## Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Goyder\_(DC) SA

# Date: January 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 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:

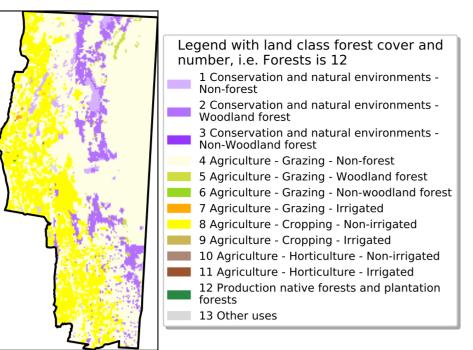
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- 2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
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# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2023**

#### Land use and forest cover



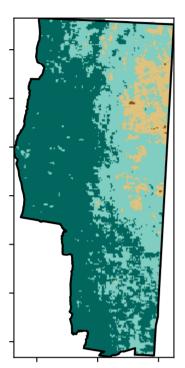
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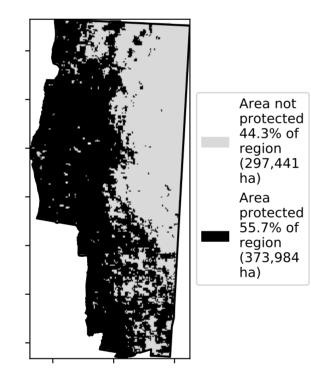
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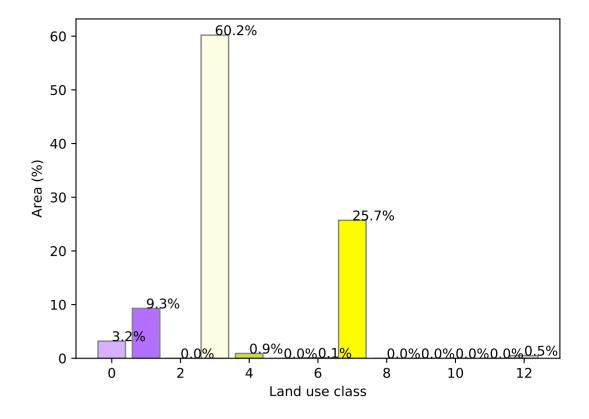
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### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

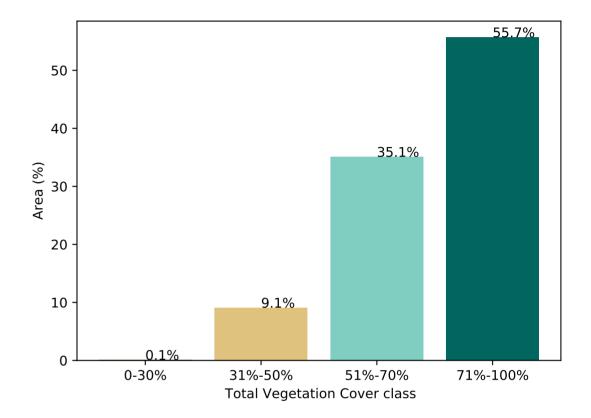


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

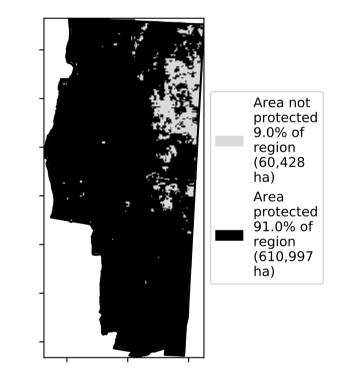




### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



#### Proportion of each land class in area

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

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

Catchment Scale

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(2018) and Forests

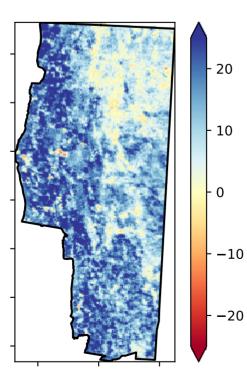
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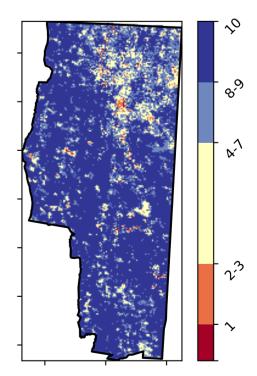
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Catchment Scale Land



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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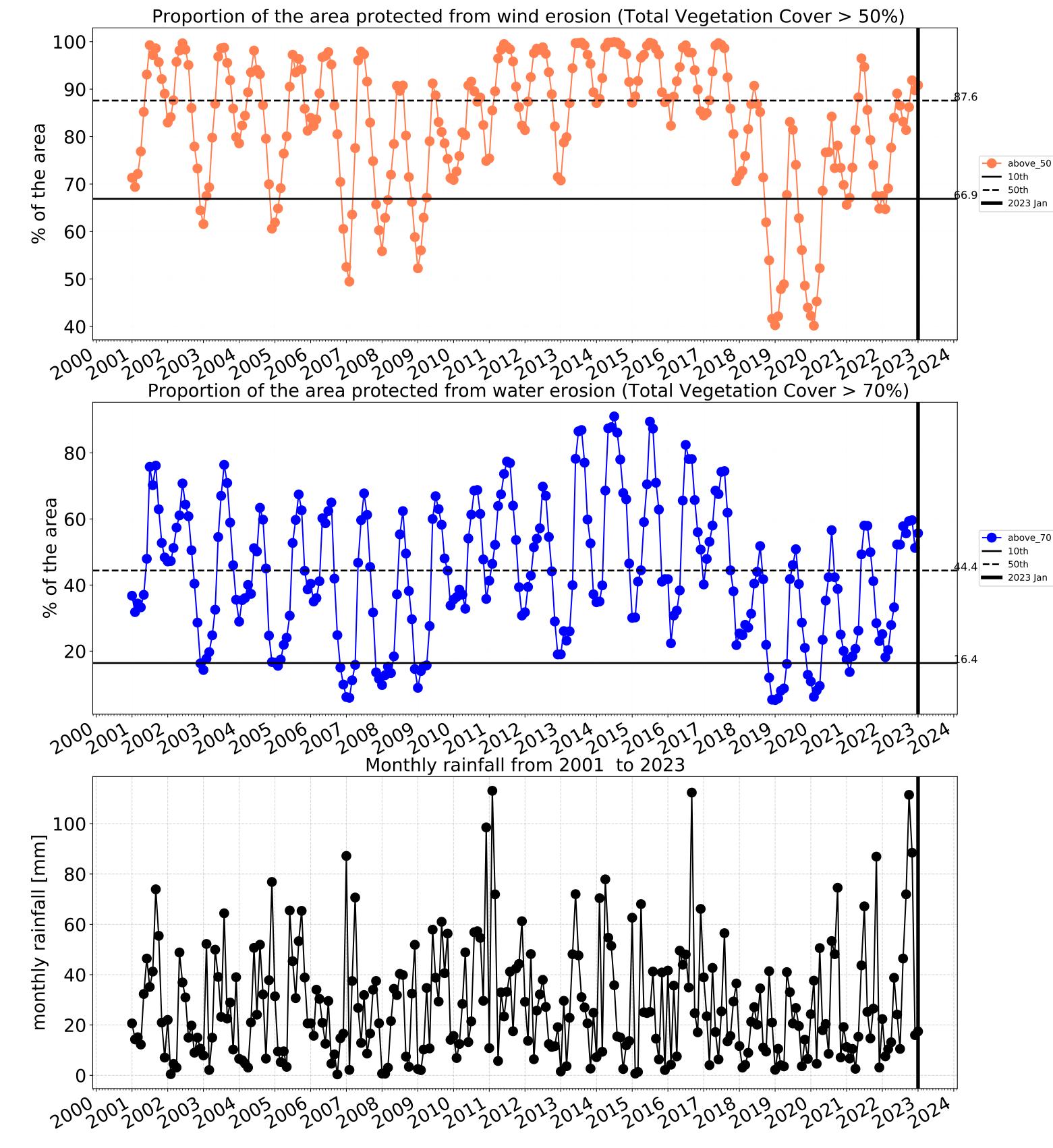
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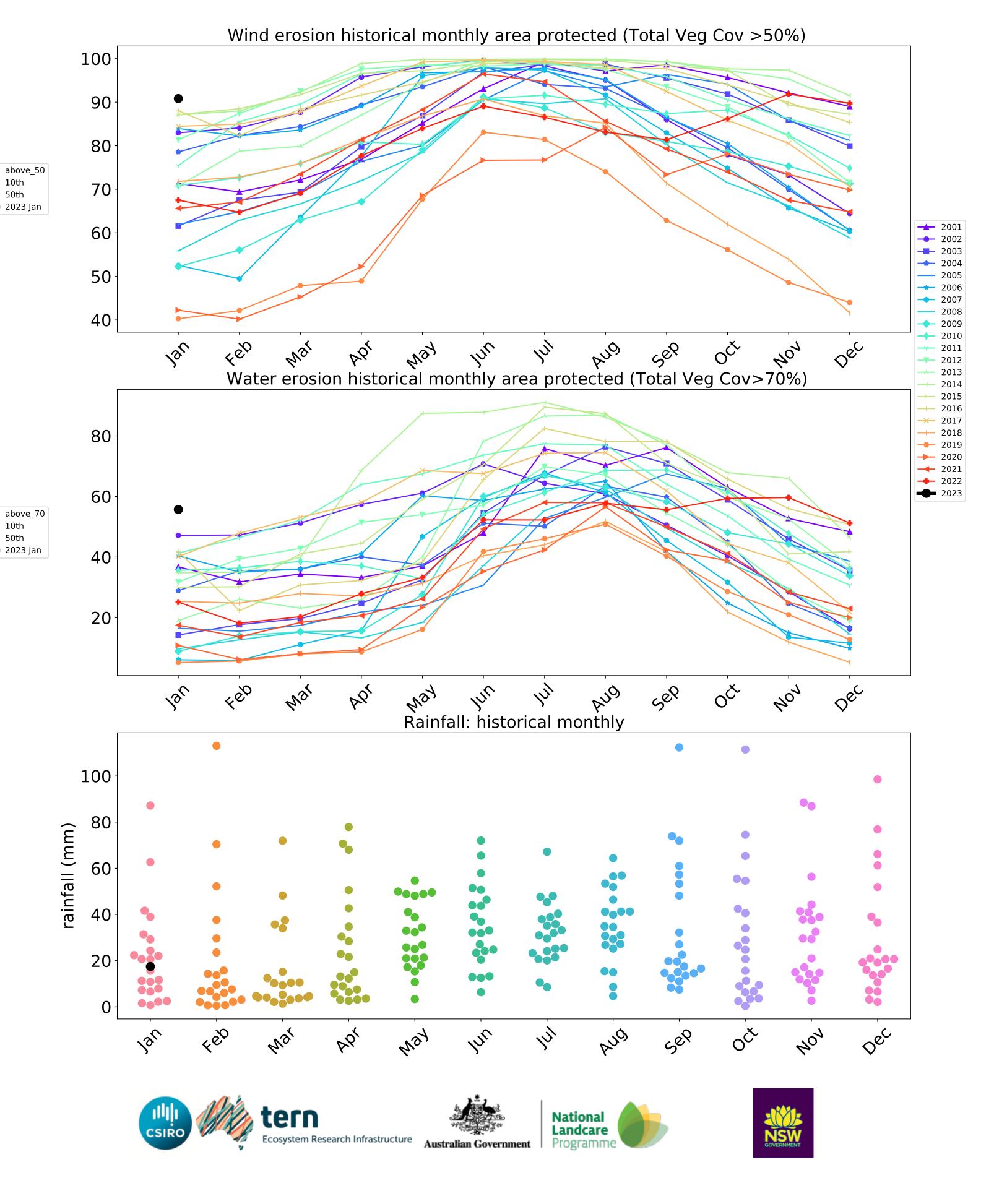
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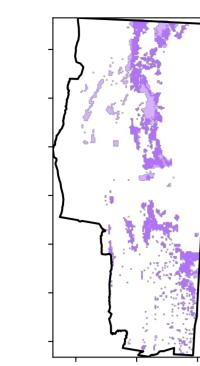




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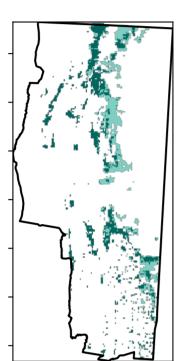
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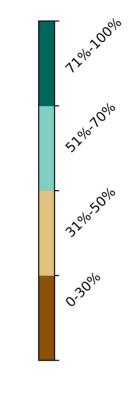
Proportion of each land class in area



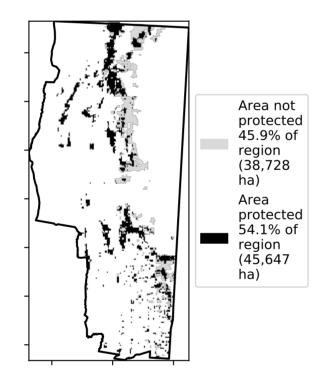
1 Conservation and natural environments - Nonforest 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest

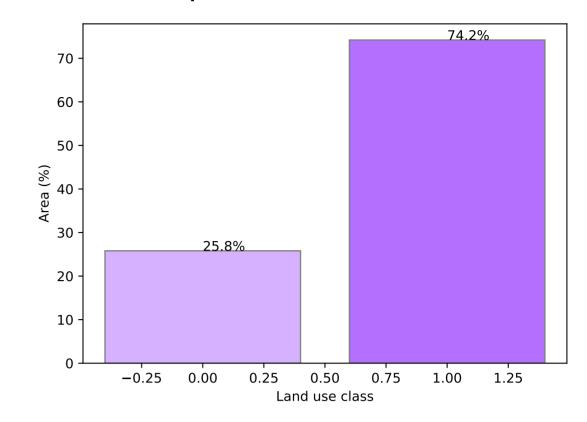
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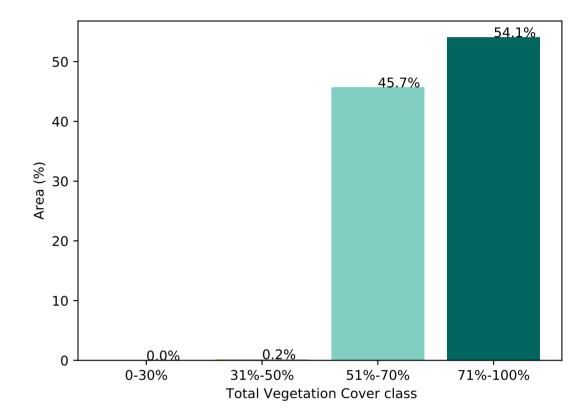


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

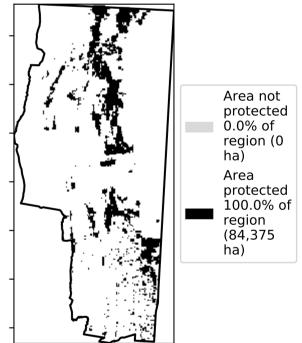




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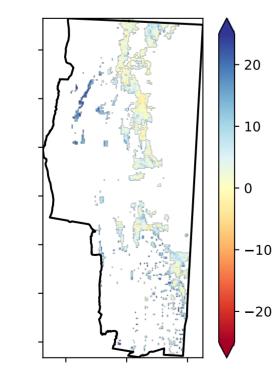
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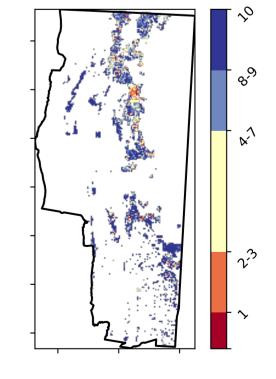
Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land



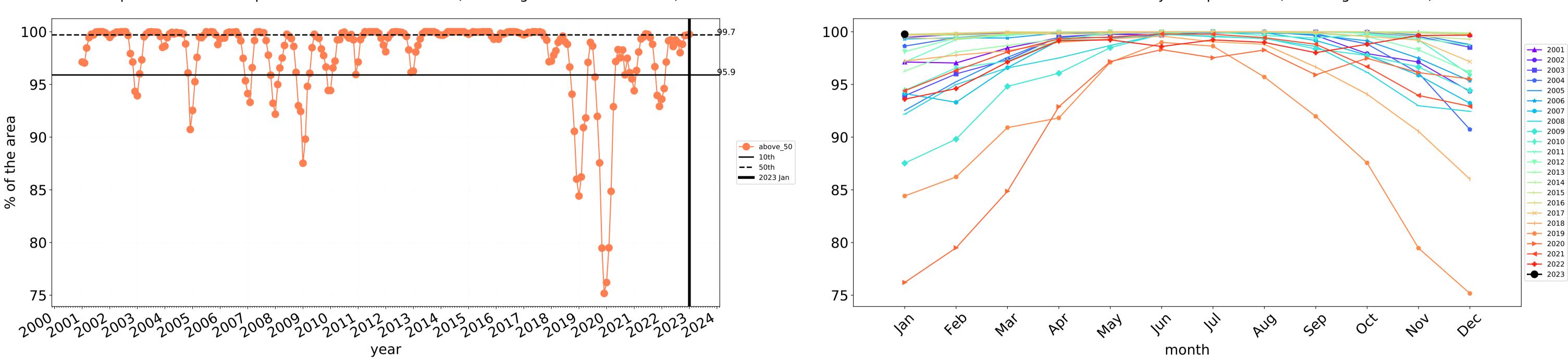
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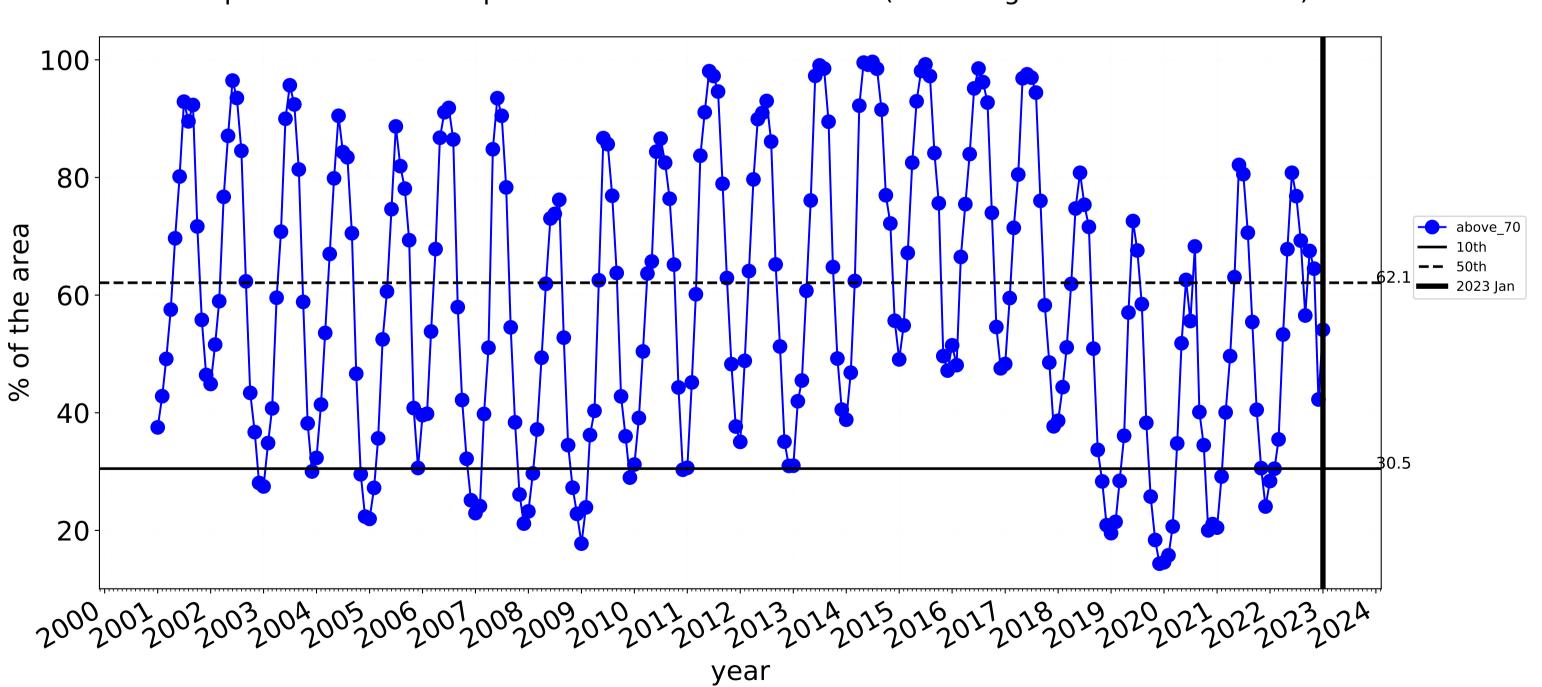






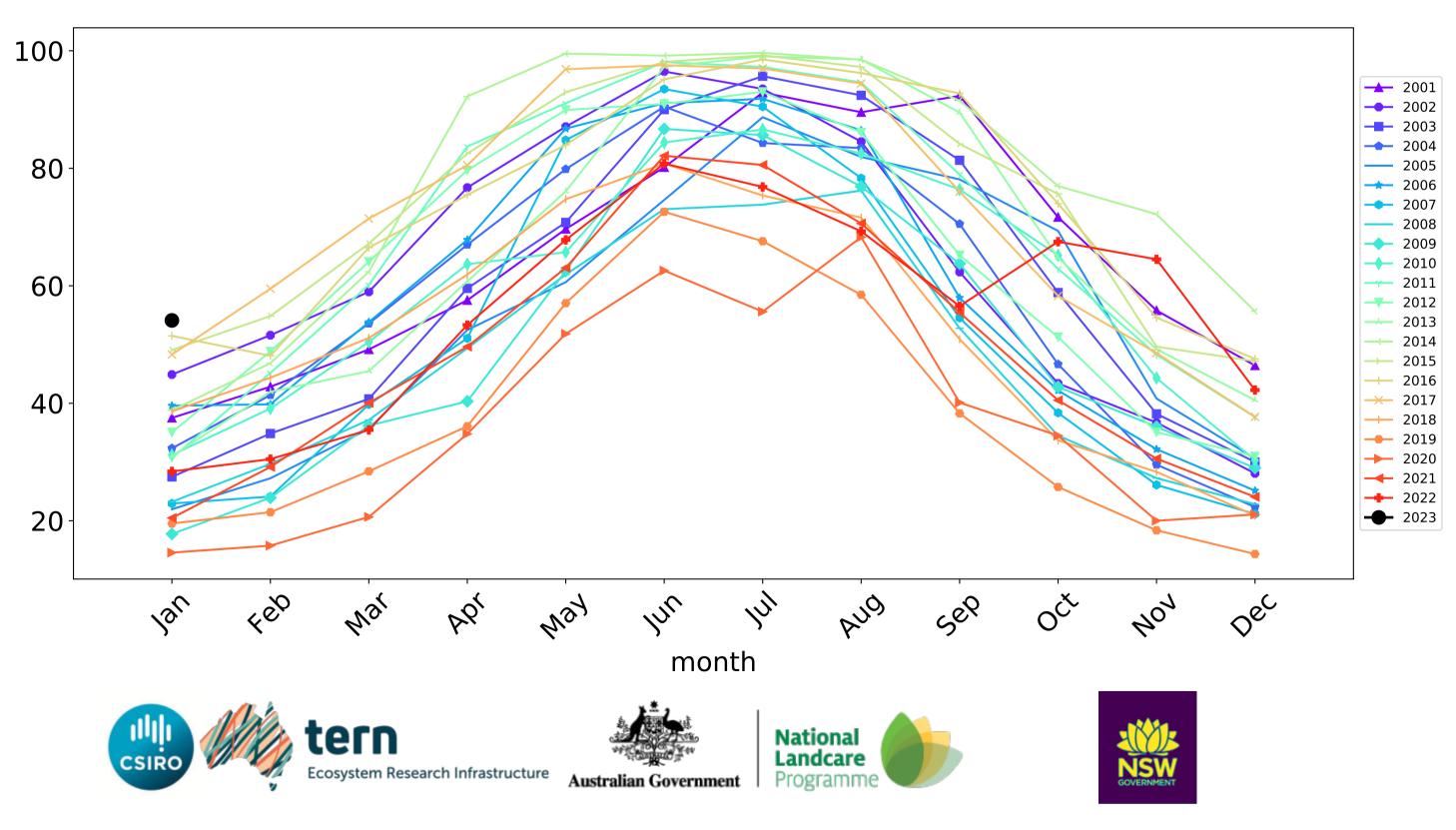






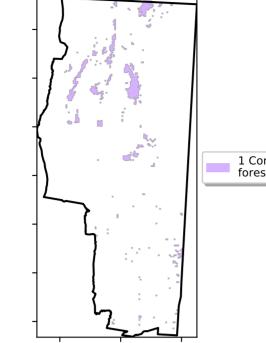
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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



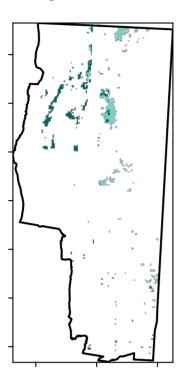
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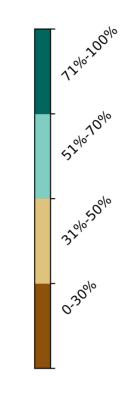
Land use and forest cover



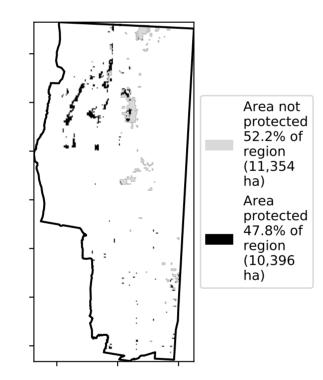
1 Conservation and natural environments - Nonforest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

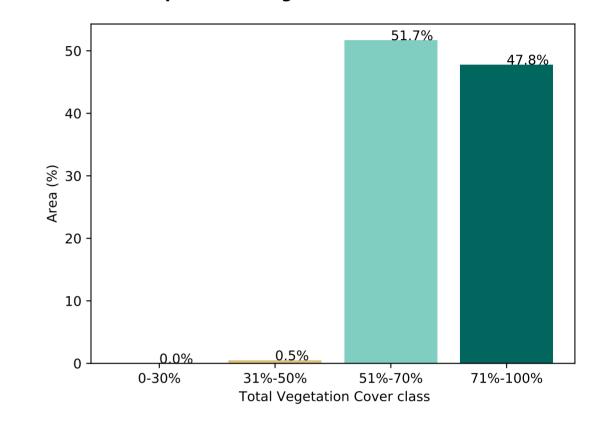




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



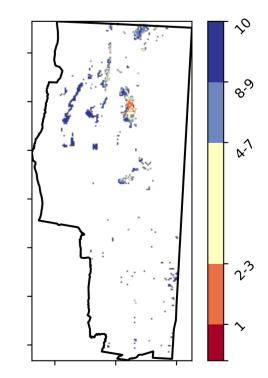
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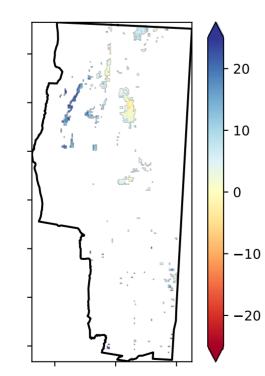
Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha) Area protected 100.0% of region (21,750 ha)

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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



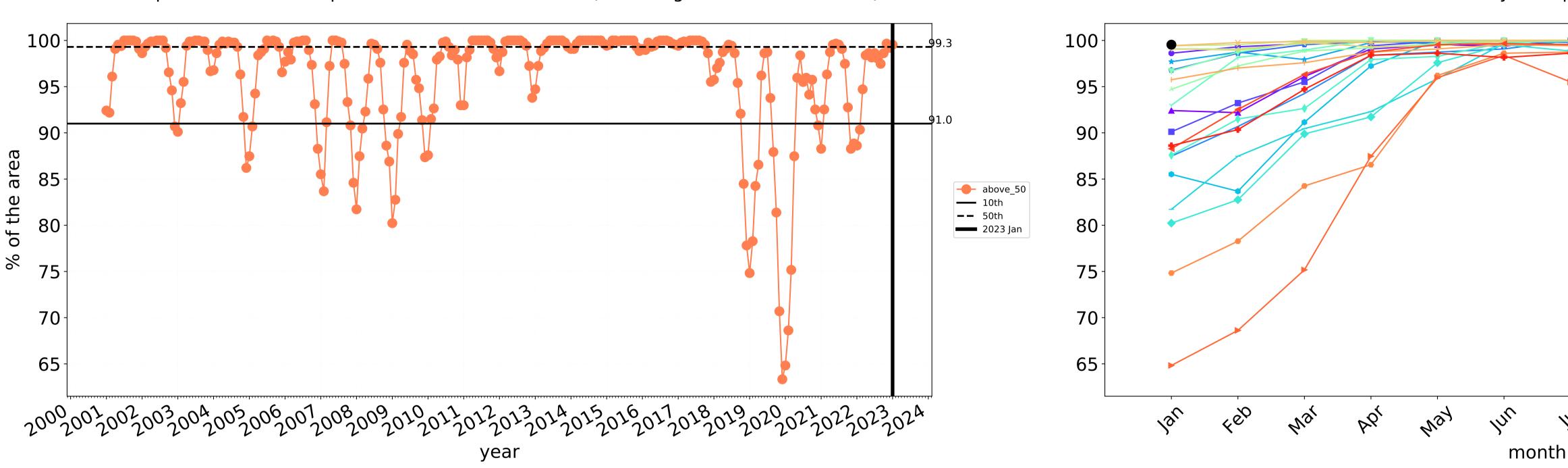
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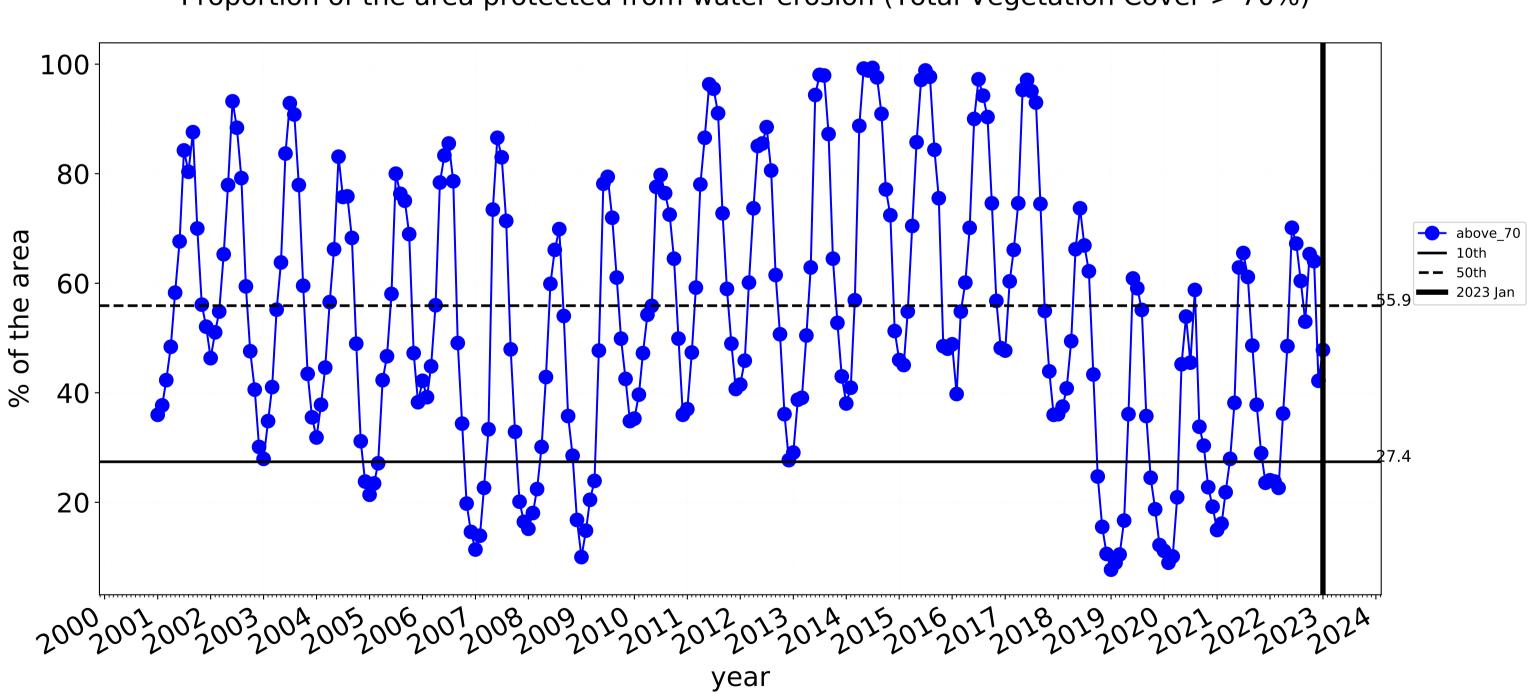
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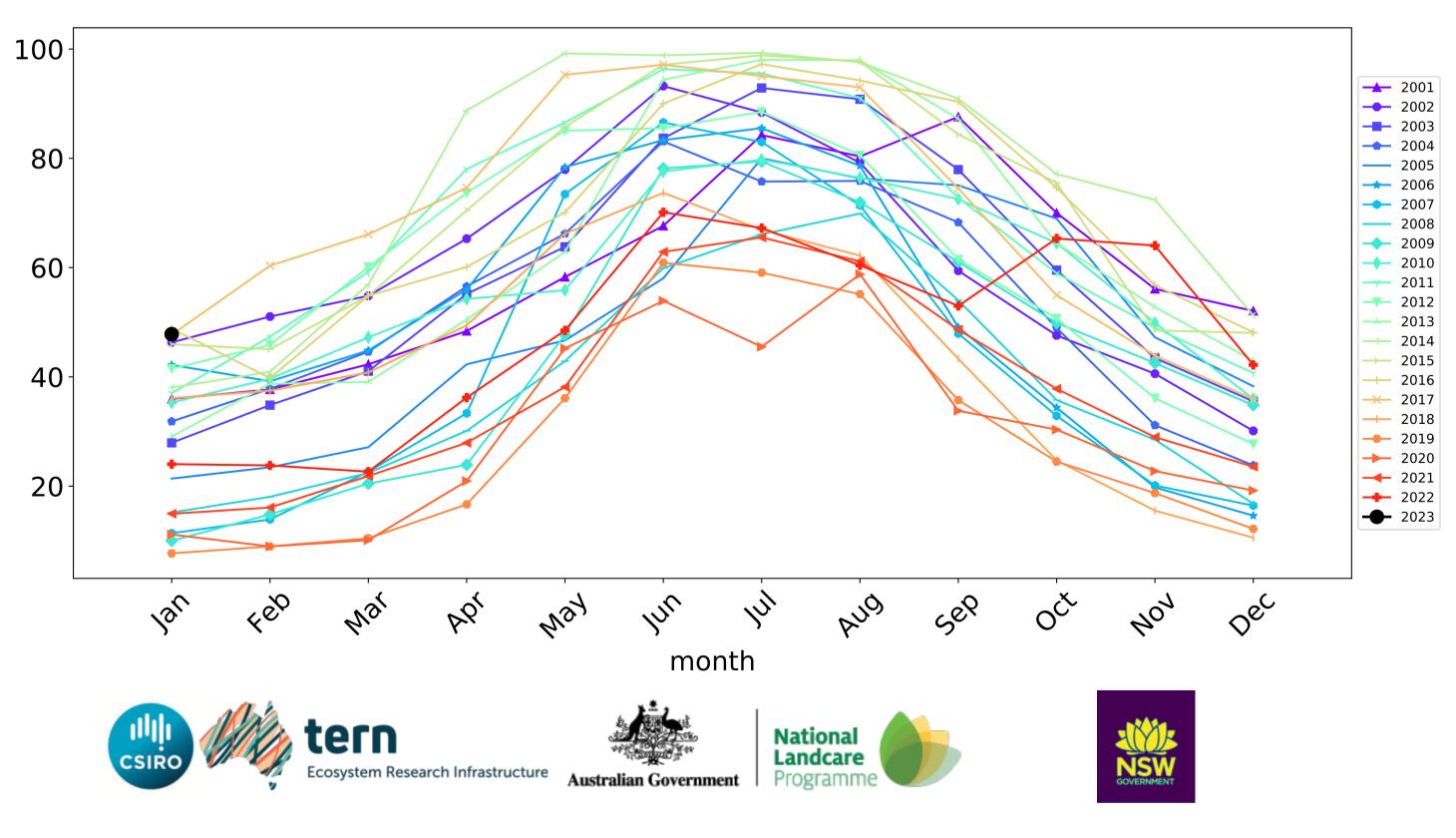


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

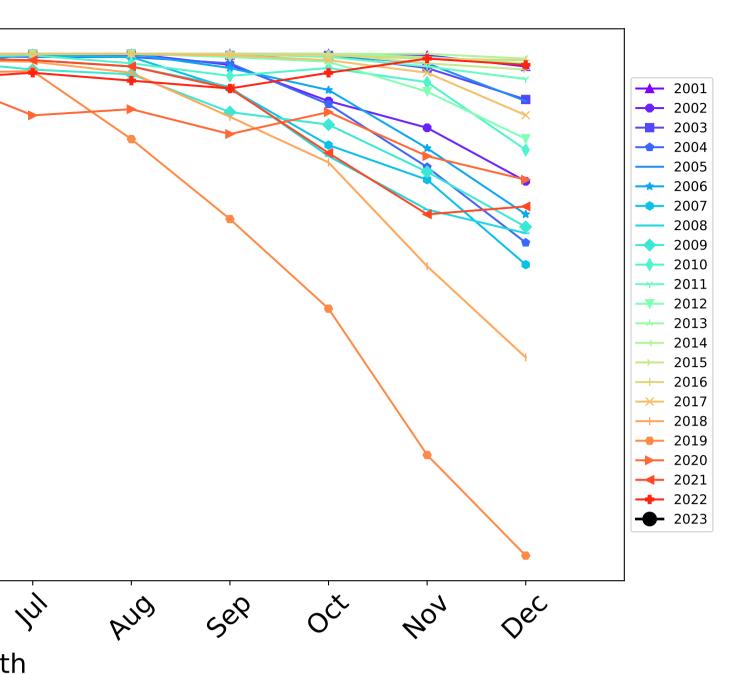


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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



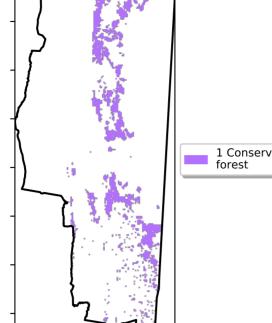
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### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

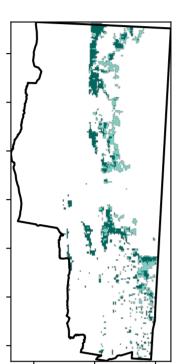
Land use and forest cover

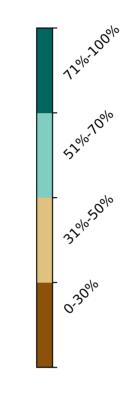




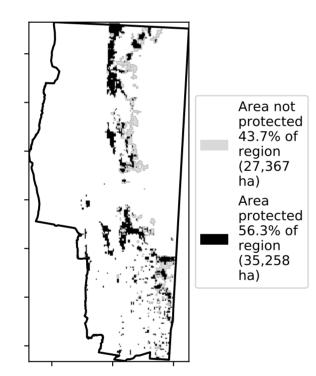
1 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

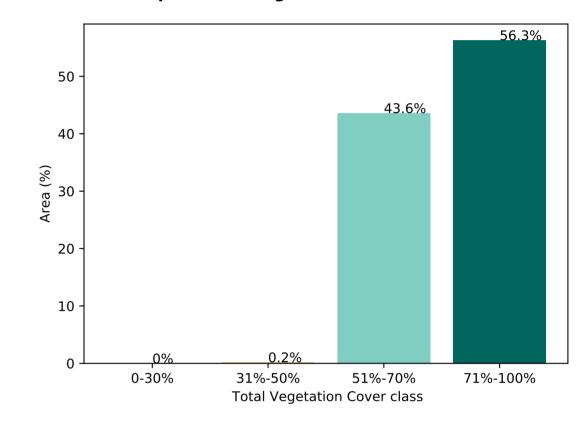




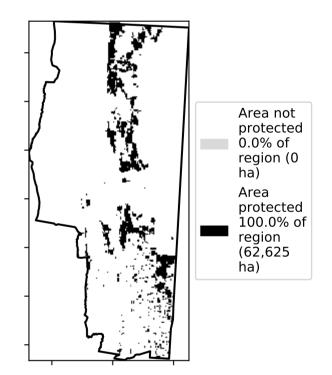
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



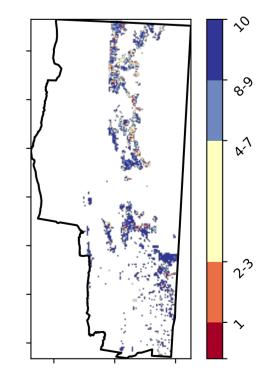
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

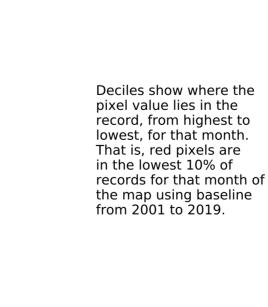


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

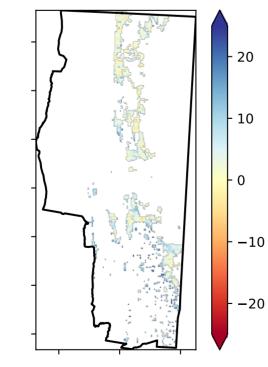


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



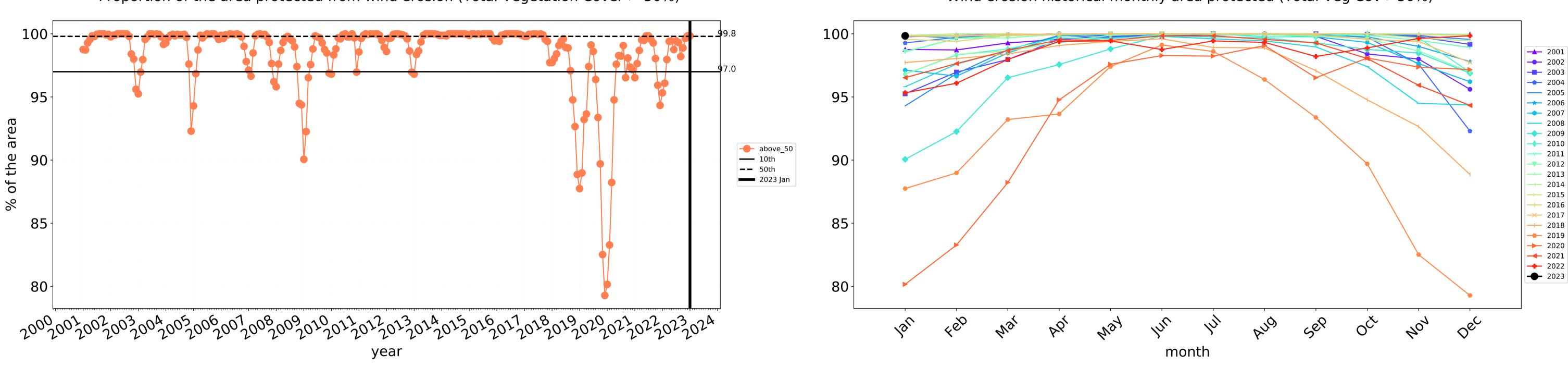


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

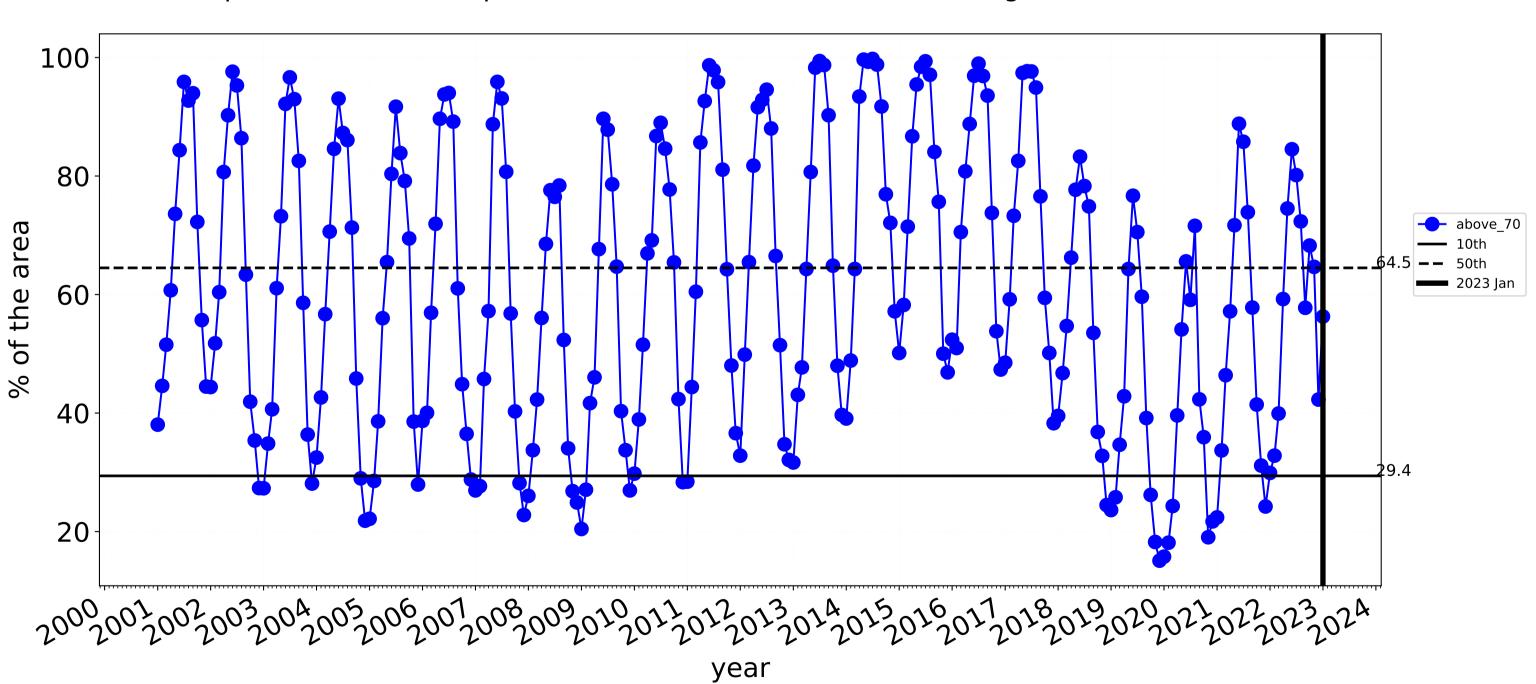






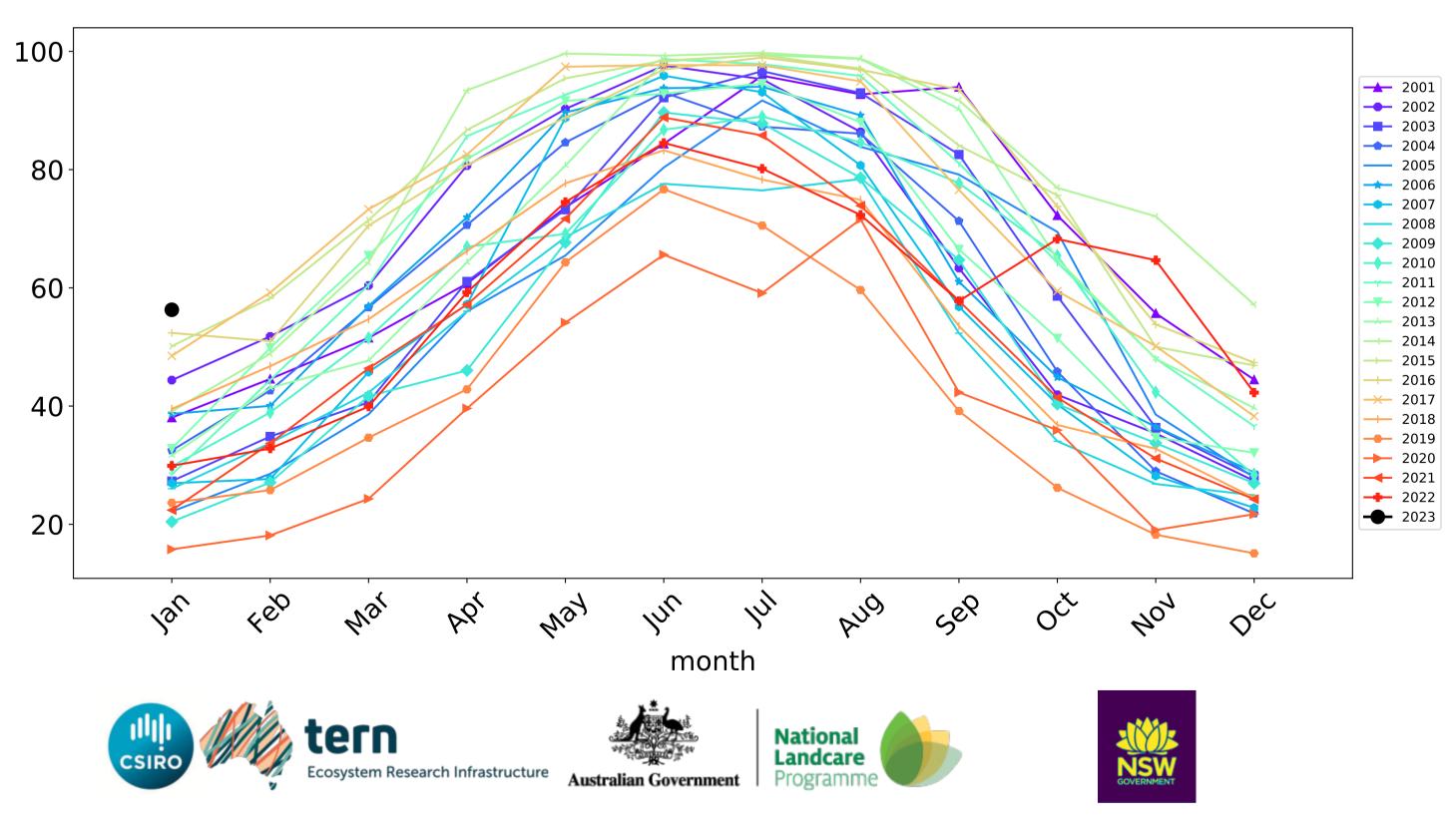


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

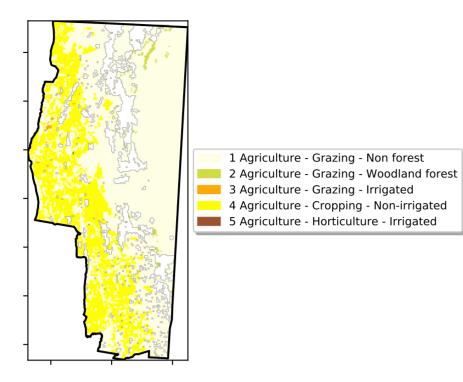
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



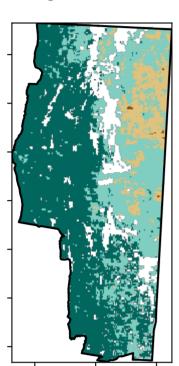
### Agriculture

#### Land use and forest cover

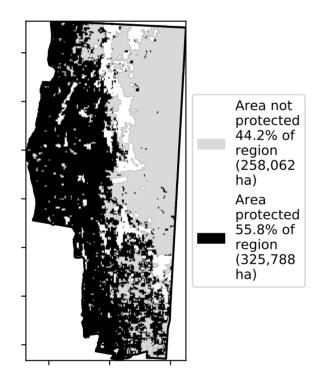
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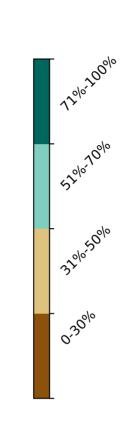


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

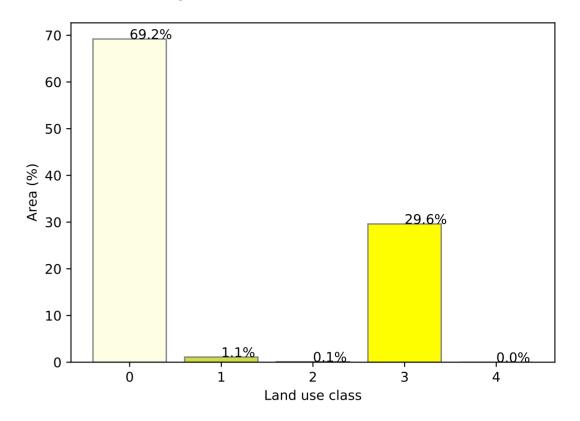




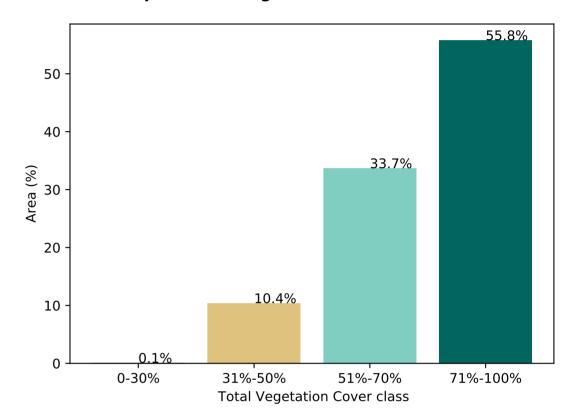




#### Proportion of each land class in area



### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

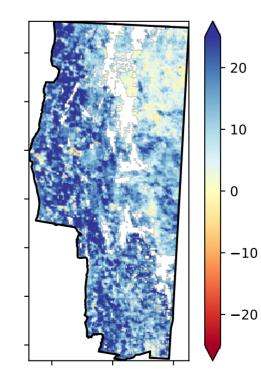


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



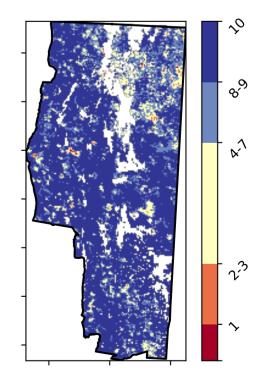
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### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

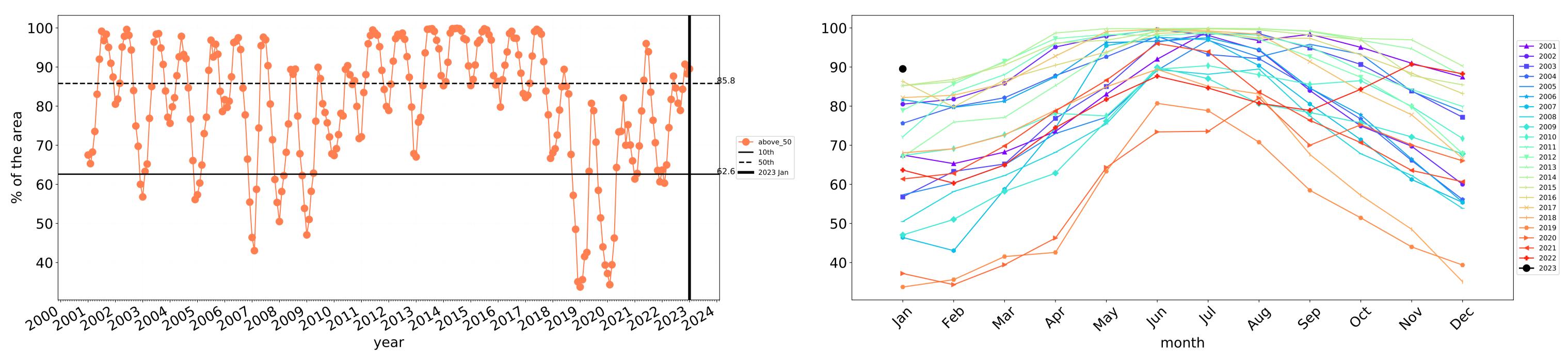


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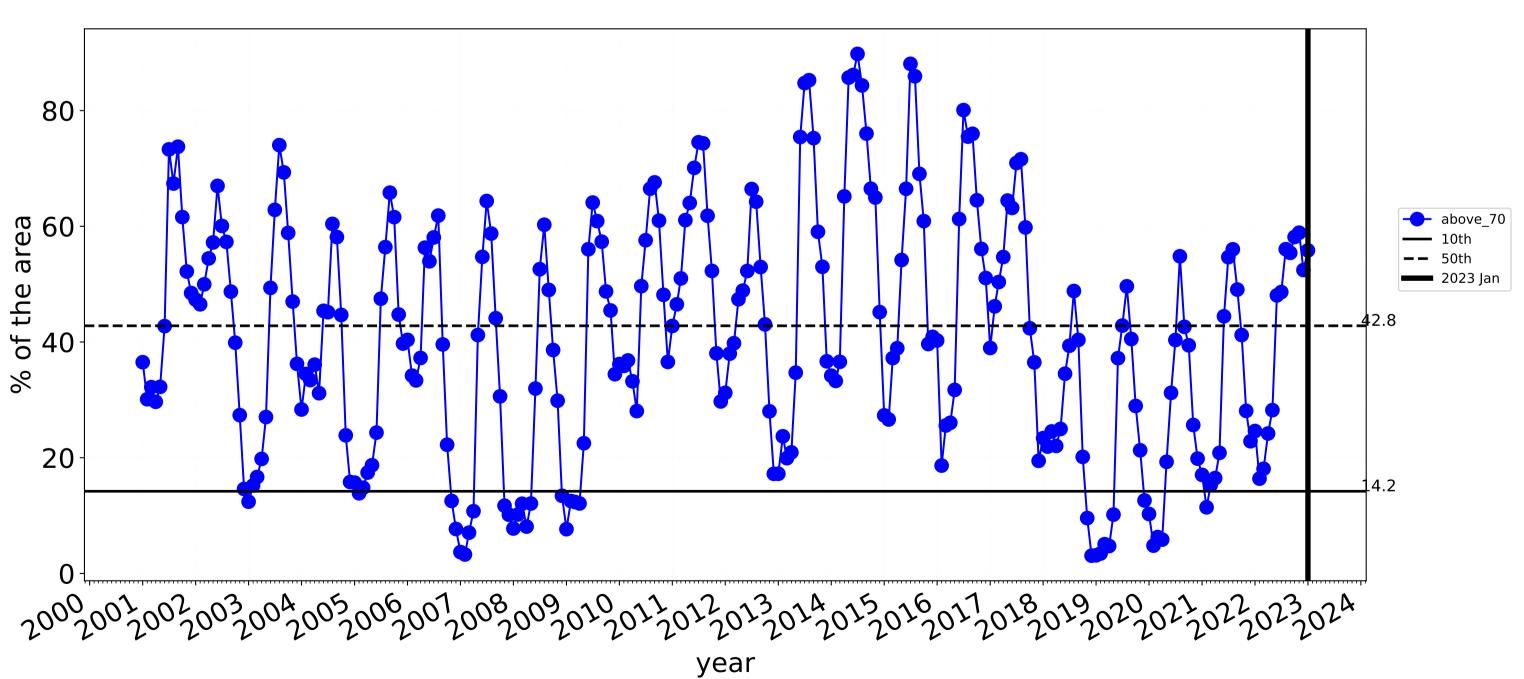




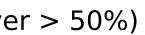


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



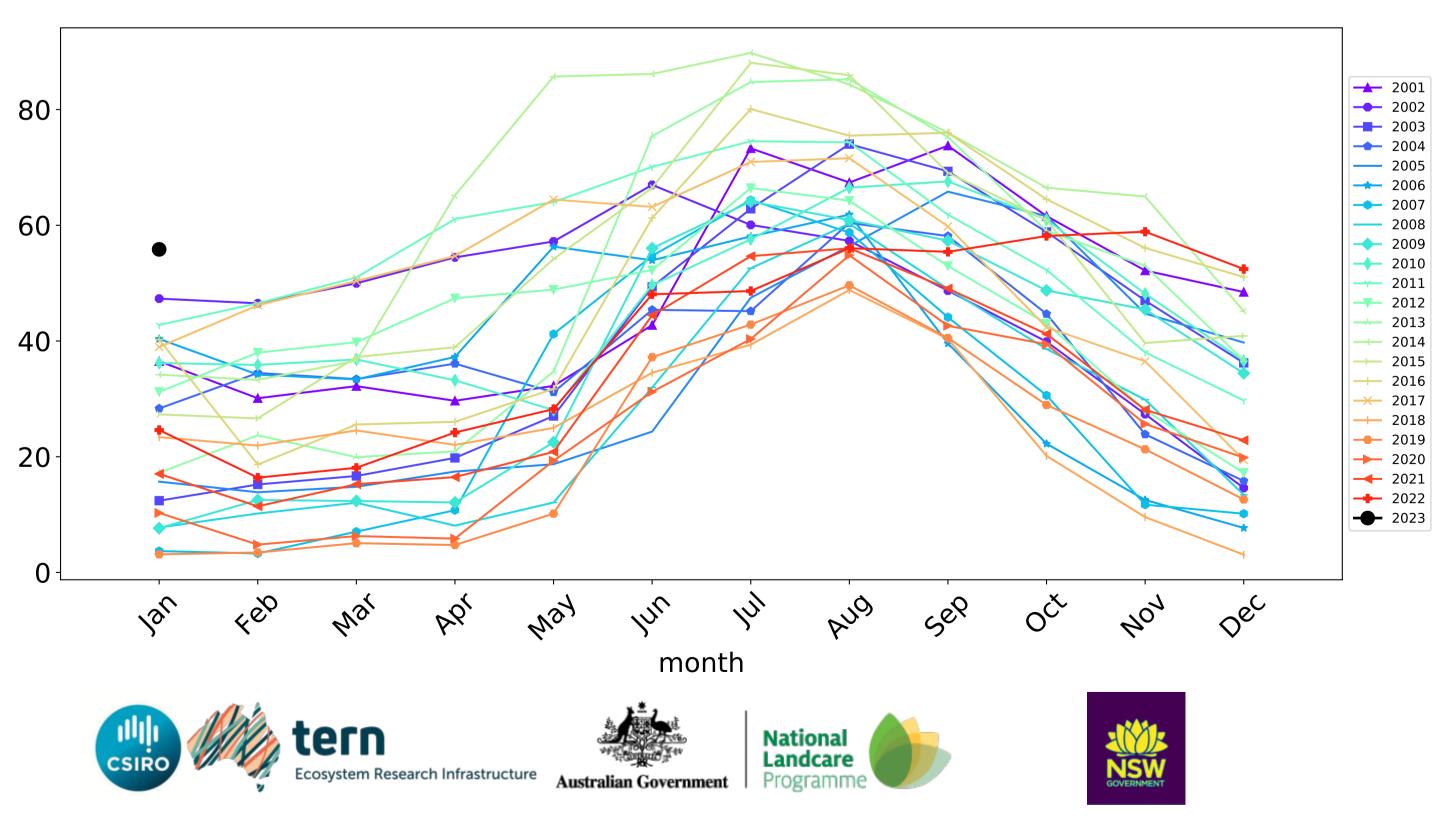


### **Agriculture timeseries**



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

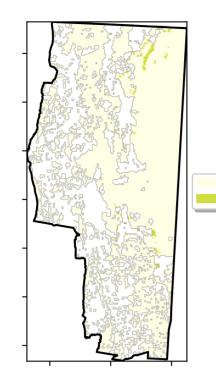
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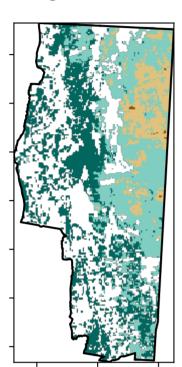
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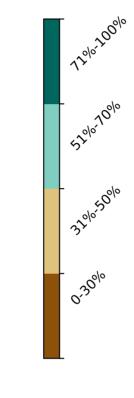
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

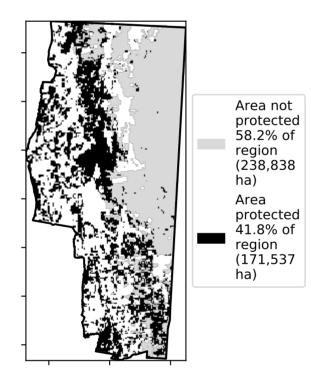


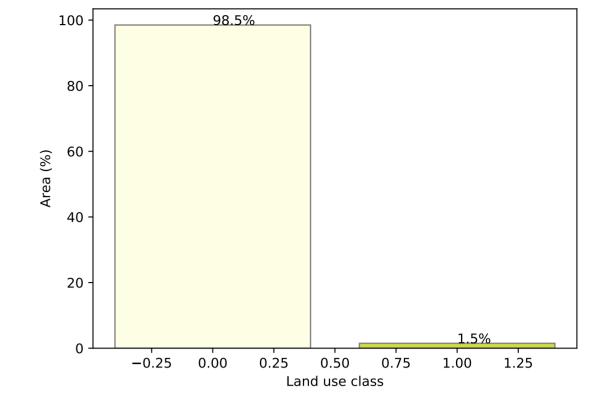


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2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

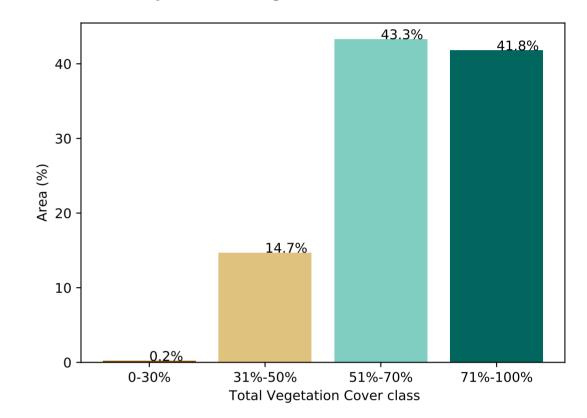
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





Proportion of each land class in area

### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

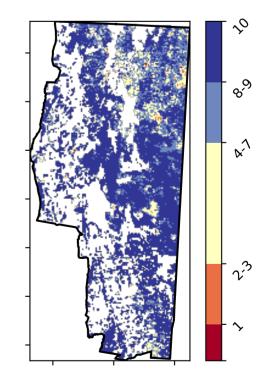


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



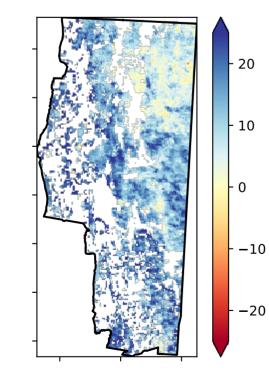
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### **Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]**



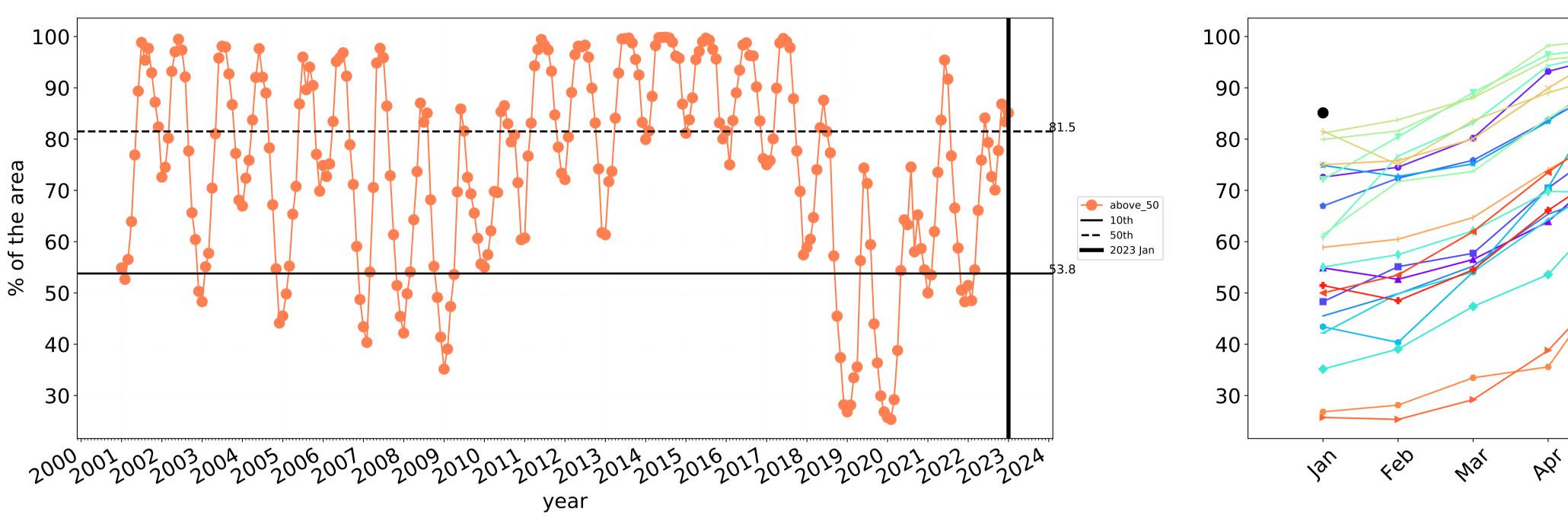
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



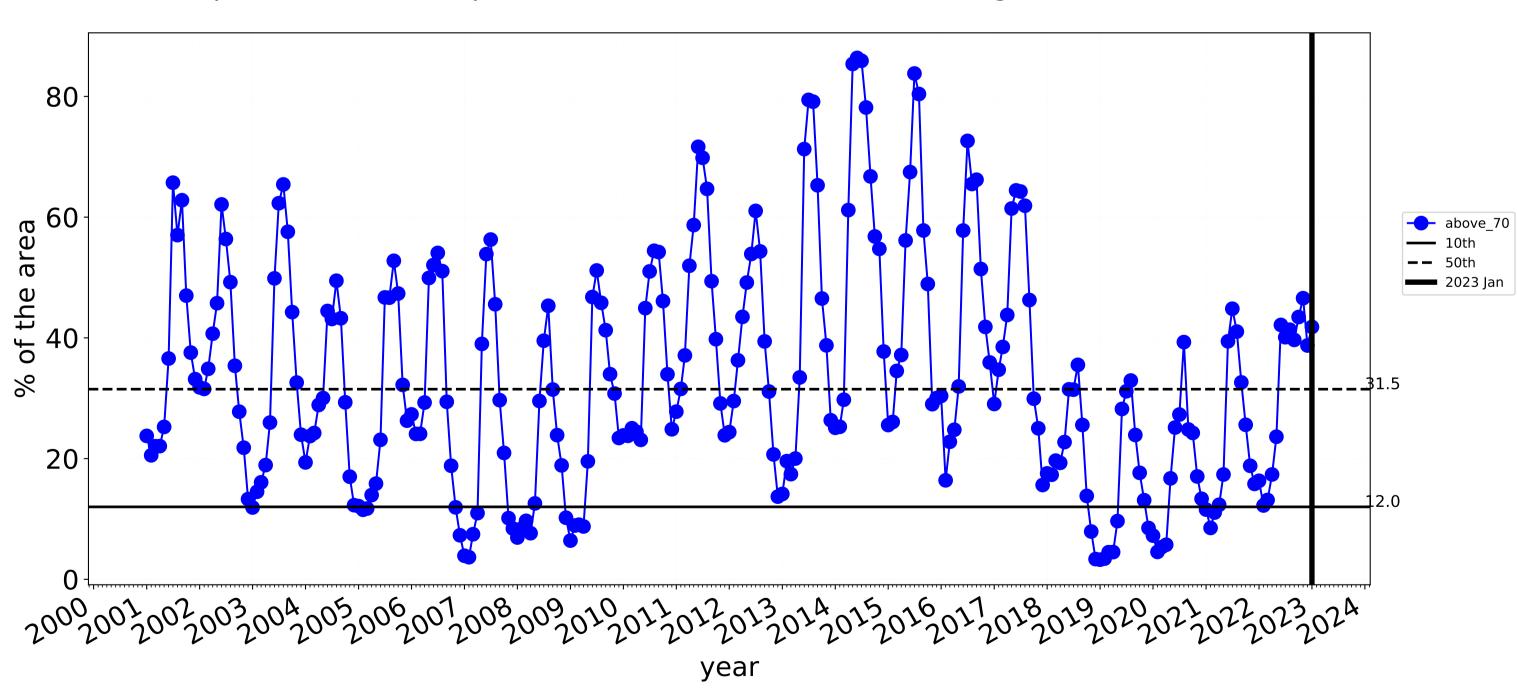






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



### Grazing timeseries



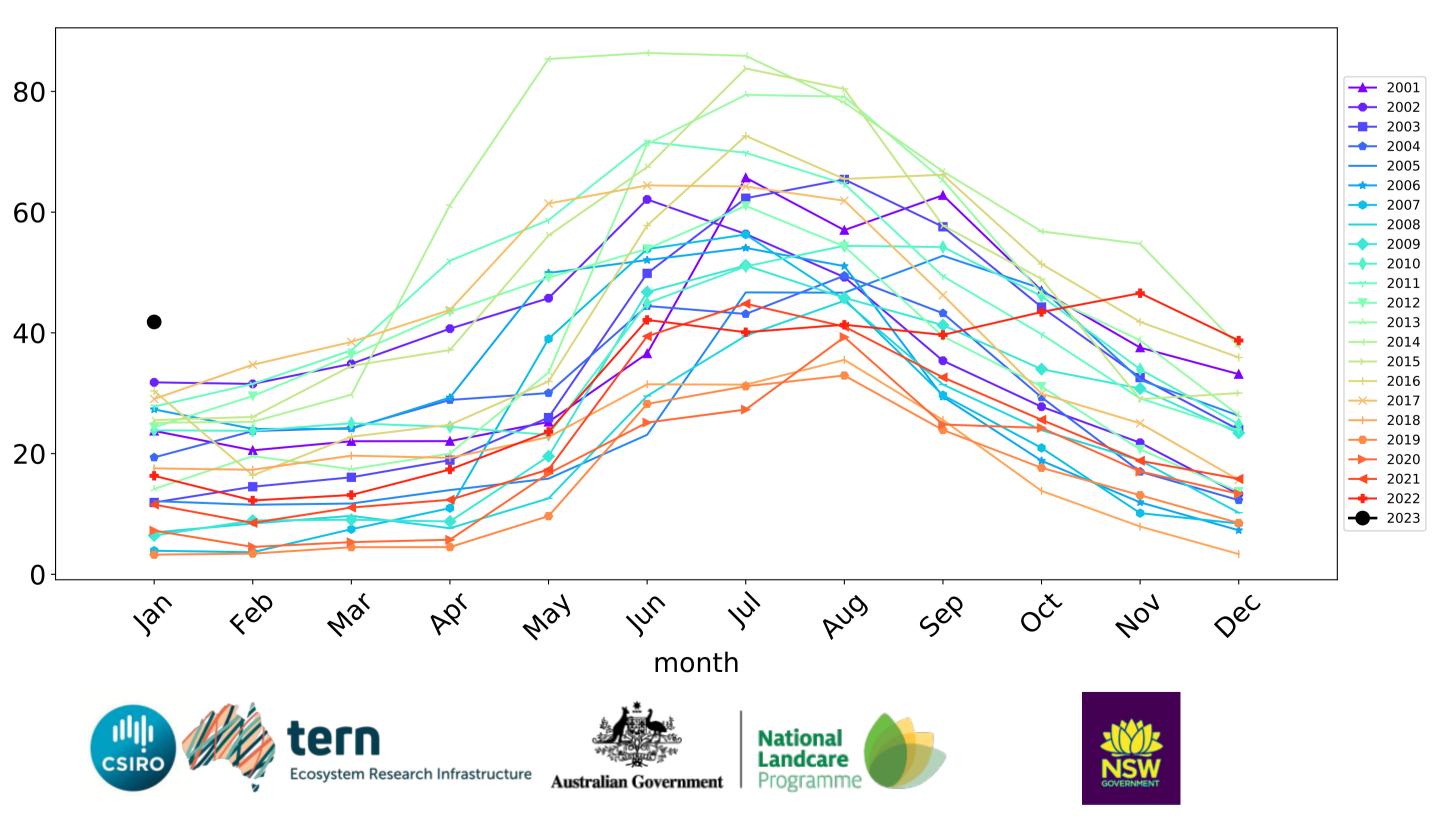
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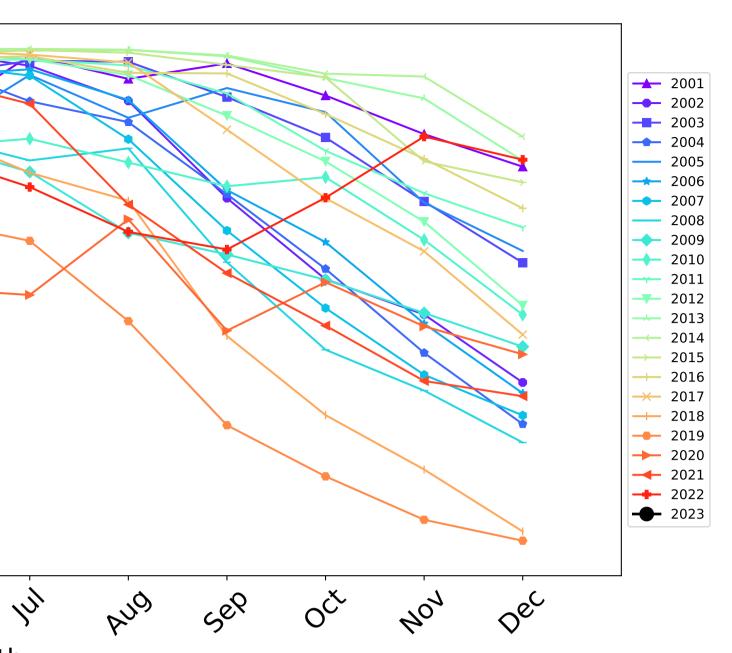
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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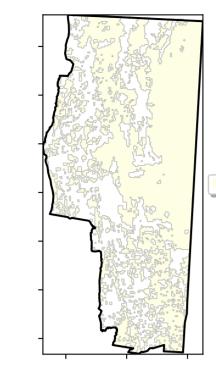
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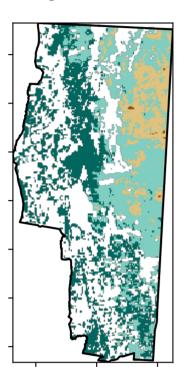
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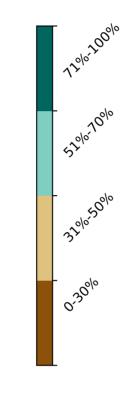
#### Land use and forest cover



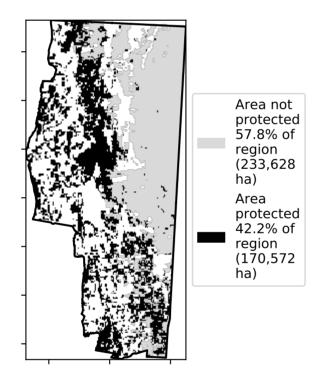
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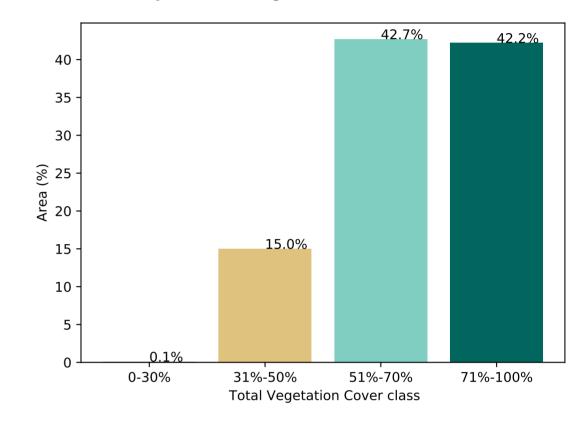




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

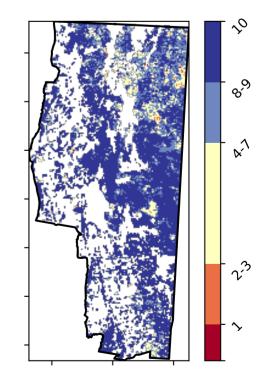


Area not

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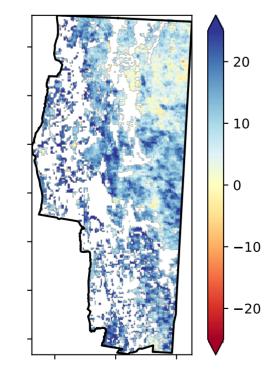
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### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

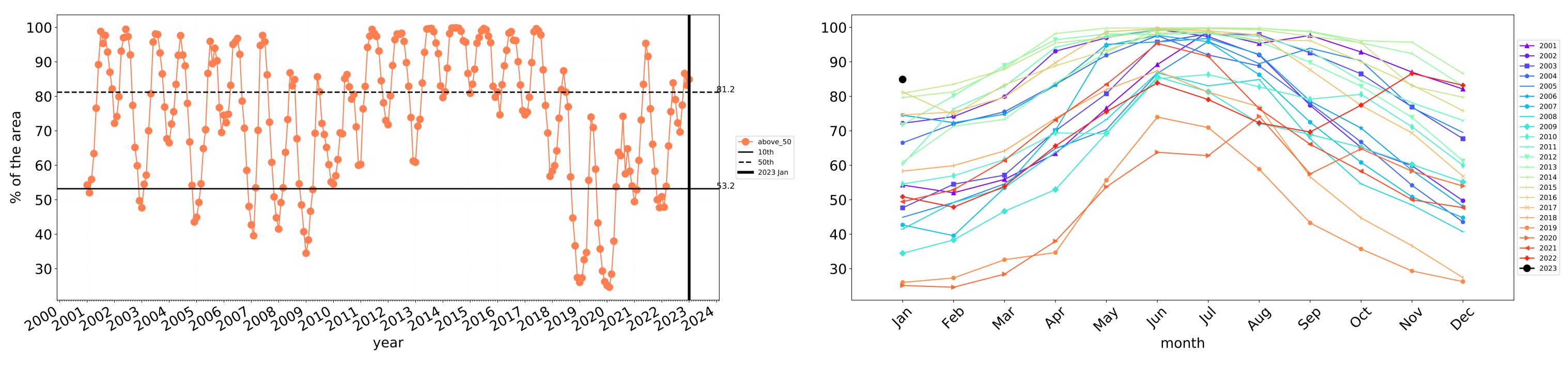
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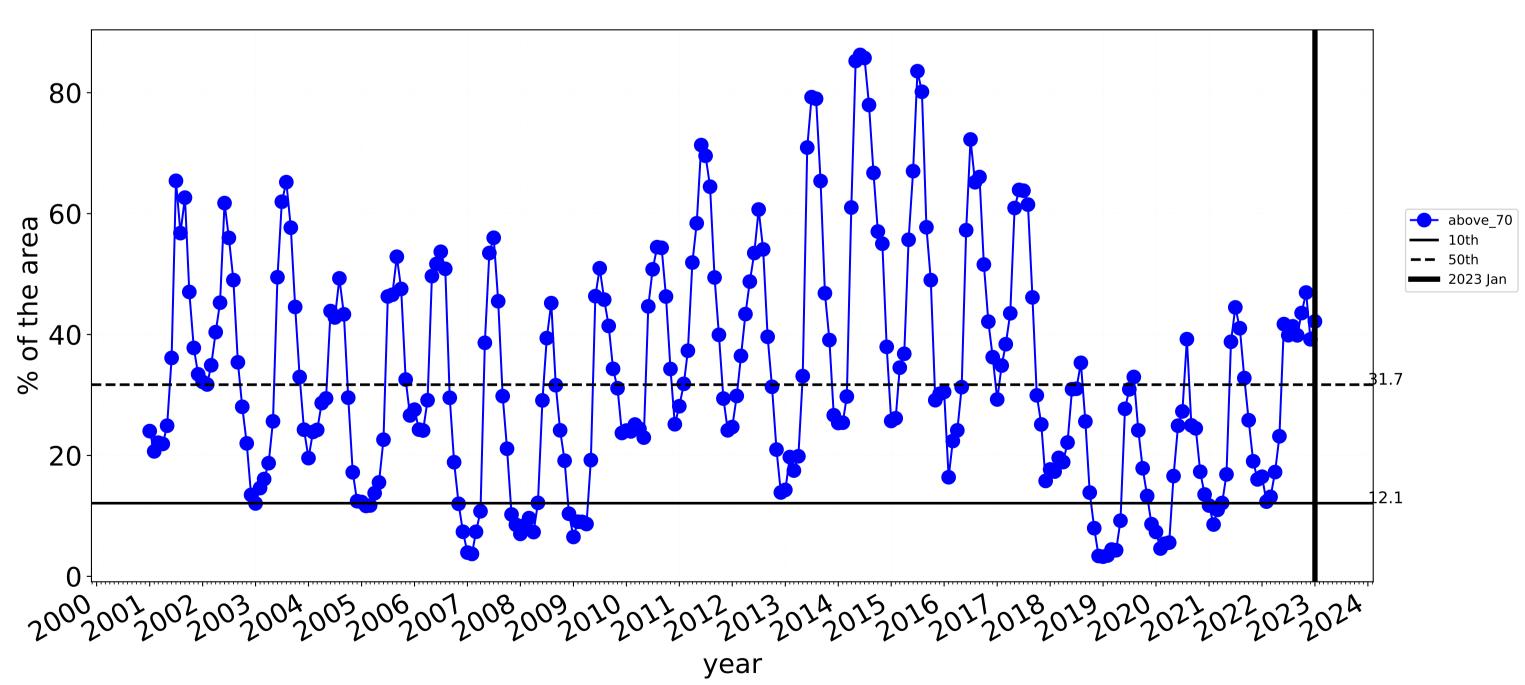






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

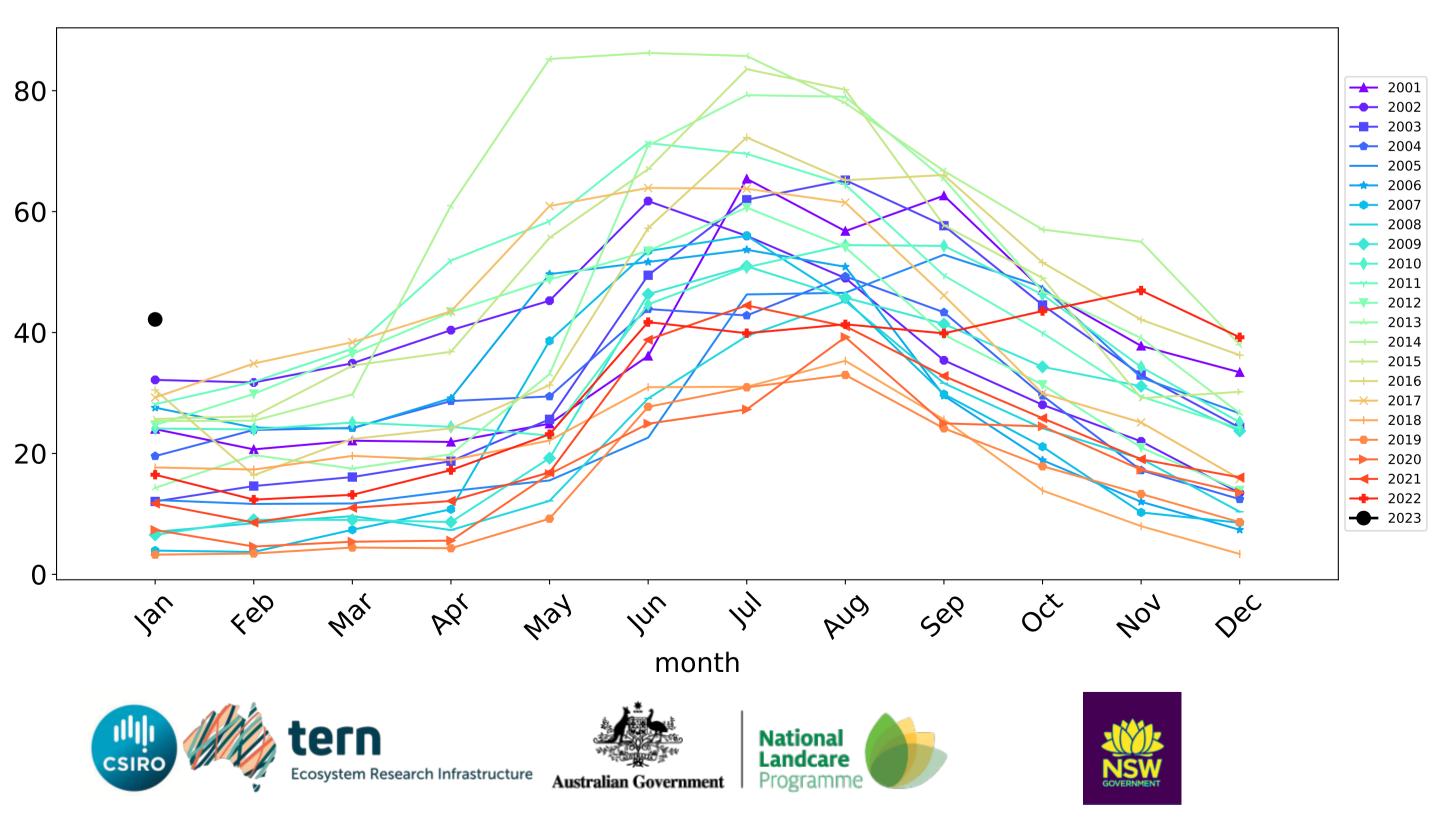


### Grazing non forest timeseries



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

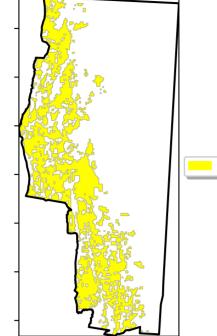
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### Cropping

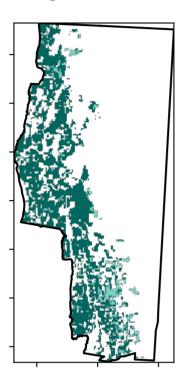
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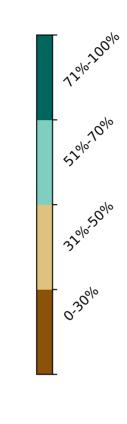




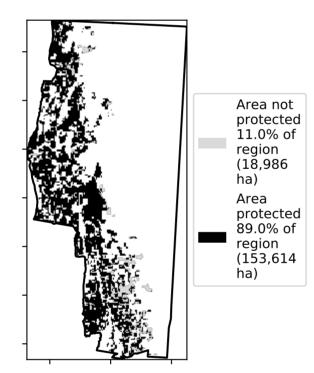
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

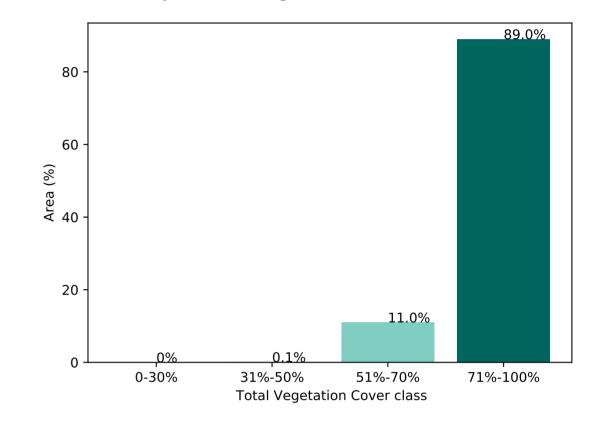




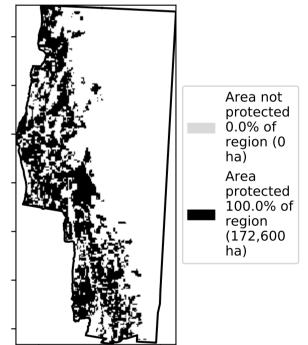
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

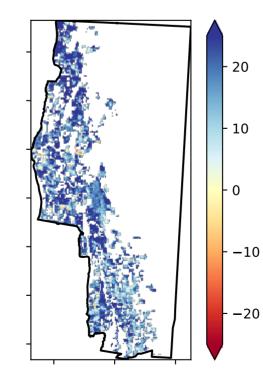


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



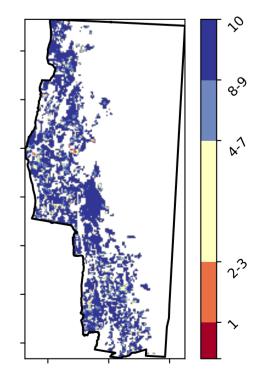
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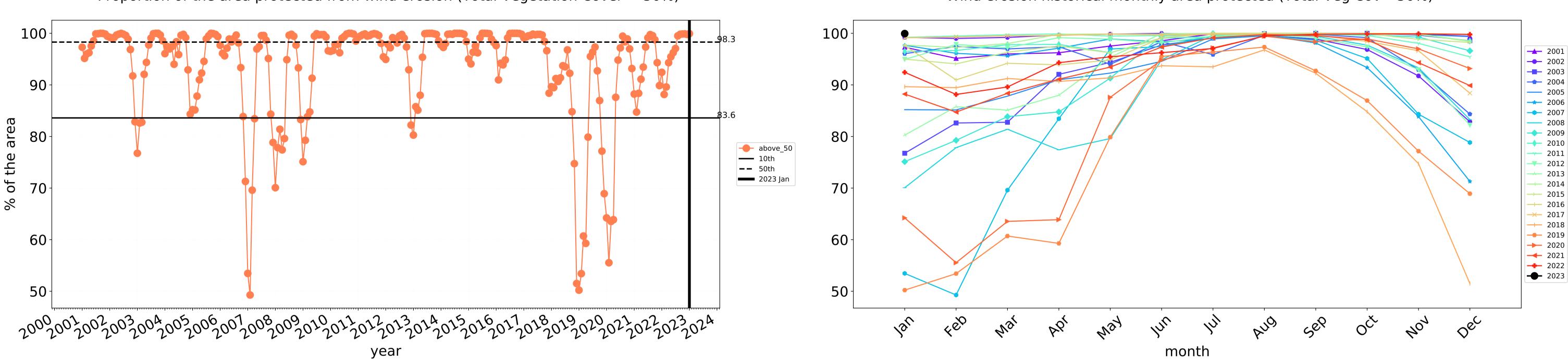
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

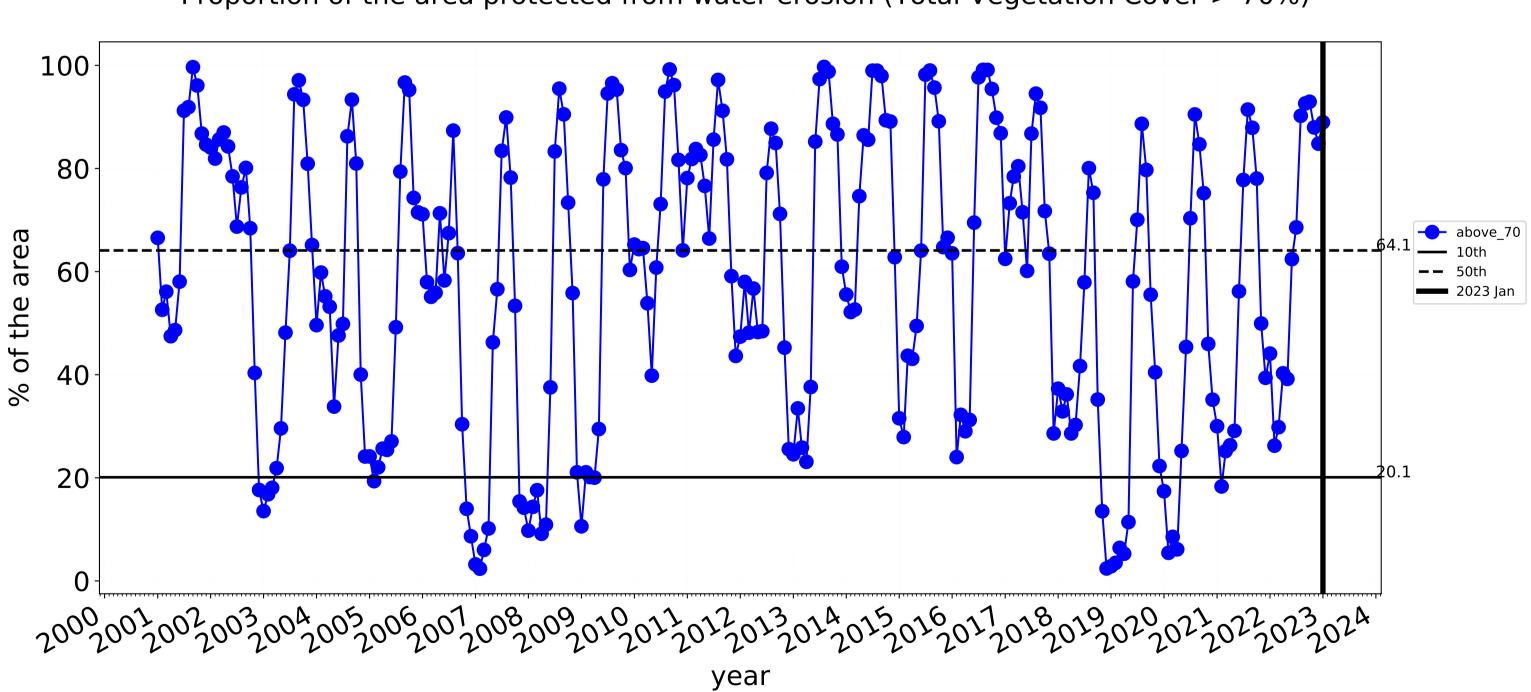








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



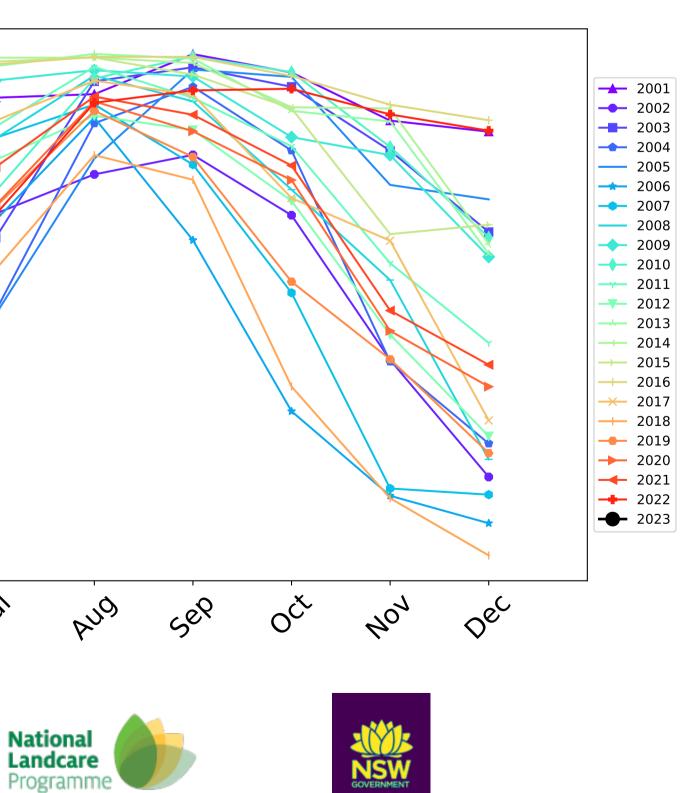
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

### **Cropping timeseries**

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

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



# Goyder\_(DC) (671,425 ha and no data 21 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	671,425	99.9% 670,900	90.8% 609,900	55.7% 374,025	35.6% 238,950	21.7% 145,525	13.7% 91,650
Conservation and natural environments	84,375	100.0% 84,375	99.8% 84,175	54.1% 45,650	14.9% 12,550	6.7% 5,675	3.7% 3,125
Conservation and natural environments non forest	21,750	100.0% 21,750	99.5% 21,650	47.8% 10,400	28.3% 6,150	19.3% 4,200	11.1% 2,425
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	62,625	100.0% 62,625	99.8% 62,525	56.3% 35,250	$10.2\% \\ 6,400$	2.4% 1,475	1.1% 700
Agriculture	583,850	99.9% 583,325	89.5% 522,700	55.8% 326,000	38.5% 224,650	23.8% 138,850	15.1% 87,975
Grazing	410,375	99.9% 409,850	85.1% 349,325	41.8% 171,575	24.9% 102,150	15.6% 63,975	9.8% 40,250
Grazing non forest	404,200	99.9% 403,675	84.9% 343,175	42.2% 170,425	25.3% 102,100	15.8% 63,975	10.0% 40,250
Cropping	172,600	100.0% 172,600	99.9% 172,500	89.0% 153,550	70.6% 121,900	43.2% 74,575	27.5% 47,525

