Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Kentish_(M) TAS Date: December 2024

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

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest 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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Land use and forest cover

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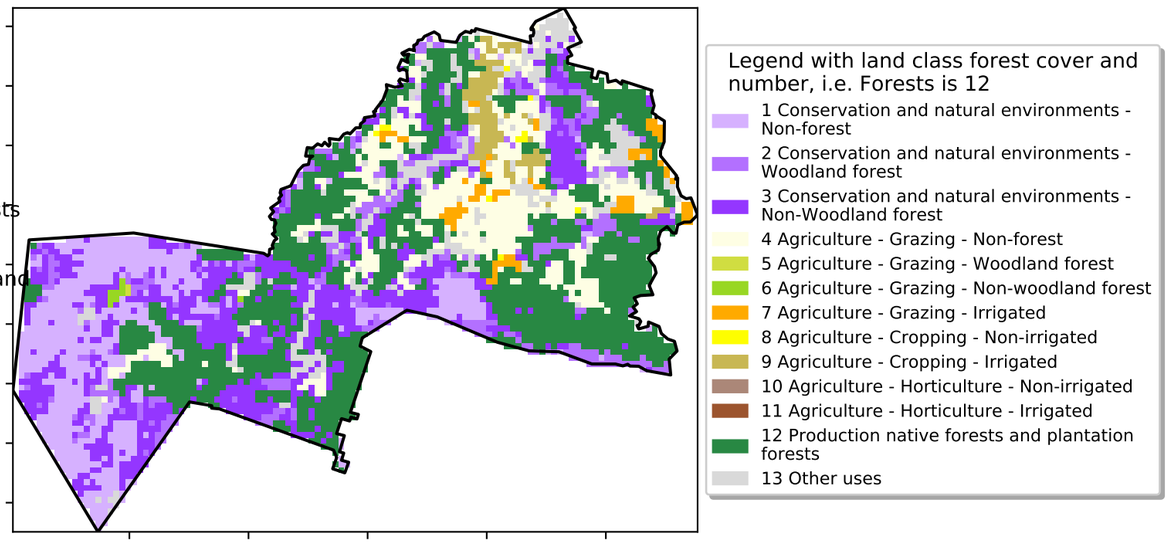

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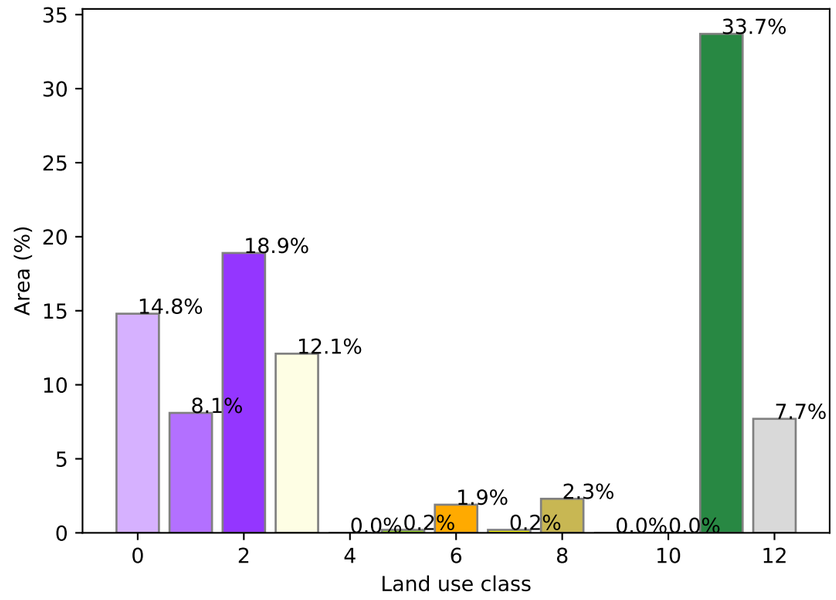

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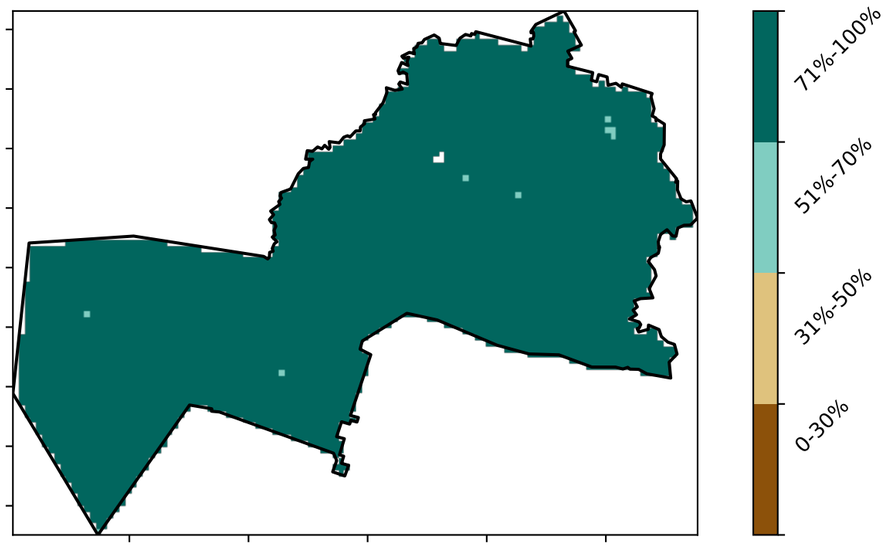

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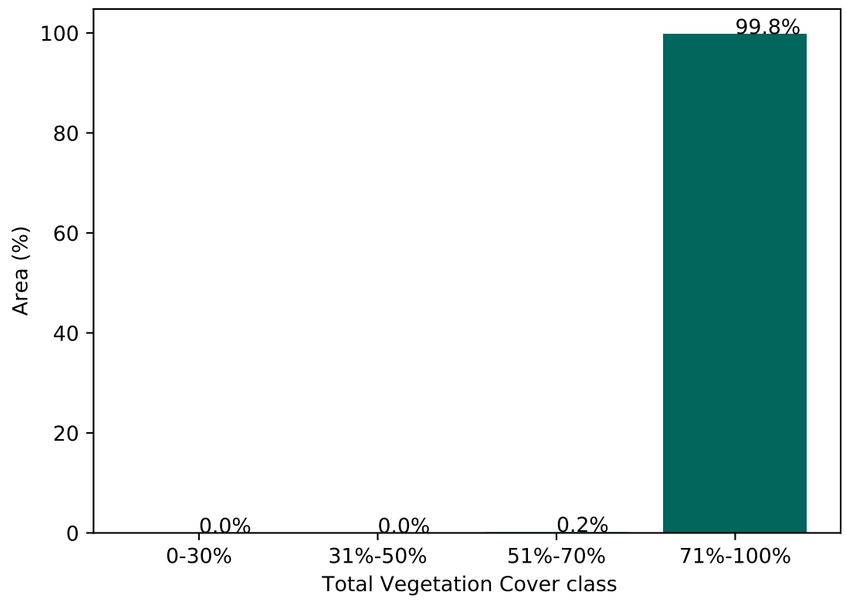

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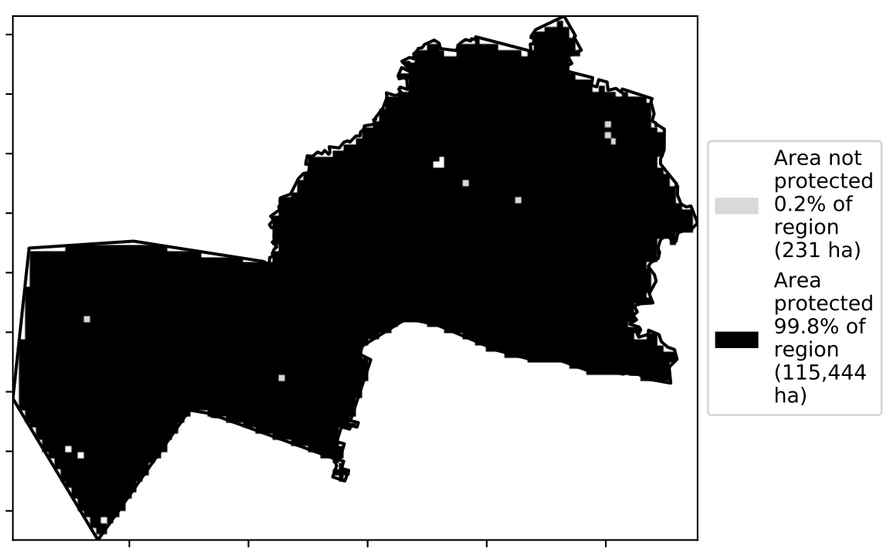

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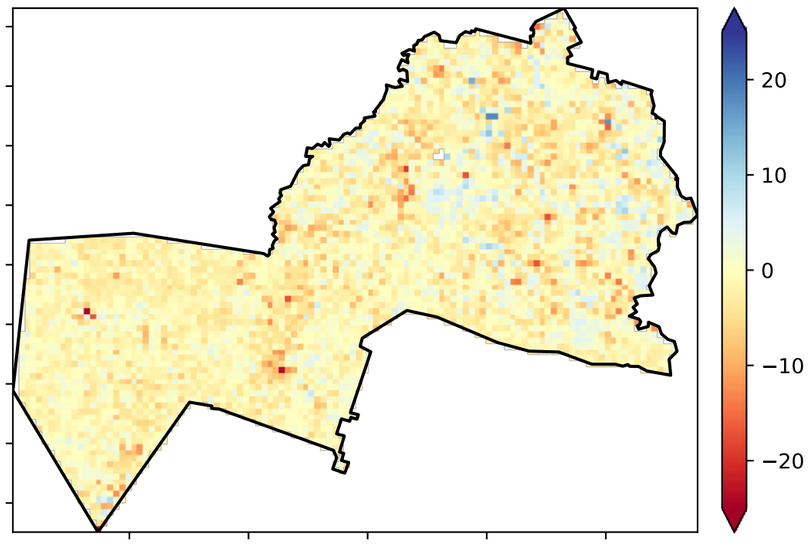

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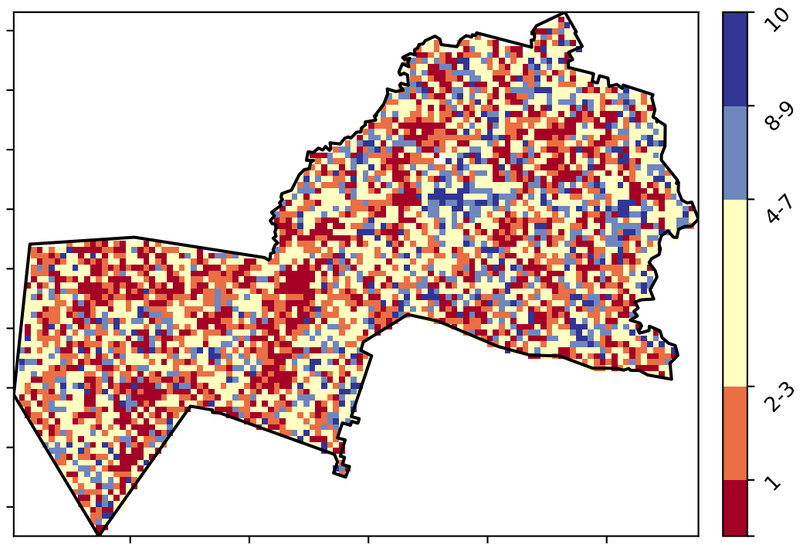

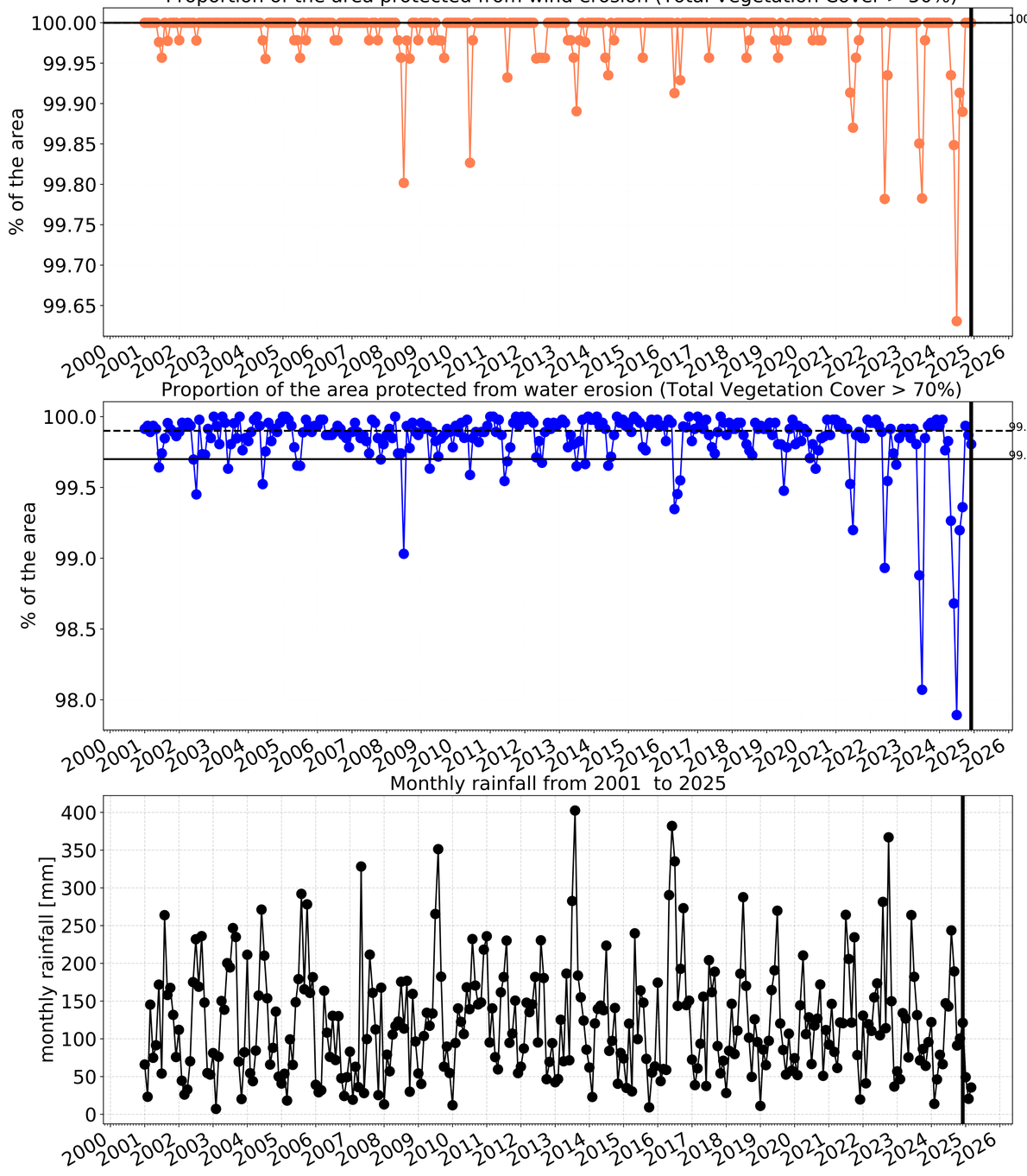
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
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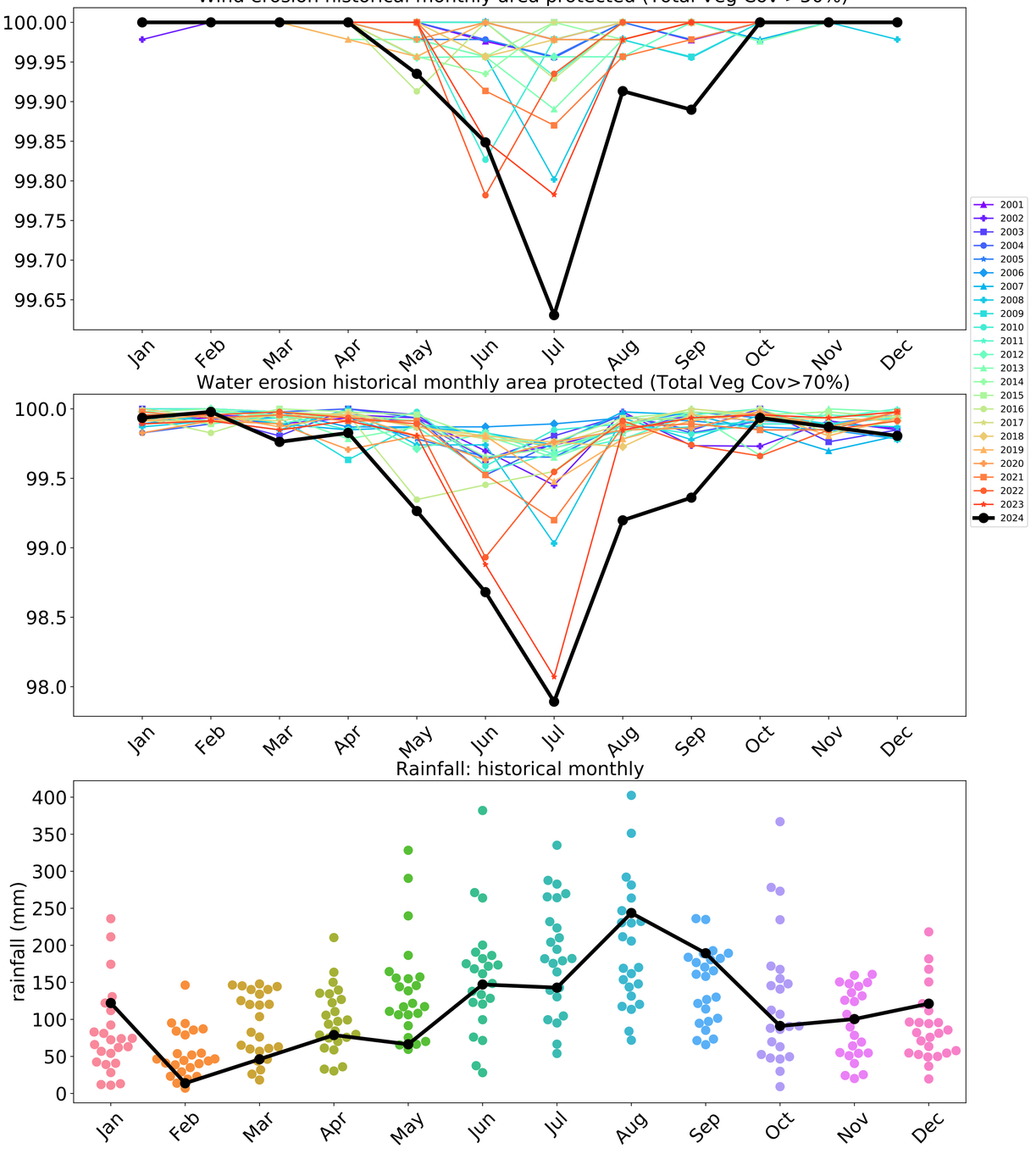
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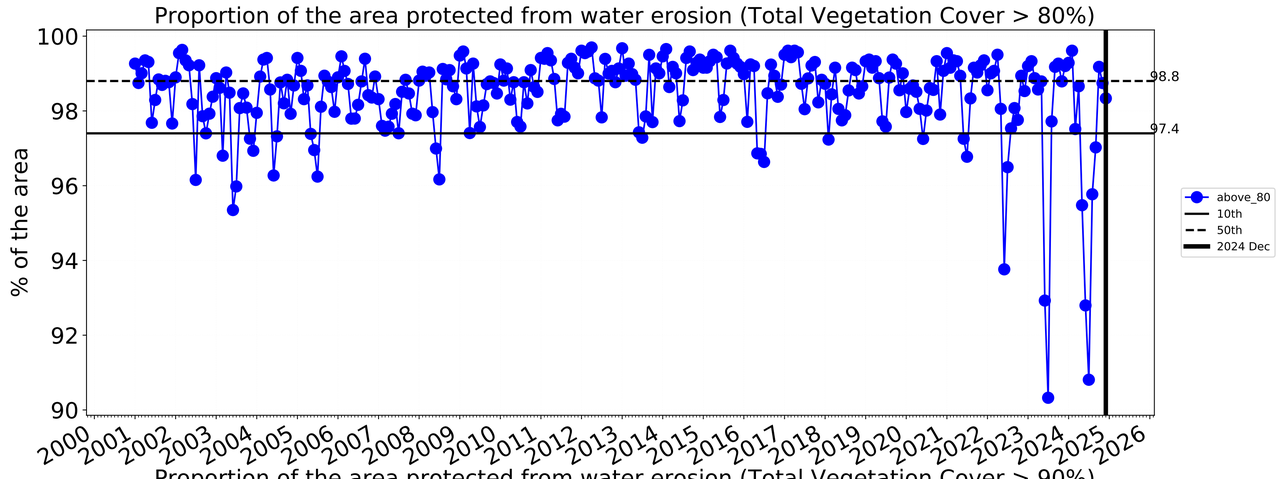
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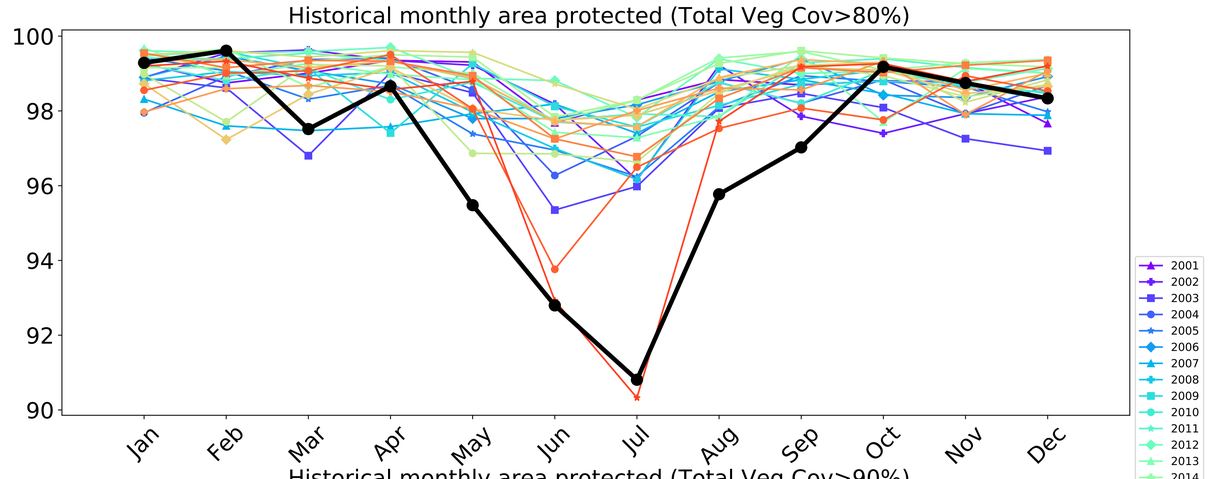
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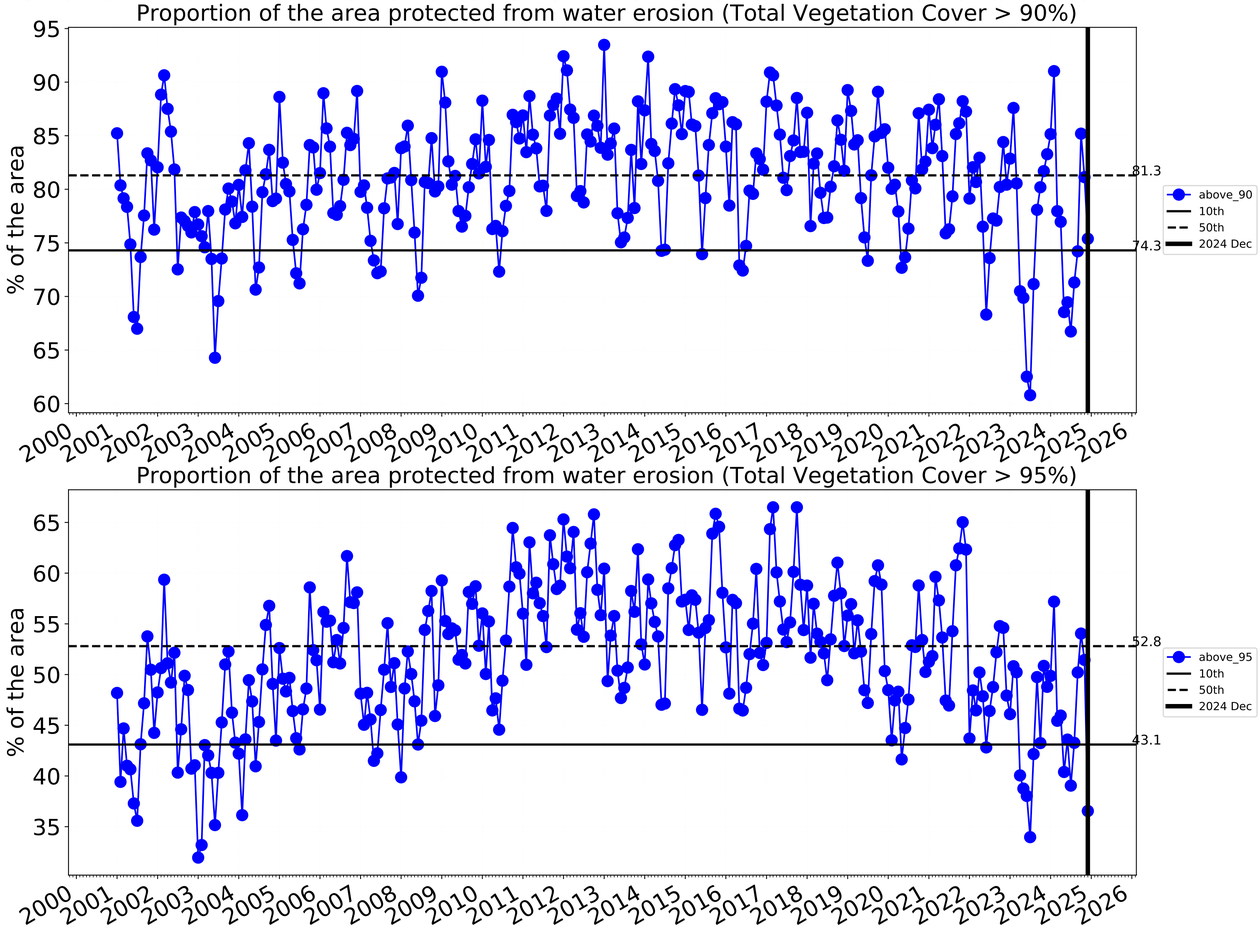
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% of the area
81.3
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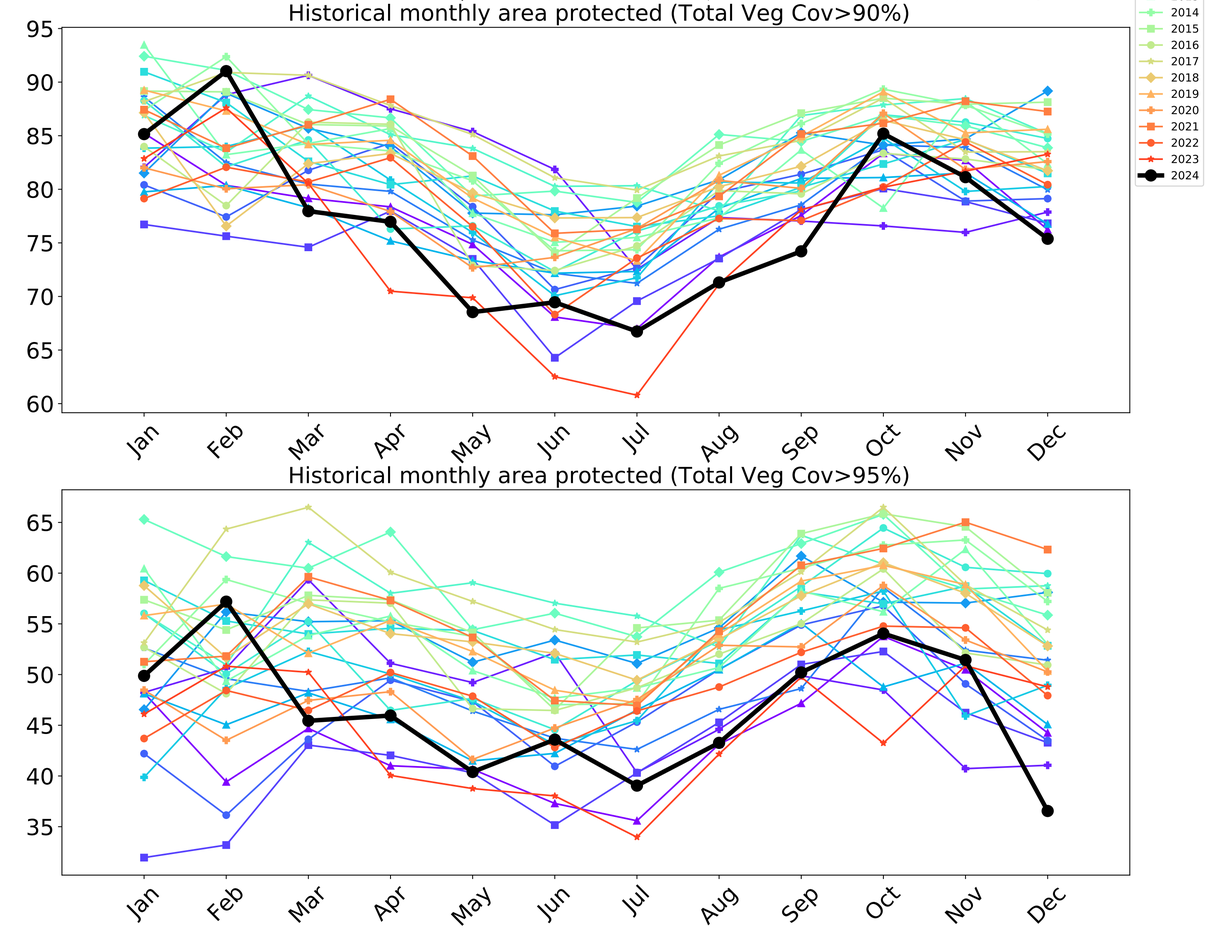
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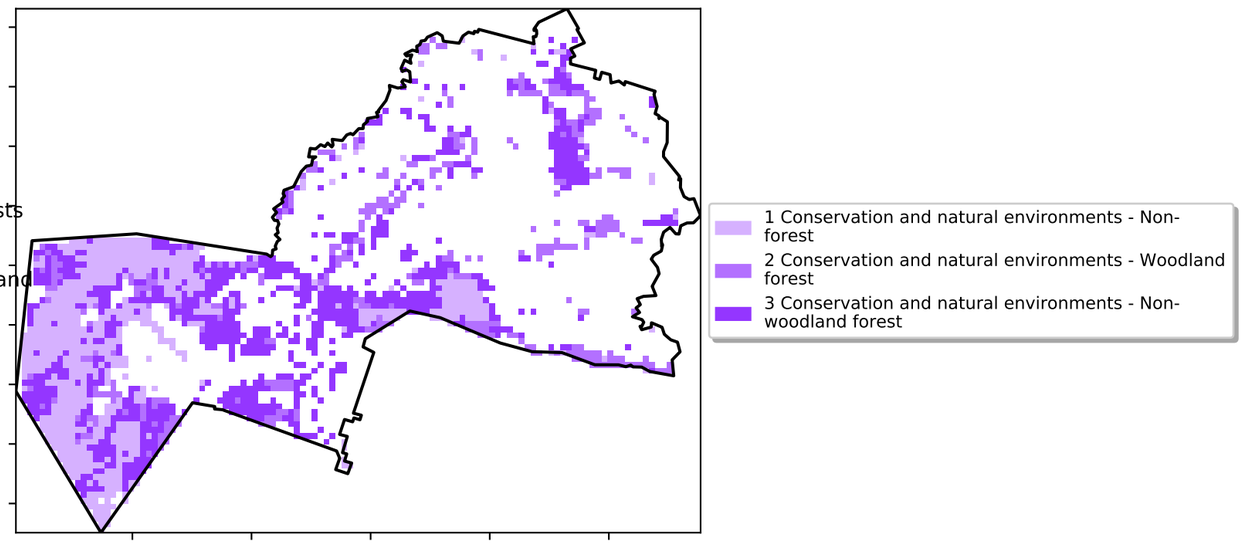
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover



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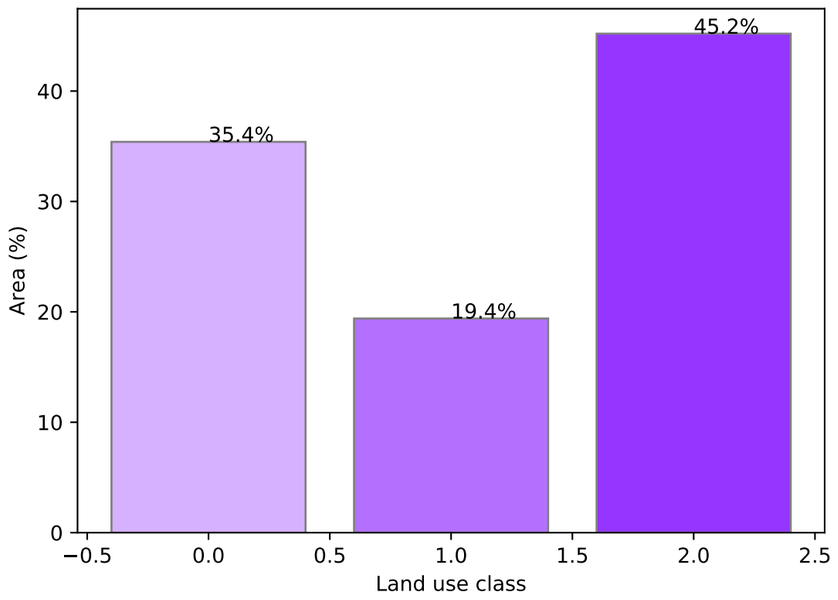

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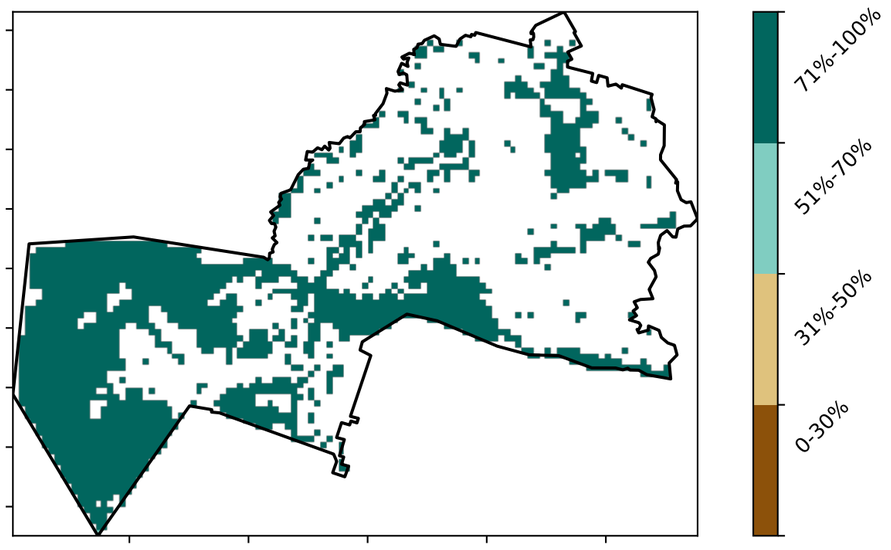

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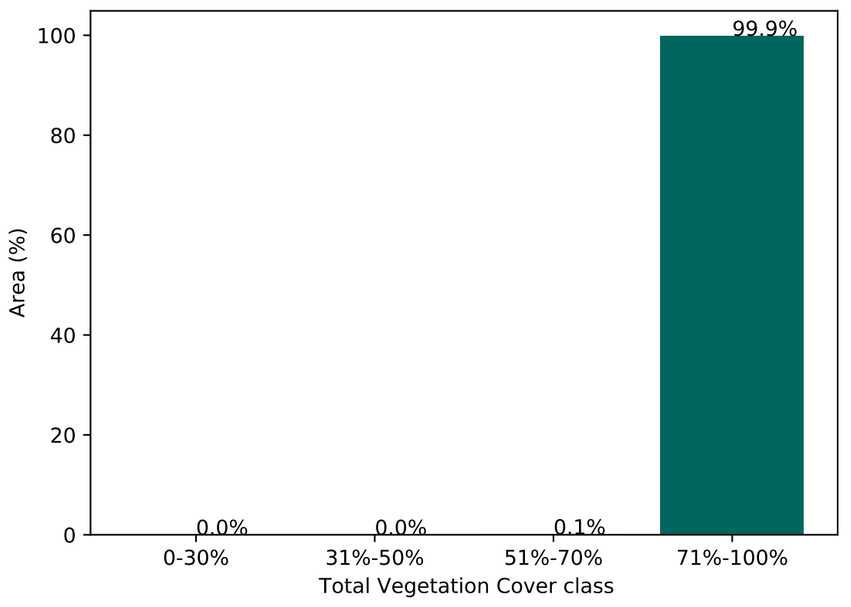

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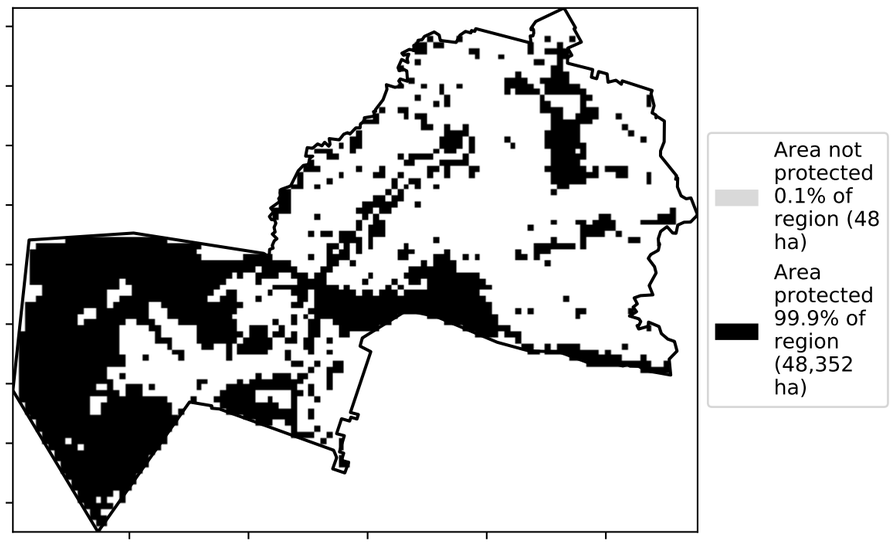

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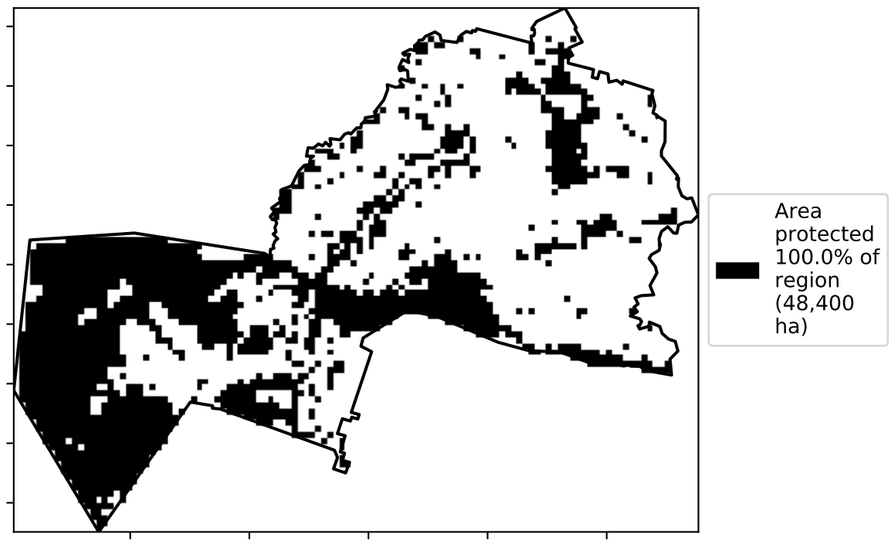

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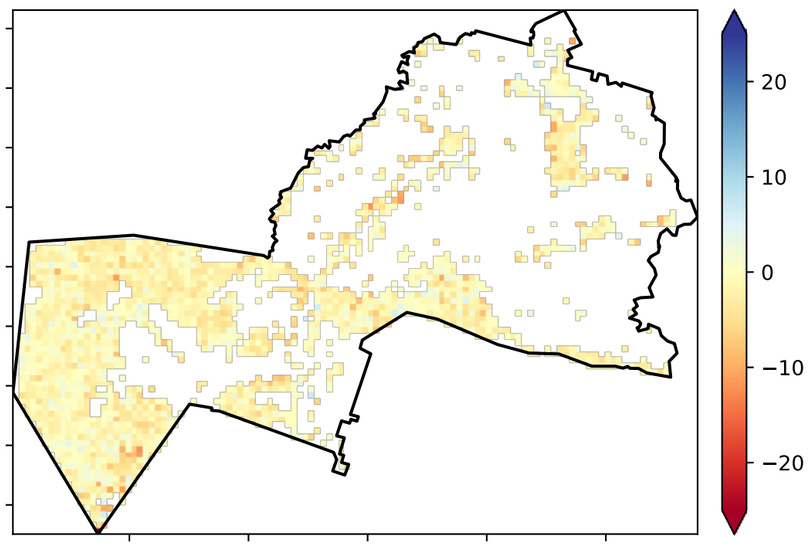

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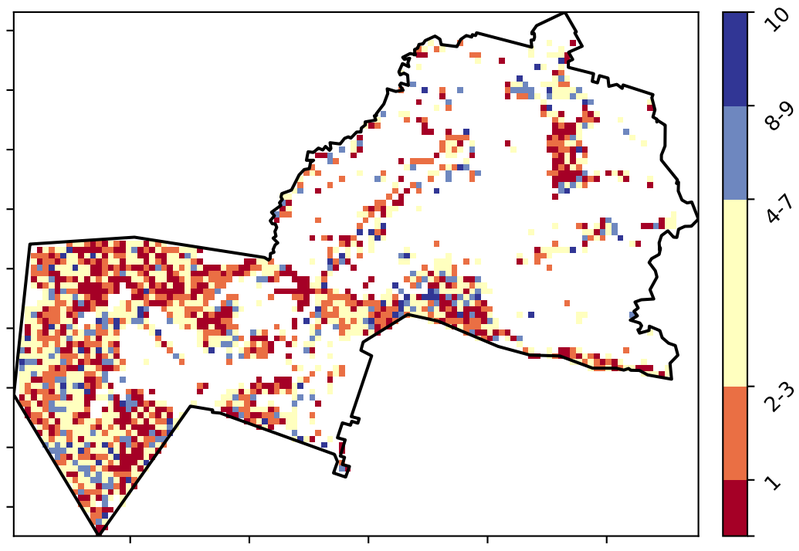

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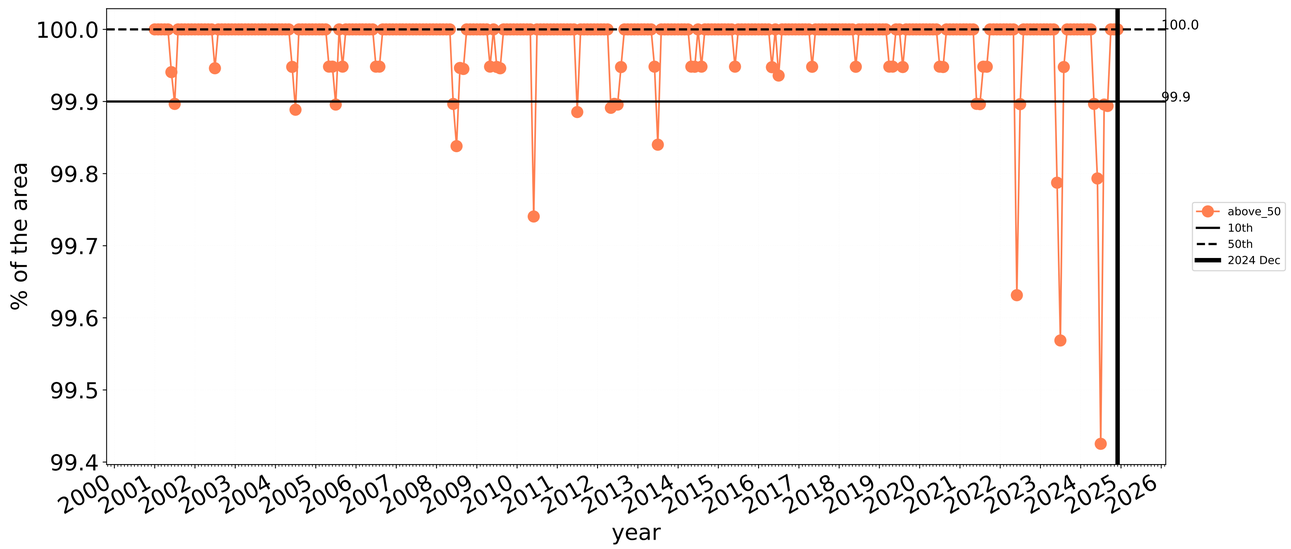

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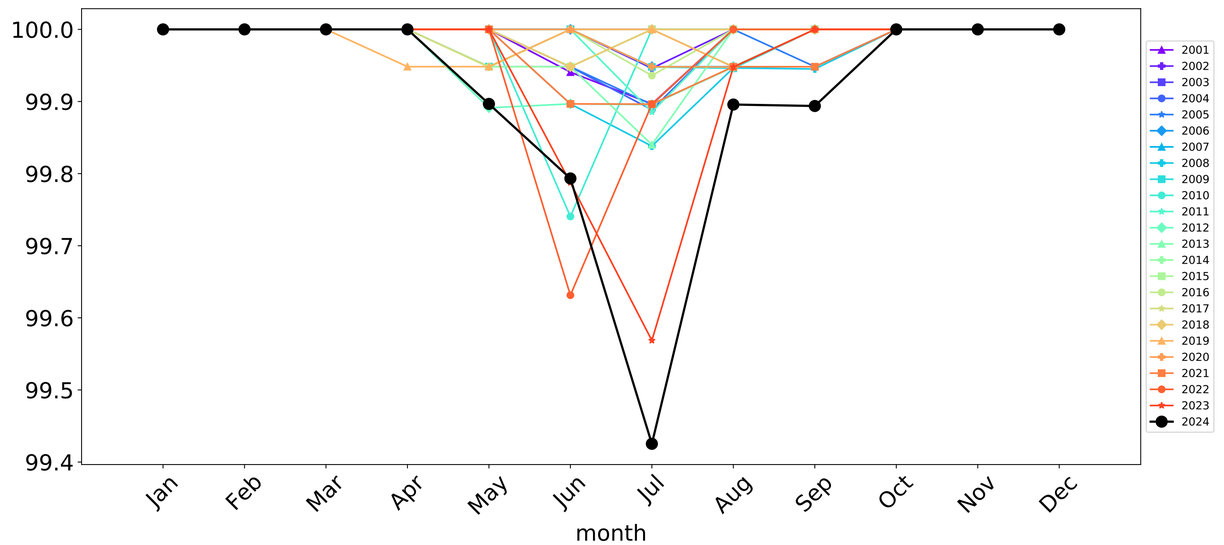

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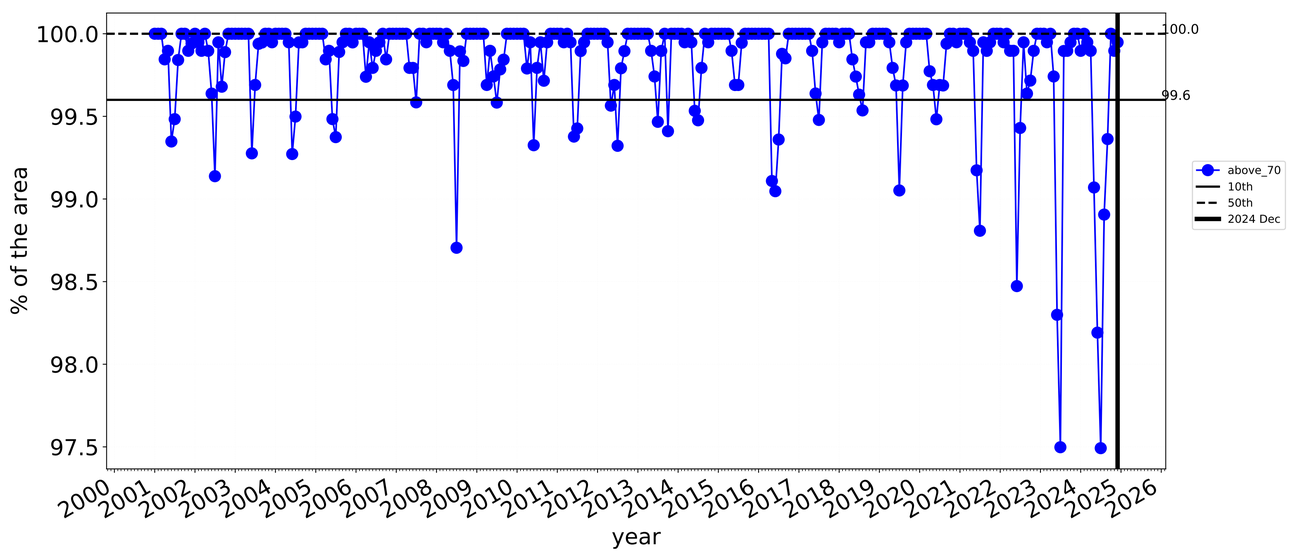

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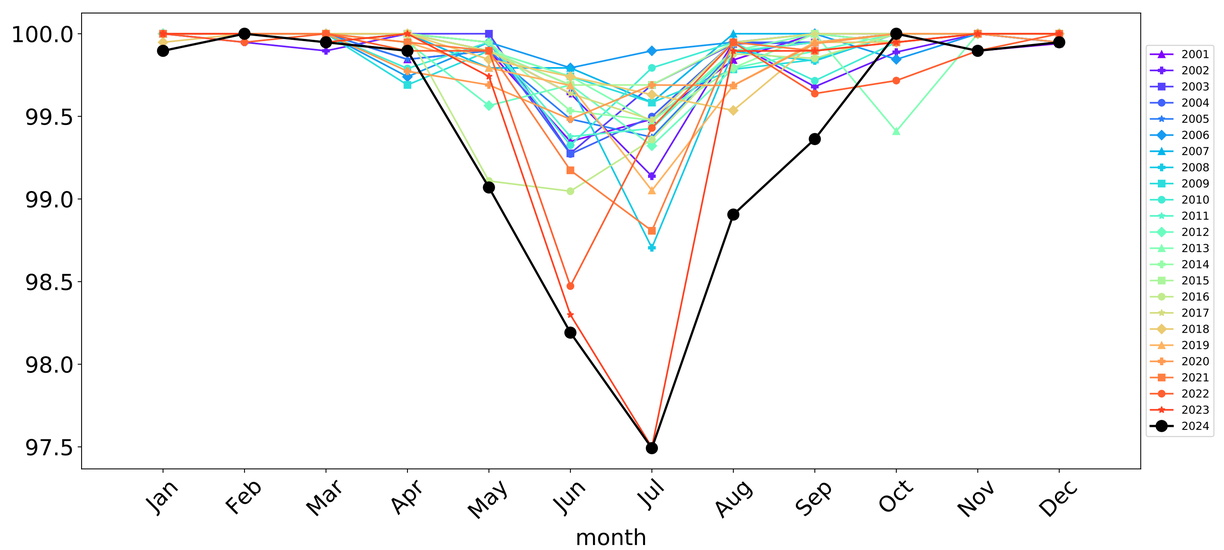

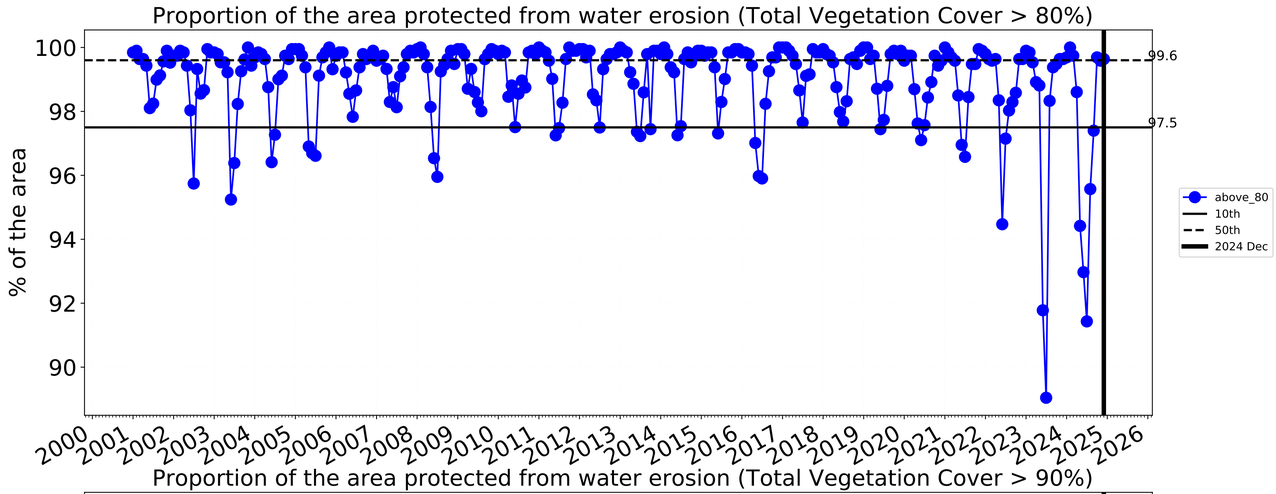
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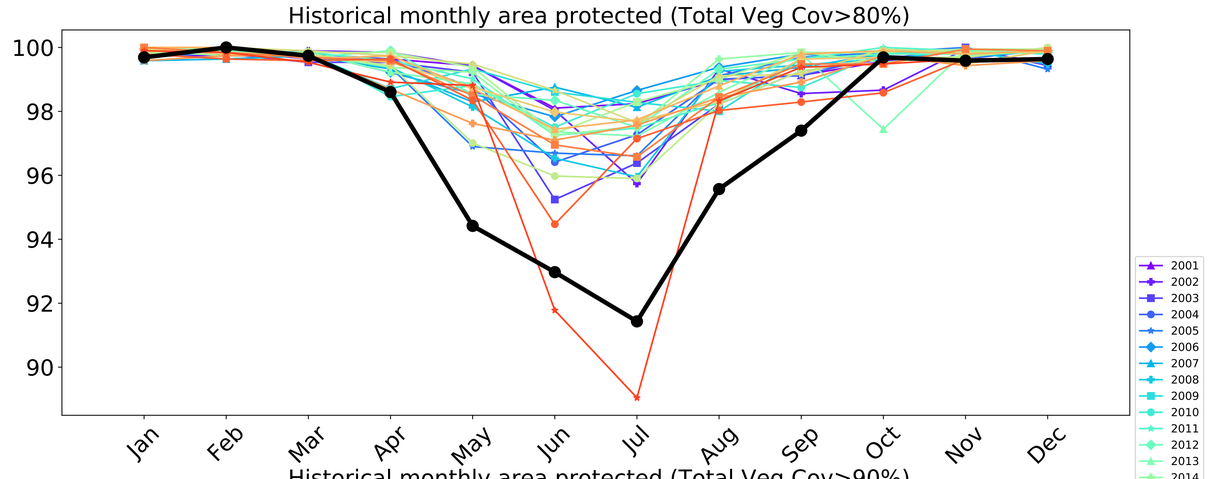
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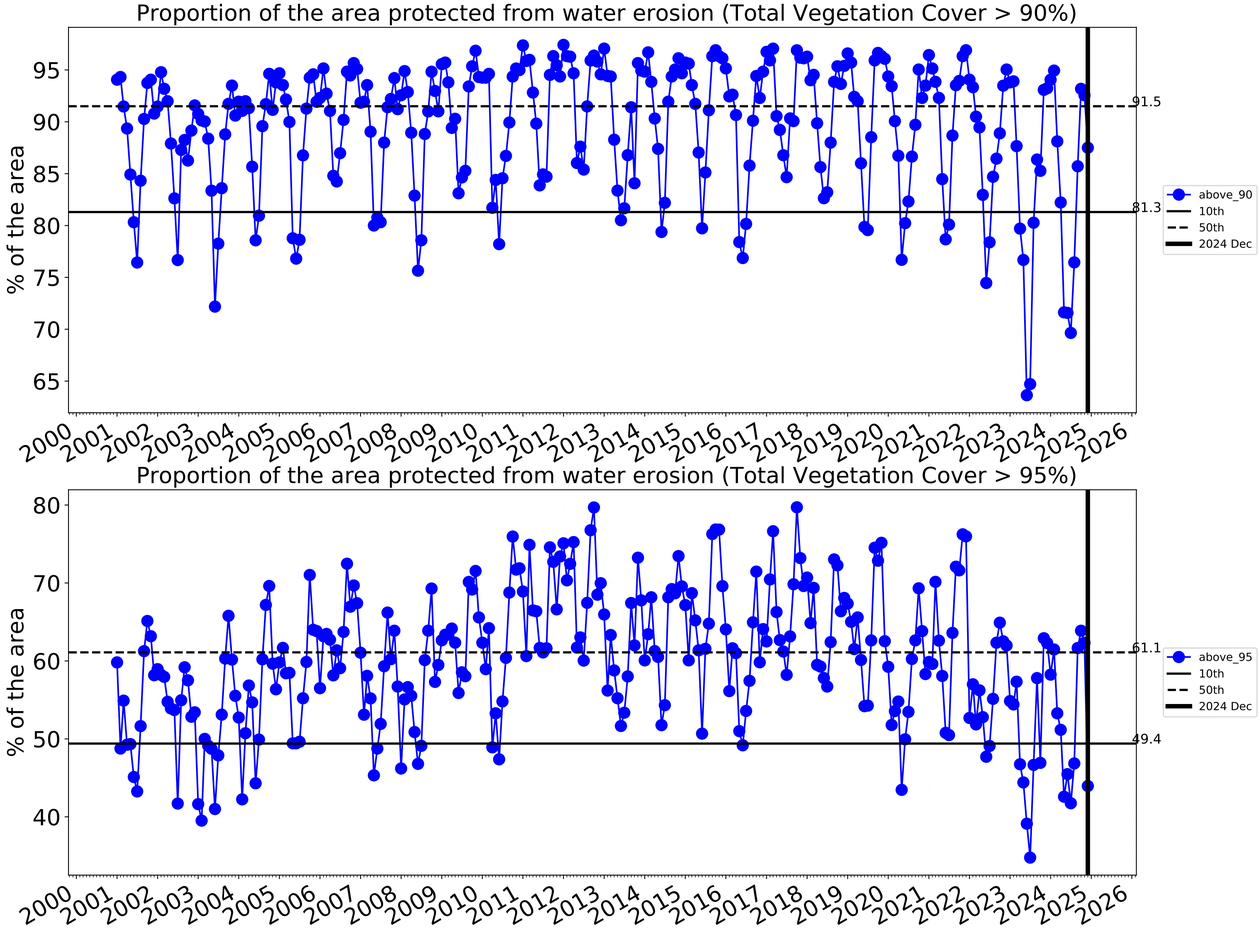
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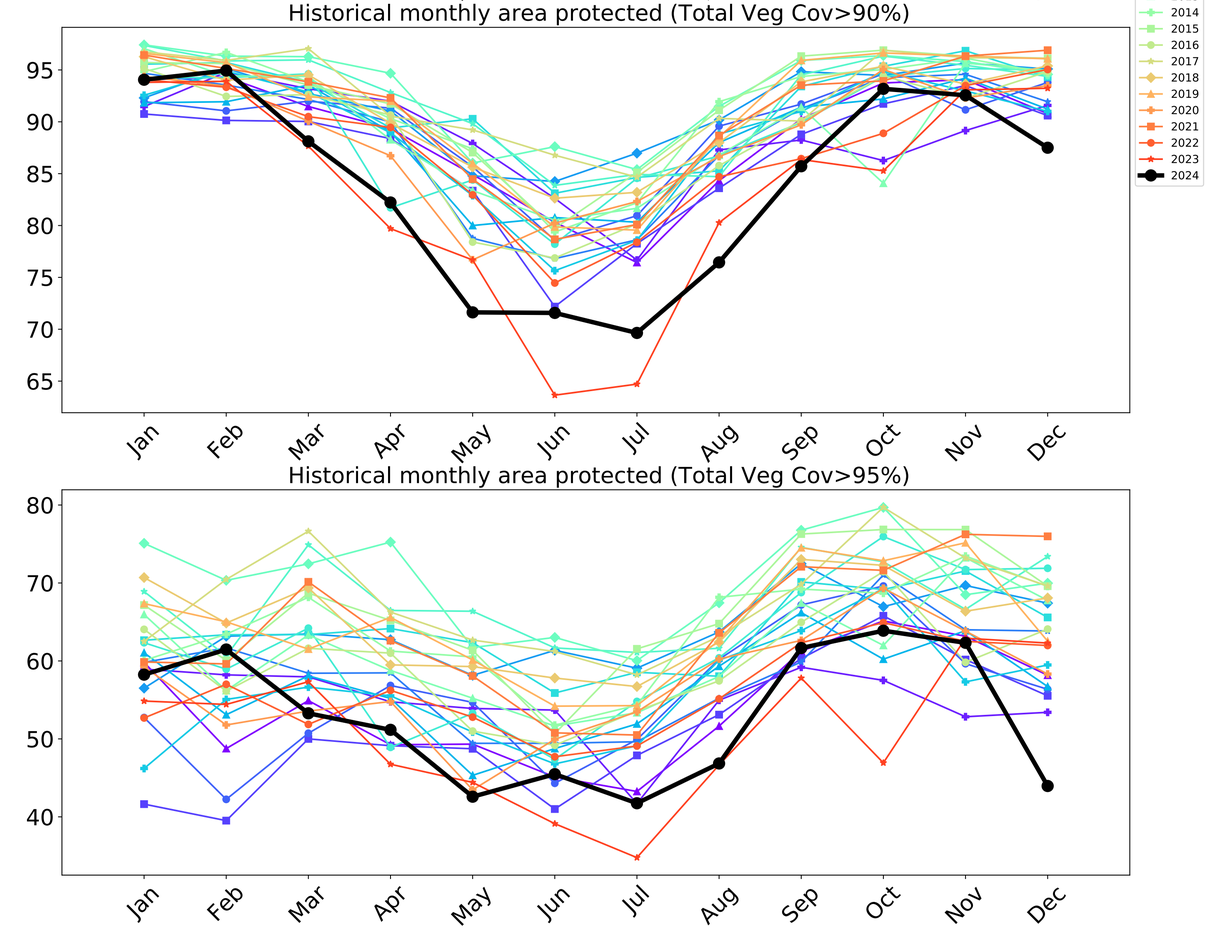
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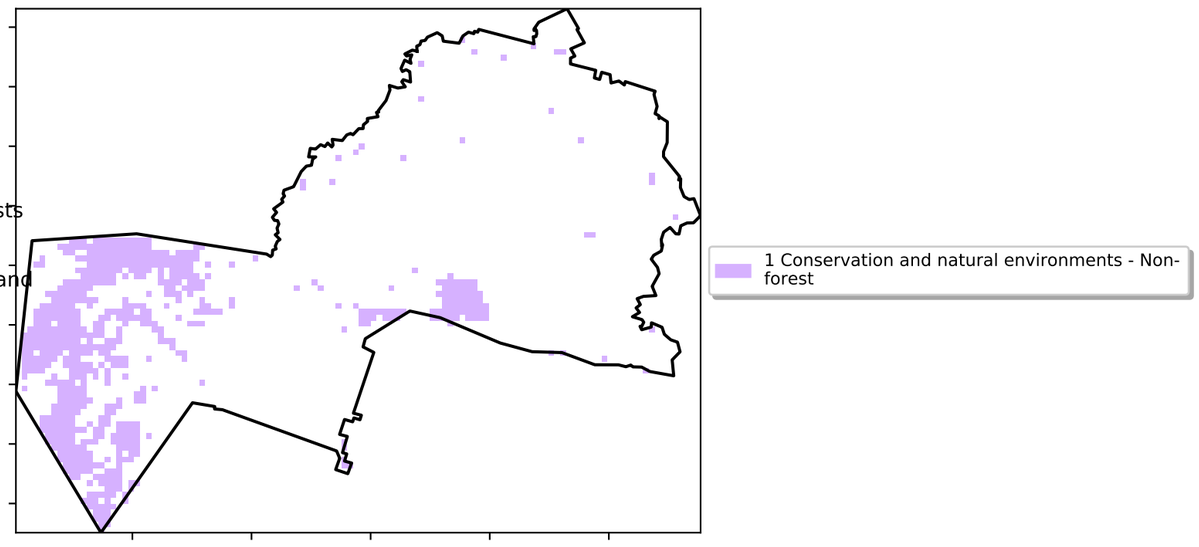

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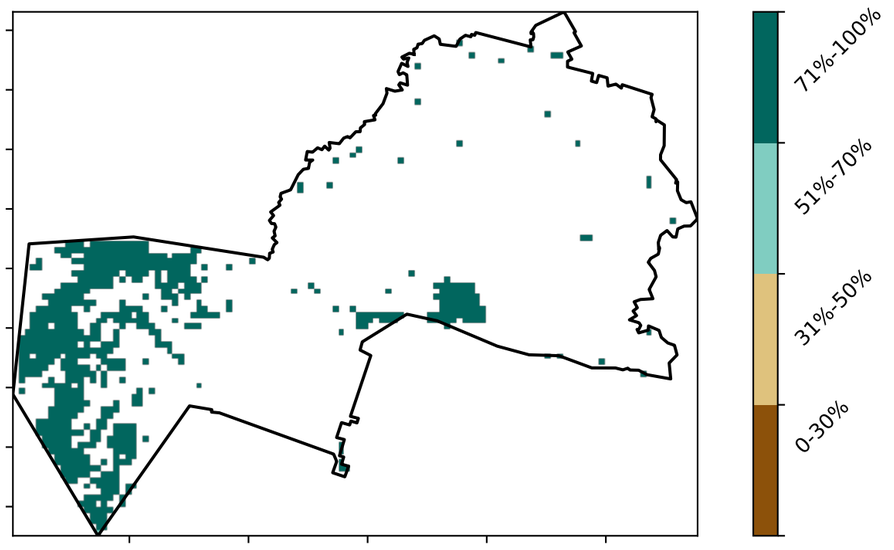

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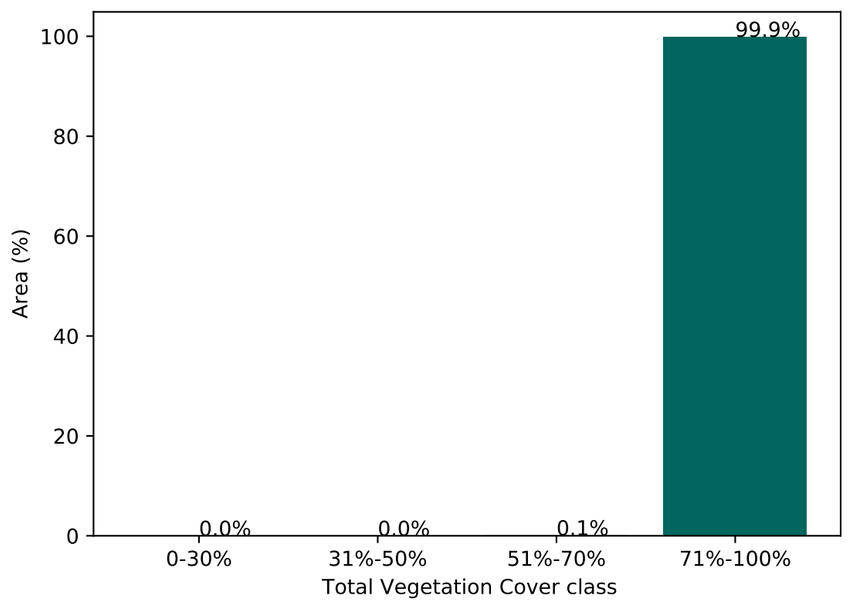

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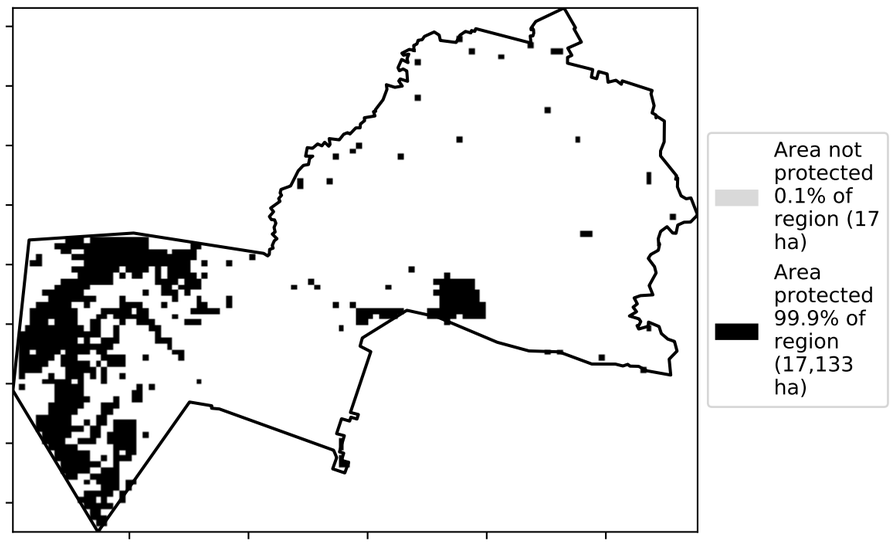

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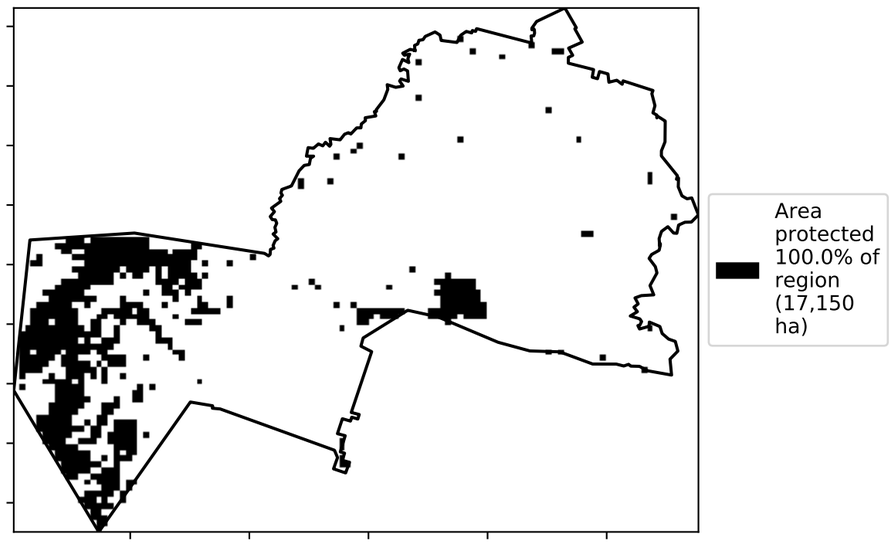

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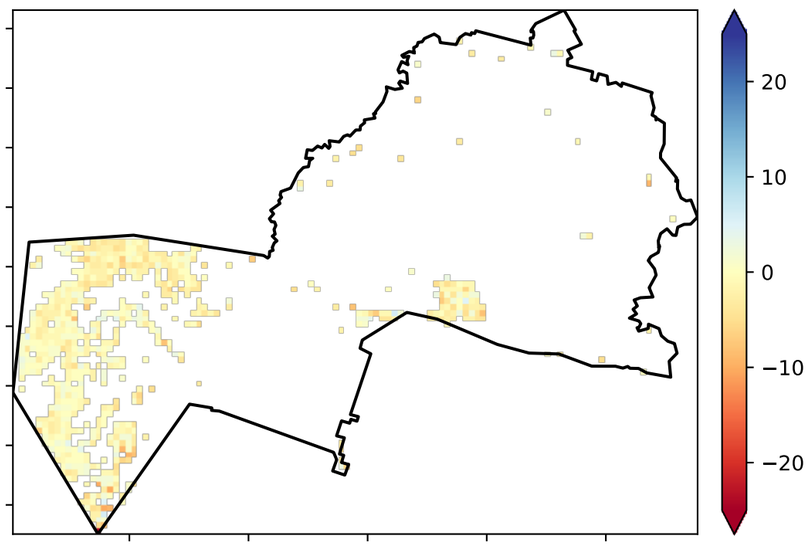

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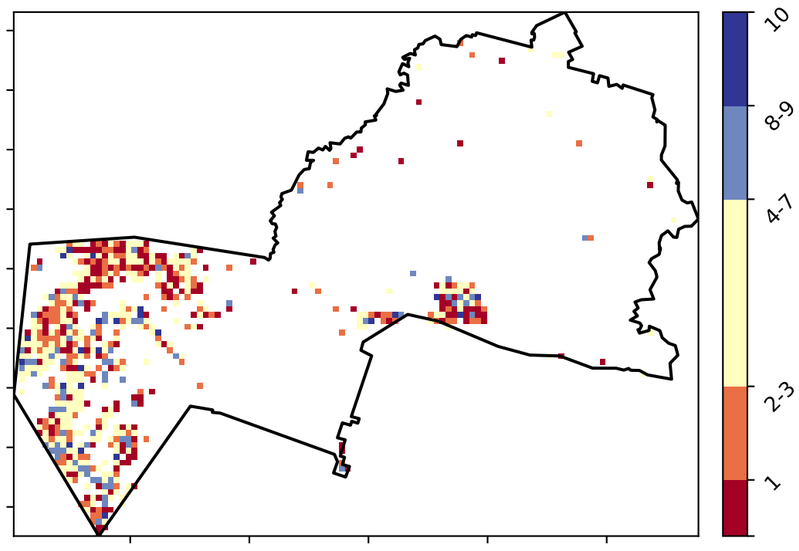
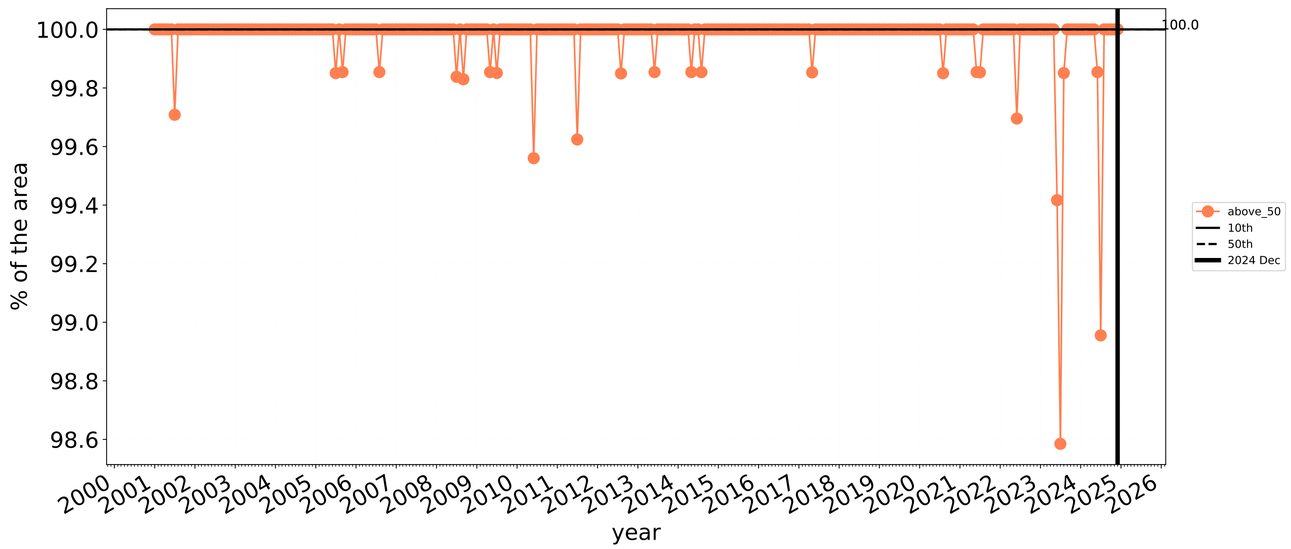
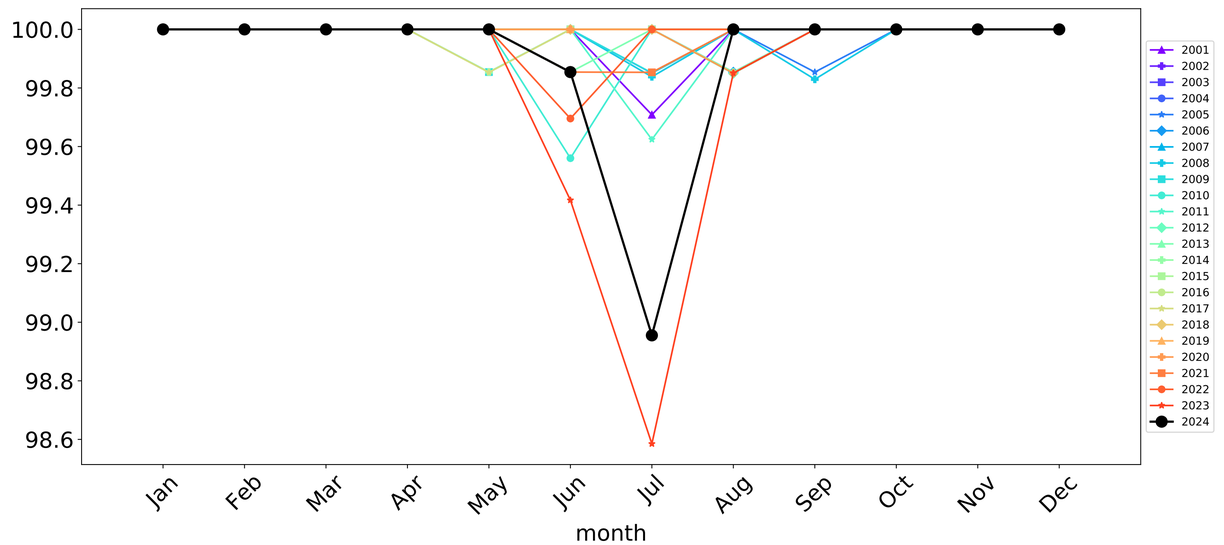


Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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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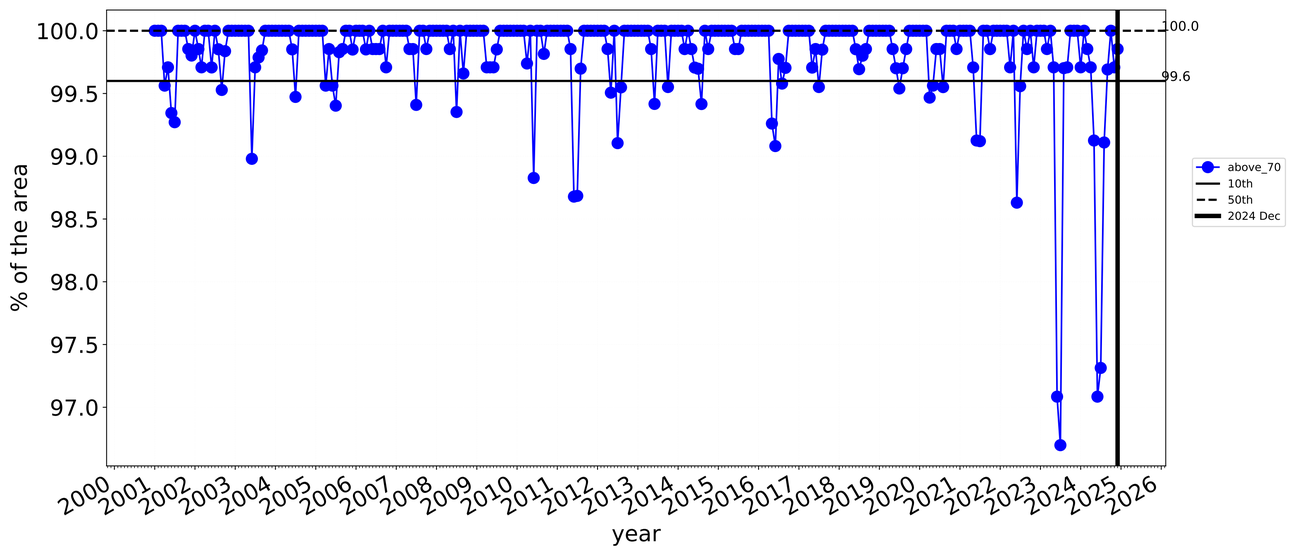

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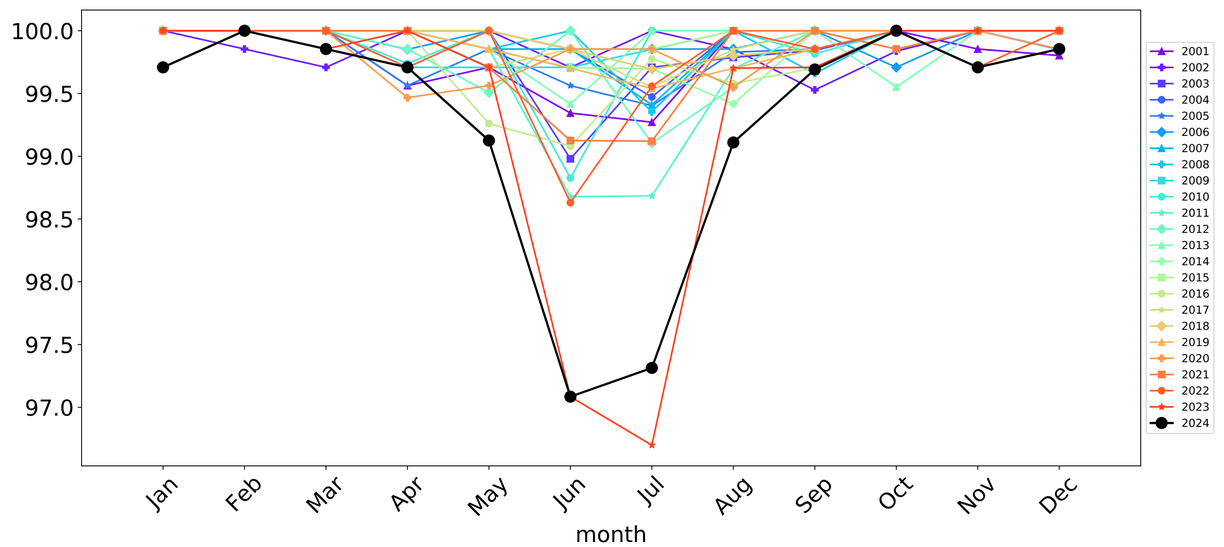

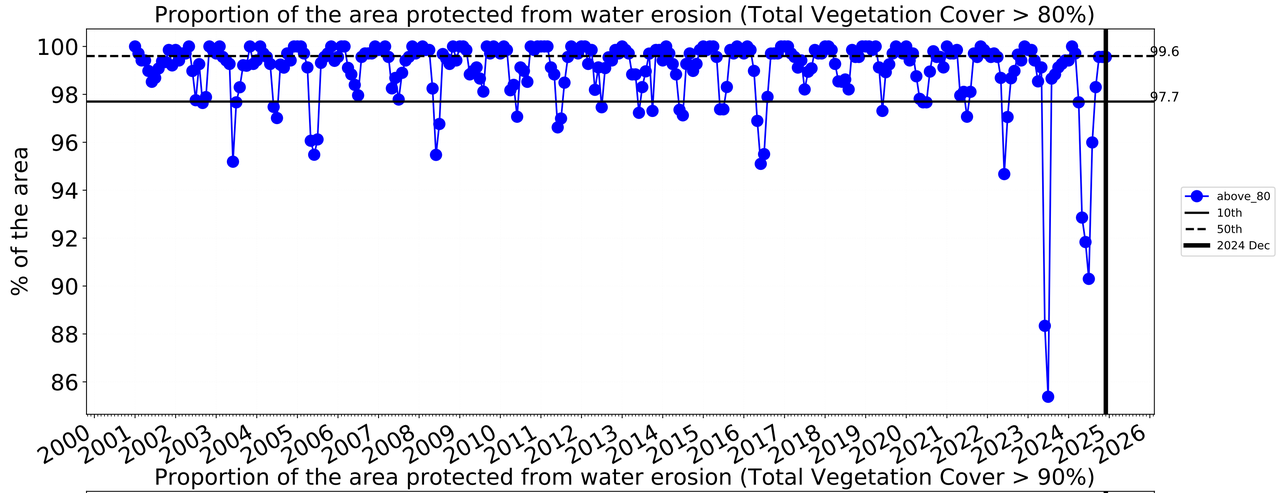
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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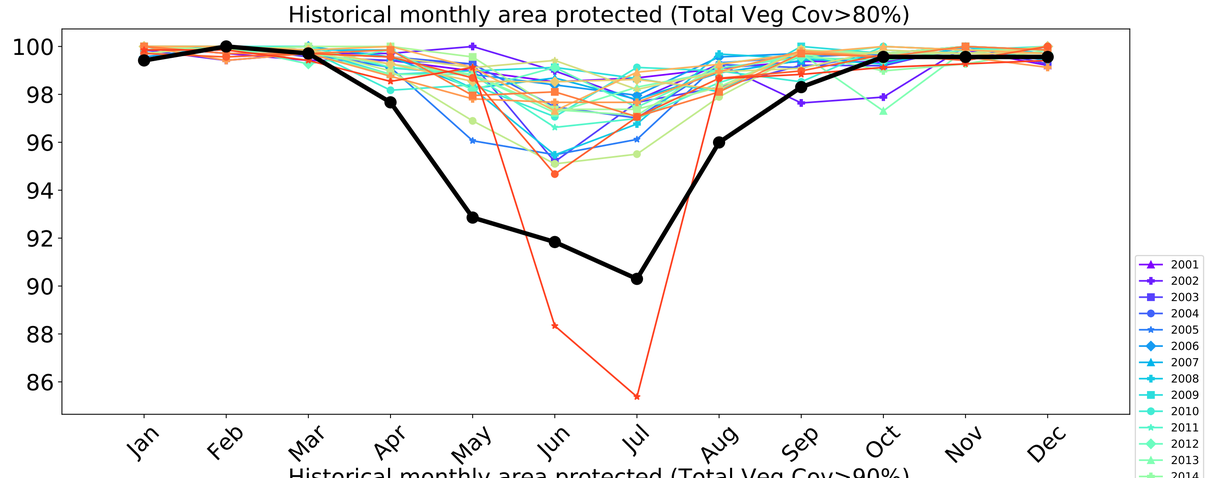
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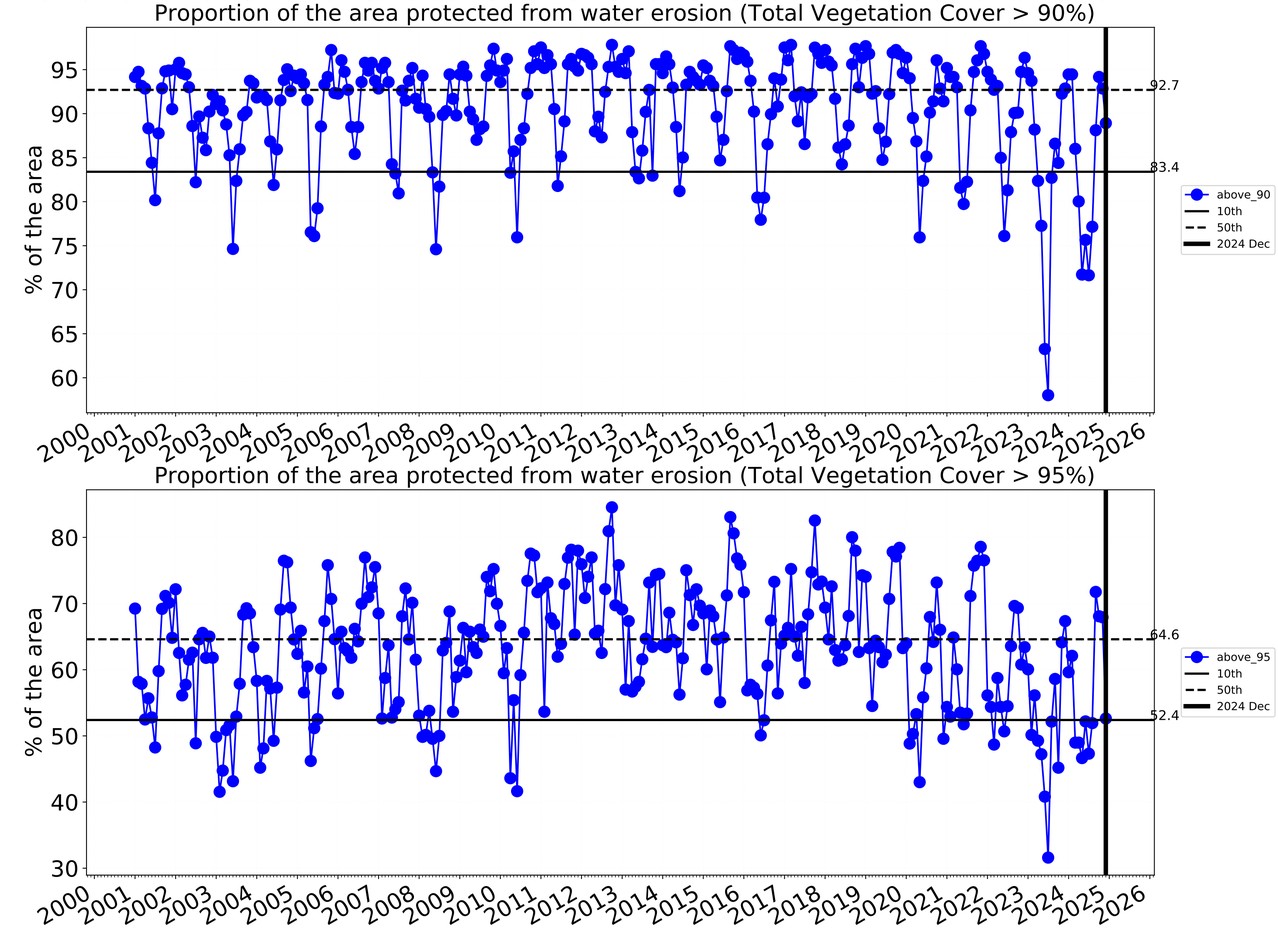
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
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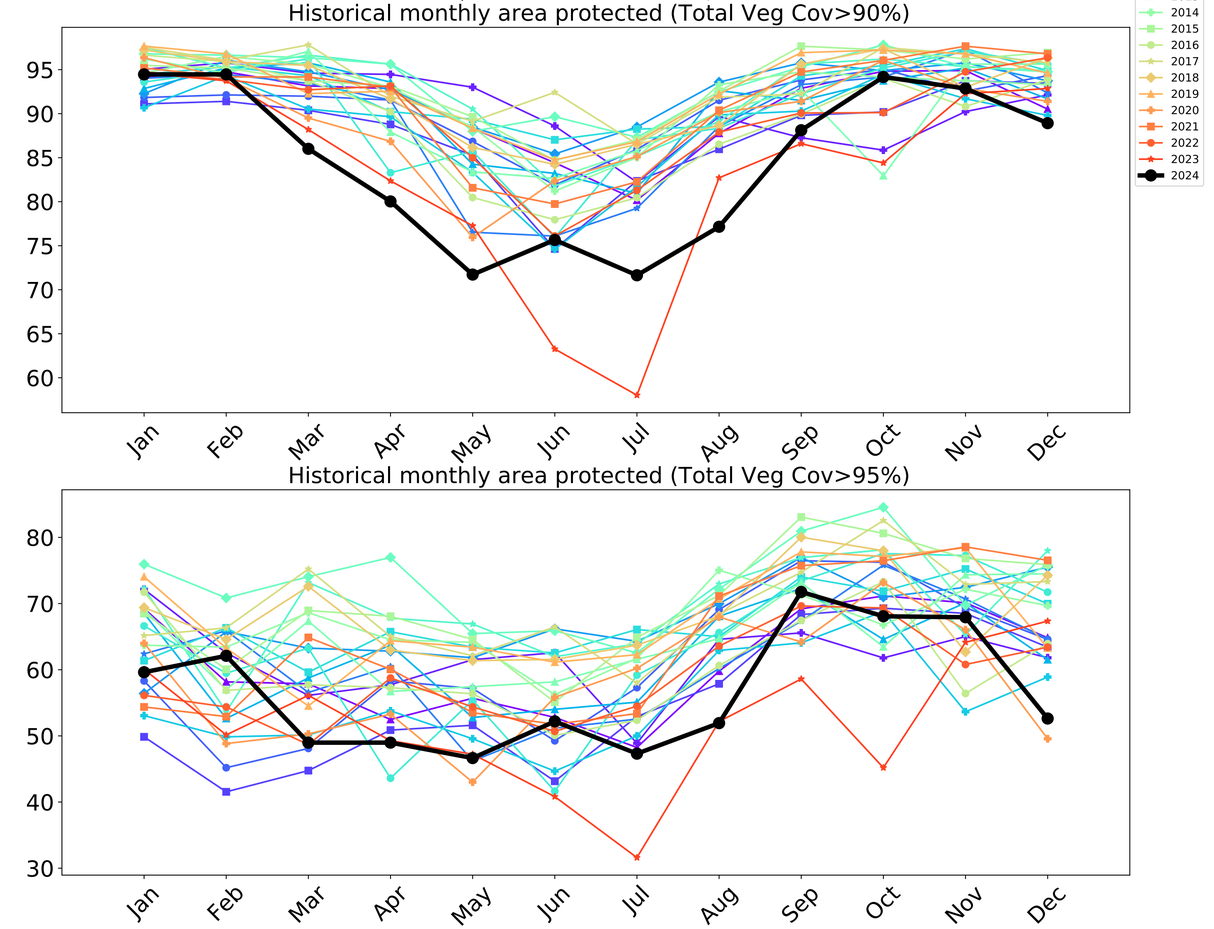
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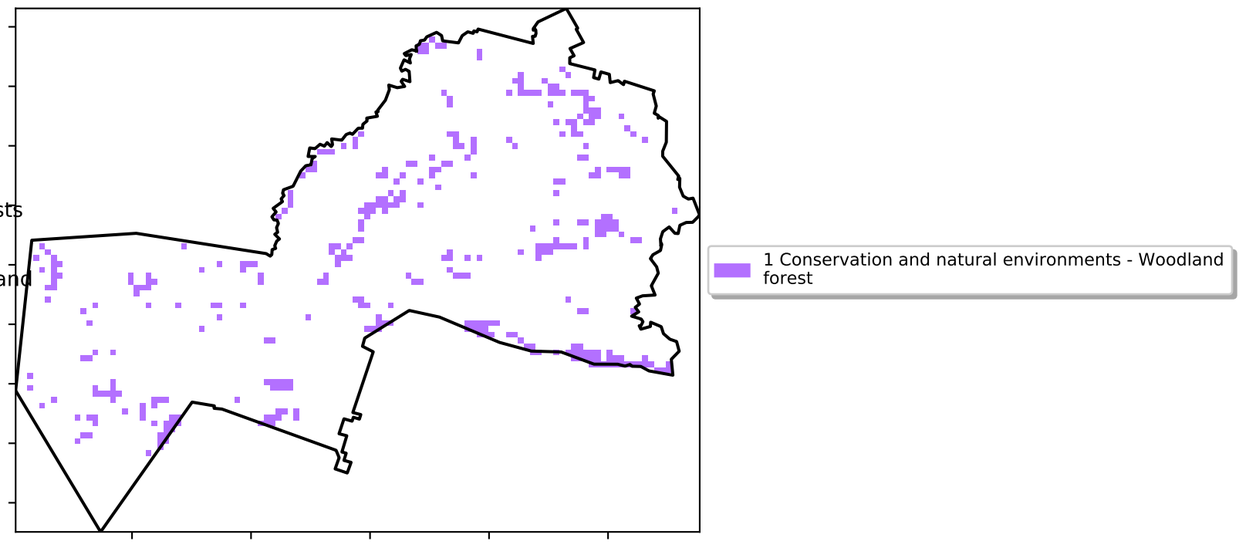
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



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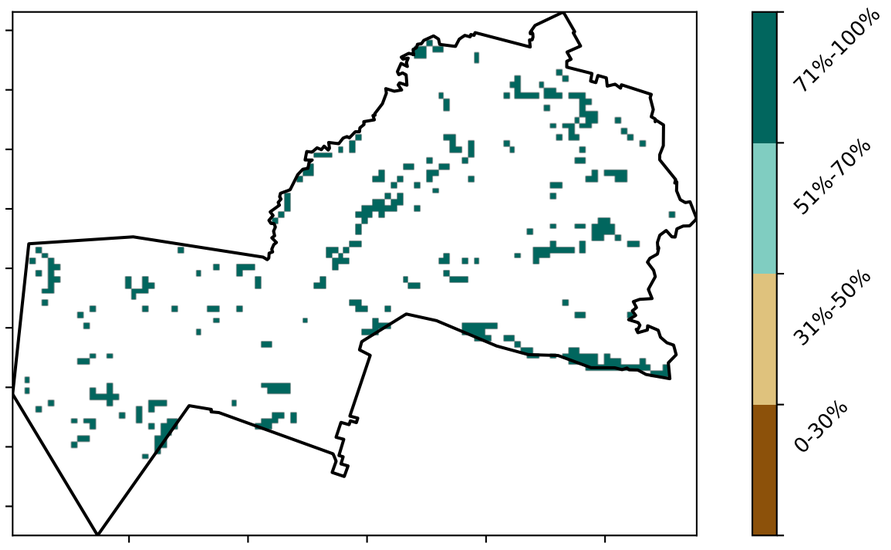
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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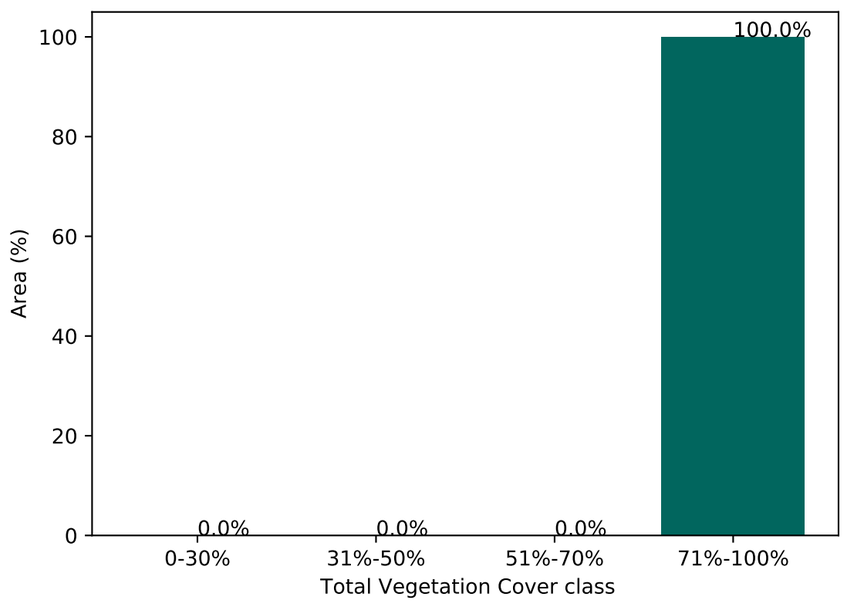
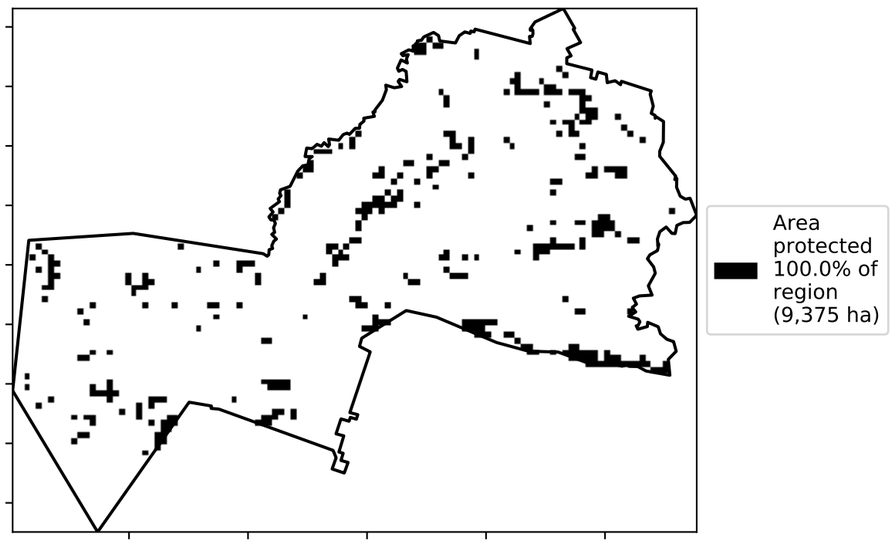


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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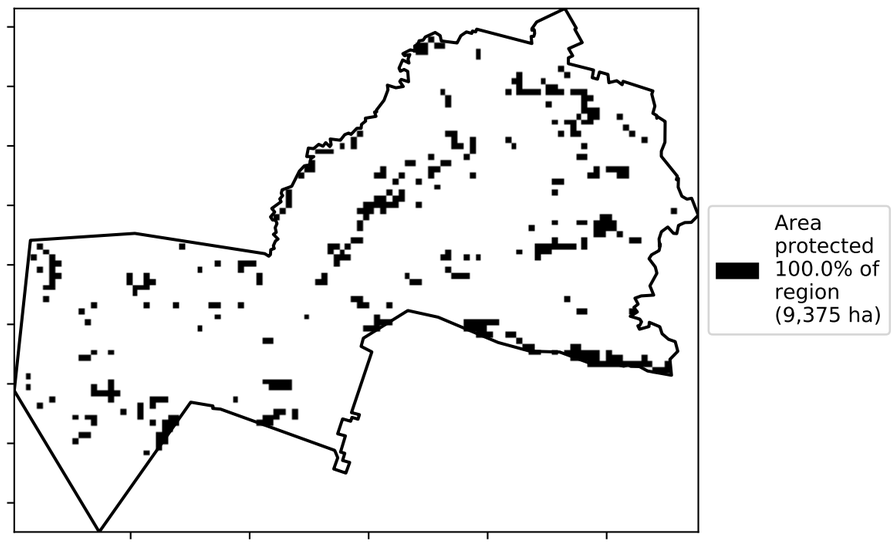

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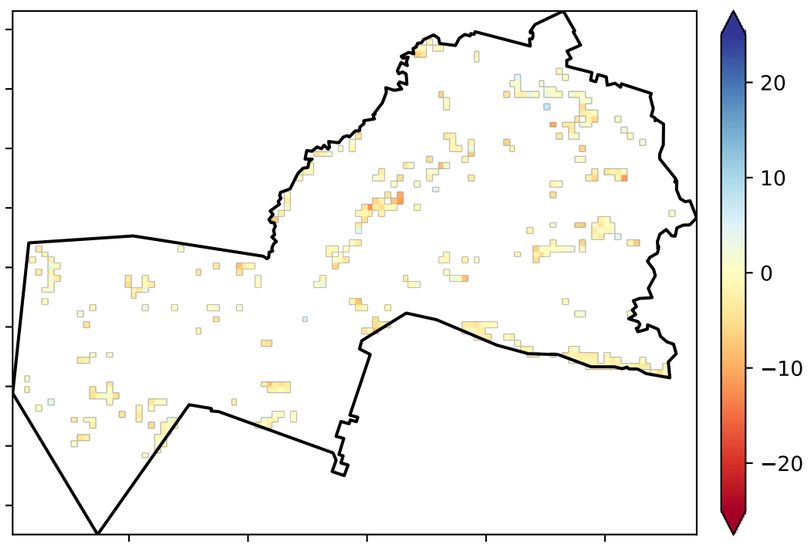

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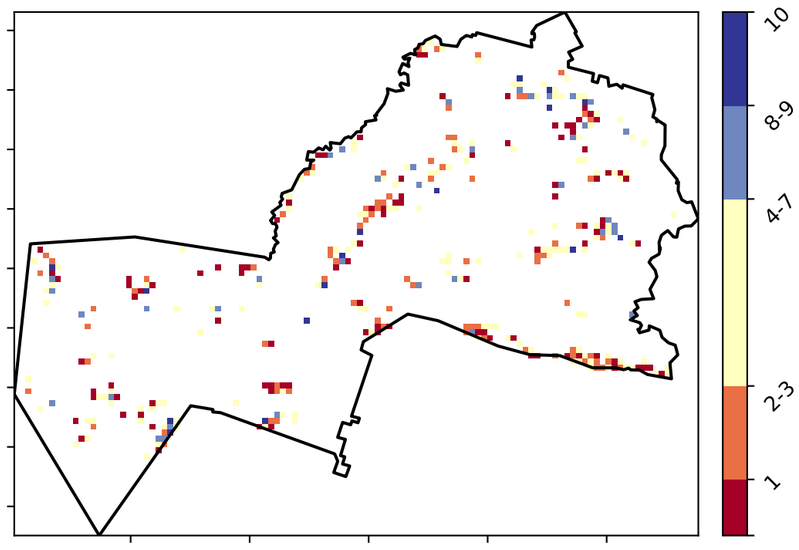
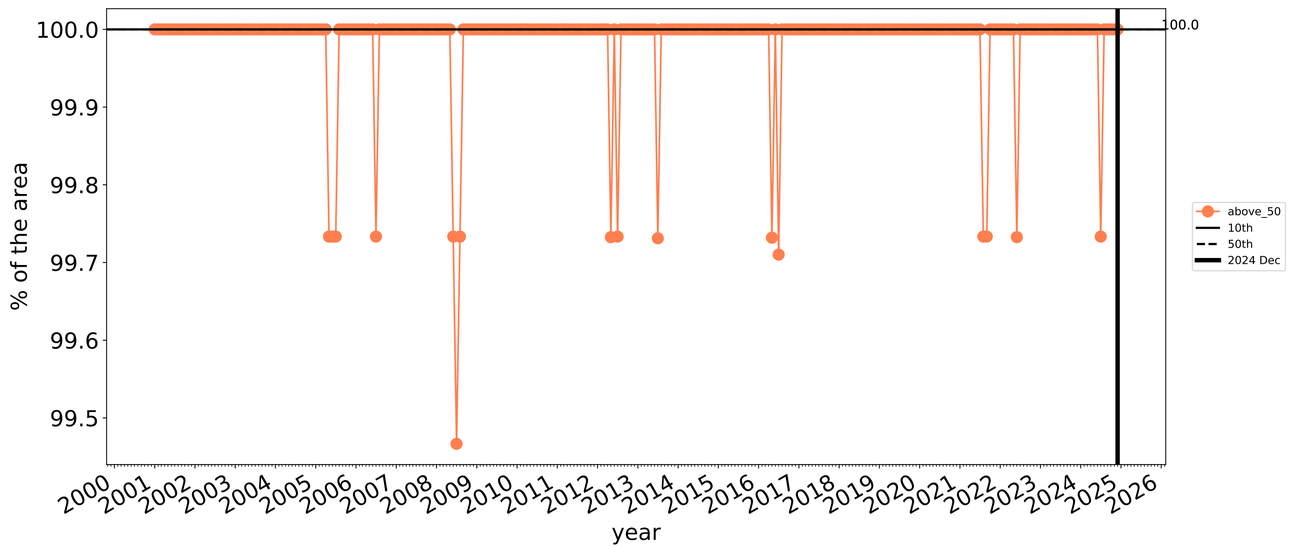
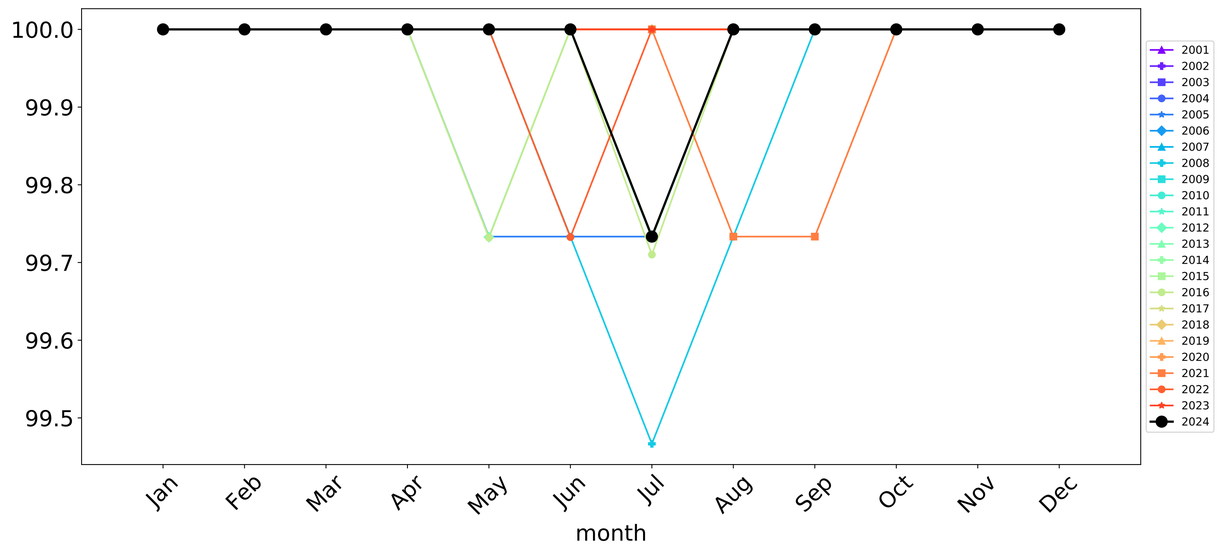


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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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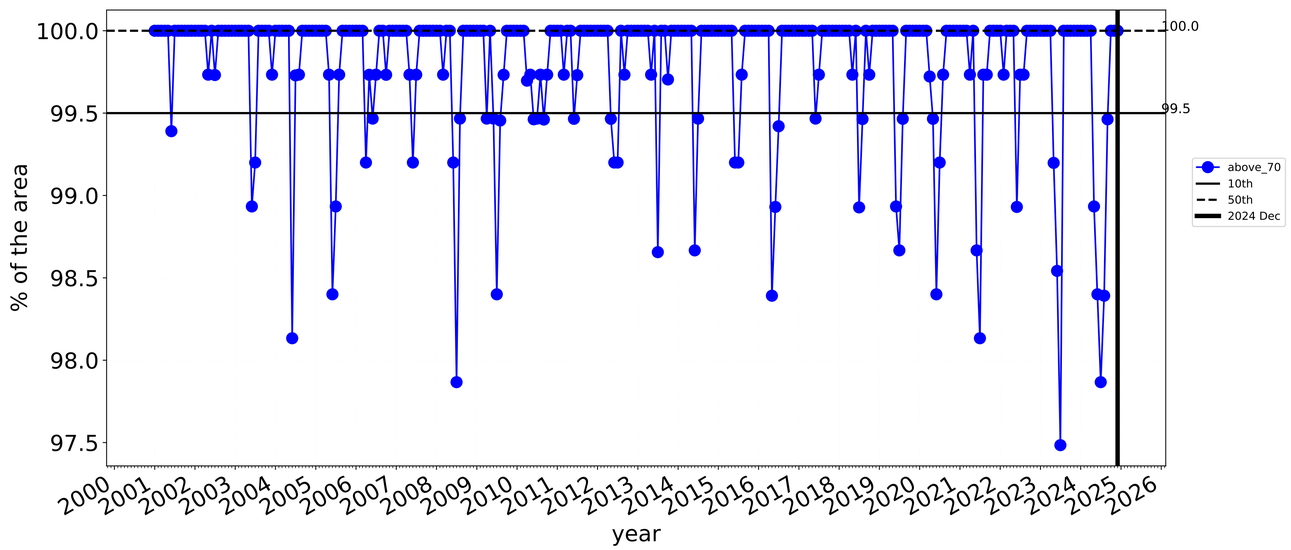
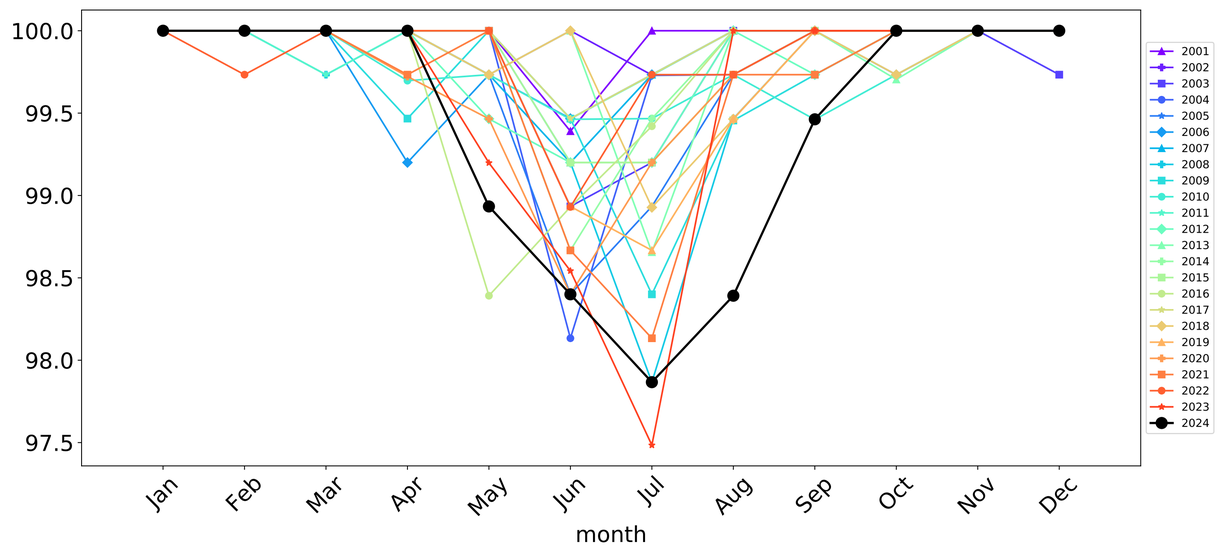
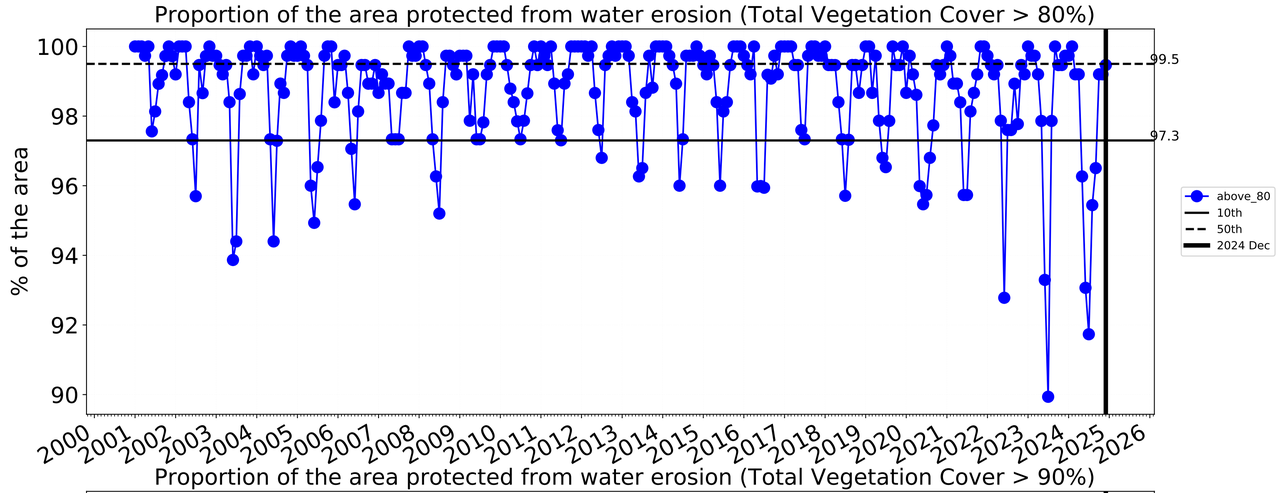


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




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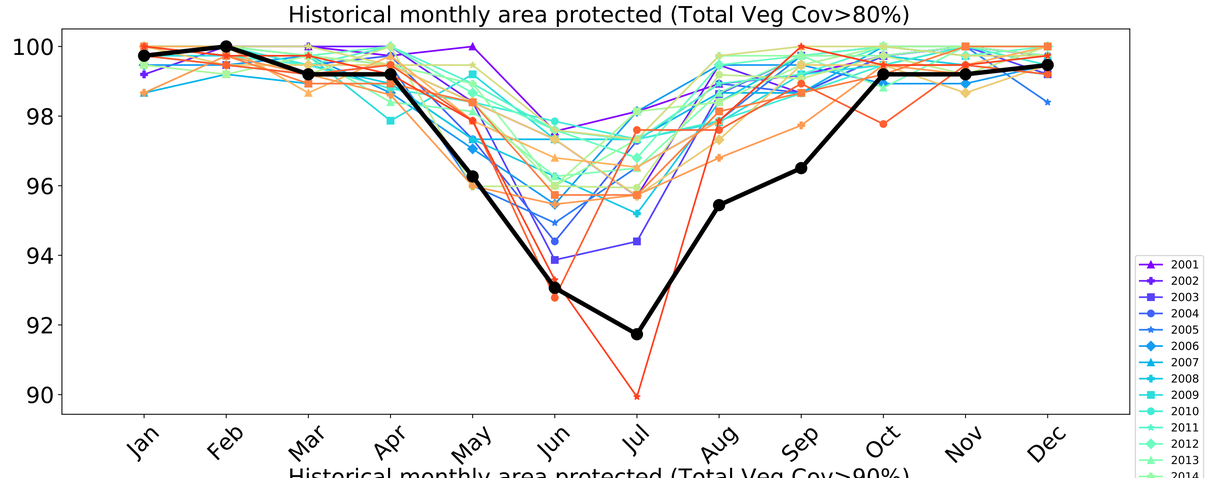
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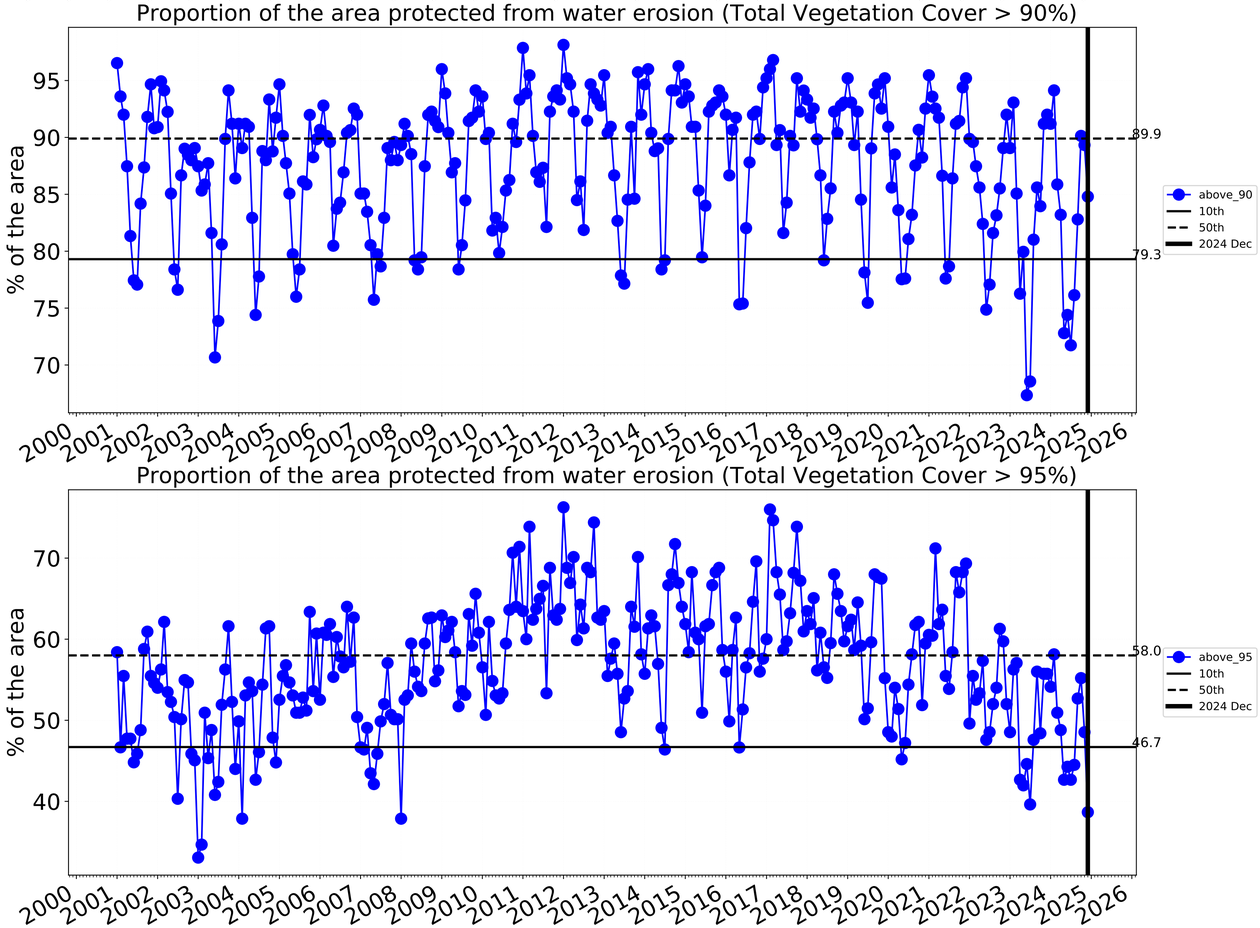
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
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% of the area
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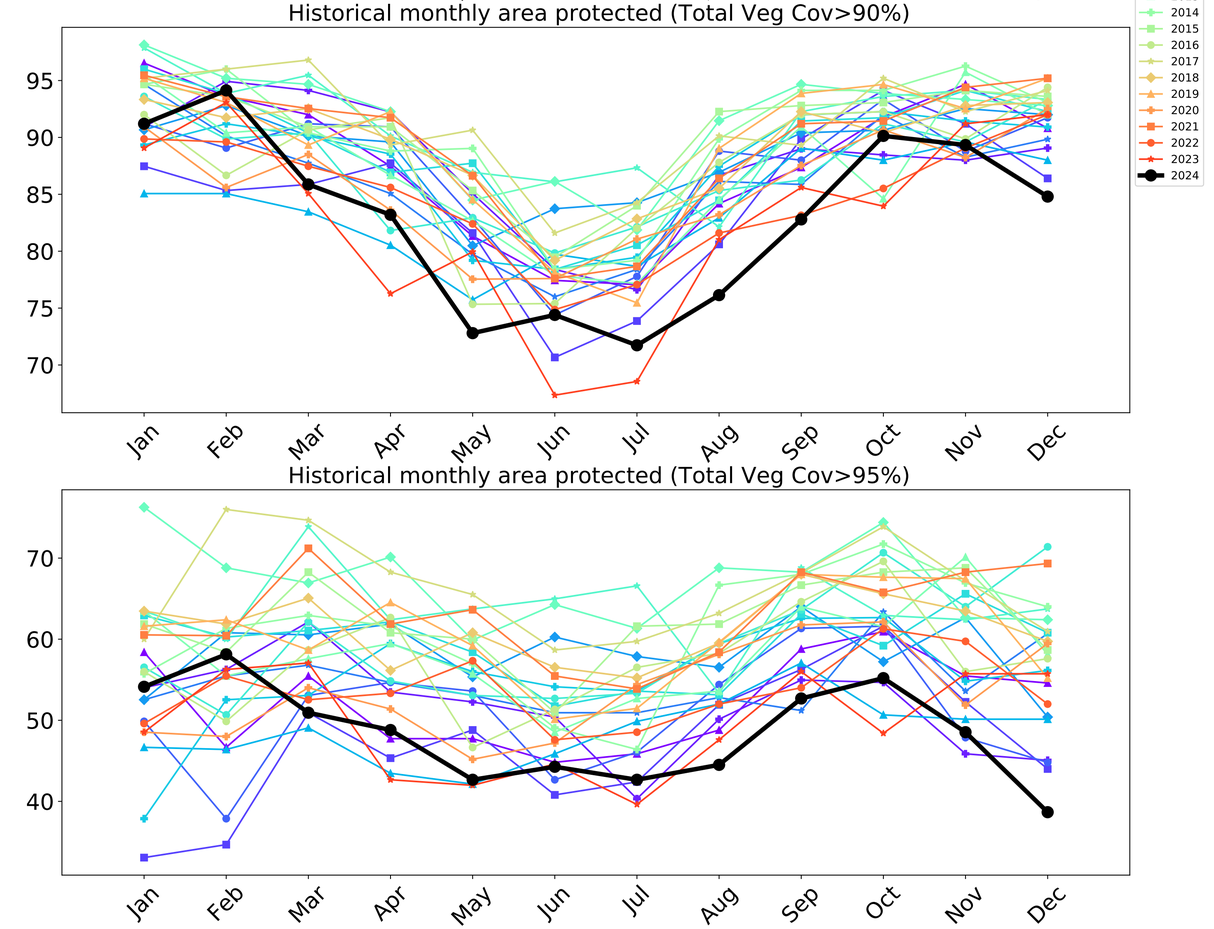
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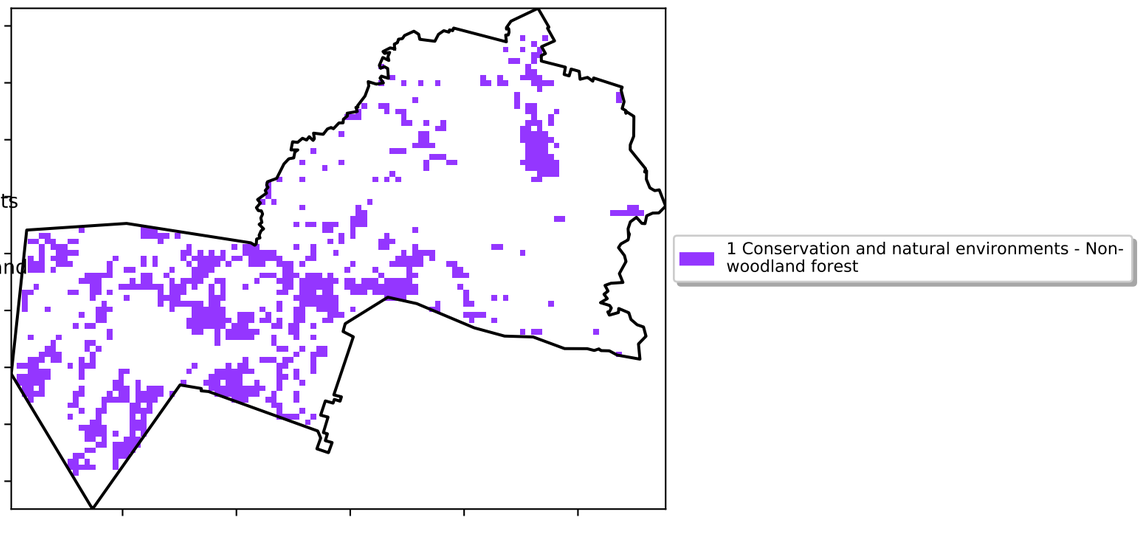
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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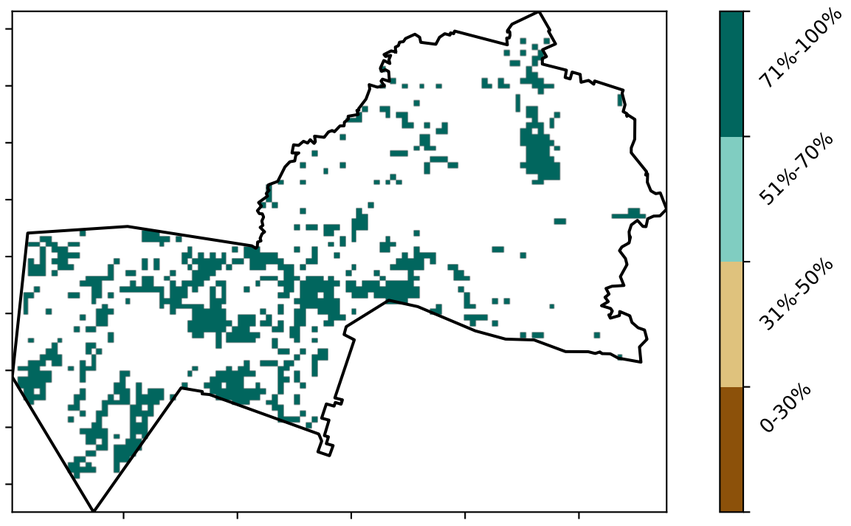
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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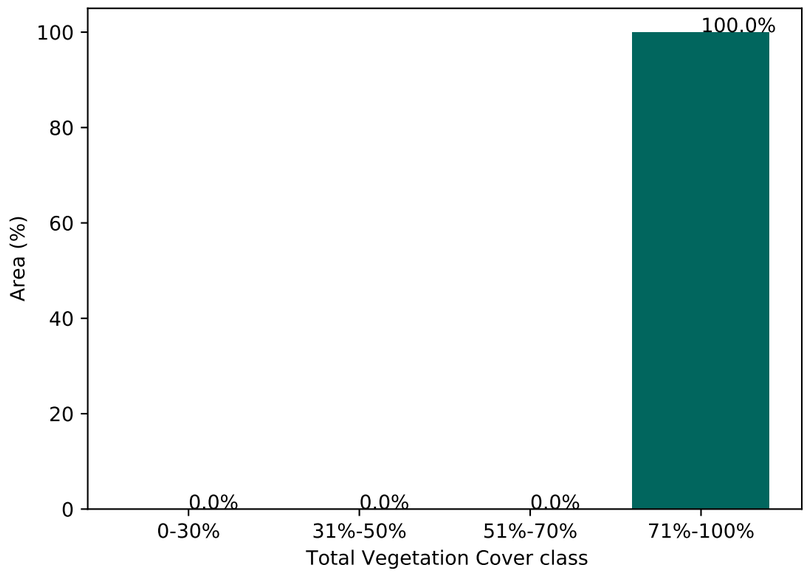
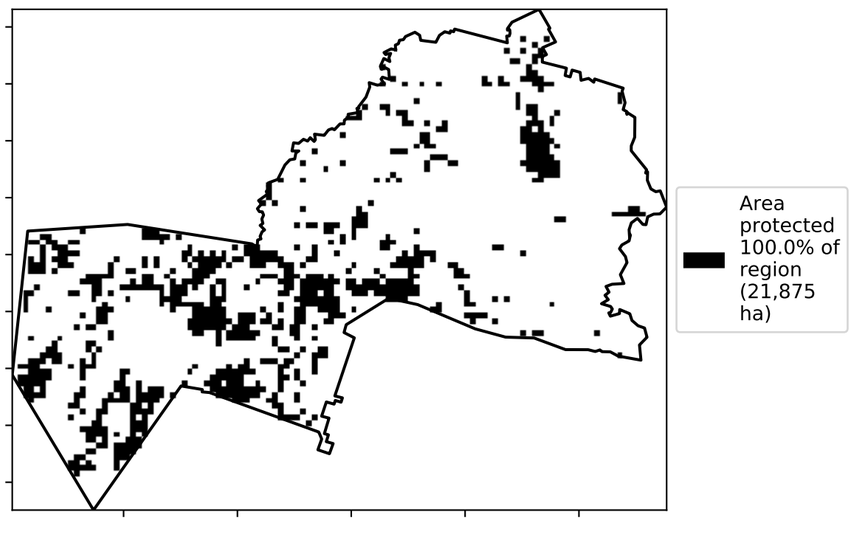
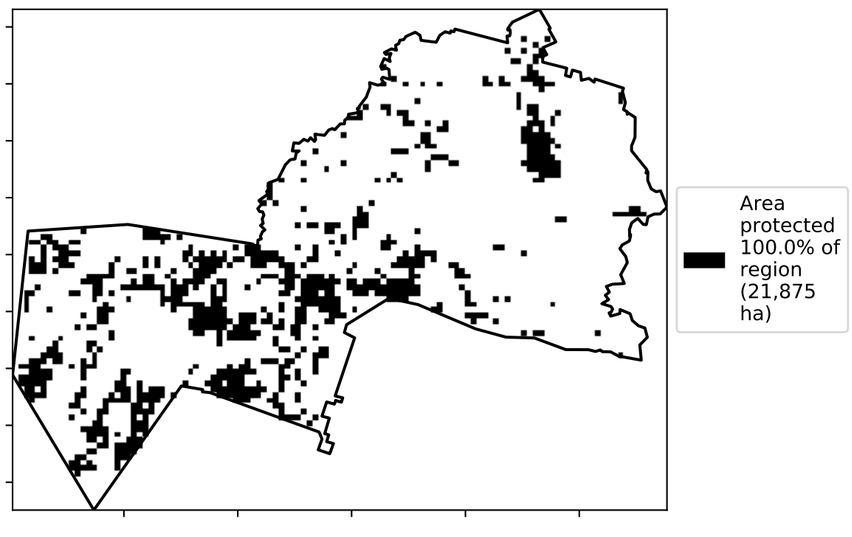


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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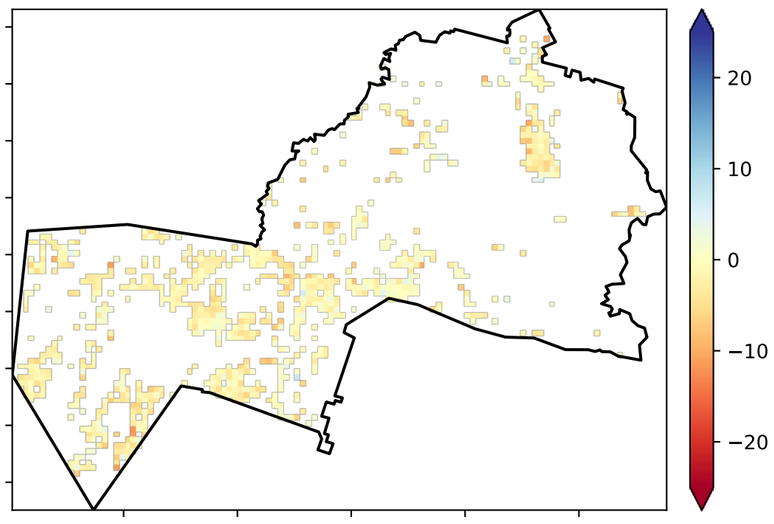

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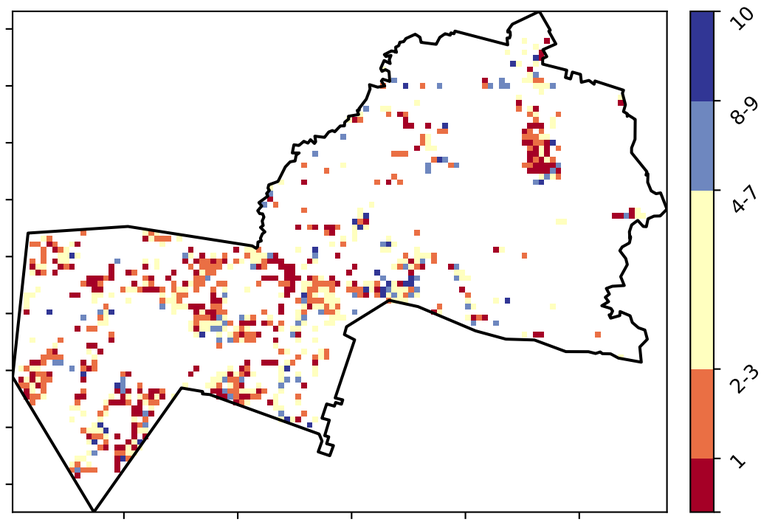
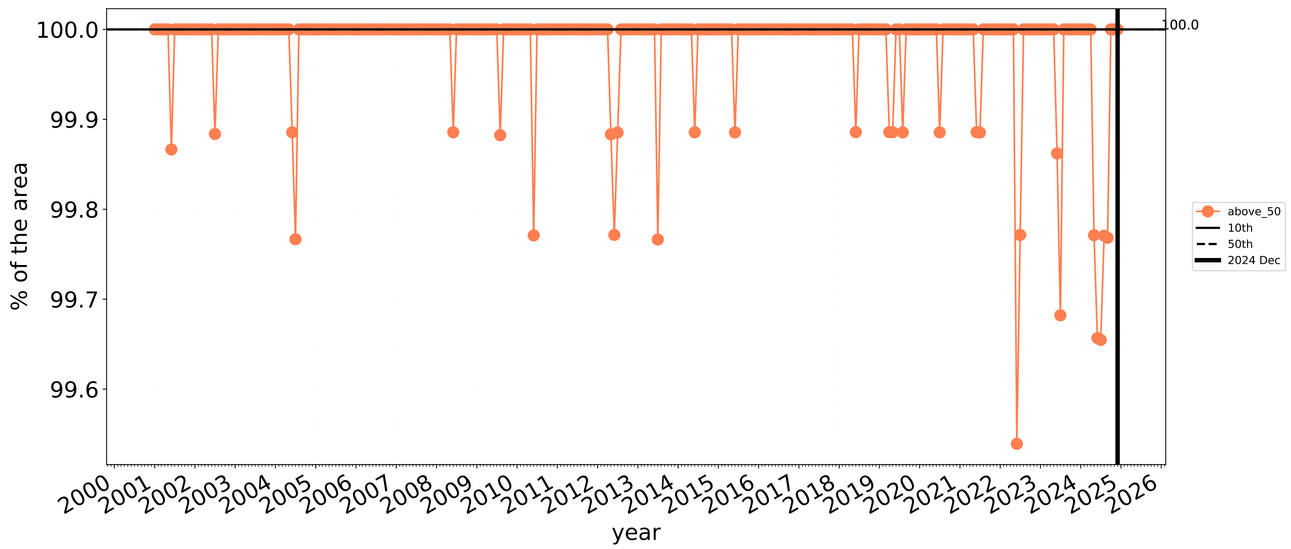
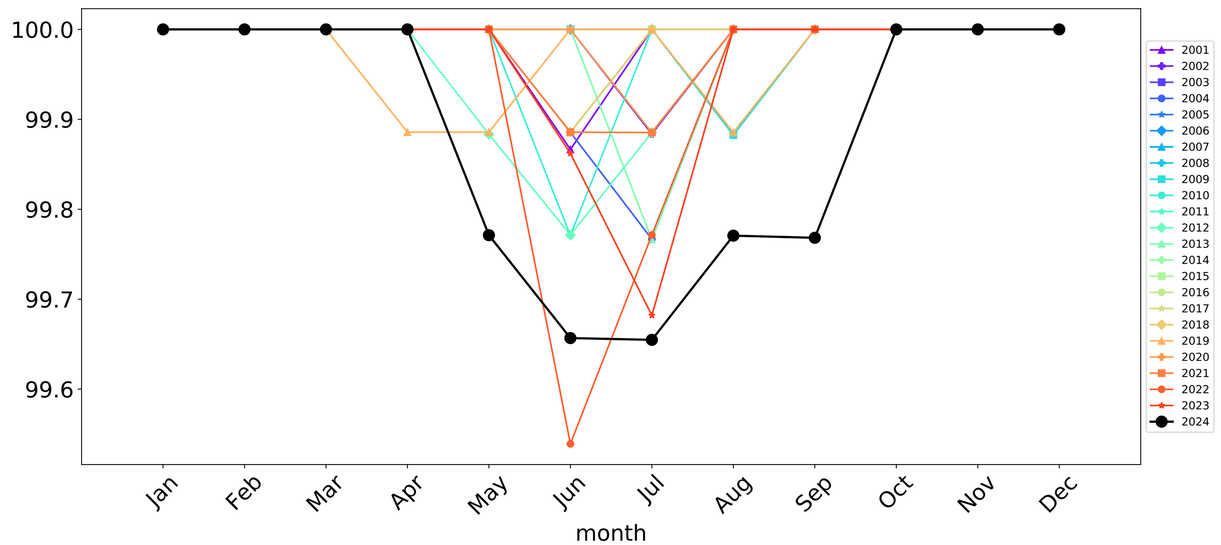


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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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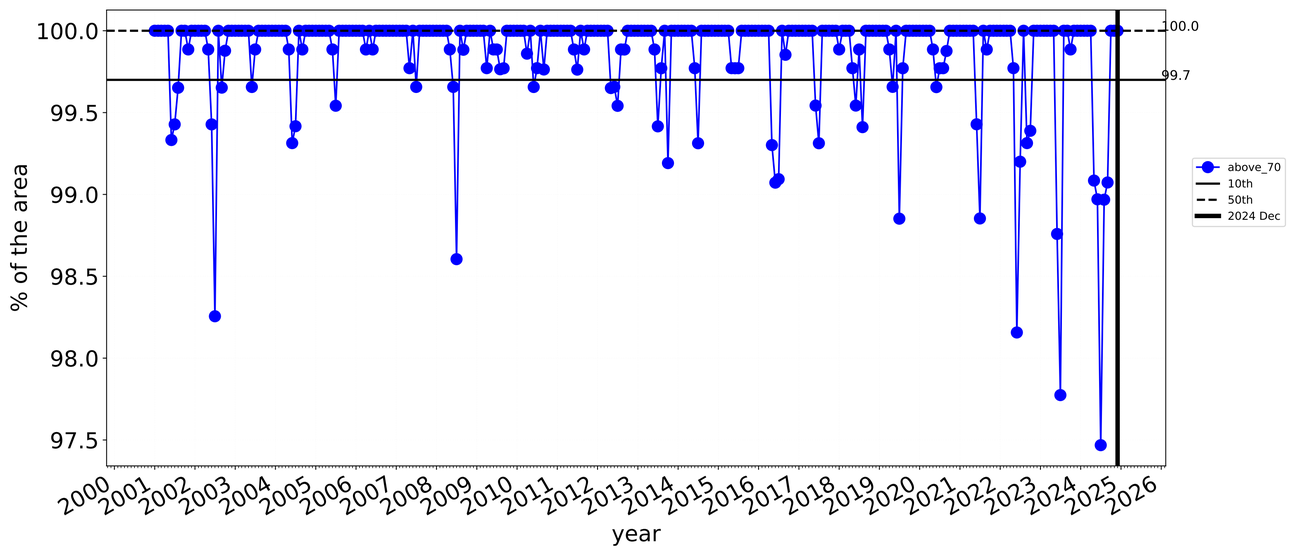
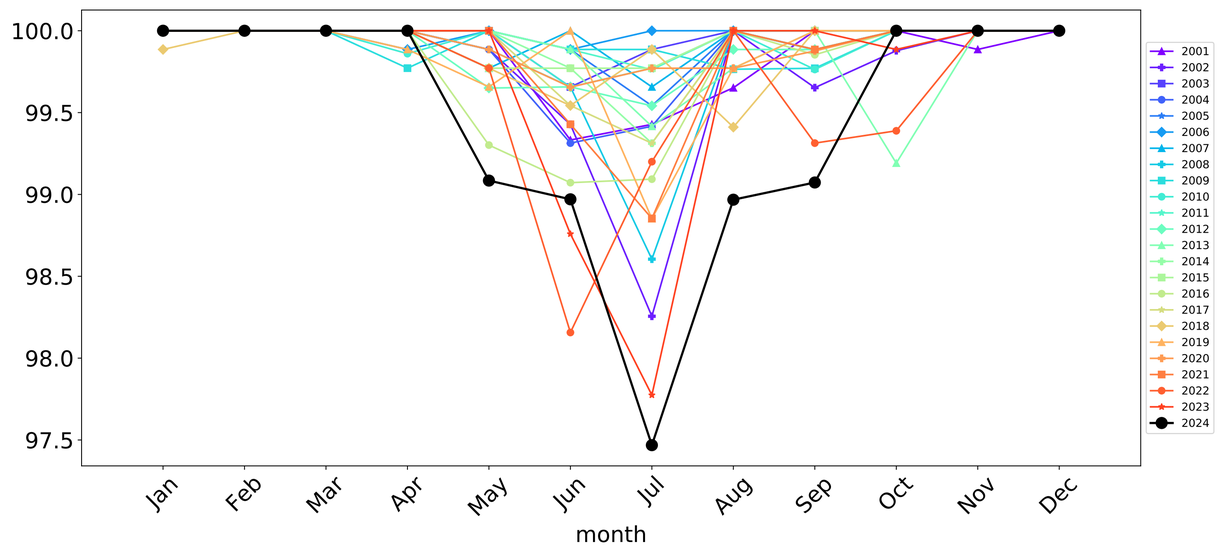
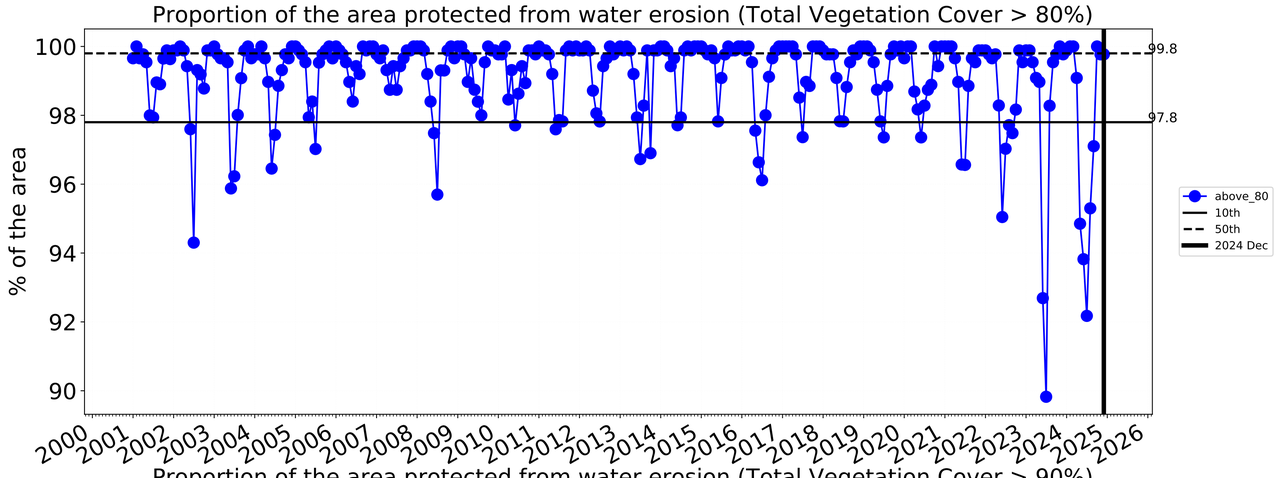


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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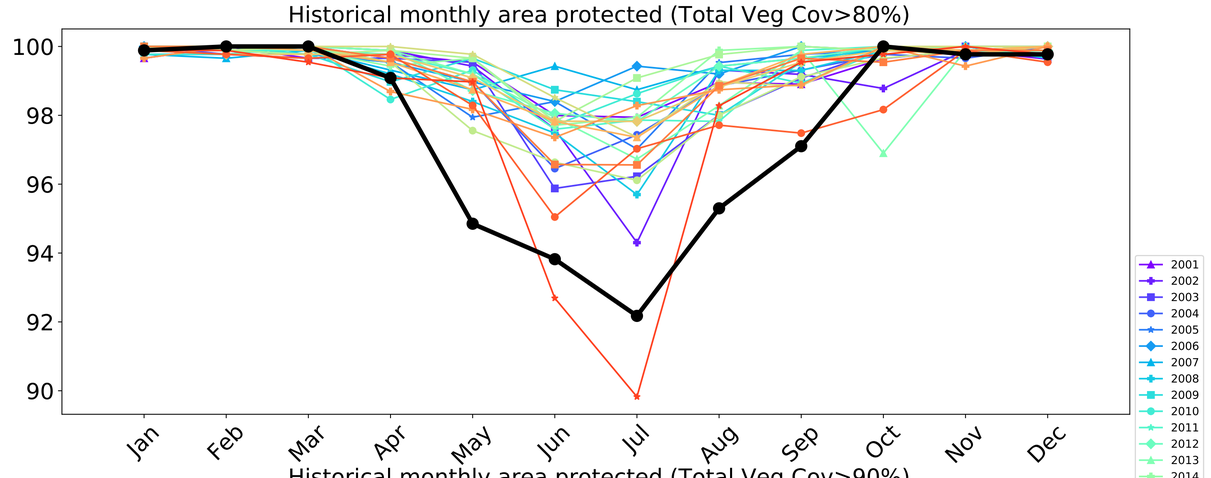
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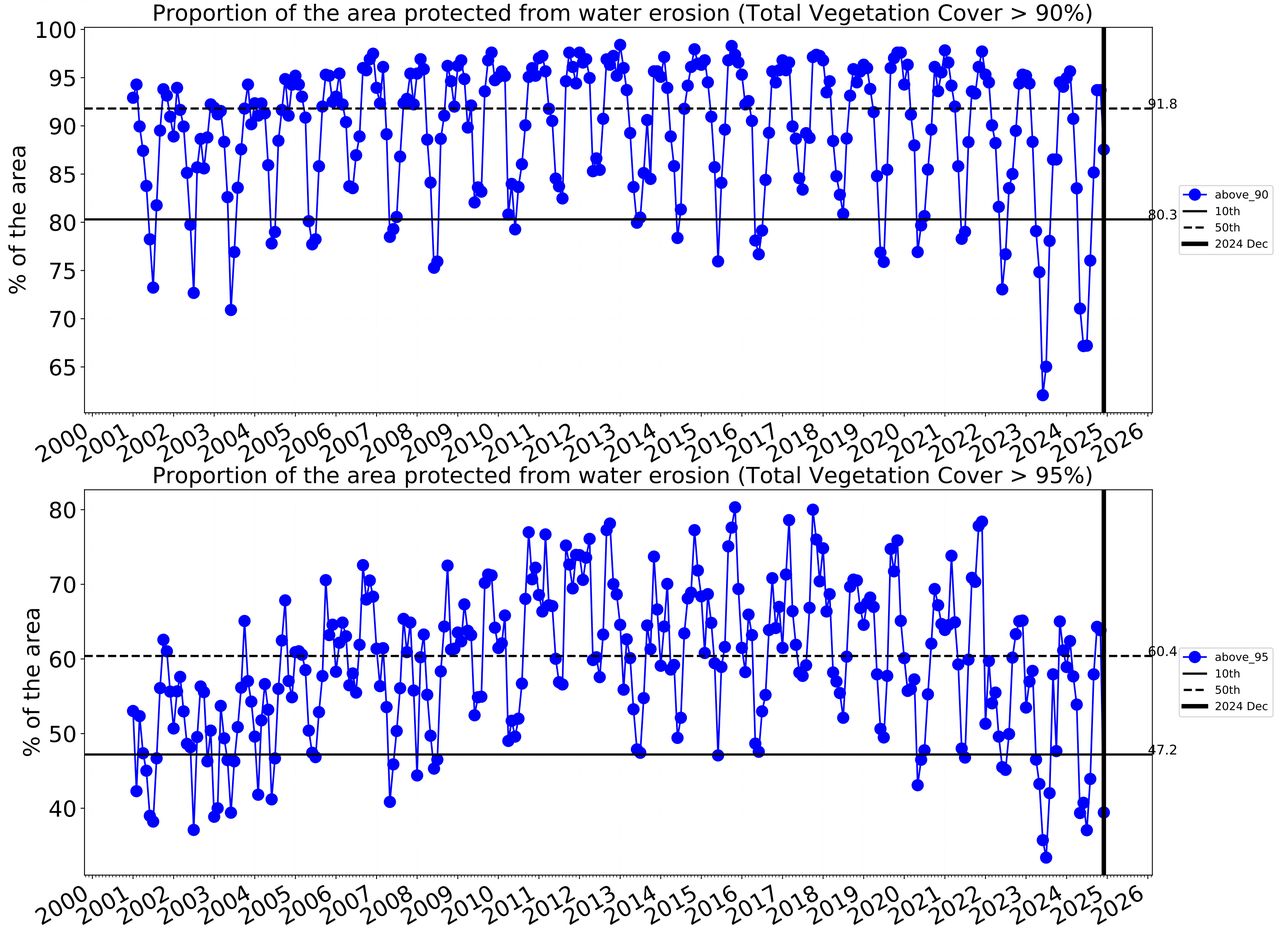
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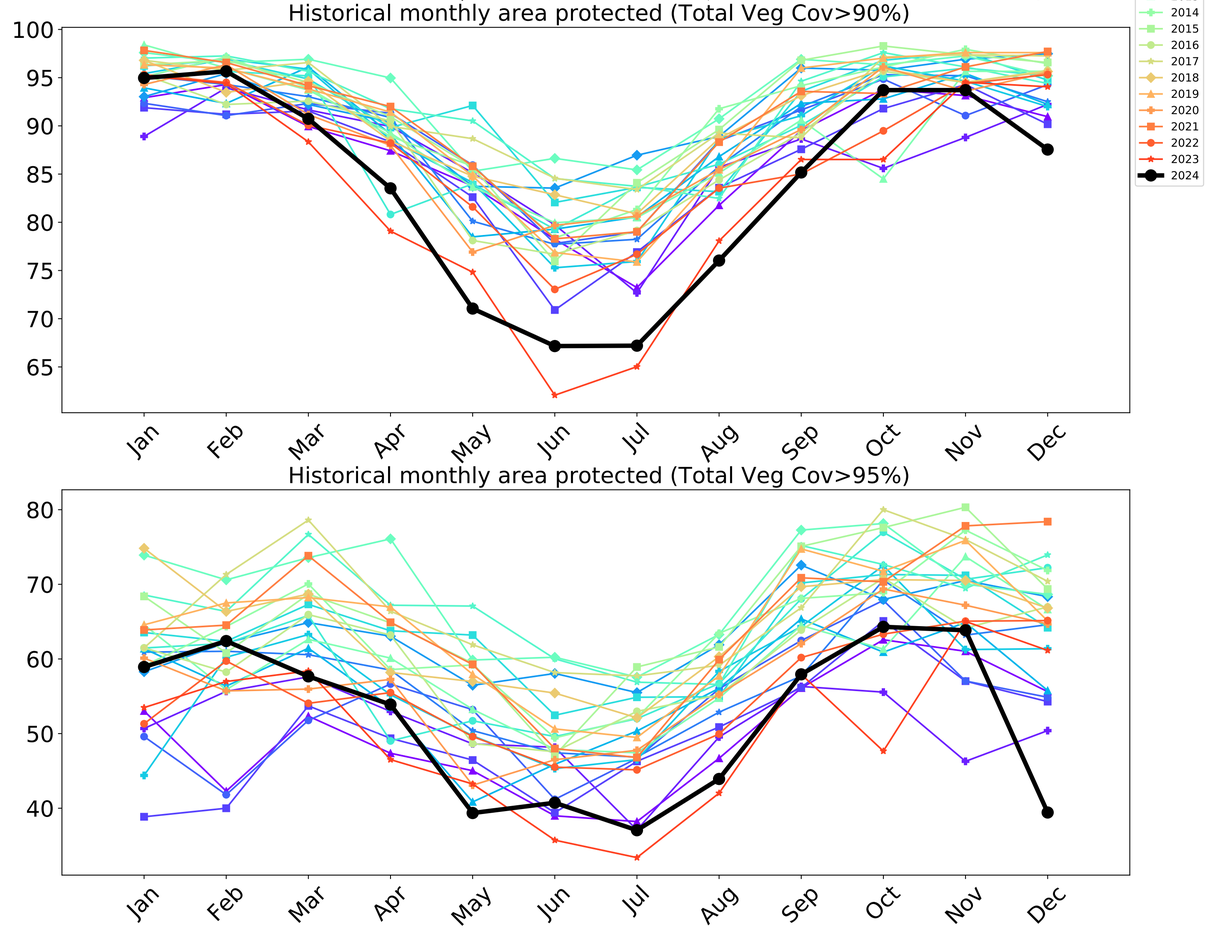
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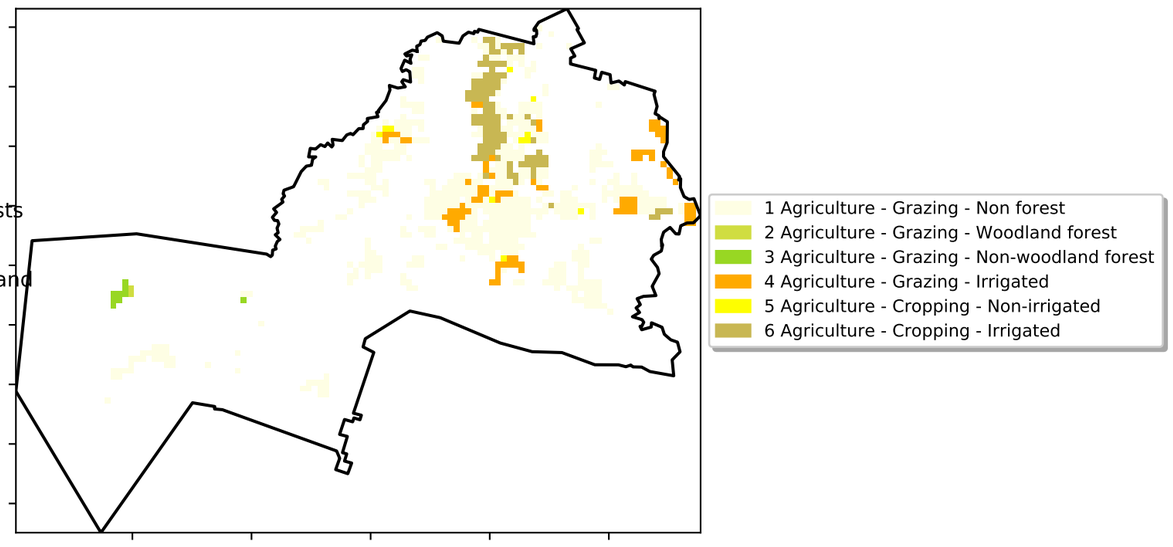
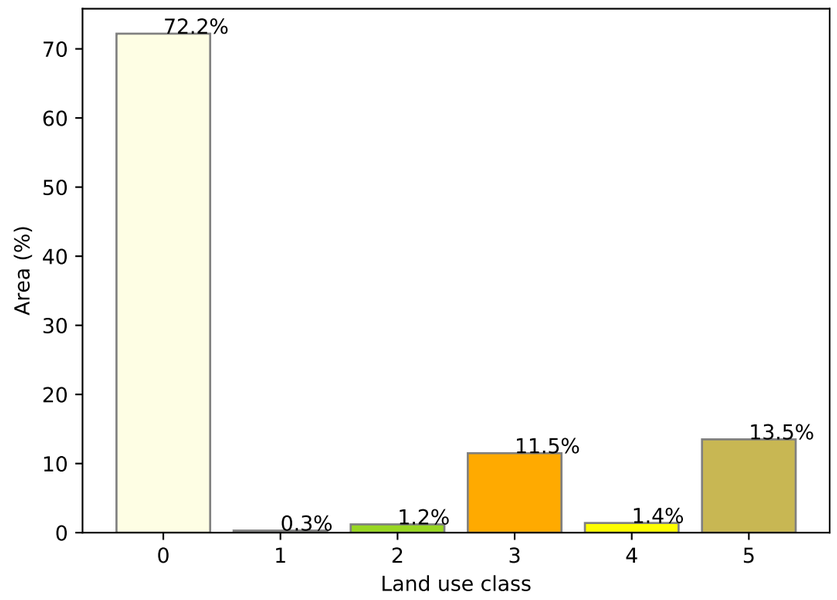
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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

Proportion of each land class in area



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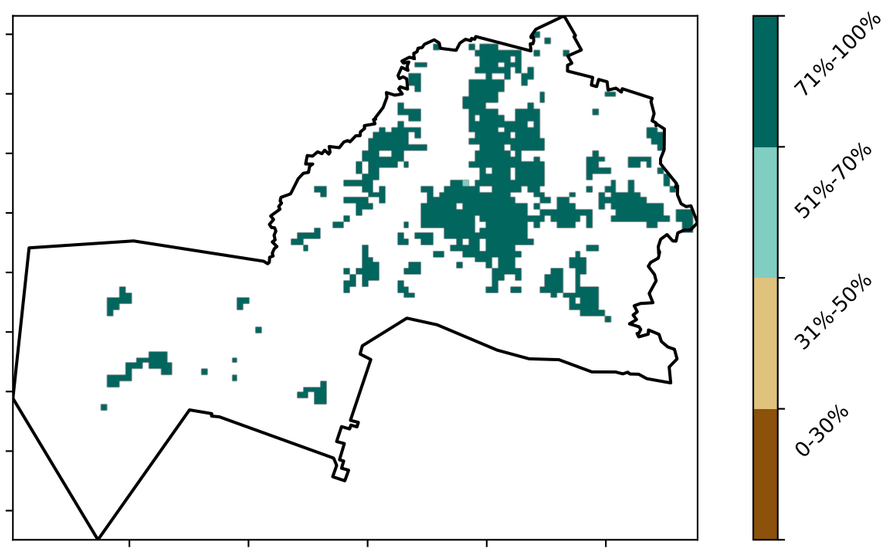

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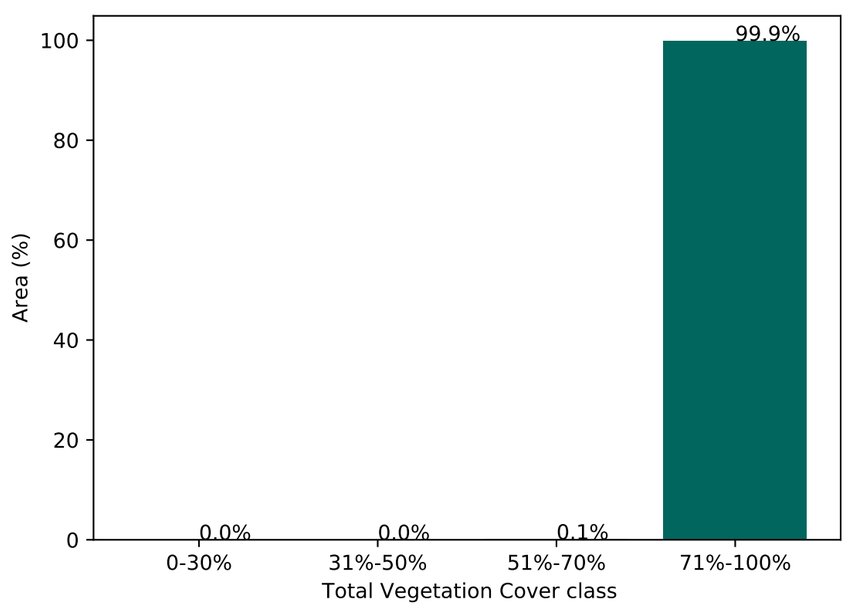

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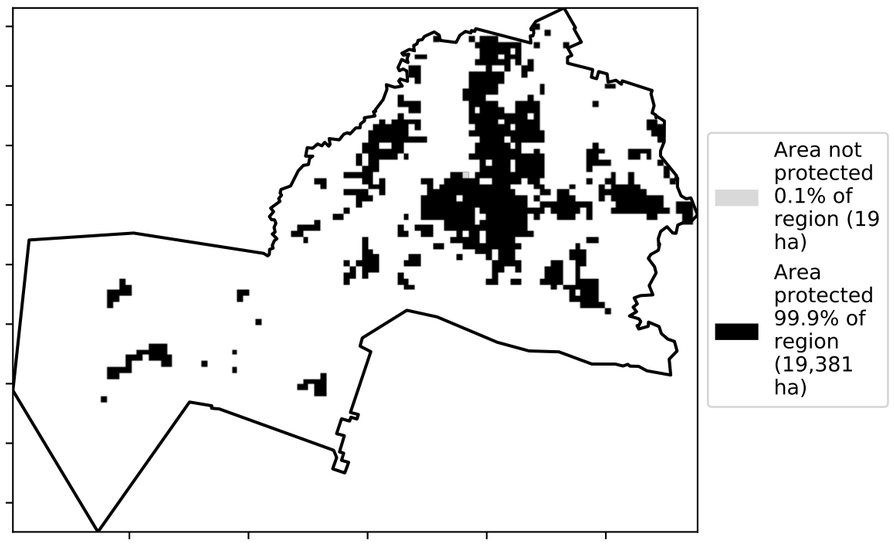

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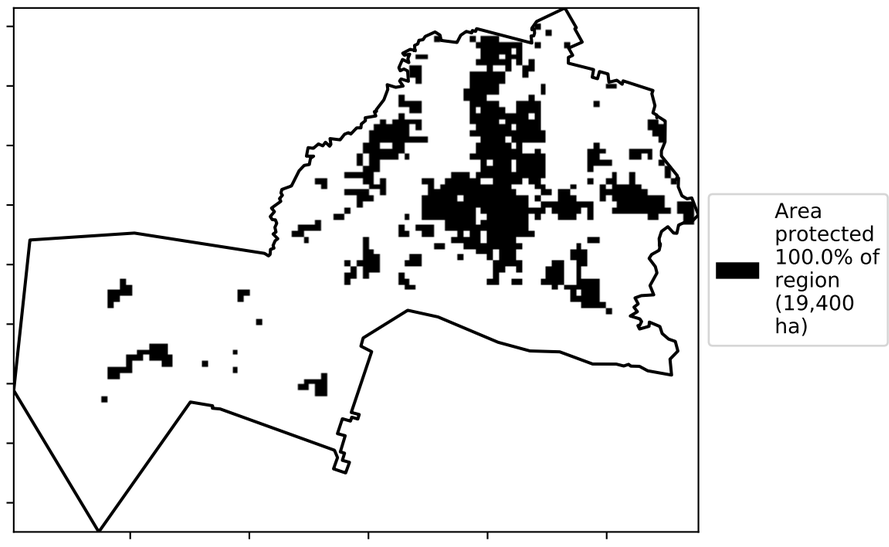

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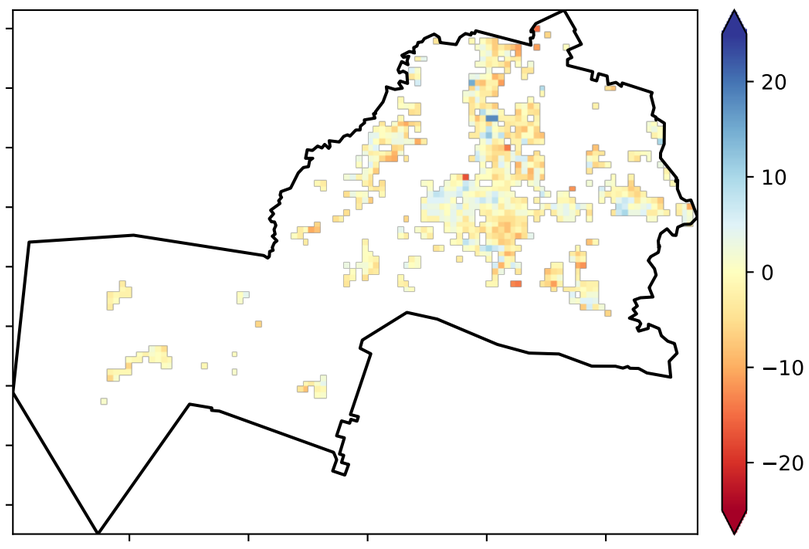

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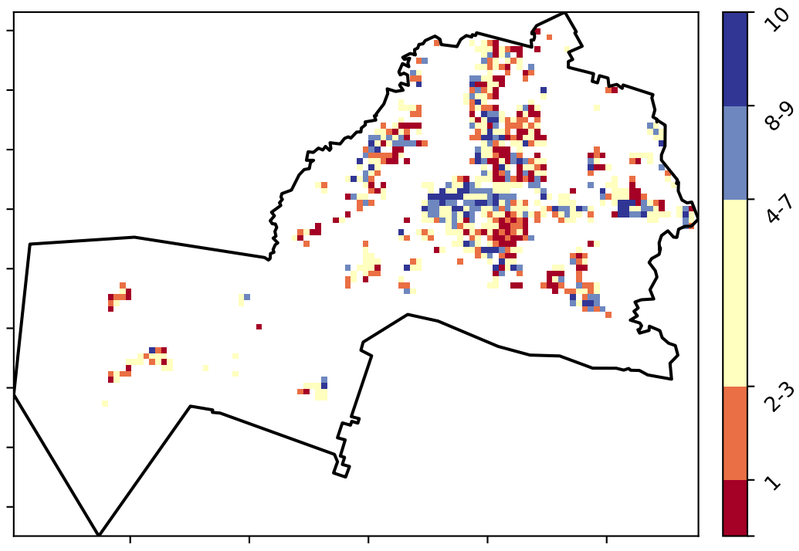
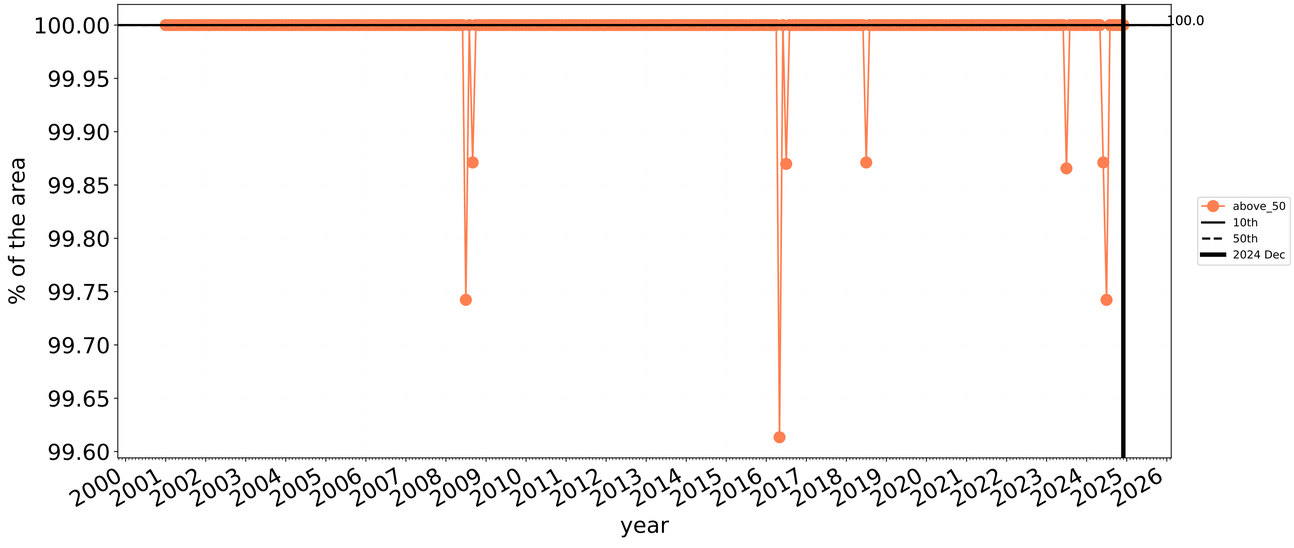
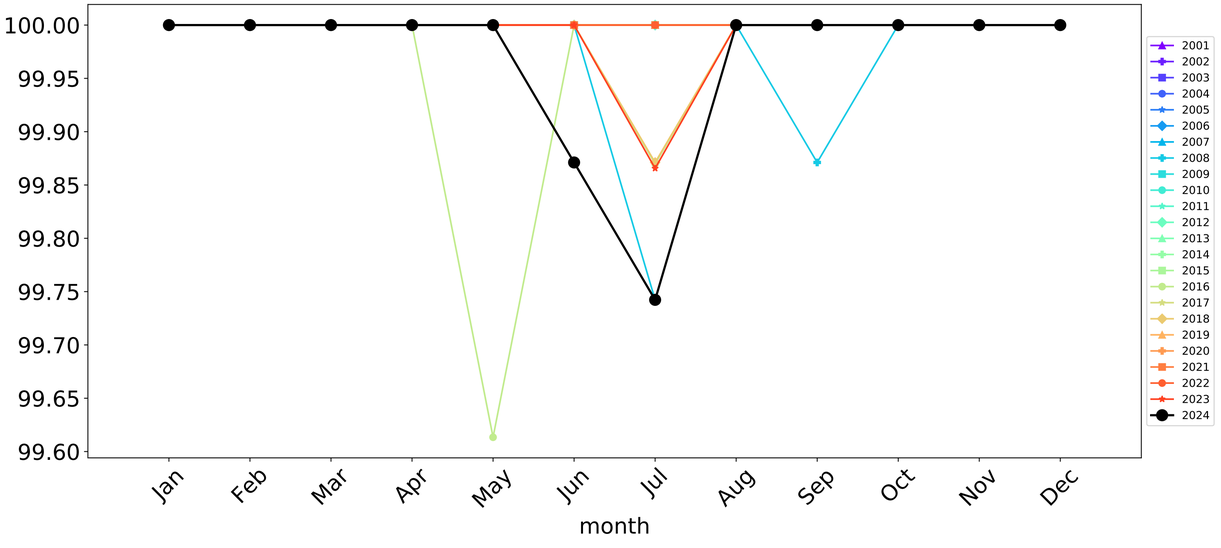


Agriculture timeseries

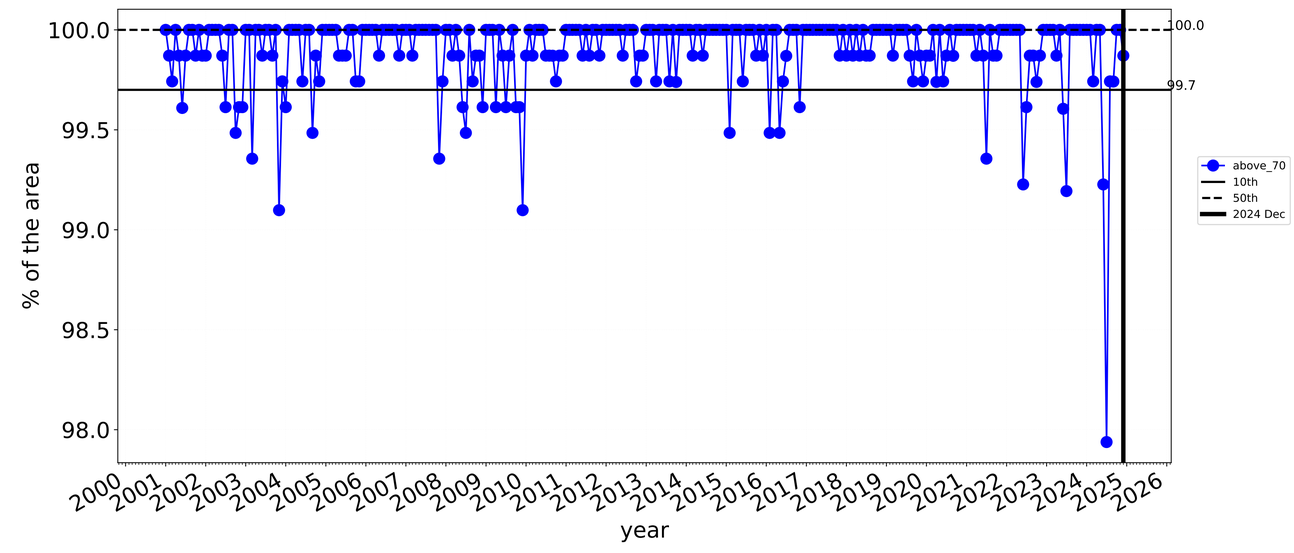
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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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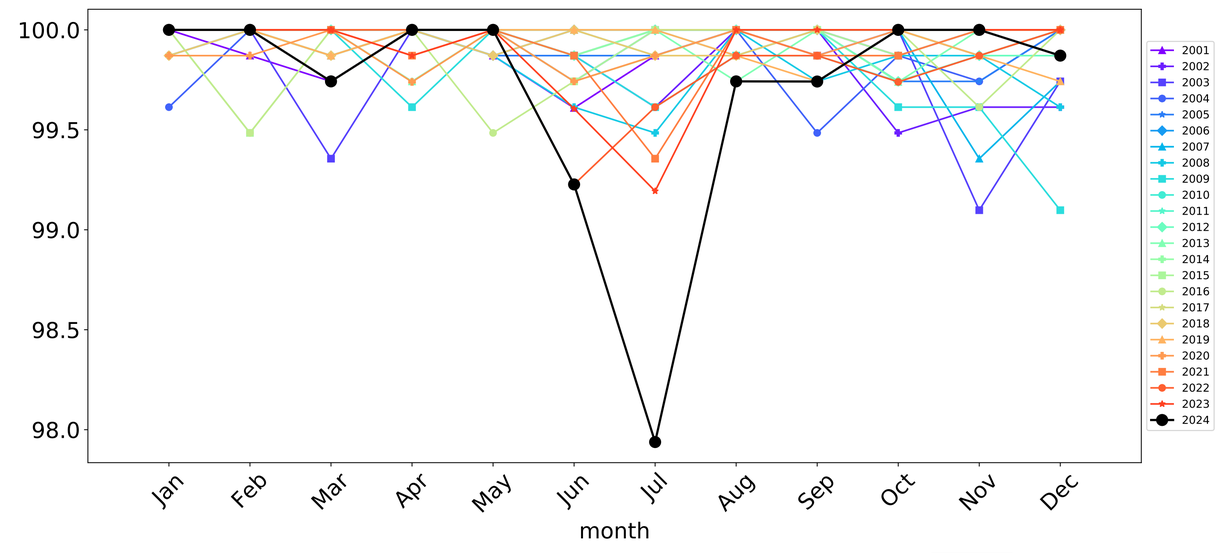

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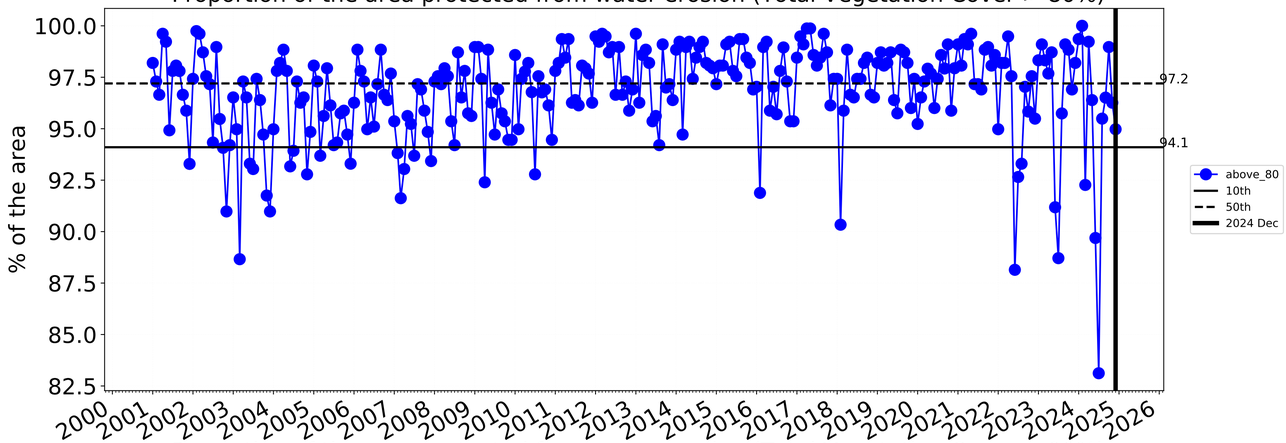
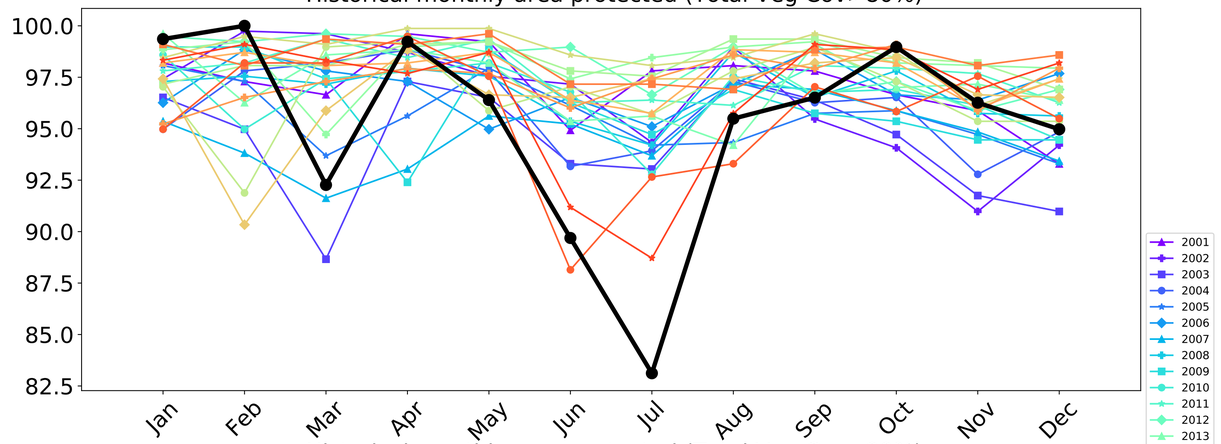


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



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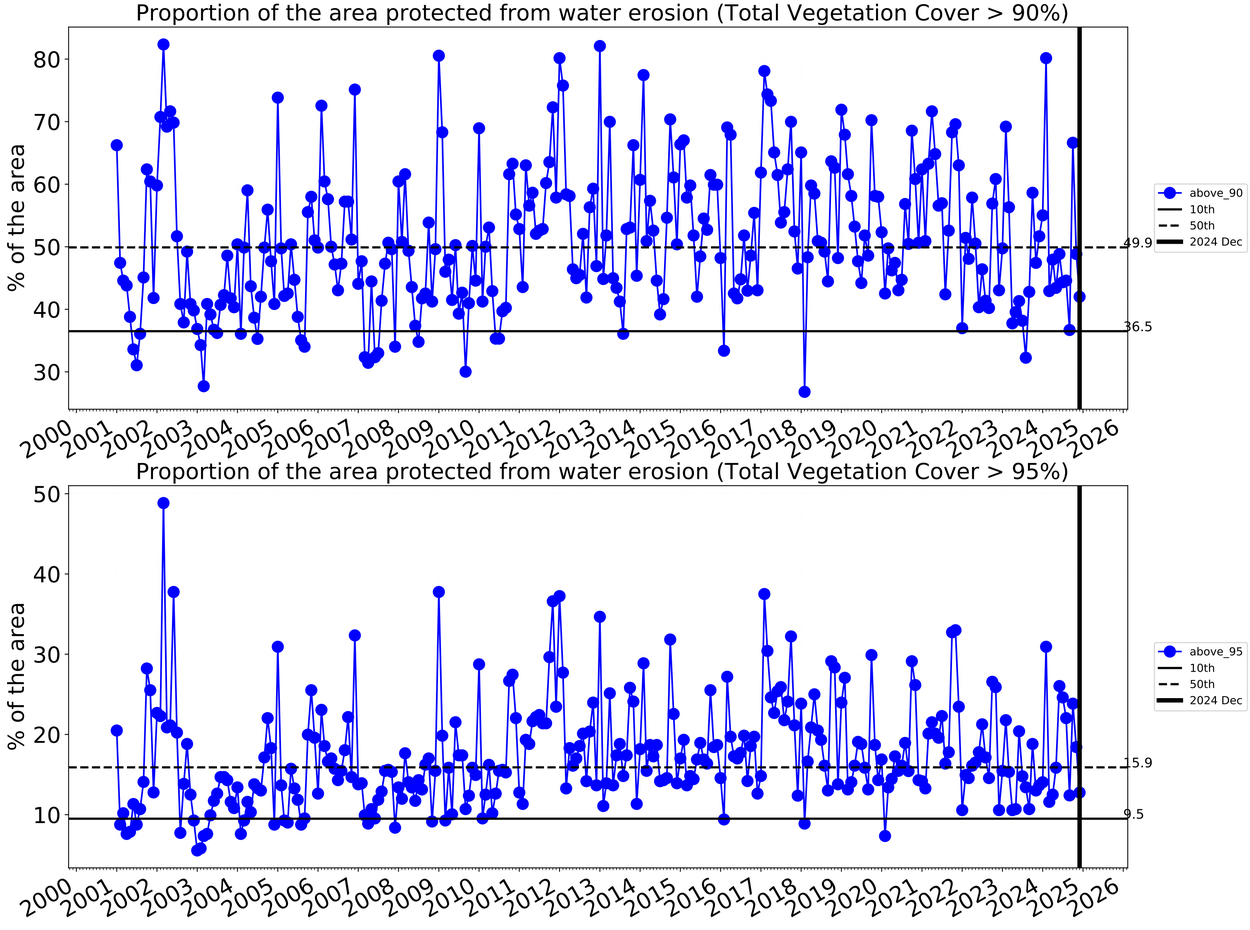

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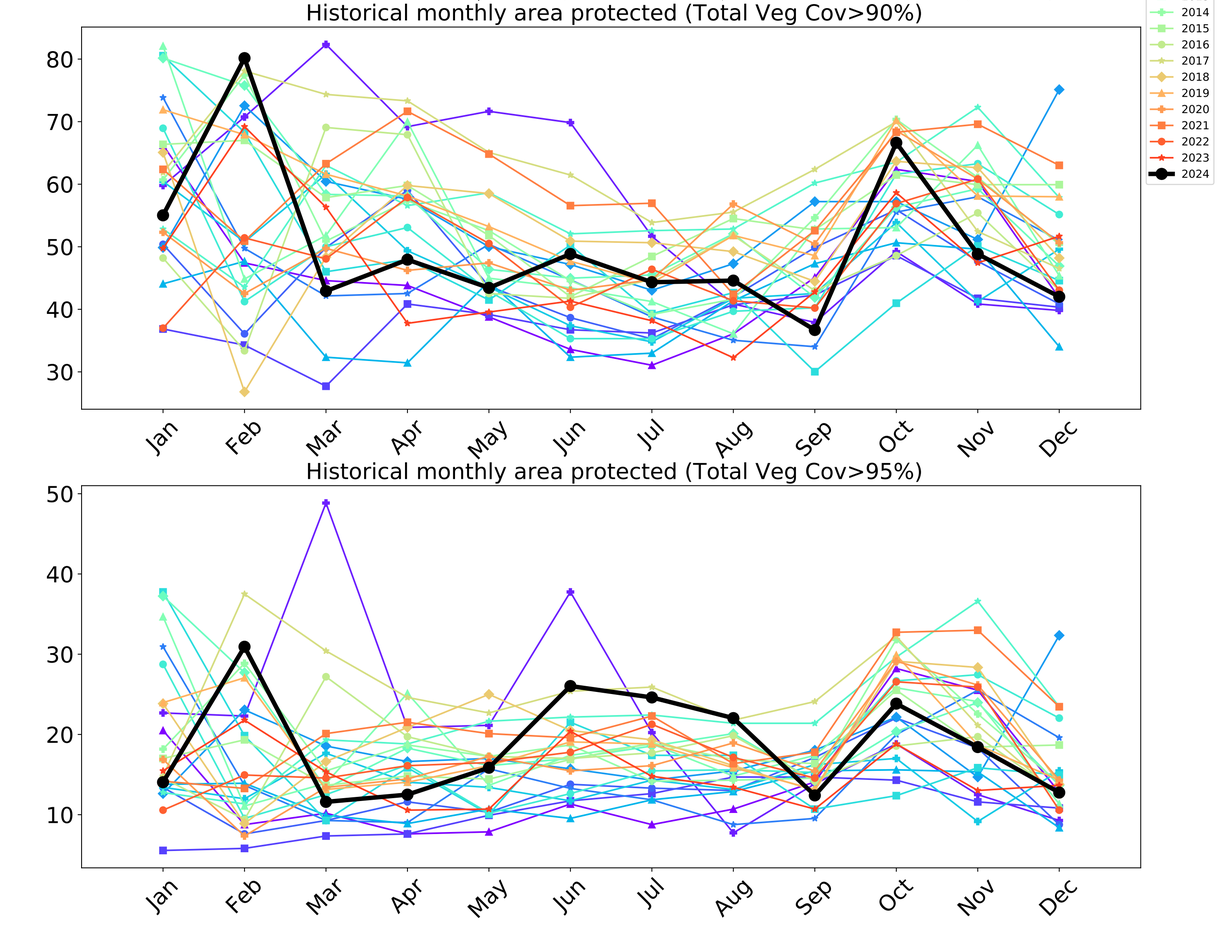
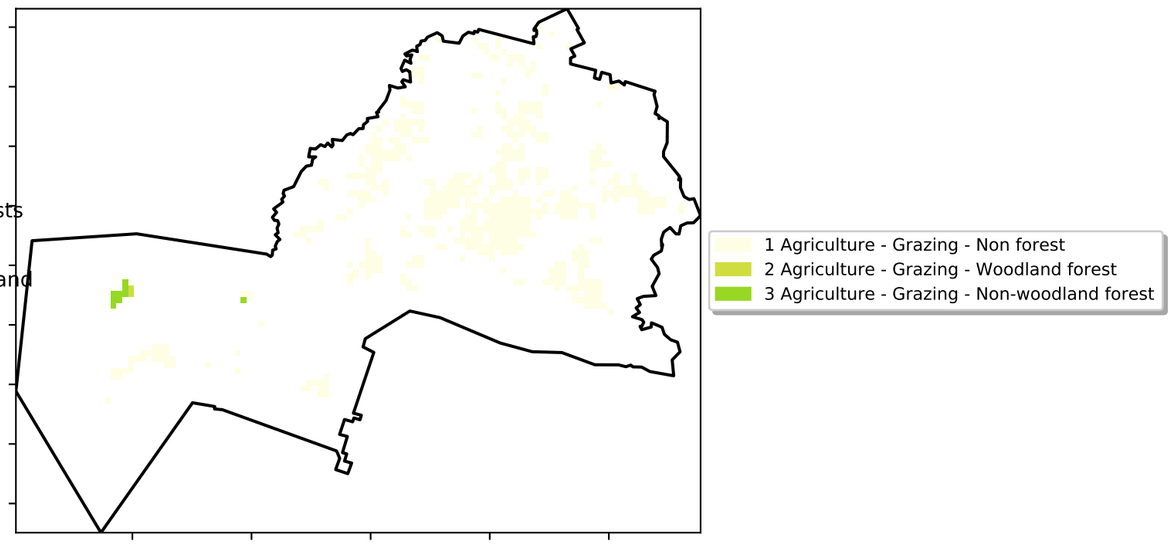


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)

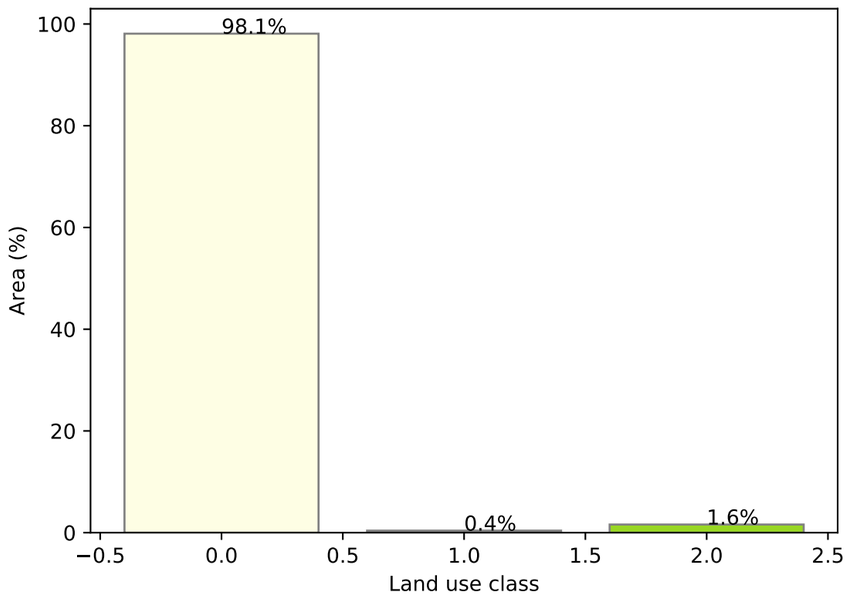
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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

Proportion of each land class in area



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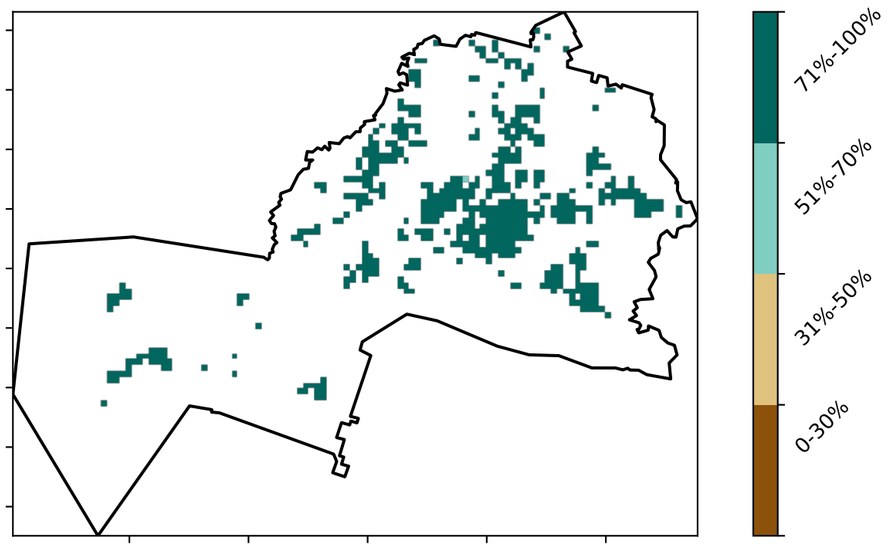

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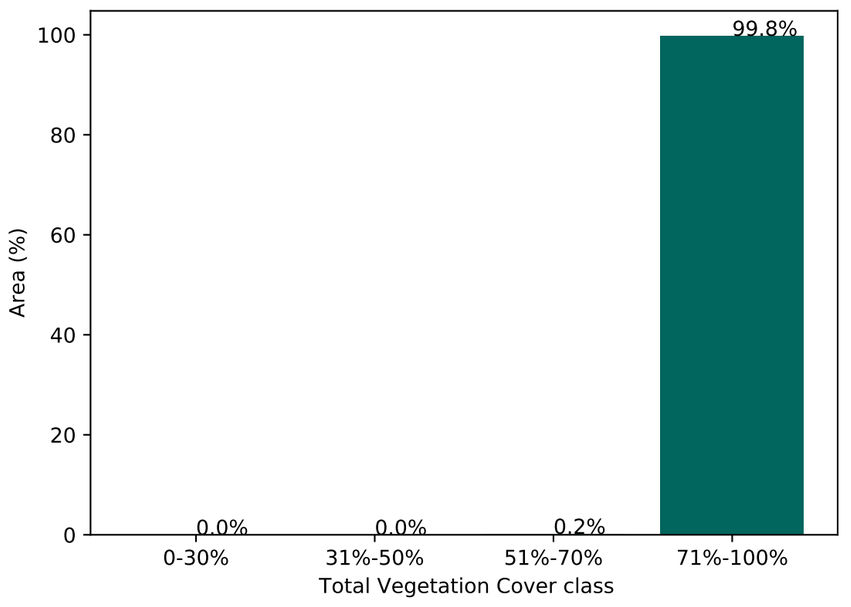
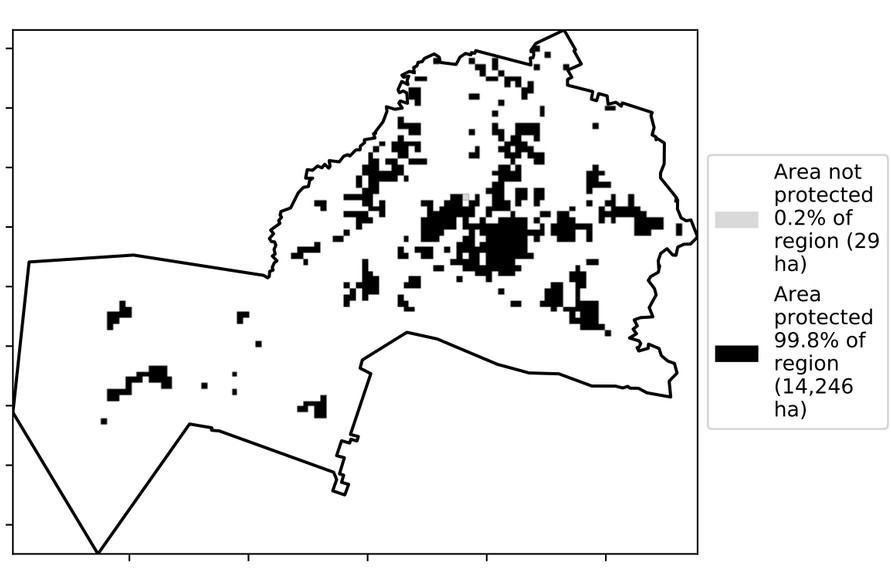


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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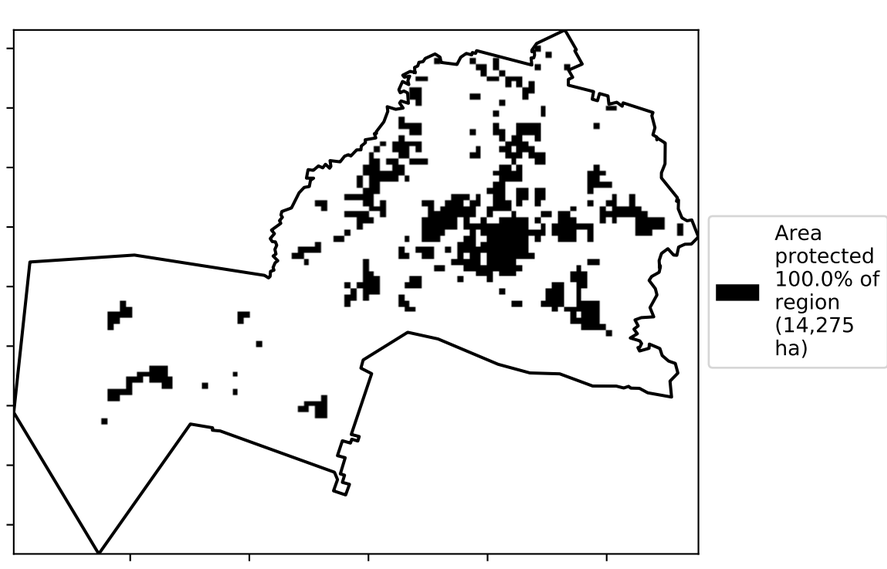

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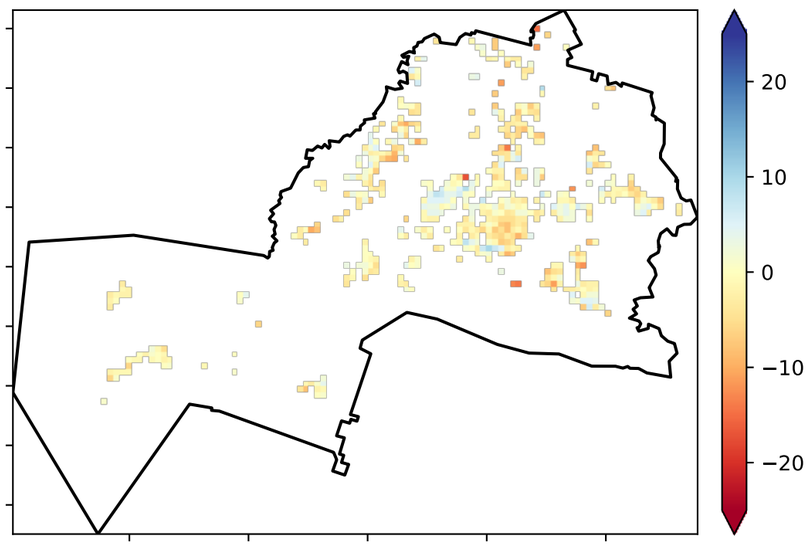

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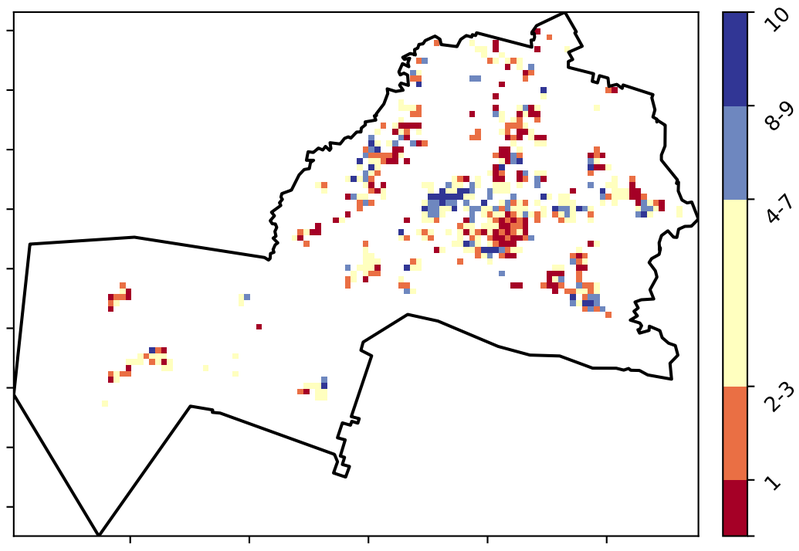
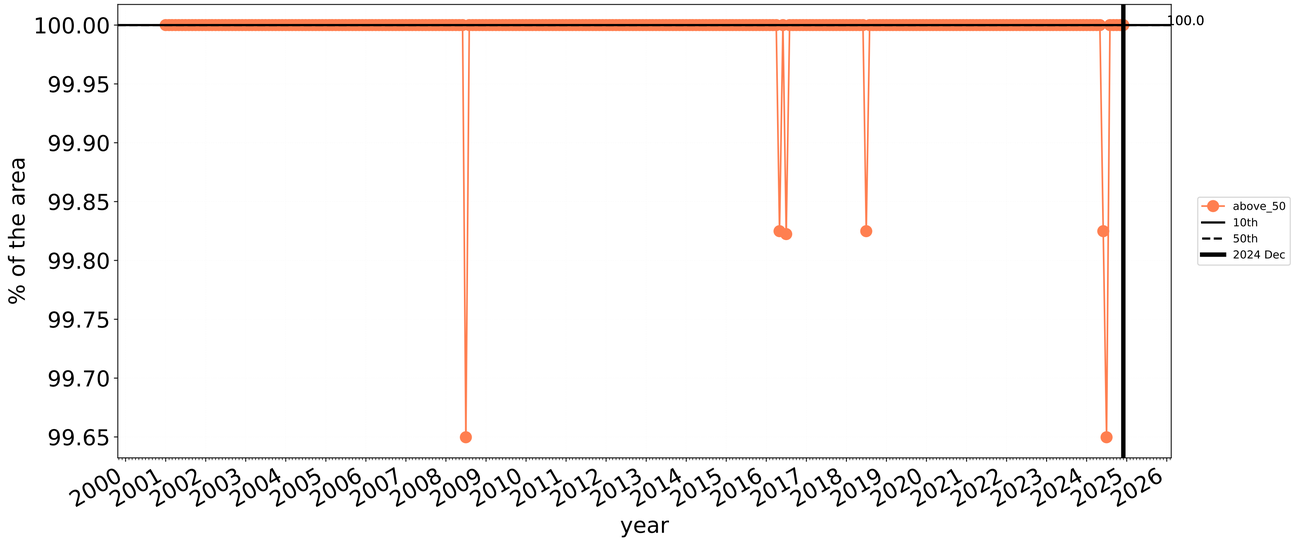
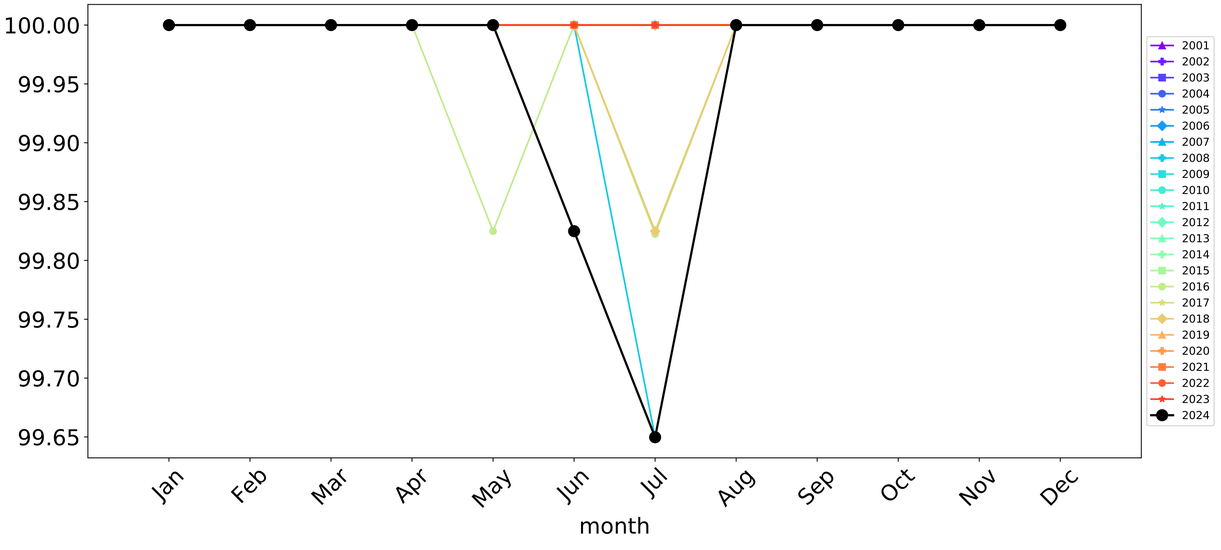


Grazing timeseries

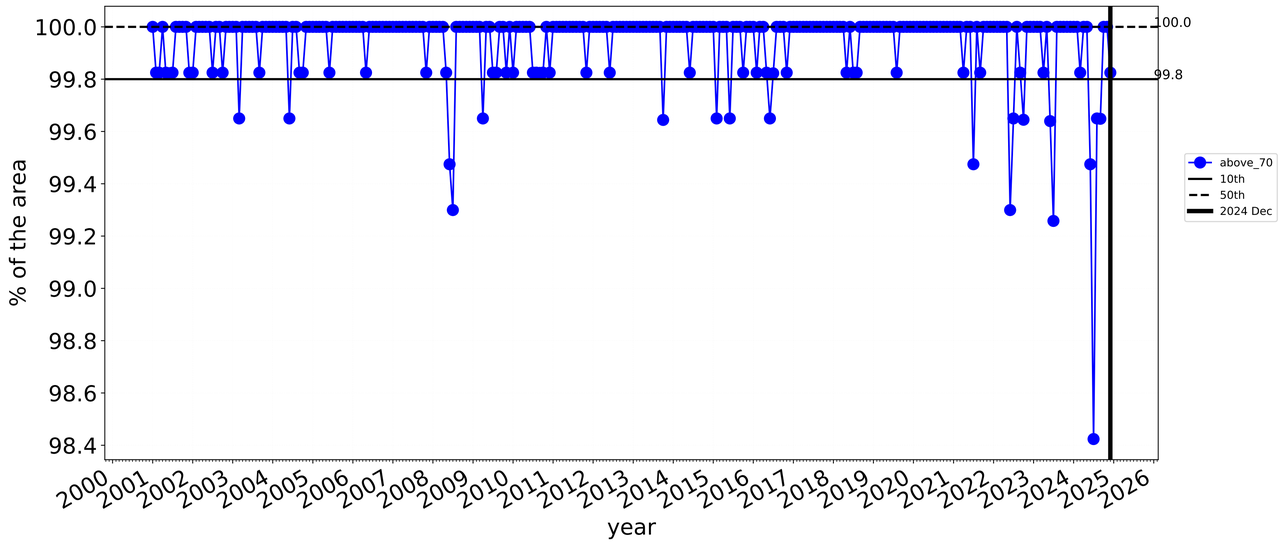
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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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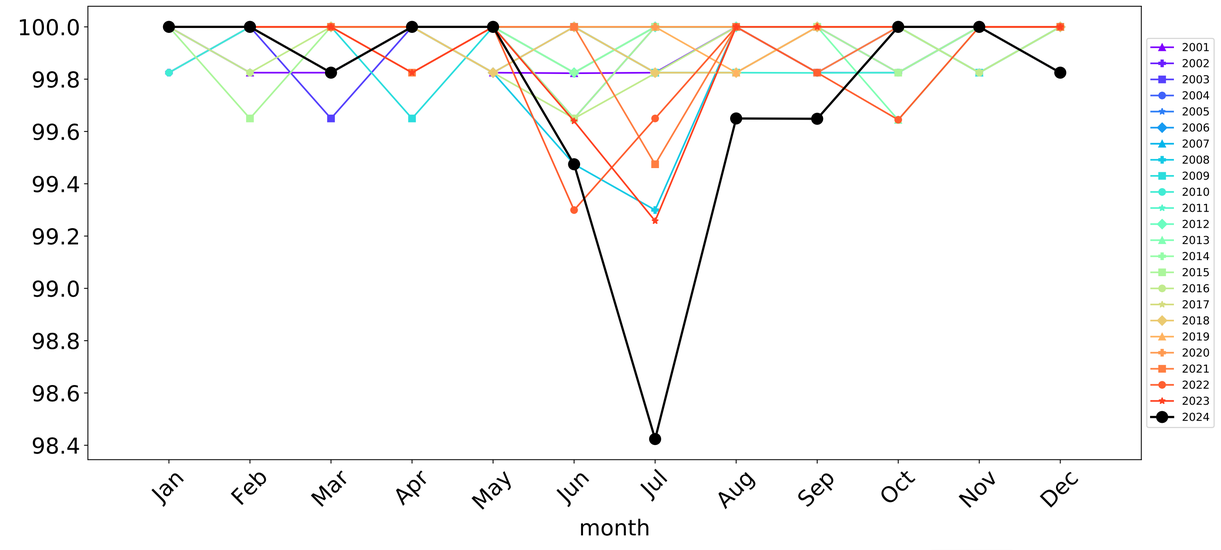

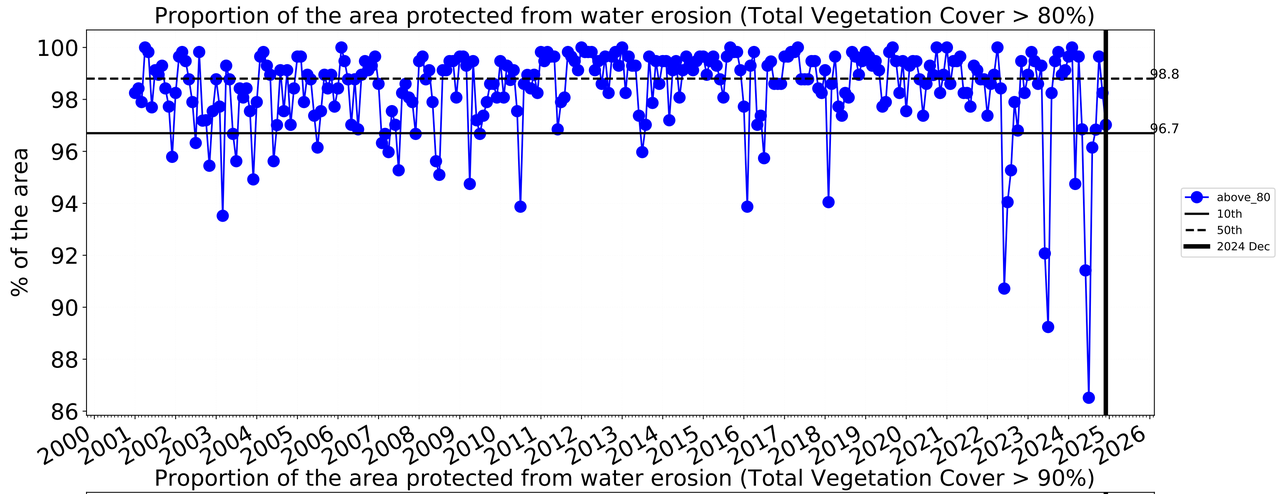
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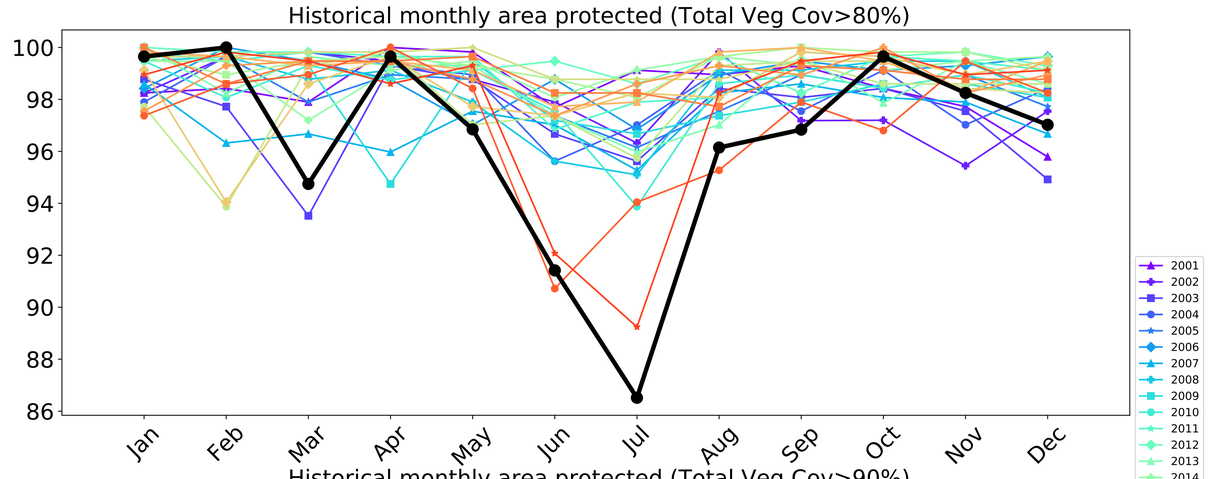
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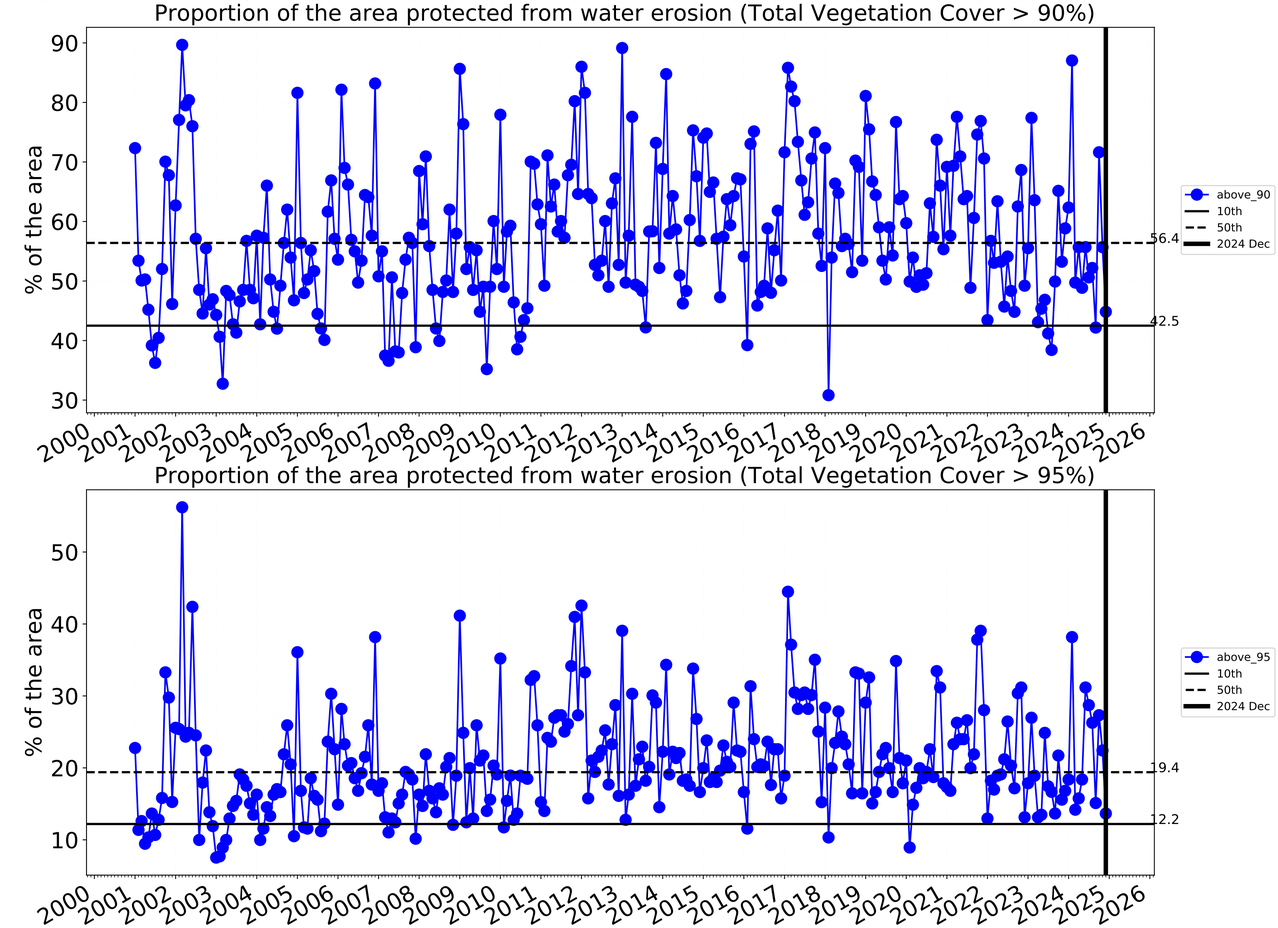
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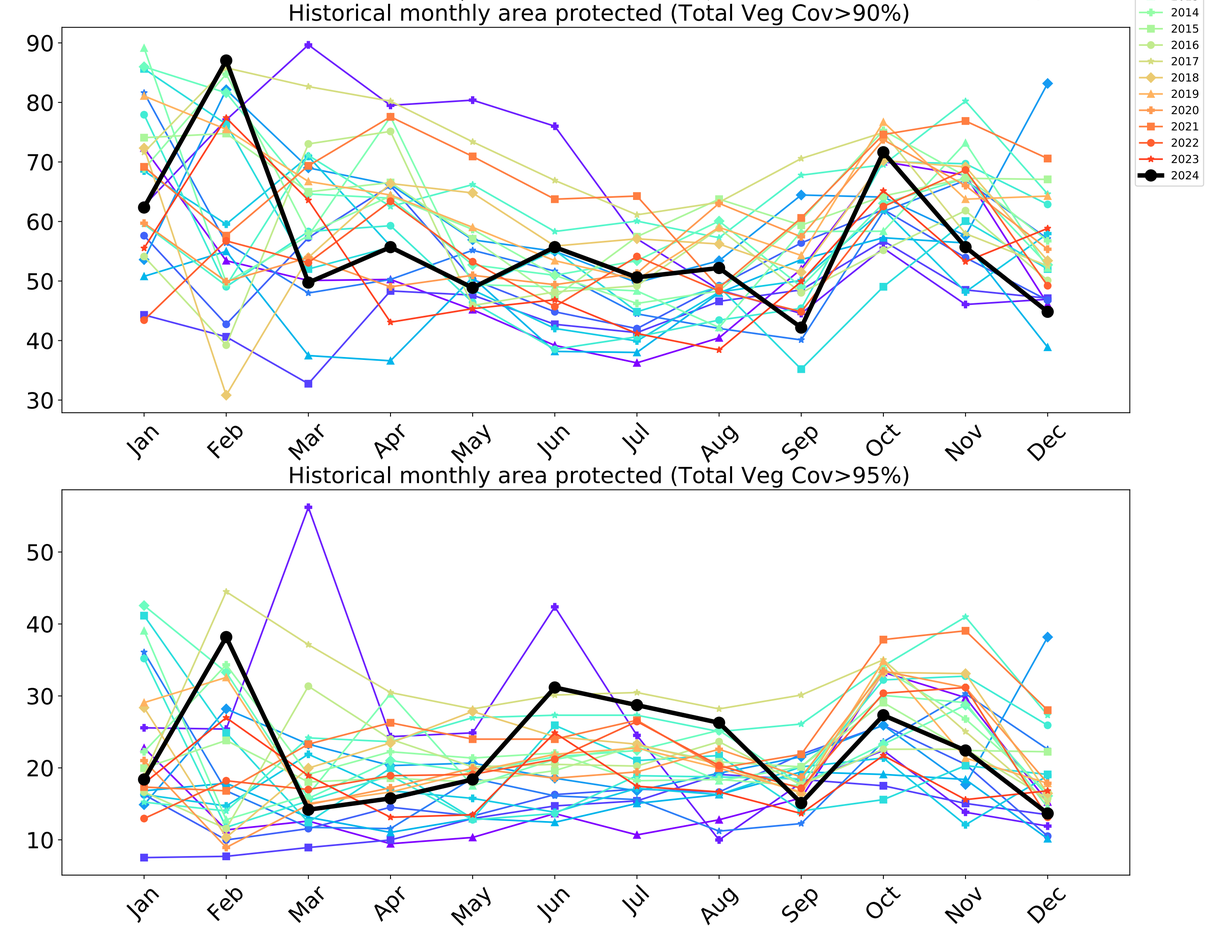
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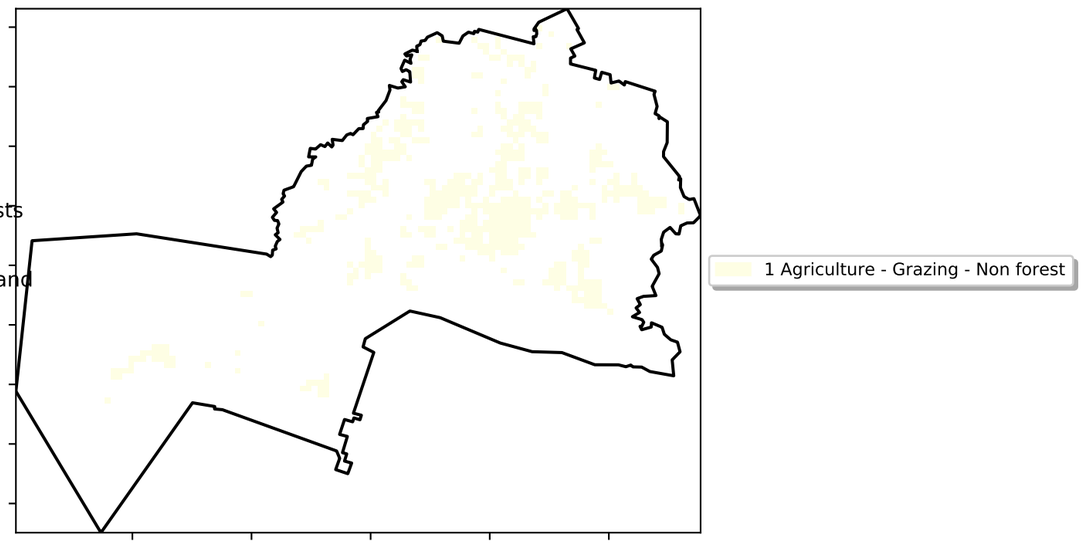
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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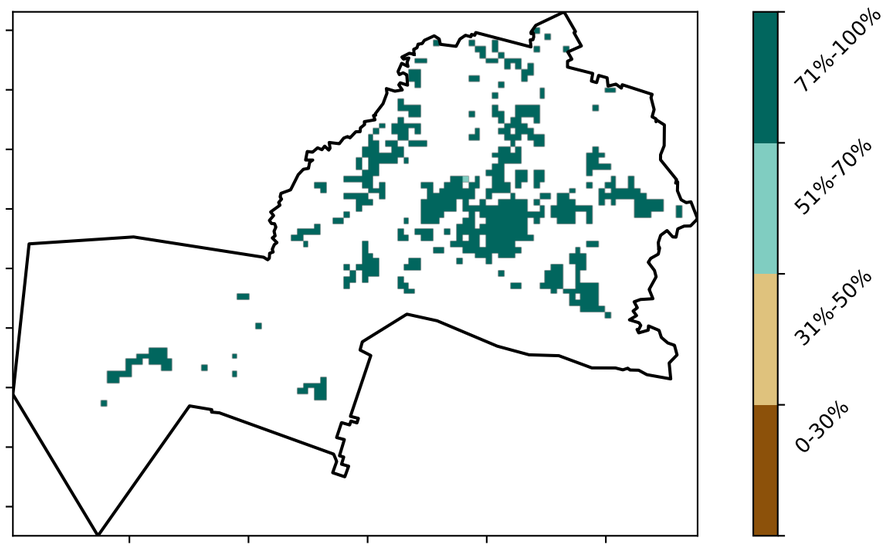
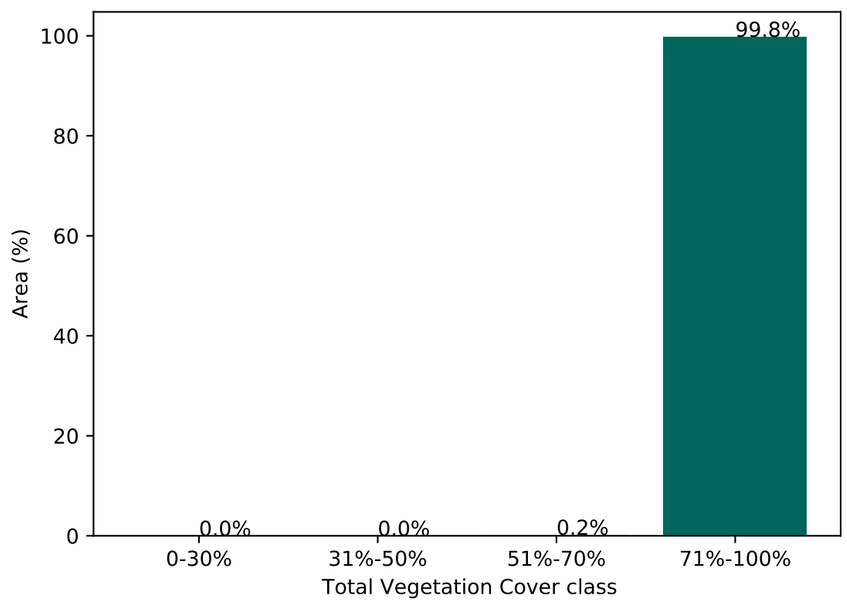


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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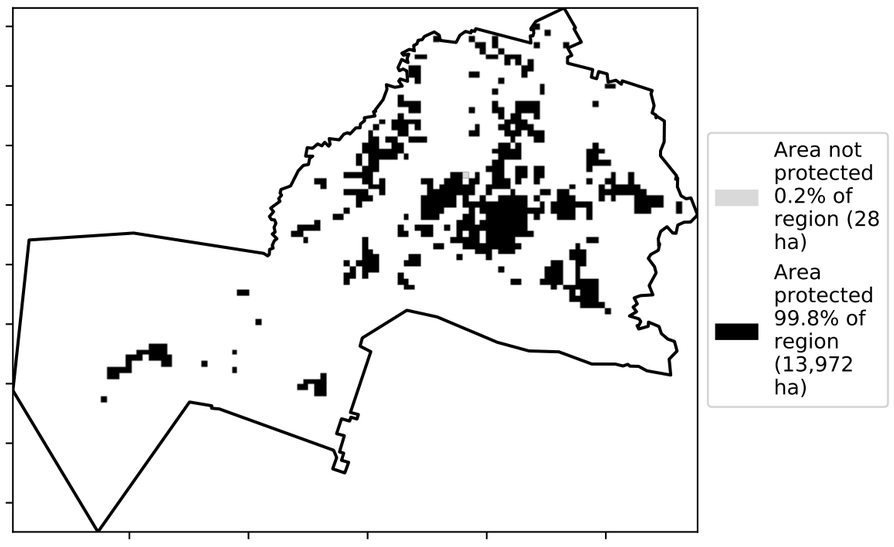

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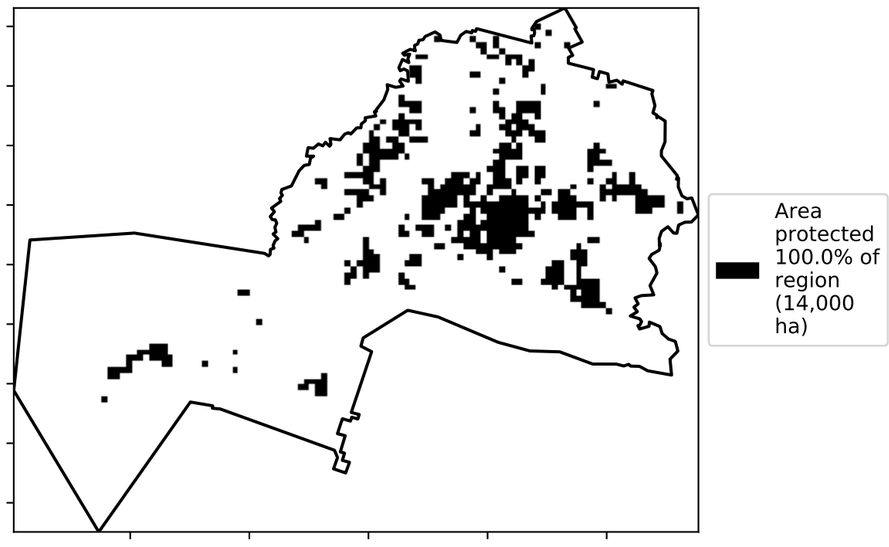

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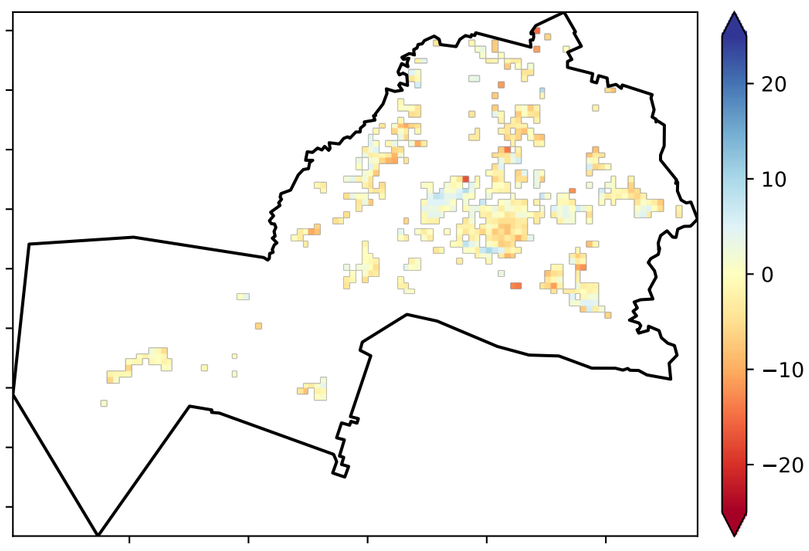

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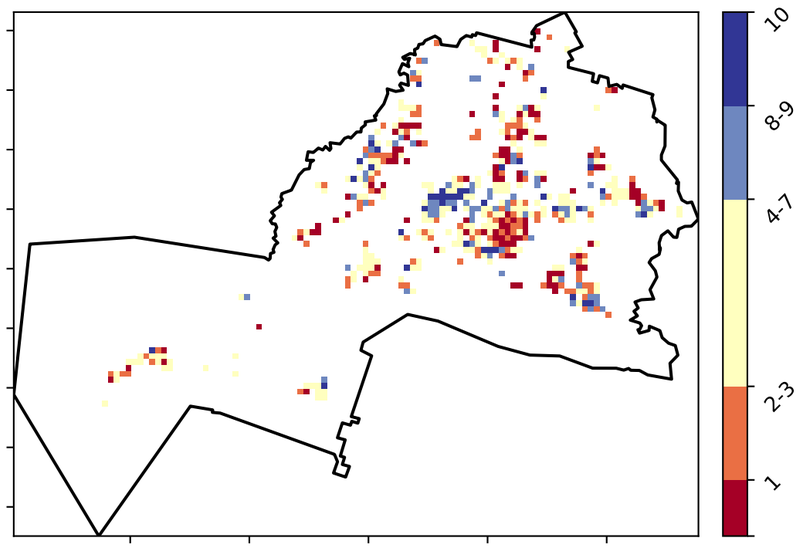

Grazing non forest timeseries

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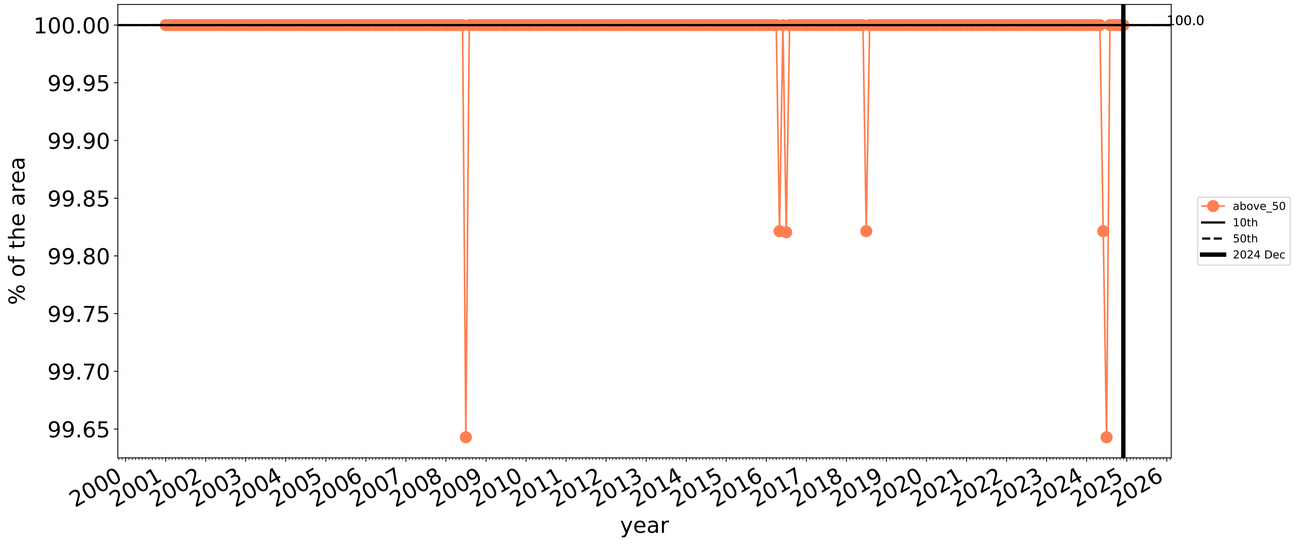
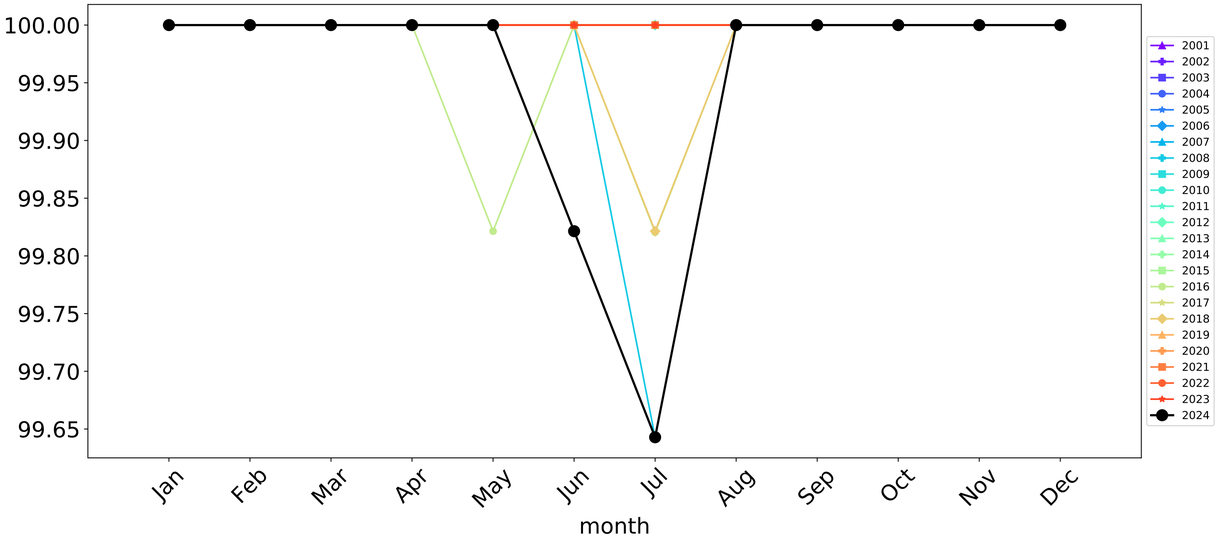


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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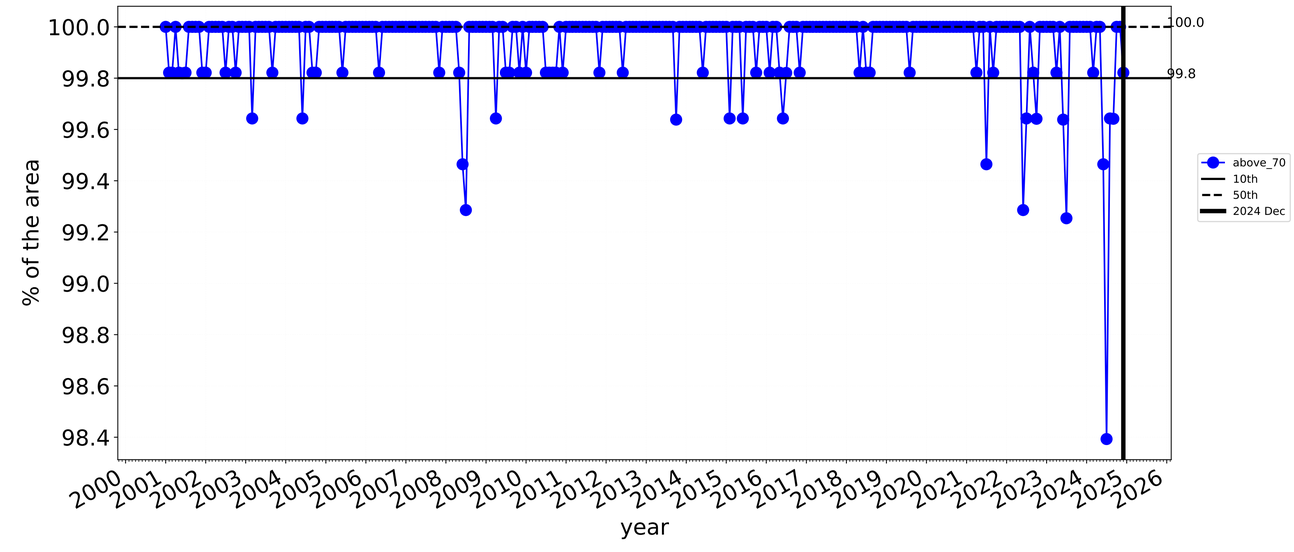

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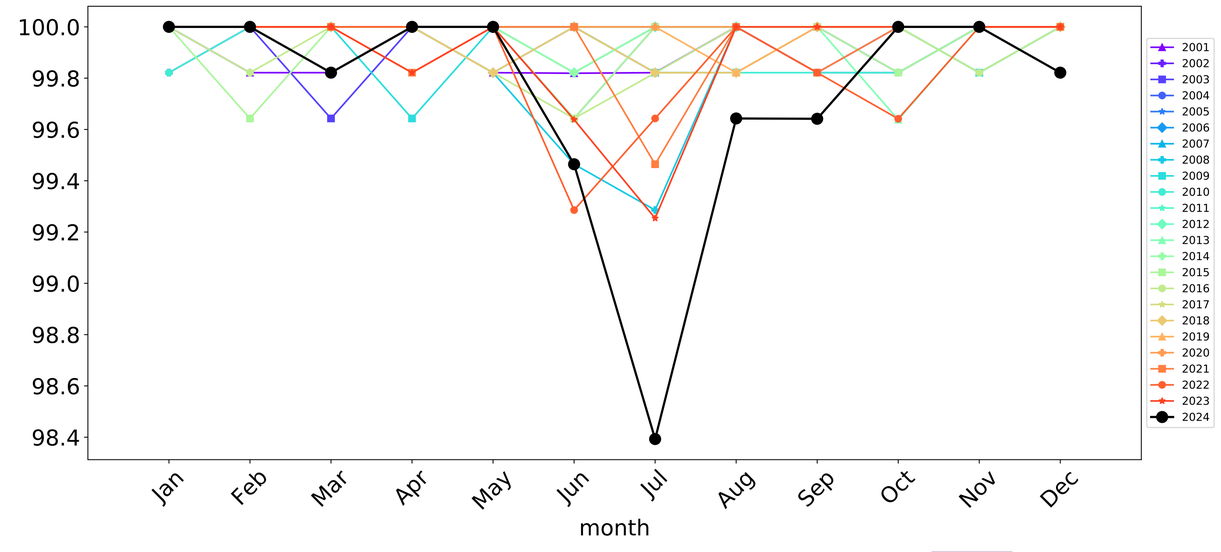

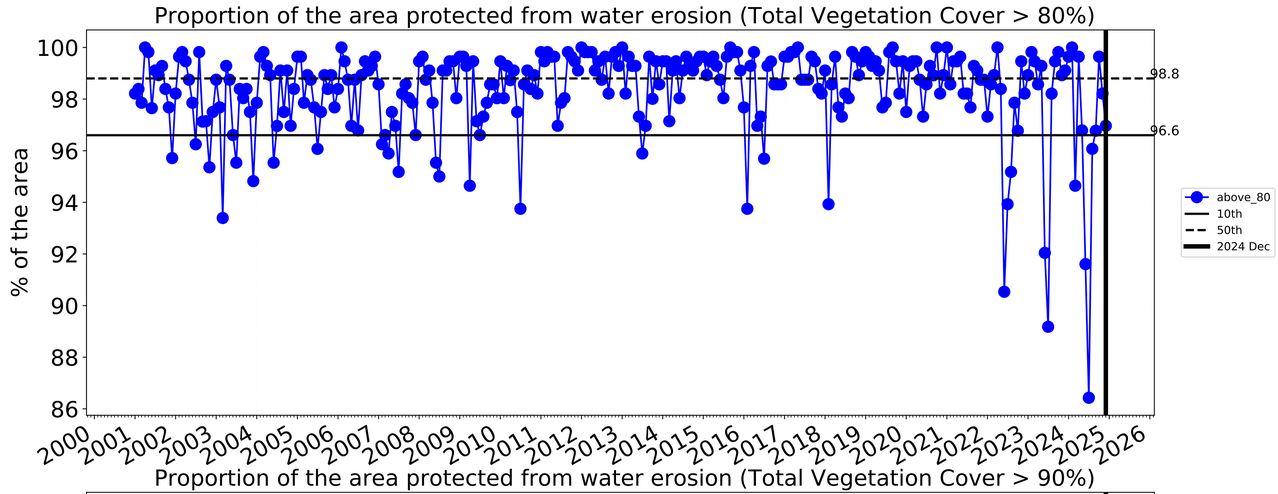
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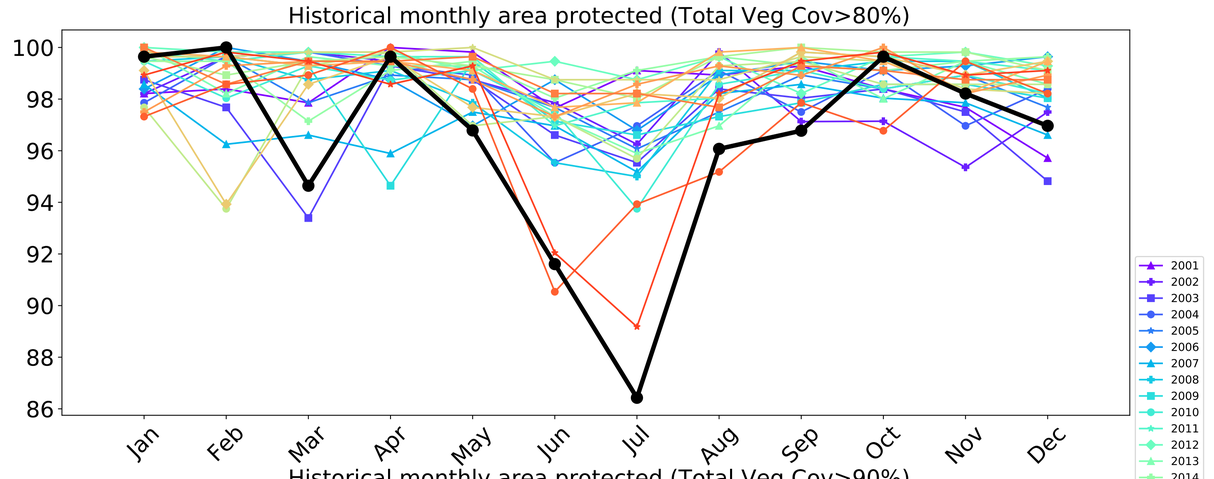
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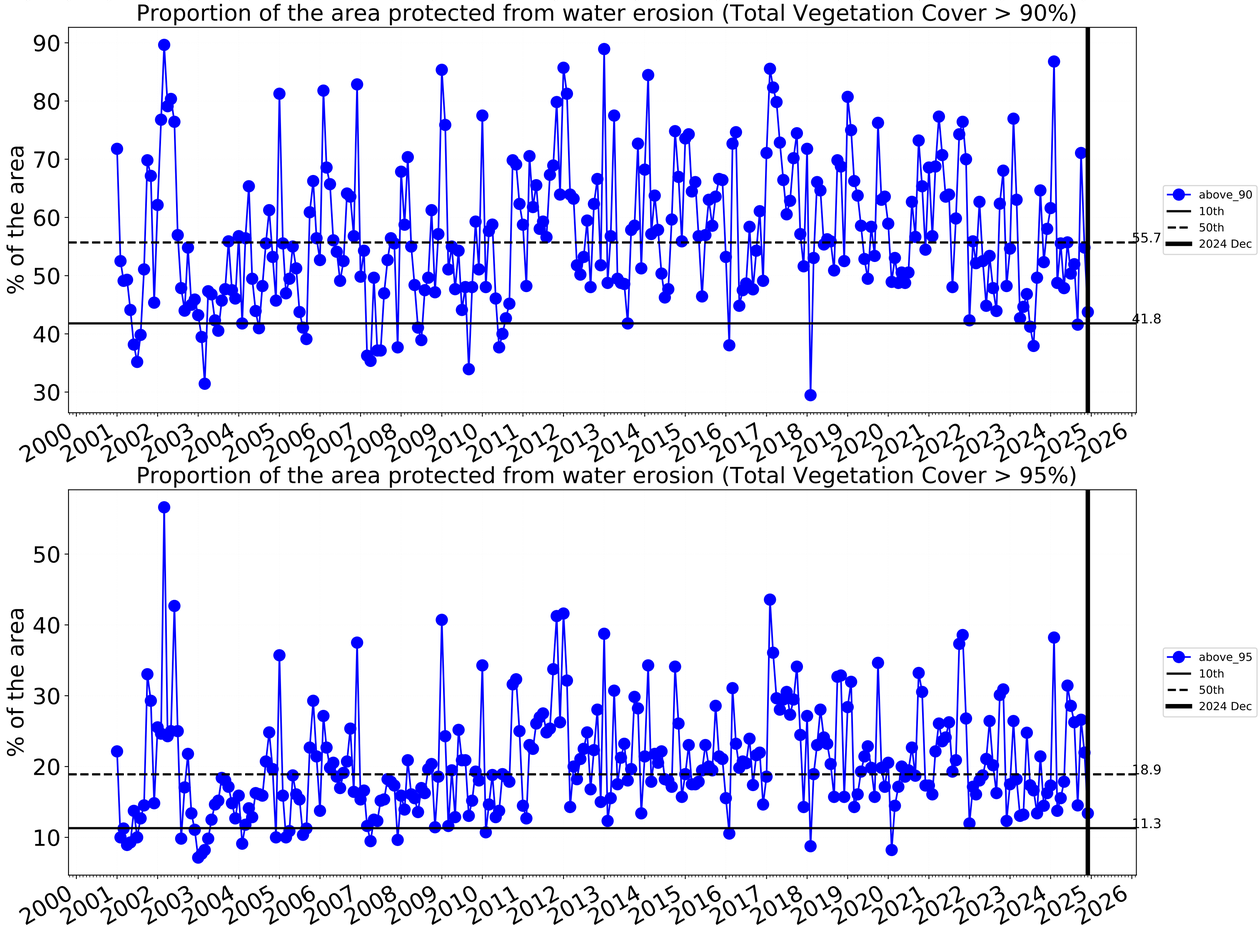
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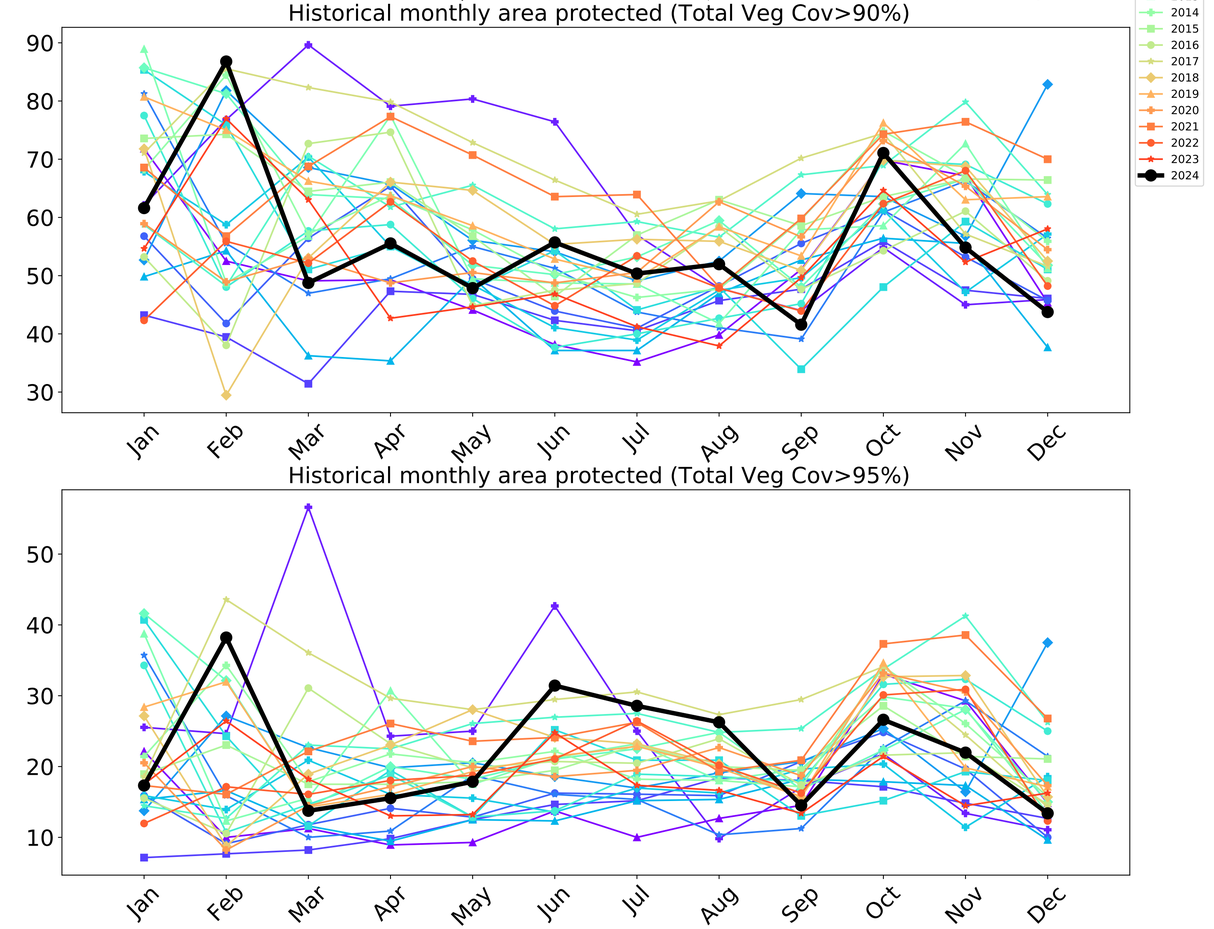
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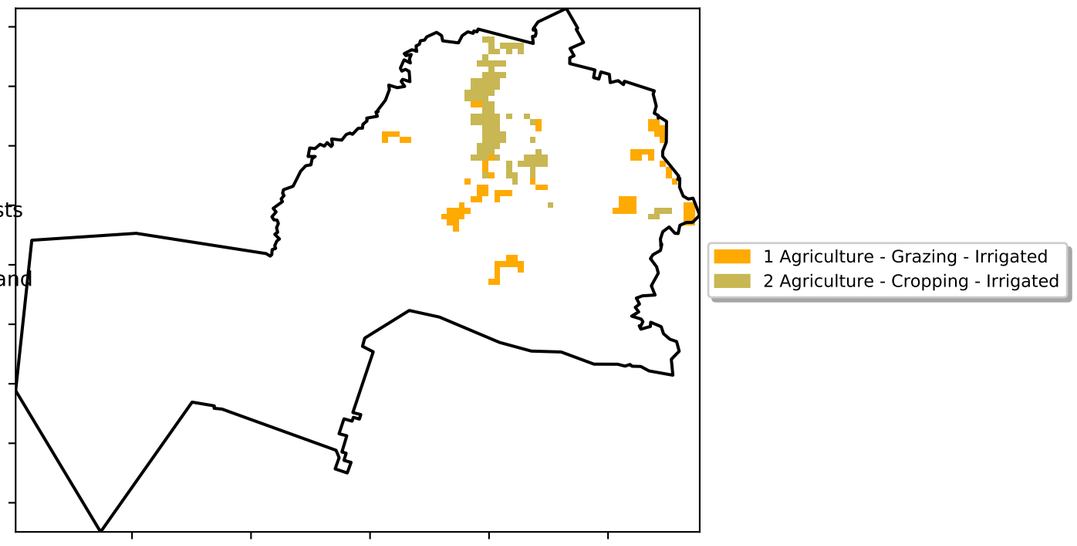
Irrigation

Land use and forest cover



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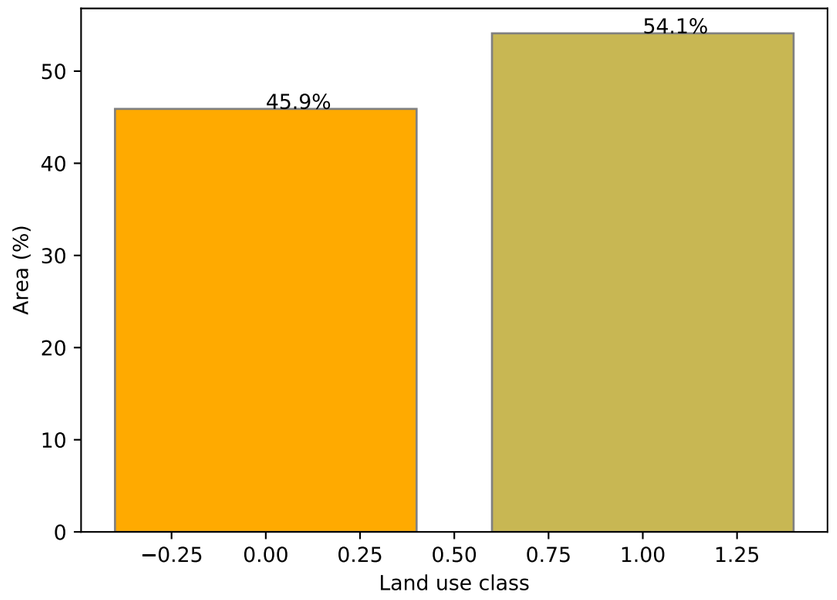
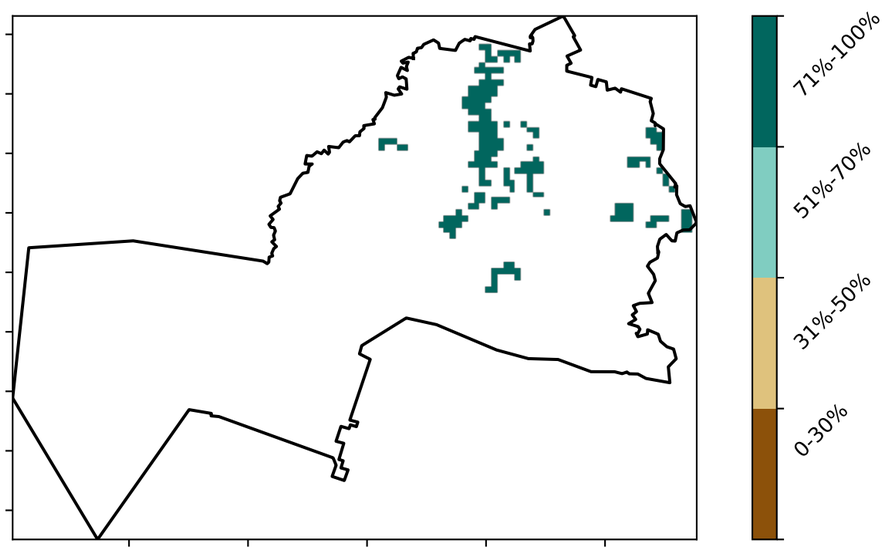
Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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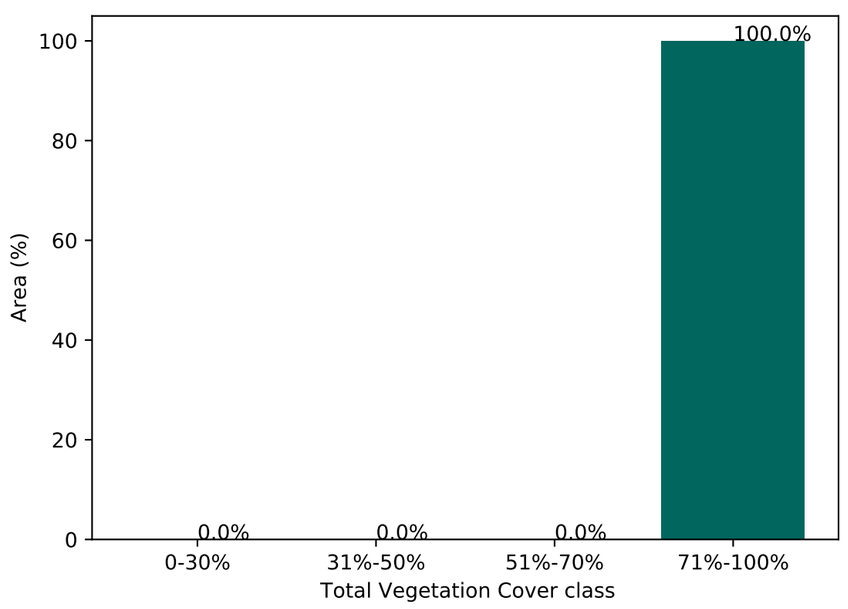
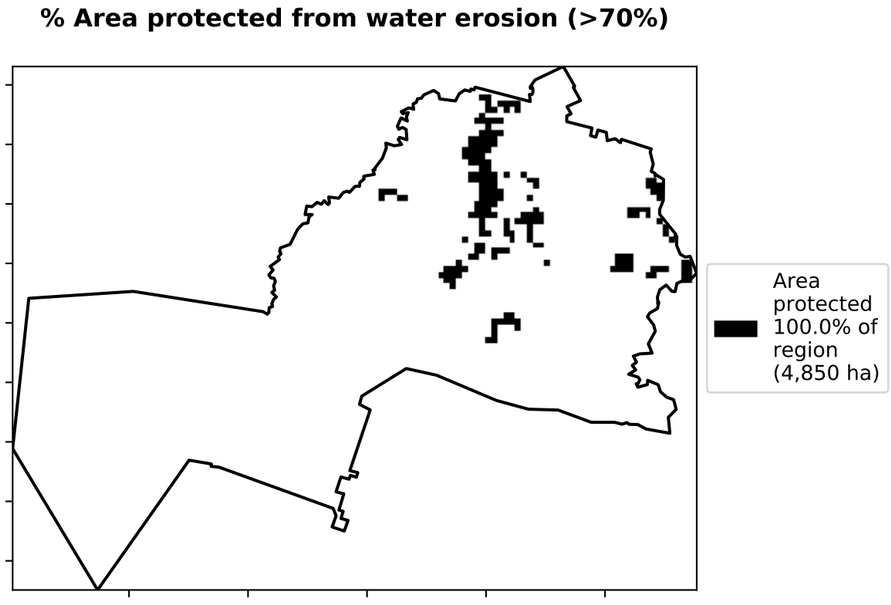


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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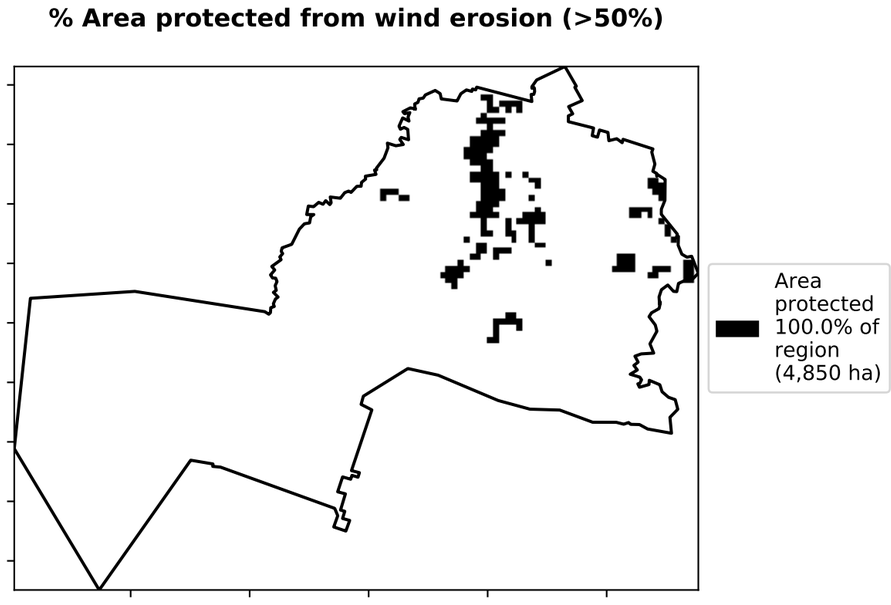

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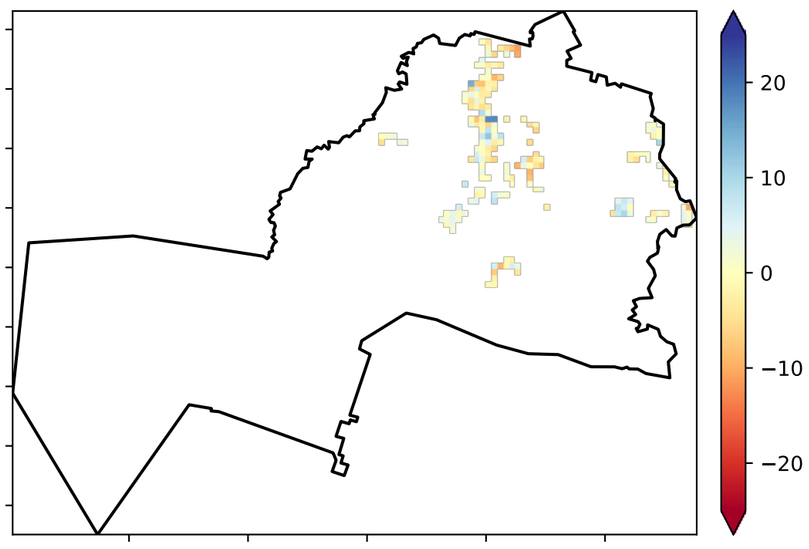

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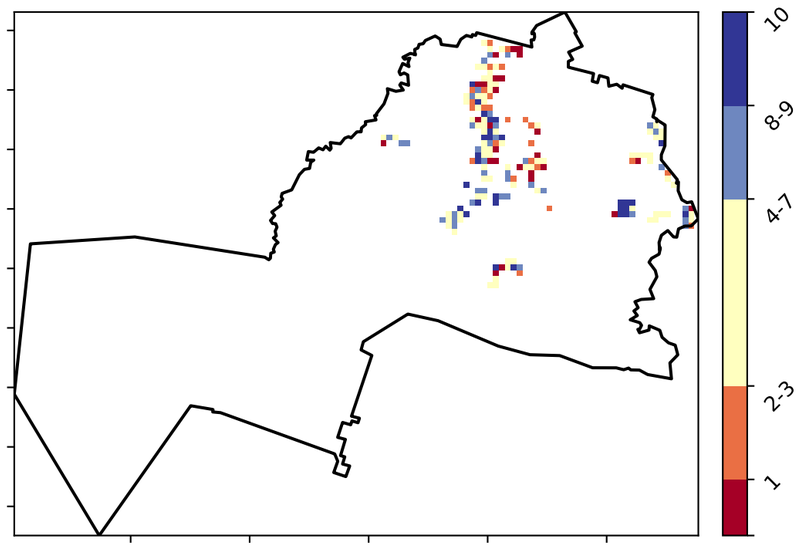

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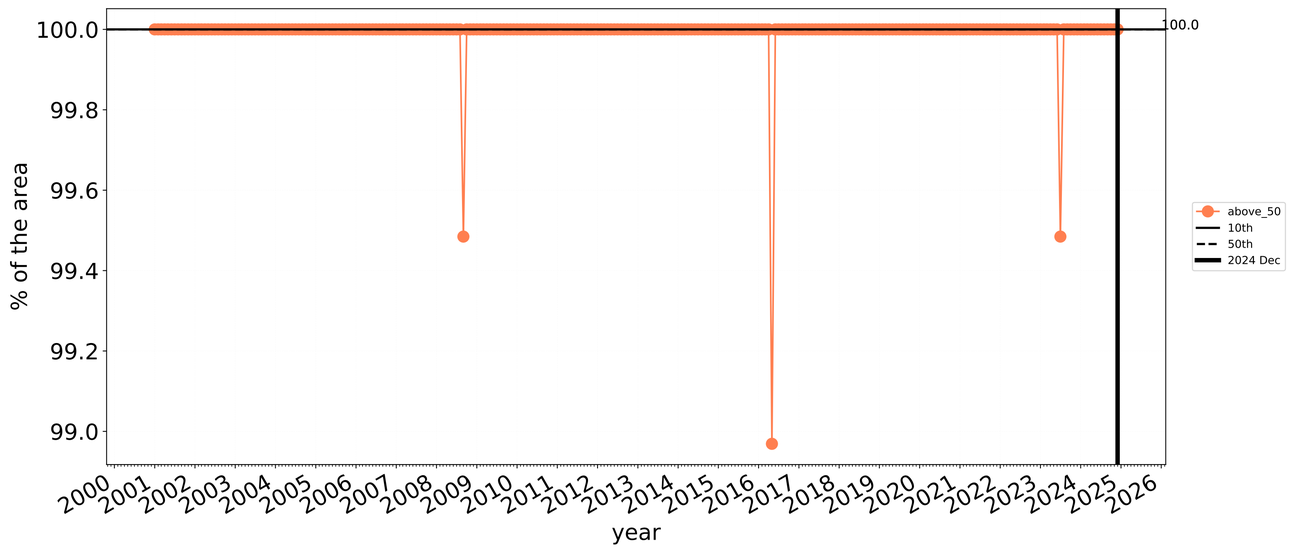
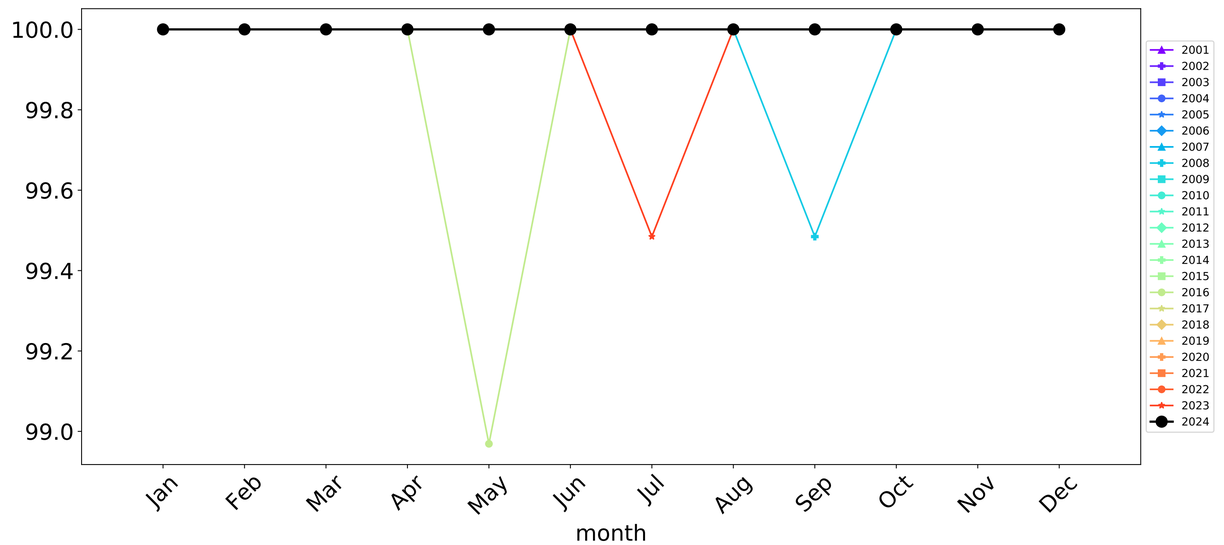
Irrigation timeseries

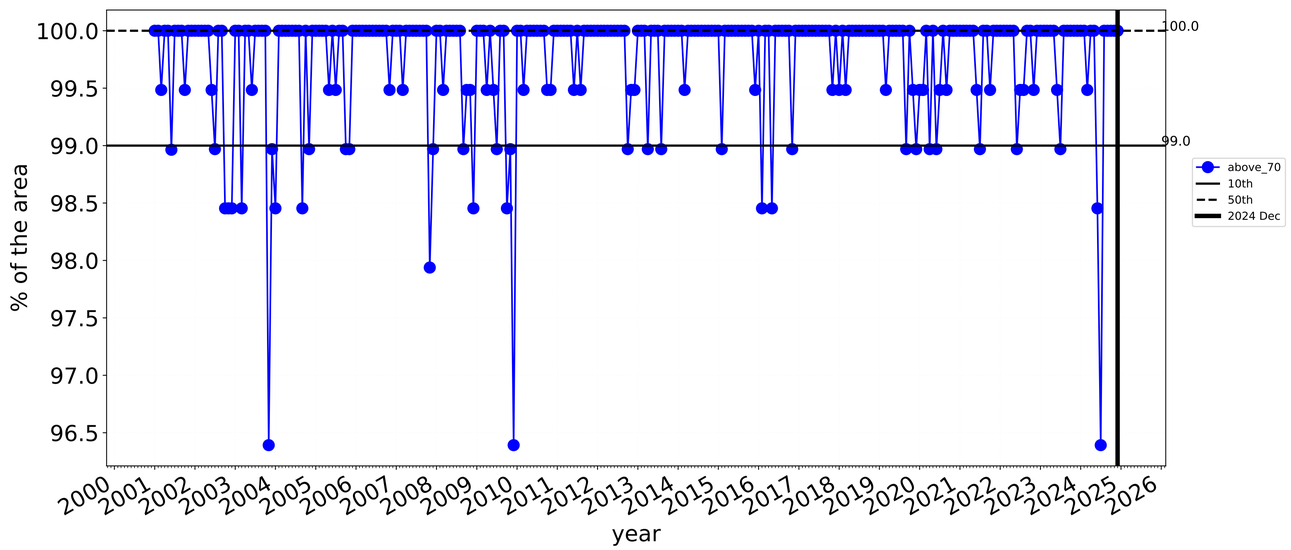
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



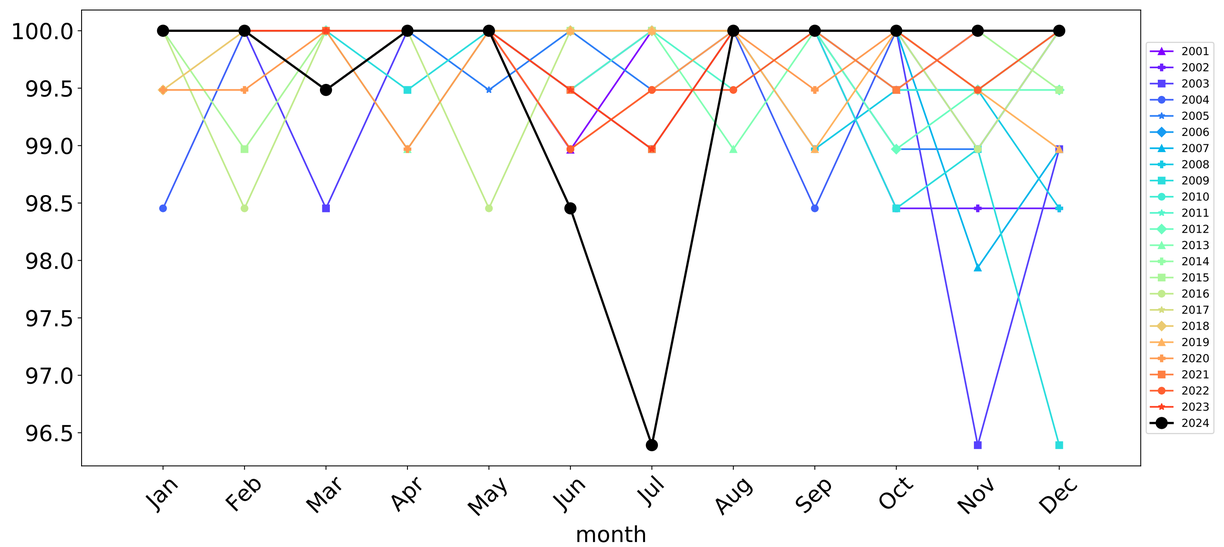
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

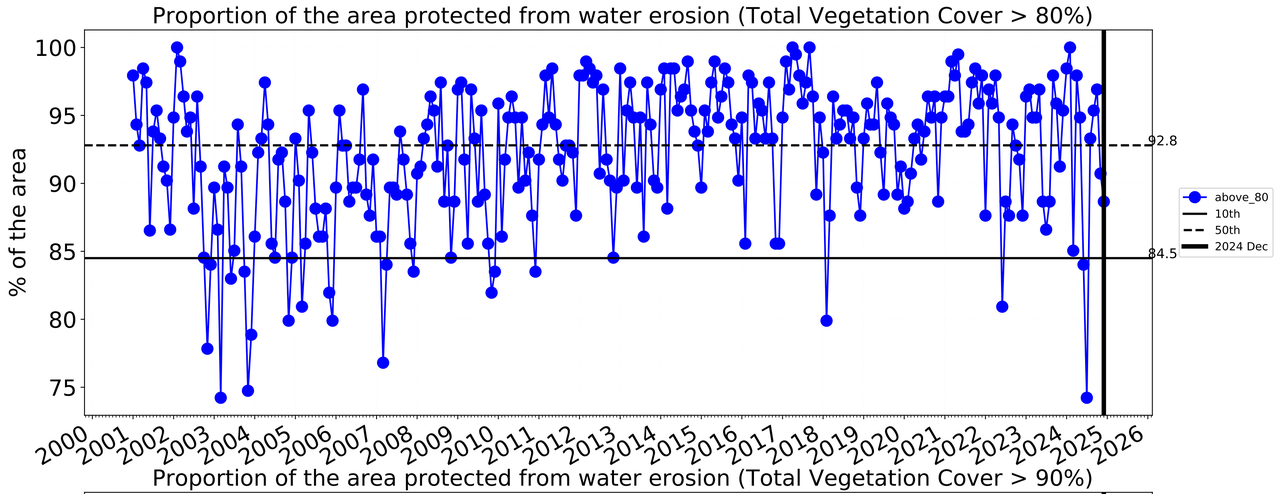


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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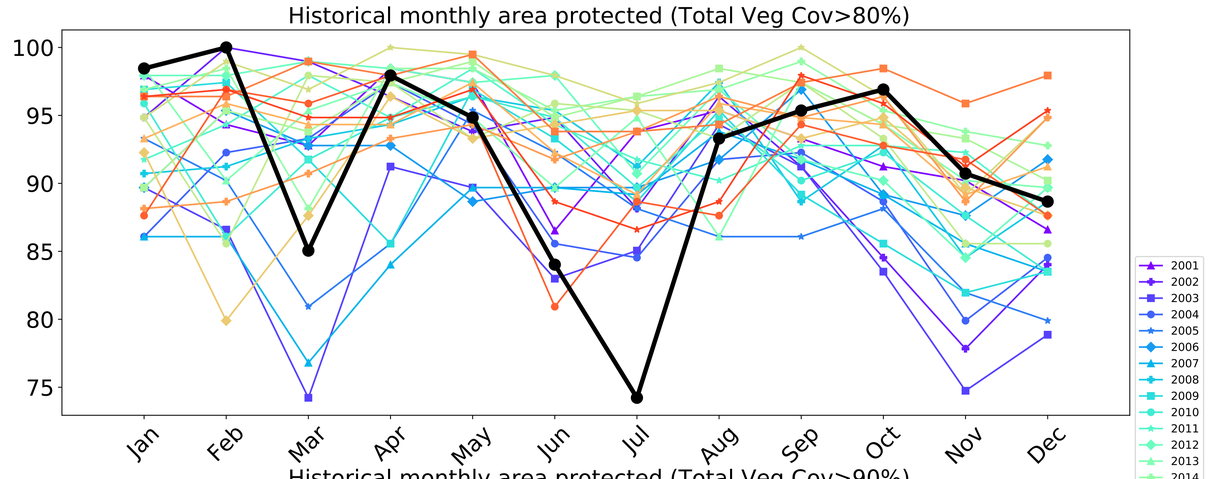
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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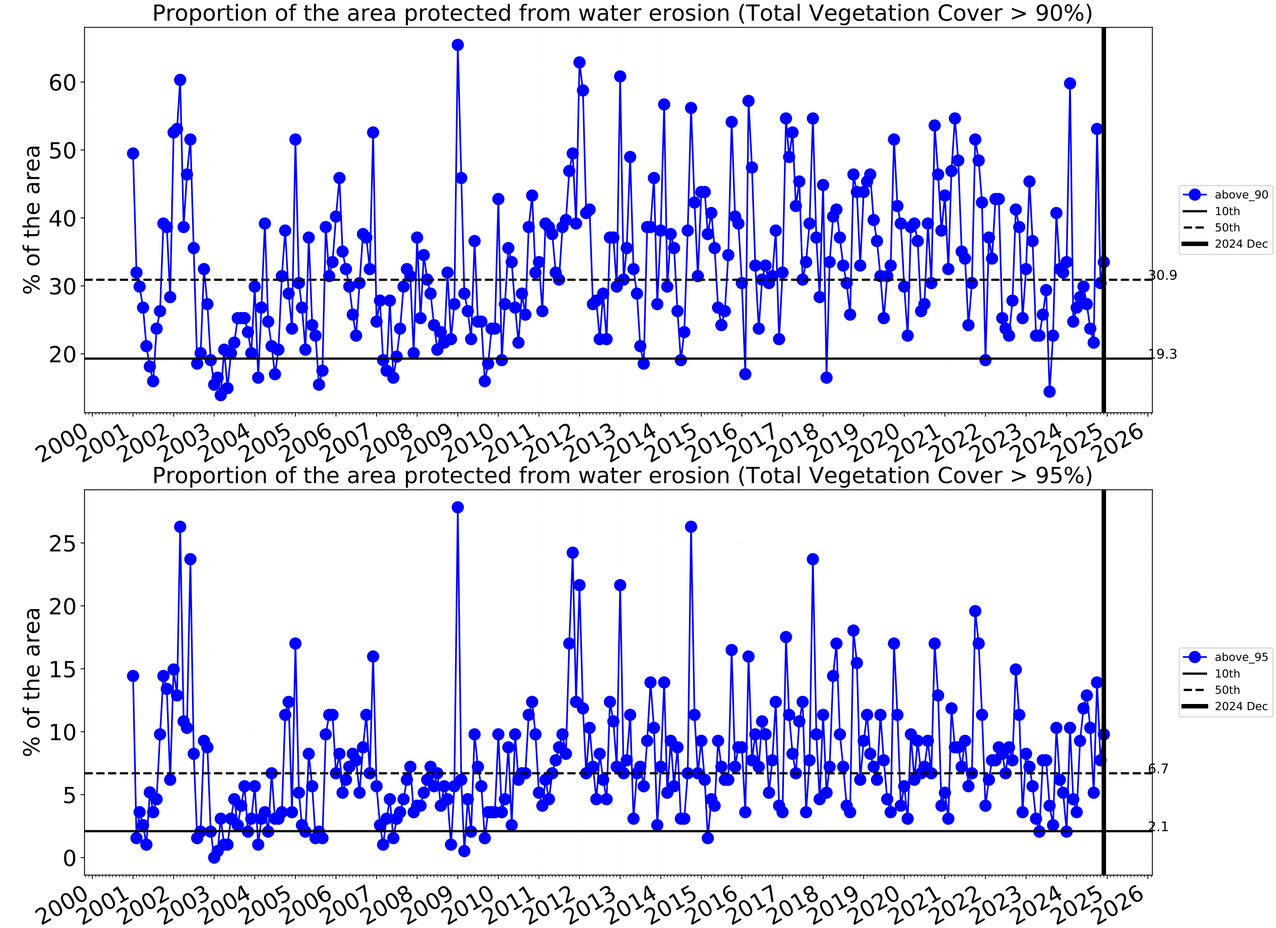
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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19.3
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
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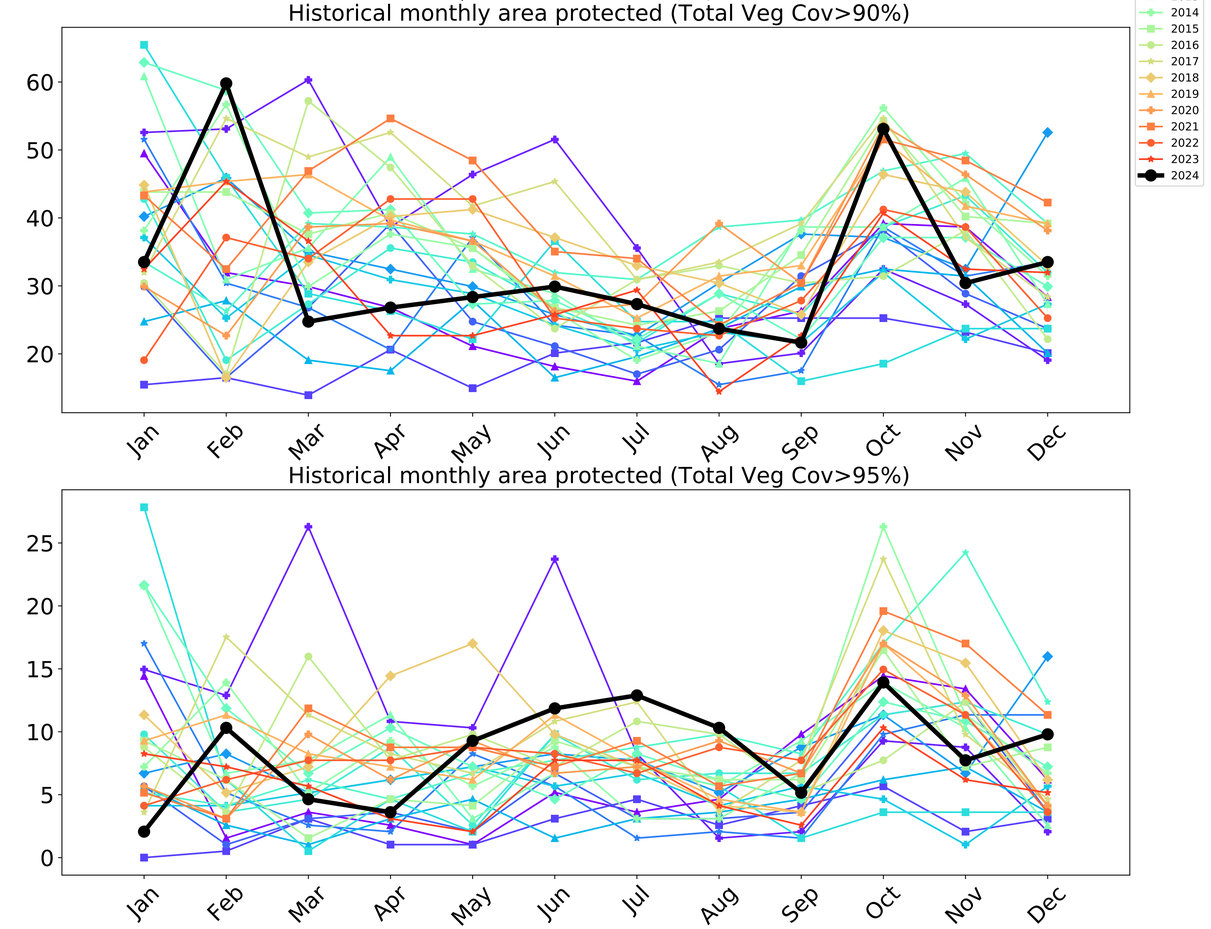
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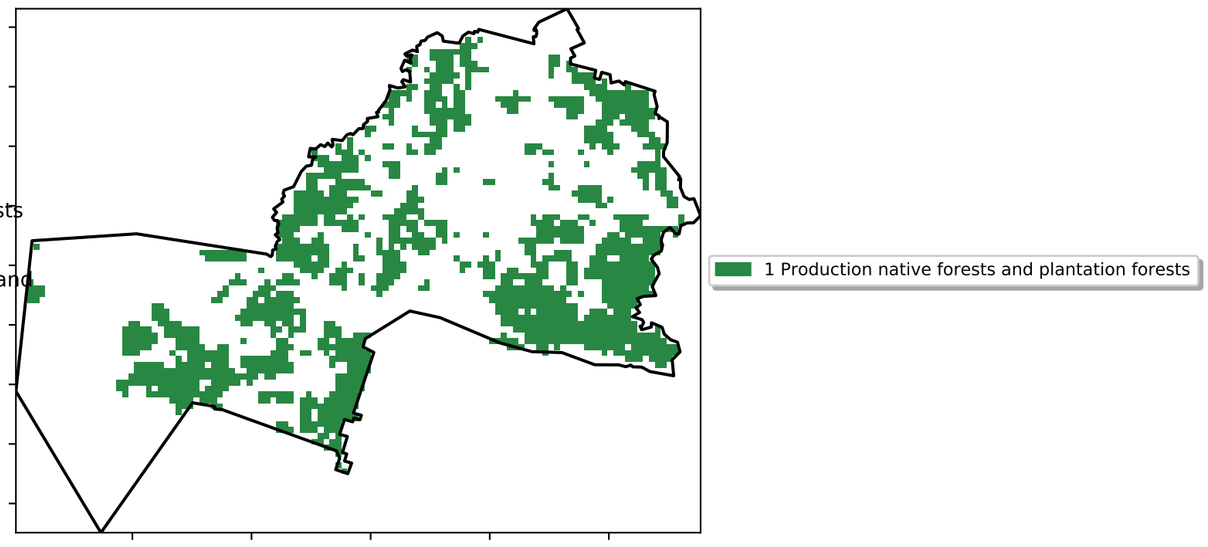
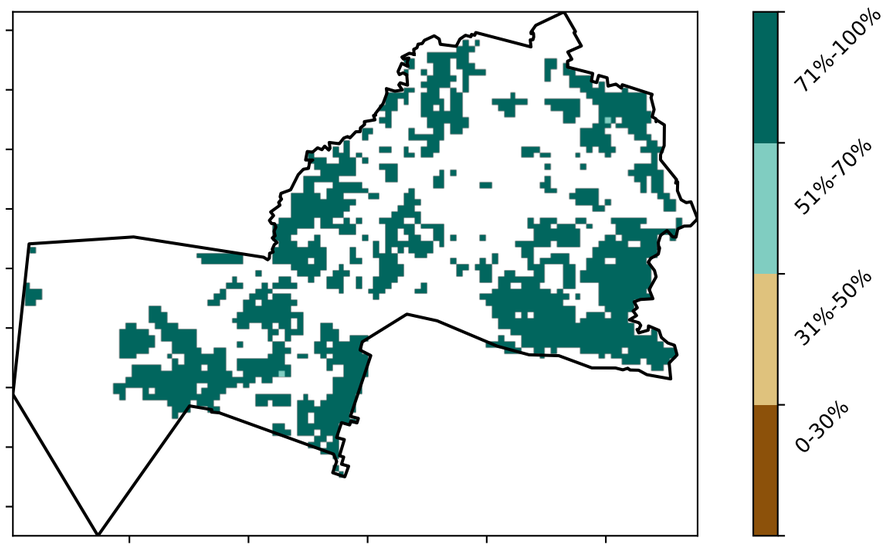
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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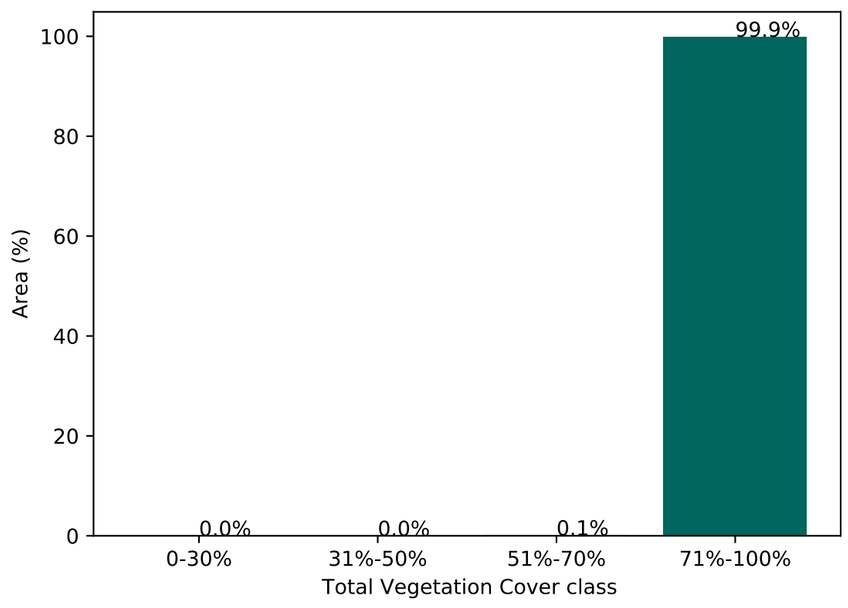

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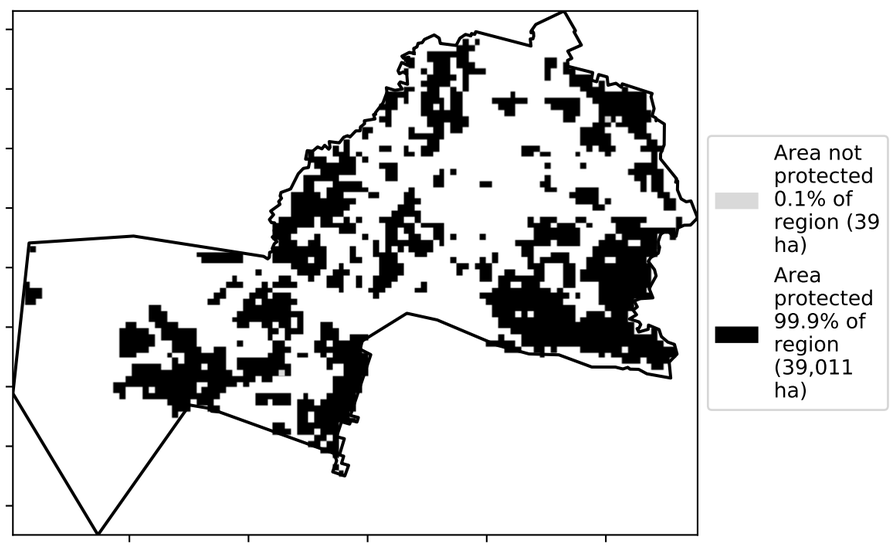
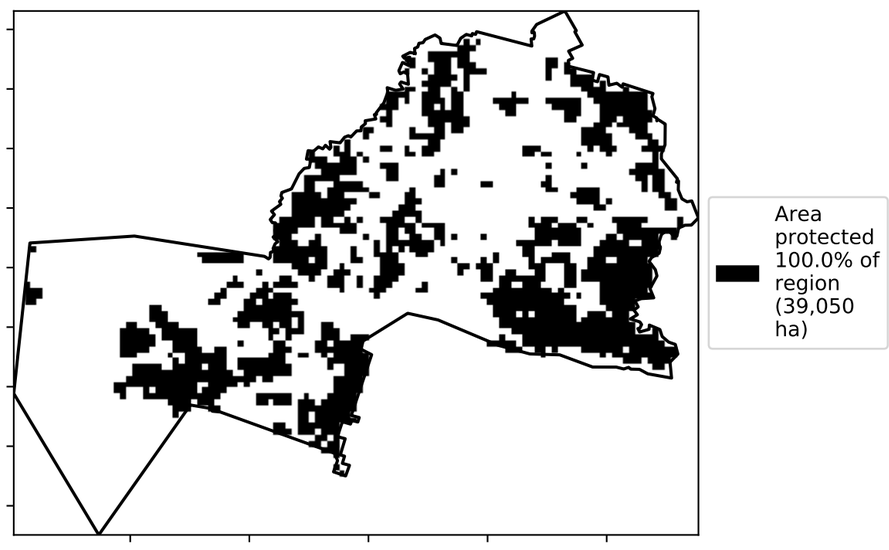


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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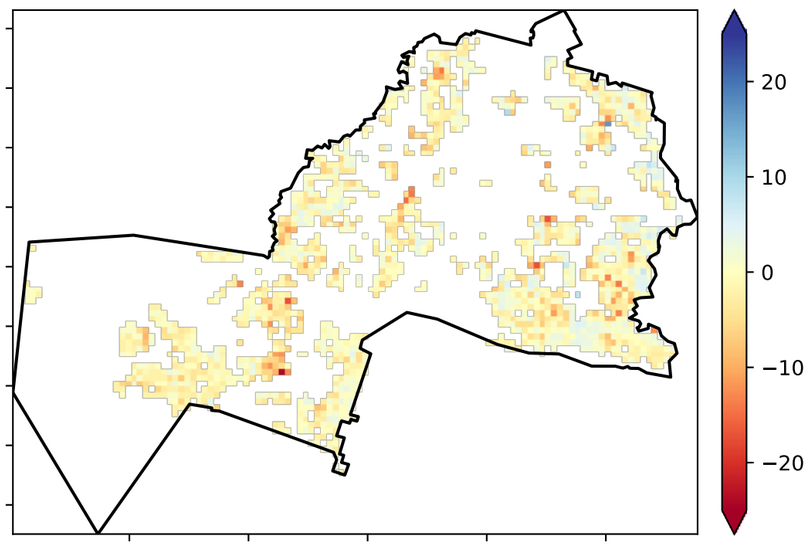

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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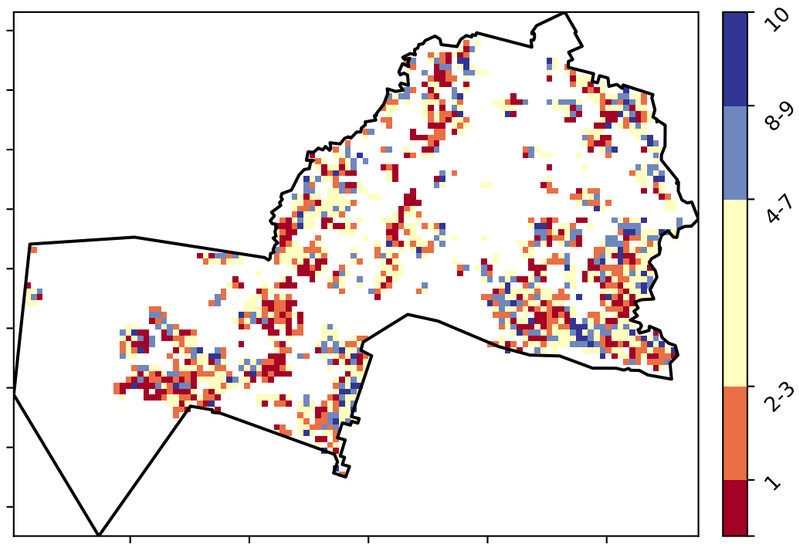
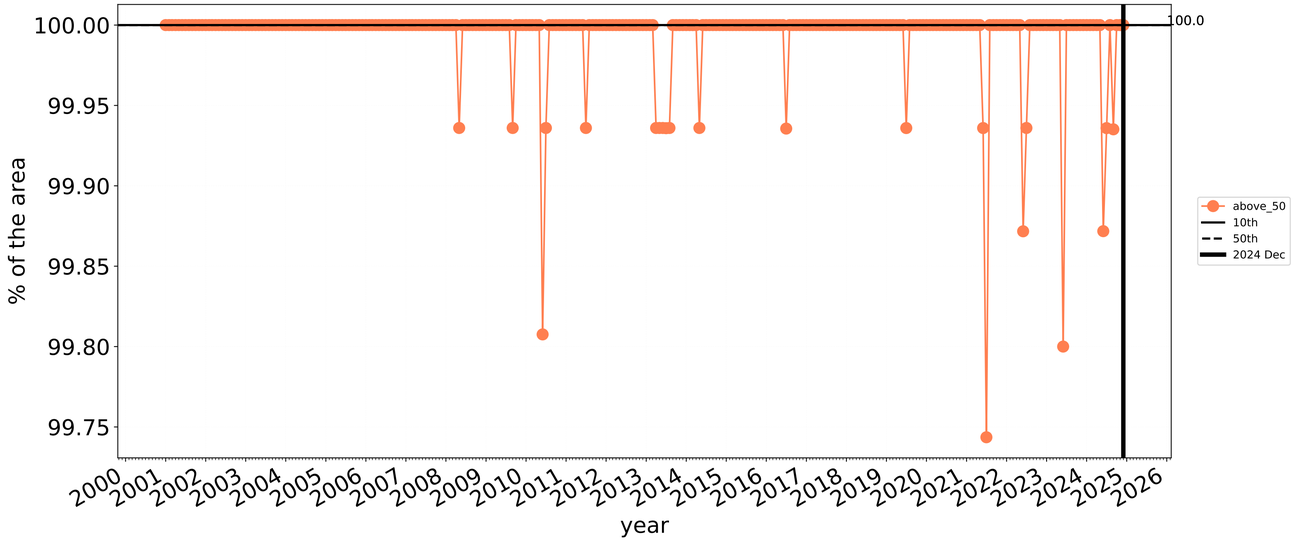
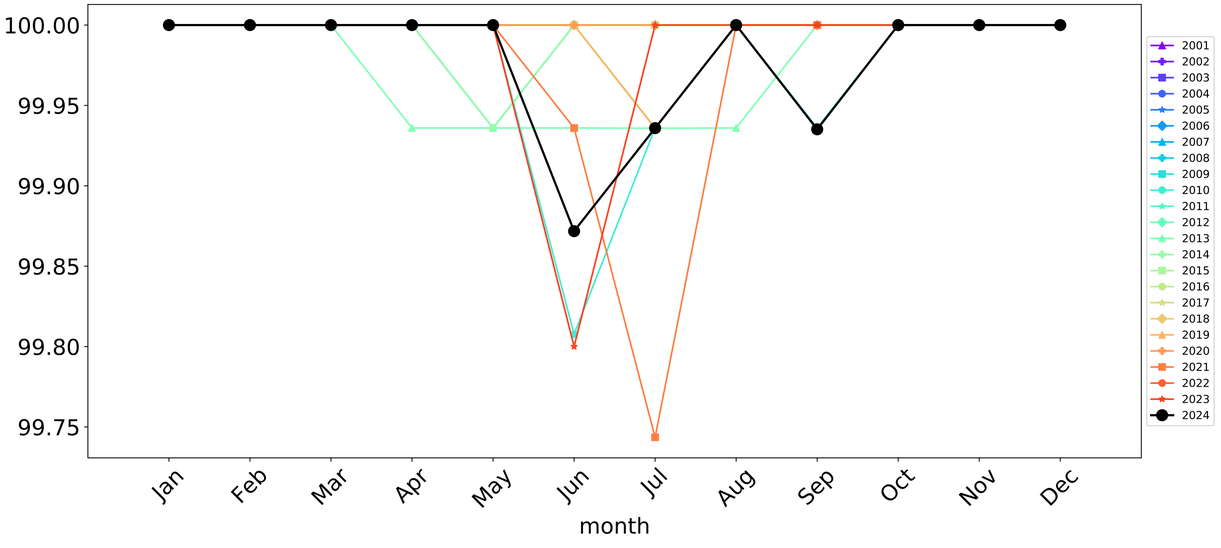


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

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



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



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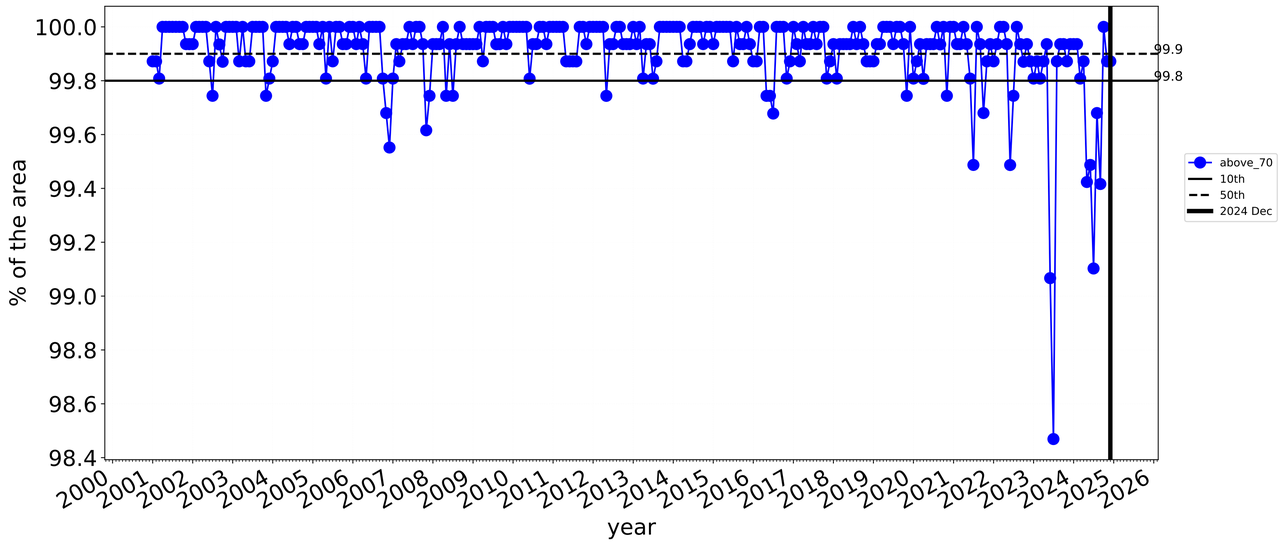

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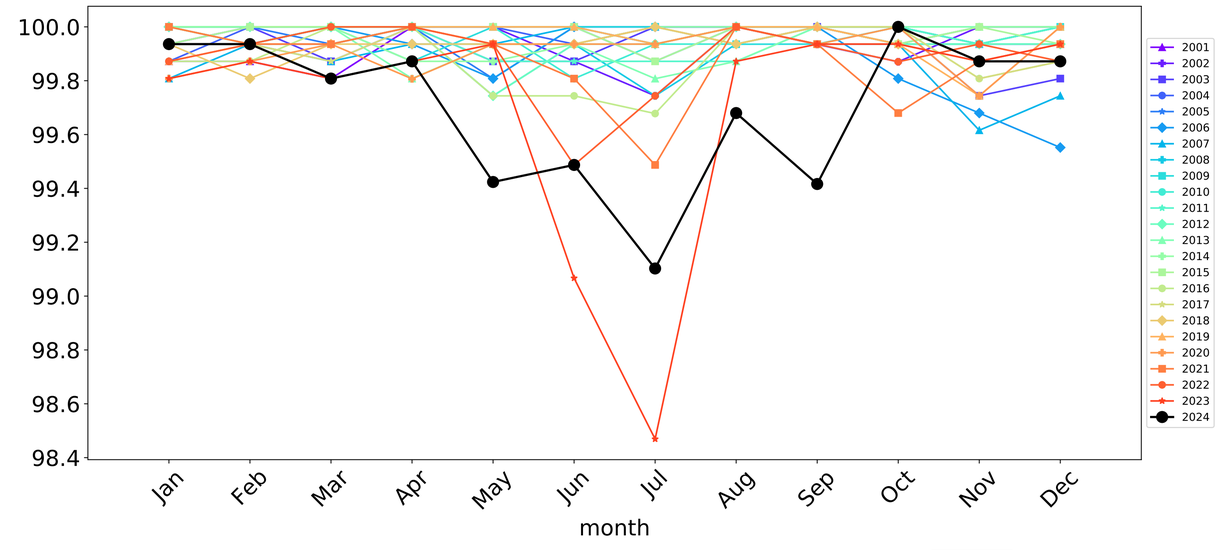

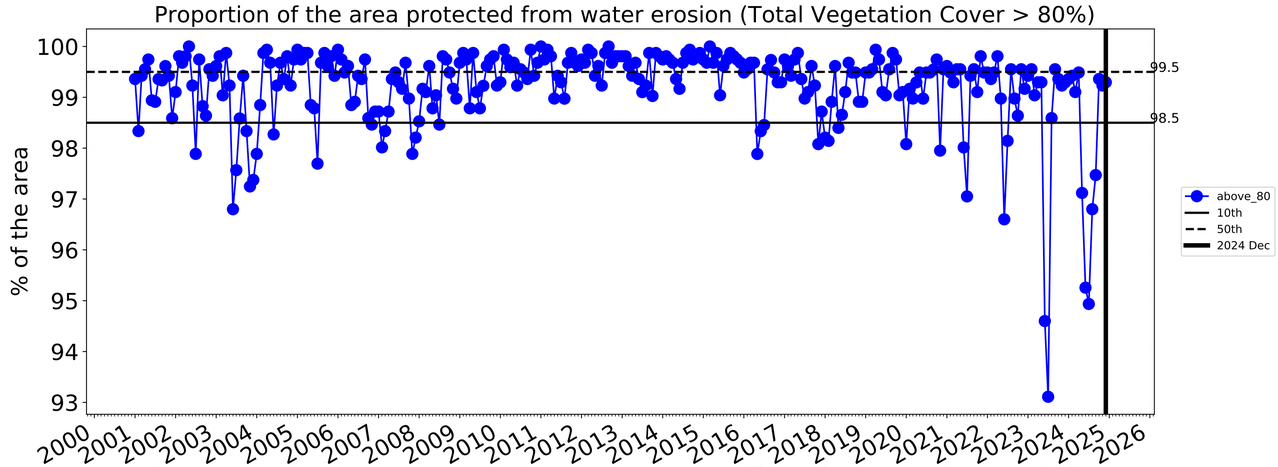
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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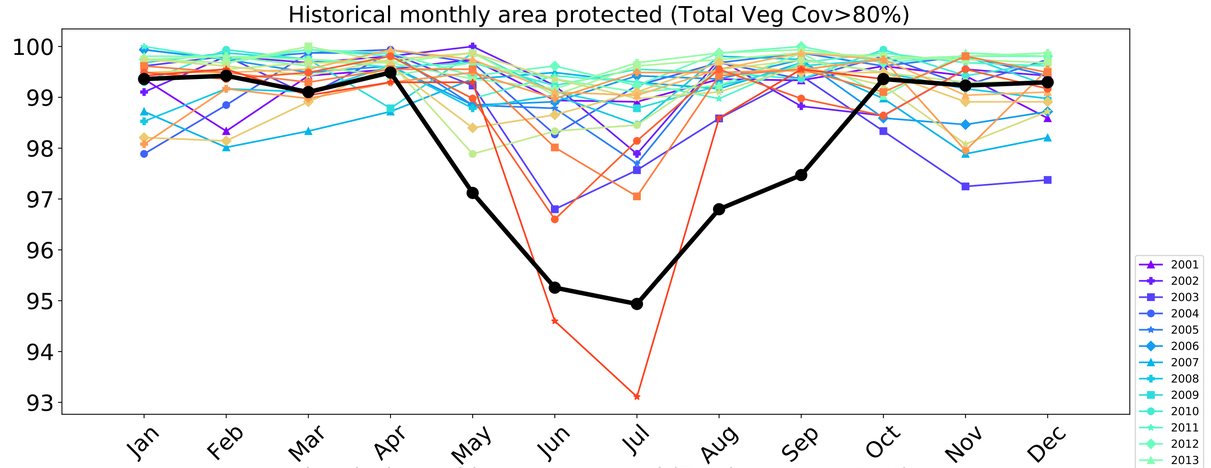
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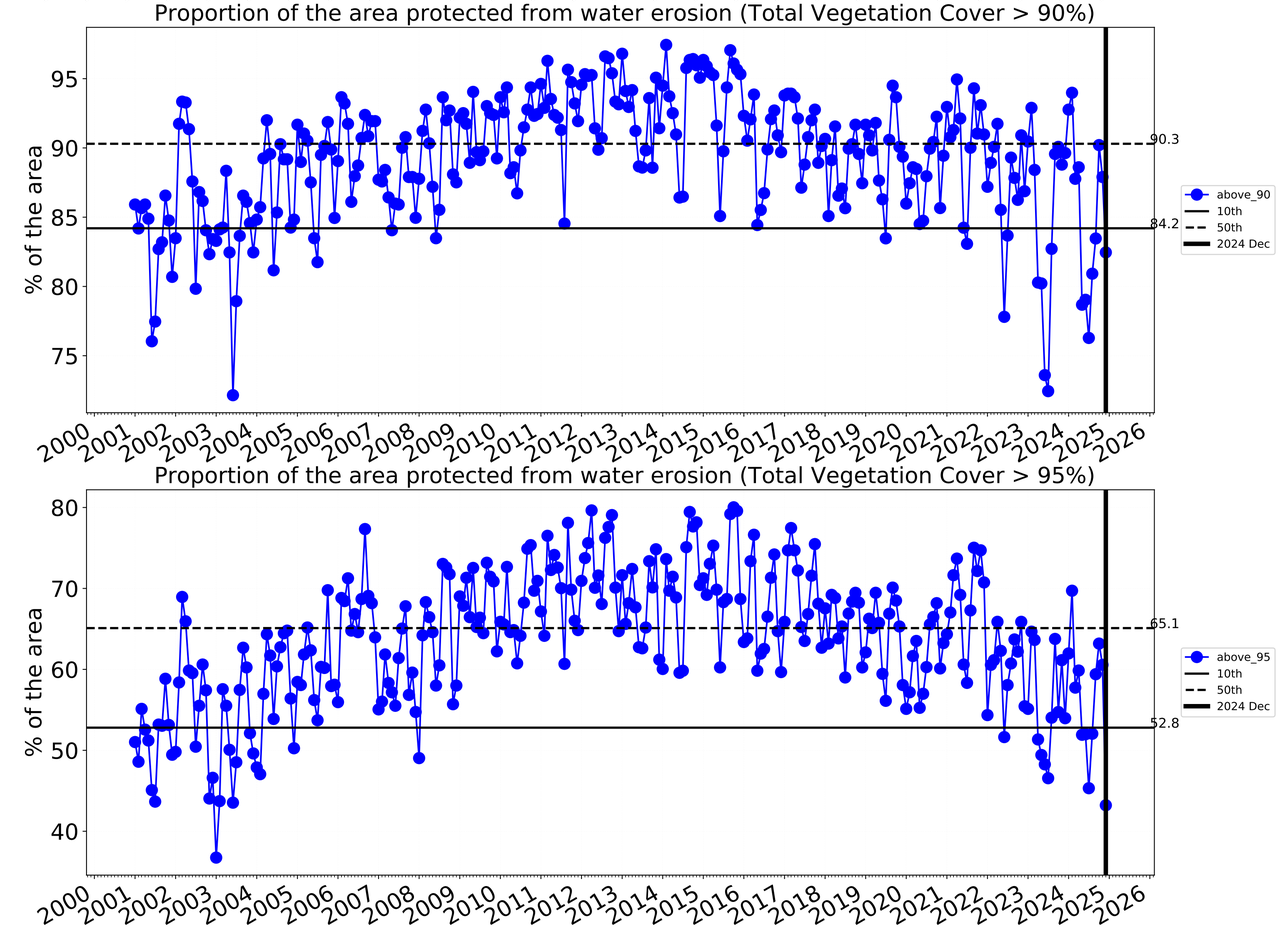
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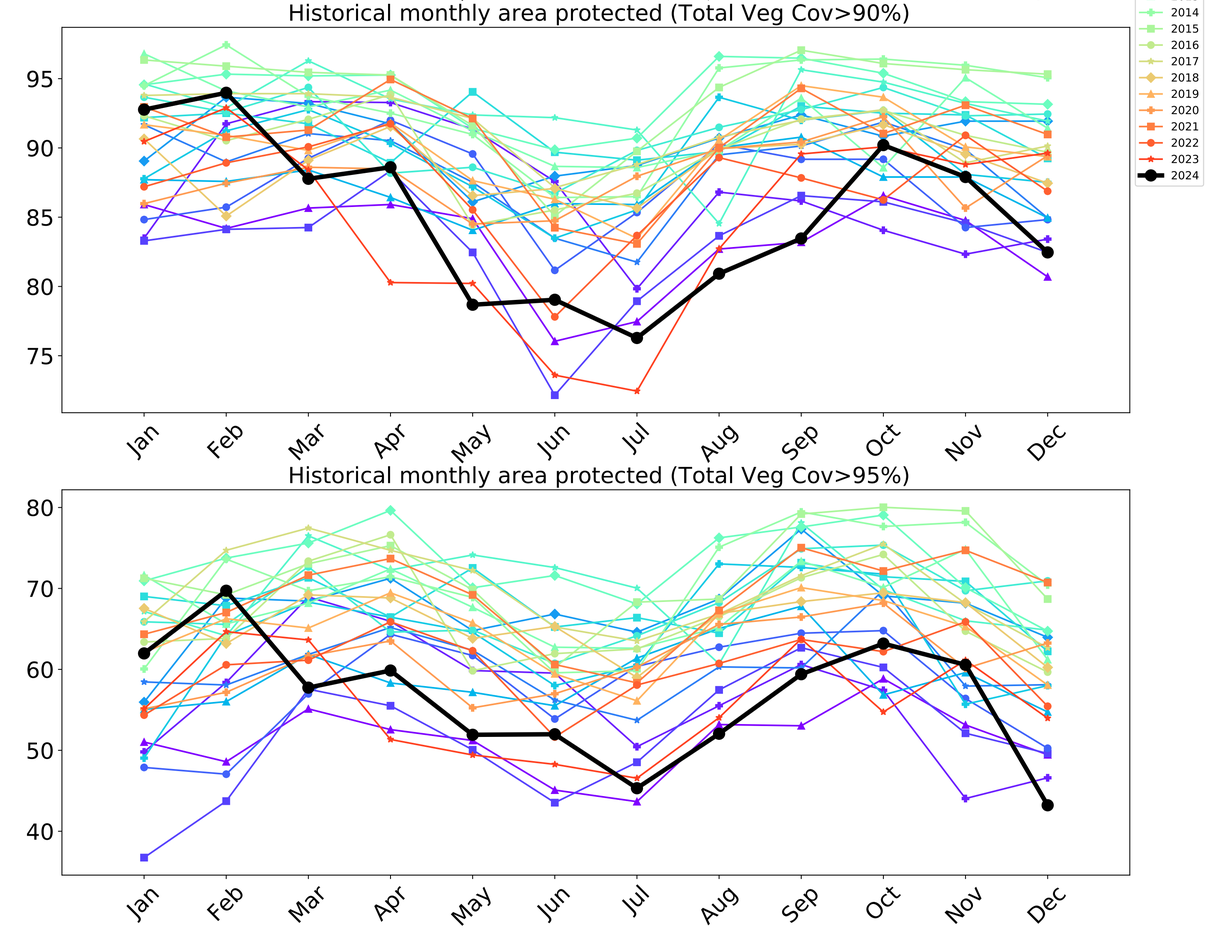
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Kentish_(M) (total 115,675 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	115,675	100.0% 115,675	100.0% 115,675	99.8% 115,450	98.3% 113,750	75.4% 87,200	36.5% 42,275
Conservation and natural environments	48,400	100.0% 48,400	100.0% 48,400	99.9% 48,375	99.6% 48,225	87.5% 42,350	44.0% 21,275
Conservation and natural environments non forest	17,150	100.0% 17,150	100.0% 17,150	99.9% 17,125	99.6% 17,075	88.9% 15,250	52.6% 9,025
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	9,375	100.0% 9,375	100.0% 9,375	100.0% 9,375	99.5% 9,325	84.8% 7,950	38.7% 3,625
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	21,875	100.0% 21,875	100.0% 21,875	100.0% 21,875	99.8% 21,825	87.5% 19,150	39.4% 8,625
Agriculture	19,400	100.0% 19,400	100.0% 19,400	99.9% 19,375	95.0% 18,425	42.0% 8,150	12.8% 2,475
Grazing	14,275	100.0% 14,275	100.0% 14,275	99.8% 14,250	97.0% 13,850	44.8% 6,400	13.7% 1,950
Grazing non forest	14,000	100.0% 14,000	100.0% 14,000	99.8% 13,975	97.0% 13,575	43.8% 6,125	13.4% 1,875
Irrigation	4,850	100.0% 4,850	100.0% 4,850	100.0% 4,850	88.7% 4,300	33.5% 1,625	9.8% 475
Production native forests and plantation forests	39,050	100.0% 39,050	100.0% 39,050	99.9% 39,000	99.3% 38,775	82.5% 32,200	43.2% 16,875