### 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

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)

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

• 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:

Total vegetation Cover:

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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









**Date: October 2023** 

### **Vegetation Cover Oct 2023**

### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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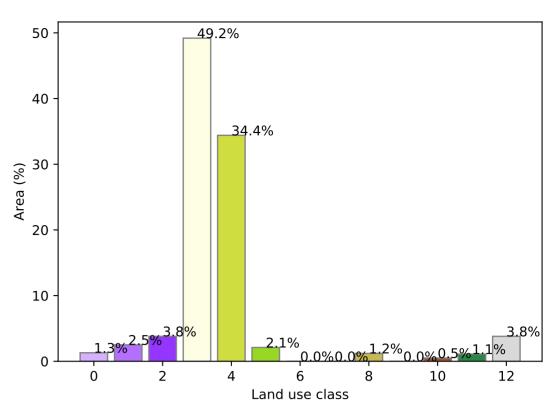
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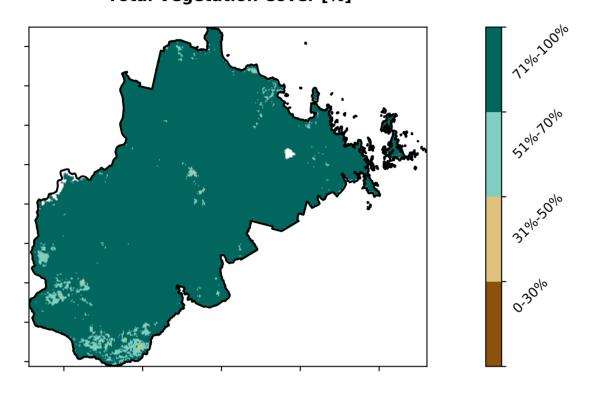
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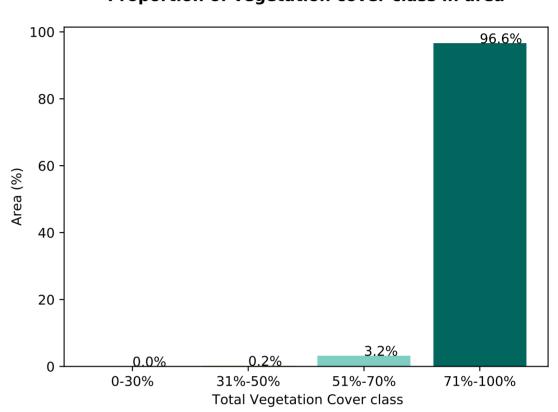
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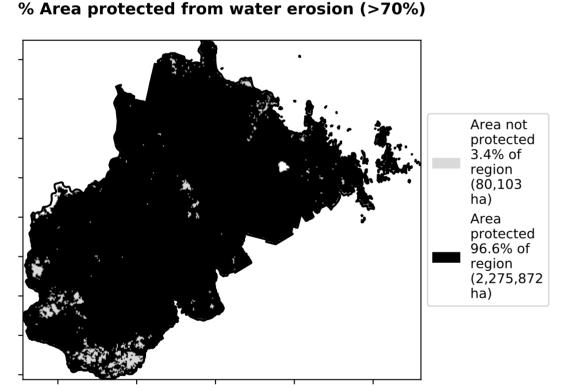


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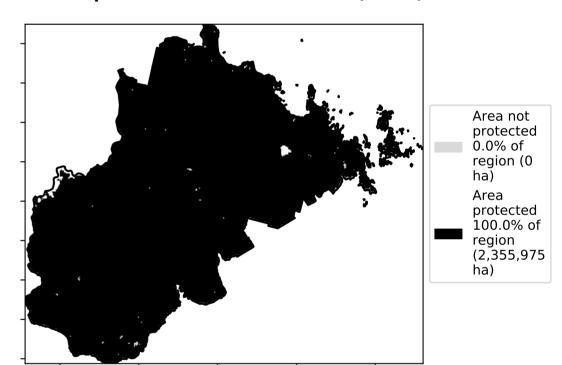


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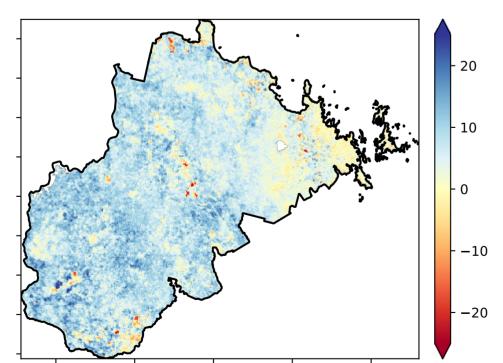




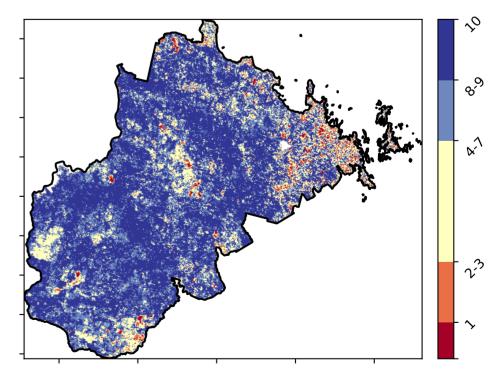
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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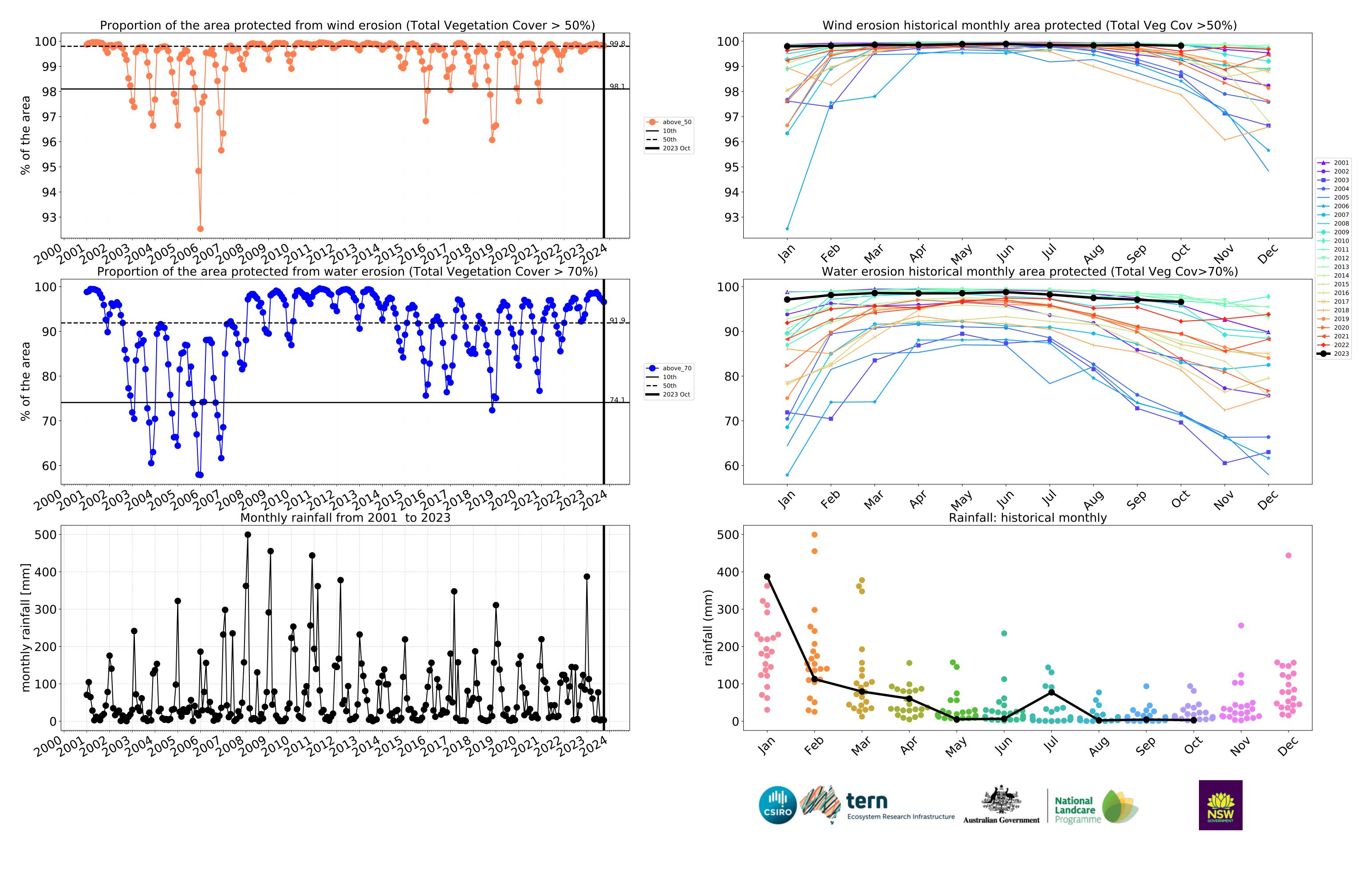








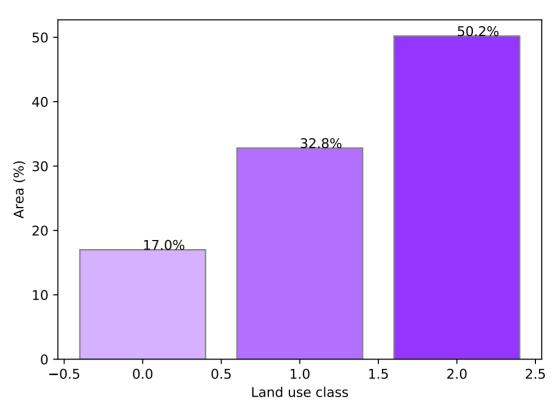




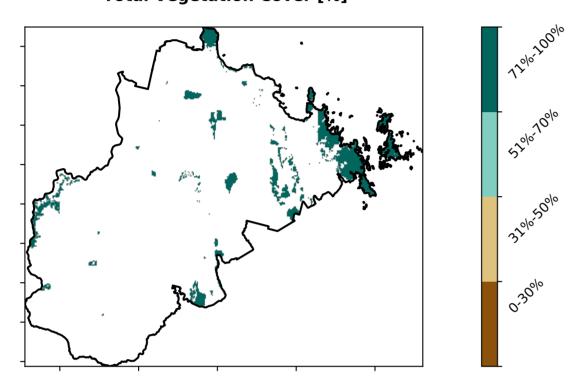
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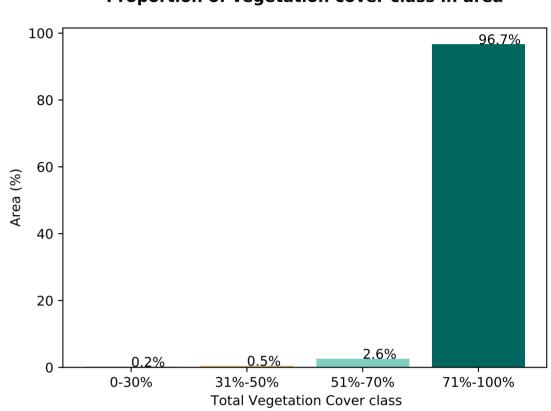
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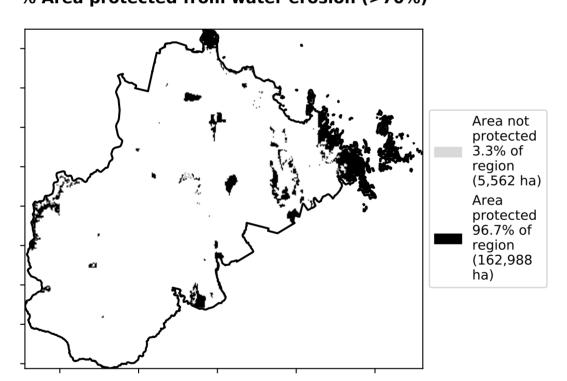
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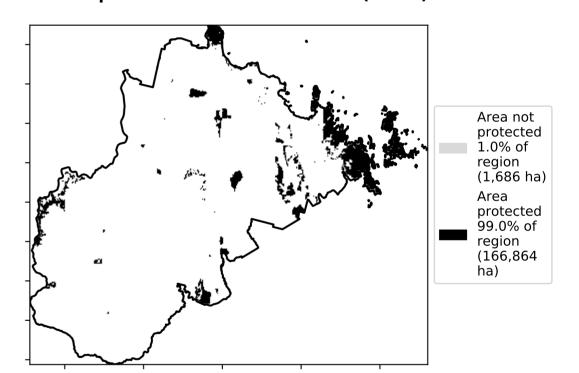
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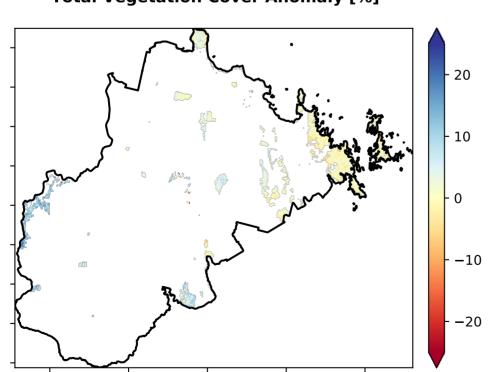
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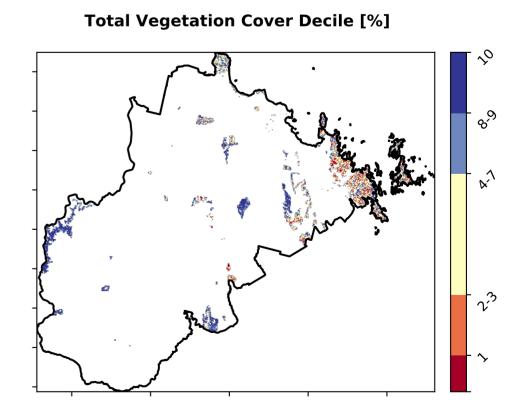
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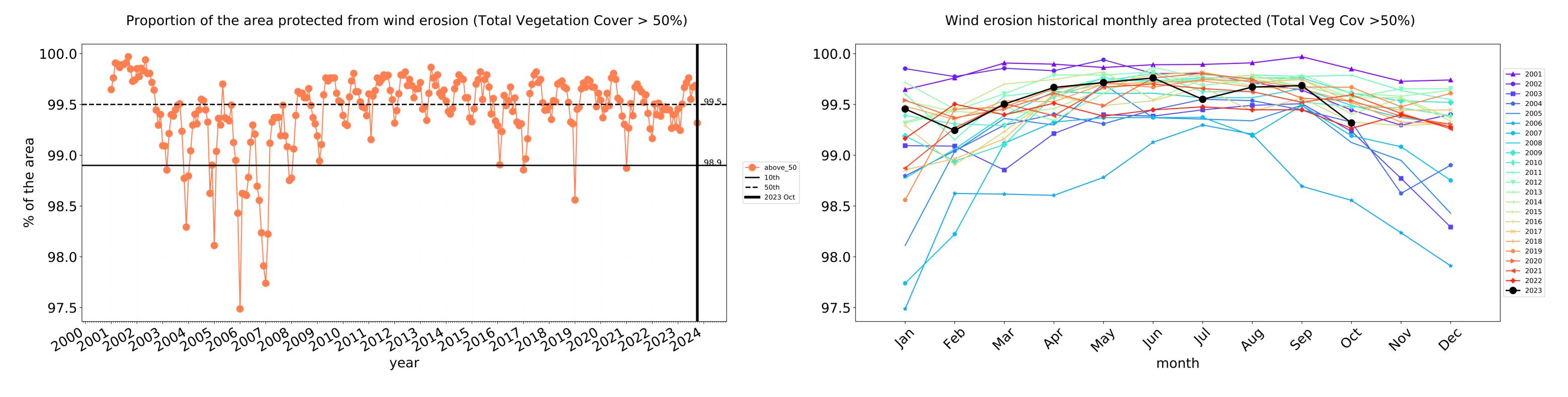
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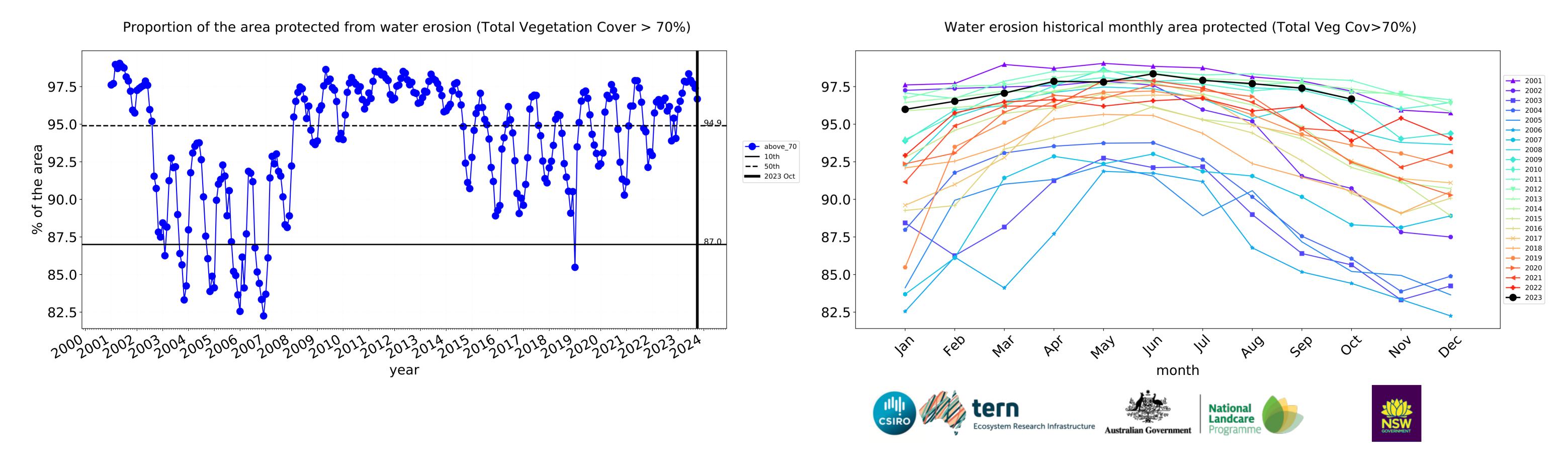






### **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**





### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

### Land use and forest cover

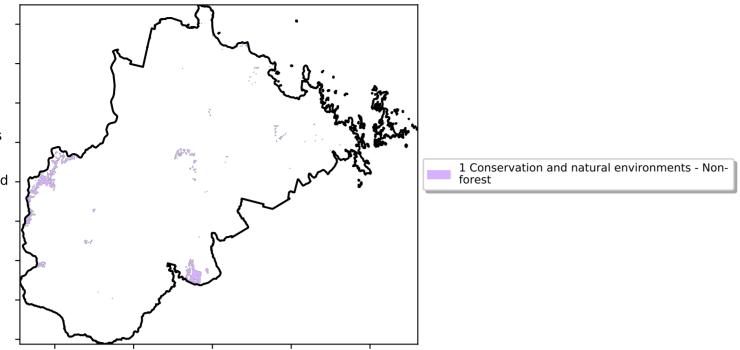
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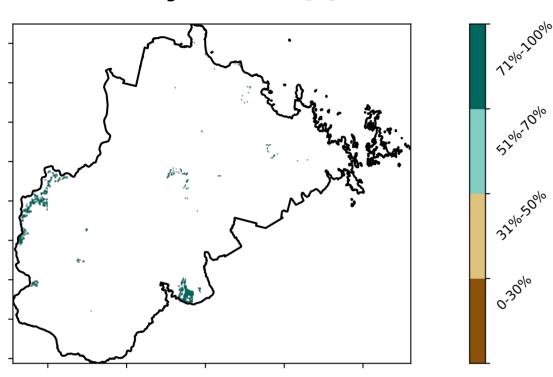
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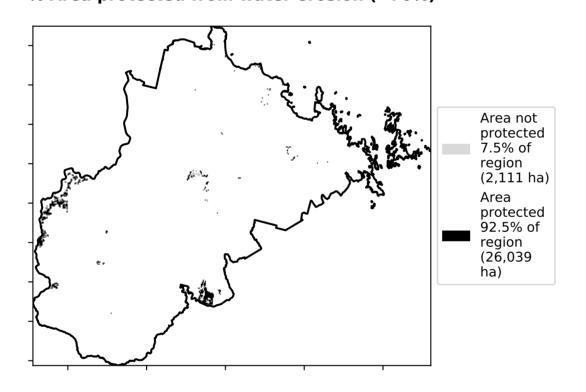
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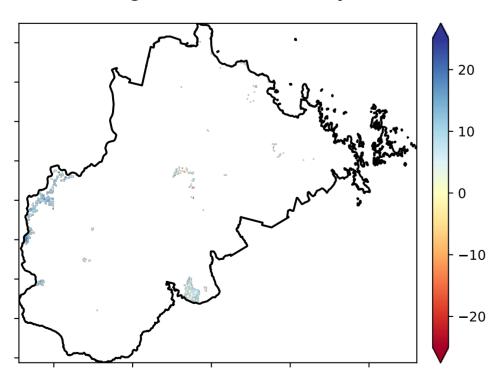
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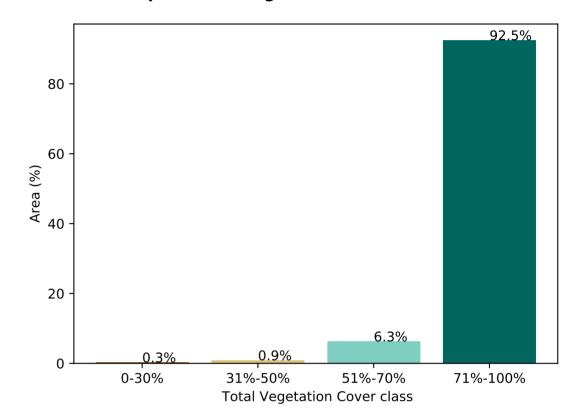


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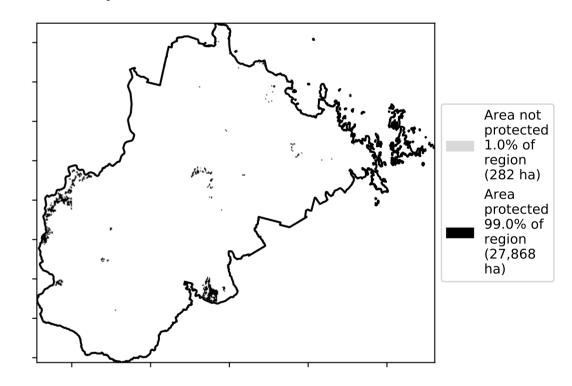


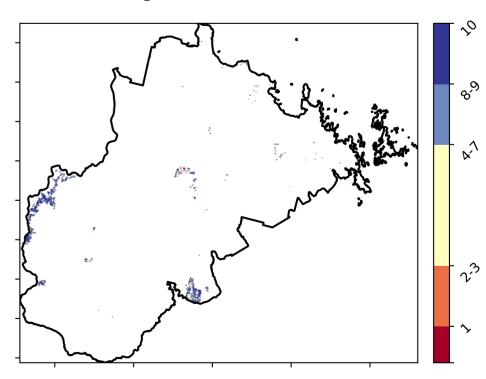
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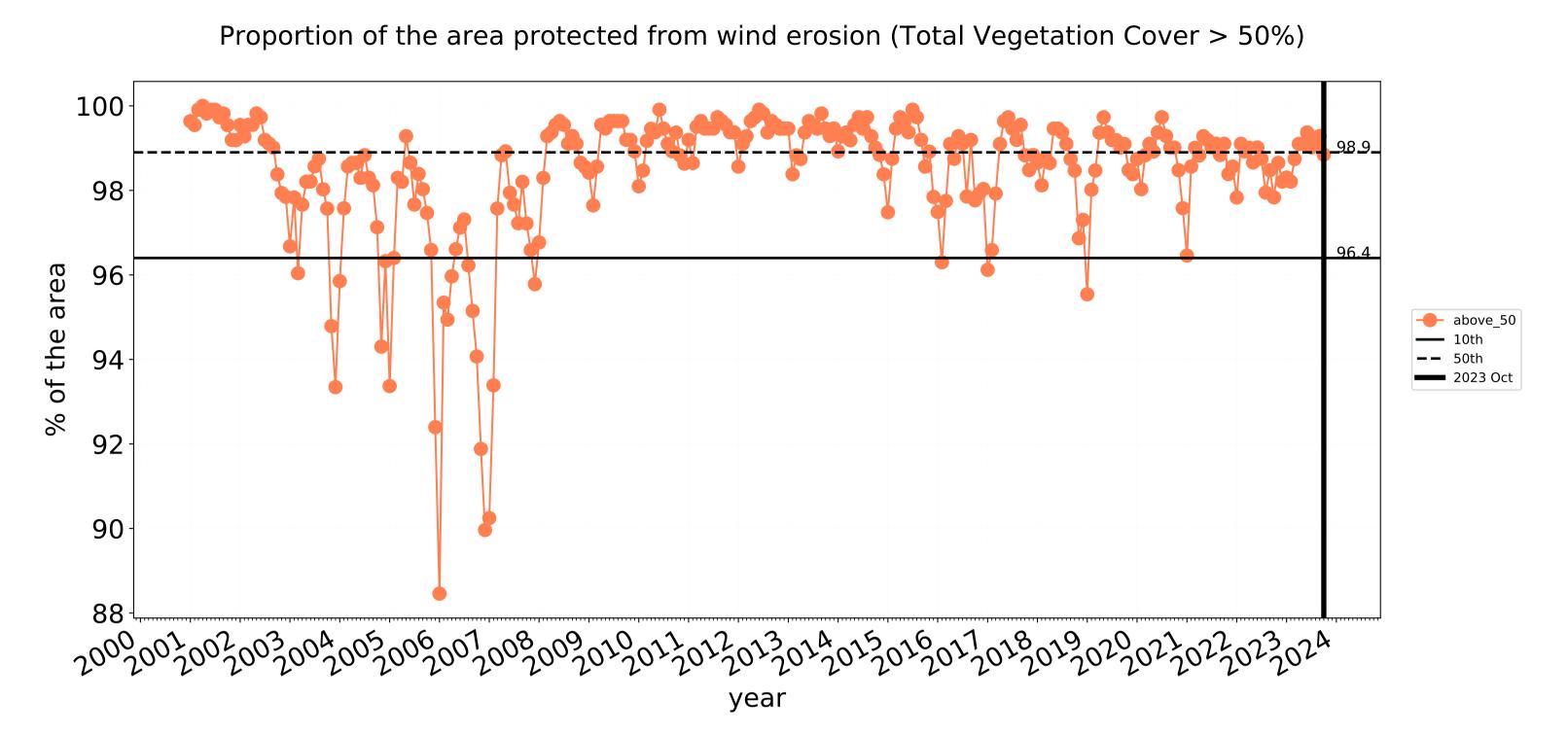


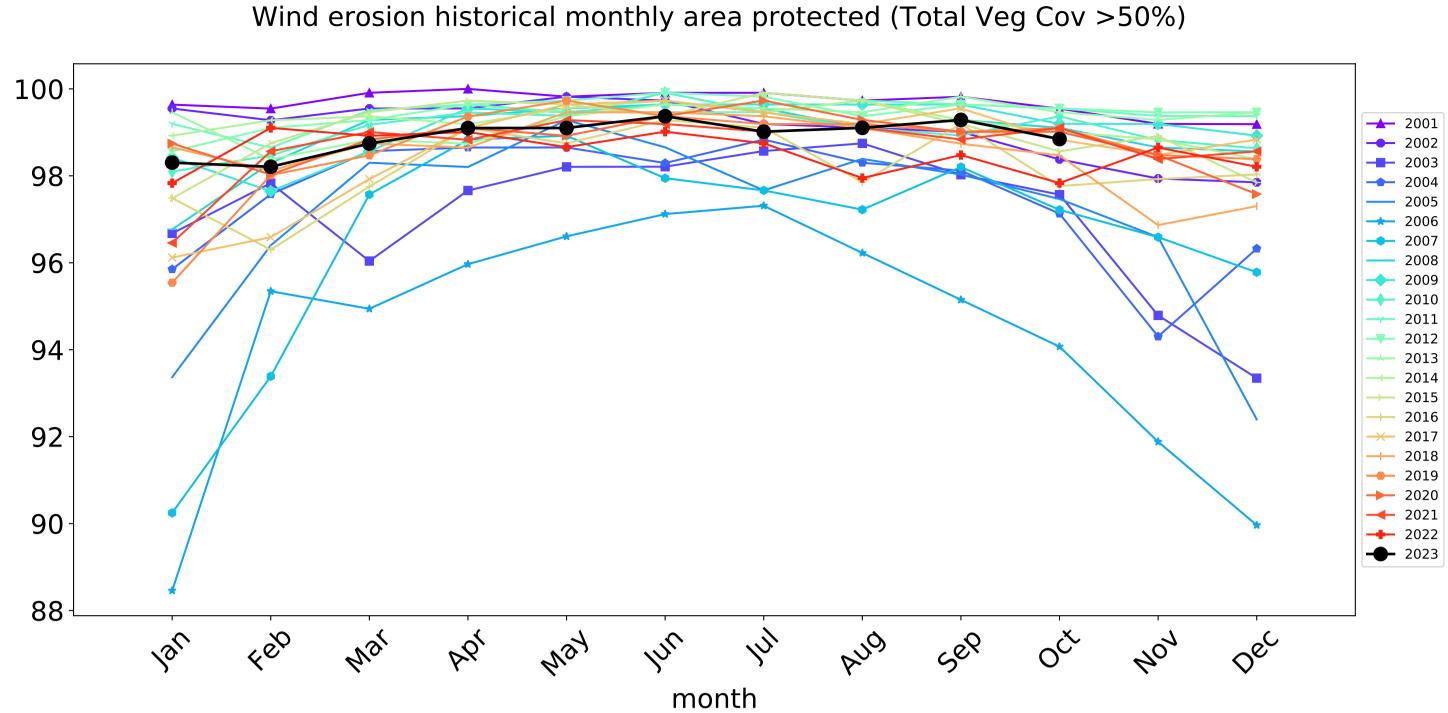


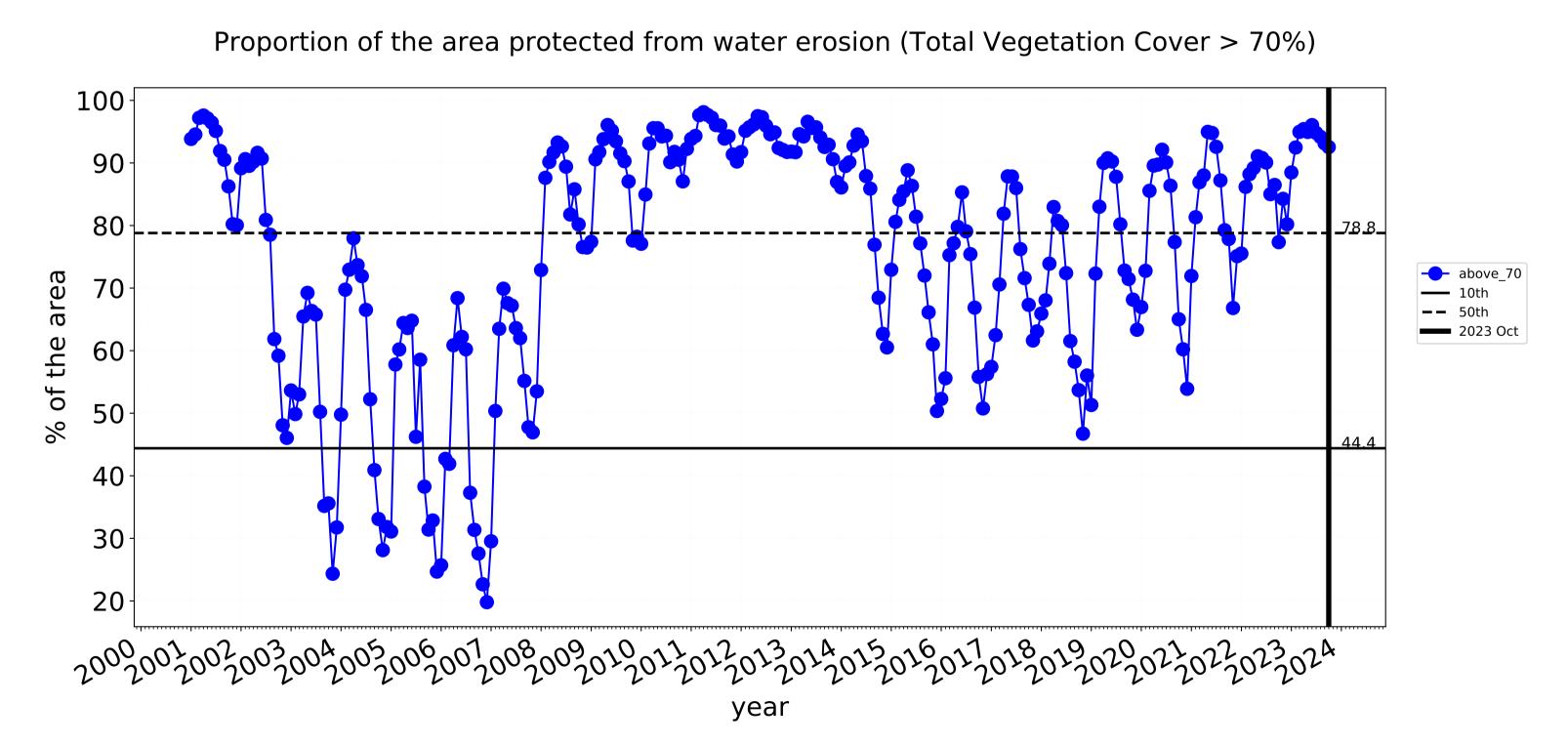


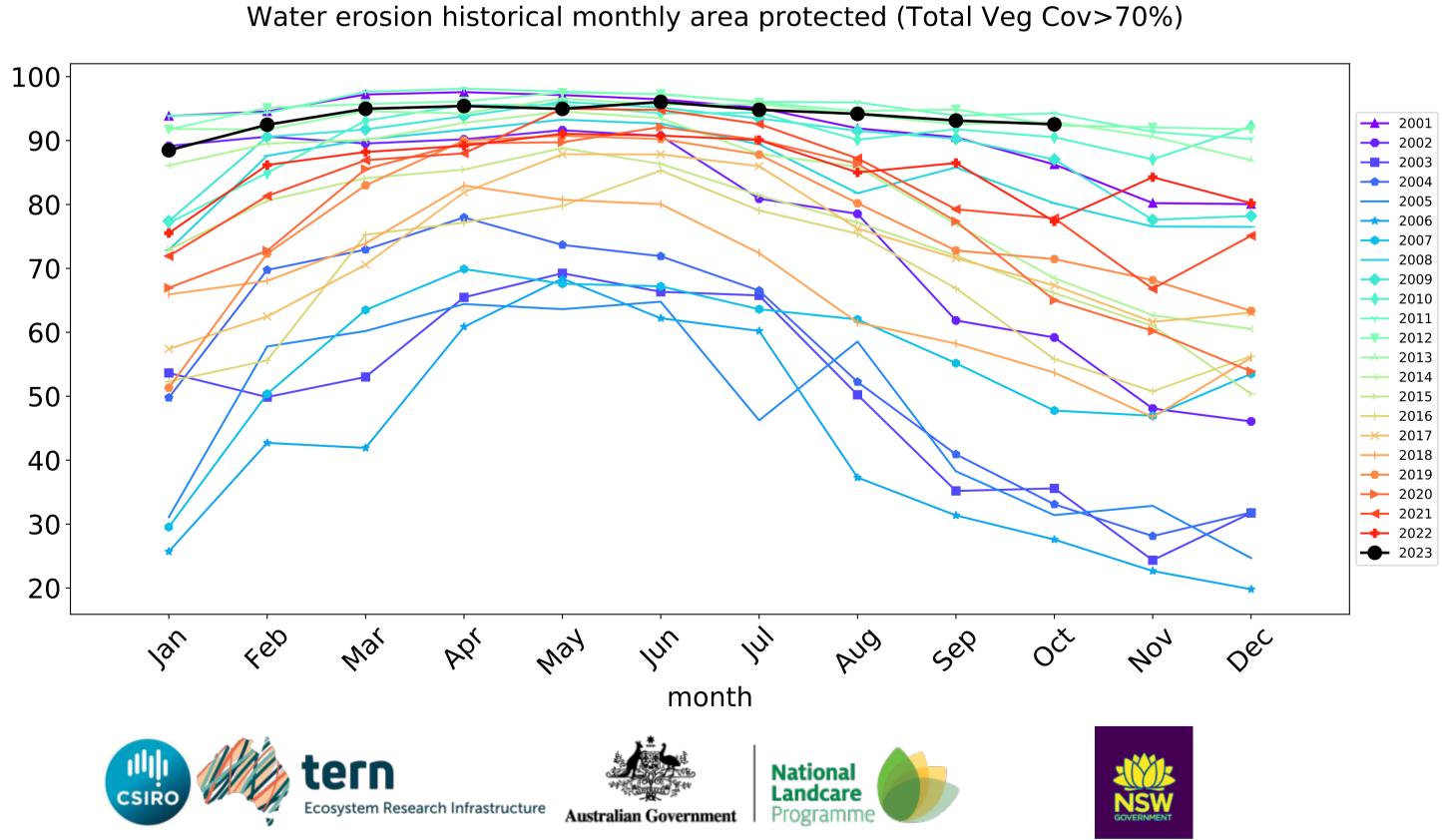


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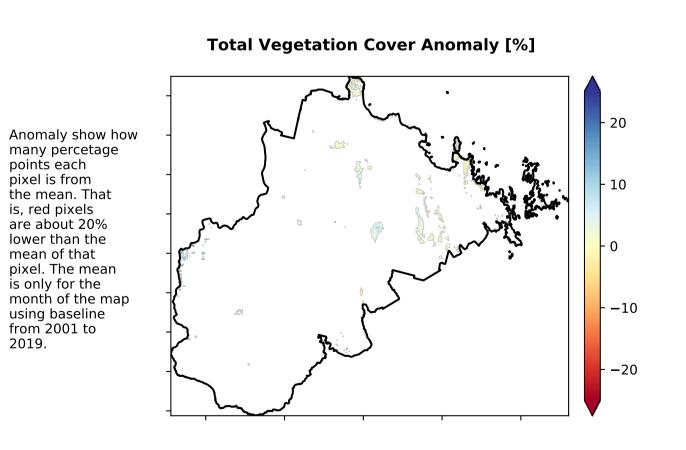


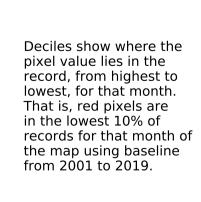
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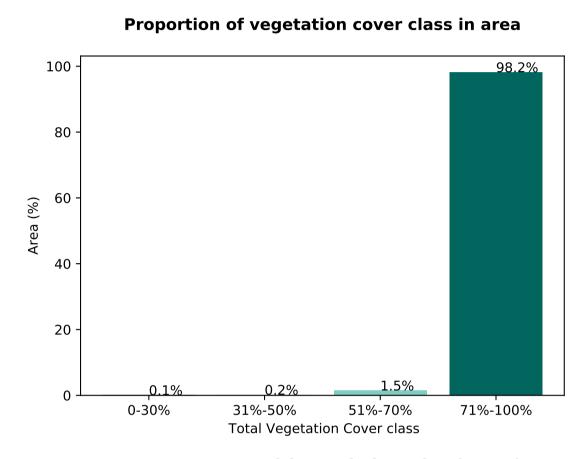
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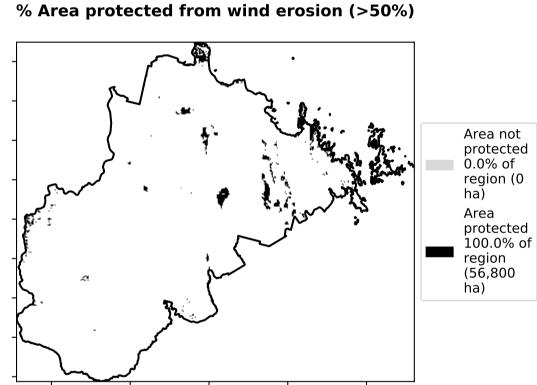
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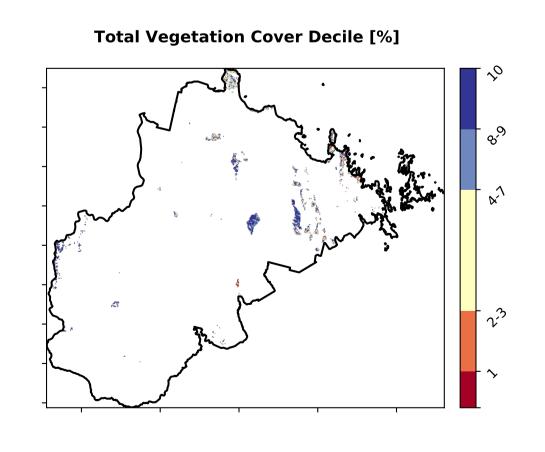
## Area not protected 1.8% of region (1,022 ha) Area protected 1.8% of region (1,027 ha) Area protected 98.2% of region (55,778 ha)











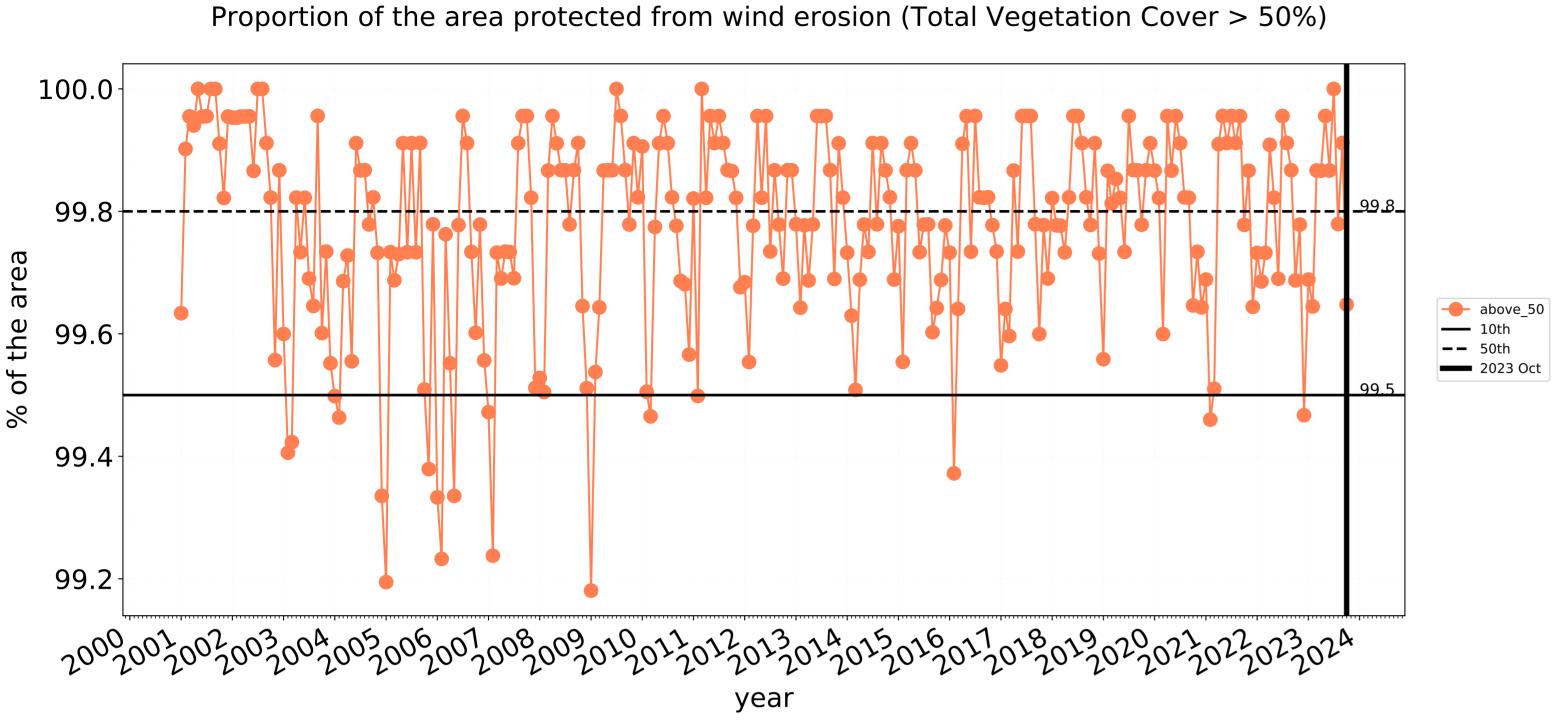


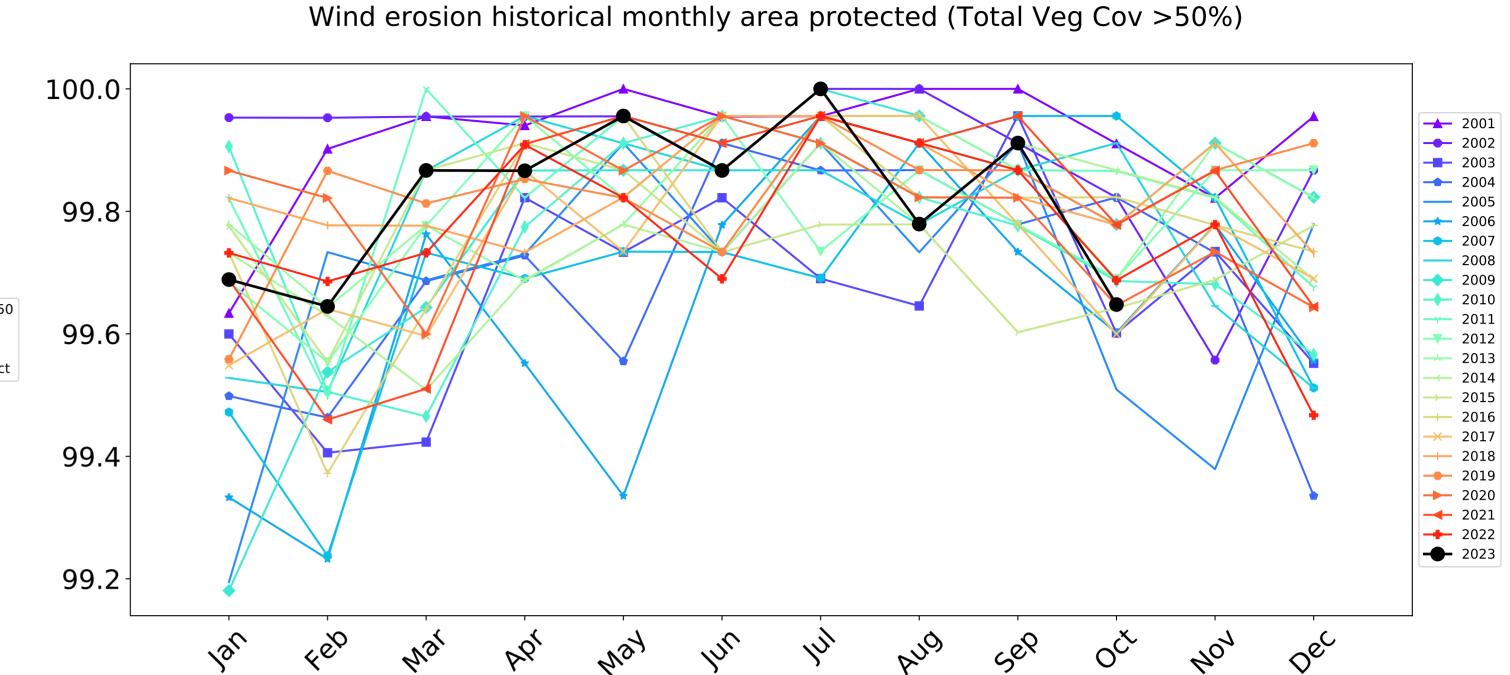




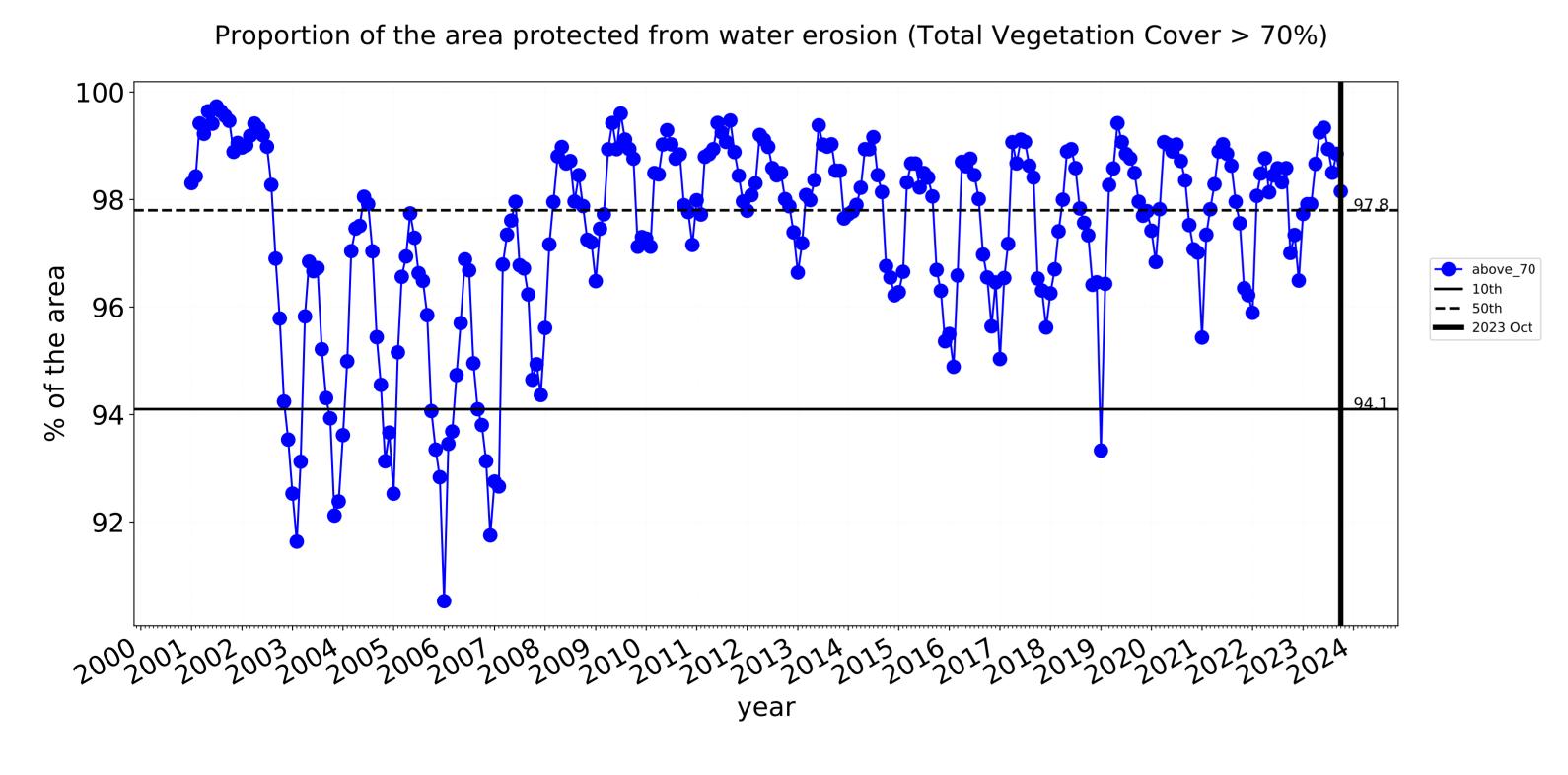


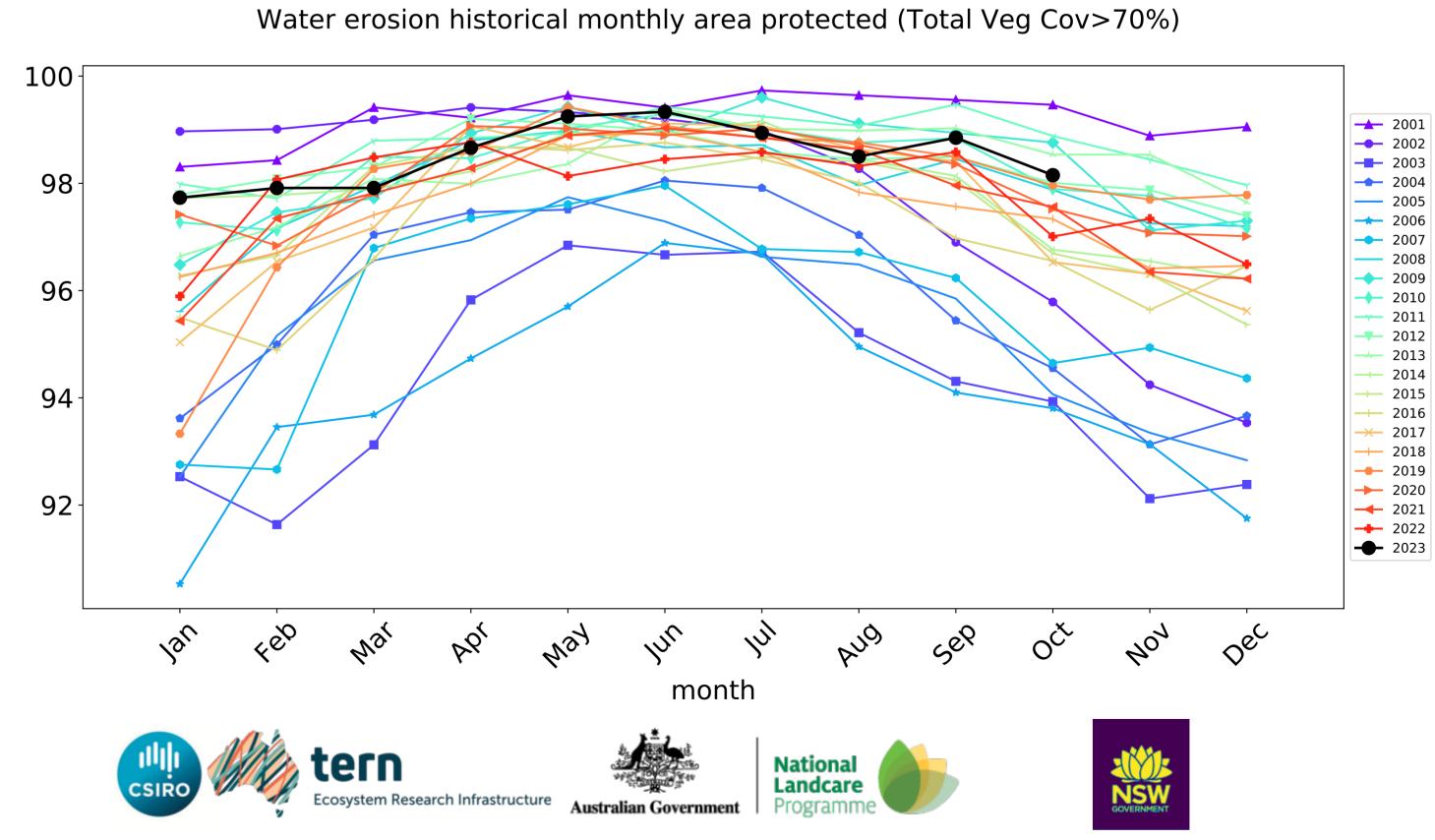
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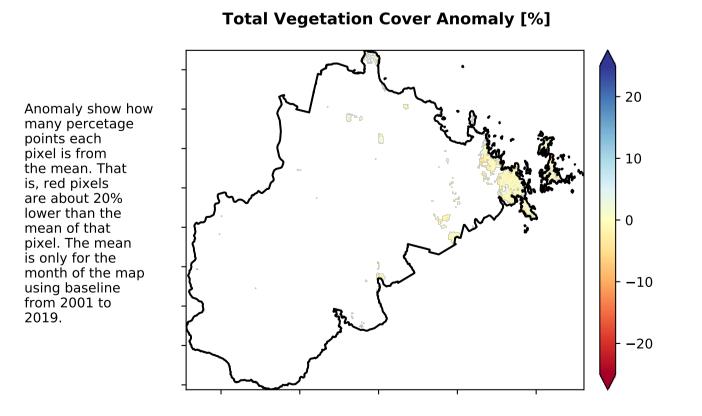


### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

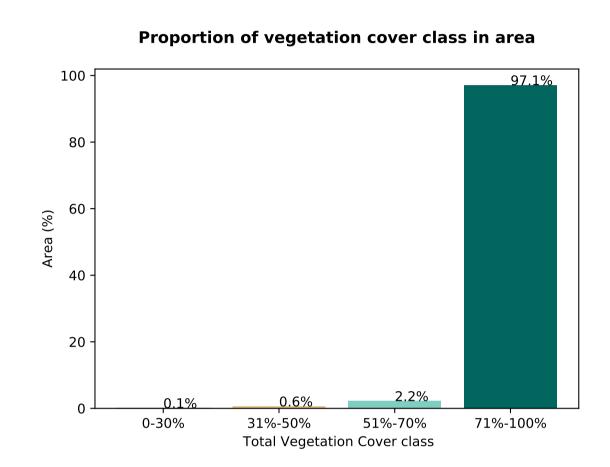
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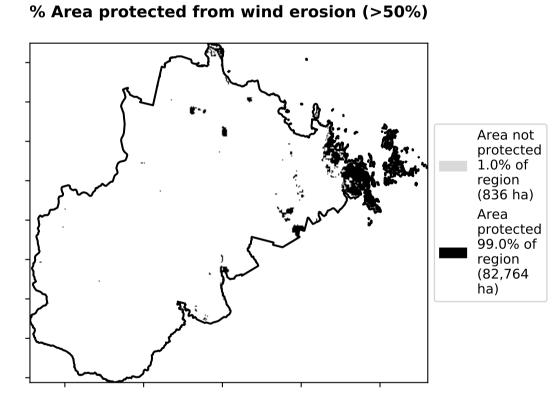
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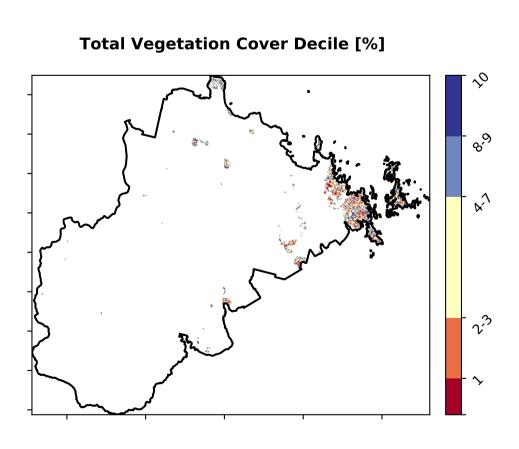
## % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 2.9% of region (2,424 ha) Area protected 97.1% of region (81,176 ha)



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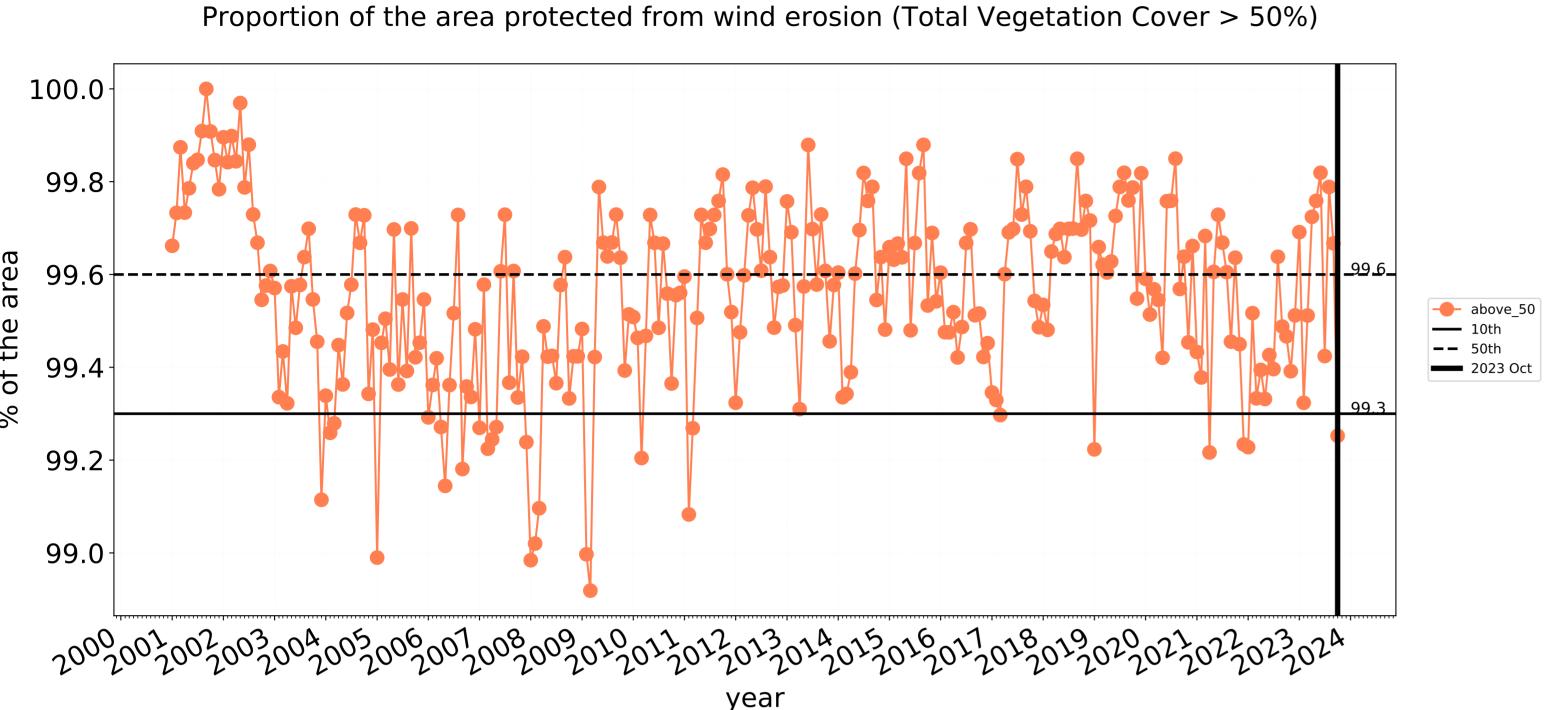


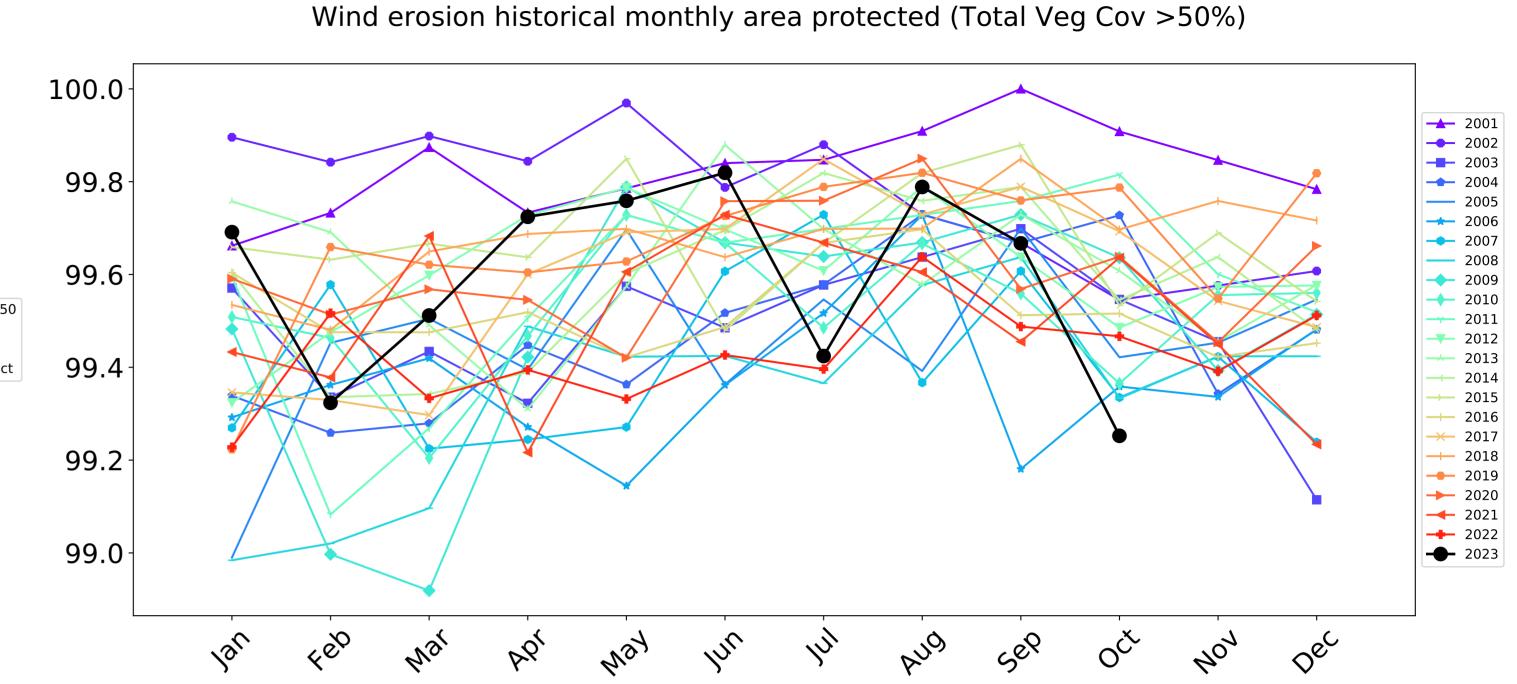




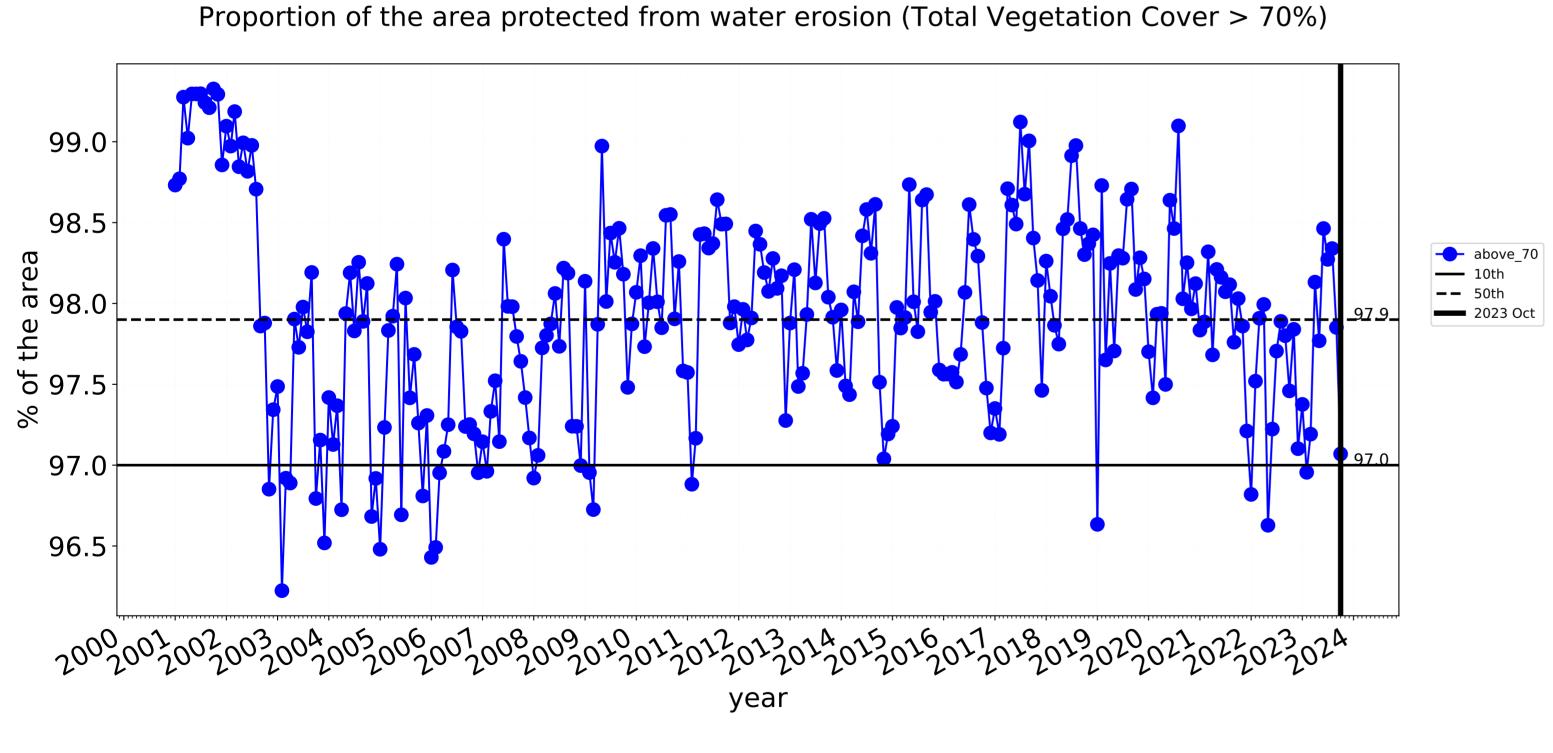


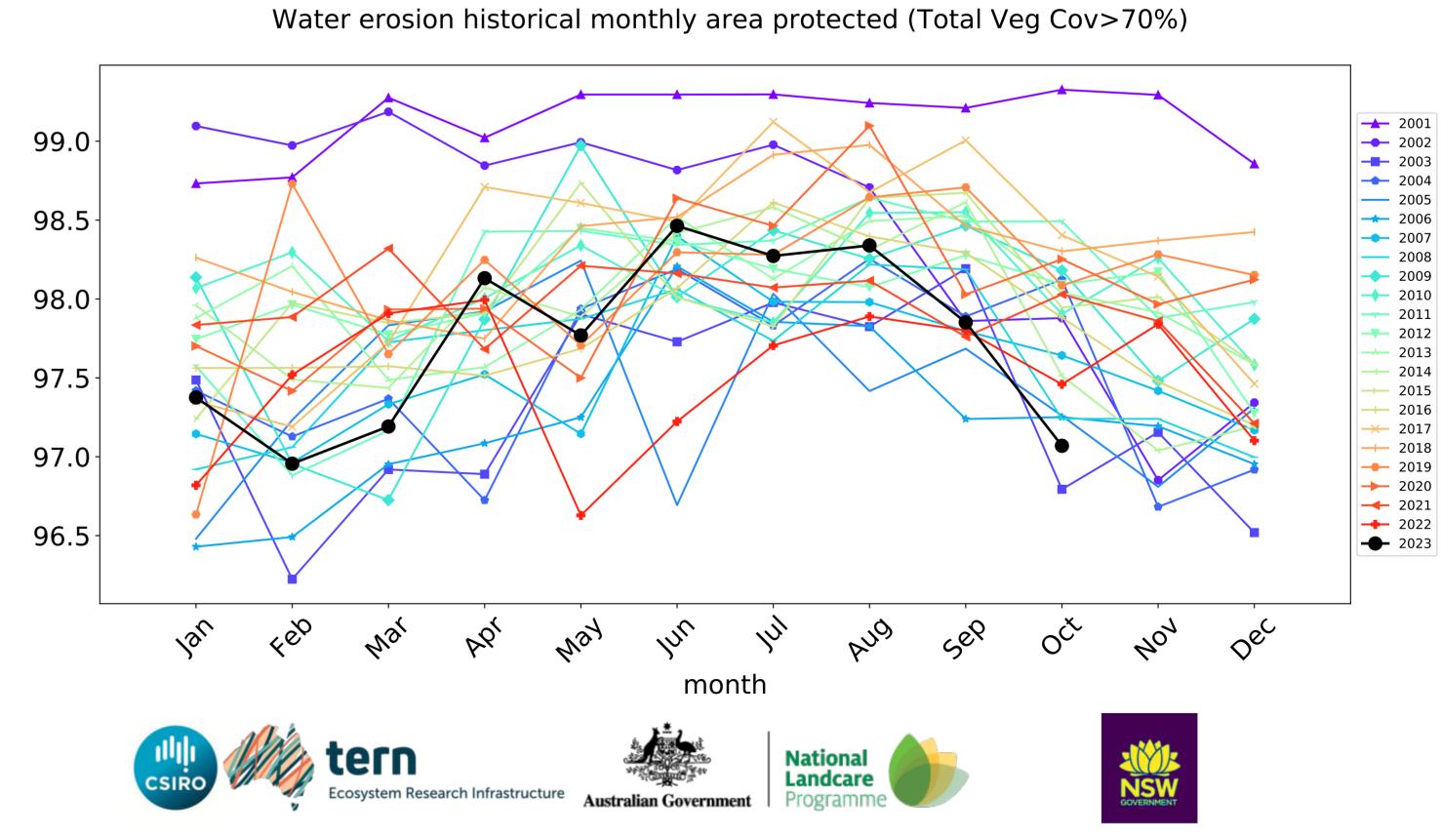






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### **Agriculture**

### Land use and forest cover

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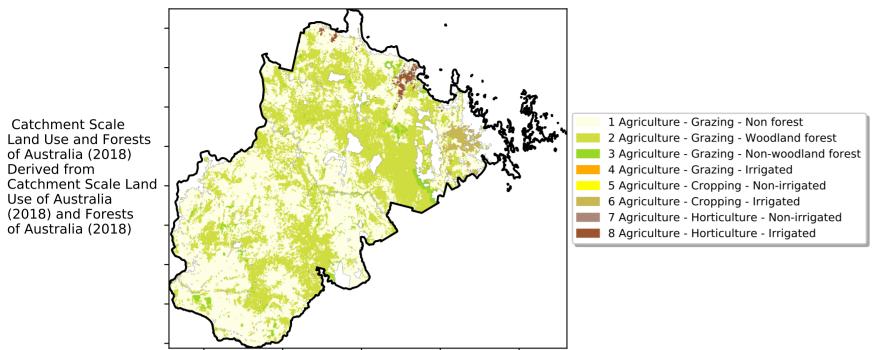
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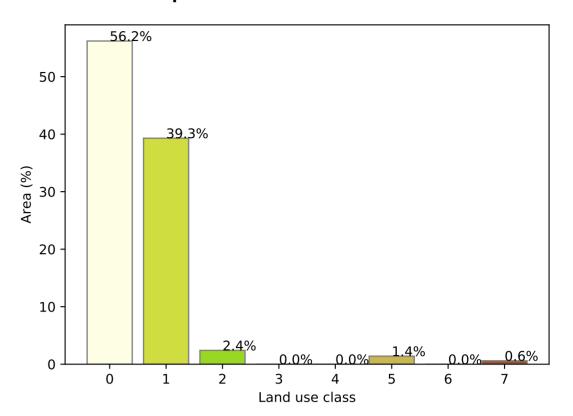
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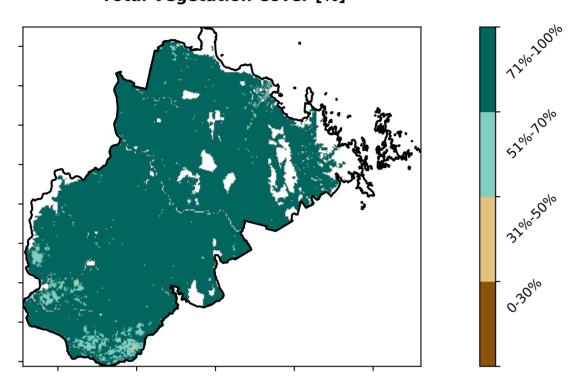
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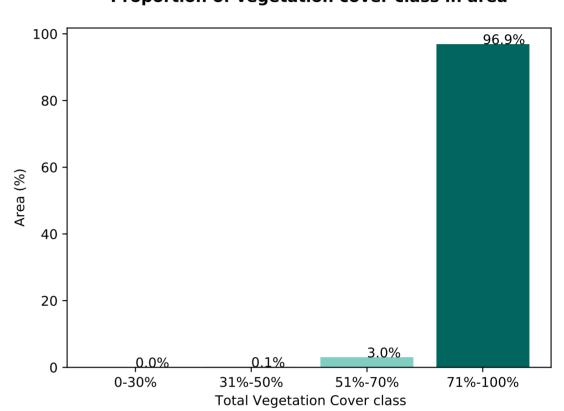
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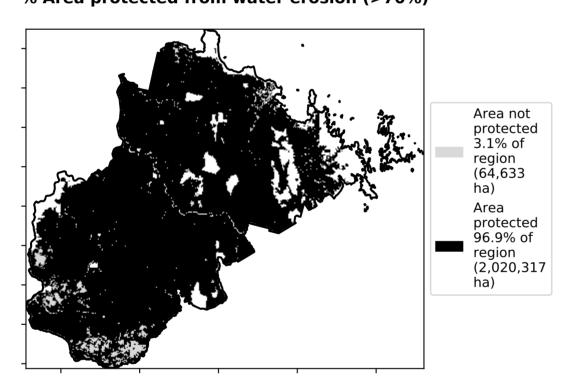
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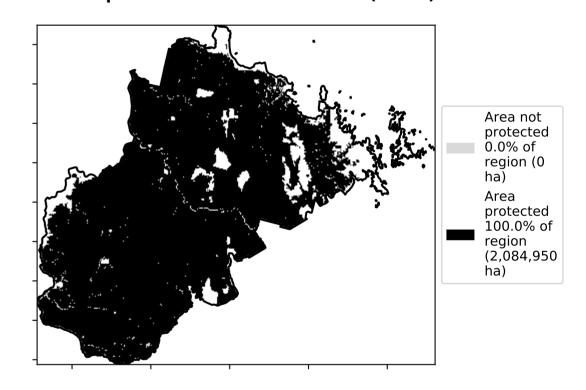
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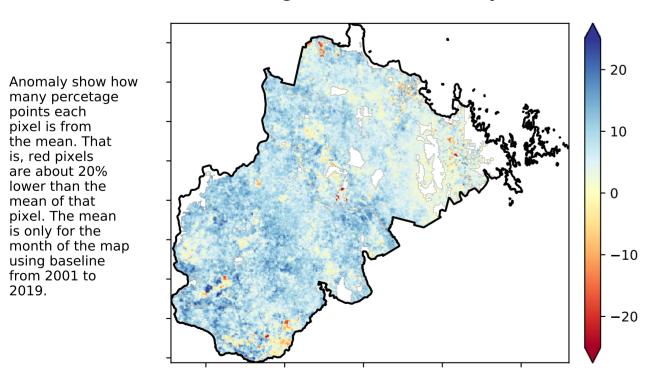
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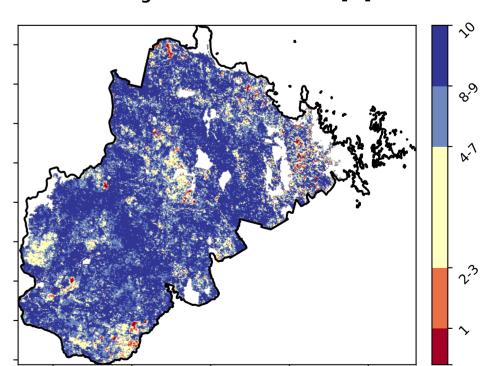
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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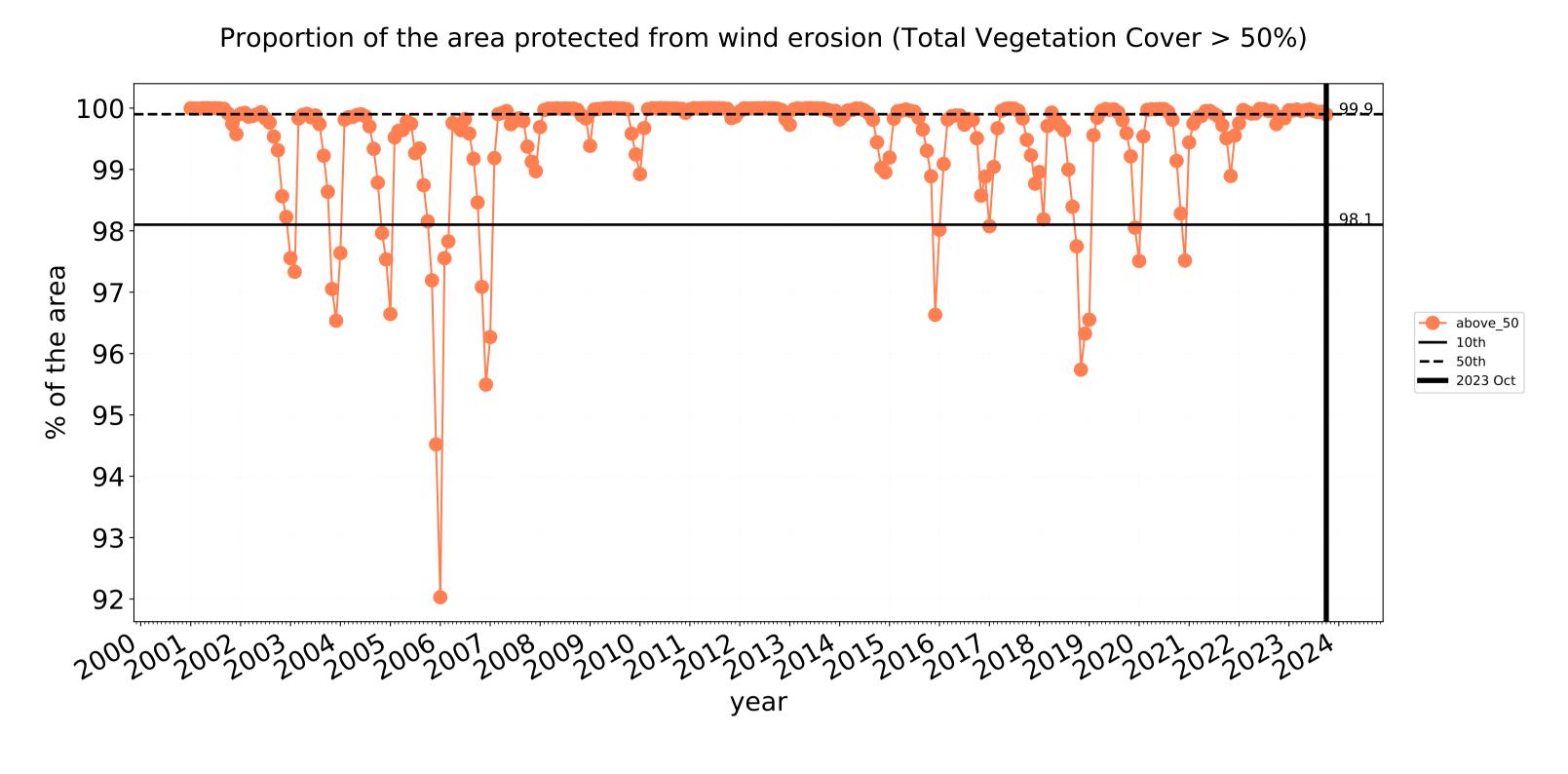


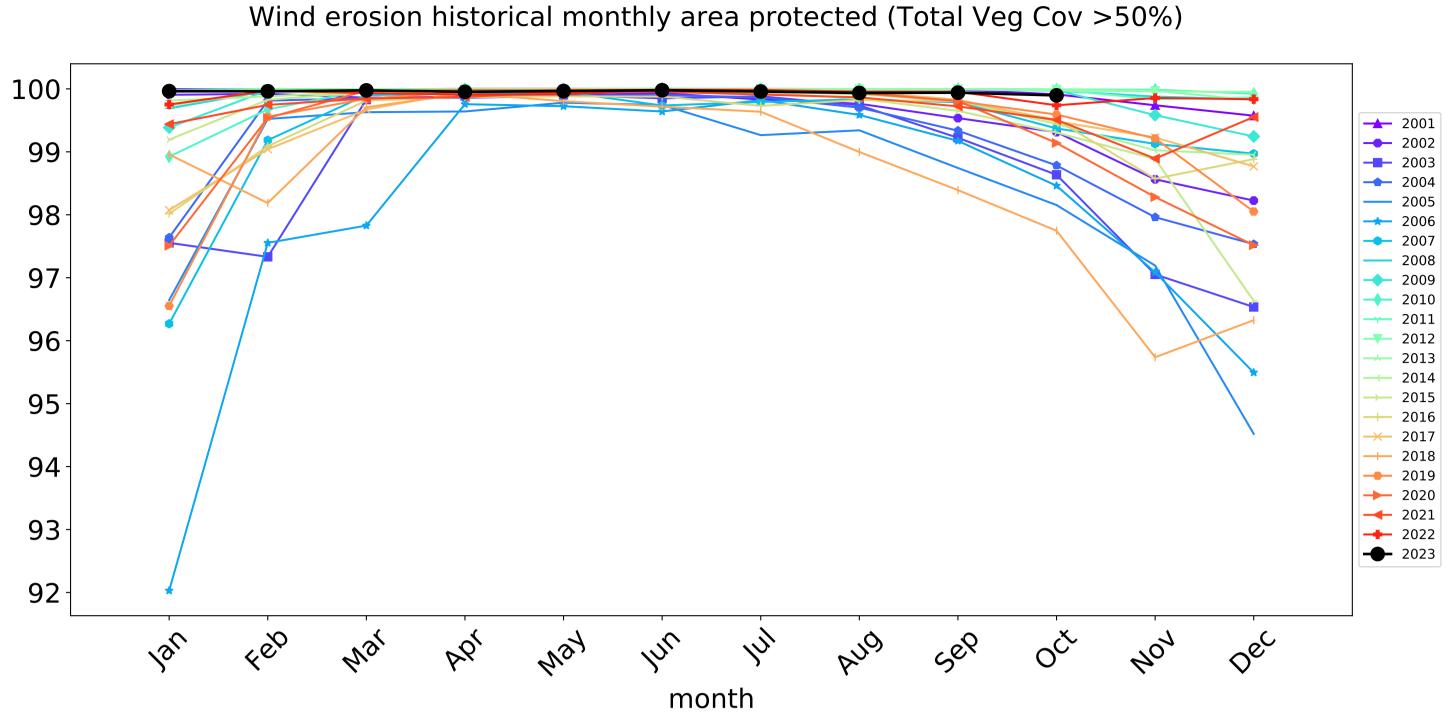


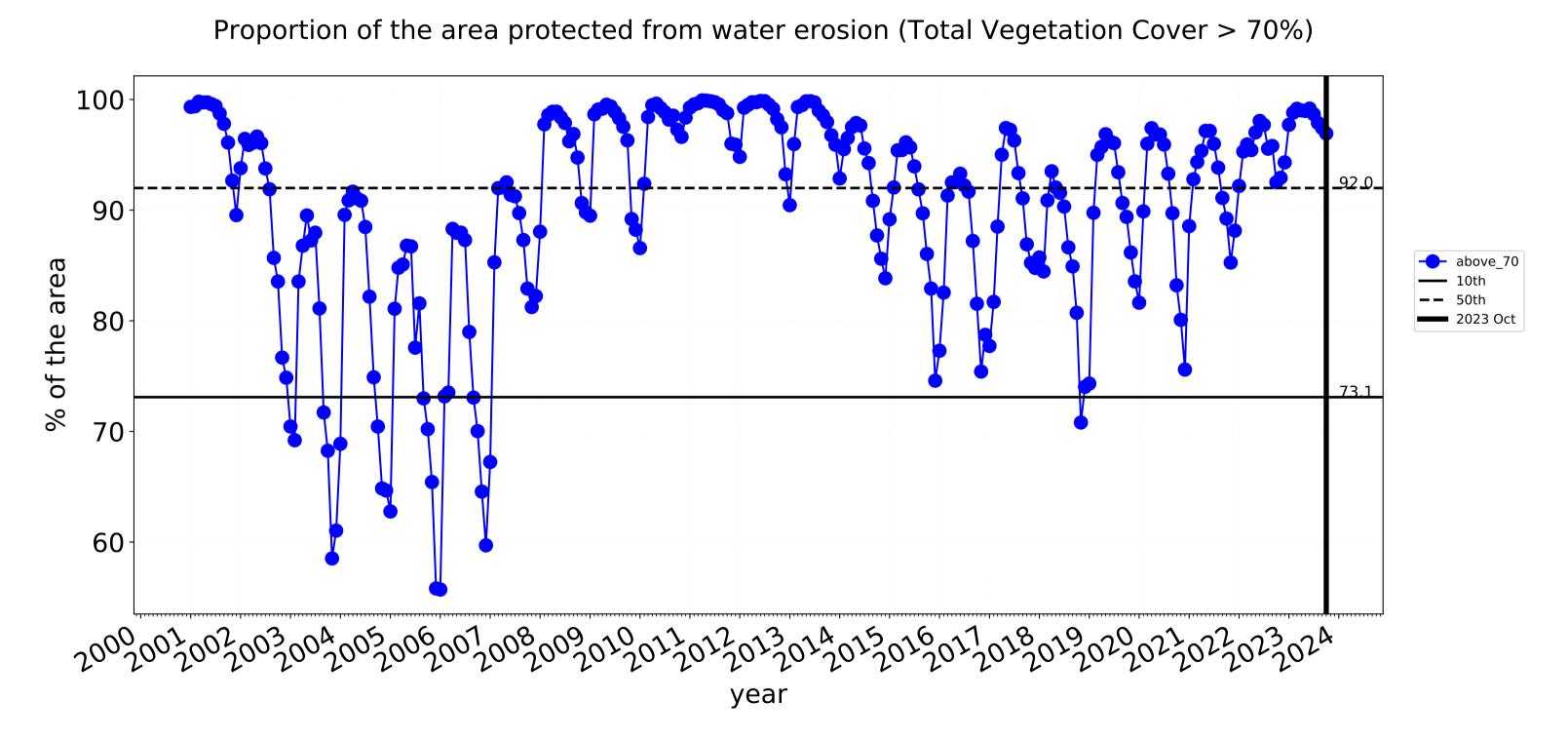


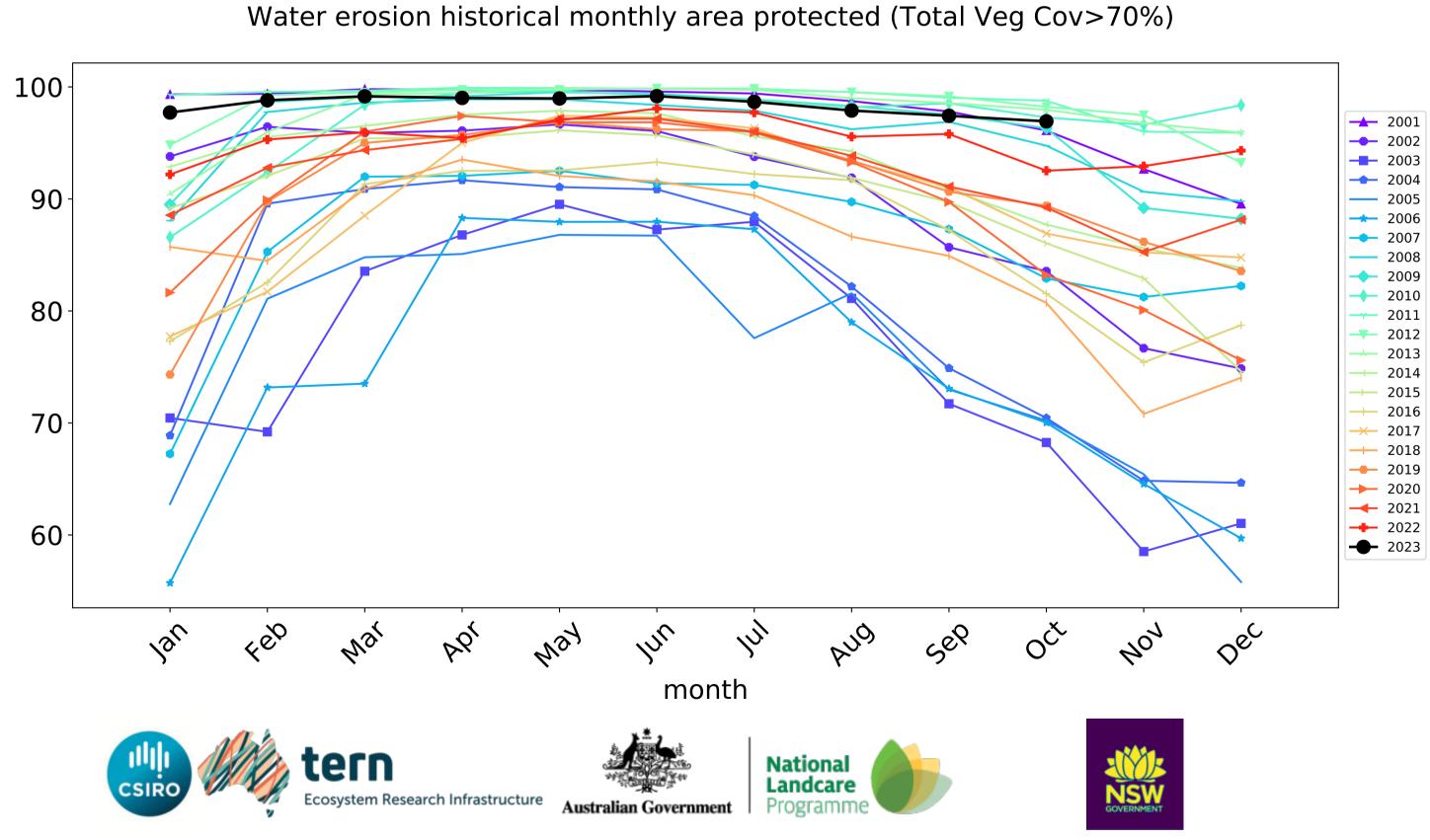


### **Agriculture timeseries**









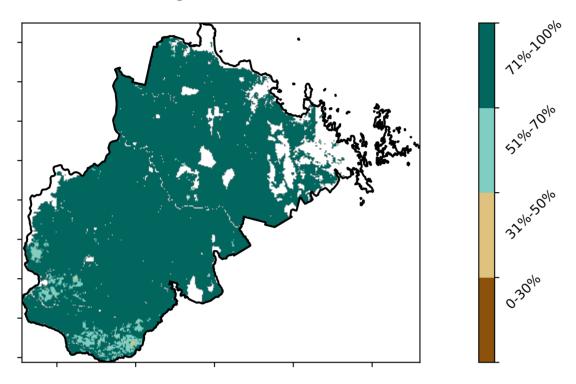
### **Grazing**

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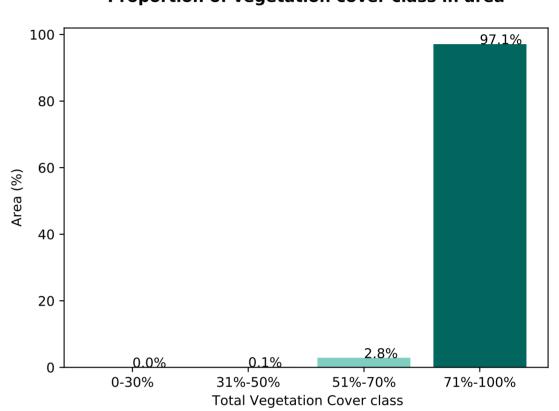
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Proportion of each land class in area

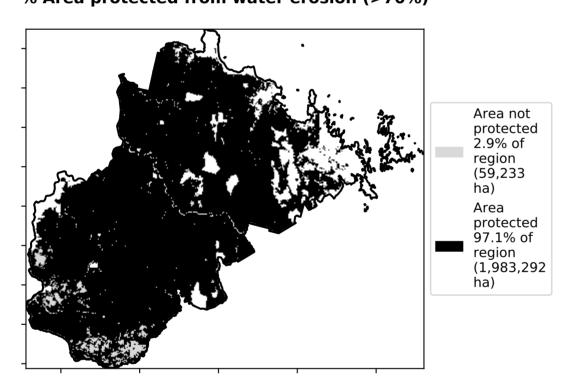




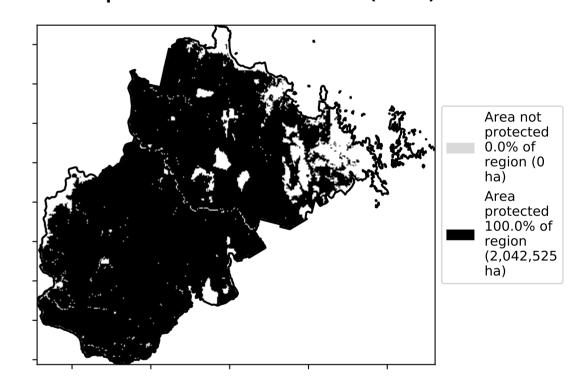
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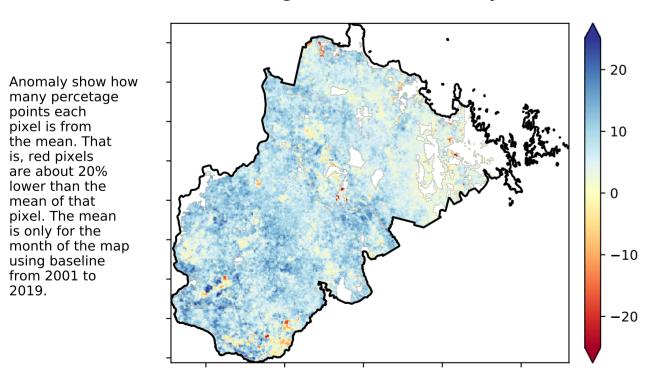


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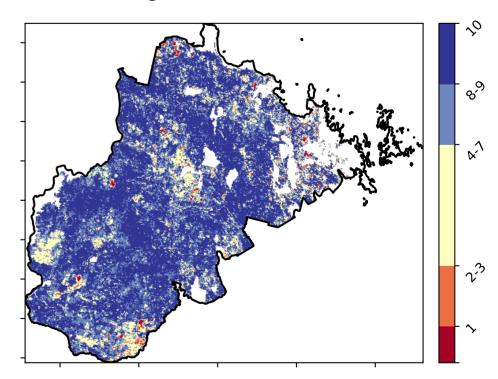
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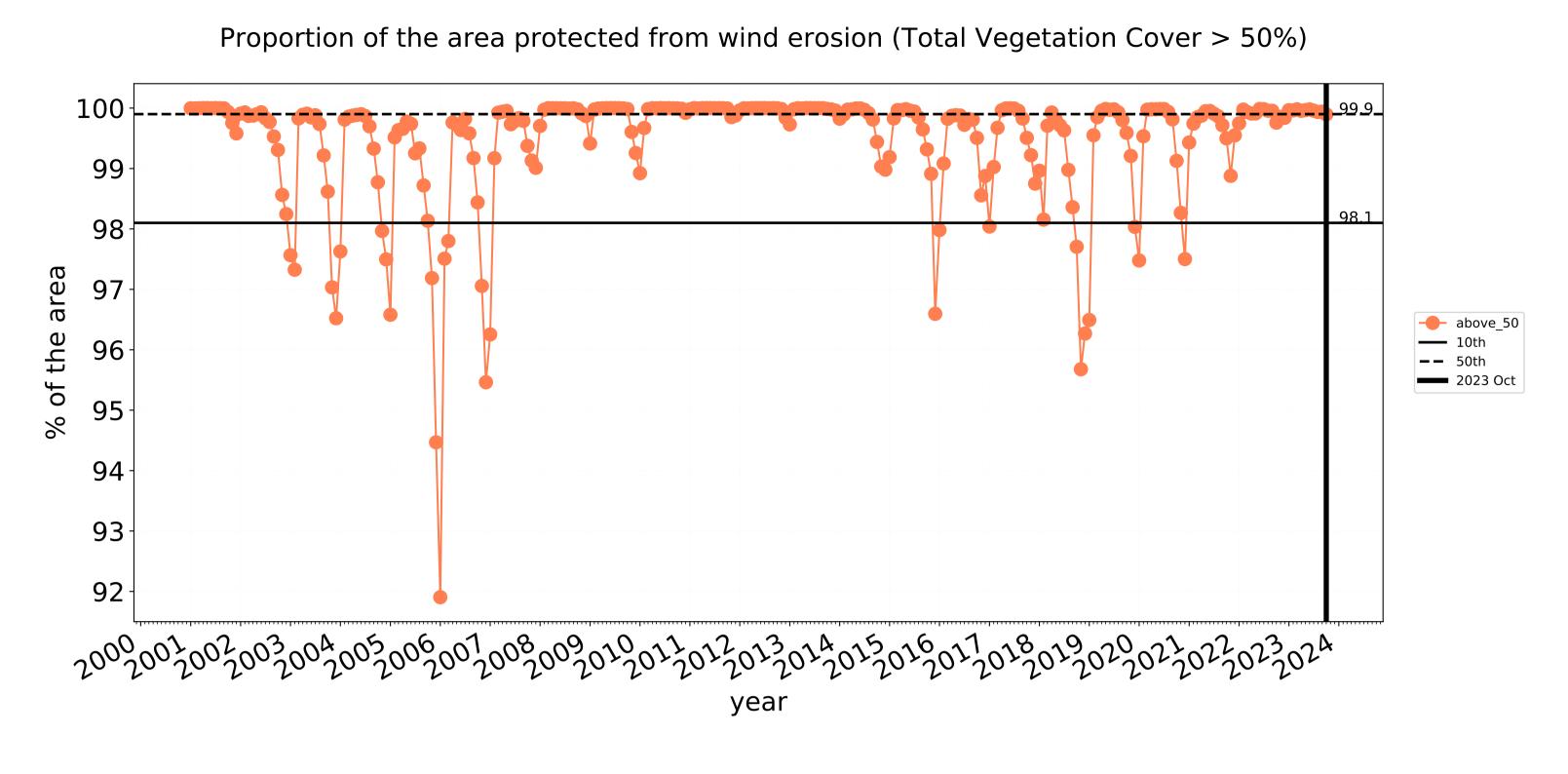


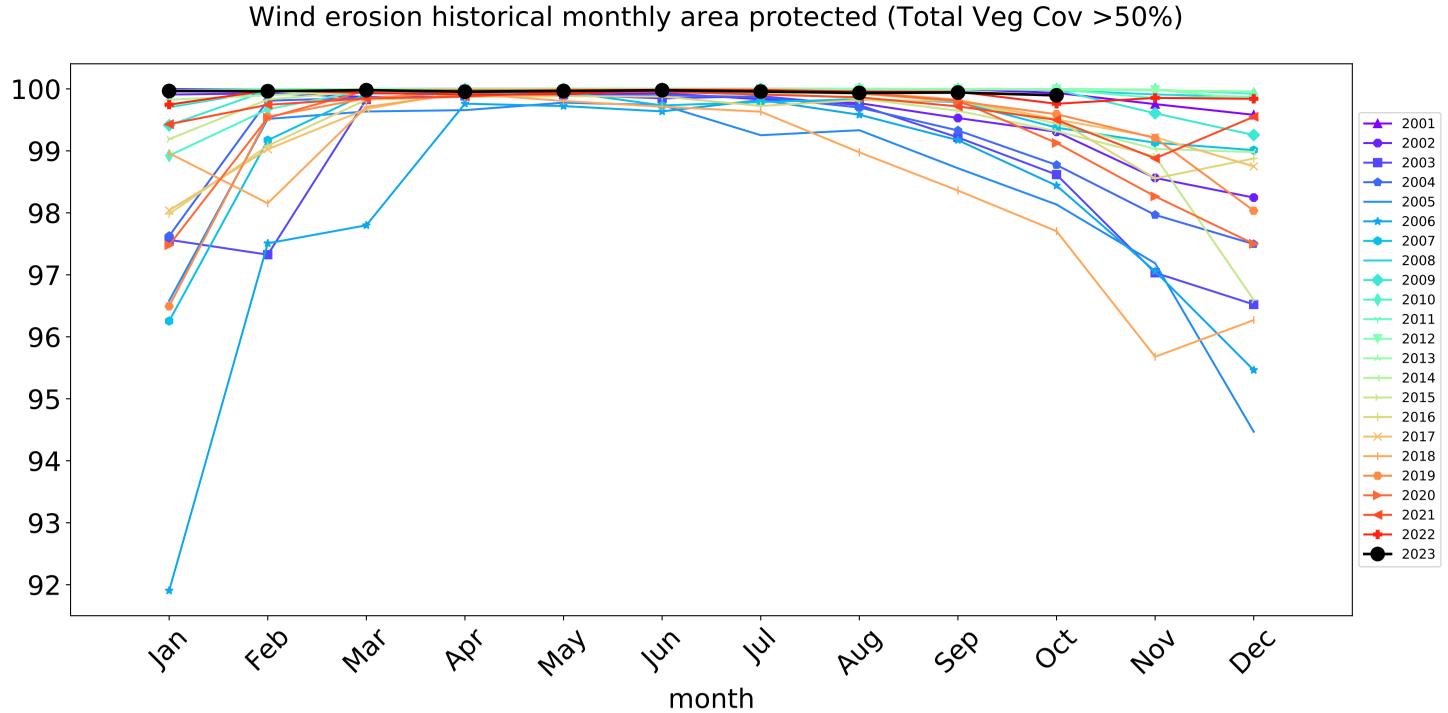


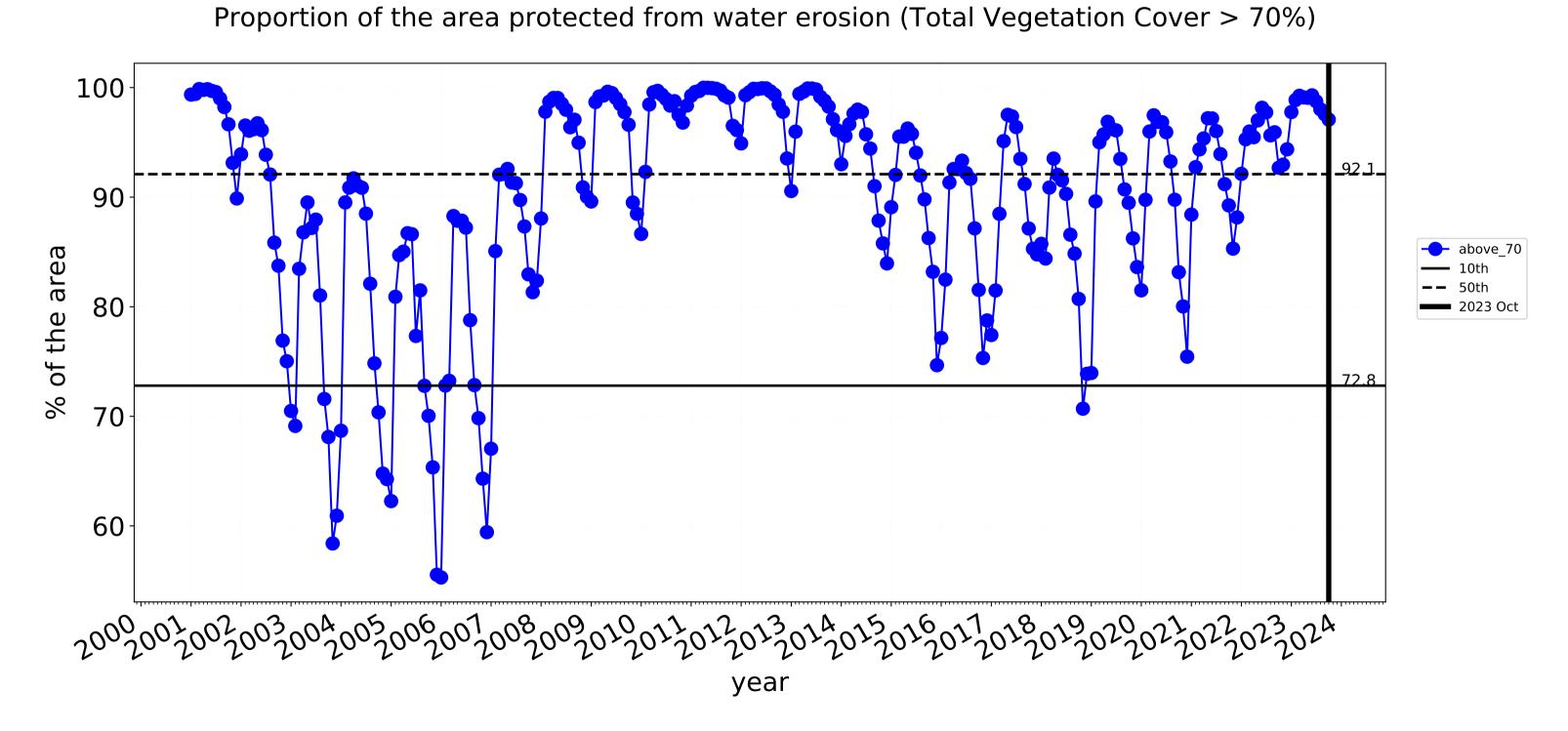


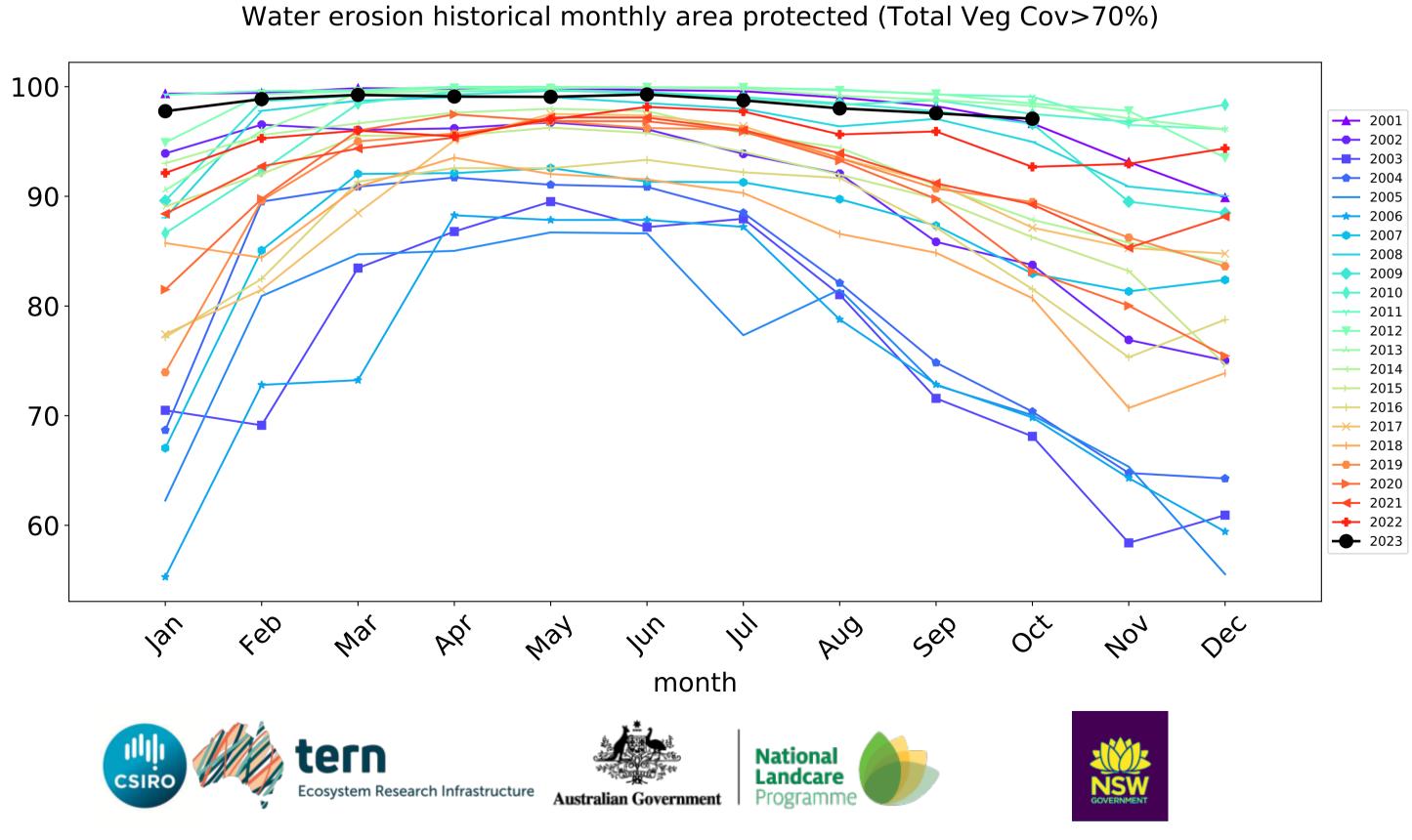


### **Grazing timeseries**





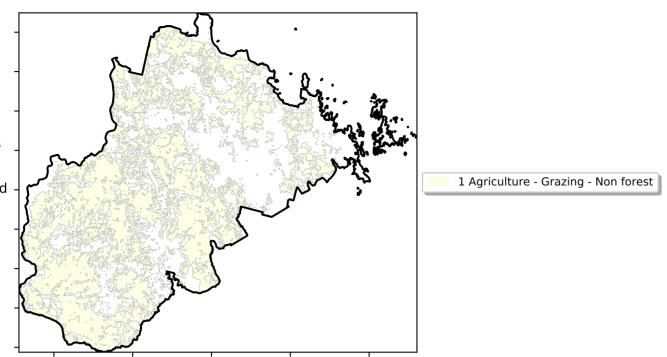




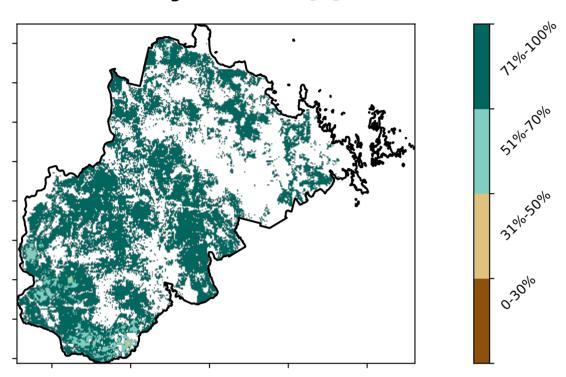
### **Grazing non forest**

### Land use and forest cover

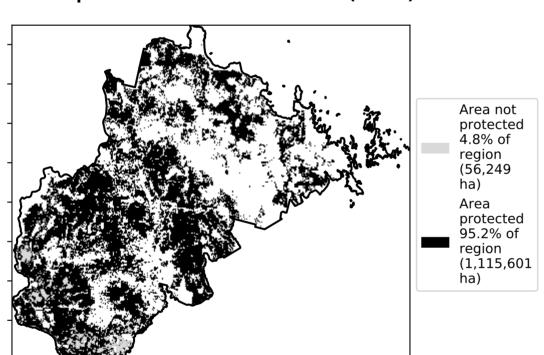
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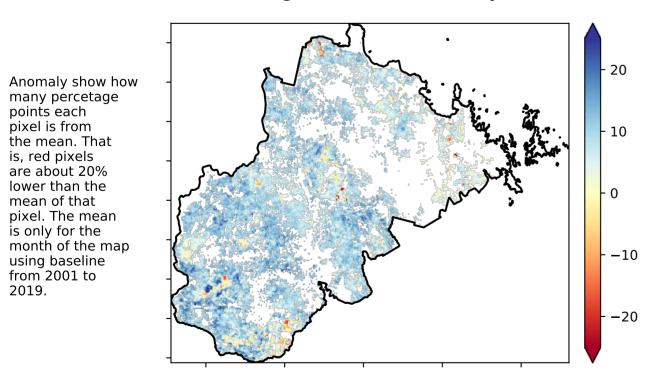
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

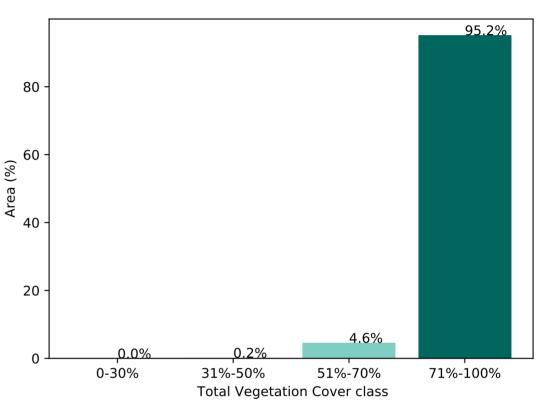


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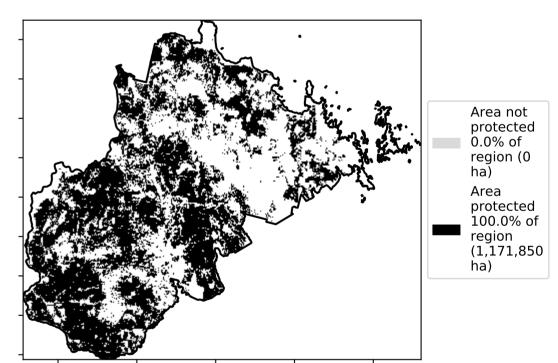


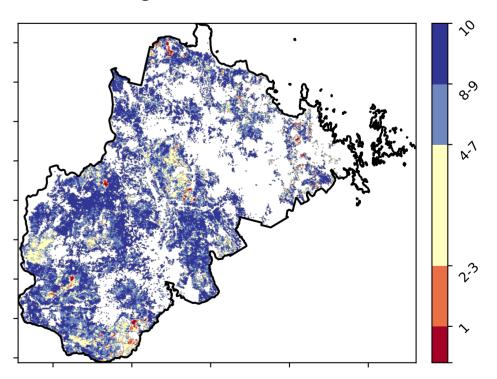
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









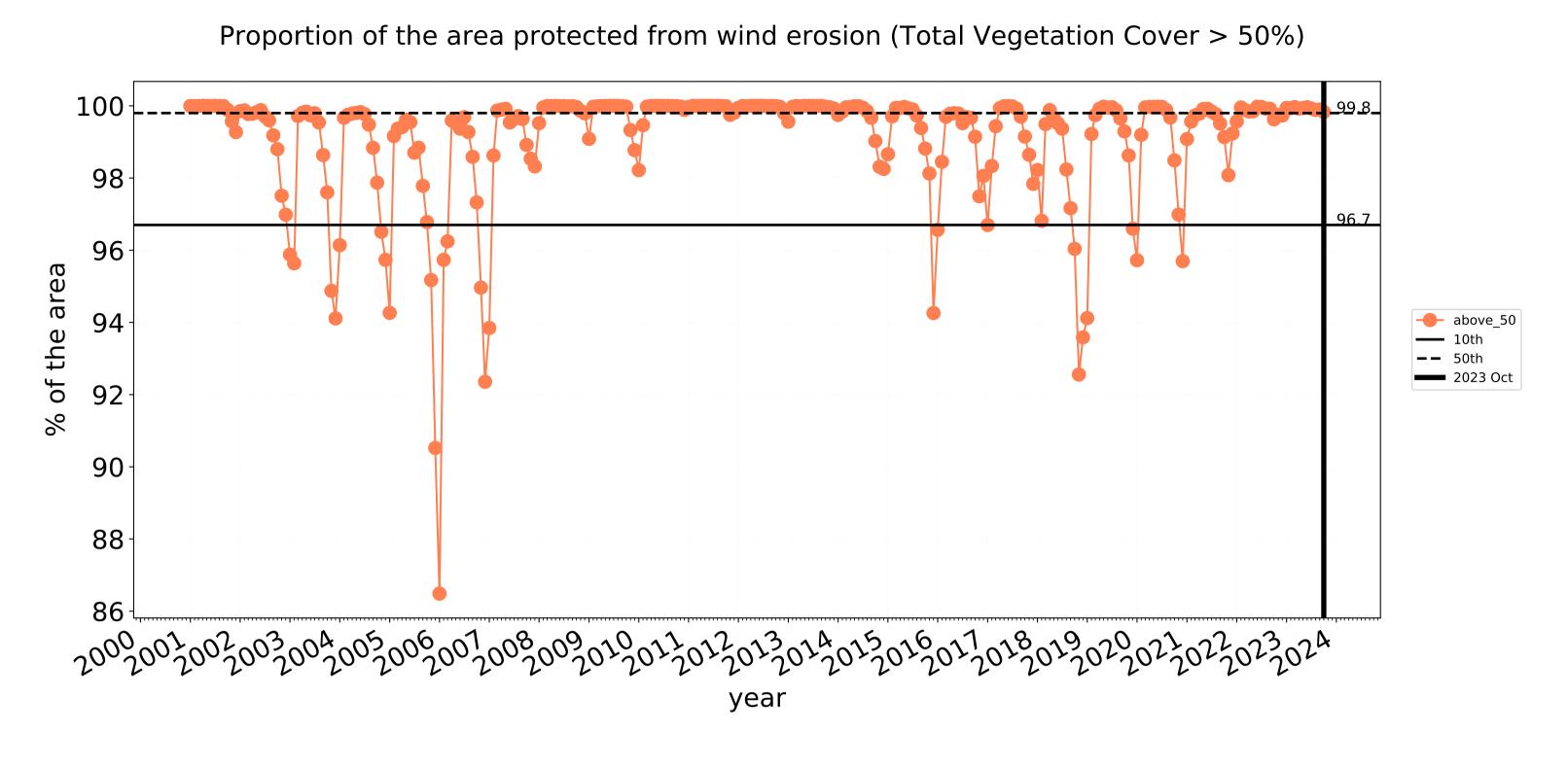


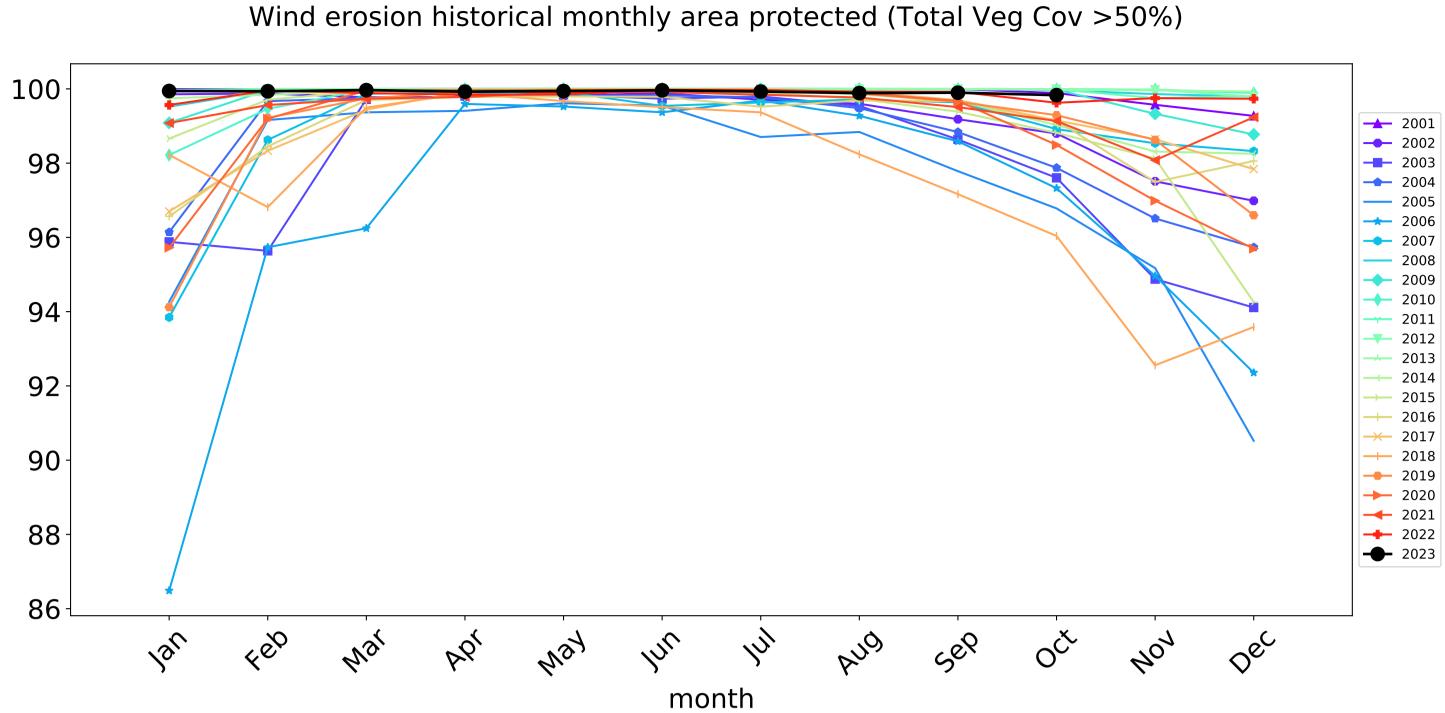


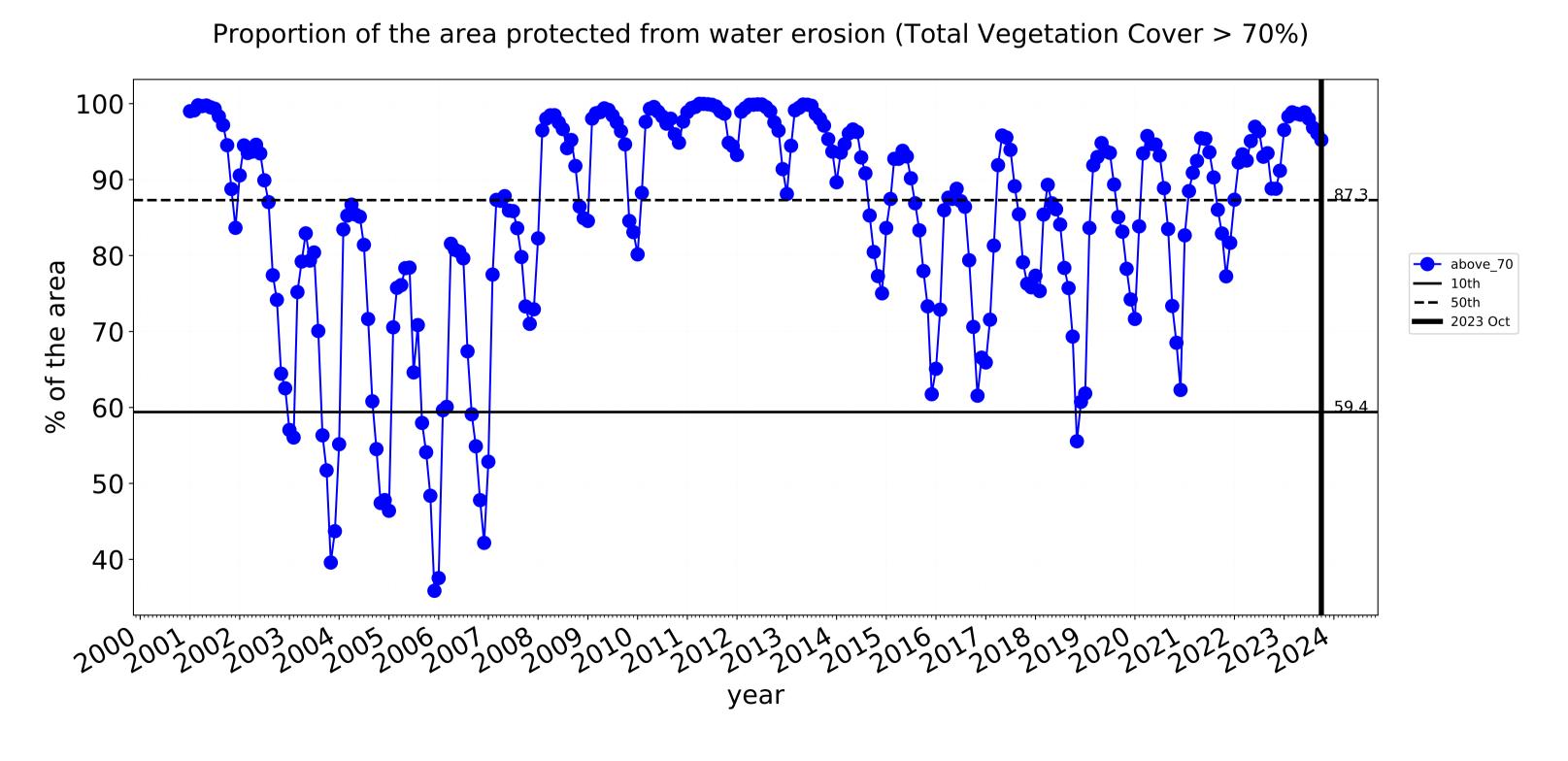


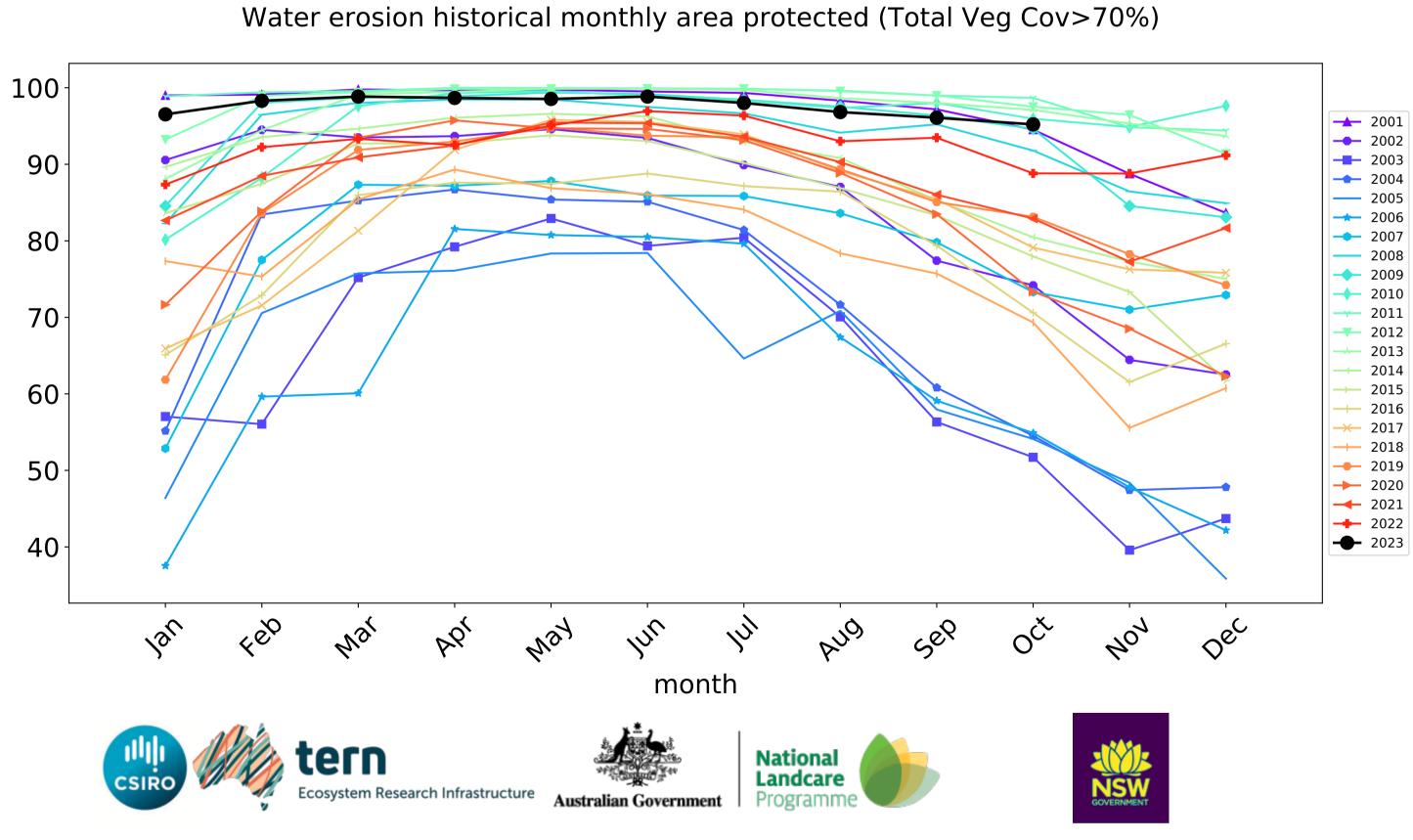


### **Grazing non forest timeseries**







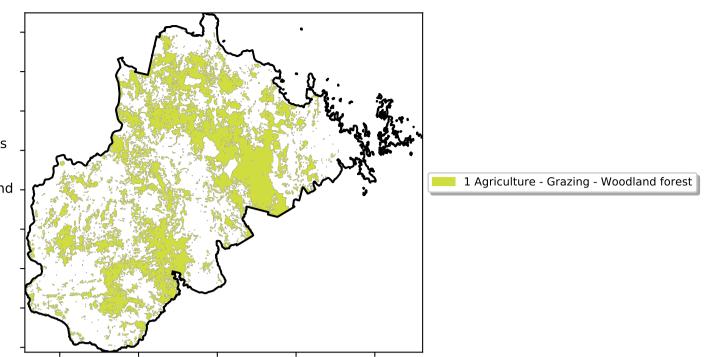


### **Grazing Woodland forest**

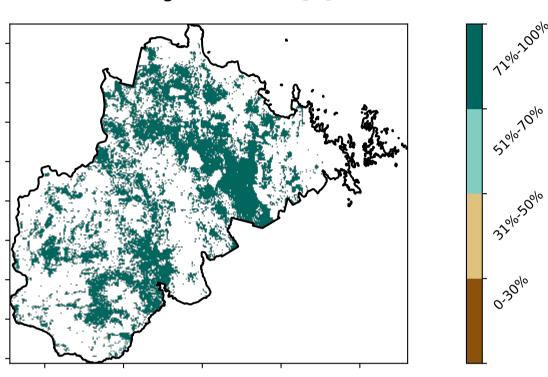
### Land use and forest cover

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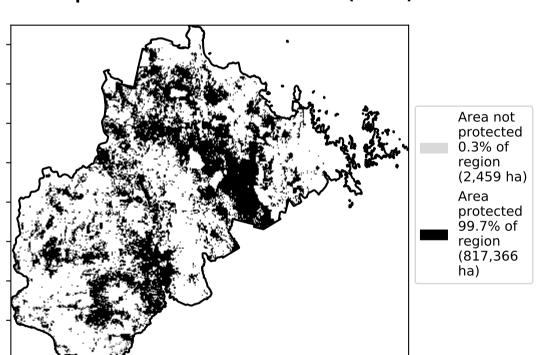
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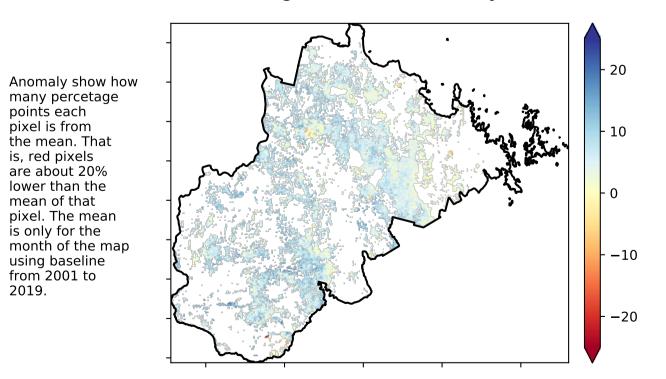
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

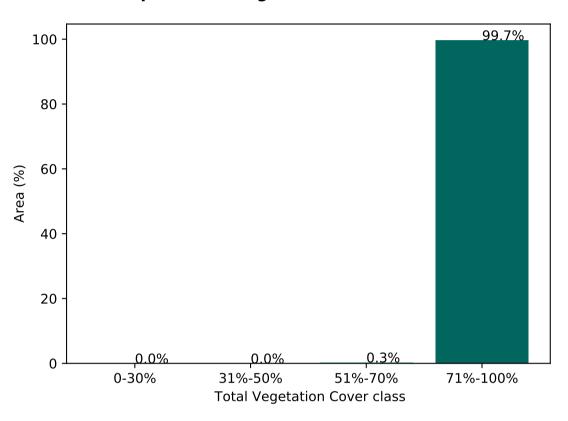


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

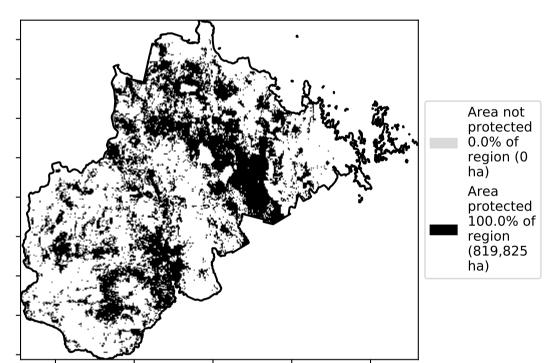


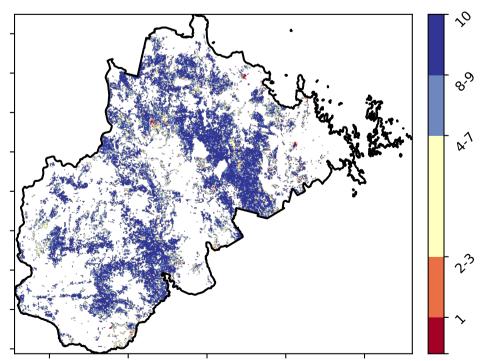
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





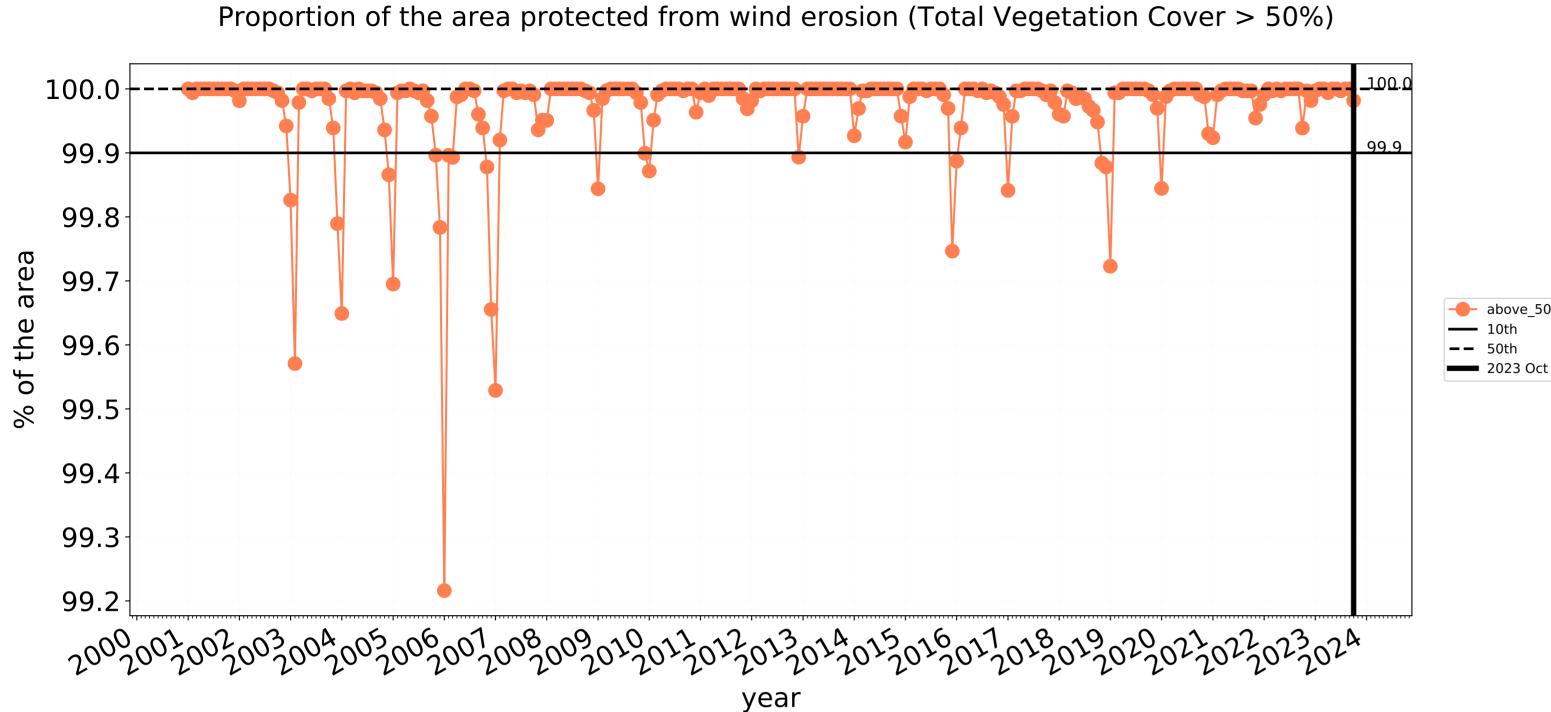


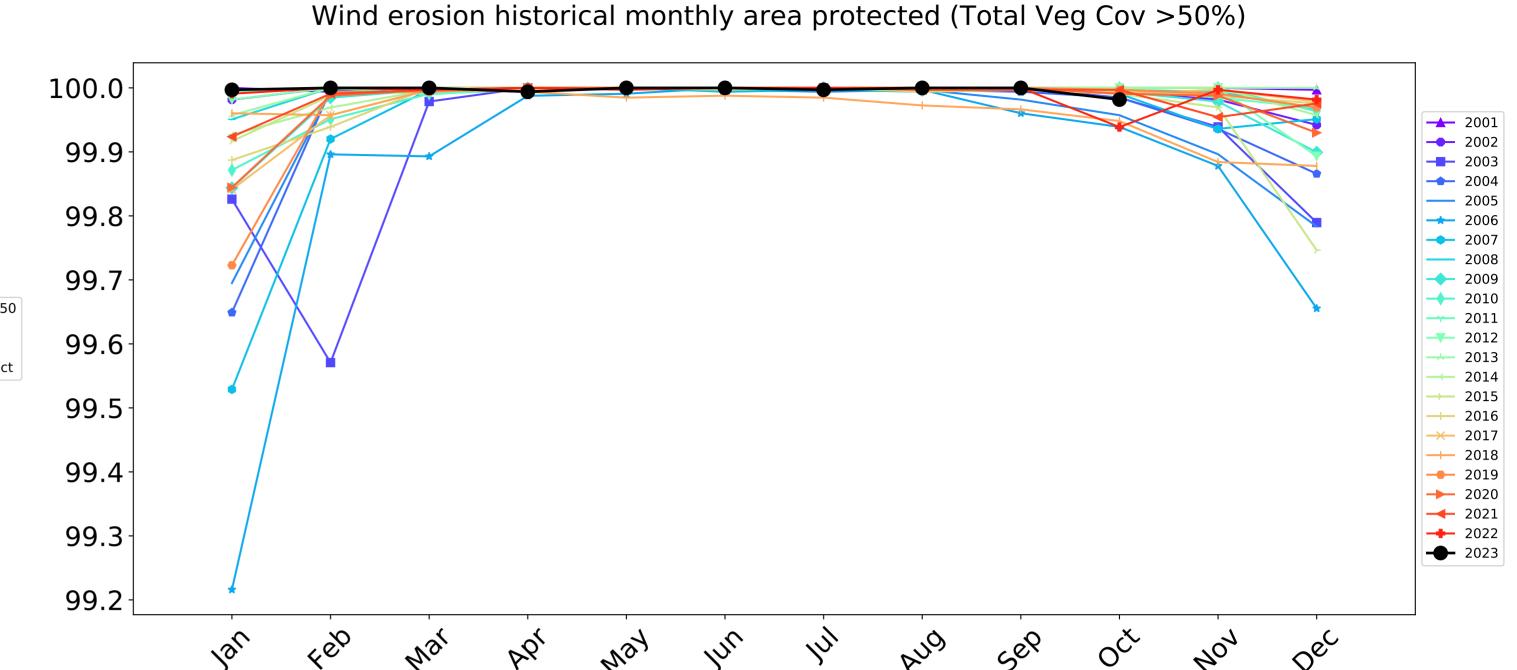




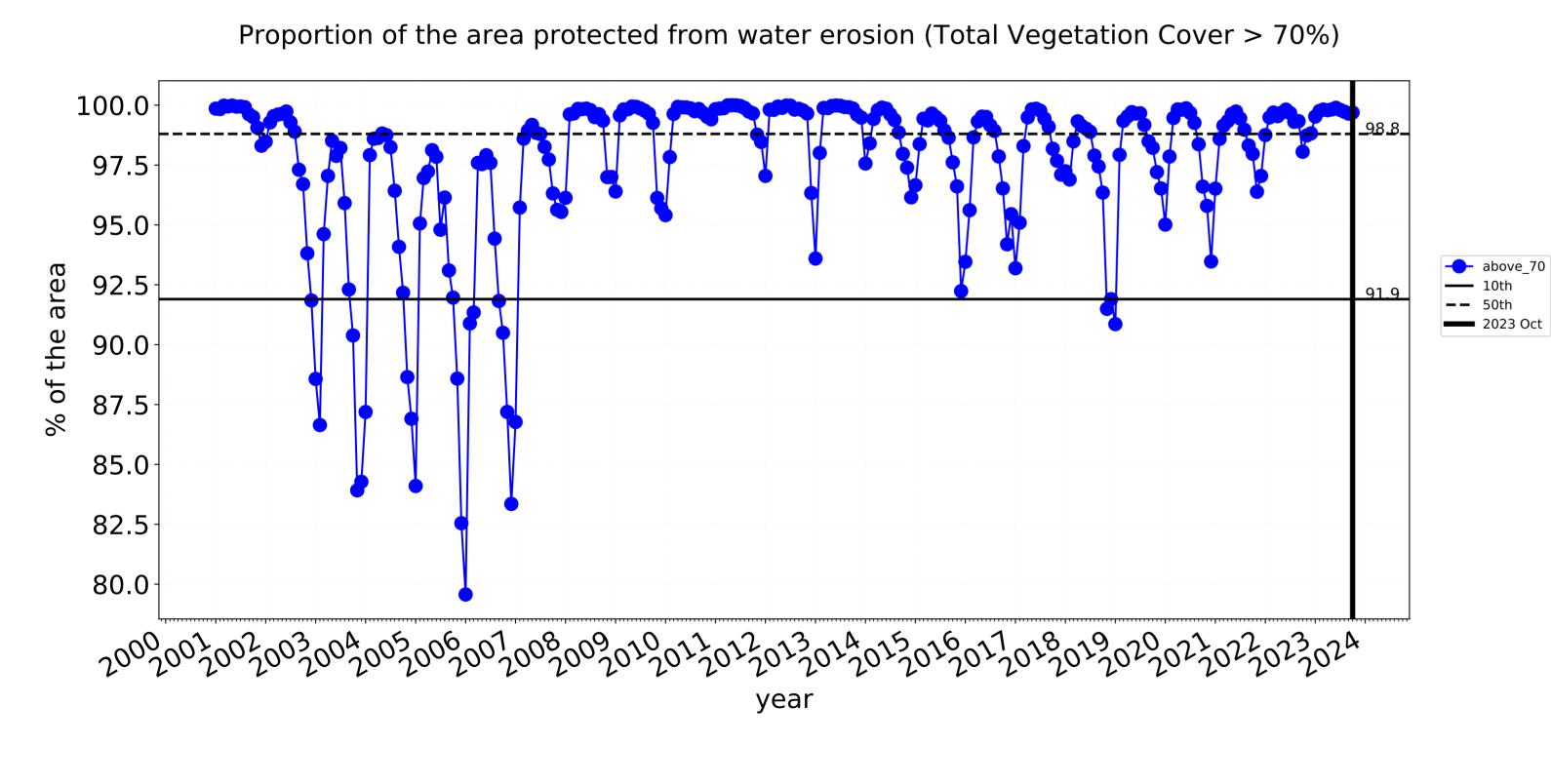


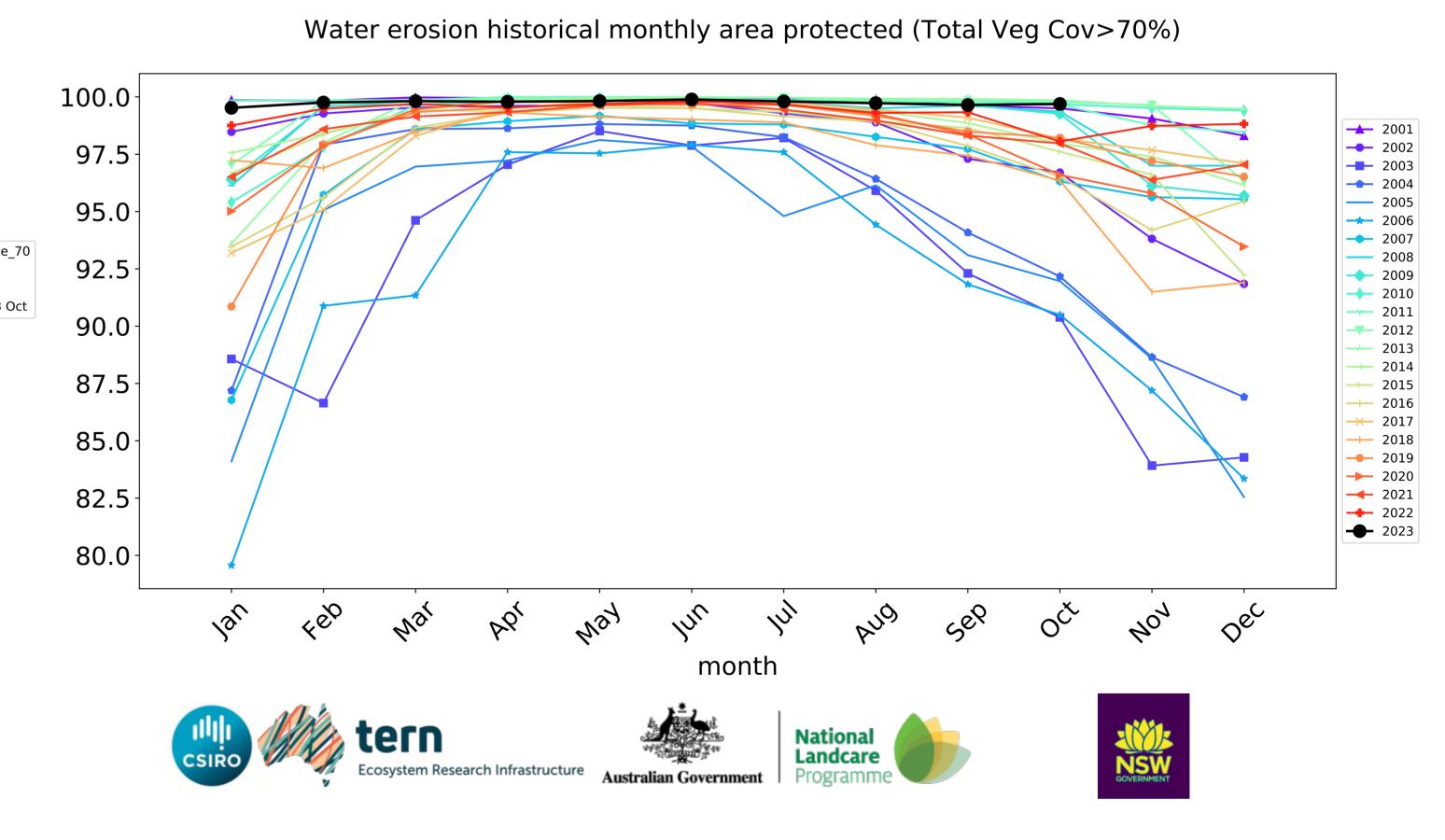
### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**





month



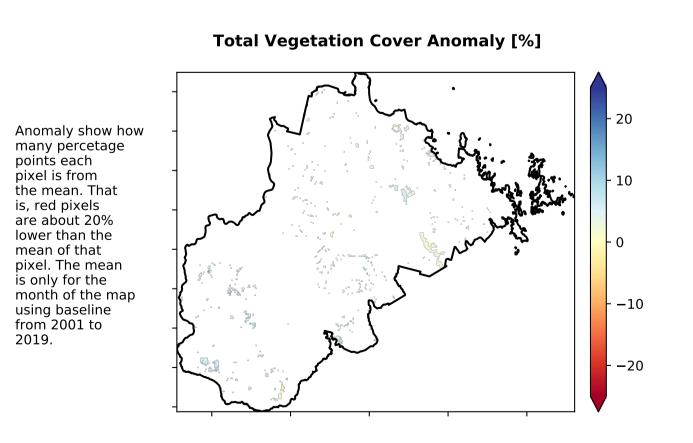


### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

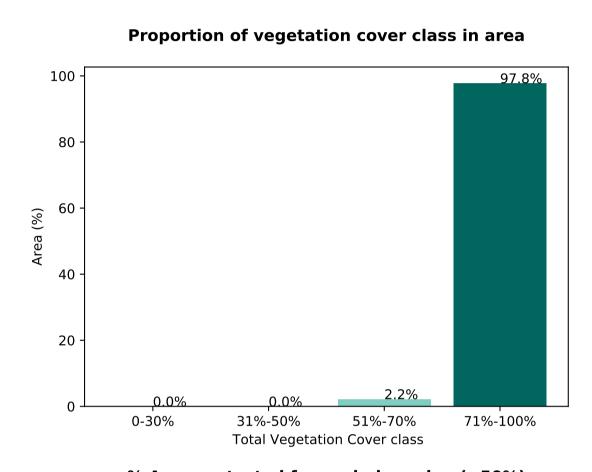
### Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

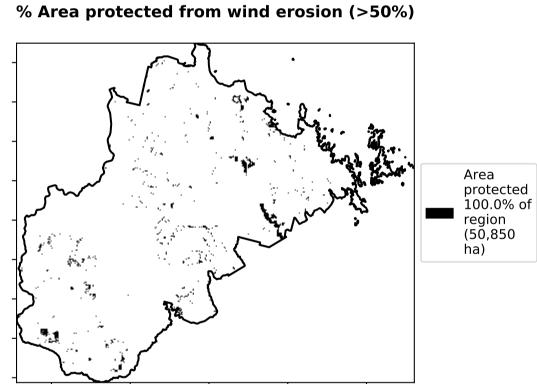
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

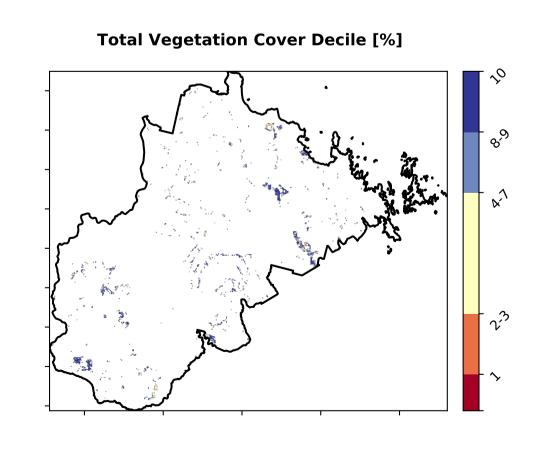
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 2.2% of region (1,119 ha) Area protected 97.8% of region (49,731 ha)



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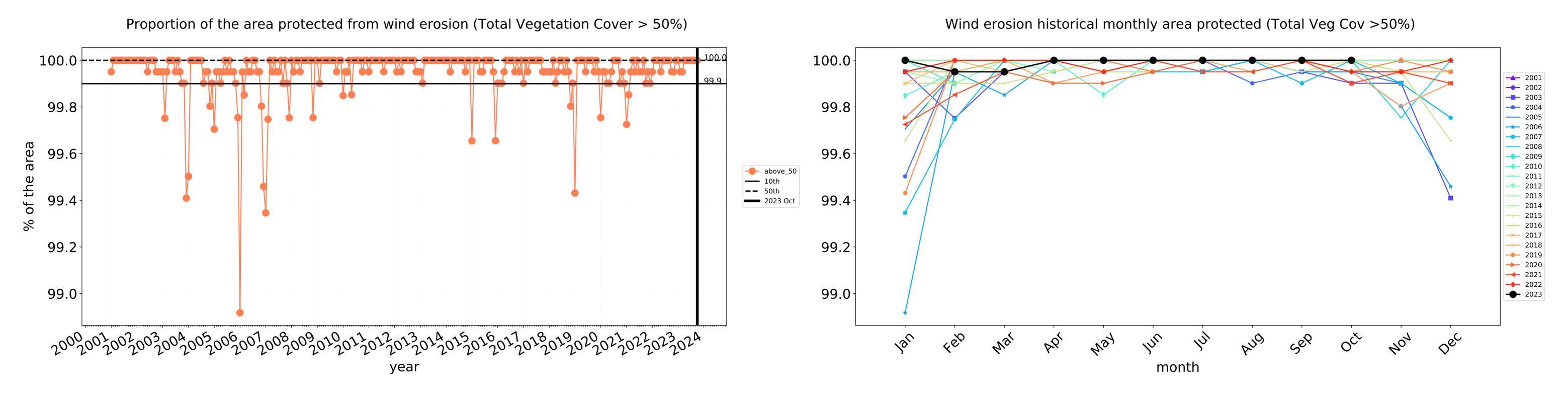


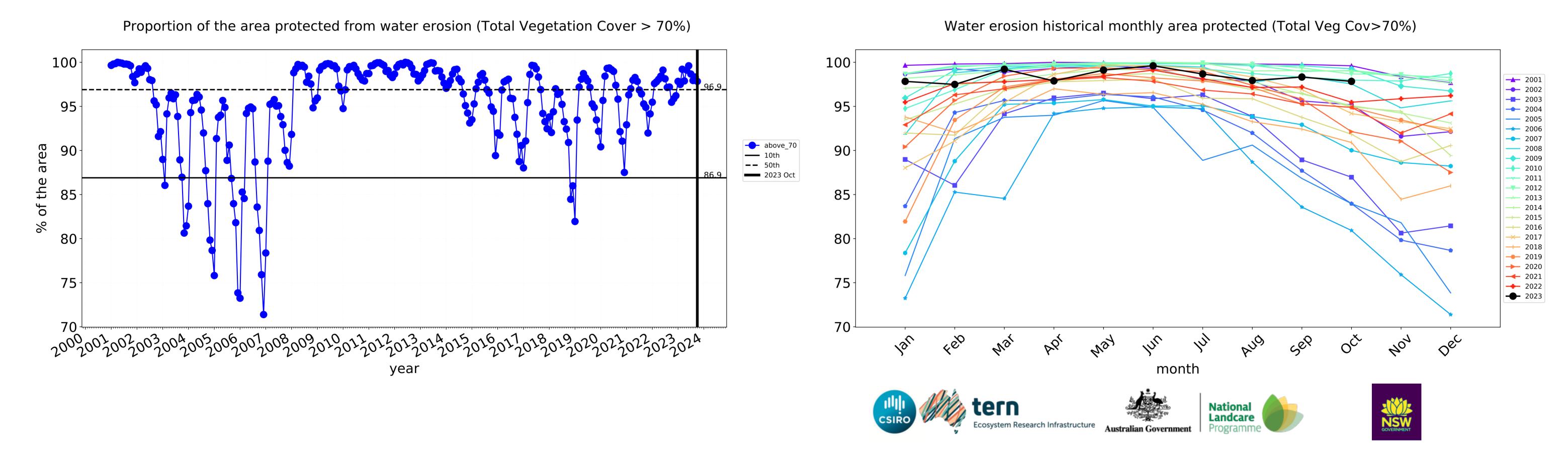






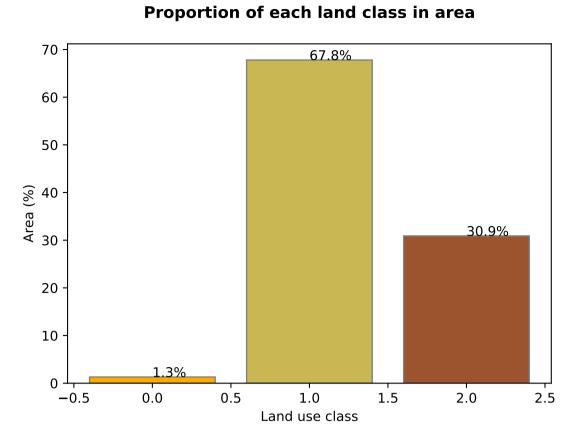




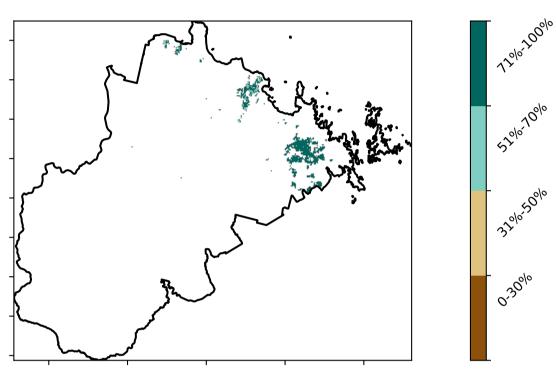


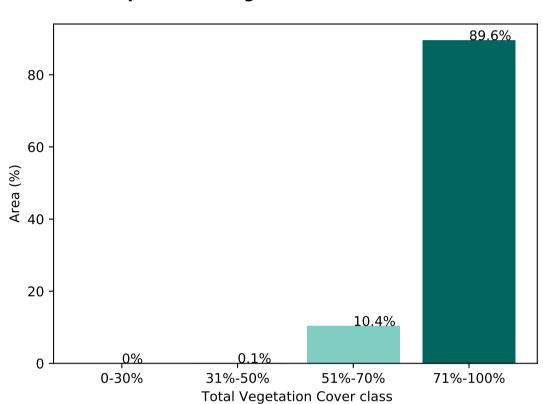
### Irrigation

### 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

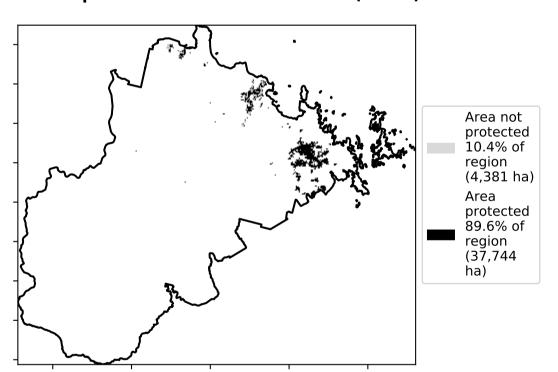


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

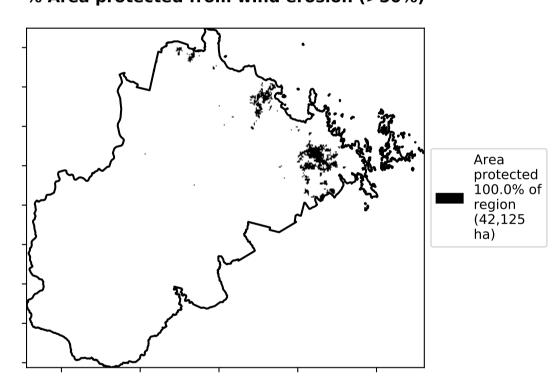




### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

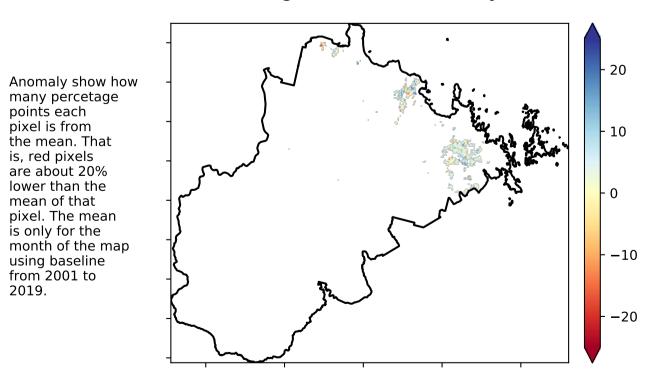


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

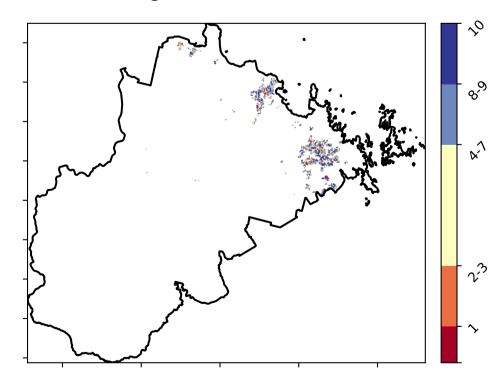
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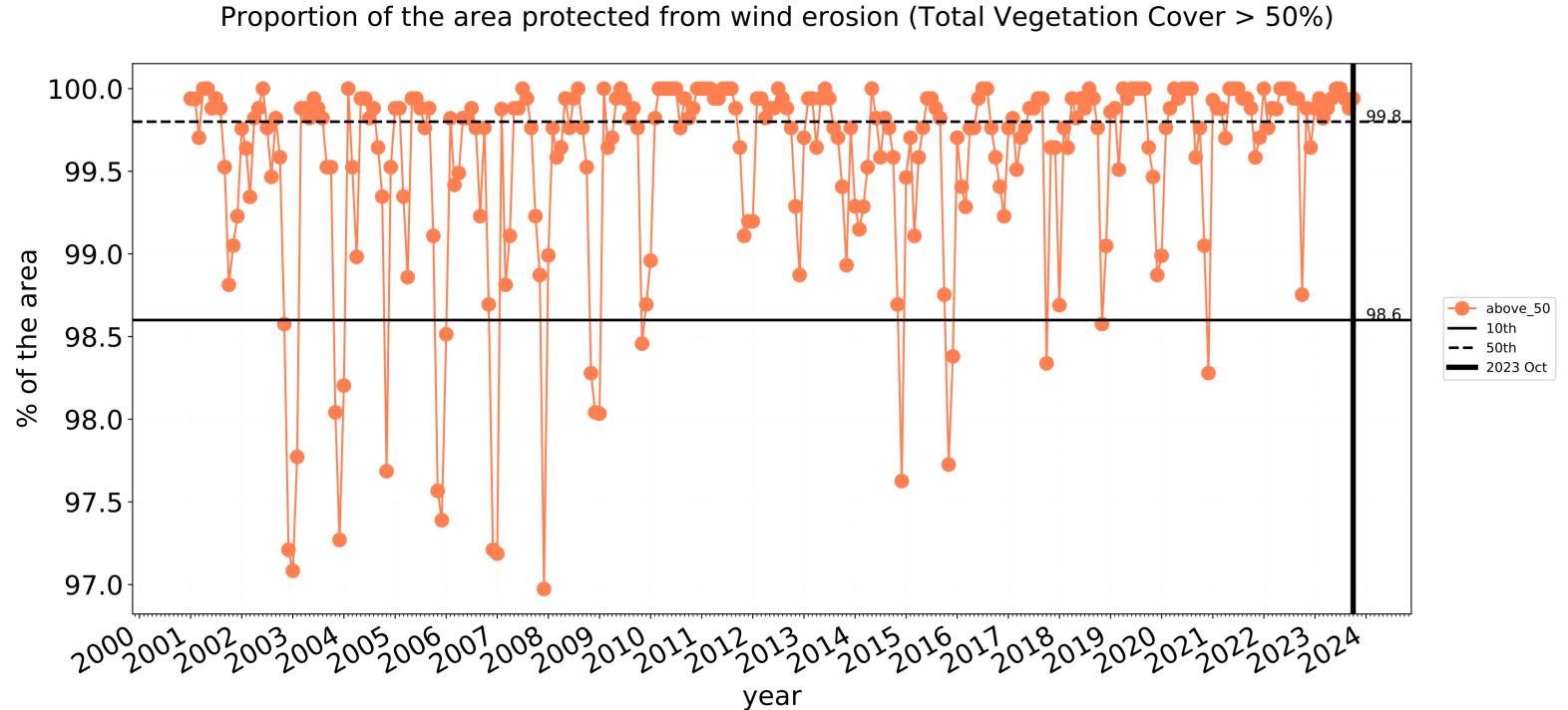


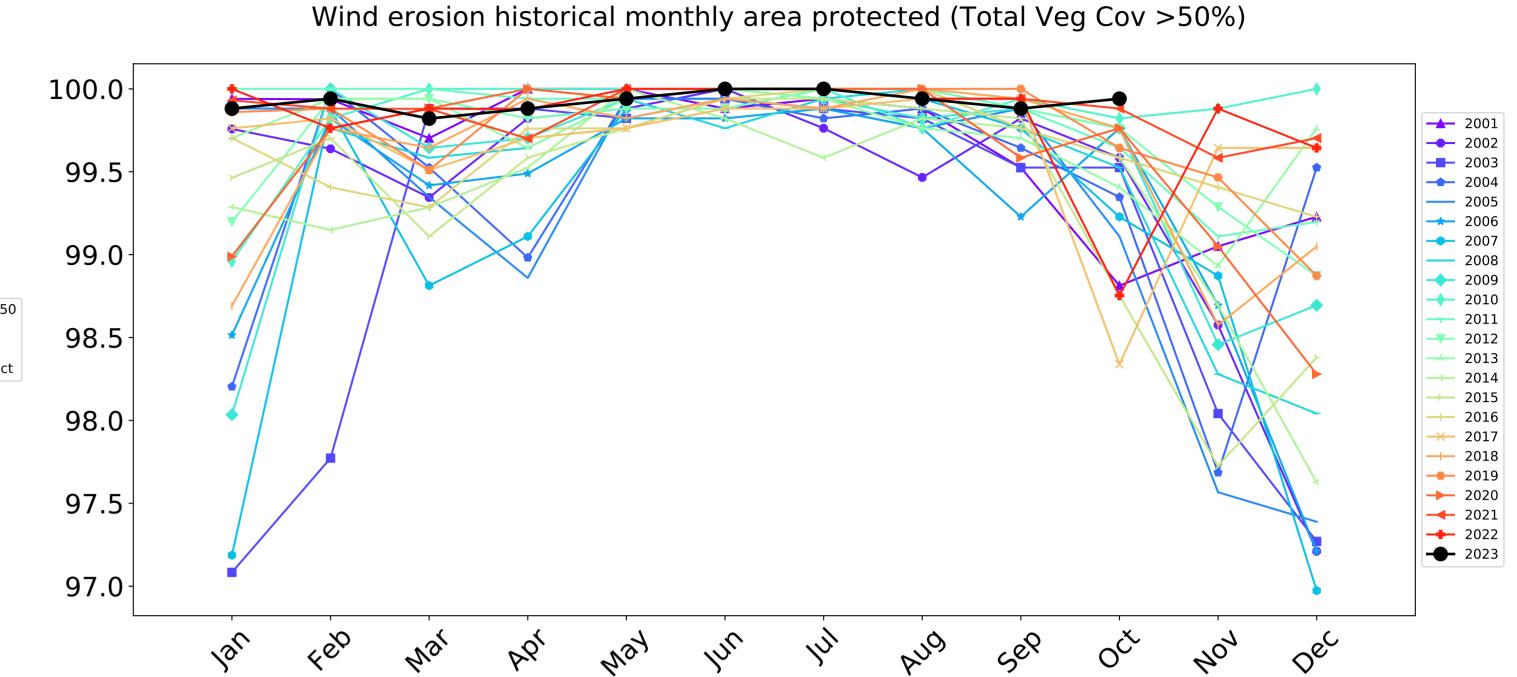




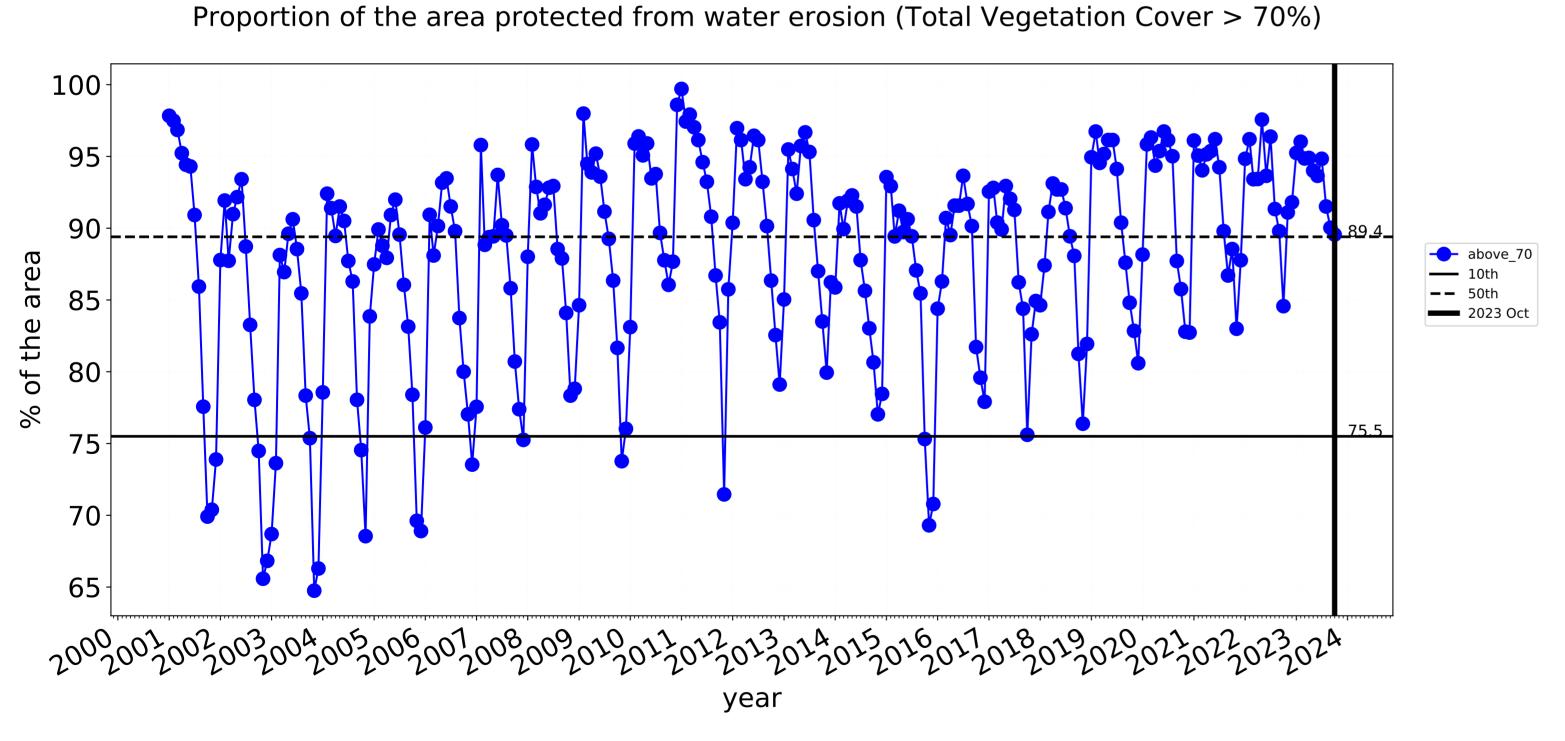


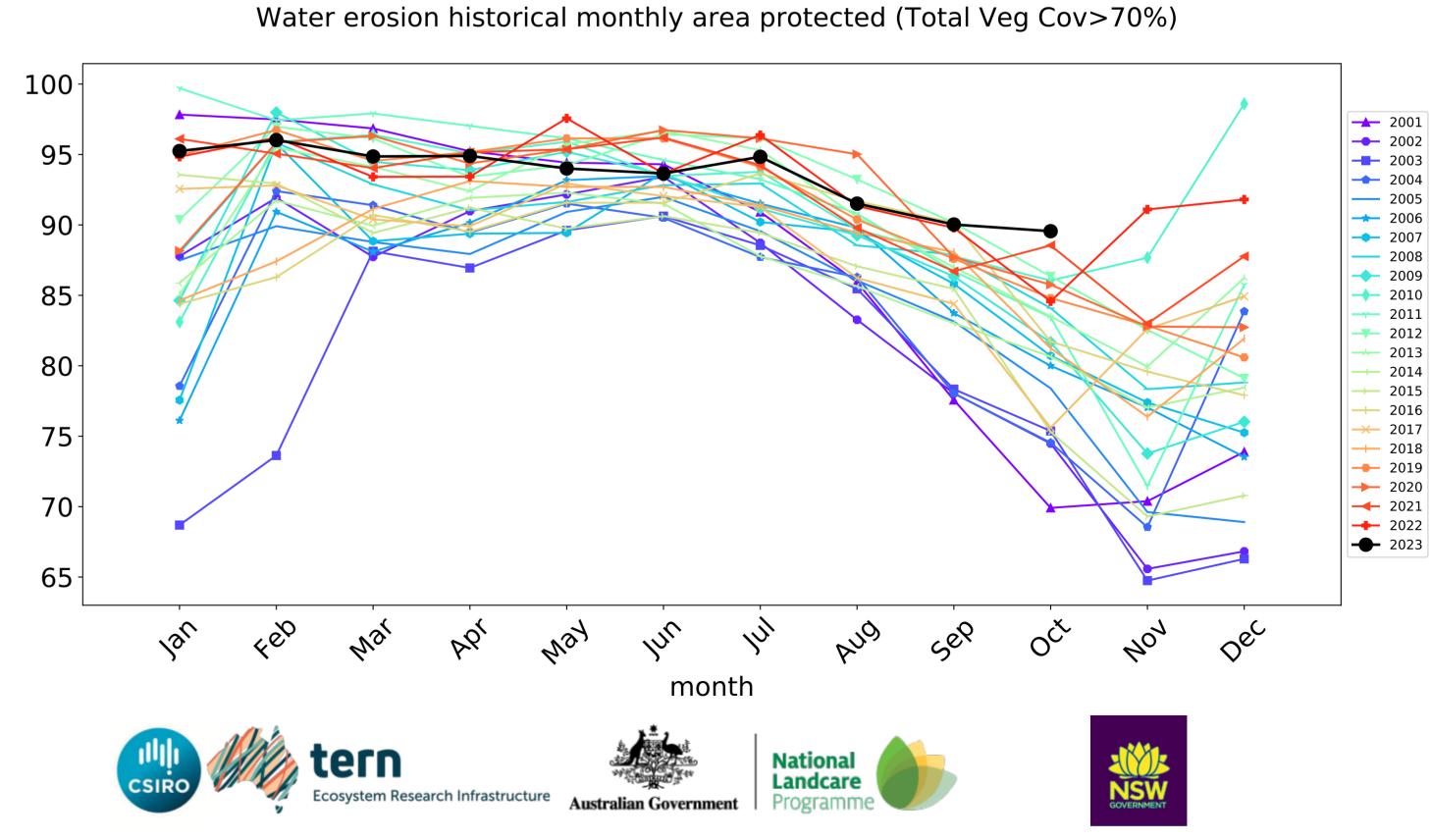
### Irrigation timeseries





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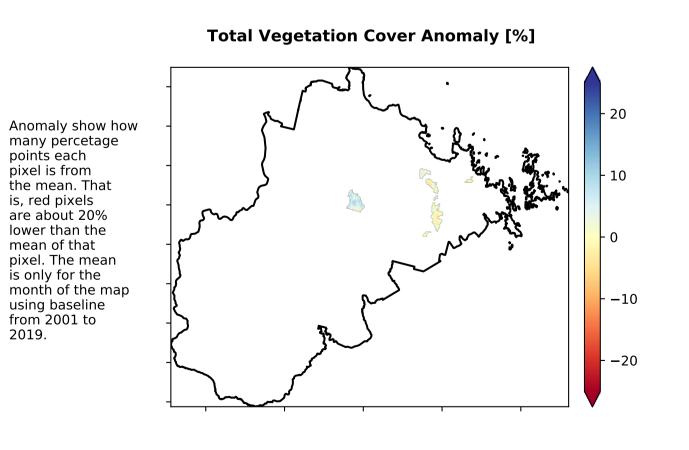


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

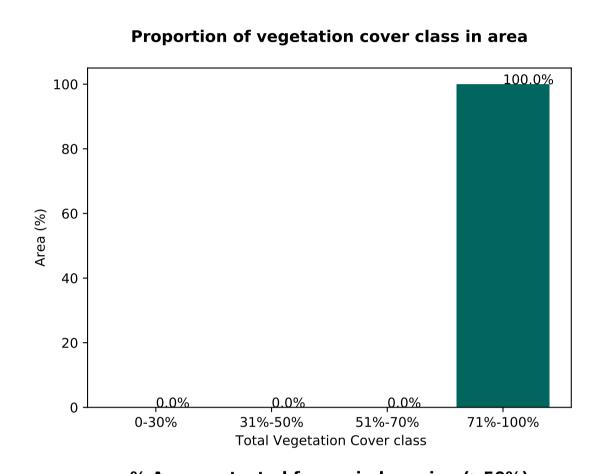
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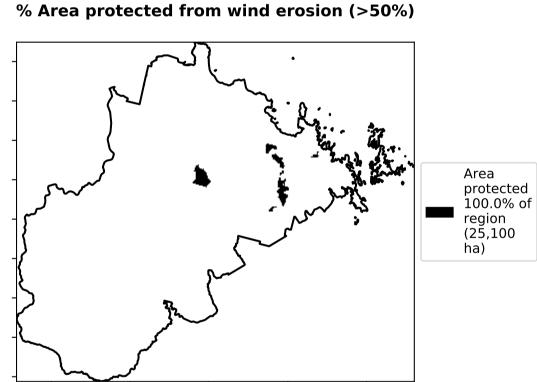
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]

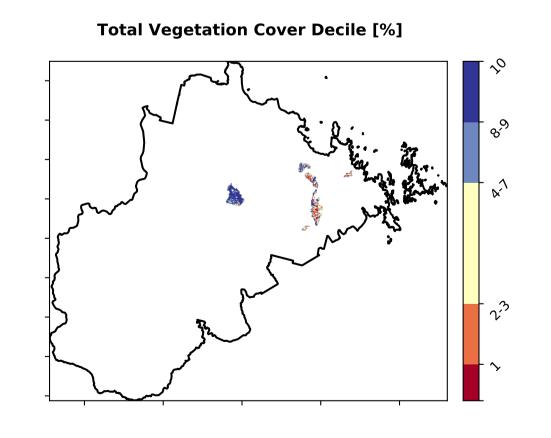
## Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area protected protected 100.0% of region (25,100 ha)



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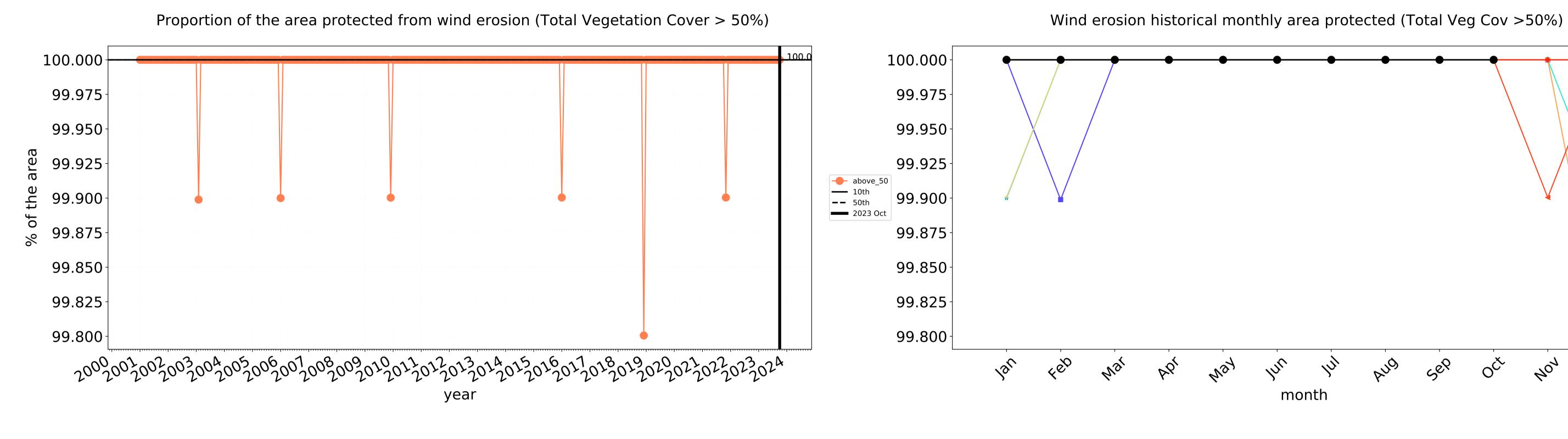


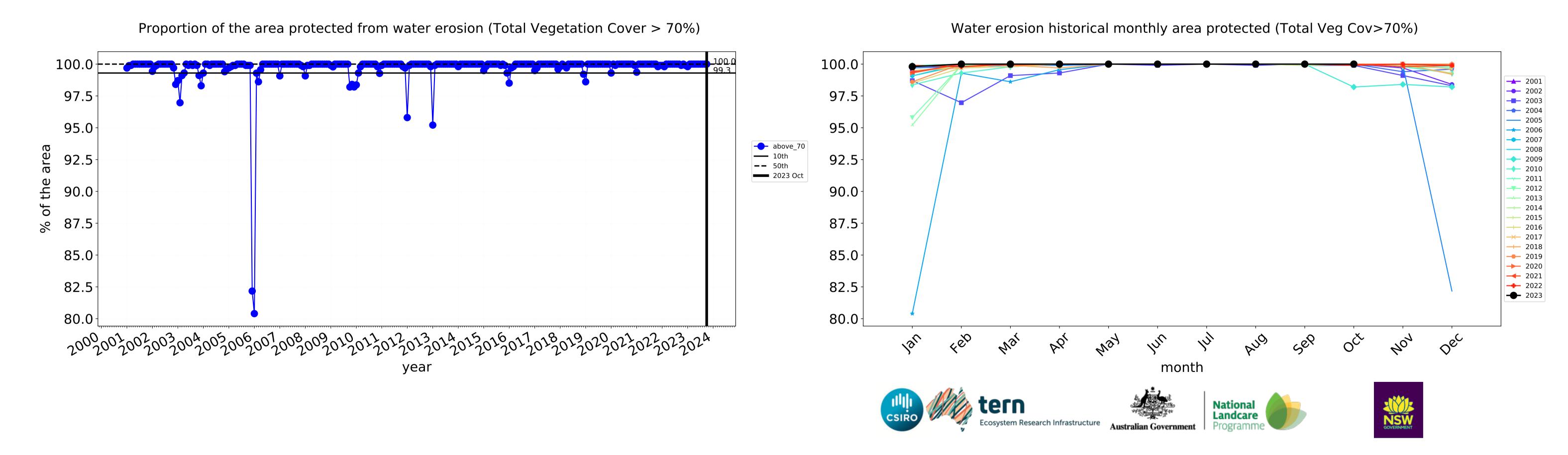






### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**





→ 2001 → 2002

→ 2010

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### Whitsunday\_(R) (2,355,975 ha and no data 25,901 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	2,355,975	100.0% 2,355,575	99.8% 2,351,750	96.6% 2,275,500	89.0% 2,096,550	62.0% 1,461,825	30.7% 723,950
Conservation and natural environments	168,550	99.9% 168,300	99.3% 167,400	96.7% 162,950	89.9% 151,500	63.5% 107,050	28.7% 48,450
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,150	99.7% 28,075	98.8% 27,825	92.5% 26,050	70.0% 19,700	17.9% 5,025	3.4% 950
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	56,800	99.9% 56,725	99.6% 56,600	98.2% 55,750	94.2% 53,525	73.7% 41,850	43.7% 24,825
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	83,600	99.9% 83,500	99.3% 82,975	97.1% 81,150	93.6% 78,275	72.0% 60,175	27.1% 22,675
Agriculture	2,084,950	100.0% 2,084,950	99.9% 2,082,800	96.9% 2,020,875	89.7% 1,869,975	62.8% 1,310,050	31.4% 654,275
Grazing	2,042,525	100.0% 2,042,525	99.9% 2,040,400	97.1% 1,982,850	90.1% 1,841,025	63.6% 1,299,075	31.9% 650,825
Grazing non forest	1,171,850	100.0% 1,171,850	99.8% 1,169,875	95.2% 1,115,800	84.5% 990,000	51.3% 600,900	21.3% 249,225
Grazing Woodland forest	819,825	100.0% 819,825	100.0% 819,675	99.7% 817,300	98.0% 803,600	81.5% 668,300	47.2% 387,325
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,850	100.0% 50,850	100.0% 50,850	97.8% 49,750	93.3% 47,425	58.8% 29,875	28.1% 14,275
Irrigation	42,125	100.0% 42,125	99.9% 42,100	89.6% 37,725	68.1% 28,675	25.9% 10,925	8.1% 3,425
Production native forests and plantation forests	25,100	100.0% 25,100	100.0% 25,100	100.0% 25,100	100.0% 25,100	91.9% 23,075	51.9% 13,025







