

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Ceduna_(DC) SA

Date: August 2025

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

Land use forest cover:

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

Total vegetation Cover:

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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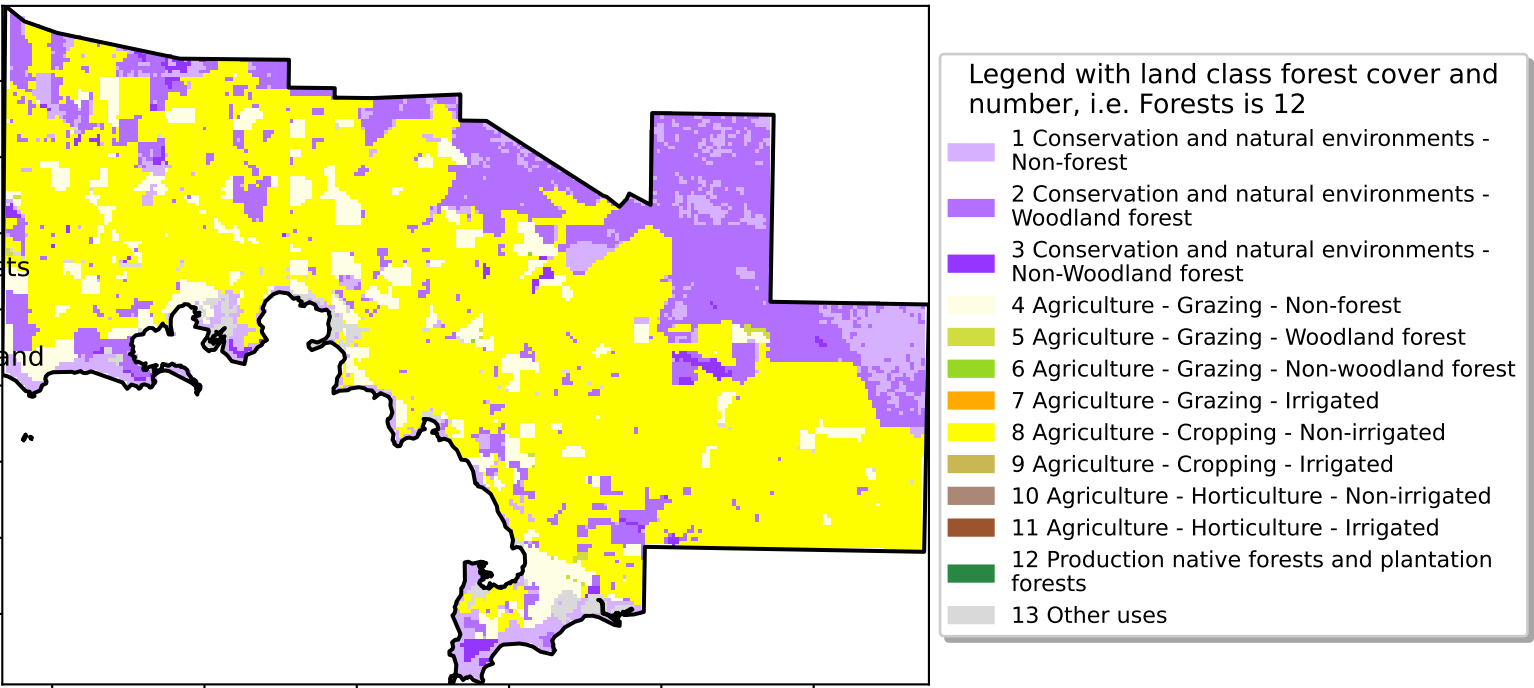
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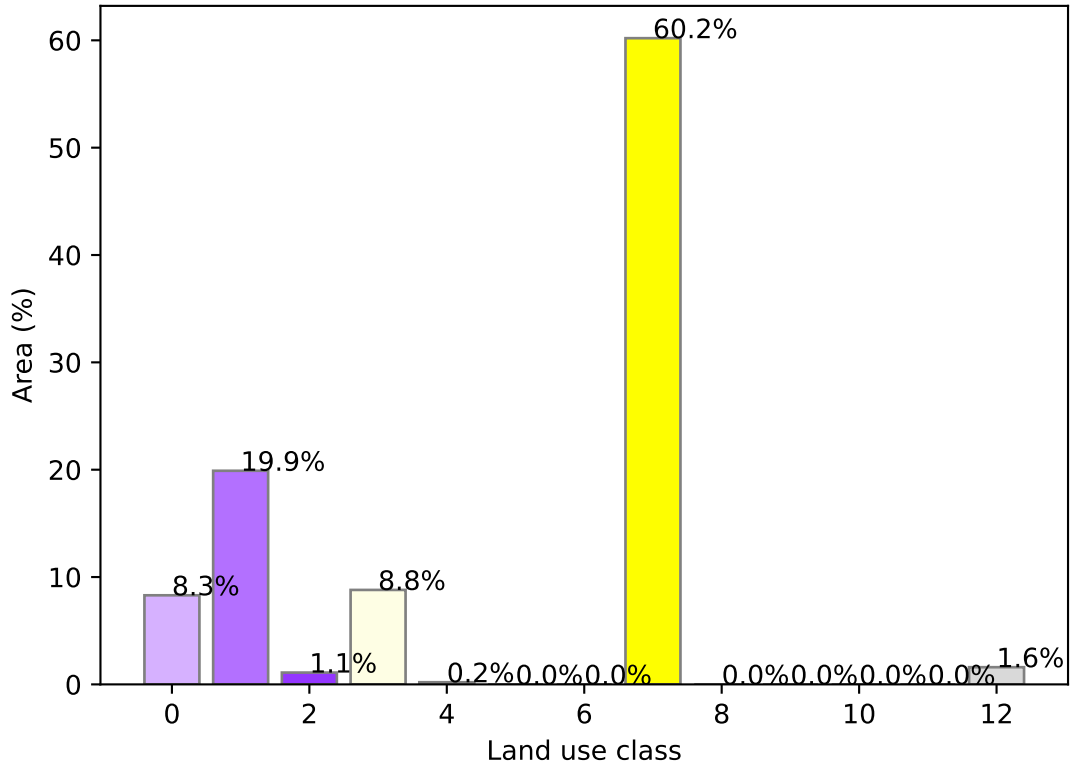
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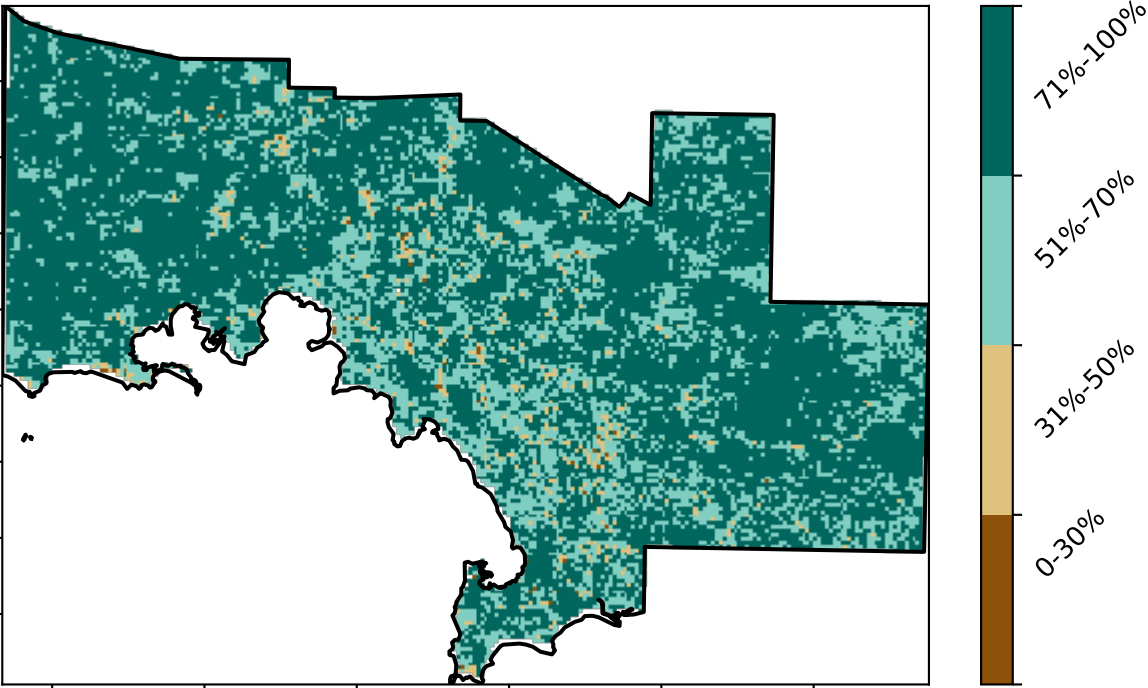
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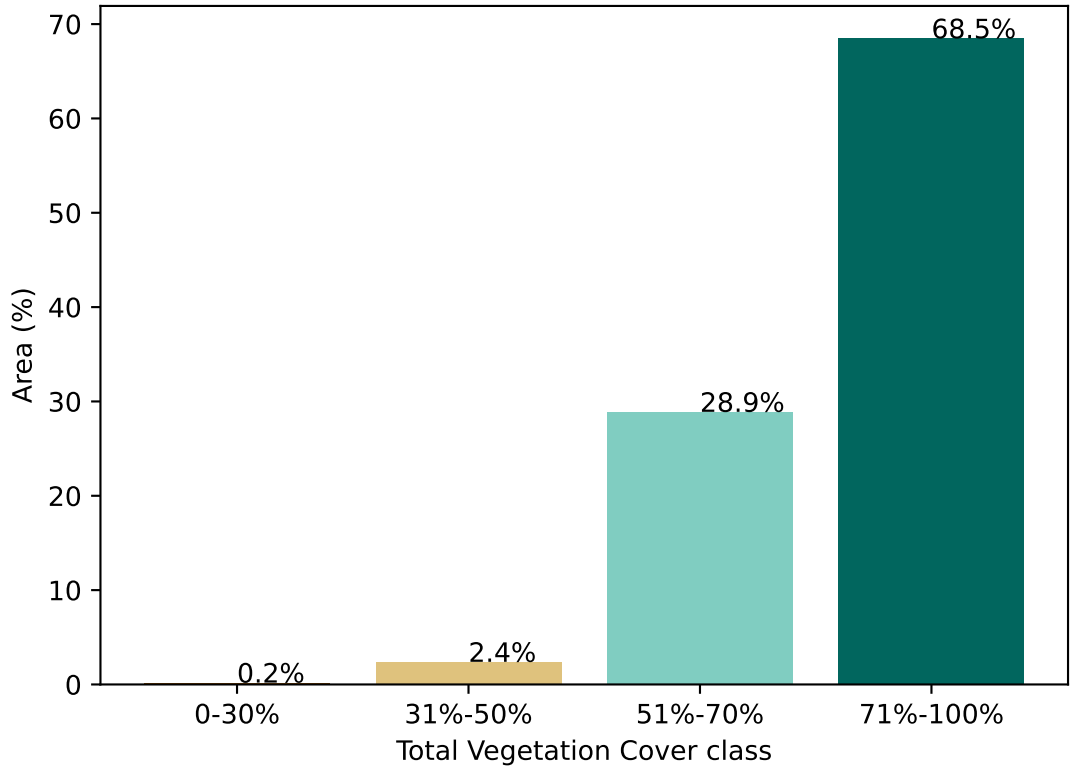
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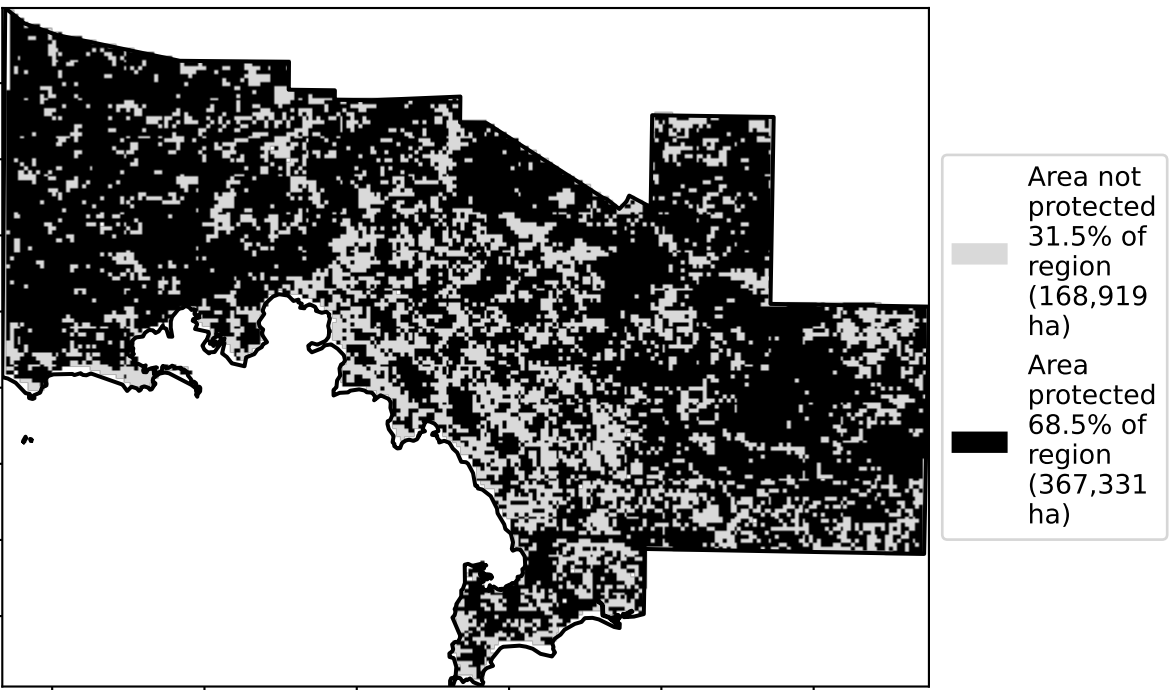
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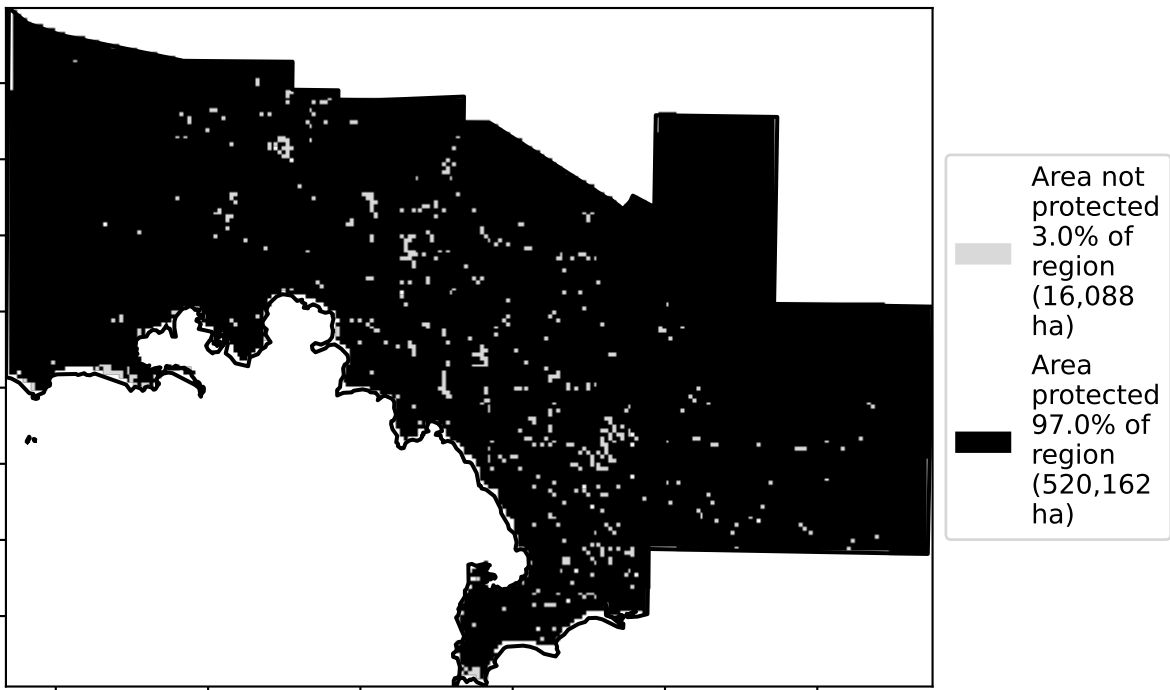
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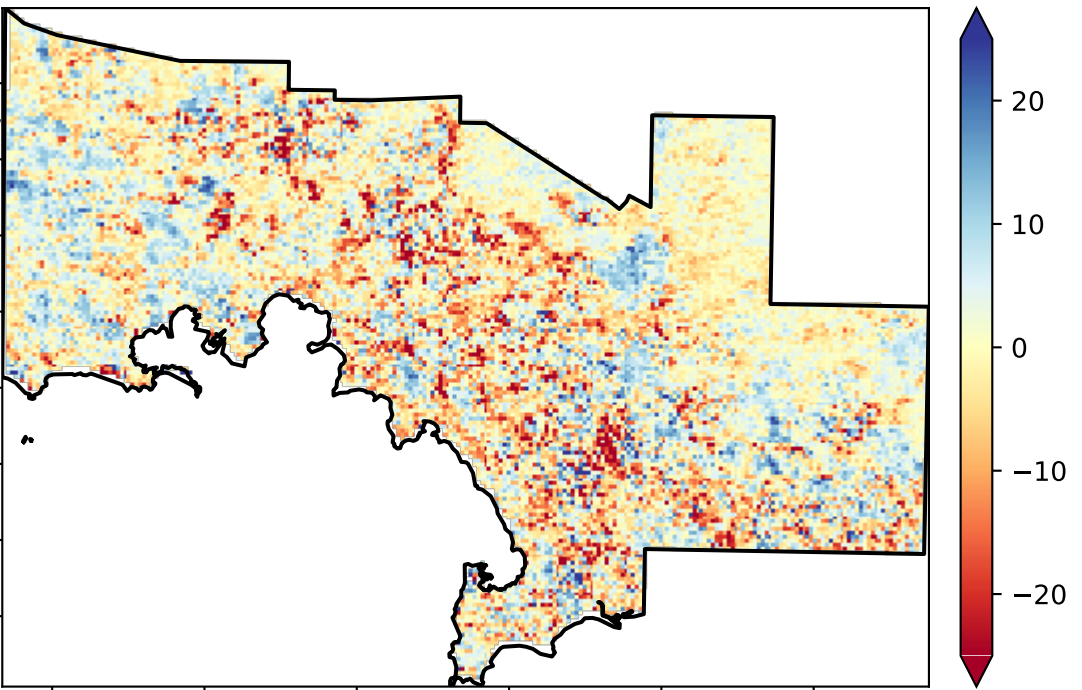


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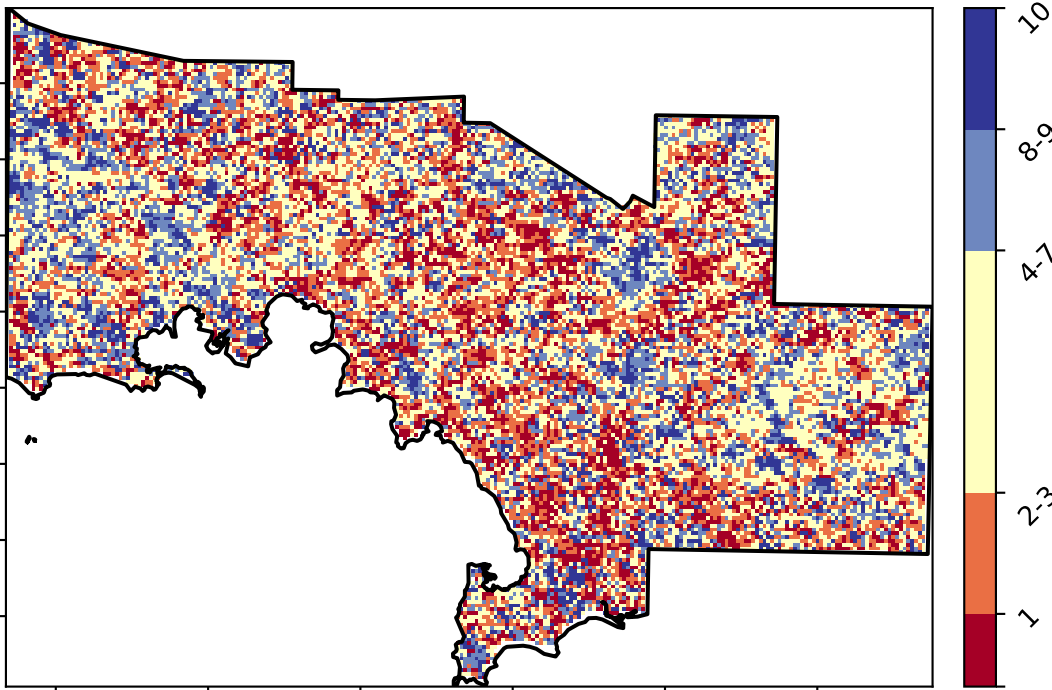
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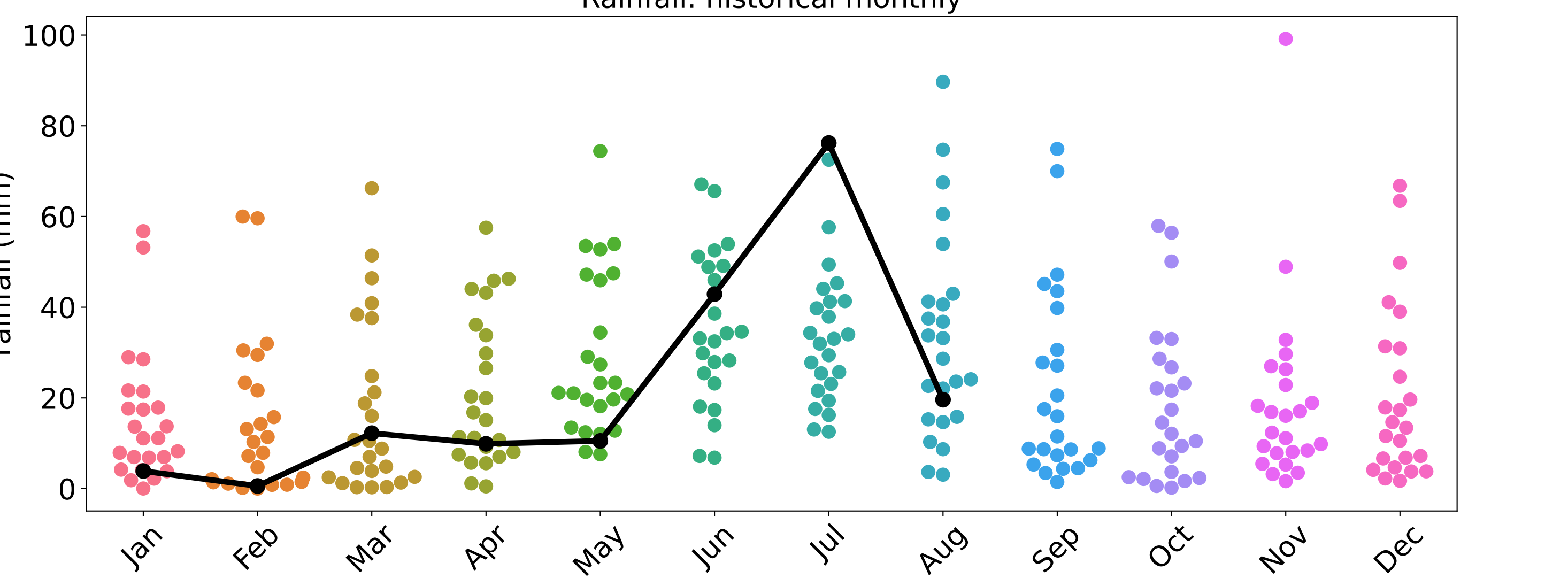
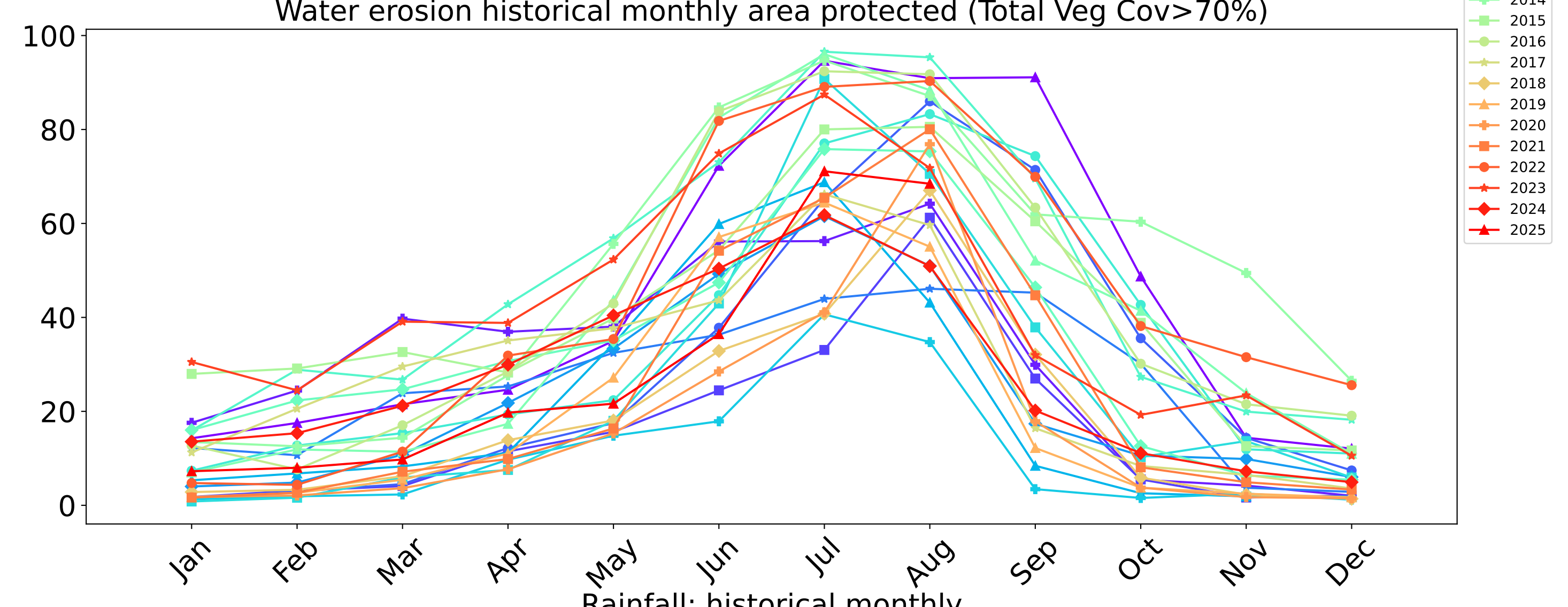
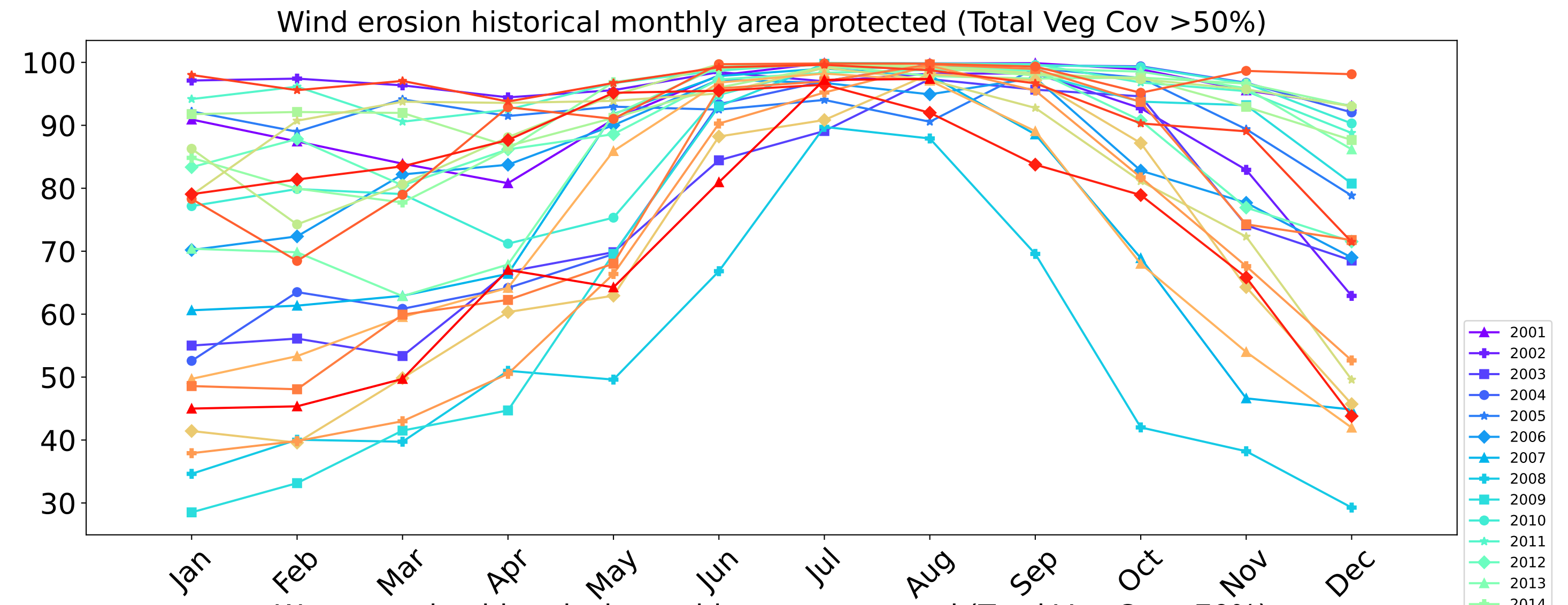
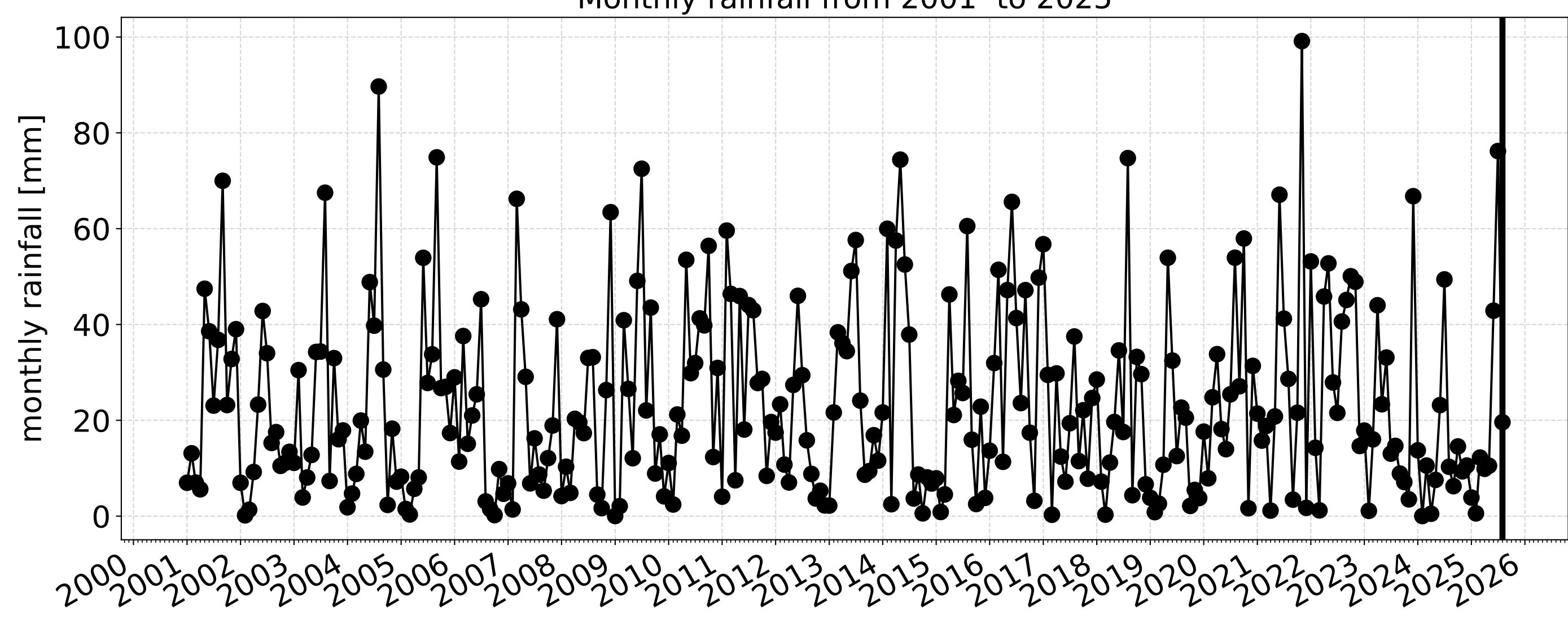
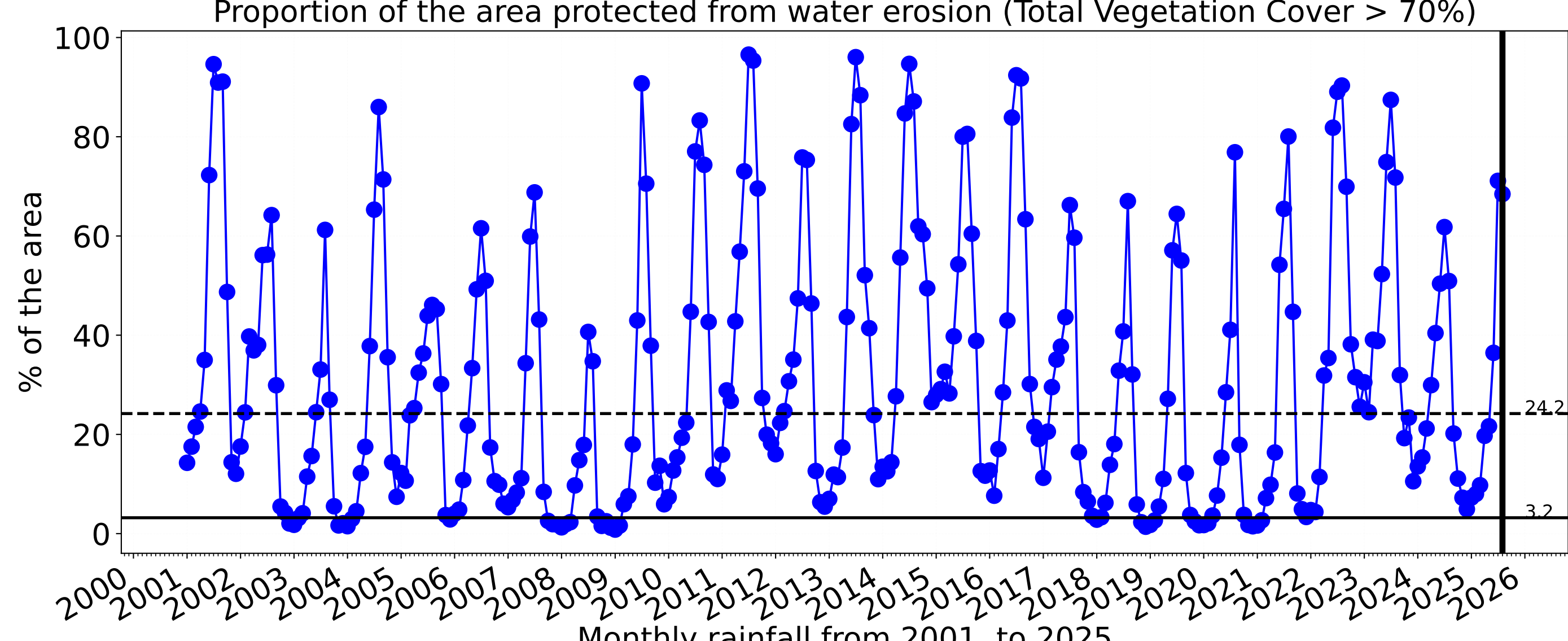
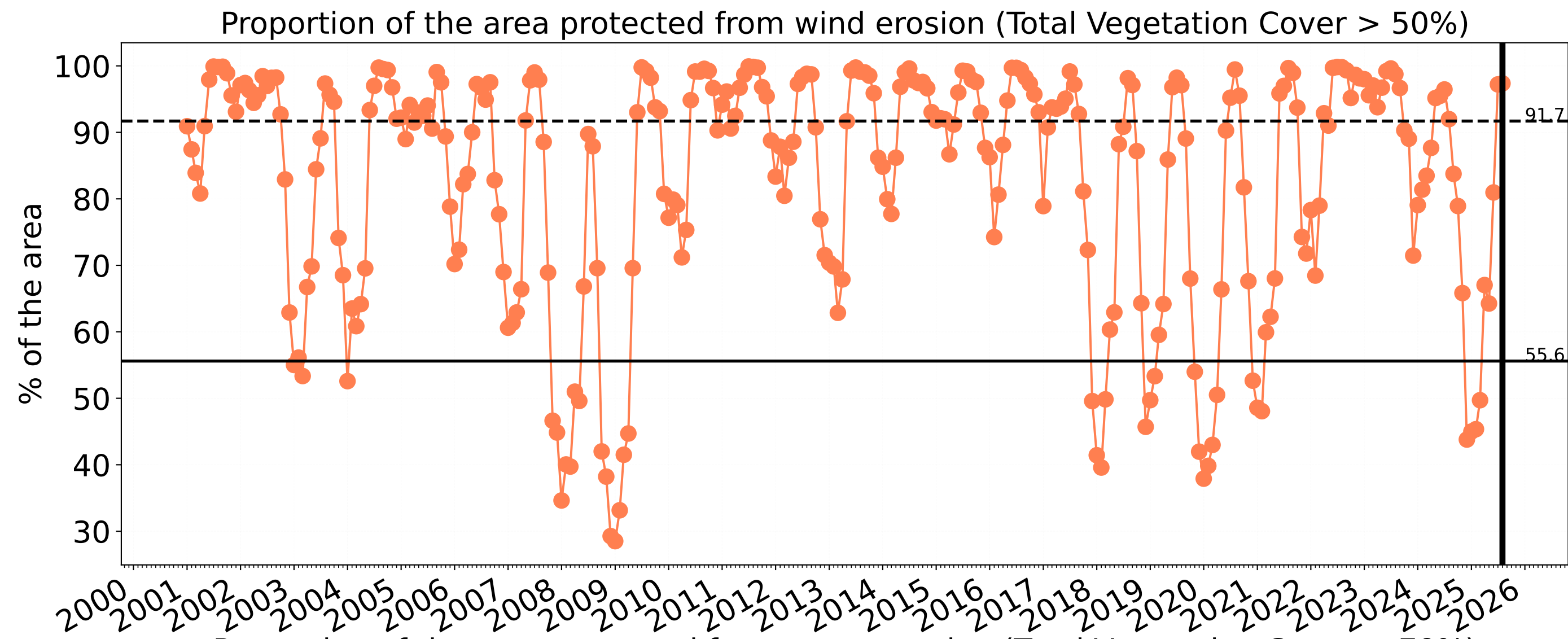
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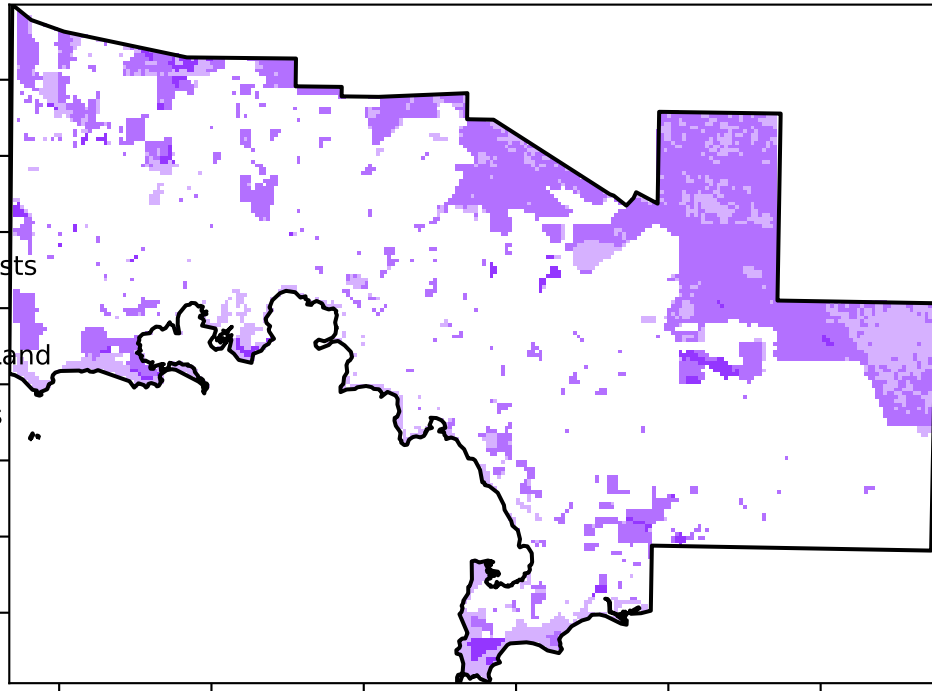




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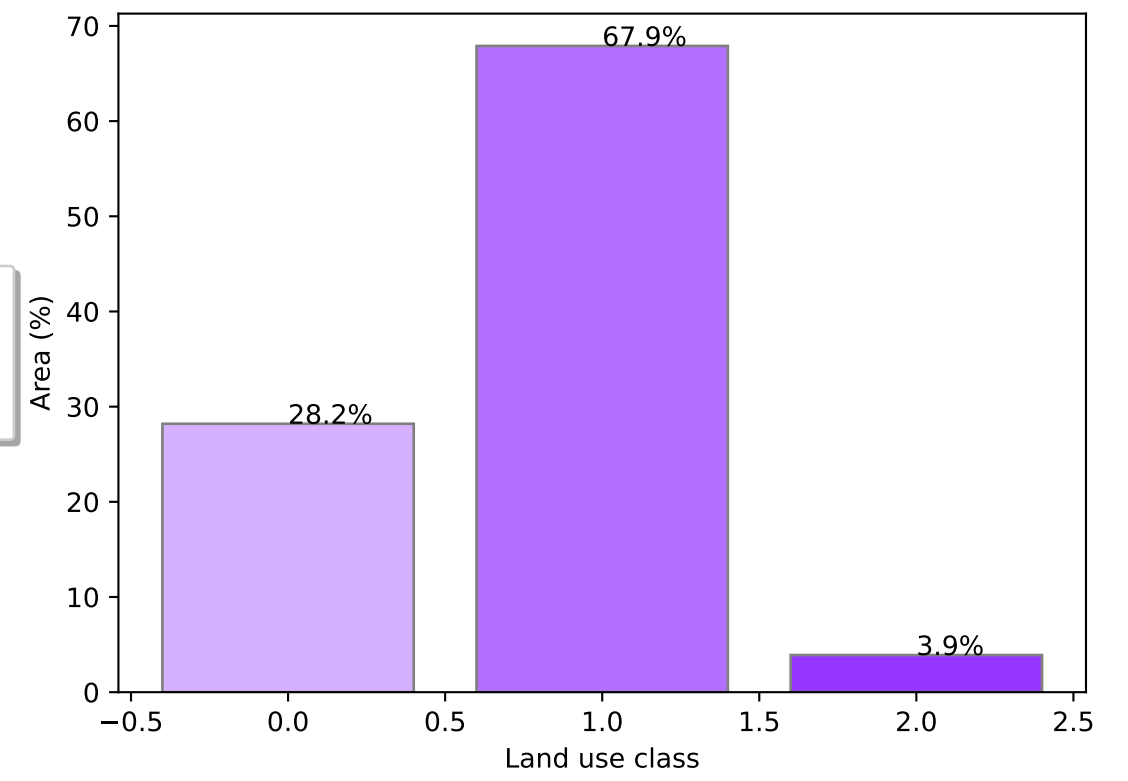
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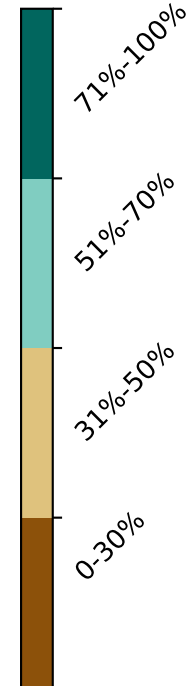
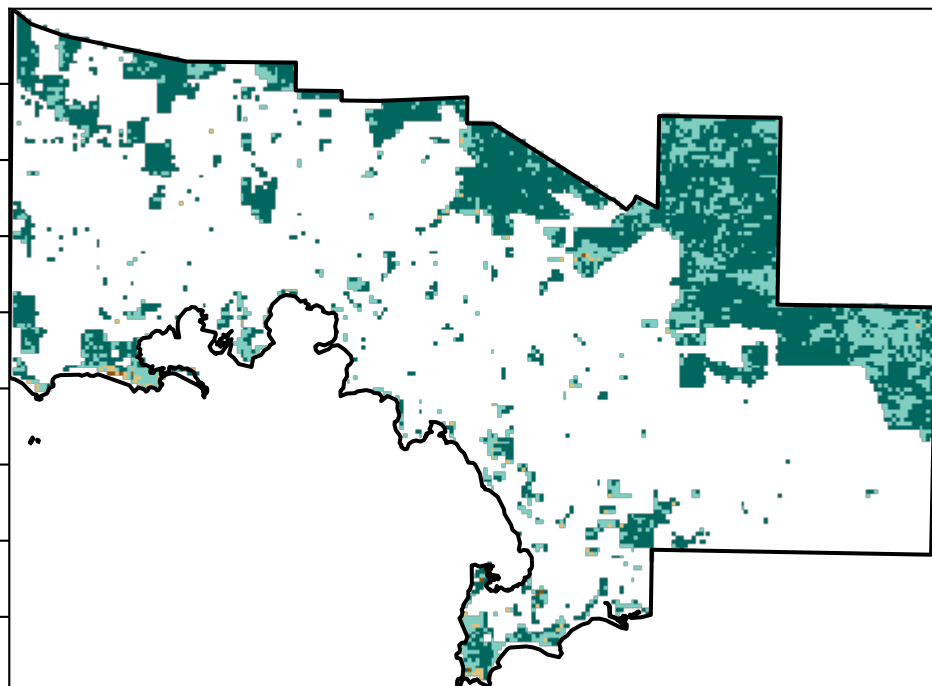


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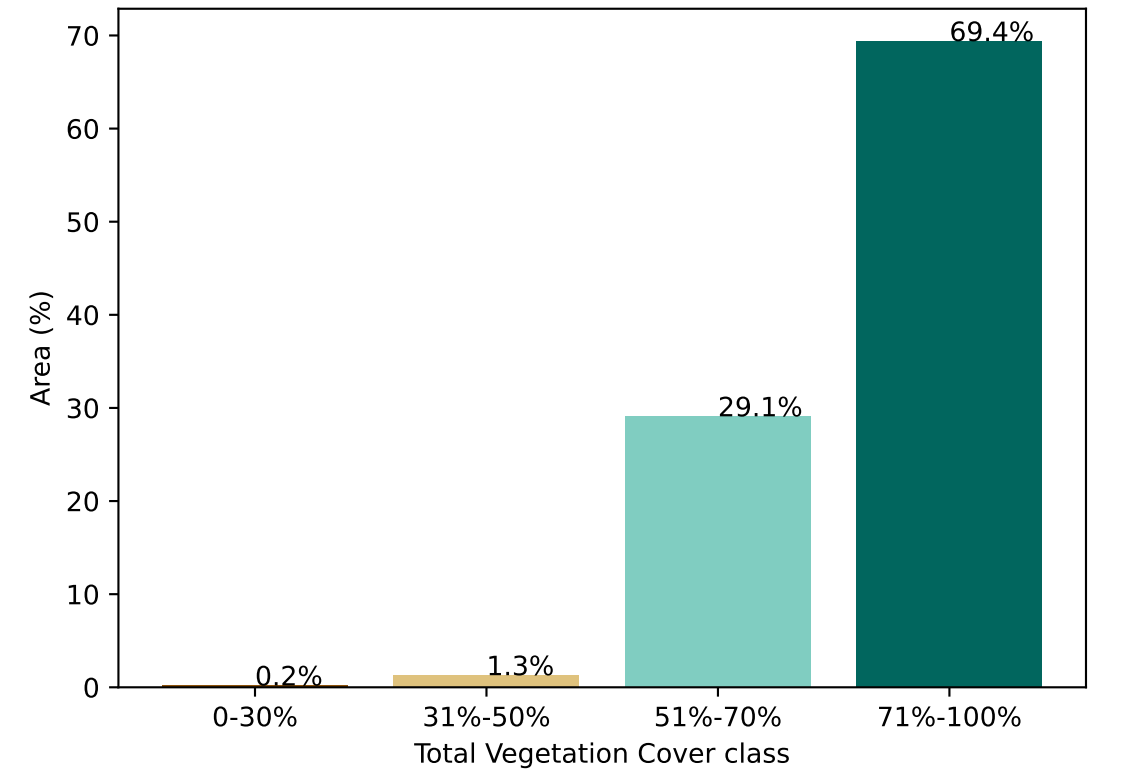
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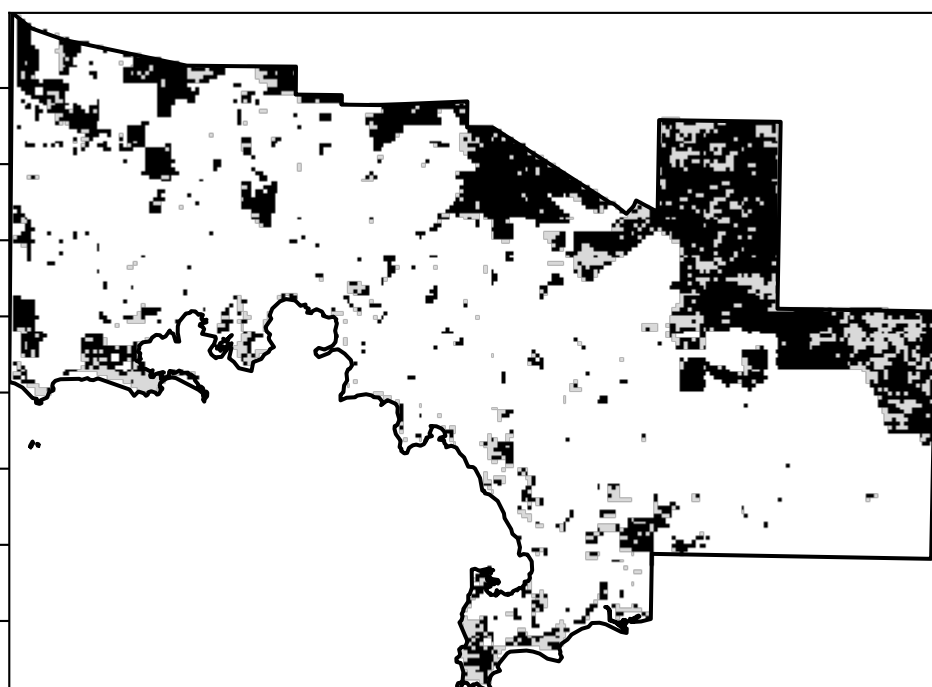
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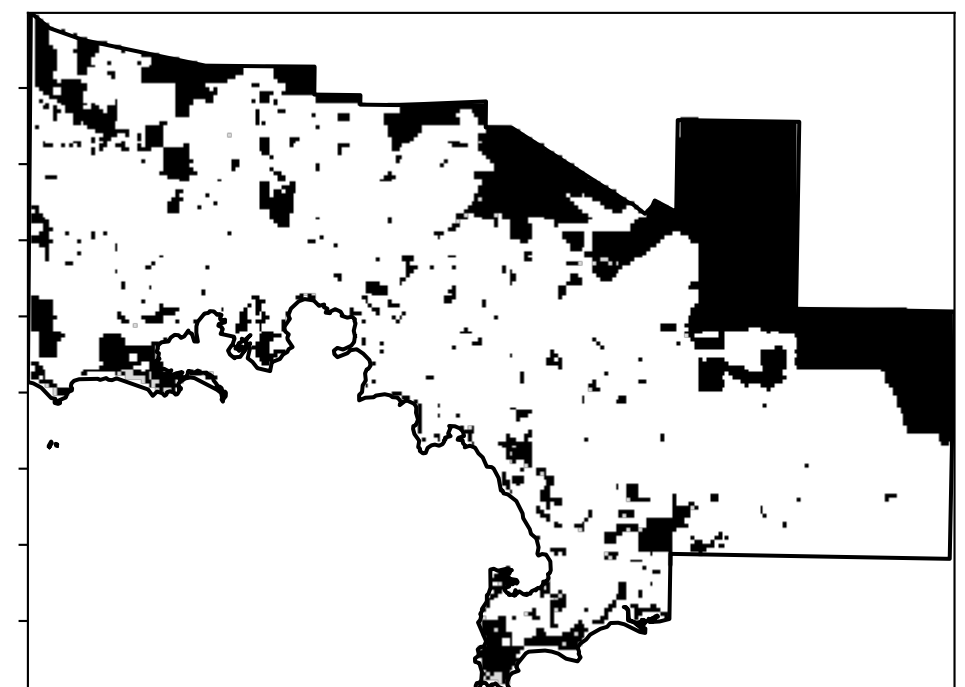


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 30.6% of region (47,170 ha)
- Area protected 69.4% of region (106,980 ha)

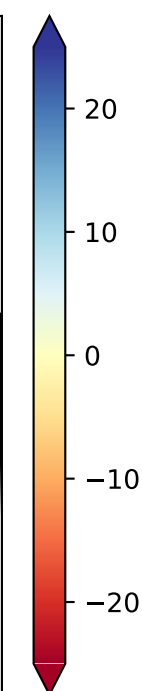
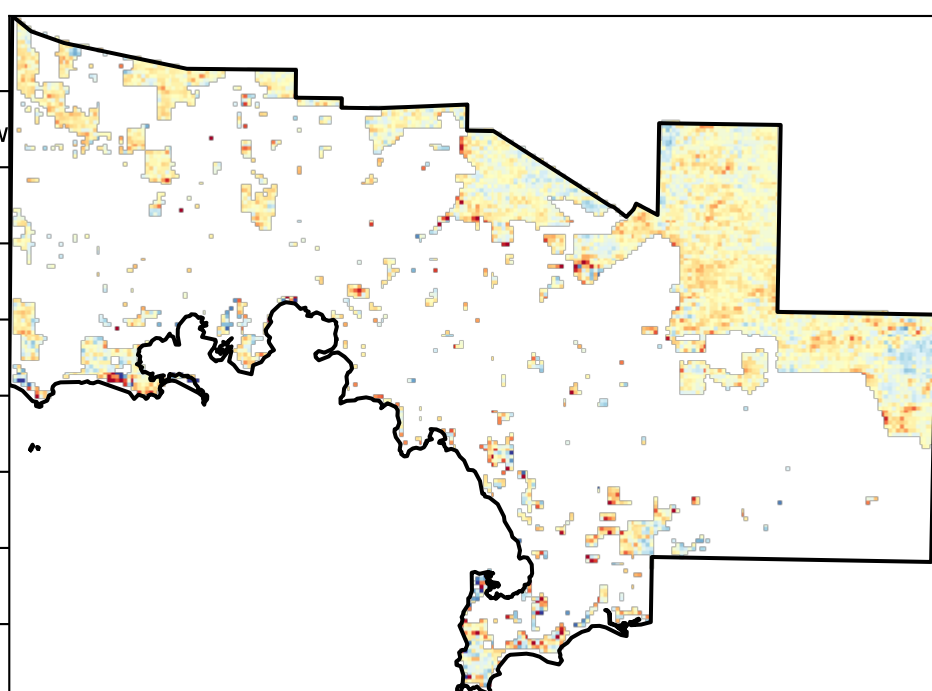
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 2.0% of region (3,083 ha)
- Area protected 98.0% of region (151,067 ha)

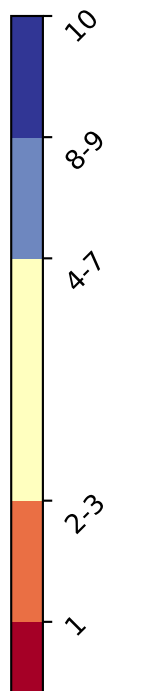
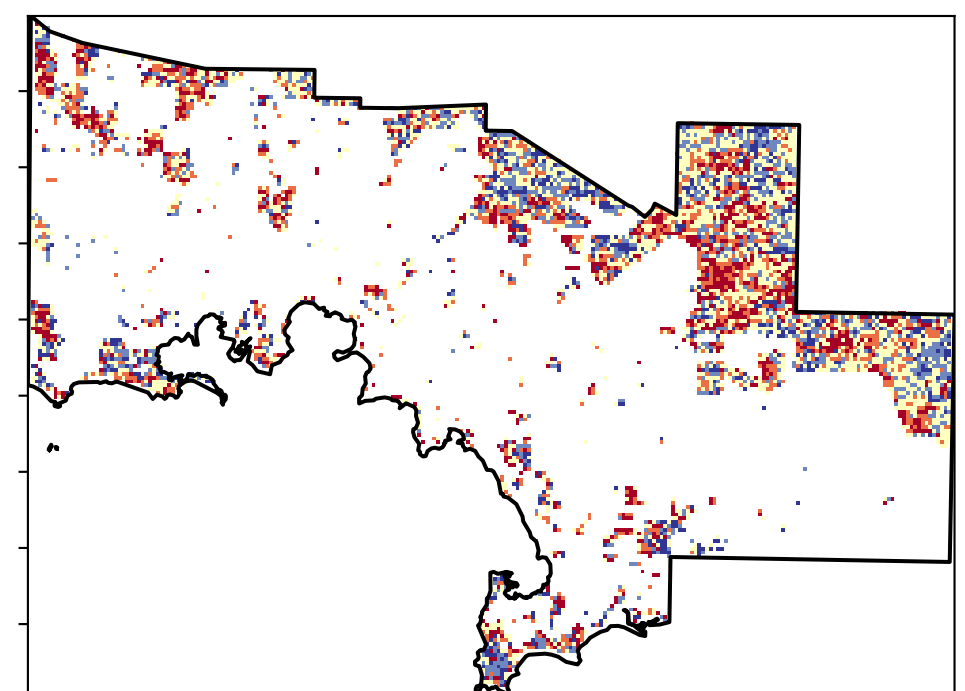
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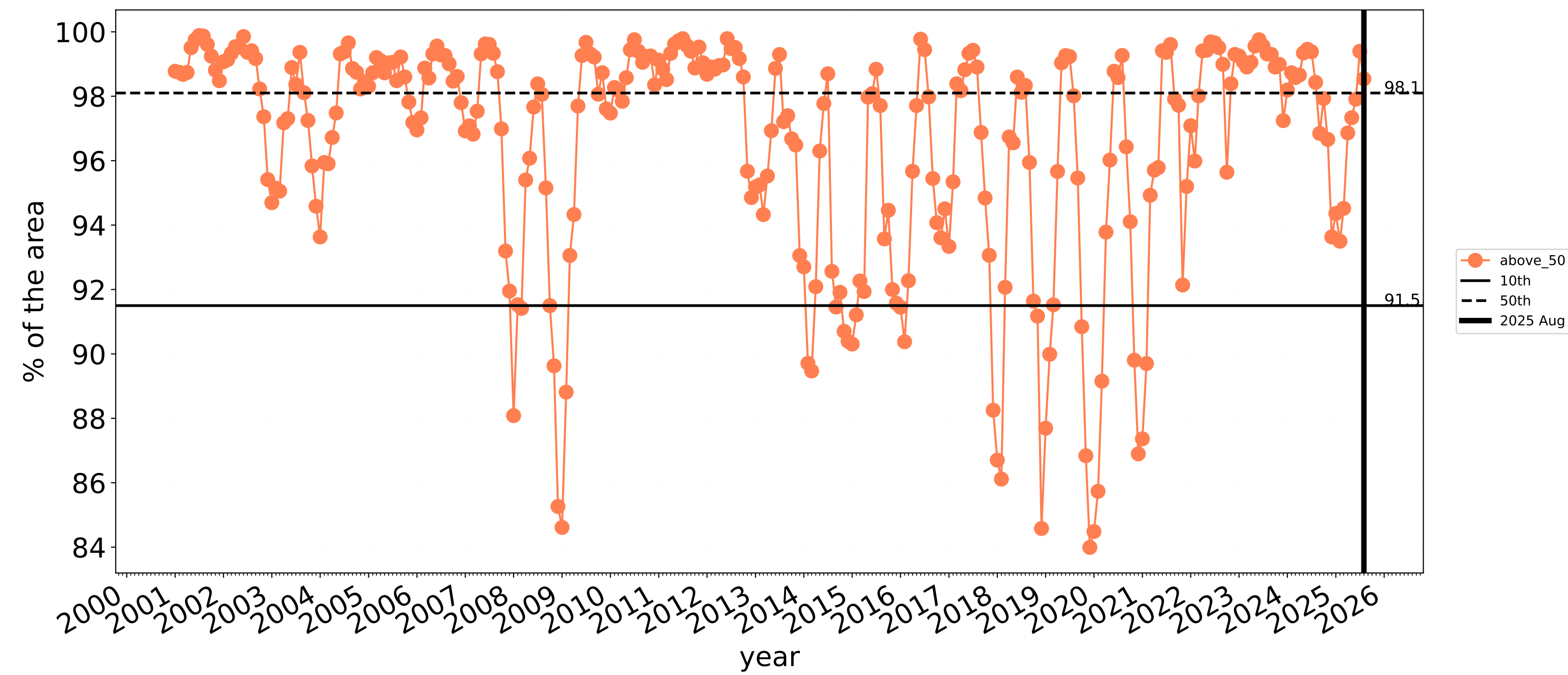


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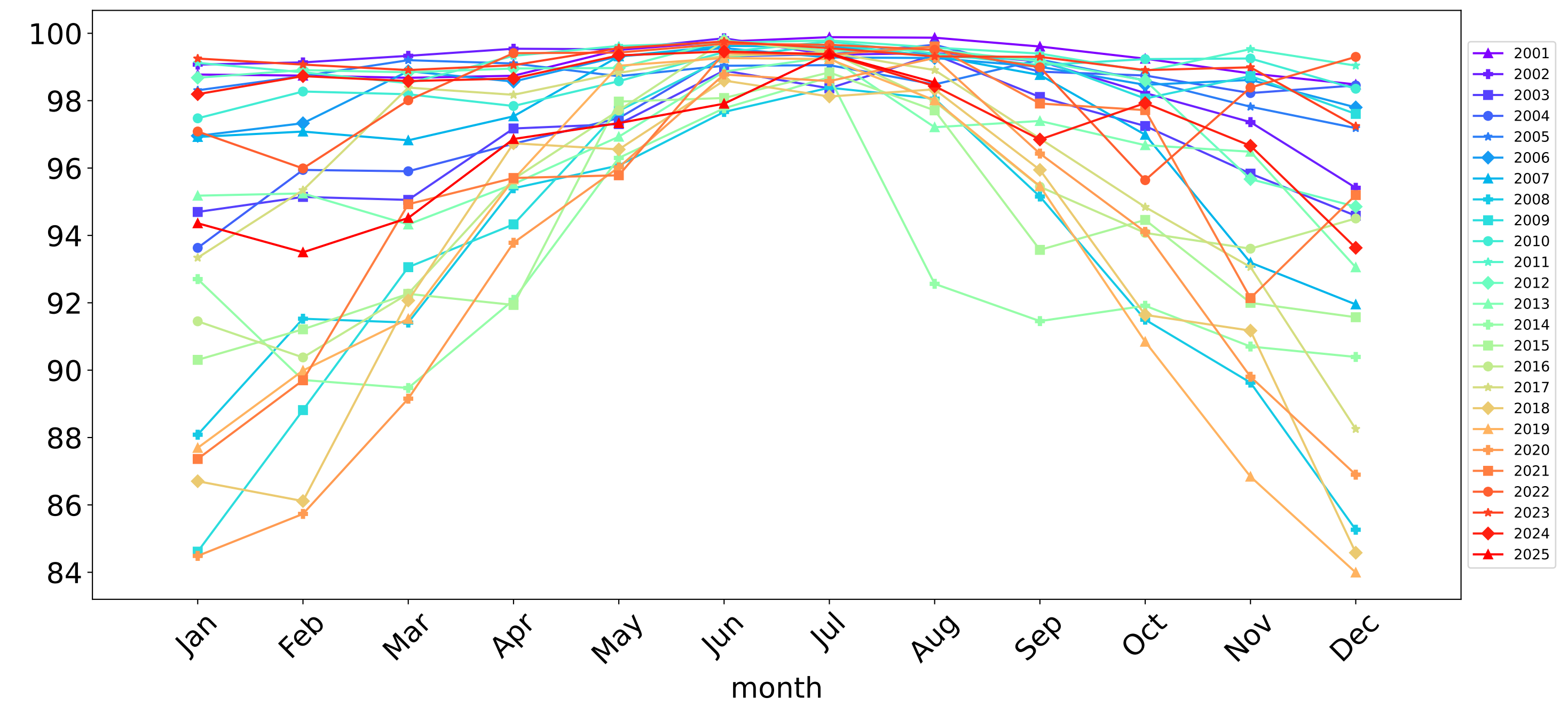


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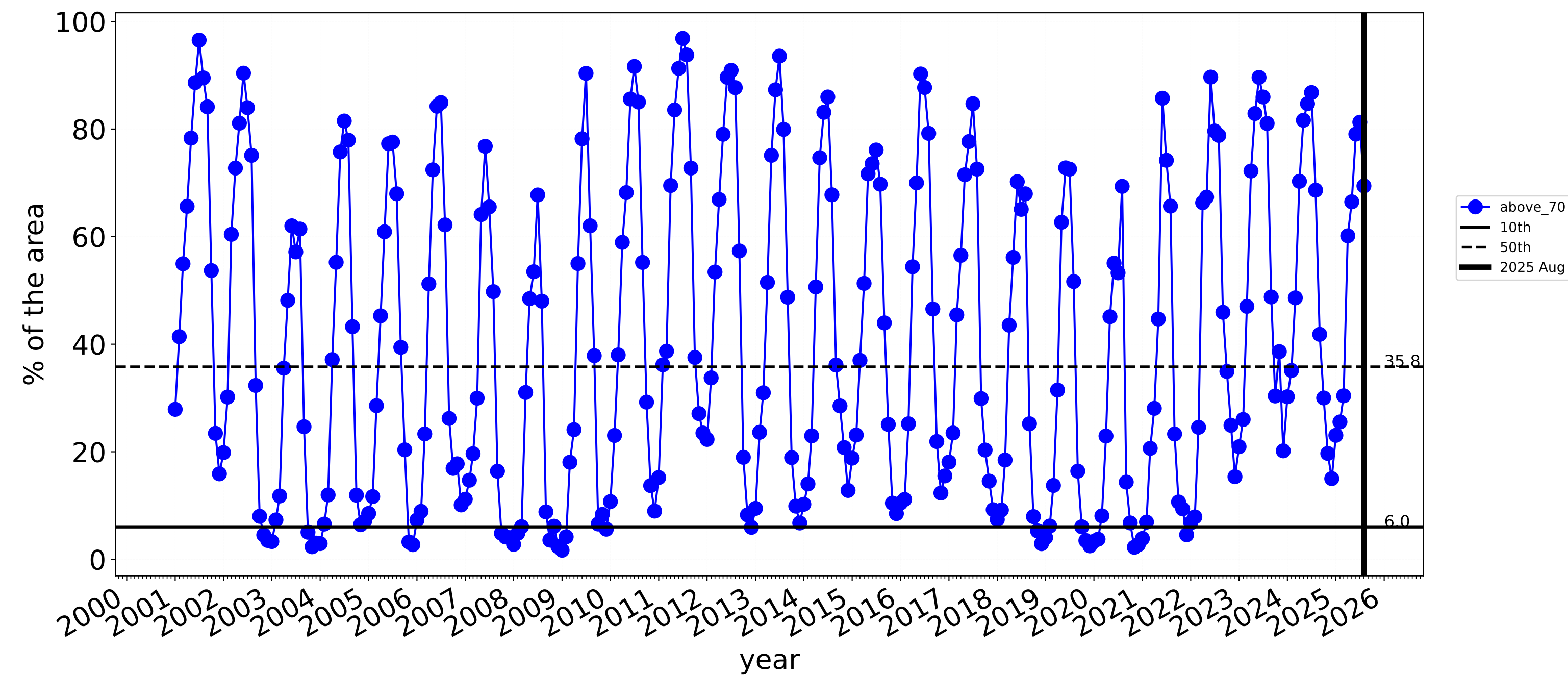
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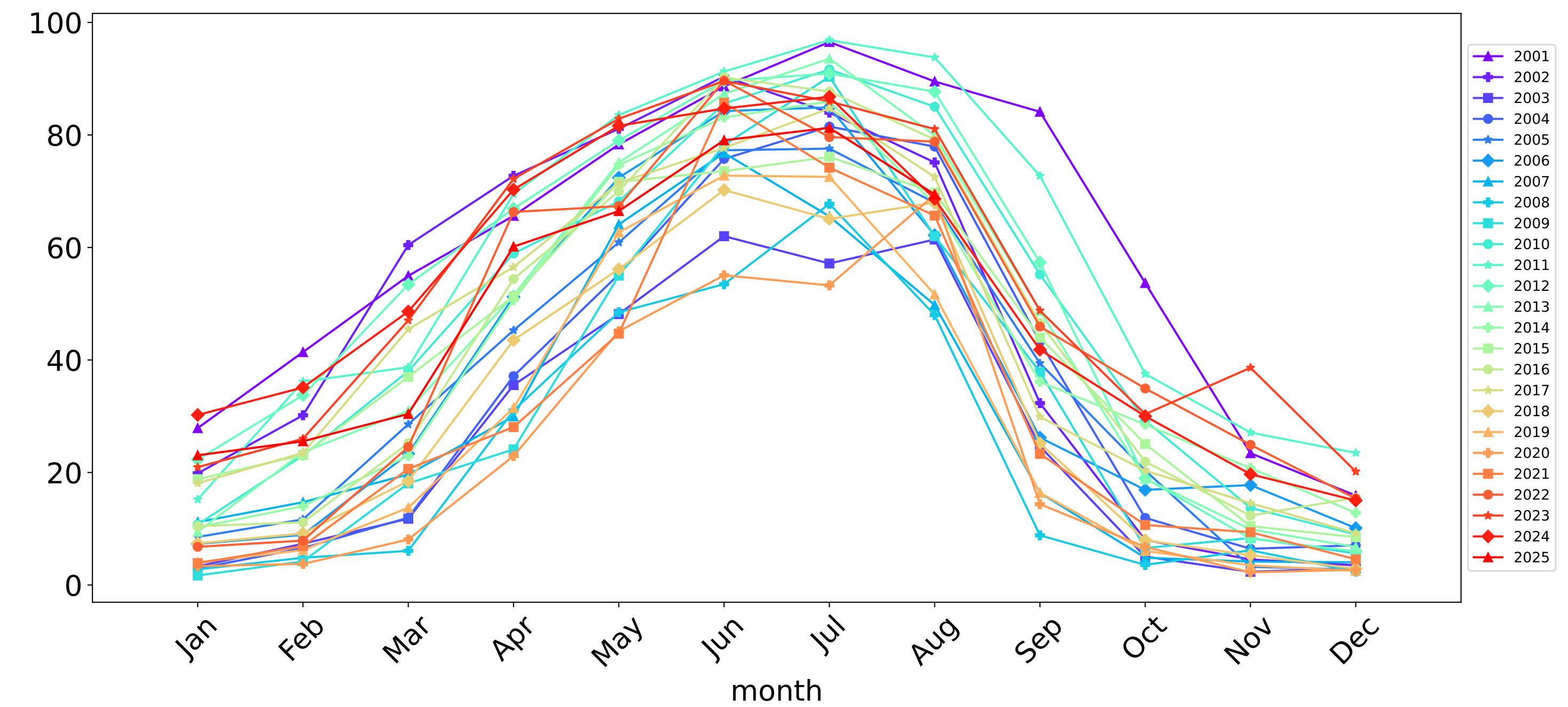
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



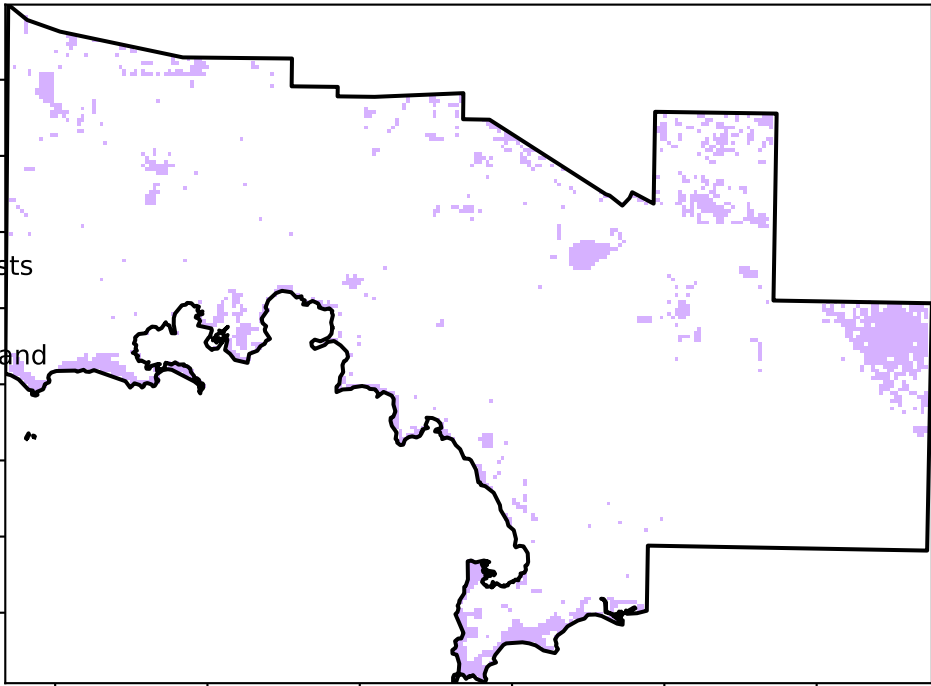
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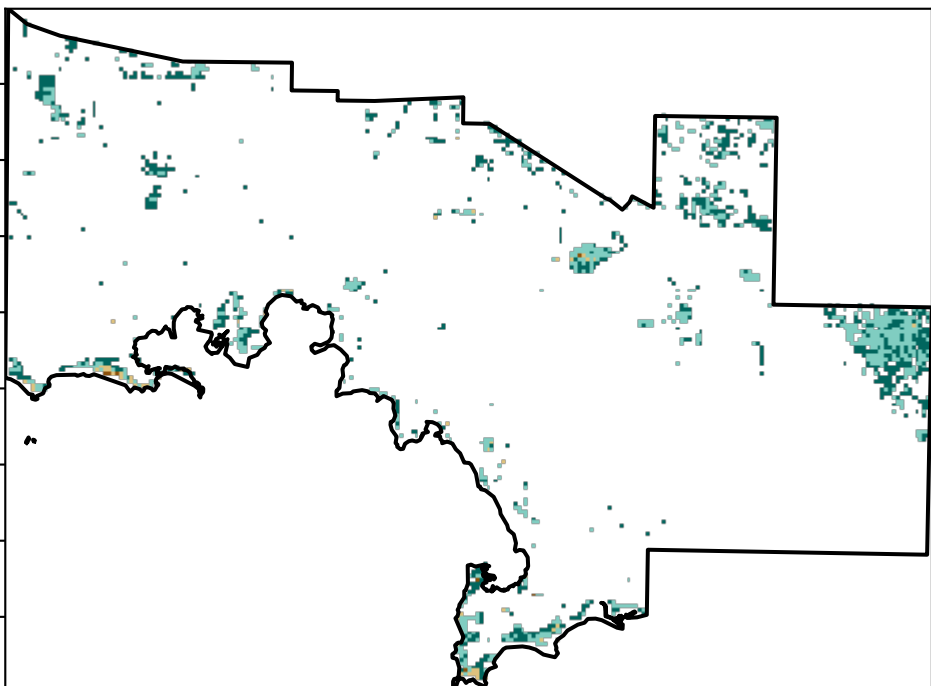
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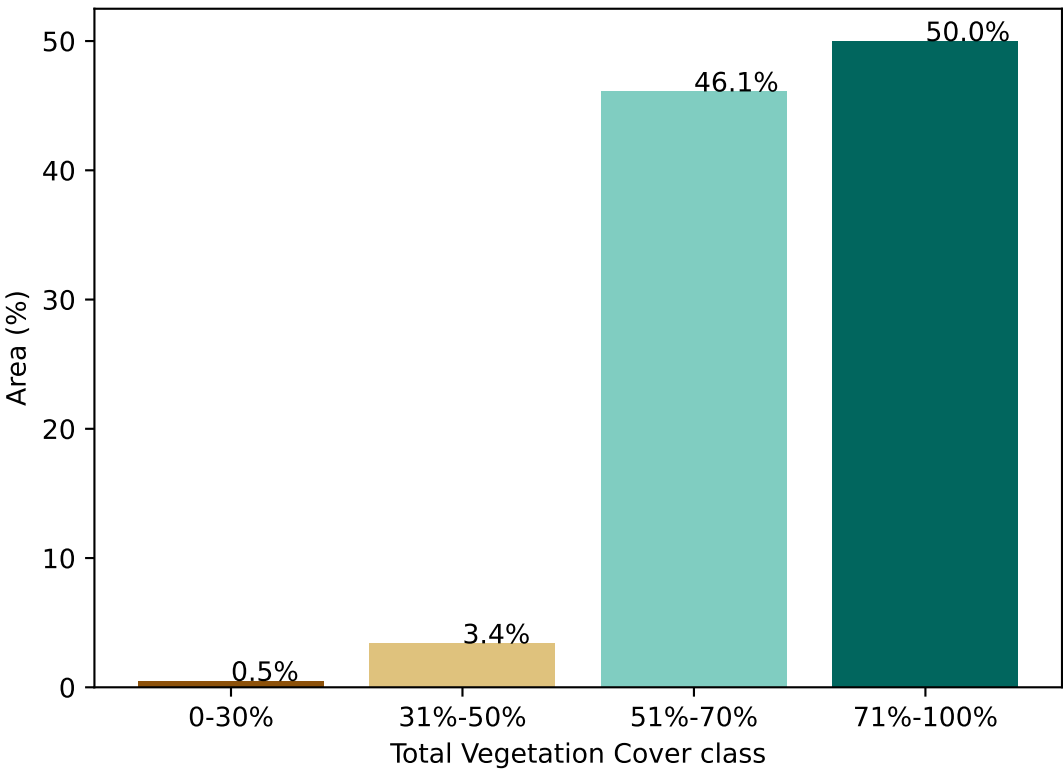


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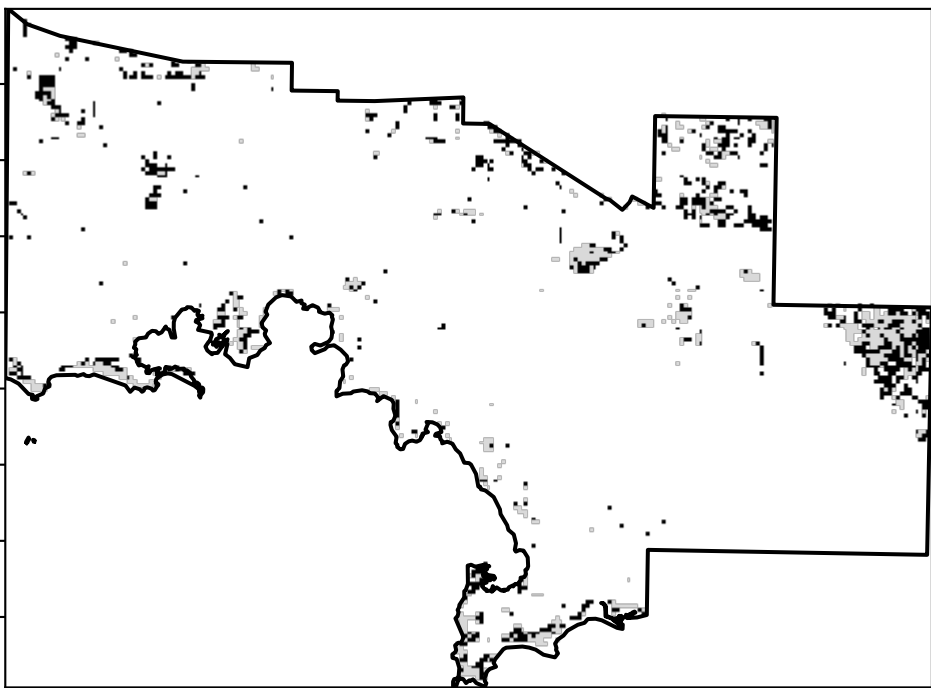
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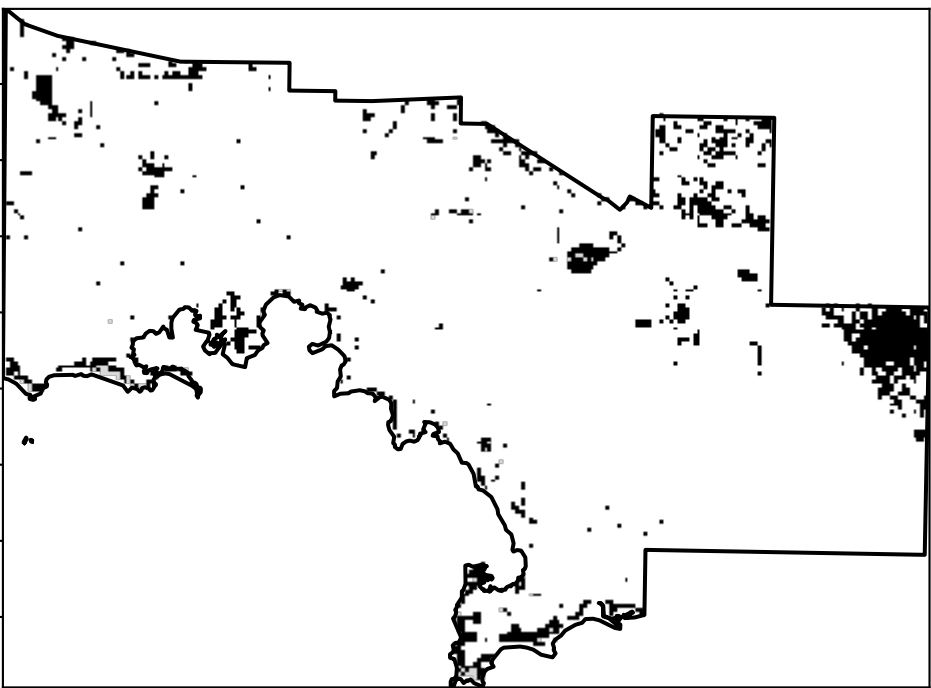


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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(20,238 ha)
Area protected
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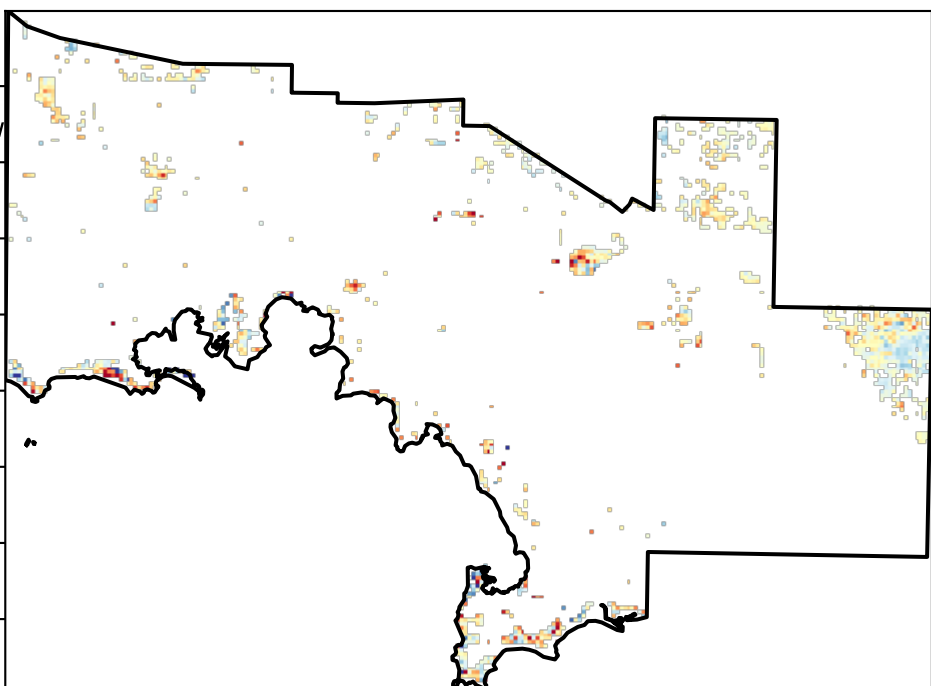
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
4.0% of region
(1,619 ha)
Area protected
96.0% of region
(38,856 ha)

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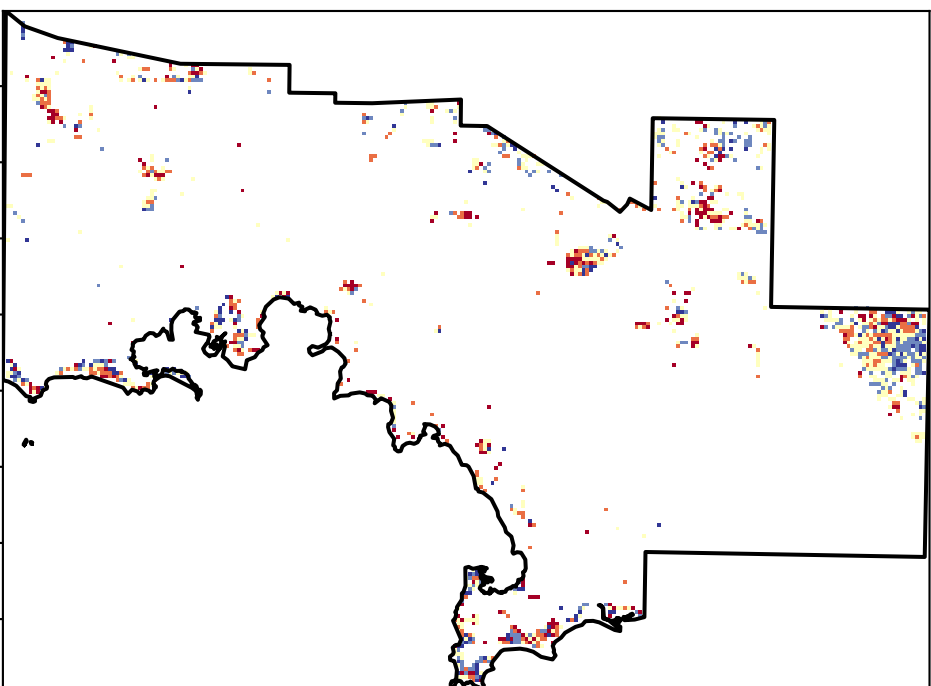
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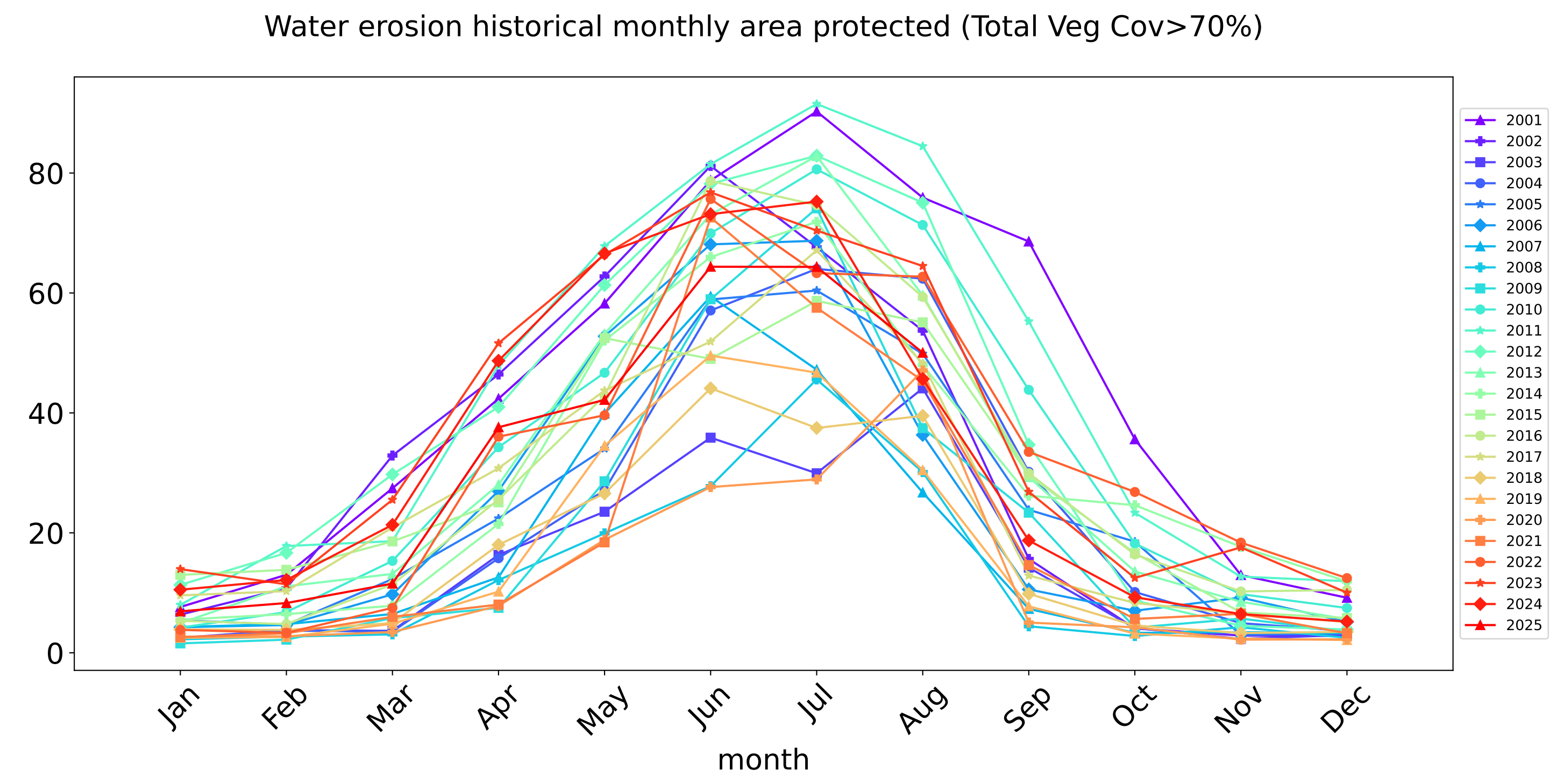
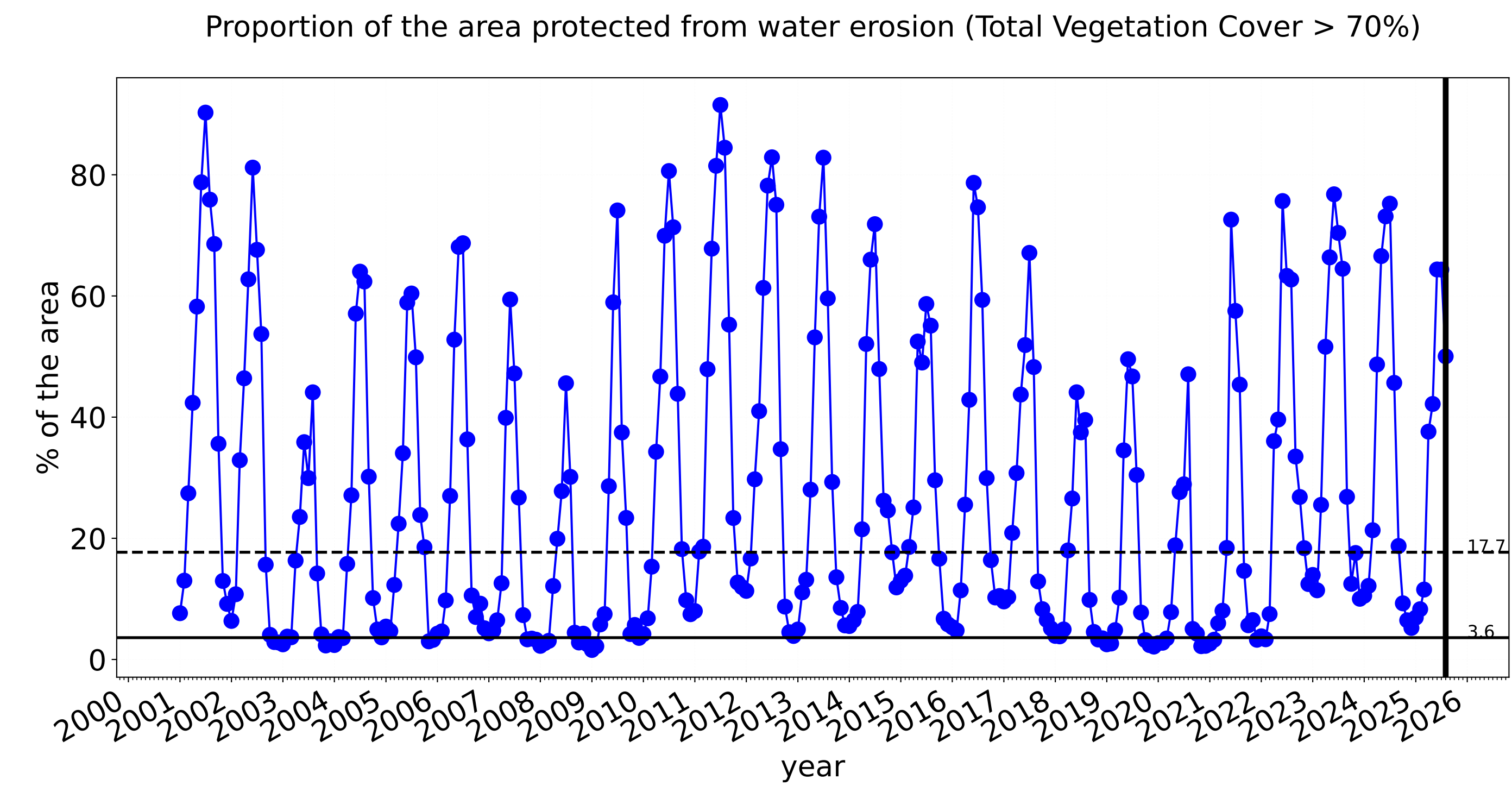
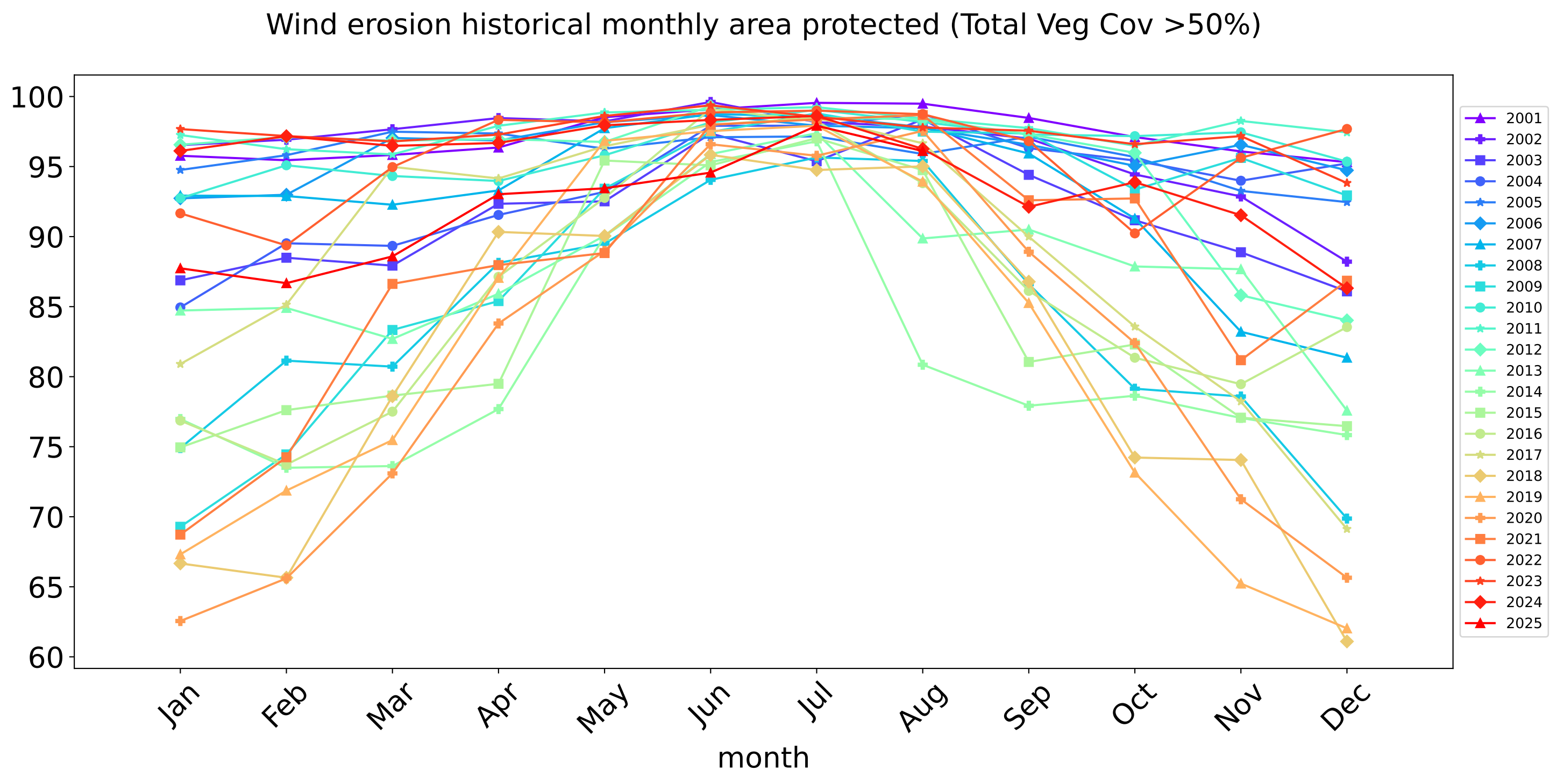
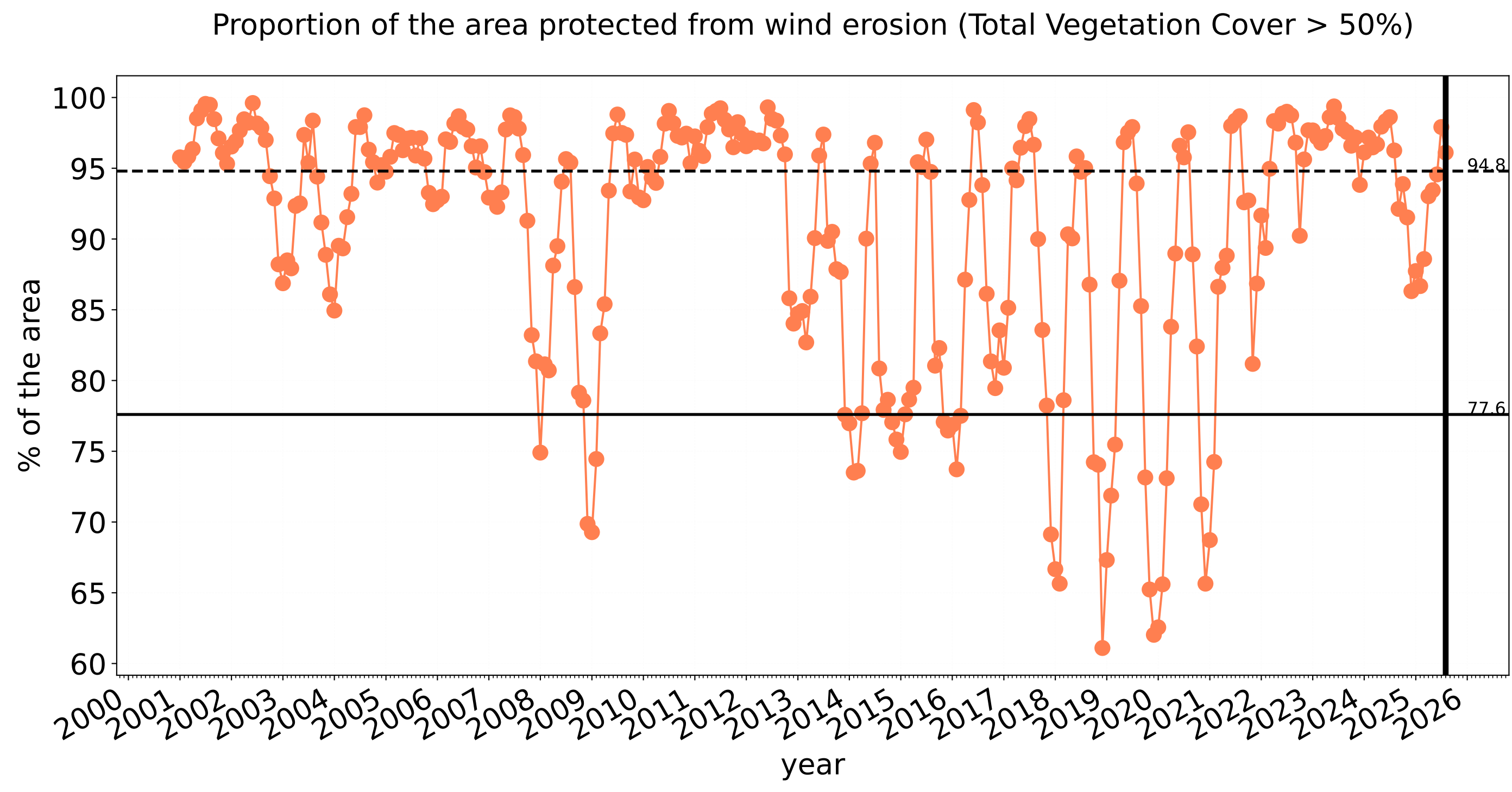


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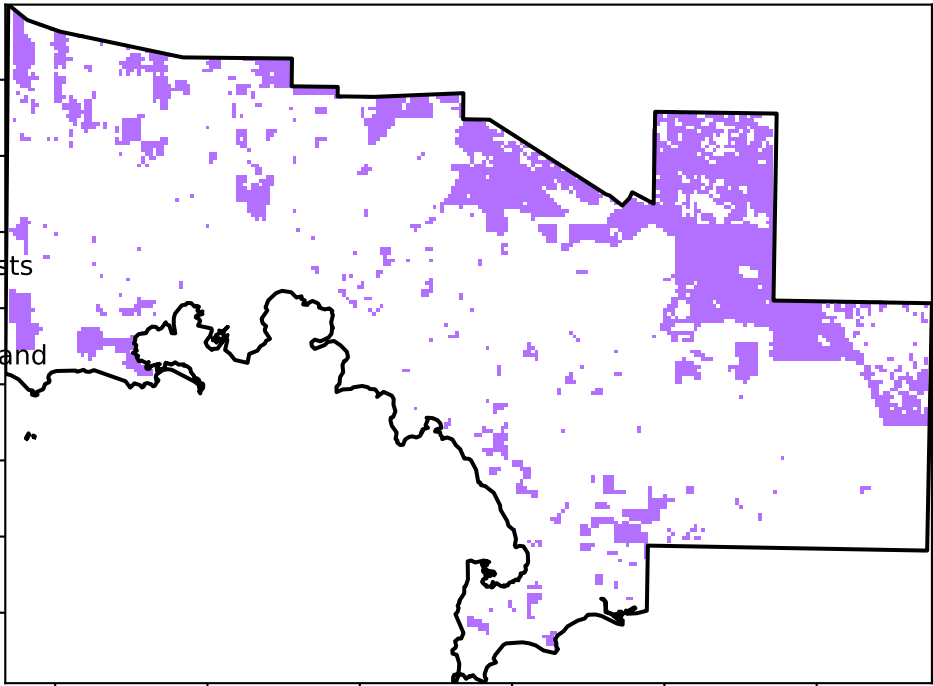
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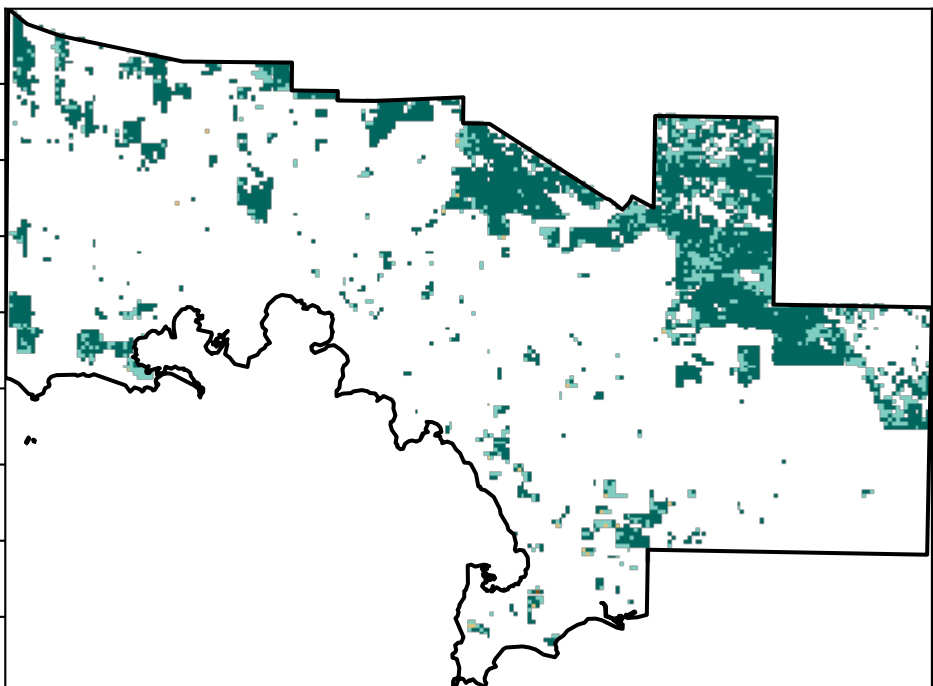
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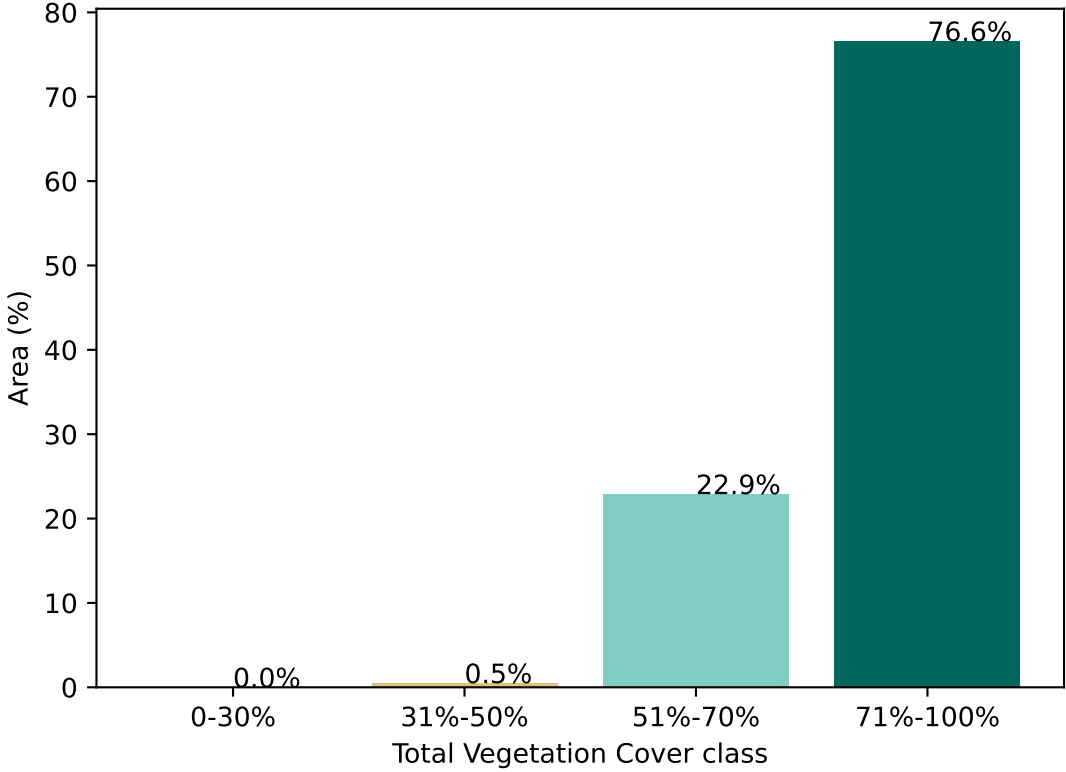


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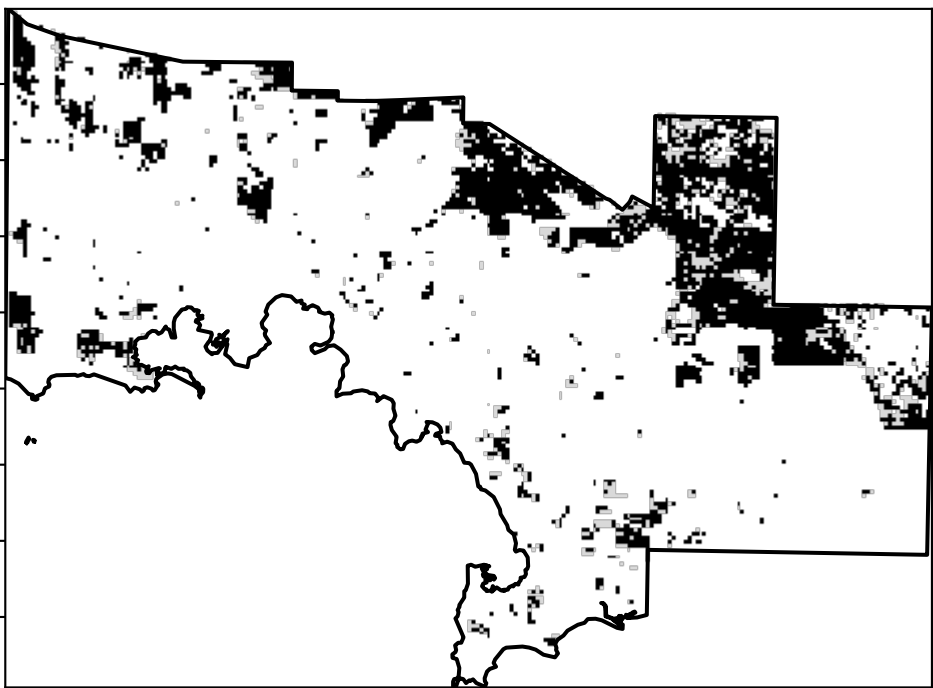
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

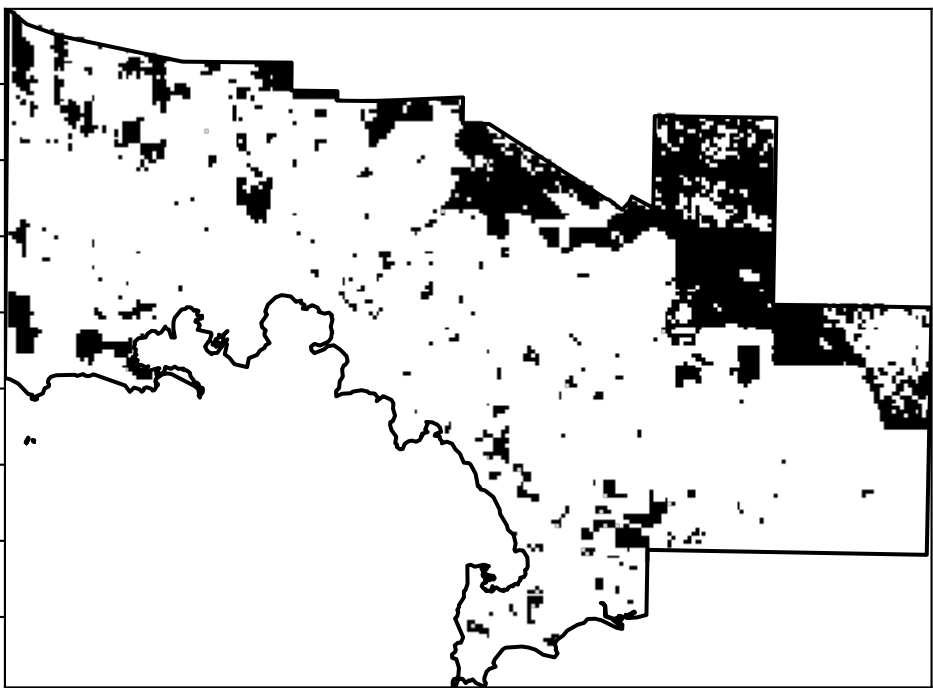


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected 23.4% of region (25,202 ha)
Area protected 76.6% of region (82,498 ha)

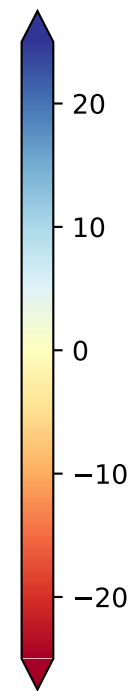
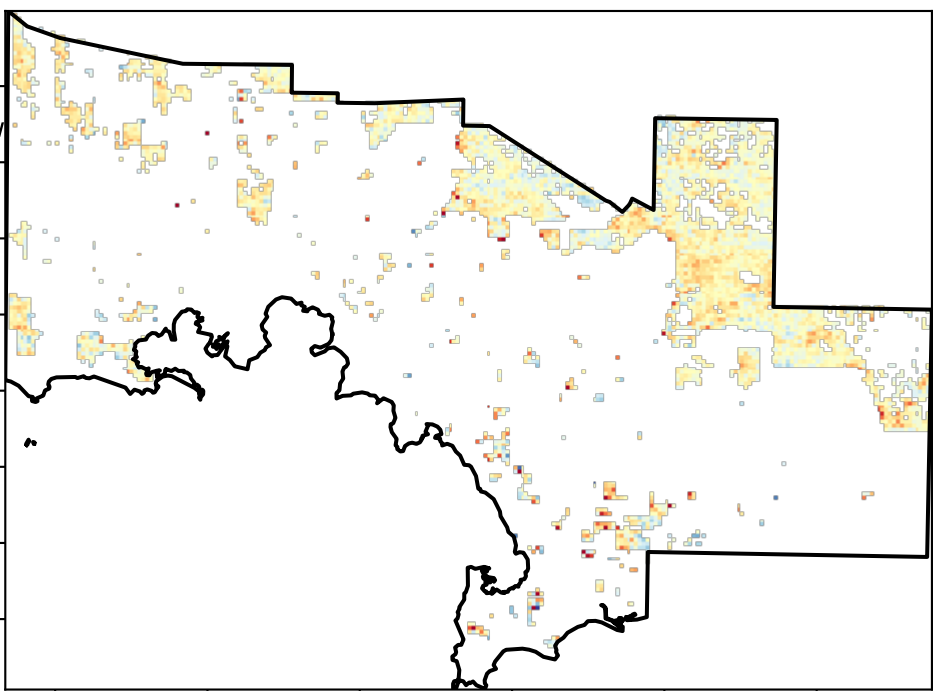
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
Area protected 100.0% of region (107,700 ha)

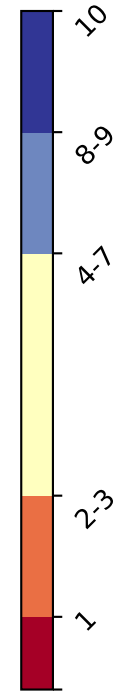
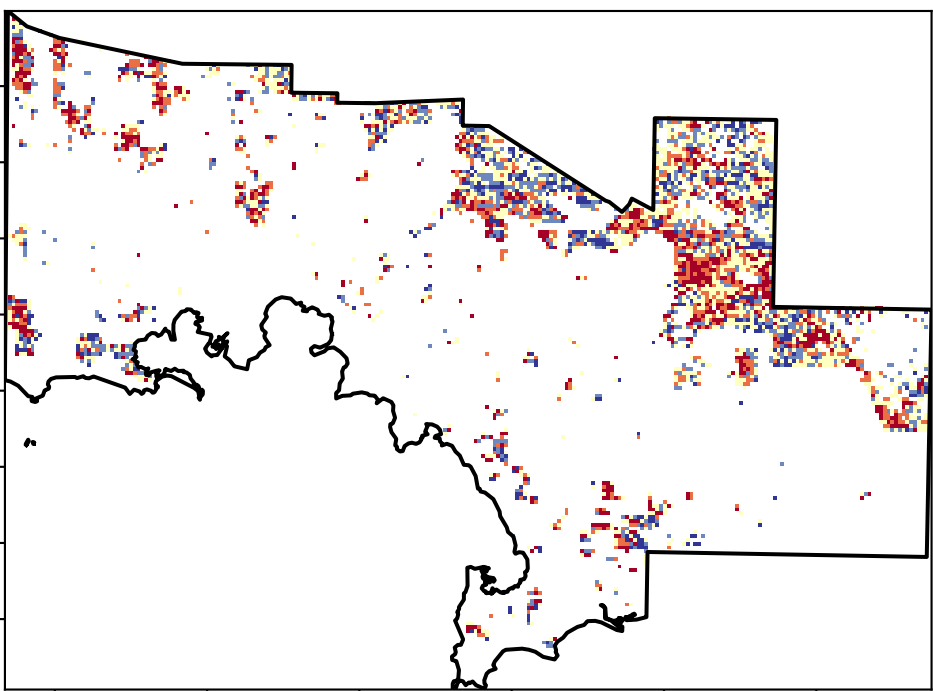
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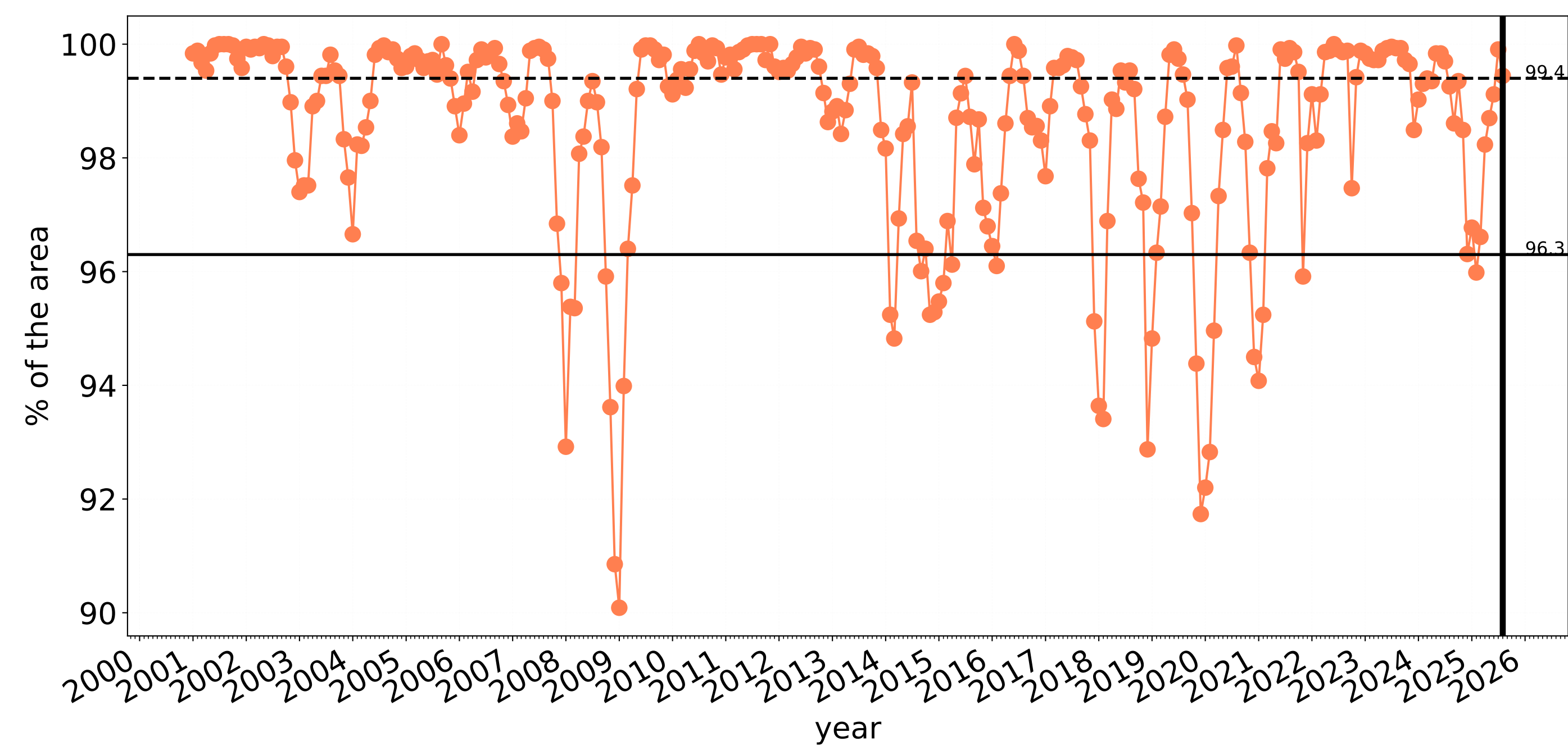
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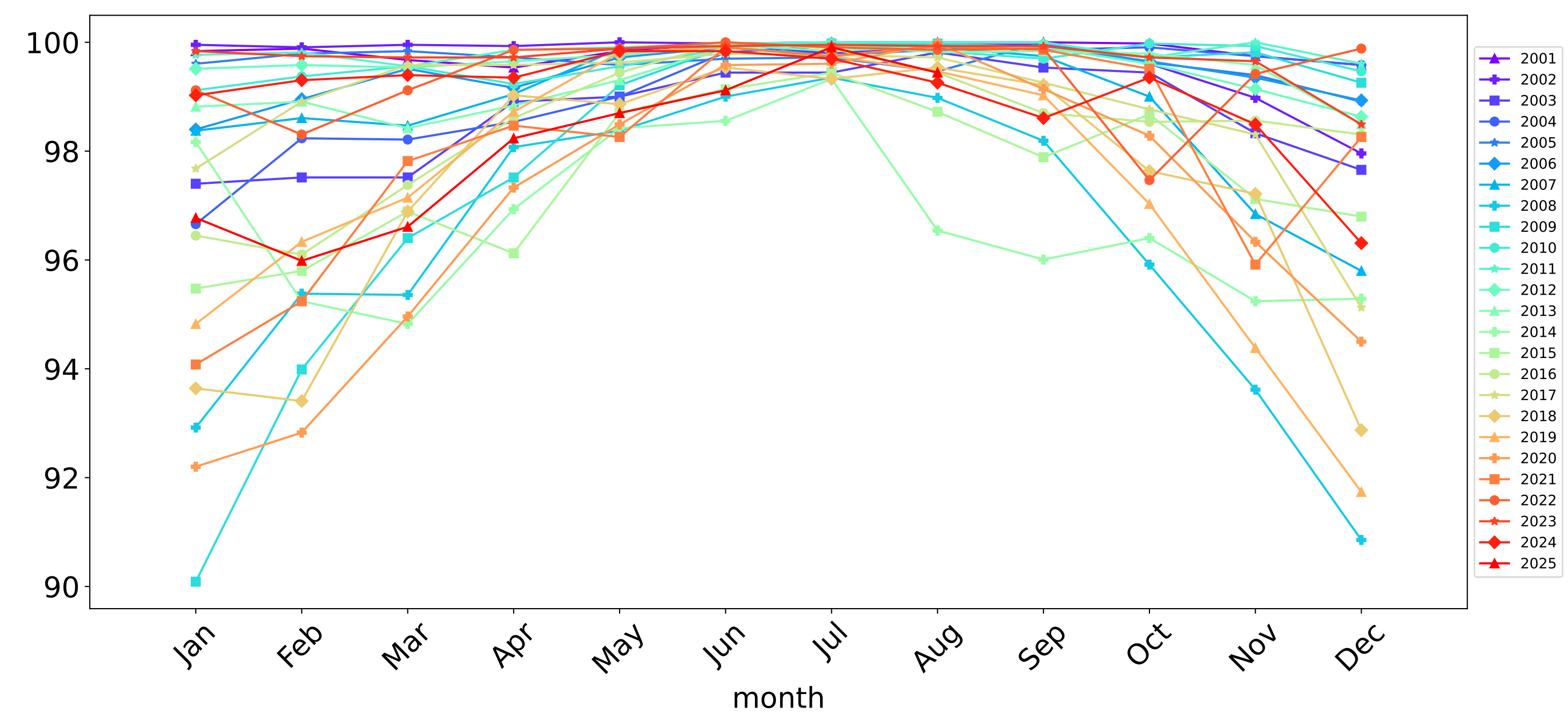


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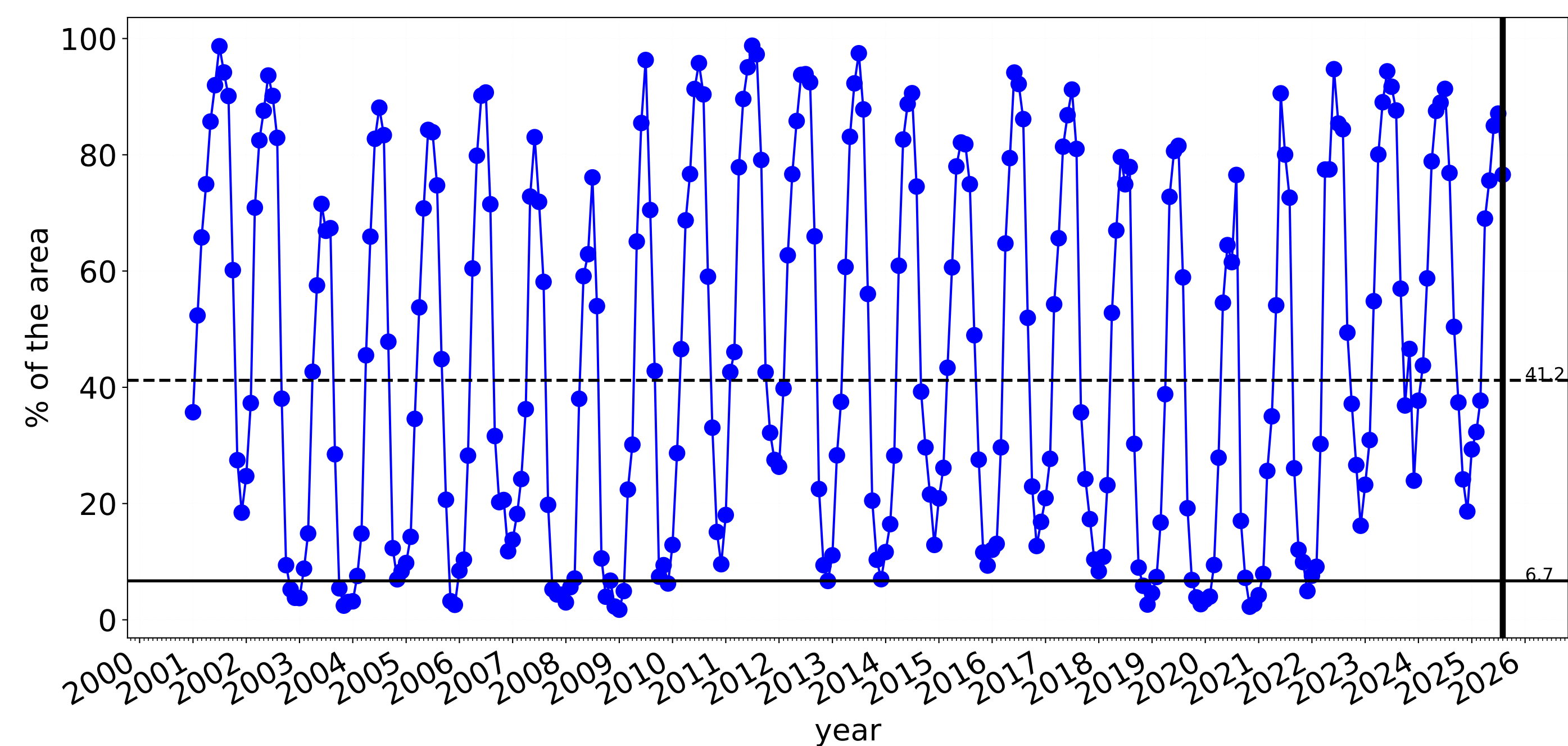
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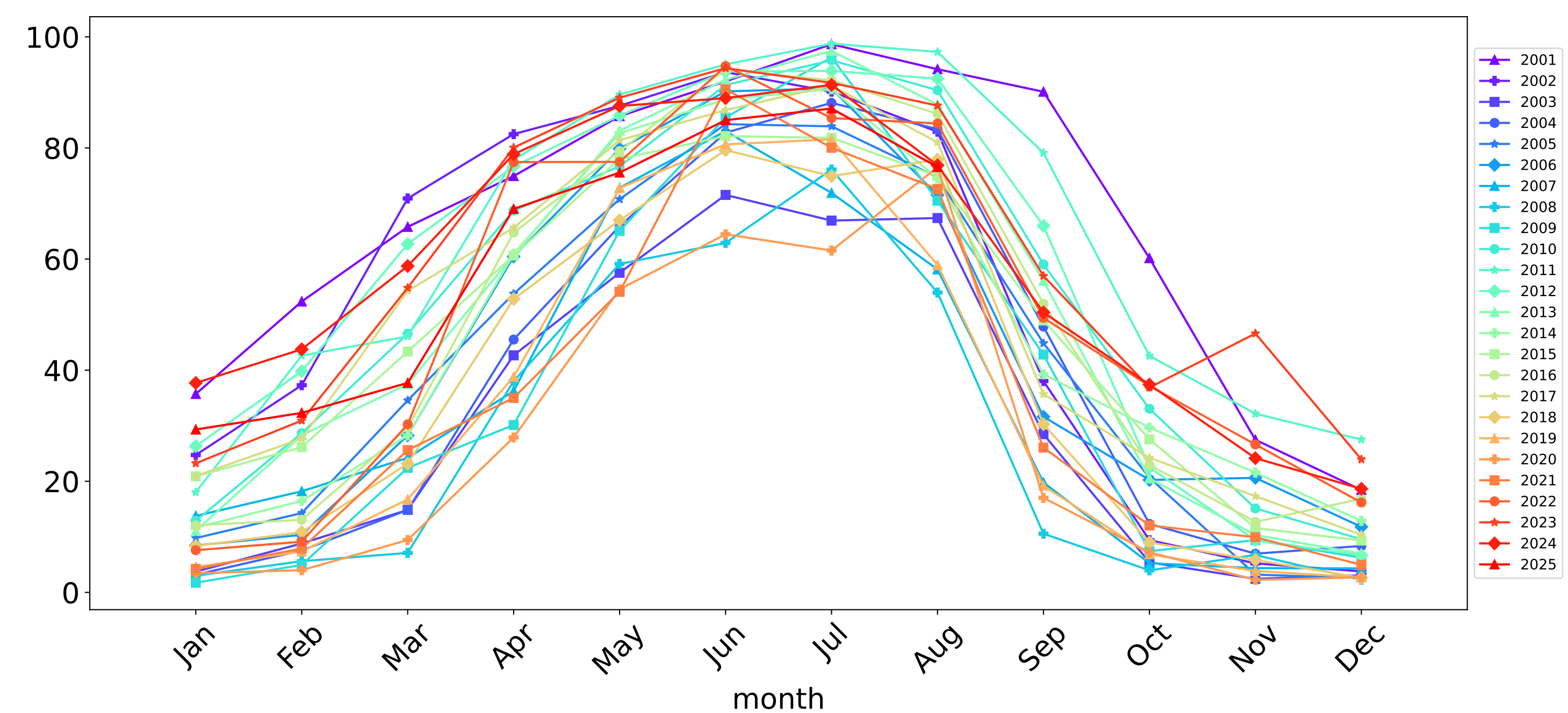
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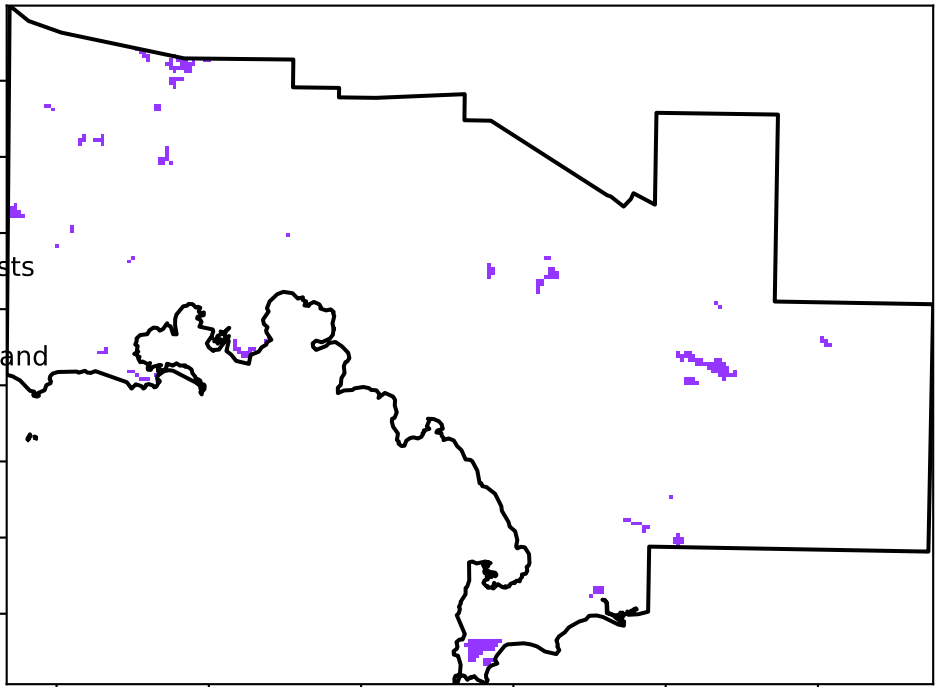
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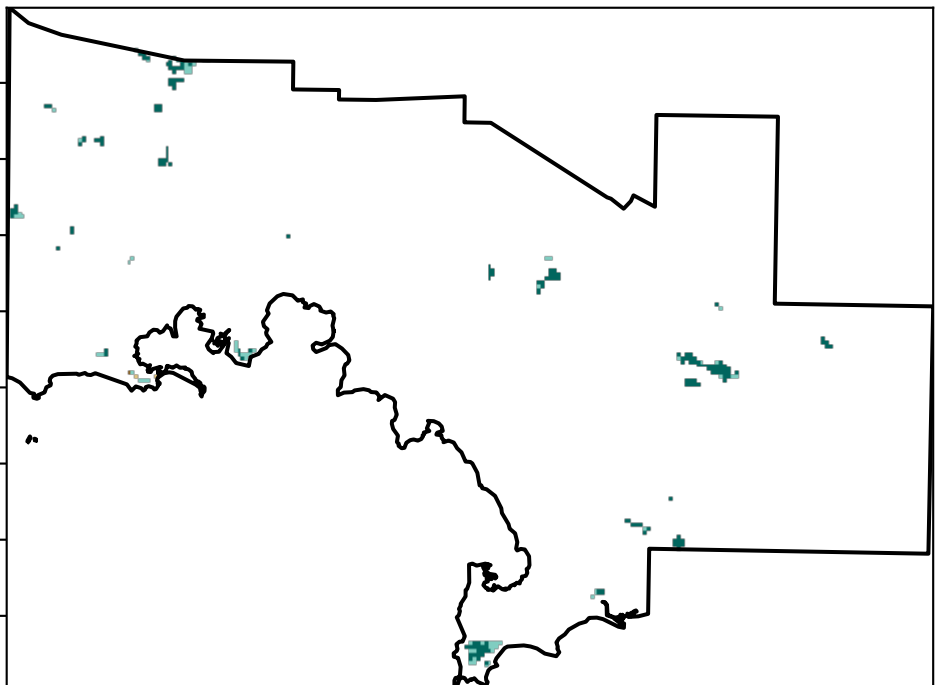
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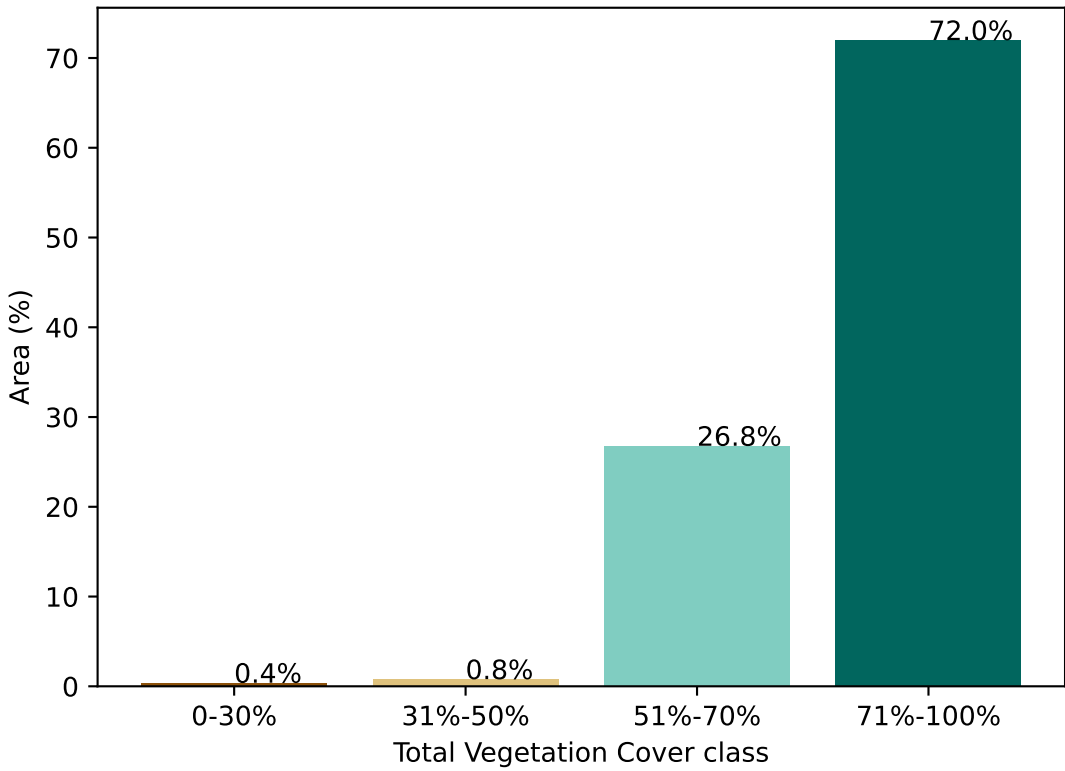


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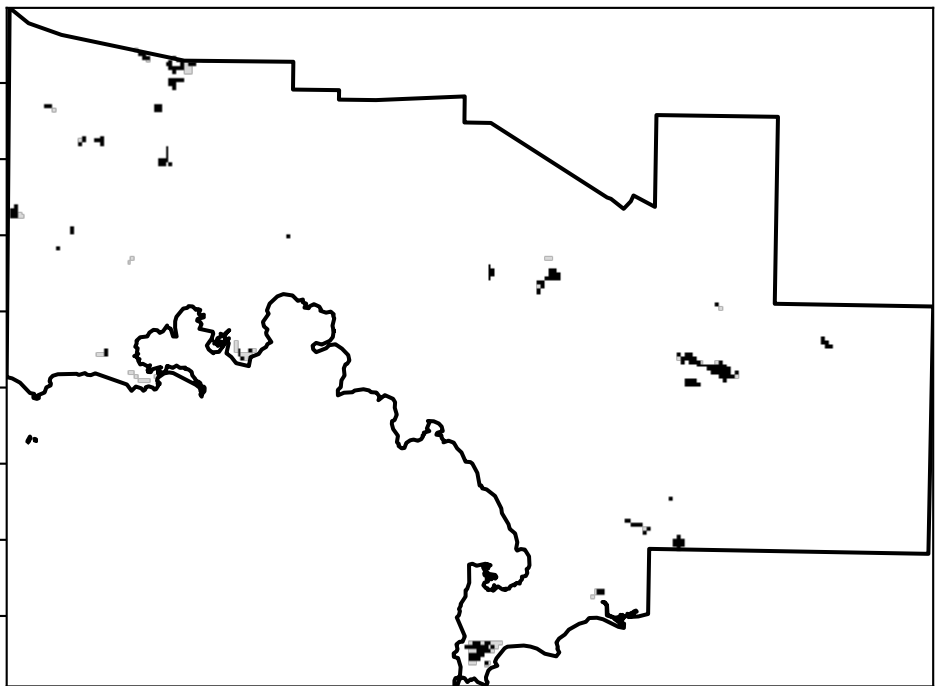
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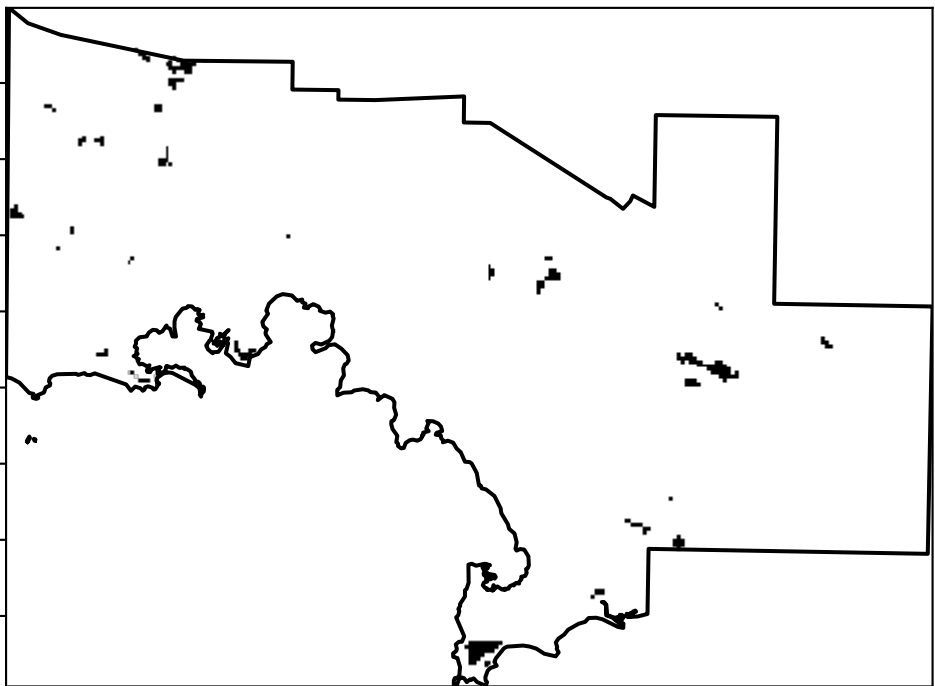


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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28.0% of region
(1,673 ha)
Area protected
72.0% of region
(4,302 ha)

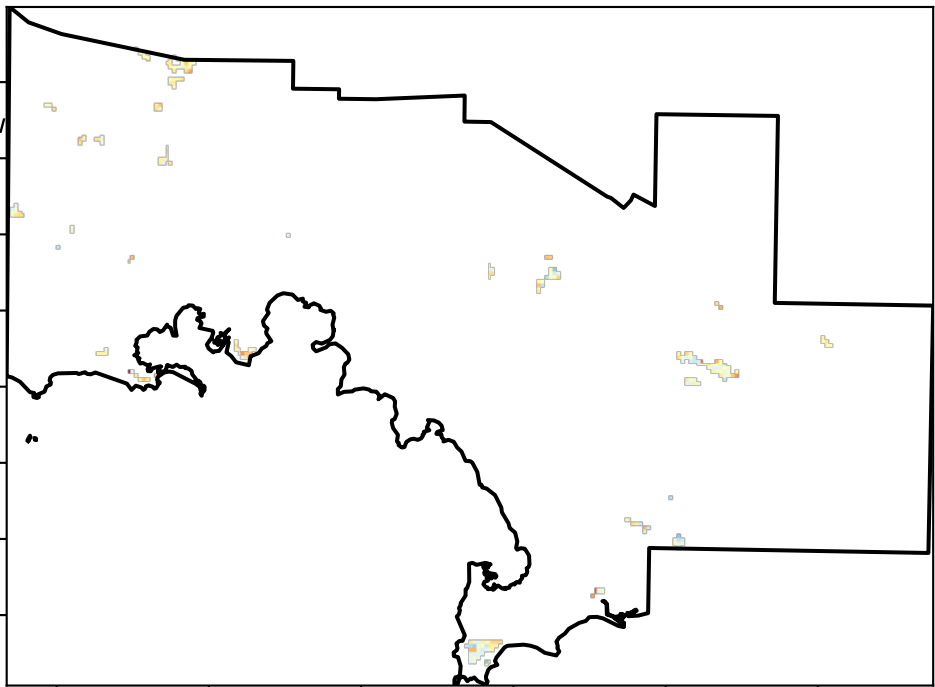
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Area not protected
1.0% of region
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Area protected
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(5,915 ha)

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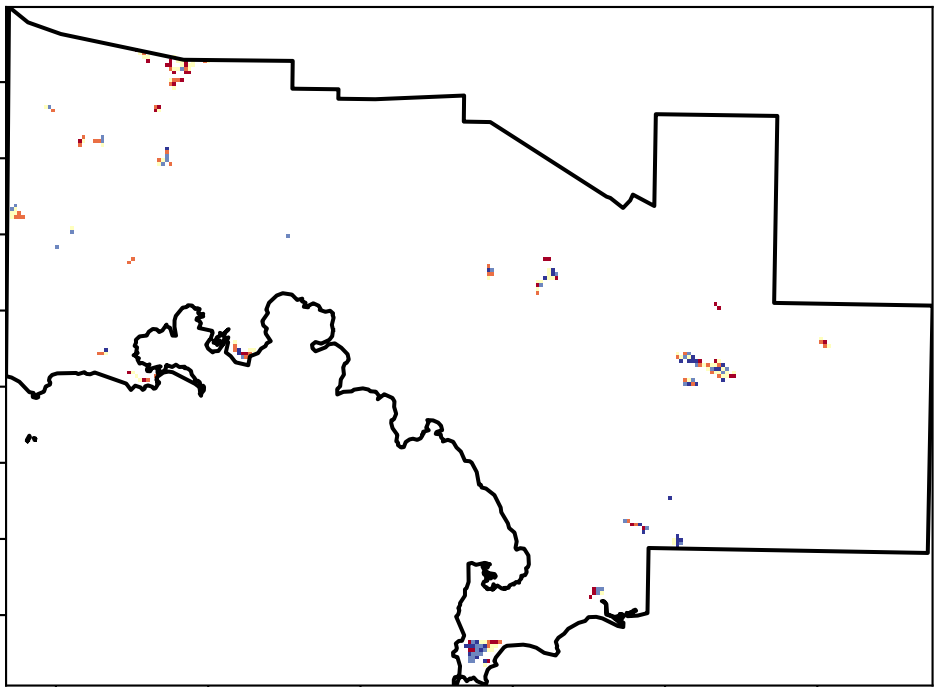
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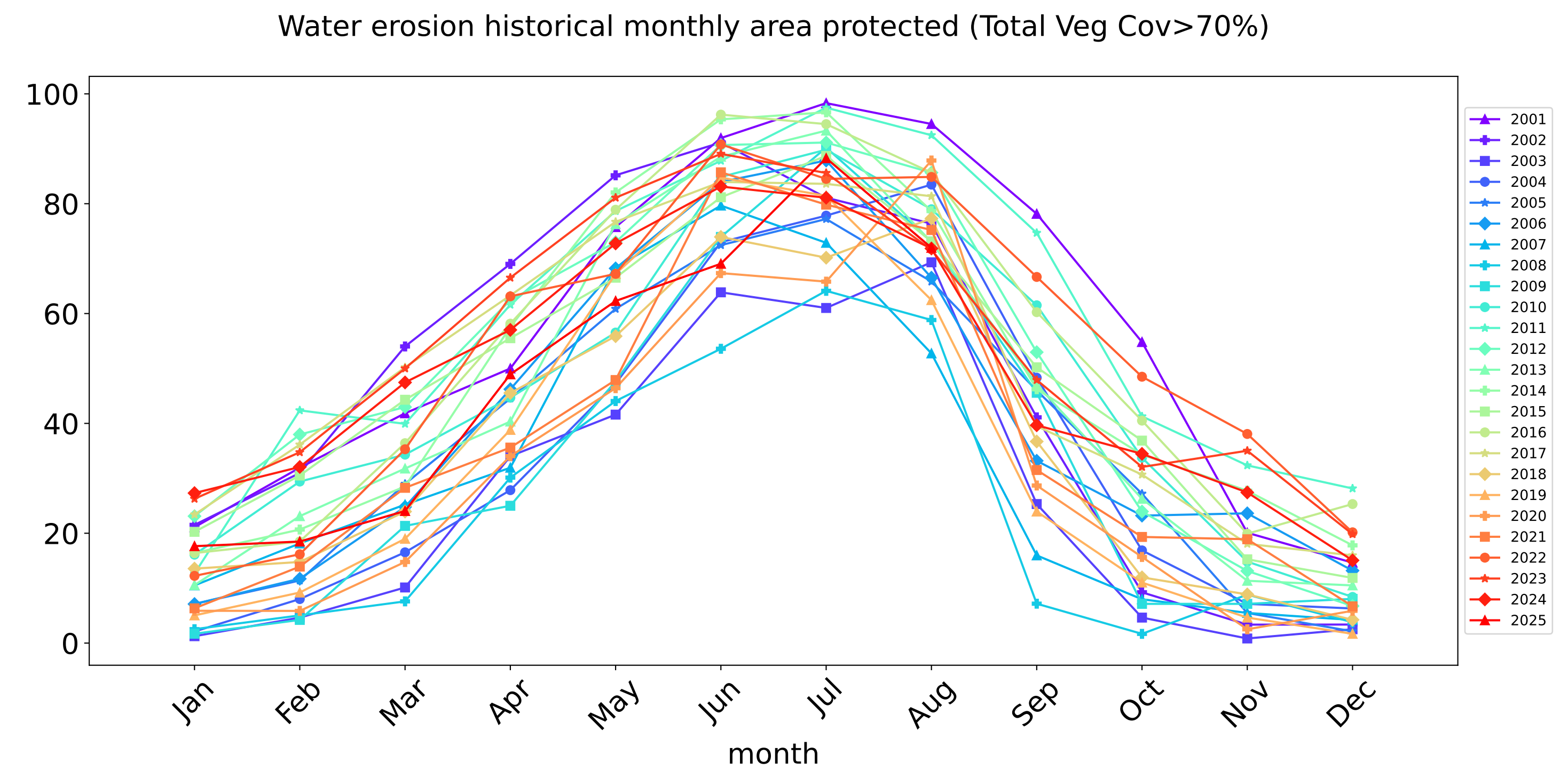
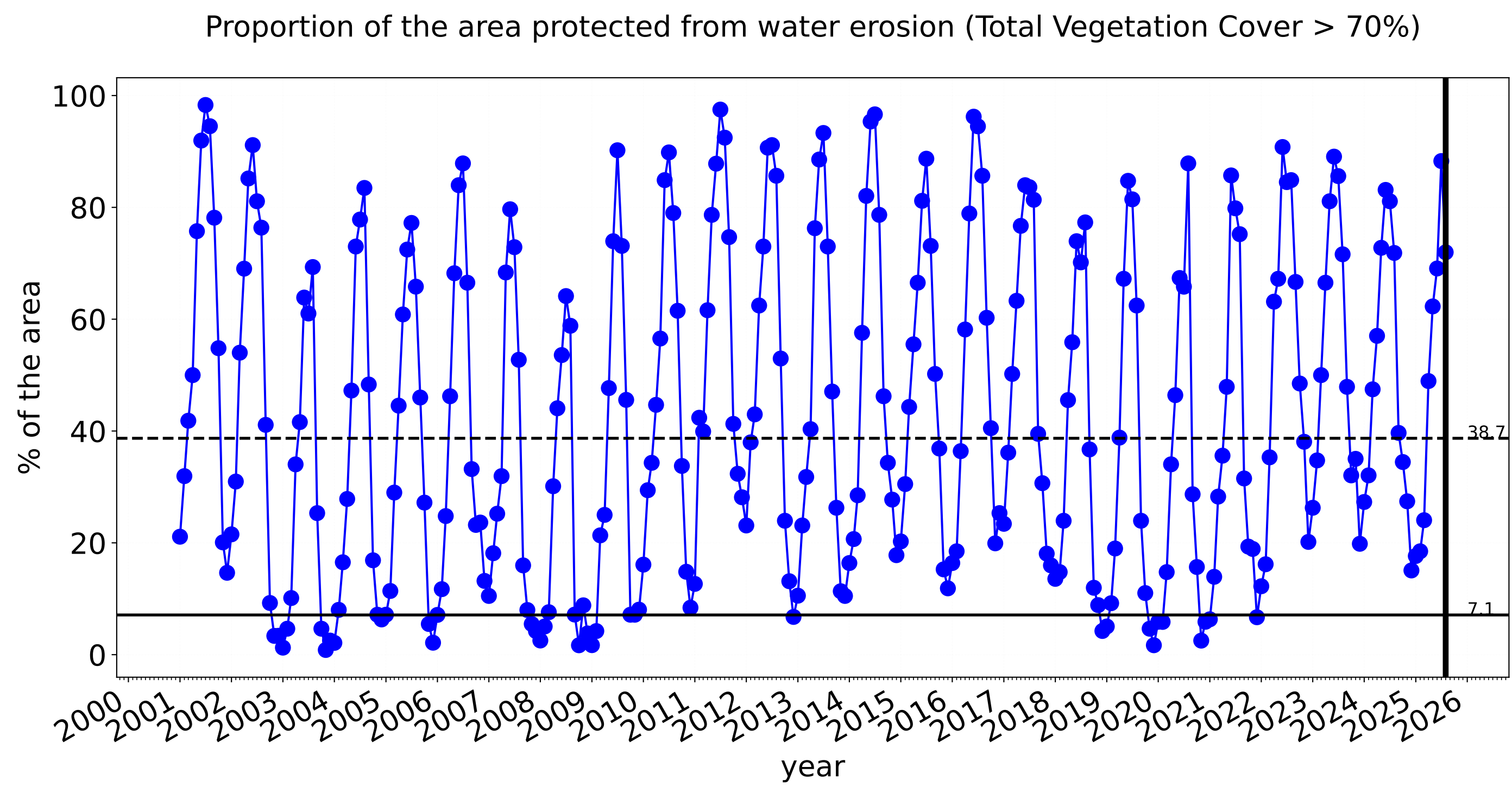
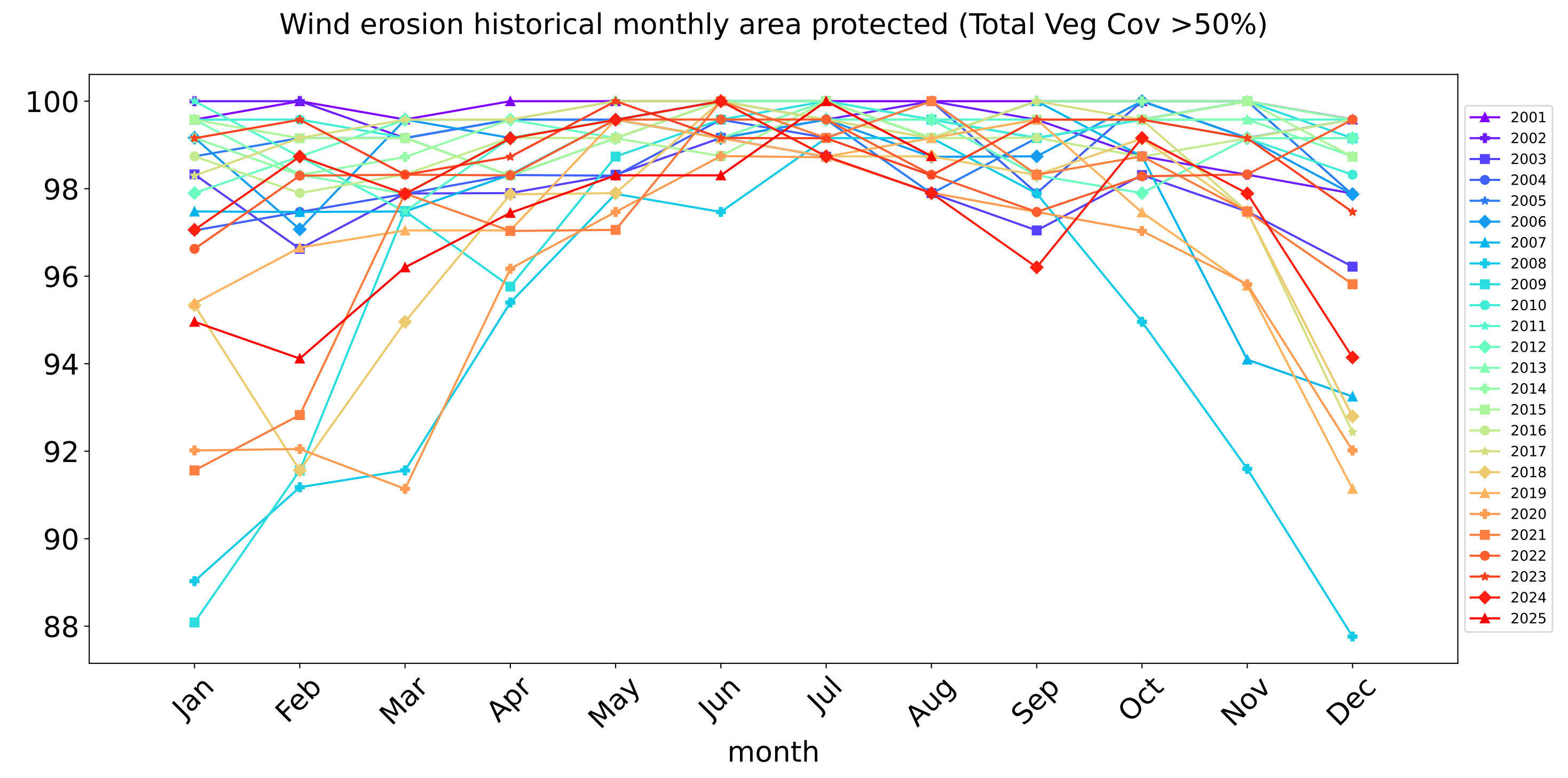
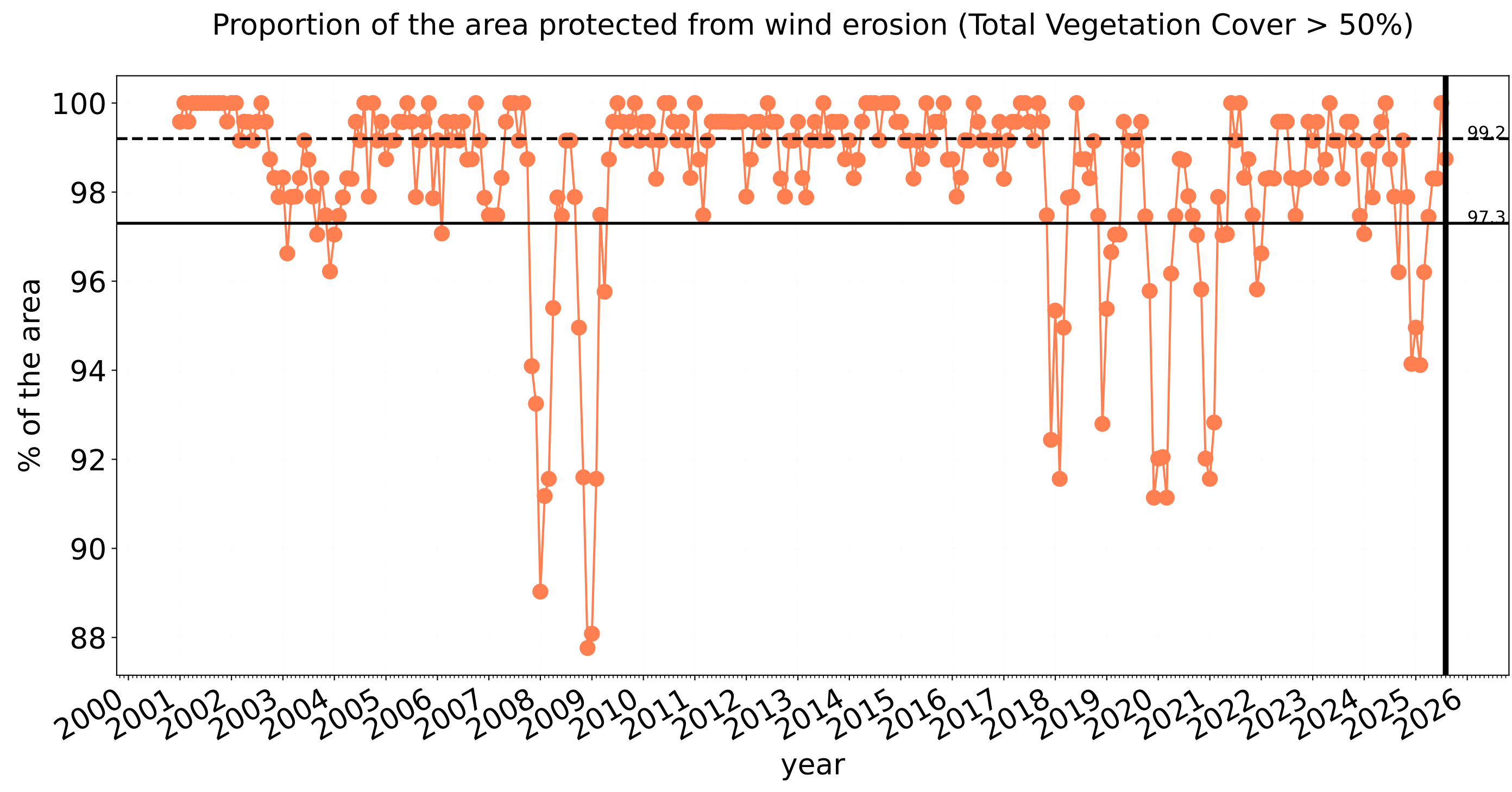


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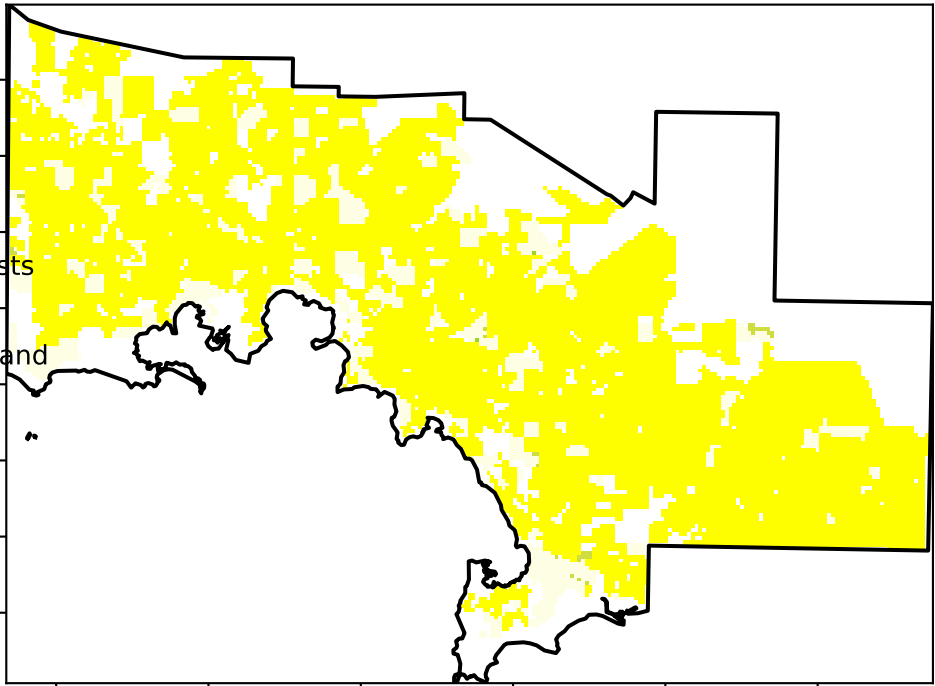
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries



Agriculture

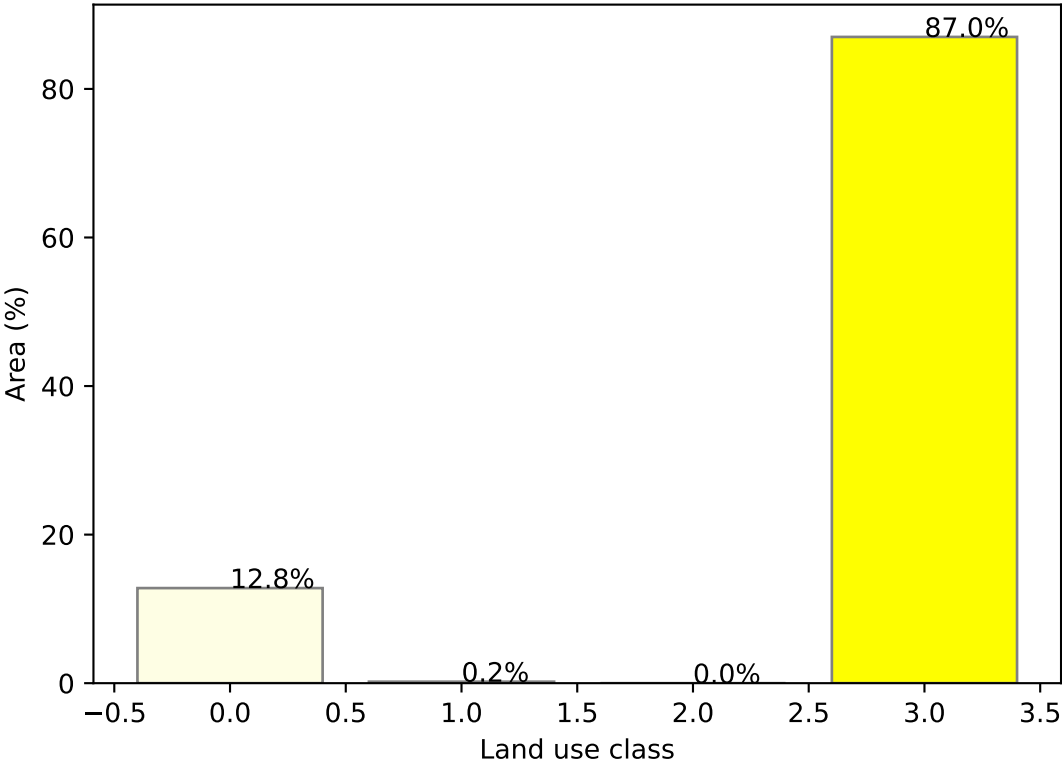
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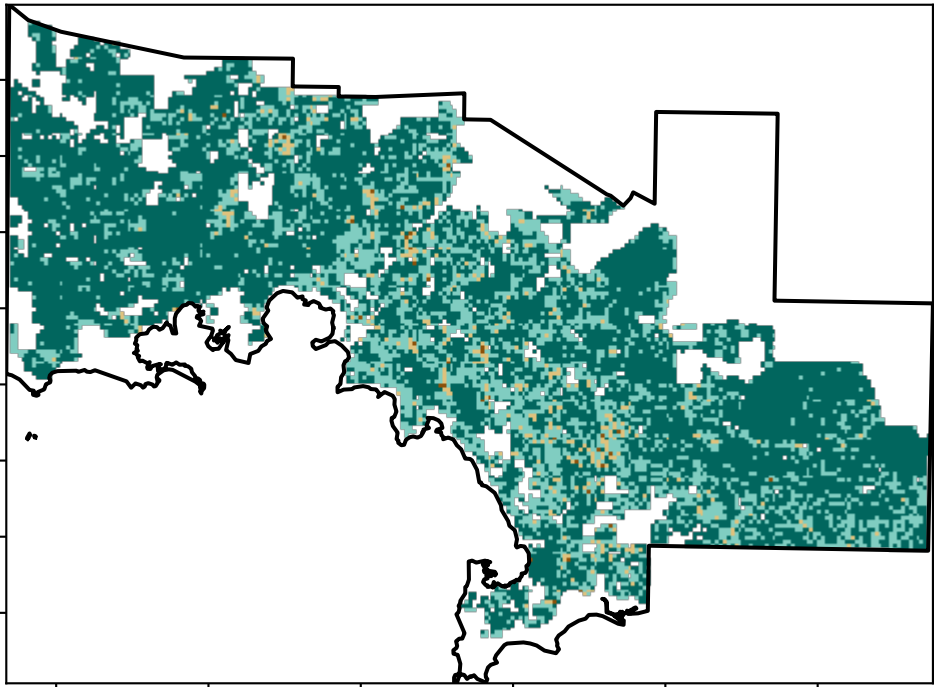


- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
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- 4 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

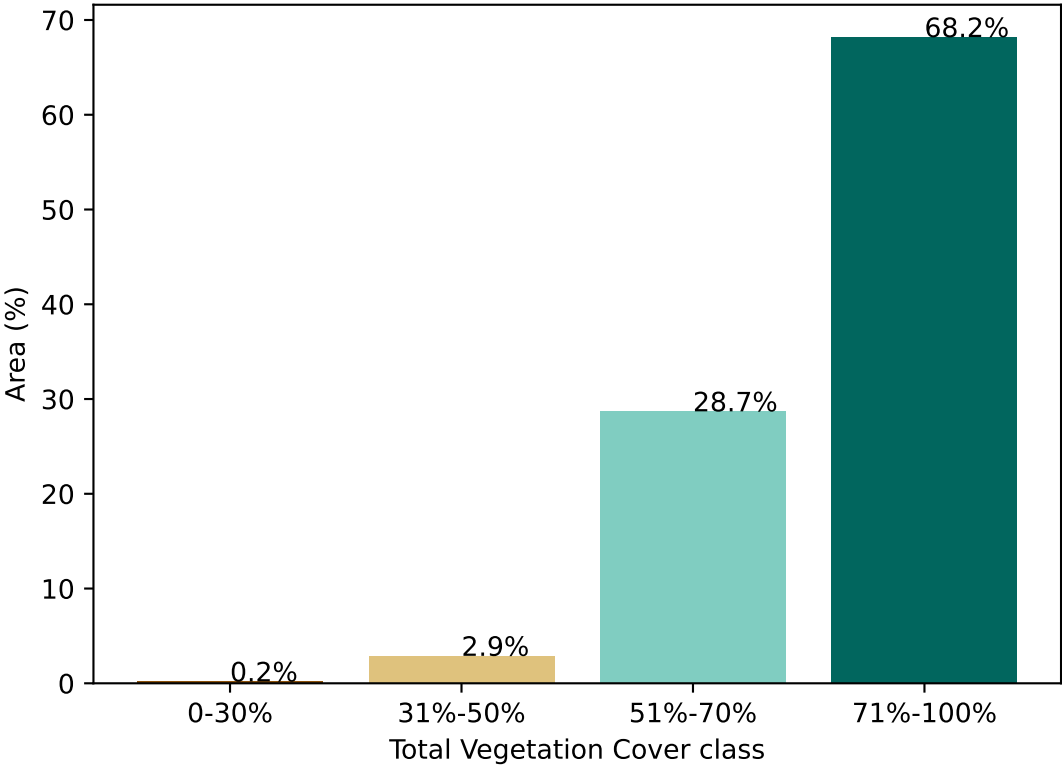


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

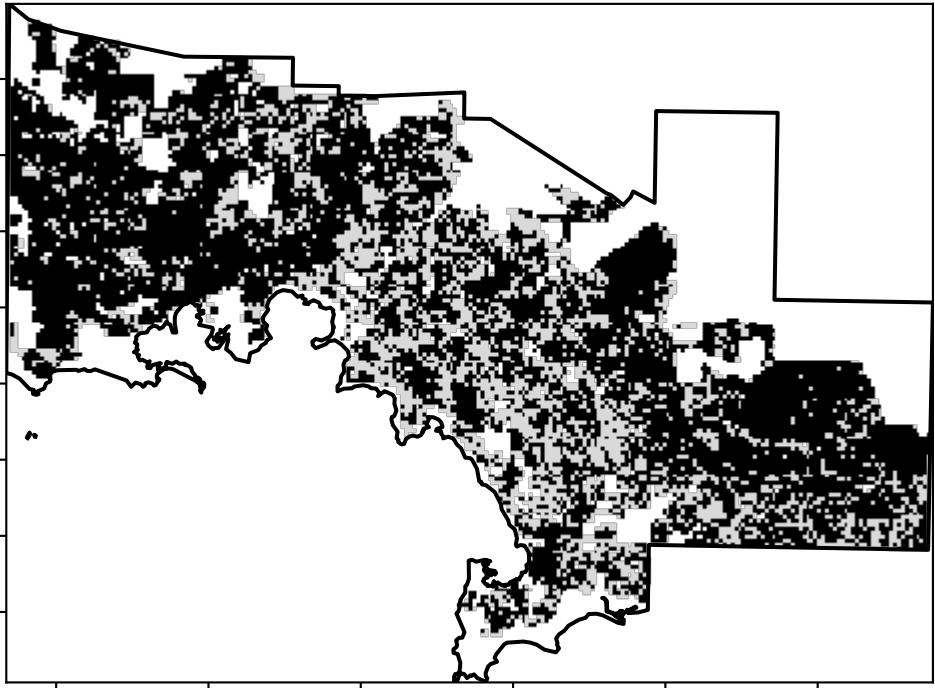


- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

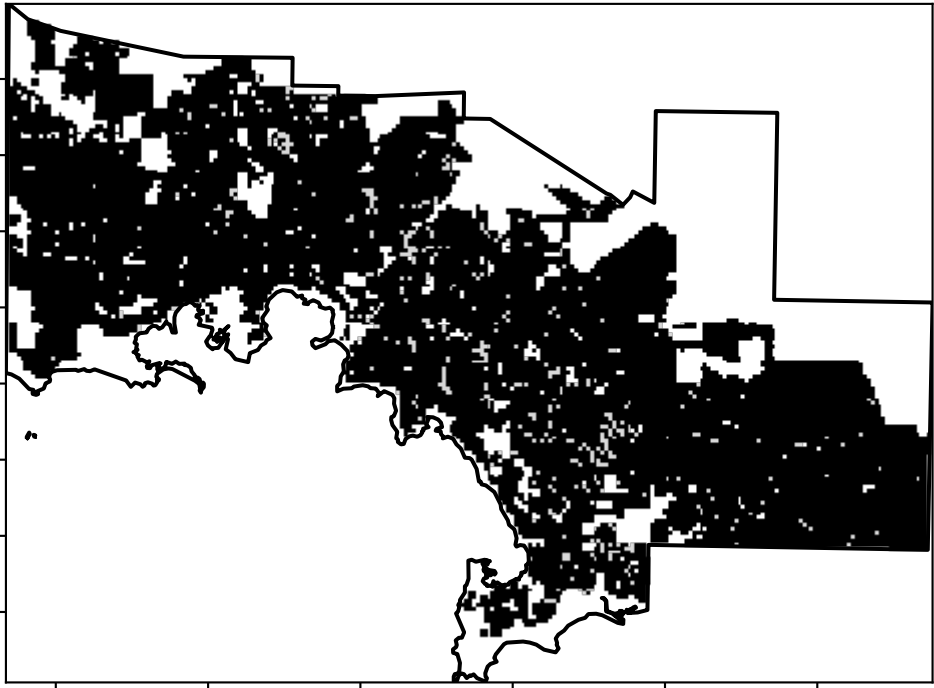


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 31.8% of region (119,139 ha)
- Area protected 68.2% of region (255,511 ha)

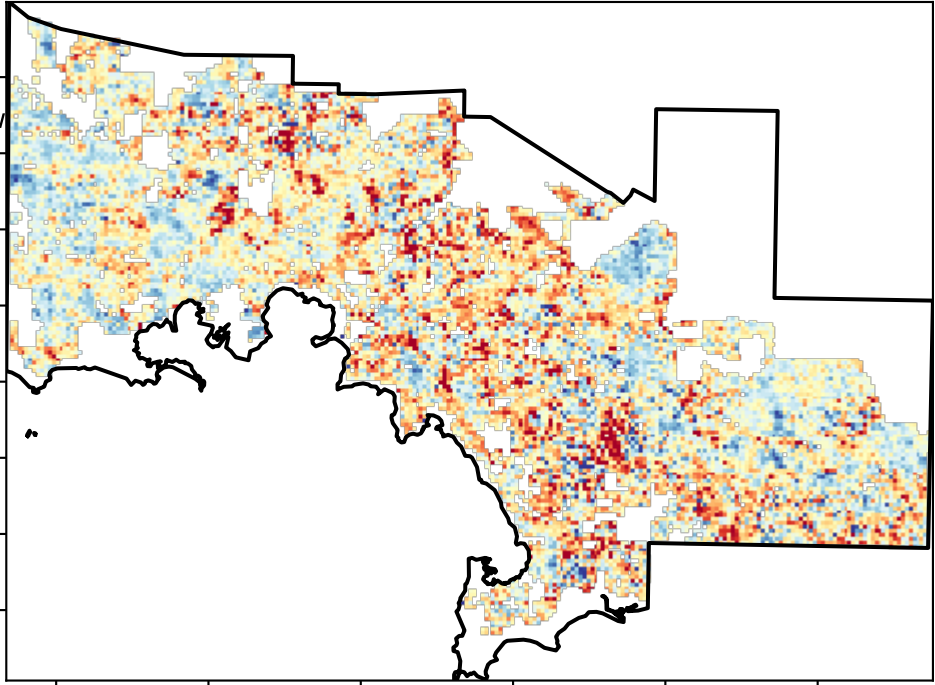
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 3.0% of region (11,240 ha)
- Area protected 97.0% of region (363,410 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

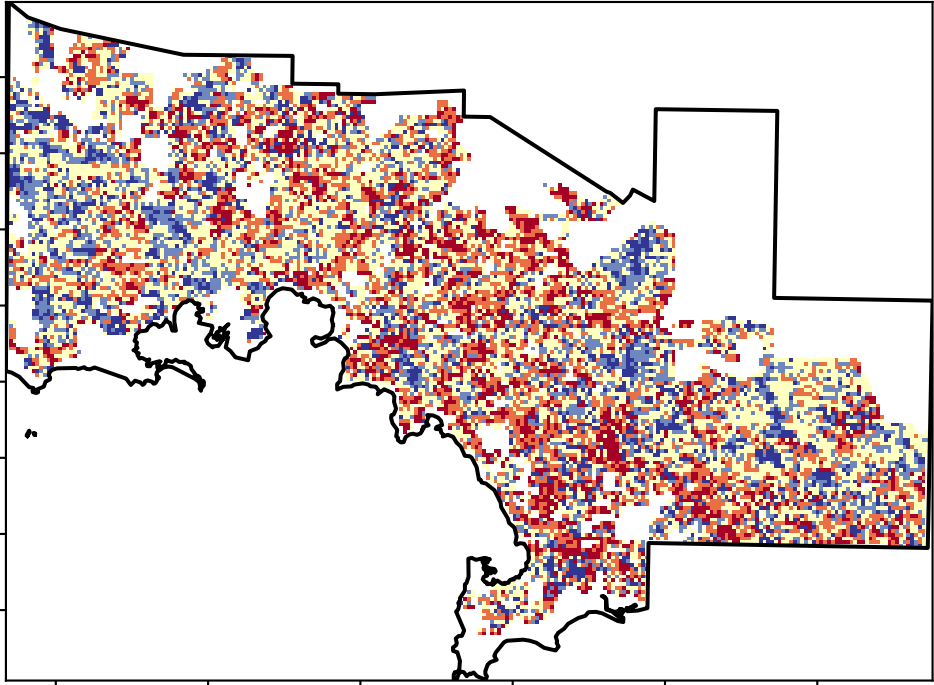
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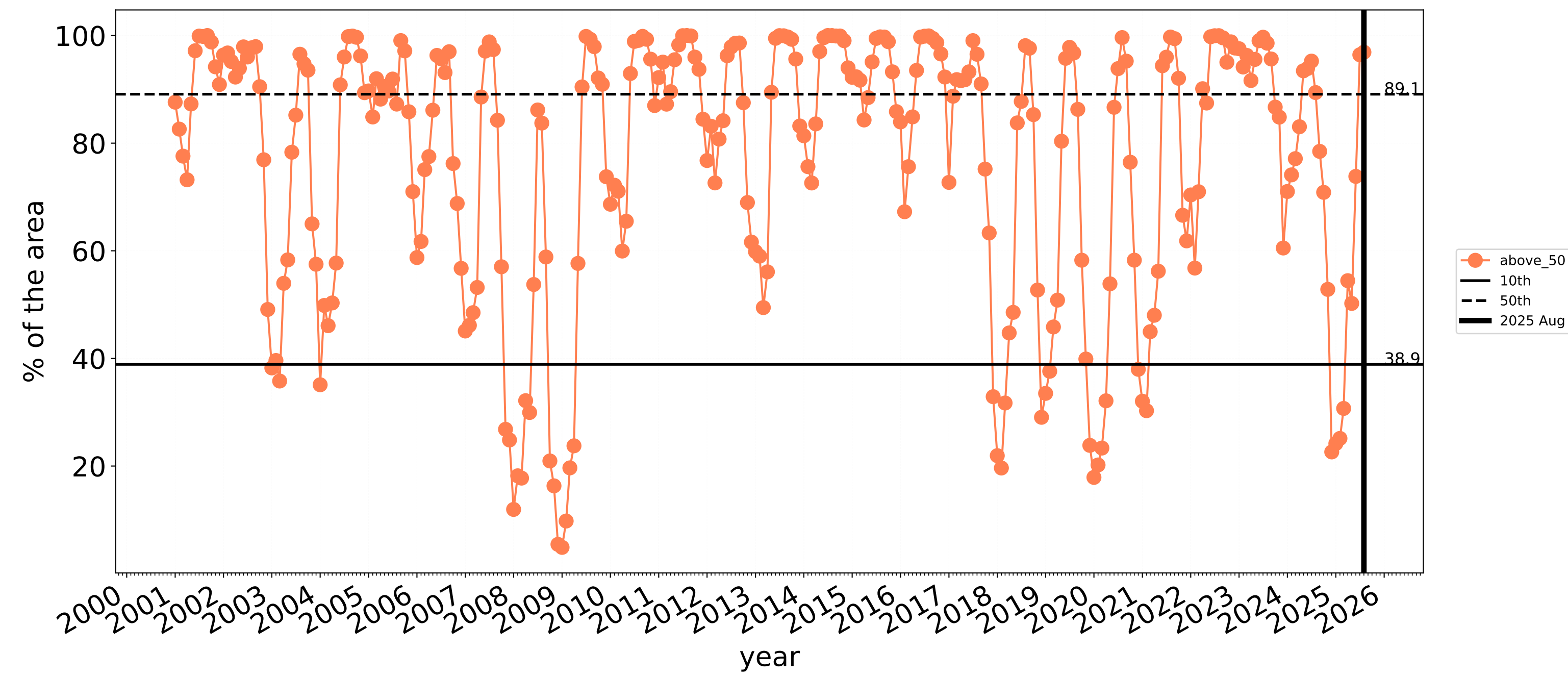
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



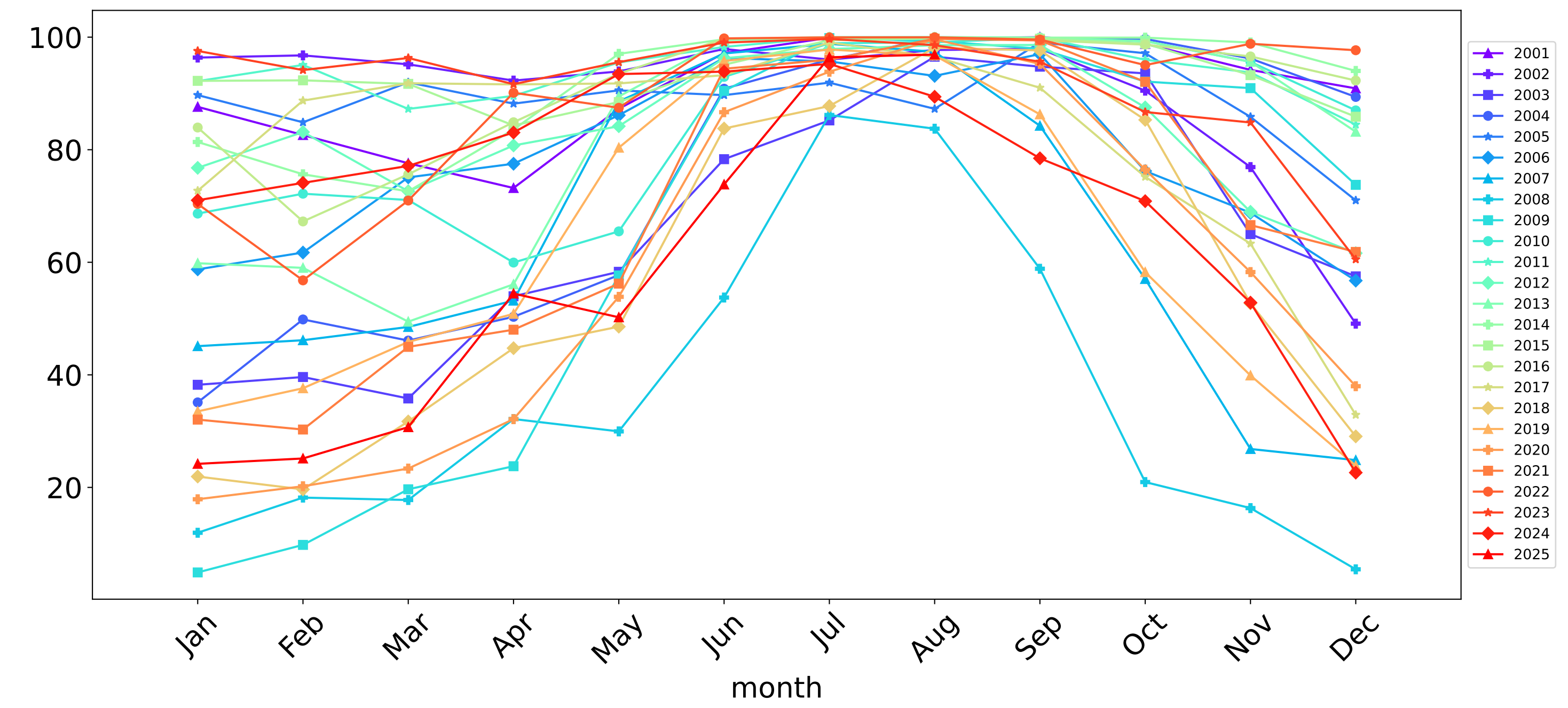
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- 7
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- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
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Agriculture timeseries

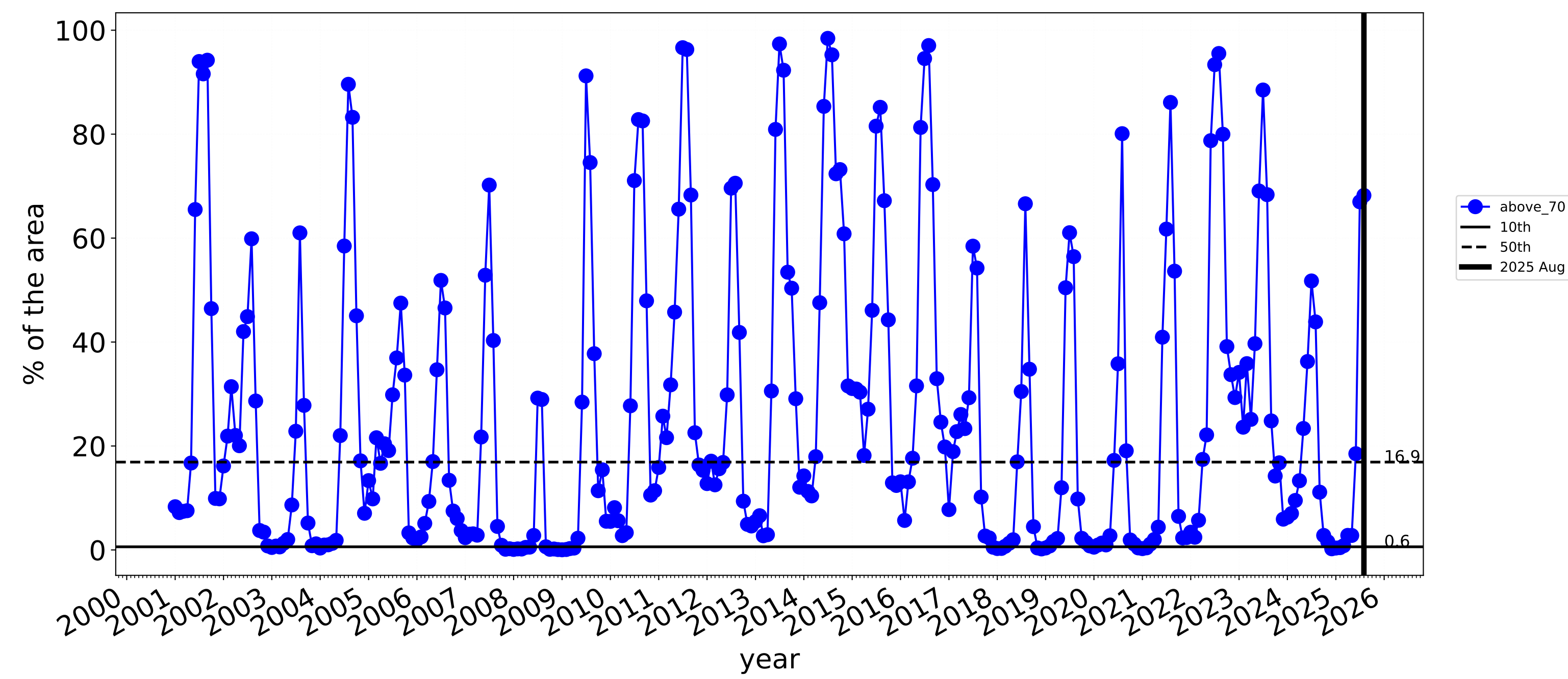
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



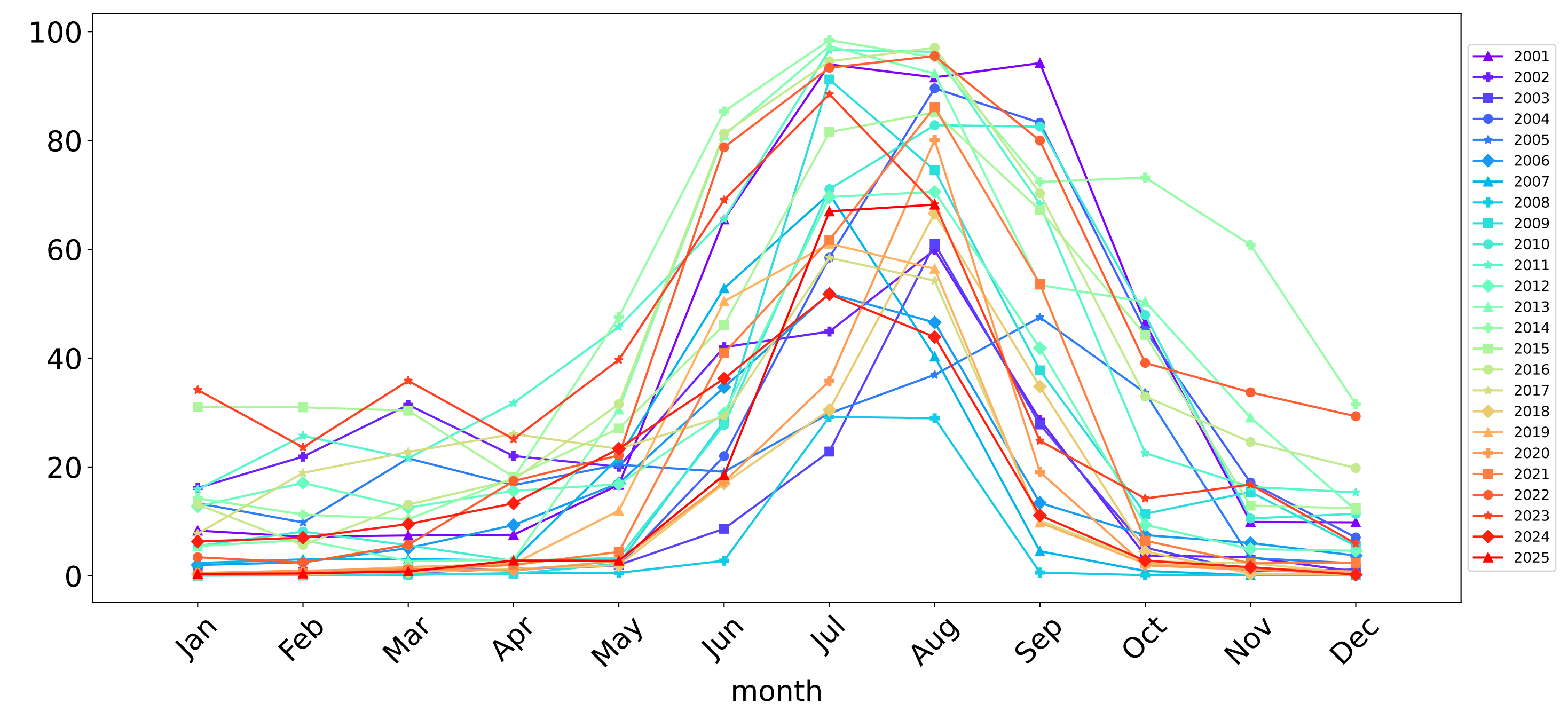
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



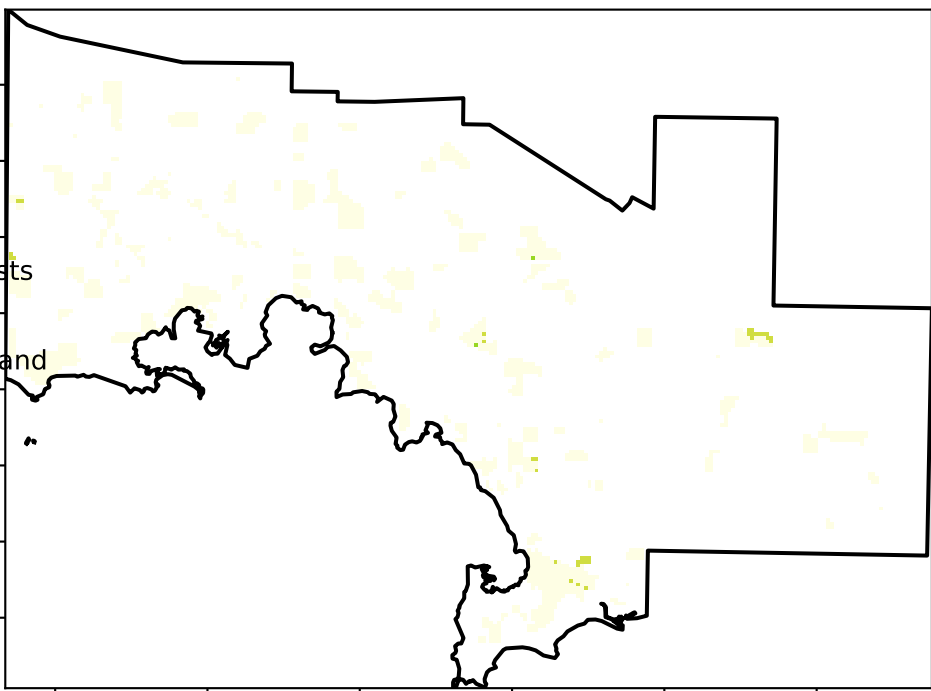
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Grazing

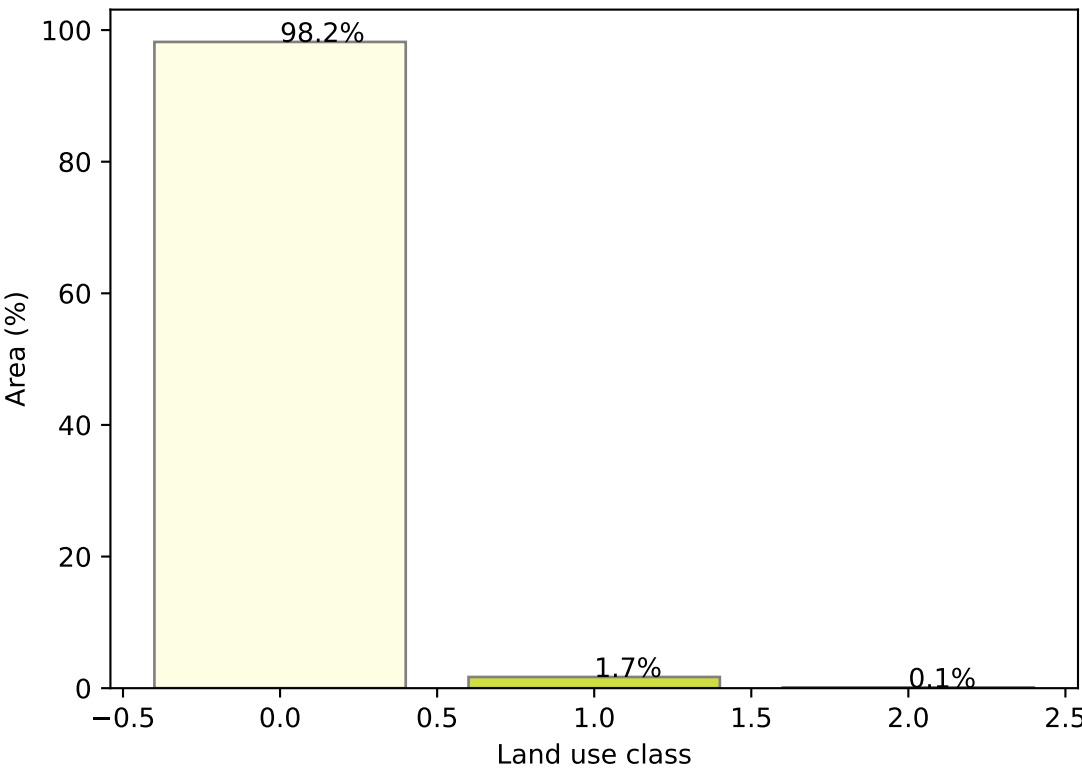
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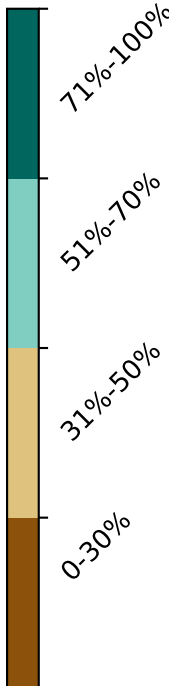
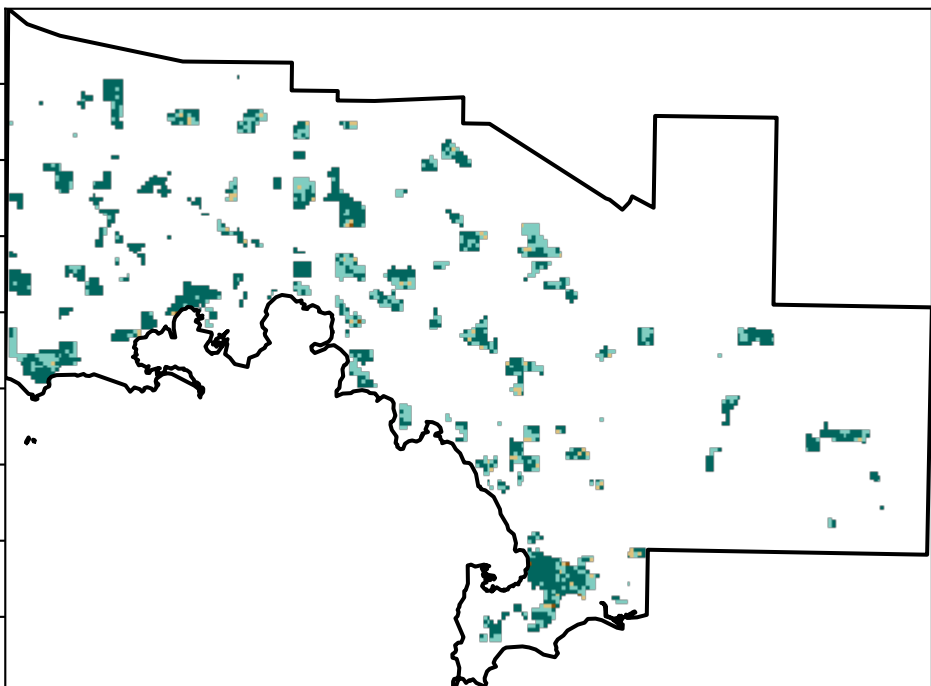


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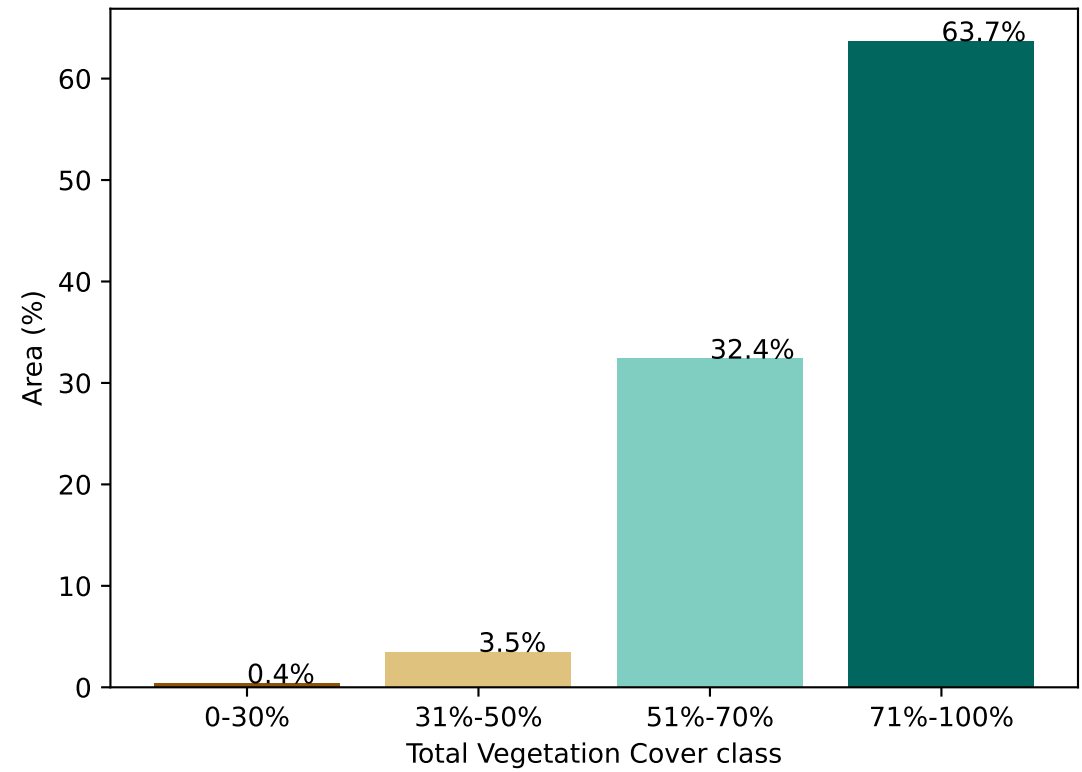
Proportion of each land class in area



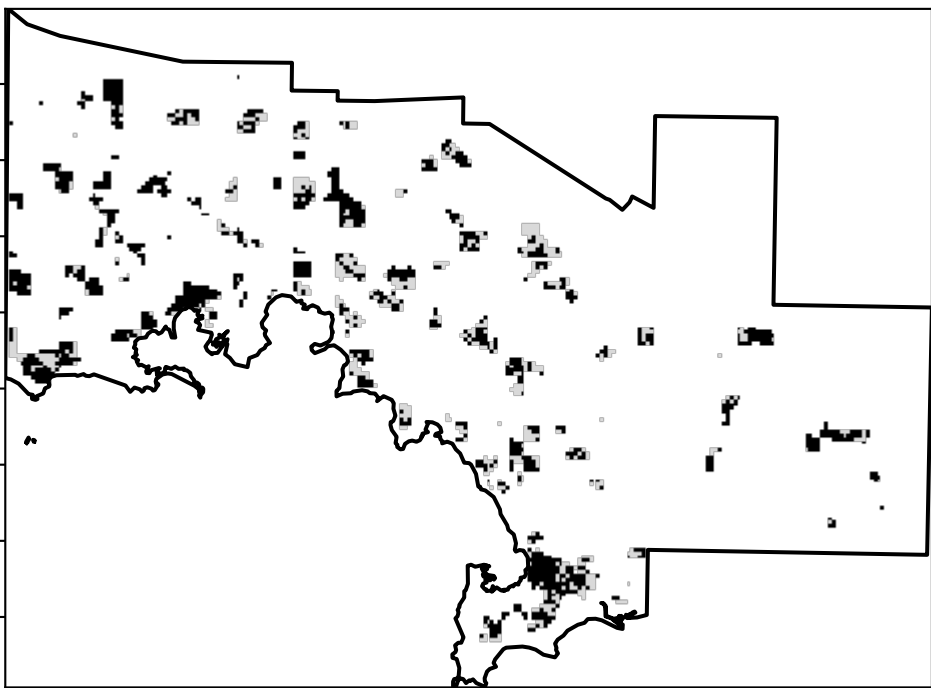
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

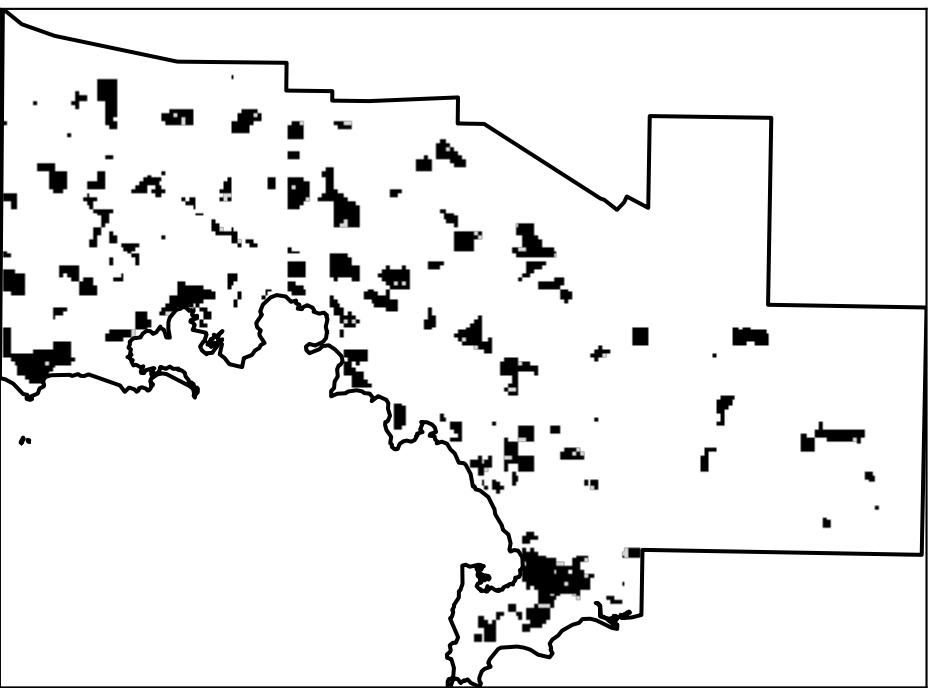


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 36.3% of region (17,660 ha)
- Area protected 63.7% of region (30,990 ha)

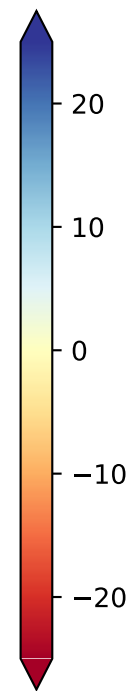
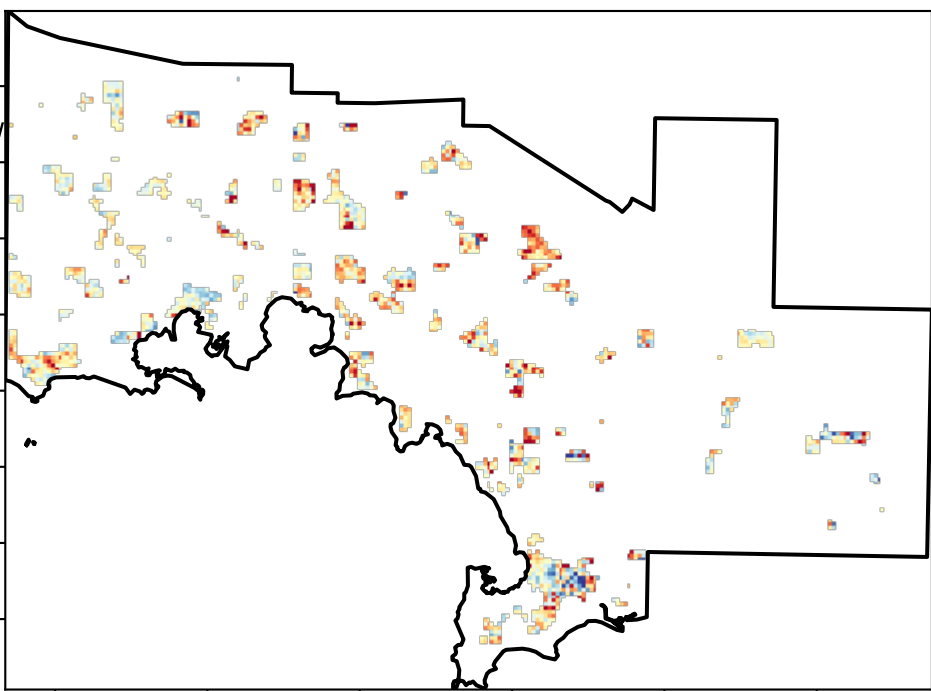
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 4.0% of region (1,946 ha)
- Area protected 96.0% of region (46,704 ha)

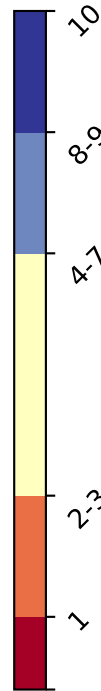
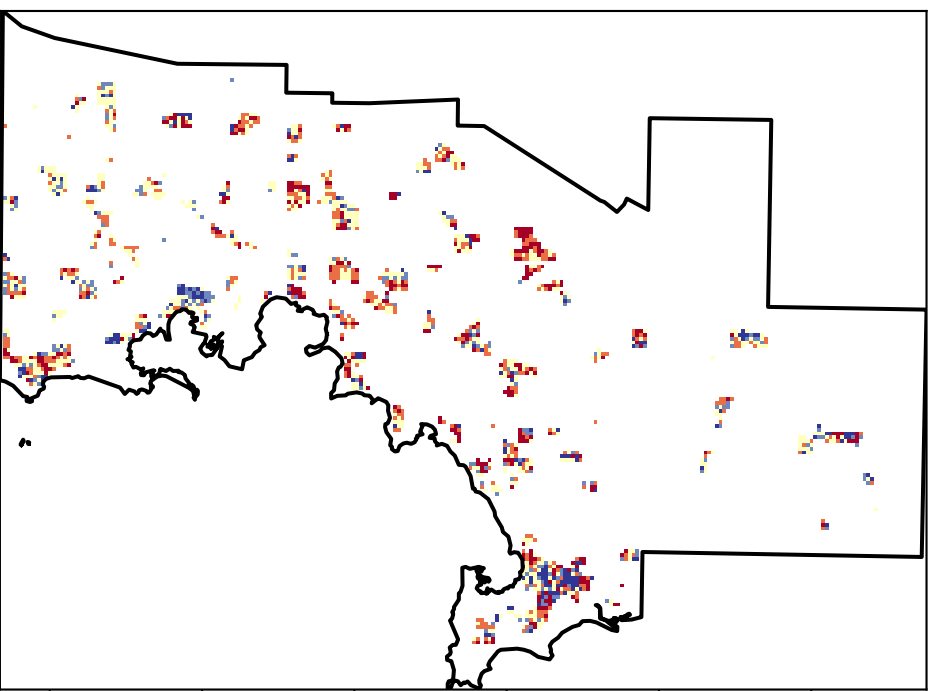
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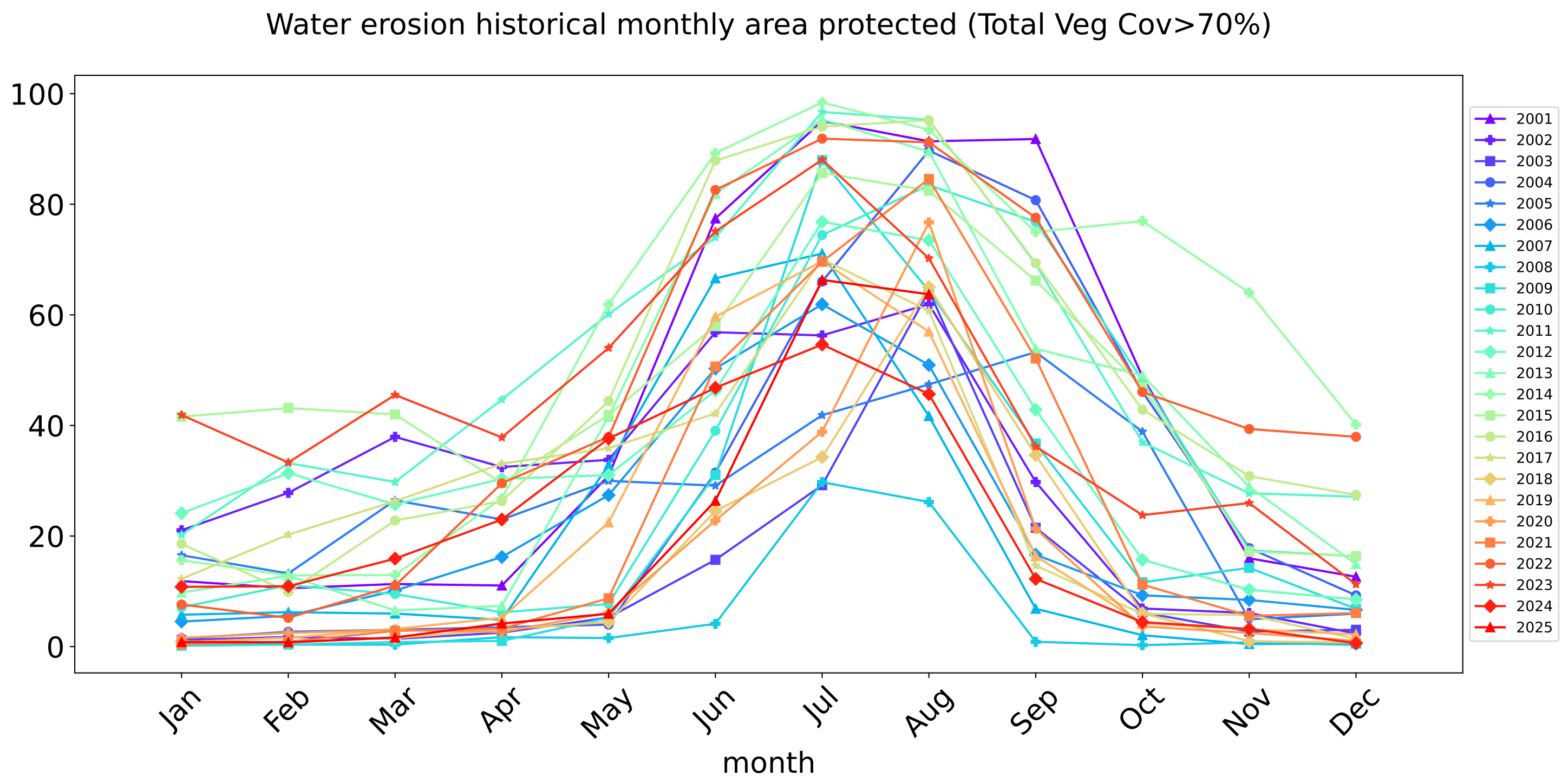
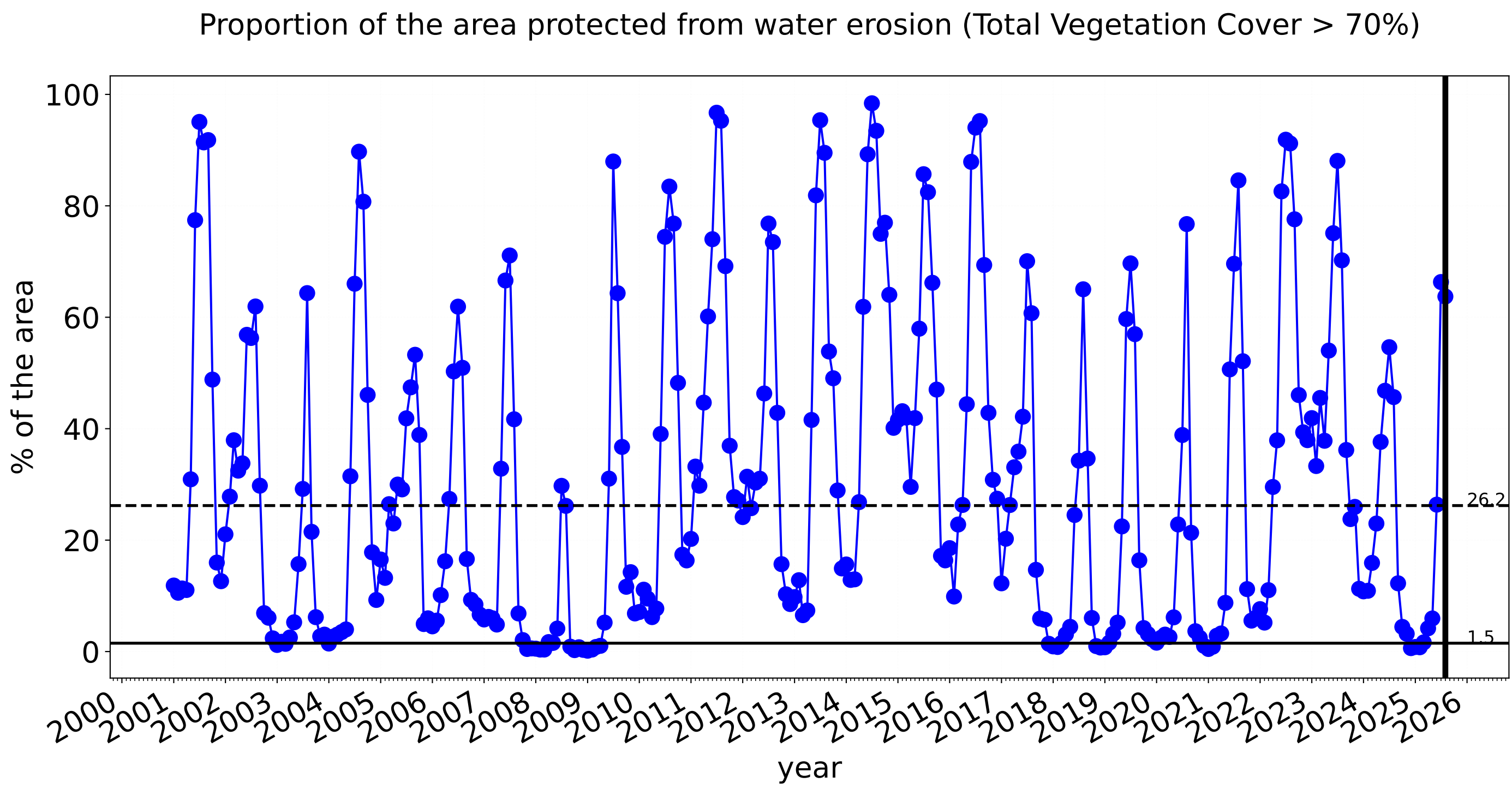
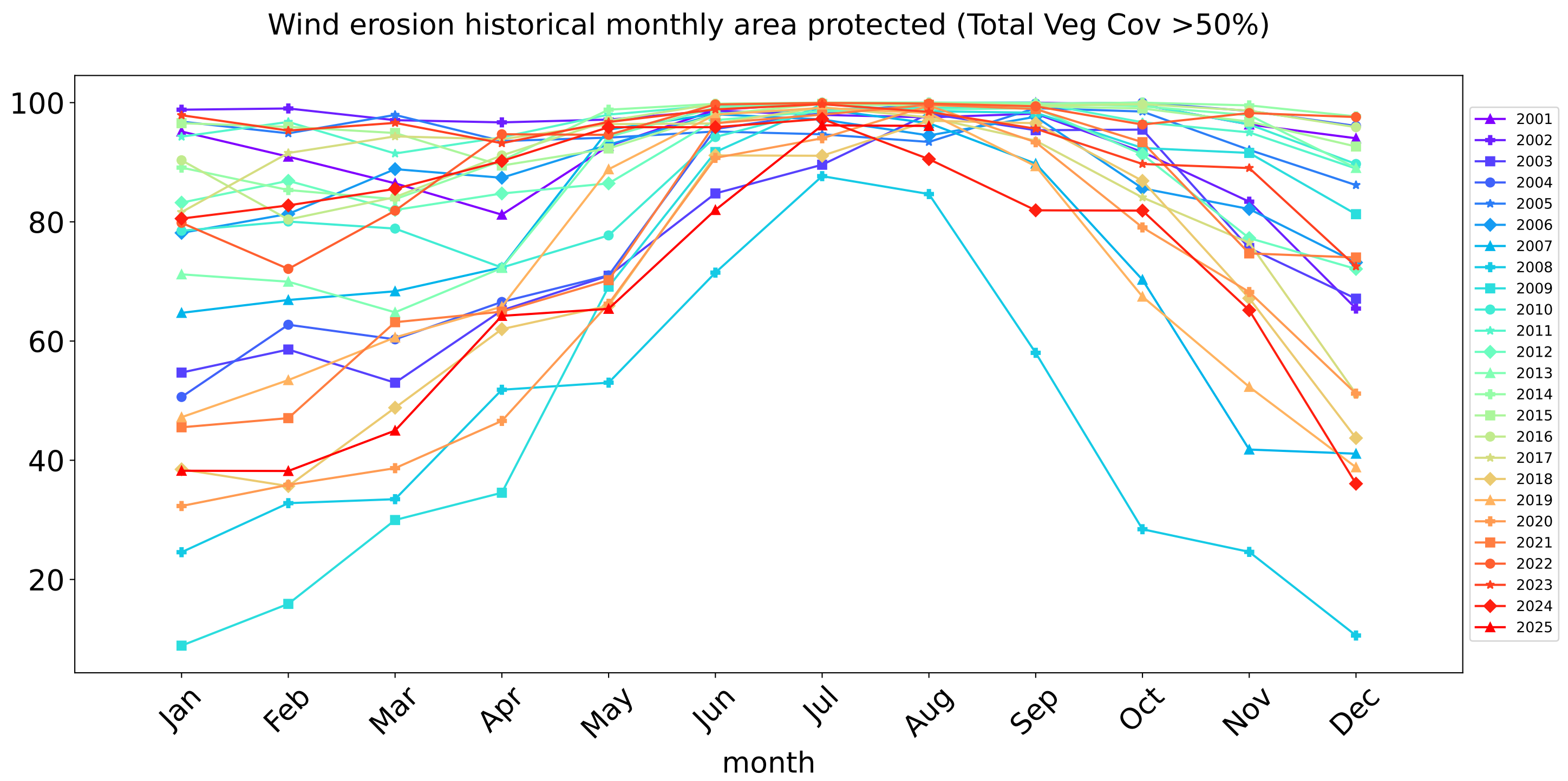
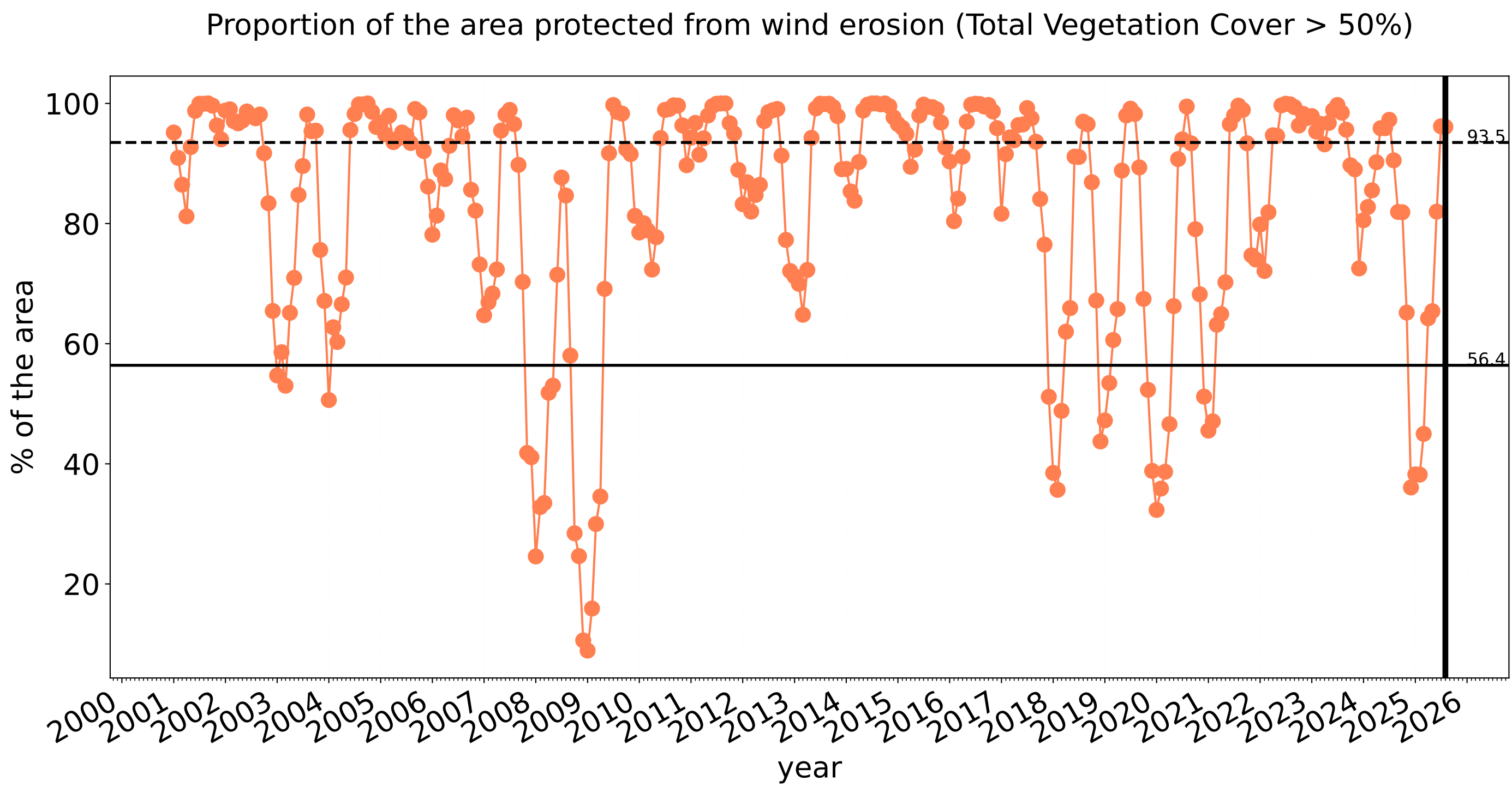
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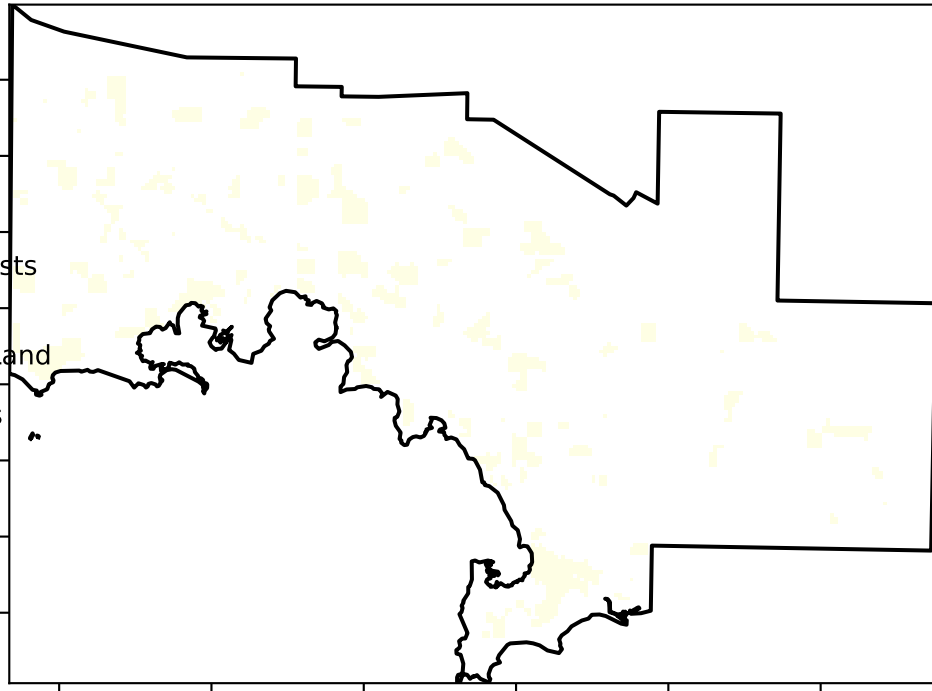
Grazing timeseries



Grazing non forest

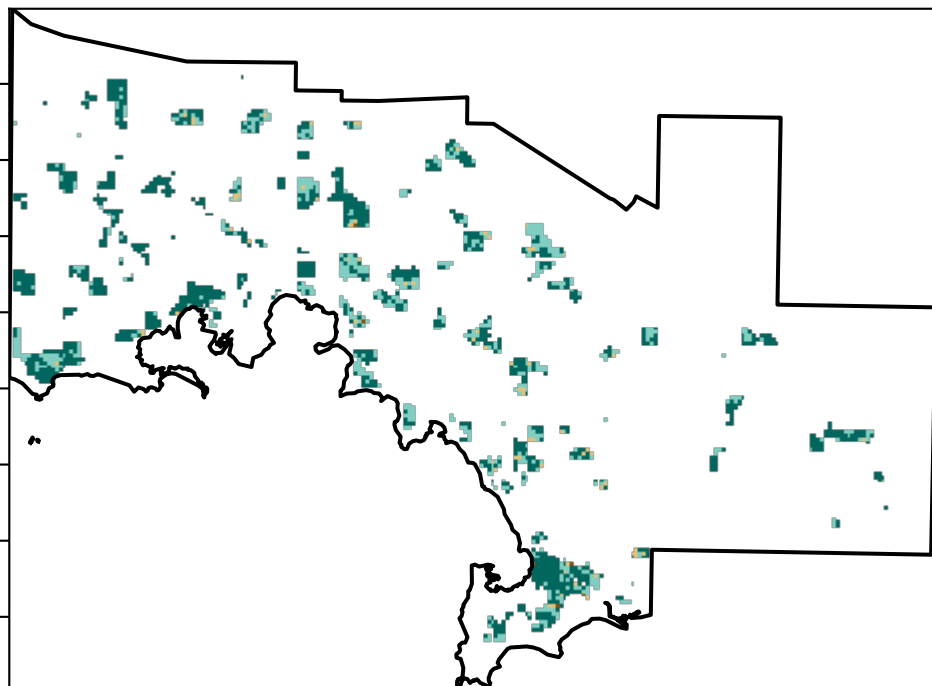
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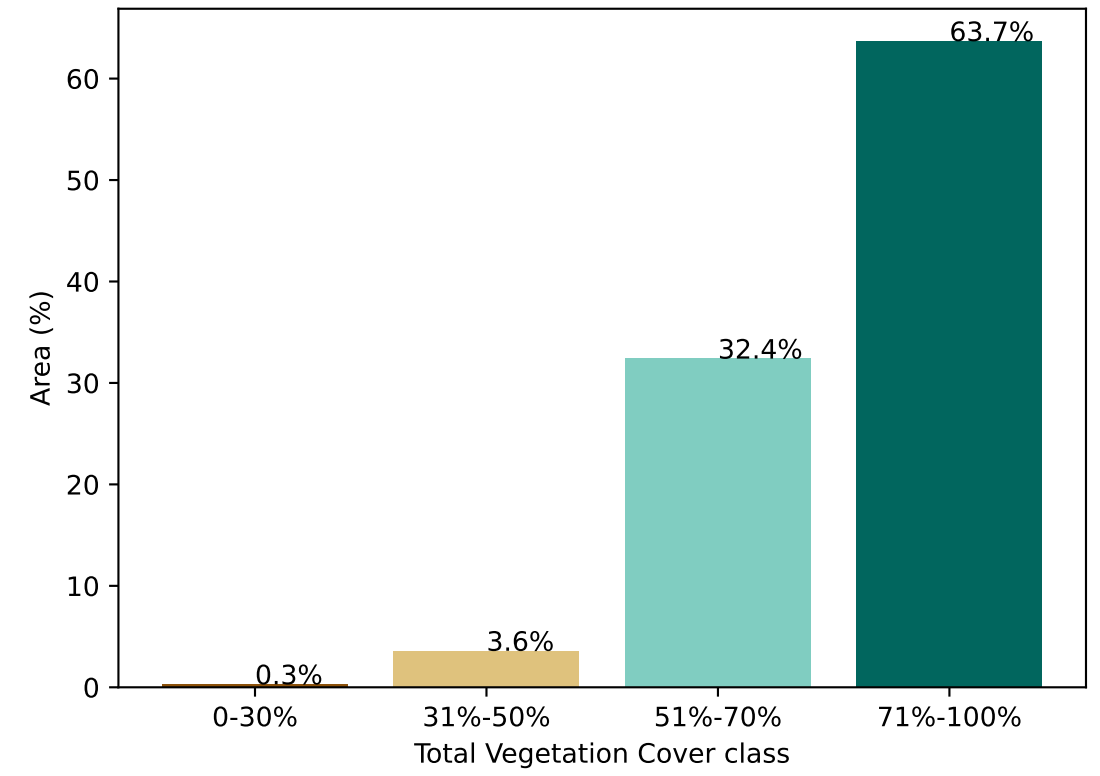


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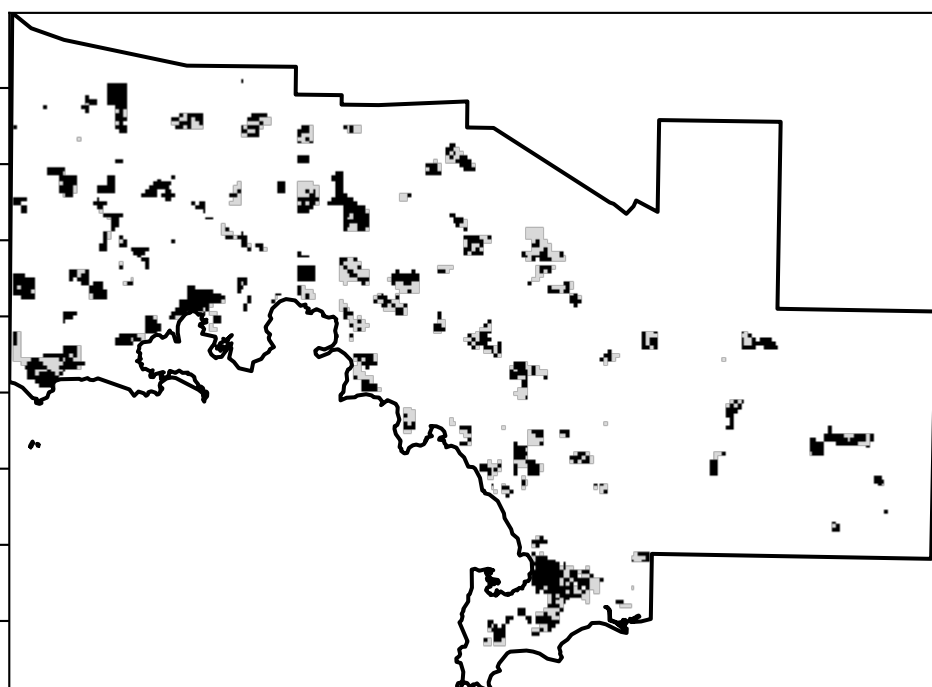
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

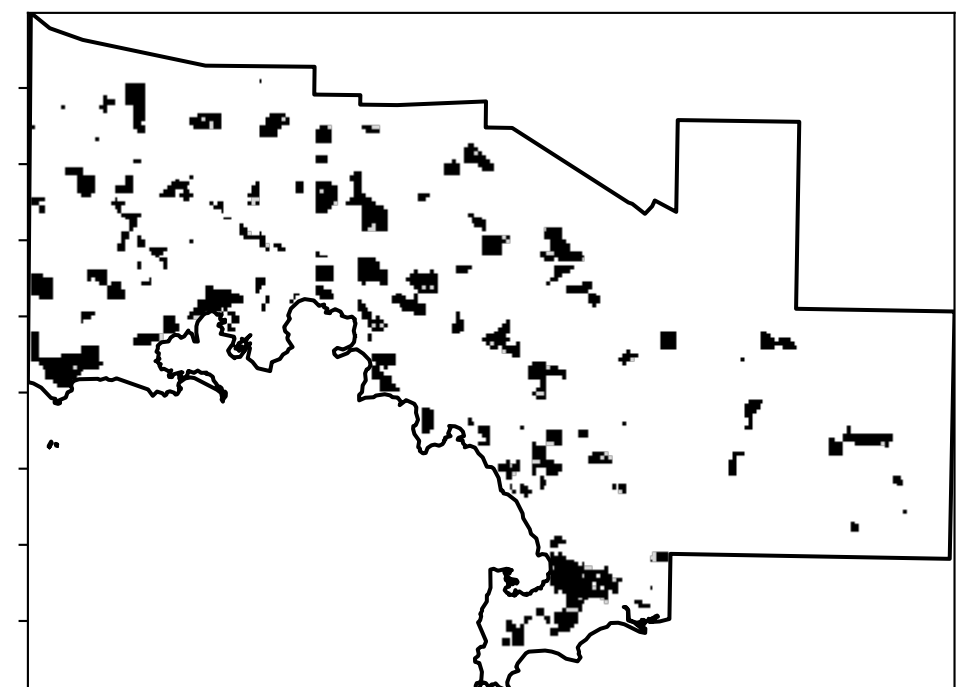


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36.3% of region
(17,333 ha)
Area protected
63.7% of region
(30,417 ha)

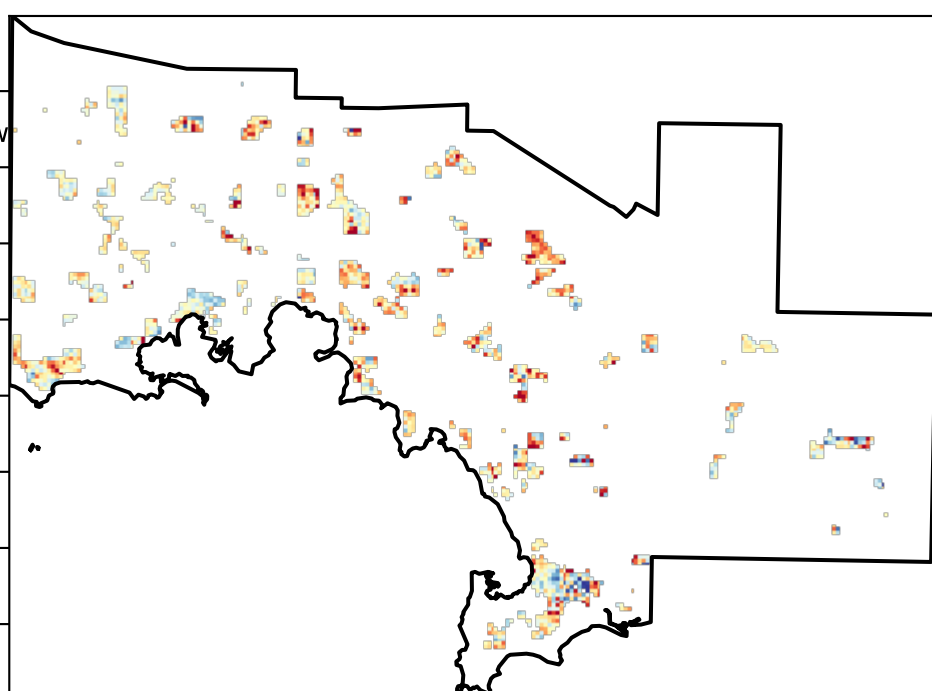
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
4.0% of region
(1,910 ha)
Area protected
96.0% of region
(45,840 ha)

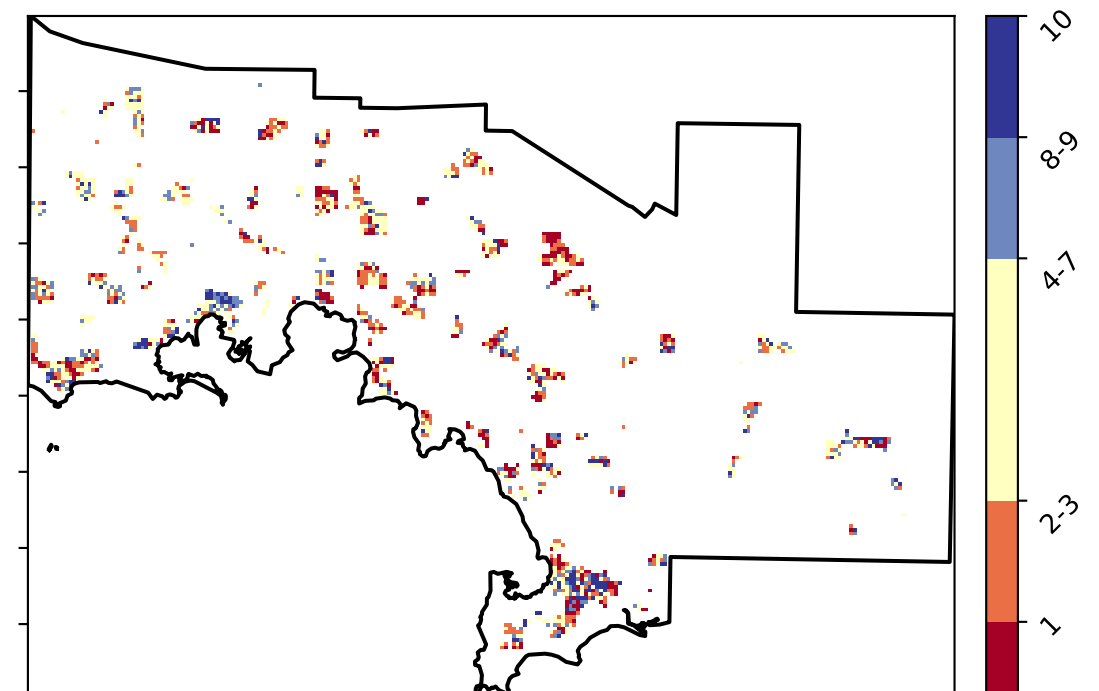
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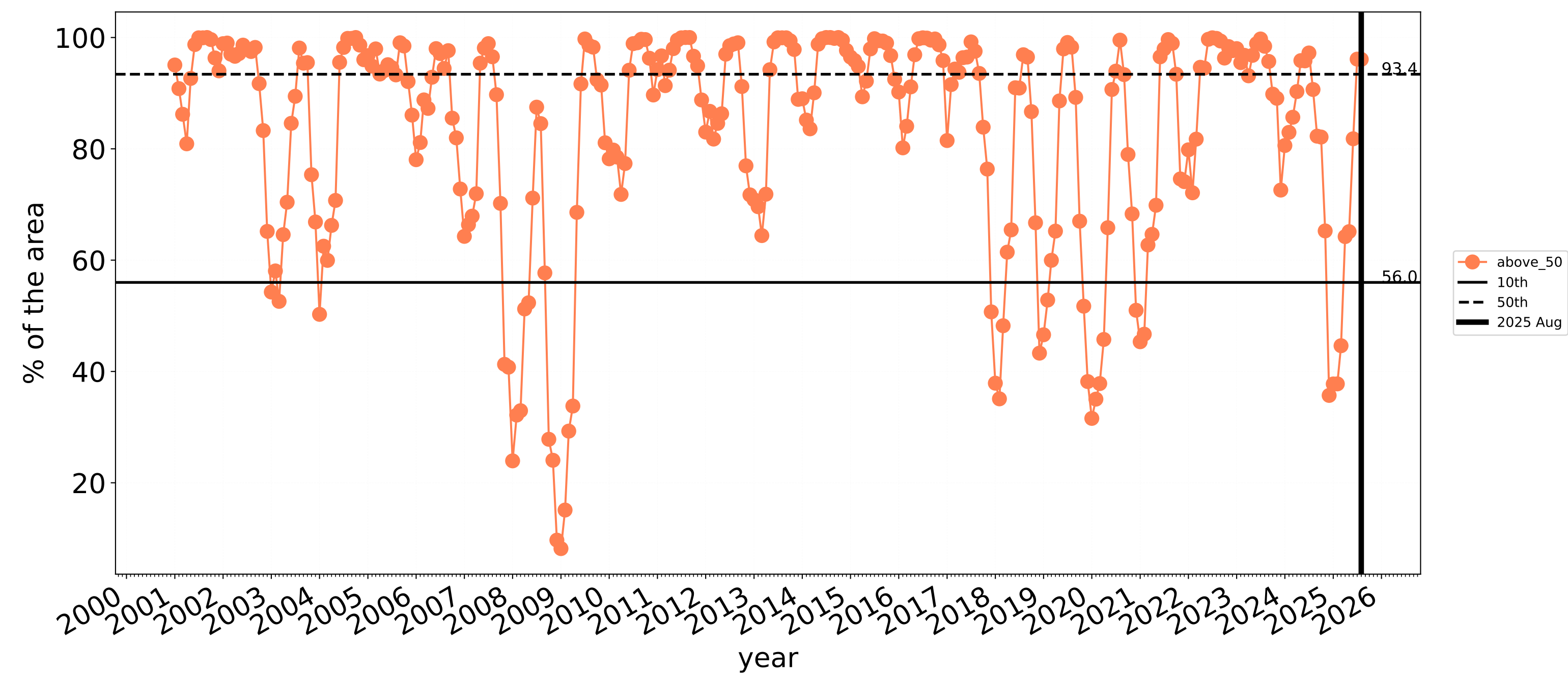
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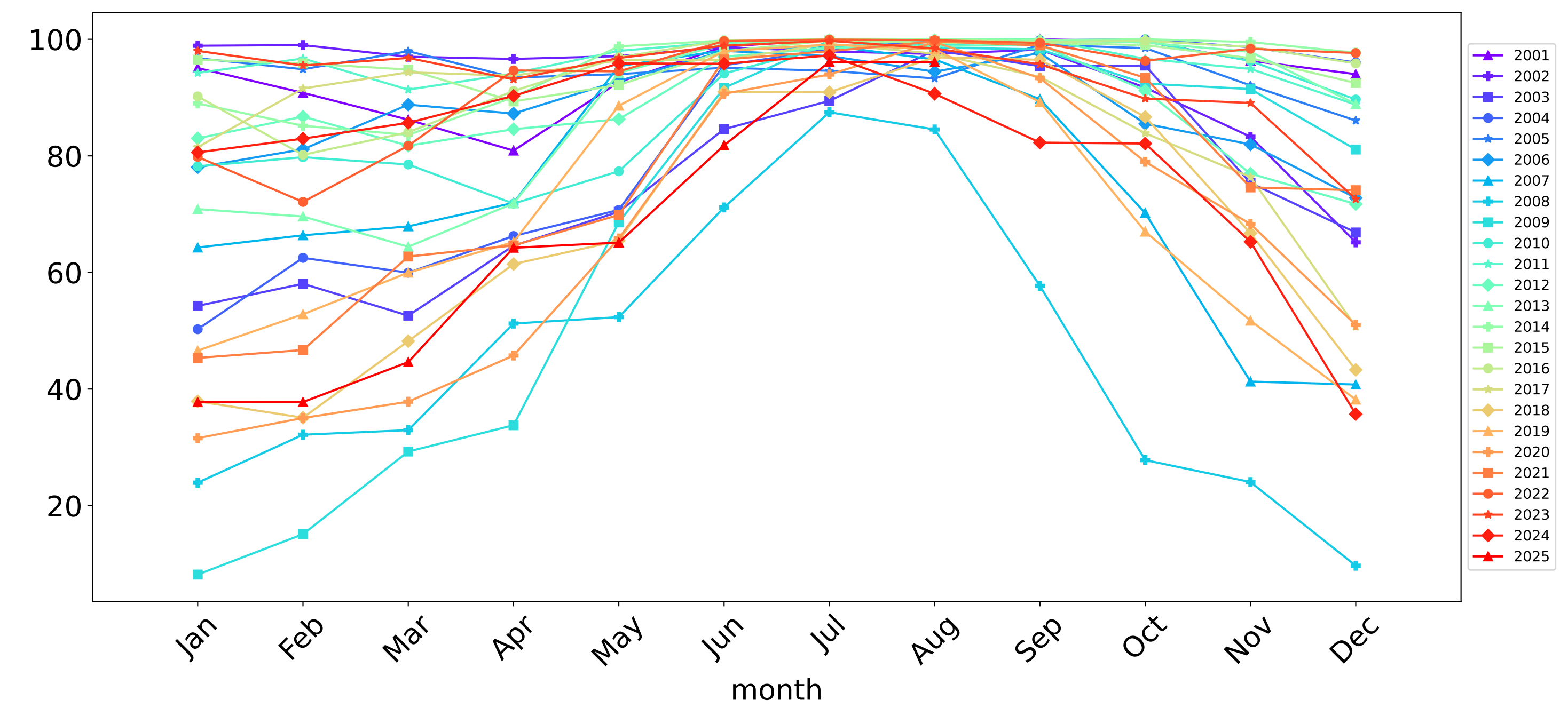


Grazing non forest timeseries

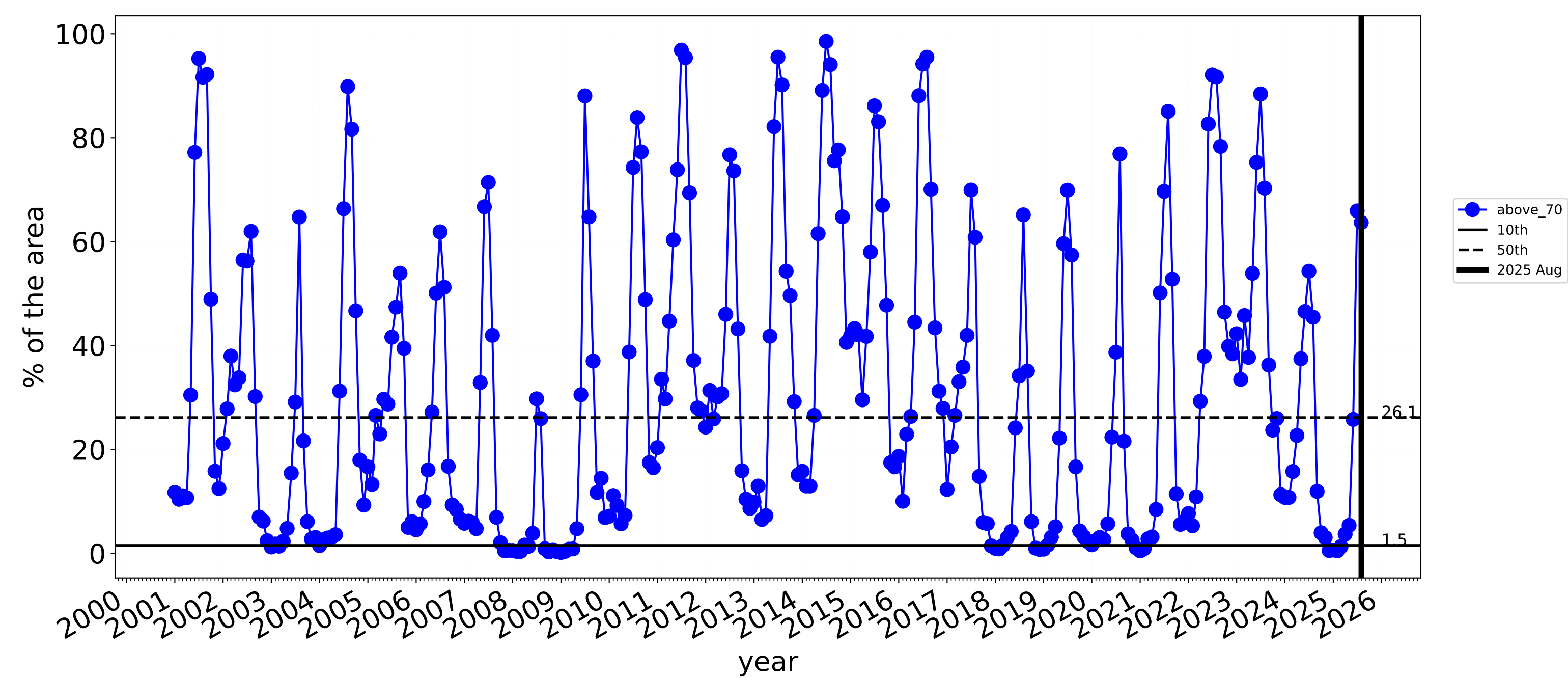
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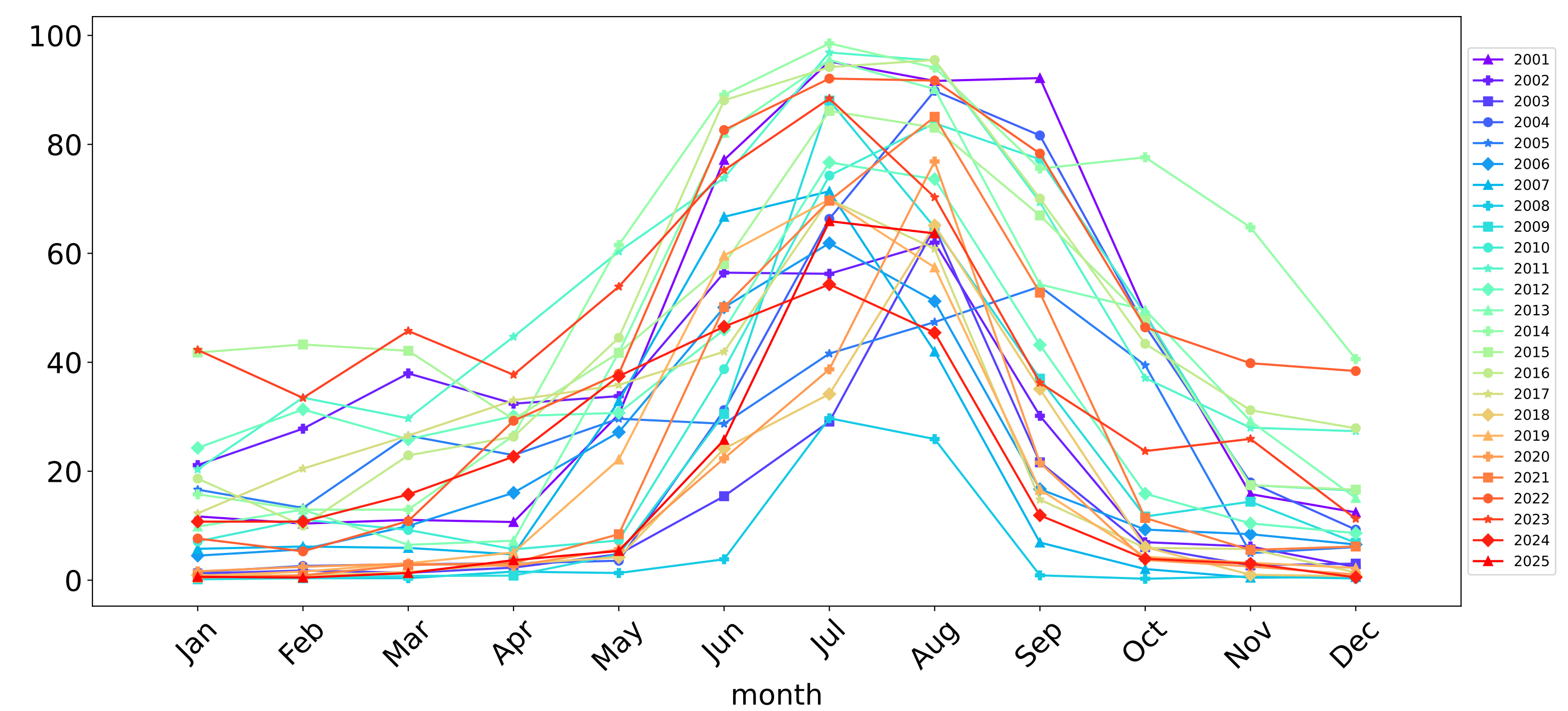
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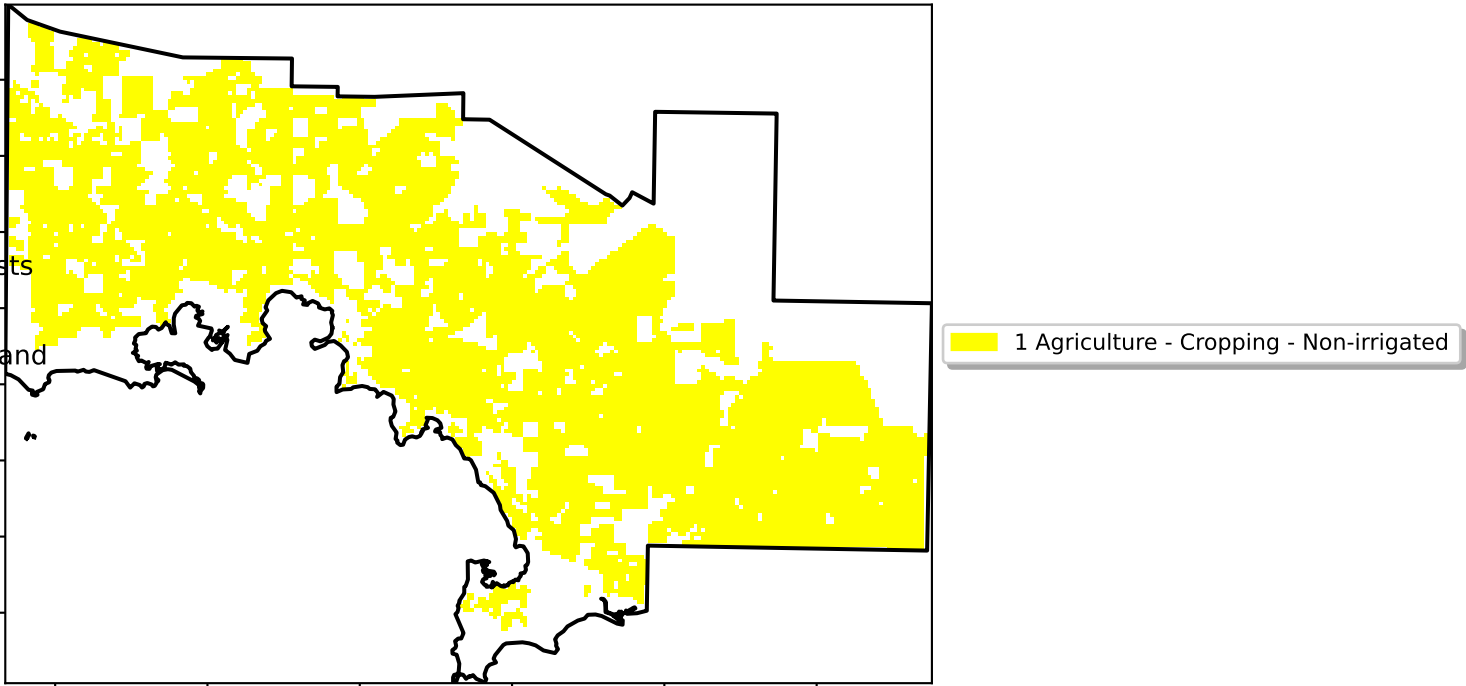
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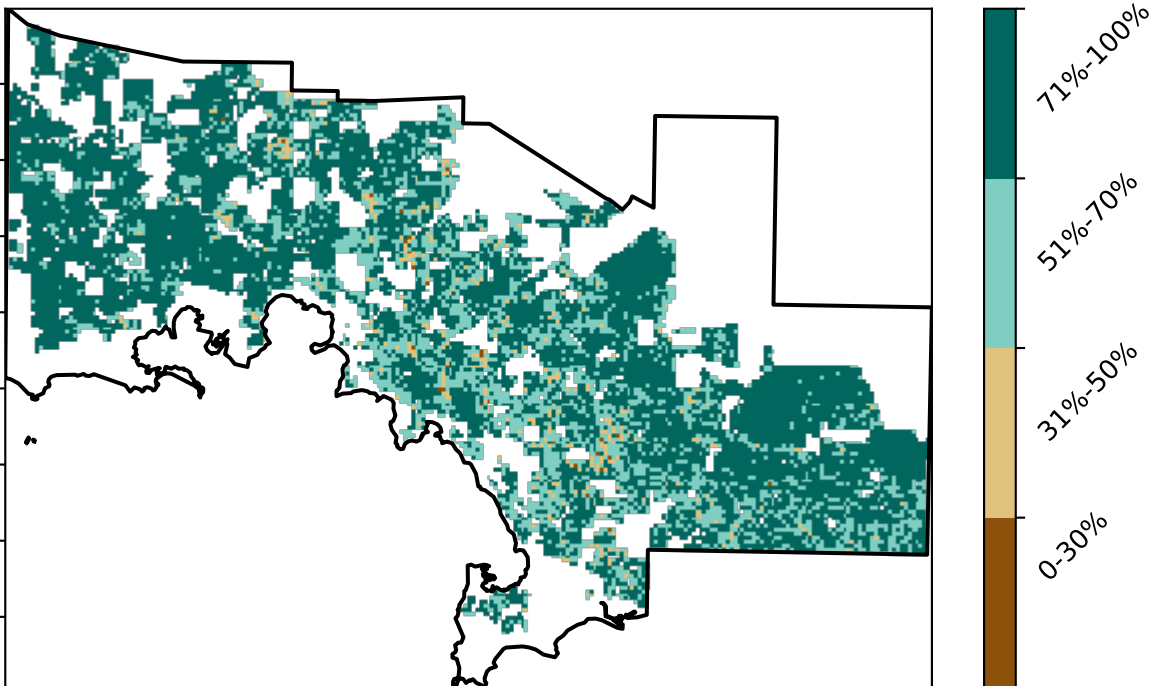
Cropping

Land use and forest cover

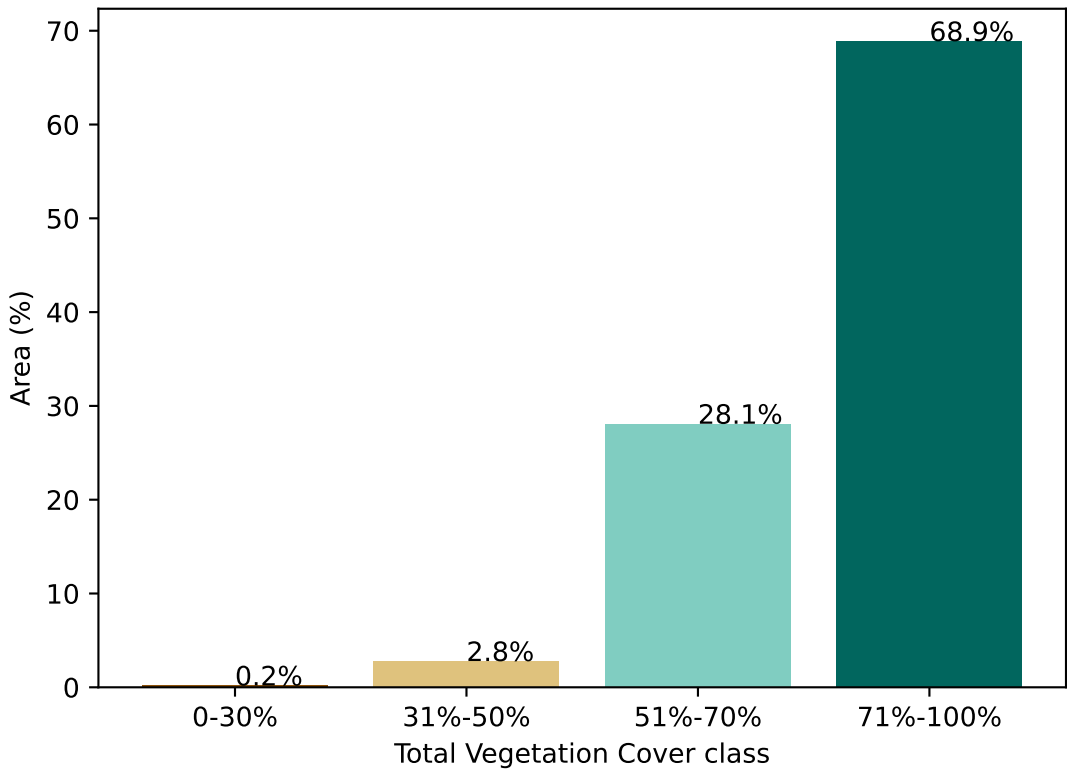
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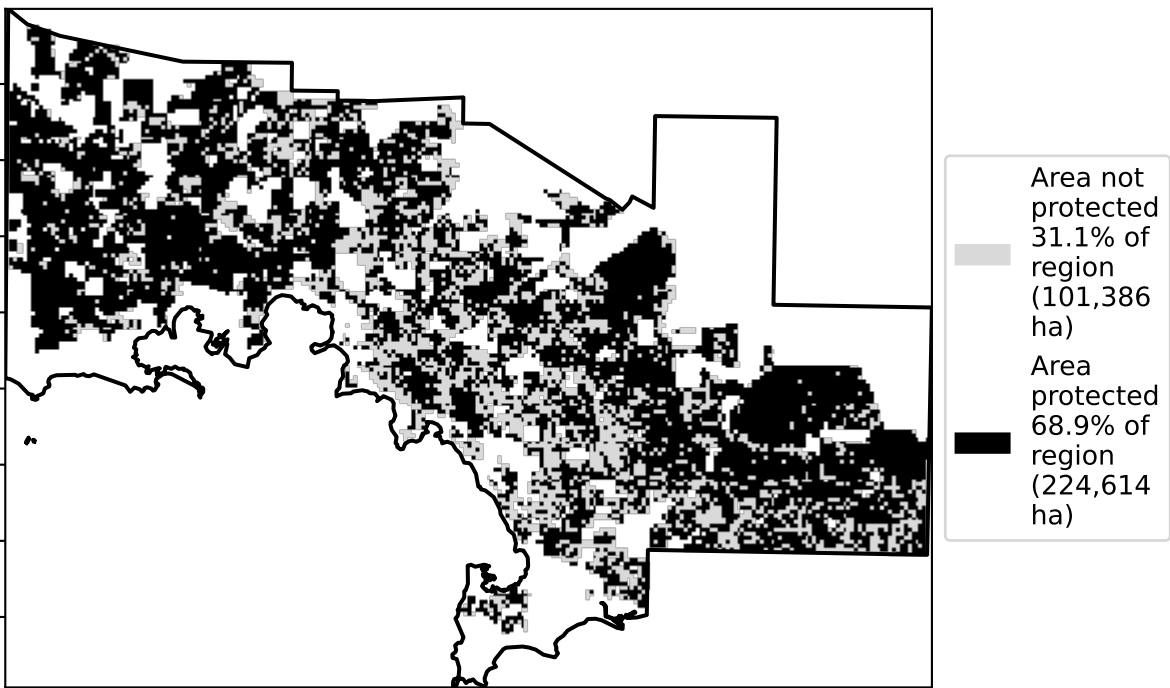
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



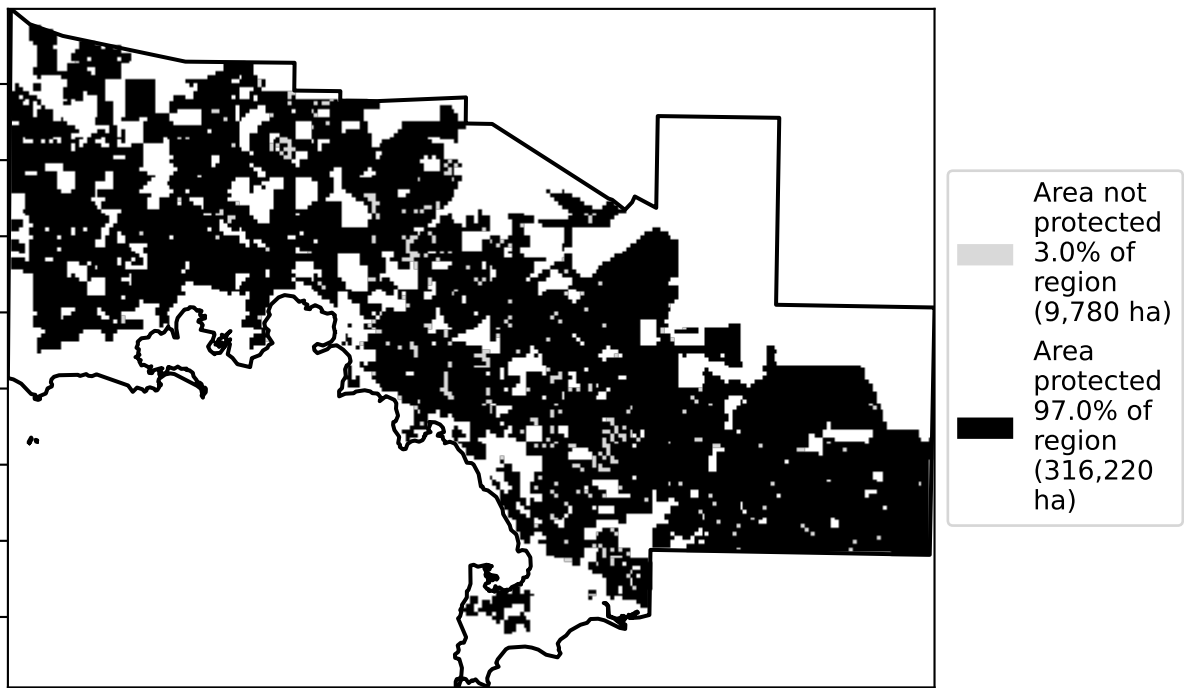
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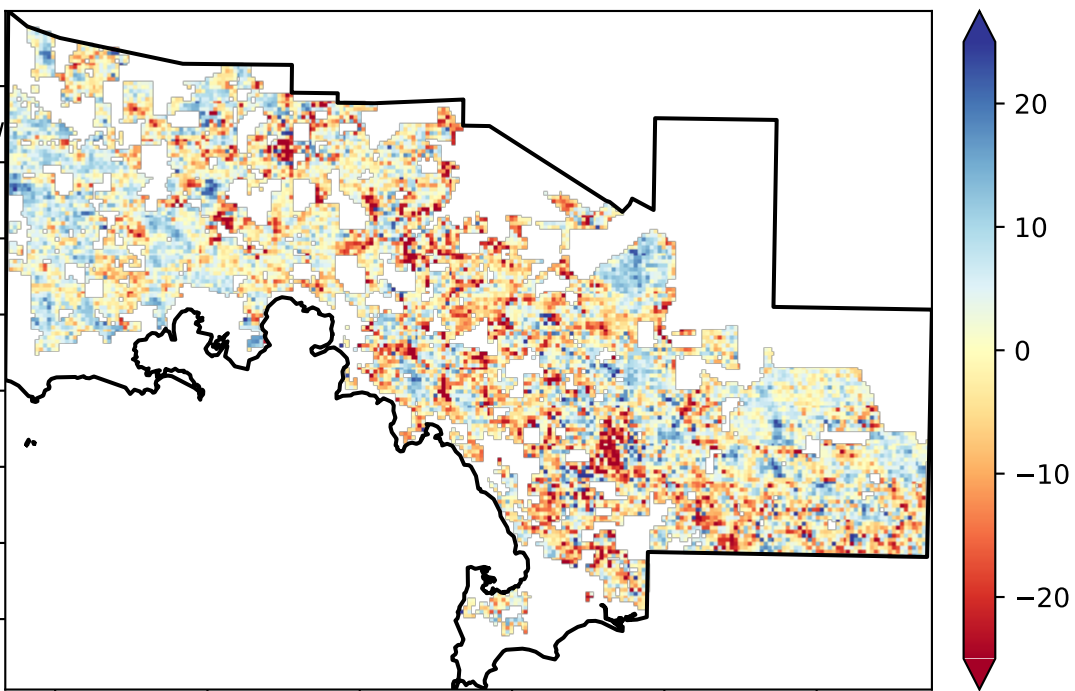


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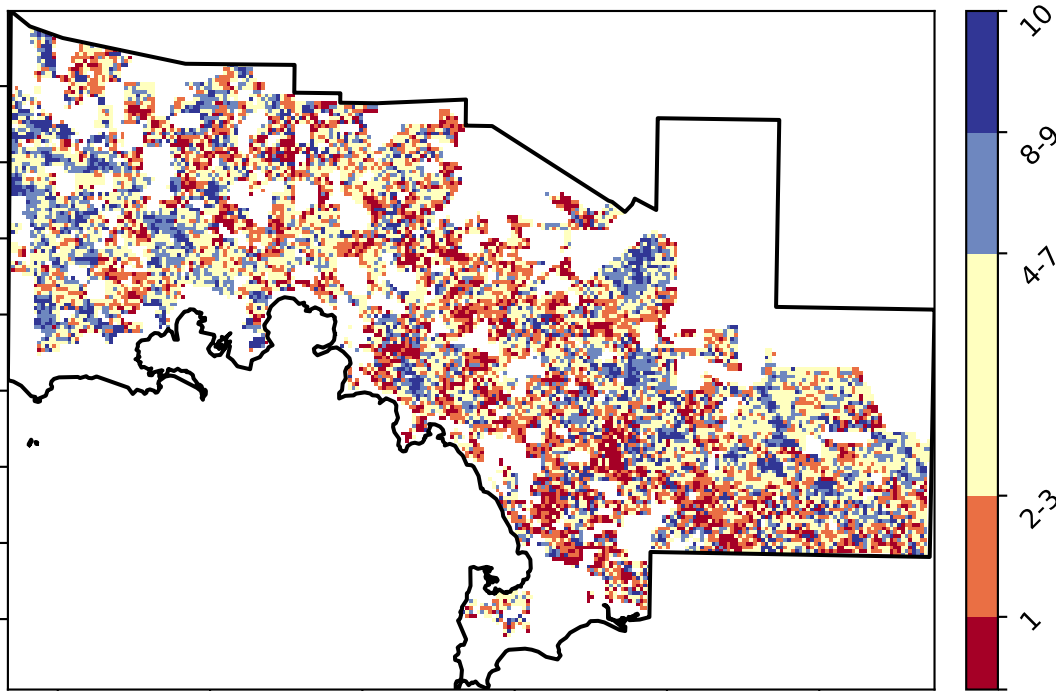
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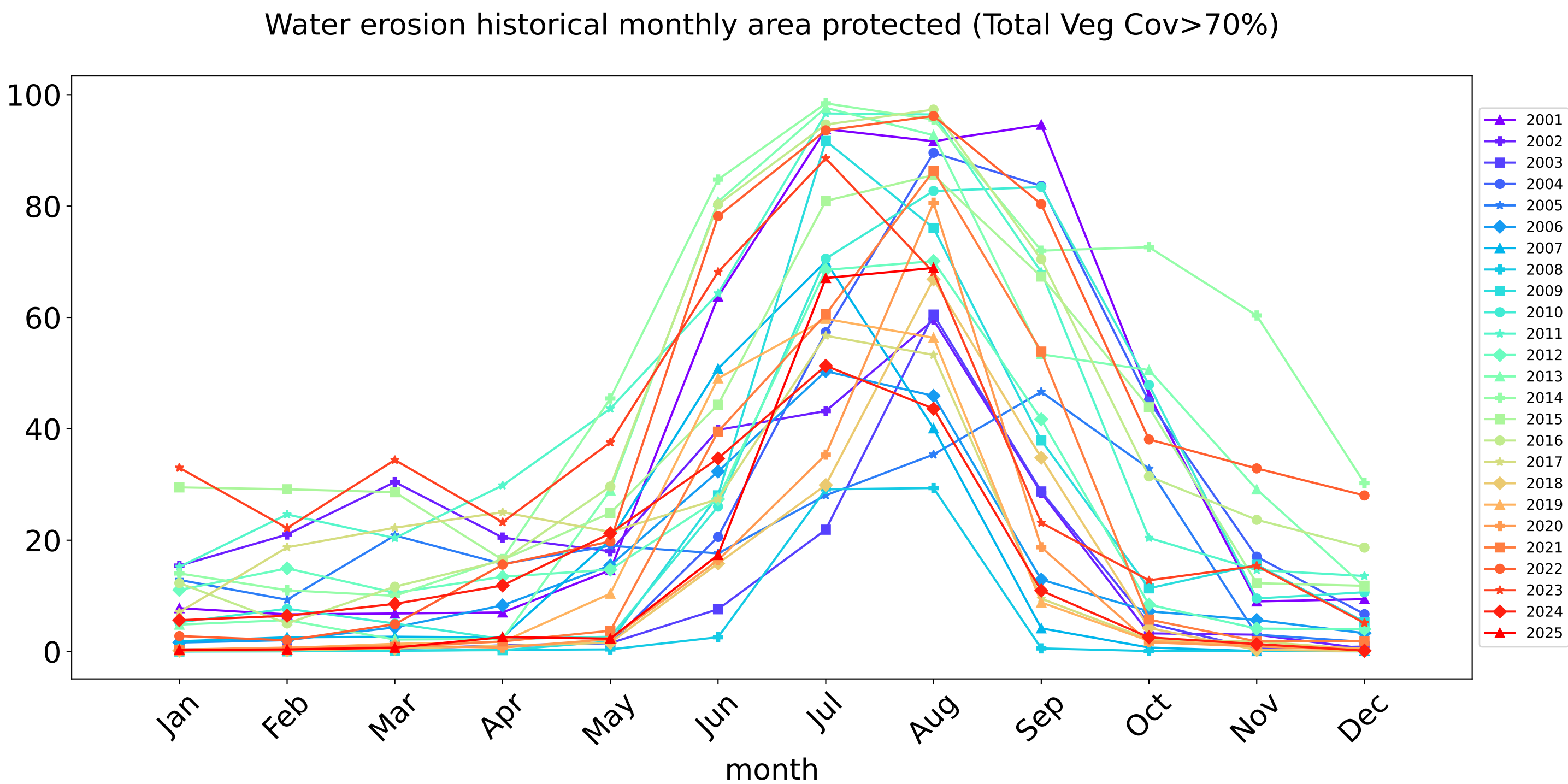
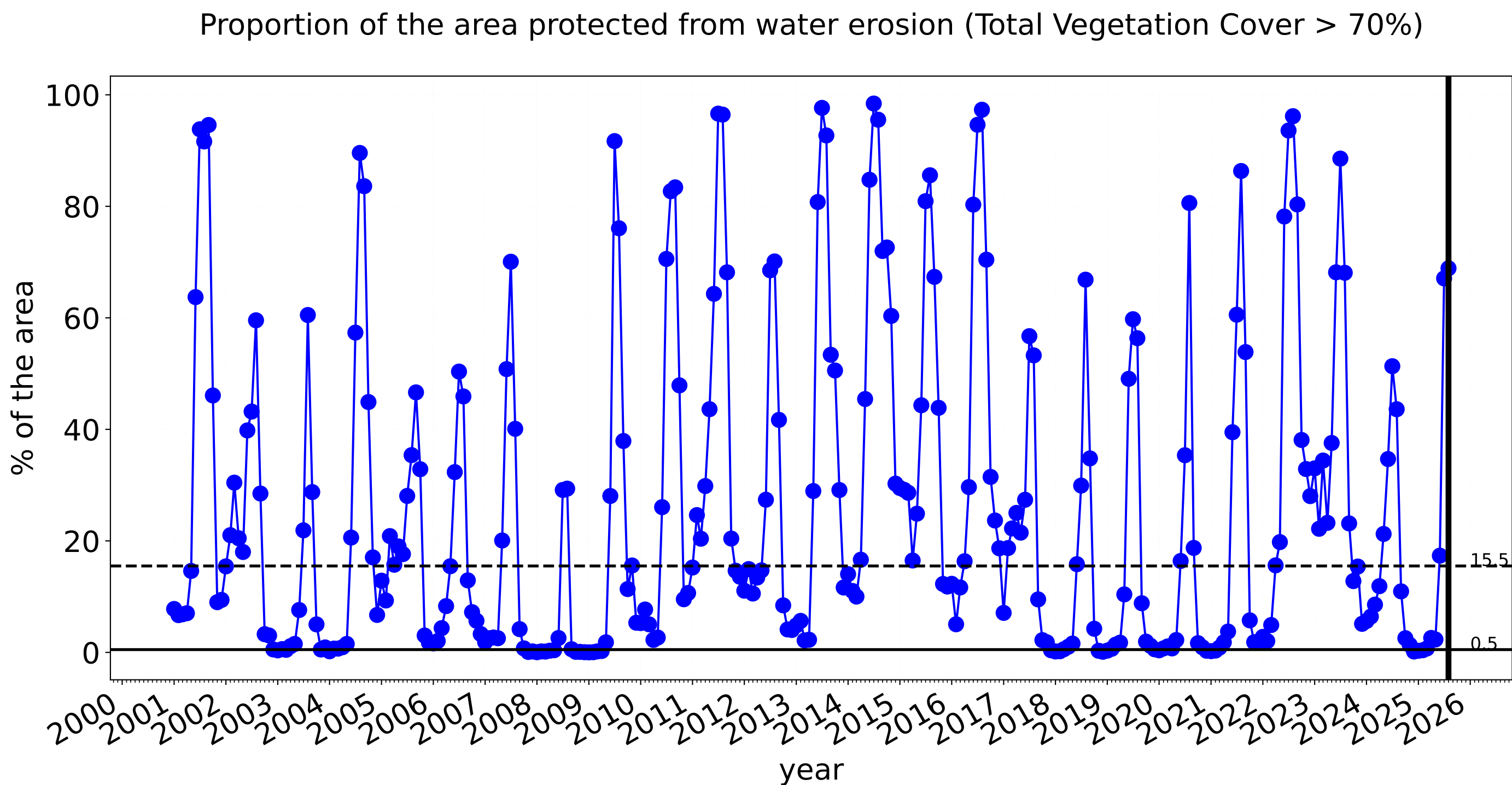
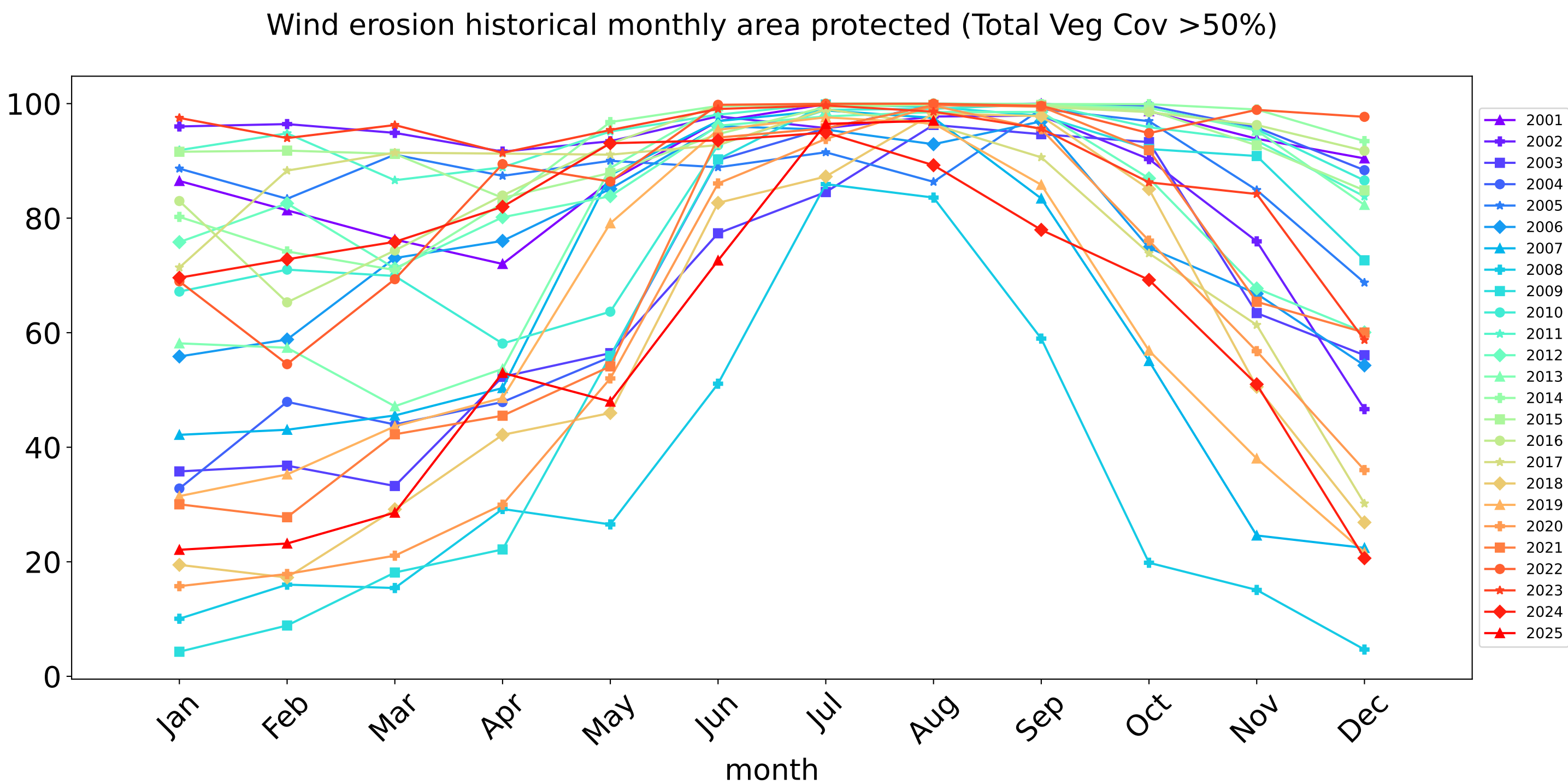
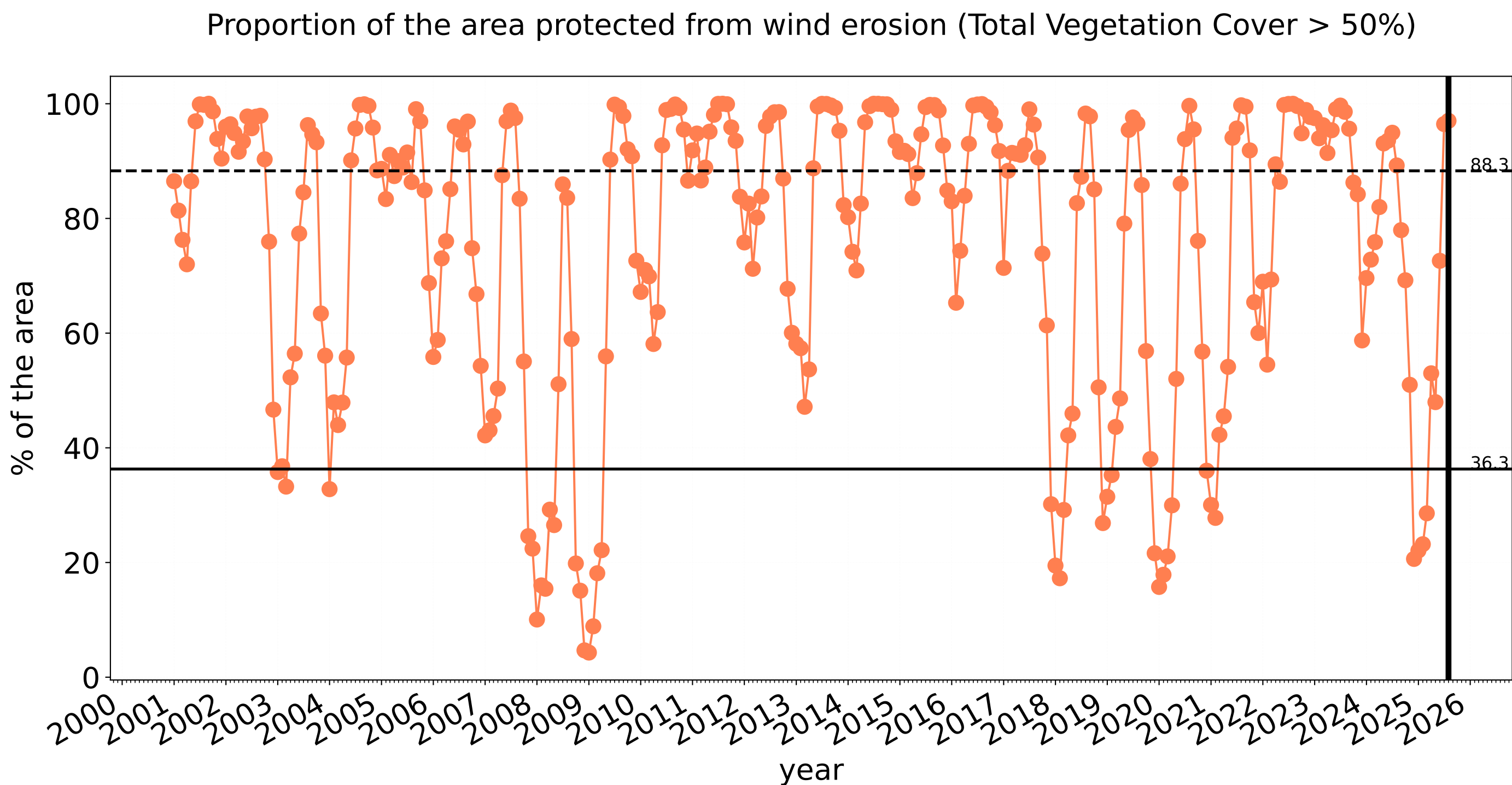


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Cropping timeseries



Ceduna_(DC) (536,250 ha and no data 5,999 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	536,250	99.8% 535,050	97.4% 522,150	68.5% 367,075	22.0% 118,025	3.1% 16,850	1.3% 6,850
Conservation and natural environments	154,150	99.8% 153,900	98.5% 151,900	69.4% 107,025	8.2% 12,700	0.7% 1,150	0.3% 525
Conservation and natural environments non forest	40,475	99.5% 40,275	96.1% 38,900	50.0% 20,250	7.8% 3,150	2.2% 875	1.1% 425
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	107,700	100.0% 107,675	99.4% 107,100	76.6% 82,475	7.9% 8,525	0.3% 275	0.1% 100
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	5,975	99.6% 5,950	98.7% 5,900	72.0% 4,300	17.2% 1,025	0.0% 0	0.0% 0
Agriculture	374,650	99.8% 373,750	96.9% 363,050	68.2% 255,575	27.5% 103,175	3.9% 14,625	1.5% 5,575
Grazing	48,650	99.6% 48,475	96.1% 46,750	63.7% 31,000	22.8% 11,075	2.8% 1,375	1.2% 600
Grazing non forest	47,750	99.6% 47,575	96.1% 45,875	63.7% 30,400	23.0% 10,975	2.9% 1,375	1.3% 600
Cropping	326,000	99.8% 325,275	97.0% 316,300	68.9% 224,575	28.3% 92,100	4.1% 13,250	1.5% 4,975