# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Onkaparinga\_(C) SA

# Date: May 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 covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

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

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# Acknowledgment of data:

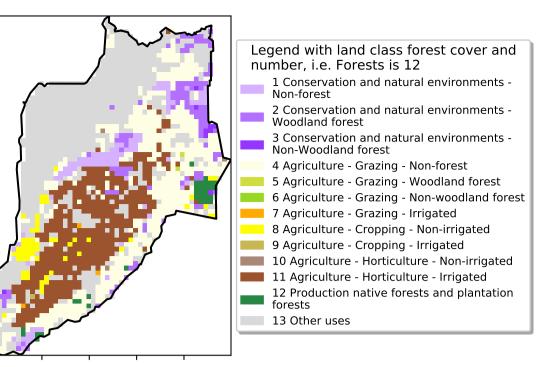
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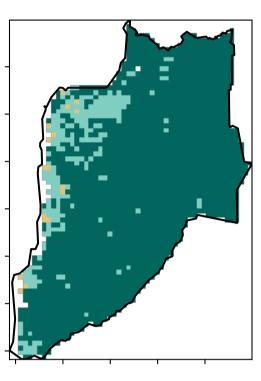


# **Vegetation Cover May 2024**

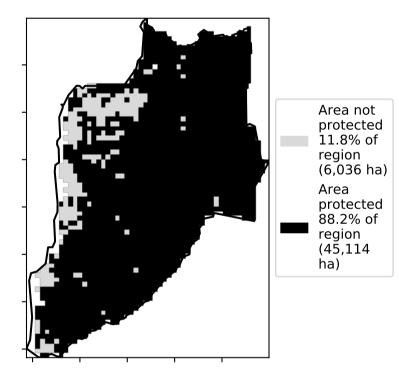
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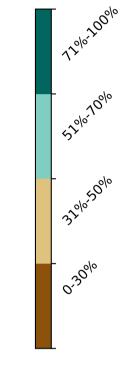


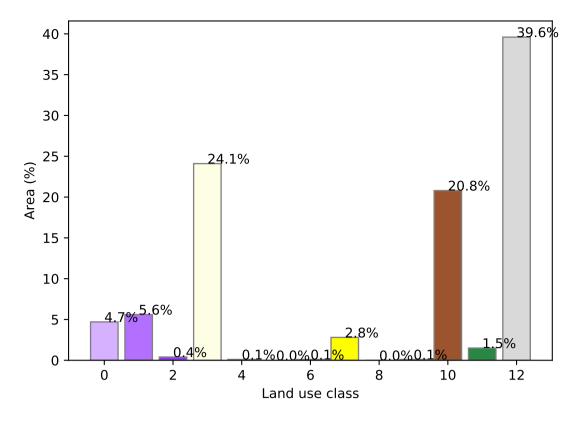
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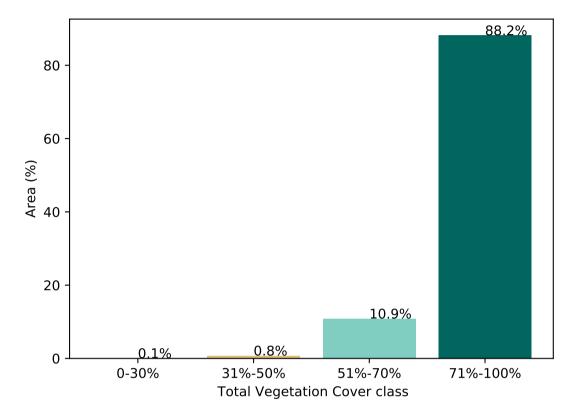
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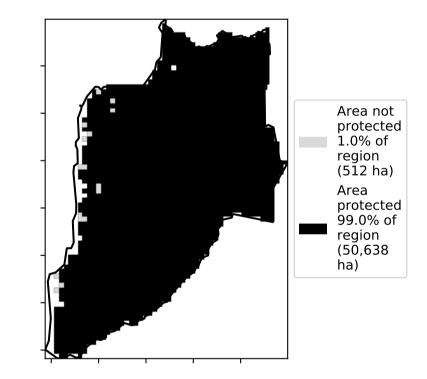




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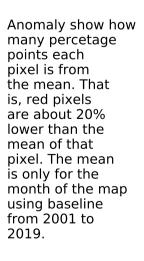


### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Proportion of each land class in area

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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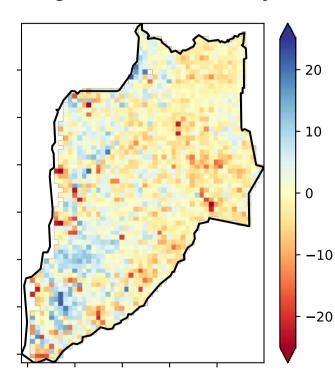
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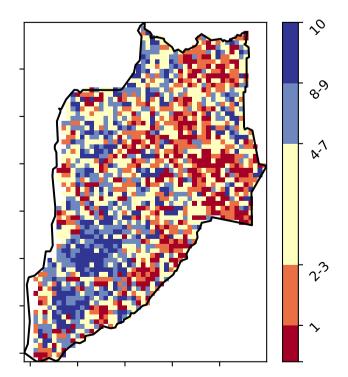
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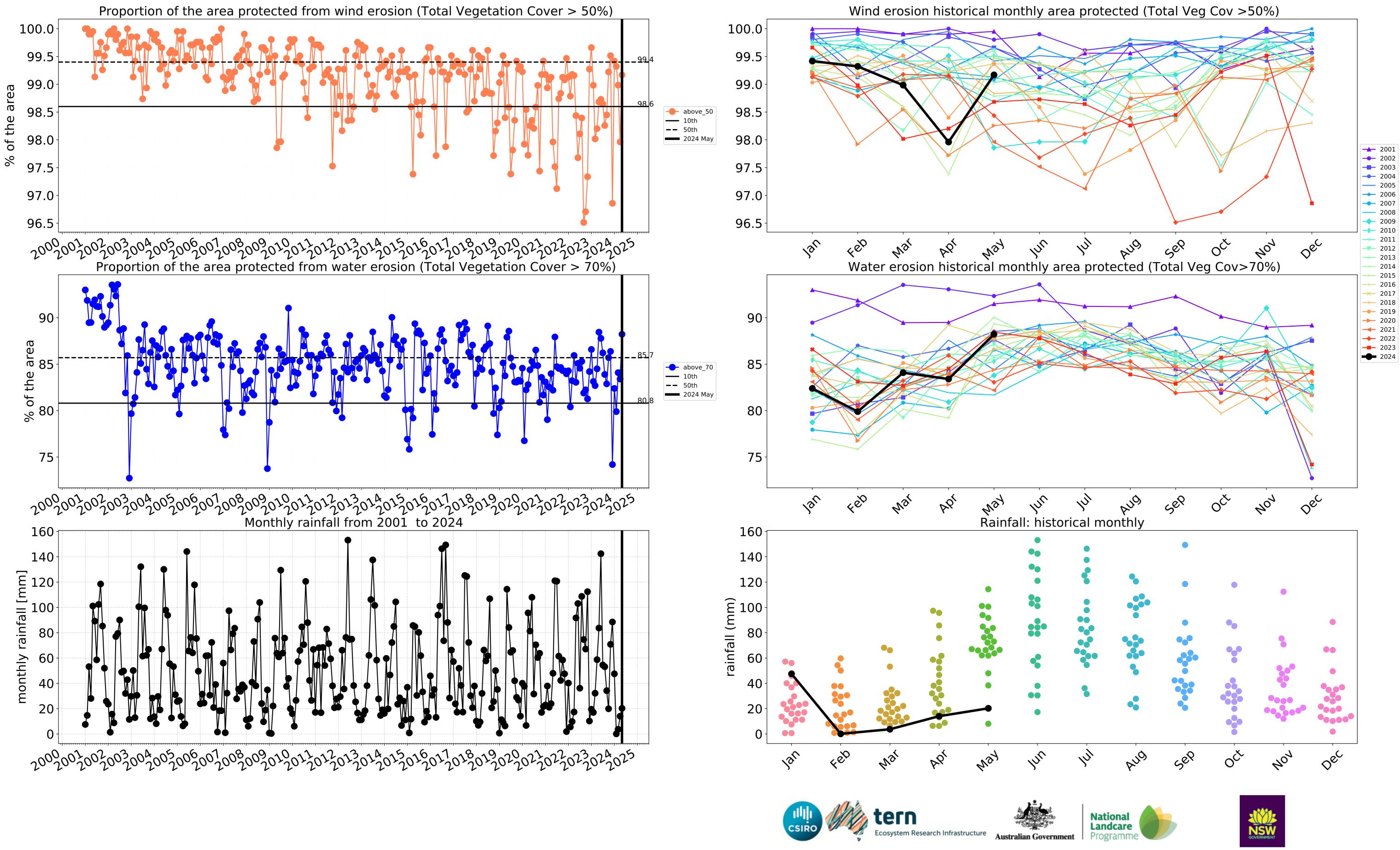
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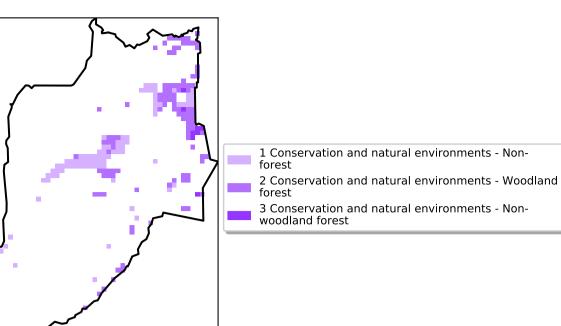




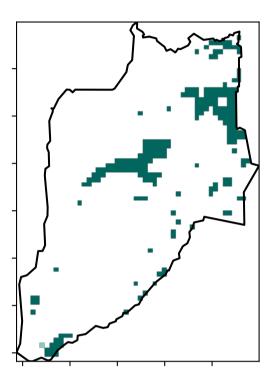
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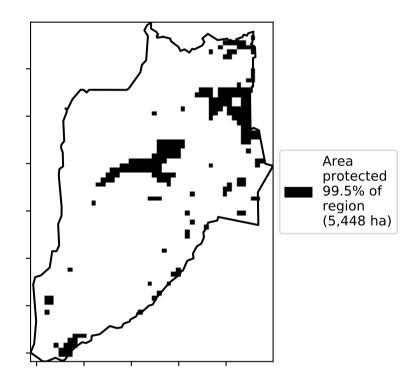
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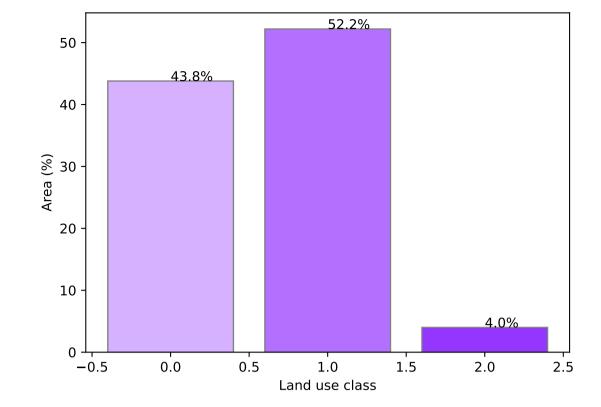


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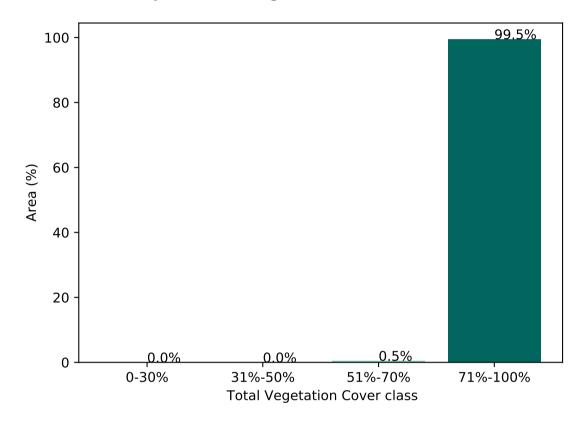






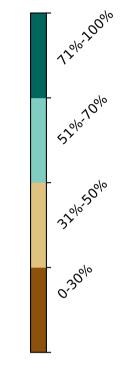
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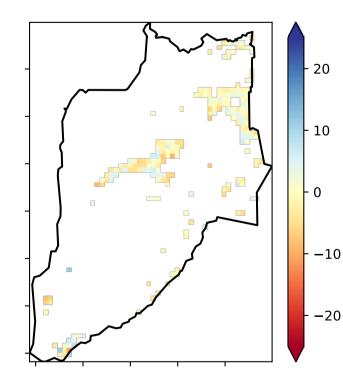
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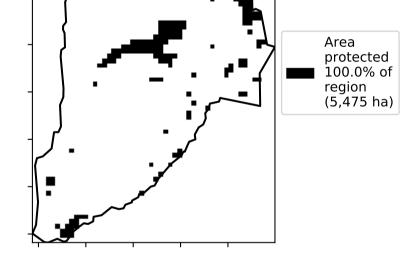


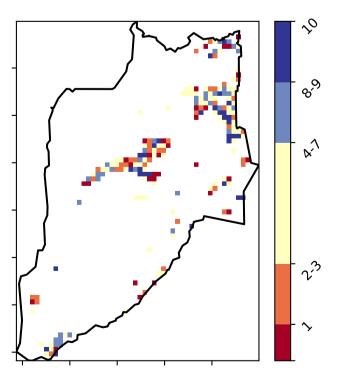
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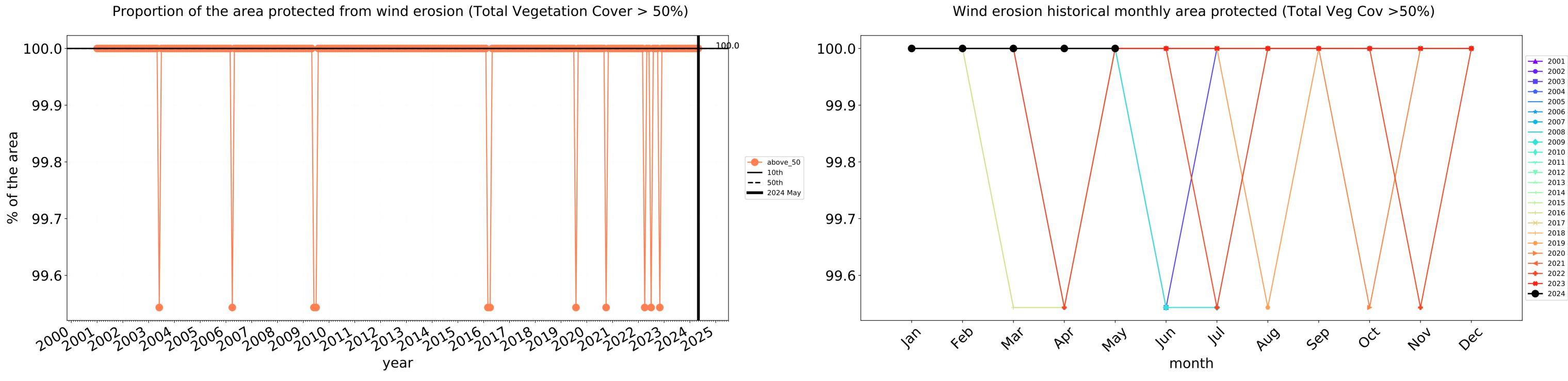


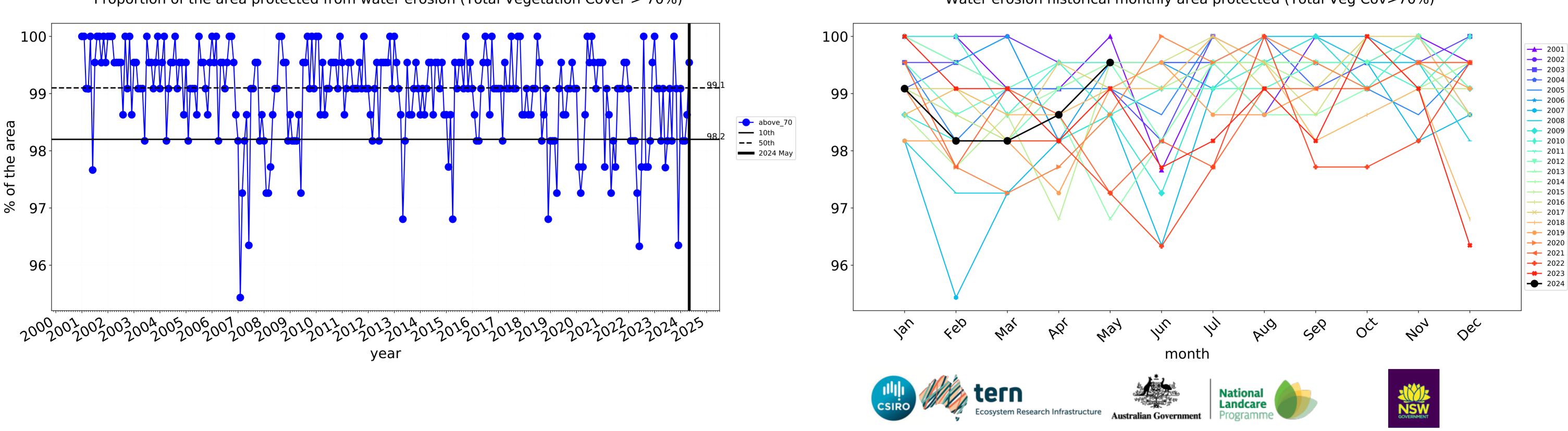
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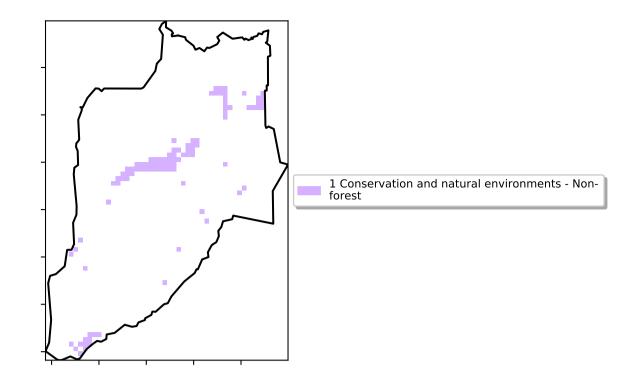


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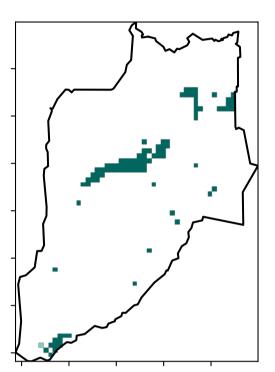
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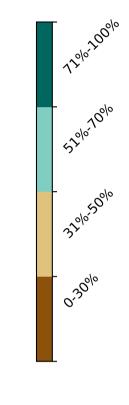
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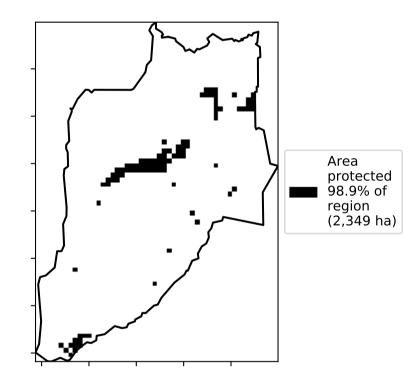


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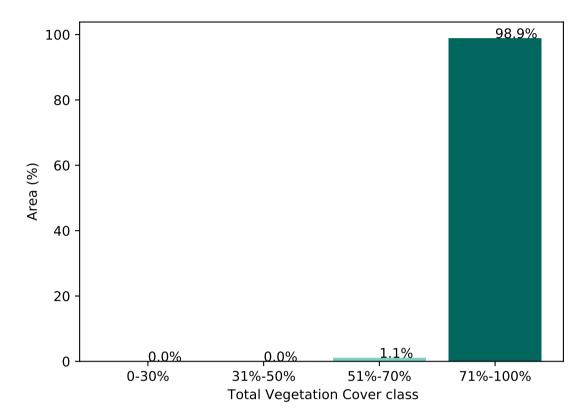




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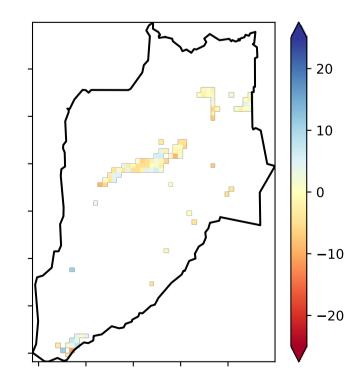


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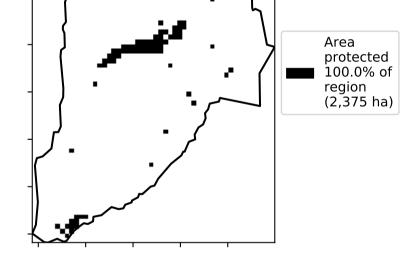


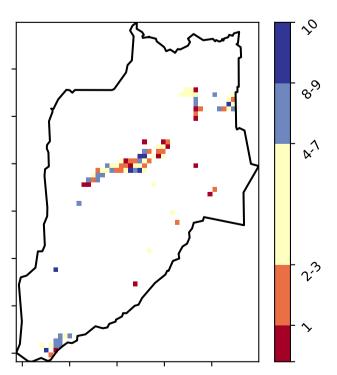
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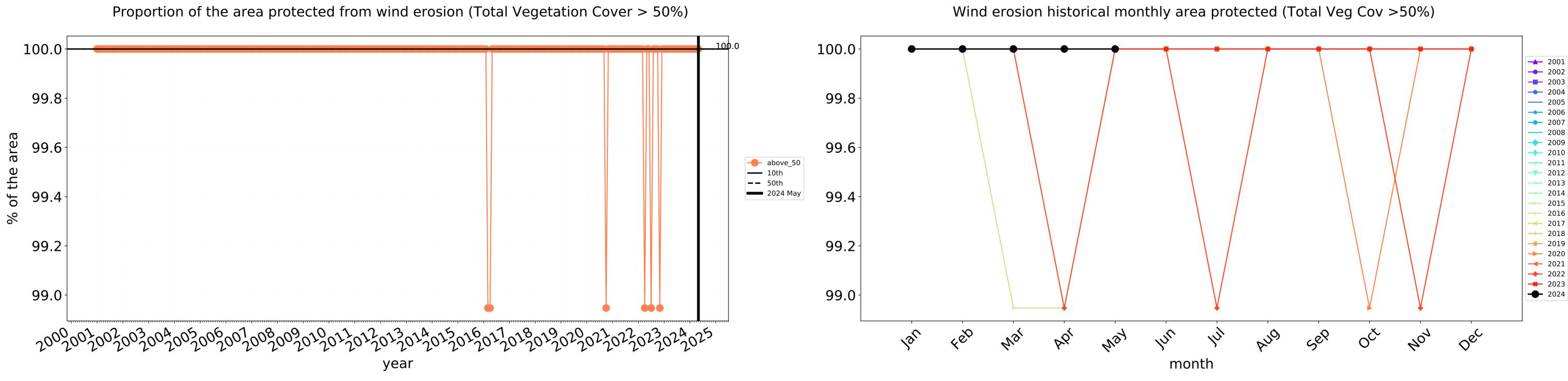
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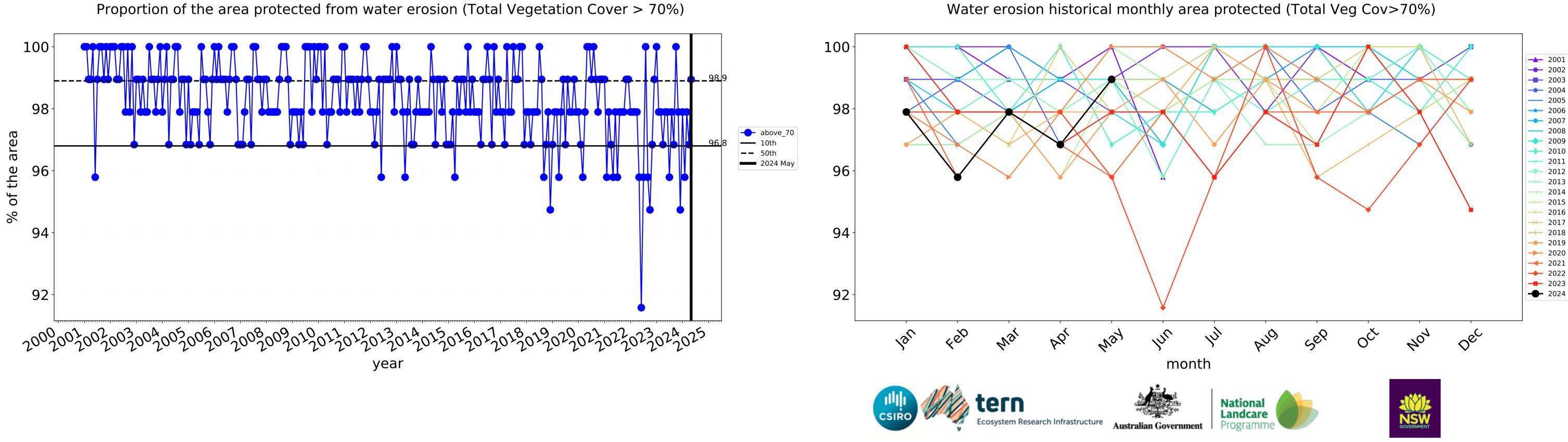






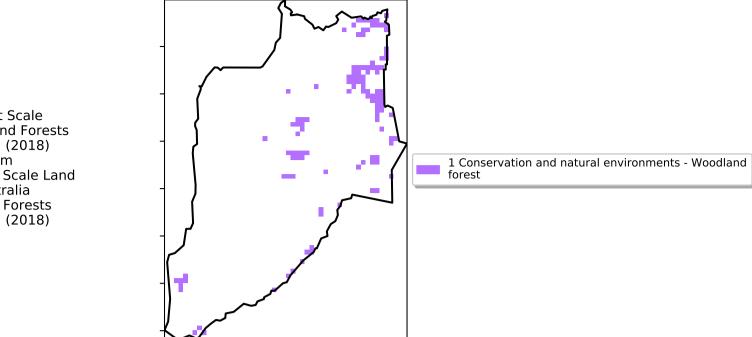
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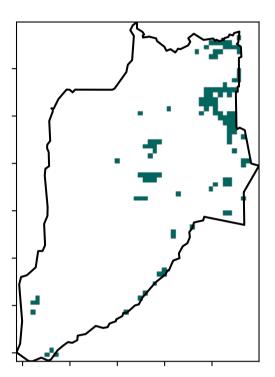


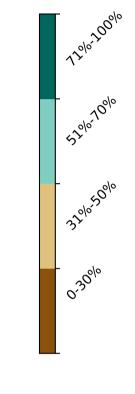
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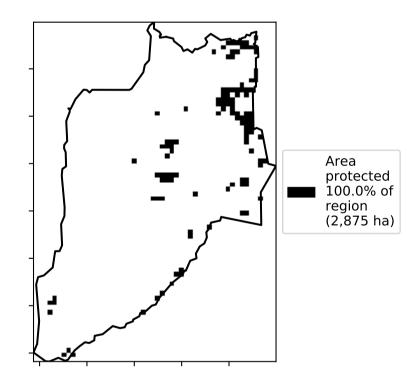


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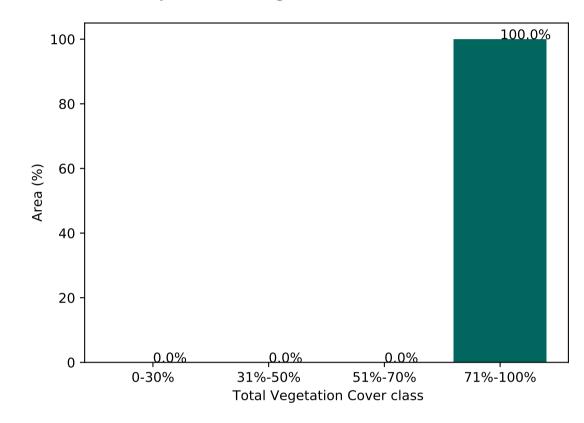




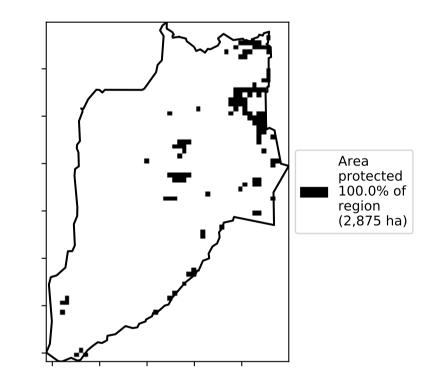
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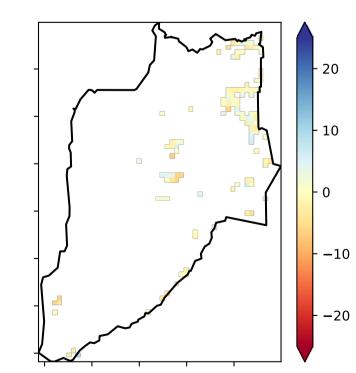
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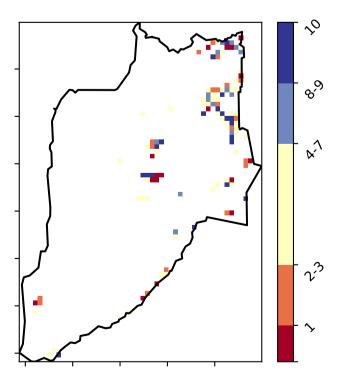
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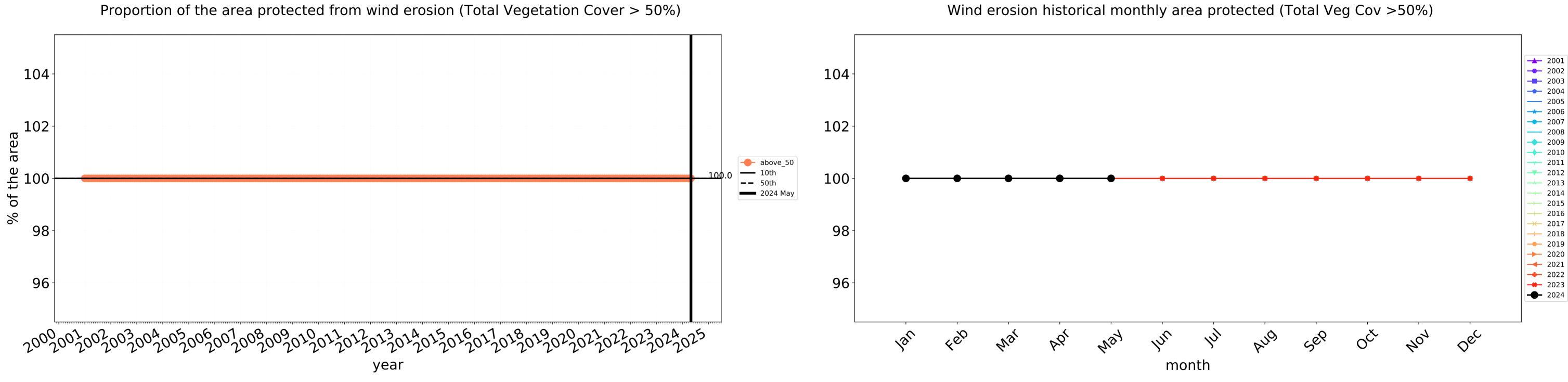
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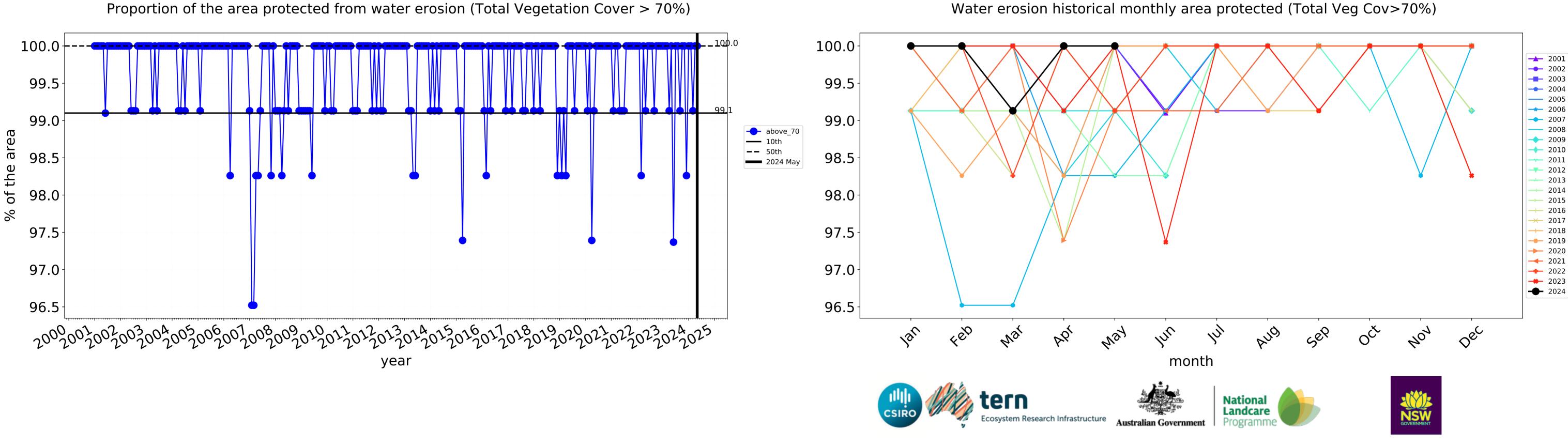


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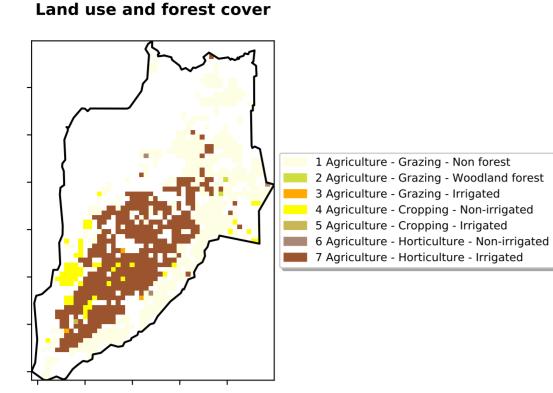




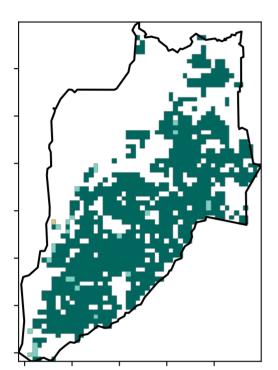


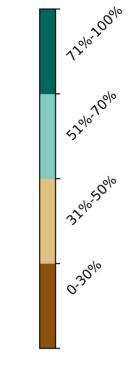
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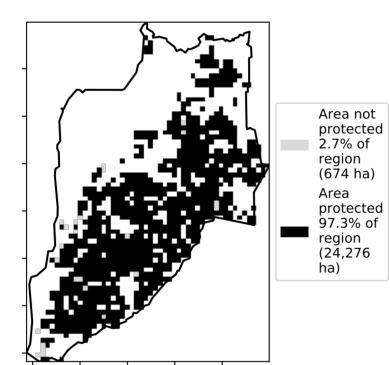


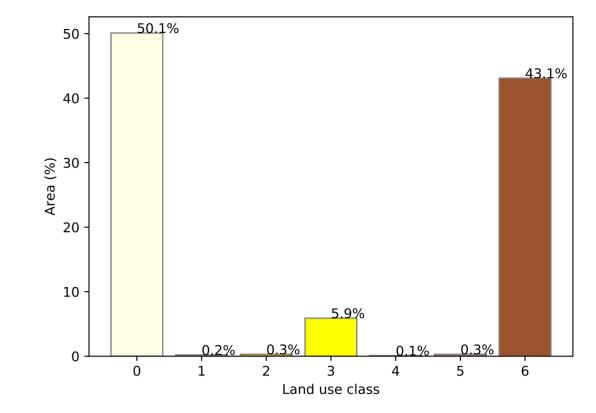
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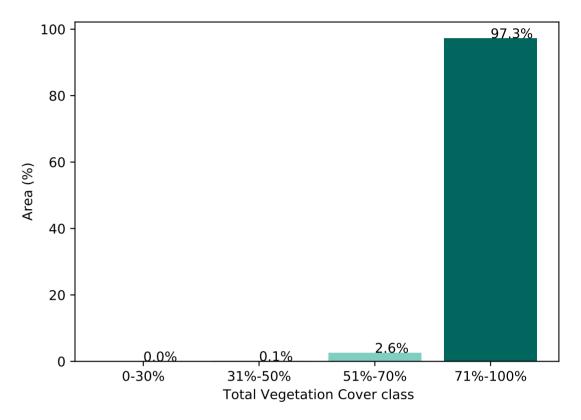
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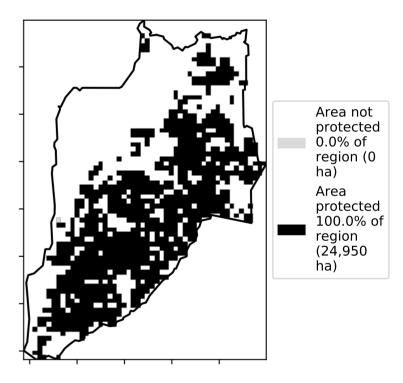


### Proportion of each land class in area

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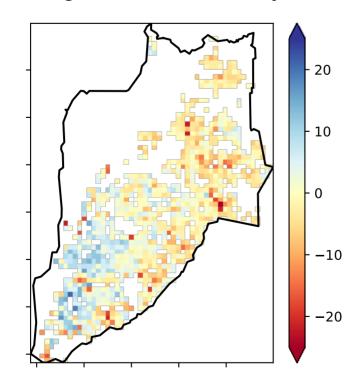


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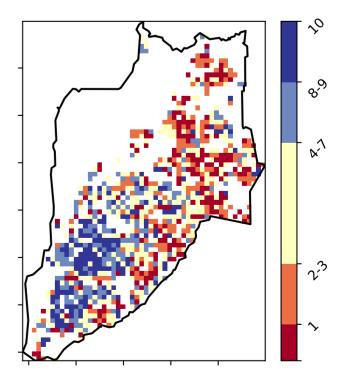


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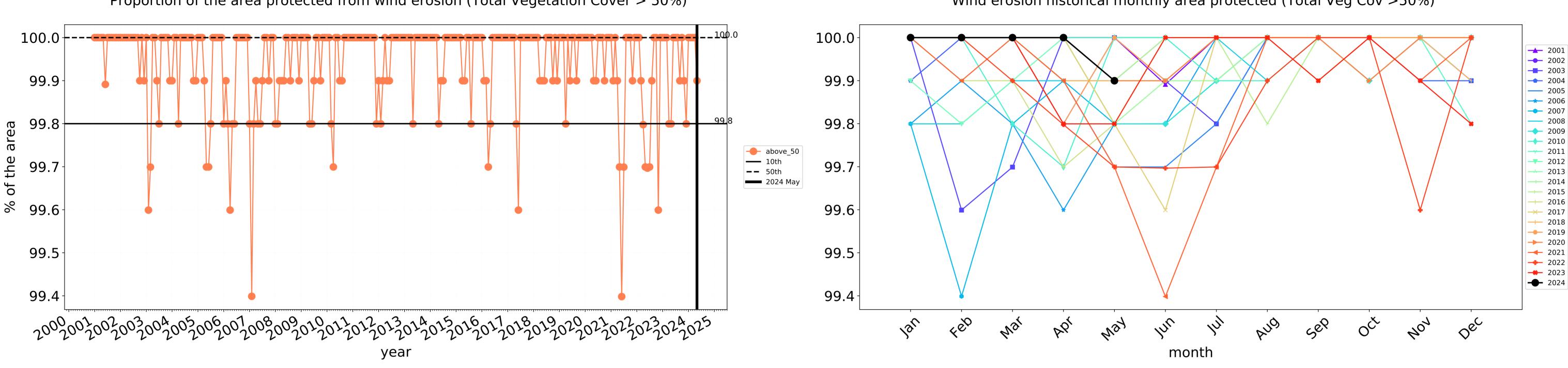
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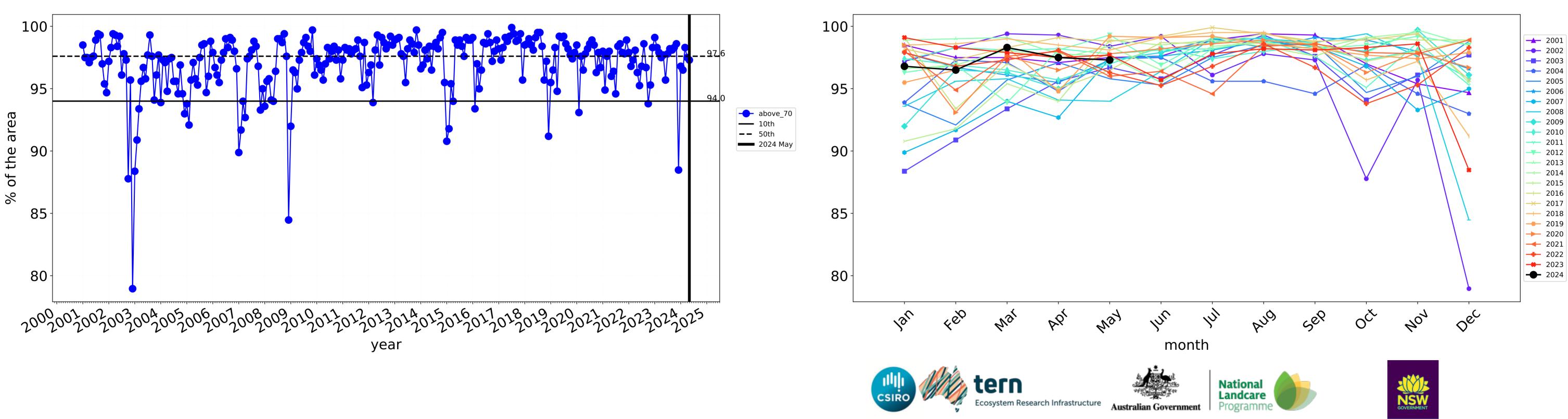
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



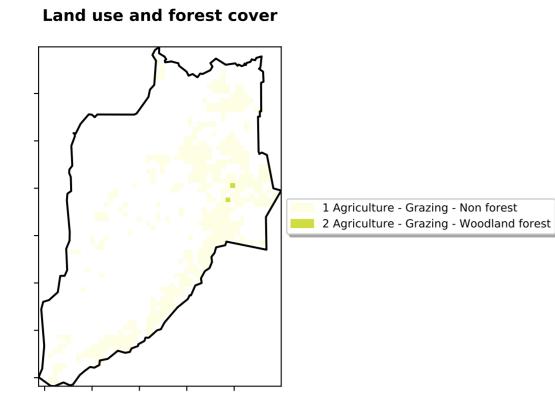
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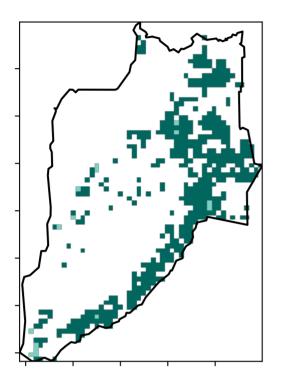
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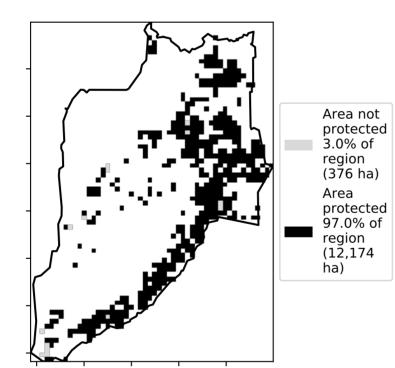
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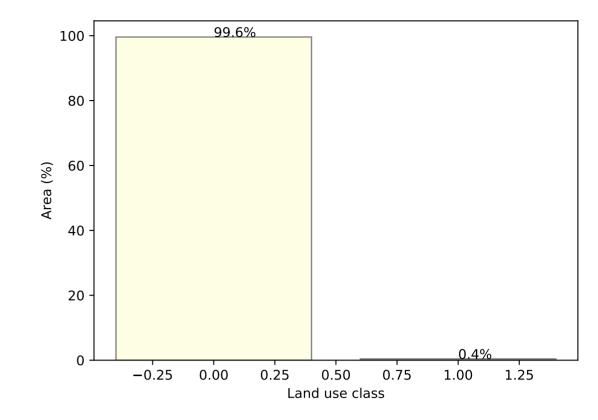


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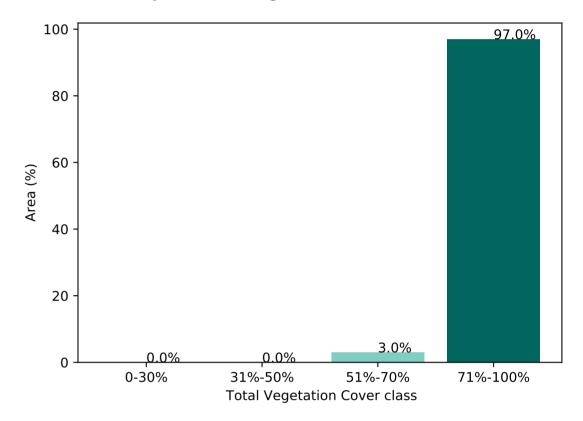
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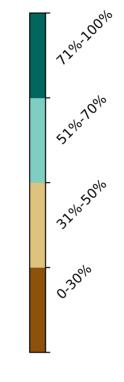
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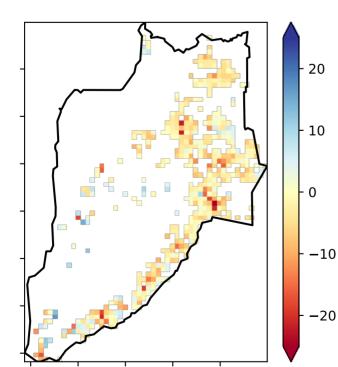
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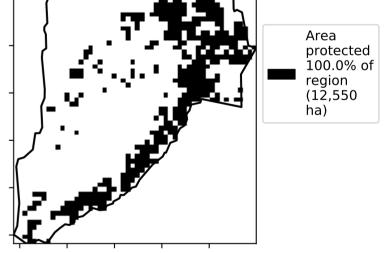


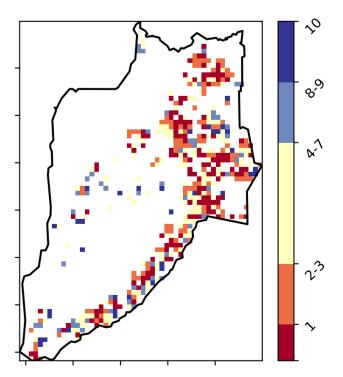
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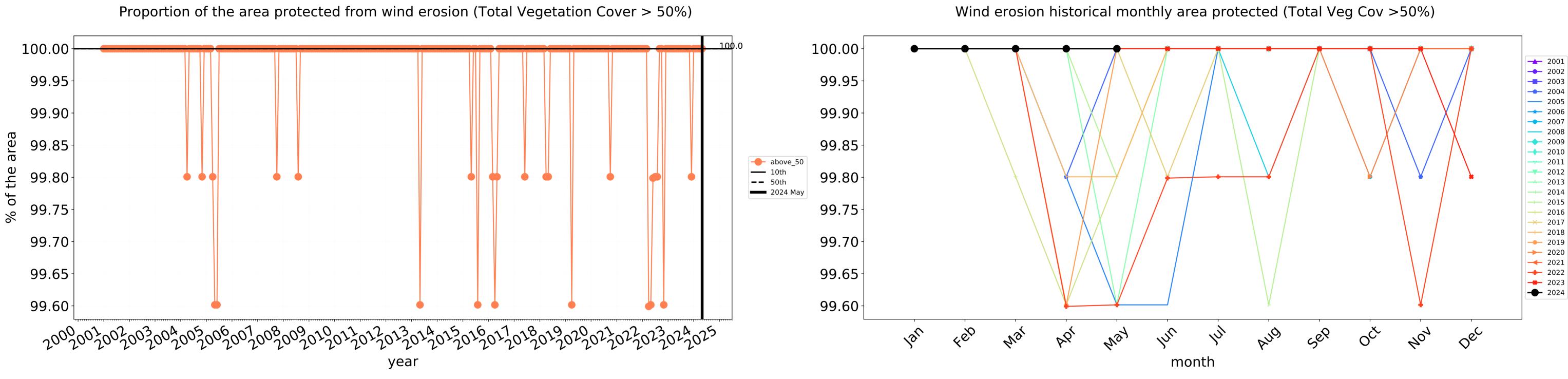


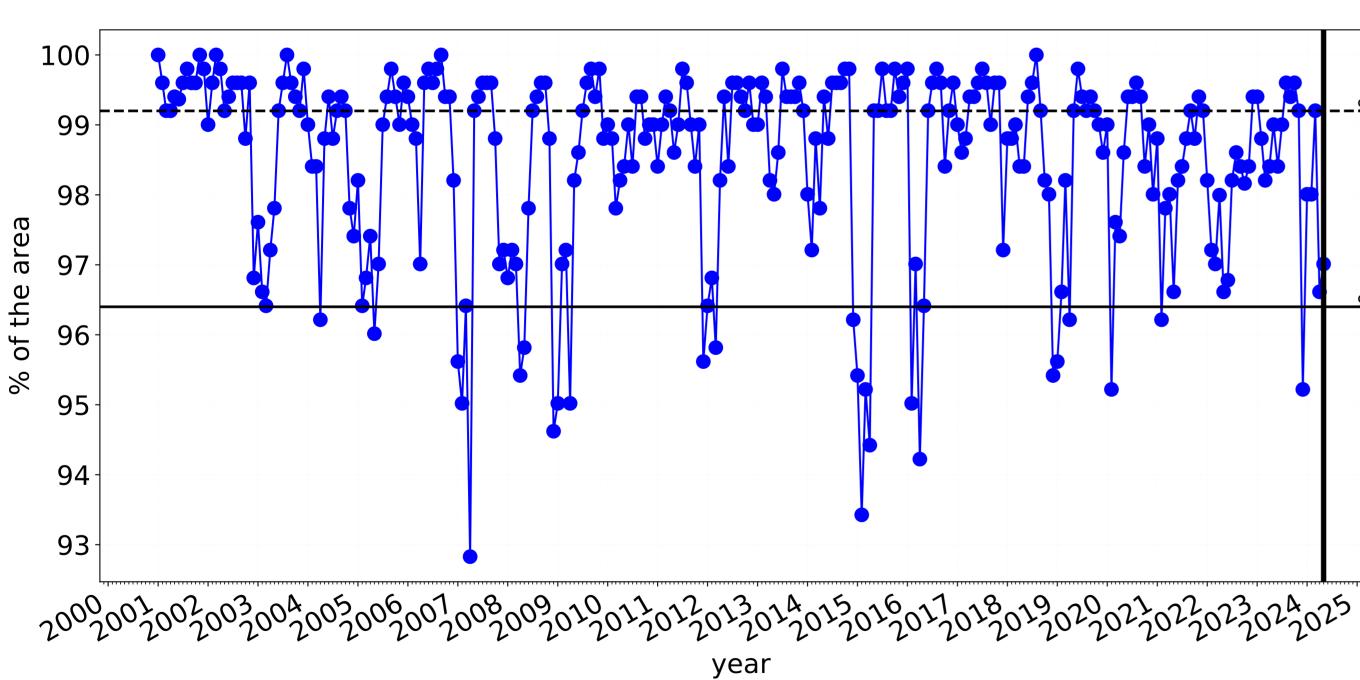
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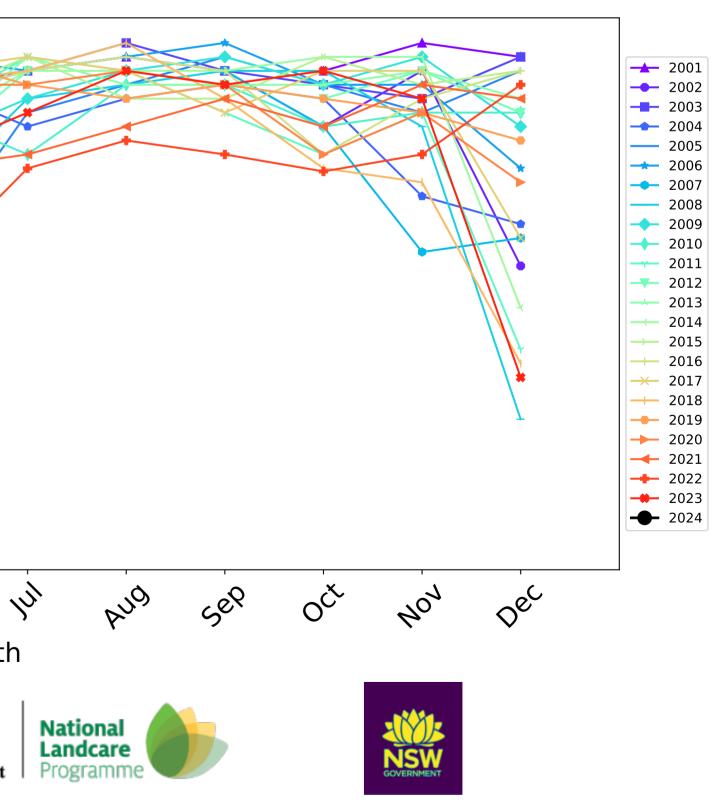






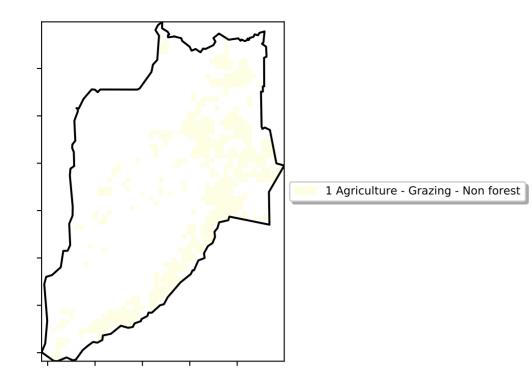
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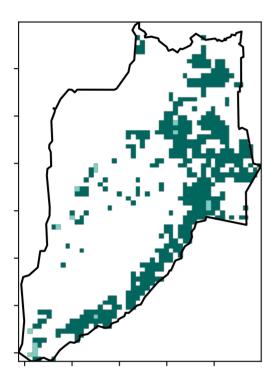


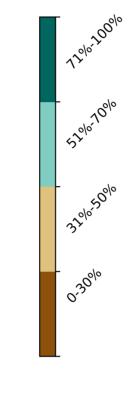
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Land use and forest cover

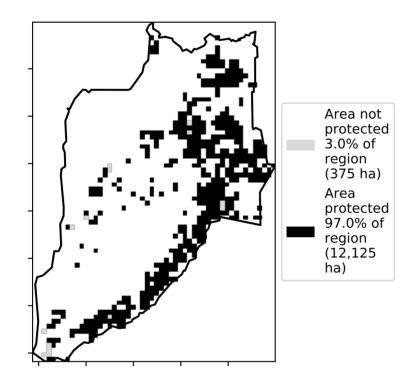


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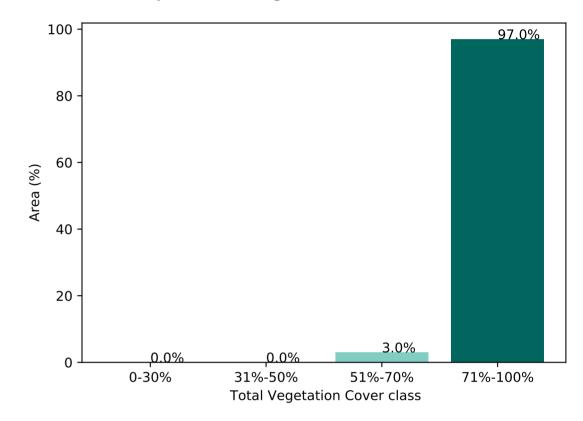




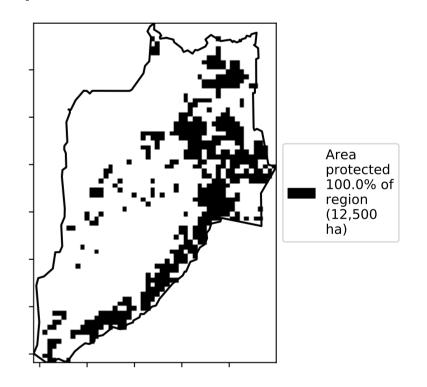
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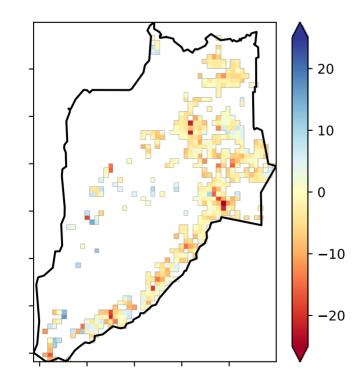
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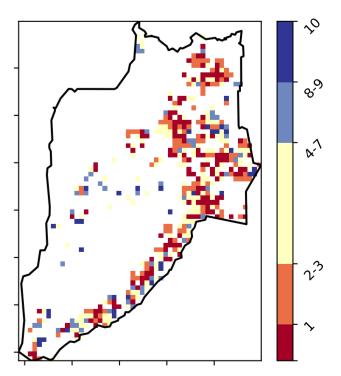
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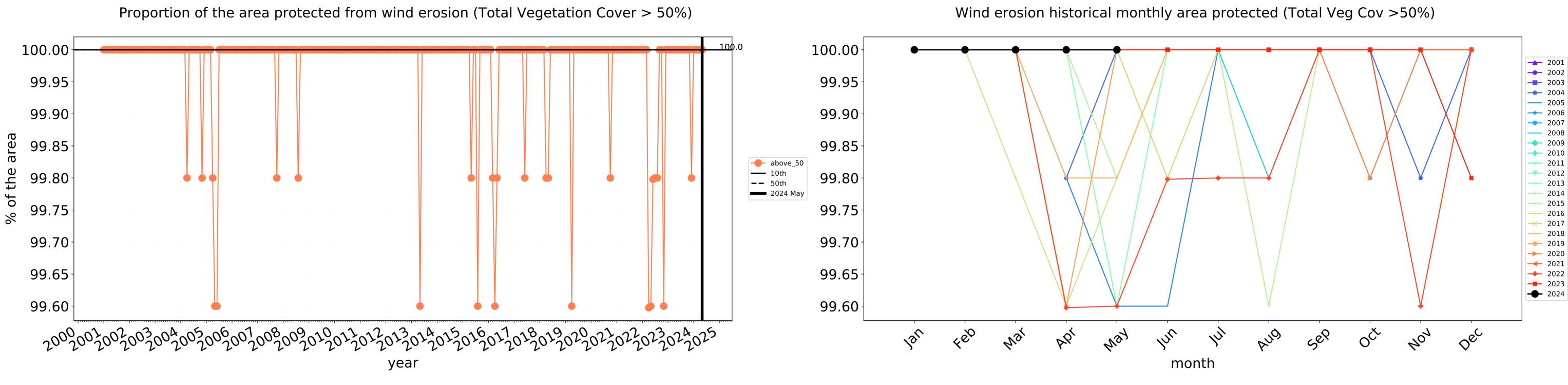


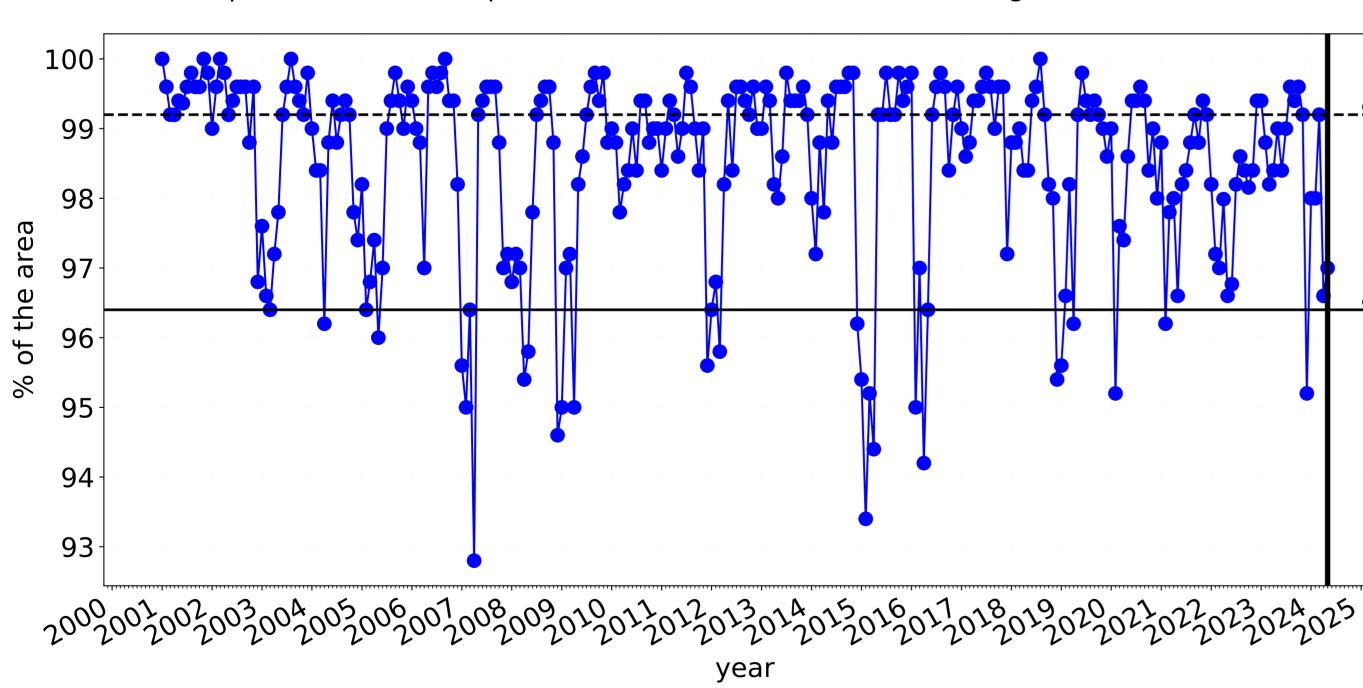
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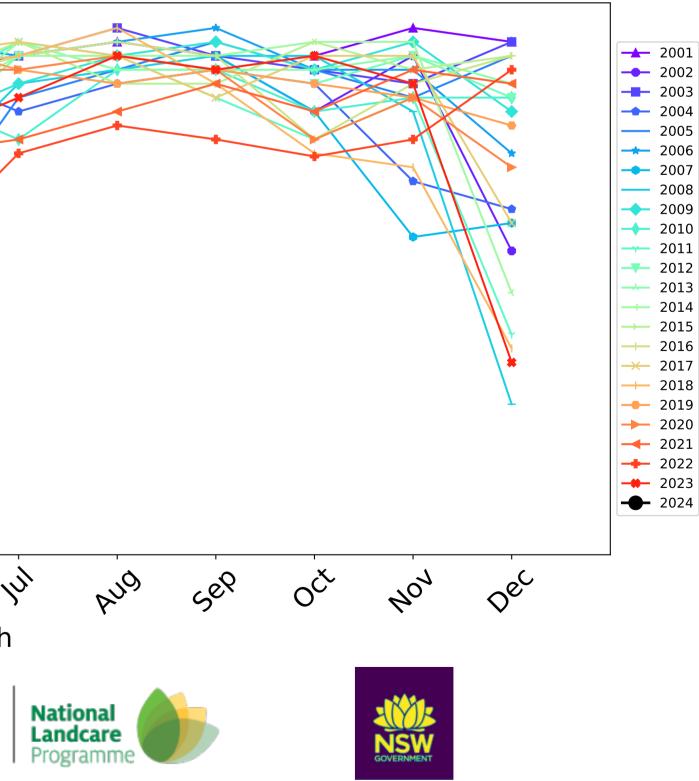






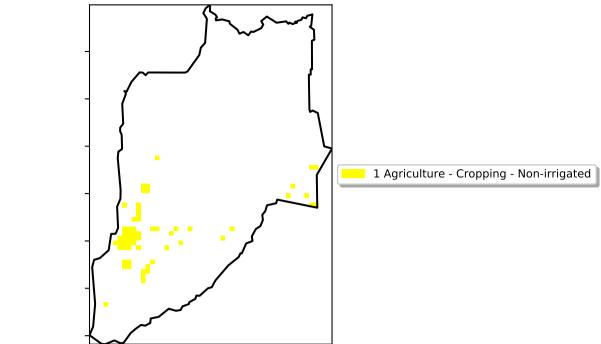
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

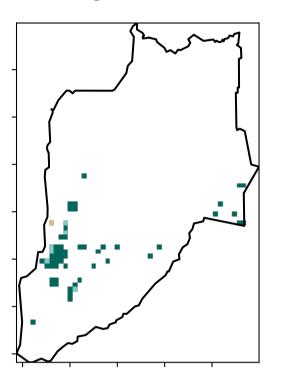


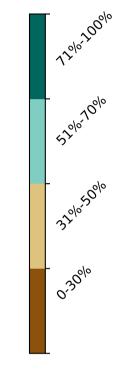
### Cropping

Land use and forest cover

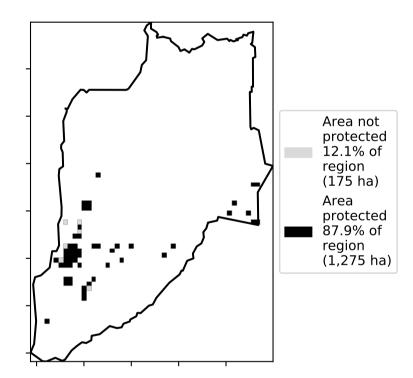


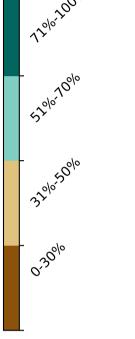
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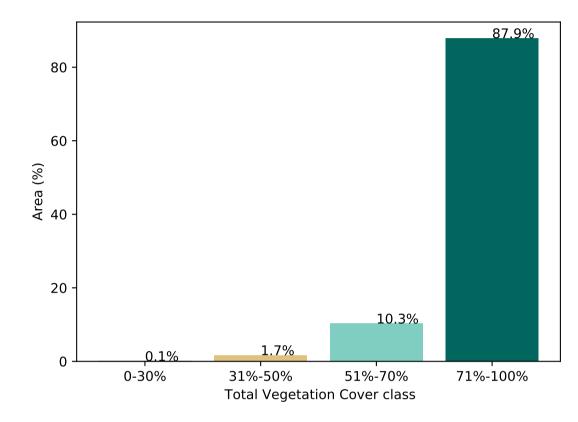


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

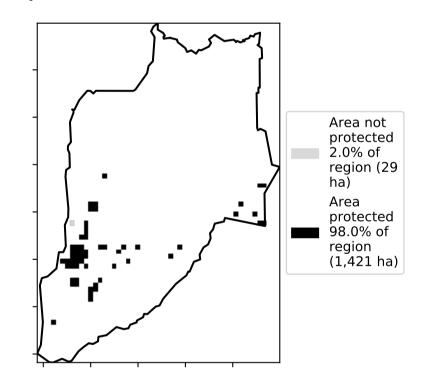








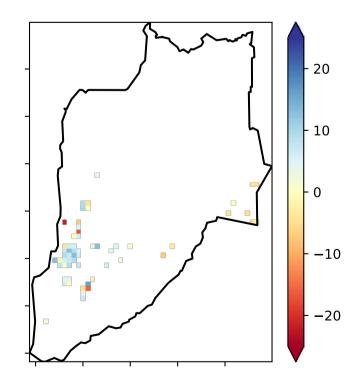
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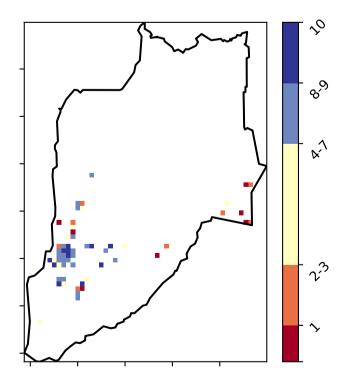
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

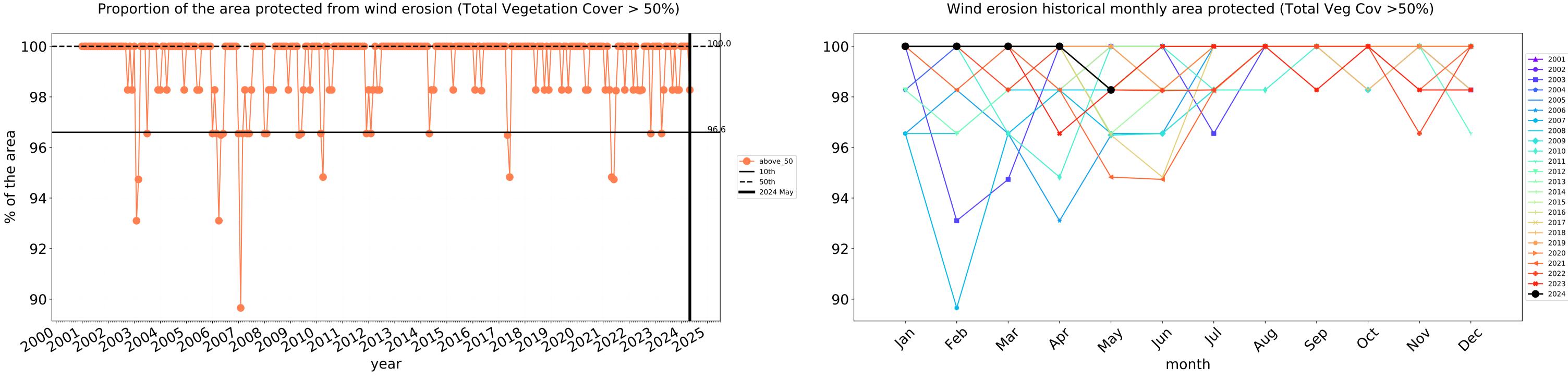
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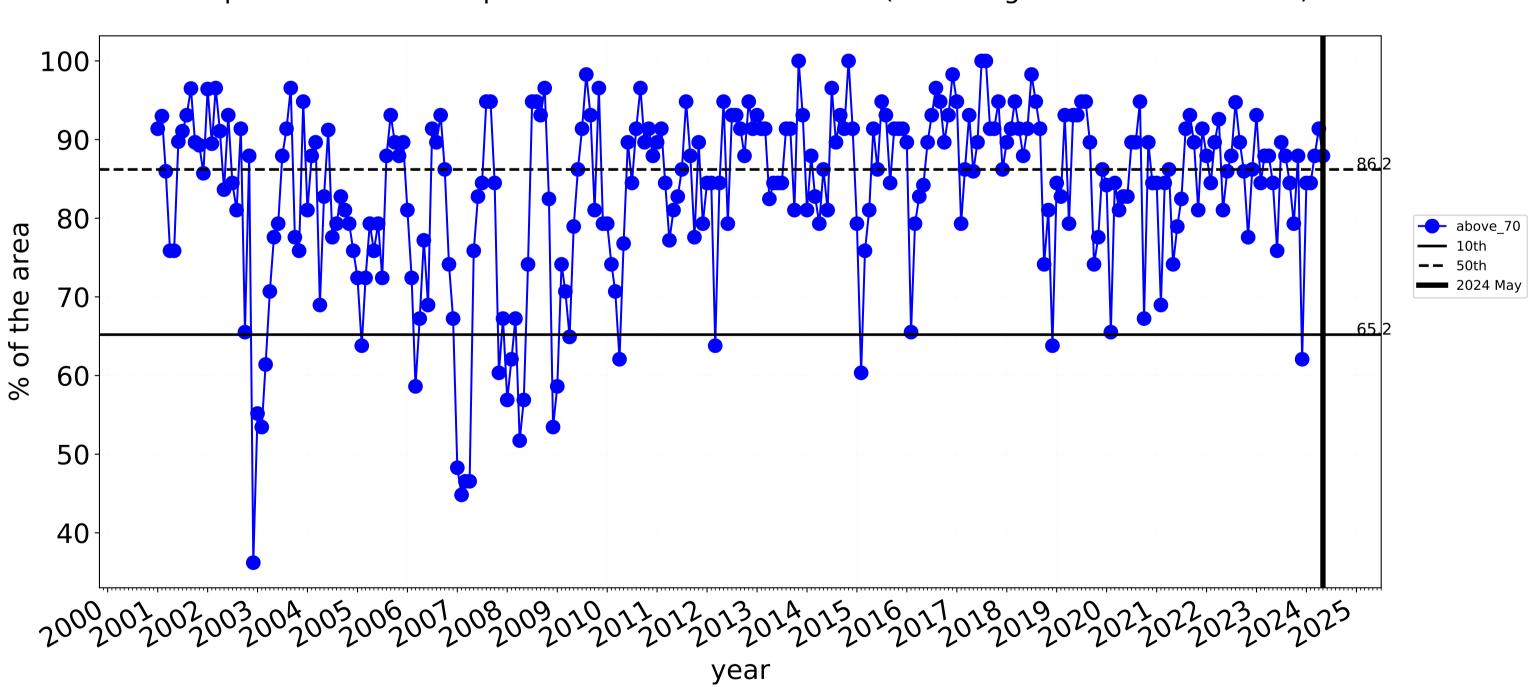
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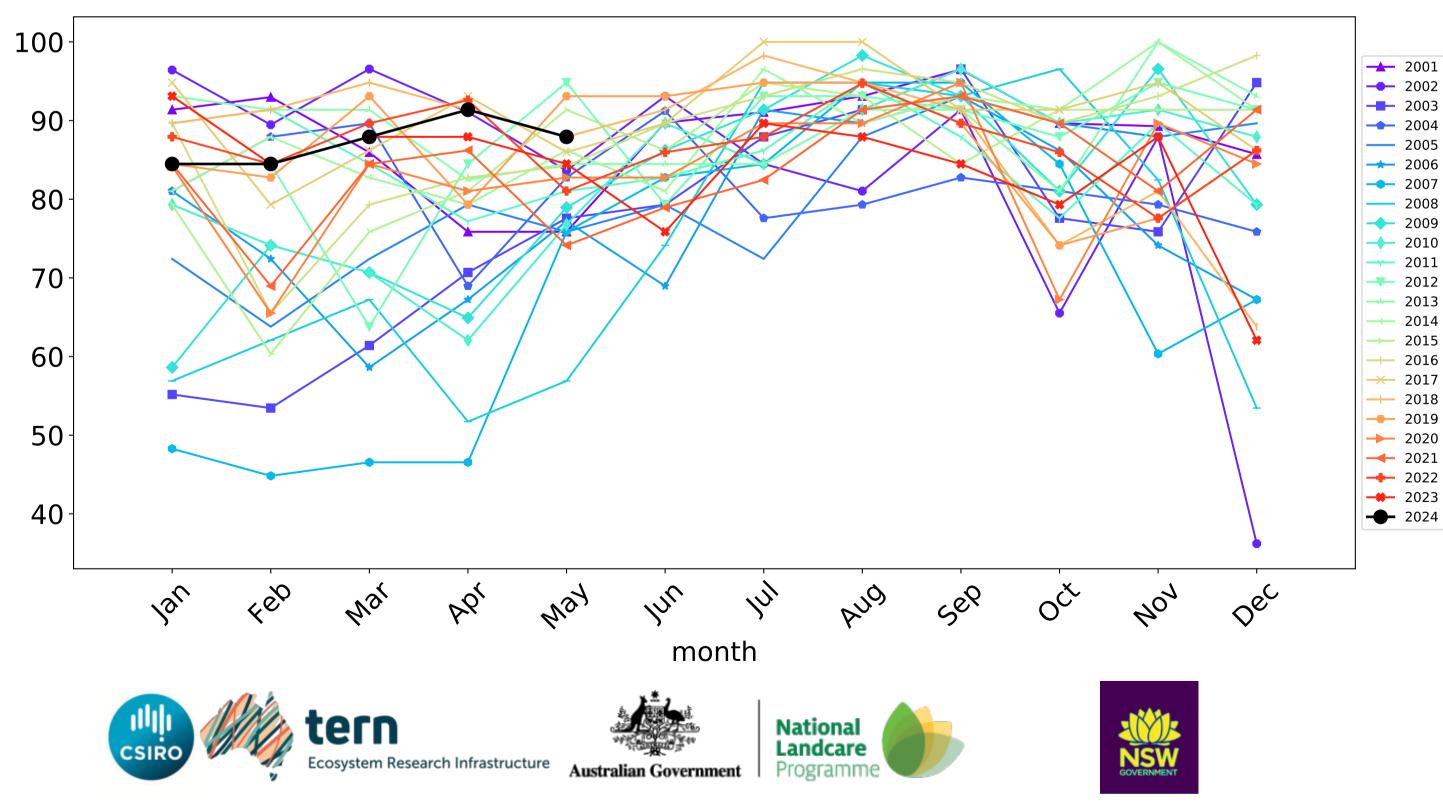
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

# **Cropping timeseries**

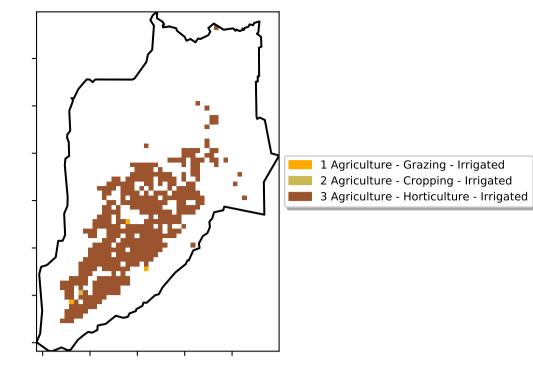
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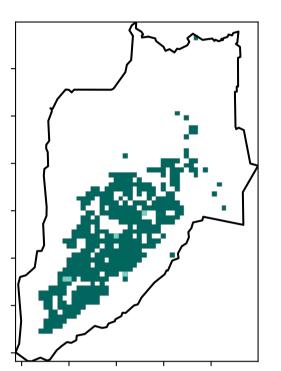
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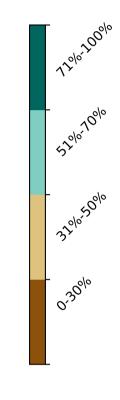
Land use and forest cover



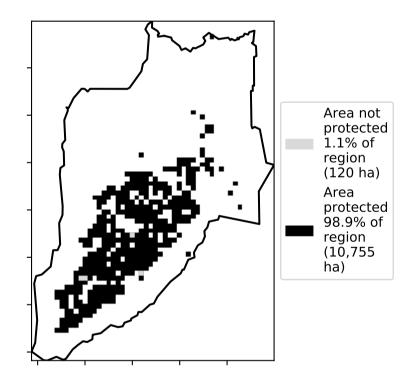


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





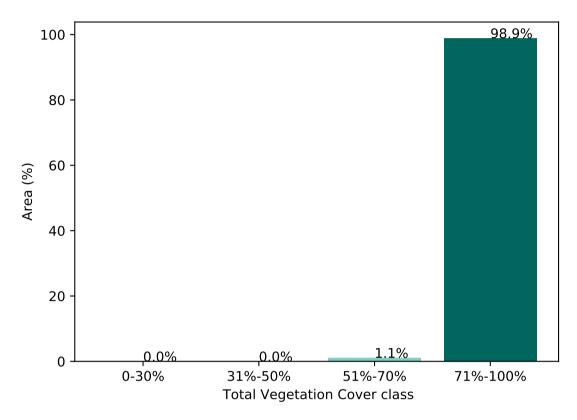
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



99.1% 100 80 60 Area (%) 40 20 0.7% 0.2% 0 -0.5 2.0 0.0 0.5 1.01.5 2.5 Land use class

### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

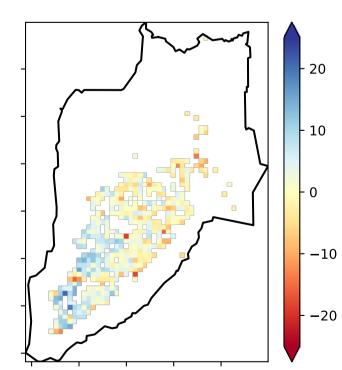


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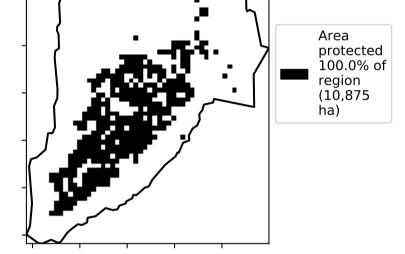


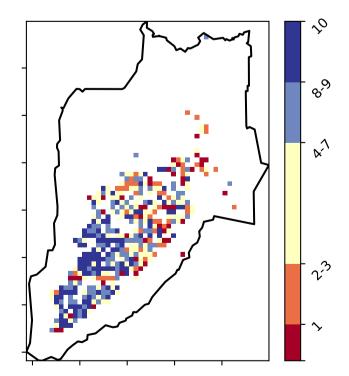
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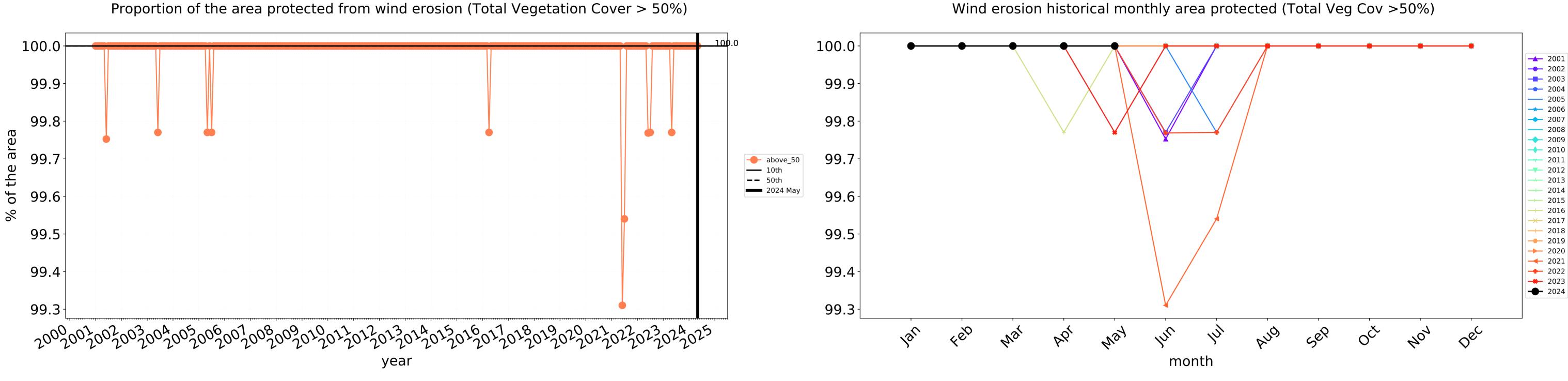


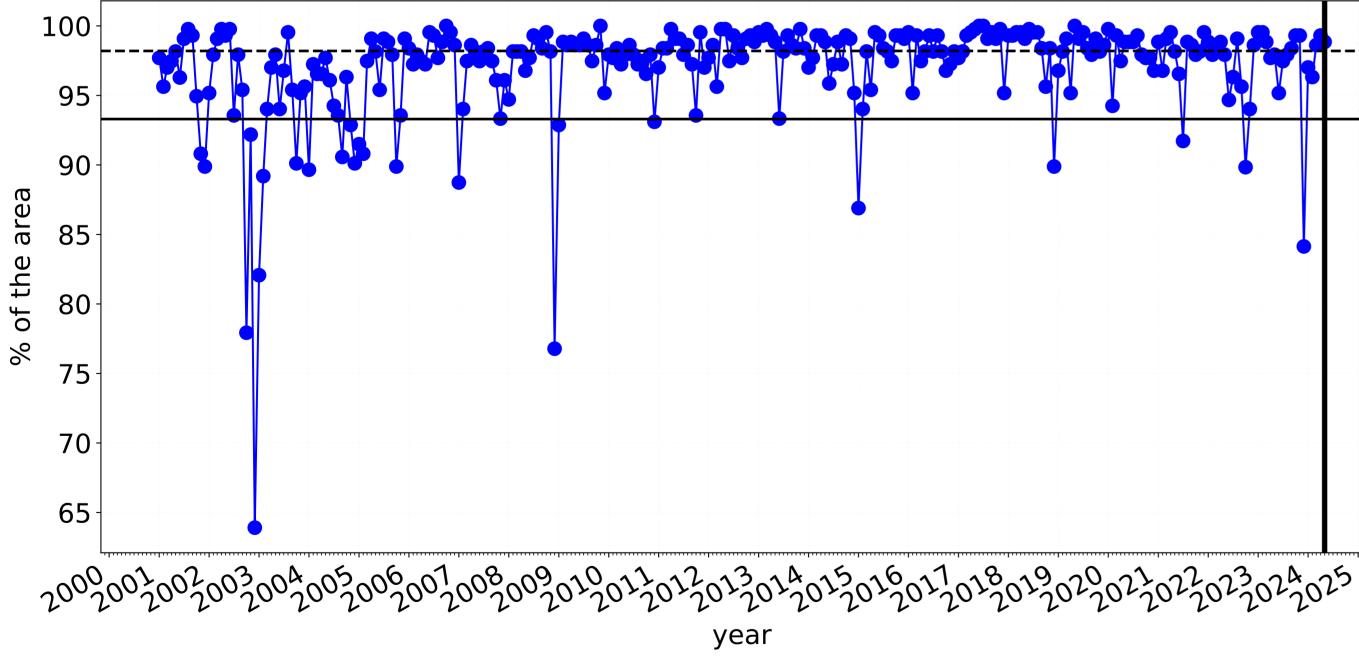
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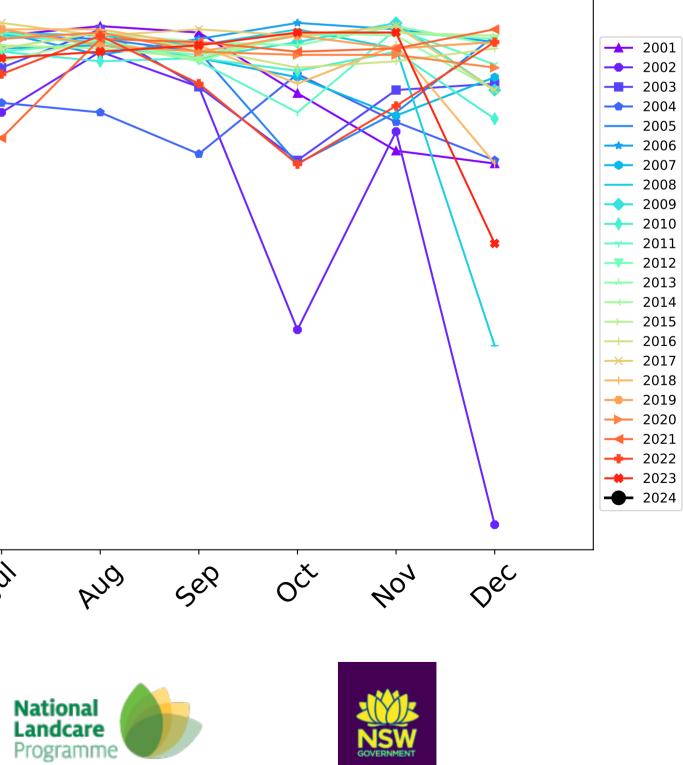






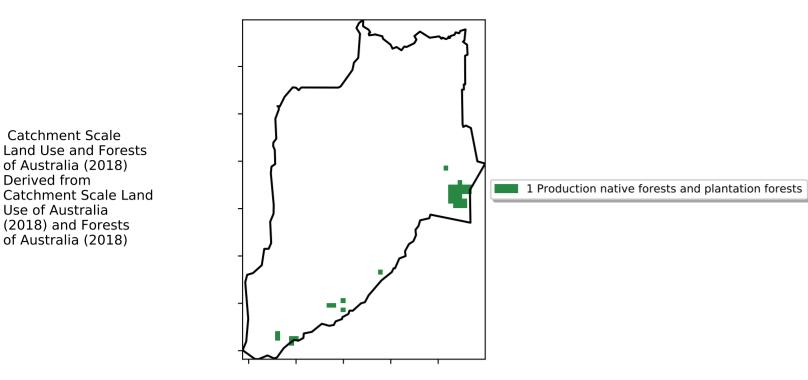
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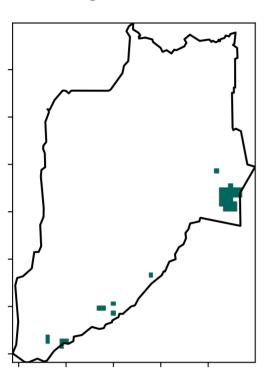


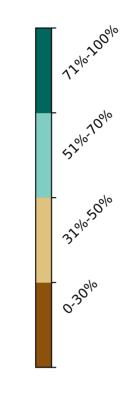
# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

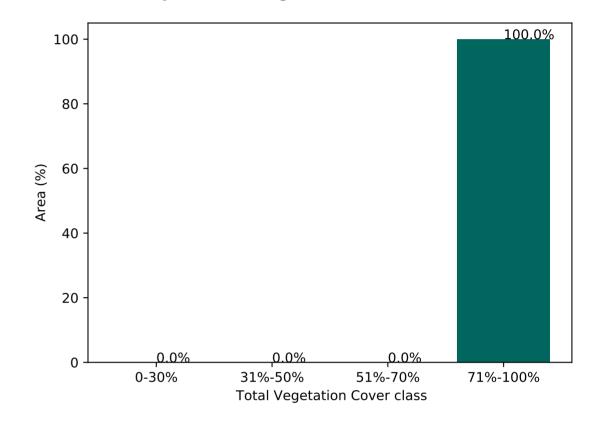




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

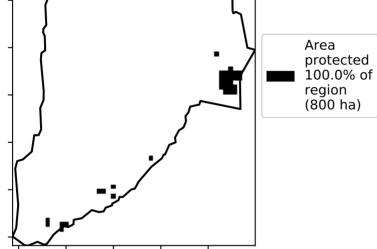


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



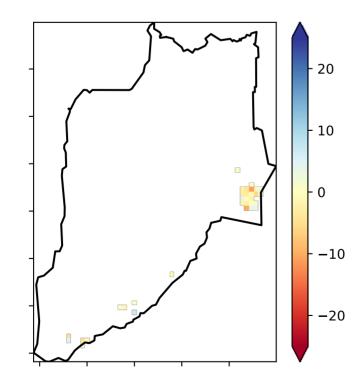
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



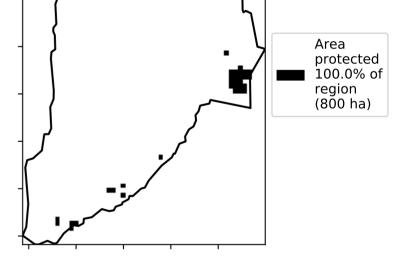


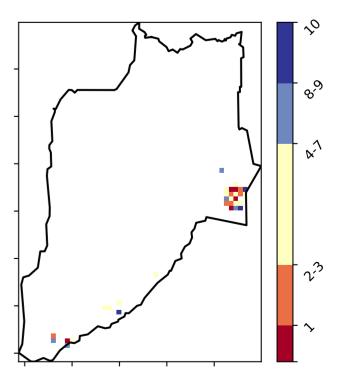
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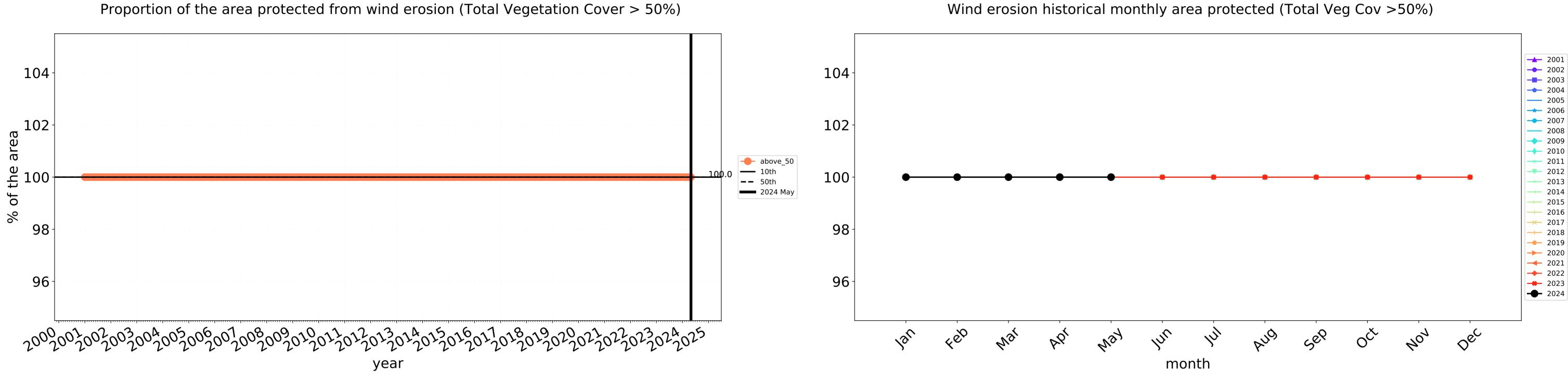


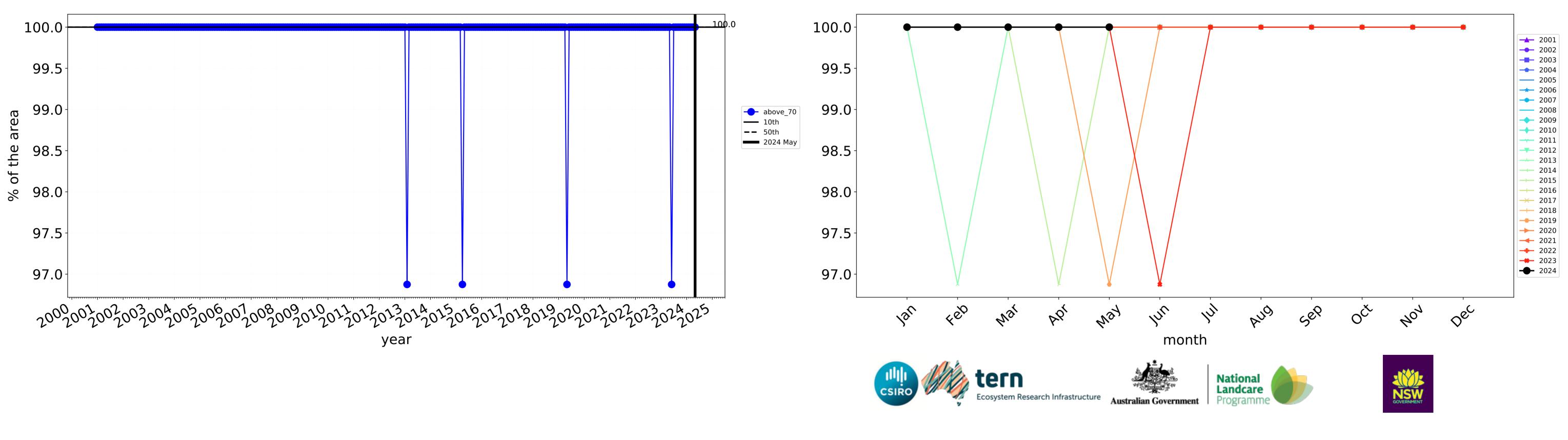
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

# Onkaparinga\_(C) (51,150 ha and no data 699 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	51,150	100.0% 51,150	99.2% 50,725	88.2% 45,125	71.2% 36,425	23.3% 11,925	5.6% 2,875
Conservation and natural environments	5,475	100.0% 5,475	100.0% 5,475	99.5% 5,450	93.2% 5,100	55.7% 3,050	18.7% 1,025
Conservation and natural environments non forest	2,375	100.0% 2,375	100.0% 2,375	98.9% 2,350	89.5% 2,125	43.2% 1,025	10.5% 250
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	2,875	100.0% 2,875	100.0% 2,875	100.0% 2,875	97.4% 2,800	65.2% 1,875	22.6% 650
Agriculture	24,950	100.0% 24,950	99.9% 24,925	97.3% 24,275	86.1% 21,475	24.4% 6,100	4.5% 1,125
Grazing	12,550	100.0% 12,550	100.0% 12,550	97.0% 12,175	87.5% 10,975	25.7% 3,225	4.8% 600
Grazing non forest	12,500	100.0% 12,500	100.0% 12,500	97.0% 12,125	87.6% 10,950	25.8% 3,225	4.8% 600
Cropping	1,450	100.0% 1,450	98.3% 1,425	87.9% 1,275	67.2% 975	8.6% 125	3.4% 50
Irrigation	10,875	100.0% 10,875	100.0% 10,875	98.9% 10,750	87.1% 9,475	25.3% 2,750	4.4% 475
Production native forests and plantation forests	800	100.0% 800	100.0% 800	100.0% 800	100.0% 800	59.4% 475	25.0% 200

