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

# **Date: February 2024**

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

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

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

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# Acknowledgment of data:

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

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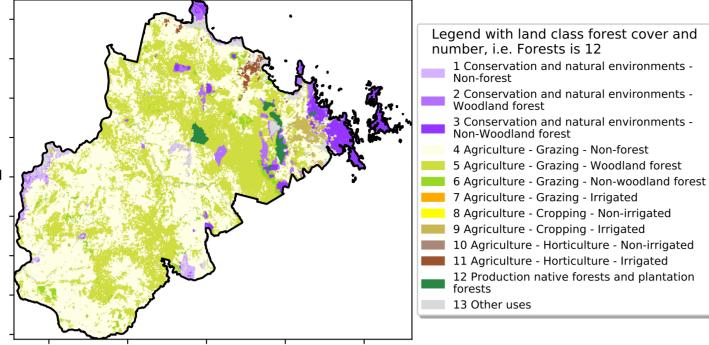


# **Vegetation Cover Feb 2024**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area





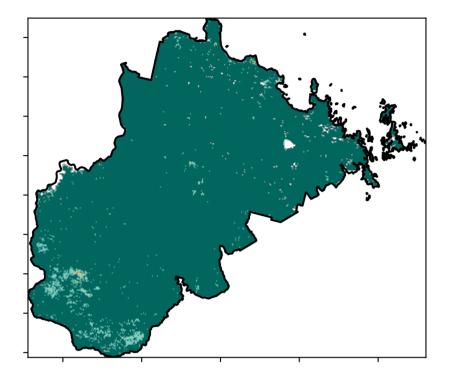
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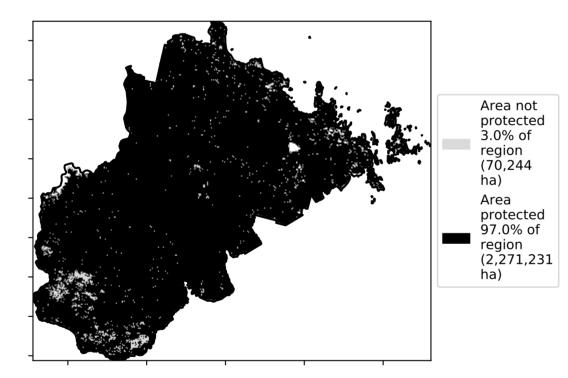
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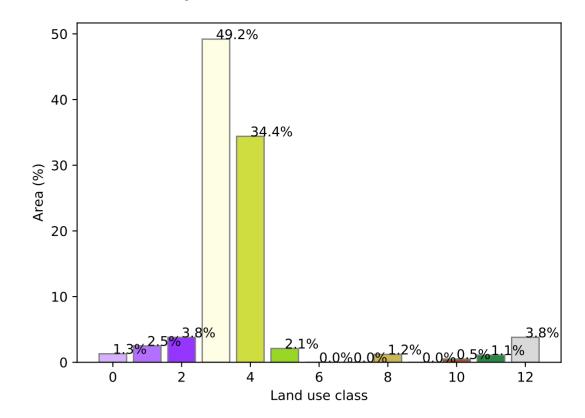
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#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

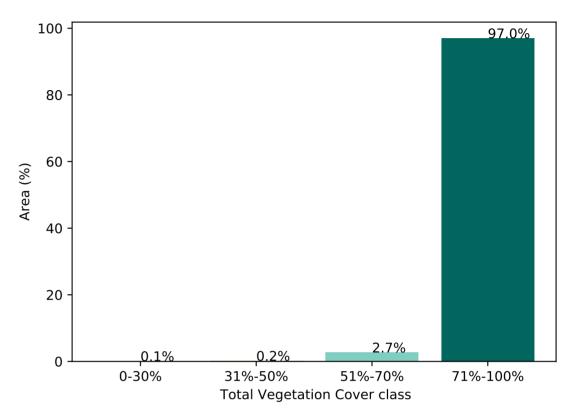


#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

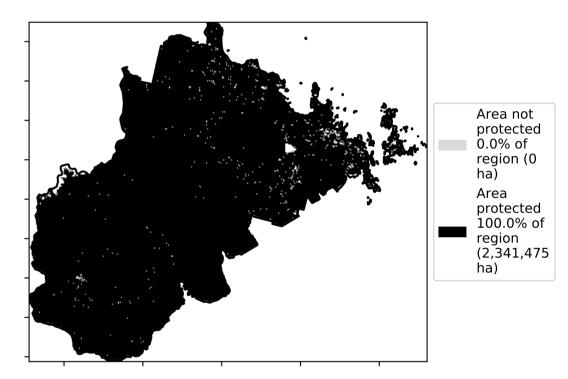




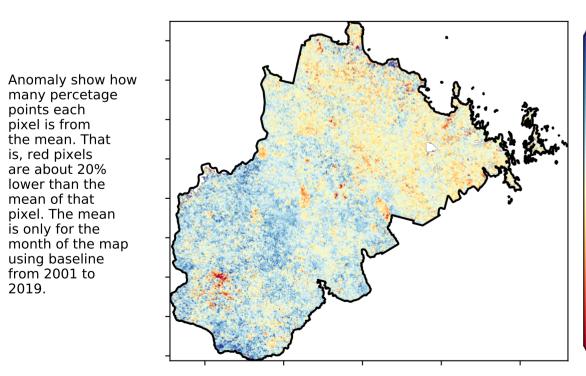
#### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



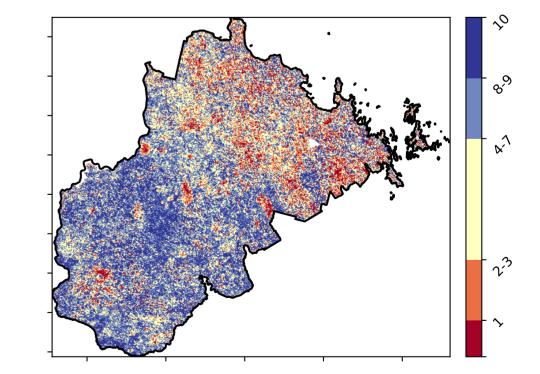
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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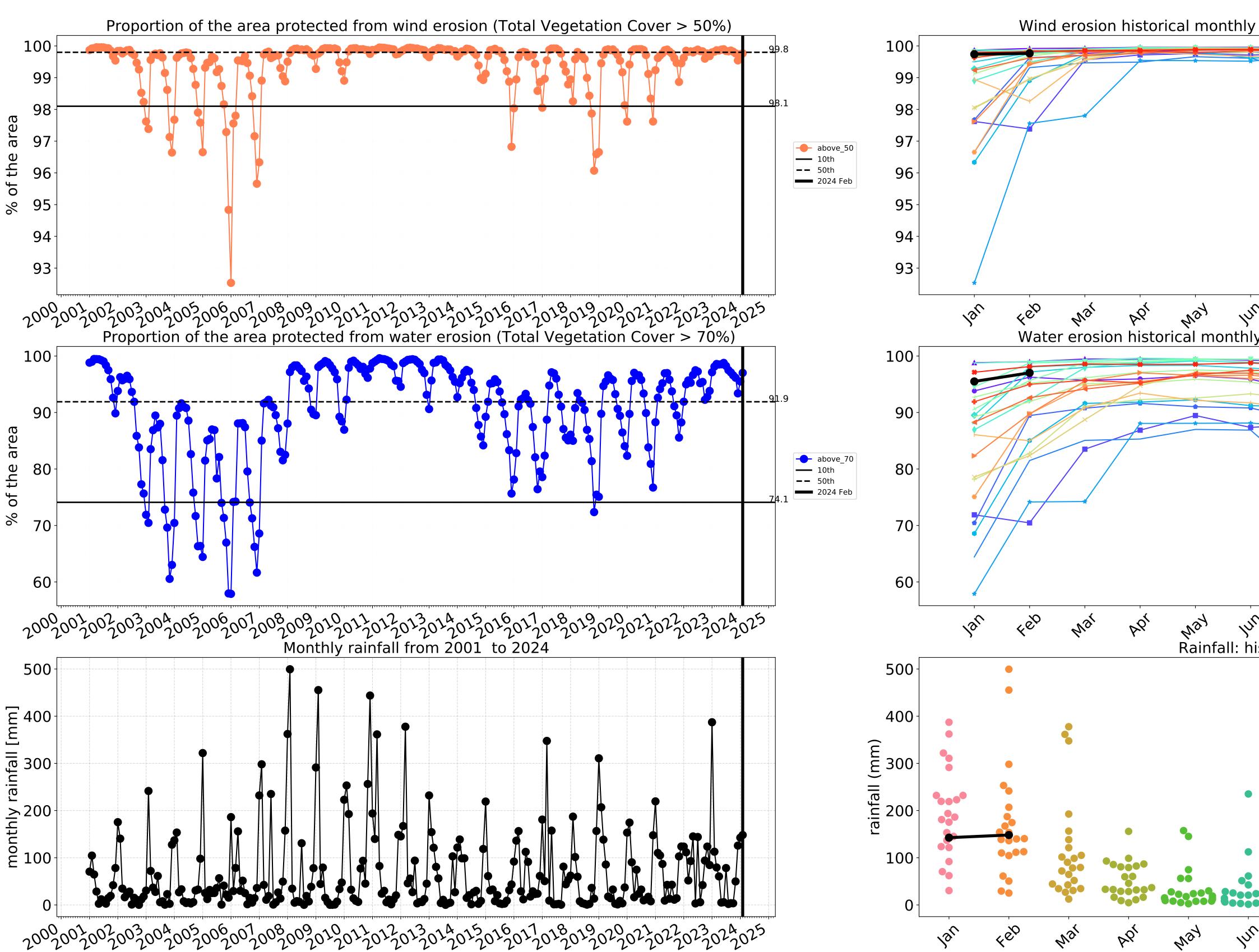
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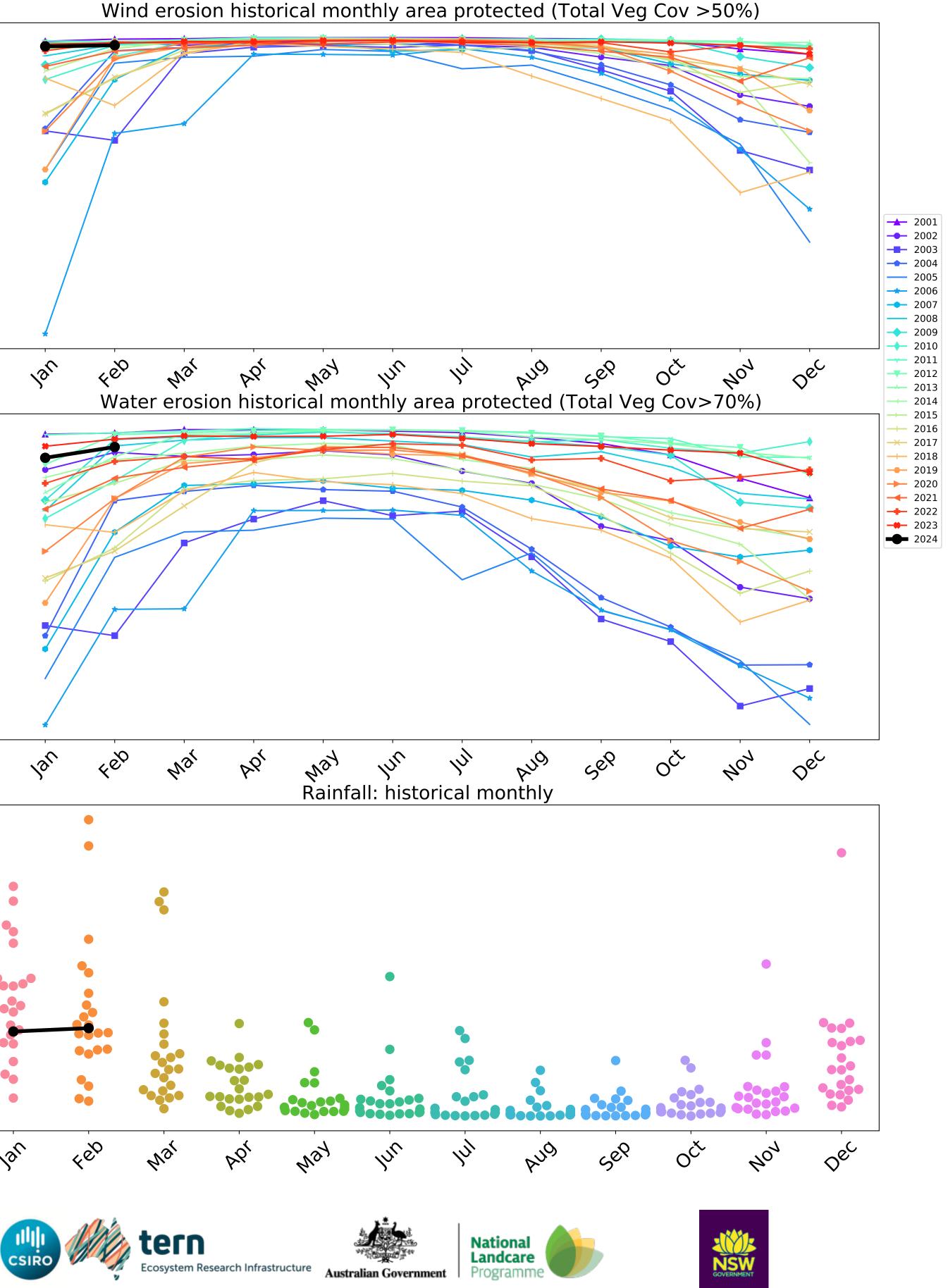
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### **Conservation and natural environments**

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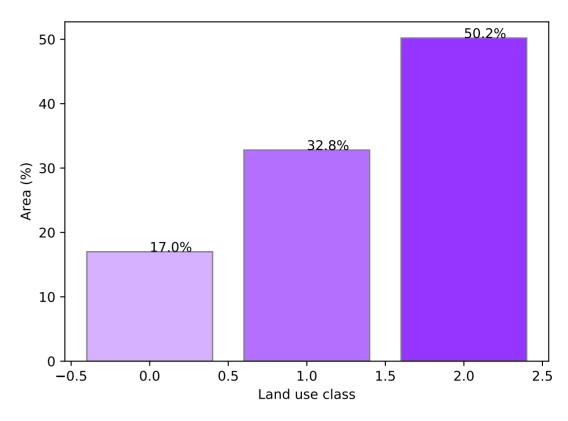
forest

woodland forest

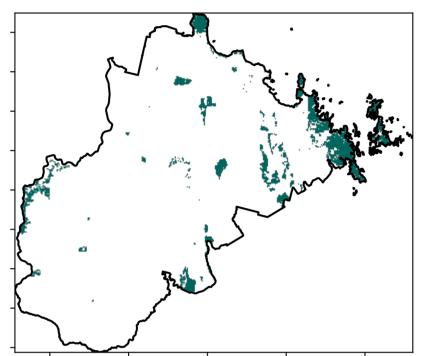
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Land use and forest cover

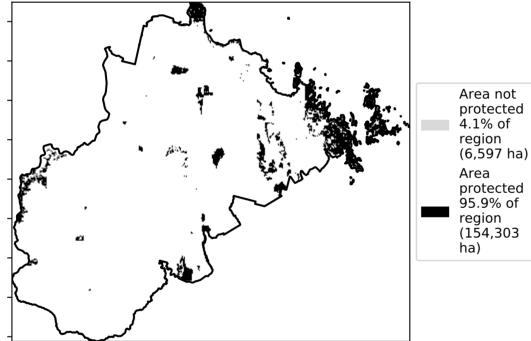
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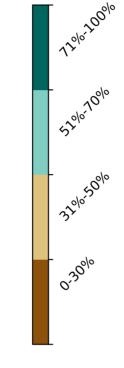


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

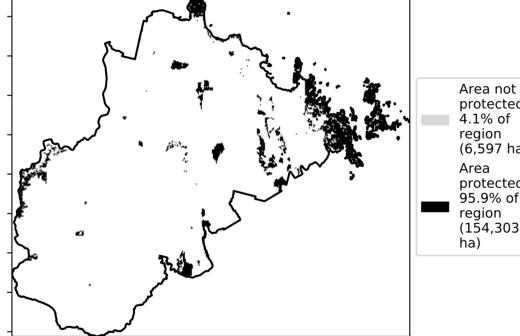




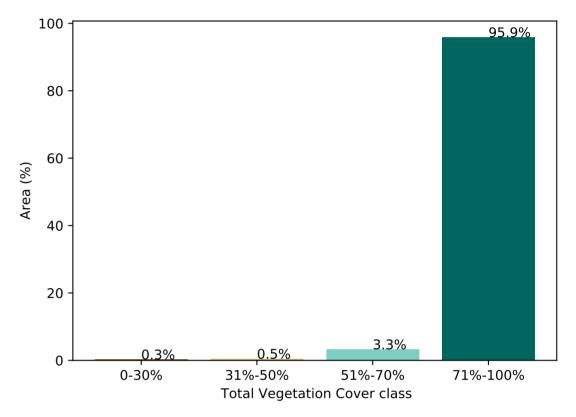
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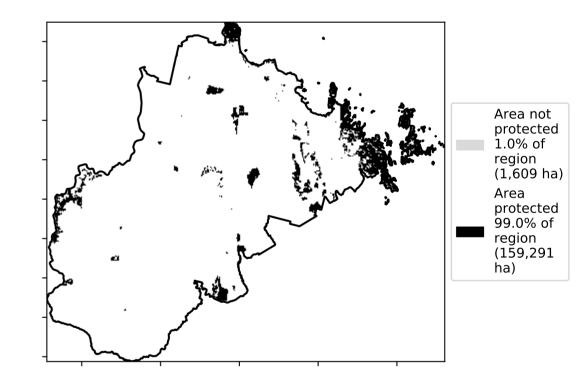
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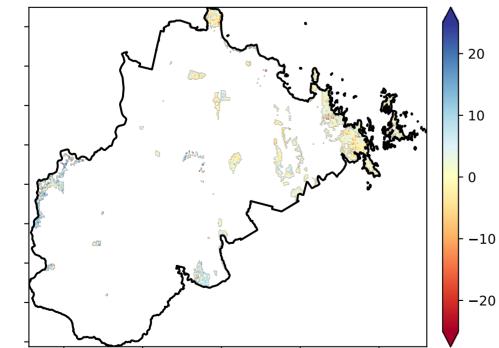
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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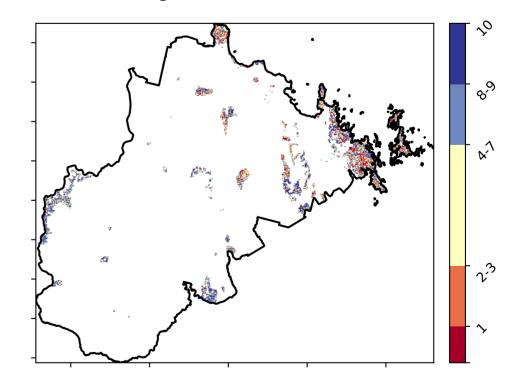


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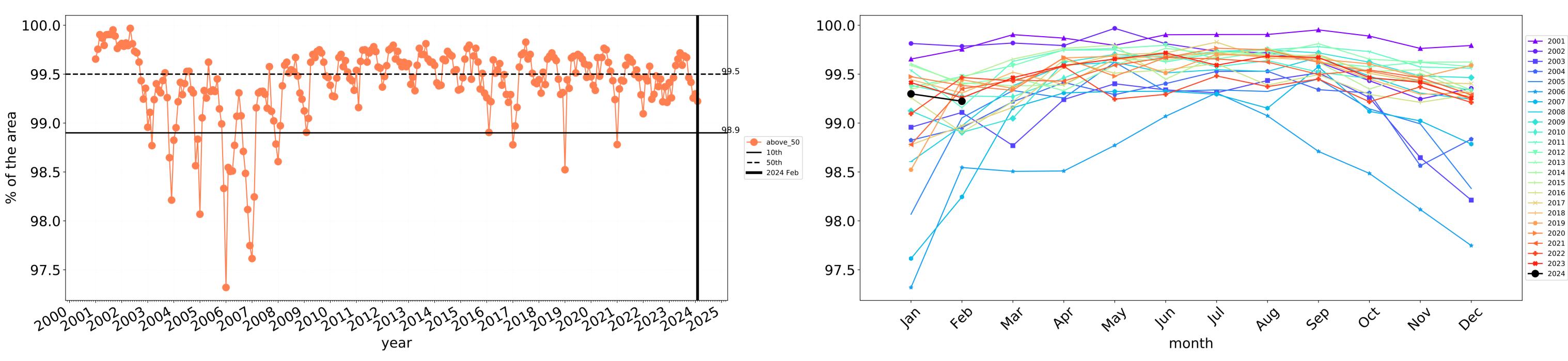
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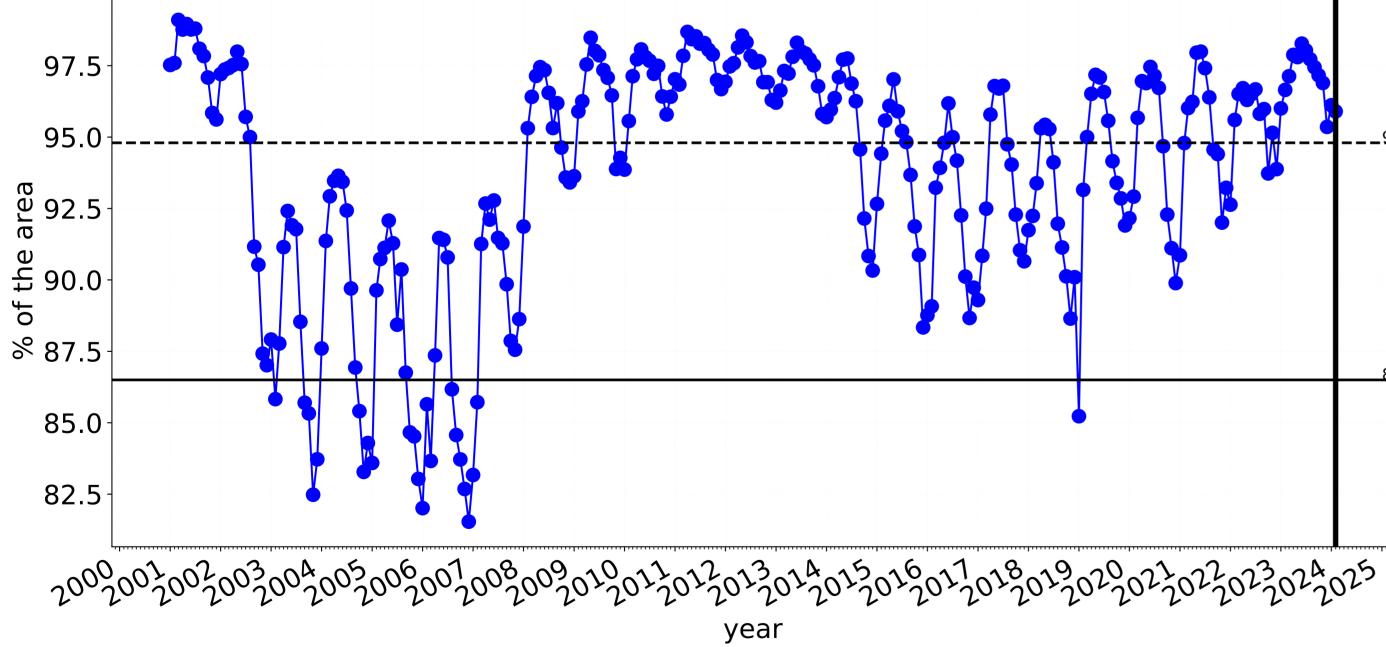




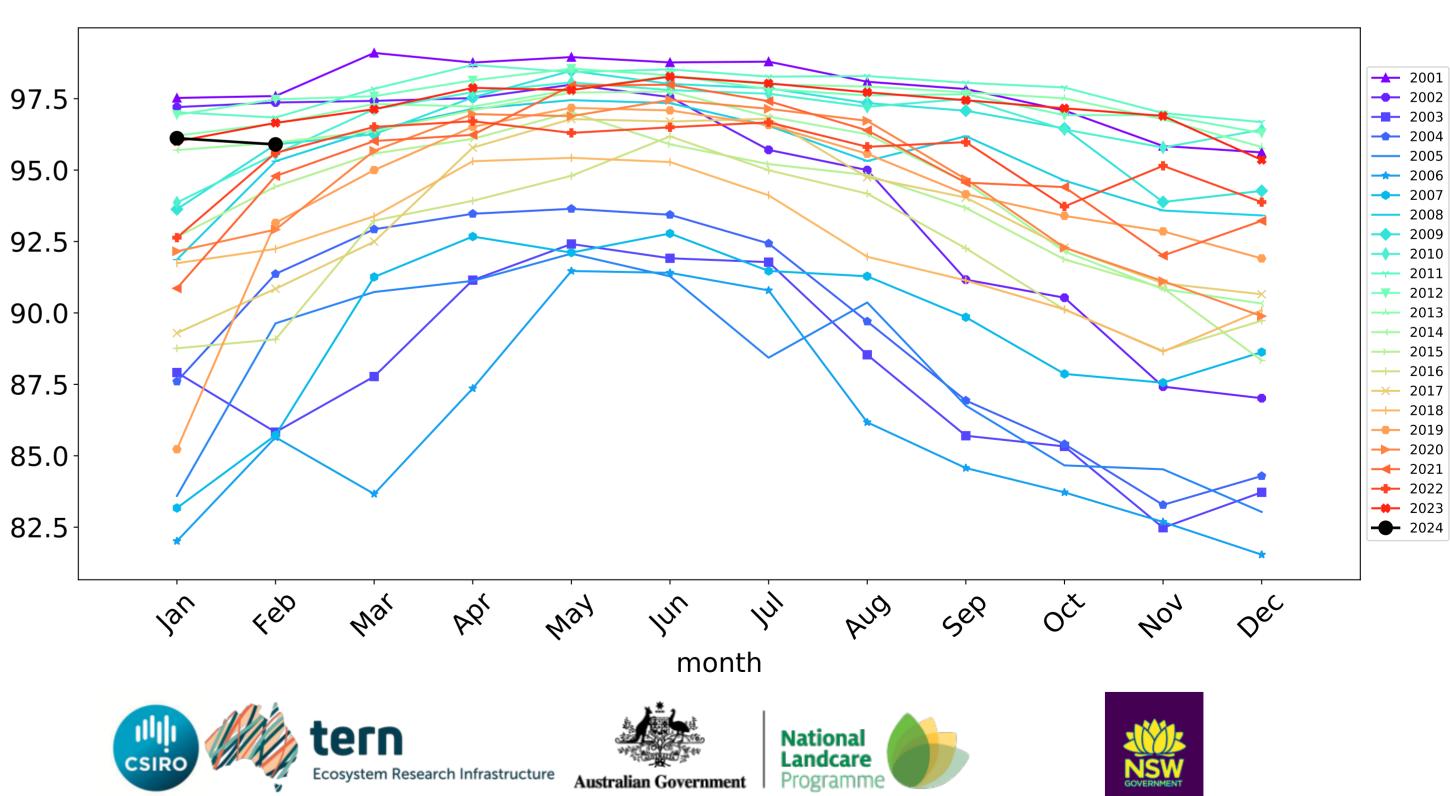




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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

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

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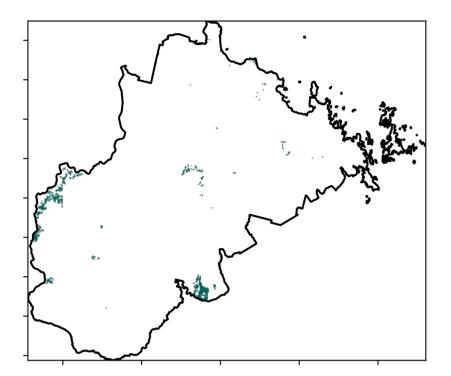
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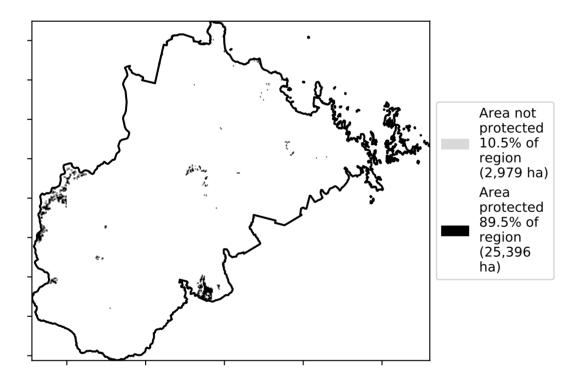
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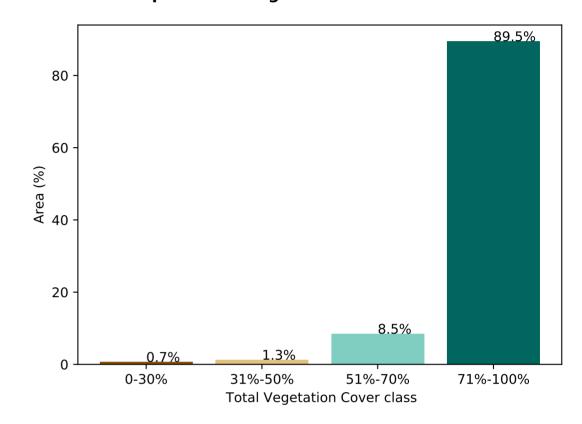
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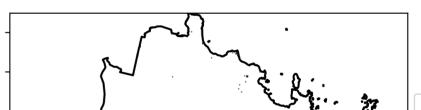
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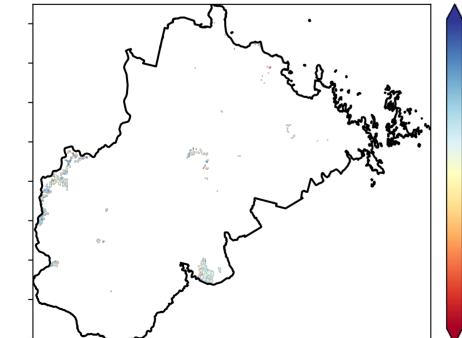
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



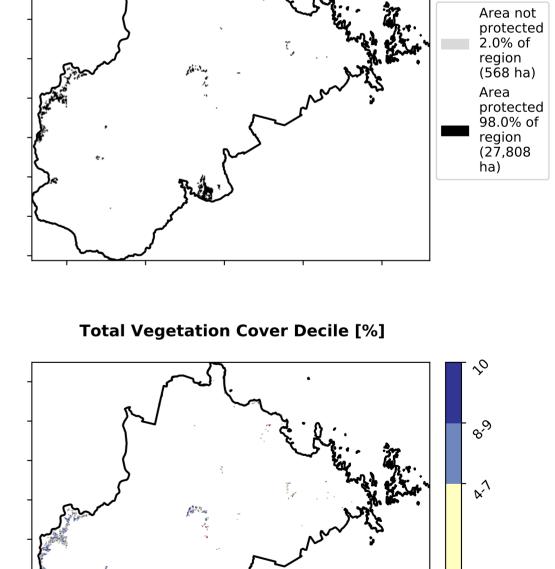
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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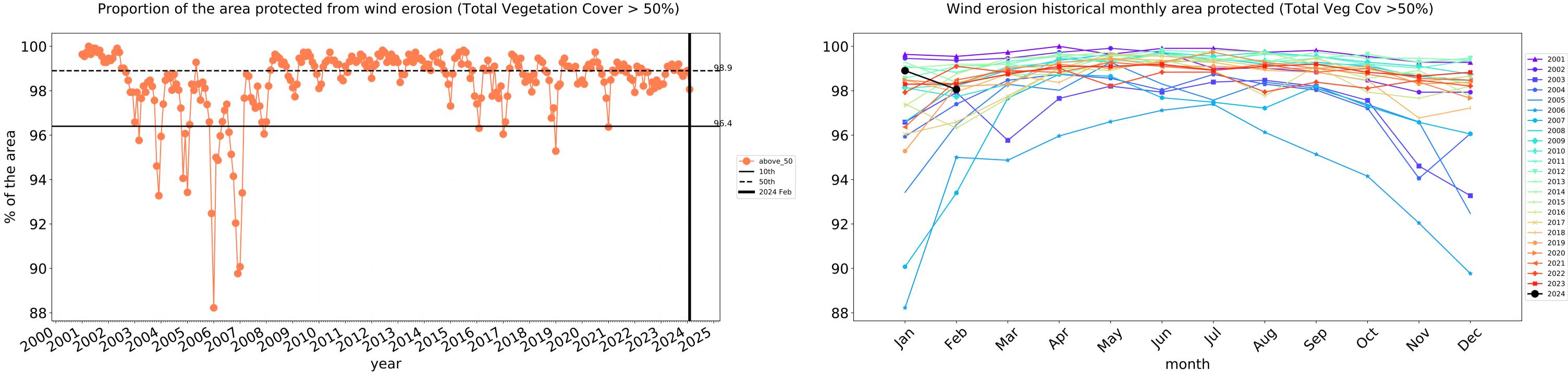


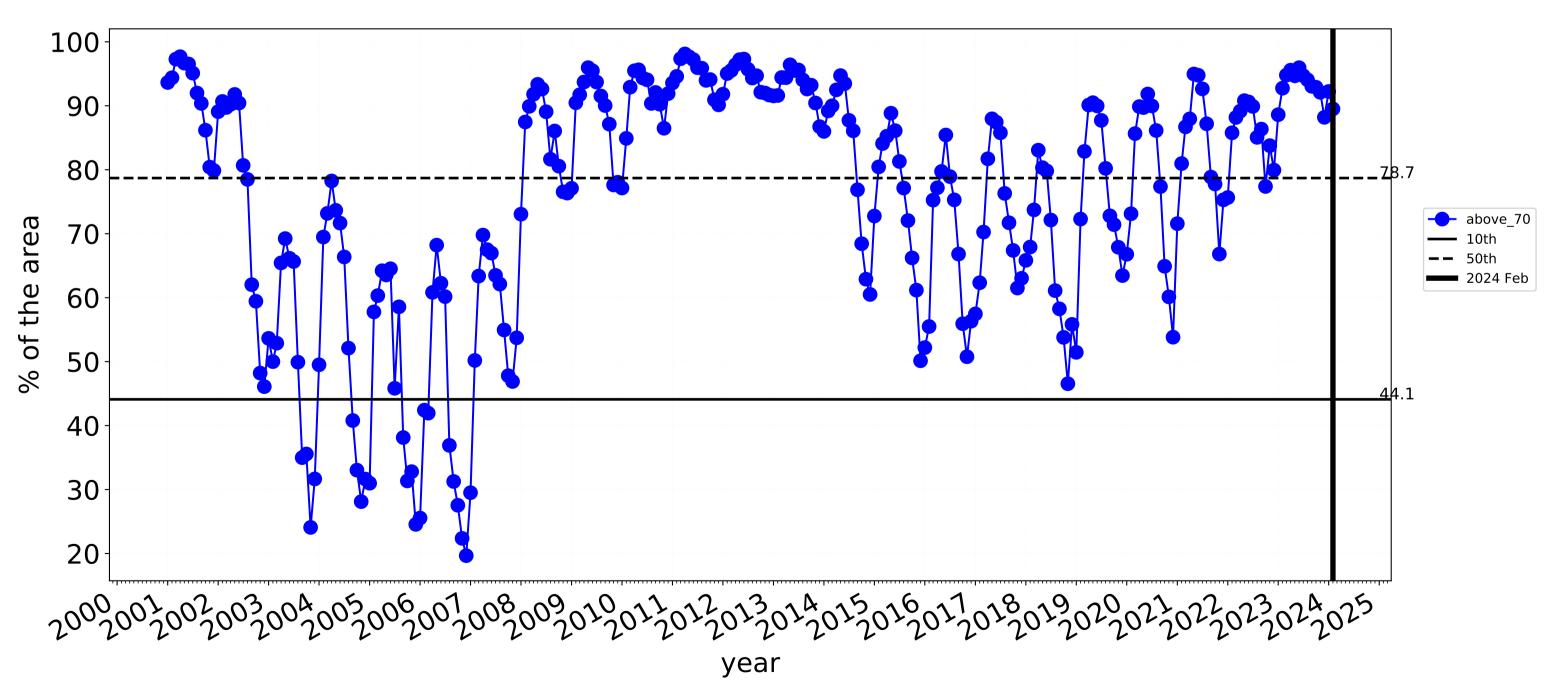




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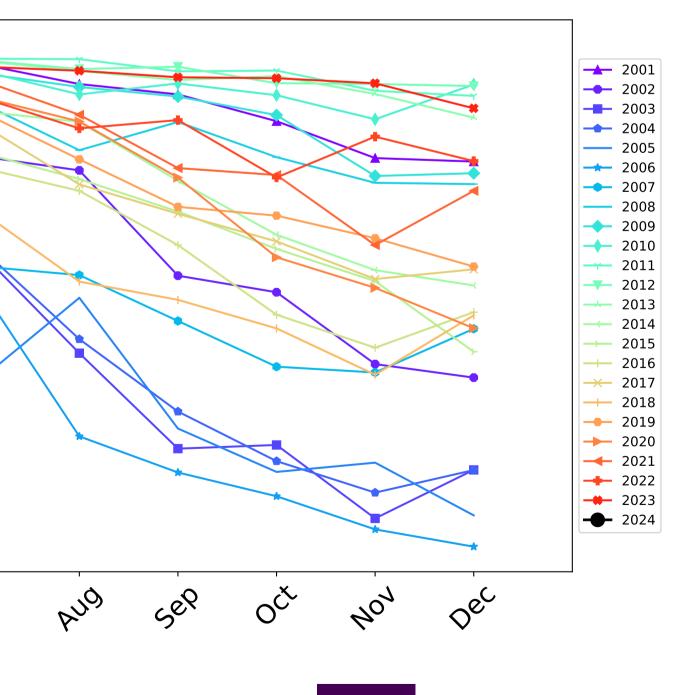
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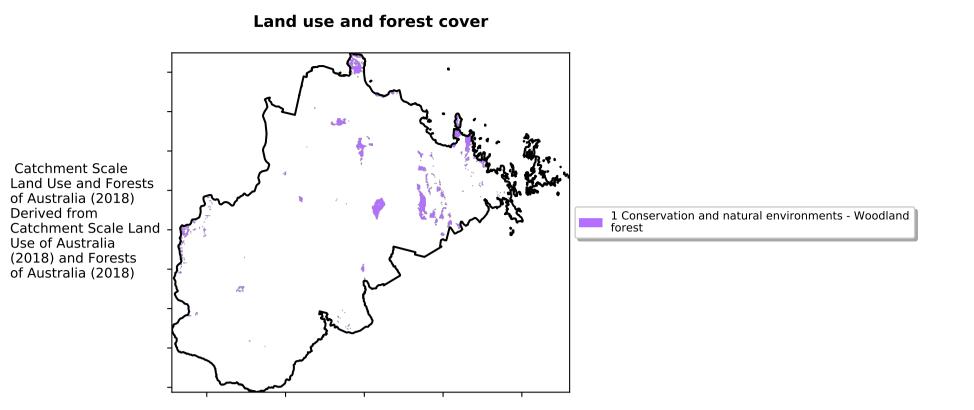
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



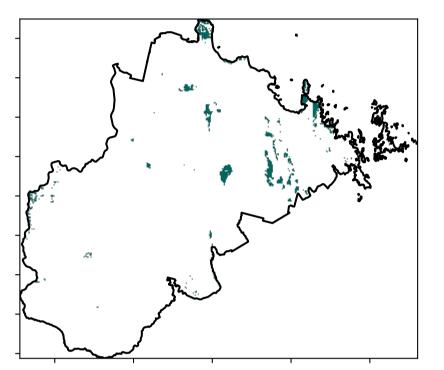


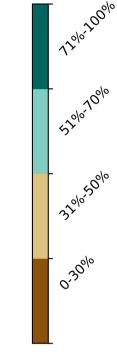


### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

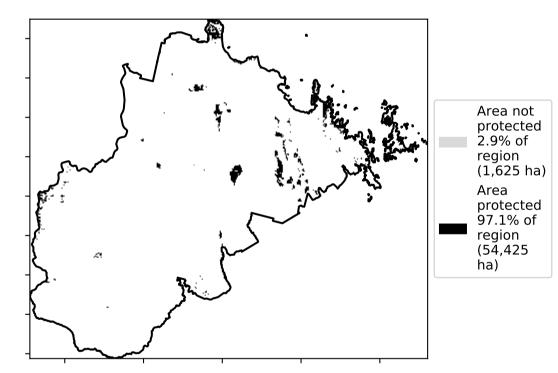


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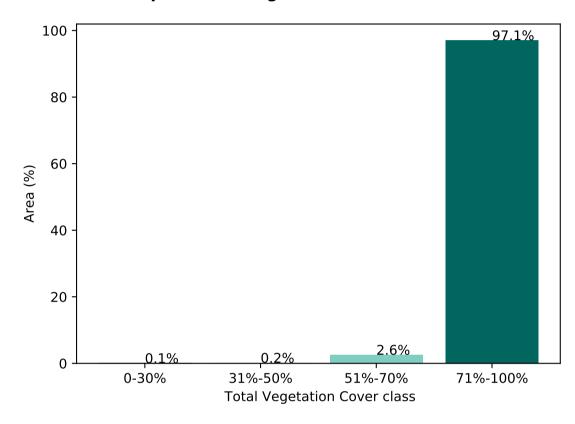




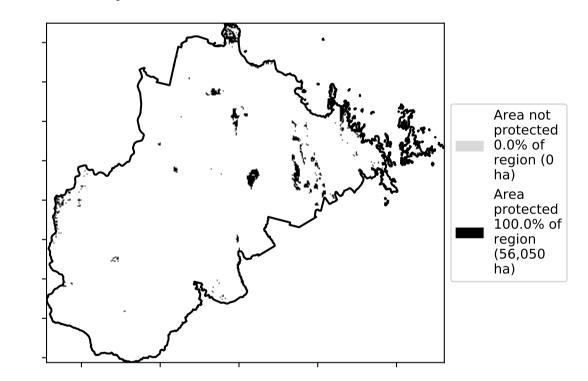
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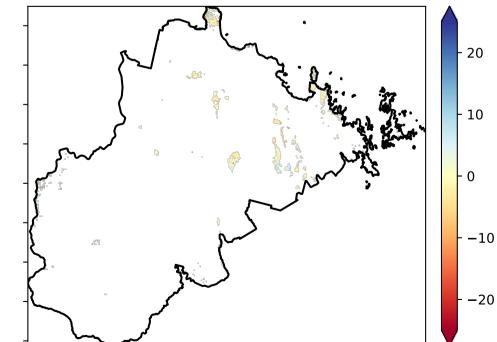
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



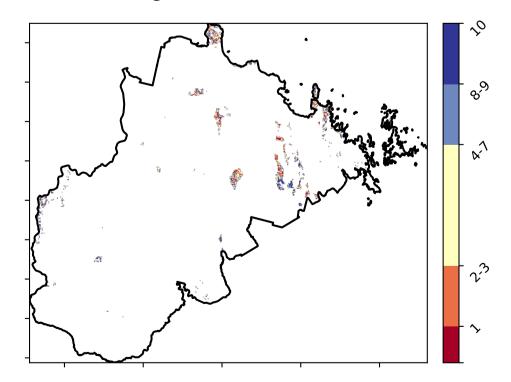
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



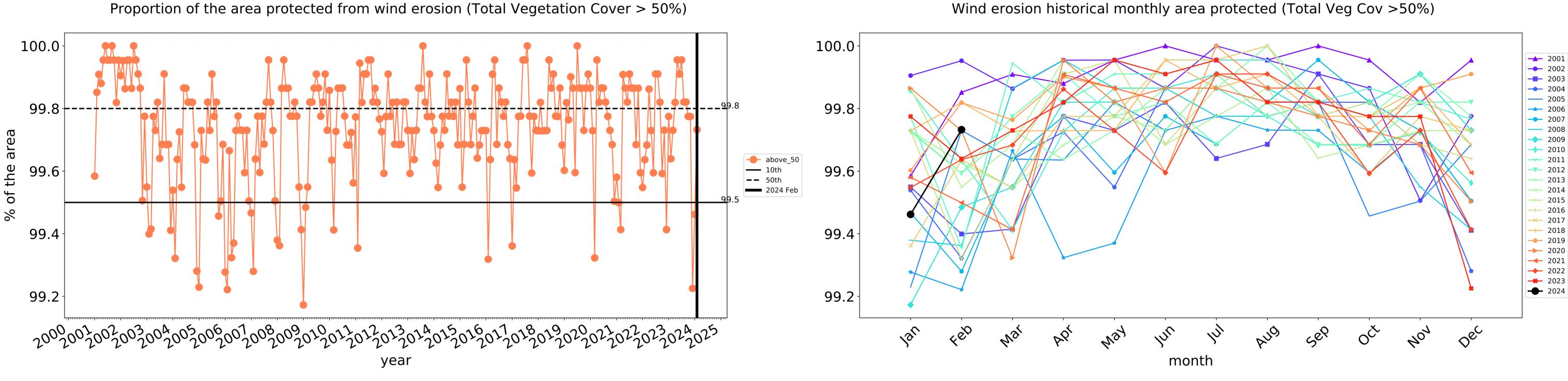
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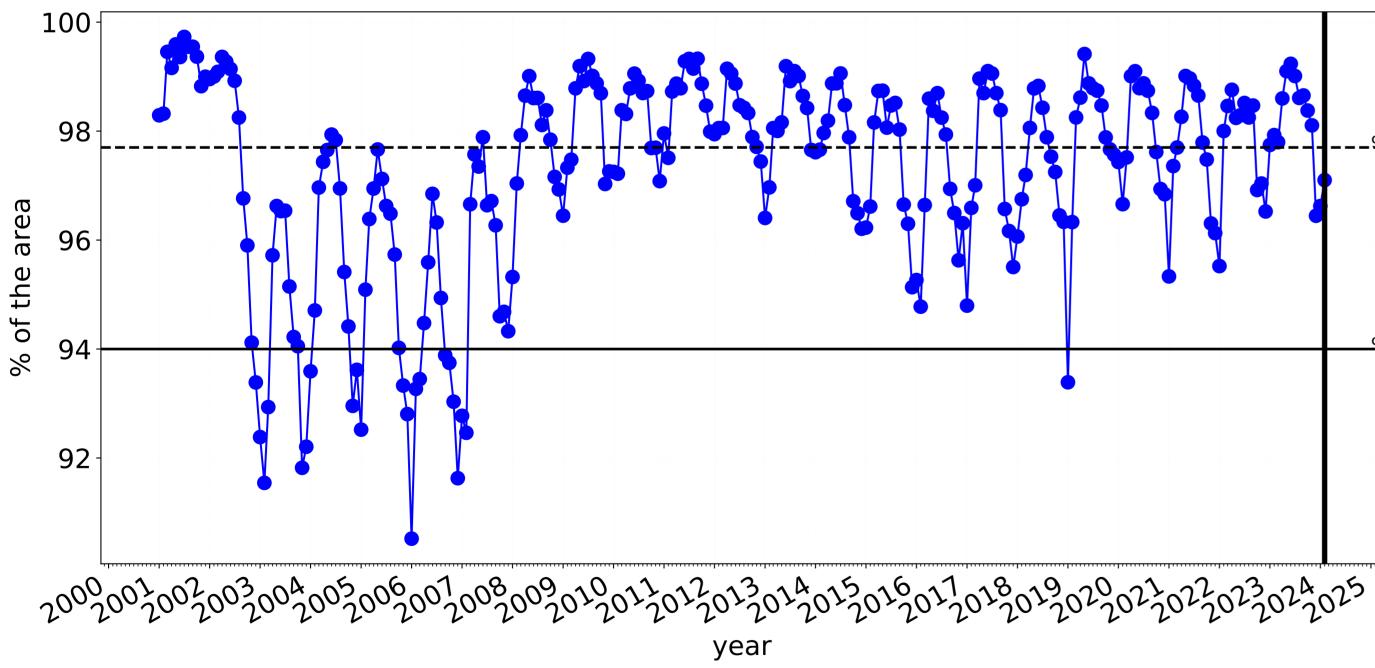






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

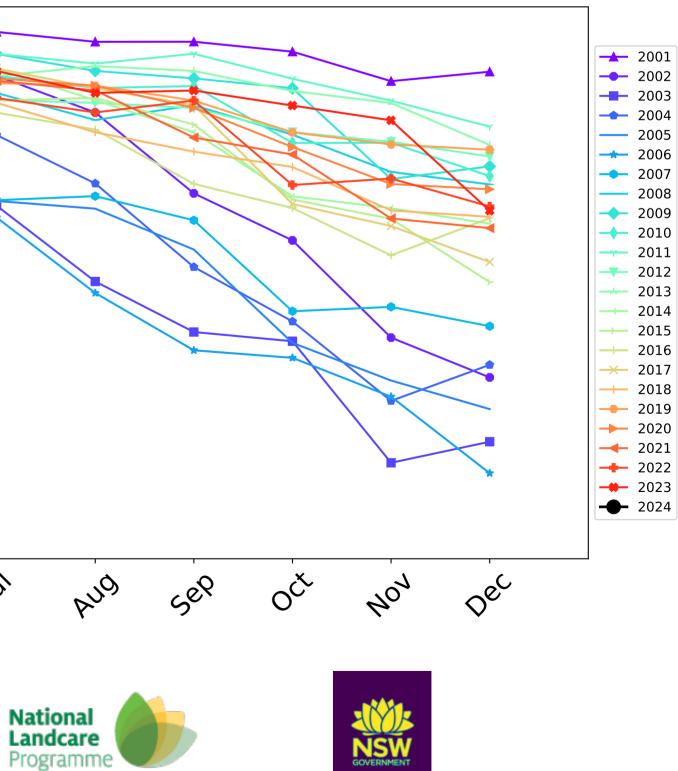




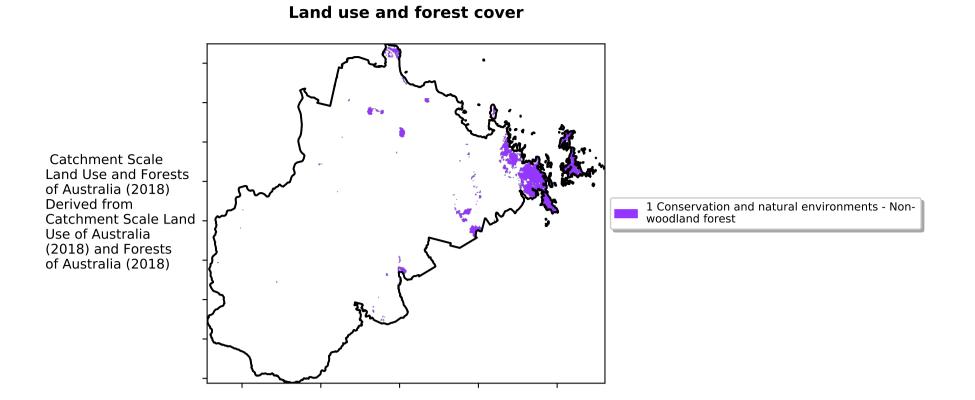
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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



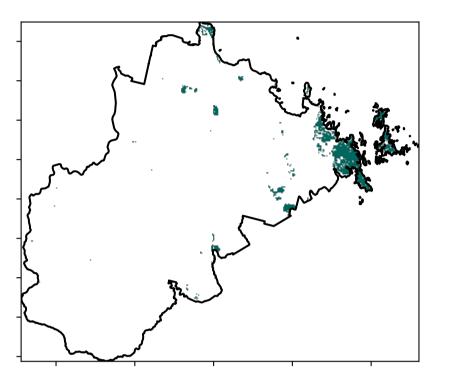
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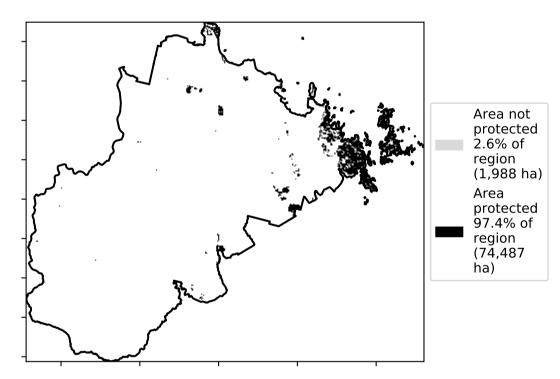
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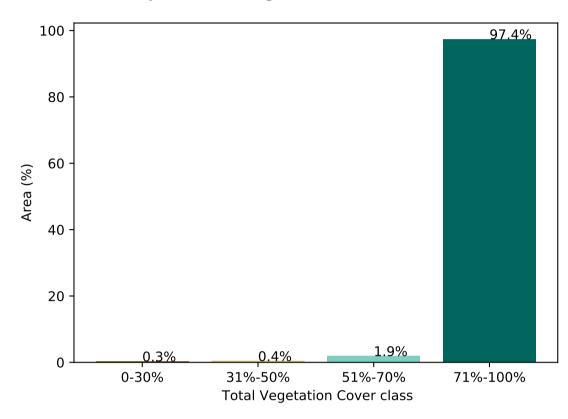
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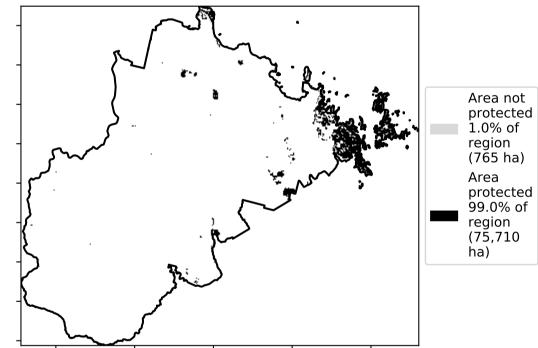
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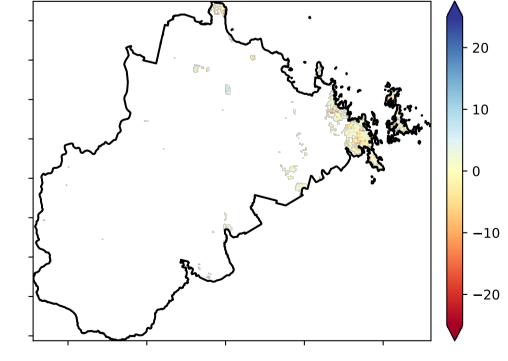


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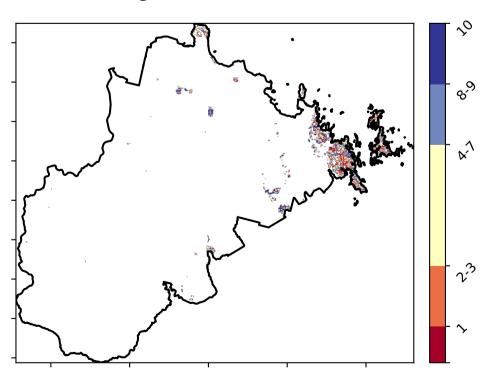
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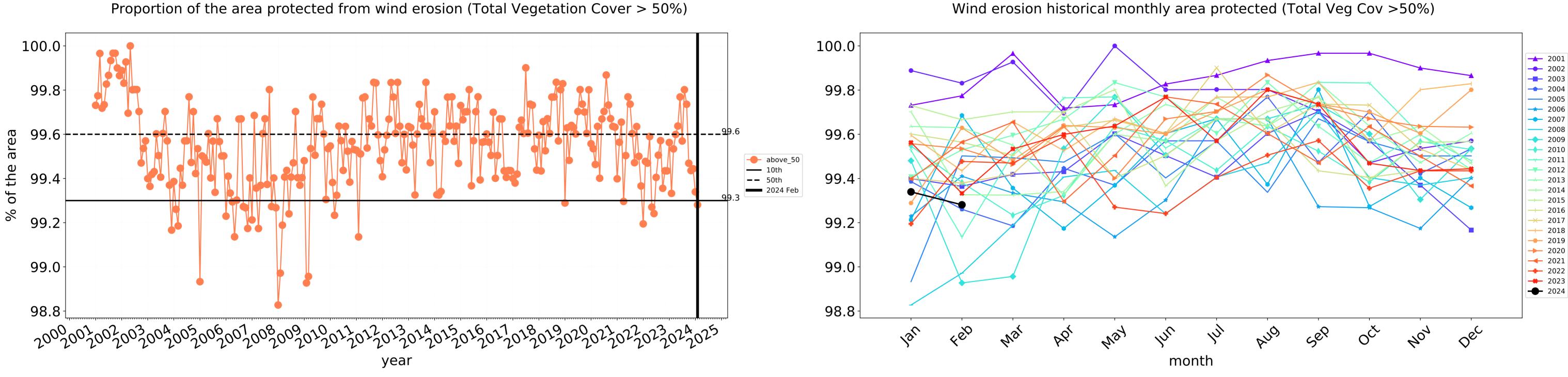


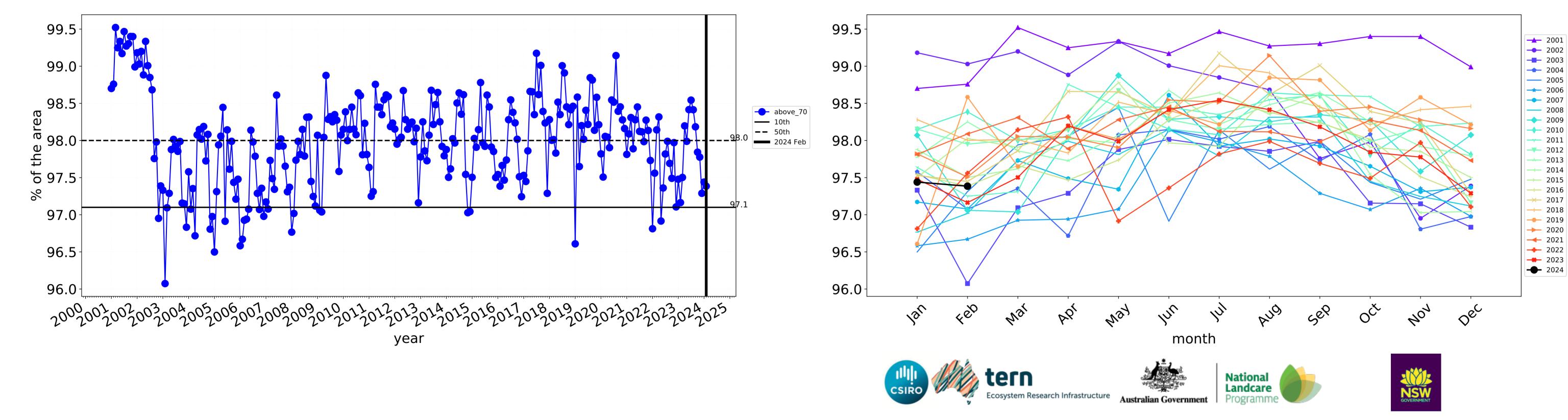
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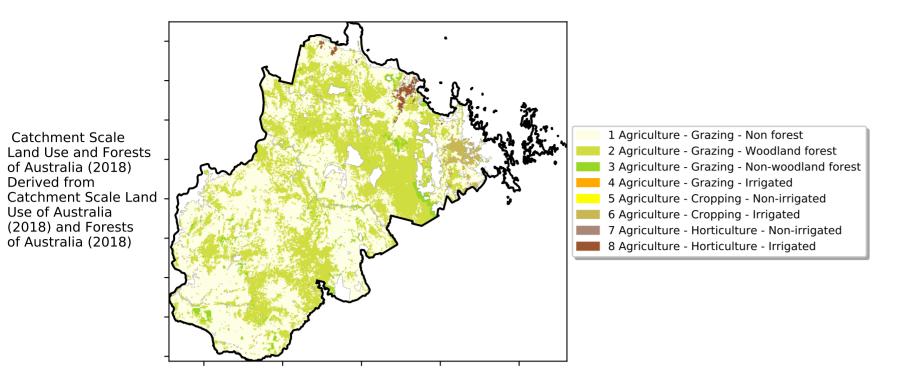


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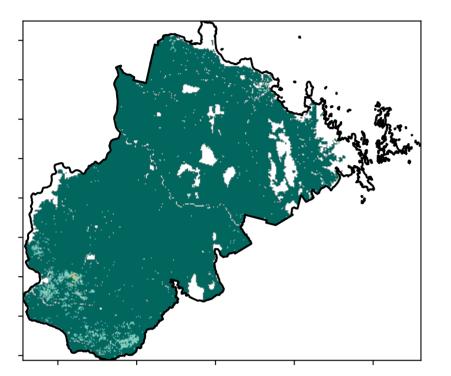
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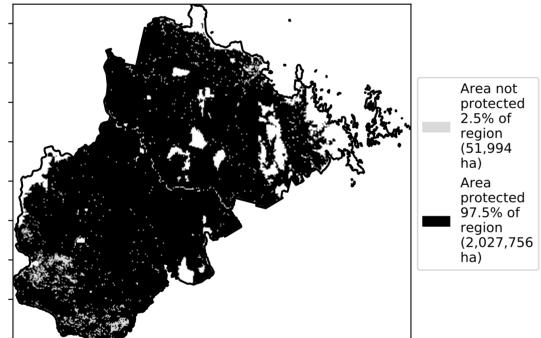


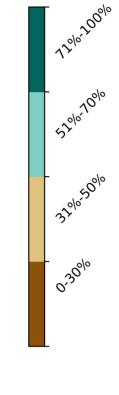


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

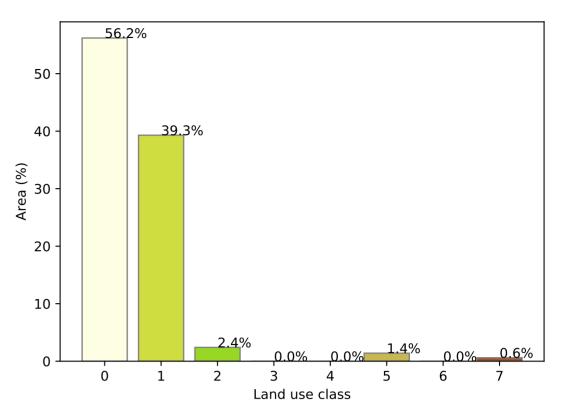


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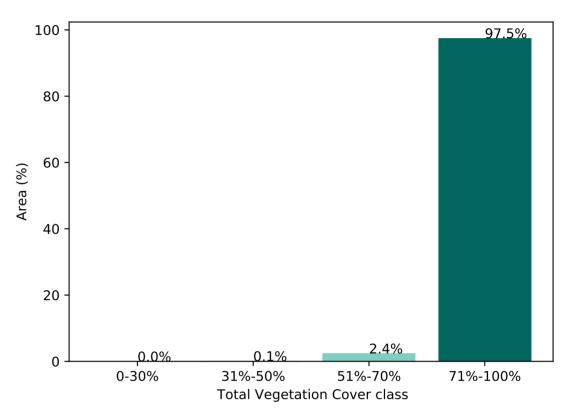




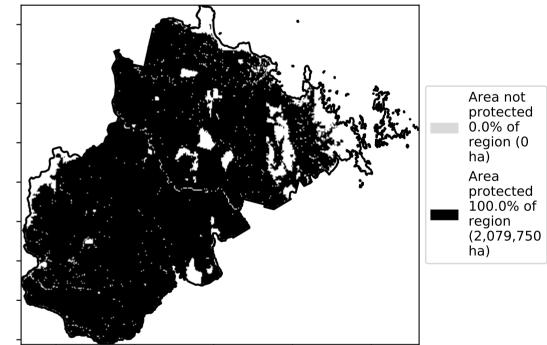




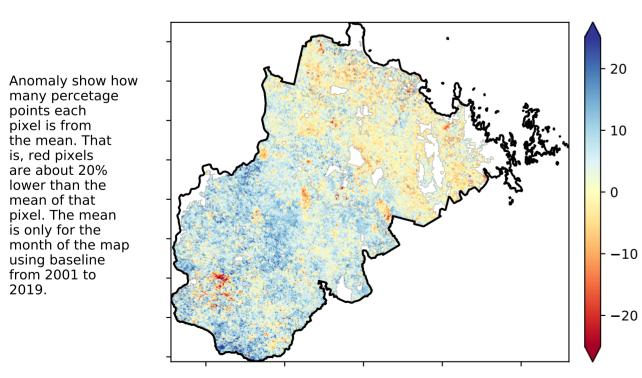
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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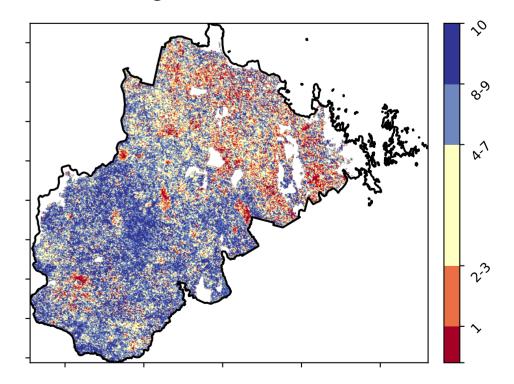
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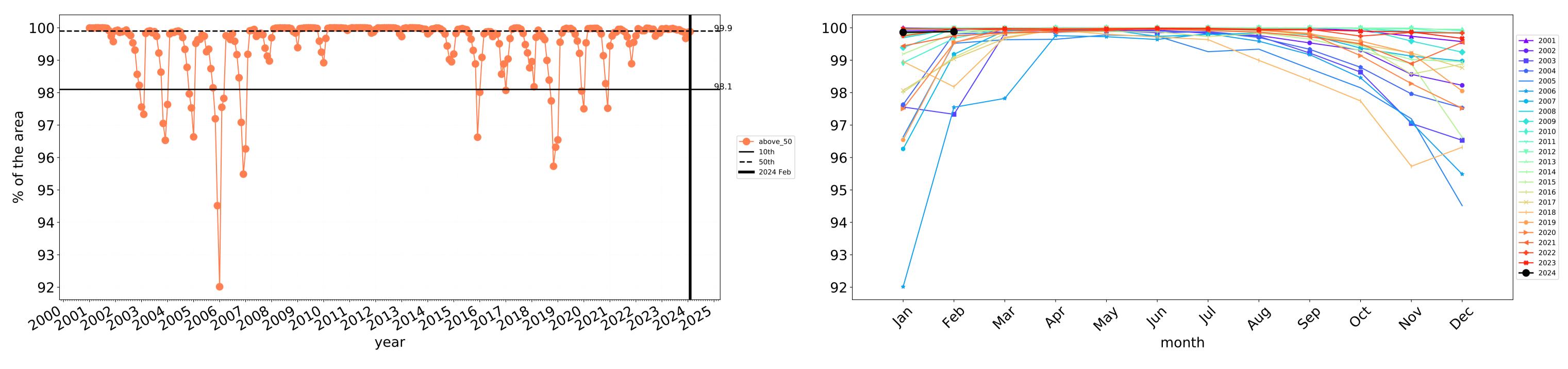
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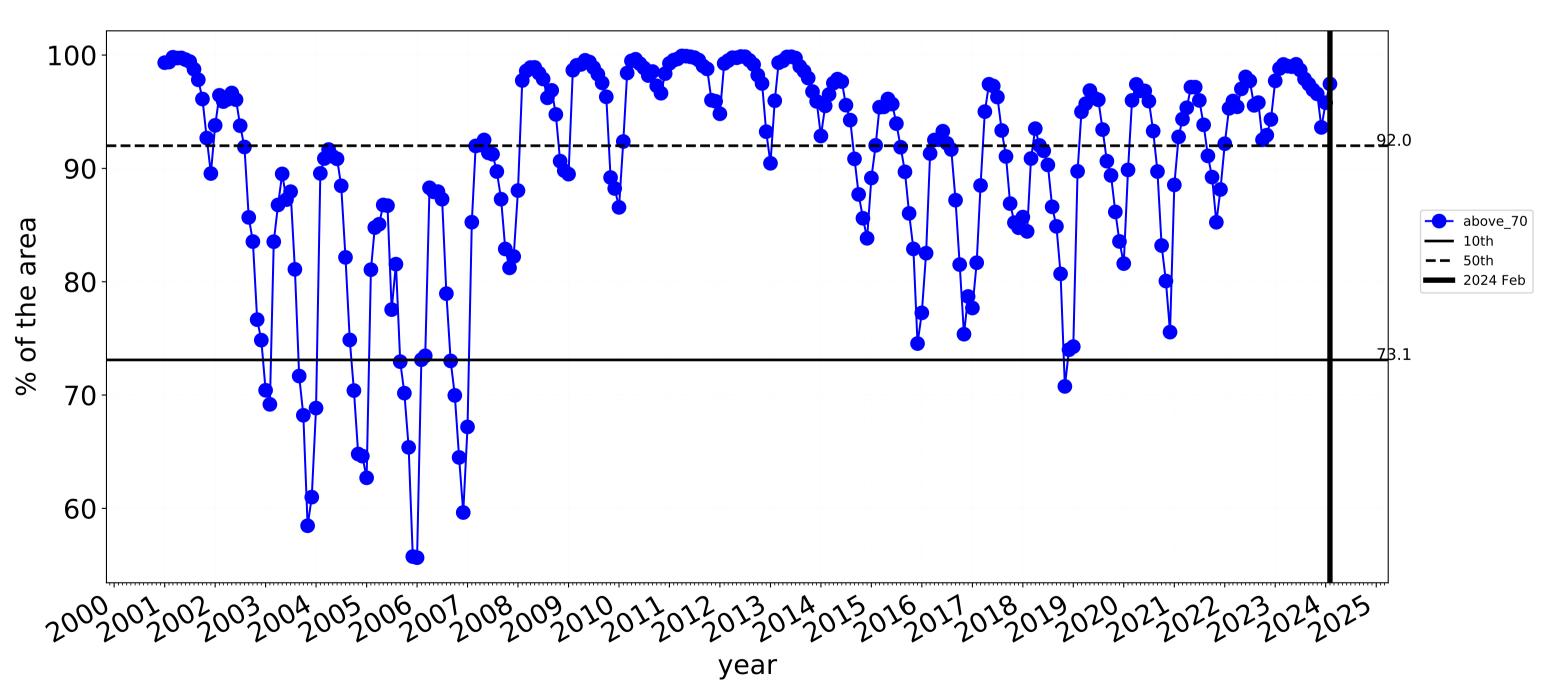




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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

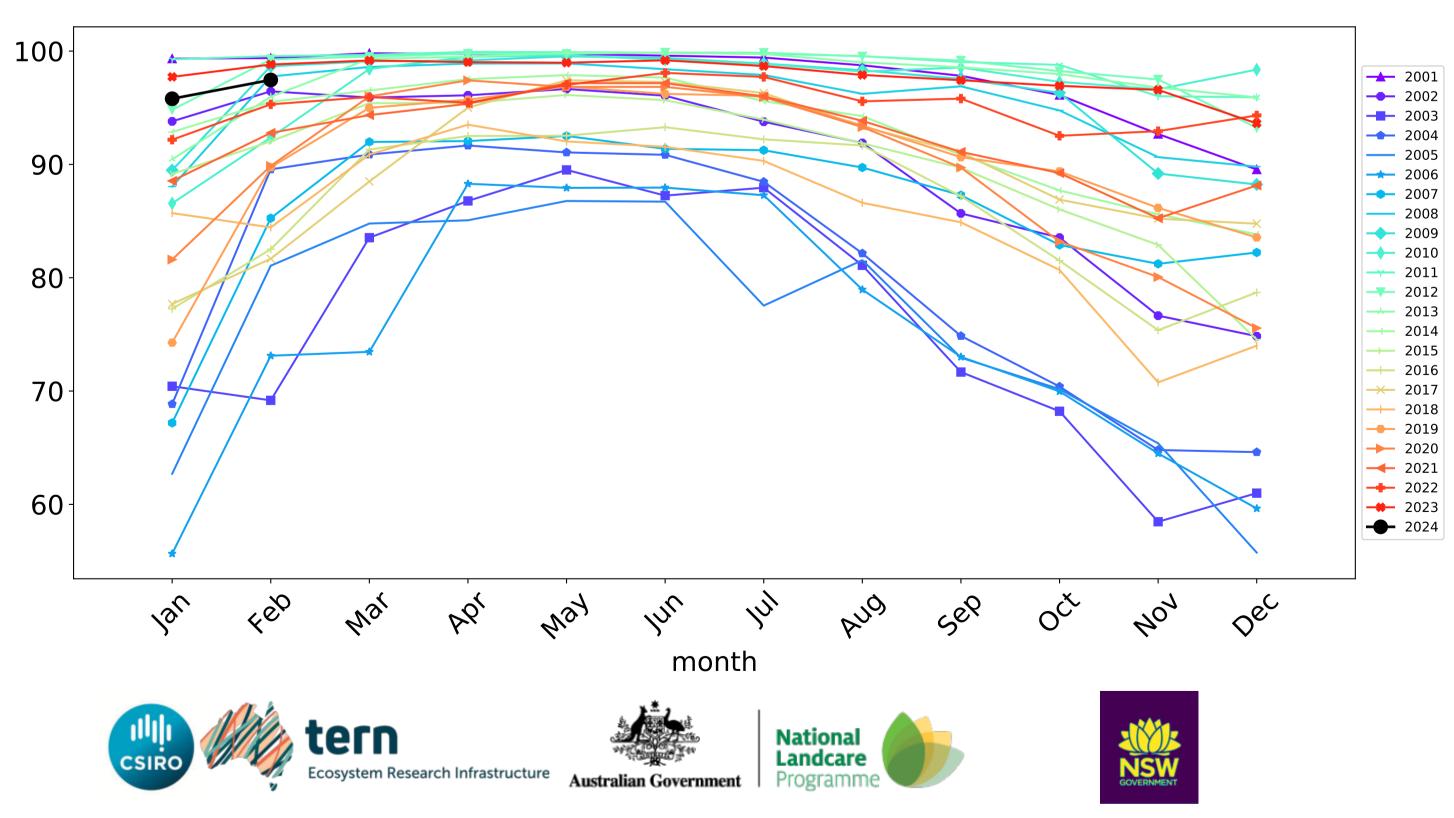


# **Agriculture timeseries**



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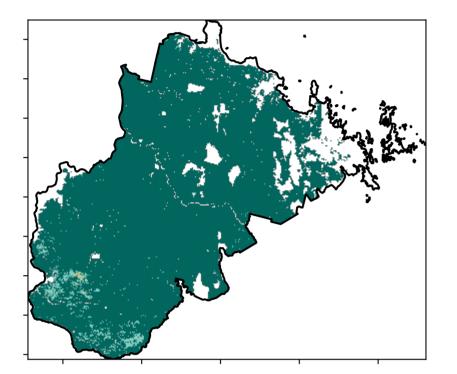


### Grazing

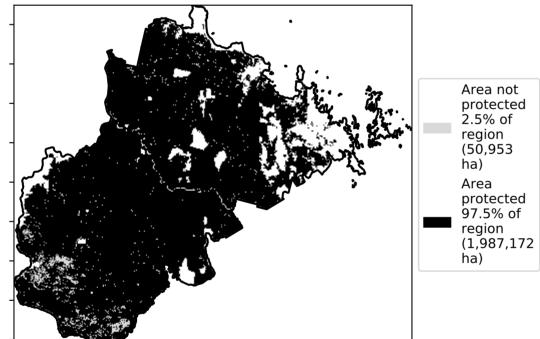
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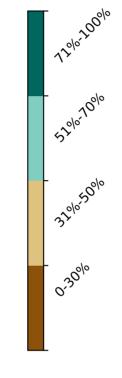
Land use and forest cover

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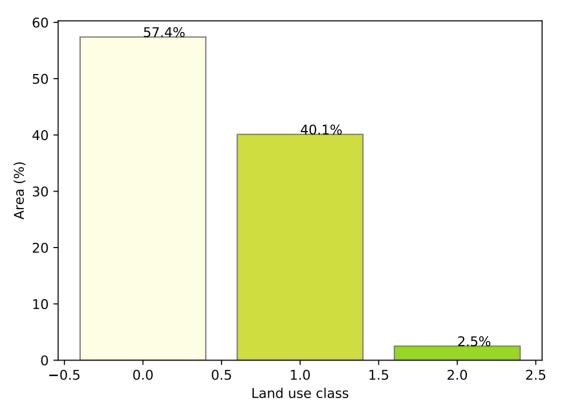


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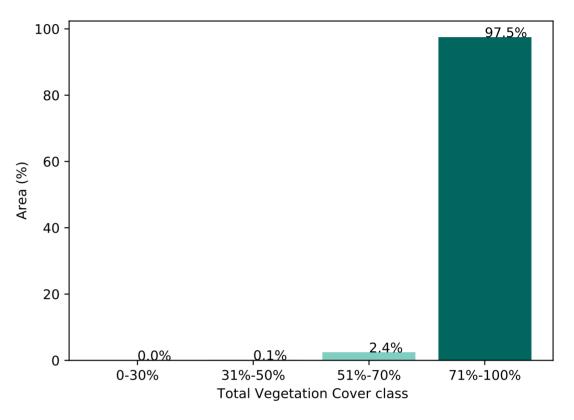




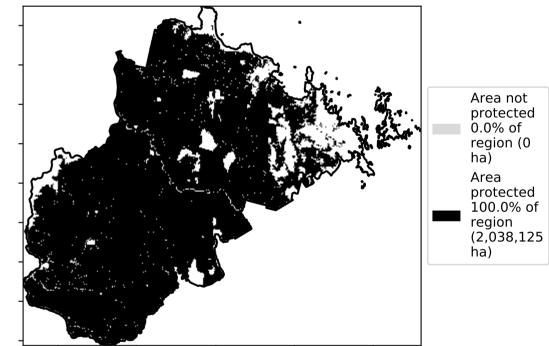


#### Proportion of each land class in area

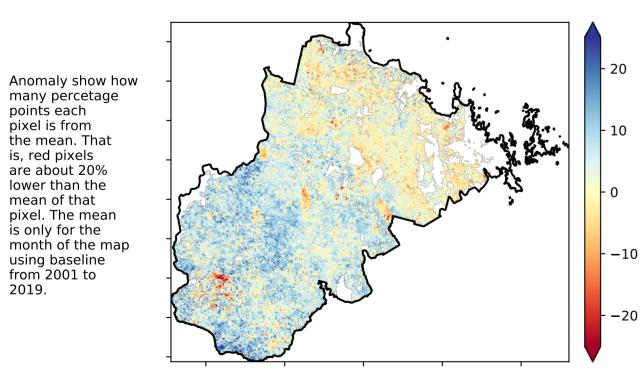
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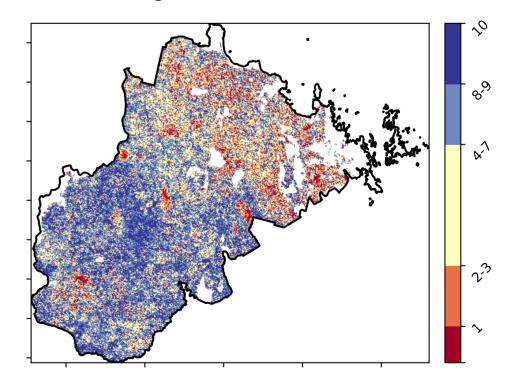
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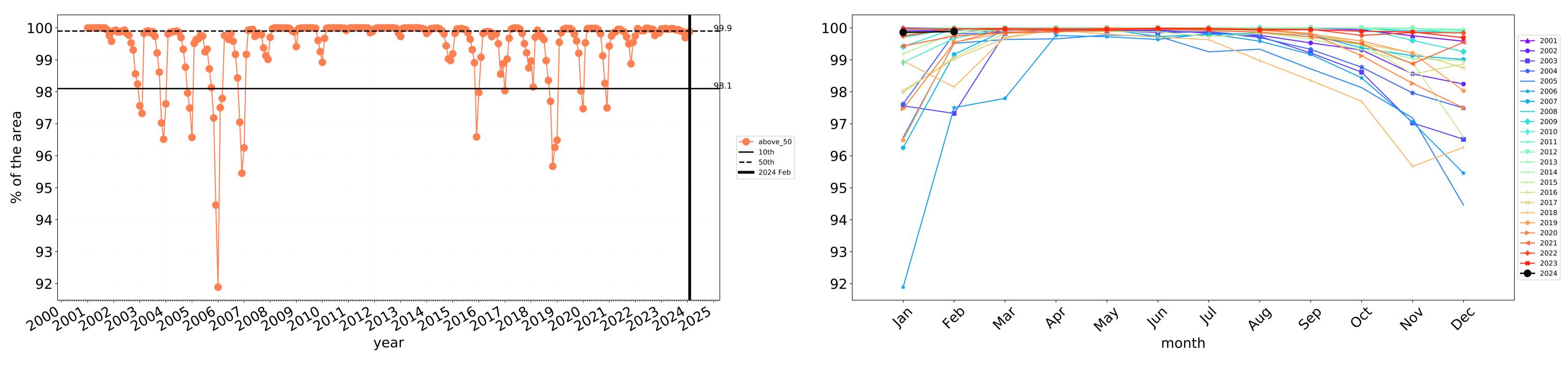
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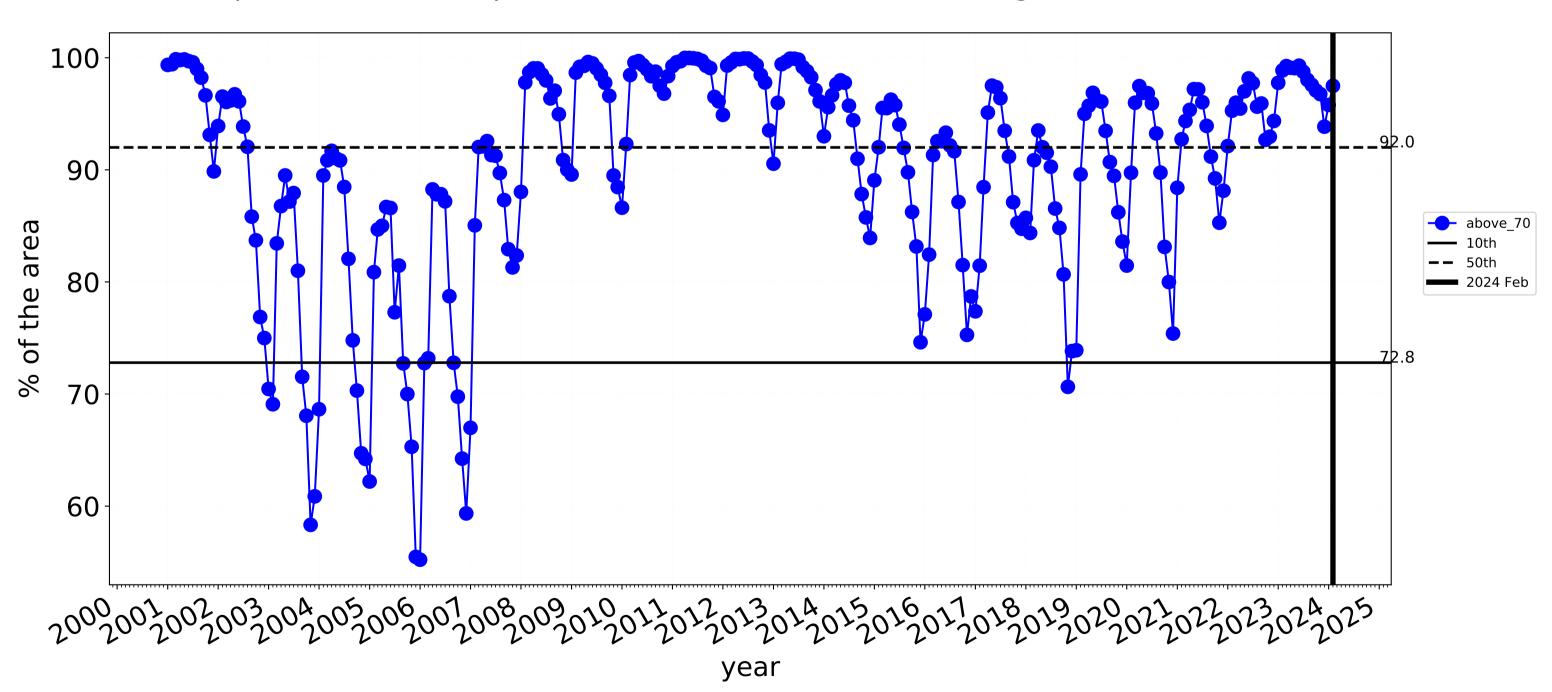
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

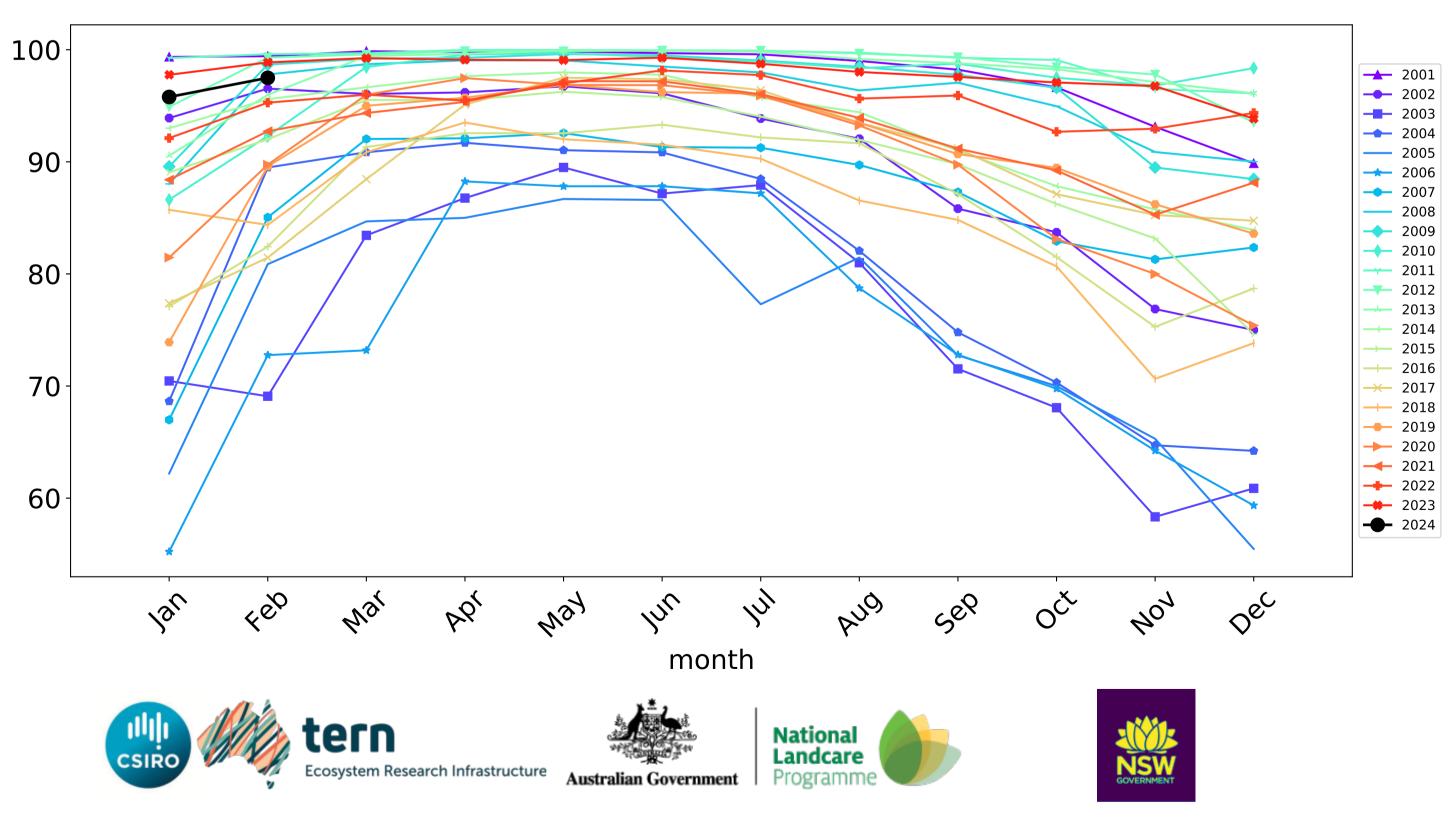


# Grazing timeseries



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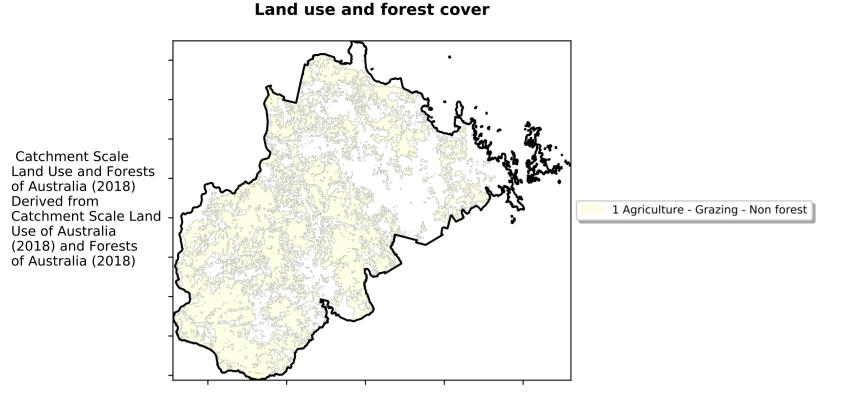
# **Grazing non forest**

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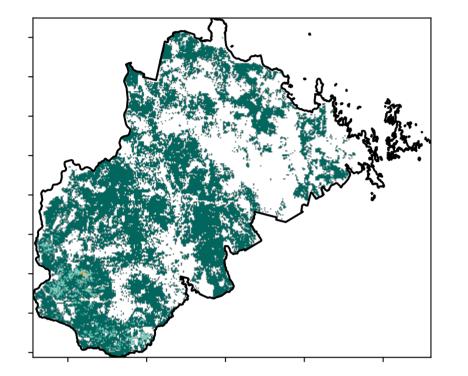
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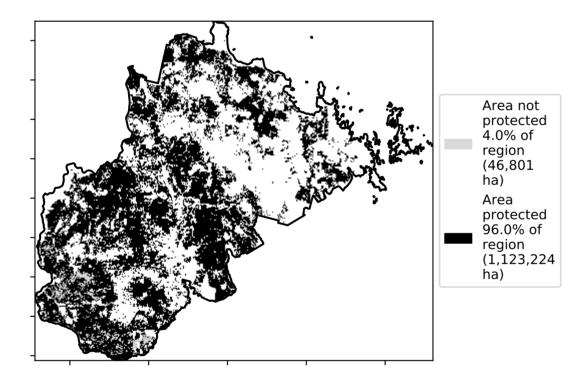
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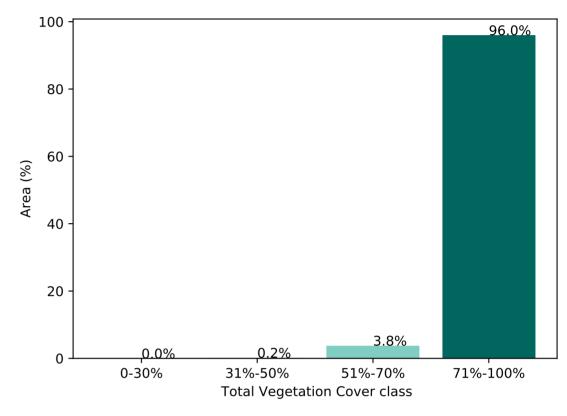
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



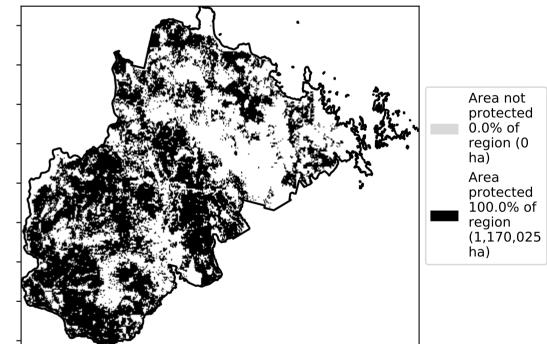
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



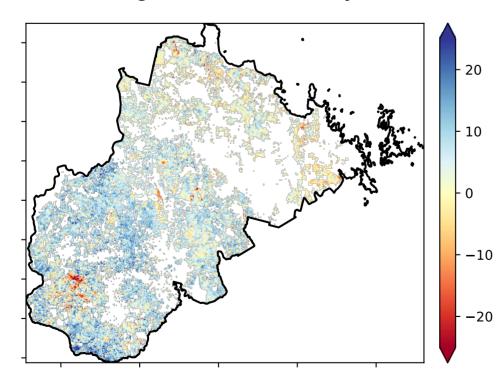
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

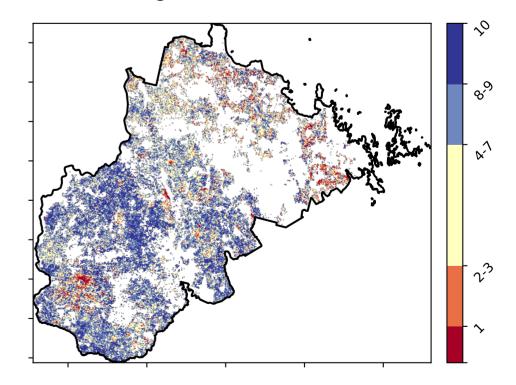


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



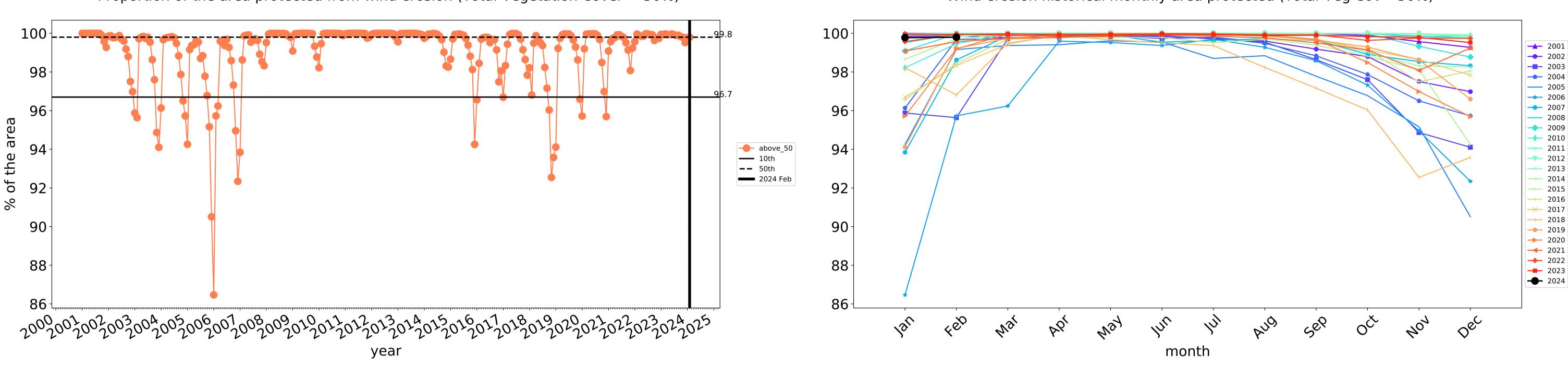
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

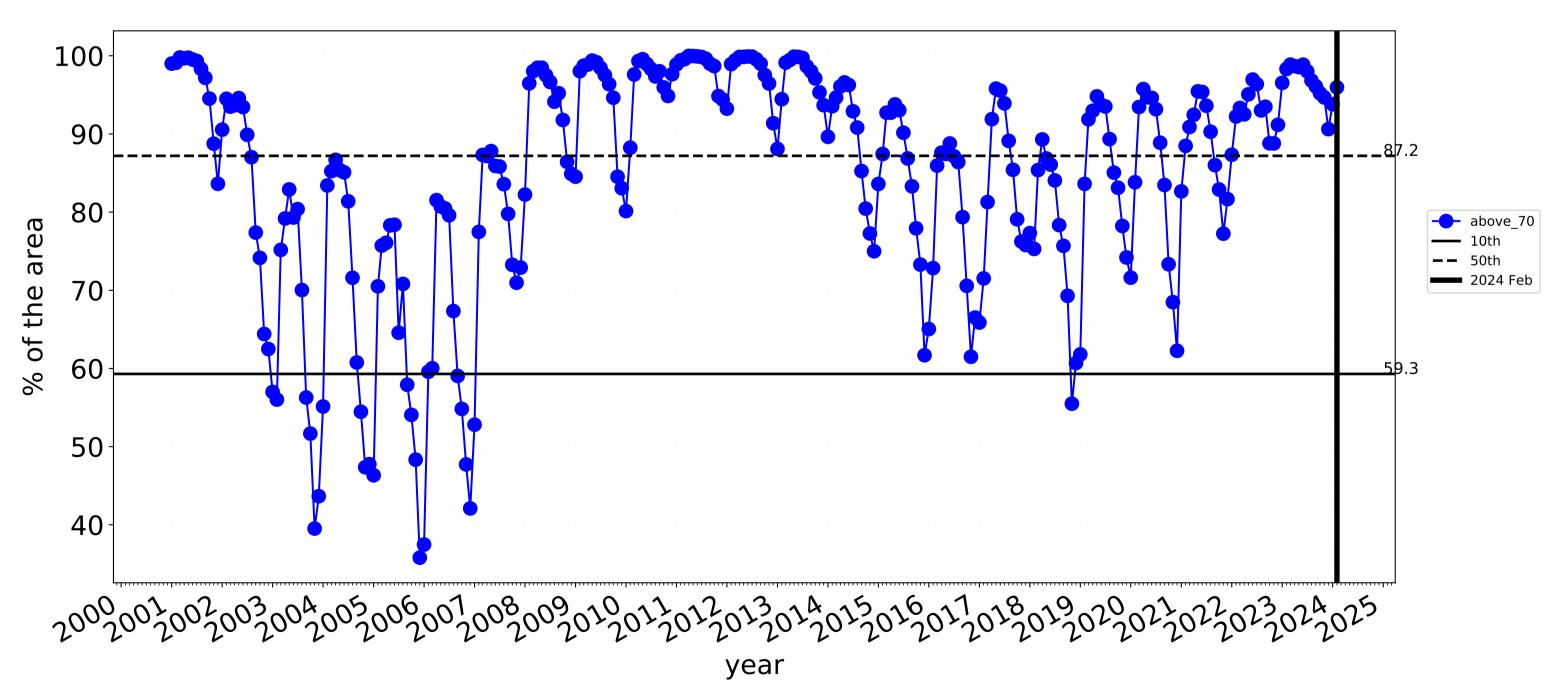




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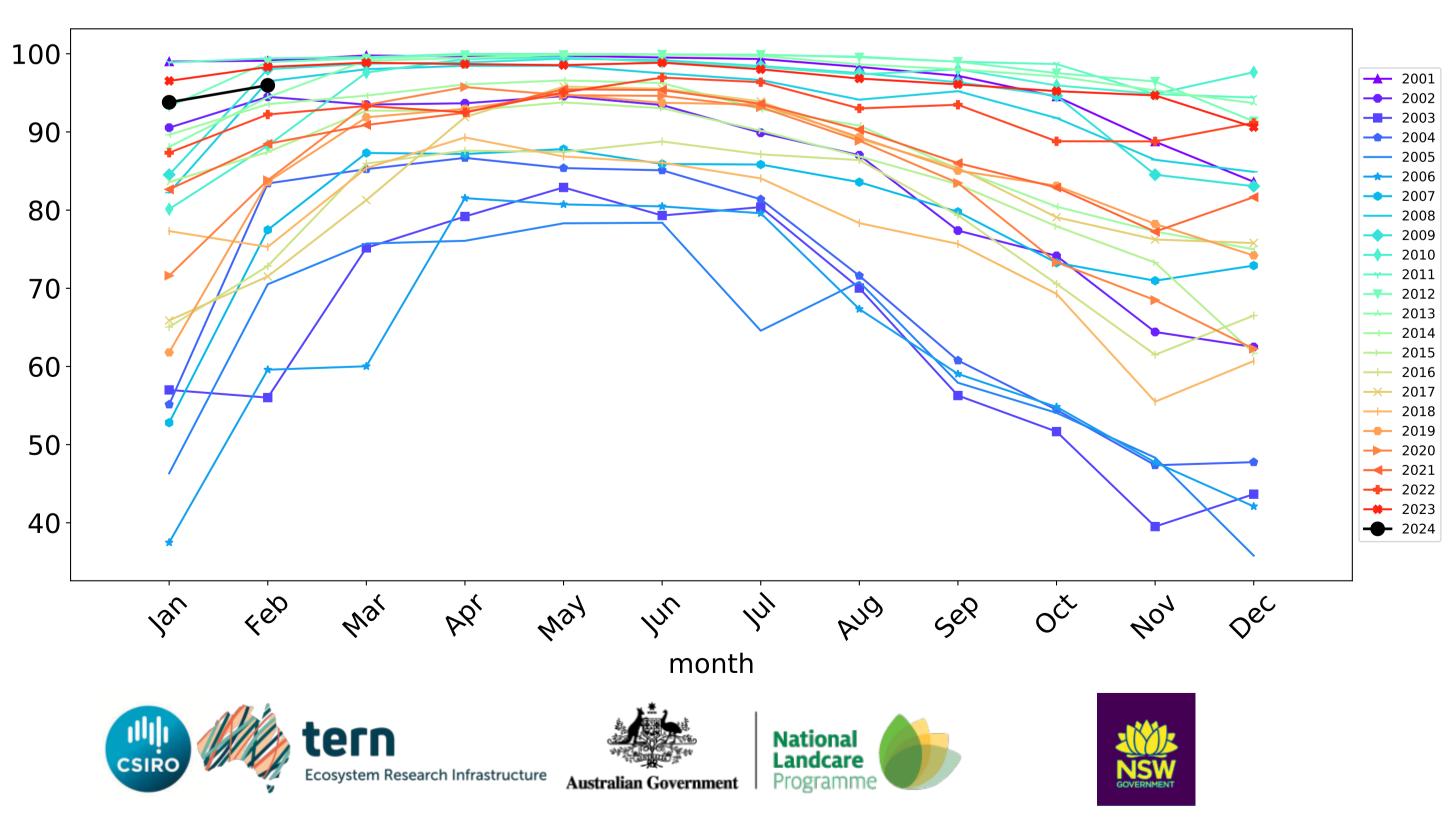


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



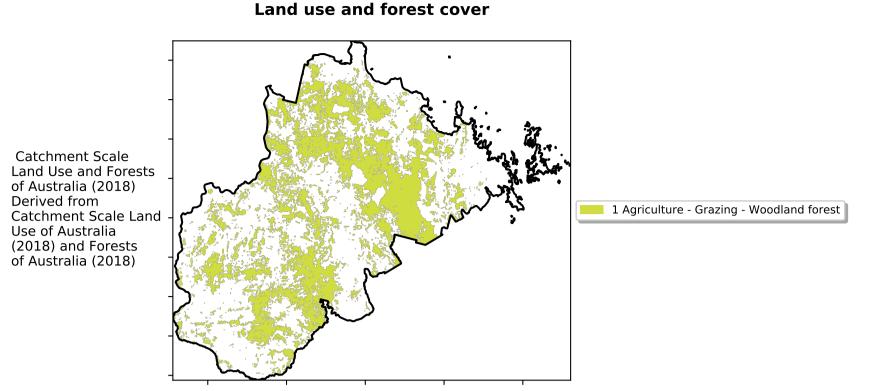
# Grazing non forest timeseries

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

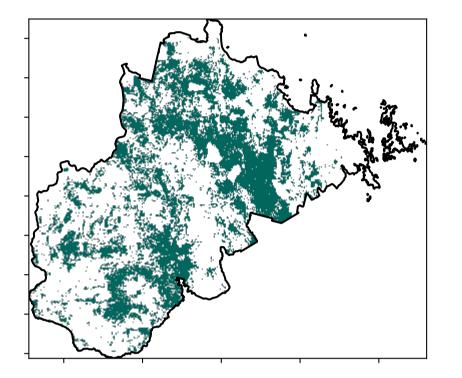


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

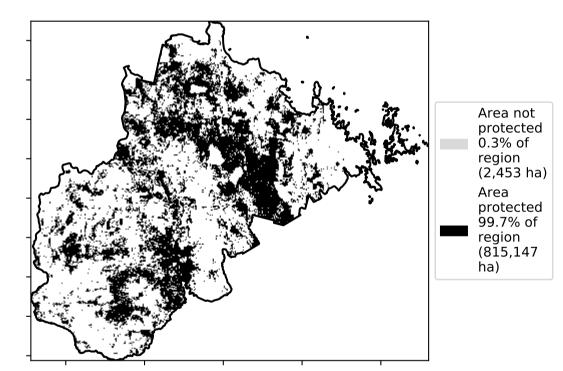
# **Grazing Woodland forest**

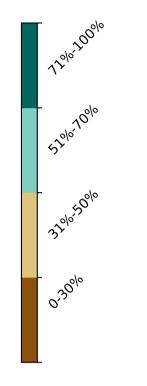


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

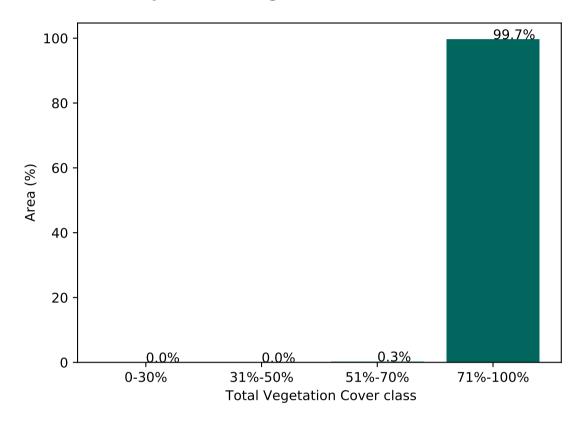


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

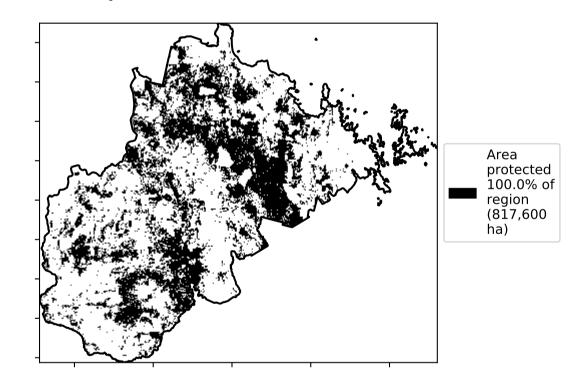




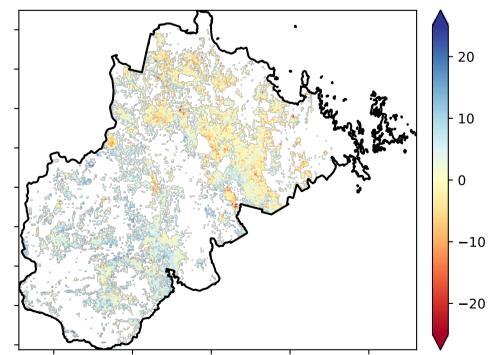
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



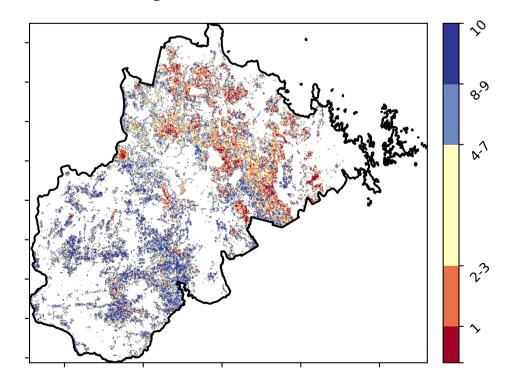
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

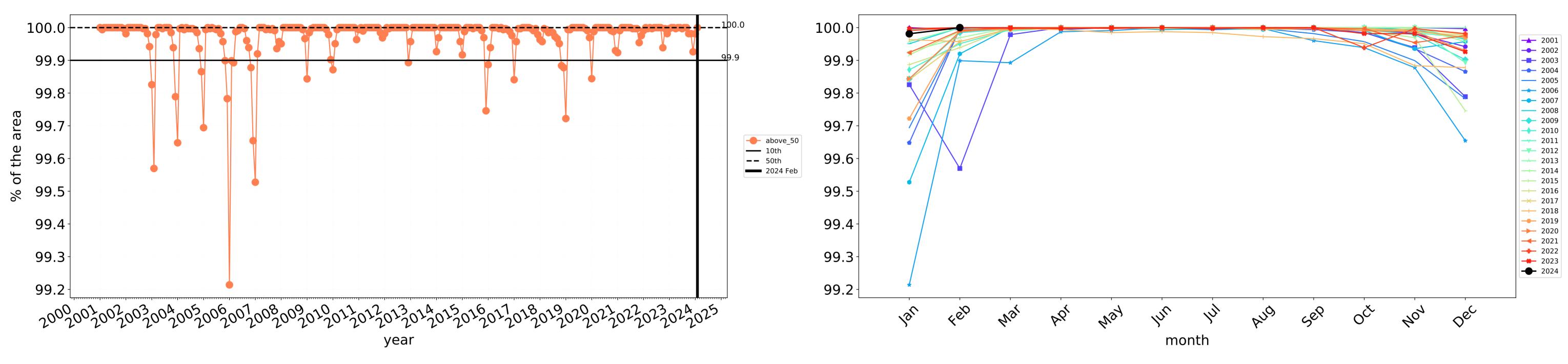


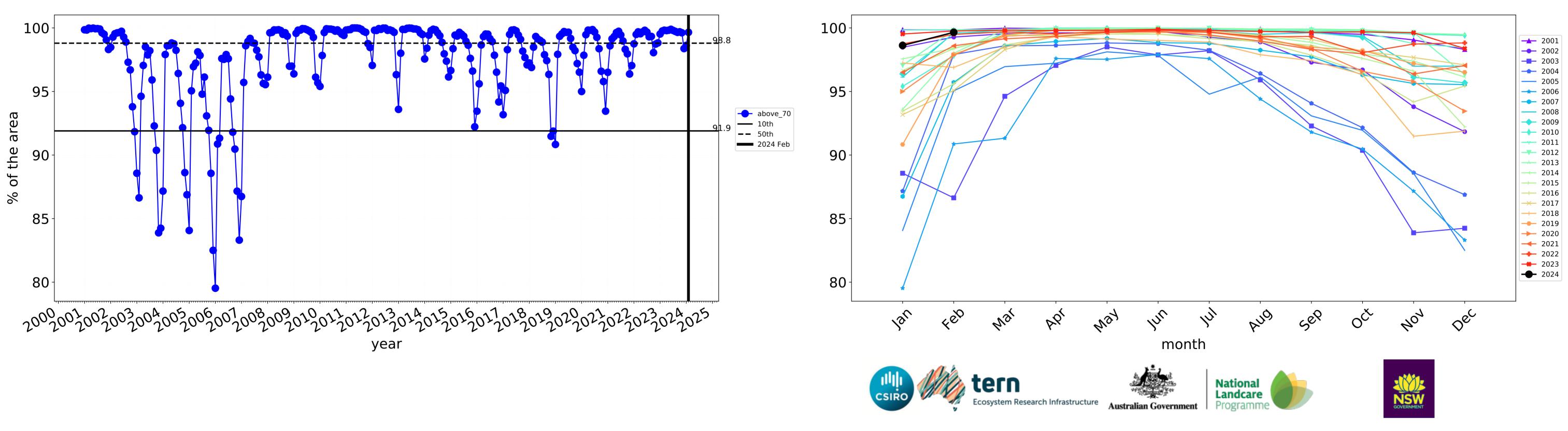
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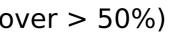








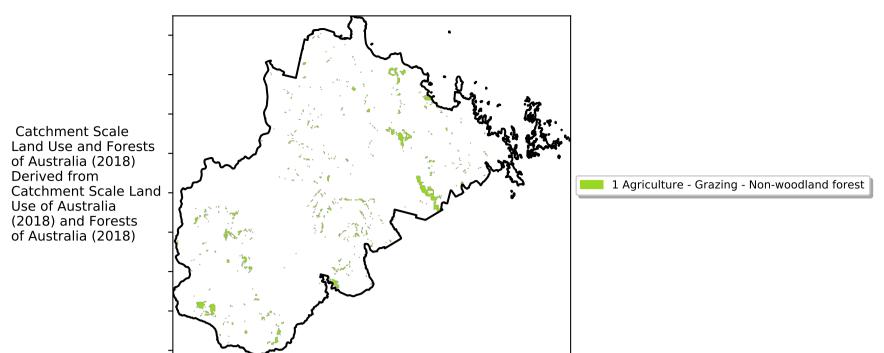




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

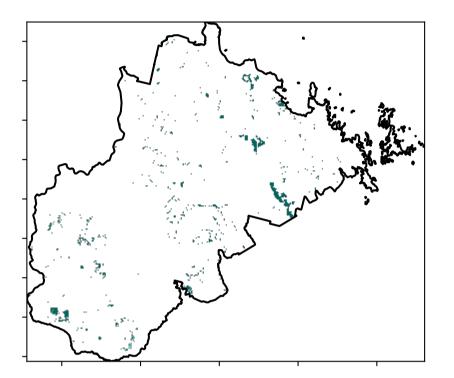
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

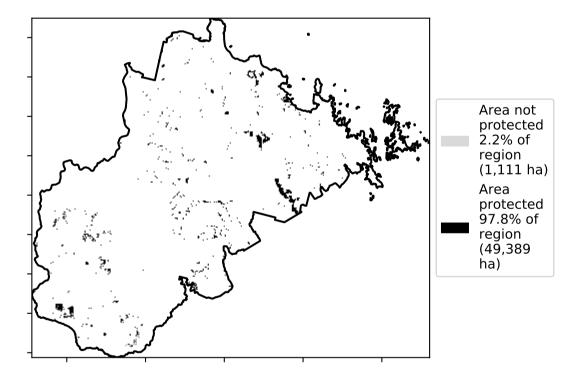


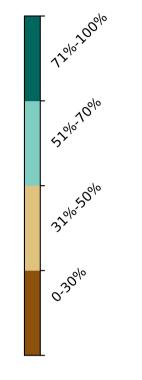
Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

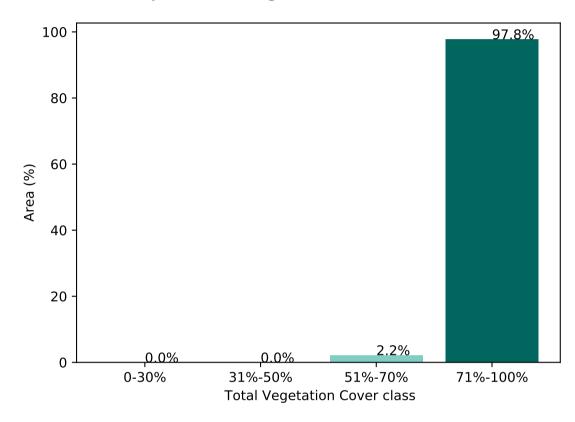


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

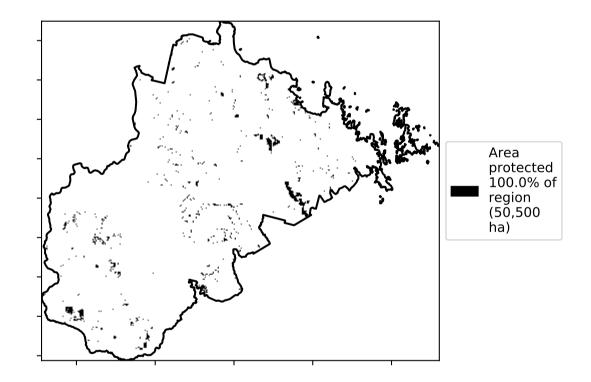




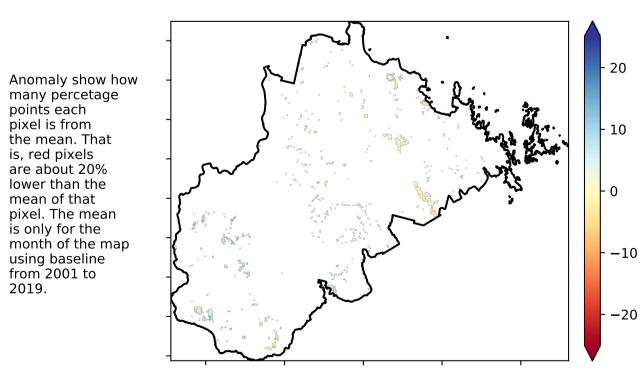
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



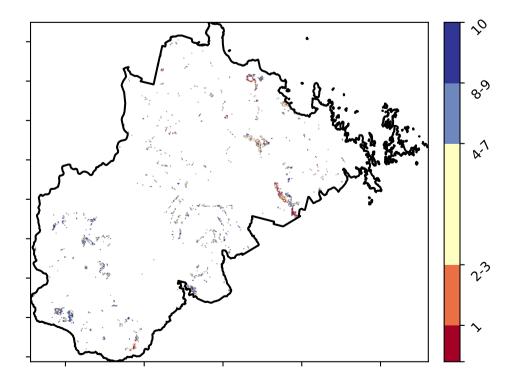
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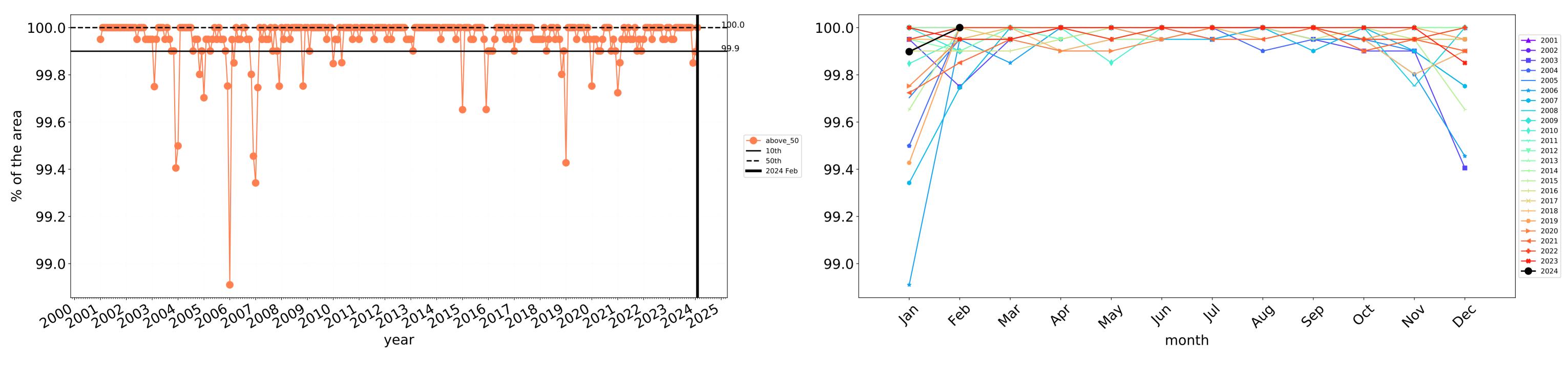
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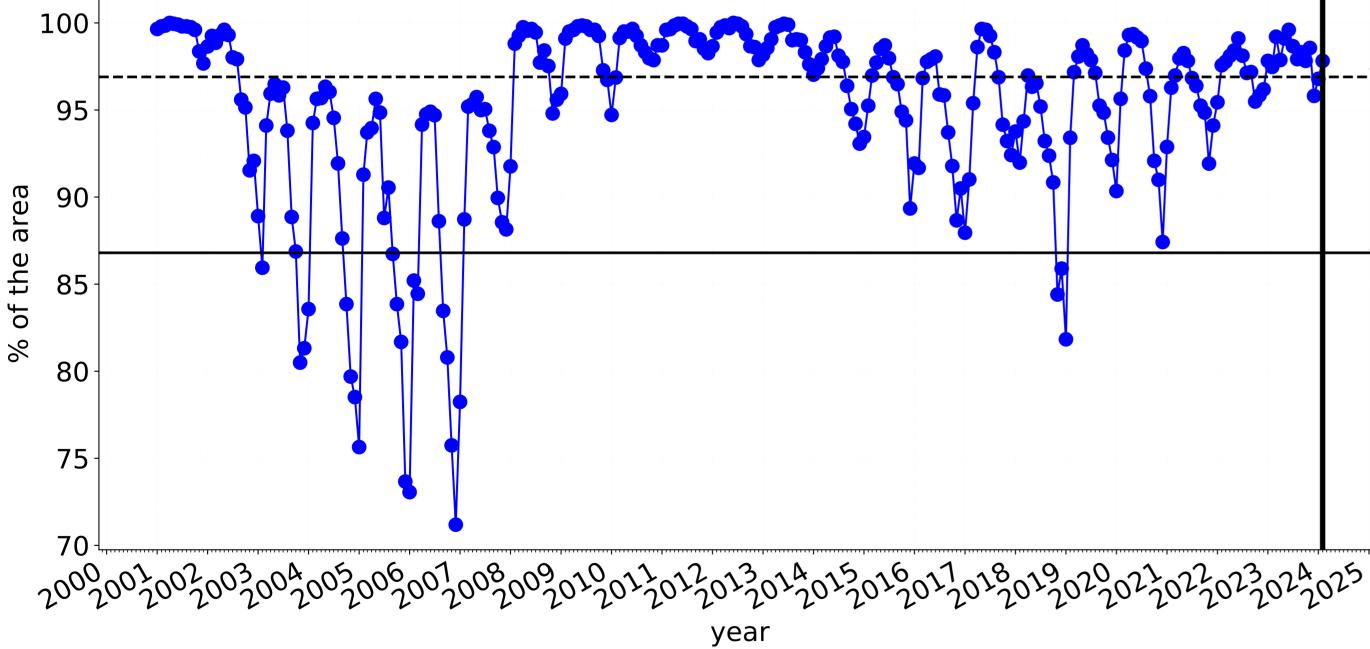
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







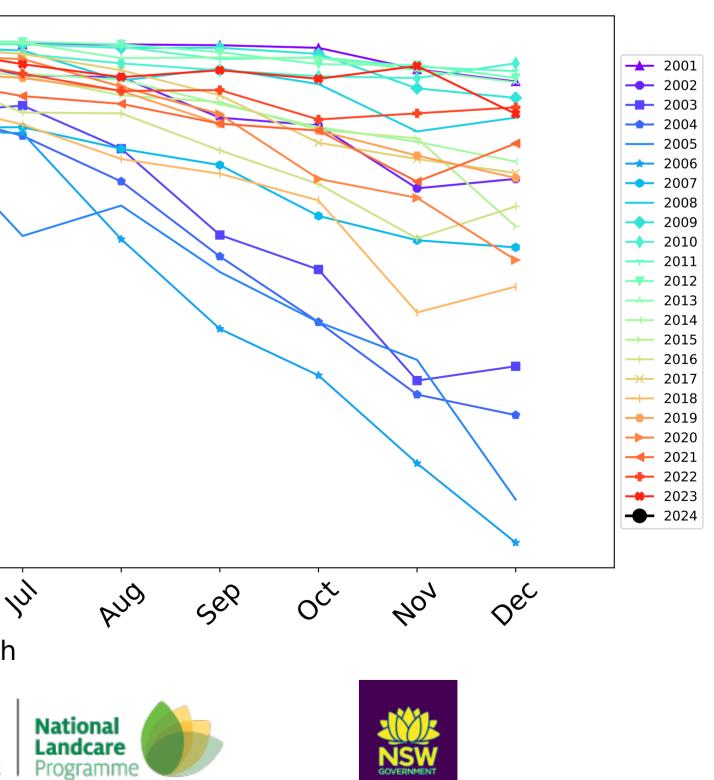


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



# Irrigation

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Area (%) 05 30

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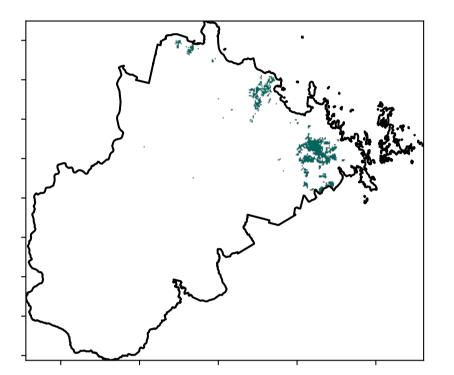
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0-30%

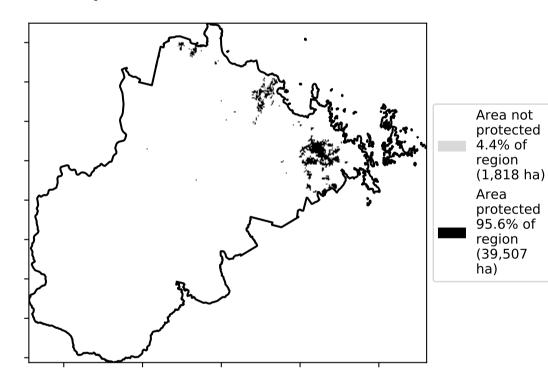
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

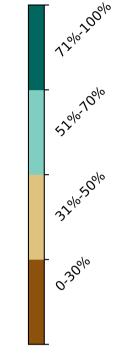
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

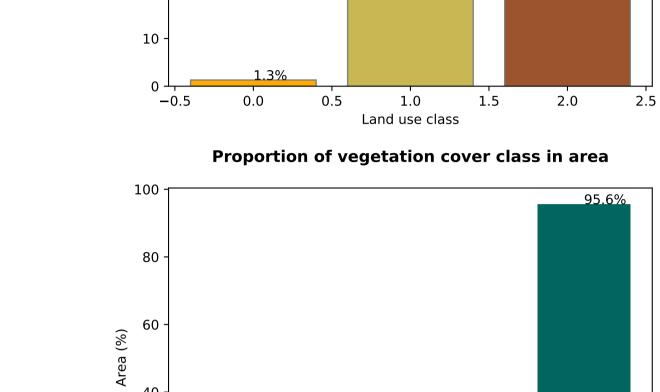
Land use and forest cover



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







#### Proportion of each land class in area

67.8%

30.9%

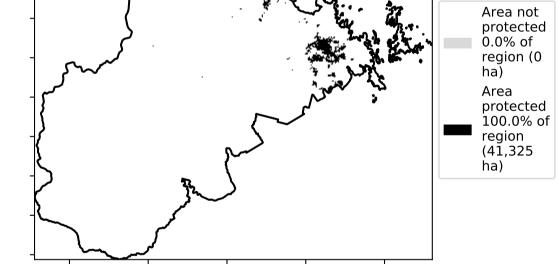
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Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

0.2%

31%-50%

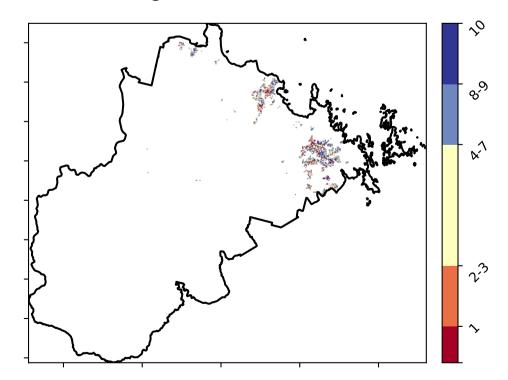


4.2%

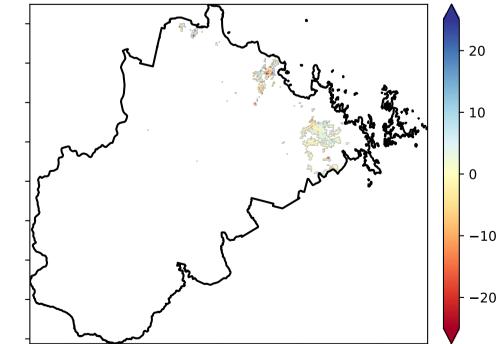
71%-100%

51%-70%

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

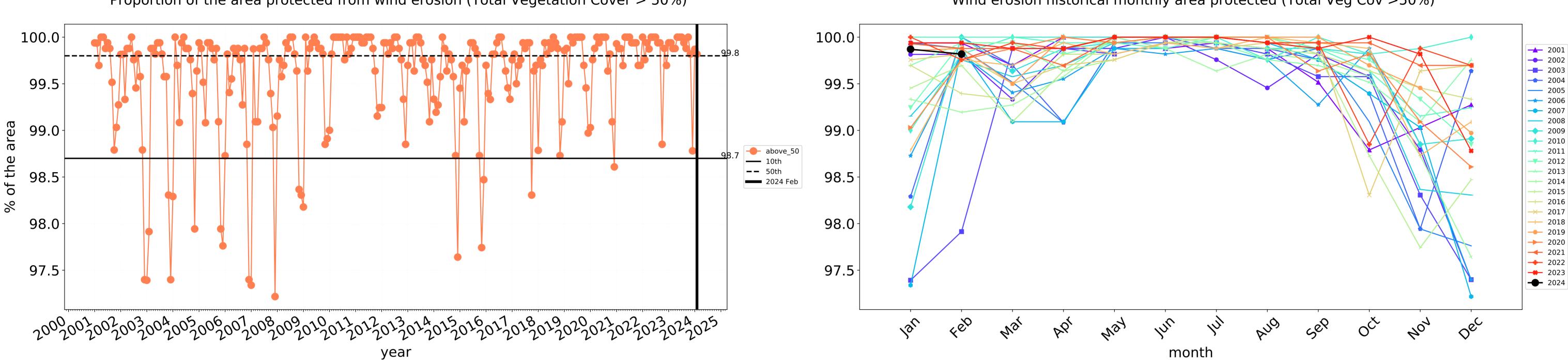


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

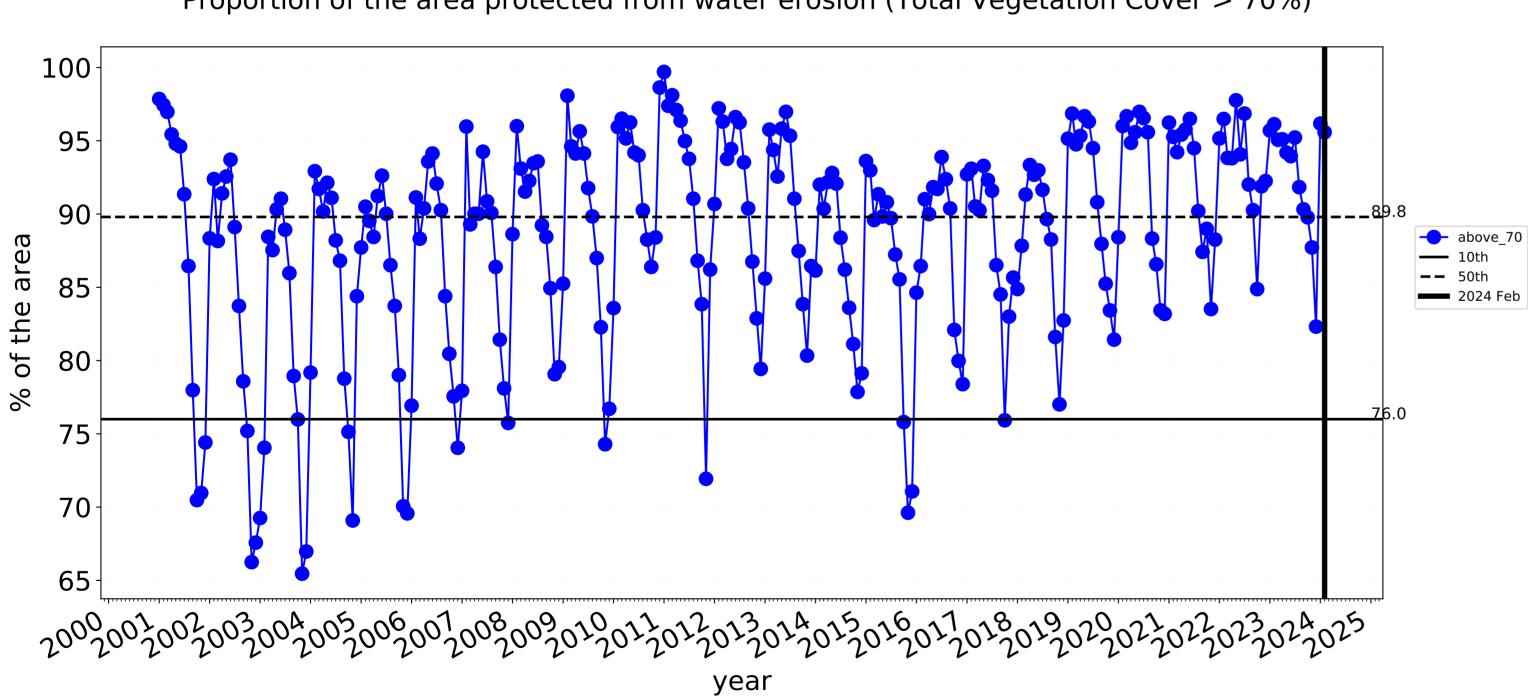


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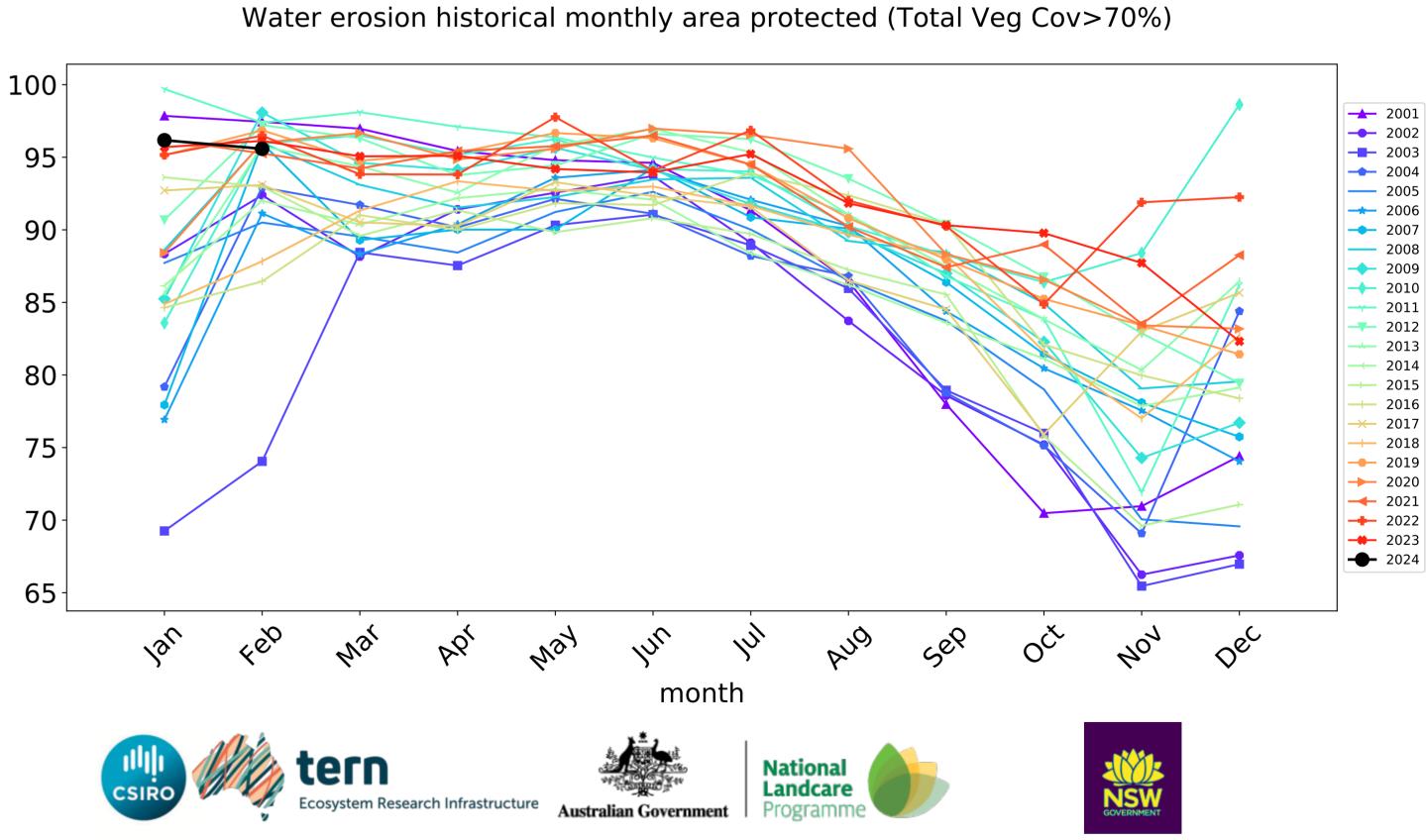




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

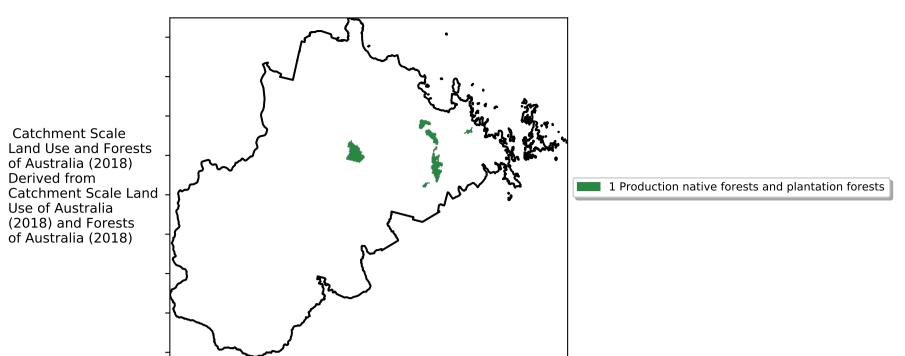


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

# **Production native forests and plantation forests**



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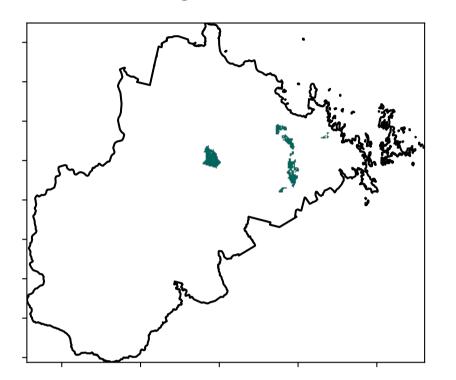
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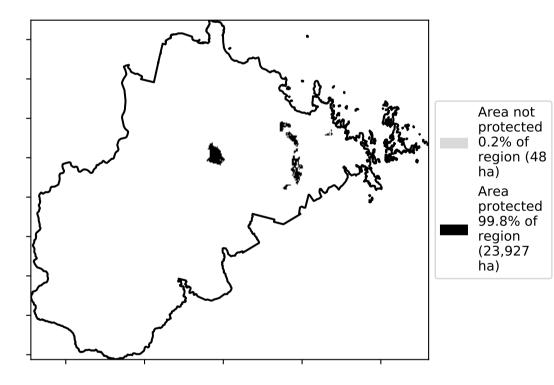
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

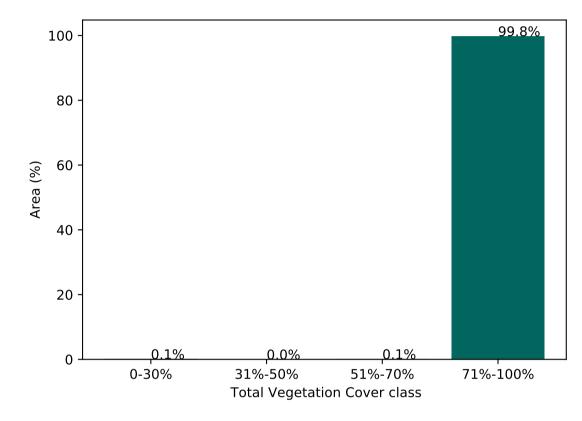
Land use and forest cover



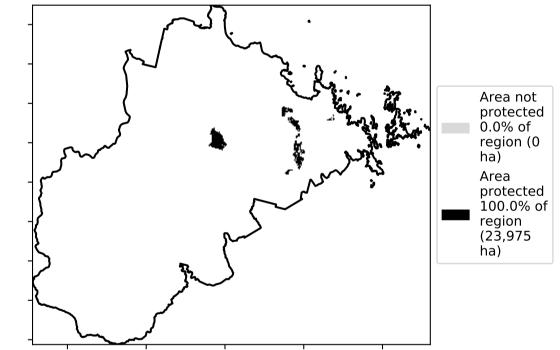
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



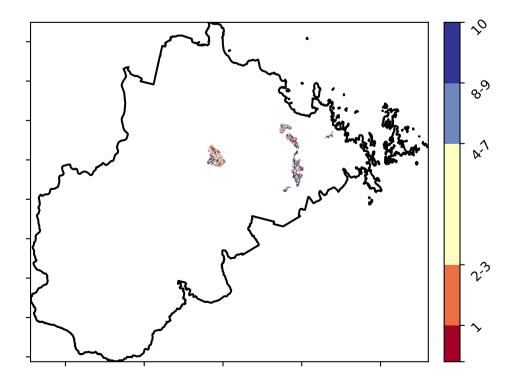
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



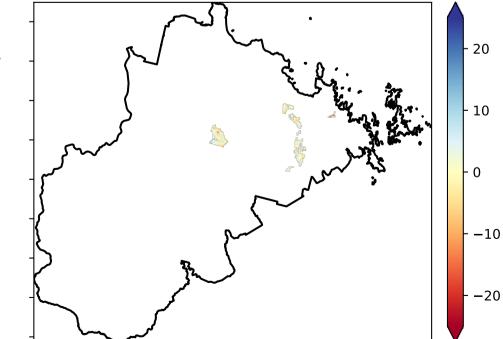
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

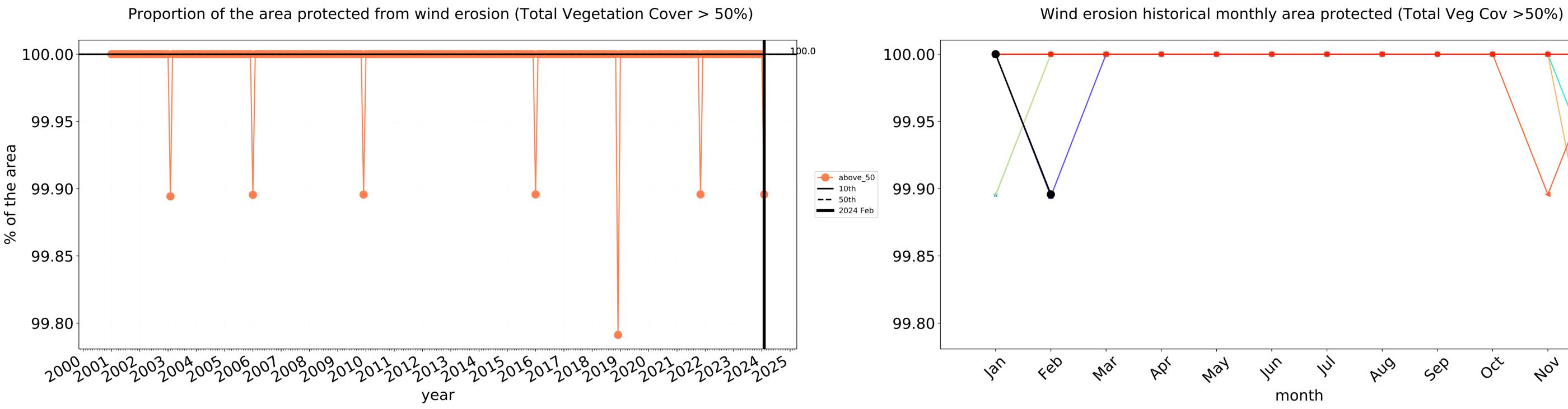


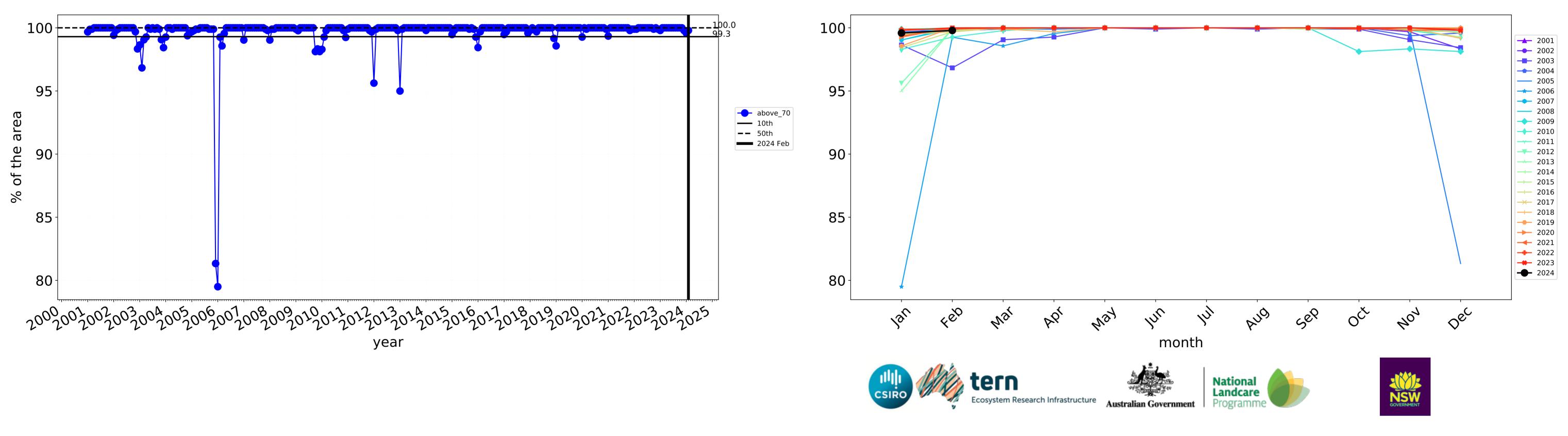
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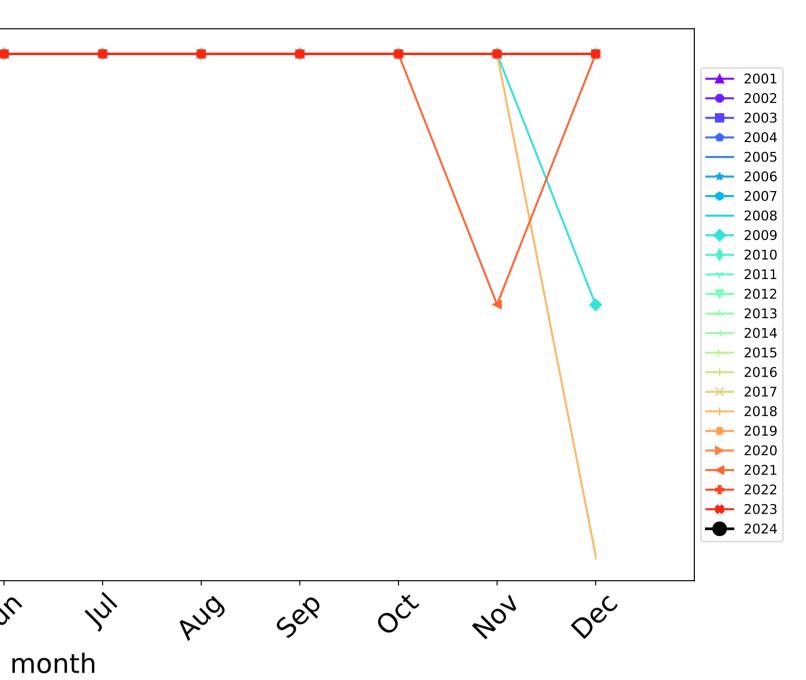


# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries





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



# Whitsunday\_(R) (2,341,475 ha and no data 40,401 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	2,341,475	99.9% 2,340,250	99.8% 2,336,000	97.0% 2,271,750	88.3% 2,066,750	48.4% 1,132,950	19.1% 448,375
Conservation and natural environments	160,900	99.7% 160,425	99.2% 159,650	95.9% 154,300	88.3% 142,075	58.0% 93,275	30.8% 49,525
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,375	99.4% 28,200	98.1% 27,825	89.5% 25,400	70.5% 20,000	29.9% 8,475	10.1% 2,875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	56,050	100.0% 56,025	99.7% 55,900	97.1% 54,425	90.5% 50,700	54.0% 30,275	22.4% 12,550
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	76,475	99.6% 76,200	99.3% 75,925	97.4% 74,475	93.3% 71,375	71.3% 54,525	44.6% 34,100
Agriculture	2,079,750	100.0% 2,079,525	99.9% 2,077,300	97.5% 2,026,800	89.0% 1,850,200	48.2% 1,001,825	18.3% 380,100
Grazing	2,038,125	100.0% 2,037,900	99.9% 2,035,750	97.5% 1,987,000	89.1% 1,816,250	48.6% 990,150	18.5% 376,525
Grazing non forest	1,170,025	100.0% 1,169,800	99.8% 1,167,650	96.0% 1,122,825	84.3% 985,825	42.4% 496,675	16.4% 191,350
Grazing Woodland forest	817,600	100.0% 817,600	100.0% 817,600	99.7% 814,775	95.9% 784,200	57.4% 469,175	21.6% 176,950
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	50,500	100.0% 50,500	100.0% 50,500	97.8% 49,400	91.5% 46,225	48.1% 24,300	16.3% 8,225
Irrigation	41,325	100.0% 41,325	99.8% 41,250	95.6% 39,500	81.4% 33,650	27.9% 11,525	8.4% 3,475
Production native forests and plantation forests	23,975	99.9% 23,950	99.9% 23,950	99.8% 23,925	97.1% 23,275	69.2% 16,600	37.0% 8,875

