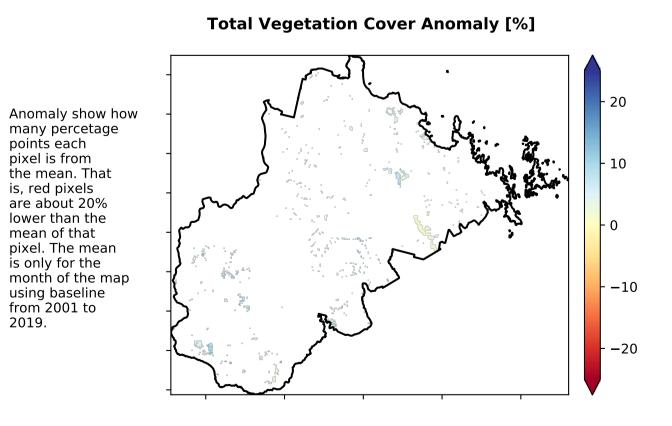
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

98.6% 100 80 60 Area (%) 20 0.0% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% **Total Vegetation Cover class**

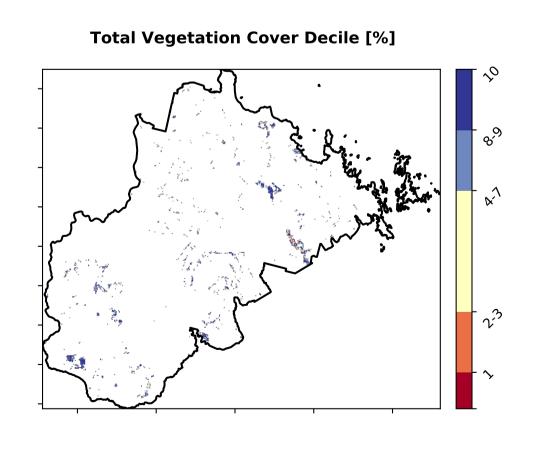
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area







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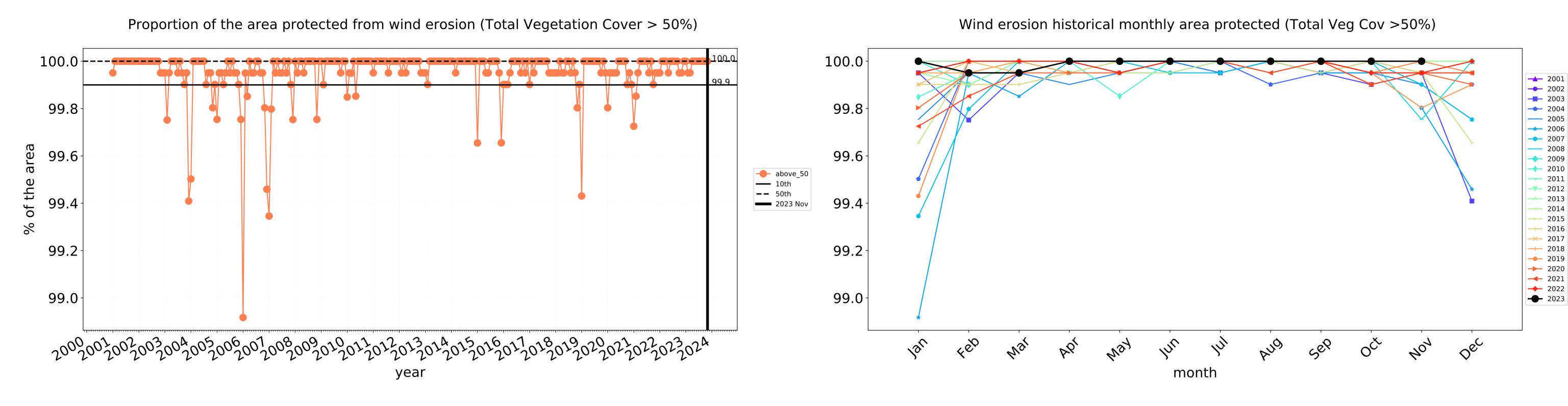


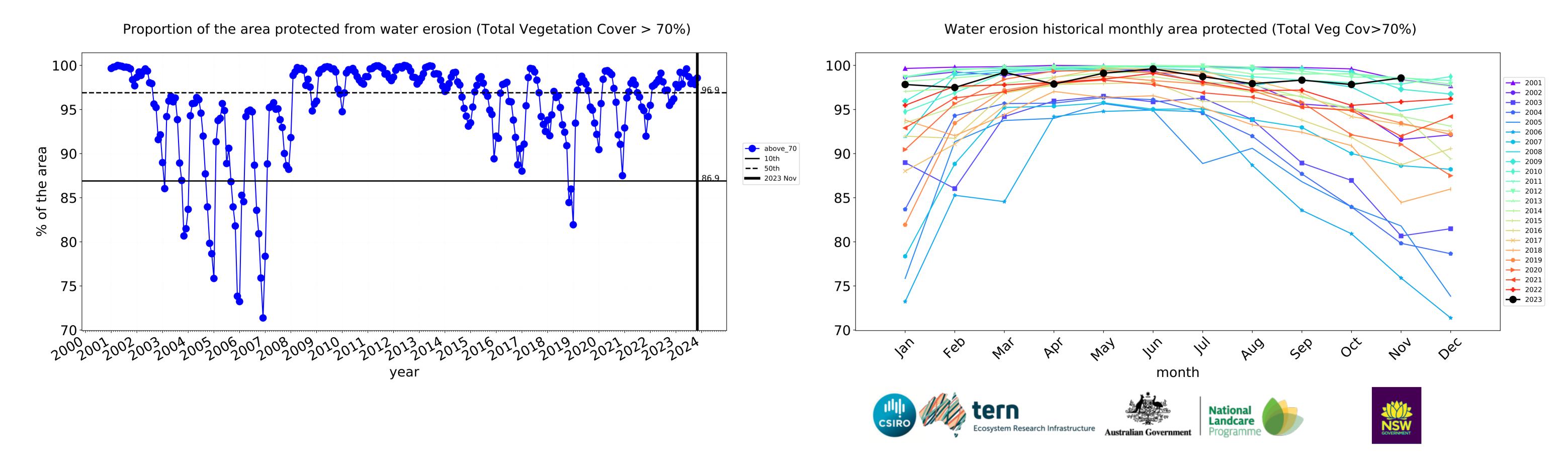






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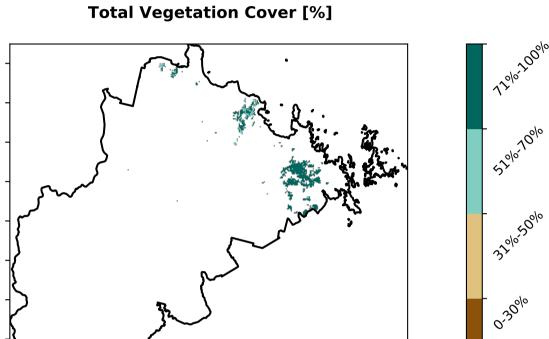


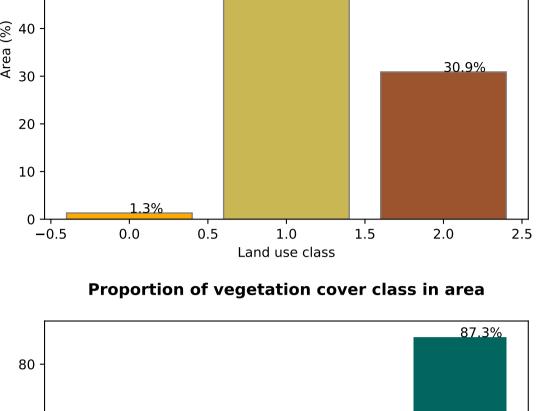


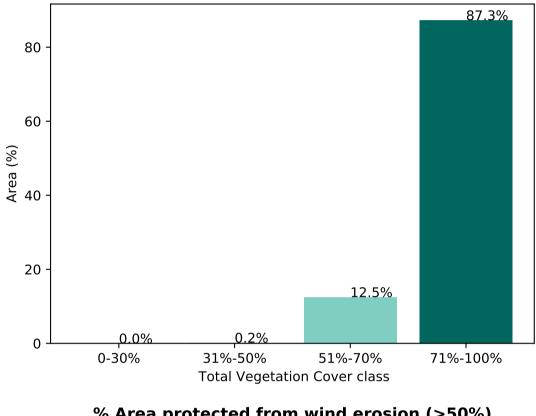
Irrigation

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

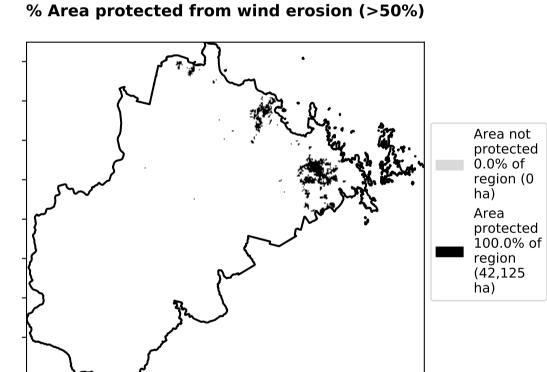
Proportion of each land class in area 70 · 67.8% 60 50 Area (%) 00 00 30.9% 20 10 1.0 1.5 2.0 0.0 0.5 -0.5

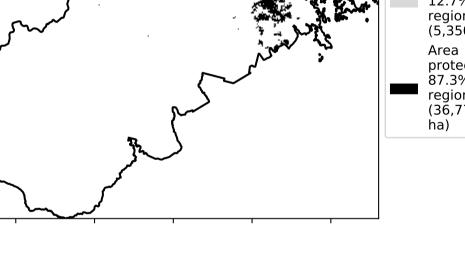




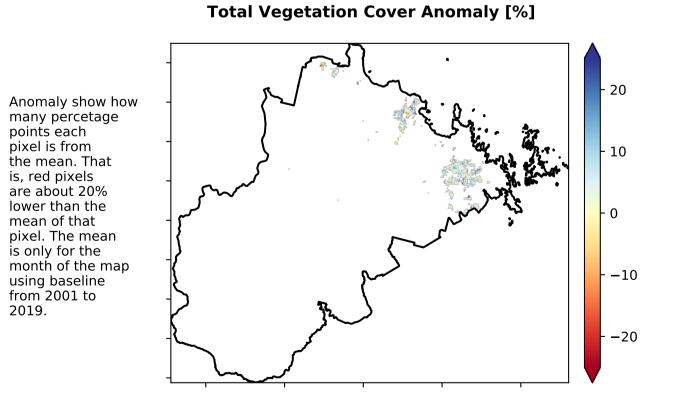


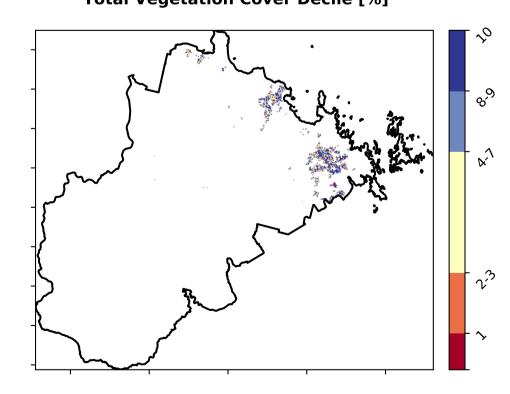
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 12.7% of region (5,350 ha) Area protected . 87.3% of region (36,775 ha)





Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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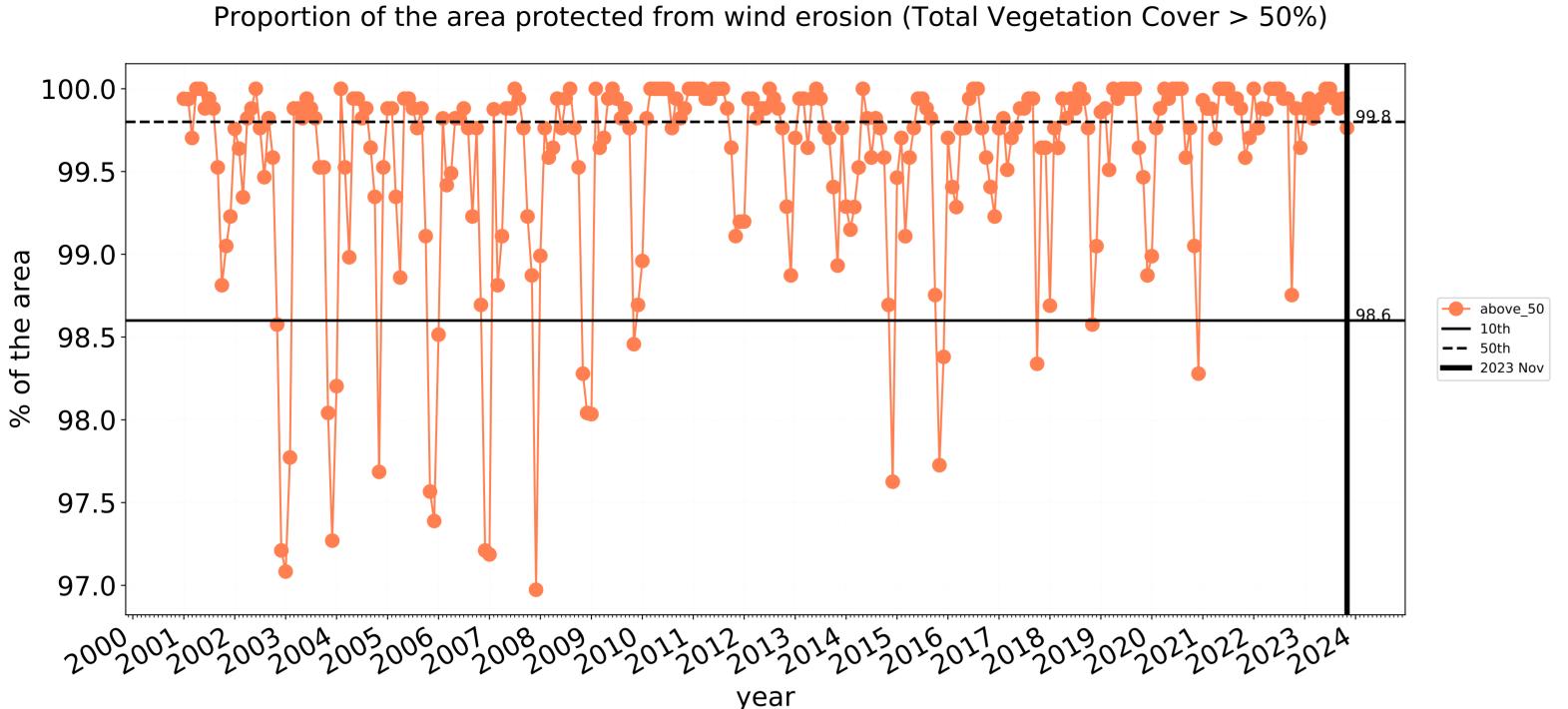


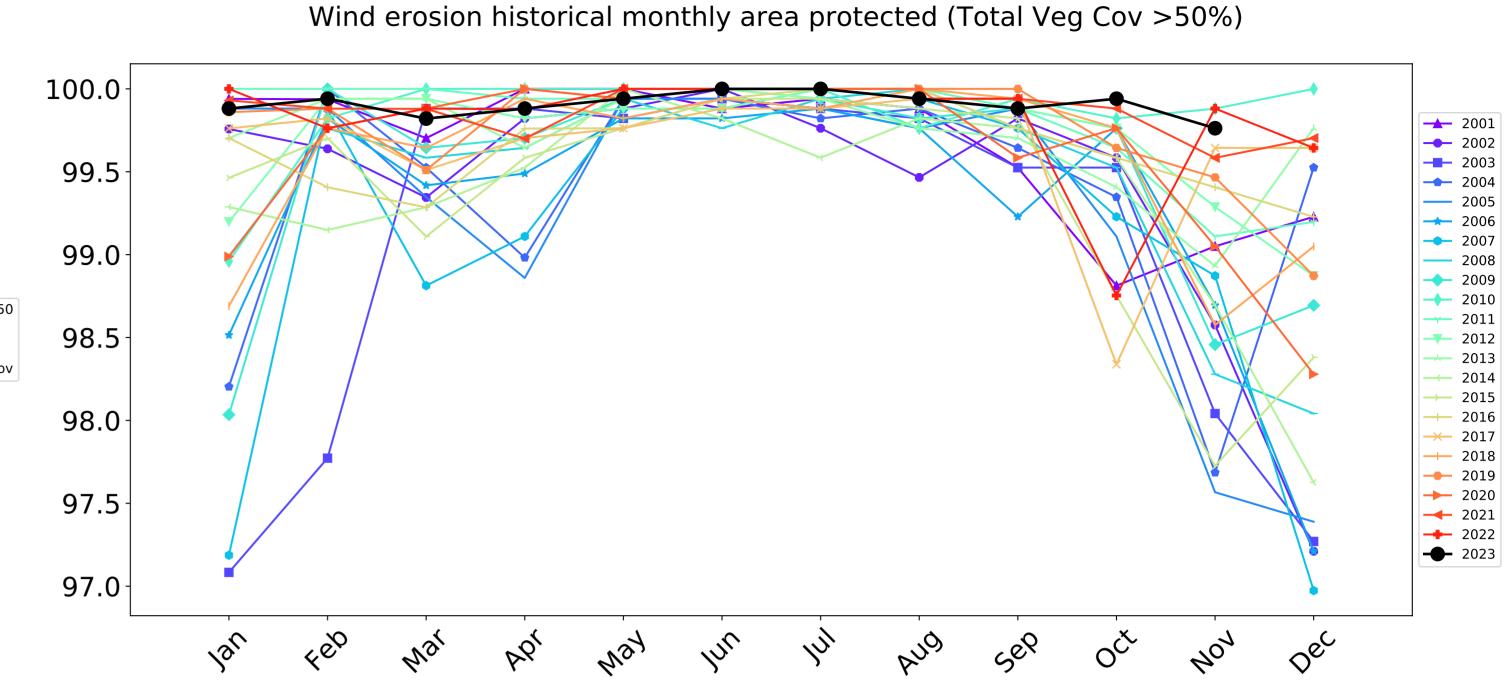




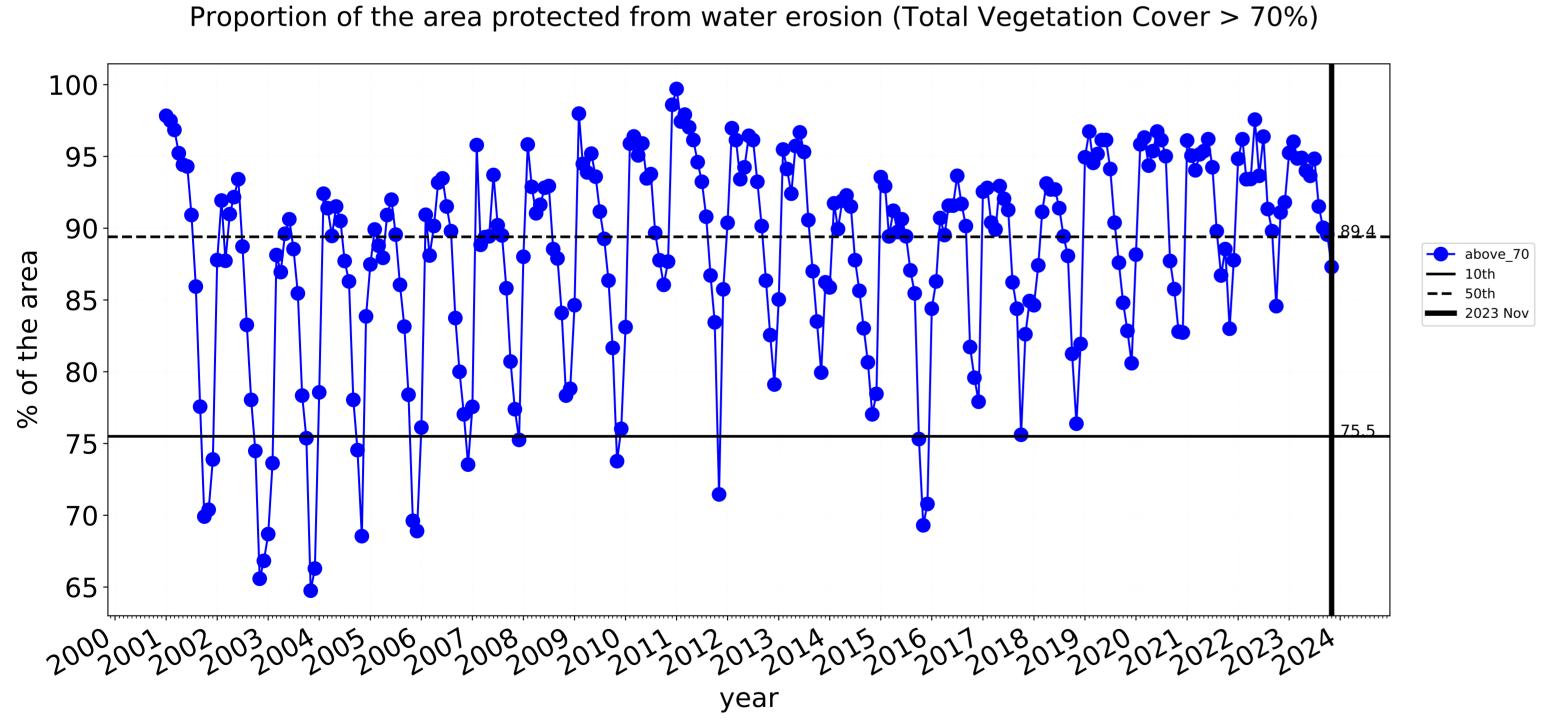


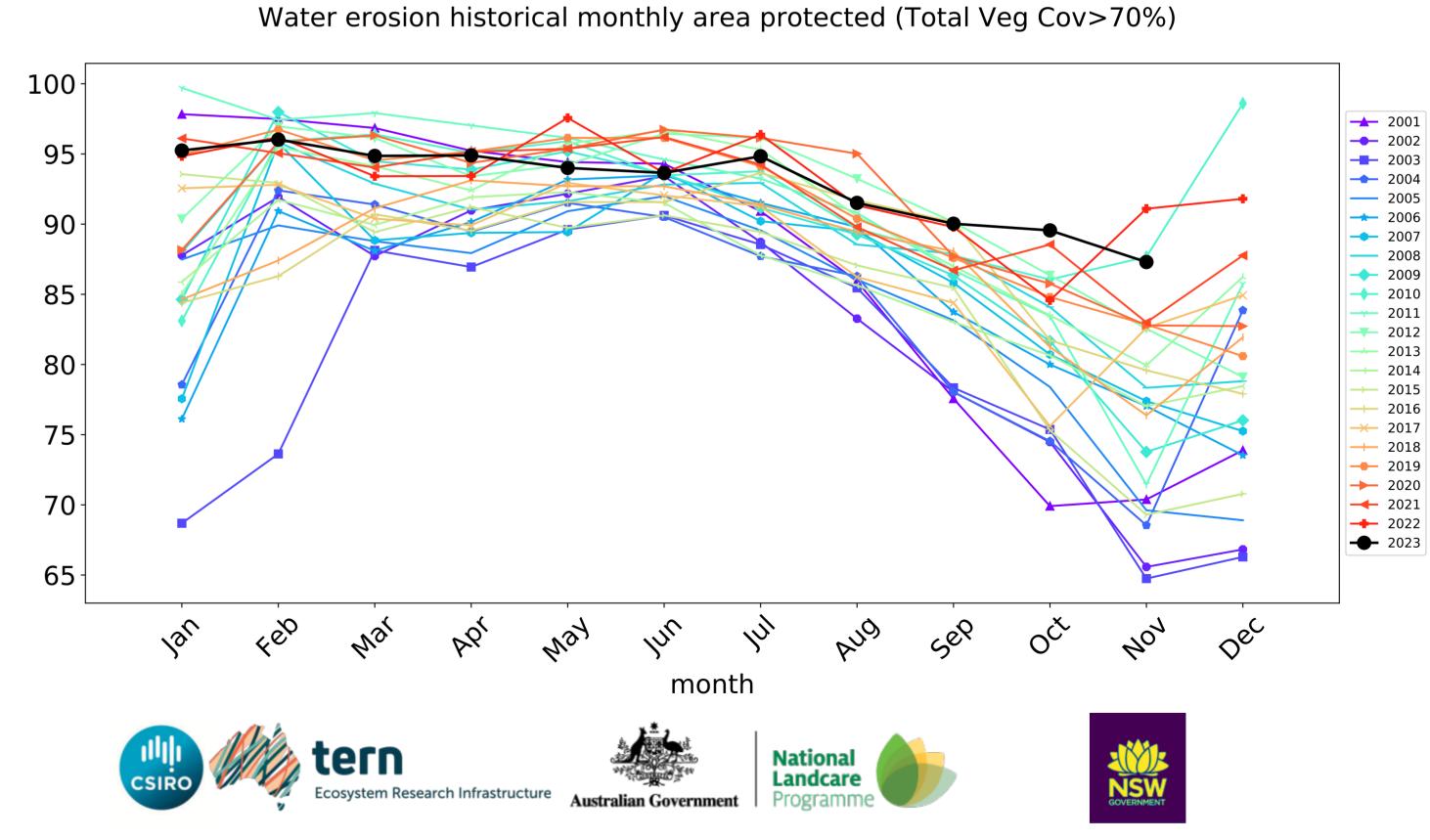
Irrigation timeseries





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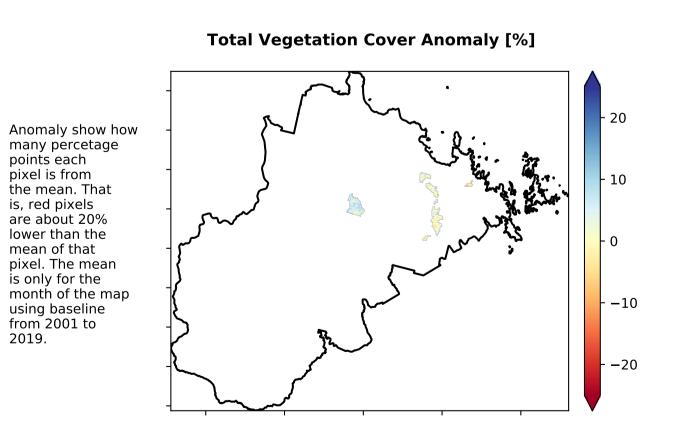


Production native forests and plantation forests

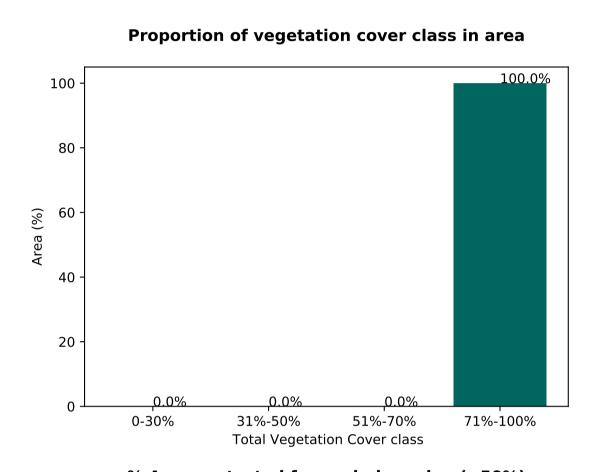
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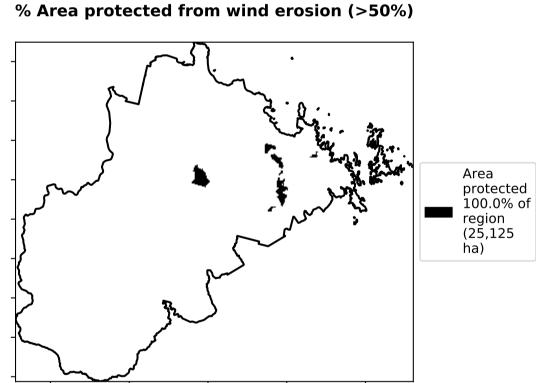
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

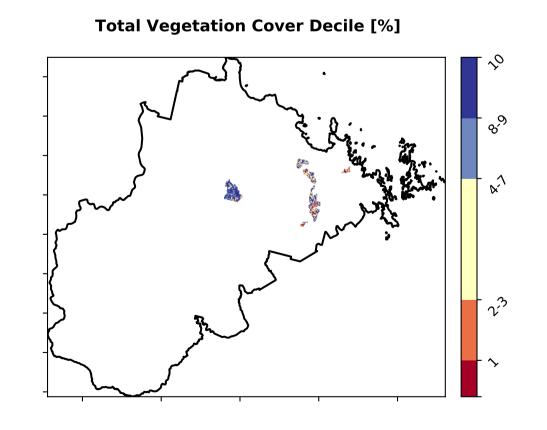
Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area protected 100.0% of region (25,125 ha)



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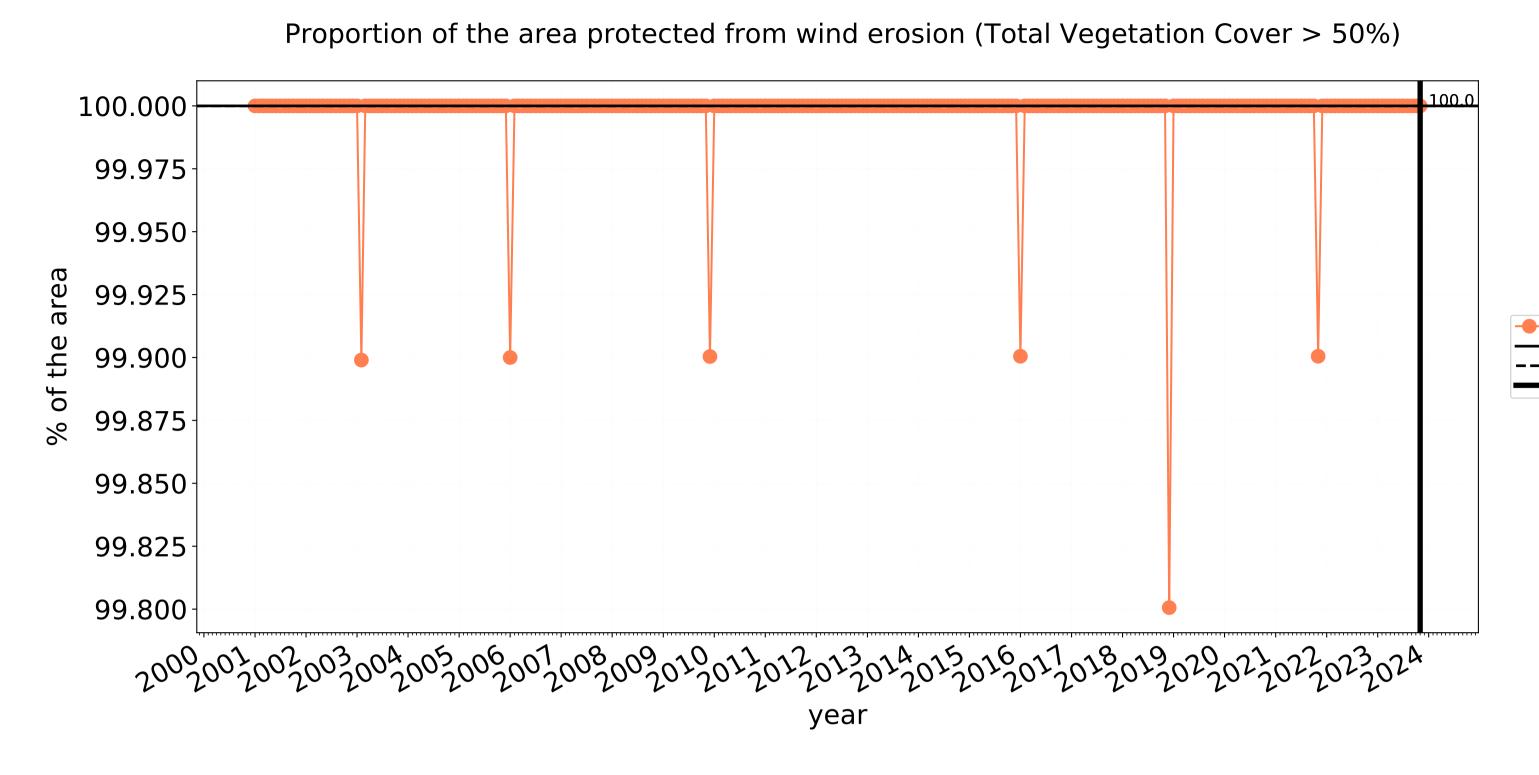


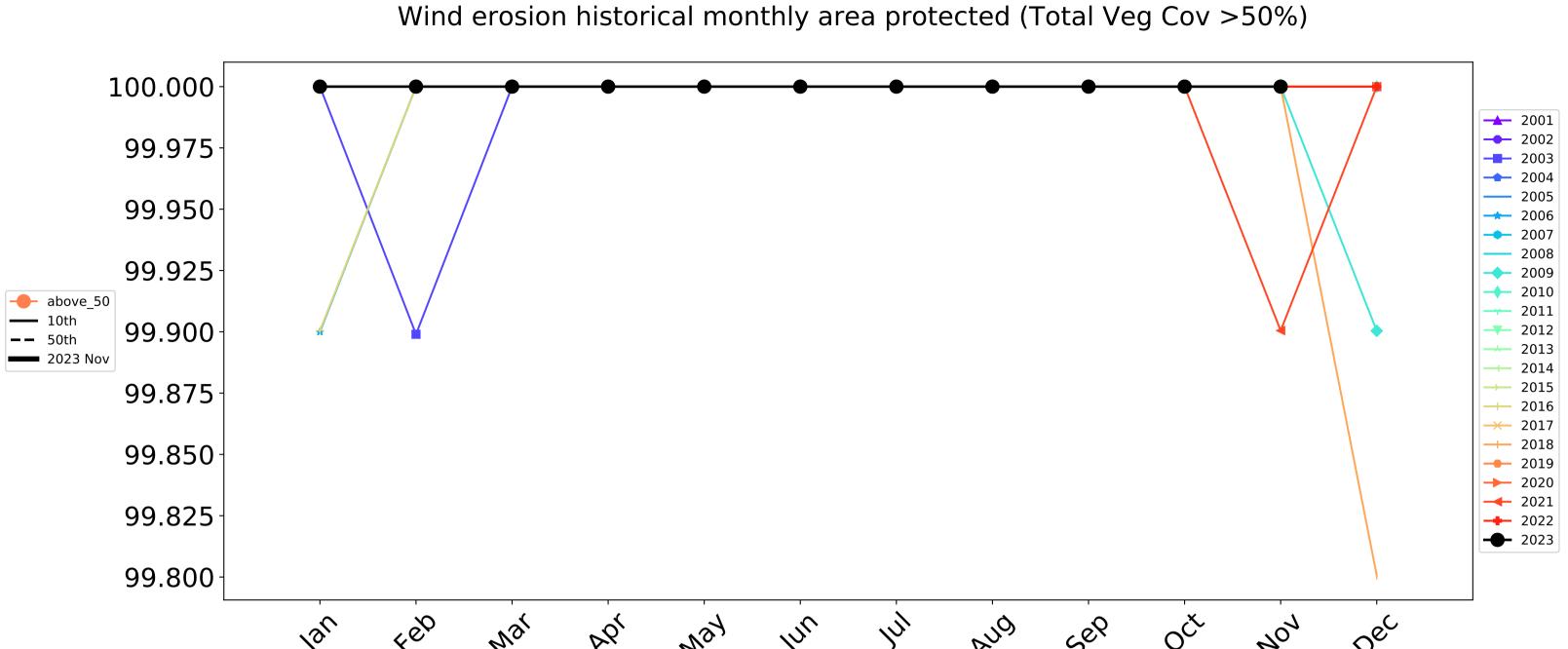




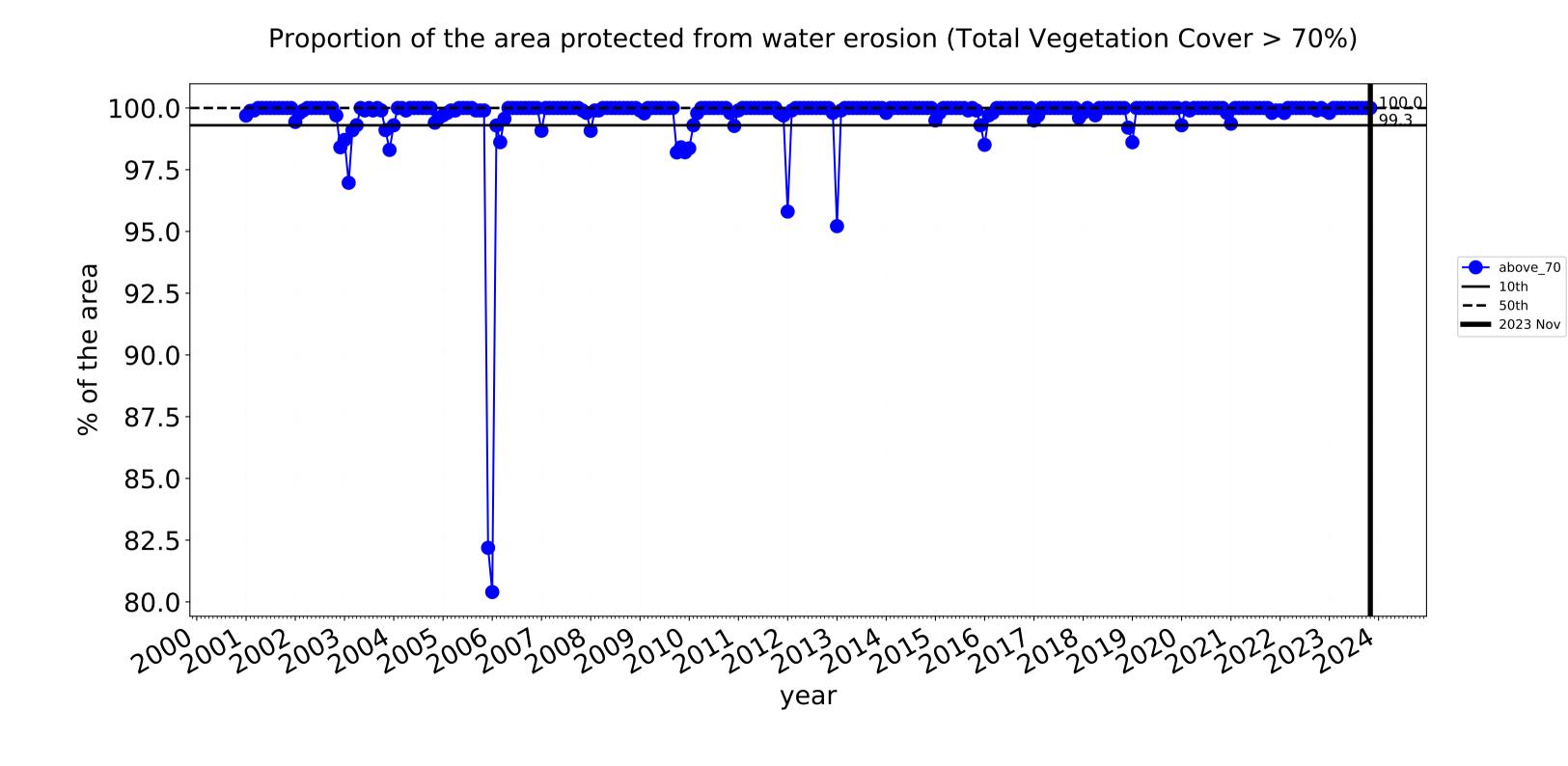


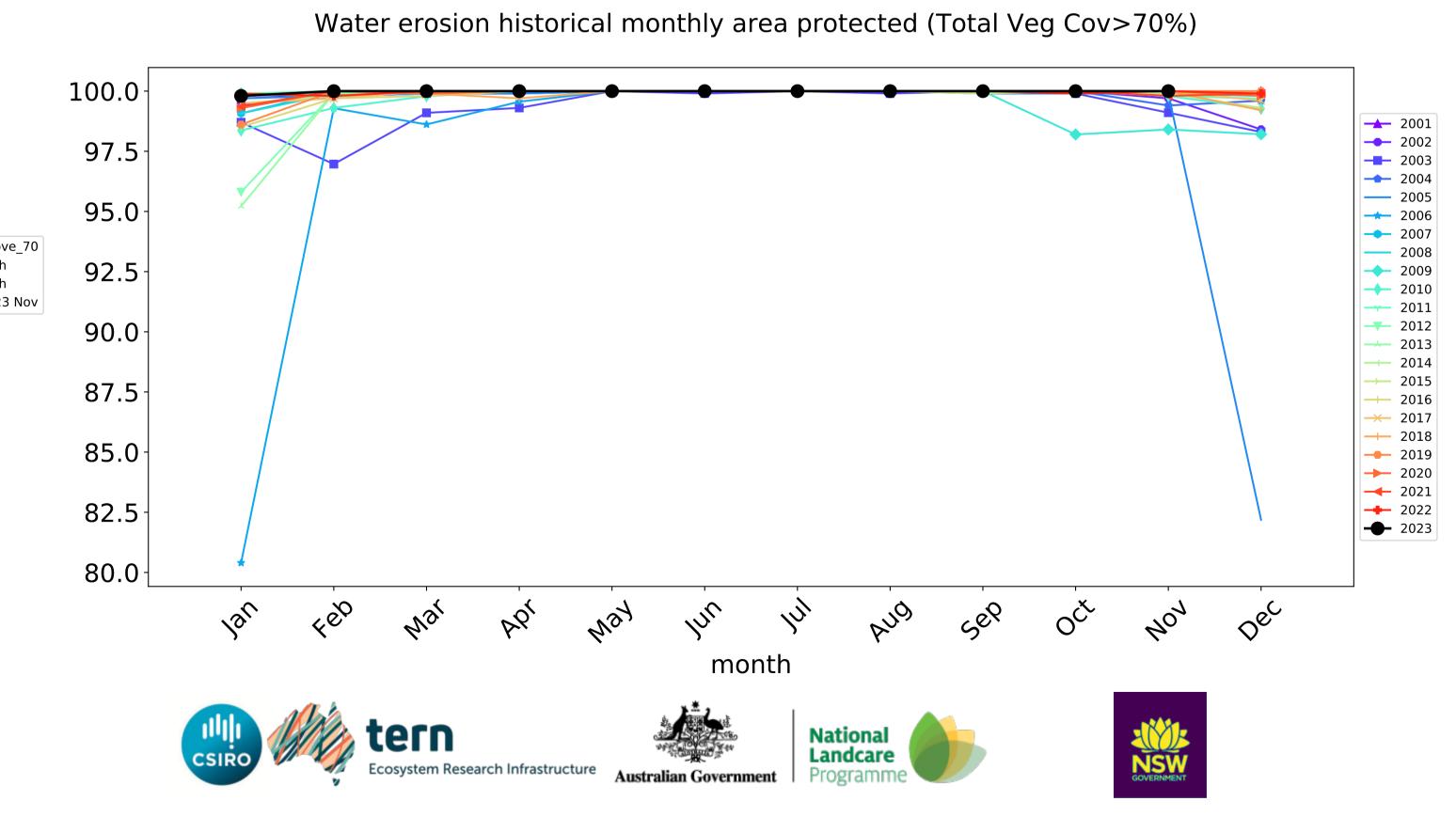
Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries





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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% 2,356,900	99.8% 2,352,100	96.2% 2,266,975	87.7% 2,066,575	58.4% 1,376,525	27.9% 657,650
Conservation and natural environments	169,300	99.8% 169,025	99.4% 168,225	96.5% 163,450	89.2% 151,025	64.1% 108,575	33.6% 56,900
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,425	99.6% 28,300	98.5% 28,000	91.9% 26,125	68.2% 19,400	15.2% 4,325	3.1% 875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	56,925	100.0% 56,900	99.8% 56,800	97.9% 55,725	93.6% 53,300	74.2% 42,250	47.2% 26,875
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	83,950	99.9% 83,825	99.4% 83,425	97.2% 81,600	93.3% 78,325	73.9% 62,000	34.7% 29,150
Agriculture	2,084,875	100.0% 2,084,825	99.9% 2,082,200	96.6% 2,013,300	88.4% 1,842,550	58.8% 1,225,725	27.8% 579,325
Grazing	2,042,450	100.0% 2,042,400	99.9% 2,039,875	96.8% 1,976,225	88.9% 1,815,025	59.5% 1,214,750	28.2% 575,675
Grazing non forest	1,171,800	100.0% 1,171,750	99.8% 1,169,375	94.7% 1,109,425	82.6% 967,850	45.9% 538,275	16.8% 196,675
Grazing Woodland forest	819,825	100.0% 819,825	100.0% 819,675	99.6% 816,700	97.6% 800,050	78.9% 646,850	44.4% 364,075
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,825	100.0% 50,825	100.0% 50,825	98.6% 50,100	92.7% 47,125	58.3% 29,625	29.4% 14,925
Irrigation	42,125	100.0% 42,125	99.8% 42,025	87.3% 36,775	64.8% 27,300	26.1% 10,975	8.7% 3,650
Production native forests and plantation forests	25,125	100.0% 25,125	100.0% 25,125	100.0% 25,125	100.0% 25,125	88.9% 22,325	50.5% 12,700







