Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Robe_(DC) SA

Date: April 2021

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:

- 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:

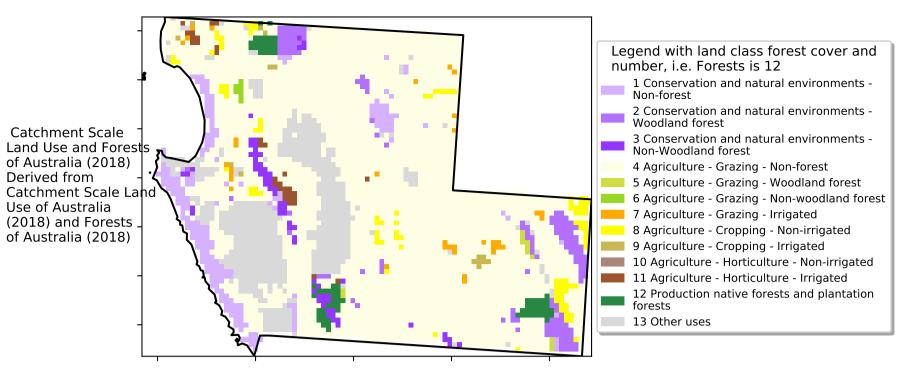
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Vegetation Cover Apr 2021

Land use and forest cover

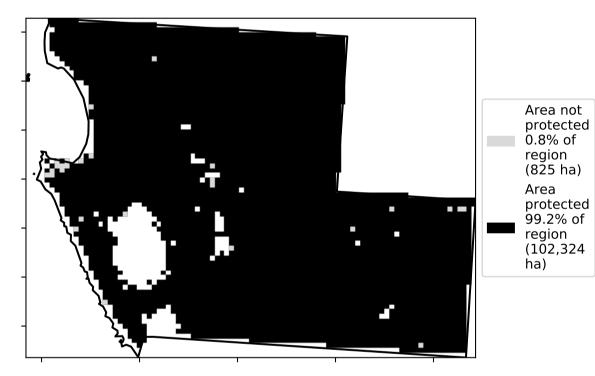
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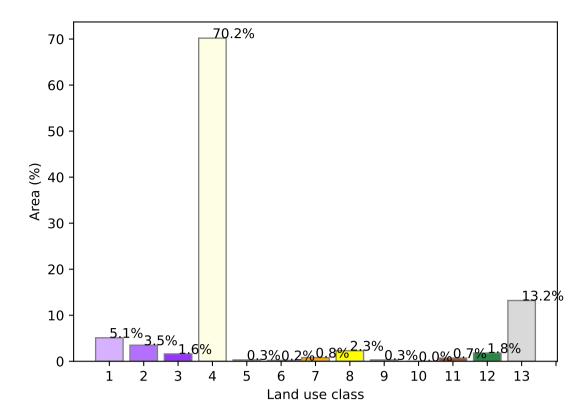


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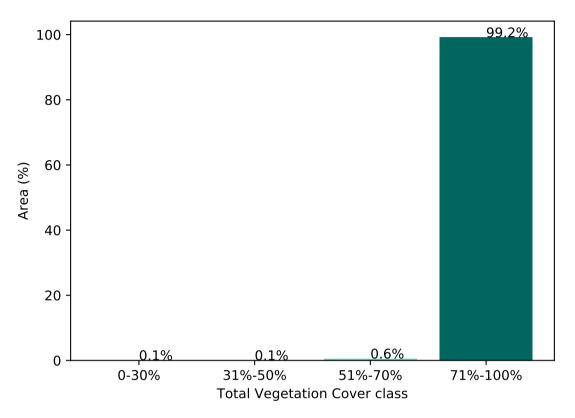


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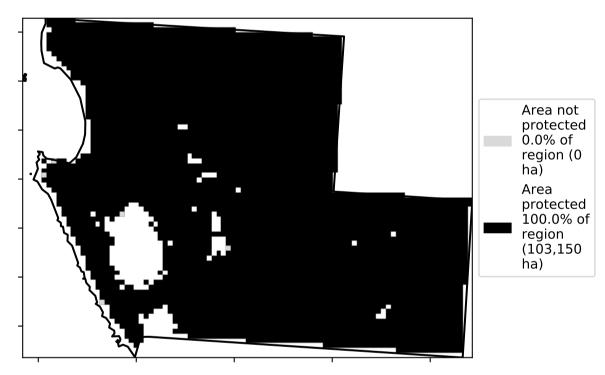




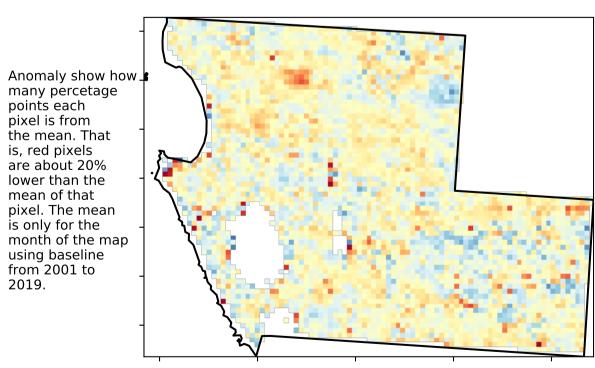
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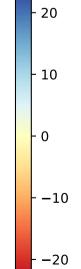


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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

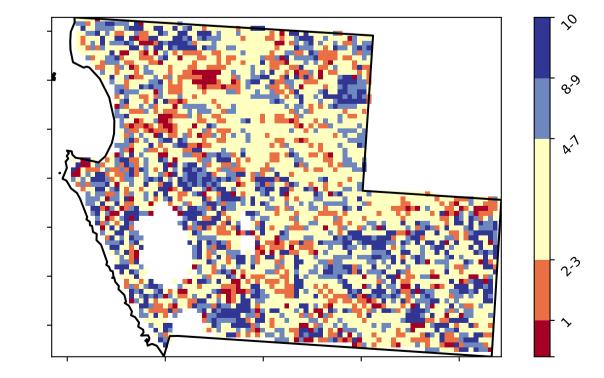




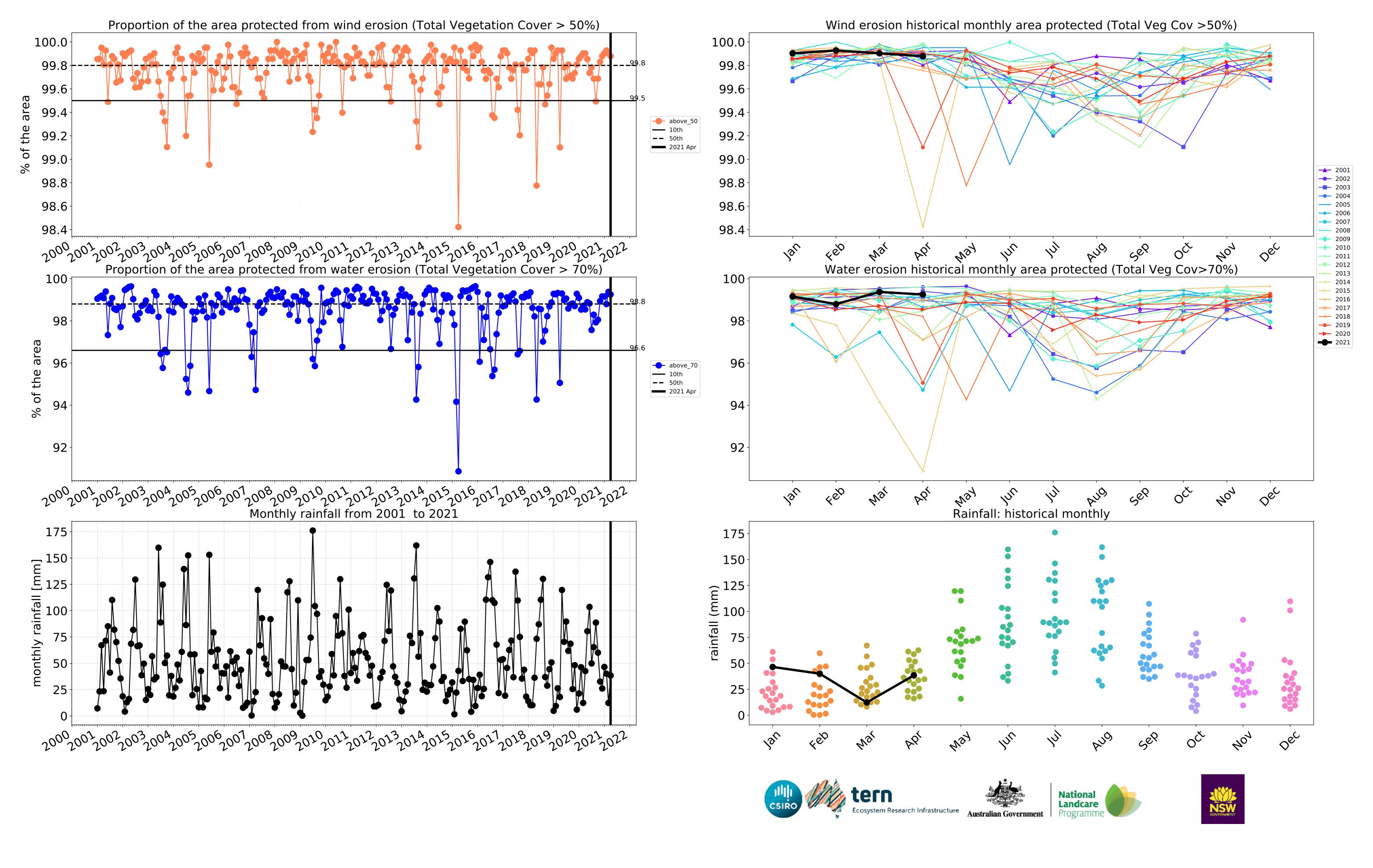
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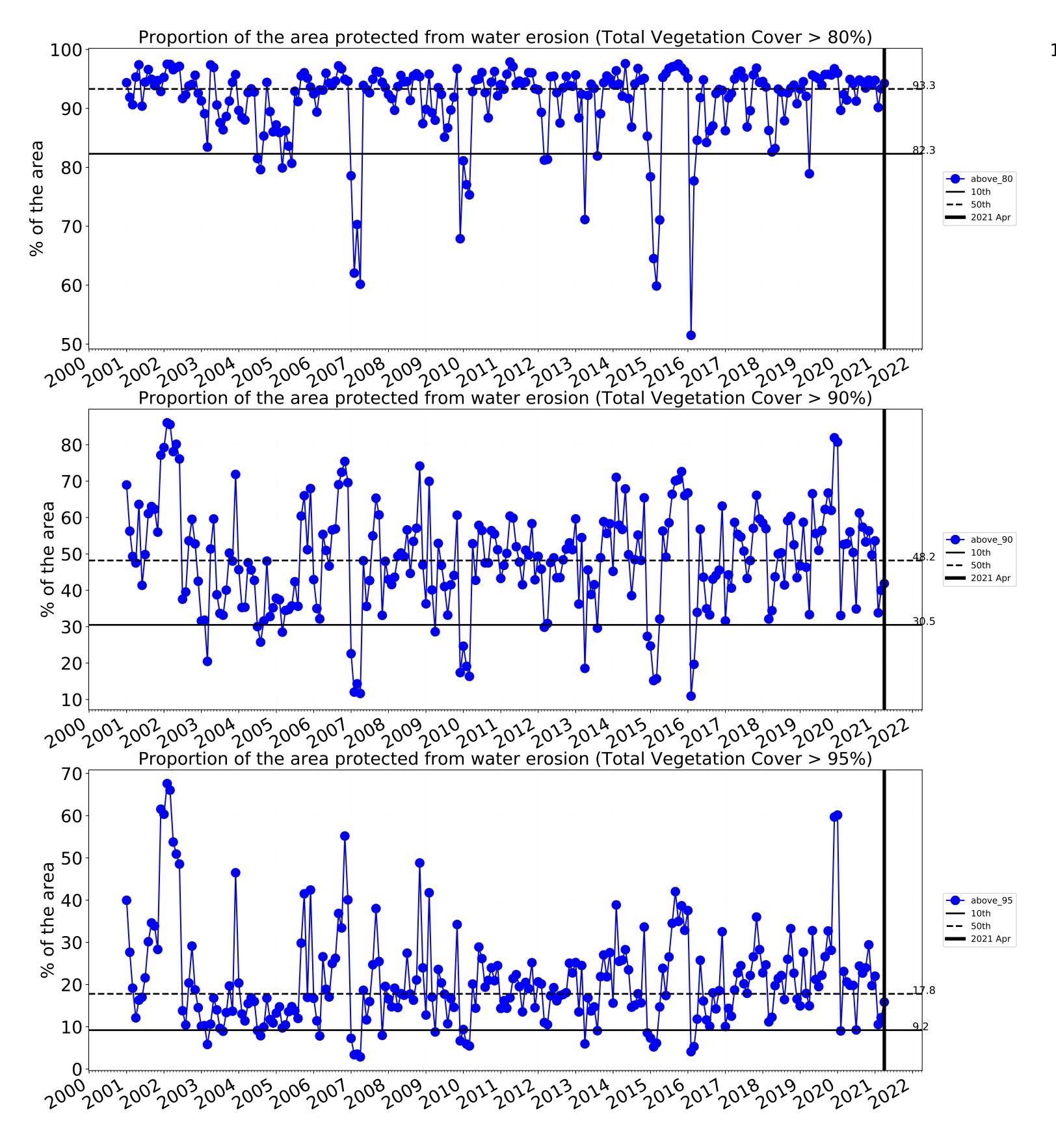
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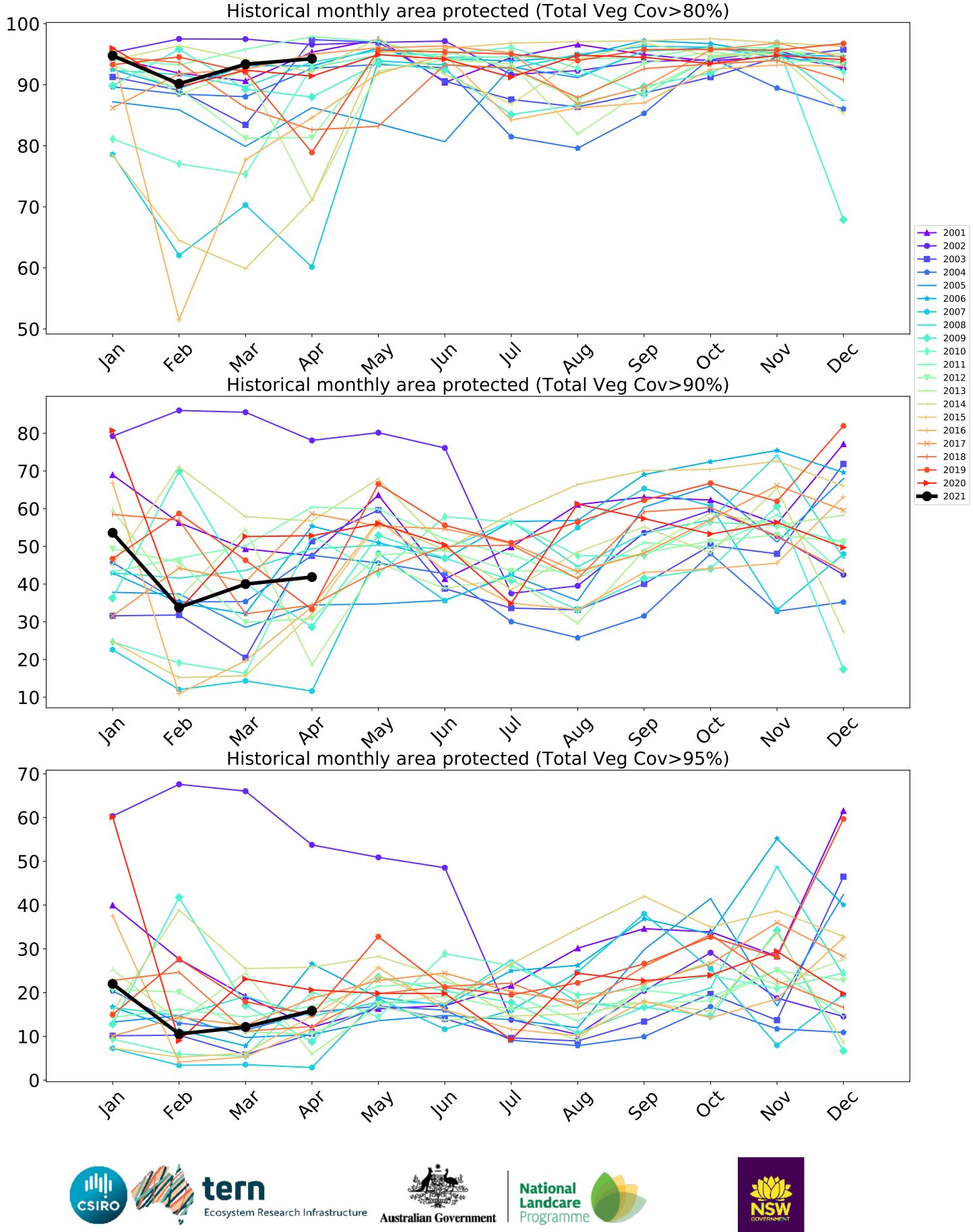
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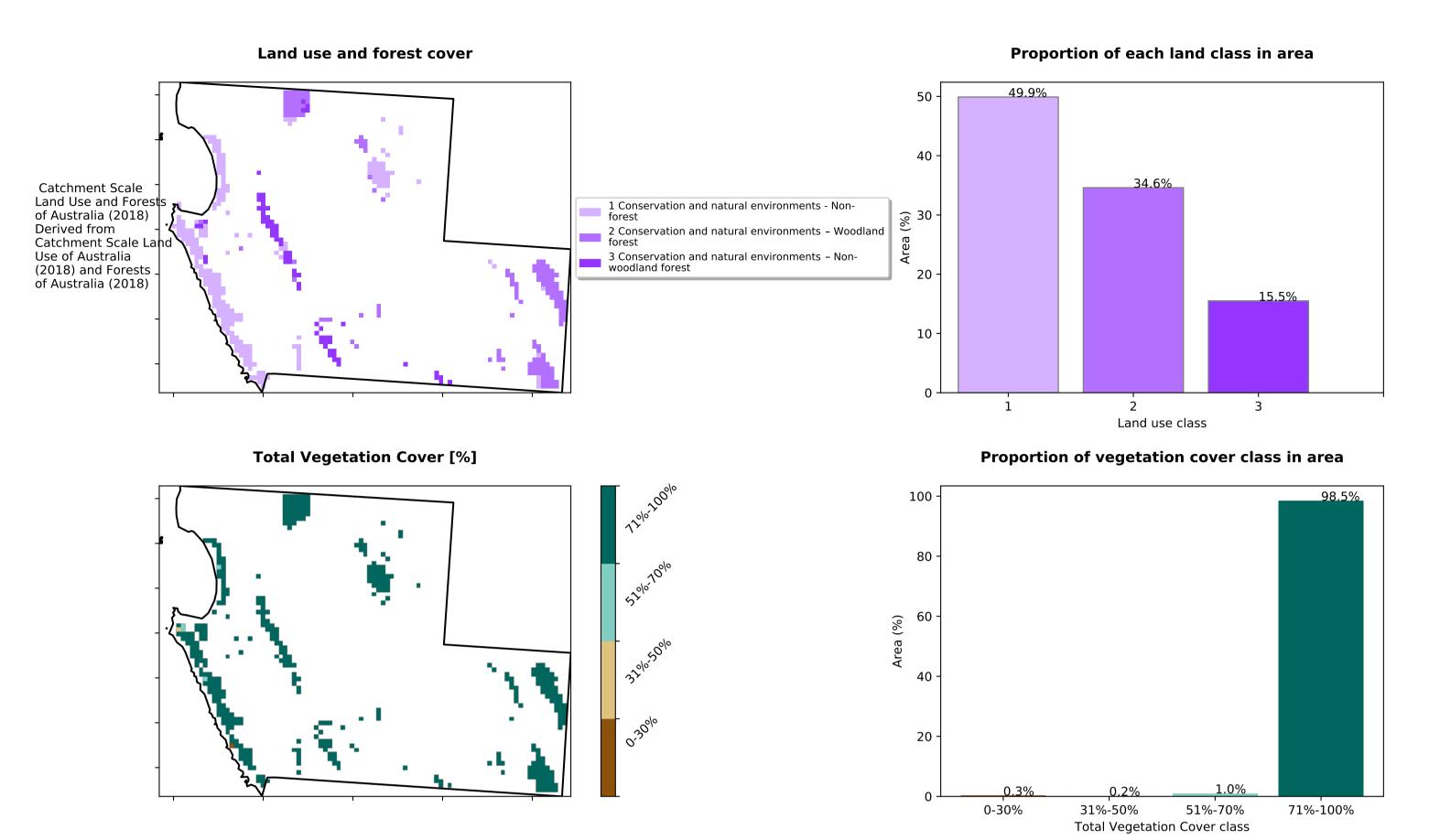




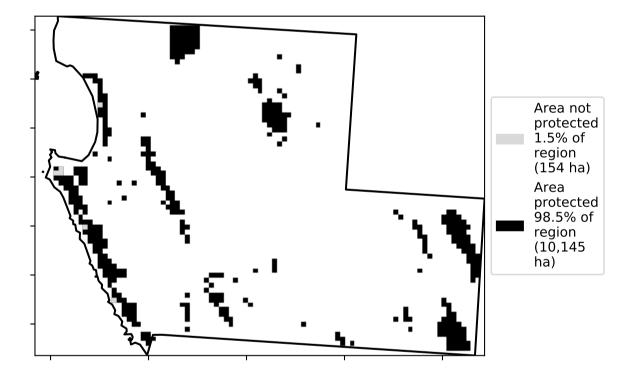




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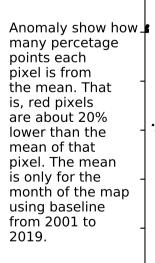
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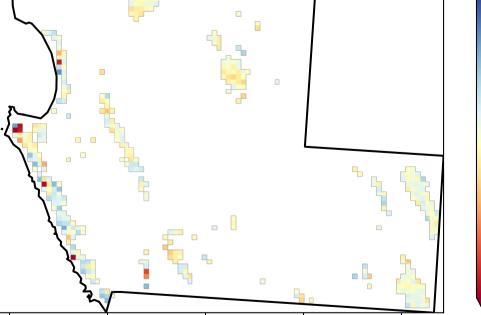




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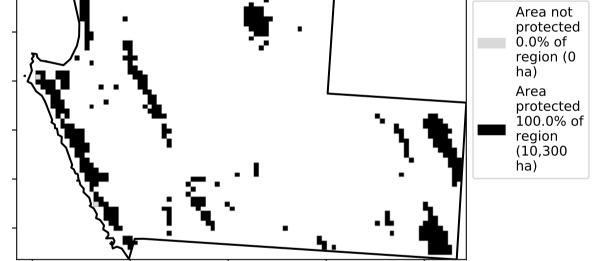
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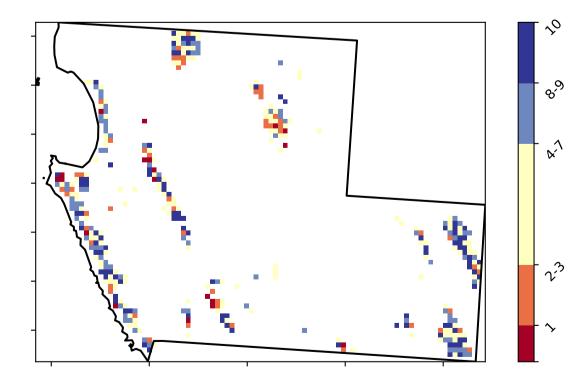
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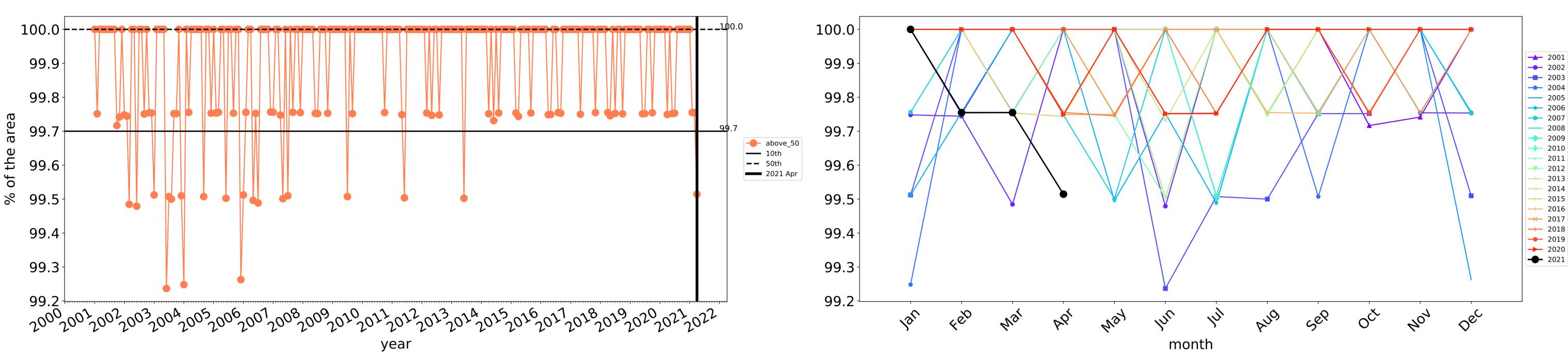
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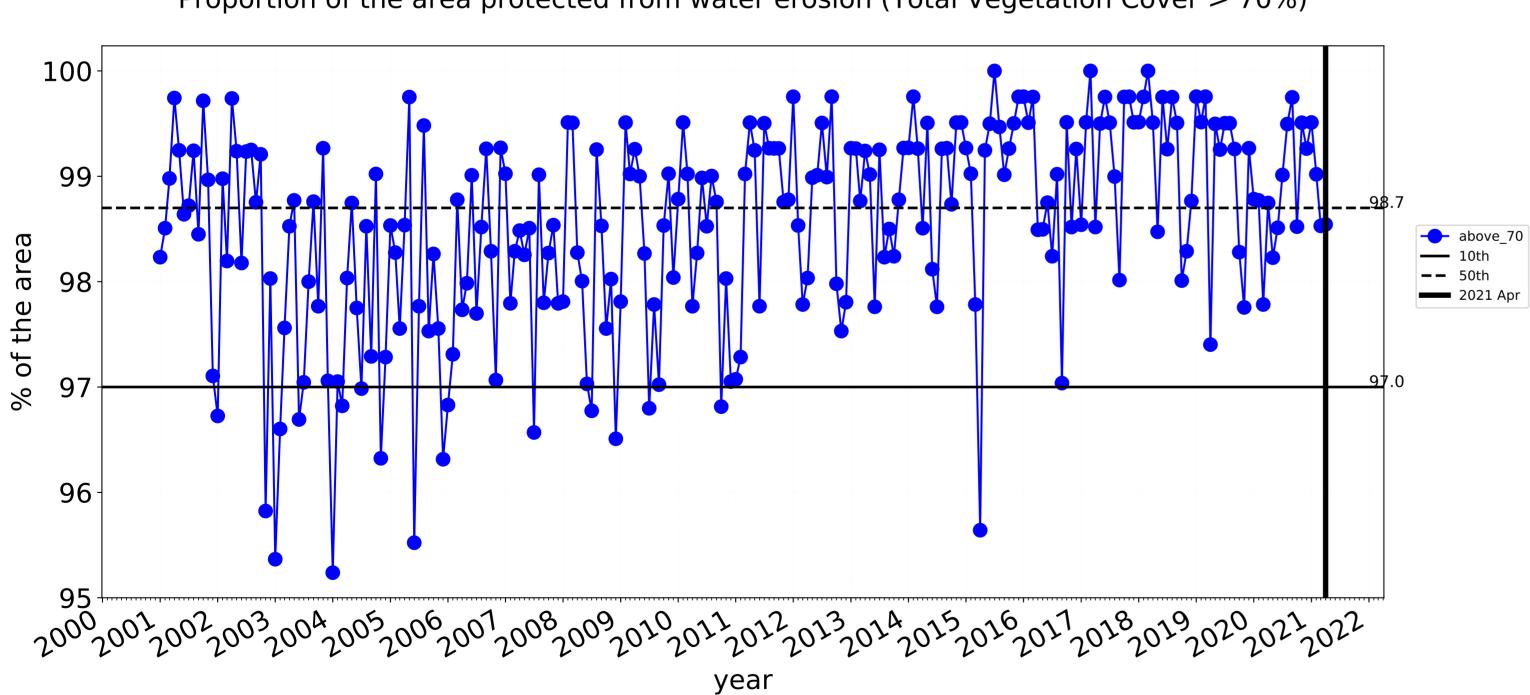
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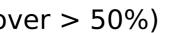




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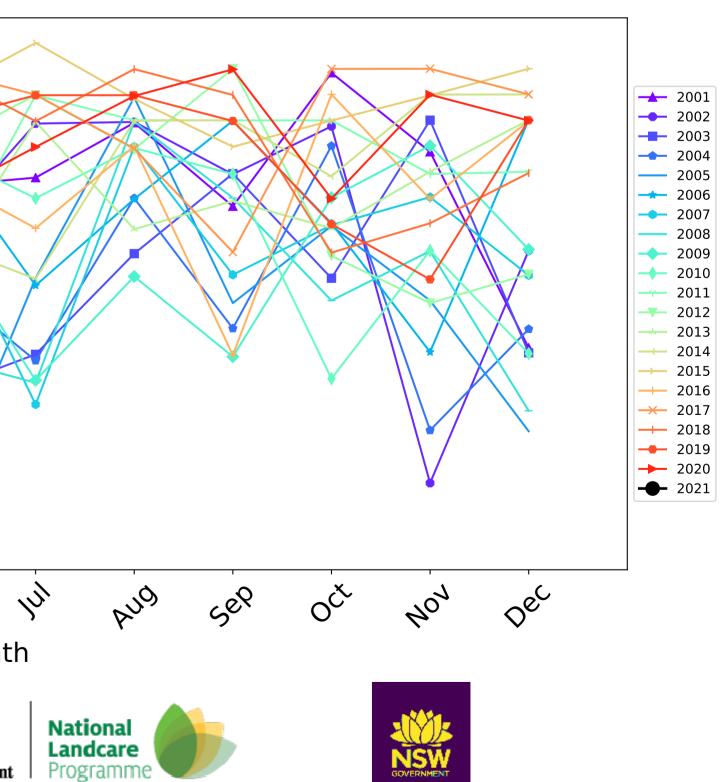
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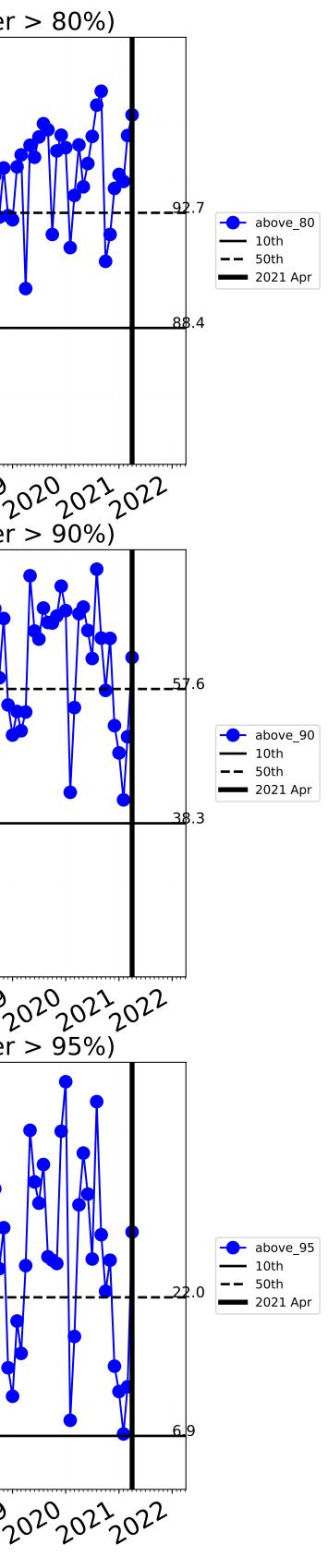
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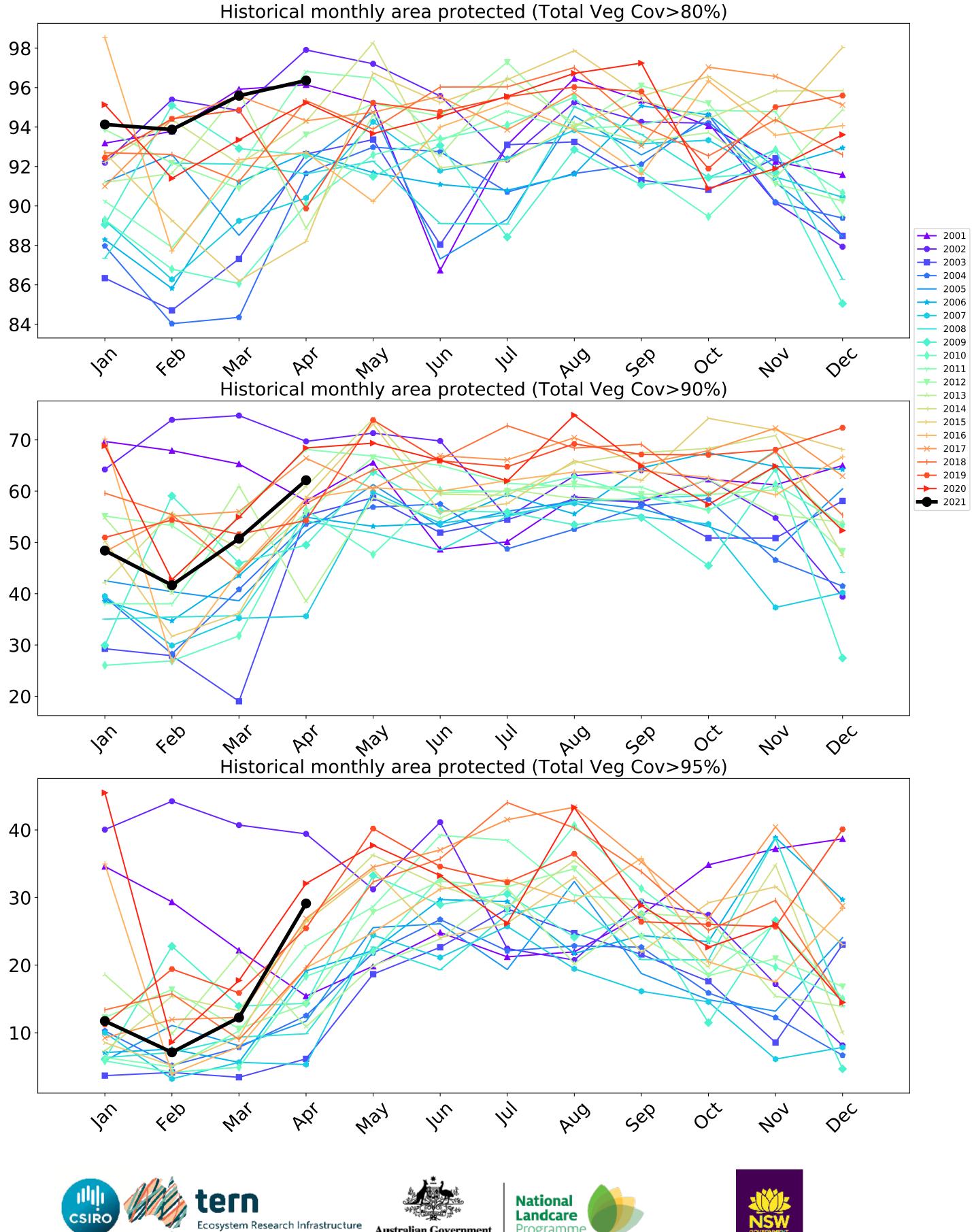
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

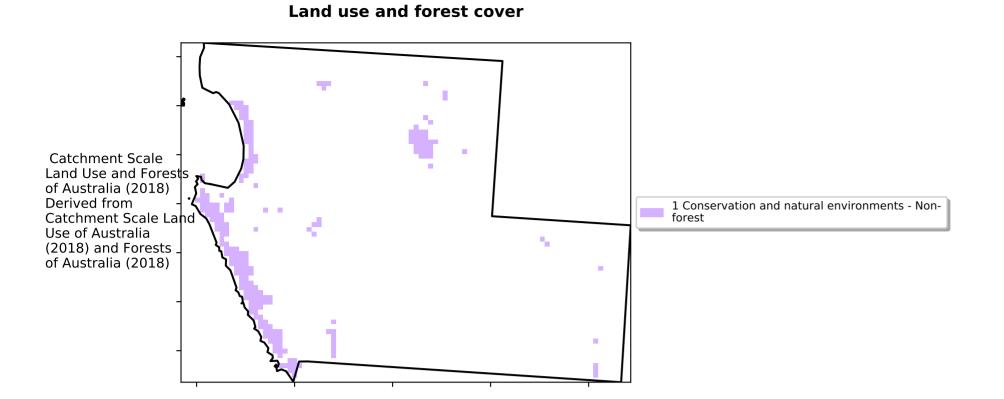




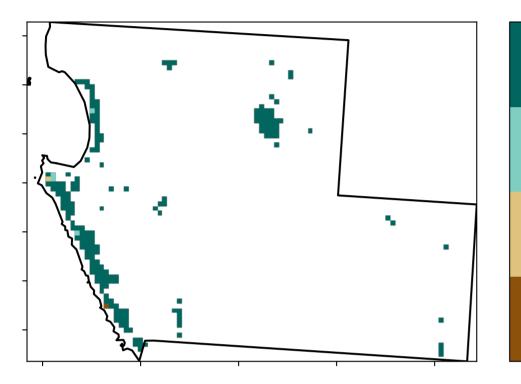
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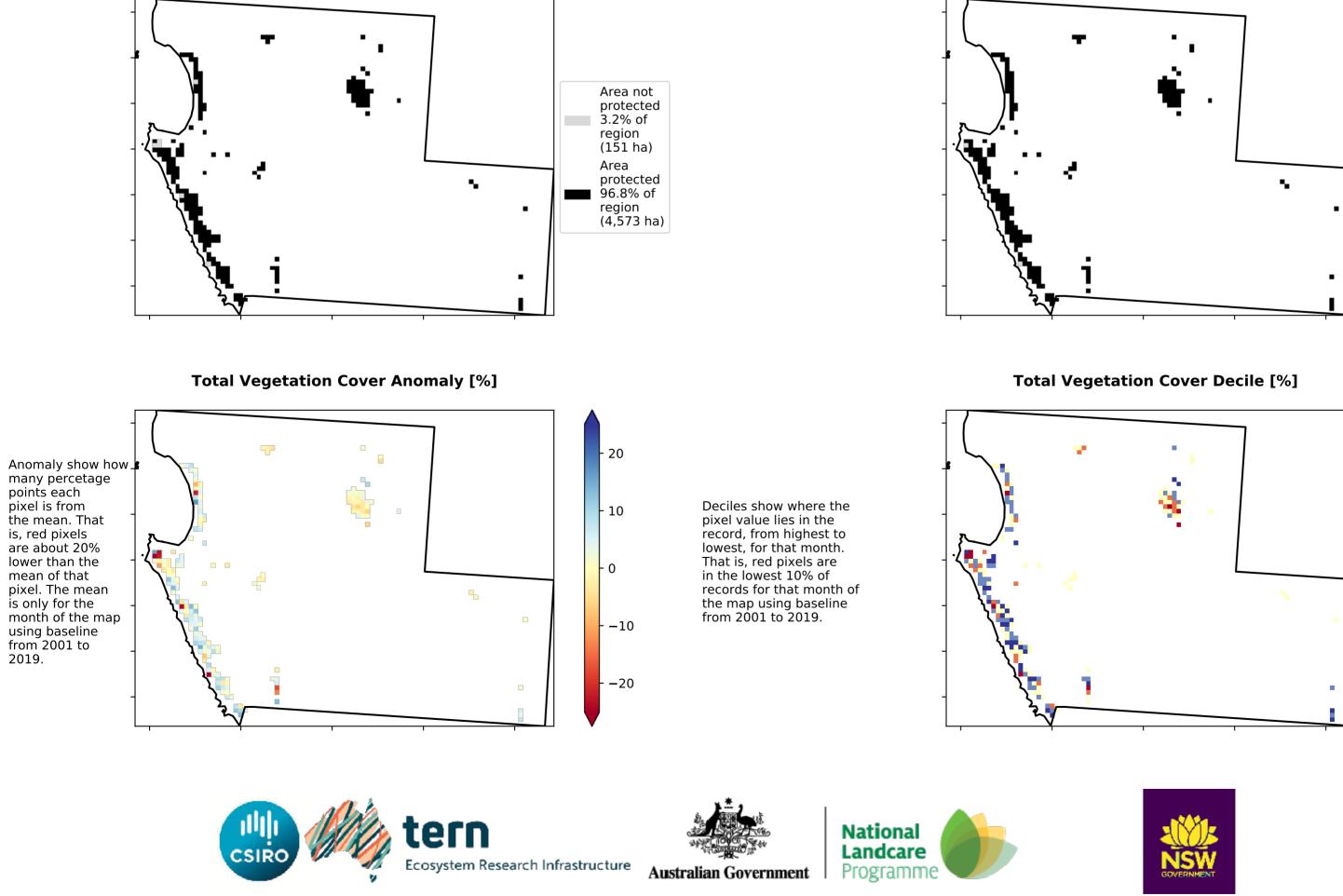
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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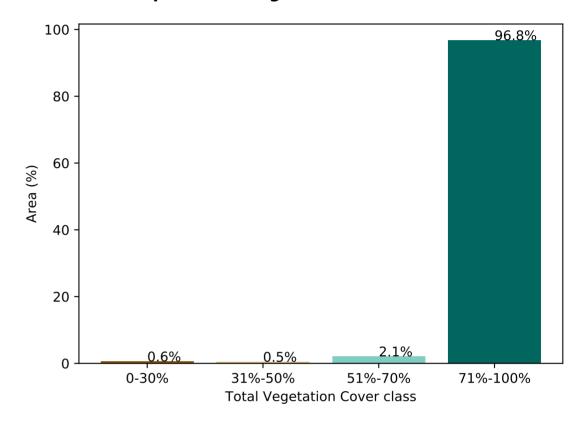
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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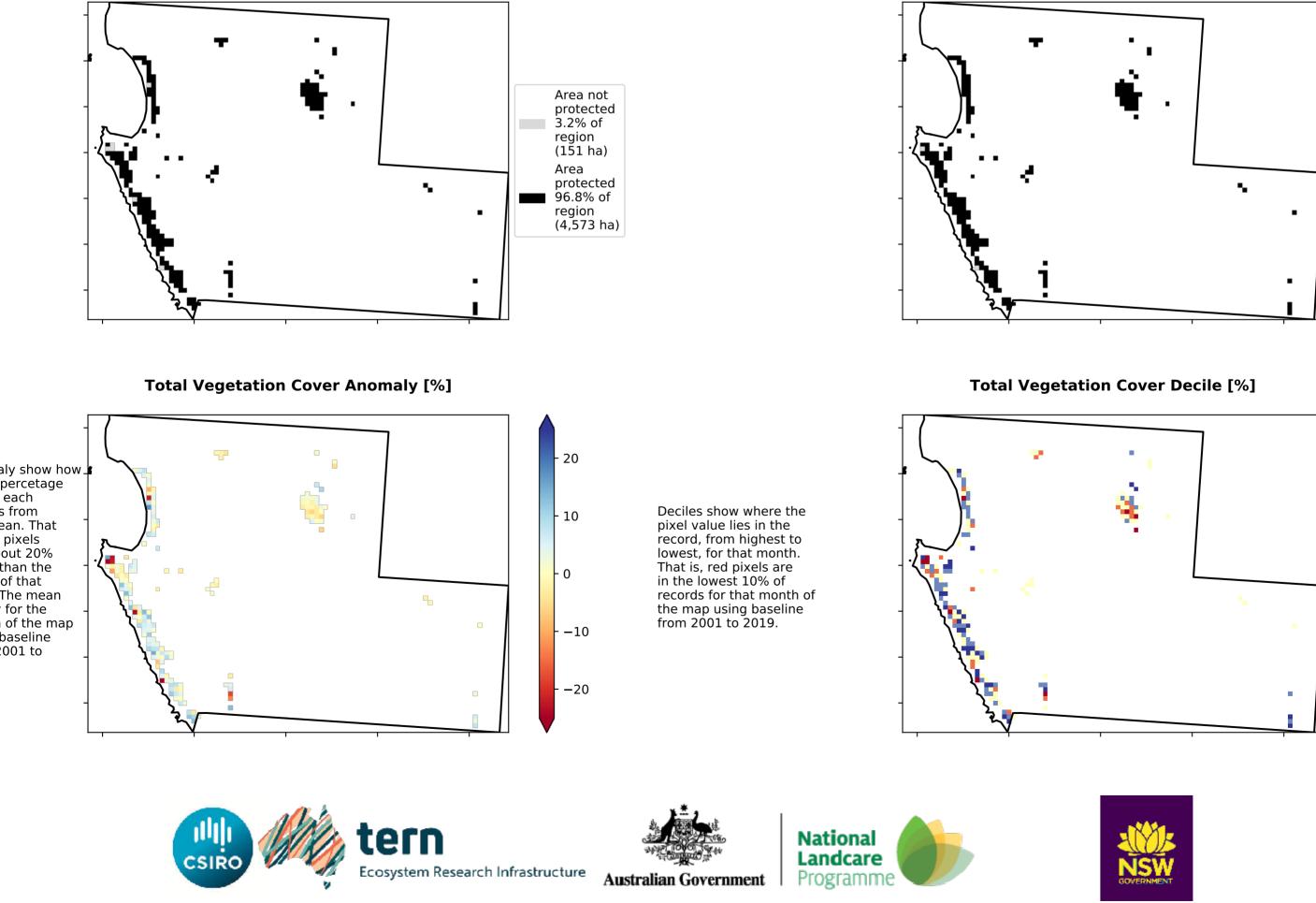
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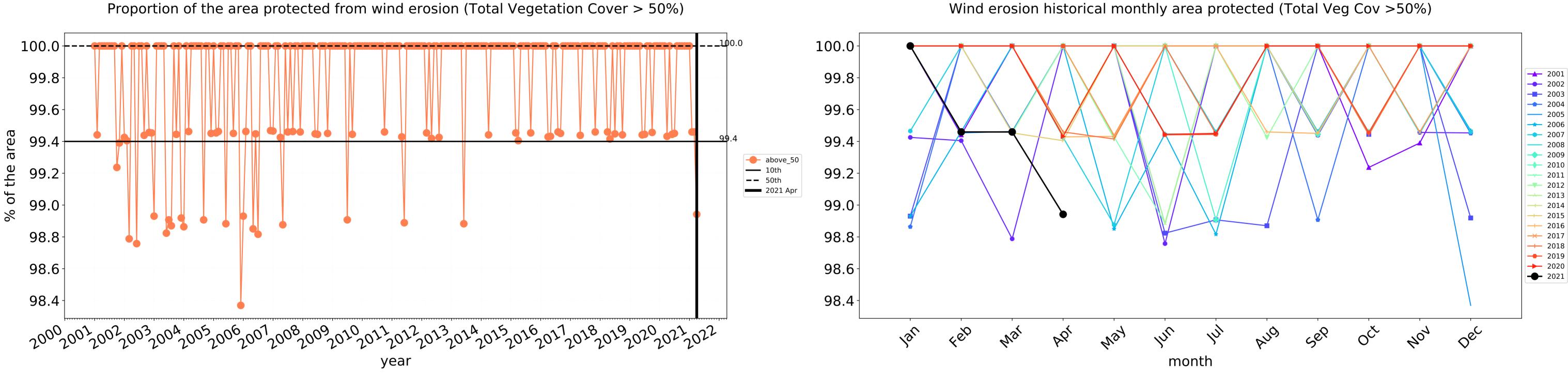
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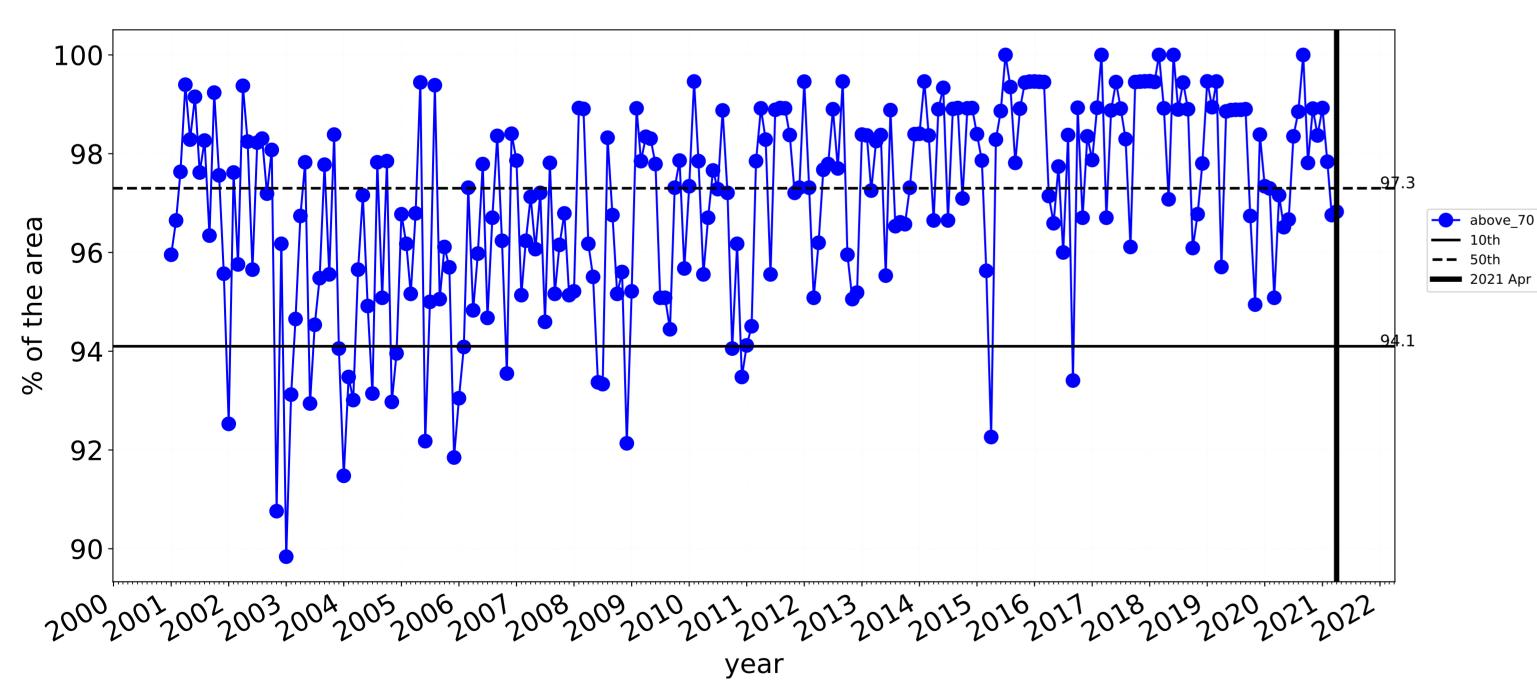
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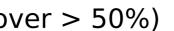
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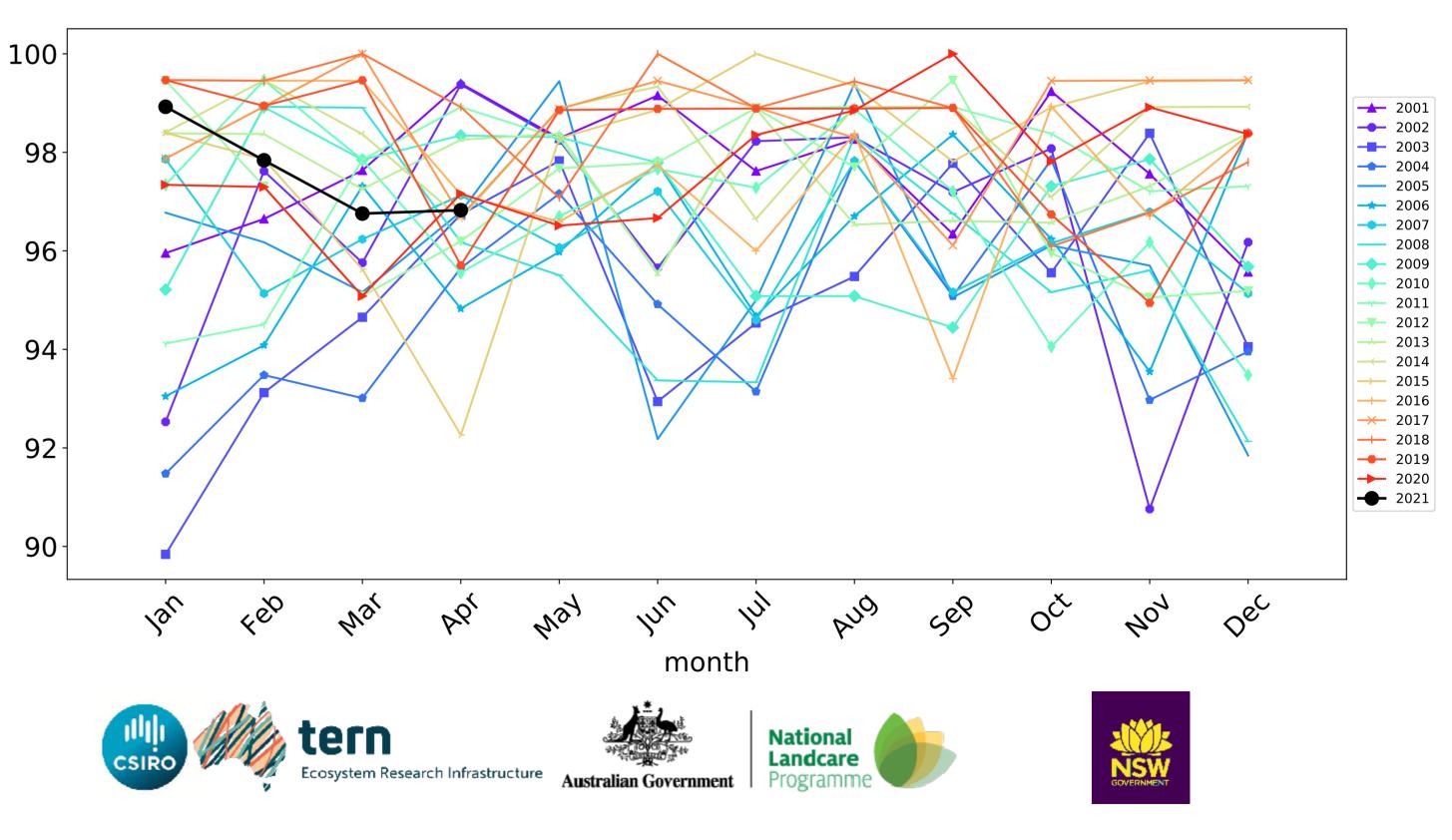


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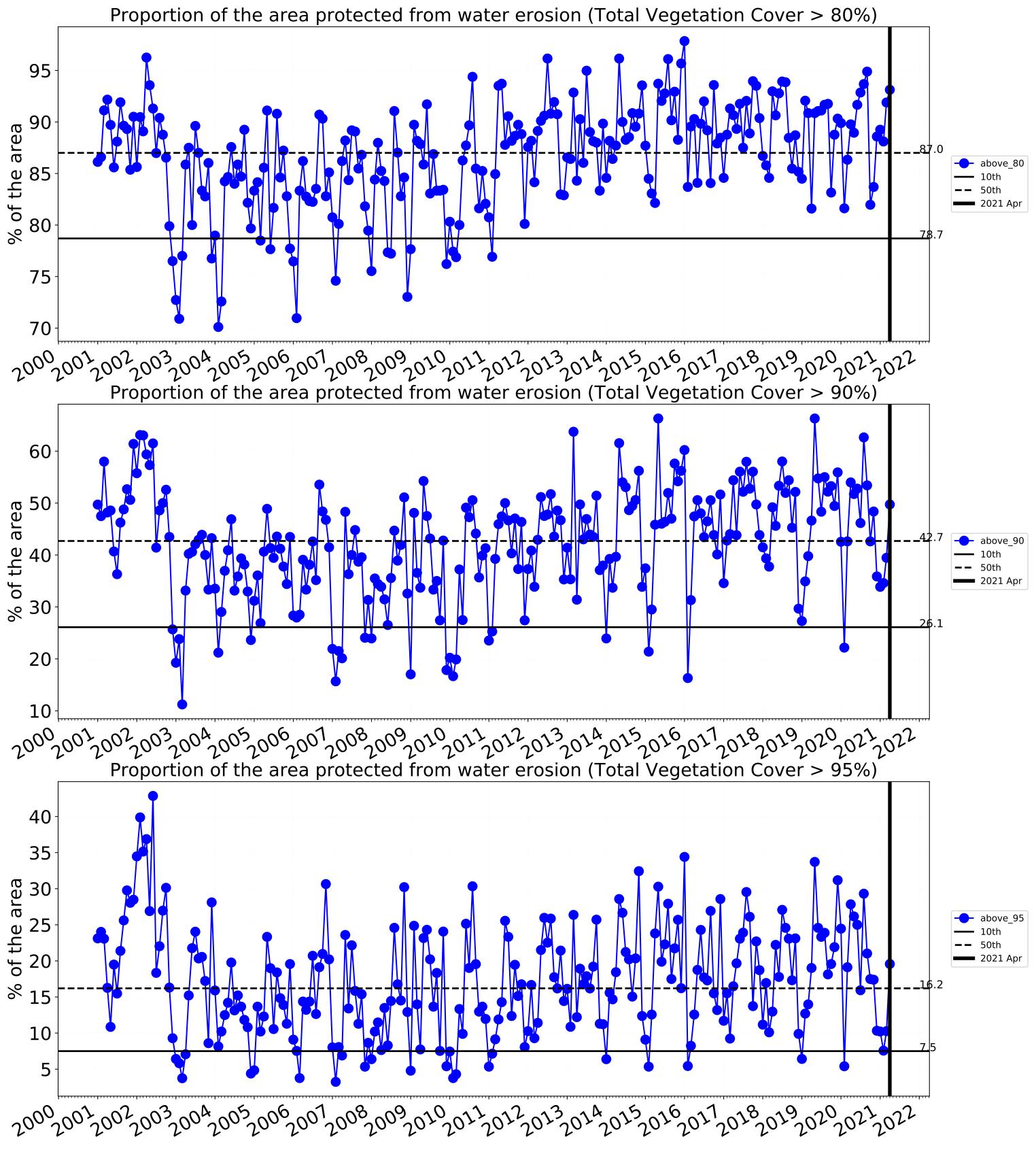


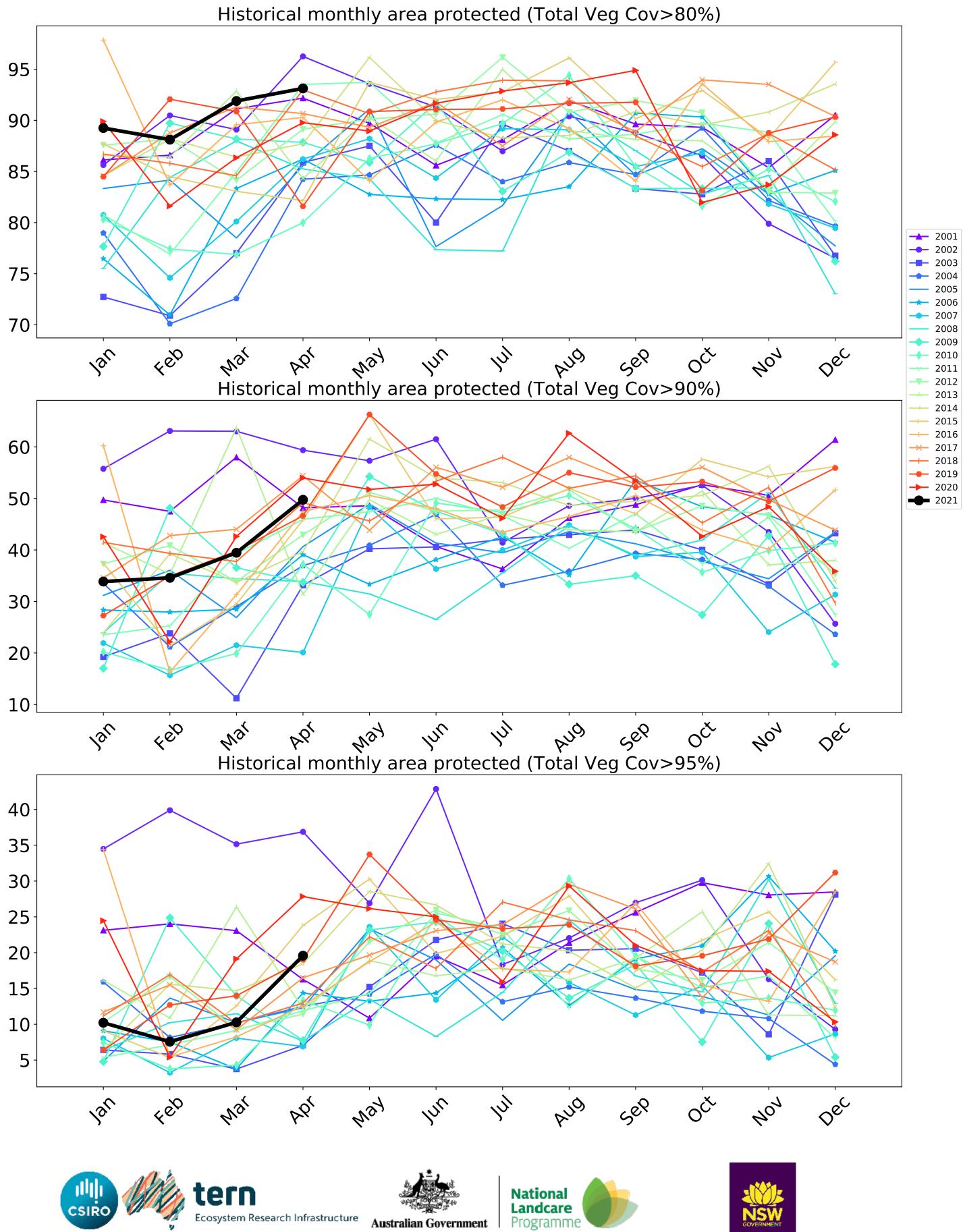


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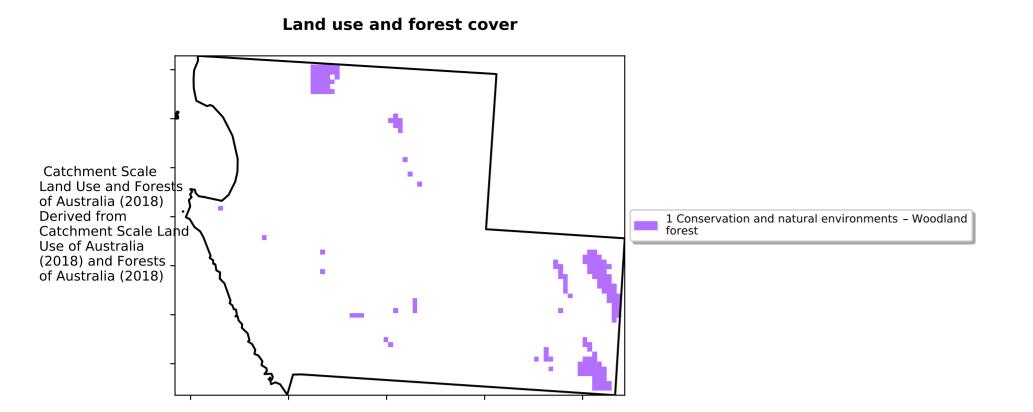
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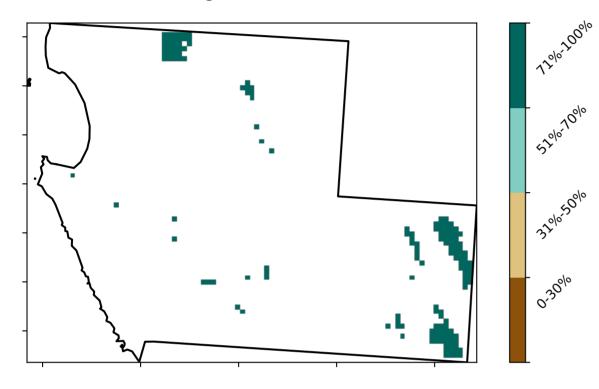




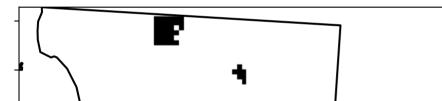
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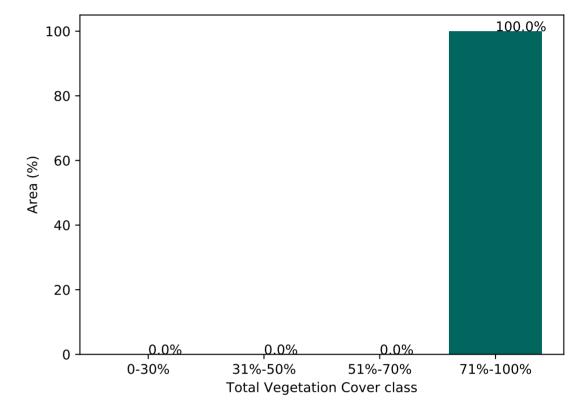
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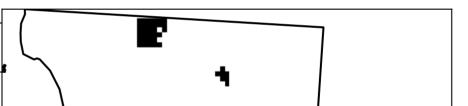
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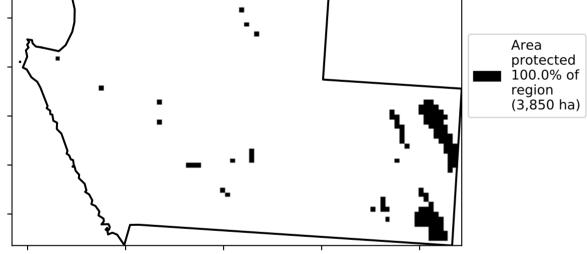


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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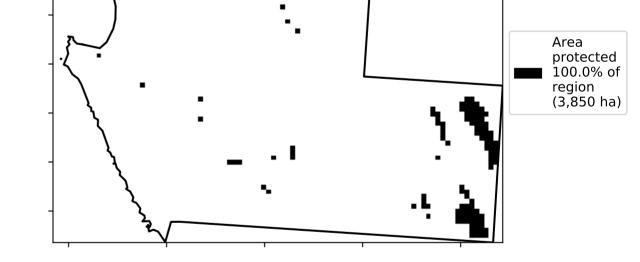




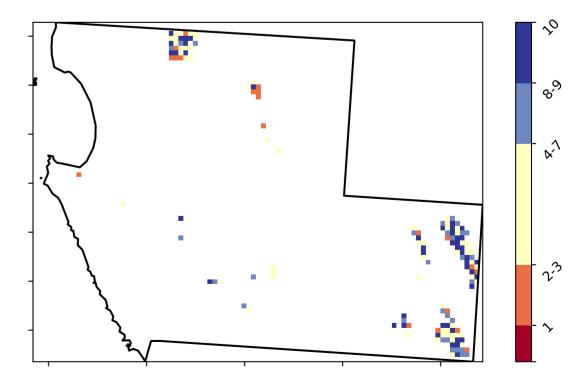
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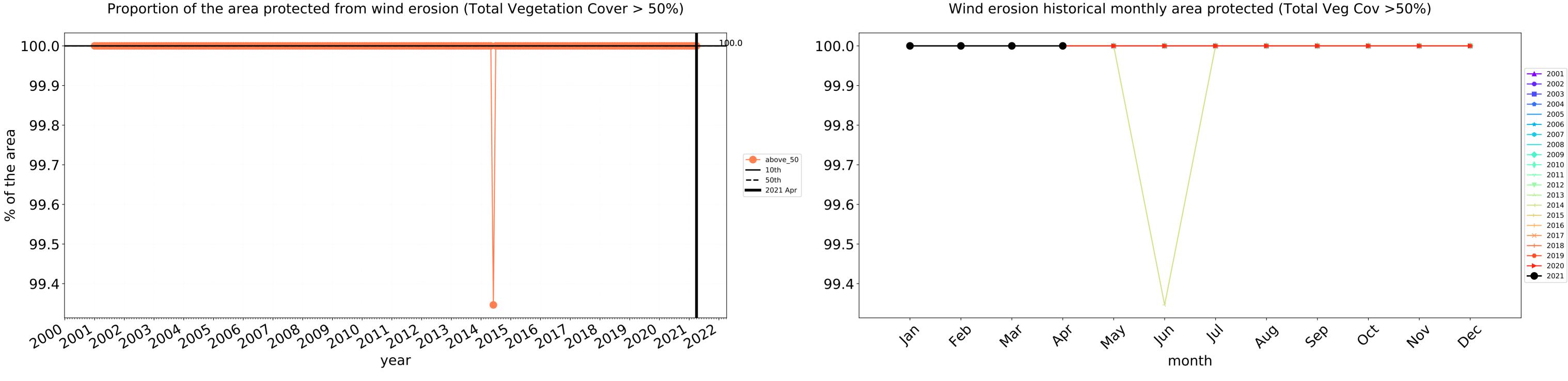


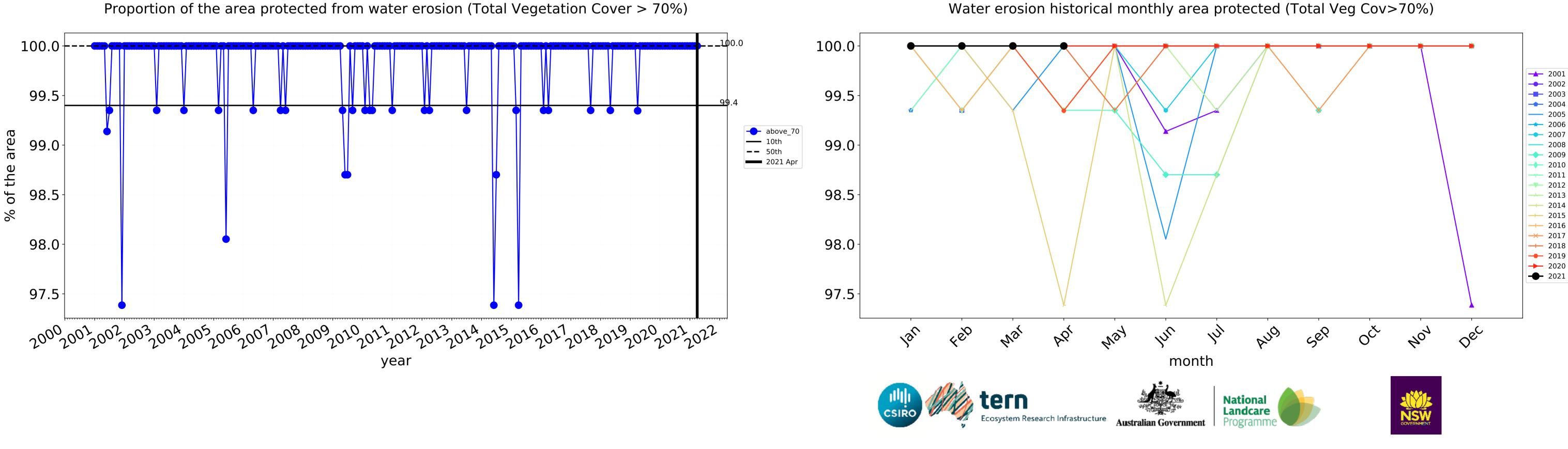
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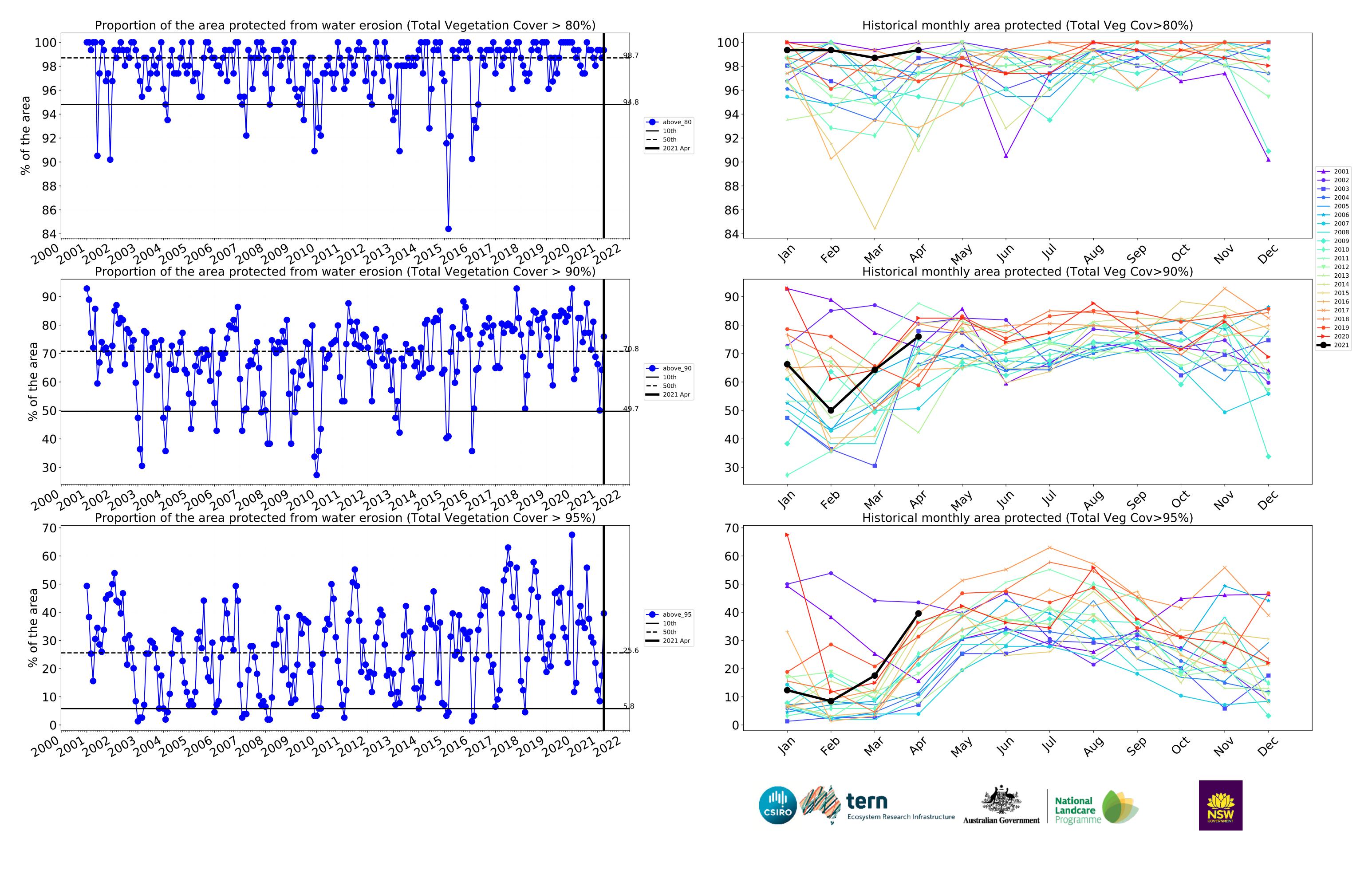


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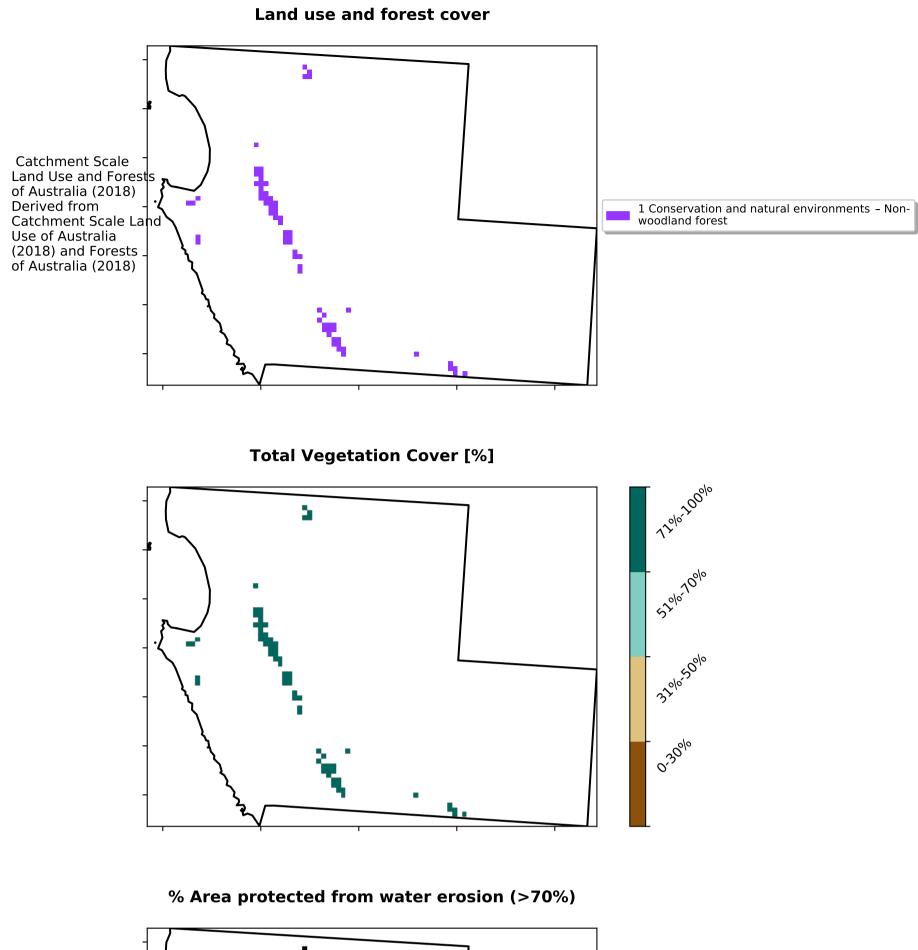




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)



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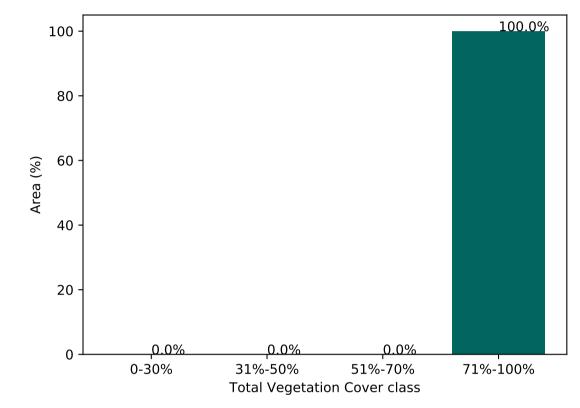
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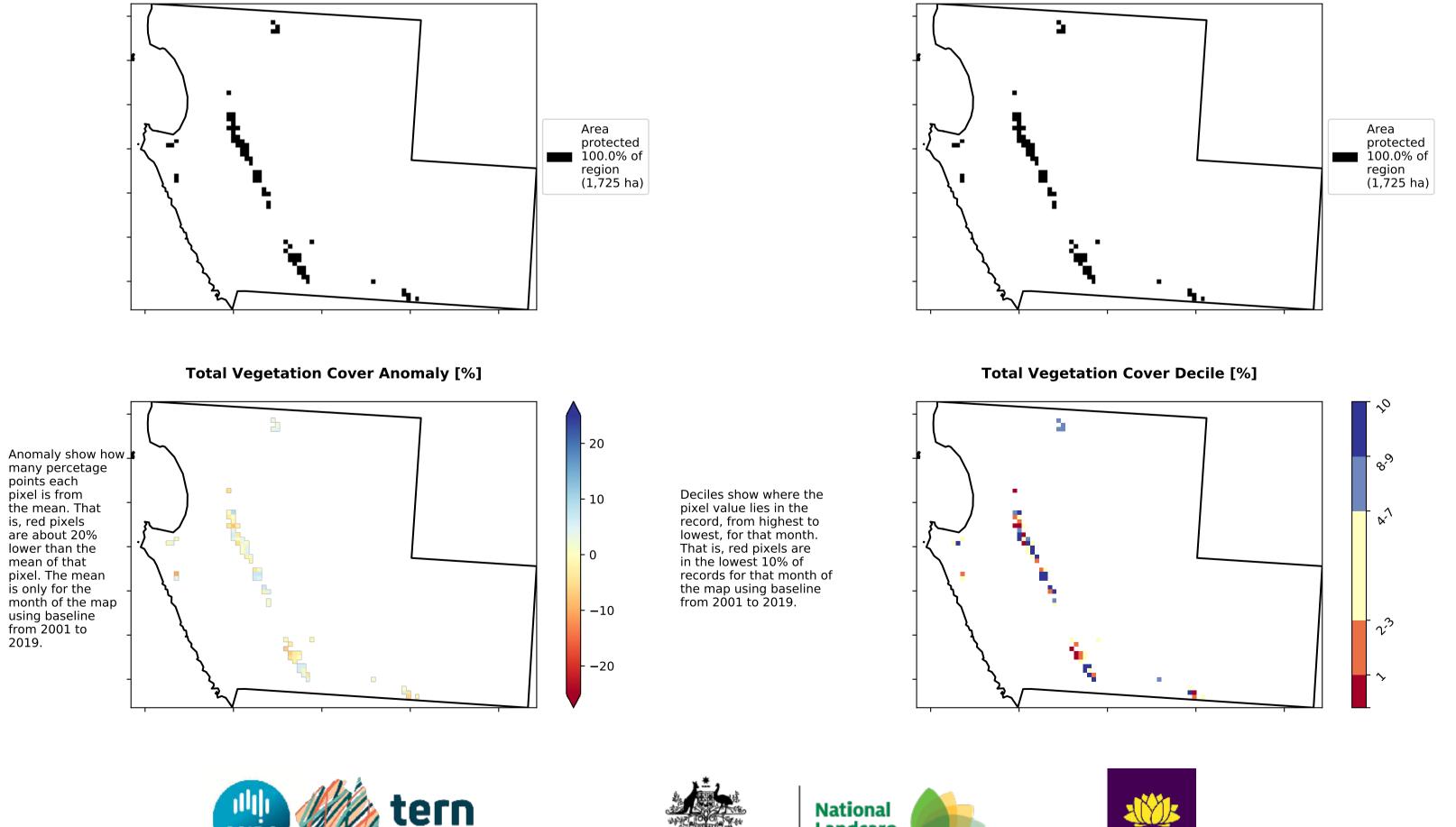
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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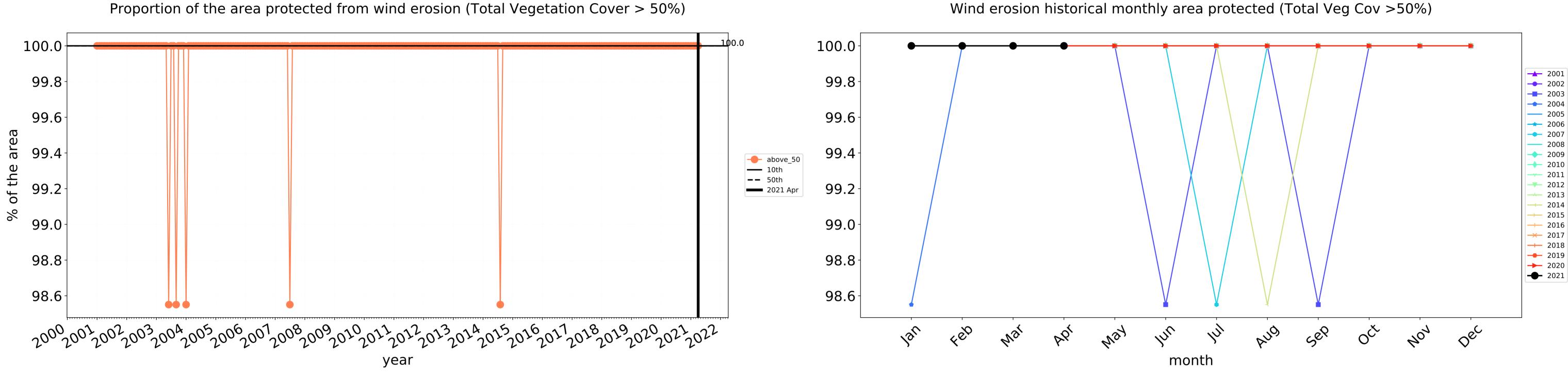
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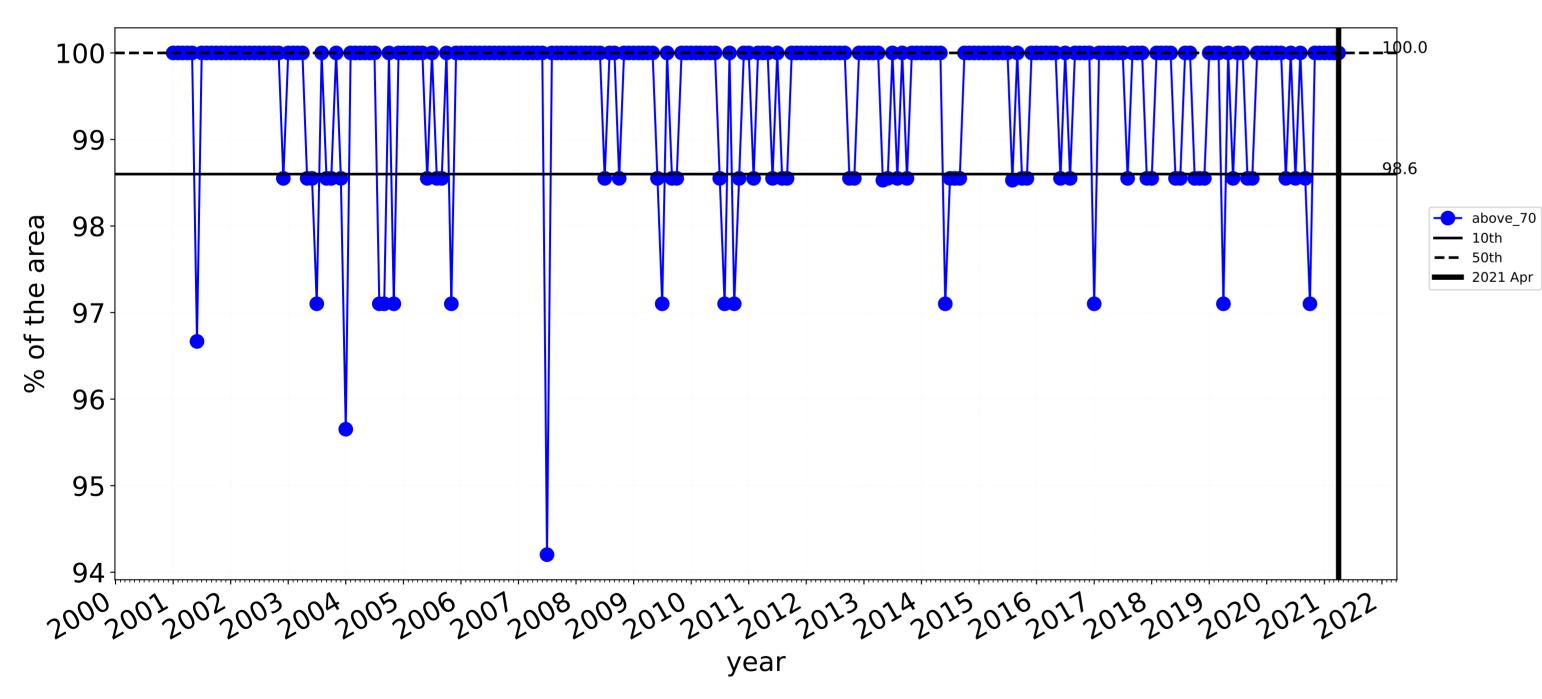
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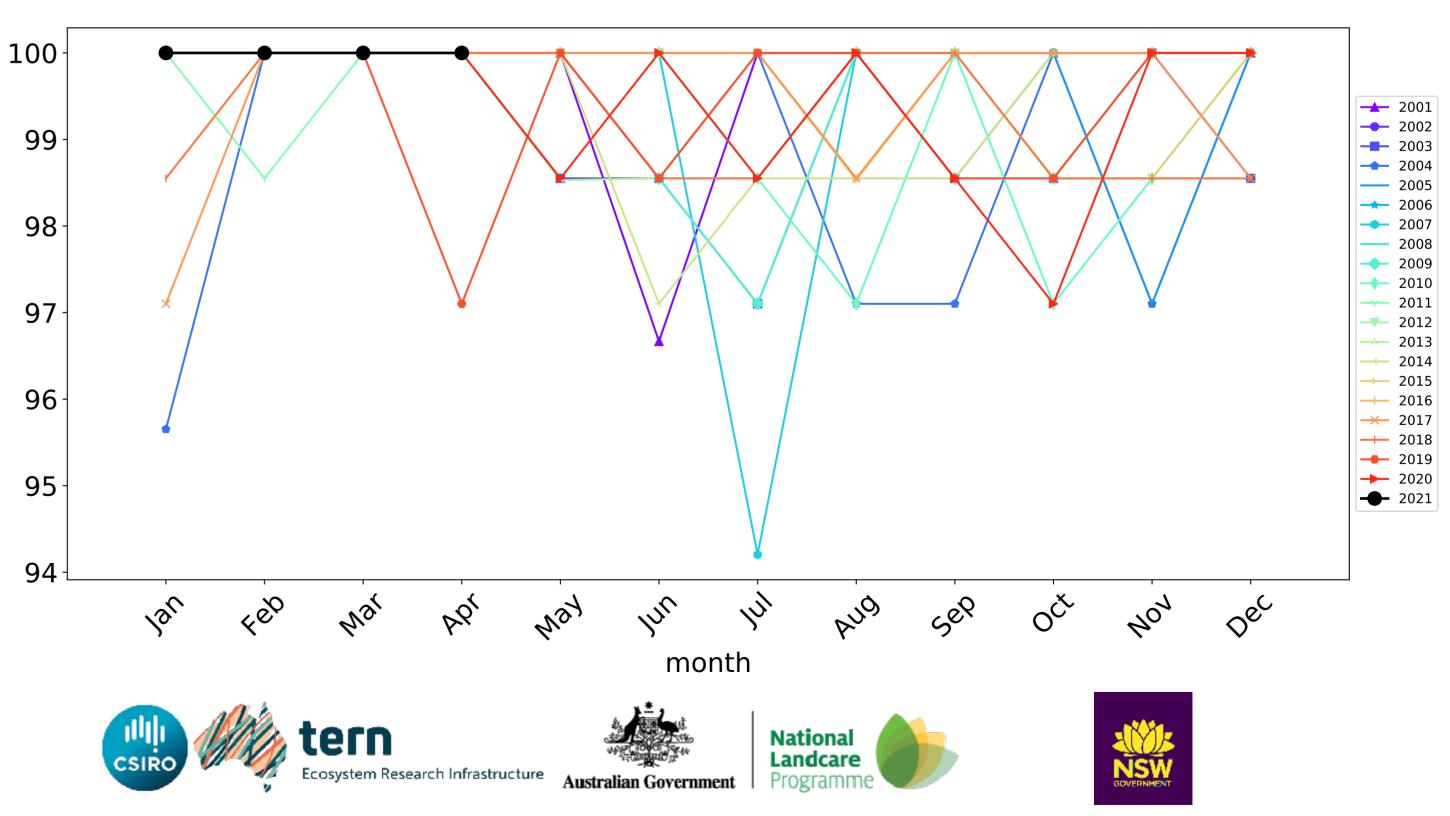
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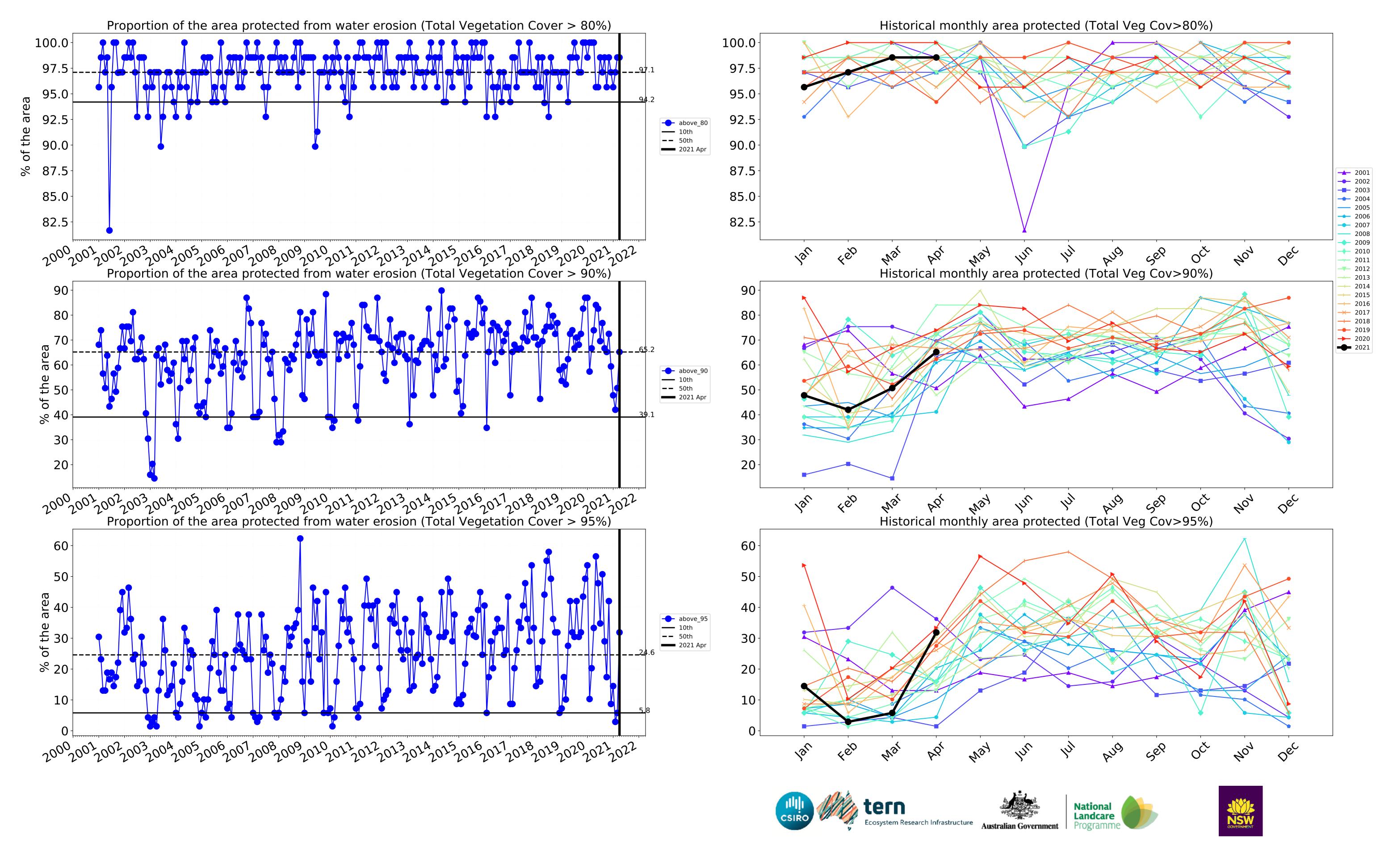






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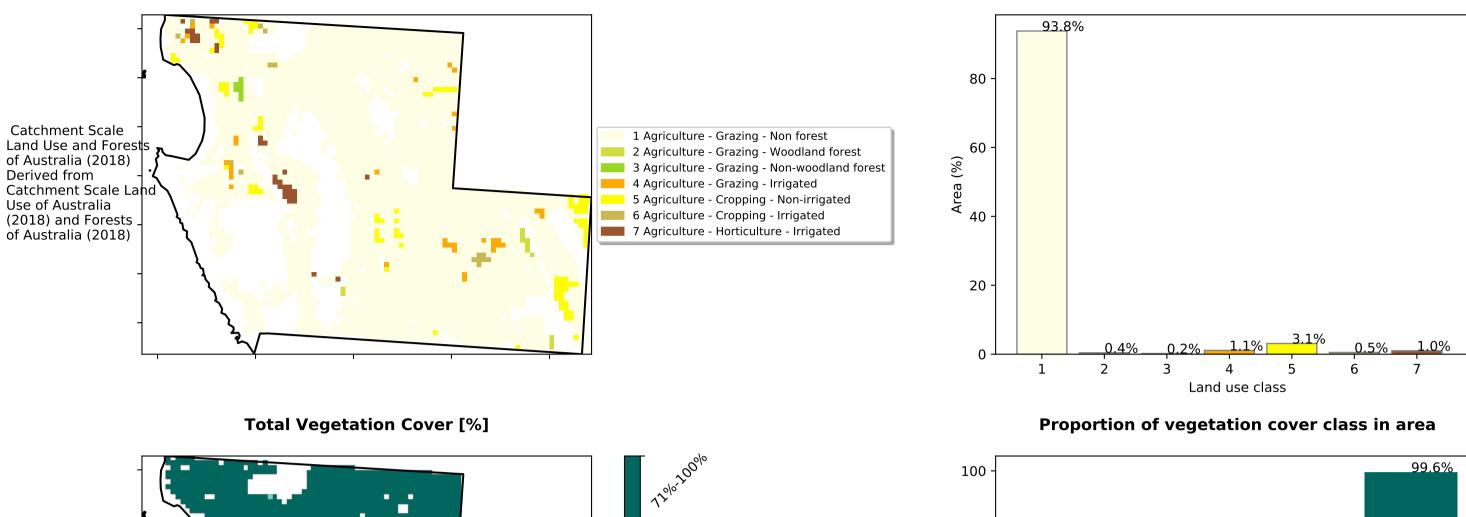




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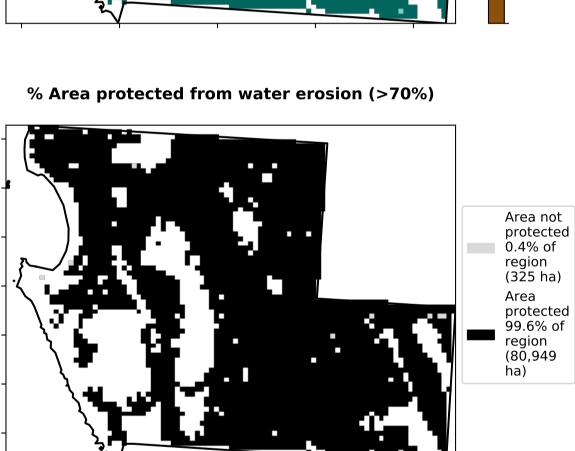
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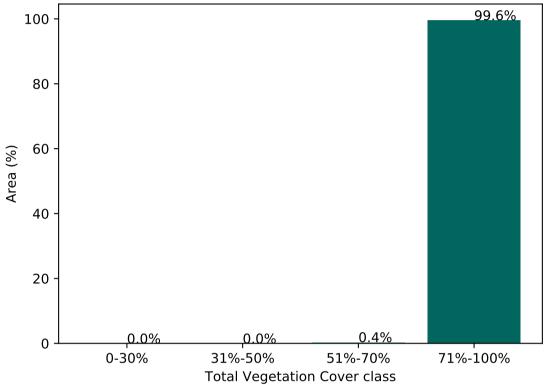
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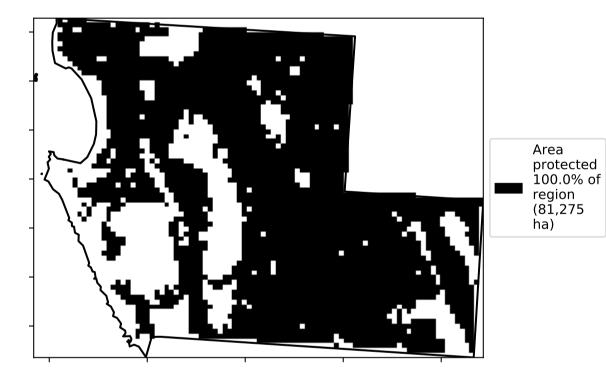




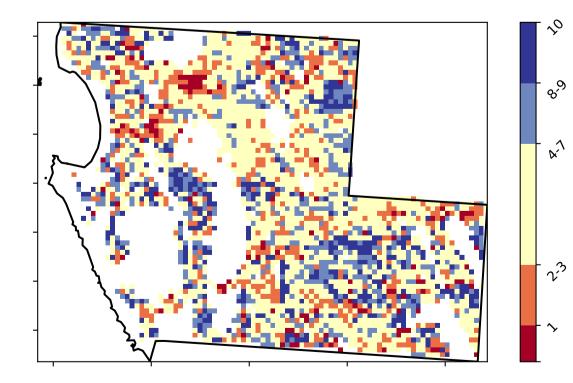




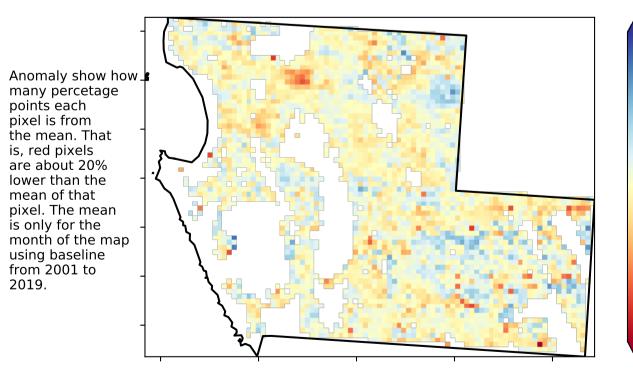
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)







Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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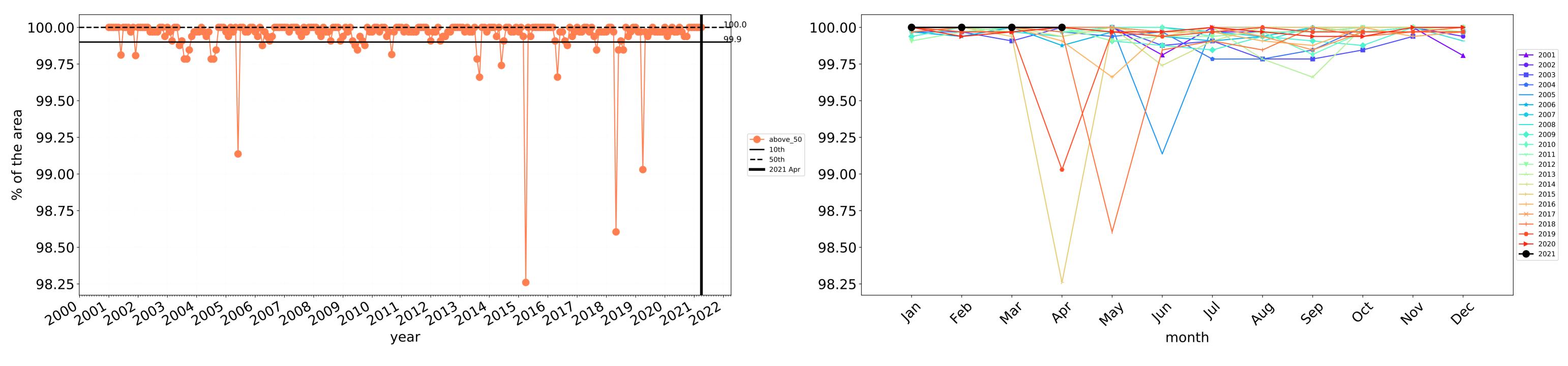
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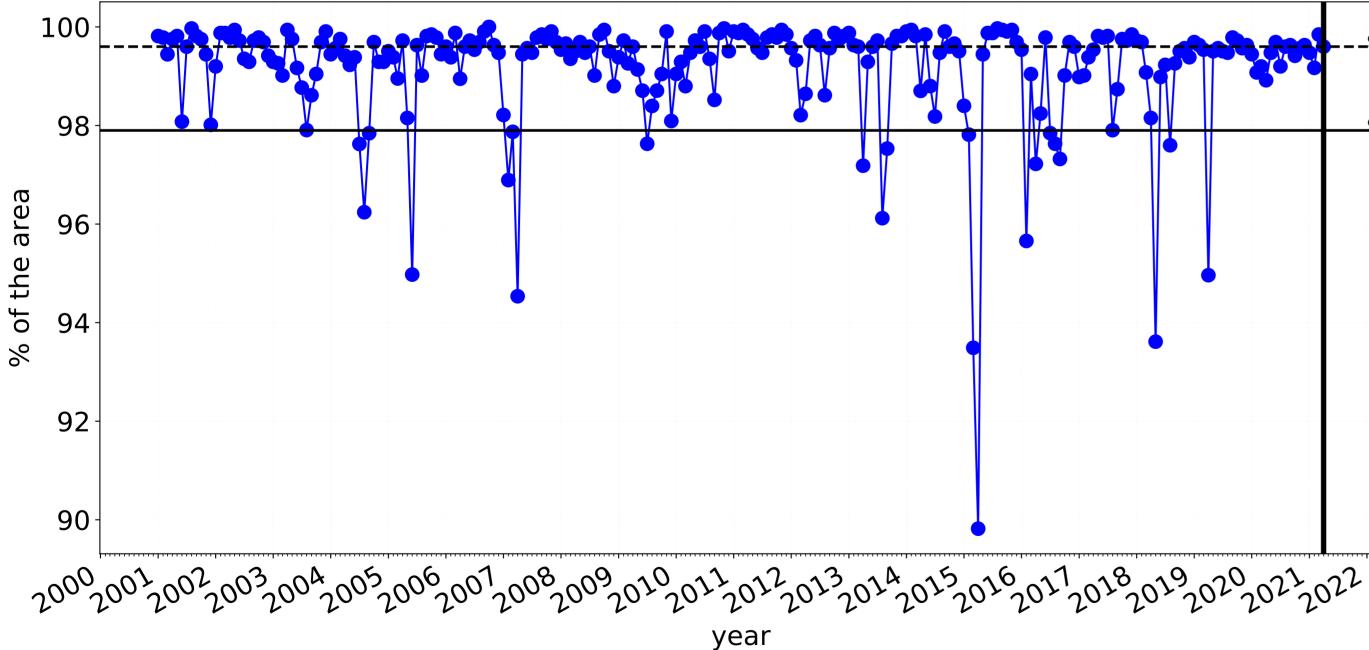


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

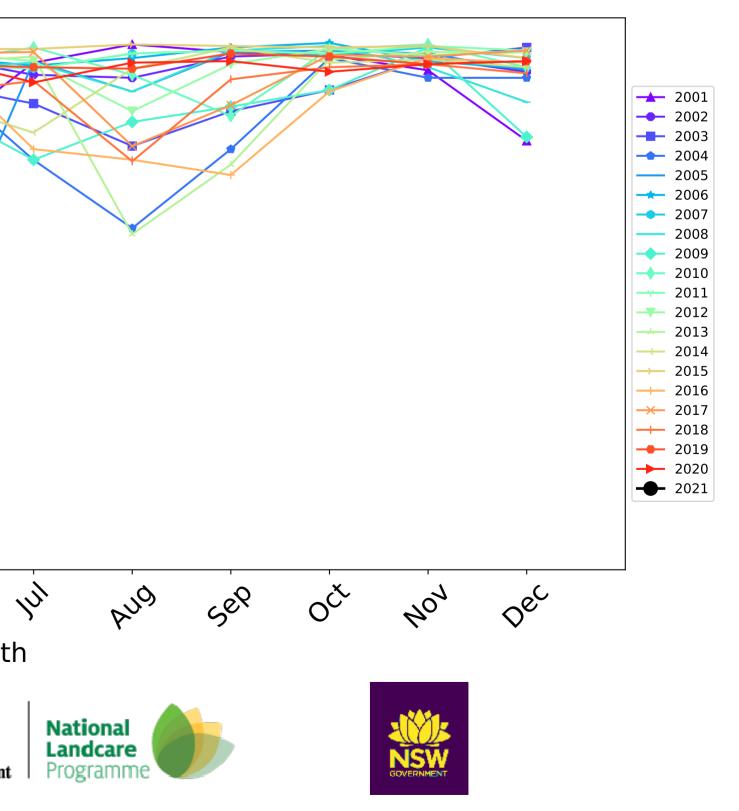
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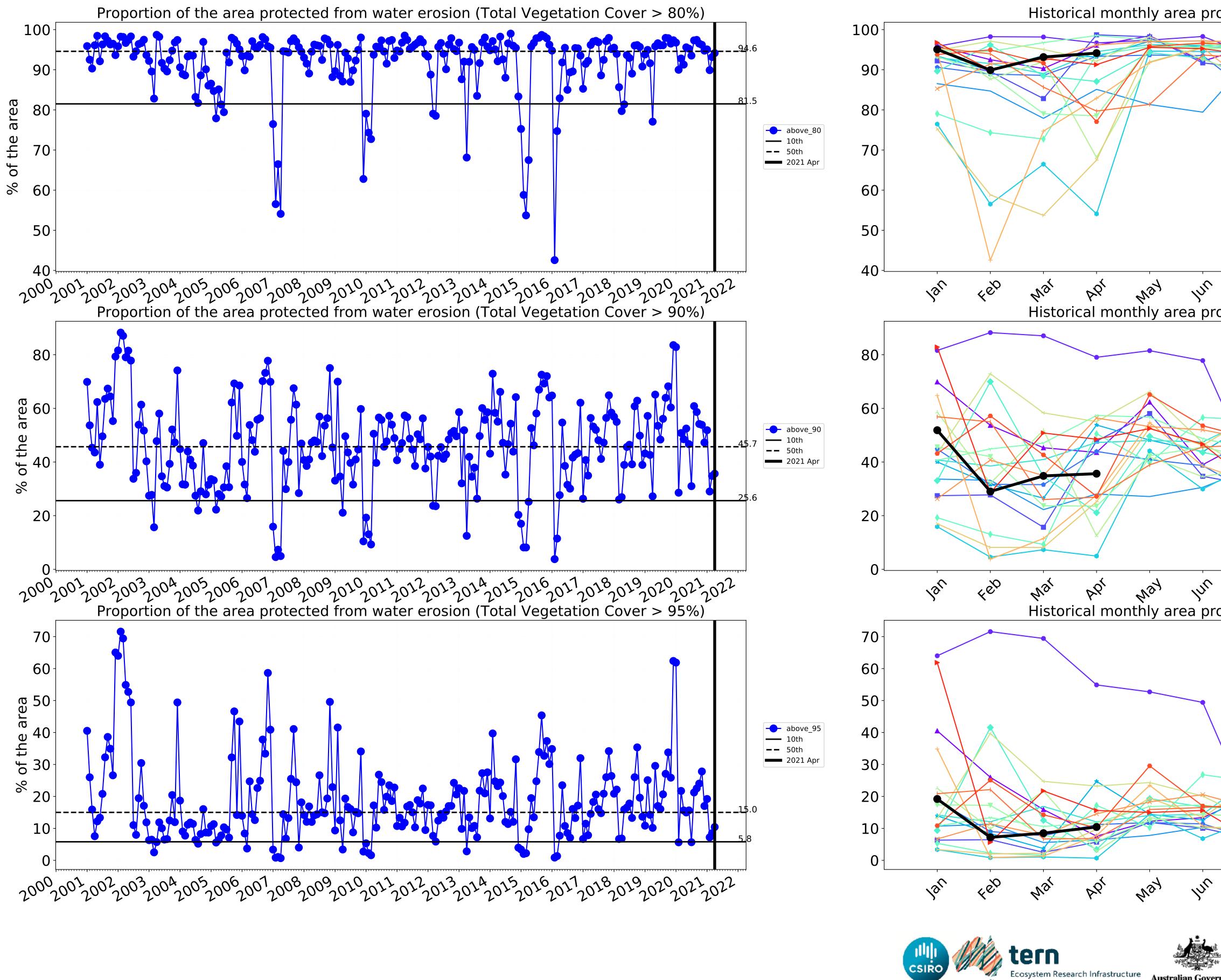


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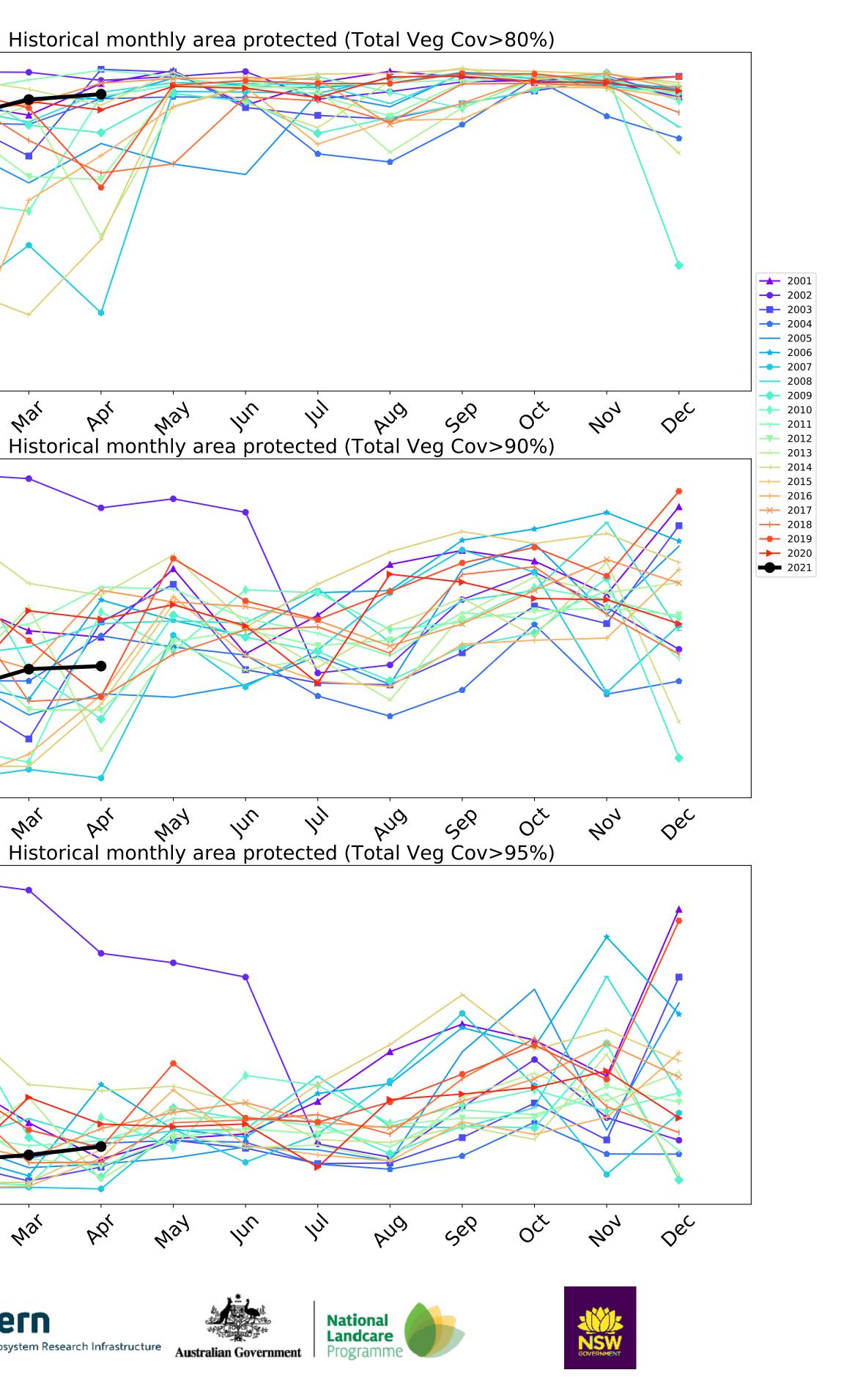




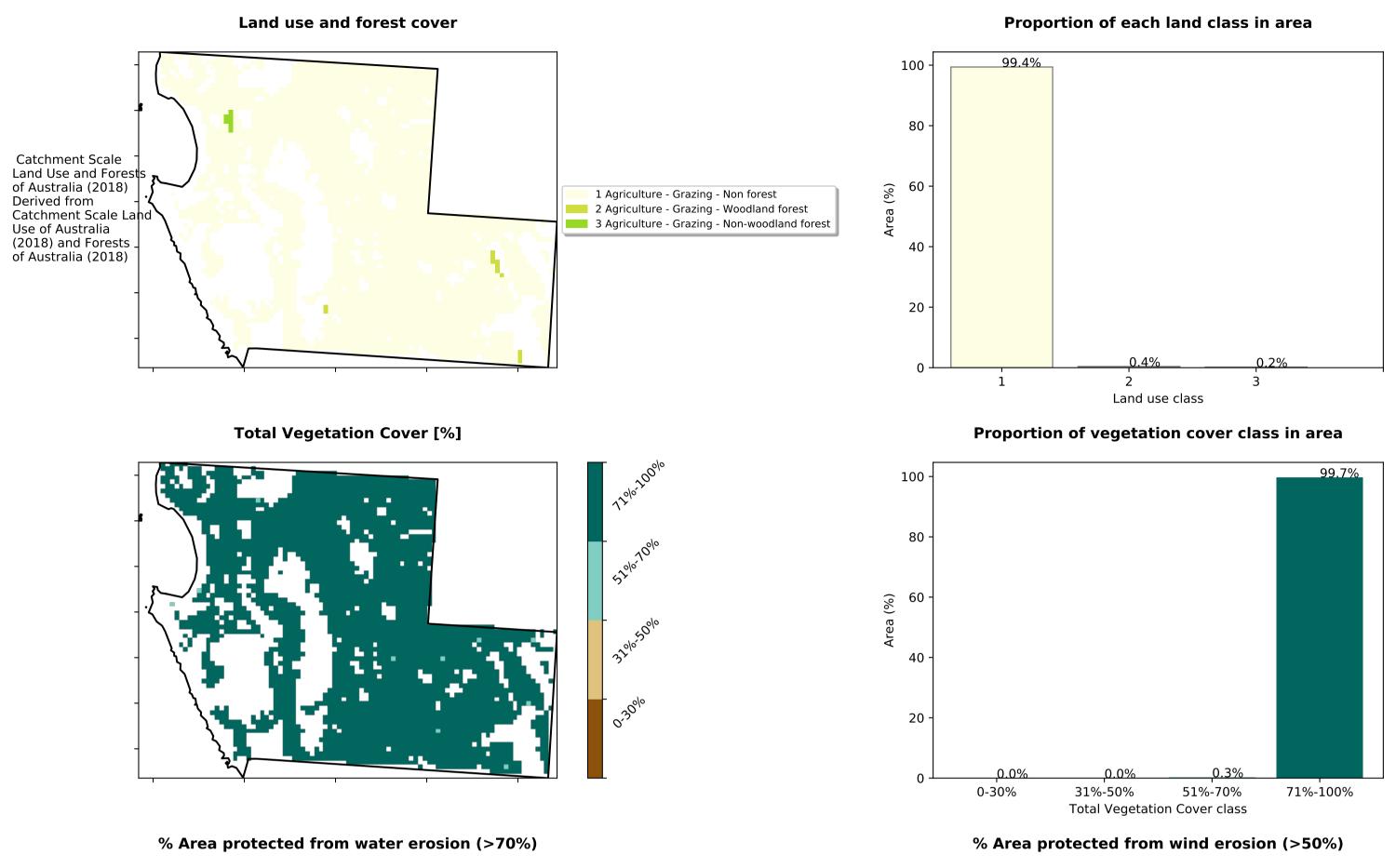
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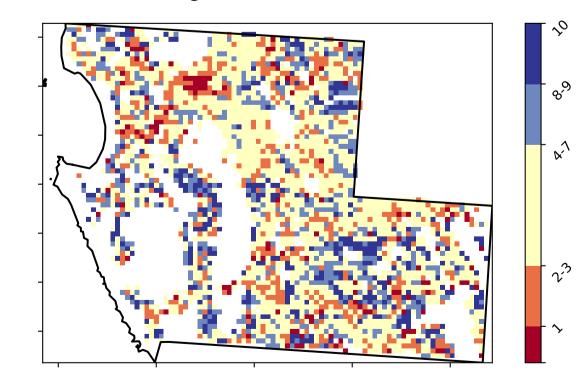




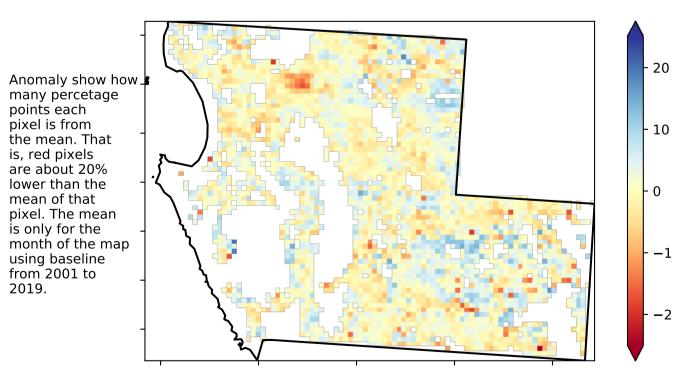




Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



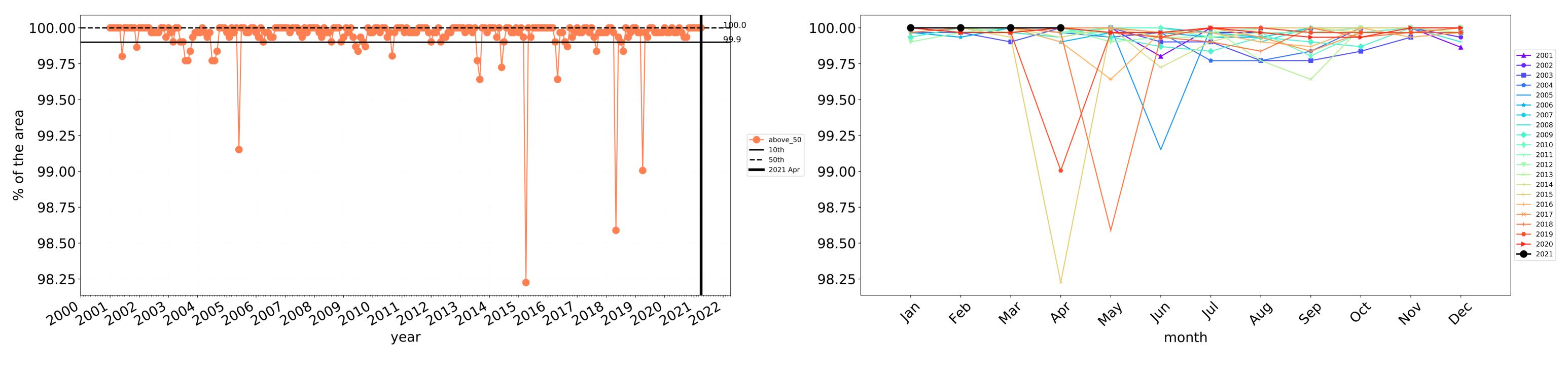
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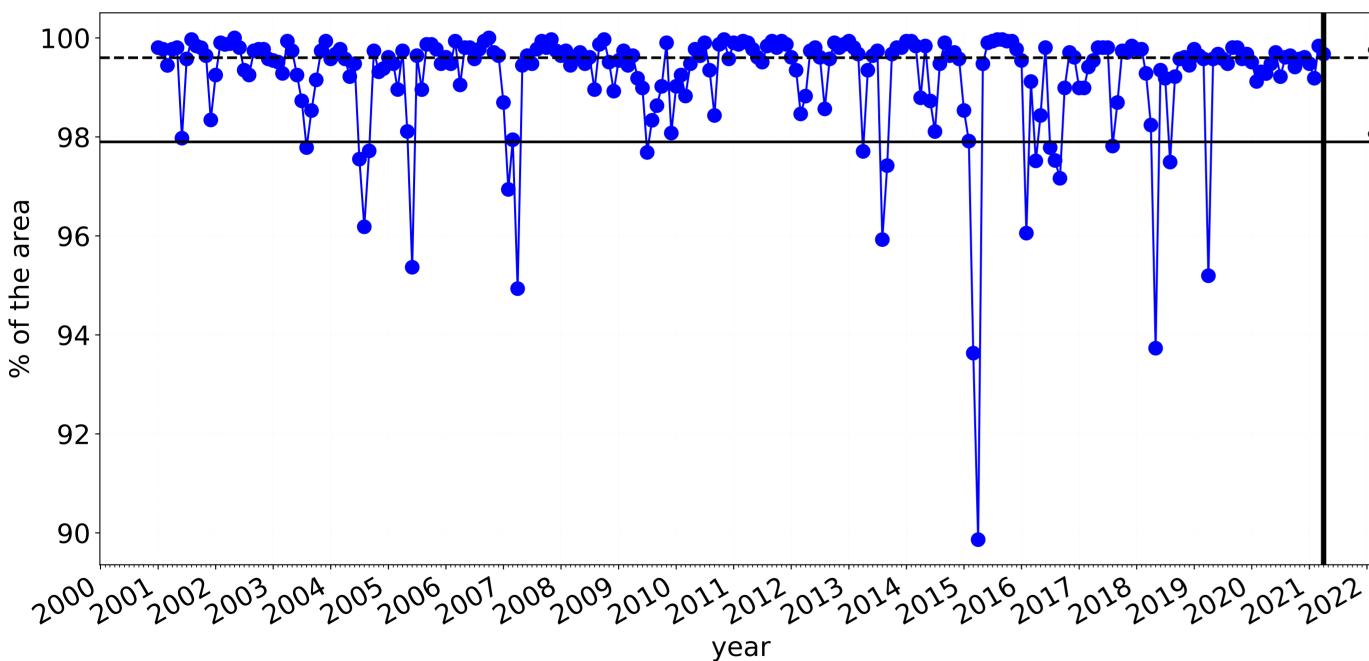
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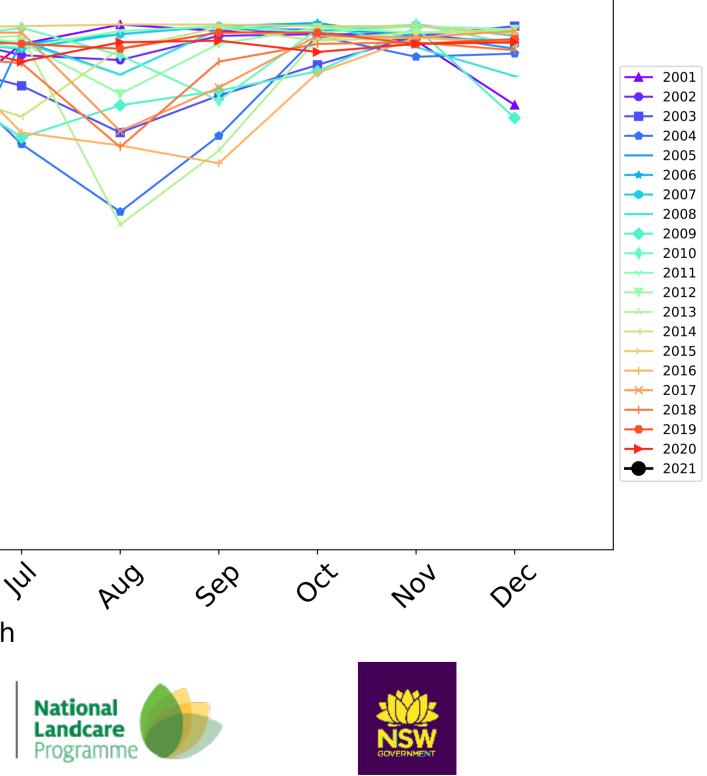
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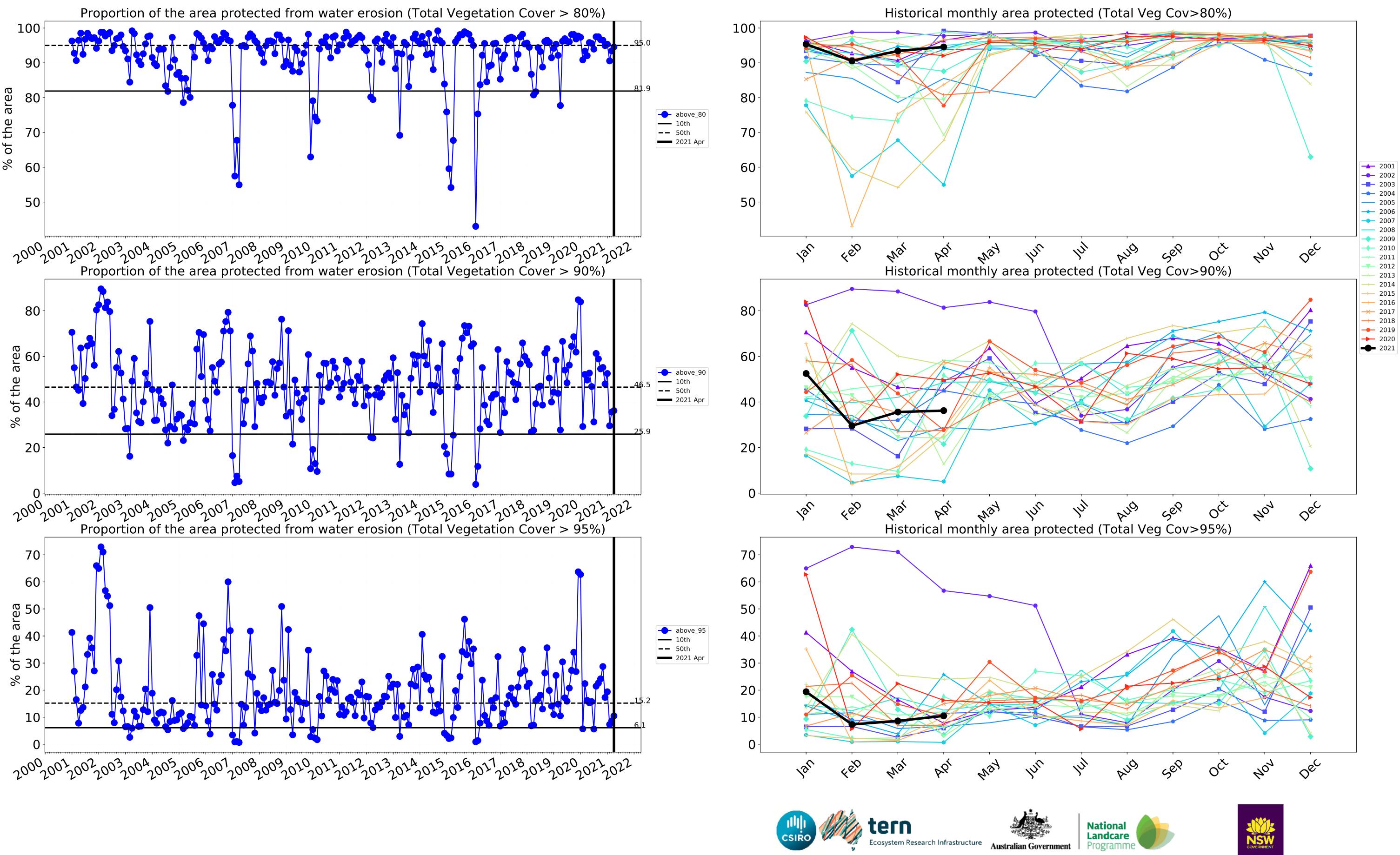


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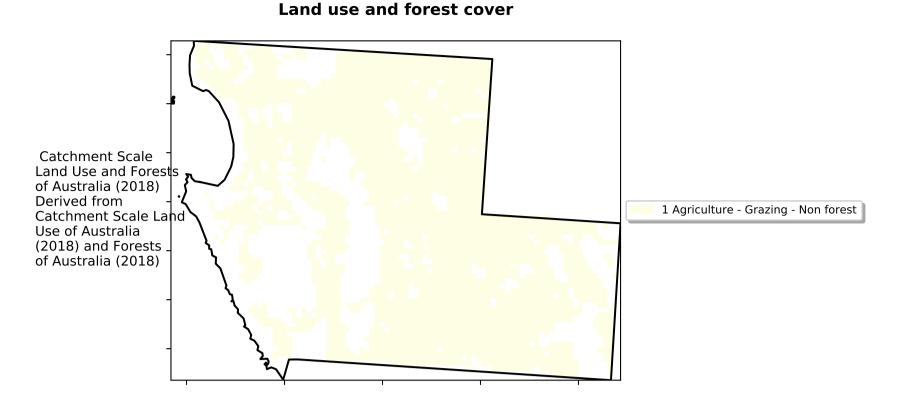
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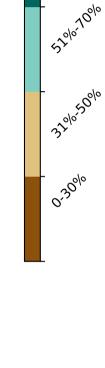


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





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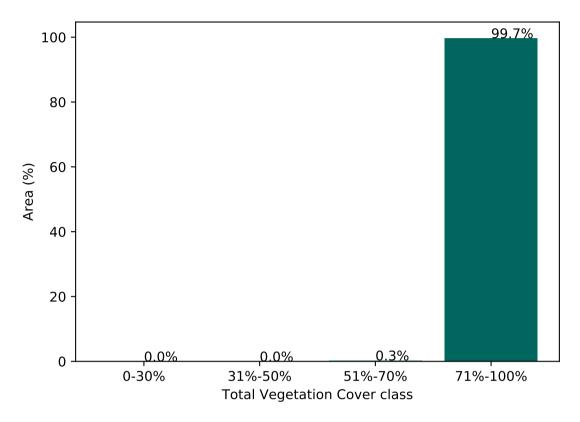
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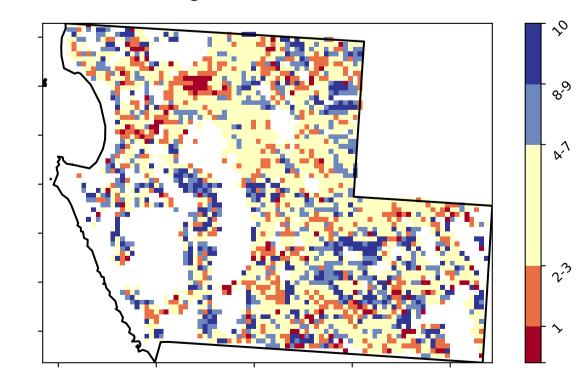
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



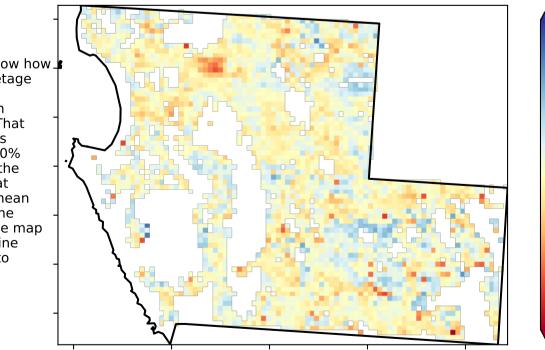
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

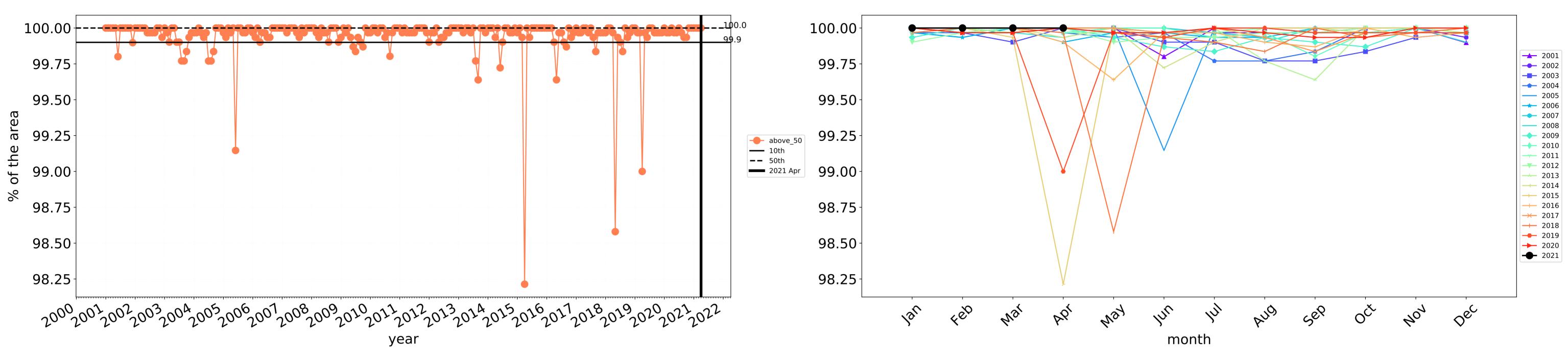


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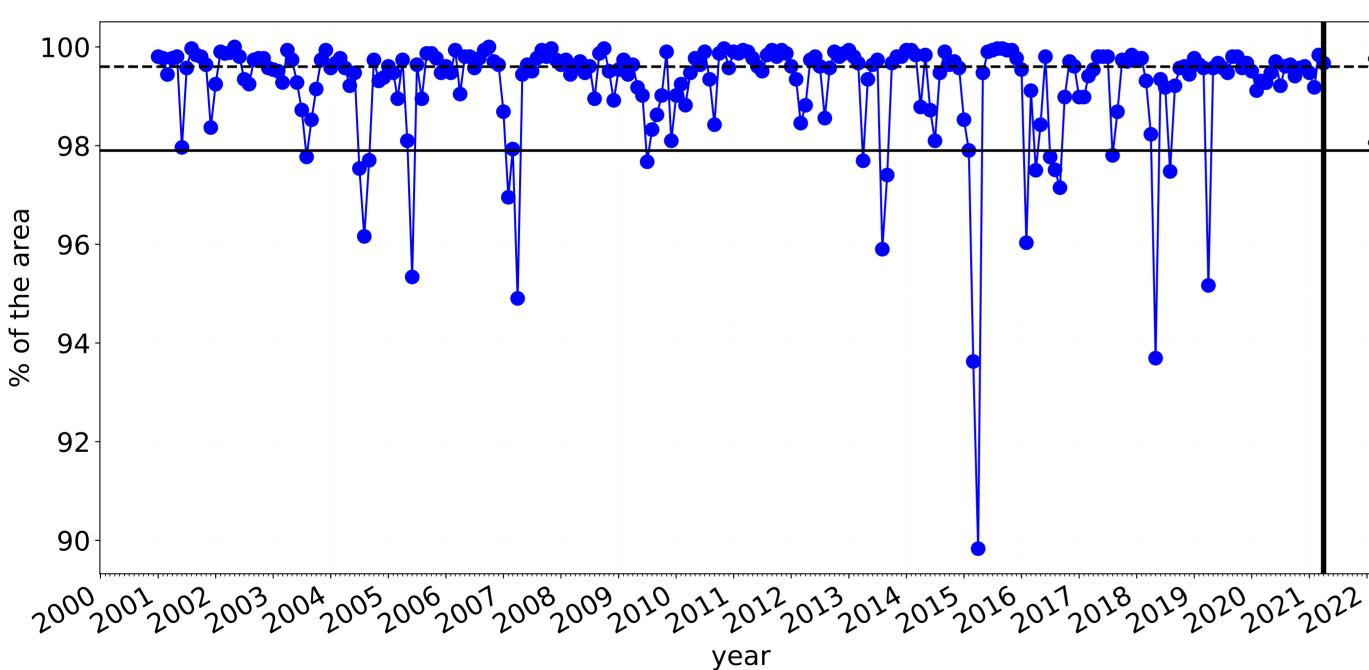
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

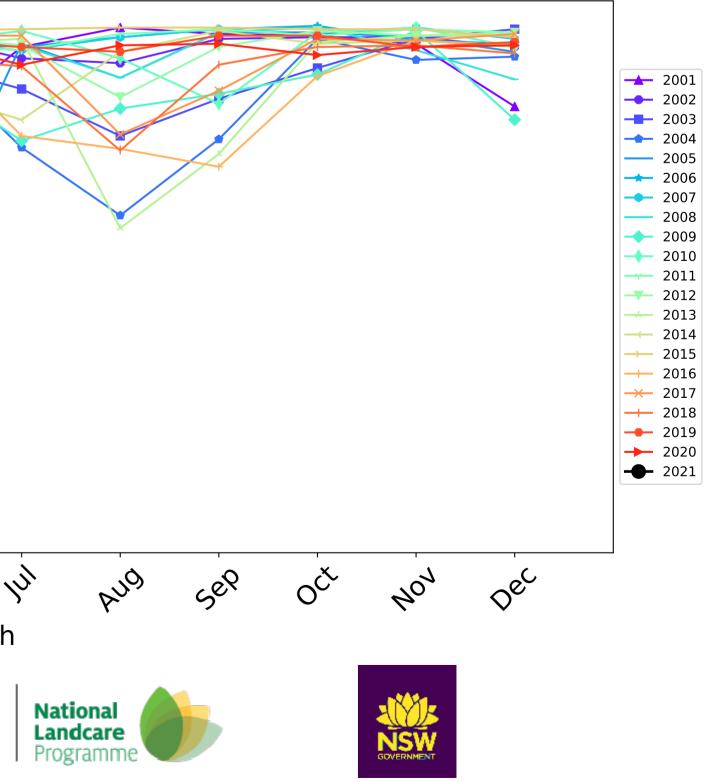
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

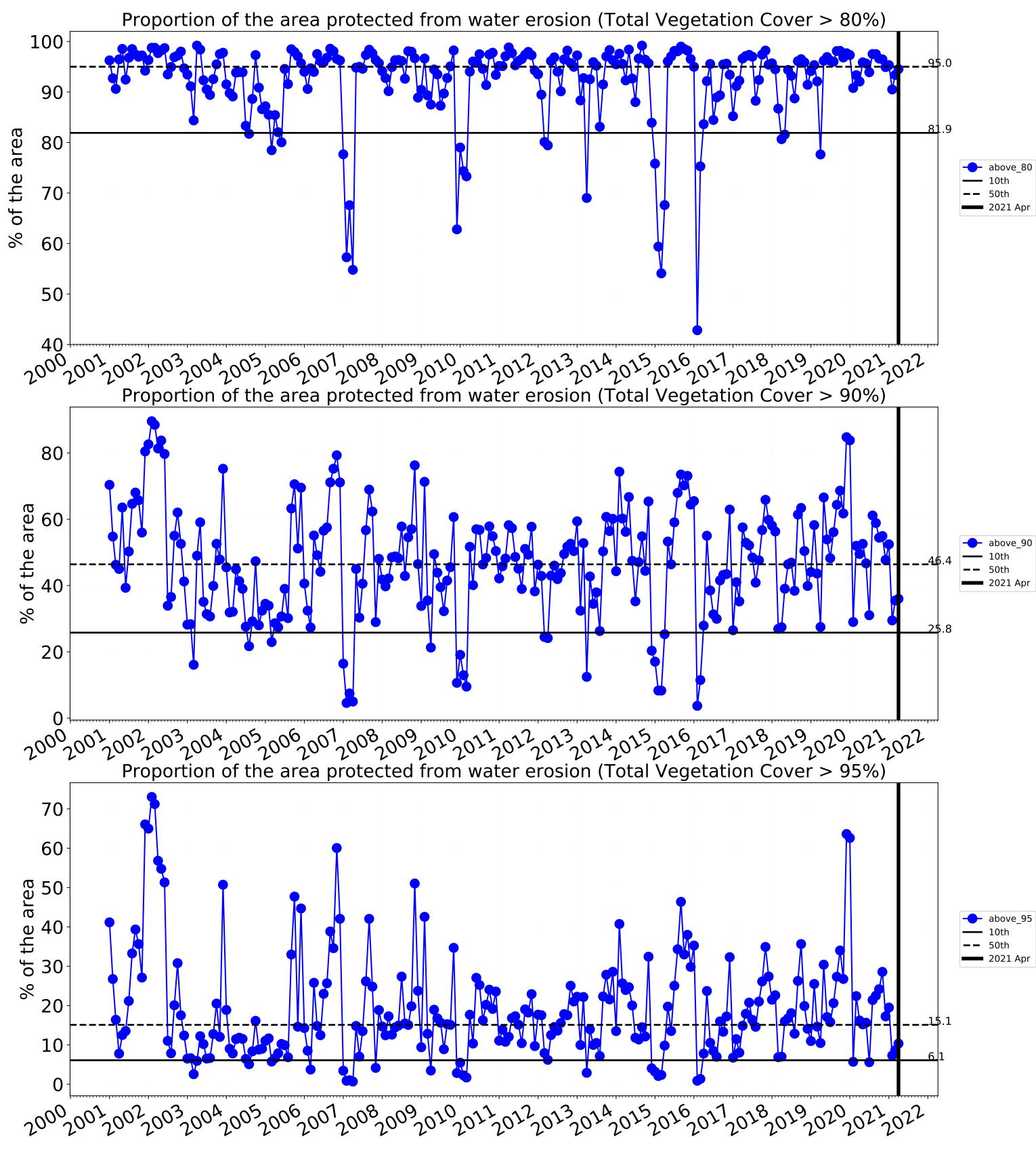


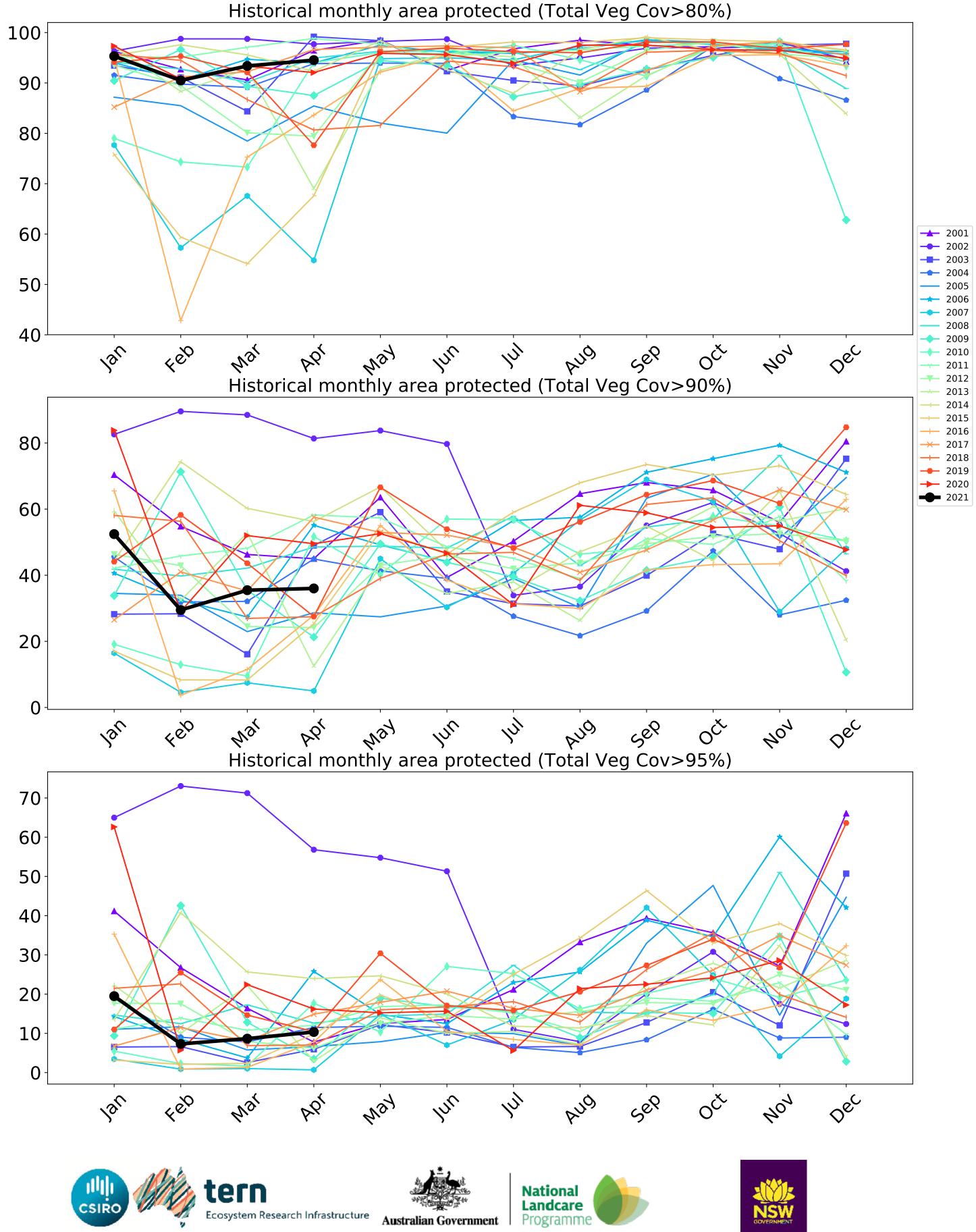
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

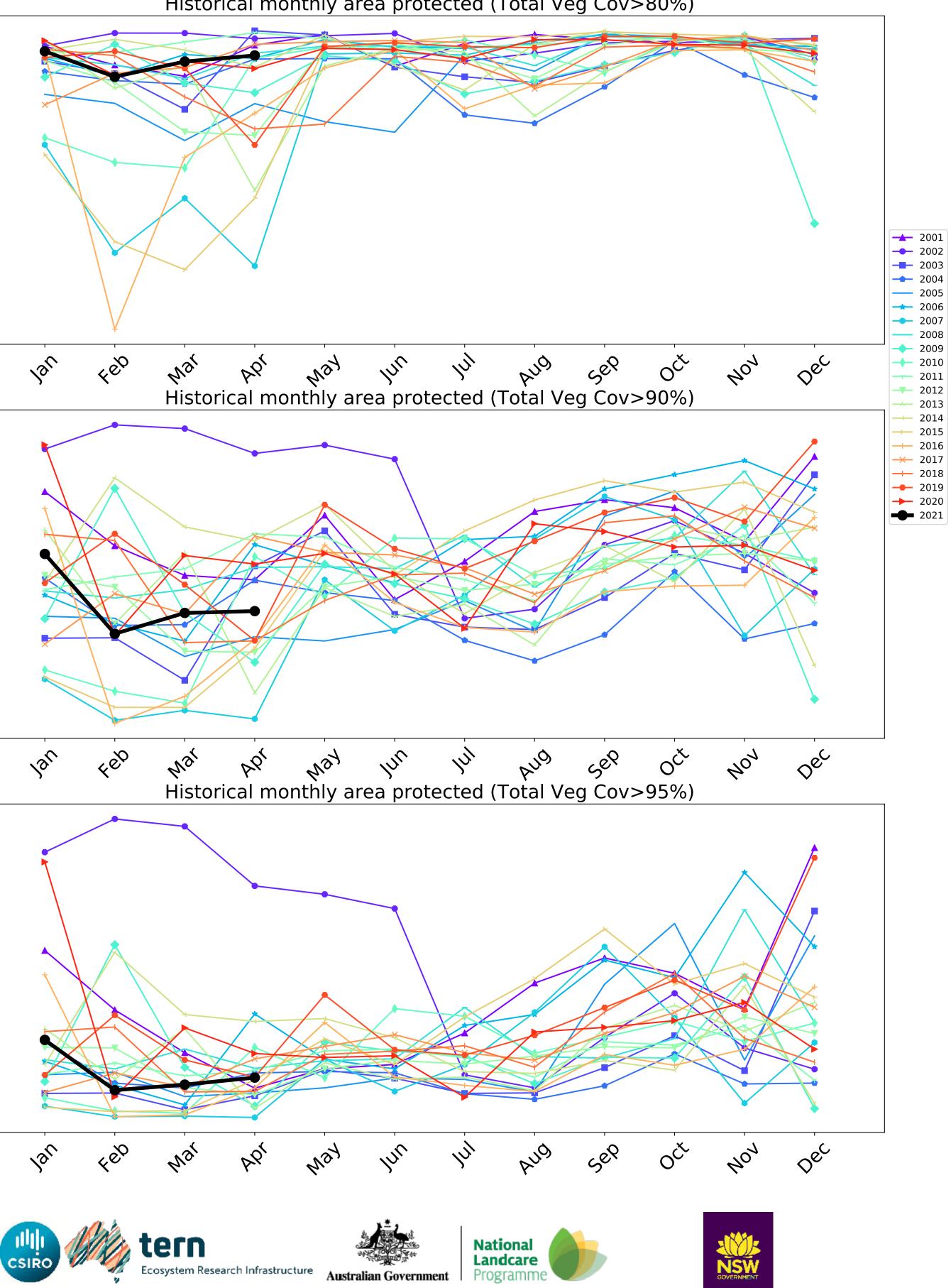
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

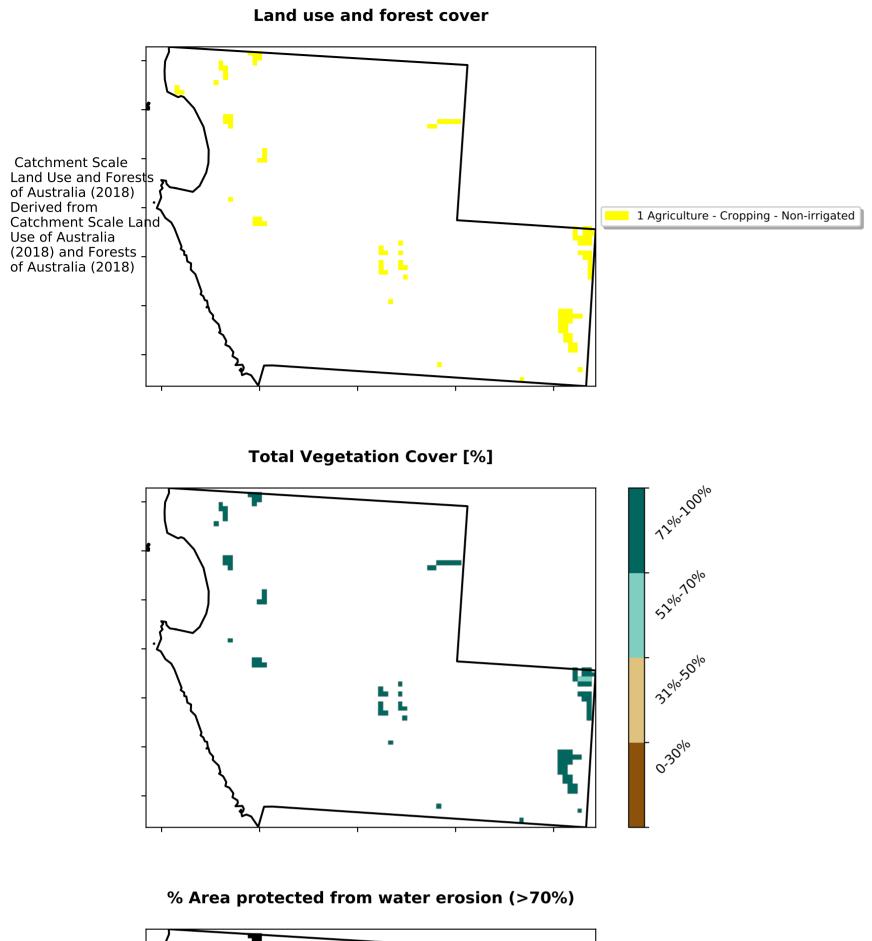






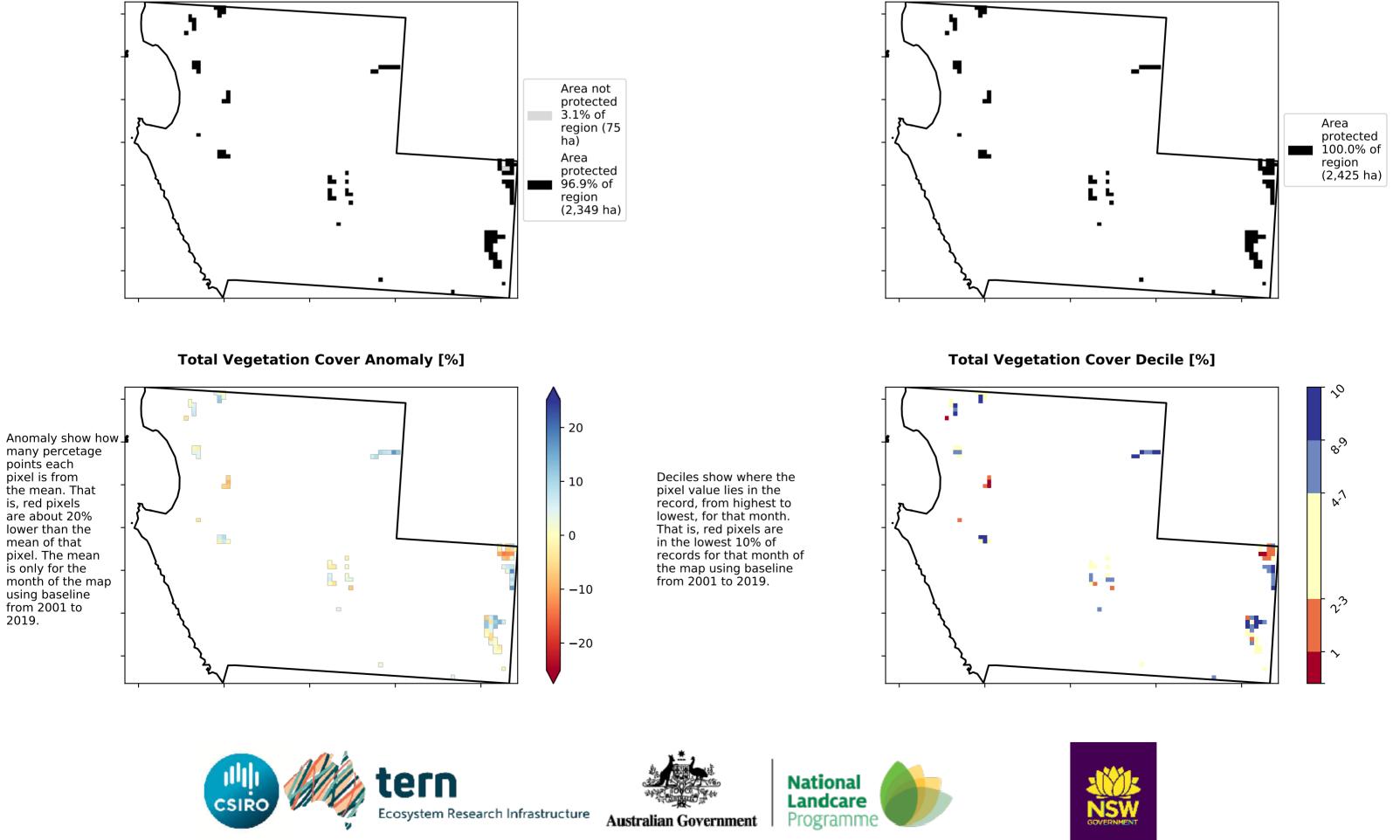


Cropping

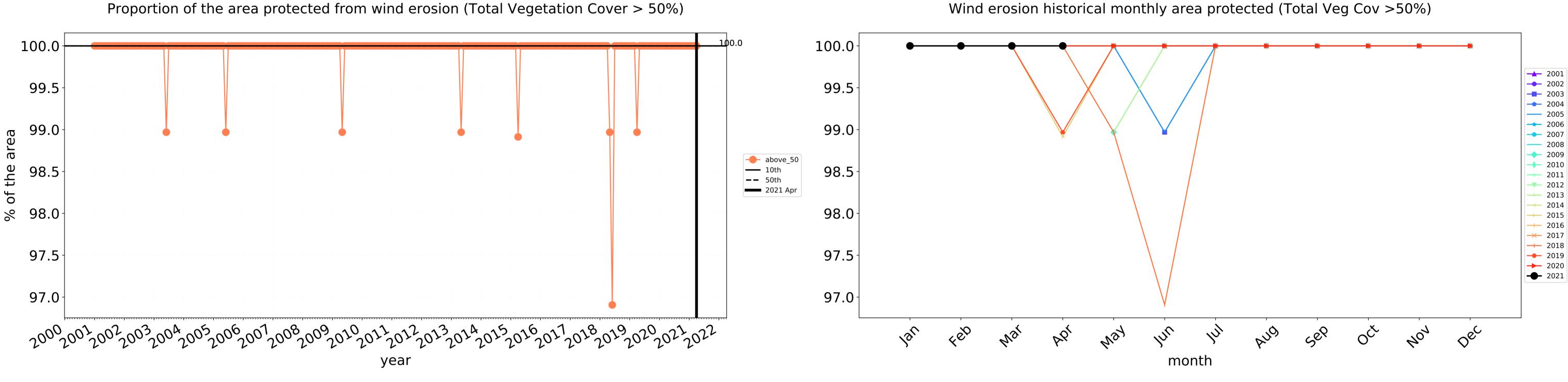


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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

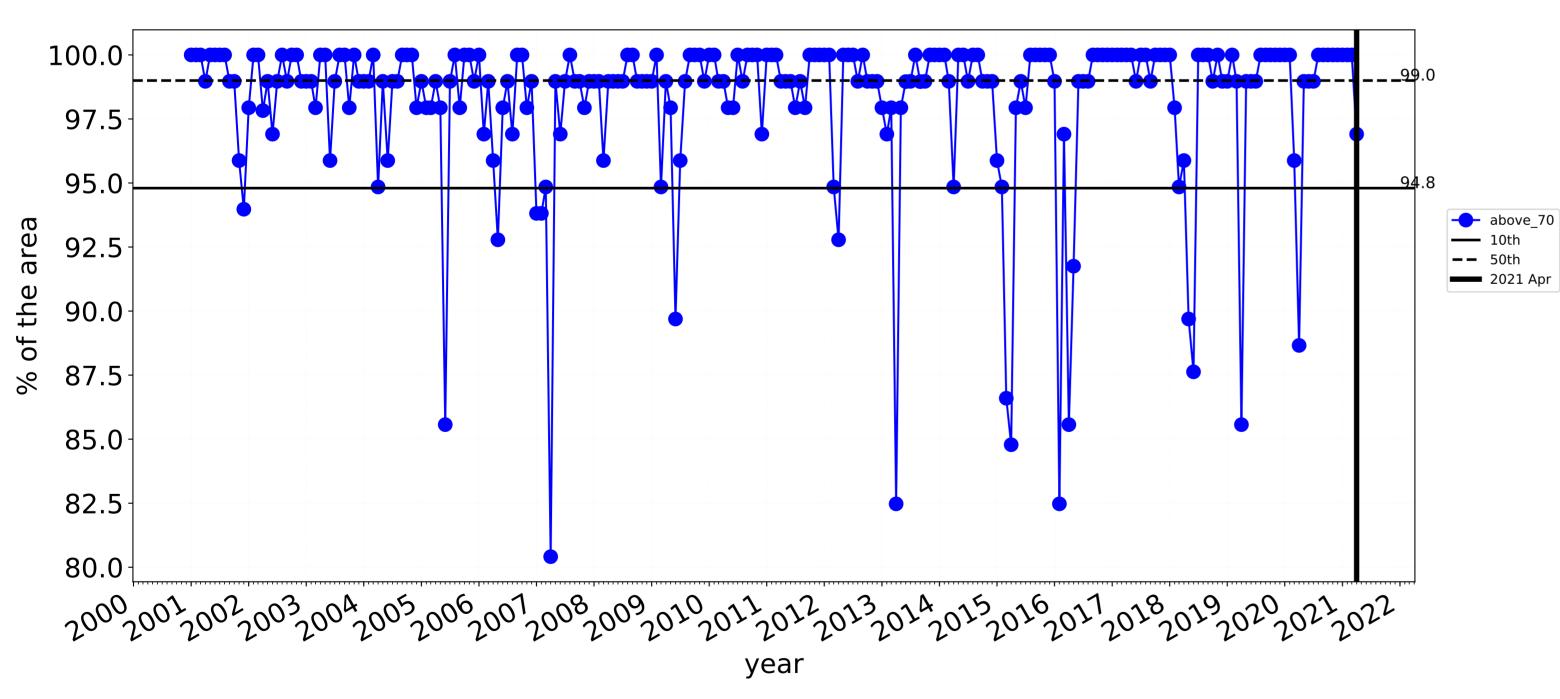


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



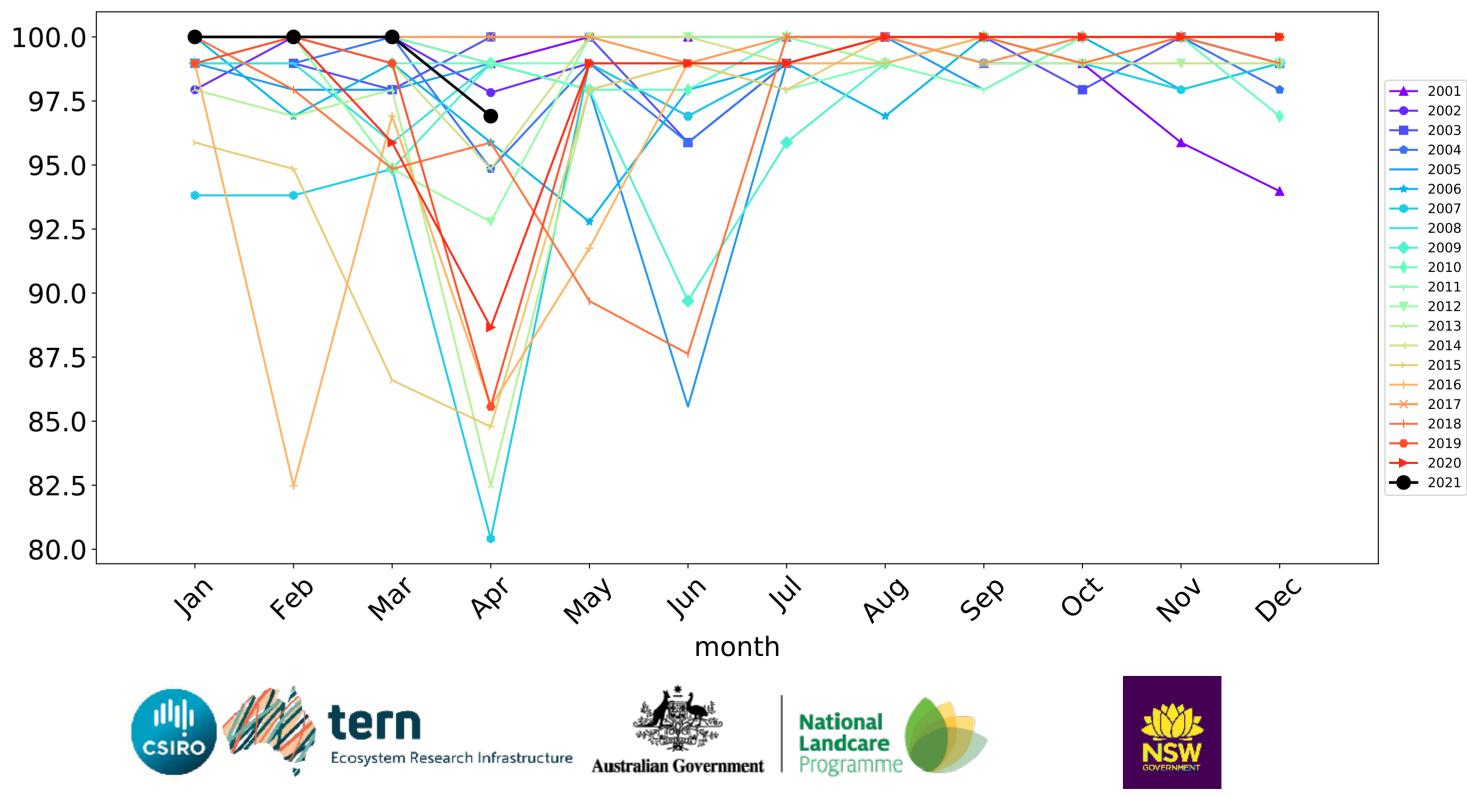
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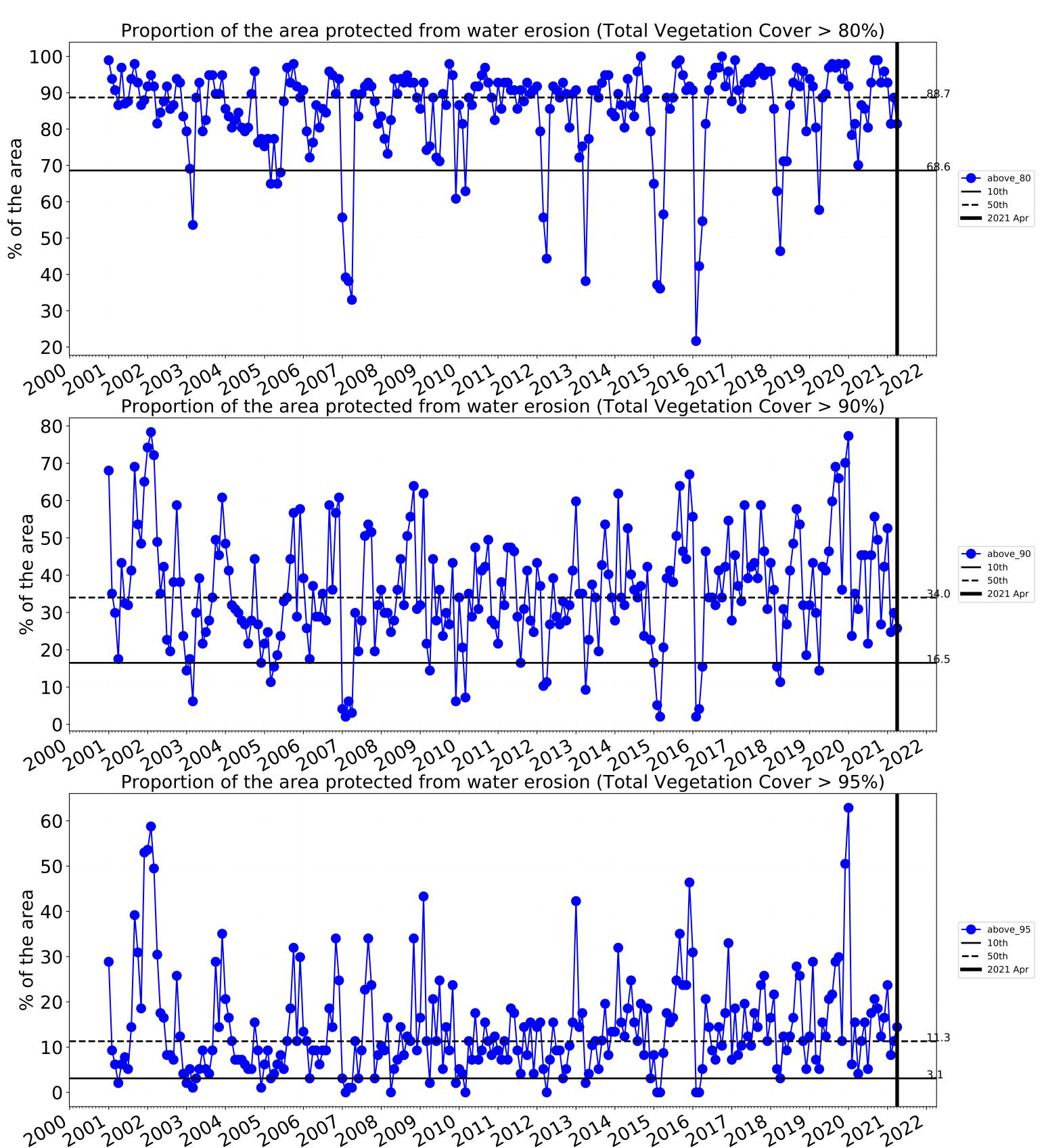
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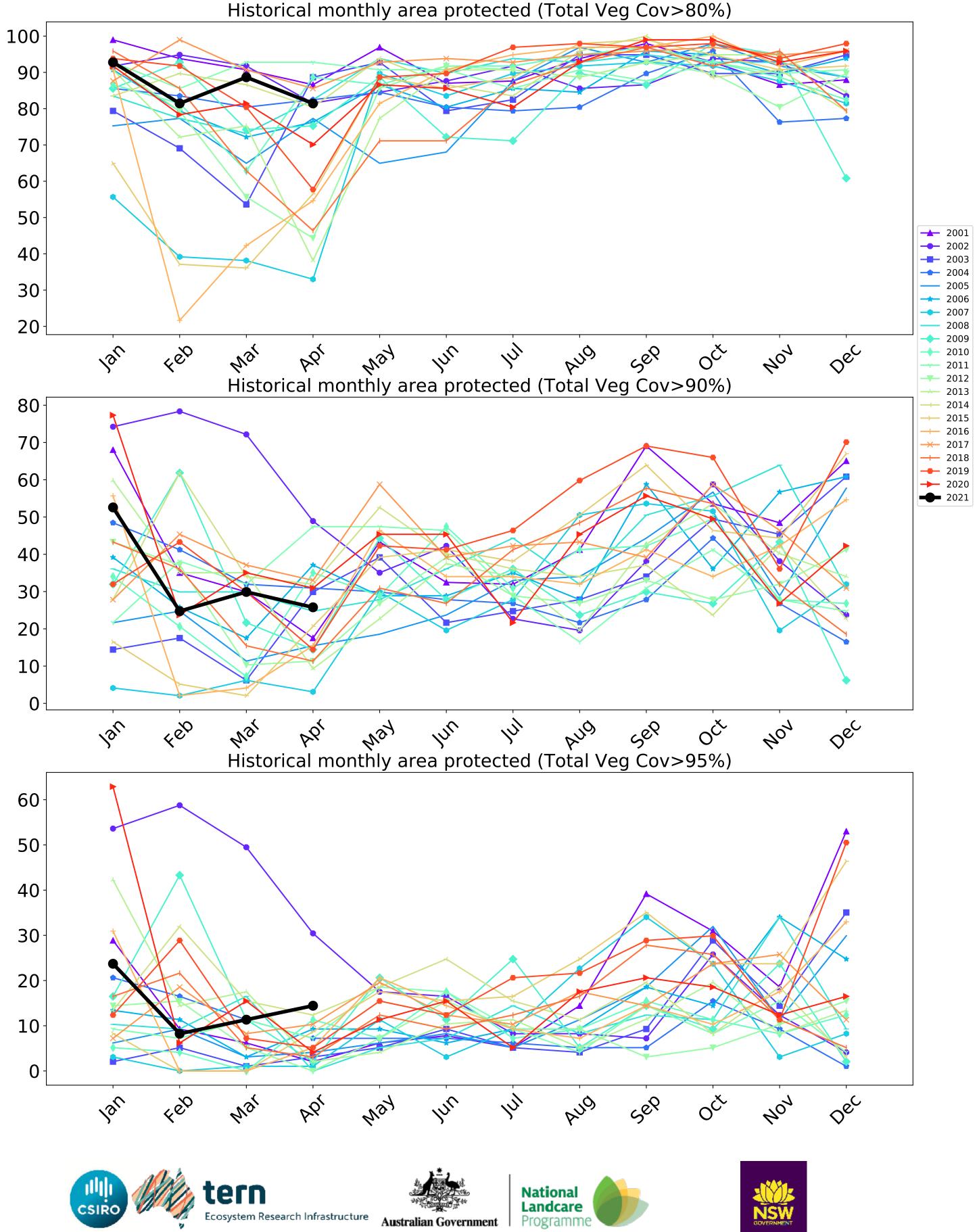


Cropping timeseries

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







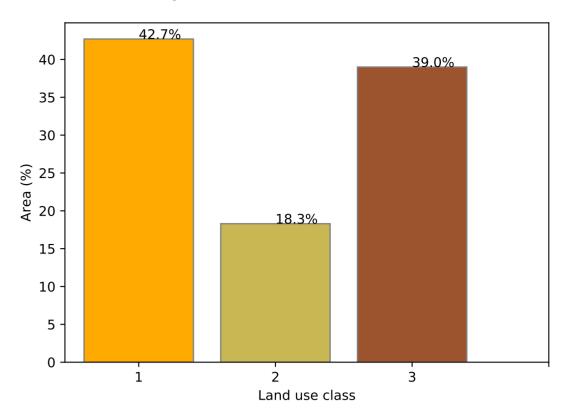


Irrigation

Catchment Scale Land Use and forest cover

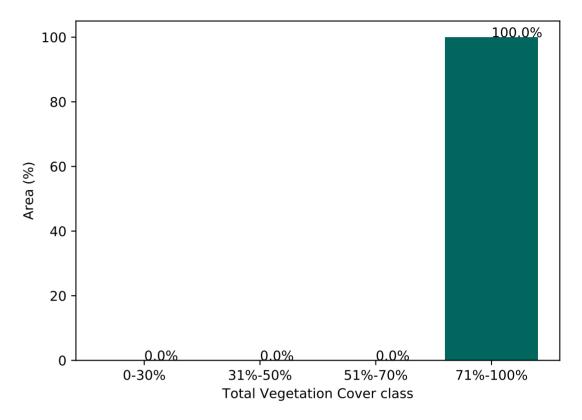
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



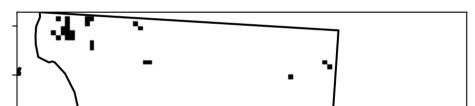


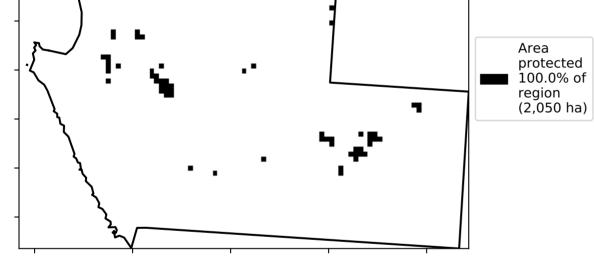
Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

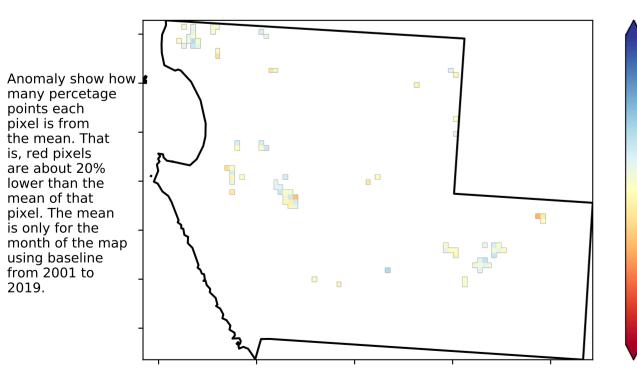


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

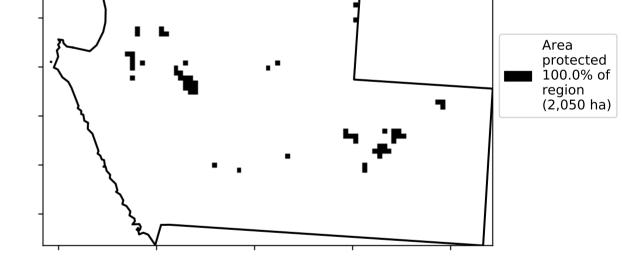




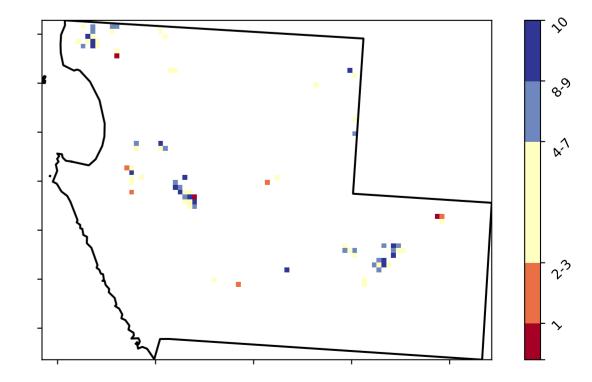
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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 [%]





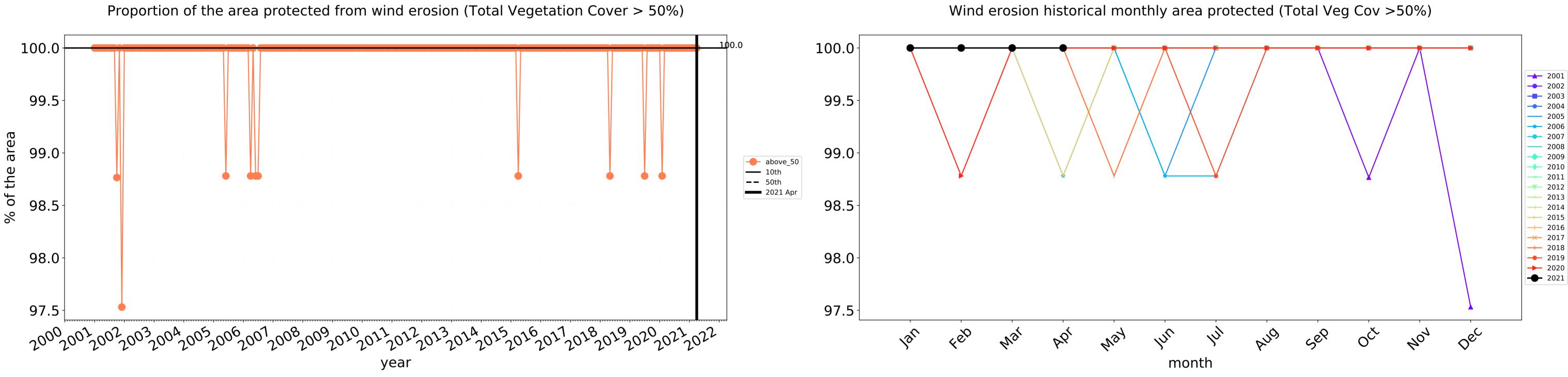
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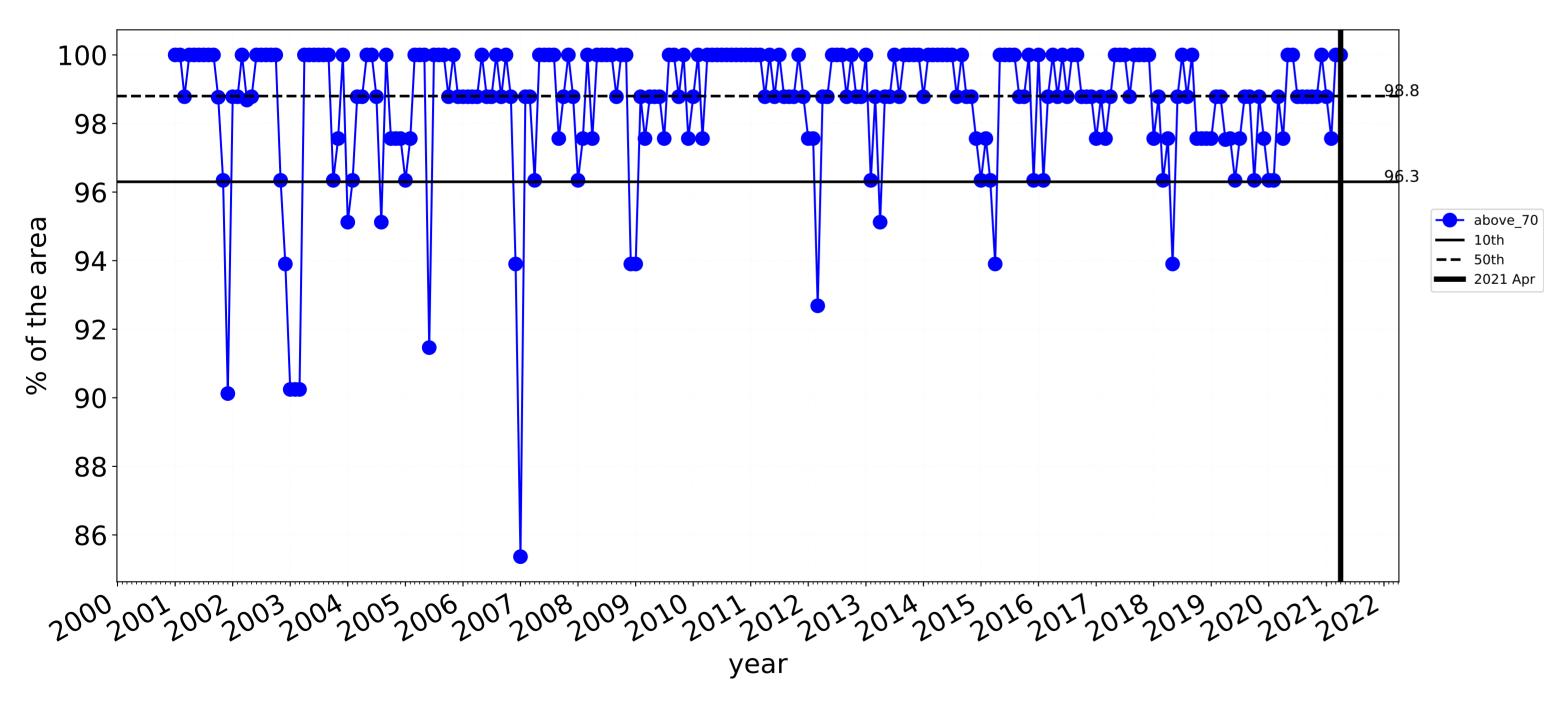
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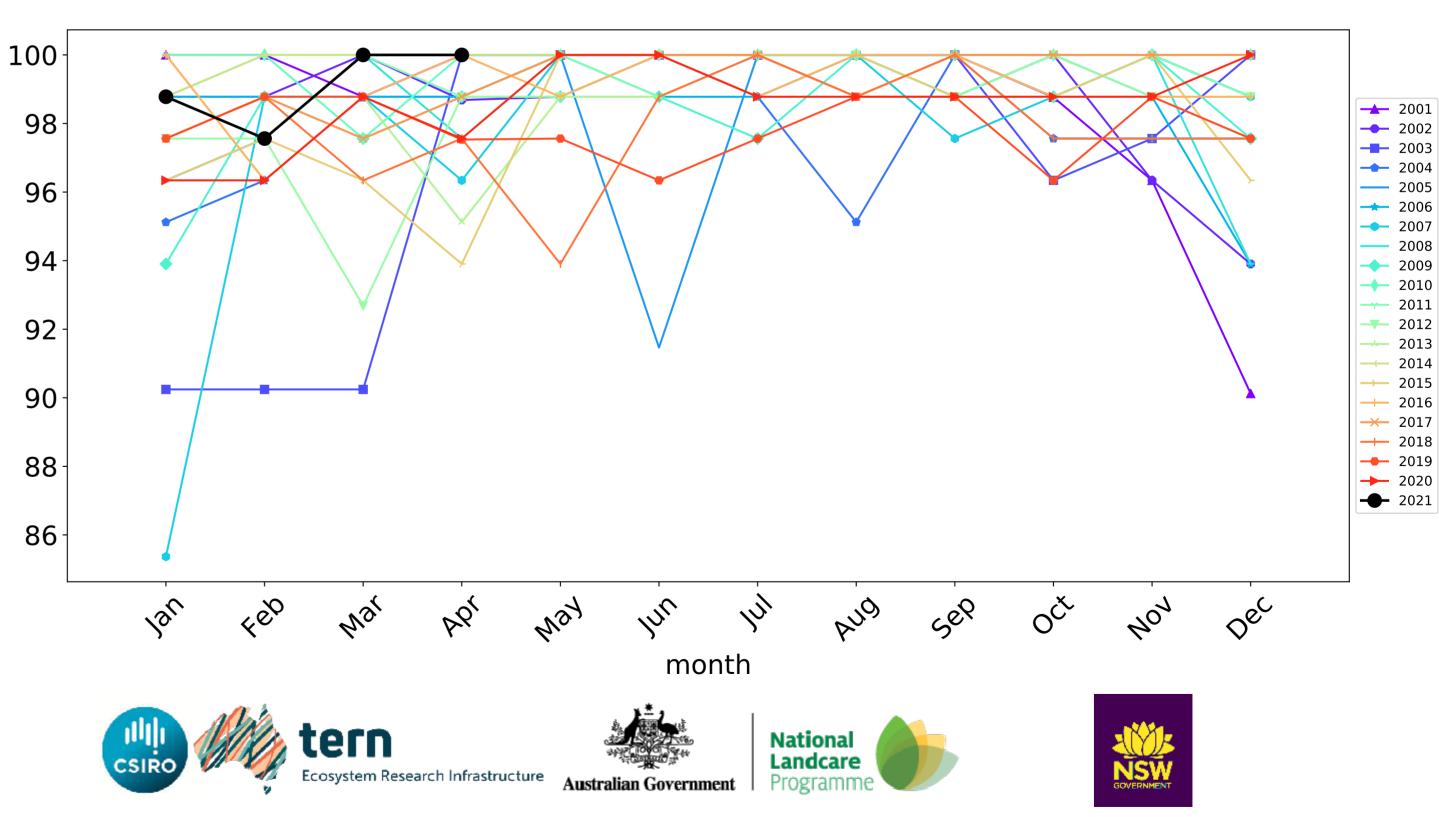
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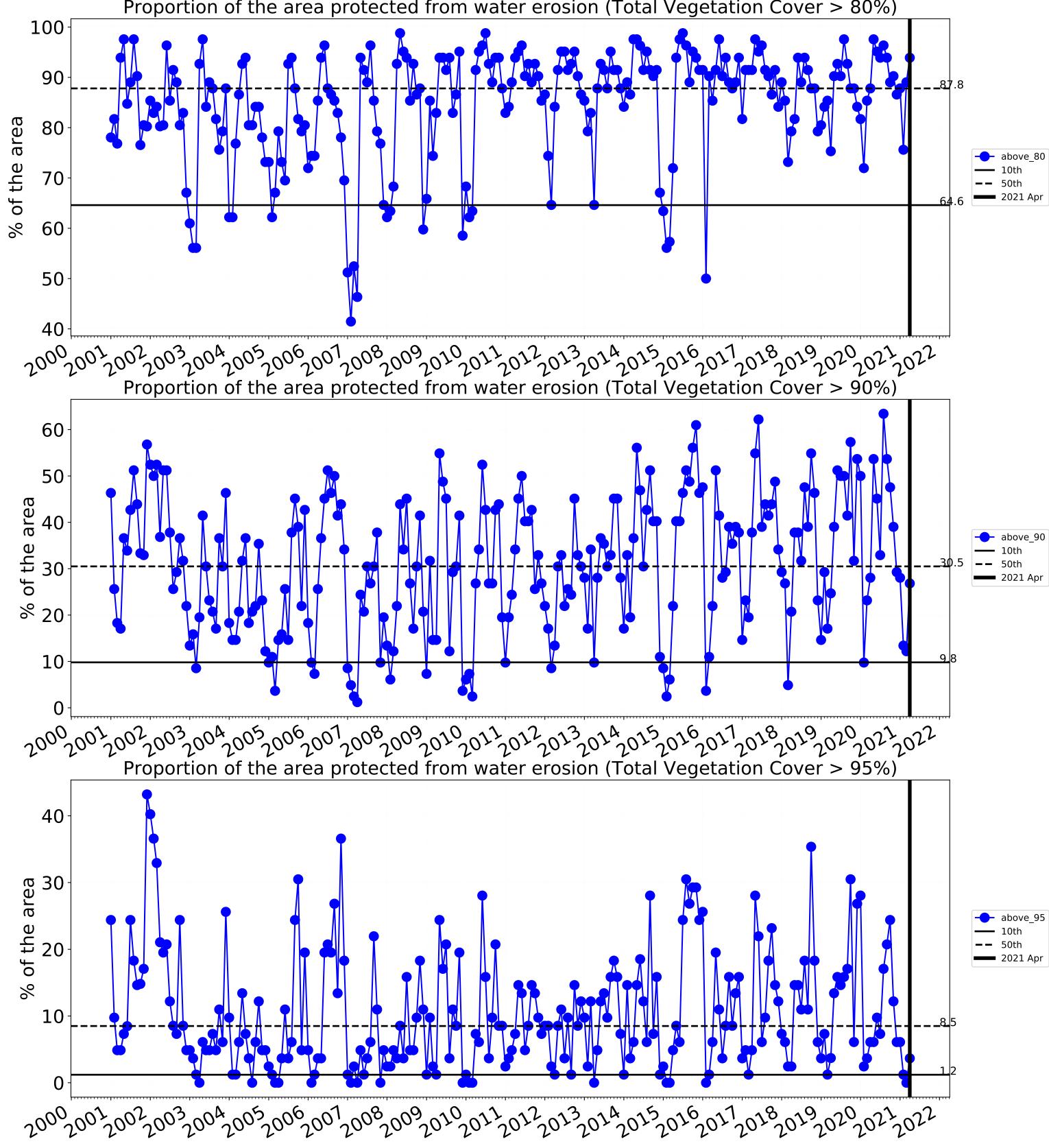






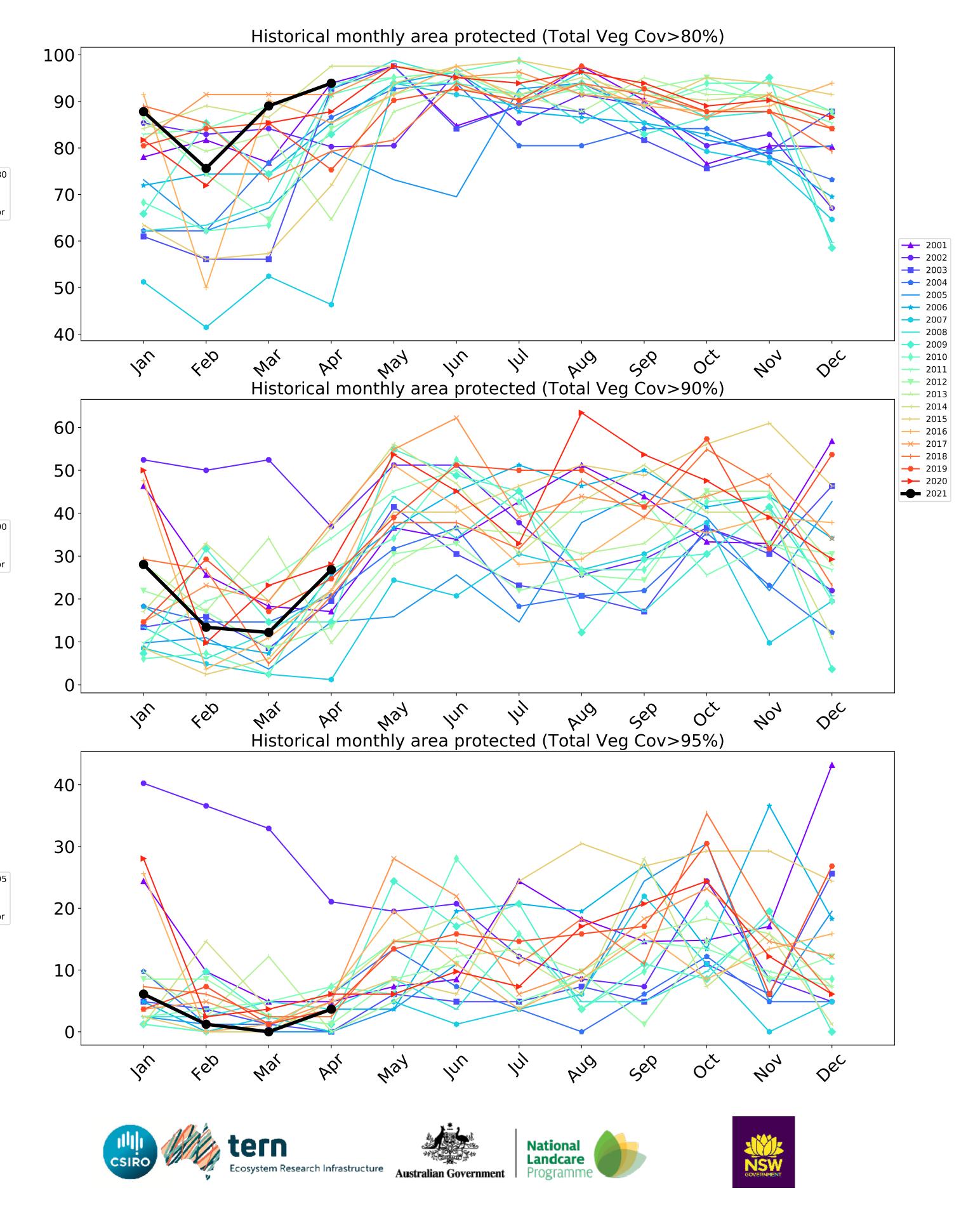


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

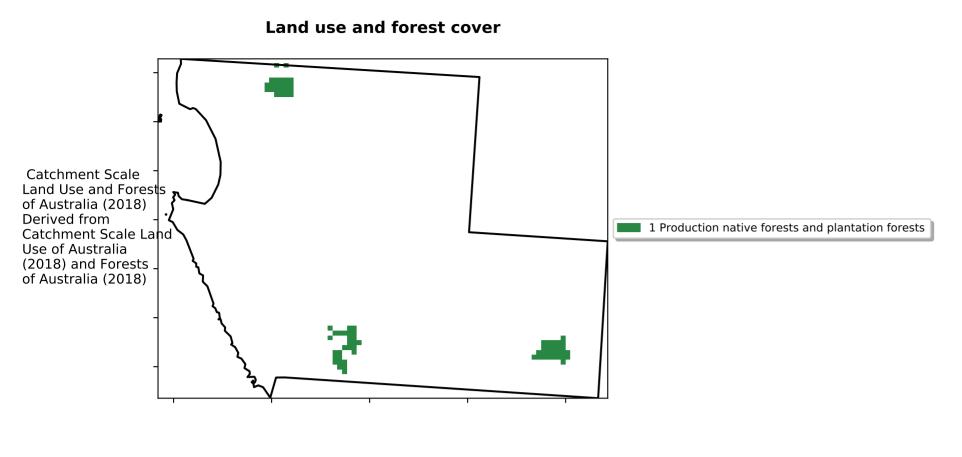


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

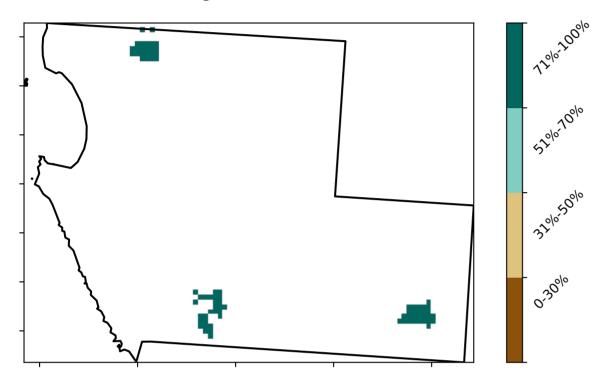




Production native forests and plantation forests



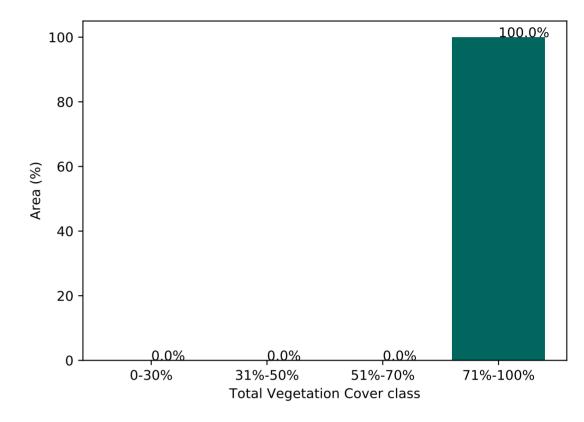
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



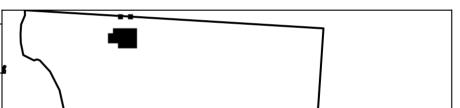
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

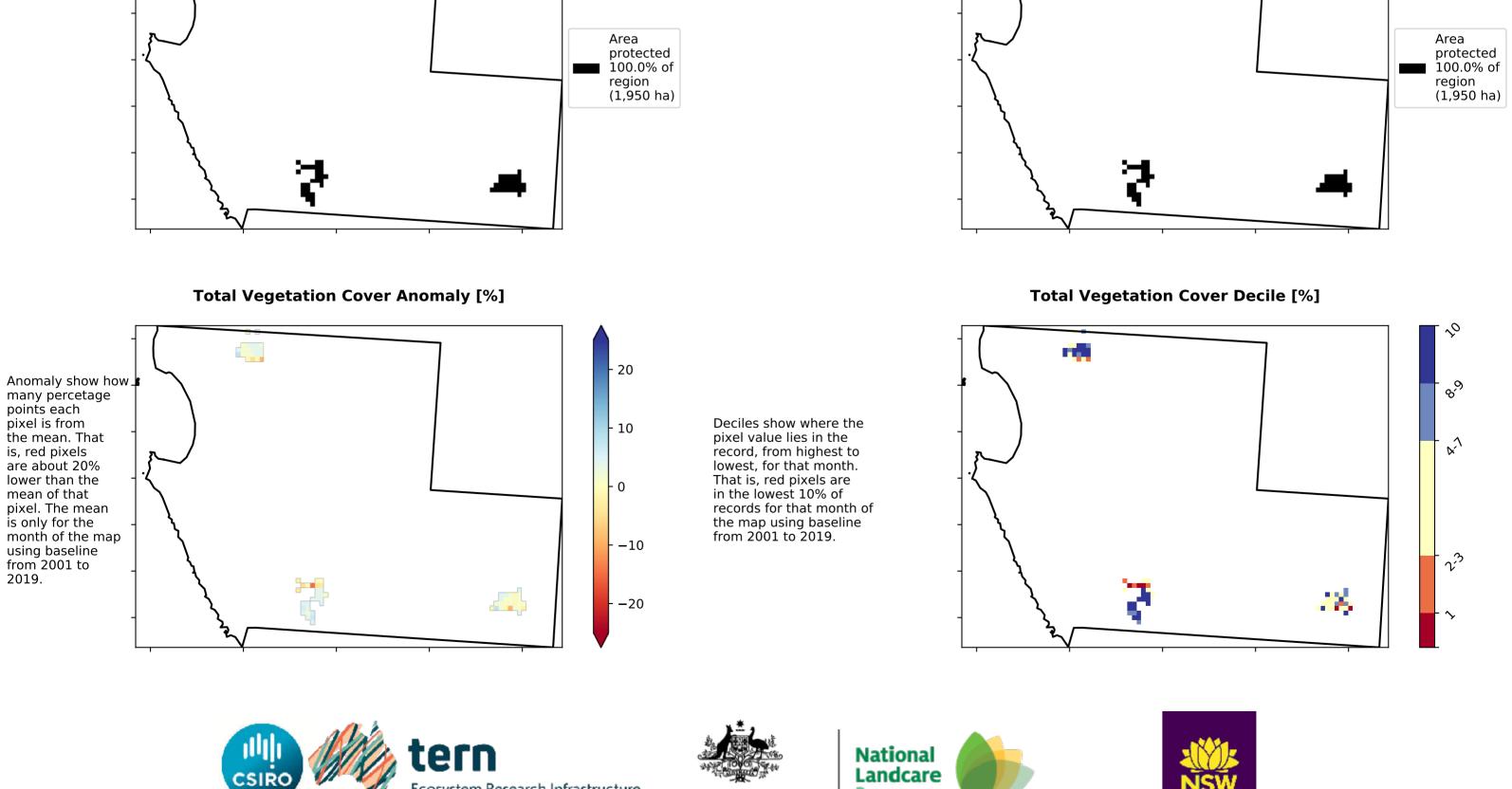


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





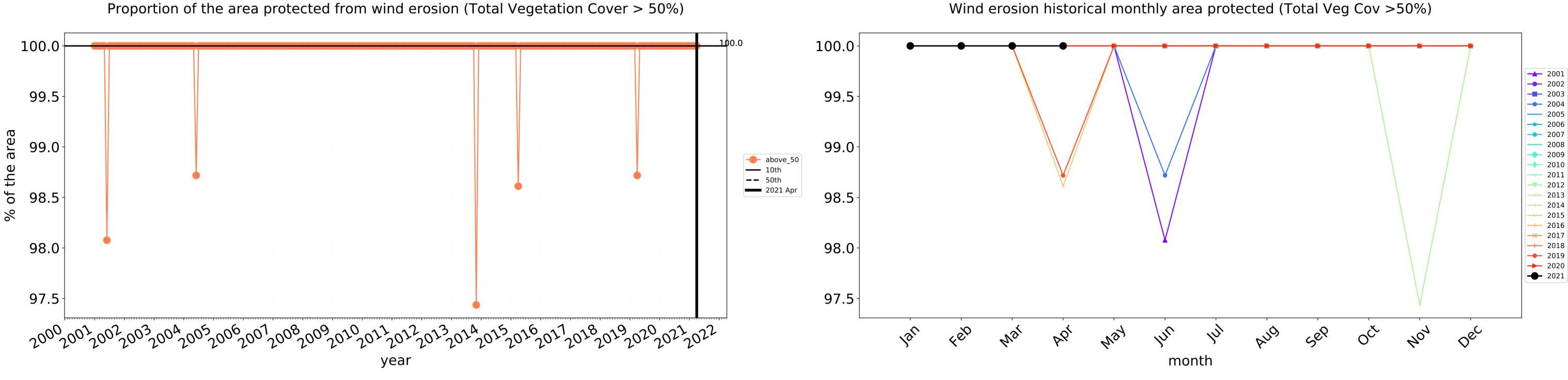
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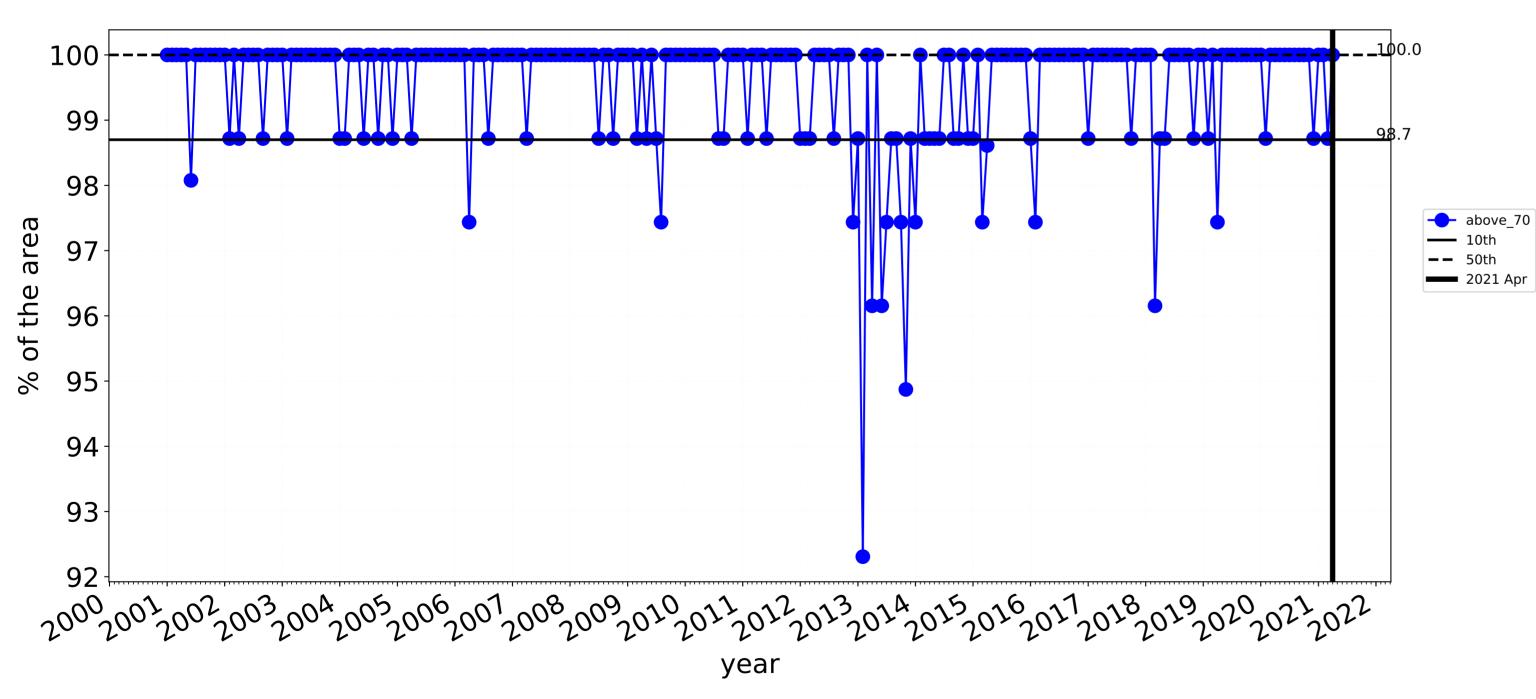
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Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

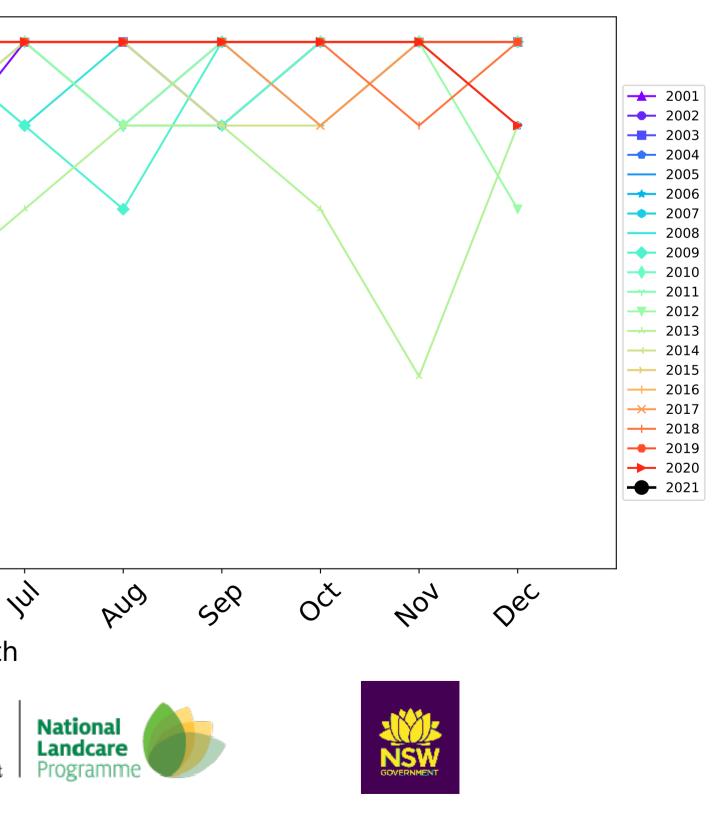


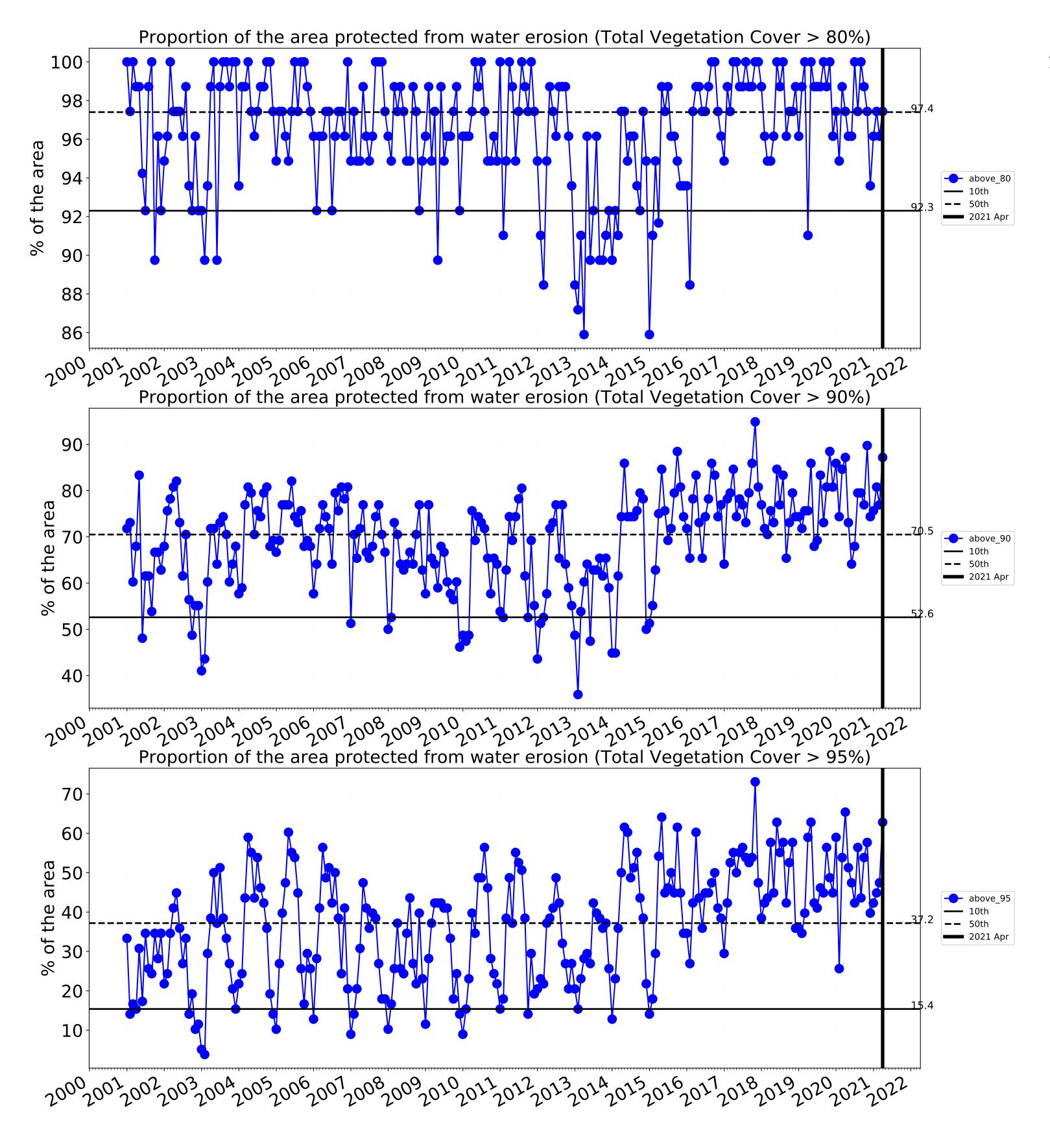
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

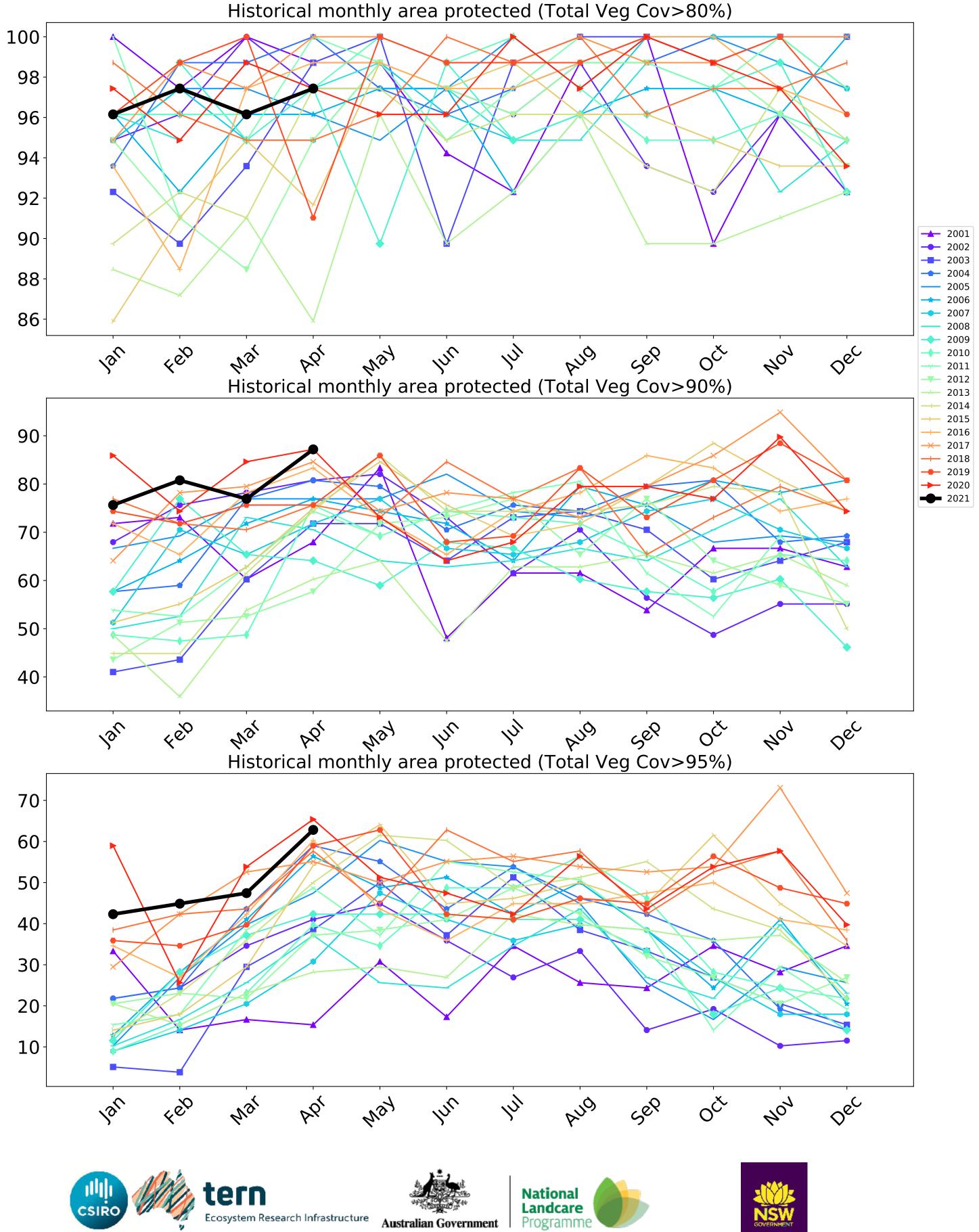


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)









Robe_(DC) (103,150 ha and no data 6,043 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	103,150	100.0% 103,125	99.9% 103,025	99.2% 102,375	94.3% 97,225	41.9% 43,175	15.9% 16,350
Conservation and natural environments	10,300	99.8% 10,275	99.5% 10,250	98.5% 10,150	96.4% 9,925	62.1% 6,400	29.1% 3,000
Conservation and natural environments non forest	4,725	99.5% 4,700	98.9% 4,675	96.8% 4,575	93.1% 4,400	49.7% 2,350	19.6% 925
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	3,850	100.0% 3,850	100.0% 3,850	100.0% 3,850	99.4% 3,825	76.0% 2,925	39.6% 1,525
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,725	100.0% 1,725	100.0% 1,725	100.0% 1,725	98.6% 1,700	65.2% 1,125	31.9% 550
Agriculture	81,275	100.0% 81,275	100.0% 81,275	99.6% 80,950	94.2% 76,525	35.7% 28,975	10.4% 8,475
Grazing	76,800	100.0% 76,800	100.0% 76,800	99.7% 76,550	94.6% 72,625	36.2% 27,800	10.5% 8,050
Grazing non forest	76,325	100.0% 76,325	100.0% 76,325	99.7% 76,075	94.5% 72,150	36.0% 27,475	10.4% 7,900
Cropping	2,425	100.0% 2,425	100.0% 2,425	96.9% 2,350	81.4% 1,975	25.8% 625	14.4% 350
Irrigation	2,050	100.0% 2,050	100.0% 2,050	100.0% 2,050	93.9% 1,925	26.8% 550	3.7% 75
Production native forests and plantation forests	1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	97.4% 1,900	87.2% 1,700	62.8% 1,225

