Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Grant_(DC) SA Date: January 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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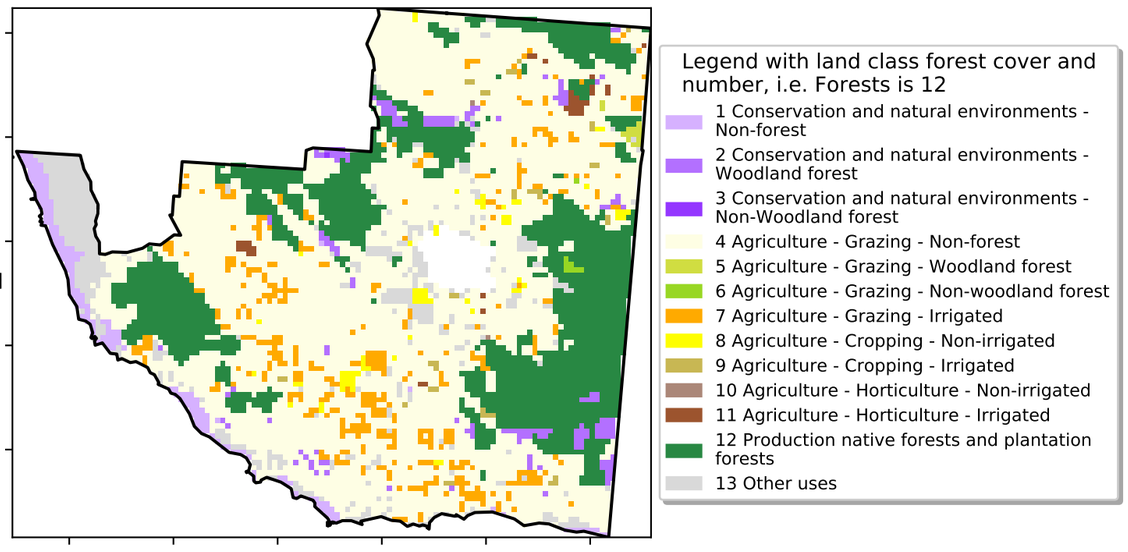
Vegetation Cover Jan 2025

Land use and forest cover



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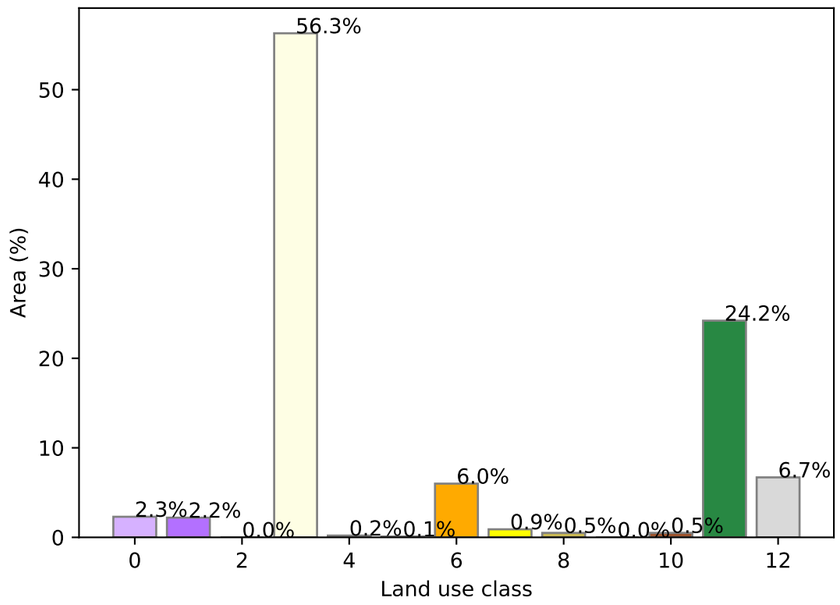

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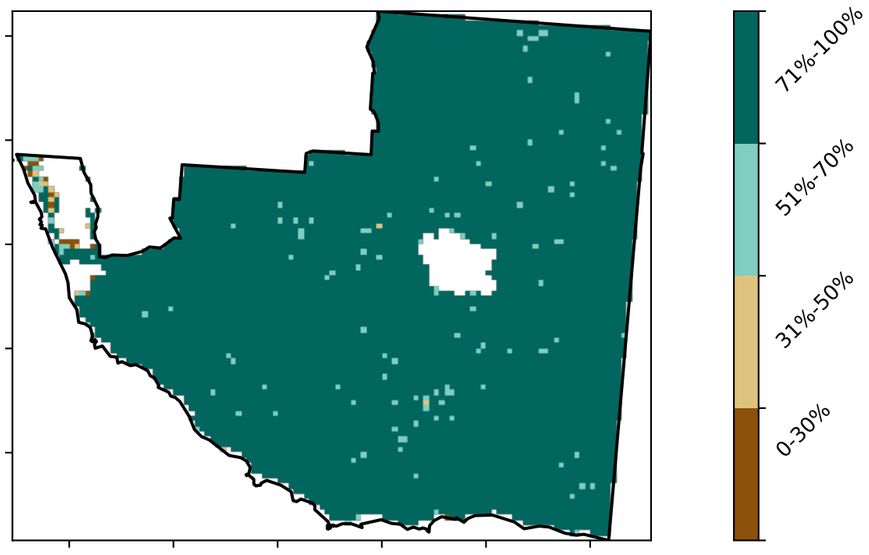

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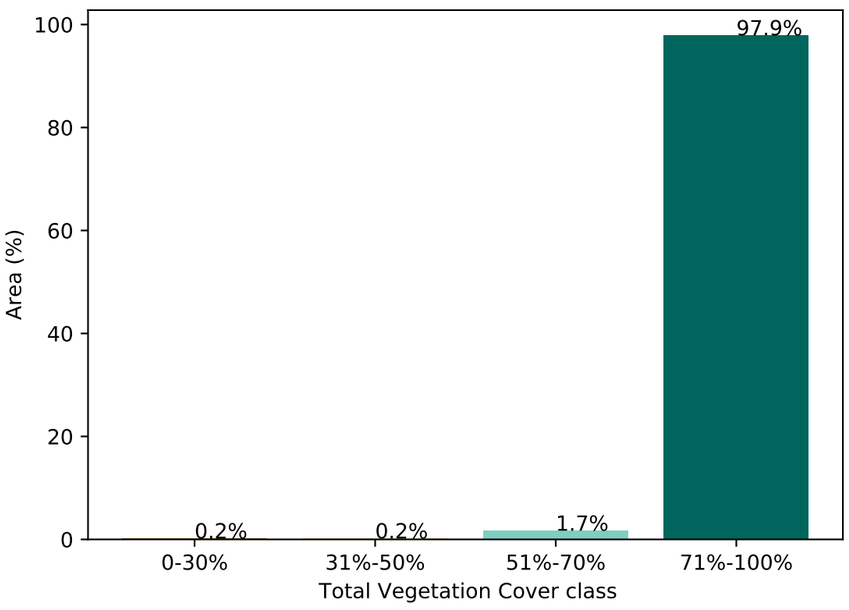

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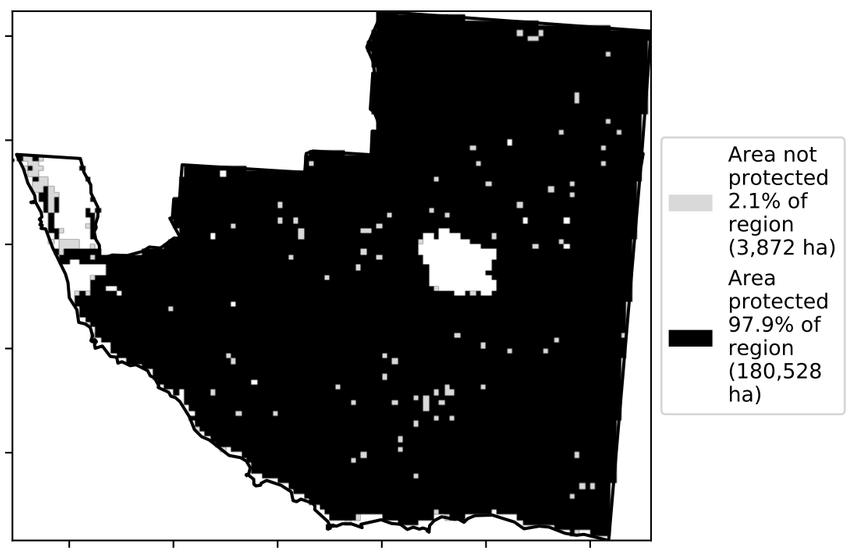

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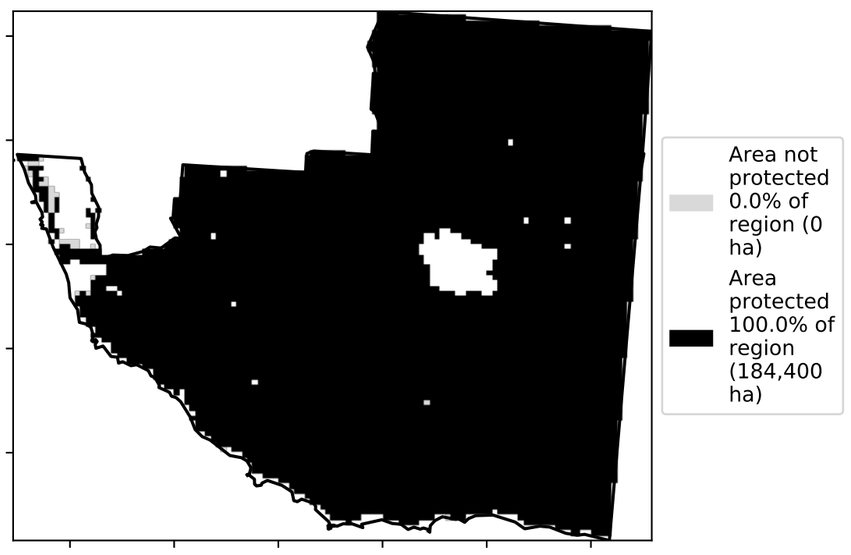

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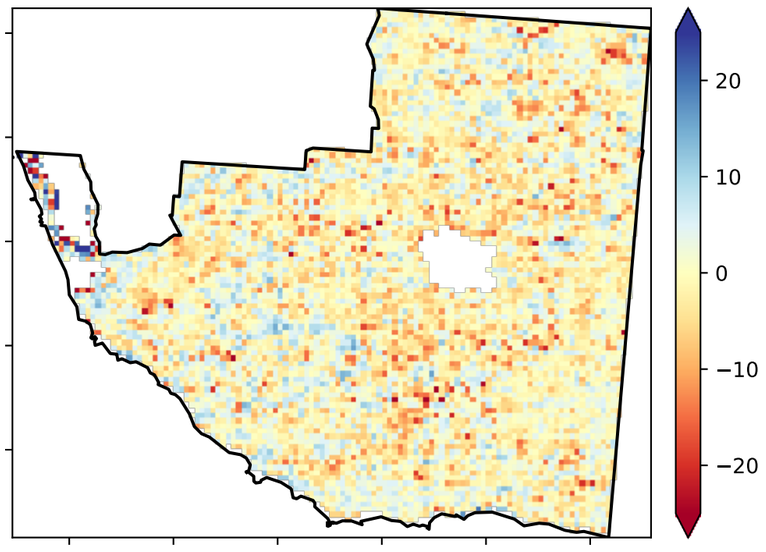

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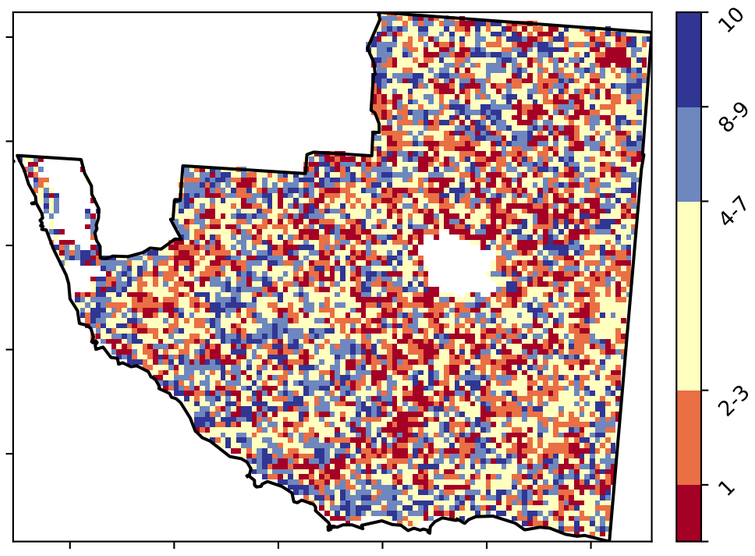

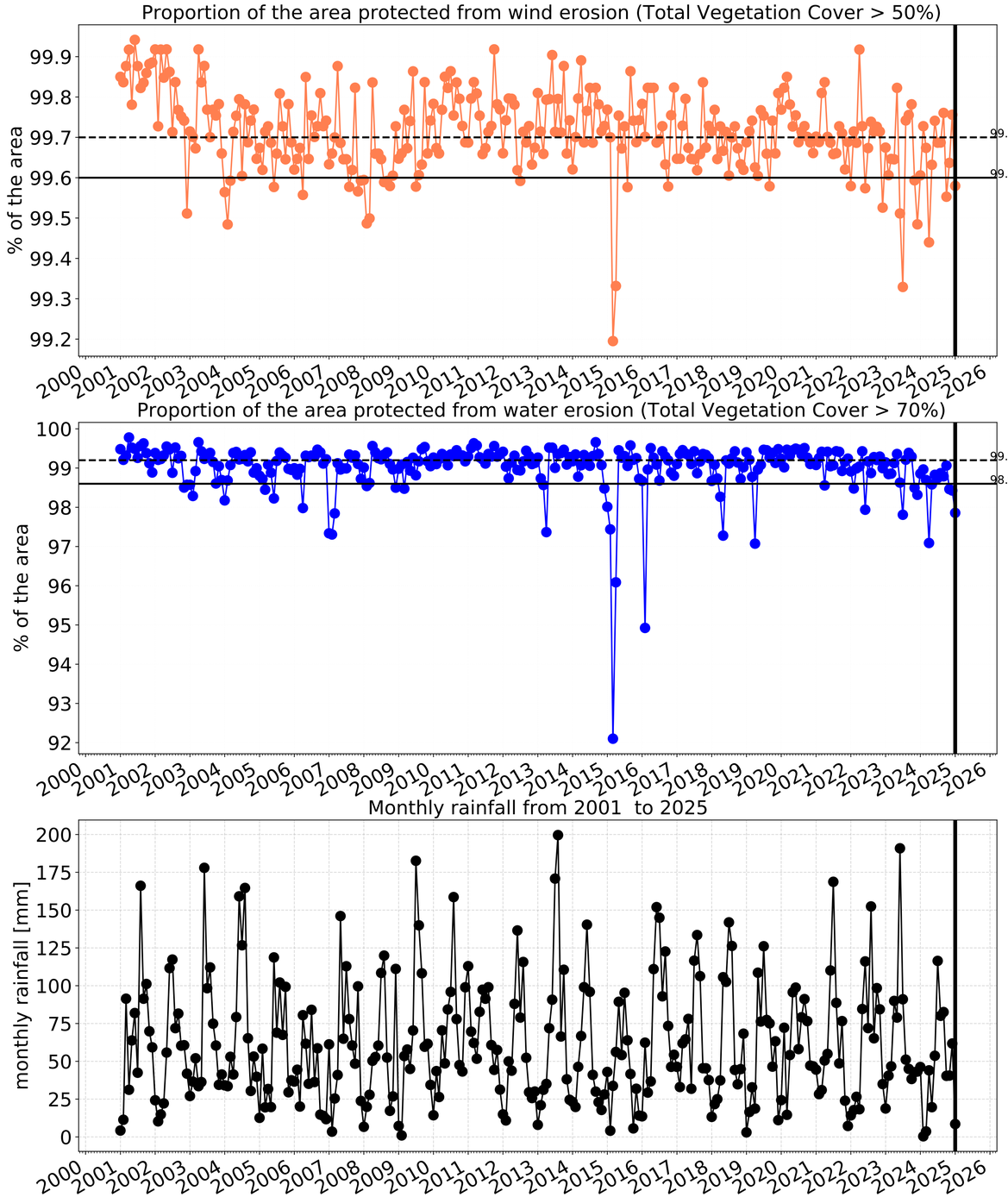
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
% of the area
99.9
99.8
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99.6
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above_50
10th
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)
% of the area
100
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99.2
98.6
above_70
10th
50th
2025 Jan
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Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2025
monthly rainfall [mm]
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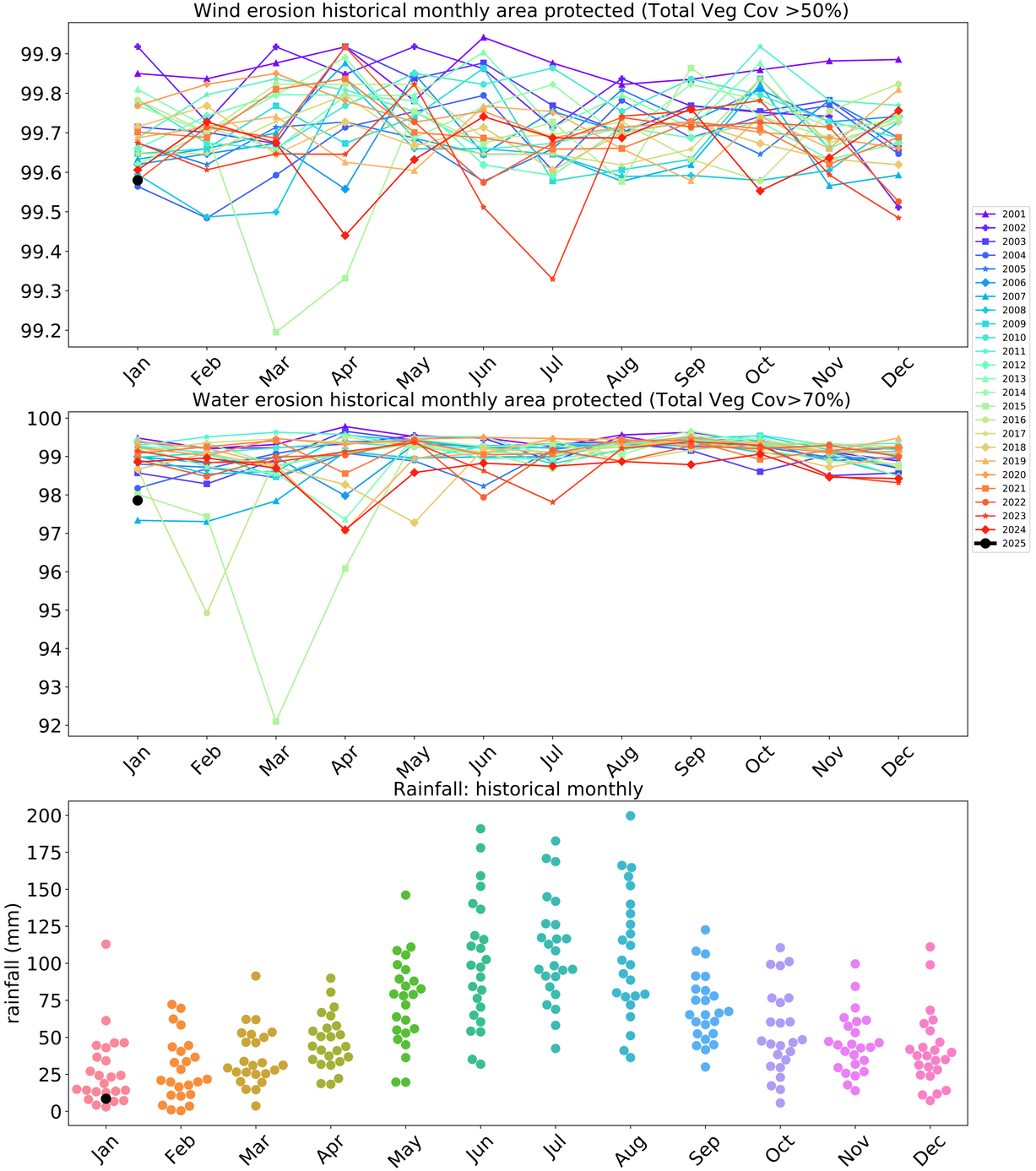
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
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Rainfall: historical monthly
rainfall (mm)
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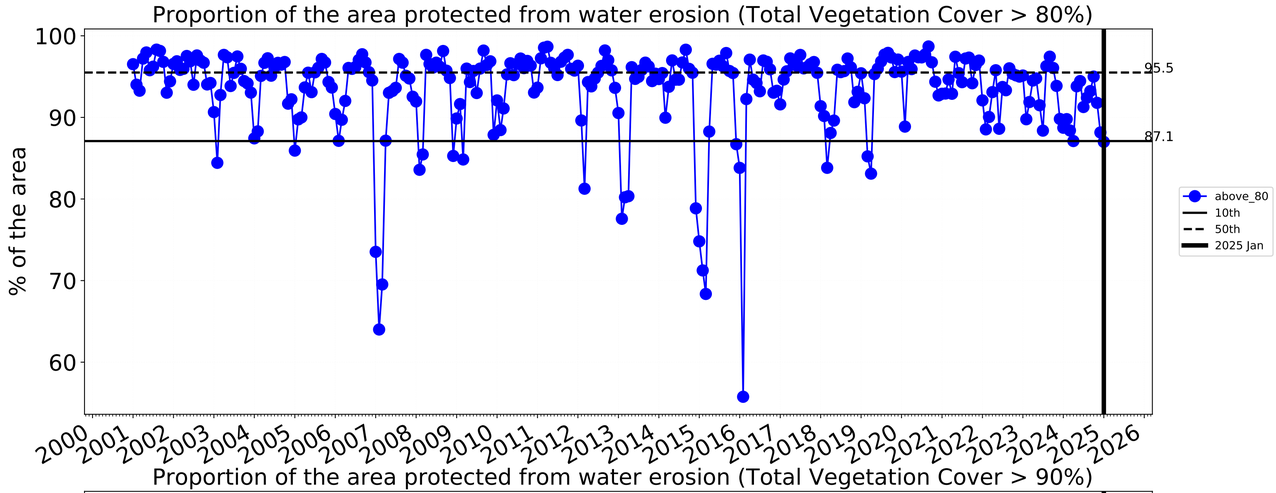
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% of the area
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87.1
above_80
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50th
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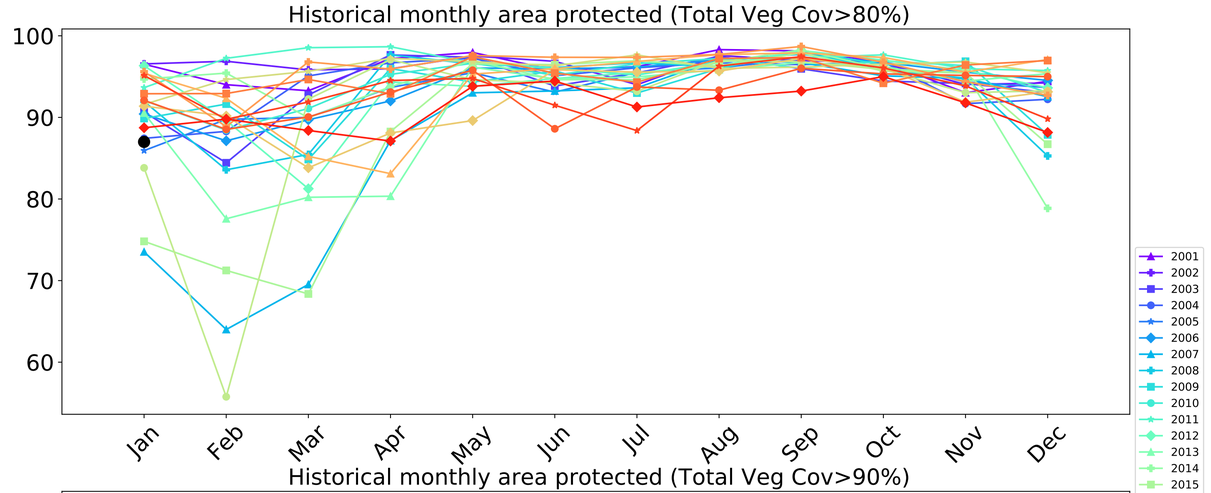
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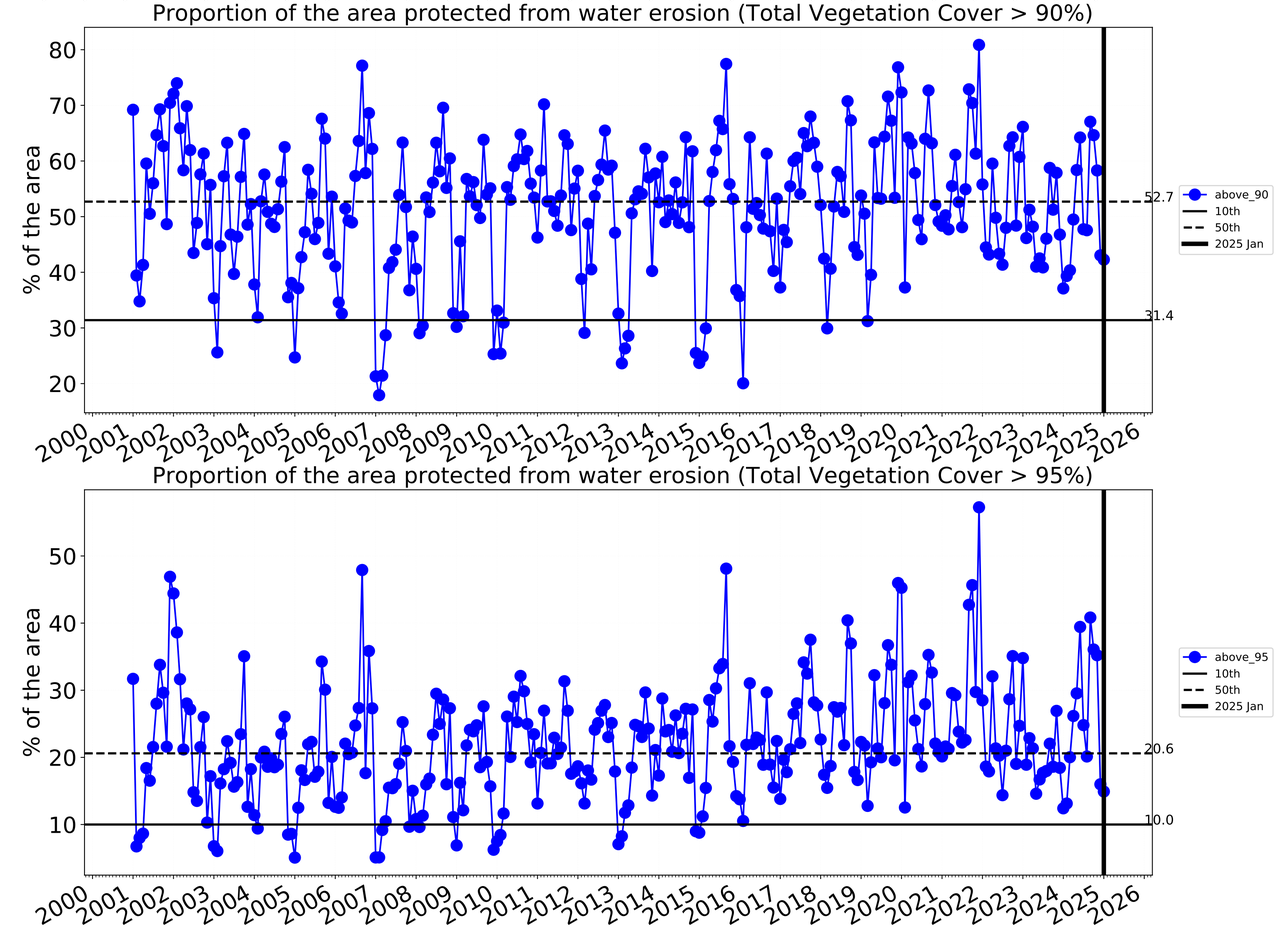
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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31.4
above_90
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% of the area
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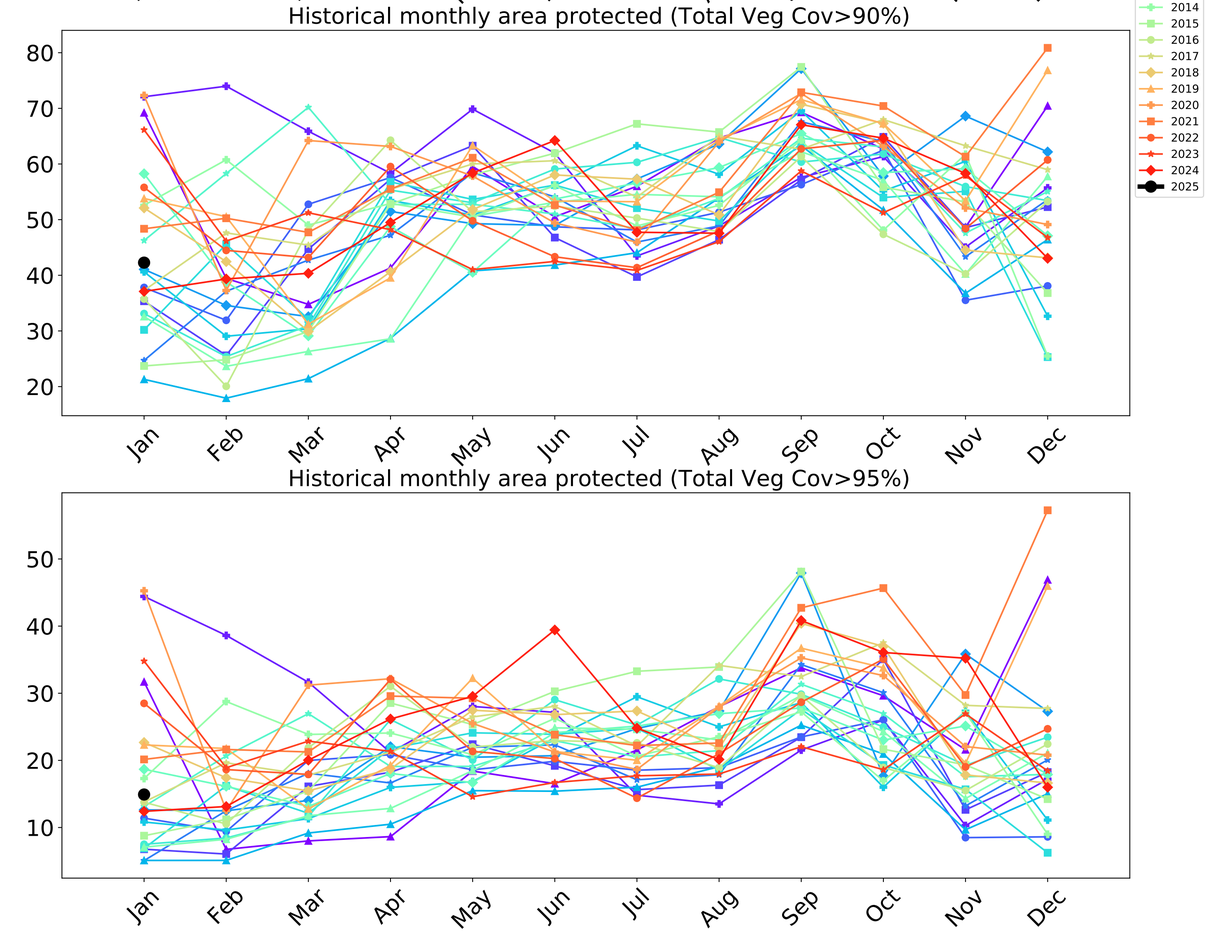
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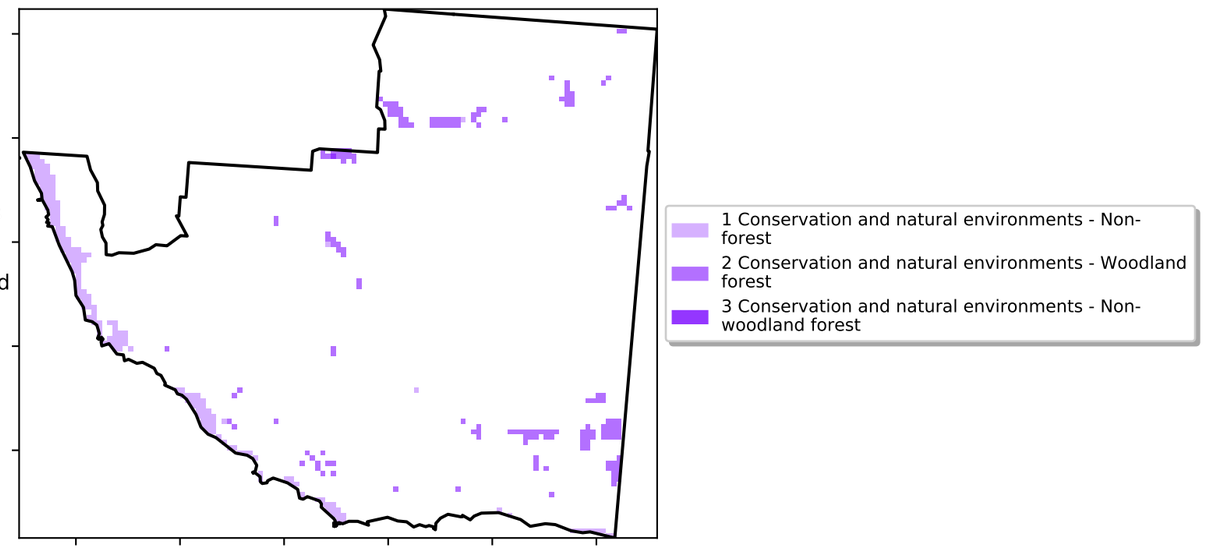
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover



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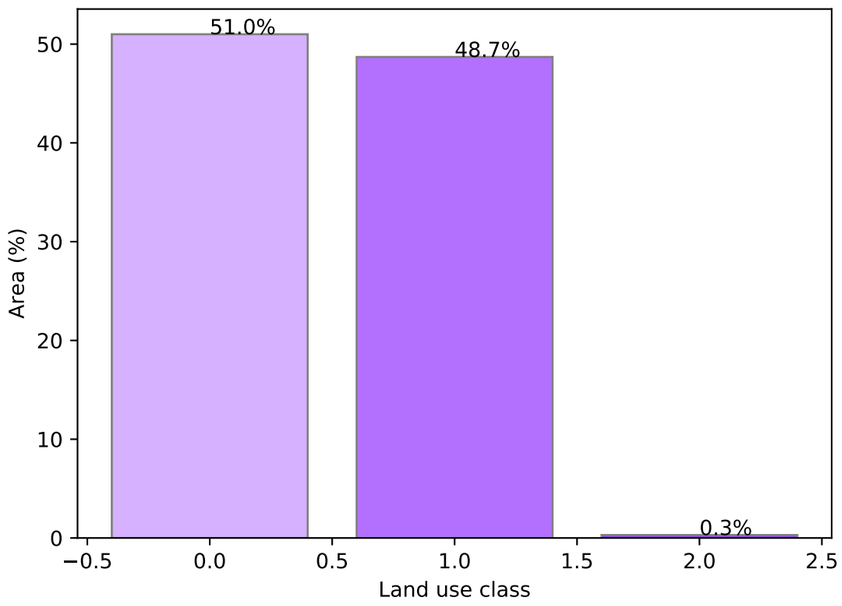

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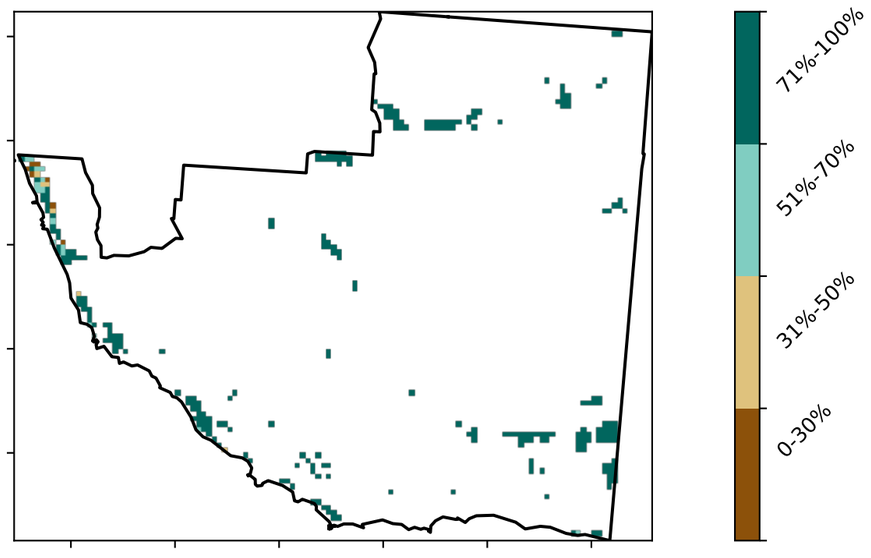

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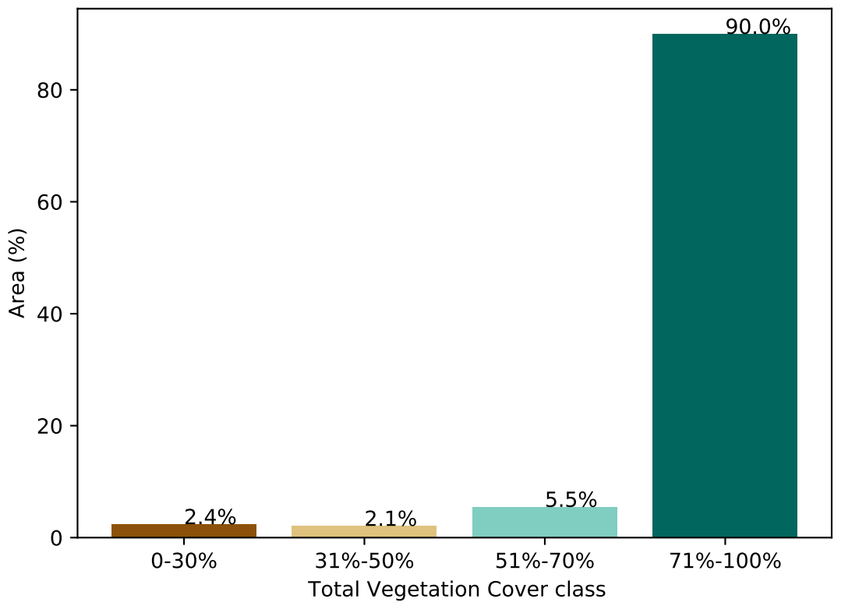

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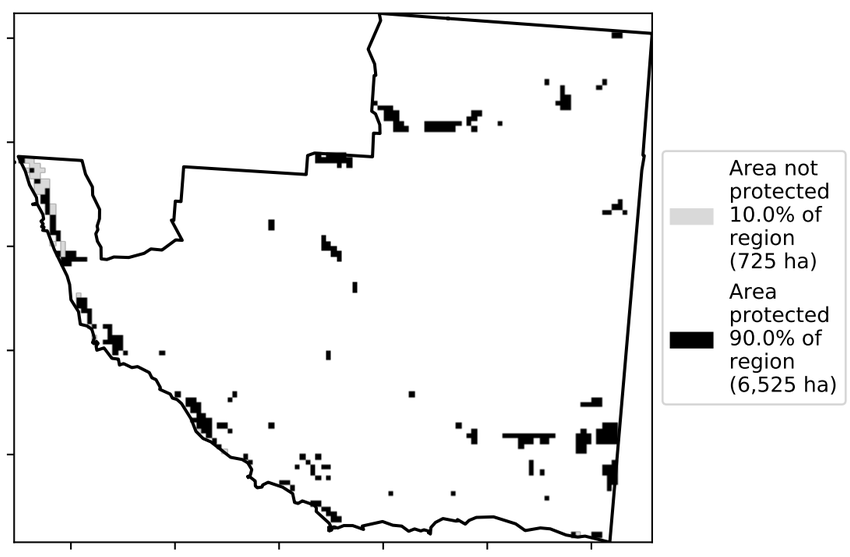

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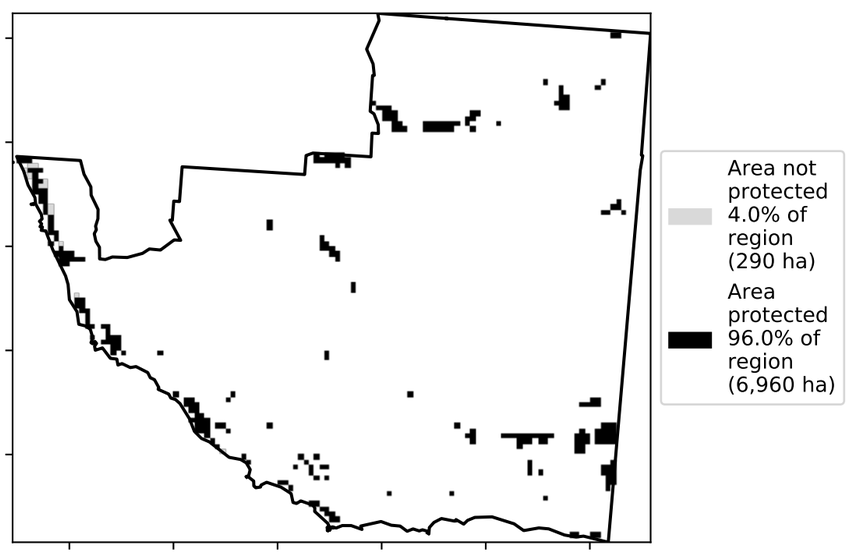

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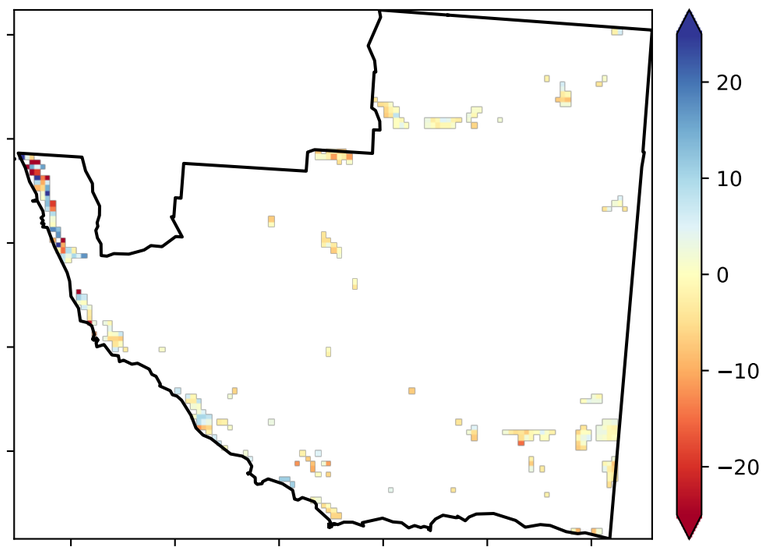

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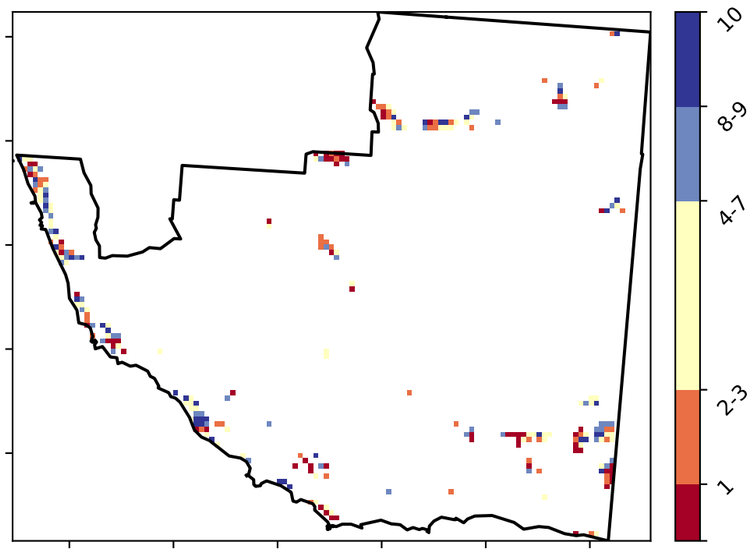

Conservation and natural environments timeseries

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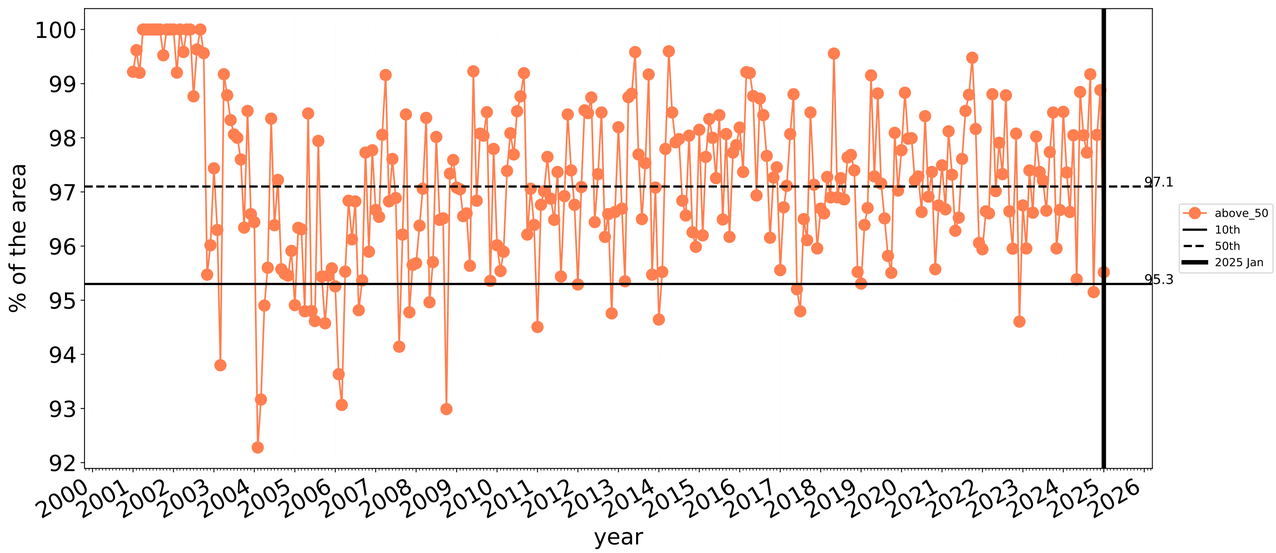

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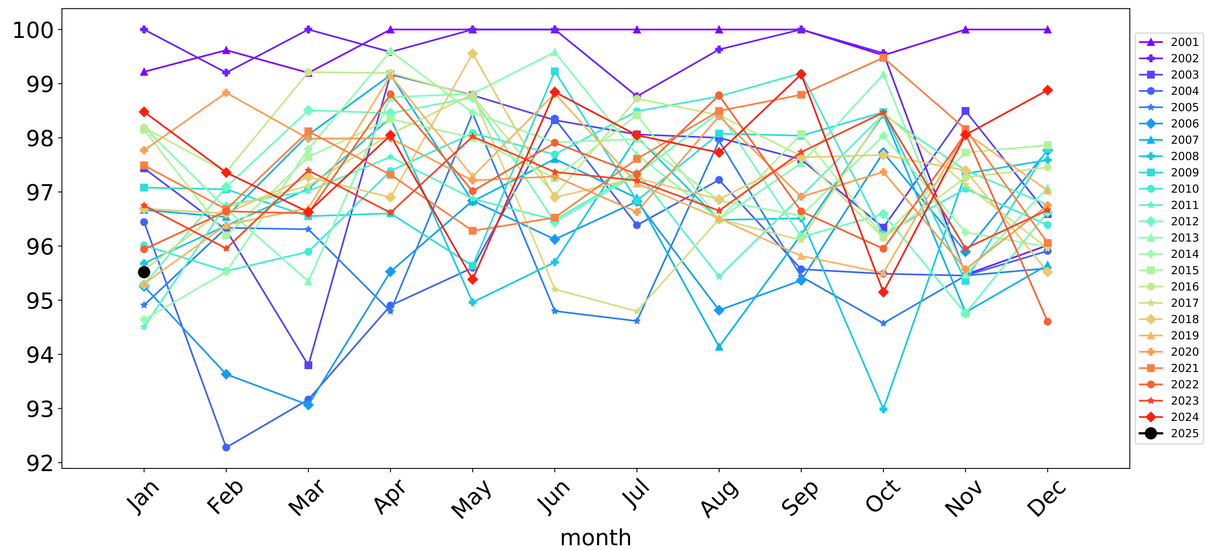

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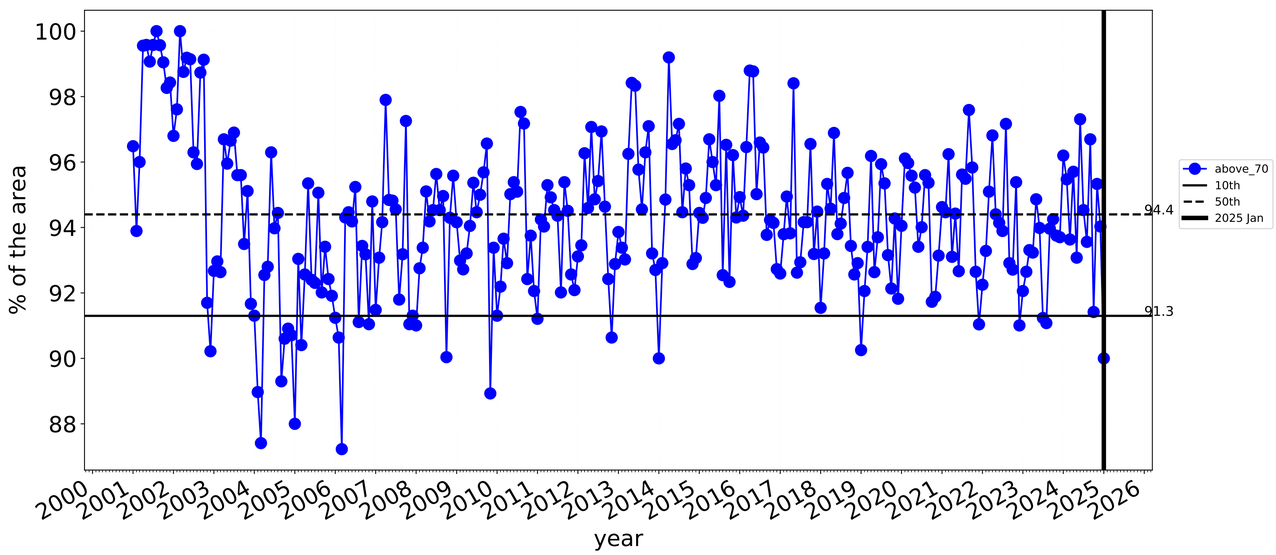

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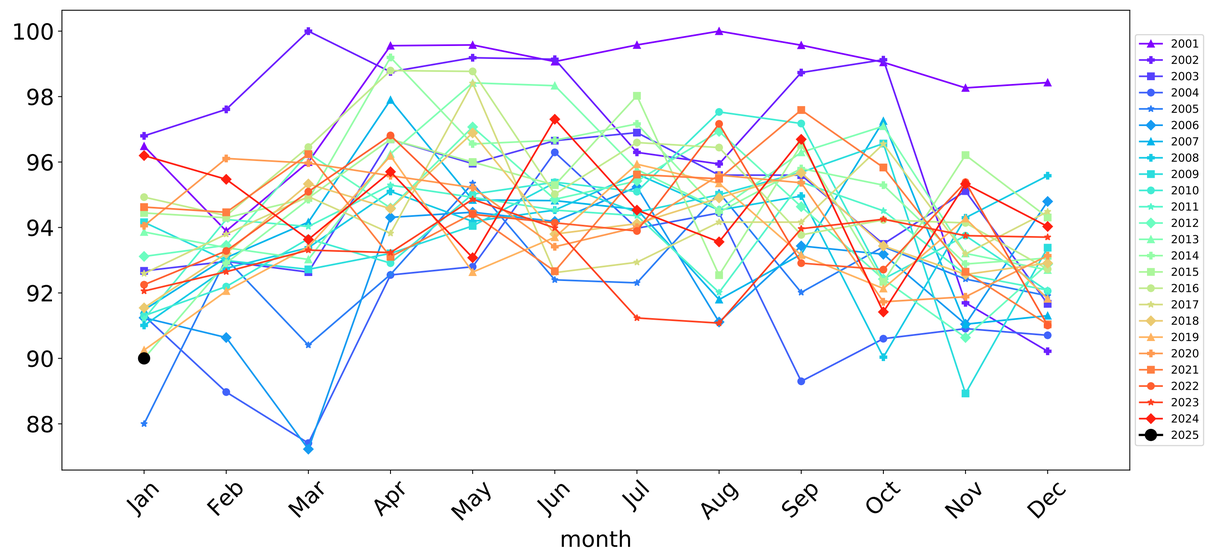

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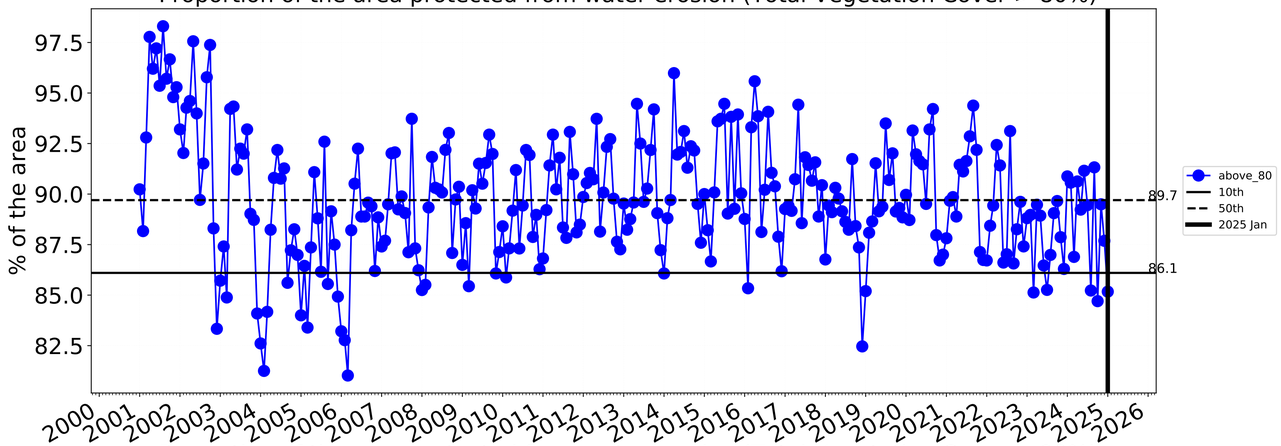

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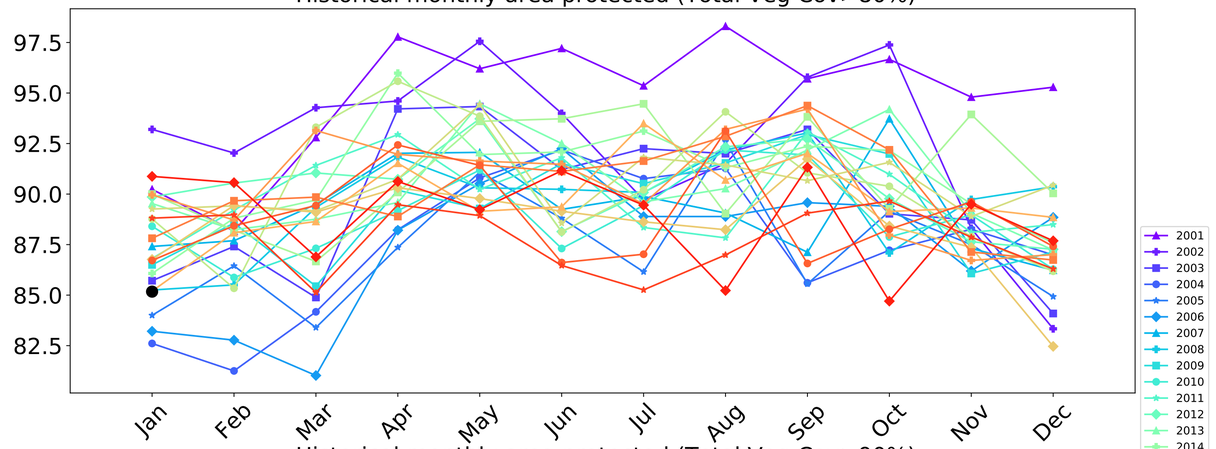

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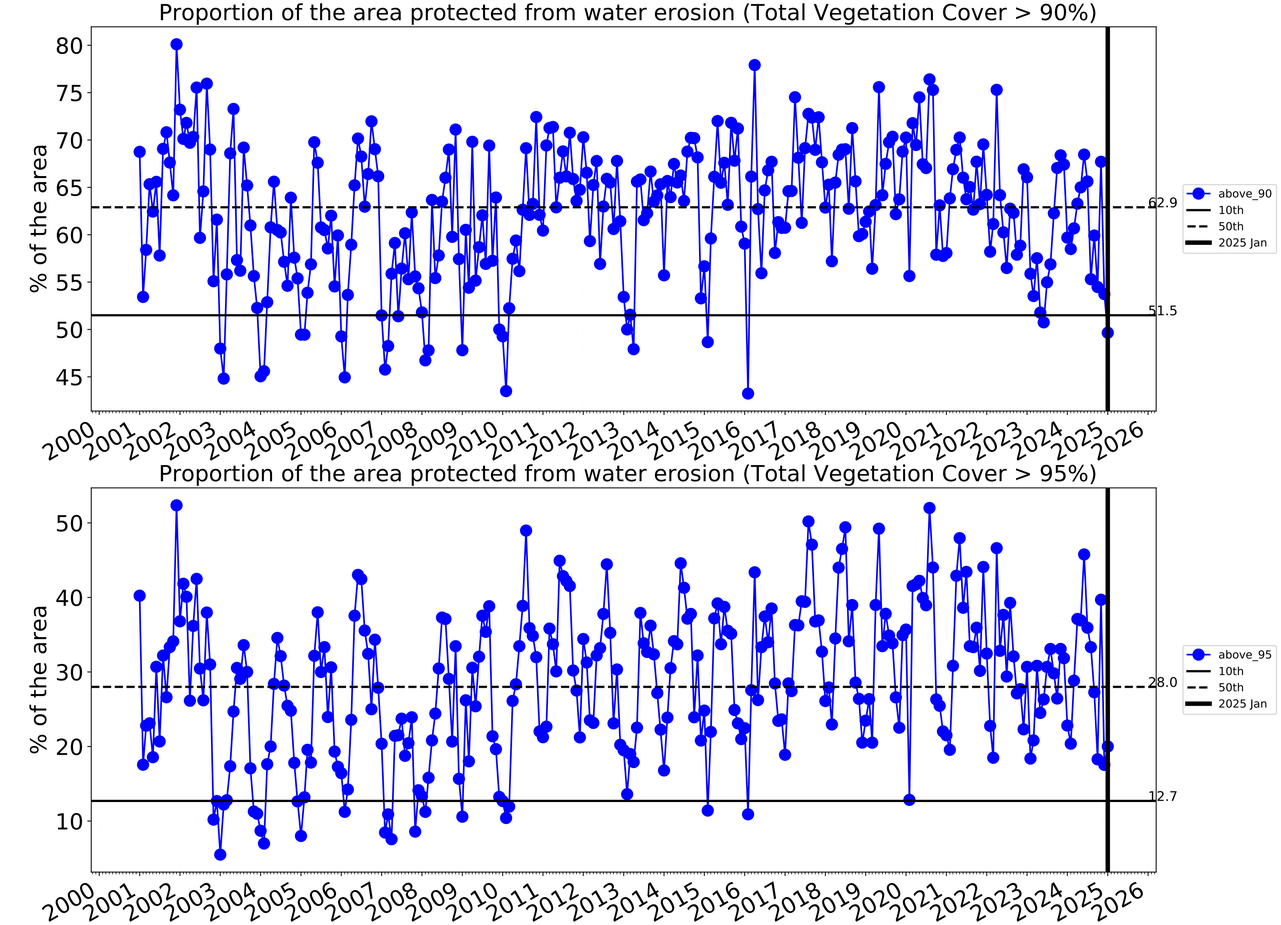

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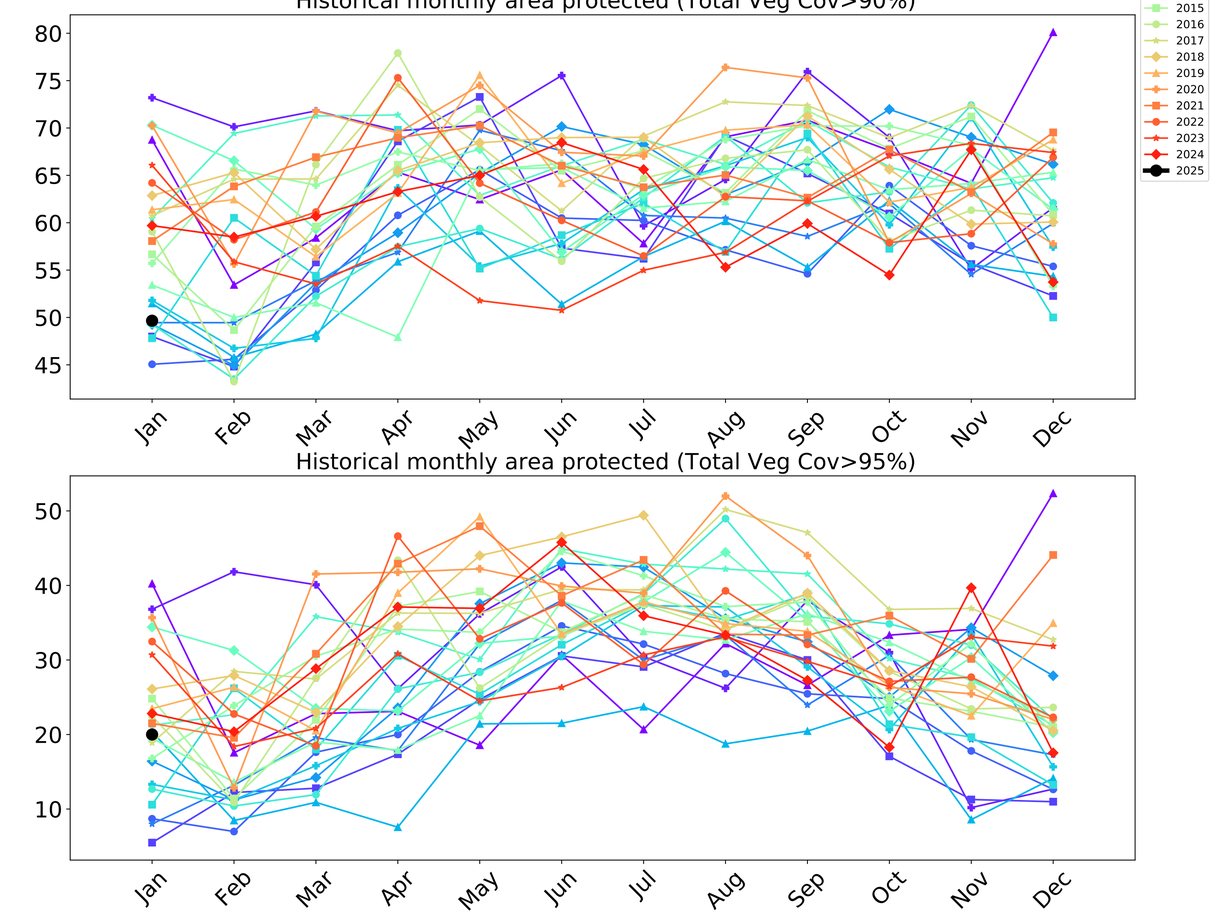

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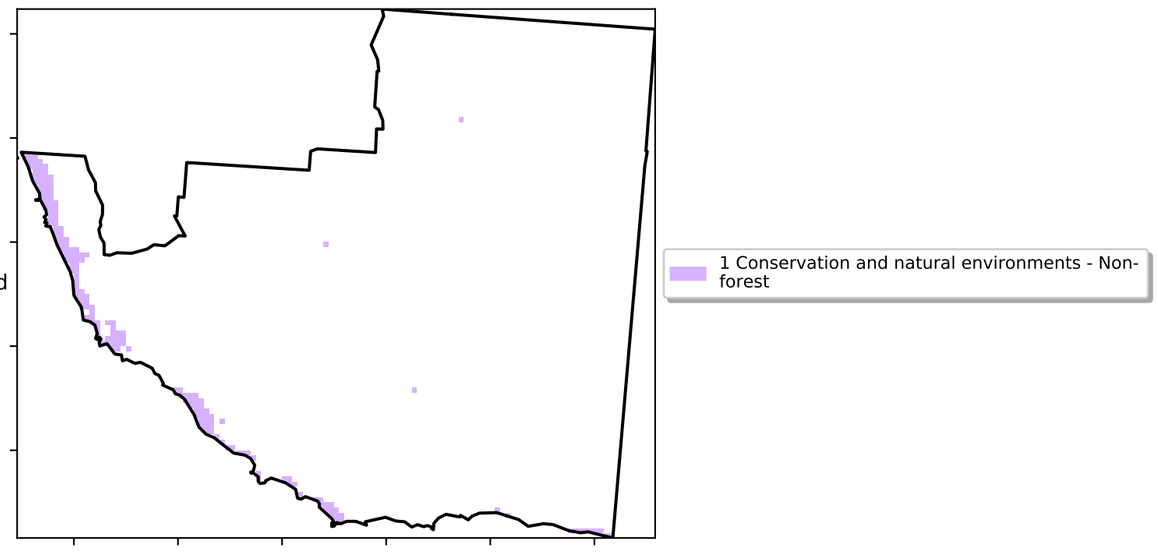

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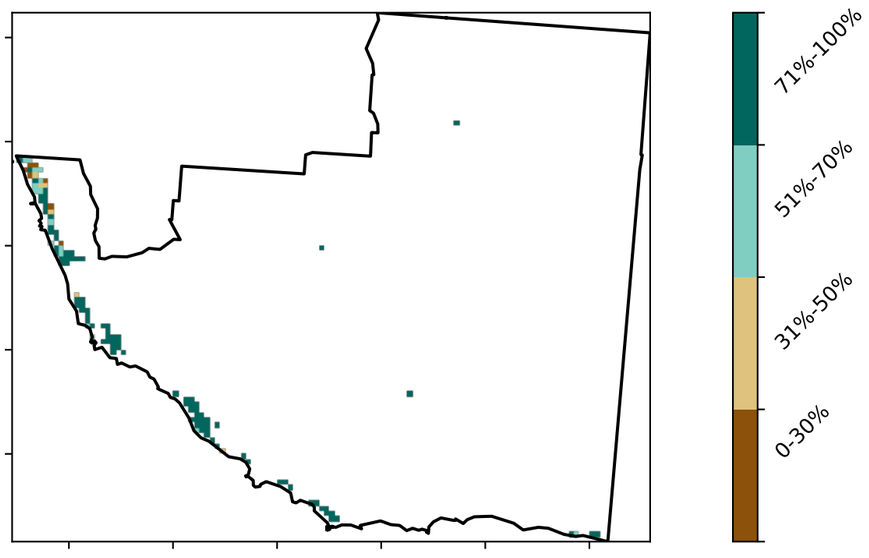

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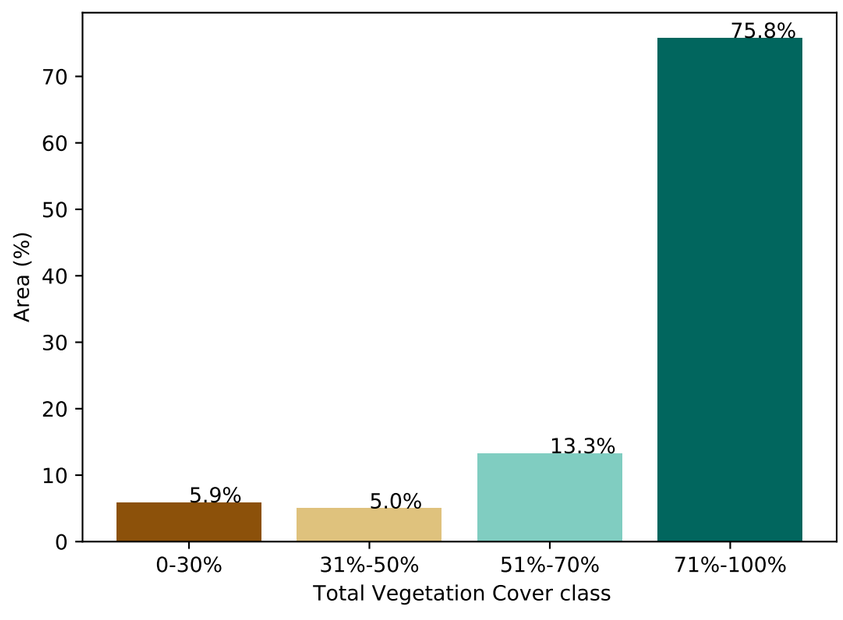

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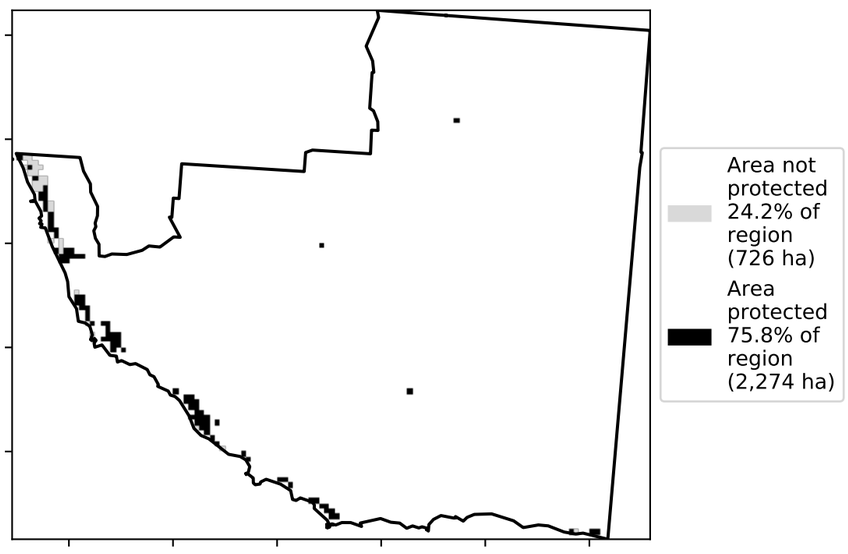

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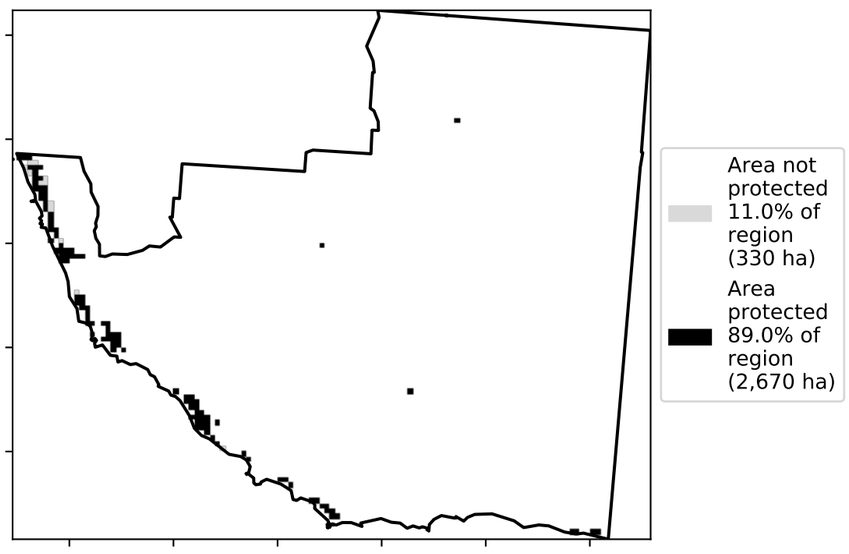

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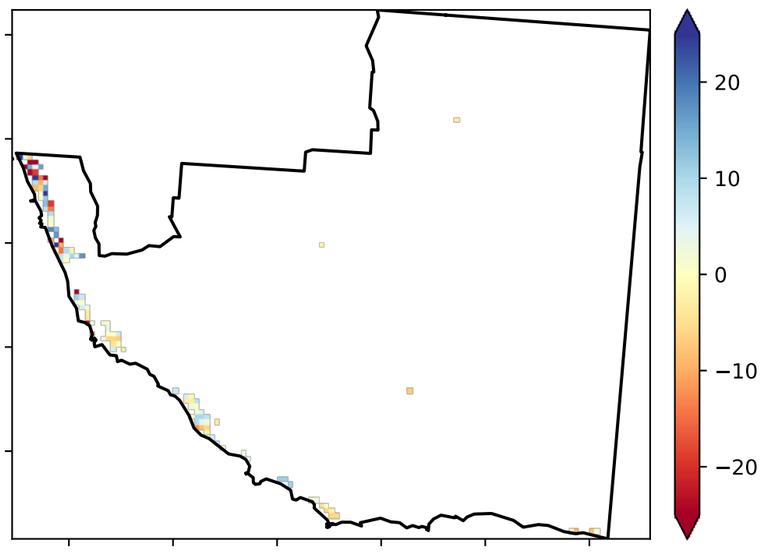

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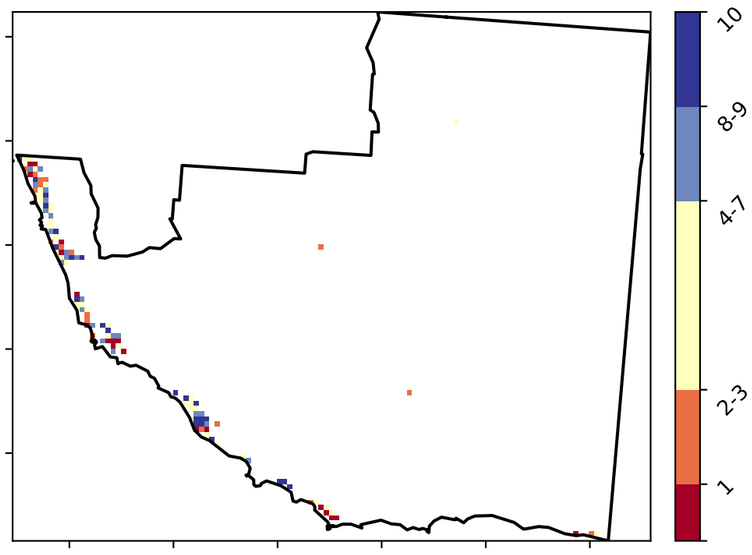

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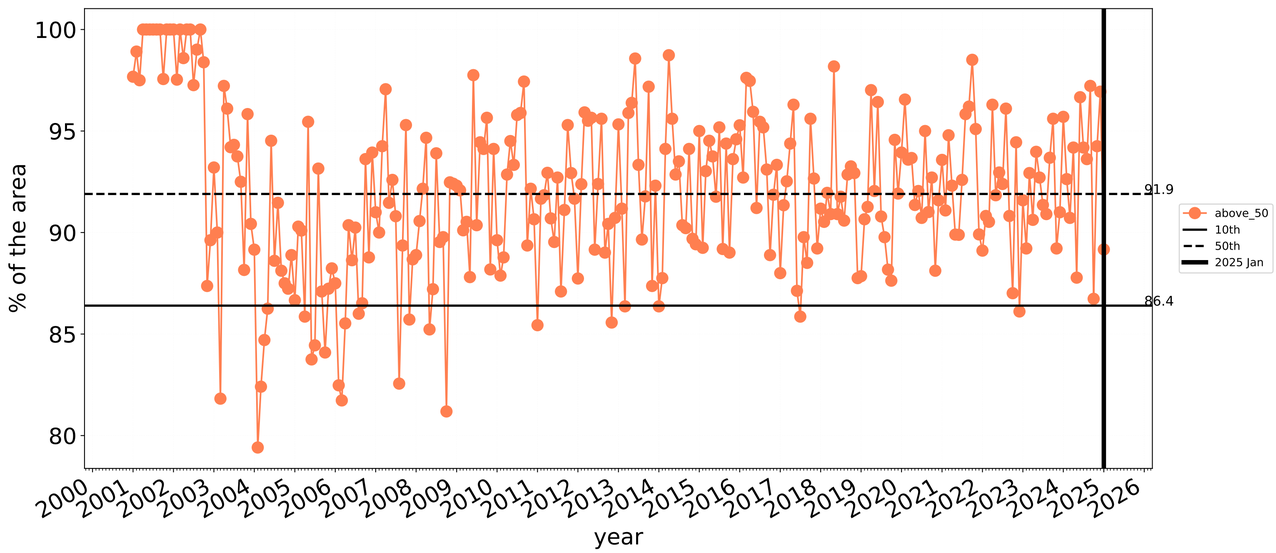

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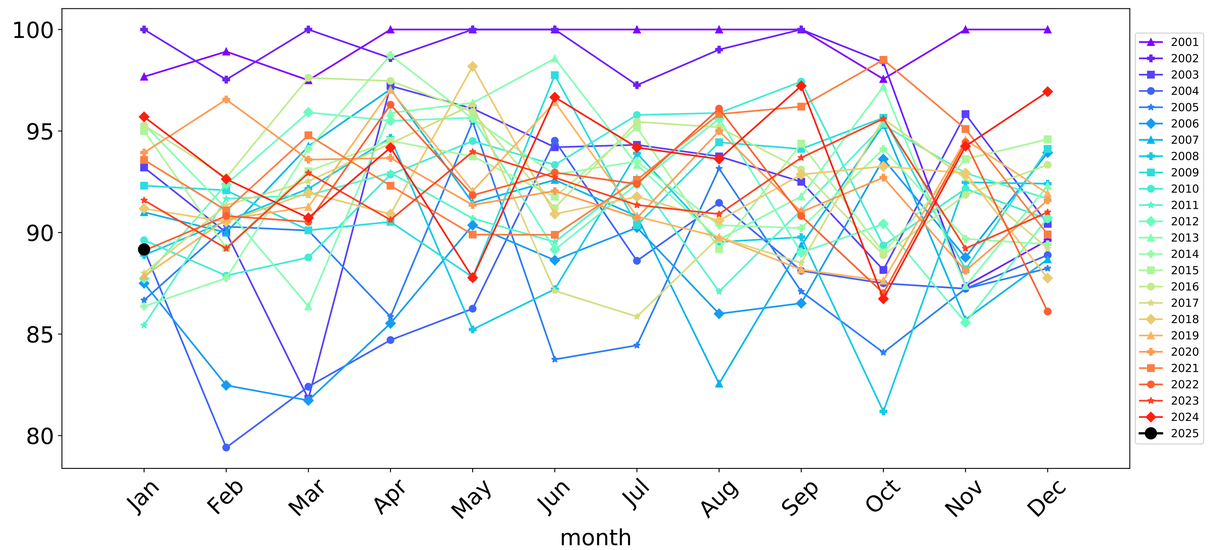

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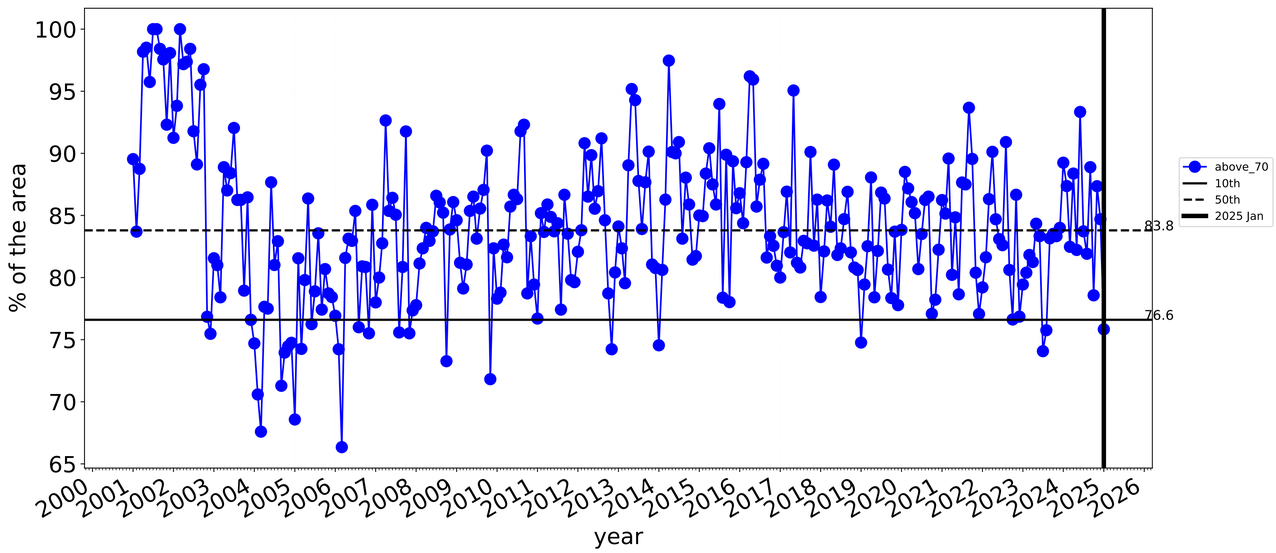

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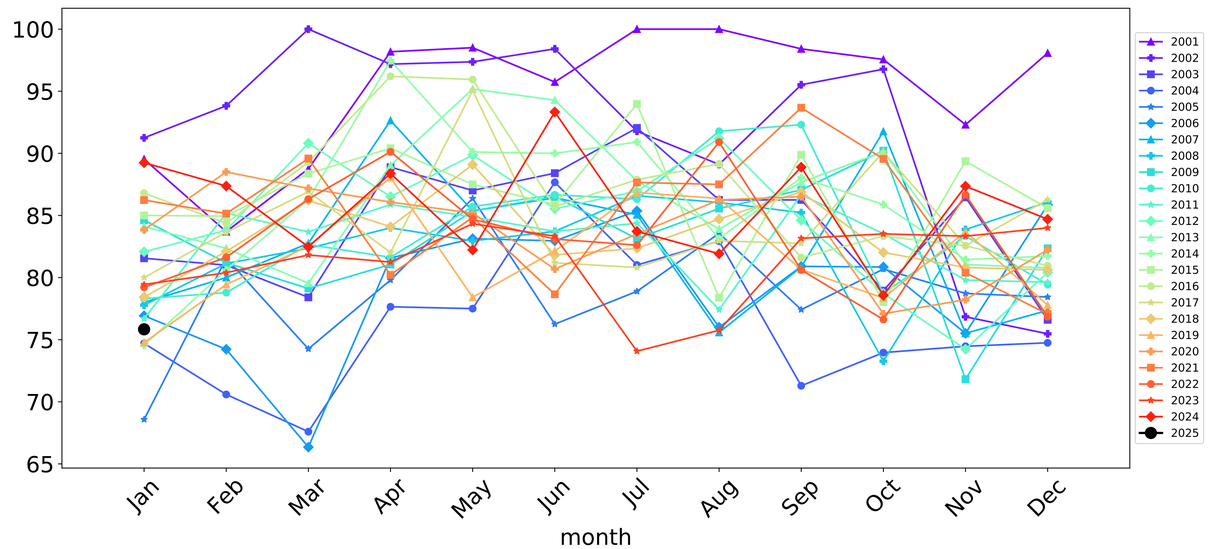

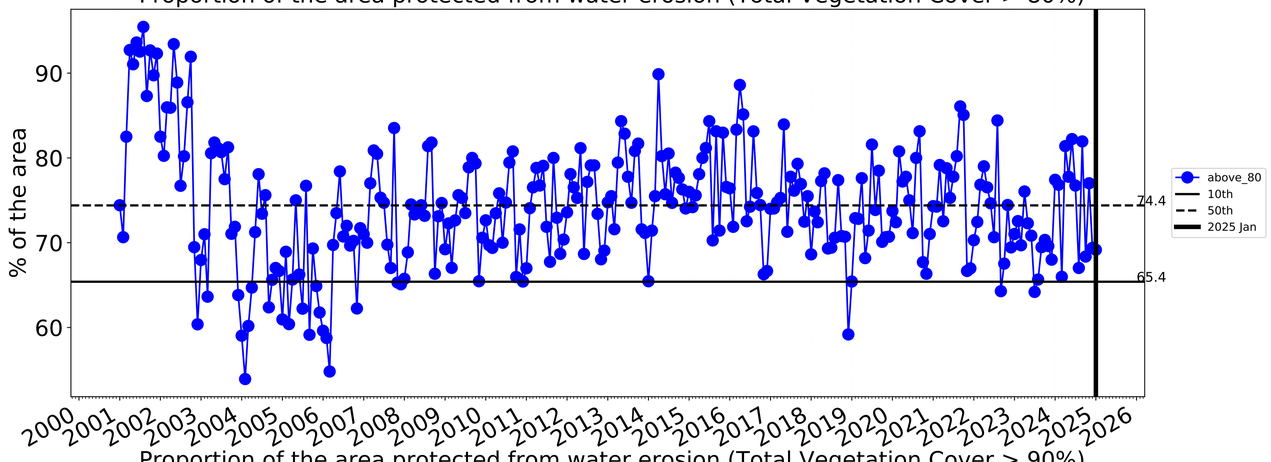
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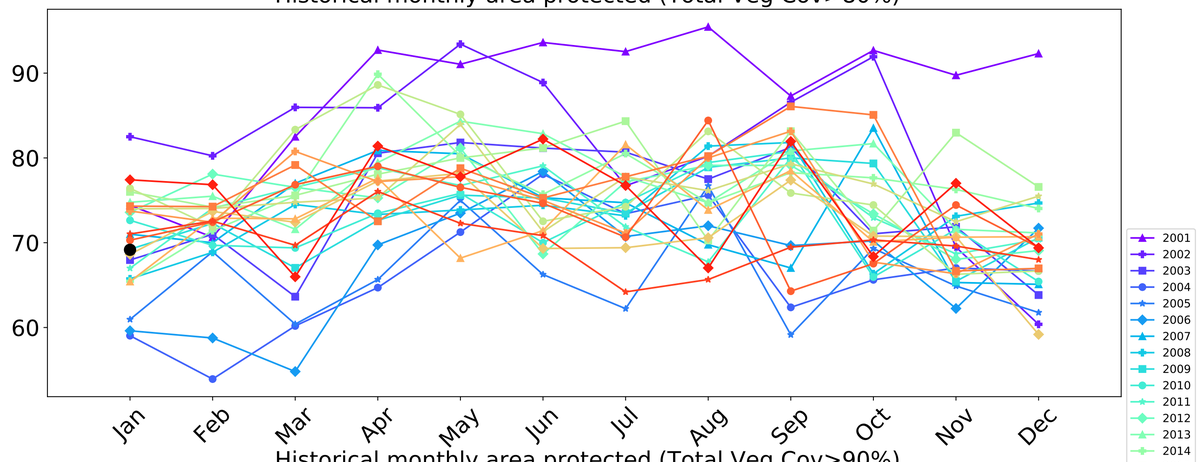
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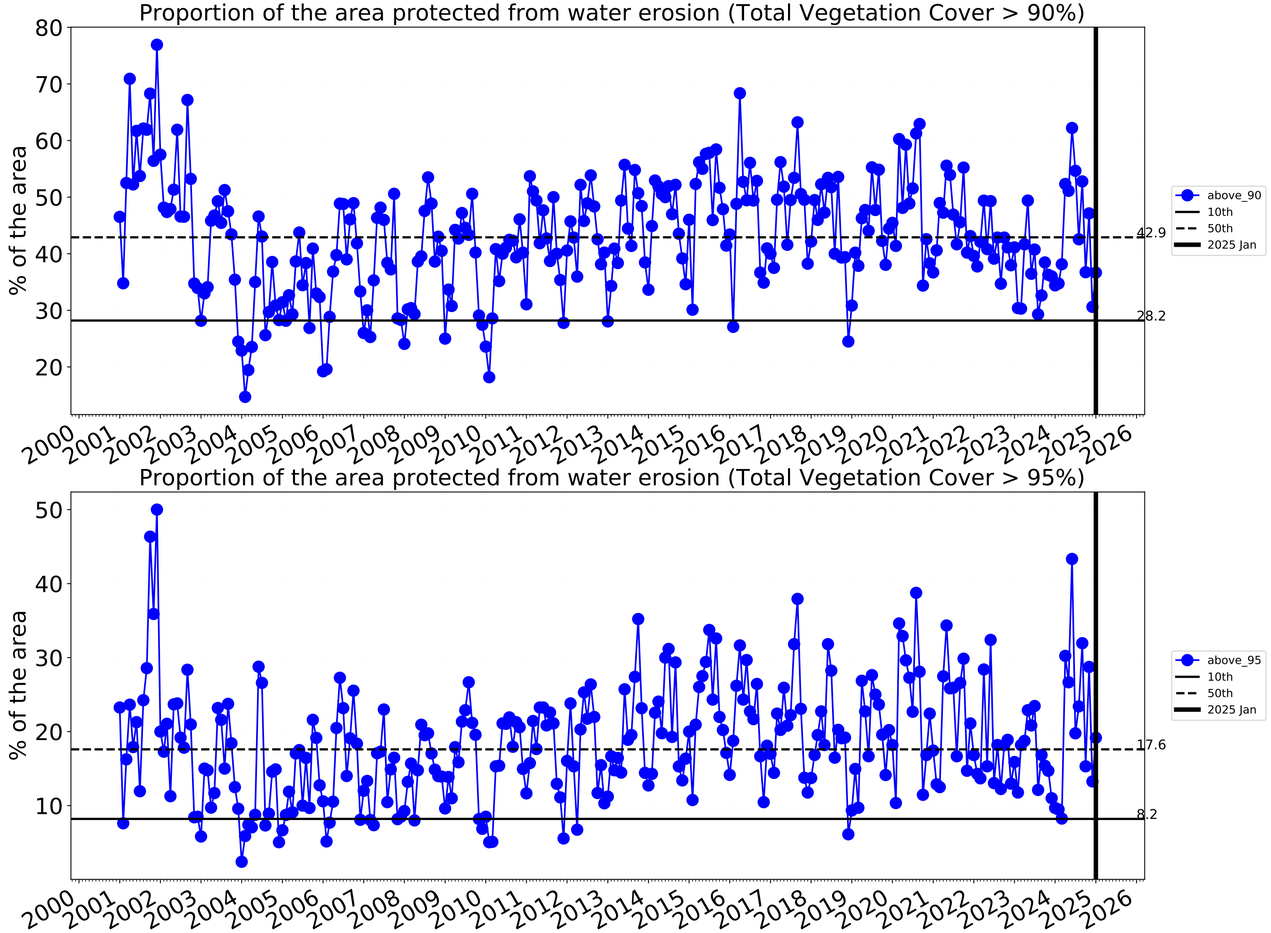
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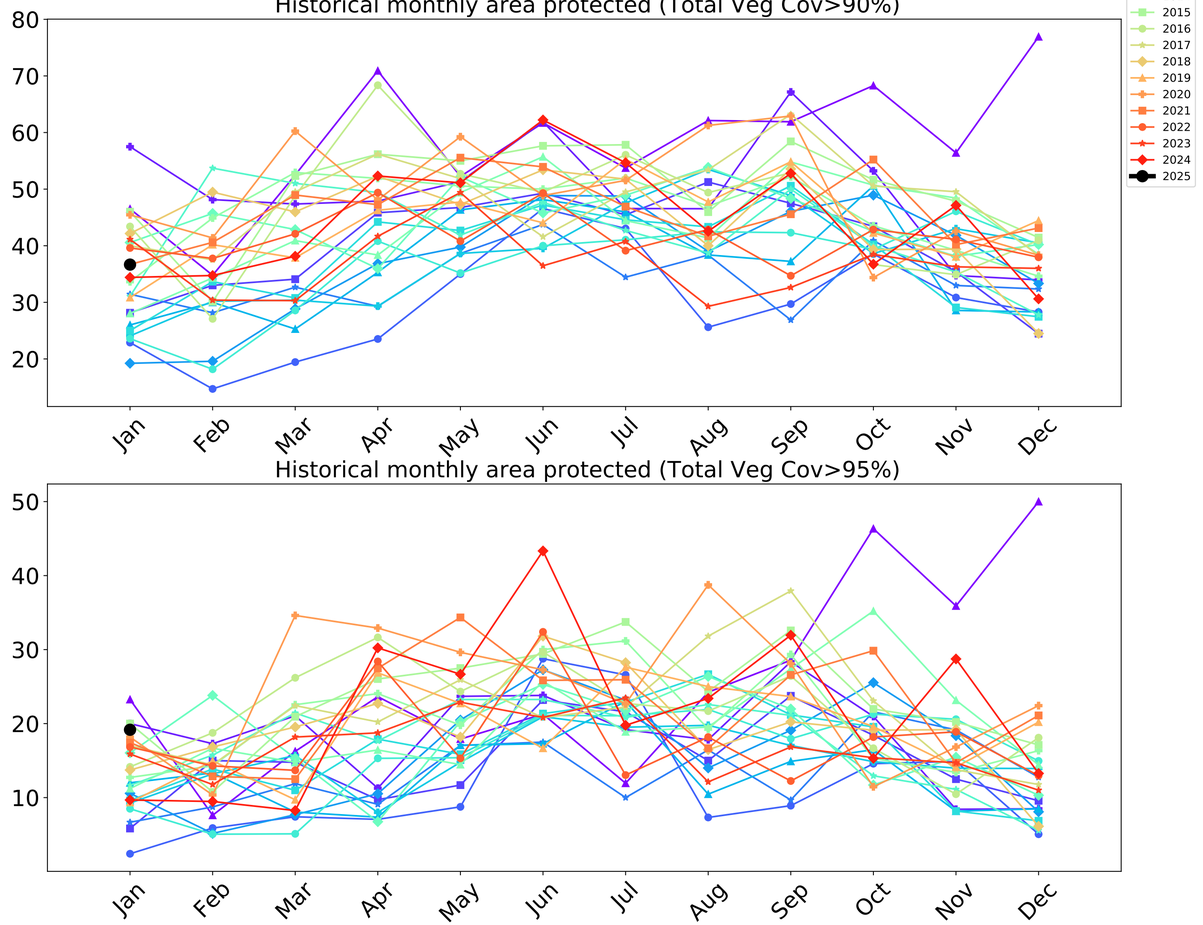
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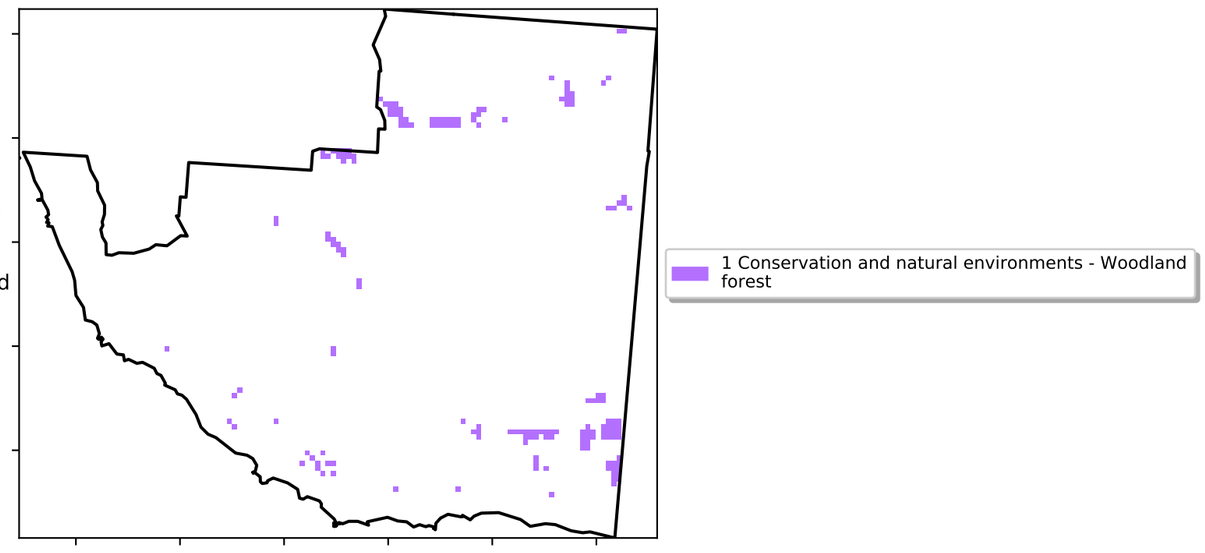
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



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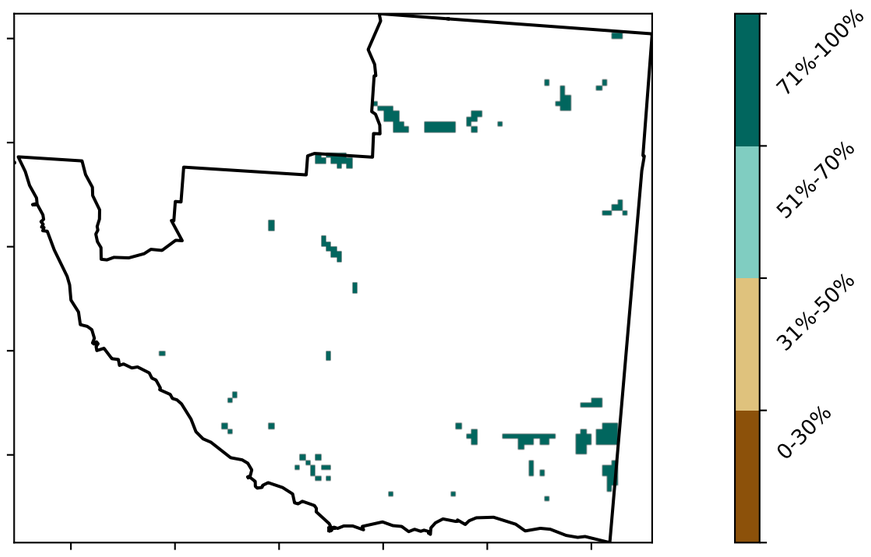
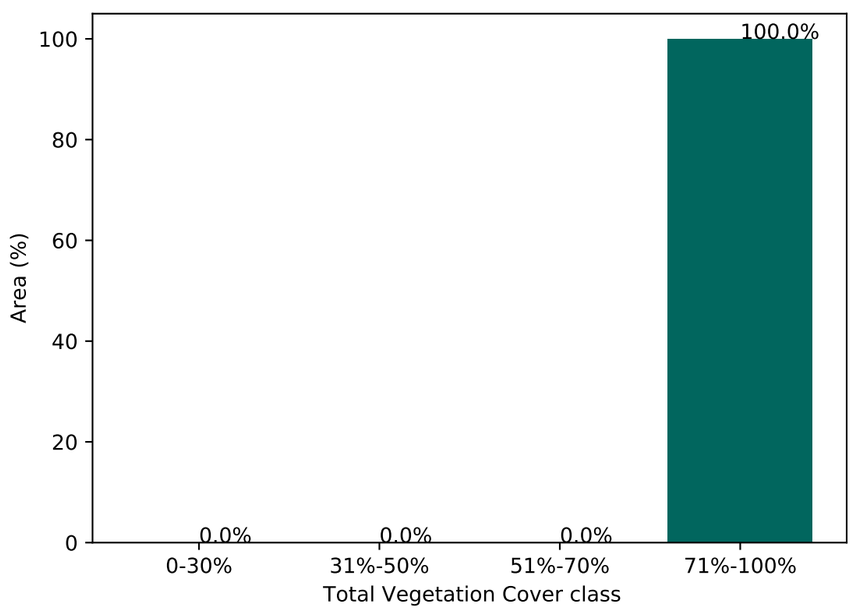
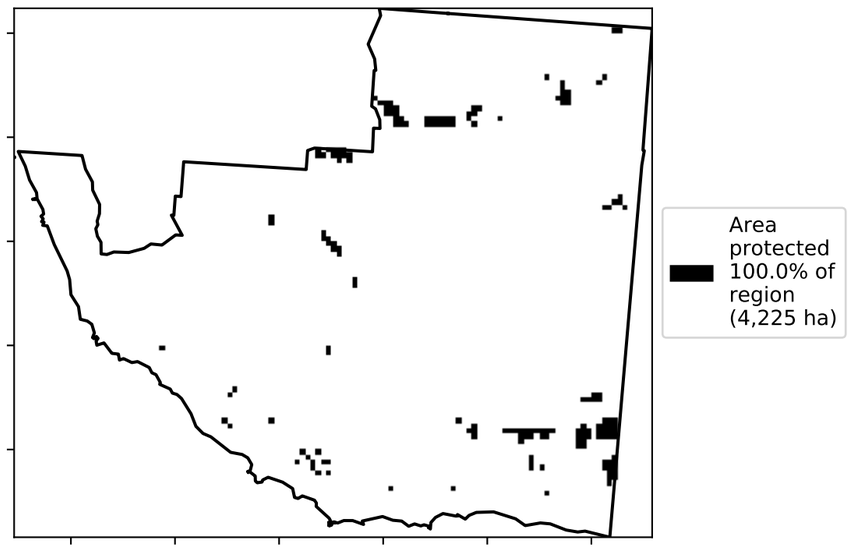
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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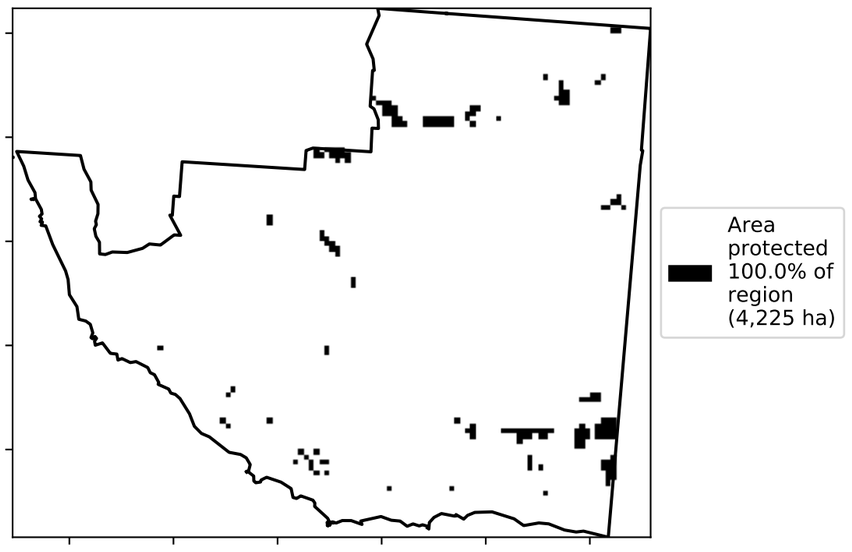

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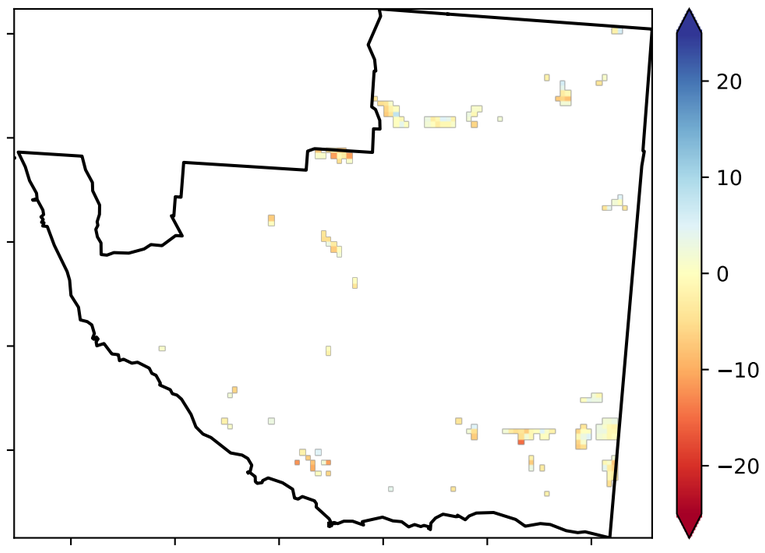

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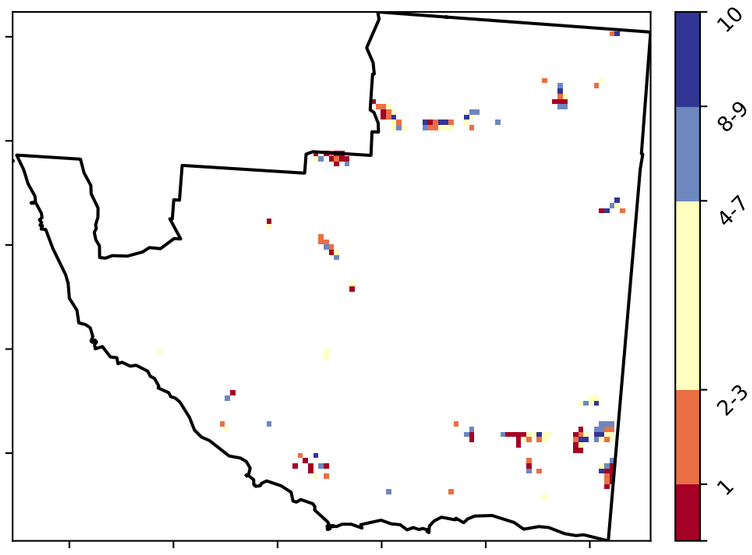
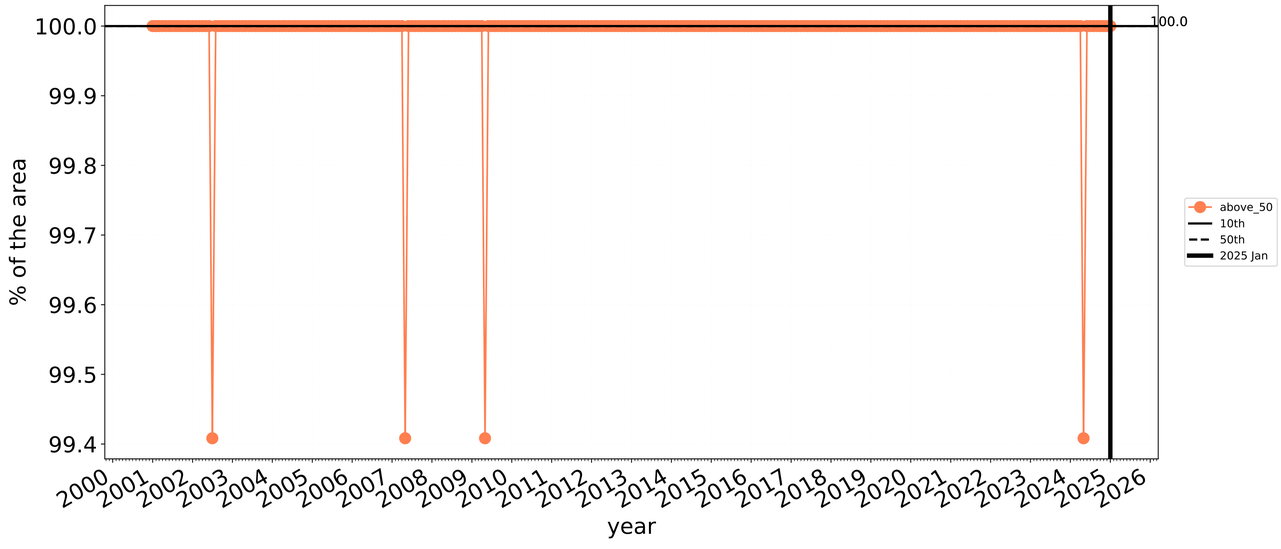
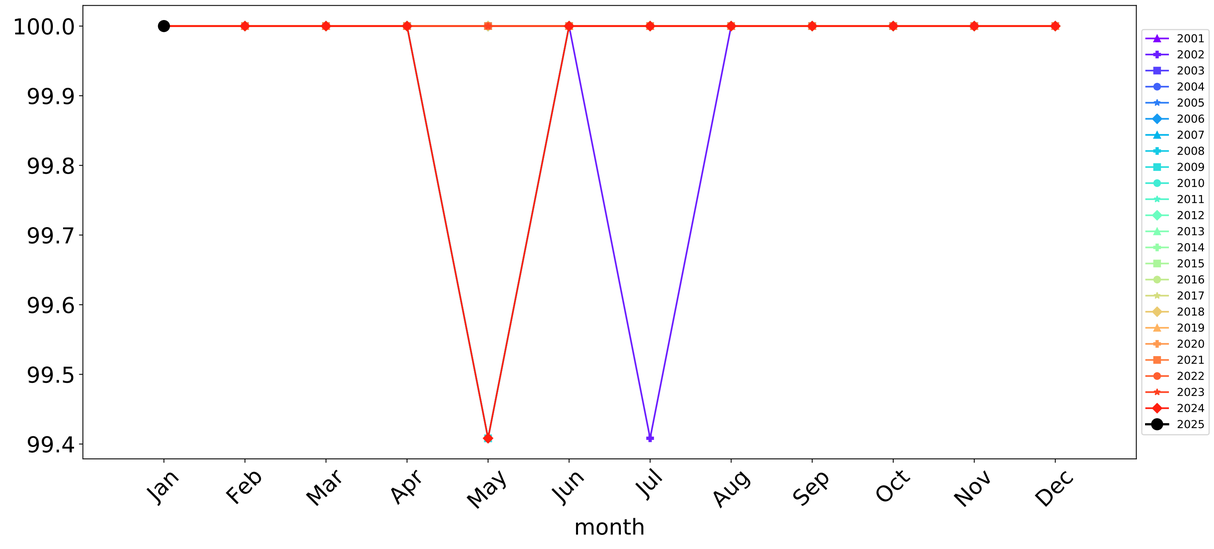


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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



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



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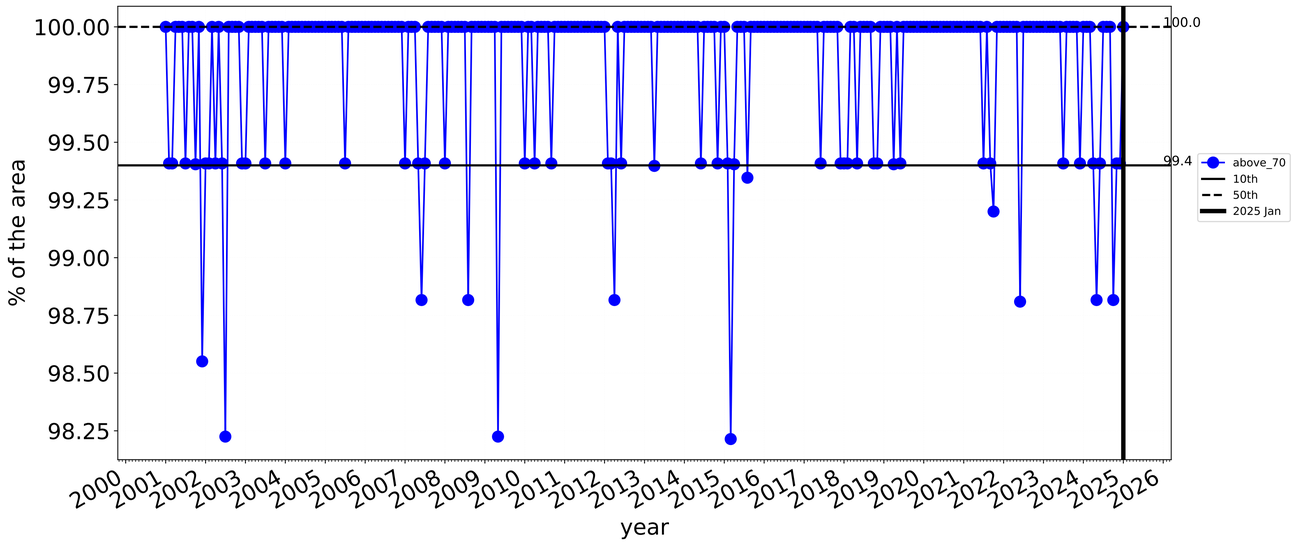

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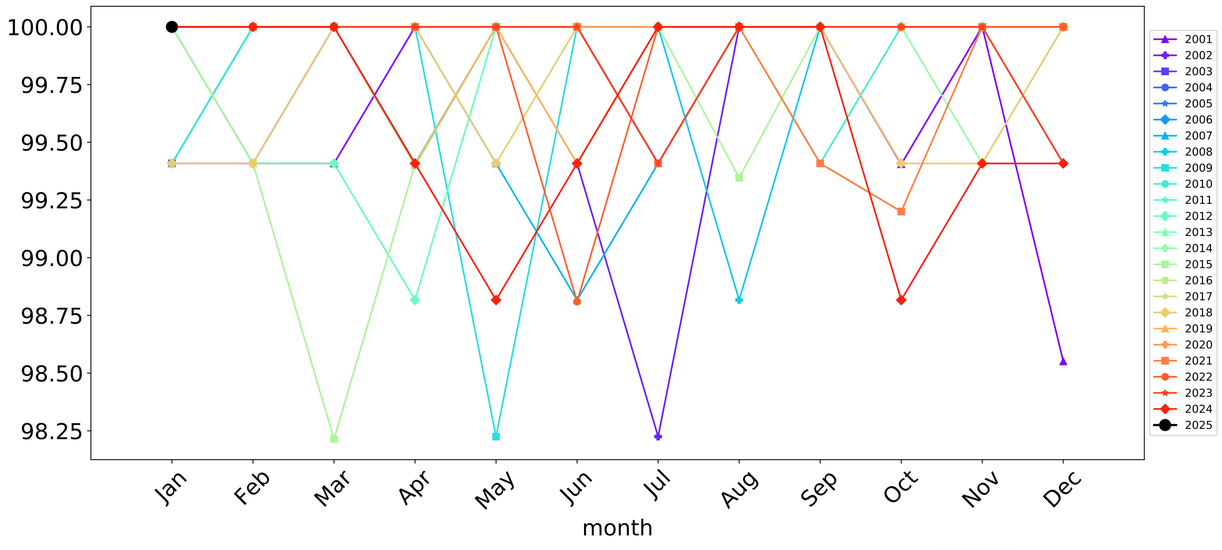

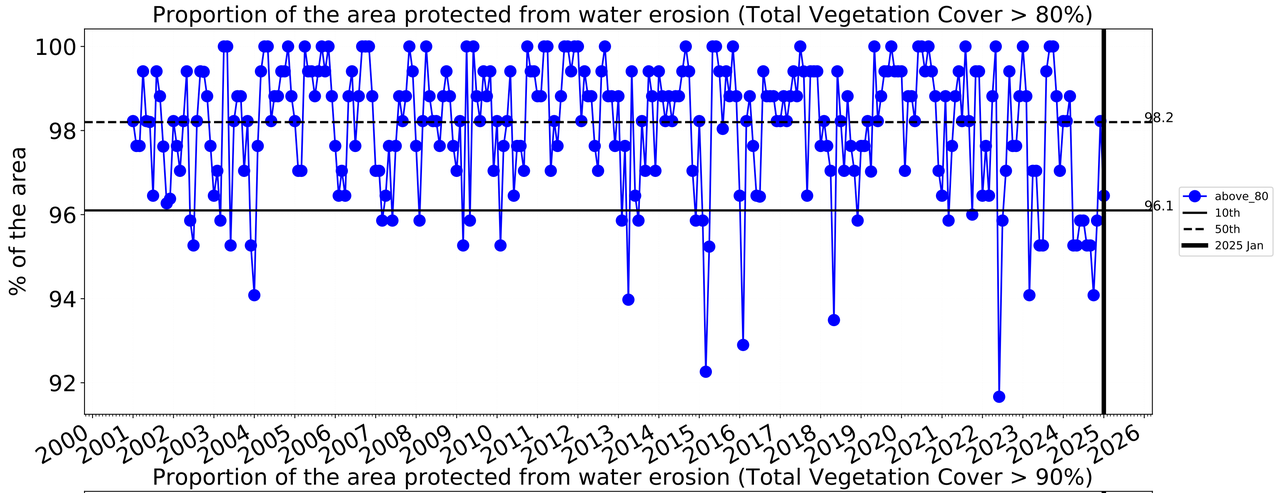
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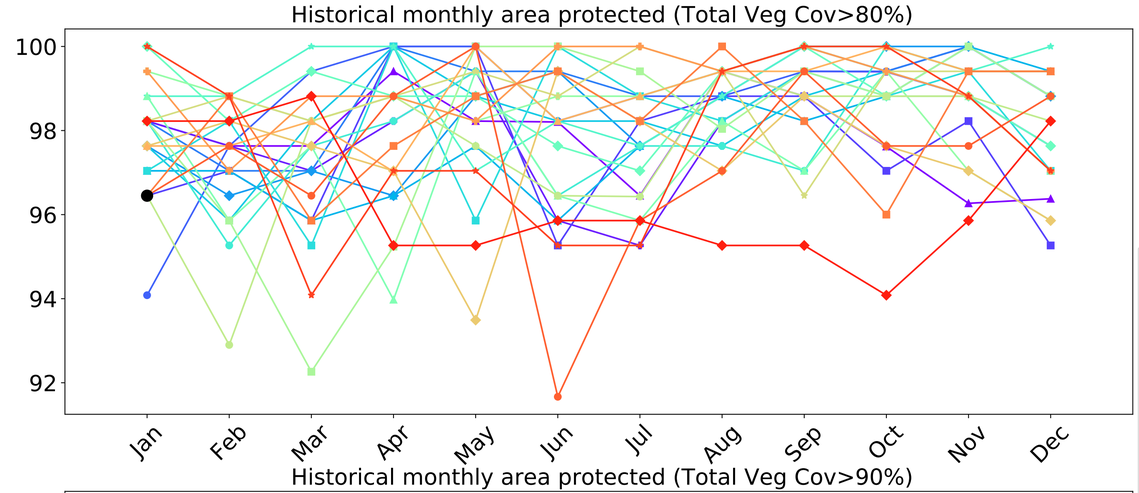
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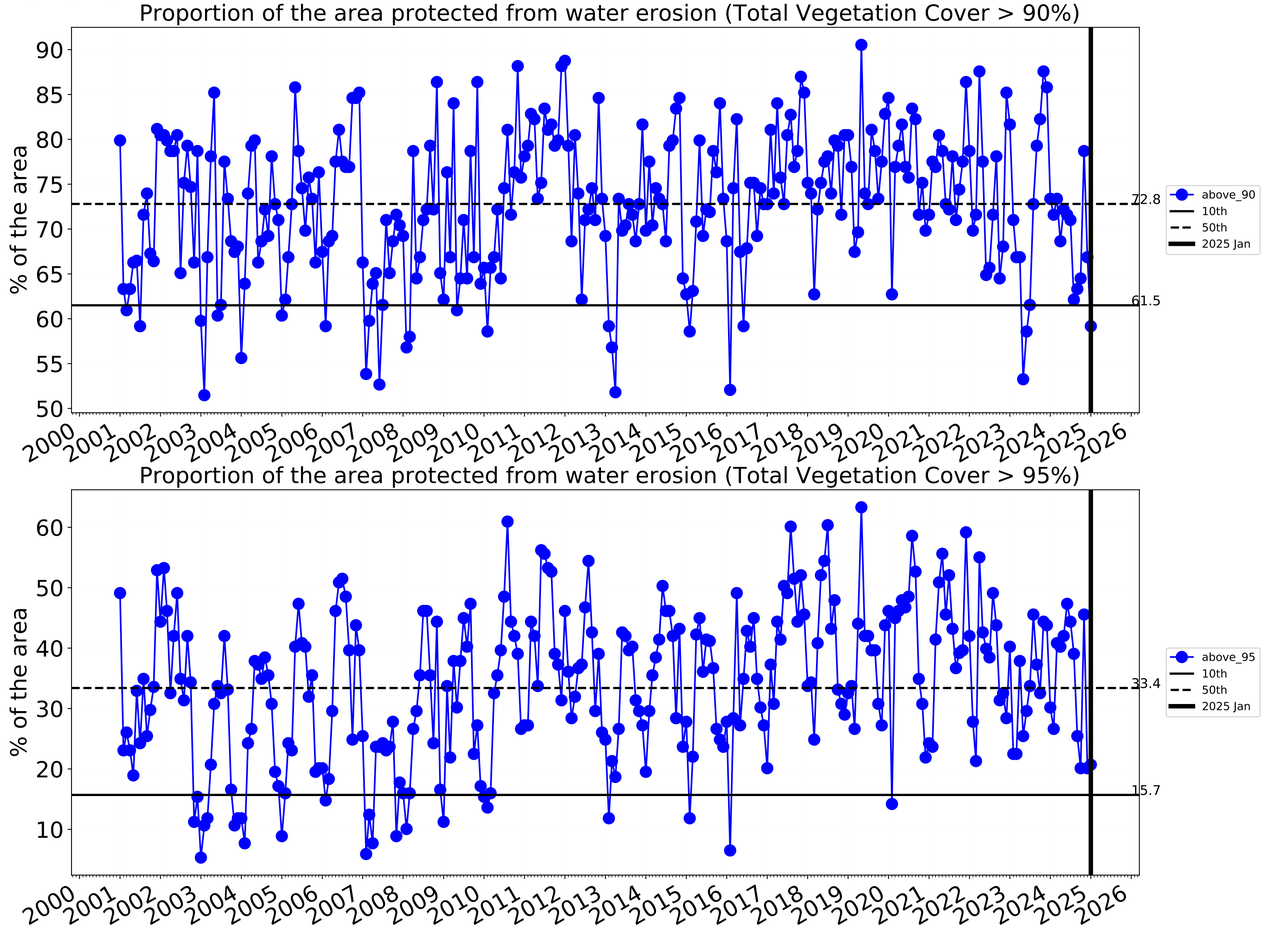
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
72.8
61.5
above_90
10th
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% of the area
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15.7
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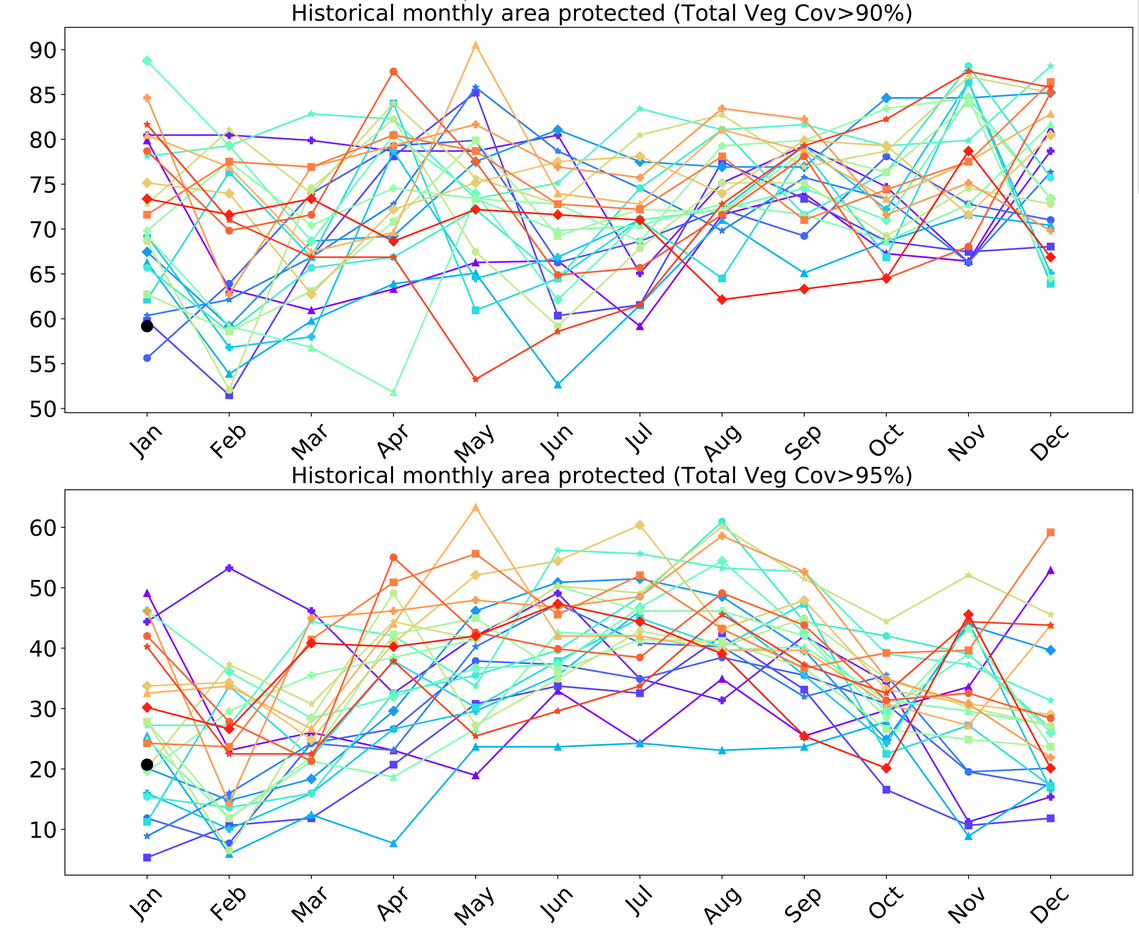
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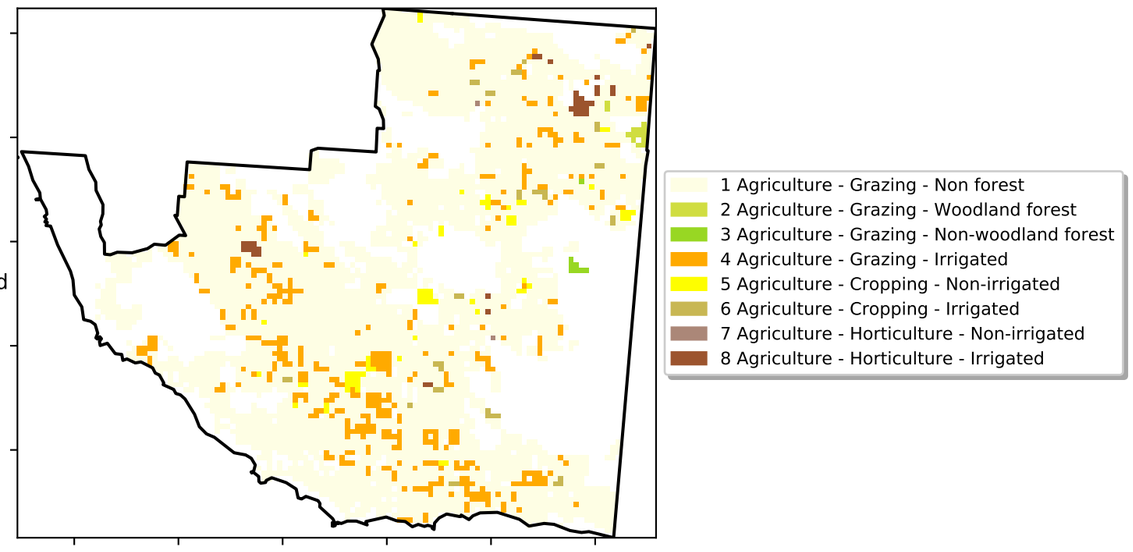
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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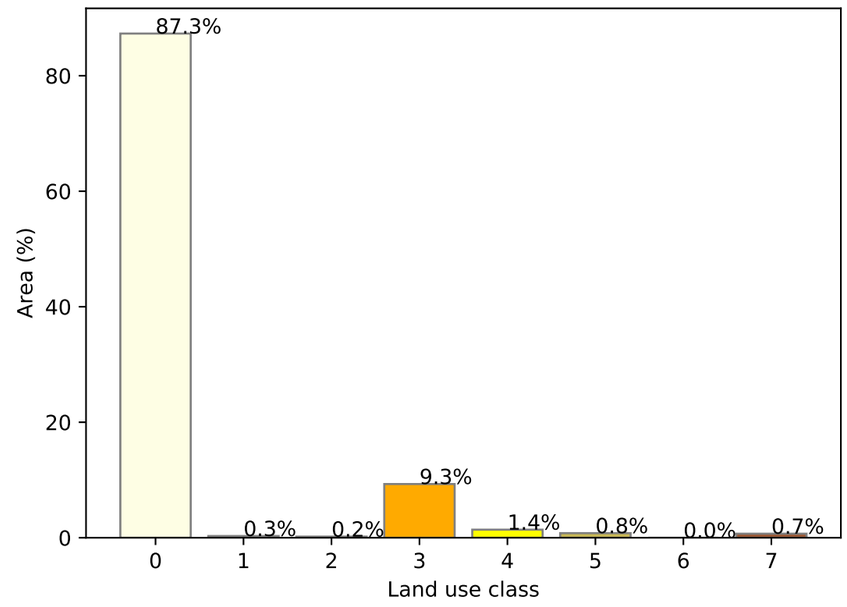
Proportion of each land class in area



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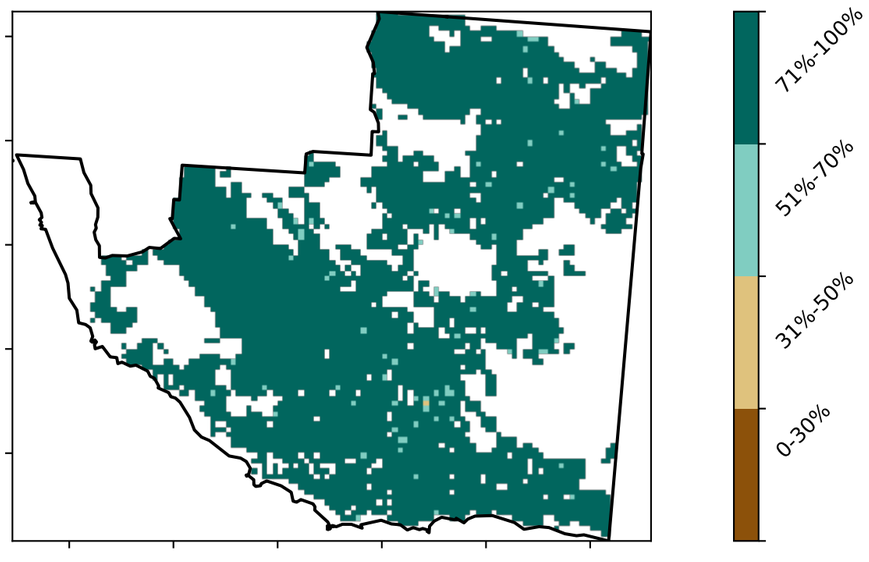

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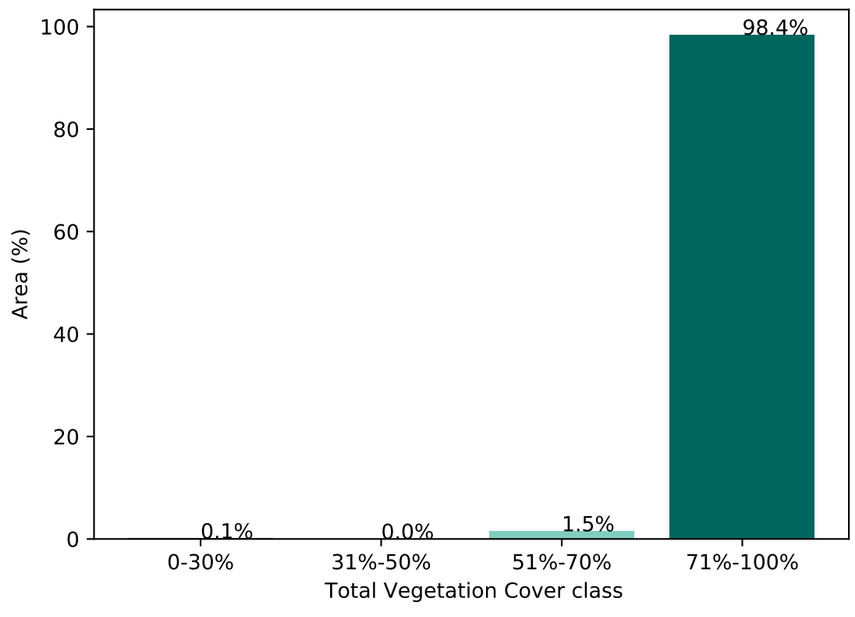
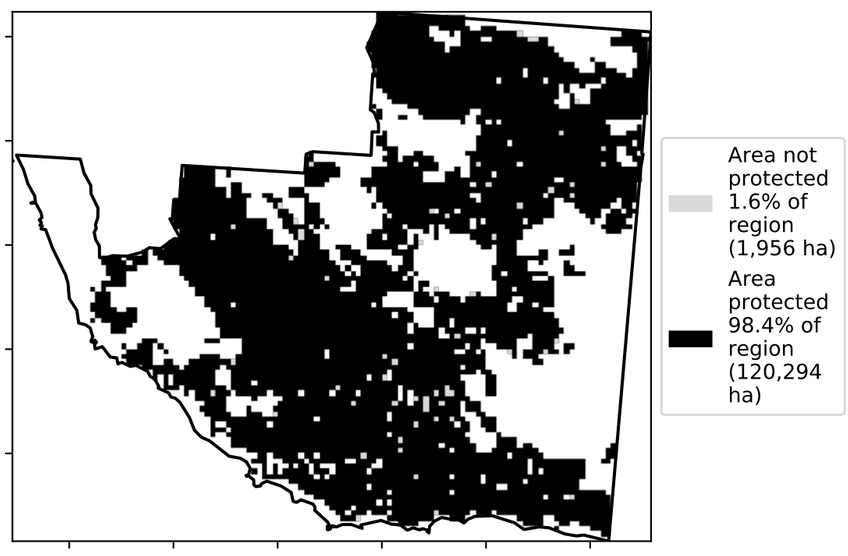


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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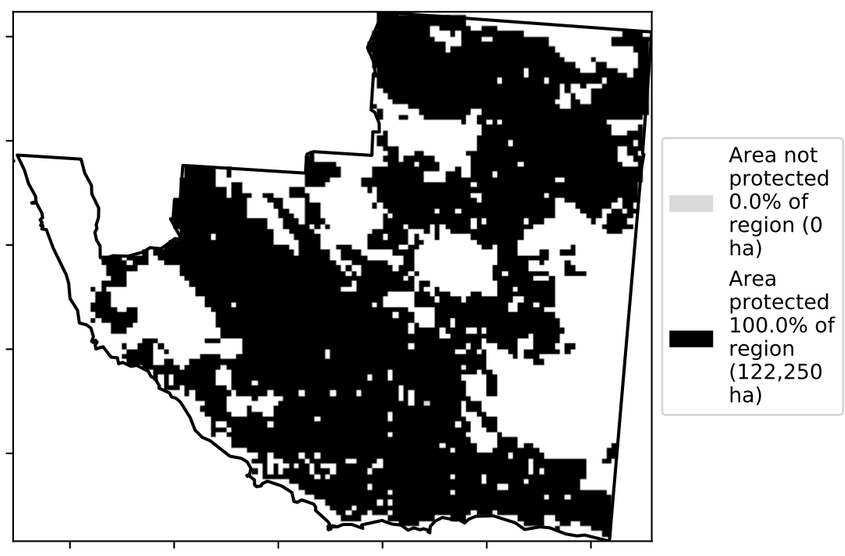

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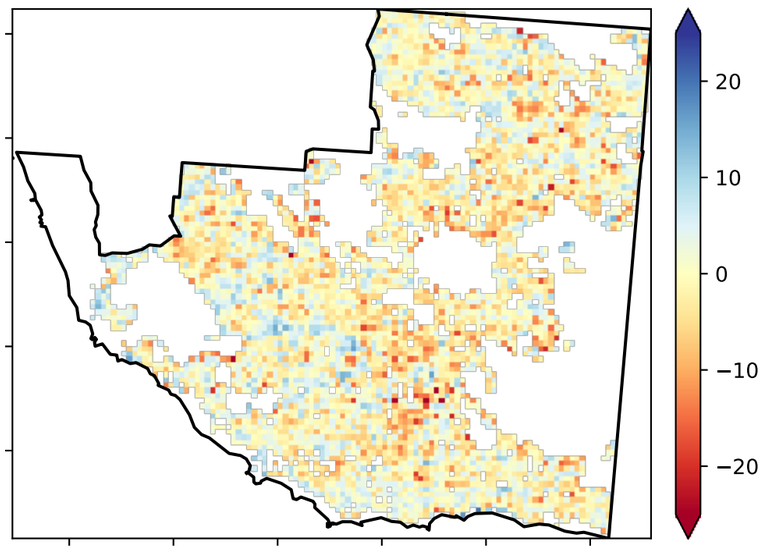

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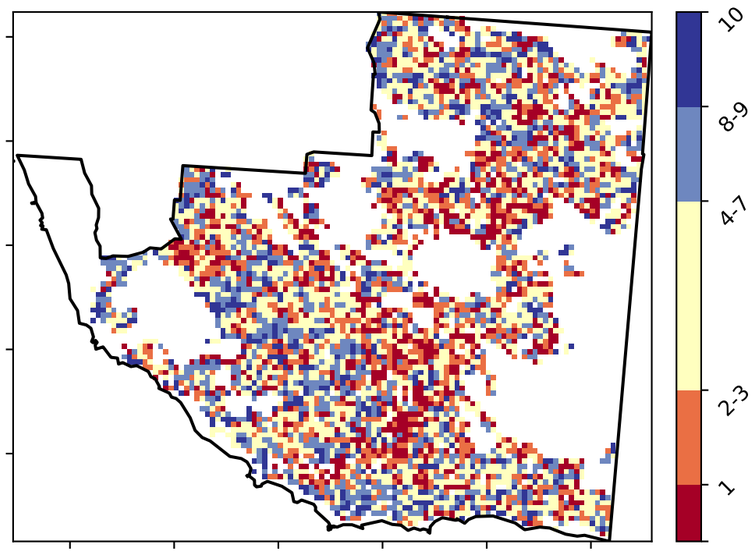
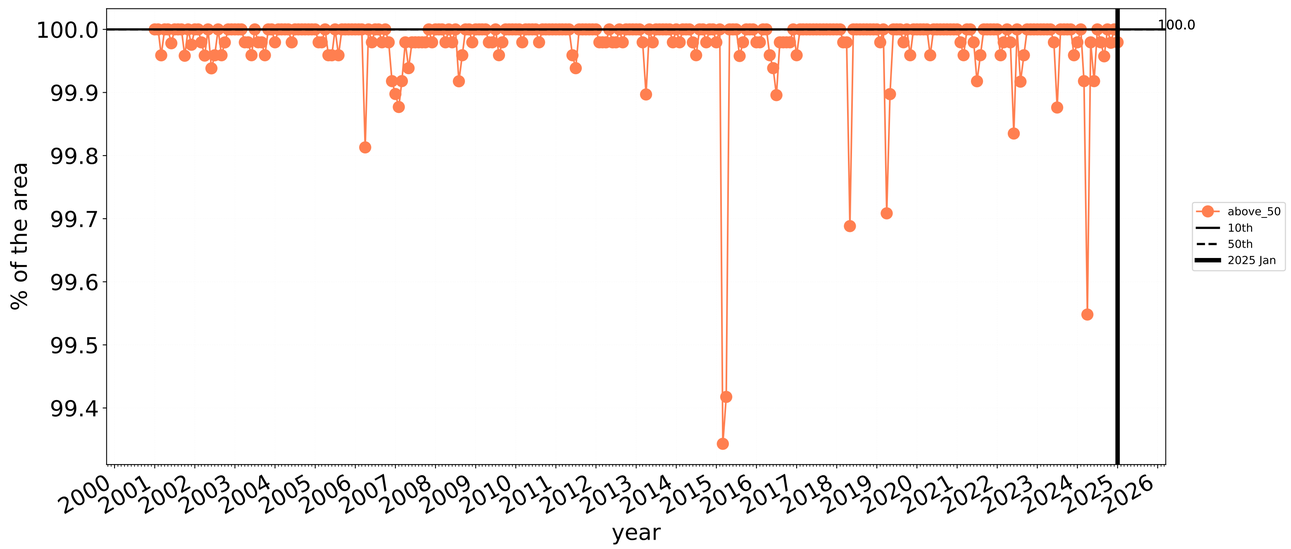


Agriculture timeseries

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



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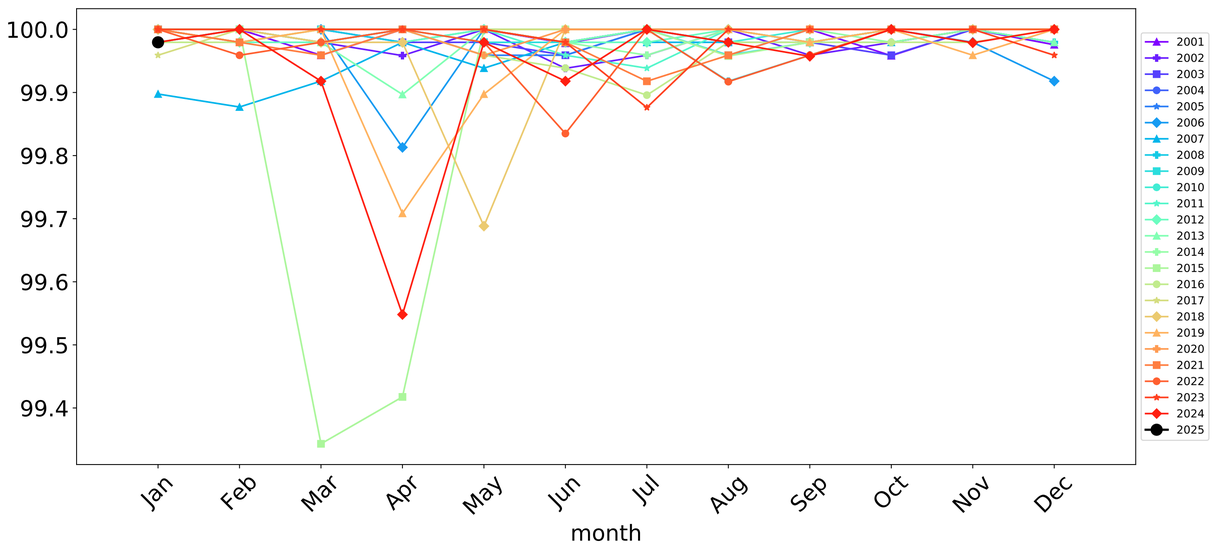

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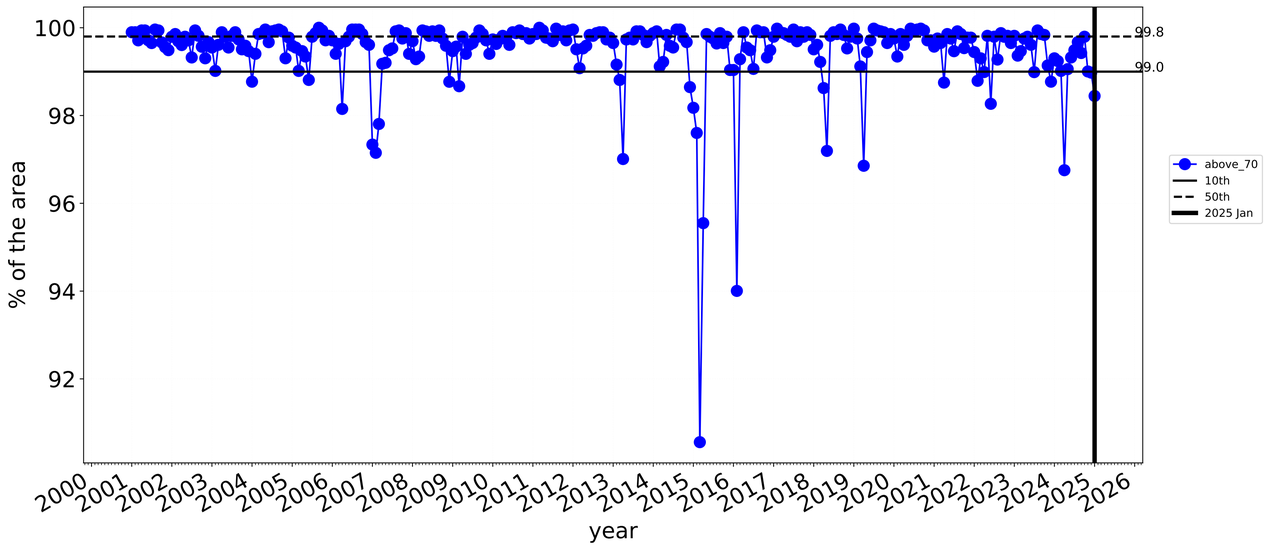

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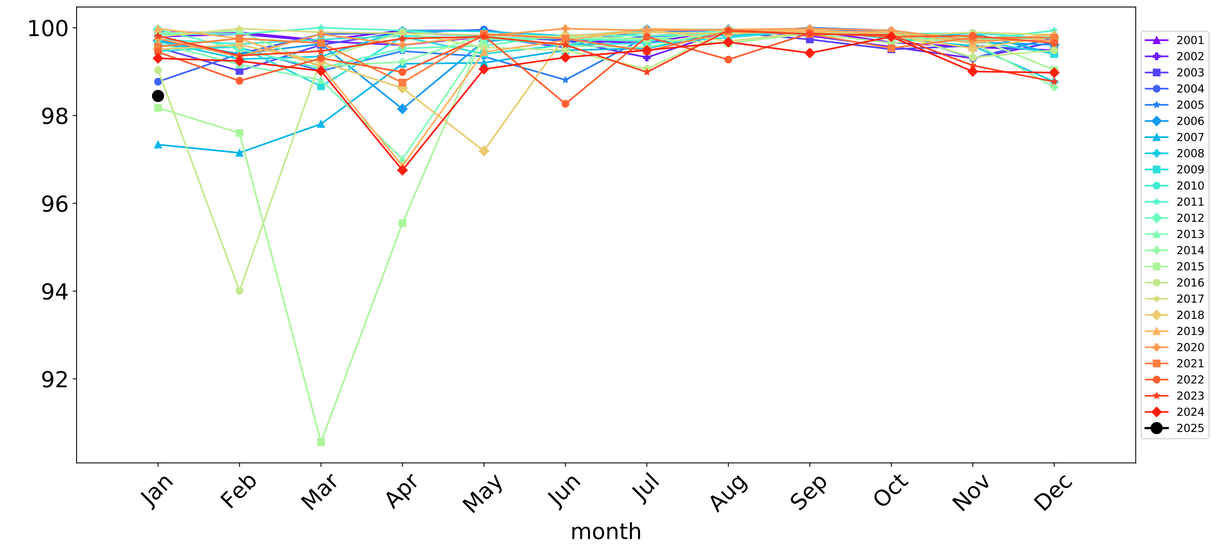

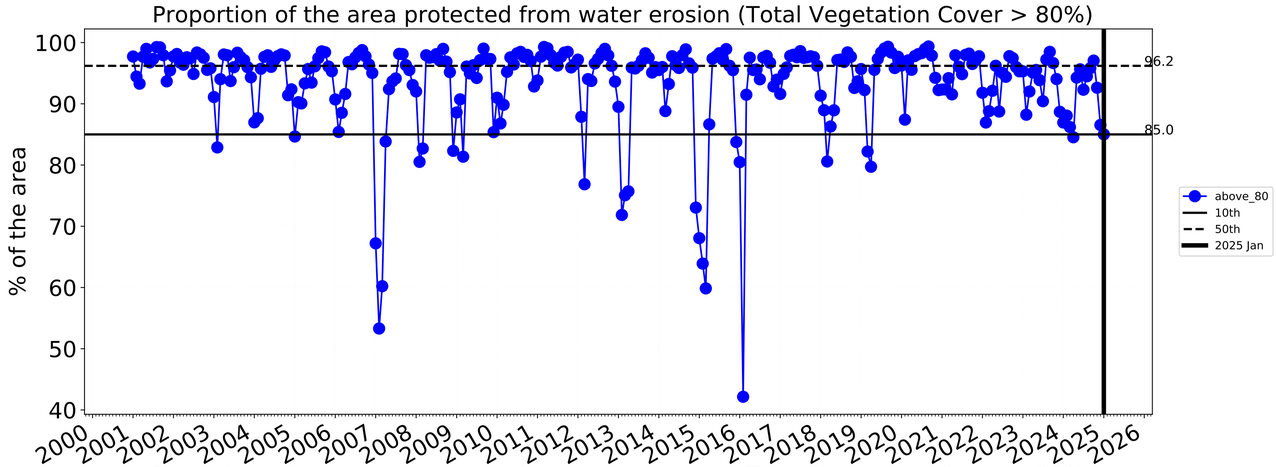
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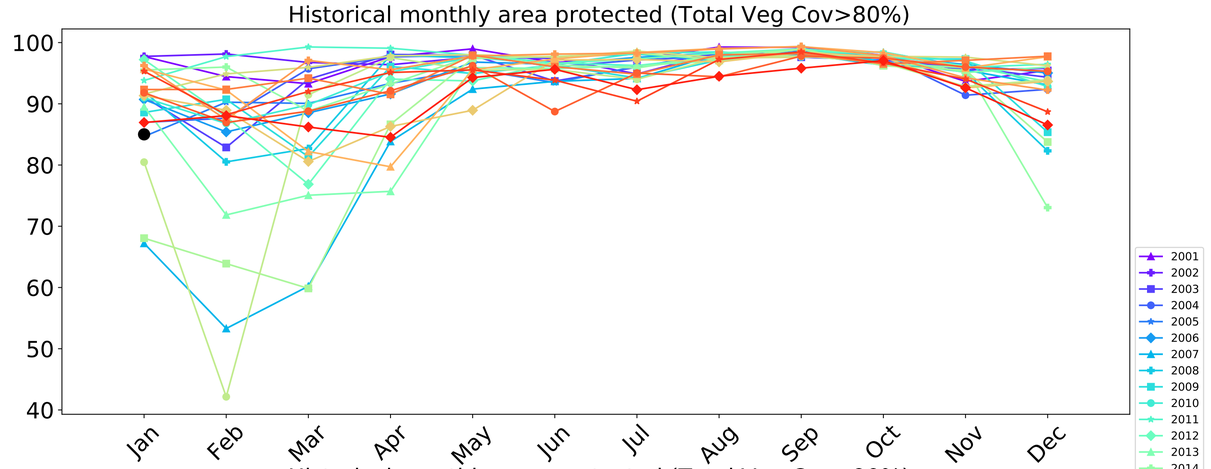
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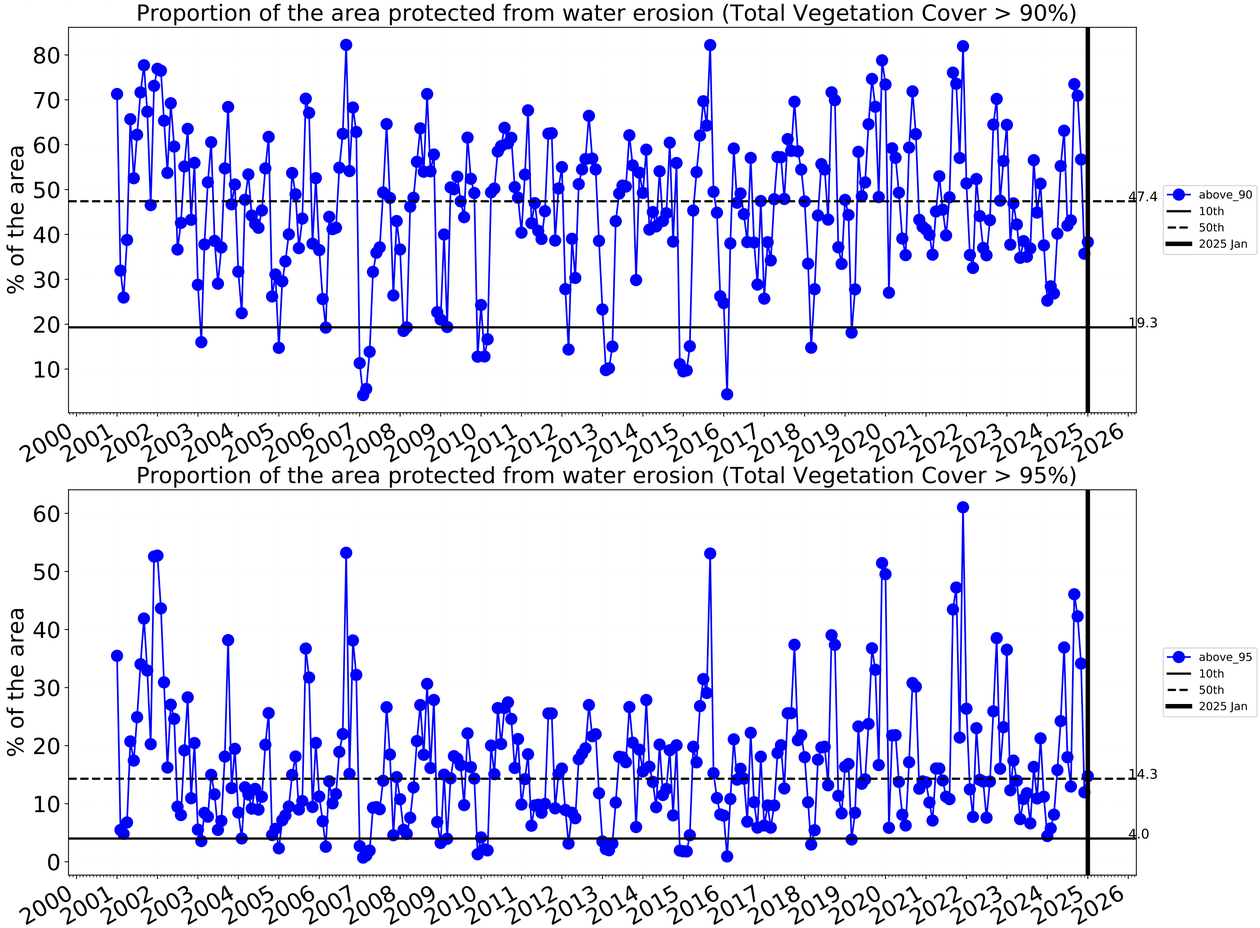
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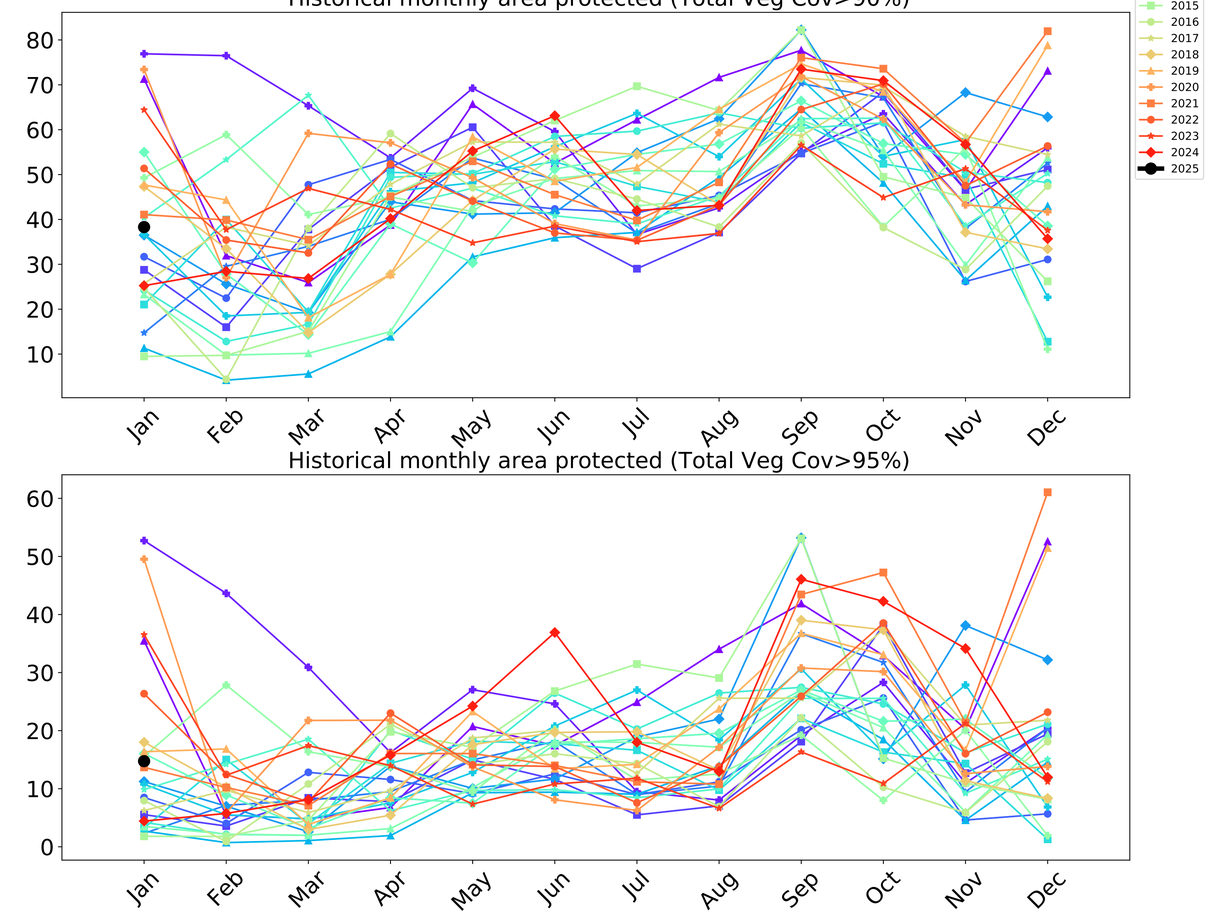
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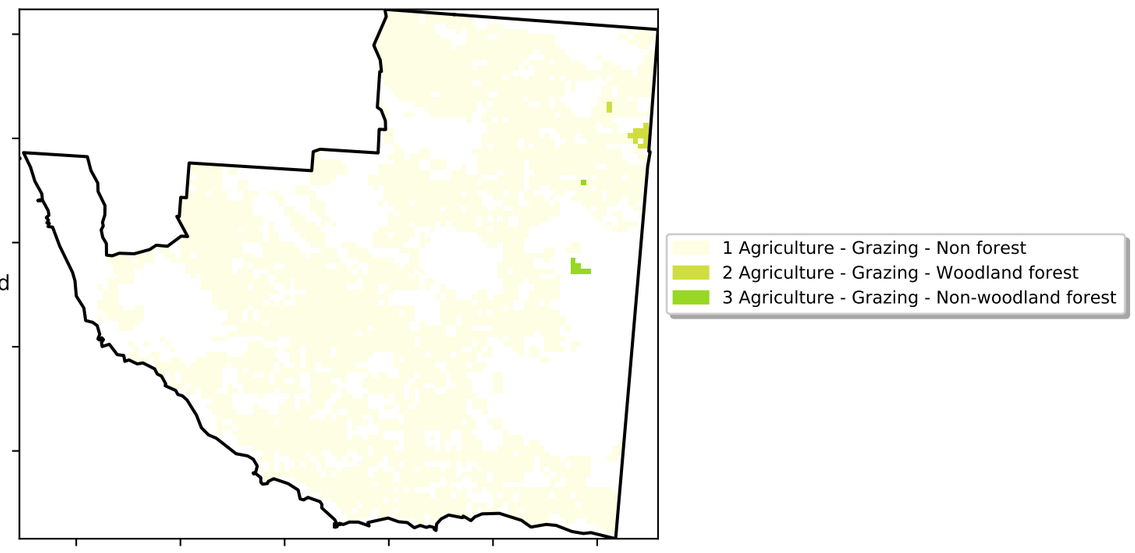
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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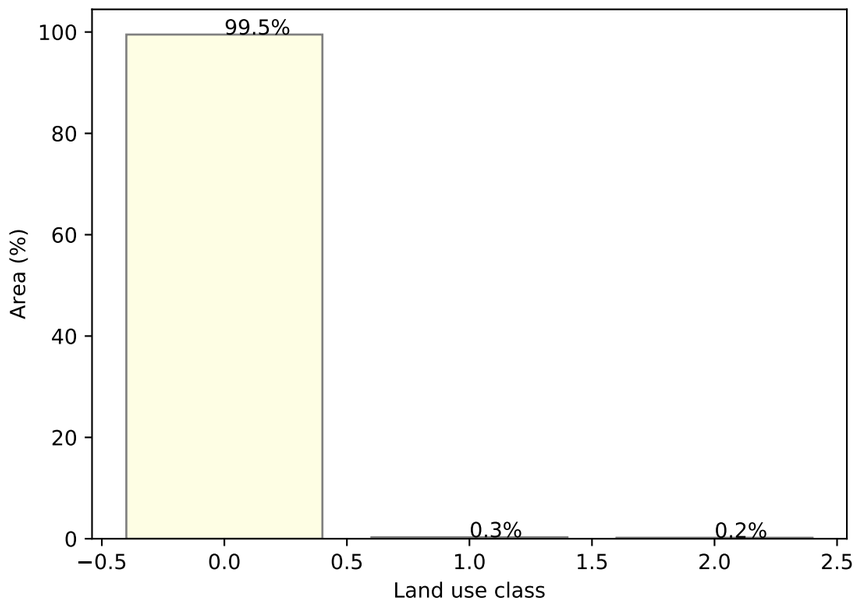

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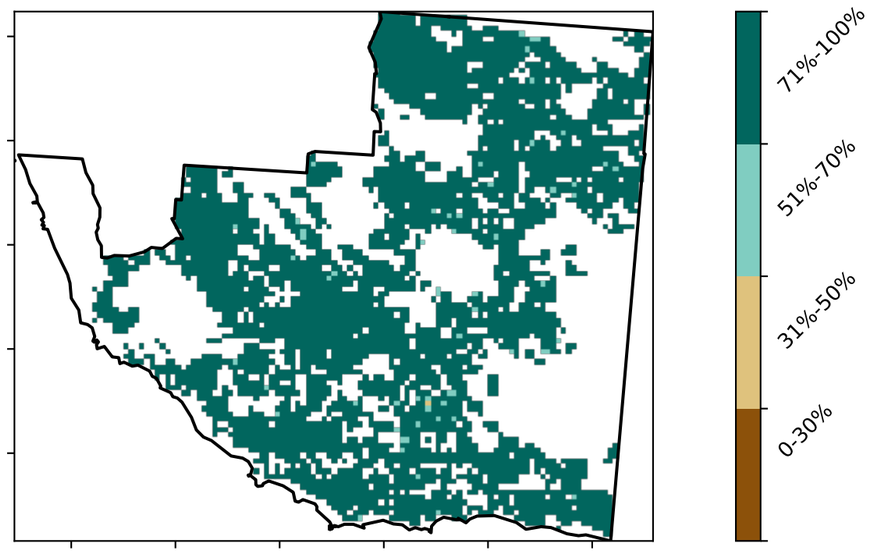

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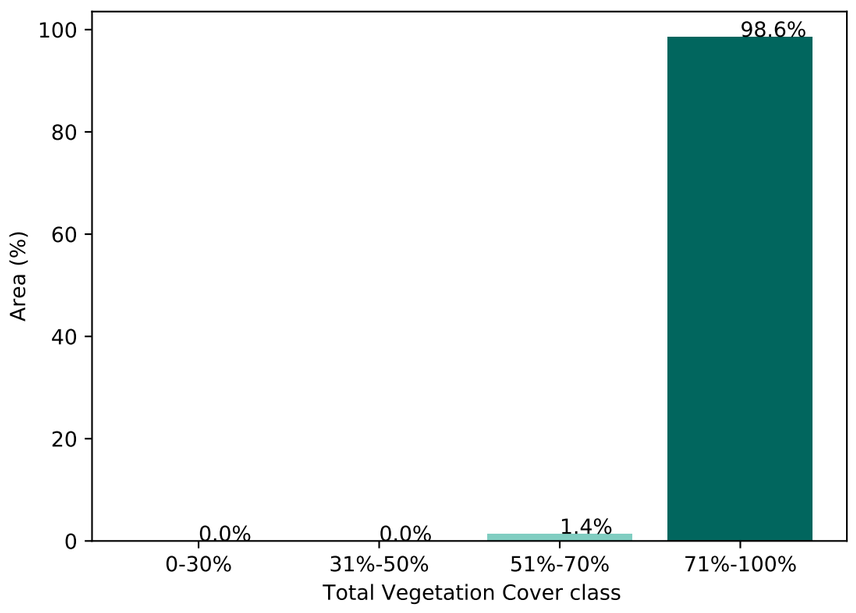

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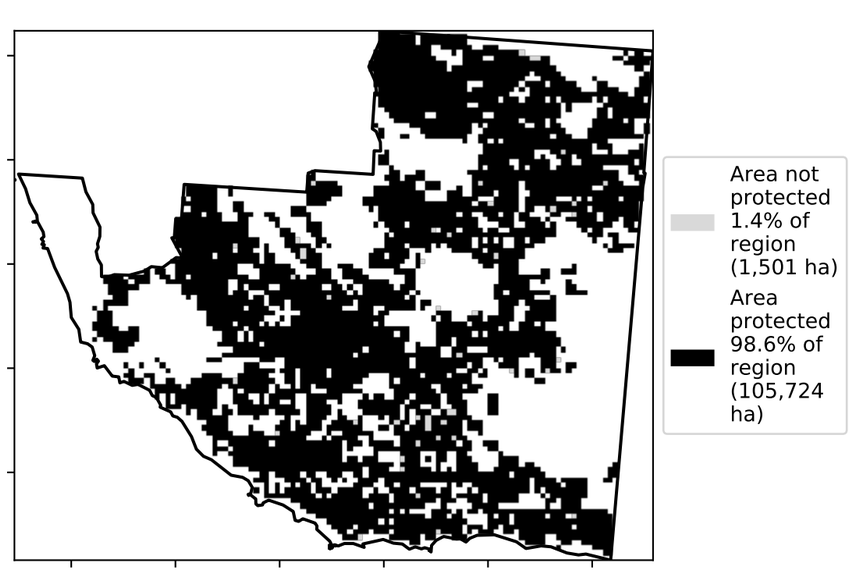

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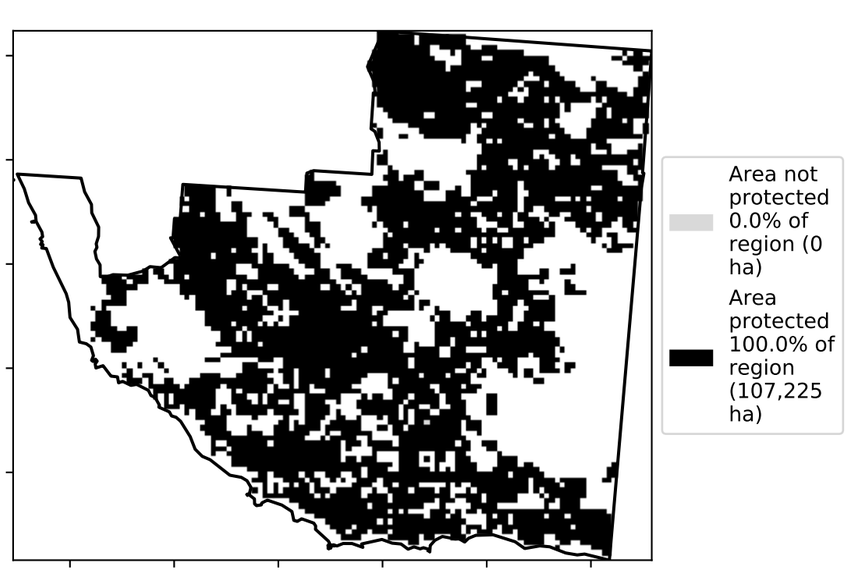

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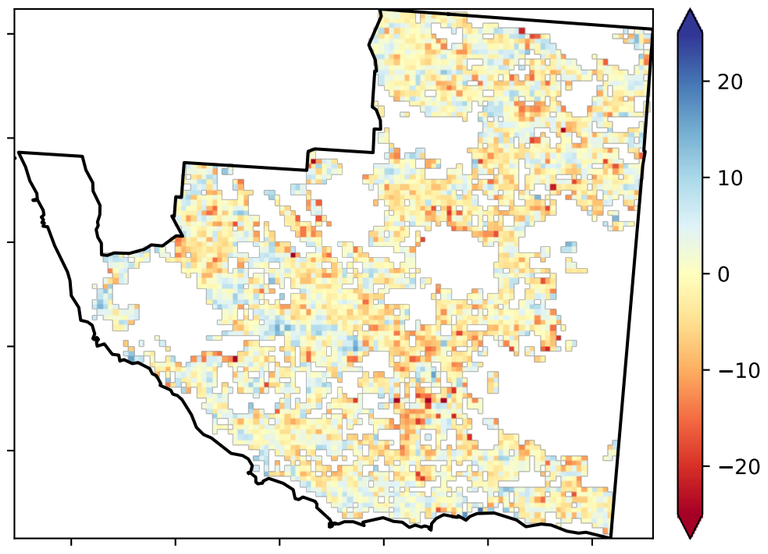

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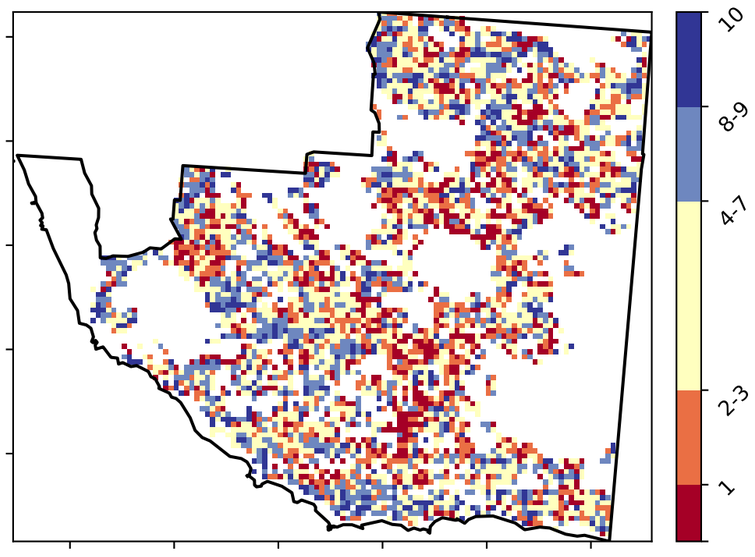
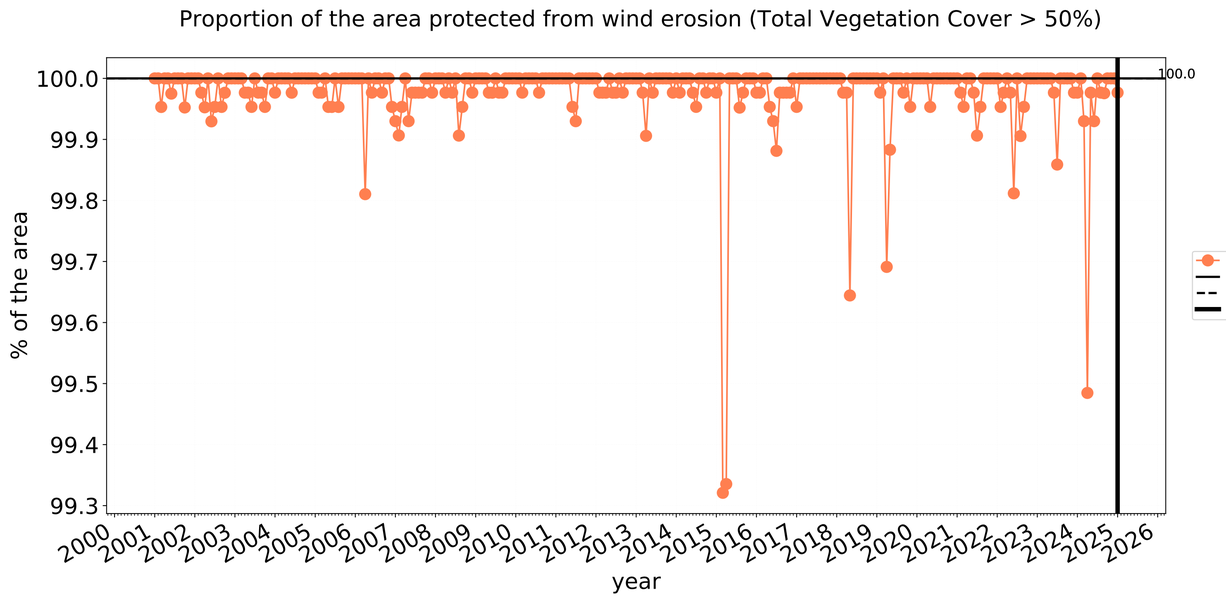
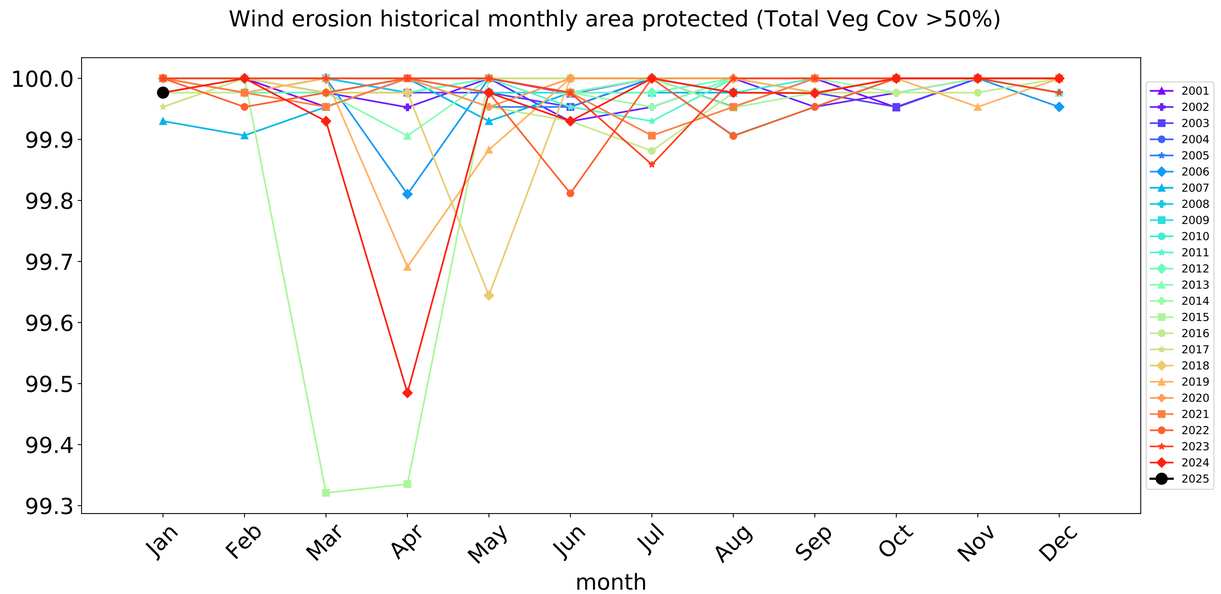
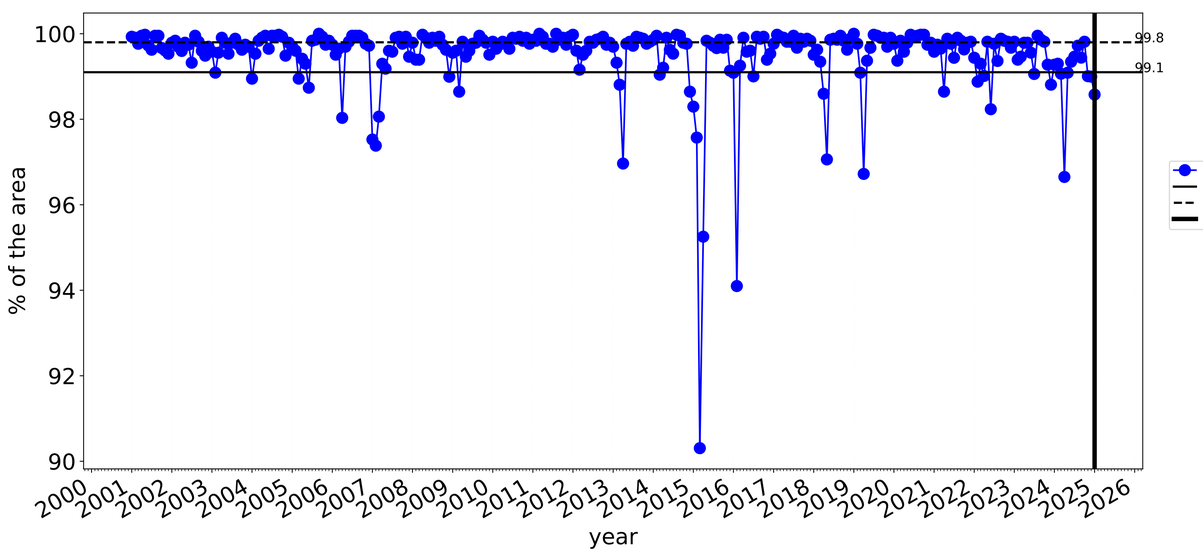
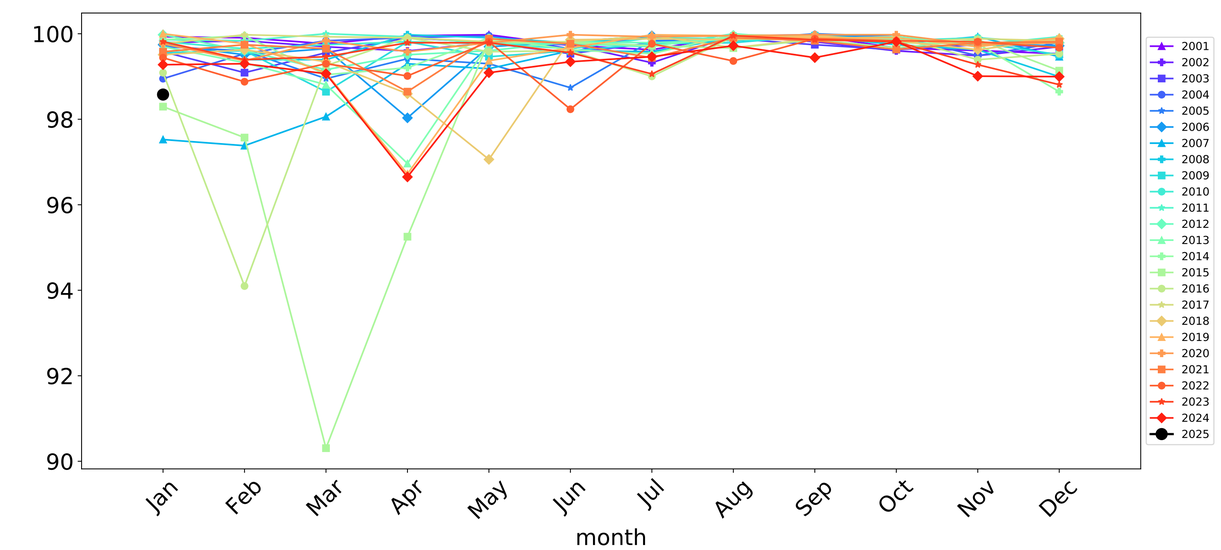


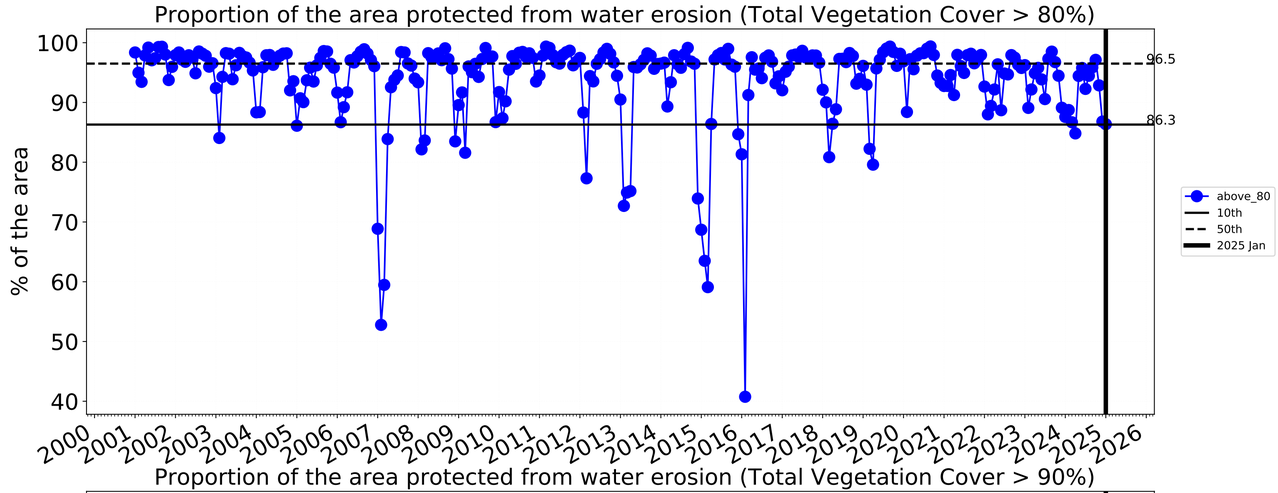
Grazing timeseries







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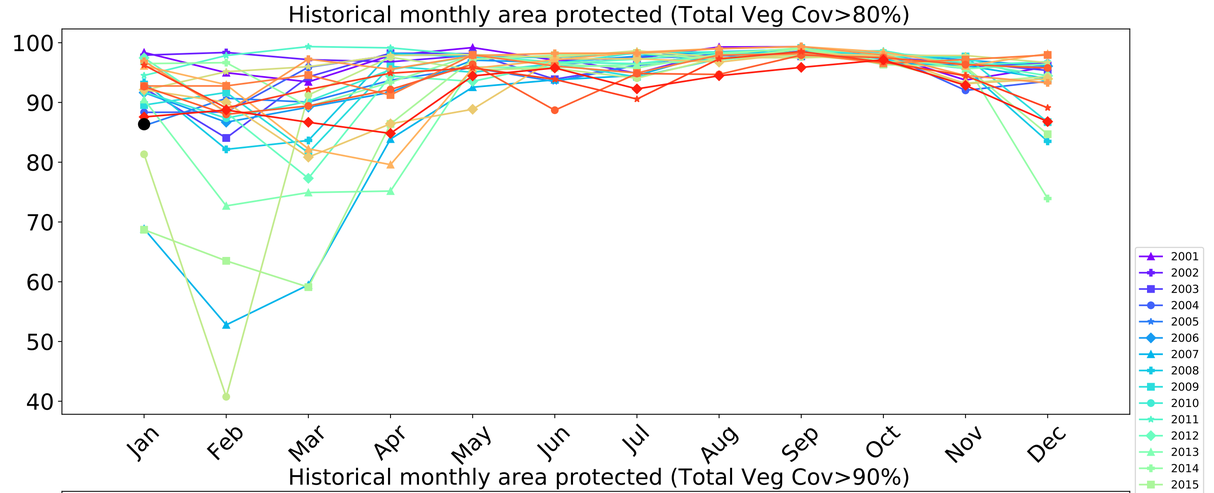
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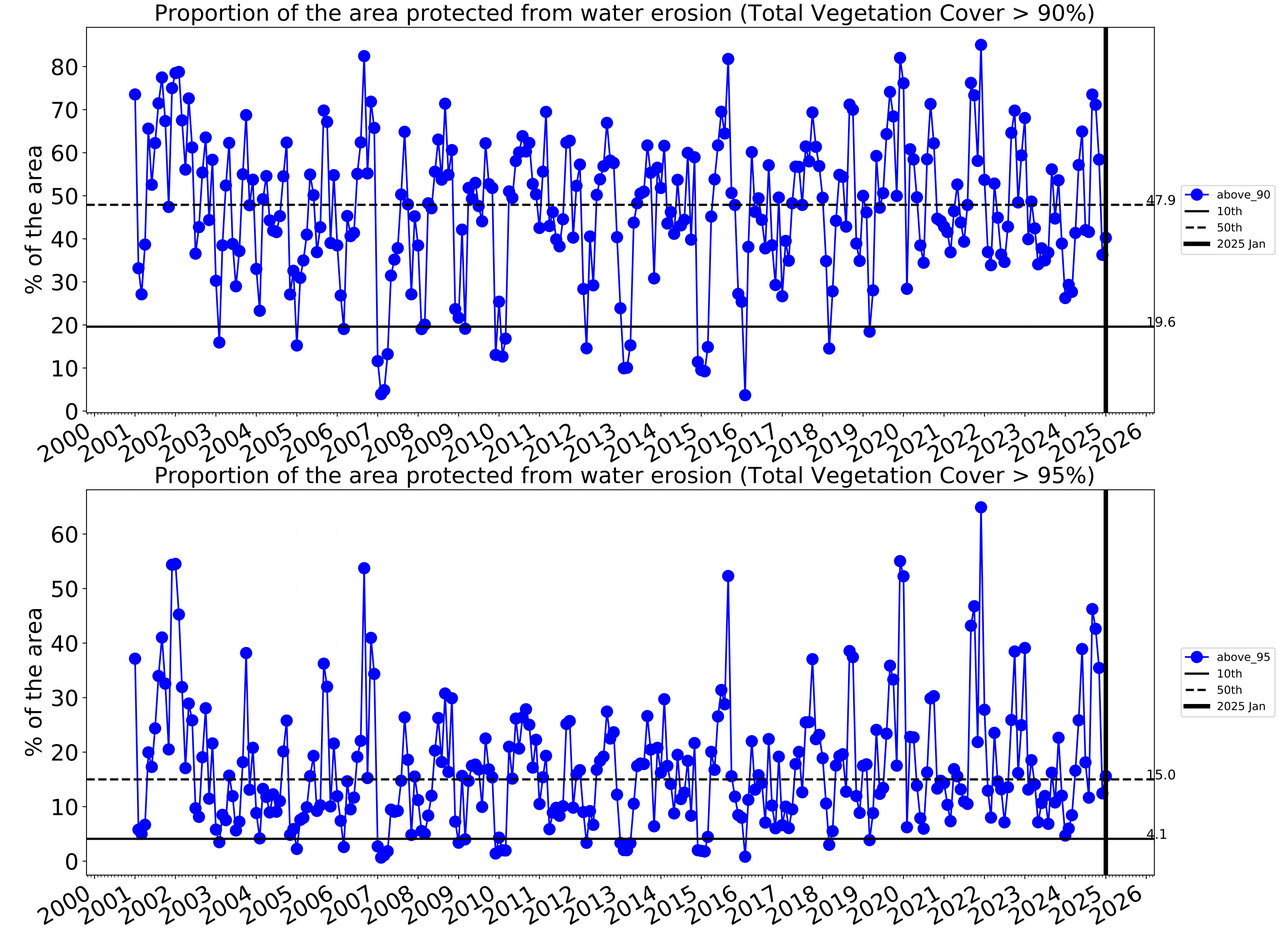
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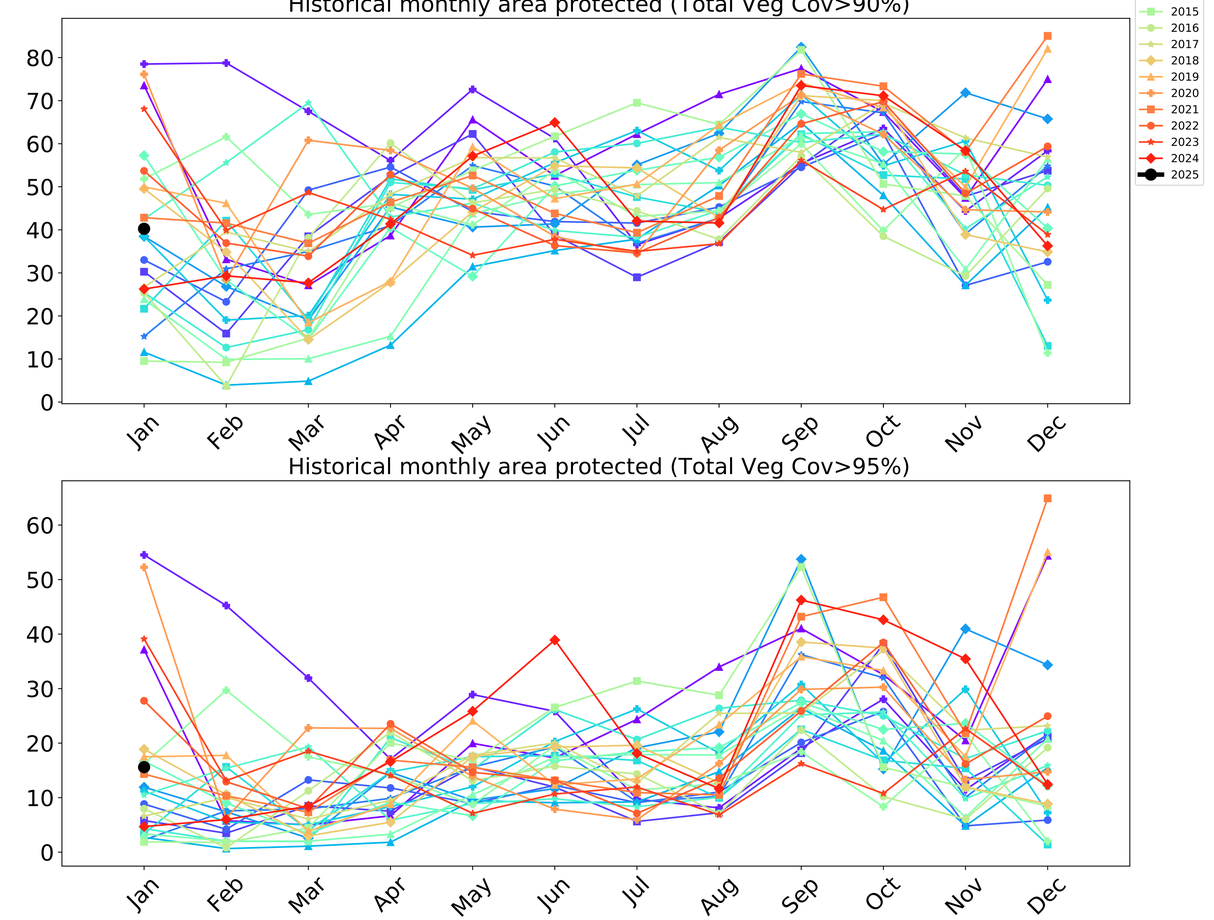
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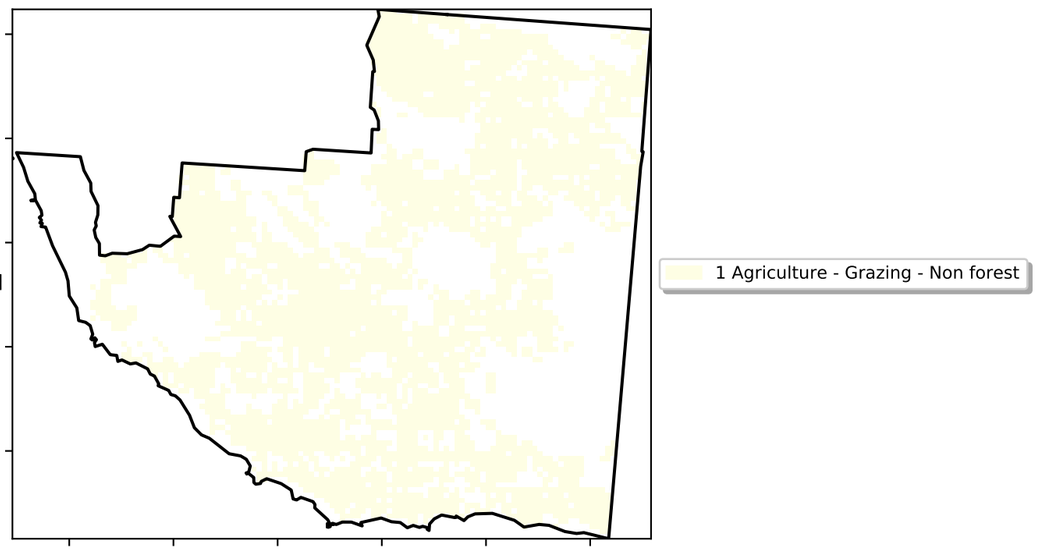
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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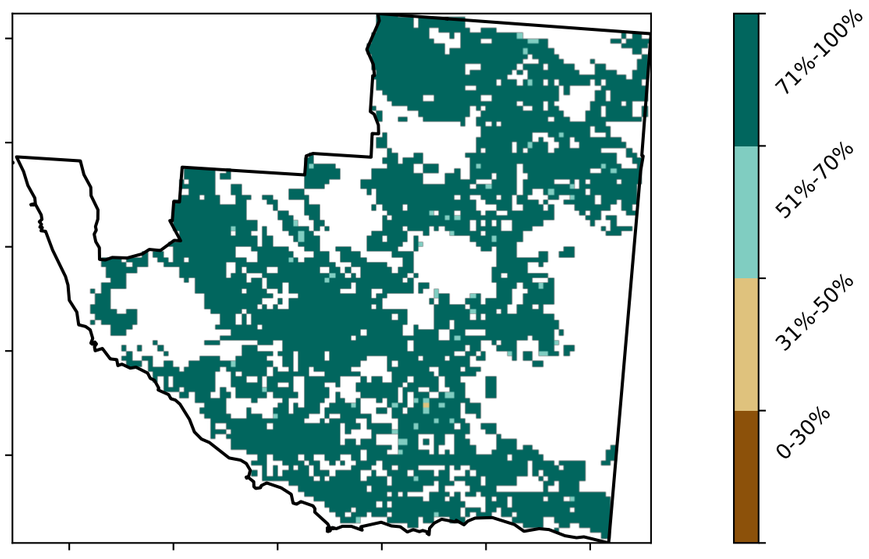

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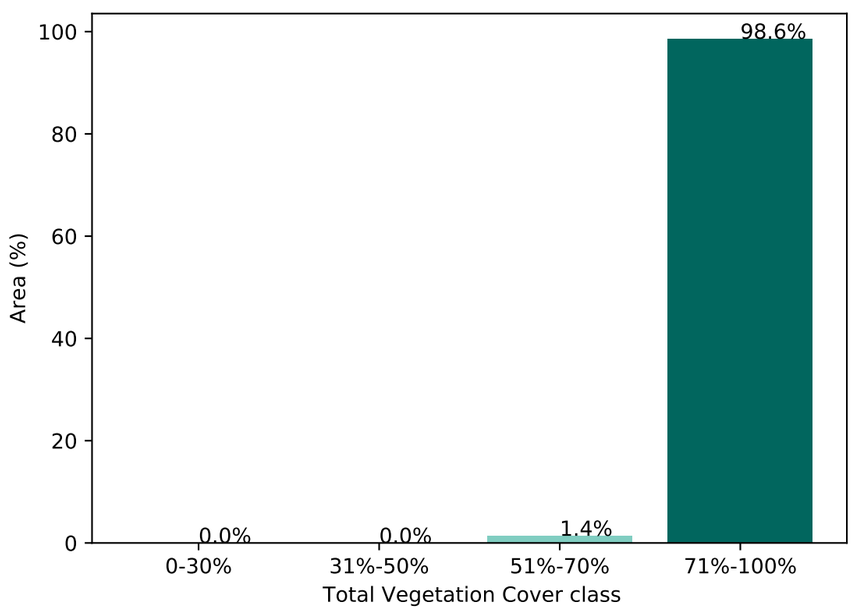

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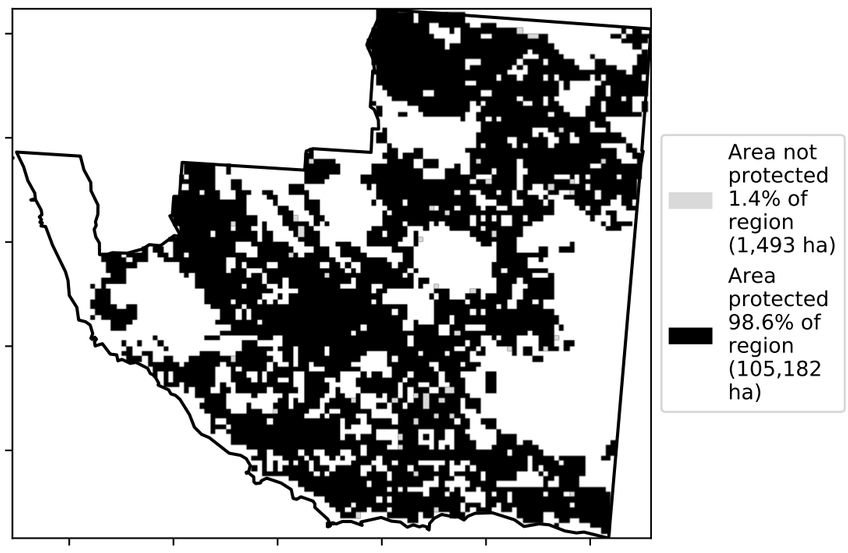

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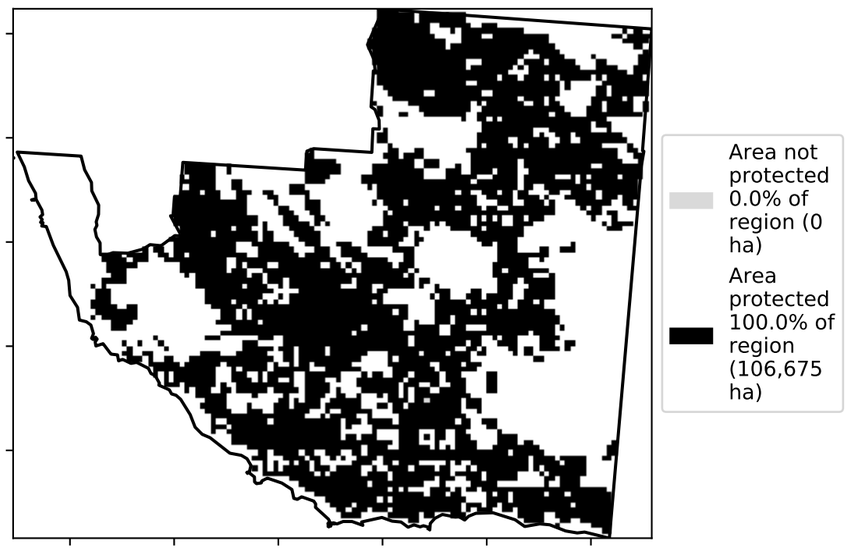

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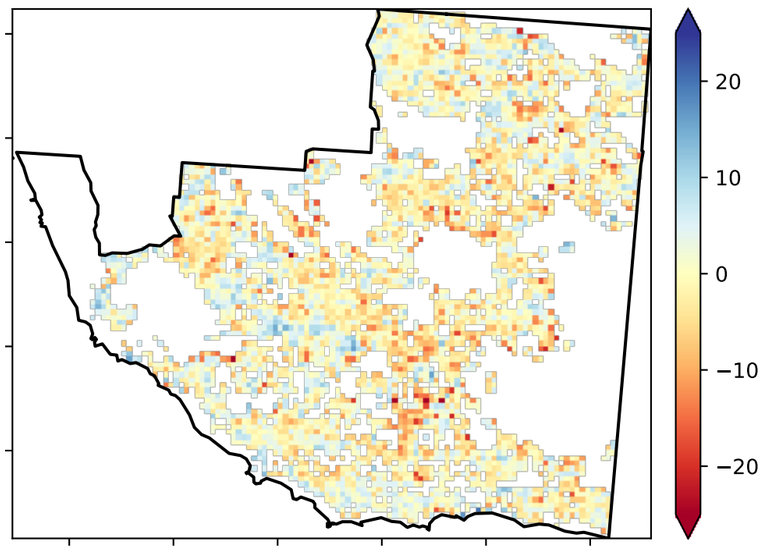

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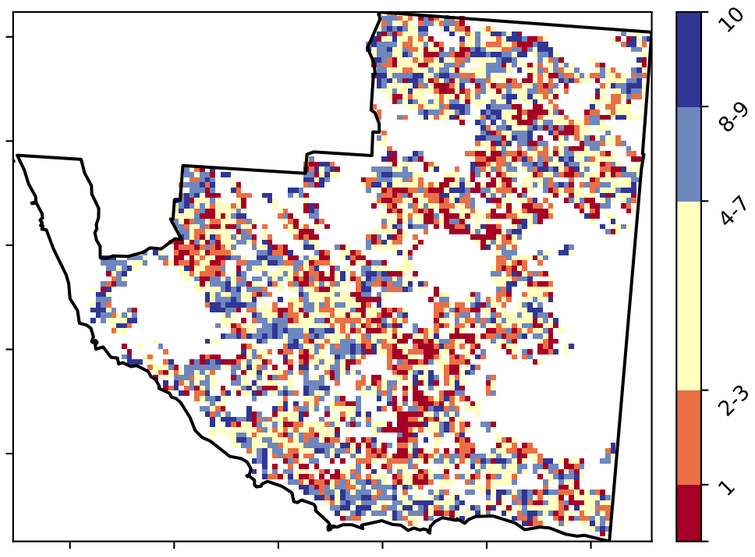

Grazing non forest timeseries

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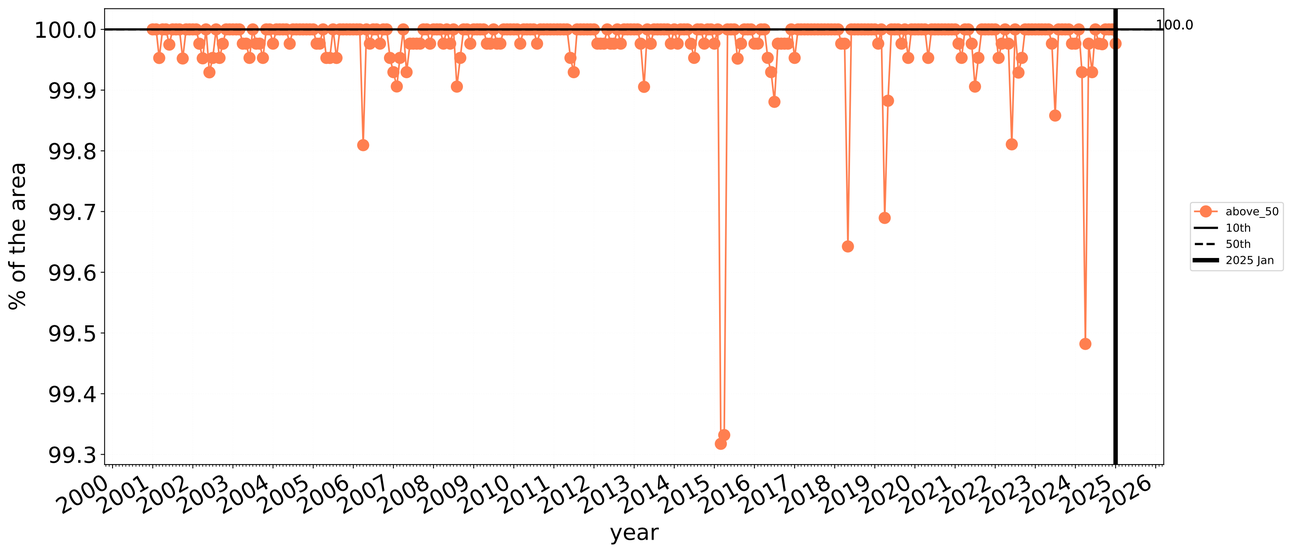
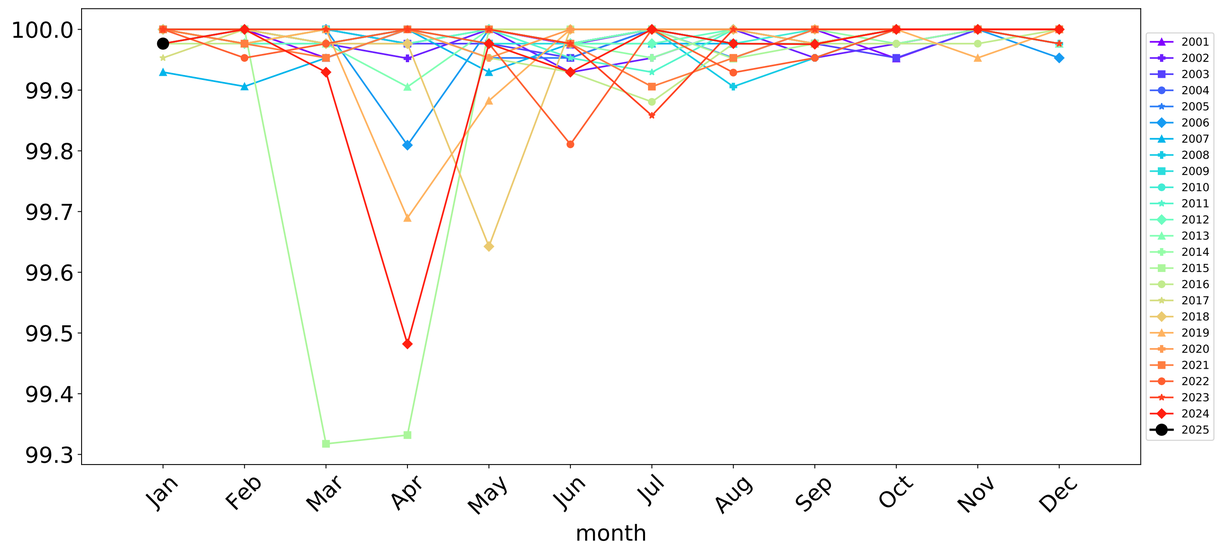


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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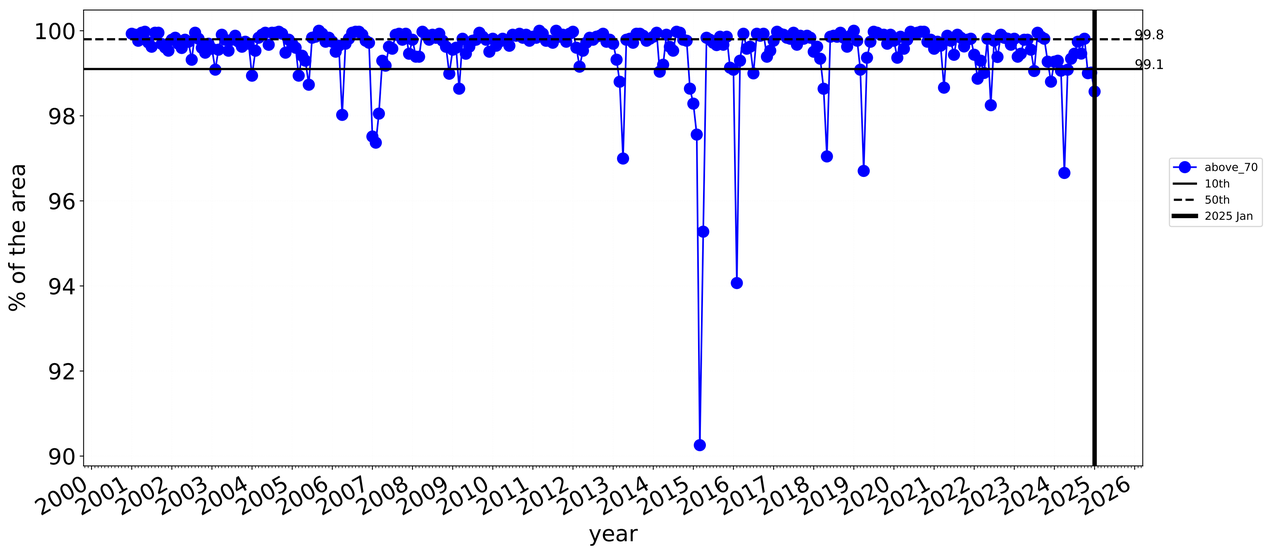

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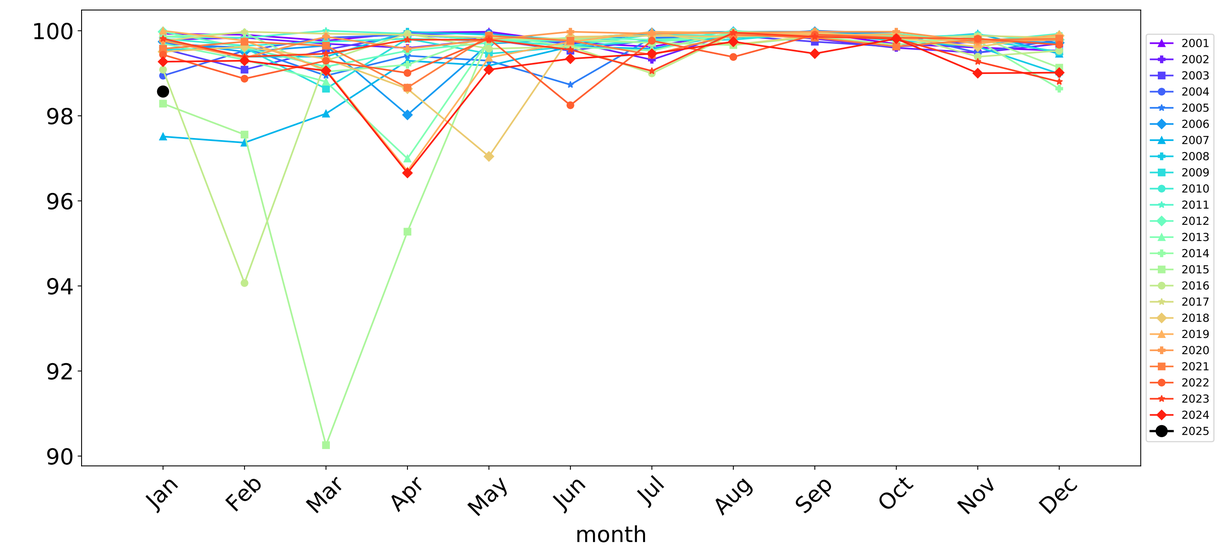

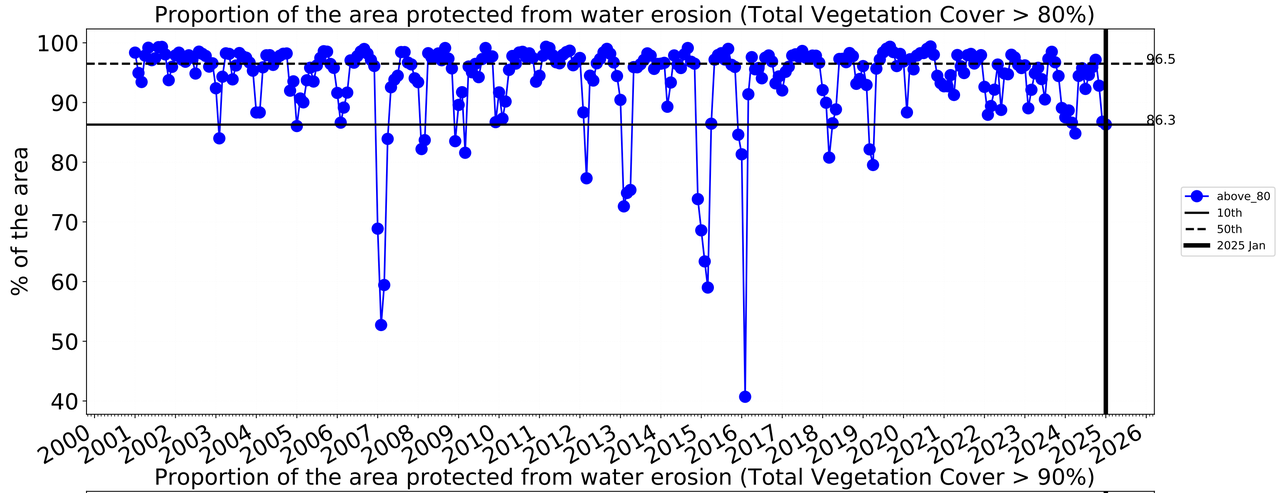
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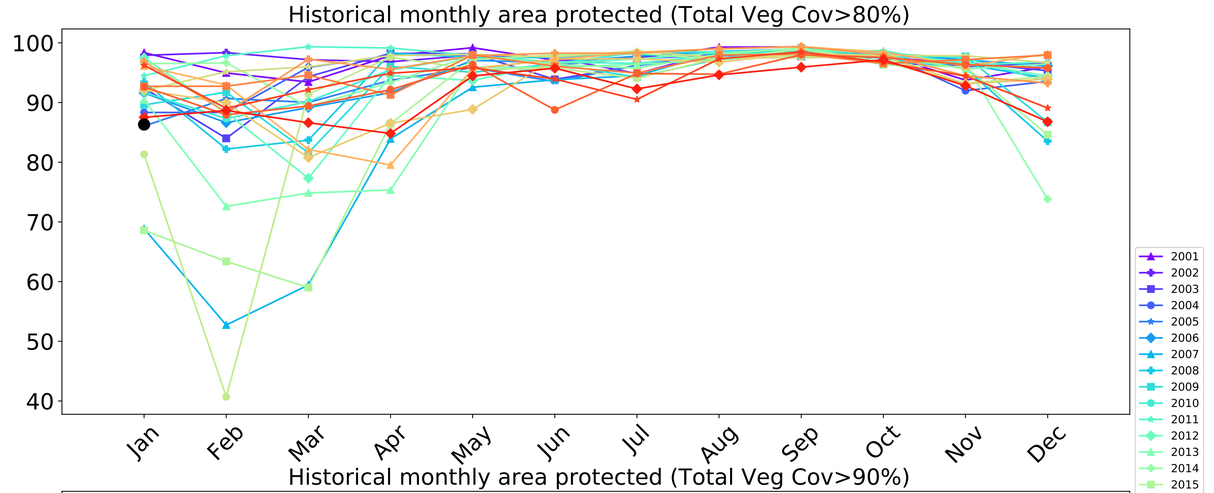
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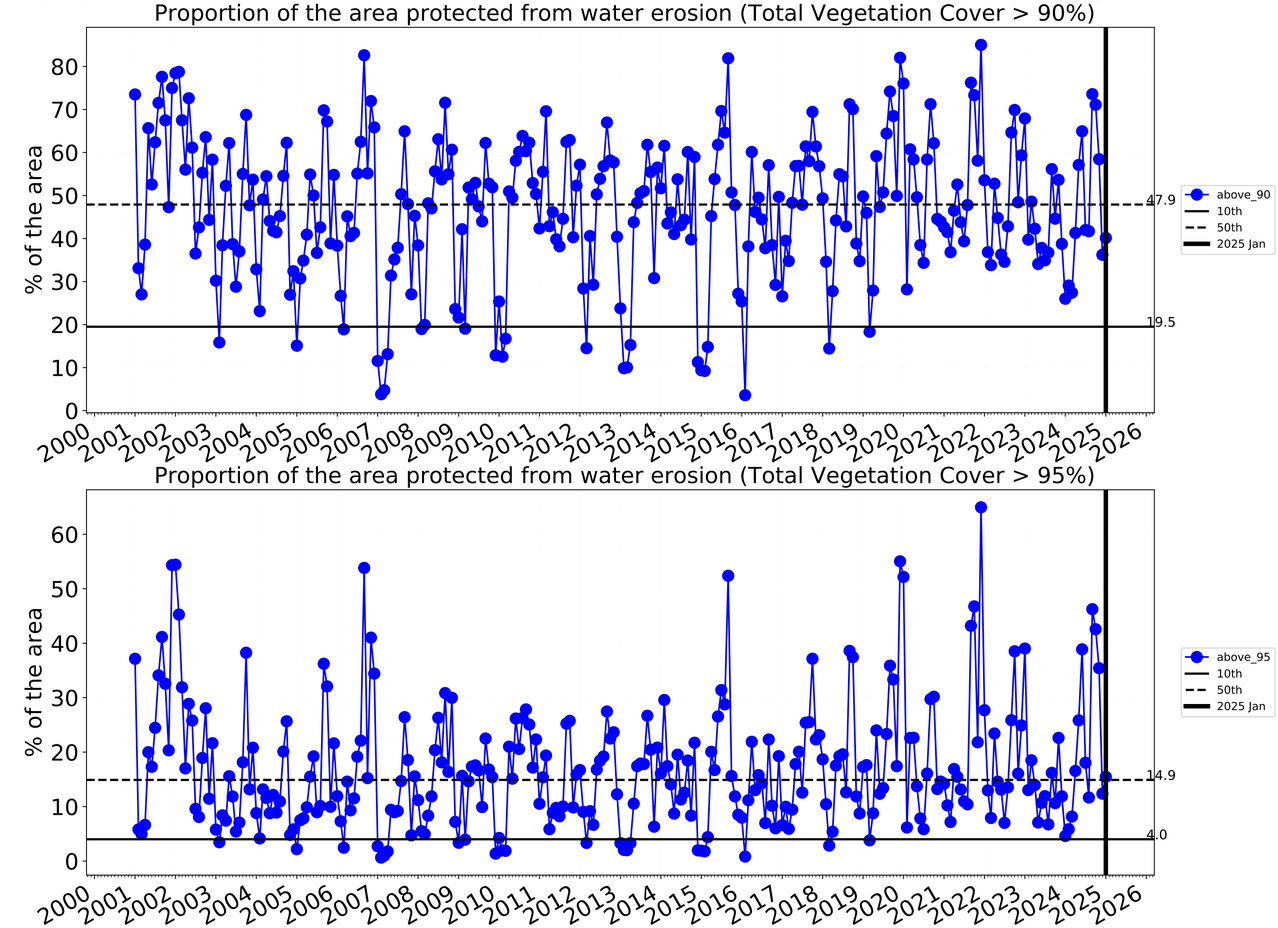
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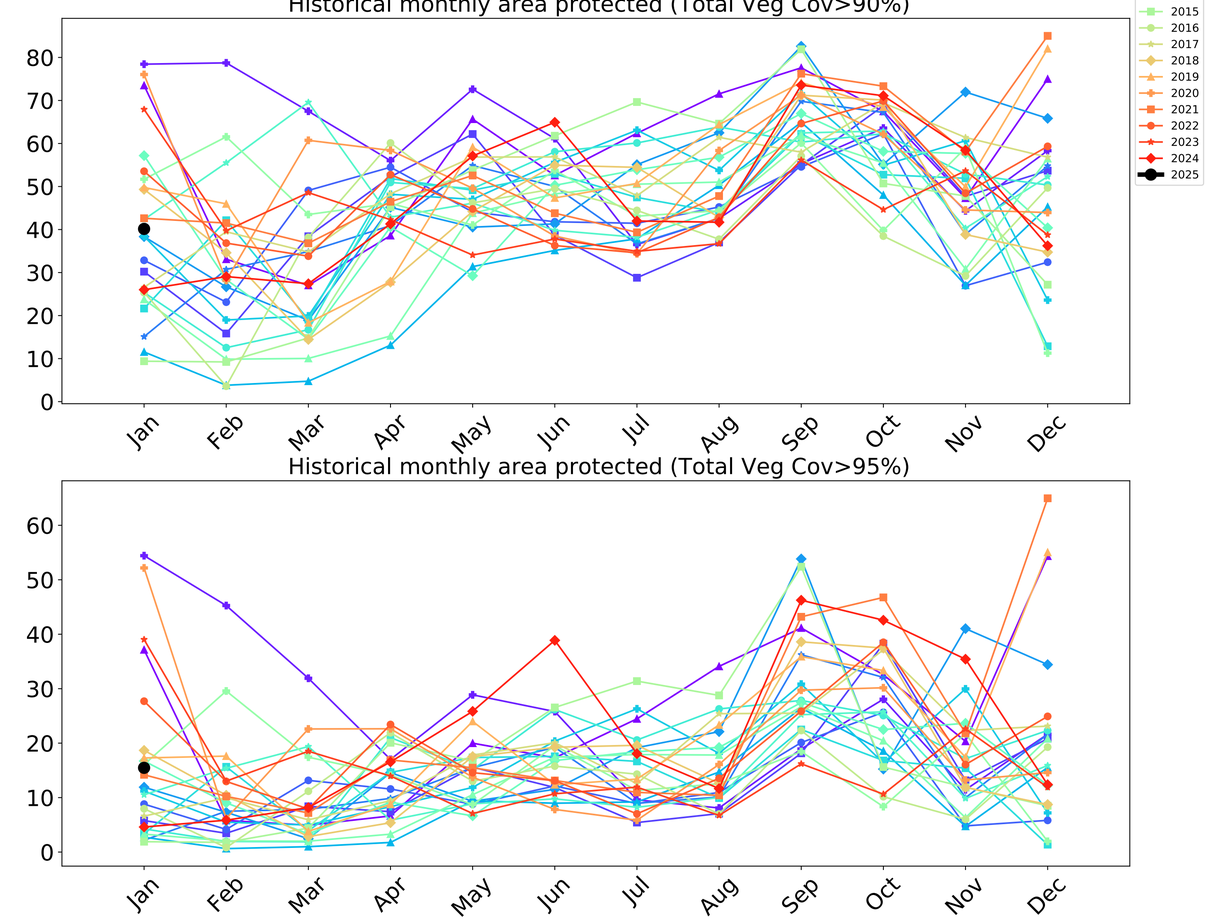
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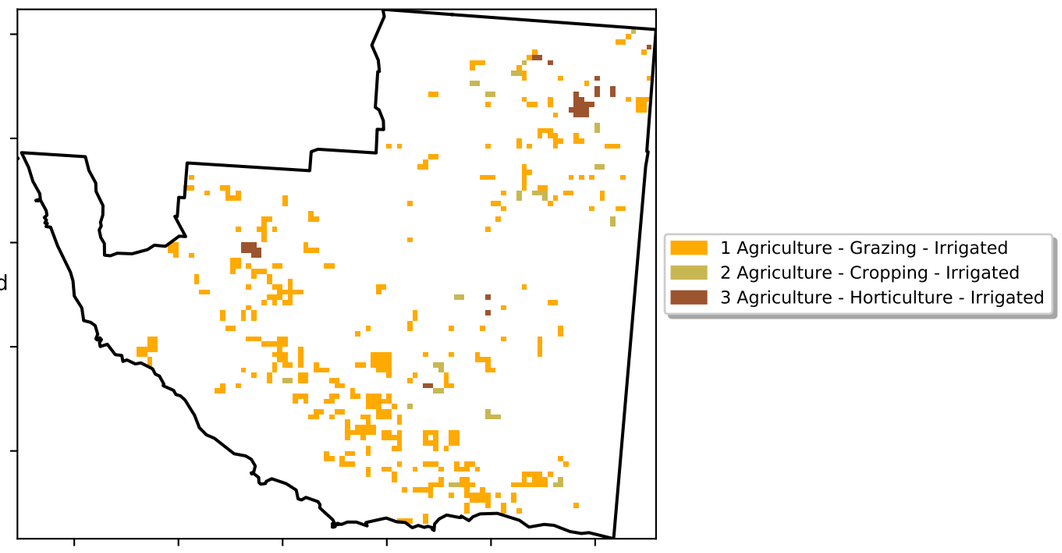
Irrigation

Land use and forest cover



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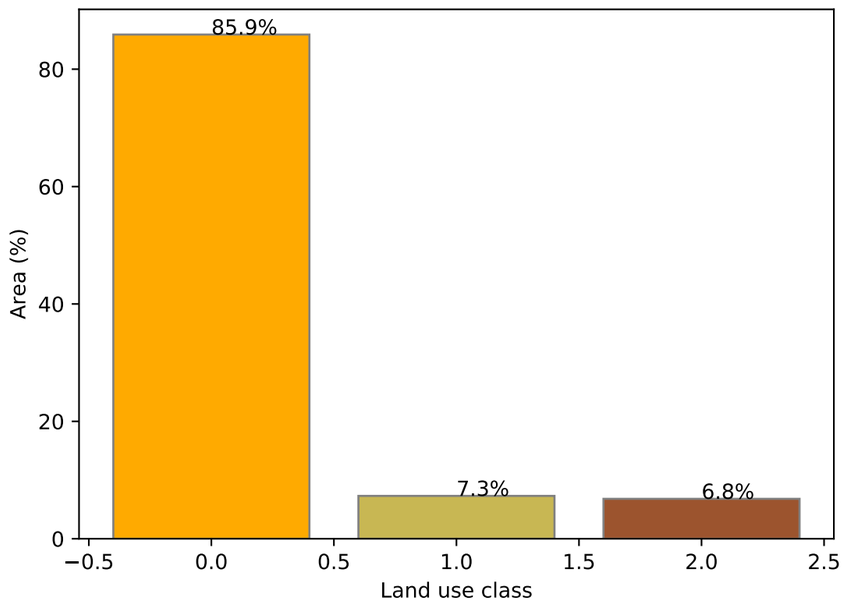
Proportion of each land class in area



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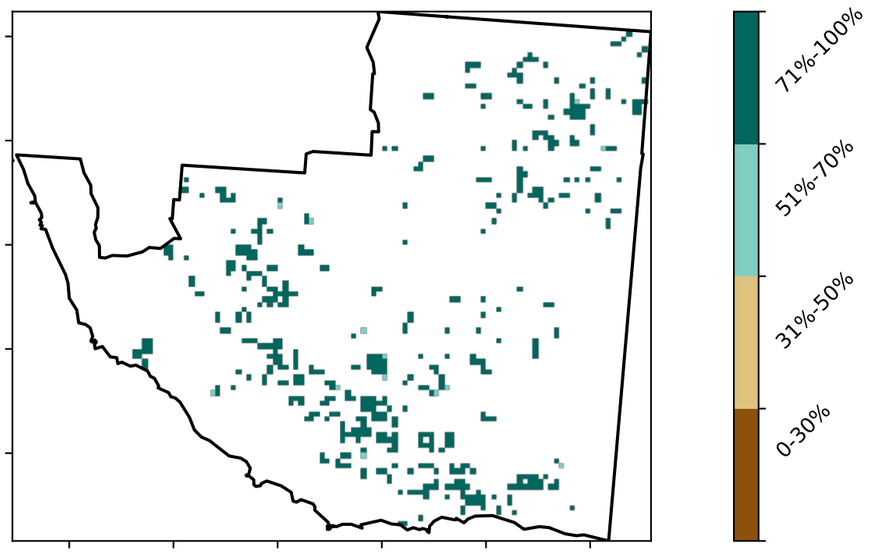

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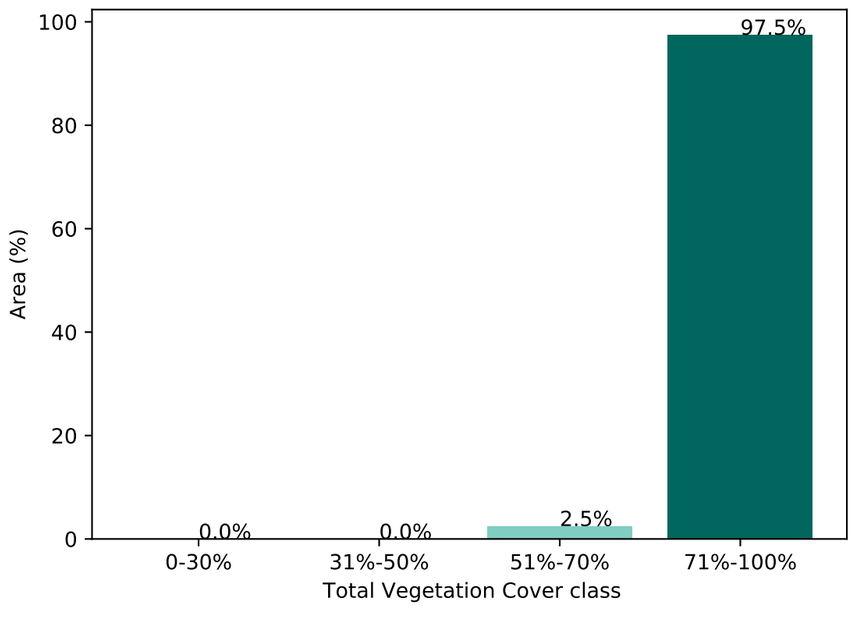

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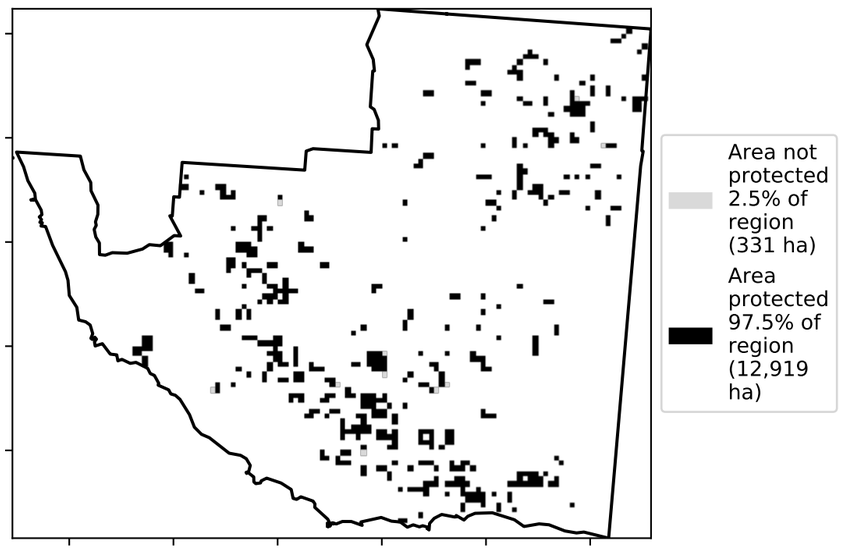

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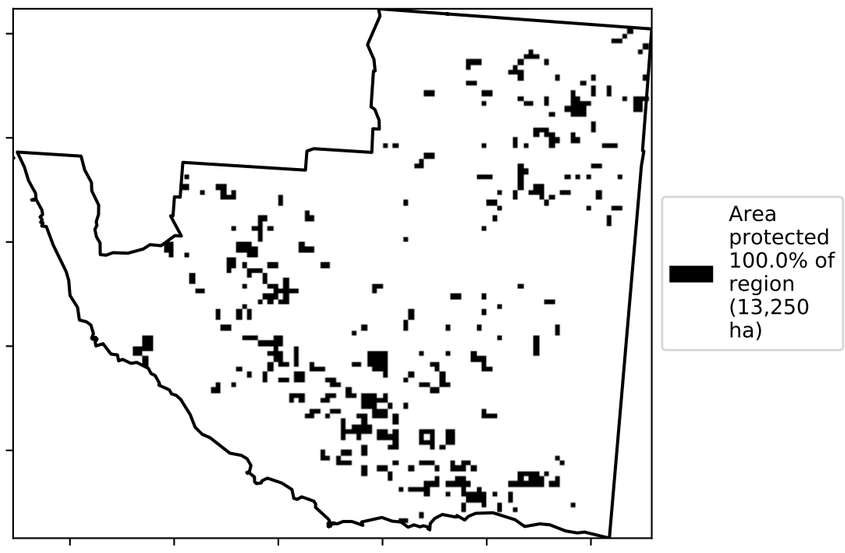

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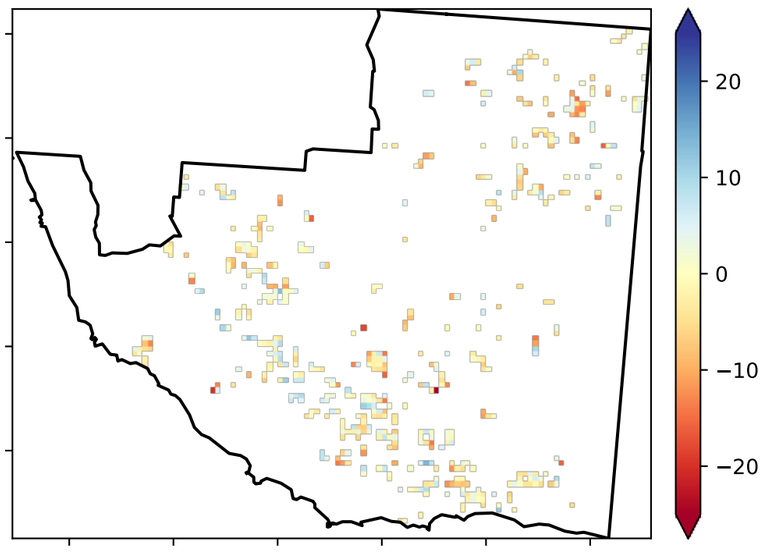

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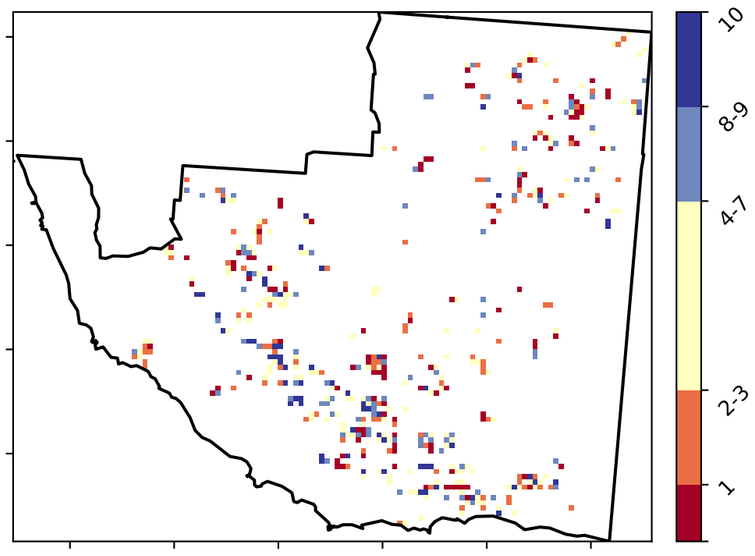

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Irrigation timeseries

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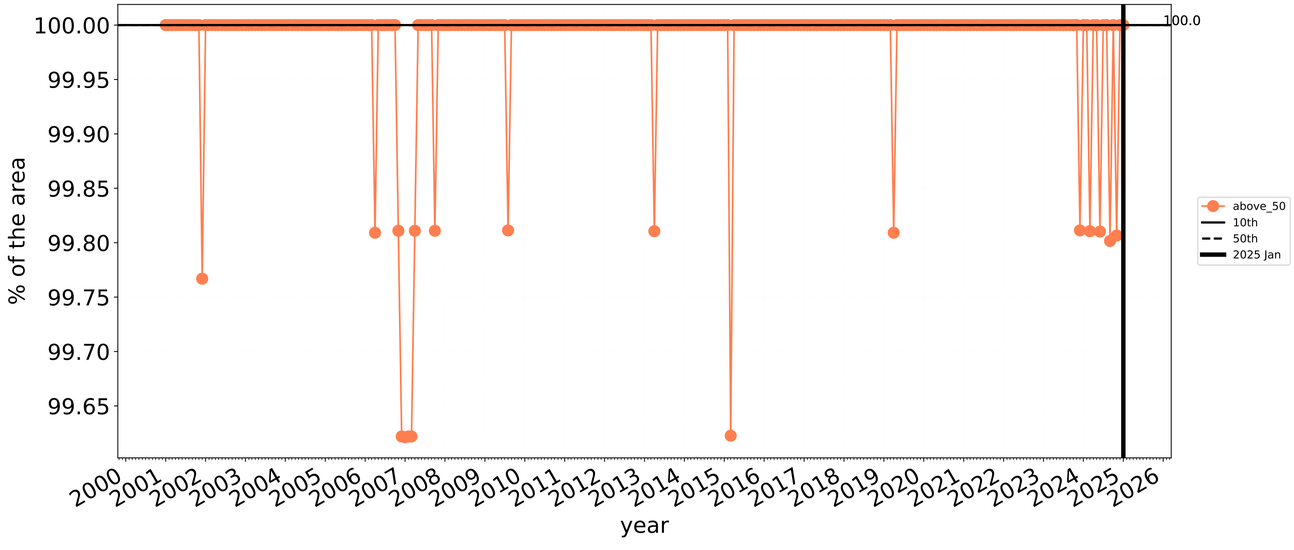

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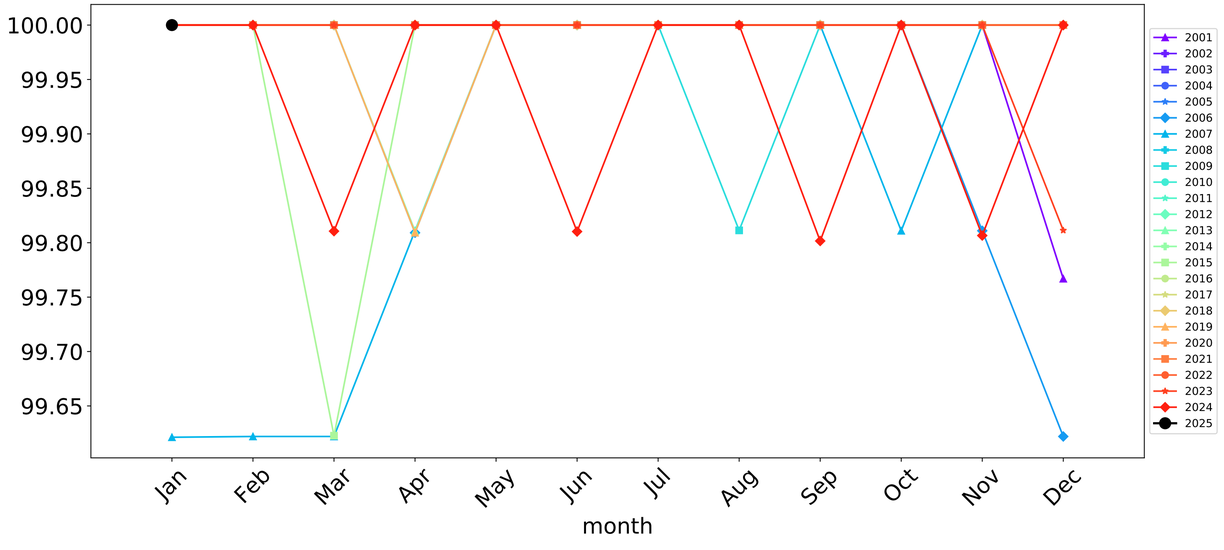

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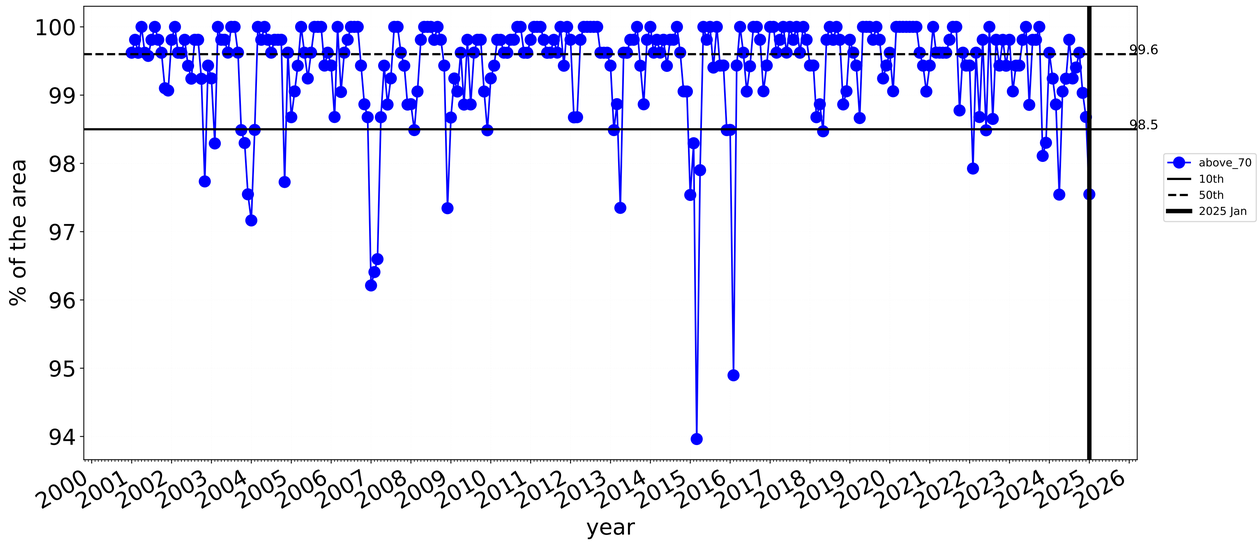

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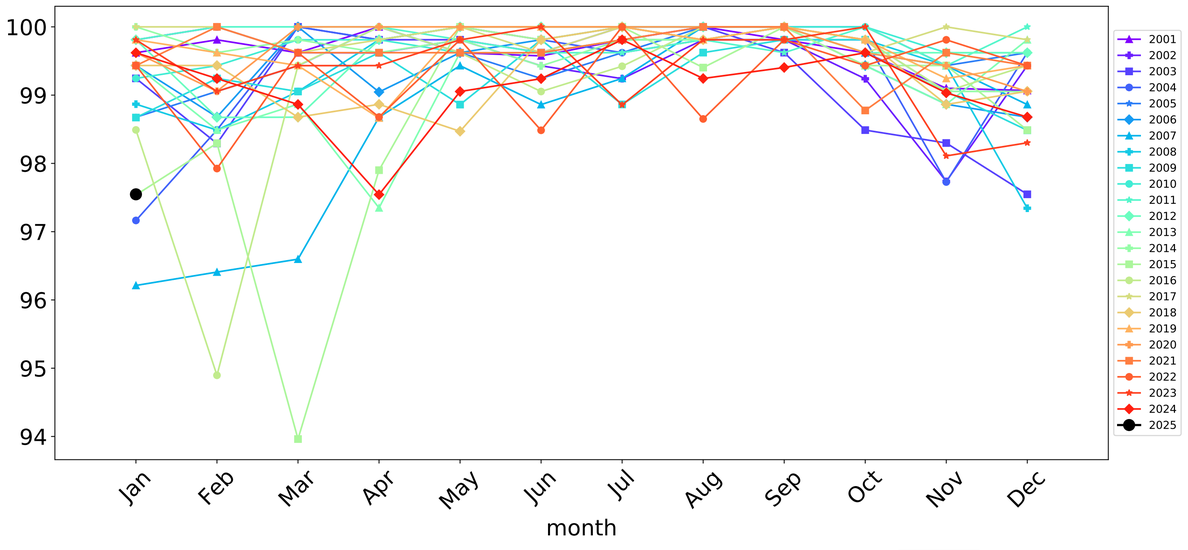

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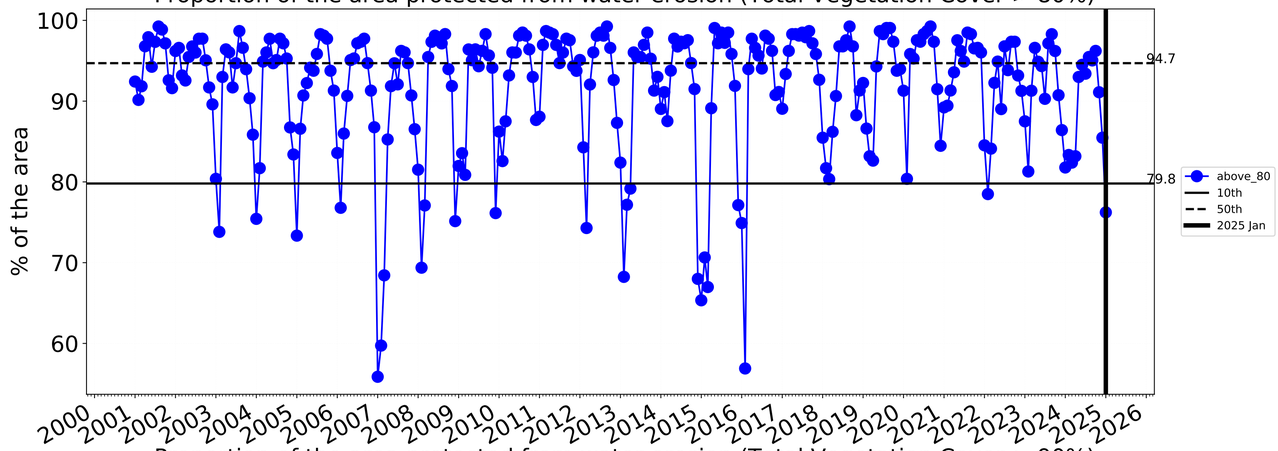

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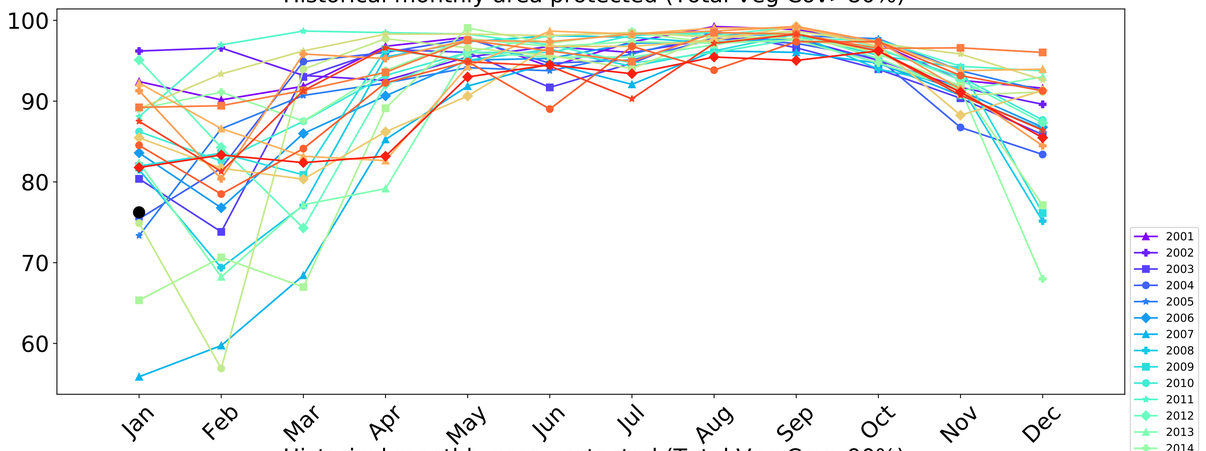

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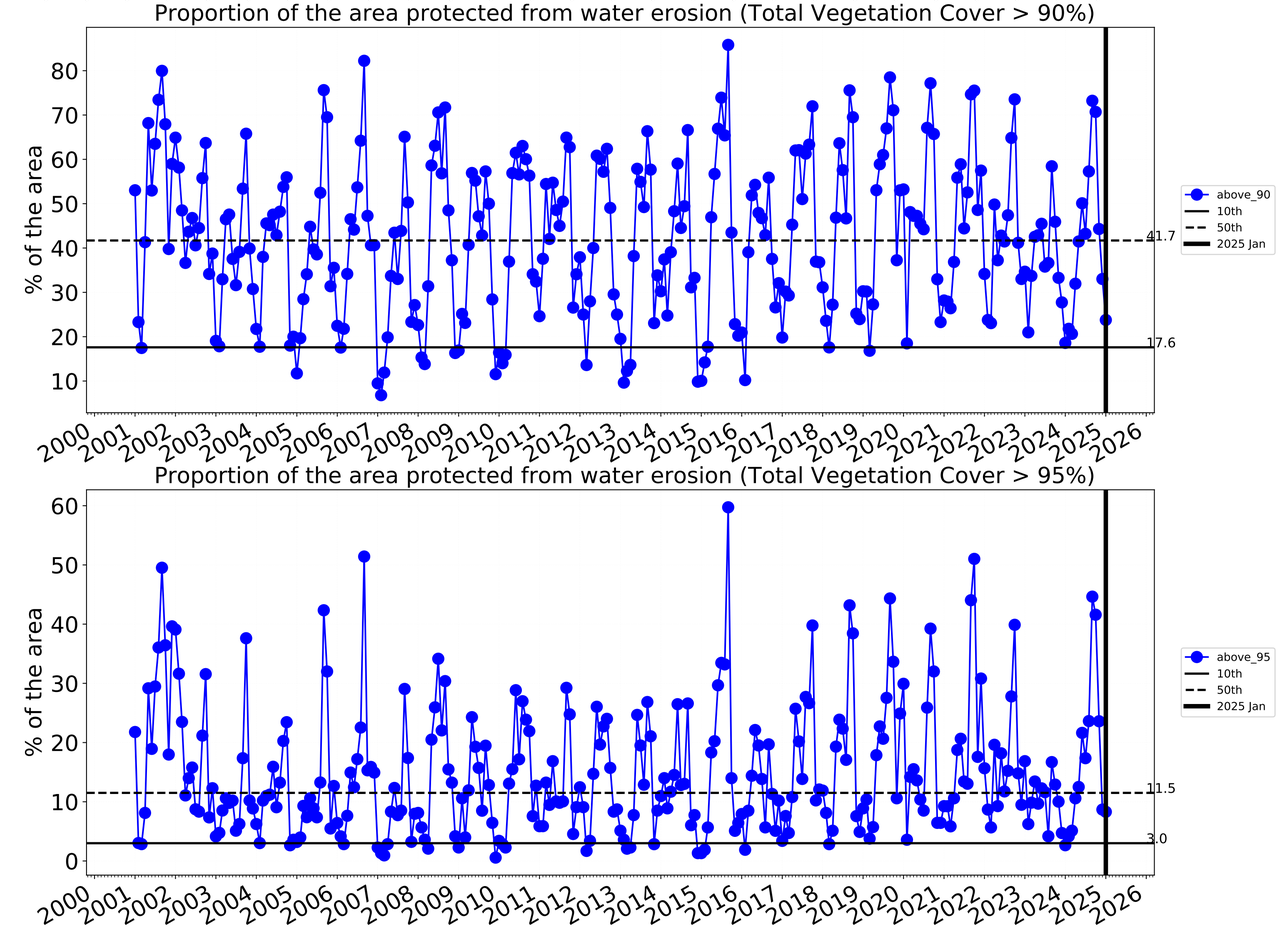

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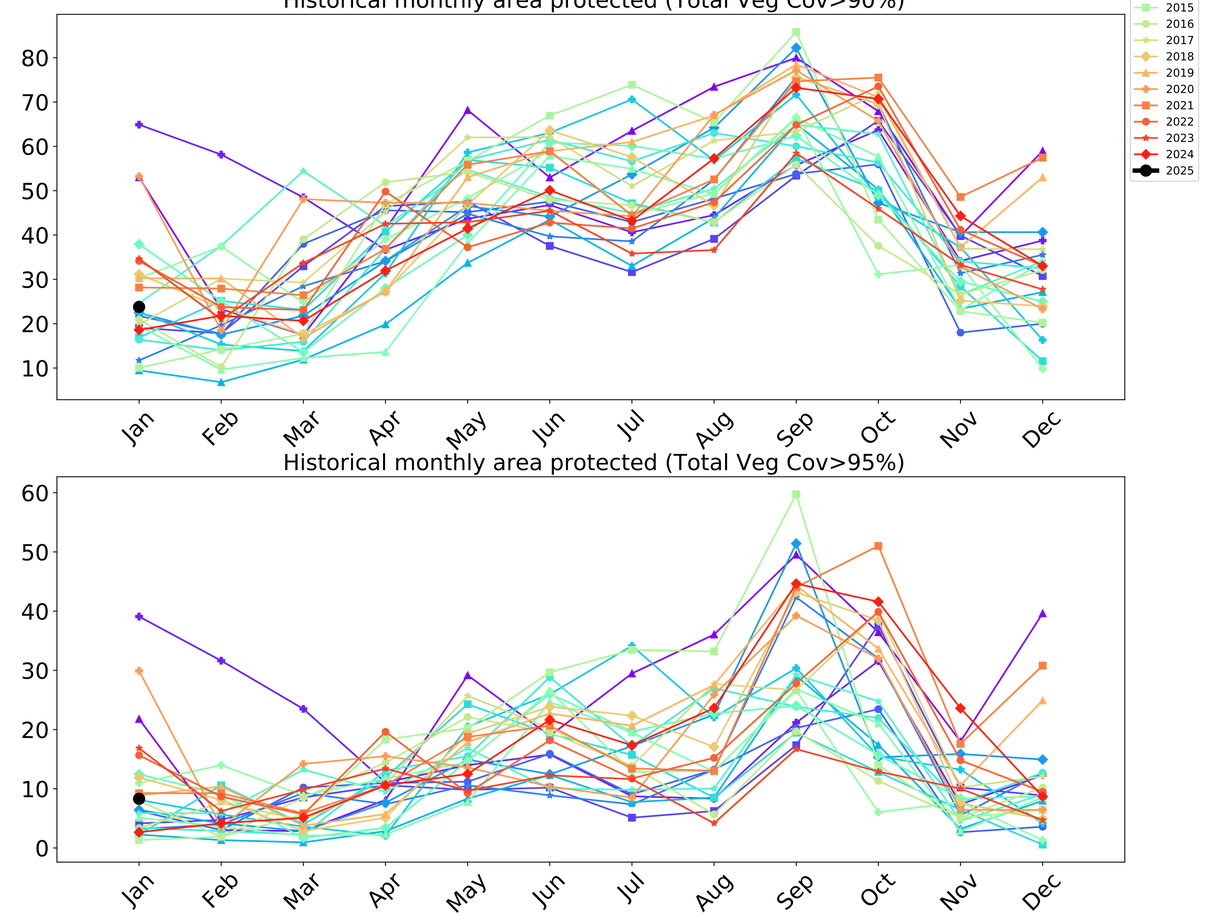

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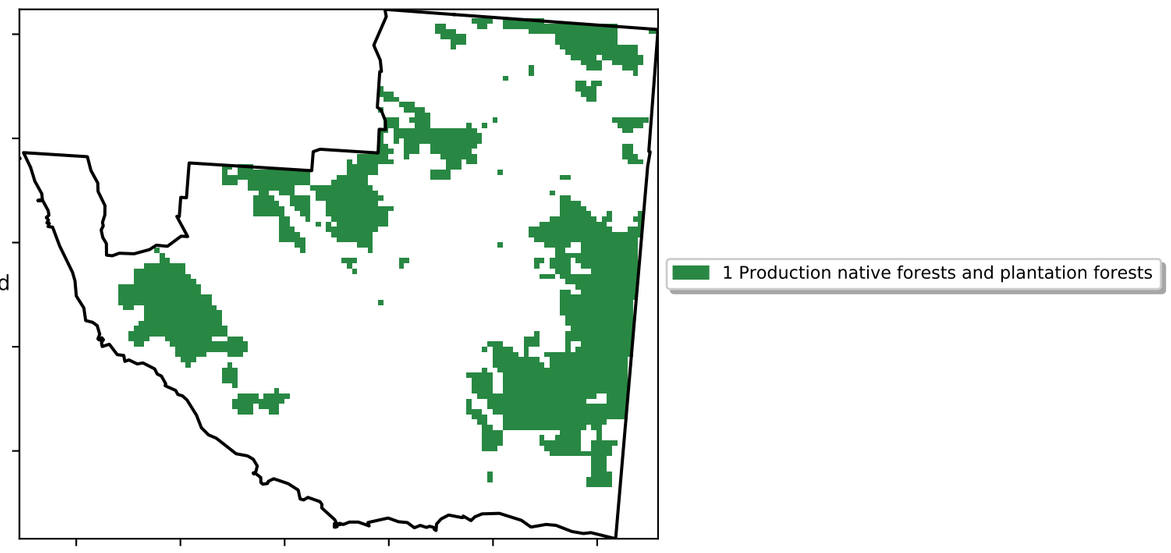
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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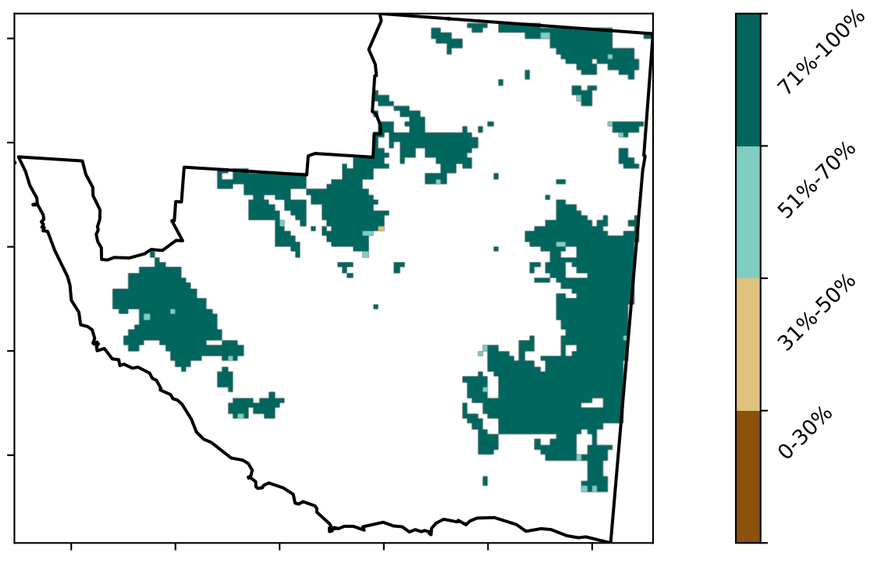
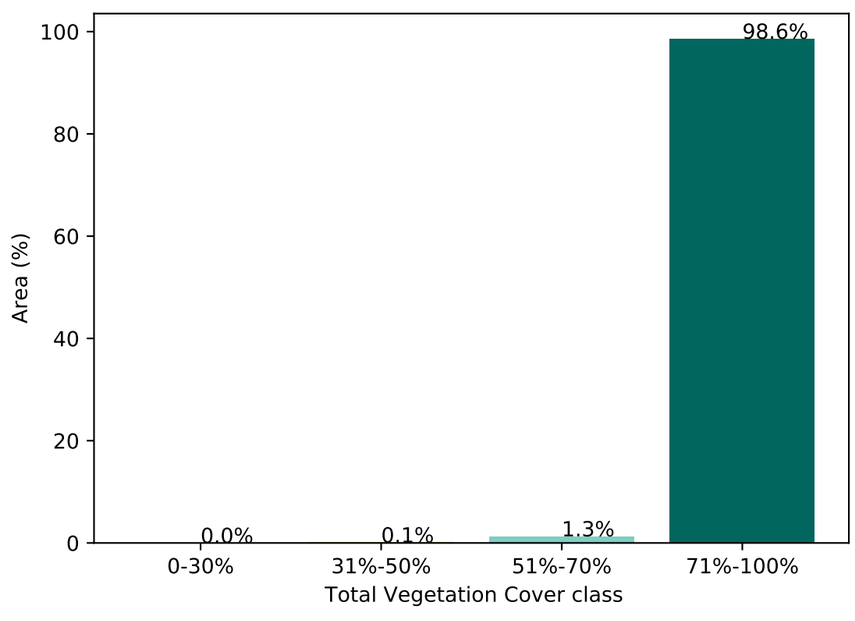
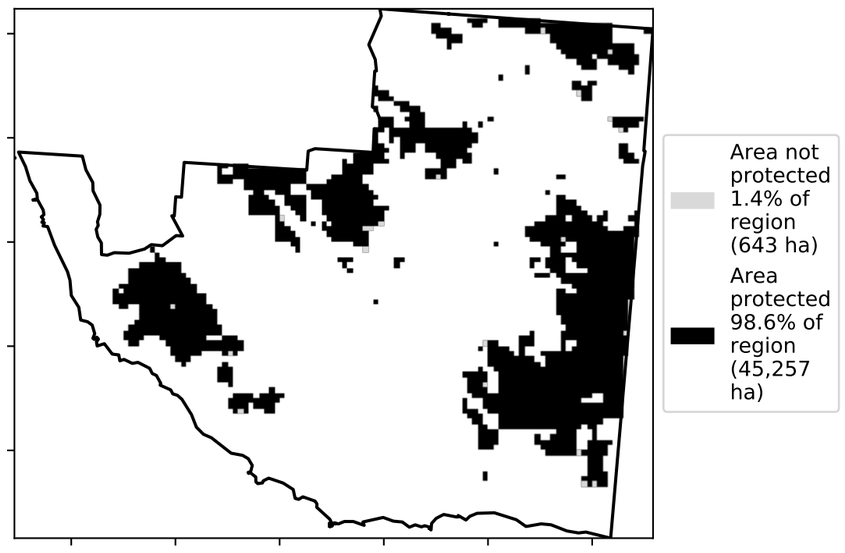


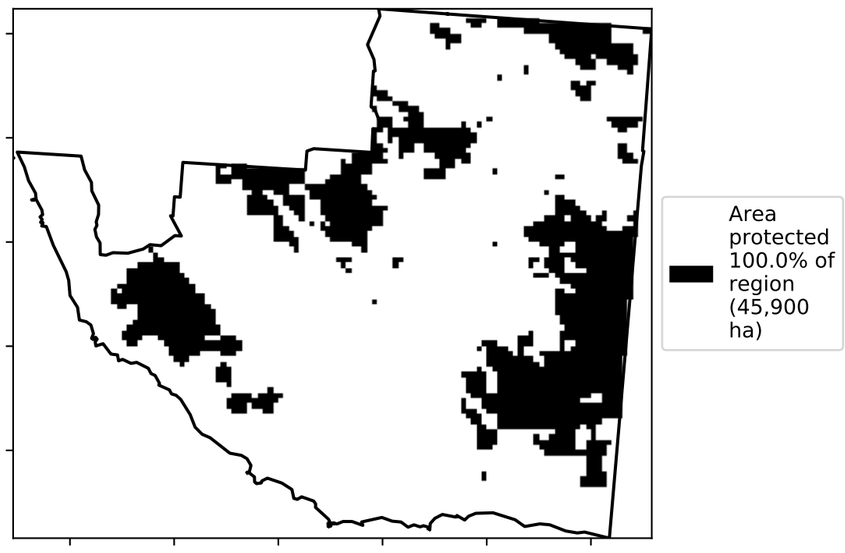
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



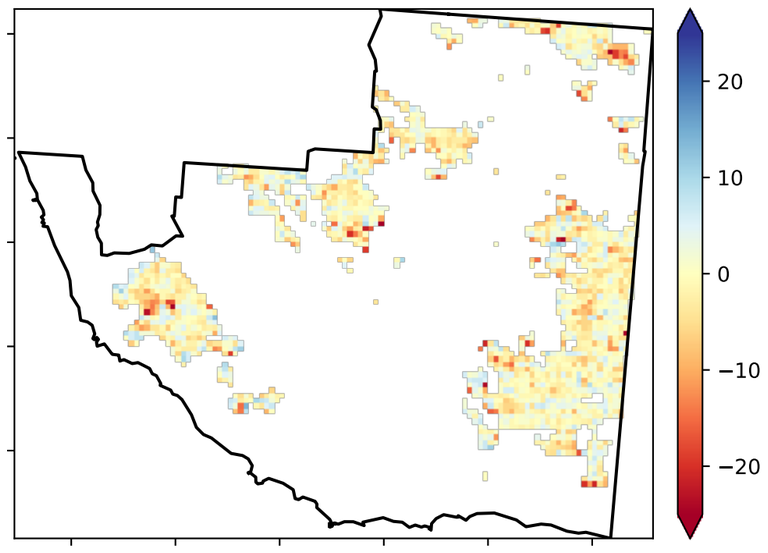
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

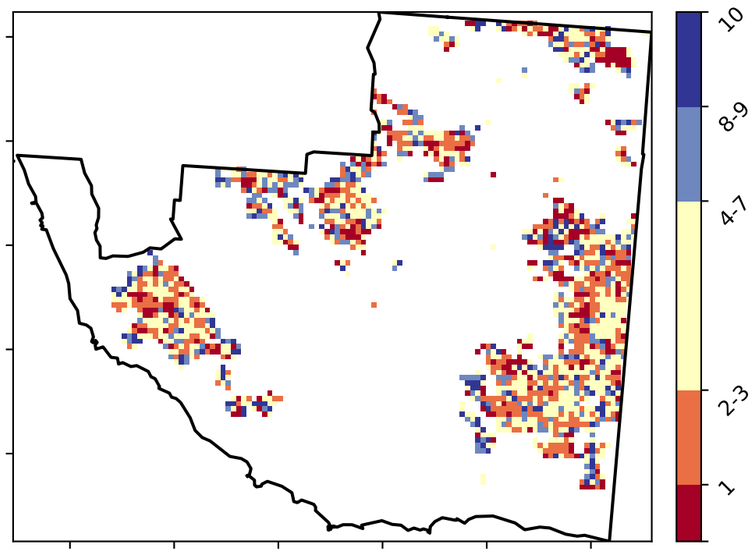


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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.

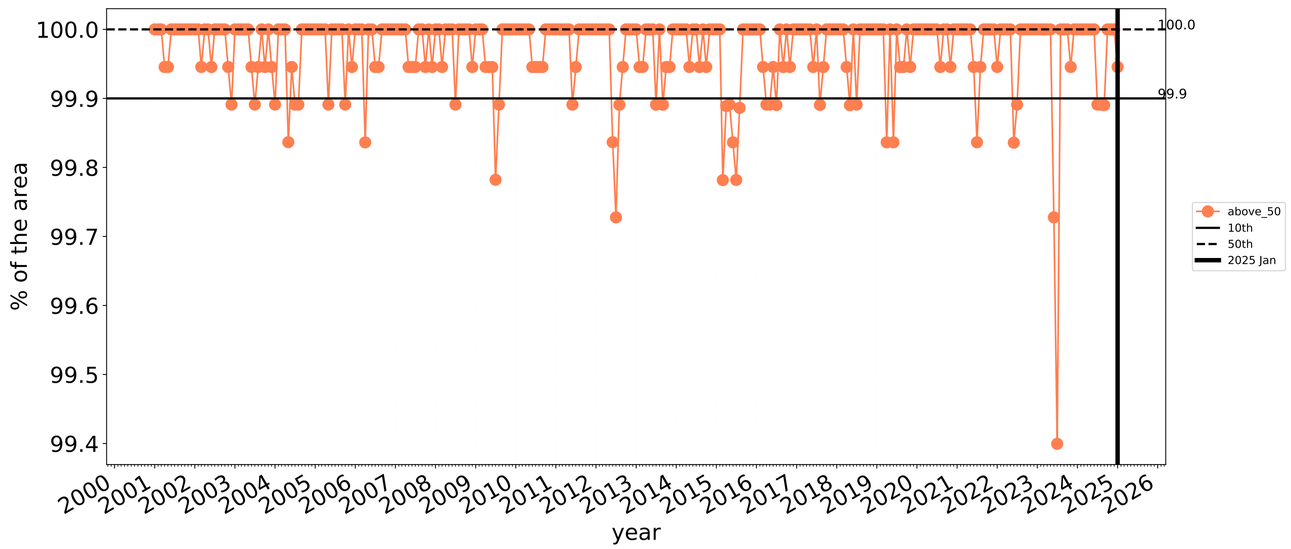
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



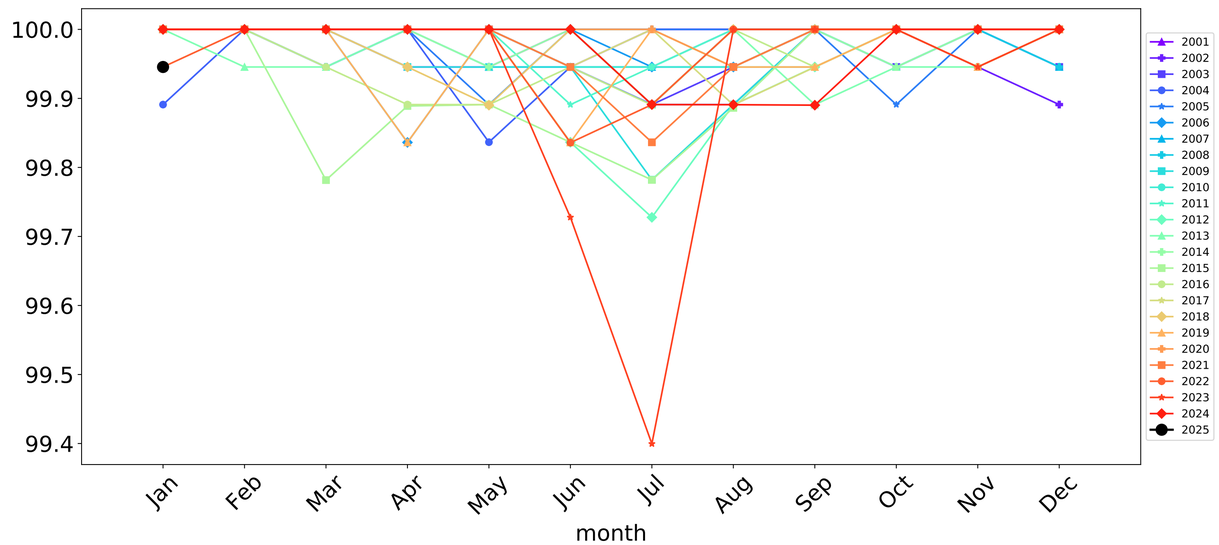
Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

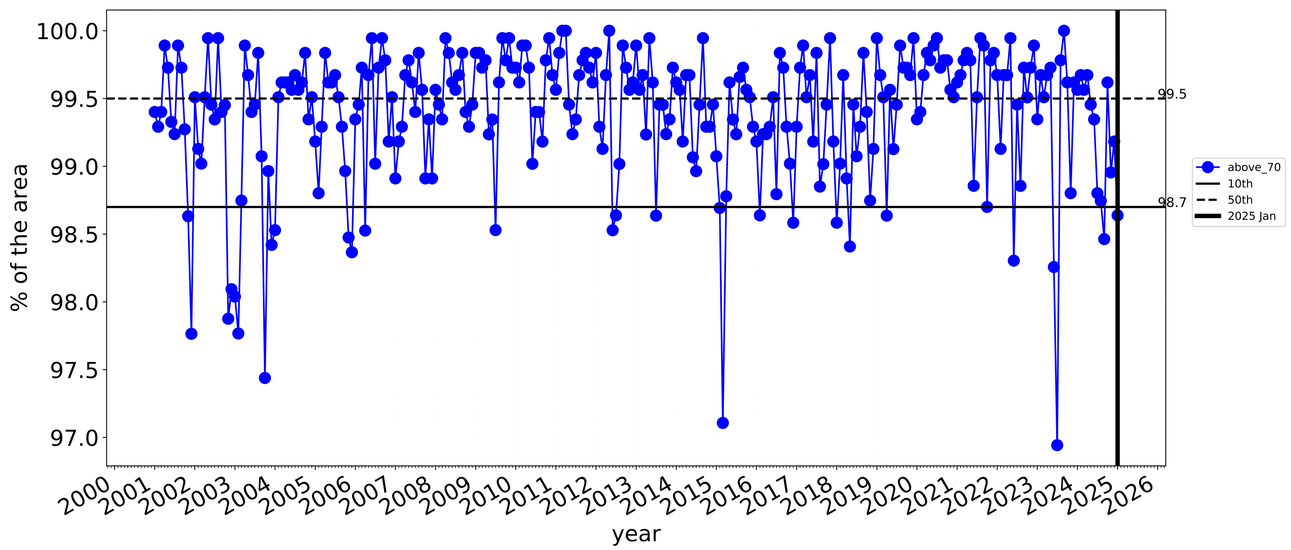
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



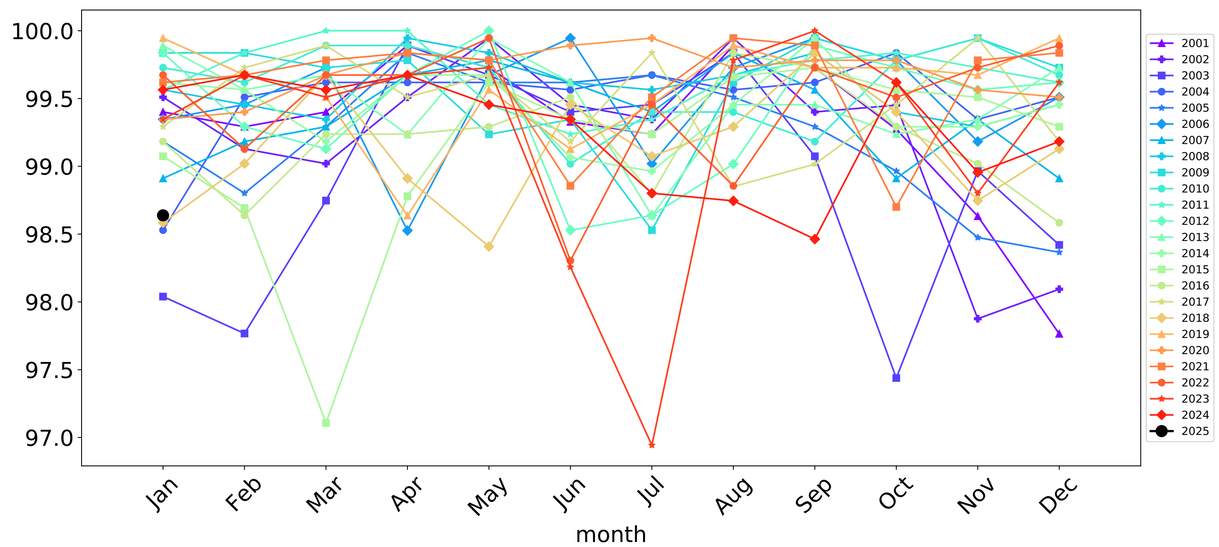
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

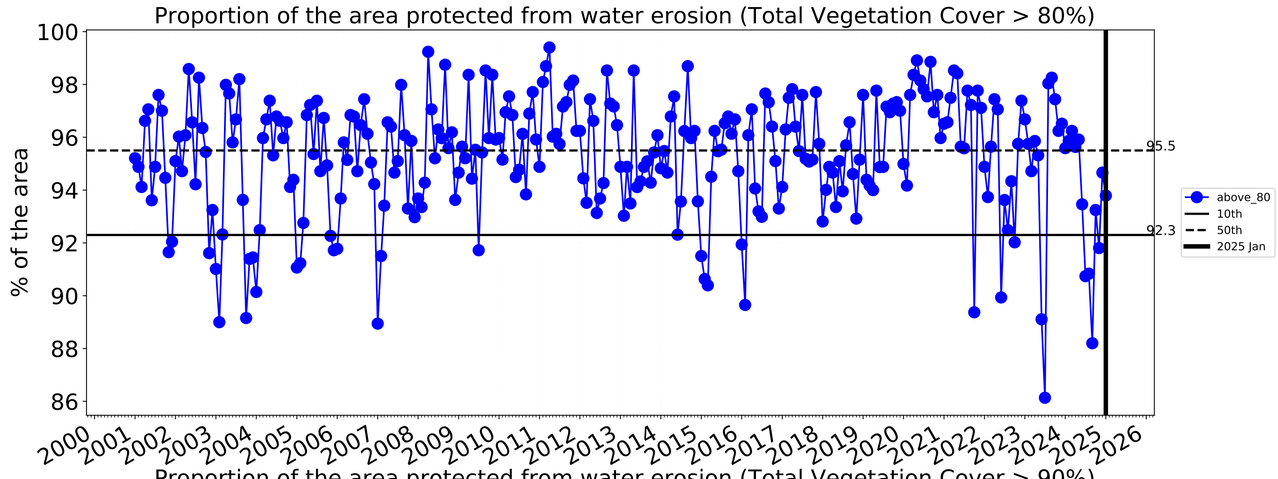


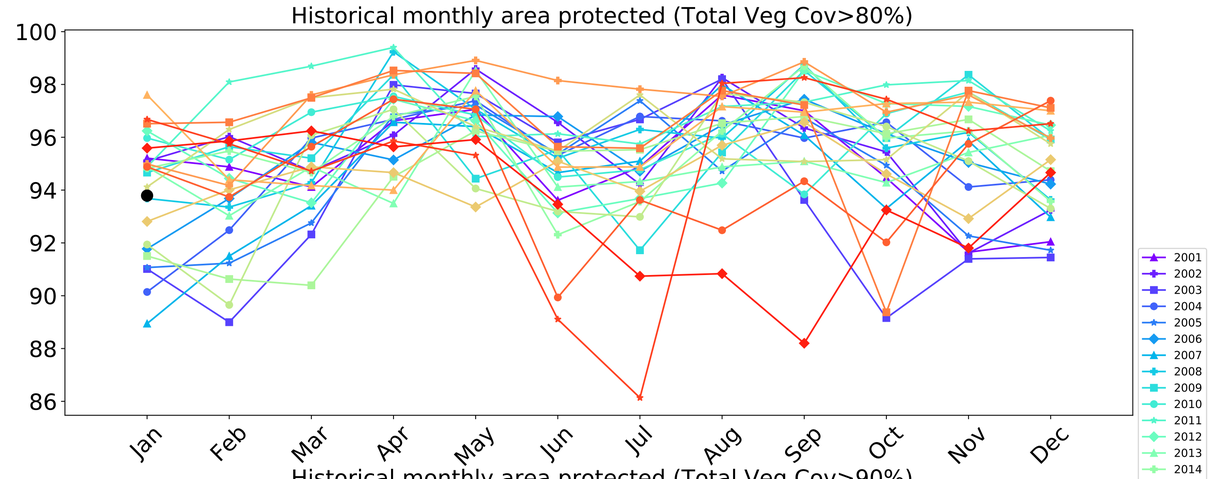
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
95.5
92.3
above_80
10th
50th
2025 Jan


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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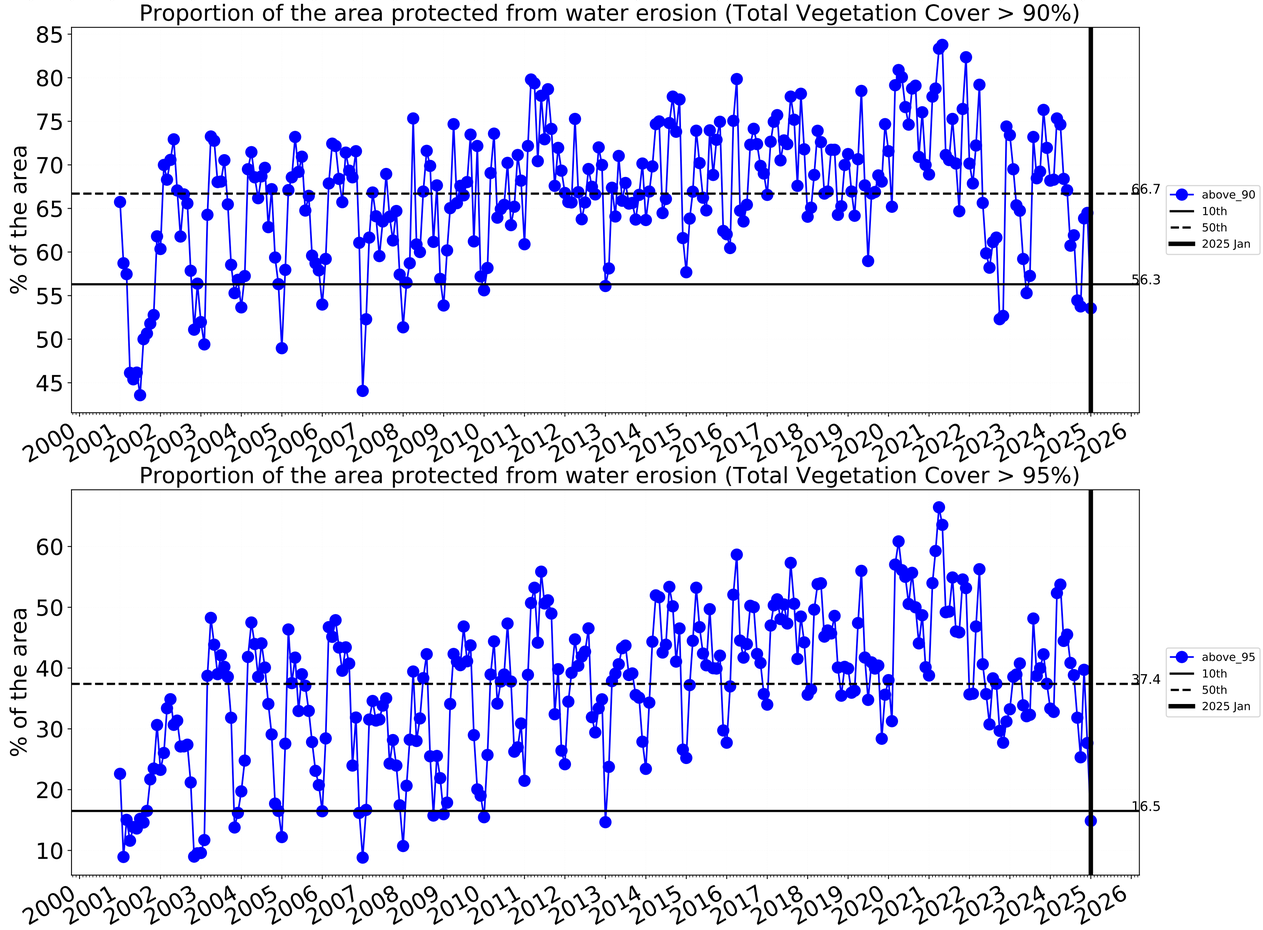
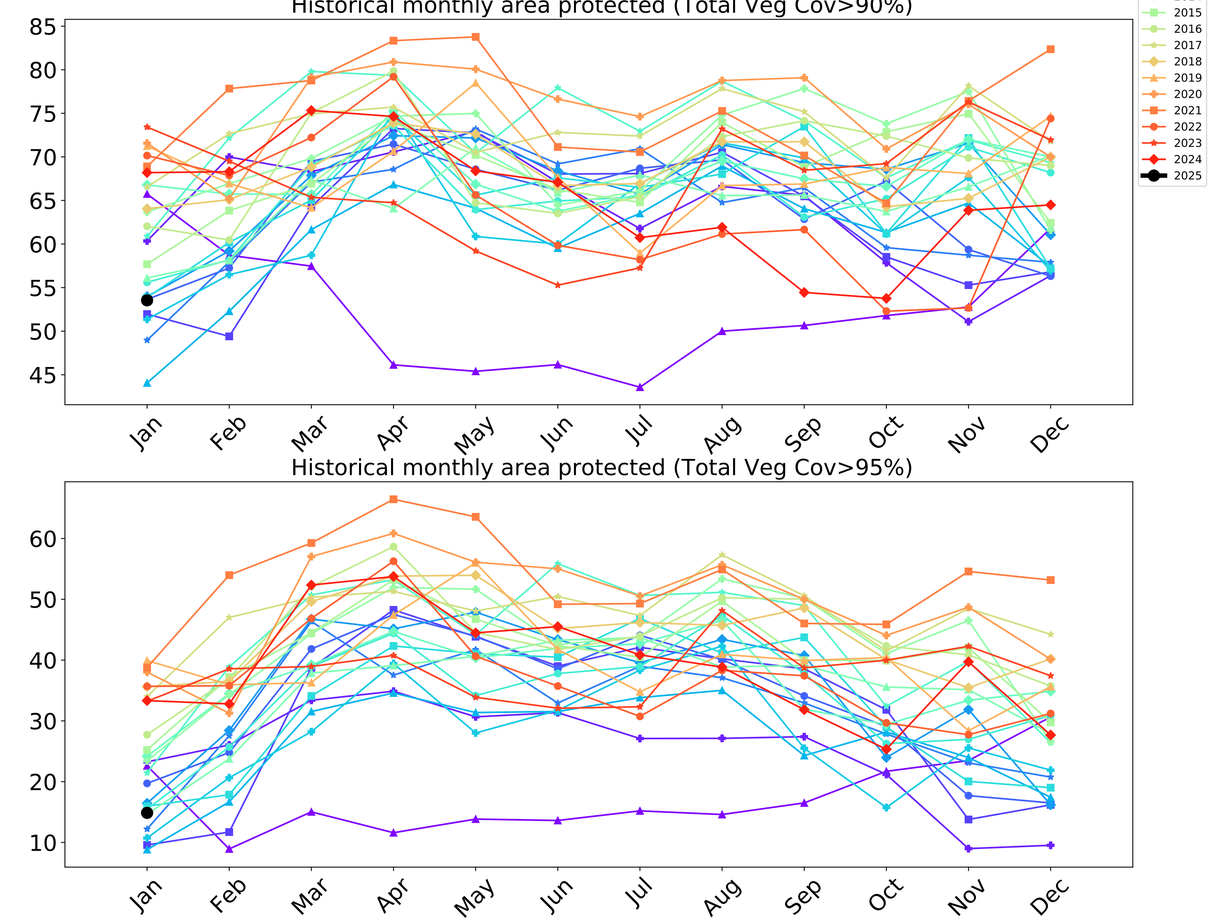

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
66.7
56.3
above_90
10th
50th
2025 Jan
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
37.4
16.5
above_95
10th
50th
2025 Jan


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)
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Grant_(DC) (184,400 ha and no data 5,392 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	184,400	99.8% 183,975	99.6% 183,625	97.9% 180,450	87.0% 160,425	42.3% 77,950	14.9% 27,500
Conservation and natural environments	7,250	97.6% 7,075	95.5% 6,925	90.0% 6,525	85.2% 6,175	49.7% 3,600	20.0% 1,450
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,000	94.2% 2,825	89.2% 2,675	75.8% 2,275	69.2% 2,075	36.7% 1,100	19.2% 575
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	4,225	100.0% 4,225	100.0% 4,225	100.0% 4,225	96.4% 4,075	59.2% 2,500	20.7% 875
Agriculture	122,250	100.0% 122,250	100.0% 122,225	98.4% 120,350	85.0% 103,925	38.3% 46,825	14.7% 18,025
Grazing	107,225	100.0% 107,225	100.0% 107,200	98.6% 105,700	86.4% 92,600	40.2% 43,150	15.6% 16,725
Grazing non forest	106,675	100.0% 106,675	100.0% 106,650	98.6% 105,150	86.3% 92,075	40.1% 42,825	15.5% 16,500
Irrigation	13,250	100.0% 13,250	100.0% 13,250	97.5% 12,925	76.2% 10,100	23.8% 3,150	8.3% 1,100
Production native forests and plantation forests	45,900	100.0% 45,900	99.9% 45,875	98.6% 45,275	93.8% 43,050	53.5% 24,575	14.9% 6,825