## Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Ararat (RC) VIC

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:

Date: March 2023

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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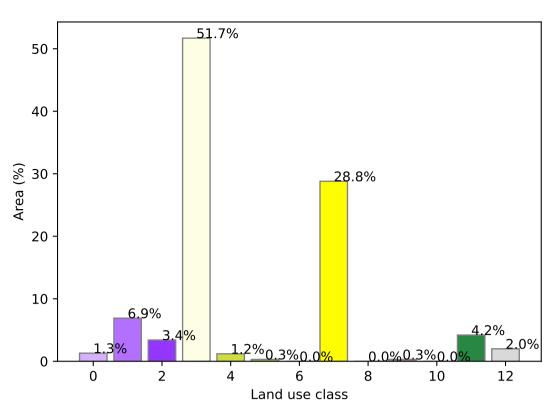


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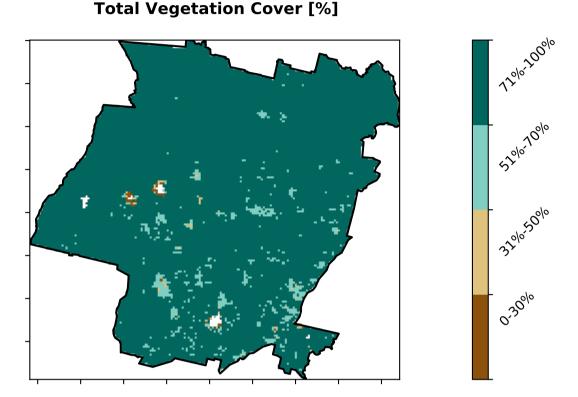
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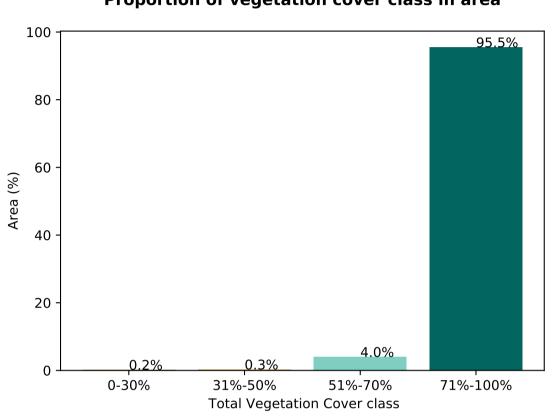
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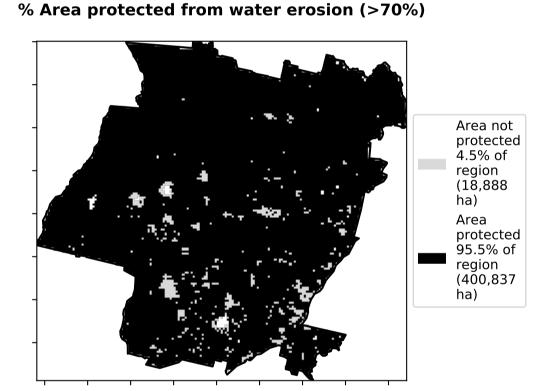


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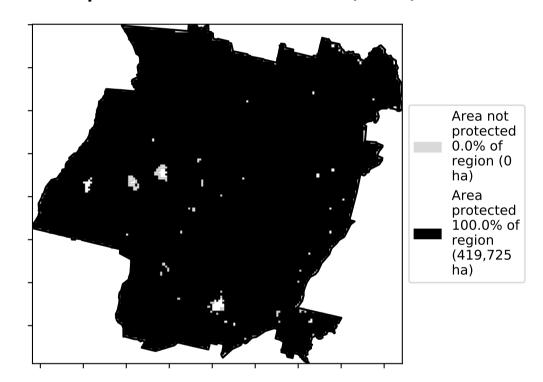


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

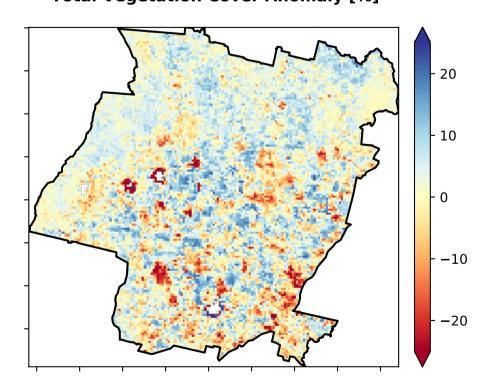




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

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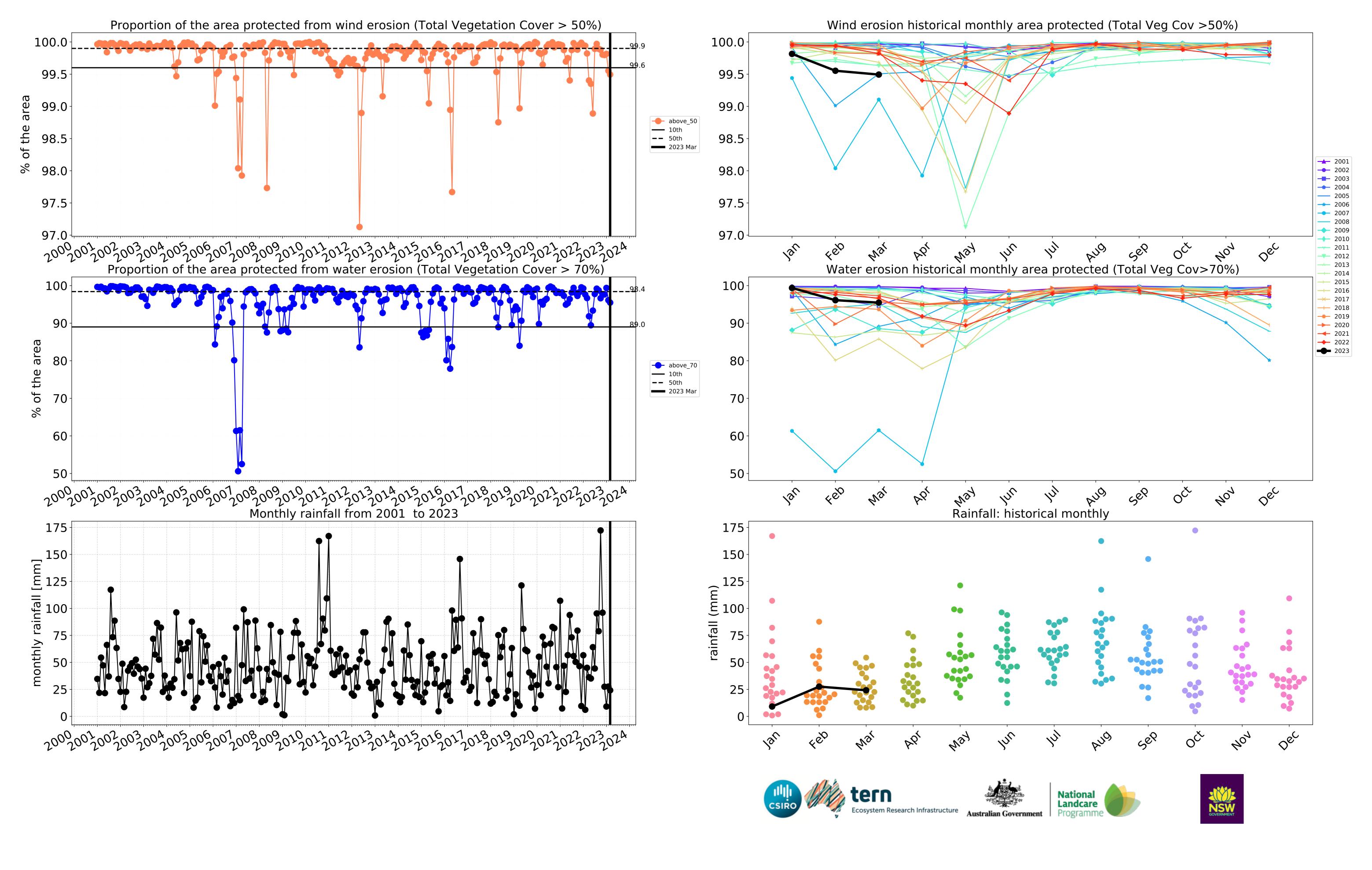
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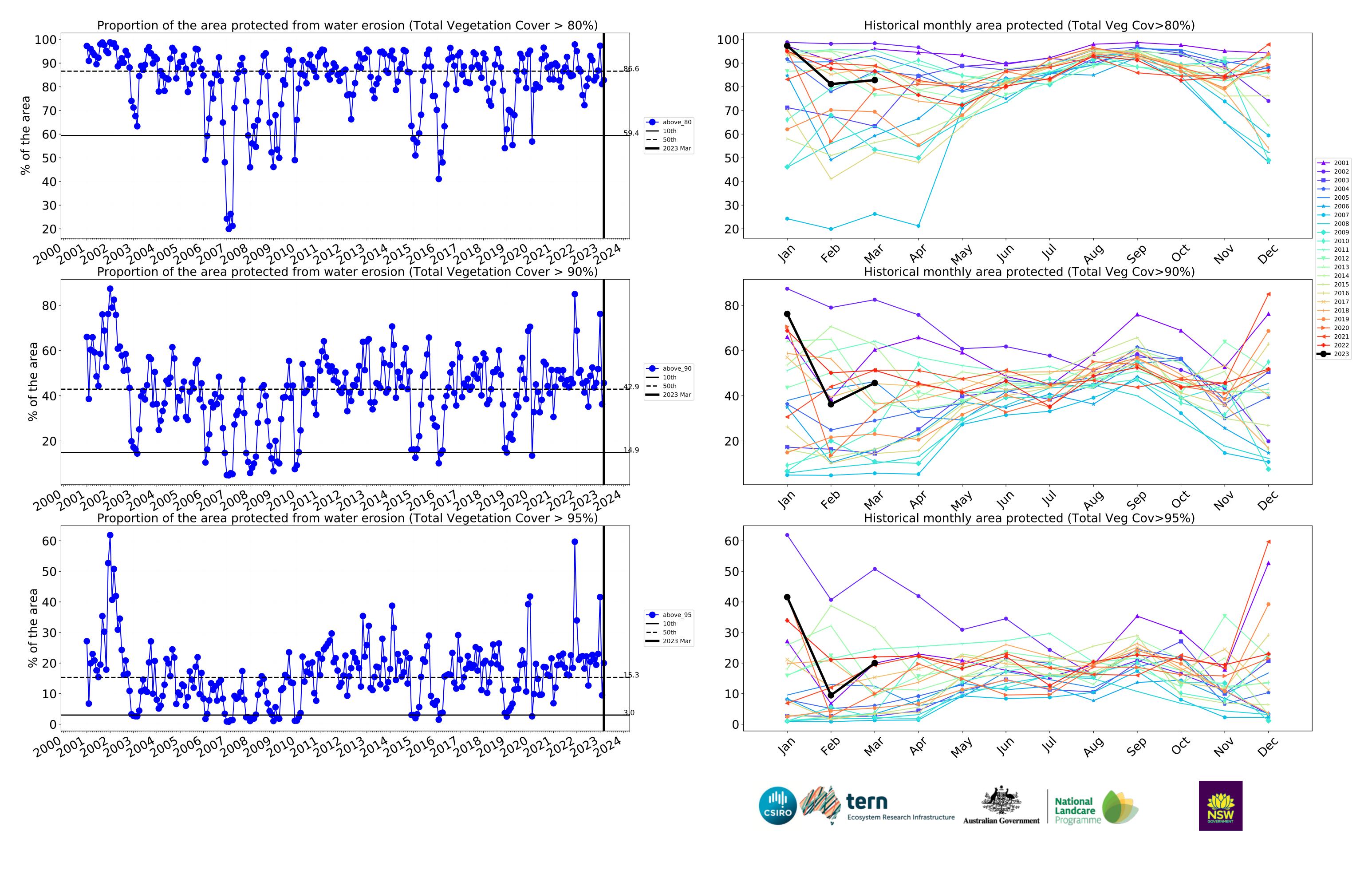












### **Conservation and natural environments**

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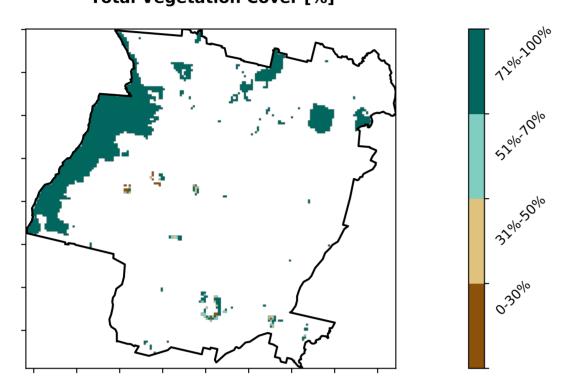
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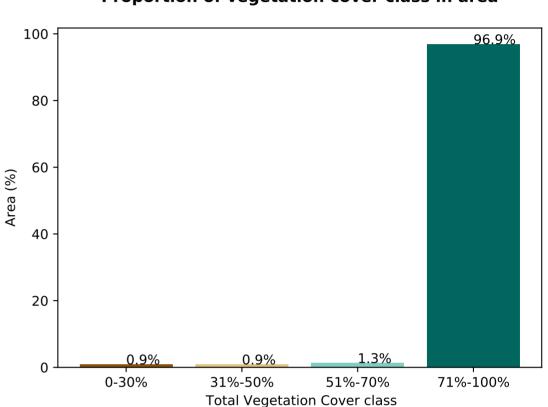
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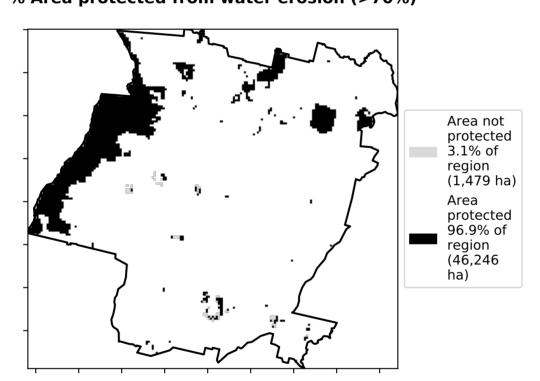
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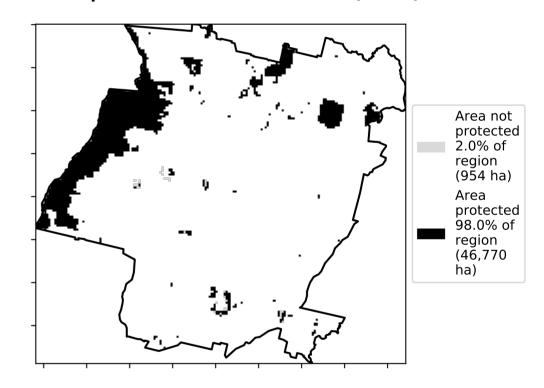
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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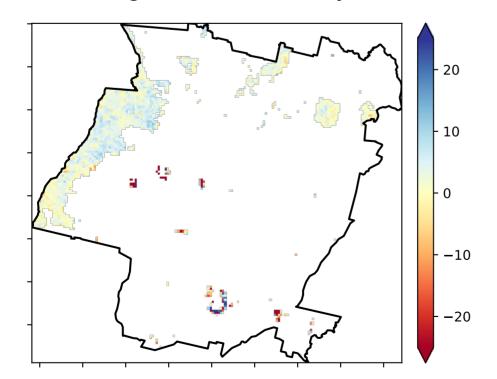
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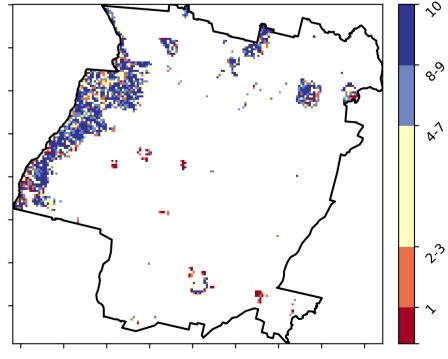
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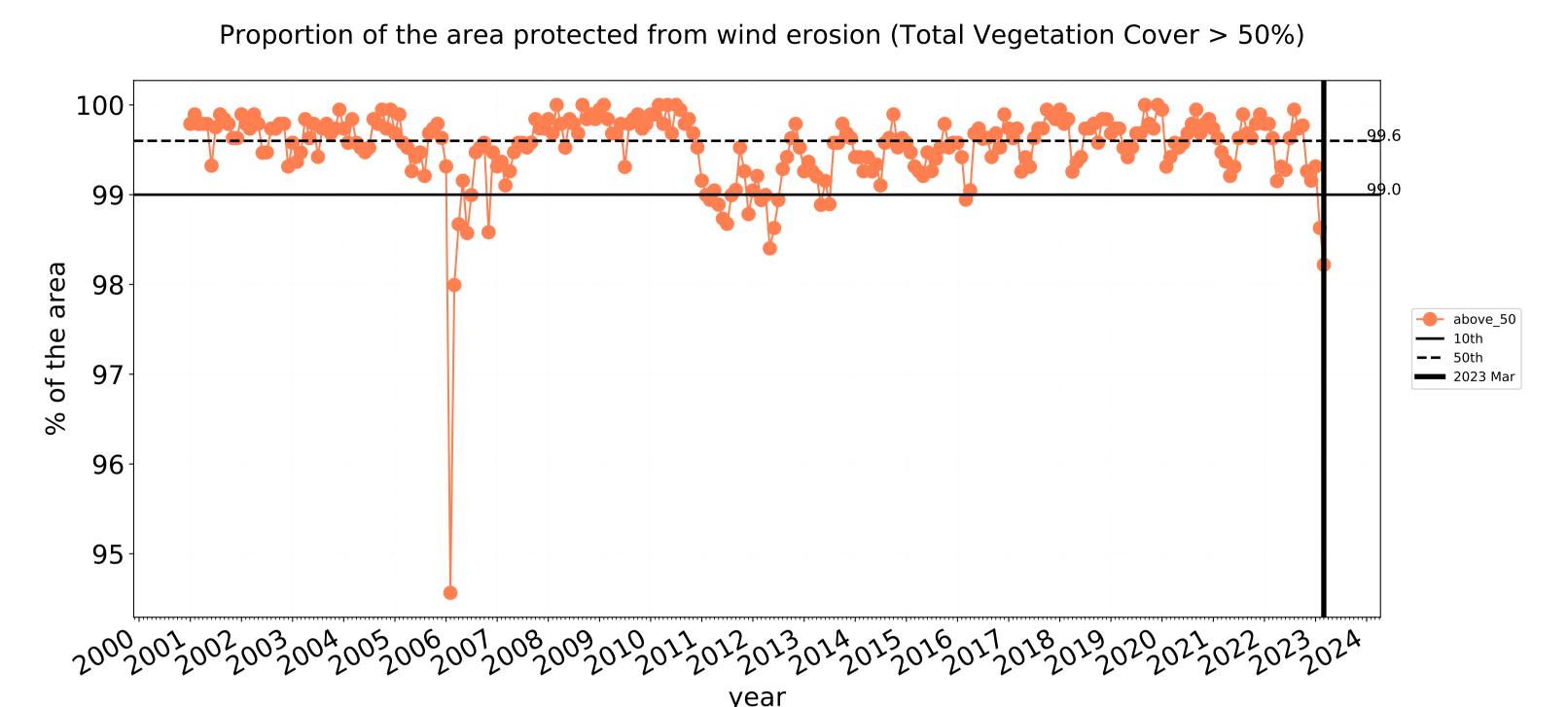


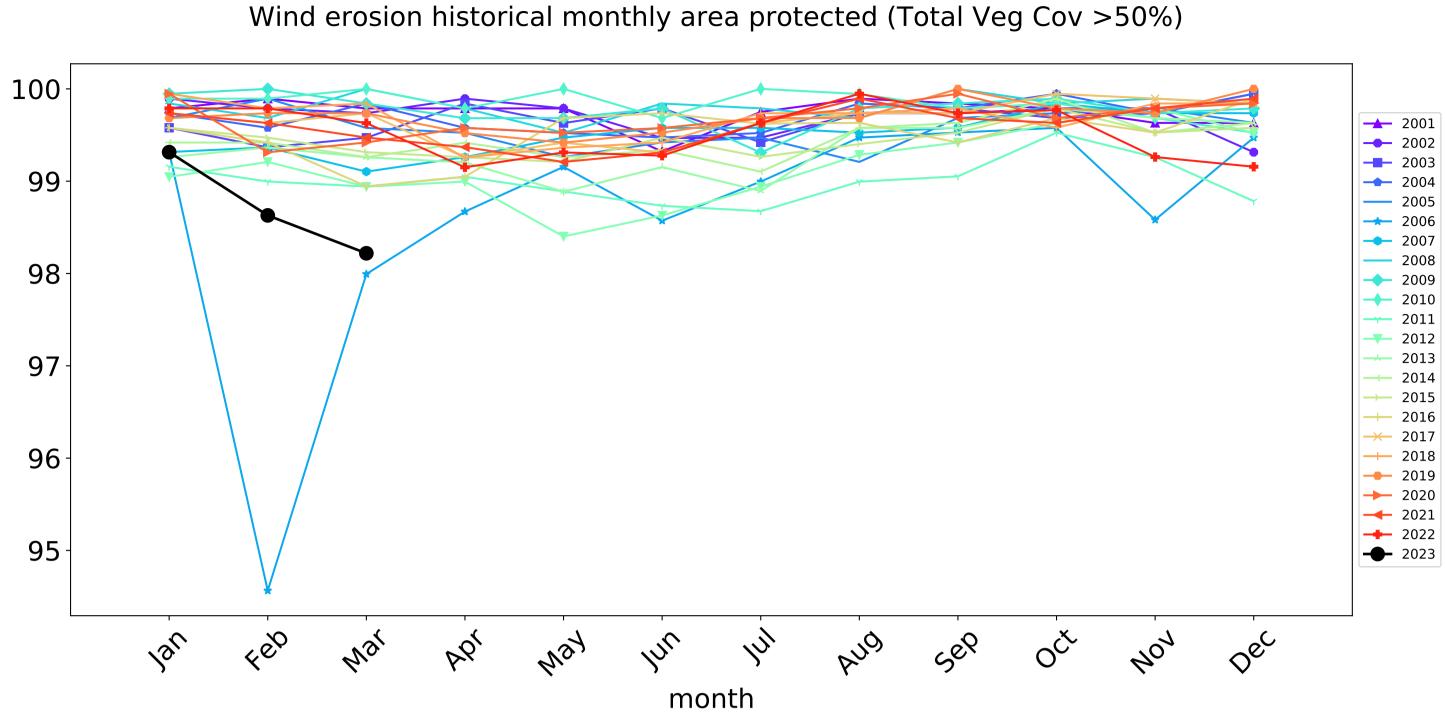


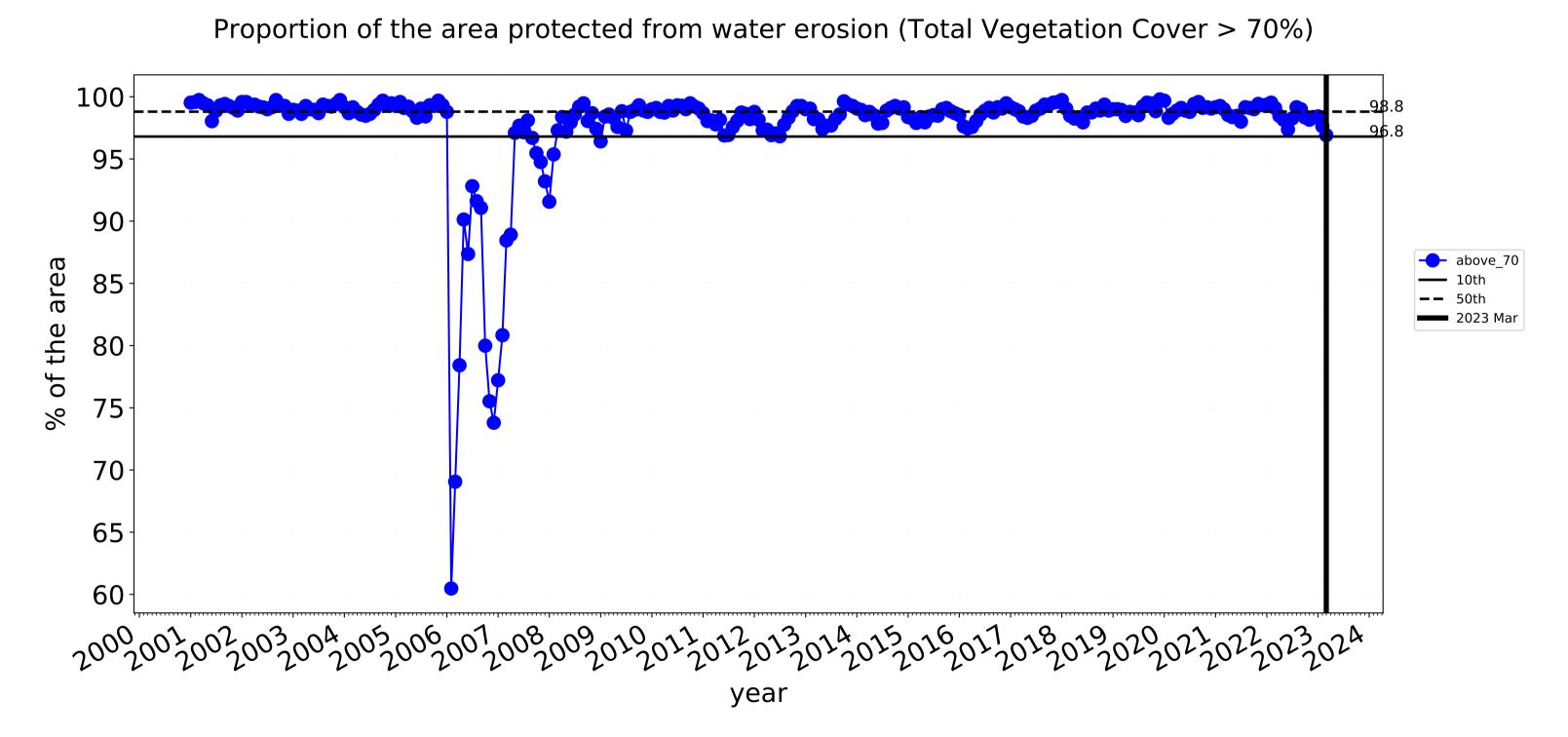


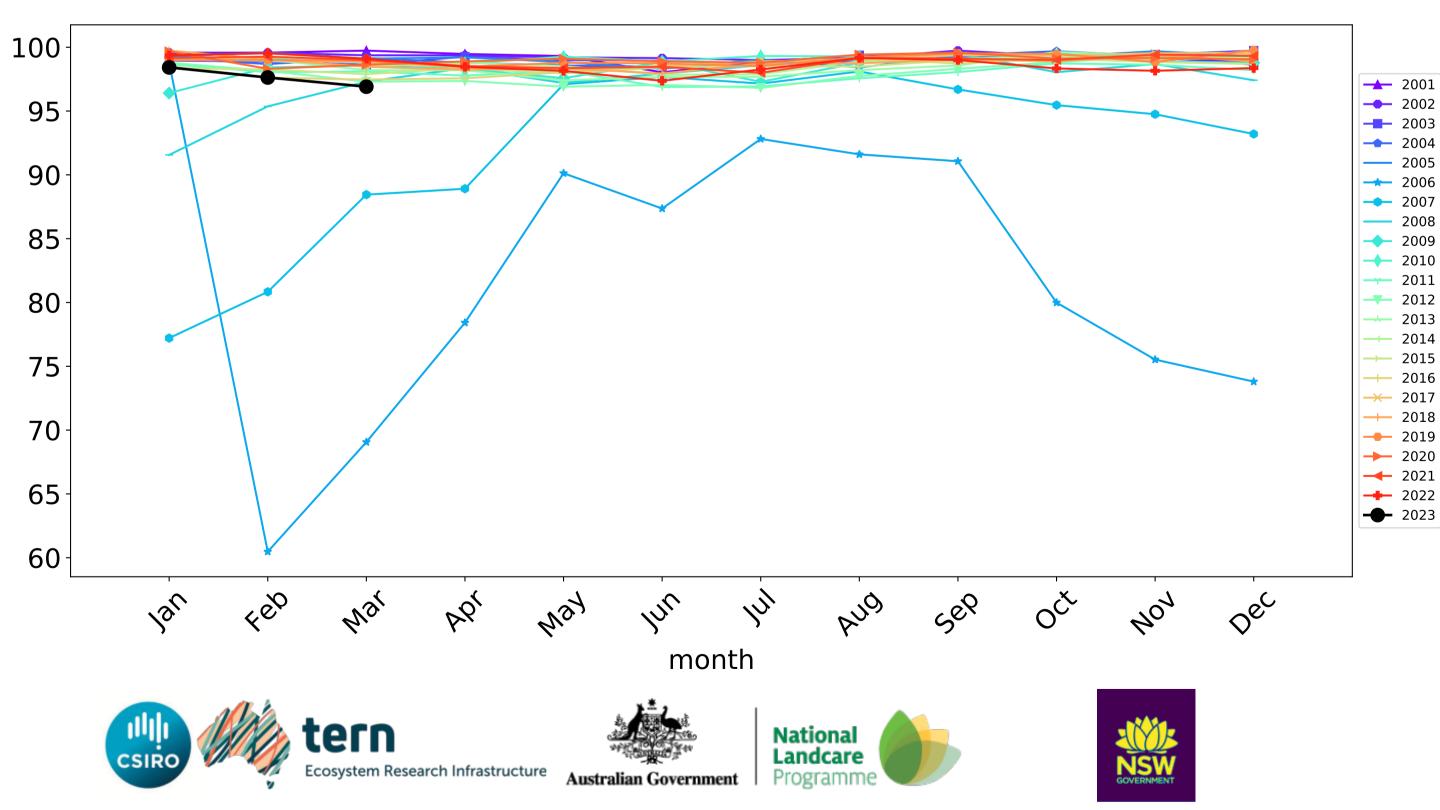


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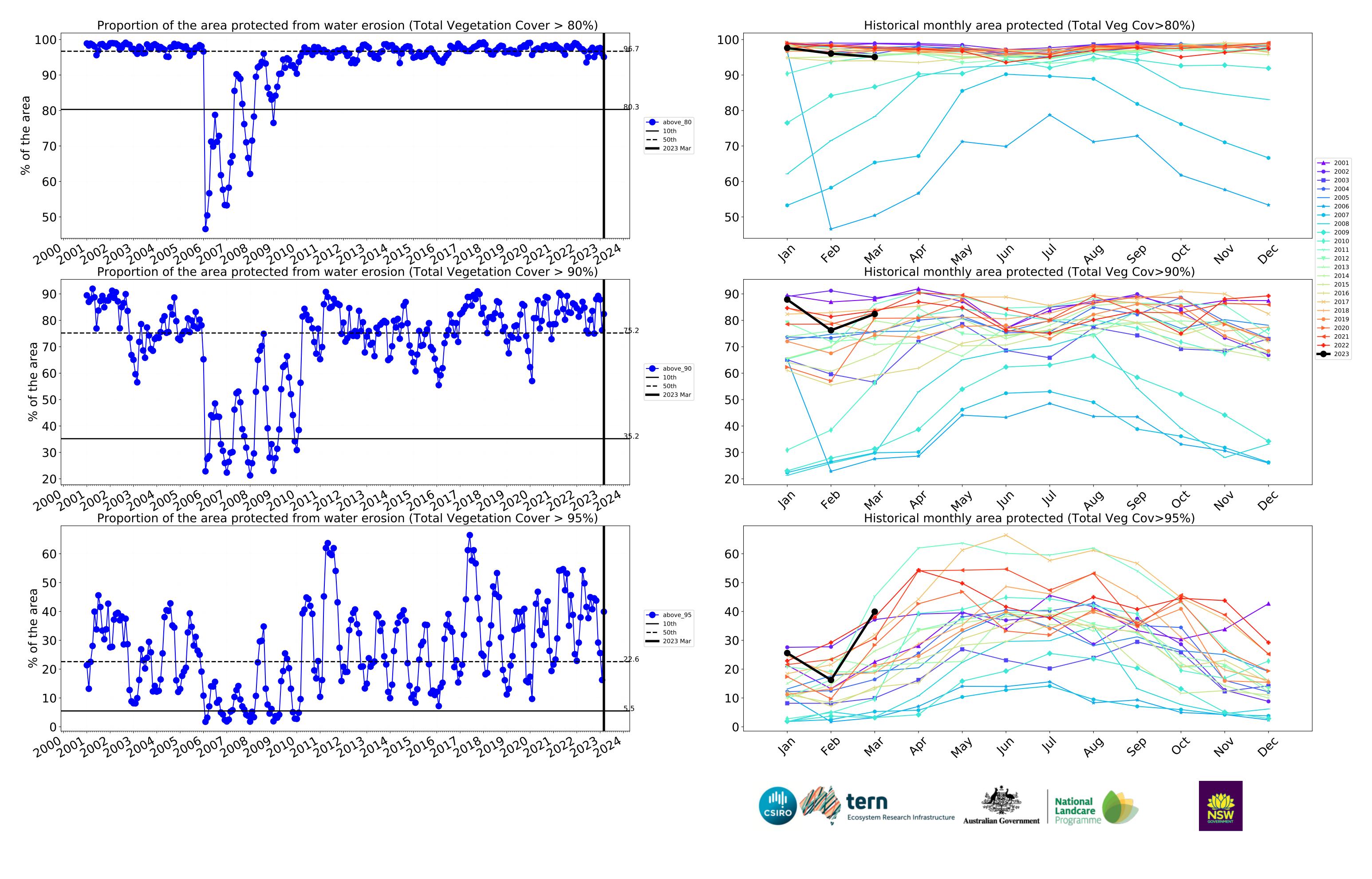








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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

#### Land use and forest cover

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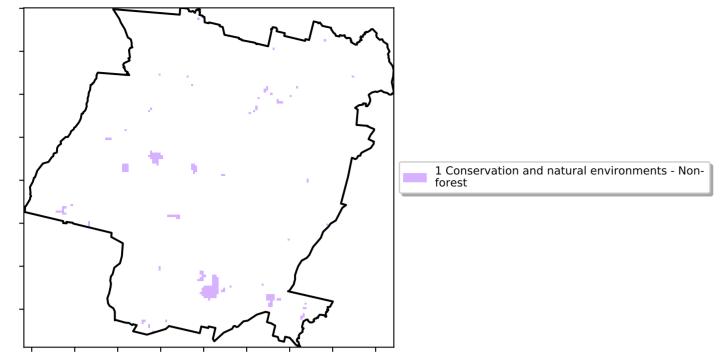
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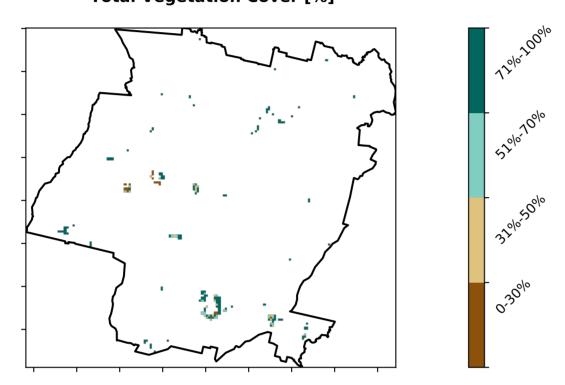
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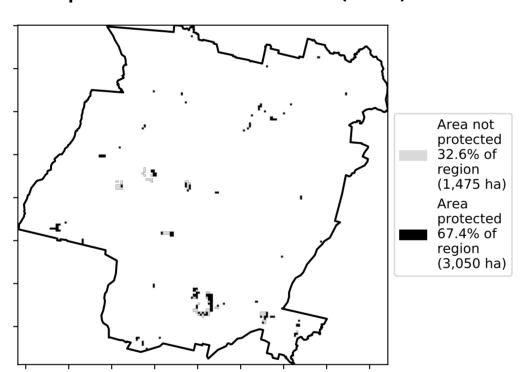
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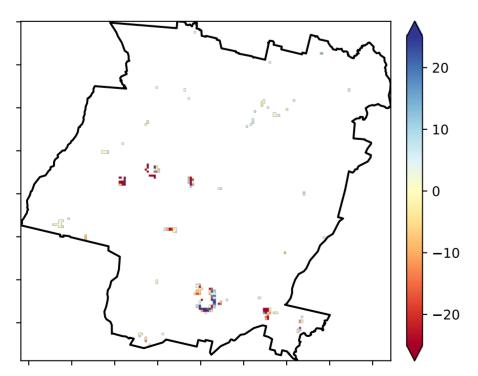
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

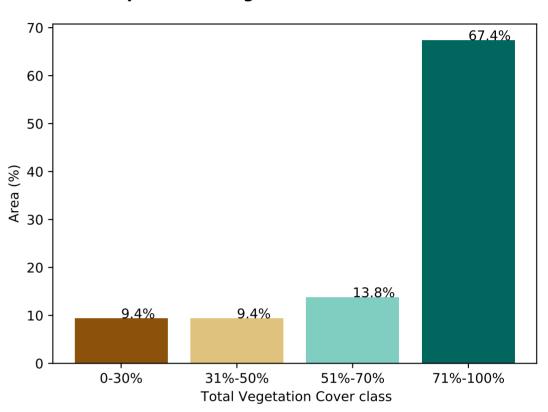


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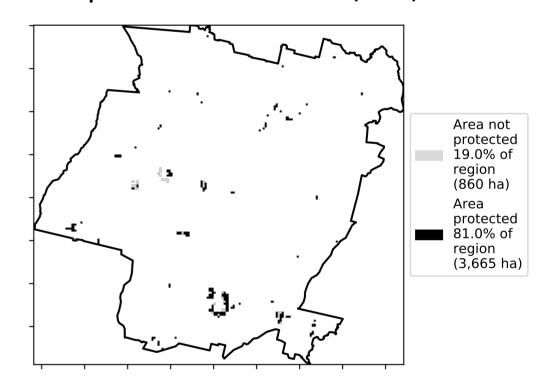


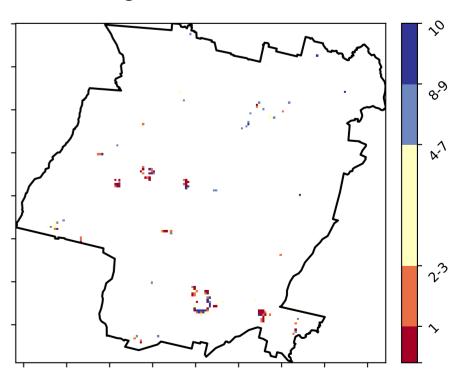
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





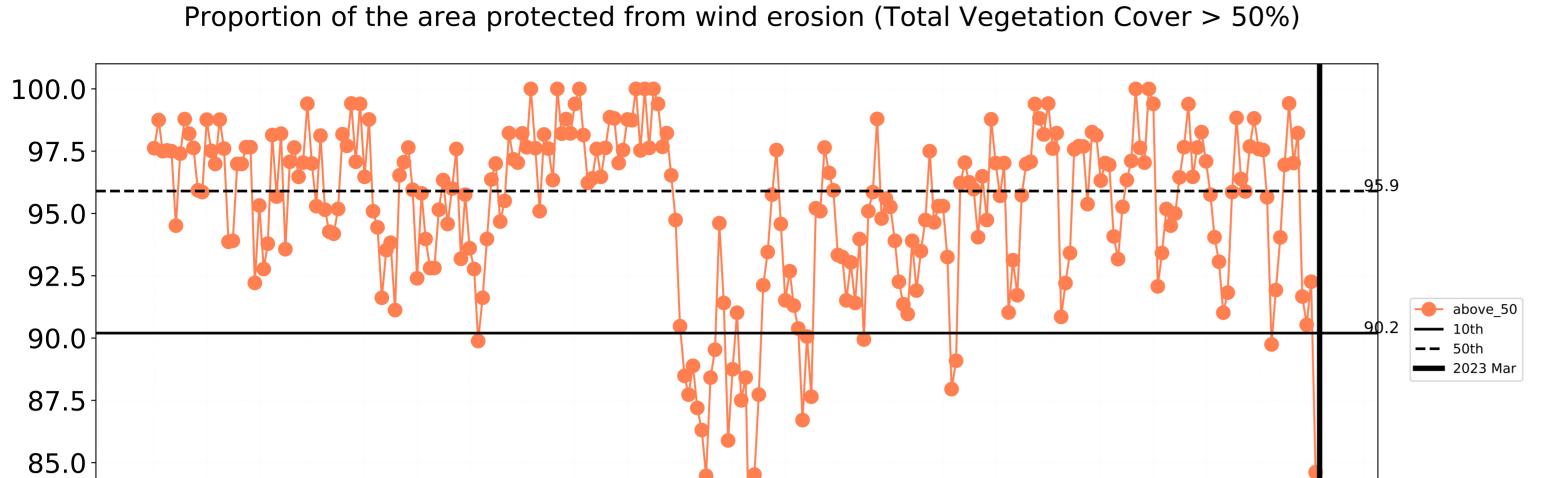








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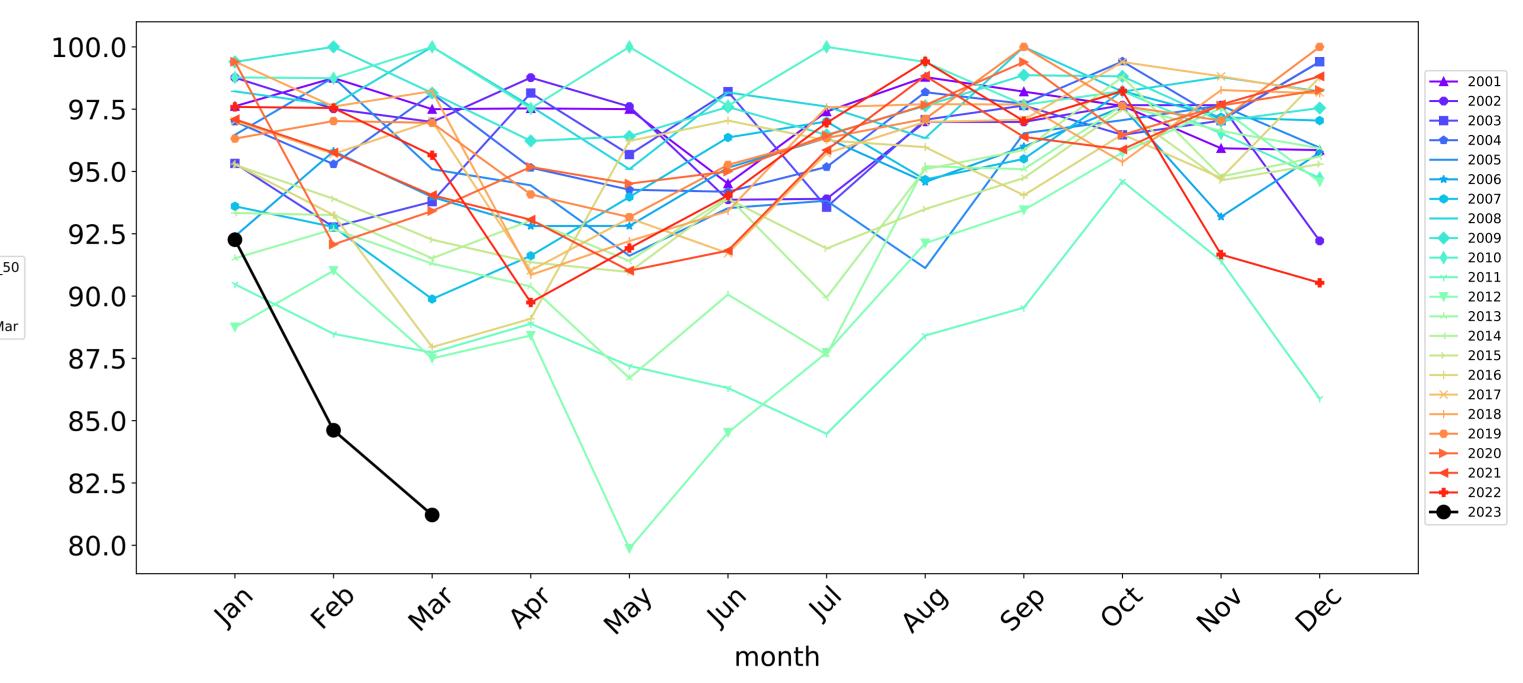


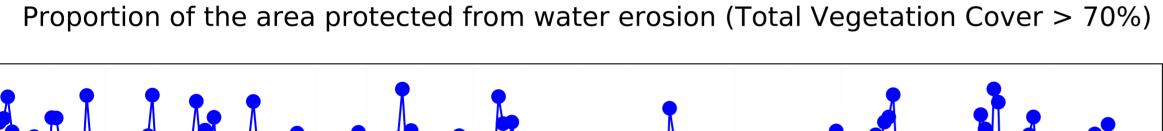
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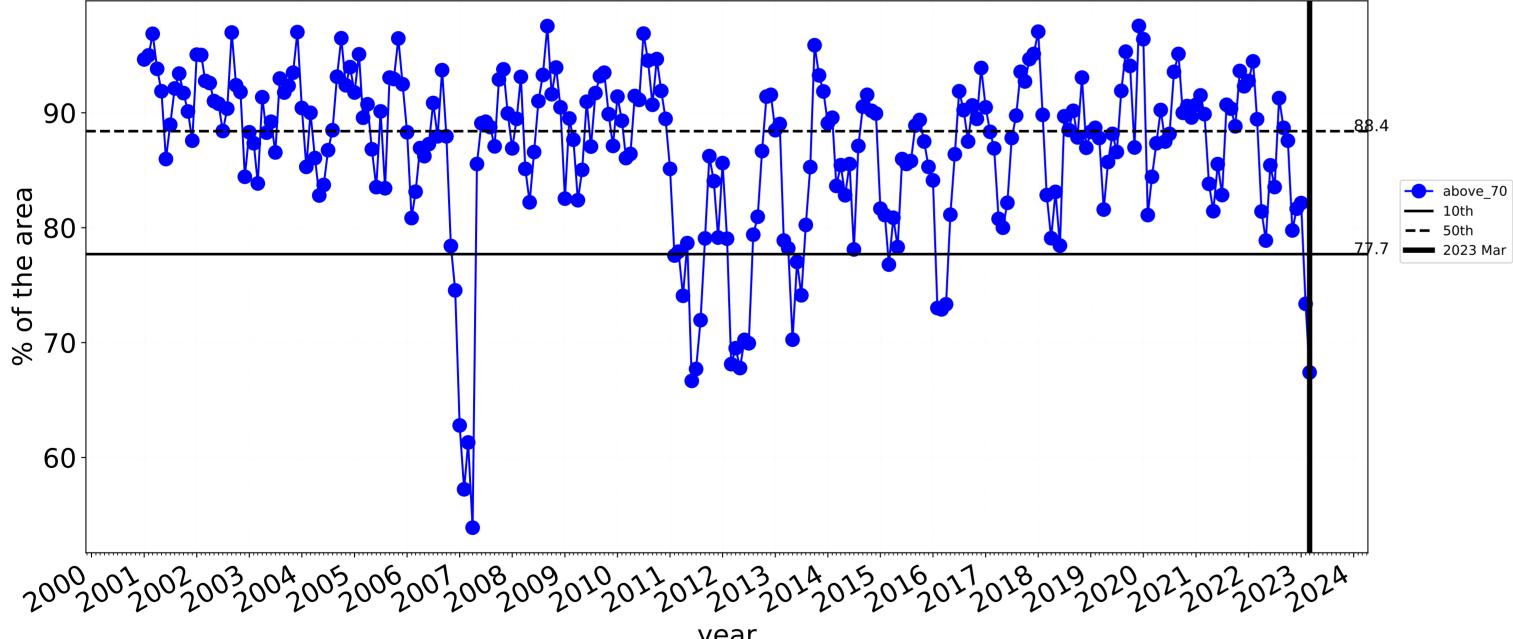
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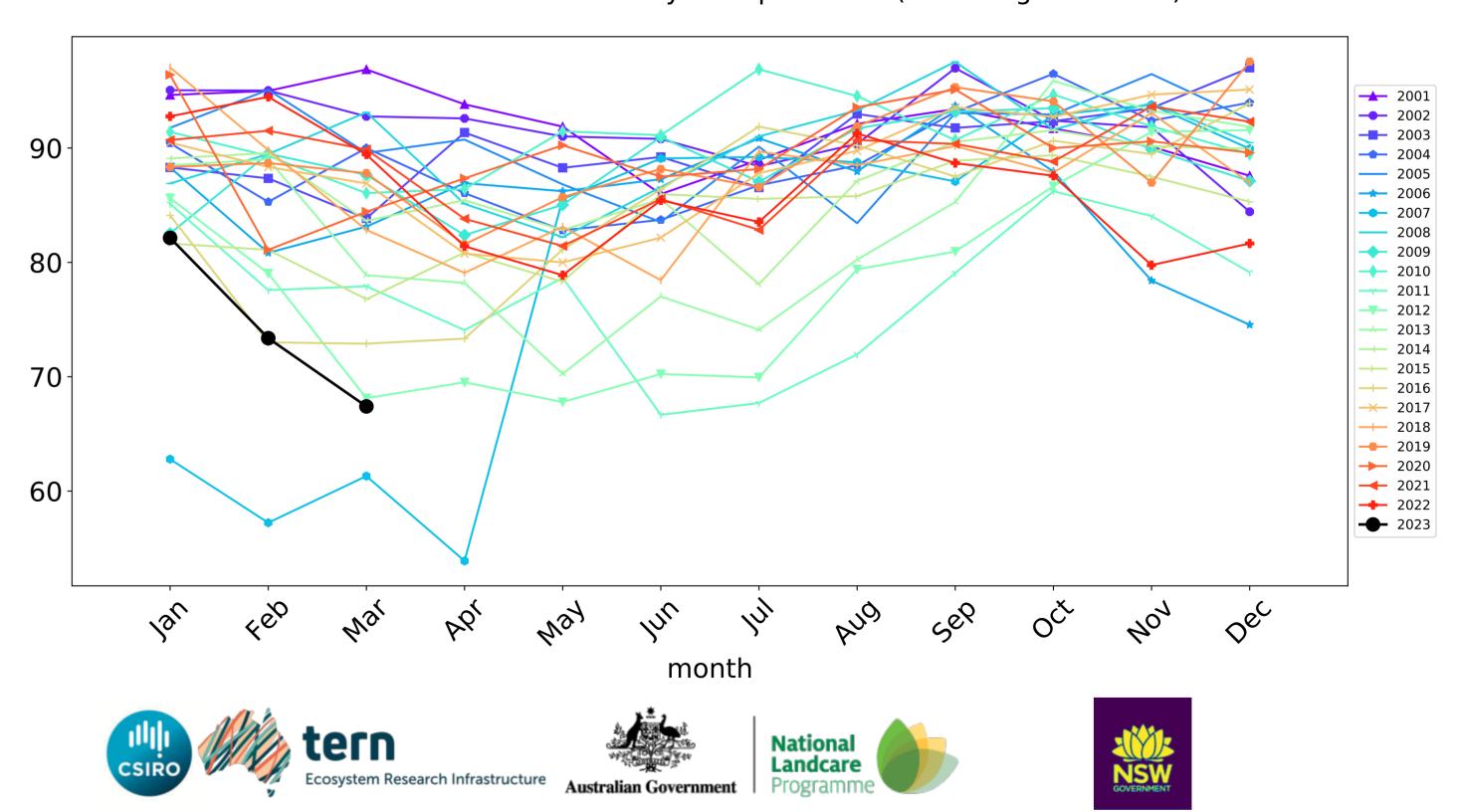


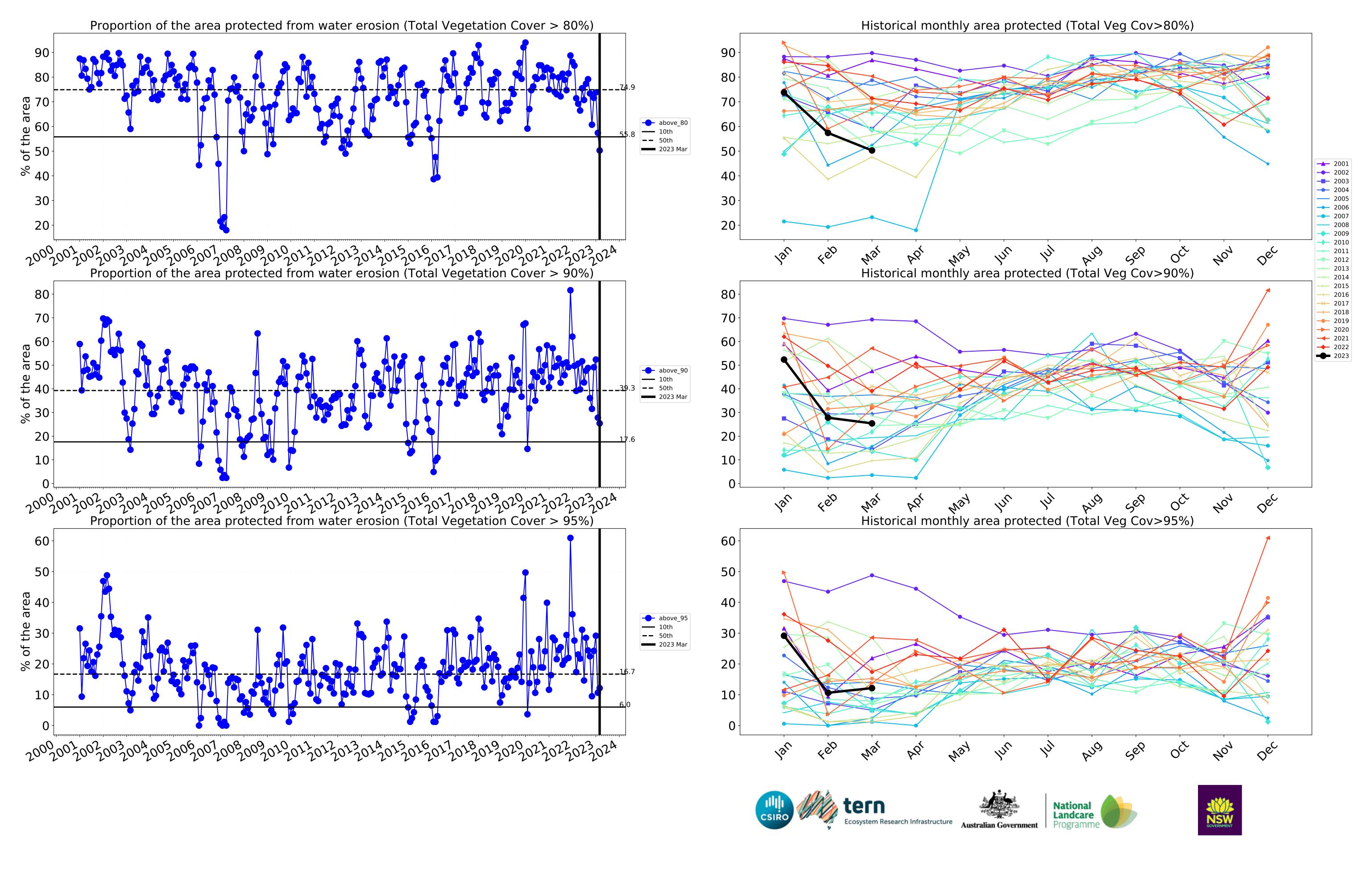


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### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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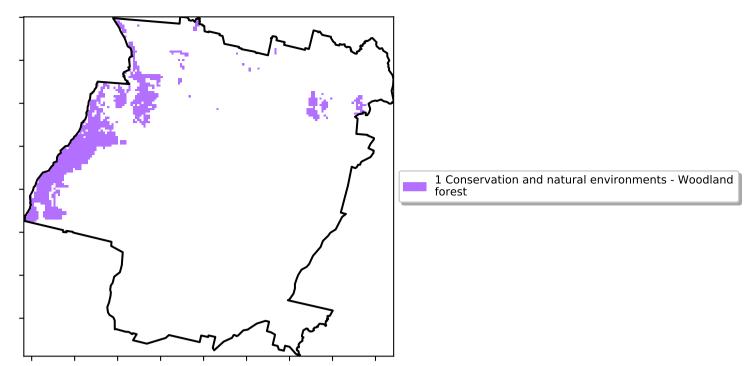
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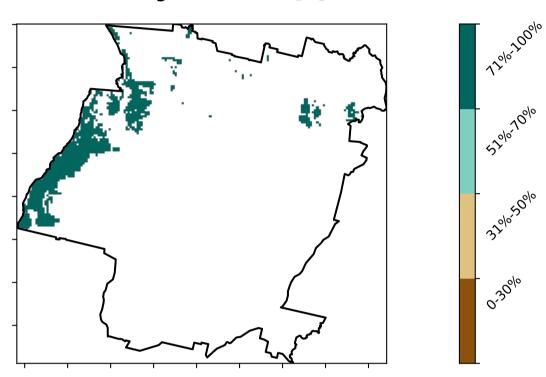
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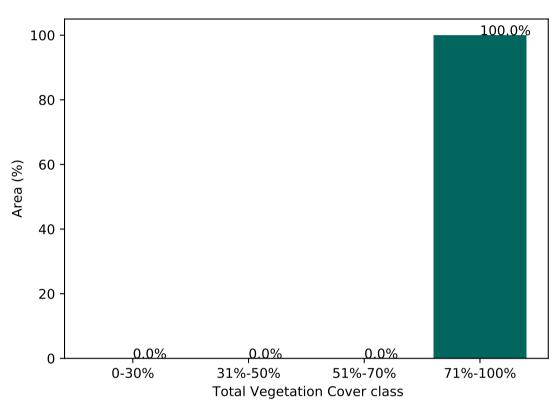
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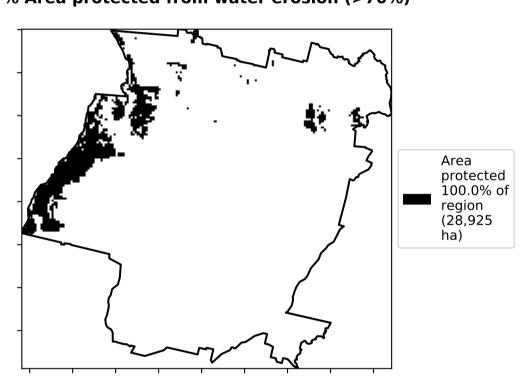
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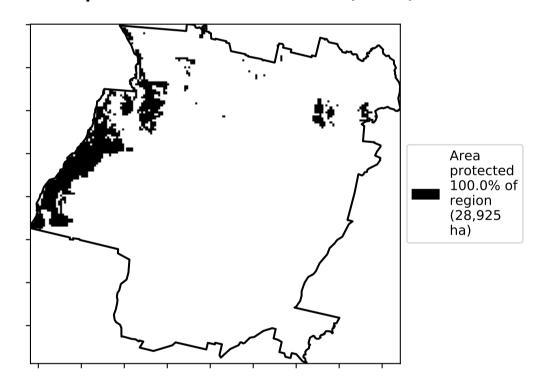
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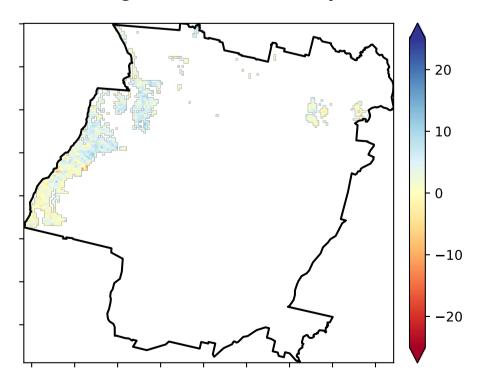
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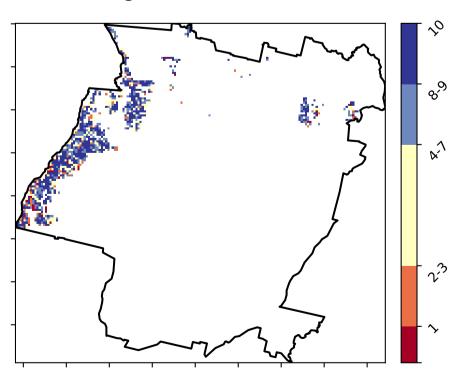
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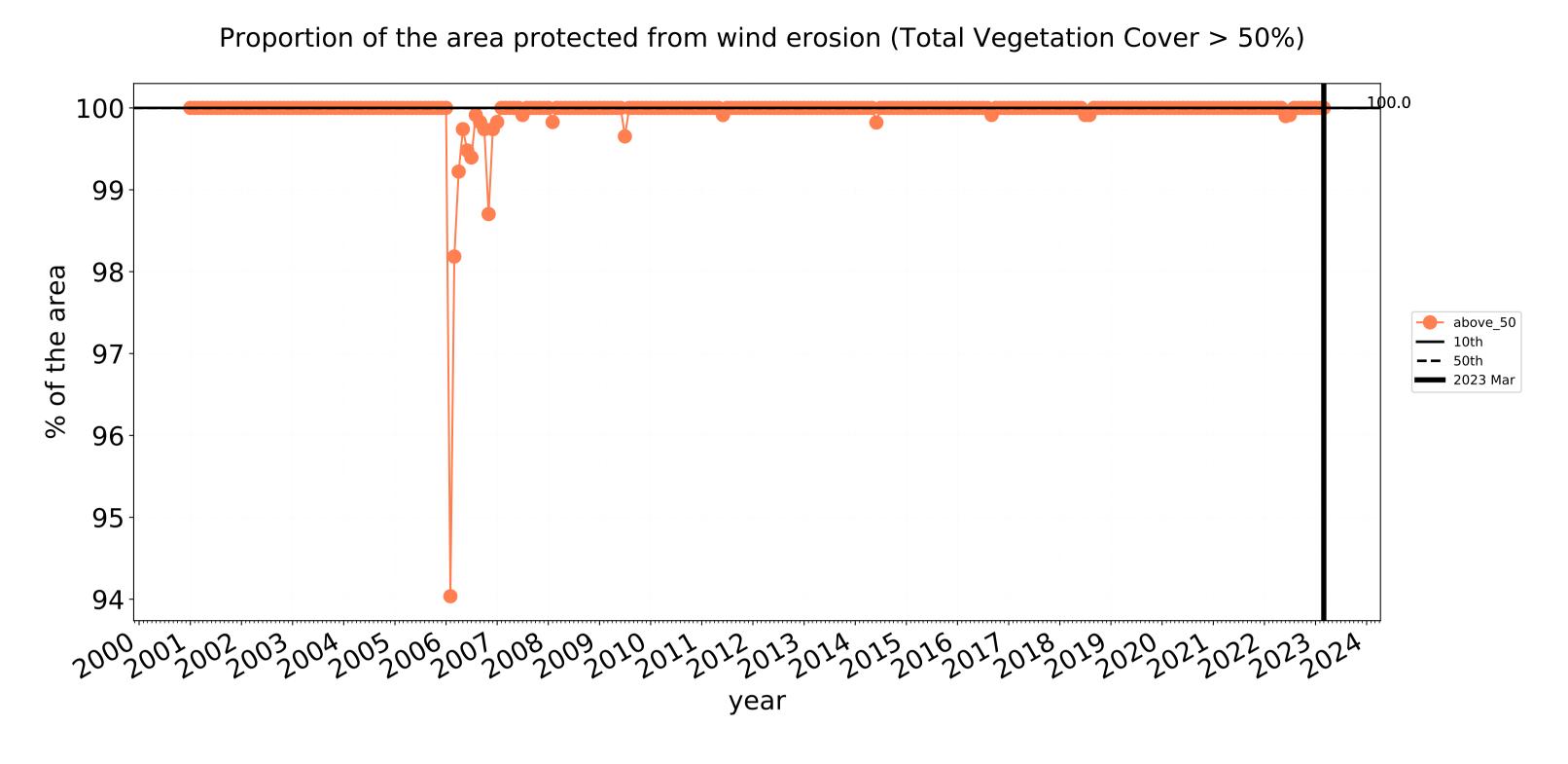


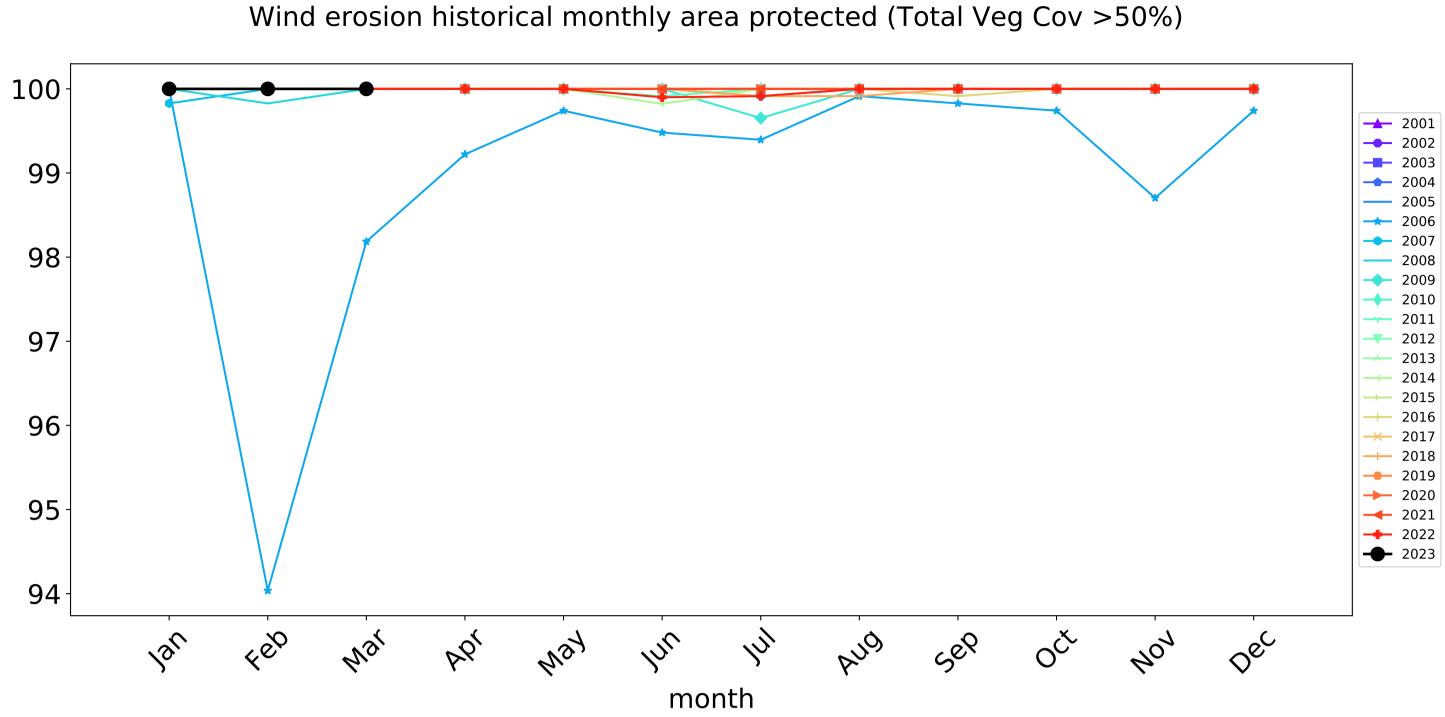


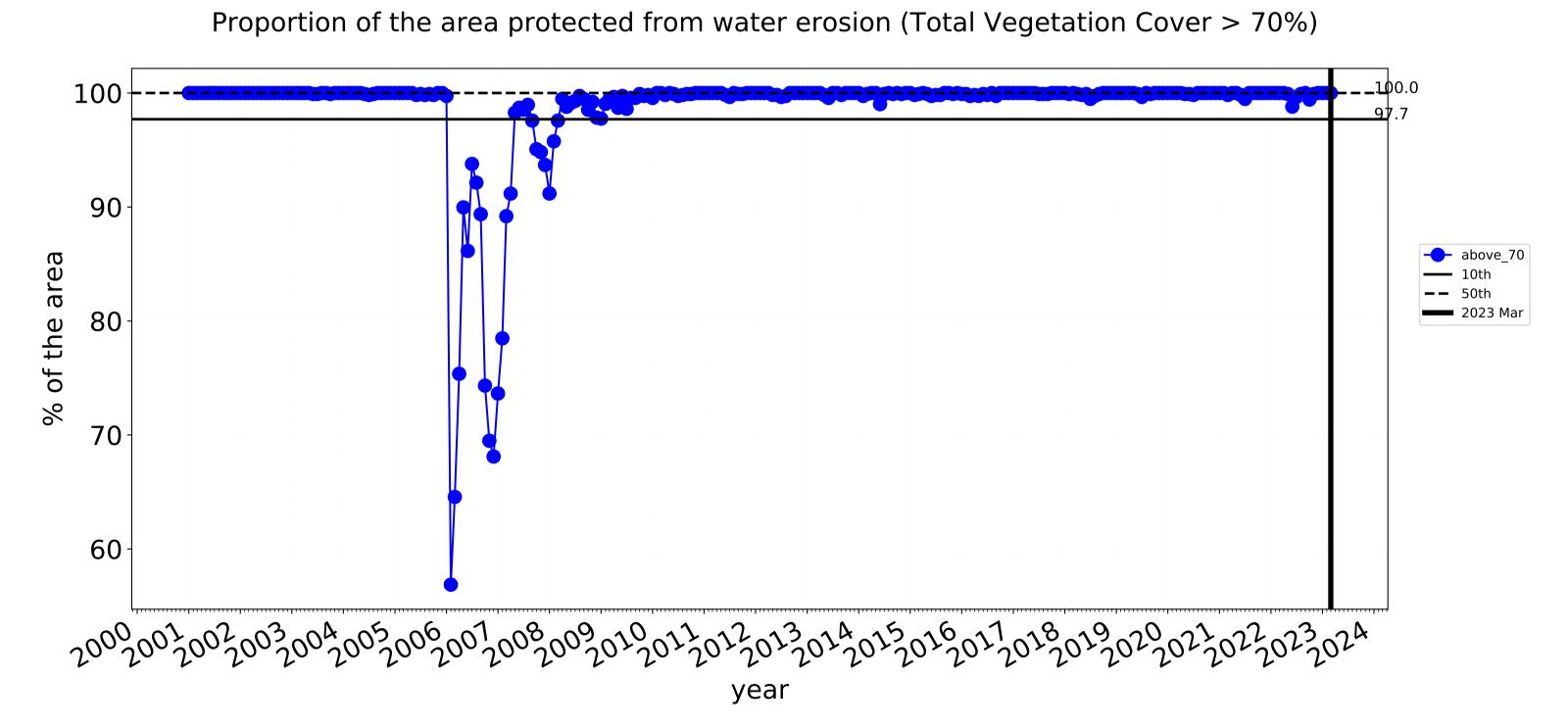


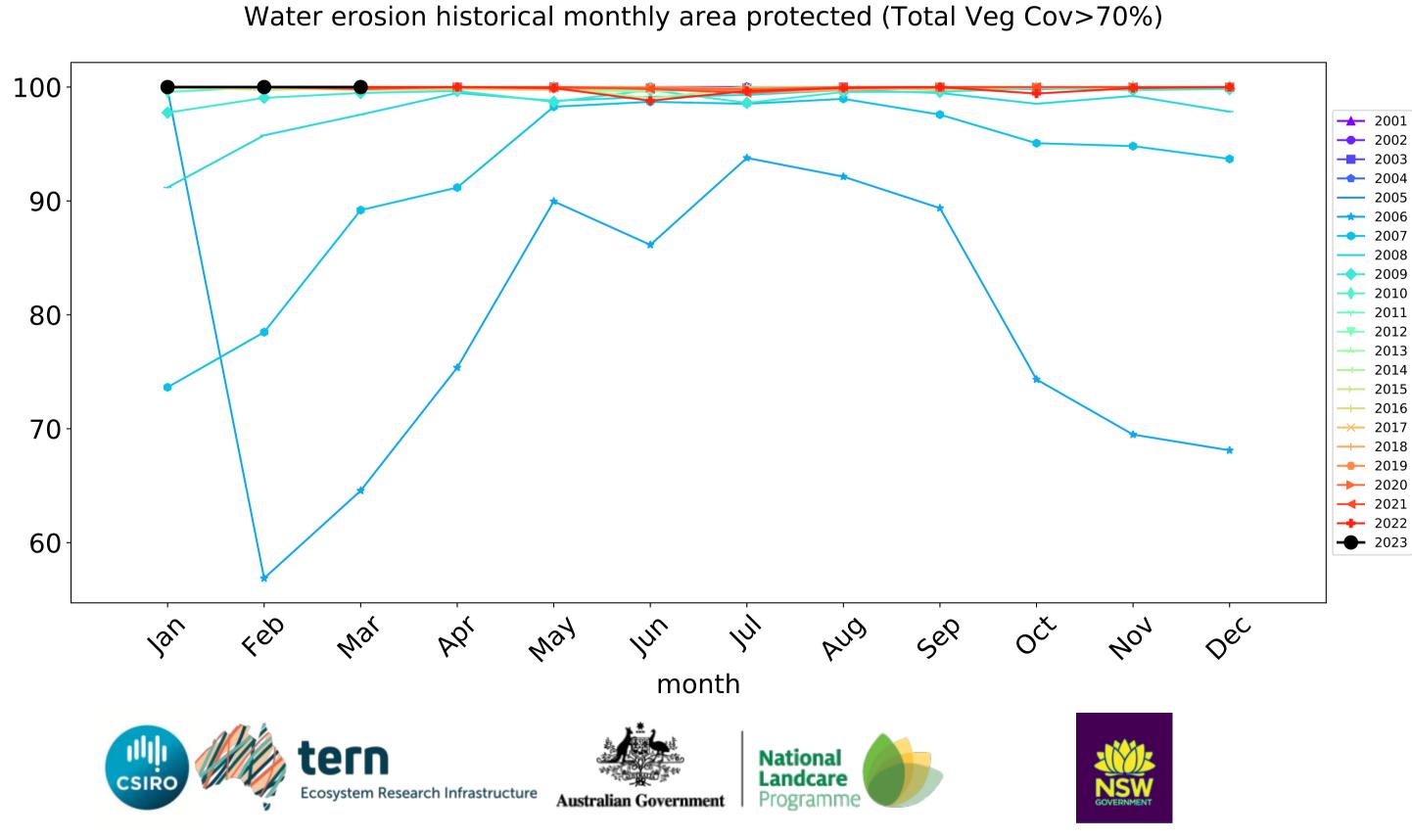


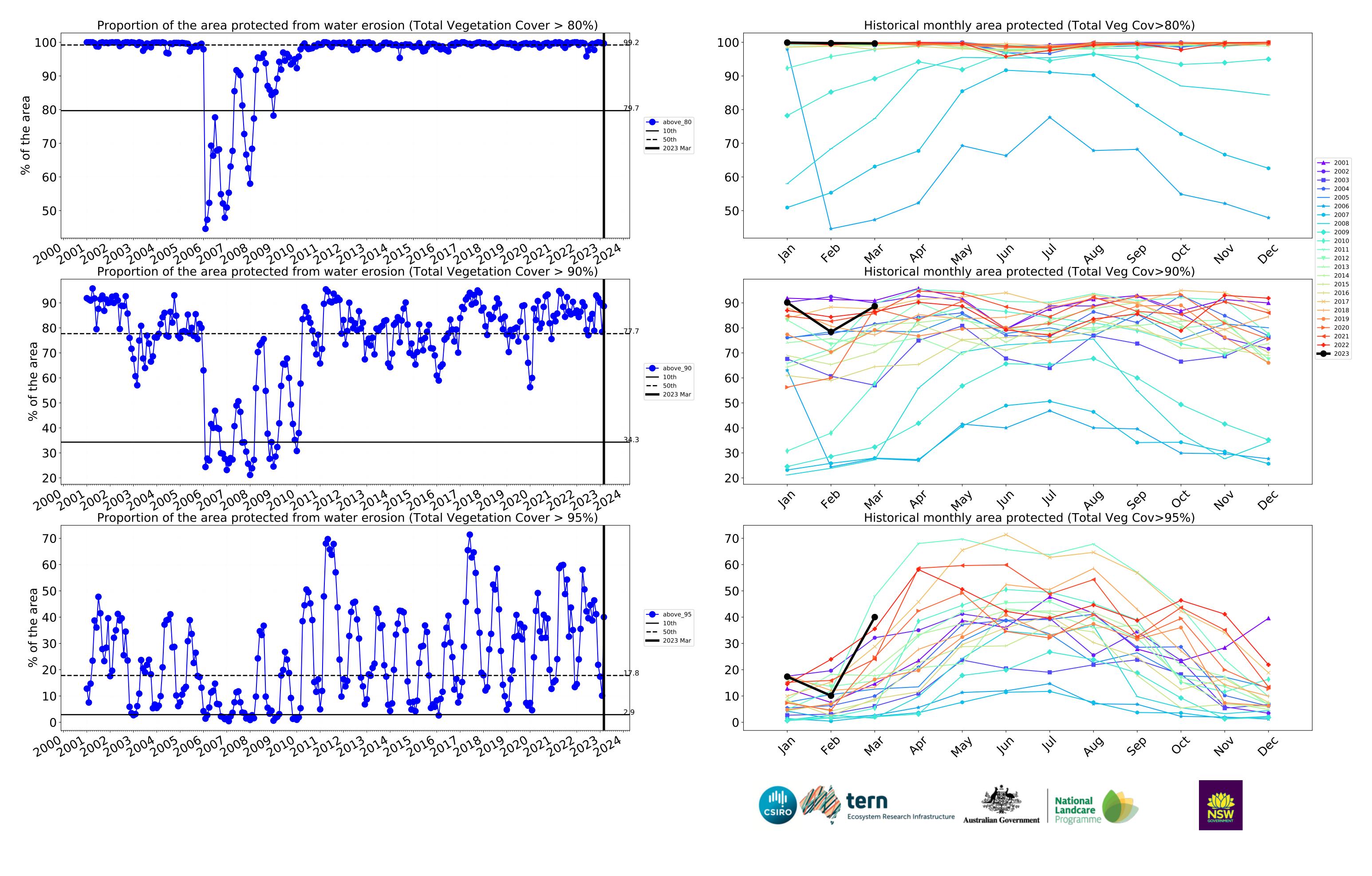
### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**











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

#### Land use and forest cover

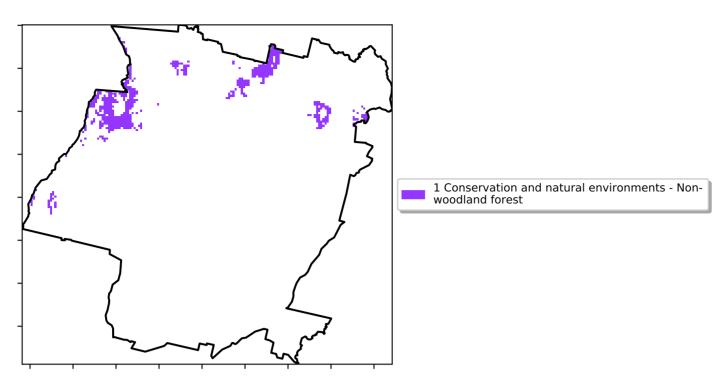
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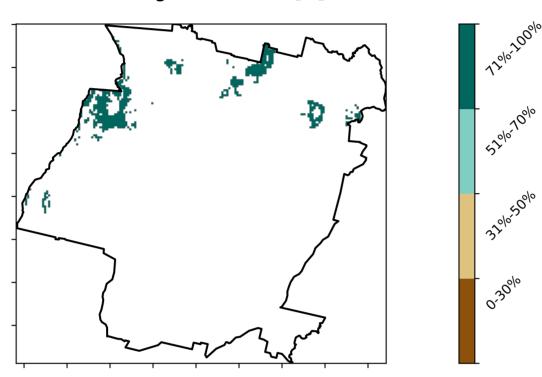
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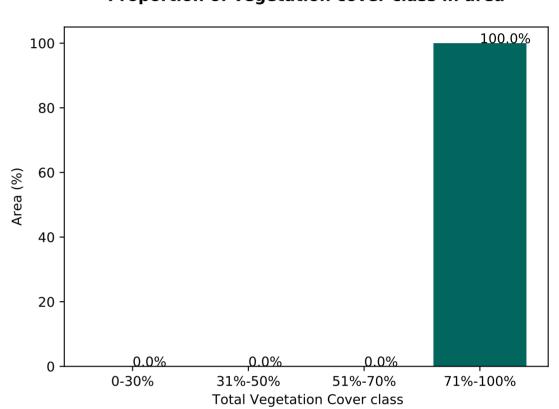
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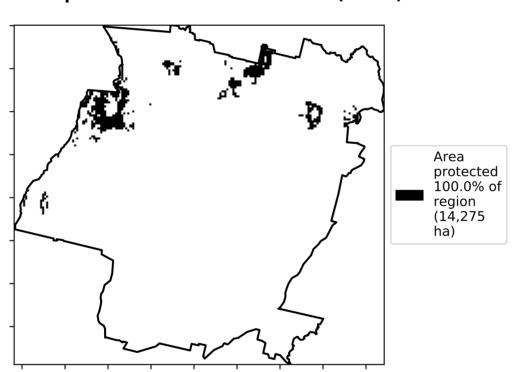
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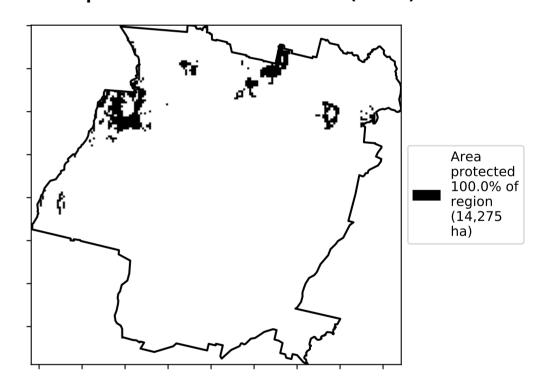
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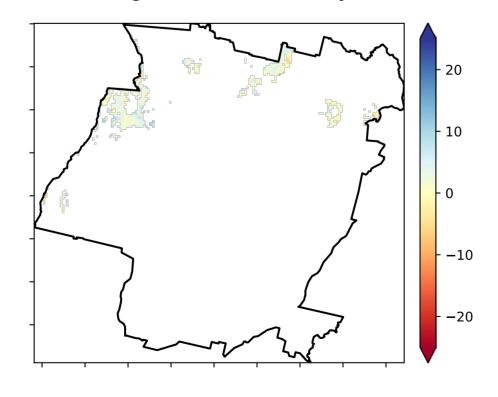
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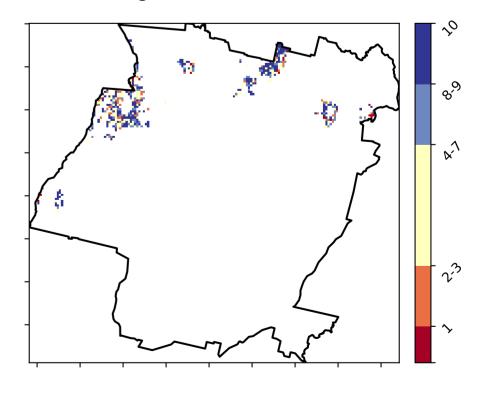
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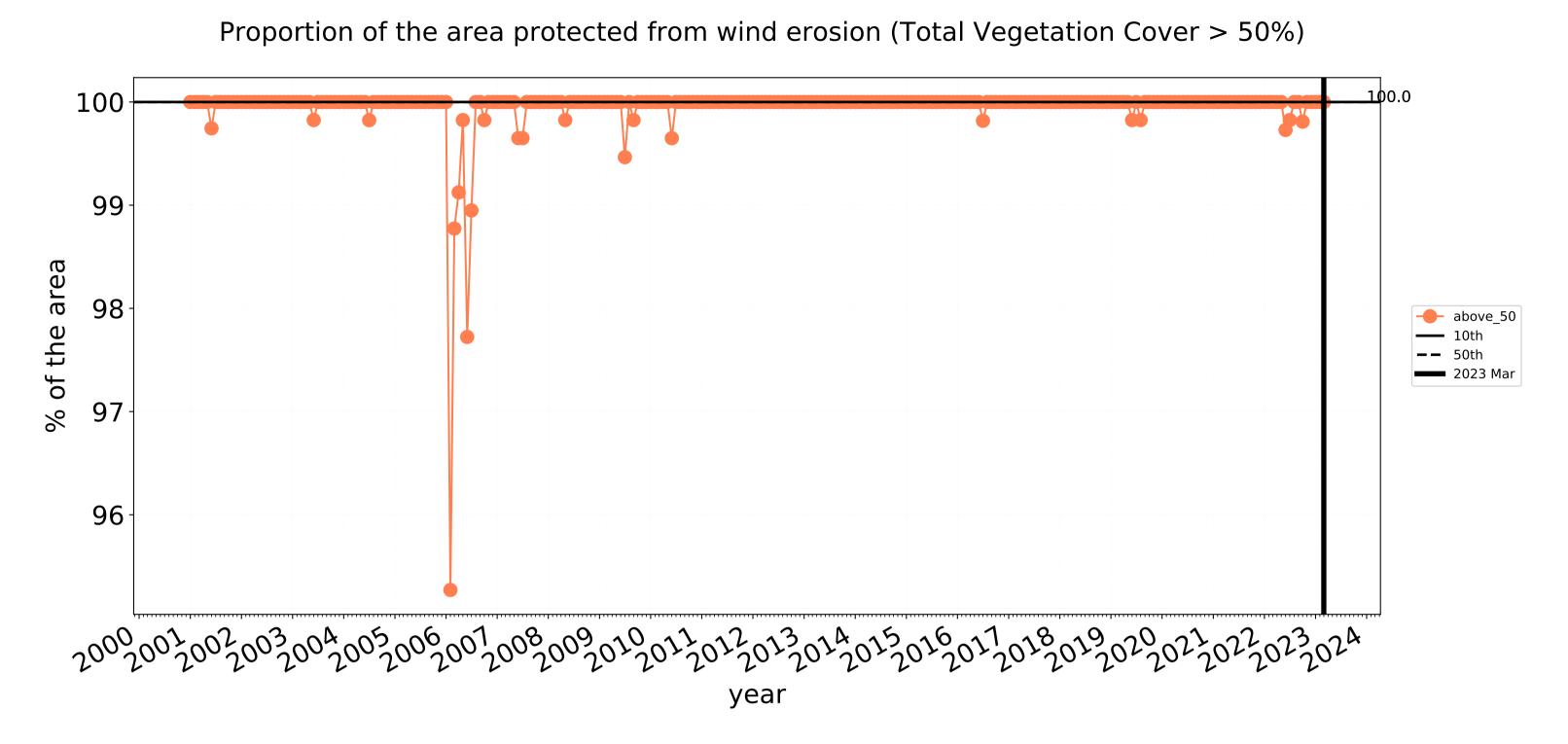


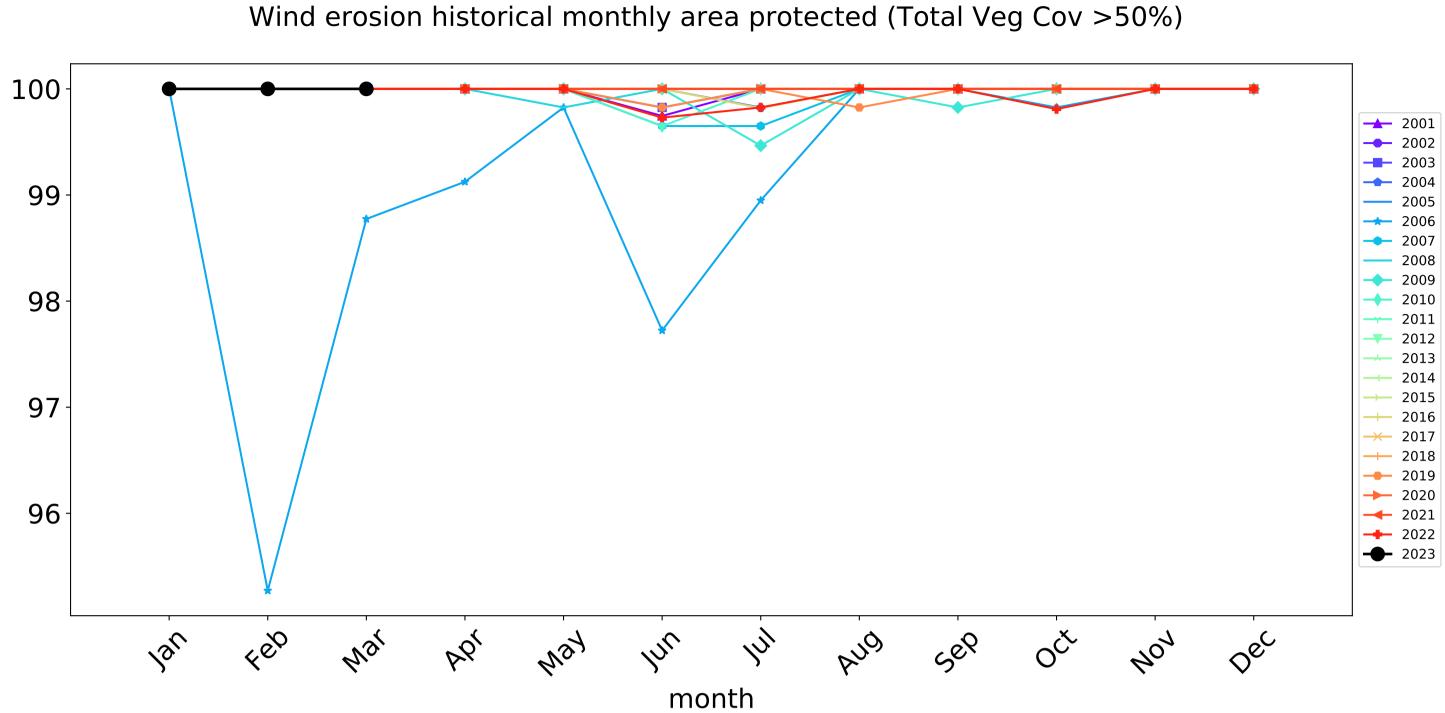


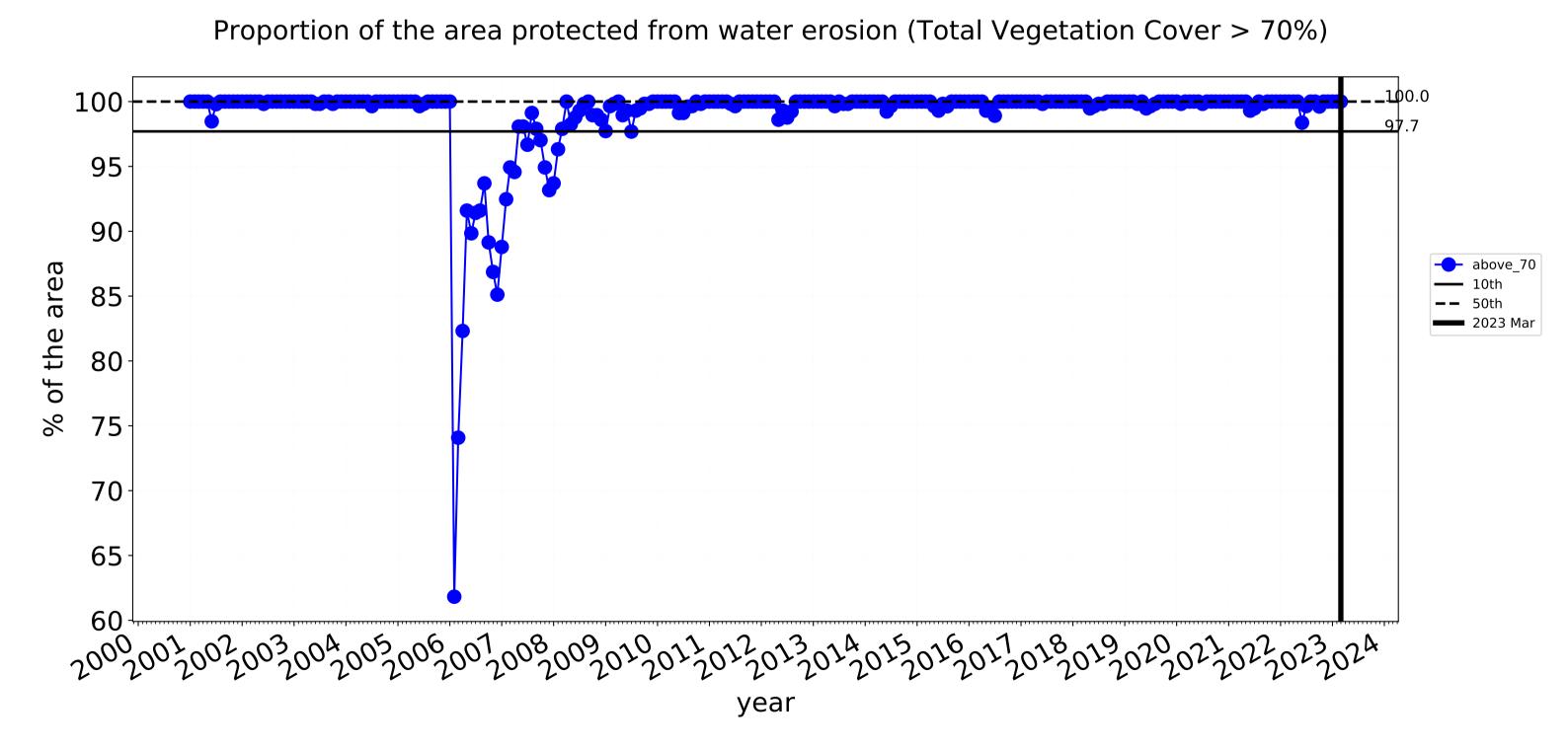


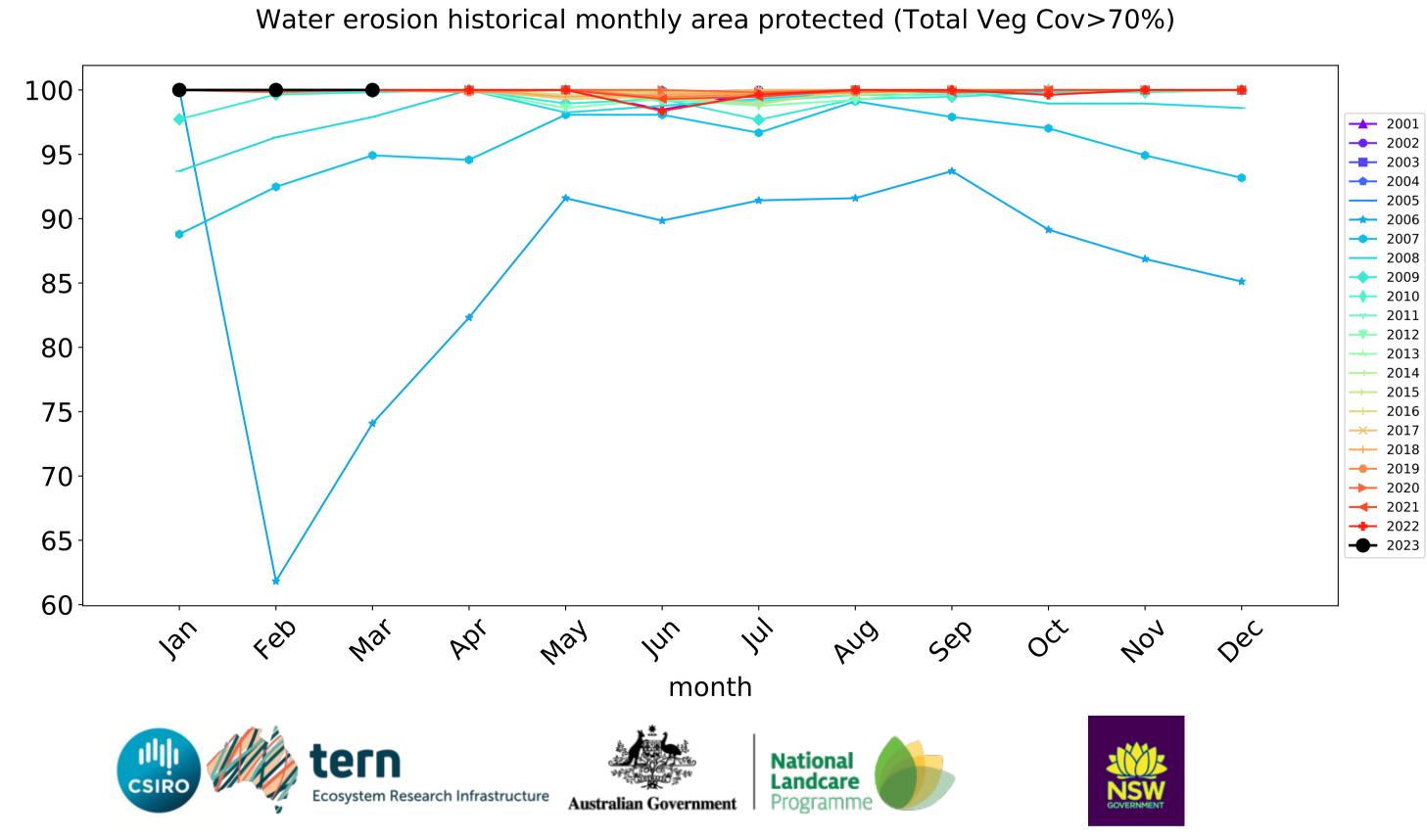


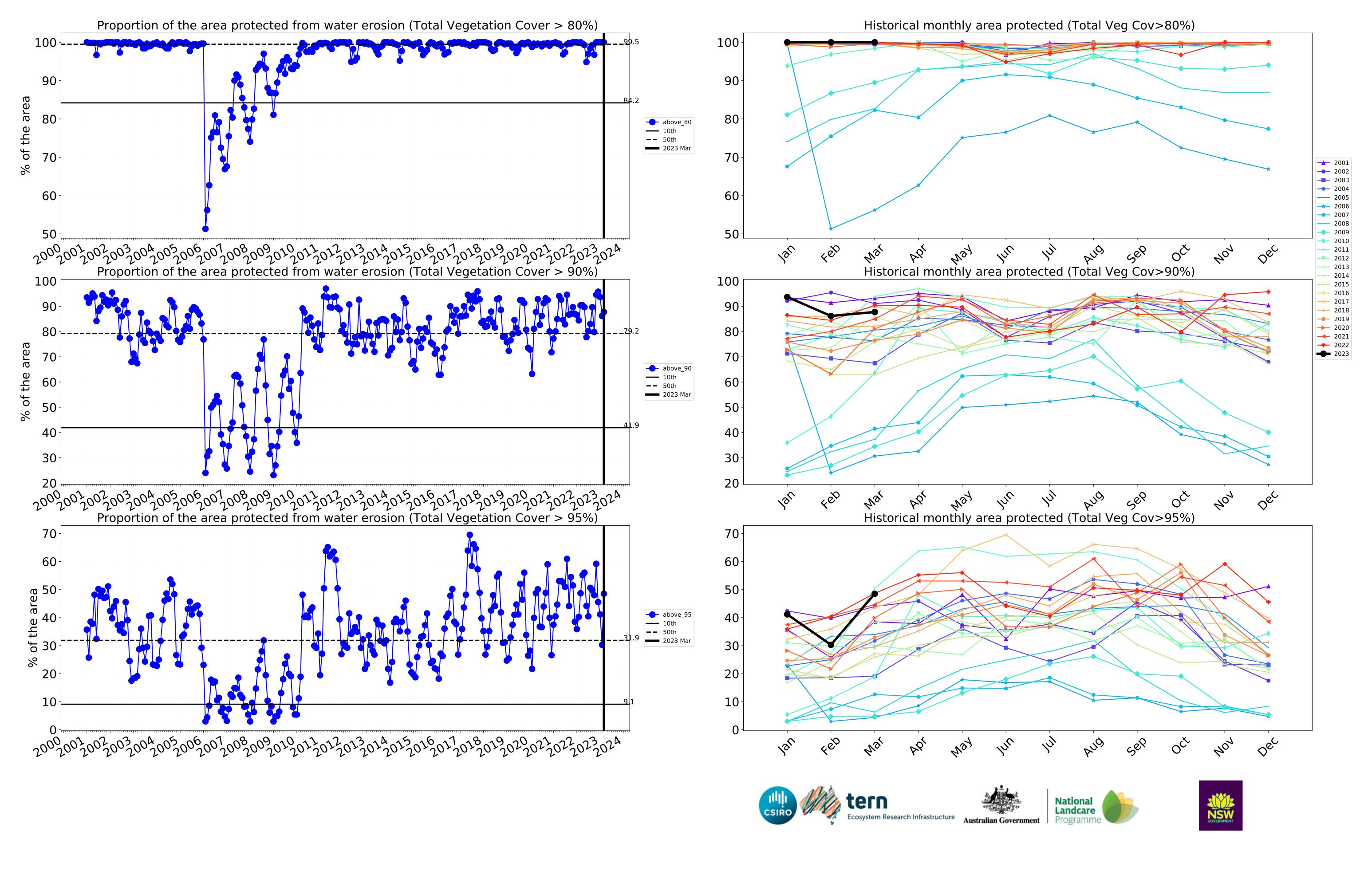












### **Agriculture**

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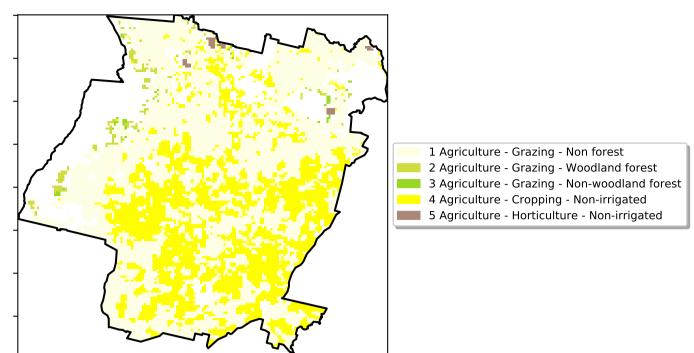
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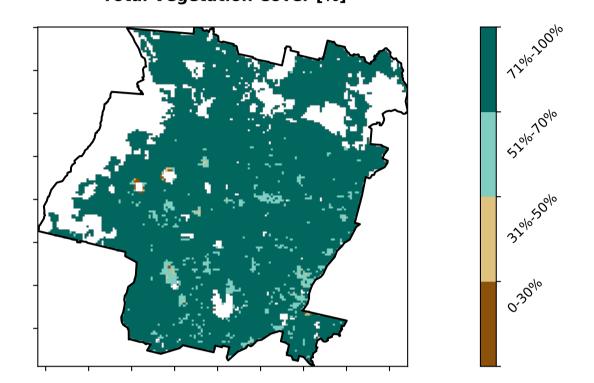
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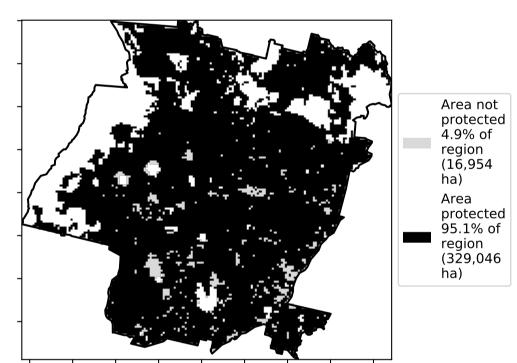


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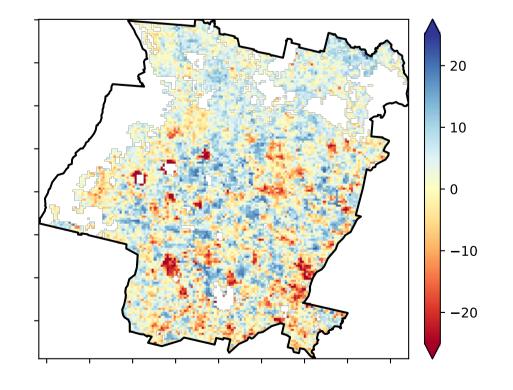
**Land use and forest cover** 



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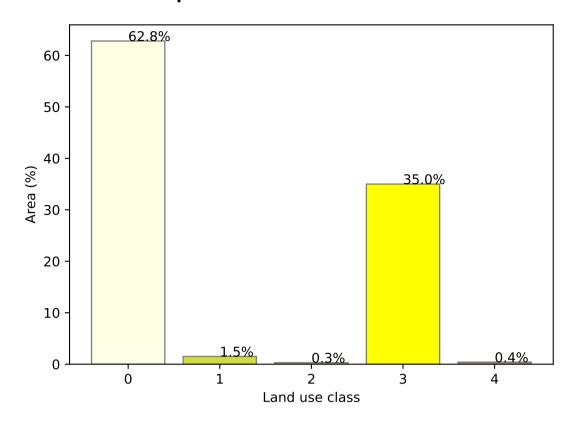


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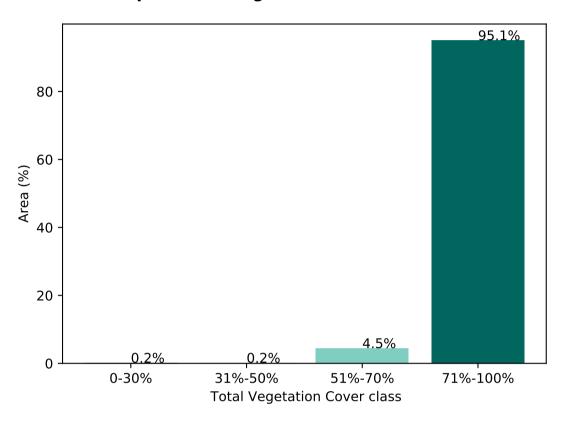


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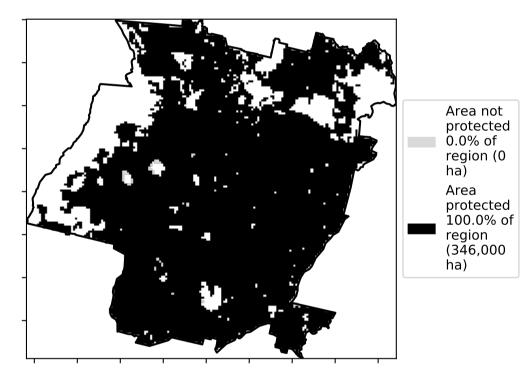
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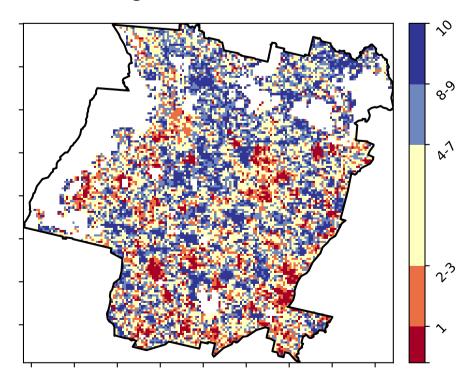
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### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







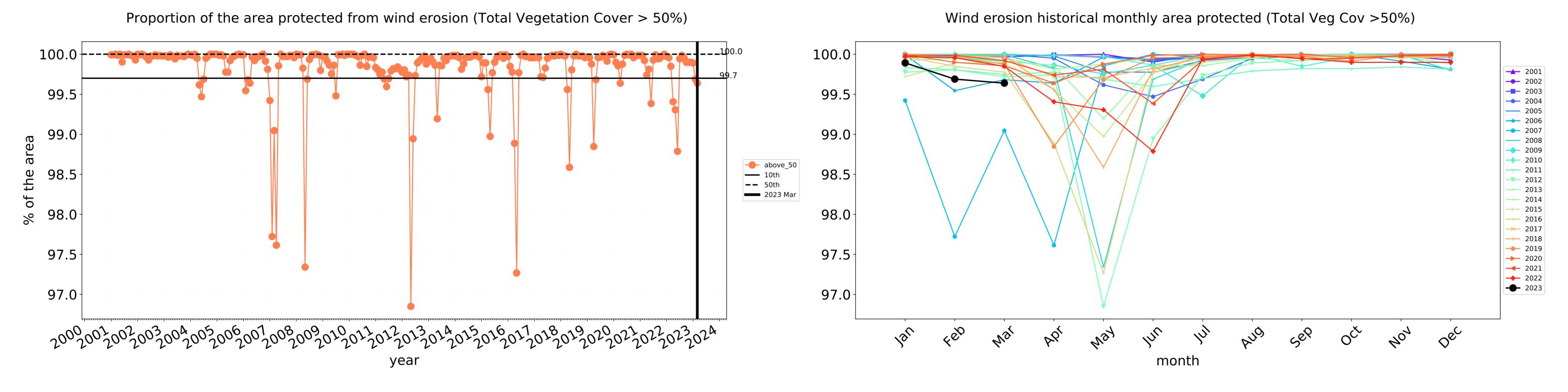
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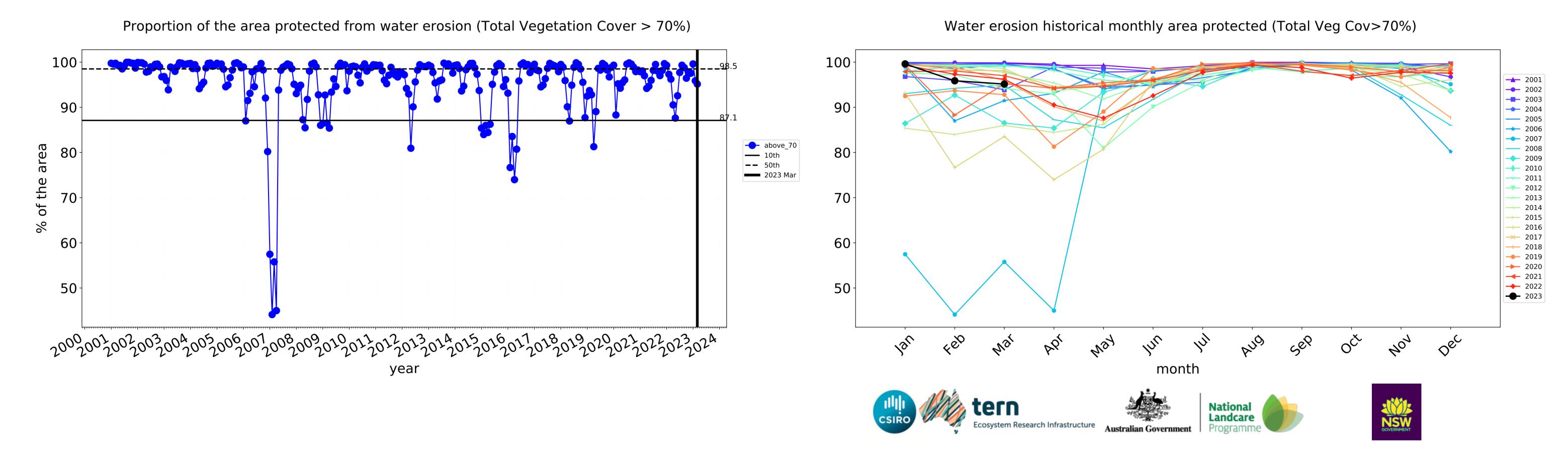


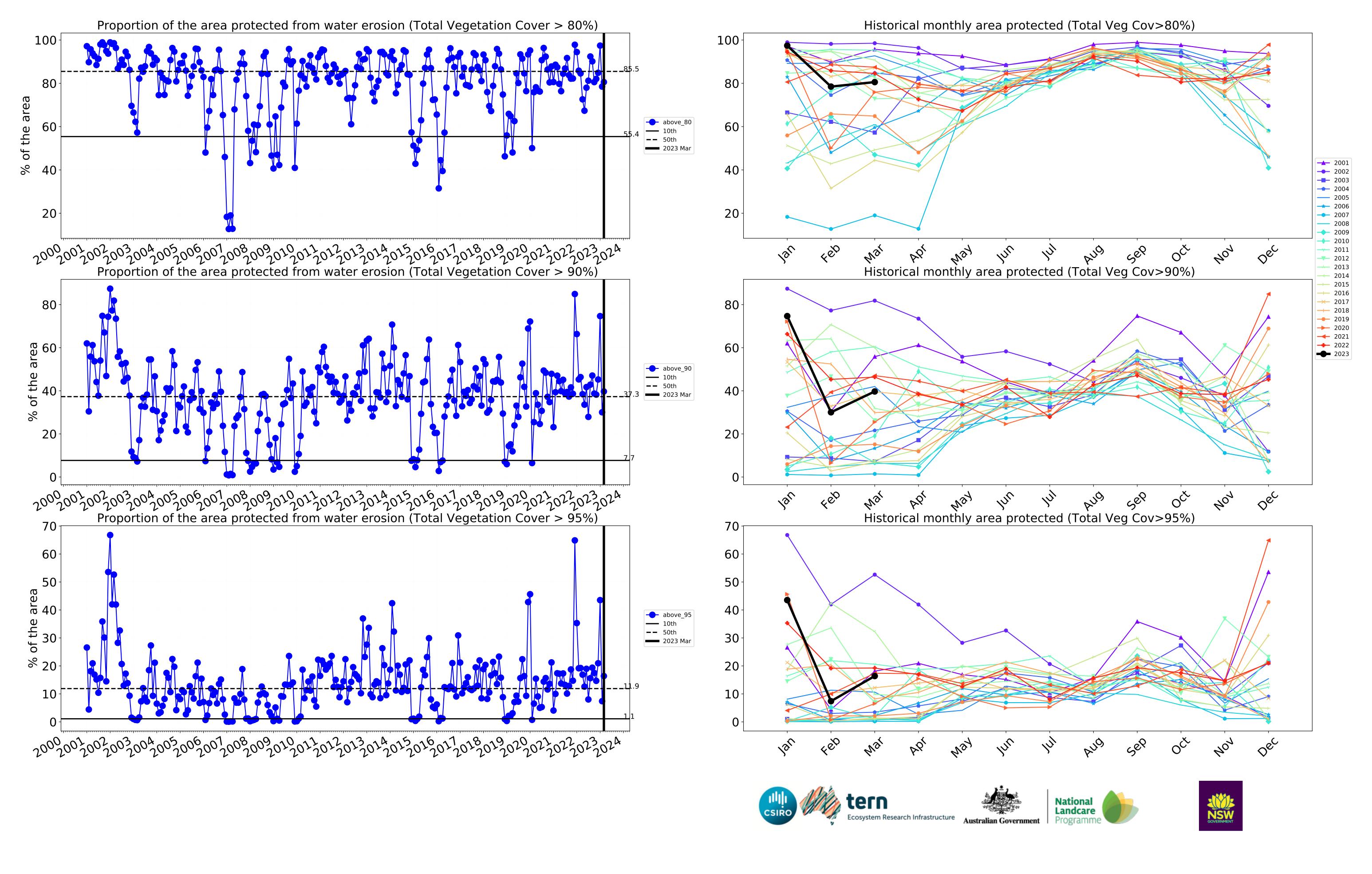




### **Agriculture timeseries**







### **Grazing**

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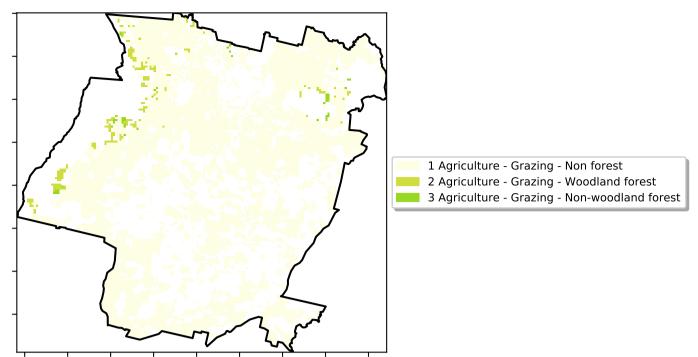
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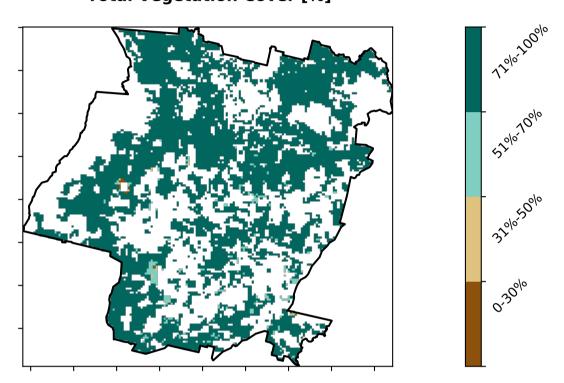


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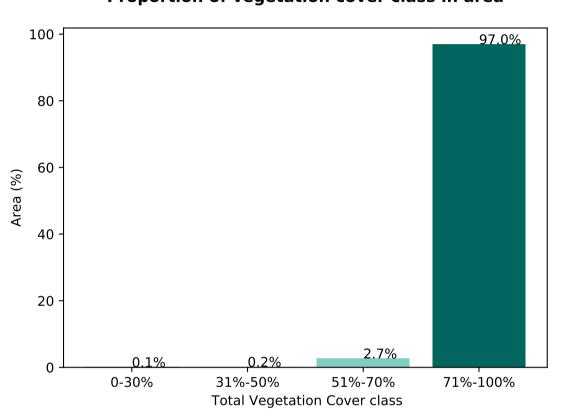
Proportion of each land class in area

### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

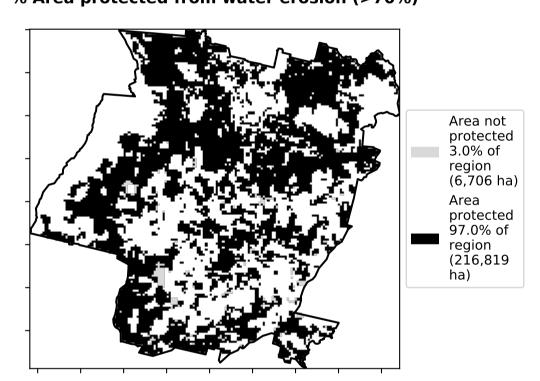
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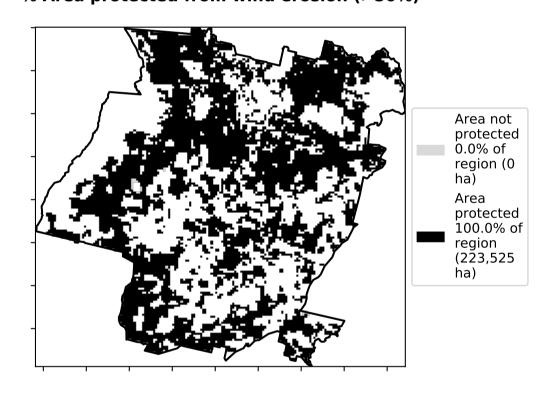
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



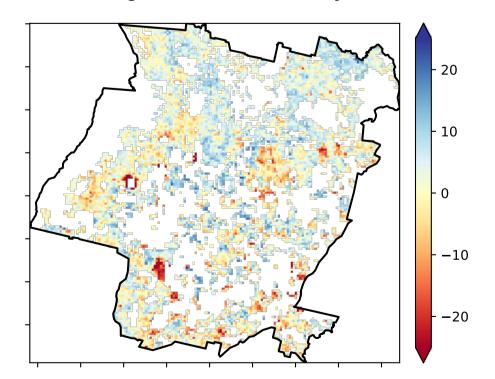
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

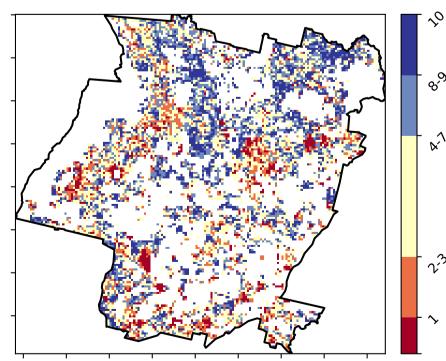


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







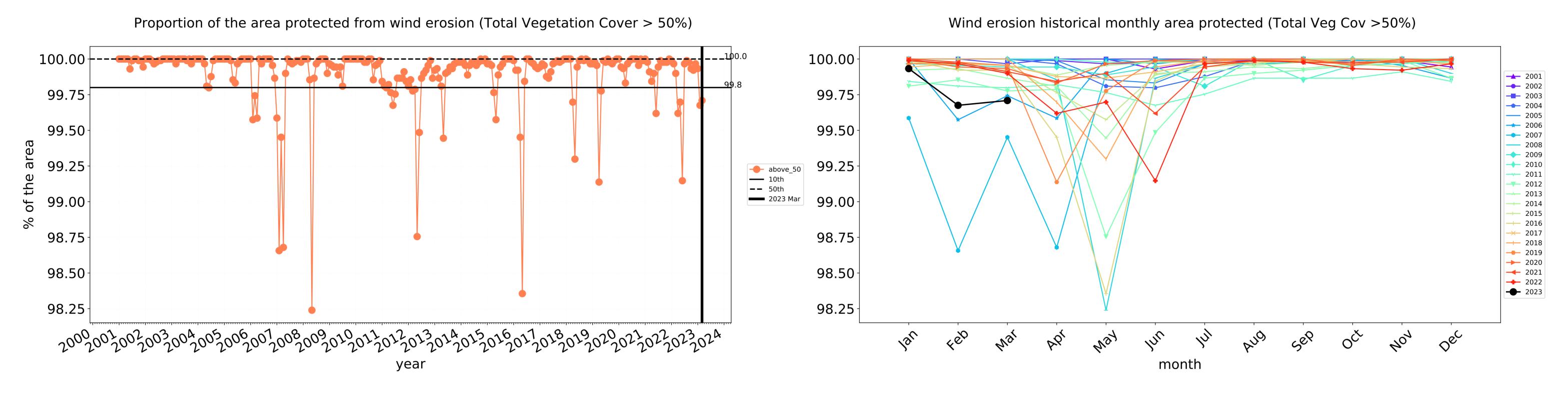


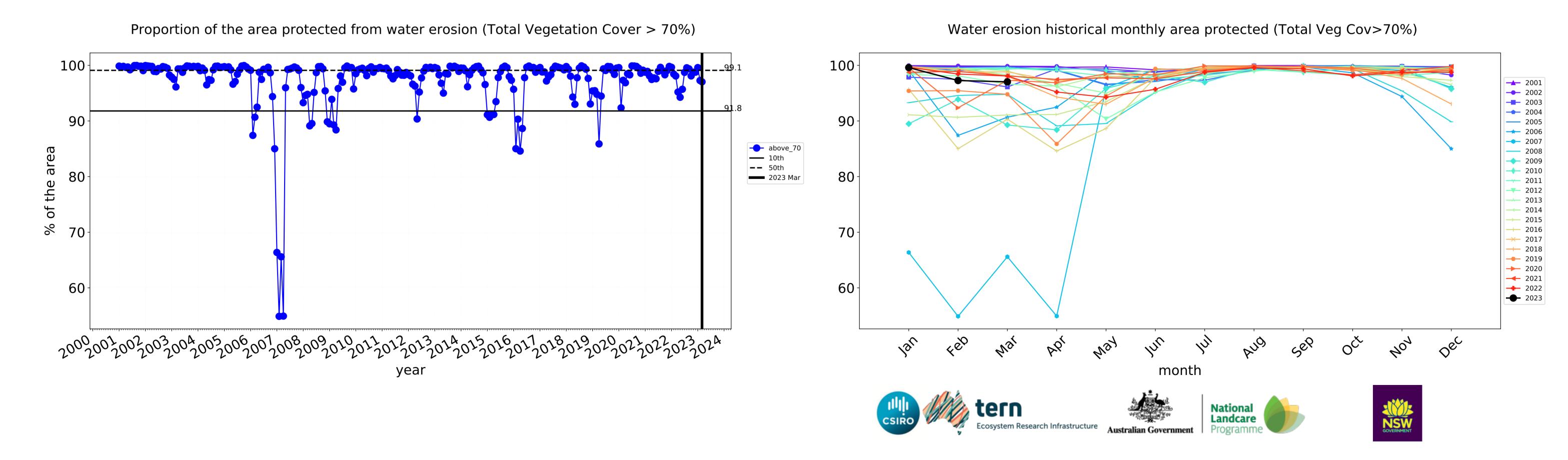


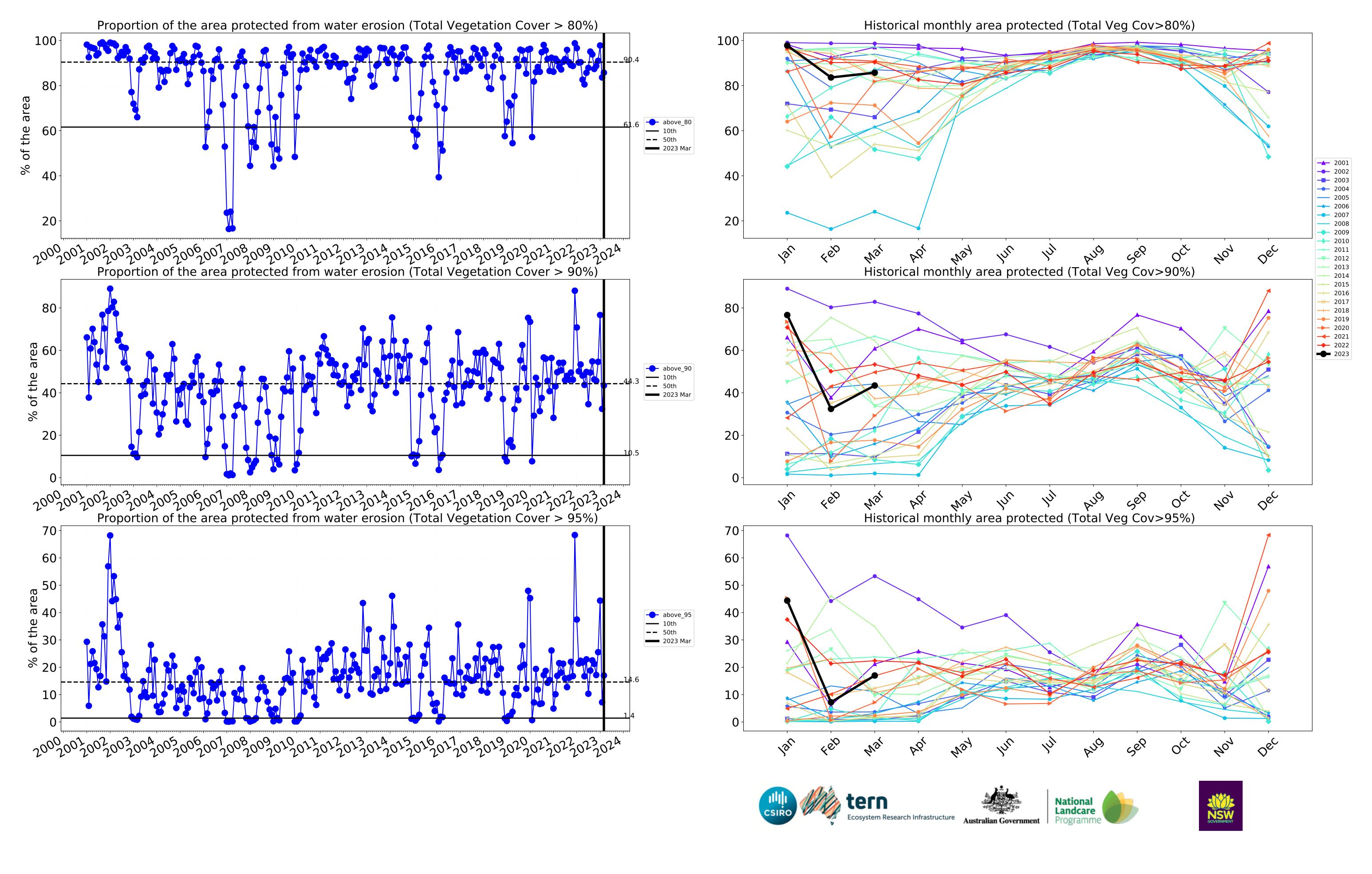




### **Grazing timeseries**







### **Grazing non forest**

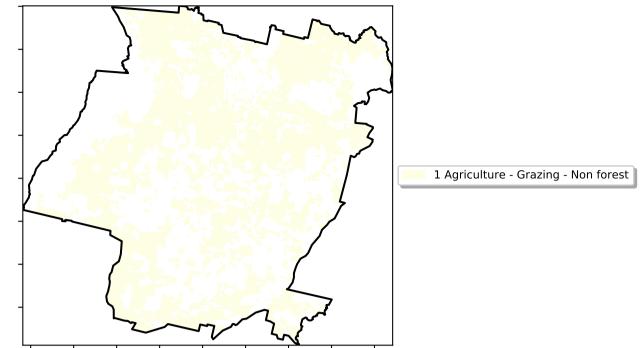
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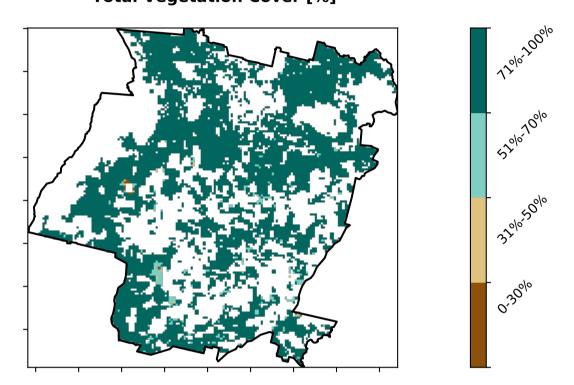
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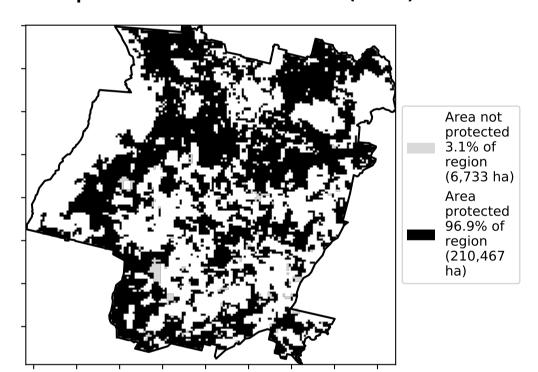
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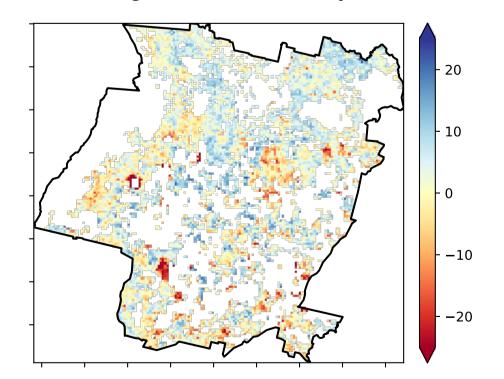
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

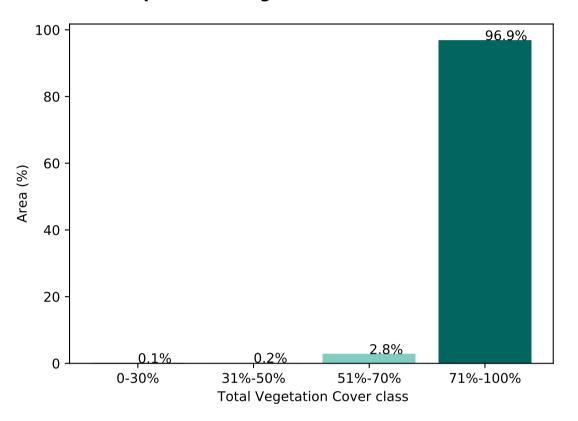


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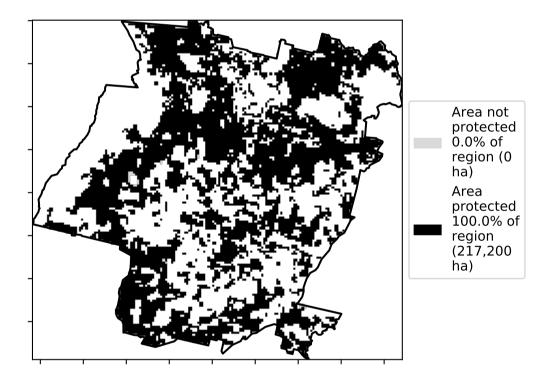


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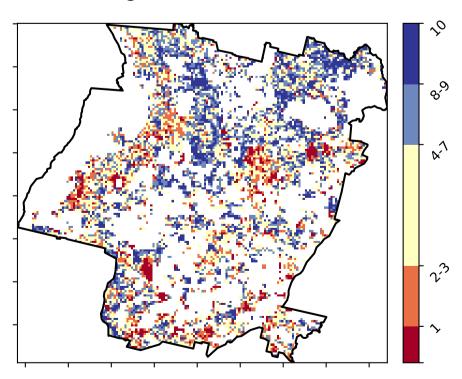
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







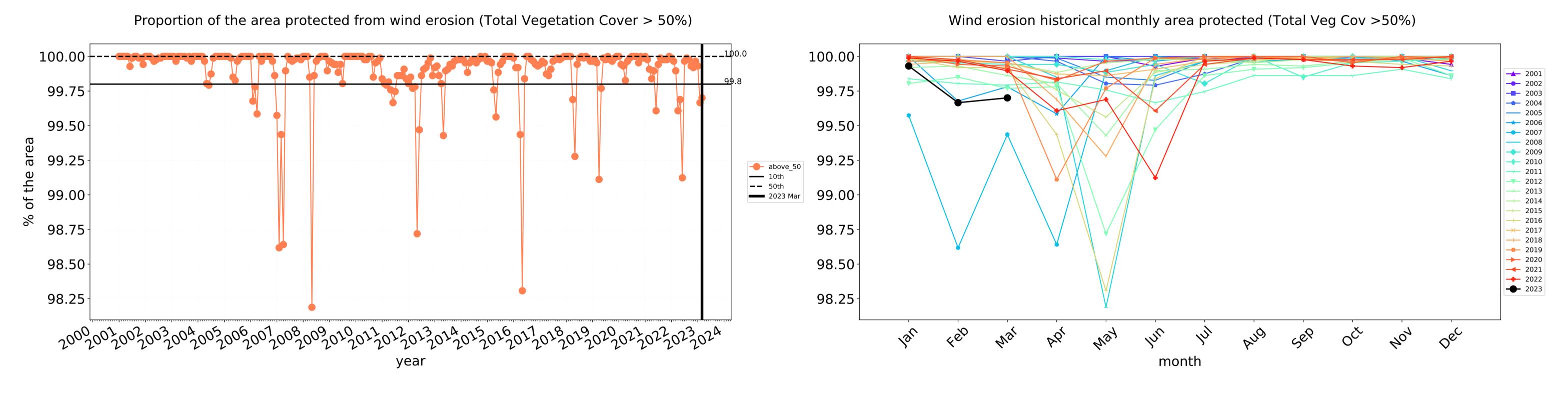


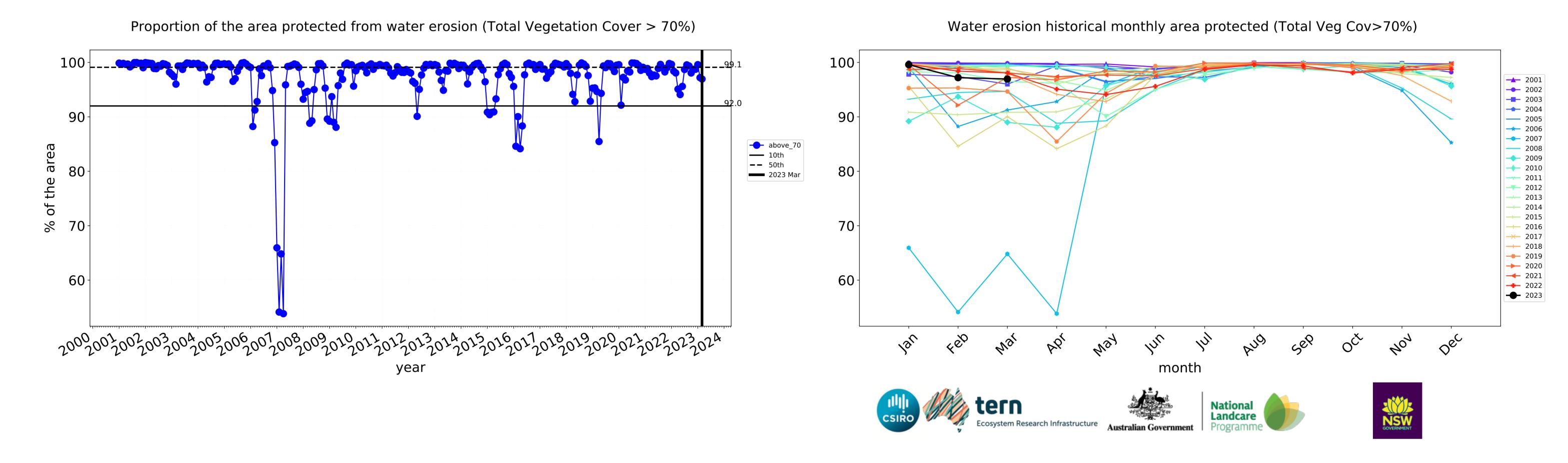


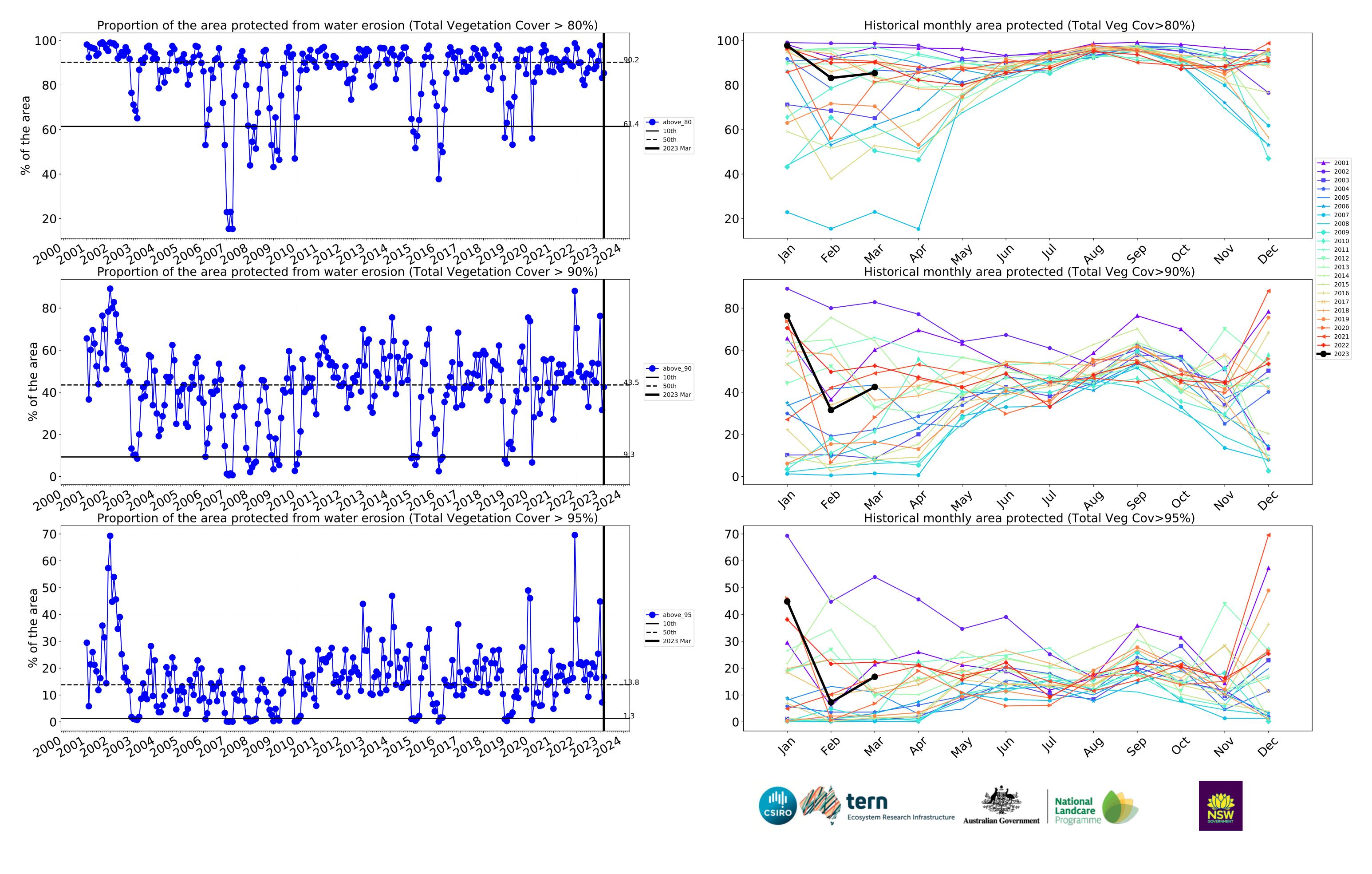




### **Grazing non forest timeseries**







### **Grazing Woodland forest**

#### Land use and forest cover

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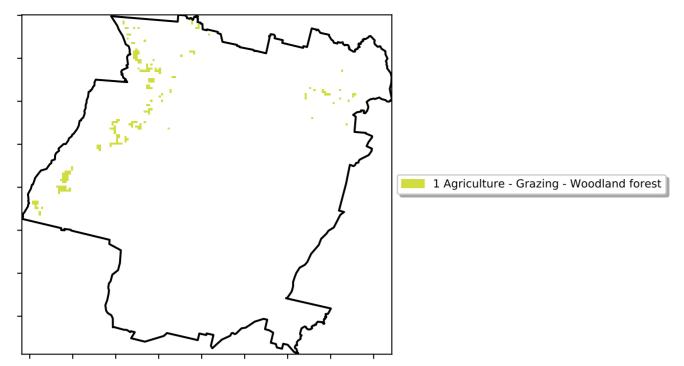
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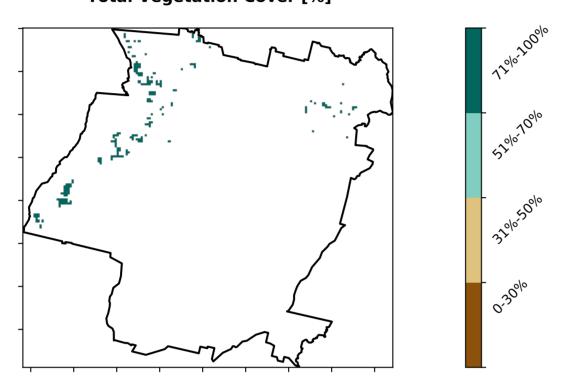
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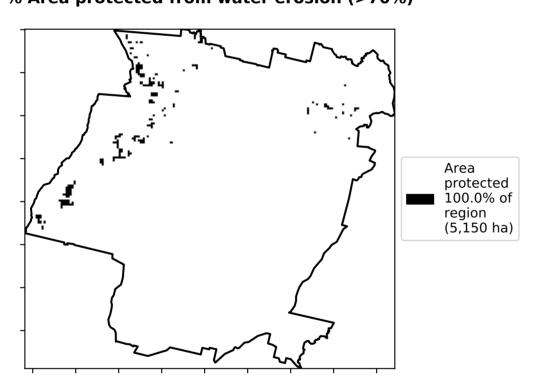
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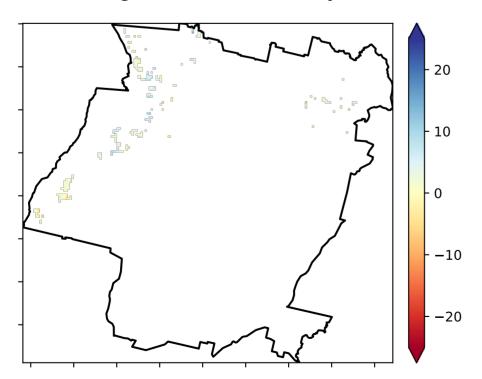
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

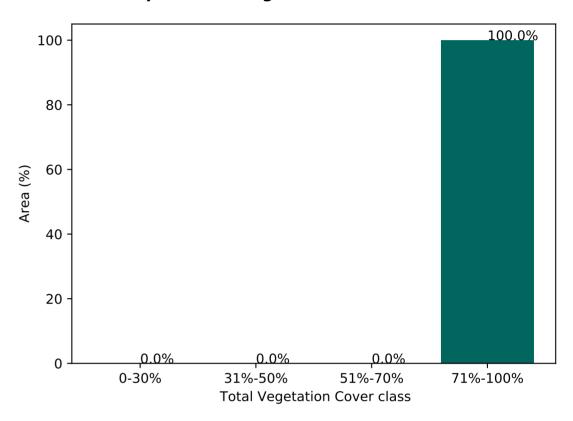


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

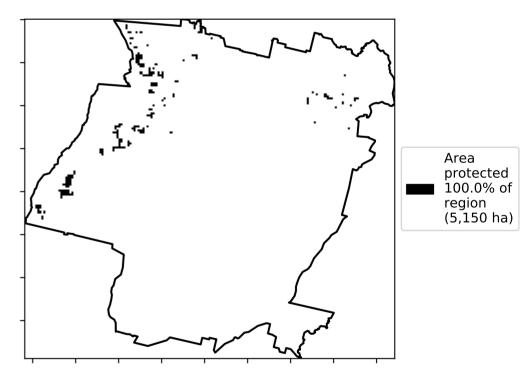


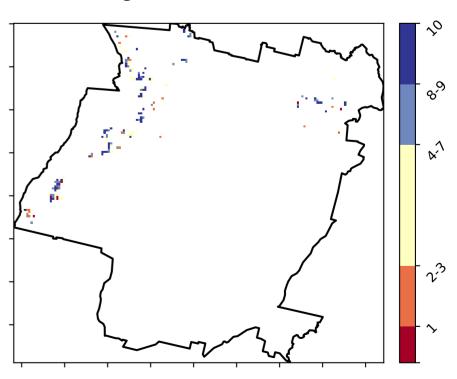
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





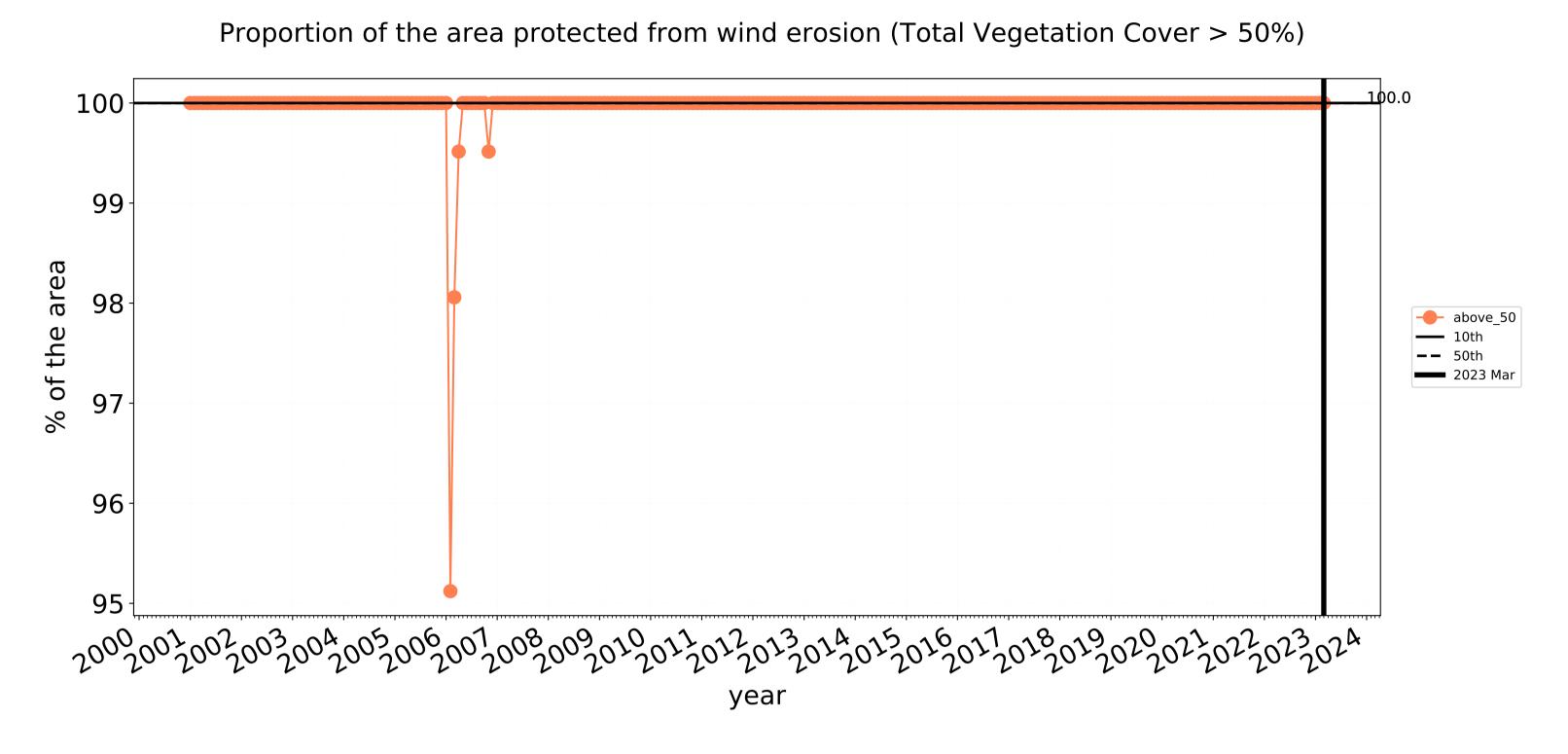


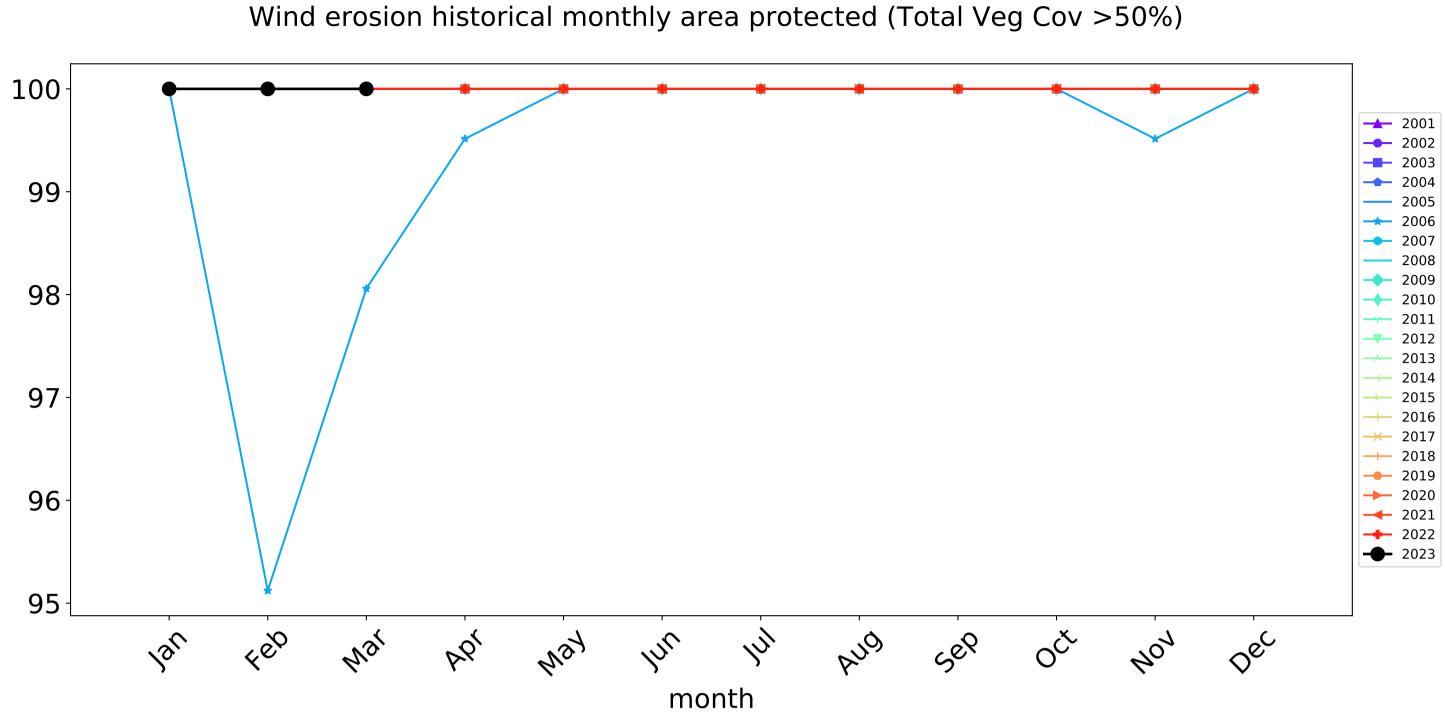


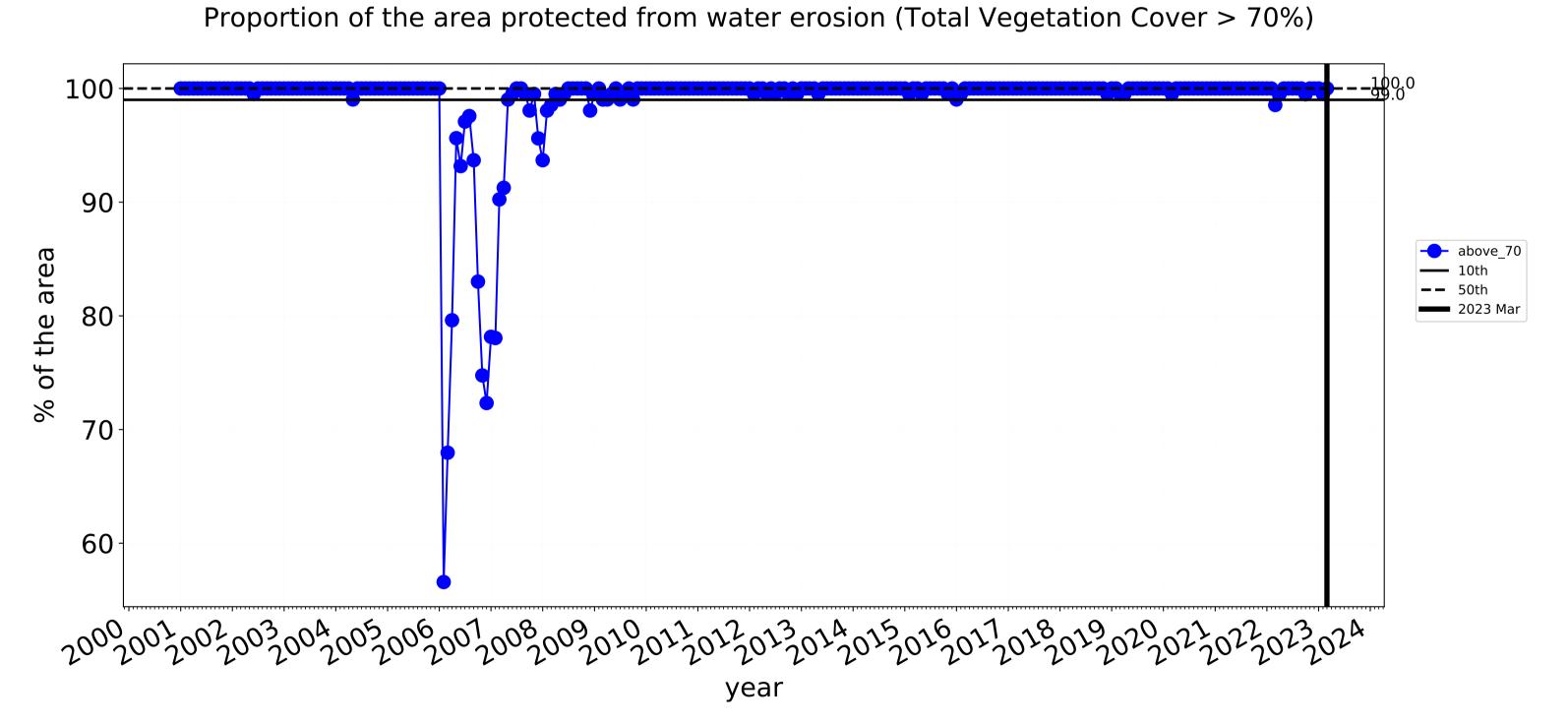


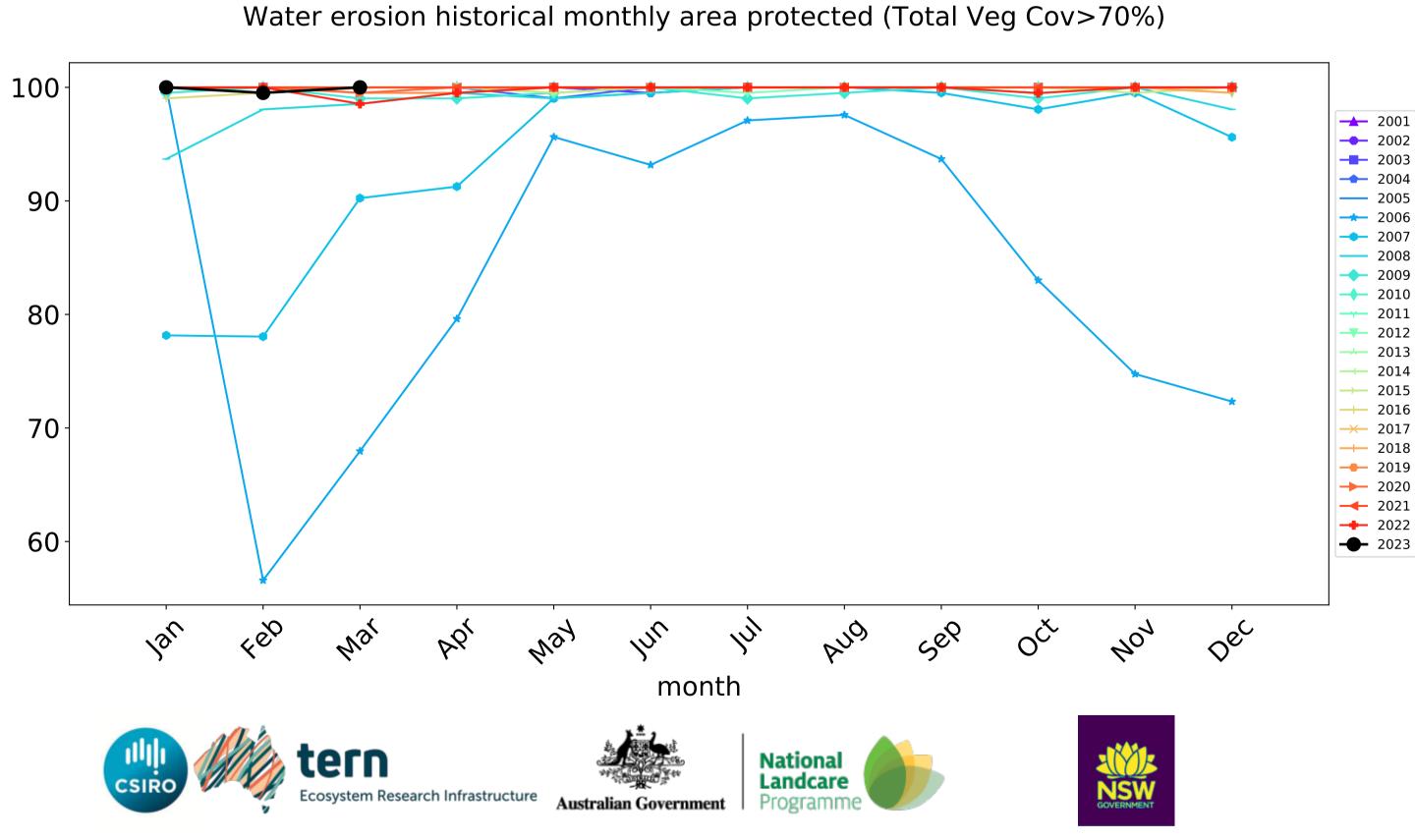


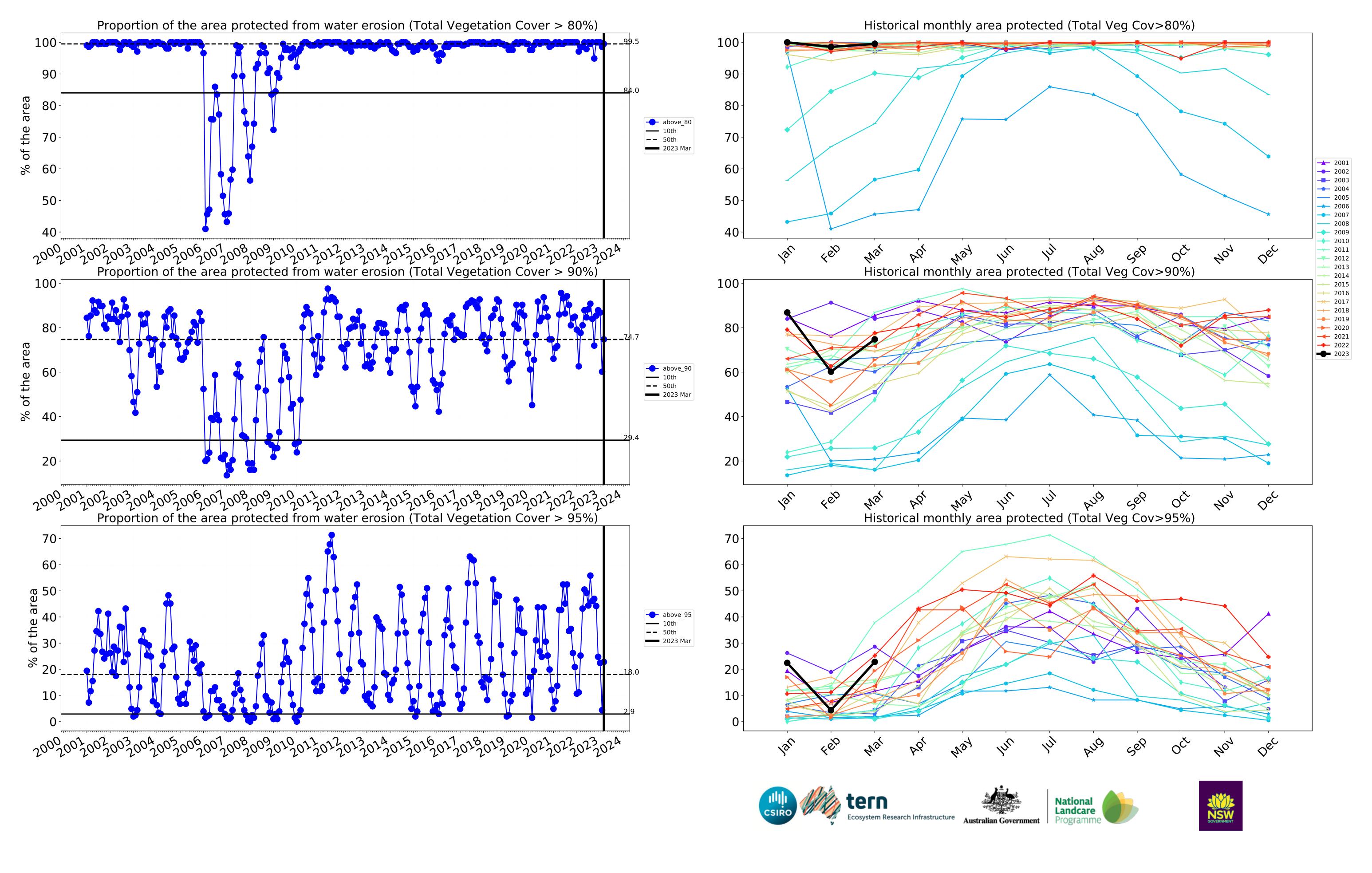
### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







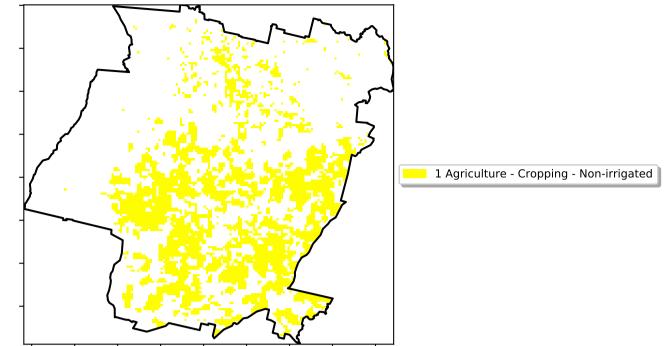




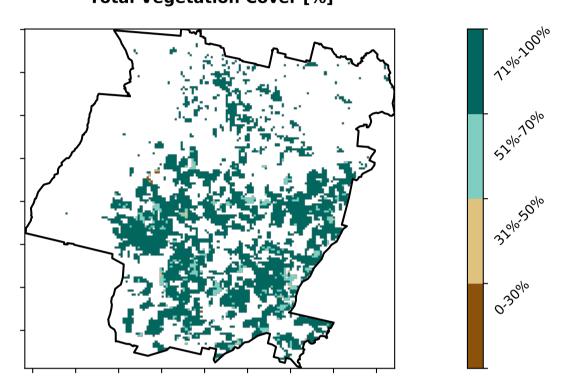
### **Cropping**

#### Land use and forest cover

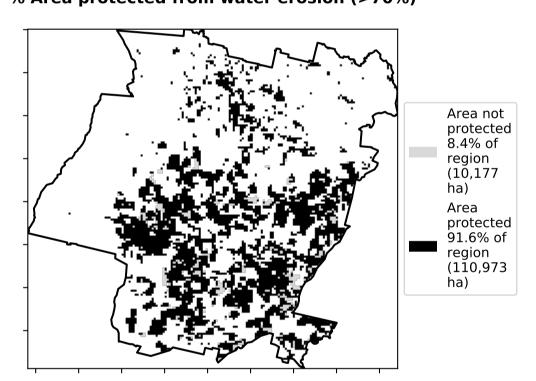
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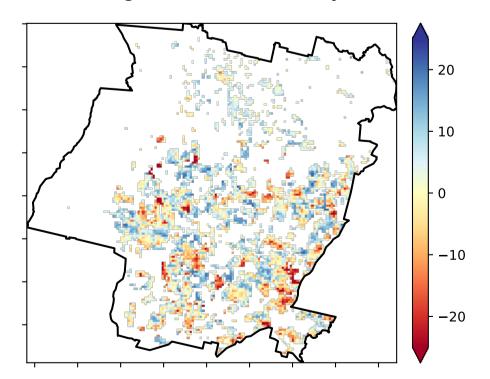
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

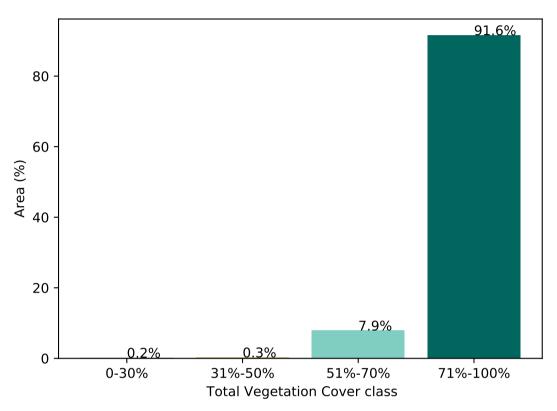


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

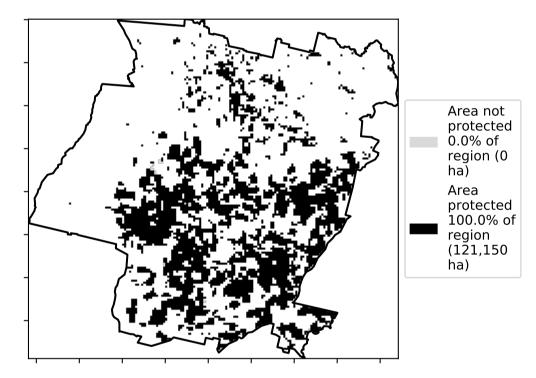


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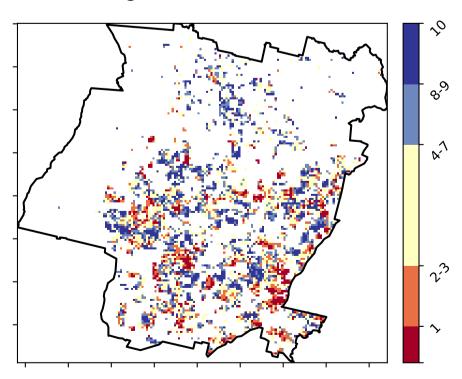
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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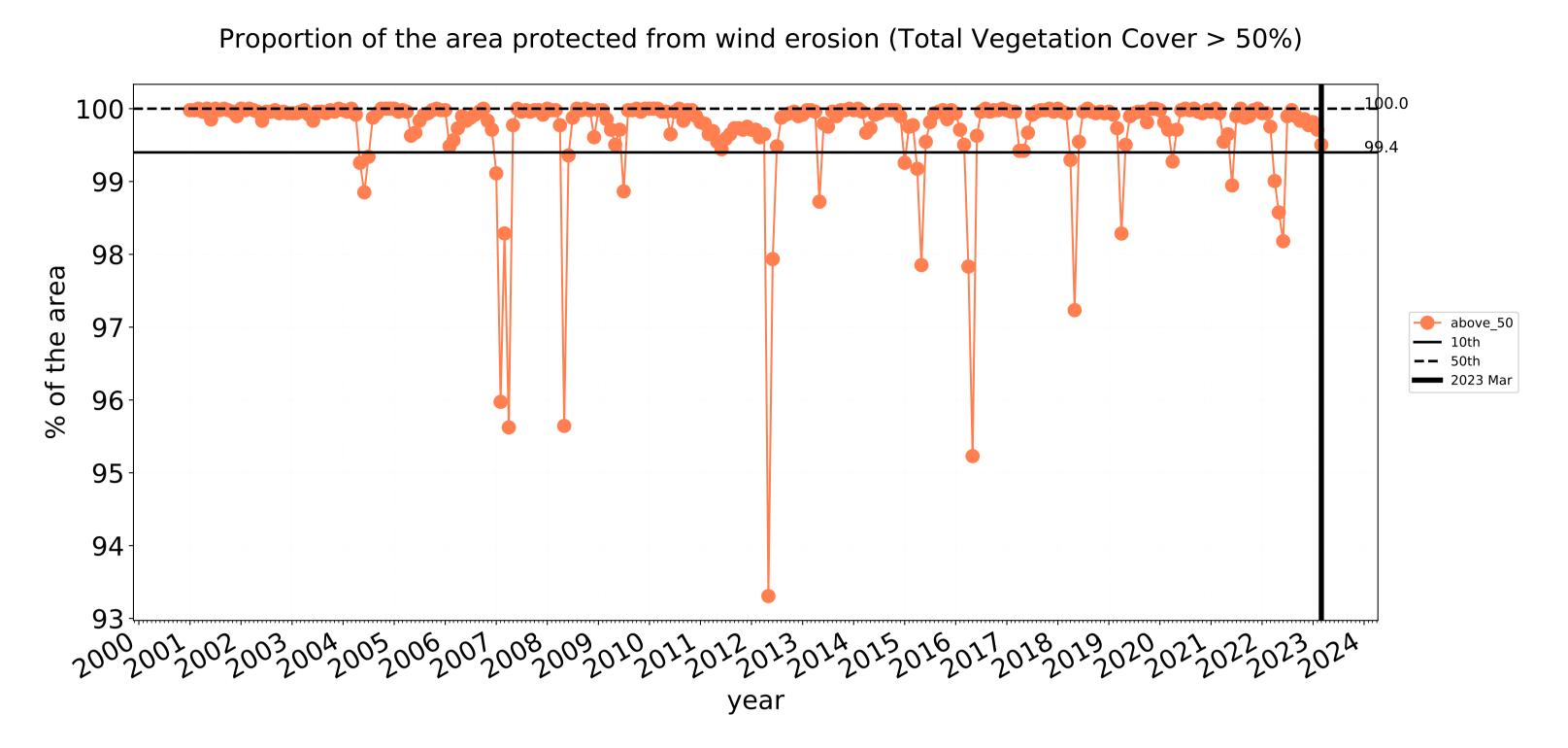
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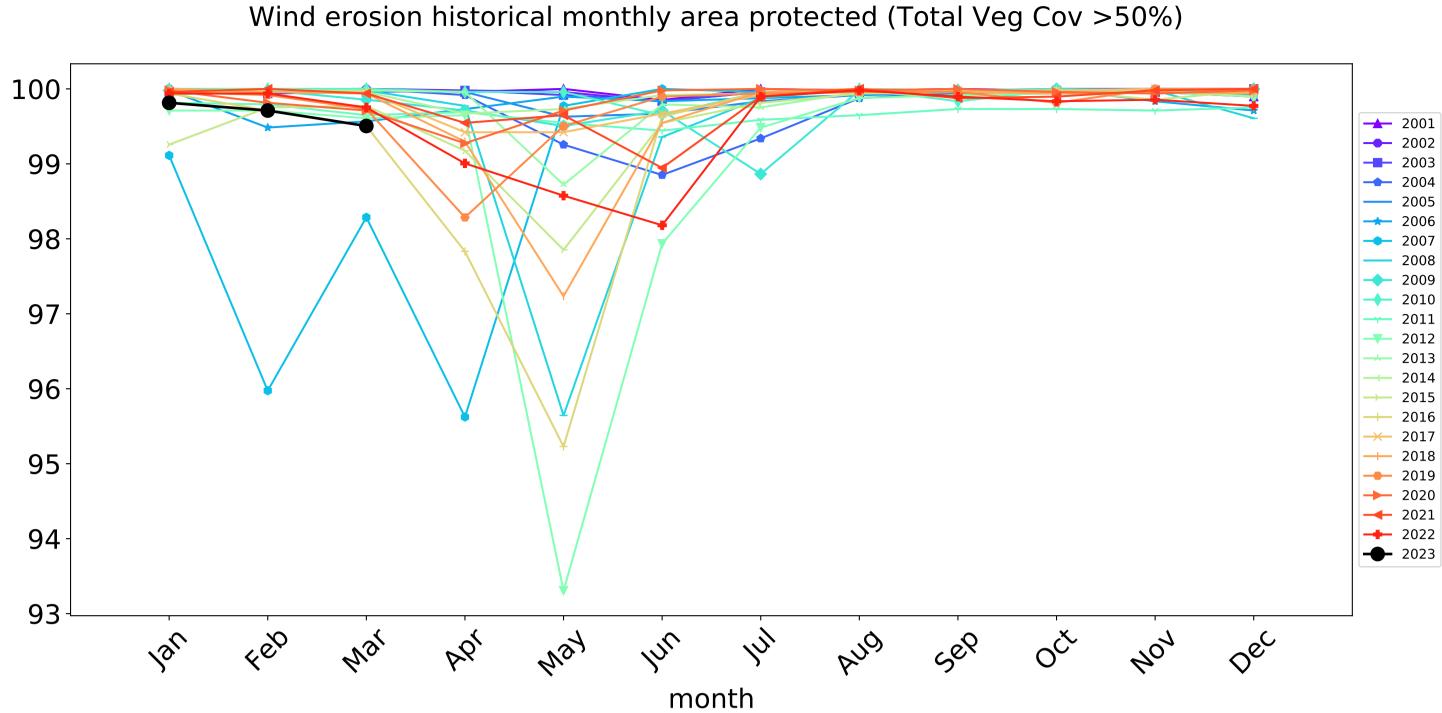


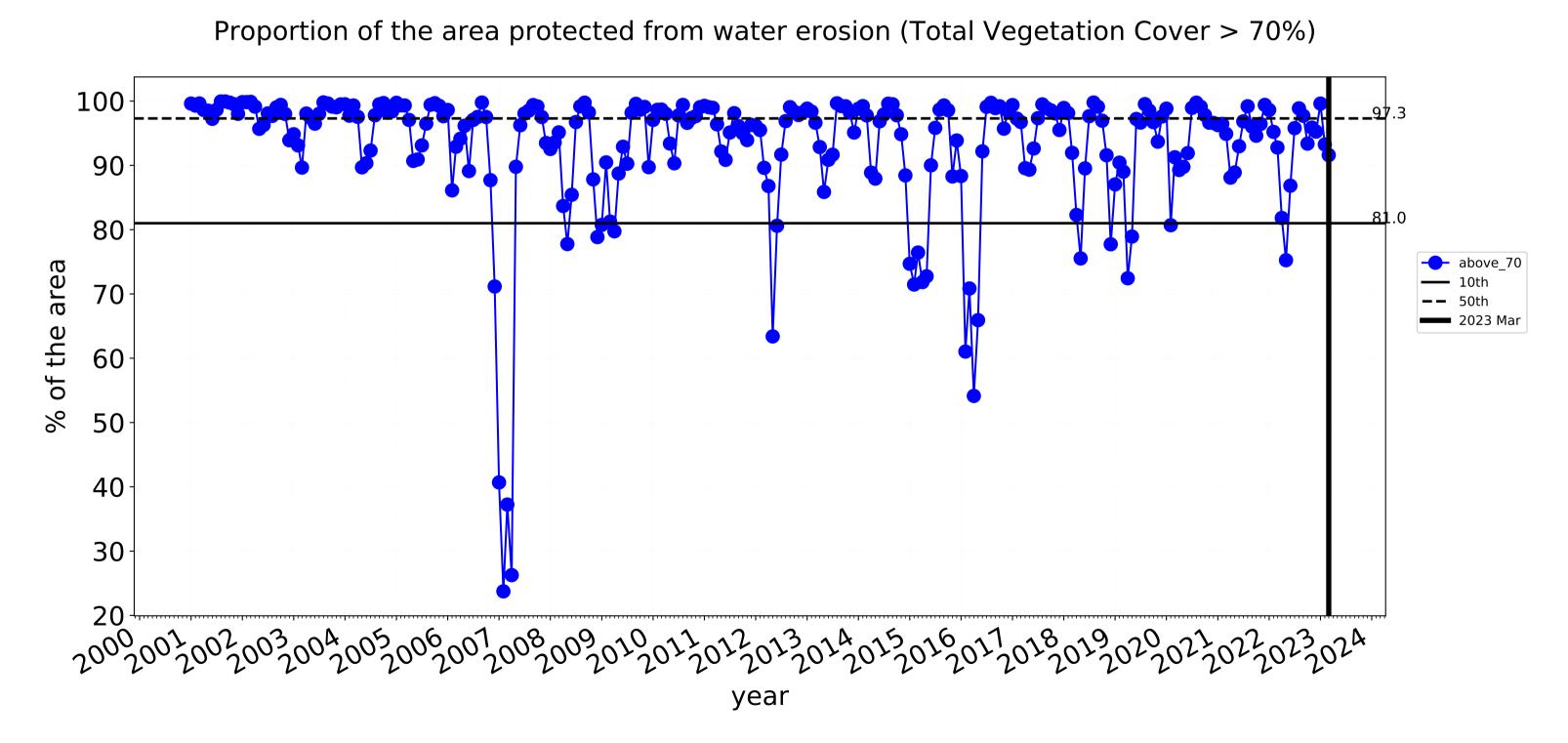


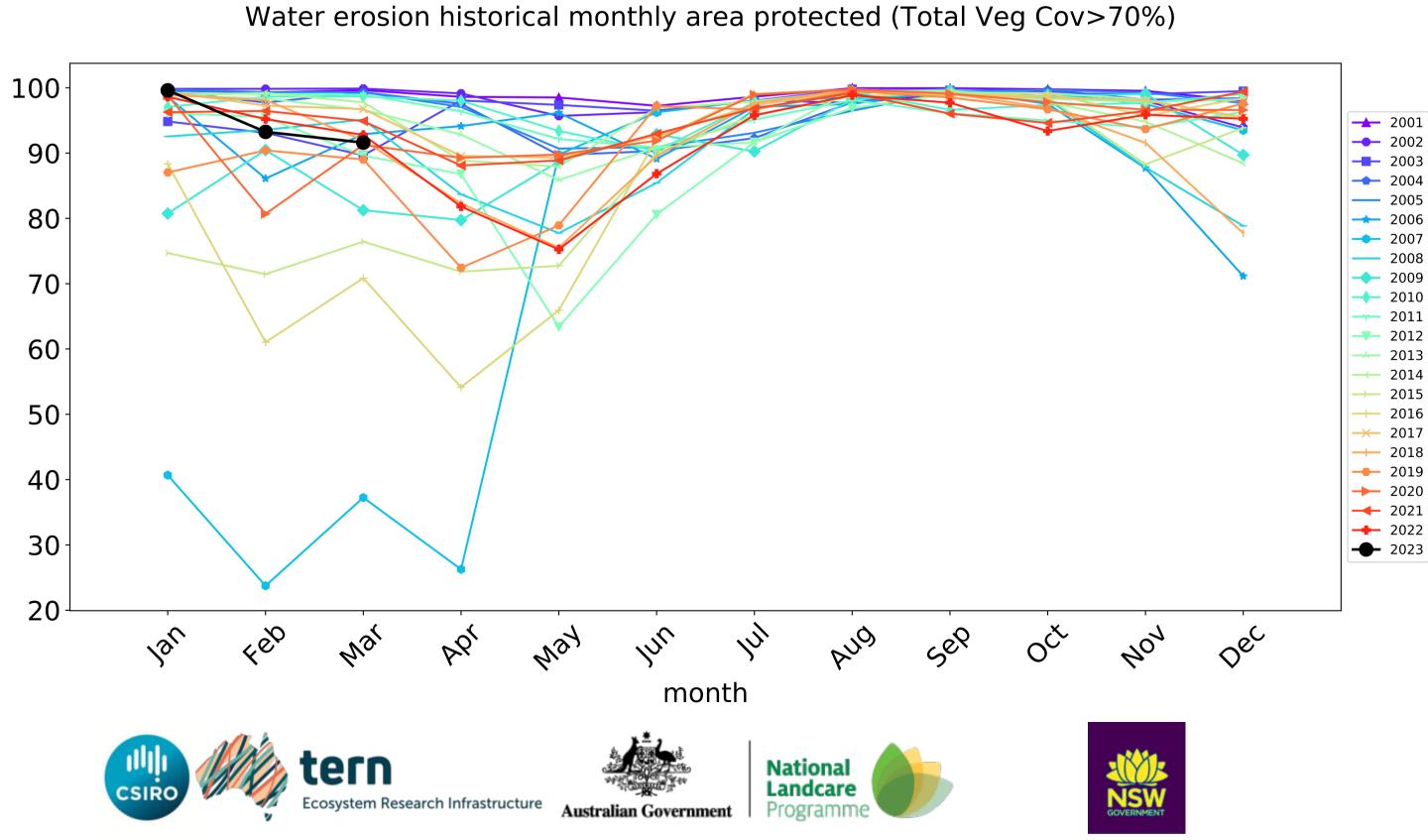


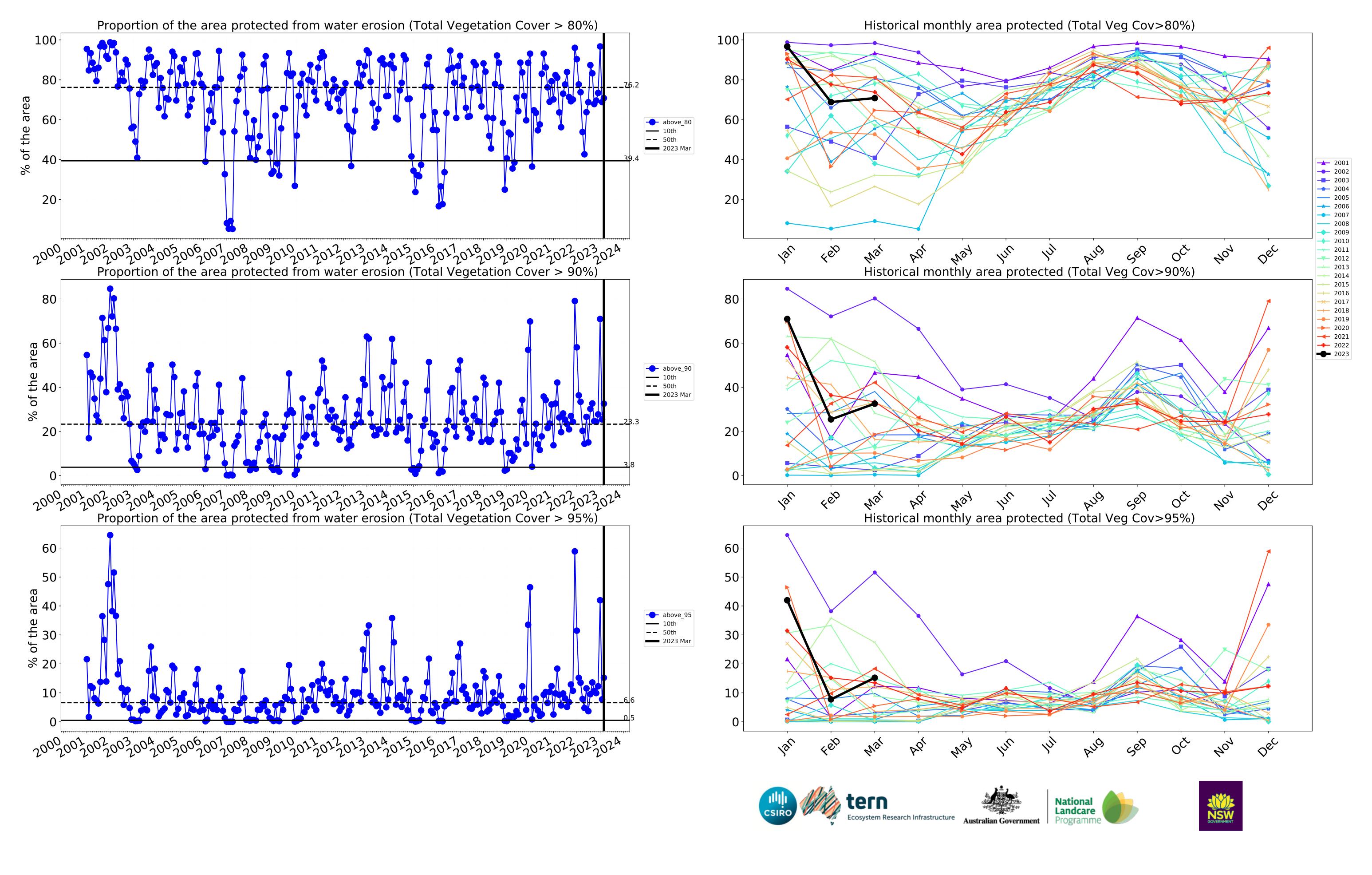
### **Cropping timeseries**











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

#### Land use and forest cover

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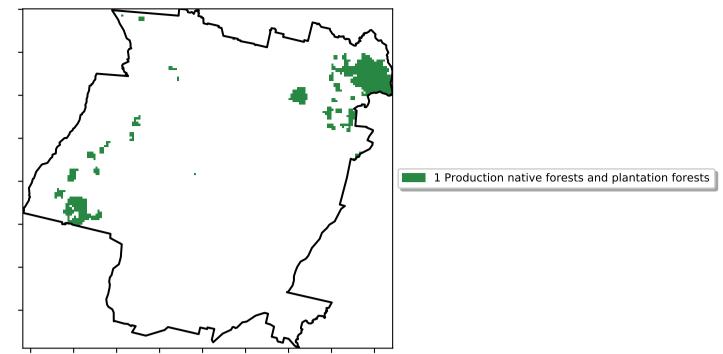
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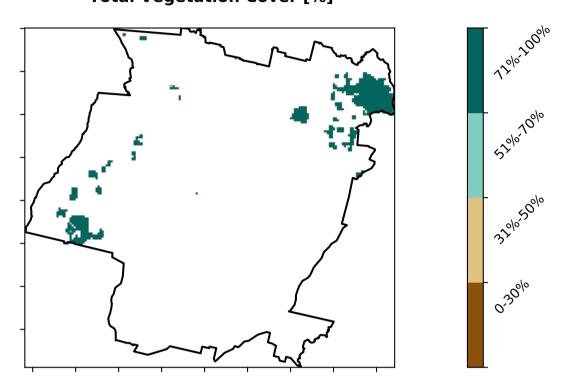
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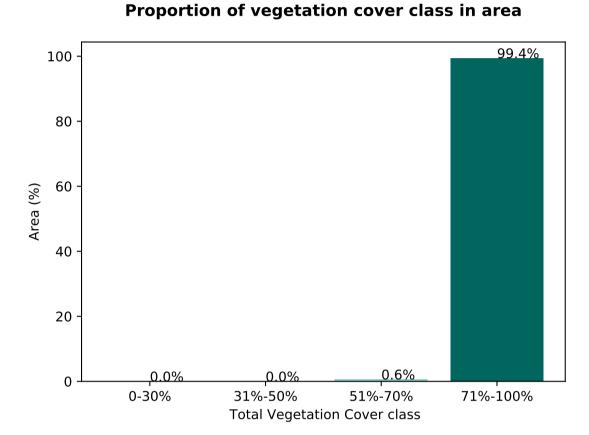
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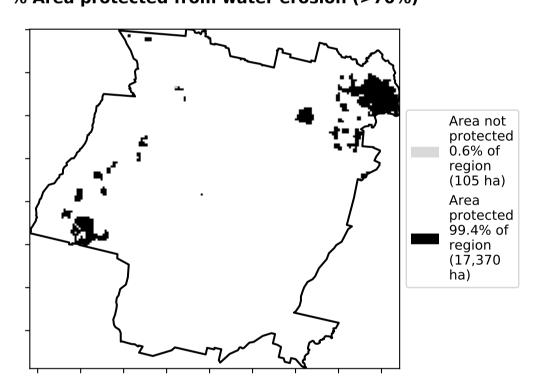


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

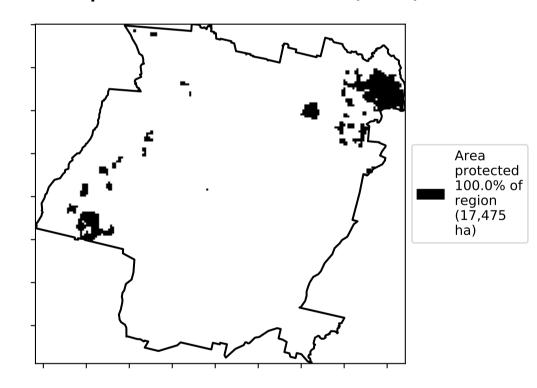




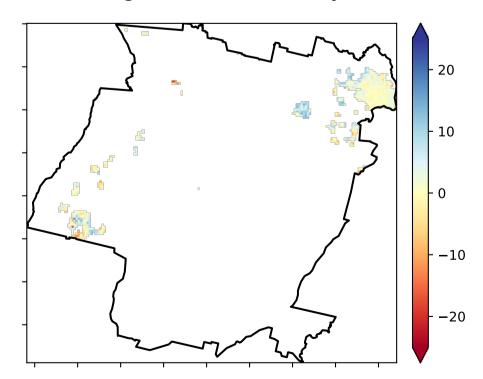
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



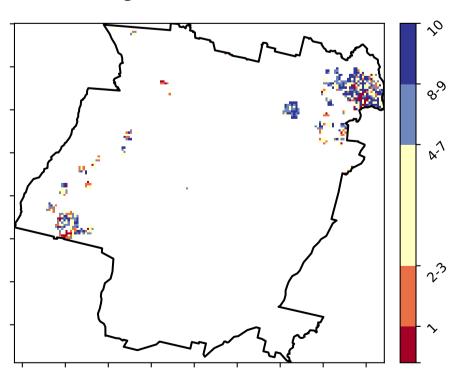
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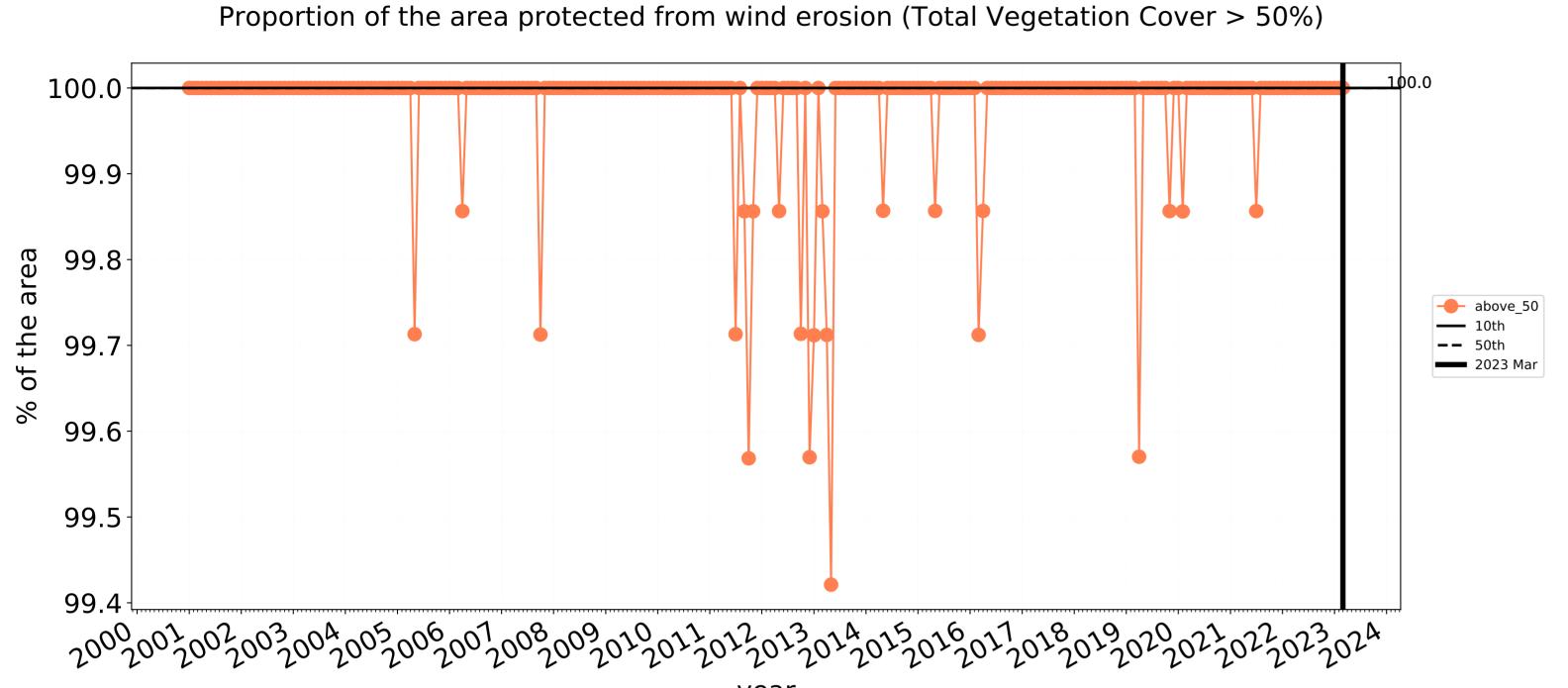


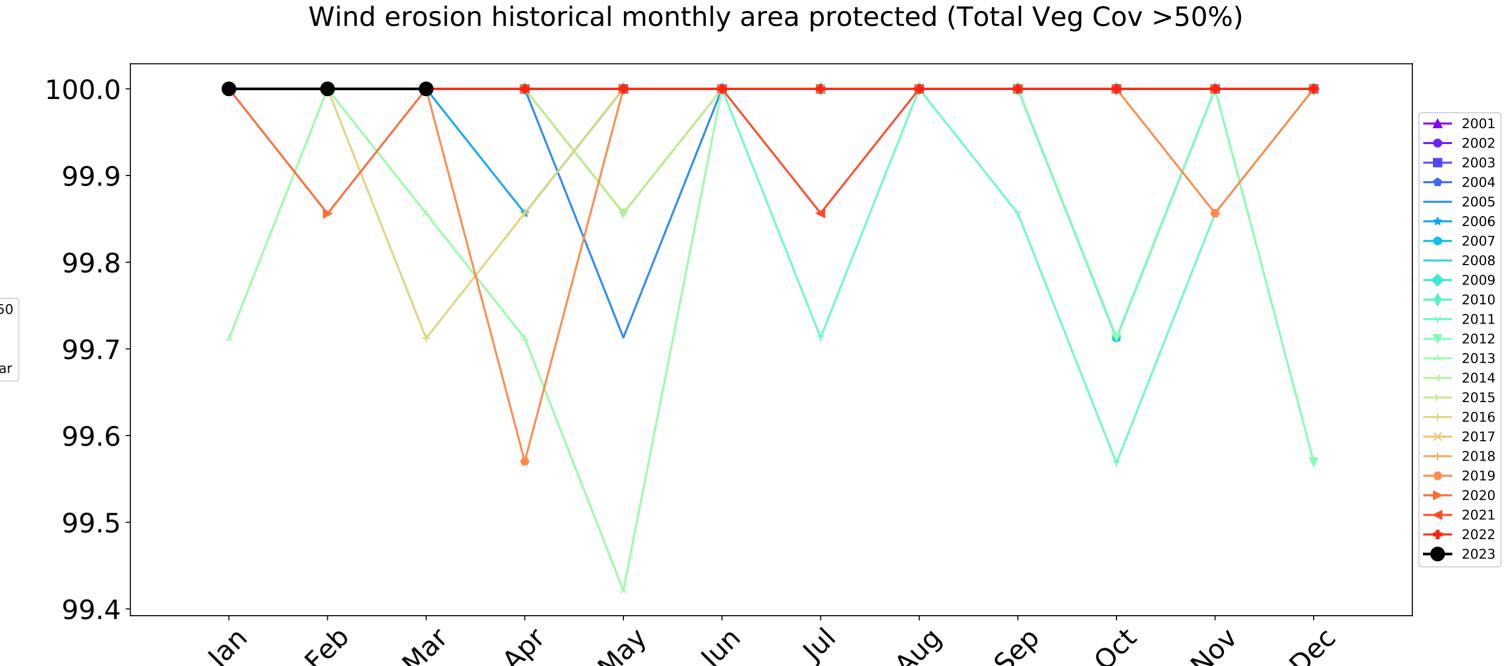




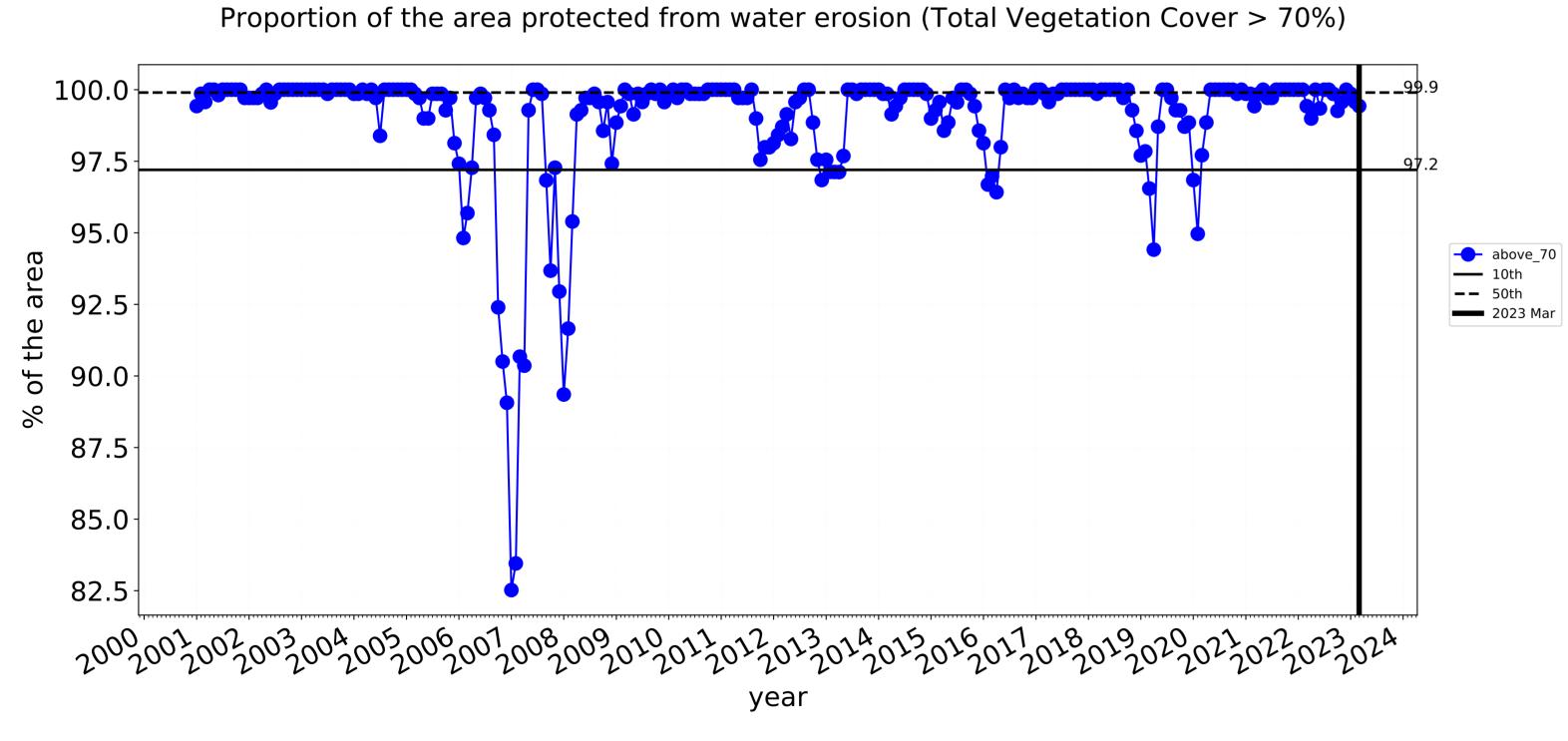


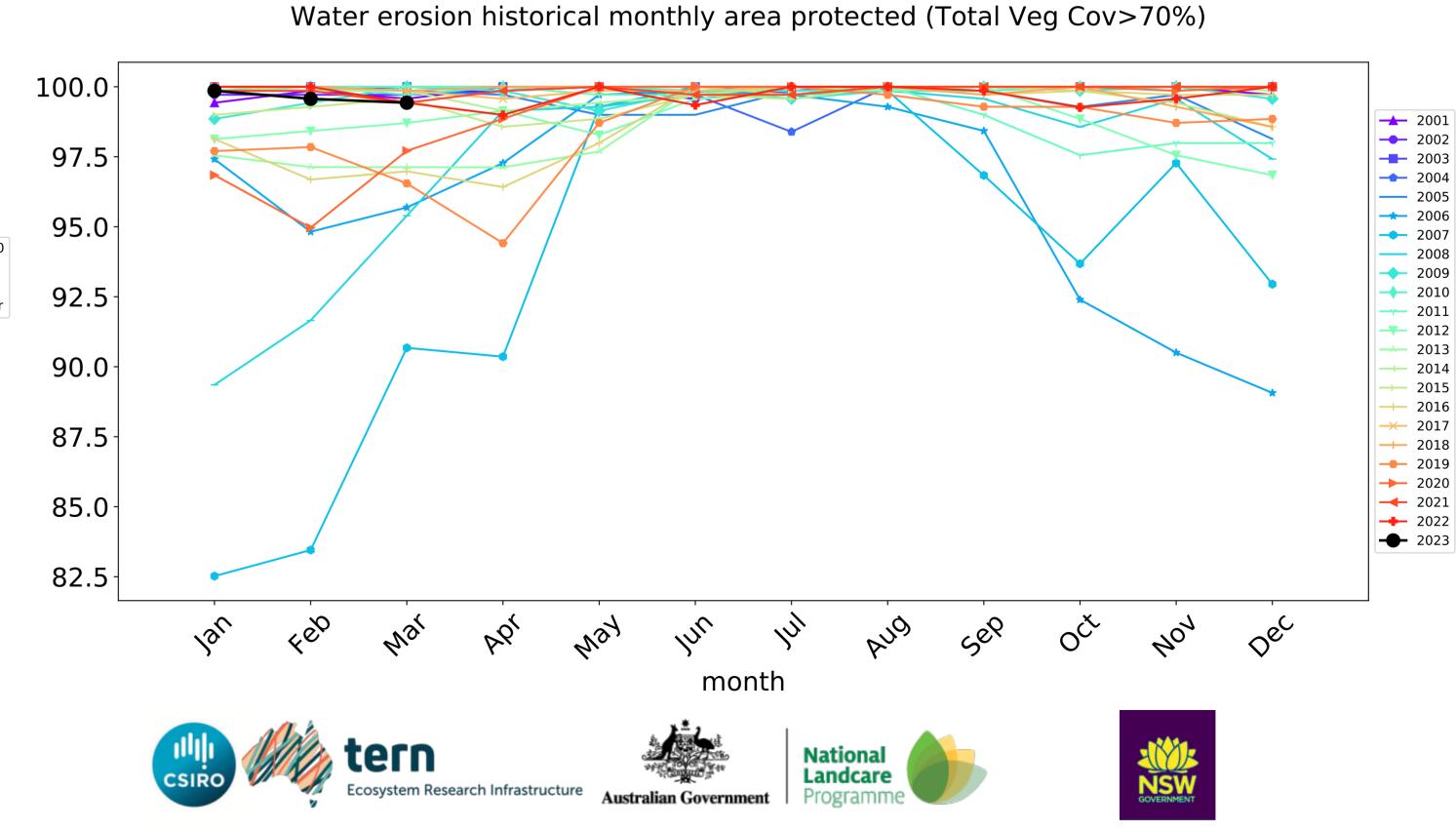
### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**

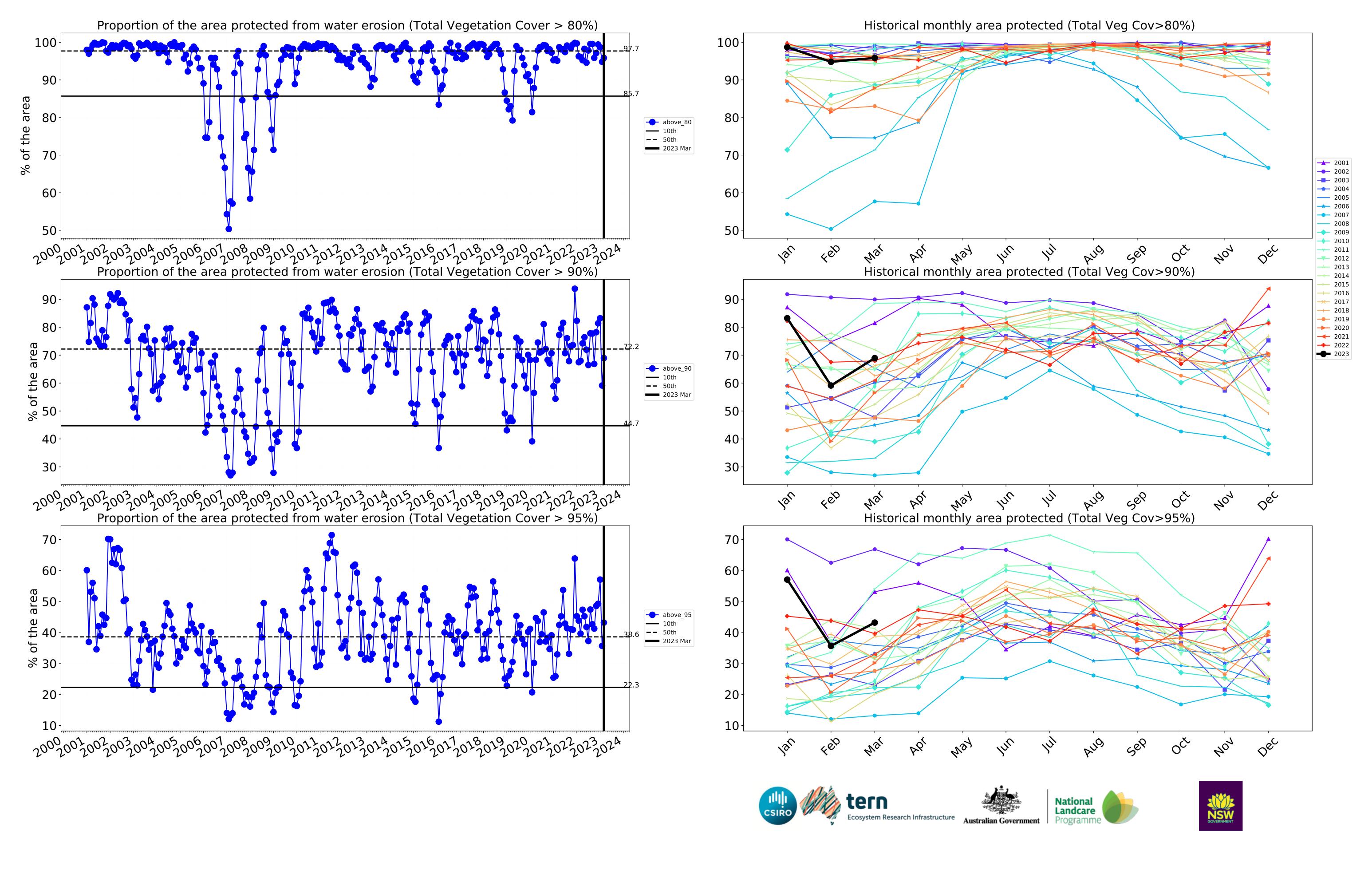




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# Ararat\_(RC) (419,725 ha and no data 1,378 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	419,725	99.8% 418,775	99.5% 417,600	95.5% 400,725	82.8% 347,650	45.7% 191,625	20.0% 83,925
Conservation and natural environments	47,725	99.1% 47,300	98.2% 46,875	96.9% 46,250	95.1% 45,375	82.4% 39,325	39.9% 19,050
Conservation and natural environments non forest	4,525	90.6% 4,100	81.2% 3,675	67.4% 3,050	50.3% 2,275	25.4% 1,150	12.2% 550
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	28,925	100.0% 28,925	100.0% 28,925	100.0% 28,925	99.7% 28,825	88.7% 25,650	40.0% 11,575
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	14,275	100.0% 14,275	100.0% 14,275	100.0% 14,275	100.0% 14,275	87.7% 12,525	48.5% 6,925
Agriculture	346,000	99.9% 345,500	99.6% 344,750	95.1% 329,200	80.6% 278,750	39.7% 137,375	16.4% 56,675
Grazing	223,525	99.9% 223,225	99.7% 222,875	97.0% 216,900	85.7% 191,625	43.4% 97,075	17.0% 37,975
Grazing non forest	217,200	99.9% 216,900	99.7% 216,550	96.9% 210,575	85.3% 185,325	42.5% 92,350	16.8% 36,475
Grazing Woodland forest	5,150	100.0% 5,150	100.0% 5,150	100.0% 5,150	99.5% 5,125	74.8% 3,850	22.8% 1,175
Cropping	121,150	99.8% 120,950	99.5% 120,550	91.6% 110,975	70.8% 85,800	32.6% 39,475	15.2% 18,425
Production native forests and plantation forests	17,475	100.0% 17,475	100.0% 17,475	99.4% 17,375	95.9% 16,750	69.0% 12,050	43.2% 7,550







