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

# Date: May 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:

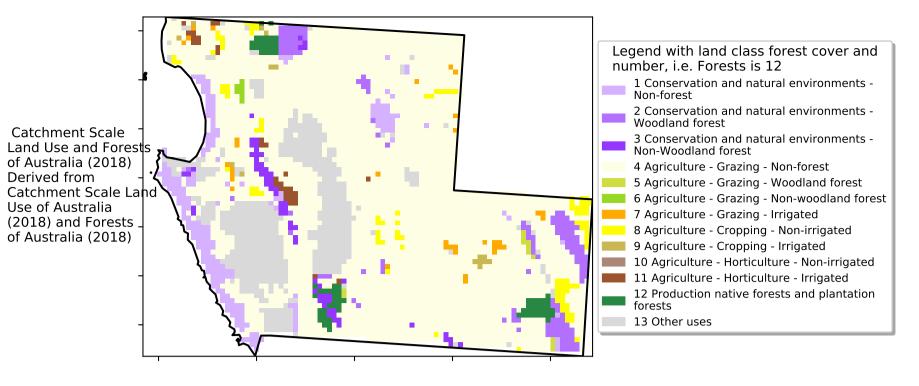
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# **Vegetation Cover May 2021**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

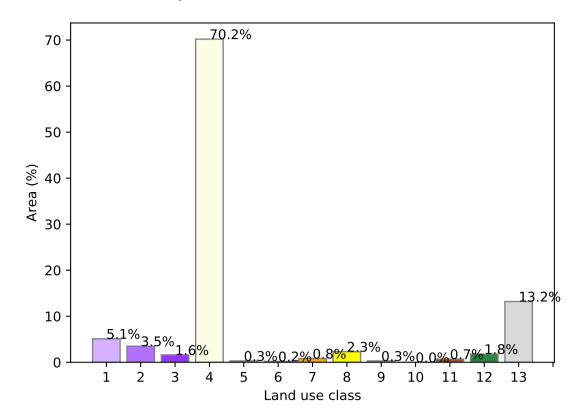


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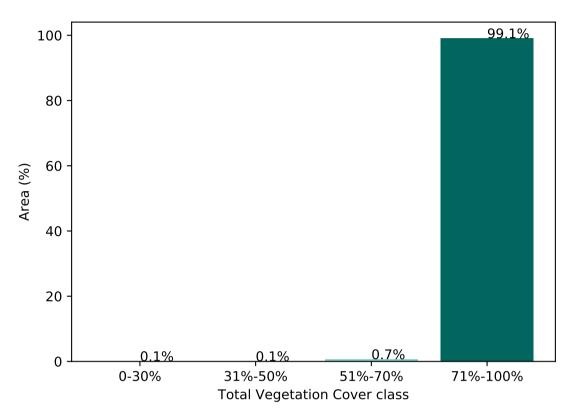


### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





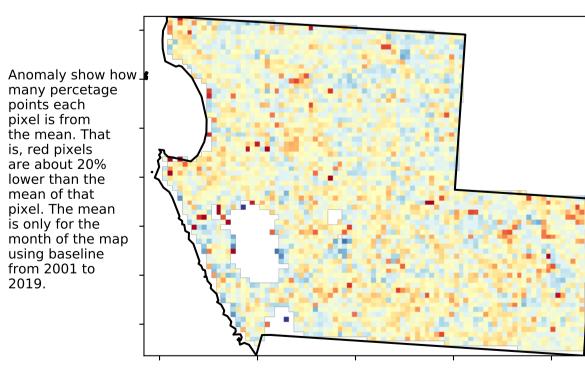
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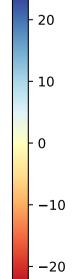


### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





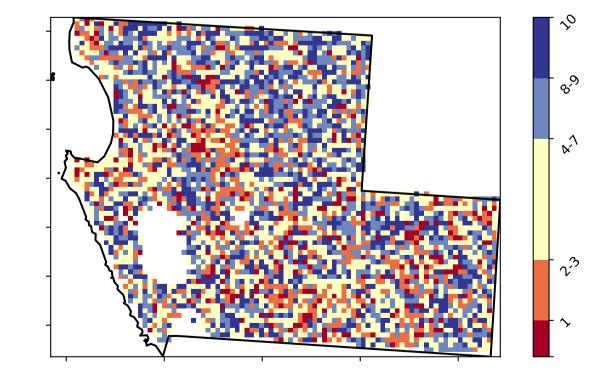
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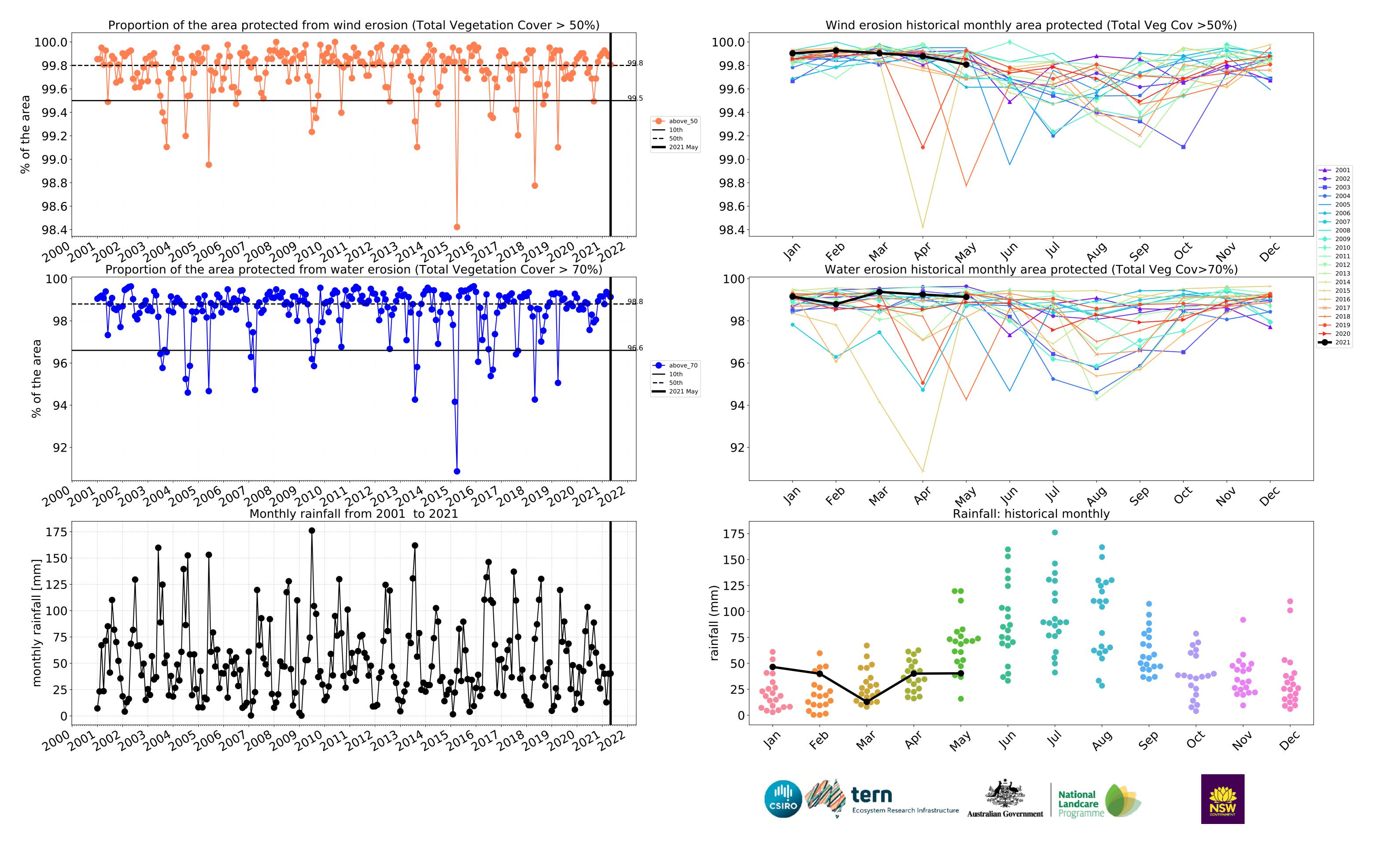
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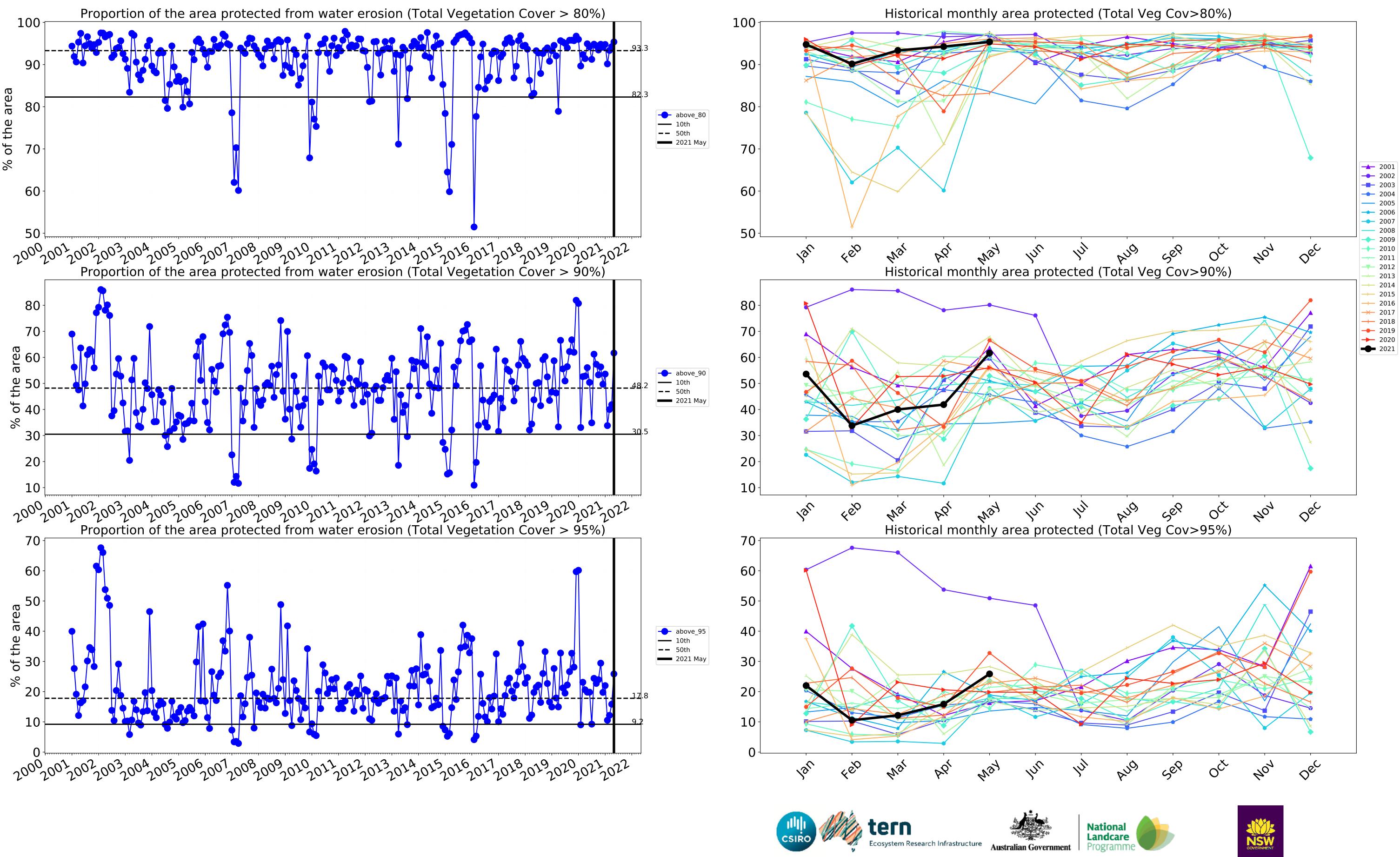
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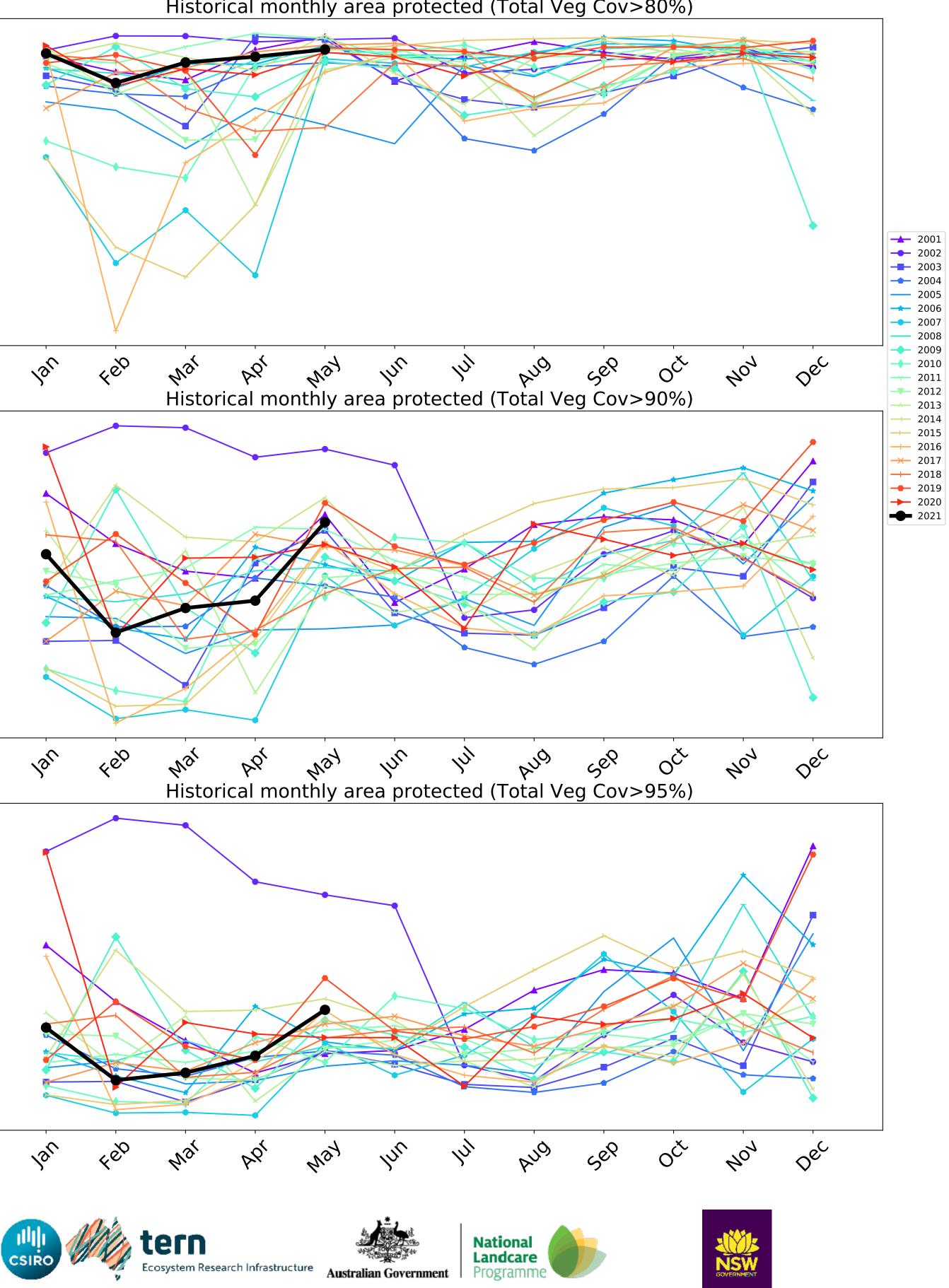
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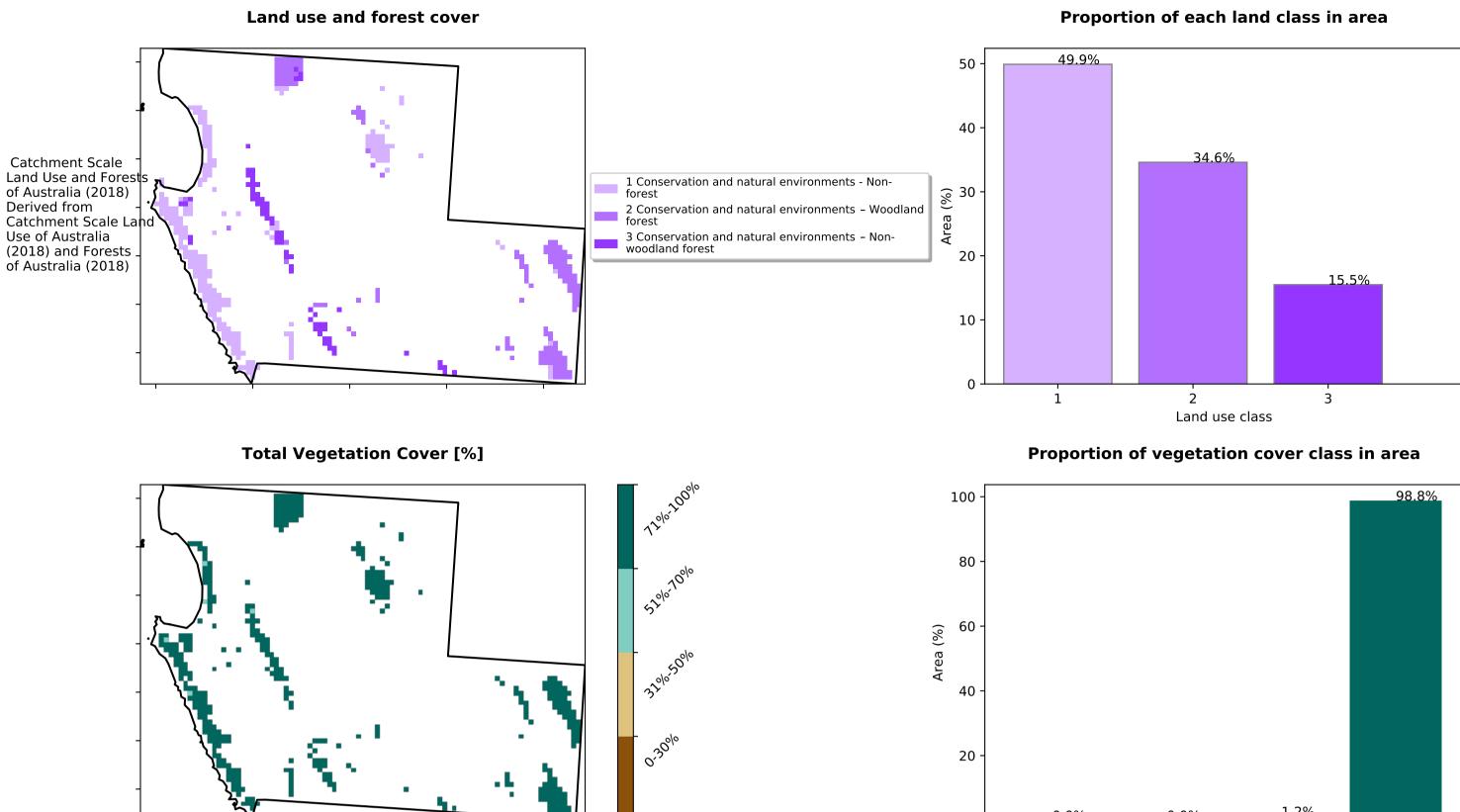




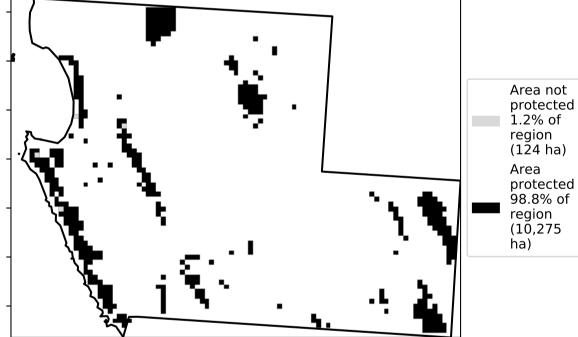


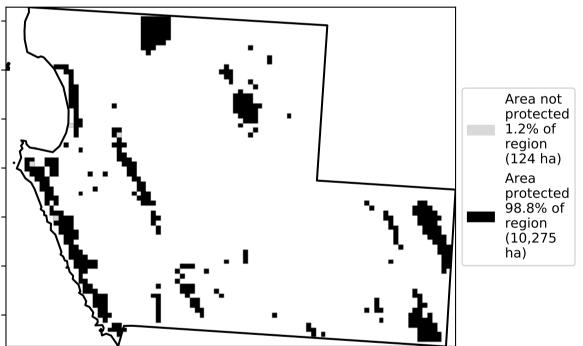


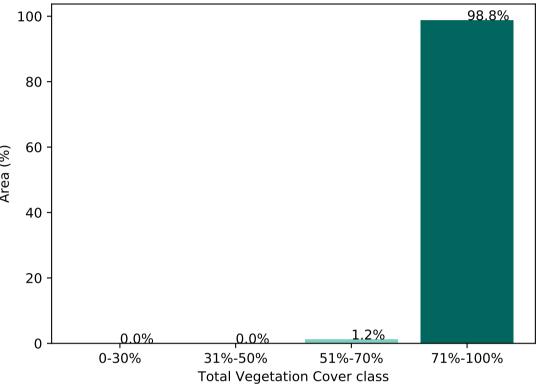
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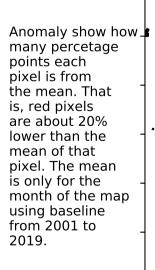


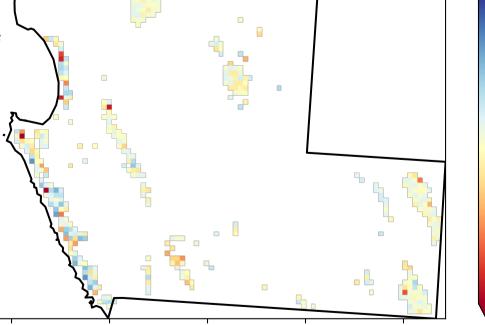


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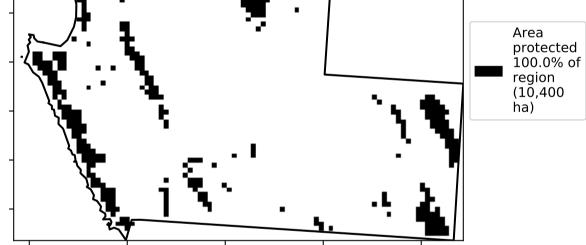


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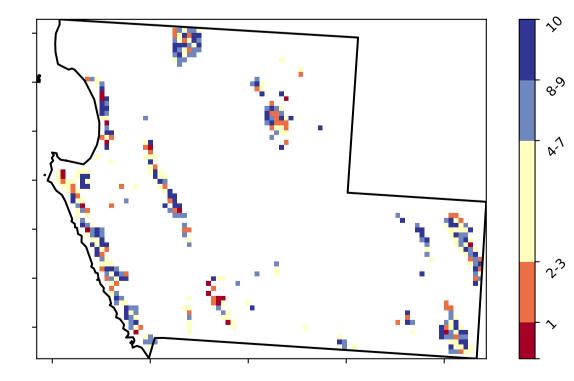




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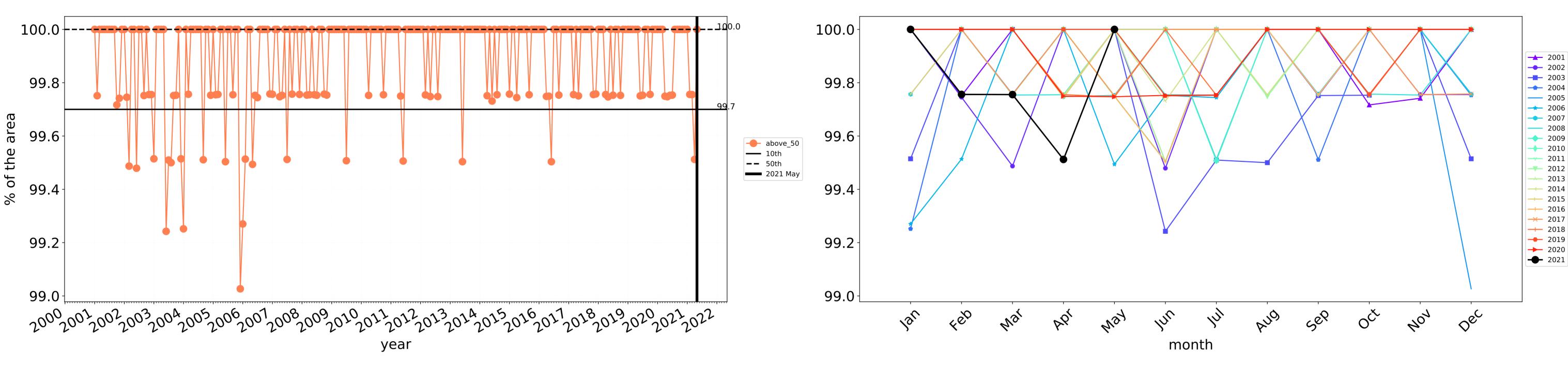
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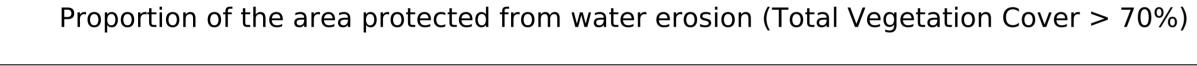
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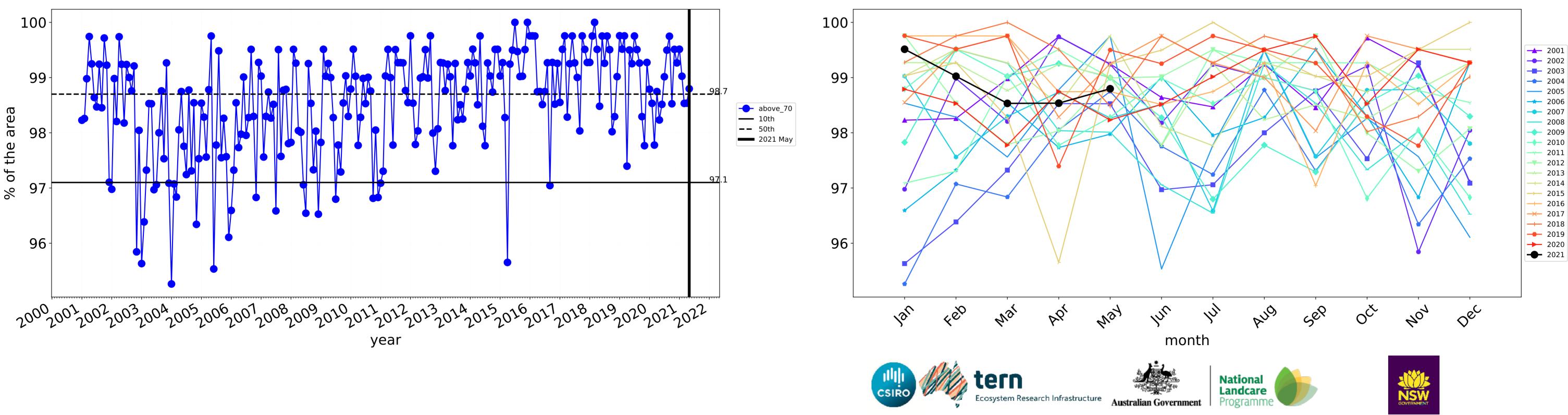
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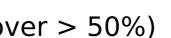
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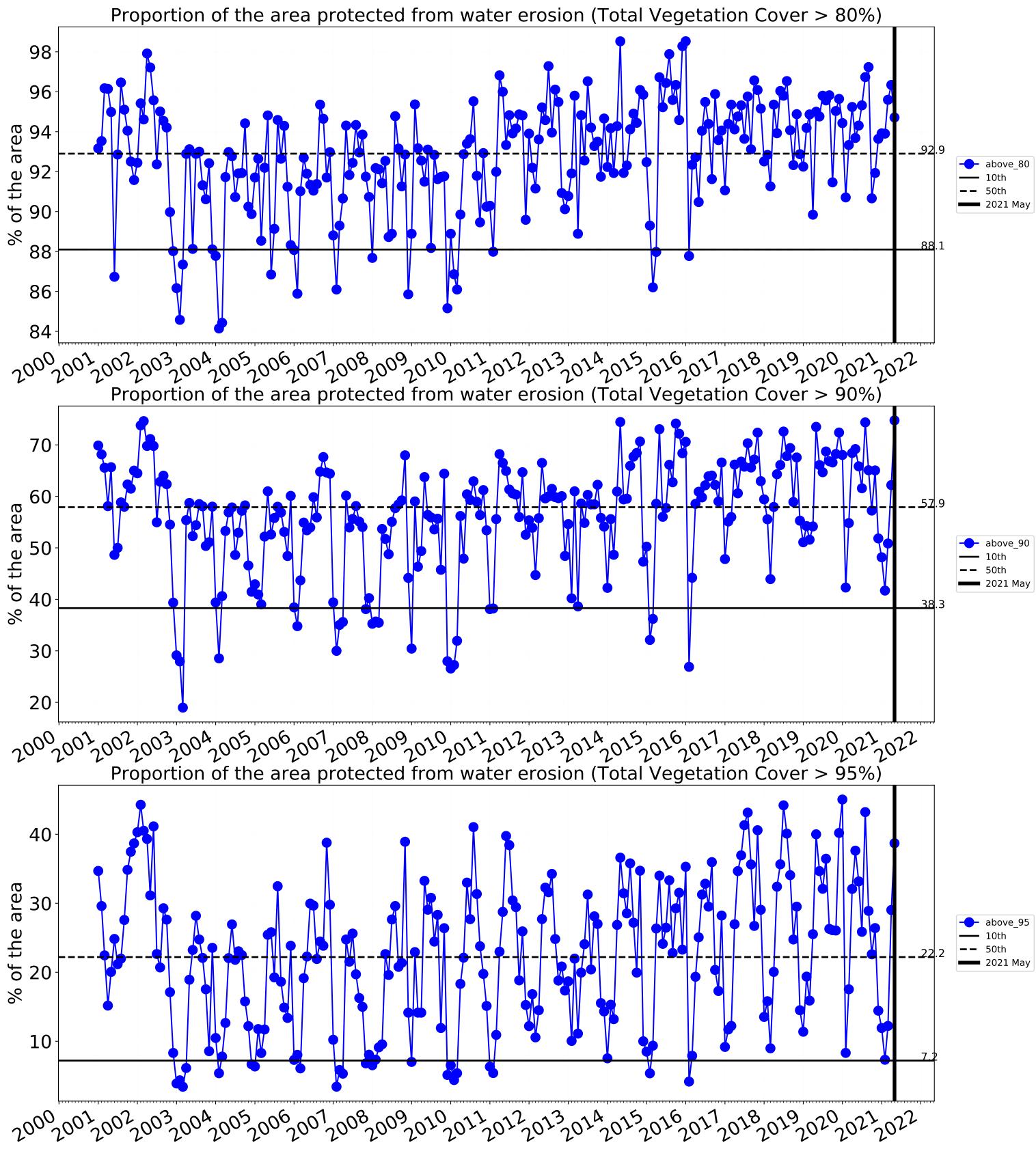


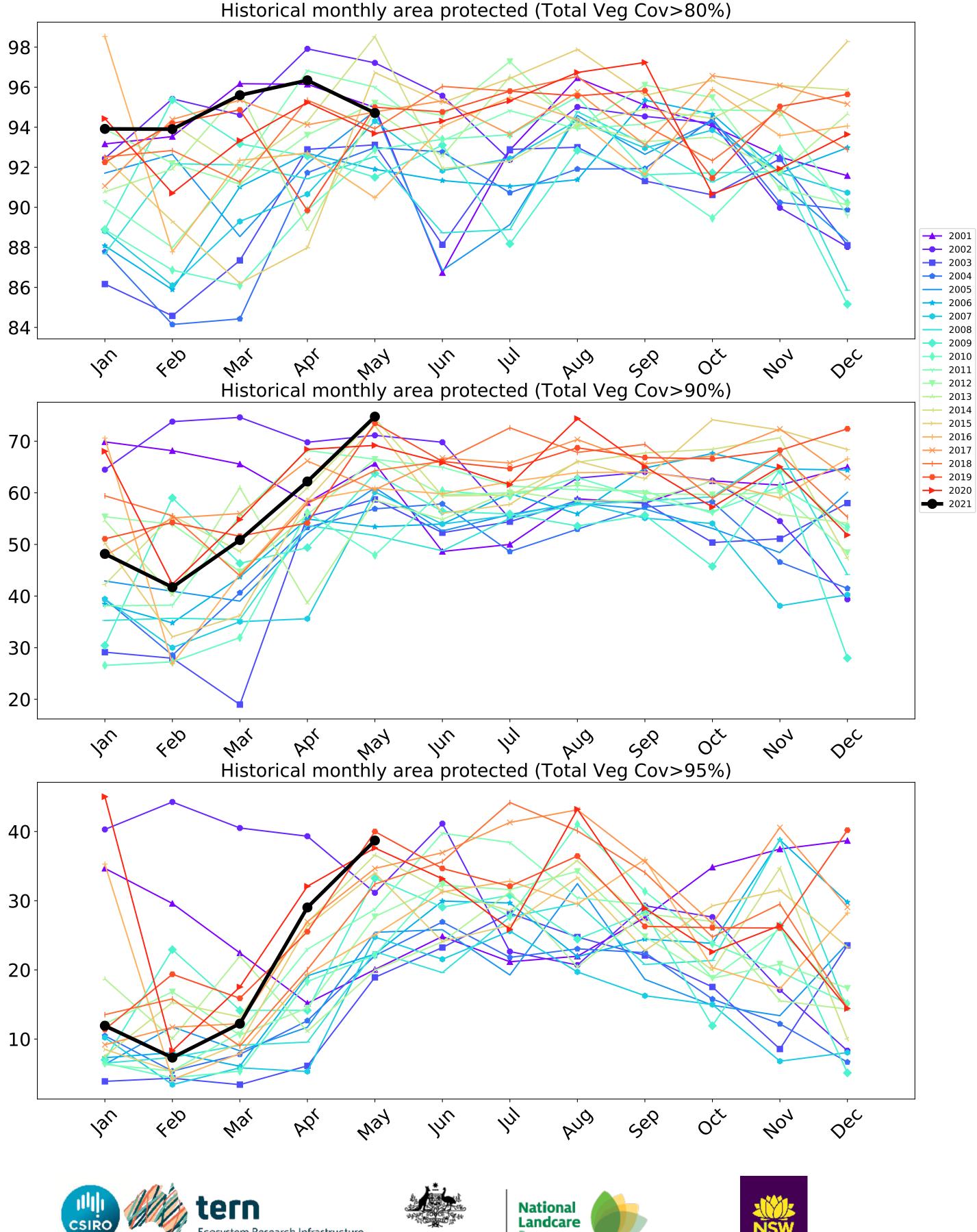




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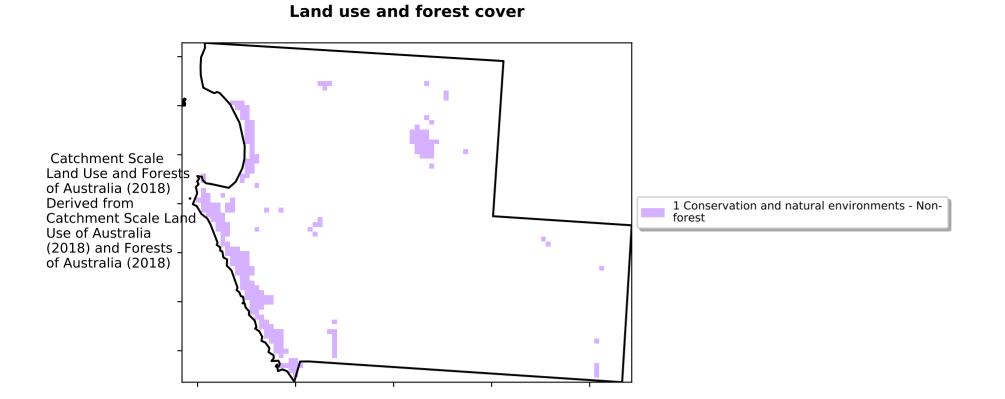






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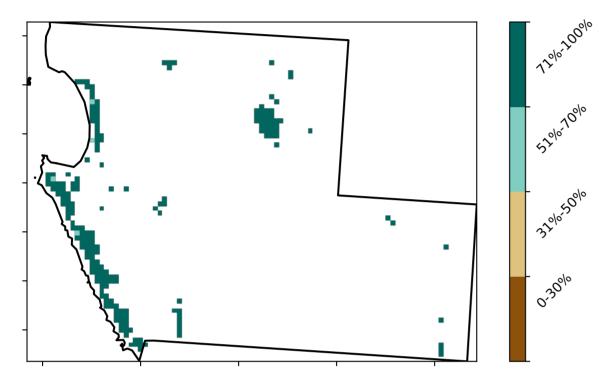


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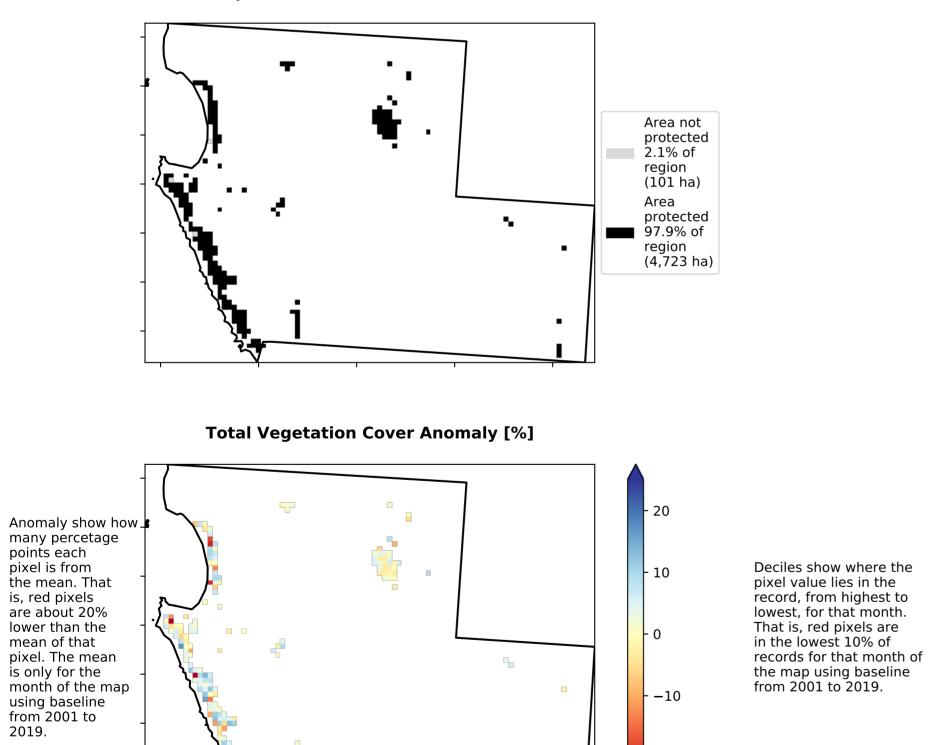
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



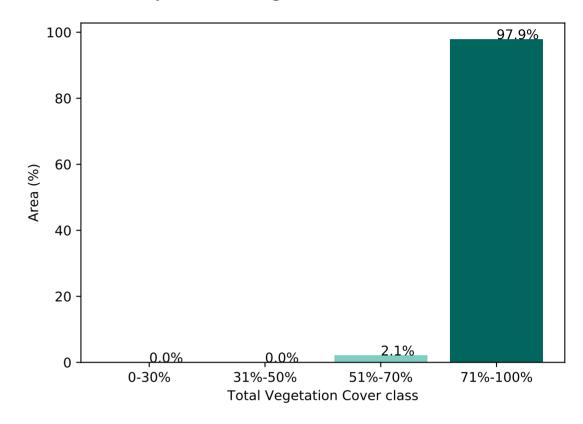
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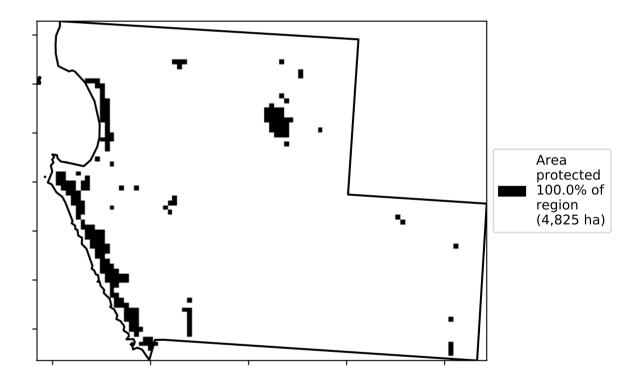
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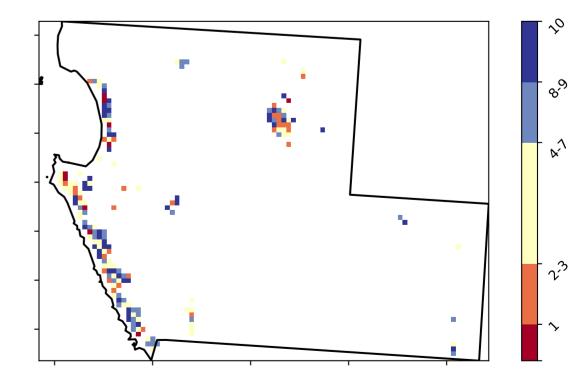
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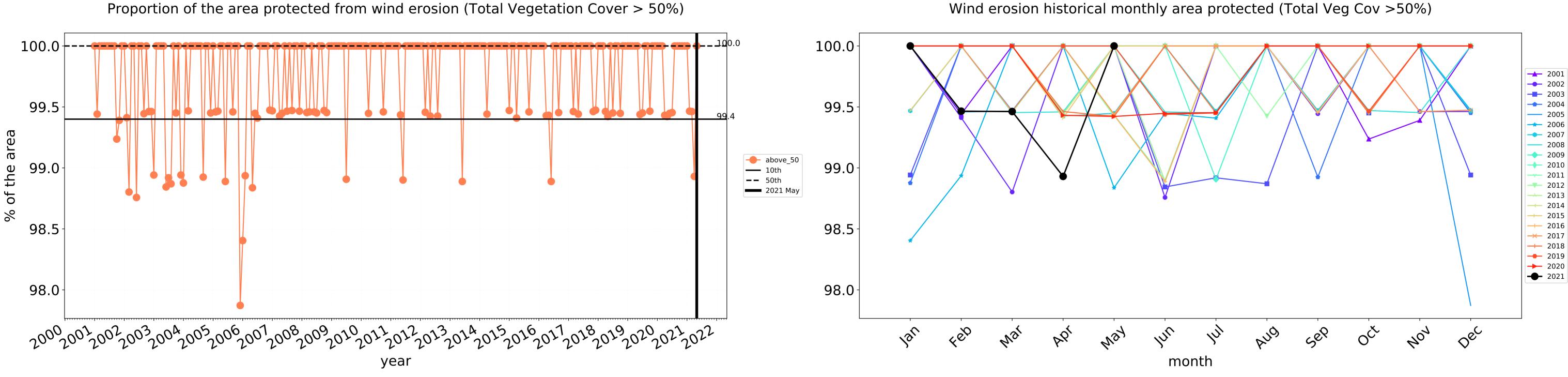
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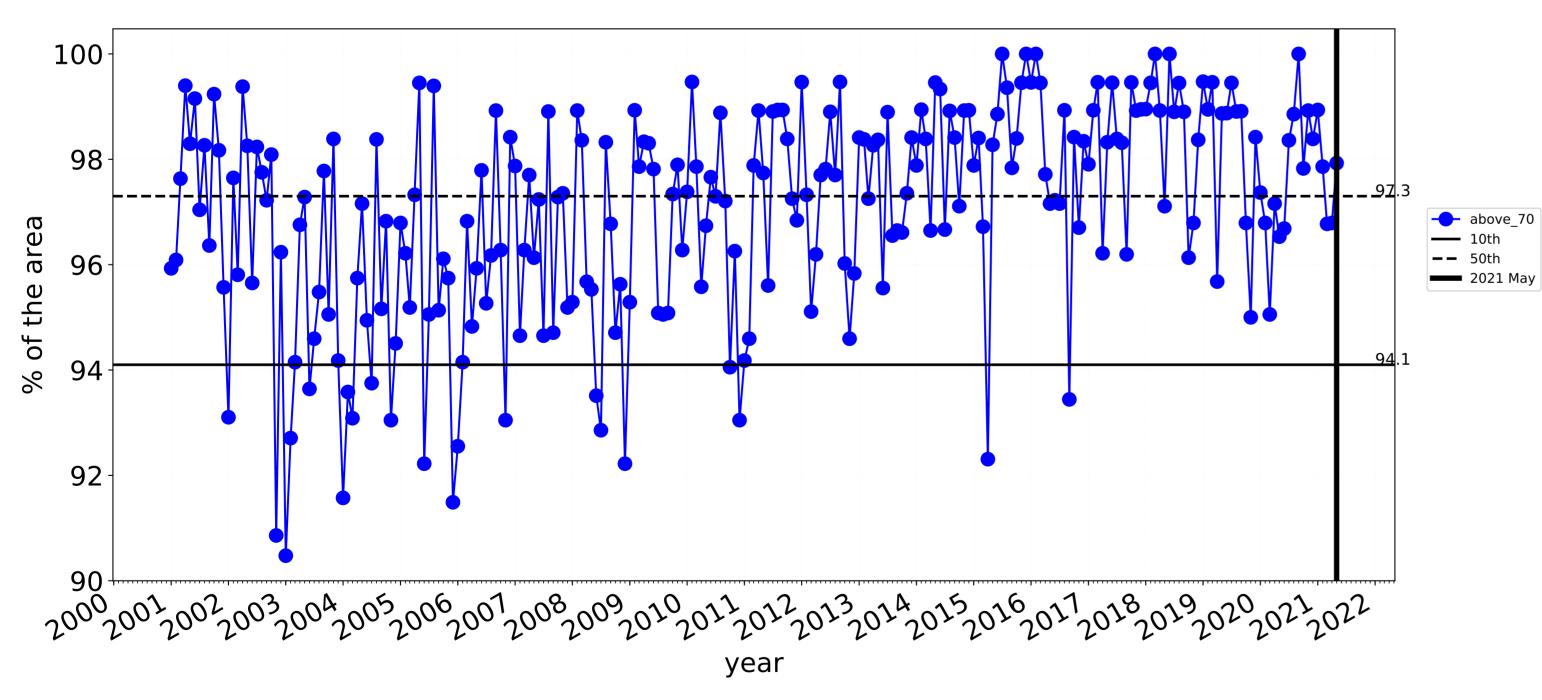


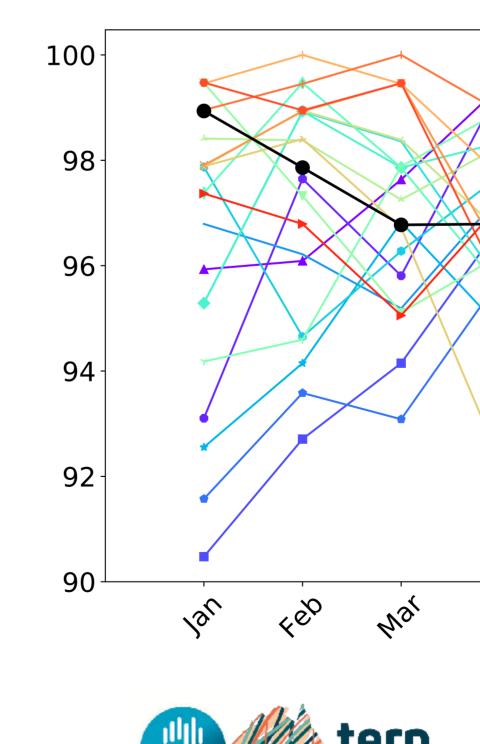




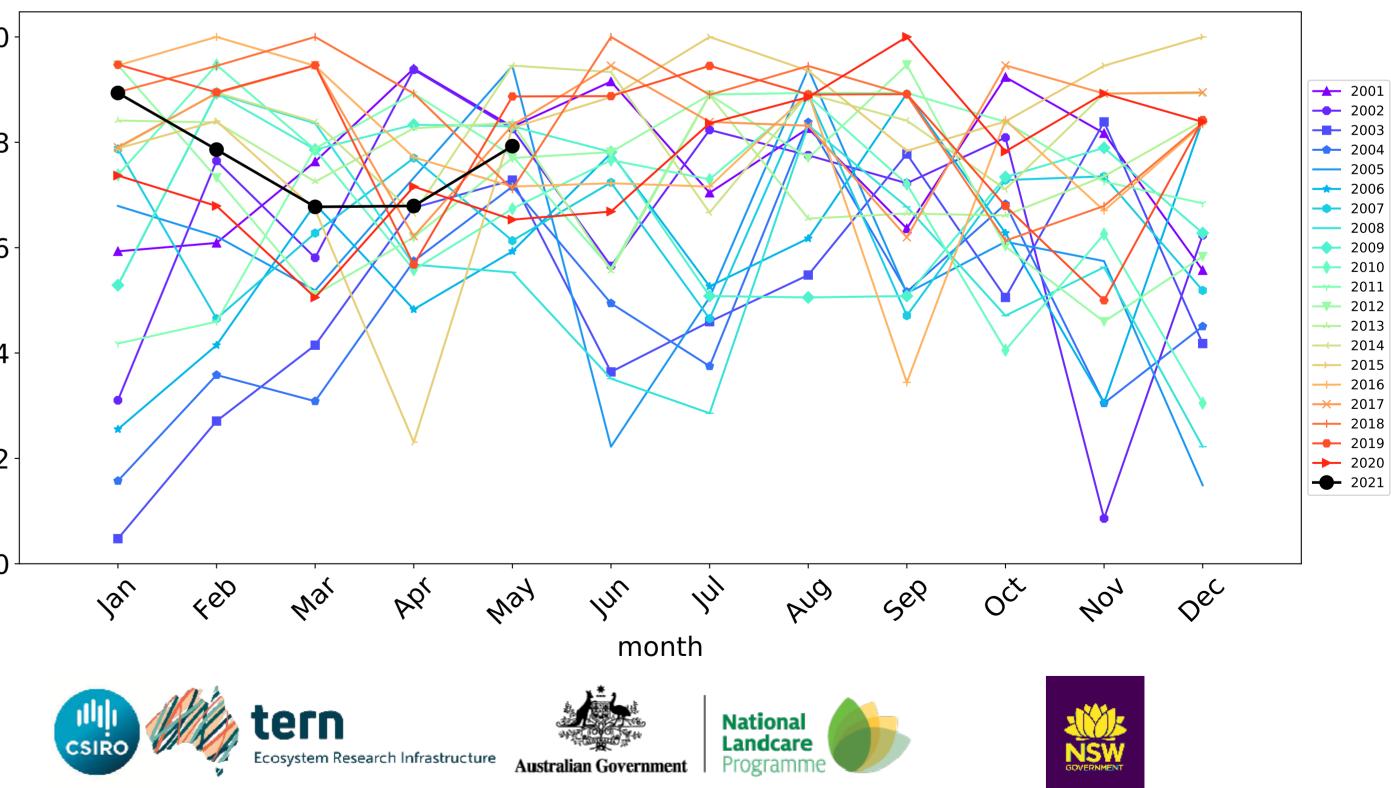
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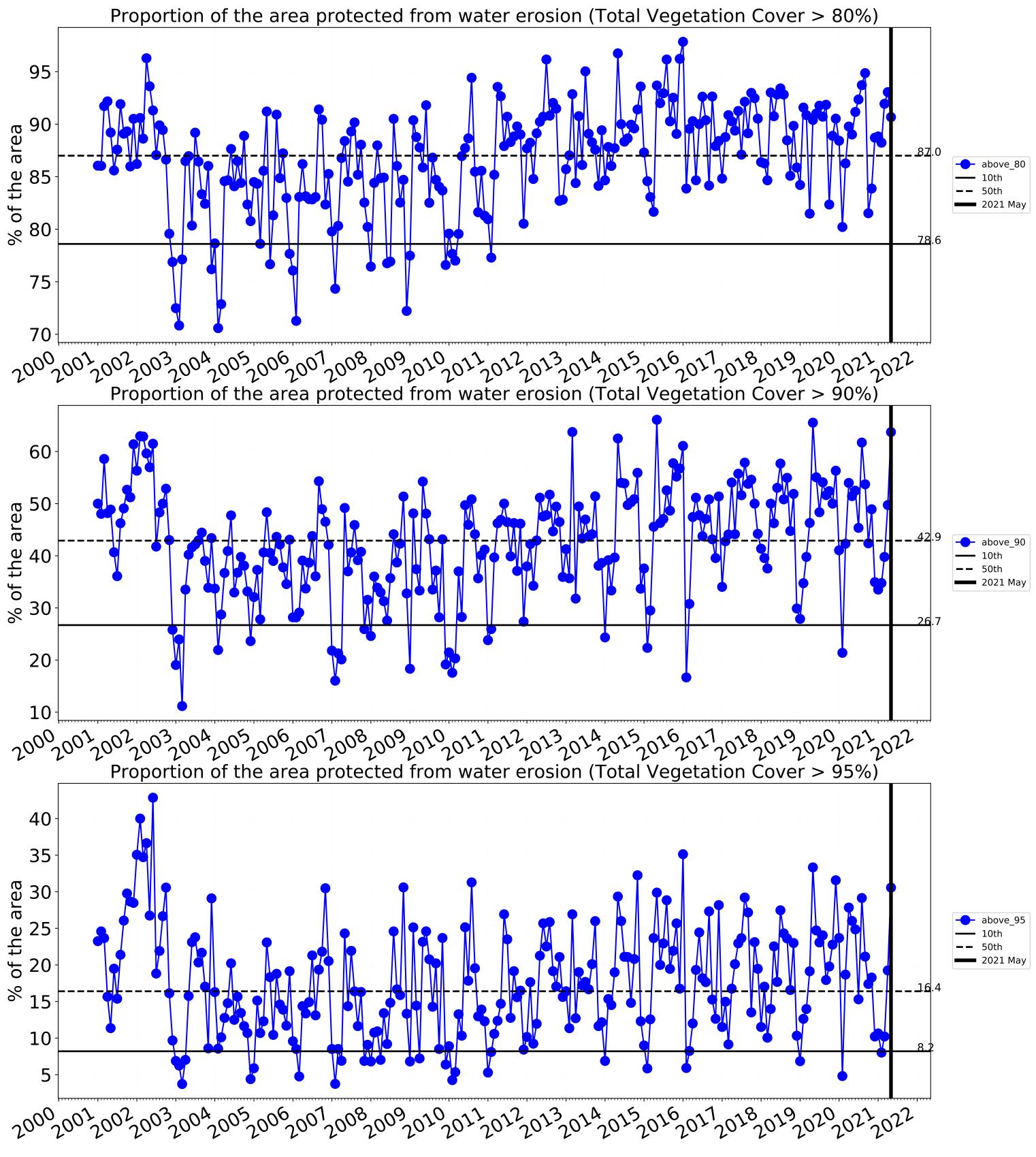


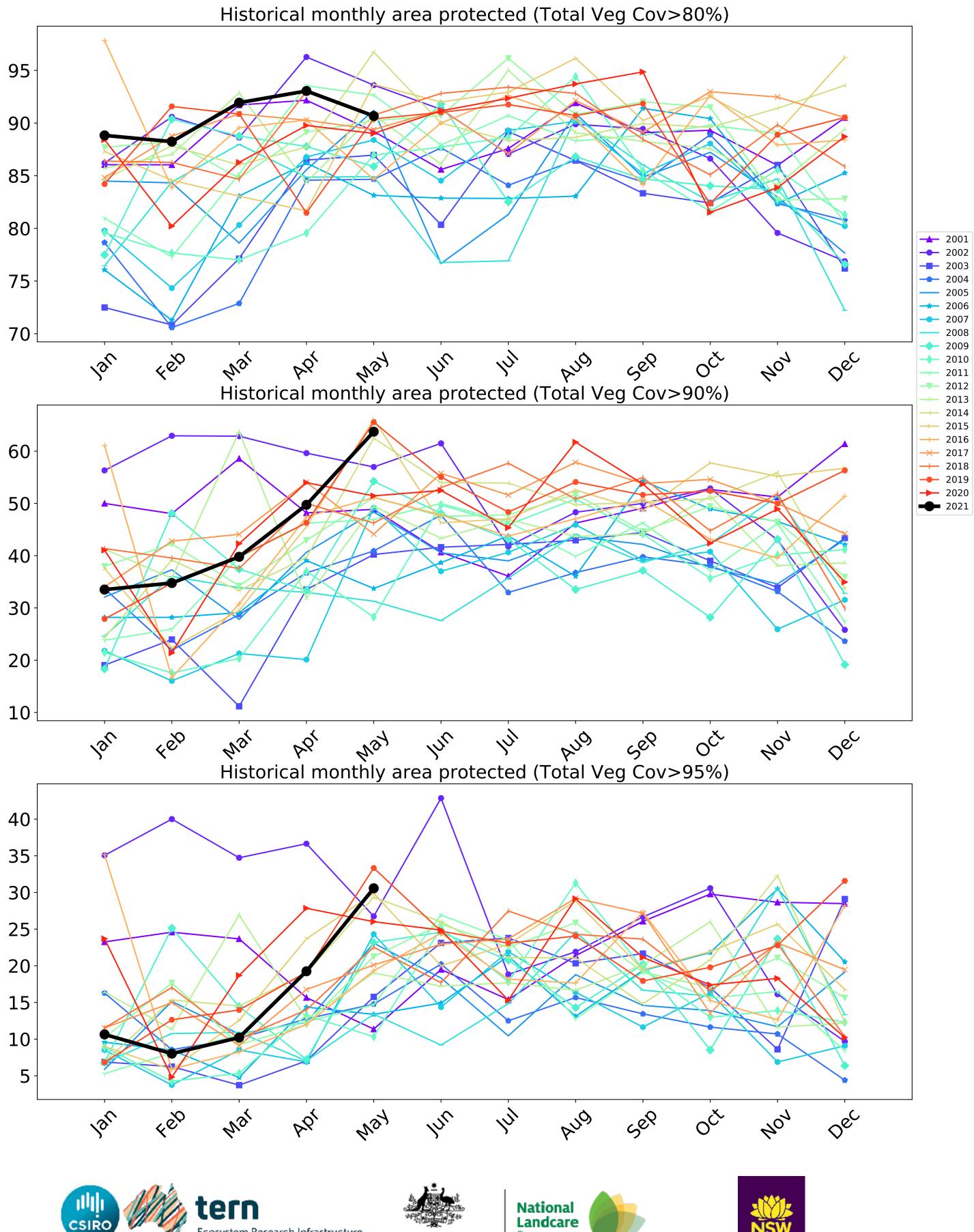




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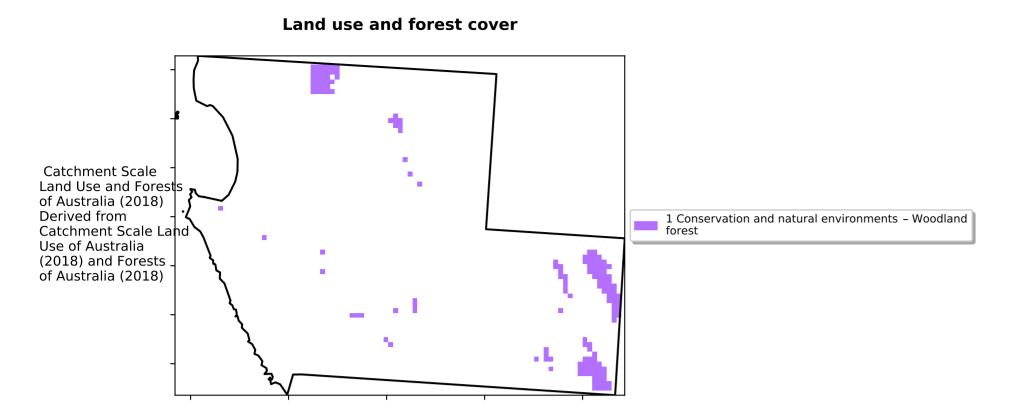




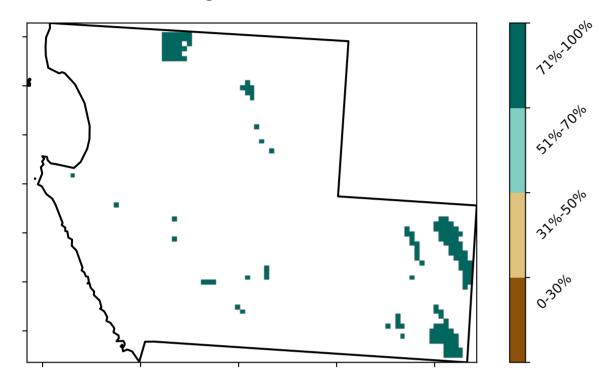
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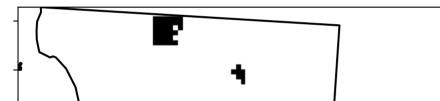
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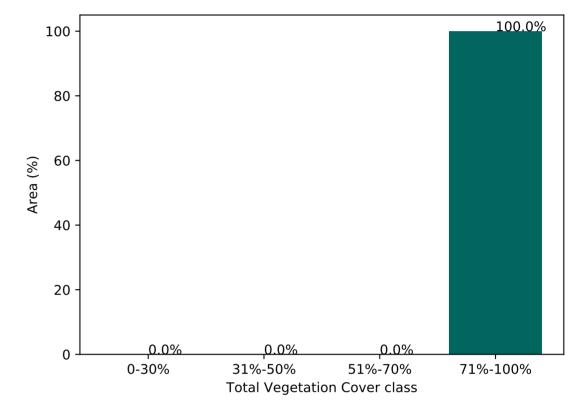
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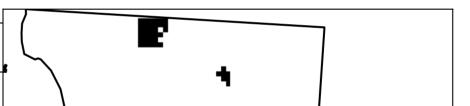
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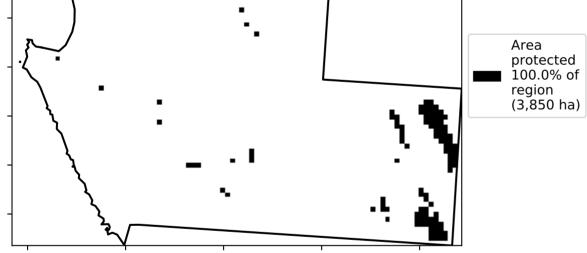


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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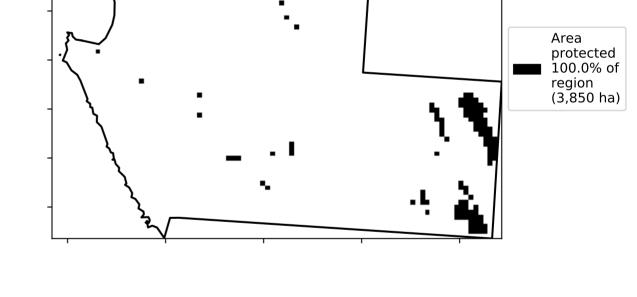




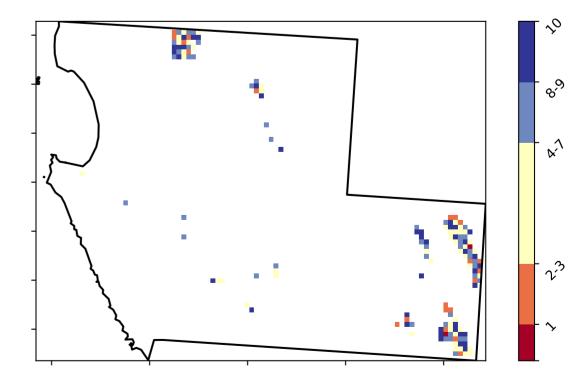
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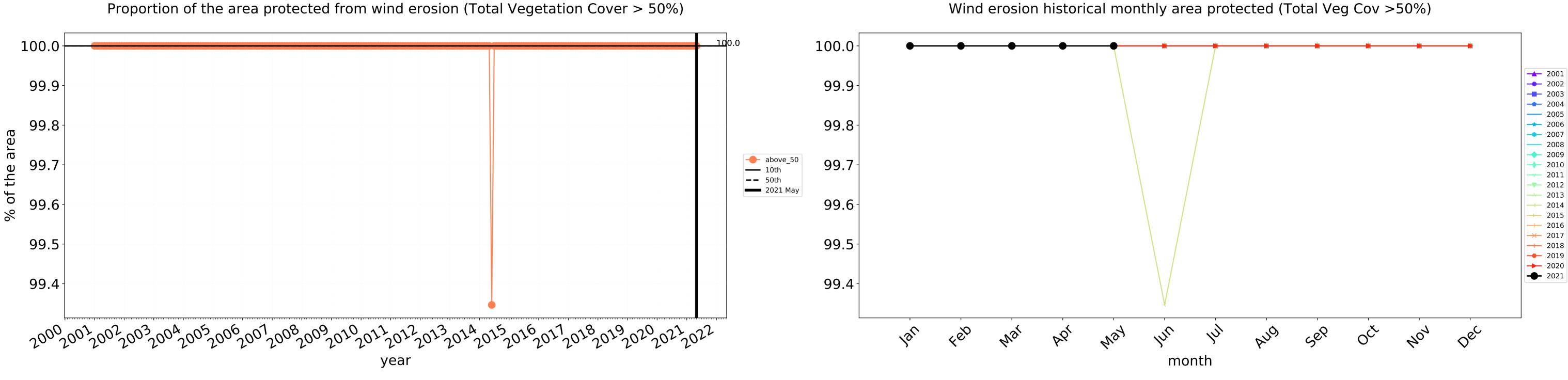


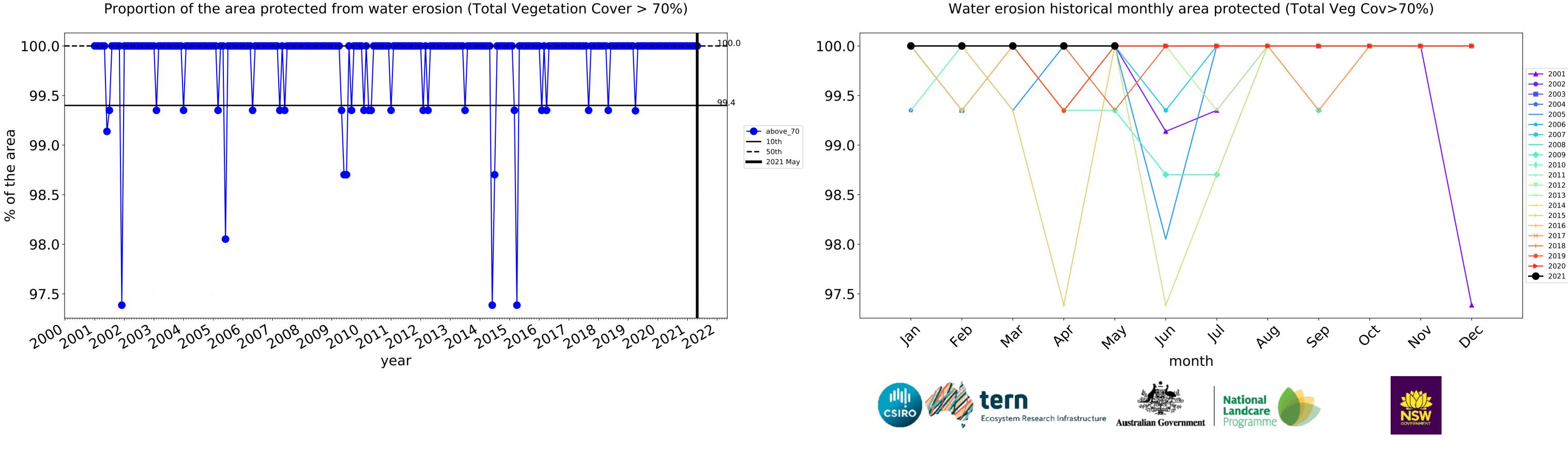
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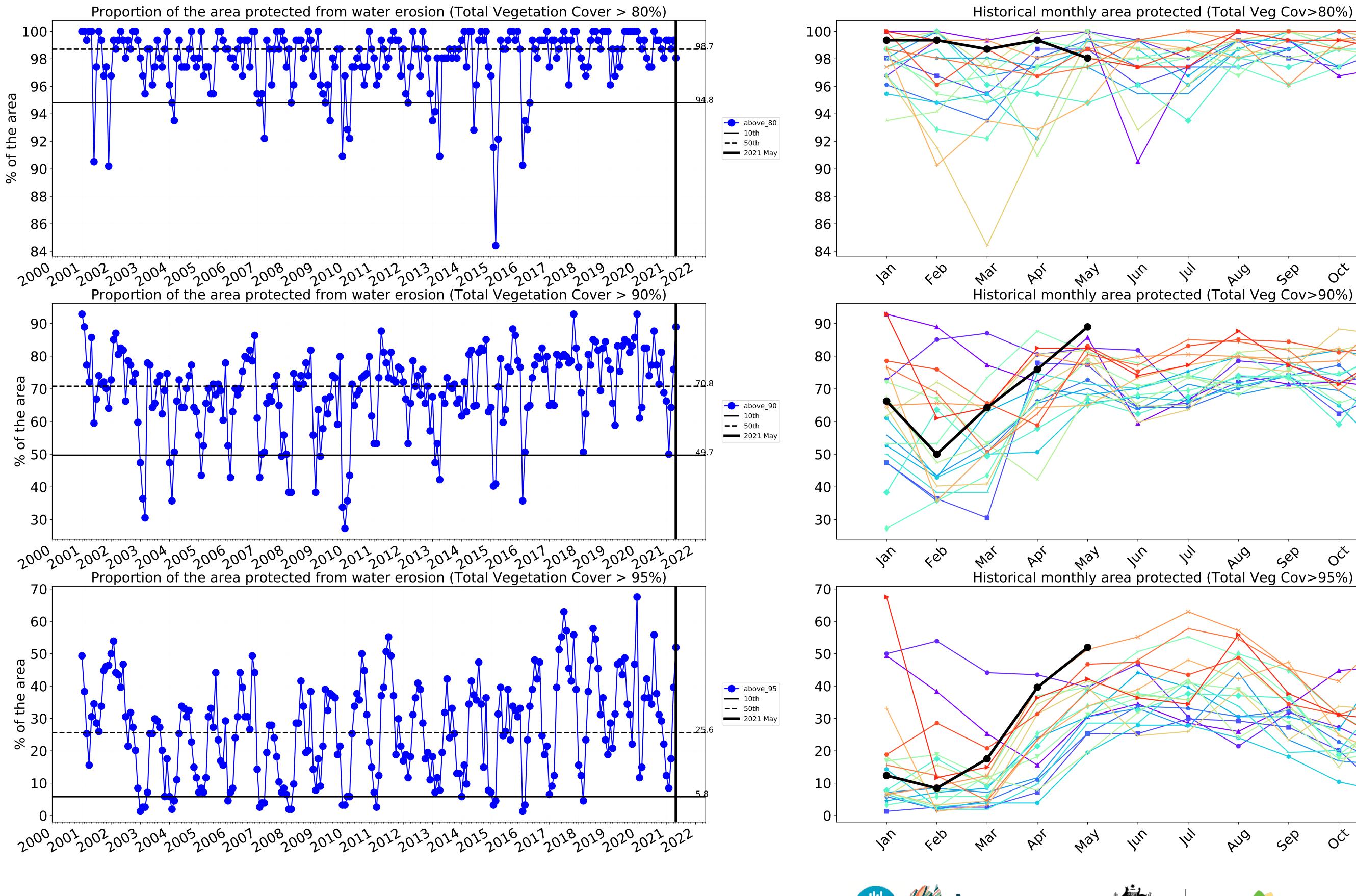




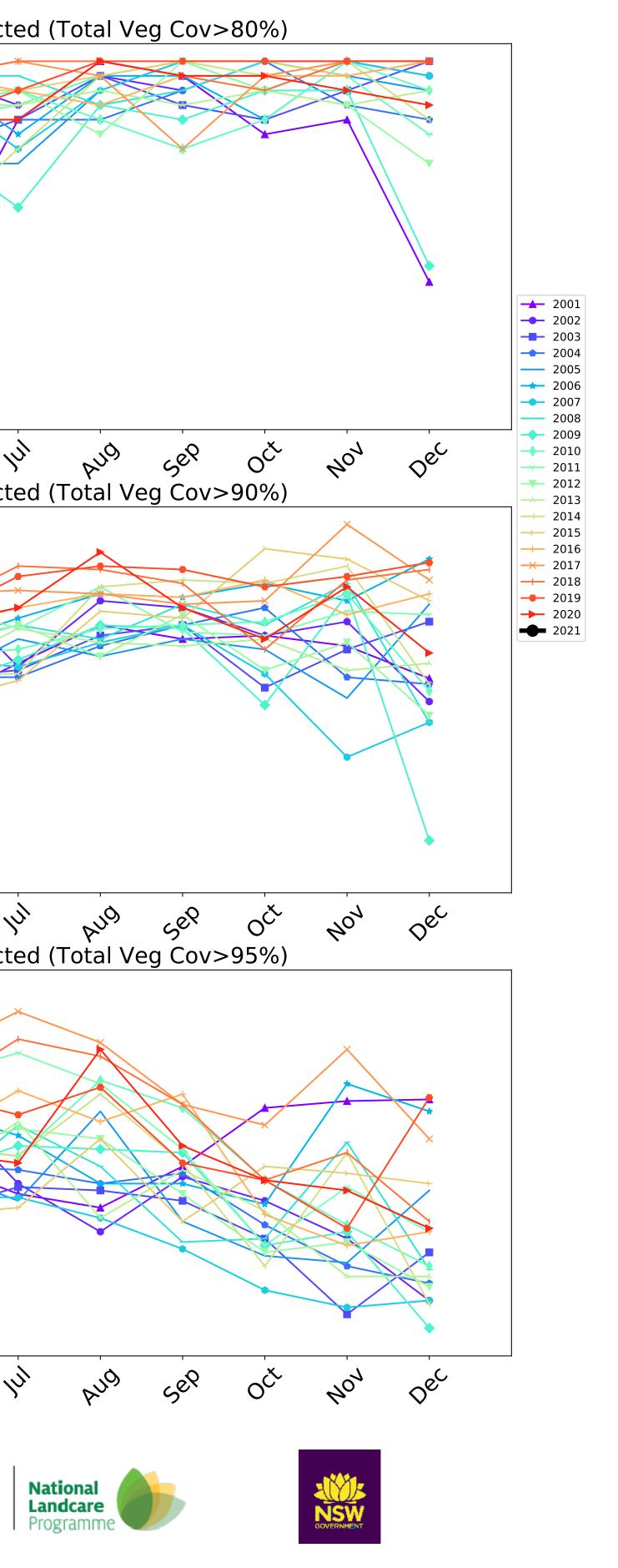
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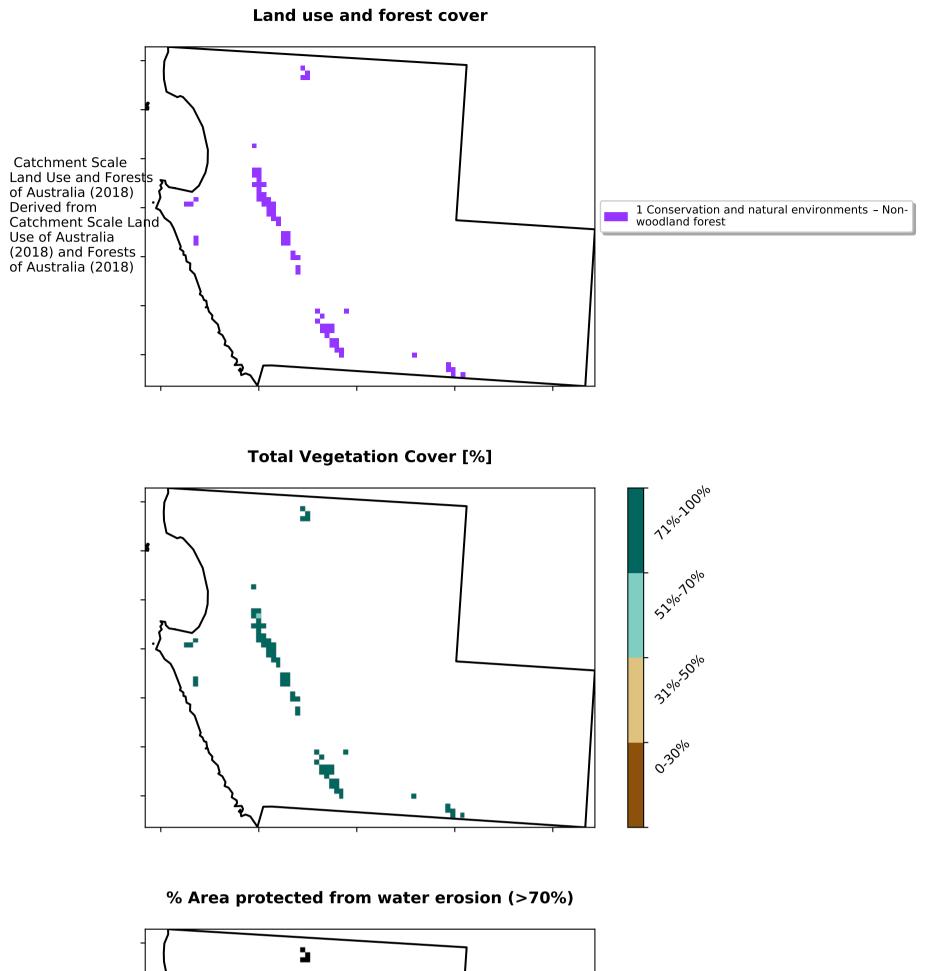




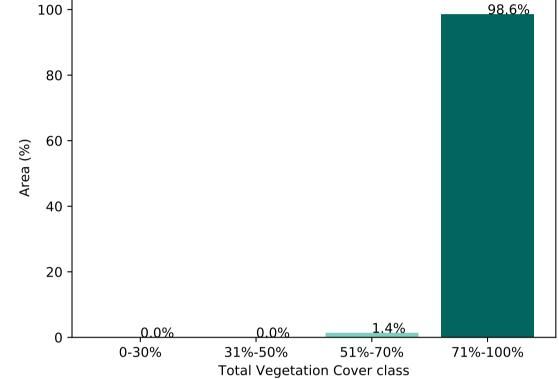




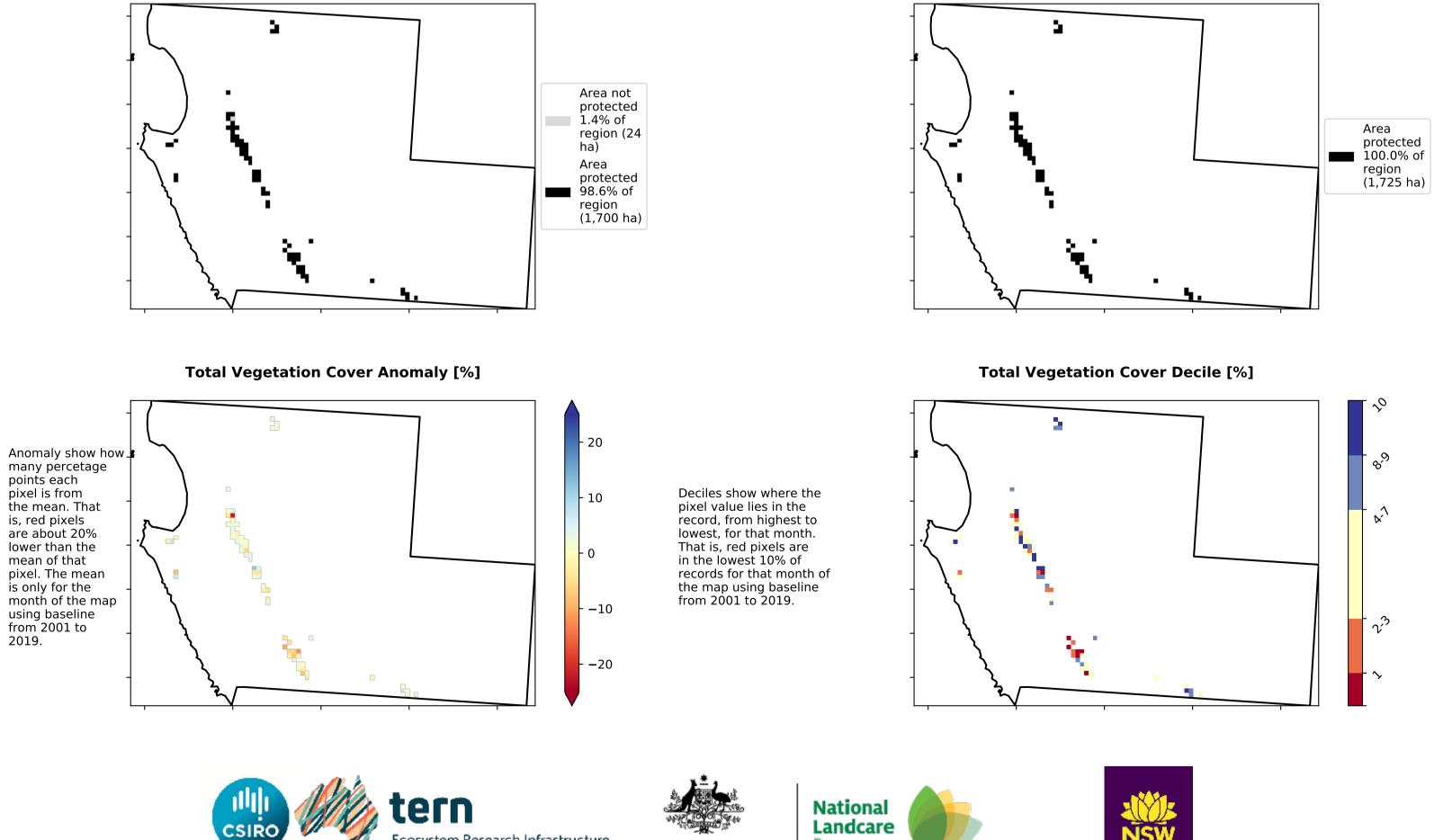
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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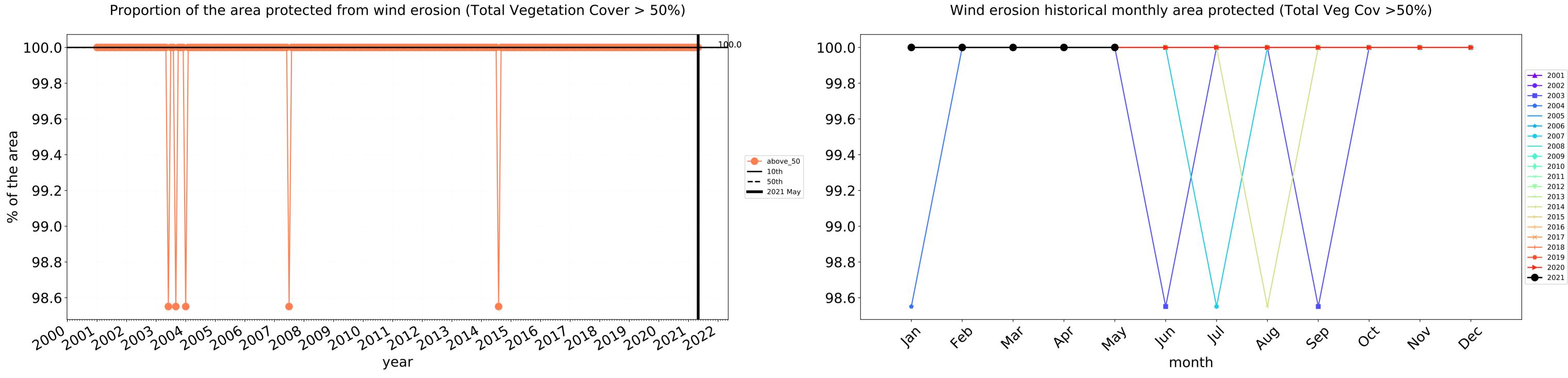


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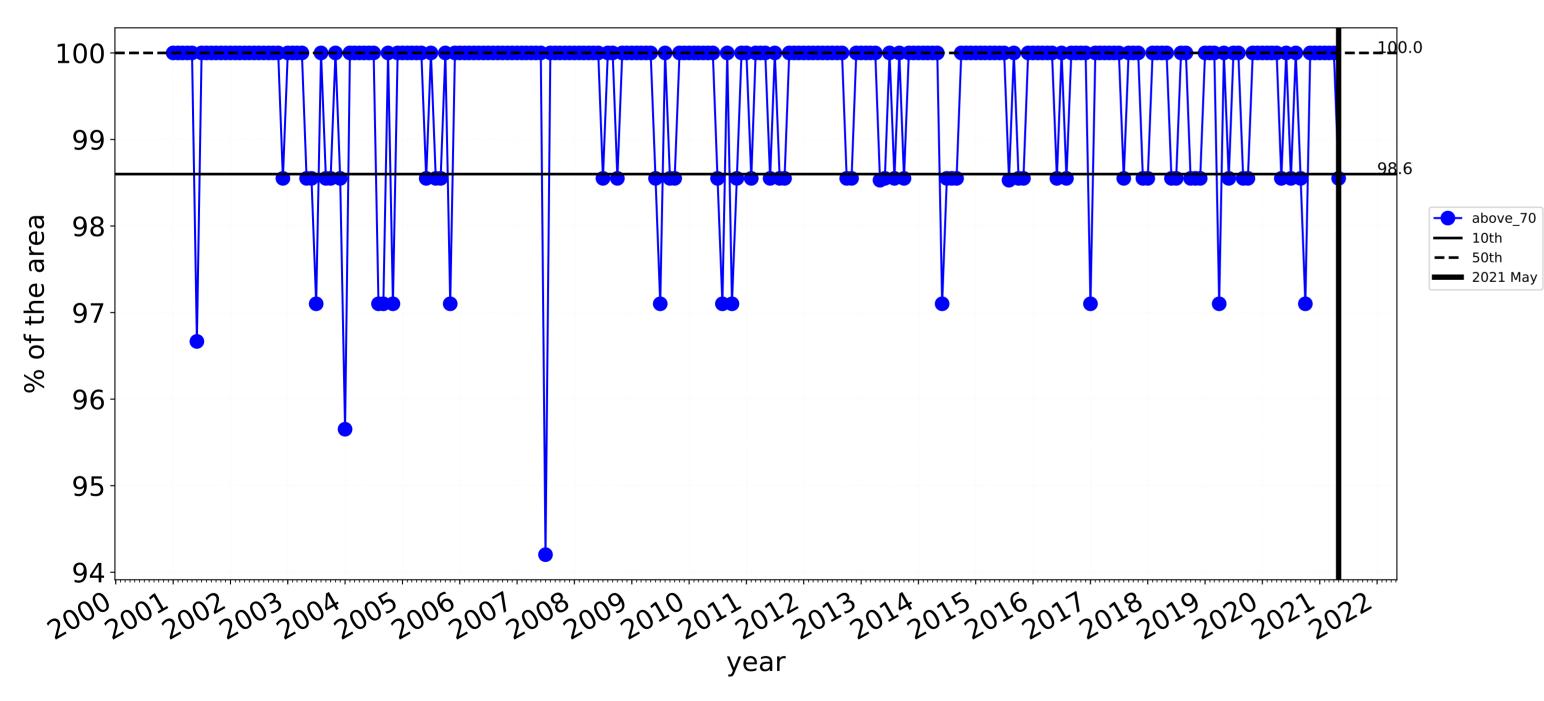
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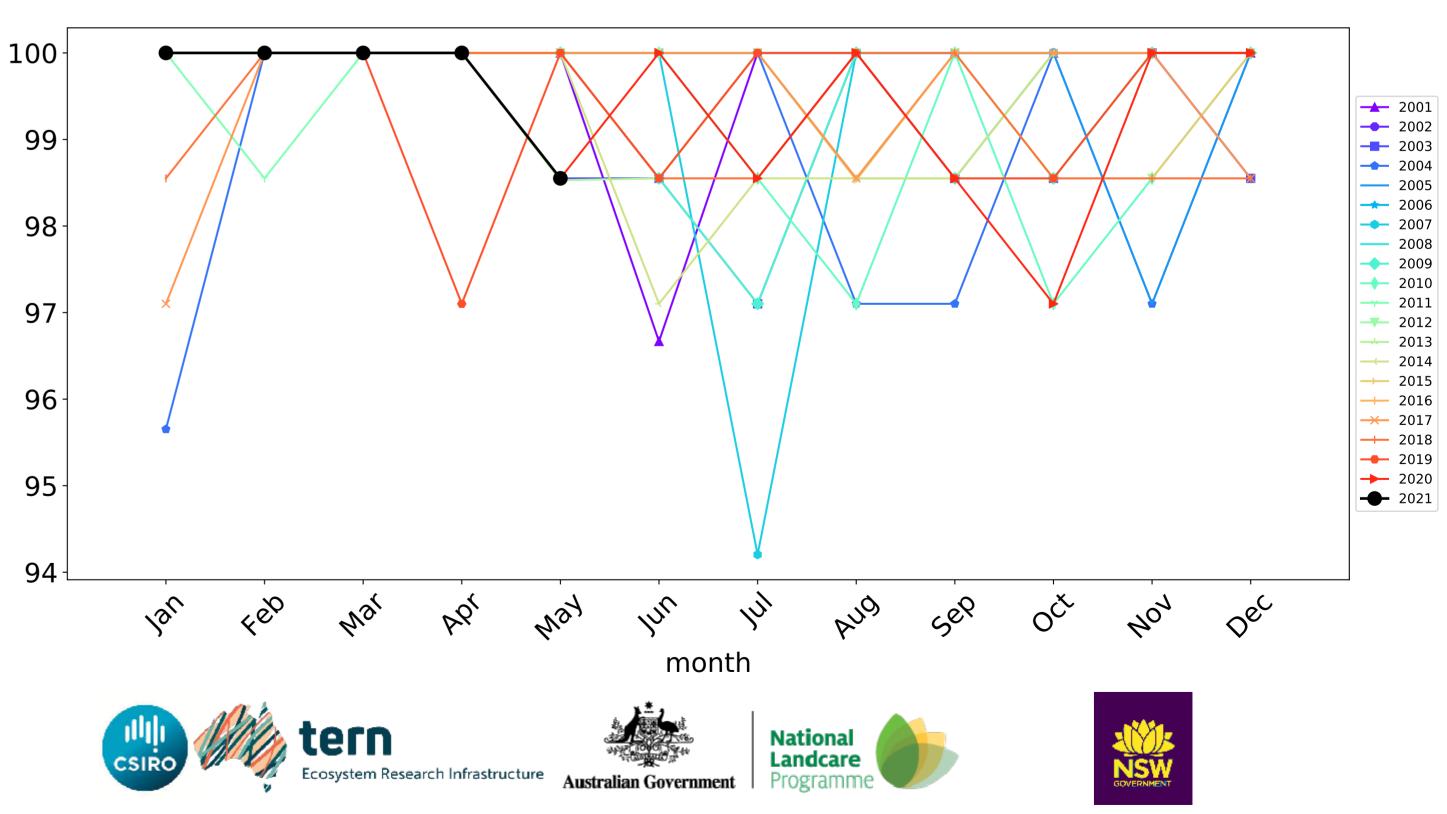
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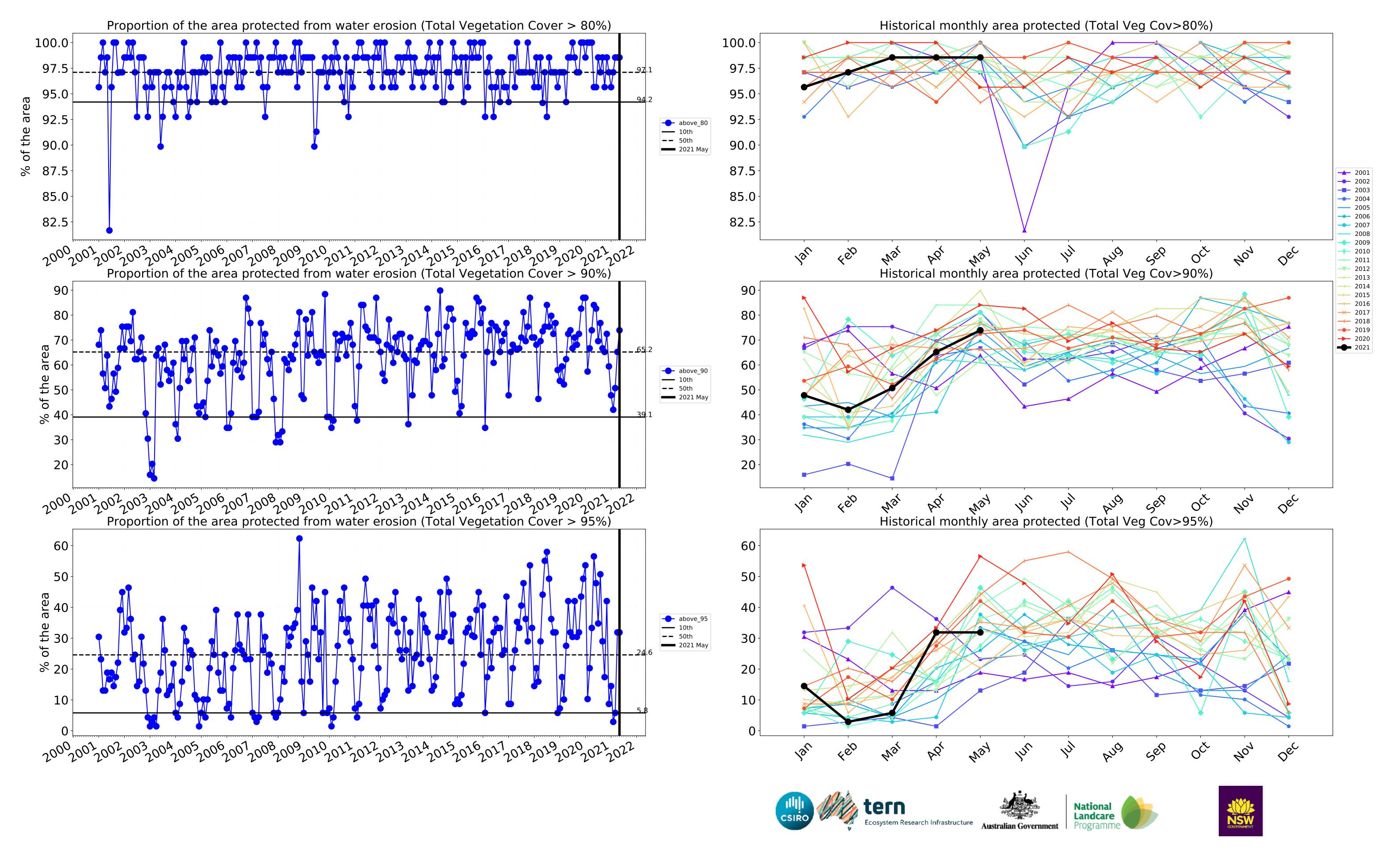






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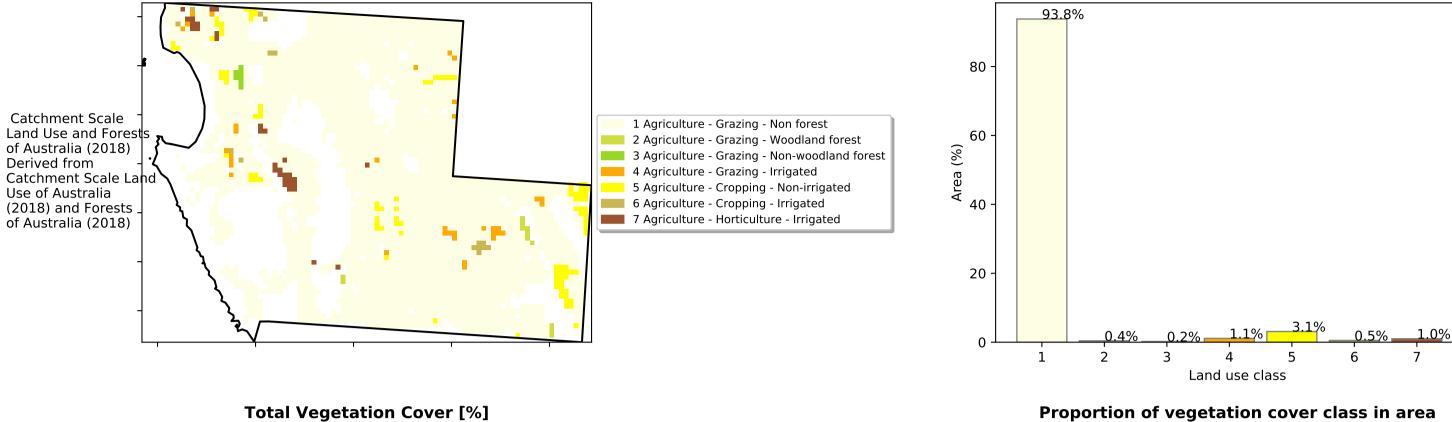




## Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

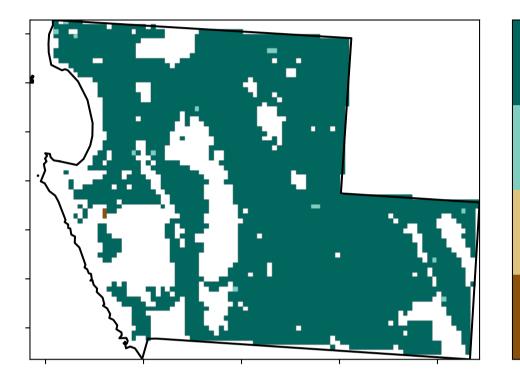


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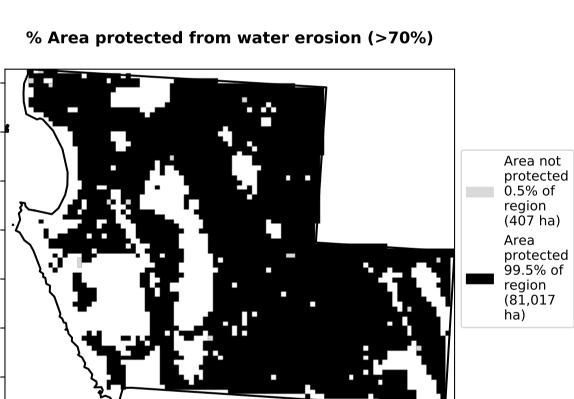
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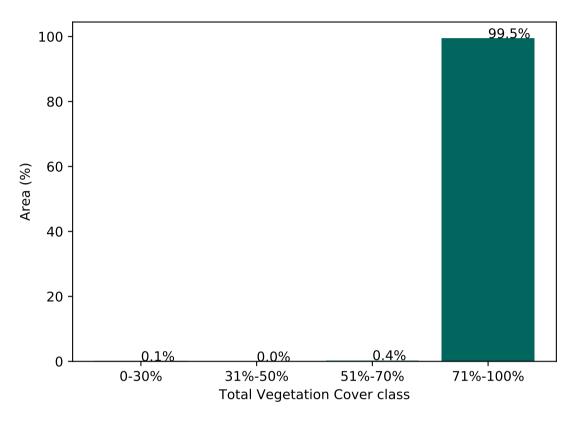
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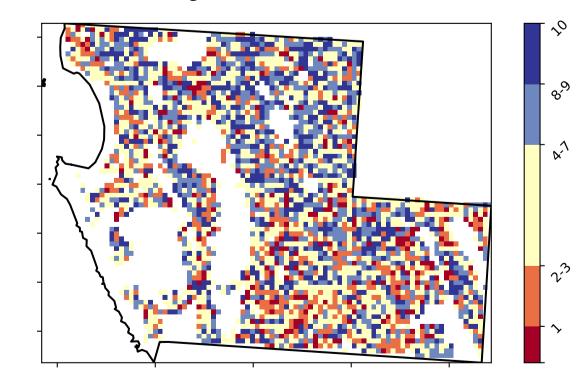




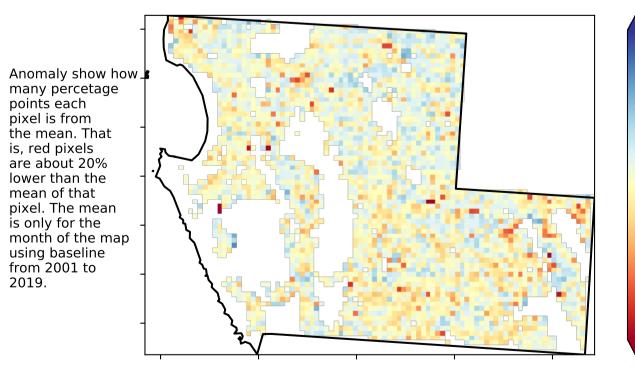
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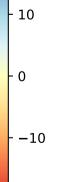


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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





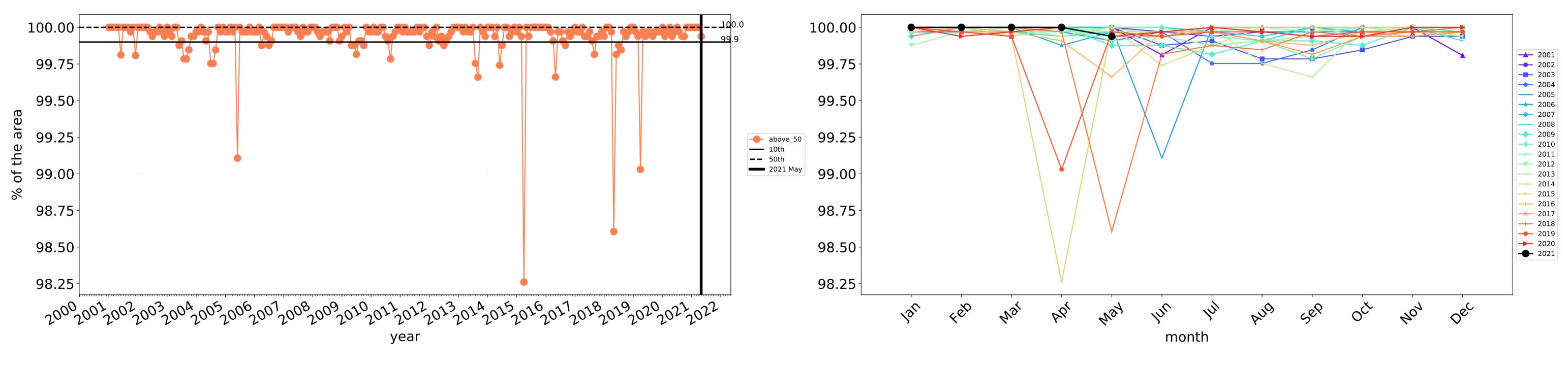
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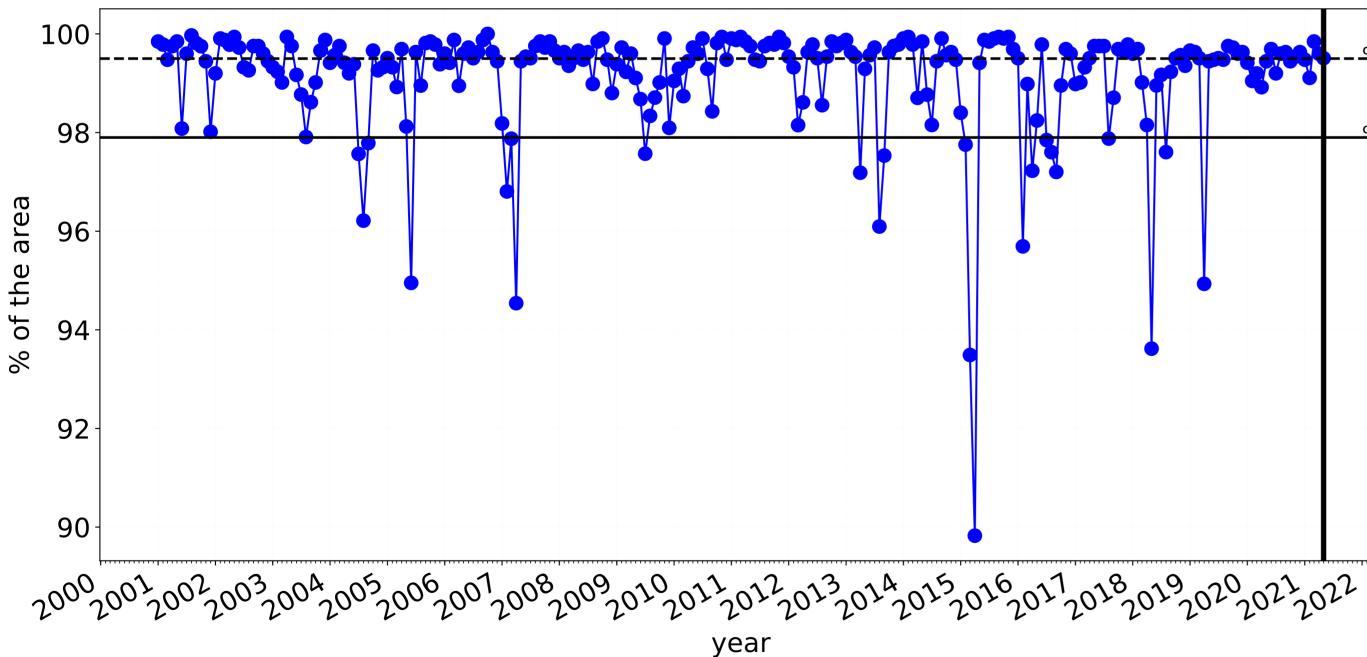
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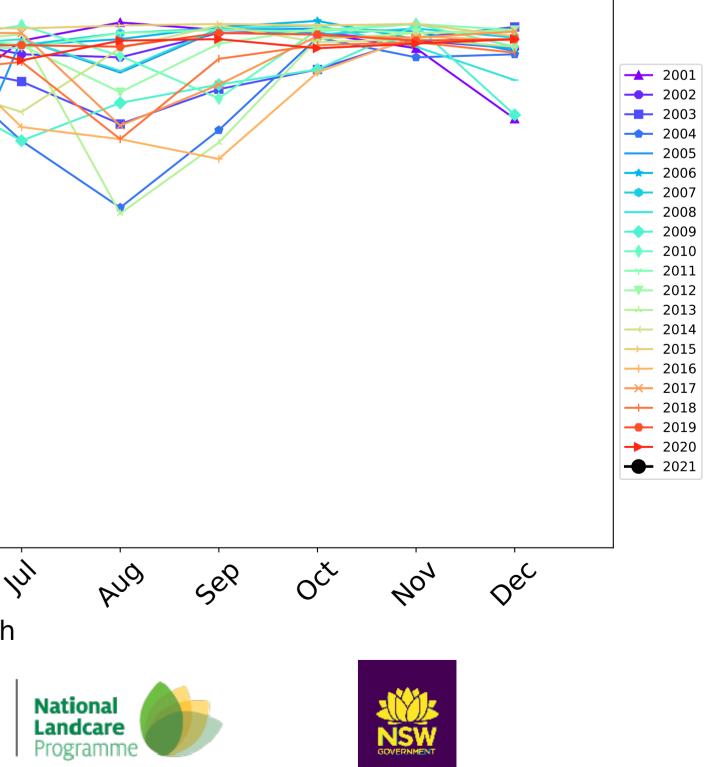


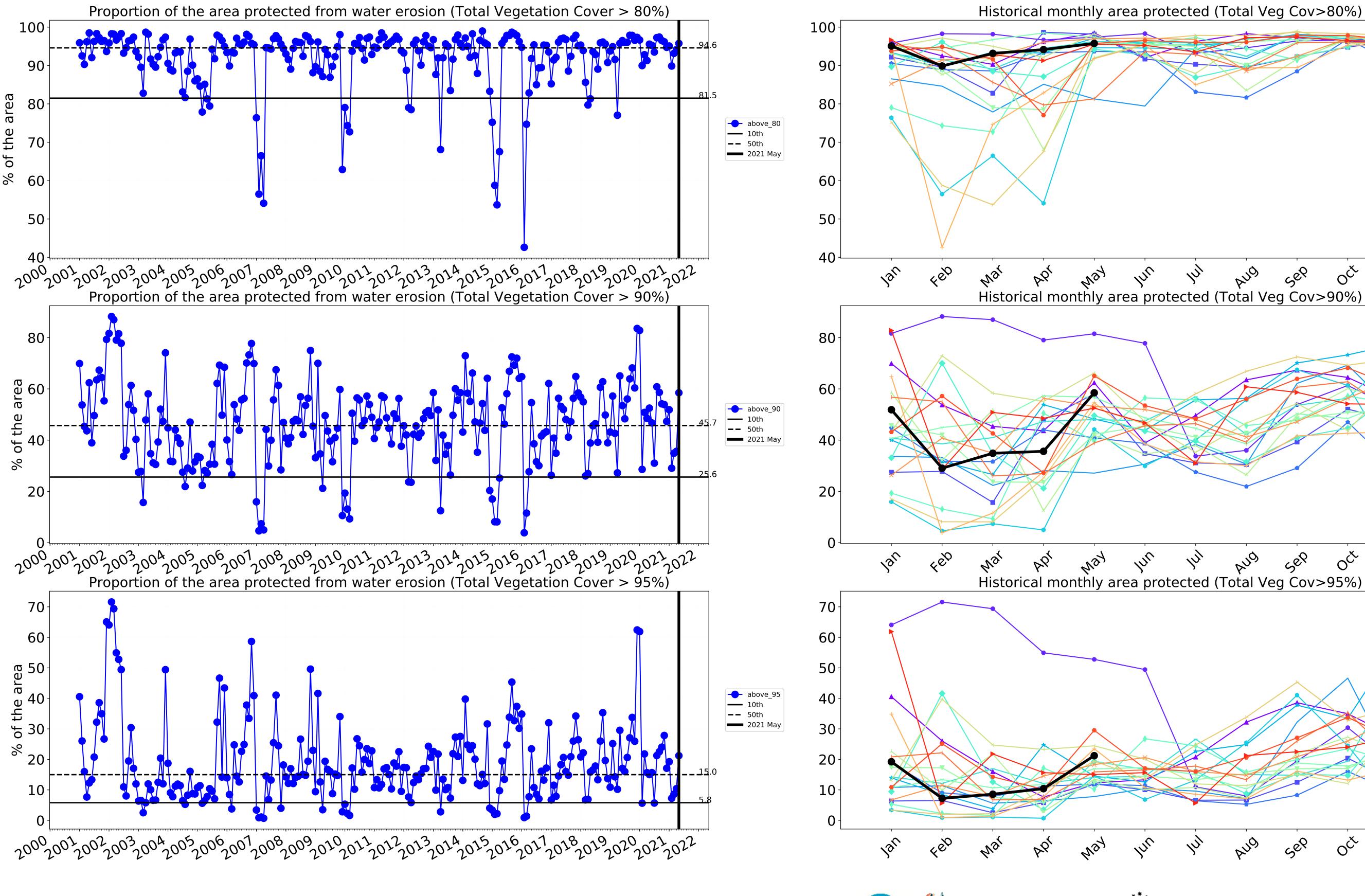
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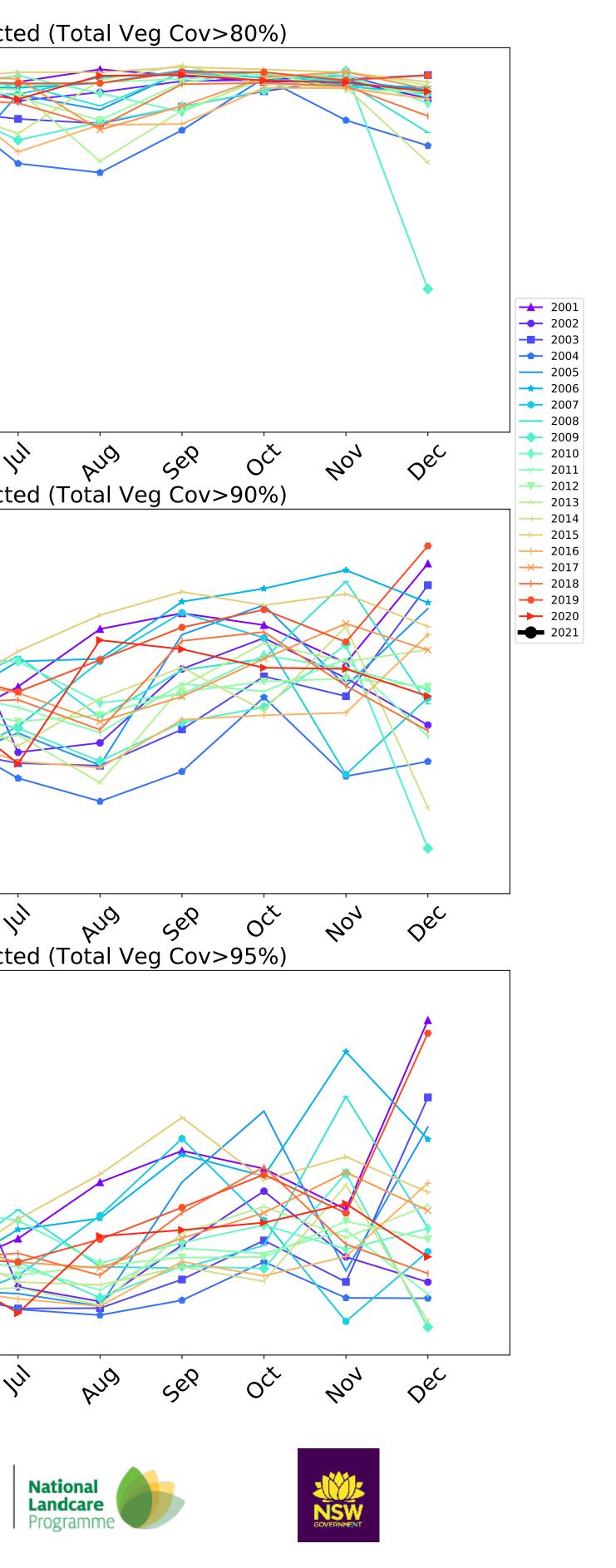
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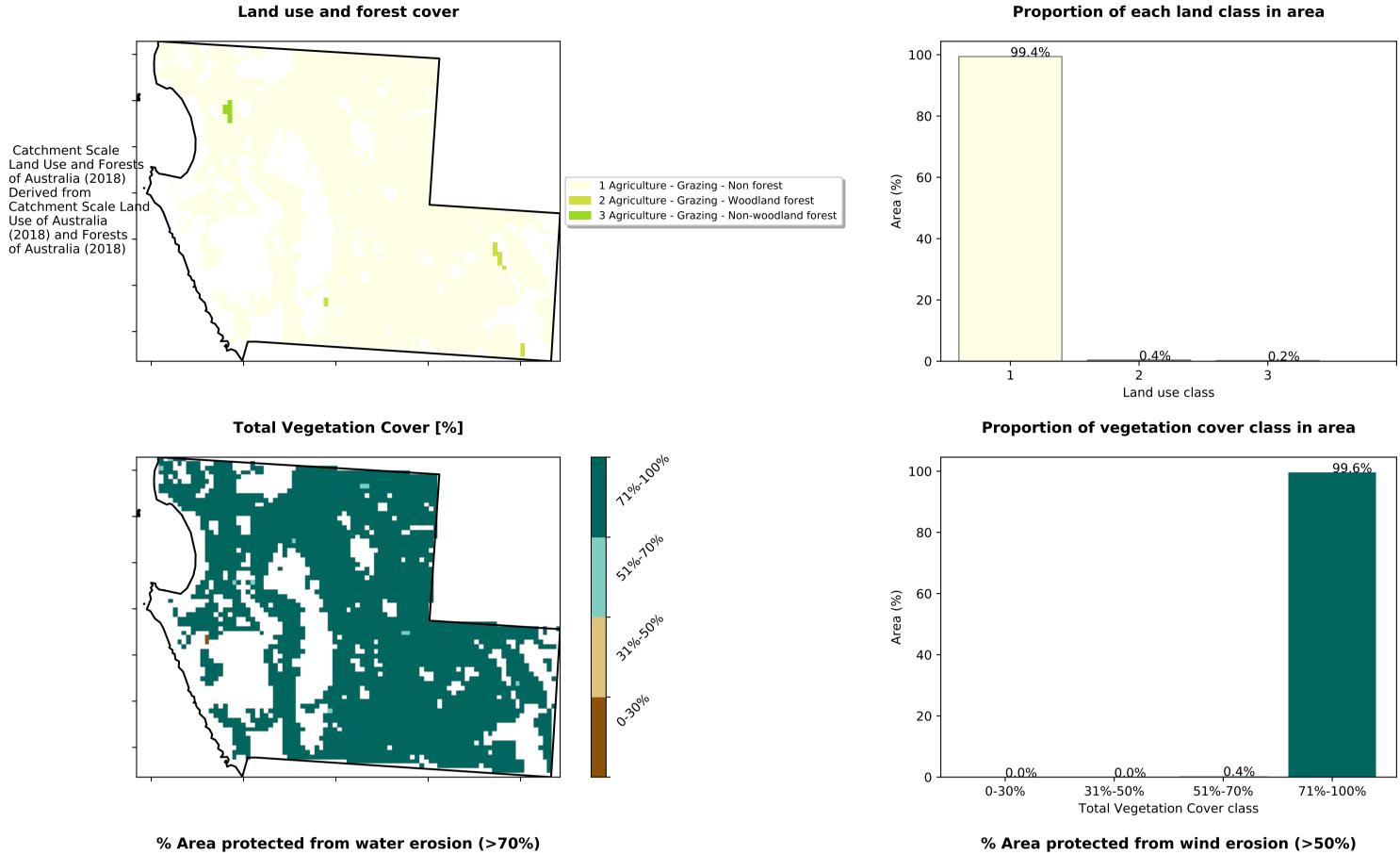








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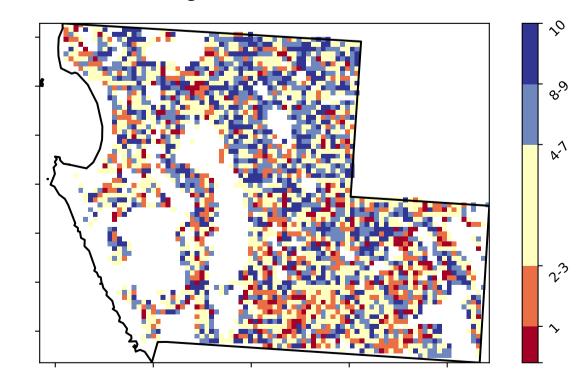




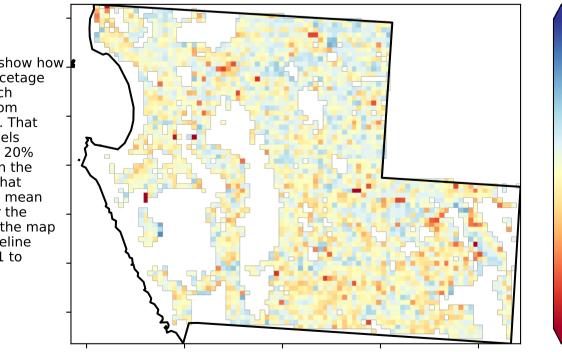




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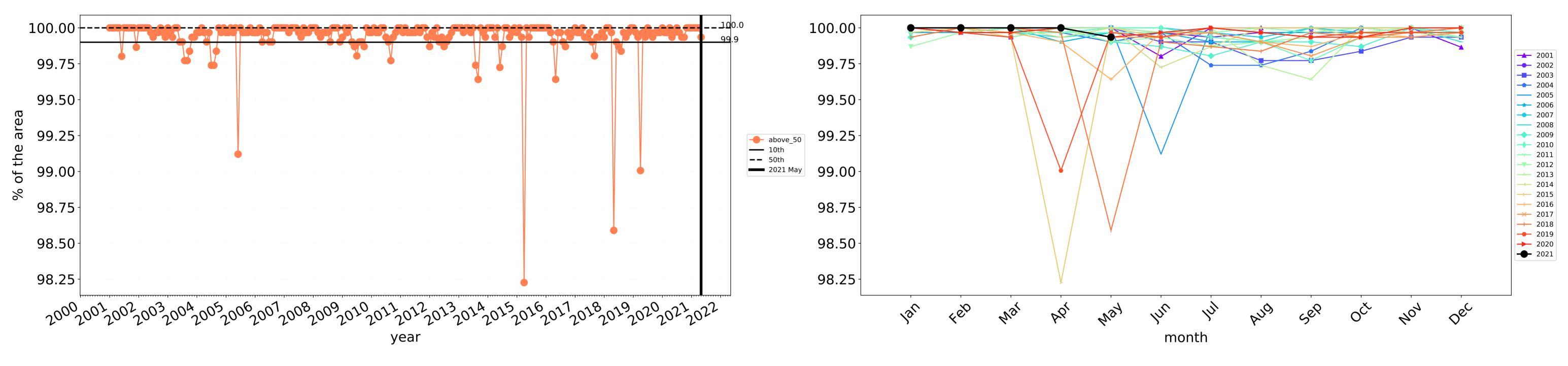
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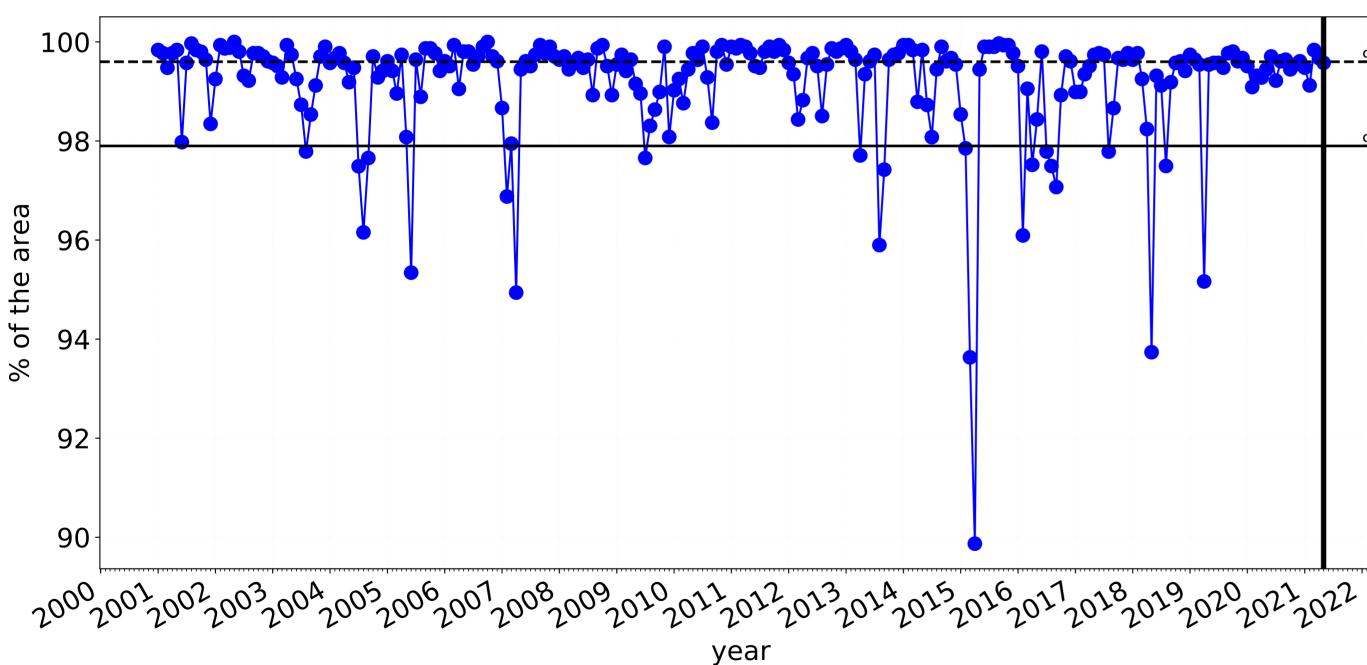
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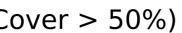
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



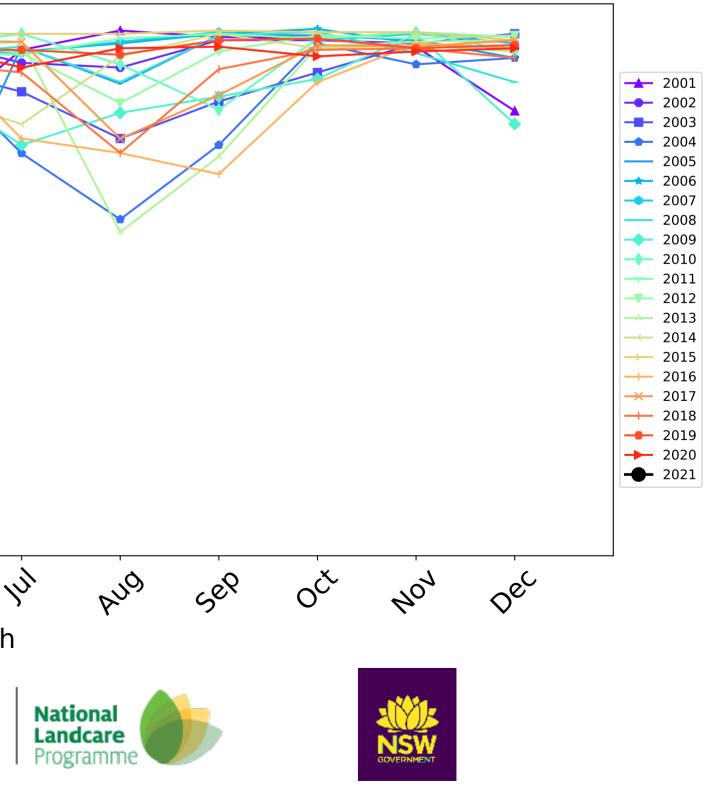


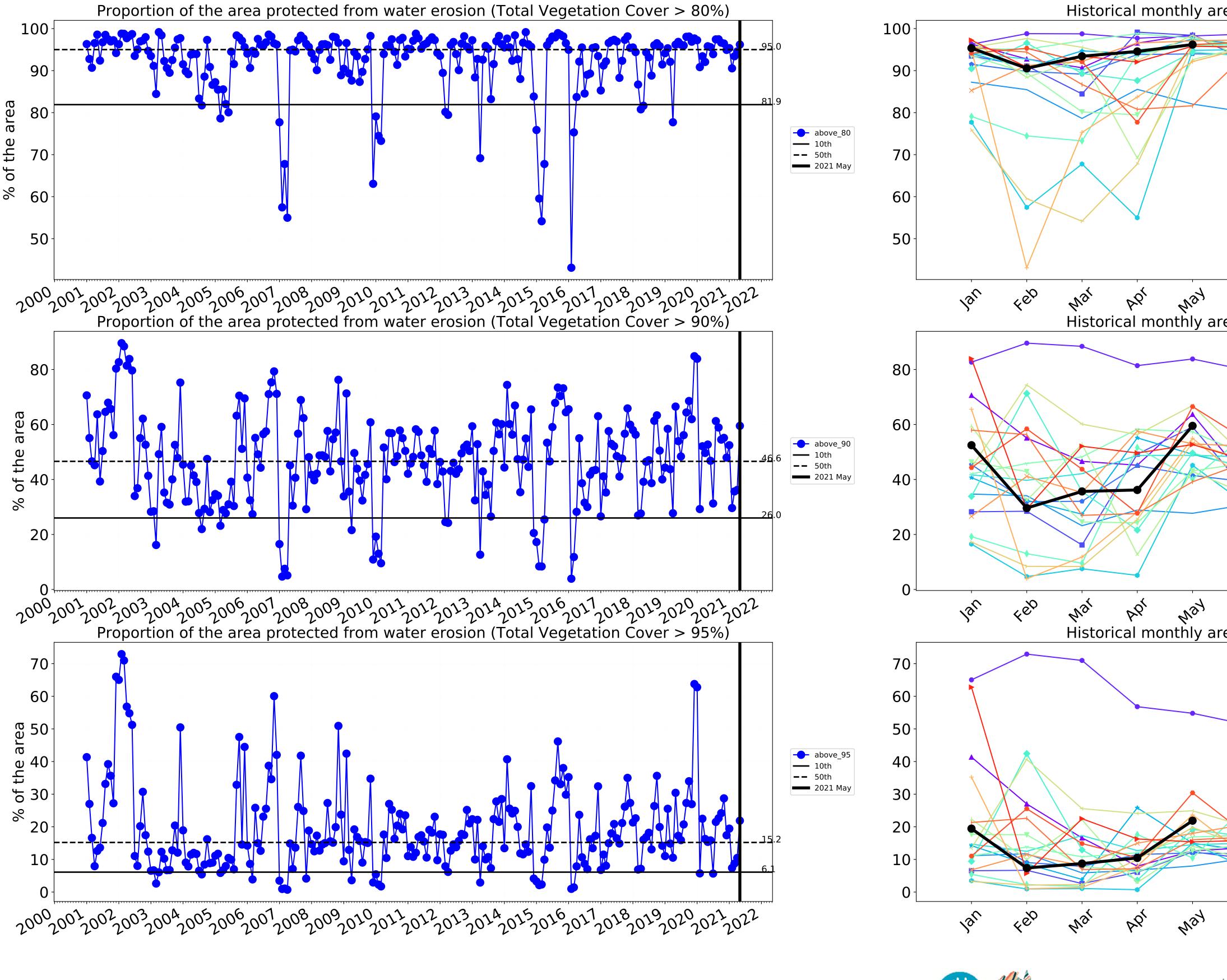
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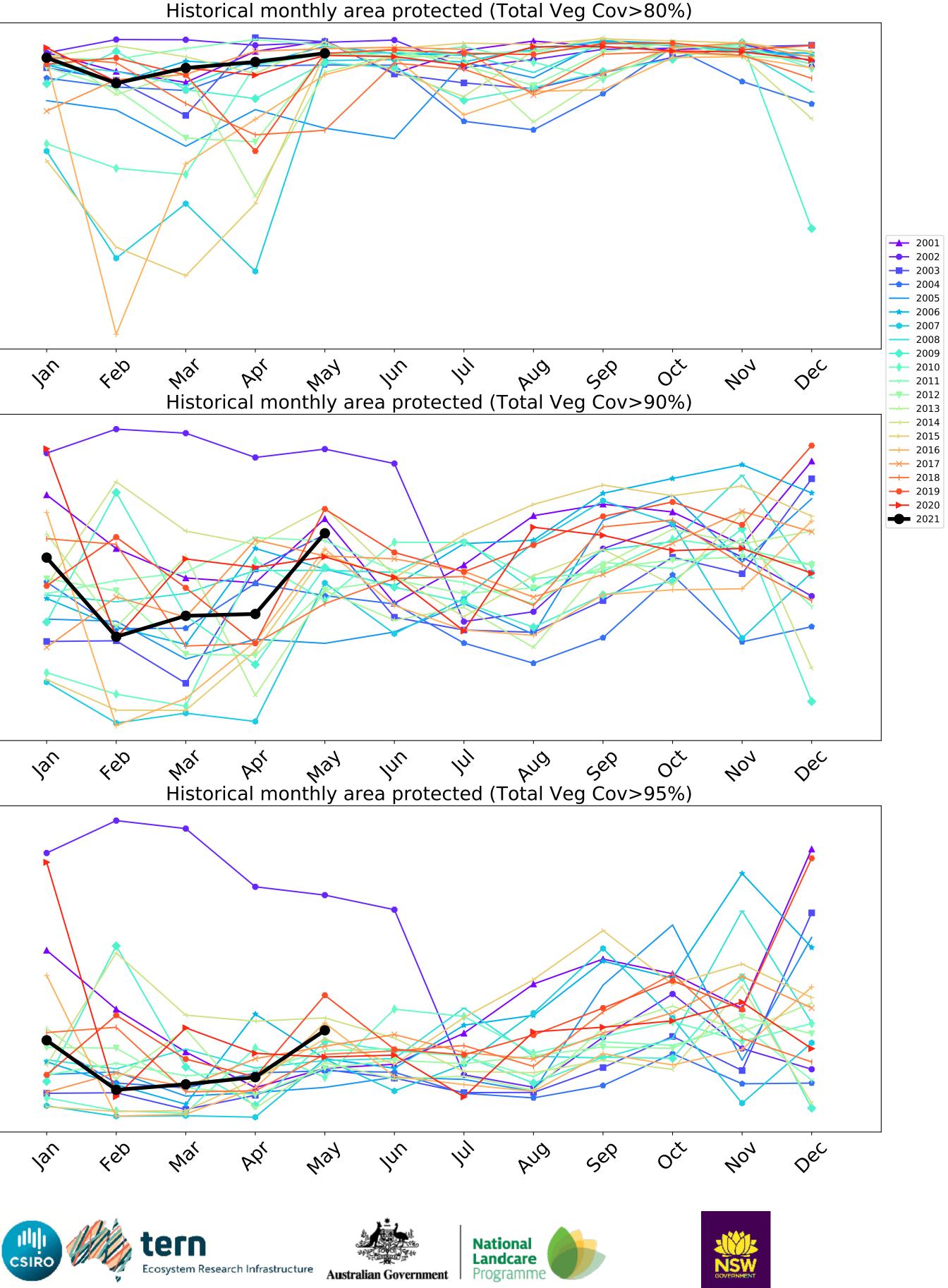
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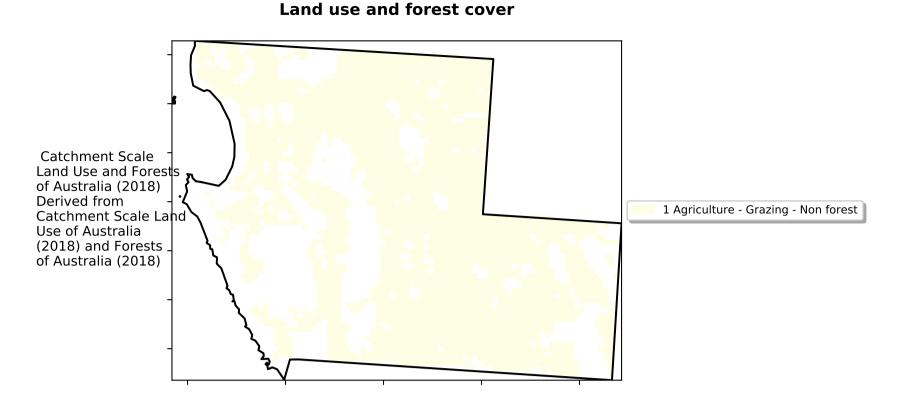




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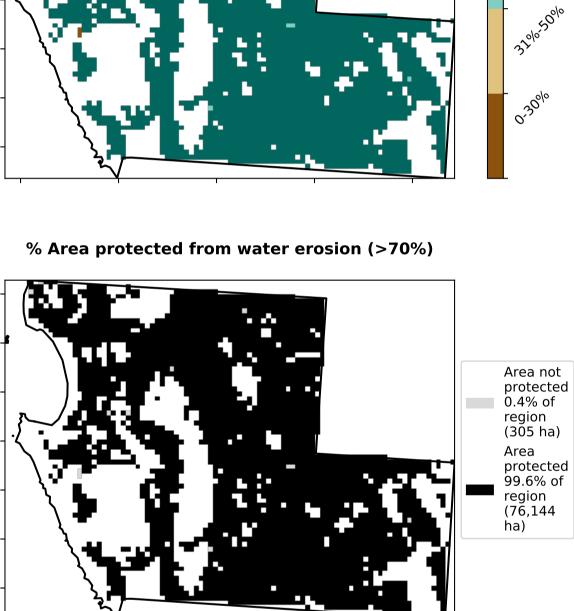
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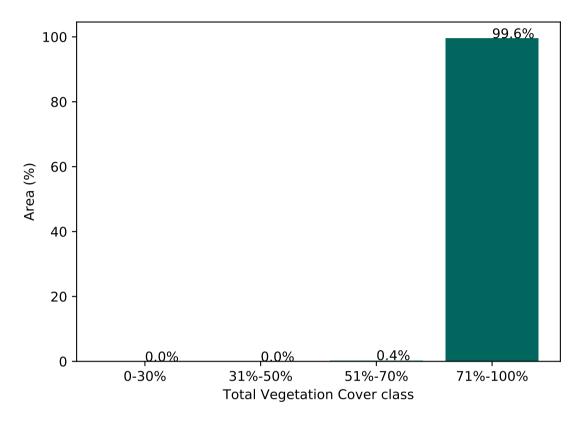
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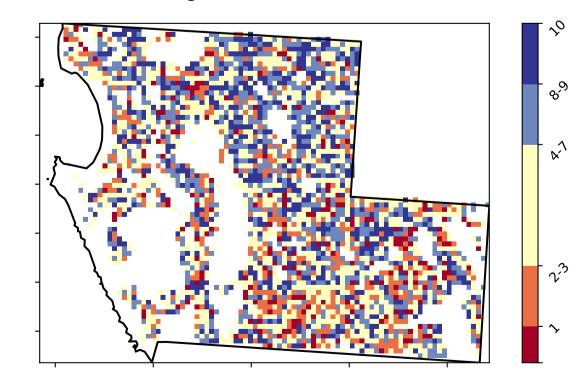
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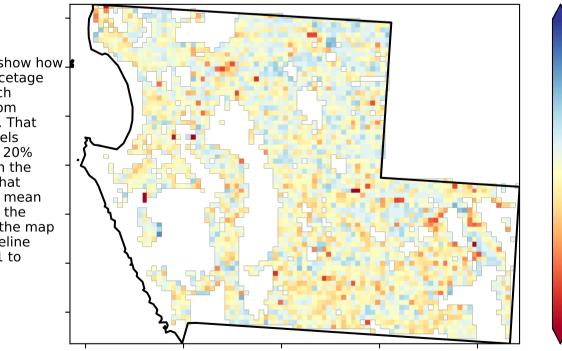
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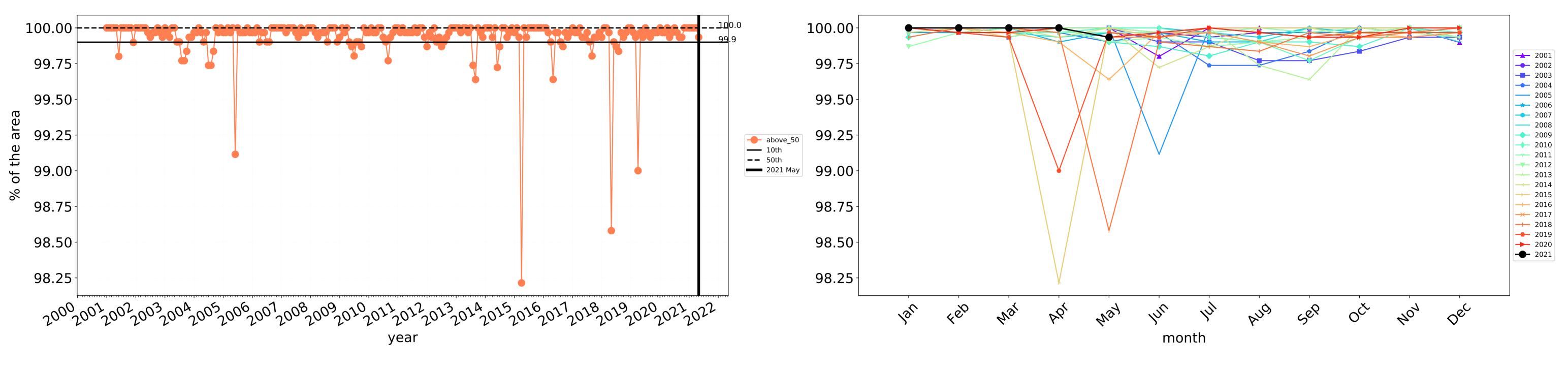
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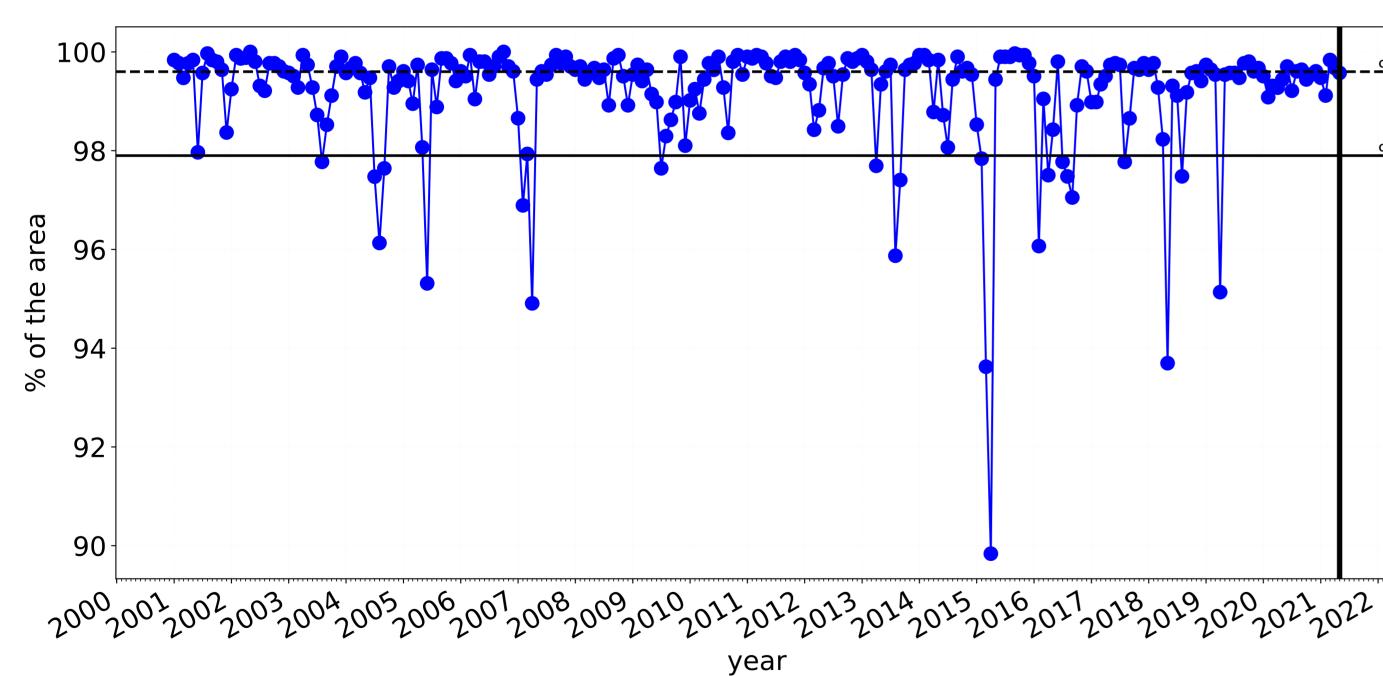
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Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



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

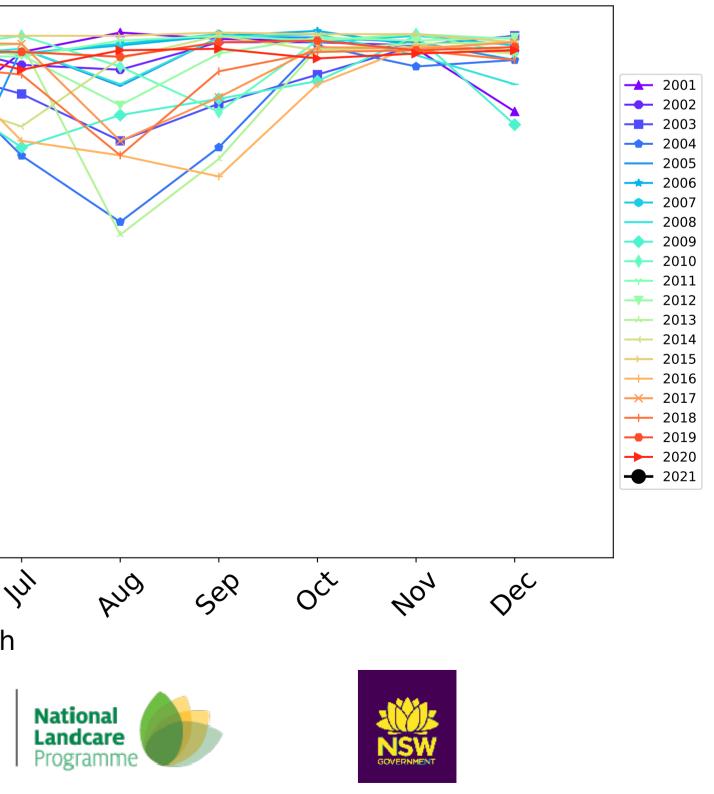


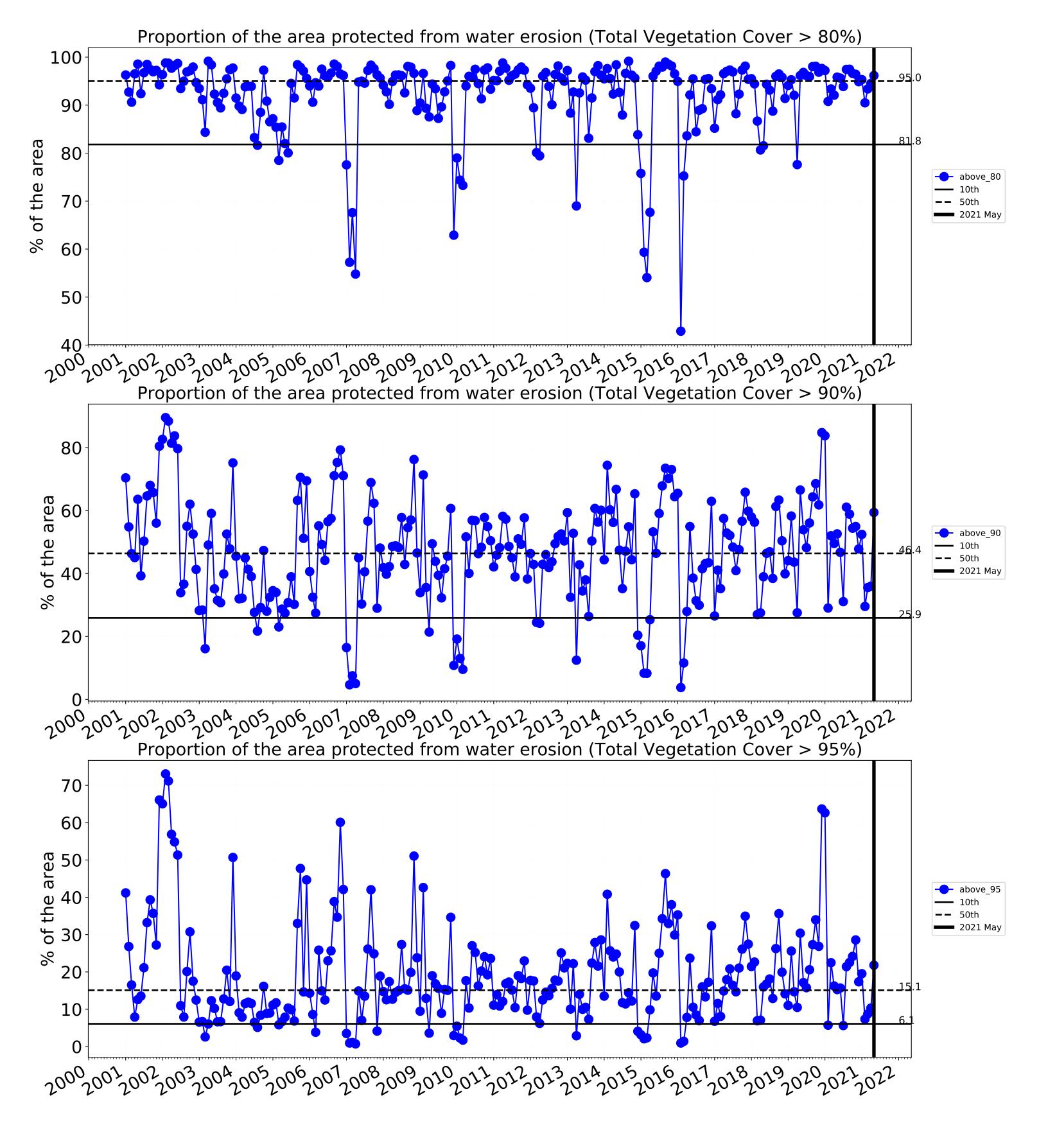
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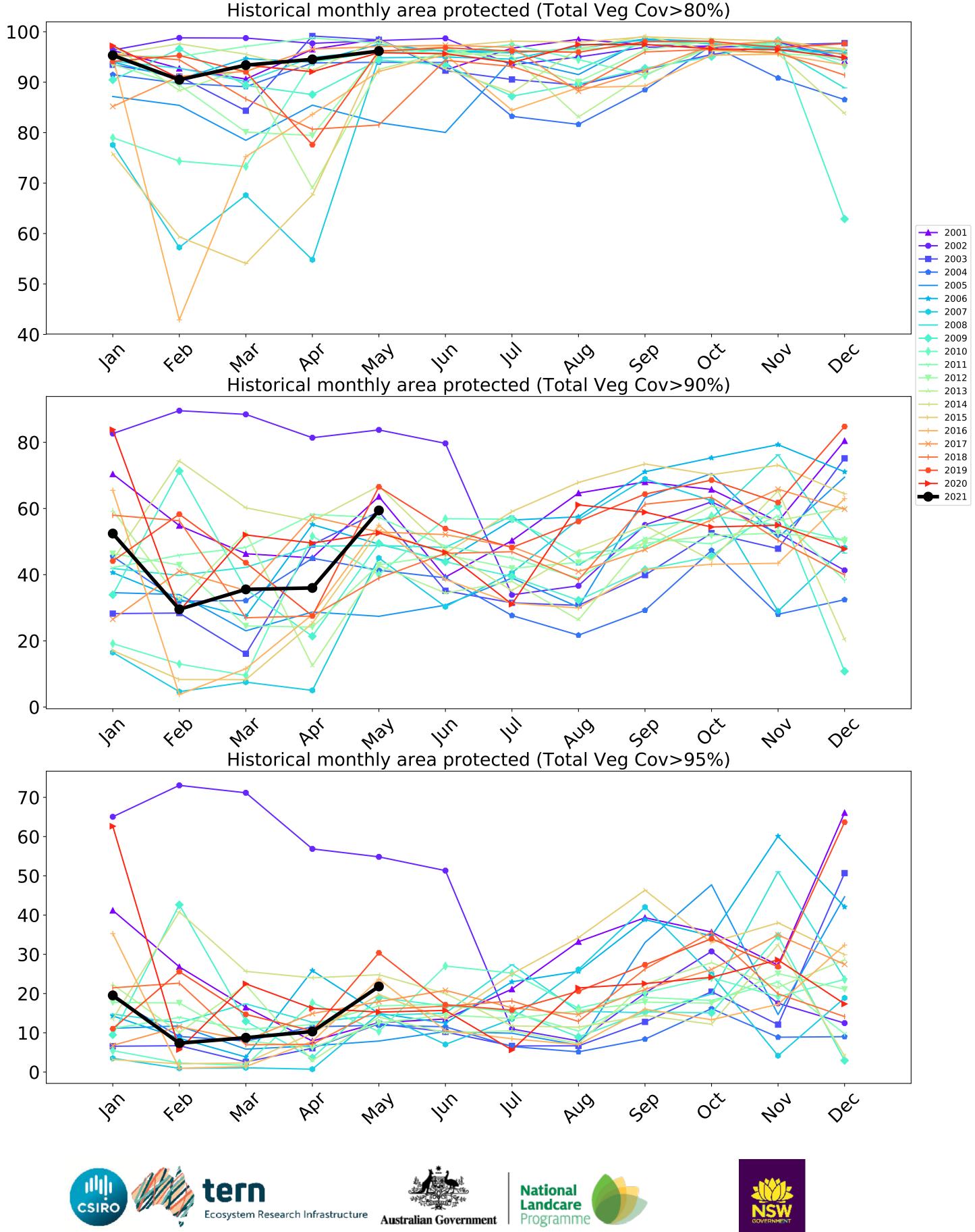
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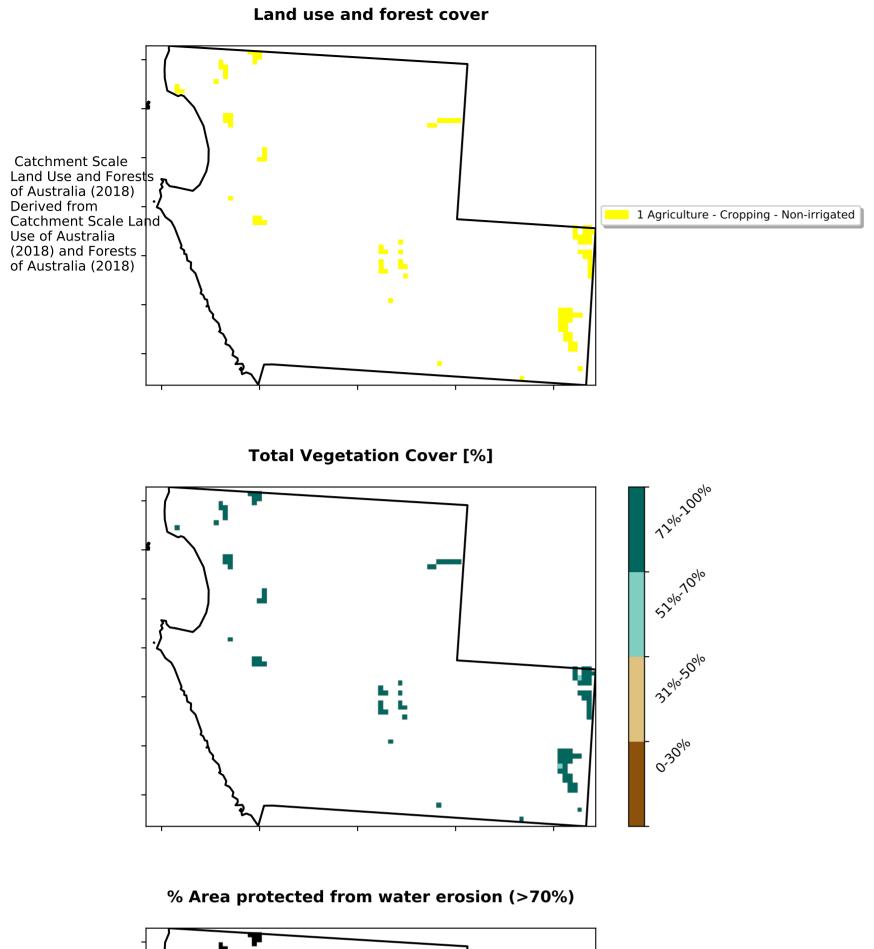




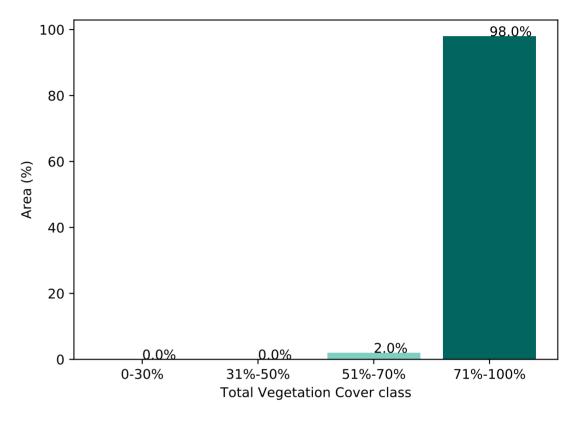




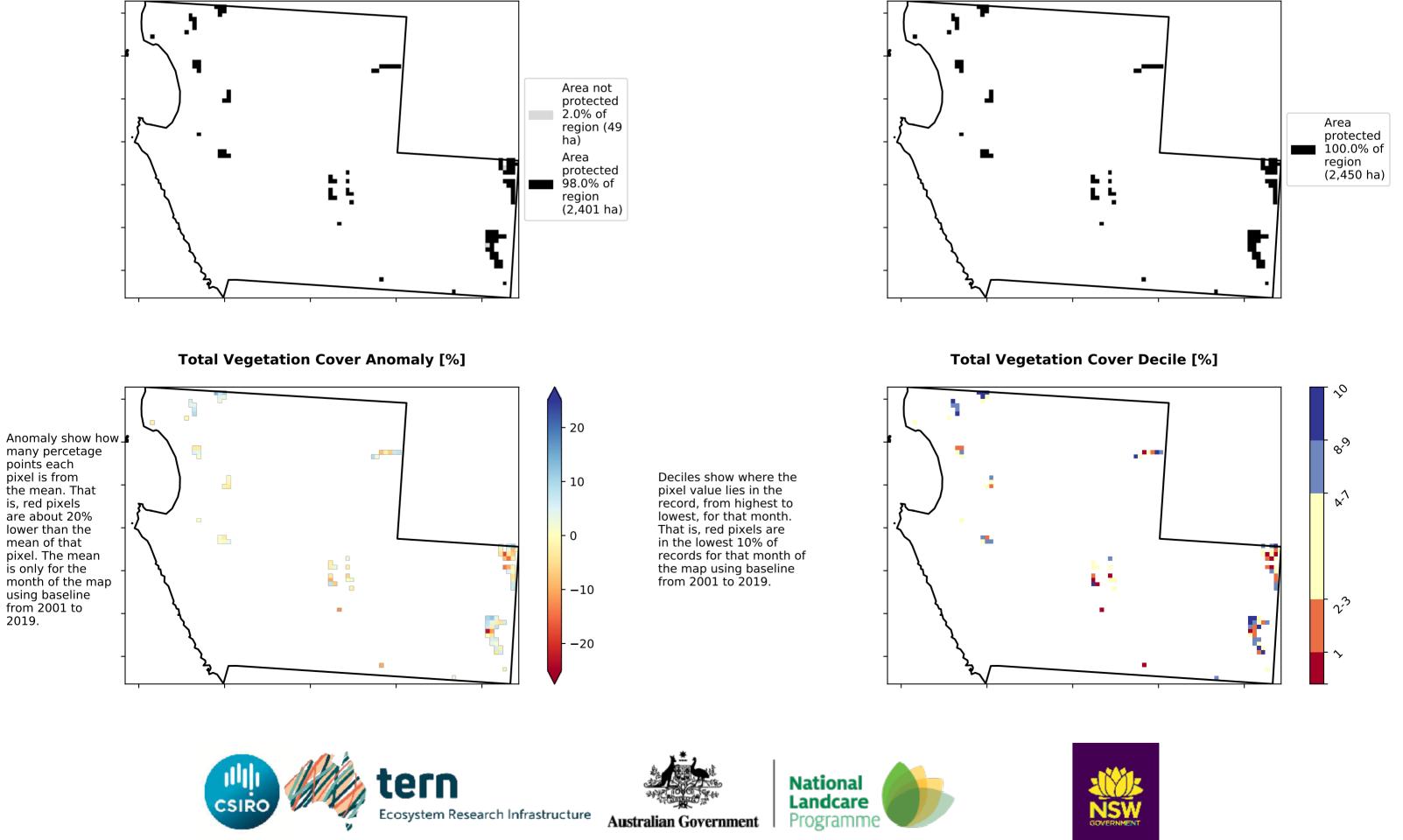
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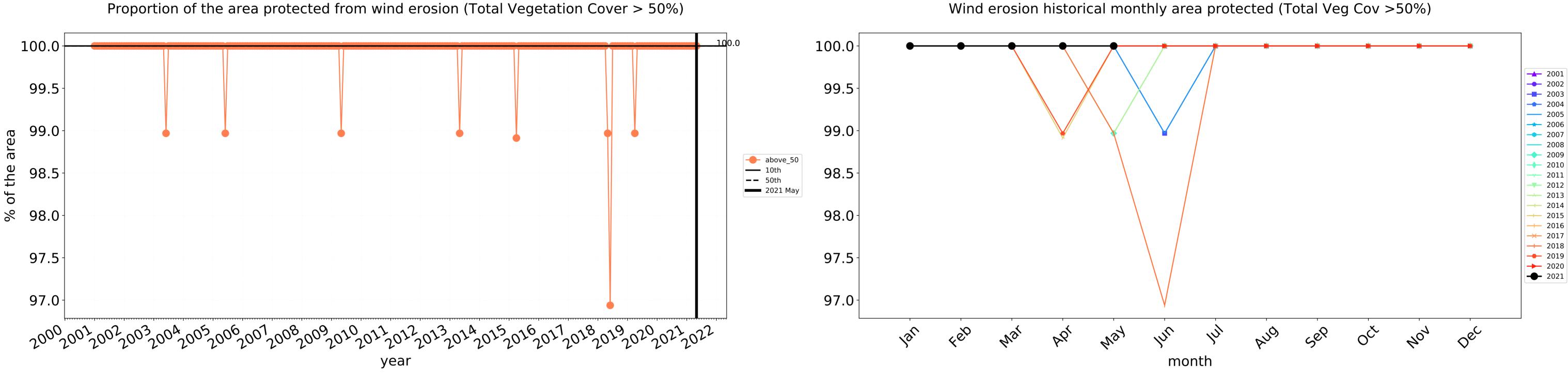


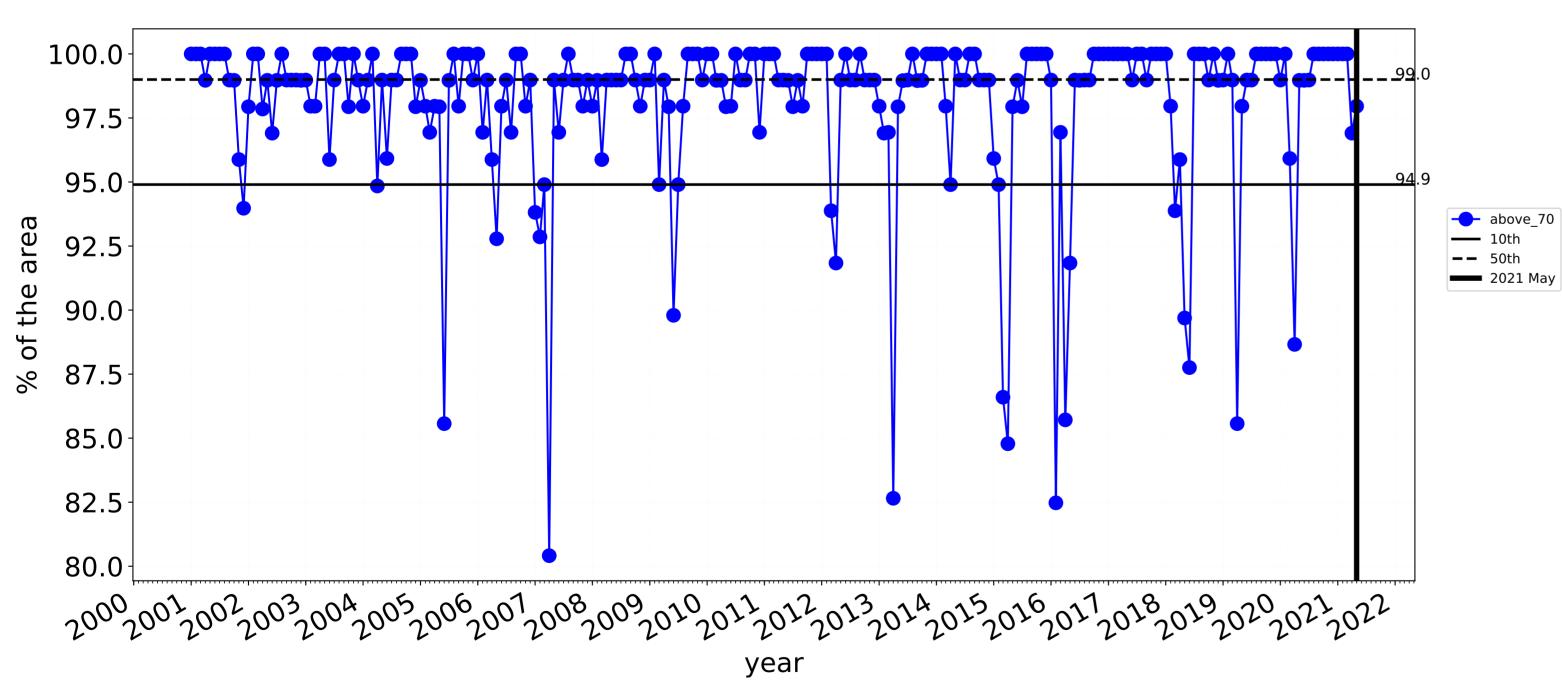
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

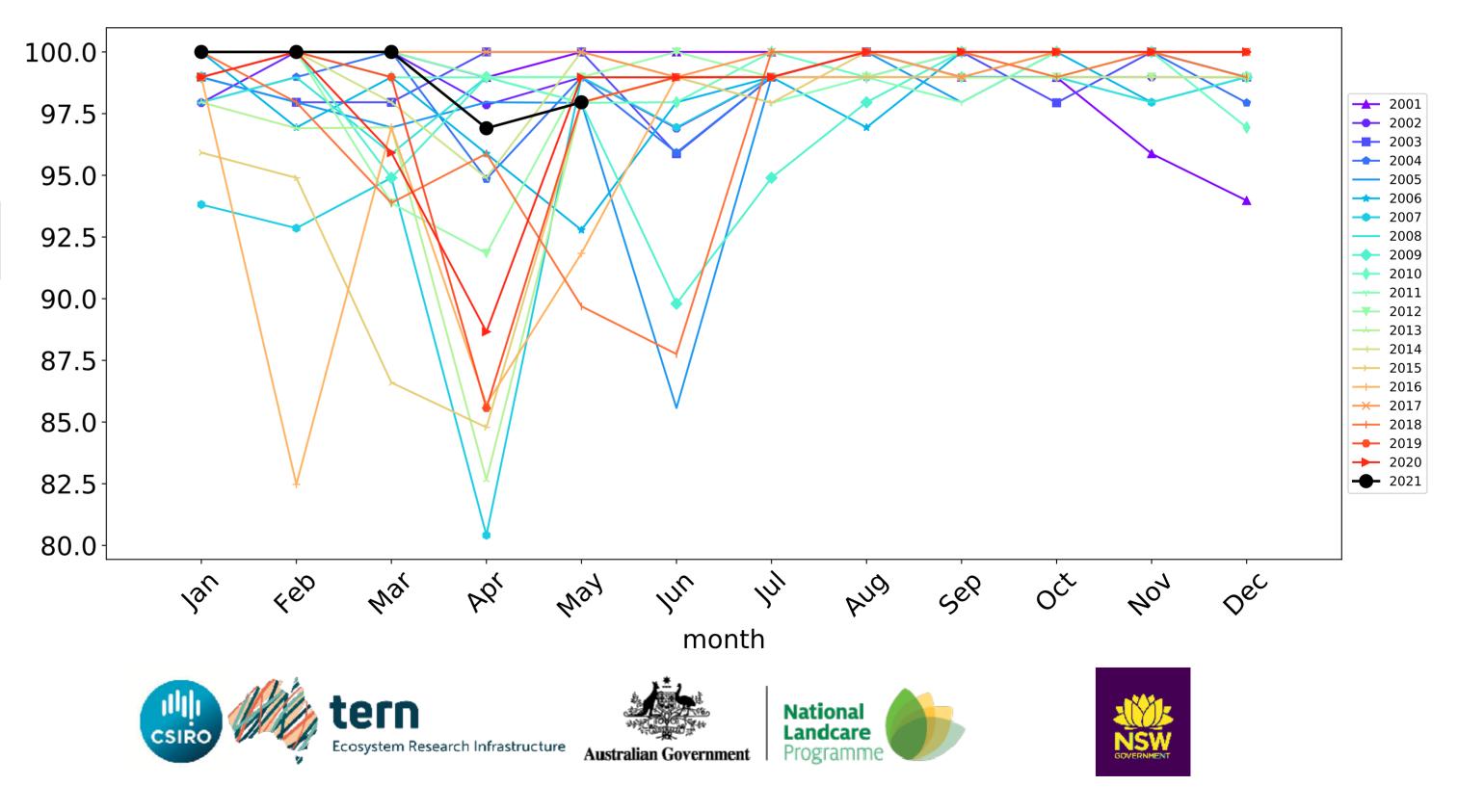


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

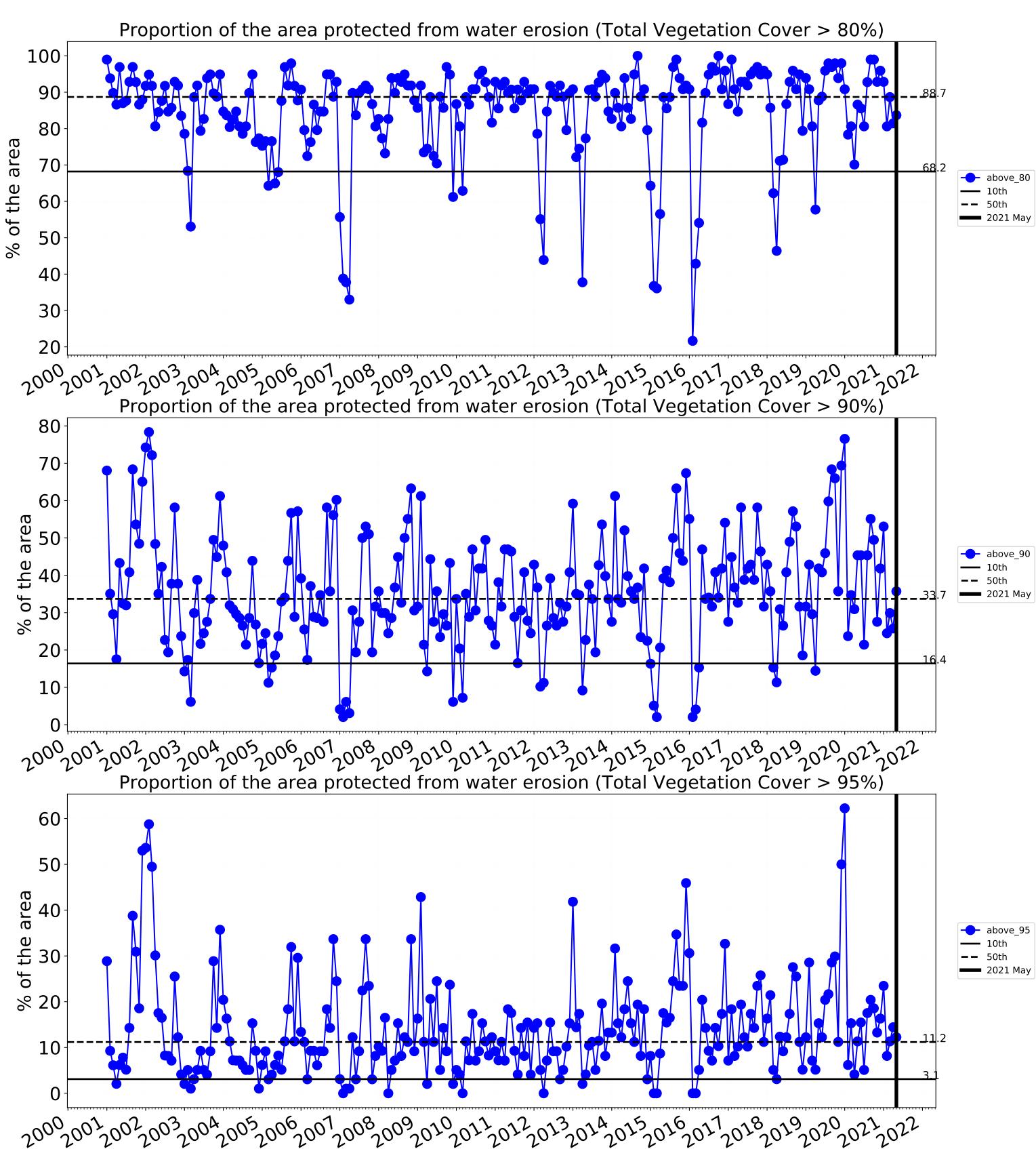


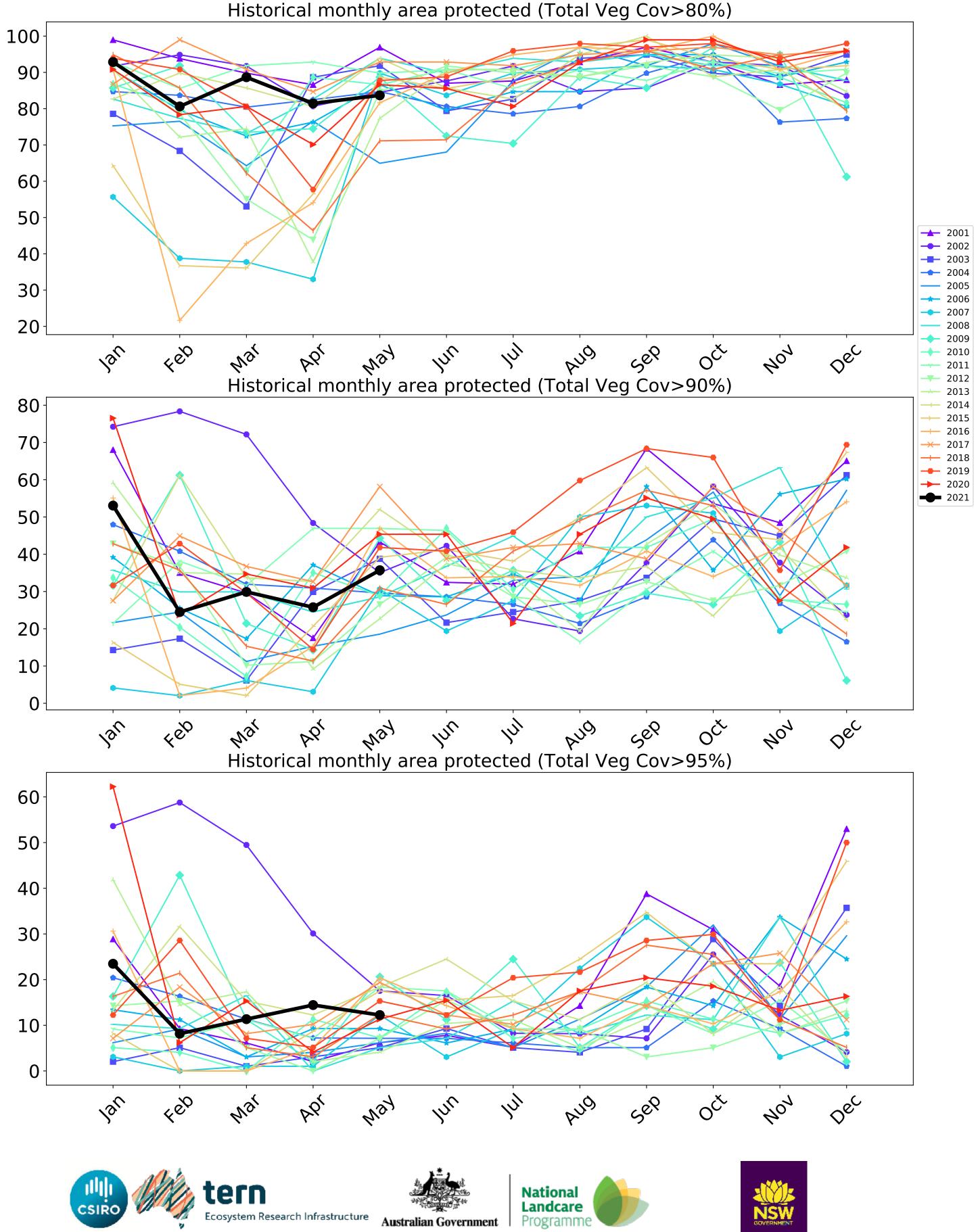






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

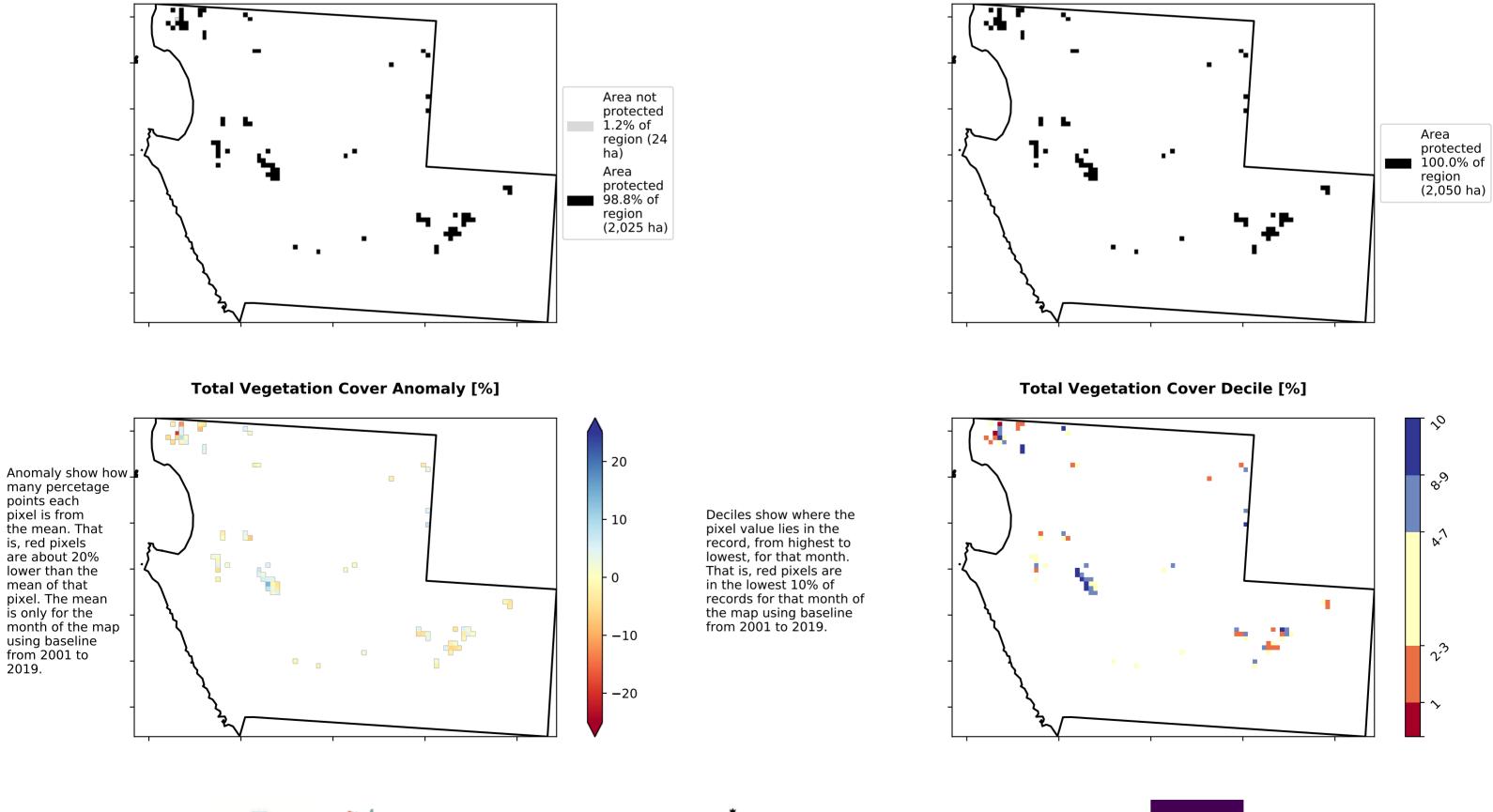


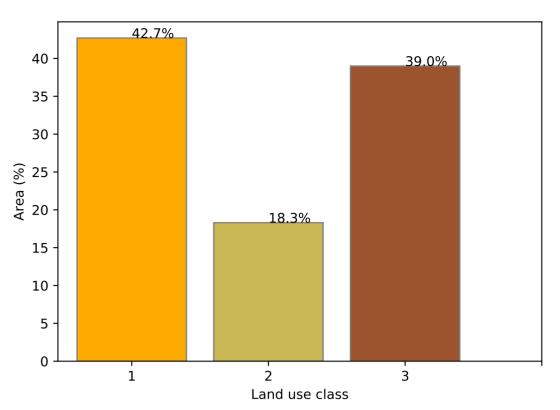


# Irrigation

Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 12%200% 52%70% 3201050010 0.30%

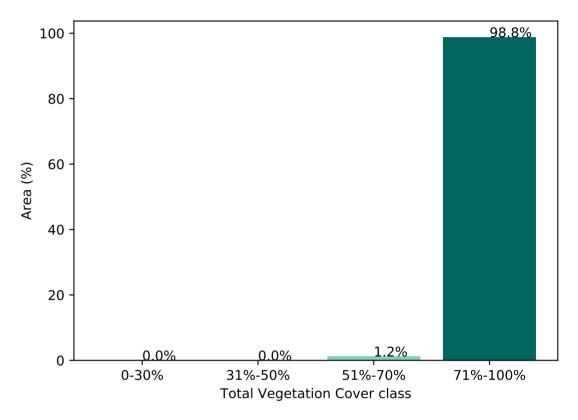
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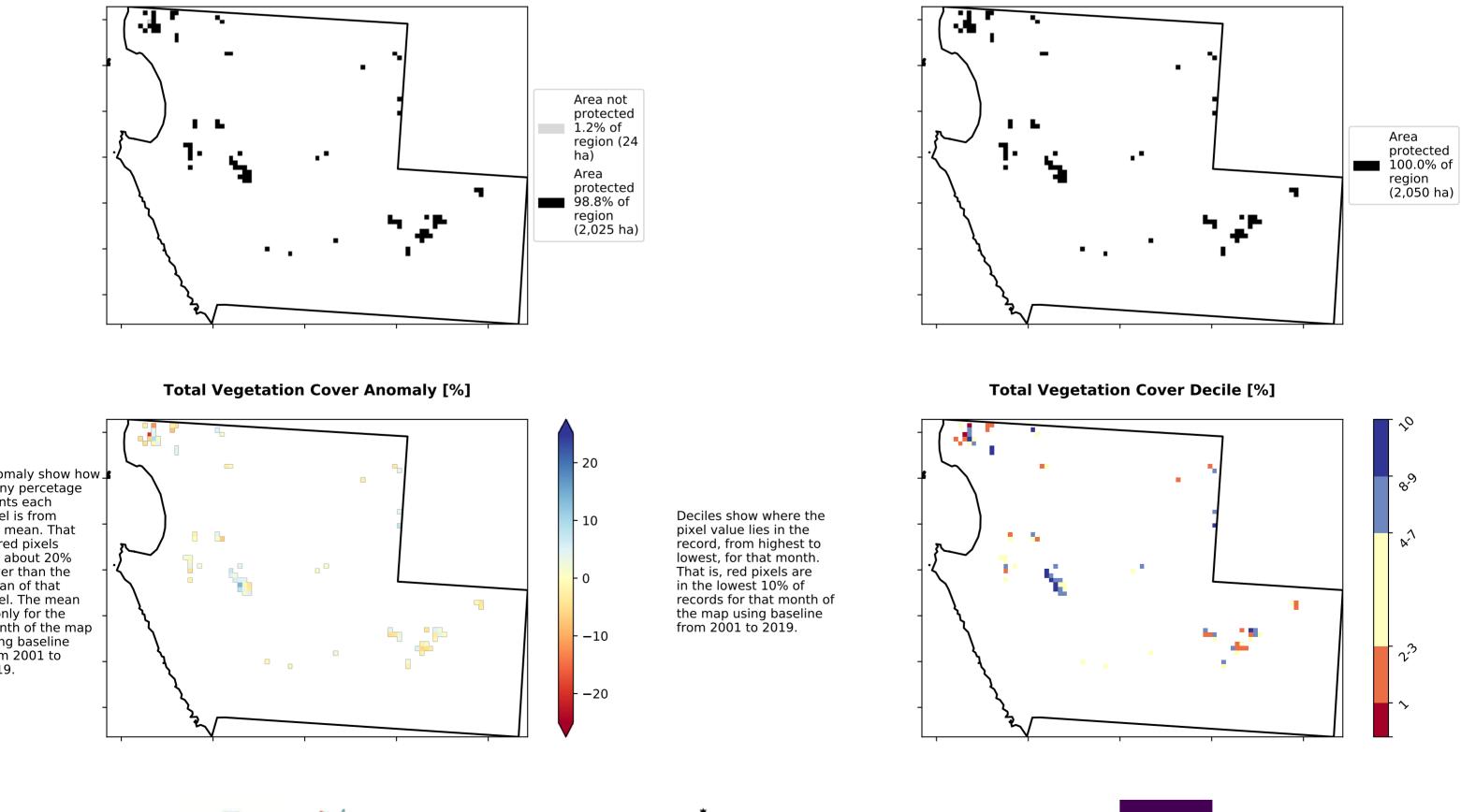


### Proportion of each land class in area

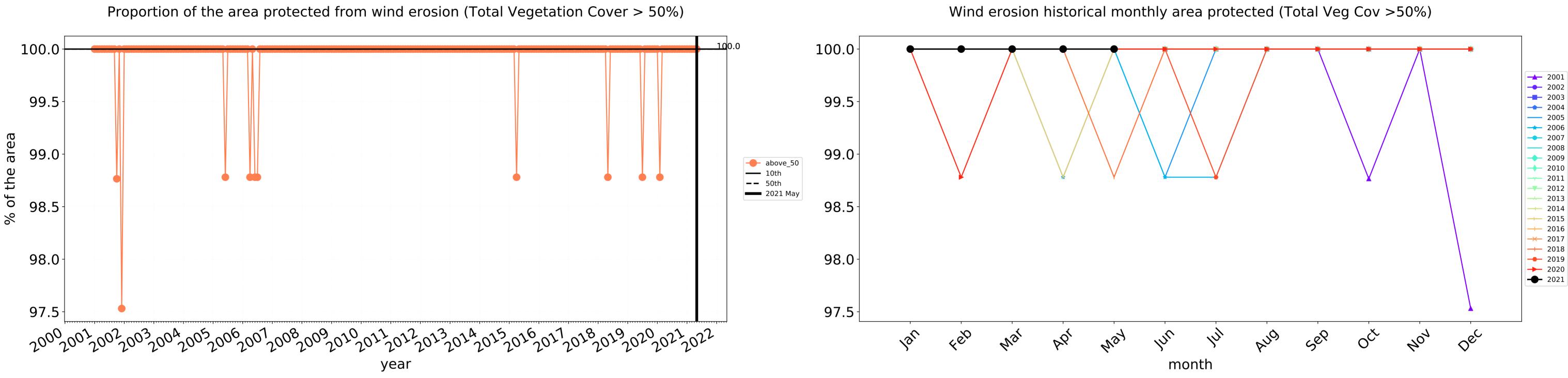
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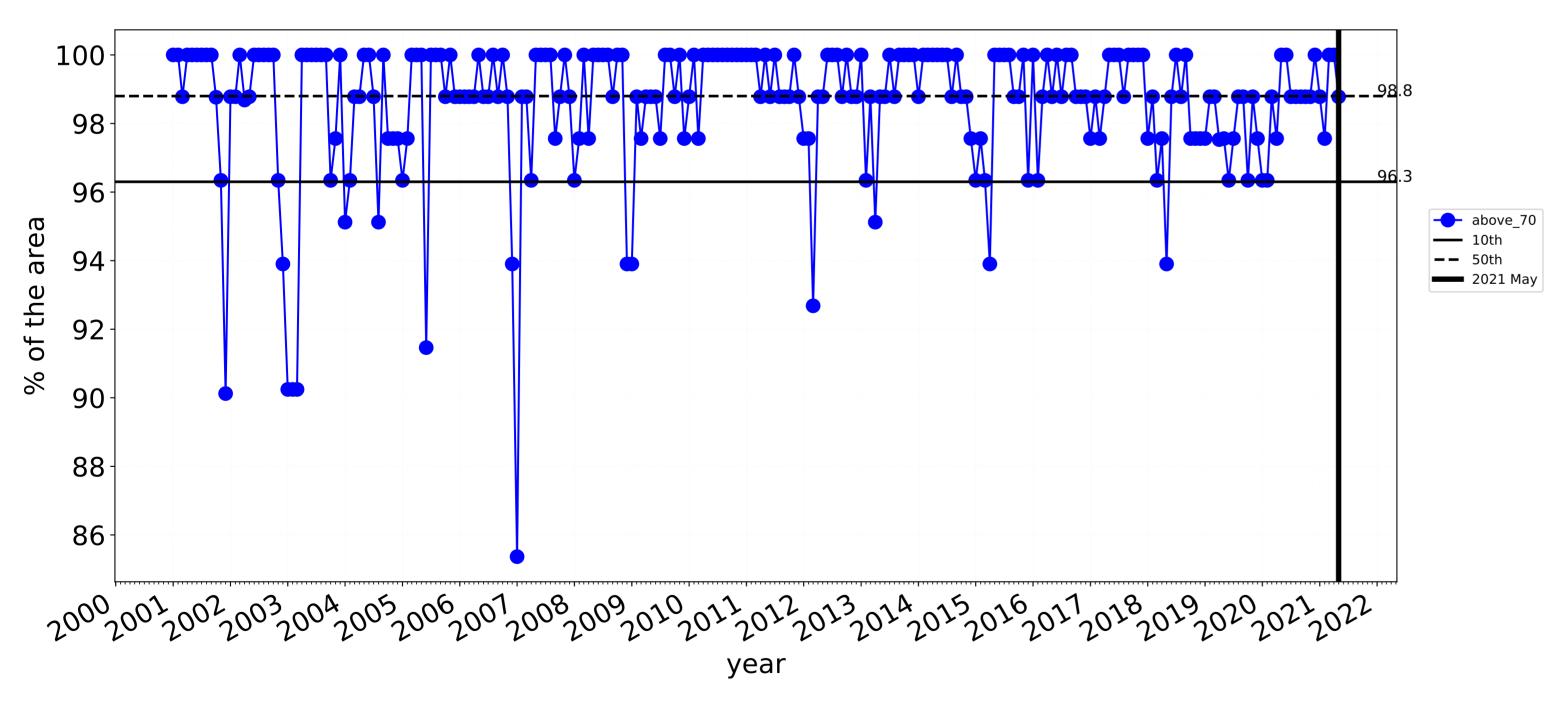
### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





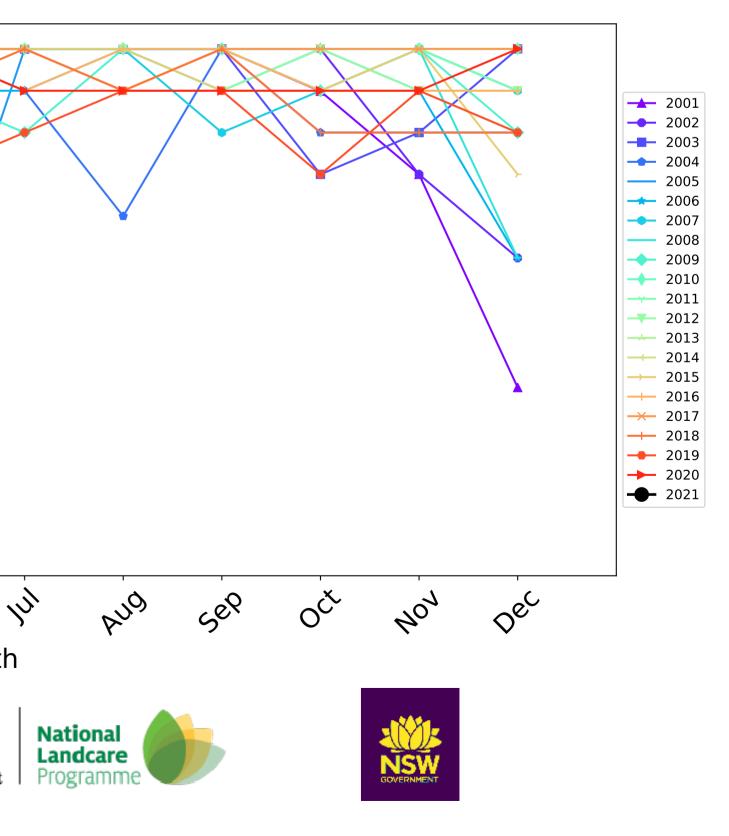


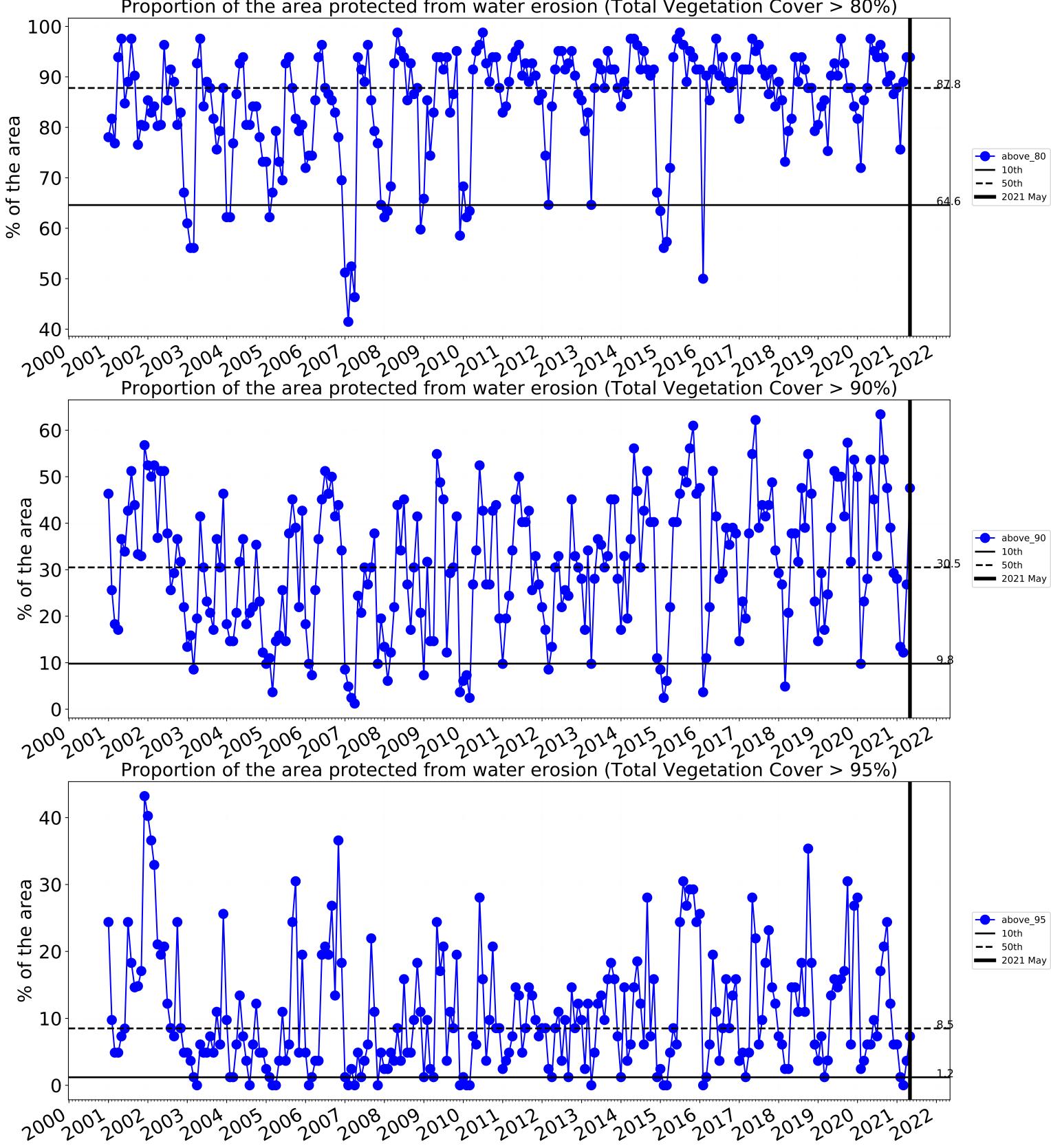




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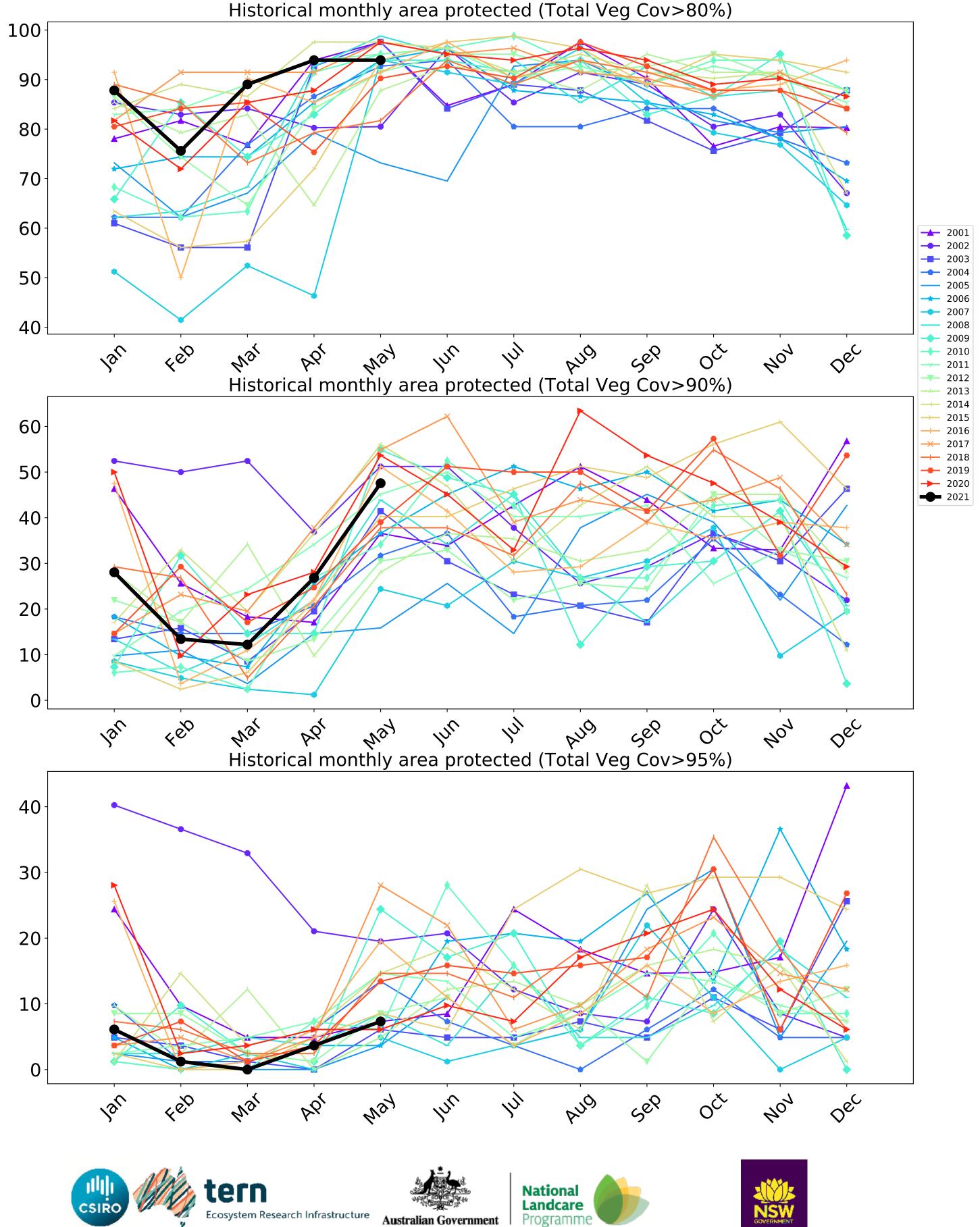
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





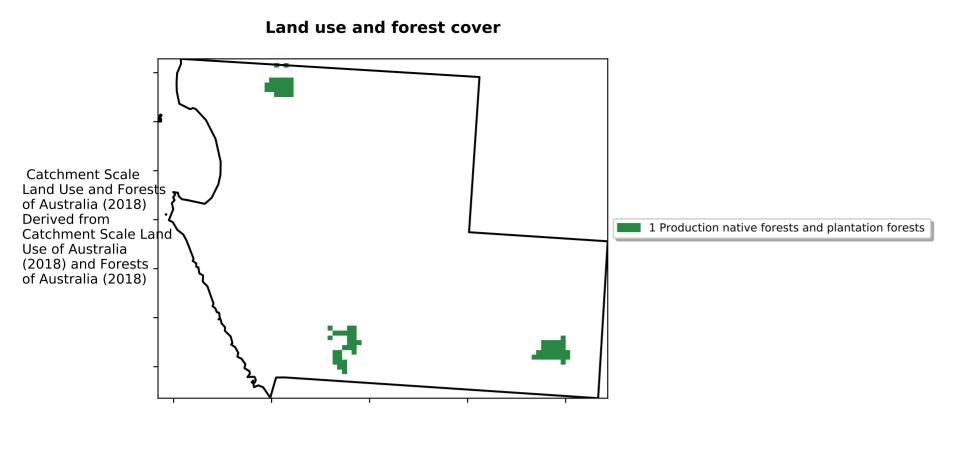
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



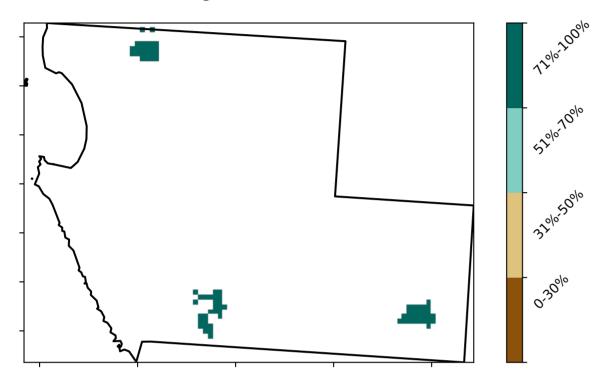




# **Production native forests and plantation forests**



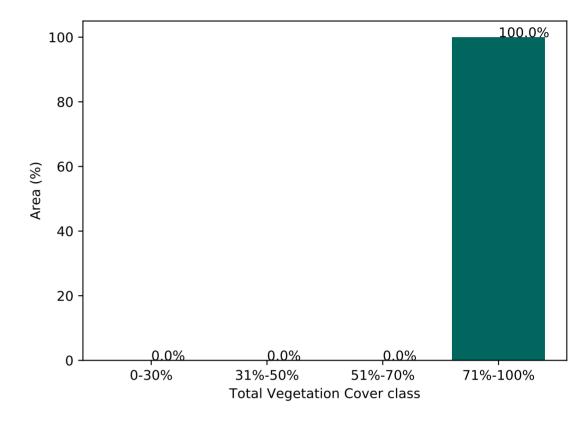
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



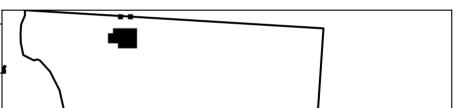
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

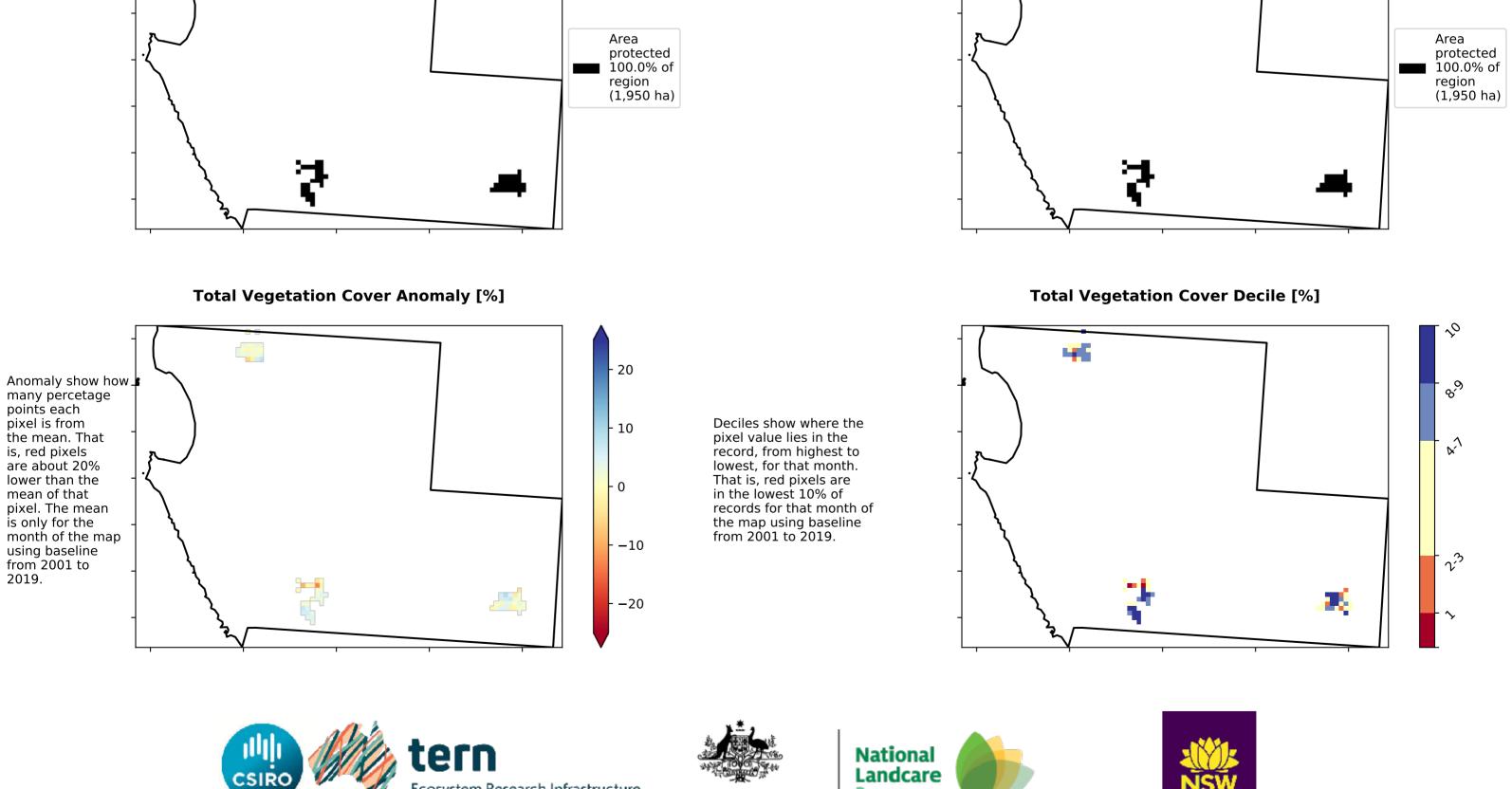


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





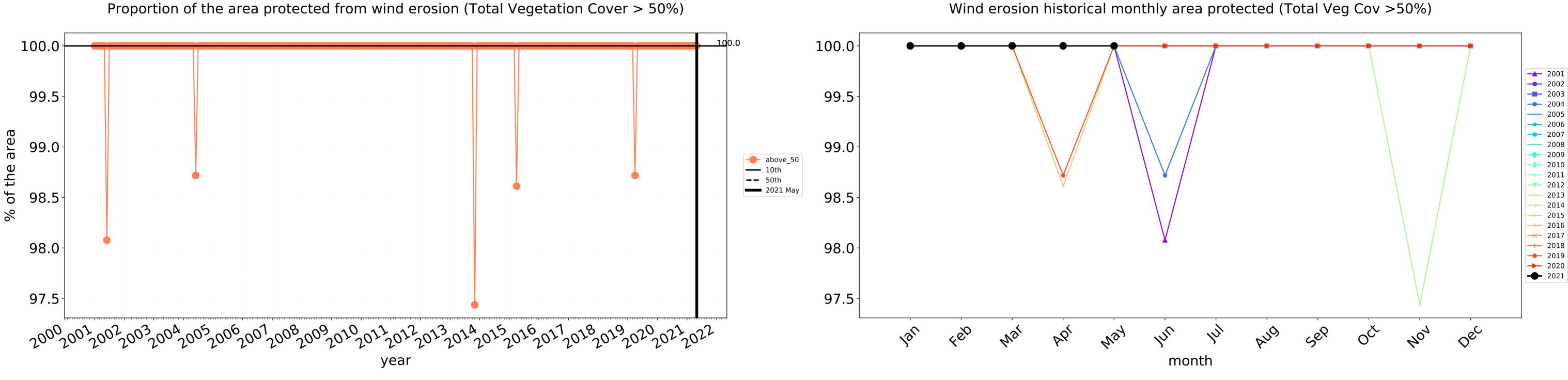
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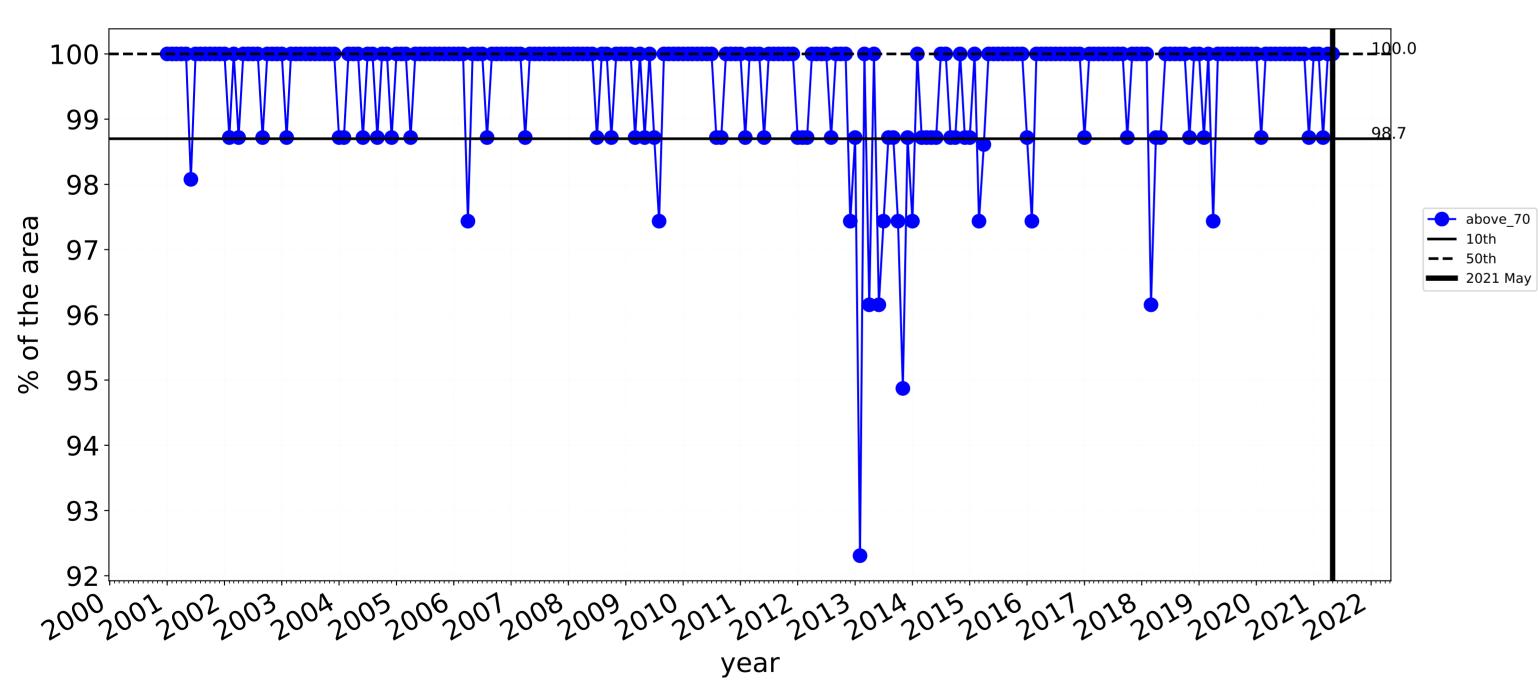
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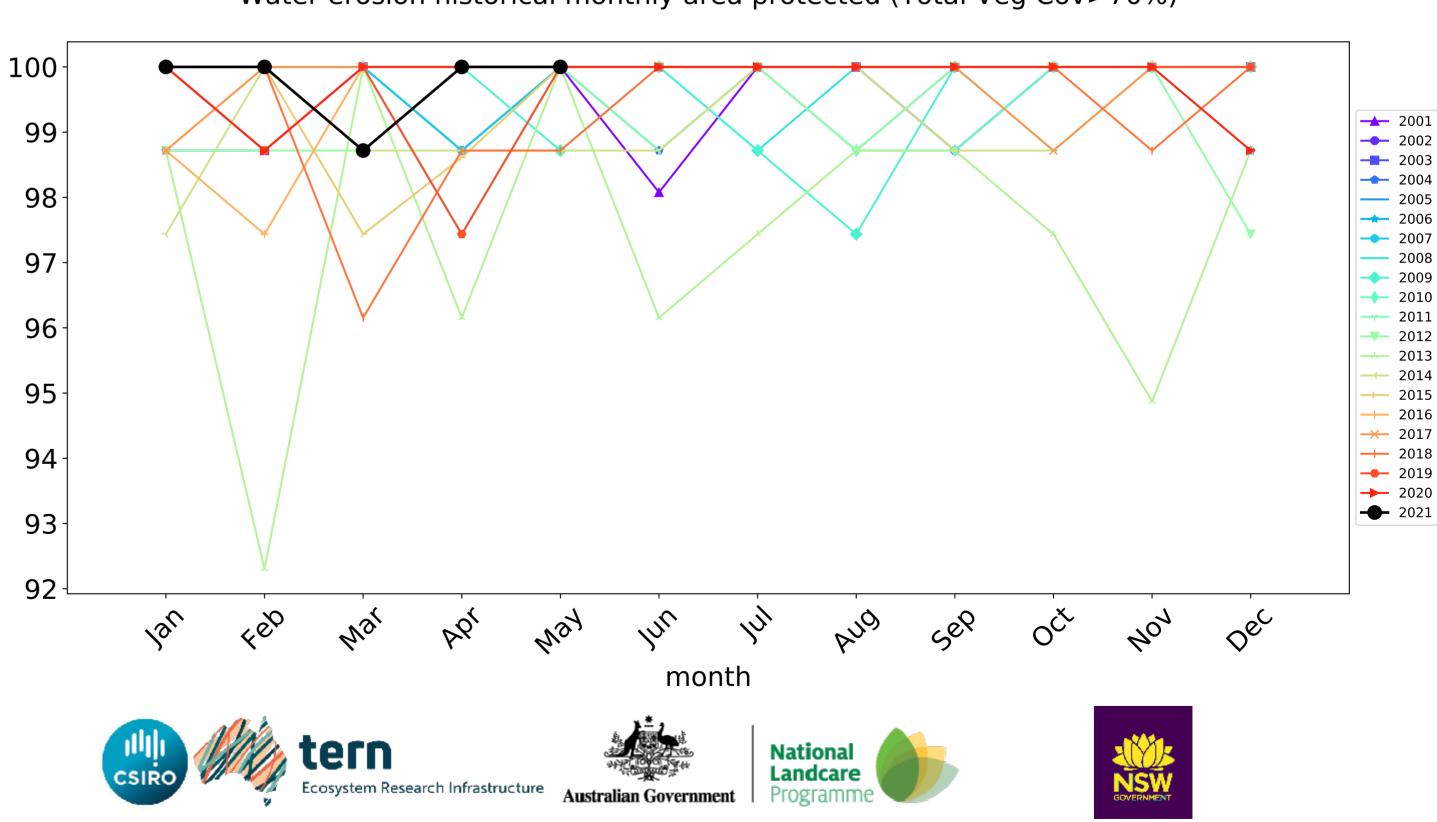
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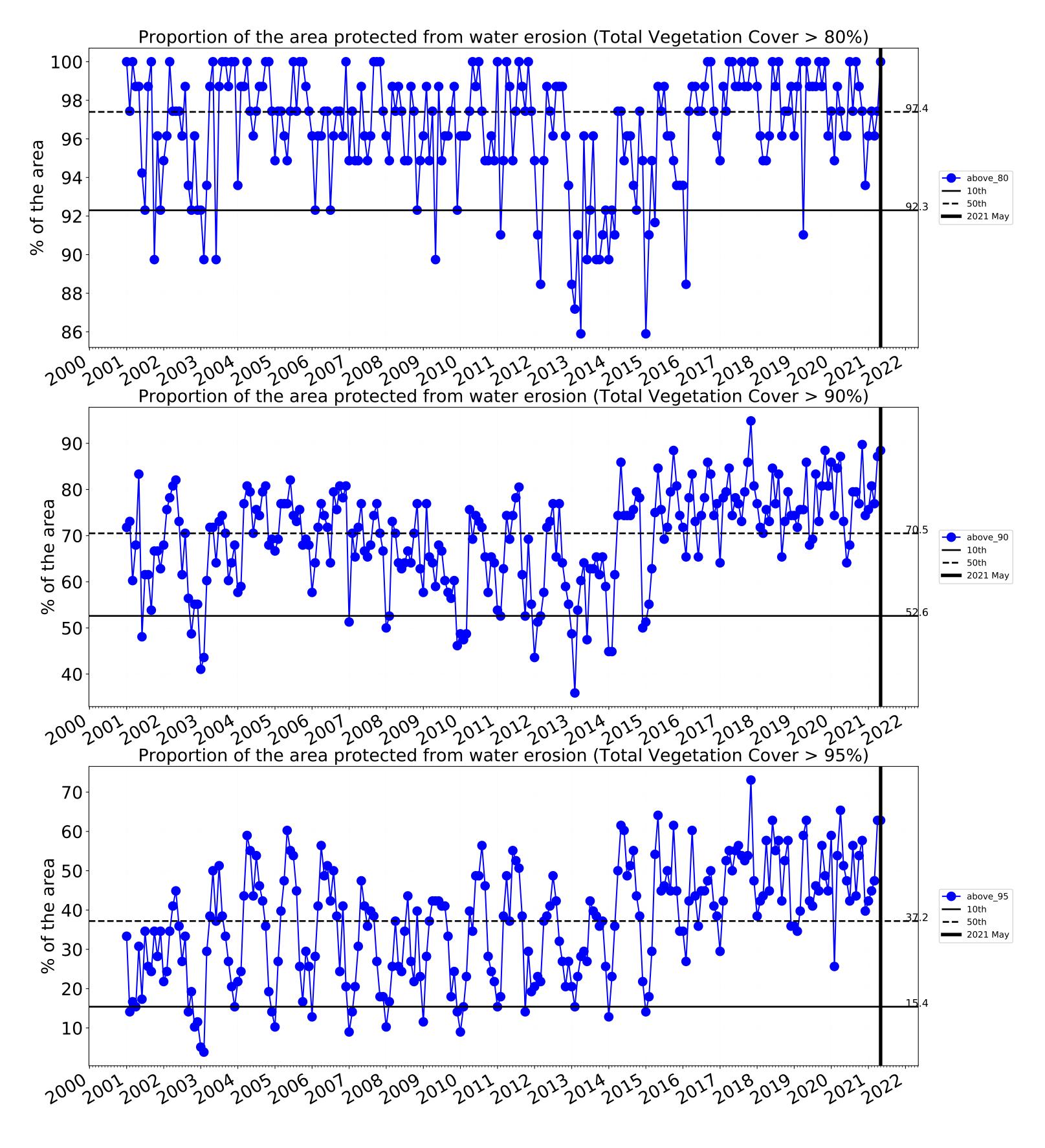
# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

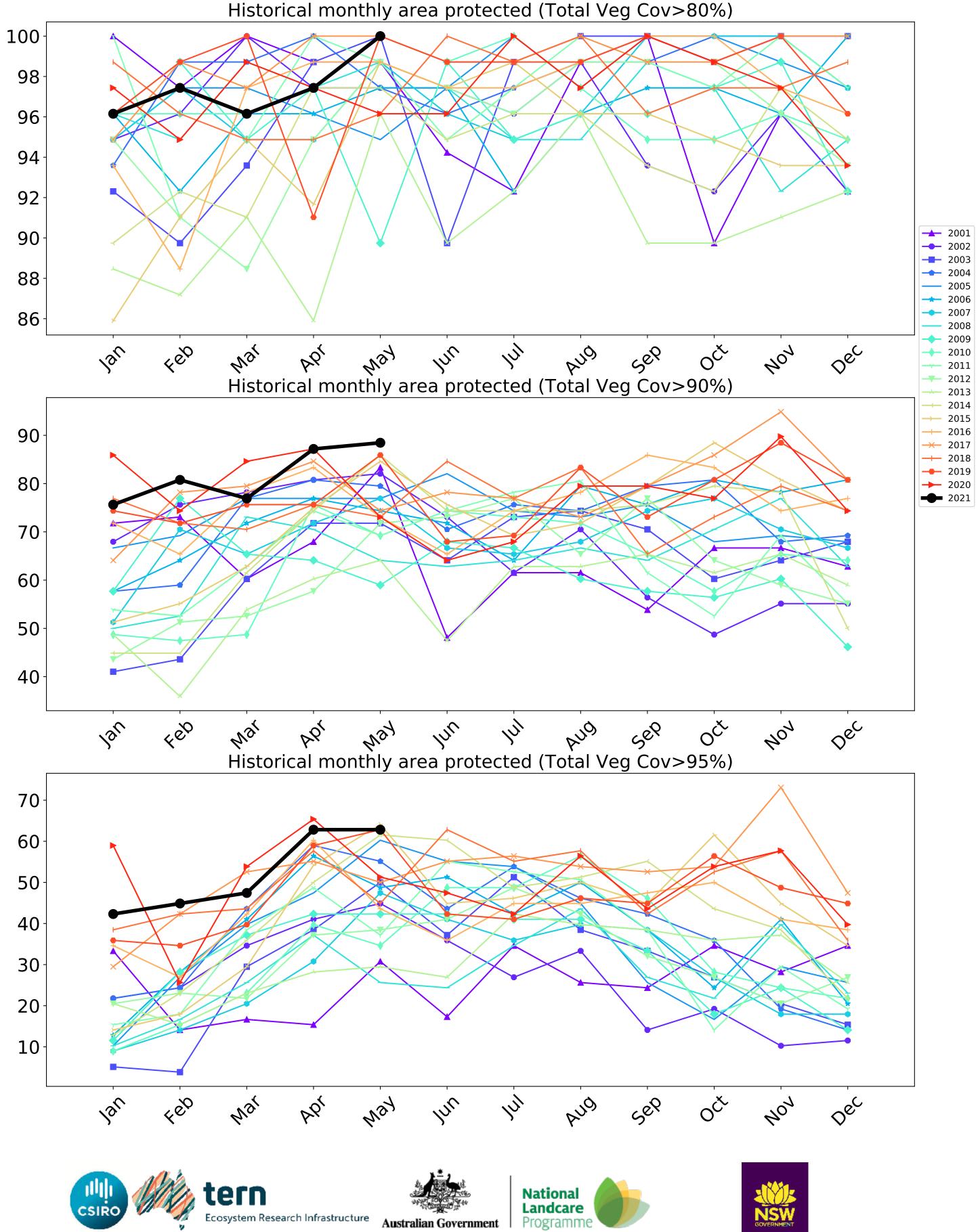


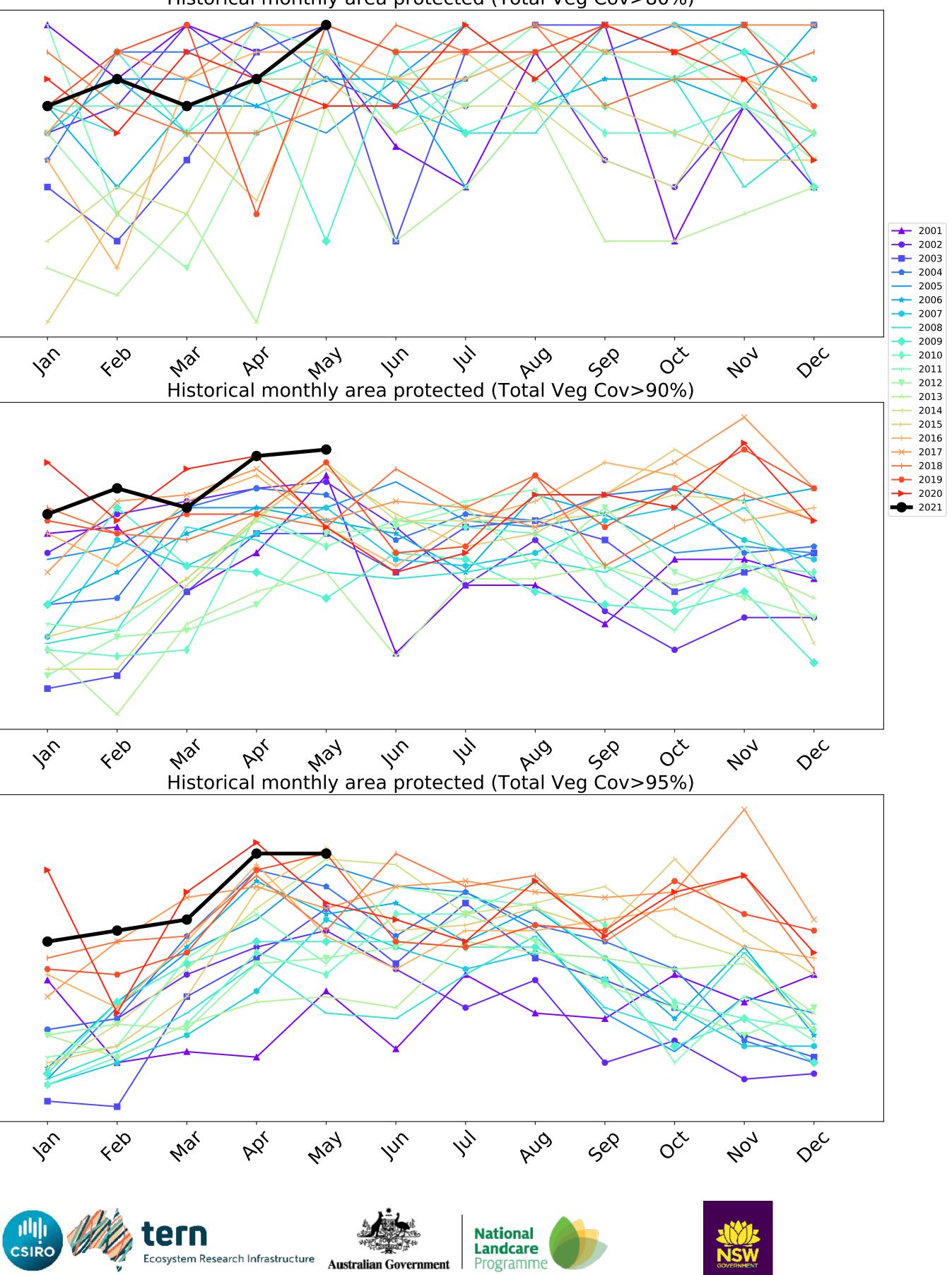




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







# Robe\_(DC) (103,725 ha and no data 5,468 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	103,725	99.9% 103,625	99.8% 103,525	99.1% 102,825	95.4% 98,925	61.7% 63,975	25.9% 26,825
Conservation and natural environments	10,400	100.0% 10,400	100.0% 10,400	98.8% 10,275	94.7% 9,850	74.8% 7,775	38.7% 4,025
Conservation and natural environments non forest	4,825	100.0% 4,825	100.0% 4,825	97.9% 4,725	90.7% 4,375	63.7% 3,075	30.6% 1,475
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	3,850	100.0% 3,850	100.0% 3,850	100.0% 3,850	98.1% 3,775	89.0% 3,425	51.9% 2,000
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,725	100.0% 1,725	100.0% 1,725	98.6% 1,700	98.6% 1,700	73.9% 1,275	31.9% 550
Agriculture	81,425	99.9% 81,375	99.9% 81,375	99.5% 81,025	95.8% 77,975	58.5% 47,625	21.2% 17,275
Grazing	76,925	99.9% 76,875	99.9% 76,875	99.6% 76,600	96.2% 74,000	59.5% 45,775	21.9% 16,825
Grazing non forest	76,450	99.9% 76,400	99.9% 76,400	99.6% 76,125	96.2% 73,525	59.4% 45,425	21.8% 16,675
Cropping	2,450	100.0% 2,450	100.0% 2,450	98.0% 2,400	83.7% 2,050	35.7% 875	12.2% 300
Irrigation	2,050	100.0% 2,050	100.0% 2,050	98.8% 2,025	93.9% 1,925	47.6% 975	7.3% 150
Production native forests and plantation forests	1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	88.5% 1,725	62.8% 1,225

