

# Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Grant\_(DC) SA

Date: June 2024

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

Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest 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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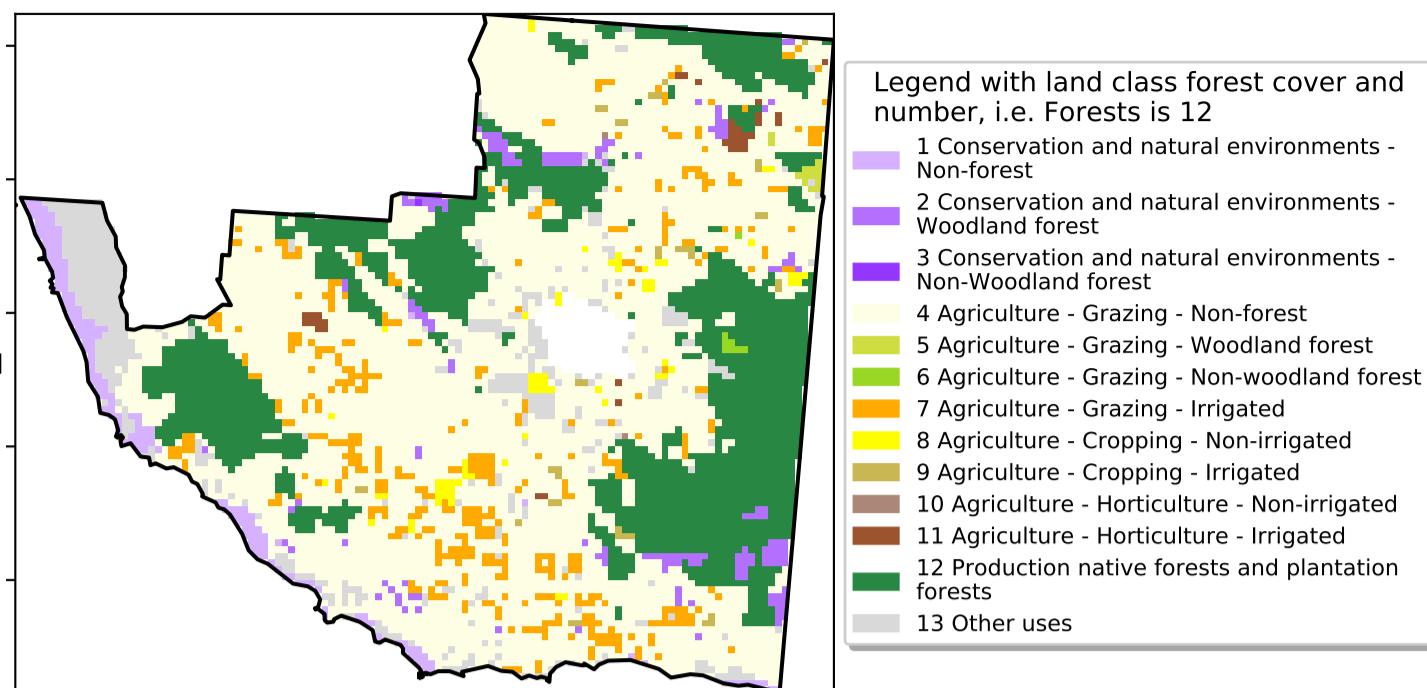
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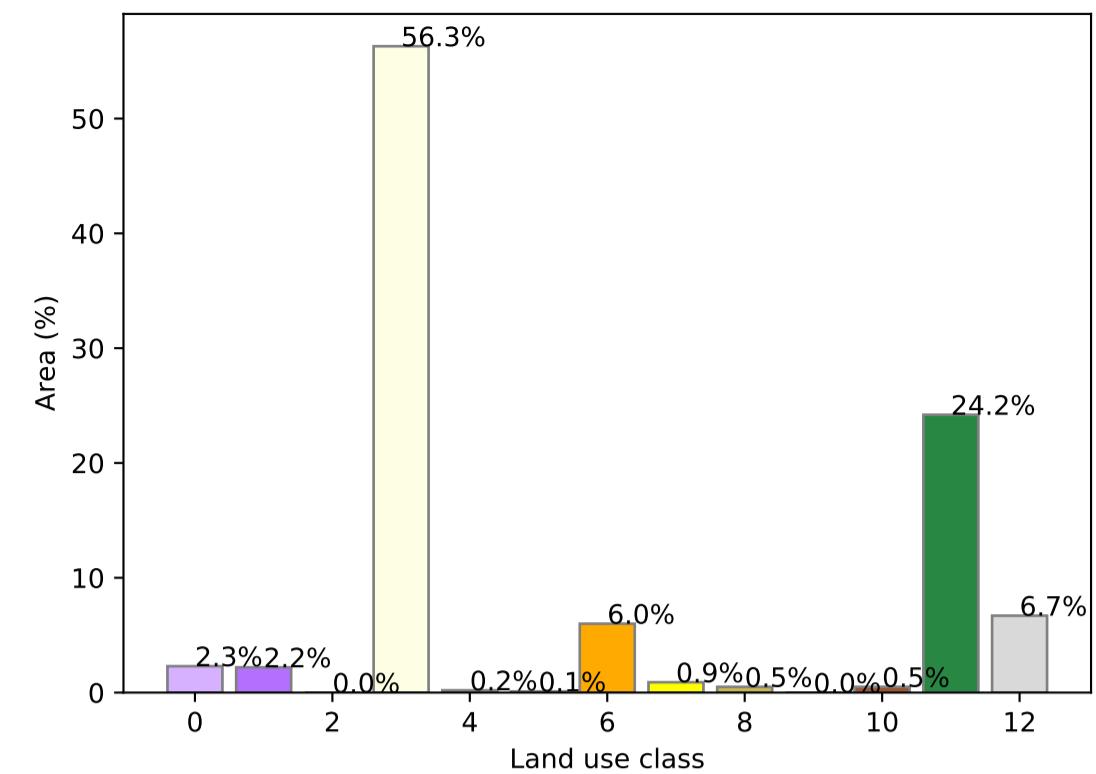
# Vegetation Cover Jun 2024

Land use and forest cover

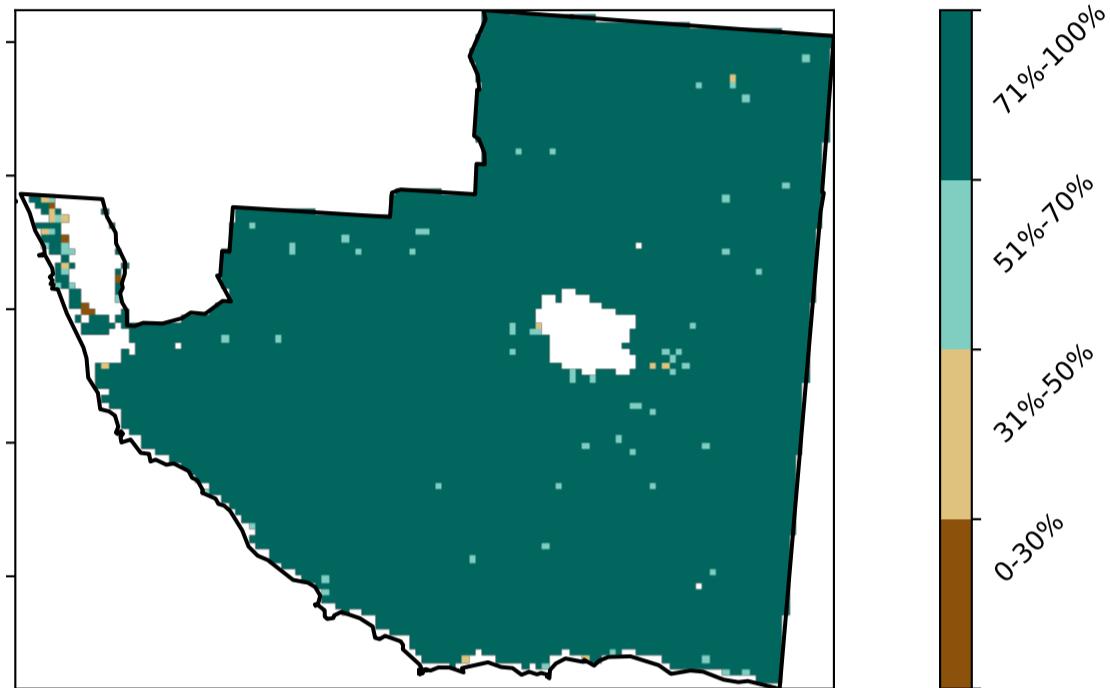
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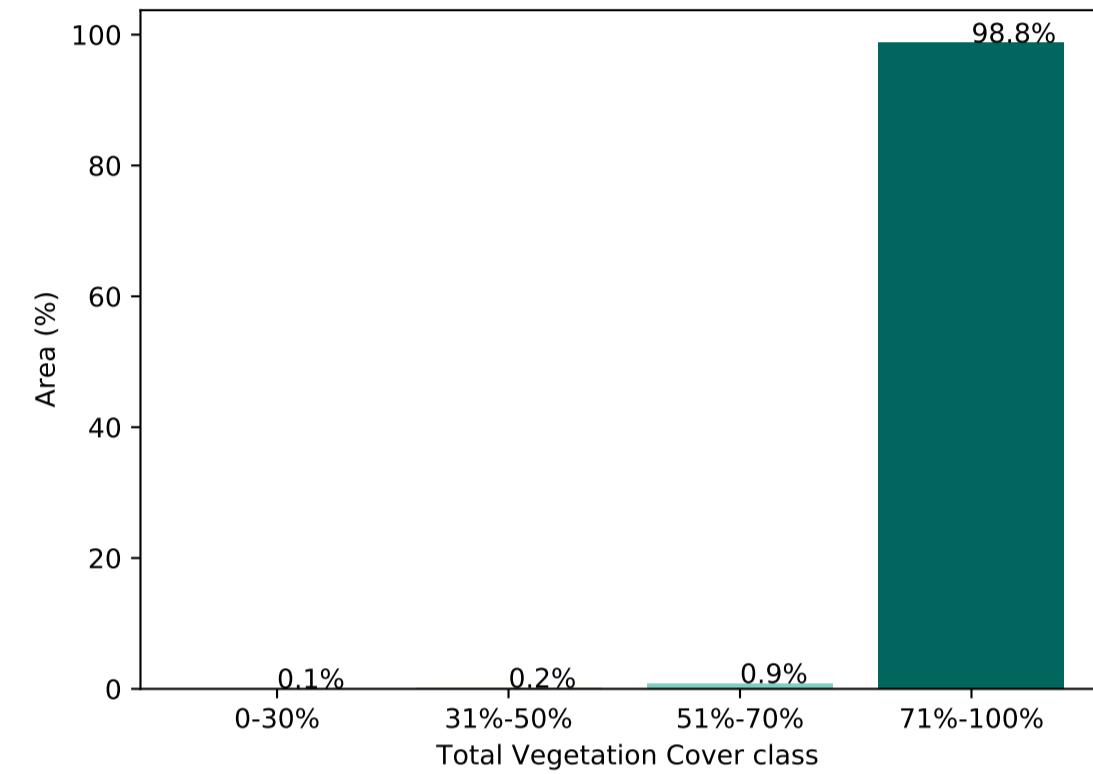
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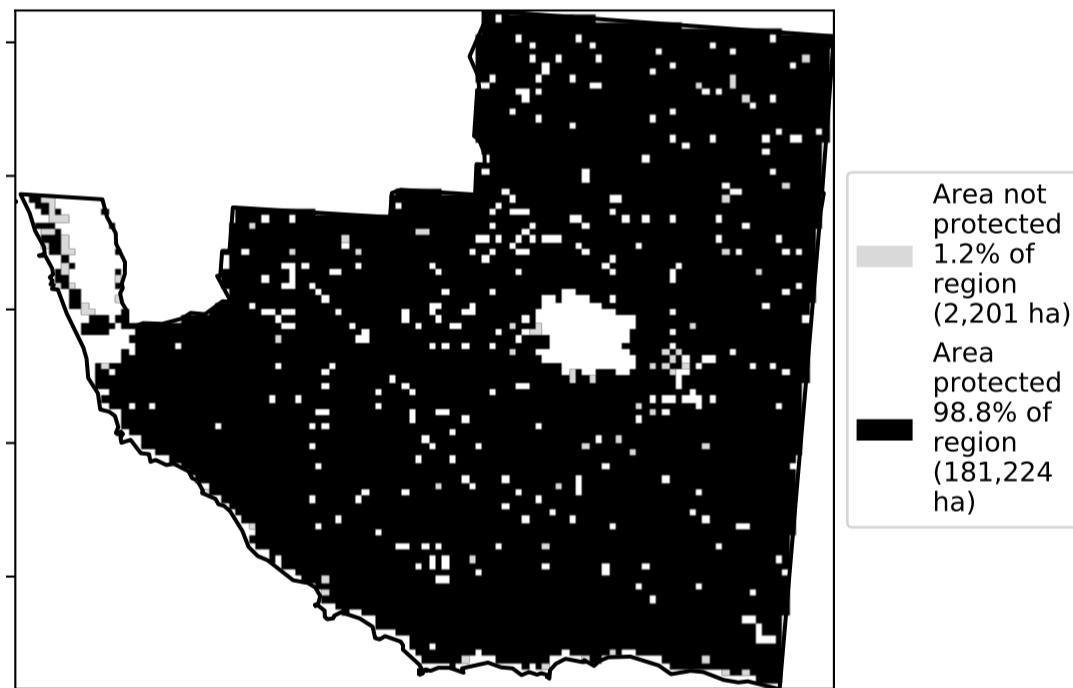
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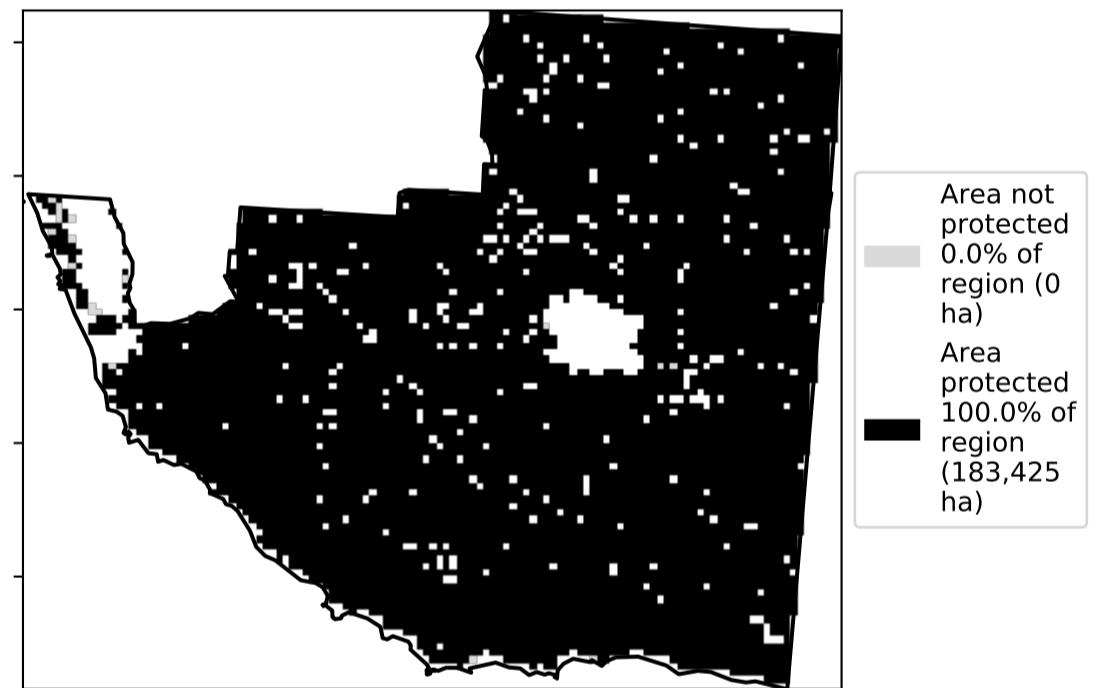
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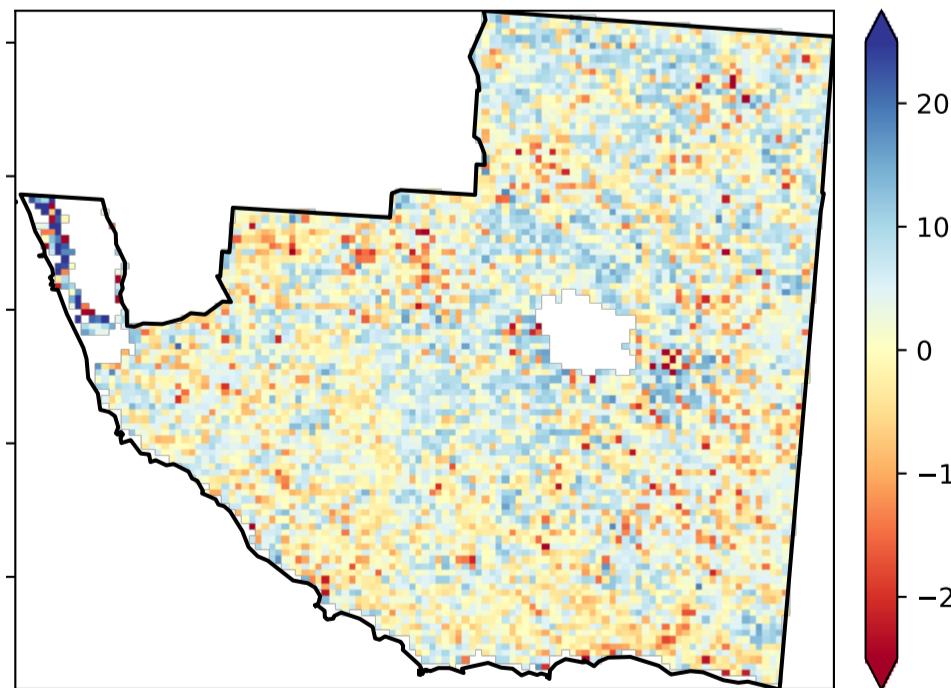


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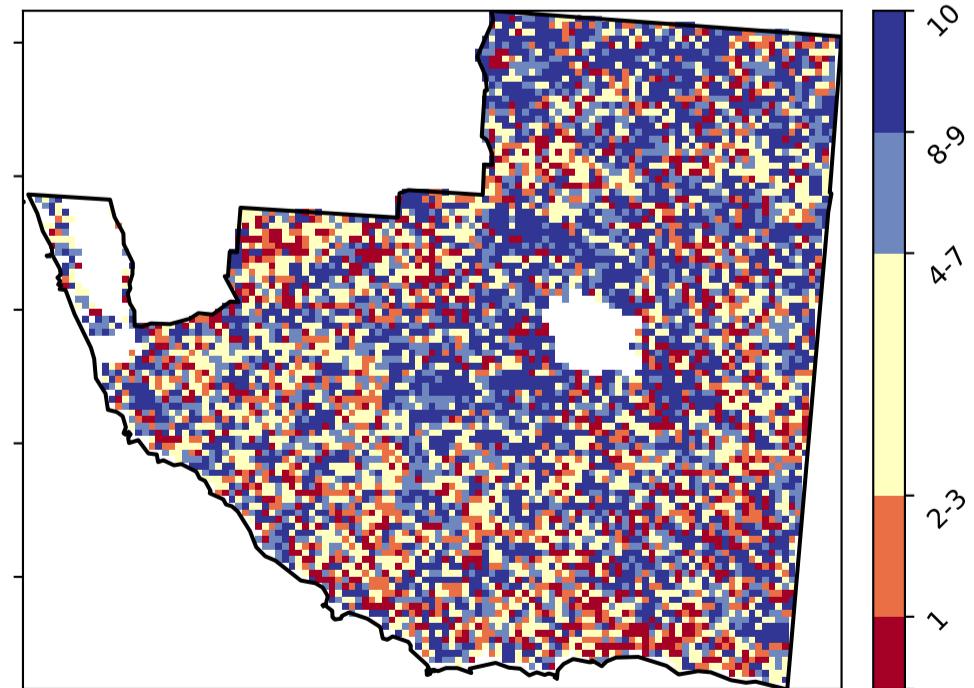
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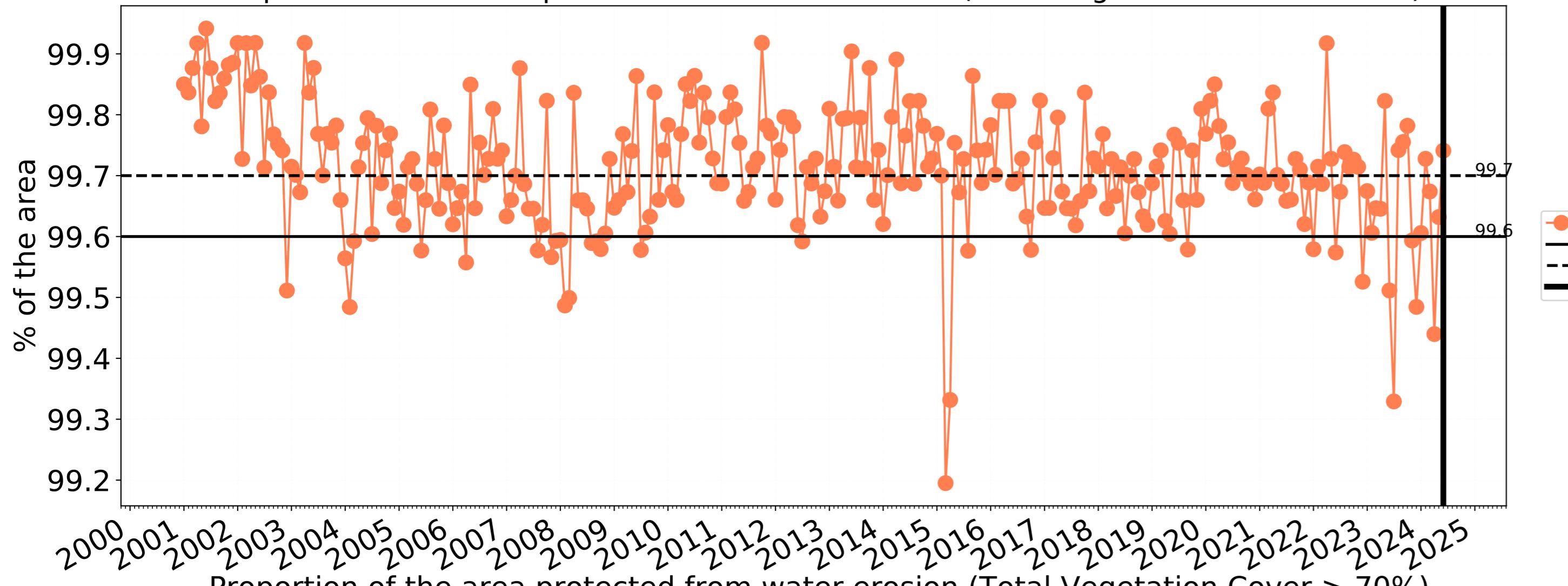


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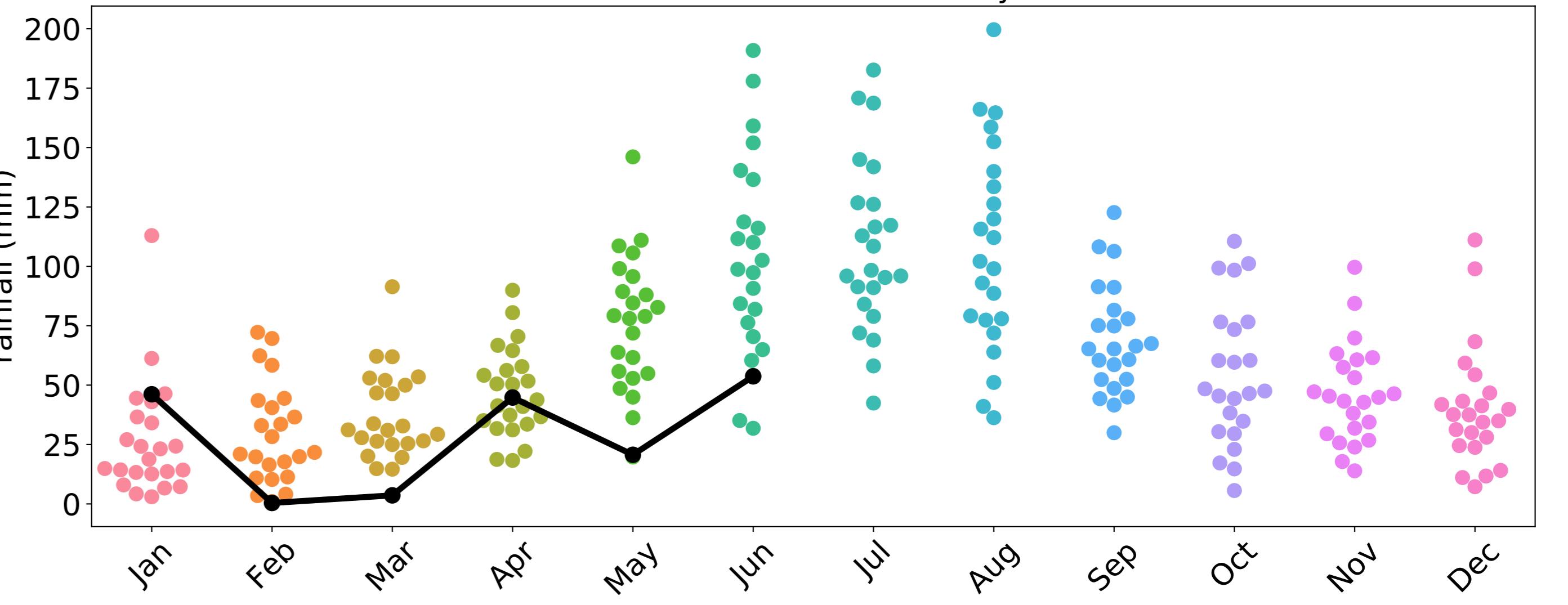
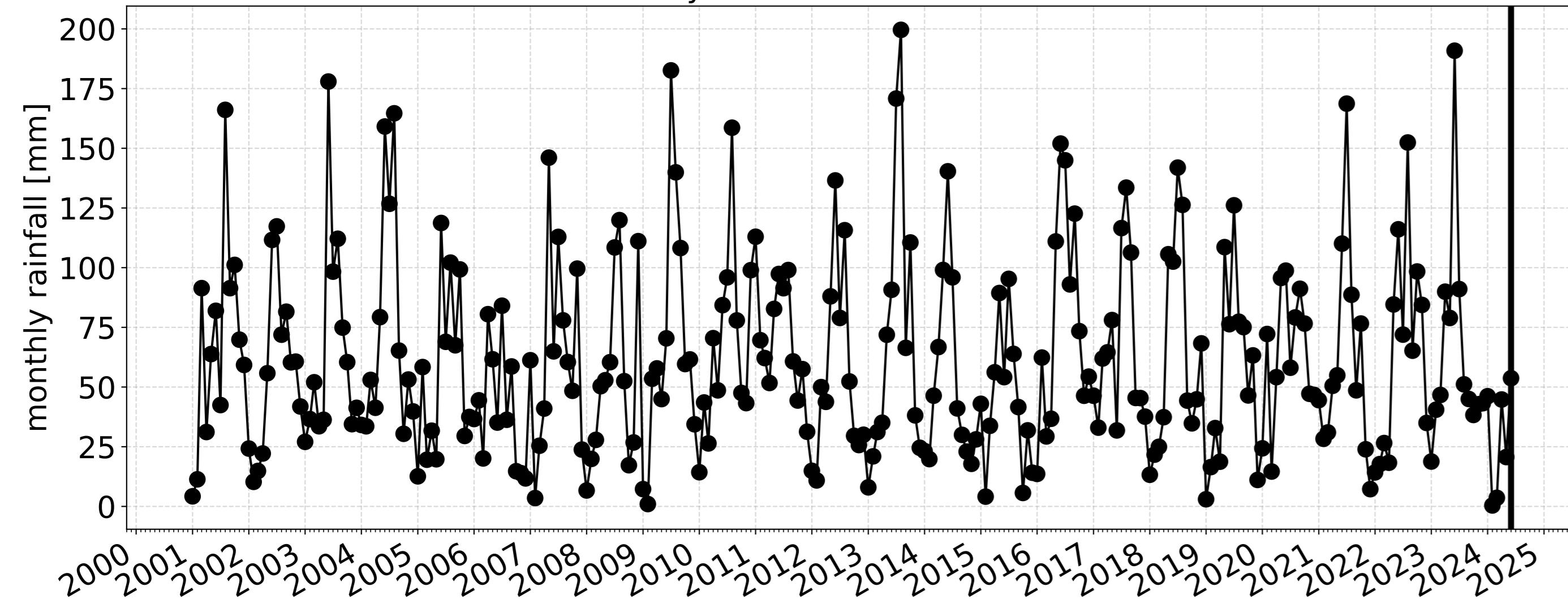
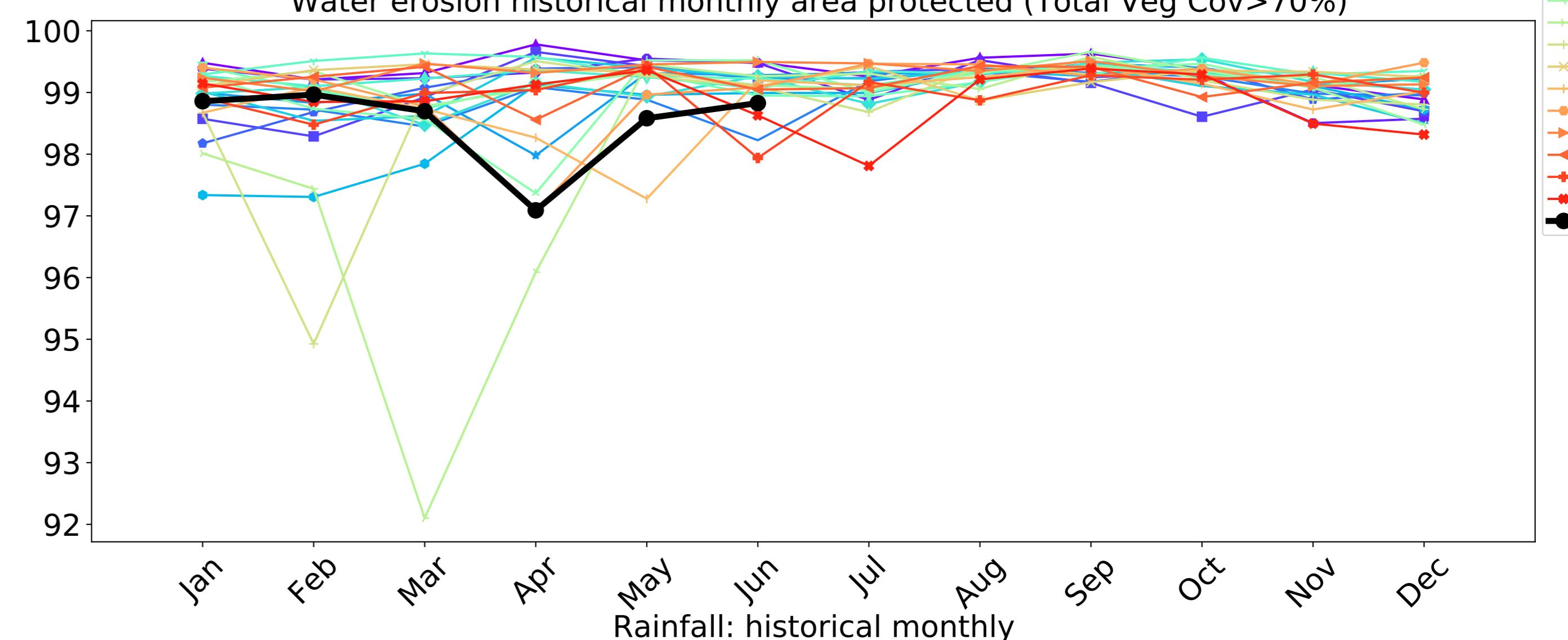
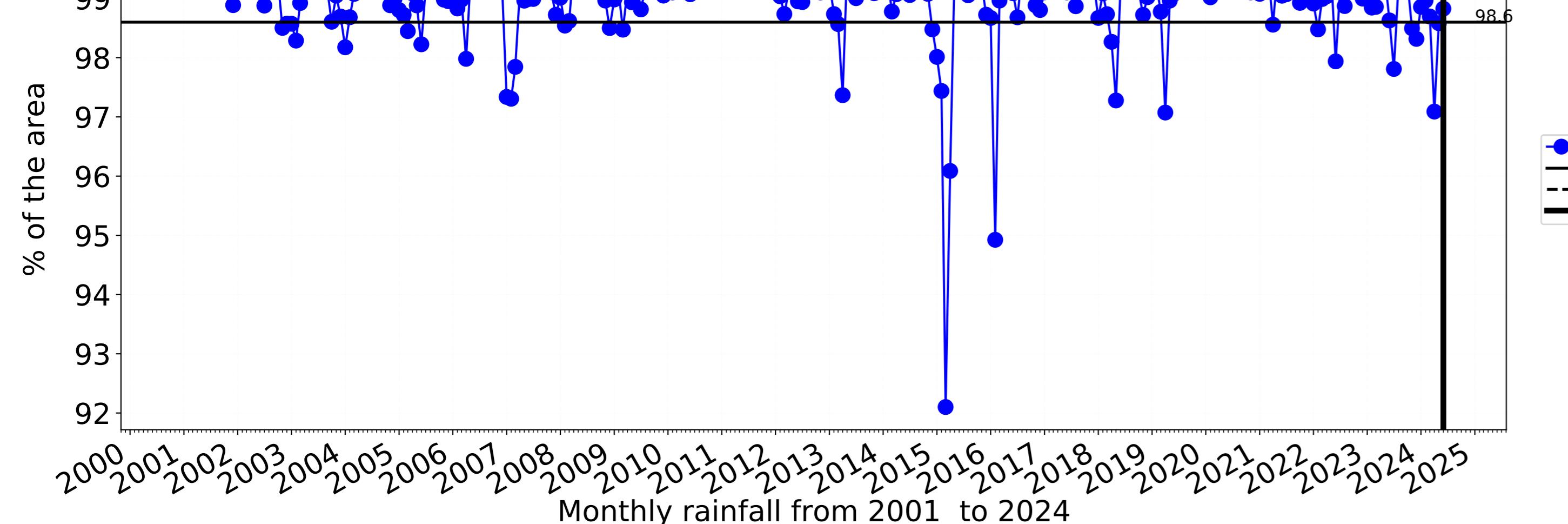
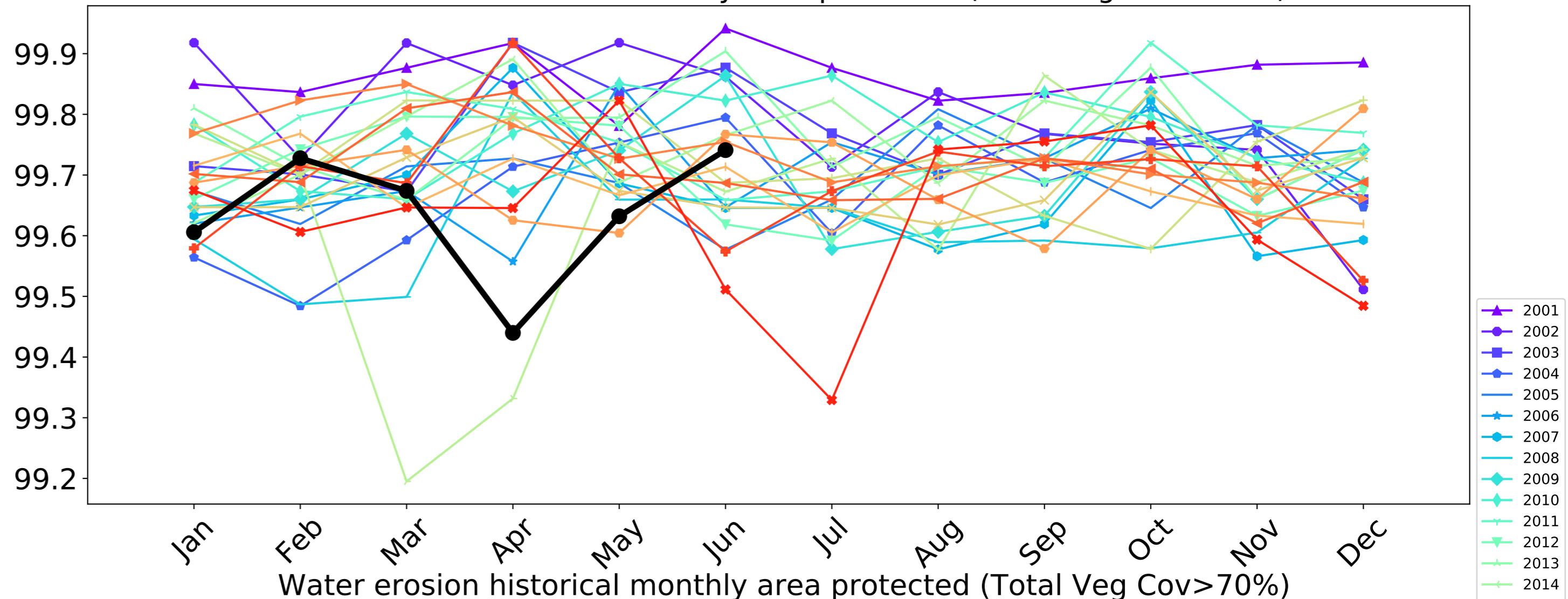
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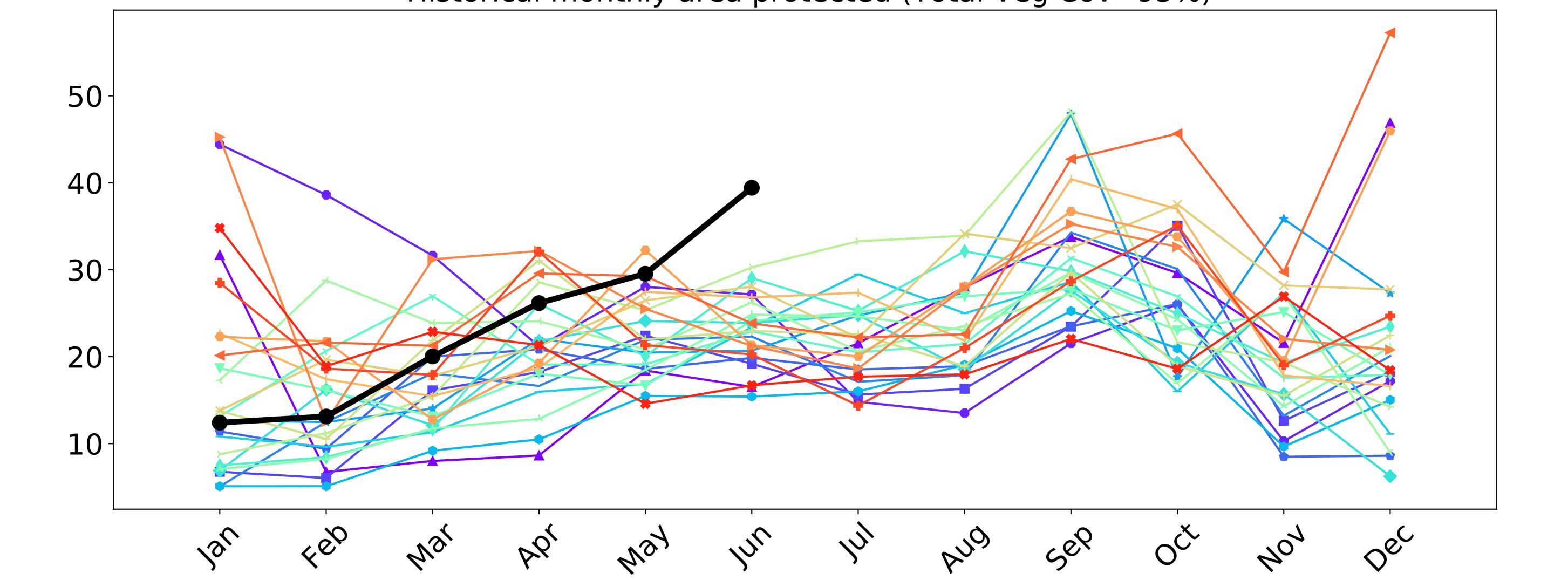
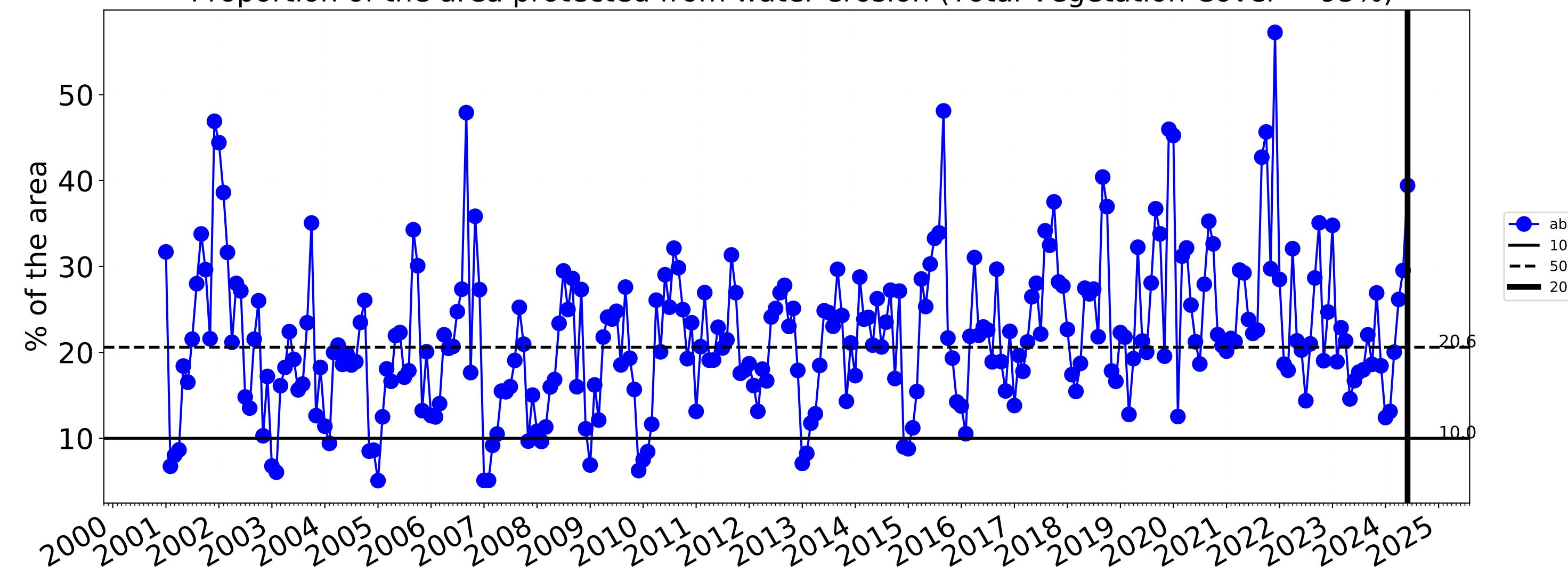
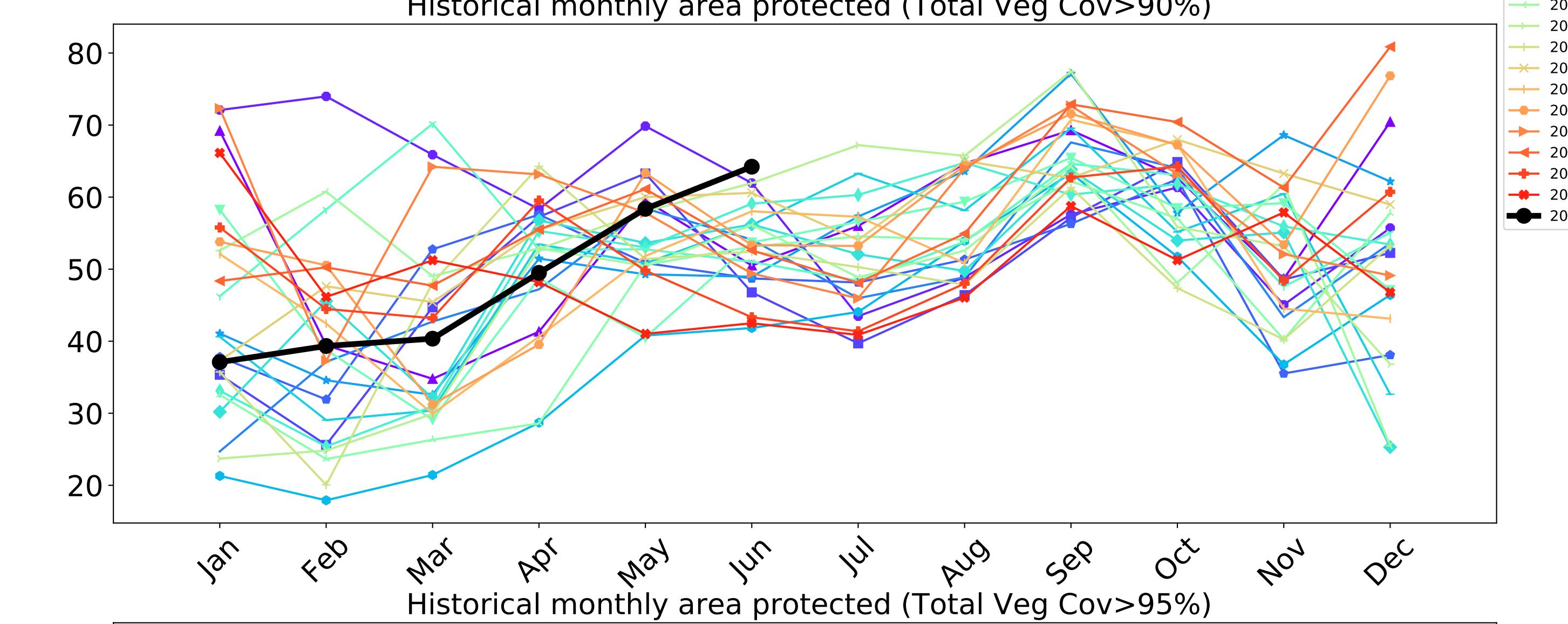
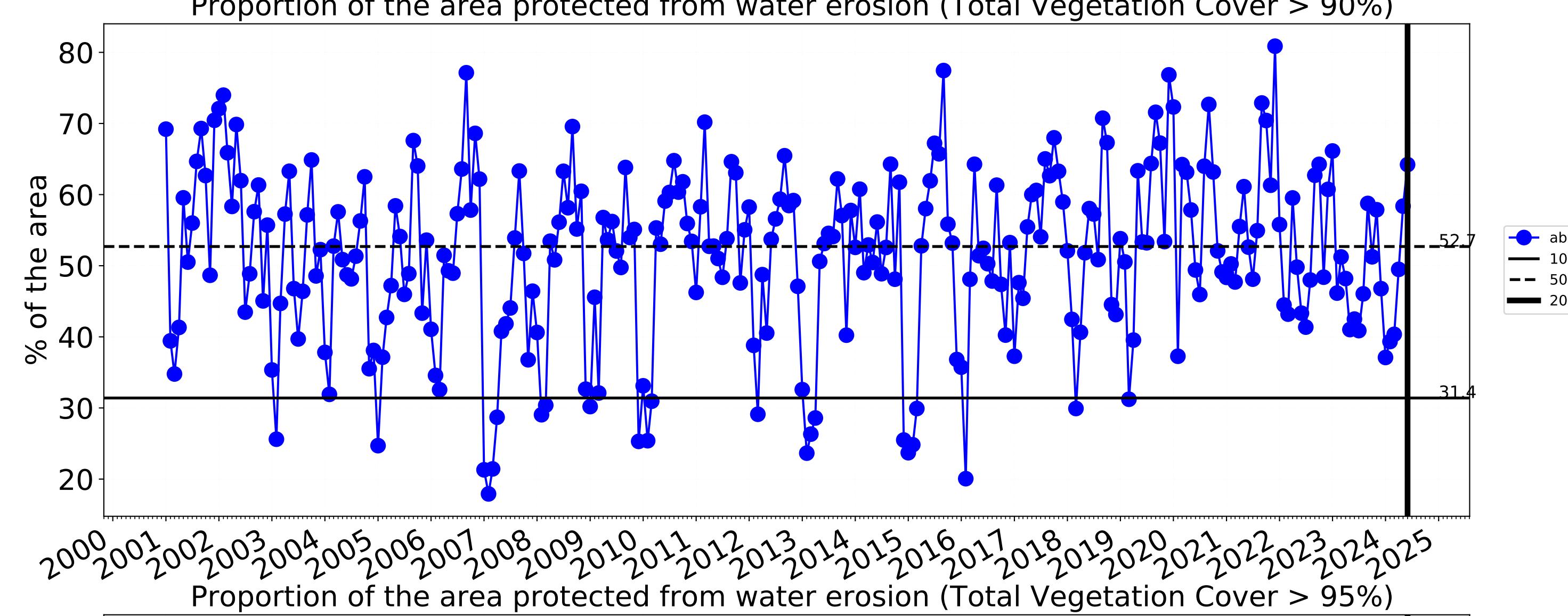
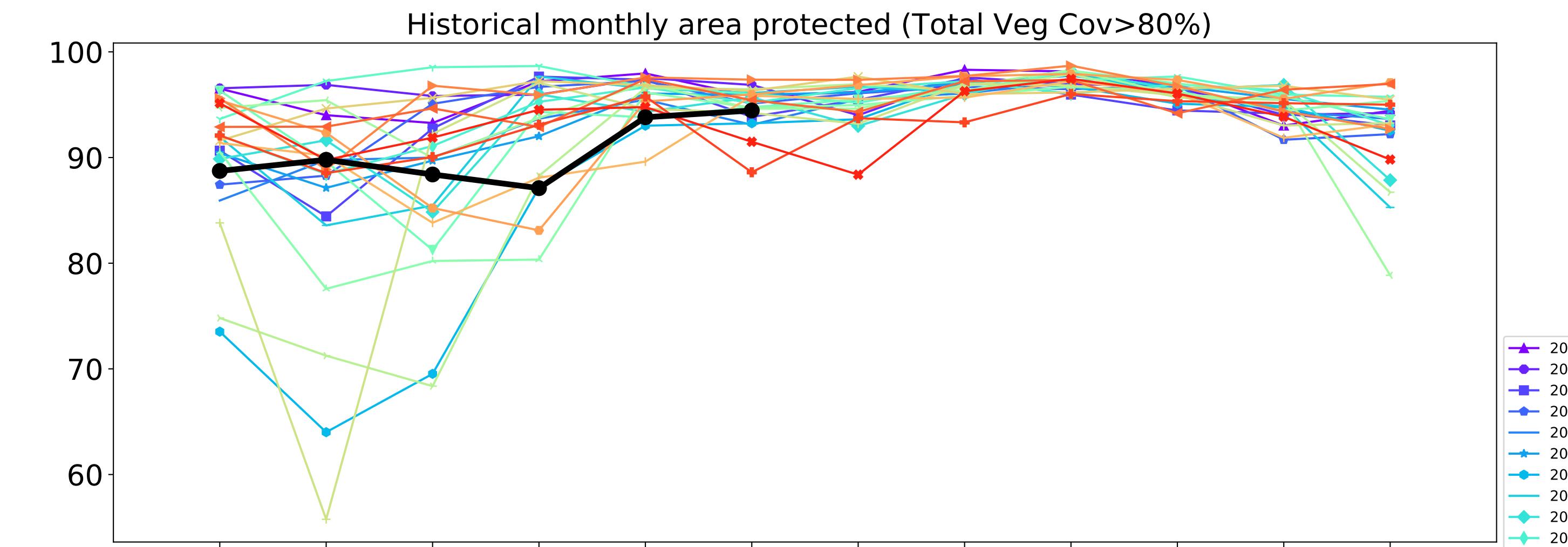
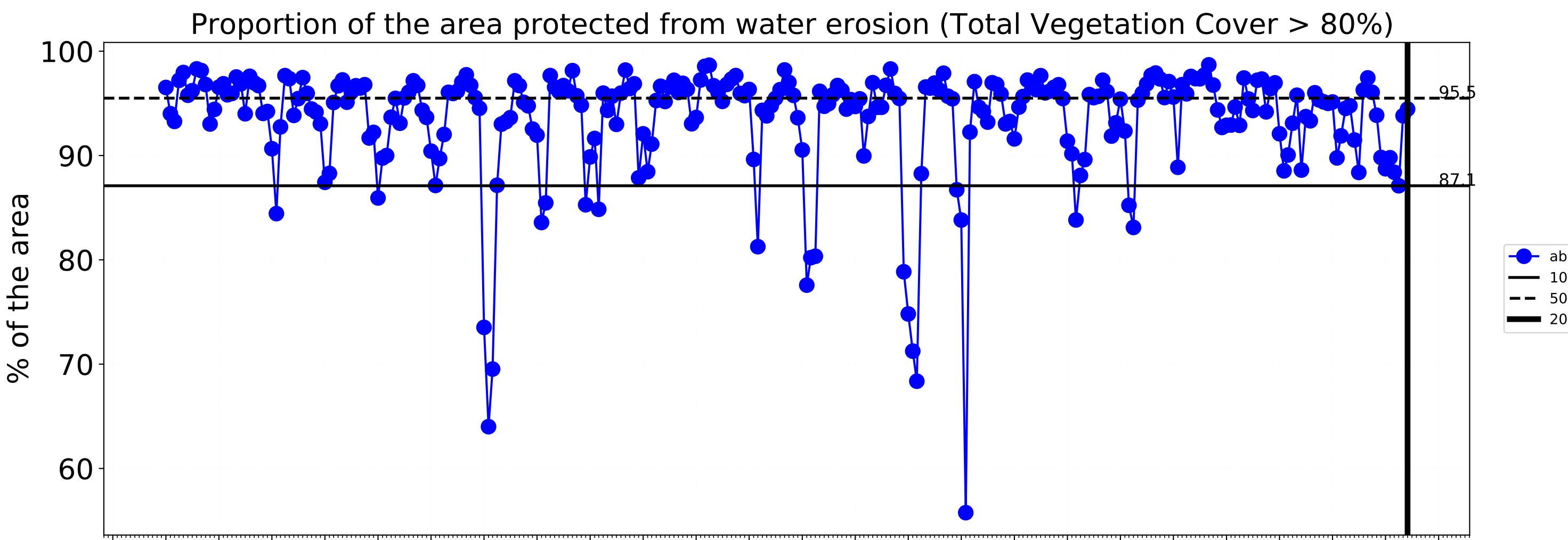


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

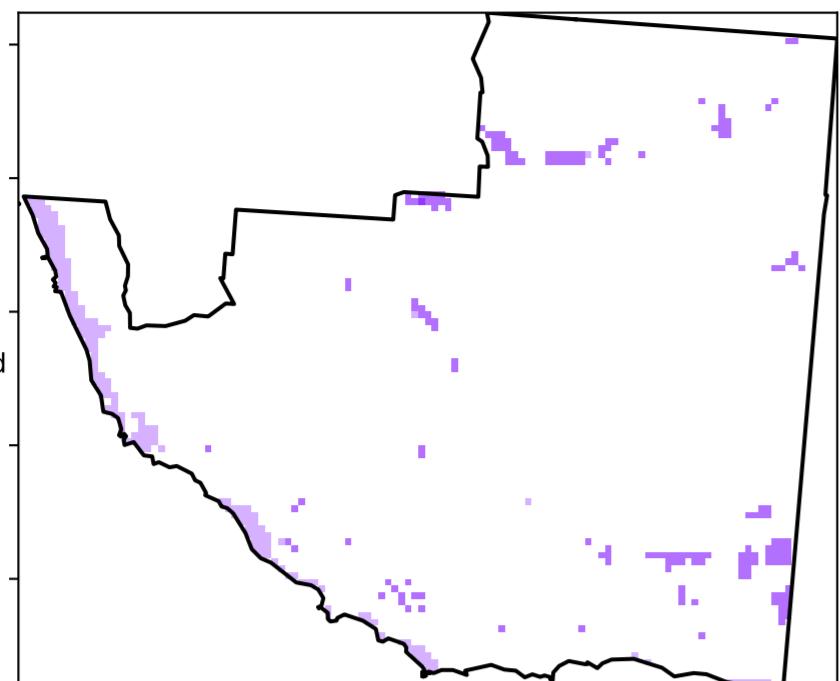




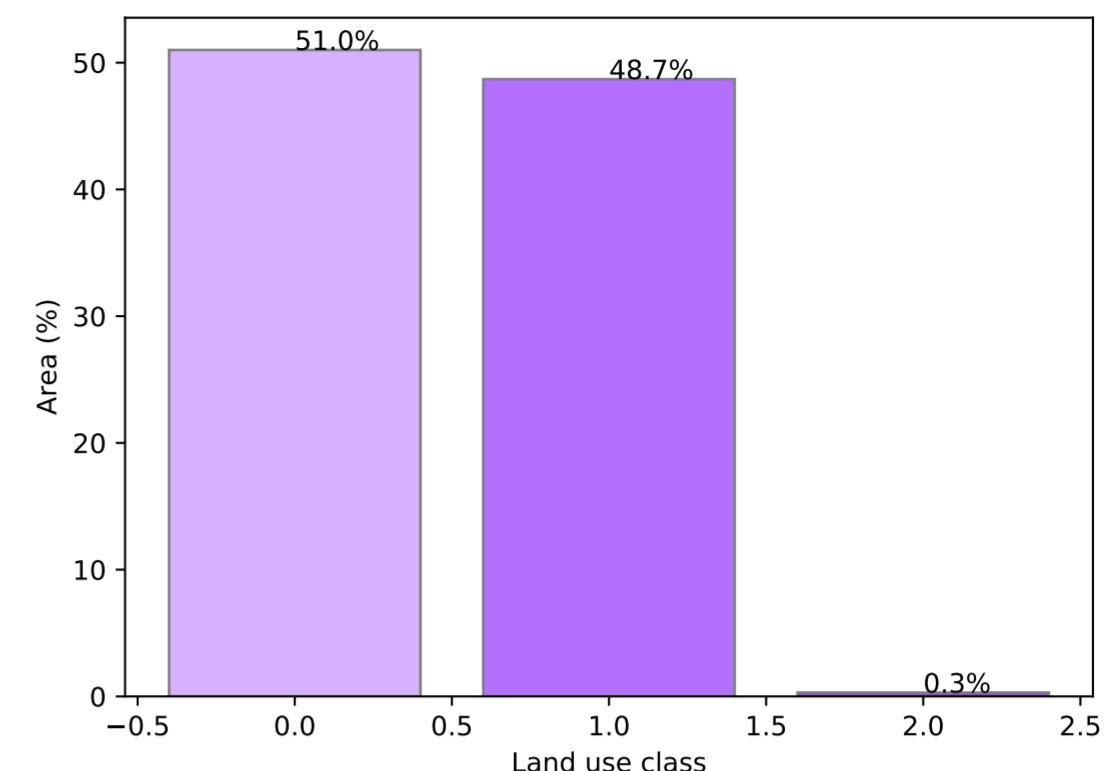
# Conservation and natural environments

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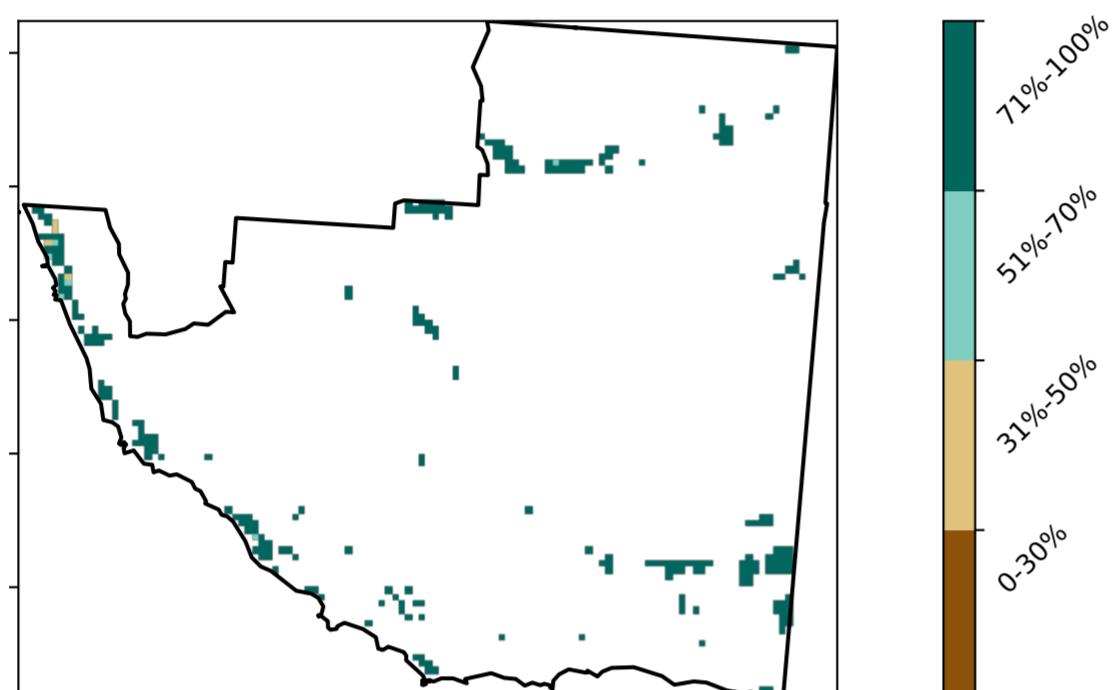
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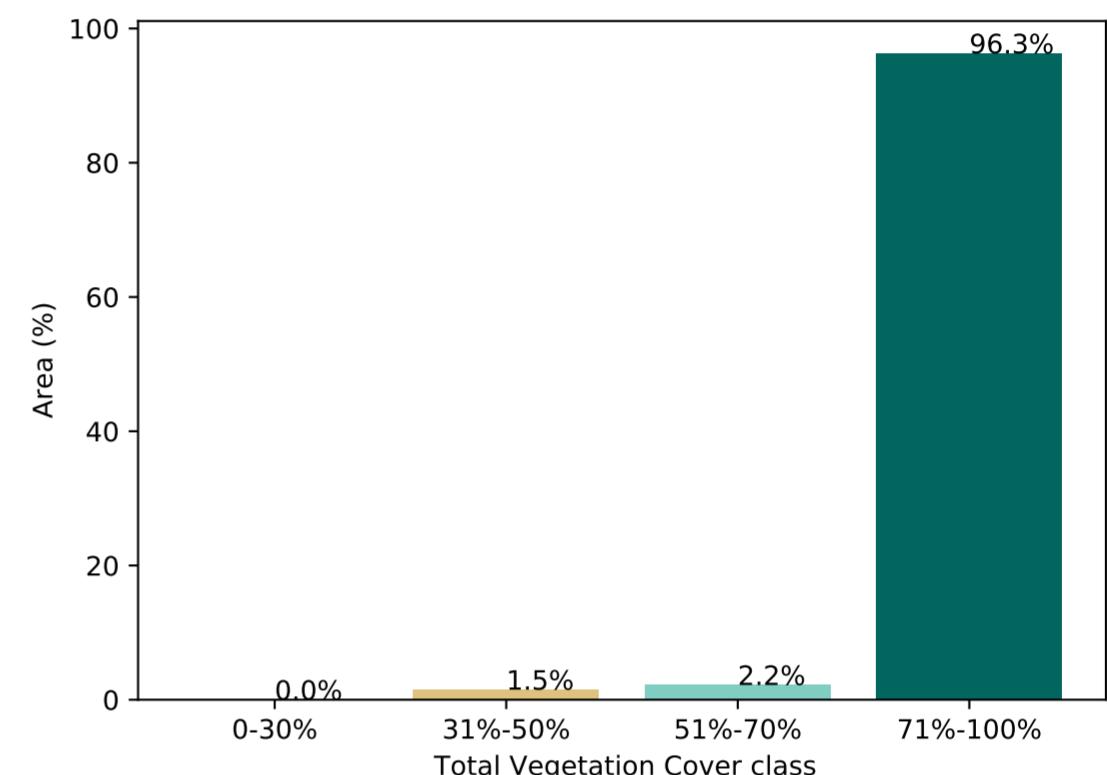
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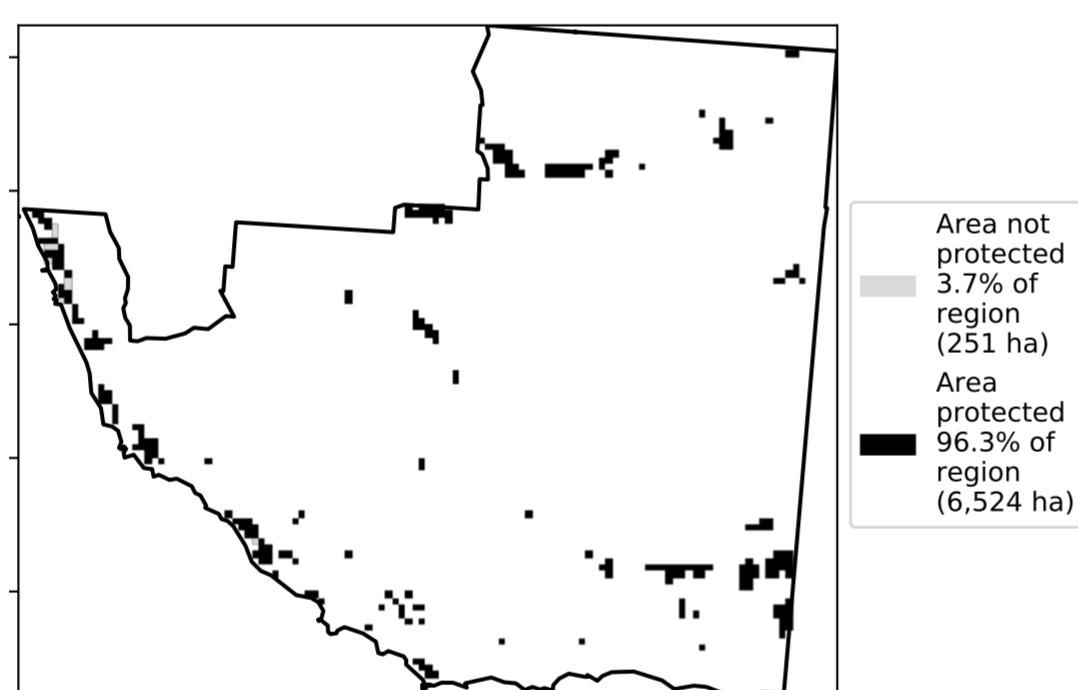
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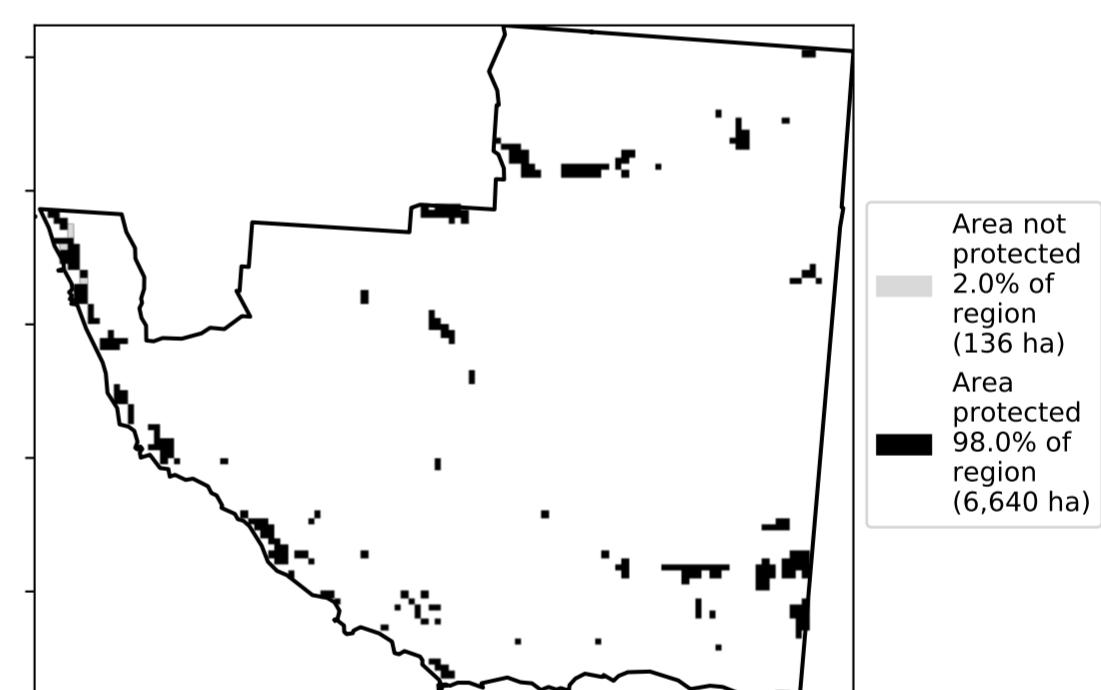
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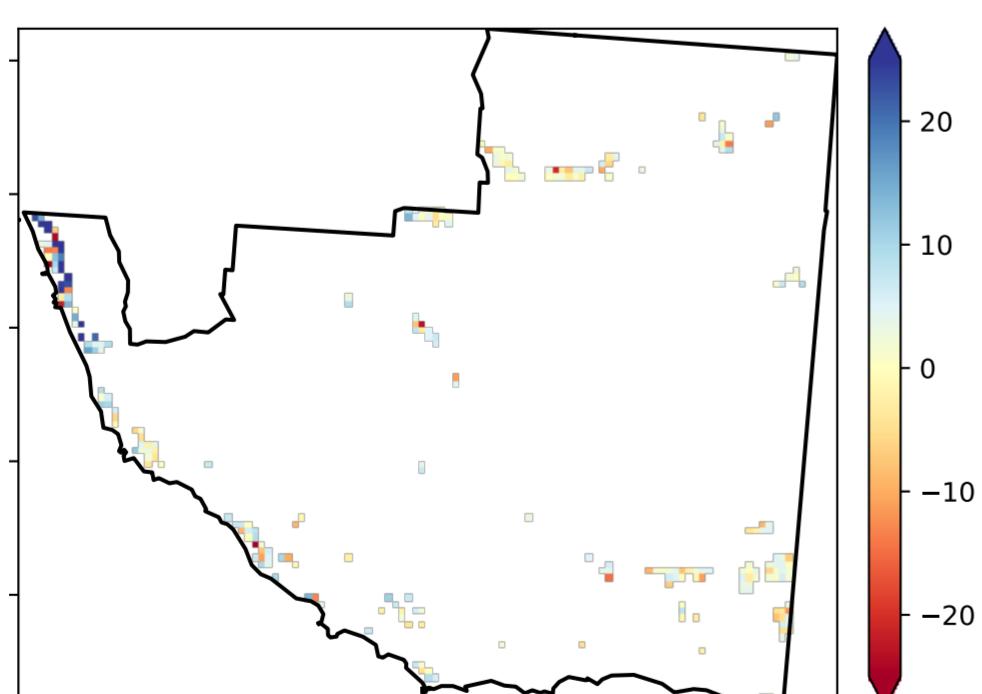


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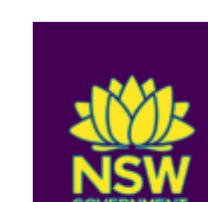
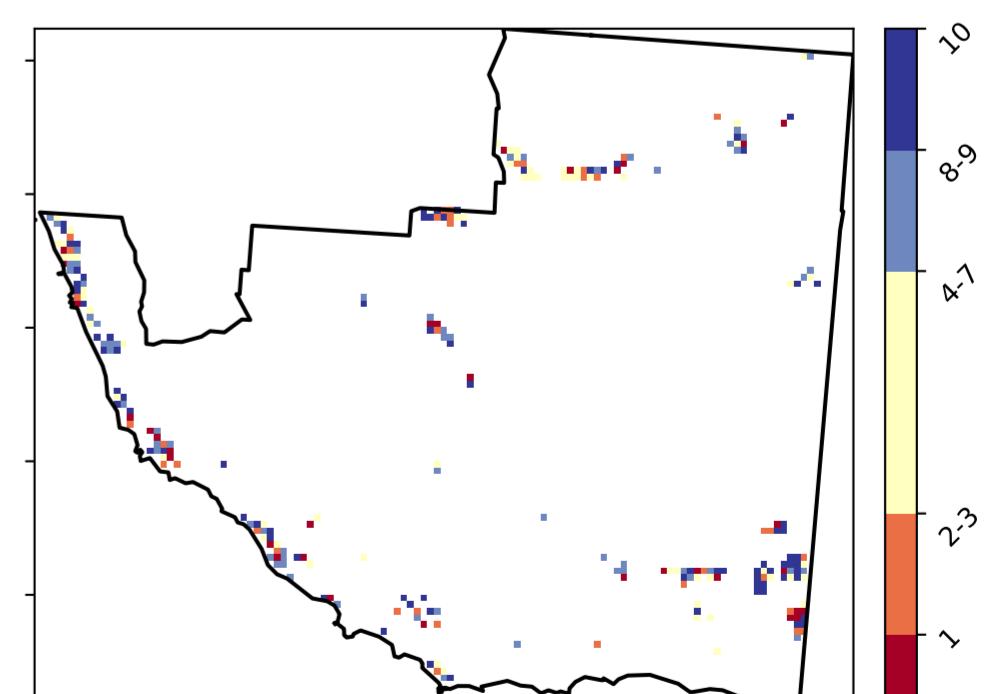
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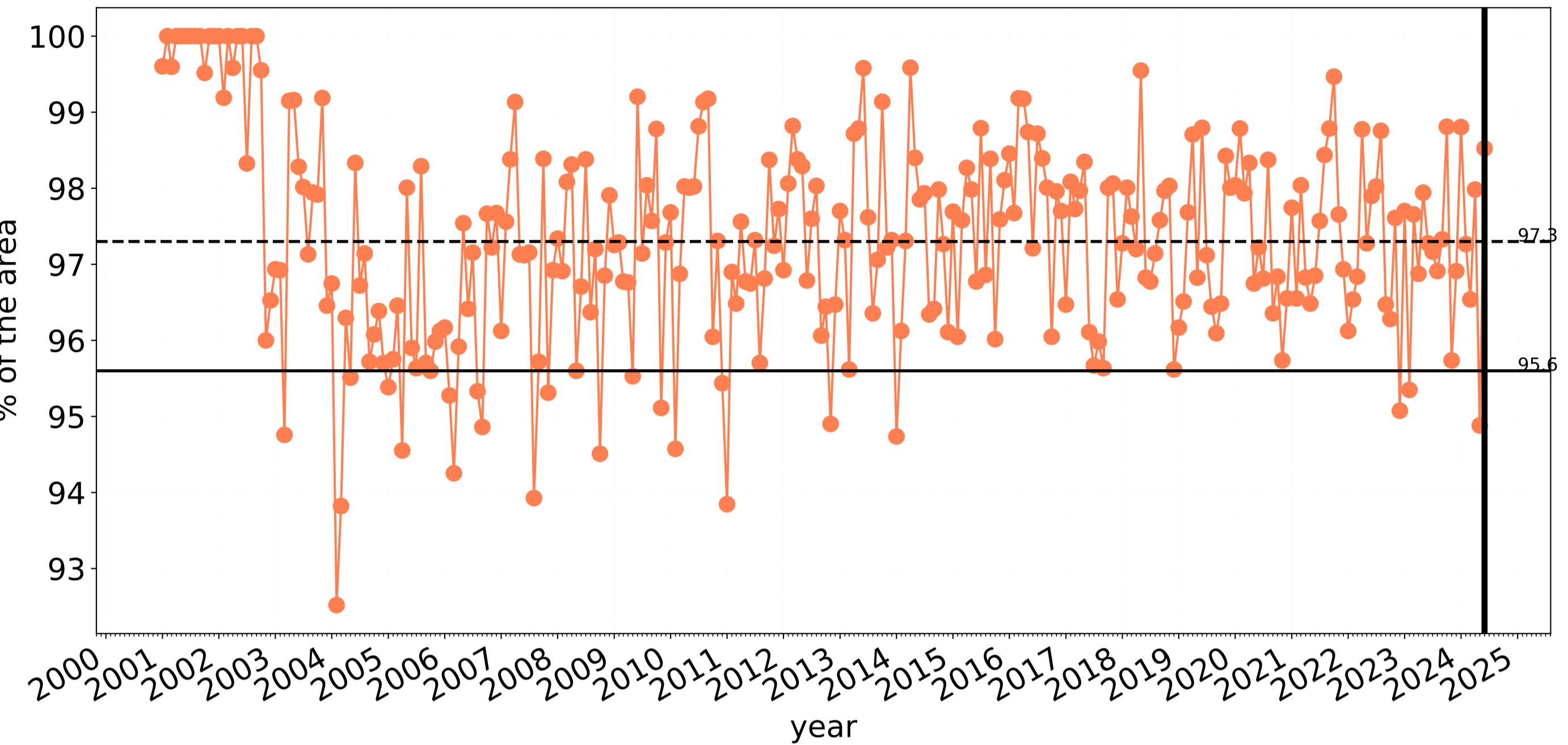
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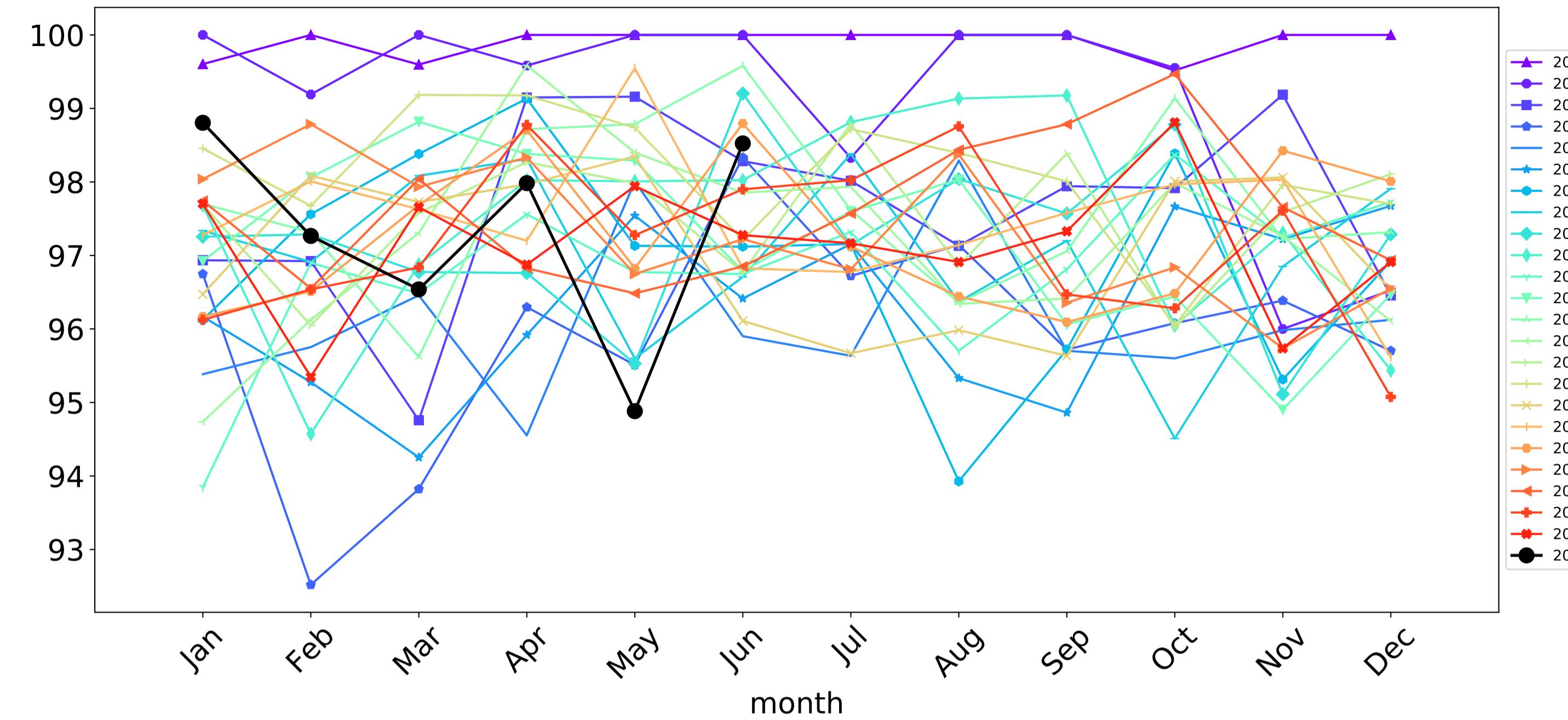


## Conservation and natural environments timeseries

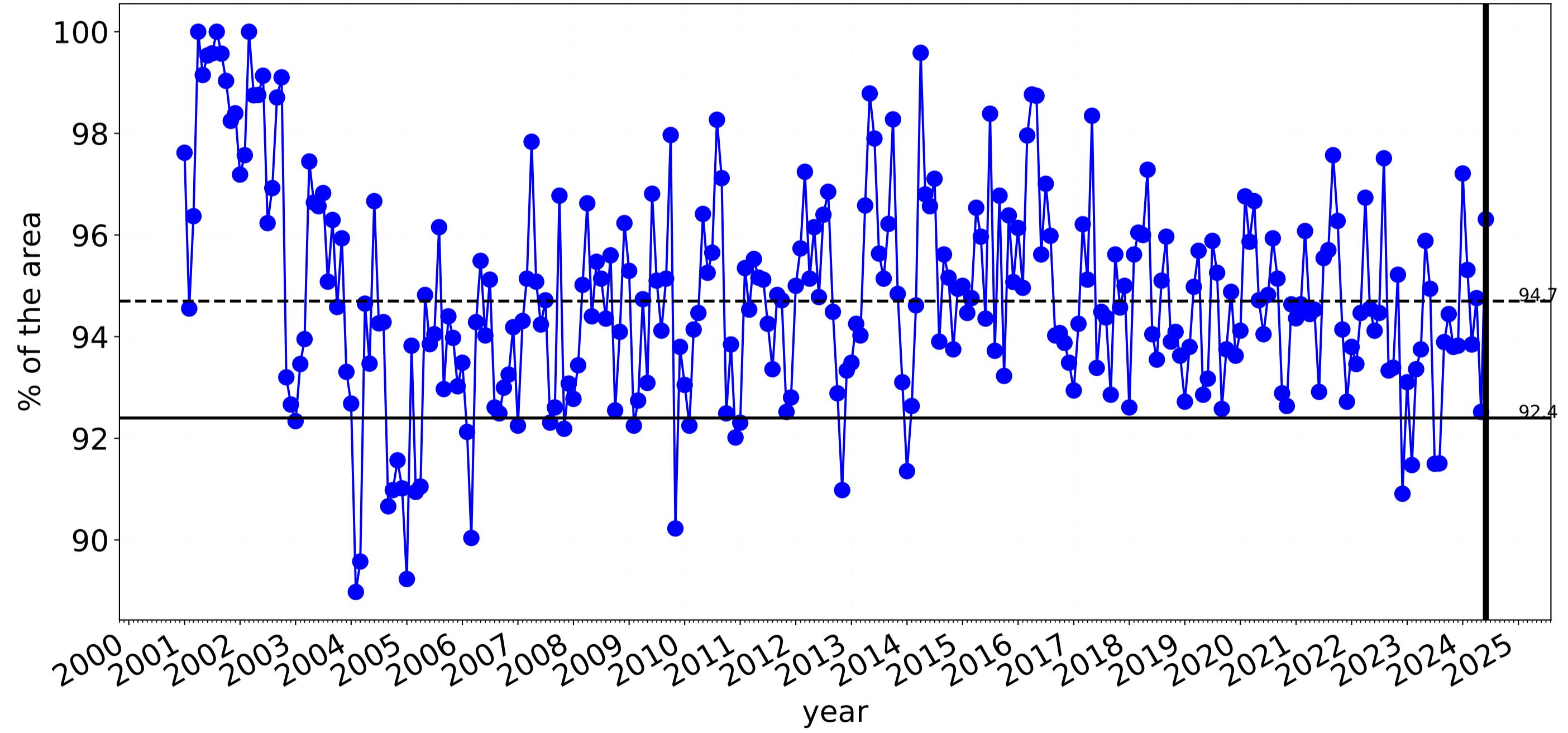
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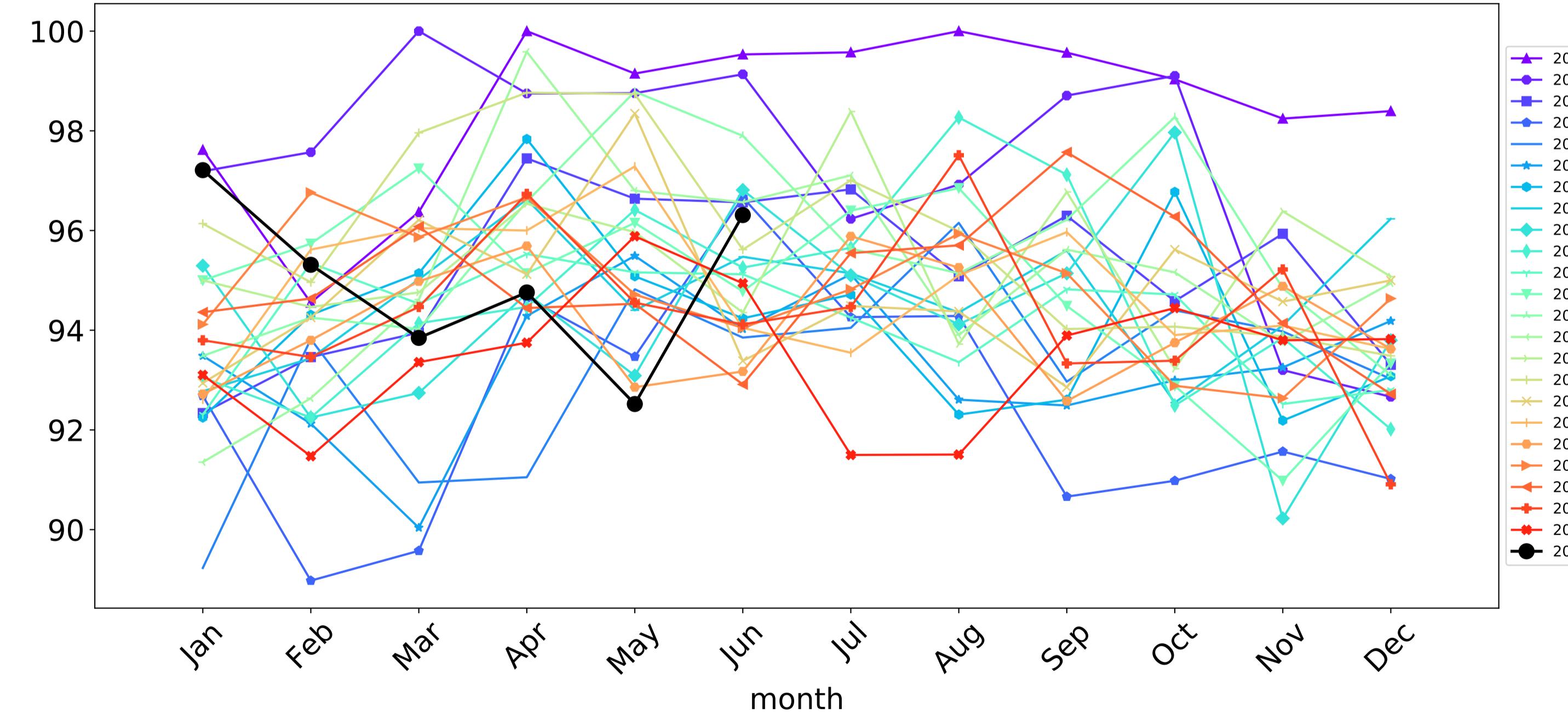
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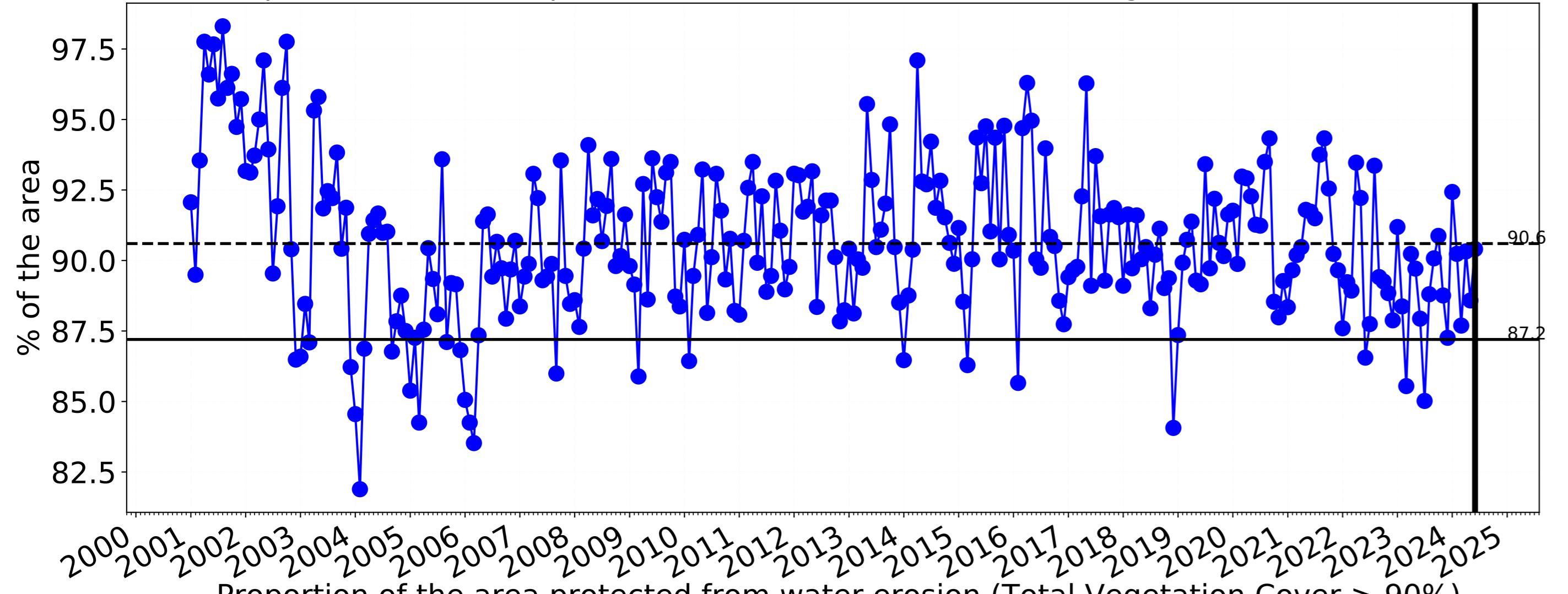
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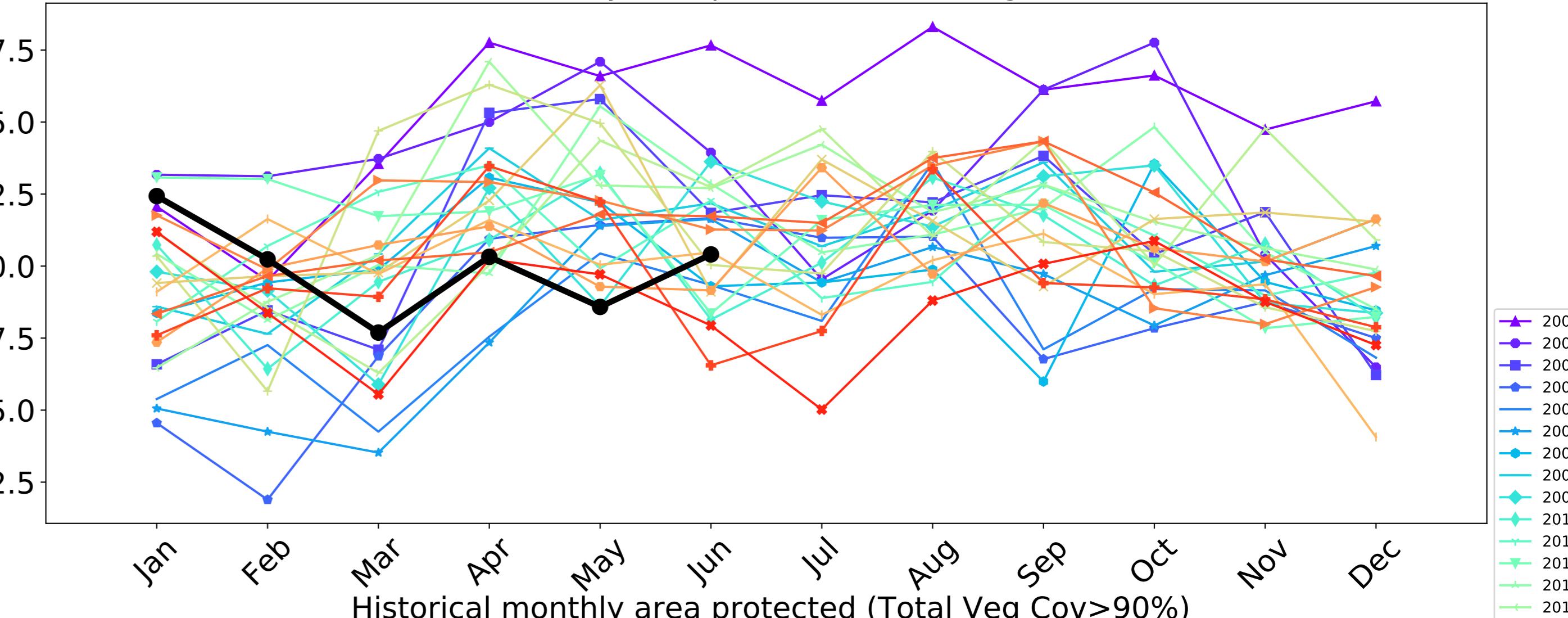
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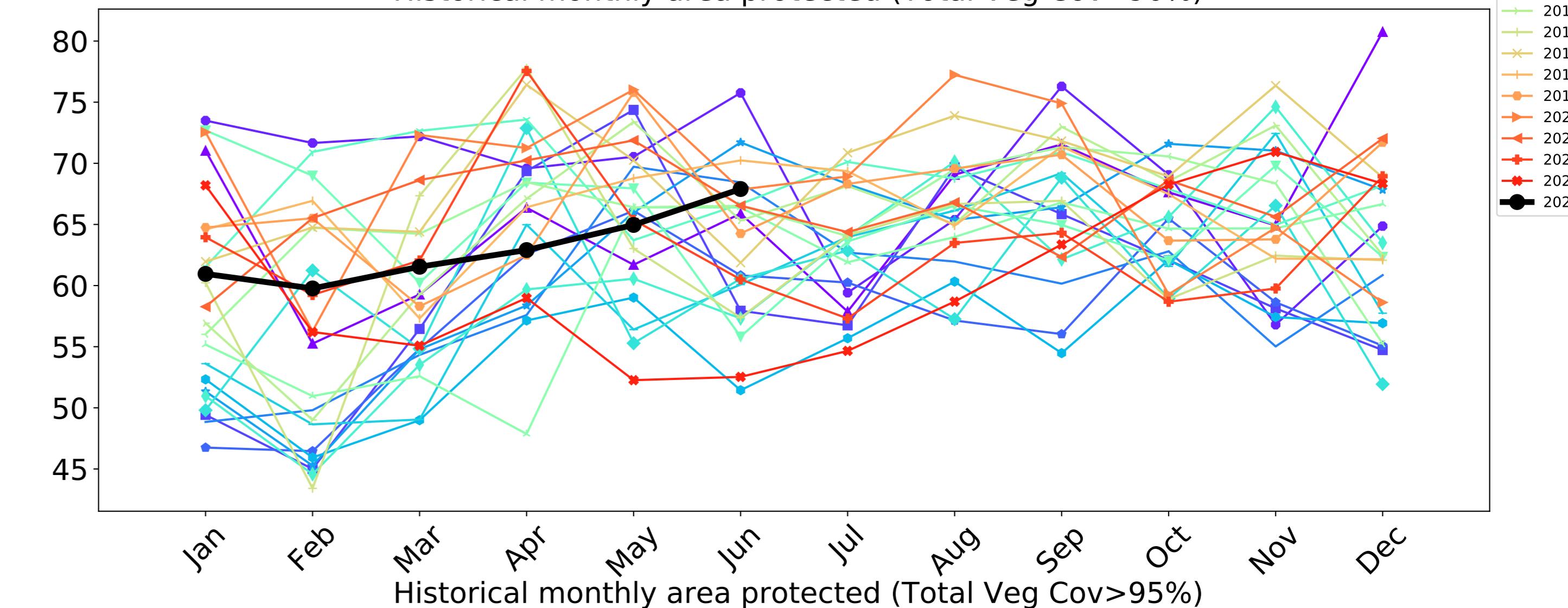
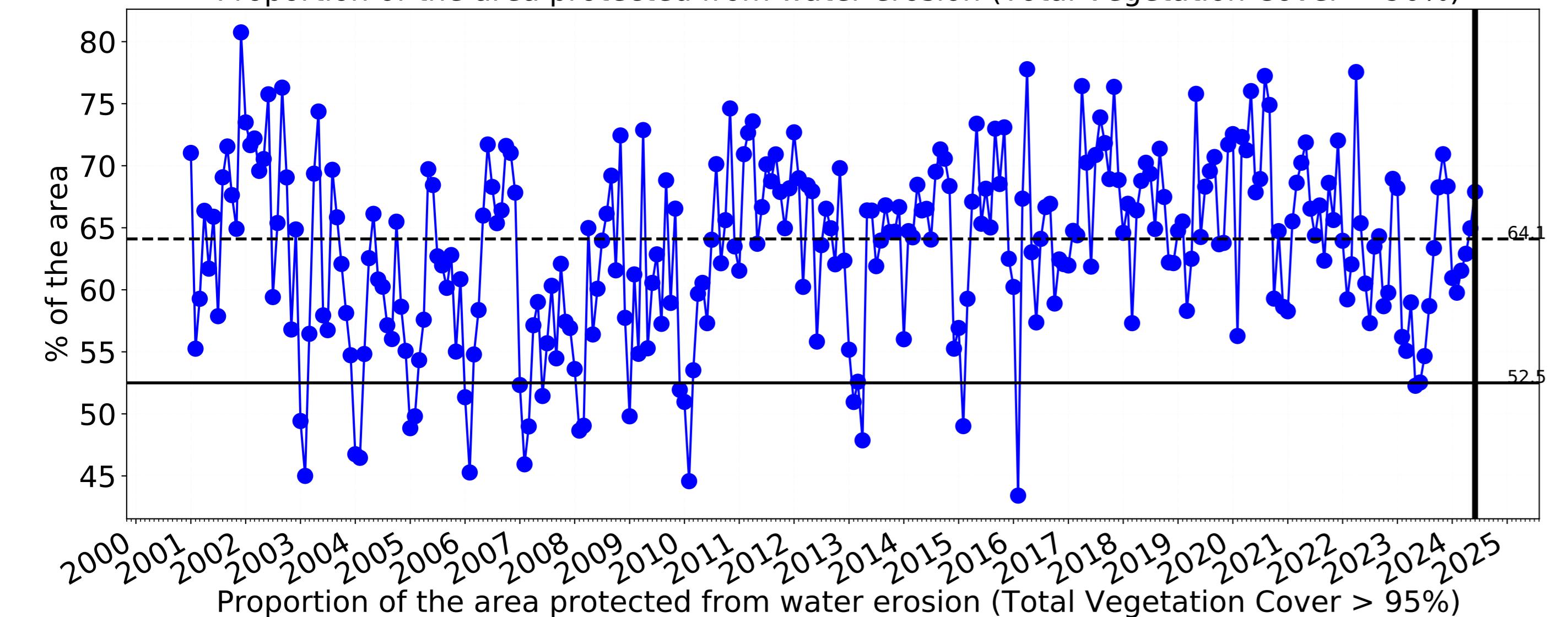
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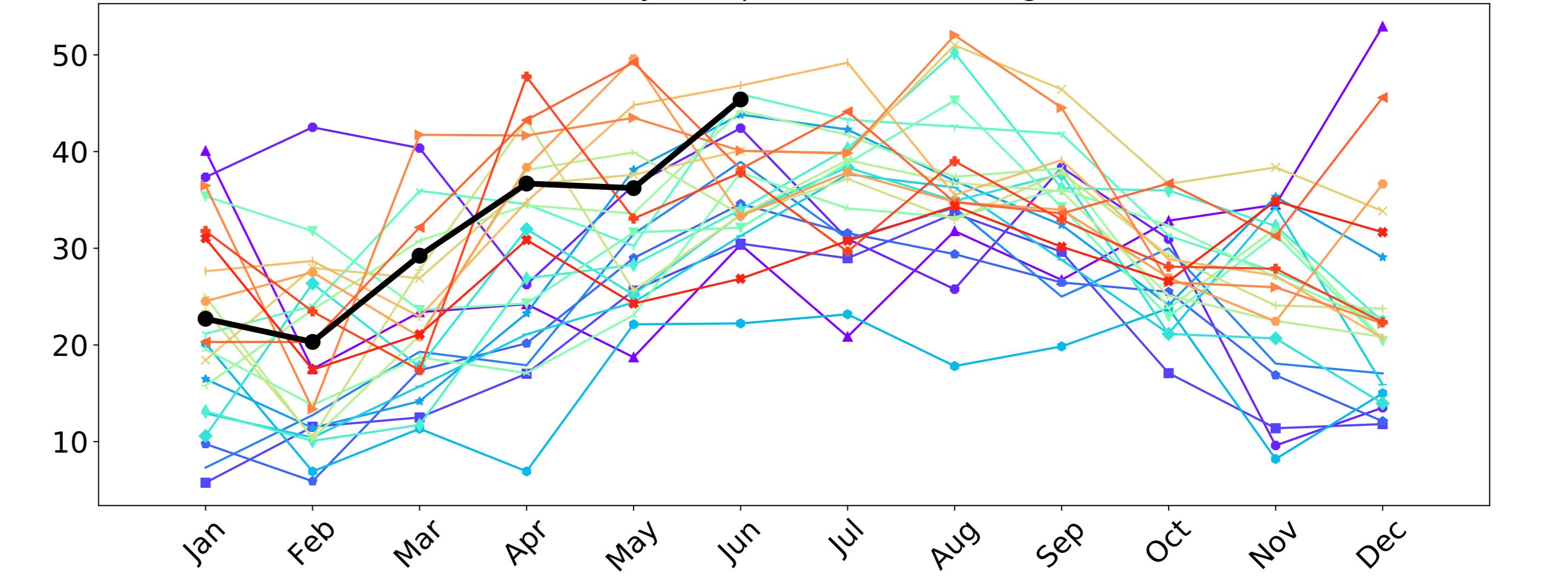
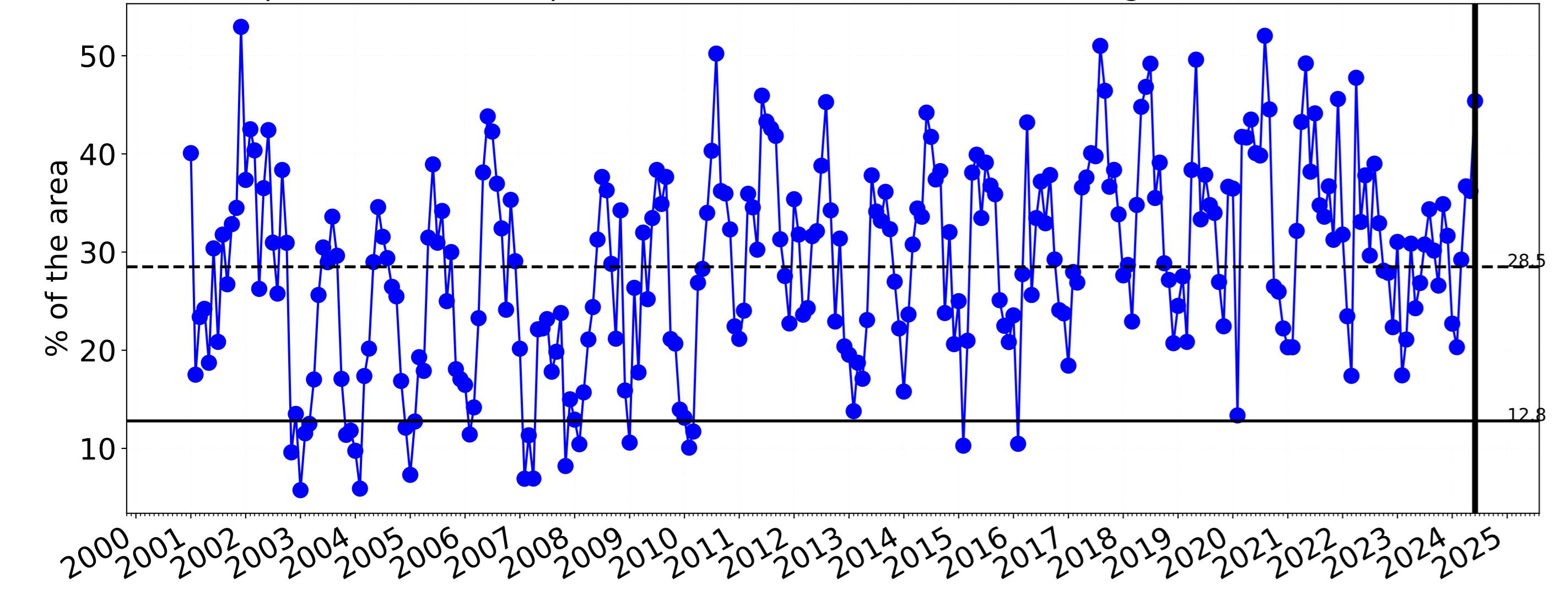
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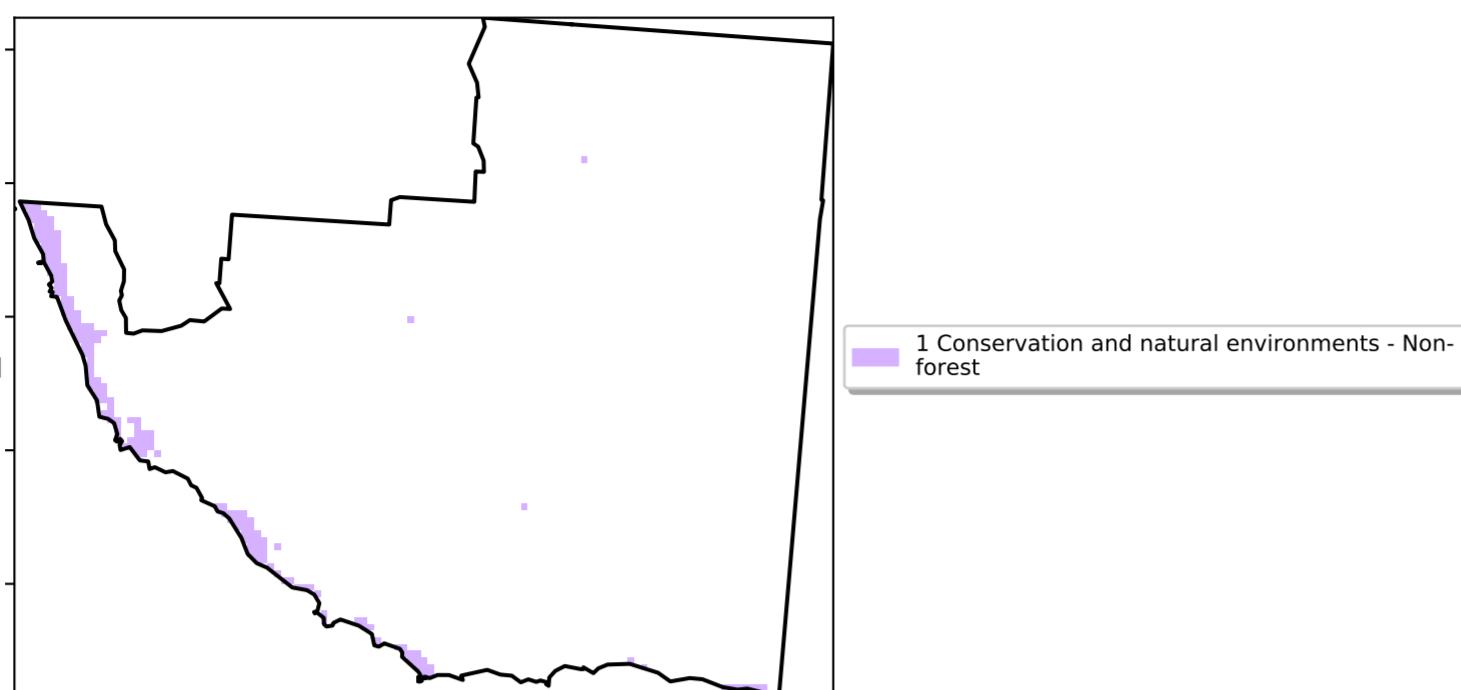
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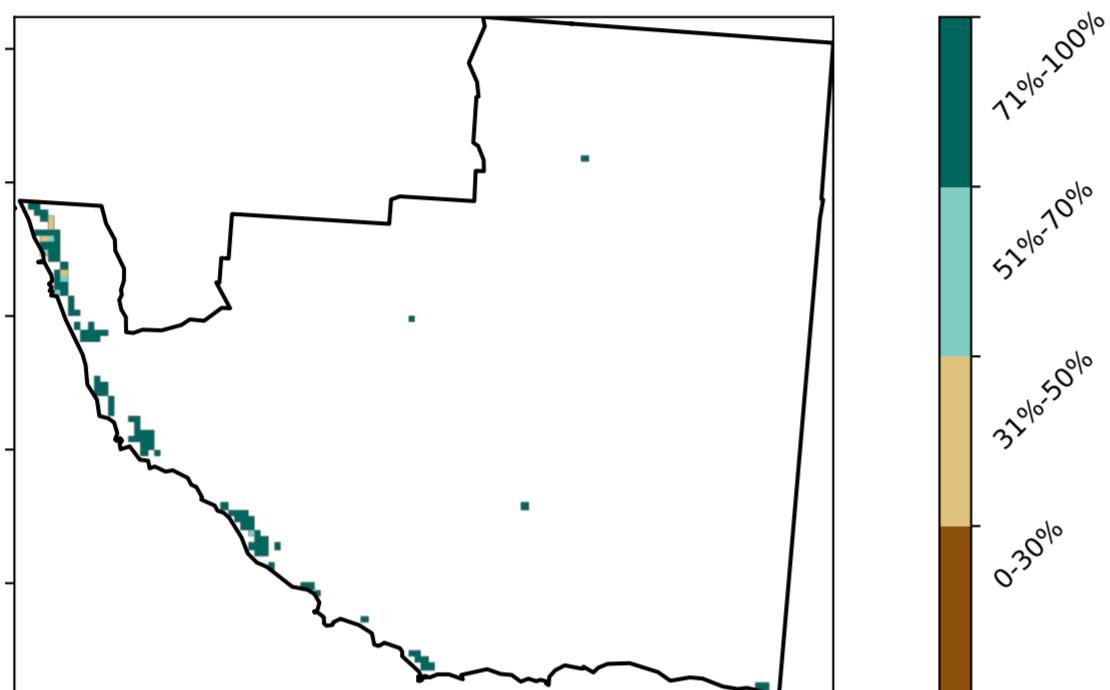
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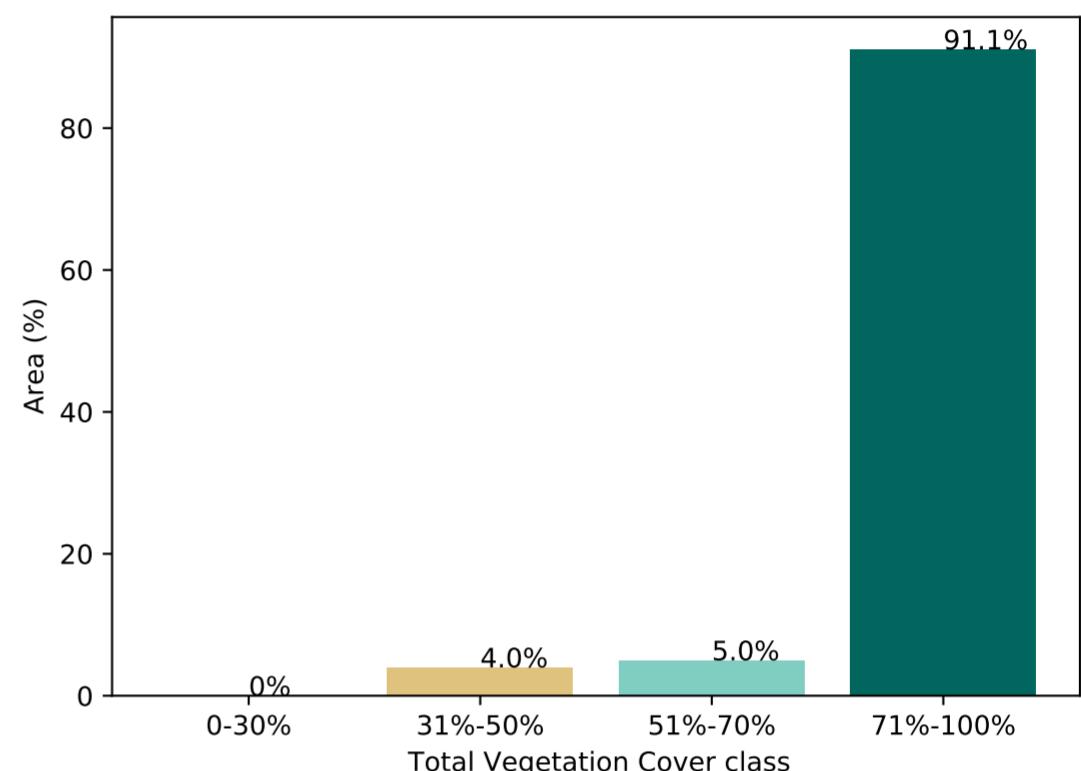
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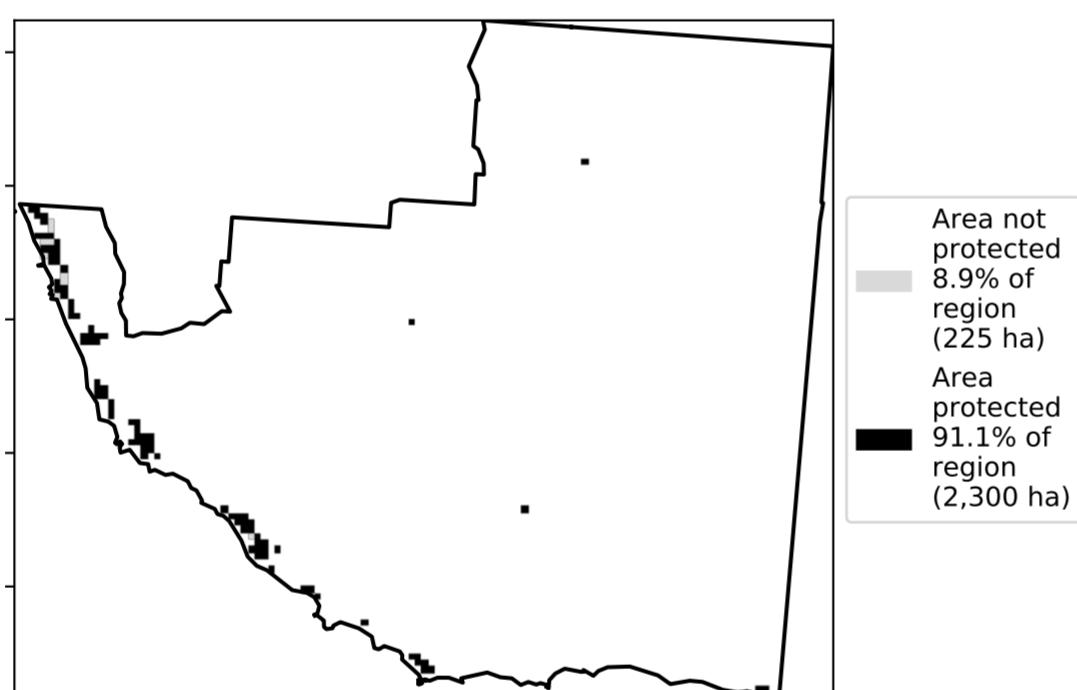
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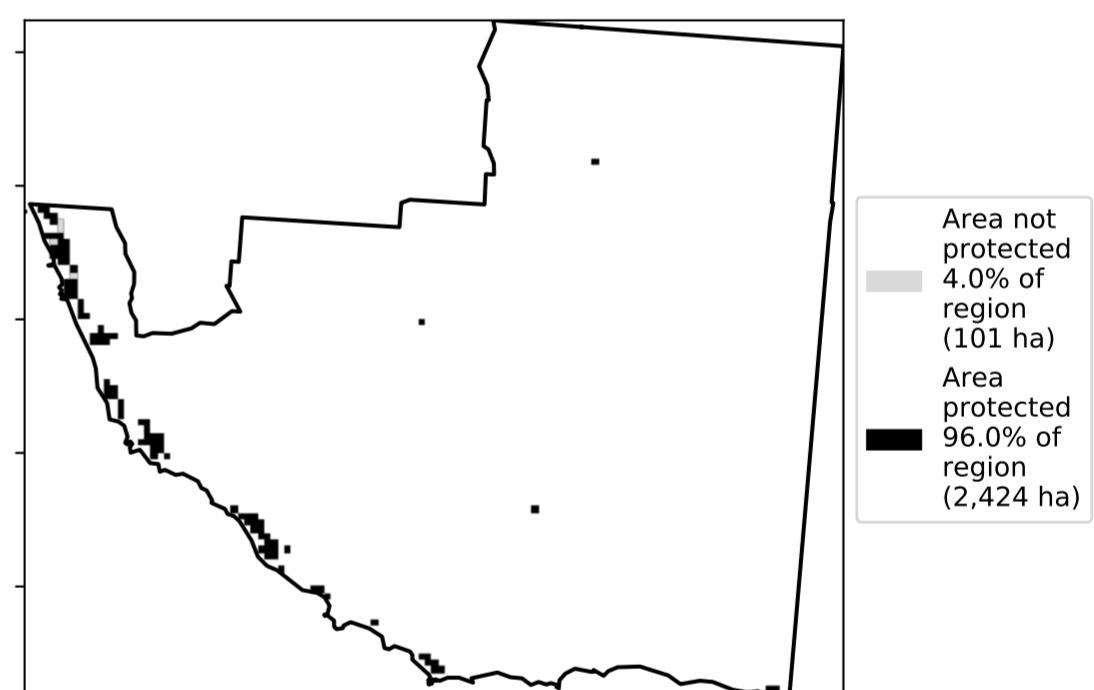
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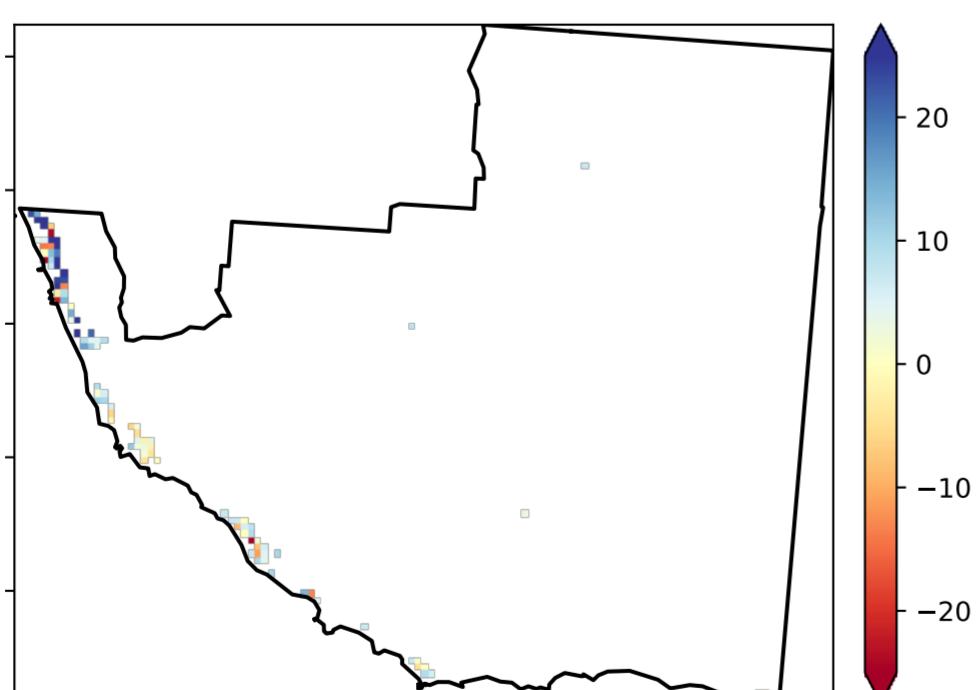


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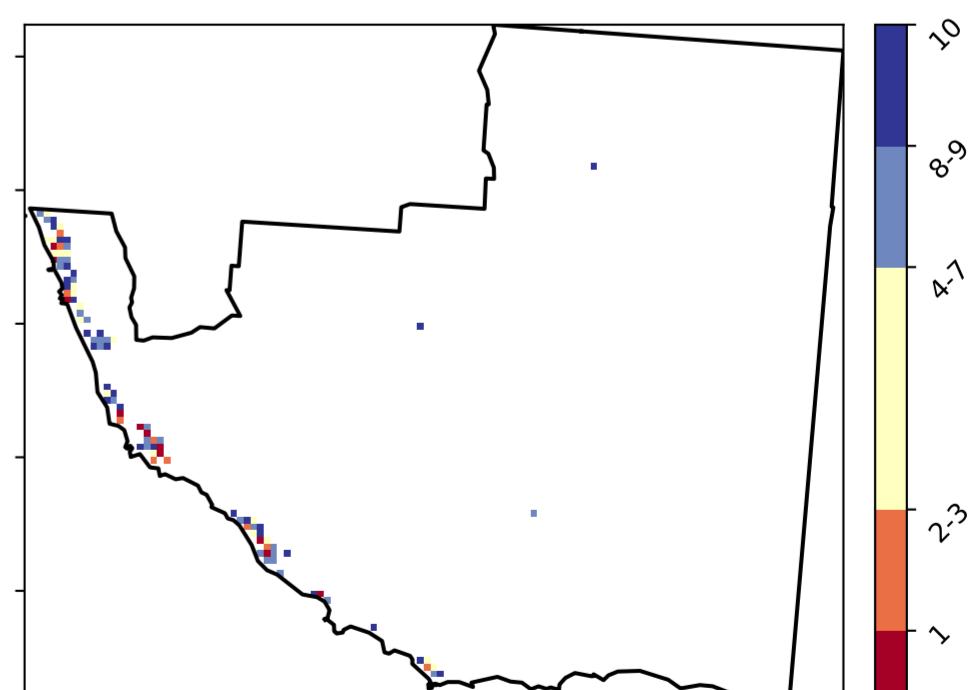
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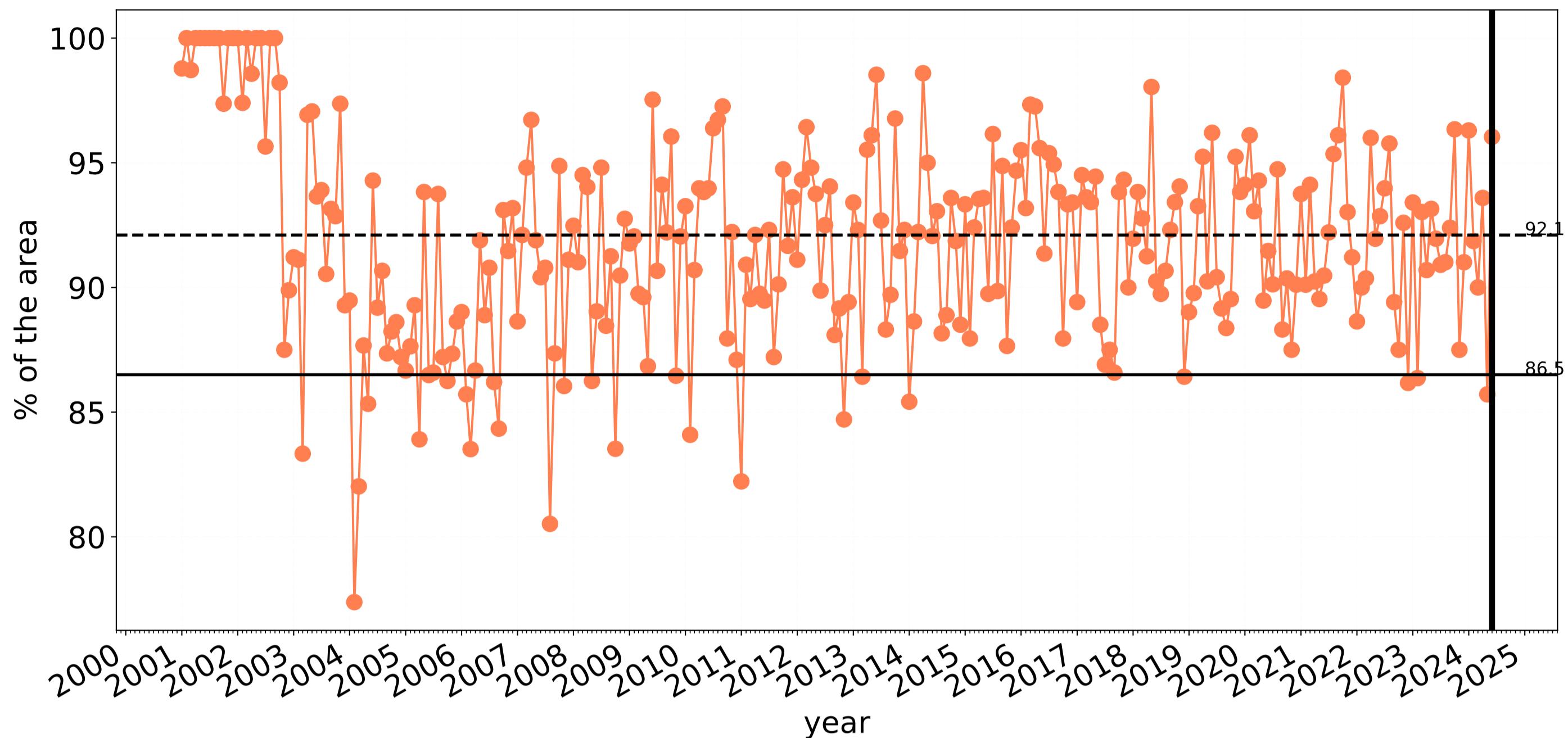
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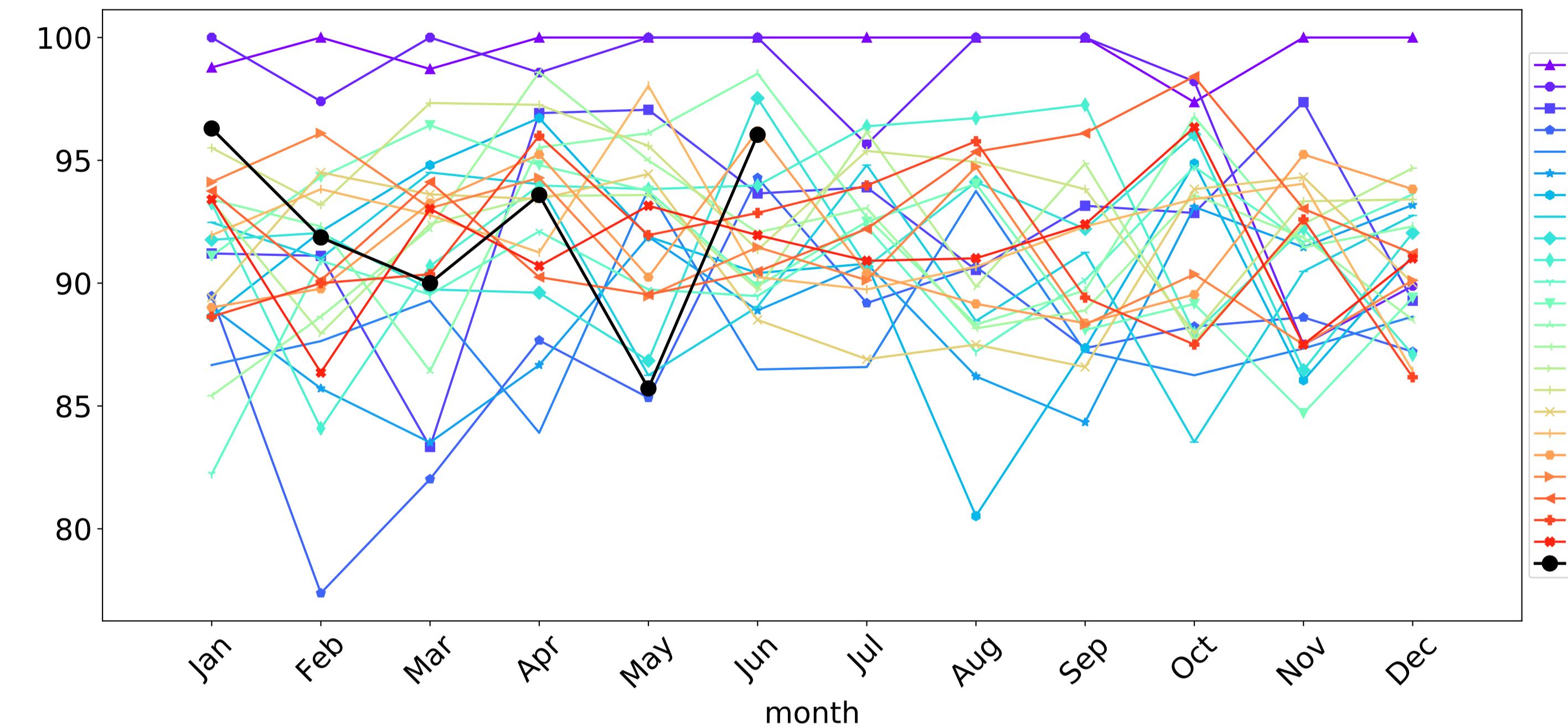


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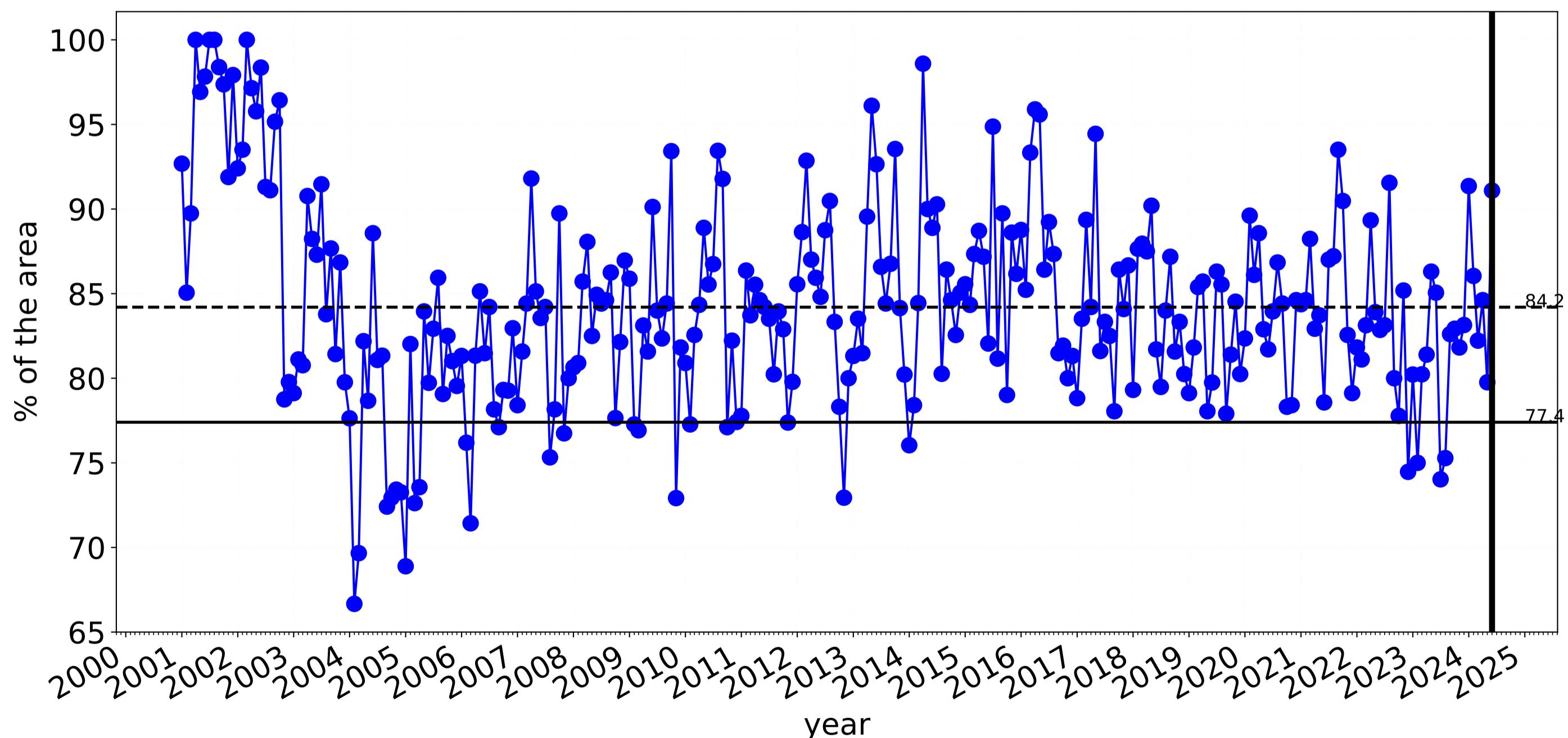
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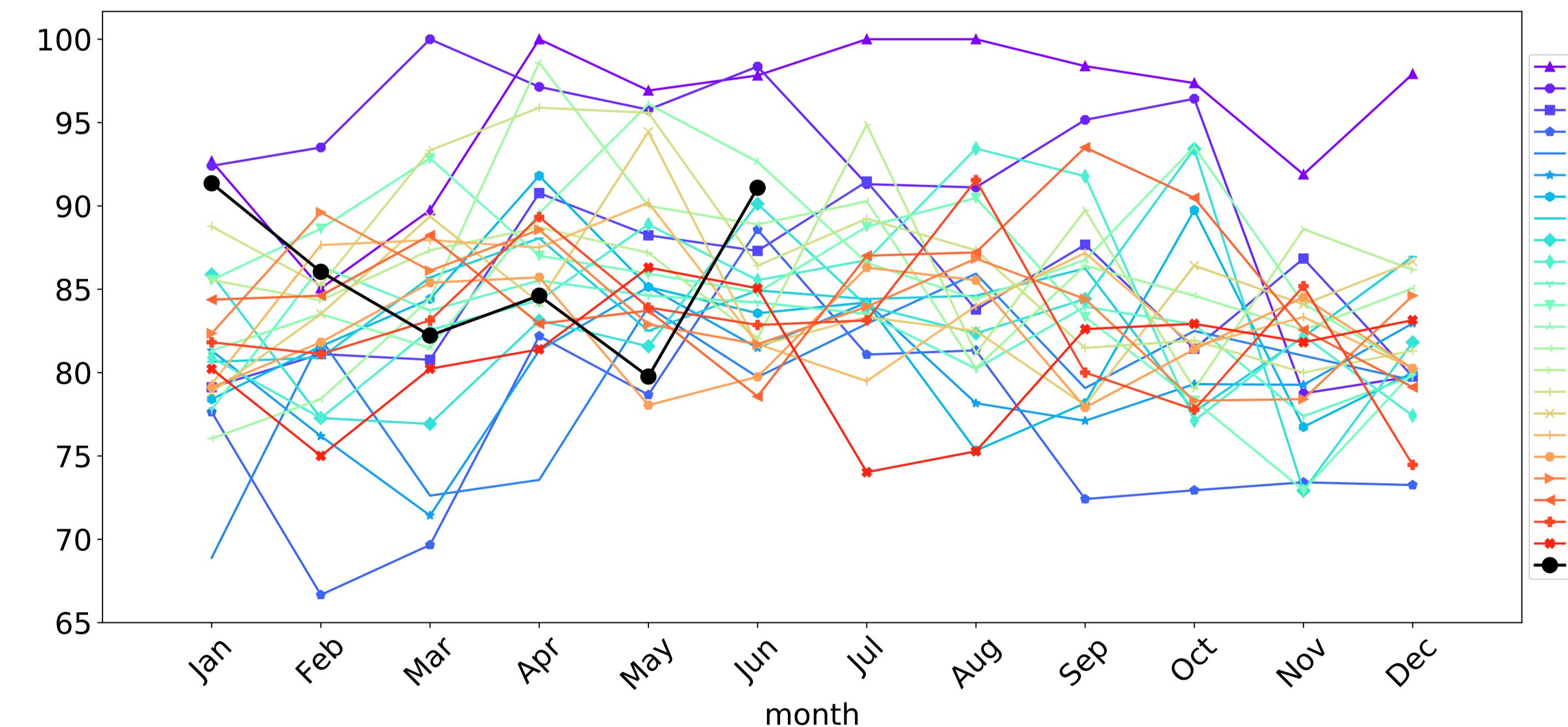
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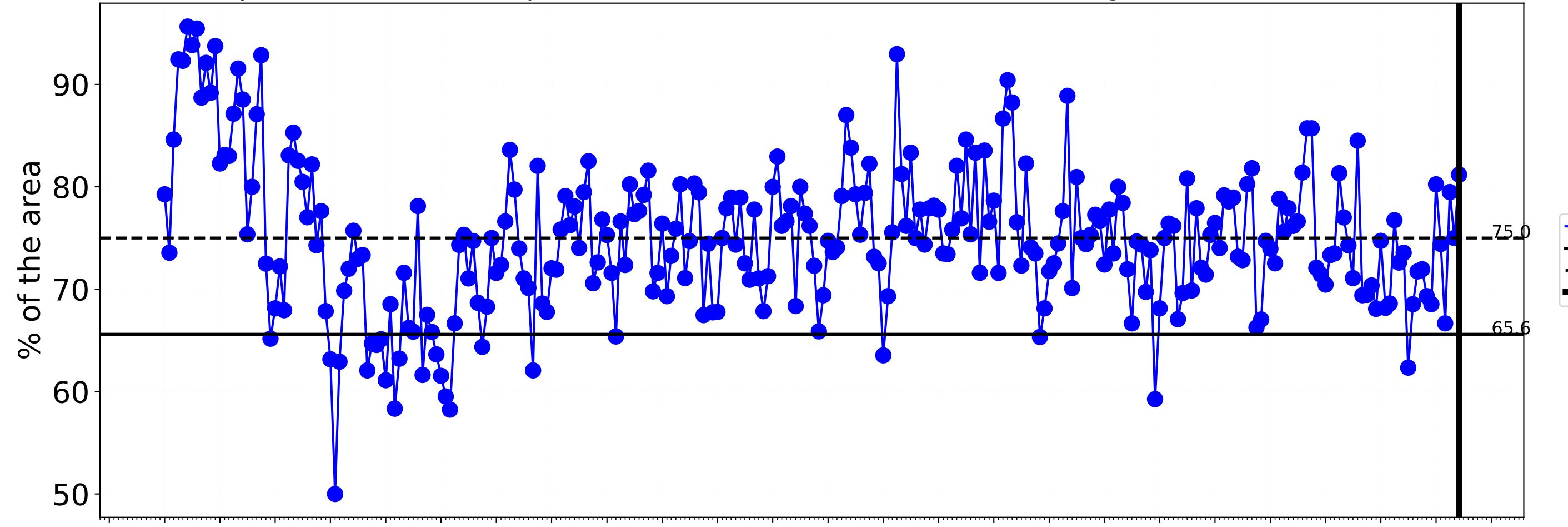
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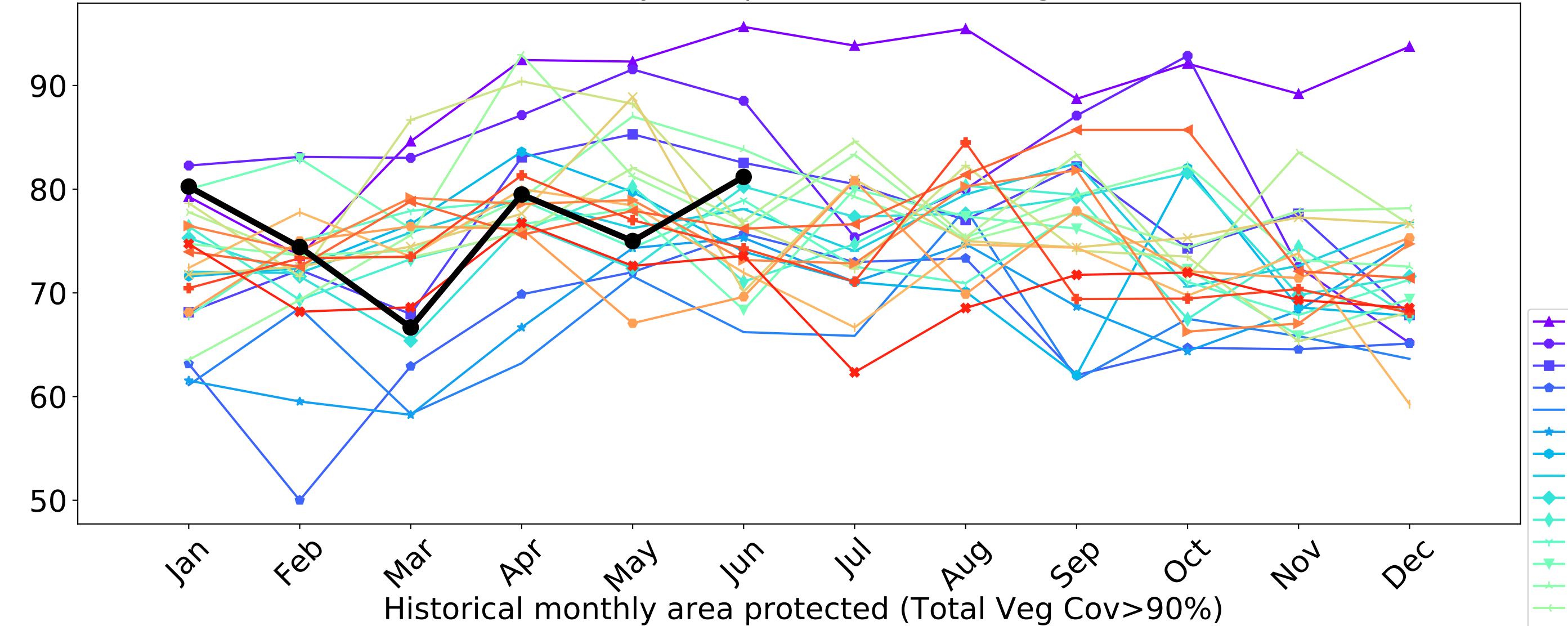
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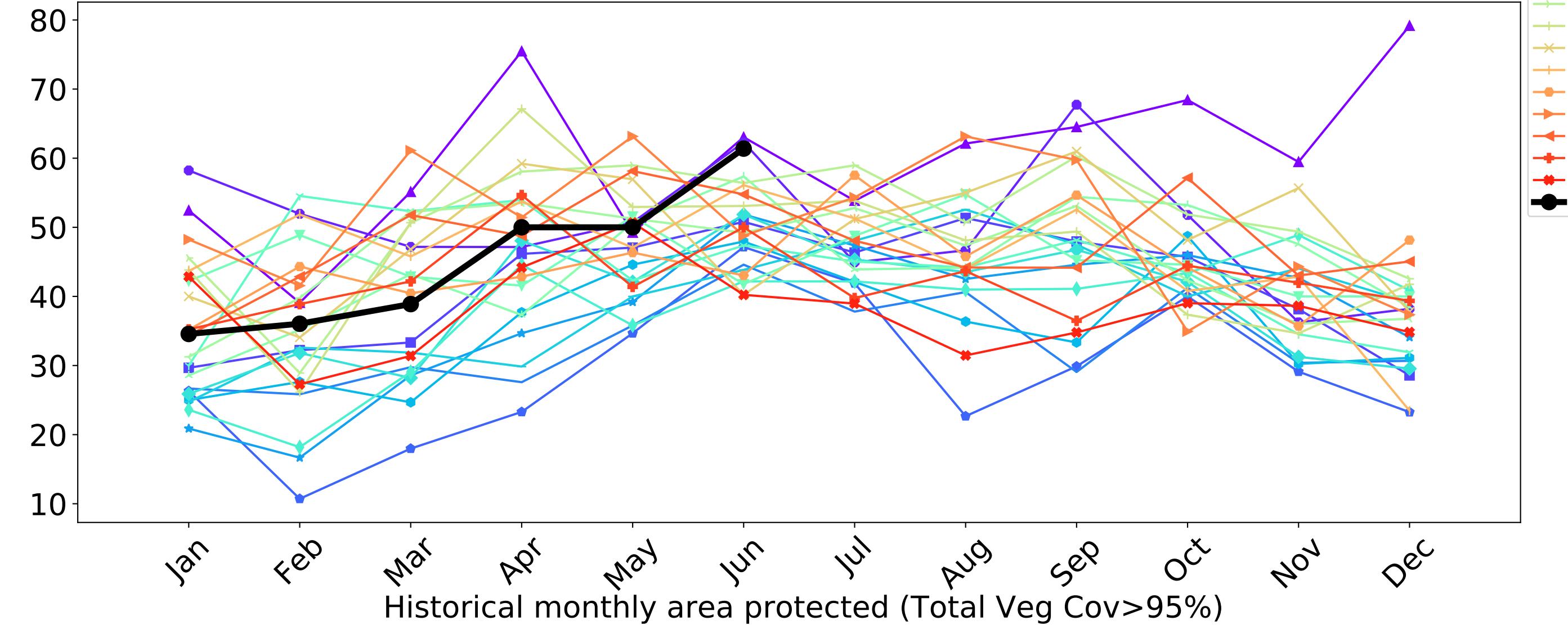
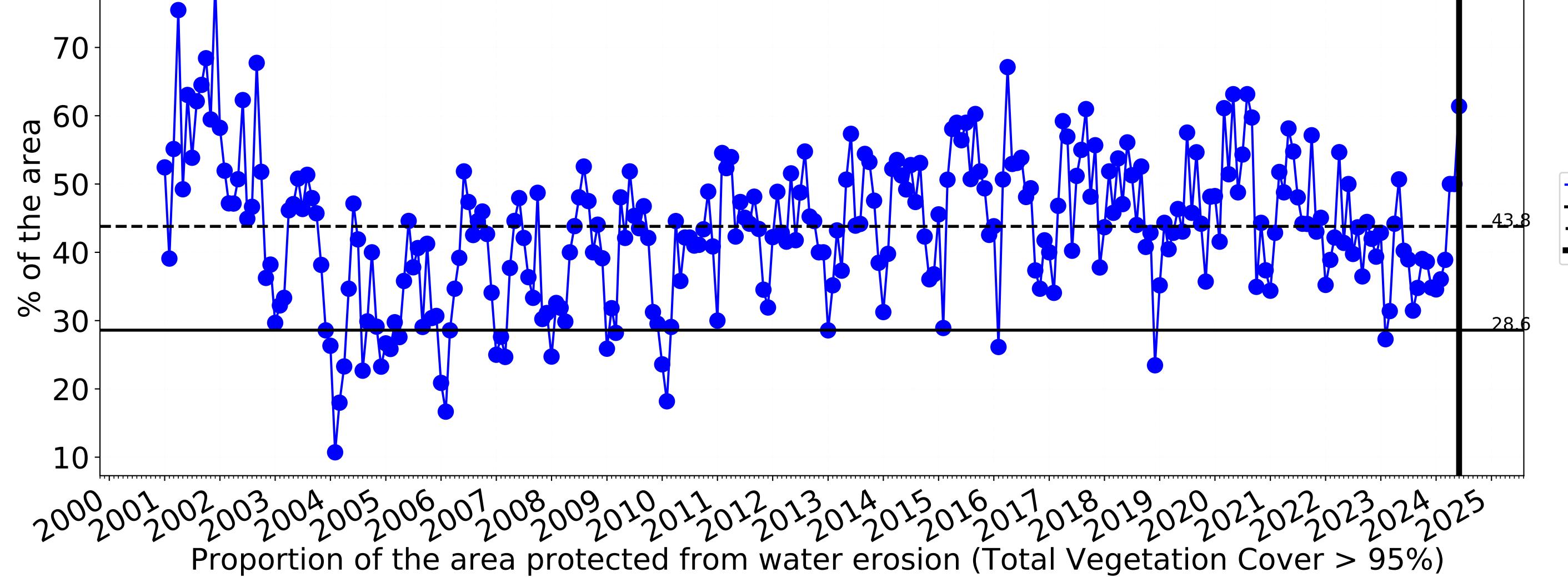
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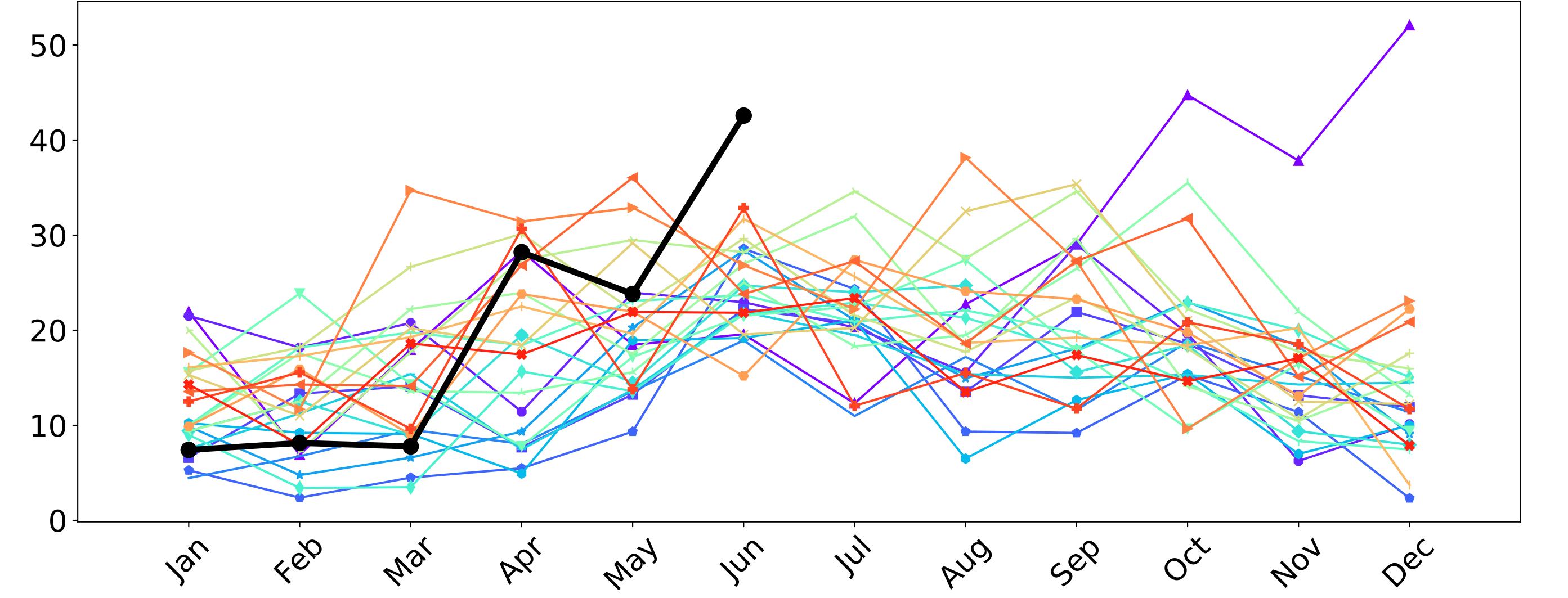
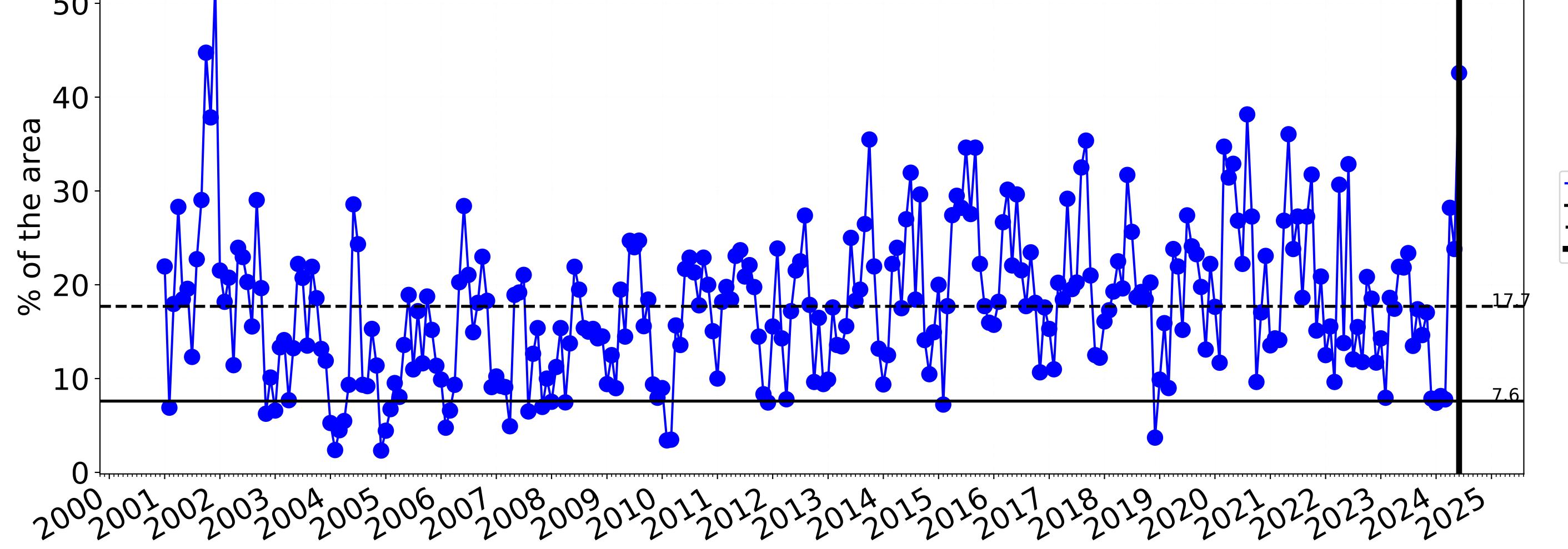
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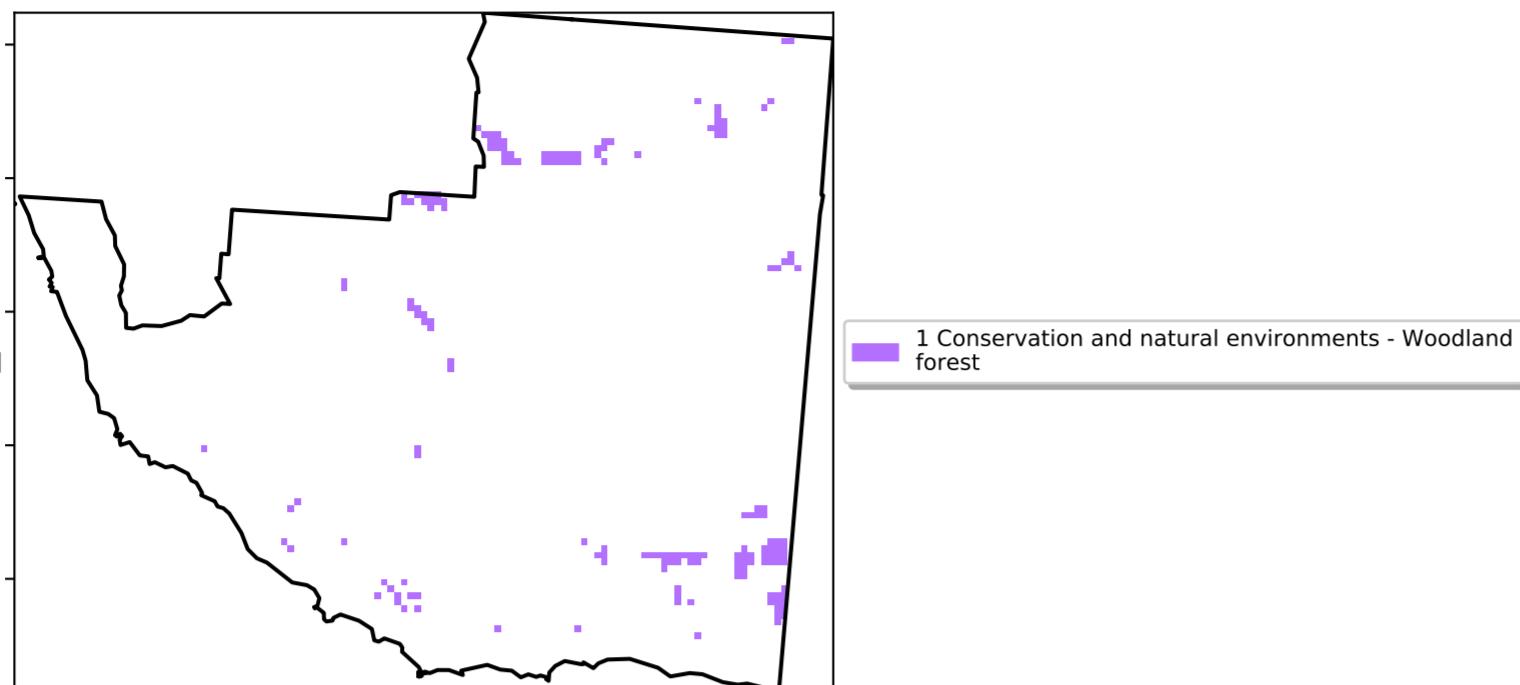
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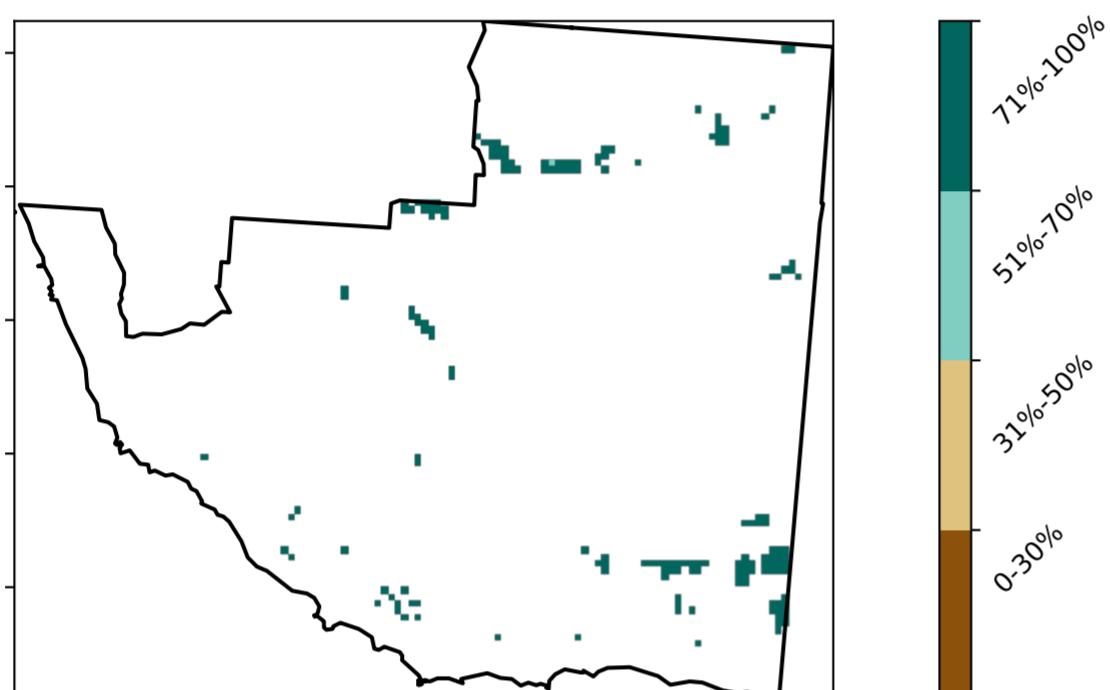
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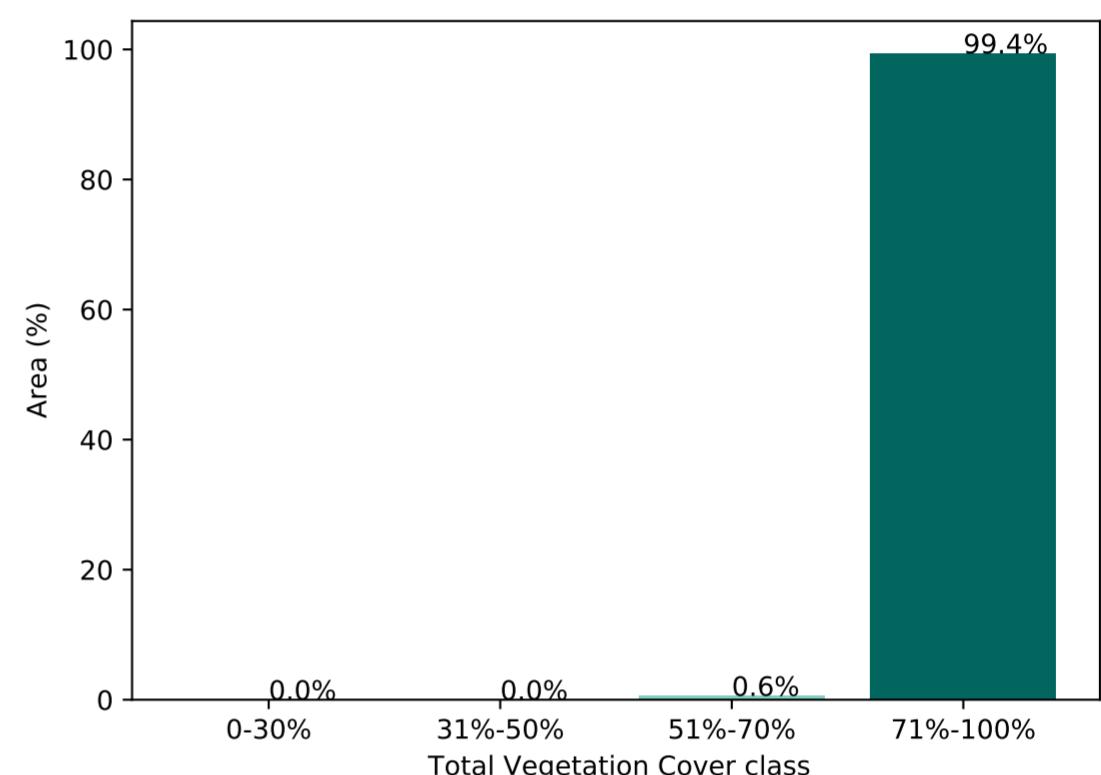
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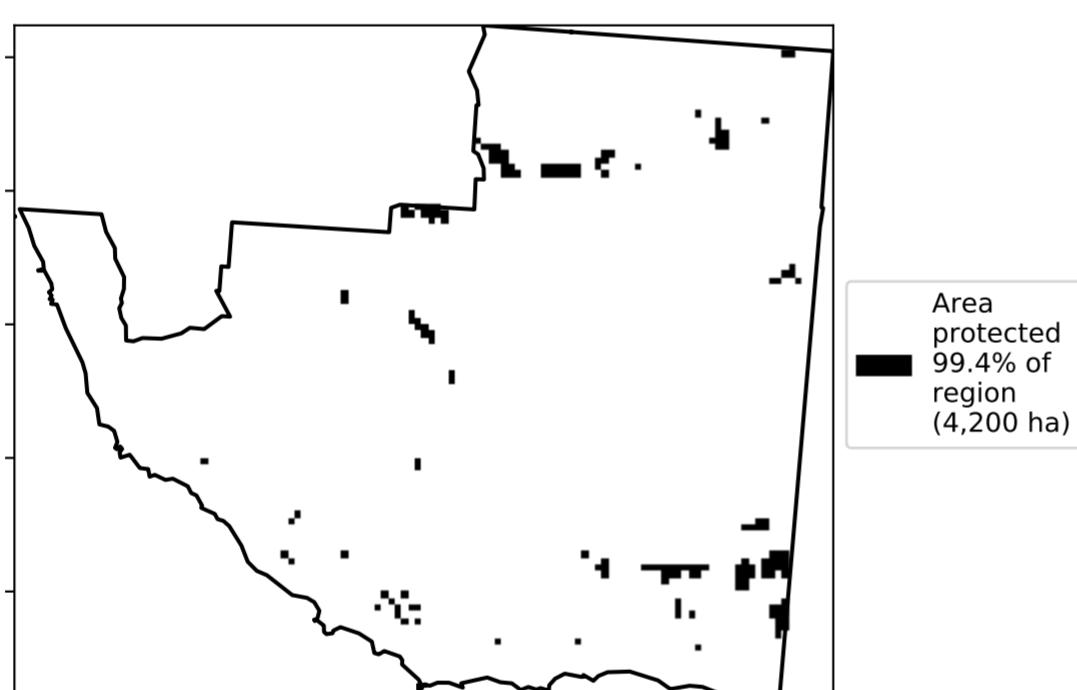
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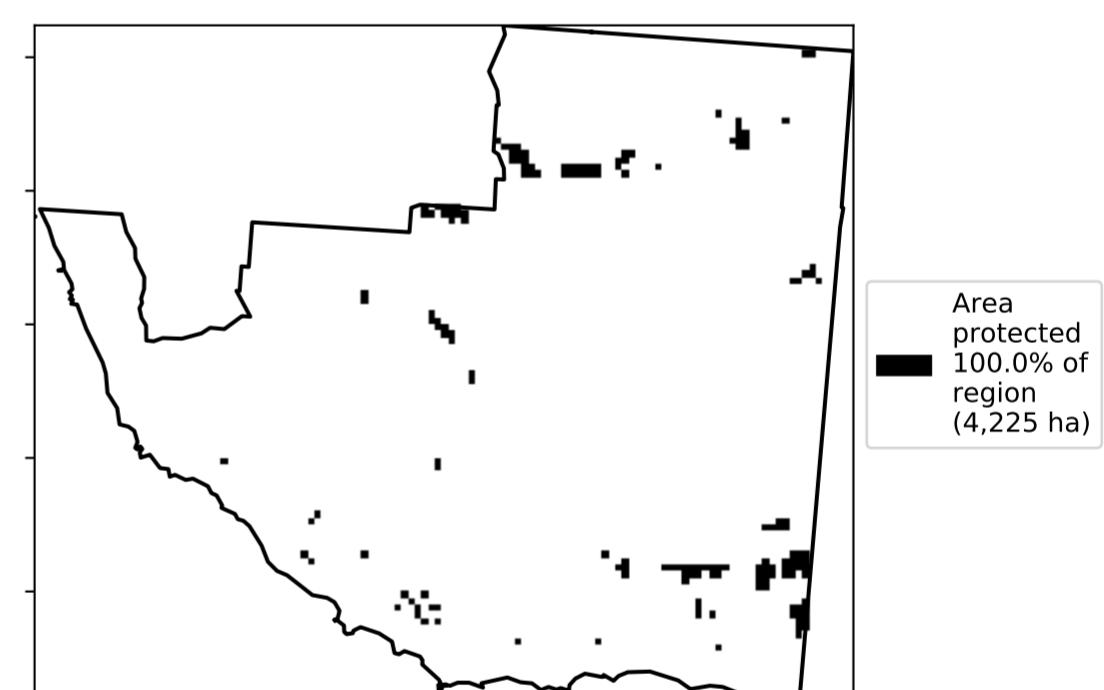
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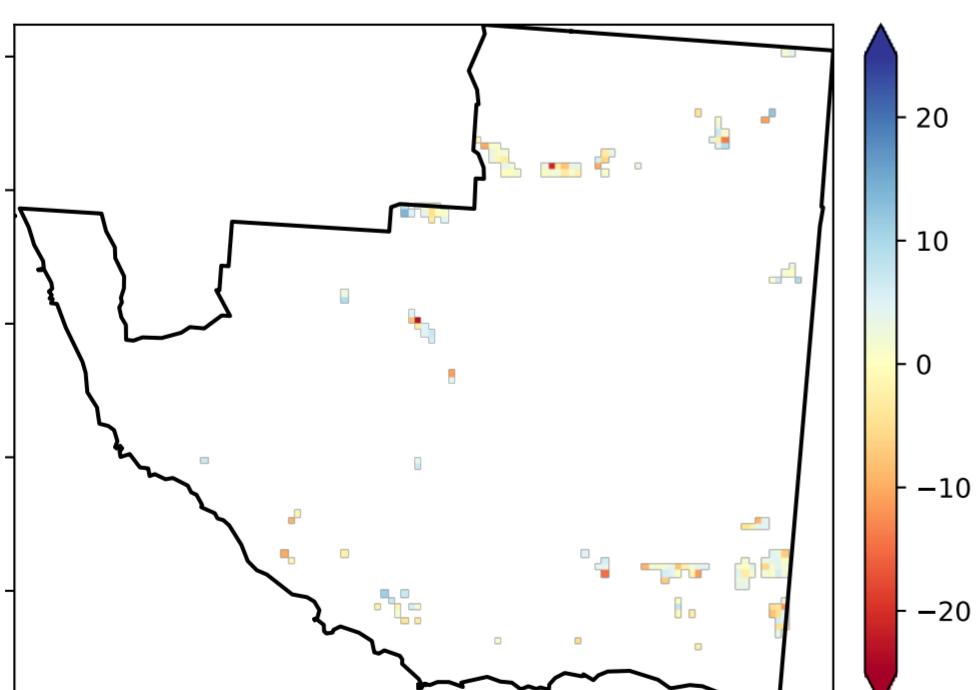


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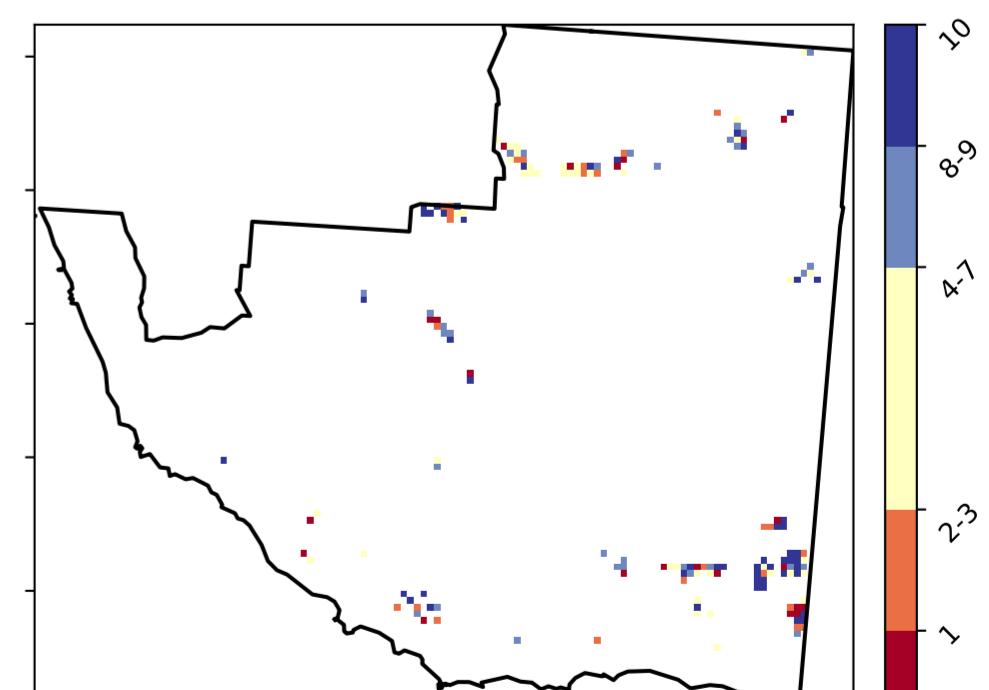
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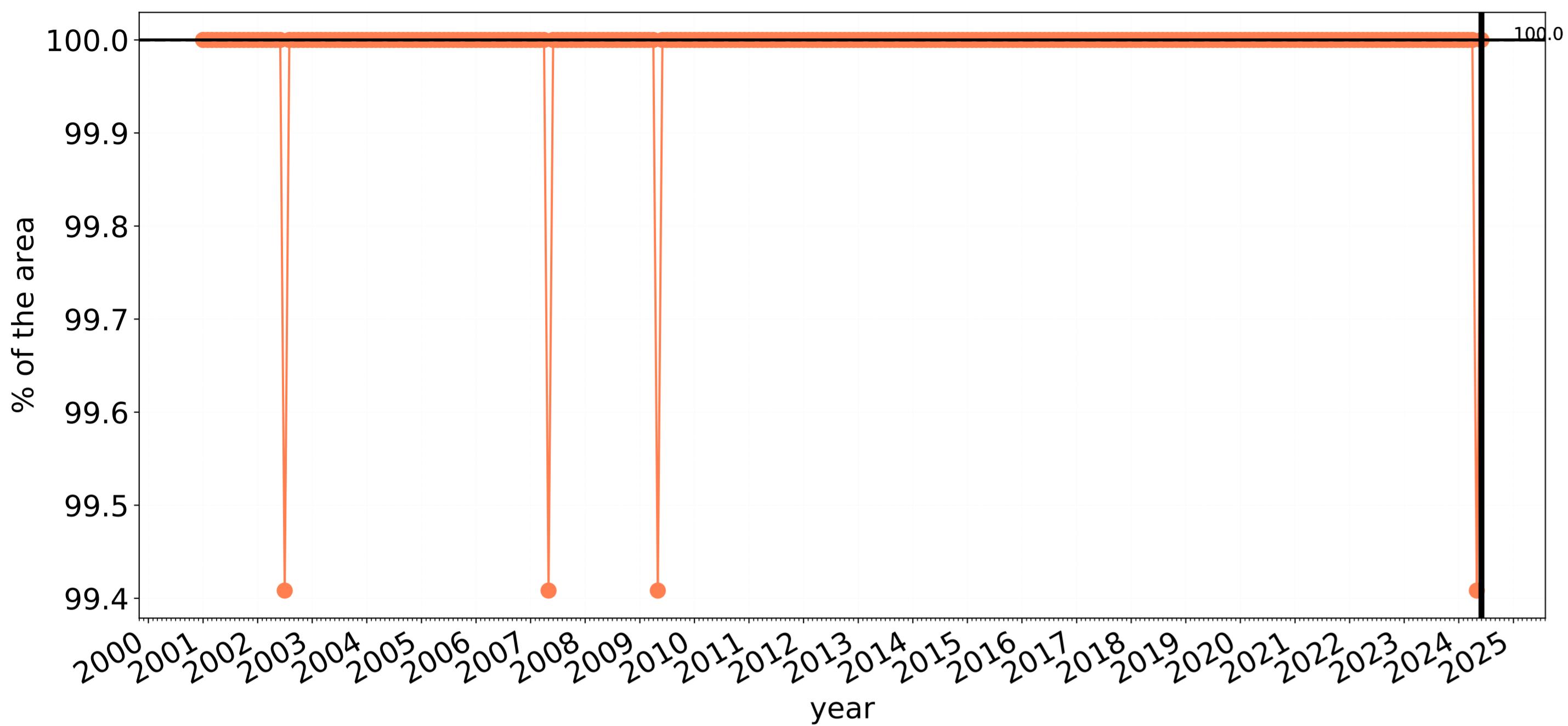
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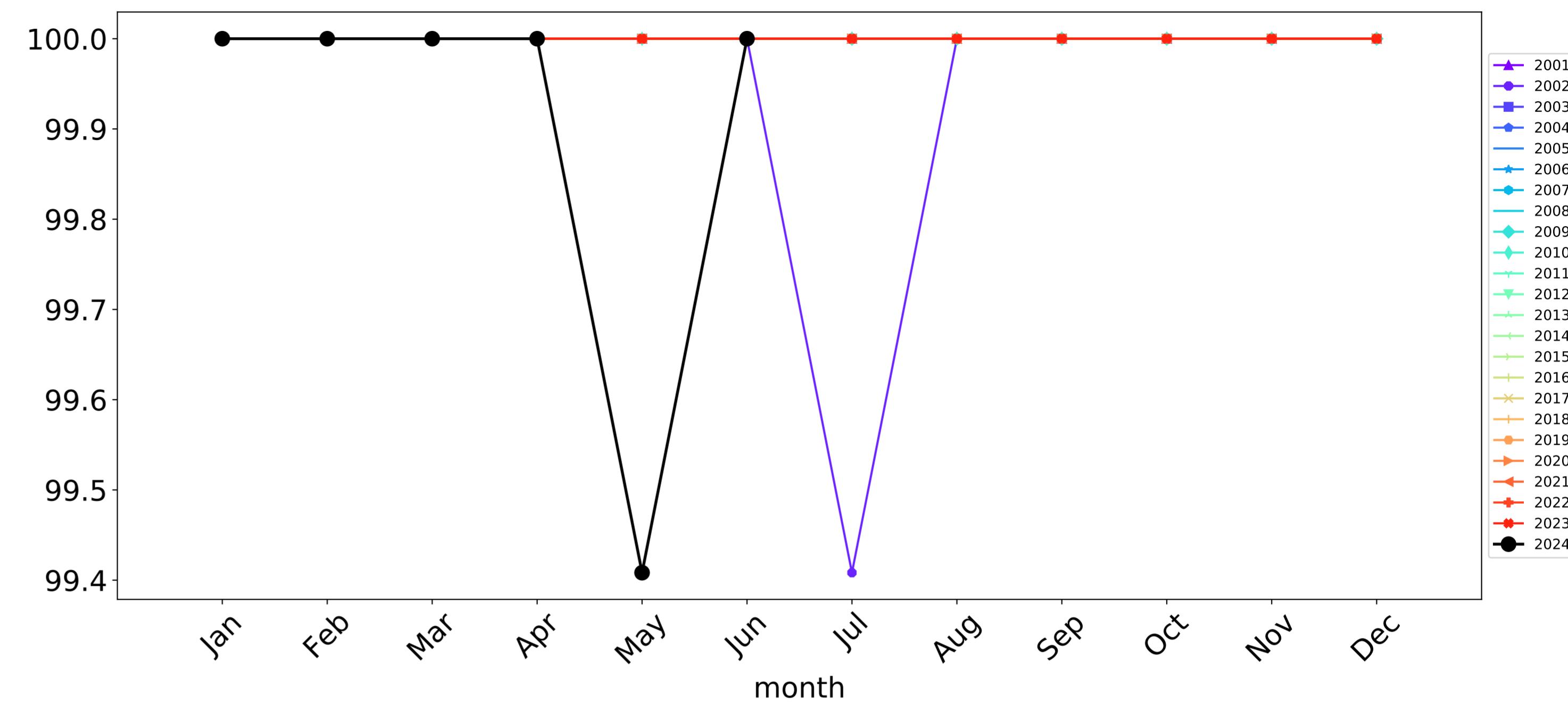


## Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

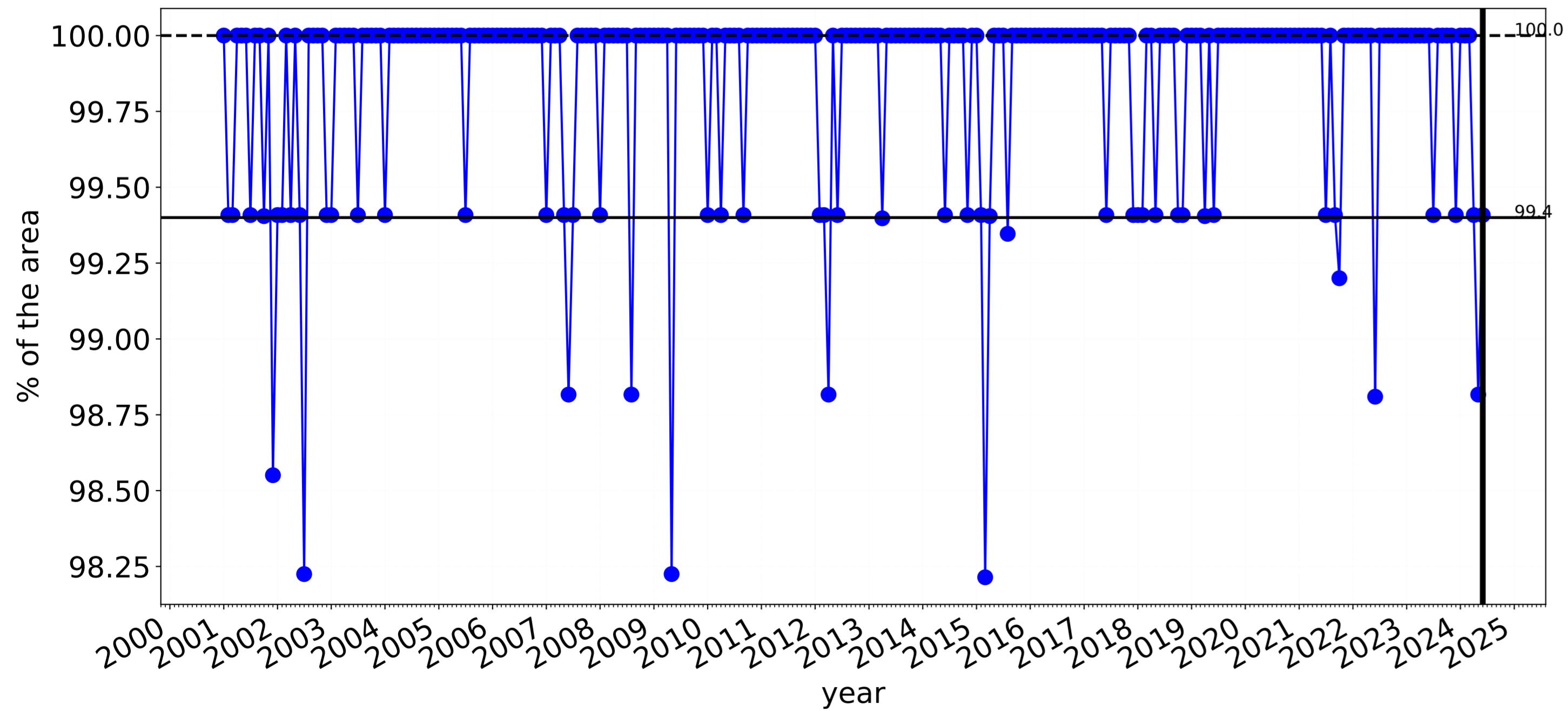
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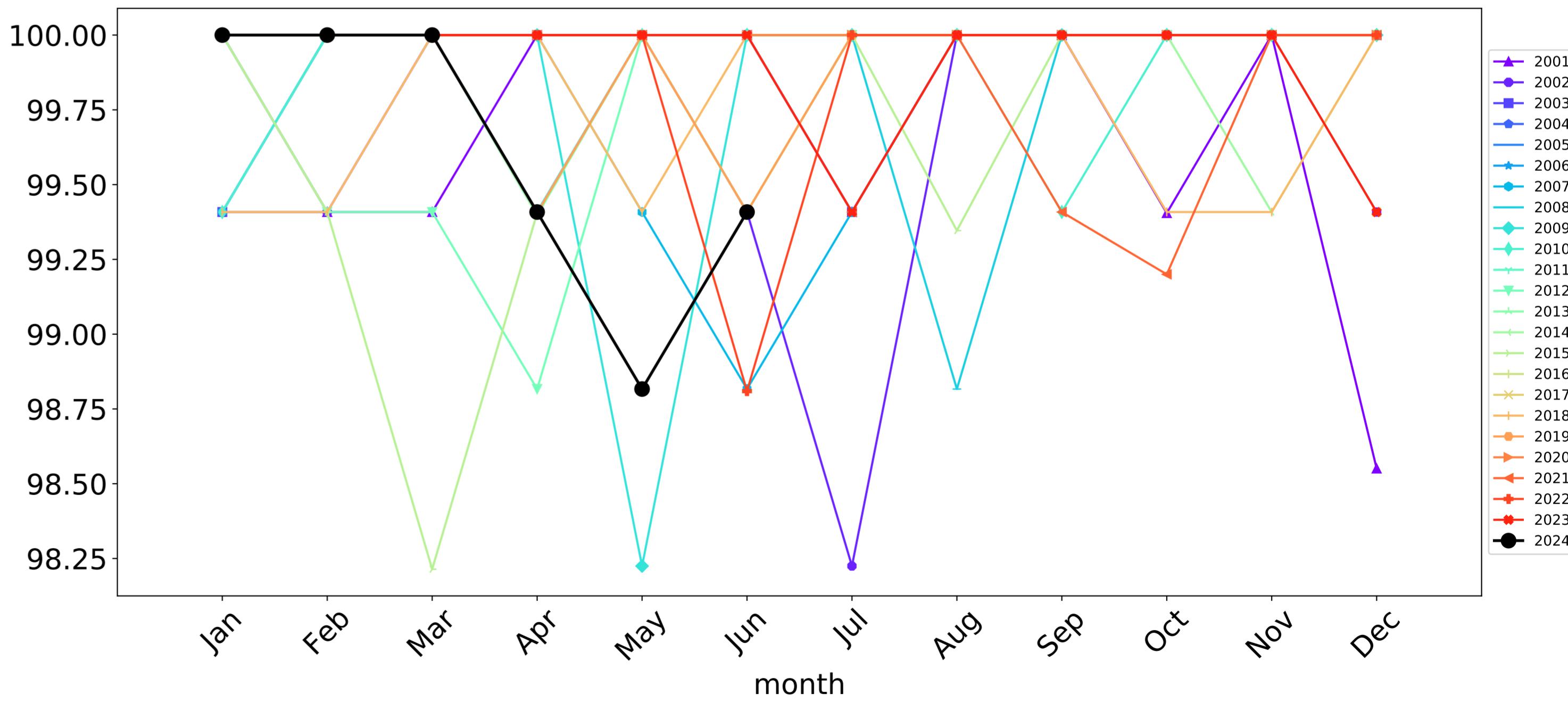
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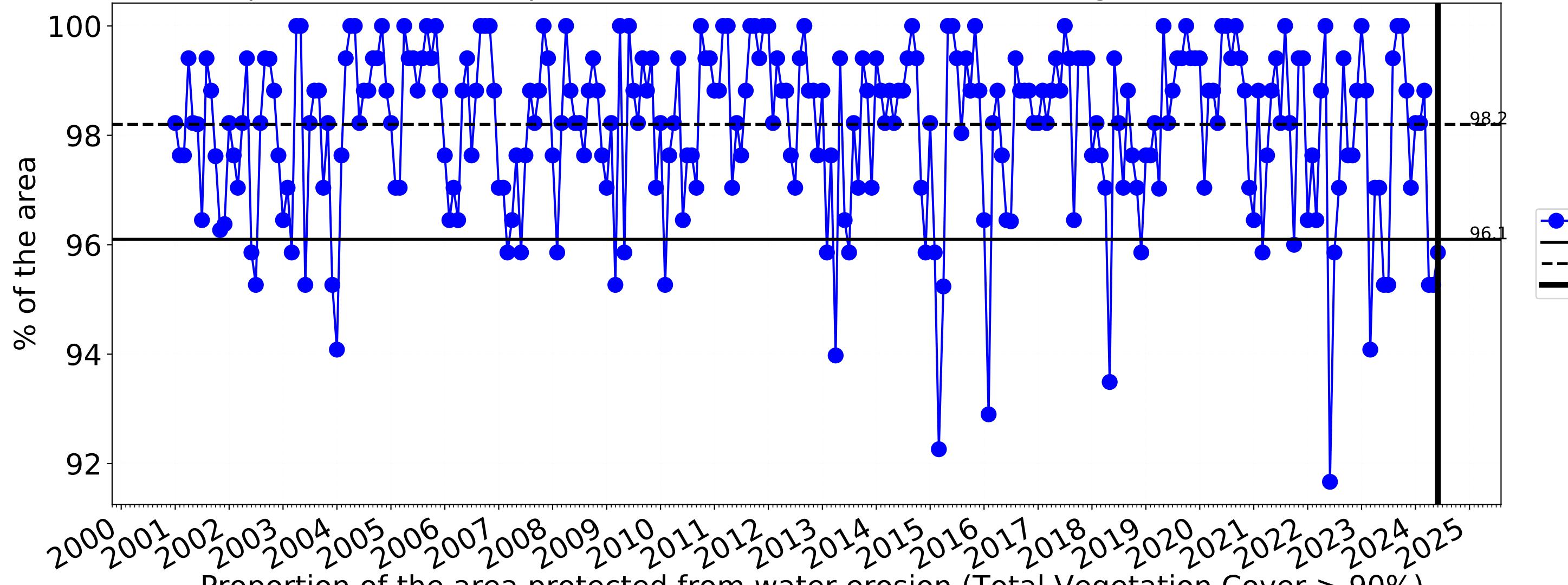
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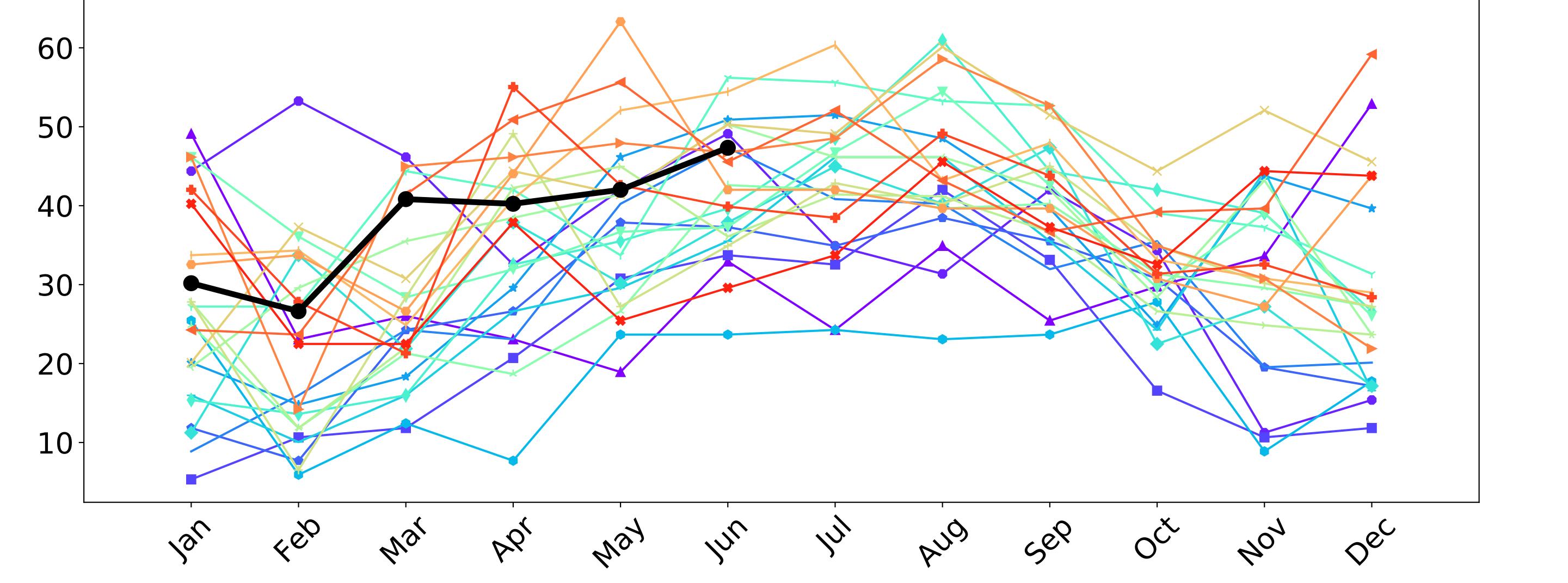
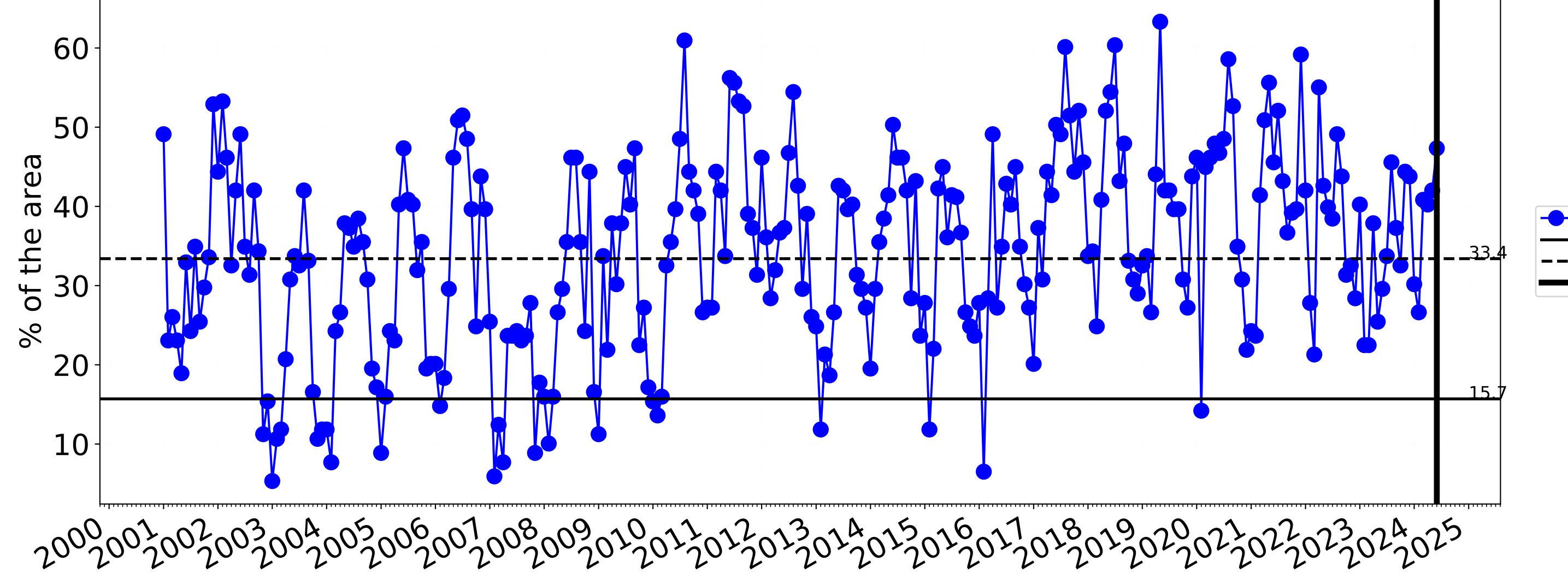
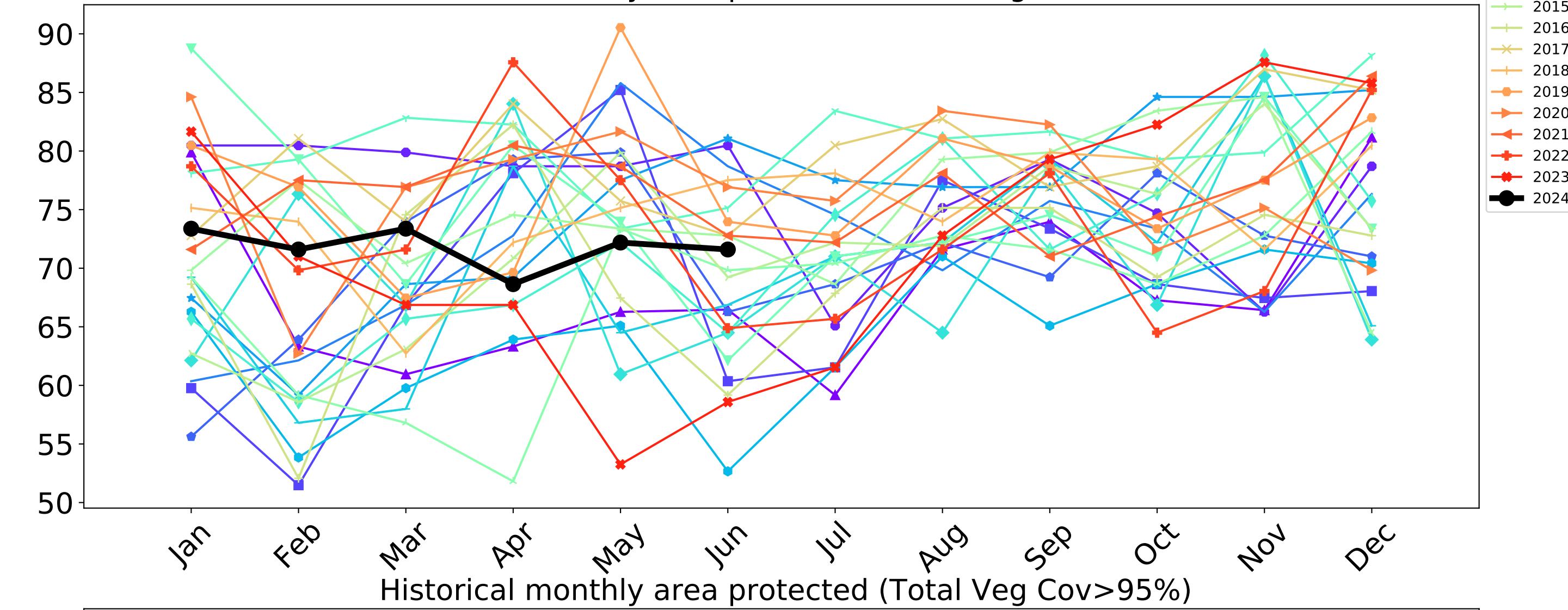
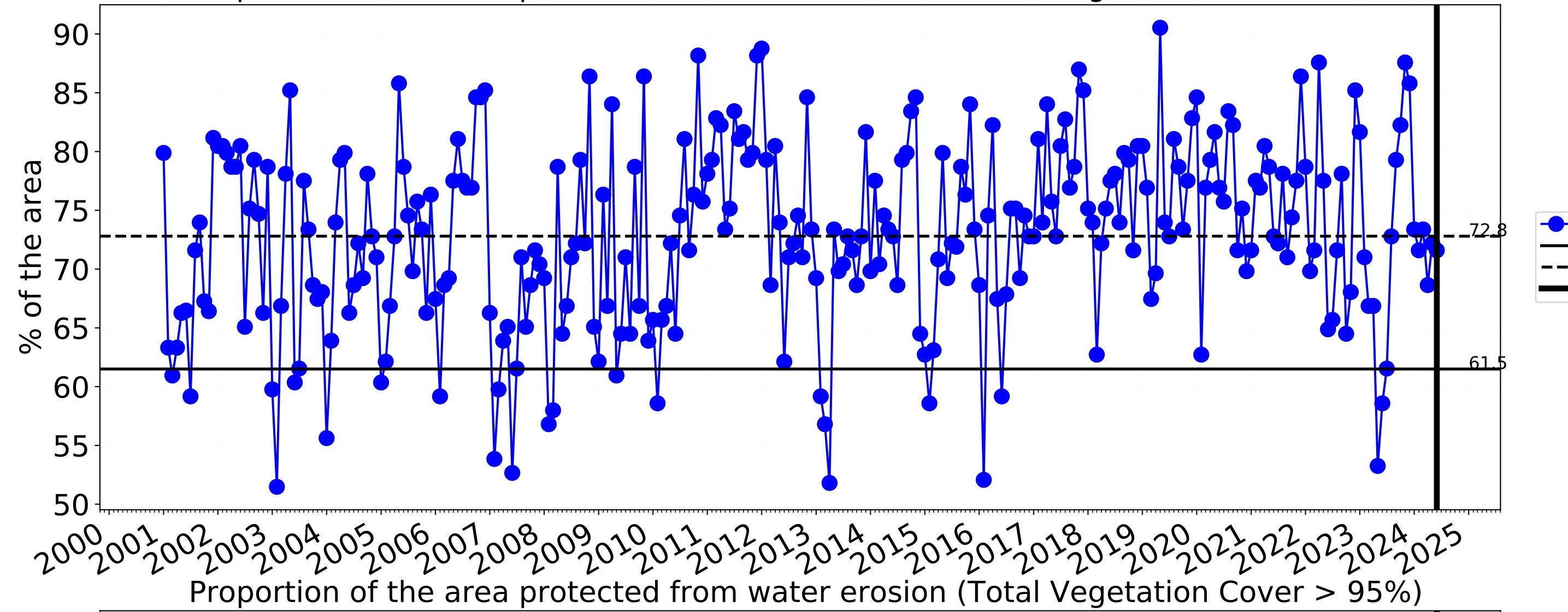
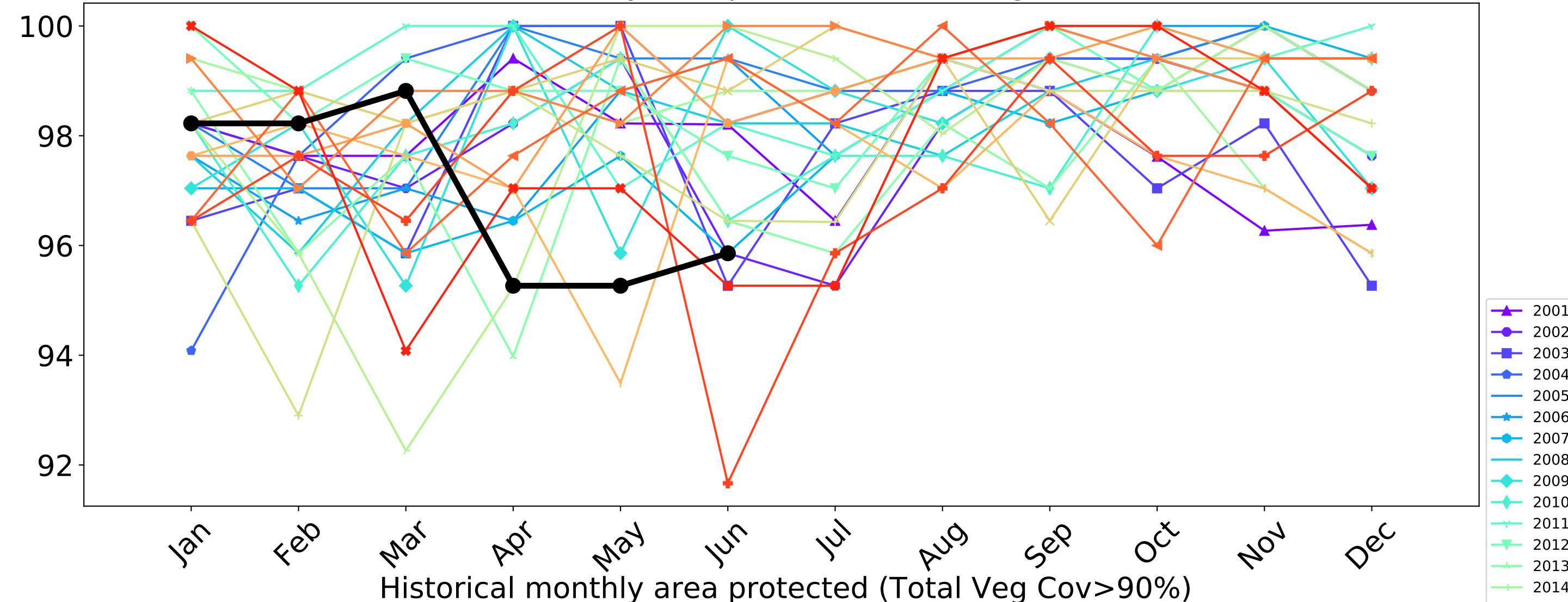
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



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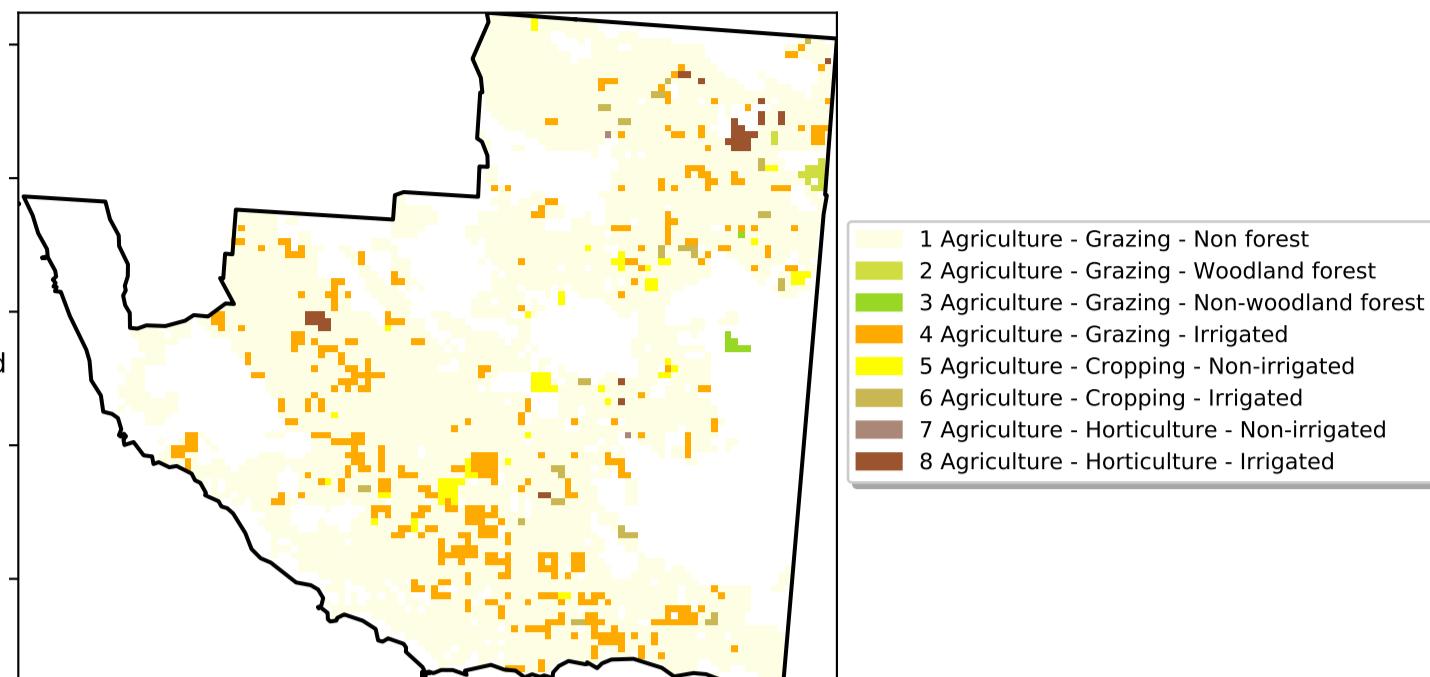
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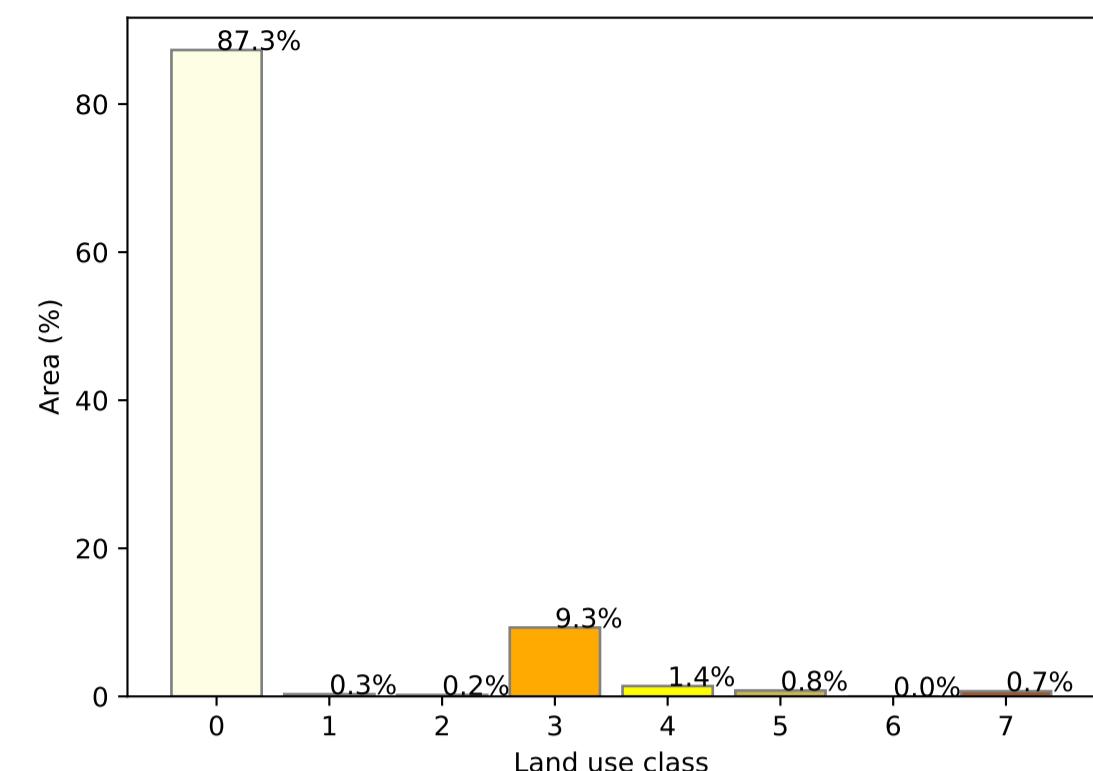
# Agriculture

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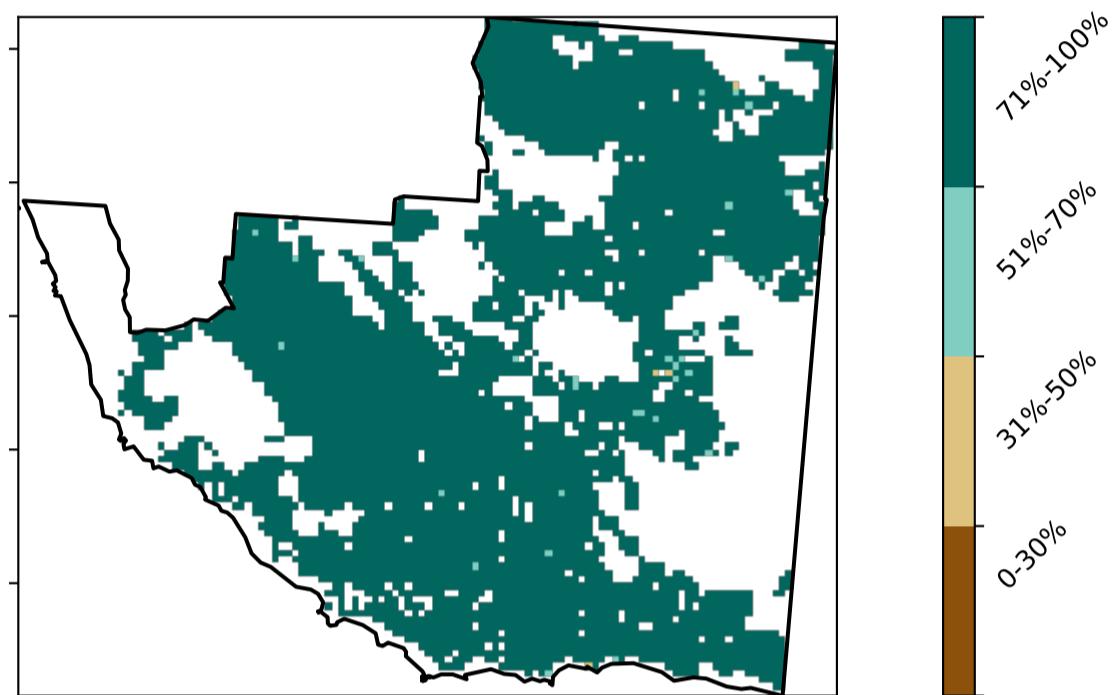
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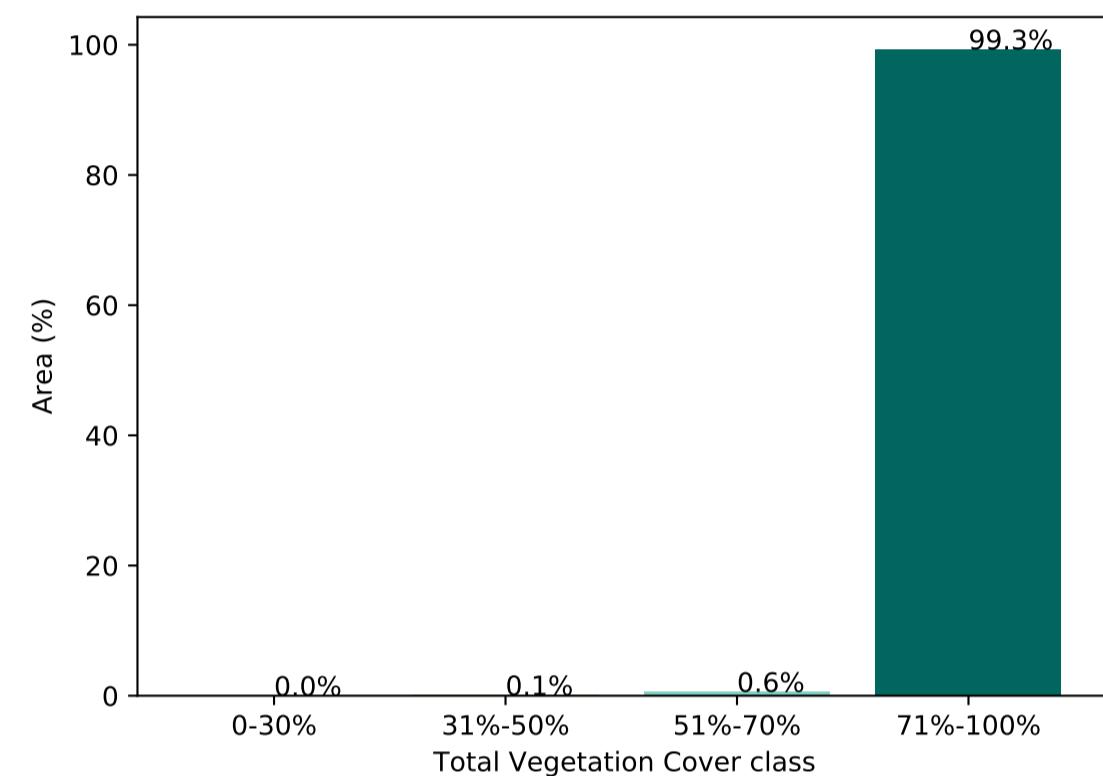
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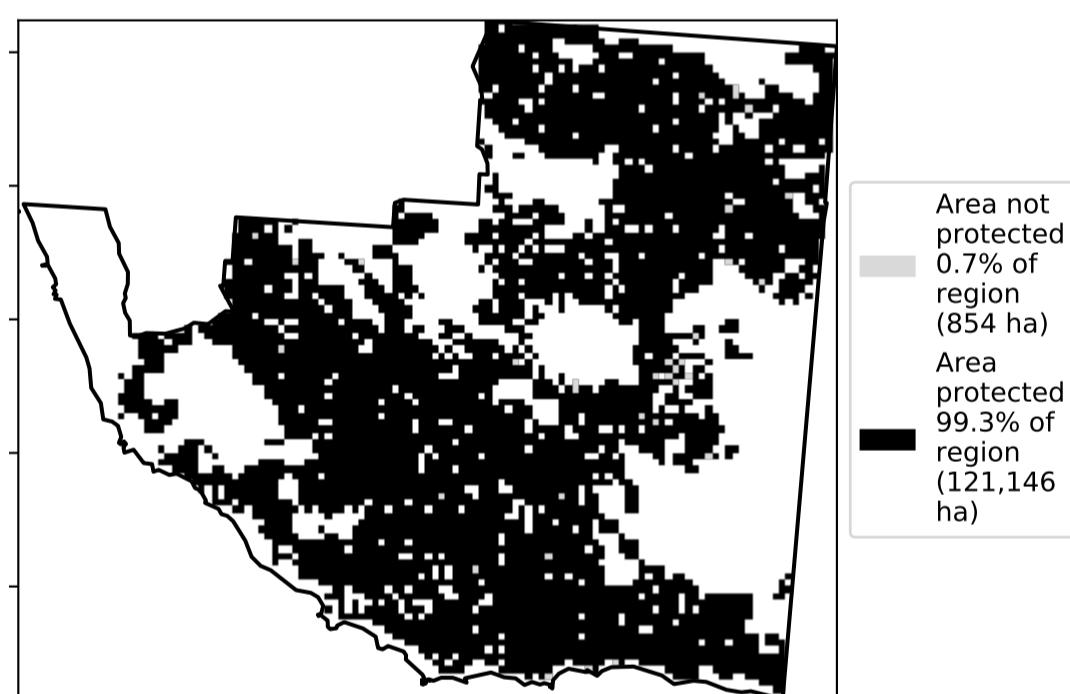
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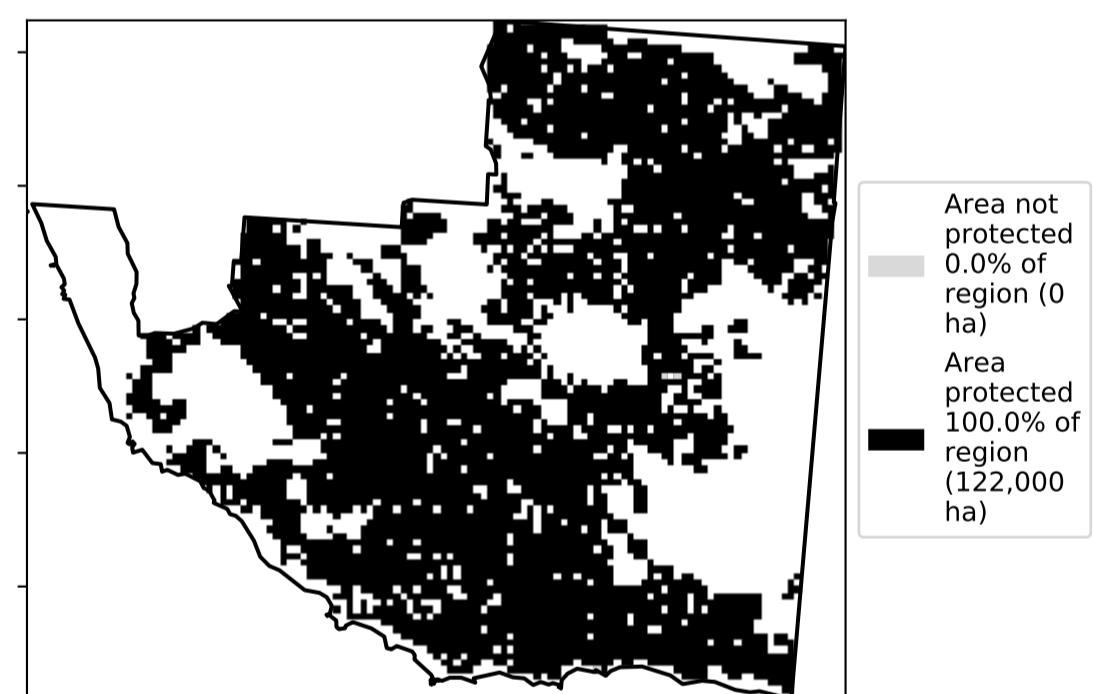
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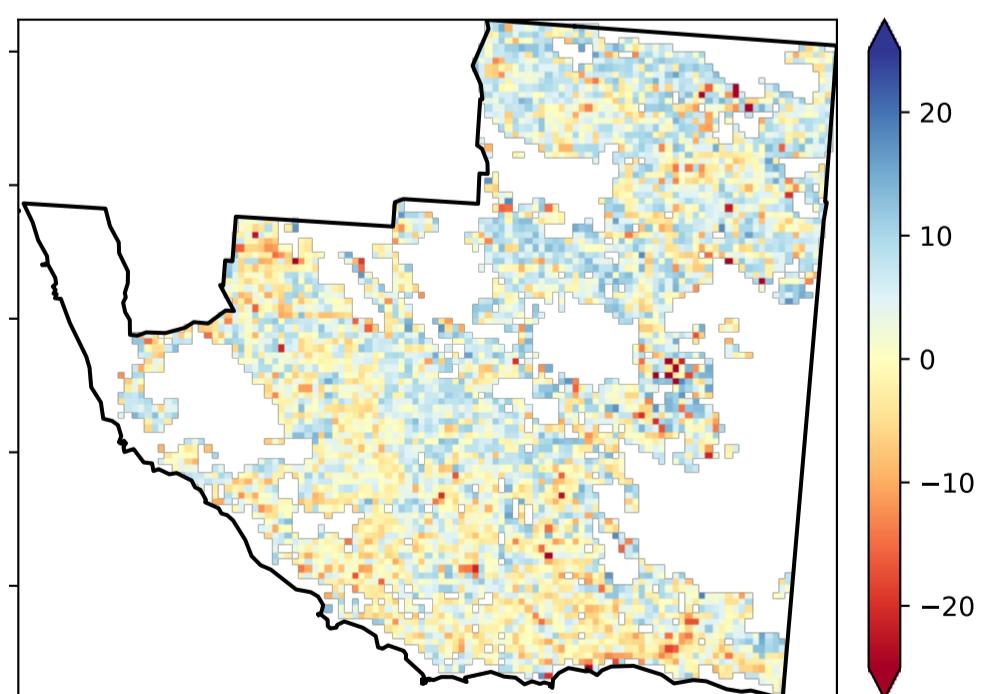


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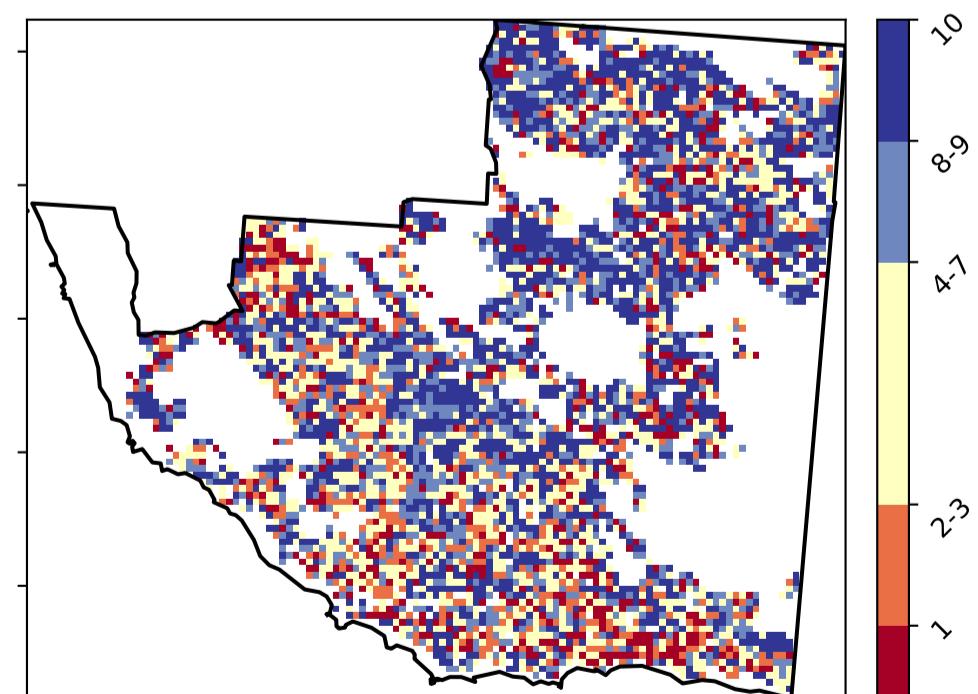
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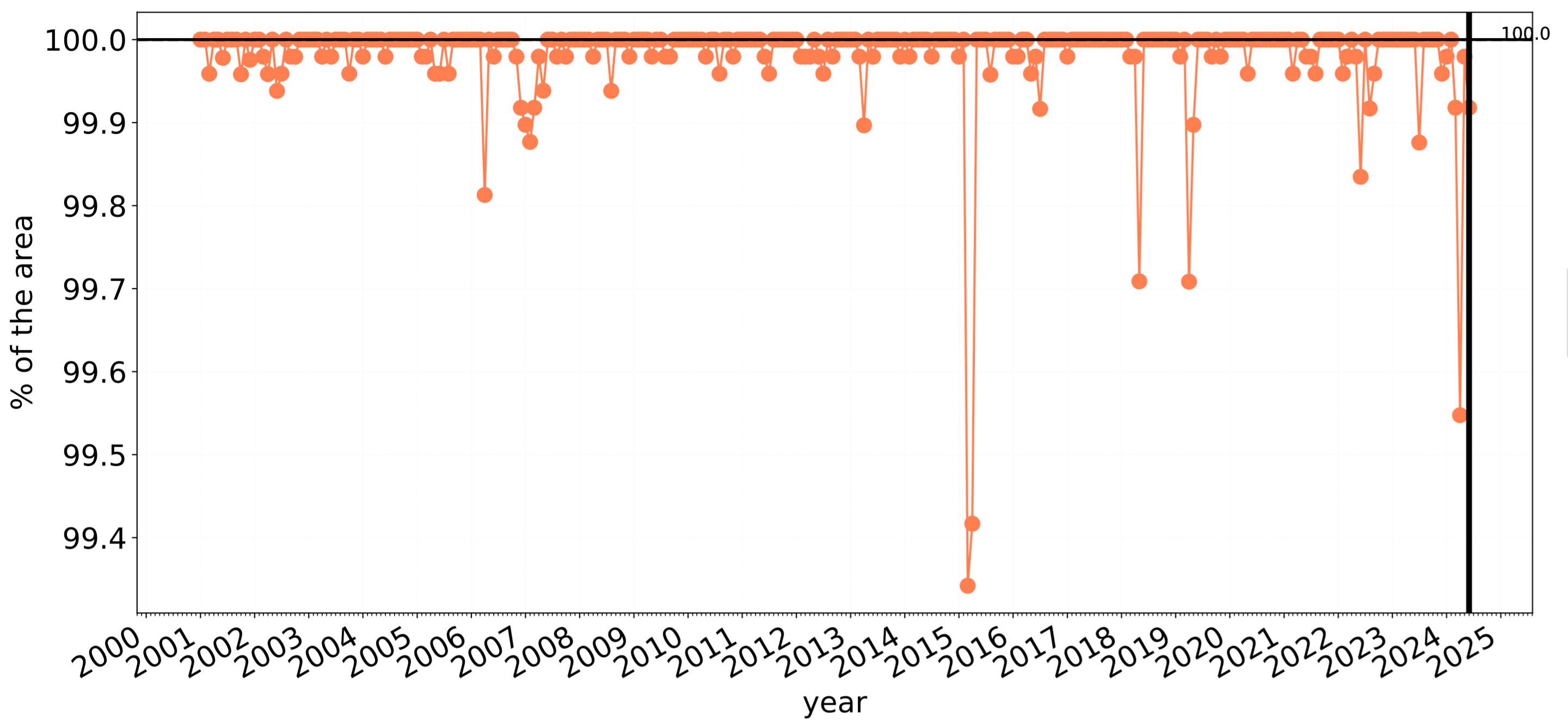
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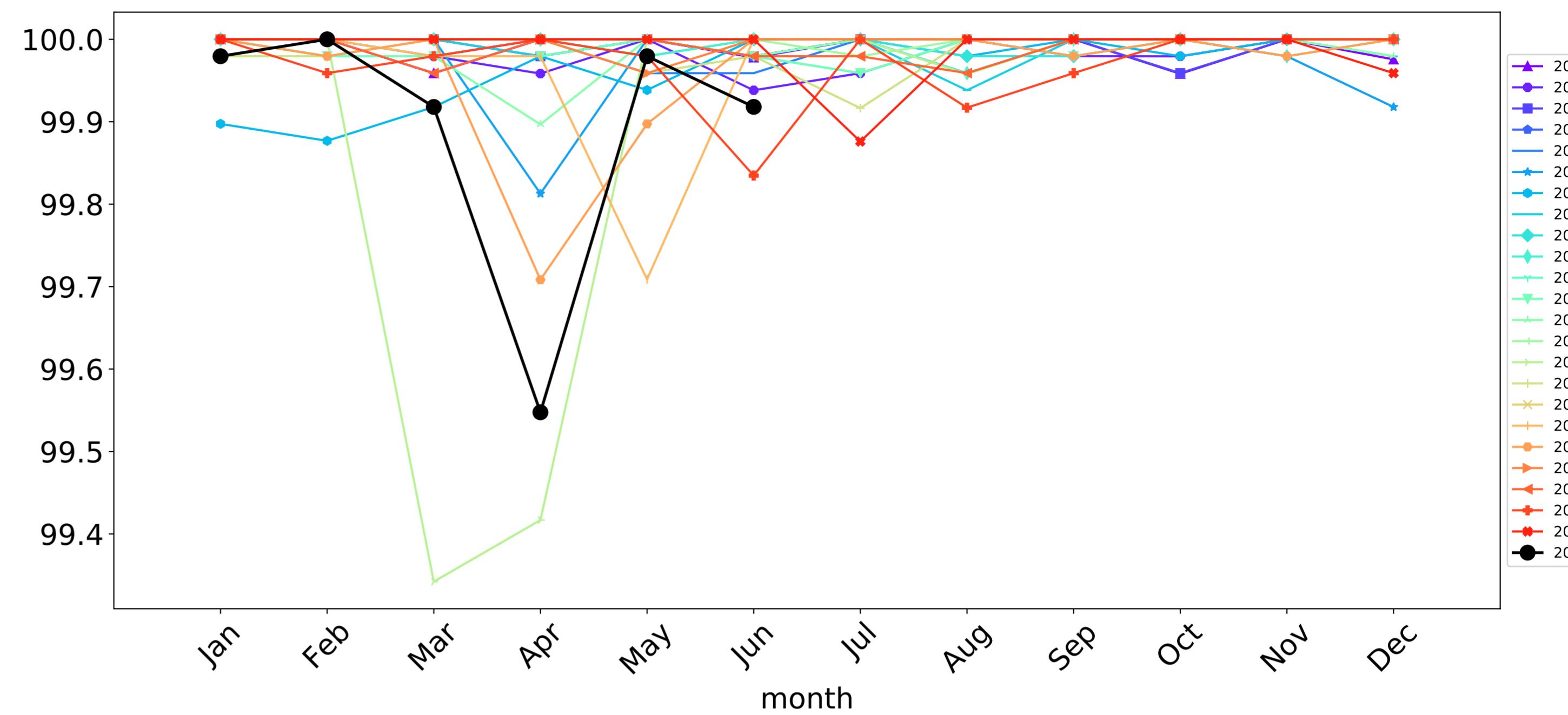


## Agriculture timeseries

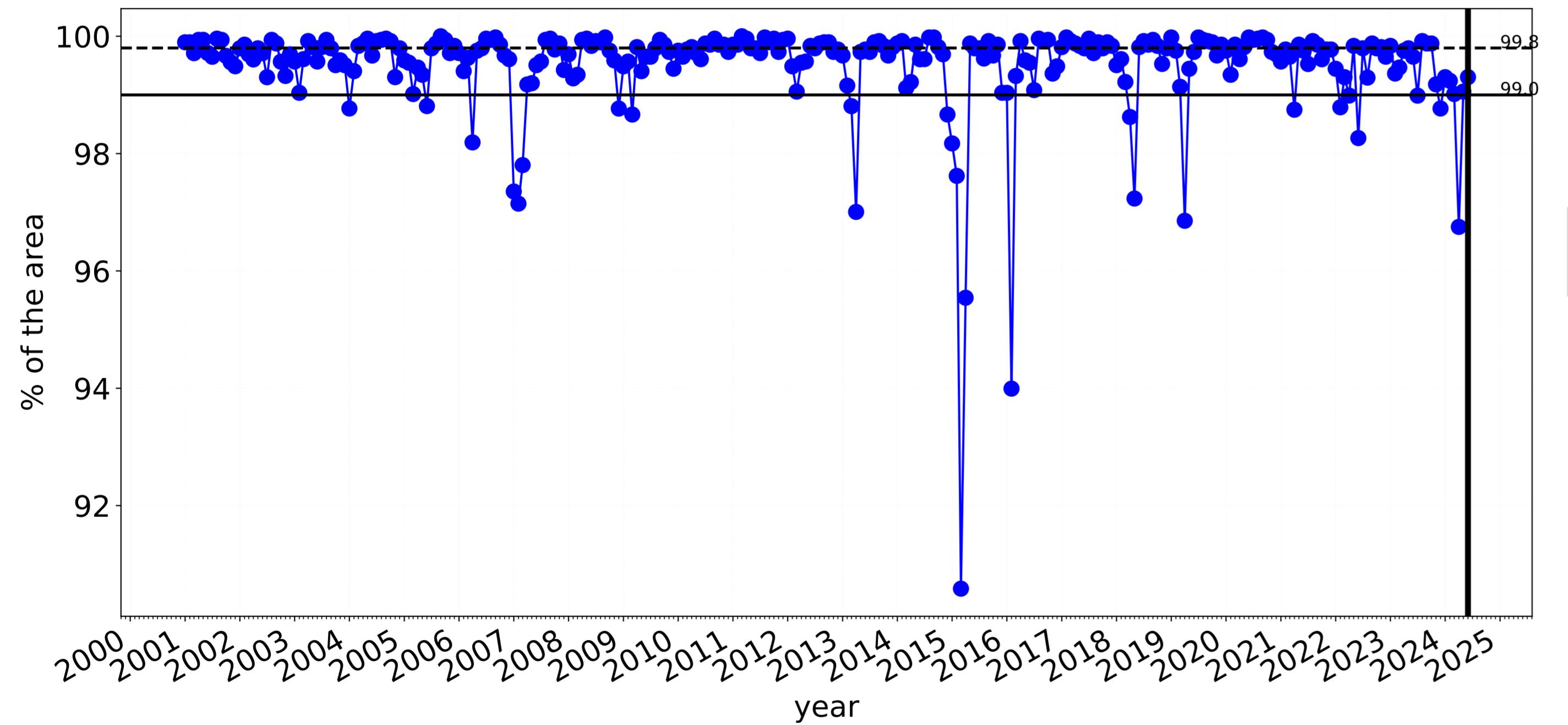
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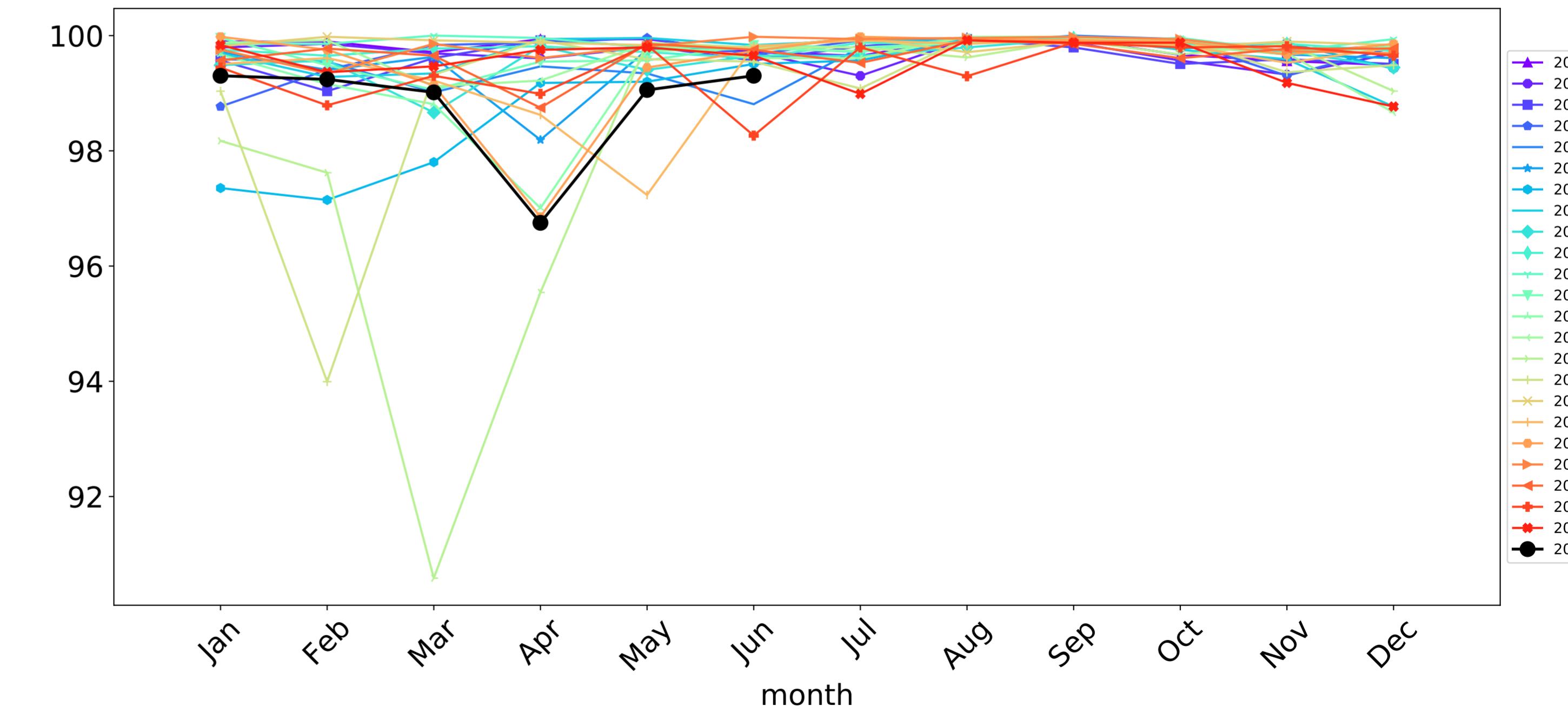
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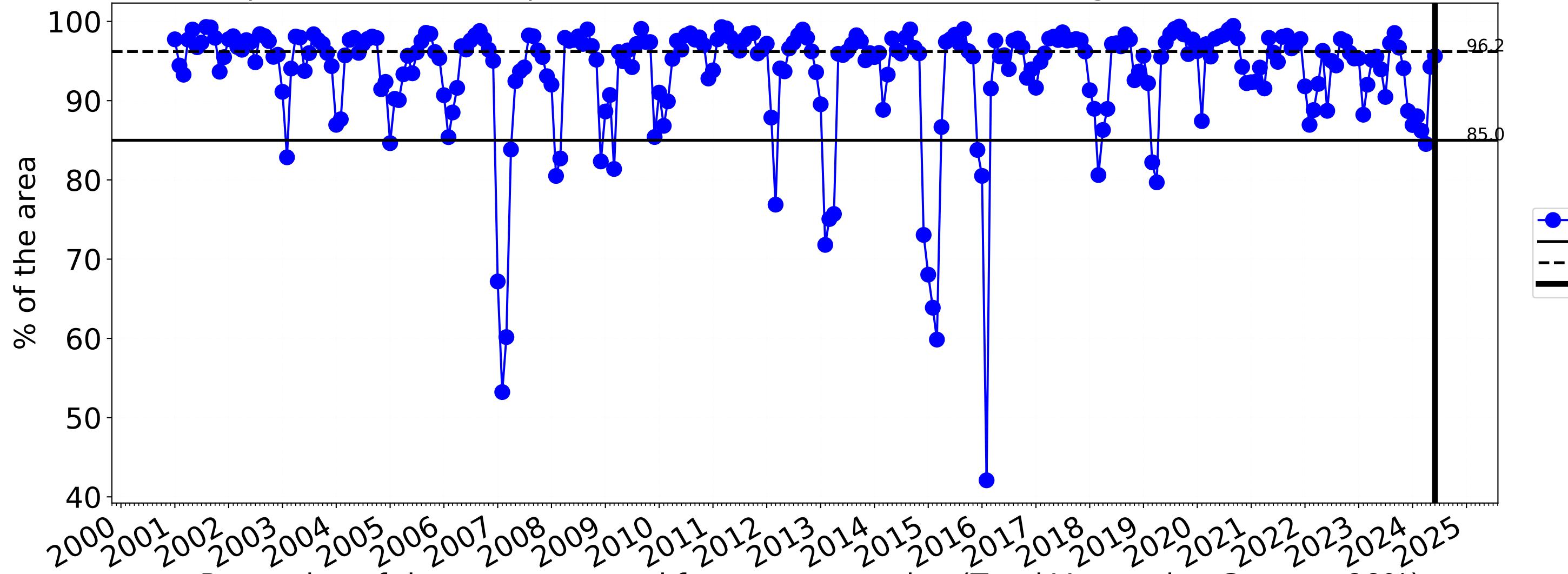
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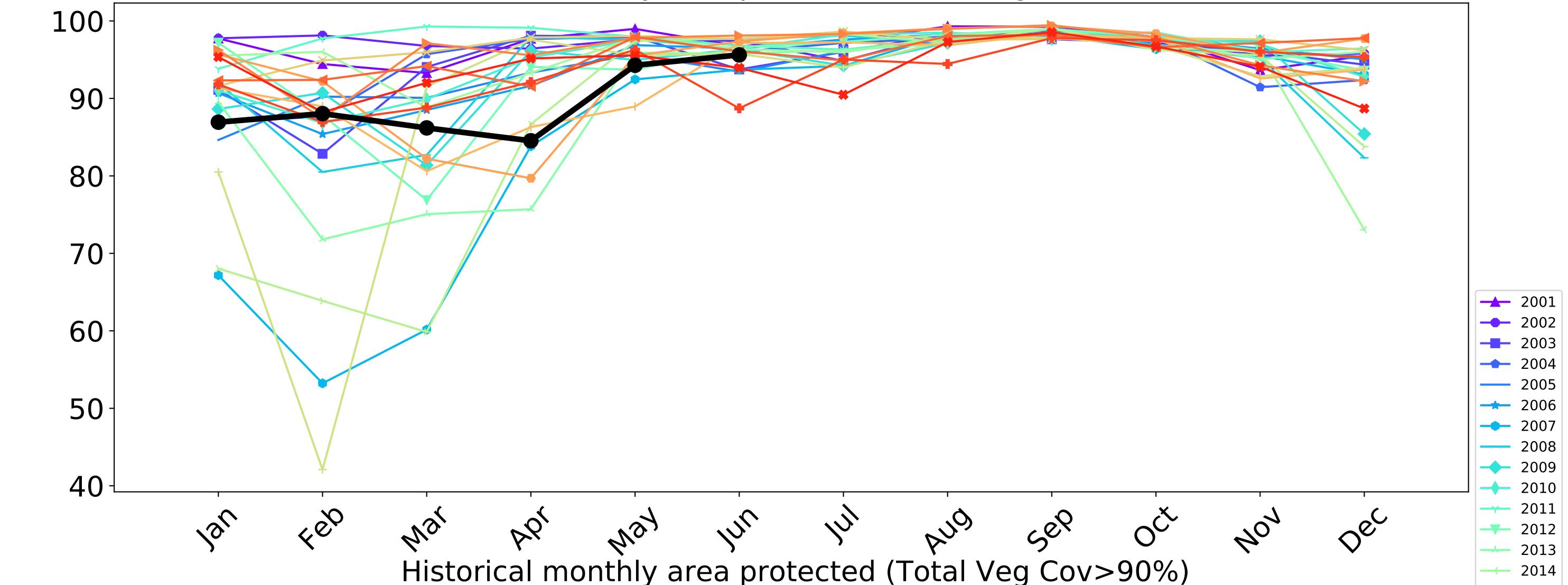
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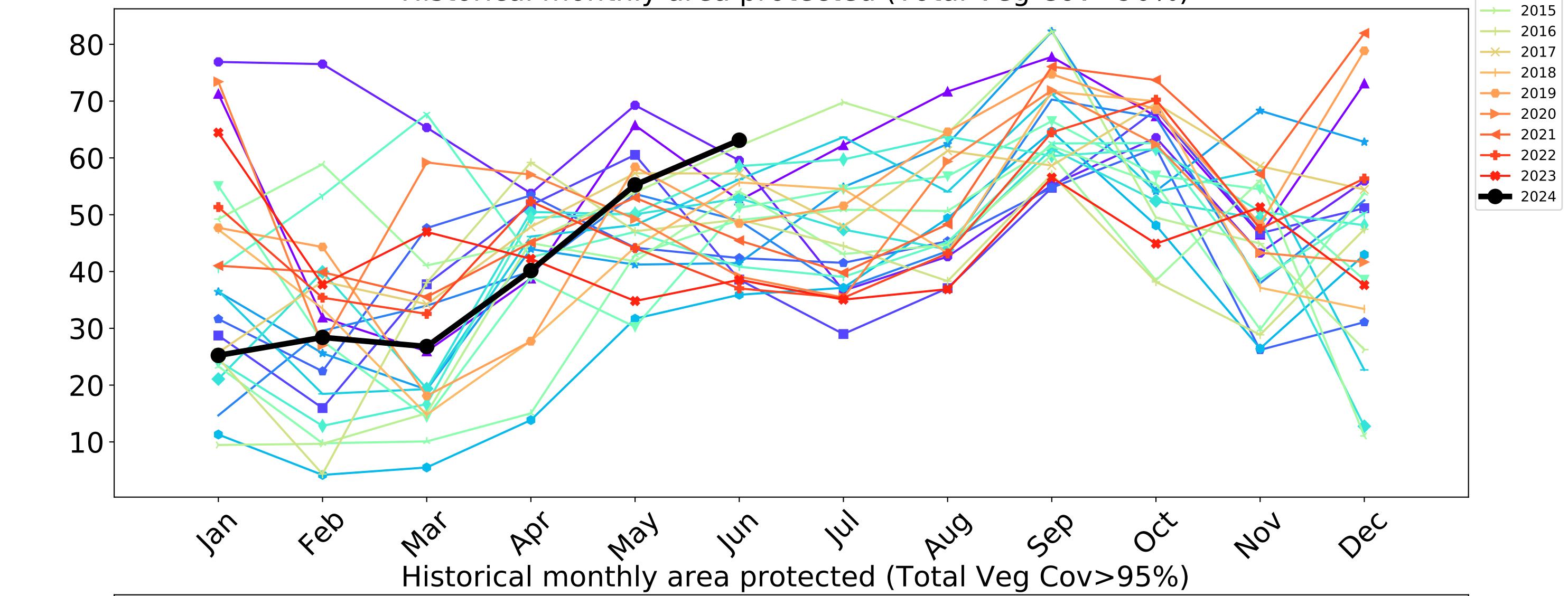
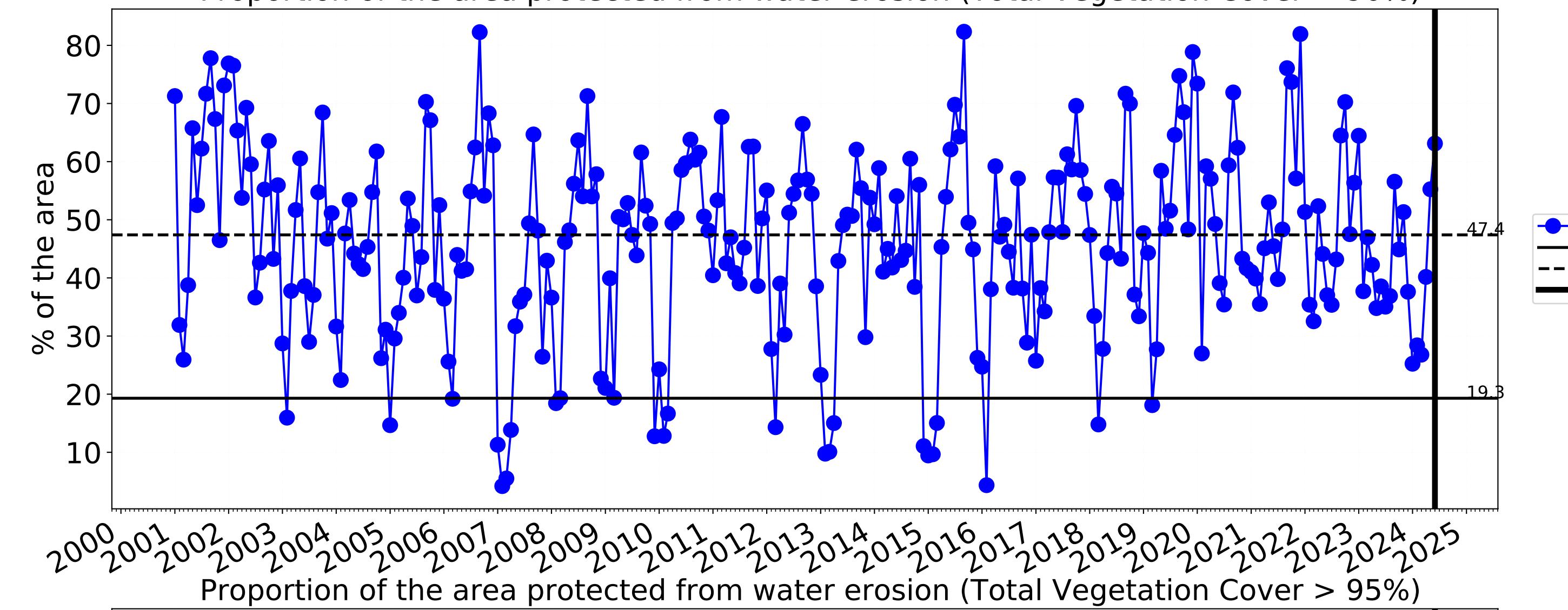
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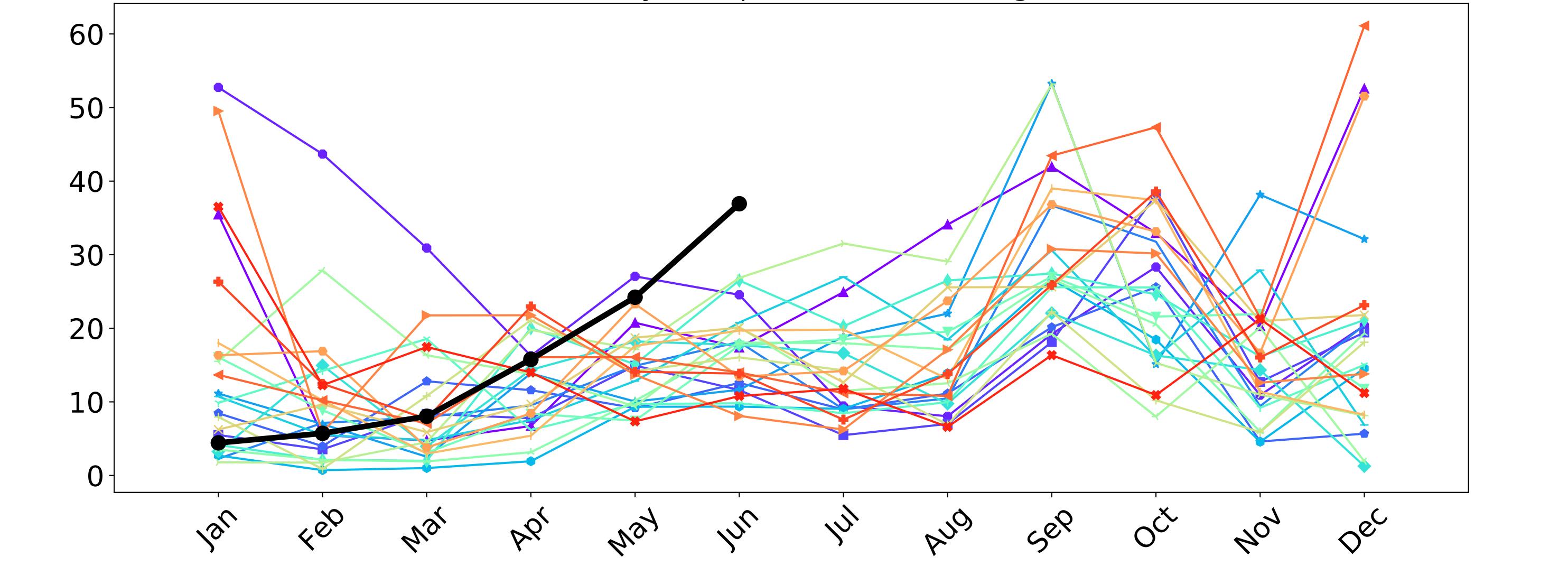
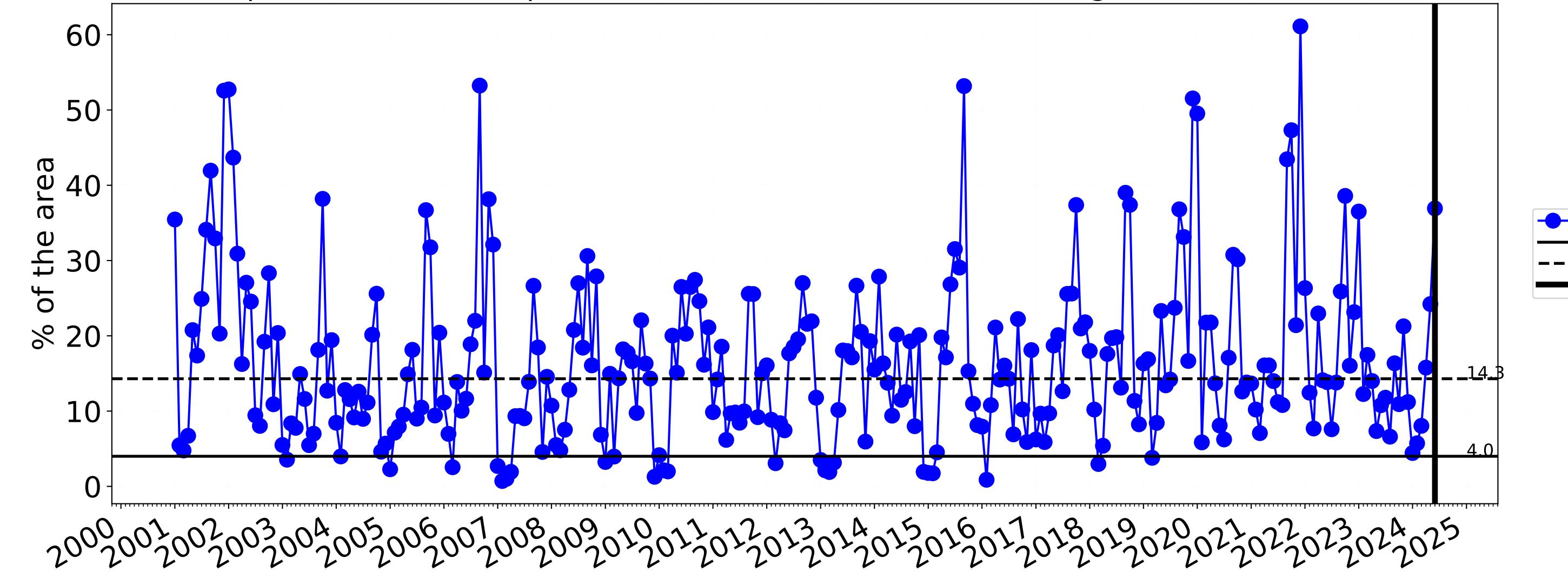
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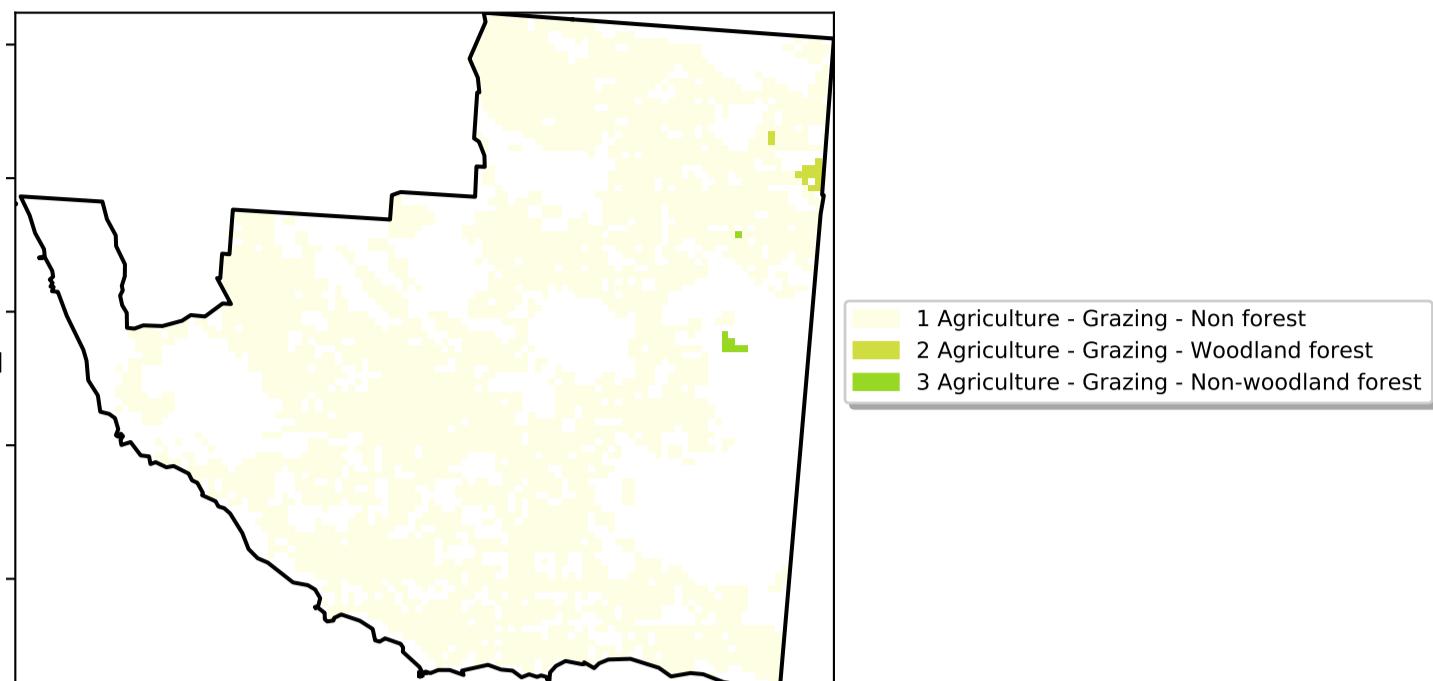
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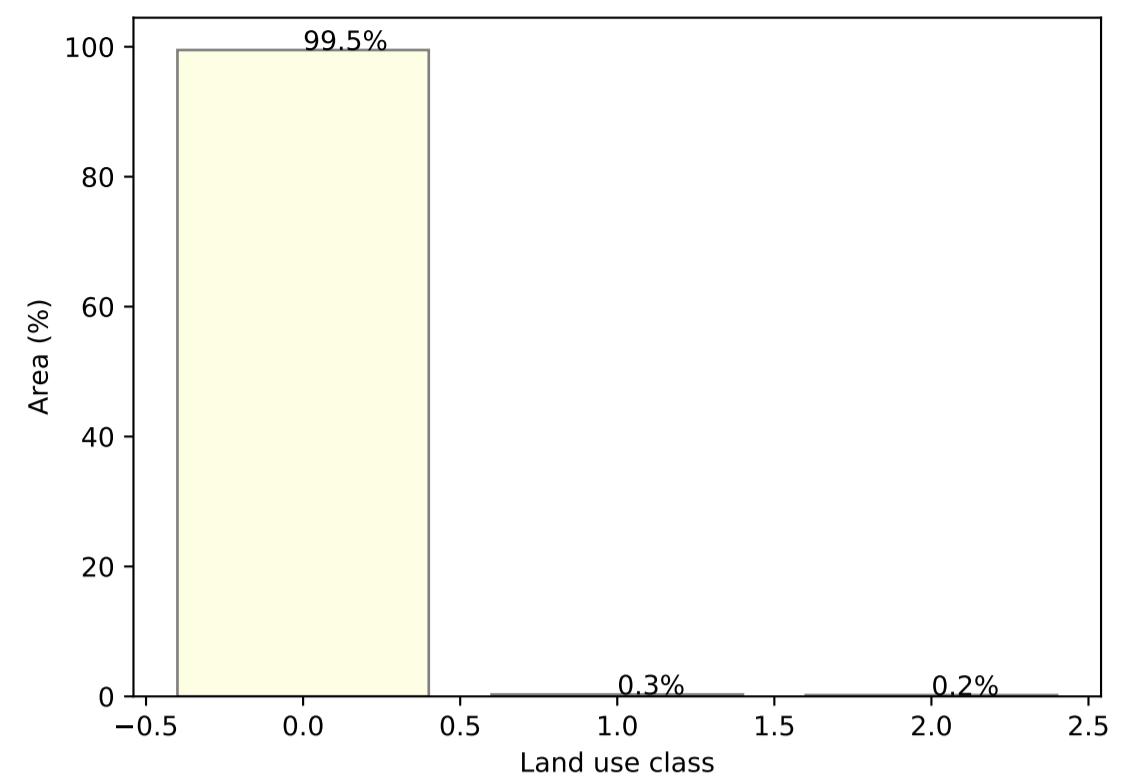
## Grazing

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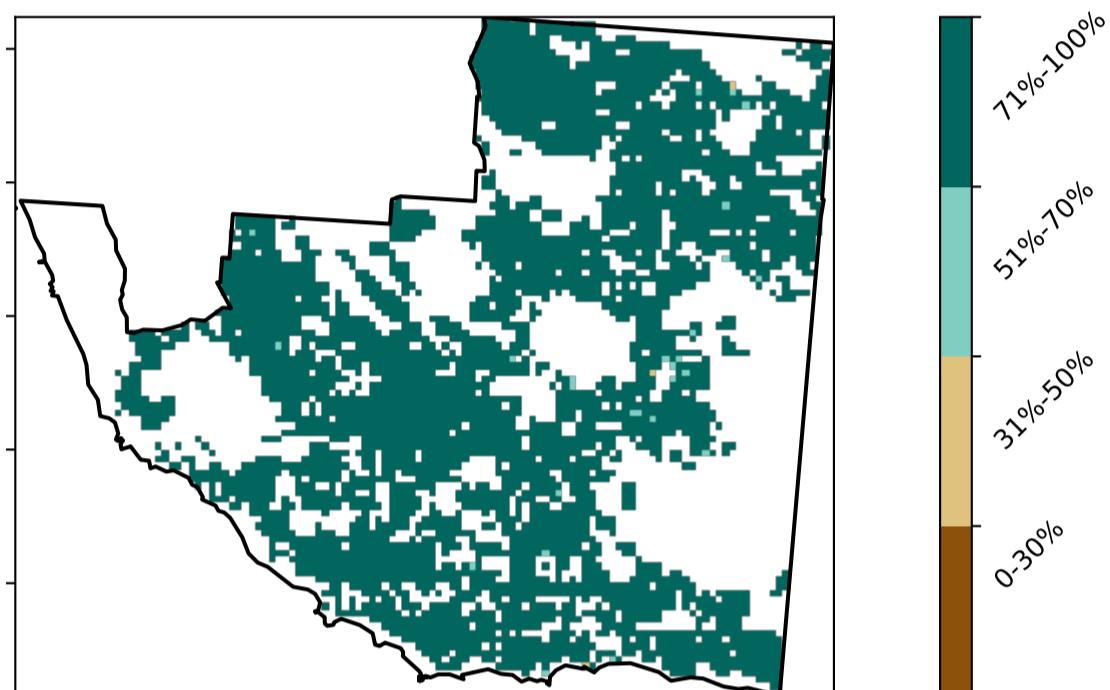
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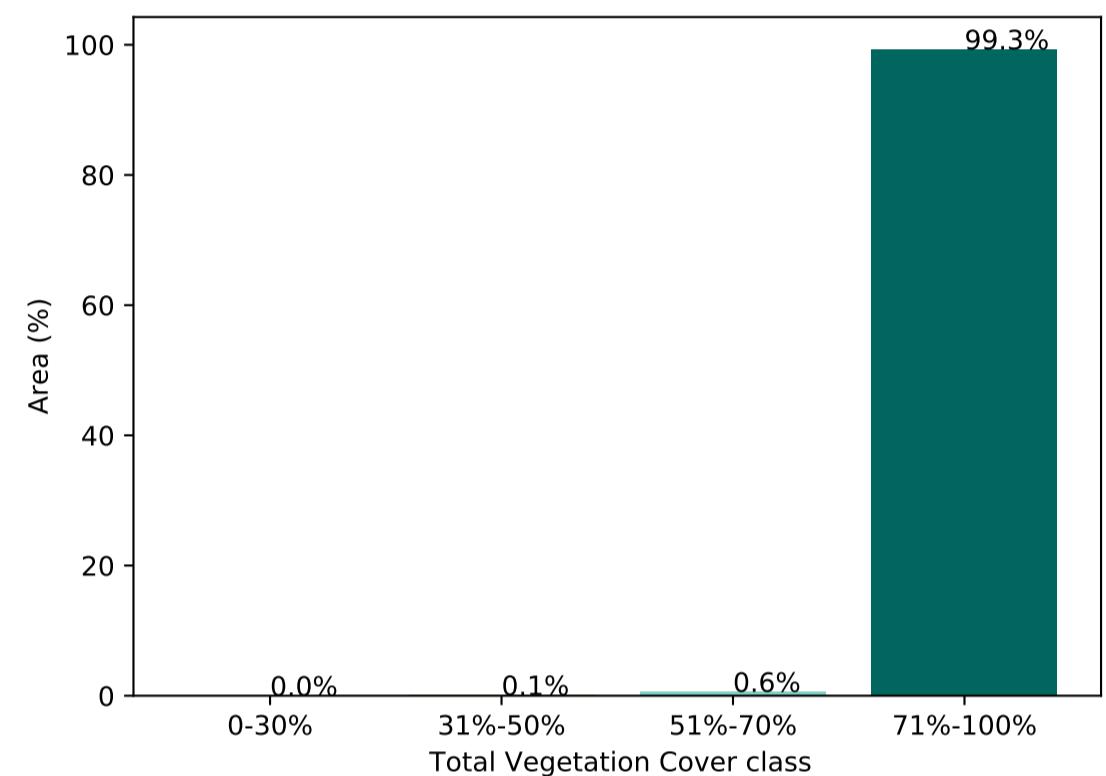
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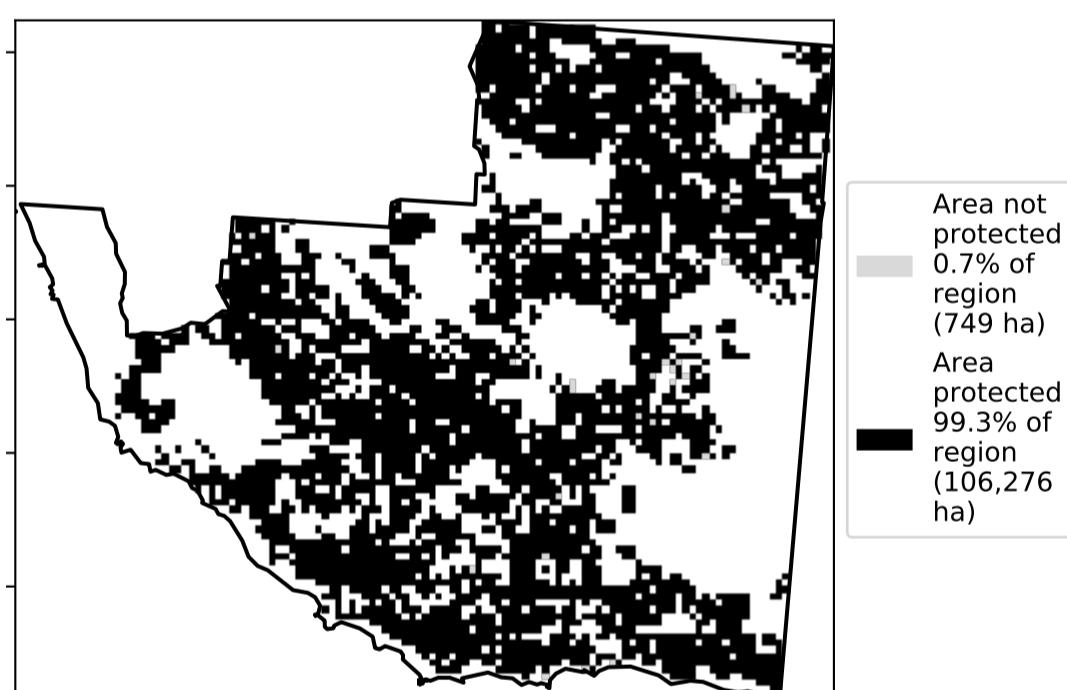
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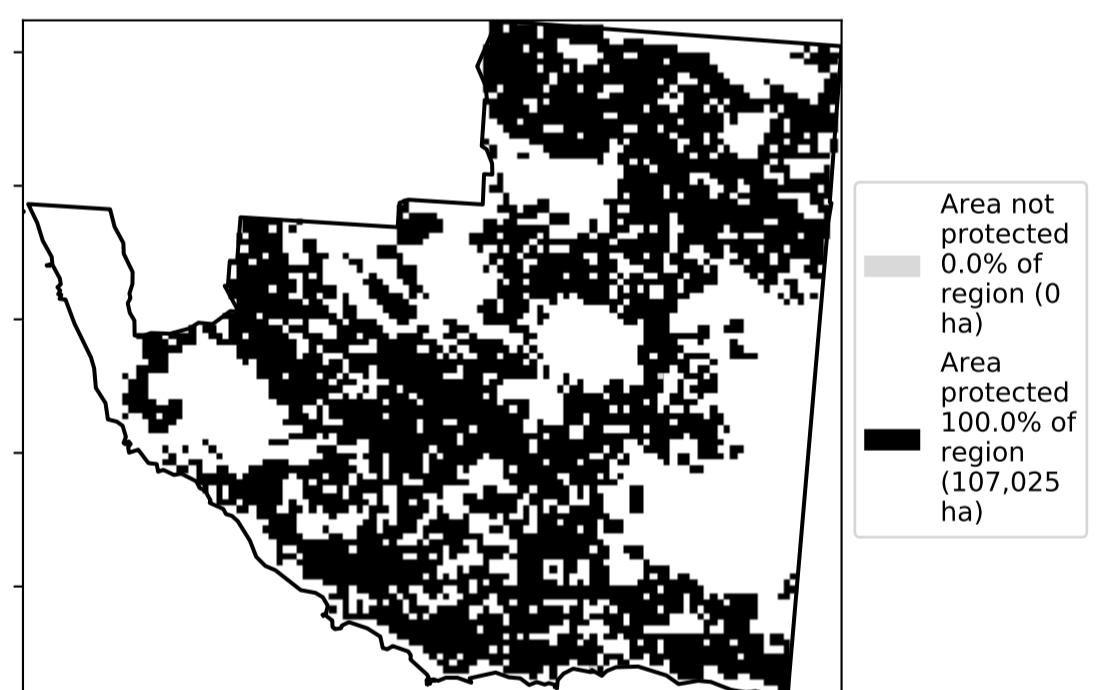
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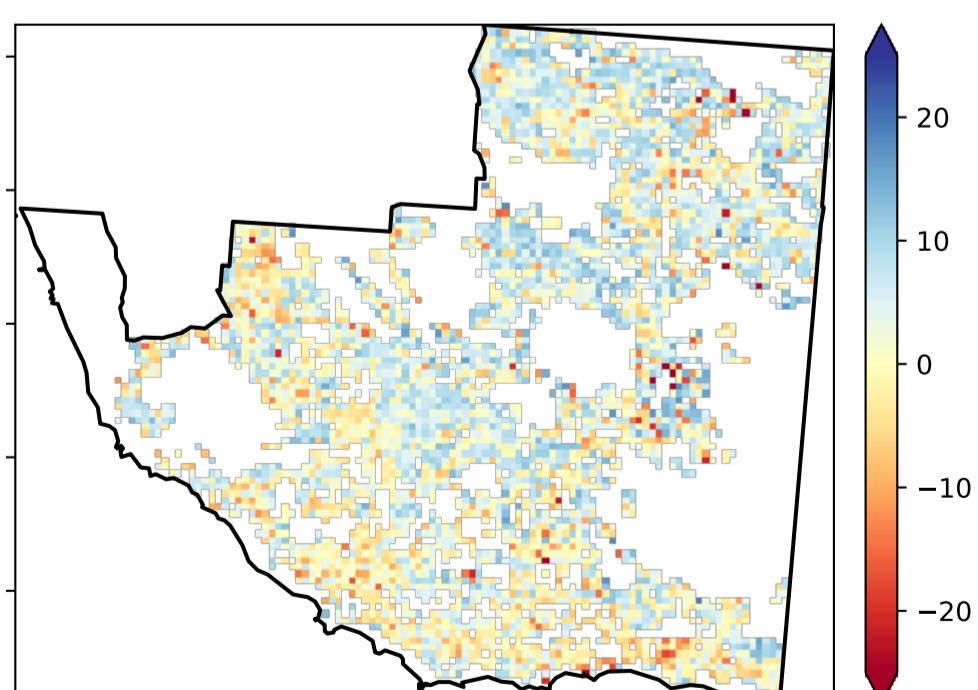


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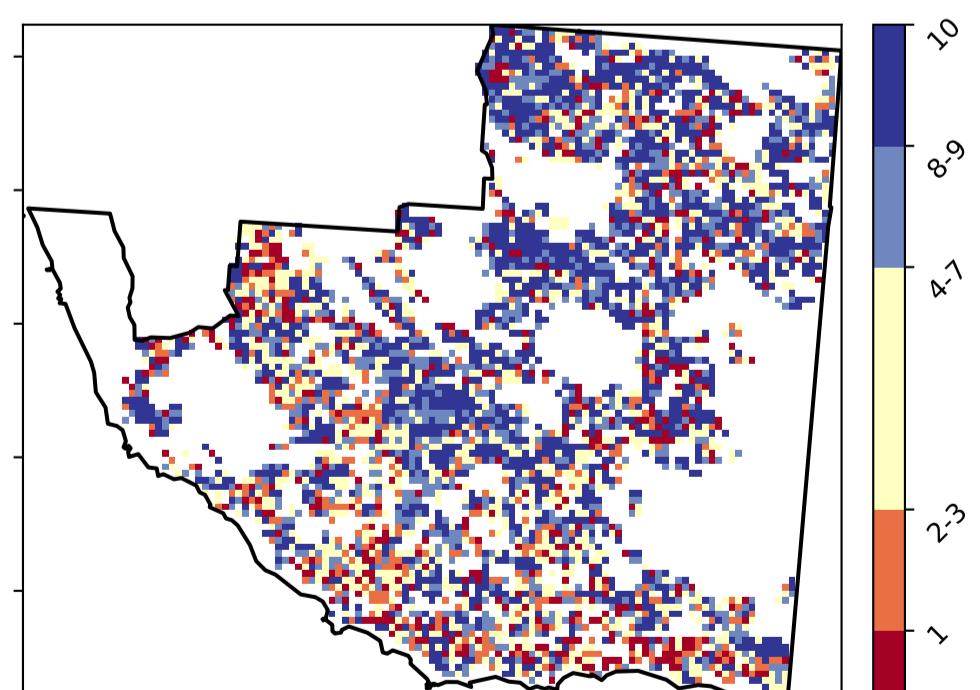
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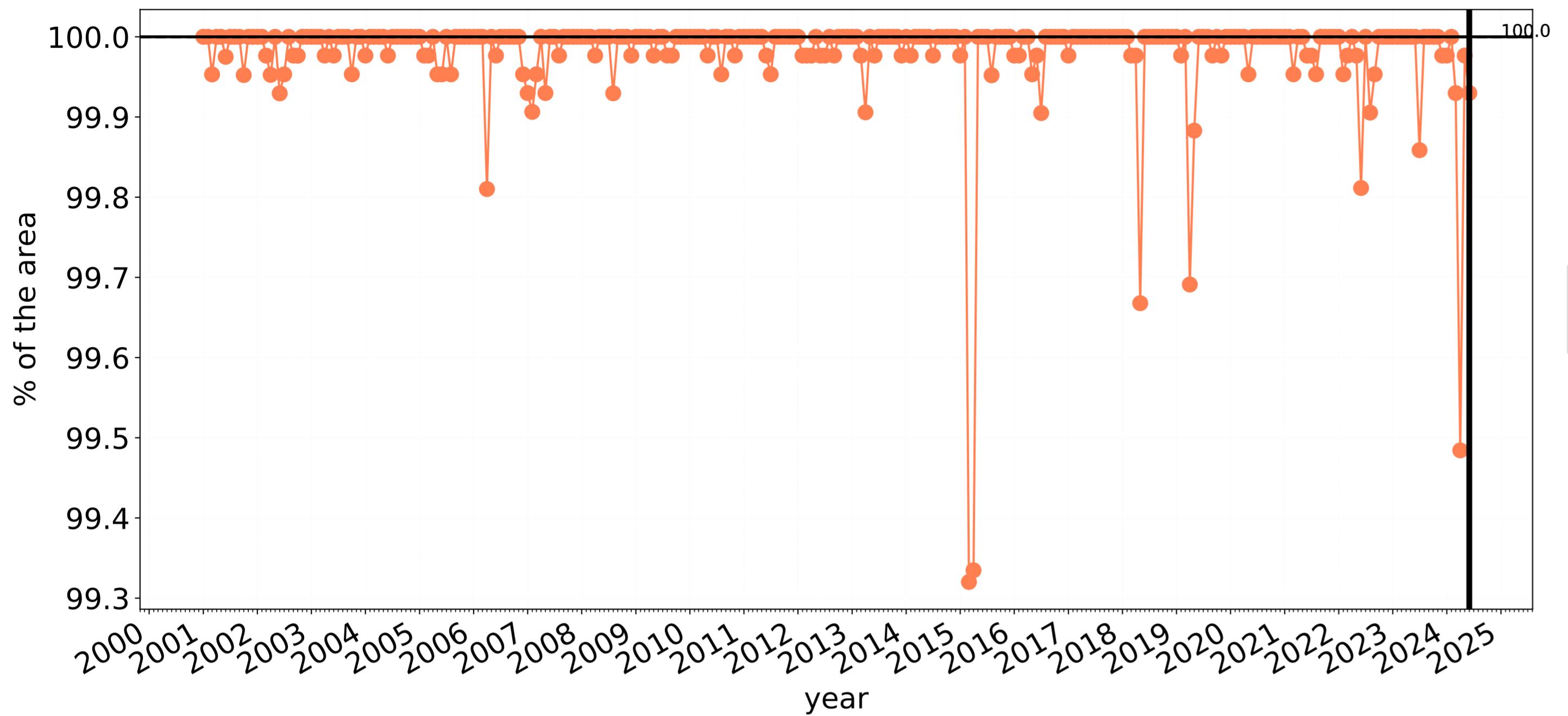
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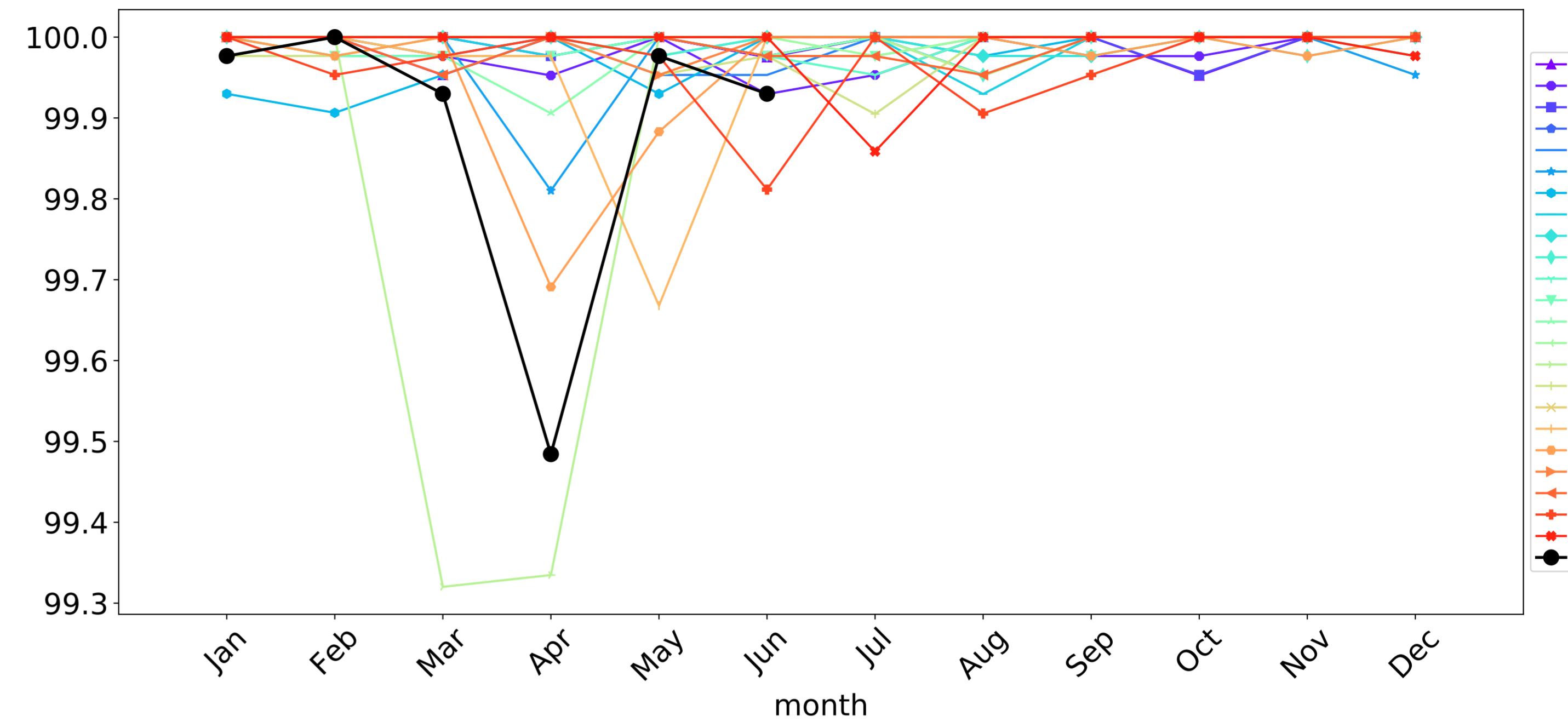


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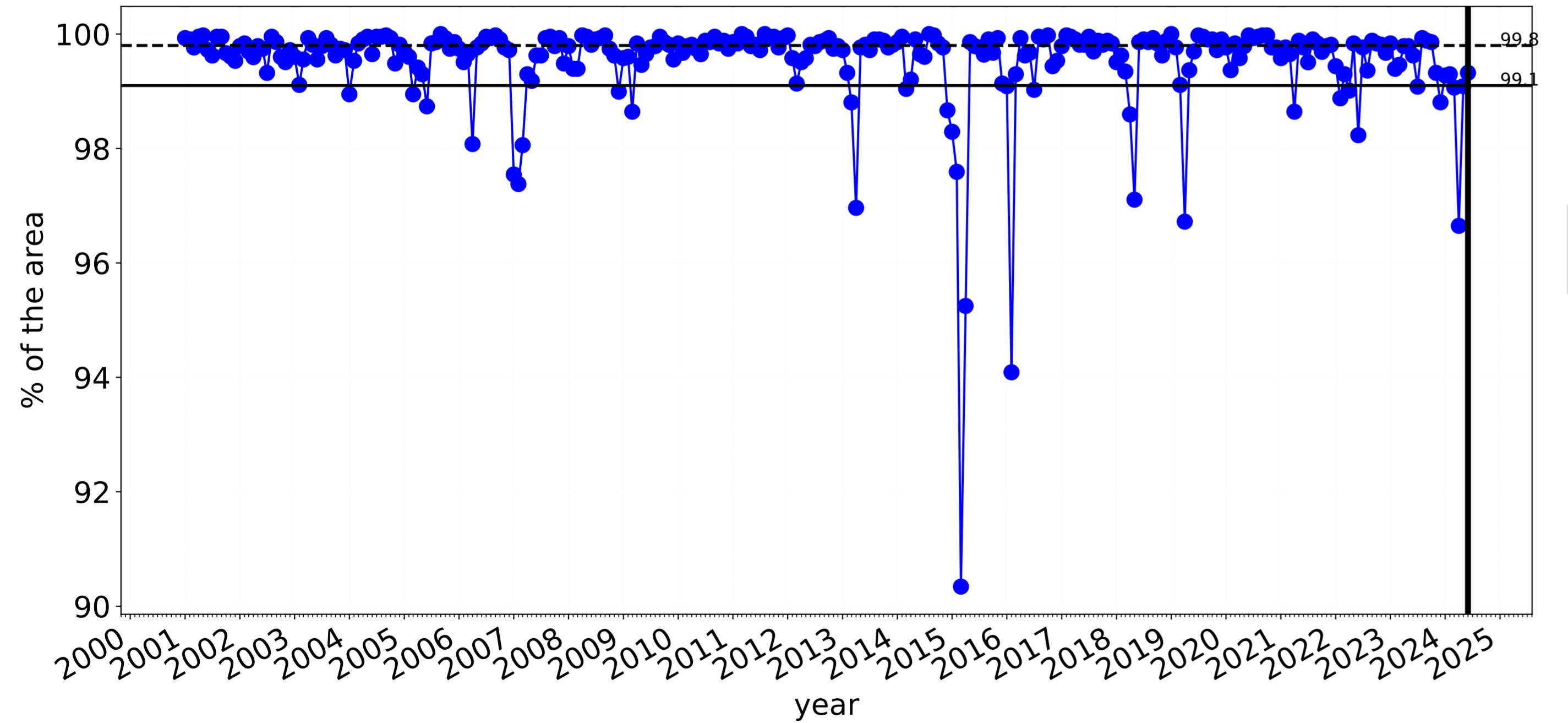
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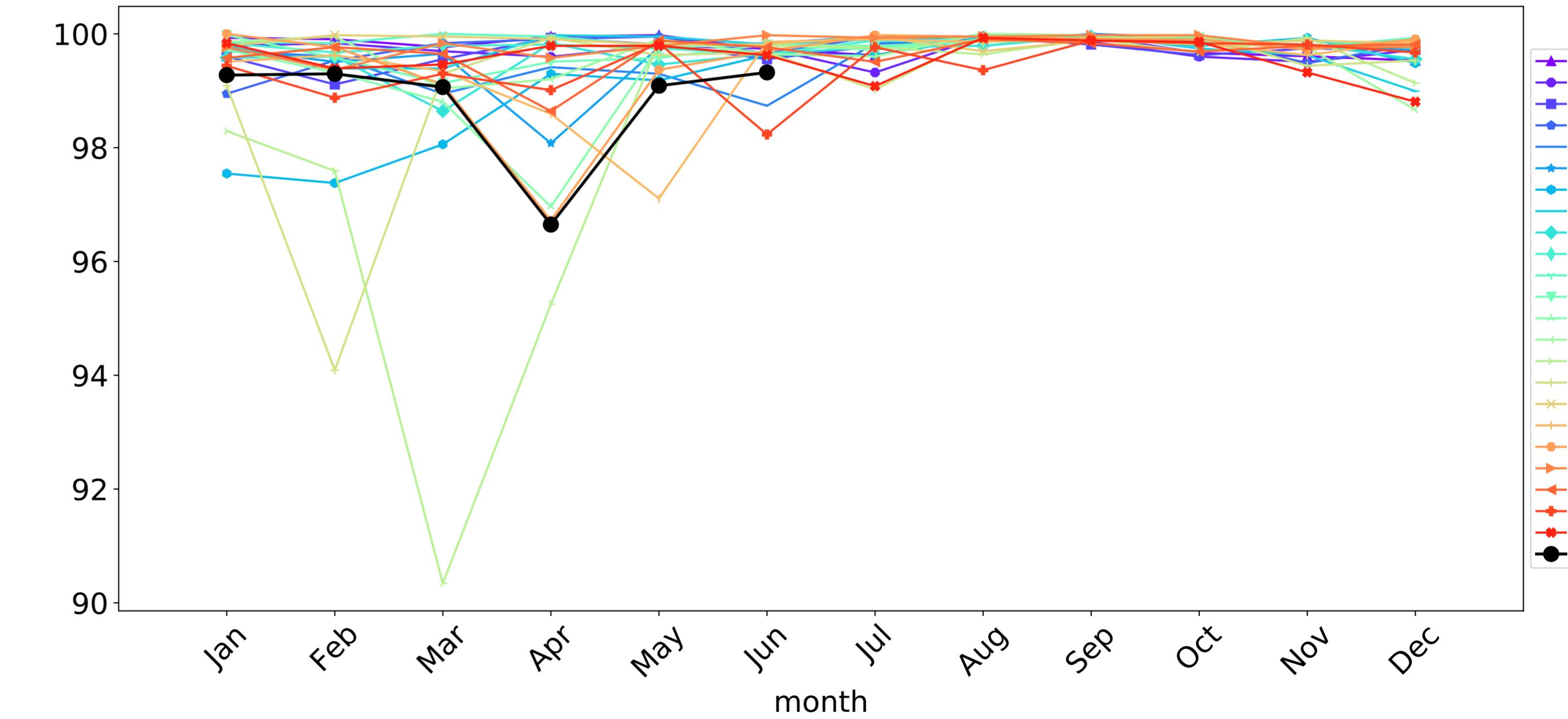
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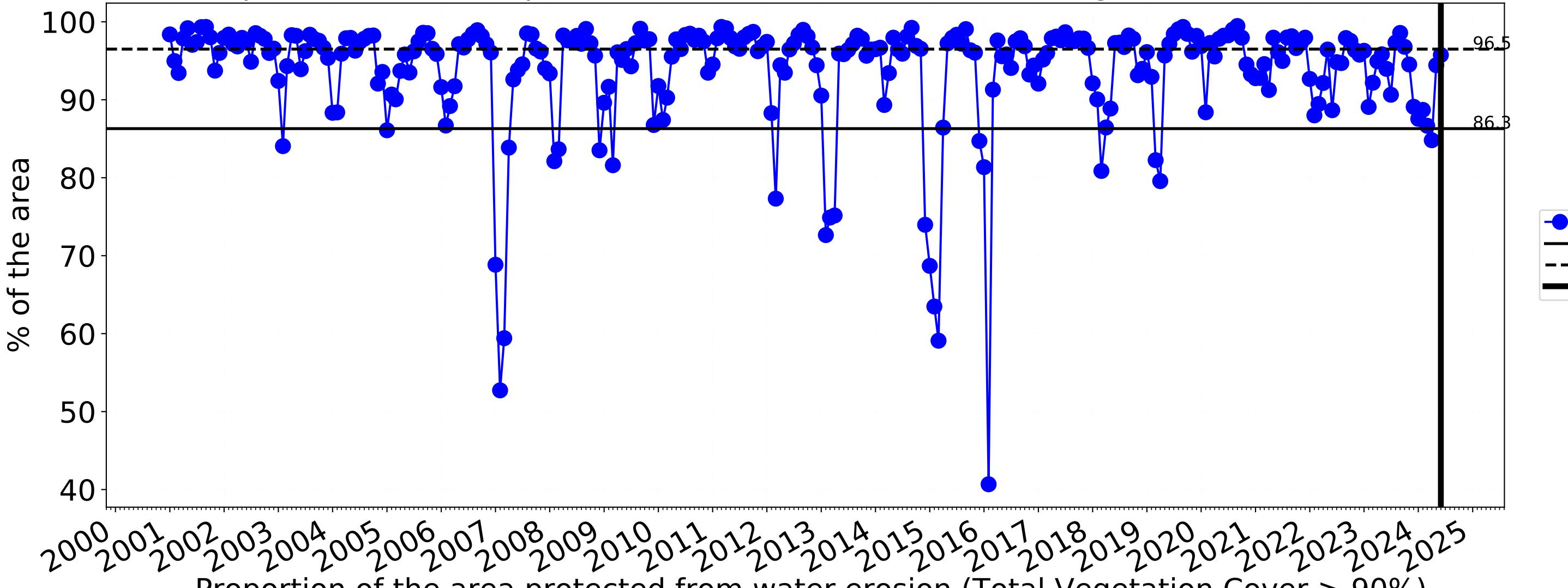
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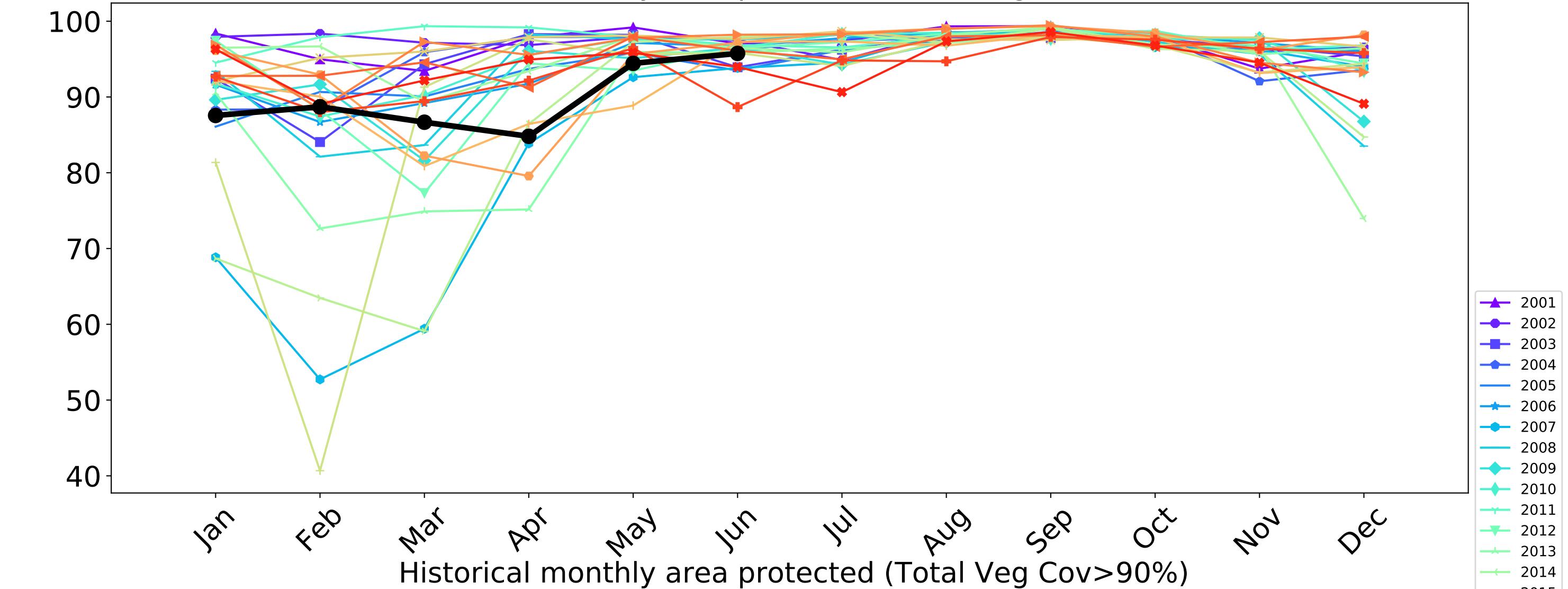
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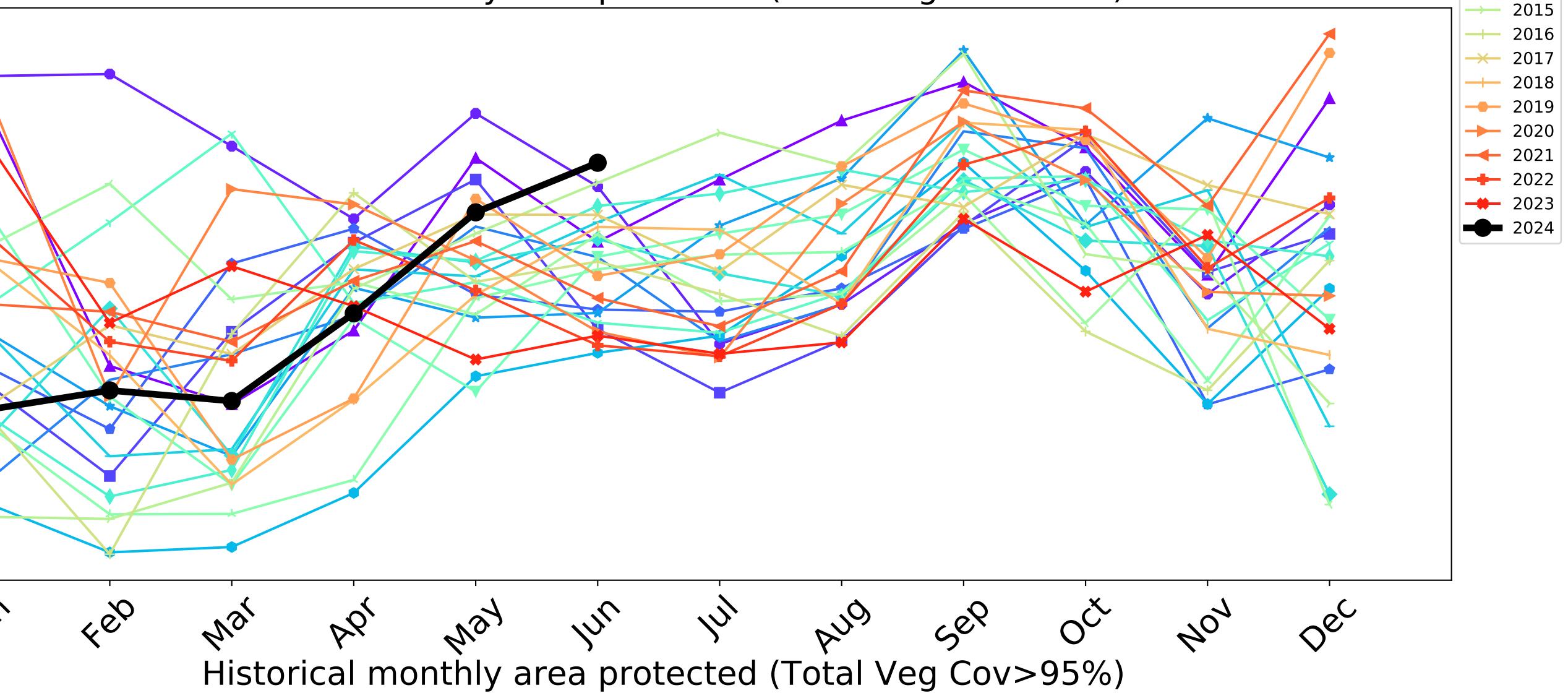
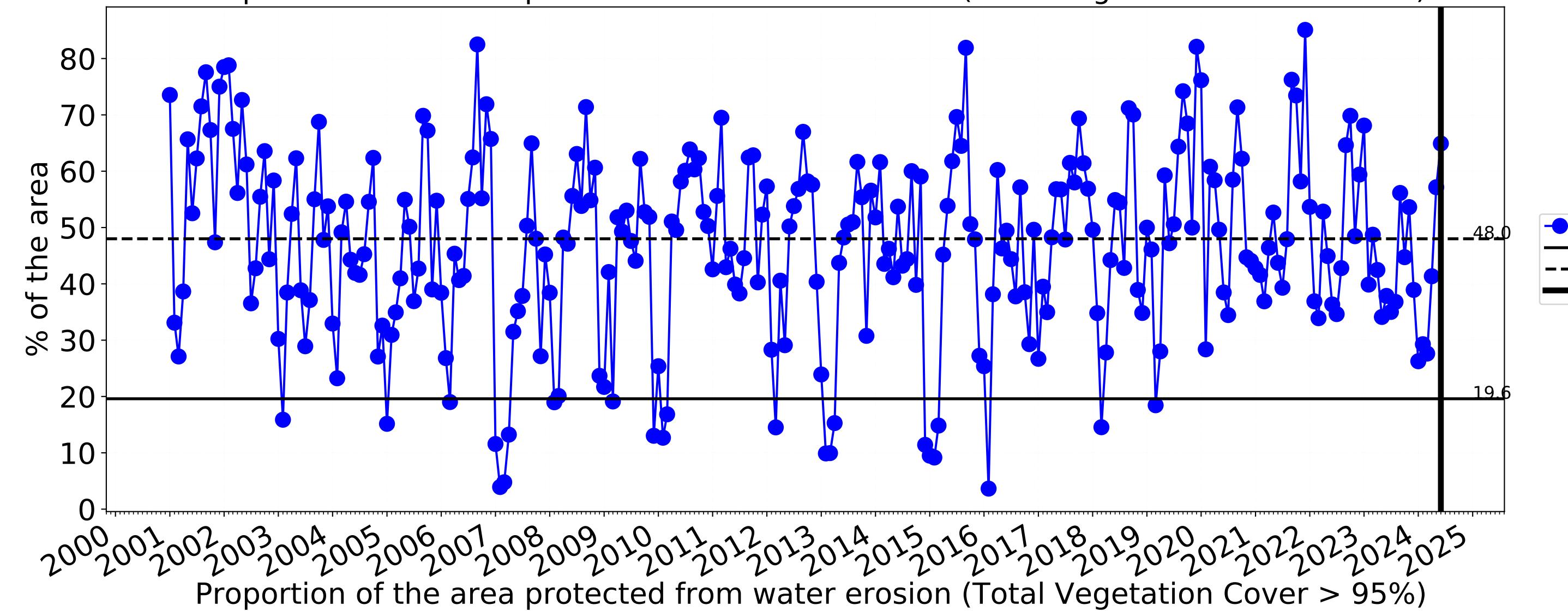
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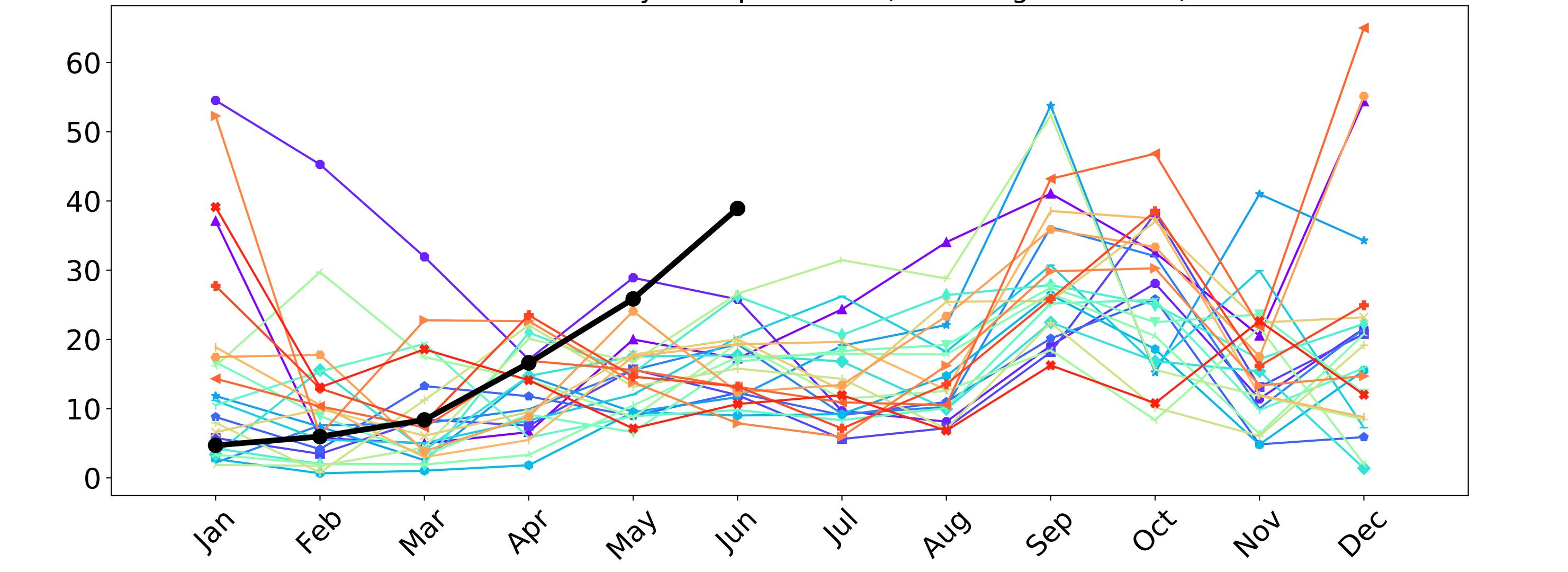
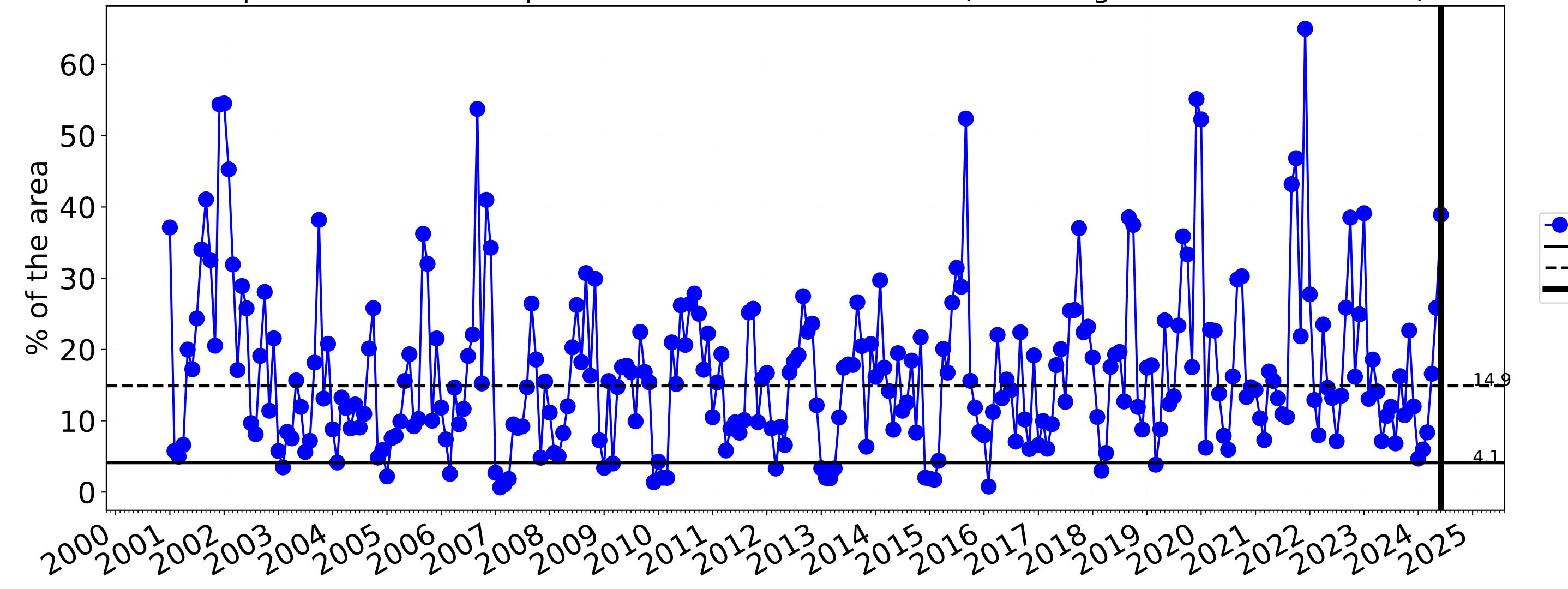
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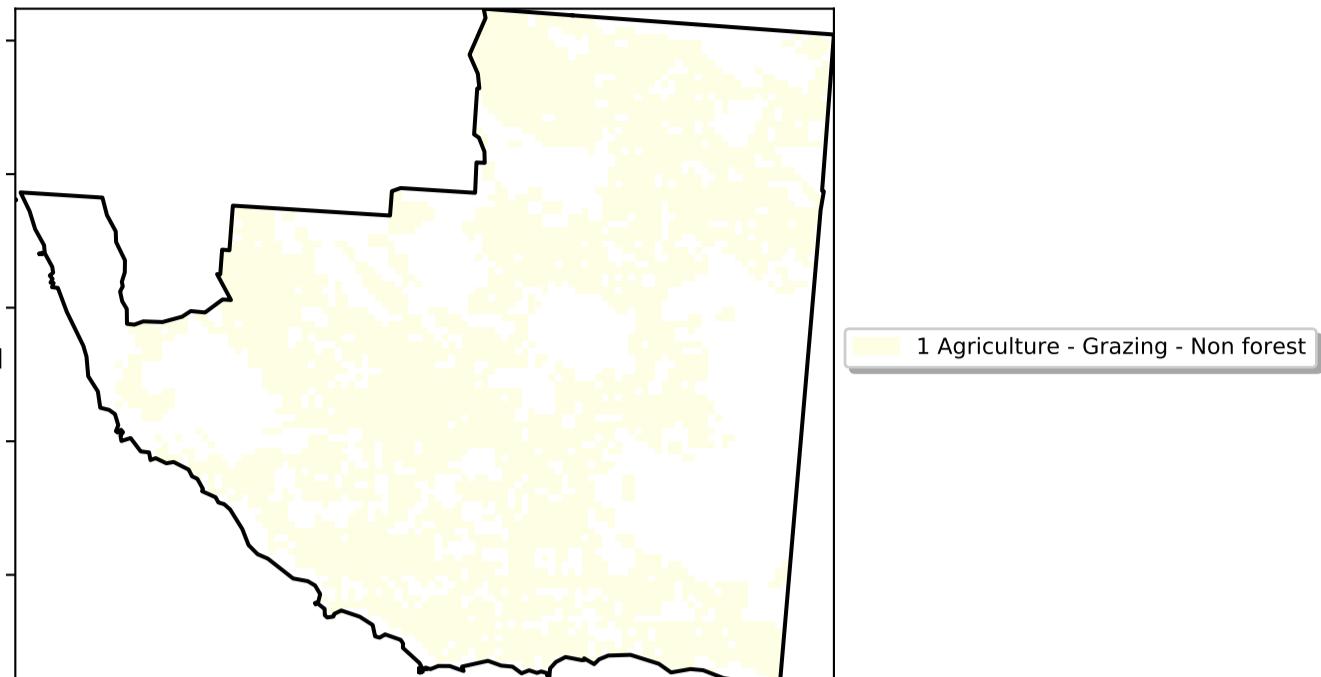
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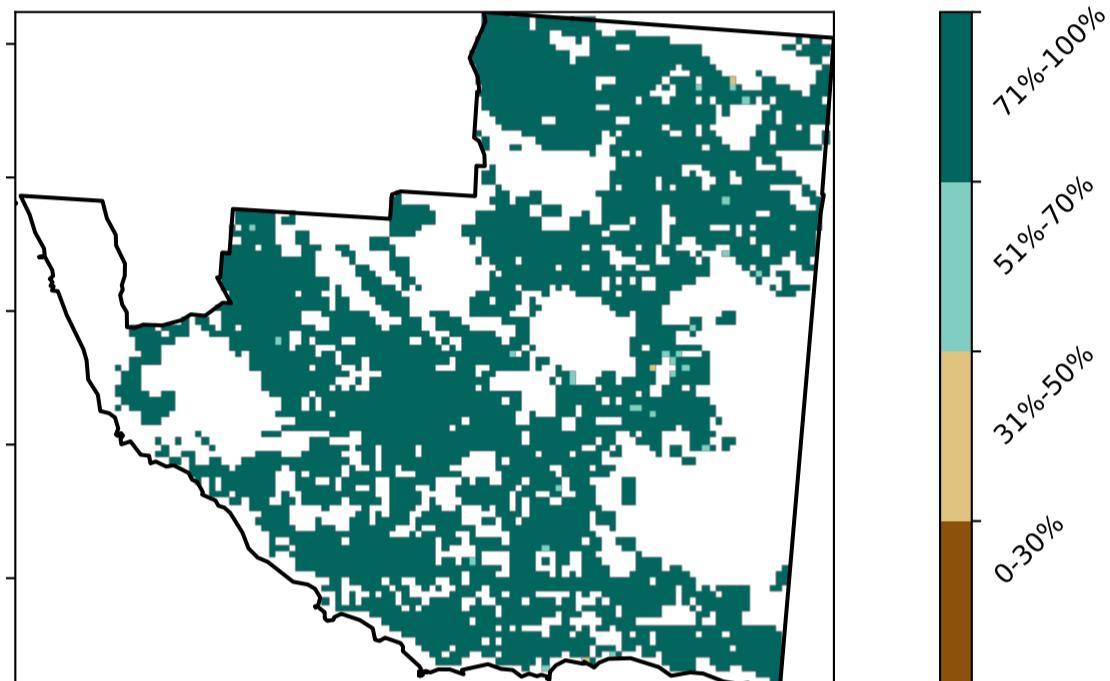
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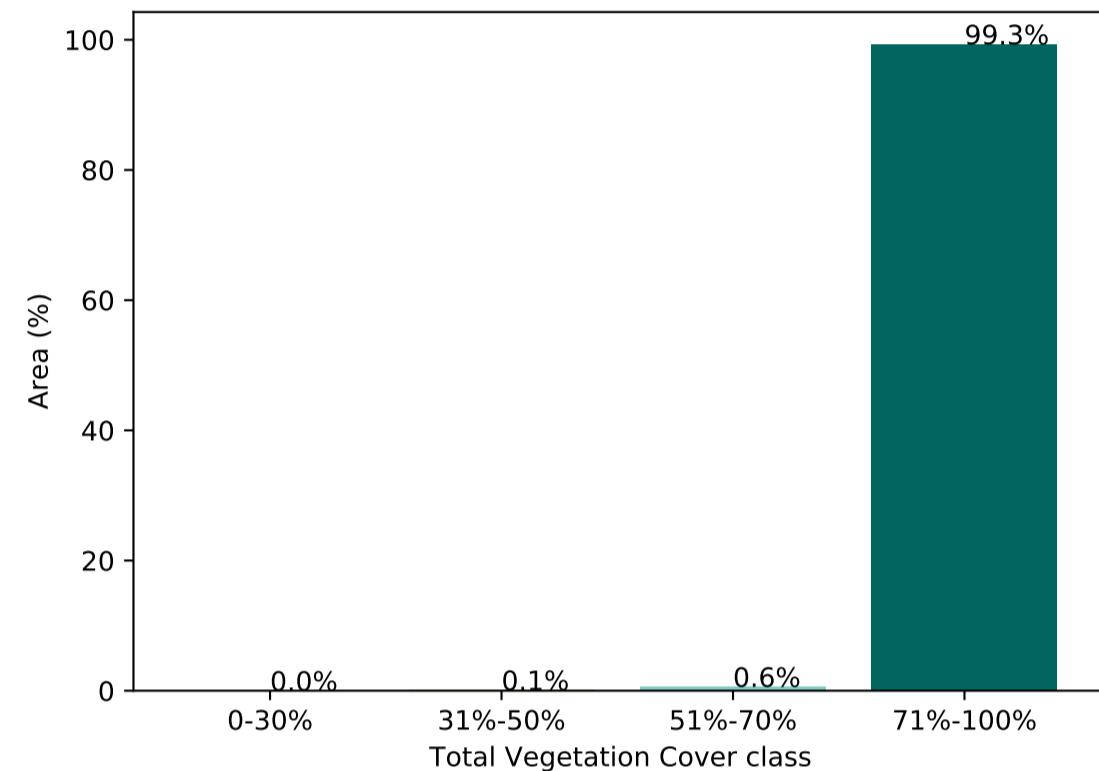
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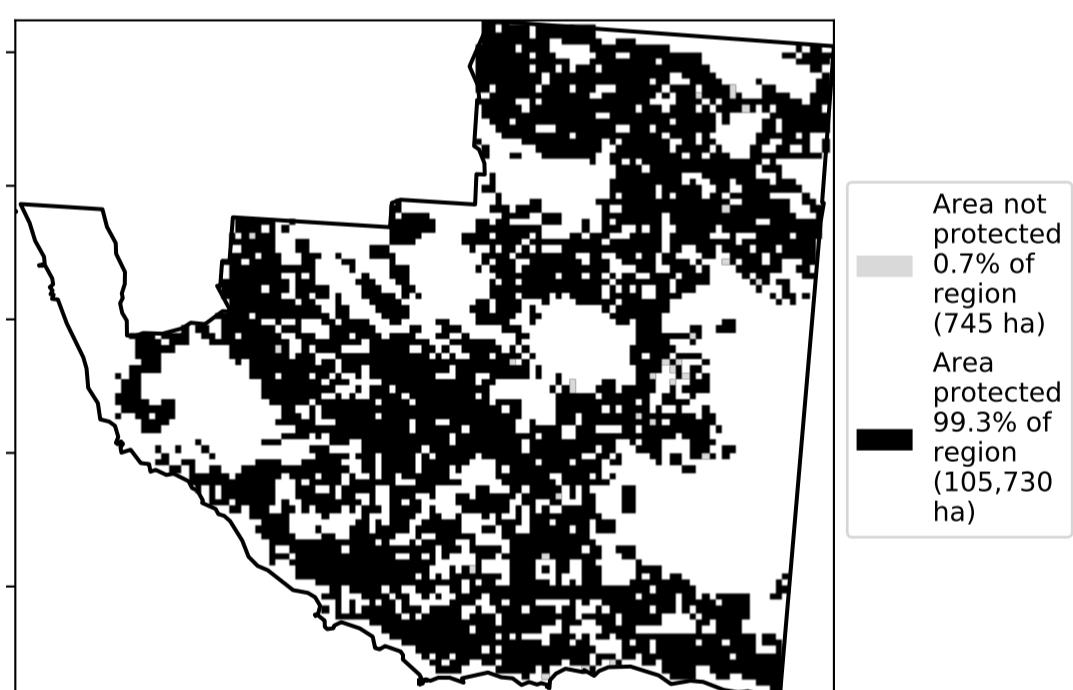
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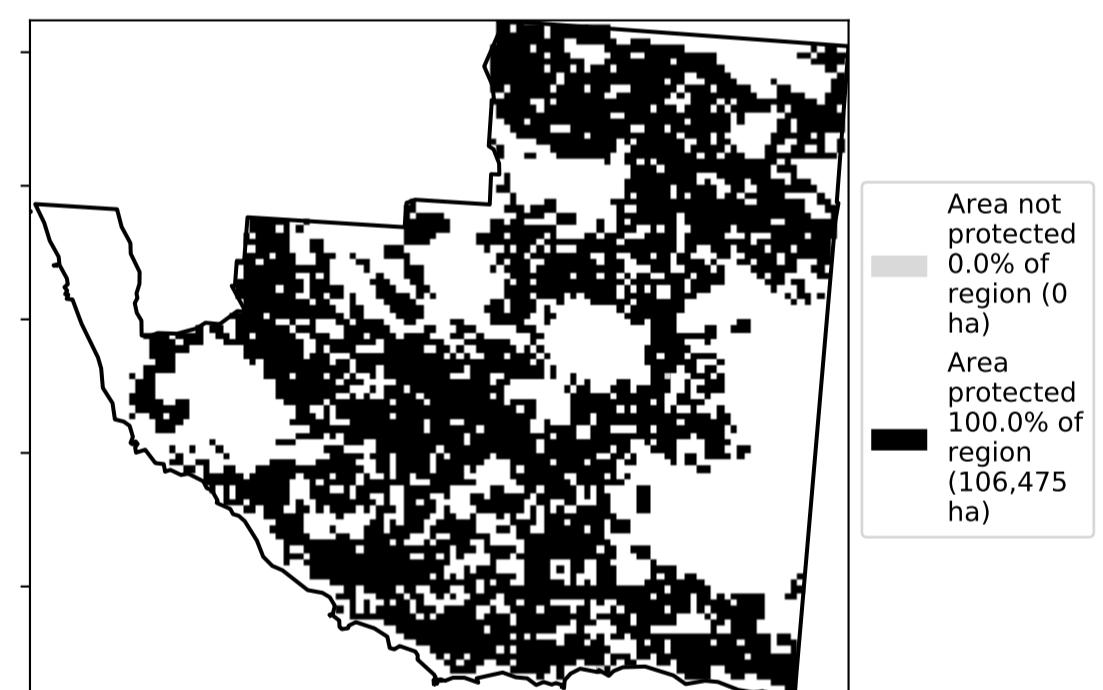
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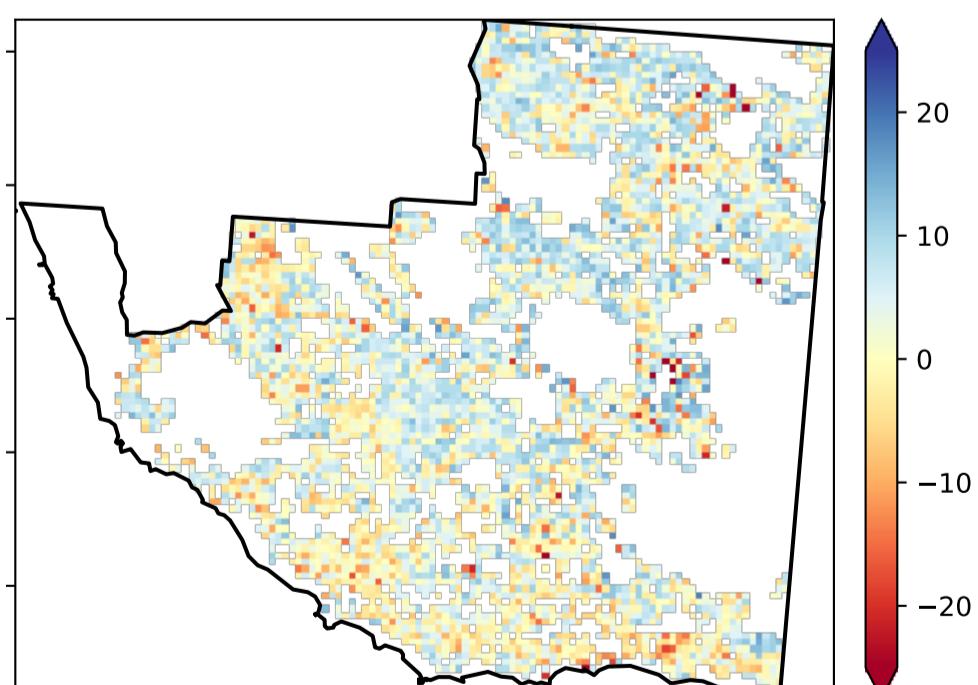


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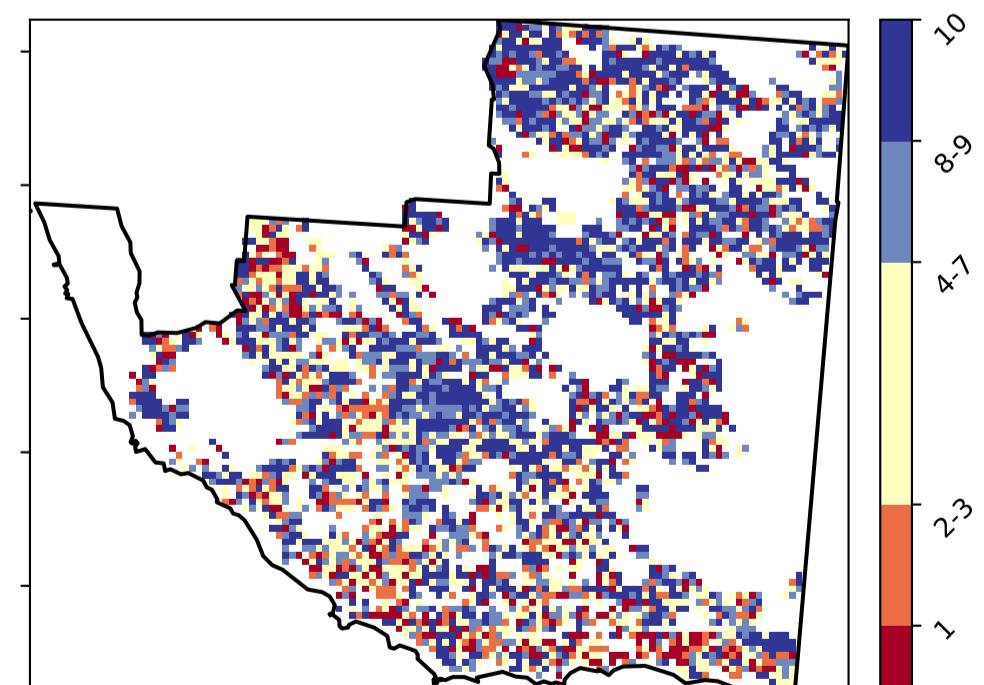
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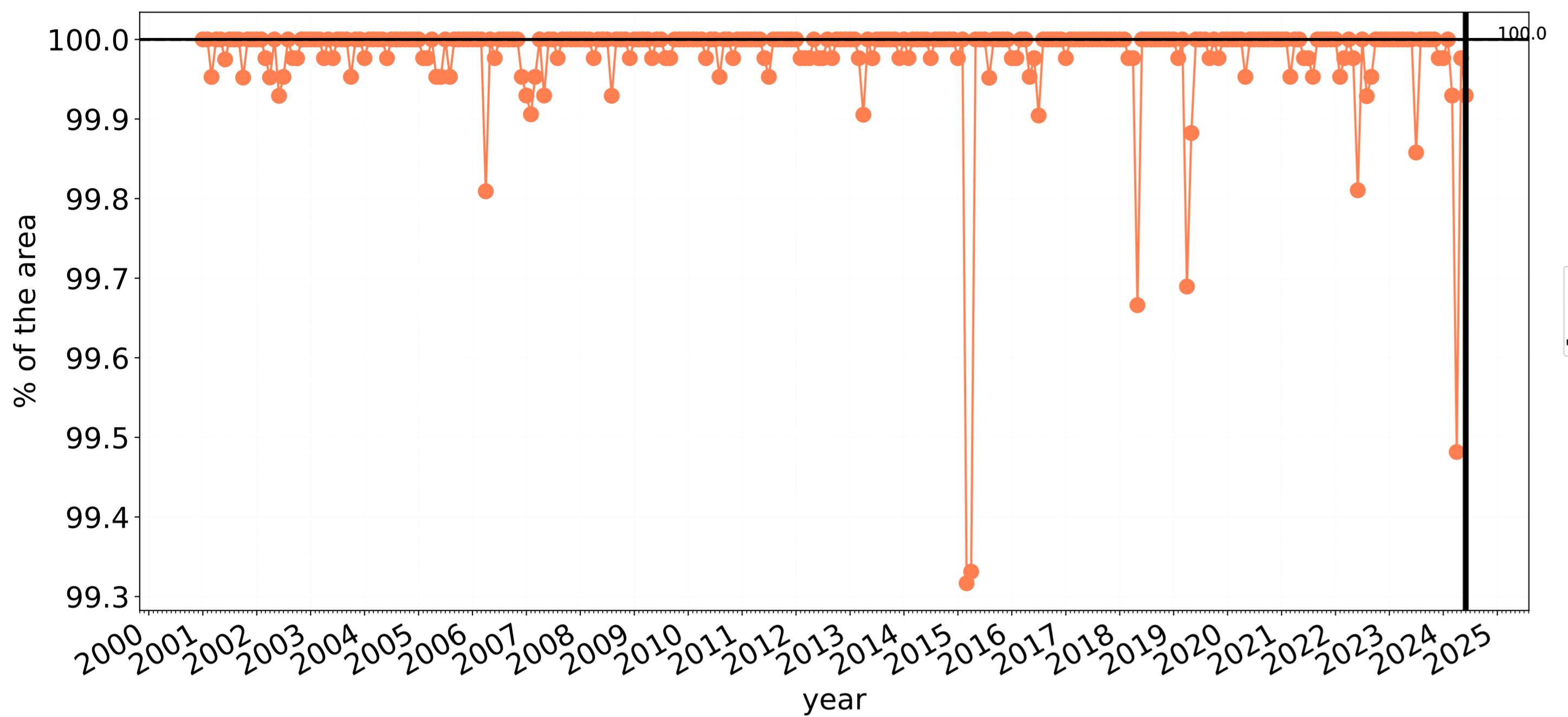
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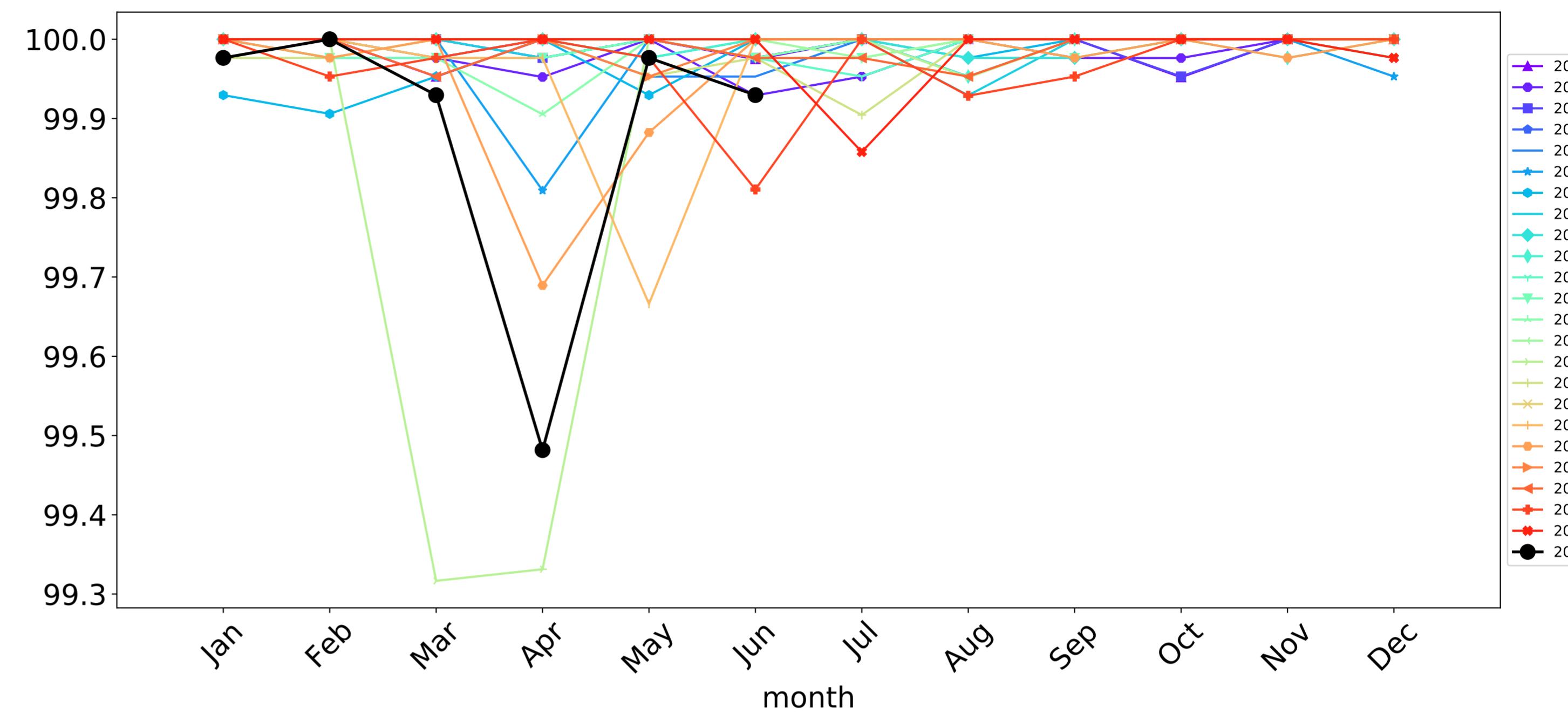


### Grazing non forest timeseries

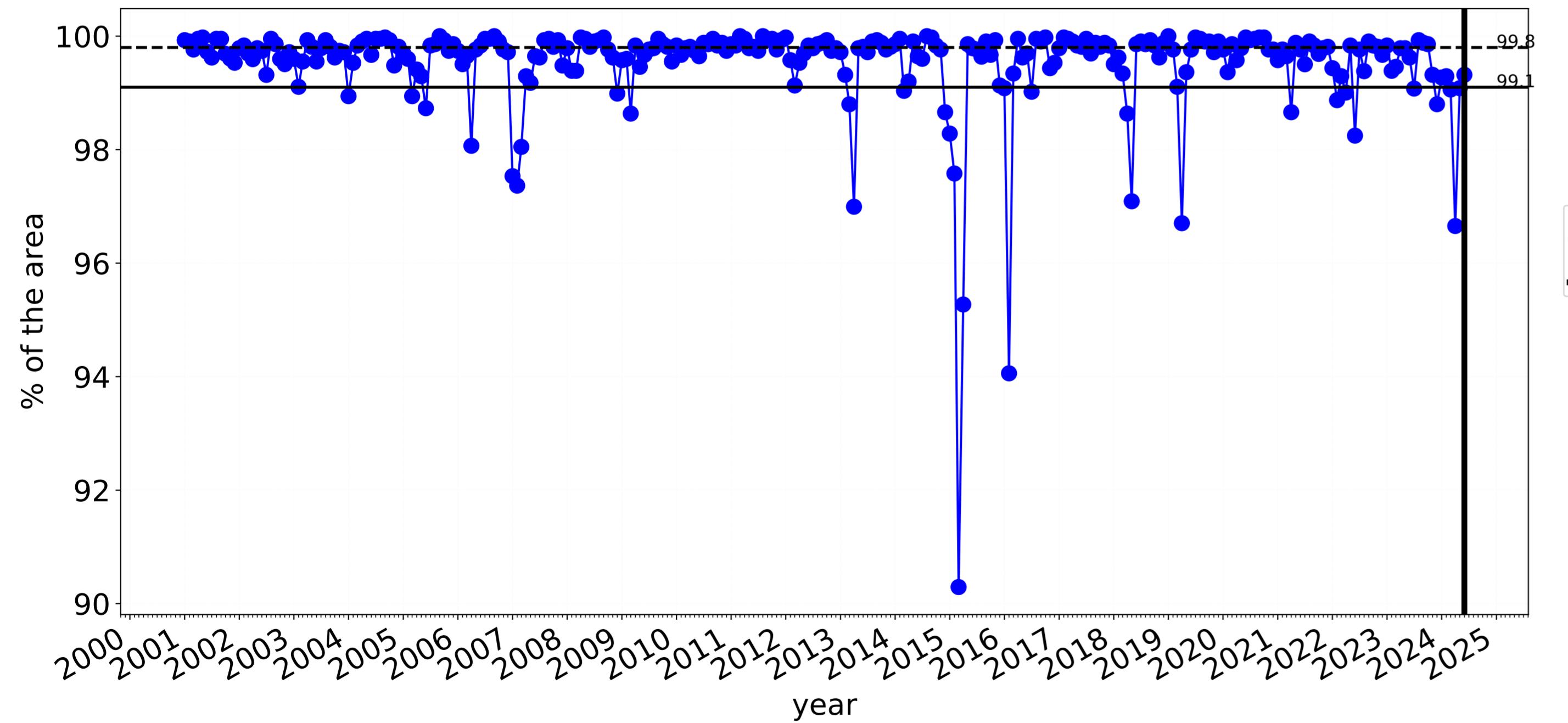
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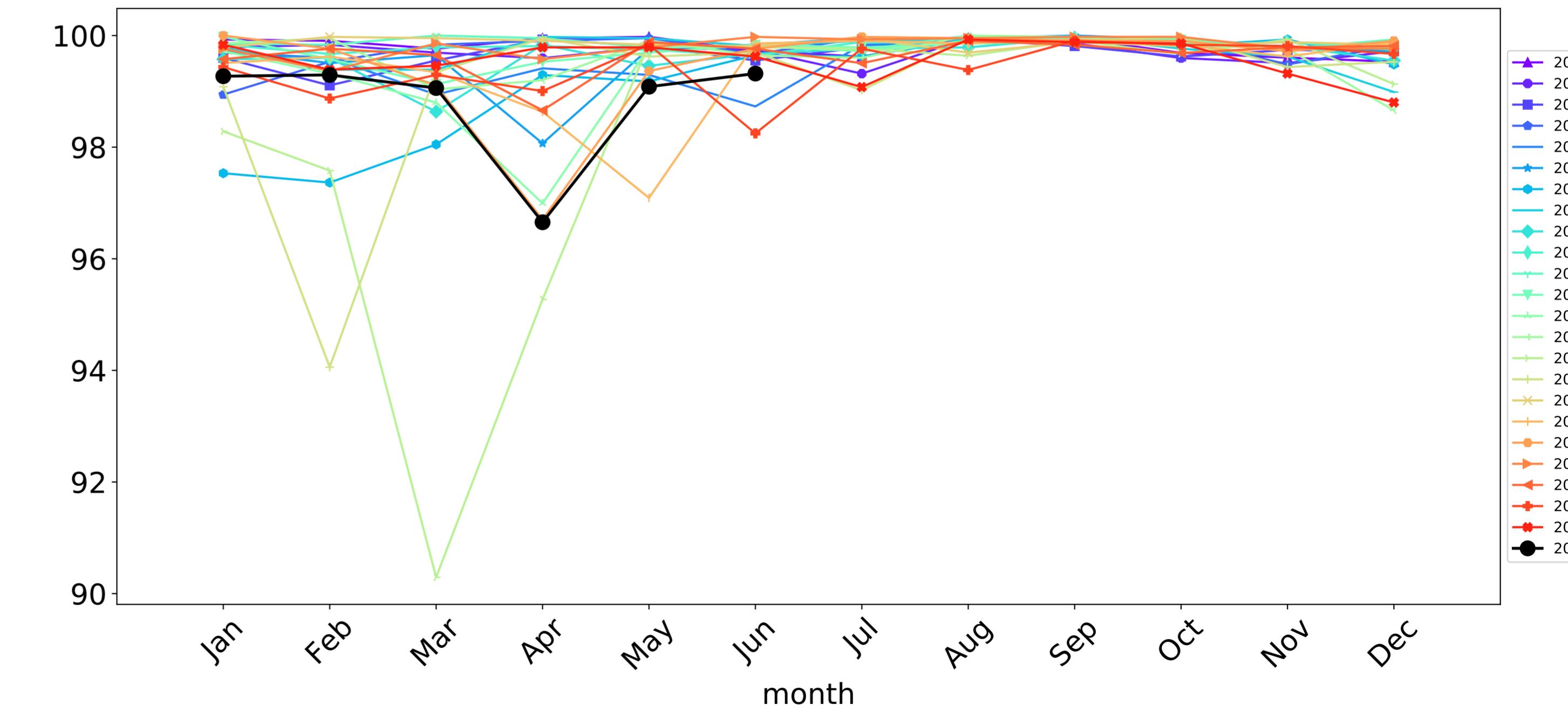
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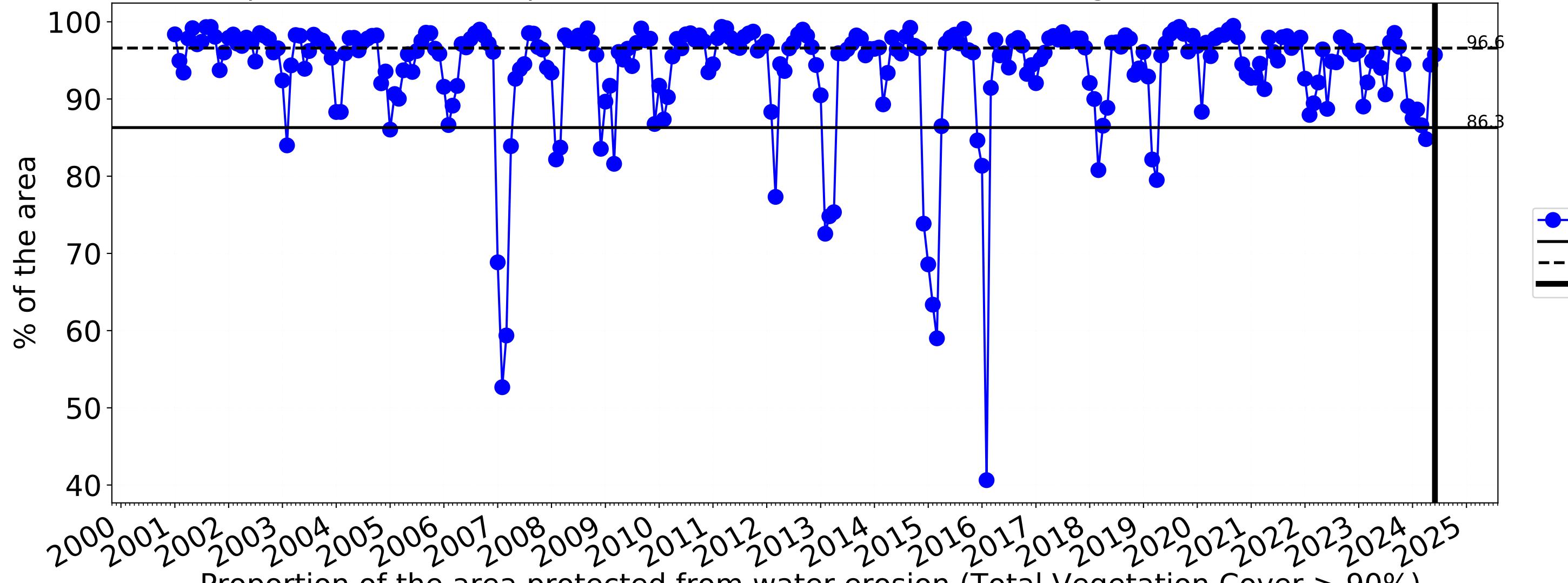
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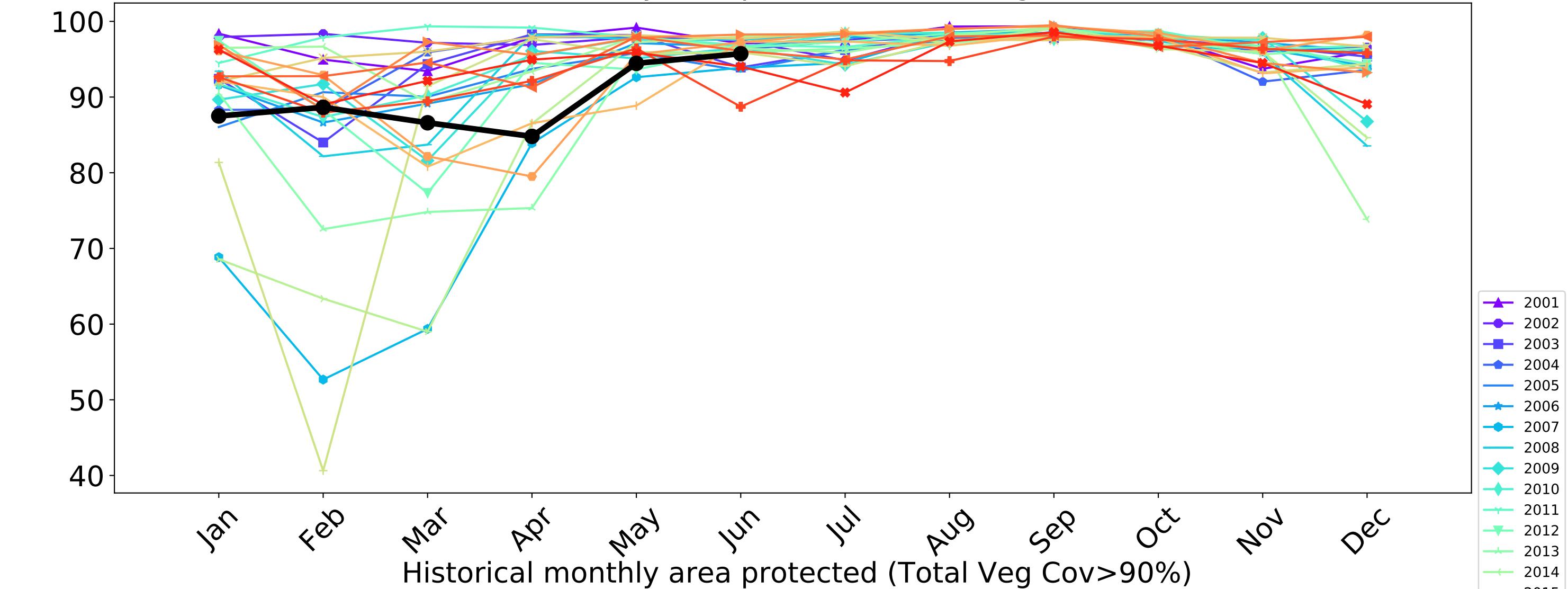
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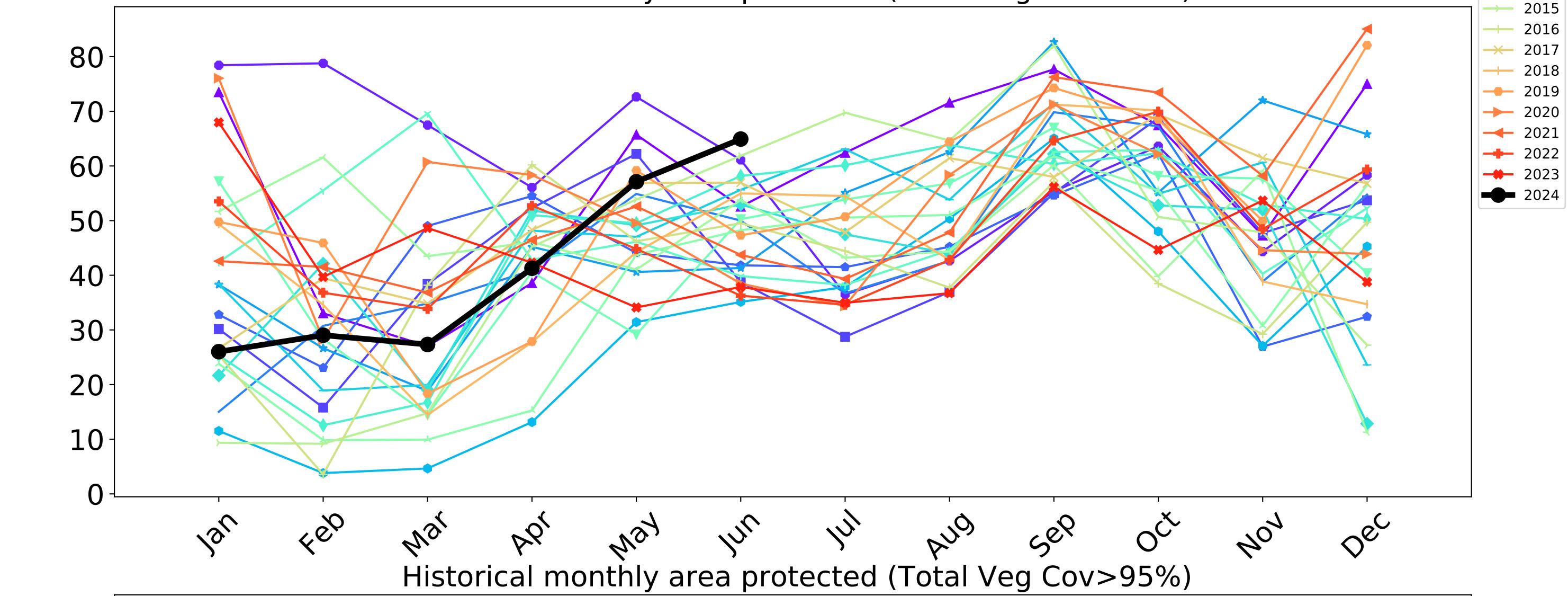
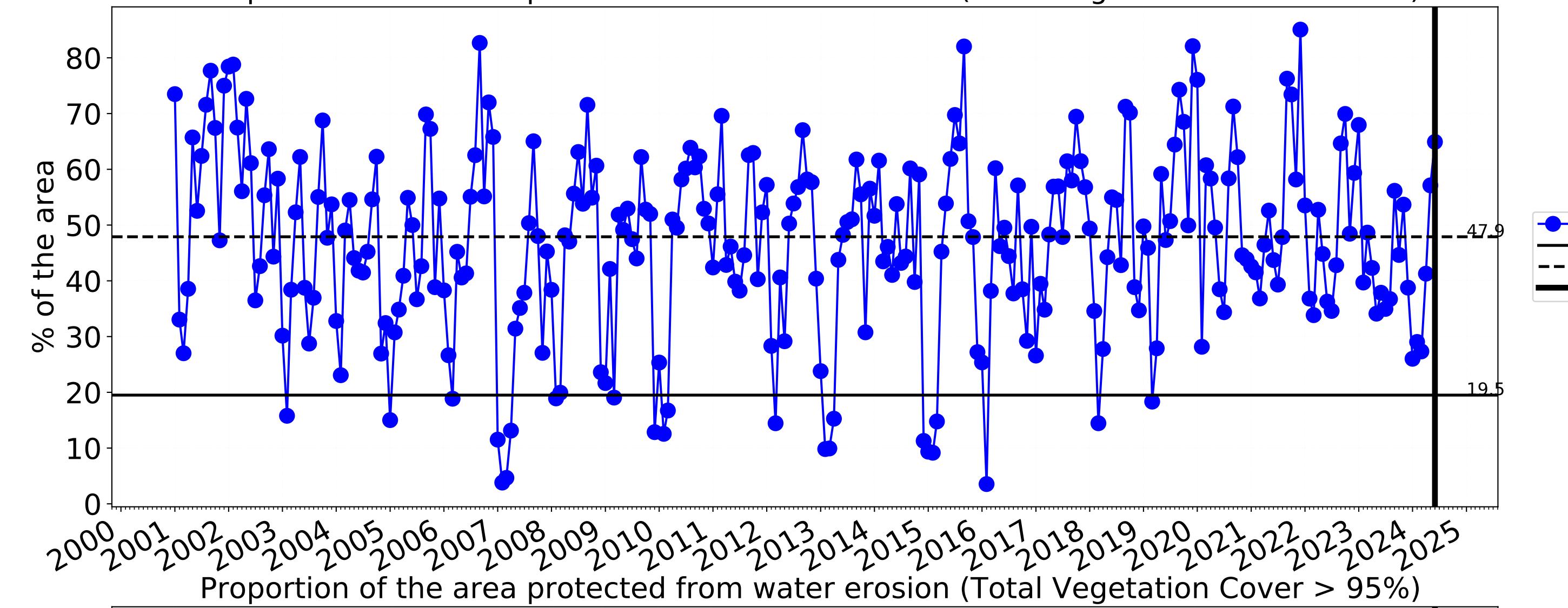
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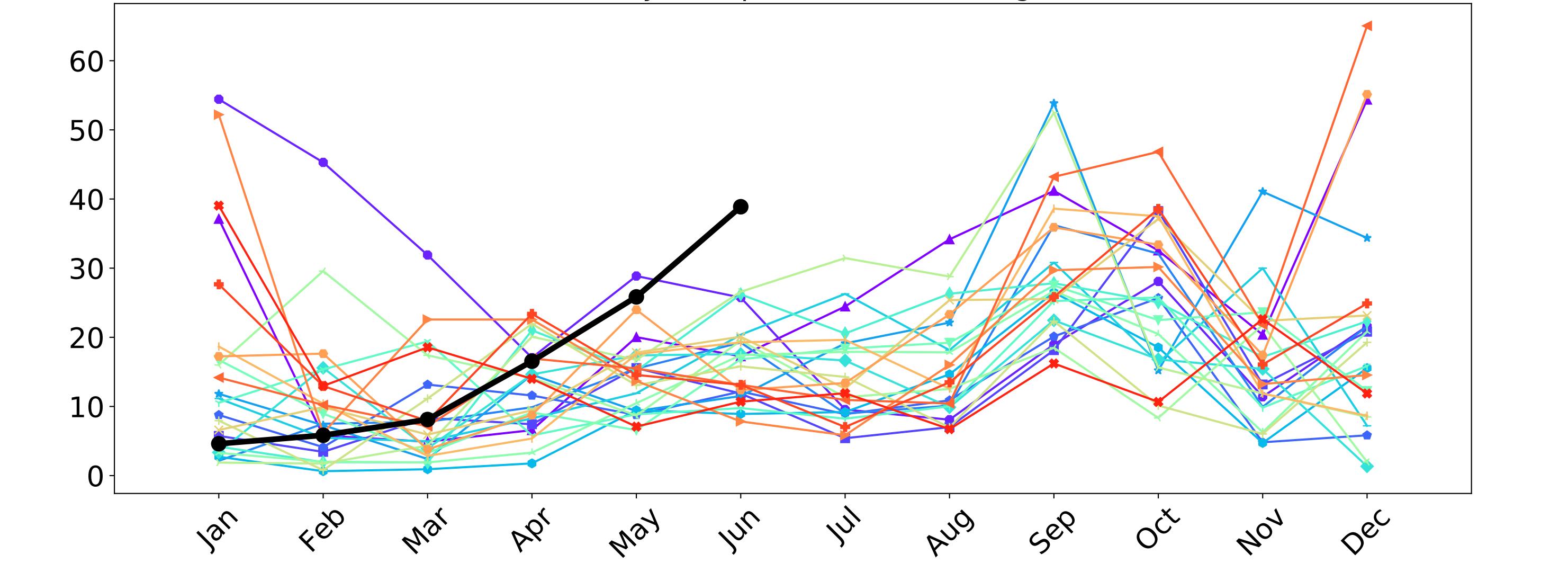
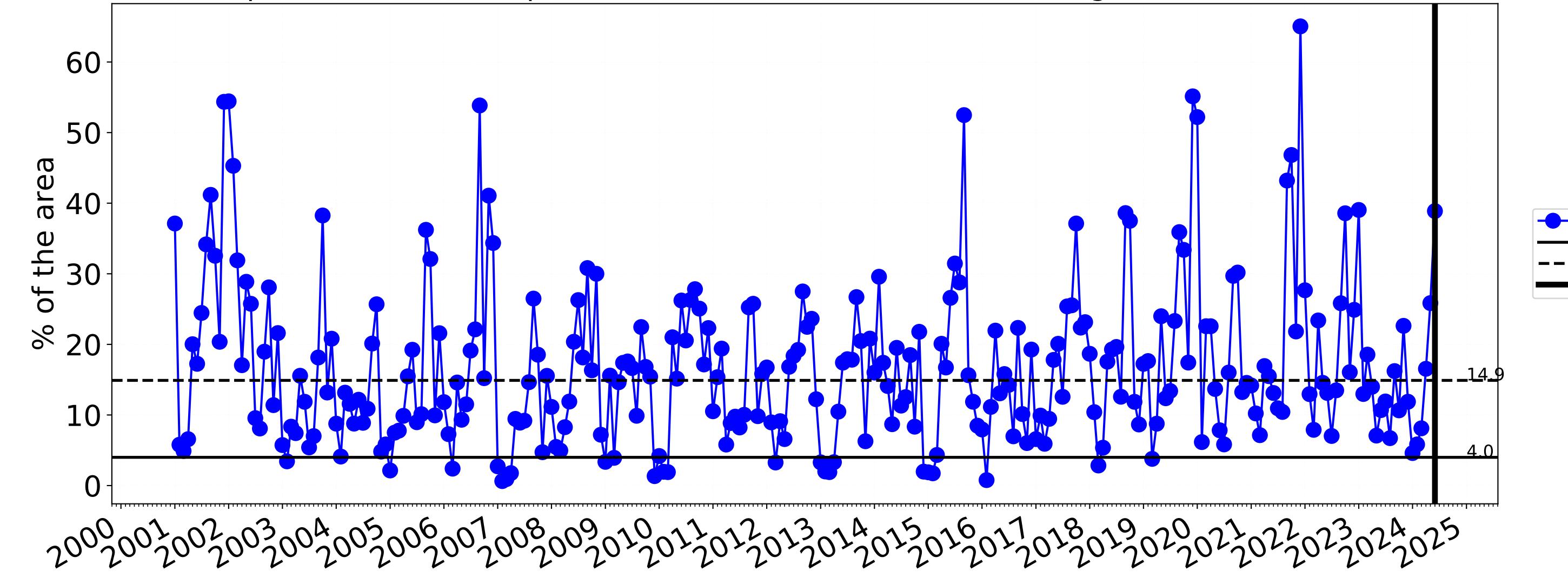
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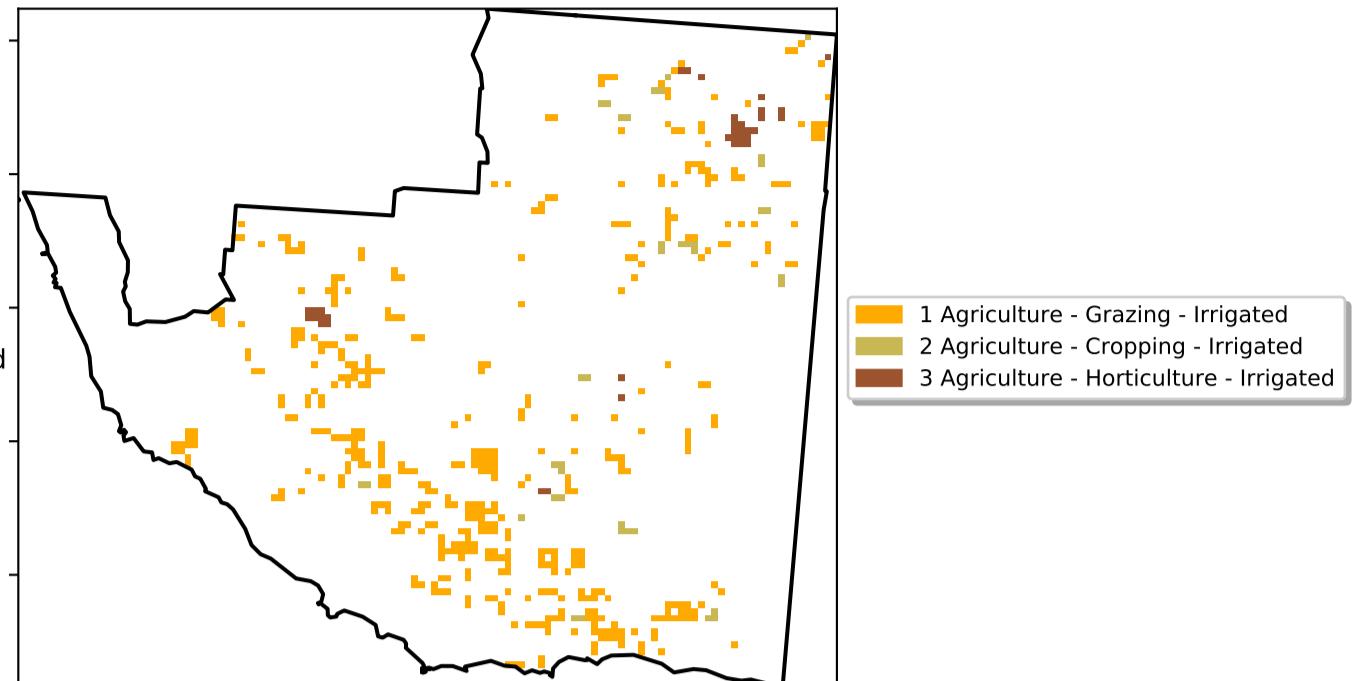
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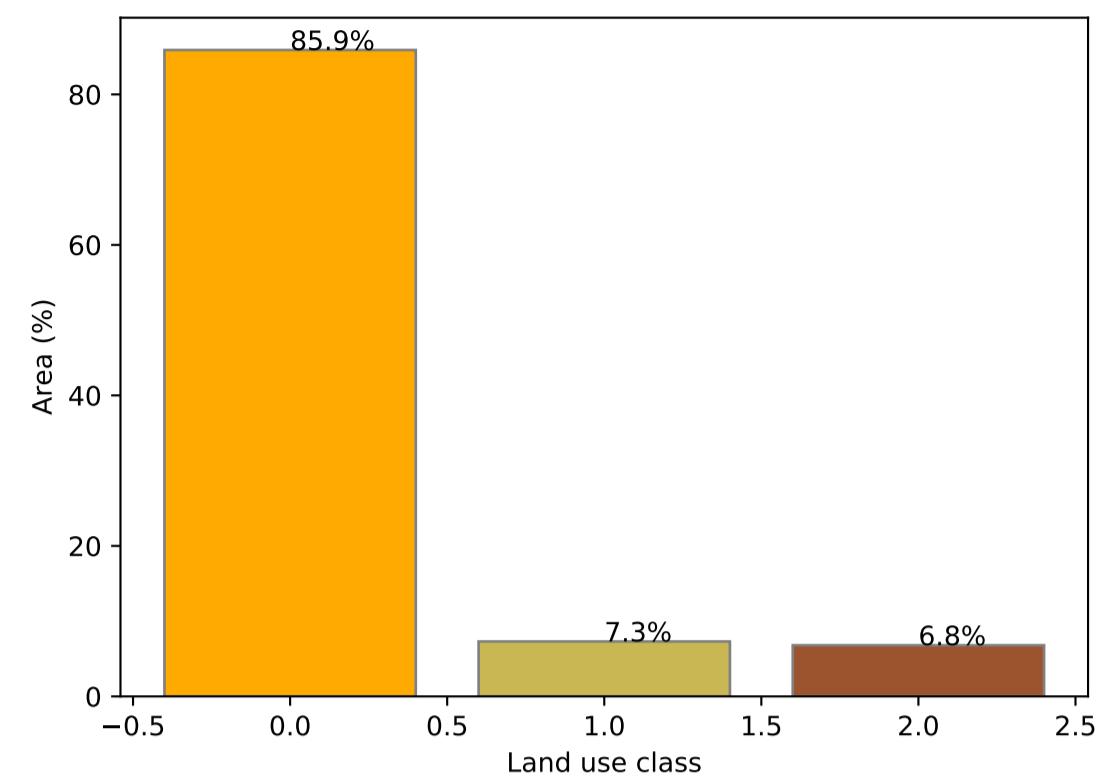
## Irrigation

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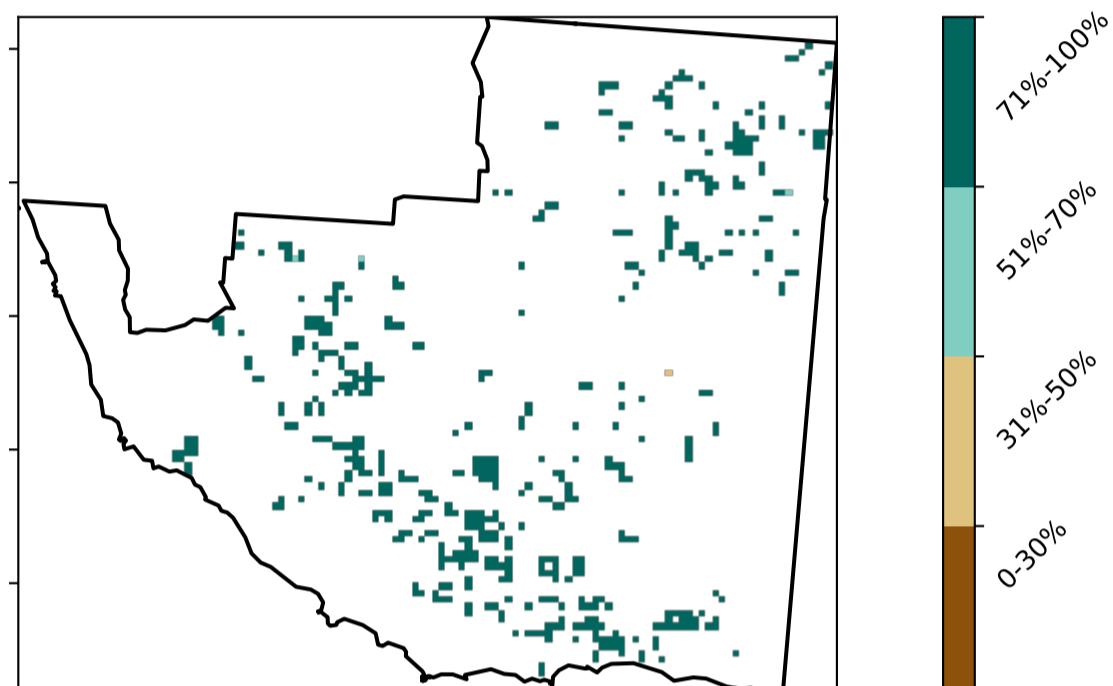
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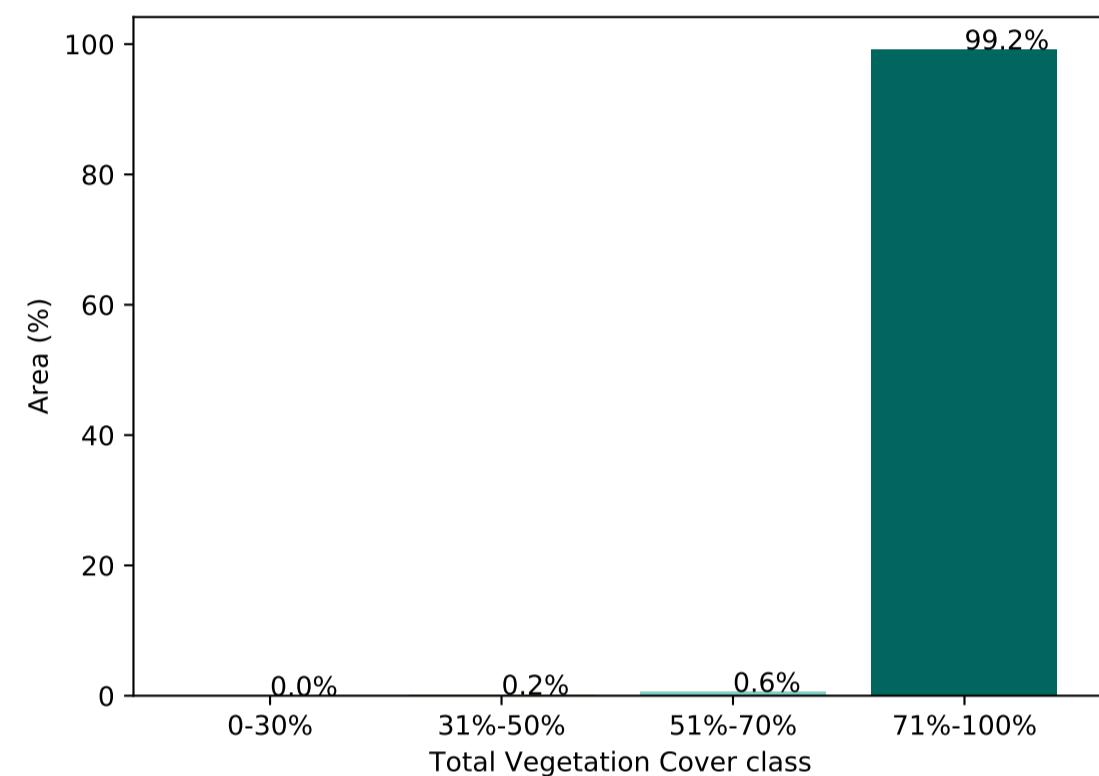
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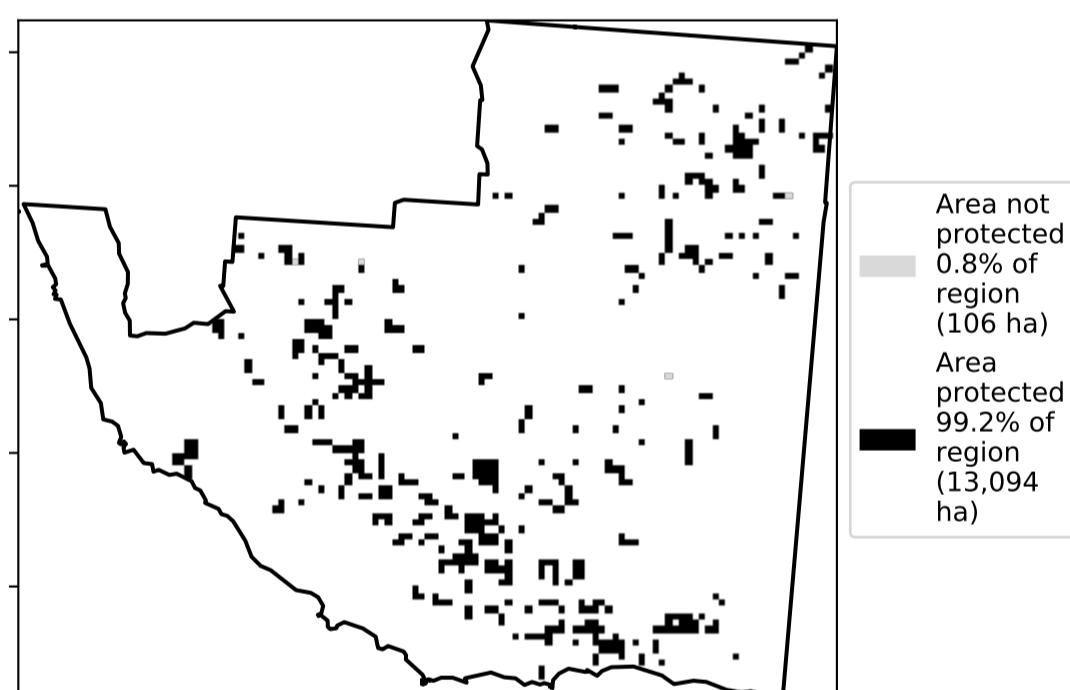
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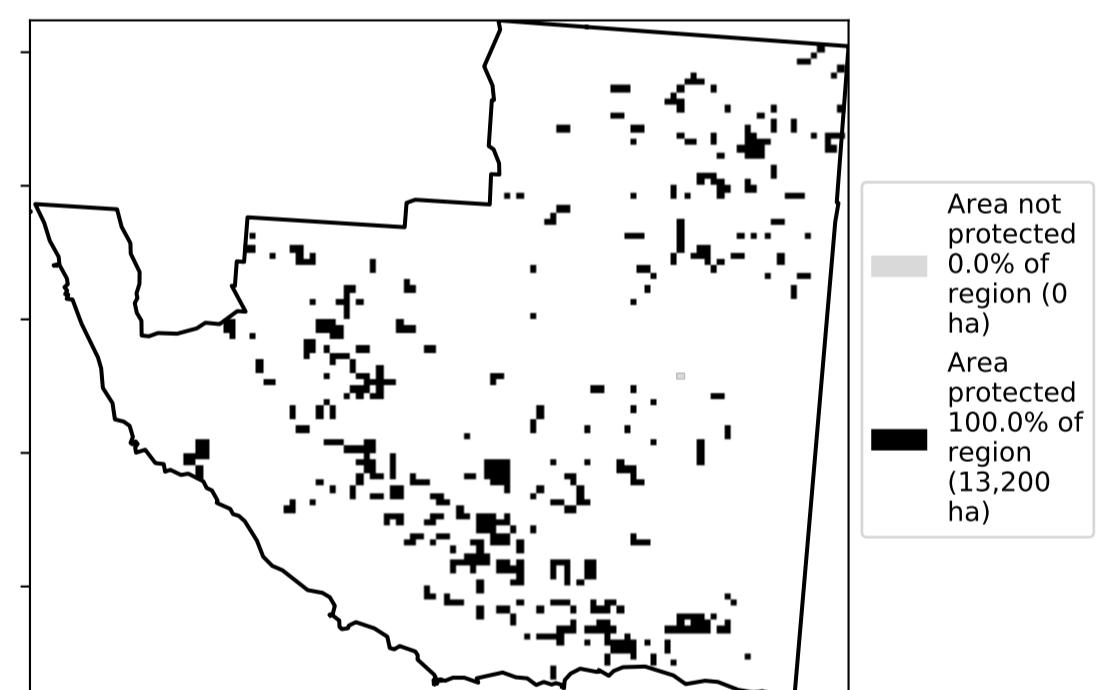
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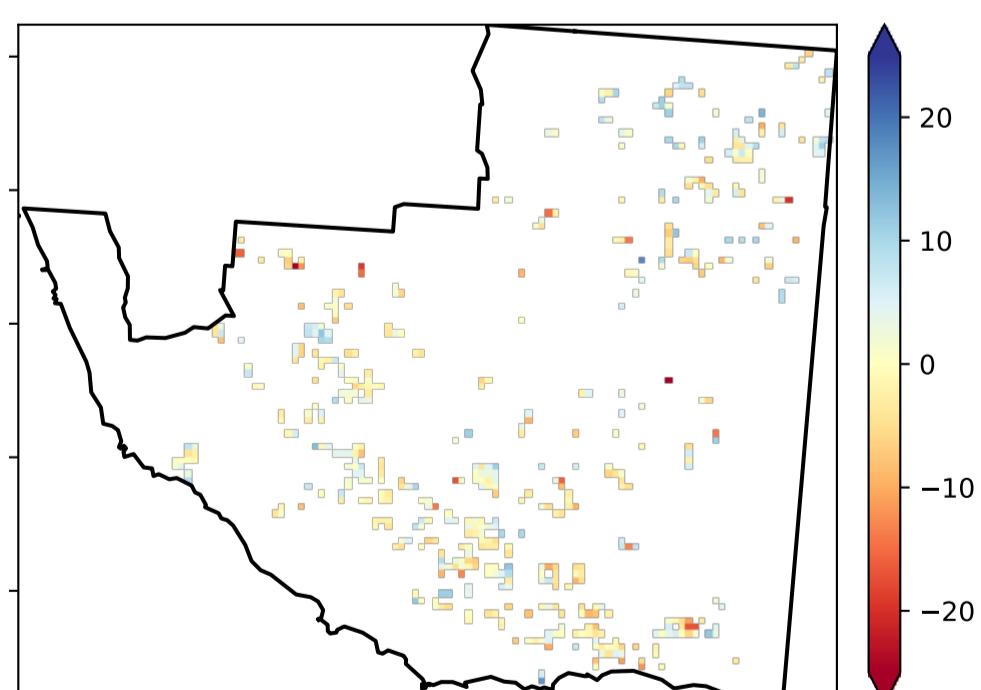


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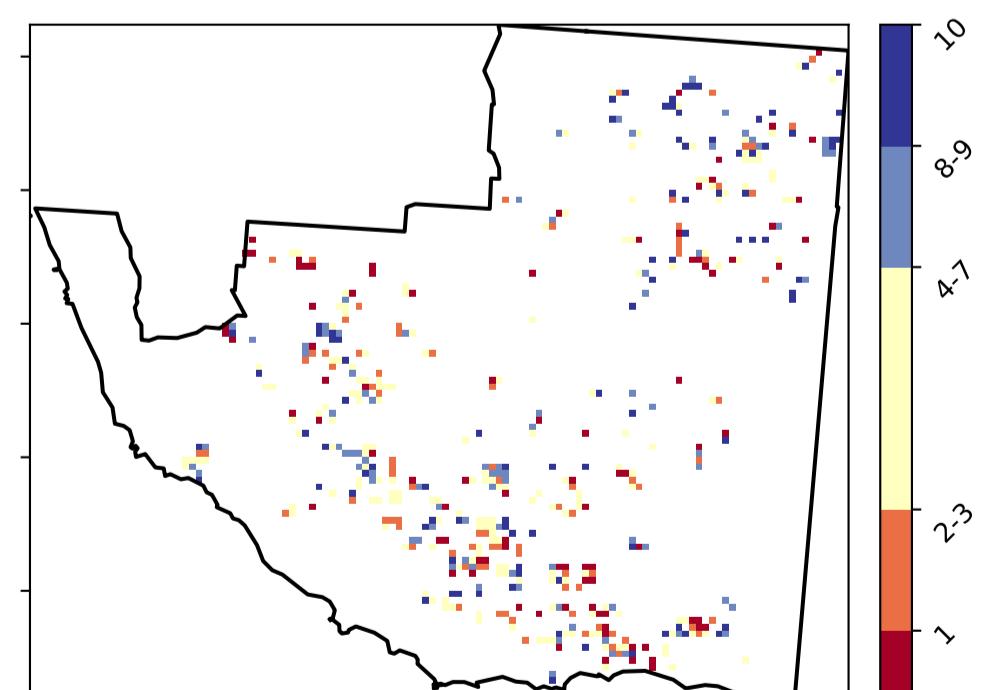
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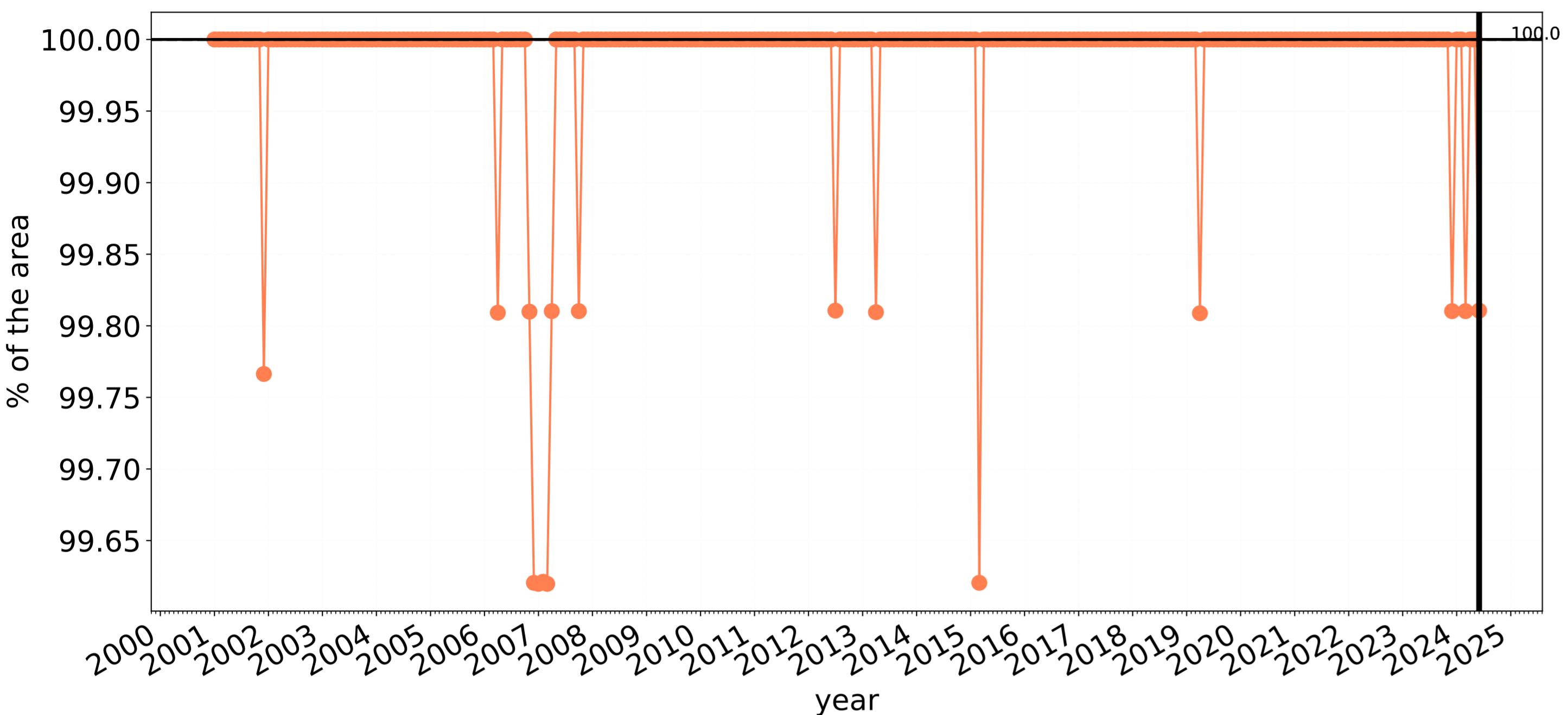
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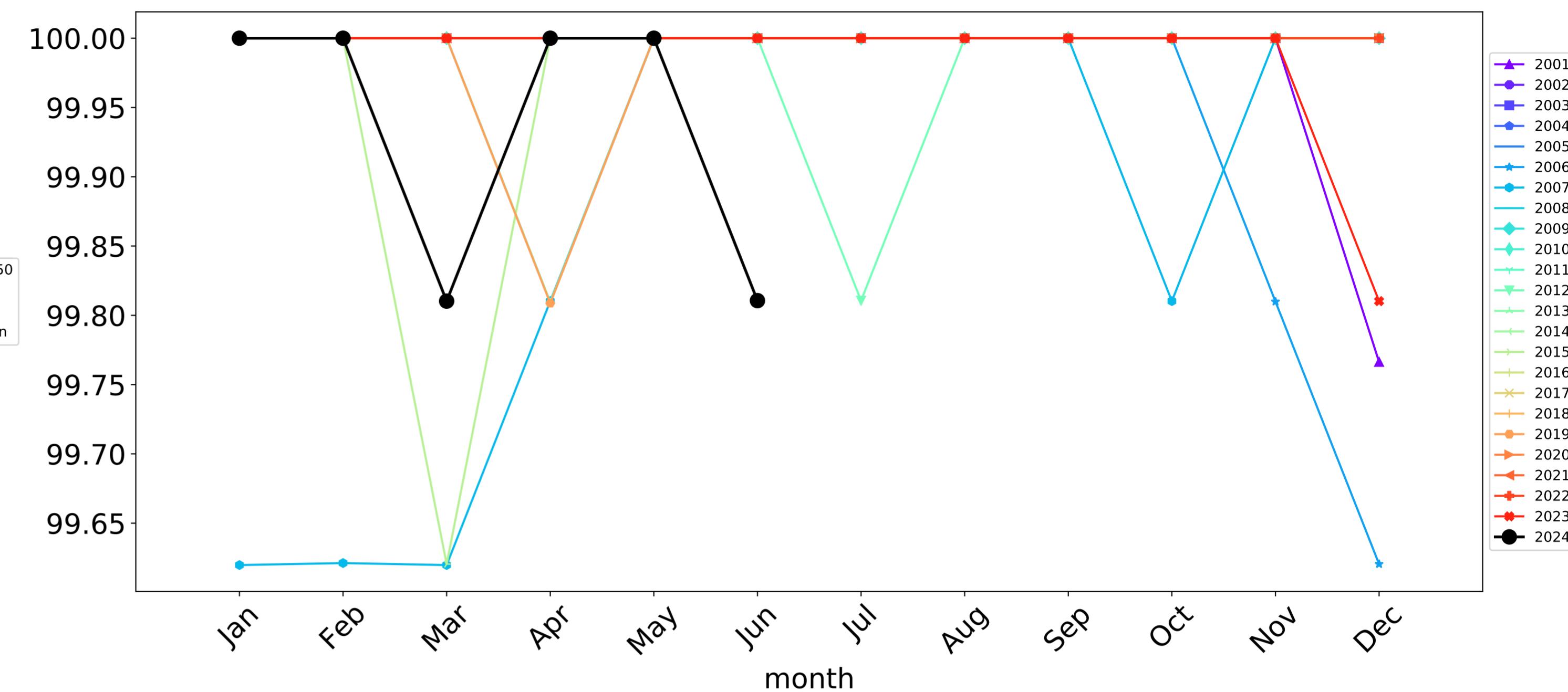


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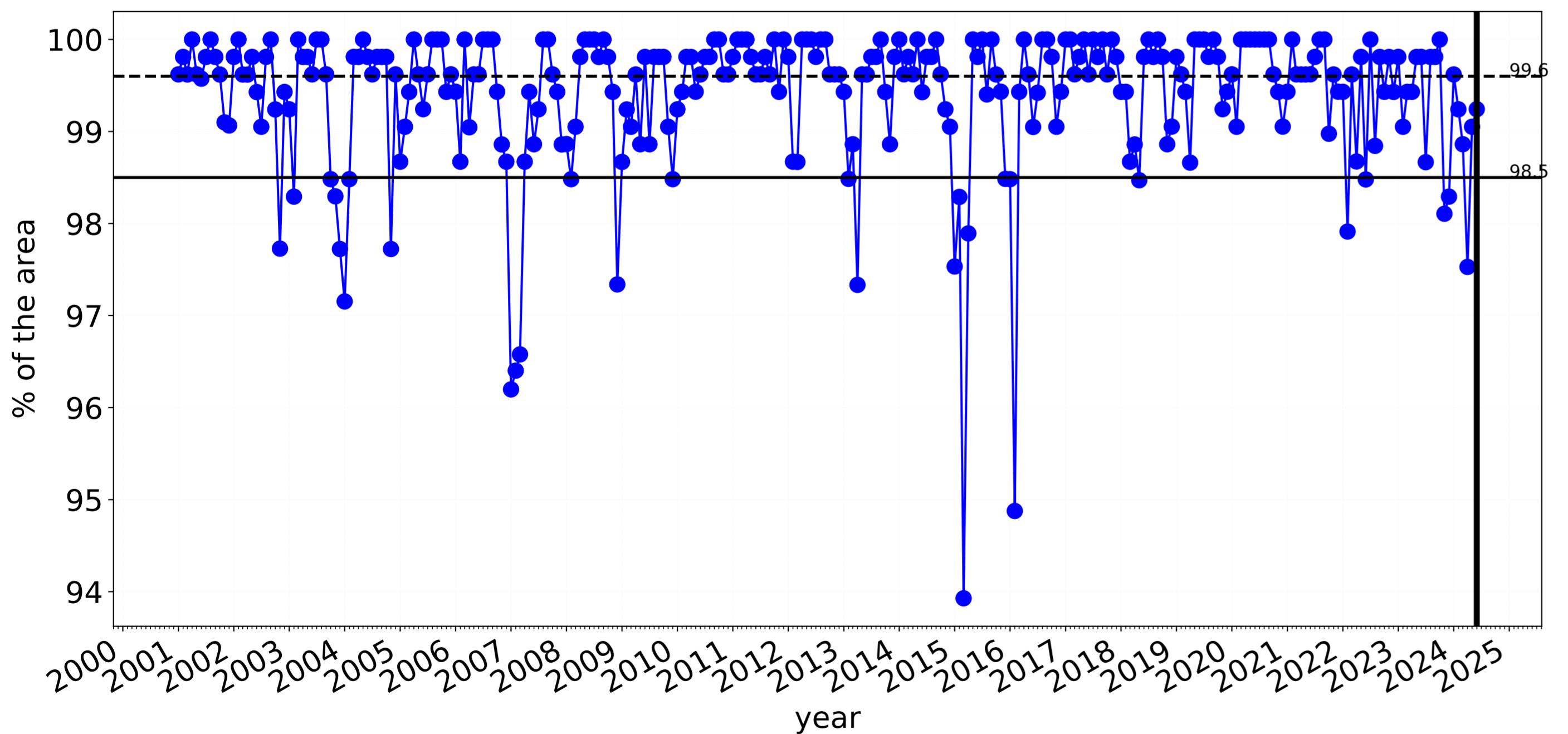
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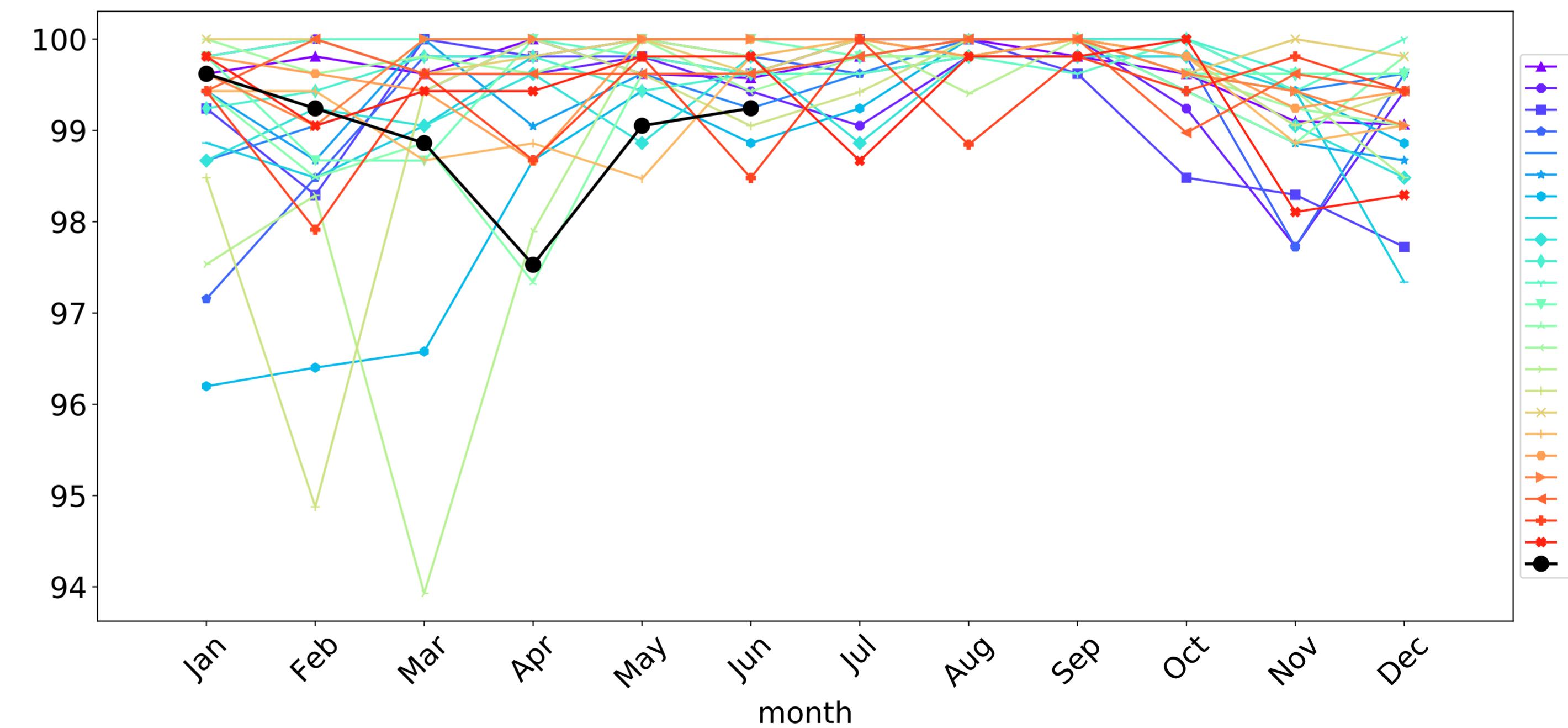
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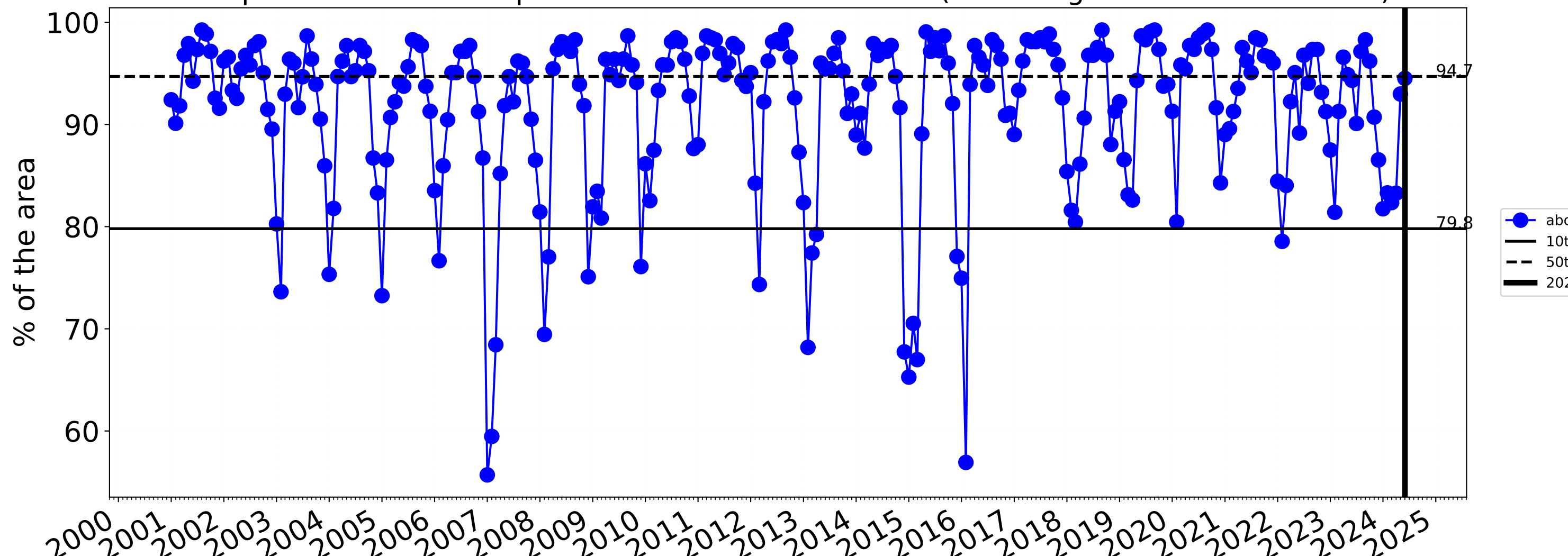
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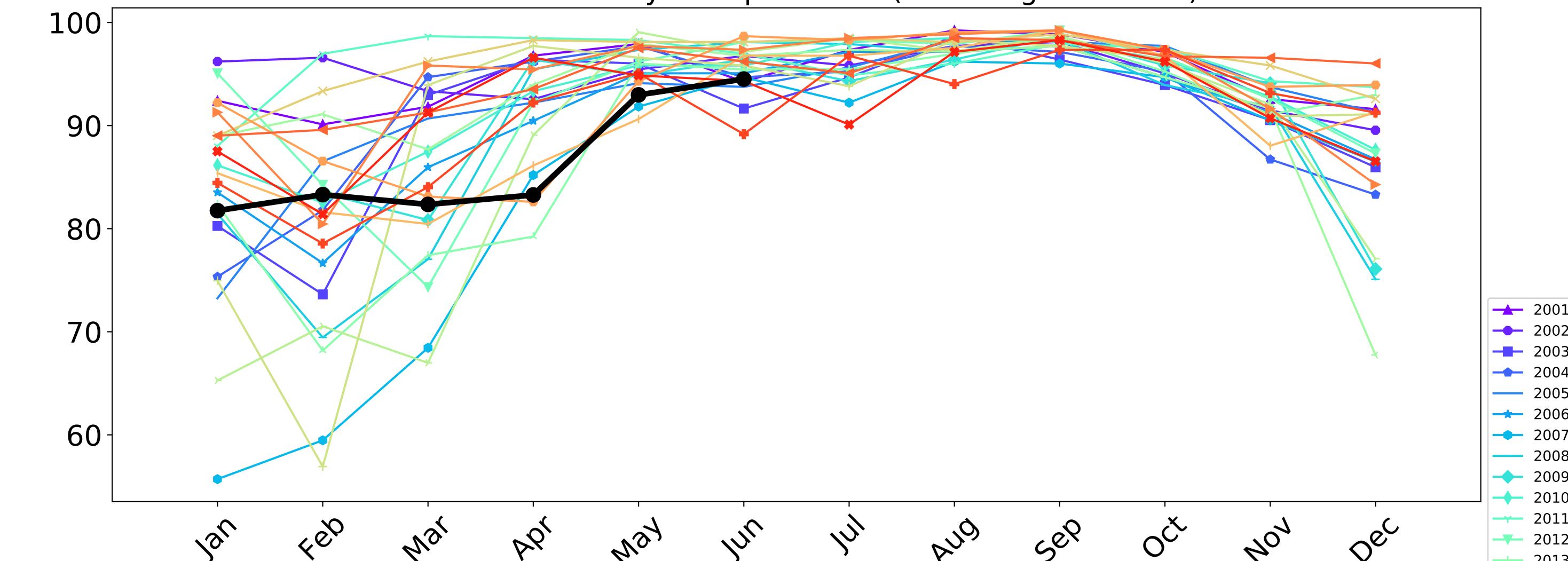
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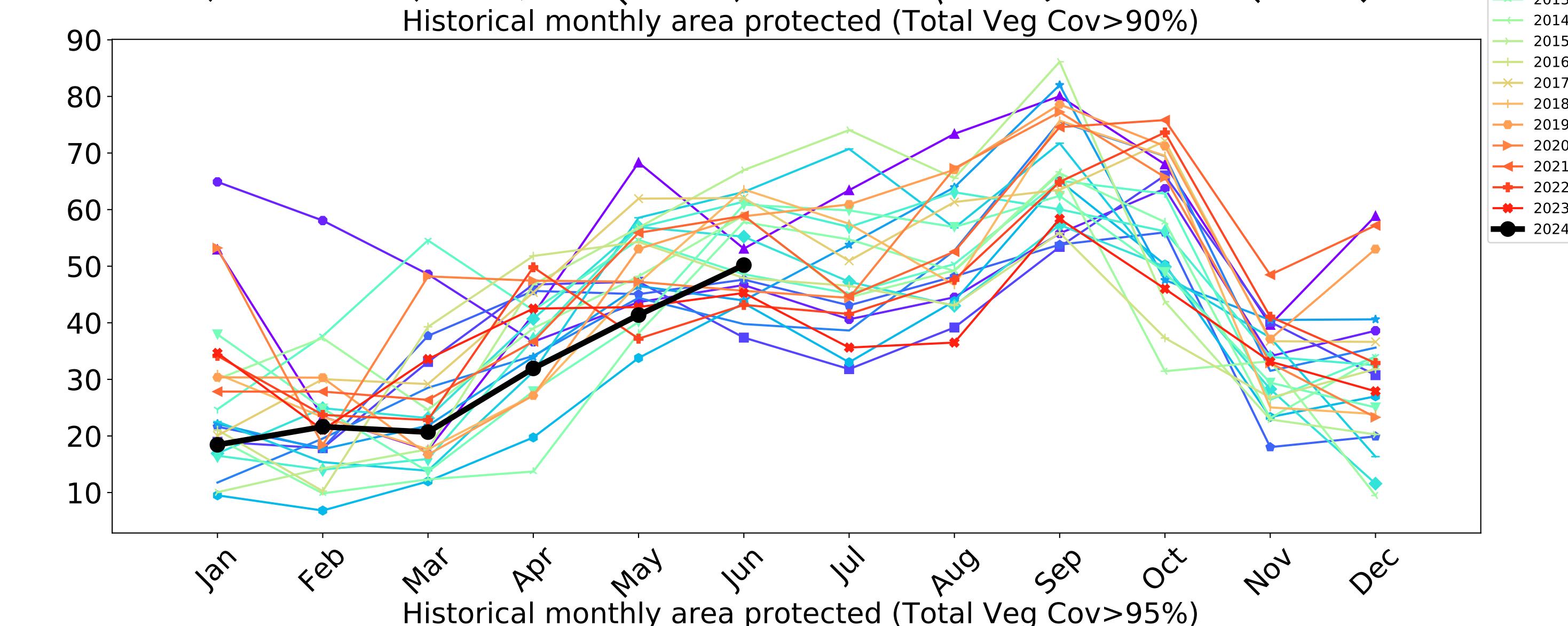
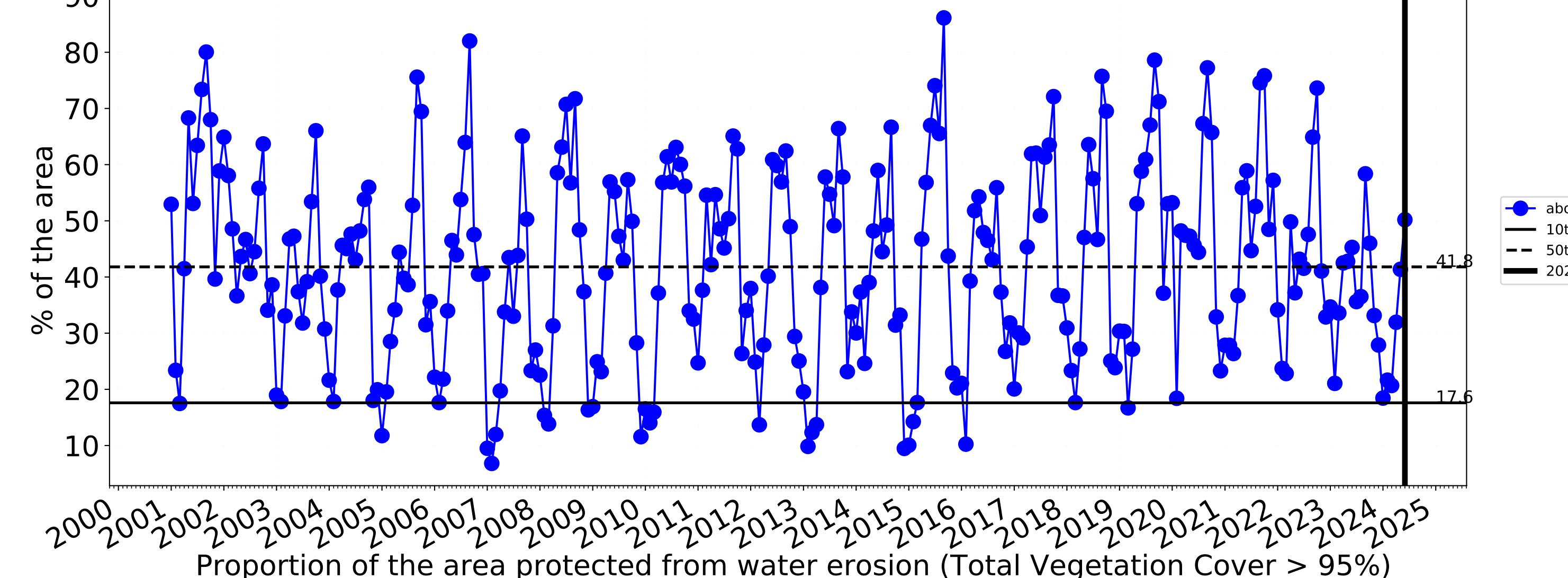
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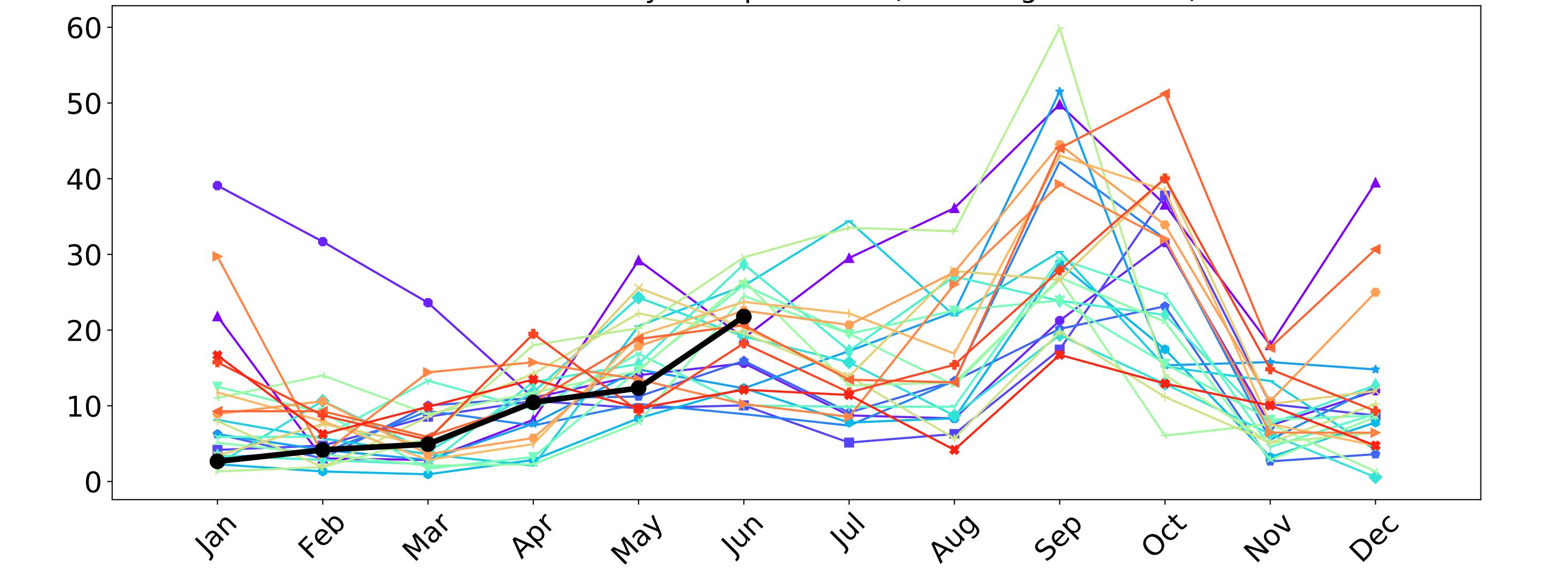
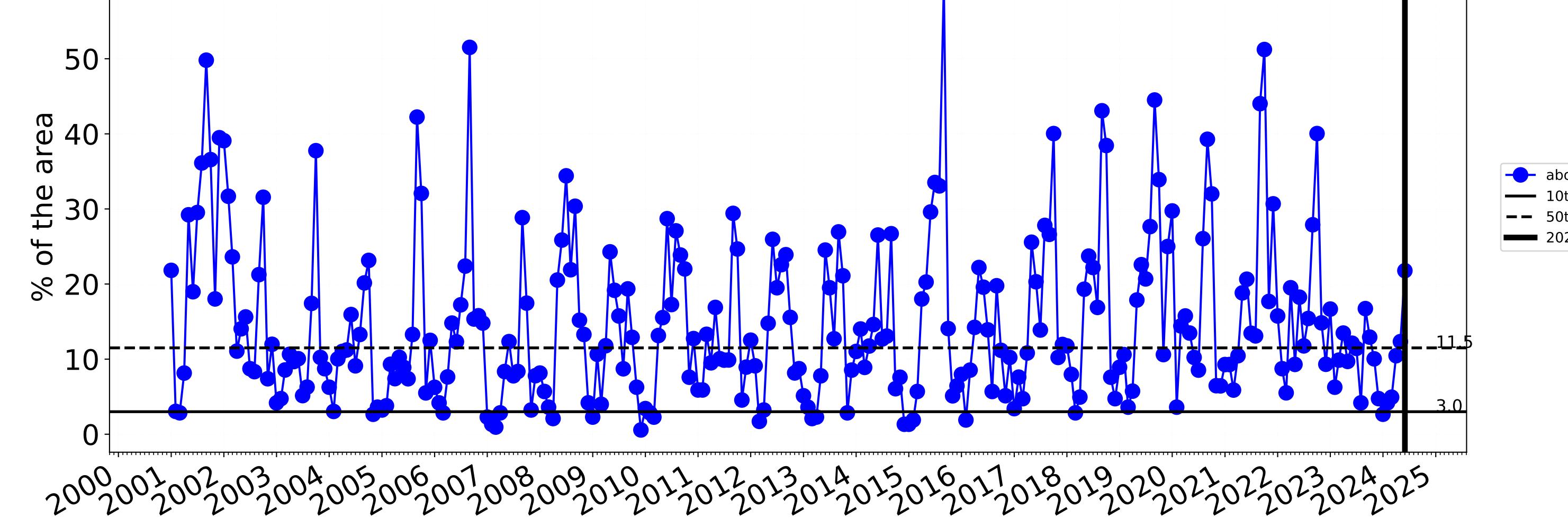
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)



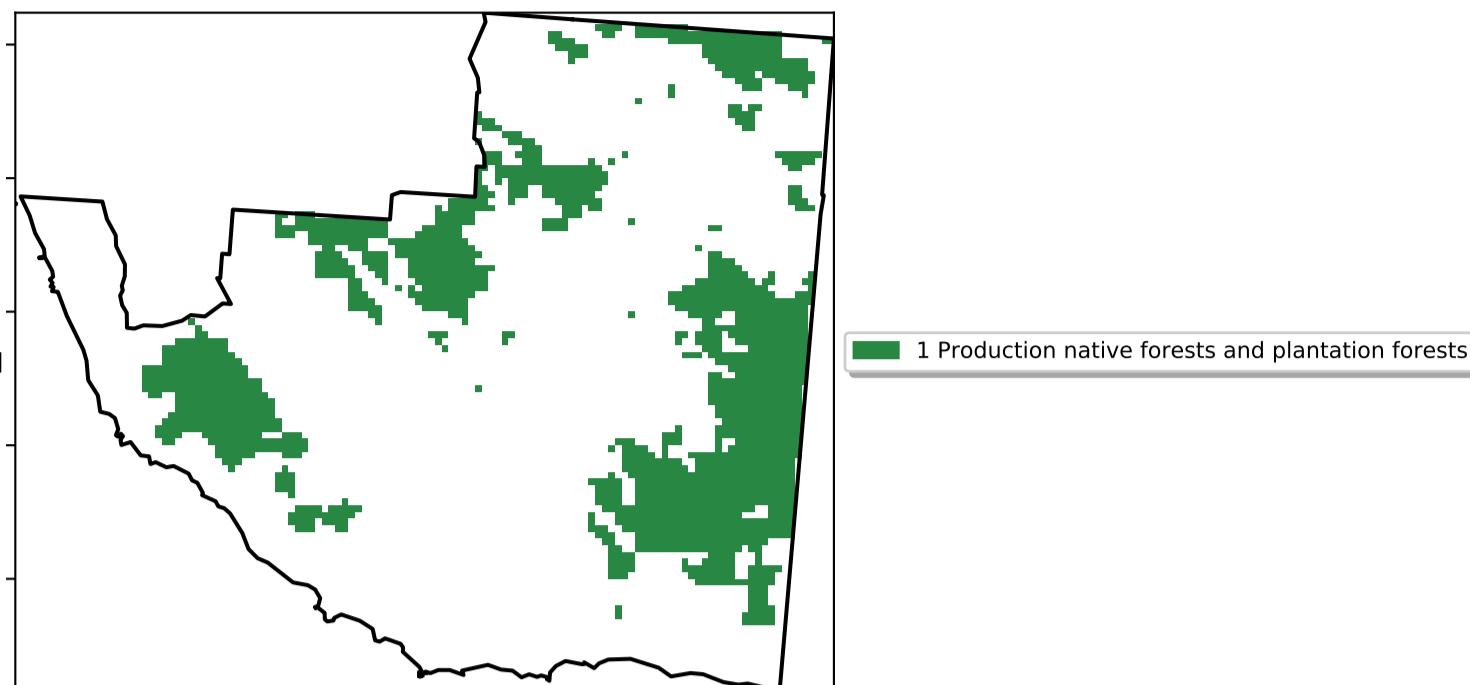
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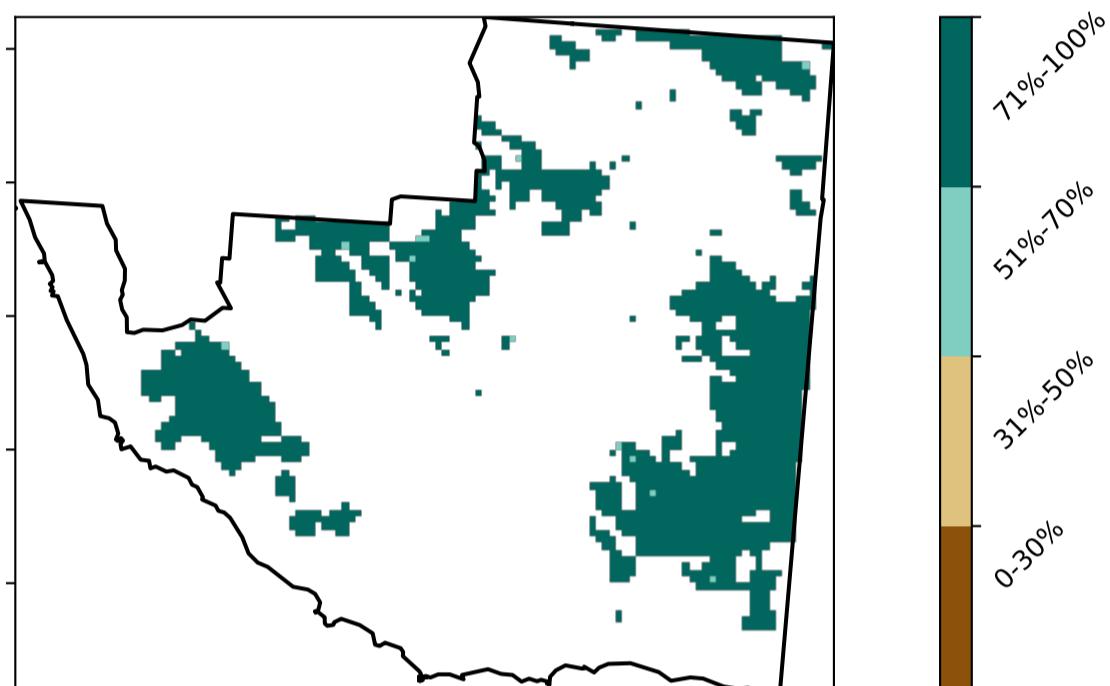
# Production native forests and plantation forests

**Land use and forest cover**

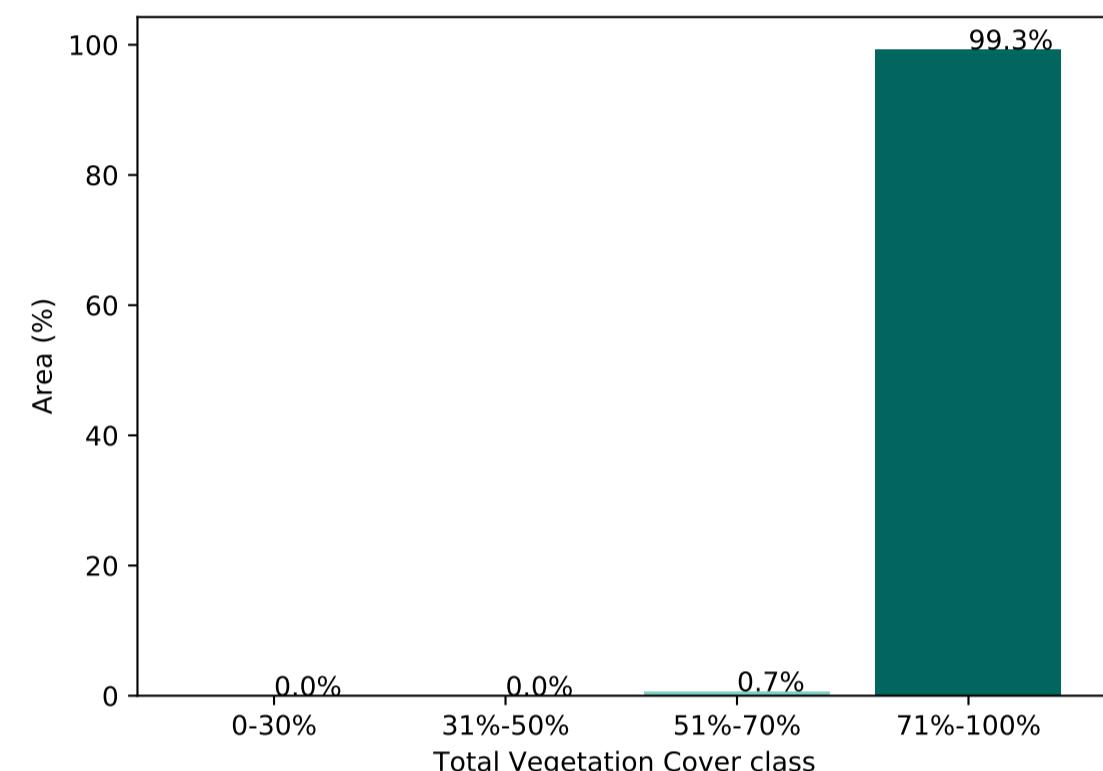
Catchment Scale  
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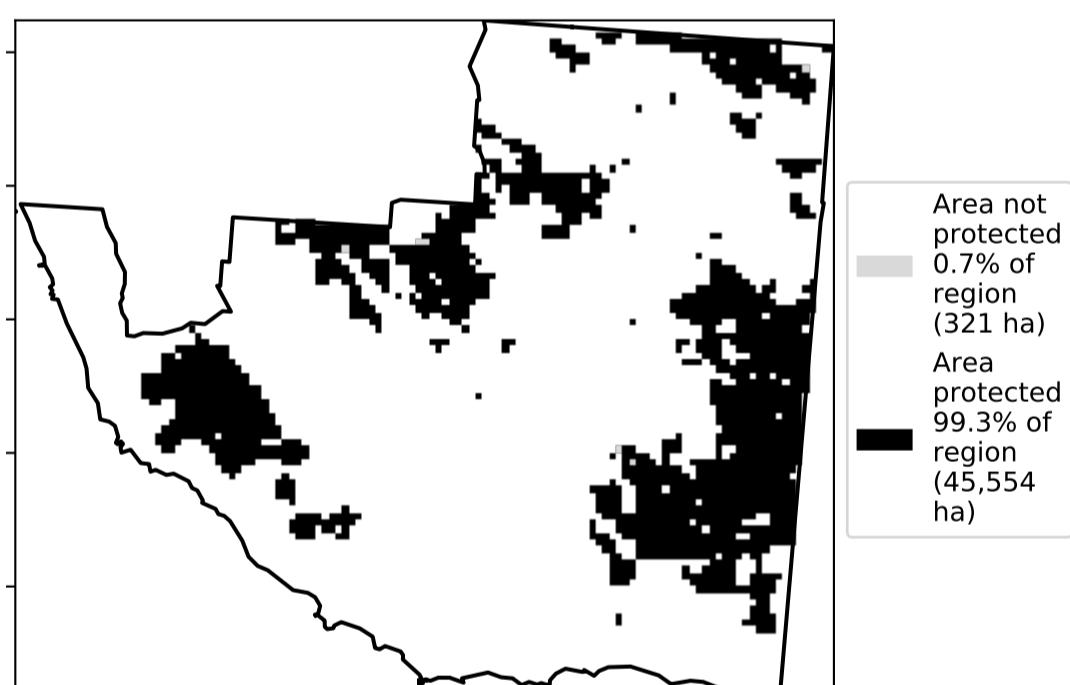
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



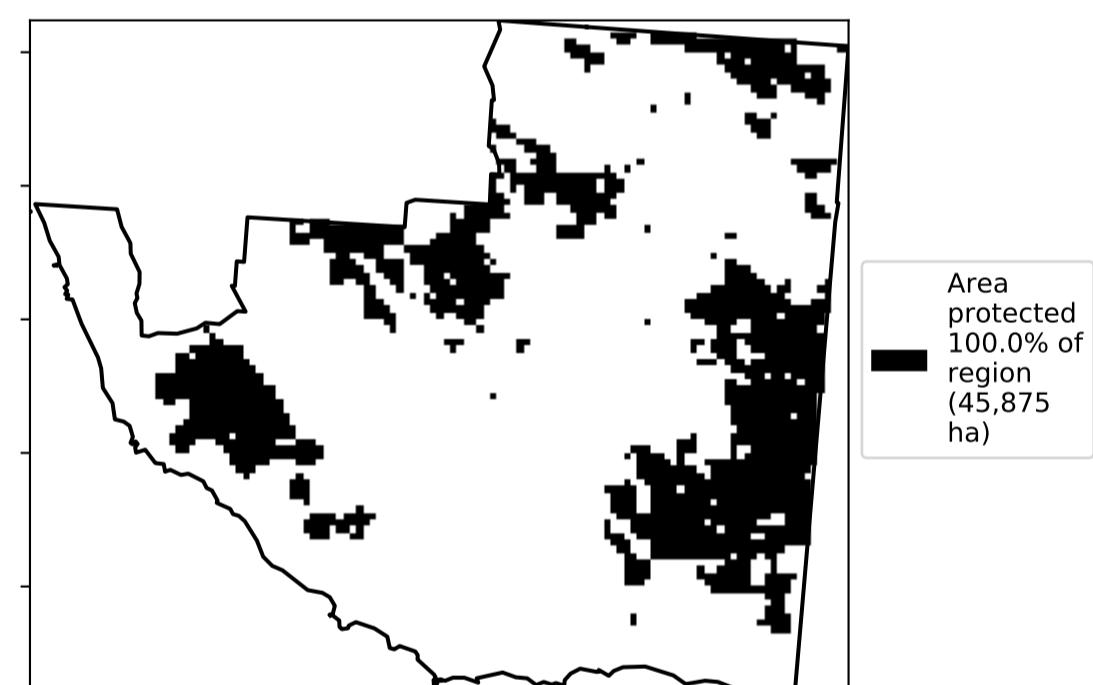
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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

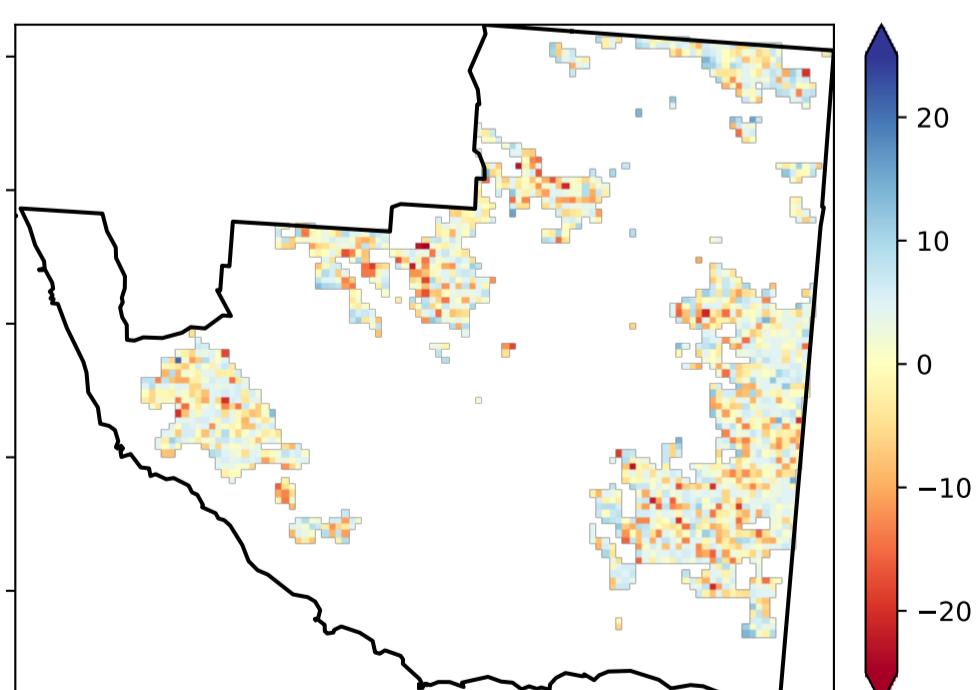


**% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)**



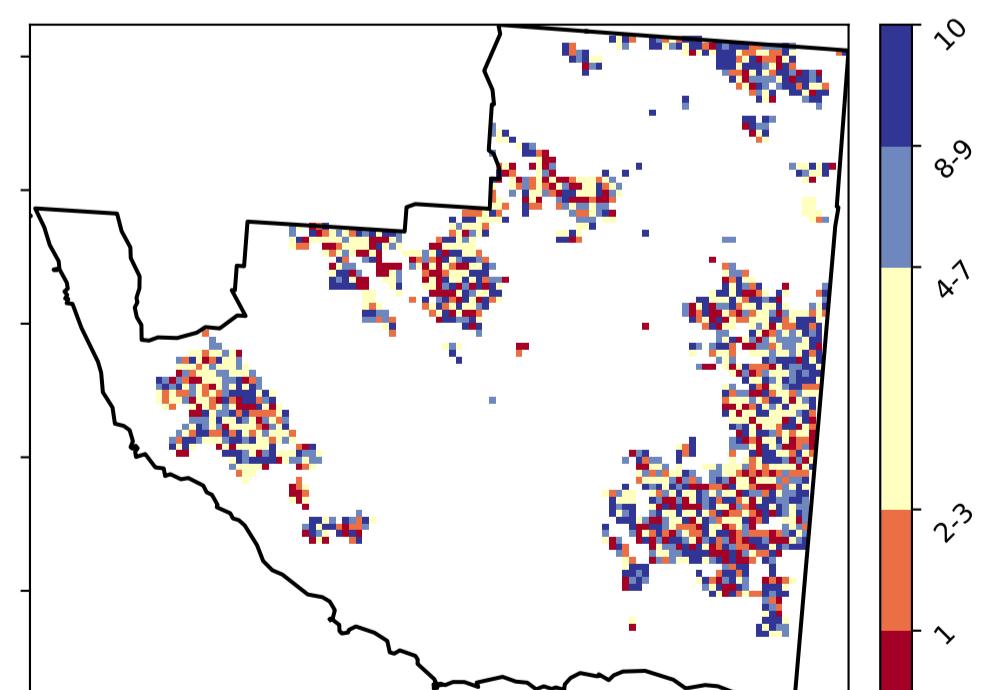
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

Anomaly shows how many percentage 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.



Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]**



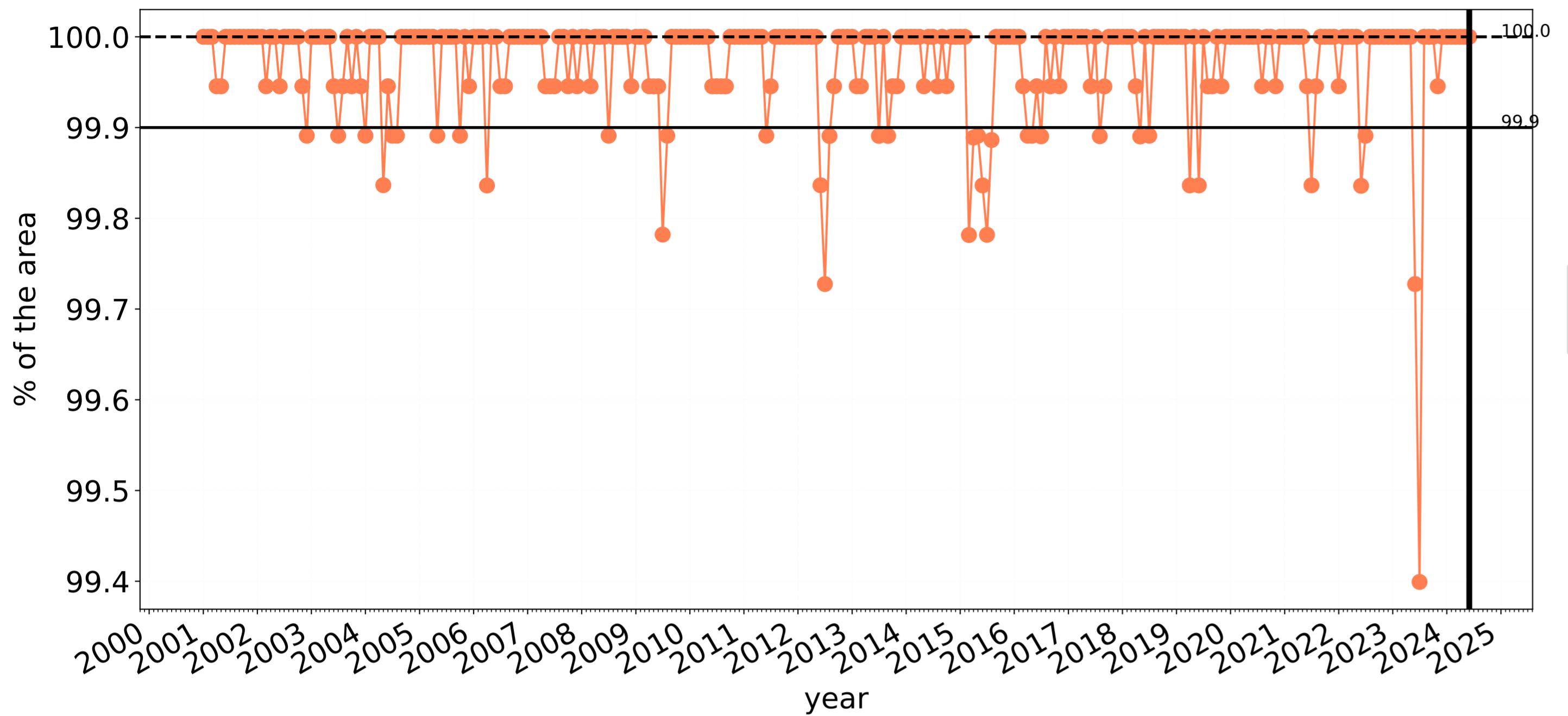
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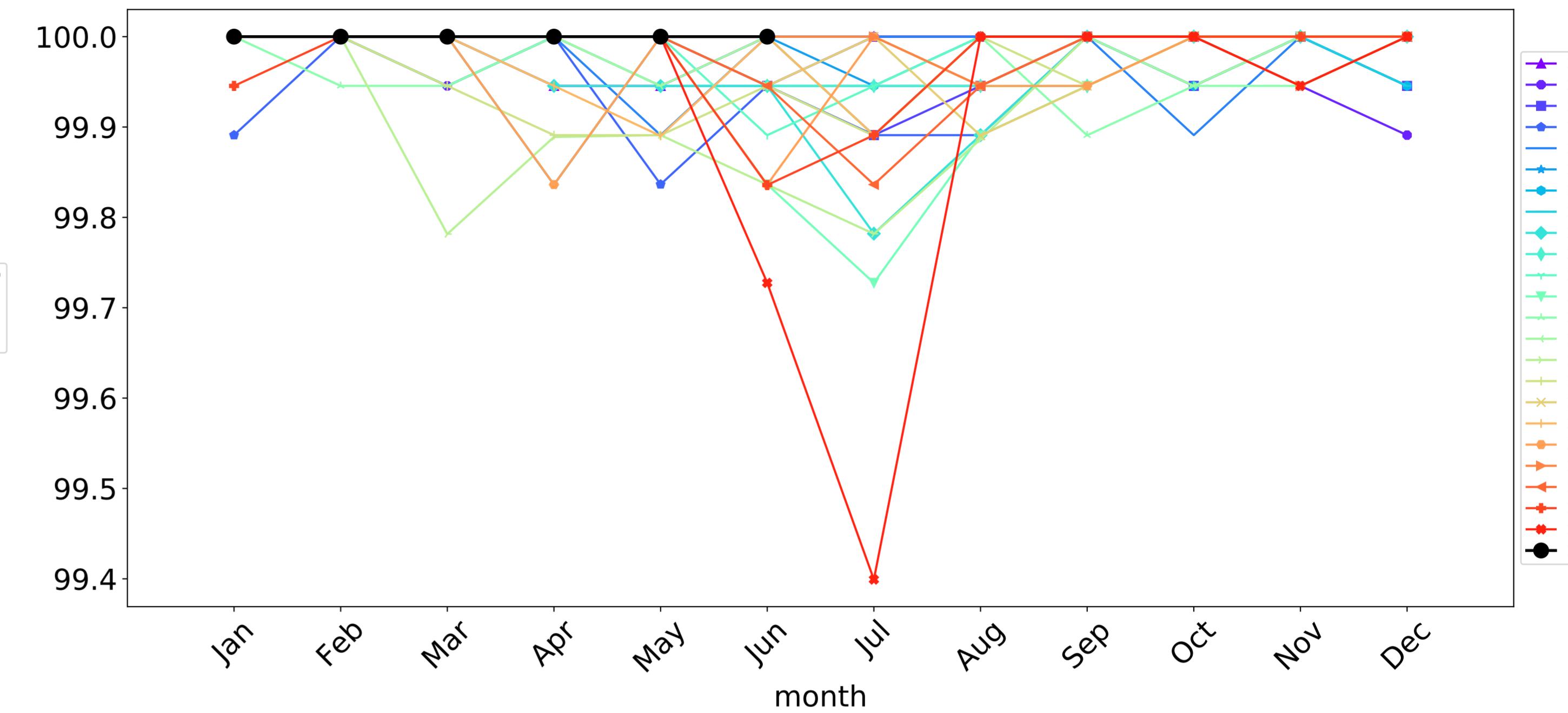


## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

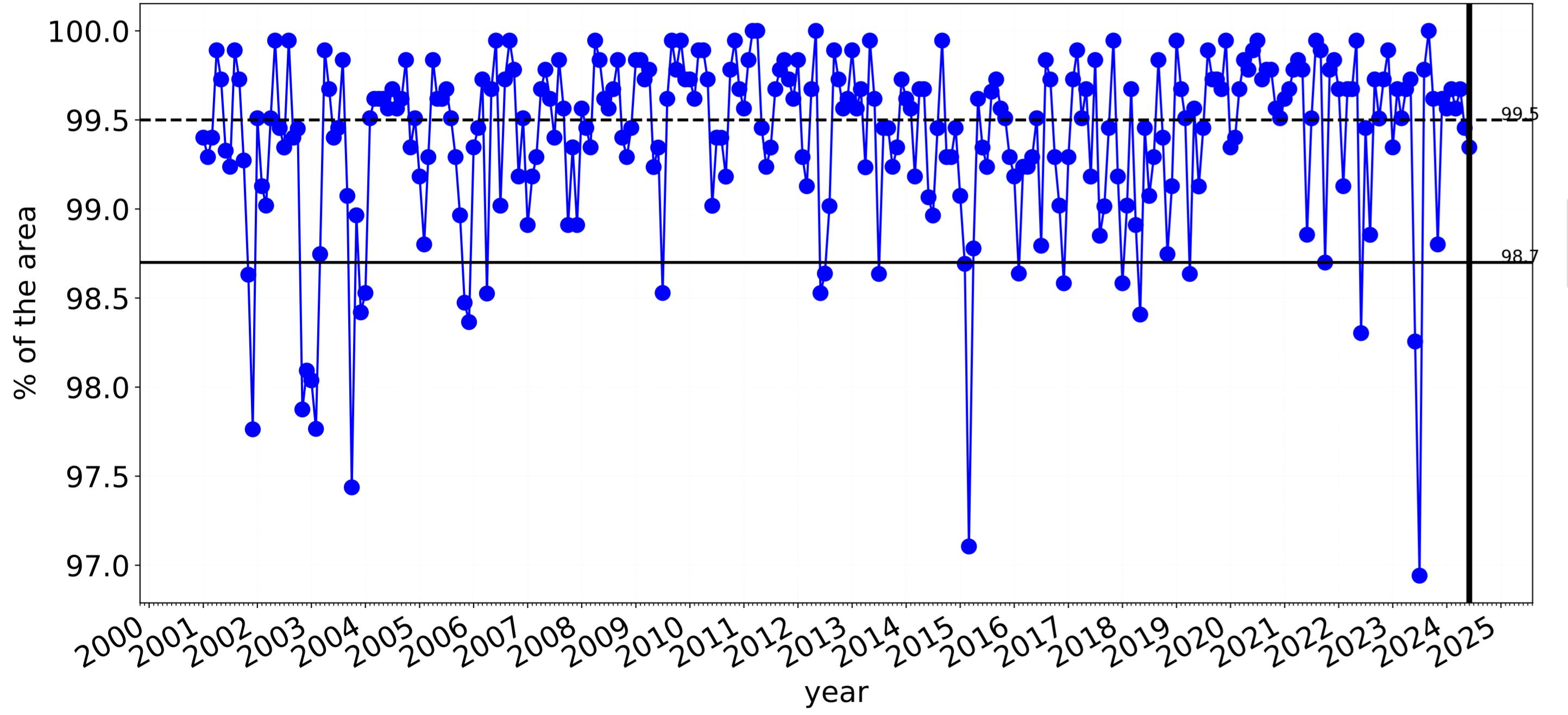
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



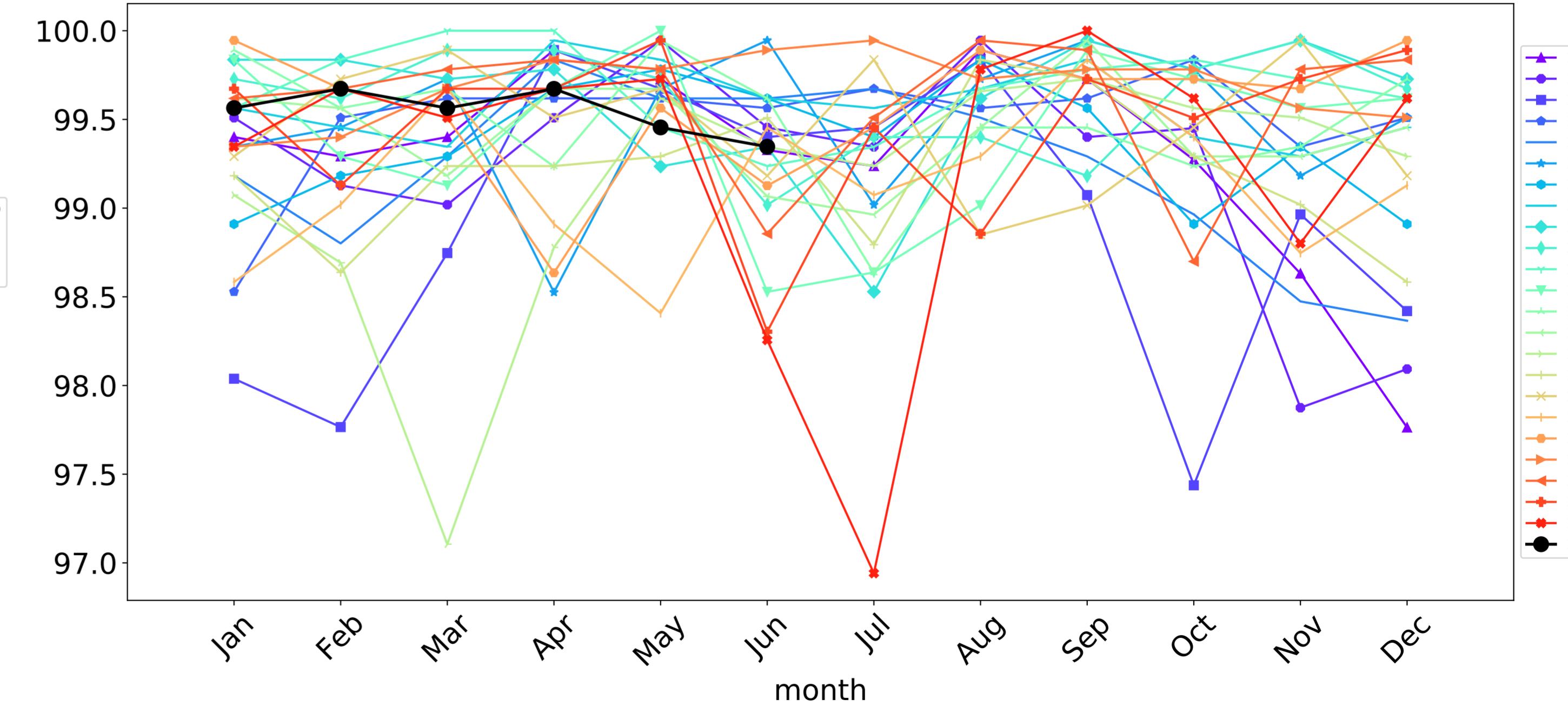
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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

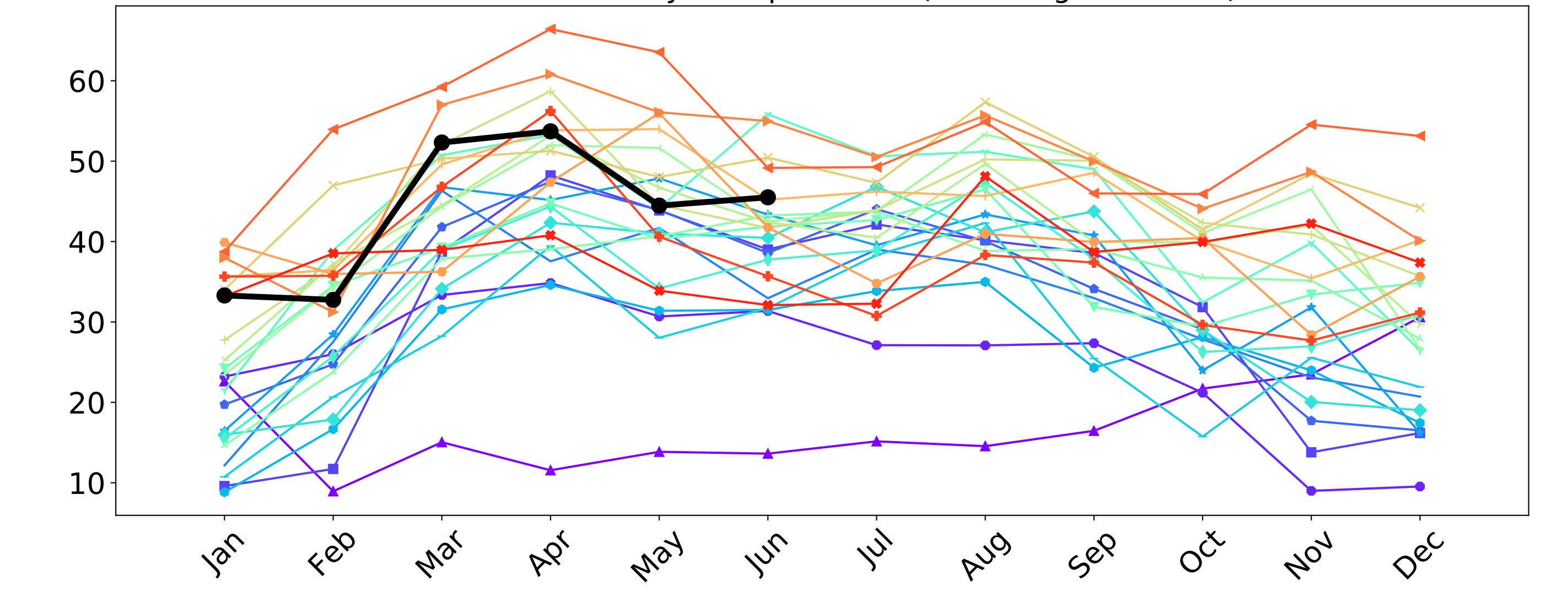
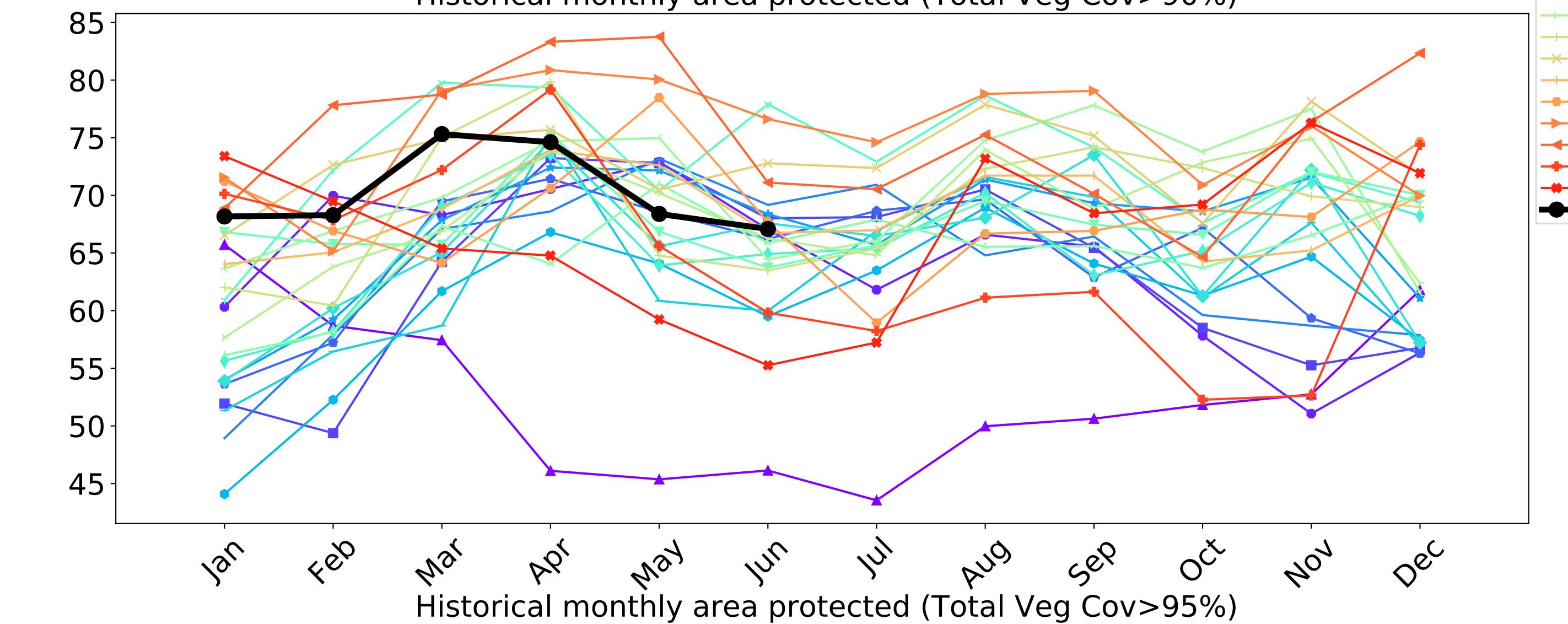
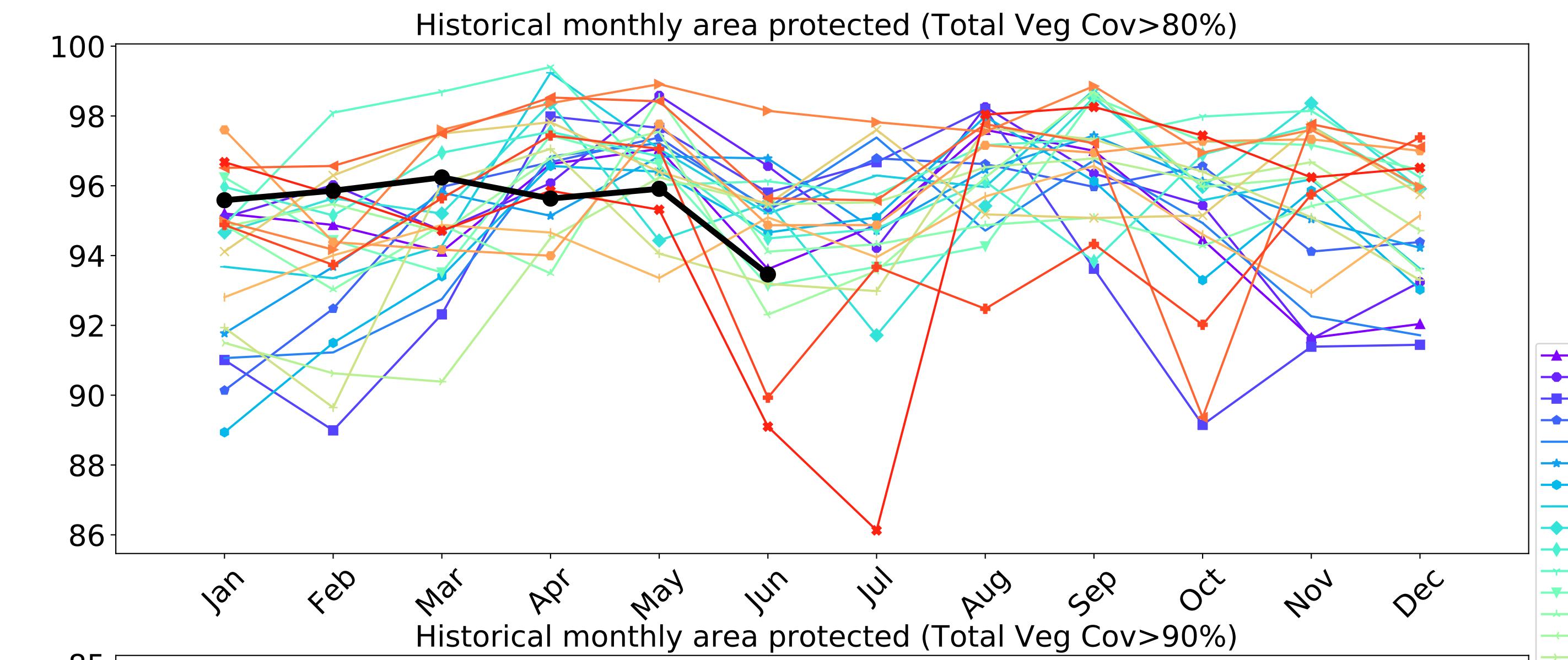
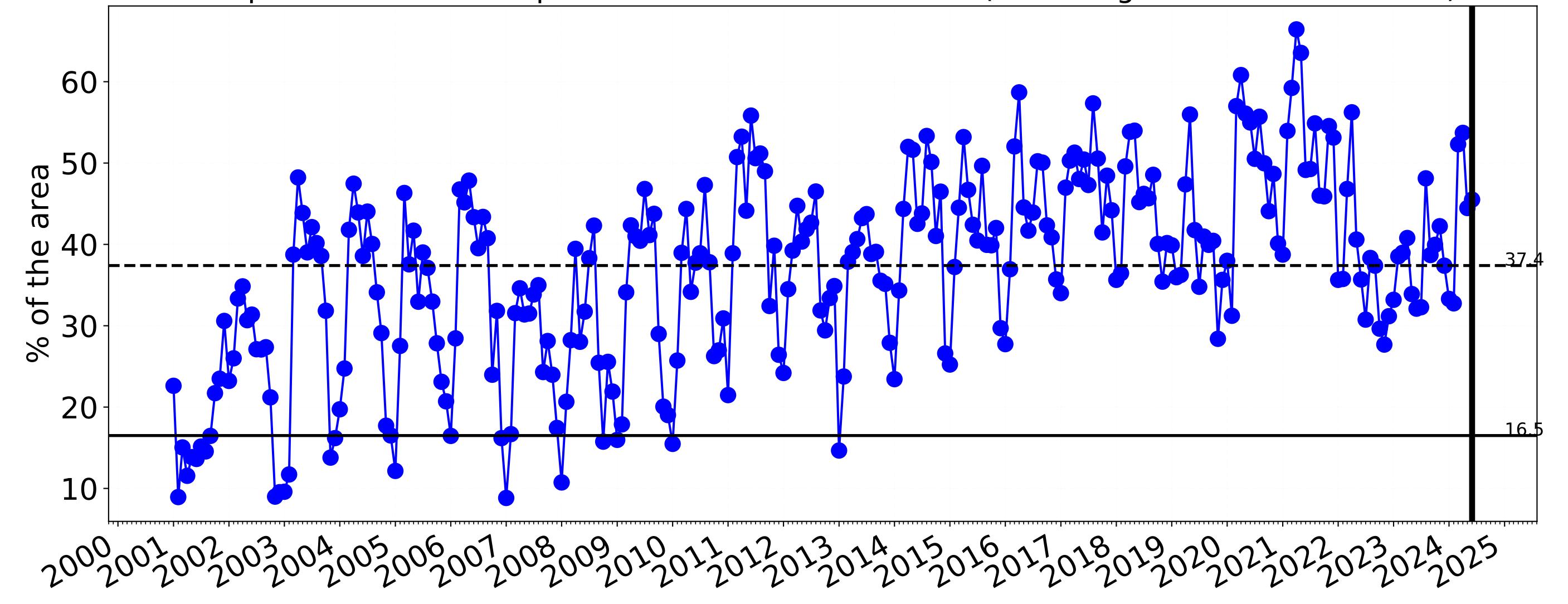
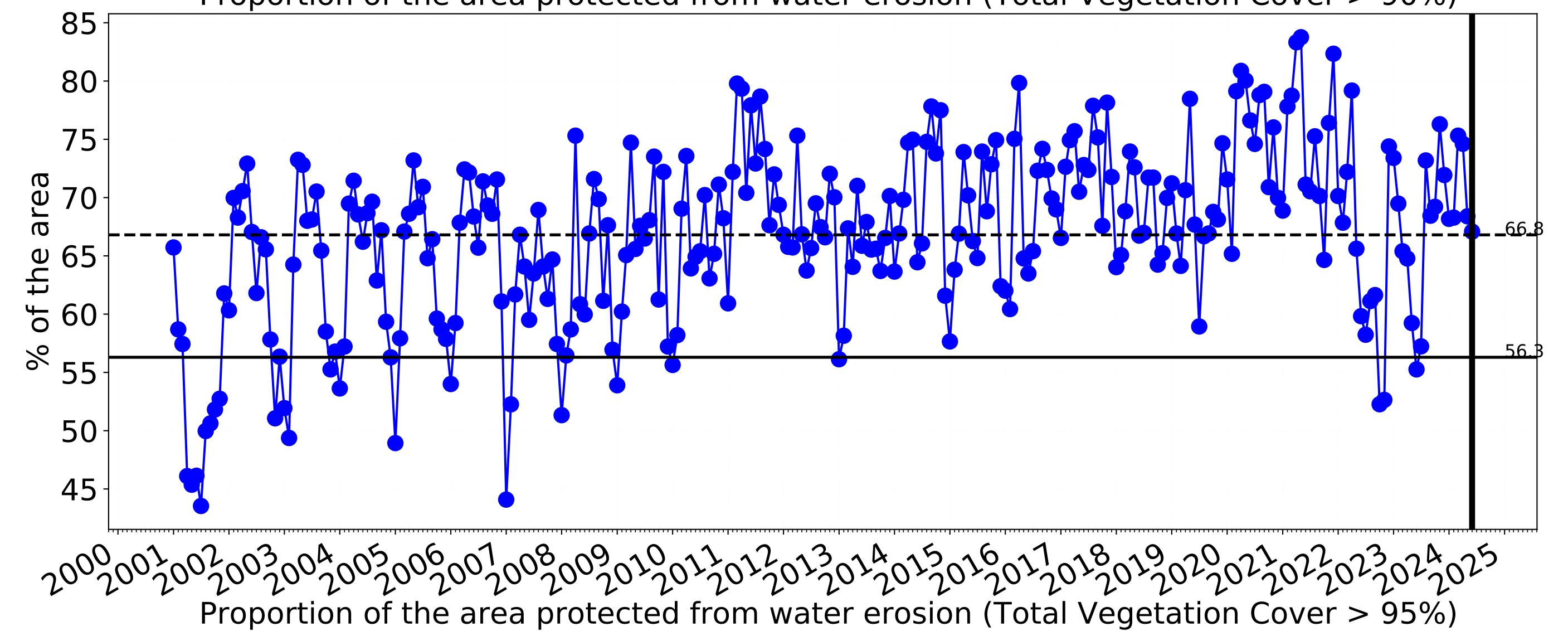
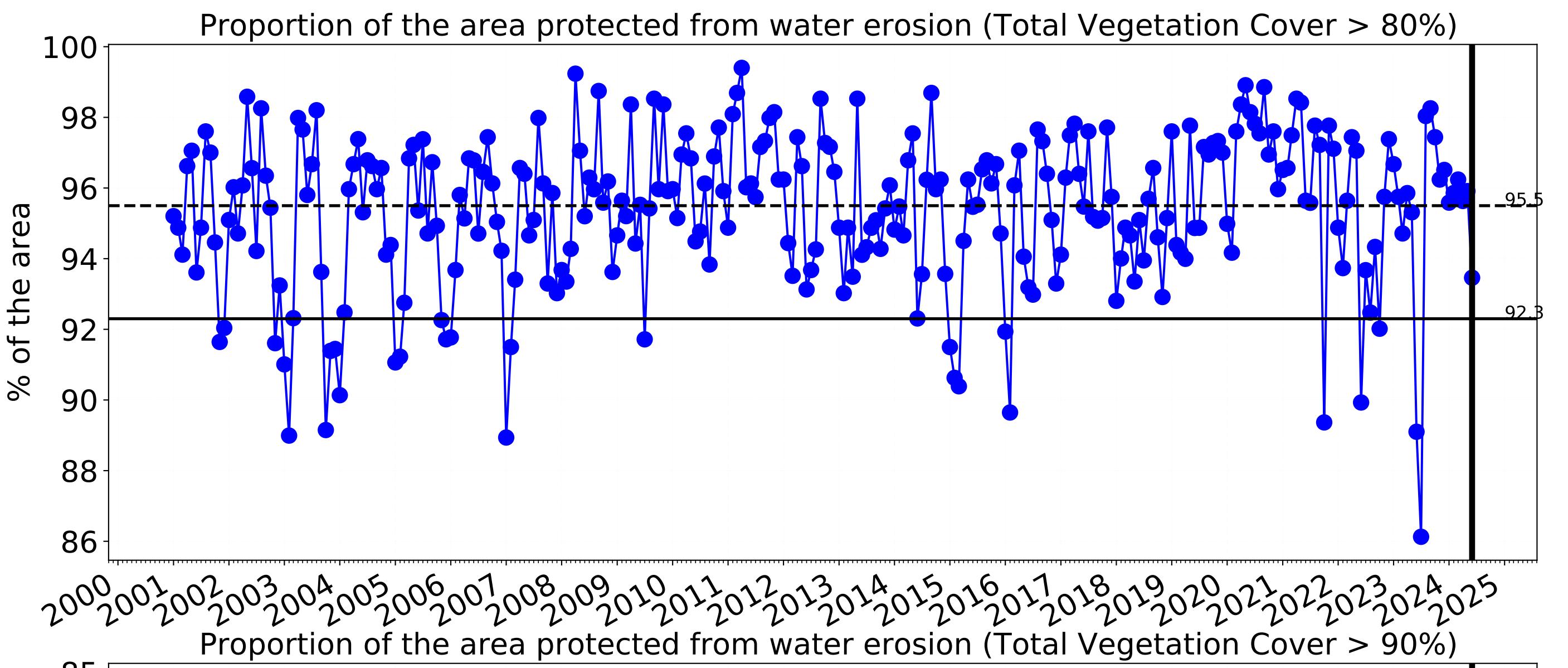


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**Grant\_(DC) (183,425 ha and no data 6,367 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%**

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	183,425	99.9% 183,275	99.7% 182,950	98.8% 181,275	94.5% 173,250	64.2% 117,800	39.4% 72,325
Conservation and natural environments	6,775	100.0% 6,775	98.5% 6,675	96.3% 6,525	90.4% 6,125	67.9% 4,600	45.4% 3,075
Conservation and natural environments non forest	2,525	100.0% 2,525	96.0% 2,425	91.1% 2,300	81.2% 2,050	61.4% 1,550	42.6% 1,075
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	4,225	100.0% 4,225	100.0% 4,225	99.4% 4,200	95.9% 4,050	71.6% 3,025	47.3% 2,000
Agriculture	122,000	100.0% 122,000	99.9% 121,900	99.3% 121,150	95.6% 116,650	63.1% 77,000	36.9% 45,050
Grazing	107,025	100.0% 107,025	99.9% 106,950	99.3% 106,300	95.7% 102,475	64.9% 69,475	38.9% 41,650
Grazing non forest	106,475	100.0% 106,475	99.9% 106,400	99.3% 105,750	95.7% 101,925	64.9% 69,125	38.9% 41,400
Irrigation	13,200	100.0% 13,200	99.8% 13,175	99.2% 13,100	94.5% 12,475	50.2% 6,625	21.8% 2,875
Production native forests and plantation forests	45,875	100.0% 45,875	100.0% 45,875	99.3% 45,575	93.5% 42,875	67.1% 30,775	45.5% 20,875



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