# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Burnie\_(C) TAS

# Date: April 2023

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:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3



# **Vegetation Cover Apr 2023**

### Land use and forest cover

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(2018) and Forests

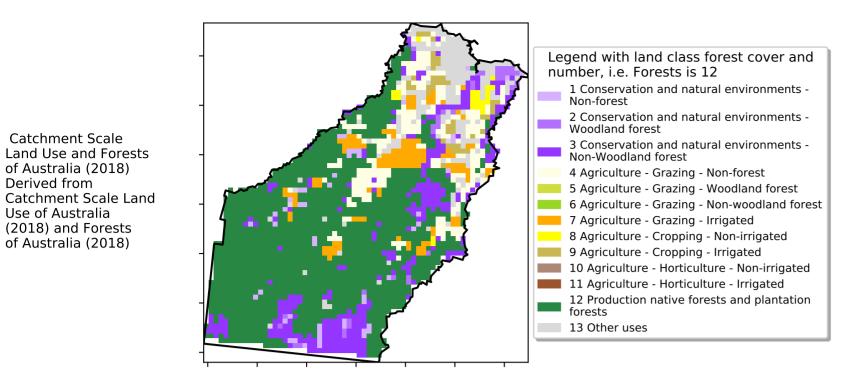
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Land Use and Forests

### Proportion of each land class in area



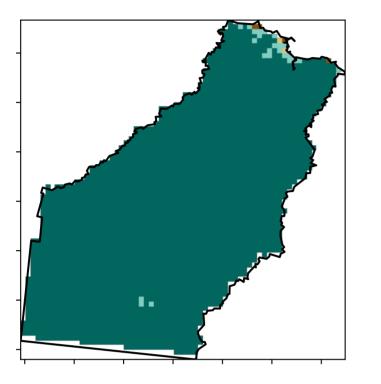
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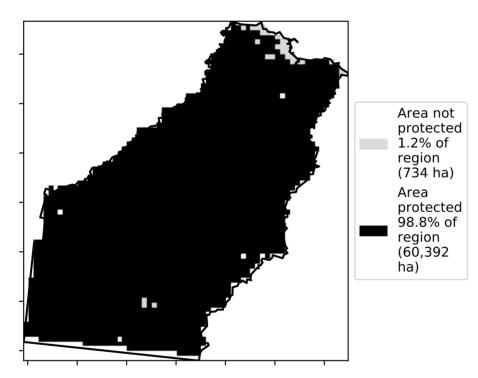
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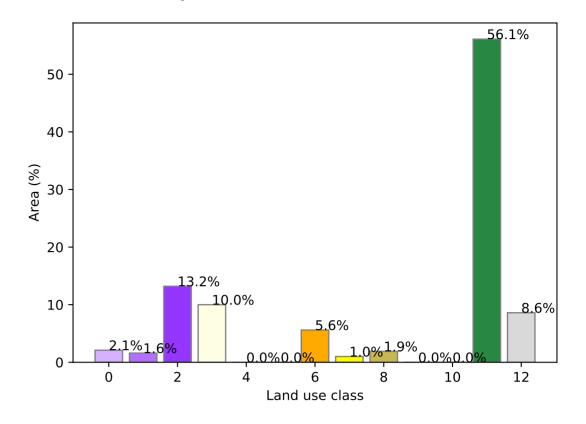
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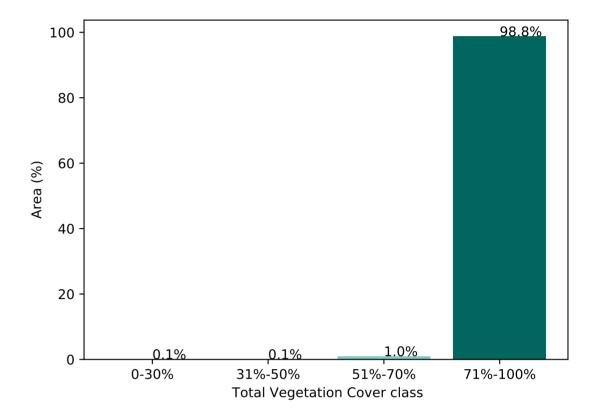


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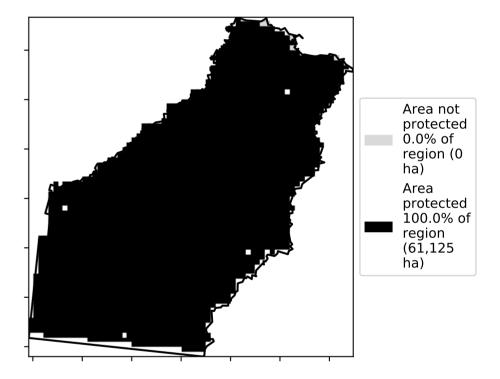




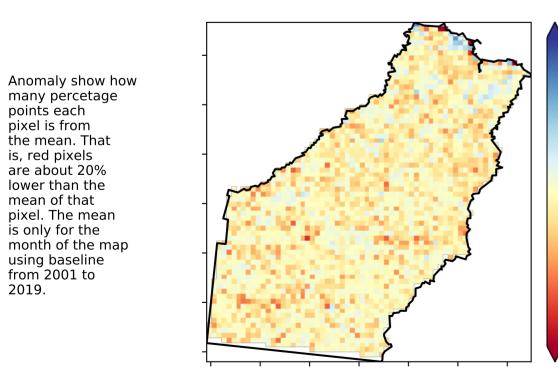
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

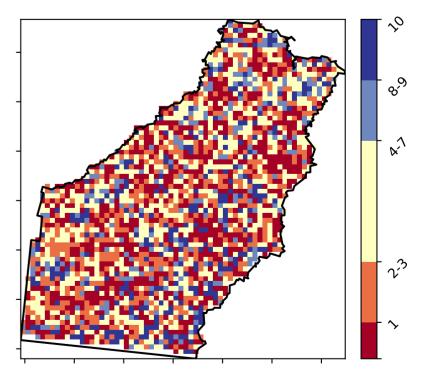


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





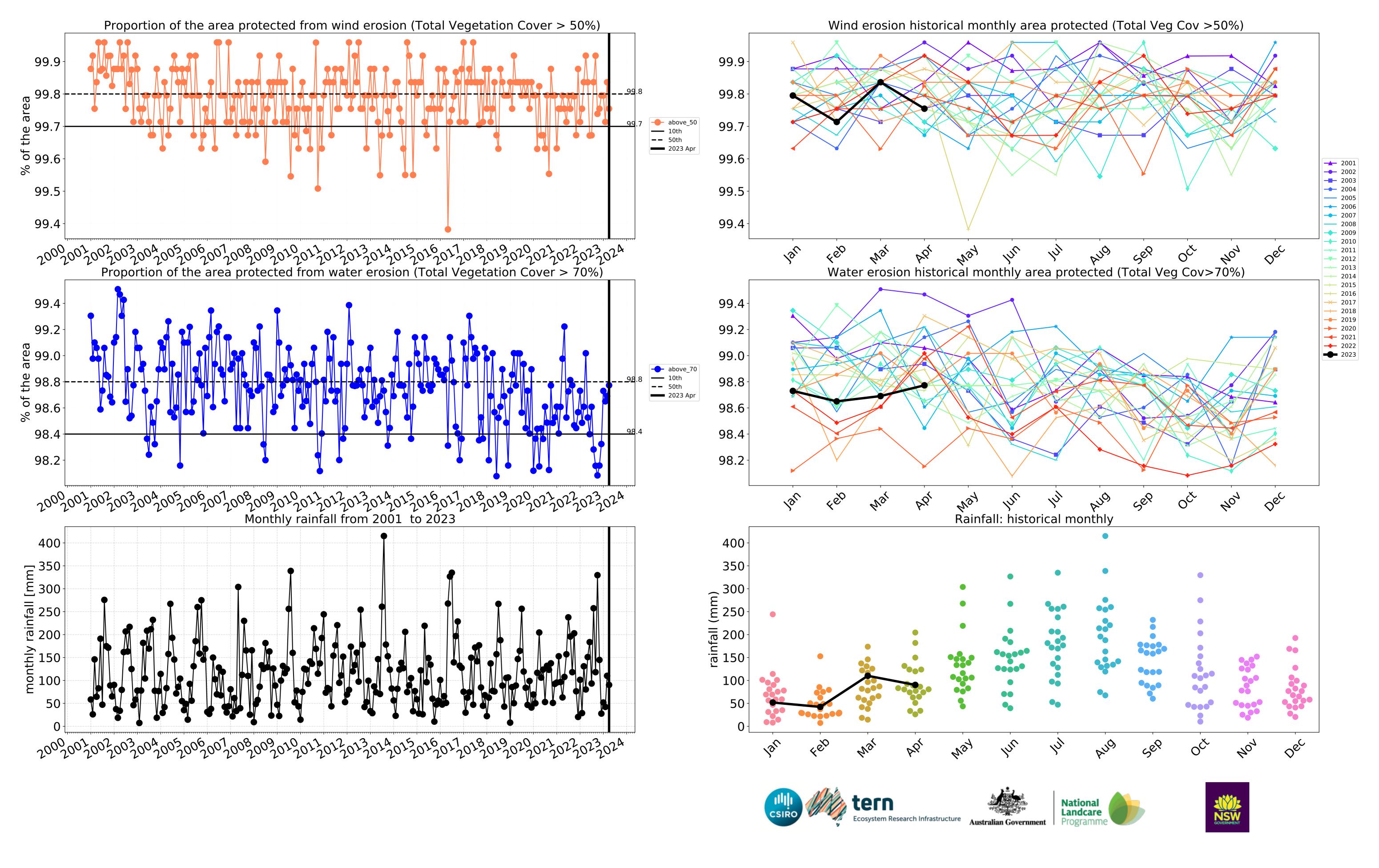
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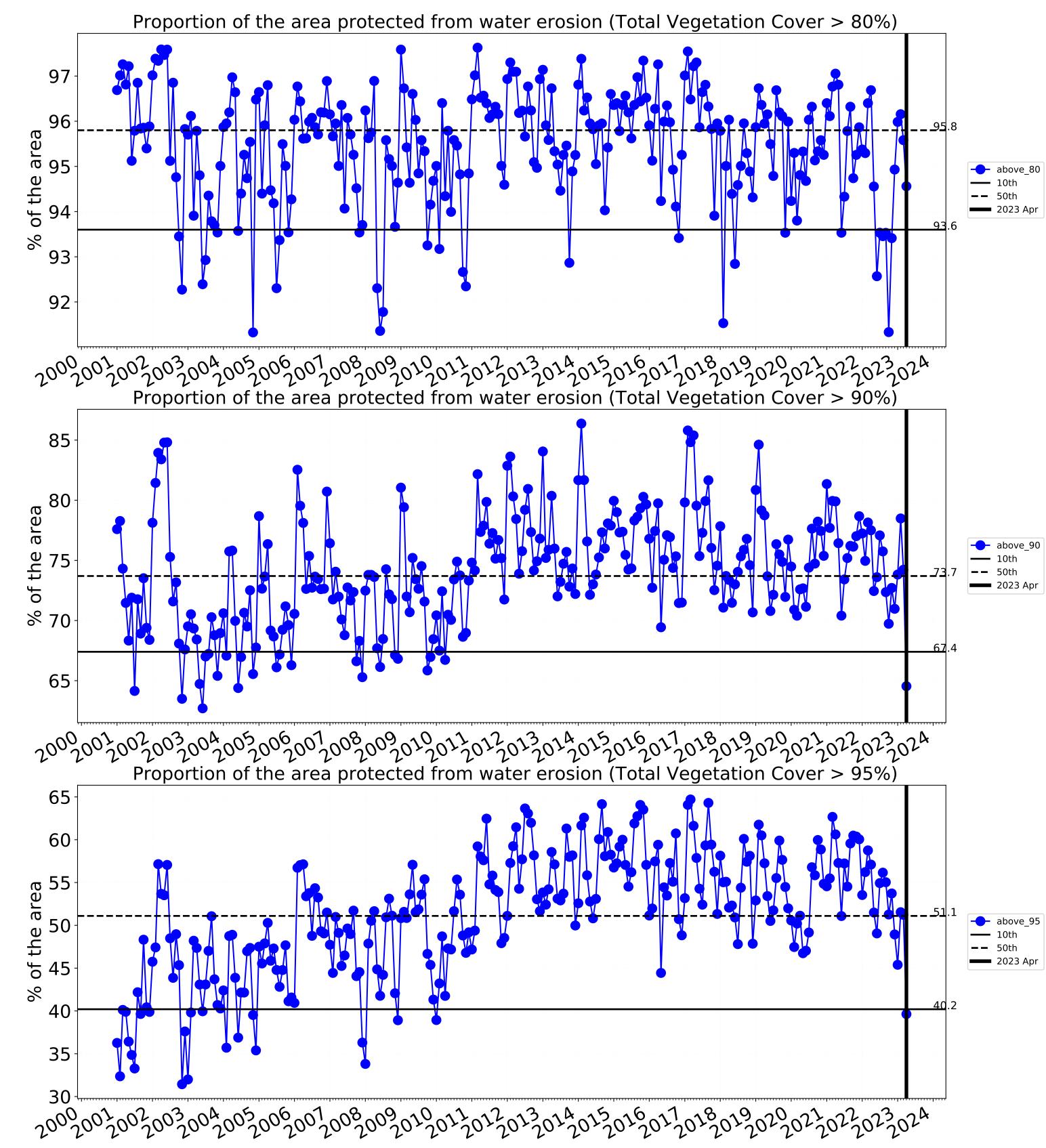
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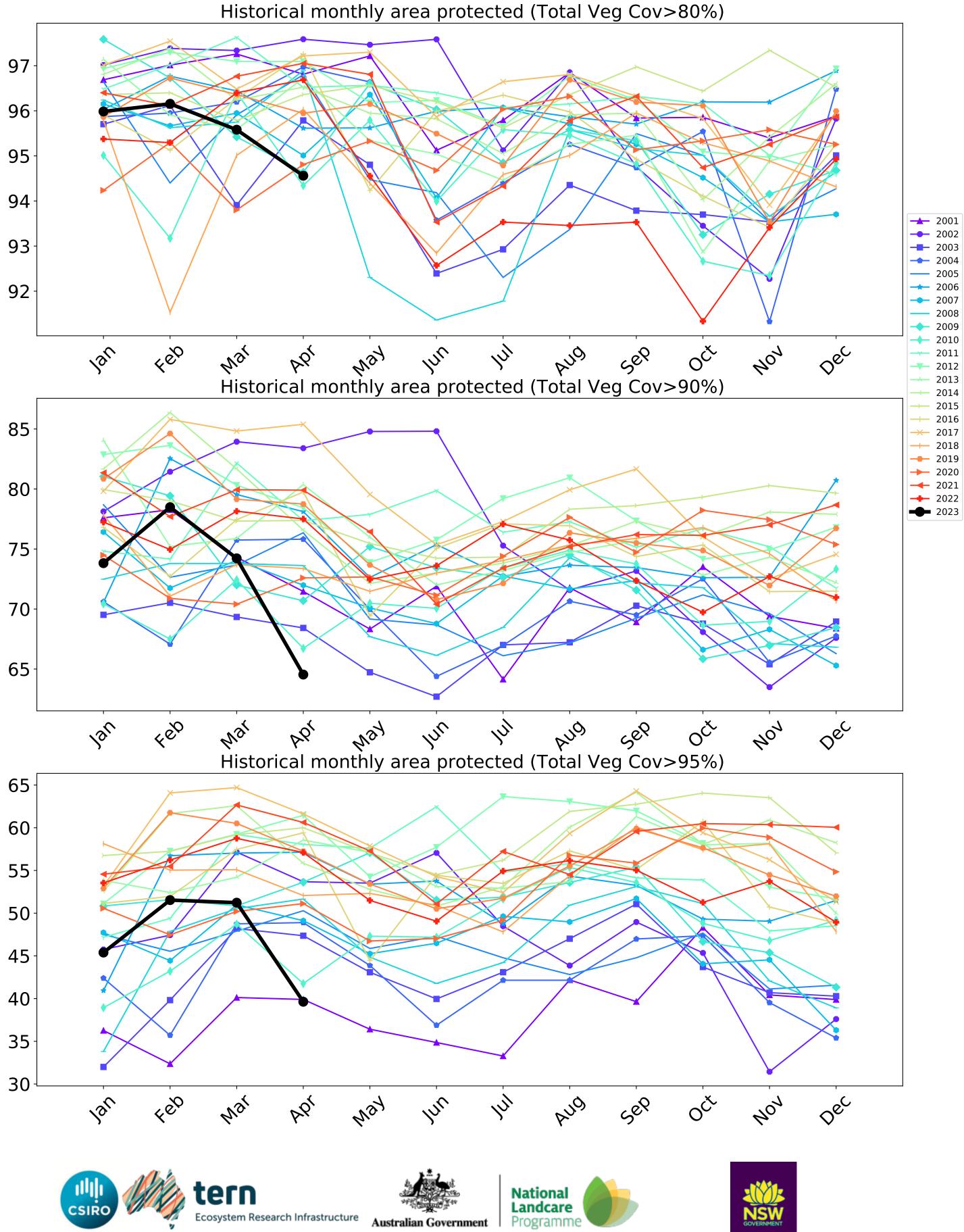
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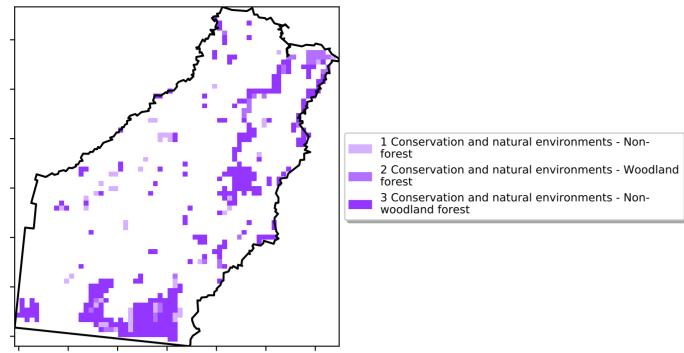






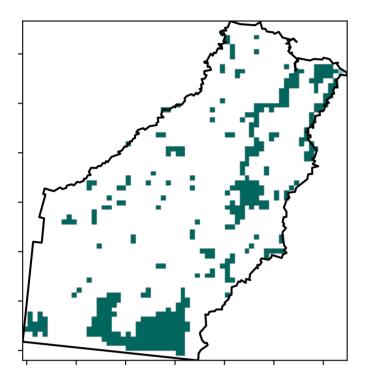
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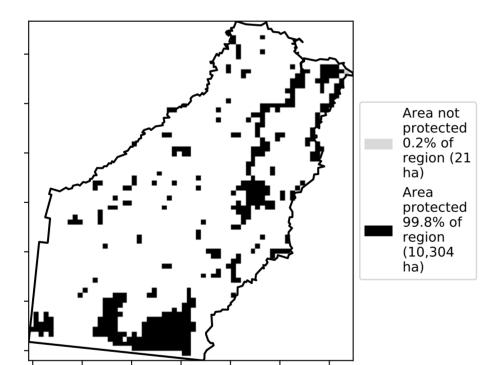


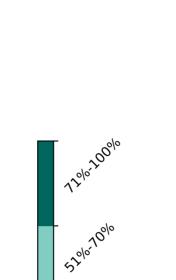
Land use and forest cover

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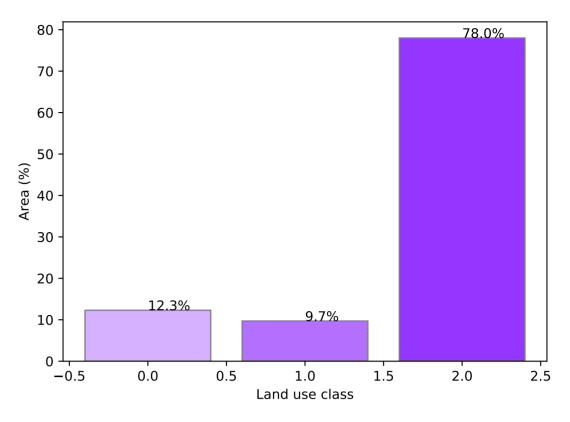




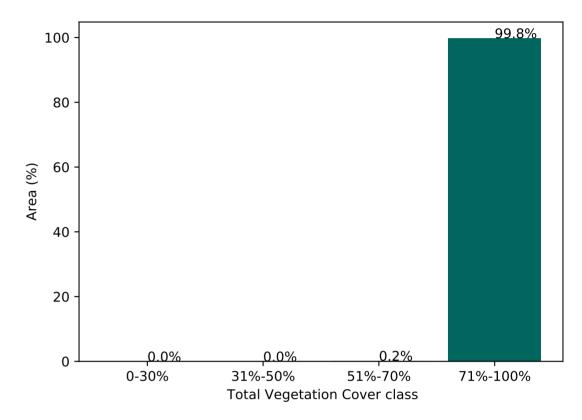
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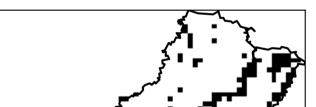
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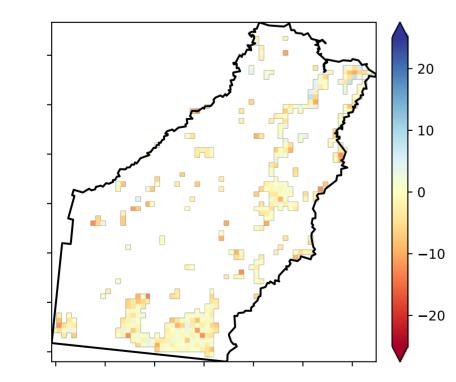
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



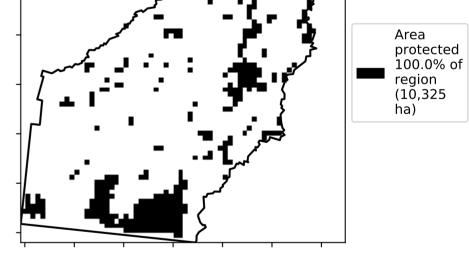
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



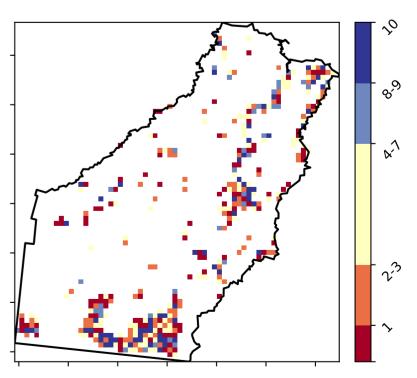
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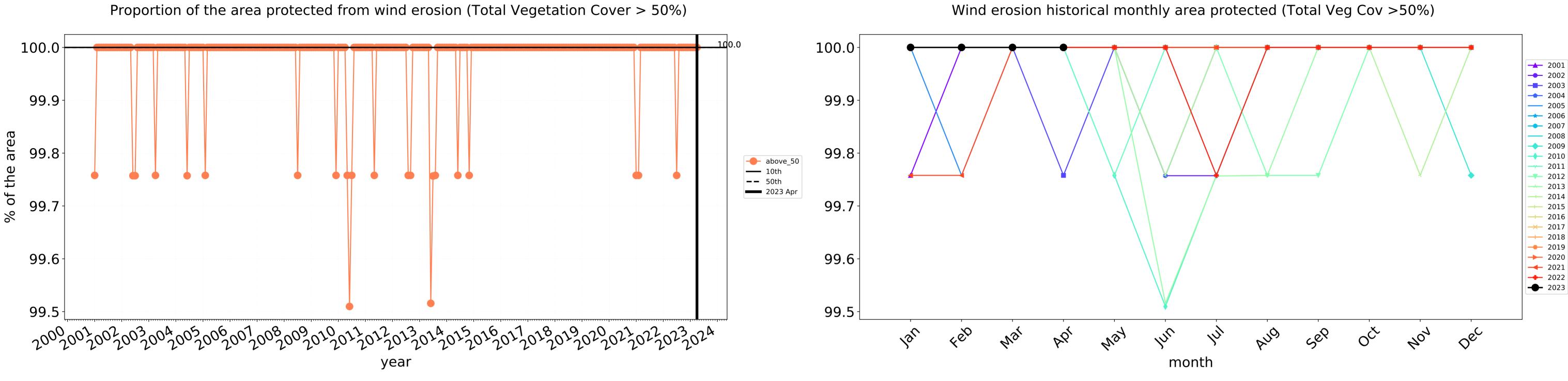




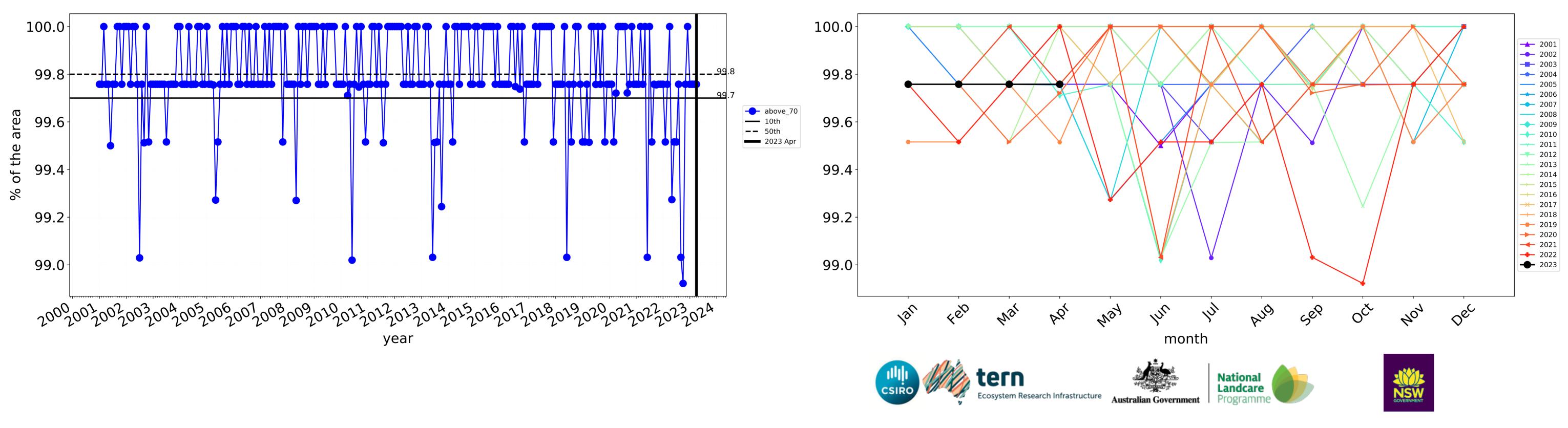


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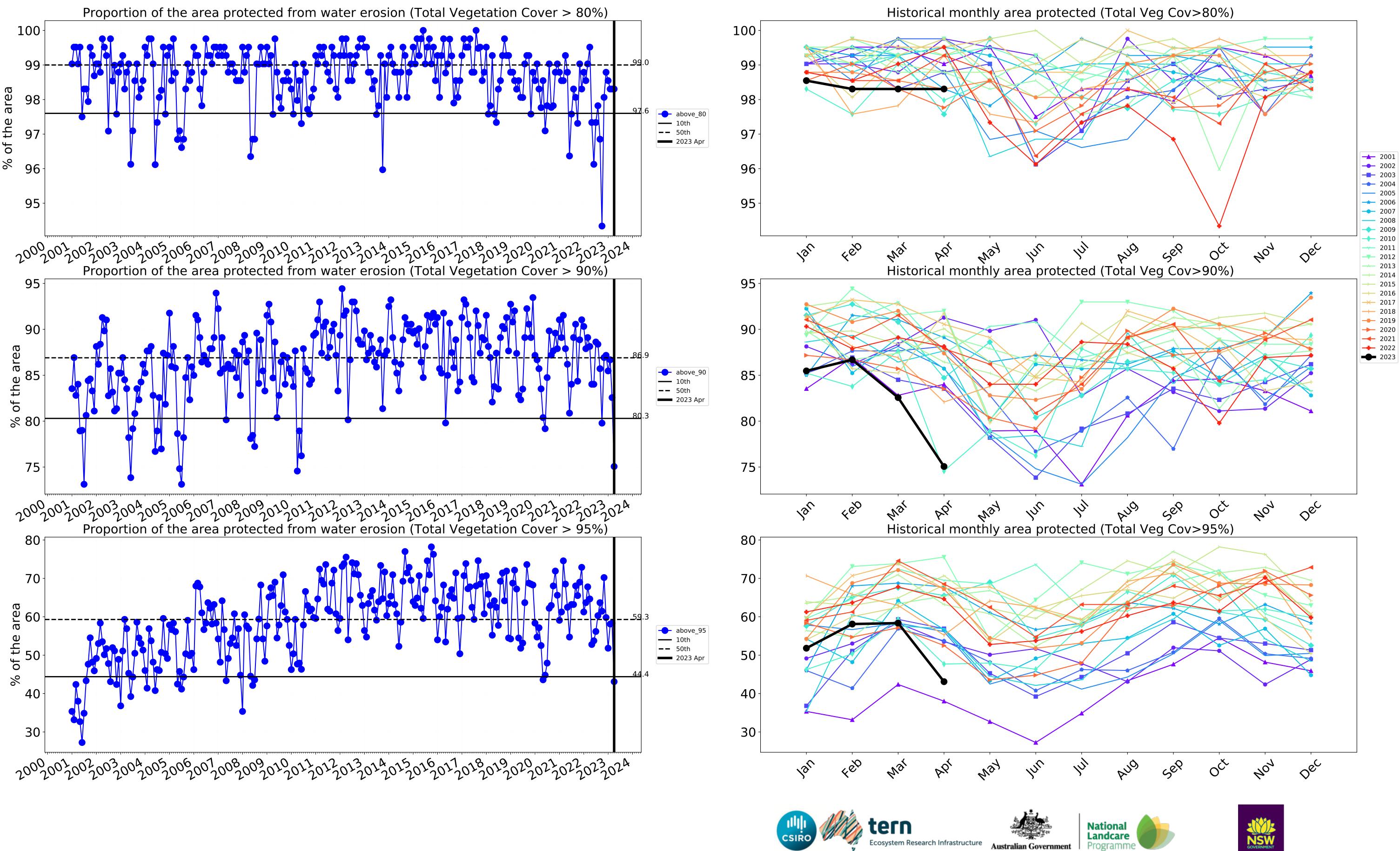


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



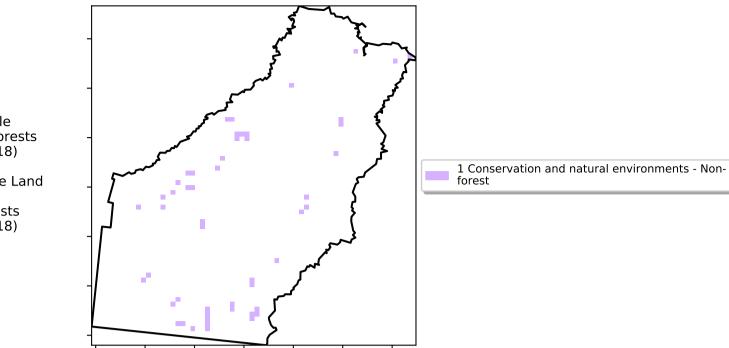
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

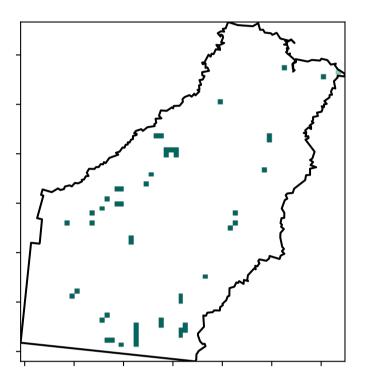


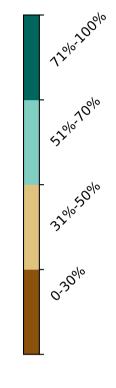
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Land use and forest cover

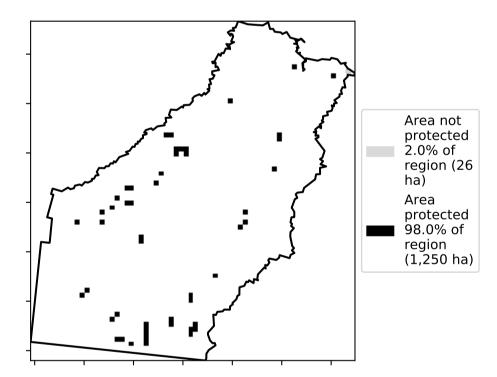


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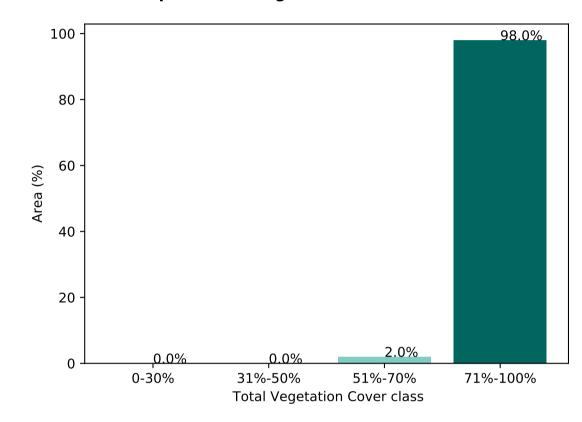




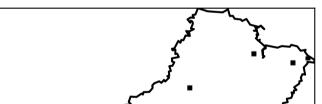
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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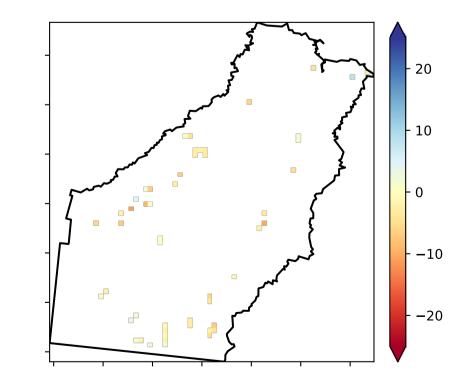
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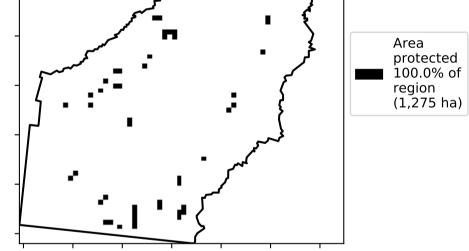
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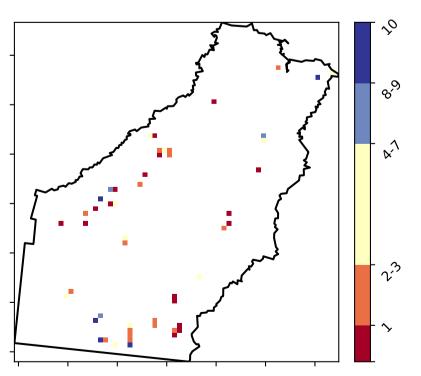
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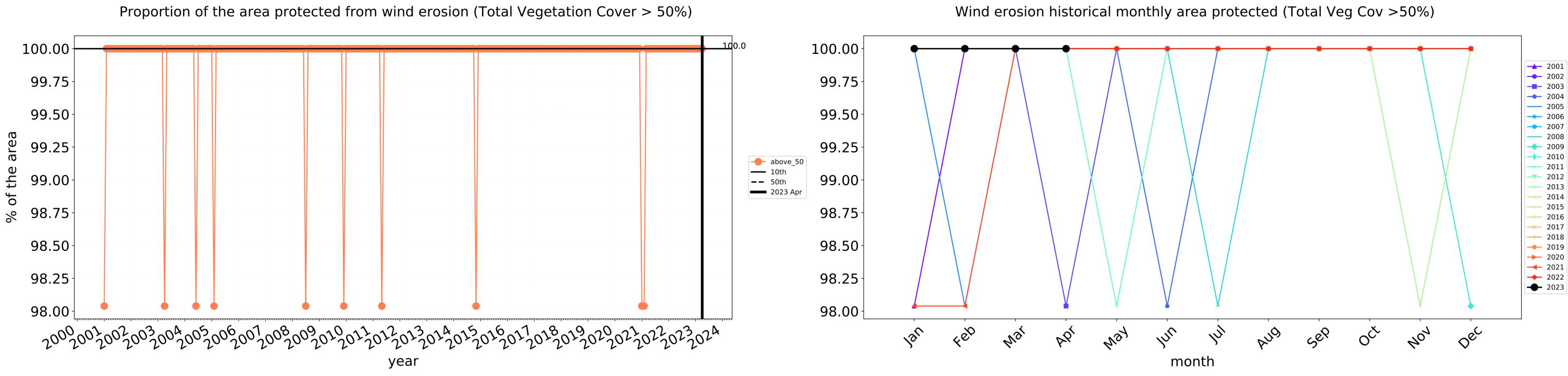


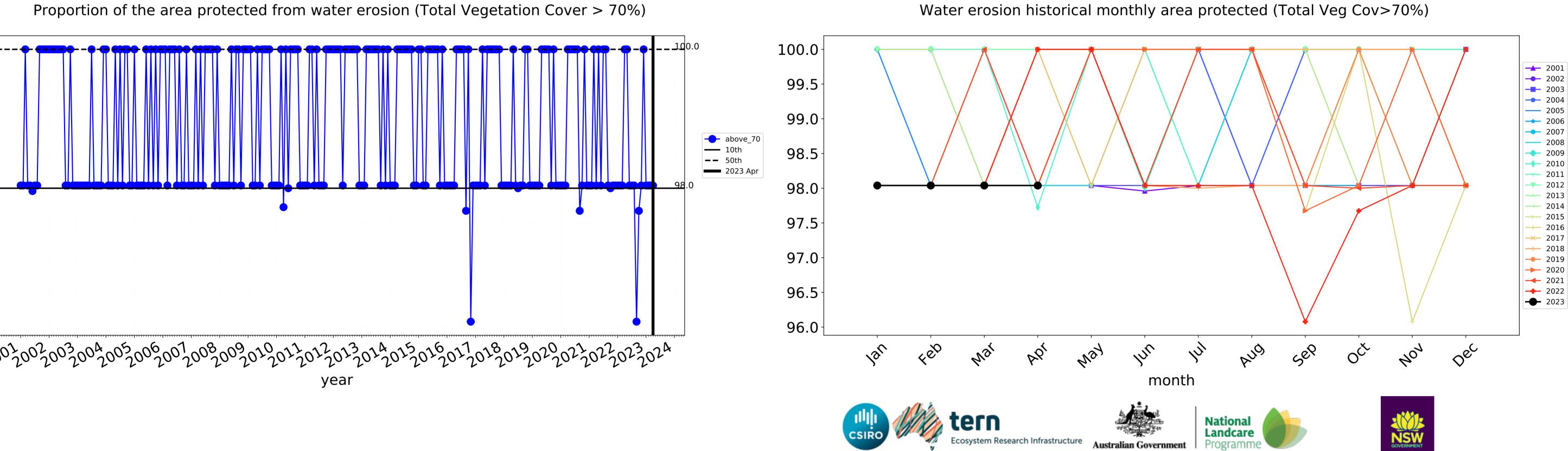
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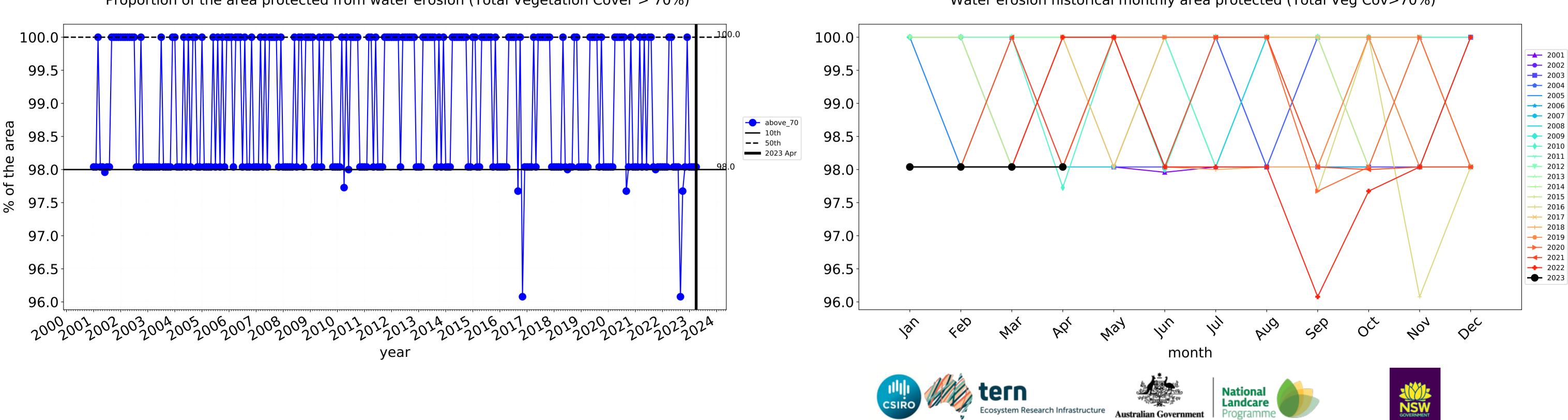


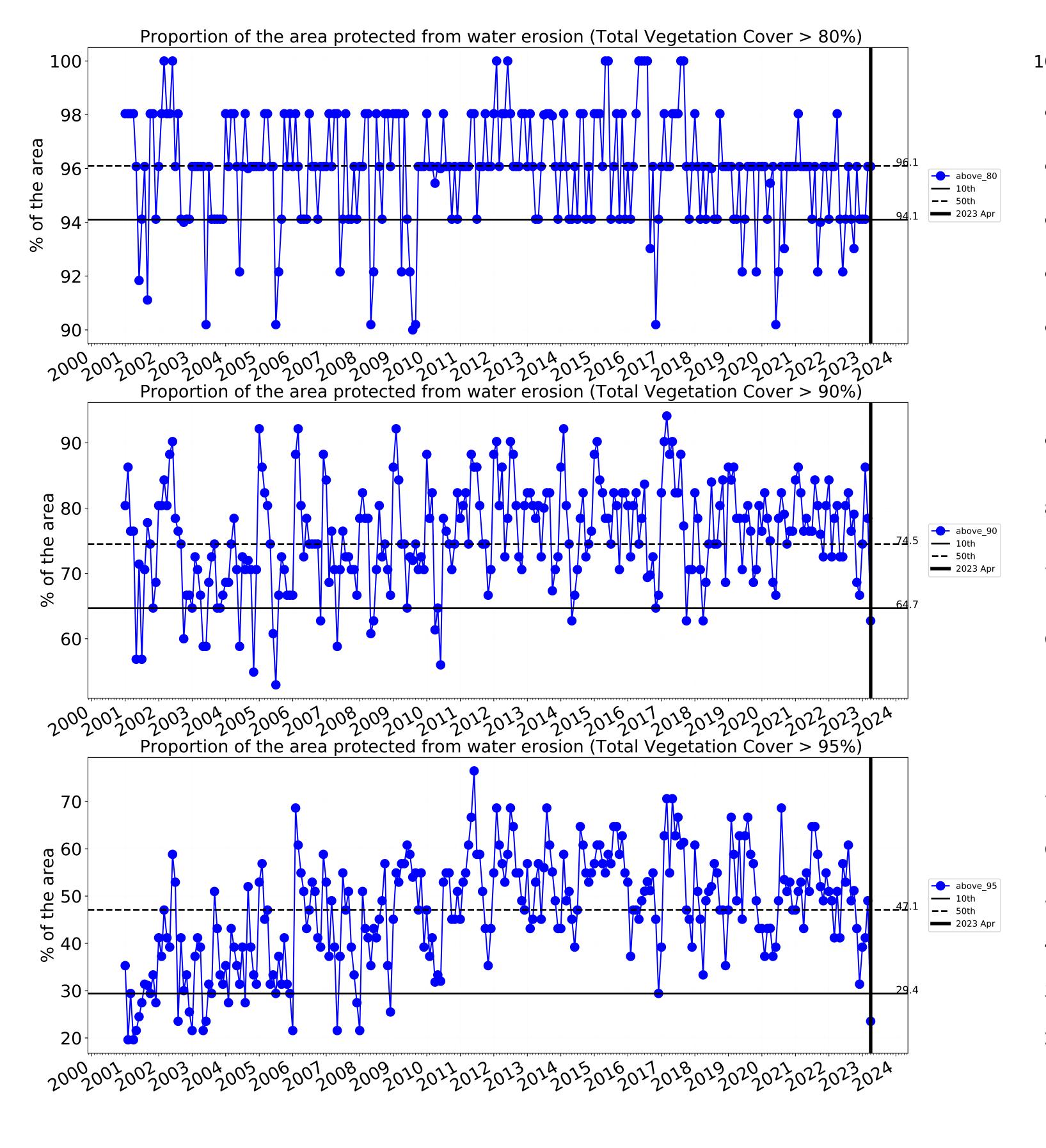


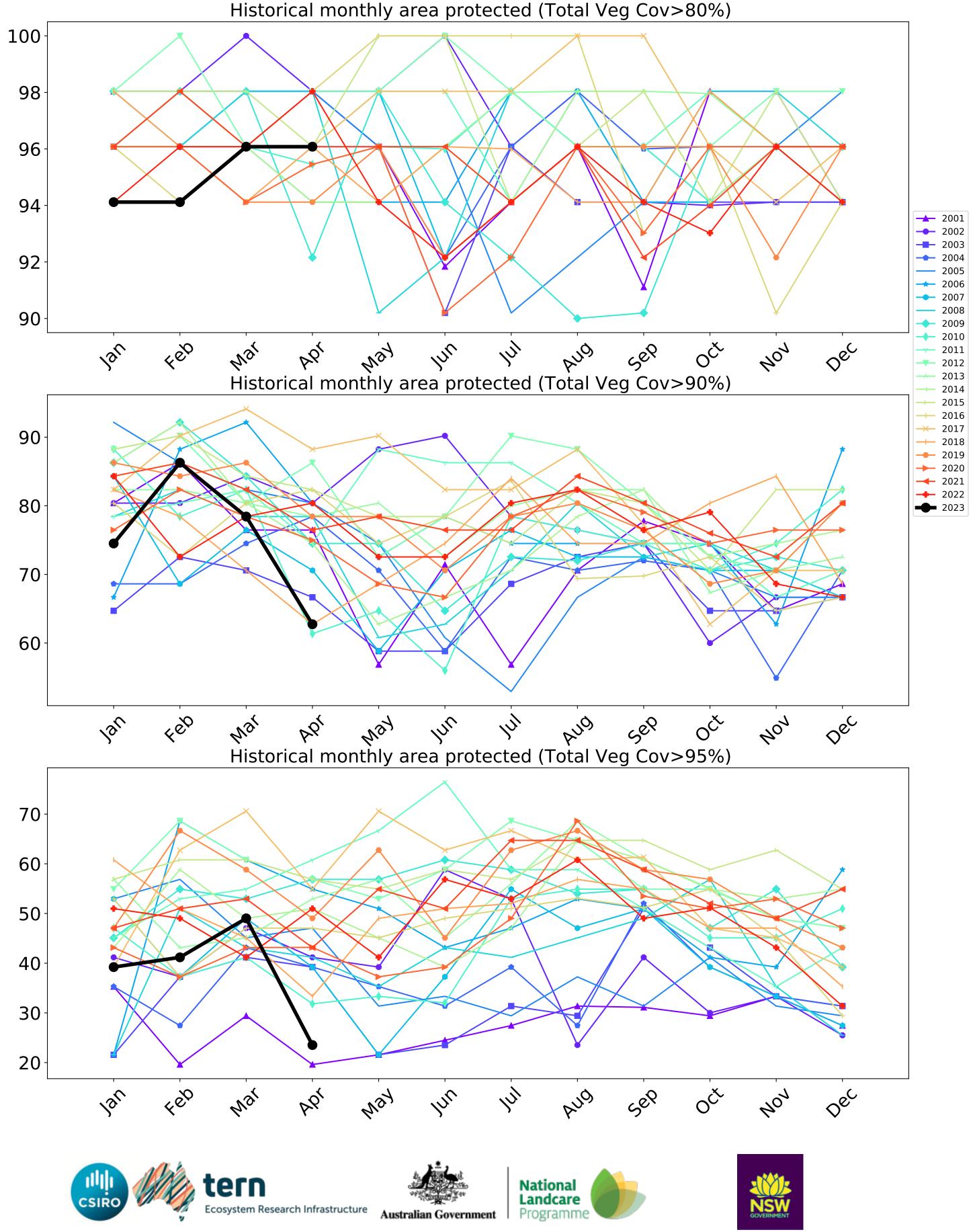
### **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**













### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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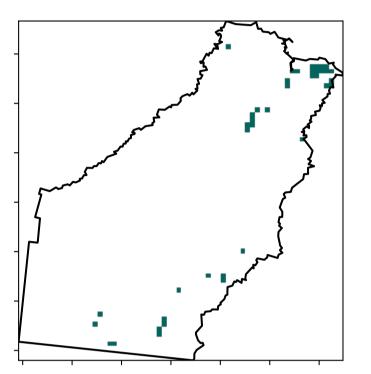
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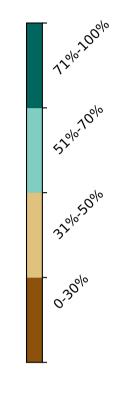
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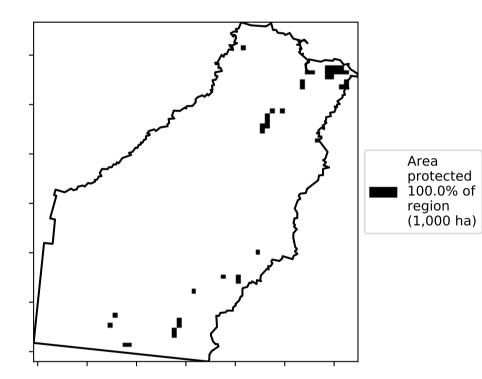
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

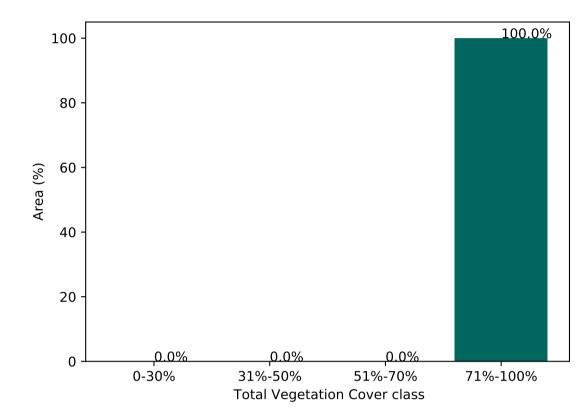




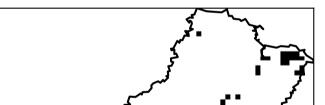
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



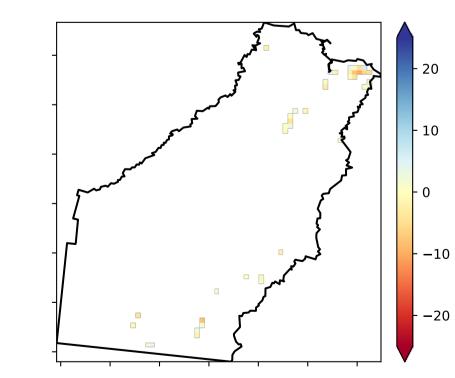




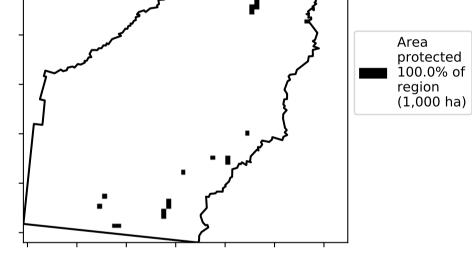
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



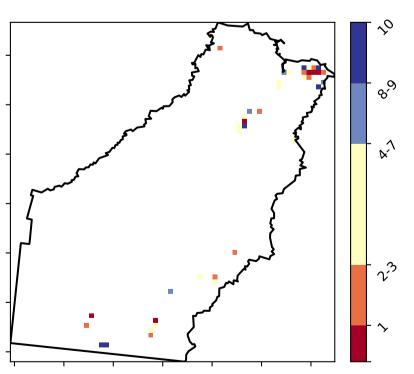
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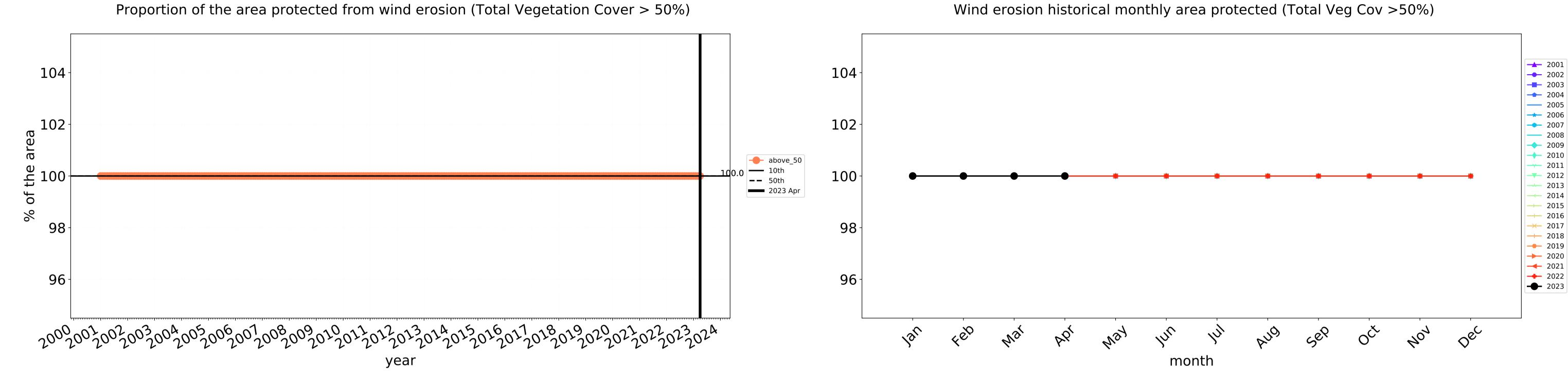


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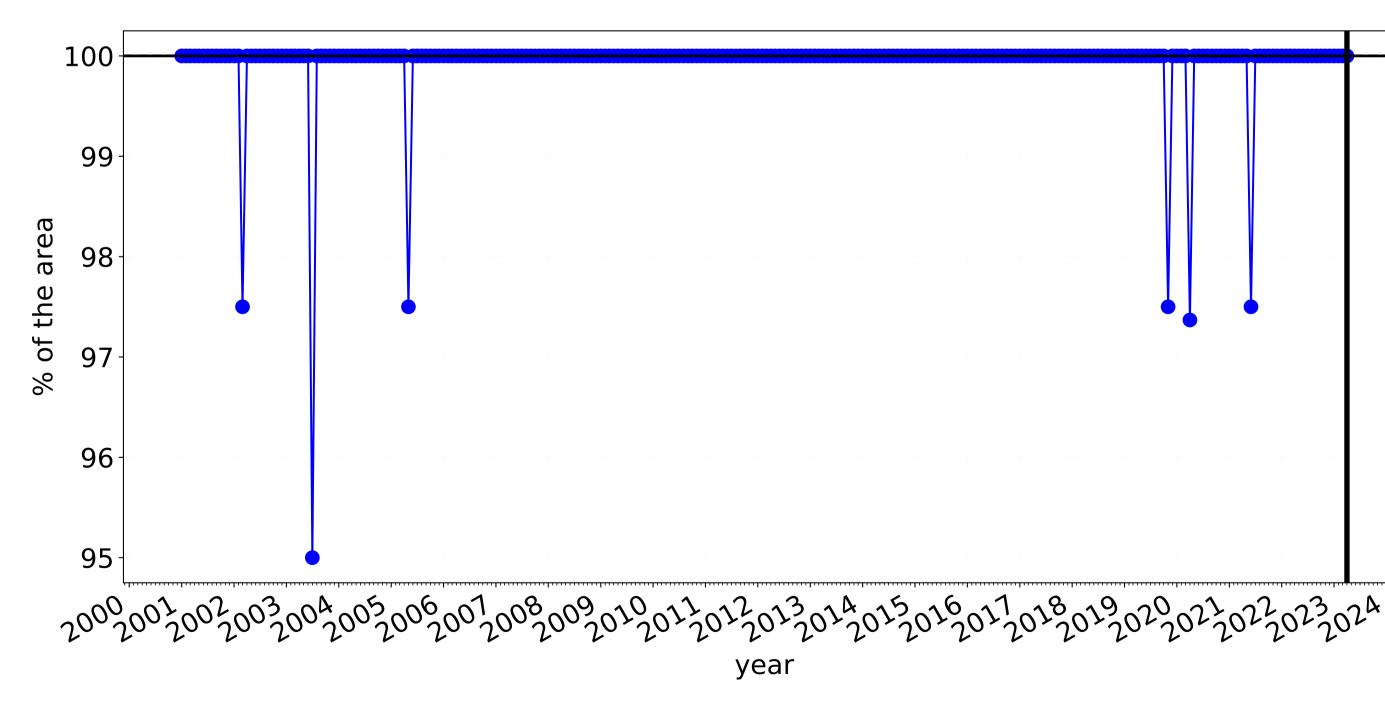




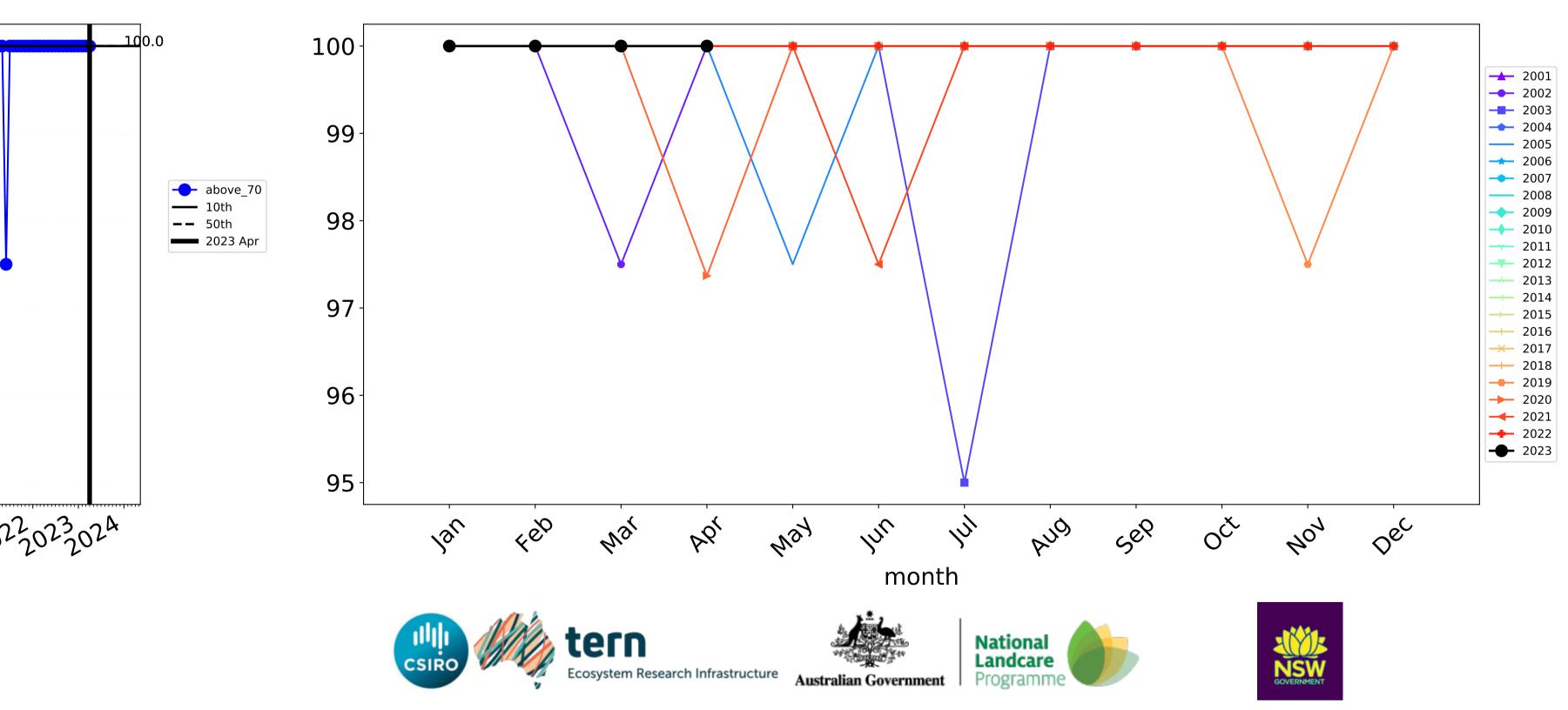
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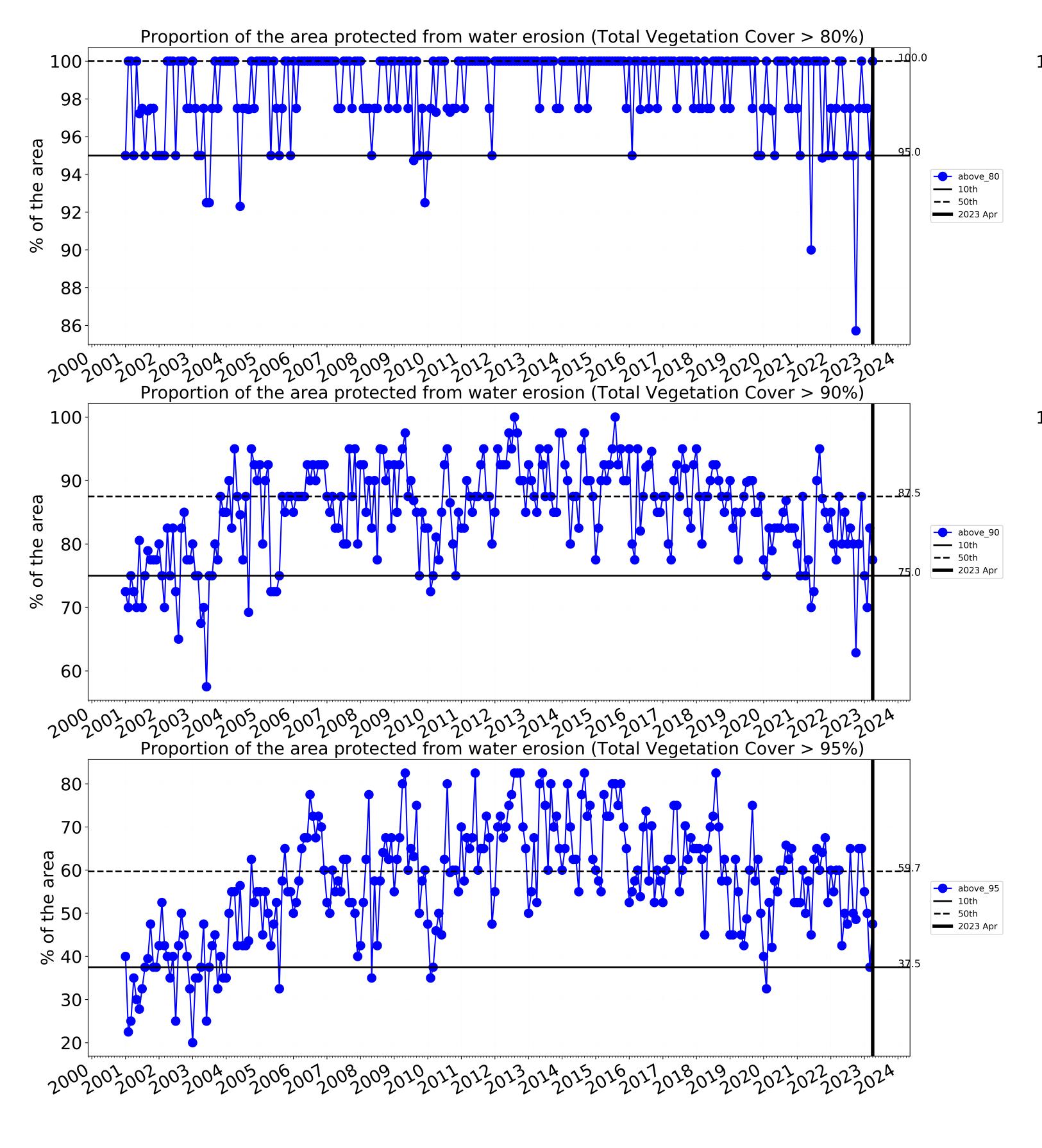


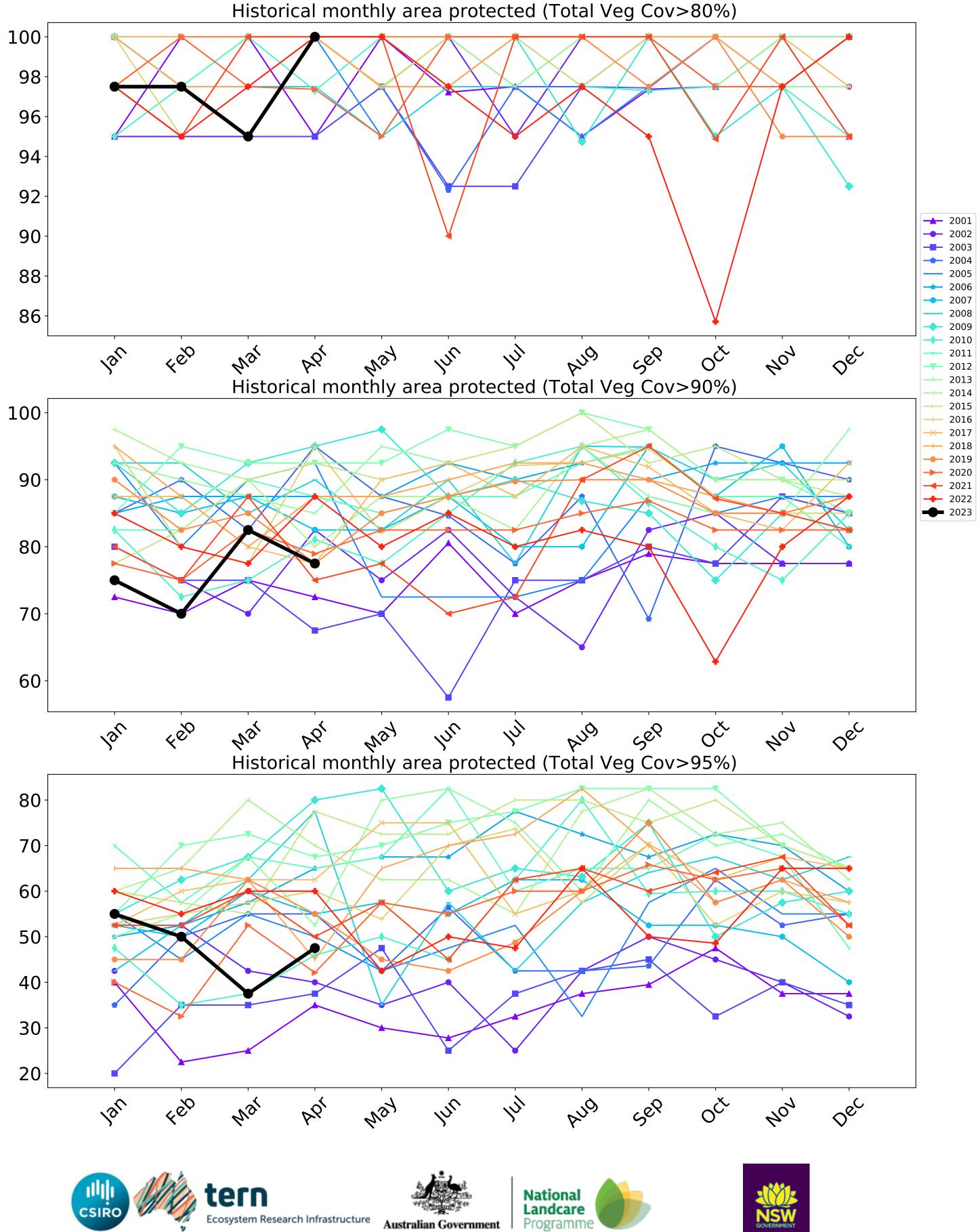
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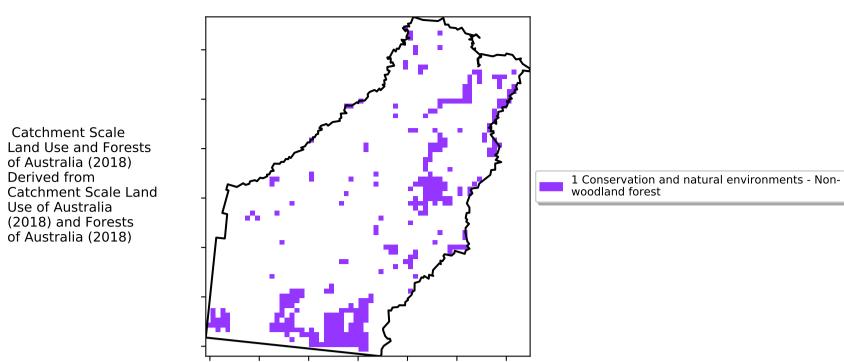






### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover



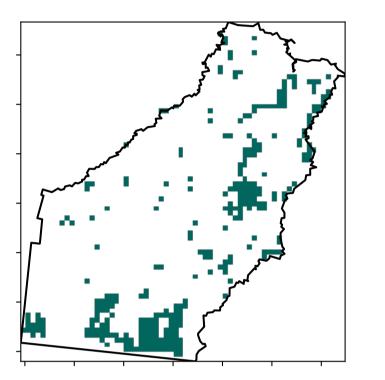
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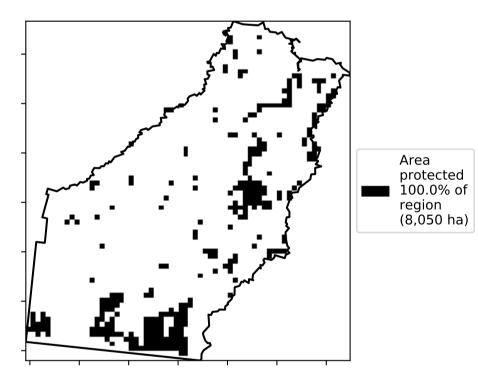
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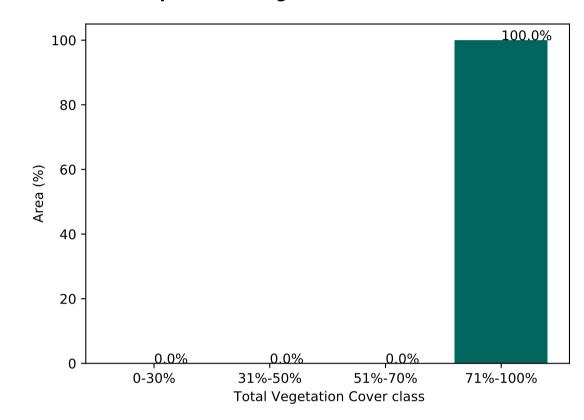
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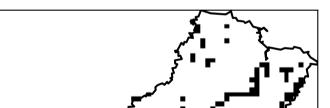
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

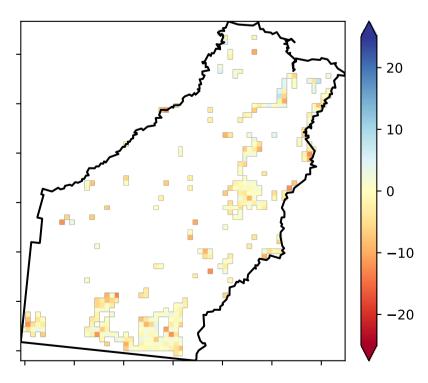


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

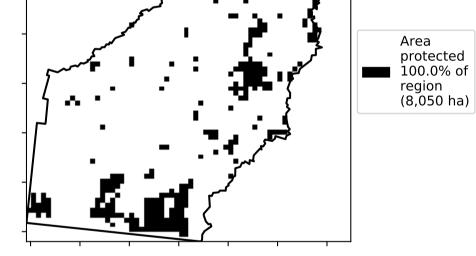


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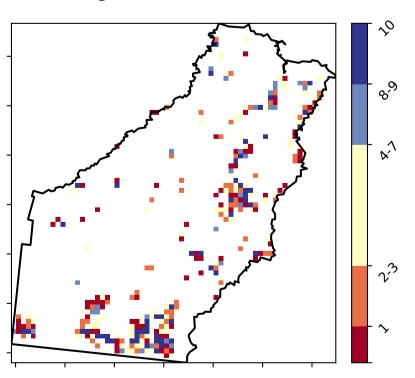
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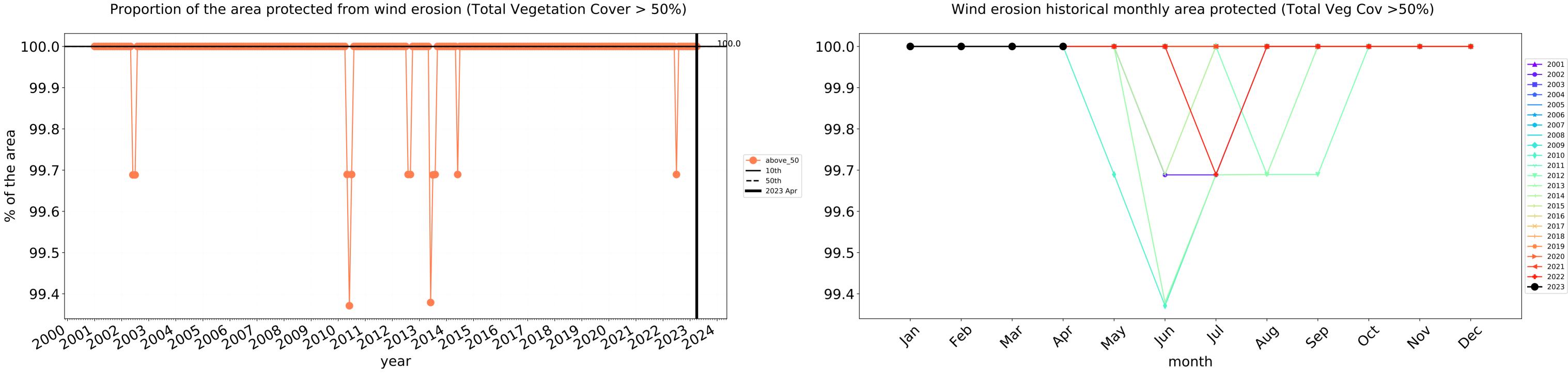


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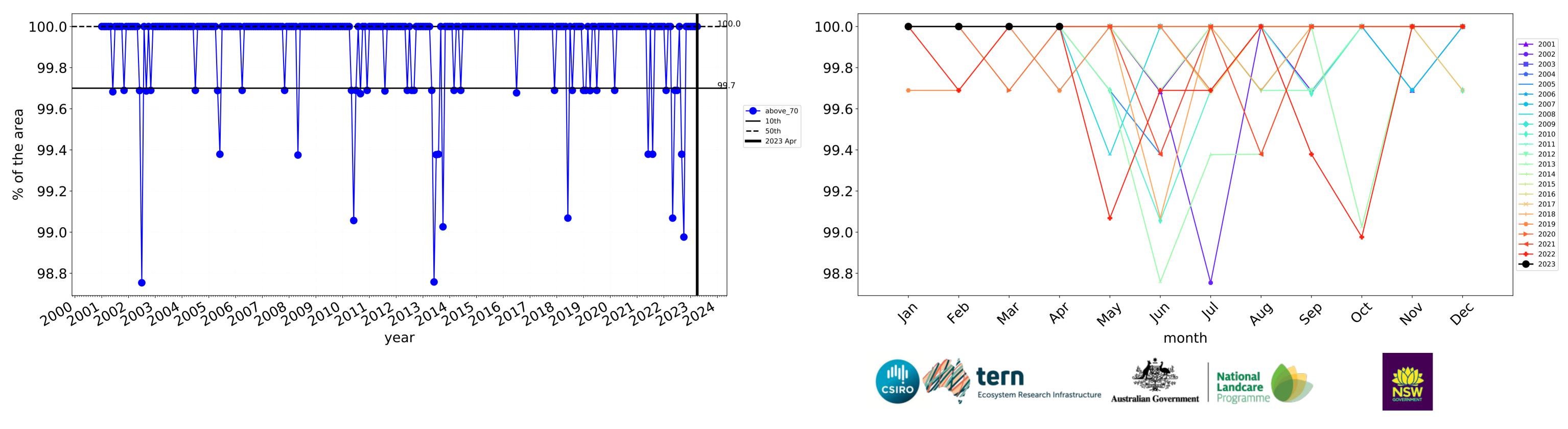




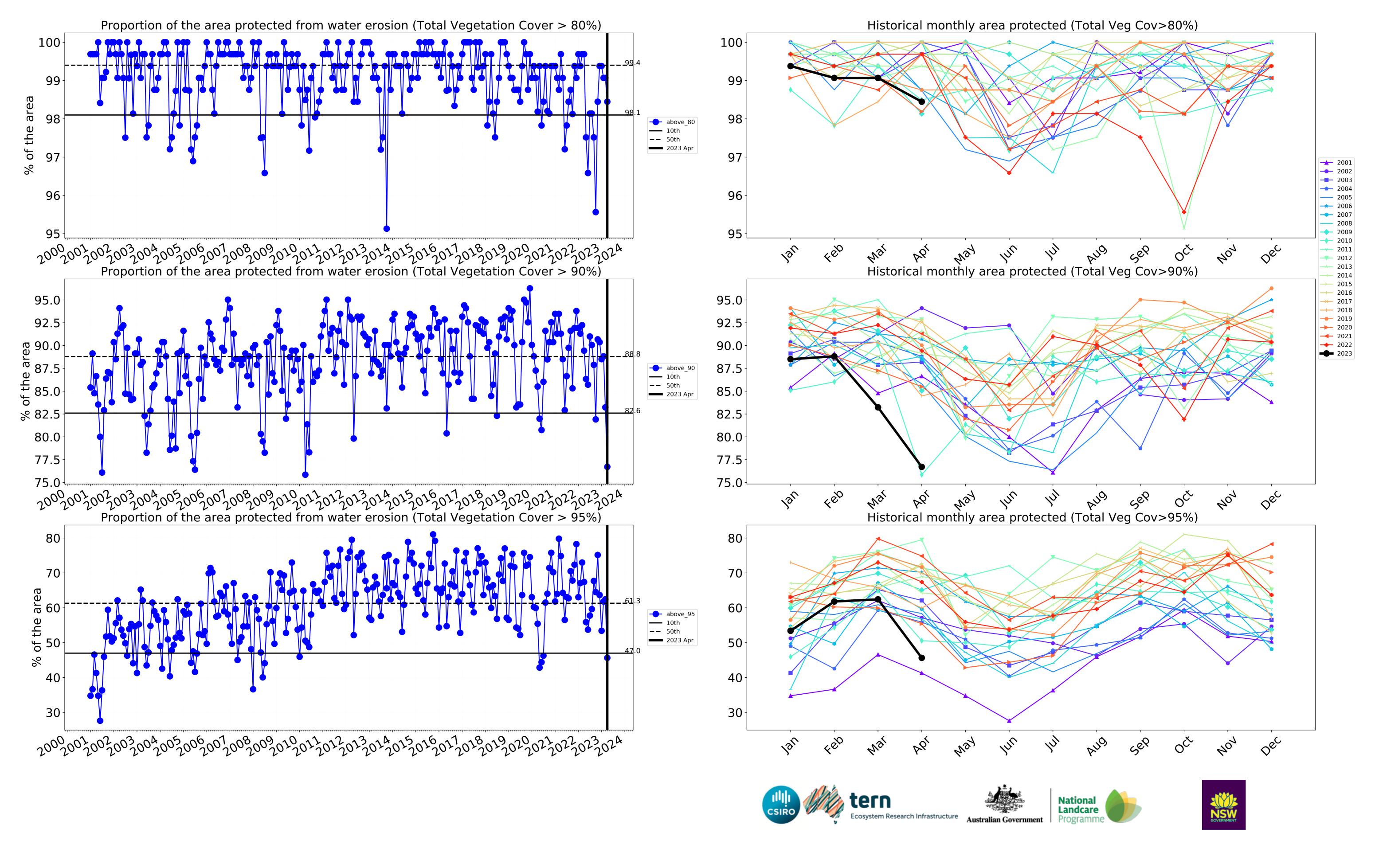
## **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries**







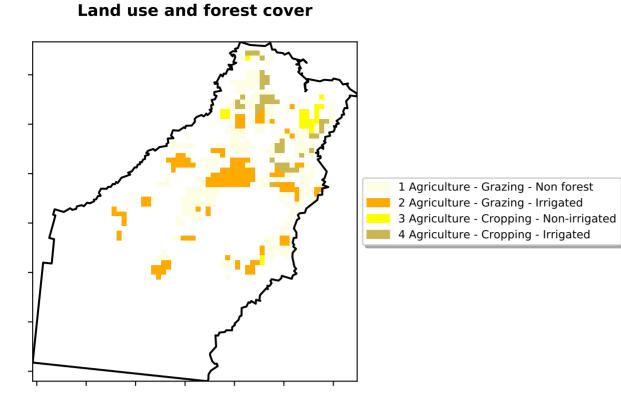
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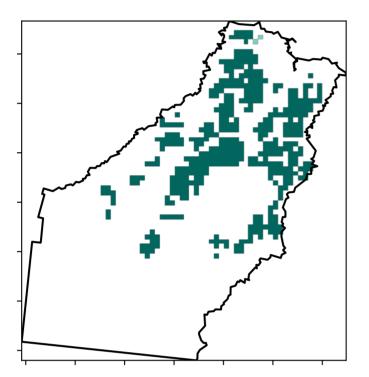
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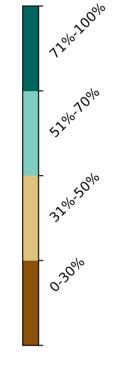
## Agriculture

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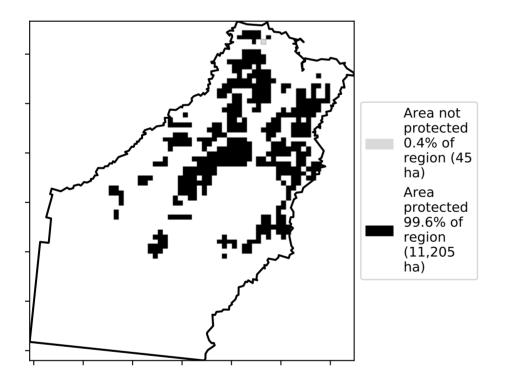


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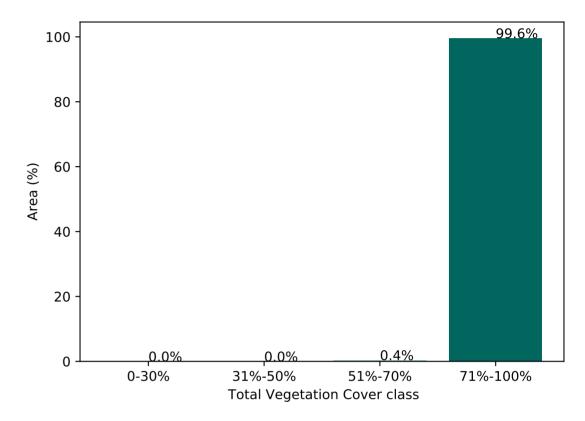
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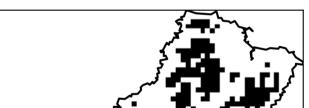
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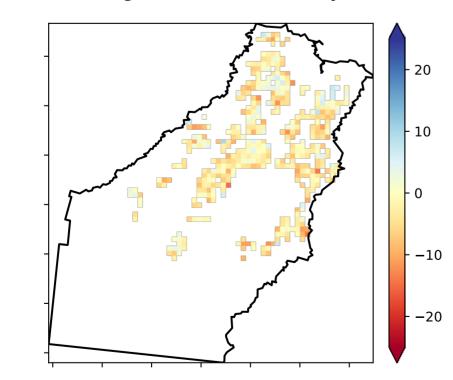
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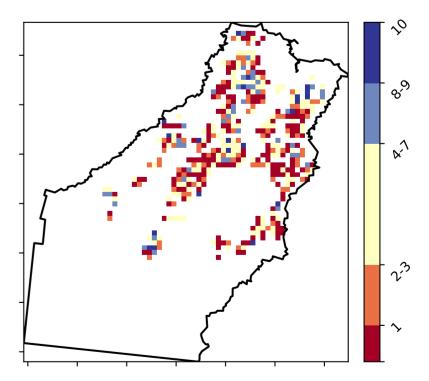


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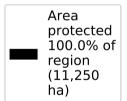




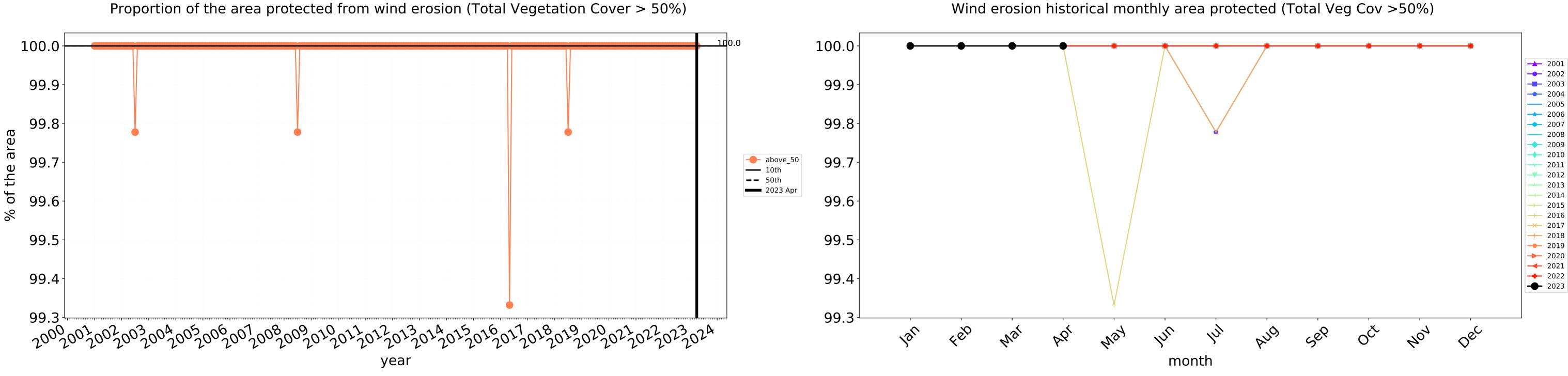
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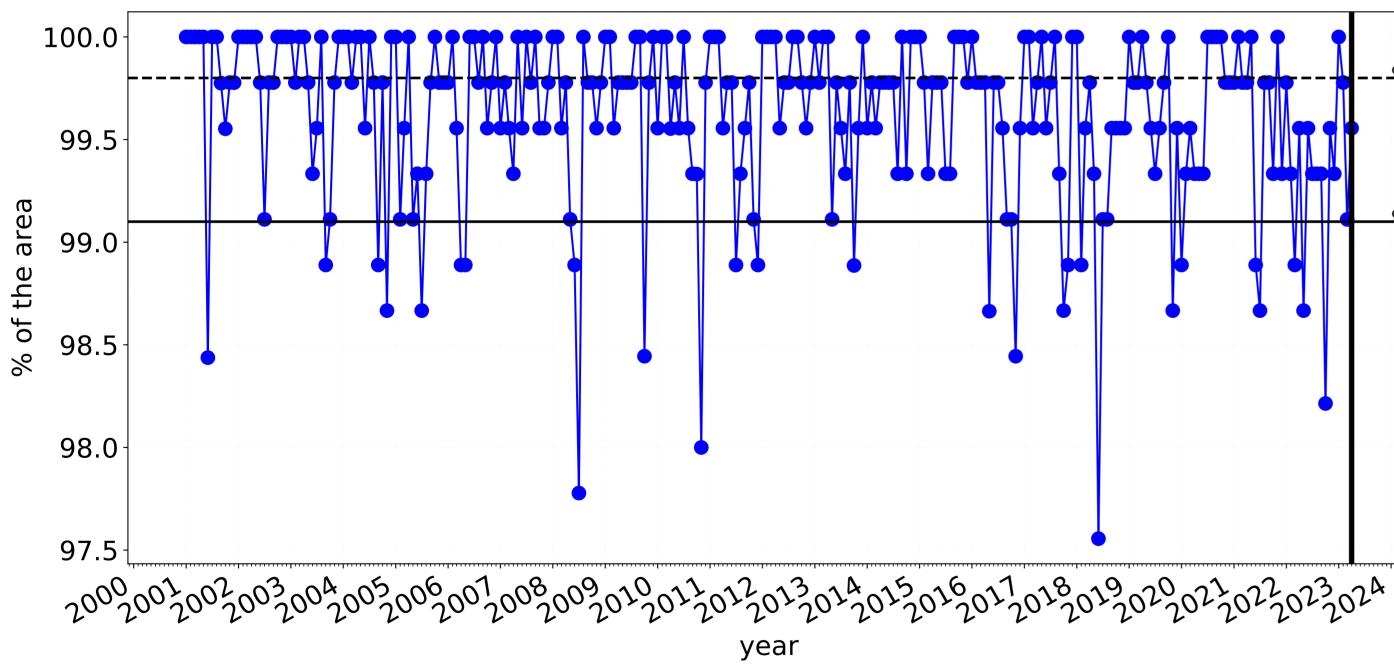




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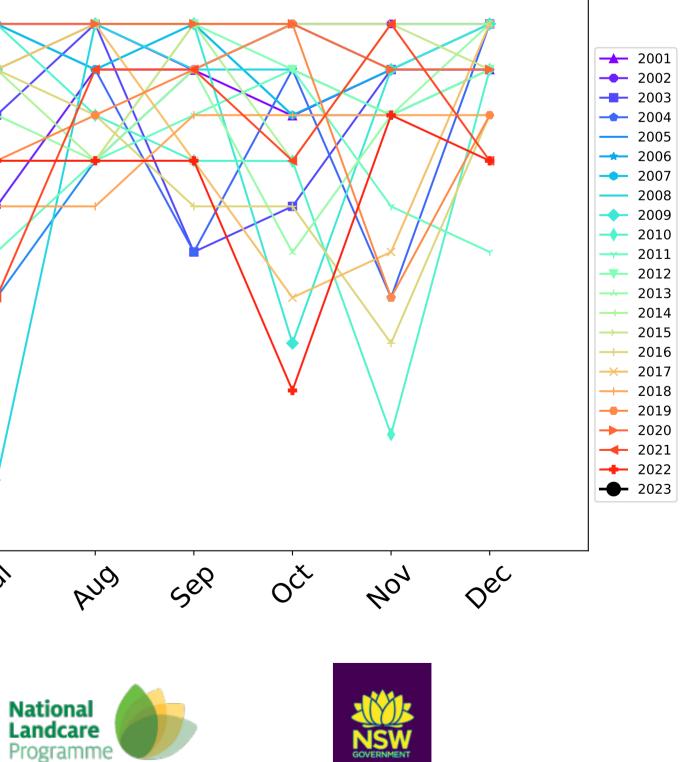


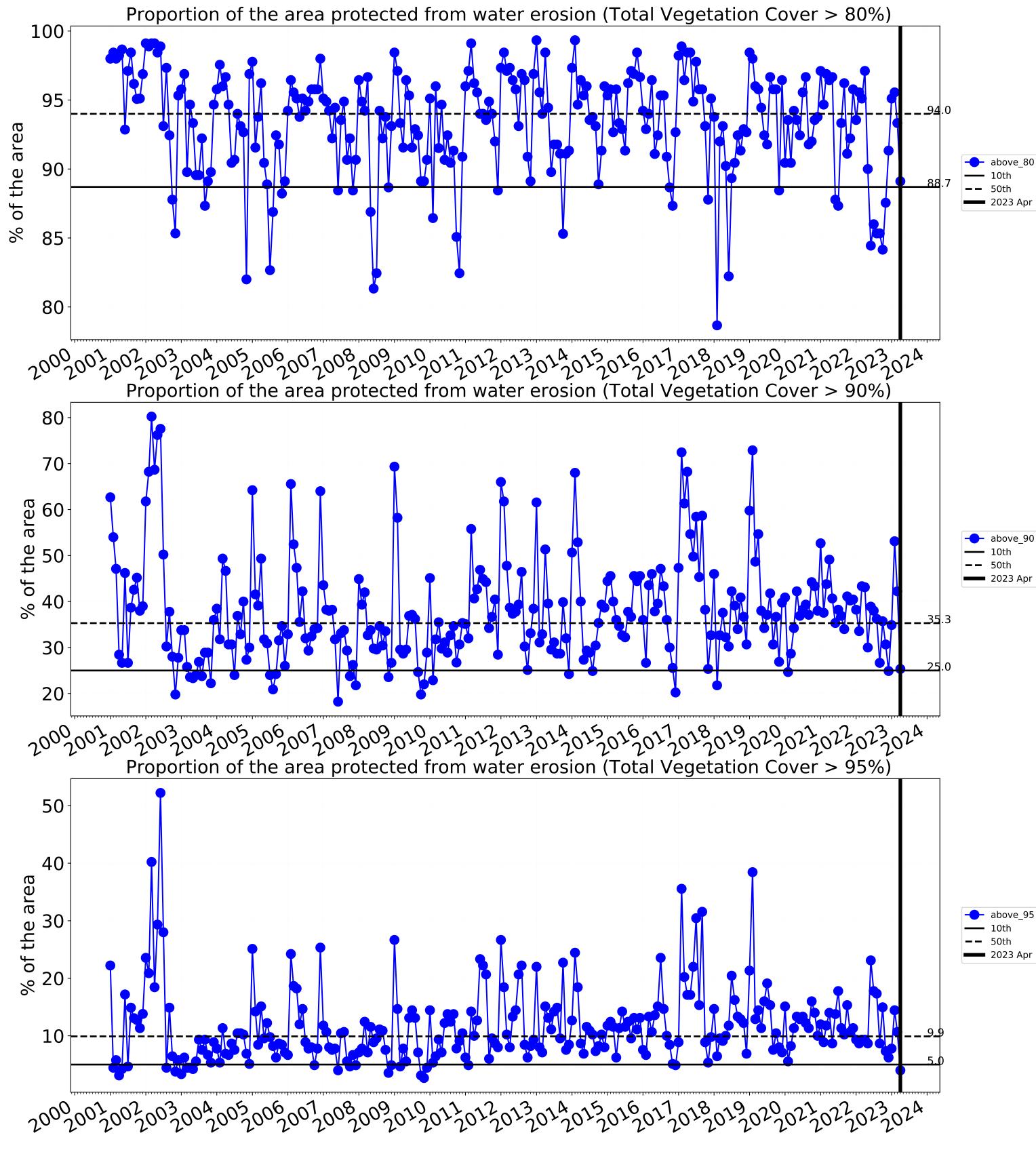


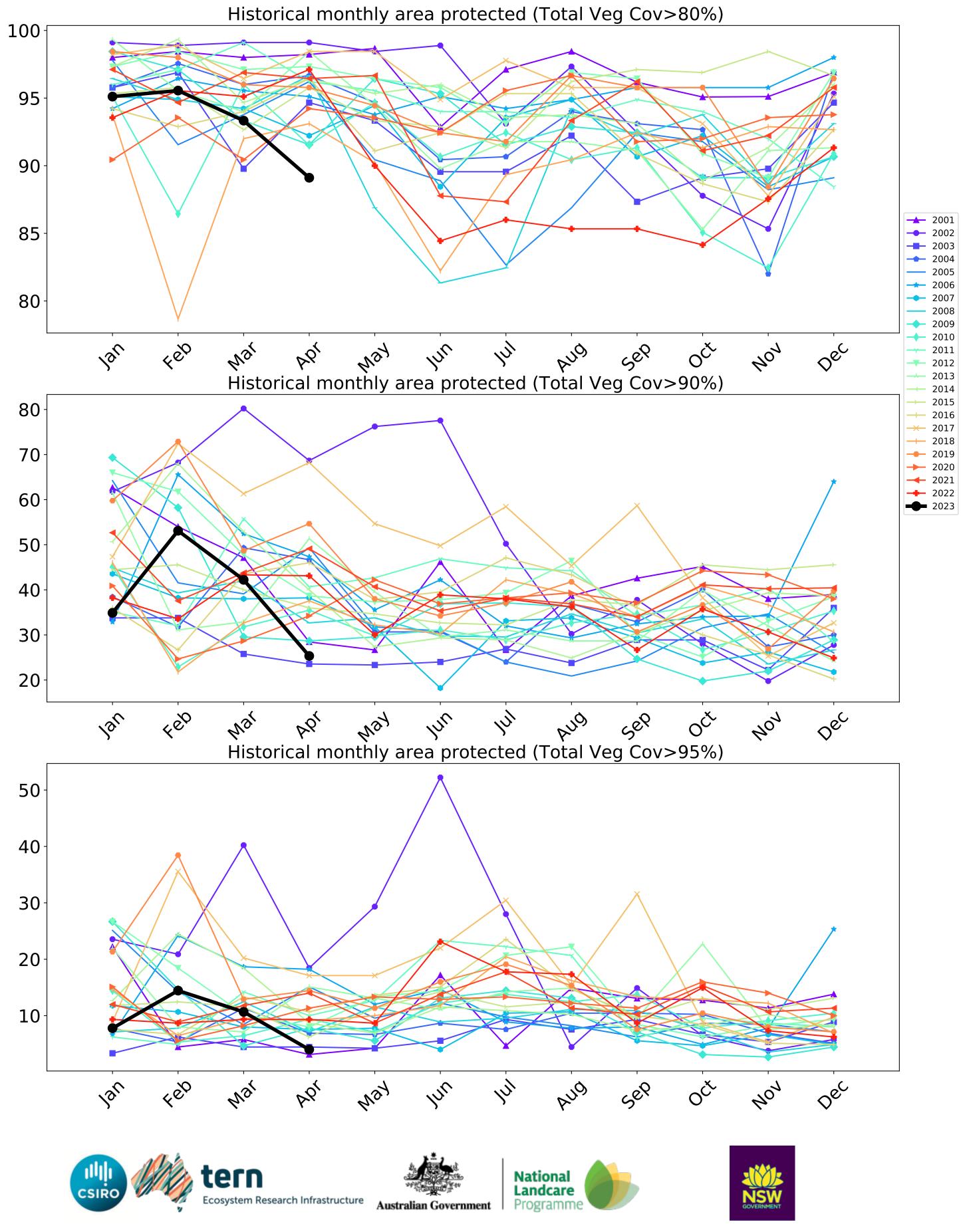
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)









## Grazing

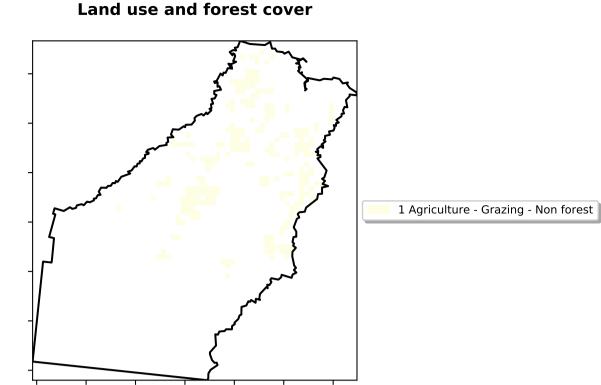
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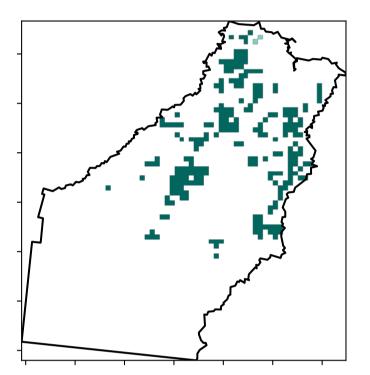
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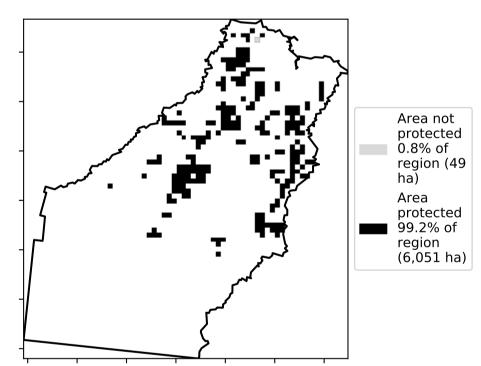
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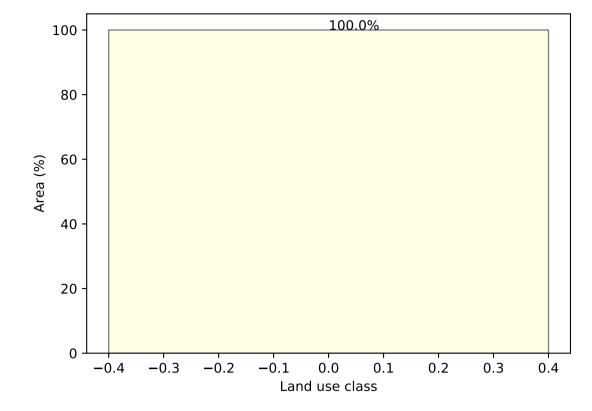


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



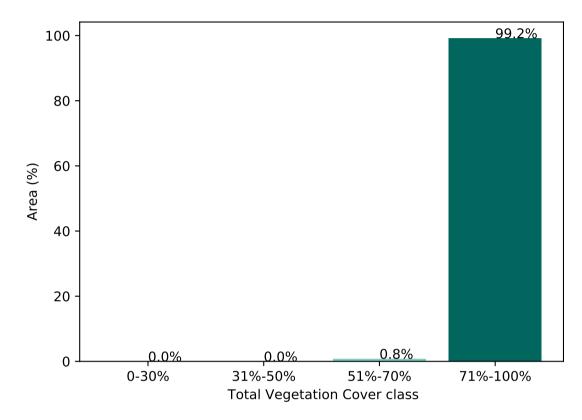




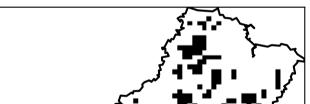


### Proportion of each land class in area

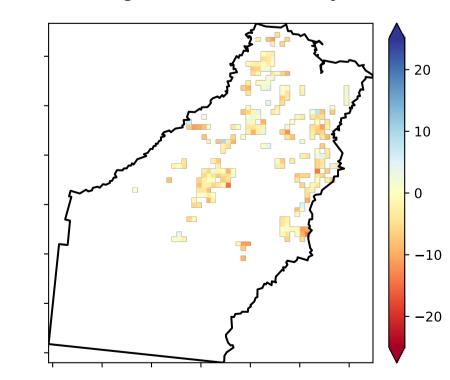
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



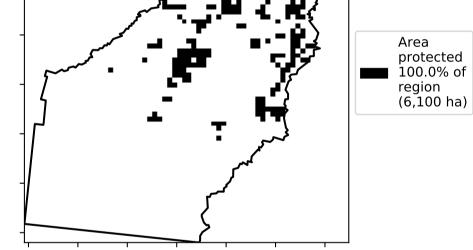
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



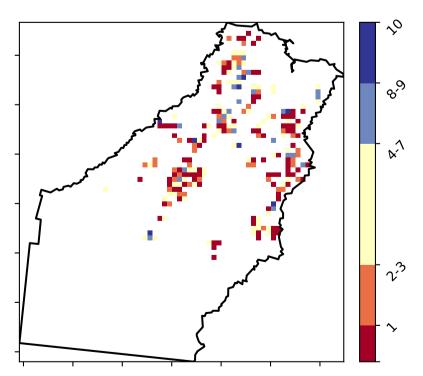
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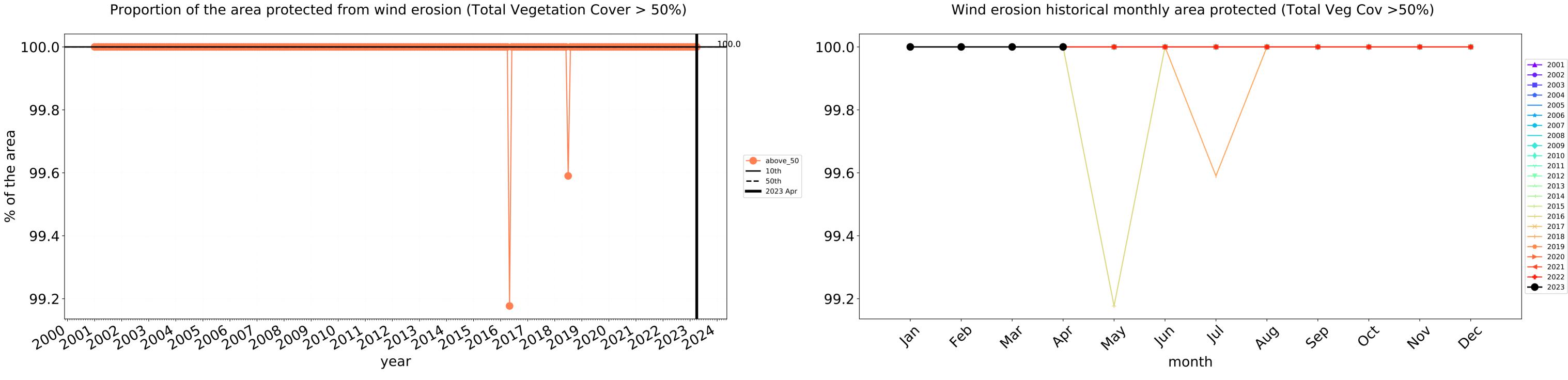
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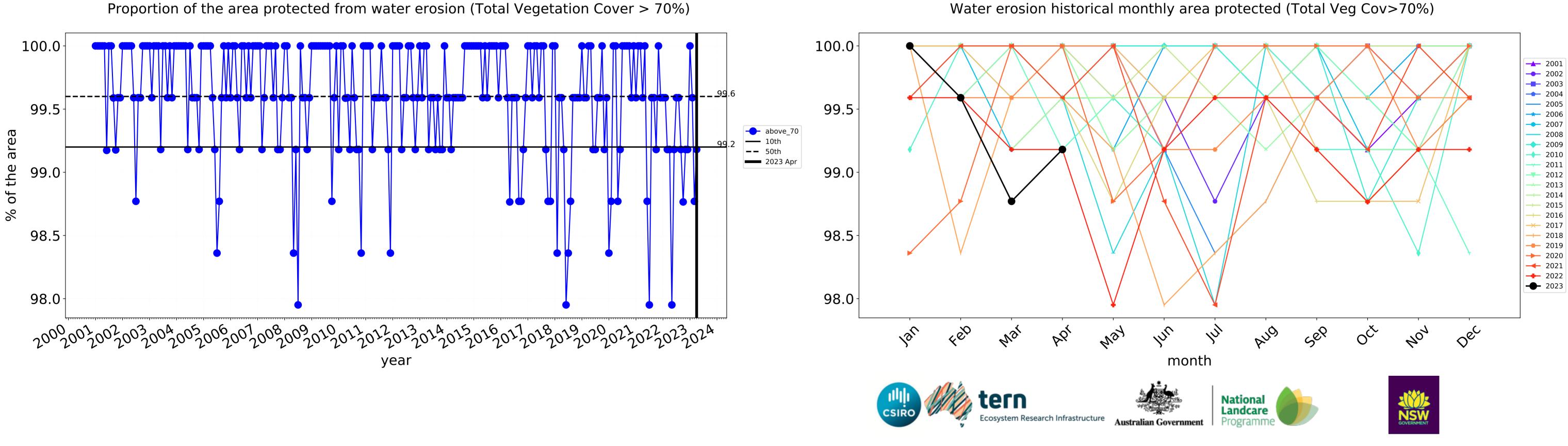


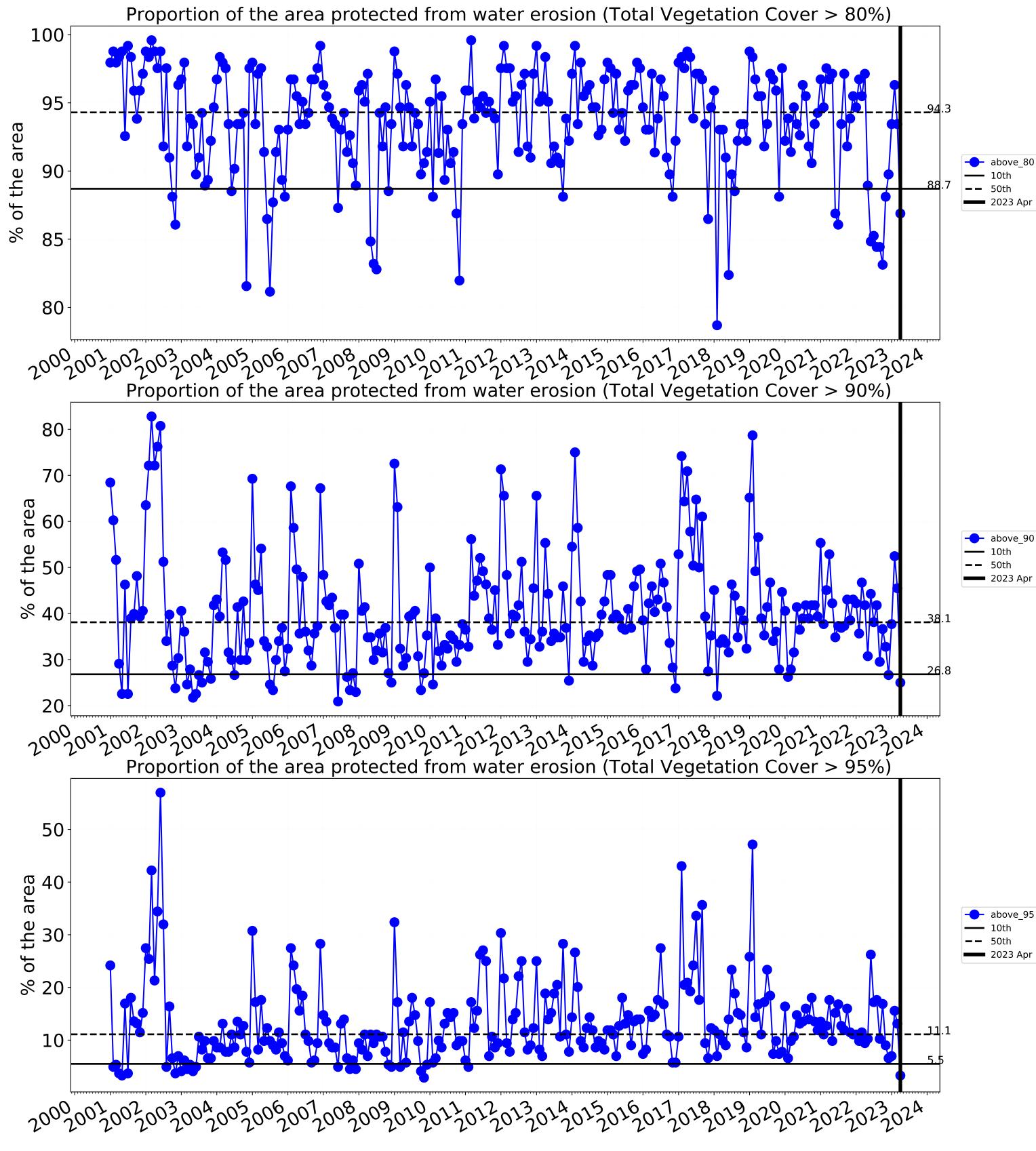


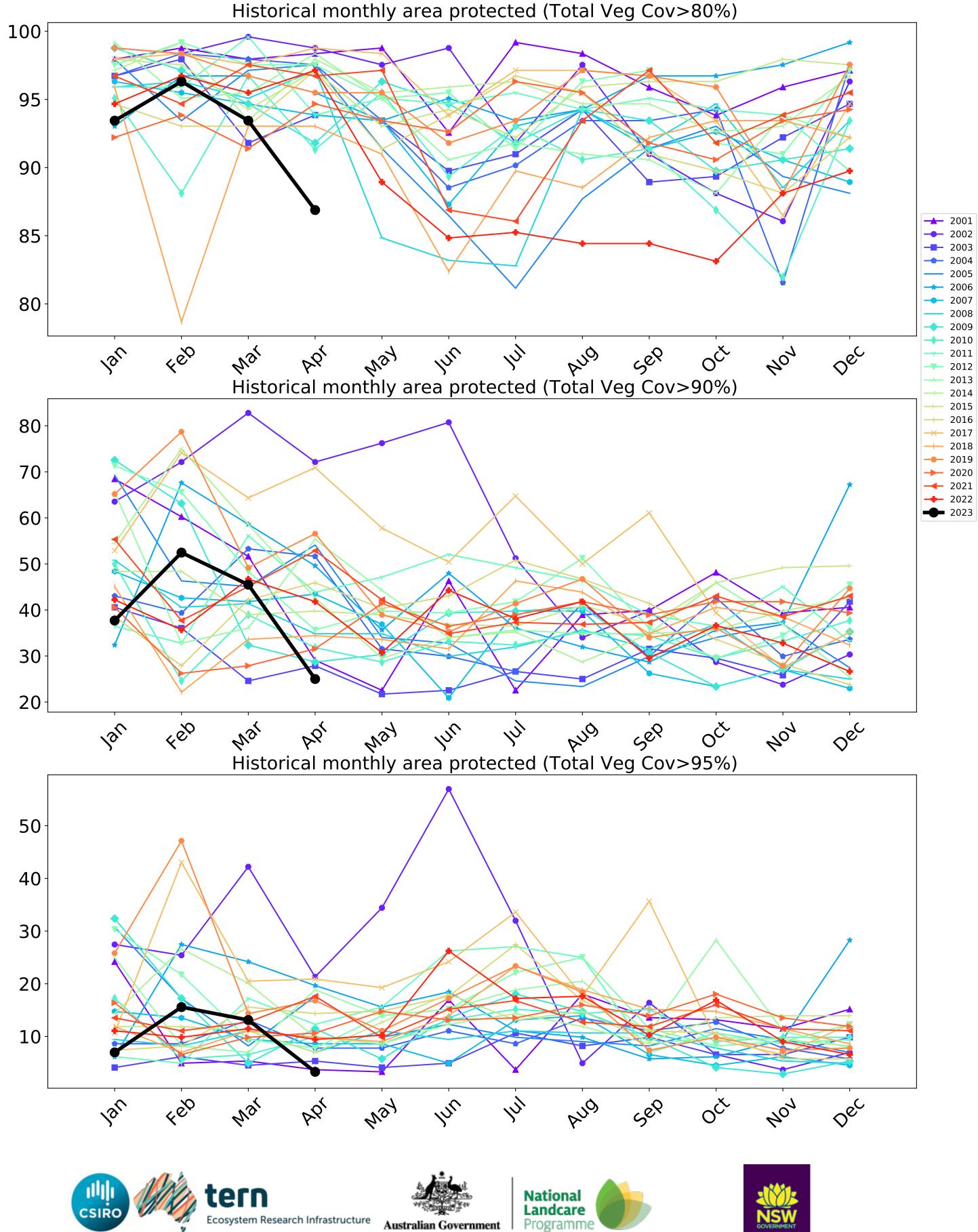
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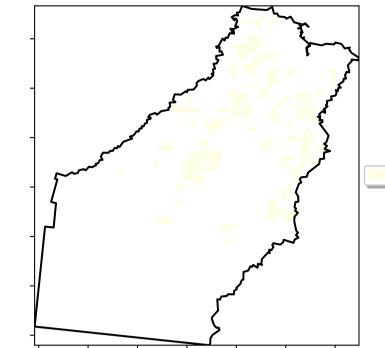






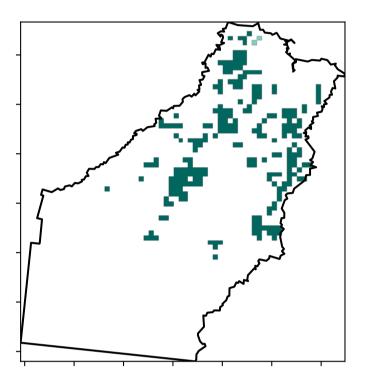
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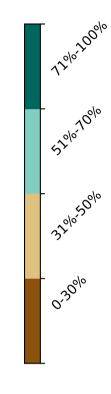
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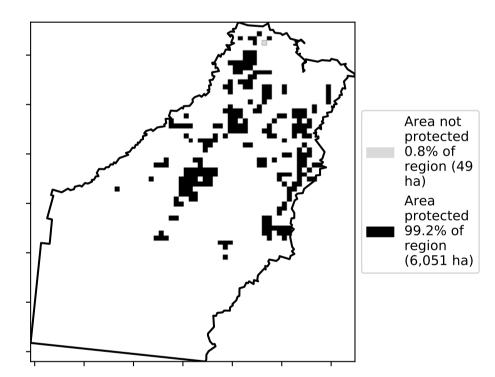
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

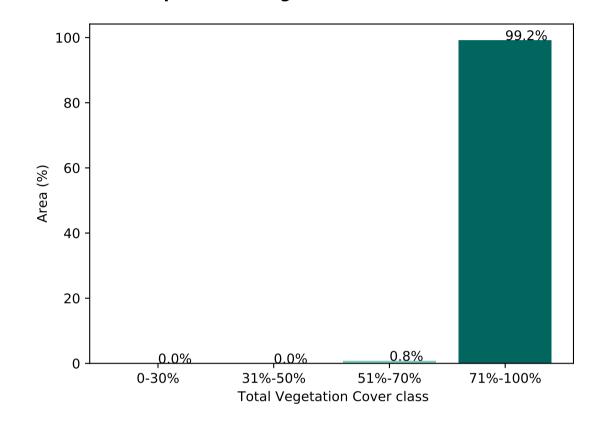




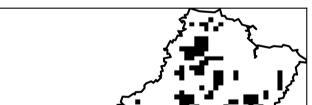
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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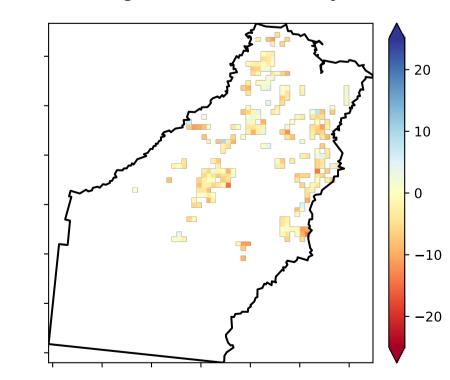
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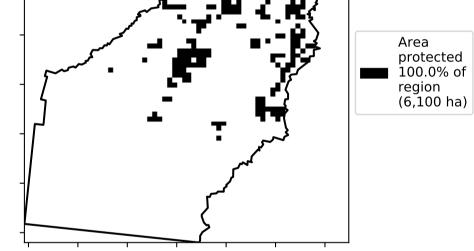
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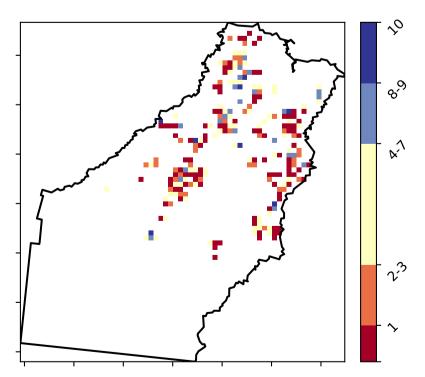
is only for the month of the map **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



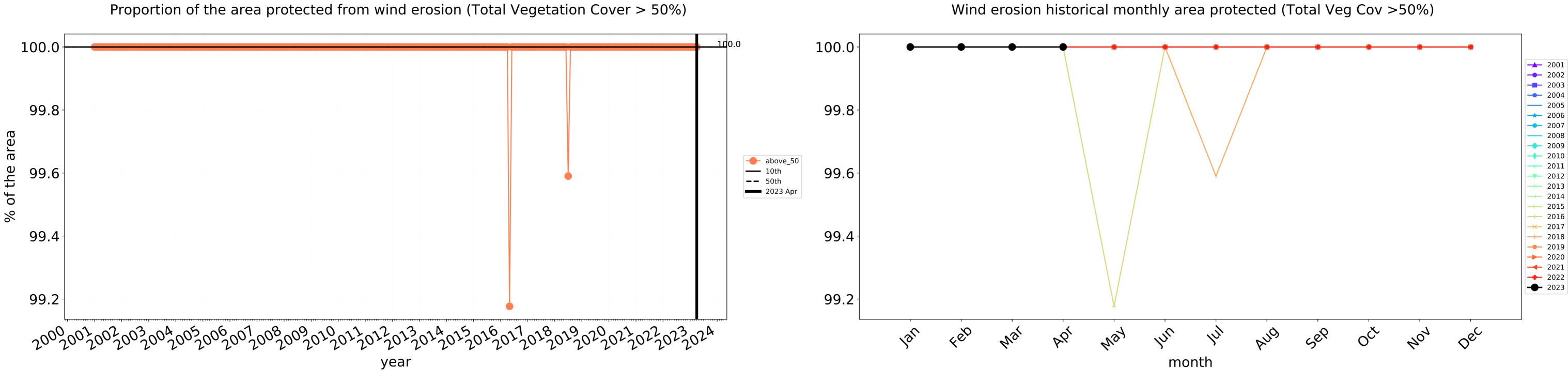
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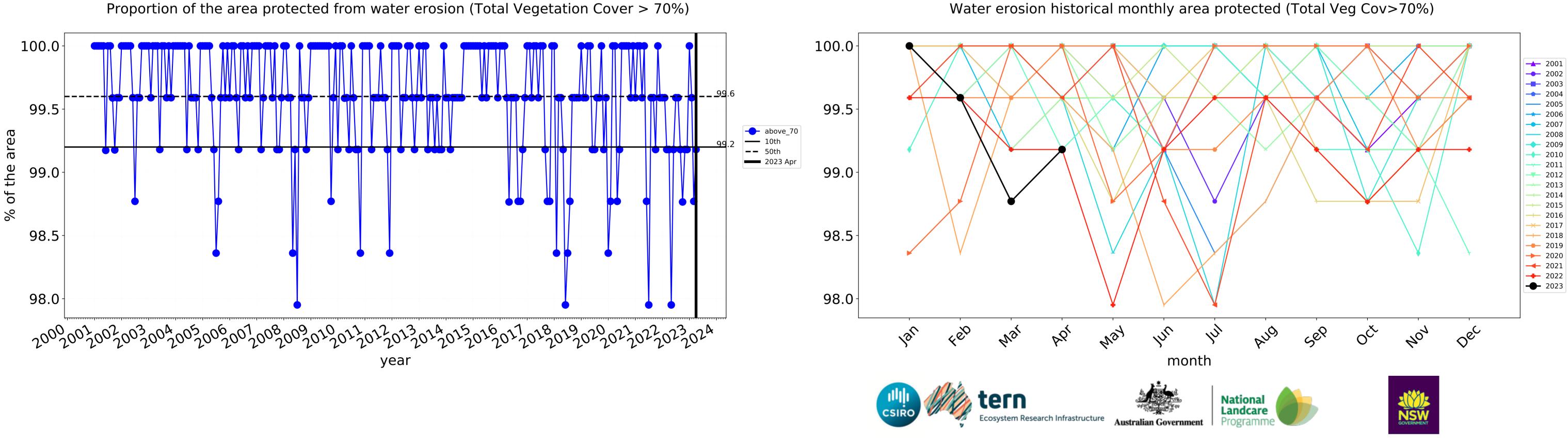


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

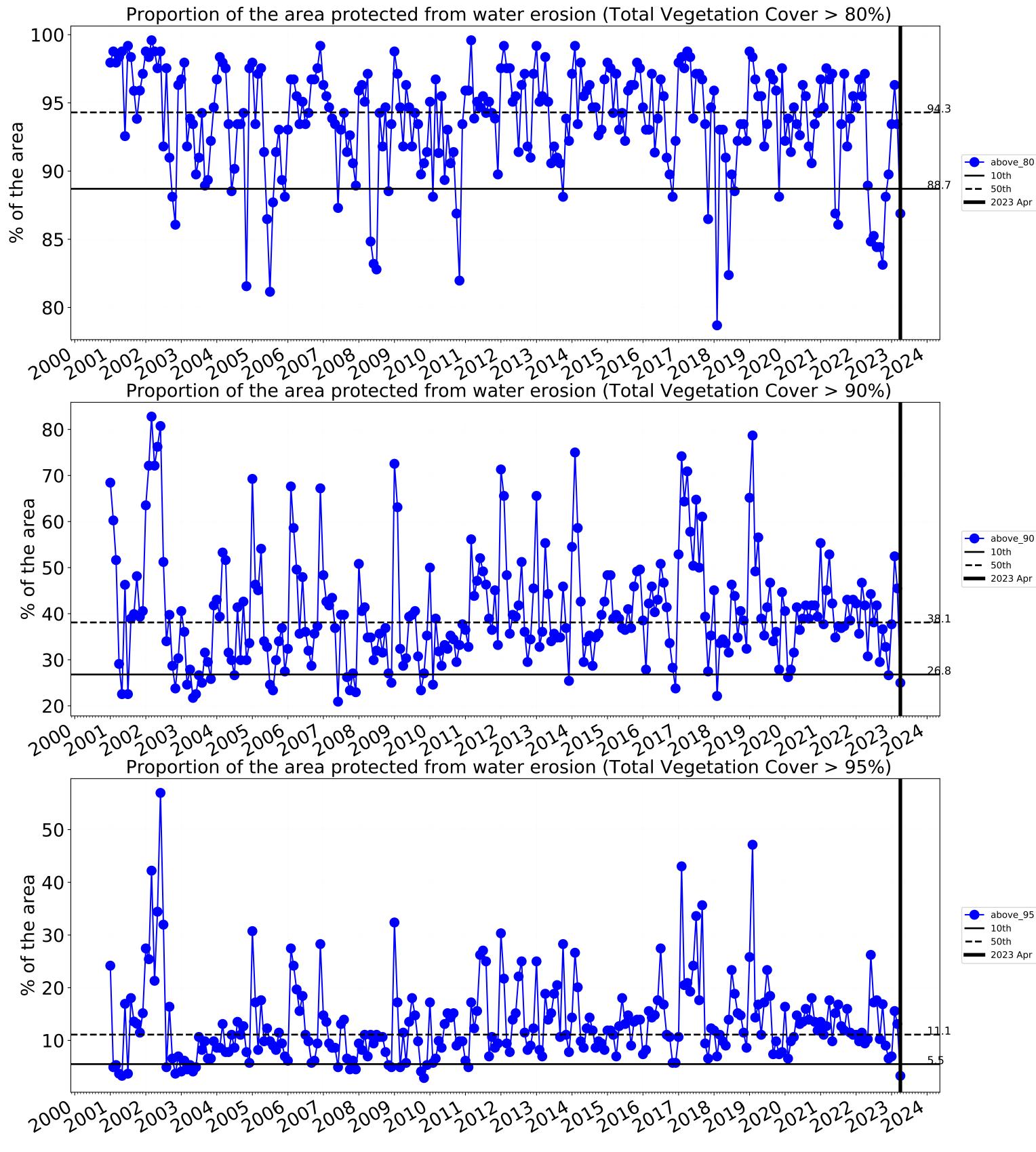


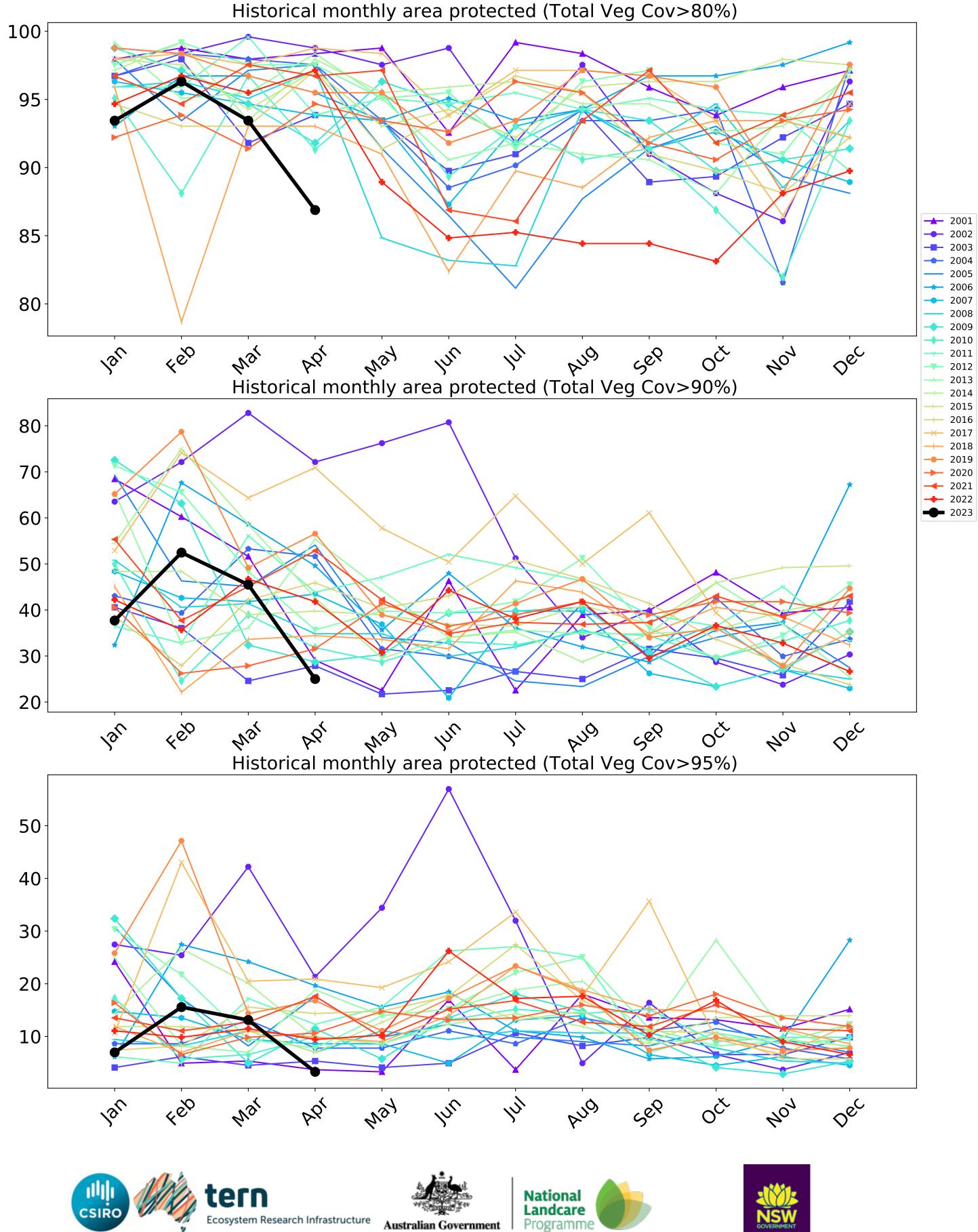






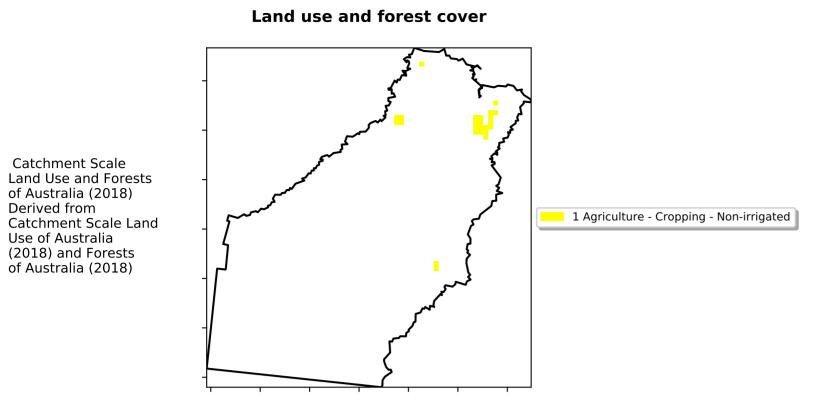
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



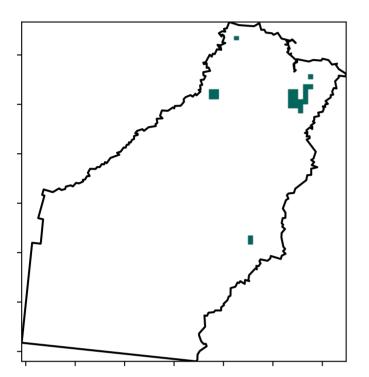


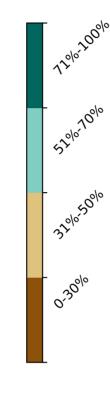


## Cropping

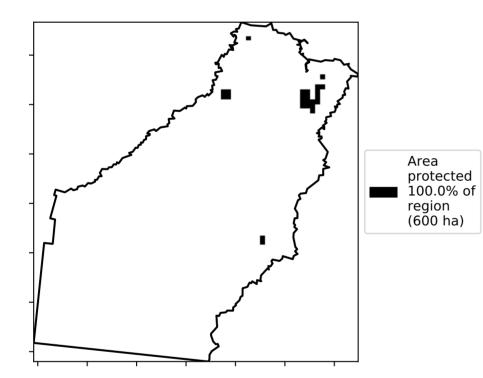


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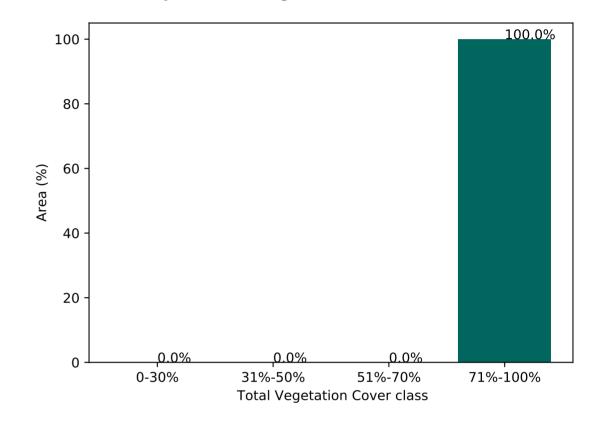




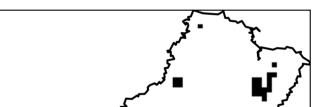
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



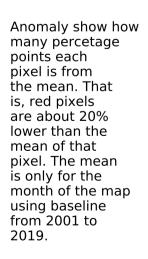
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

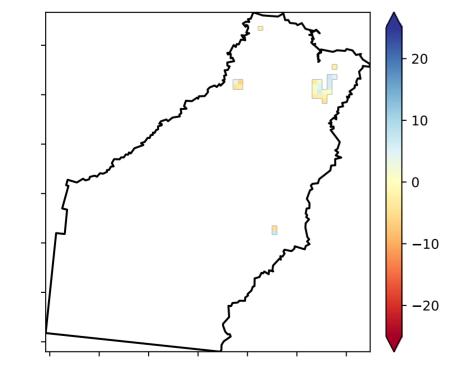


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

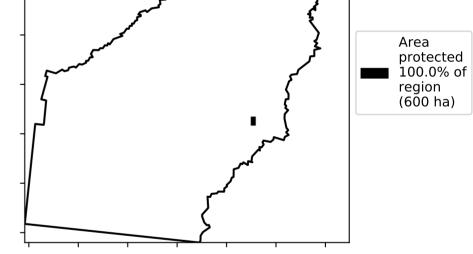


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

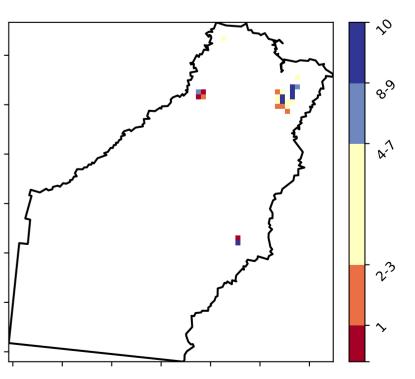




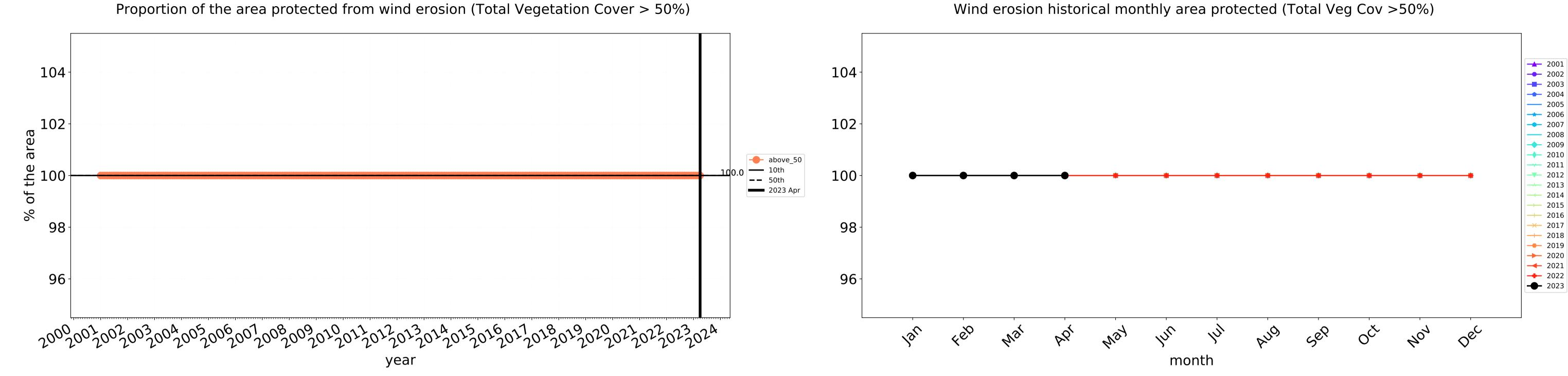
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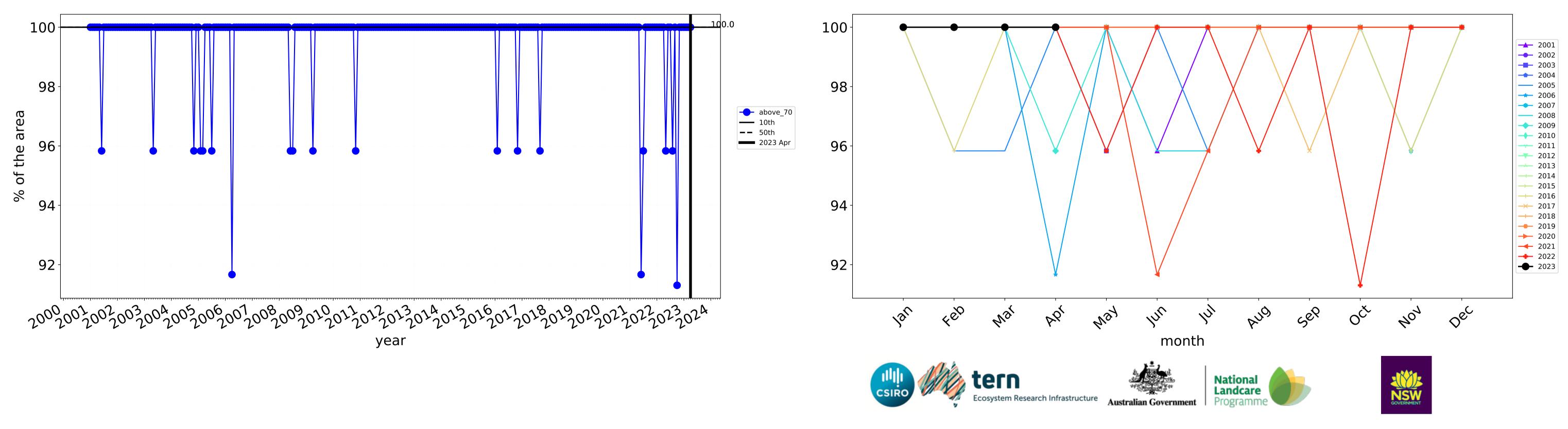
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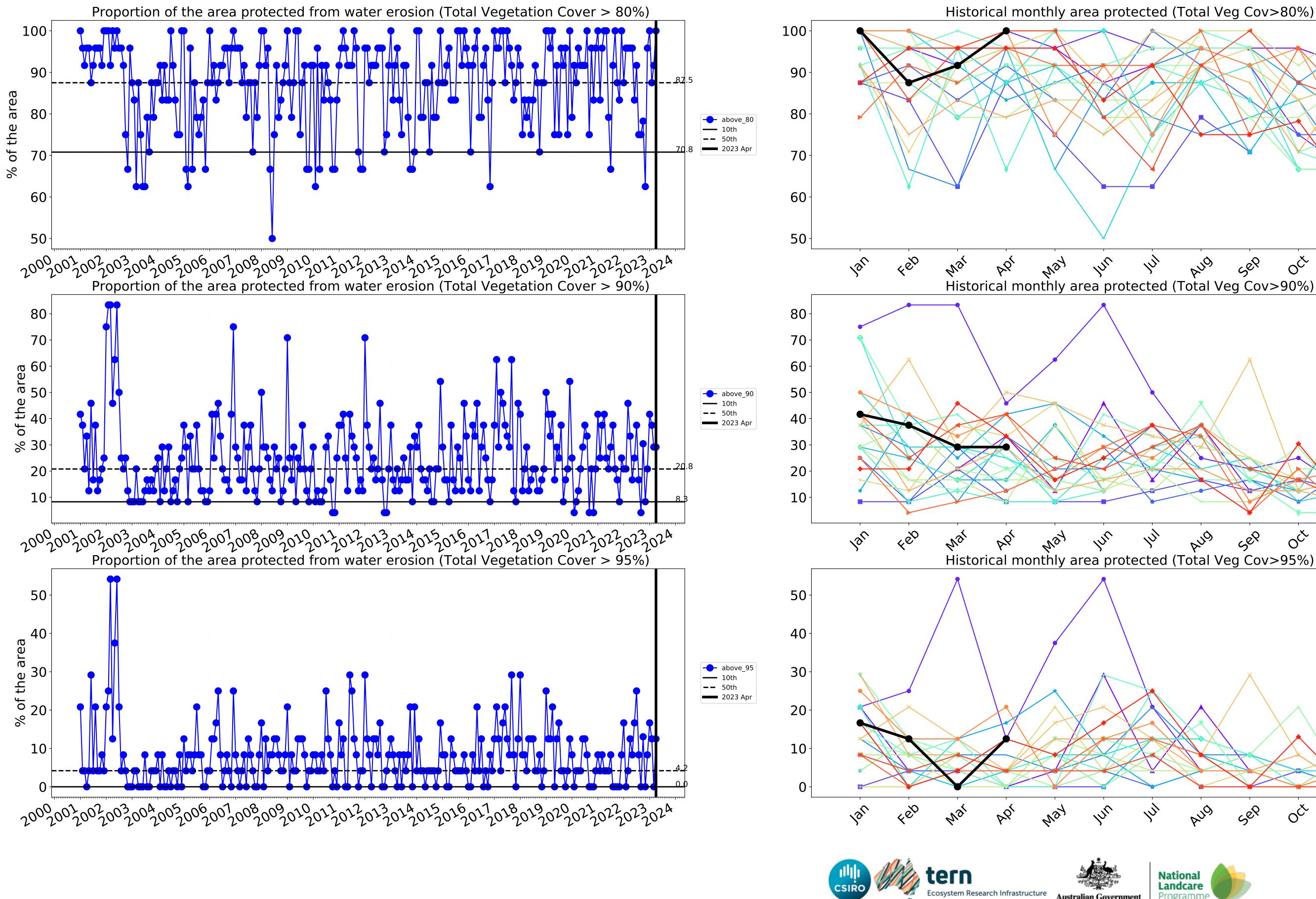


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



# **Cropping timeseries**





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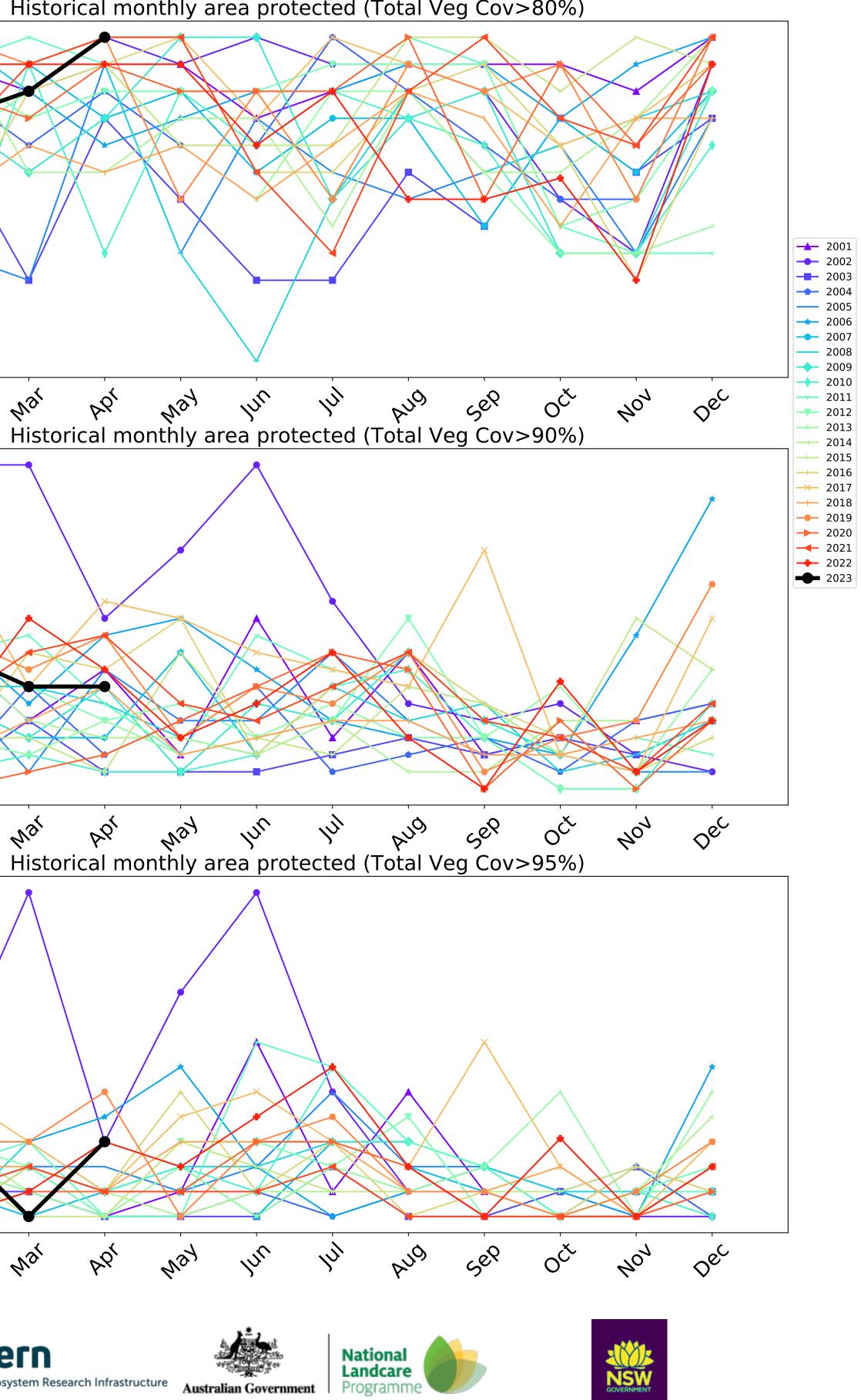
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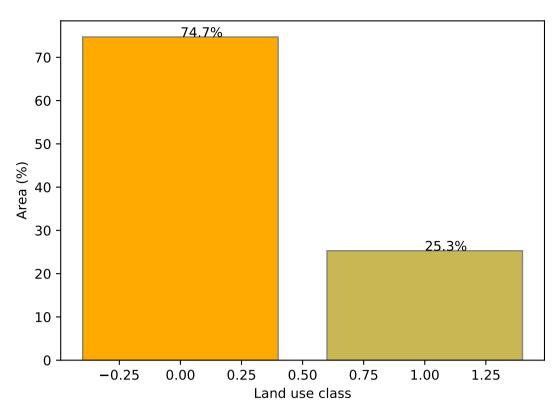
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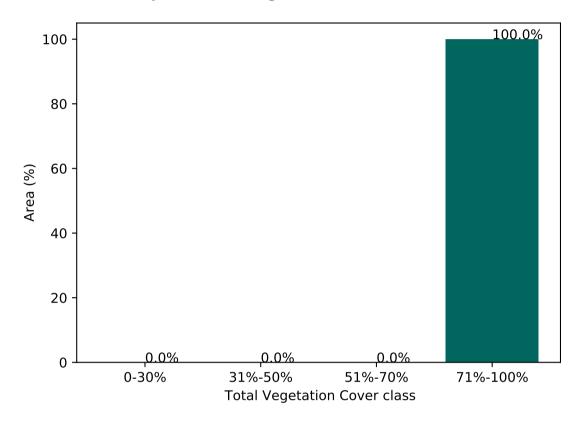
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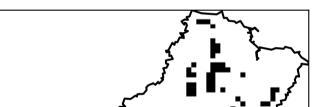
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated Proportion of each land class in area

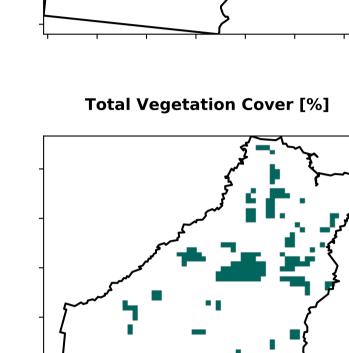


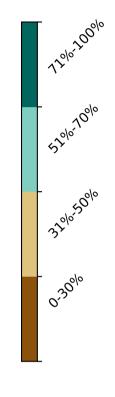
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



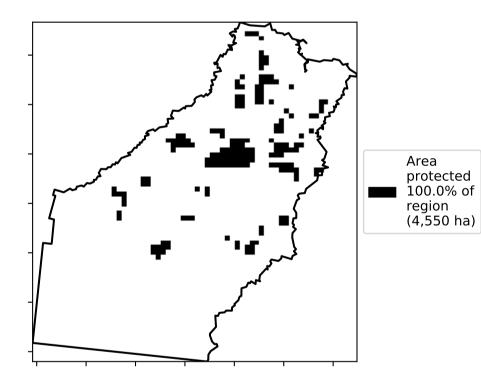
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



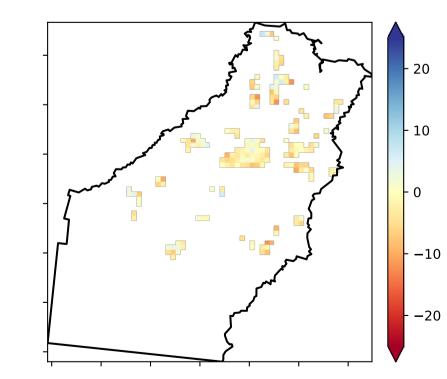




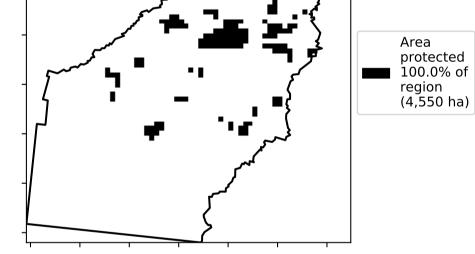
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



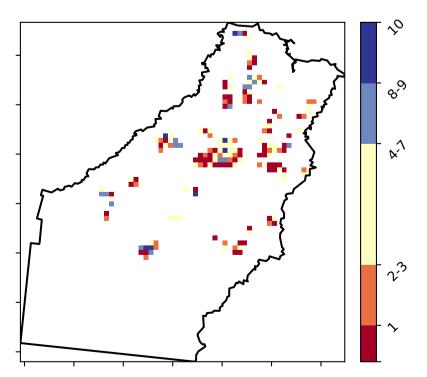
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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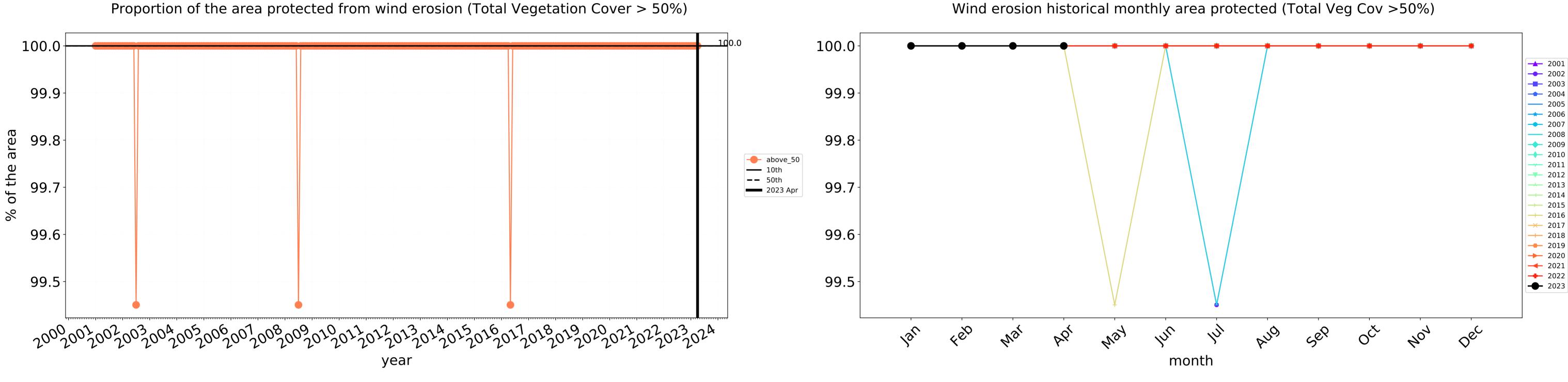
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

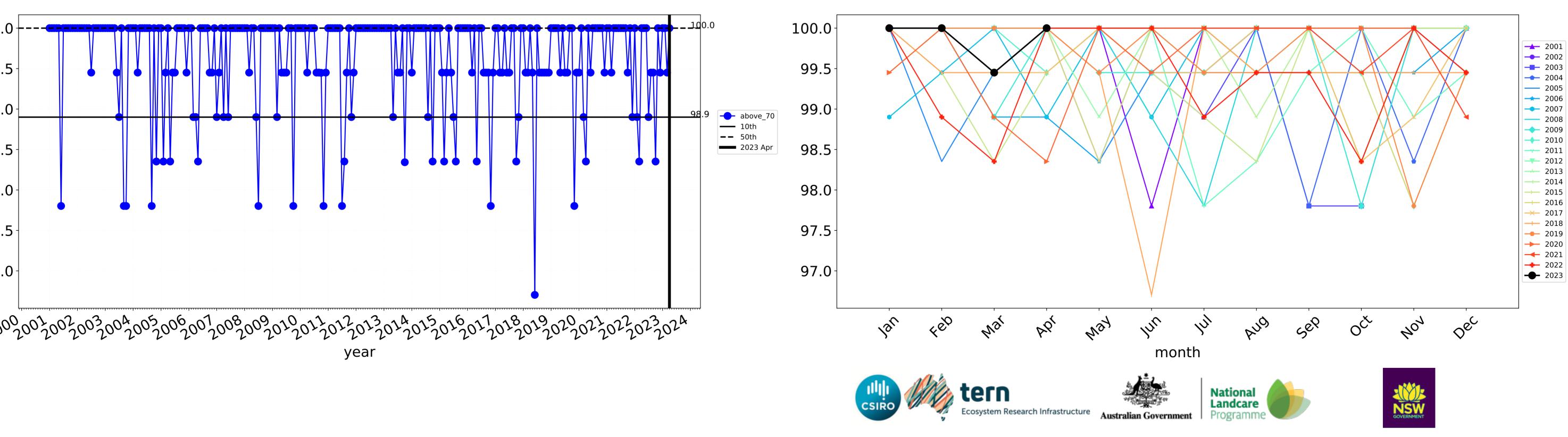




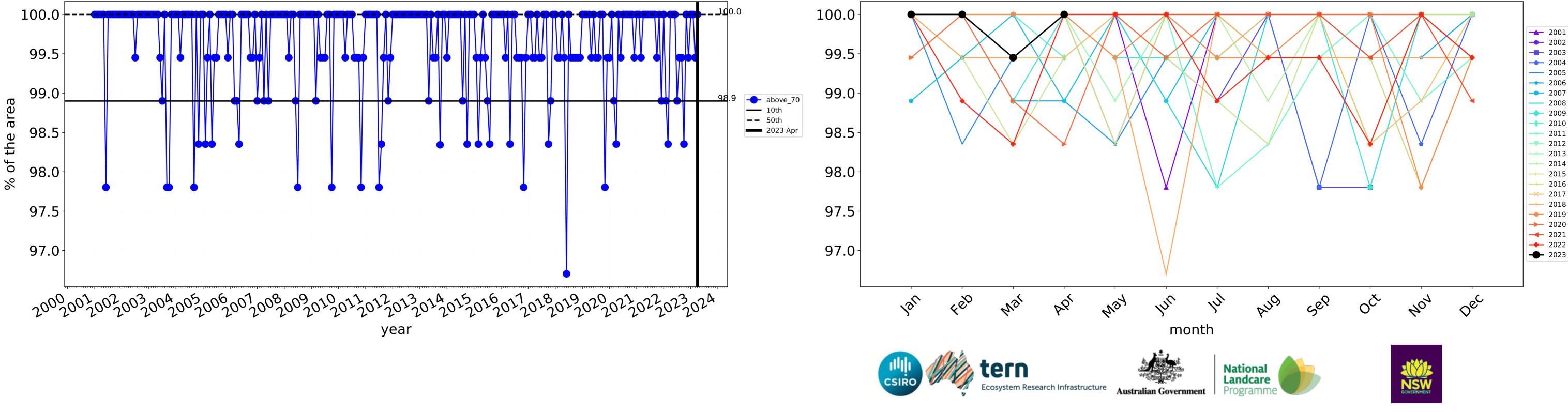
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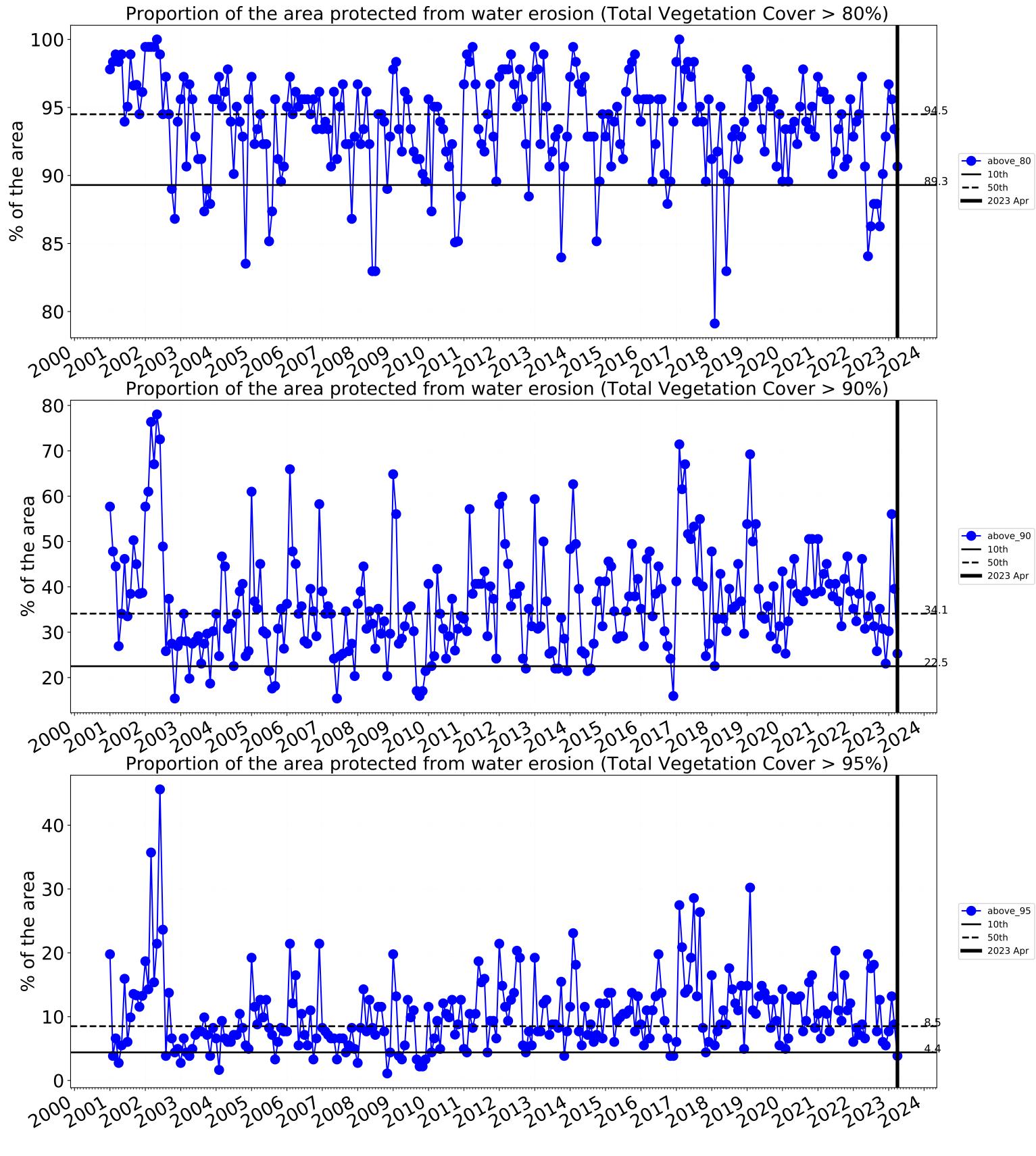


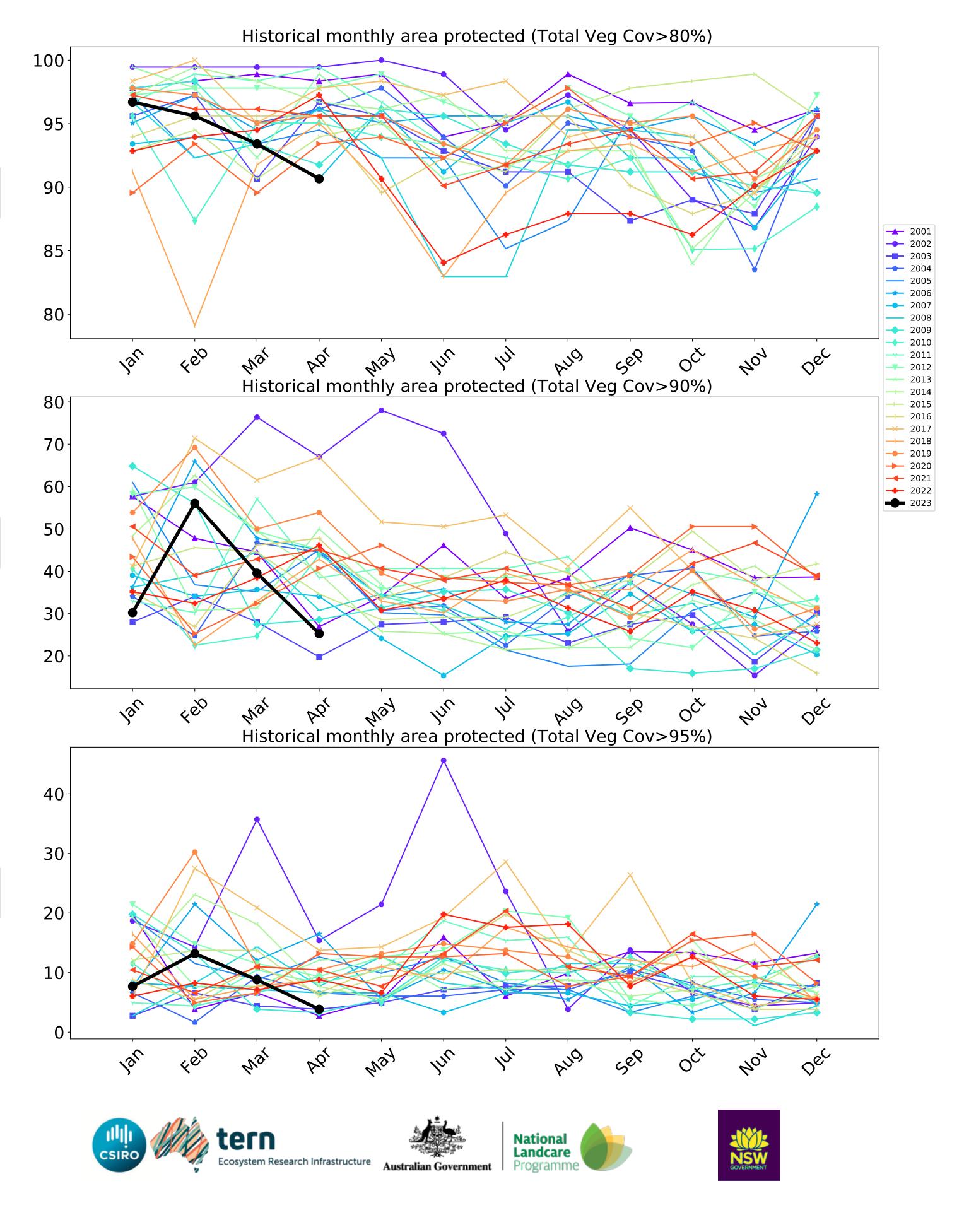


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



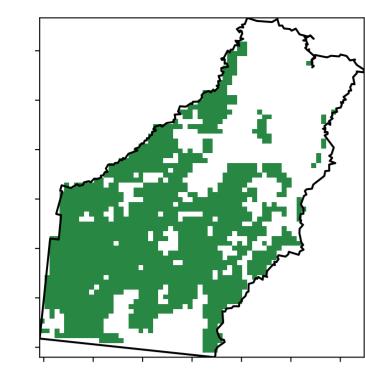
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





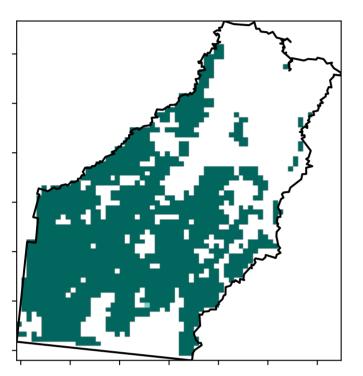
## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

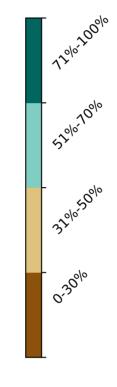
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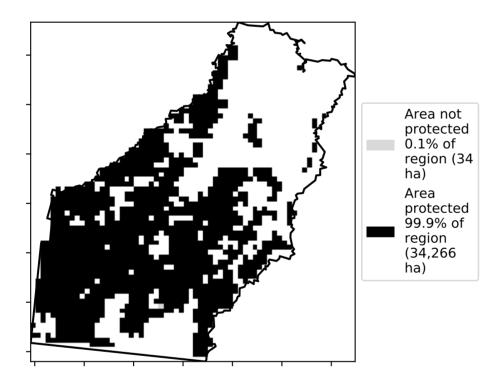
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

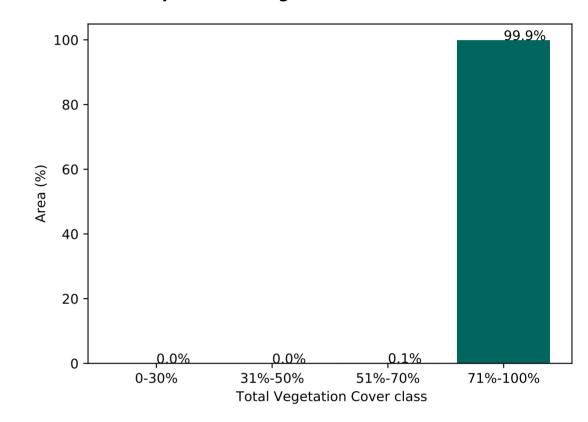




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

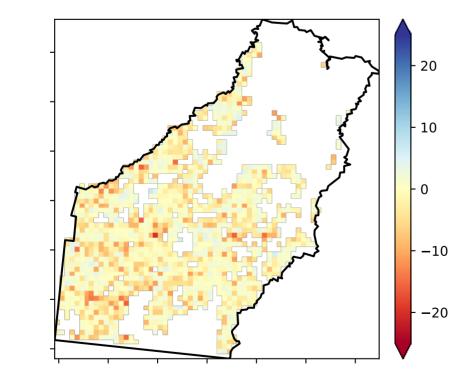


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

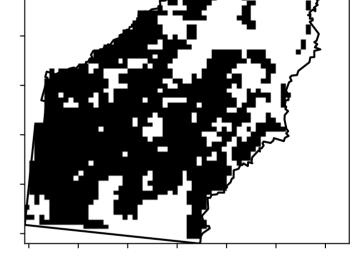


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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

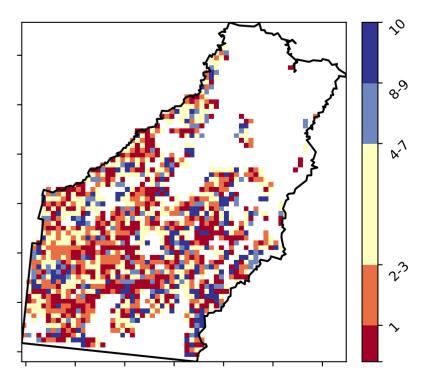


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Area protected 100.0% of region (34,300 ha)

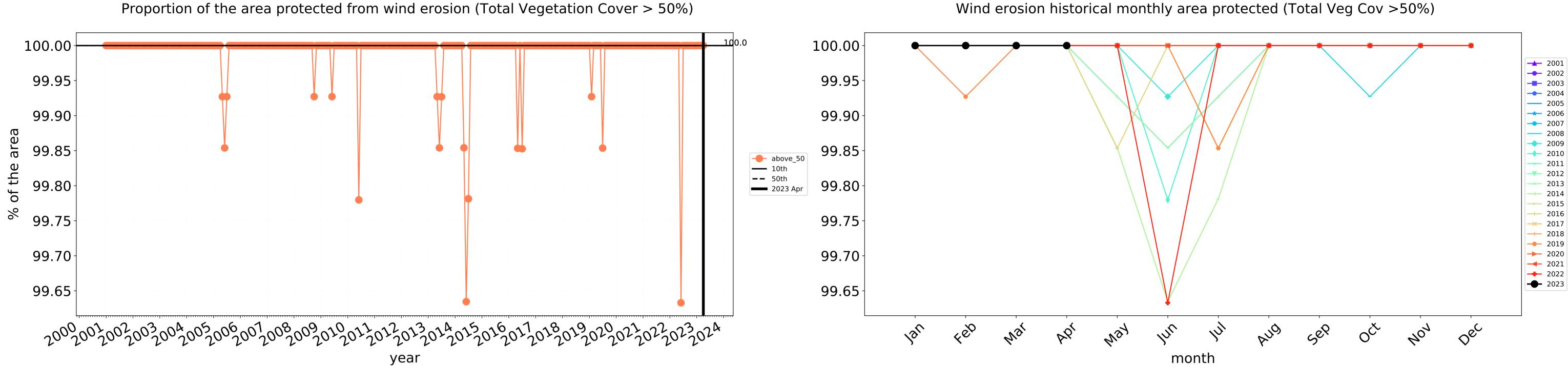
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





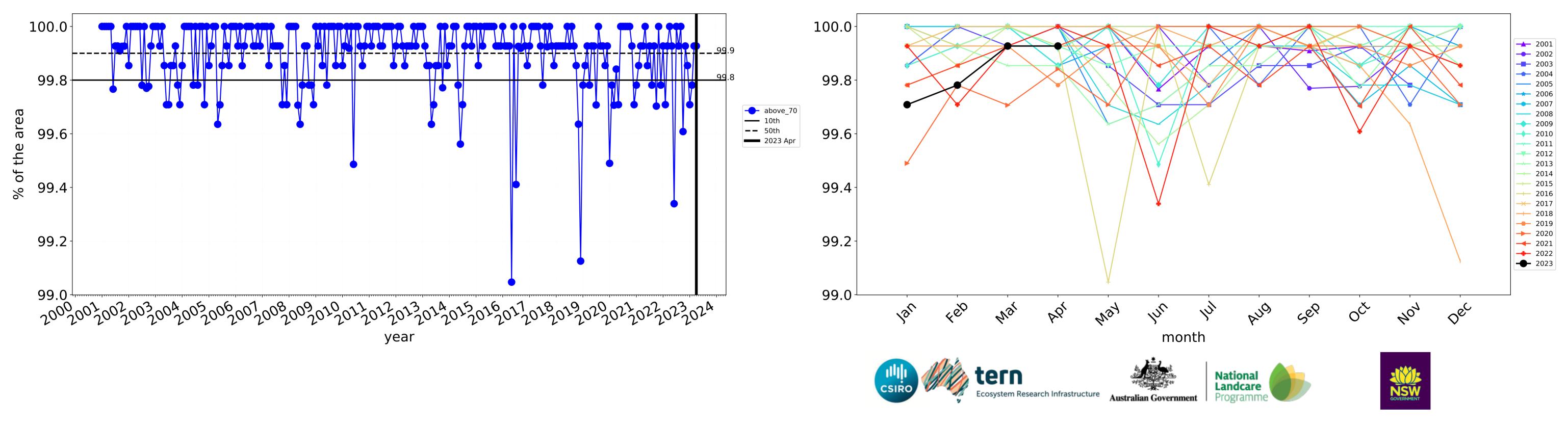


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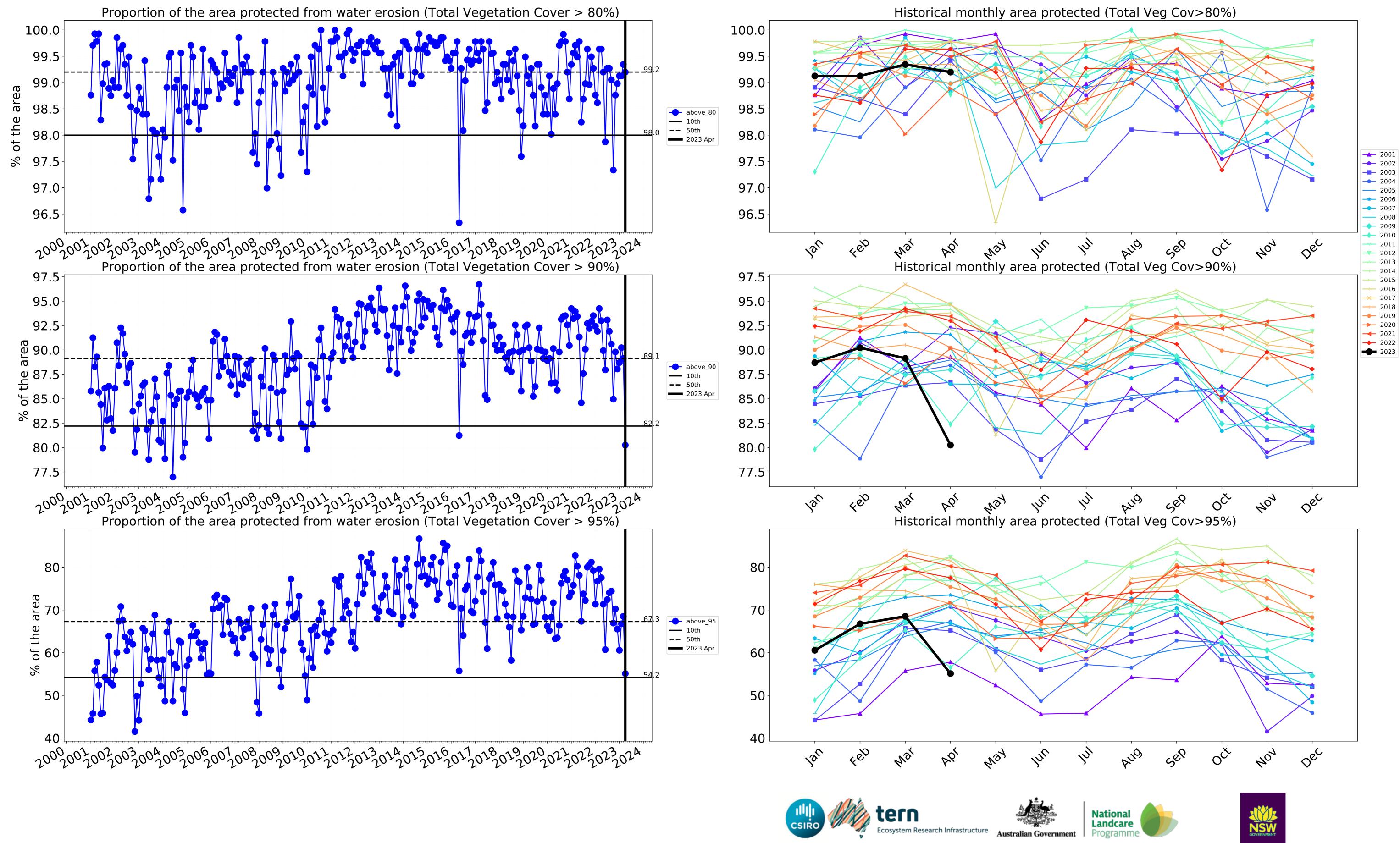


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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



# Burnie\_(C) (total 61,125 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	61,125	99.8% 61,025	99.8% 60,975	98.8% 60,375	94.6% 57,800	64.5% 39,450	39.6% 24,225
Conservation and natural environments	10,325	100.0% 10,325	100.0% 10,325	99.8% 10,300	98.3% 10,150	75.1% 7,750	43.1% 4,450
Conservation and natural environments non forest	1,275	100.0% 1,275	100.0% 1,275	98.0% 1,250	96.1% 1,225	62.7% 800	23.5% 300
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,000	100.0% 1,000	100.0% 1,000	100.0% 1,000	100.0% 1,000	77.5% 775	47.5% 475
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	8,050	100.0% 8,050	100.0% 8,050	100.0% 8,050	98.4% 7,925	76.7% 6,175	45.7% 3,675
Agriculture	11,250	100.0% 11,250	100.0% 11,250	99.6% 11,200	89.1% 10,025	25.3% 2,850	4.0% 450
Grazing	6,100	100.0% 6,100	100.0% 6,100	99.2% 6,050	86.9% 5,300	25.0% 1,525	3.3% 200
Grazing non forest	6,100	100.0% 6,100	100.0% 6,100	99.2% 6,050	86.9% 5,300	25.0% 1,525	3.3% 200
Cropping	600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	29.2% 175	12.5% 75
Irrigation	4,550	100.0% 4,550	100.0% 4,550	100.0% 4,550	90.7% 4,125	25.3% 1,150	3.8% 175
Production native forests and plantation forests	34,300	100.0% 34,300	100.0% 34,300	99.9% 34,275	99.2% 34,025	80.2% 27,525	55.1% 18,900

