Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Derwent_Valley_(M) TAS Date: May 2025

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps.
Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region.
Total vegetation Cover:
The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

- 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover - protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover - not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover - not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

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

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification
2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

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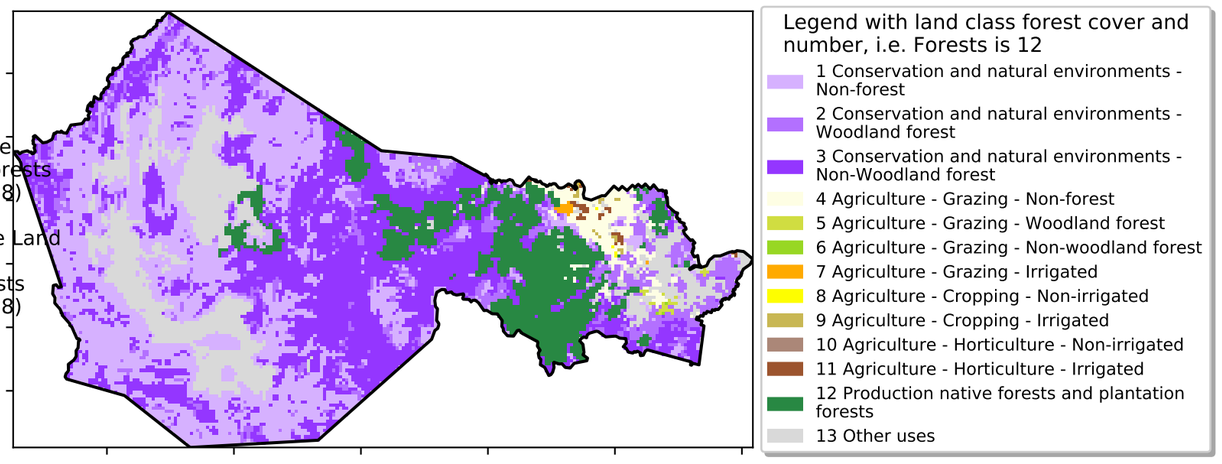
Vegetation Cover May 2025

Land use and forest cover



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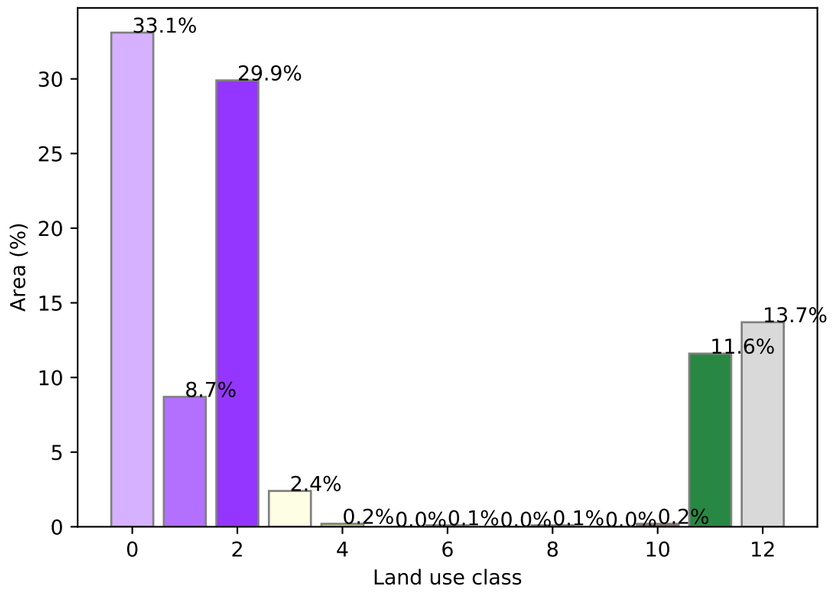

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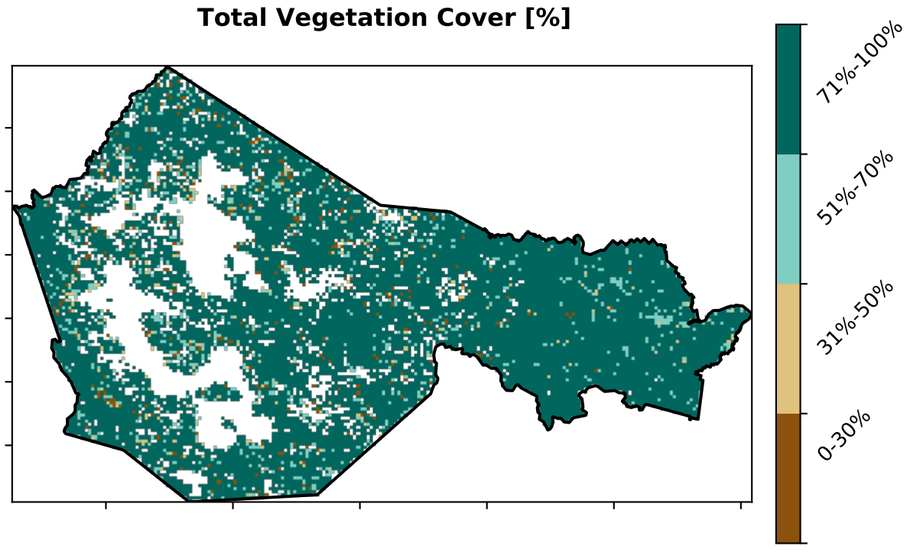

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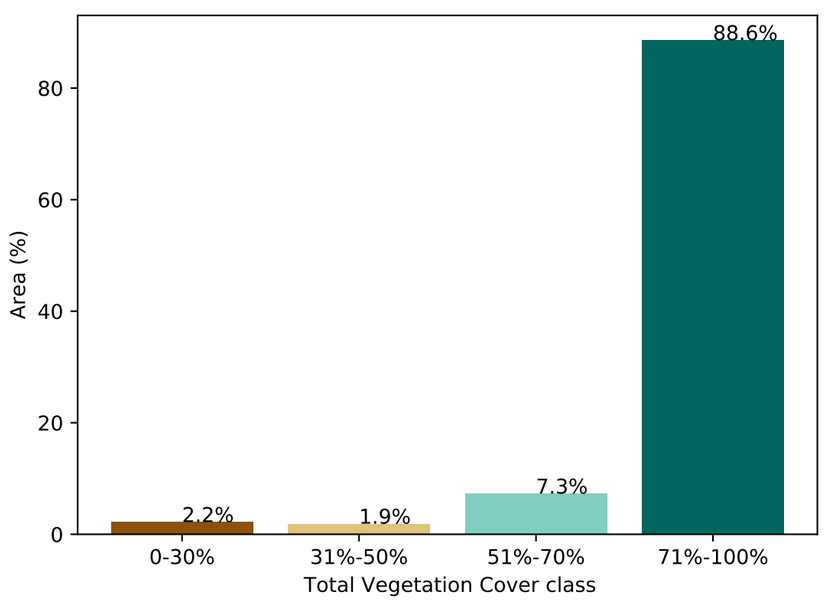

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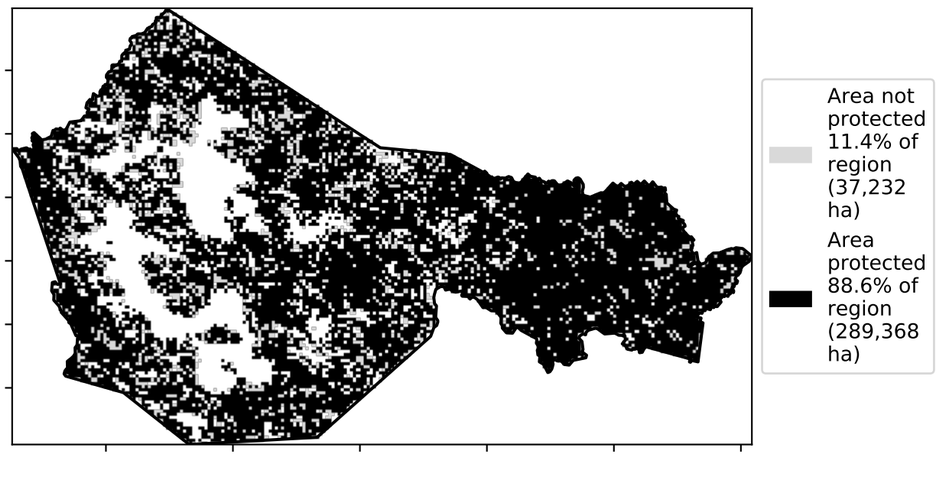

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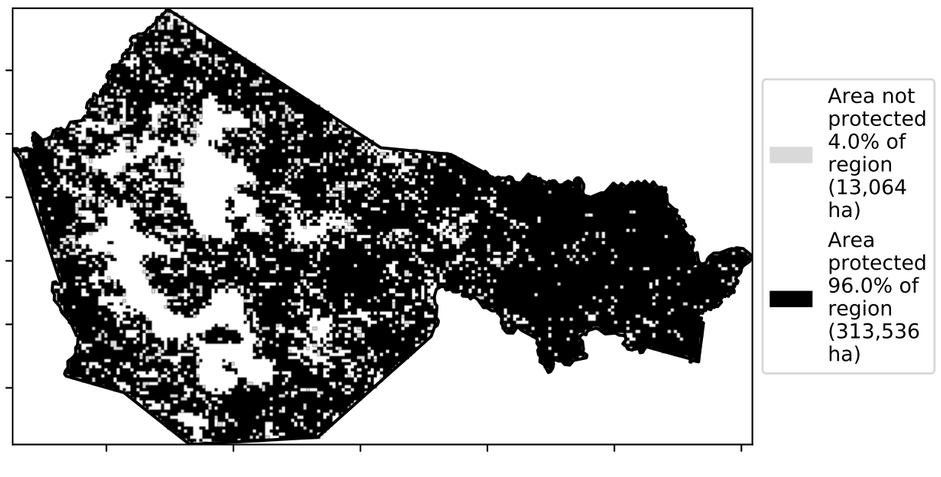

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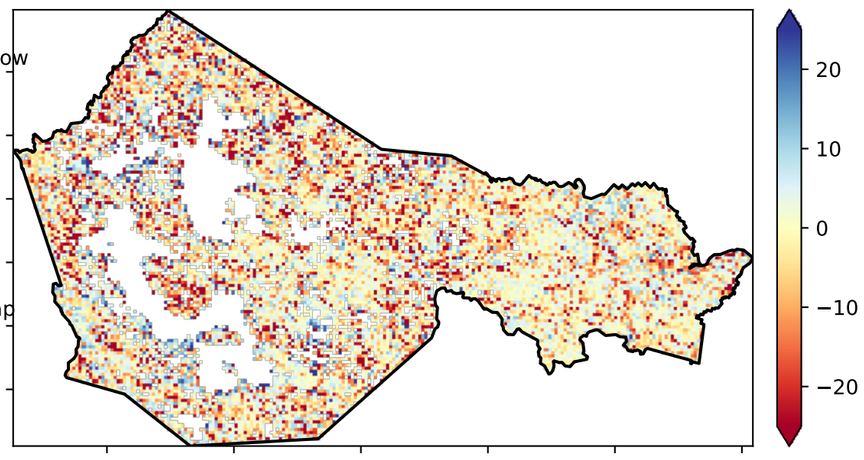

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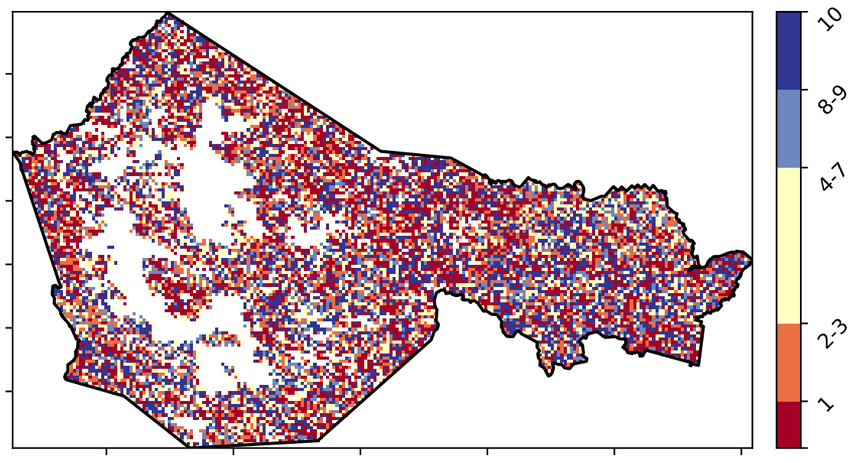

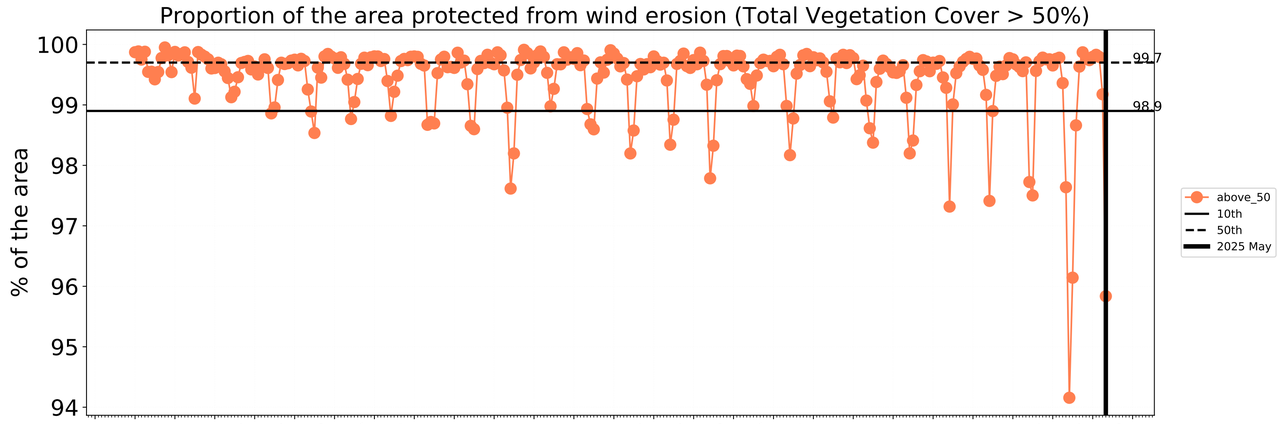
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% of the area
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98.9
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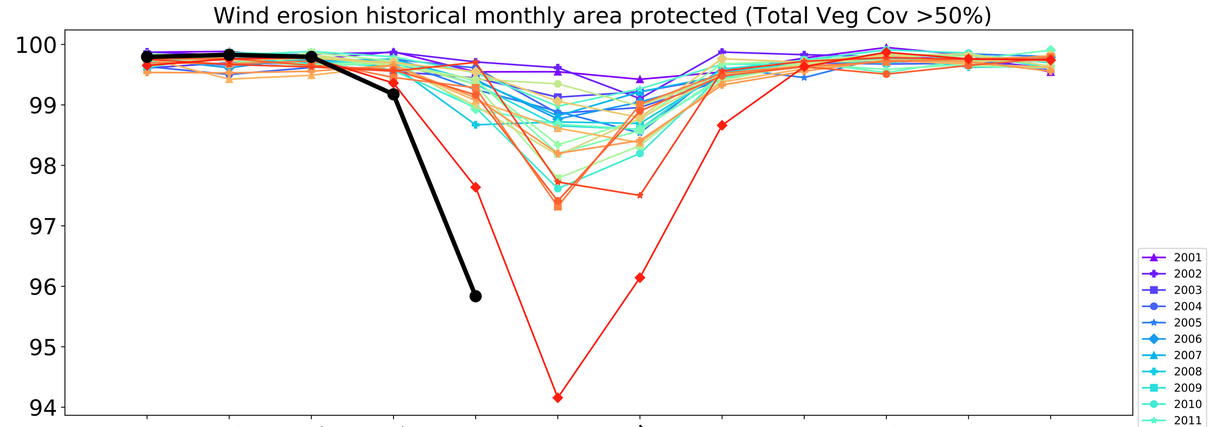
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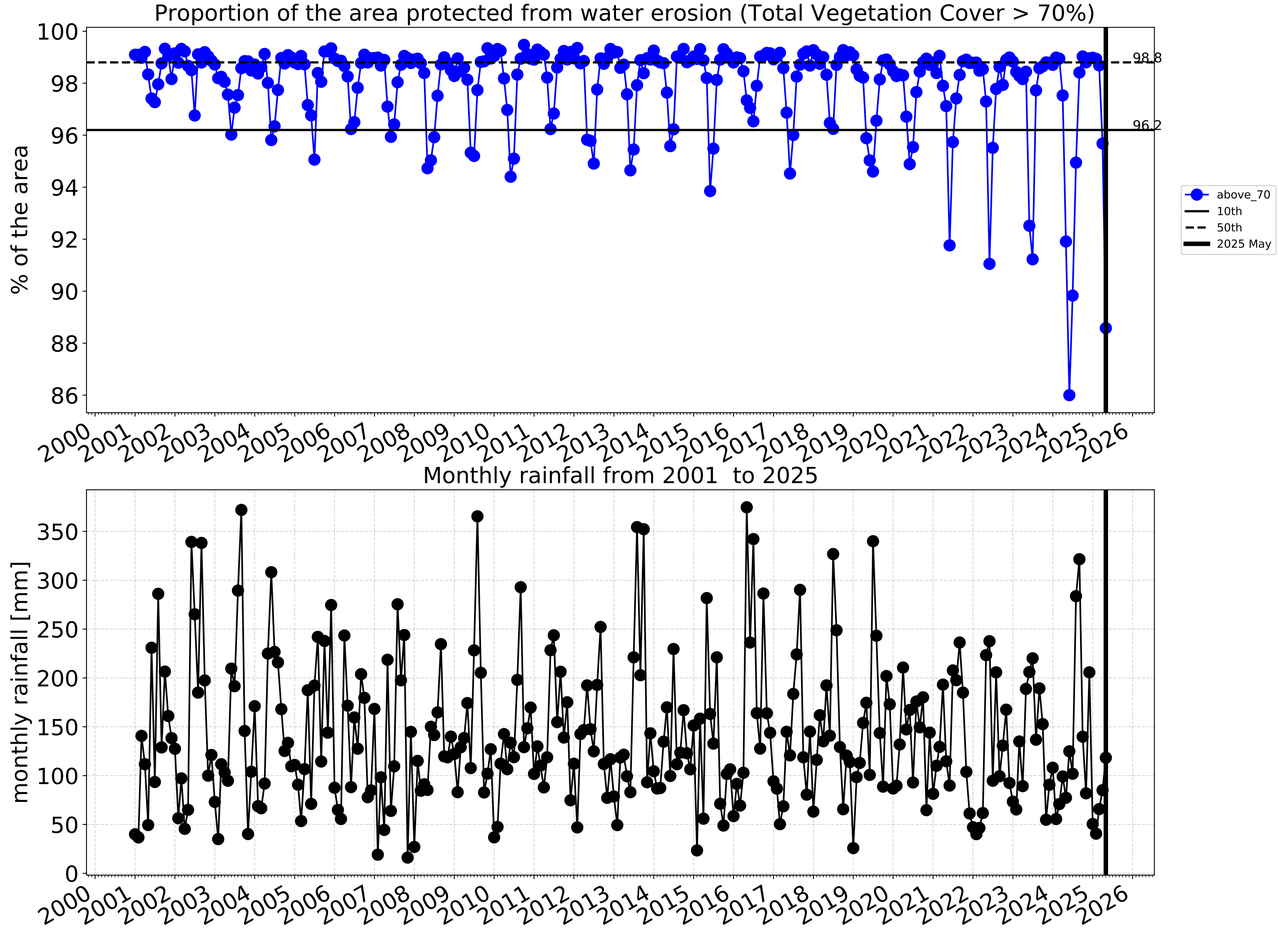
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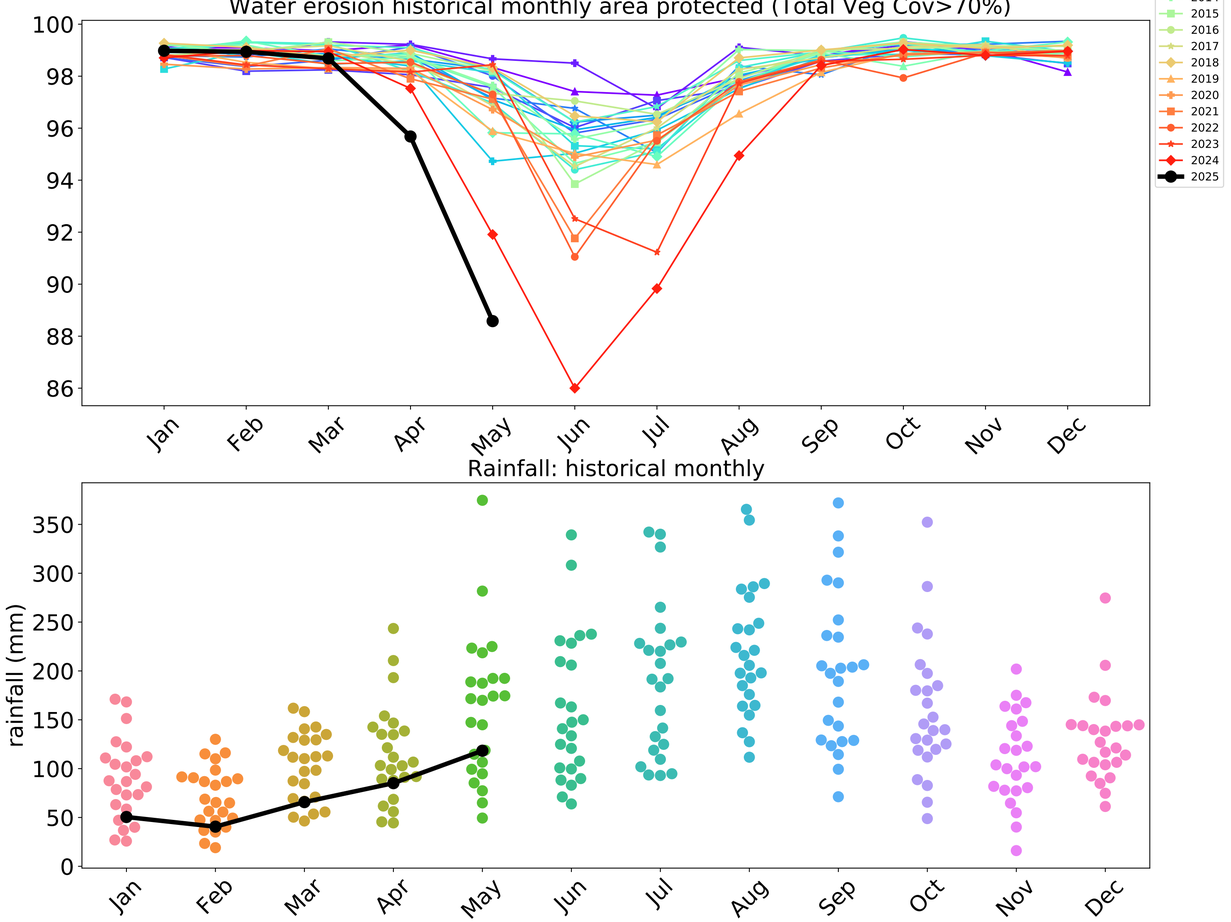
Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2025
monthly rainfall [mm]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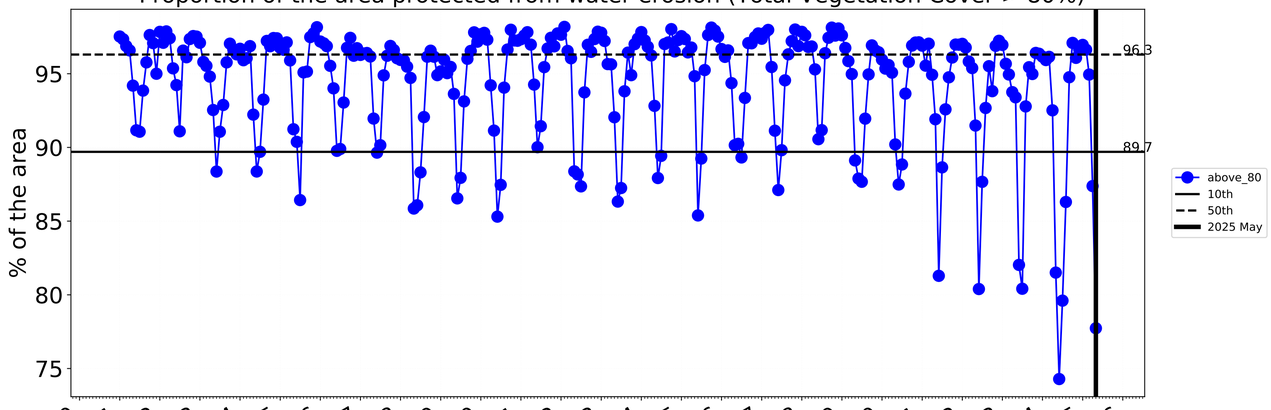
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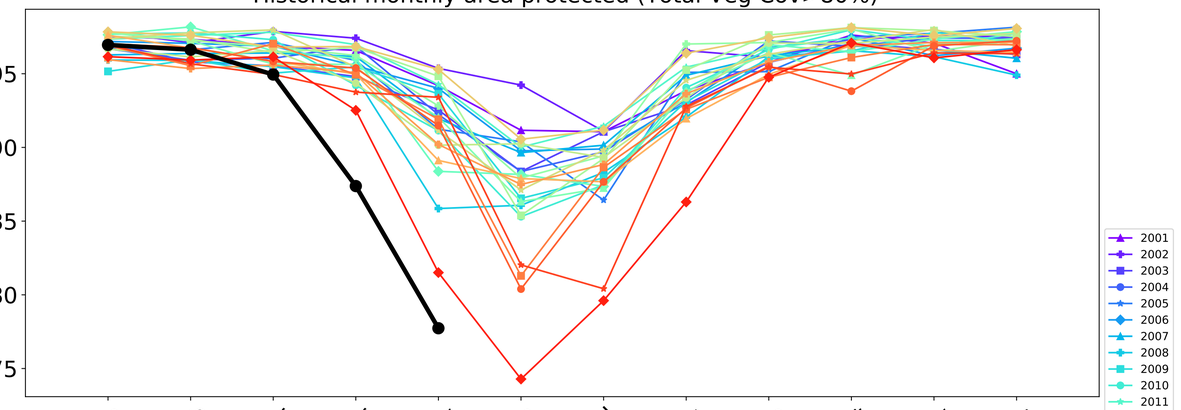
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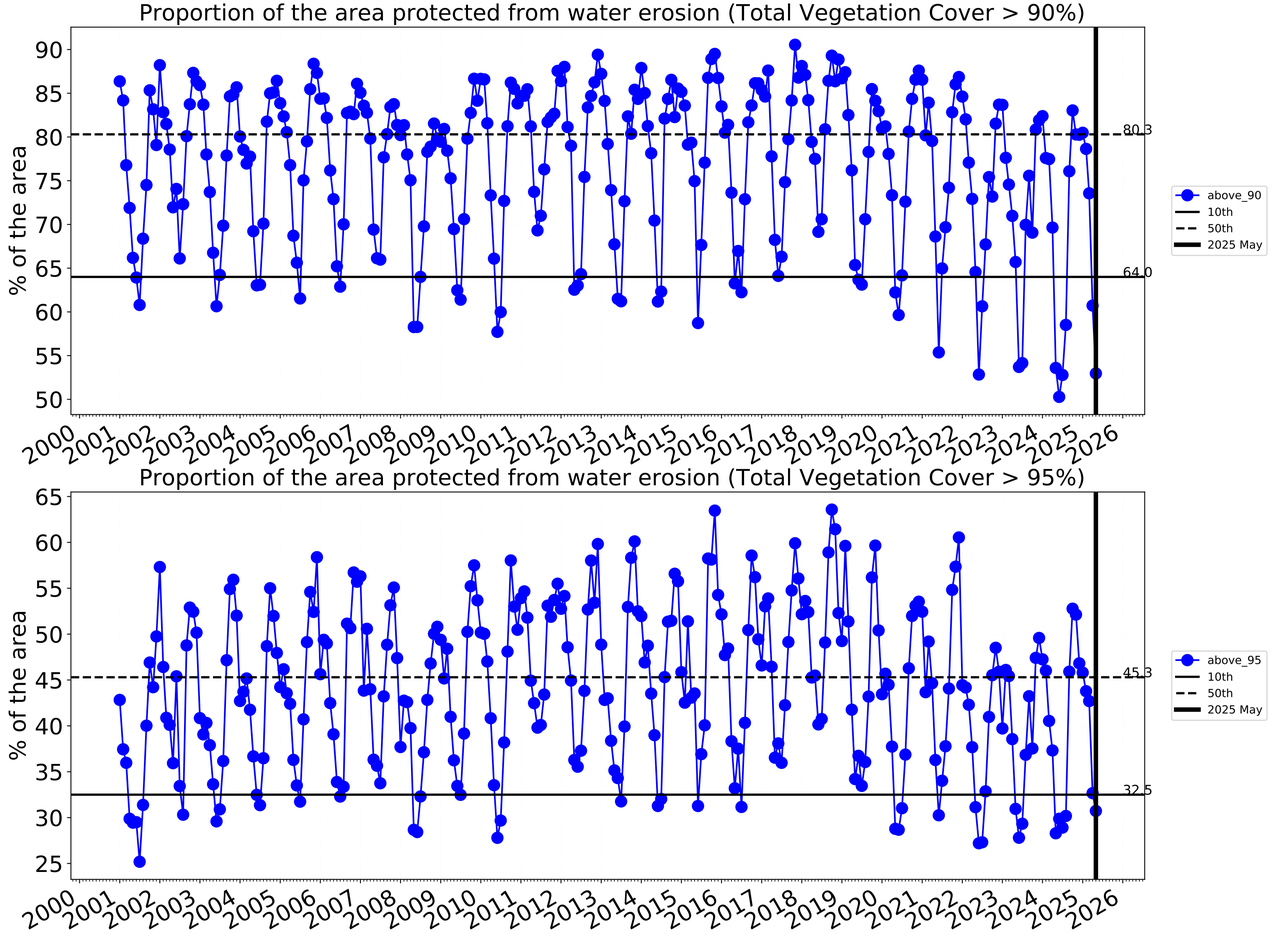
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% of the area
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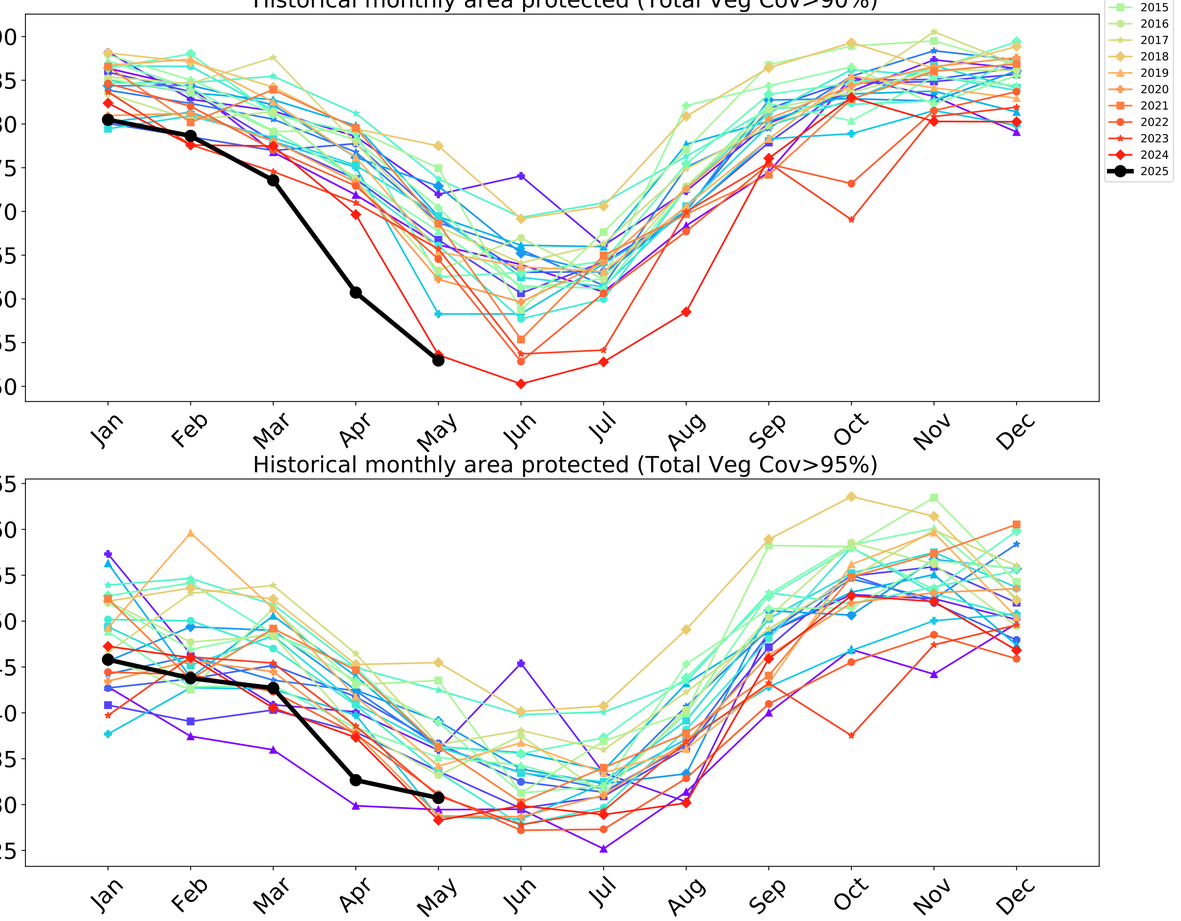
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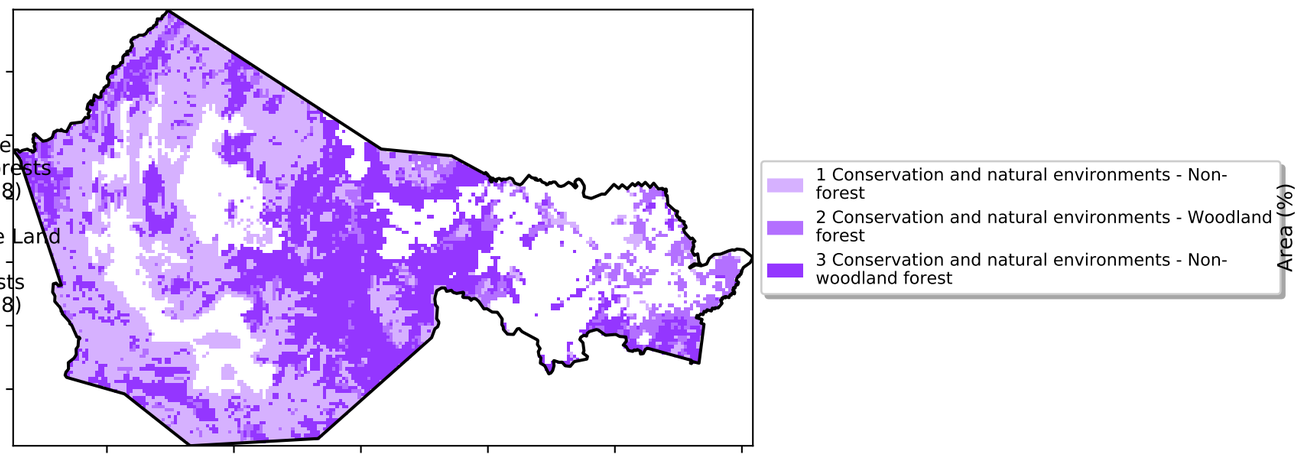
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover



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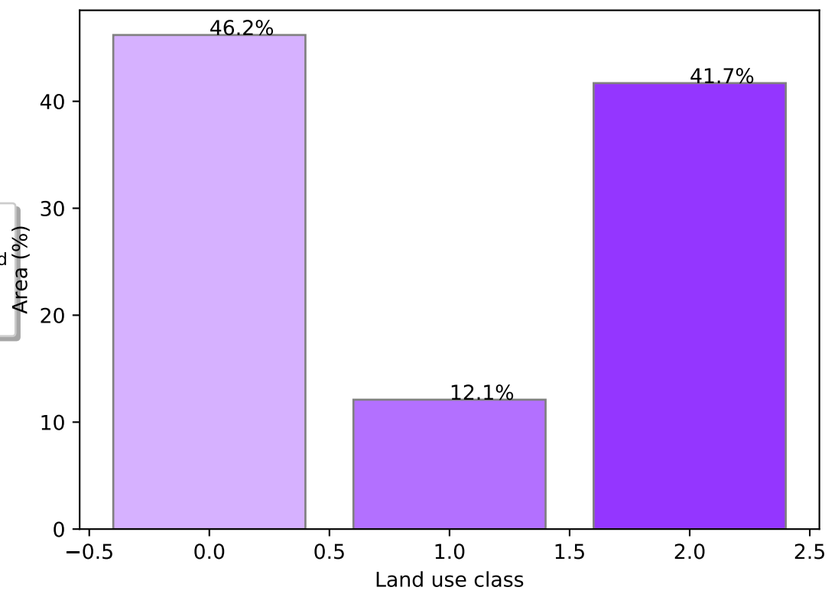

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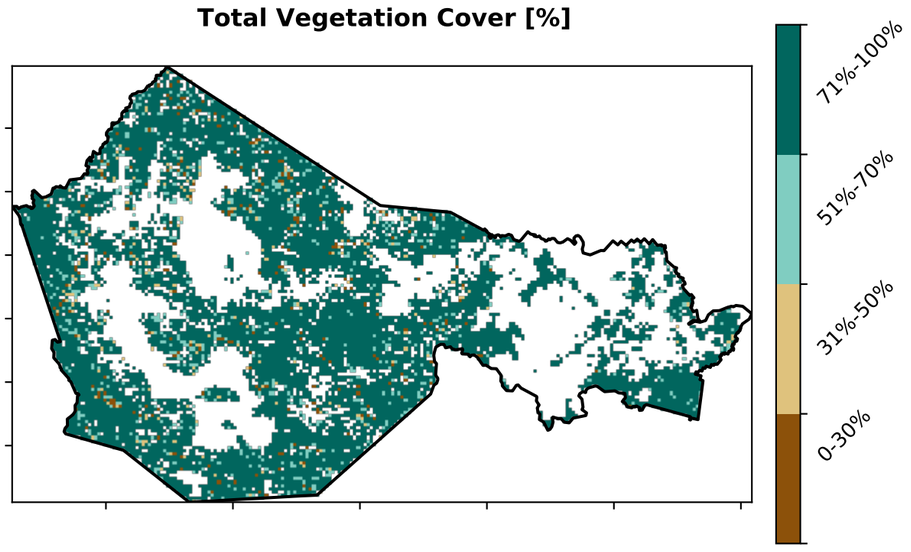

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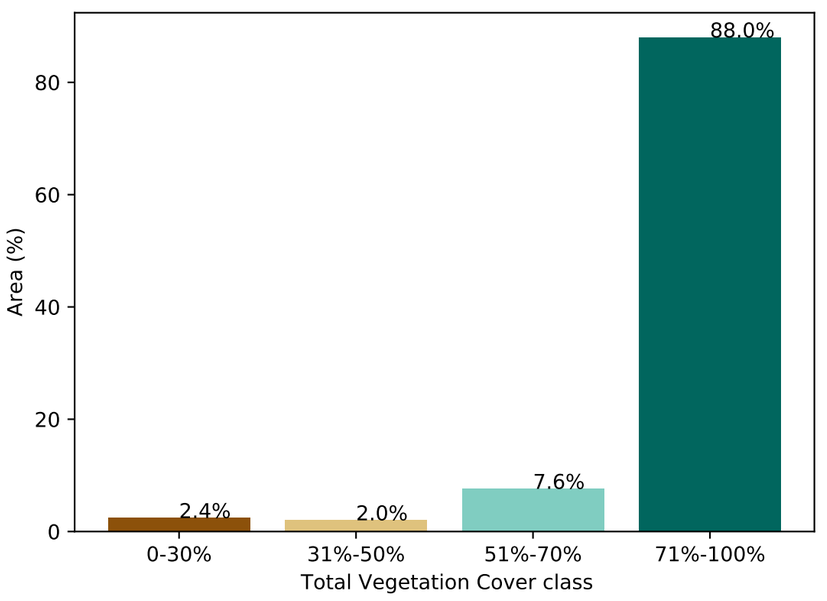

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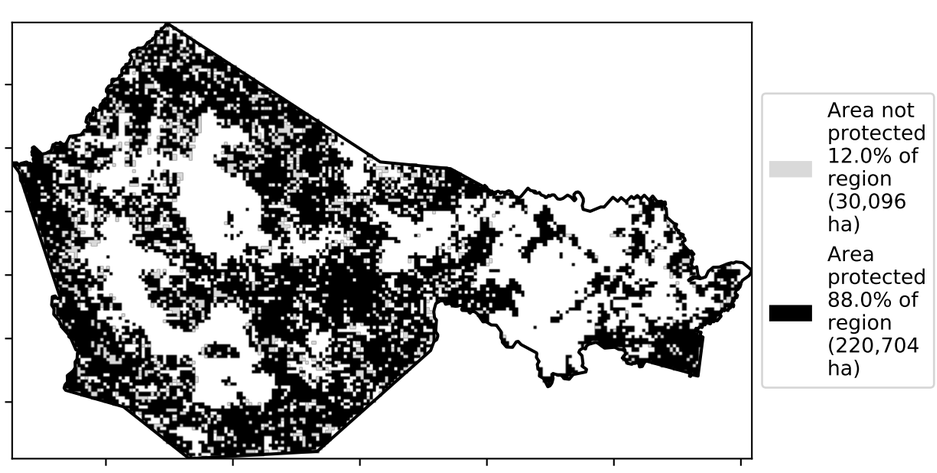

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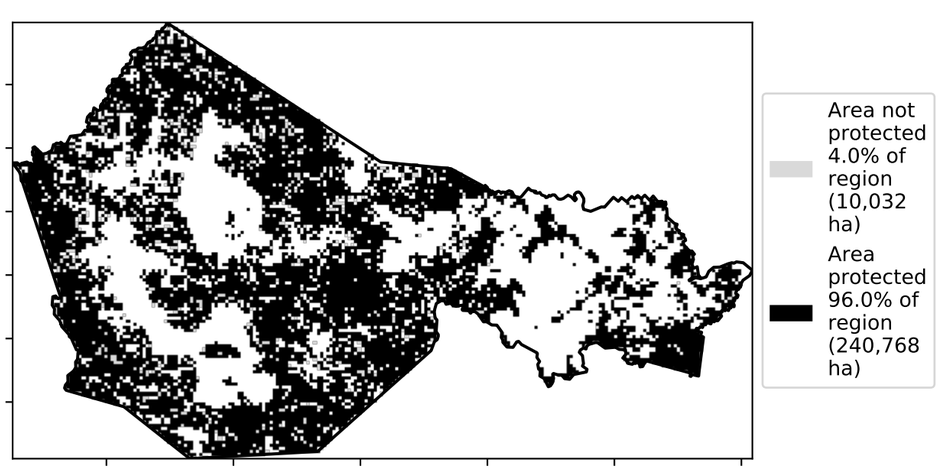

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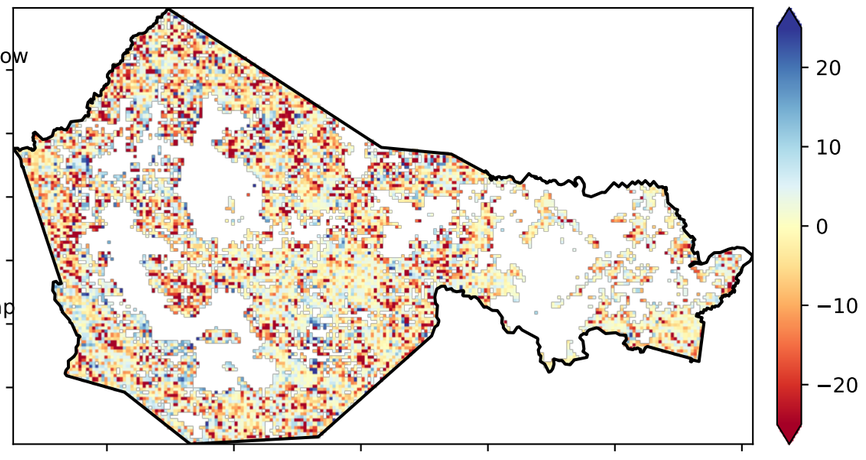

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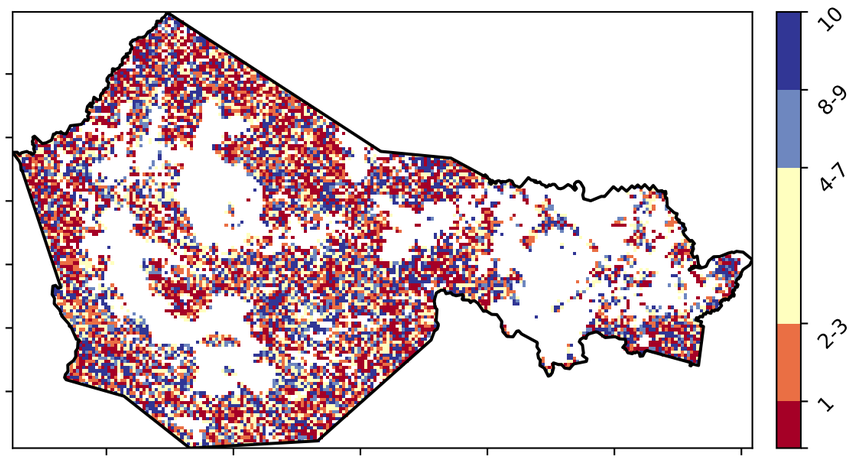

Conservation and natural environments timeseries

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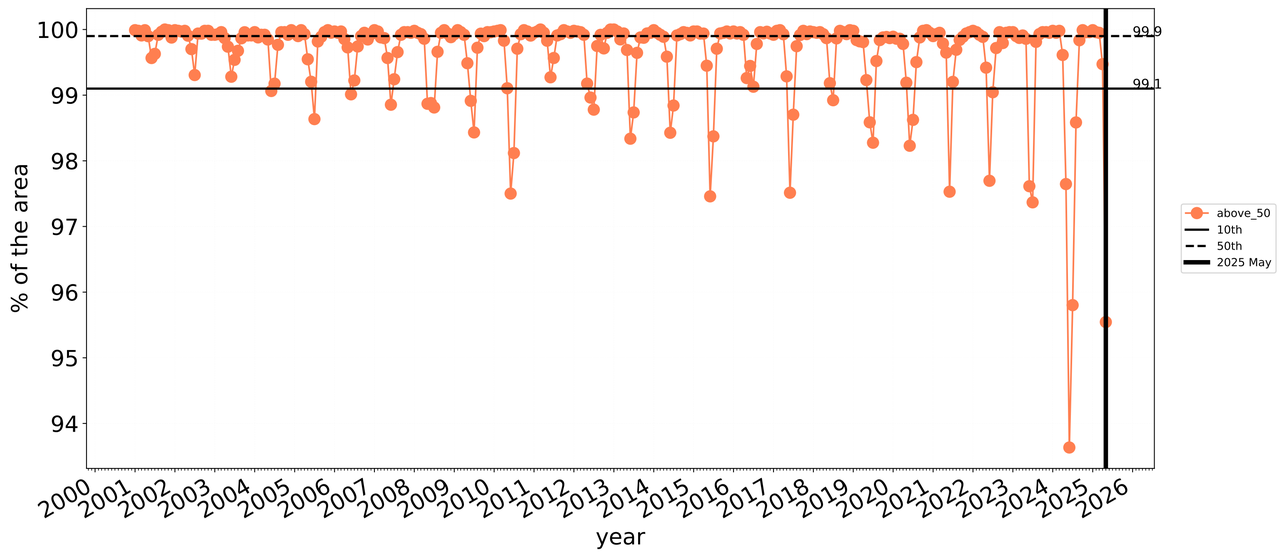

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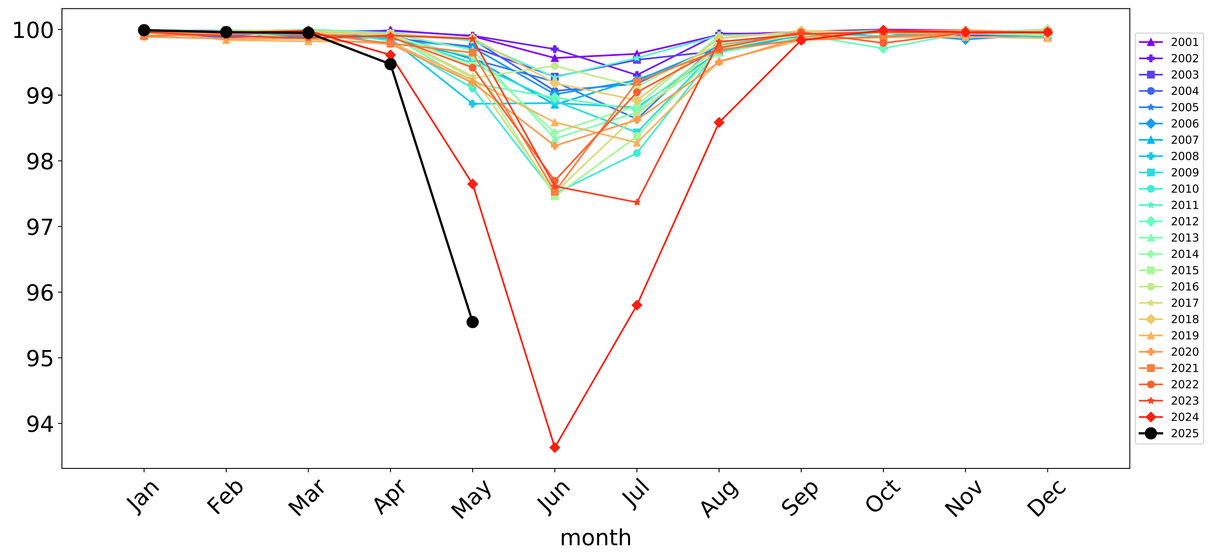

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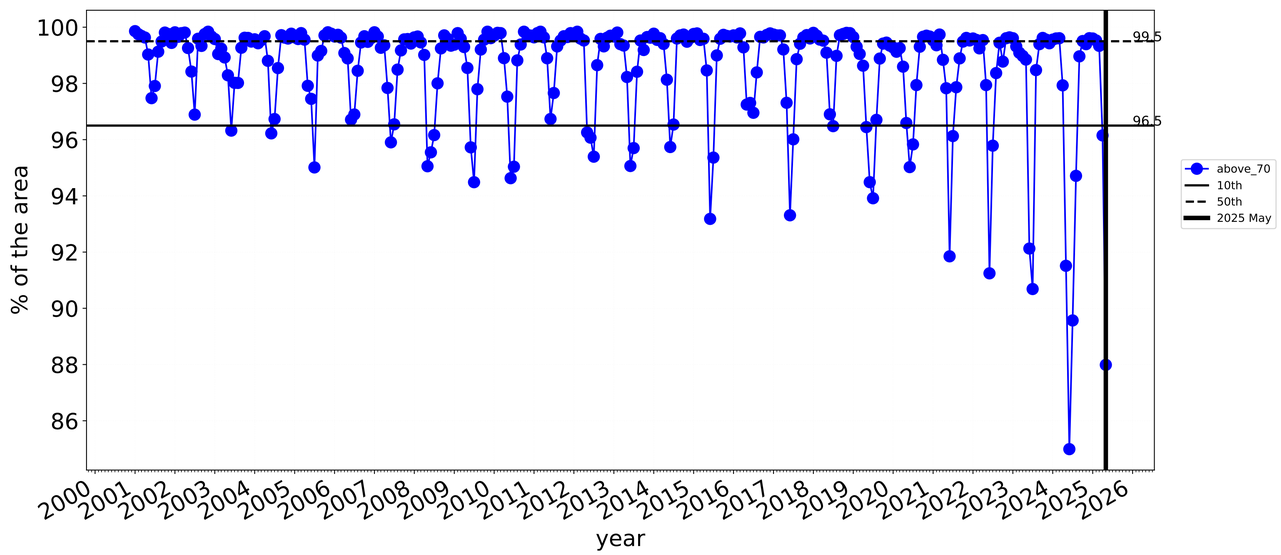

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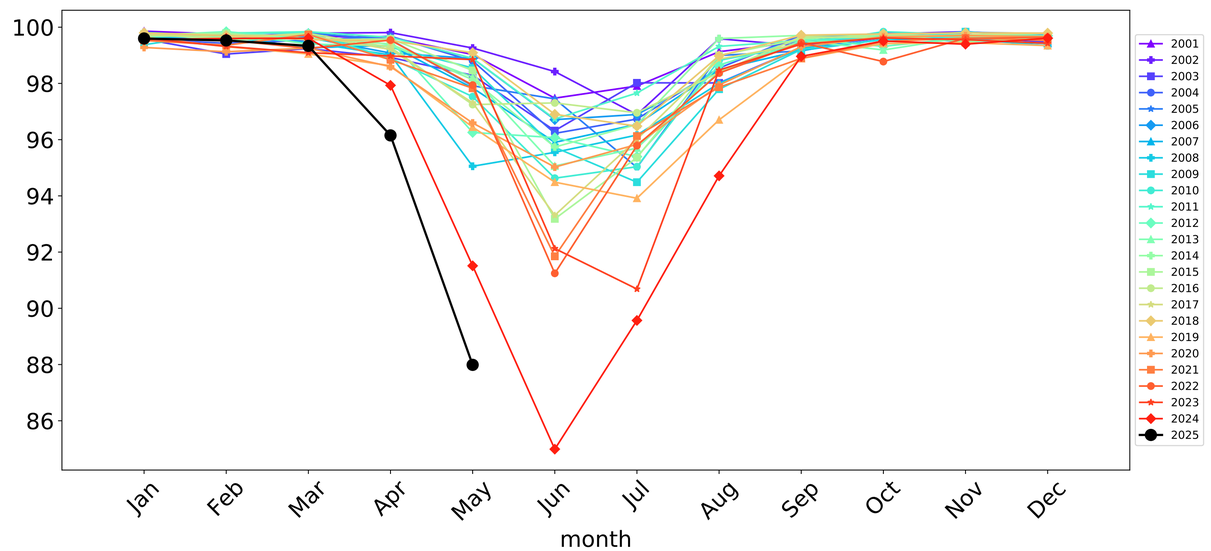

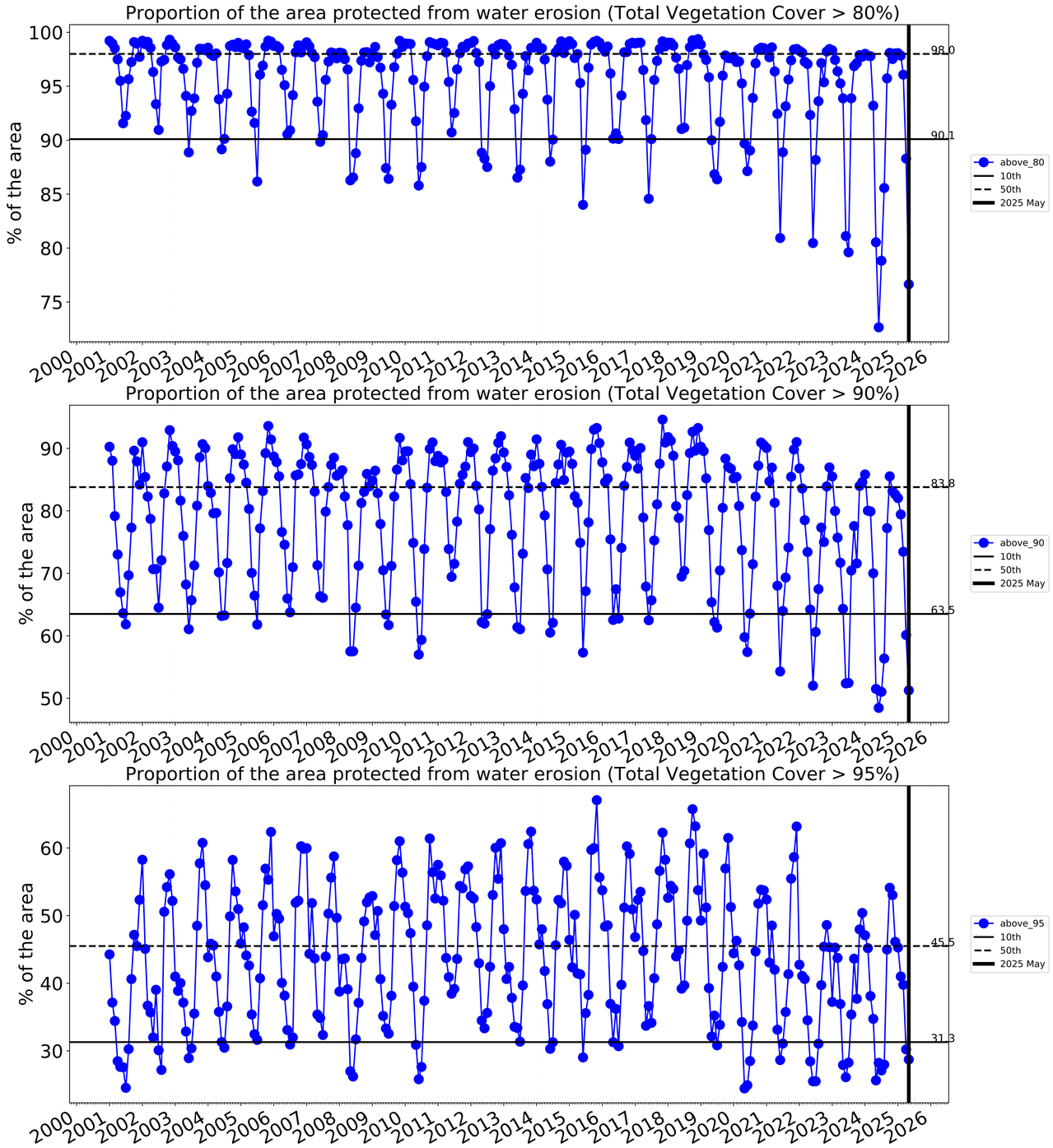
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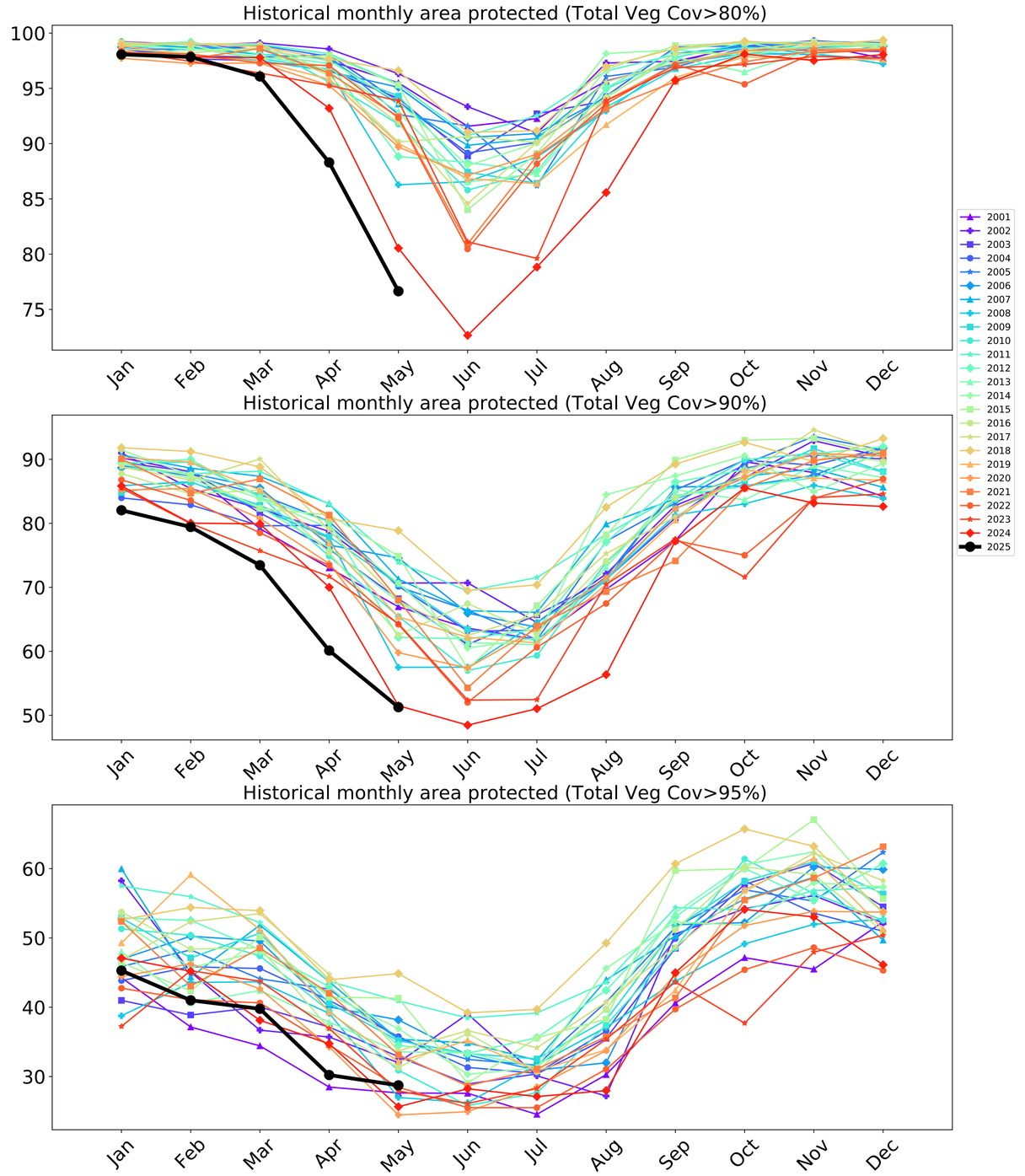
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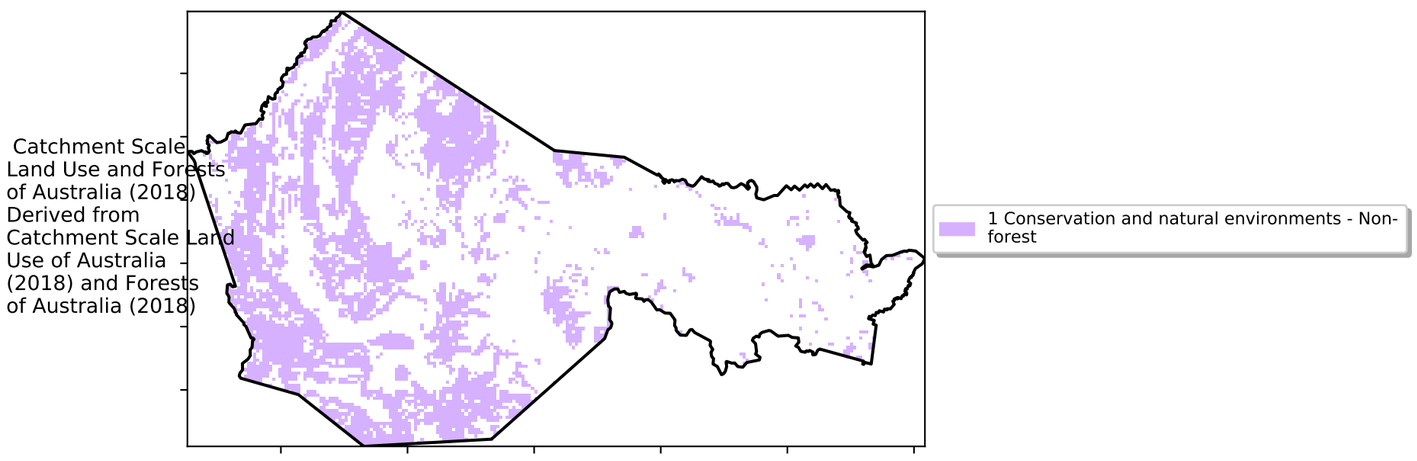

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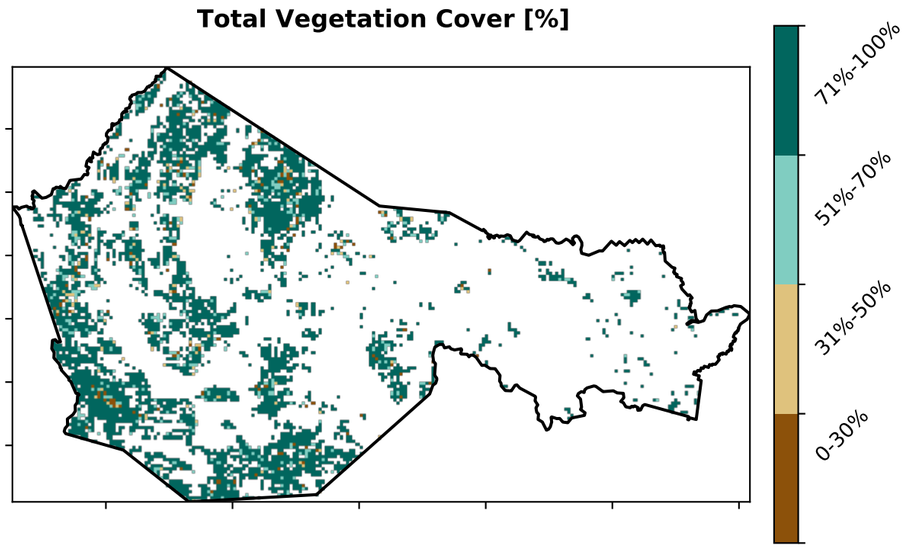

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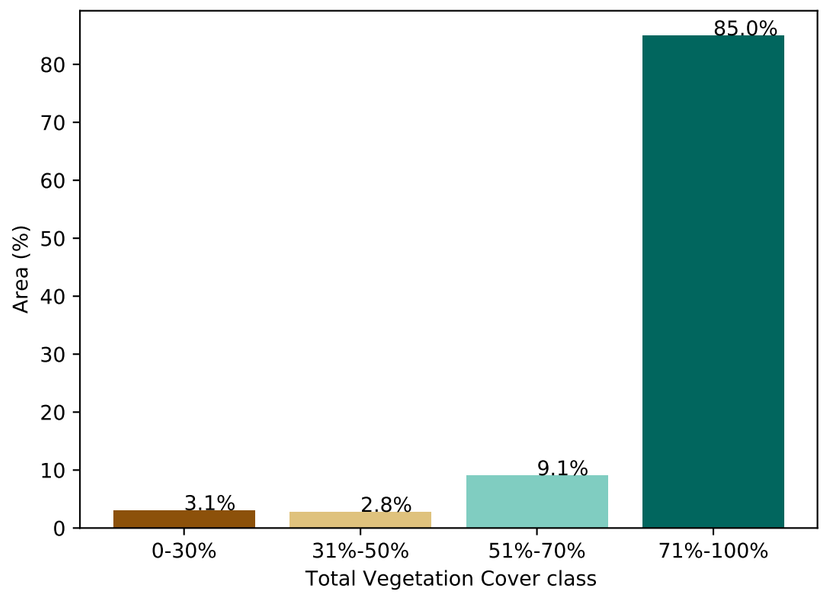

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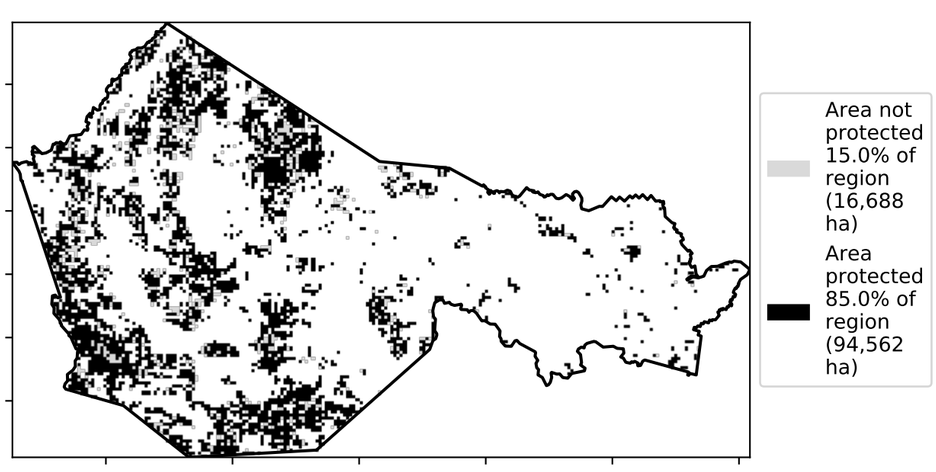

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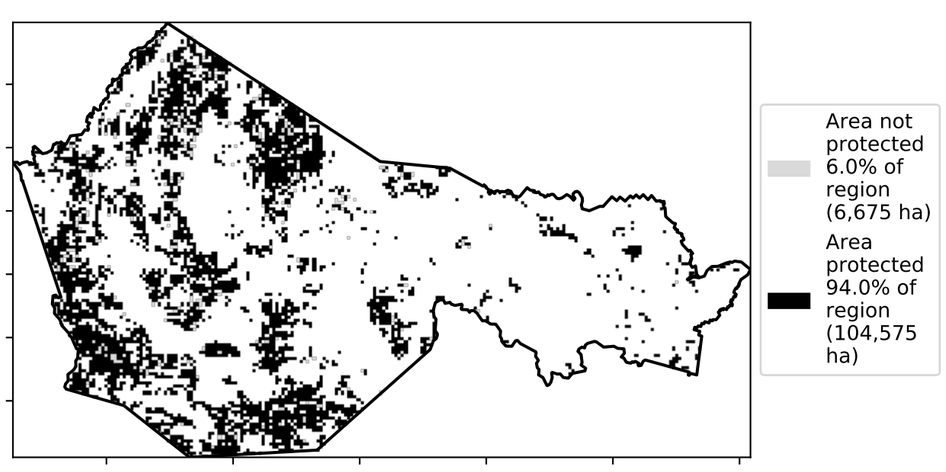

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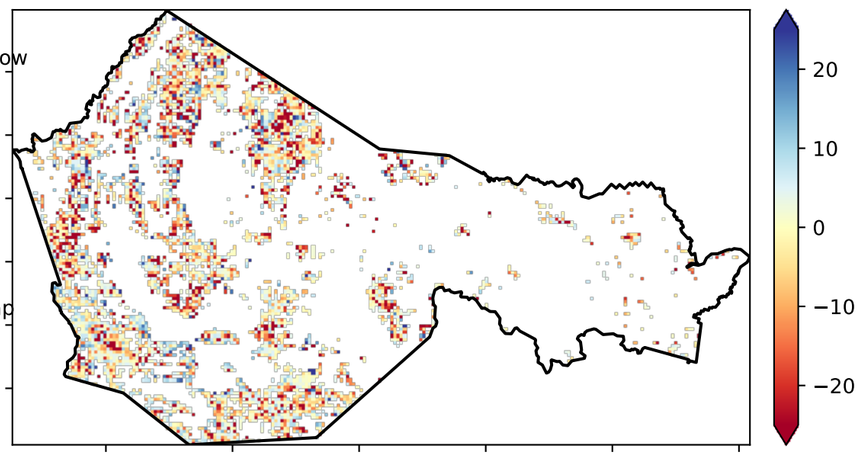

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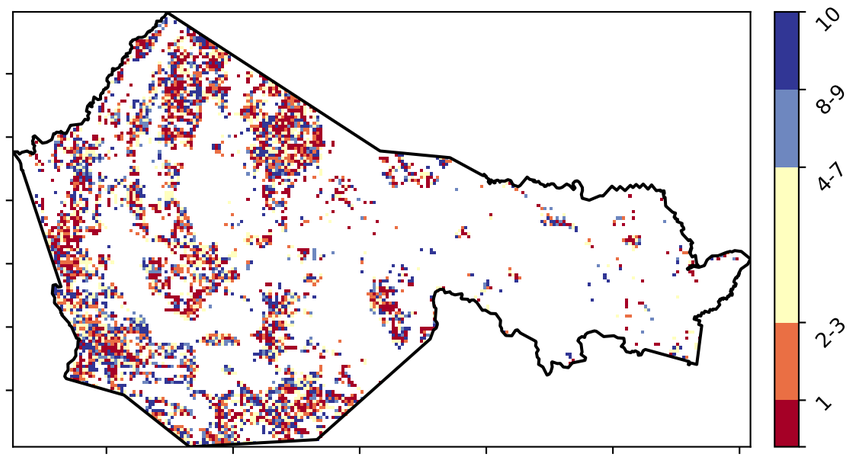

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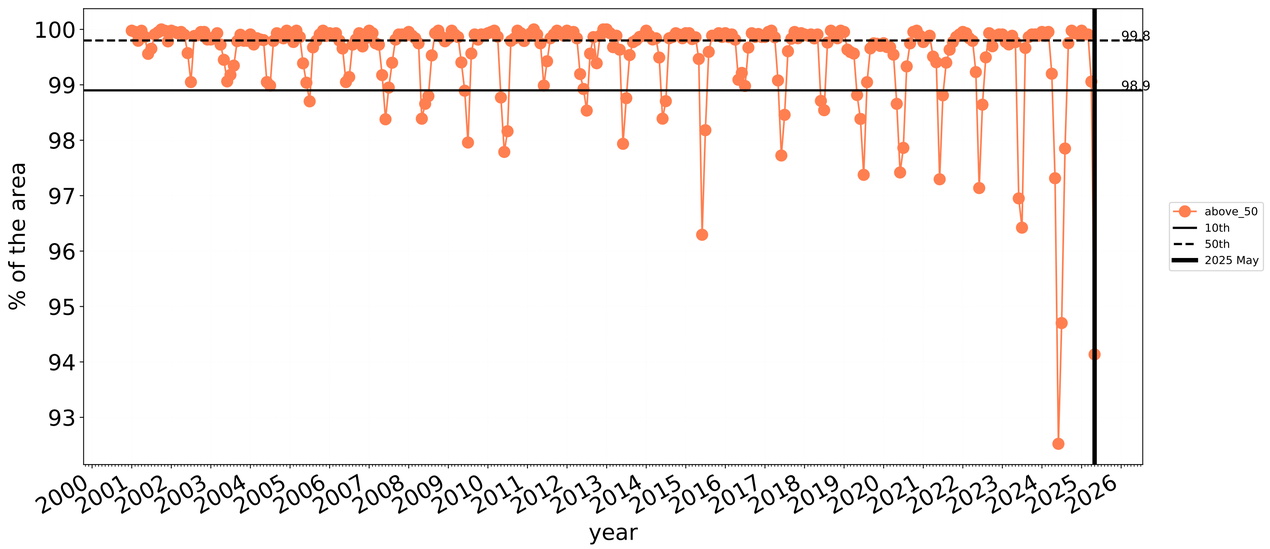
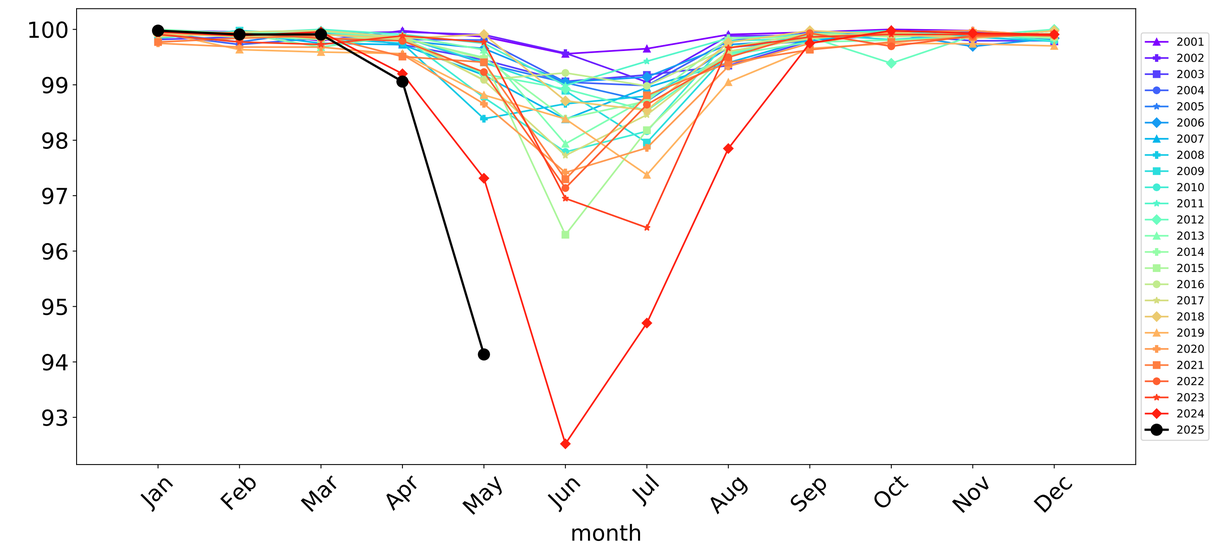
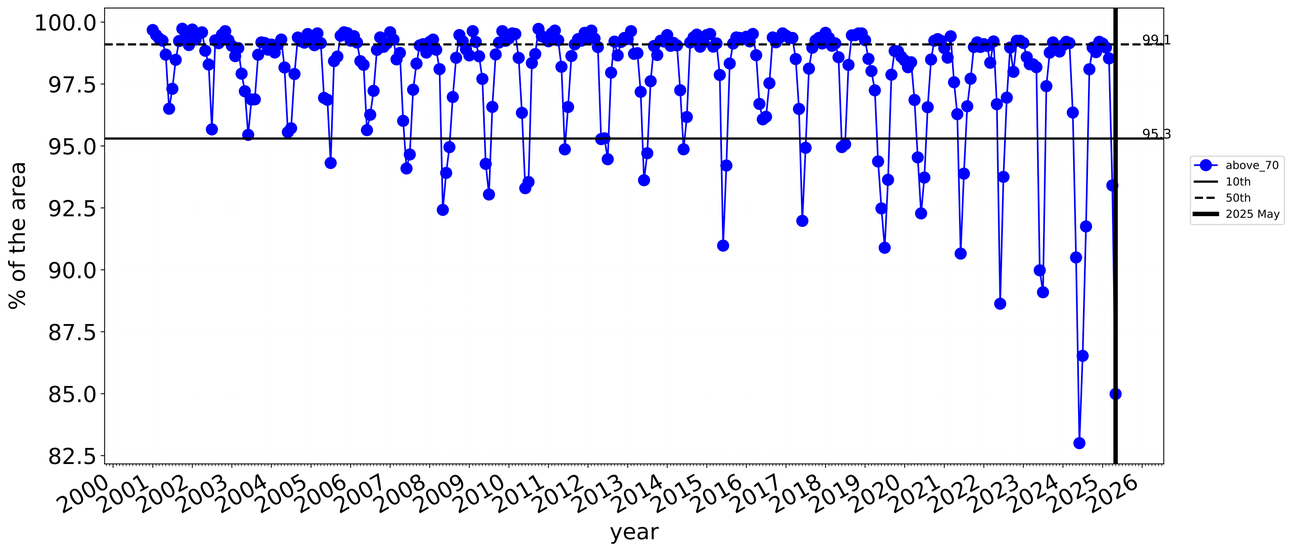


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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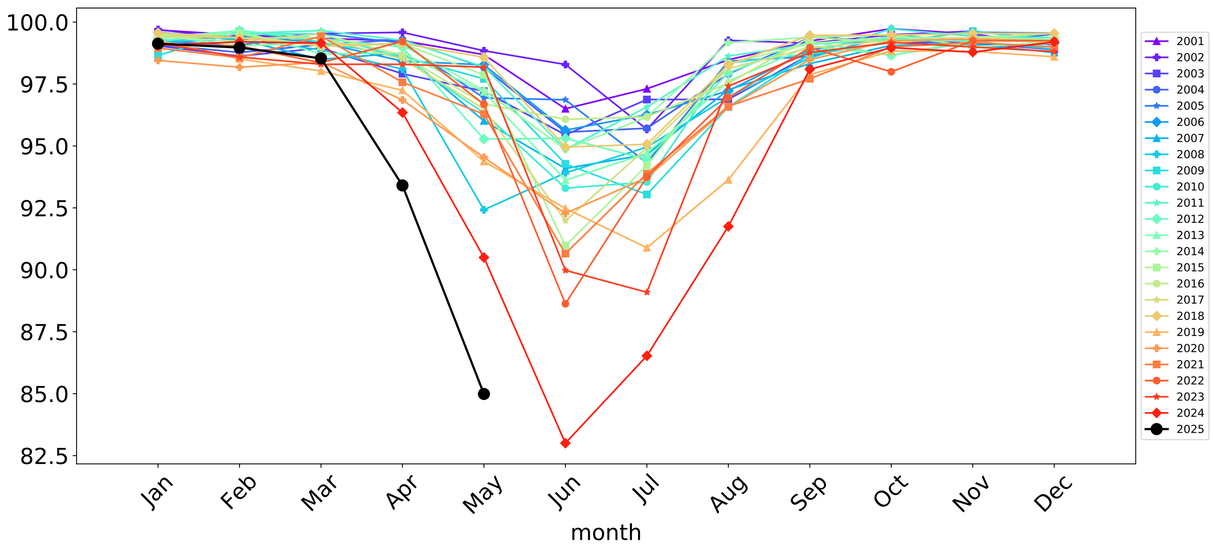

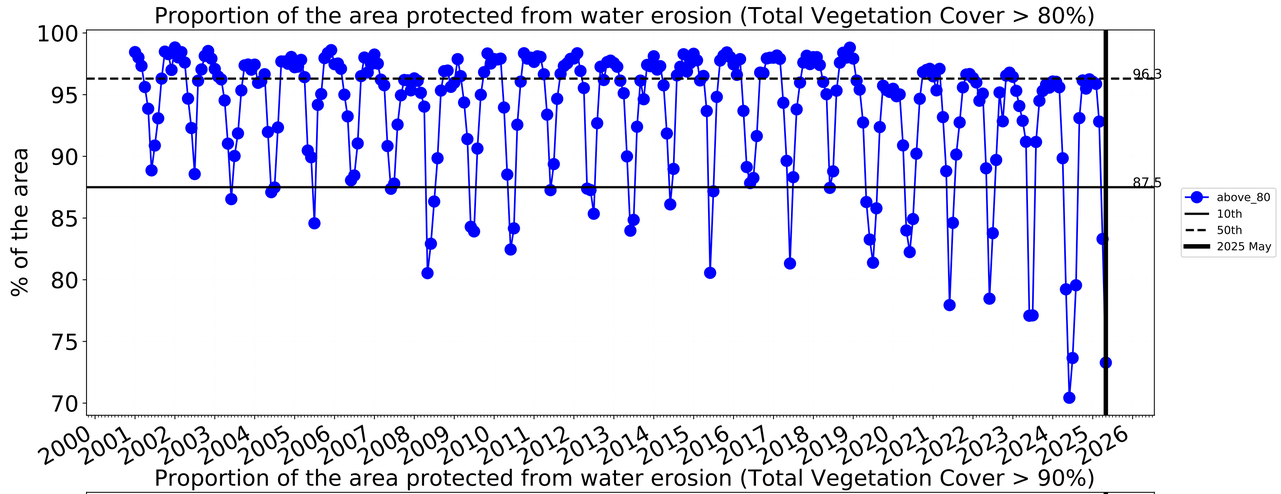
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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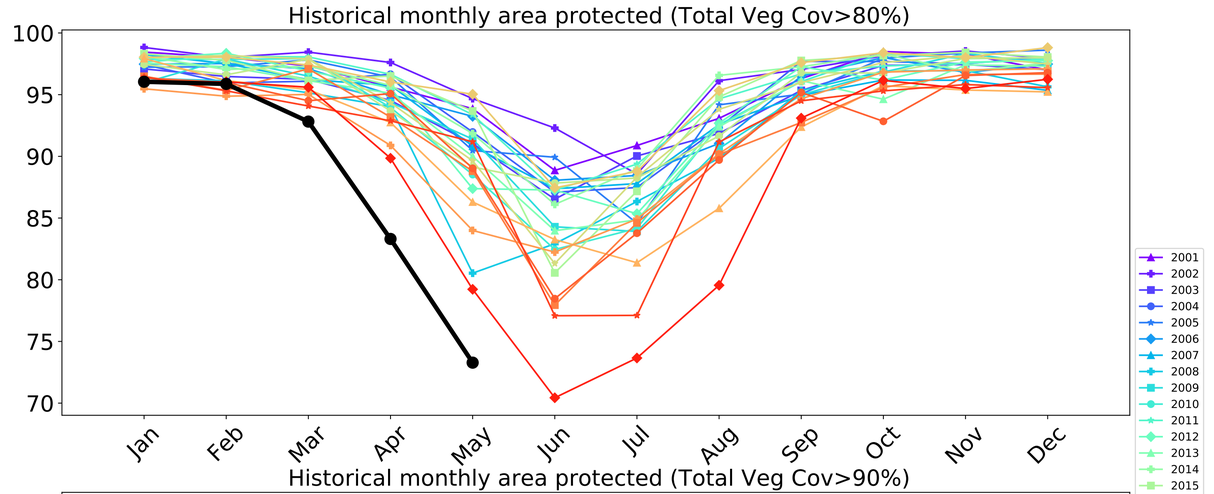
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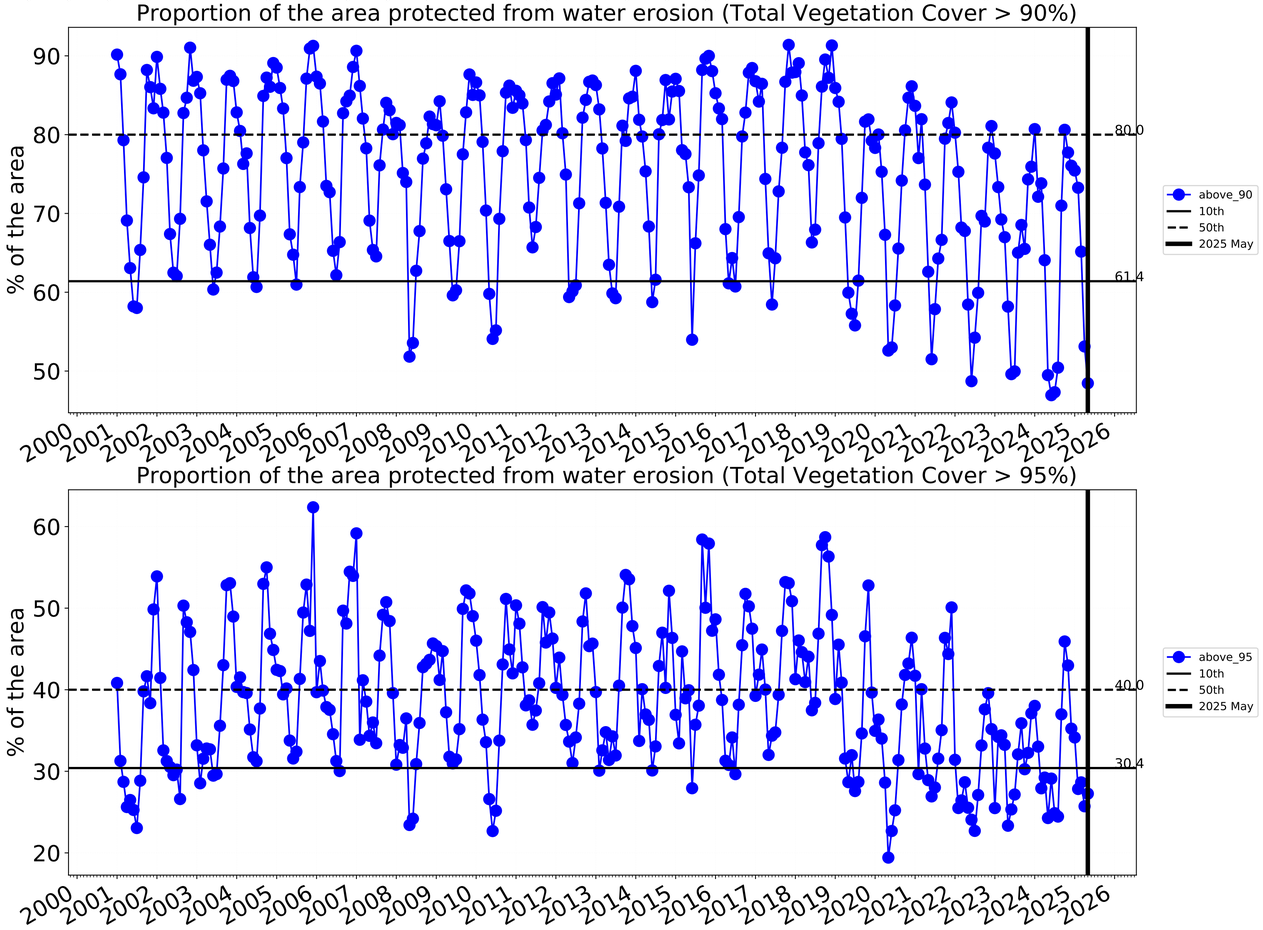
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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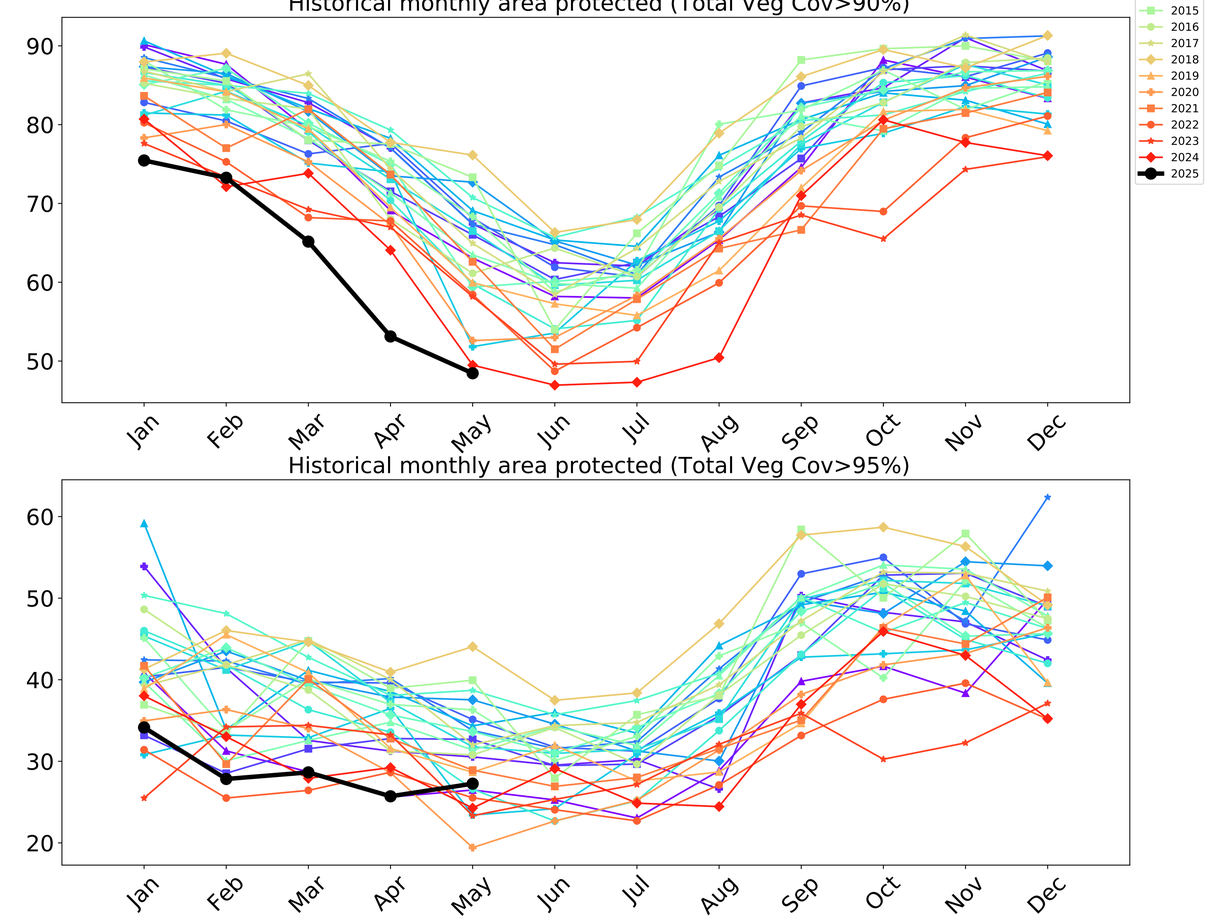
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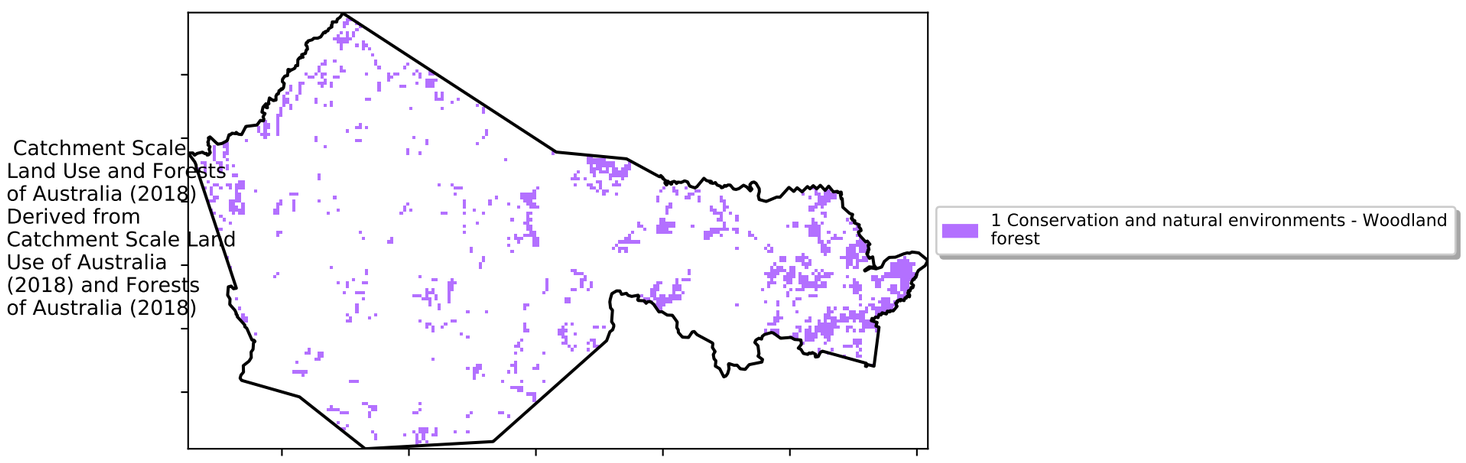
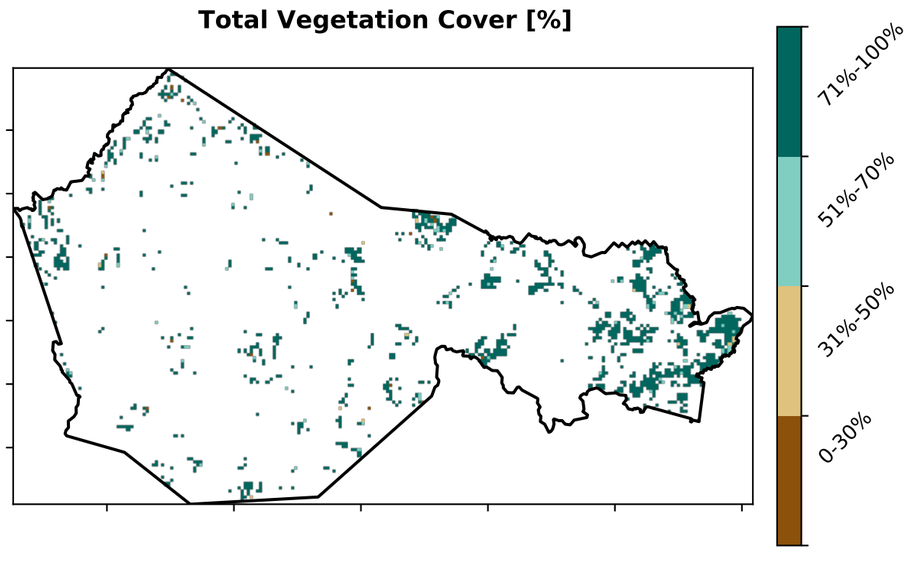
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

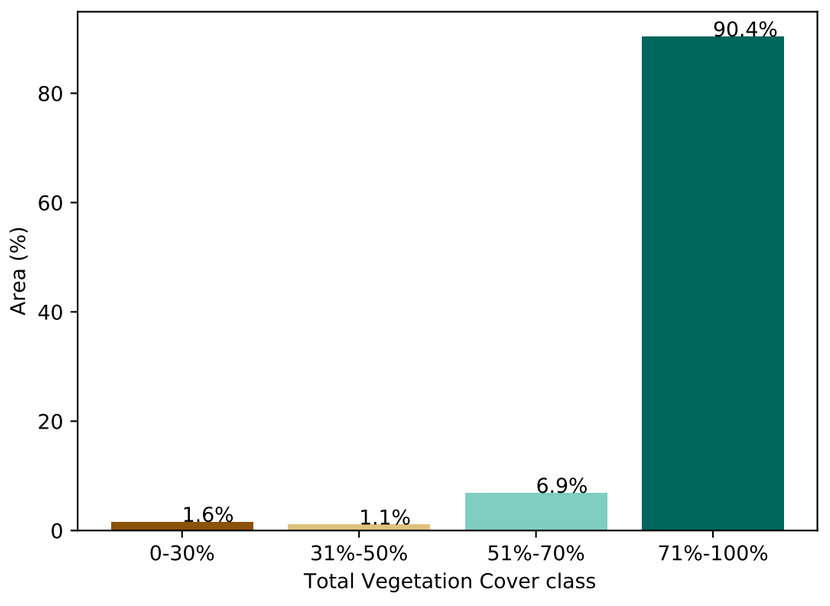
Land use and forest cover



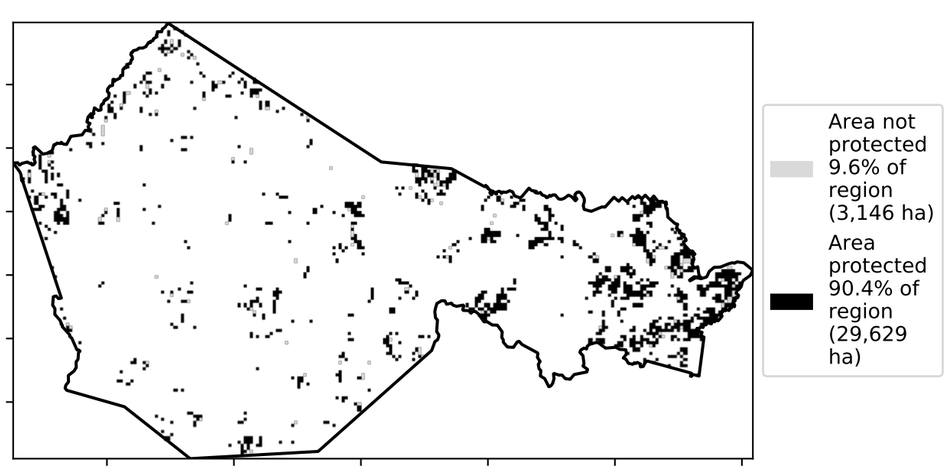
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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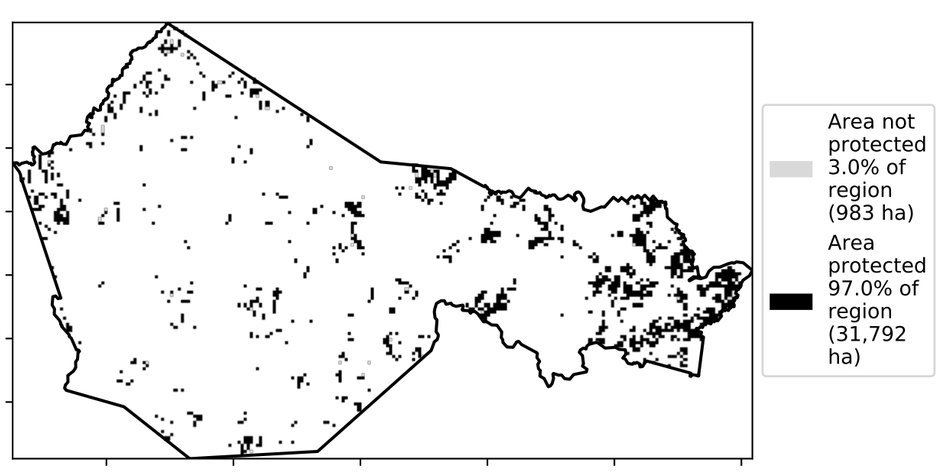

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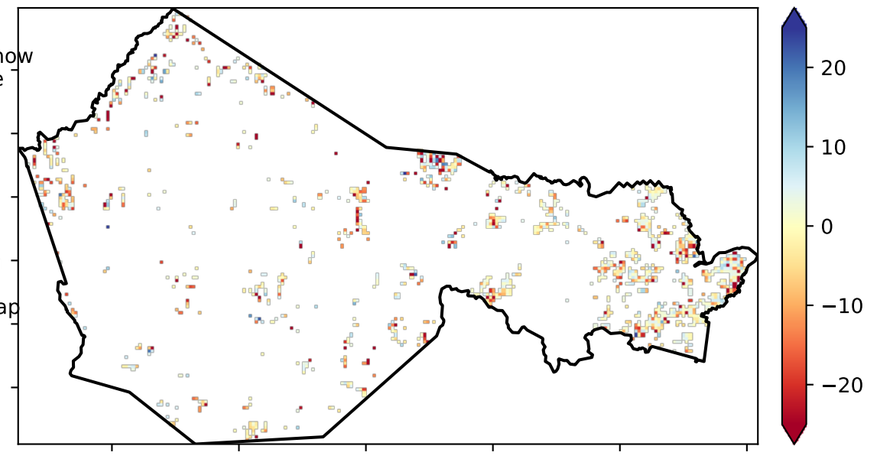

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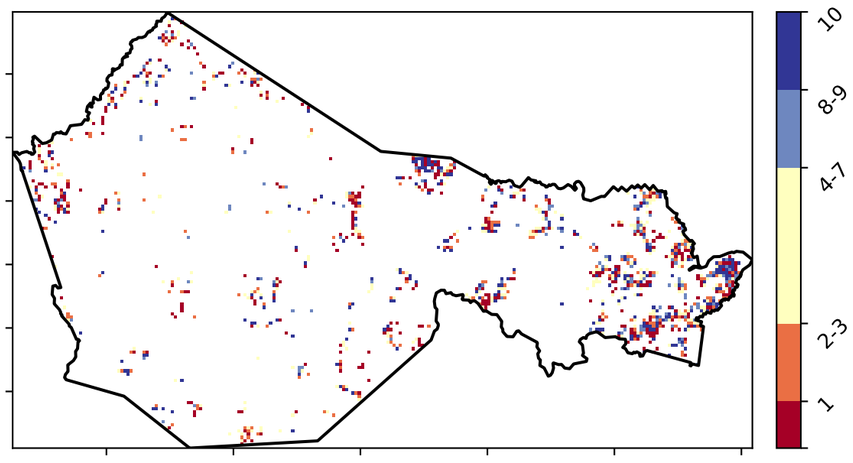
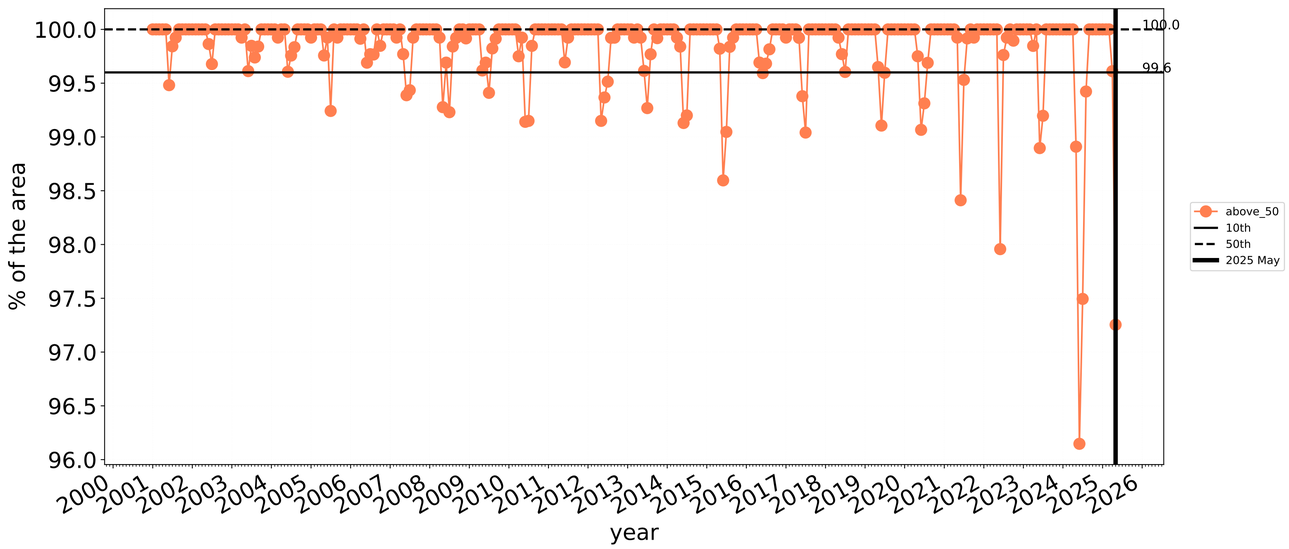


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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



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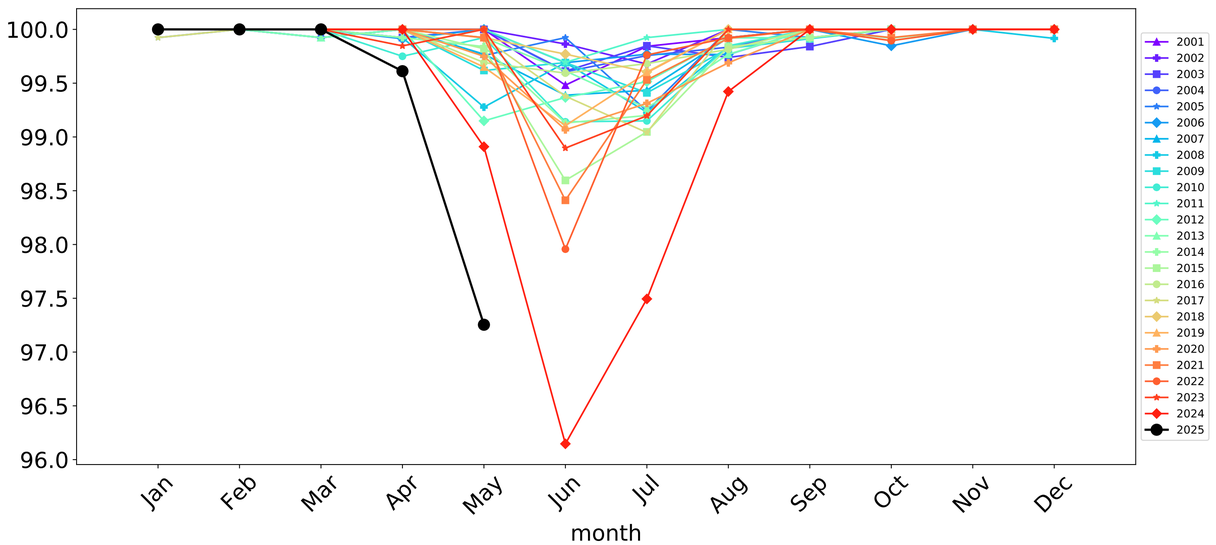

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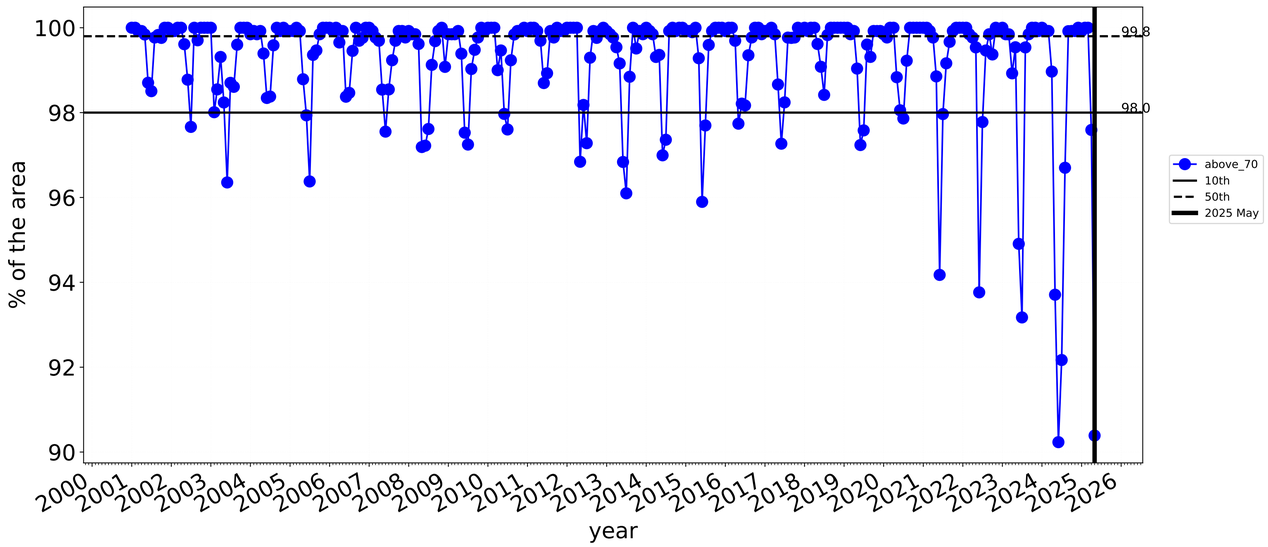

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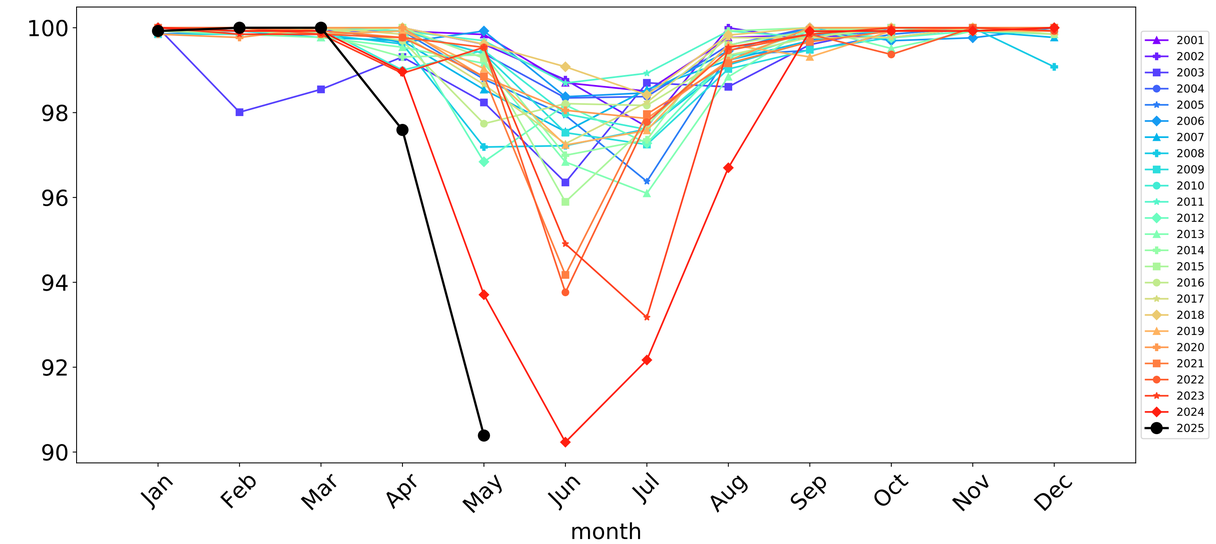

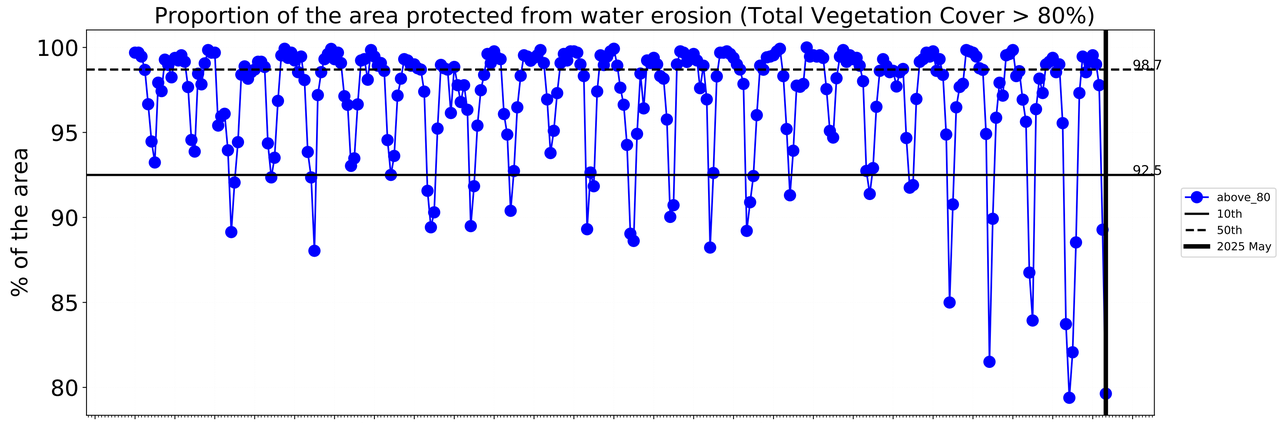
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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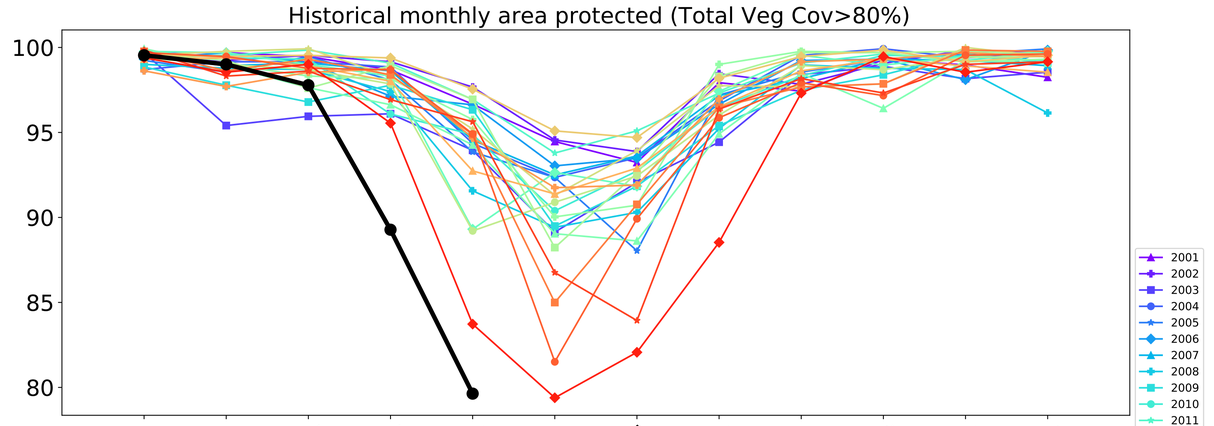
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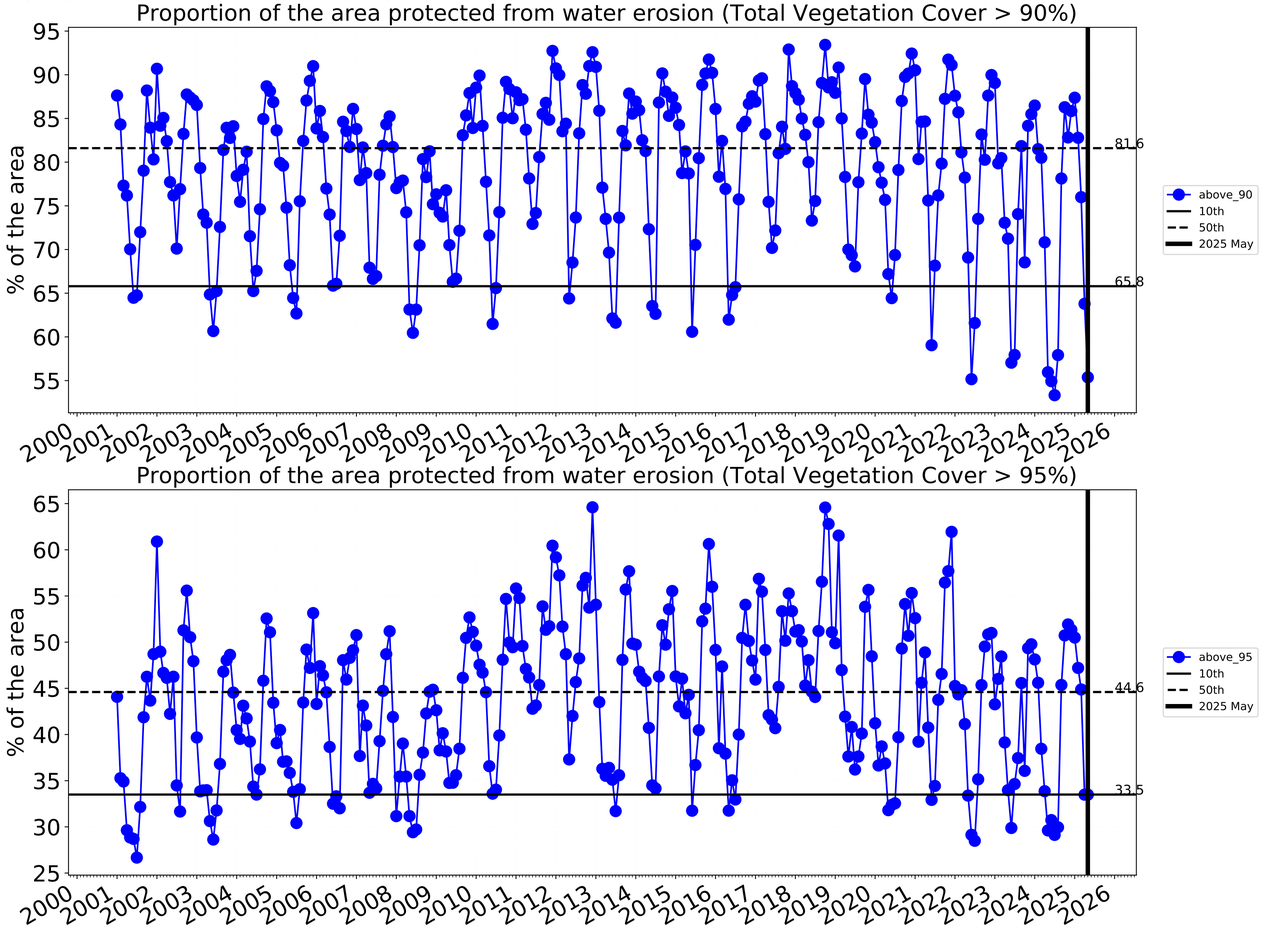
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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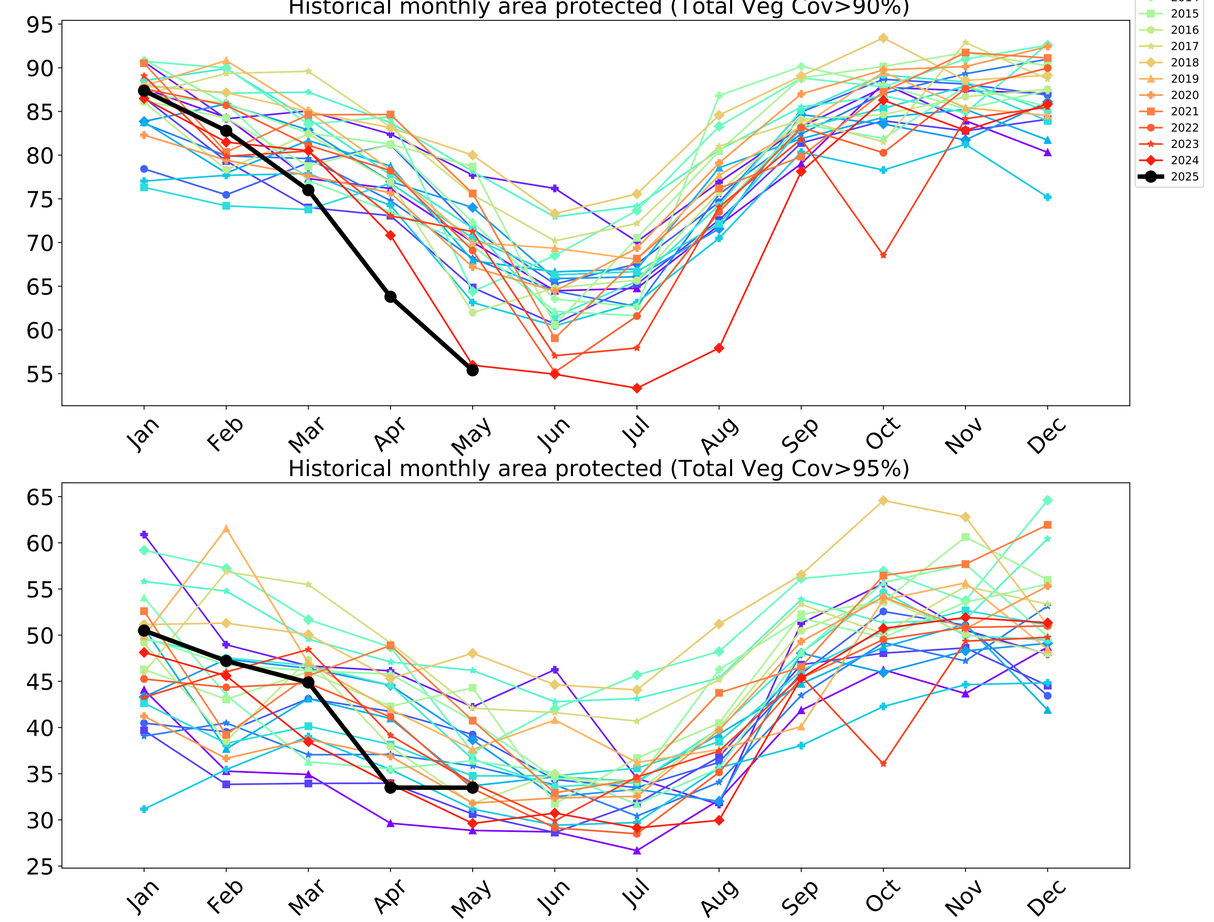
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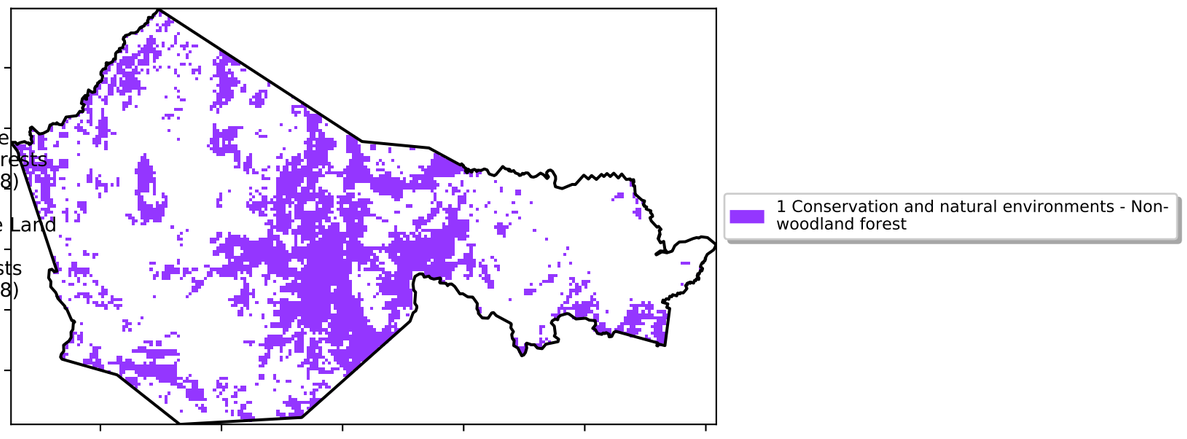
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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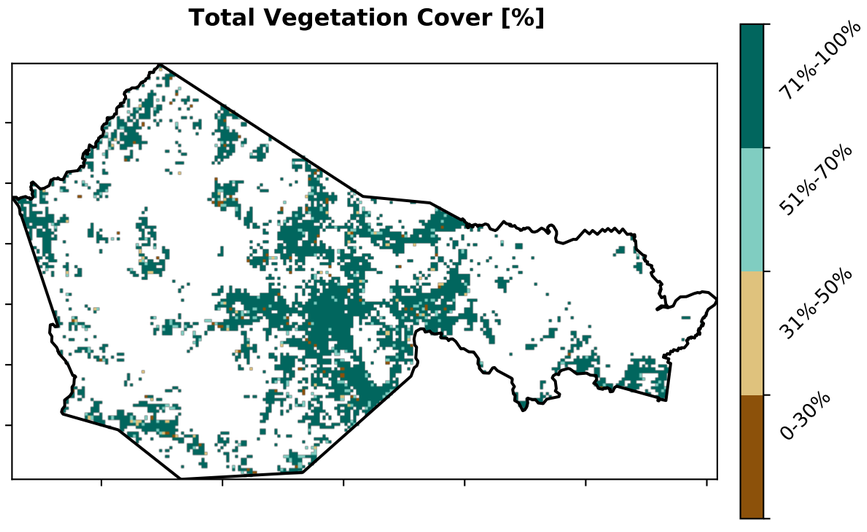
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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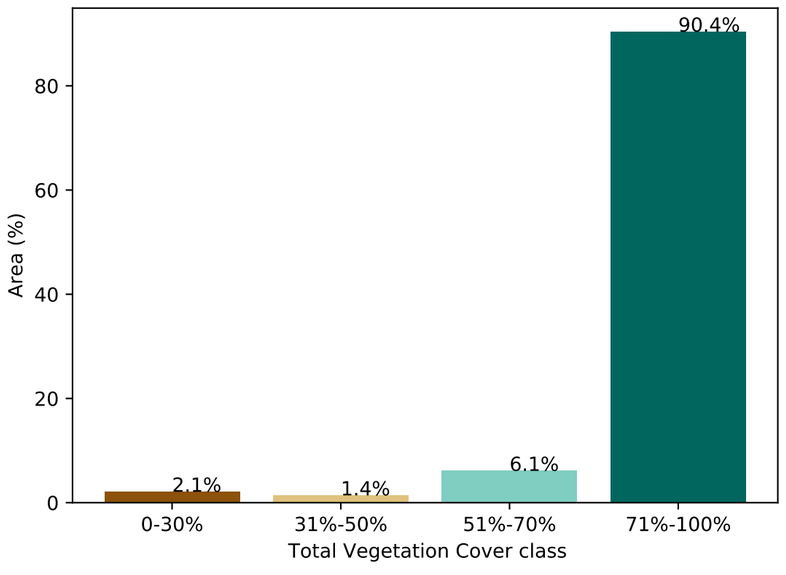
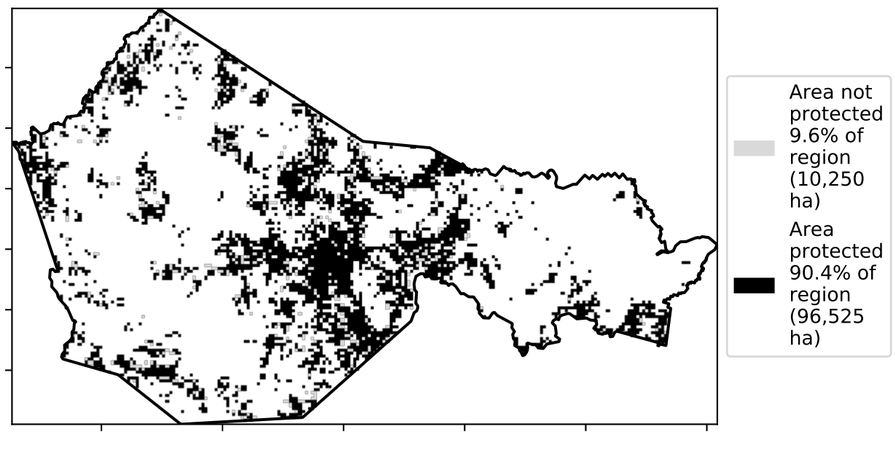


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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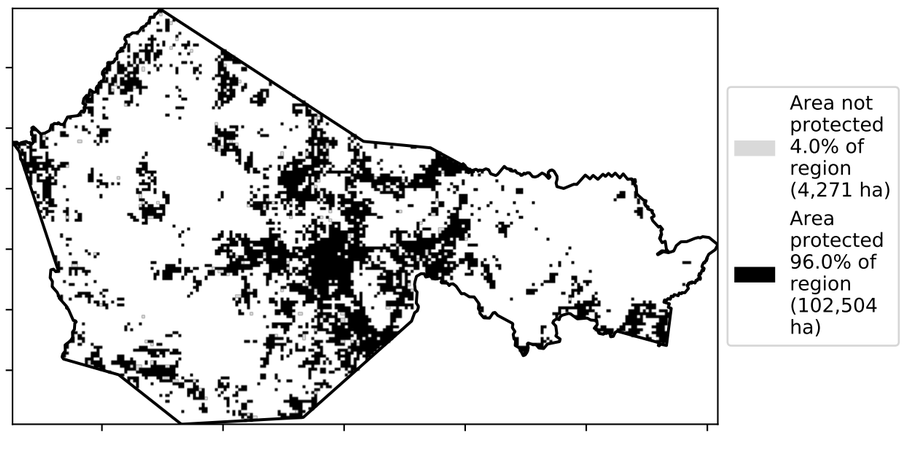

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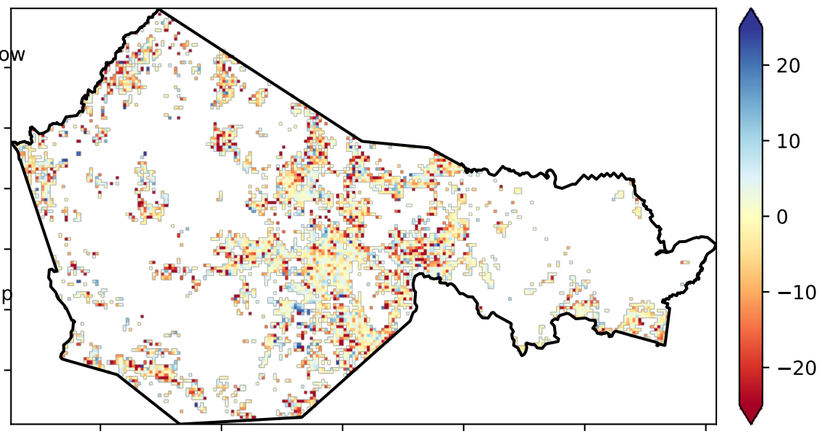

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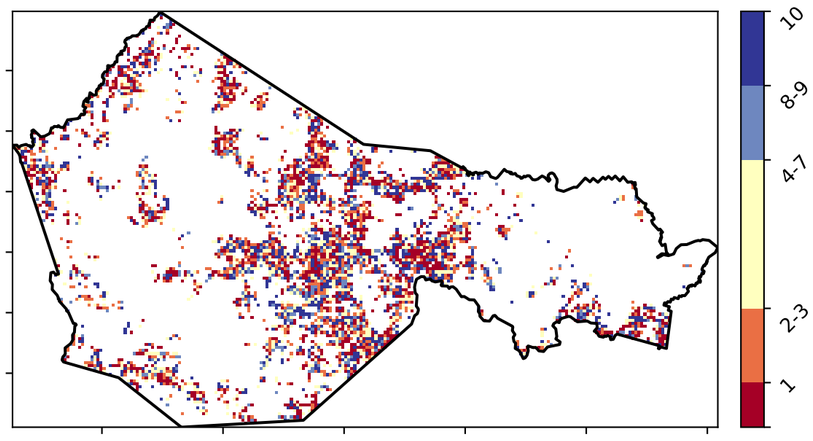
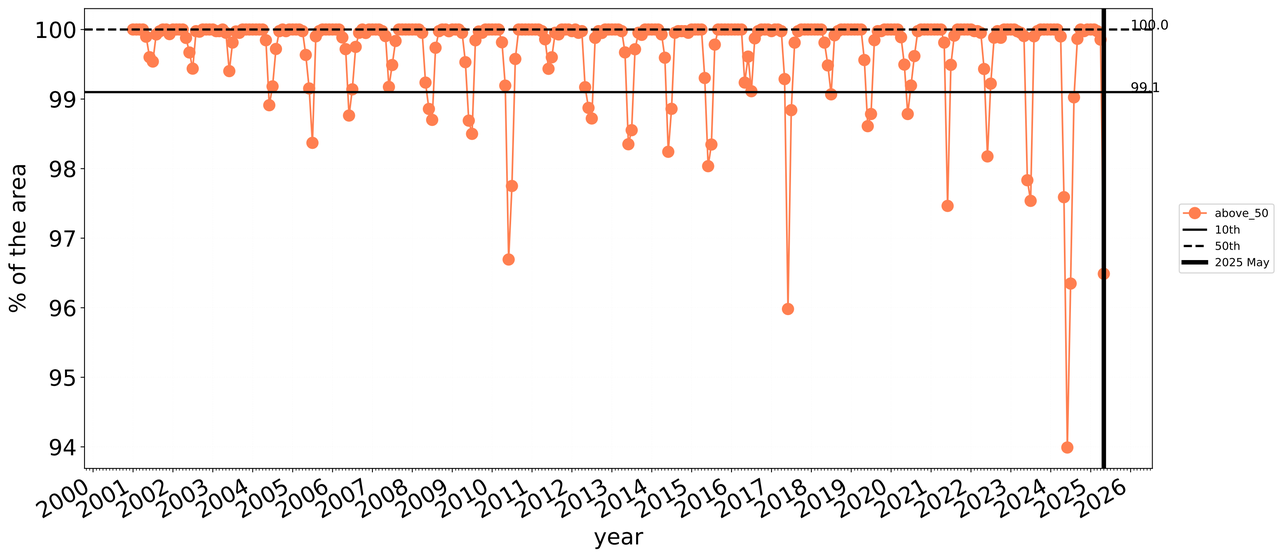
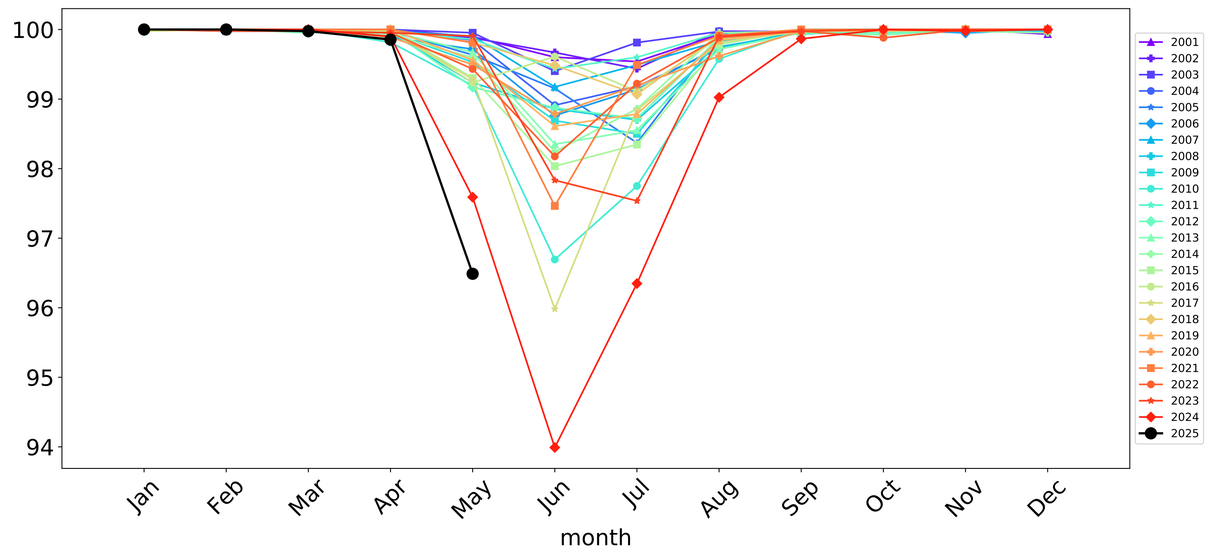


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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



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



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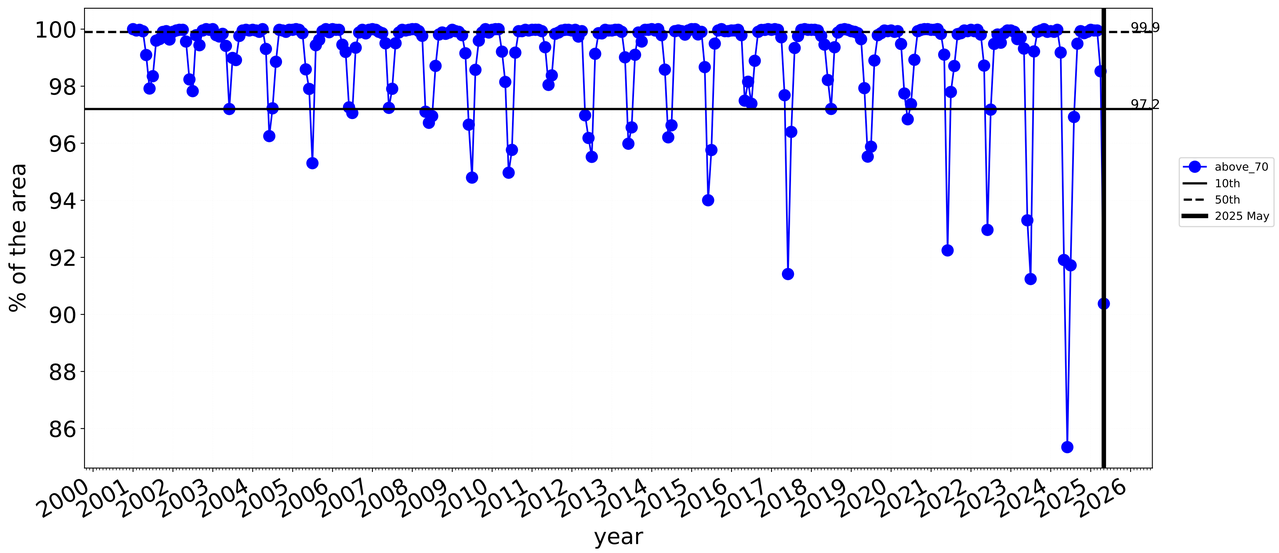

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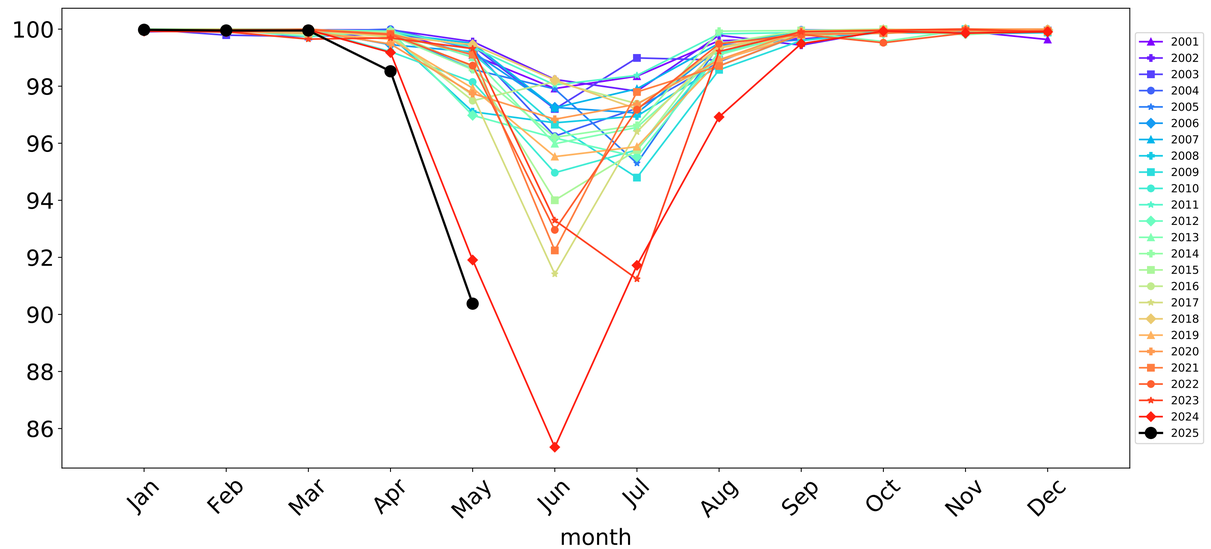

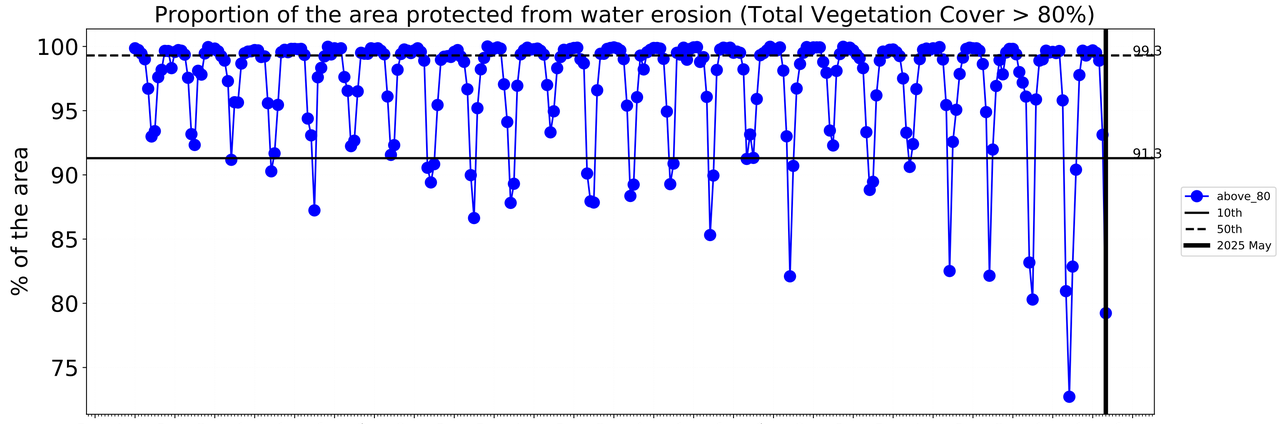
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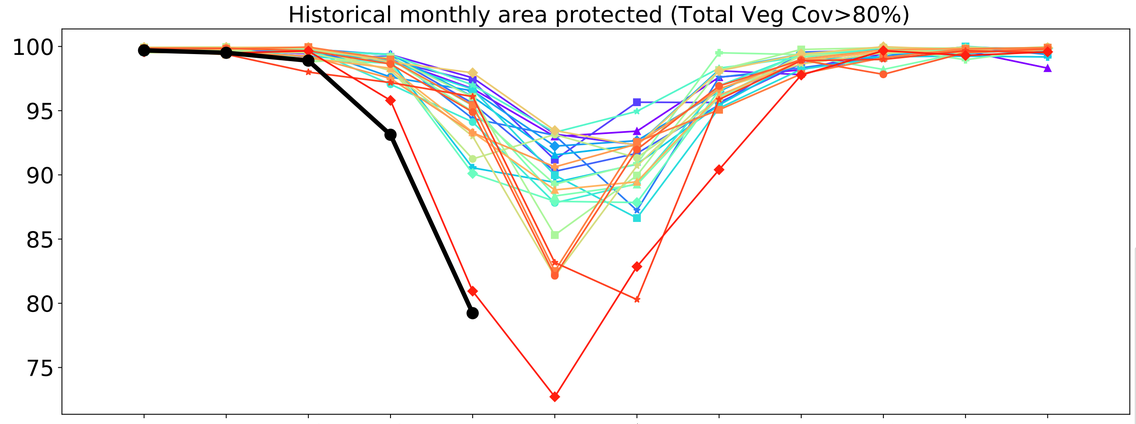
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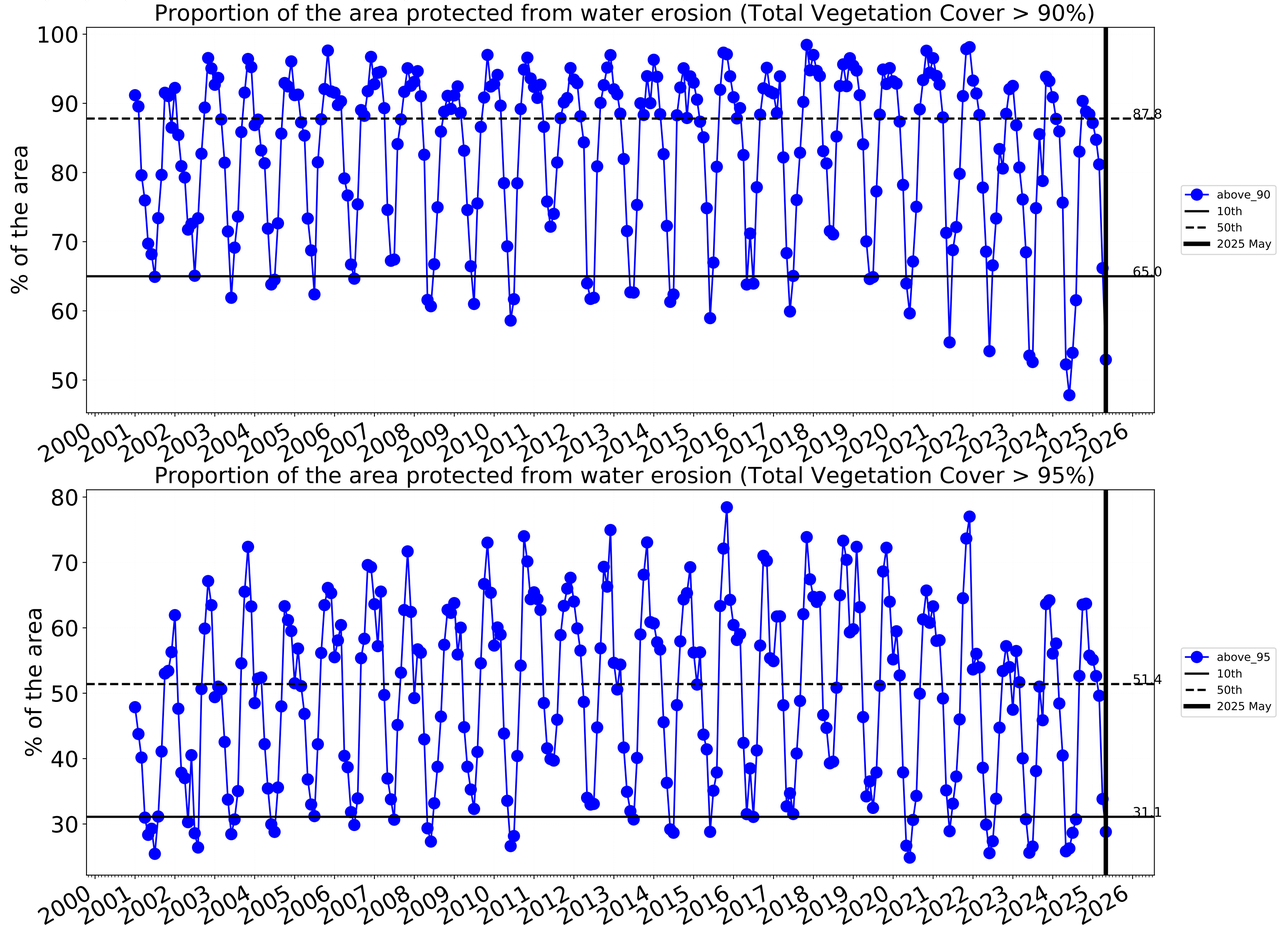
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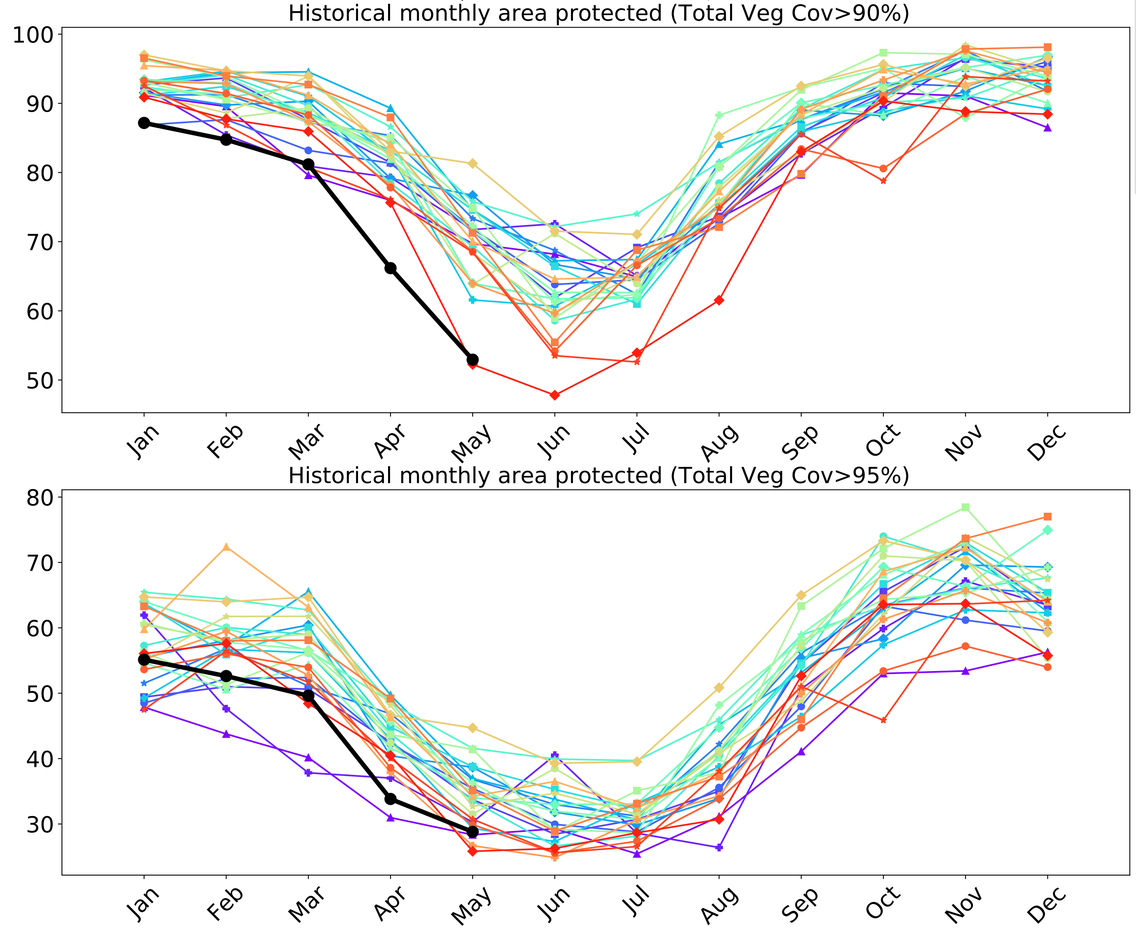
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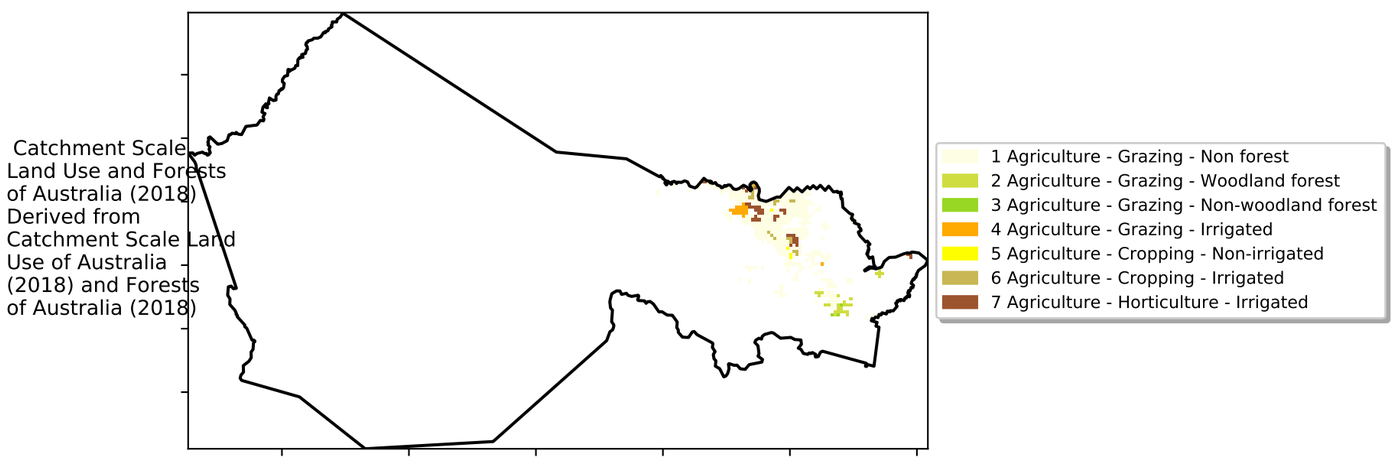
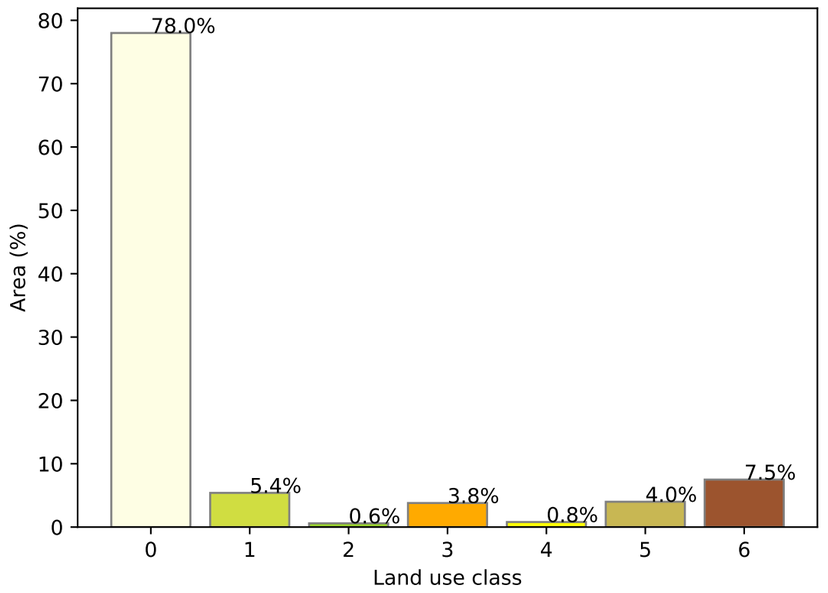
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



Proportion of each land class in area



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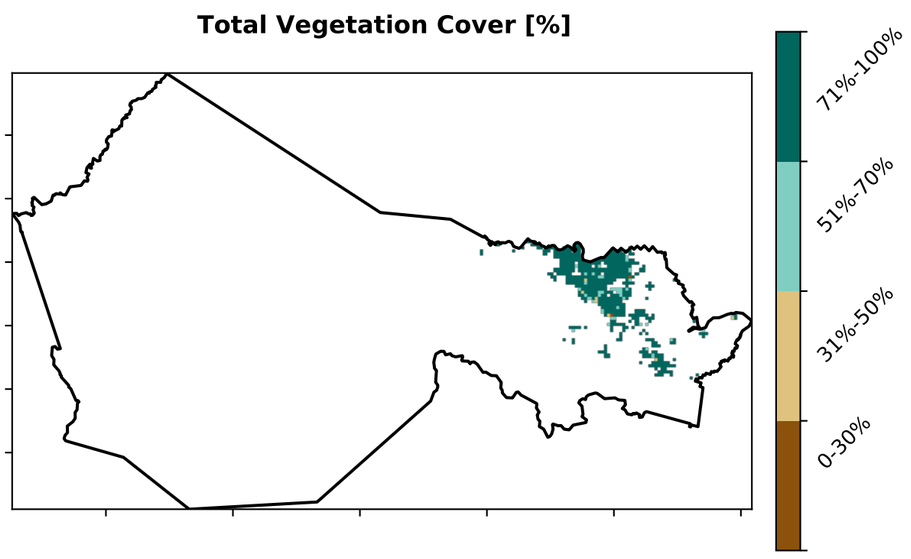

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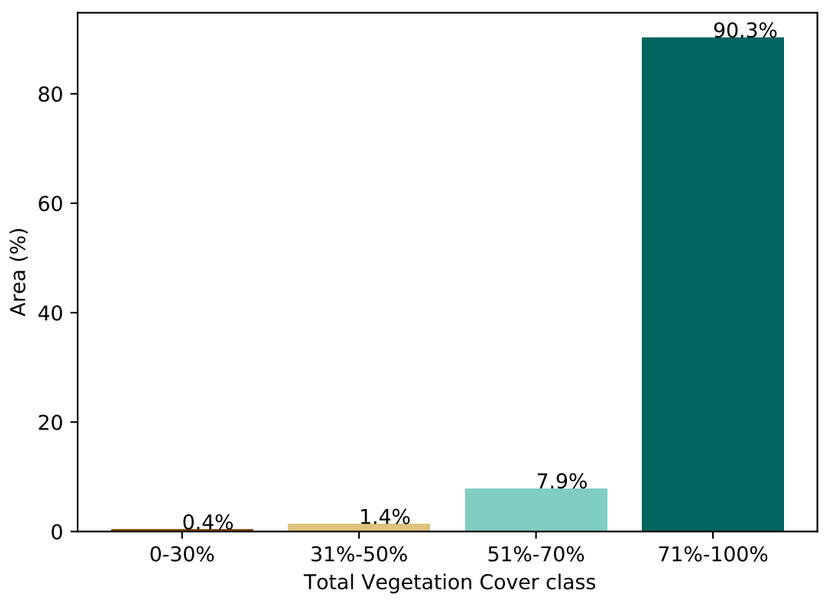

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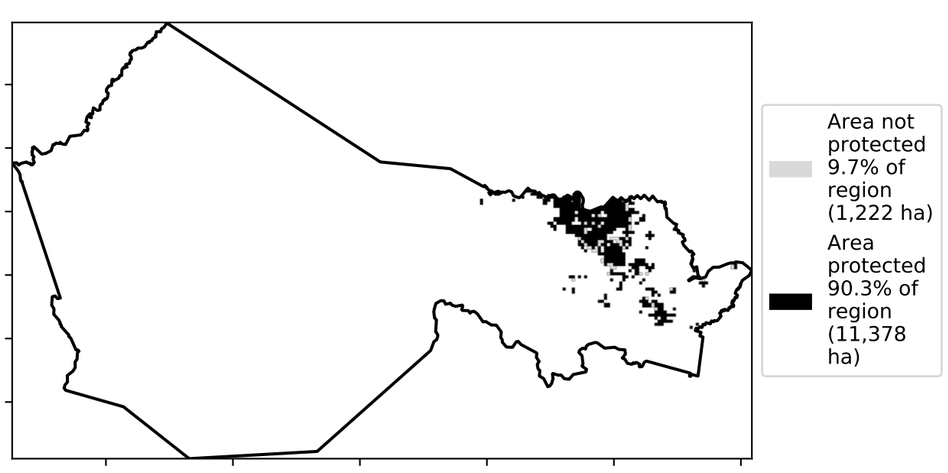
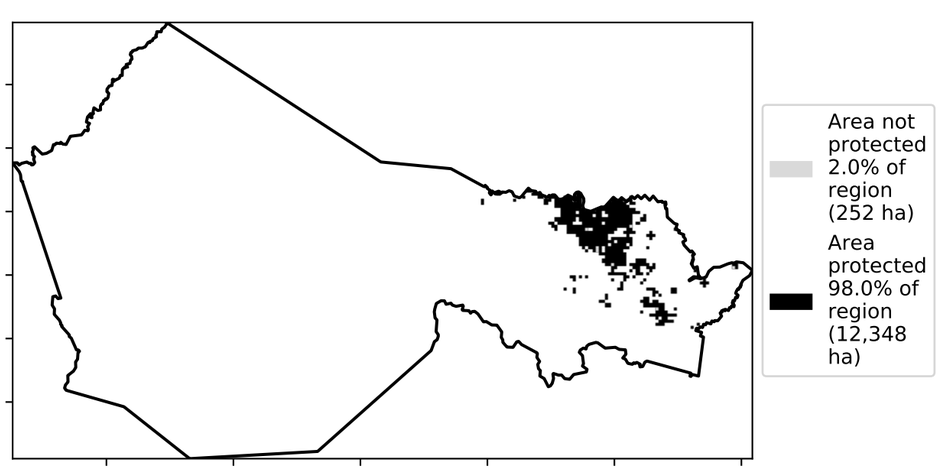


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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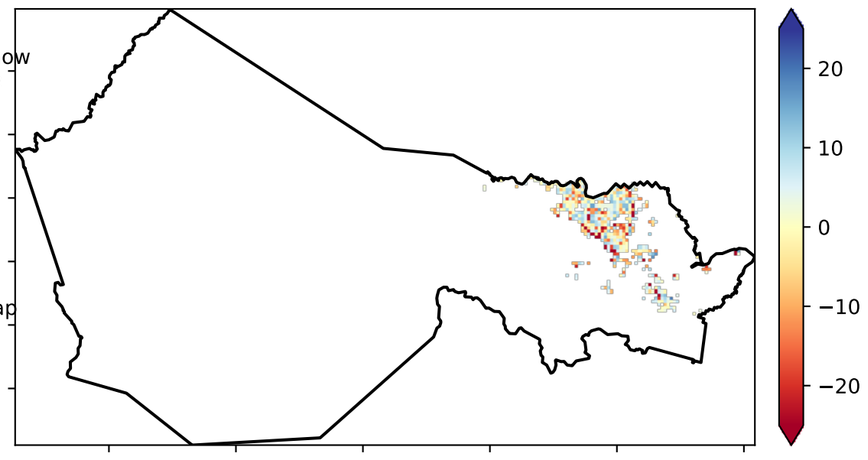

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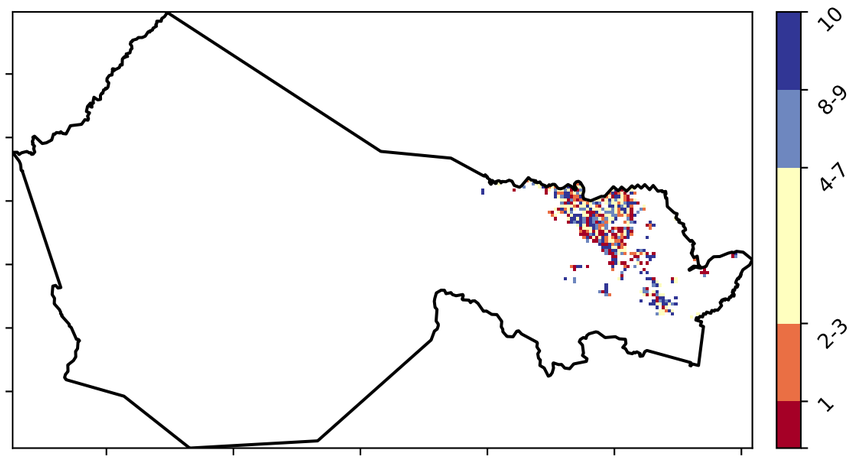
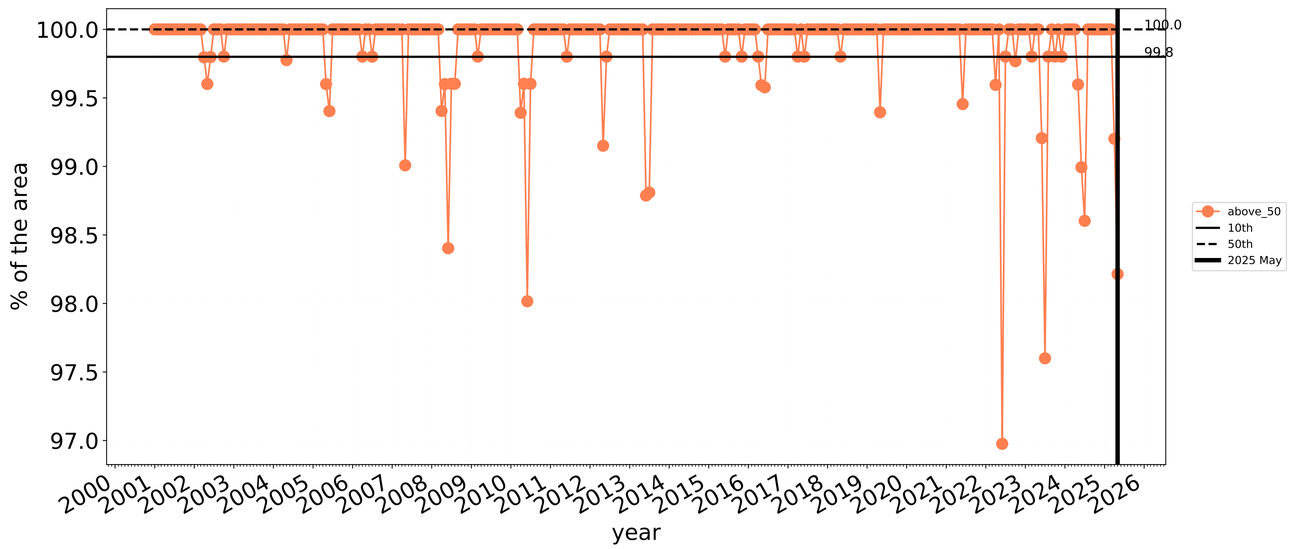
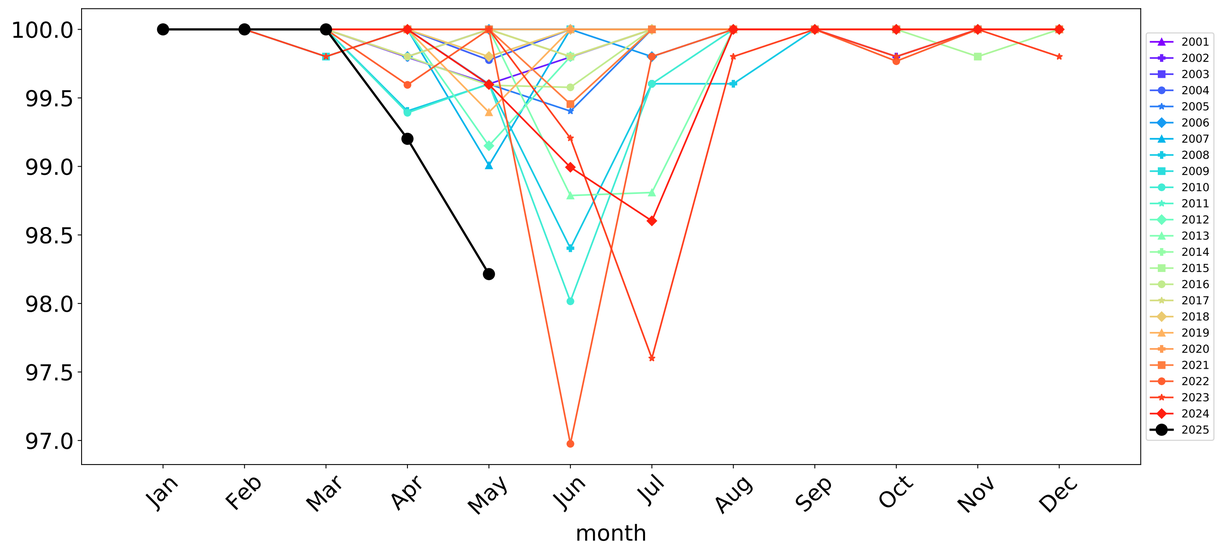


Agriculture timeseries

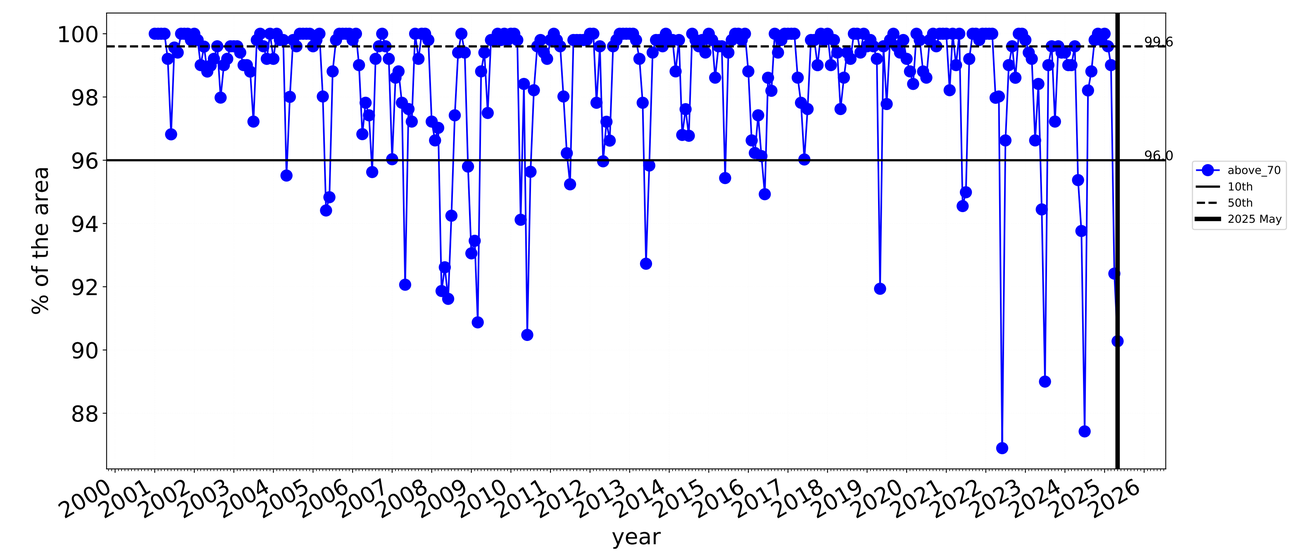
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



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



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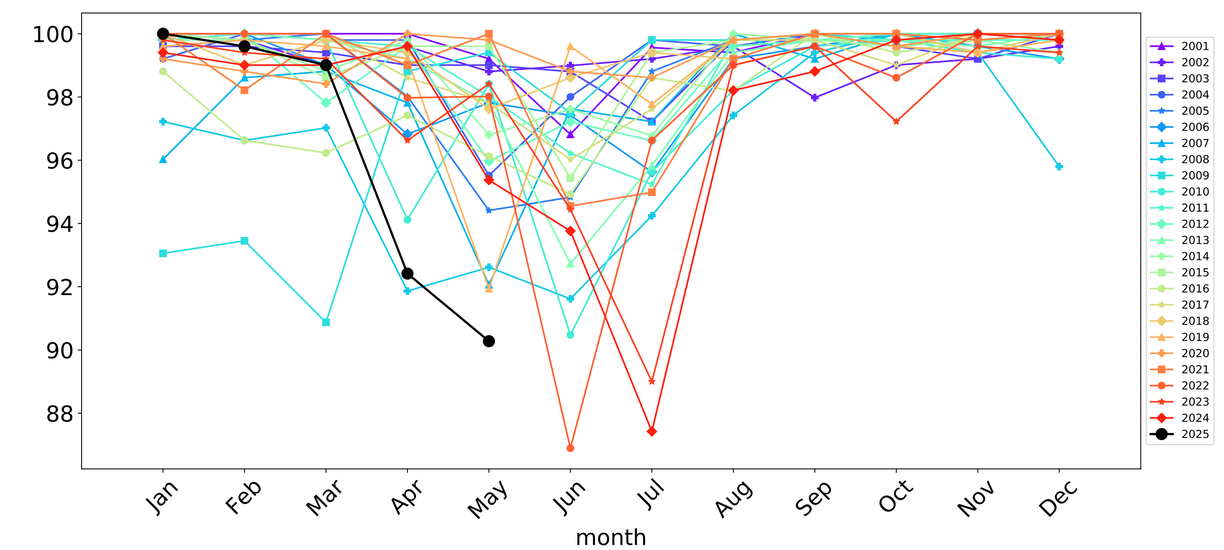

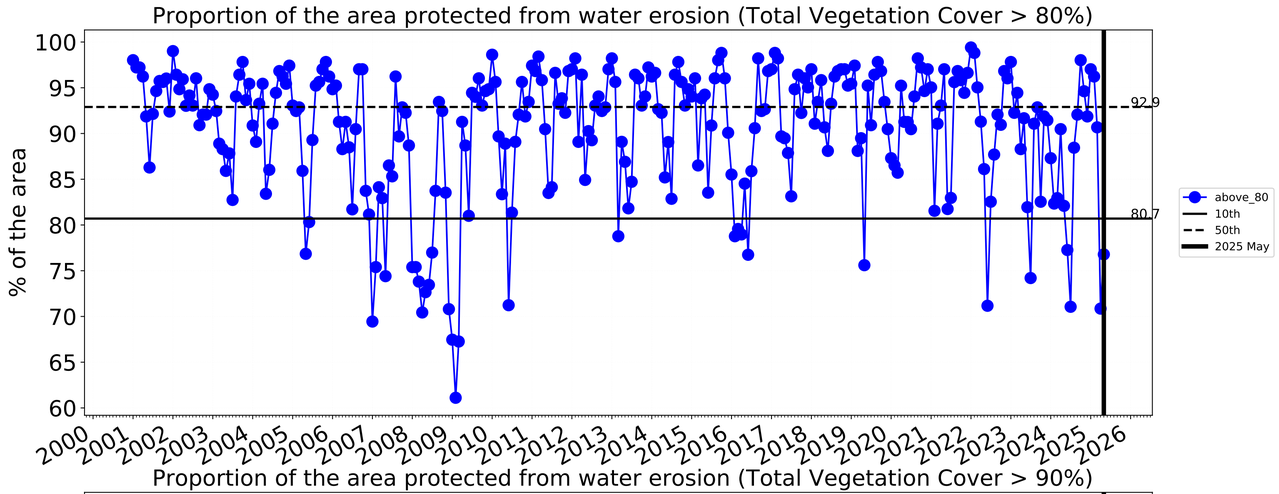
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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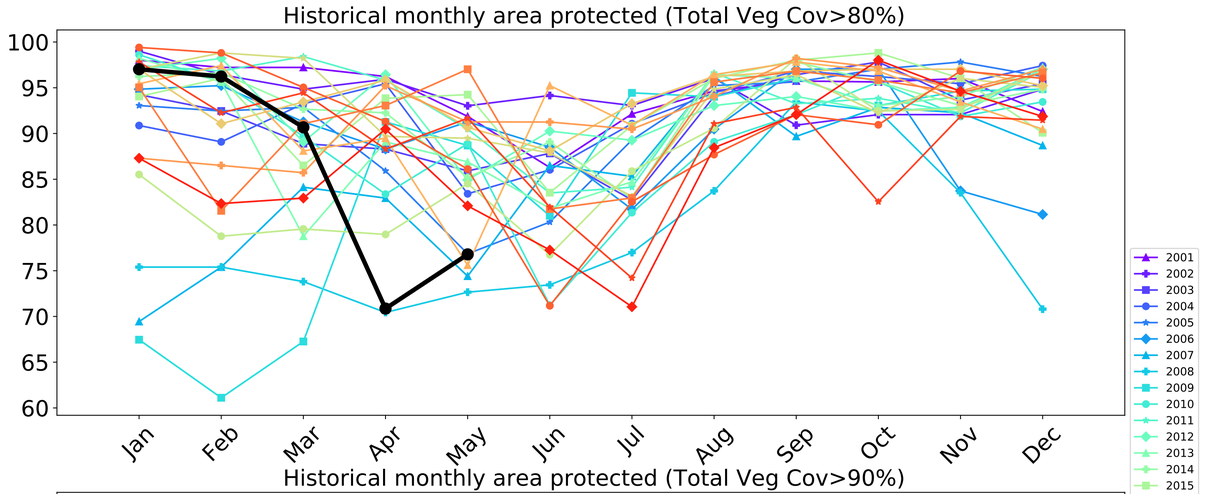
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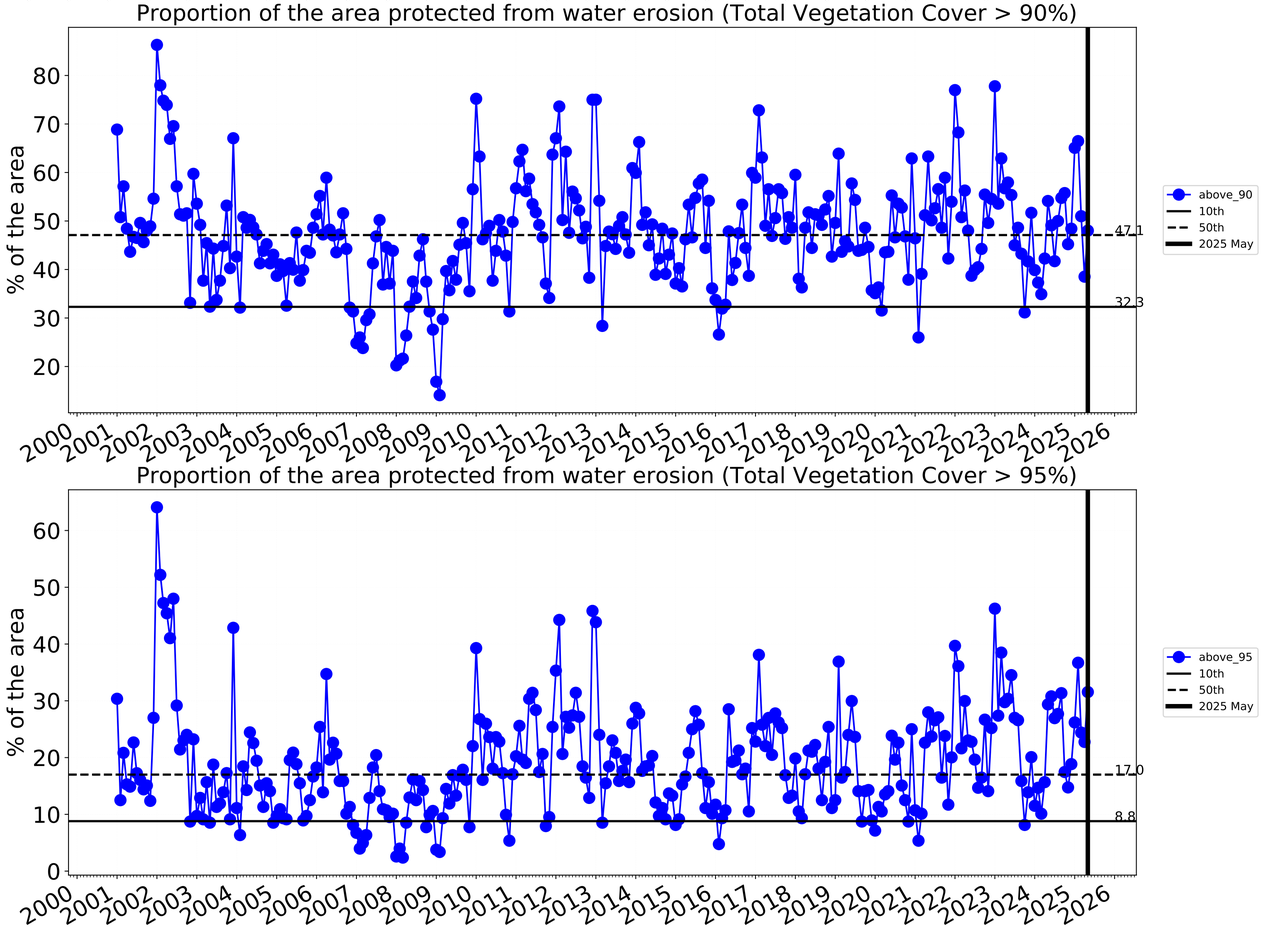
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% of the area
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above_90
10th
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% of the area
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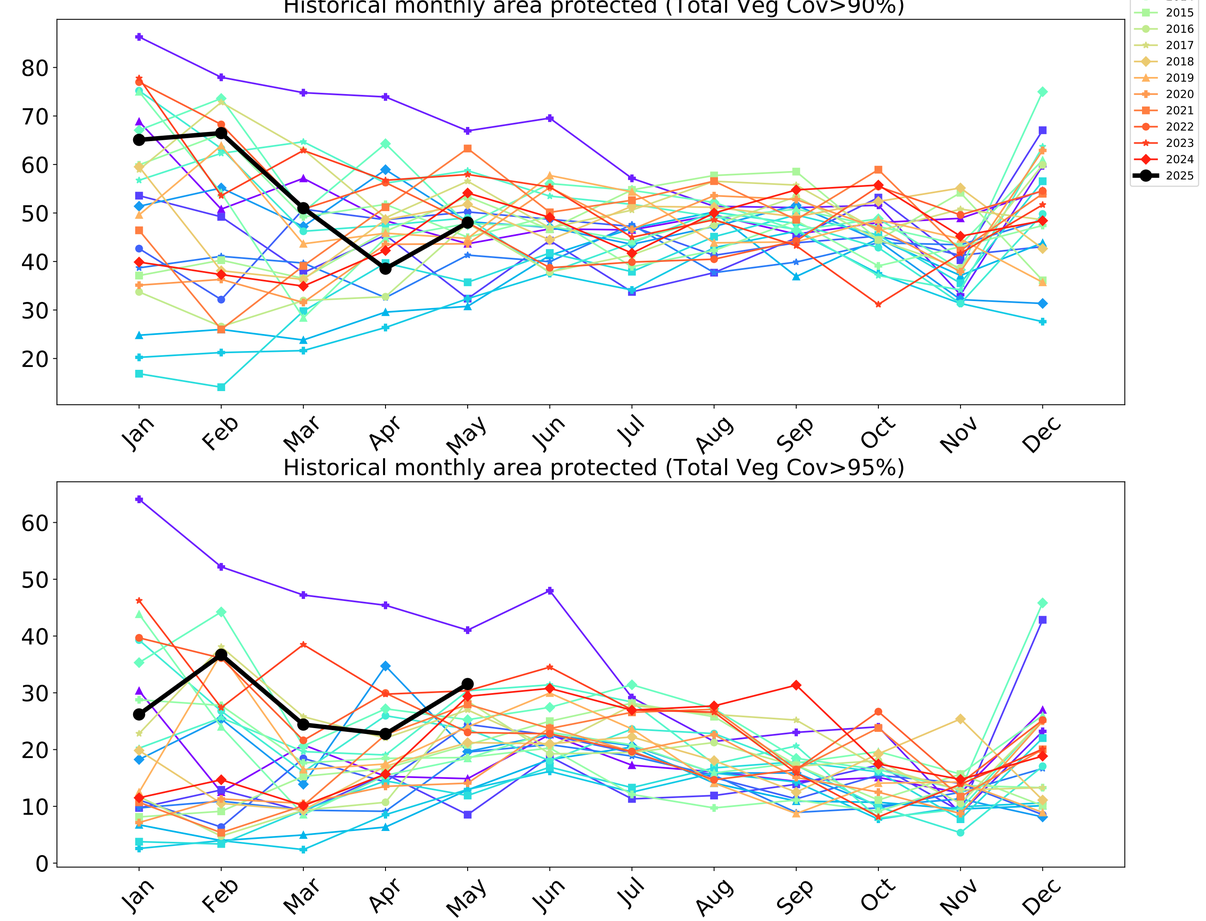
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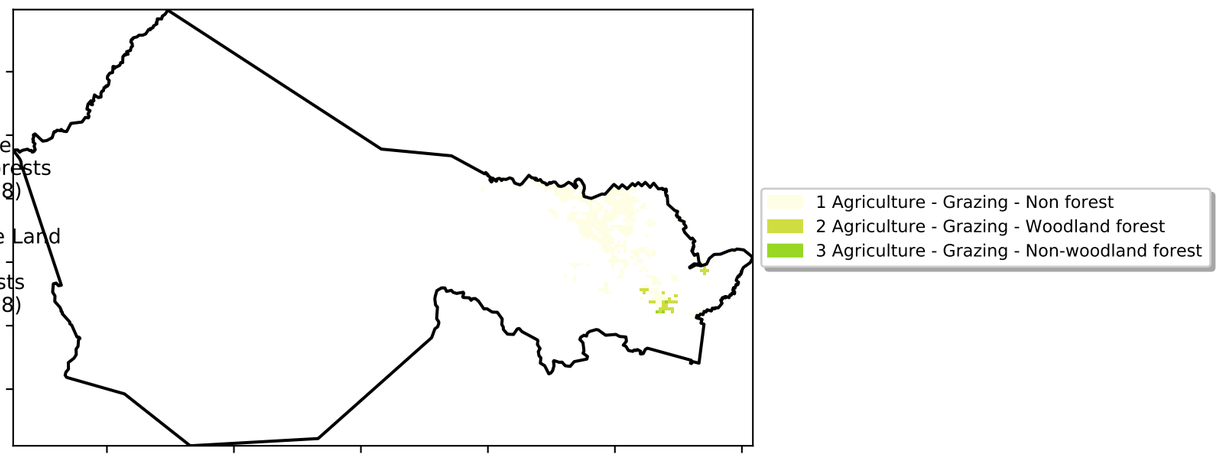
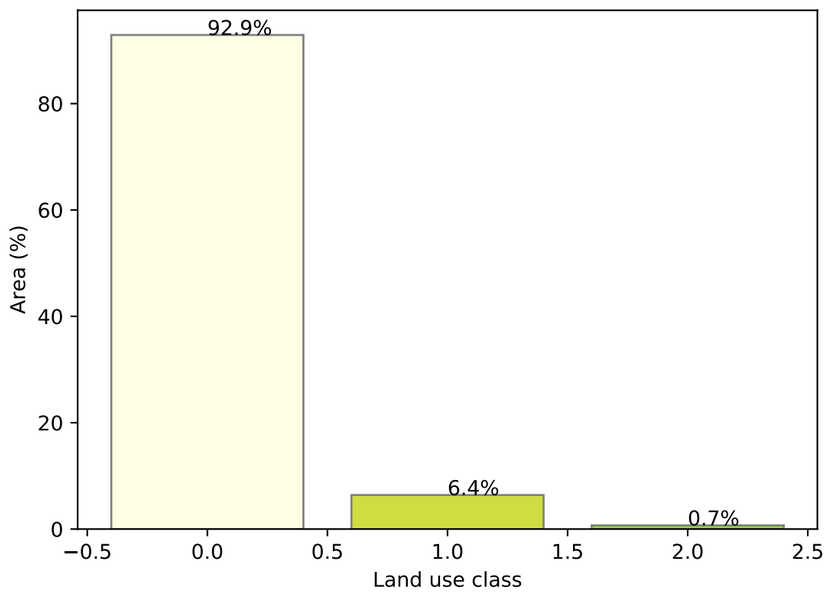
Grazing

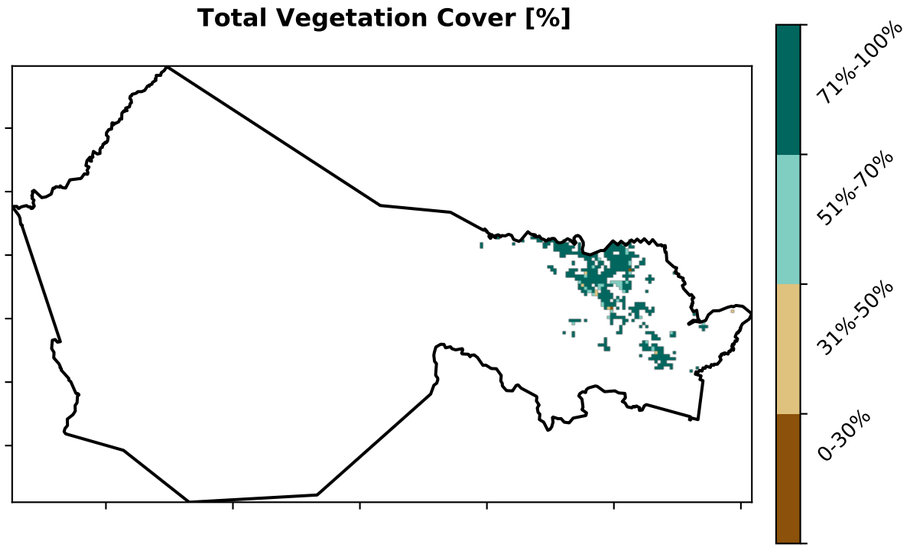
Land use and forest cover



Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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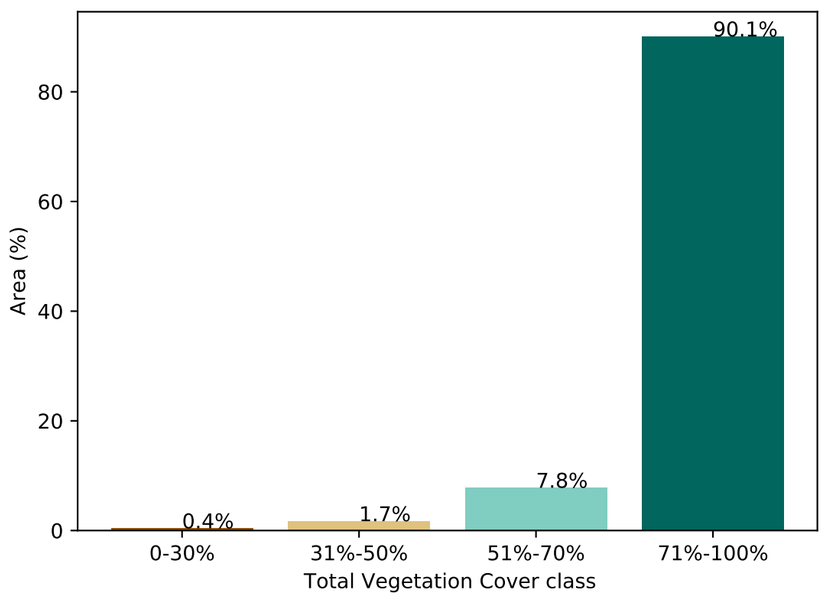
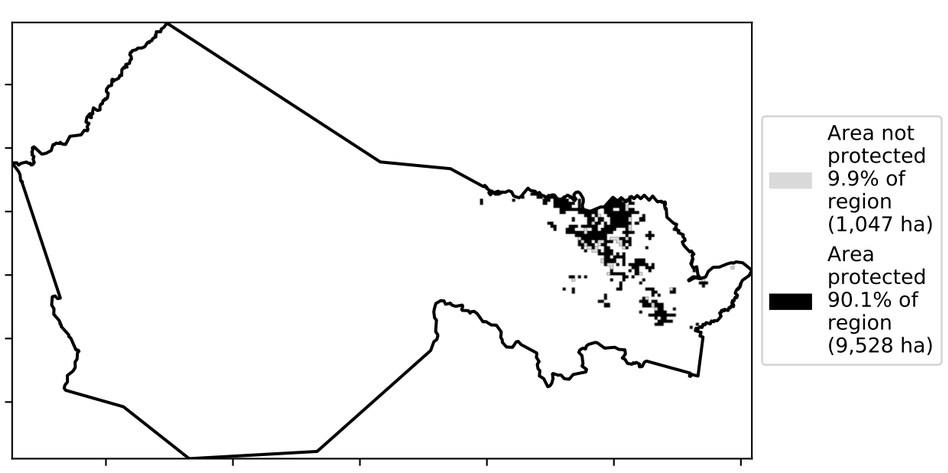


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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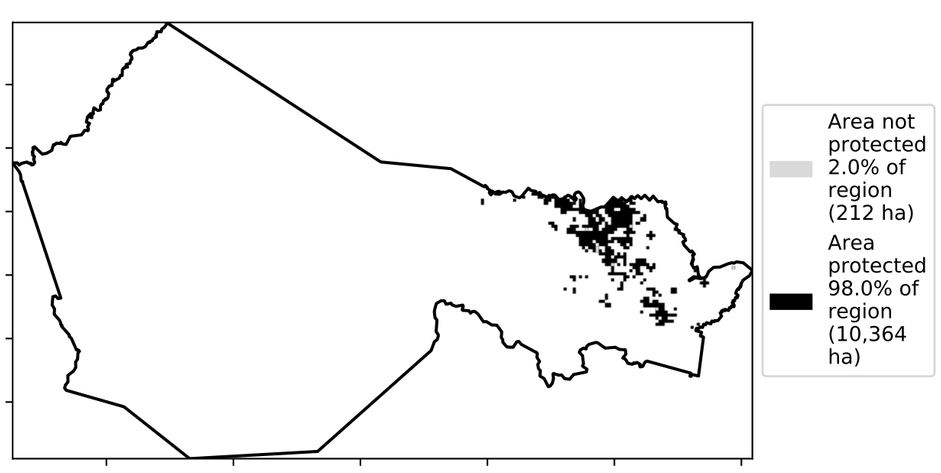

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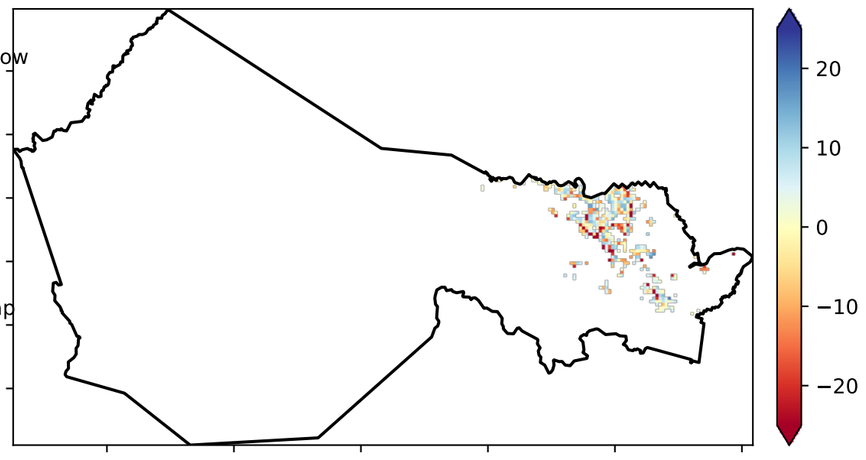

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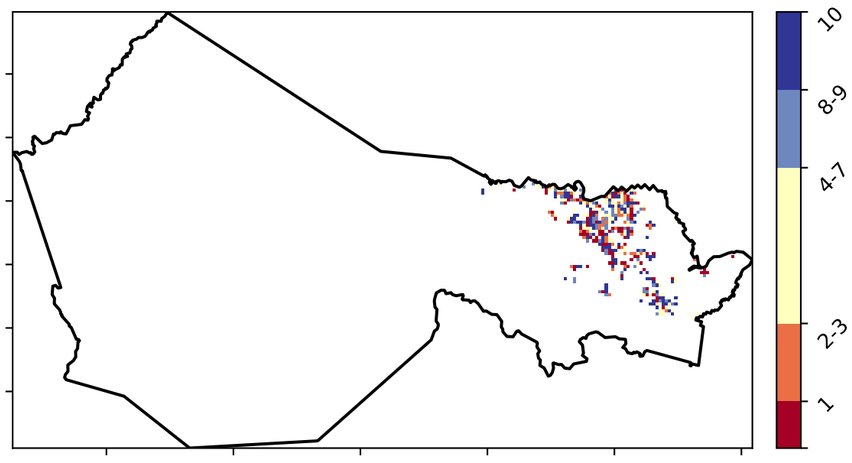
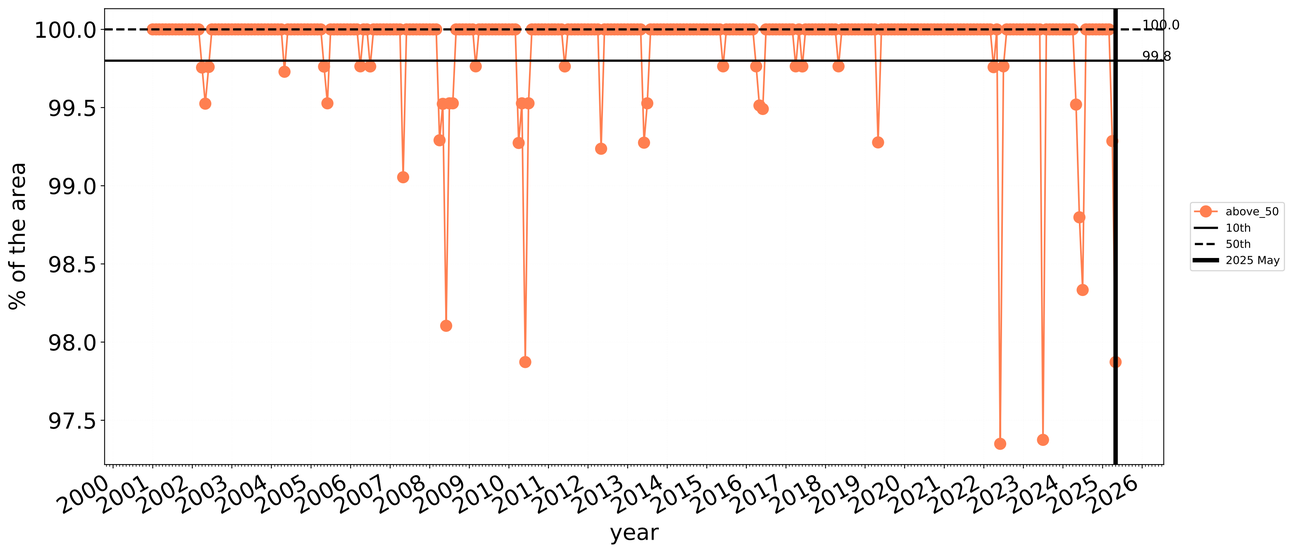
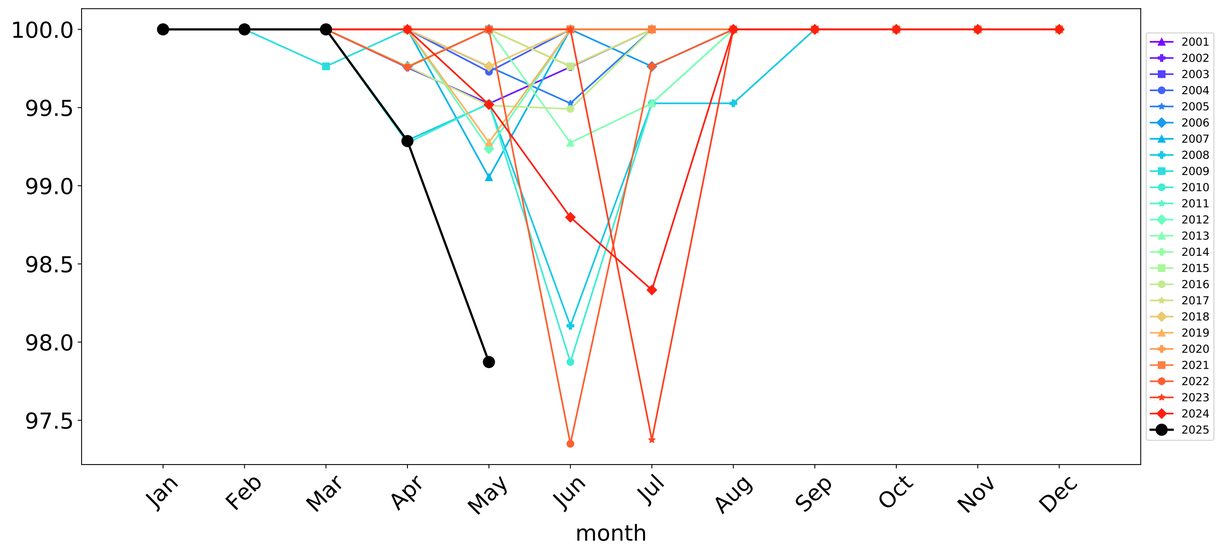


Grazing timeseries

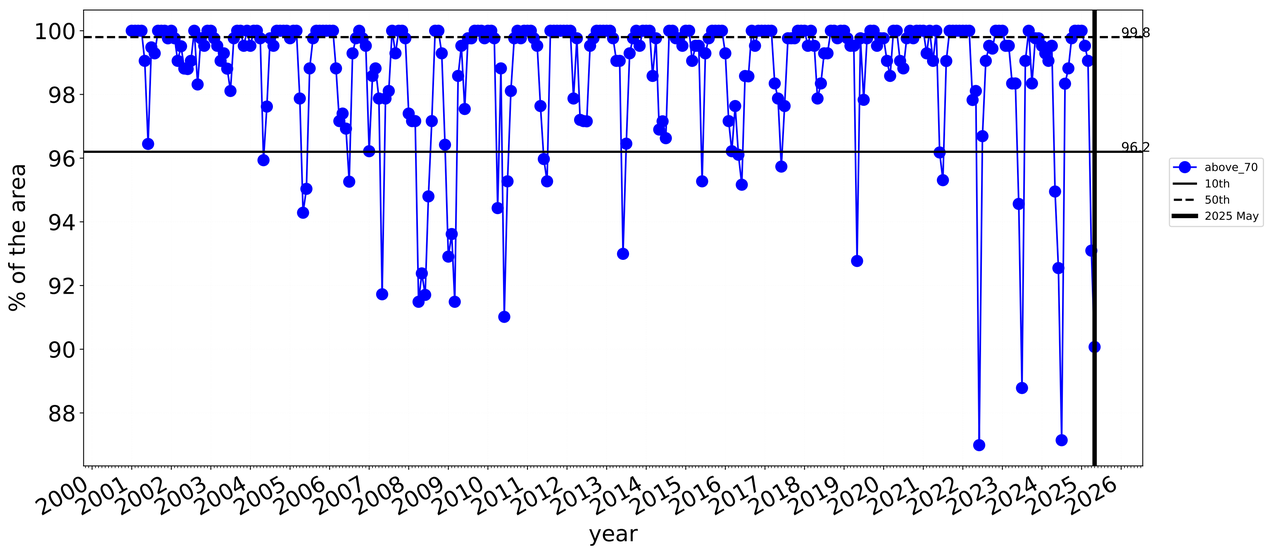
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



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



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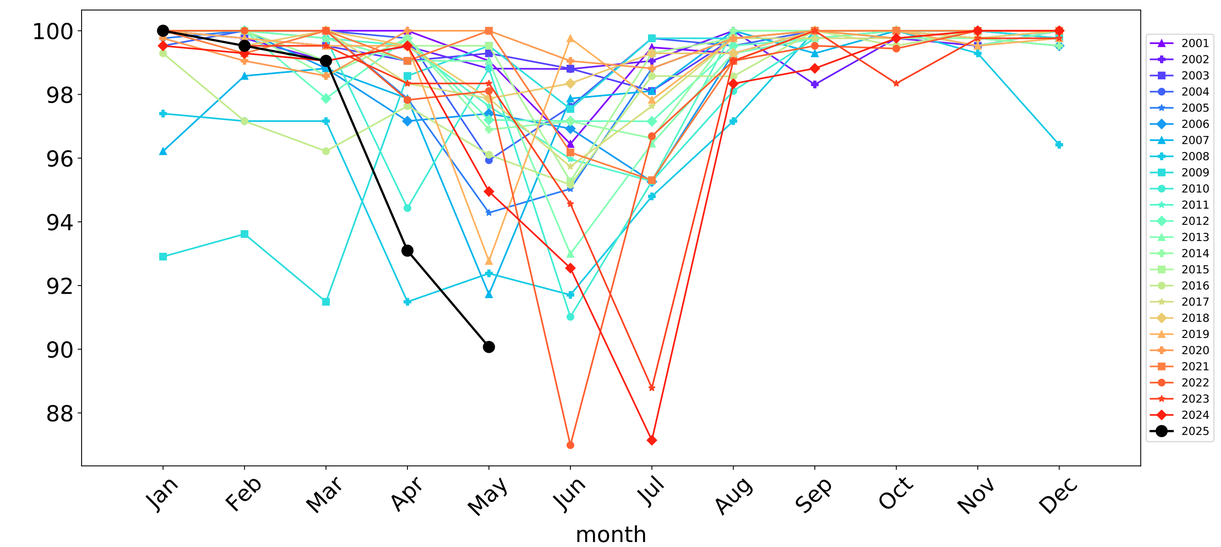

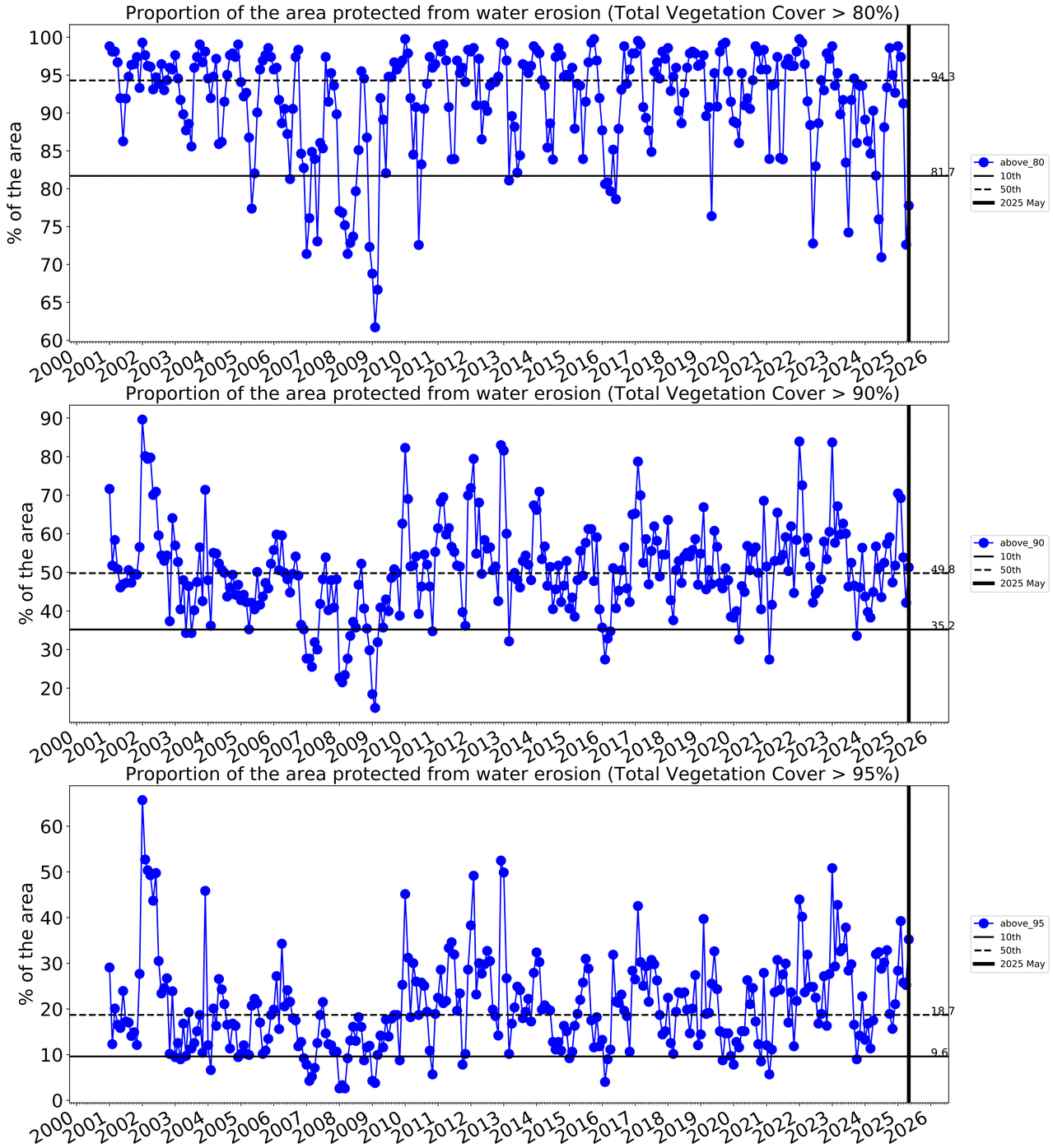
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% of the area
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10th
50th
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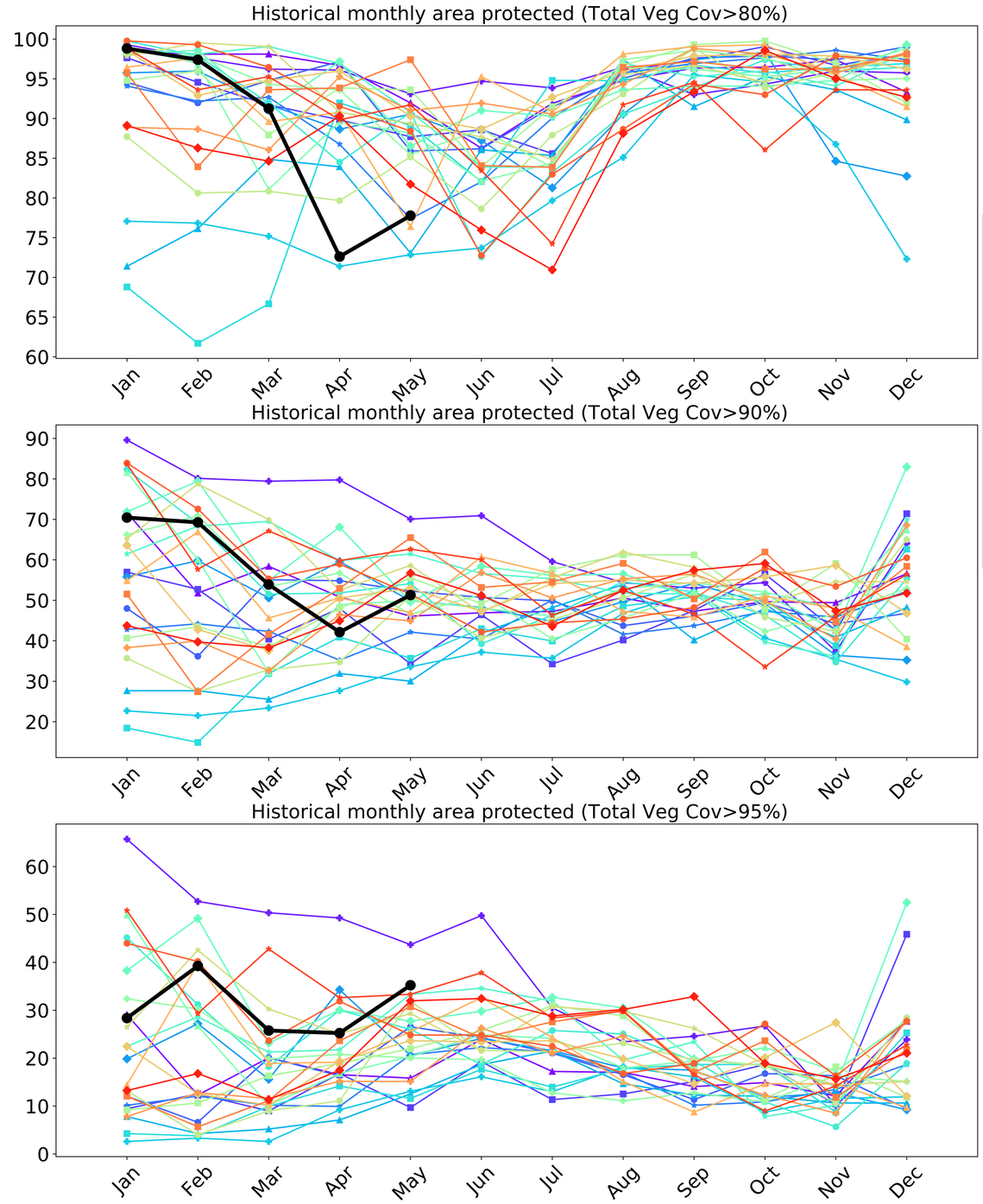
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
49.8
35.2
above_90
10th
50th
2025 May

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
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50th
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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)
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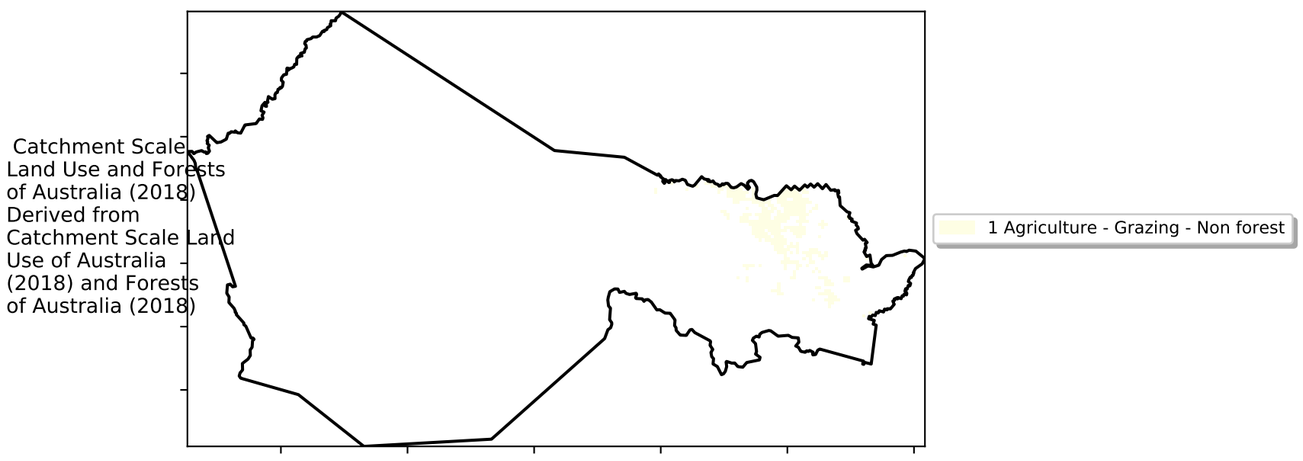
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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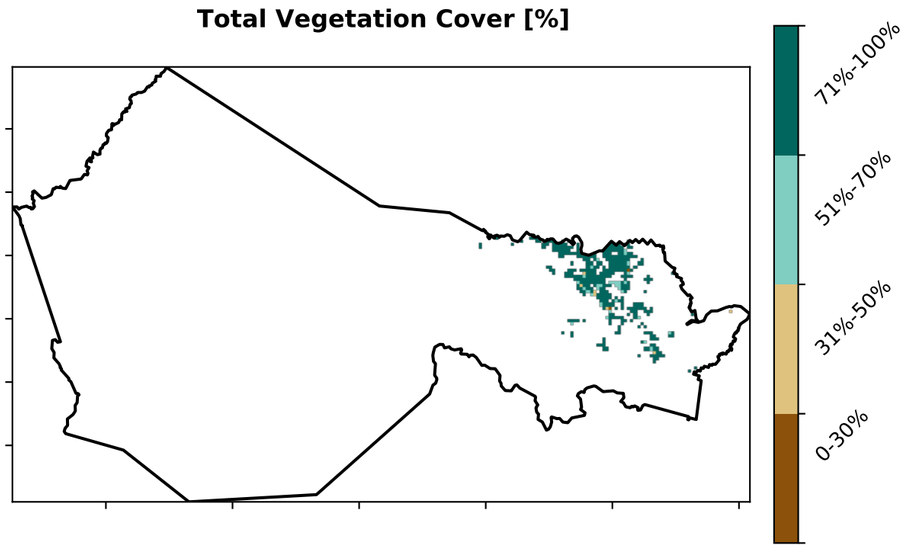

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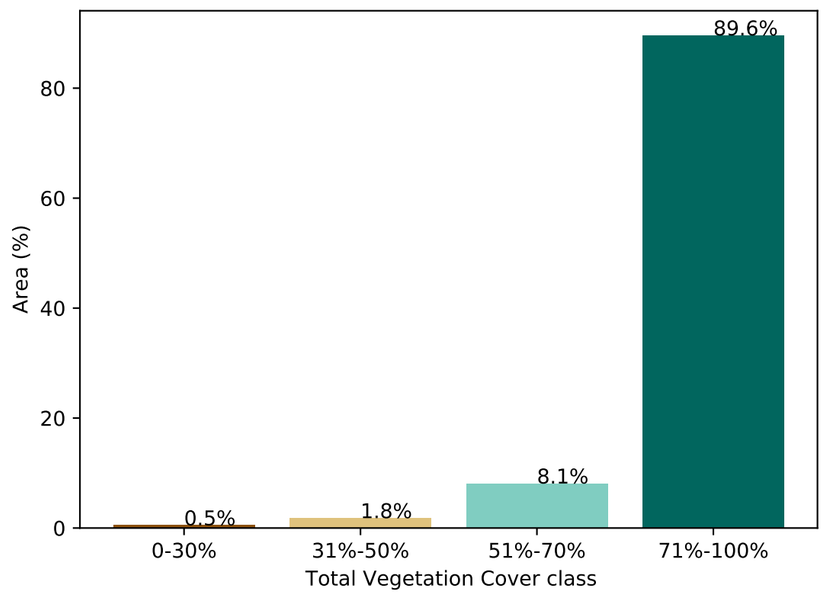

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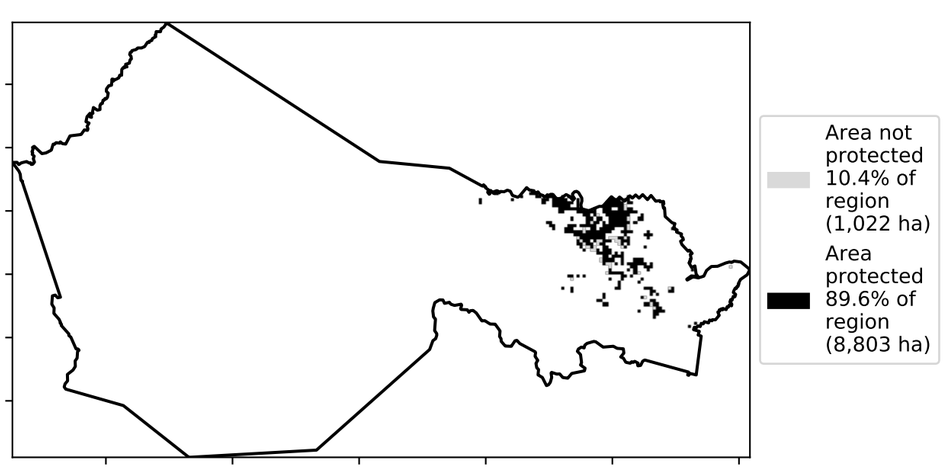

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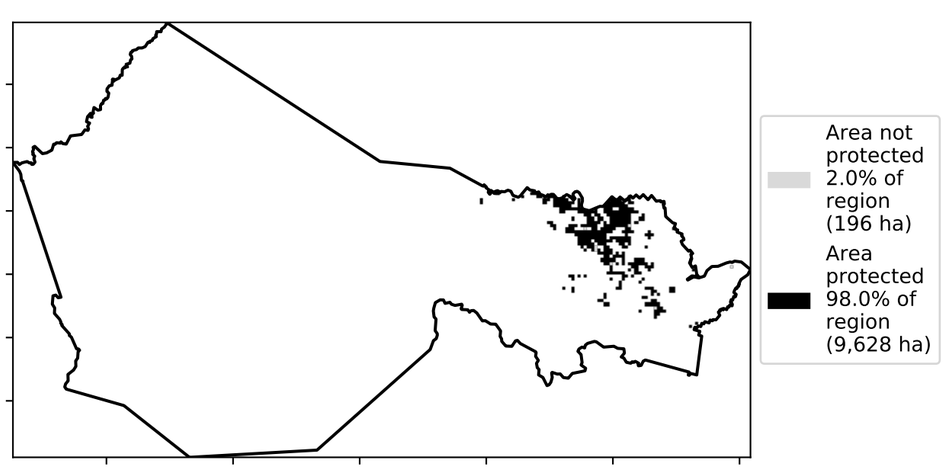

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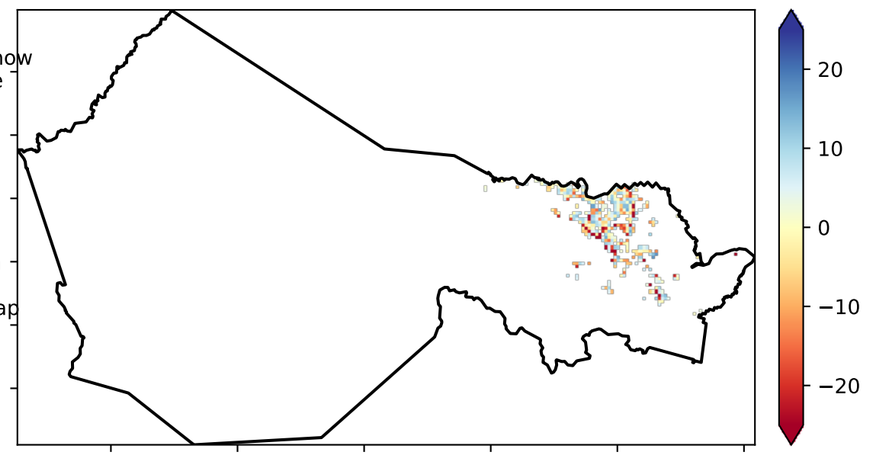

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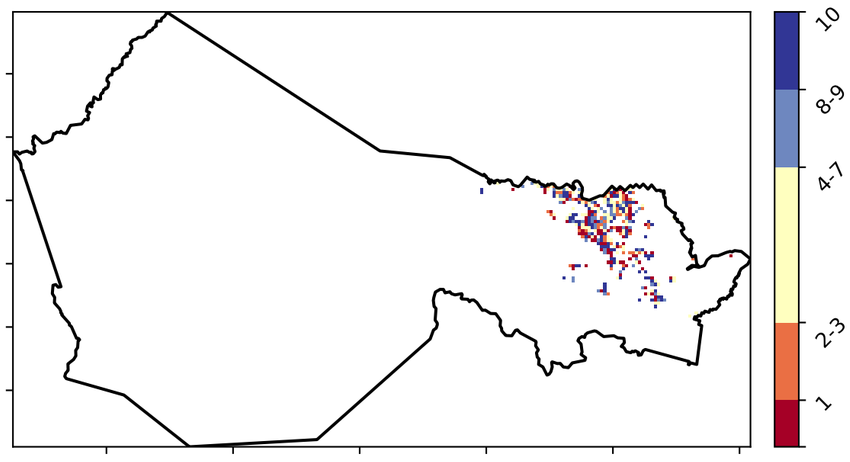

Grazing non forest timeseries

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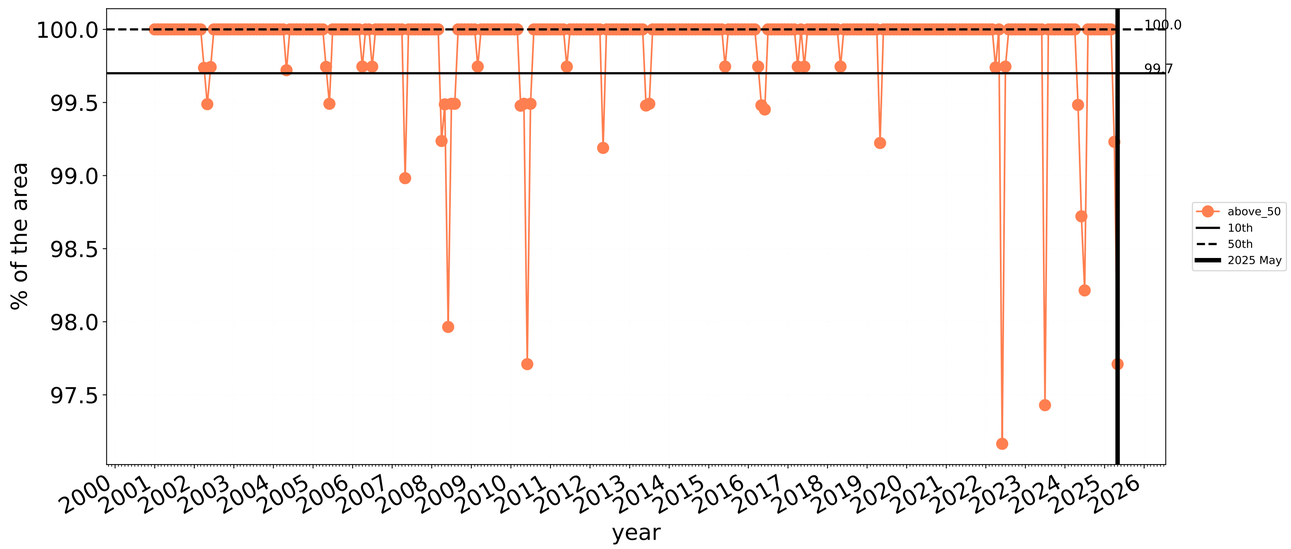
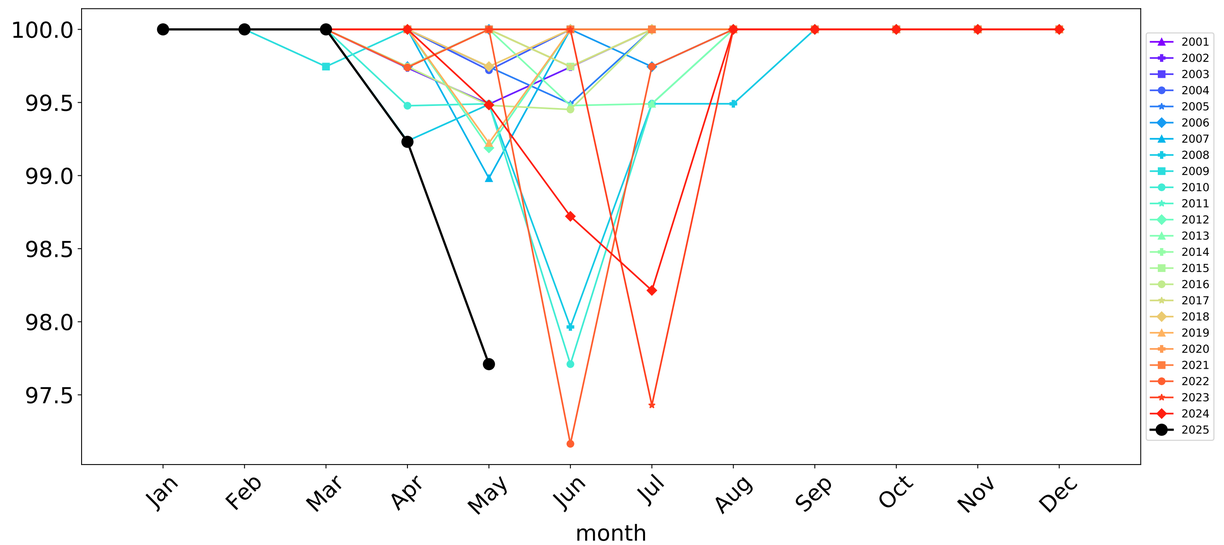


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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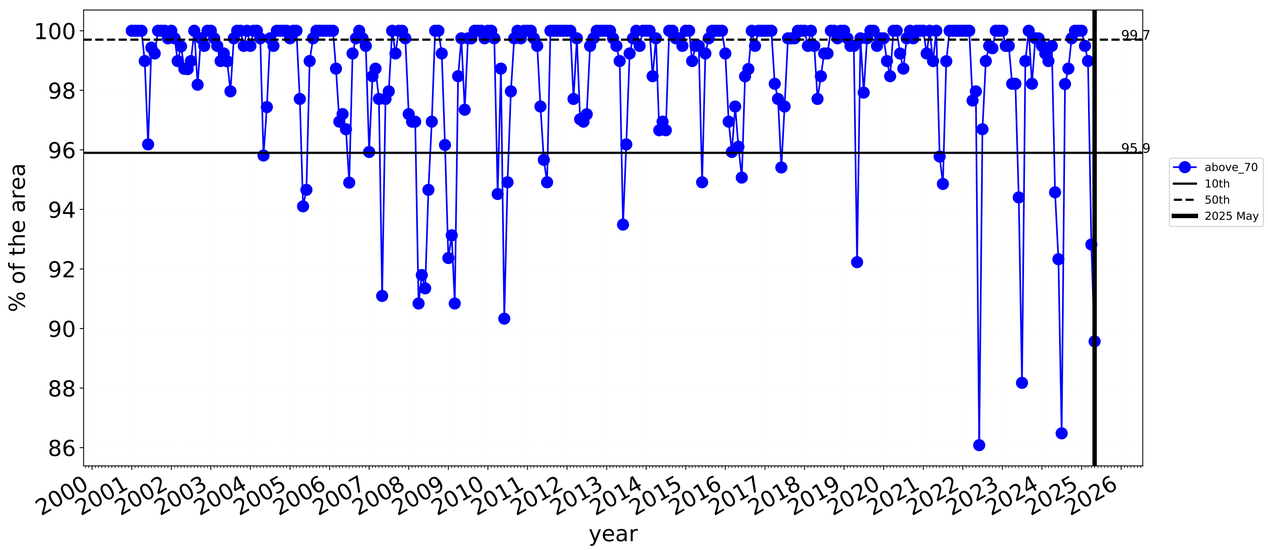

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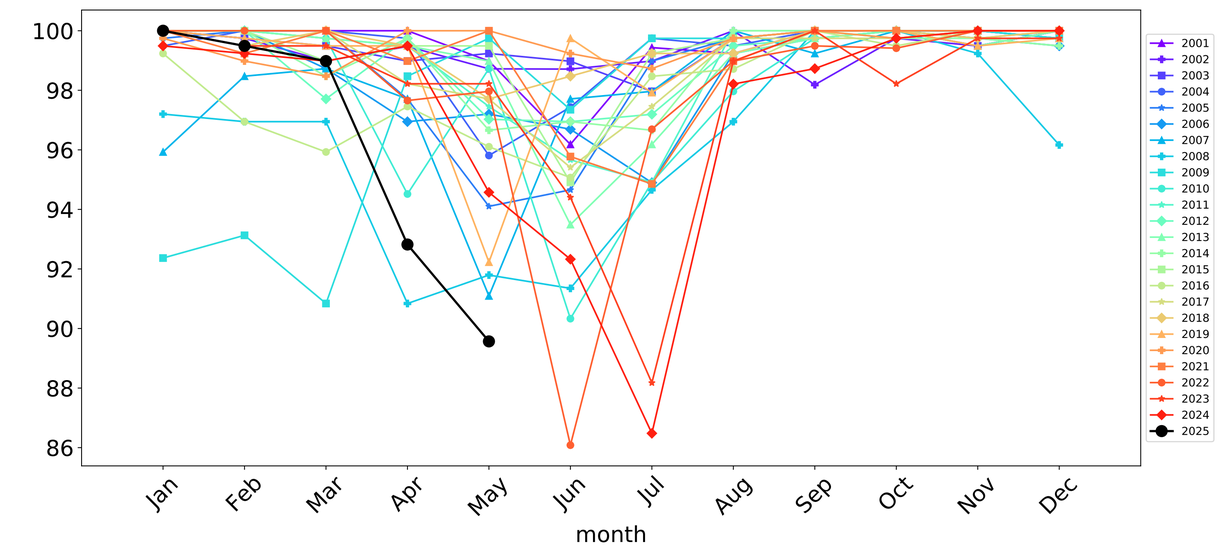

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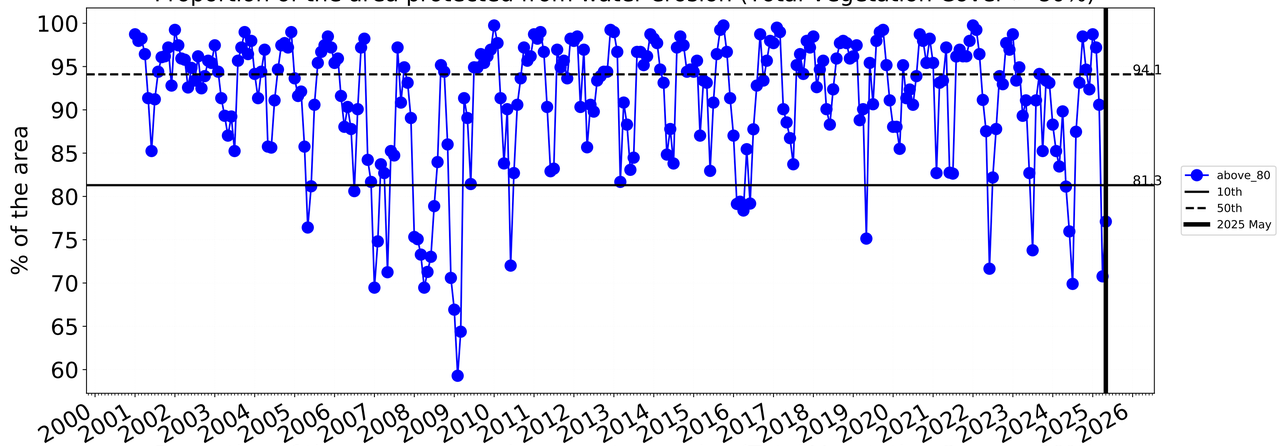
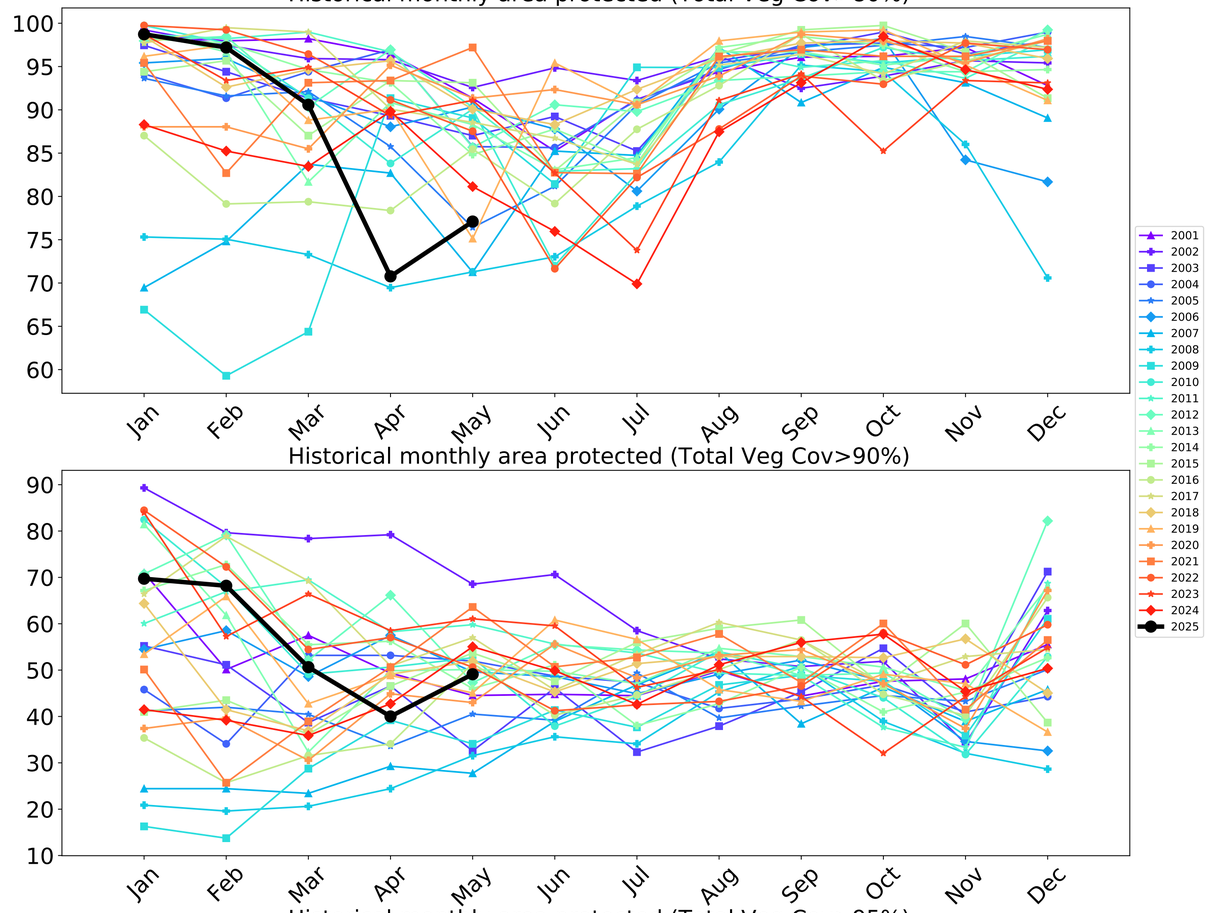
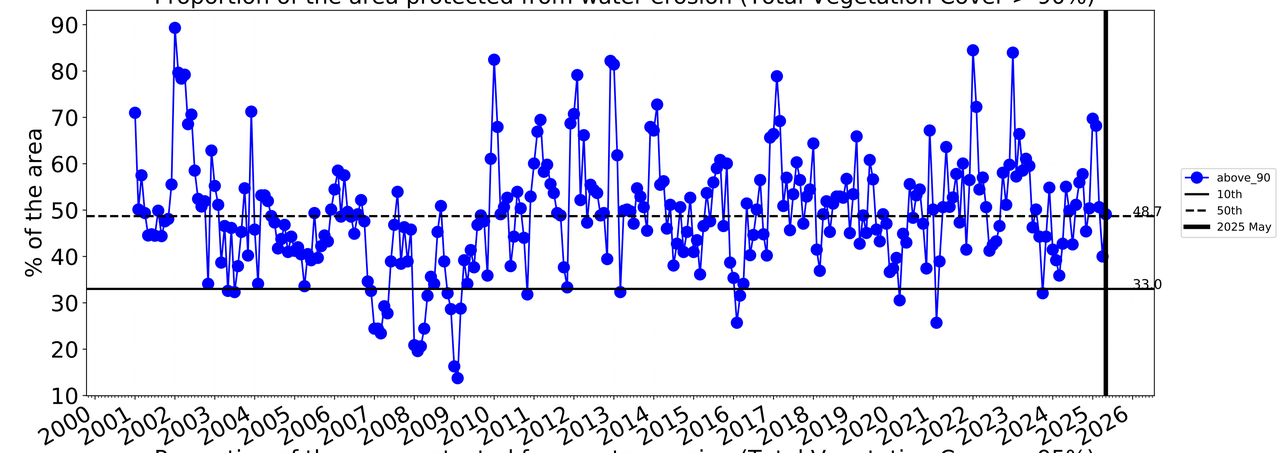


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)



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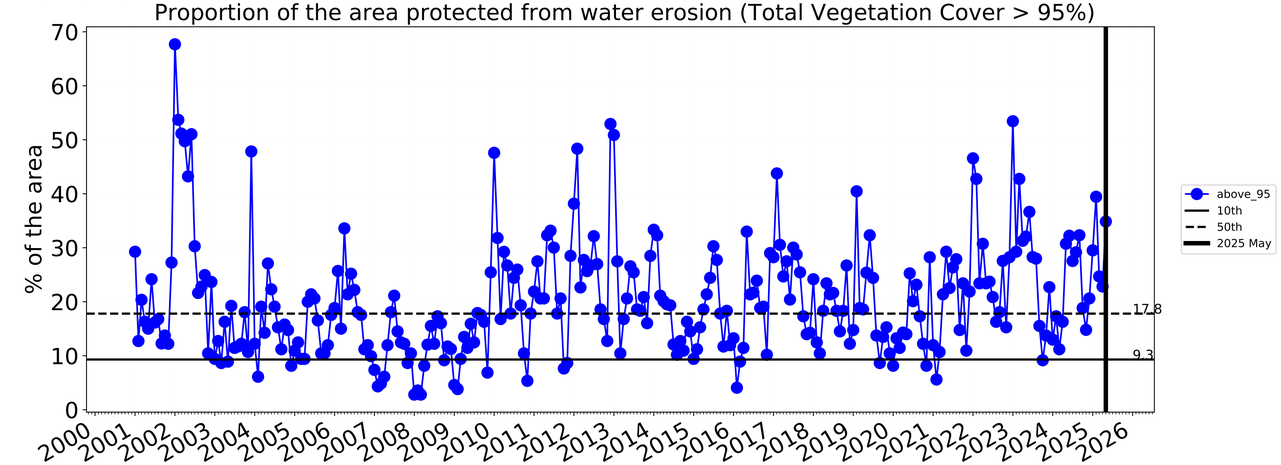
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)



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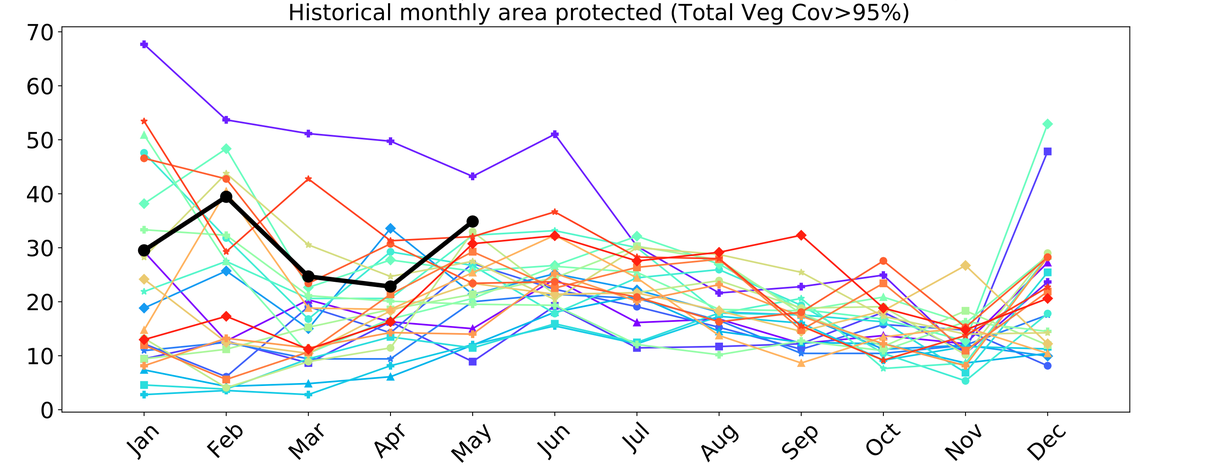
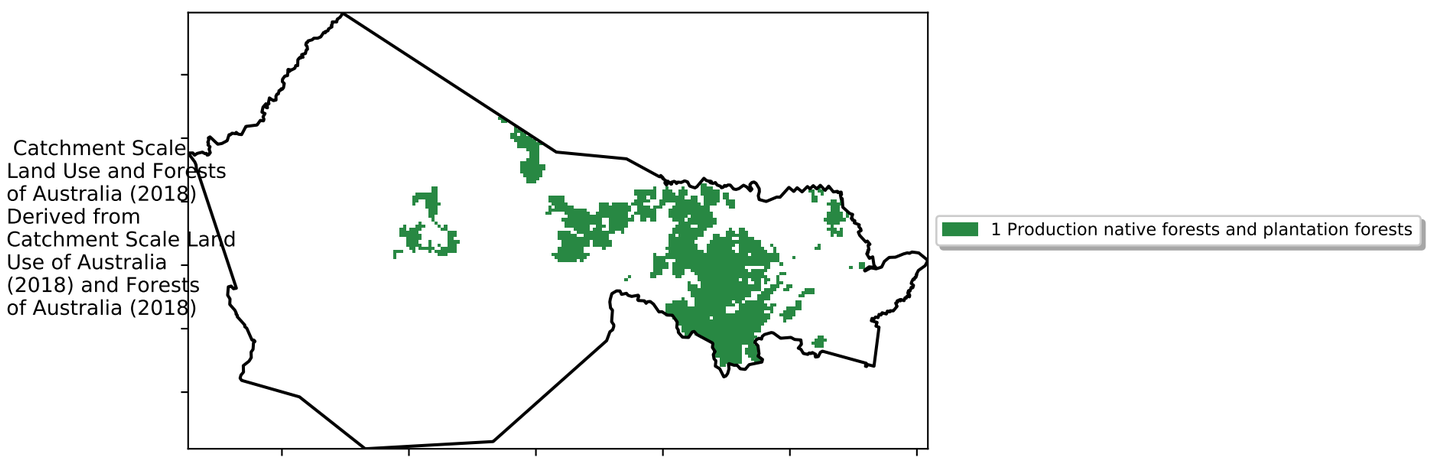


Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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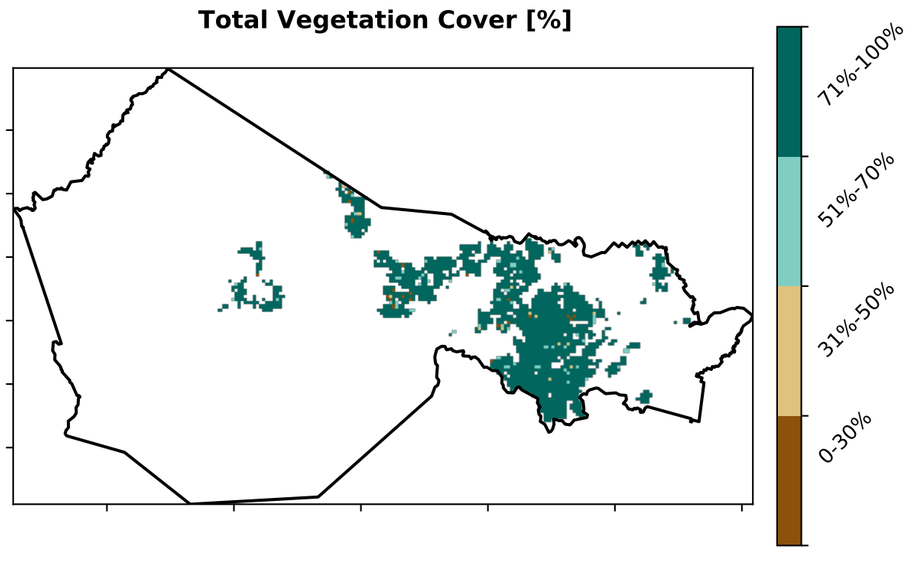

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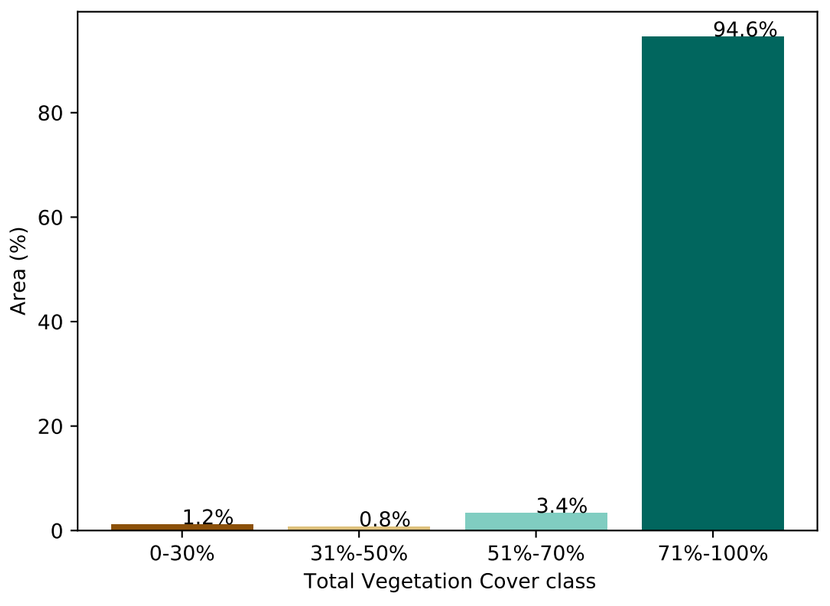
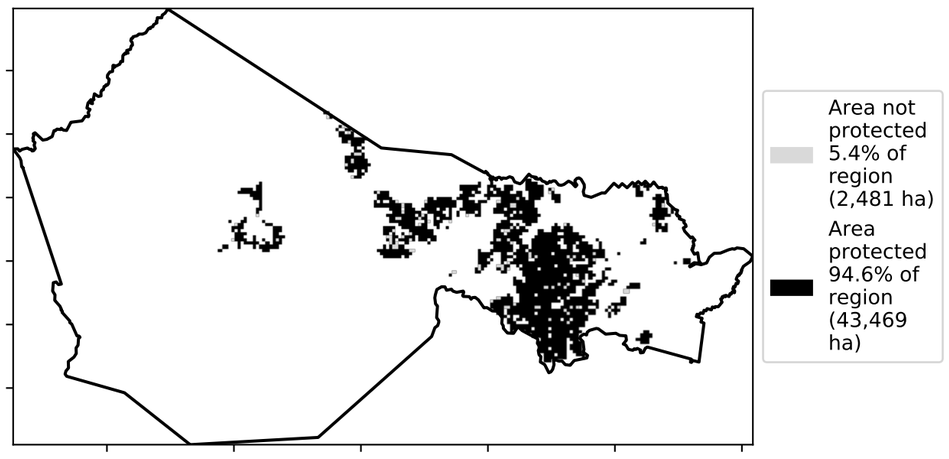
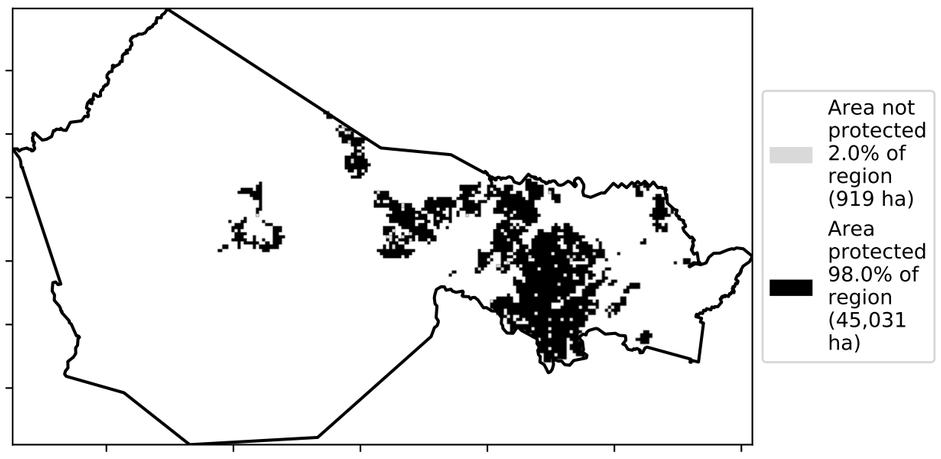


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

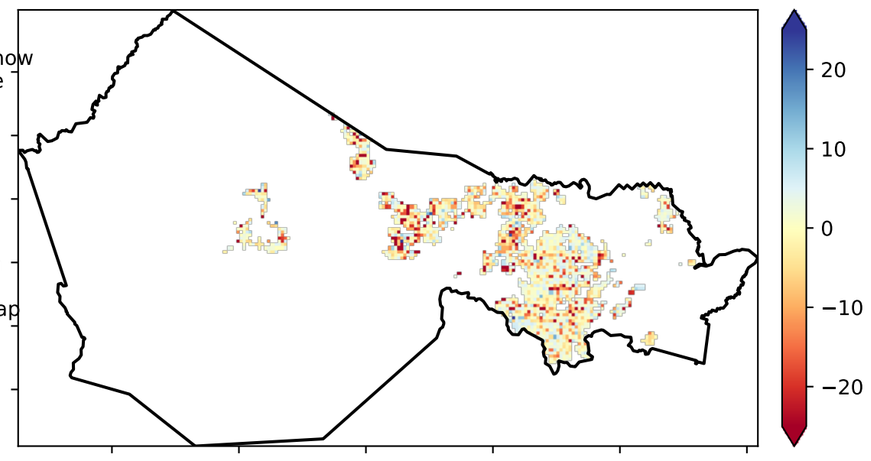


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



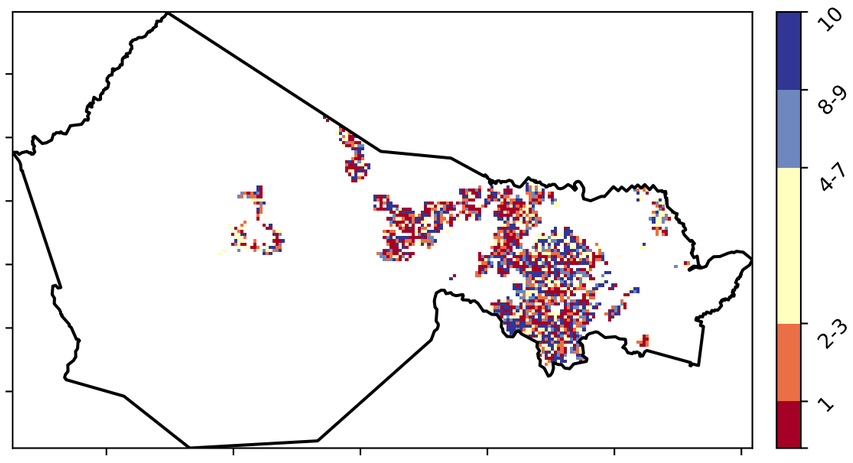
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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



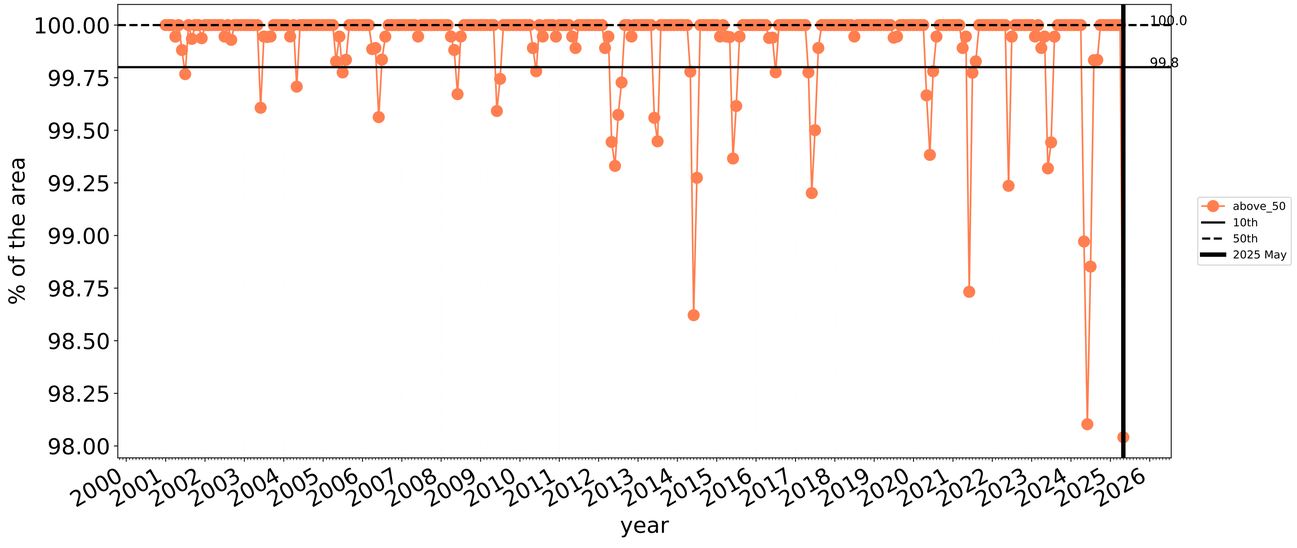
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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

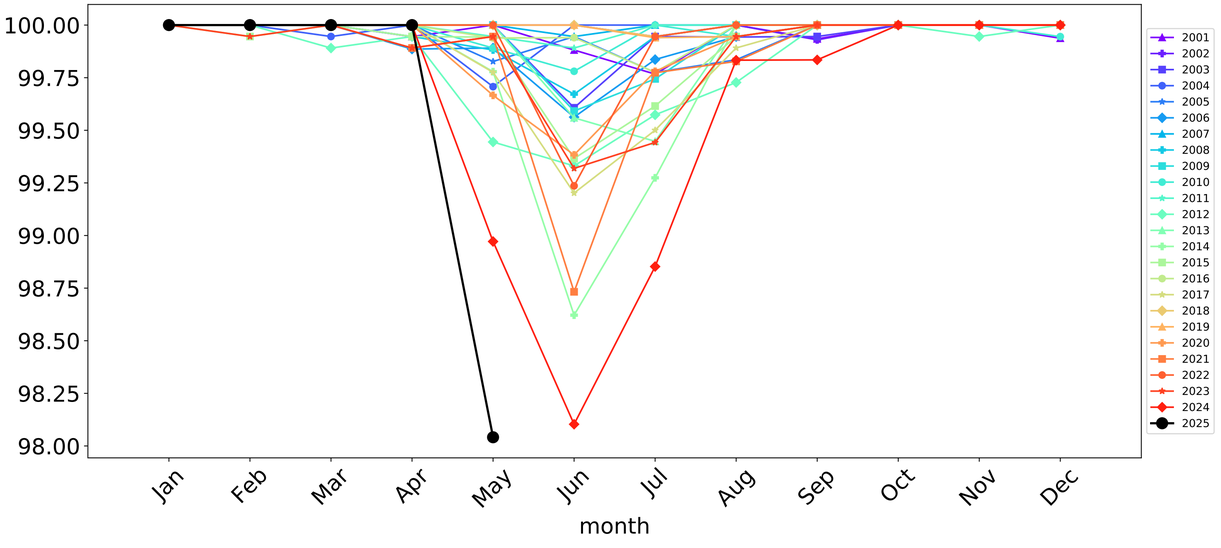


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

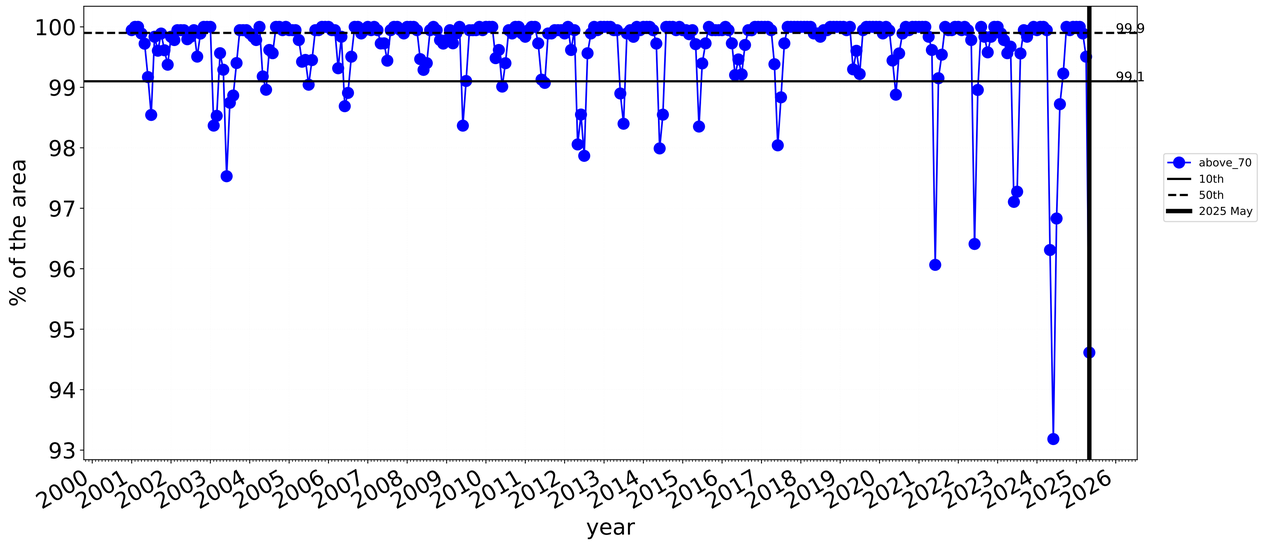
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



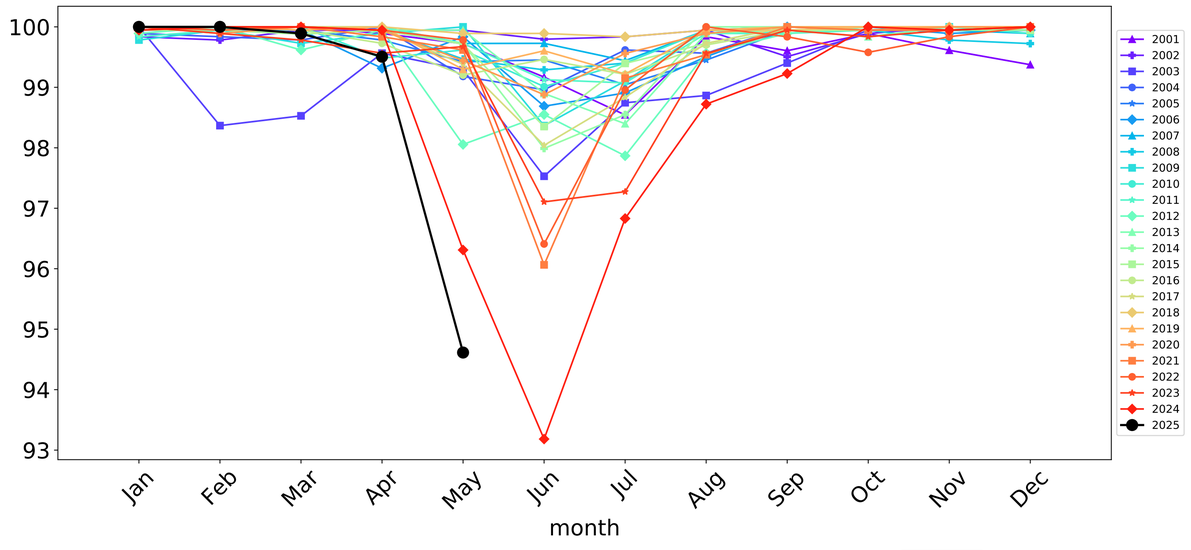
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

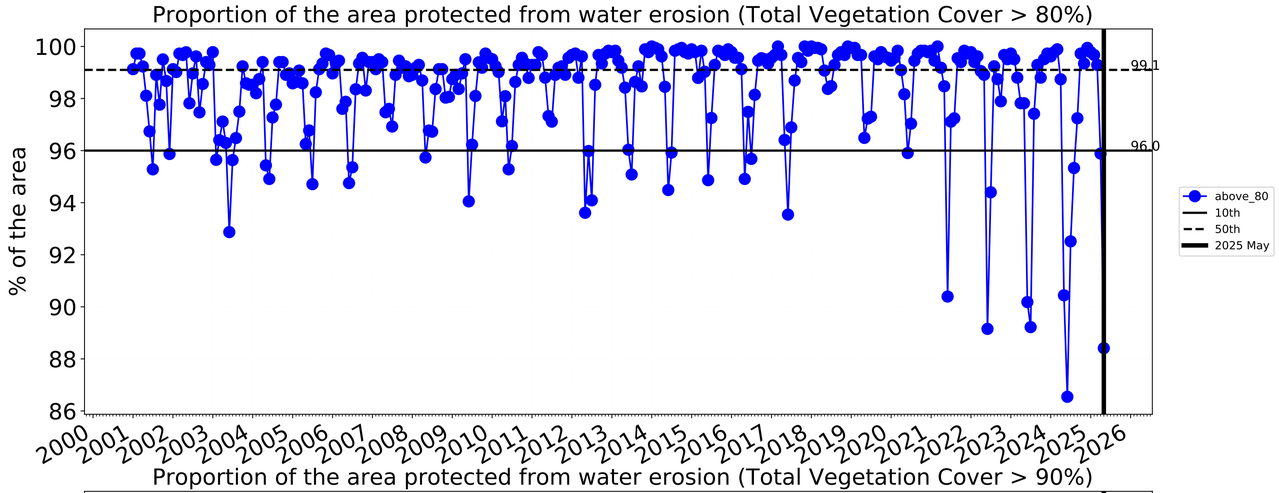


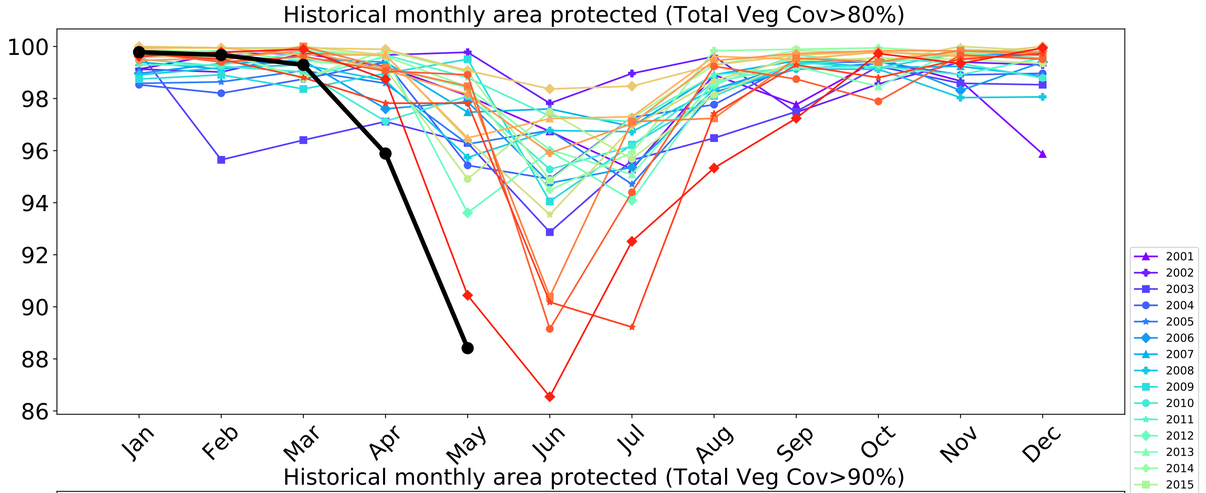
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
99.1
96.0
above_80
10th
50th
2025 May


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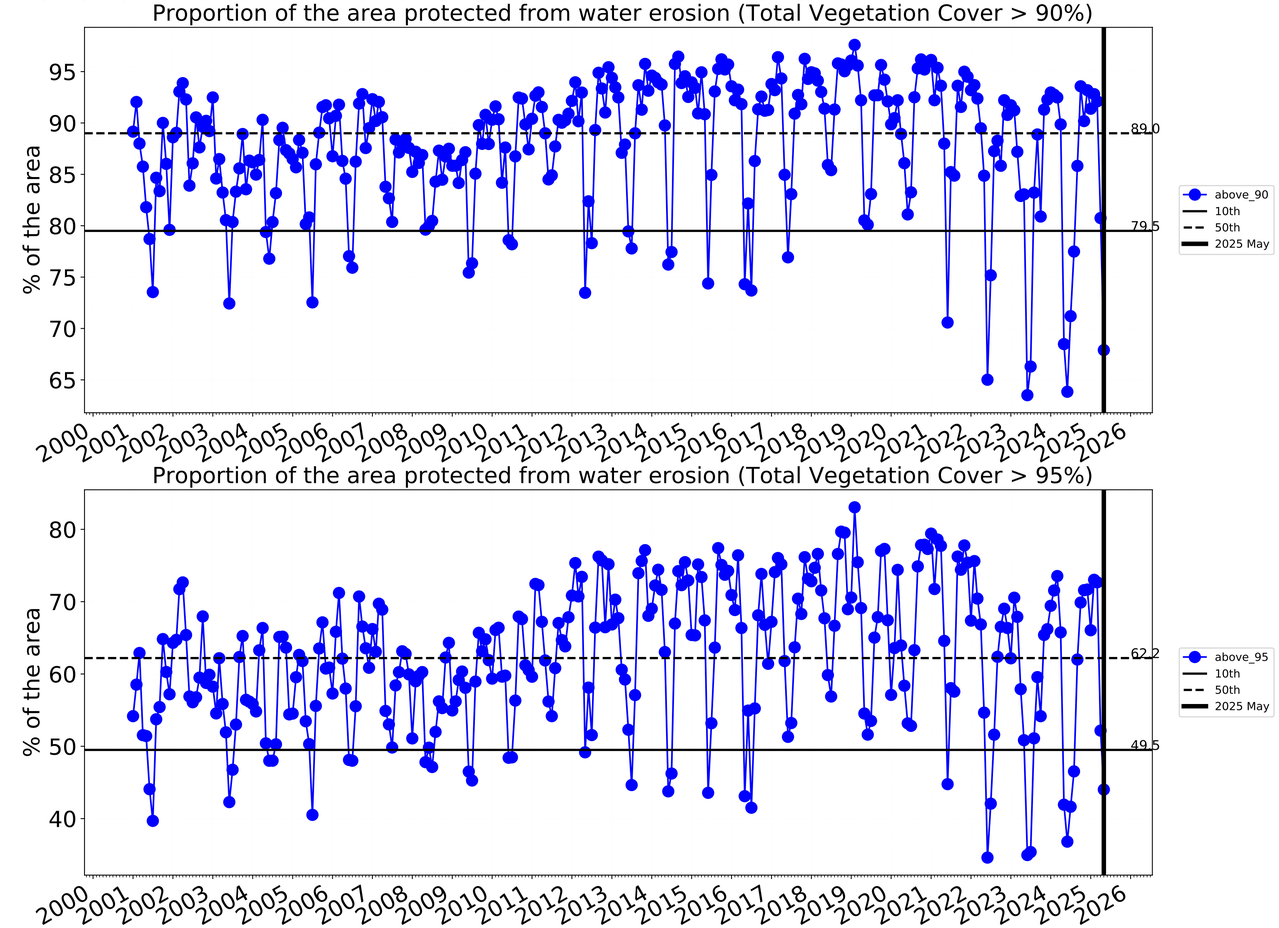
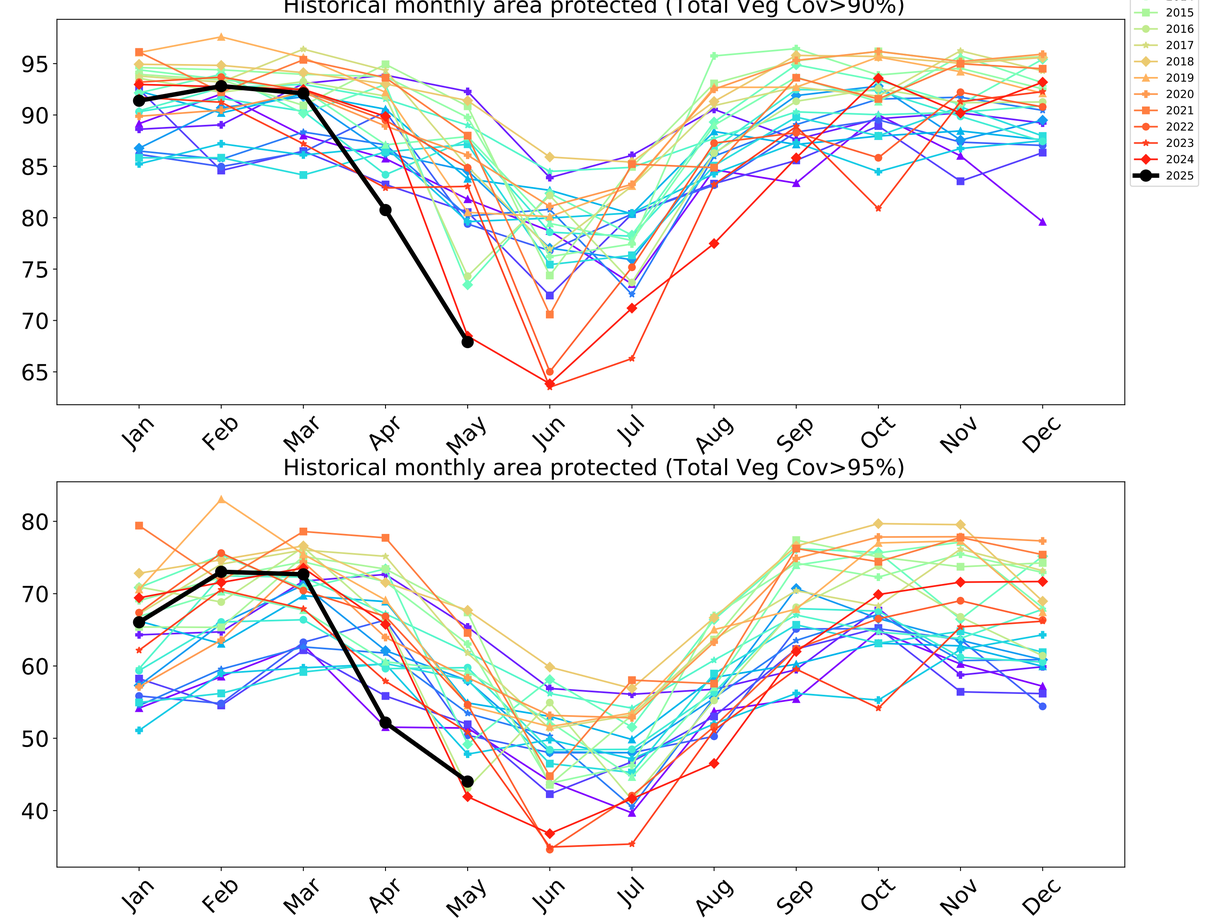

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
89.0
79.5
above_90
10th
50th
2025 May
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
62.2
49.5
above_95
10th
50th
2025 May


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)
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Derwent_Valley_(M) (326,600 ha and no data 84,124 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	326,600	97.8% 319,325	95.8% 313,000	88.6% 289,300	77.7% 253,875	53.0% 172,975	30.7% 100,350
Conservation and natural environments	250,800	97.5% 244,650	95.5% 239,625	88.0% 220,675	76.6% 192,225	51.3% 128,575	28.7% 72,050
Conservation and natural environments non forest	111,250	97.0% 107,875	94.1% 104,725	85.0% 94,550	73.3% 81,525	48.4% 53,900	27.3% 30,325
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	32,775	98.3% 32,225	97.3% 31,875	90.4% 29,625	79.6% 26,100	55.4% 18,150	33.5% 10,975
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	106,775	97.9% 104,550	96.5% 103,025	90.4% 96,500	79.2% 84,600	52.9% 56,525	28.8% 30,750
Agriculture	12,600	99.6% 12,550	98.2% 12,375	90.3% 11,375	76.8% 9,675	48.0% 6,050	31.5% 3,975
Grazing	10,575	99.5% 10,525	97.9% 10,350	90.1% 9,525	77.8% 8,225	51.3% 5,425	35.2% 3,725
Grazing non forest	9,825	99.5% 9,775	97.7% 9,600	89.6% 8,800	77.1% 7,575	49.1% 4,825	34.9% 3,425
Production native forests and plantation forests	45,950	98.8% 45,400	98.0% 45,050	94.6% 43,475	88.4% 40,625	67.9% 31,200	44.0% 20,225