# Total vegetation cover soil protection
## Region:LGA Alexandrina_(DC) SA                    Date: May 2023

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.
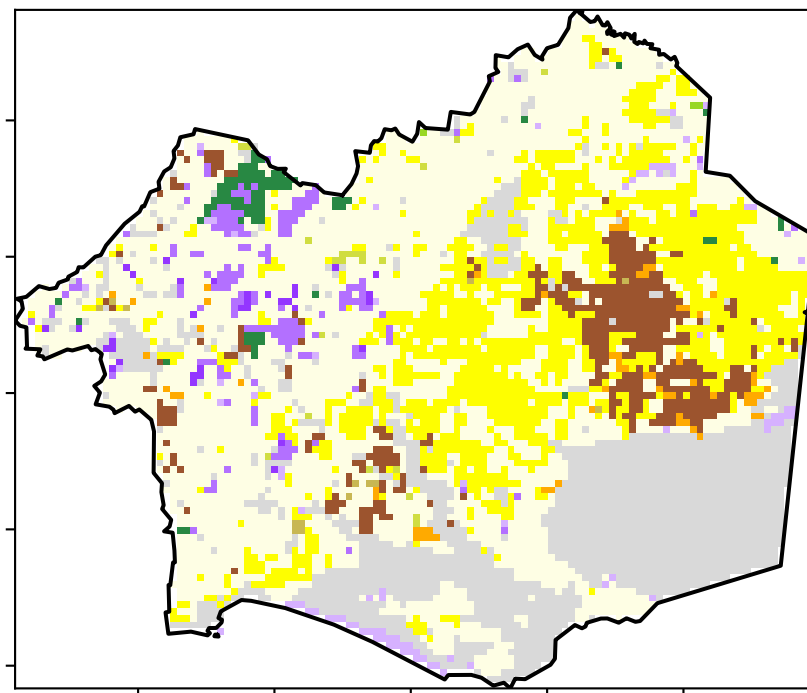
# Vegetation Cover May 2023

## 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)



Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12
- 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
- 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
- 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
- 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
- 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
- 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
- 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
- 11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
- 12 Production native forests and plantation forests
- 13 Other uses

## Proportion of each land class in area
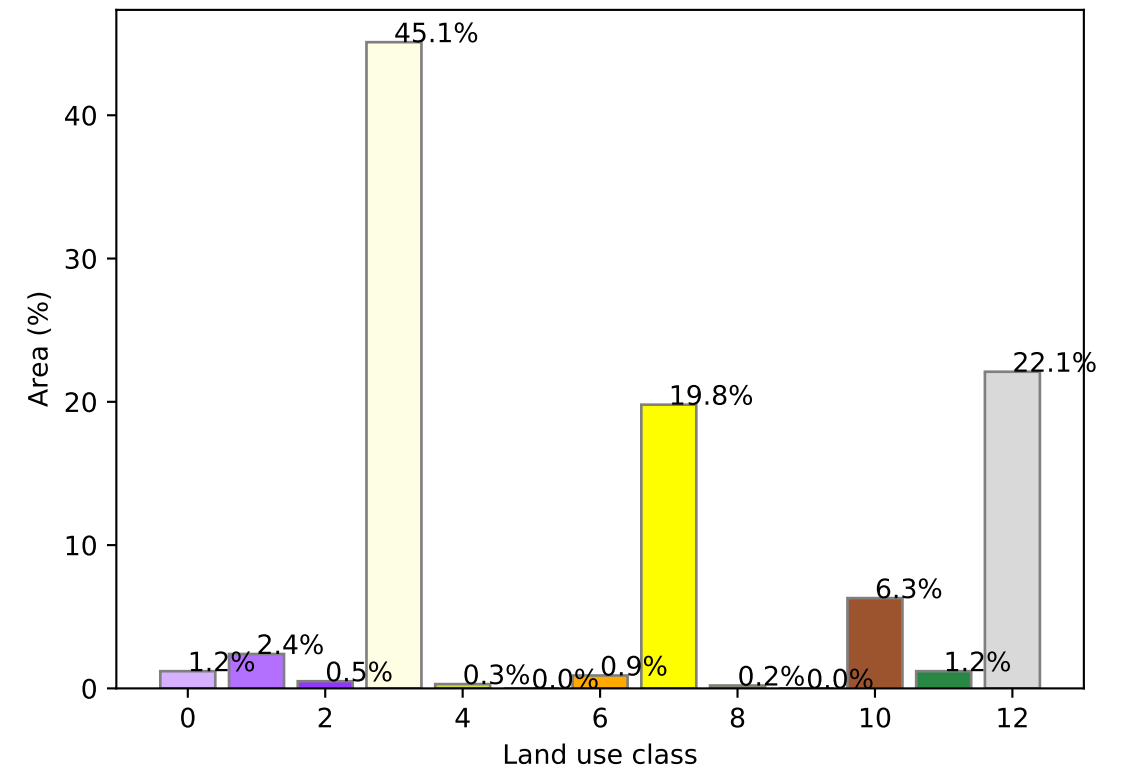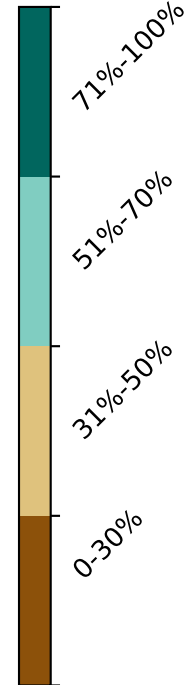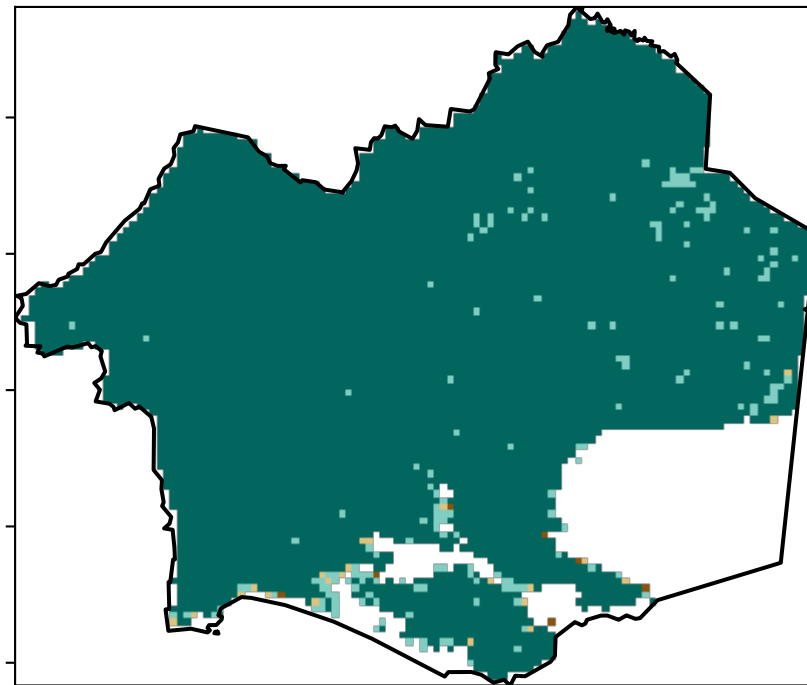


## Total Vegetation Cover [%]



## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area
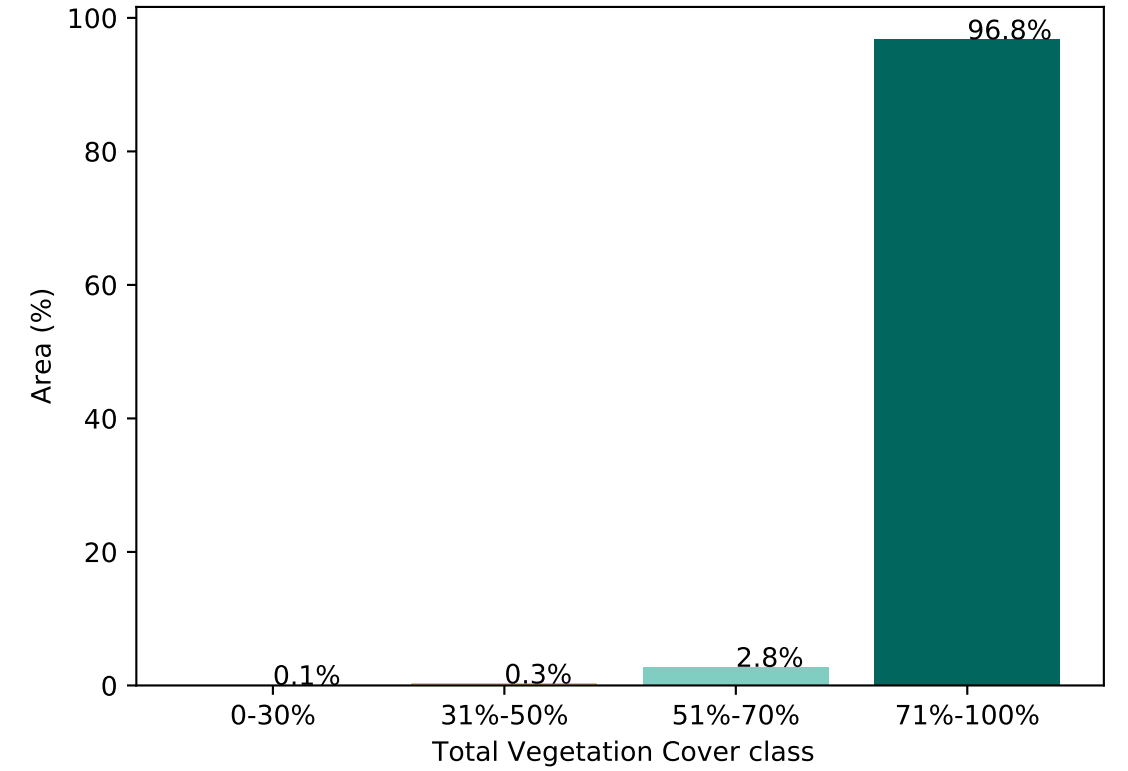


## % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected 3.2% of region (5,105 ha)

Area protected 96.8% of region (154,420 ha)

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



Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
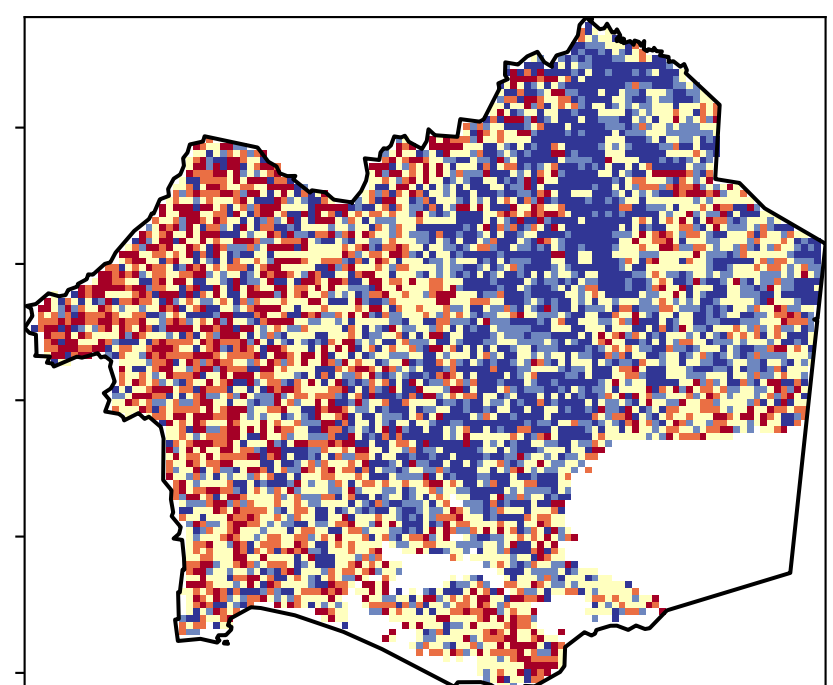
Area protected 100.0% of region (159,525 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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## Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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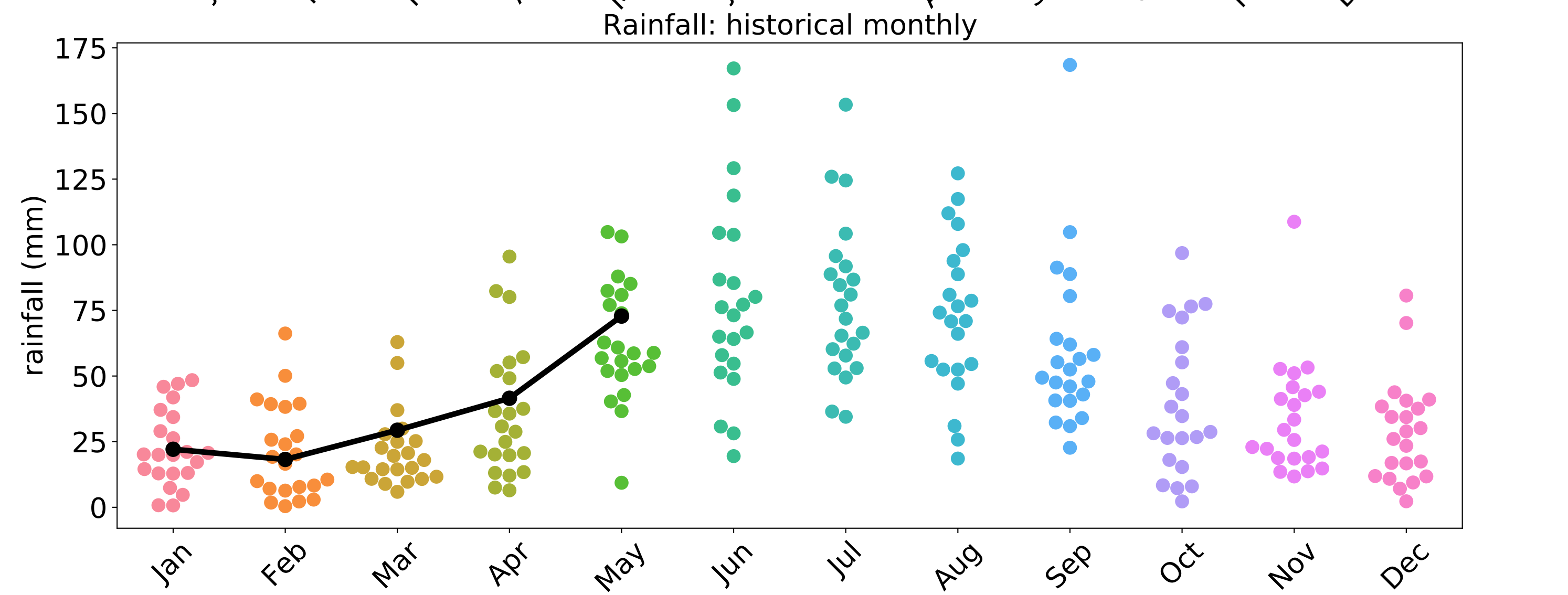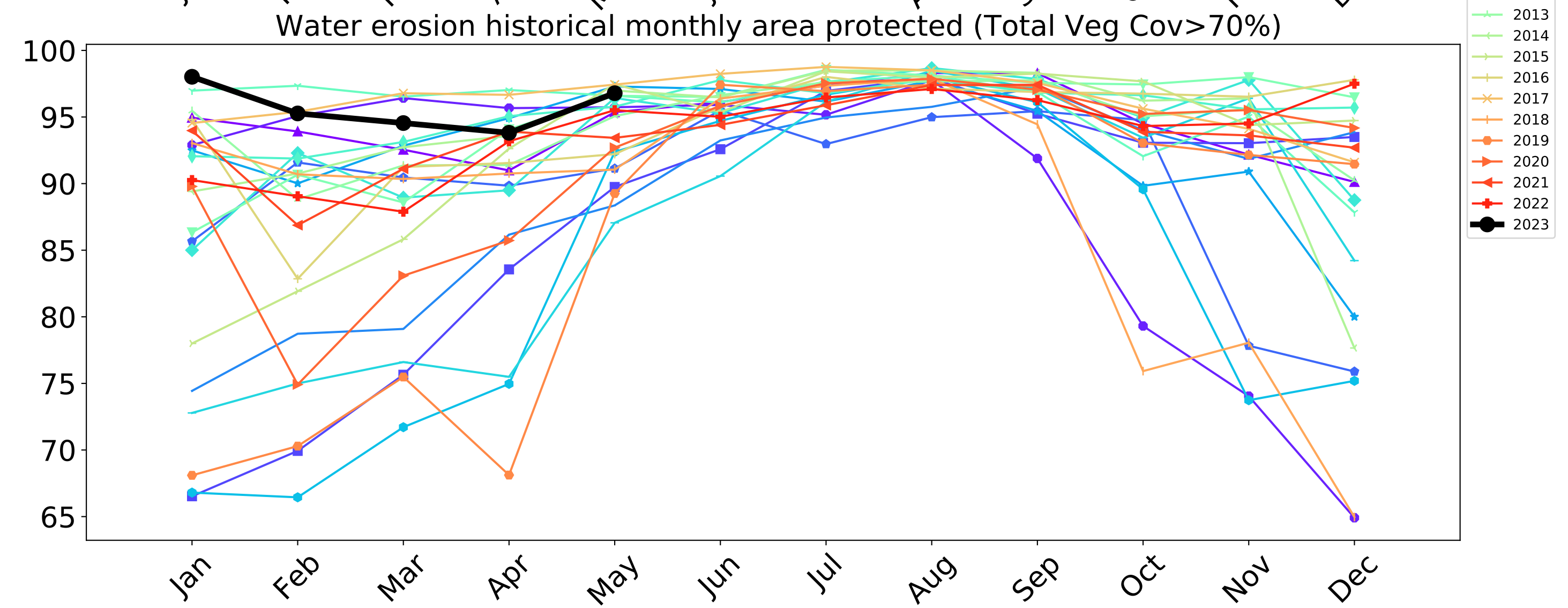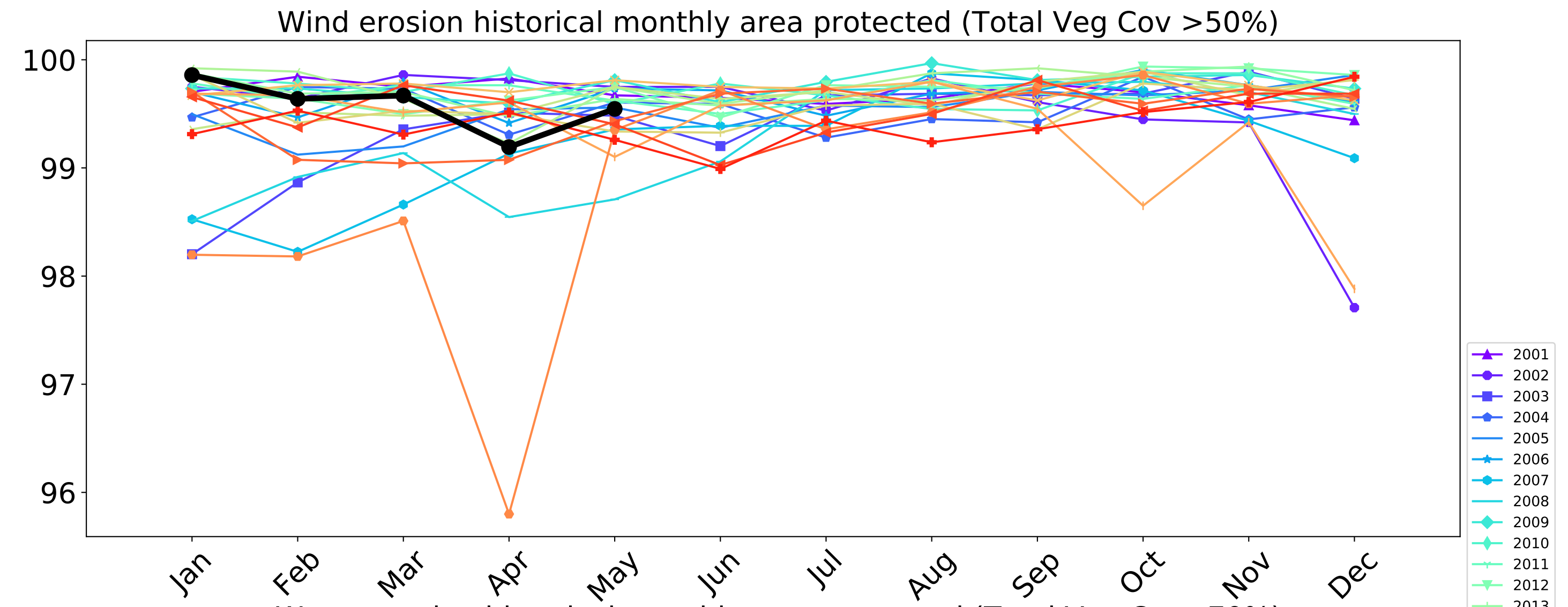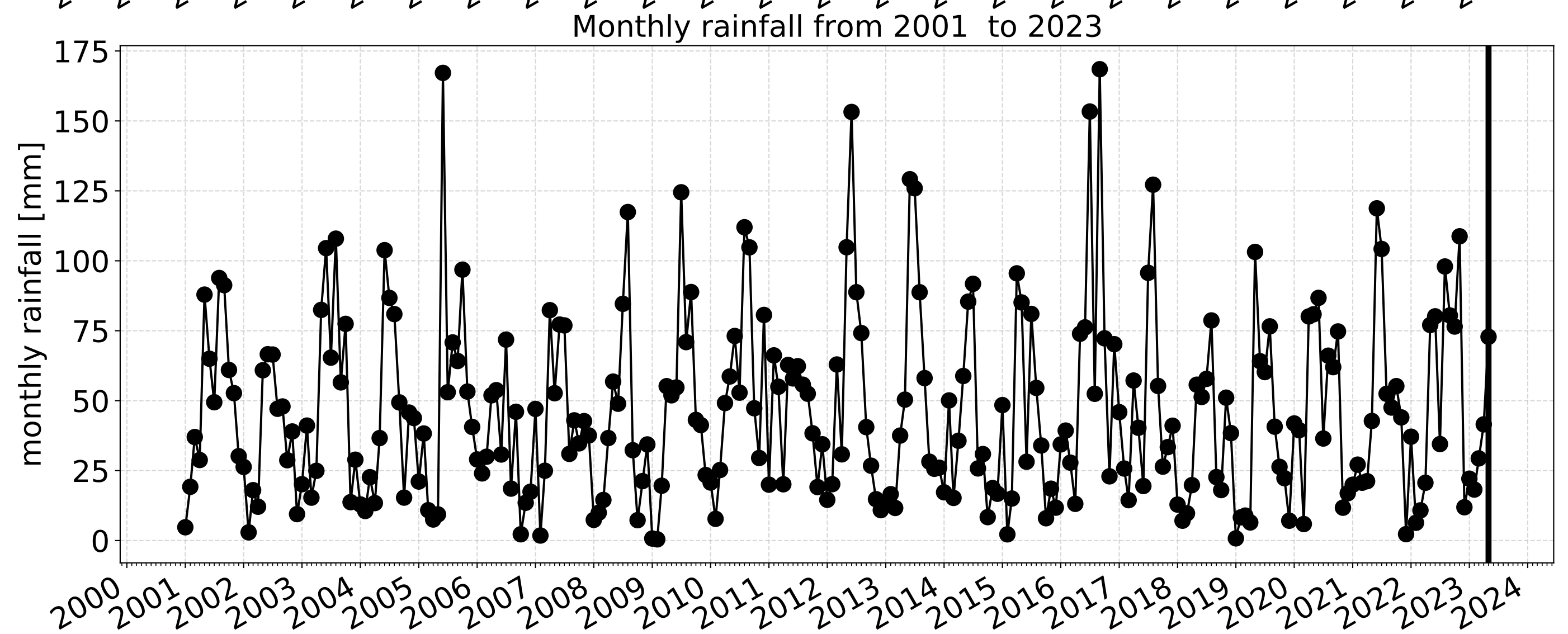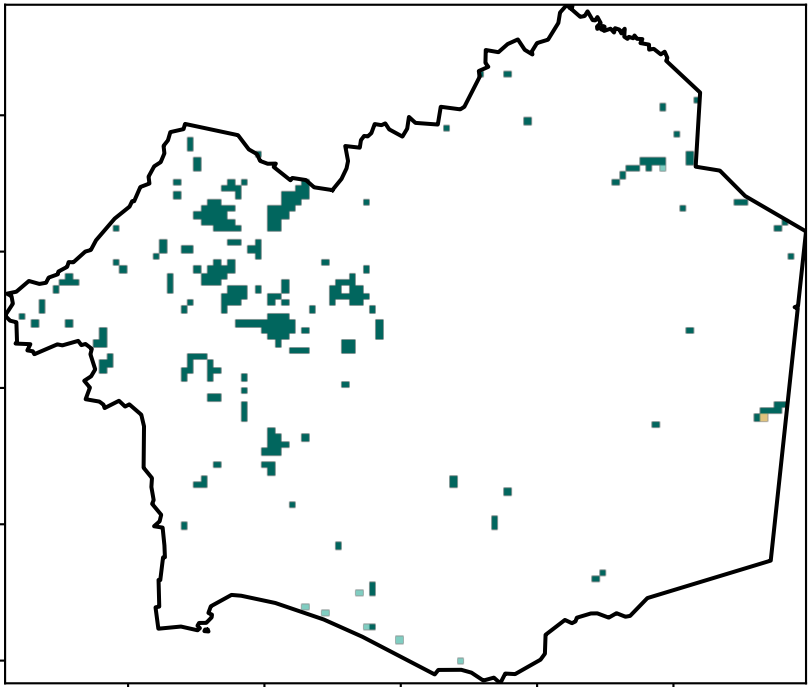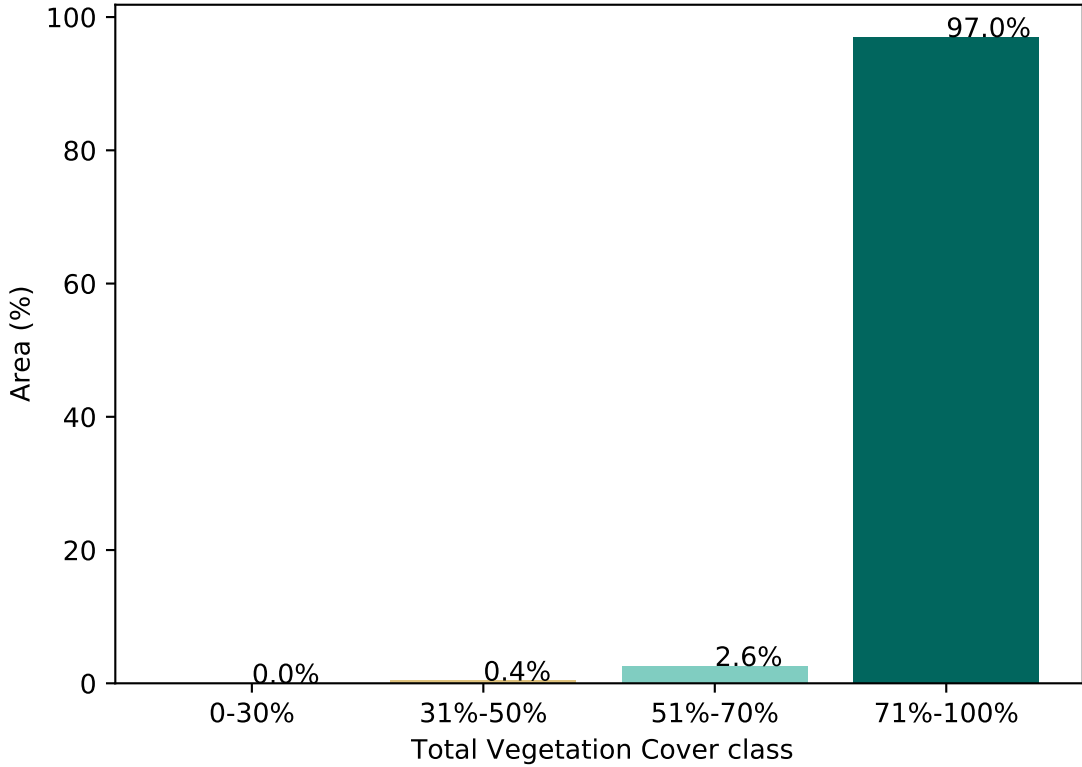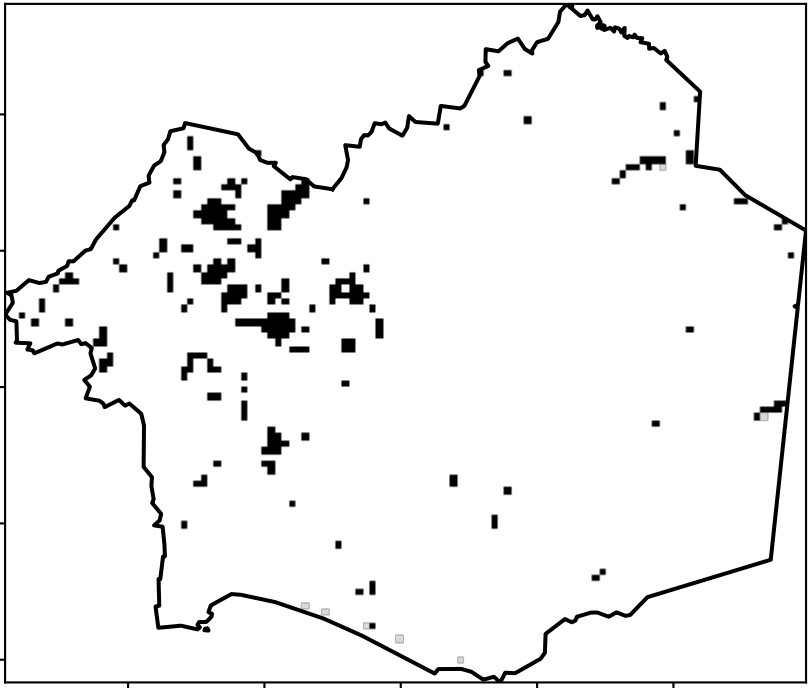
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

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

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

Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2023

Rainfall: historical monthly
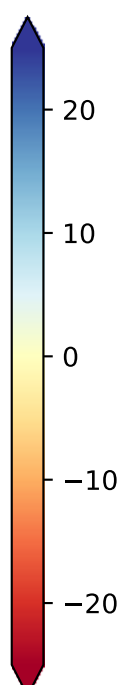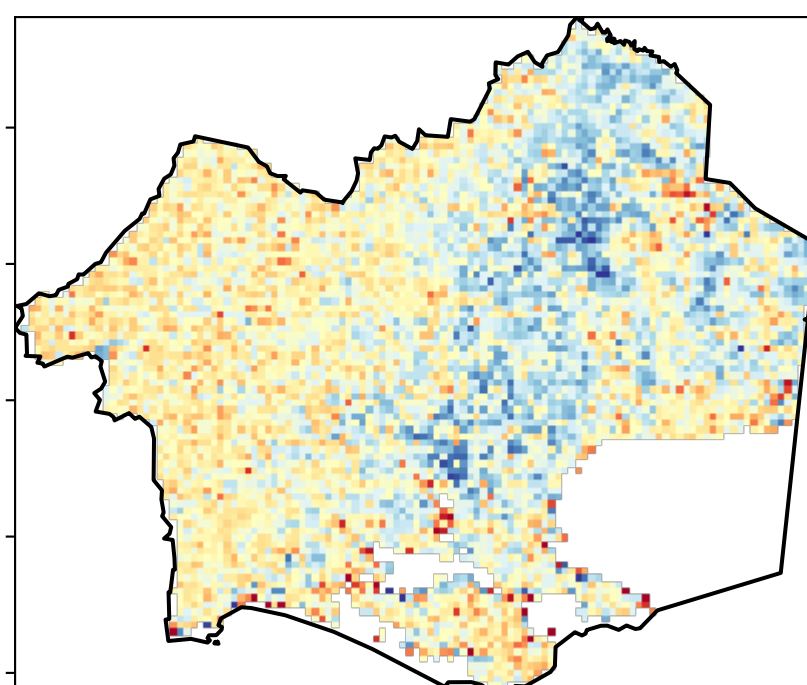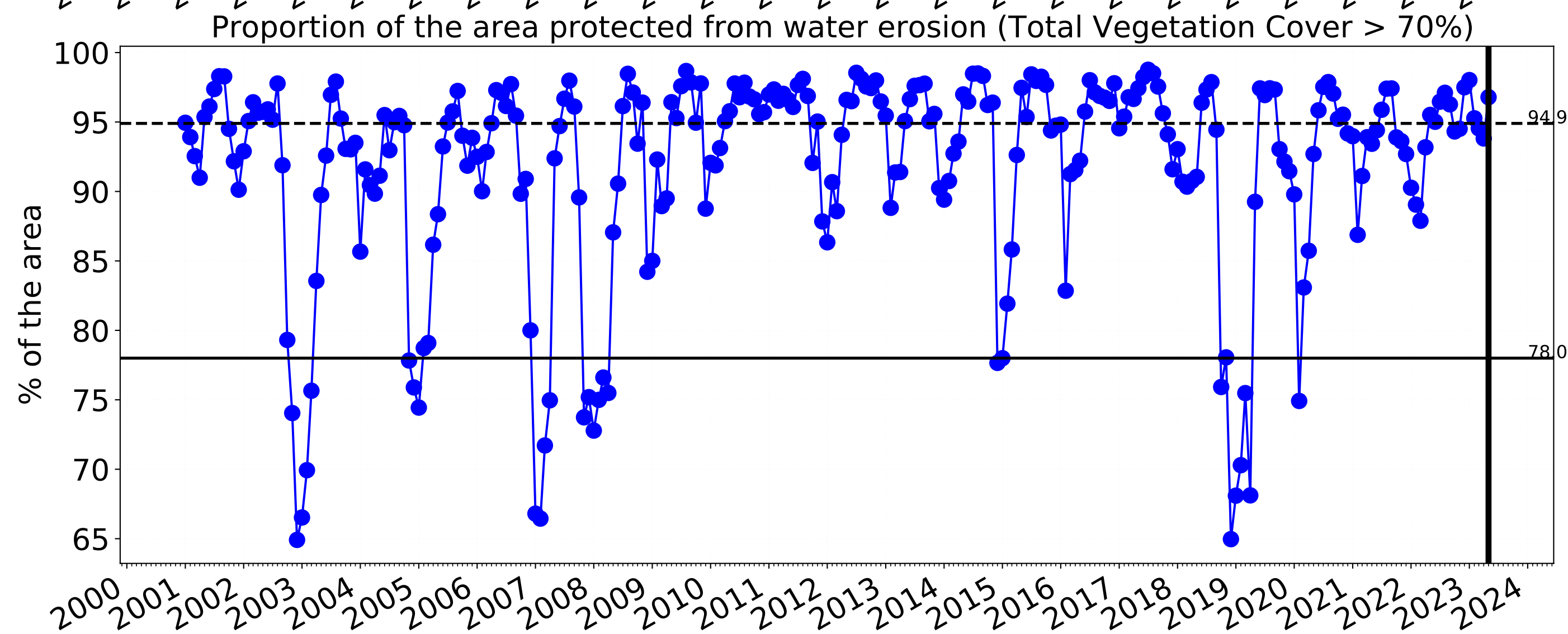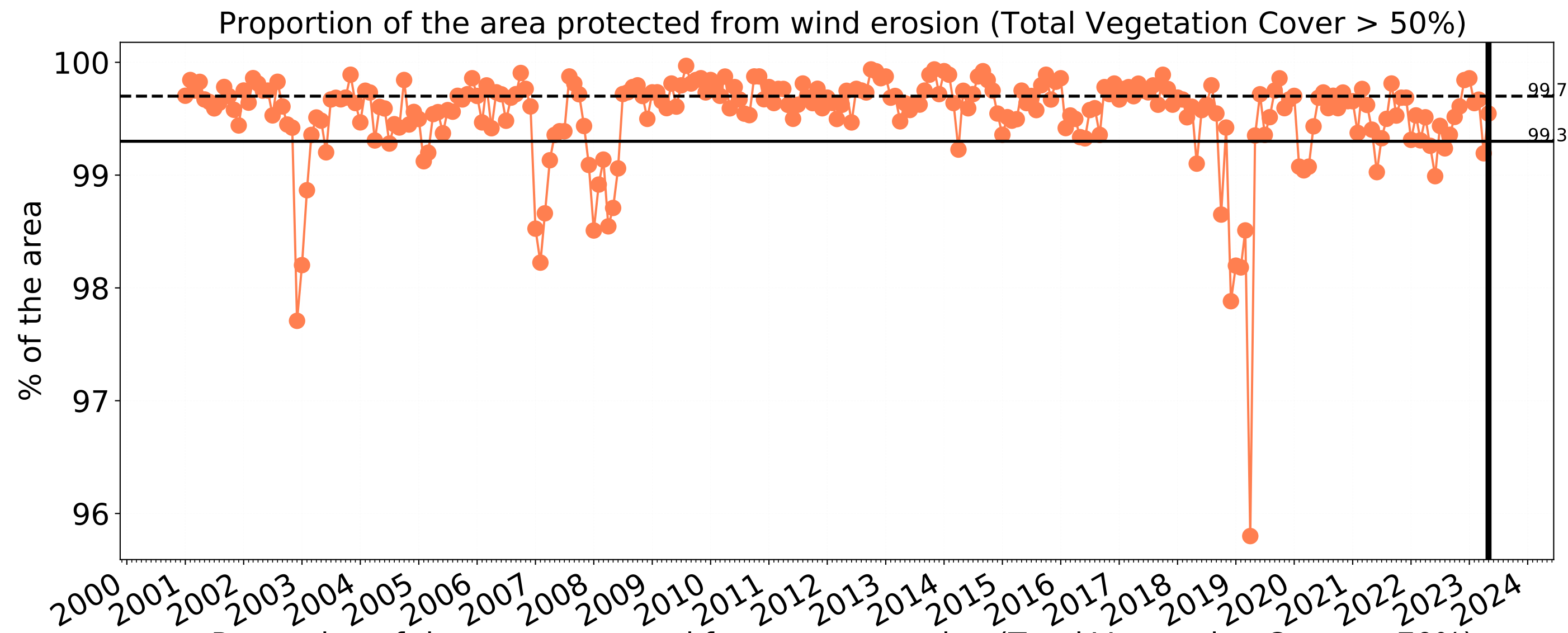
# Conservation and natural environments

## Land use and forest cover

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2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

## Proportion of each land class in area

29.5%
59.1%
11.4%

Area (%)
Land use class

## Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

0.0%  0.4%  2.6%  97.0%

Area (%)
Total Vegetation Cover class
0-30%  31%-50%  51%-70%  71%-100%

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

Area not
protected
3.0% of
region
(200 ha)
Area
protected
97.0% of
region
(6,475 ha)

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

Area
protected
100.0% of
region
(6,675 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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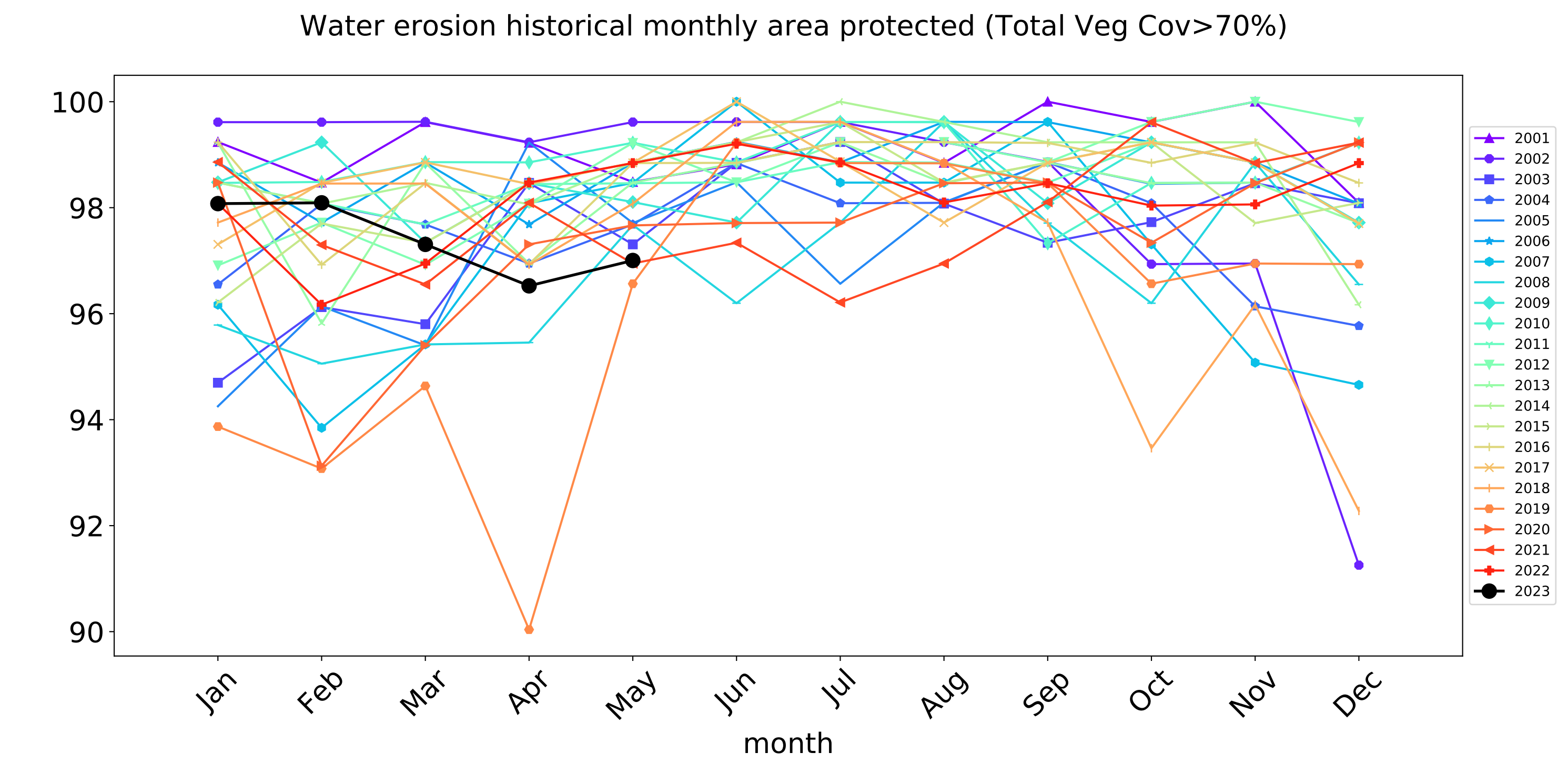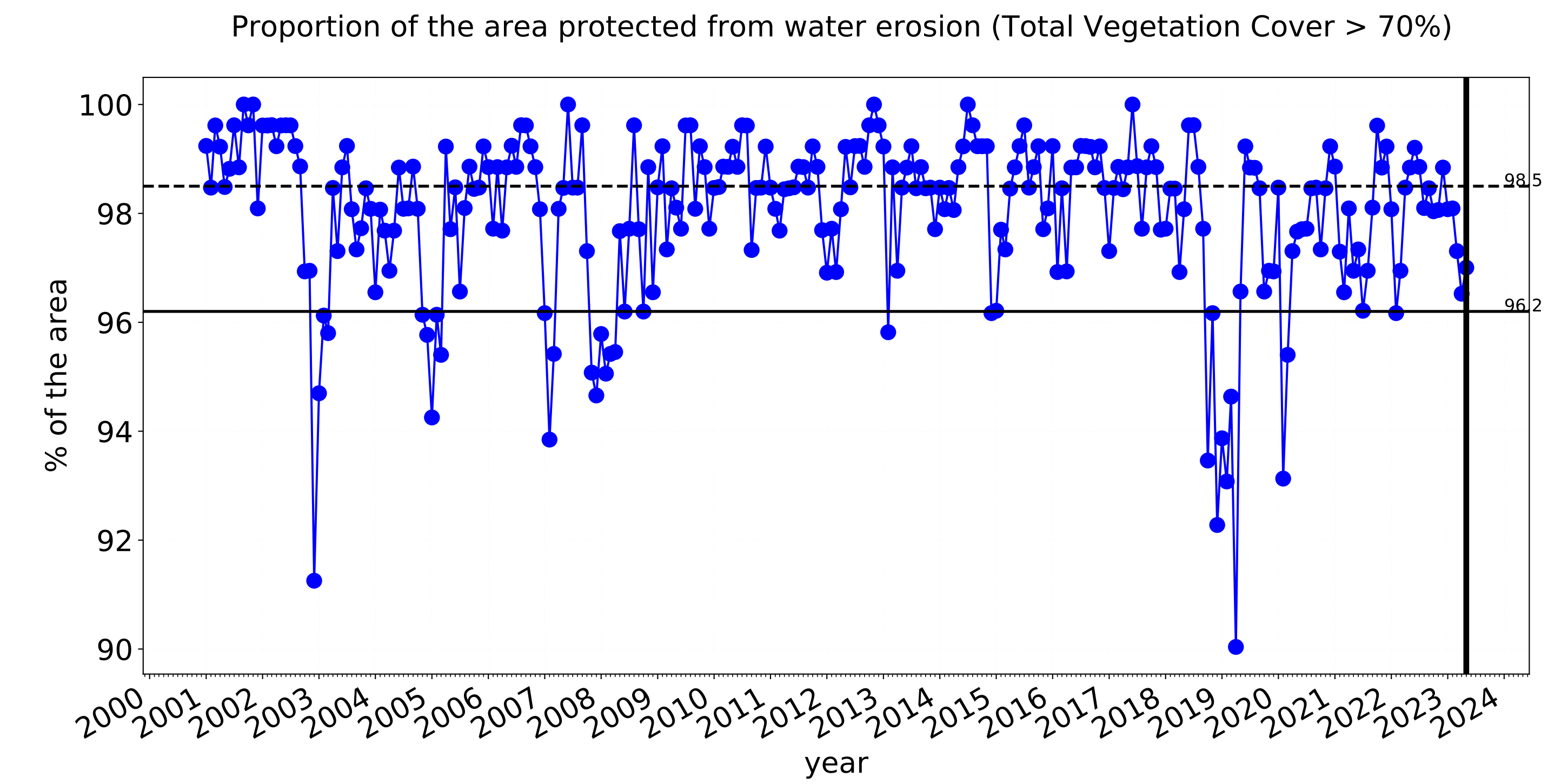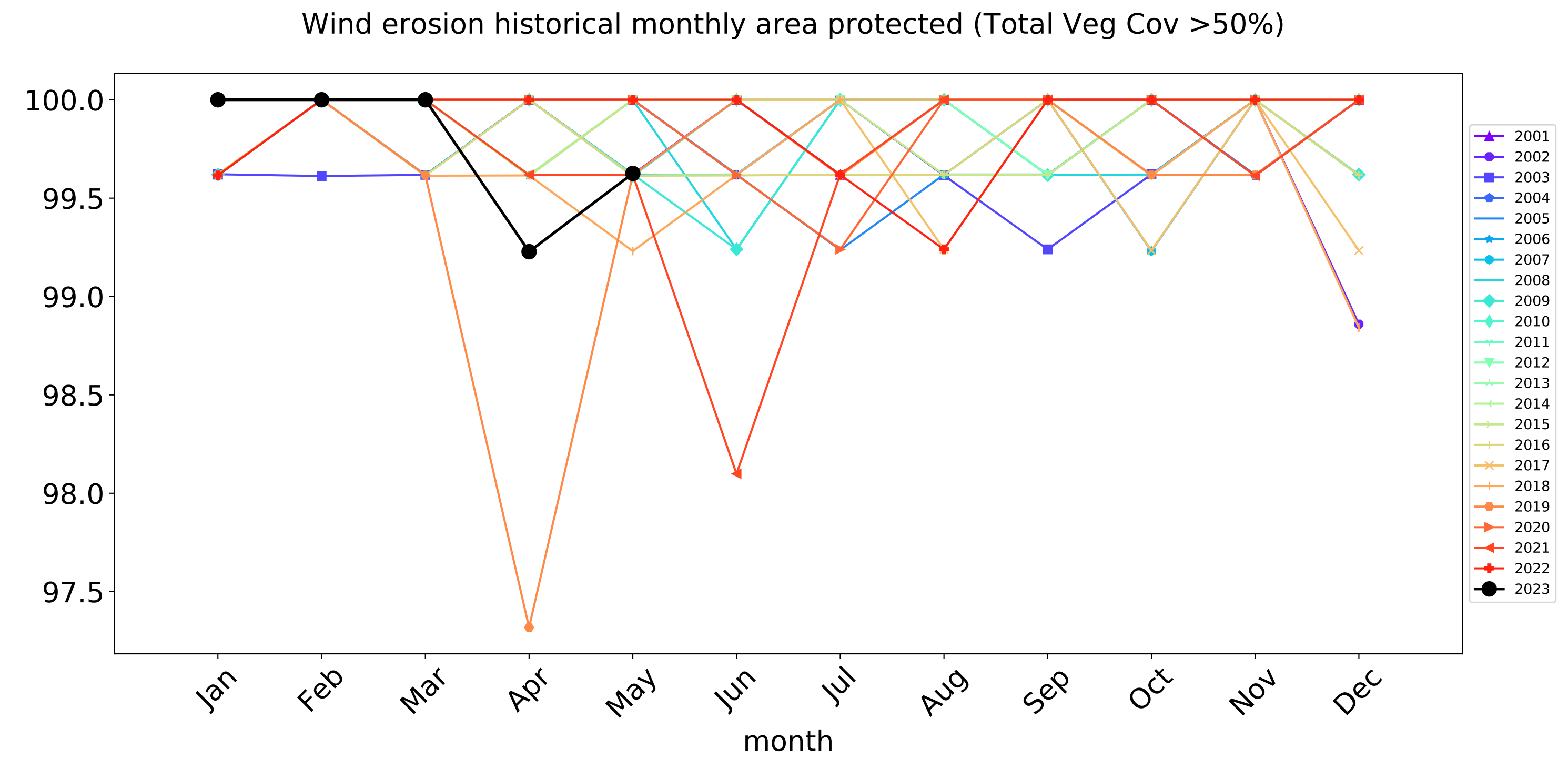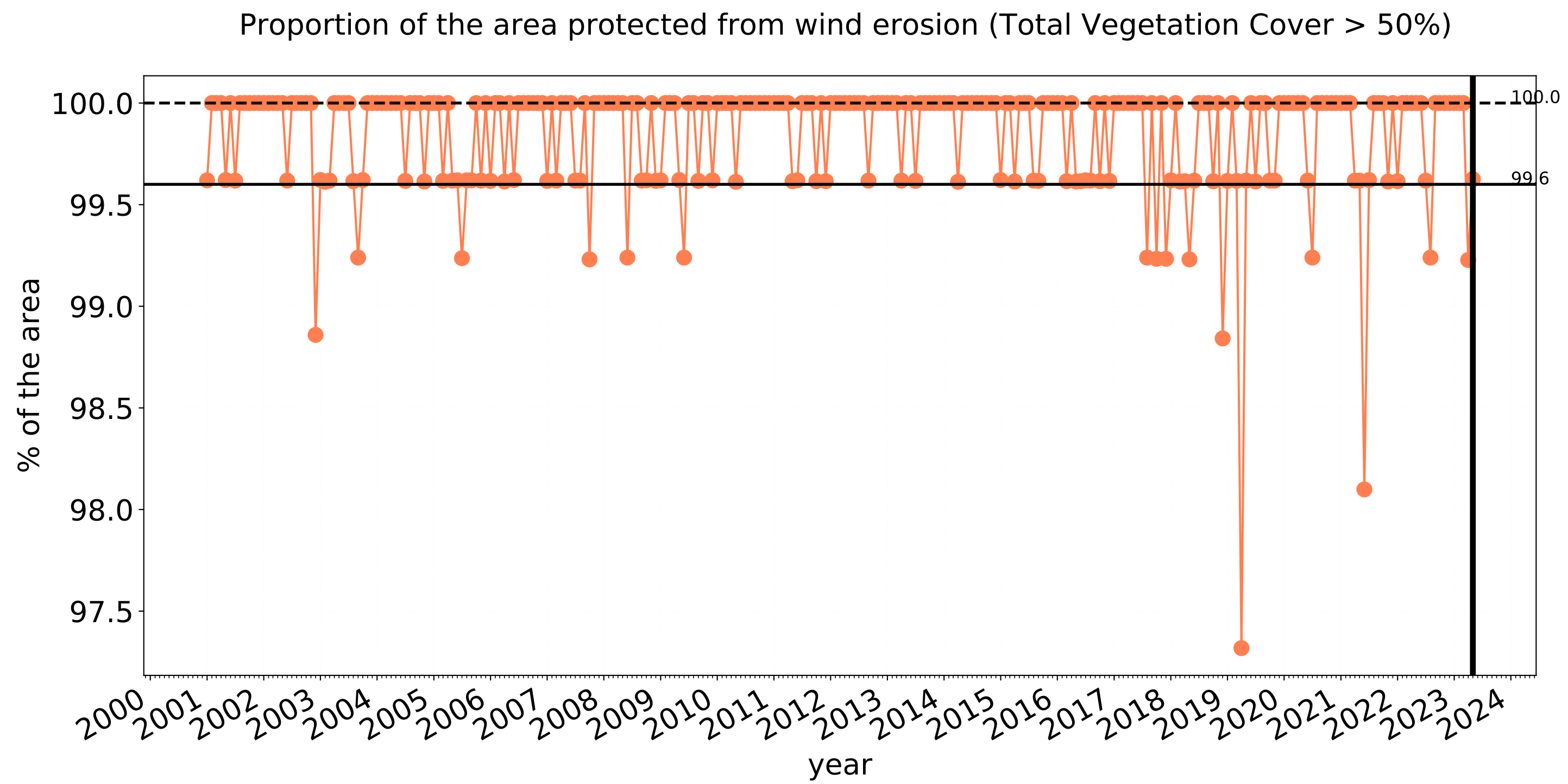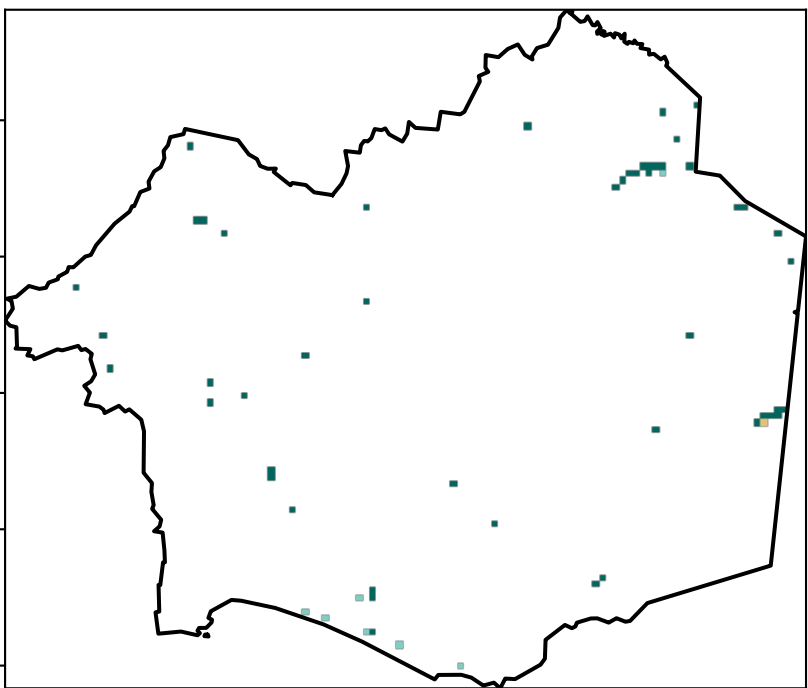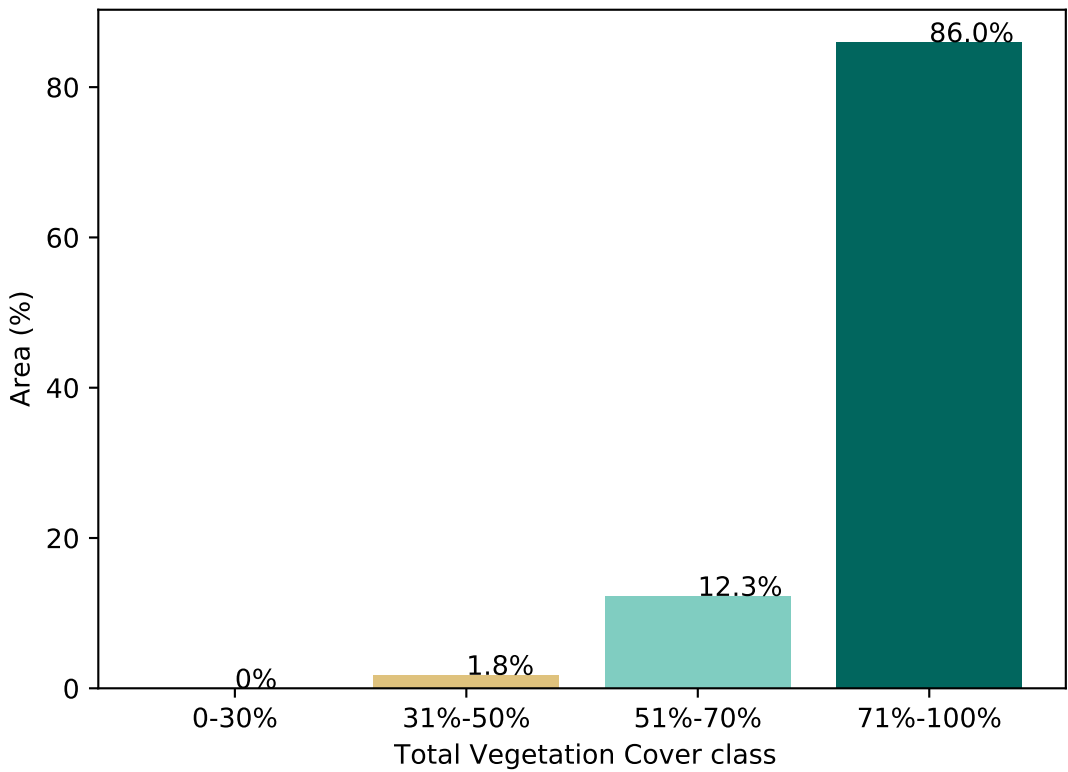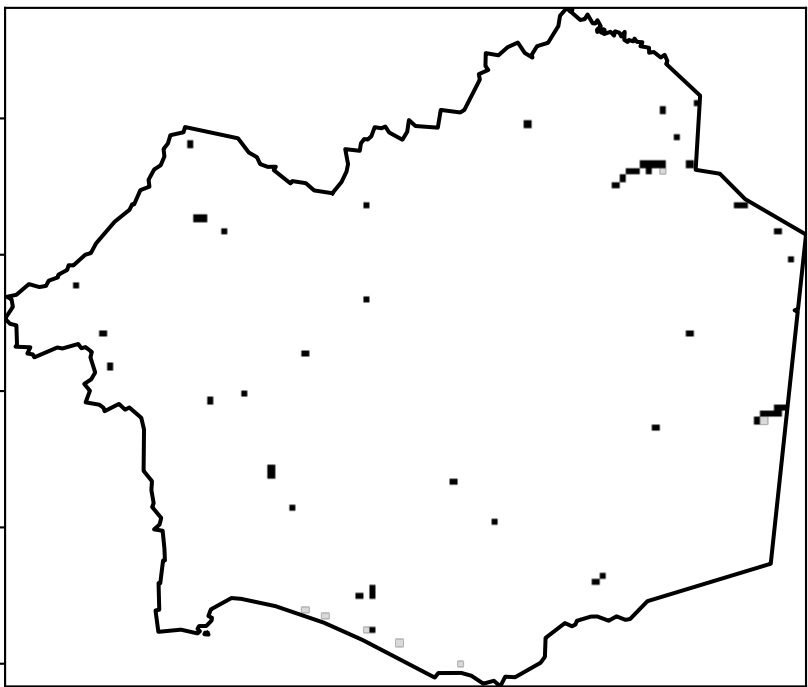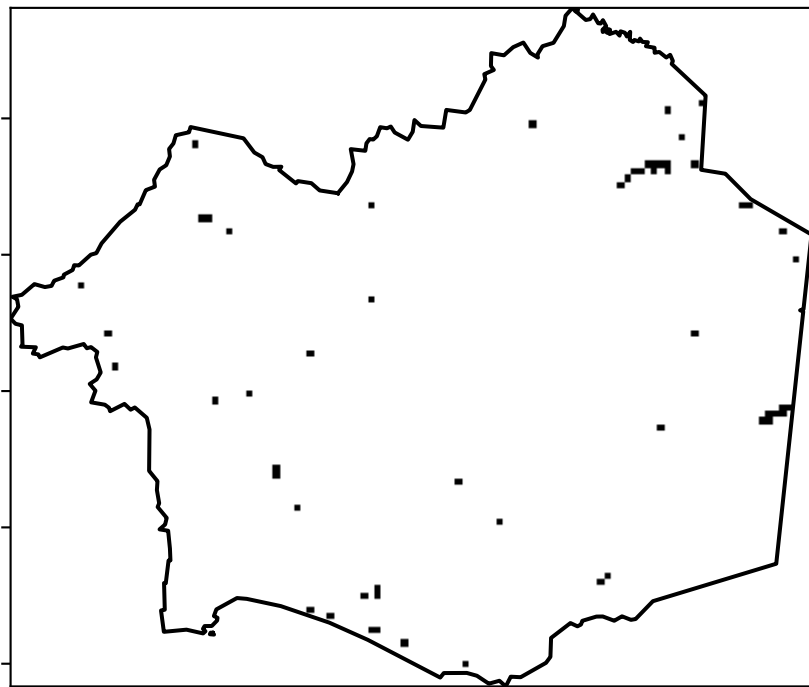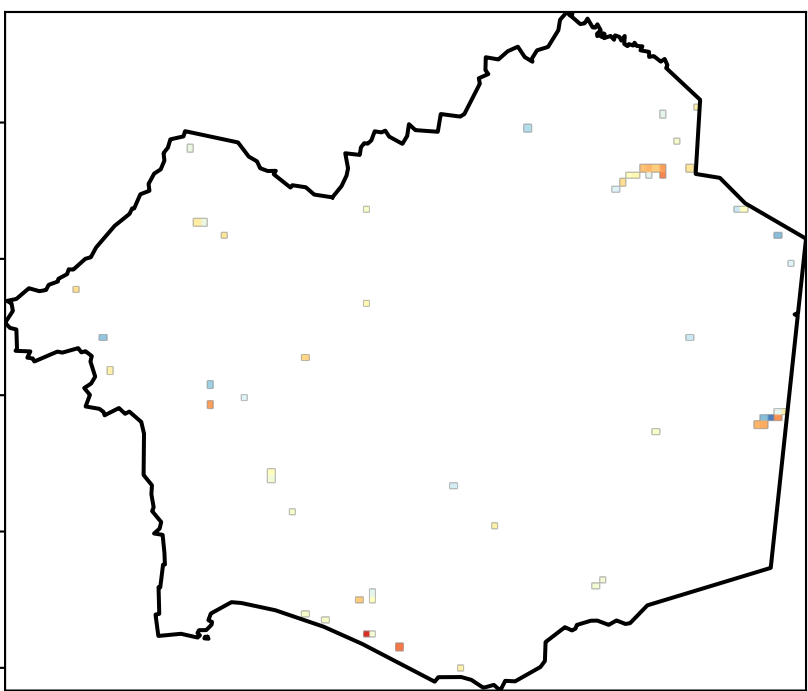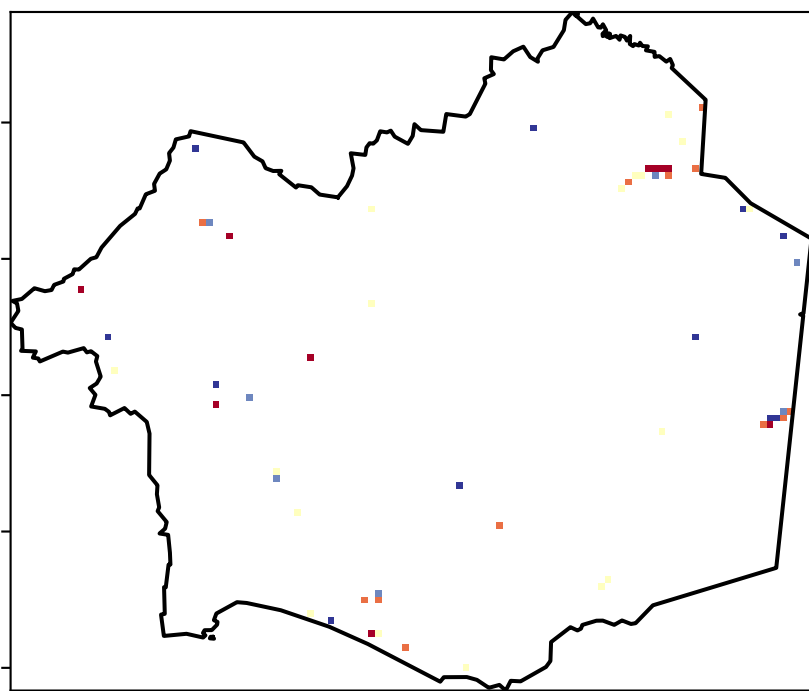
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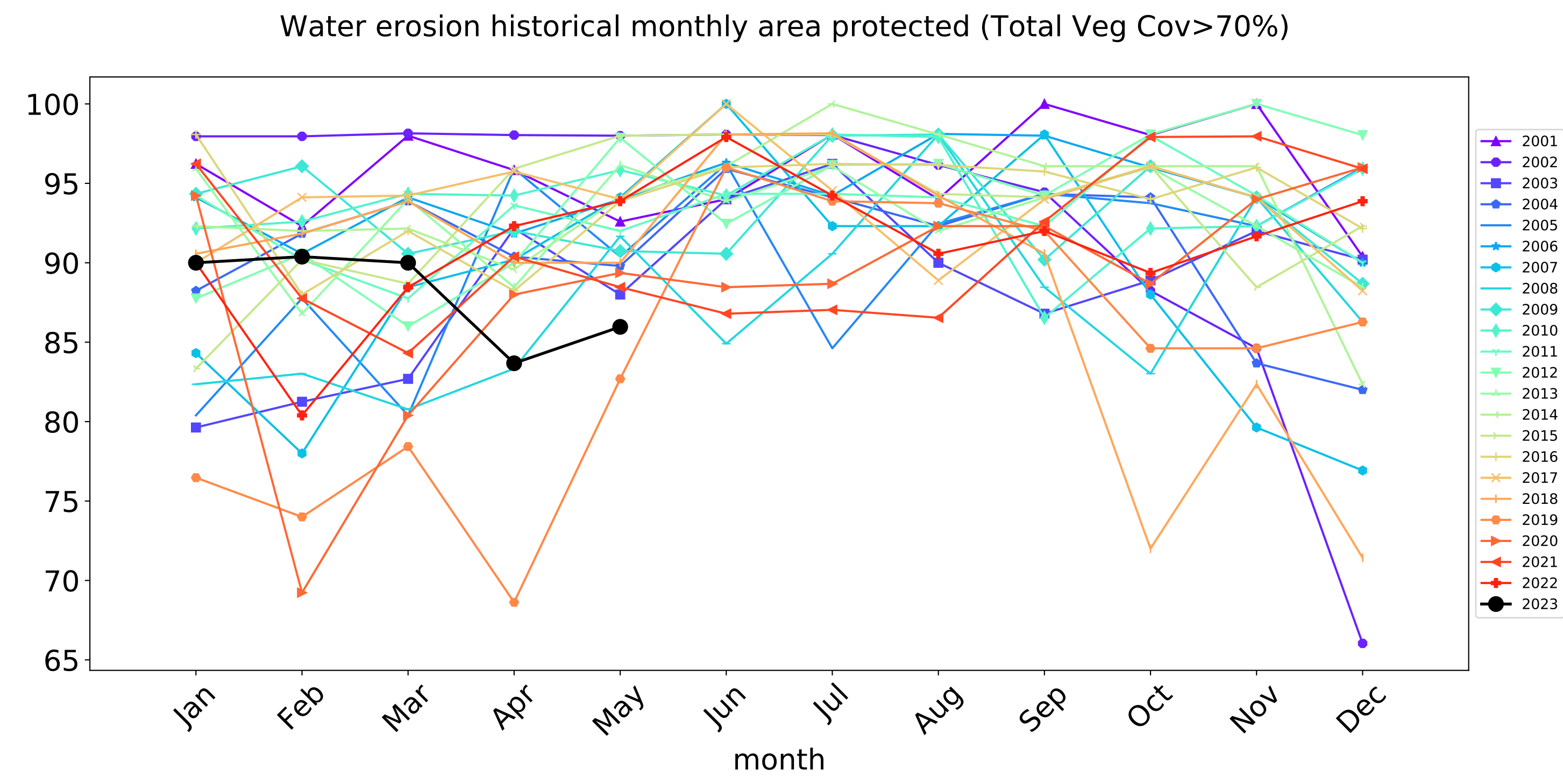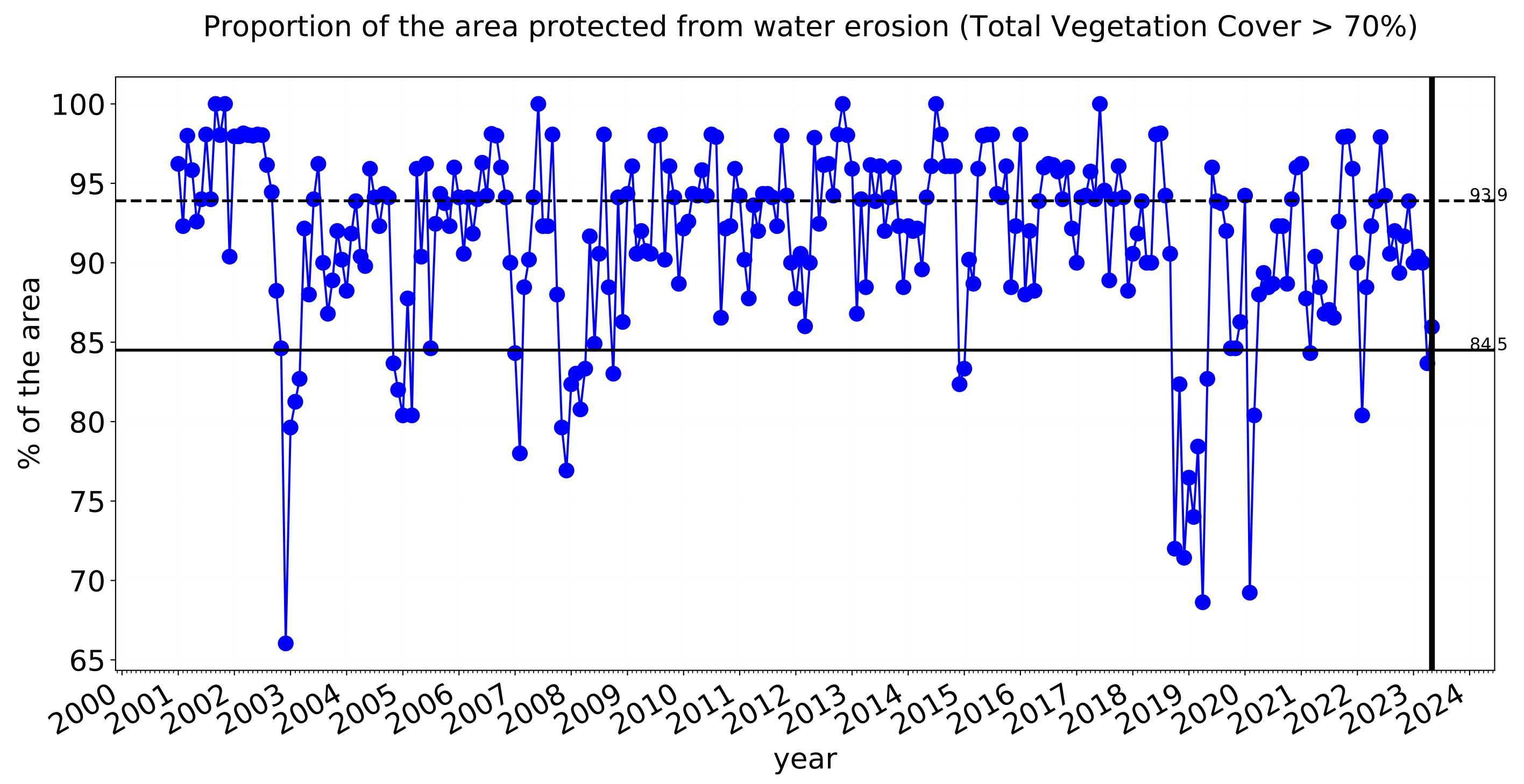**tern** Ecosystem Research Infrastructure
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# Conservation and natural environments timeseries



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

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



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

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

# Conservation and natural environments non forest

## Land use and forest cover

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1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

## Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

Area not protected
14.0% of region
(200 ha)

Area protected
86.0% of region
(1,226 ha)

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

Area protected
98.0% of region
(1,396 ha)

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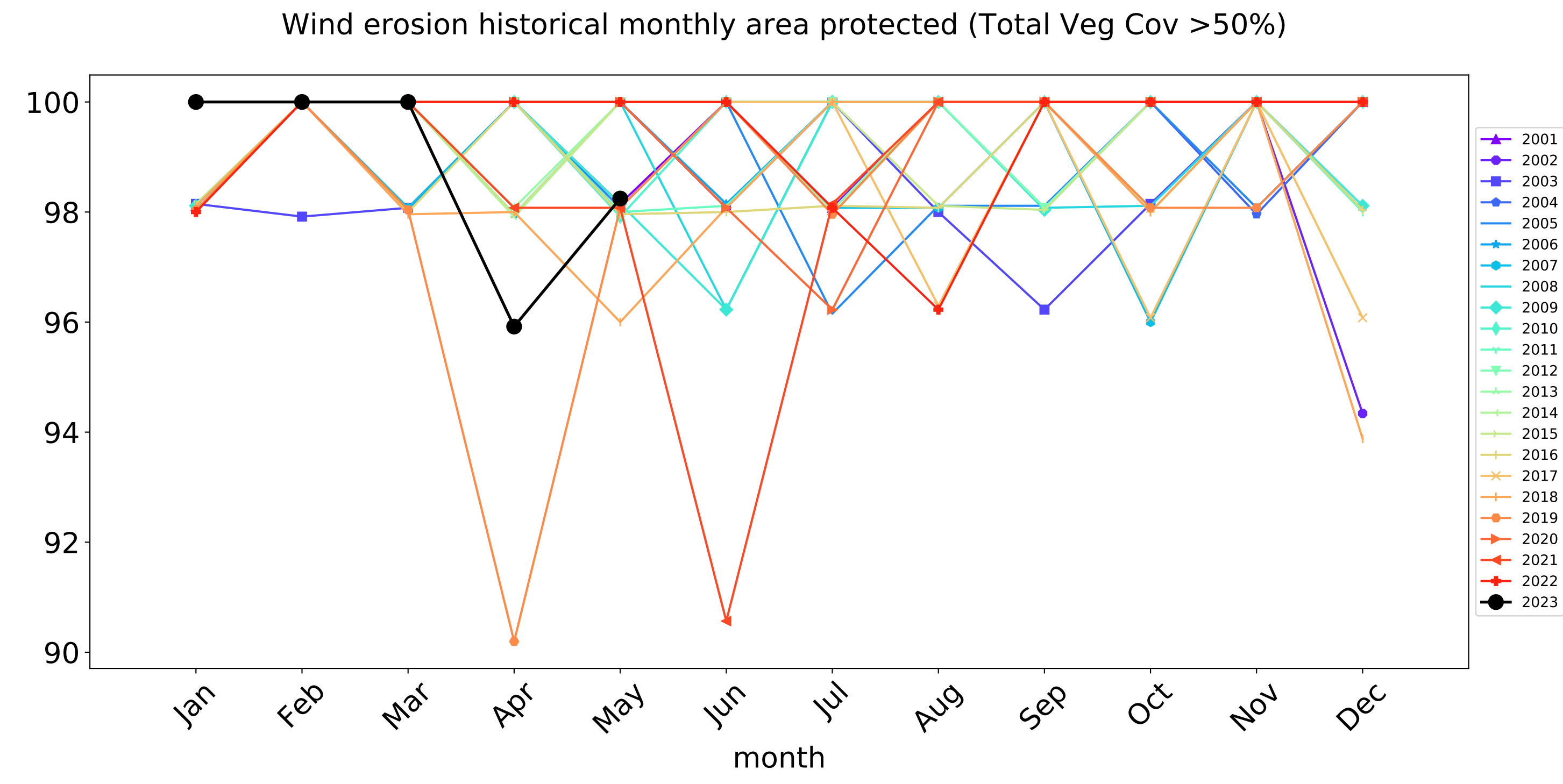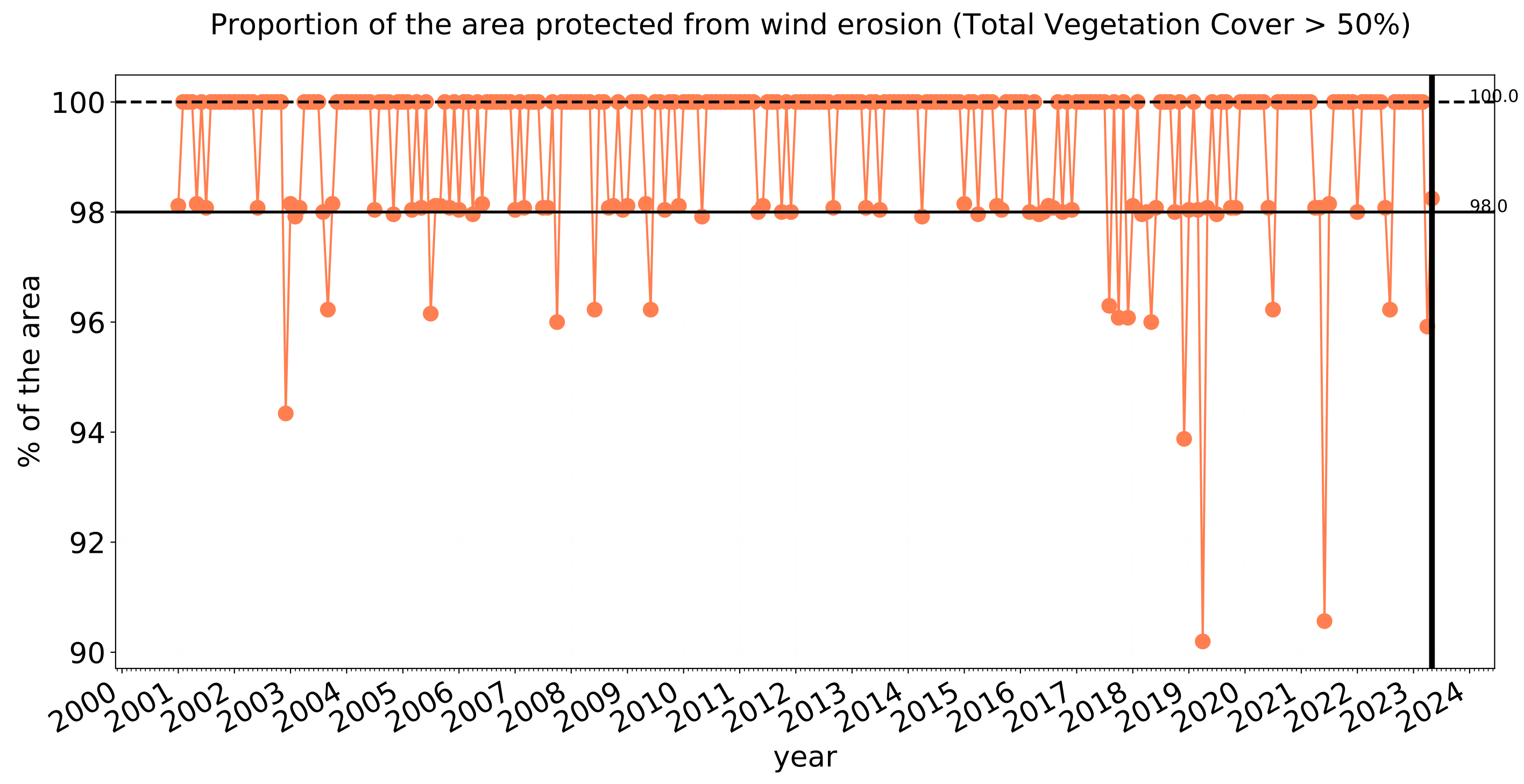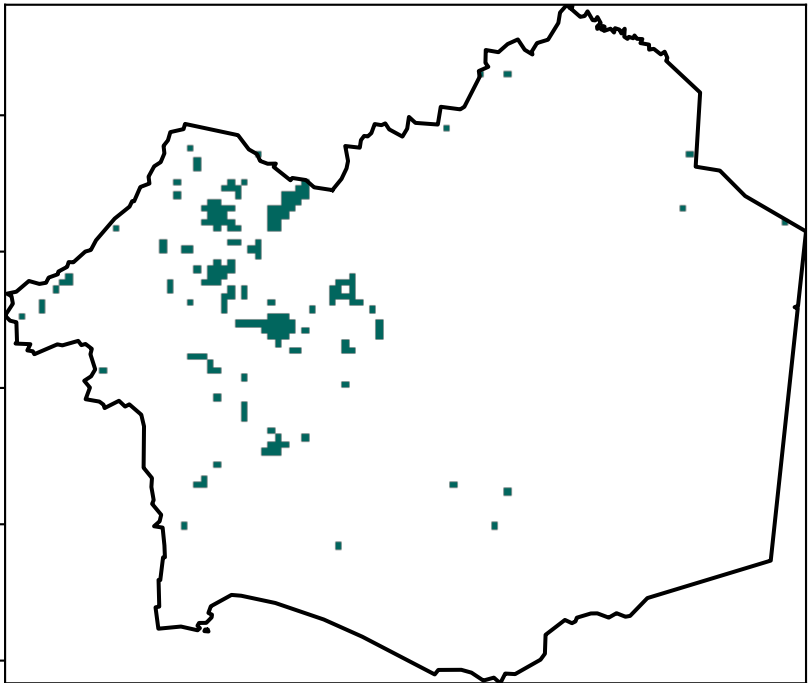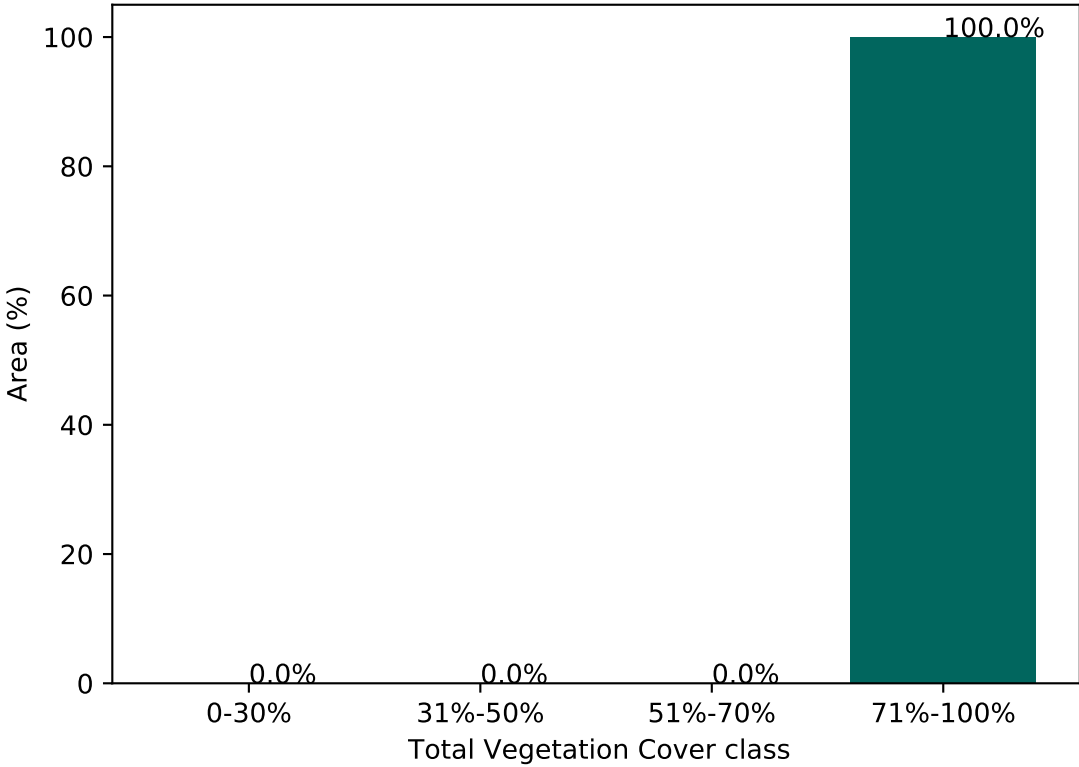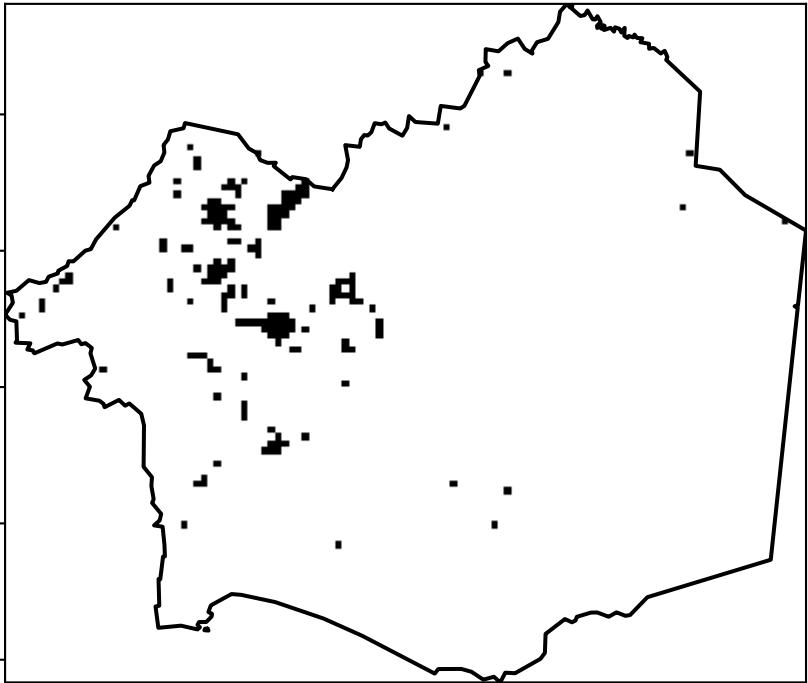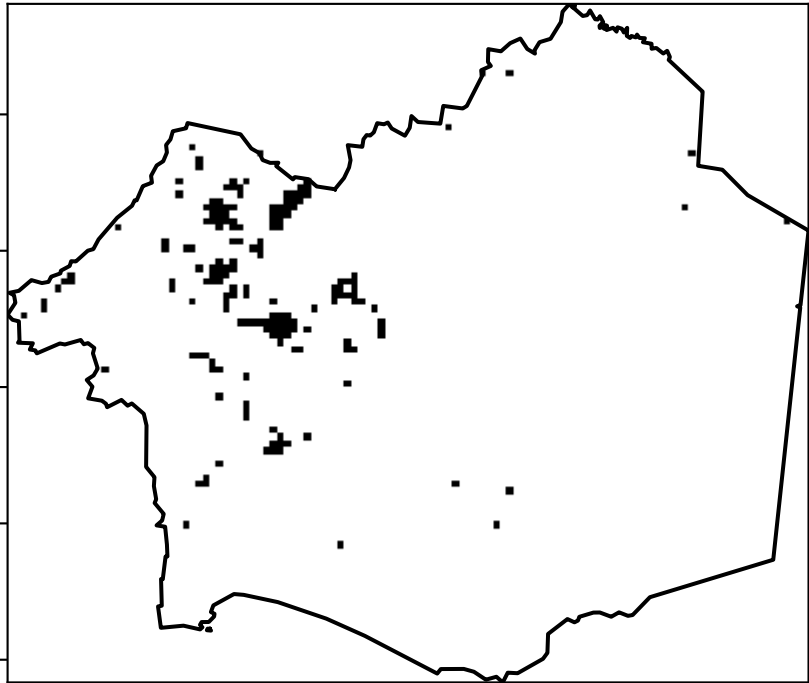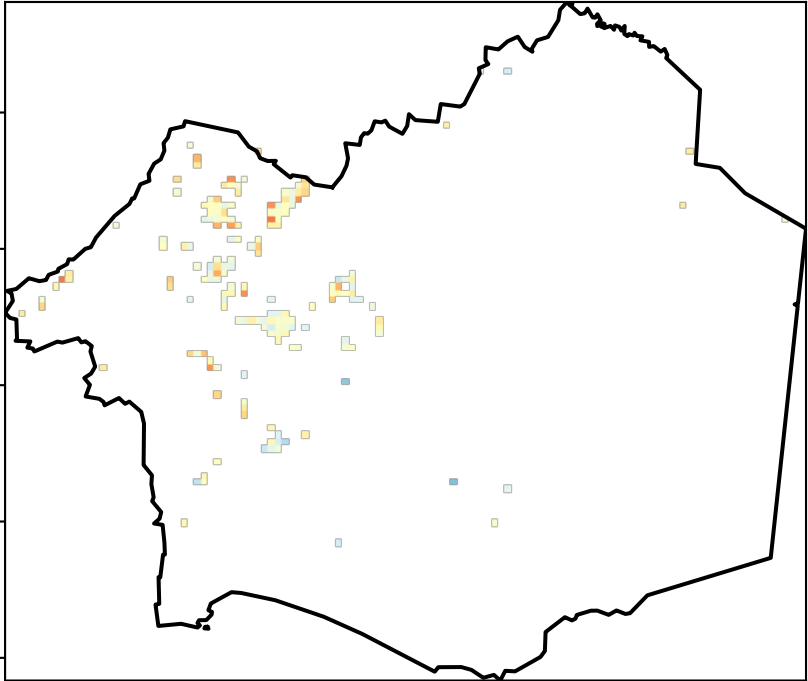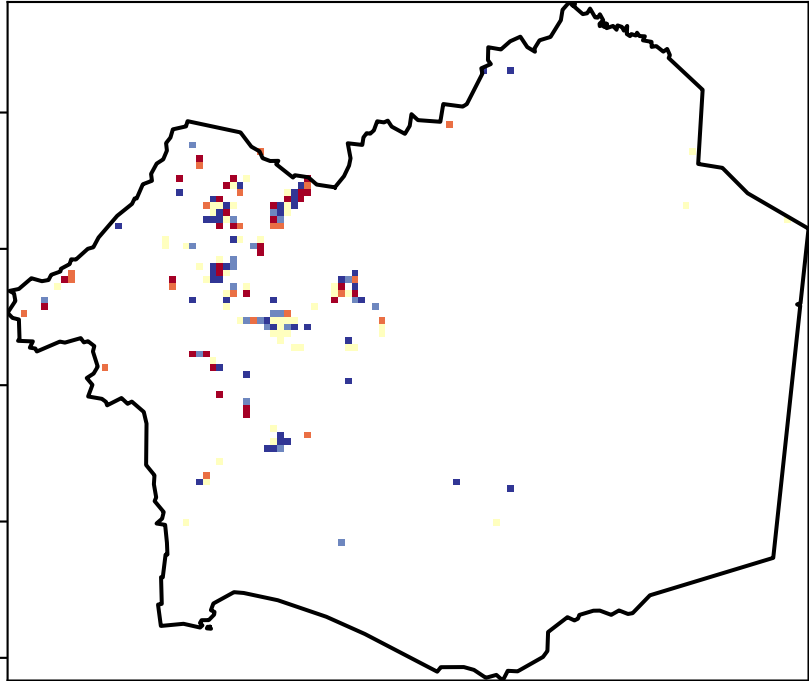
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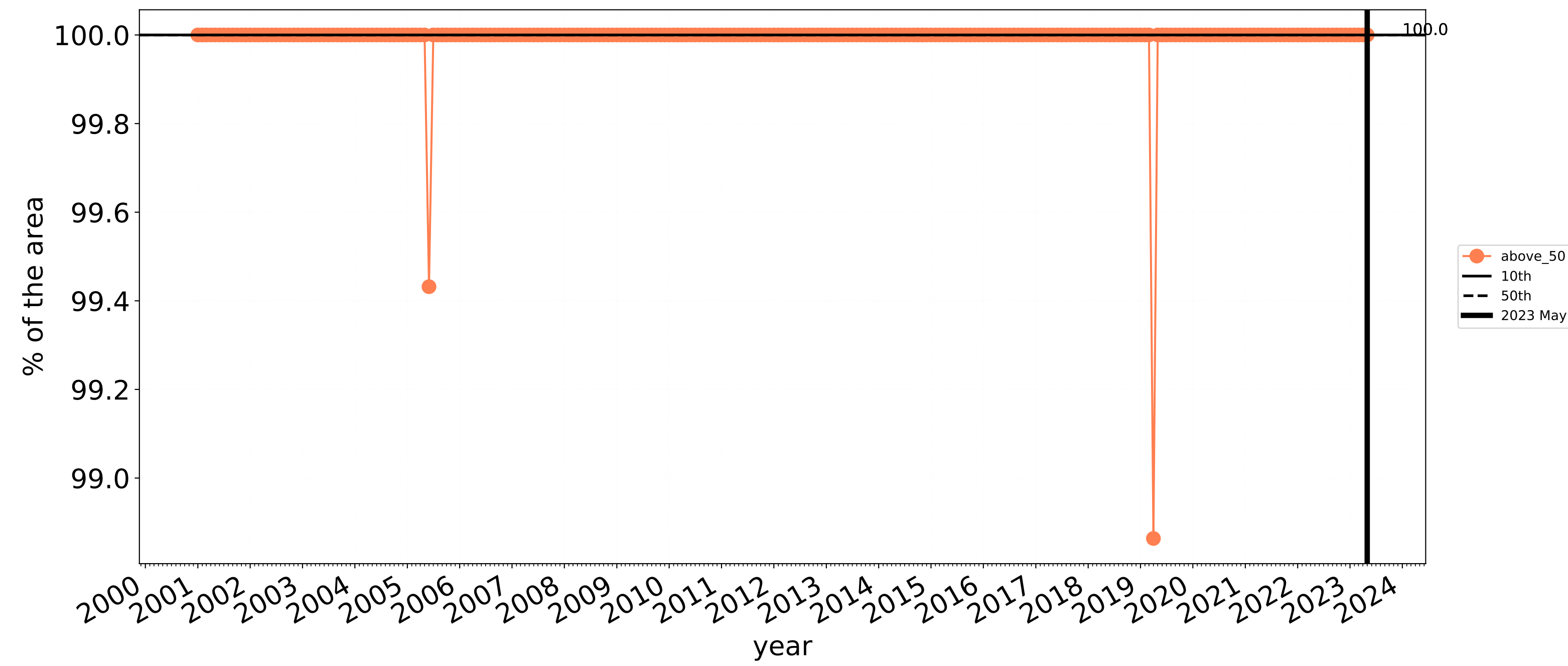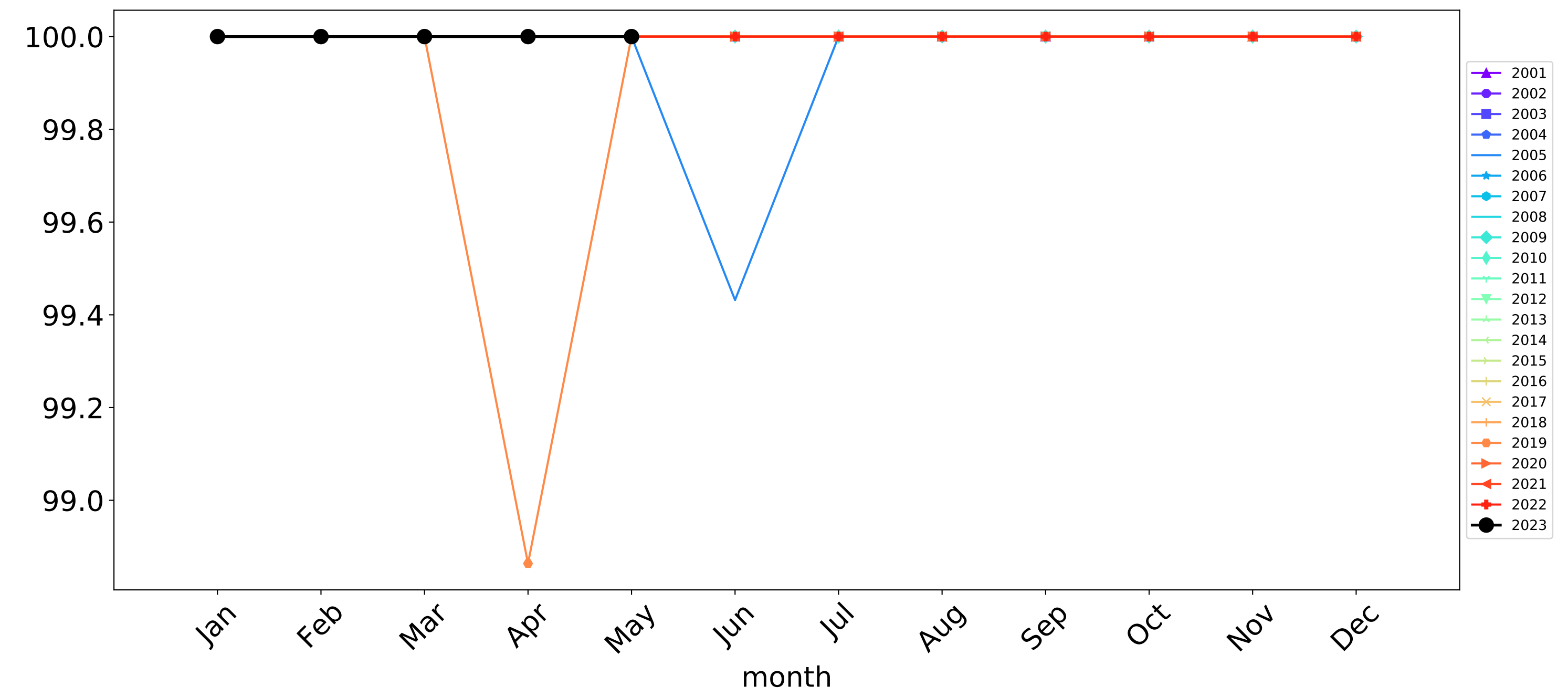
# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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



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



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



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

# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

### Land use and forest cover

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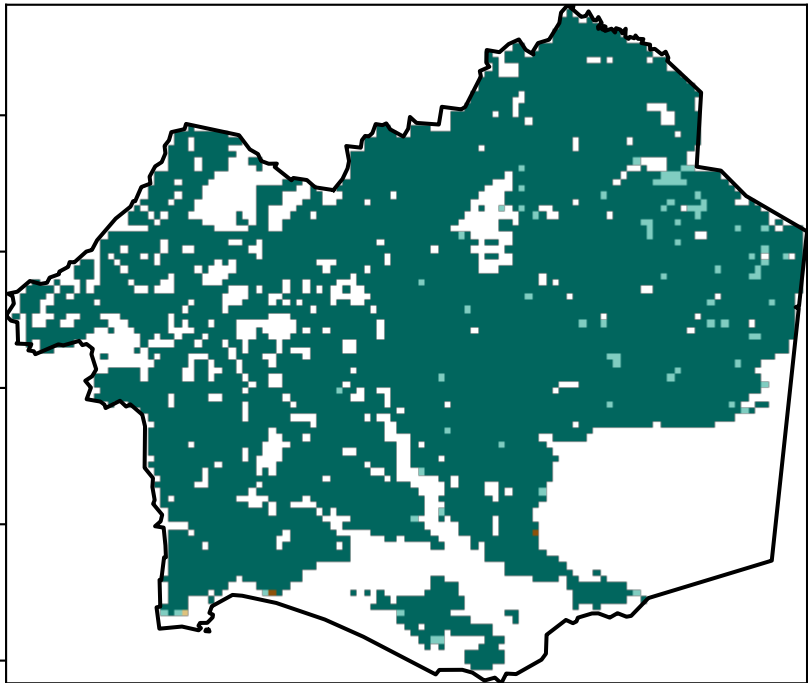


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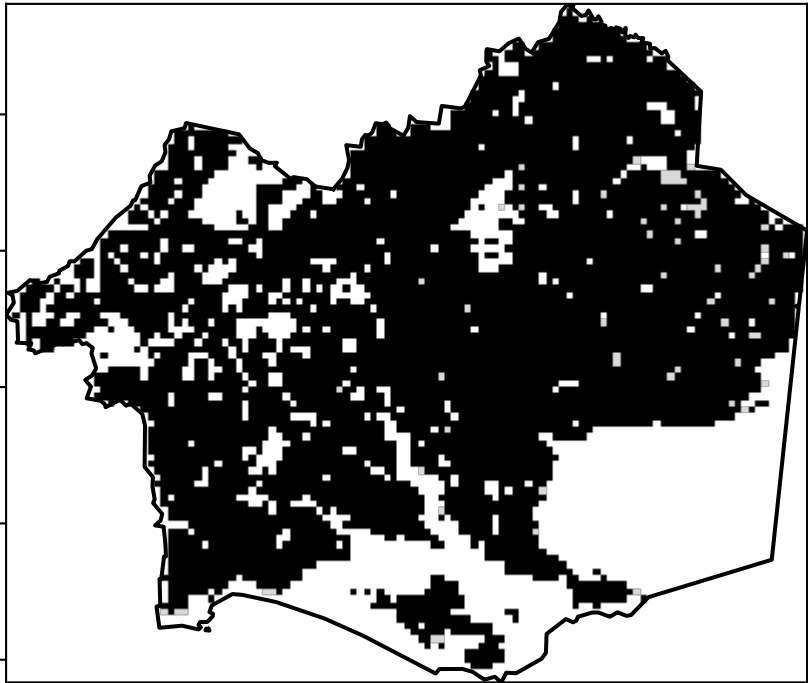
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



Area protected 100.0% of region (4,400 ha)

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



Area protected 100.0% of region (4,400 ha)

### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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



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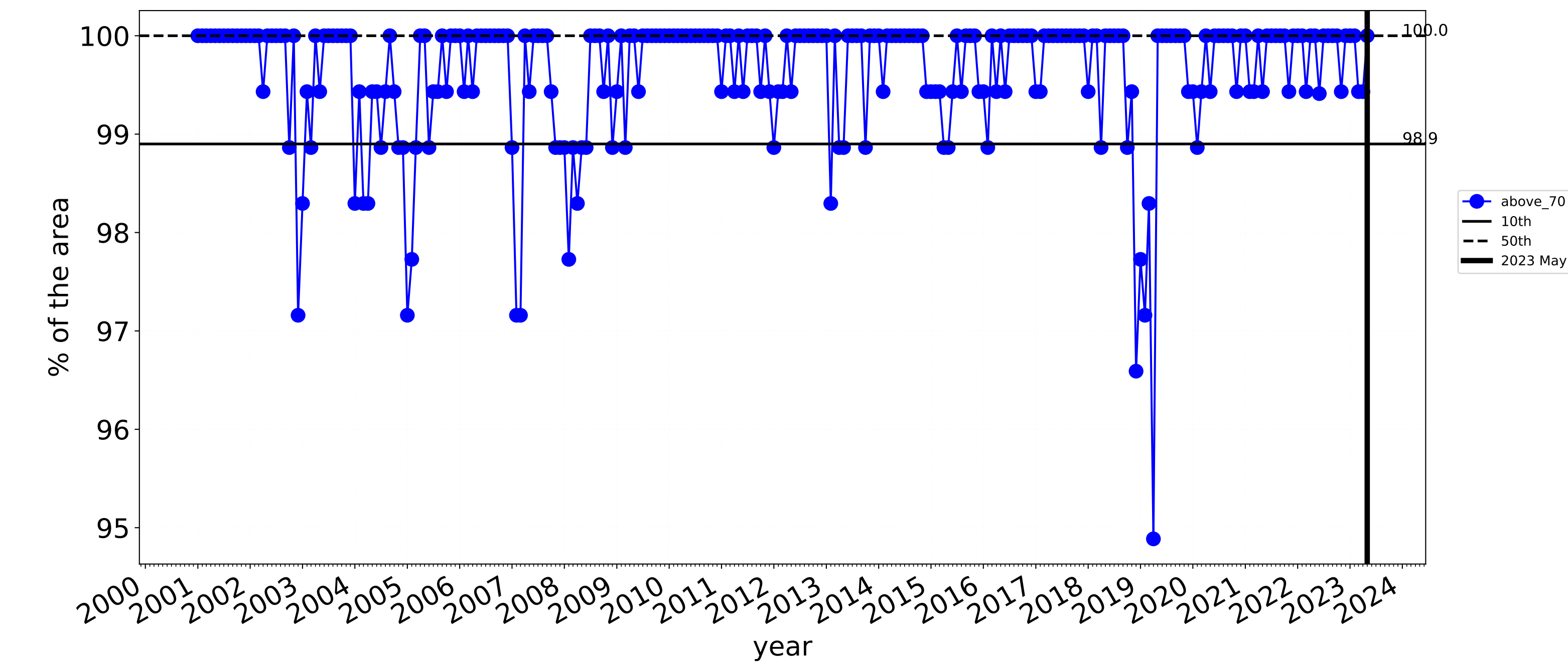


### Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
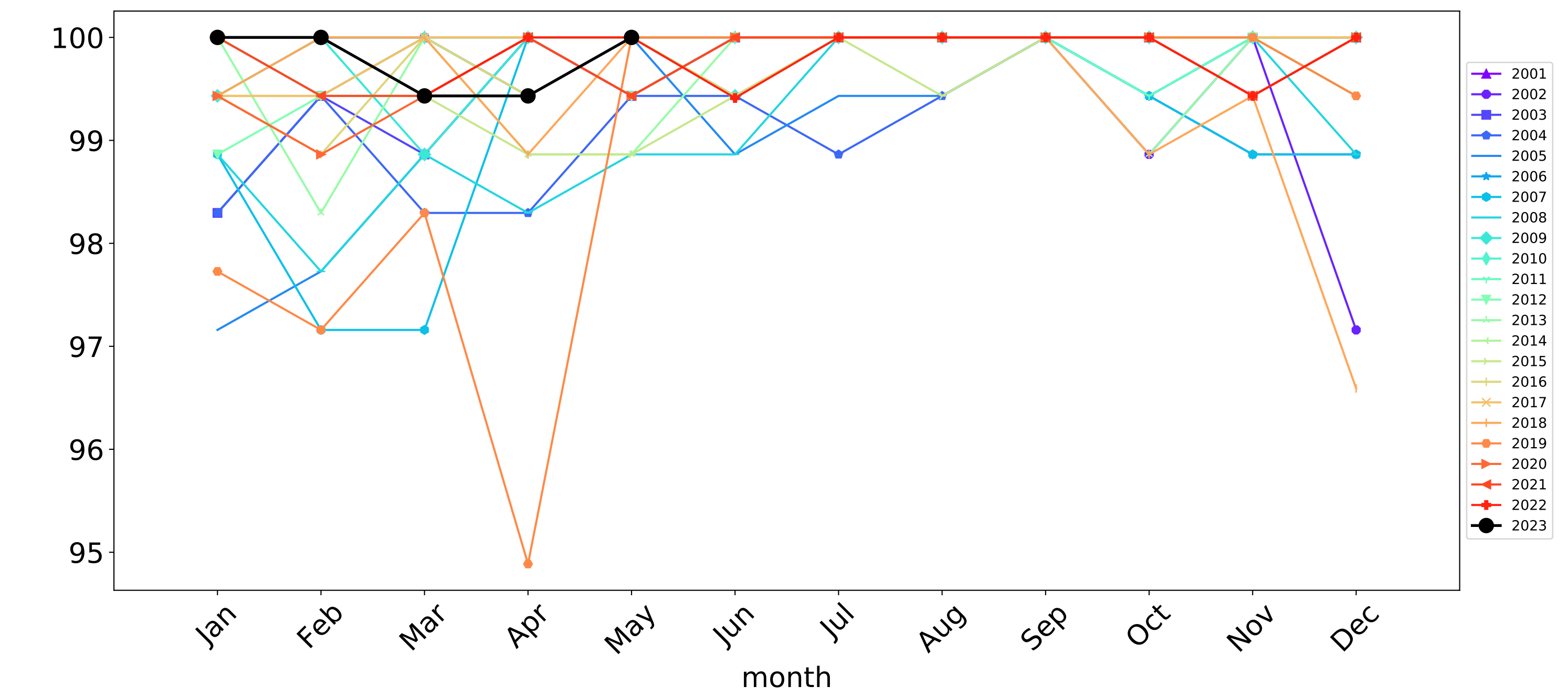
# Agriculture

## Land use and forest cover

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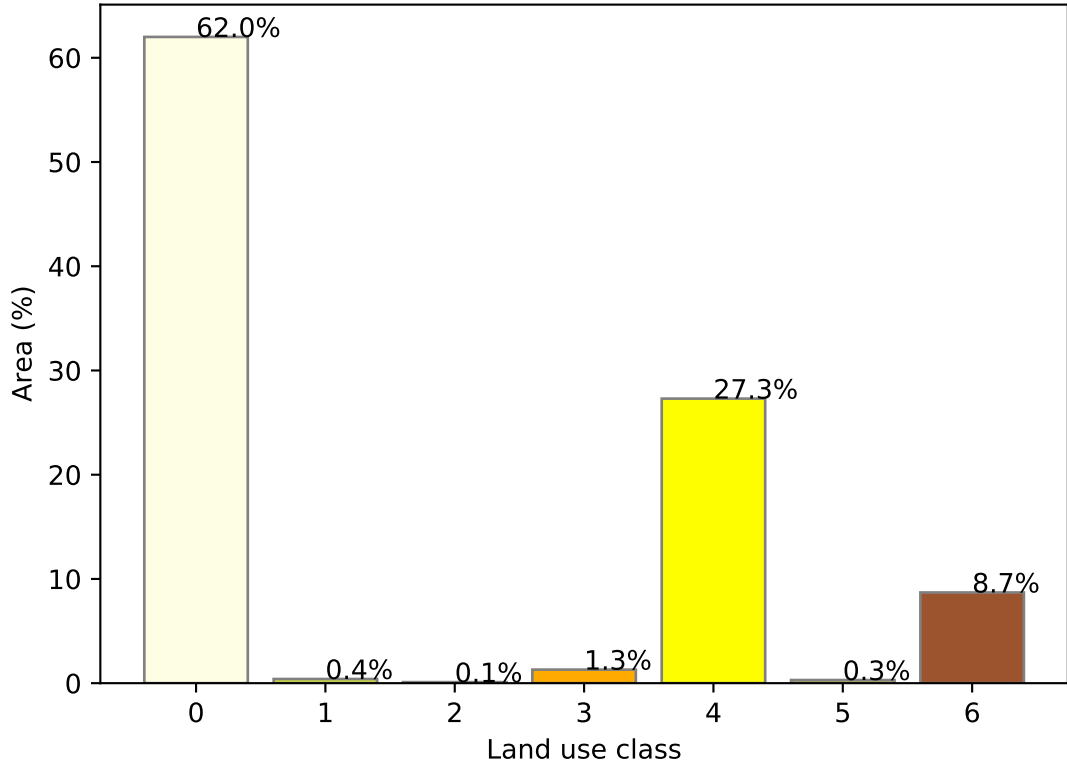
## Proportion of each land class in area



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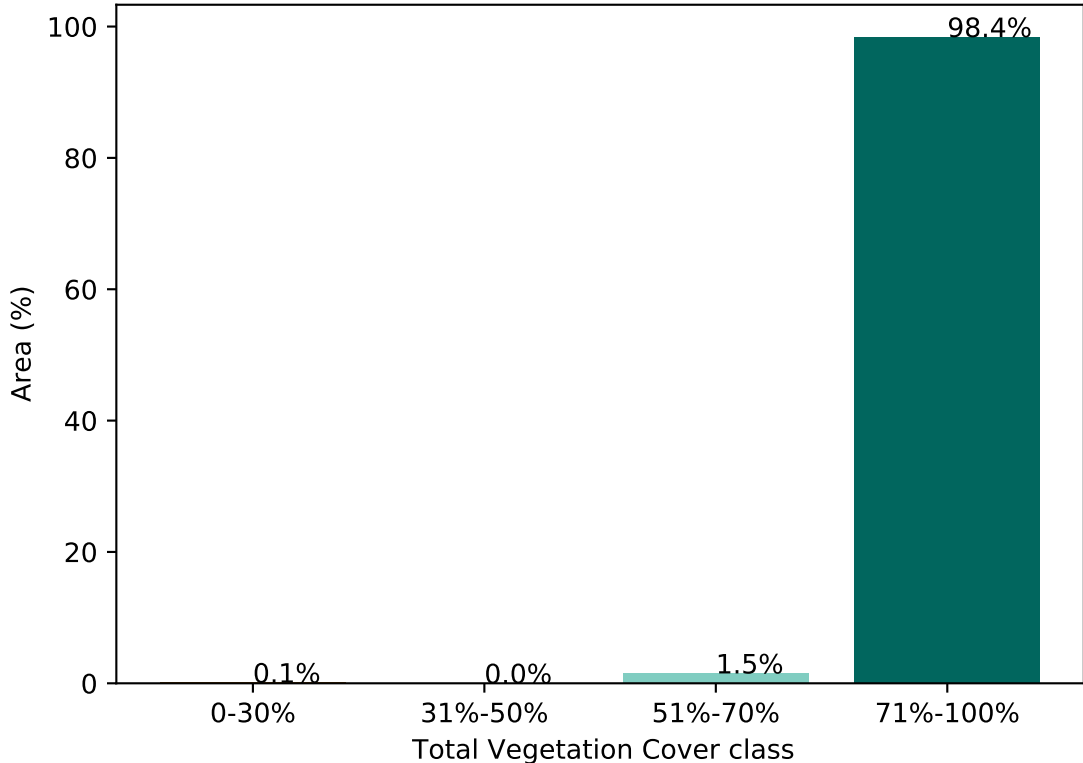


## % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not
protected
1.6% of
region
(2,114 ha)

Area
protected
98.4% of
region
(130,011
ha)

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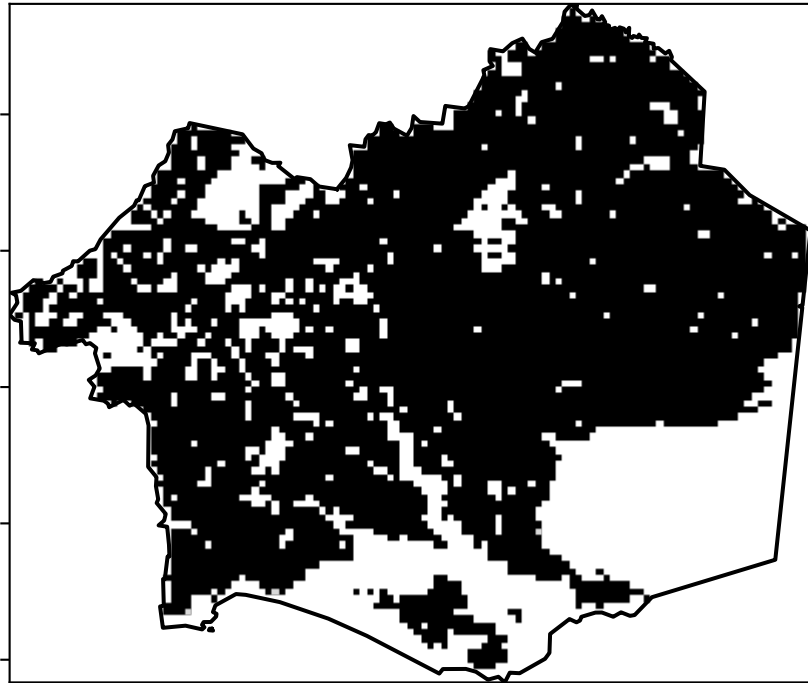


Area not
protected
0.0% of
region (0
ha)

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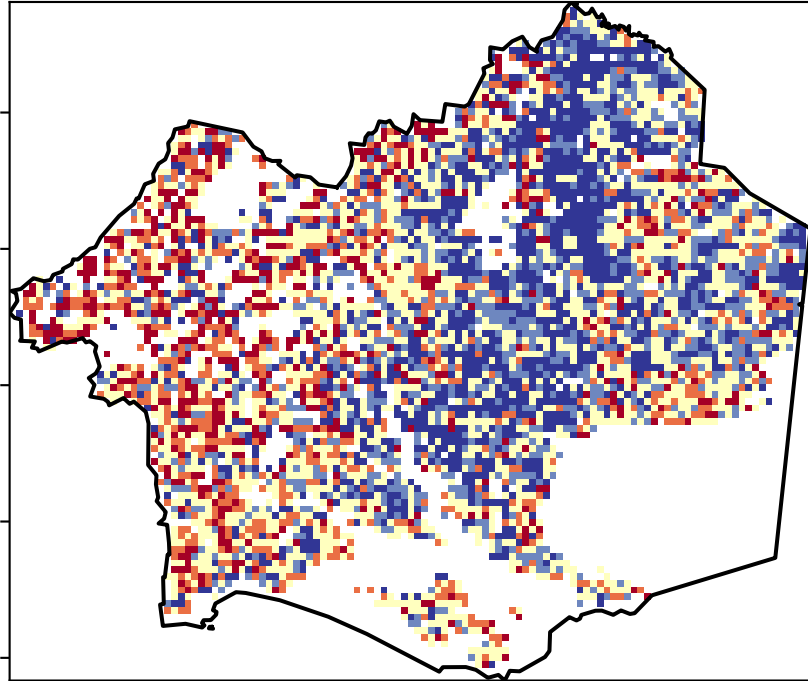region
(132,125
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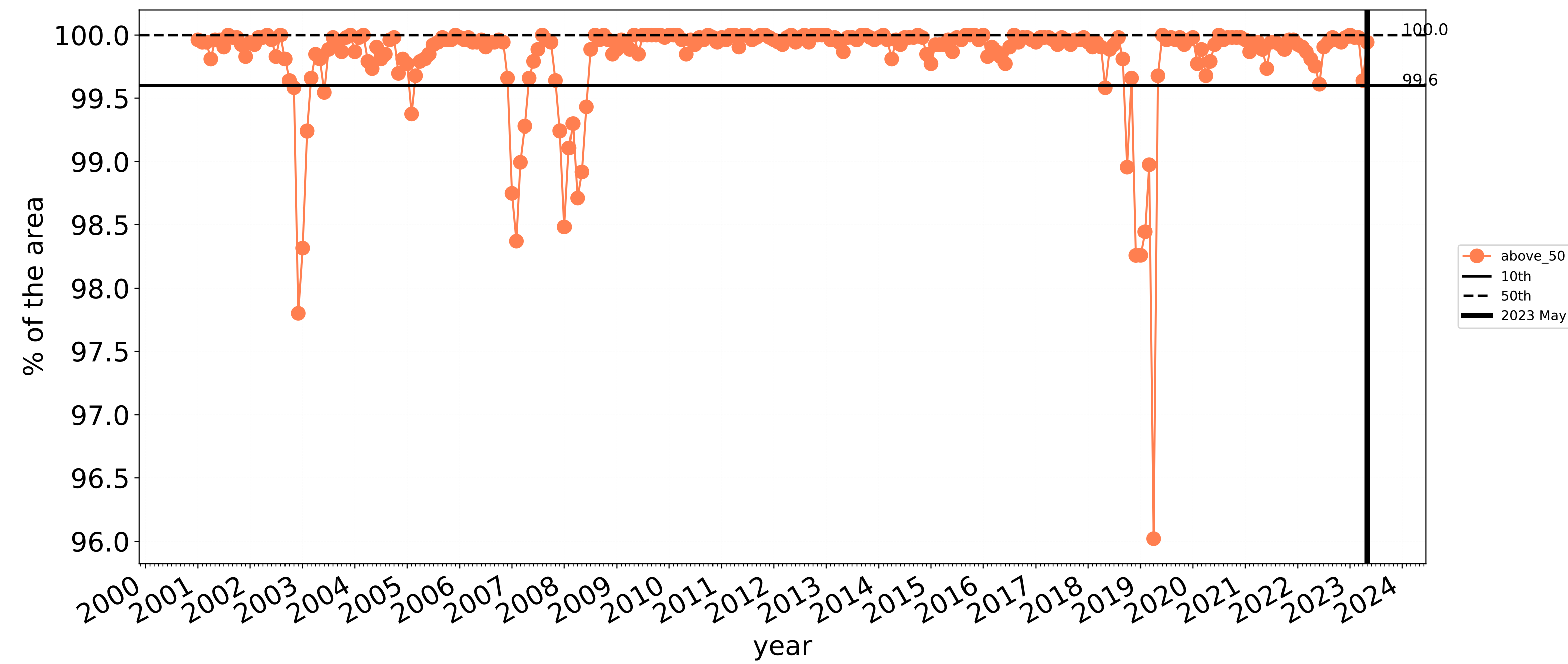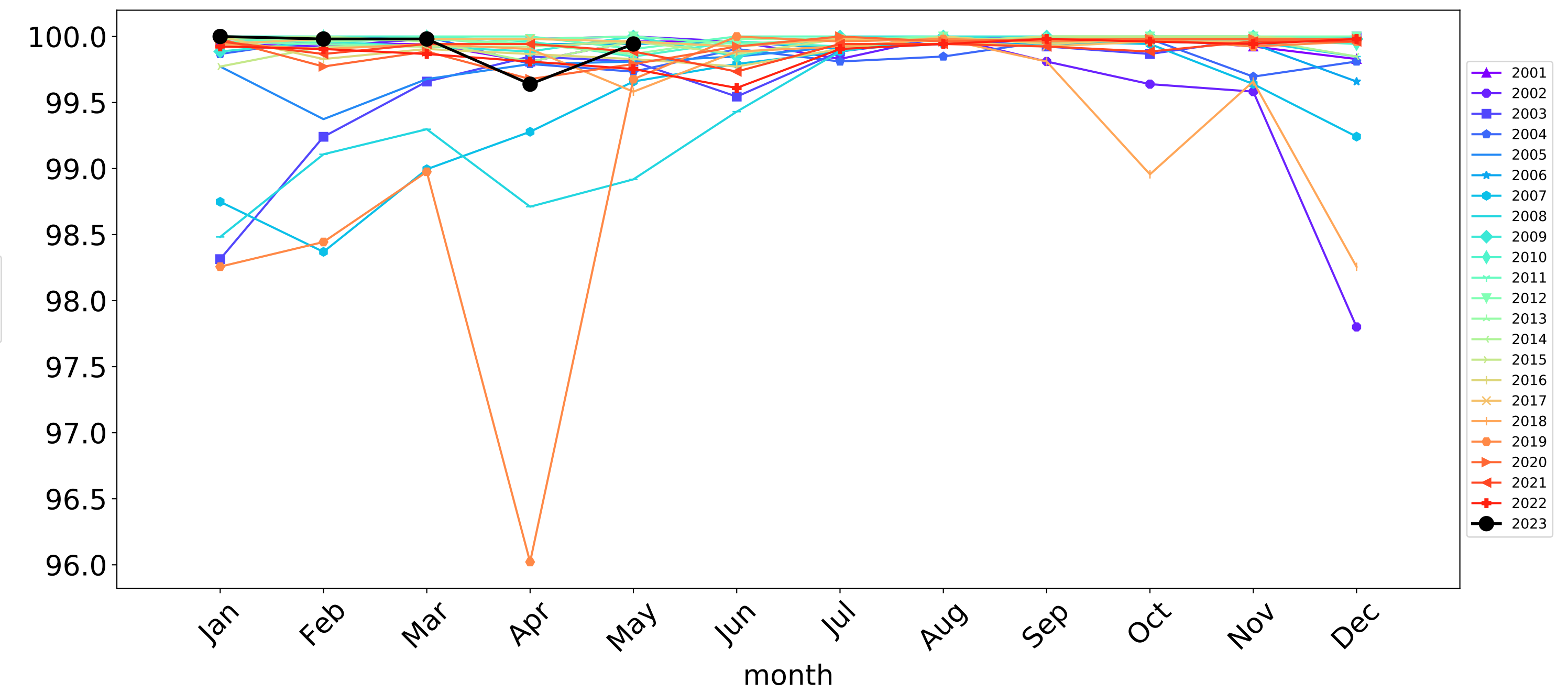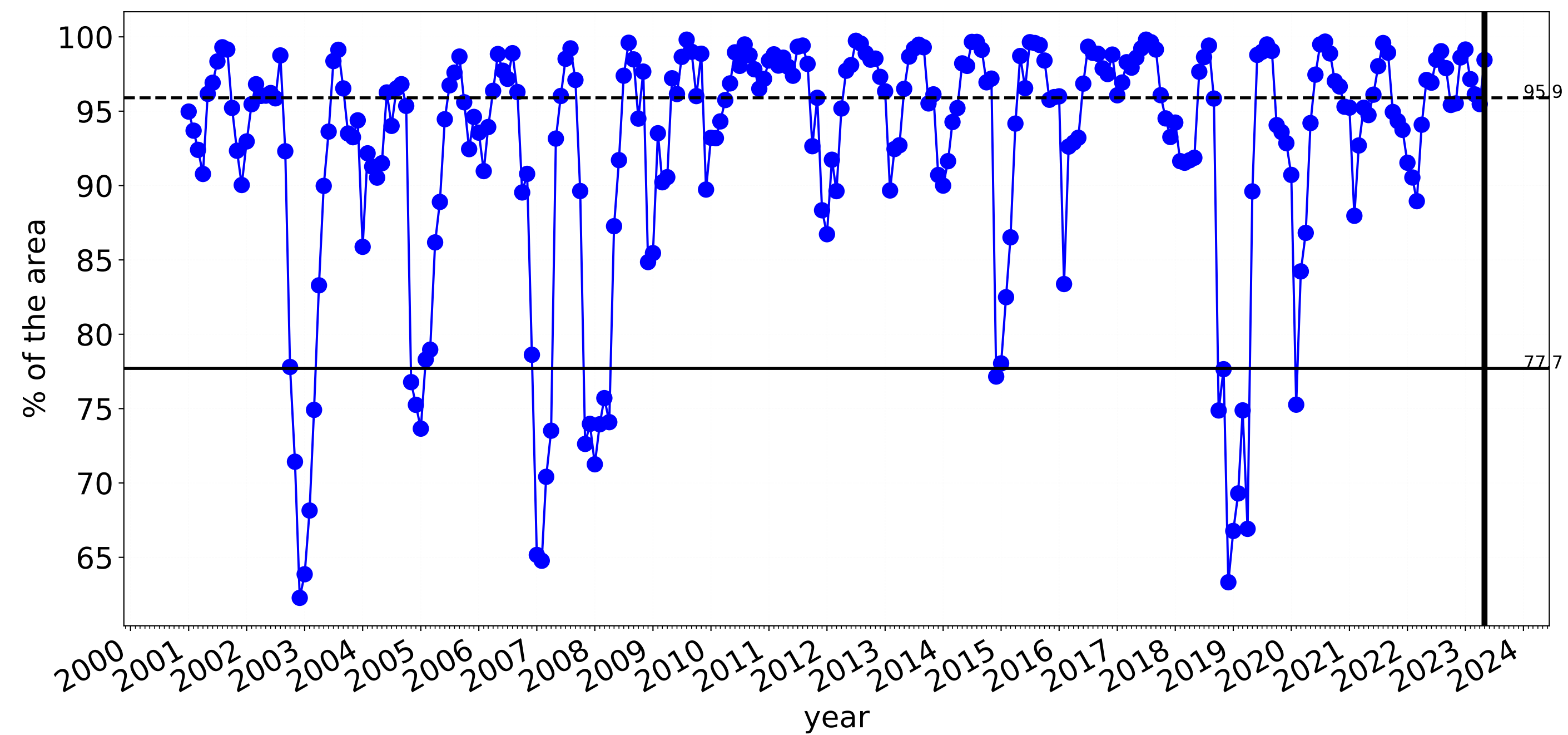1
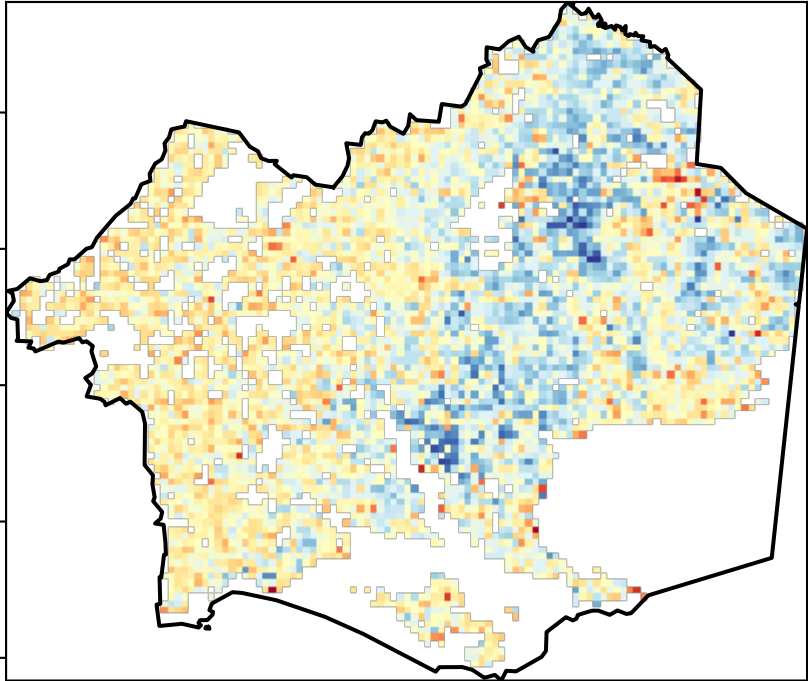
# Agriculture timeseries

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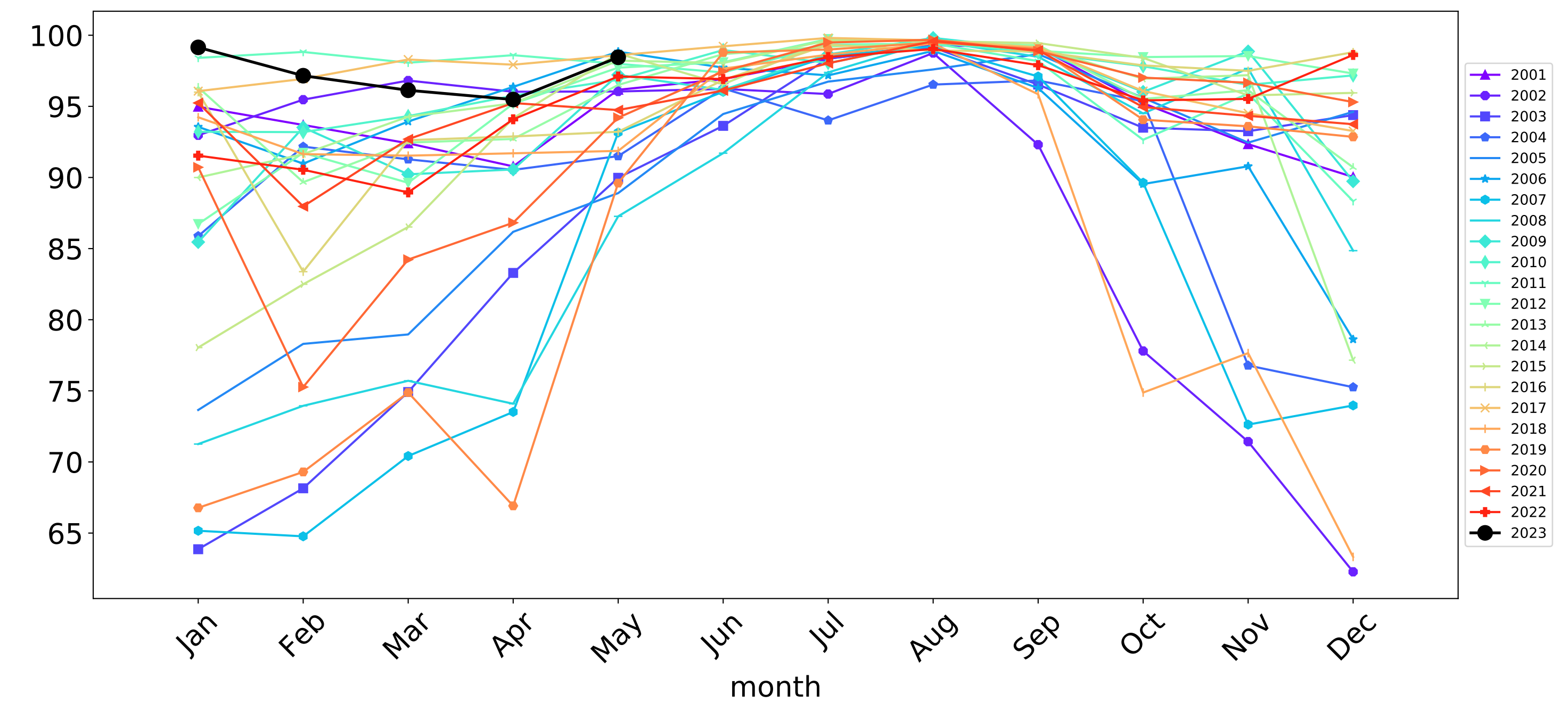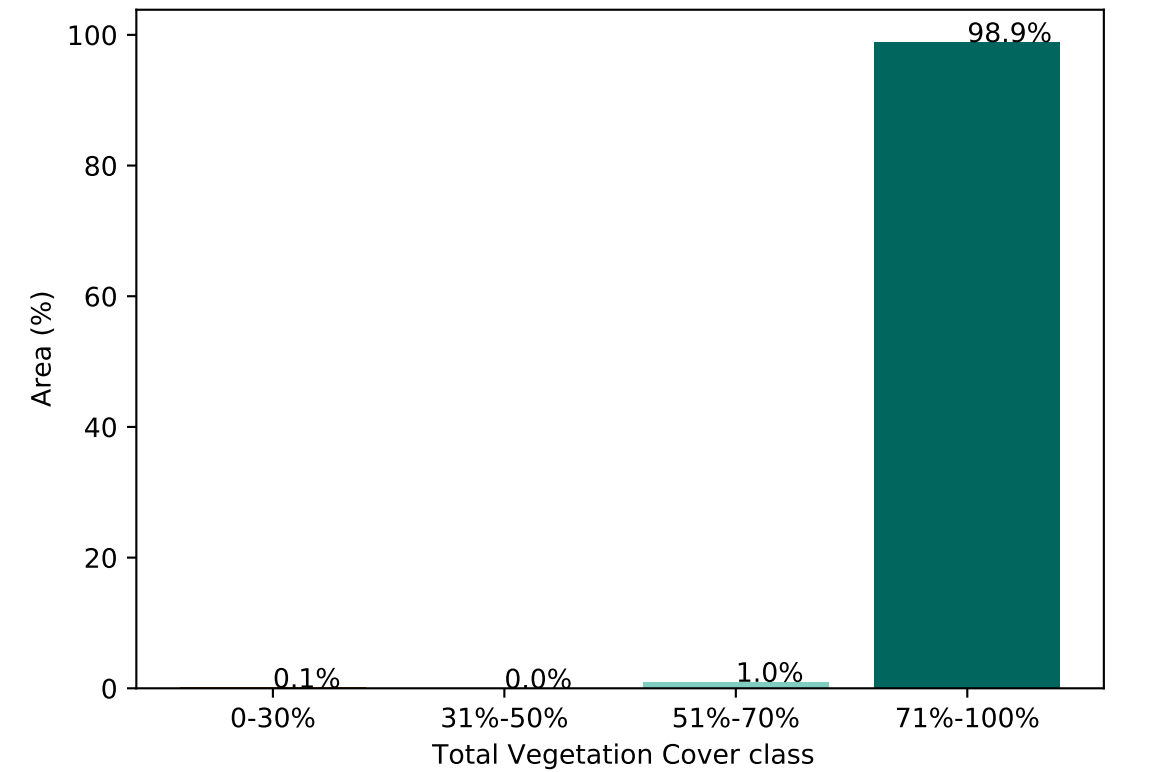


### Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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

# Grazing

## Land use and forest cover

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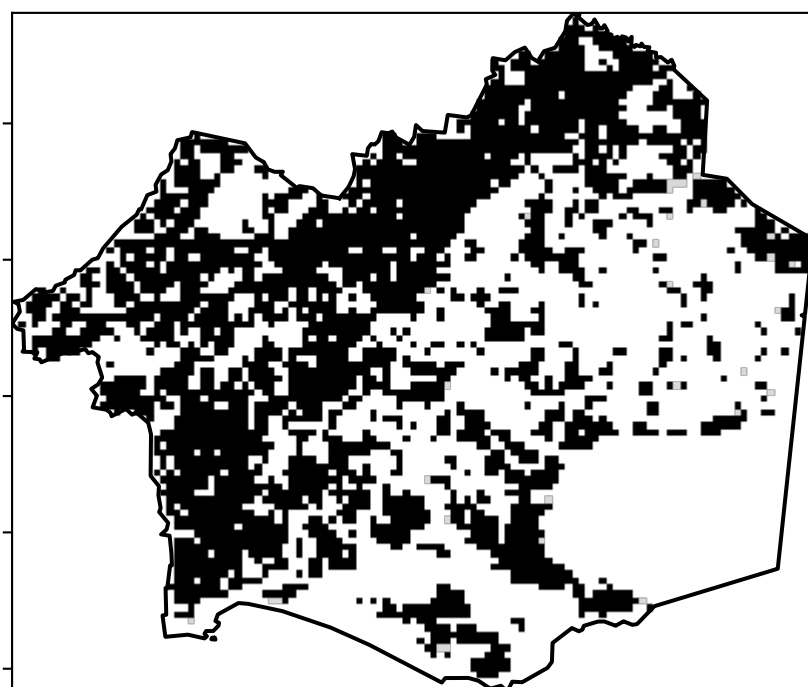
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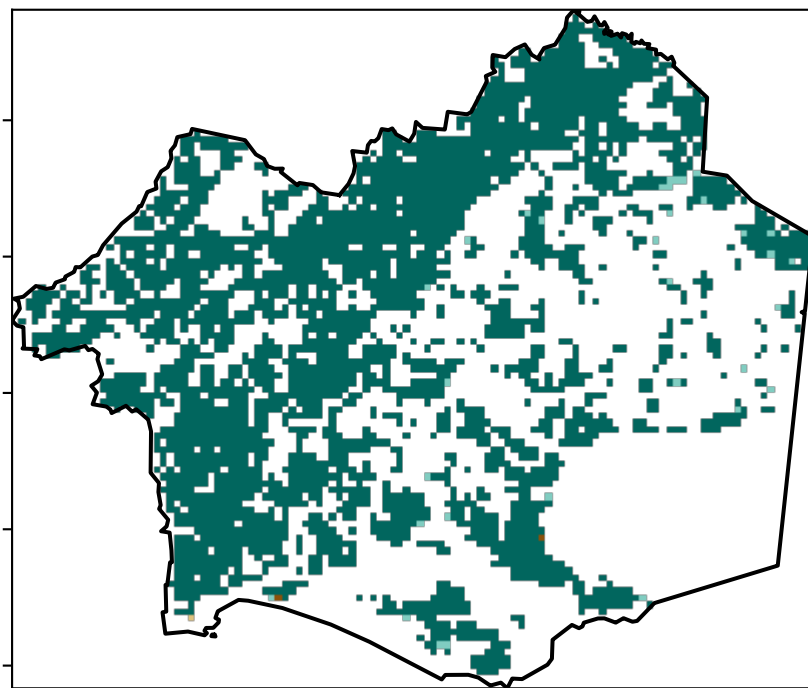
## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



Area not protected 1.1% of region (906 ha)
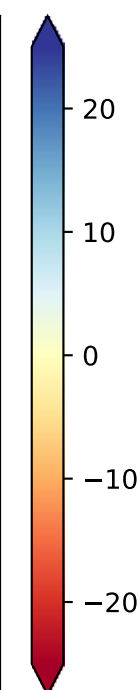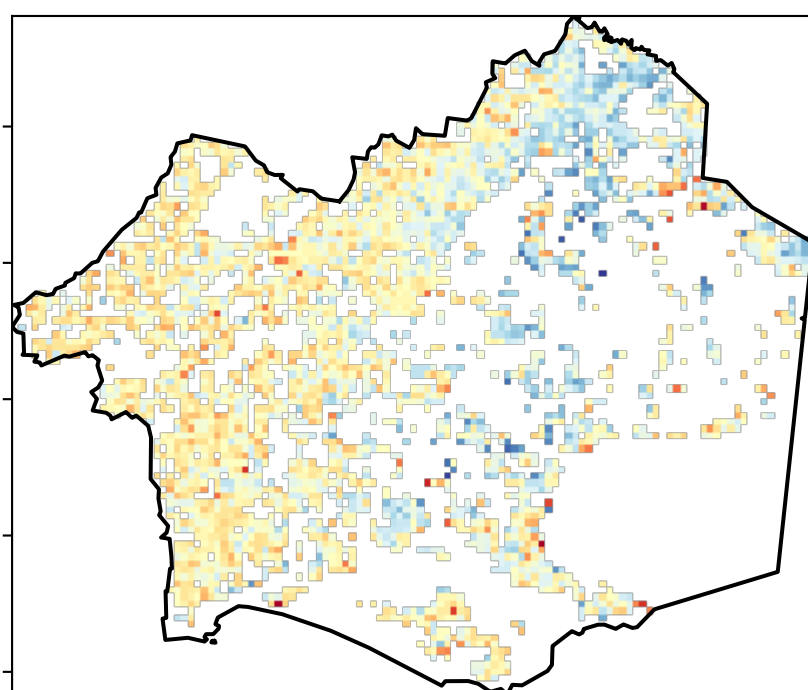
Area protected 98.9% of region (81,469 ha)

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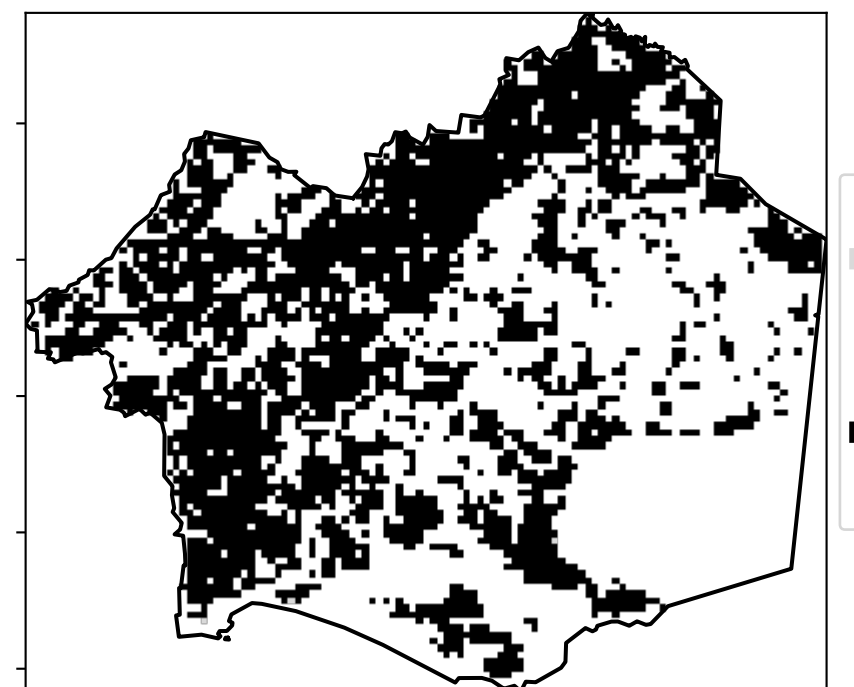


Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
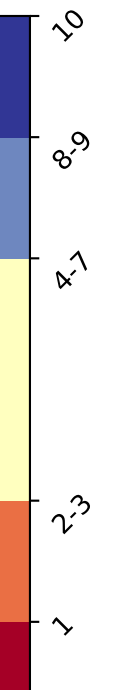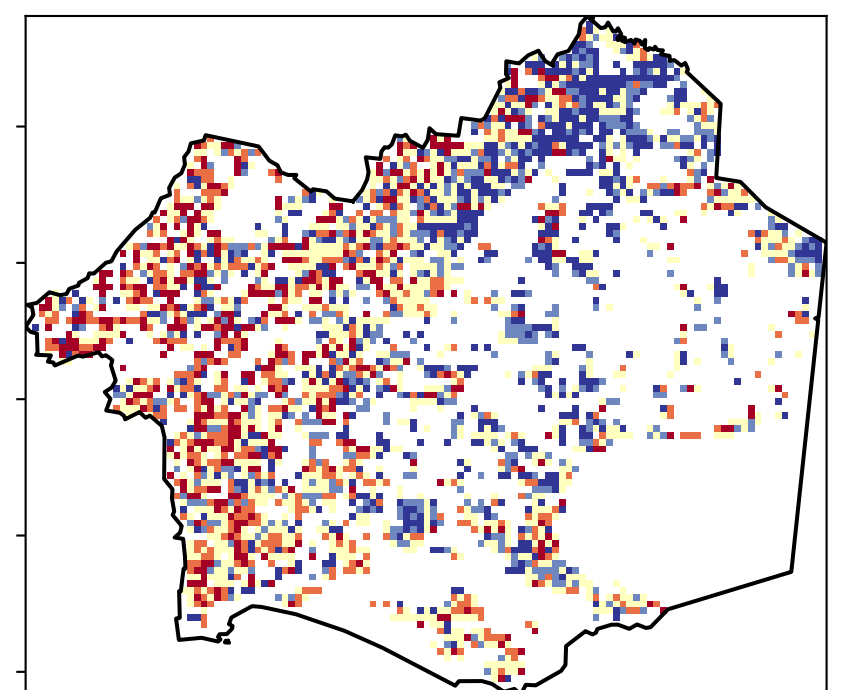
Area protected 100.0% of region (82,375 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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## Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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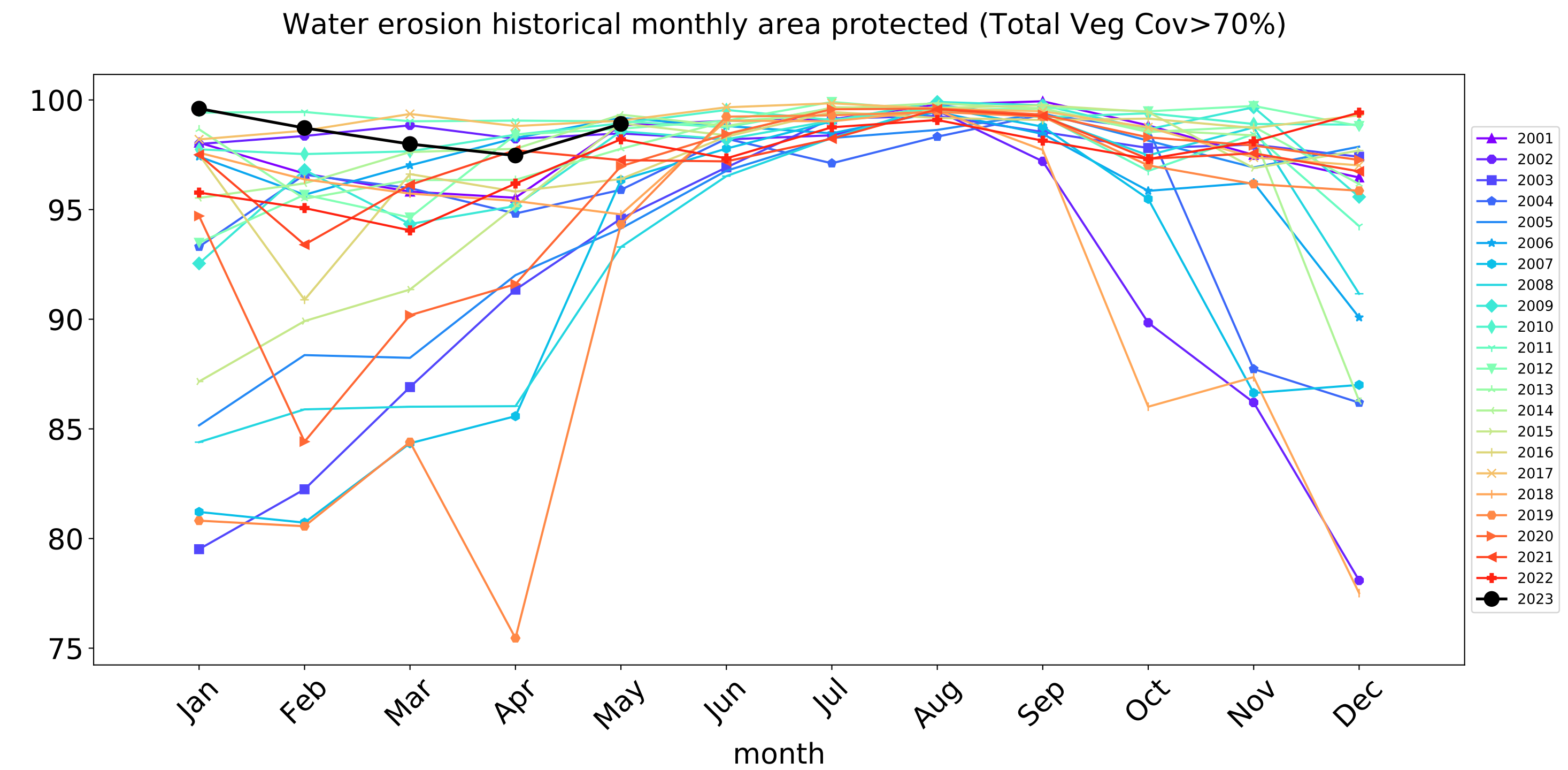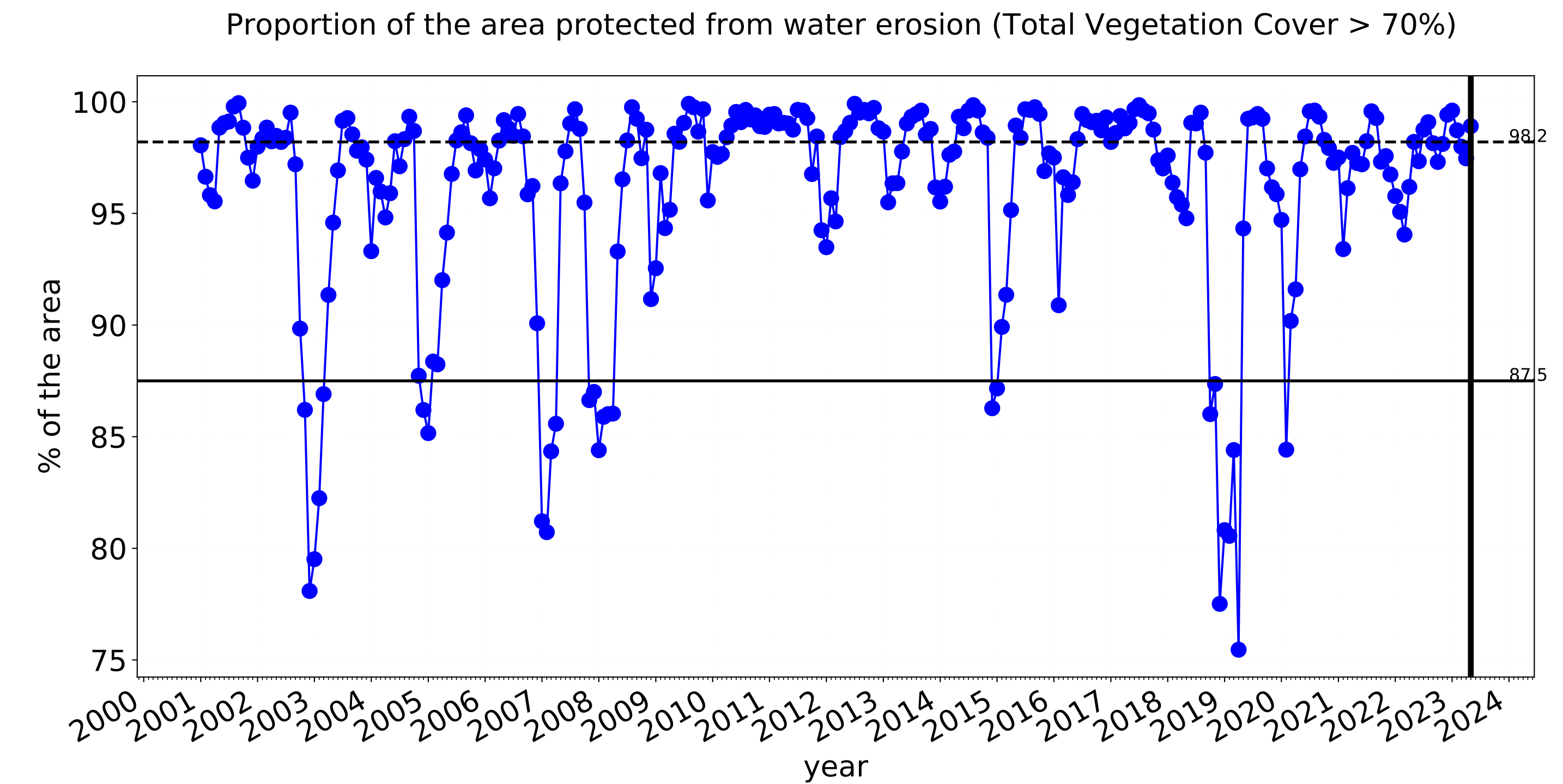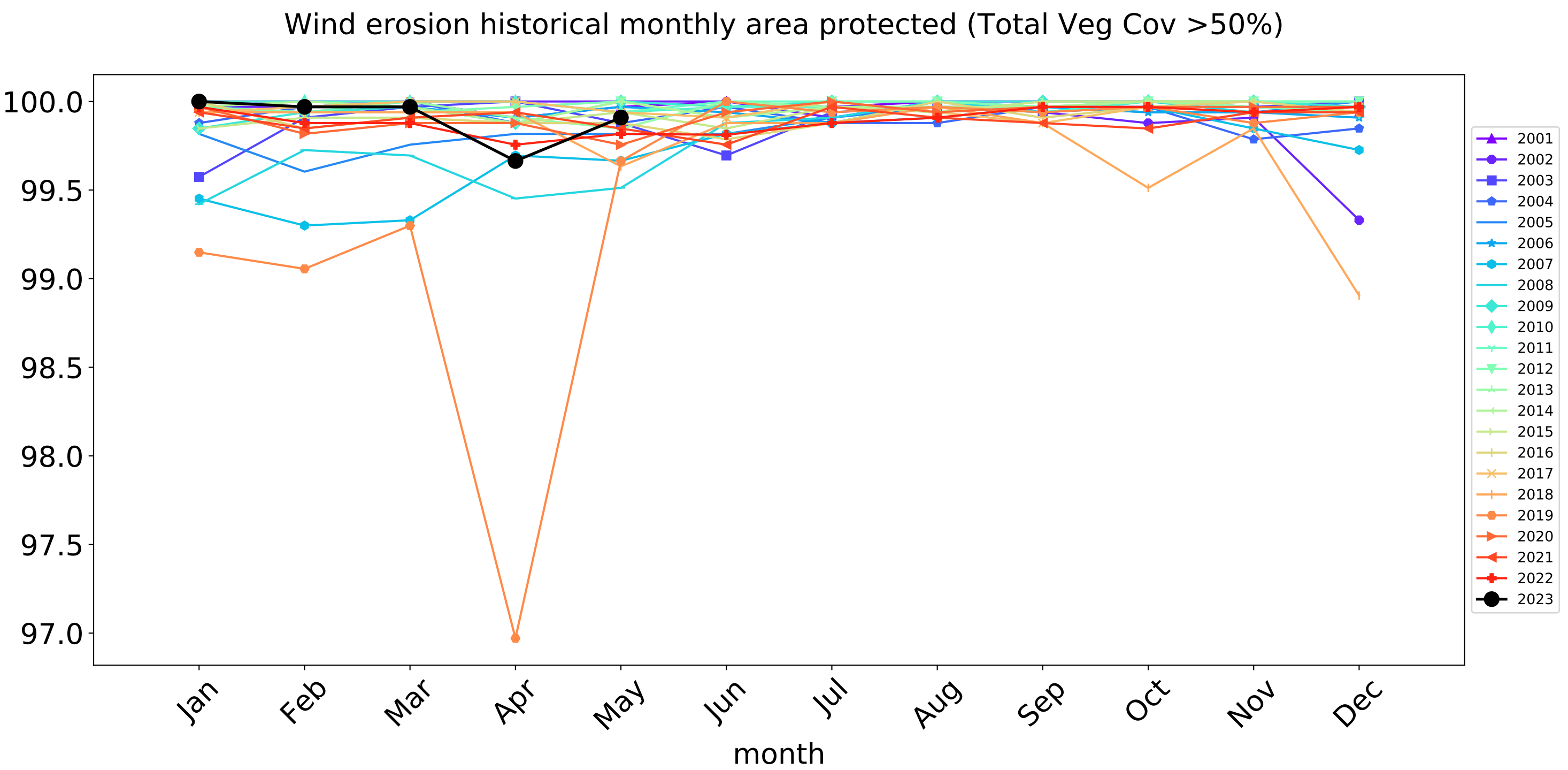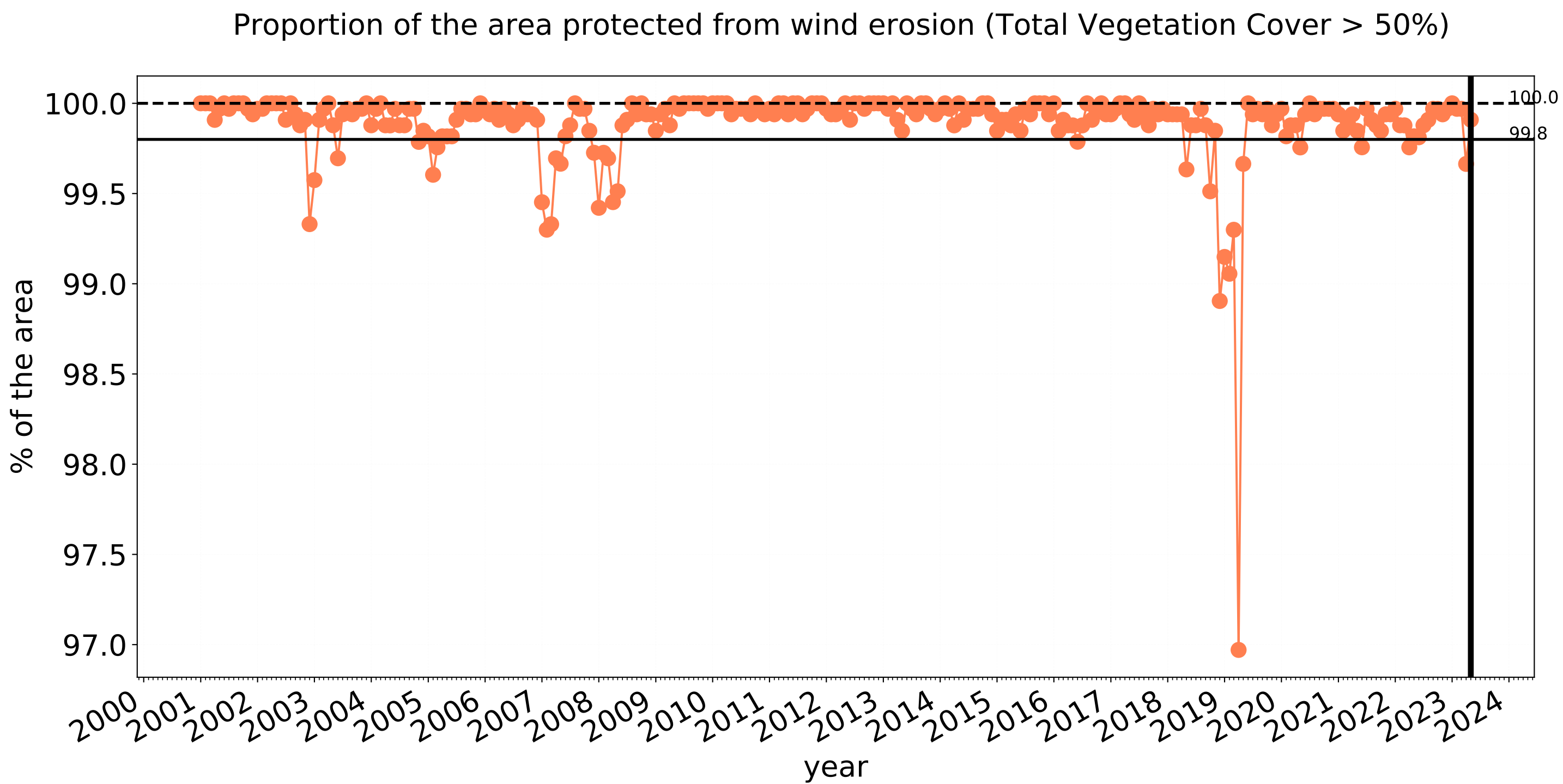


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**Grazing timeseries**



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



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



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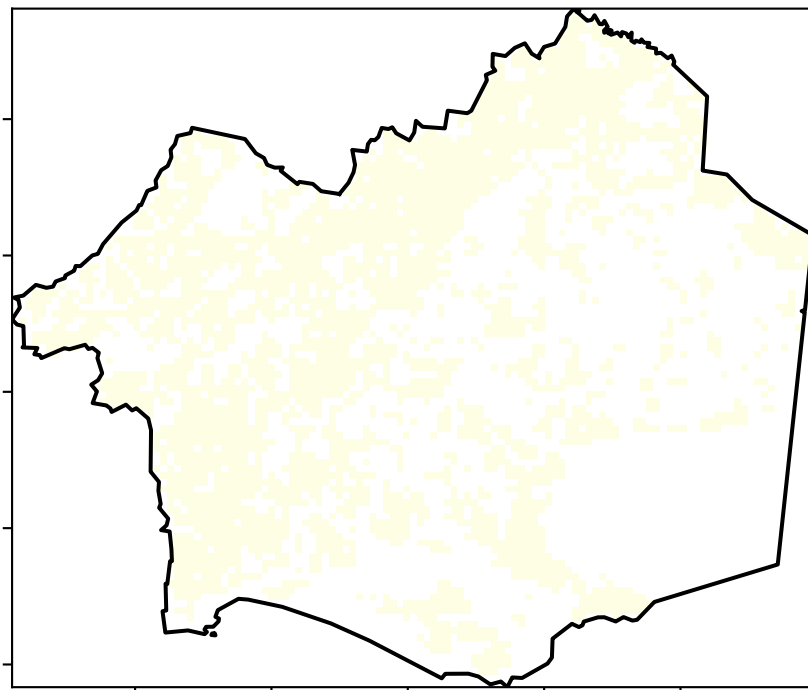


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
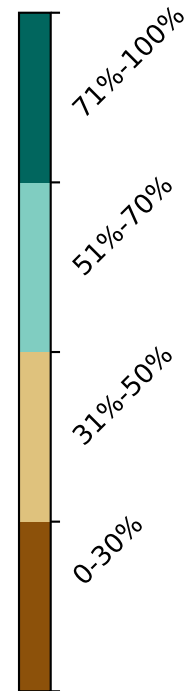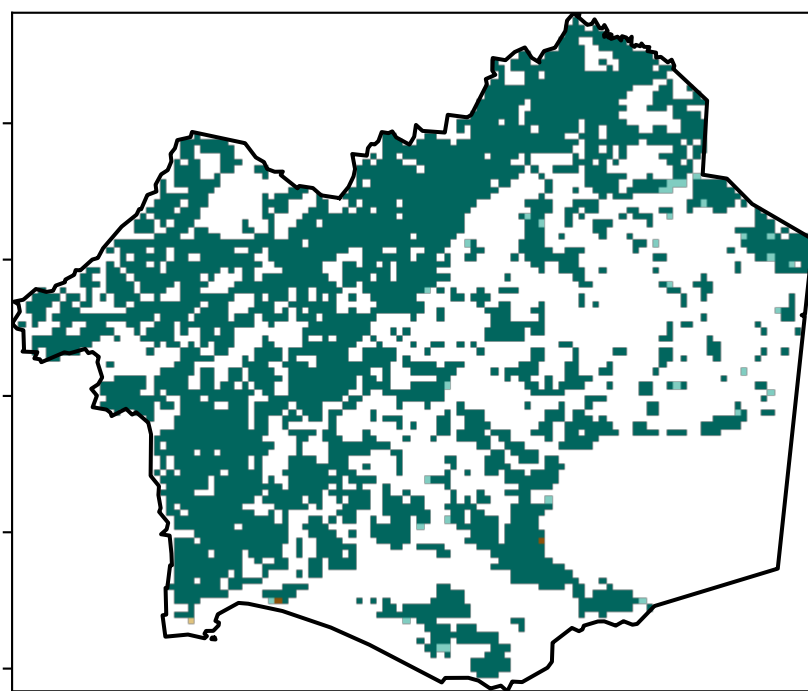
# Grazing non forest

## 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)
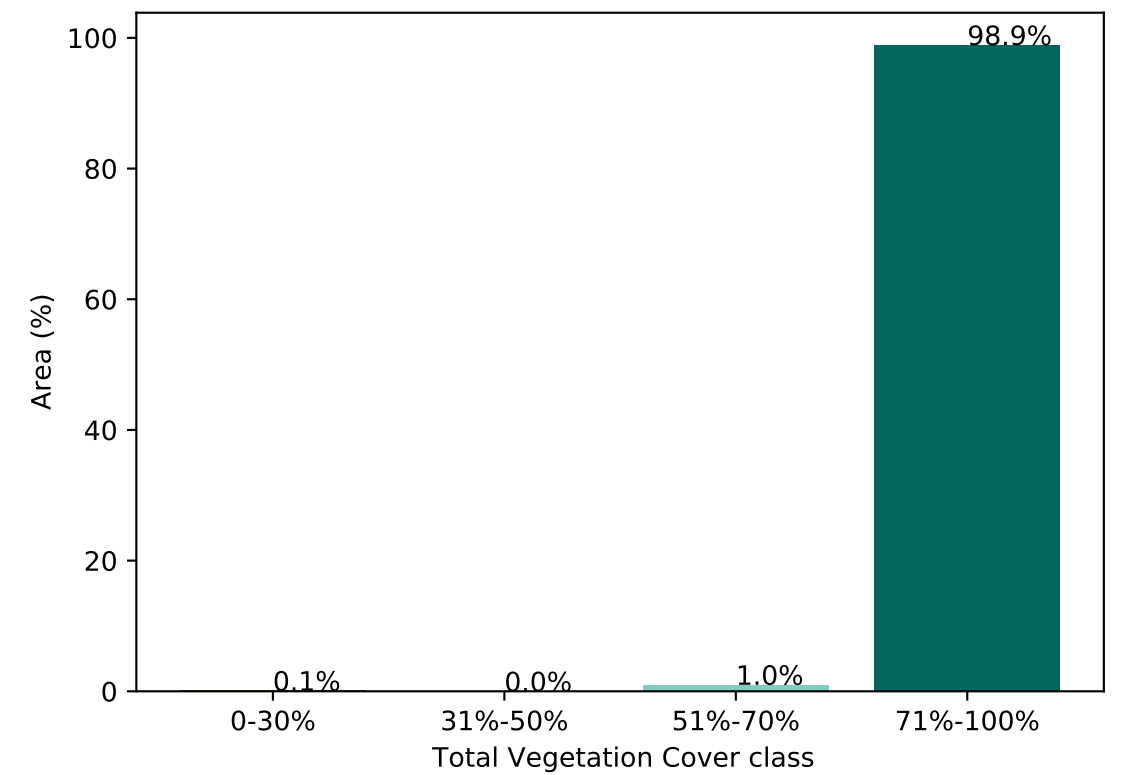

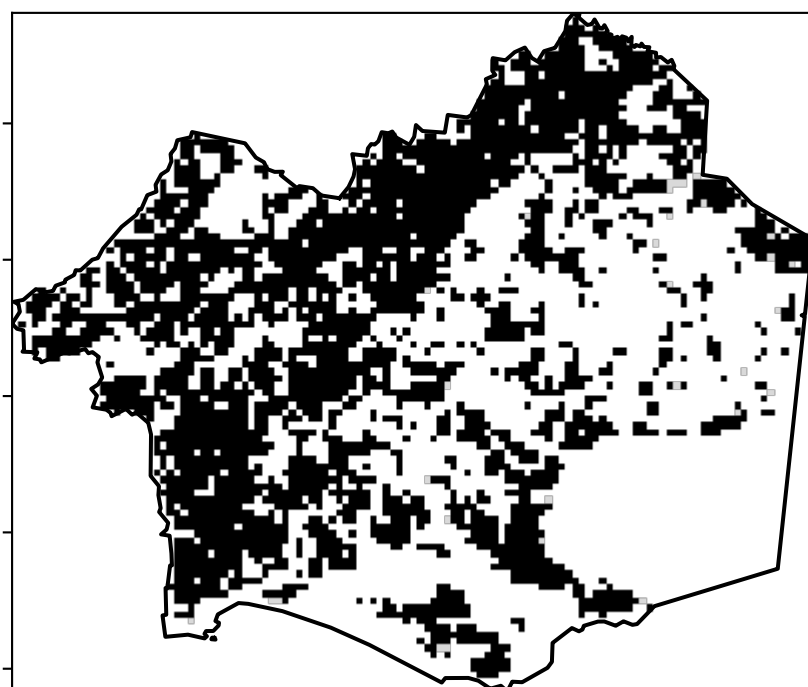
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

## Total Vegetation Cover [%]



71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

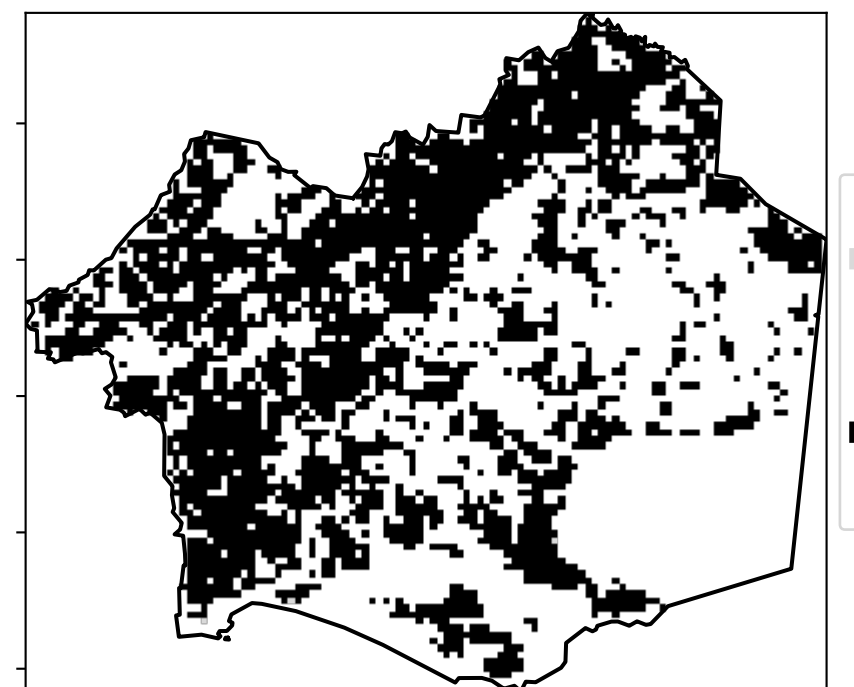## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



Area not protected 1.1% of region (899 ha)
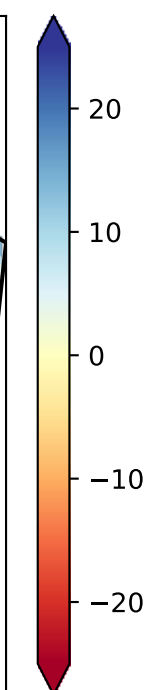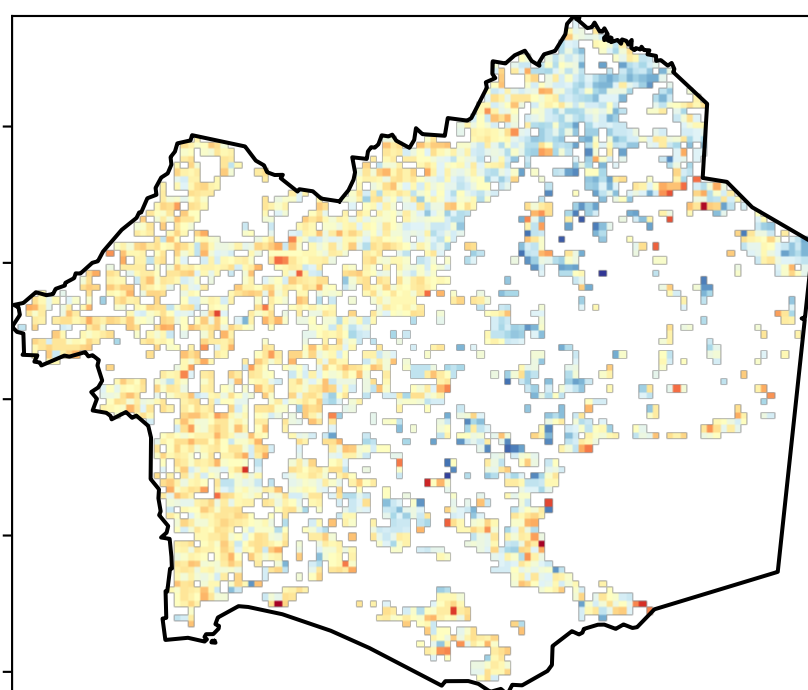
Area protected 98.9% of region (80,851 ha)

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



Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
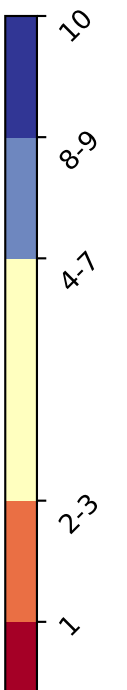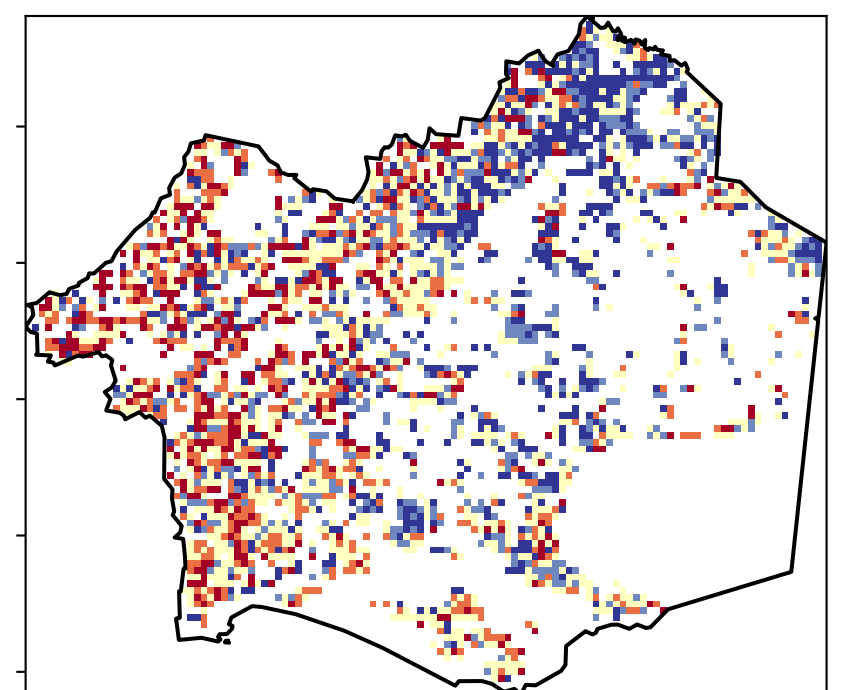
Area protected 100.0% of region (81,750 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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## Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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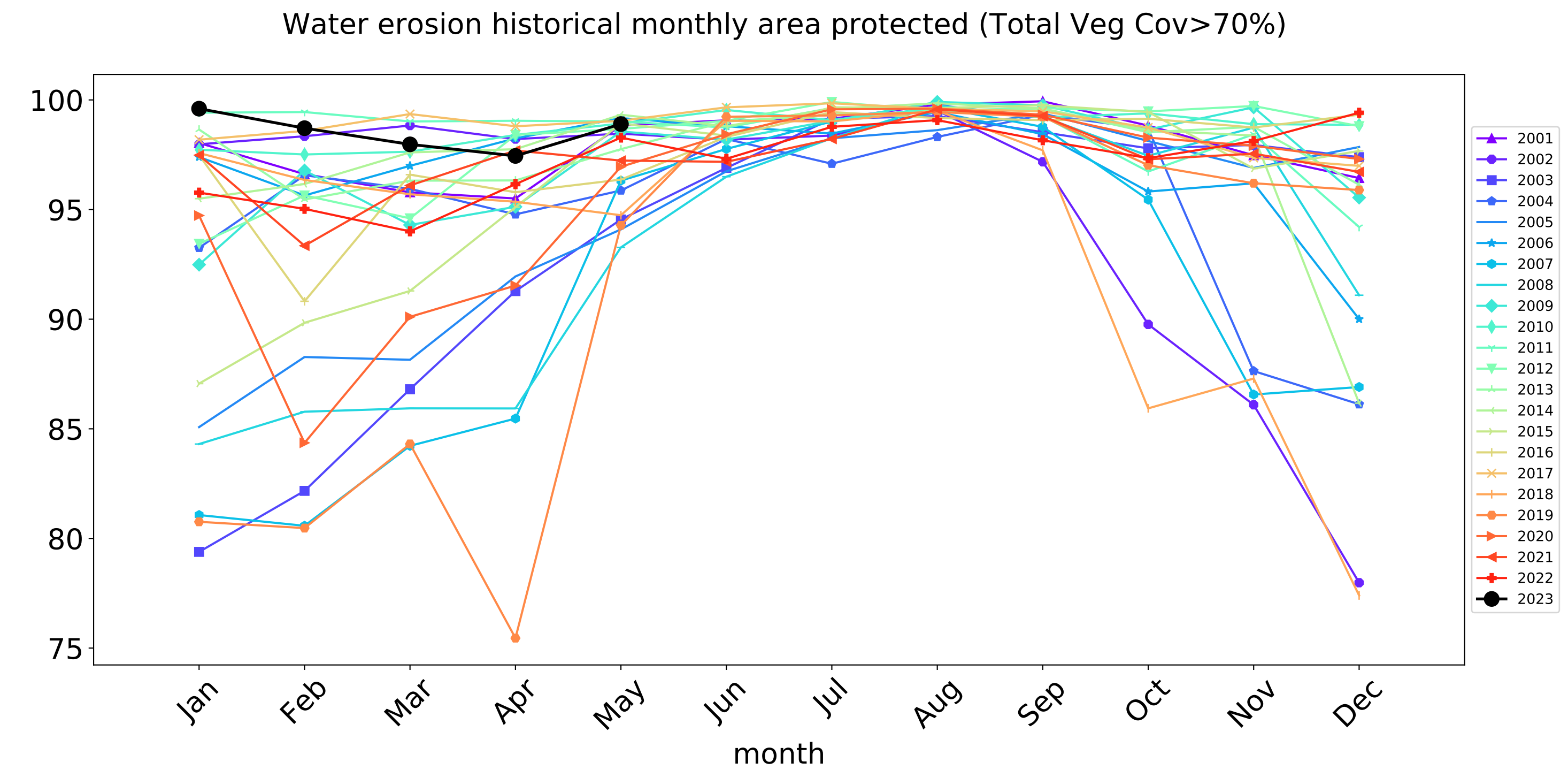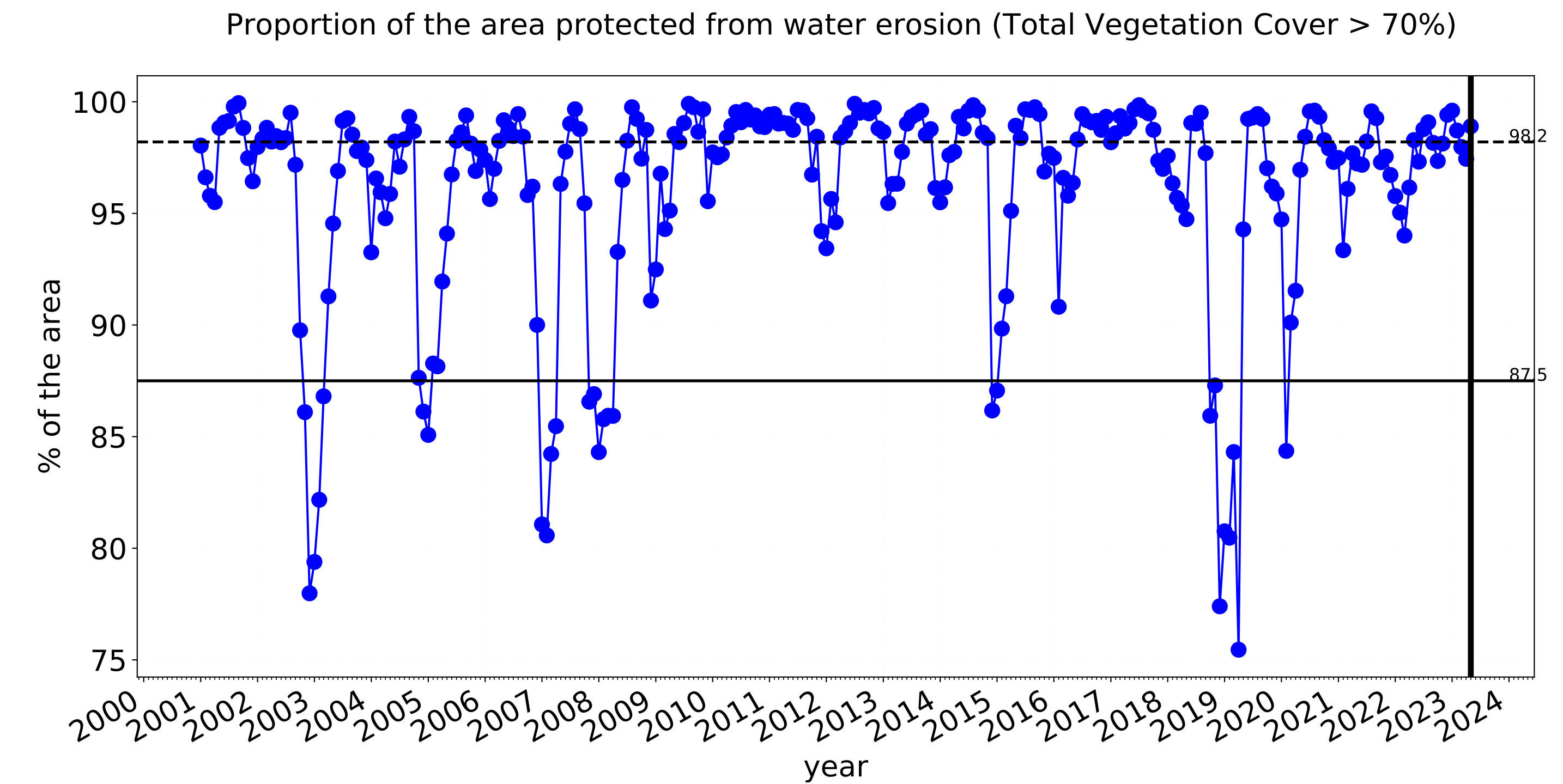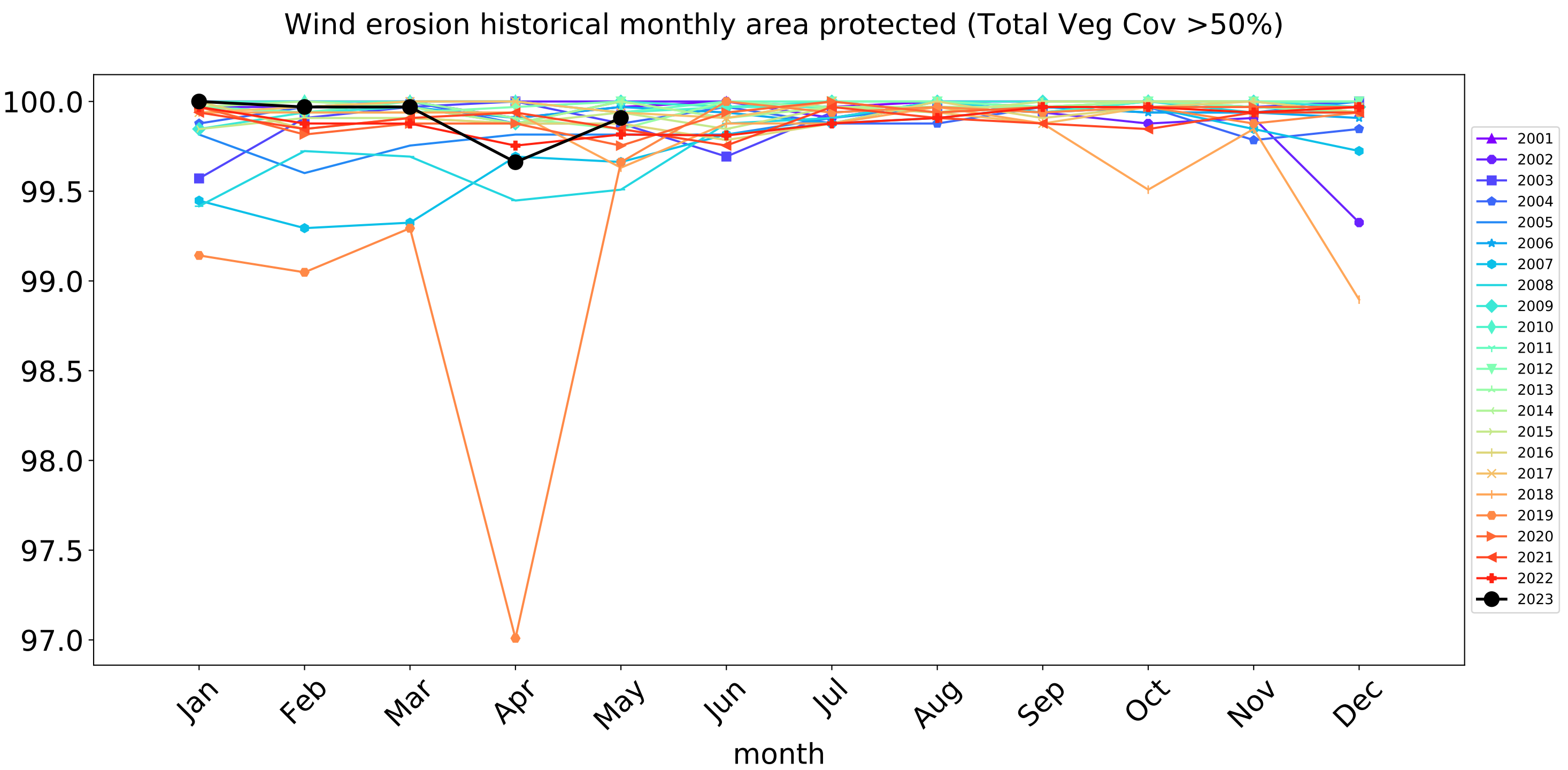


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# Grazing non forest timeseries

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



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



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



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

# Cropping

## 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 - Cropping - Non-irrigated

## Total Vegetation Cover [%]



71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



Area not protected 2.6% of region (941 ha)

Area protected 97.4% of region (35,259 ha)

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



Area protected 100.0% of region (36,200 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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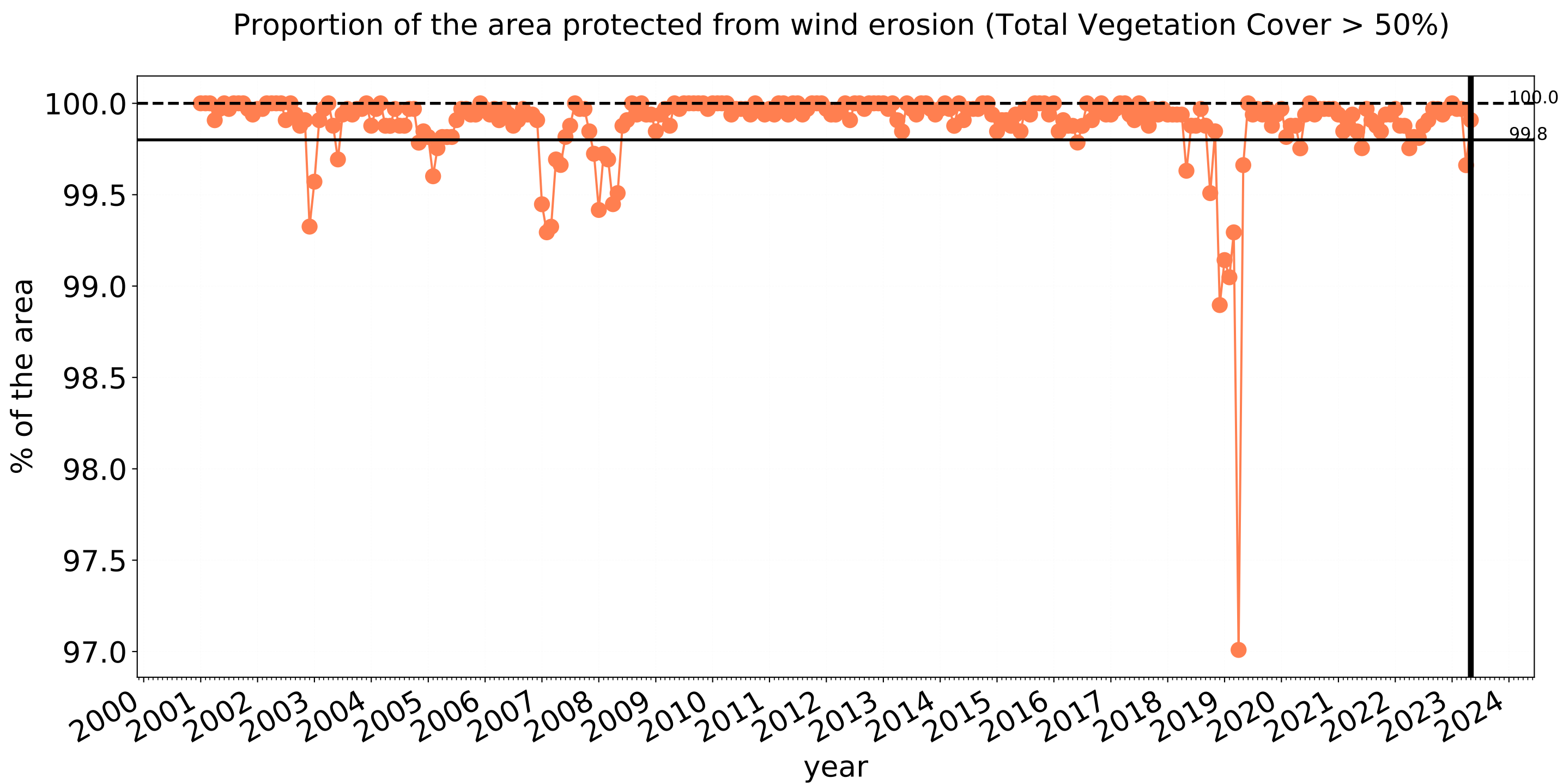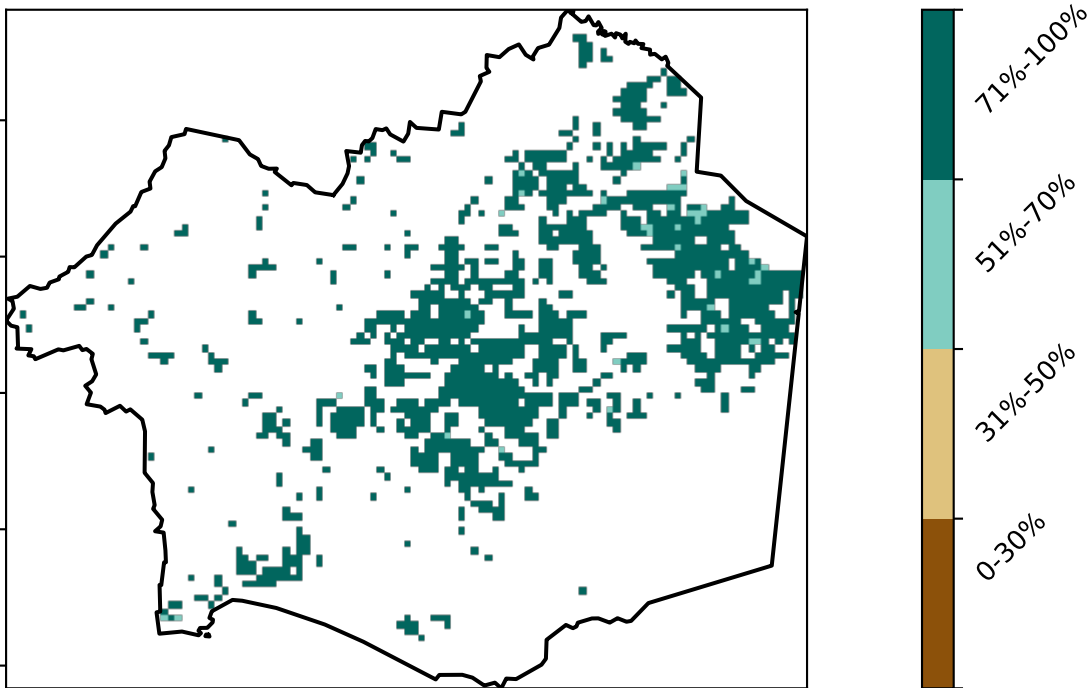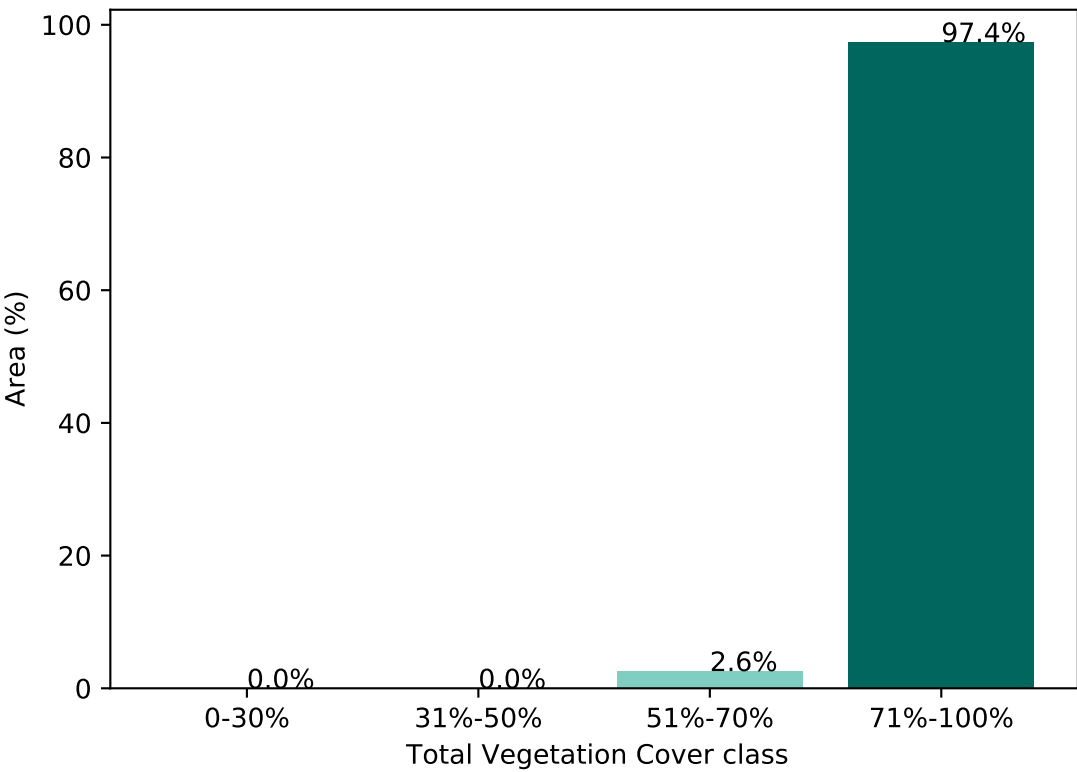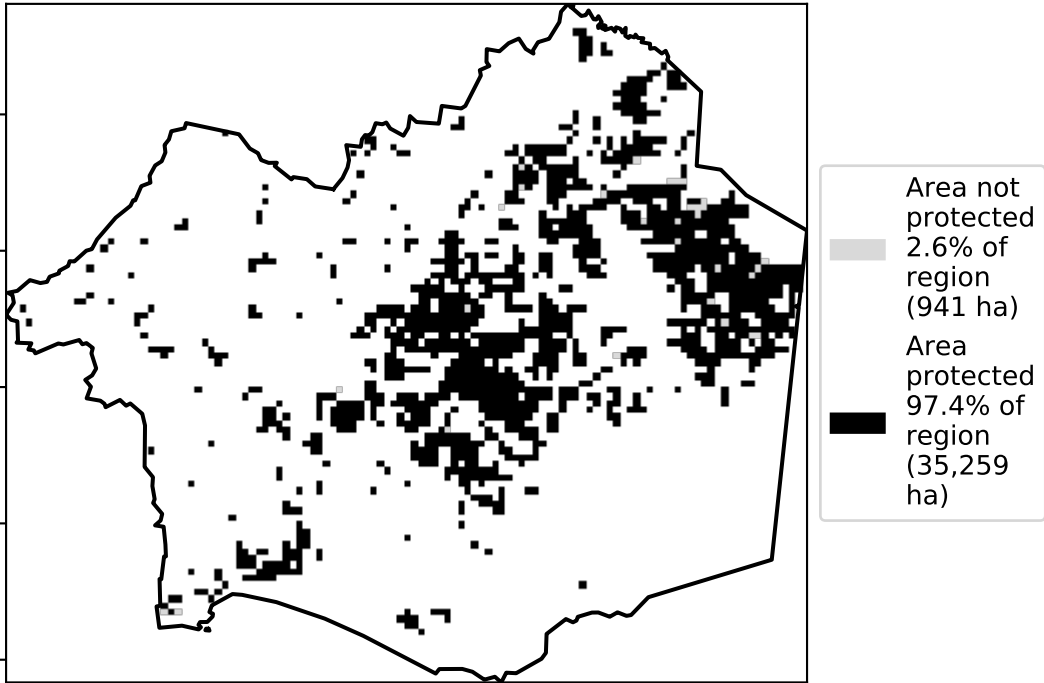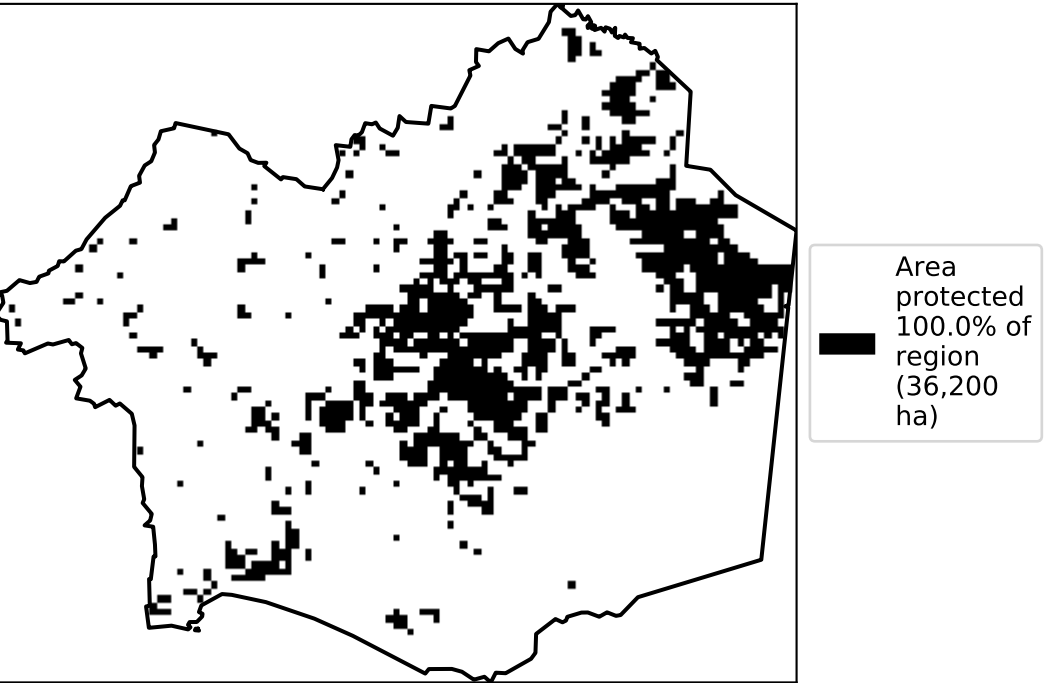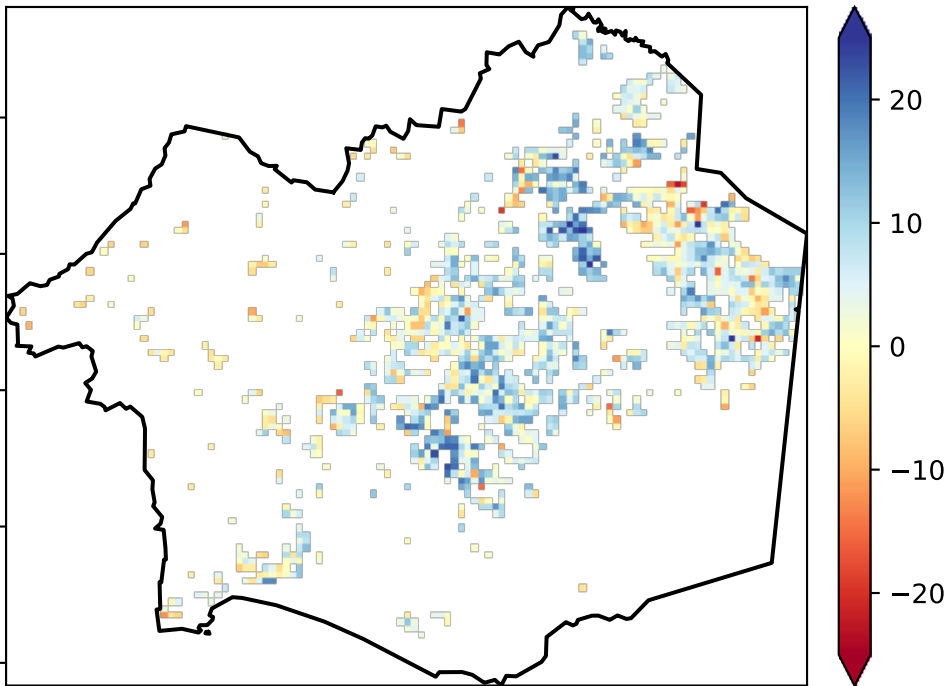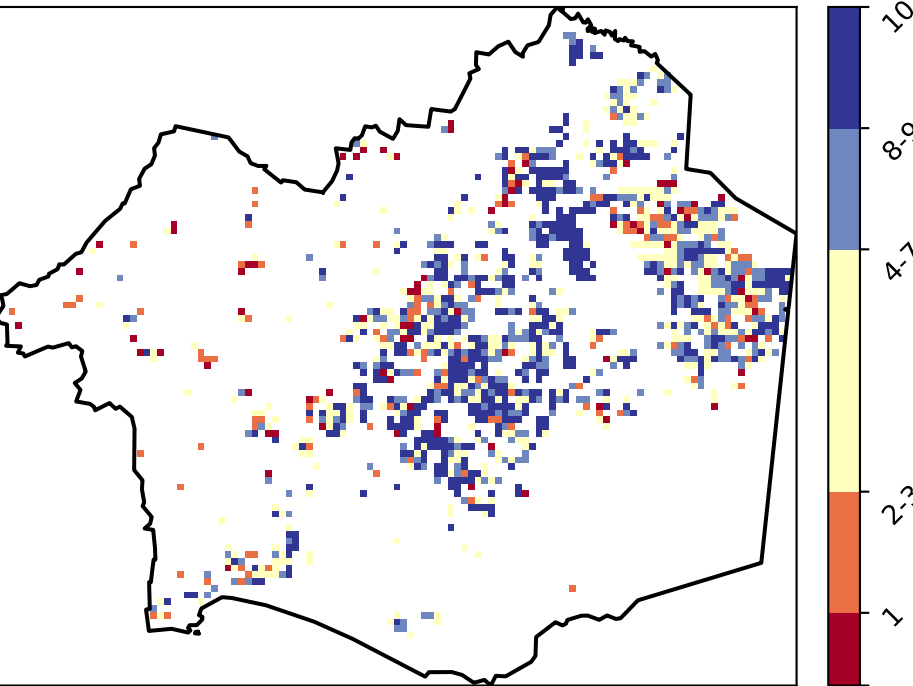


## Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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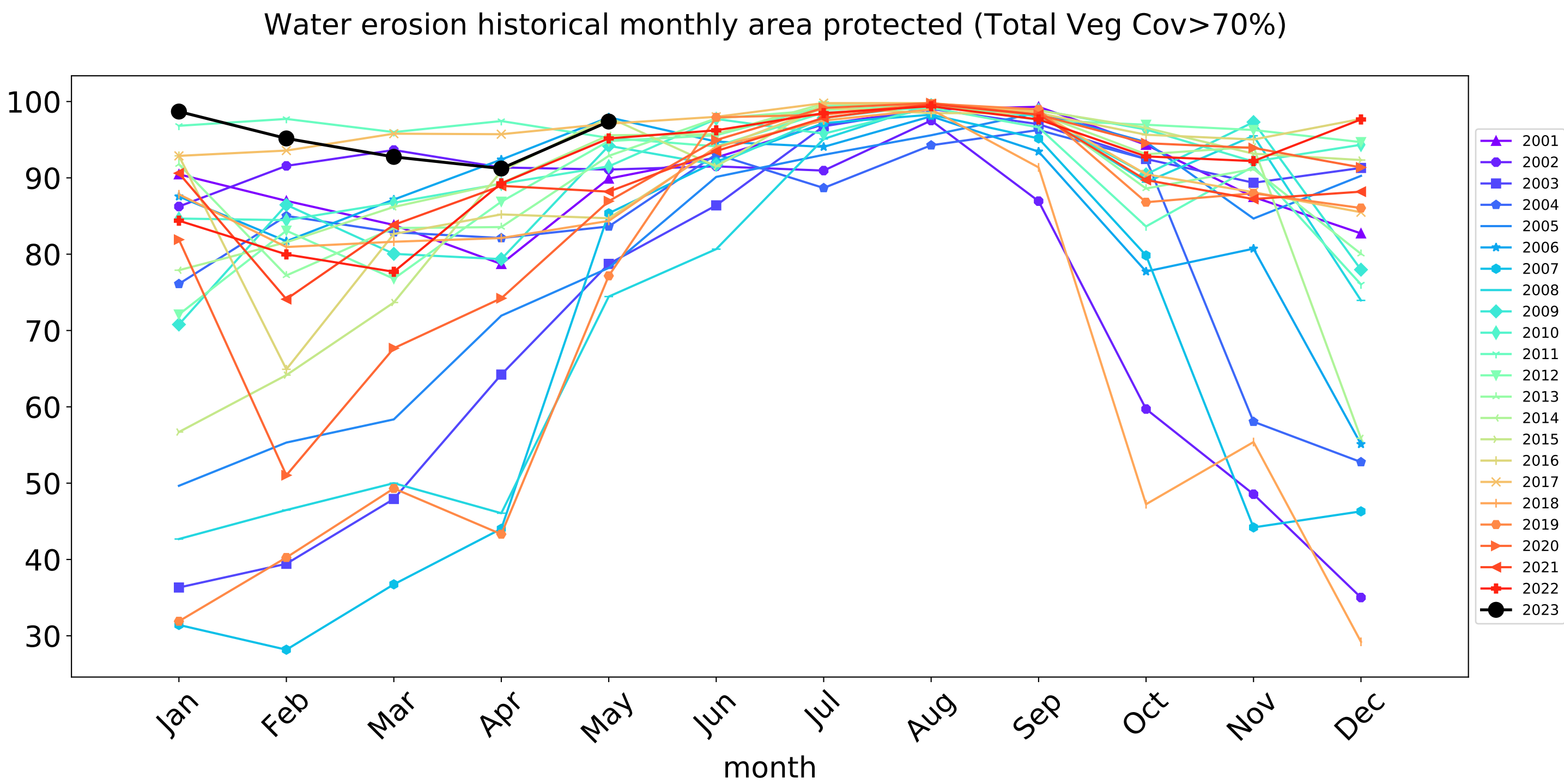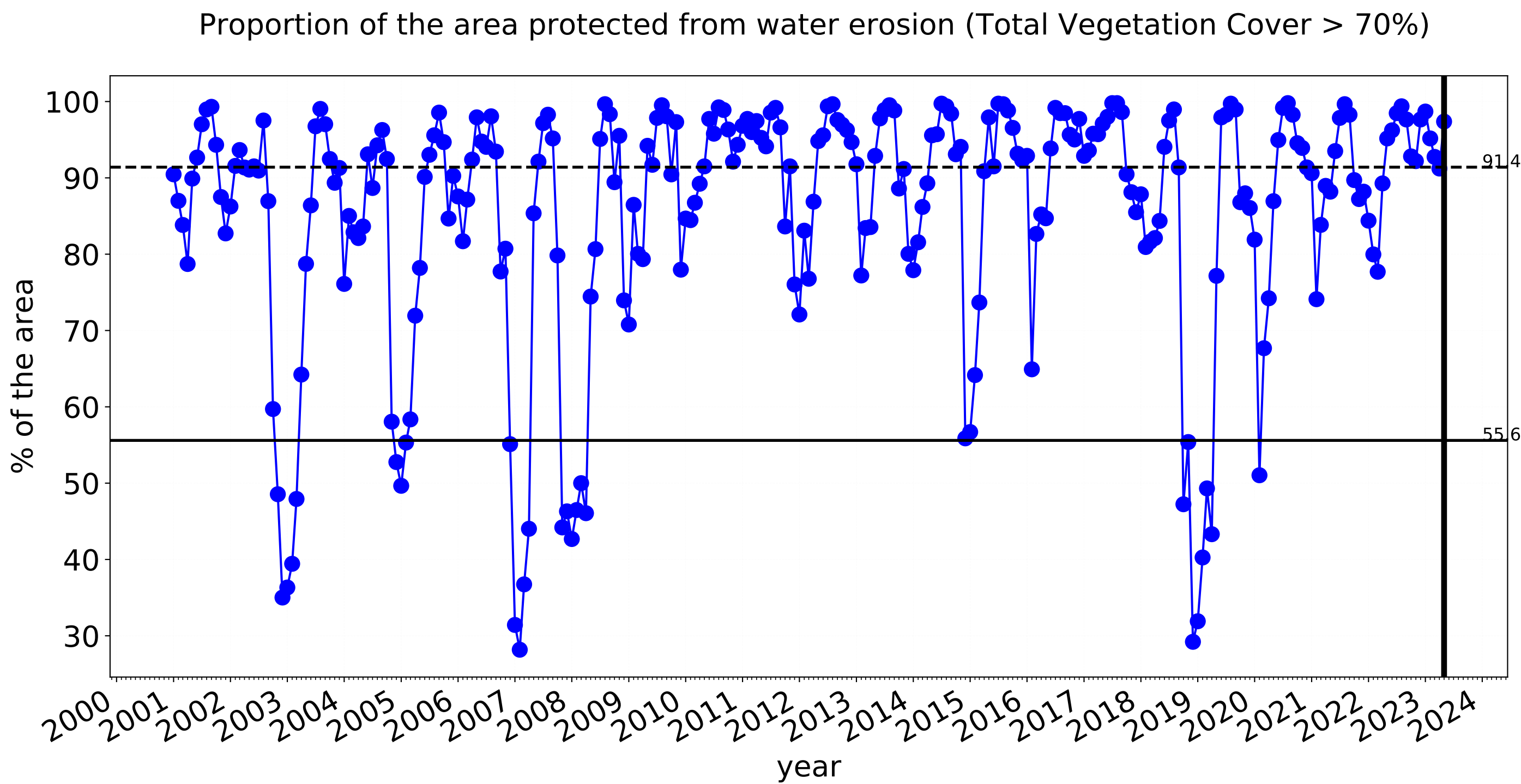


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# Cropping timeseries



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



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



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



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

# 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)



Legend:
- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
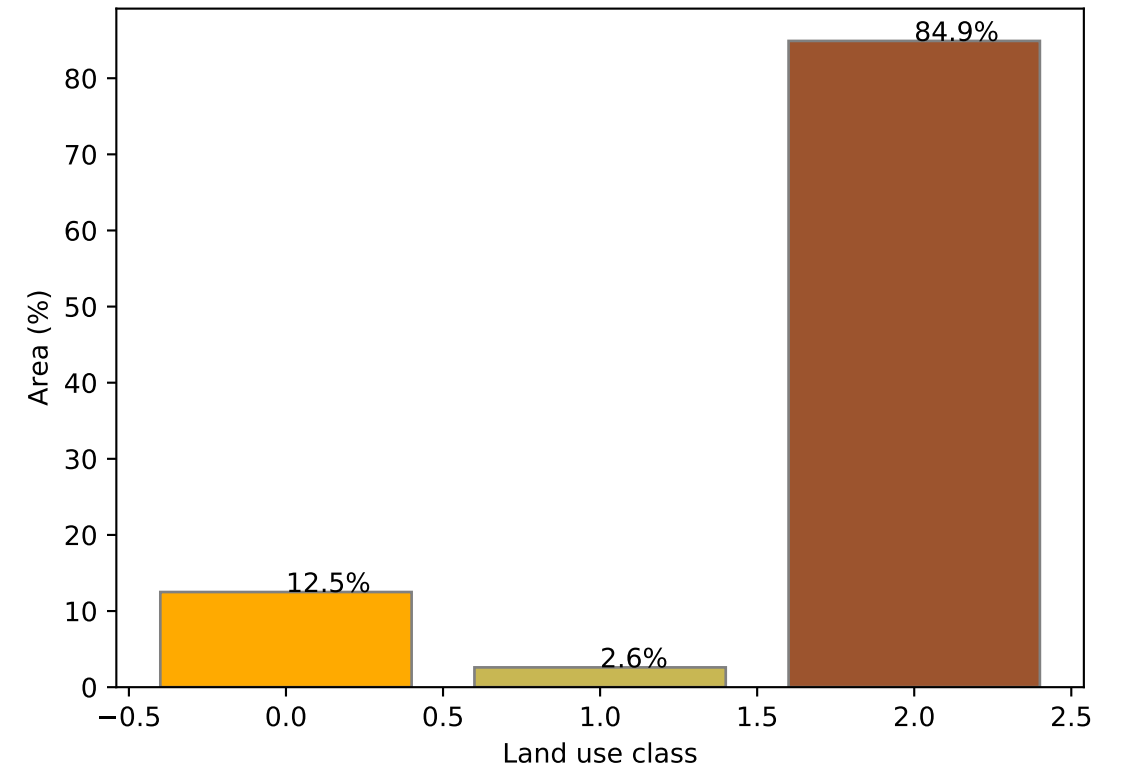
## Proportion of each land class in area



- 12.5%
- 2.6%
- 84.9%

Area (%) vs Land use class

## Total Vegetation Cover [%]



- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



- 0-30%: 0.0%
- 31%-50%: 0.0%
- 51%-70%: 1.5%
- 71%-100%: 98.5%

Area (%) vs Total Vegetation Cover class
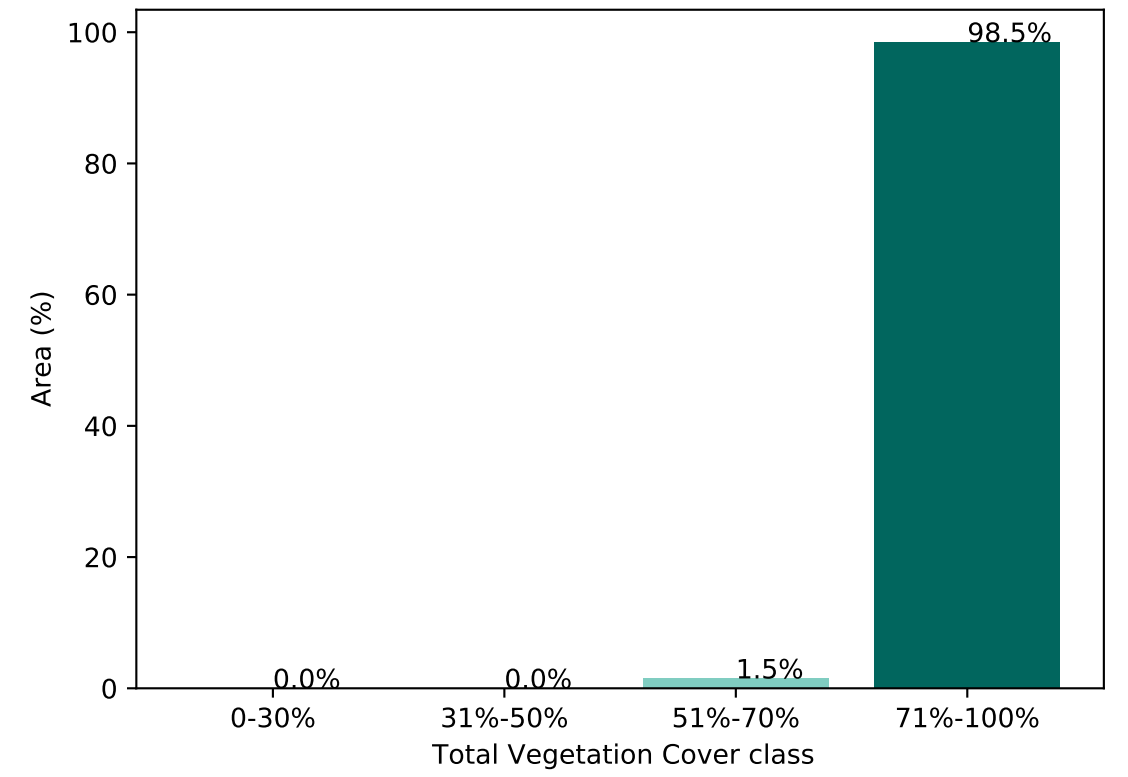
## % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
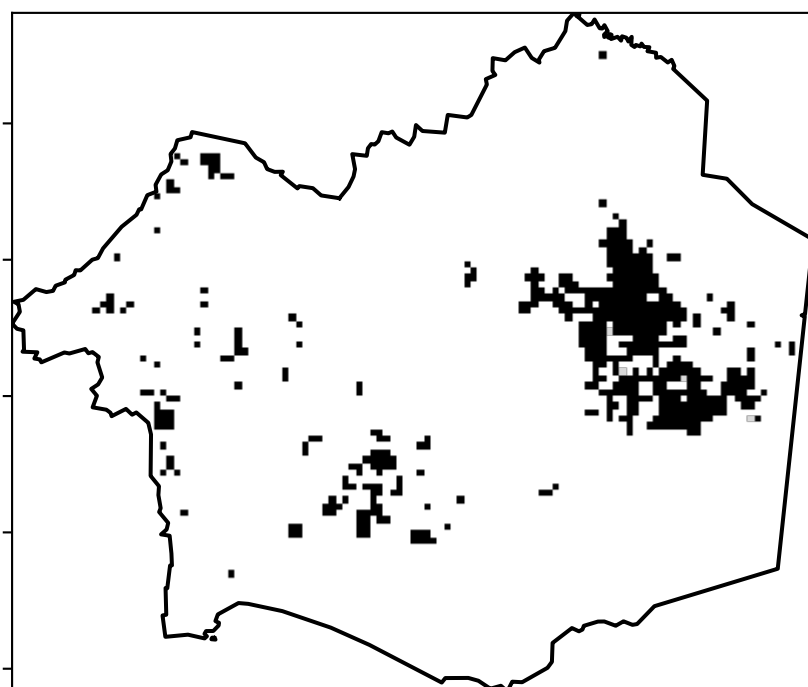


Area not protected 1.5% of region (203 ha)

Area protected 98.5% of region (13,347 ha)

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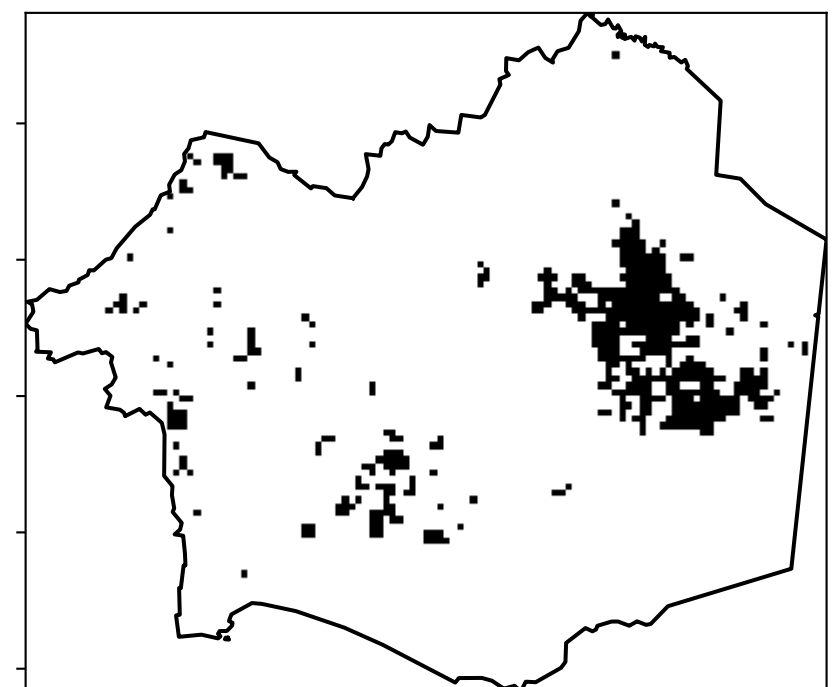


Area protected 100.0% of region (13,550 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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## Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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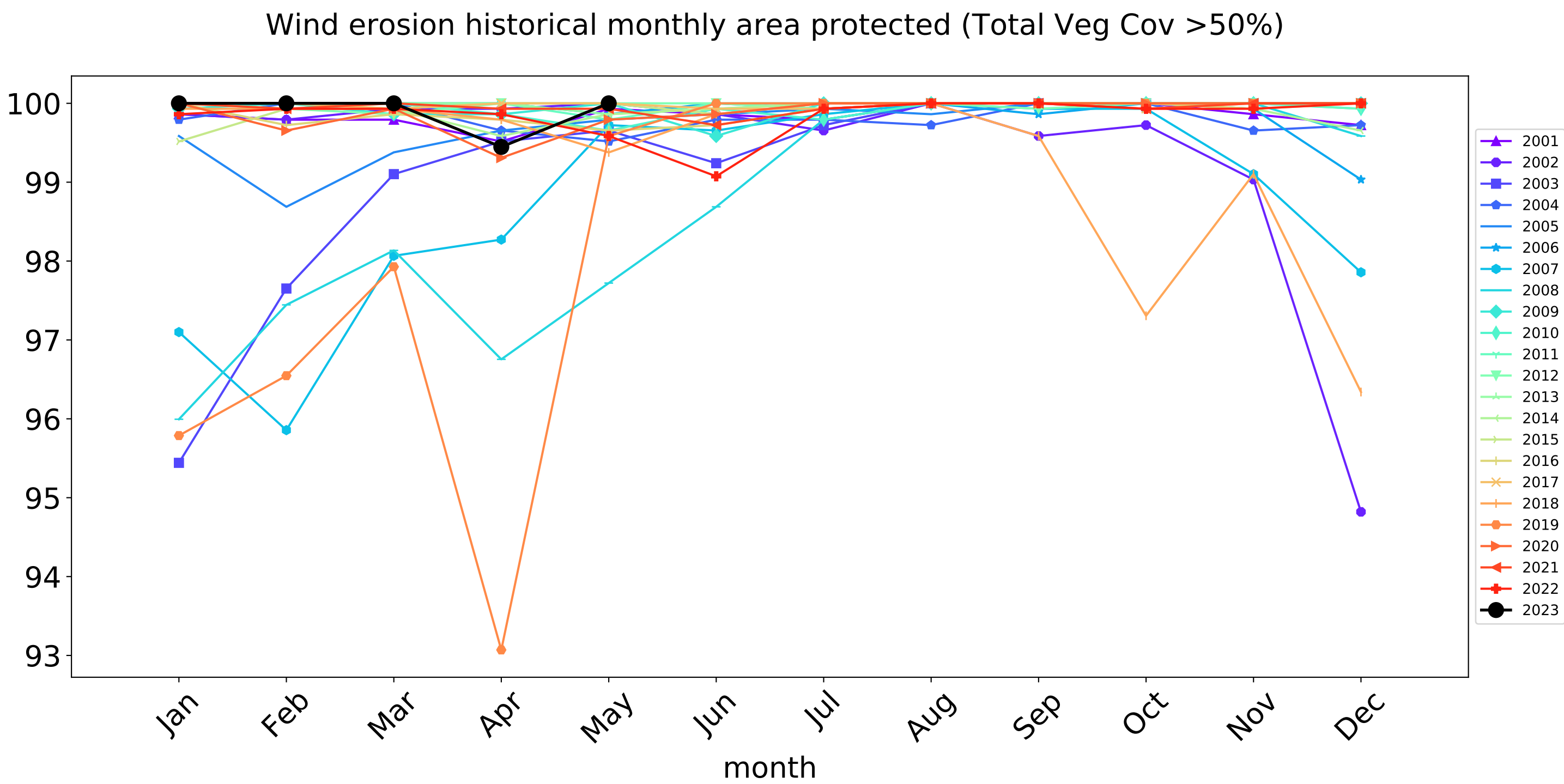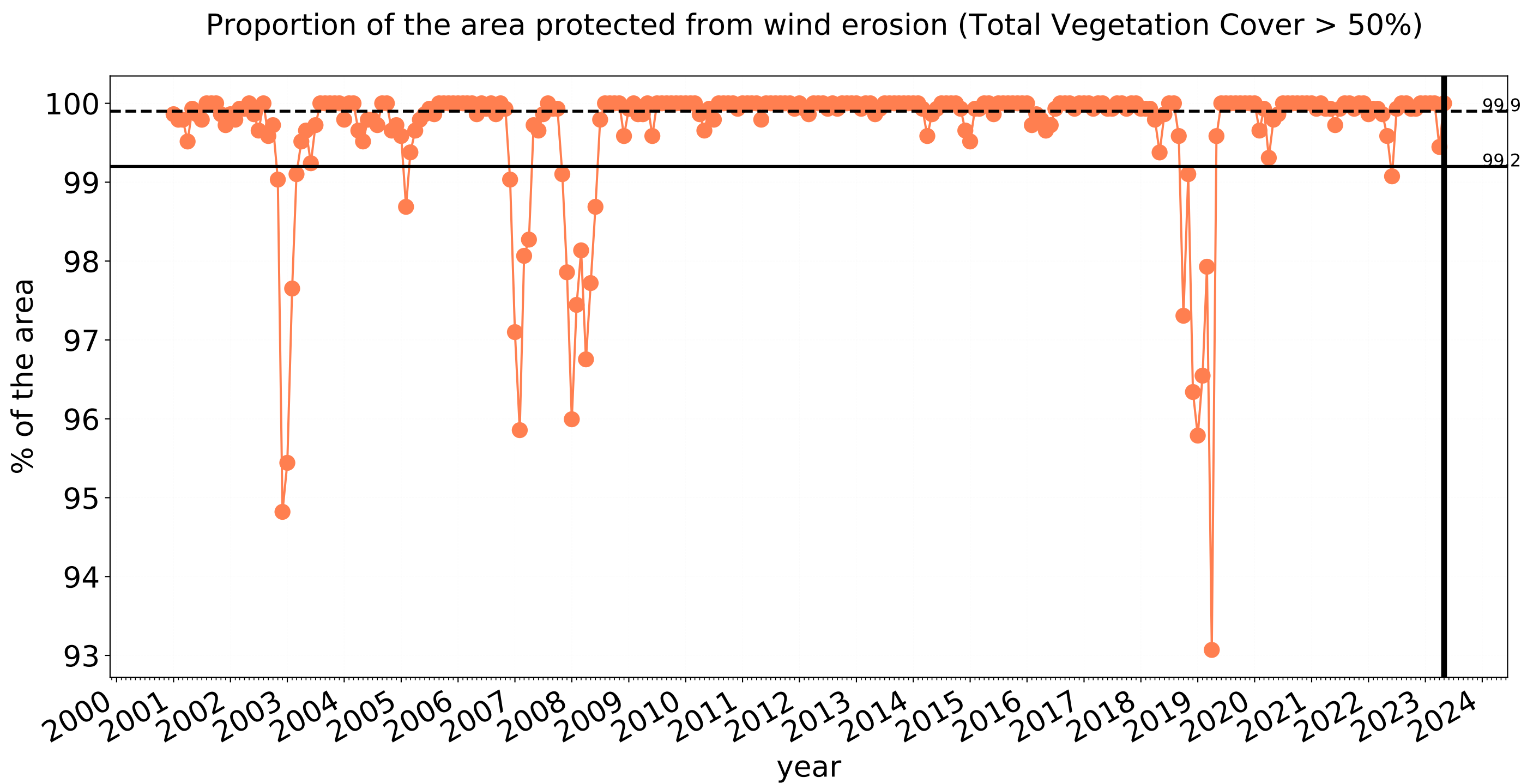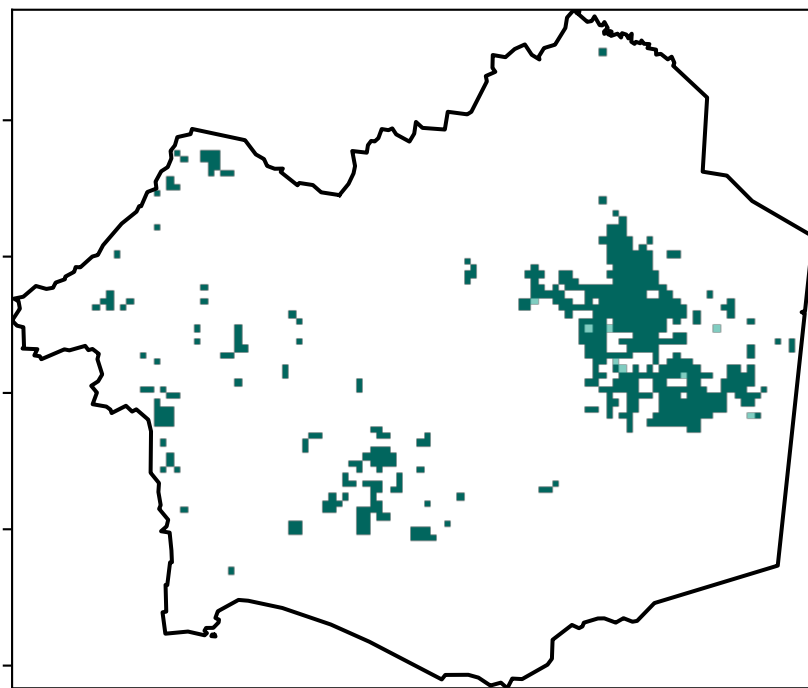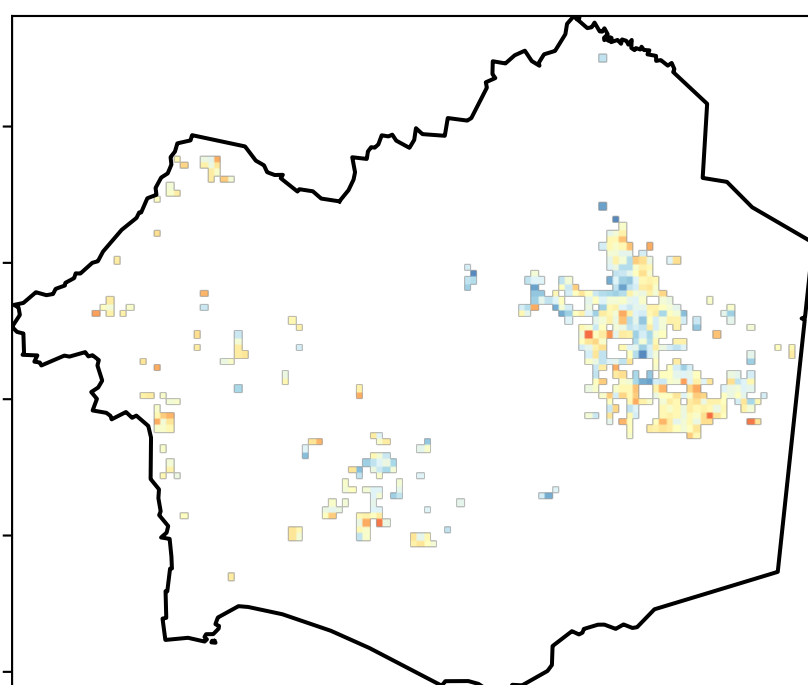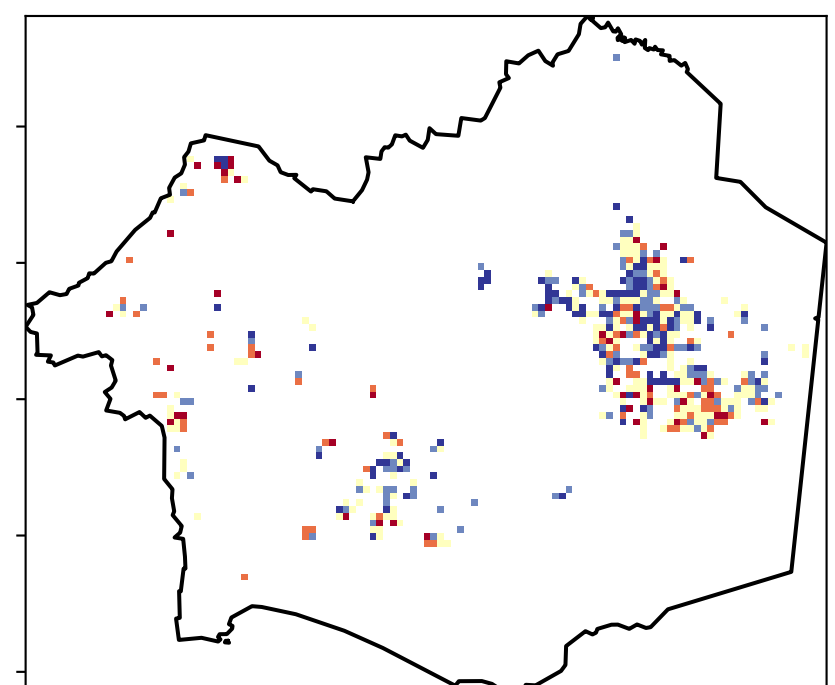


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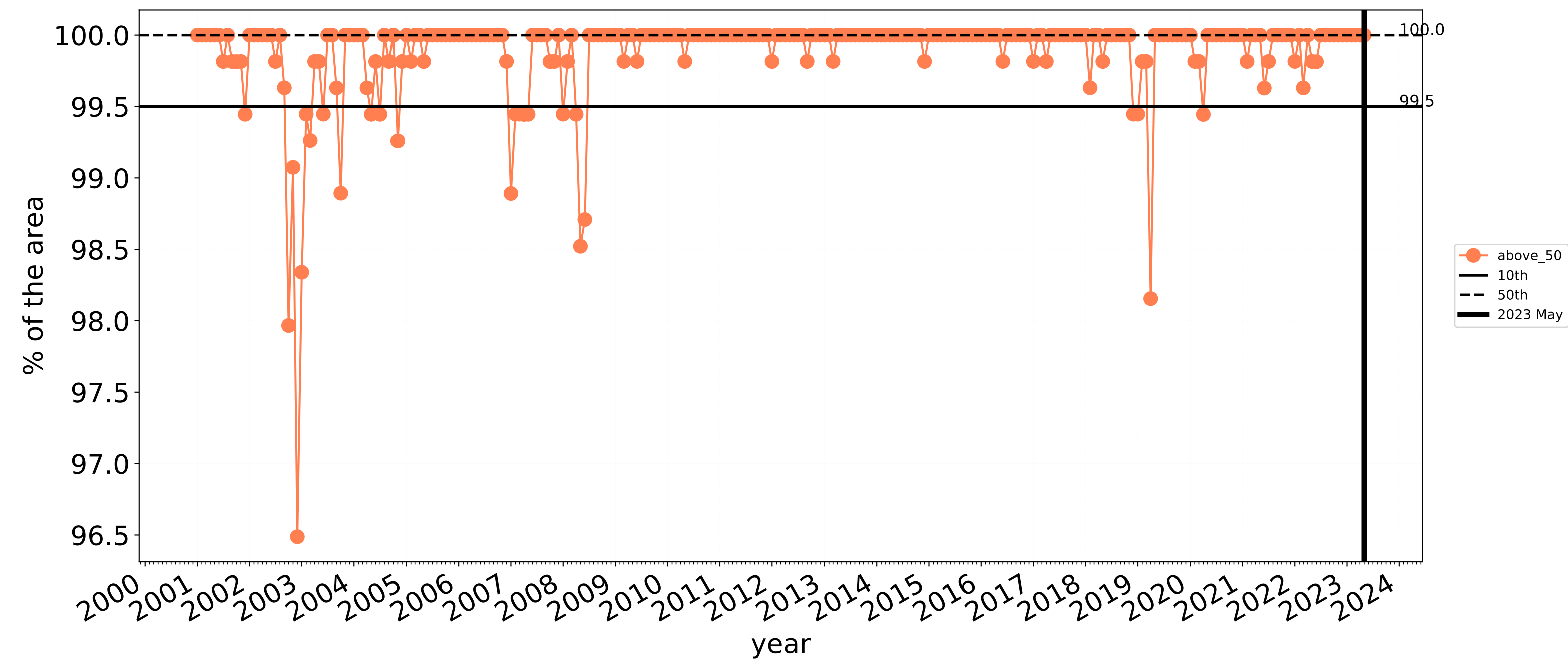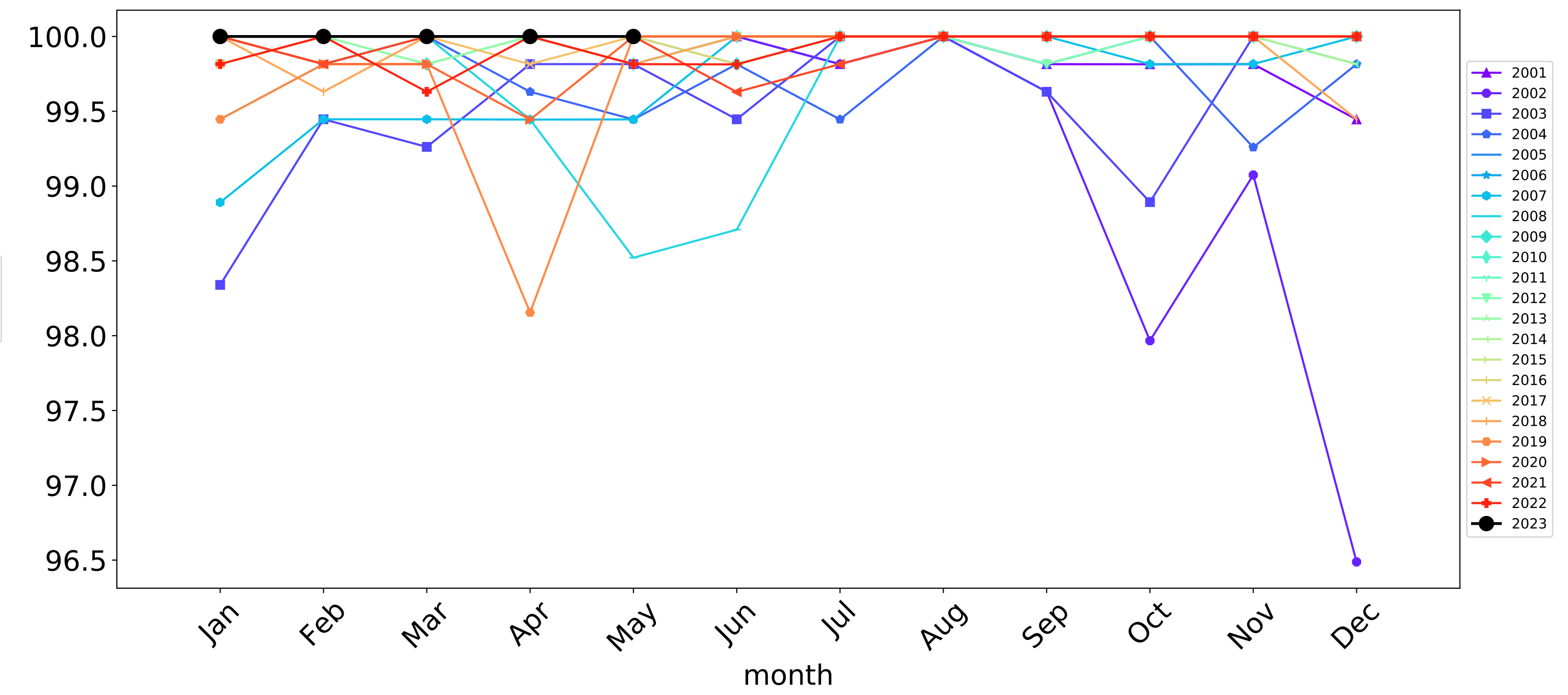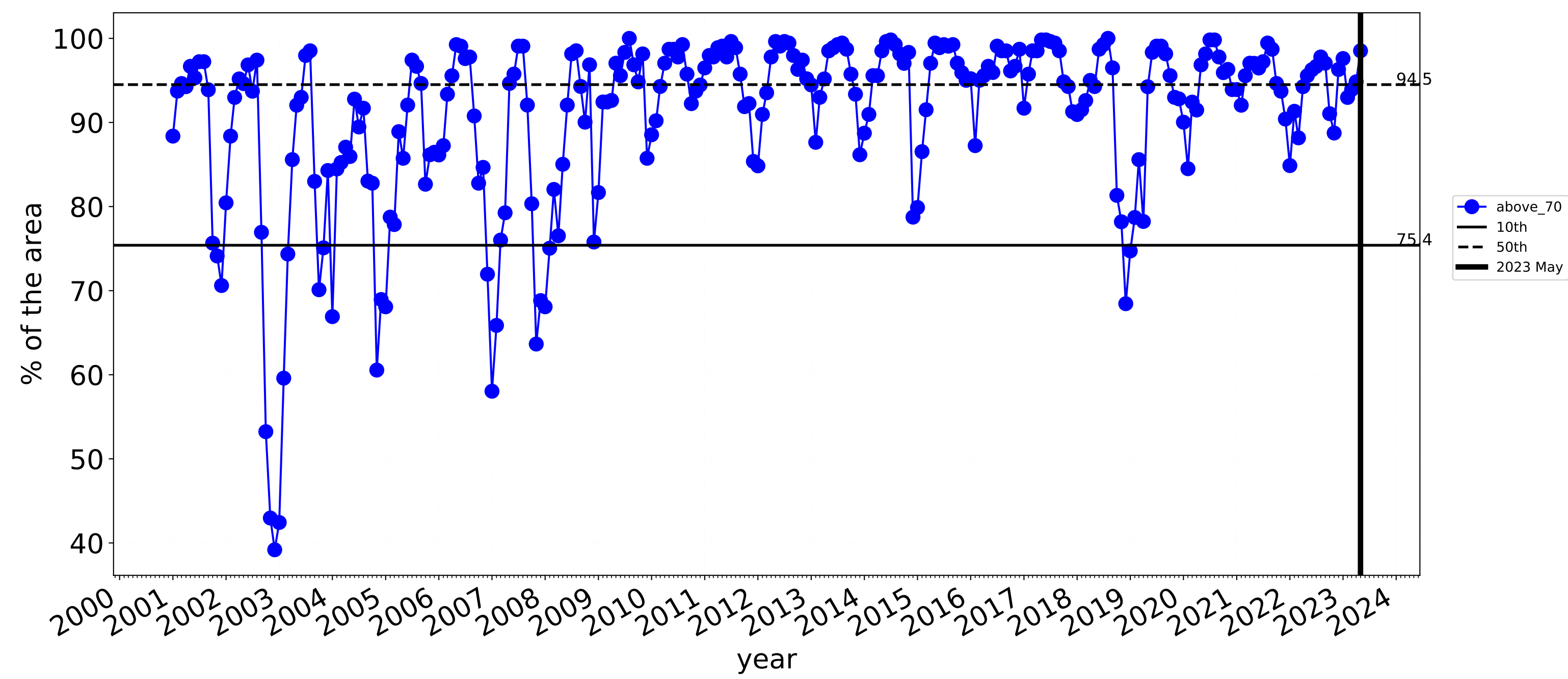- 1

# Irrigation timeseries

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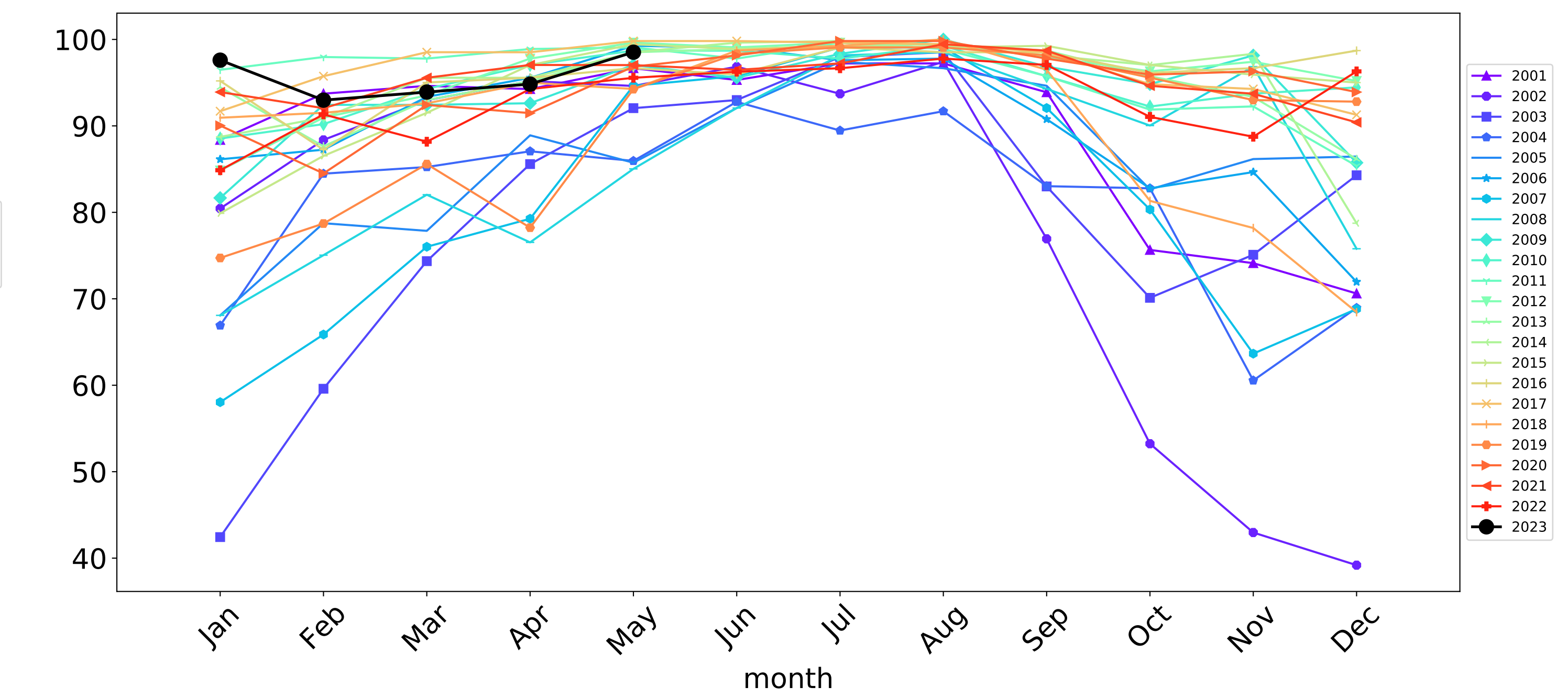


### Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



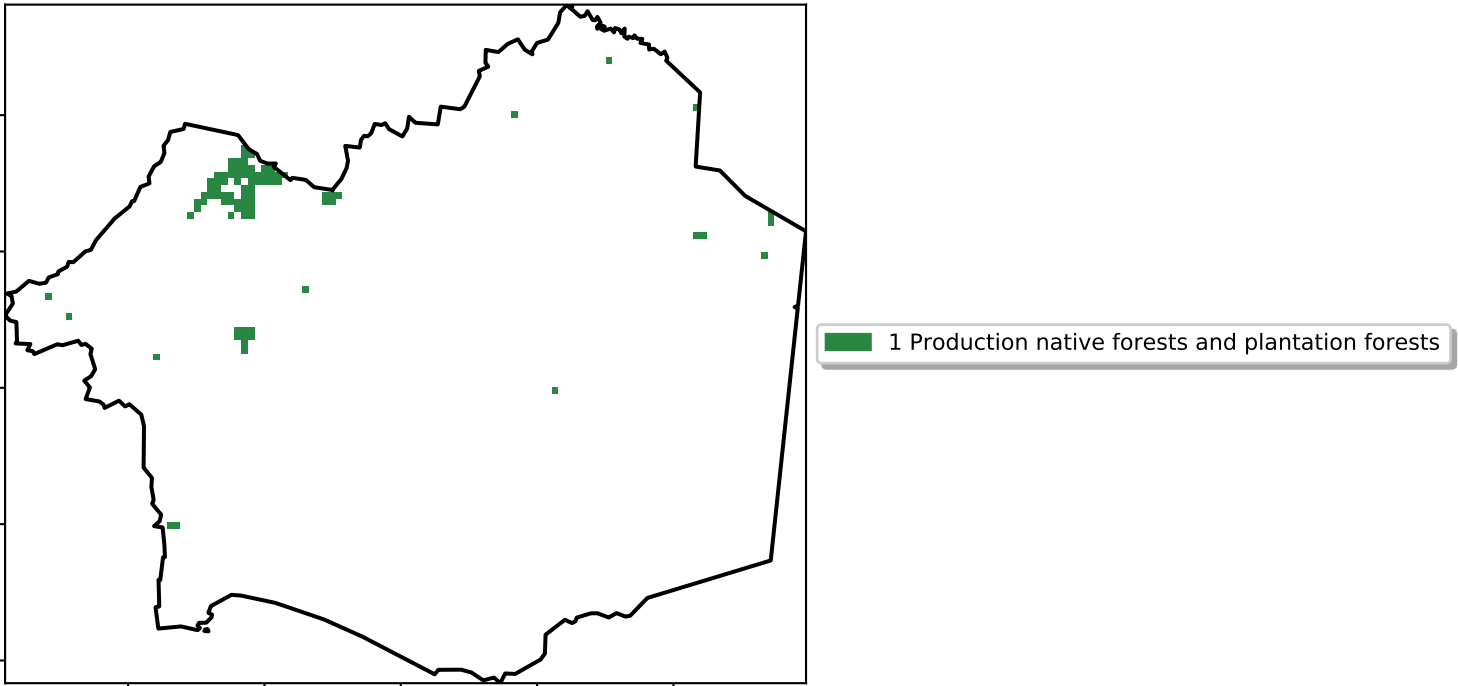### Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

# Production native forests and plantation forests

## 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 Production native forests and plantation forests

## Total Vegetation Cover [%]



71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



100.0%

0.0%   0.0%   0.0%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class
0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

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



Area protected 100.0% of region (2,150 ha)

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



Area protected 100.0% of region (2,150 ha)

## Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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## Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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



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



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



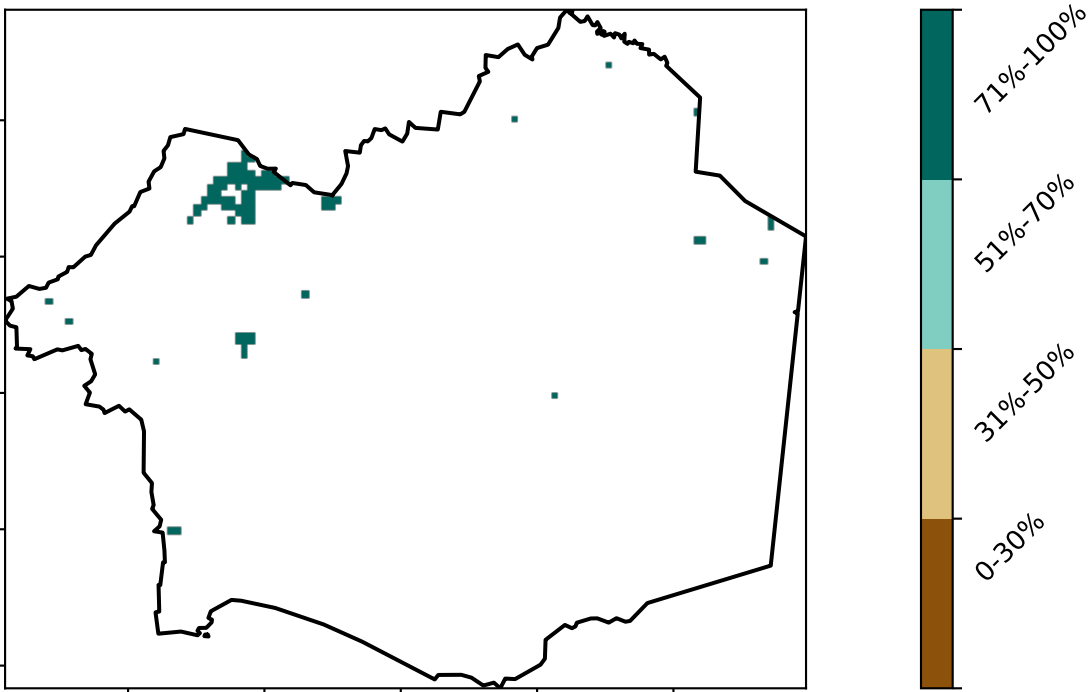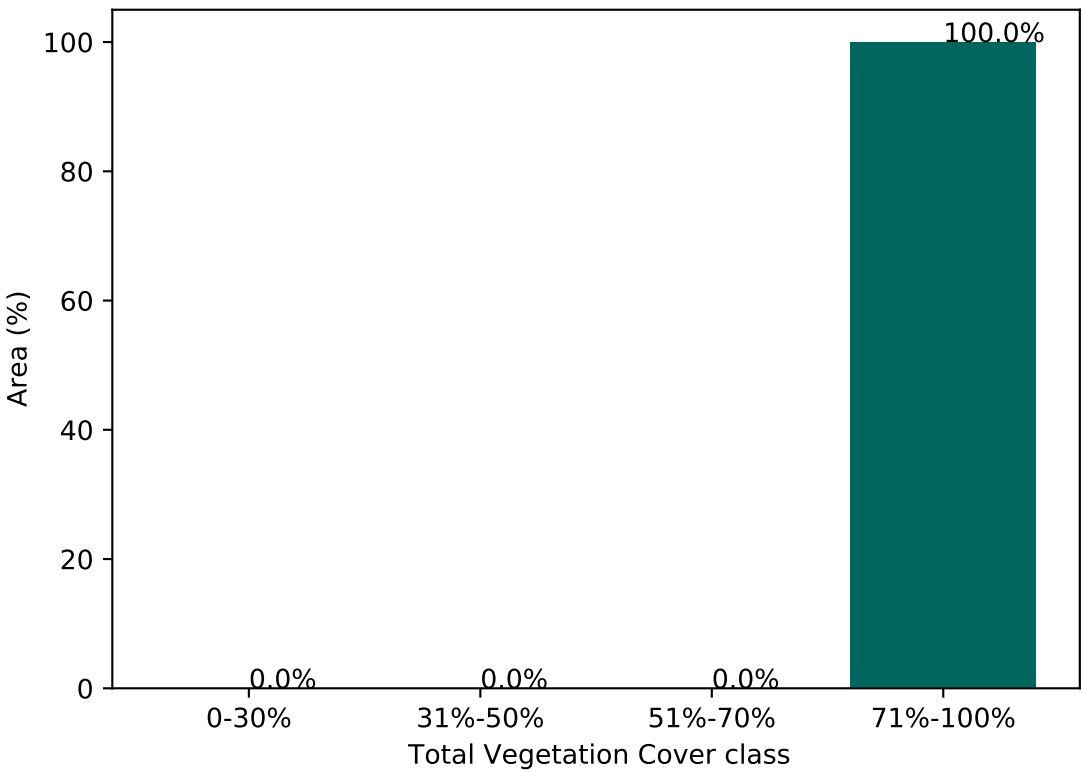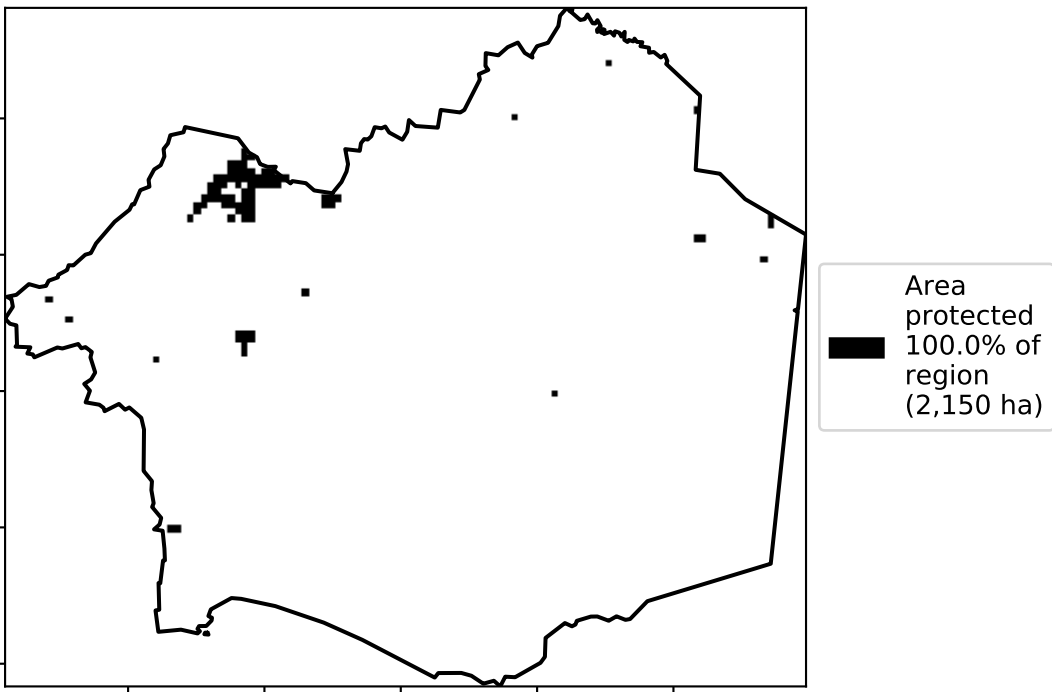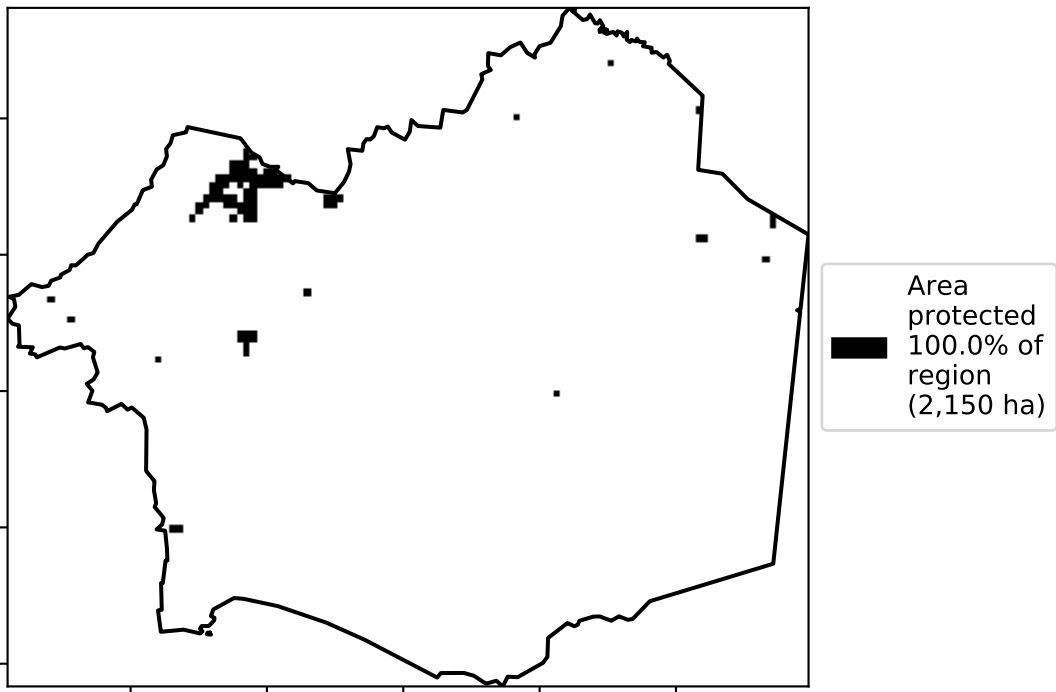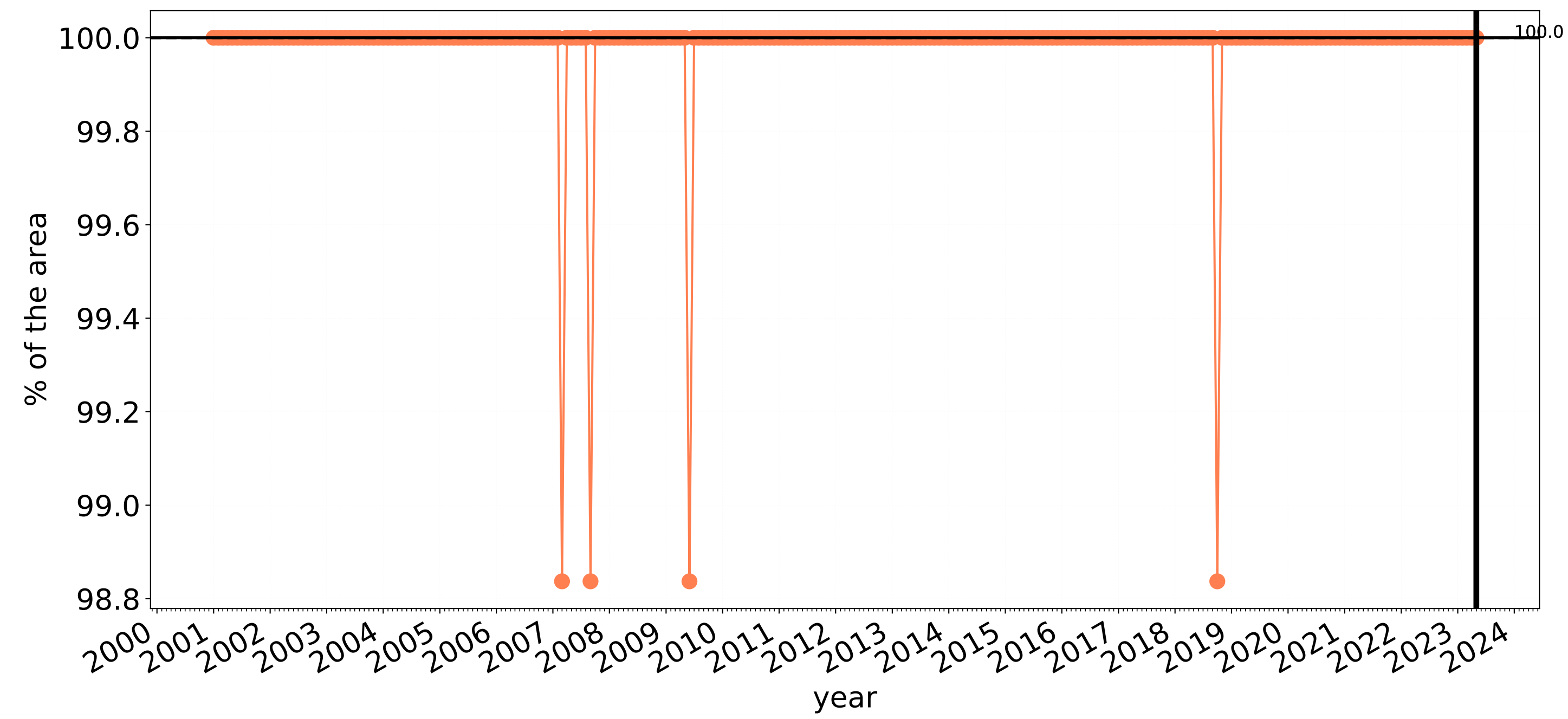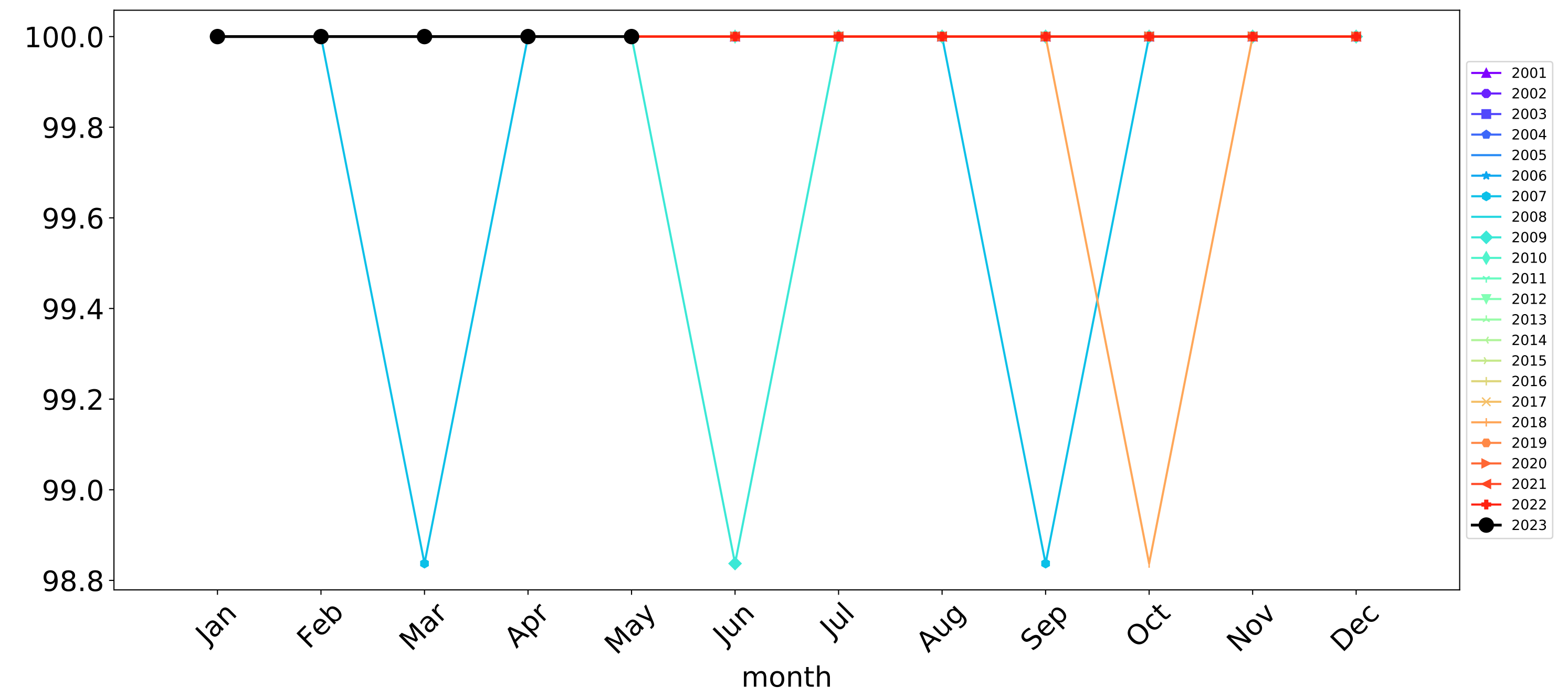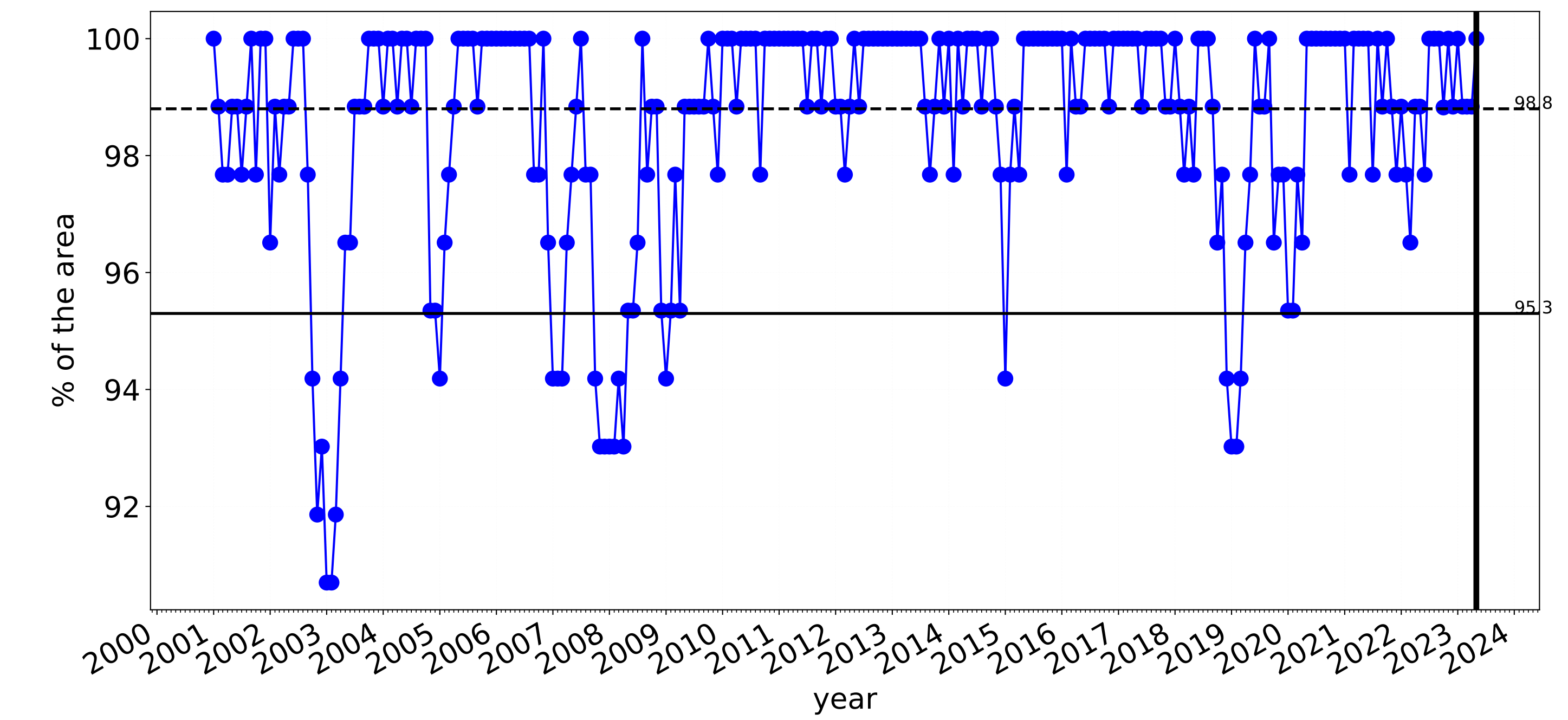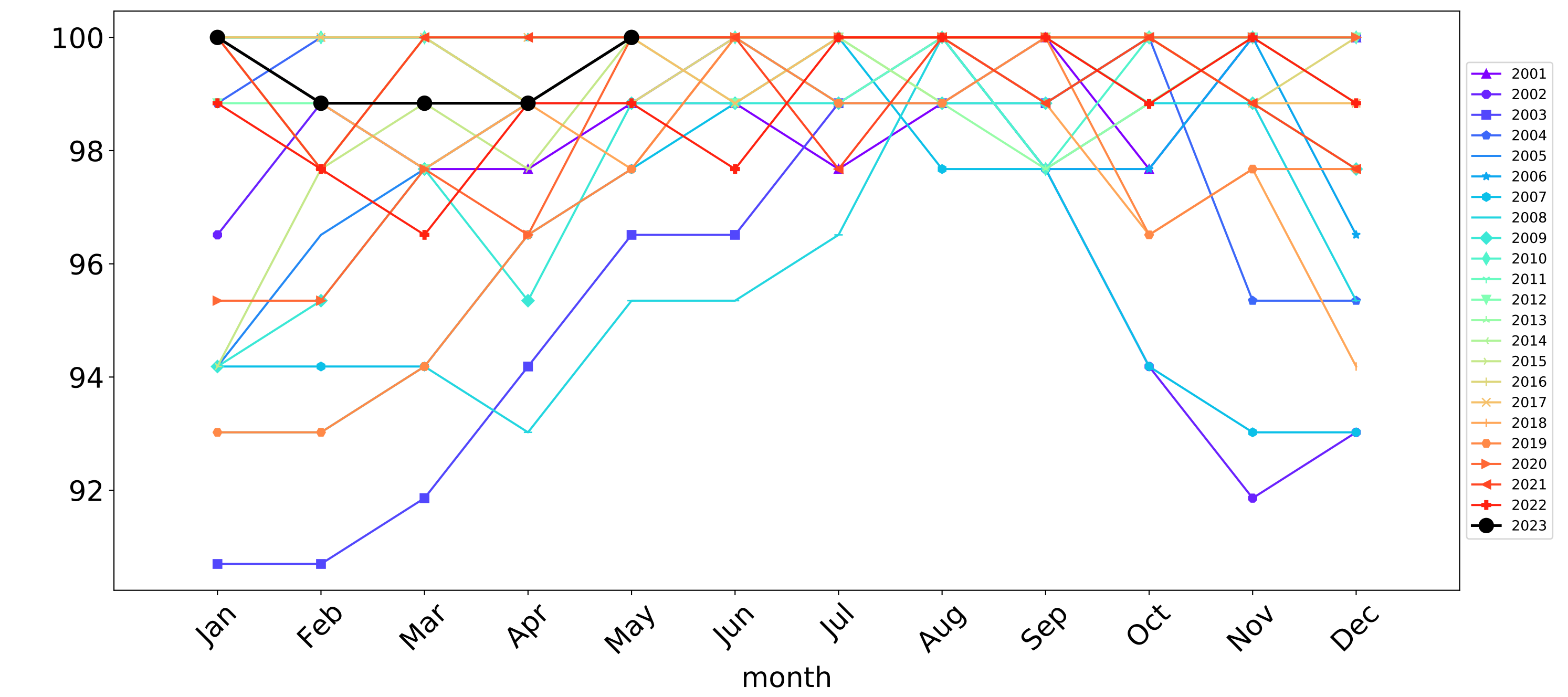Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

# Alexandrina_(DC) (159,525 ha and no data 23,130 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** | 159,525 | 99.9% 159,350 | 99.5% 158,800 | 96.8% 154,400 | 84.5% 134,825 | 36.2% 57,675 | 12.4% 19,725 |
| **Conservation and natural environments** | 6,675 | 100.0% 6,675 | 99.6% 6,650 | 97.0% 6,475 | 90.6% 6,050 | 61.4% 4,100 | 28.5% 1,900 |
| **Conservation and natural environments non forest** | 1,425 | 100.0% 1,425 | 98.2% 1,400 | 86.0% 1,225 | 70.2% 1,000 | 28.1% 400 | 12.3% 175 |
| **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest** | 4,400 | 100.0% 4,400 | 100.0% 4,400 | 100.0% 4,400 | 97.2% 4,275 | 72.2% 3,175 | 34.7% 1,525 |
| **Agriculture** | 132,125 | 100.0% 132,075 | 99.9% 132,050 | 98.4% 130,075 | 87.0% 114,950 | 36.5% 48,250 | 12.1% 15,975 |
| **Grazing** | 82,375 | 99.9% 82,325 | 99.9% 82,300 | 98.9% 81,475 | 91.8% 75,625 | 43.0% 35,450 | 14.2% 11,700 |
| **Grazing non forest** | 81,750 | 99.9% 81,700 | 99.9% 81,675 | 98.9% 80,850 | 91.8% 75,025 | 42.9% 35,100 | 14.2% 11,600 |
| **Cropping** | 36,200 | 100.0% 36,200 | 100.0% 36,200 | 97.4% 35,250 | 78.0% 28,250 | 27.9% 10,100 | 10.6% 3,825 |
| **Irrigation** | 13,550 | 100.0% 13,550 | 100.0% 13,550 | 98.5% 13,350 | 81.7% 11,075 | 19.9% 2,700 | 3.3% 450 |
| **Production native forests and plantation forests** | 2,150 | 100.0% 2,150 | 100.0% 2,150 | 100.0% 2,150 | 96.5% 2,075 | 61.6% 1,325 | 30.2% 650 |