# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Tasman\_(M) TAS

# **Date: December 2022**

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

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

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

## Acknowledgment of data:

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

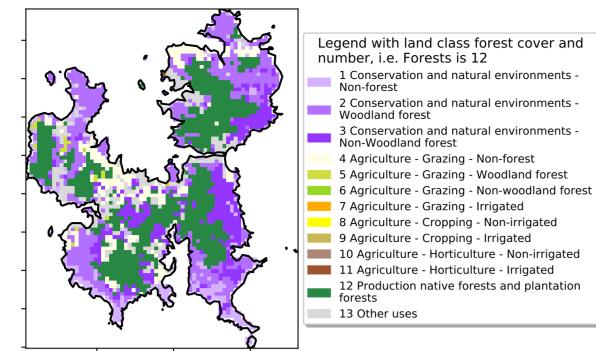
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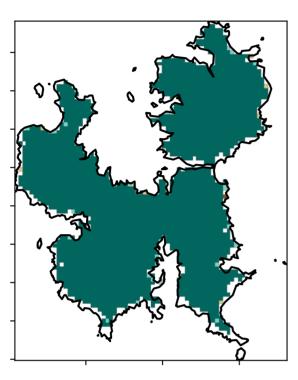
# **Vegetation Cover Dec 2022**

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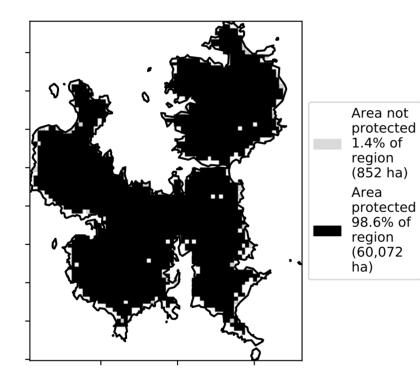
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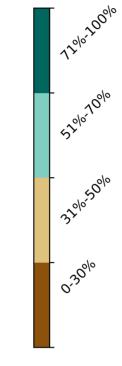


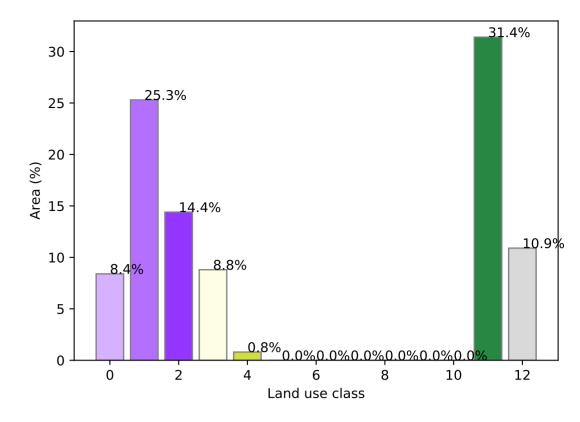
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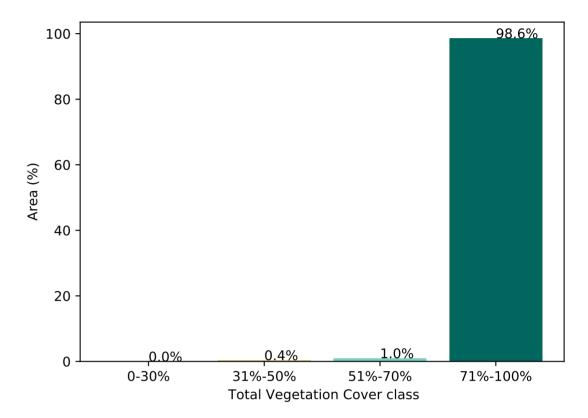
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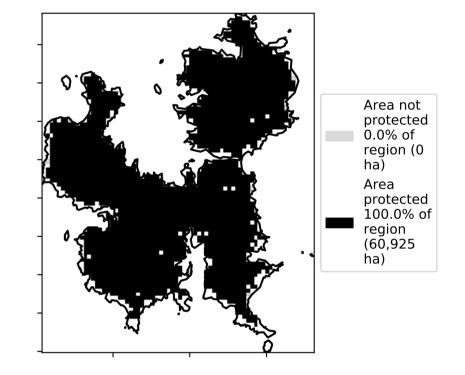




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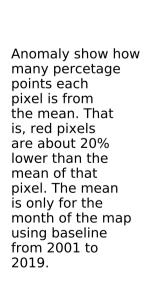


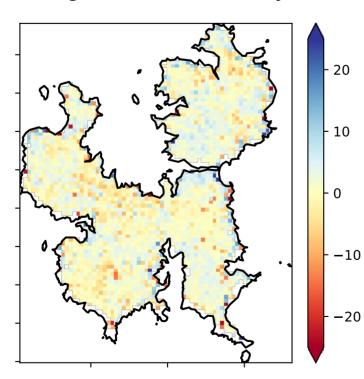
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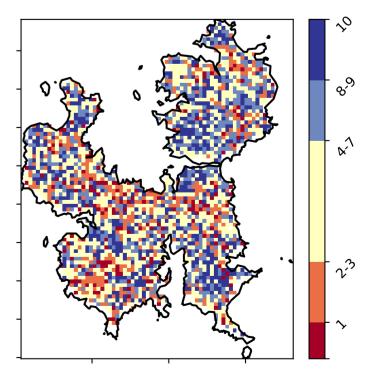
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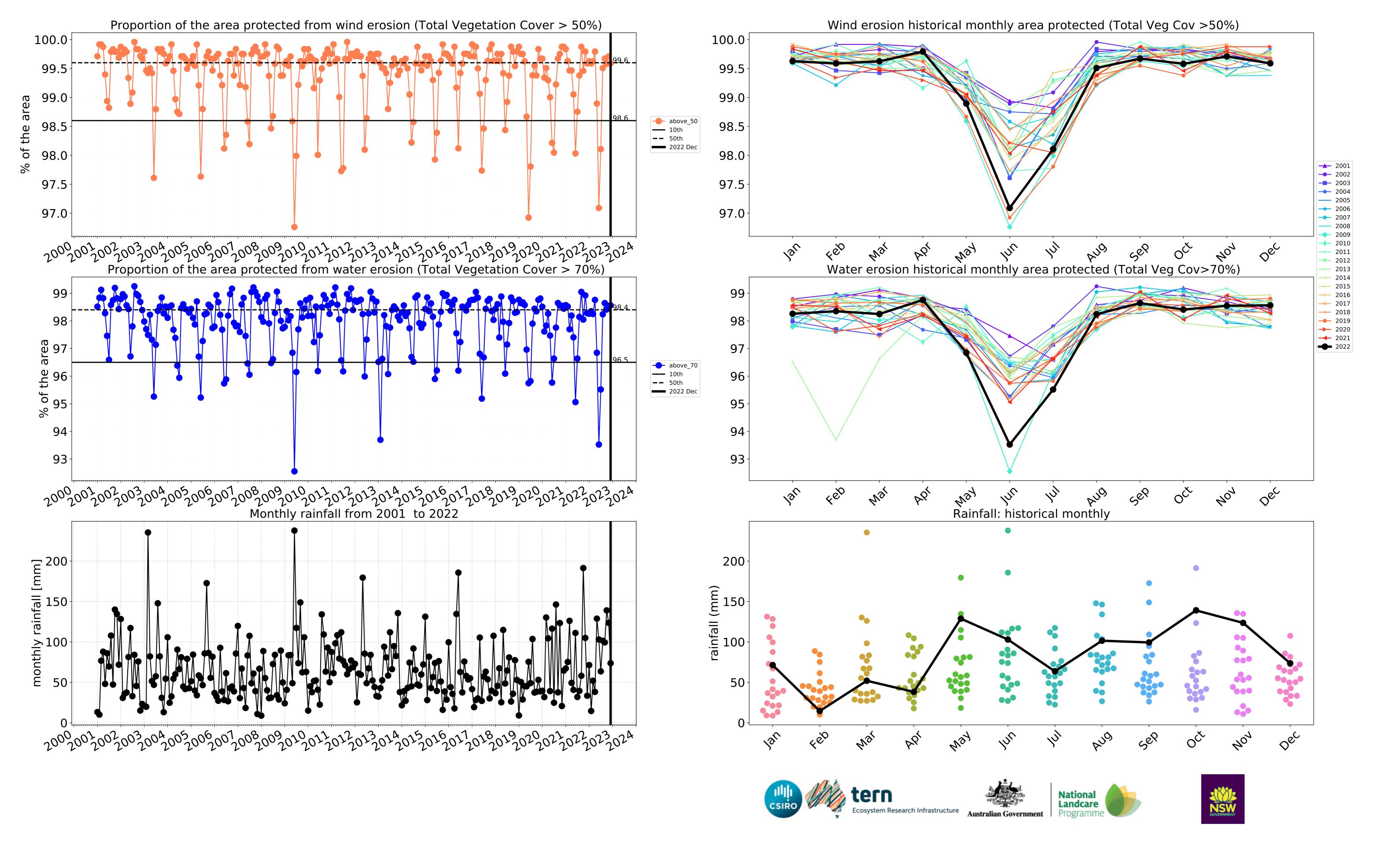
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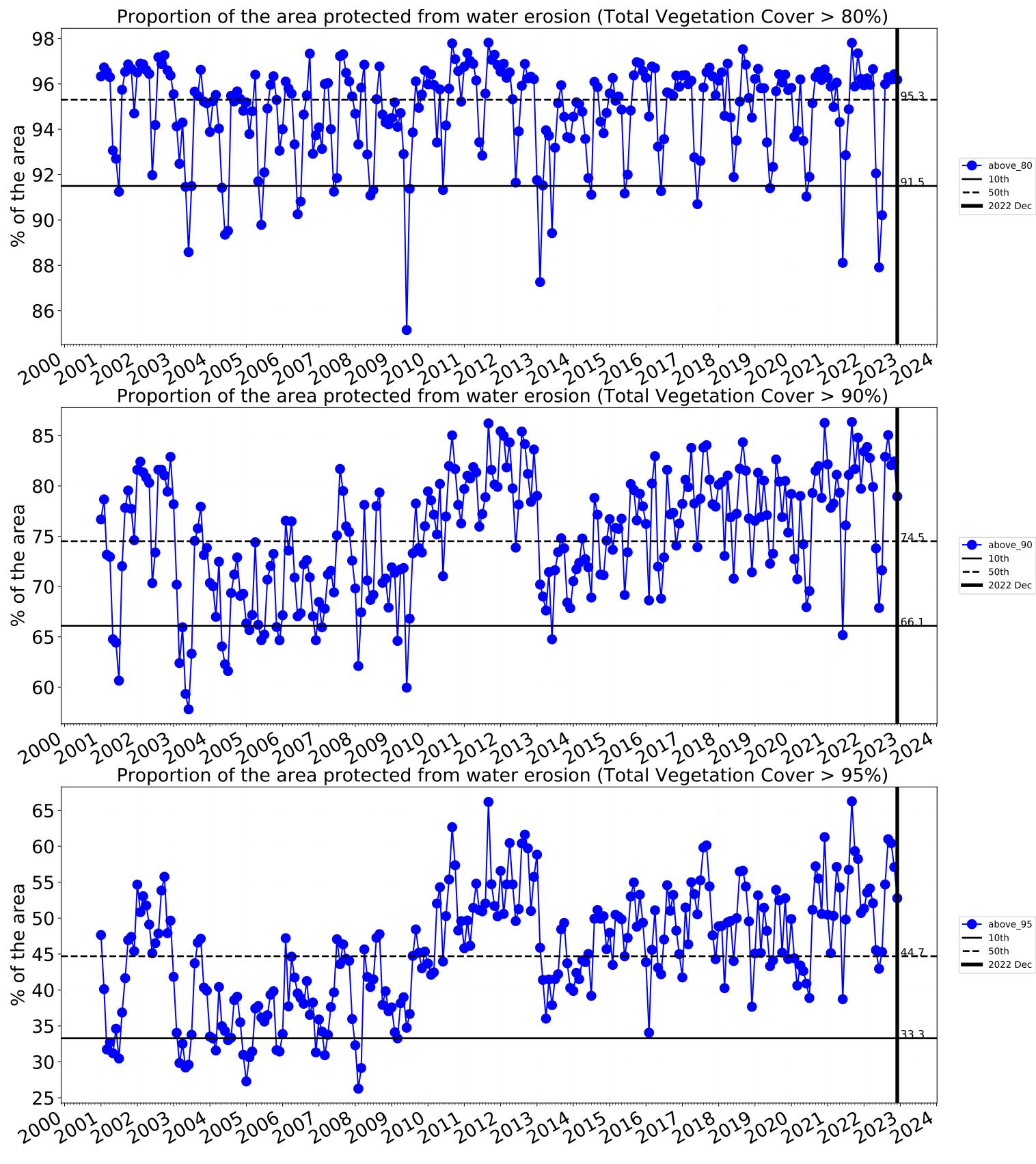


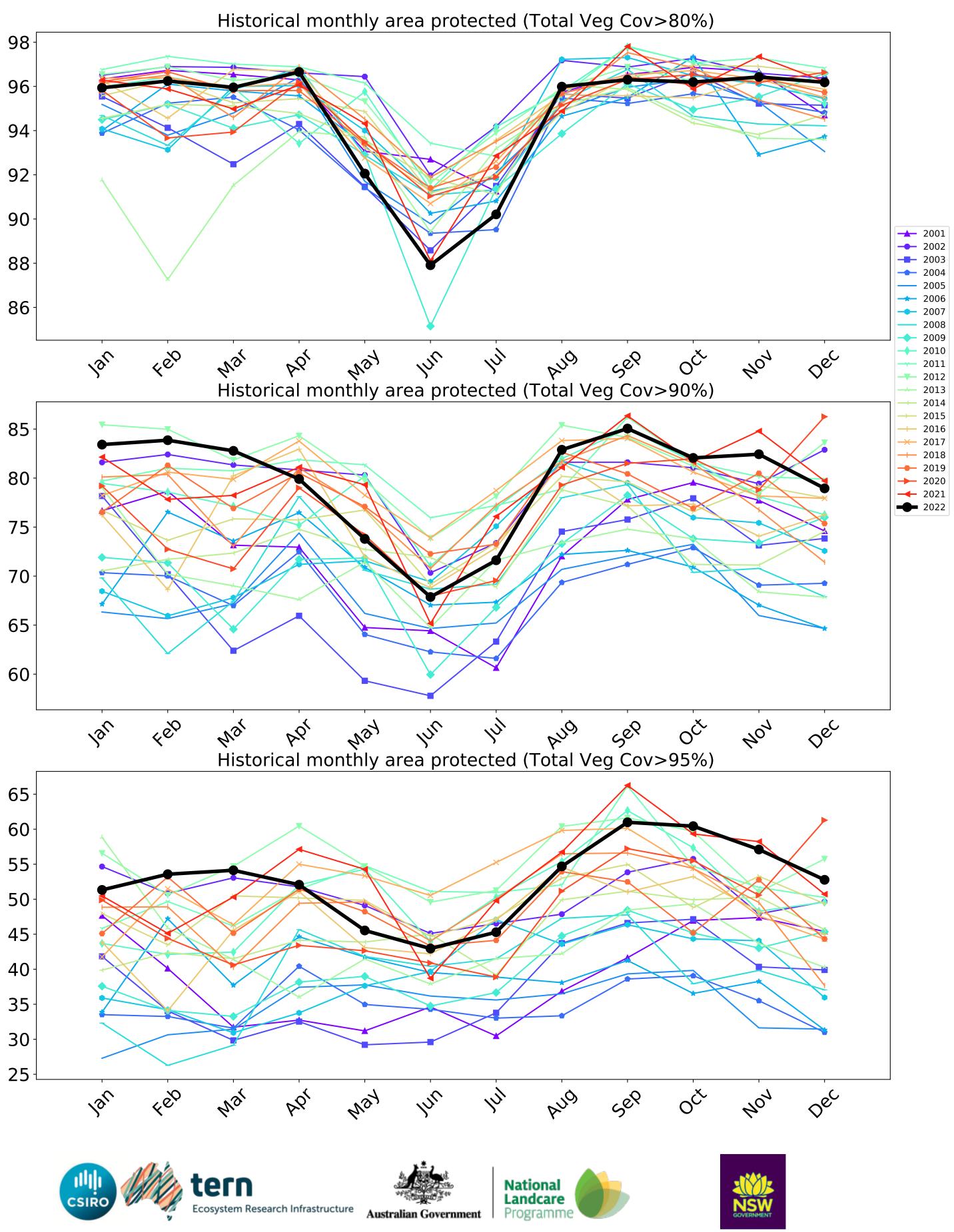




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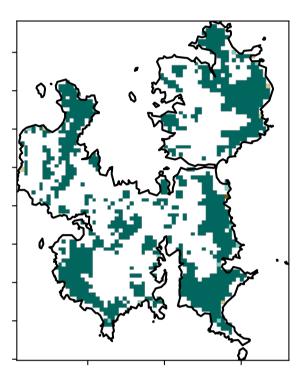
## **Conservation and natural environments**

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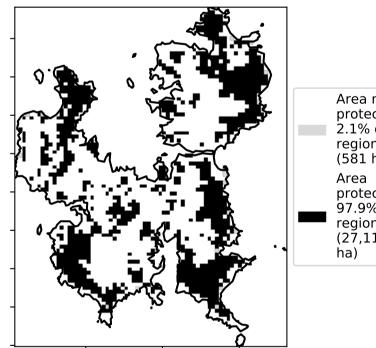
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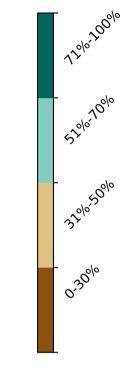
Land use and forest cover

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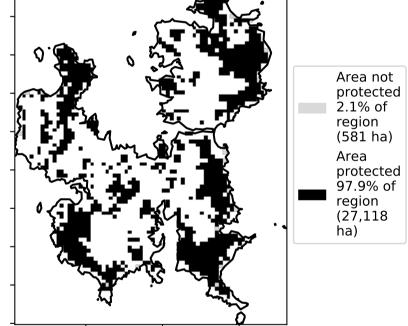




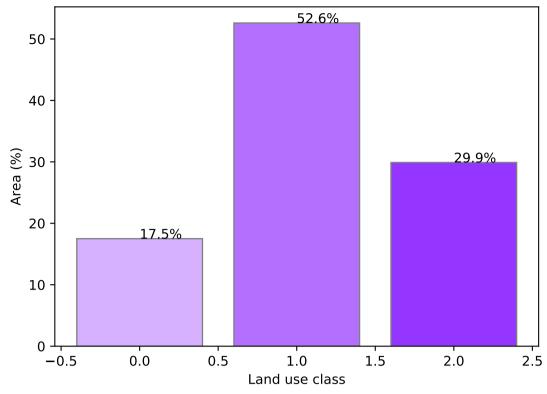
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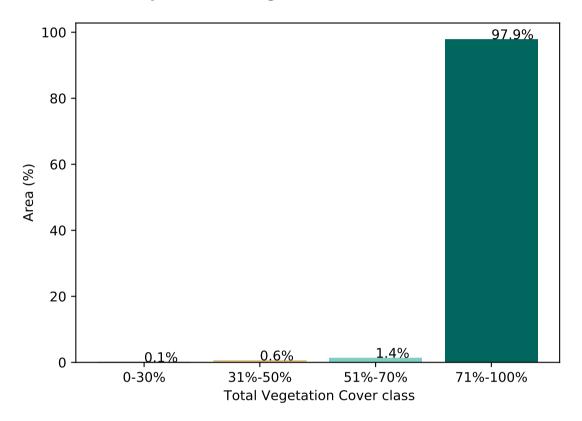
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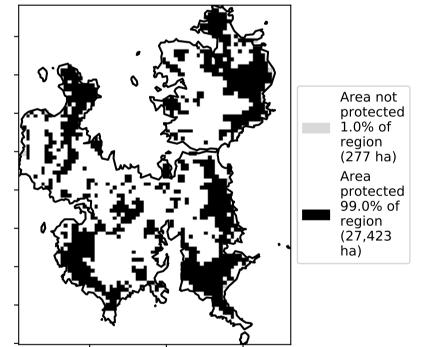




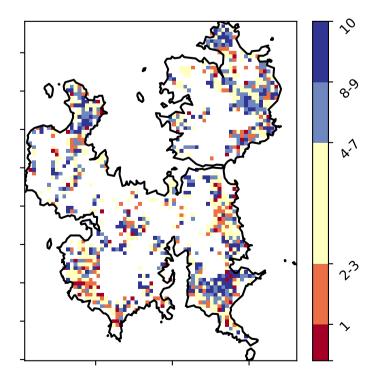
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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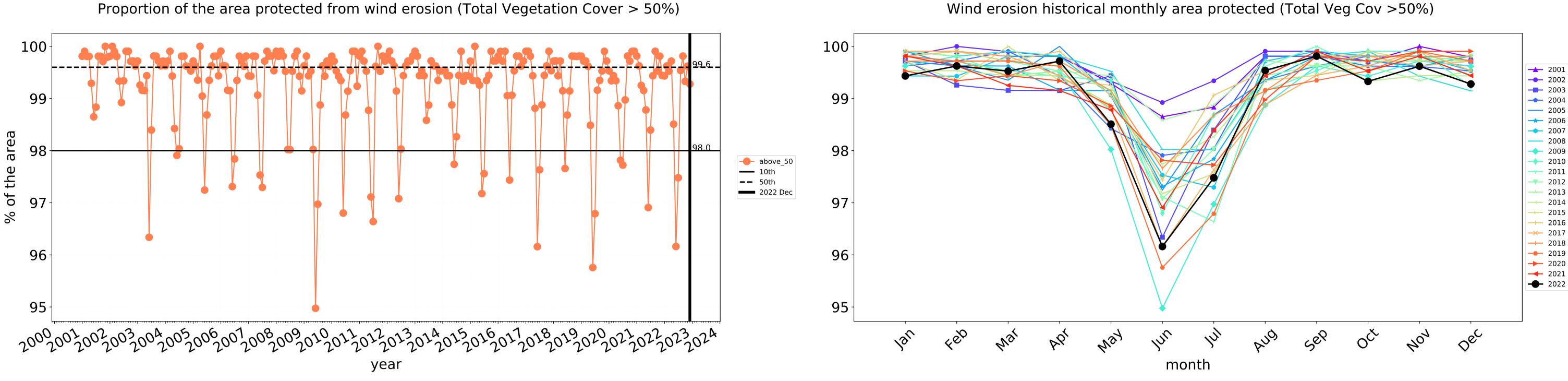
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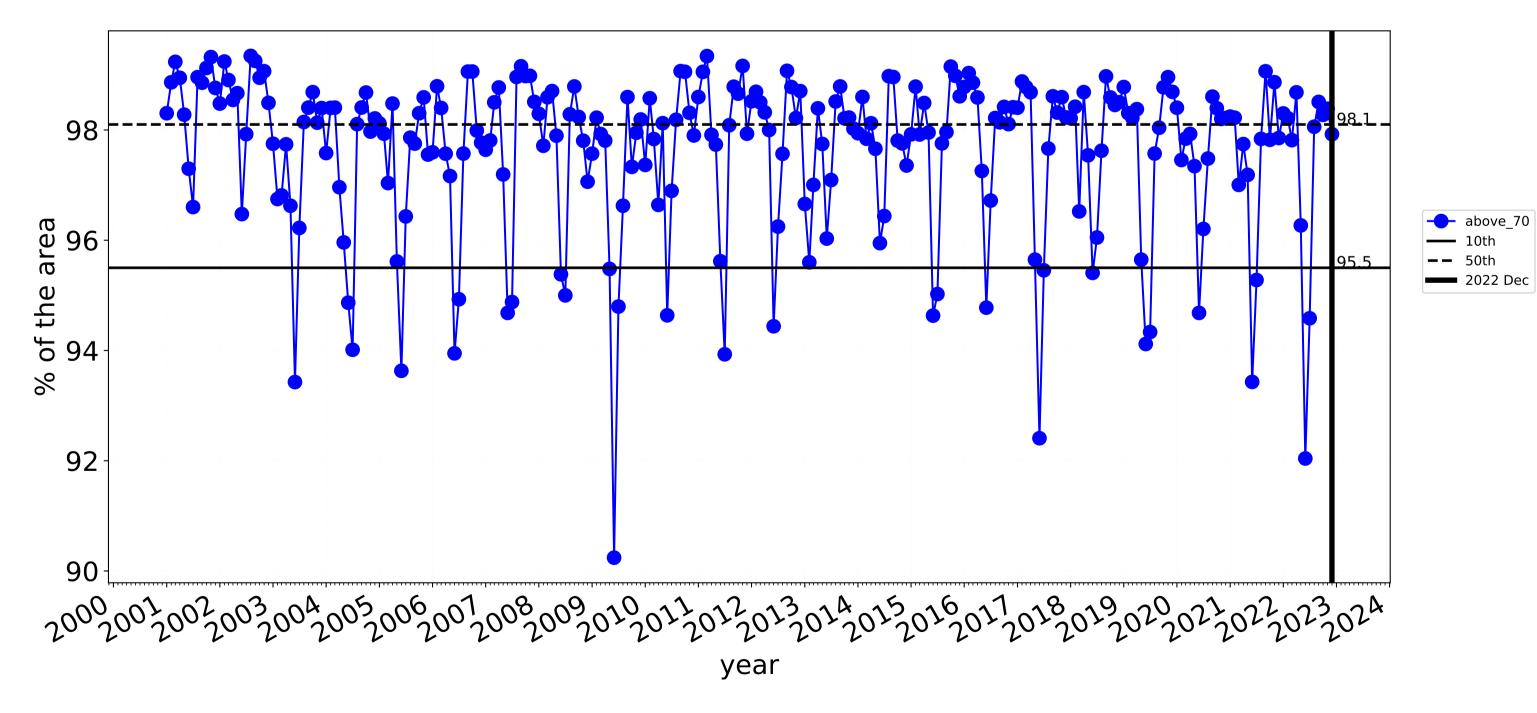
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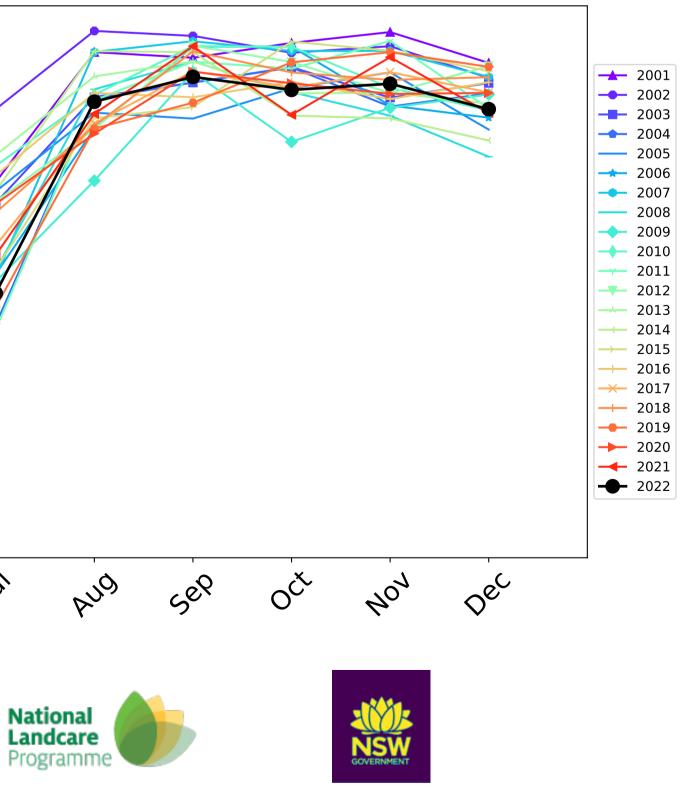
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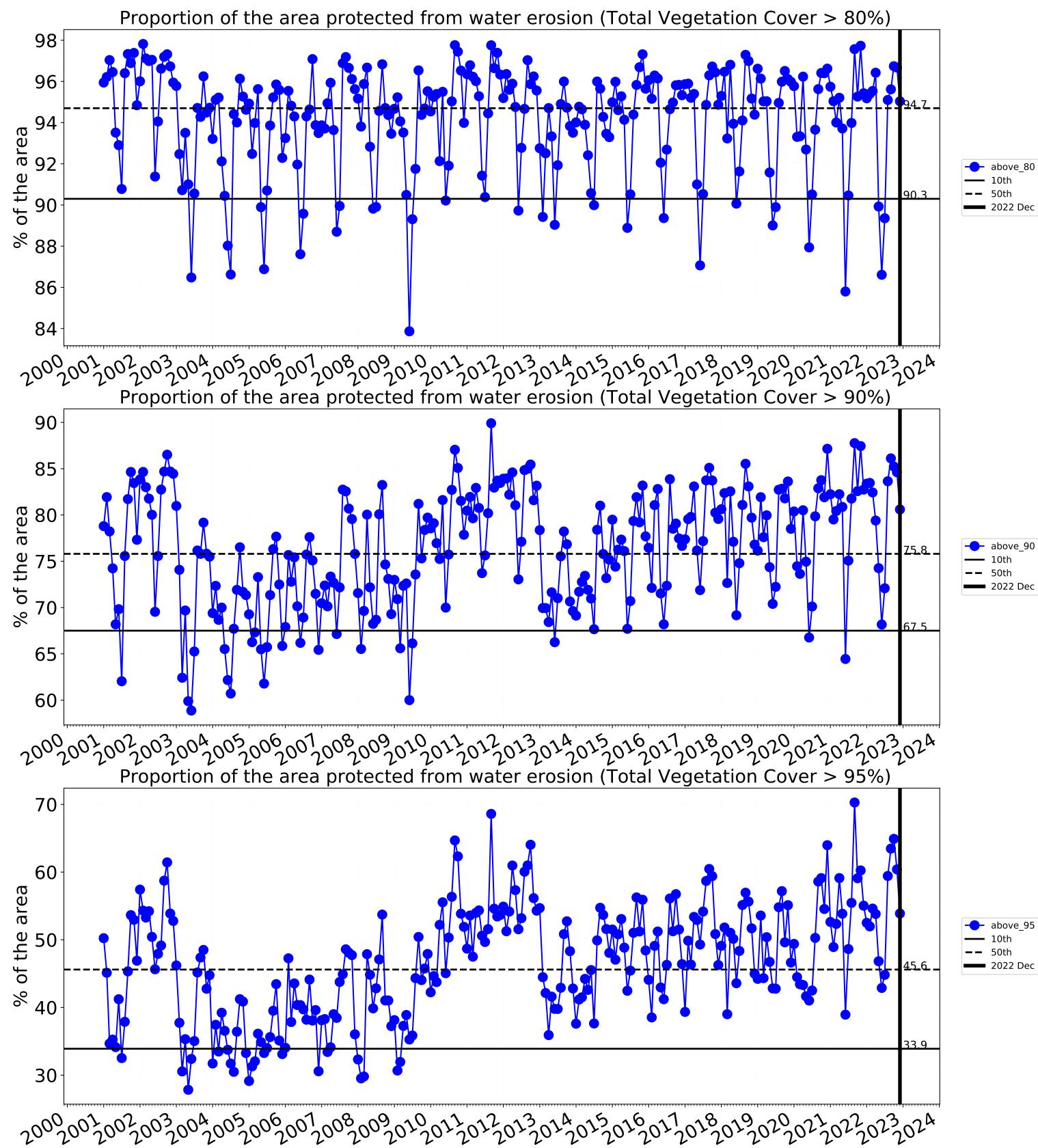
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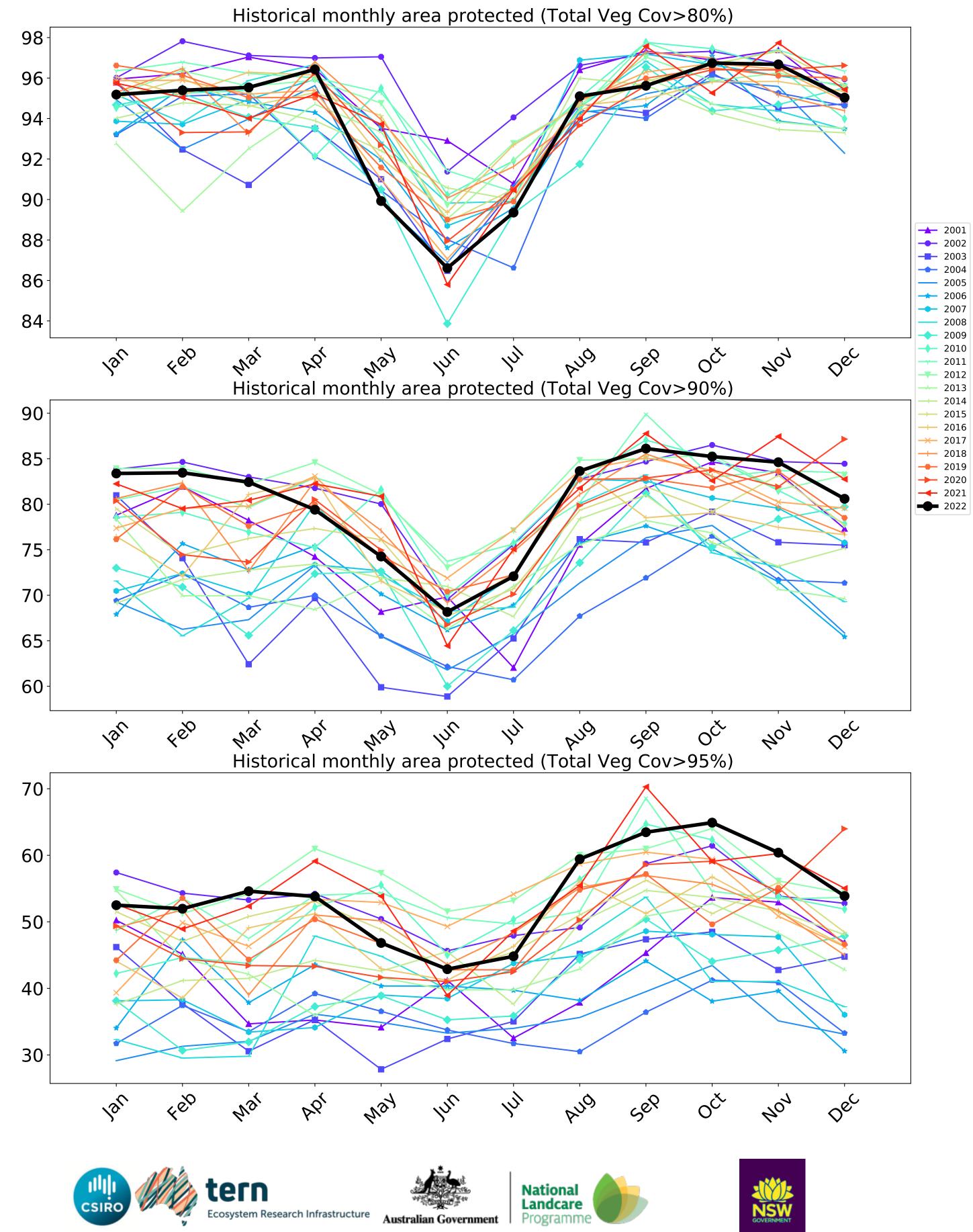


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

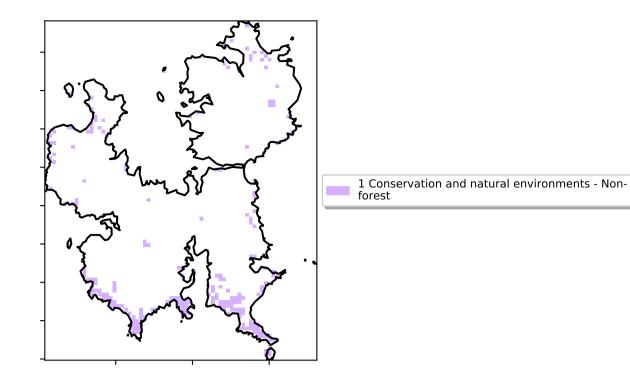




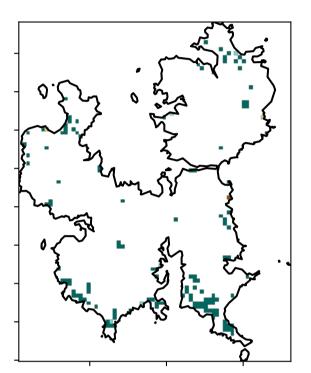


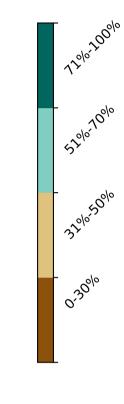
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Land use and forest cover

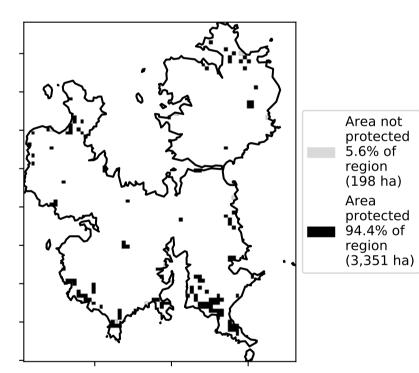


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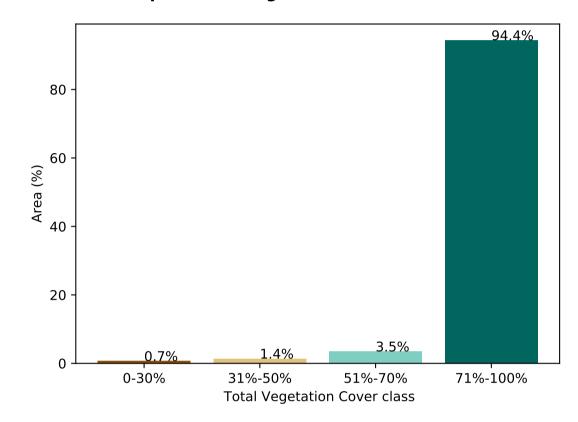




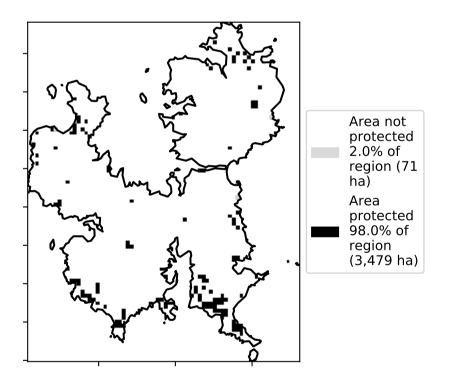
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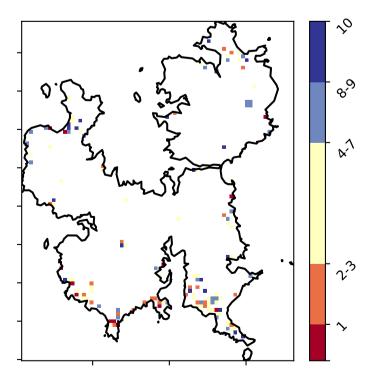
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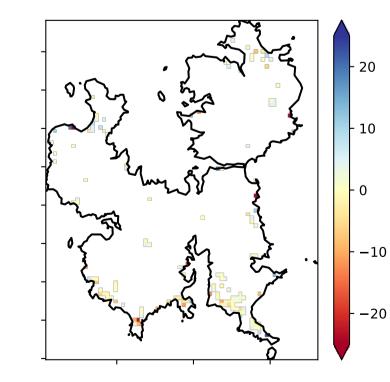
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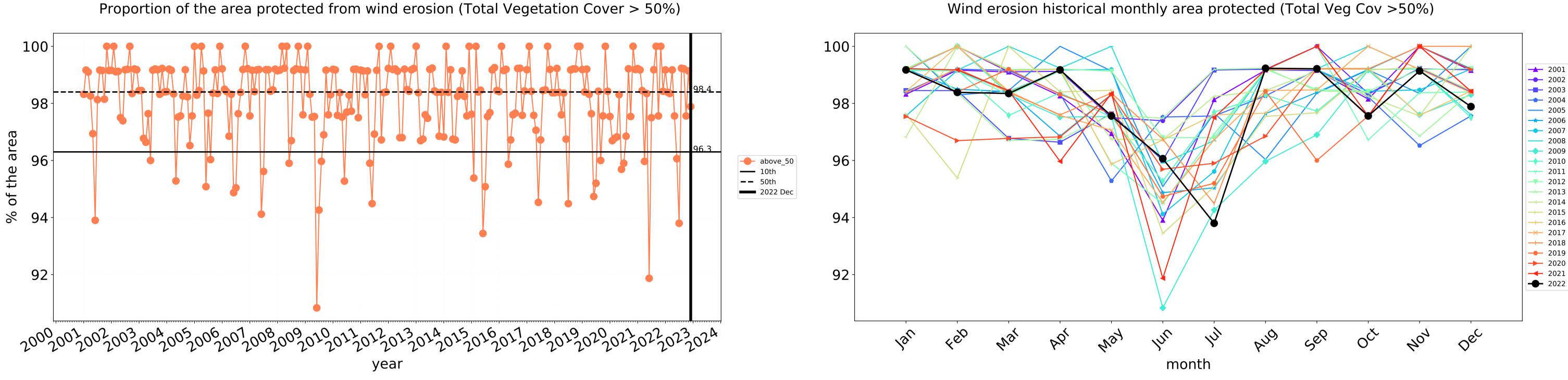
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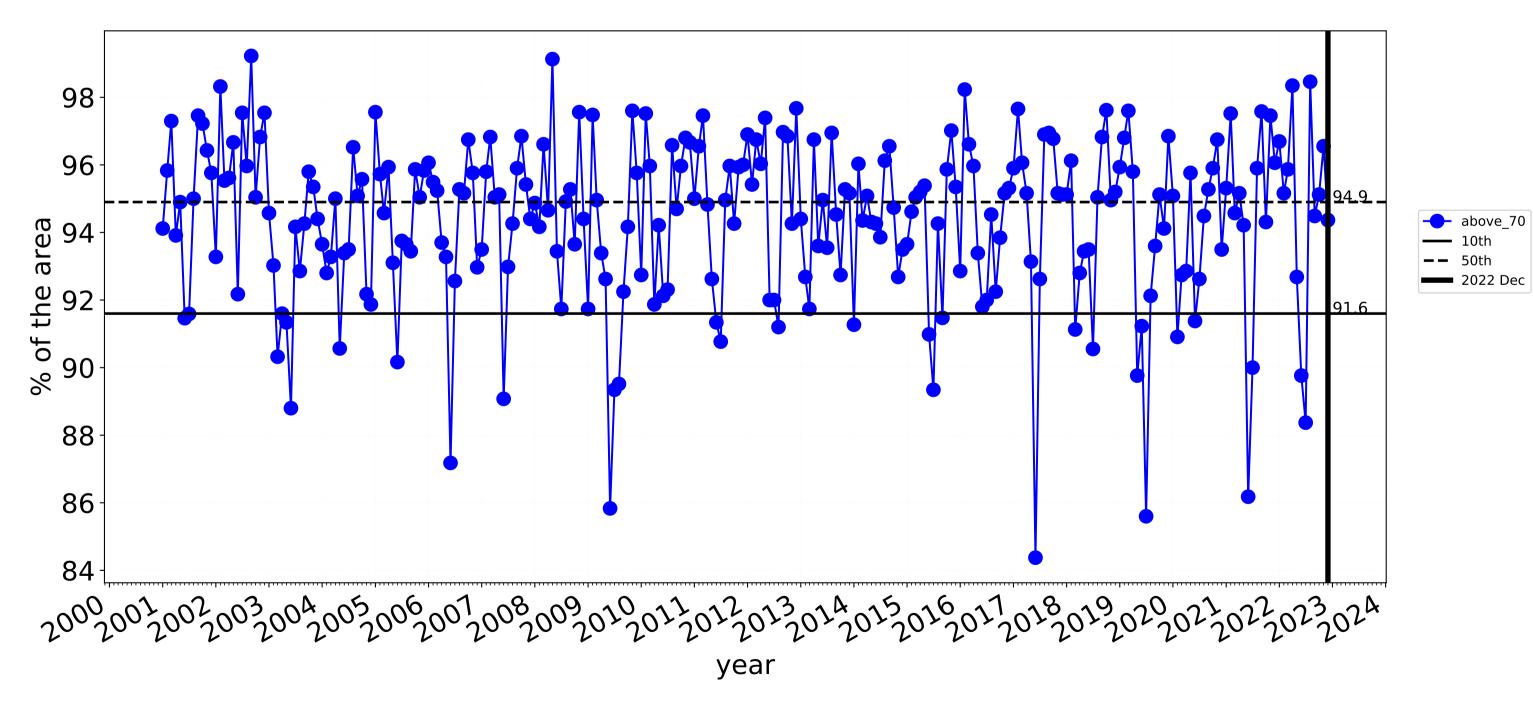
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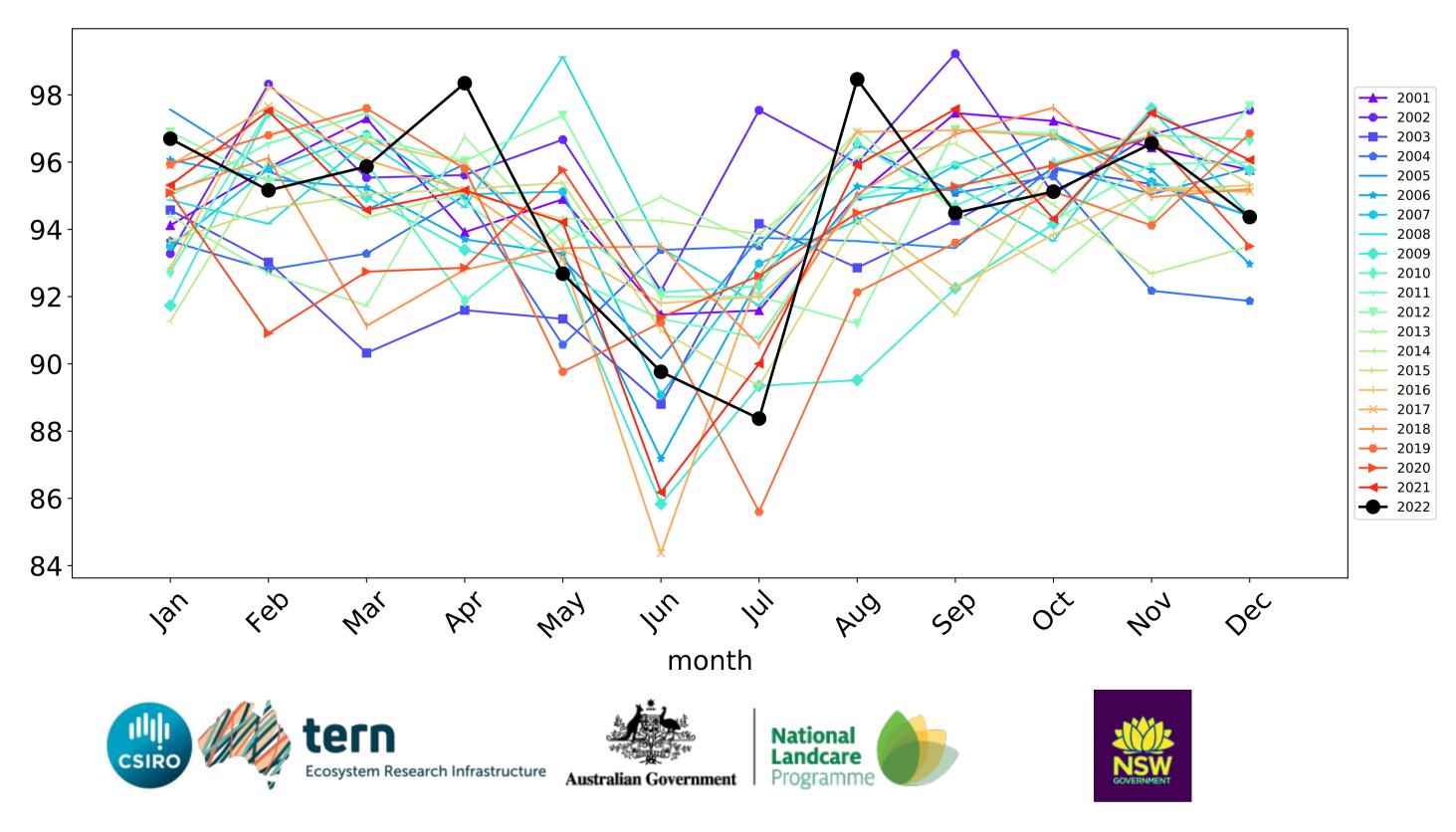


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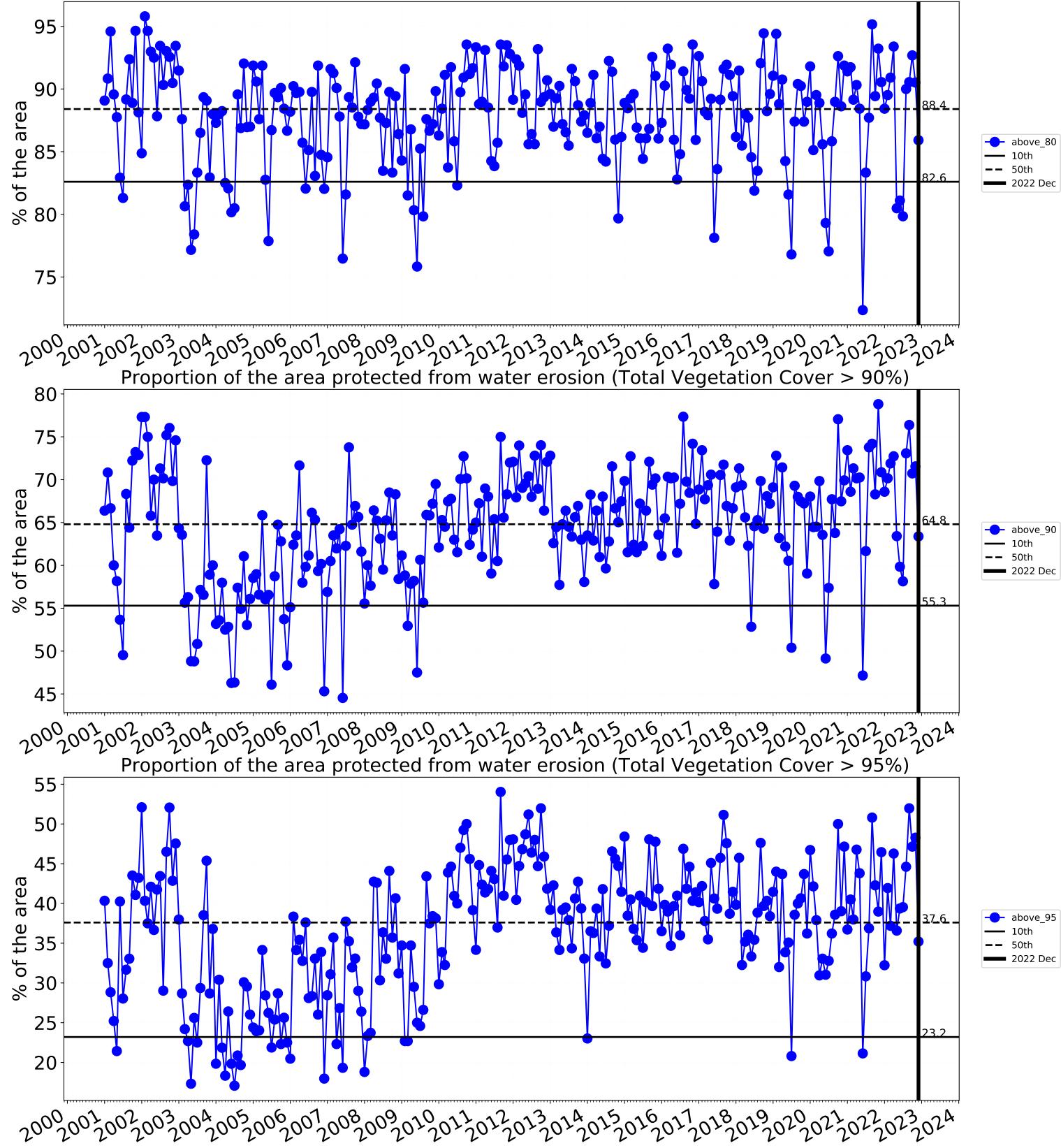
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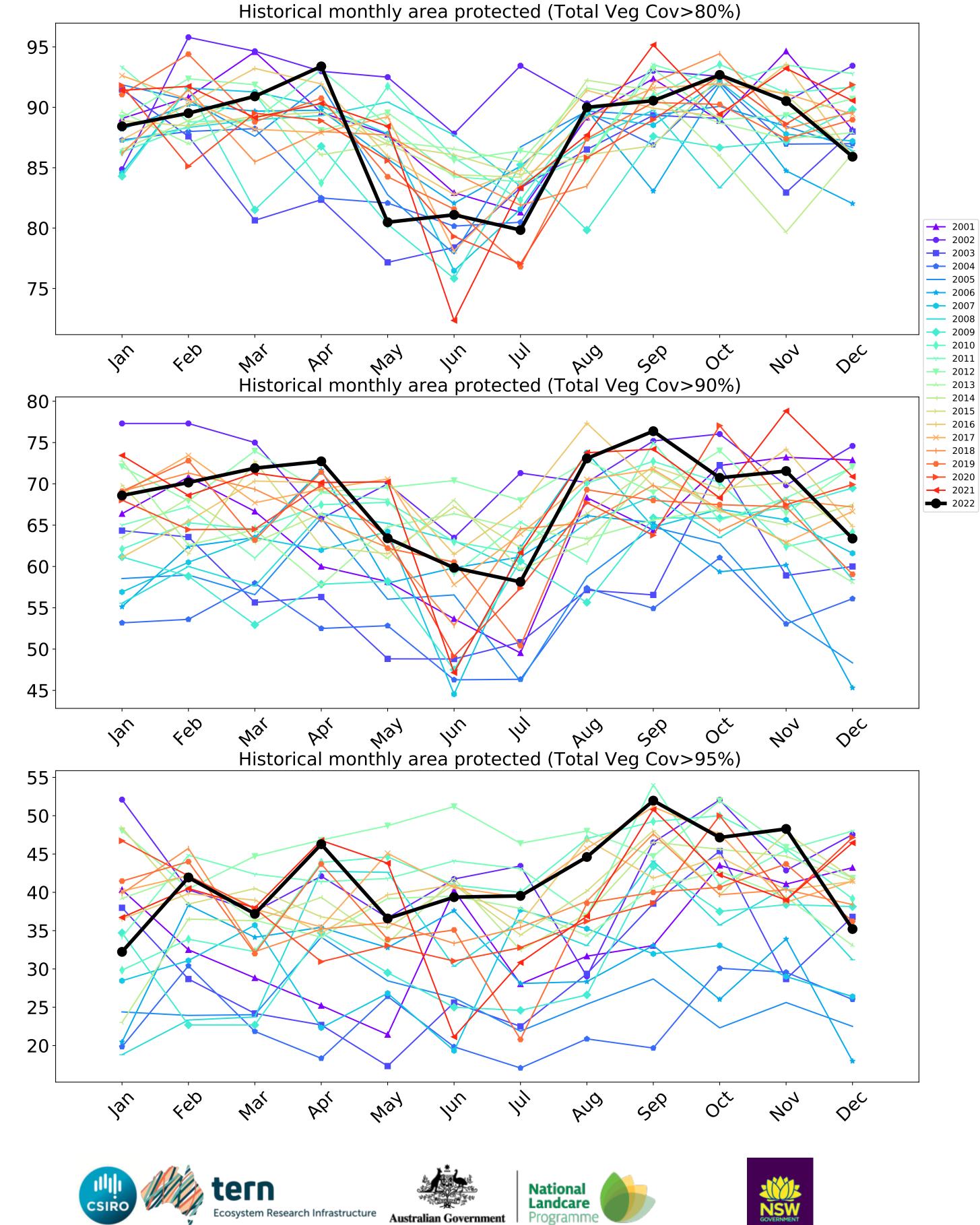


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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

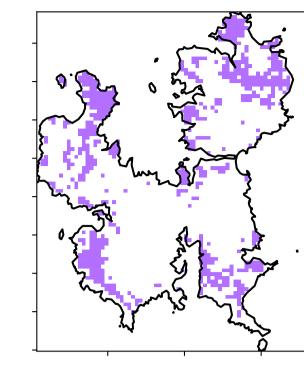




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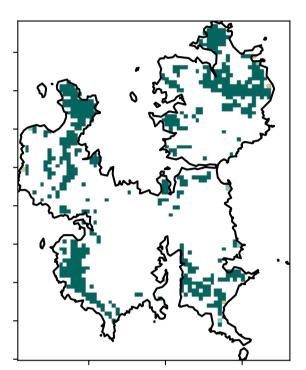
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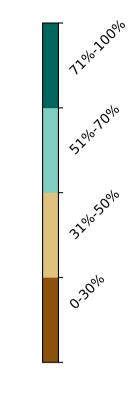
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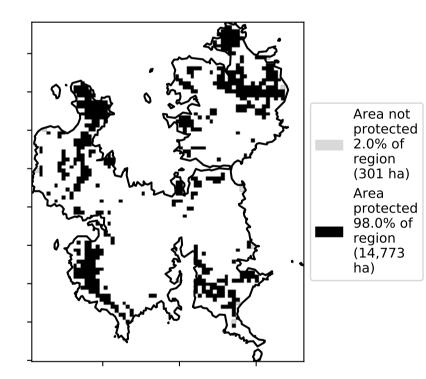
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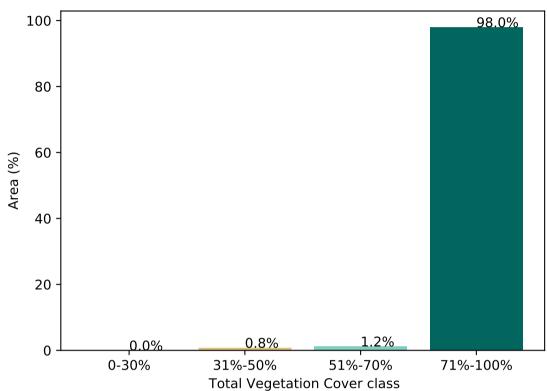




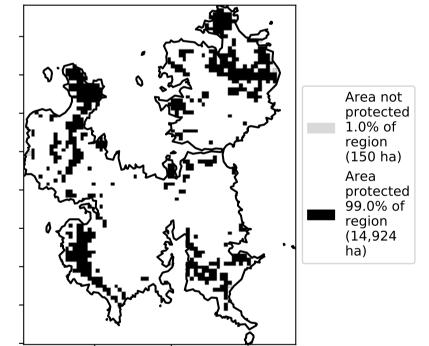
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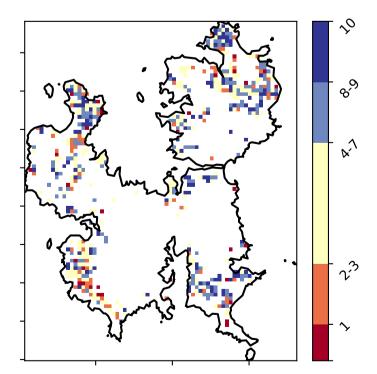
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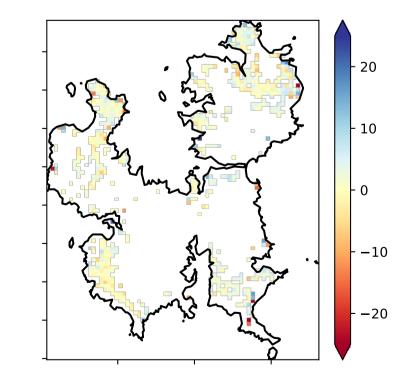
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



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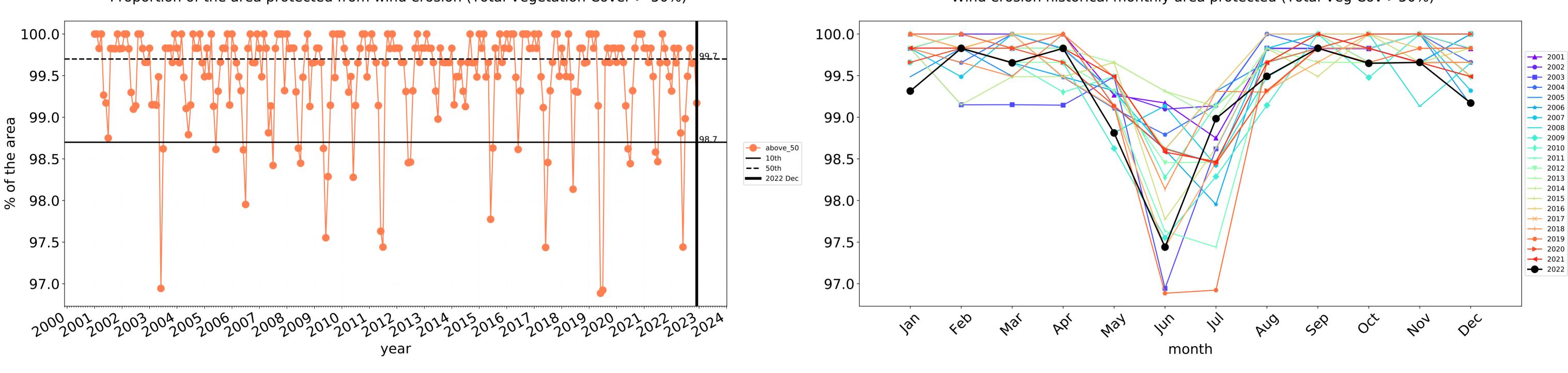
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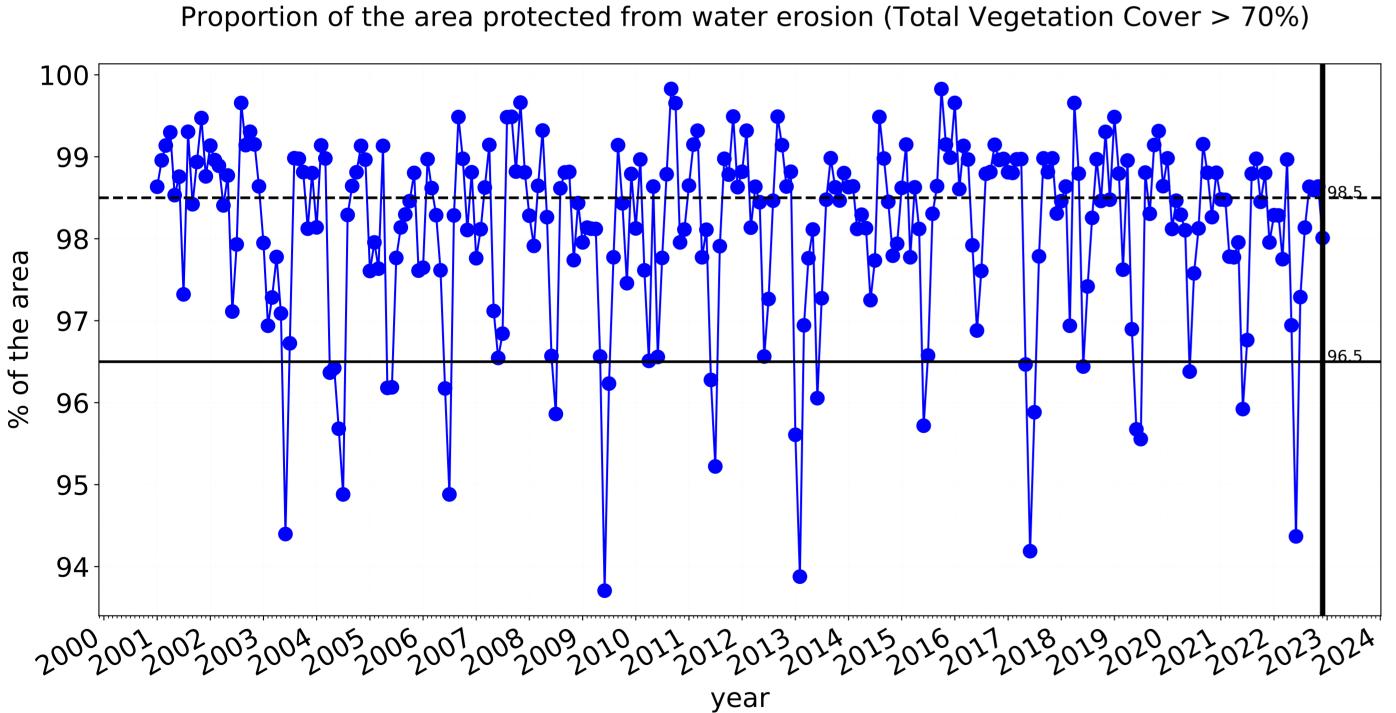


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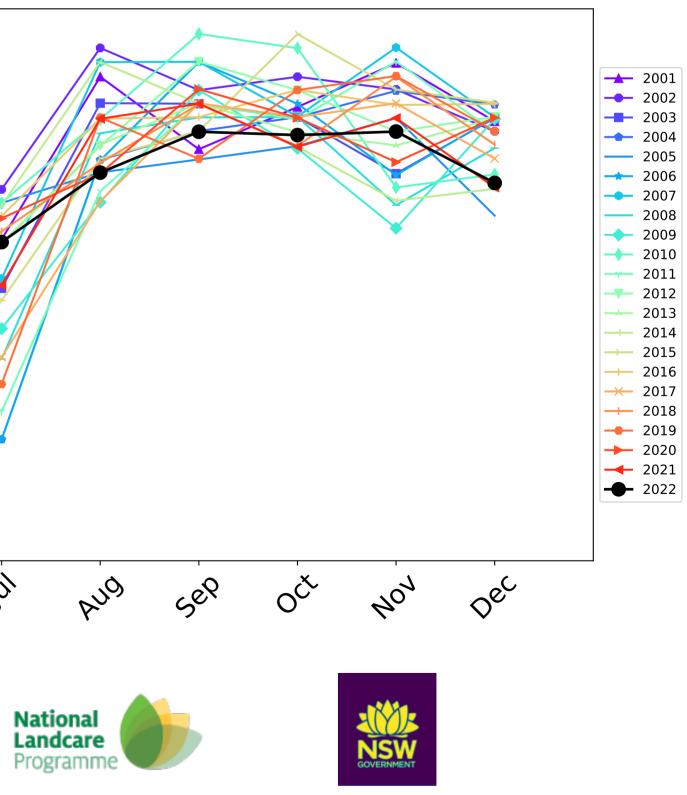
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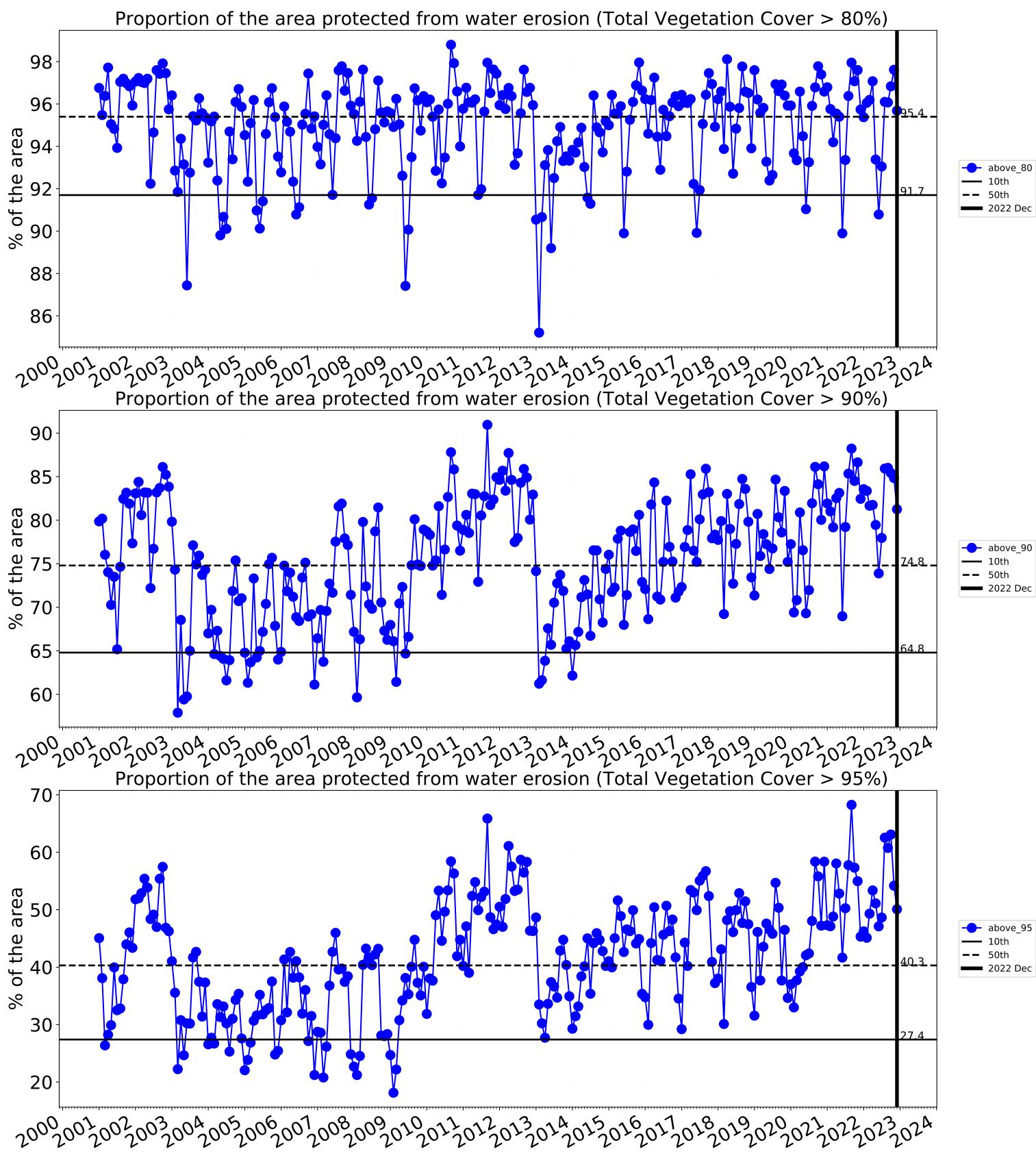


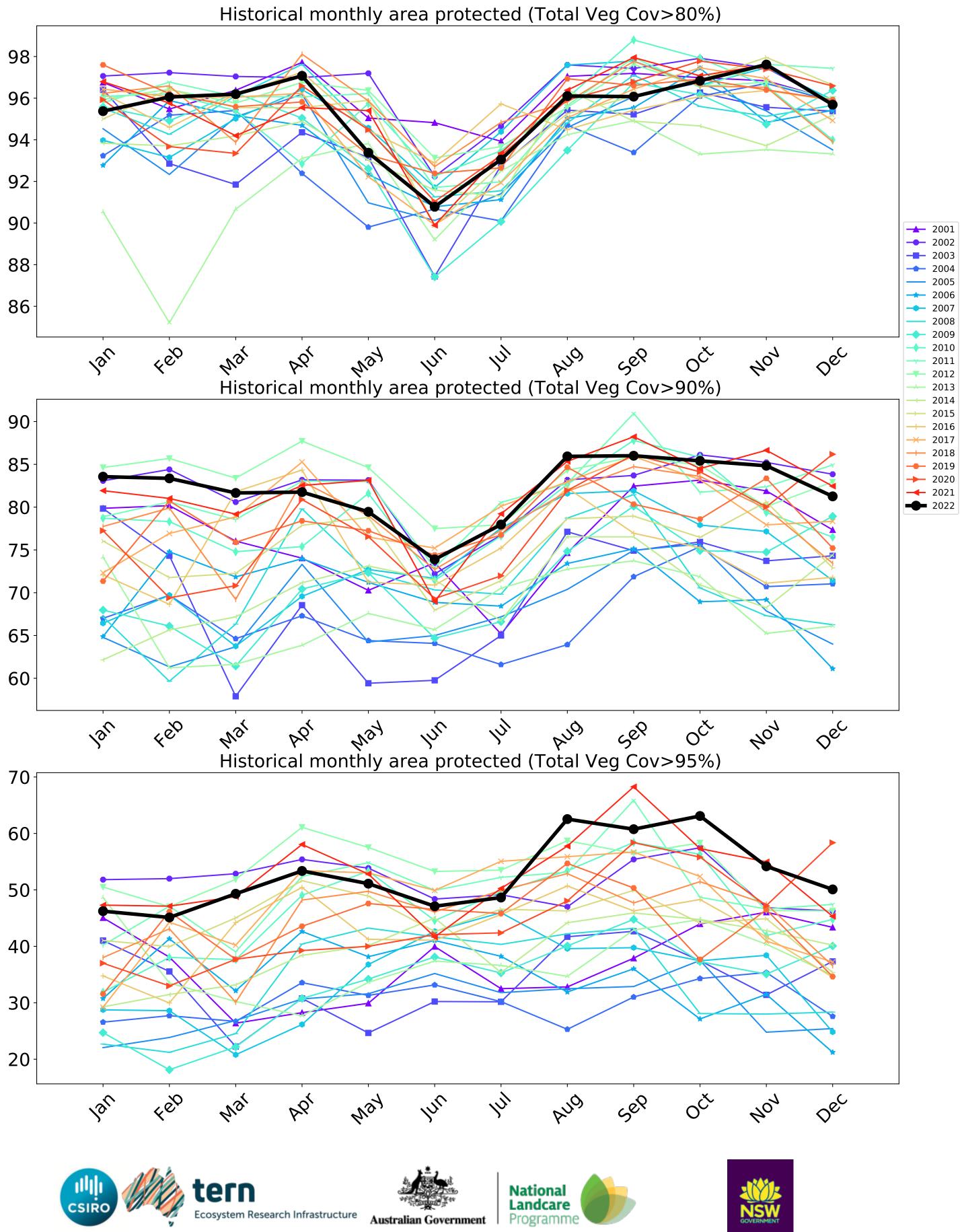
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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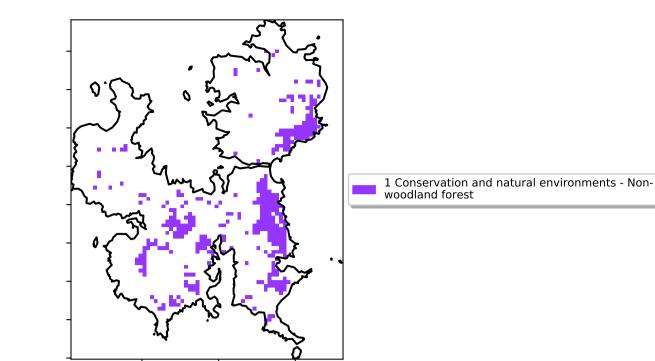






## **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover



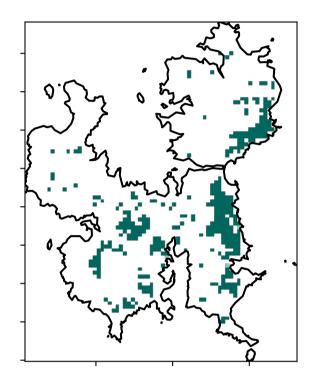
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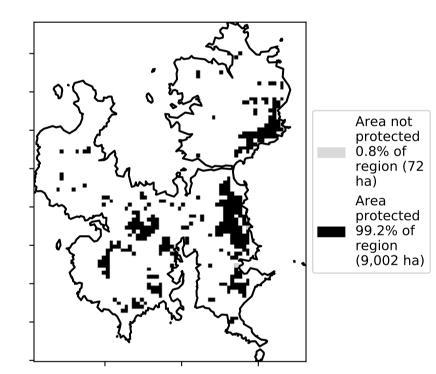
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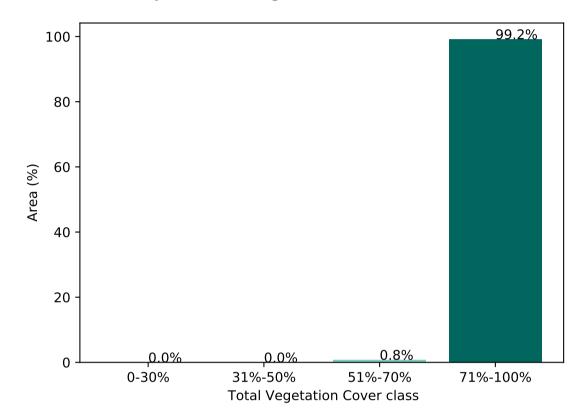
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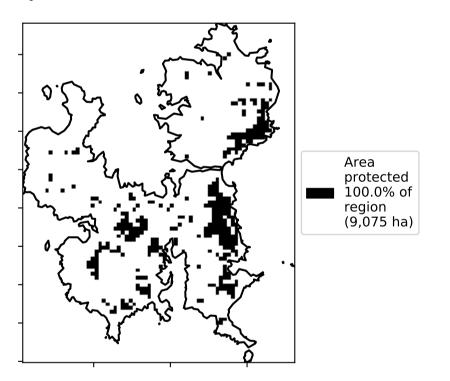
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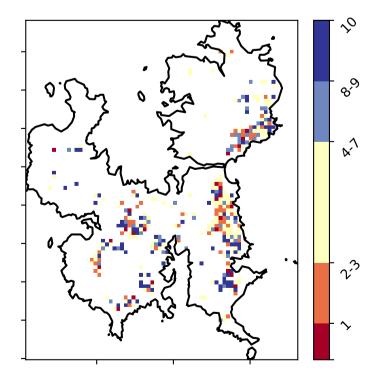


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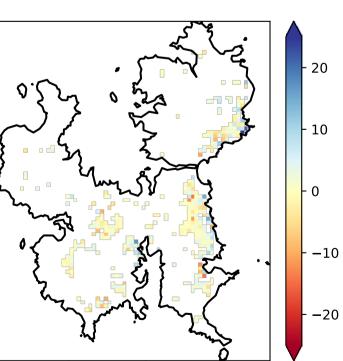
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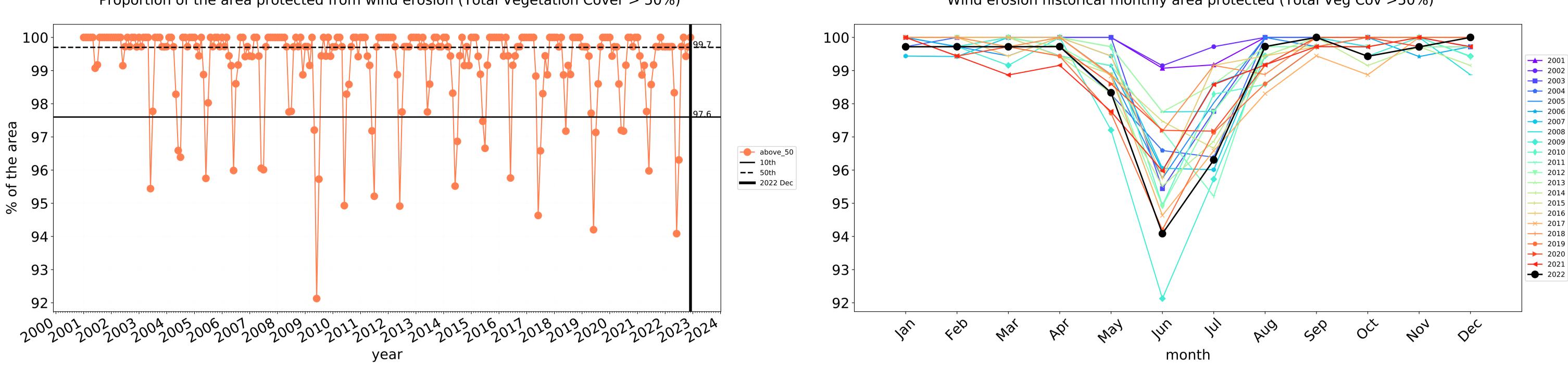
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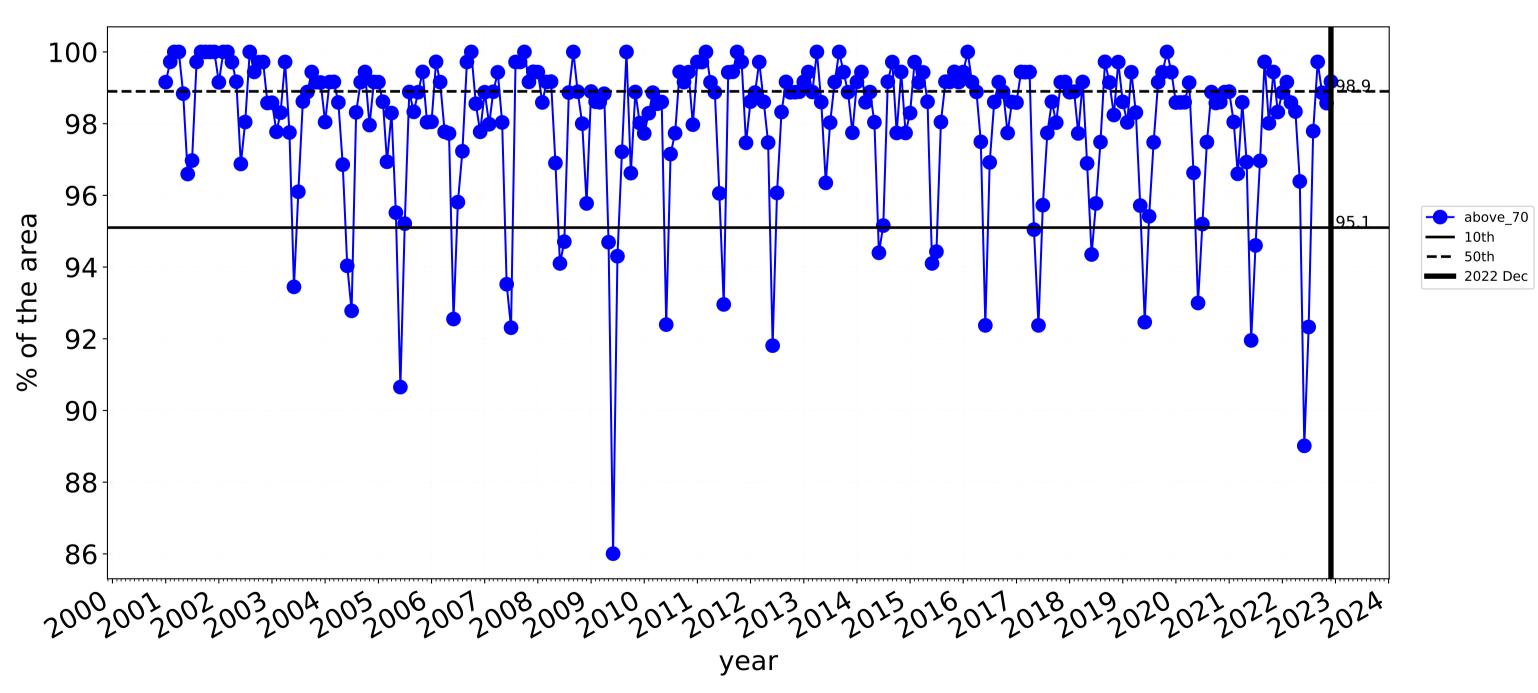


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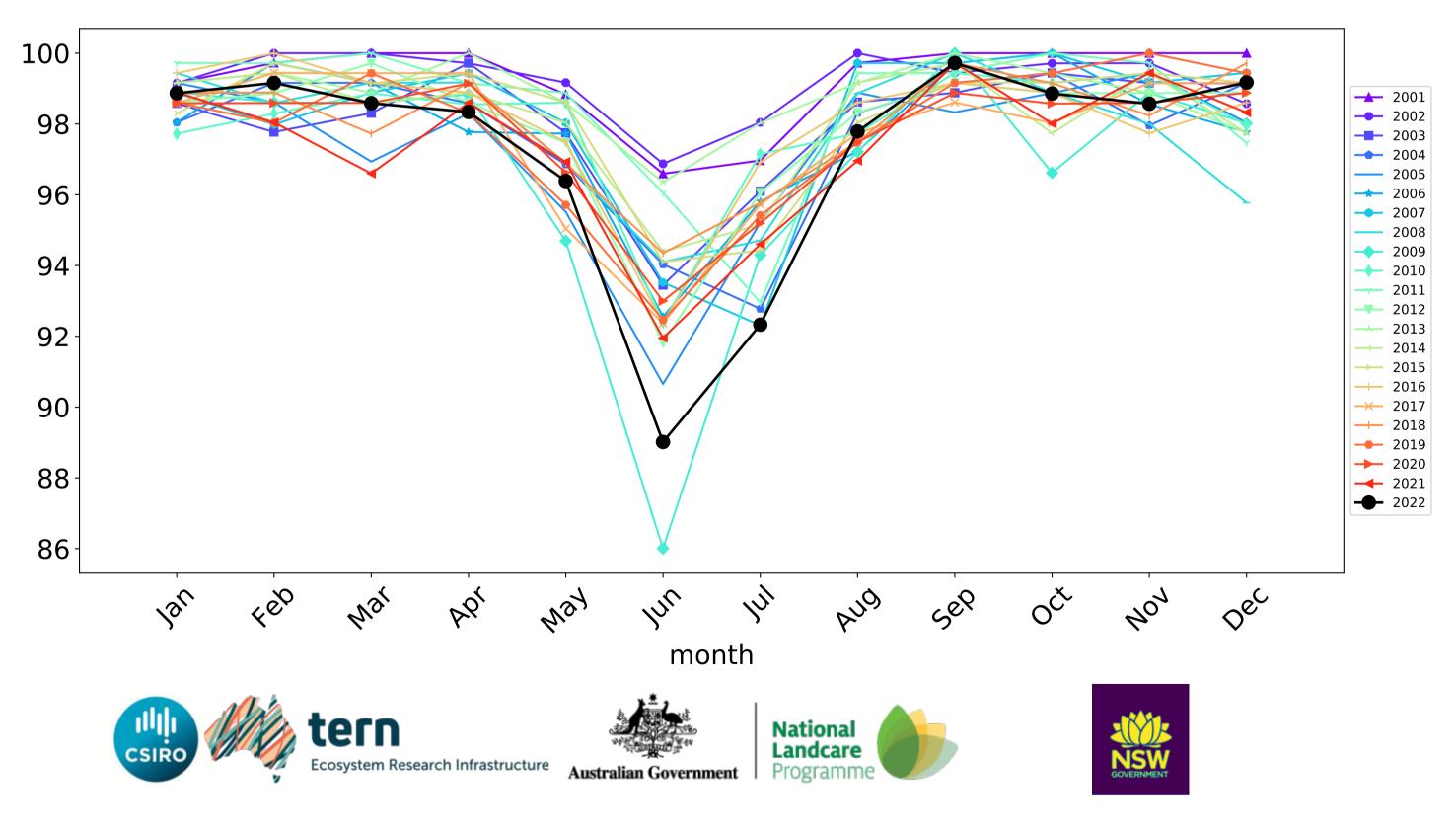


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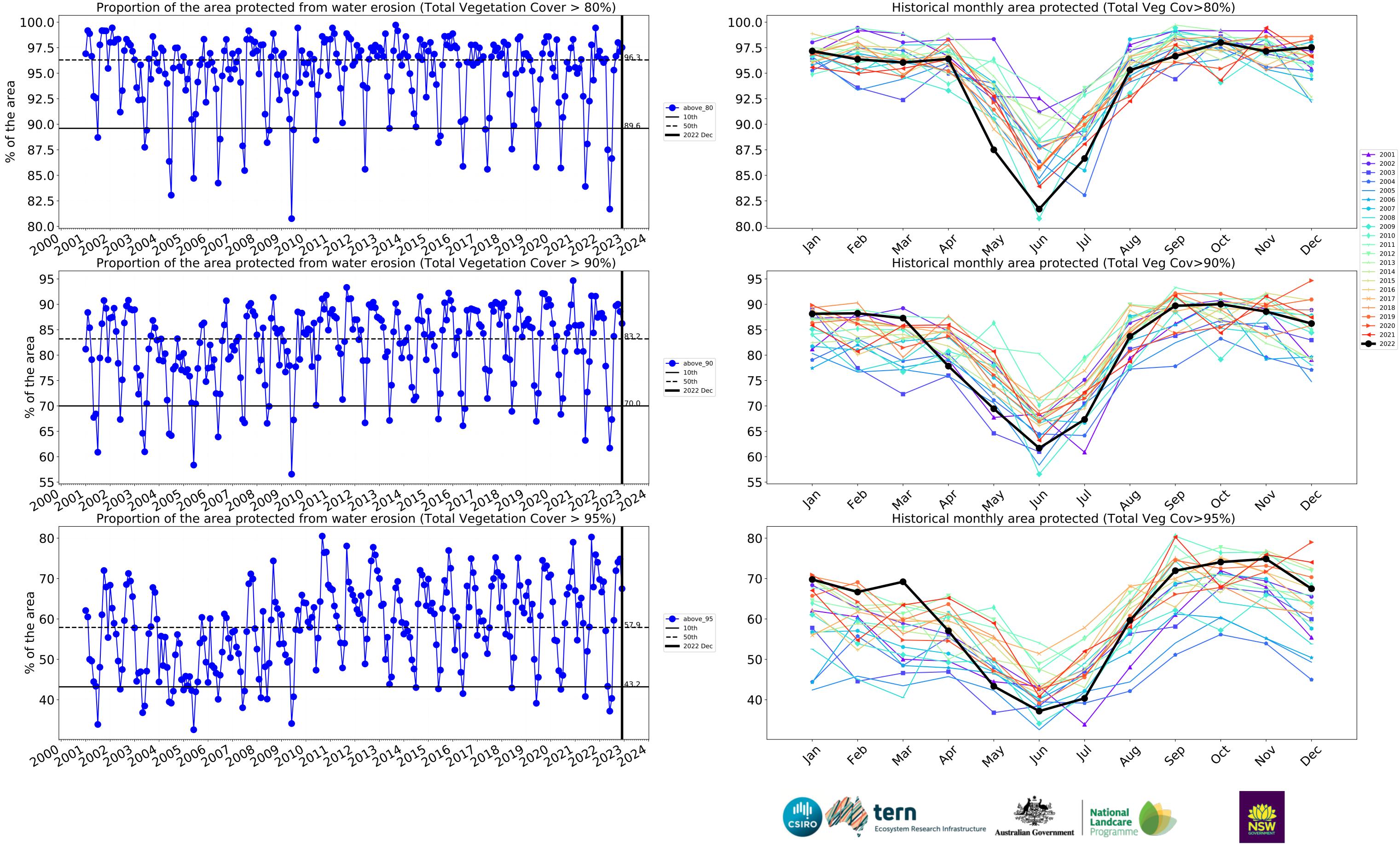
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

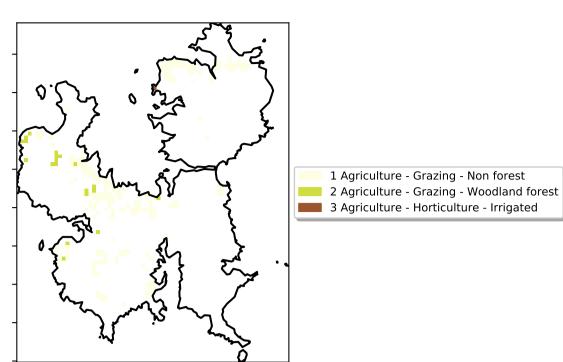


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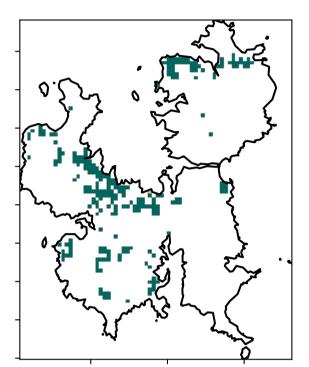
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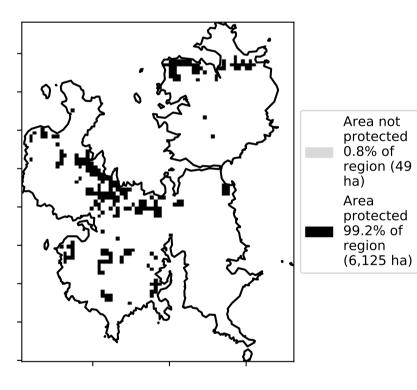


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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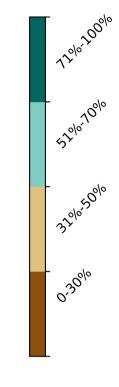
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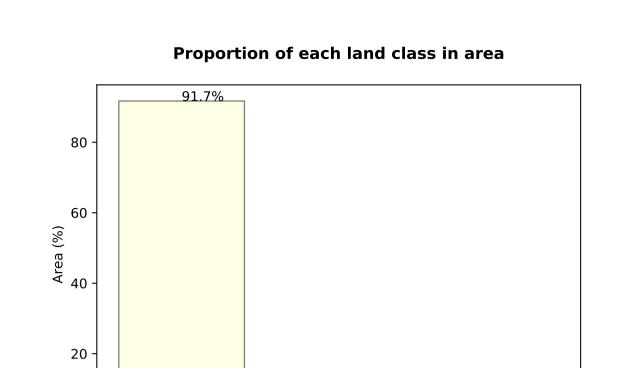
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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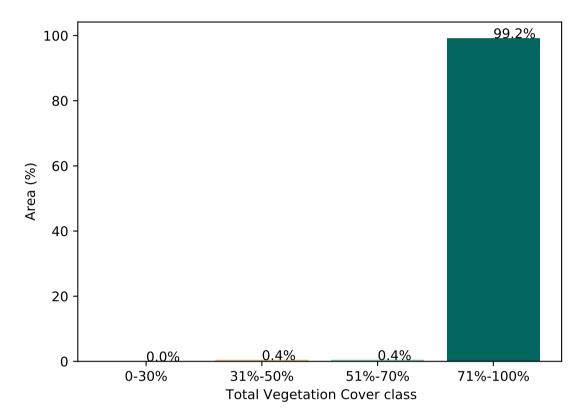
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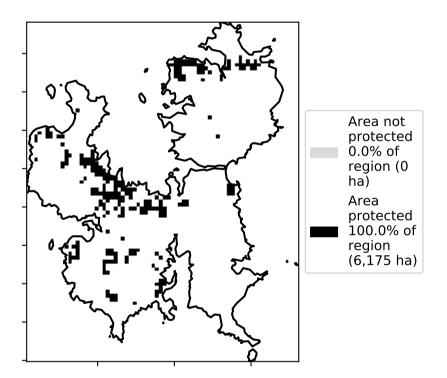
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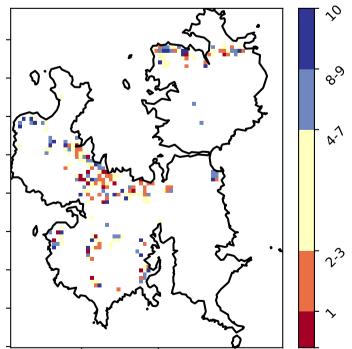
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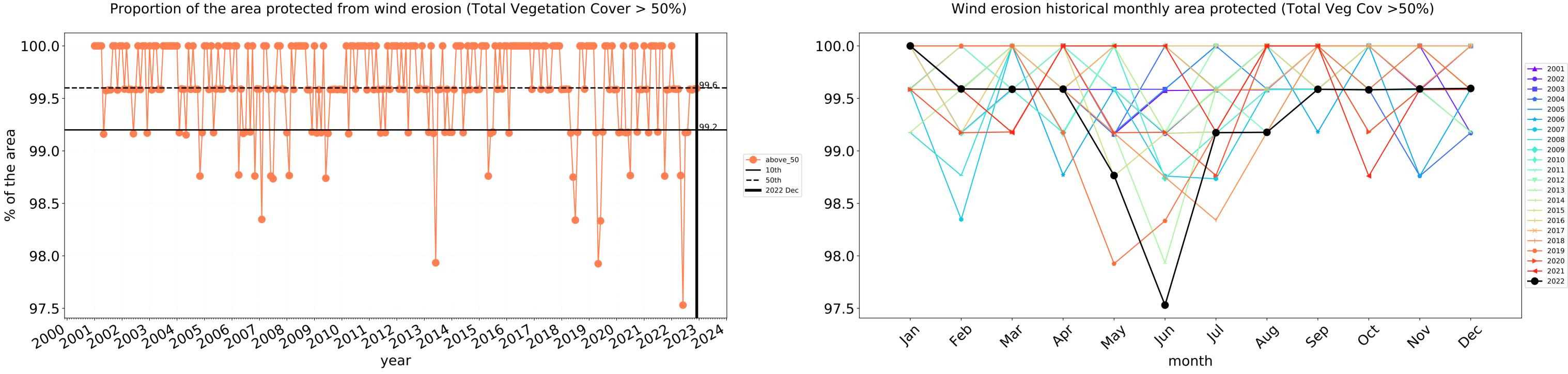
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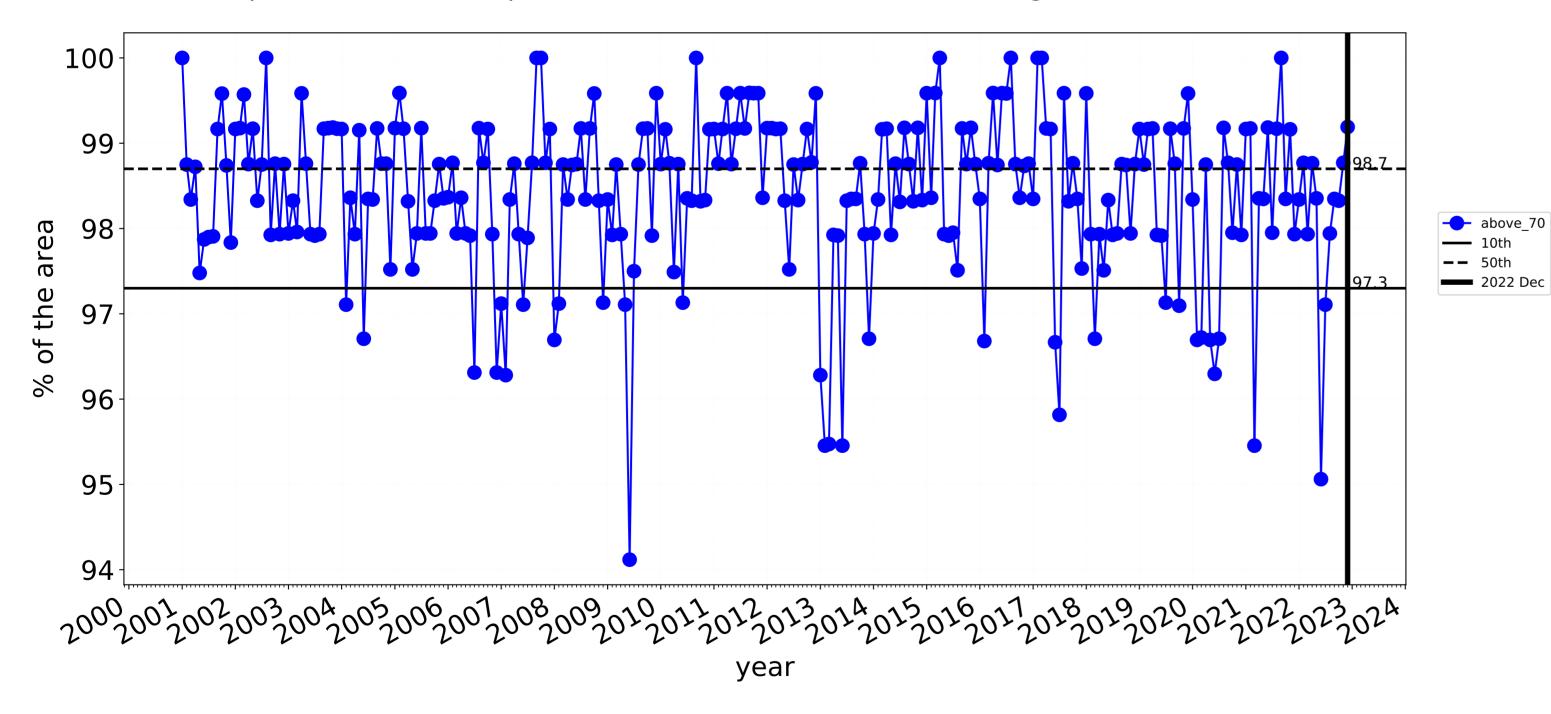
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Landcare Programme

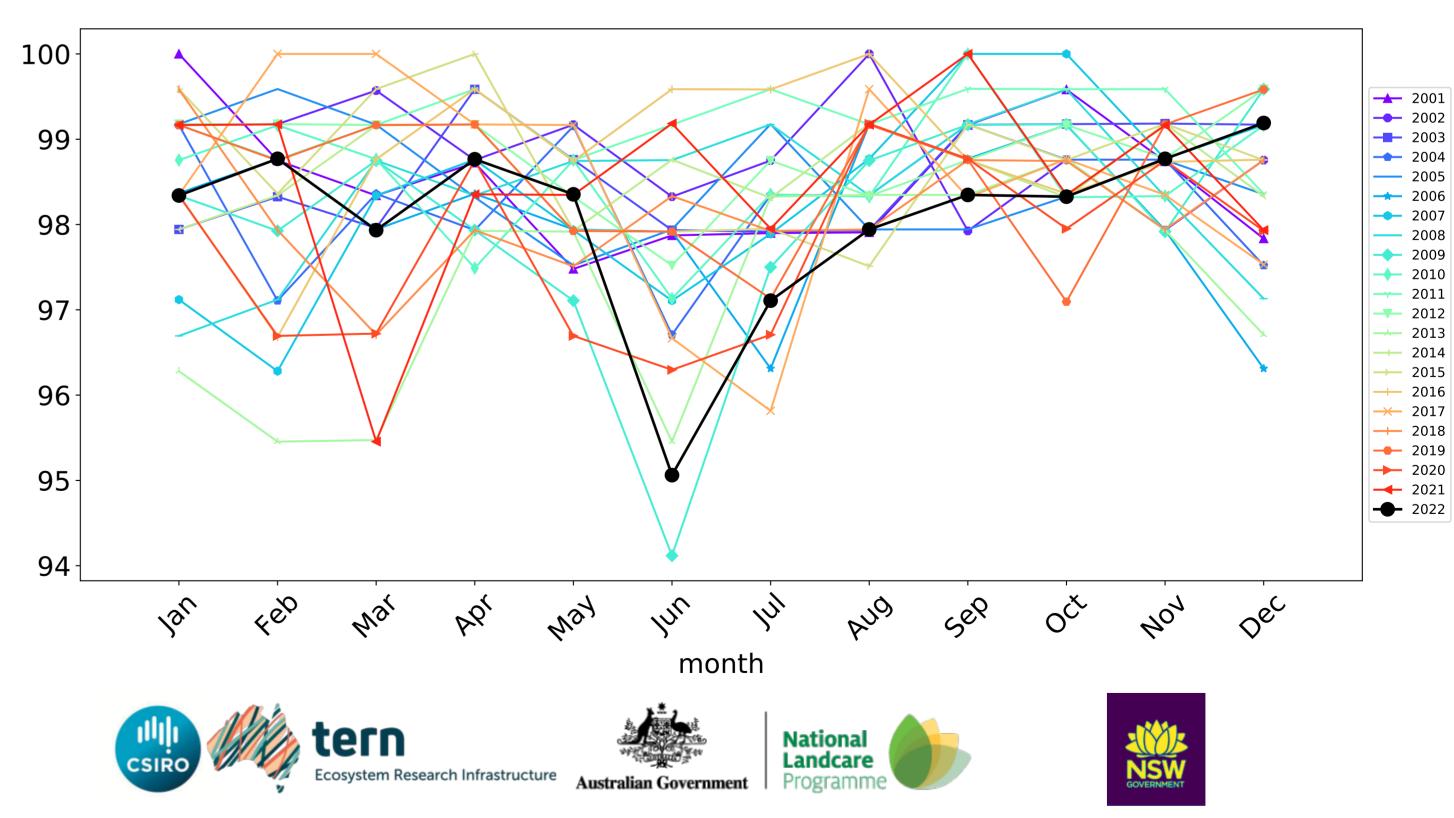


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

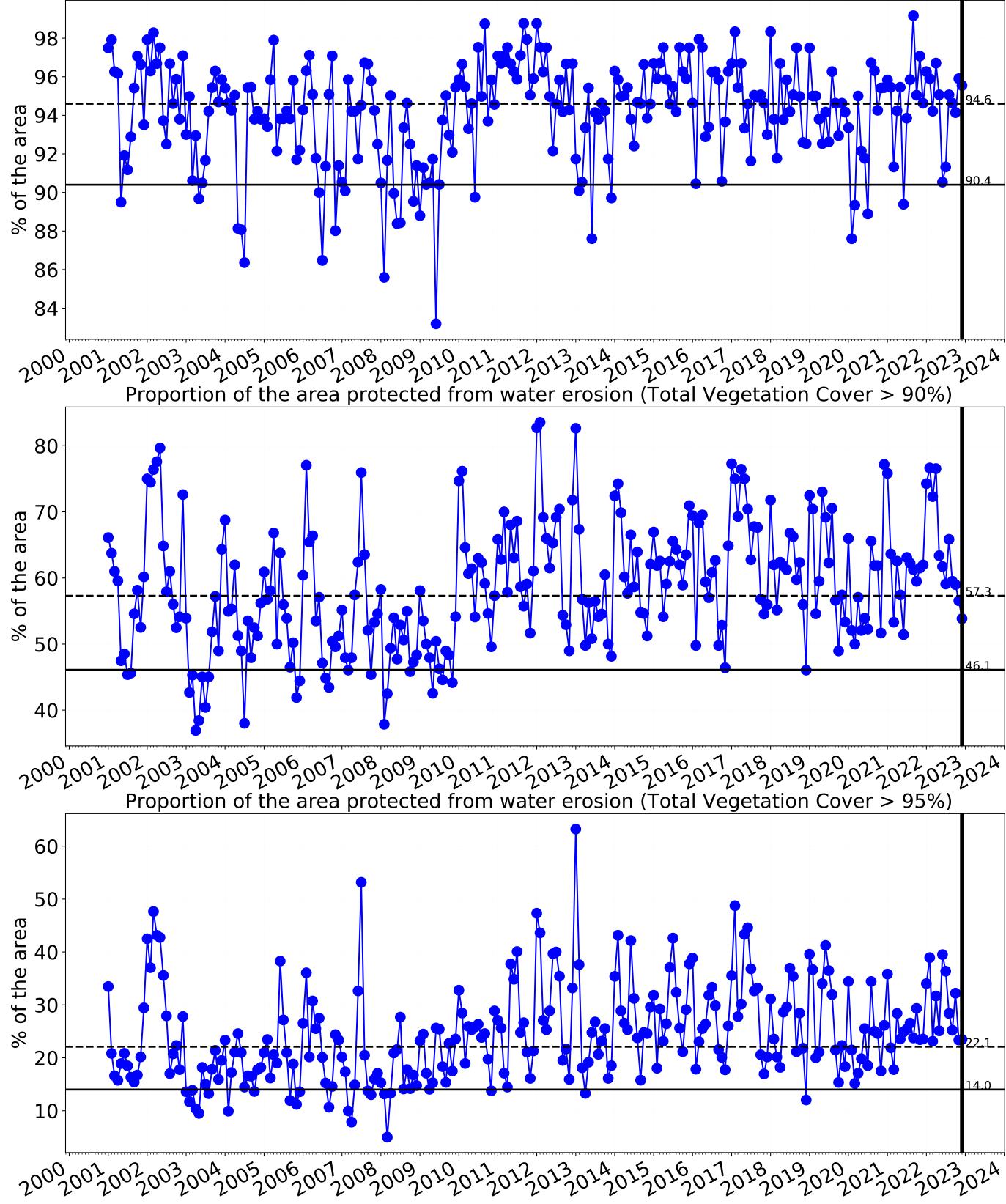


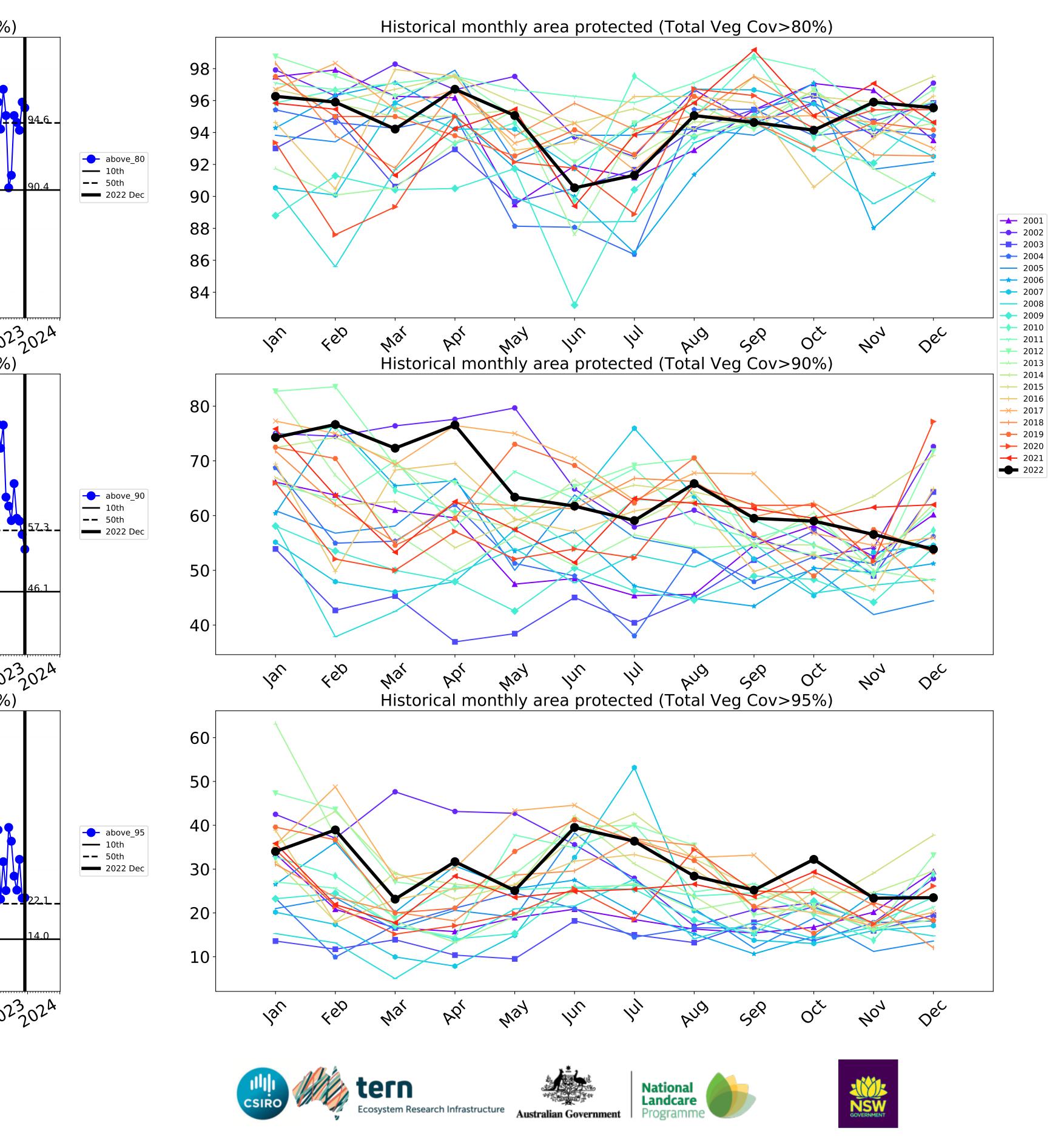
# Agriculture timeseries



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

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





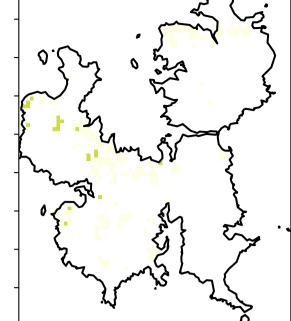
### Grazing

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land

Derived from

Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)



Land use and forest cover

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

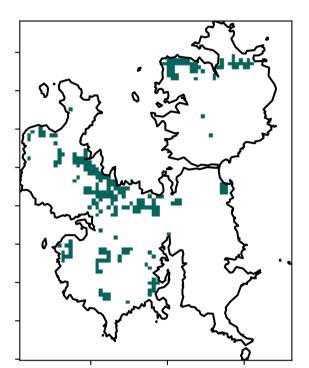
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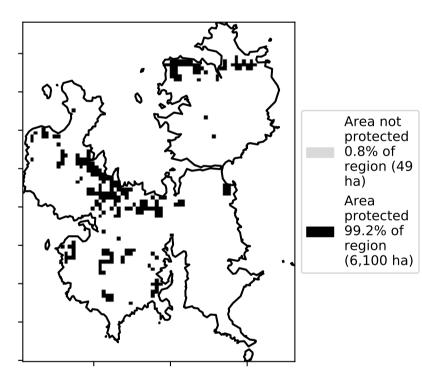
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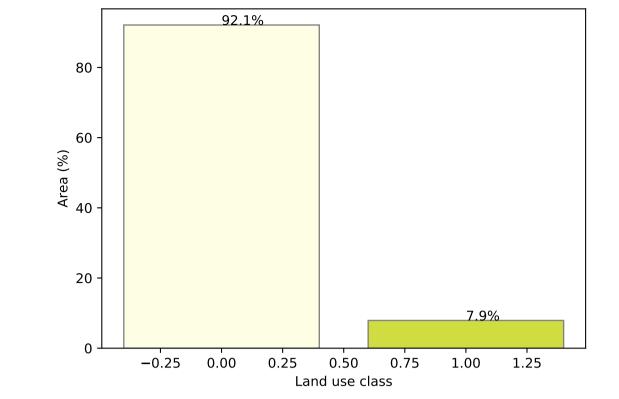
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



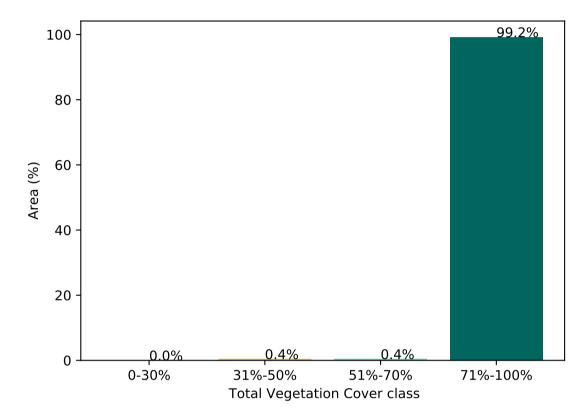
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



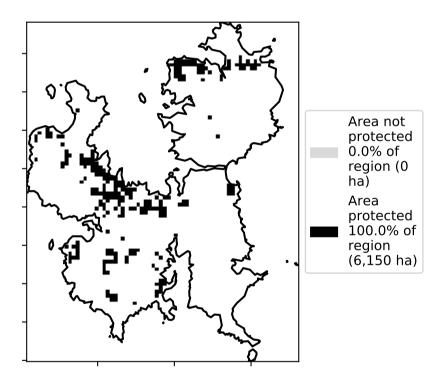


Proportion of each land class in area

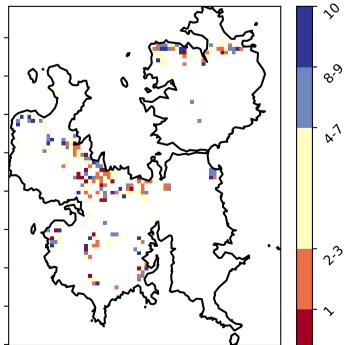
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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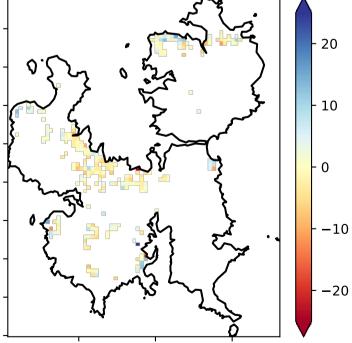
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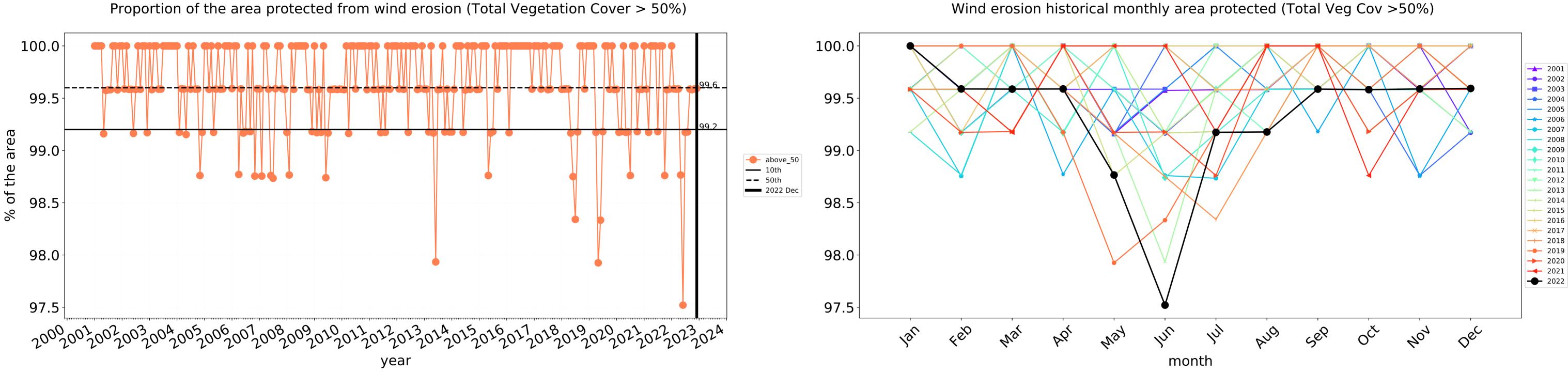
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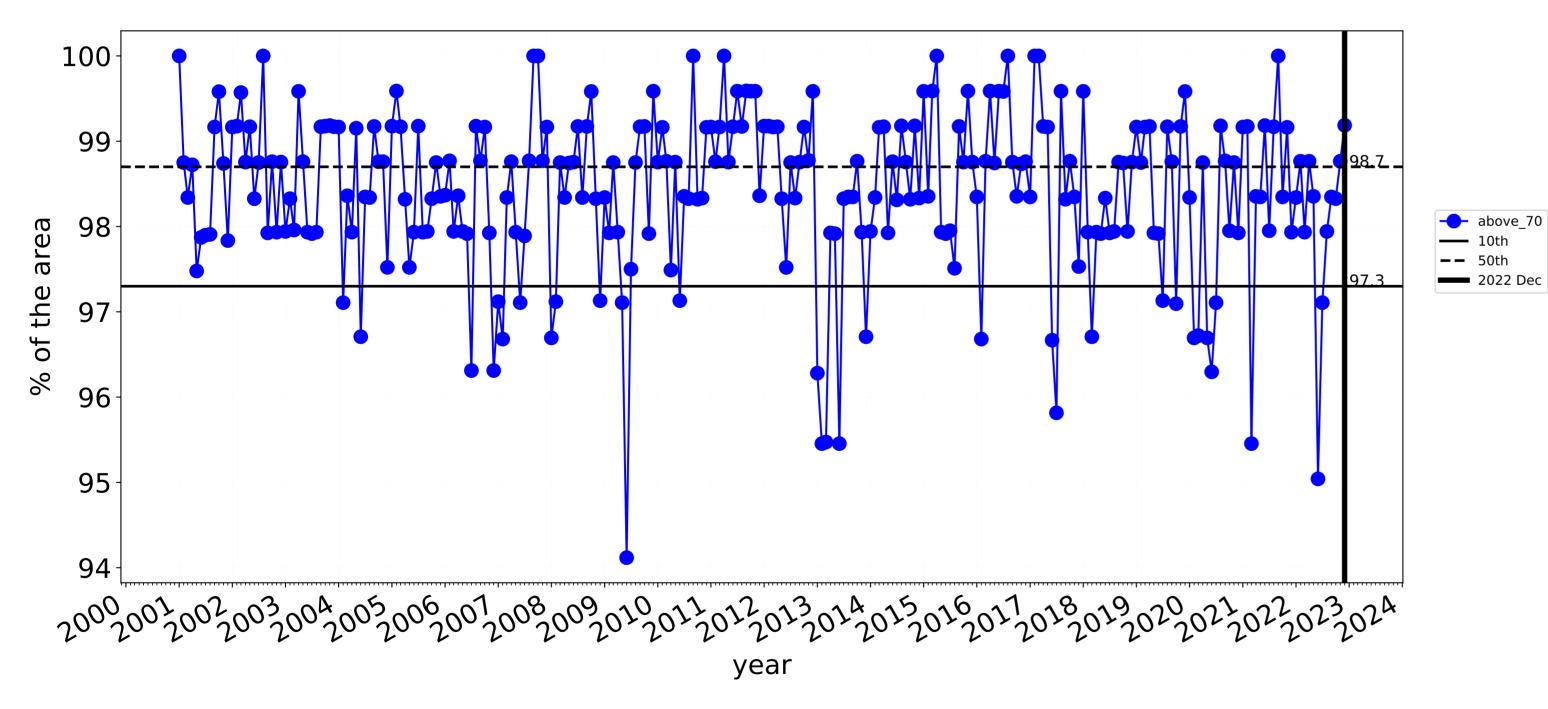
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

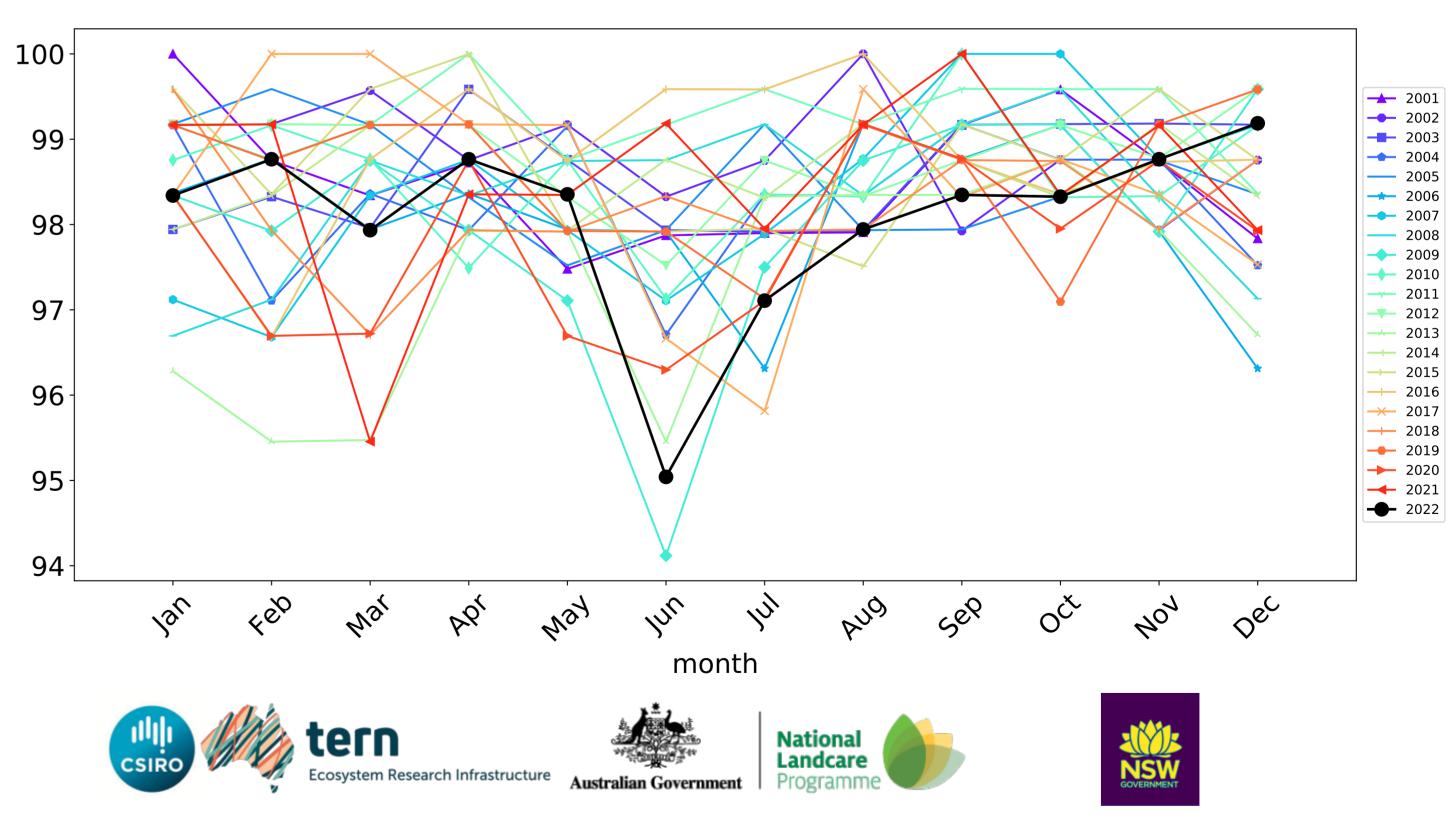
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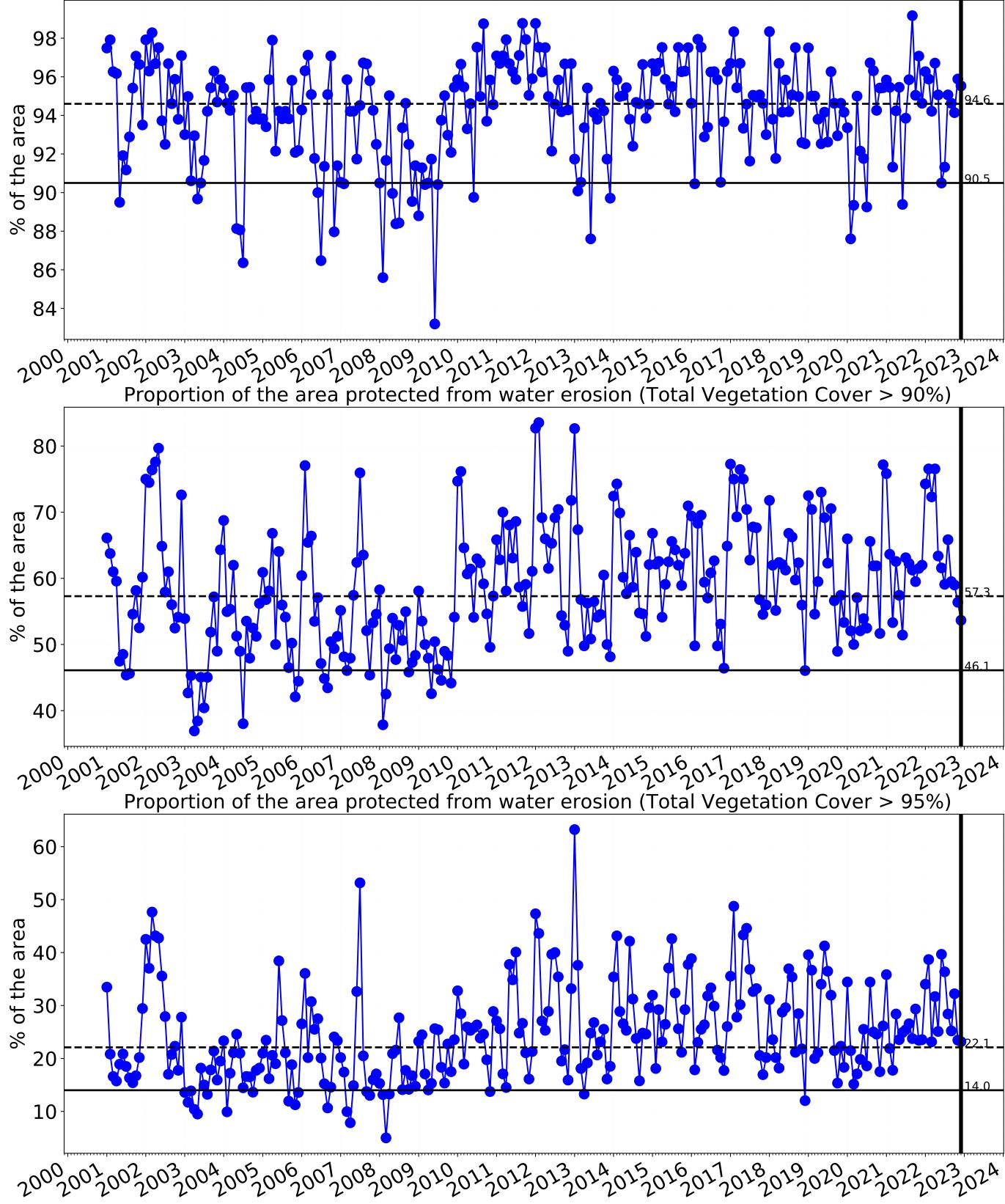


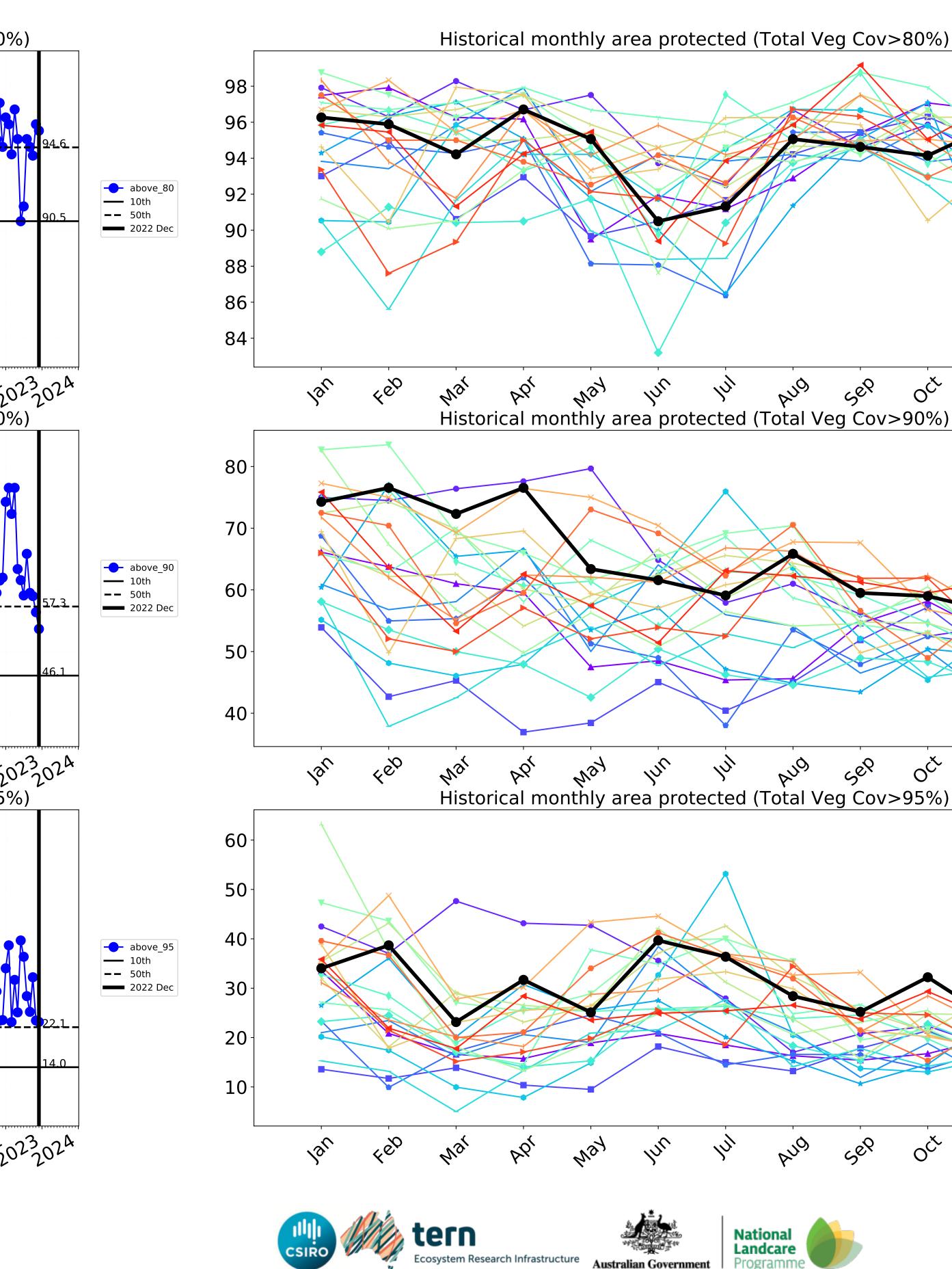


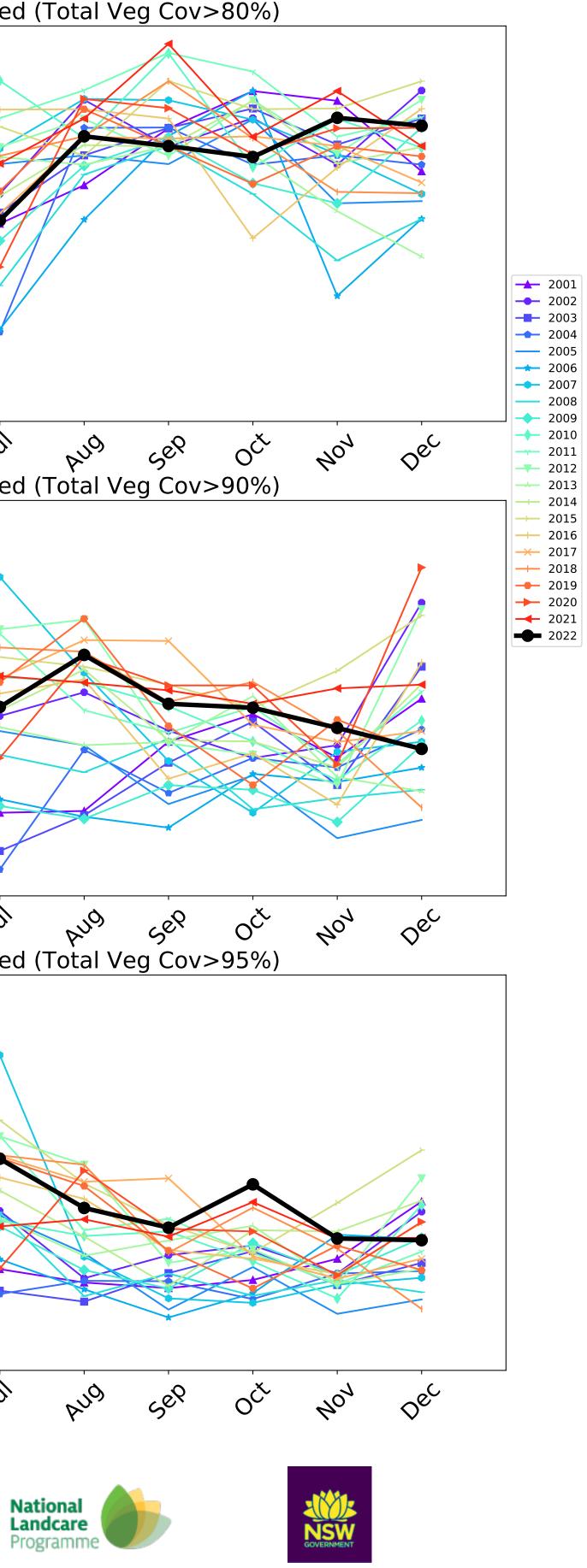


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

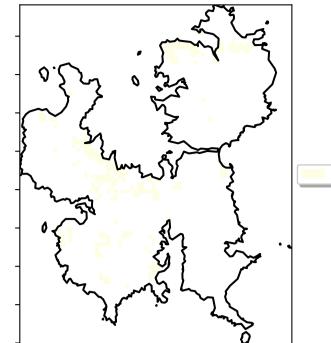






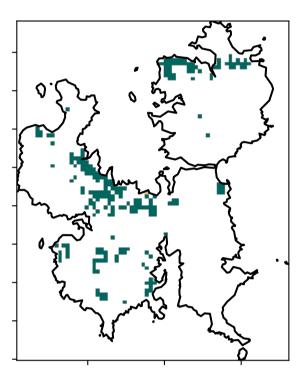
## **Grazing non forest**

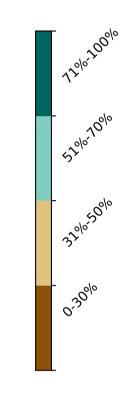
Land use and forest cover



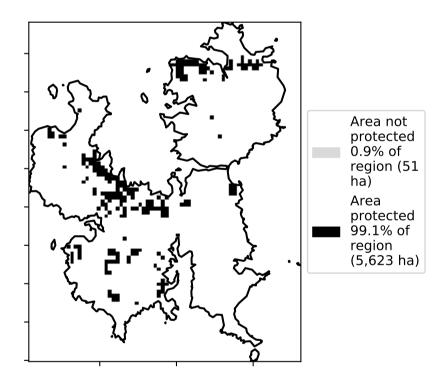
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

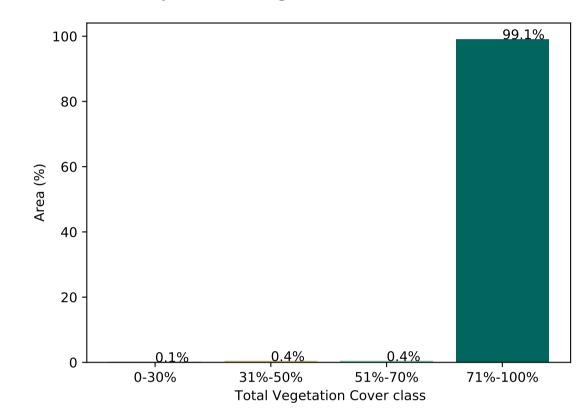




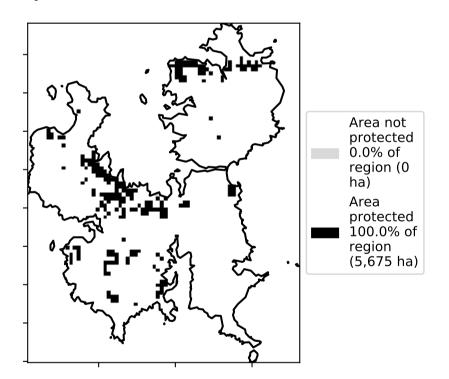
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



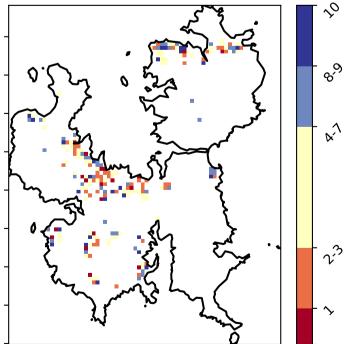
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

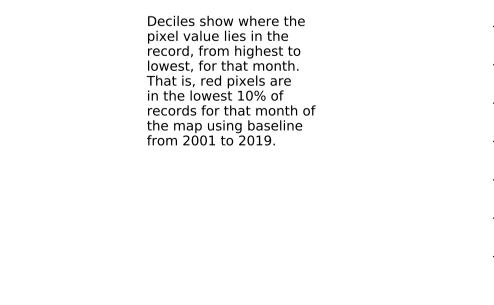


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





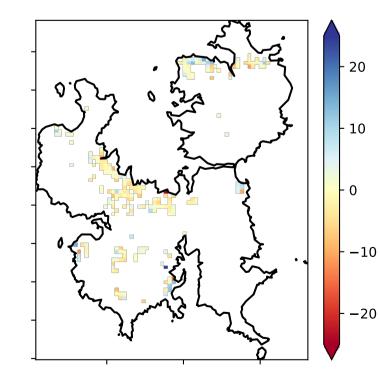
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

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

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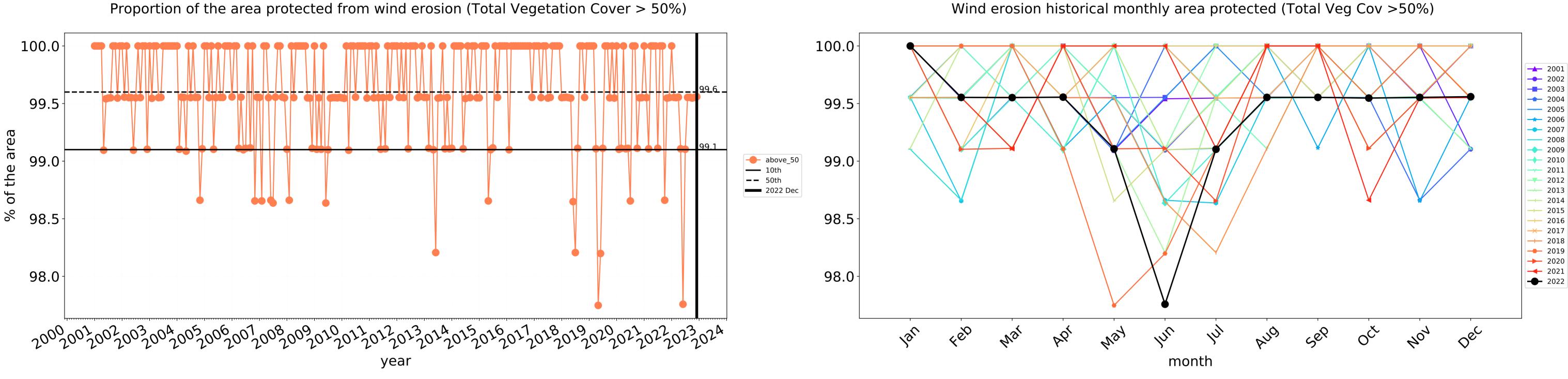
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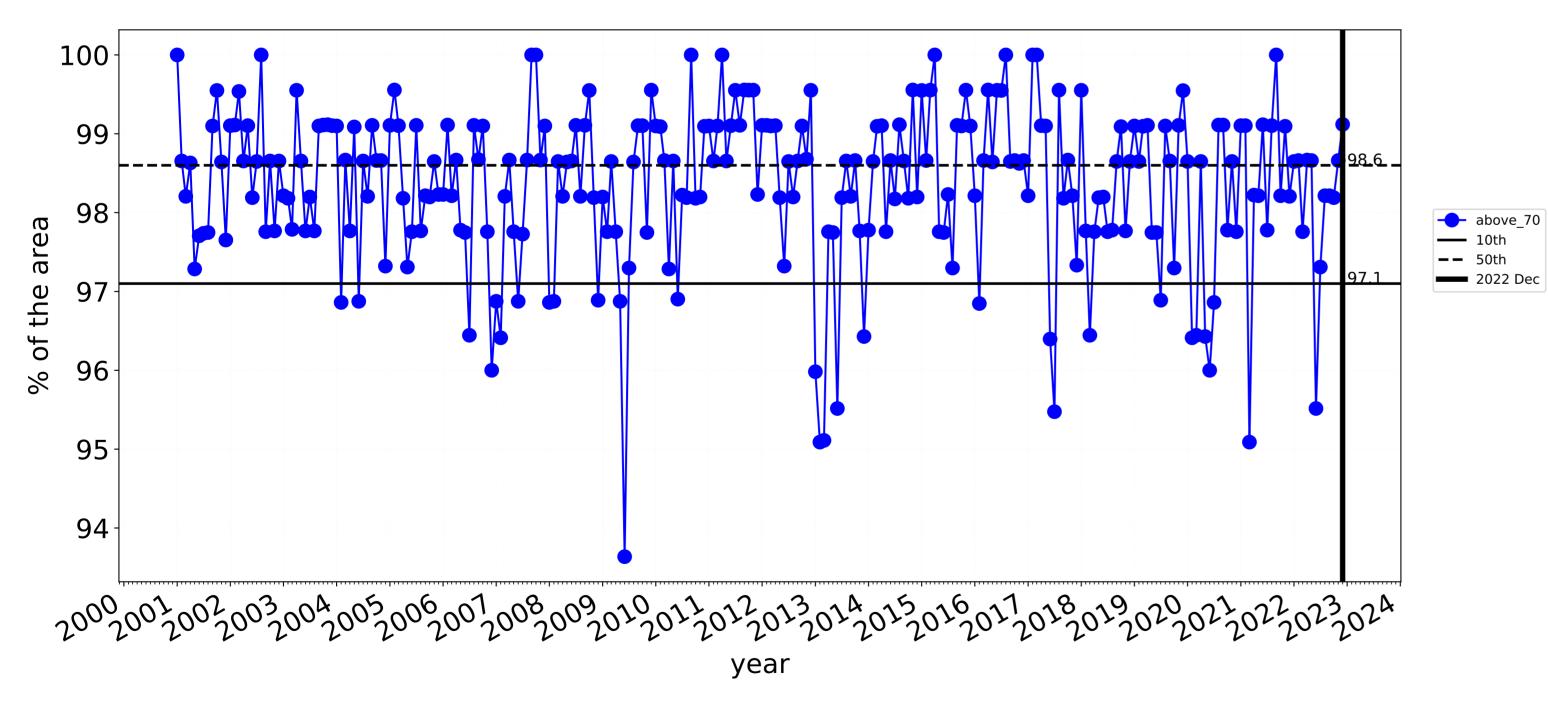


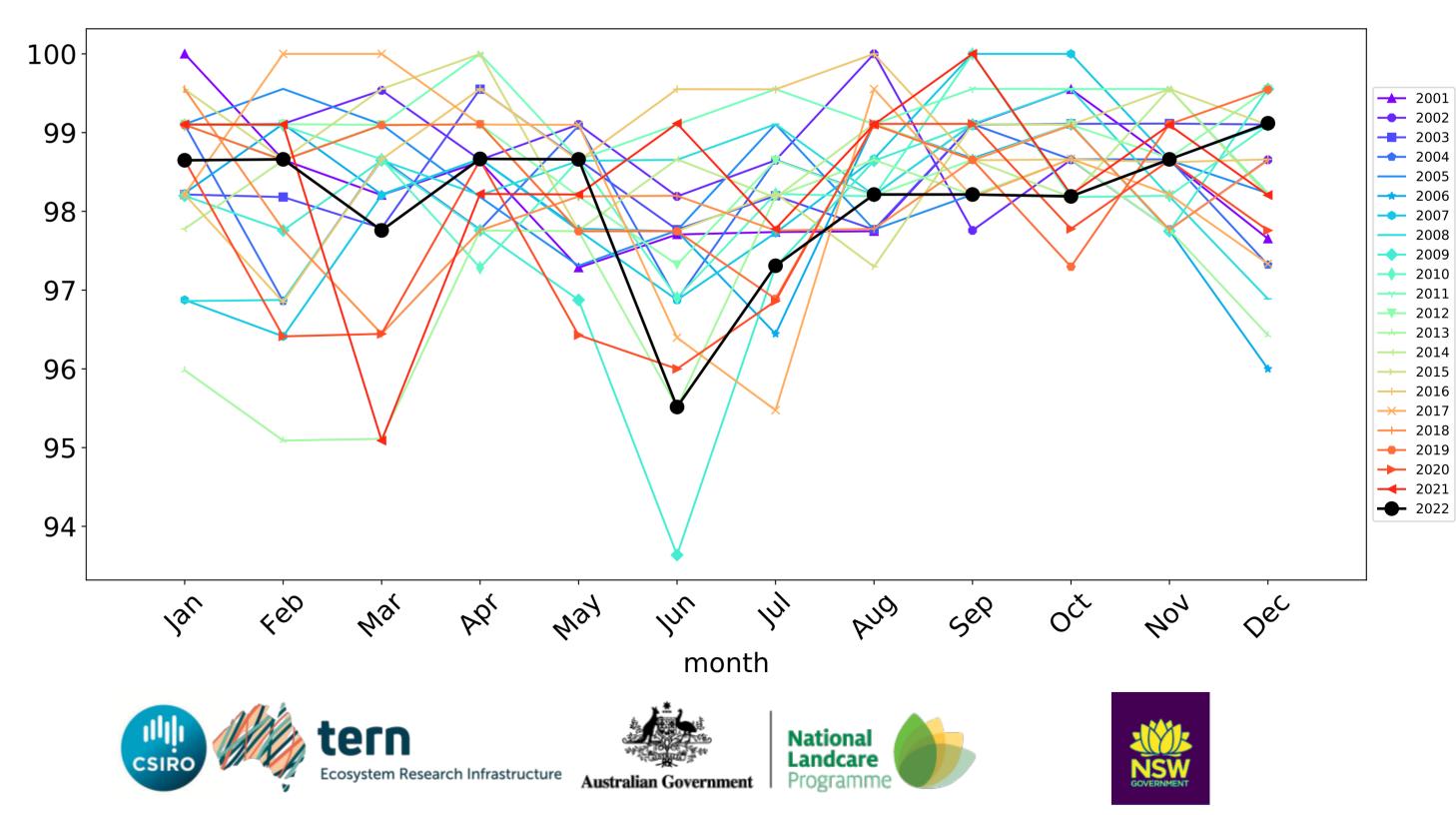




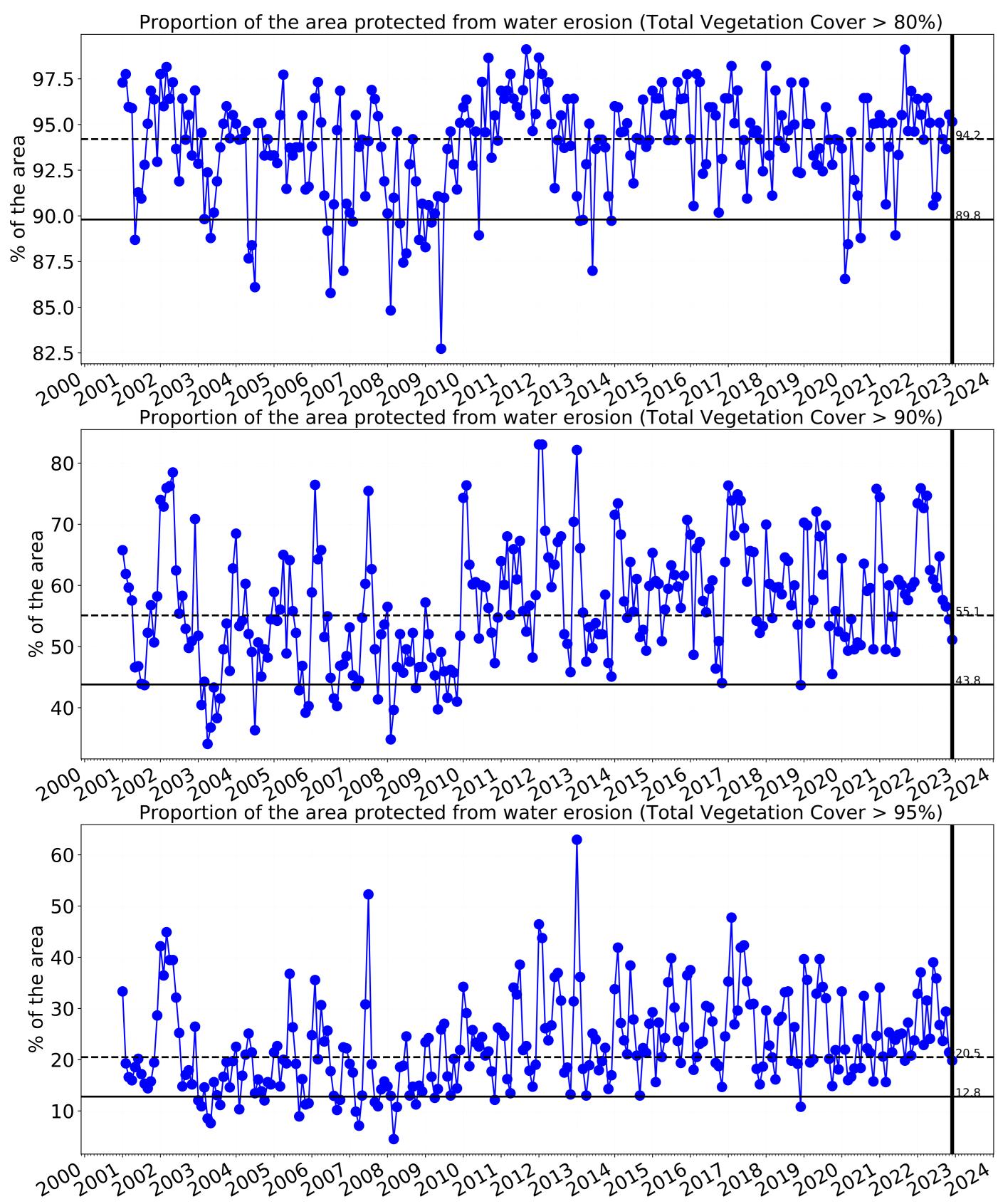
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

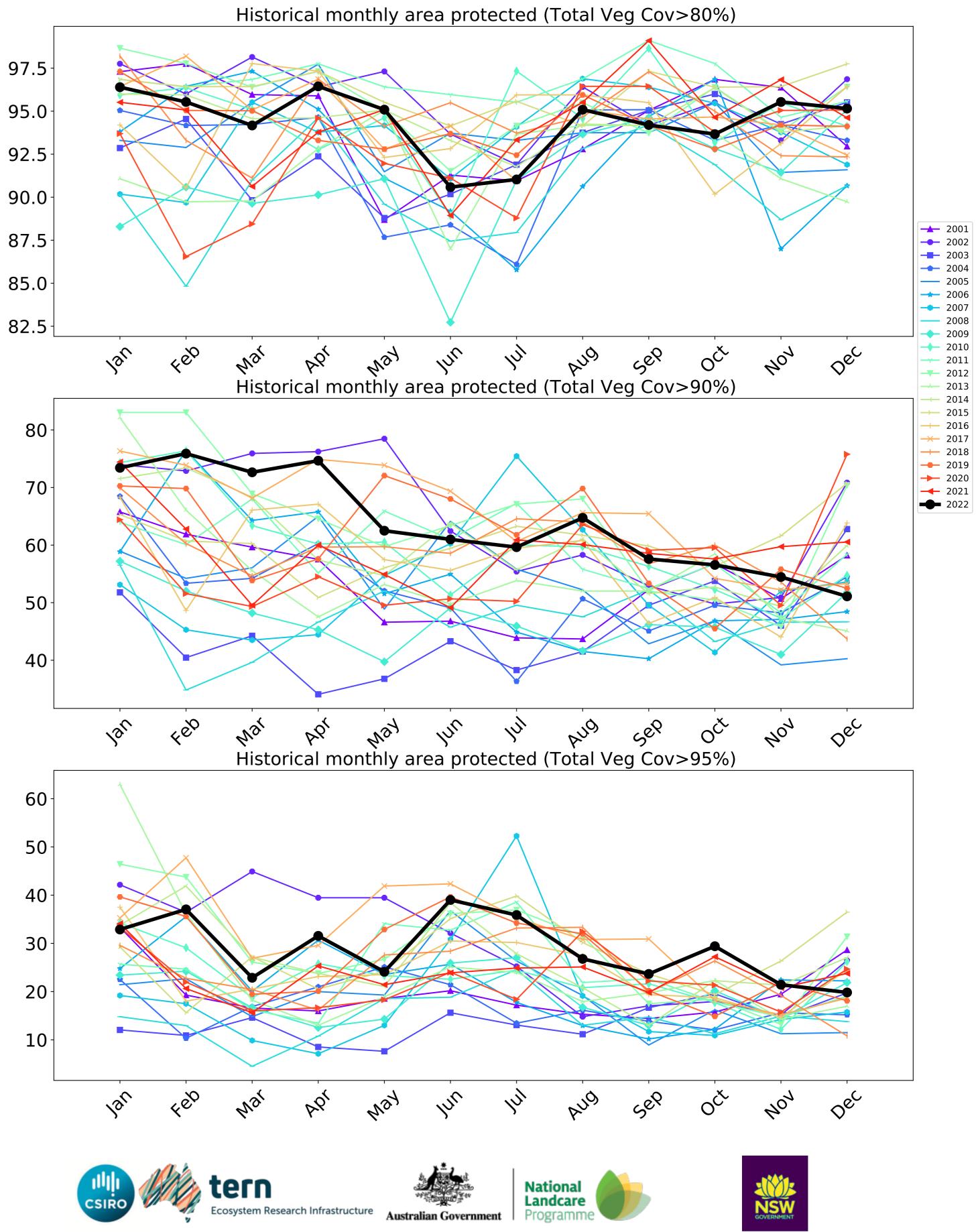


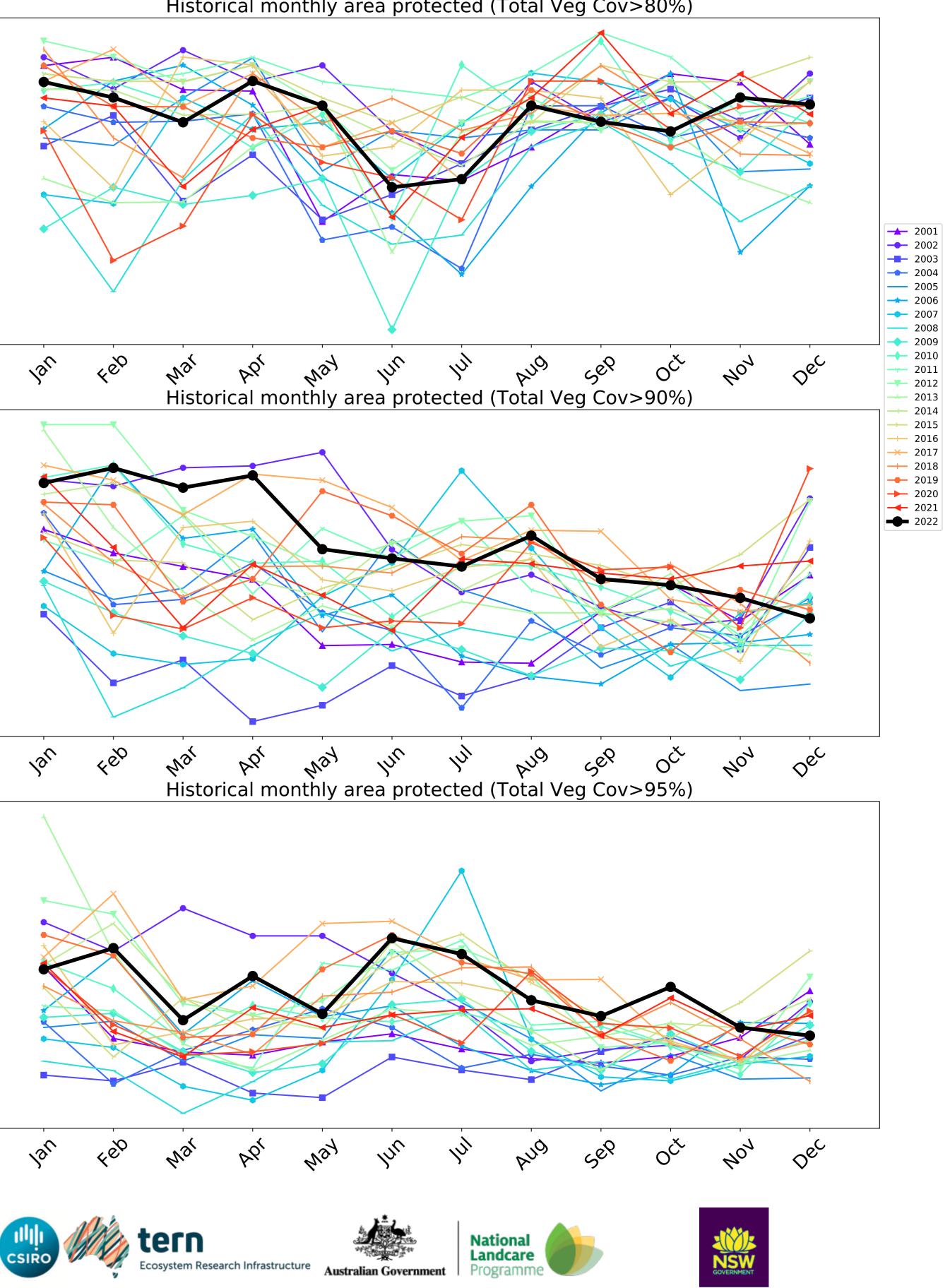


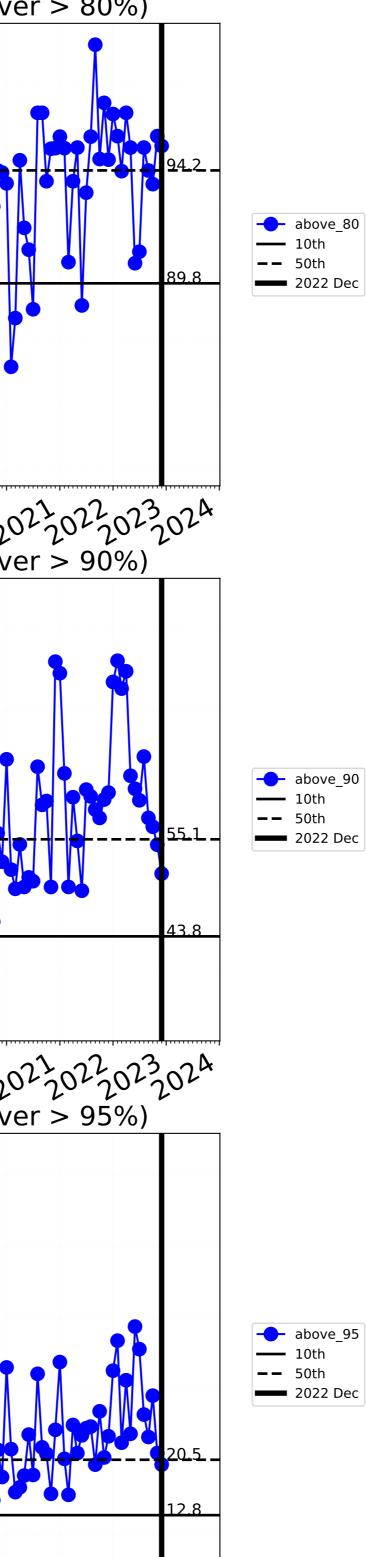


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



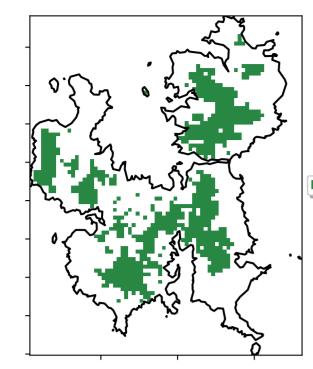






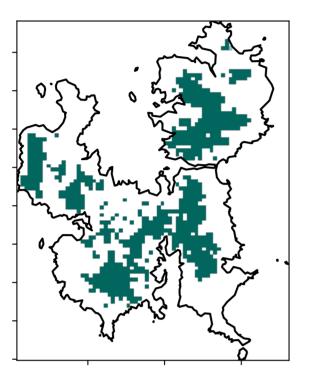
## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

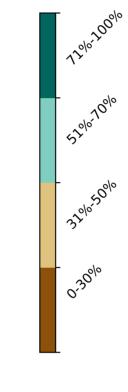
Land use and forest cover



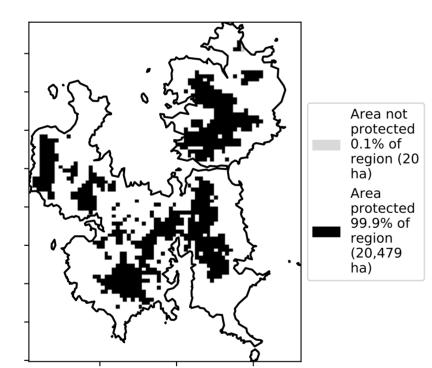
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

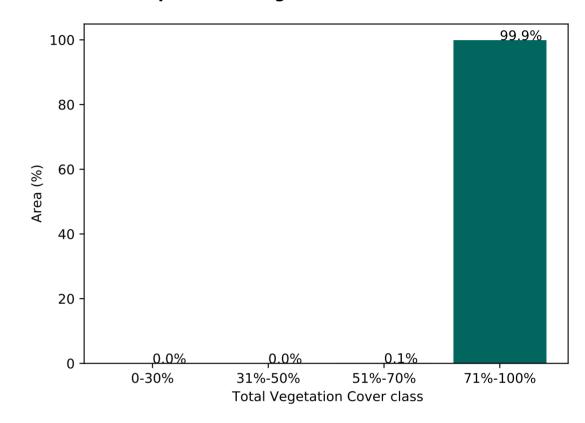




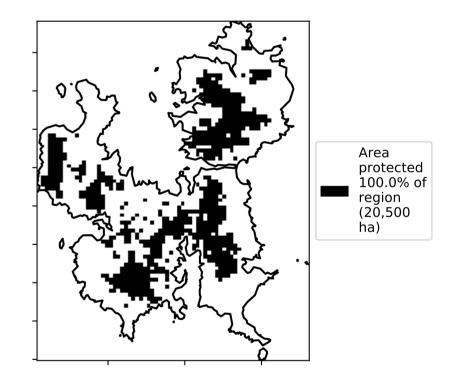
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

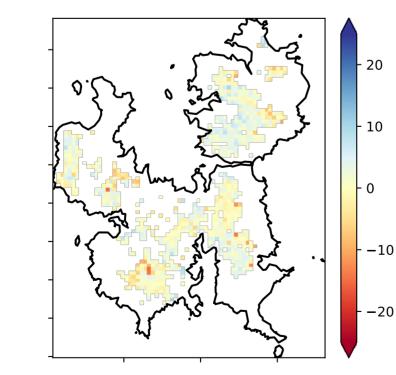


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



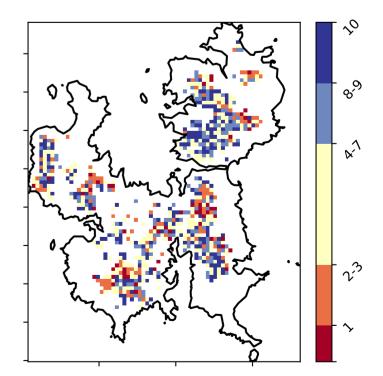
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



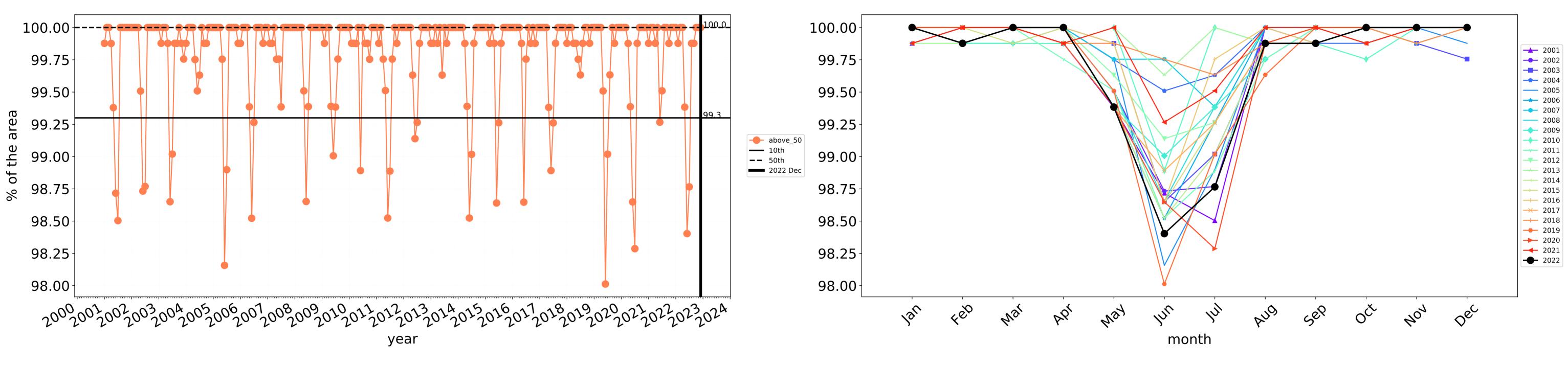
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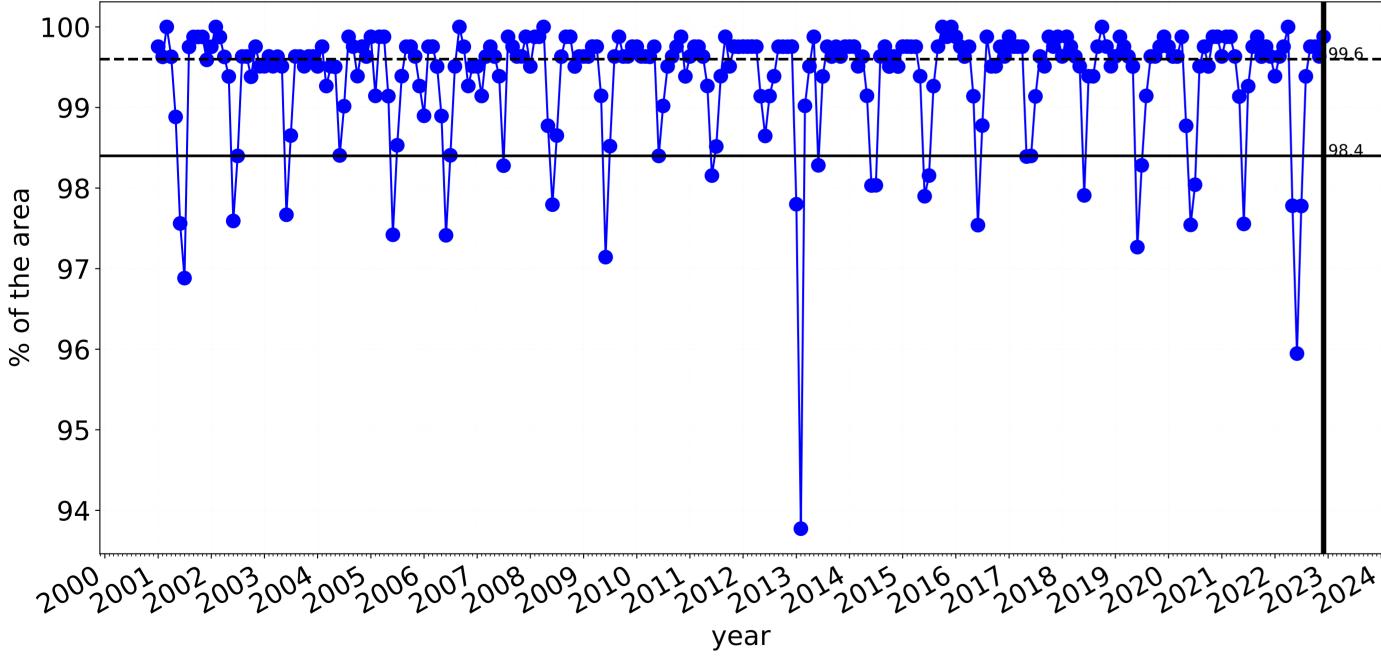


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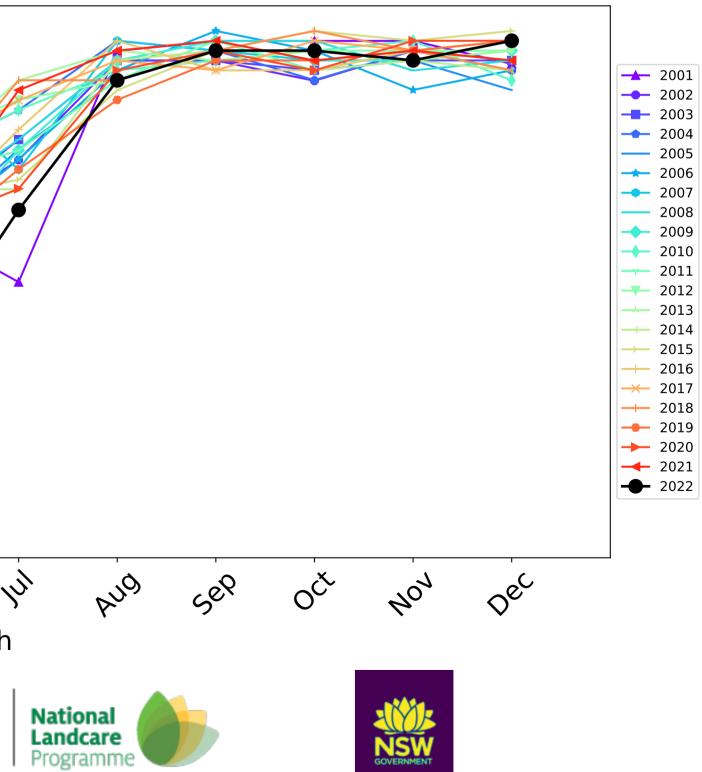


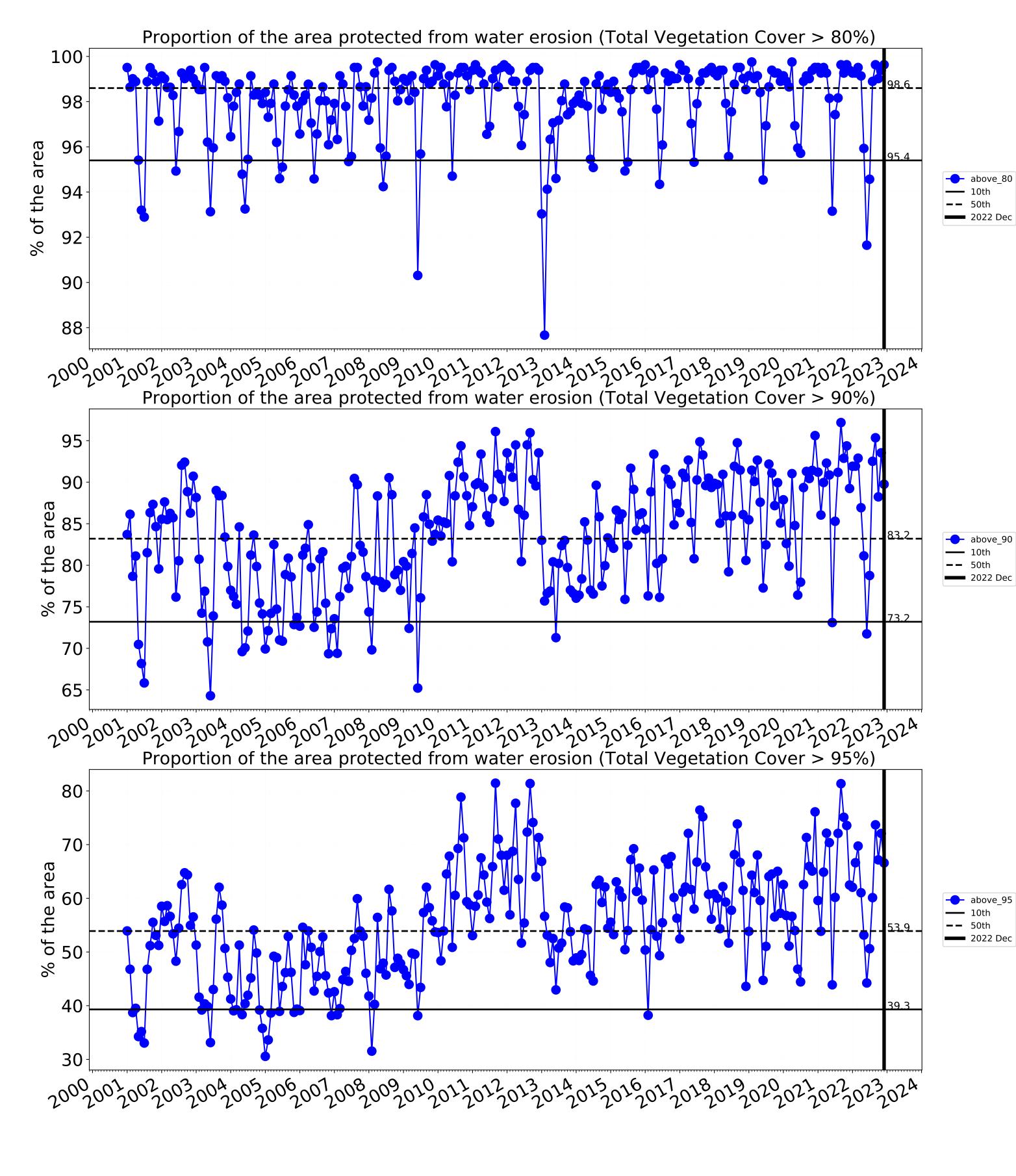
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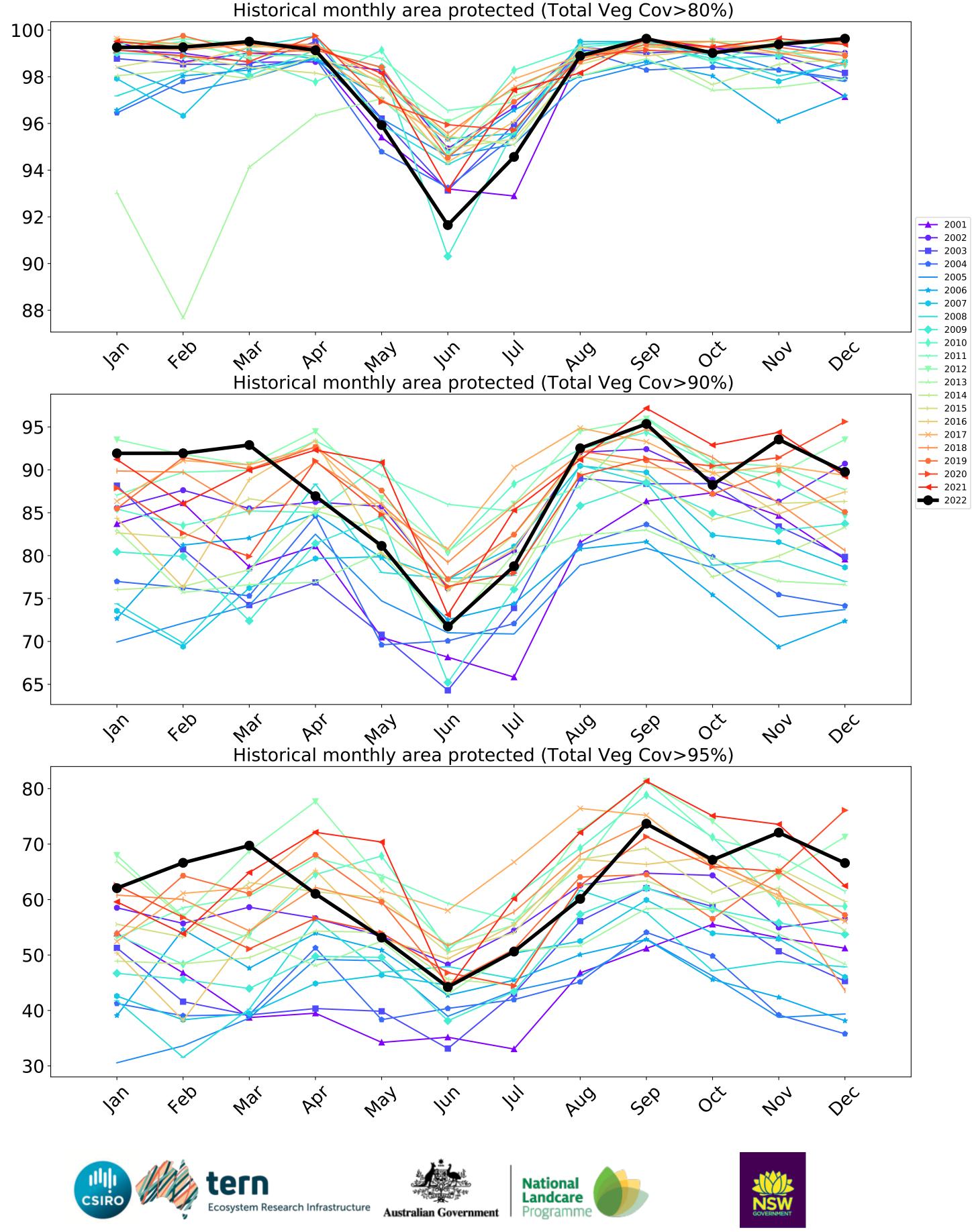
Australian Government

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

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







# Tasman\_(M) (60,925 ha and no data 5,119 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	60,925	100.0% 60,900	99.6% 60,675	98.6% 60,050	96.2% 58,600	78.9% 48,100	52.8% 32,150
Conservation and natural environments	27,700	99.9% 27,675	99.3% 27,500	97.9% 27,125	95.0% 26,325	80.6% 22,325	53.9% 14,925
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,550	99.3% 3,525	97.9% 3,475	94.4% 3,350	85.9% 3,050	63.4% 2,250	35.2% 1,250
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	15,075	100.0% 15,075	99.2% 14,950	98.0% 14,775	95.7% 14,425	81.3% 12,250	50.1% 7,550
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	9,075	100.0% 9,075	100.0% 9,075	99.2% 9,000	97.5% 8,850	86.2% 7,825	67.5% 6,125
Agriculture	6,175	100.0% 6,175	99.6% 6,150	99.2% 6,125	95.5% 5,900	53.8% 3,325	23.5% 1,450
Grazing	6,150	100.0% 6,150	99.6% 6,125	99.2% 6,100	95.5% 5,875	53.7% 3,300	23.2% 1,425
Grazing non forest	5,675	100.0% 5,675	99.6% 5,650	99.1% 5,625	95.2% 5,400	51.1% 2,900	19.8% 1,125
Production native forests and plantation forests	20,500	100.0% 20,500	100.0% 20,500	99.9% 20,475	99.6% 20,425	89.8% 18,400	66.6% 13,650

