

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Gannawarra_(S) VIC

Date: March 2026

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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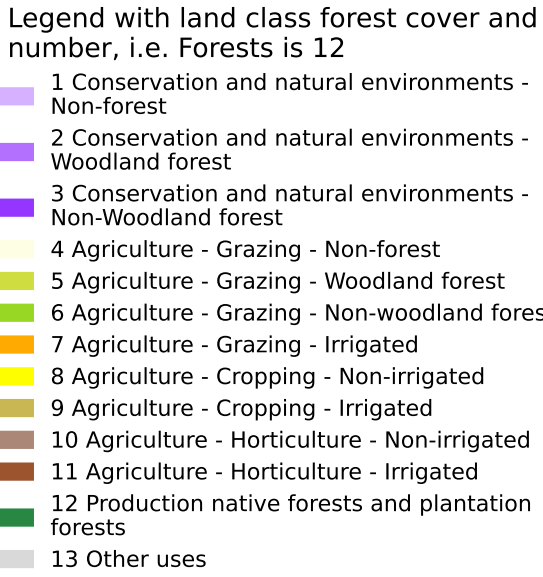
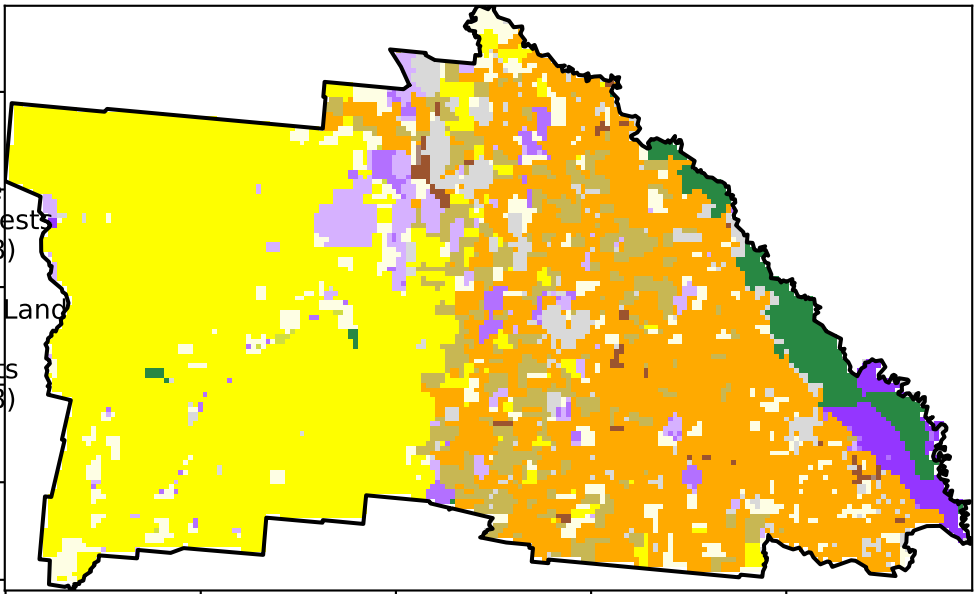
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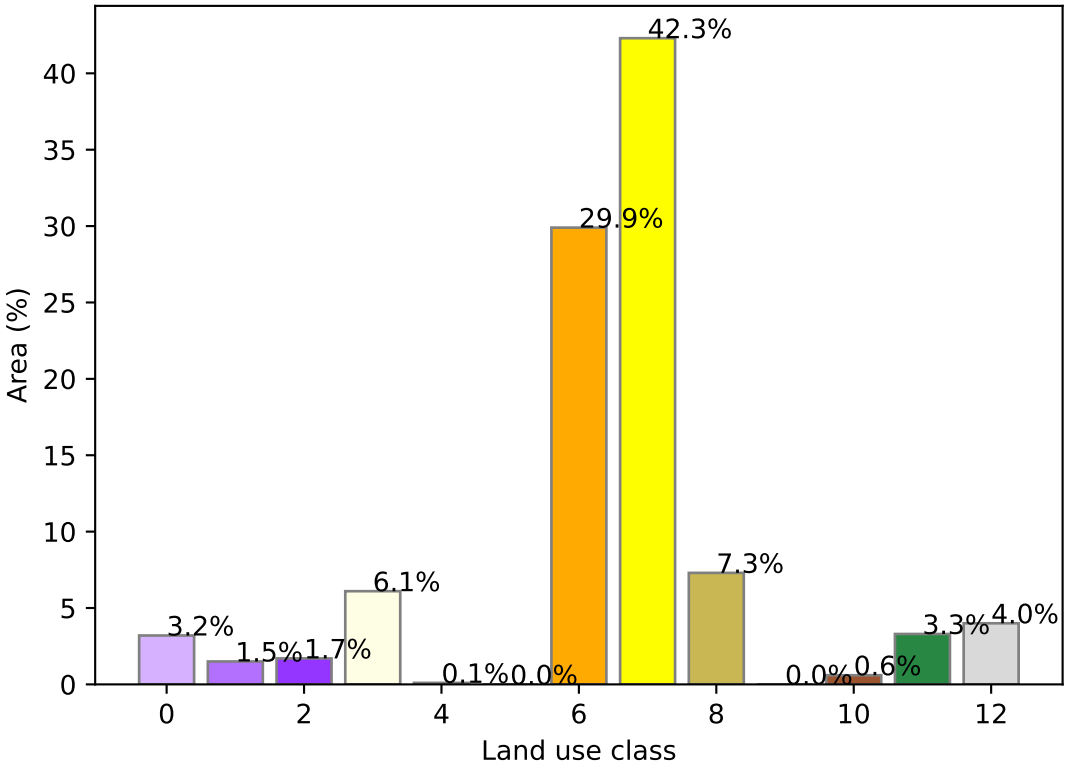
Vegetation Cover Mar 2026

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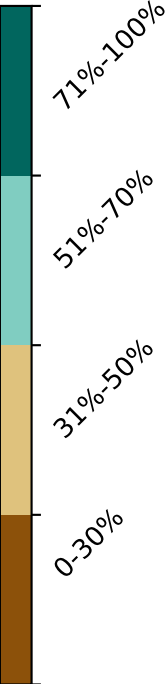
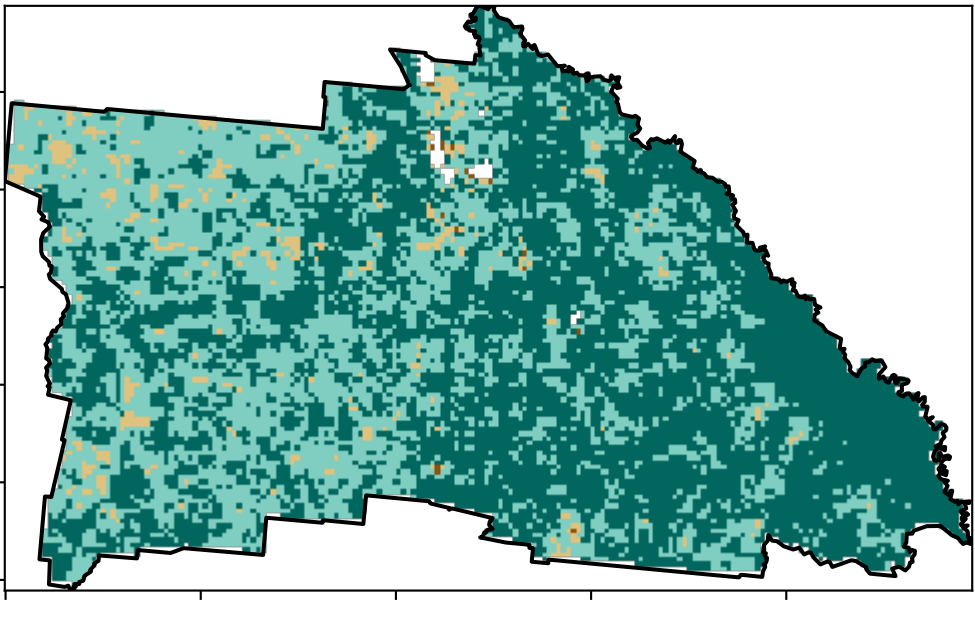
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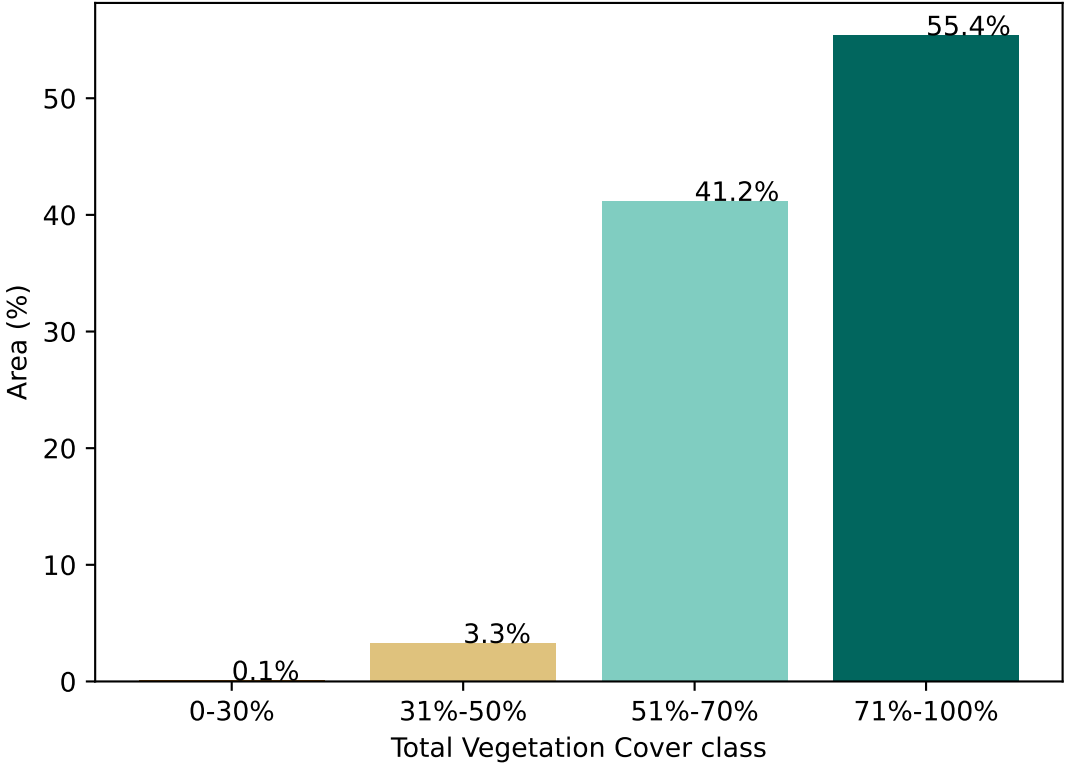
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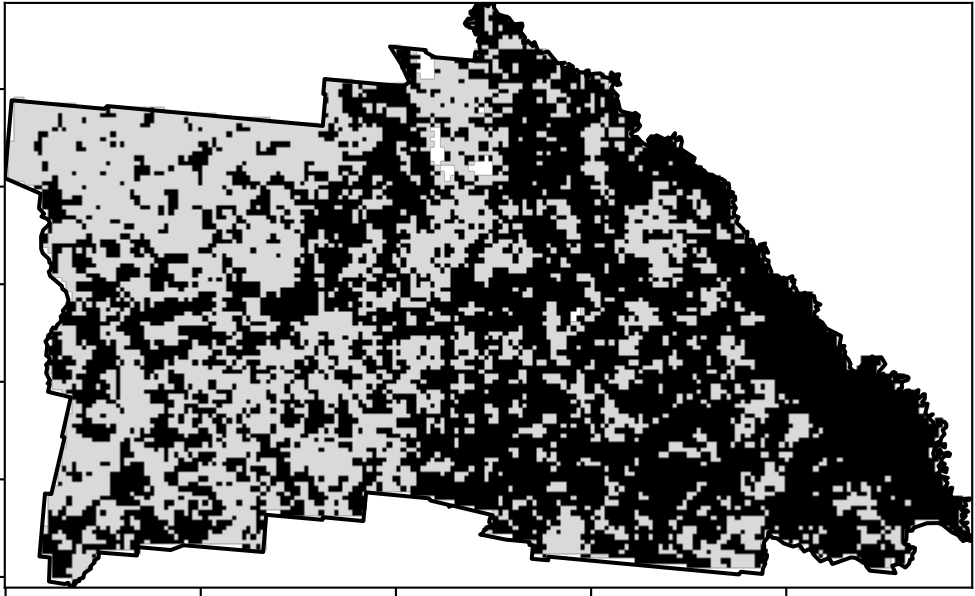
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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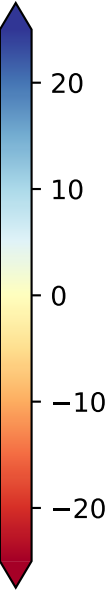
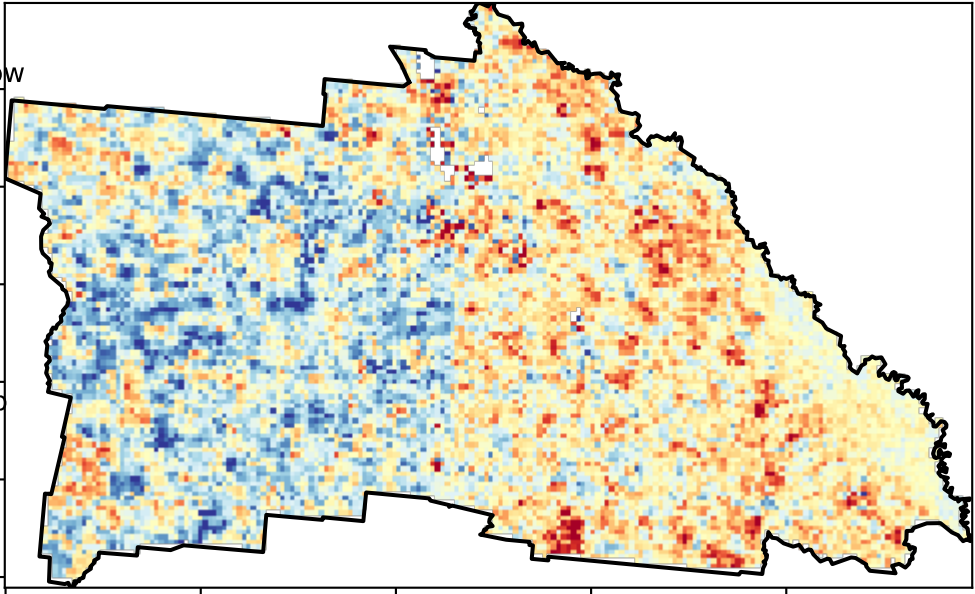


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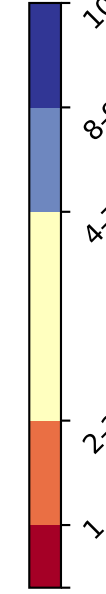
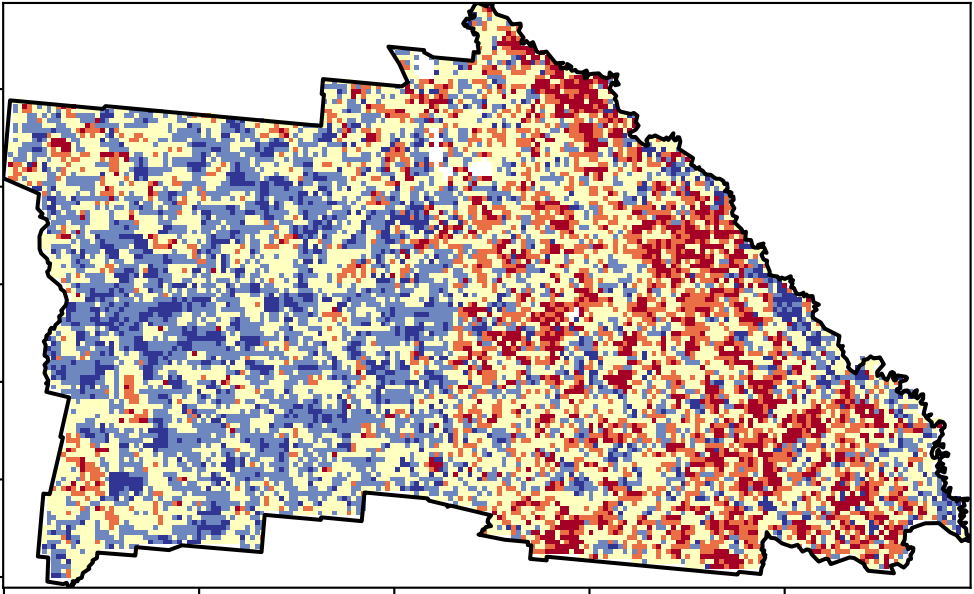
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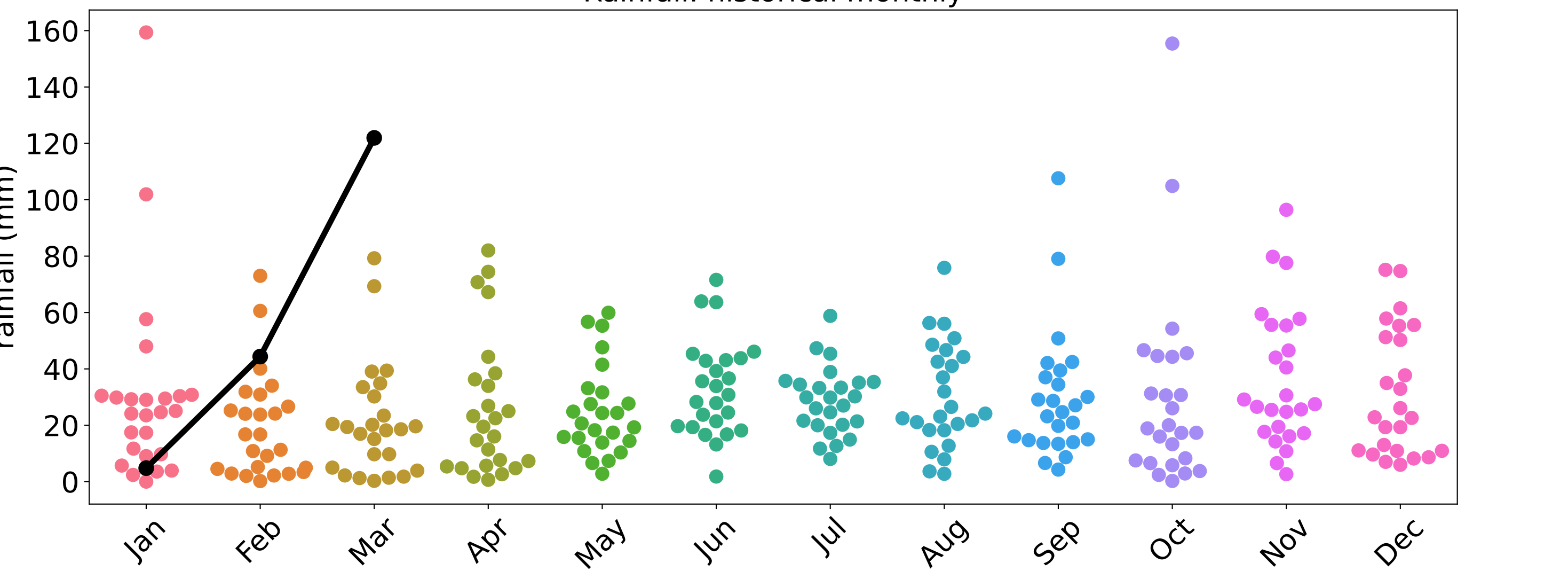
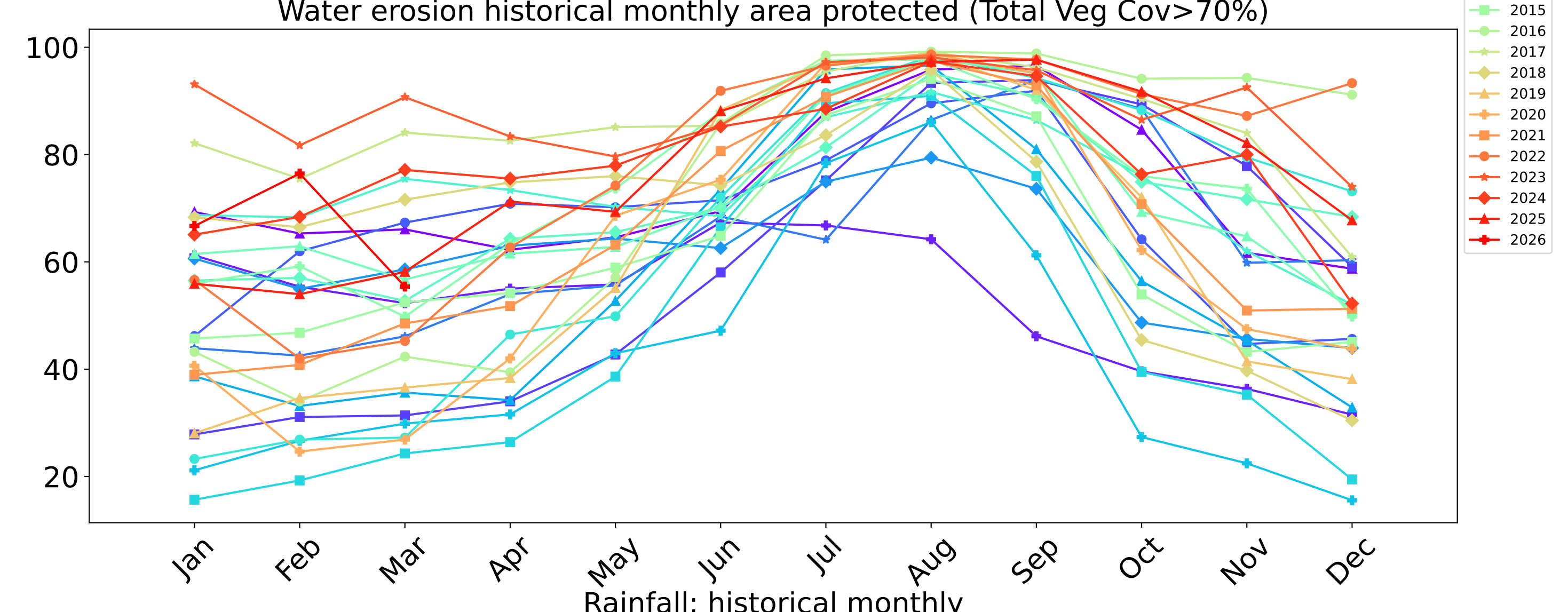
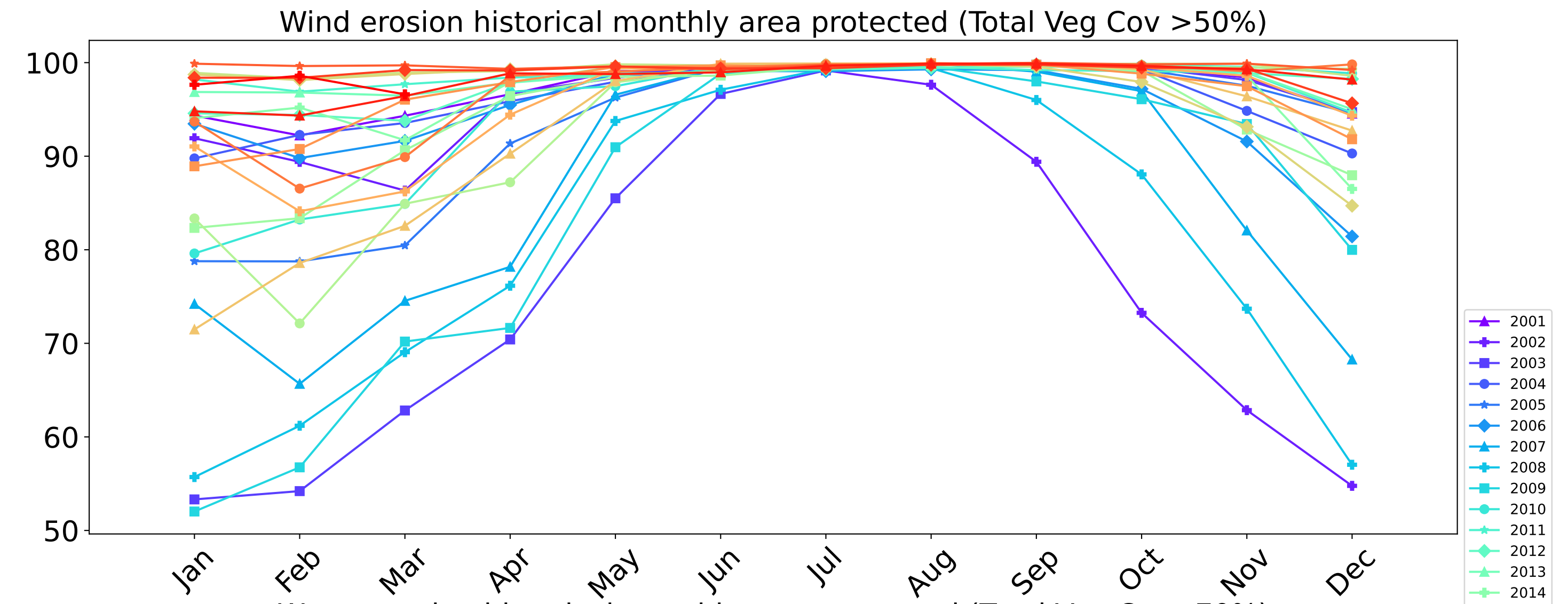
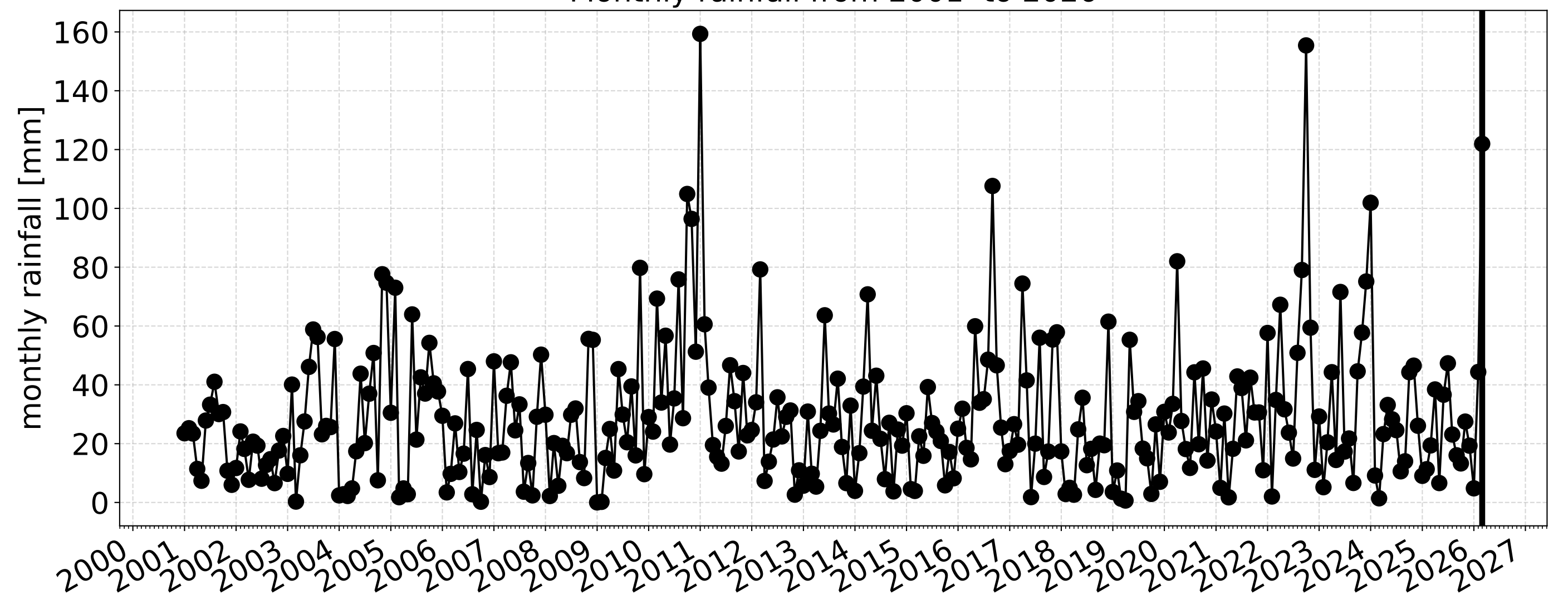
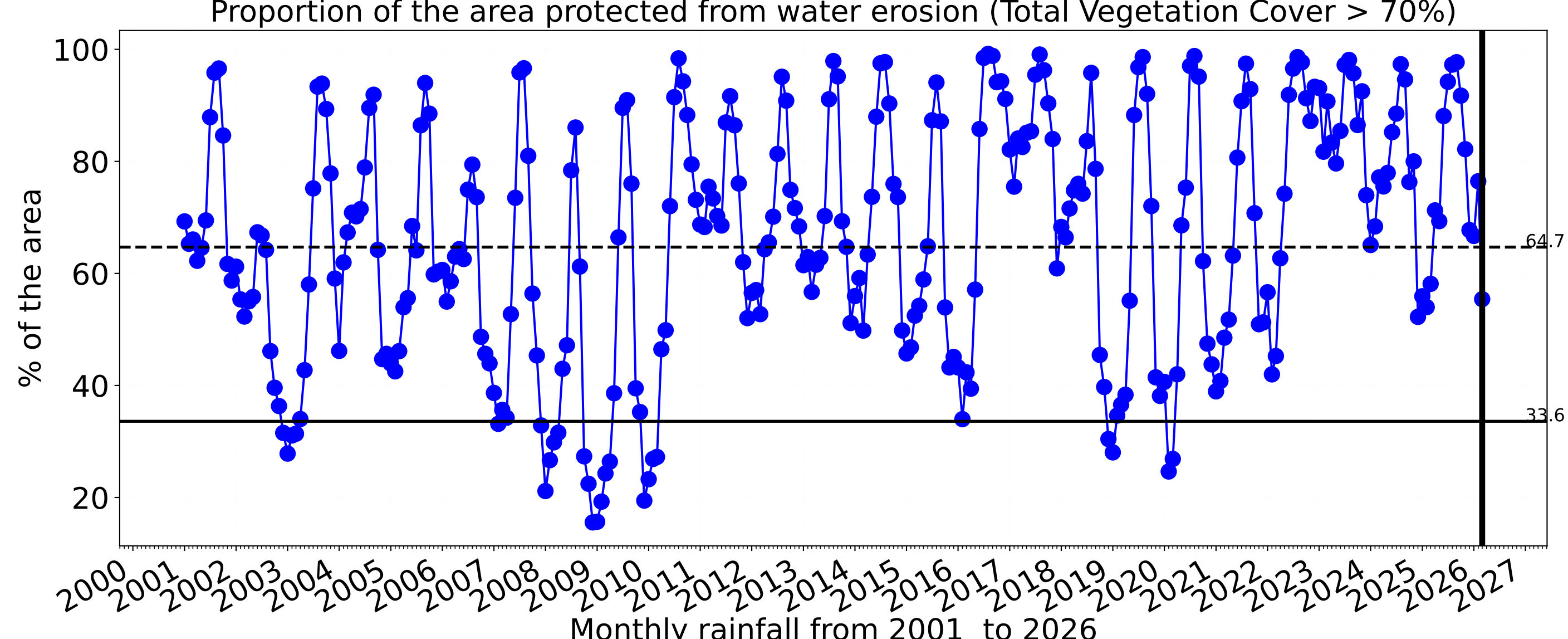
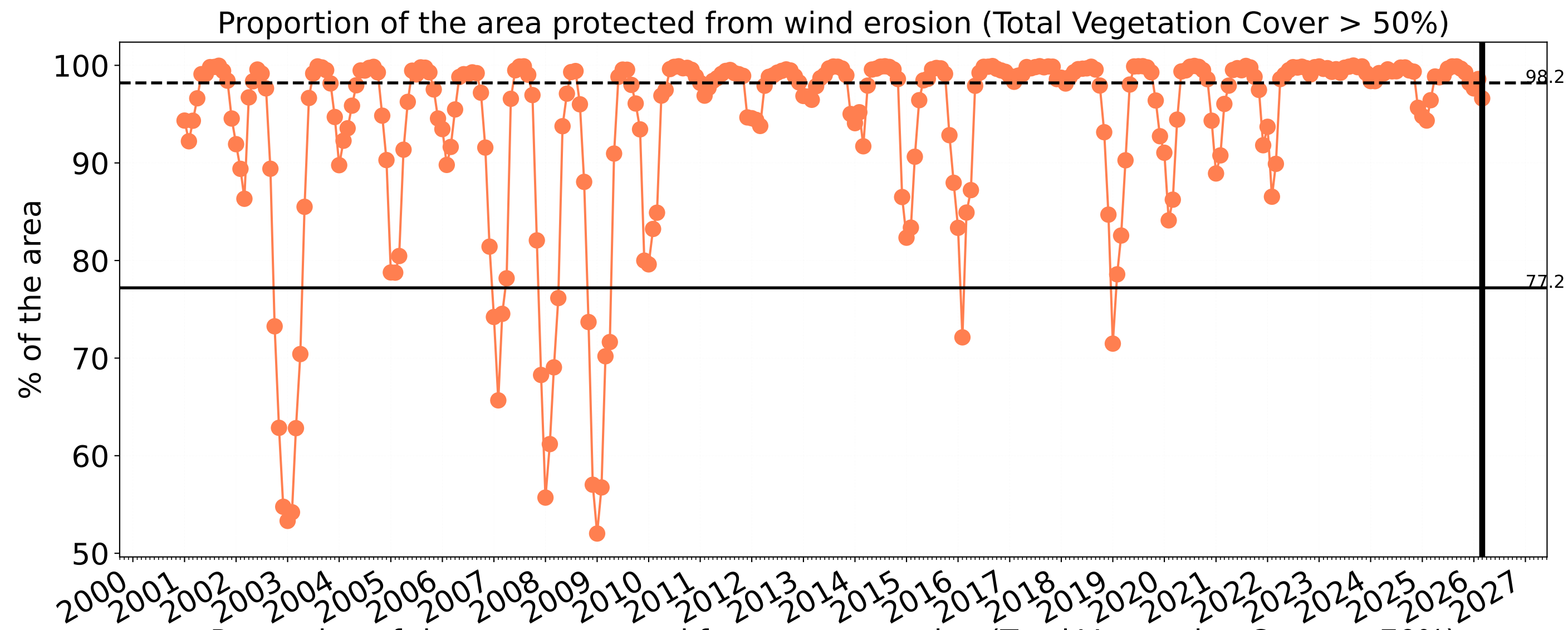
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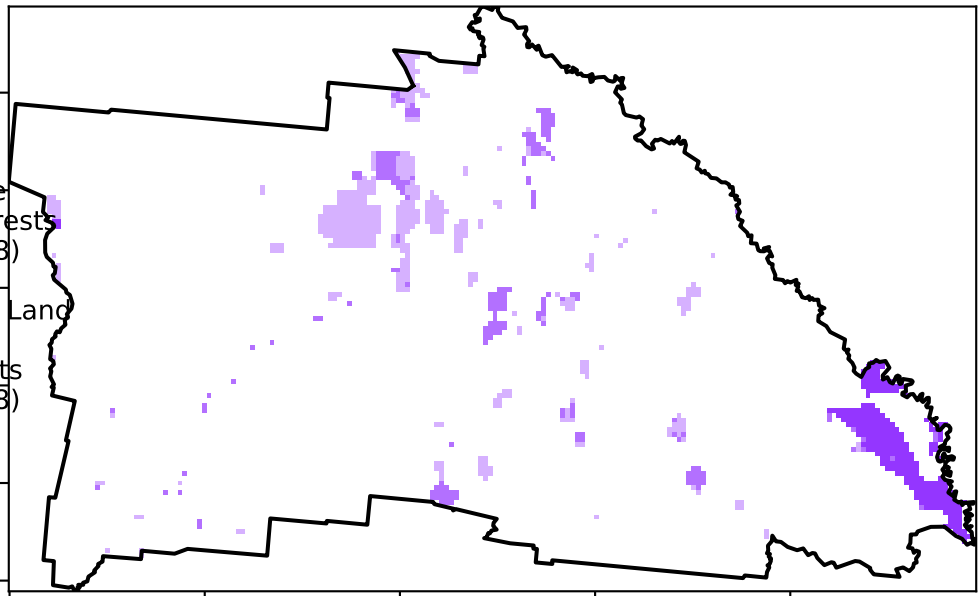




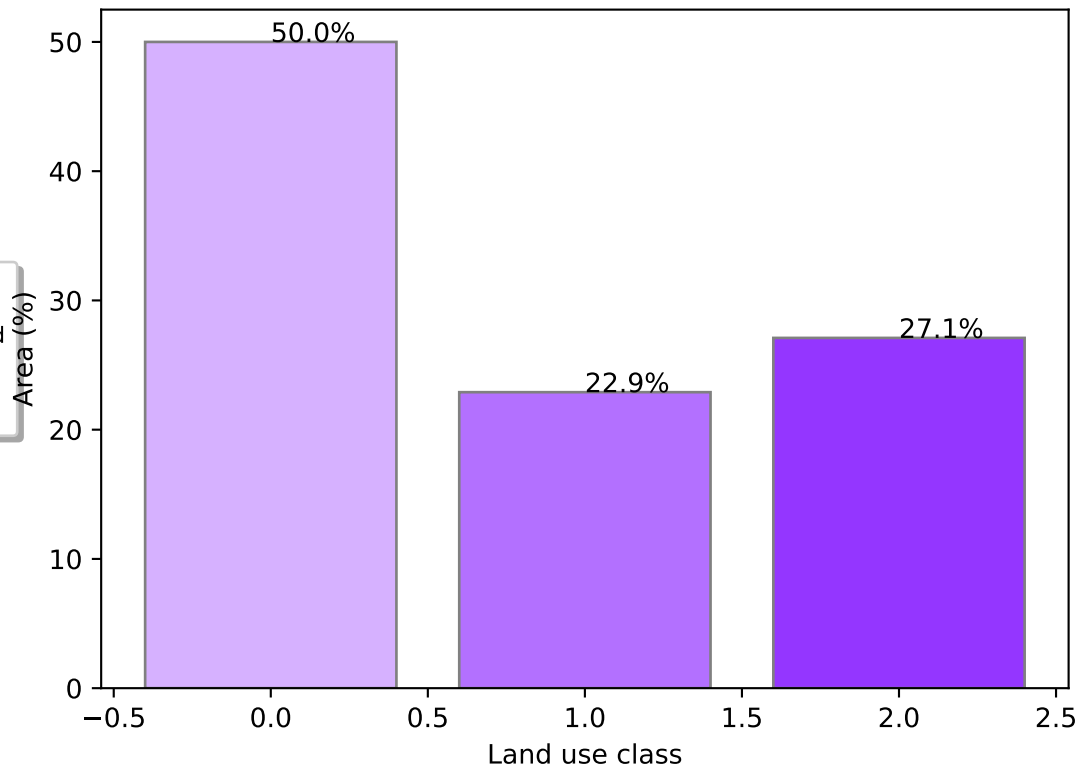
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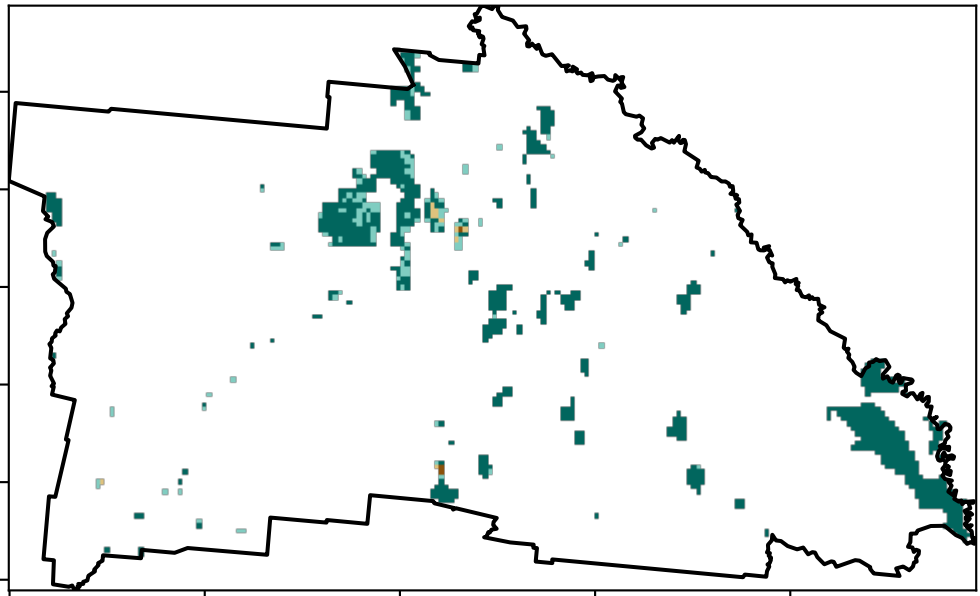
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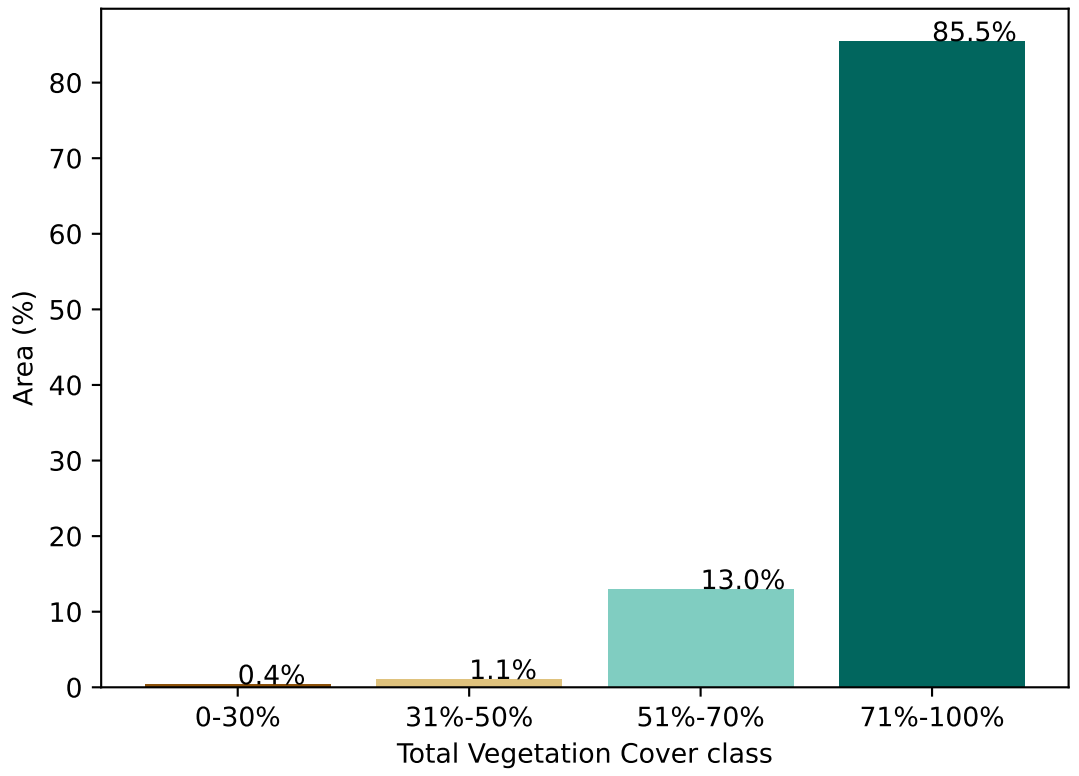
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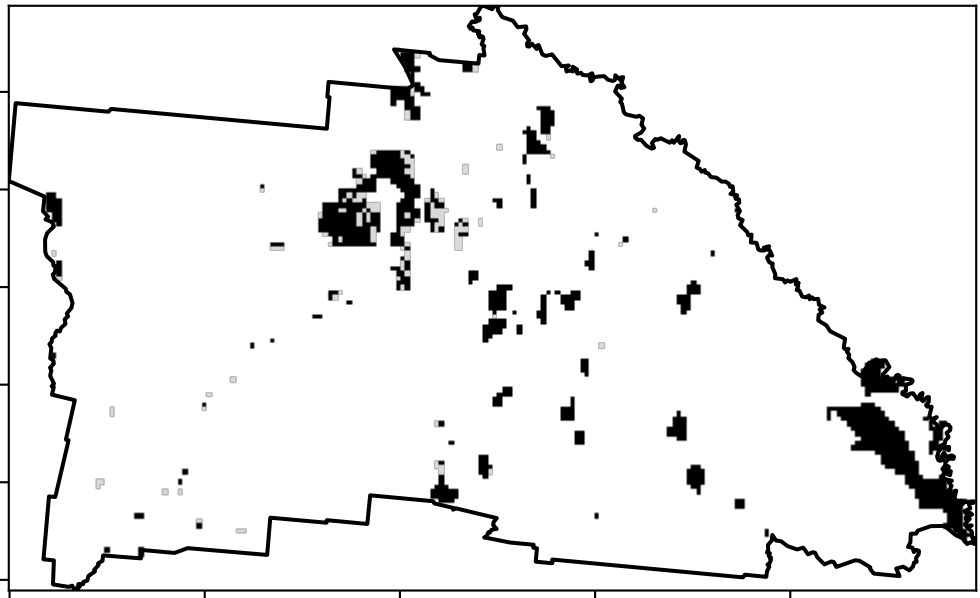
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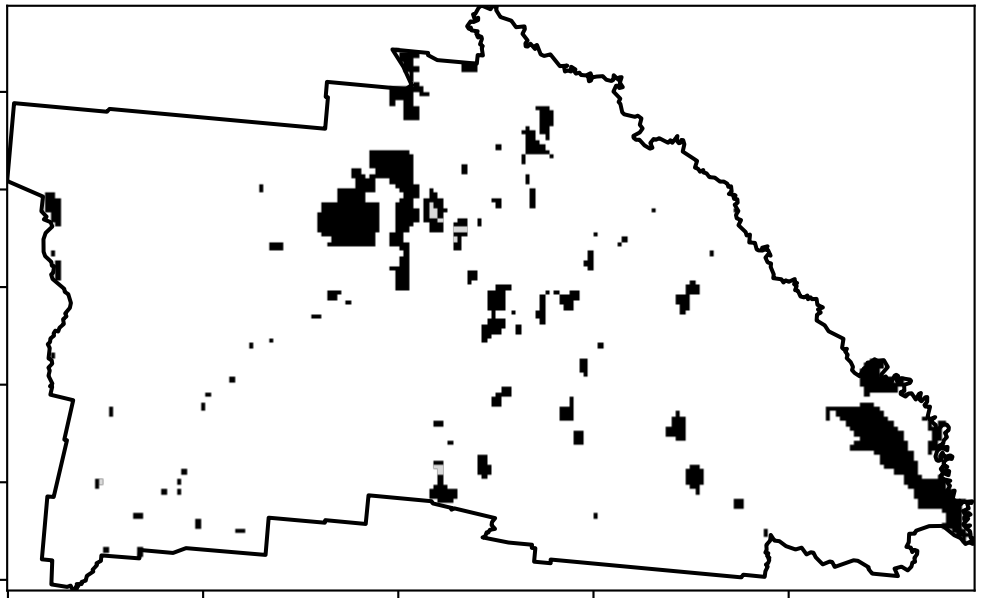
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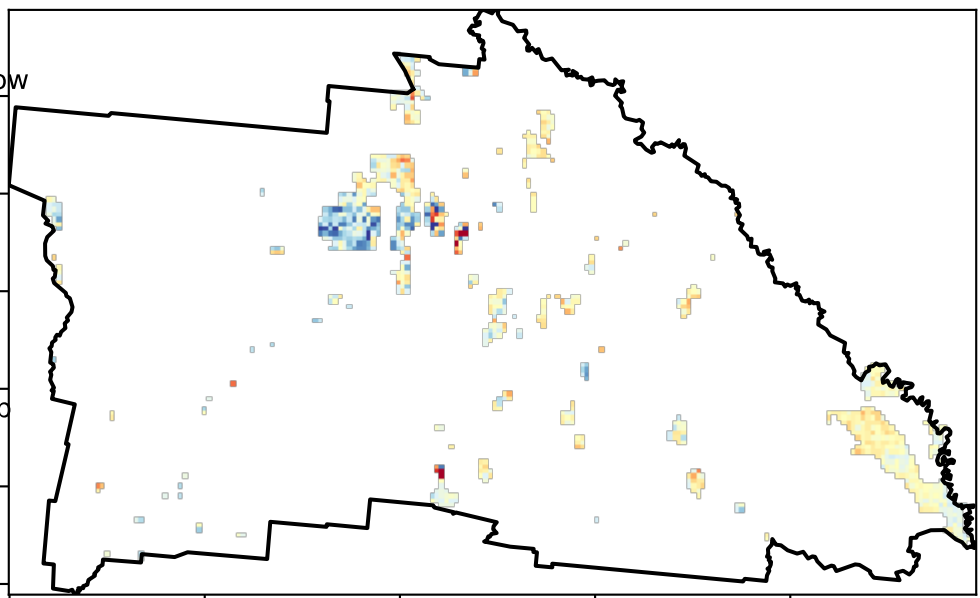


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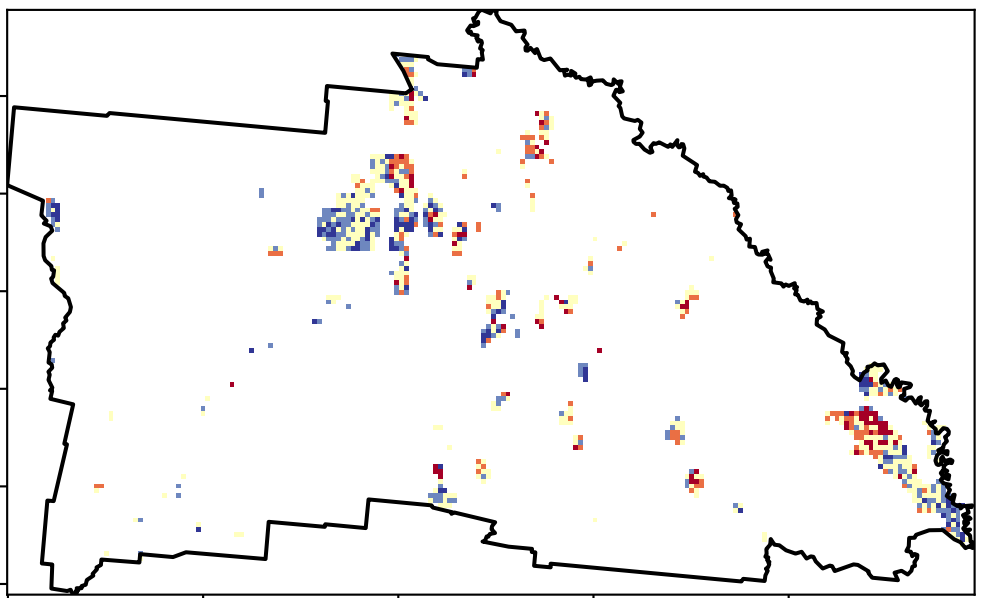
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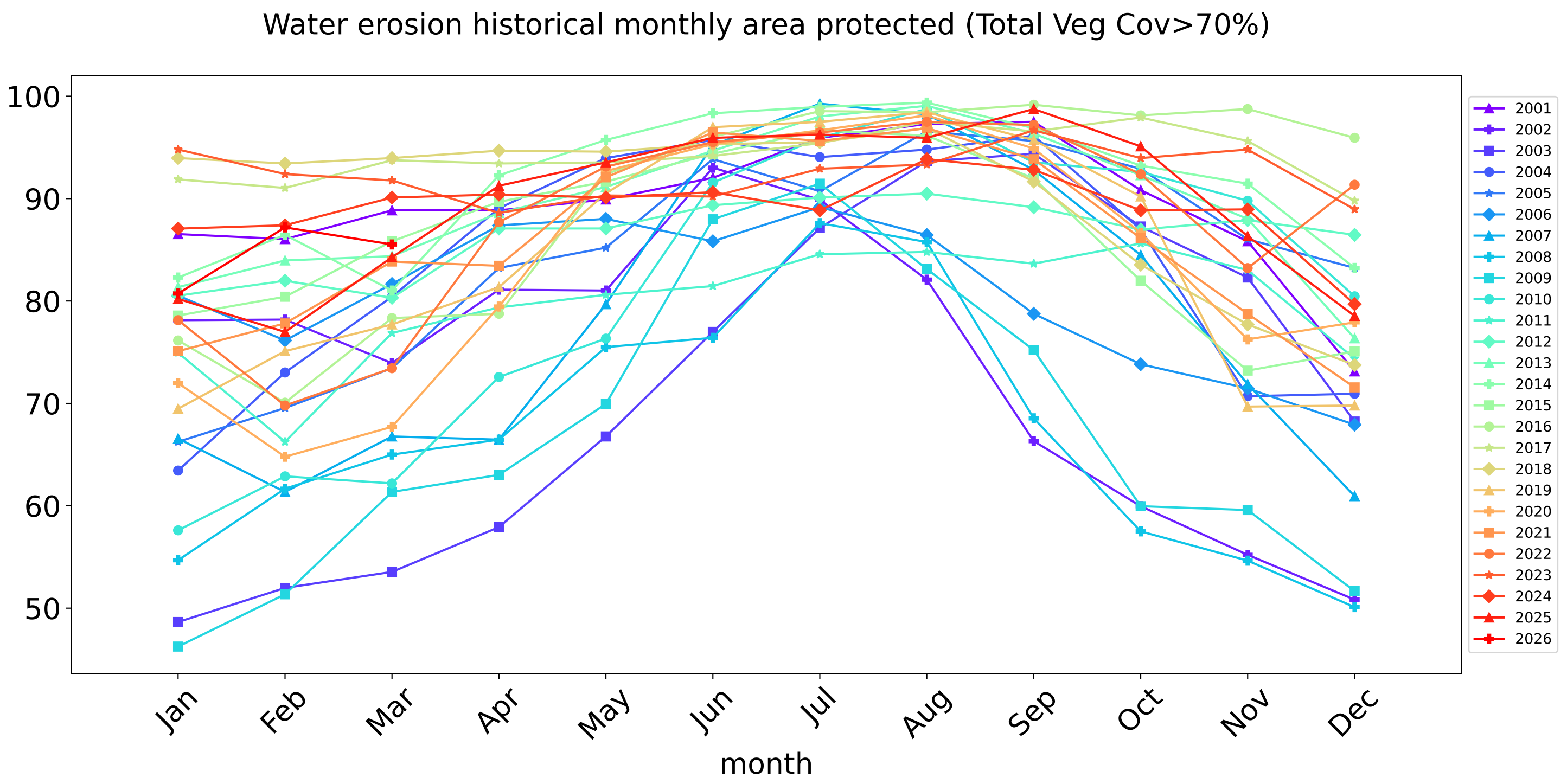
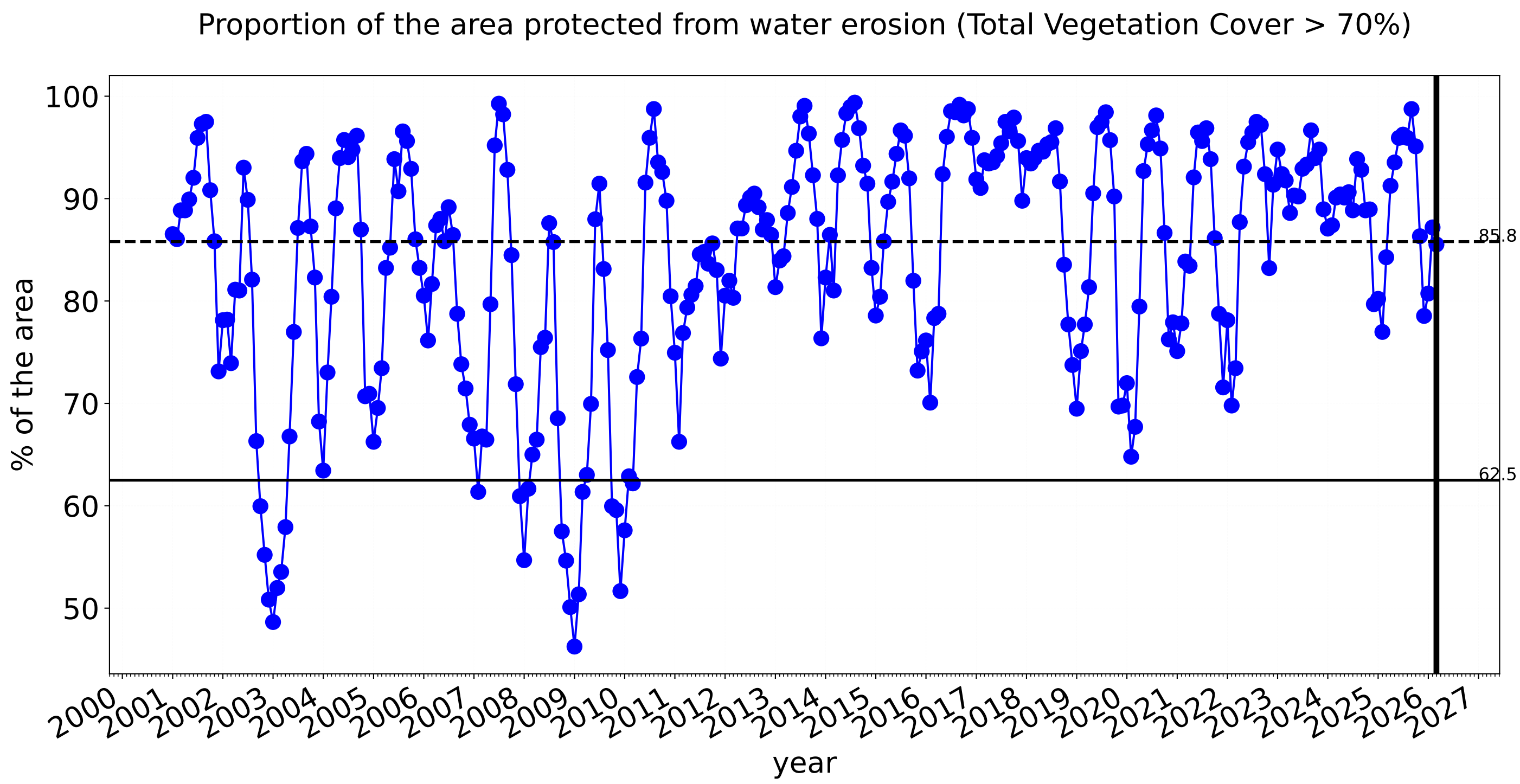
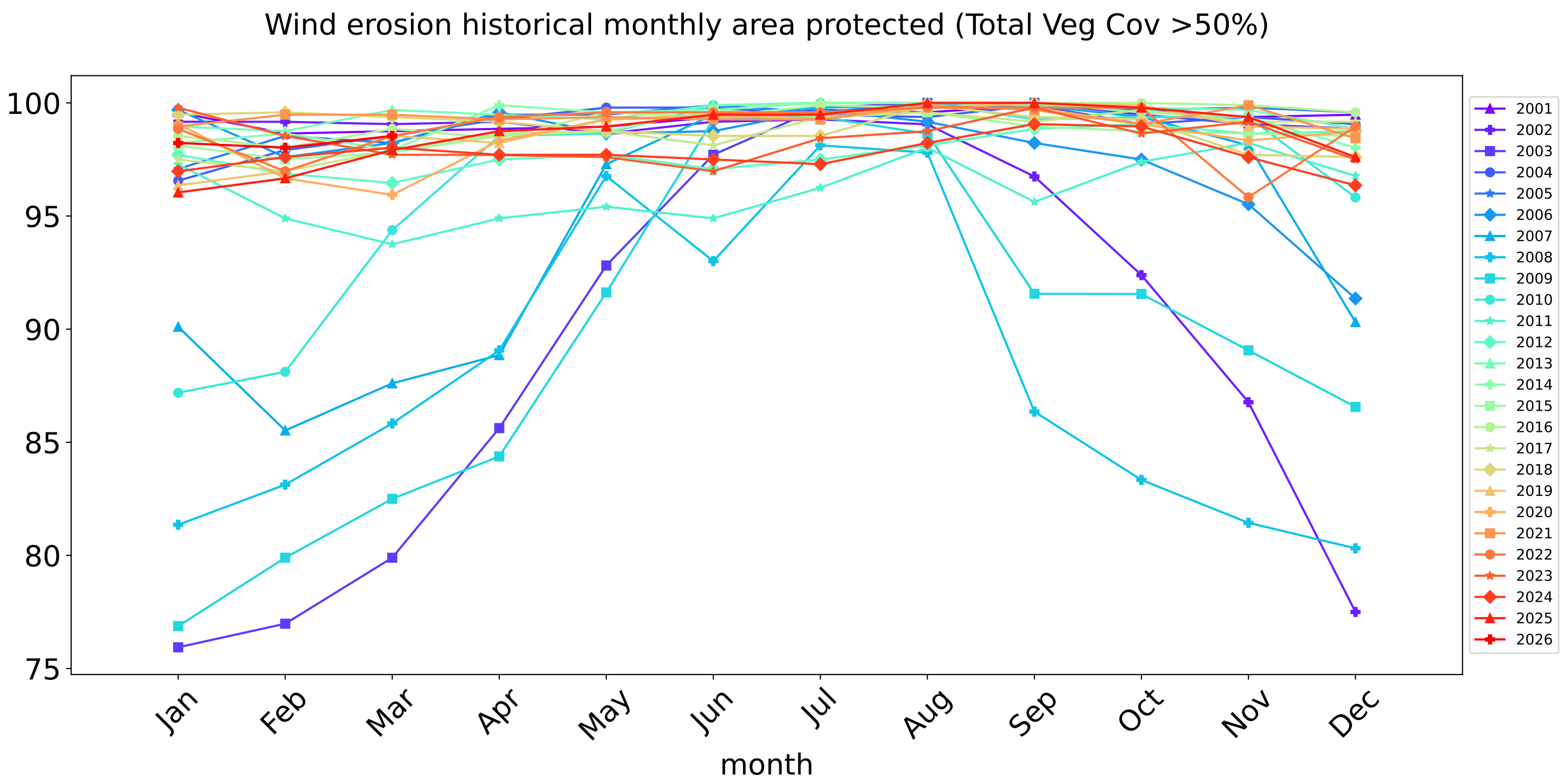
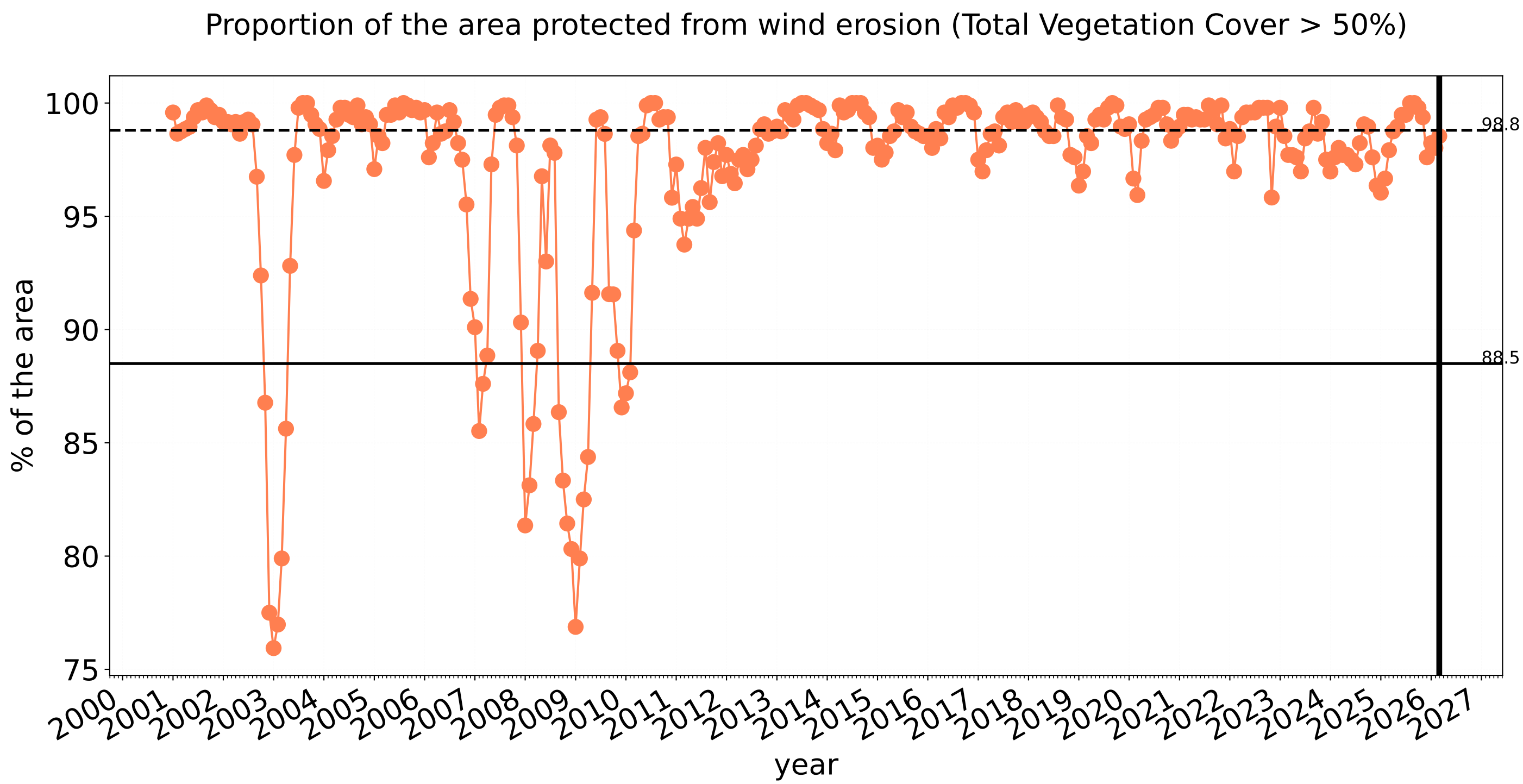


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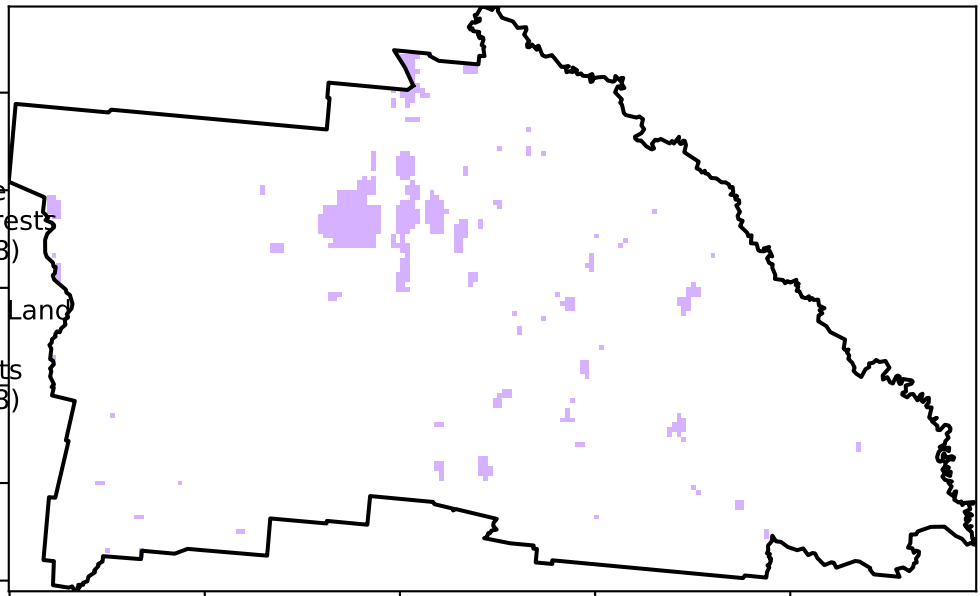




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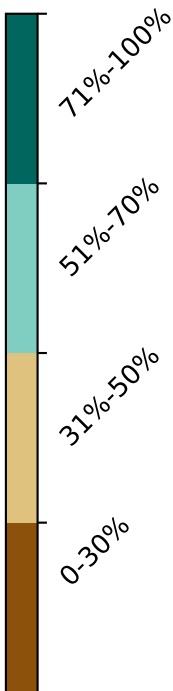
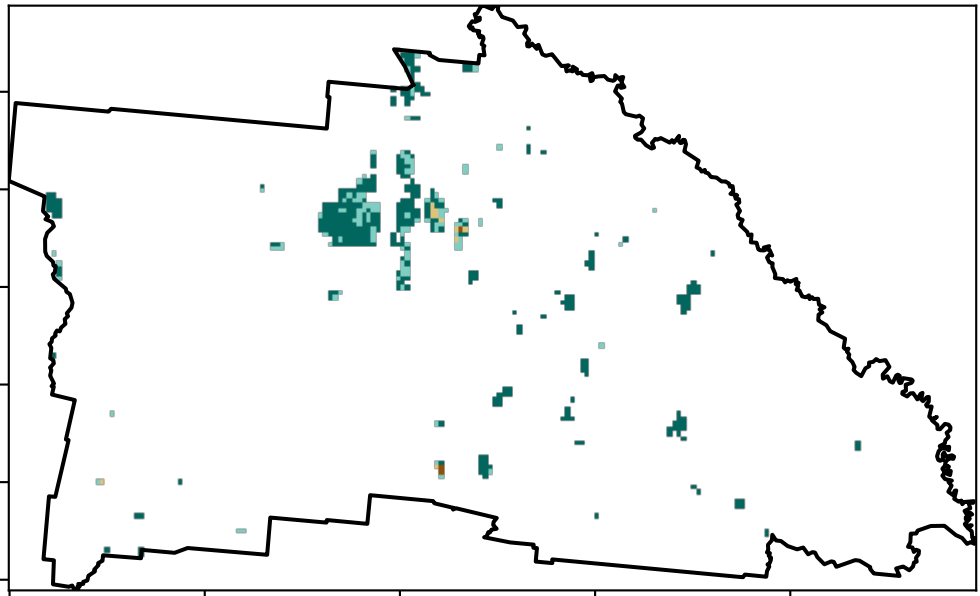
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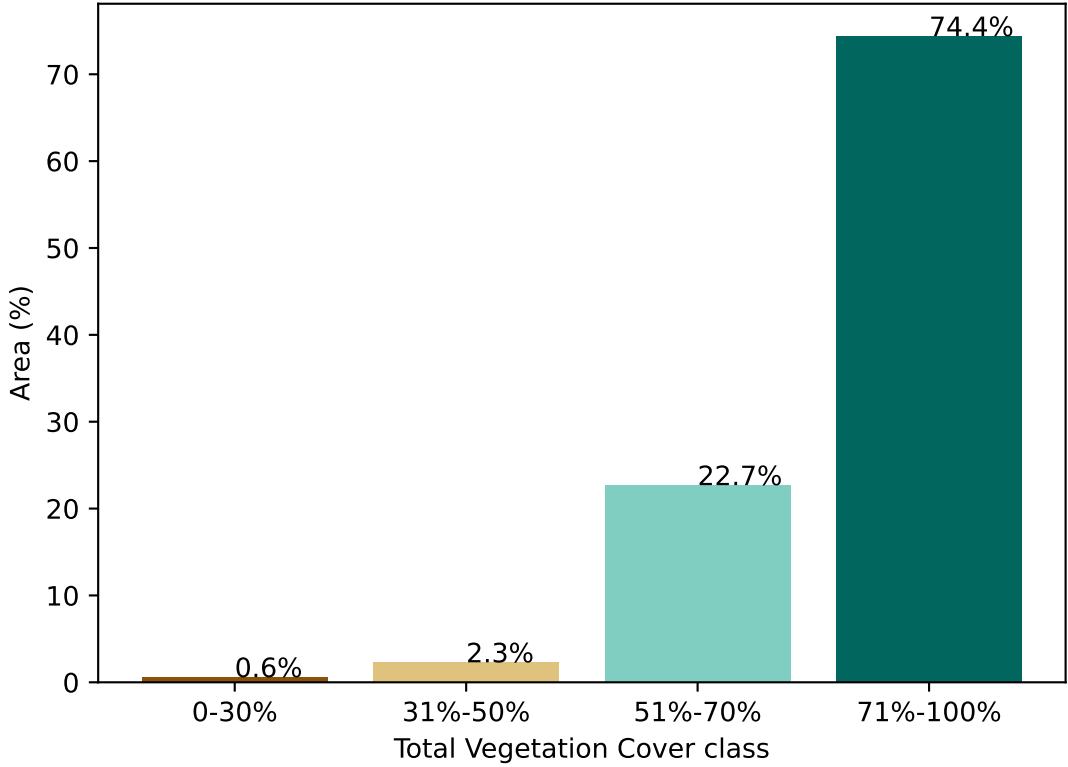


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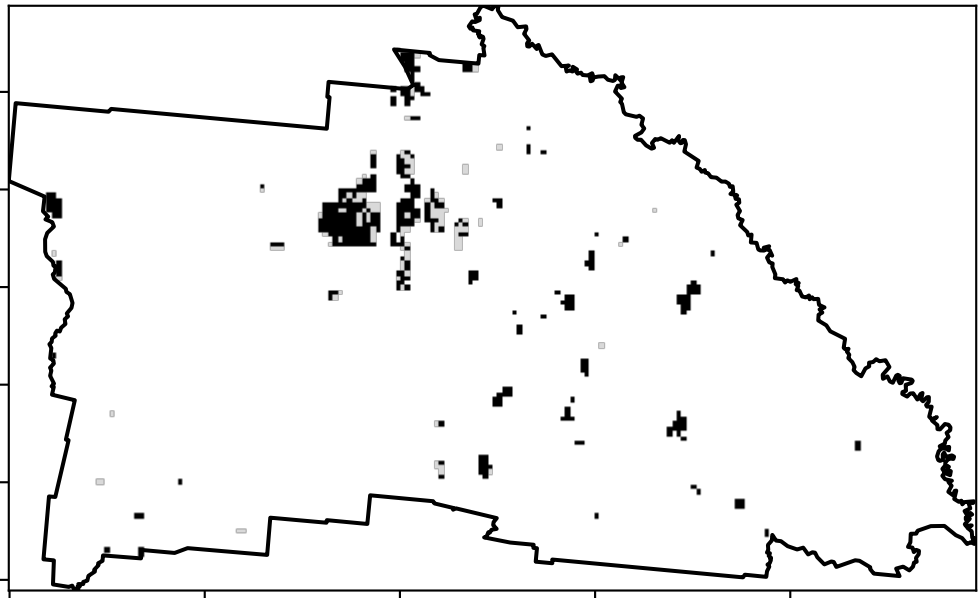
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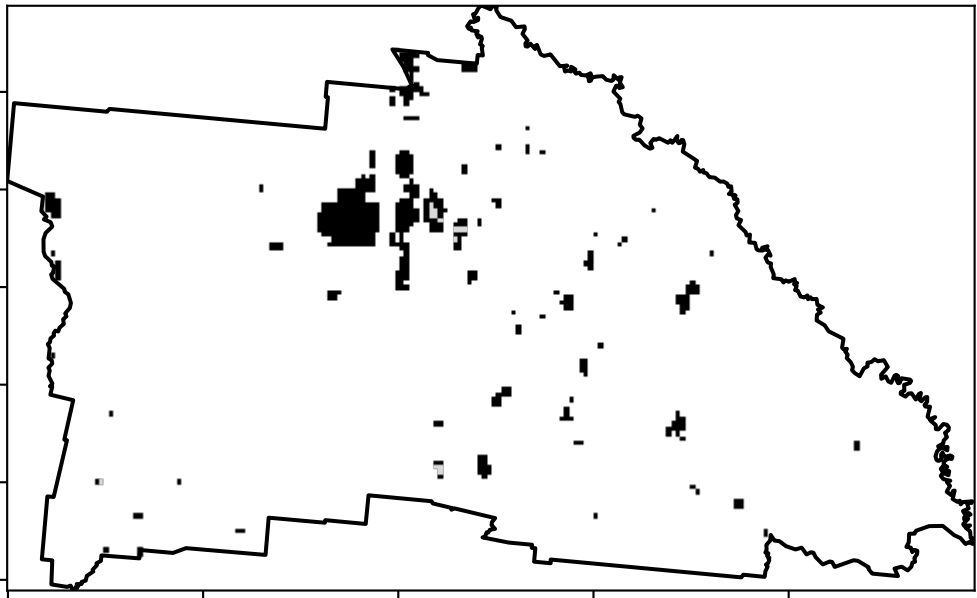


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
25.6% of region
(3,072 ha)
Area protected
74.4% of region
(8,928 ha)

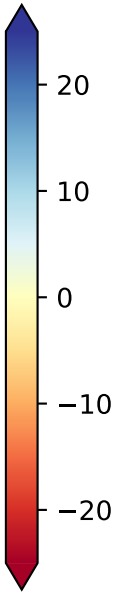
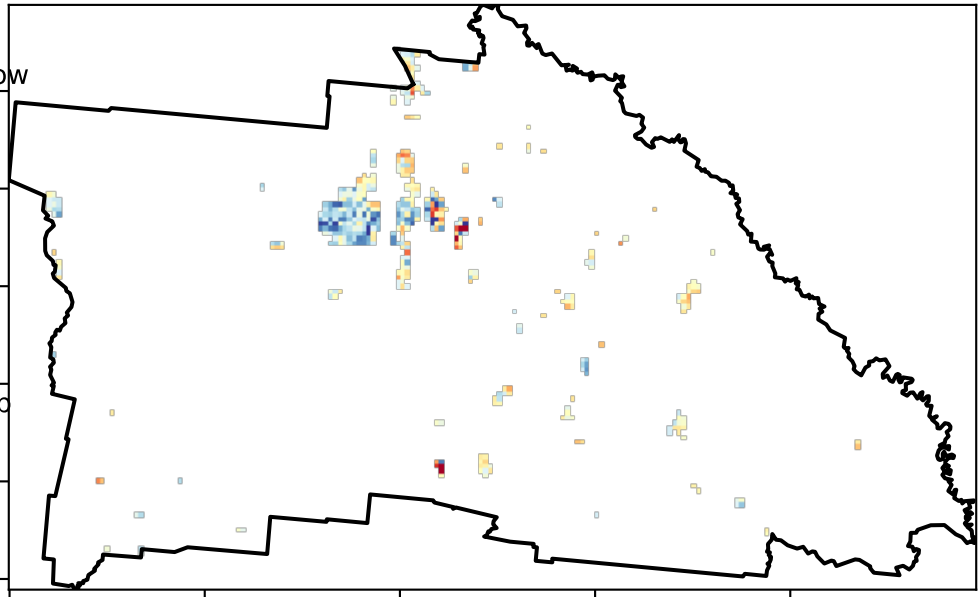
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
3.0% of region
(360 ha)
Area protected
97.0% of region
(11,640 ha)

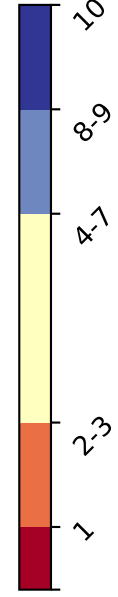
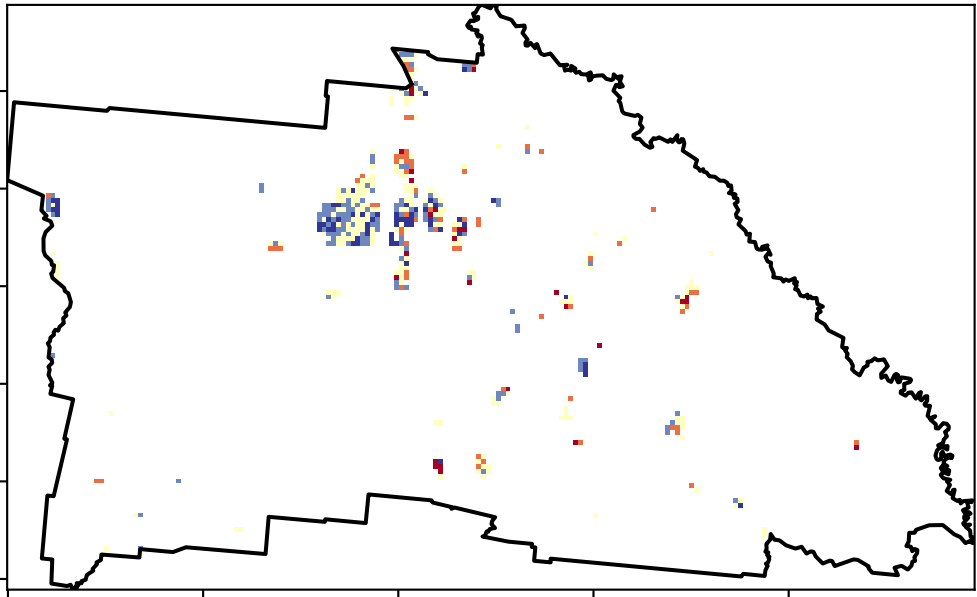
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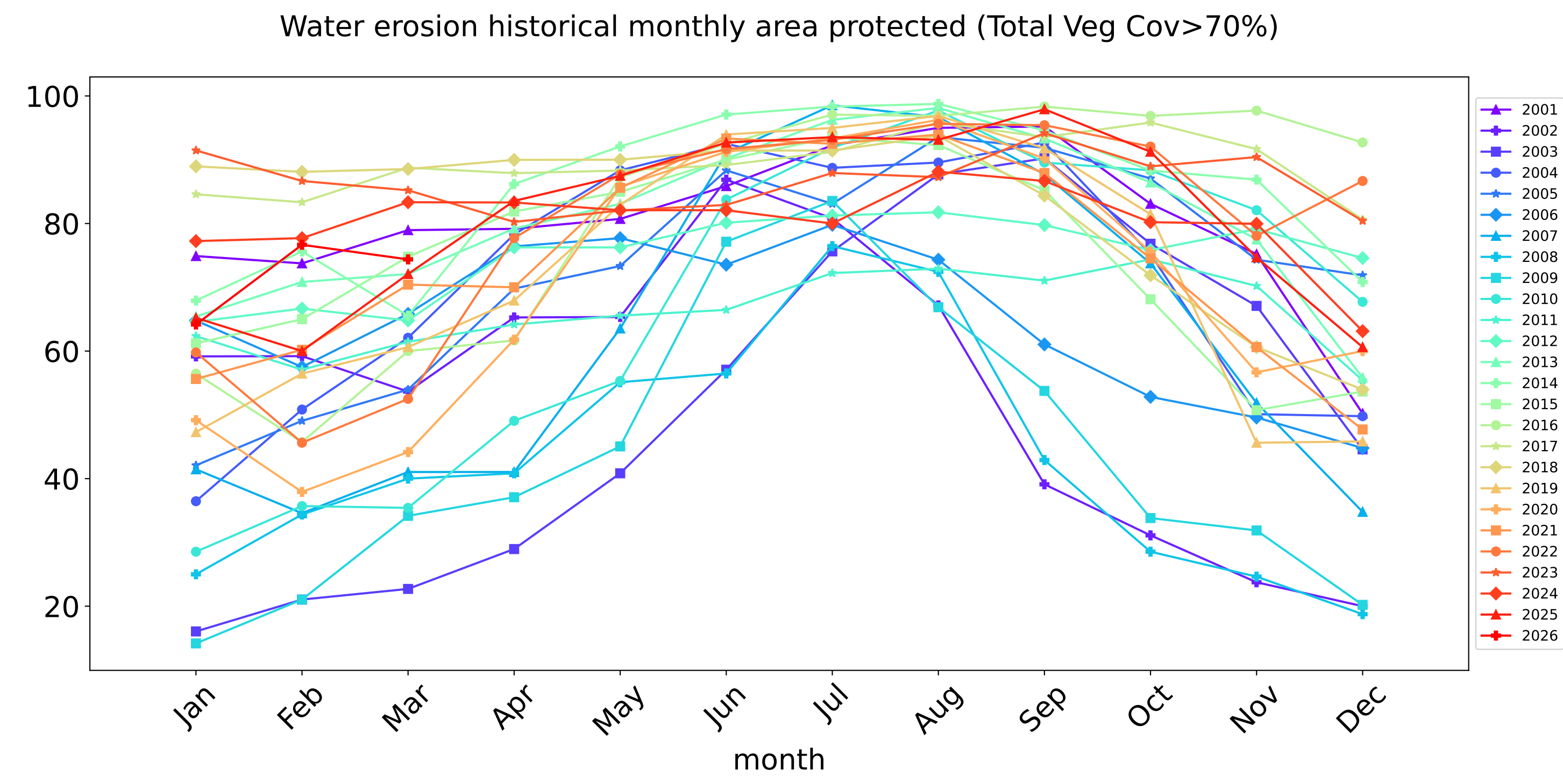
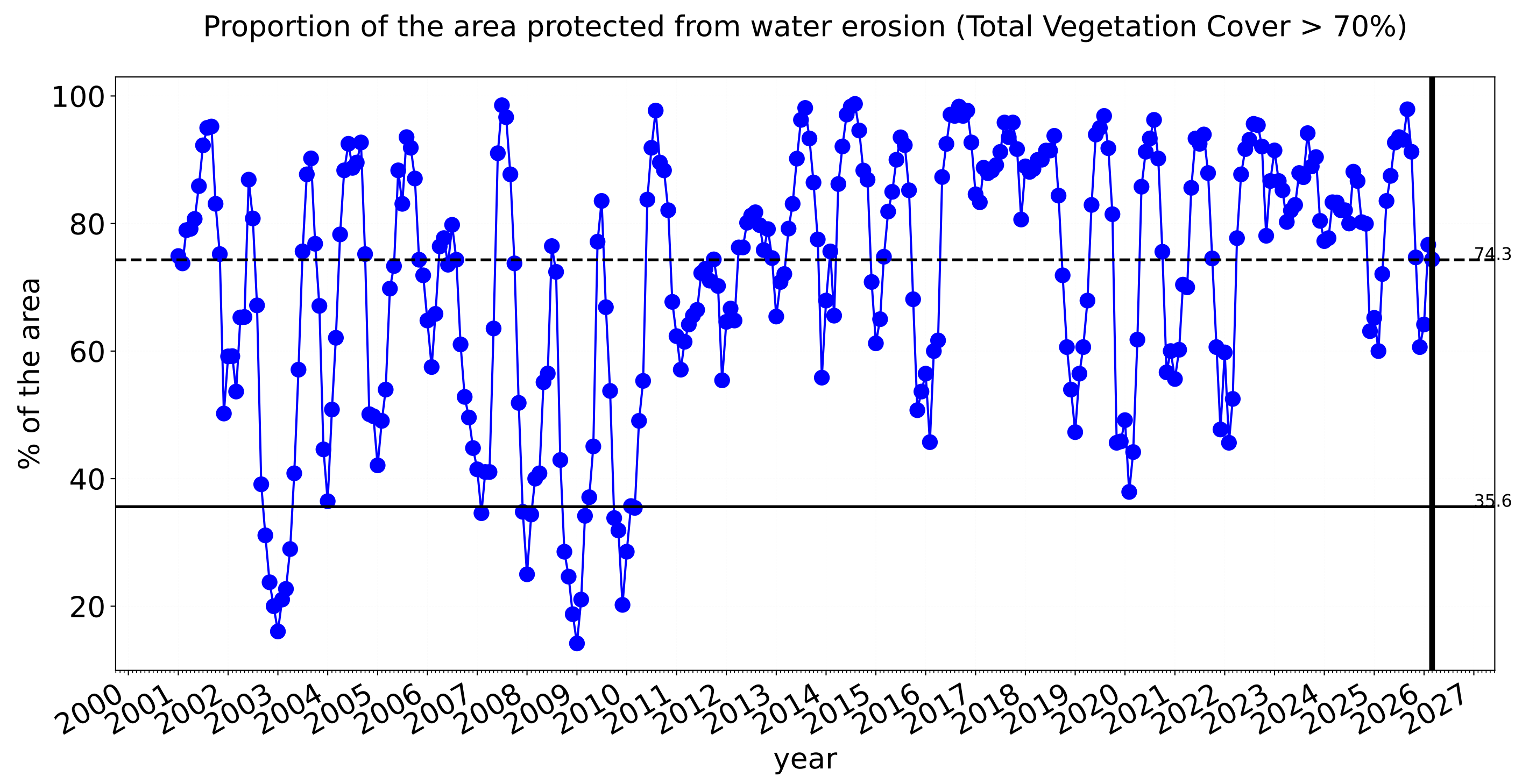
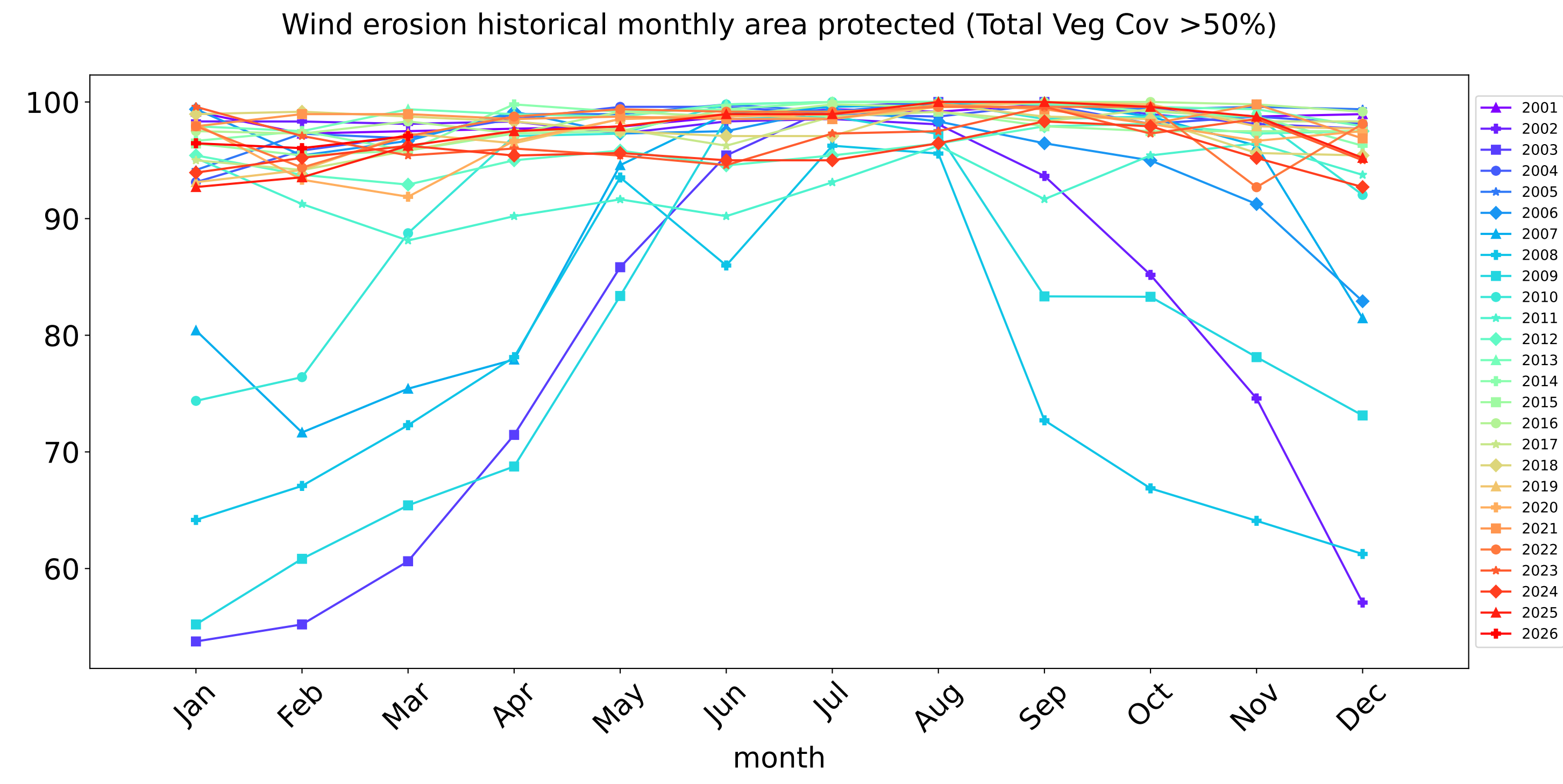
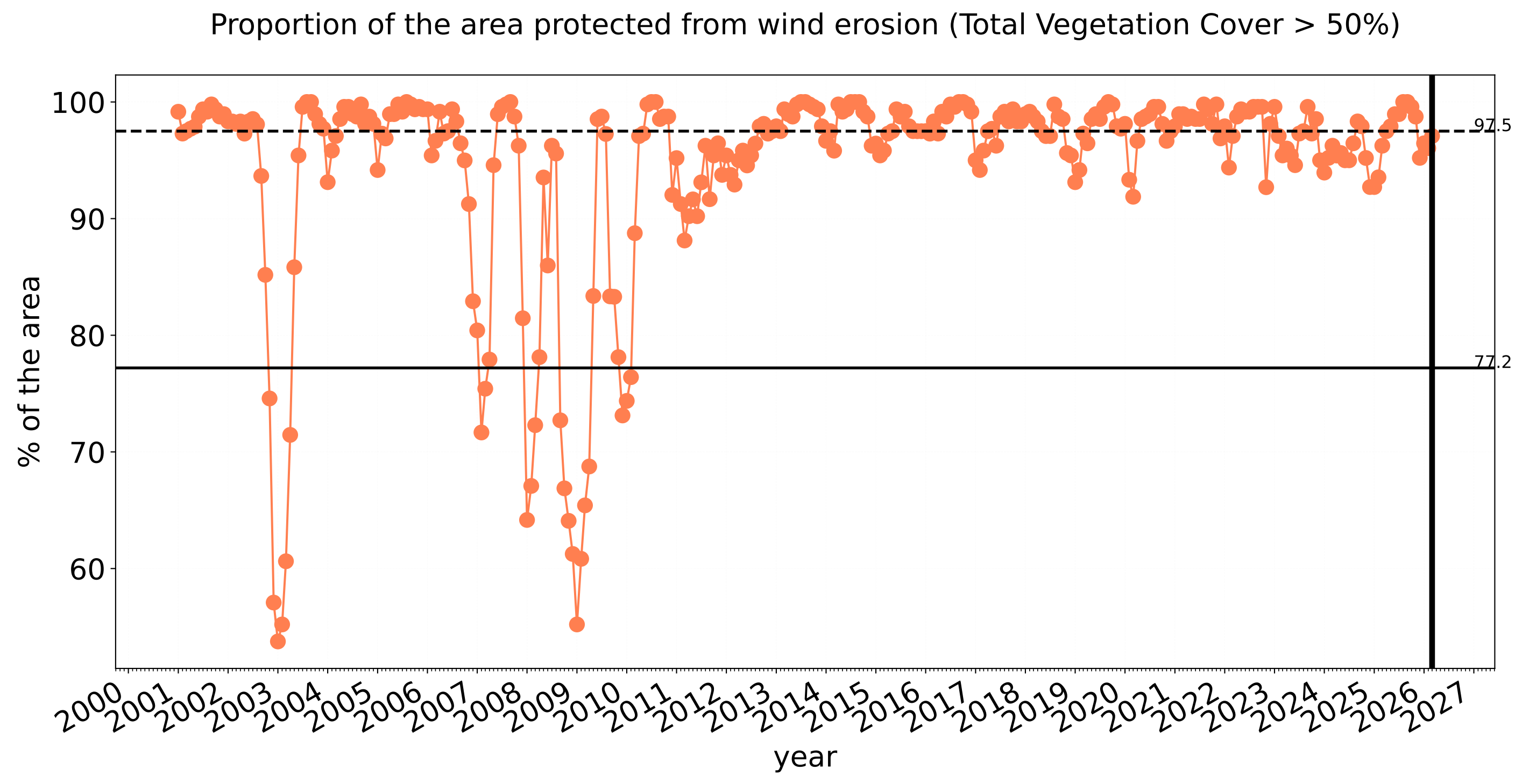


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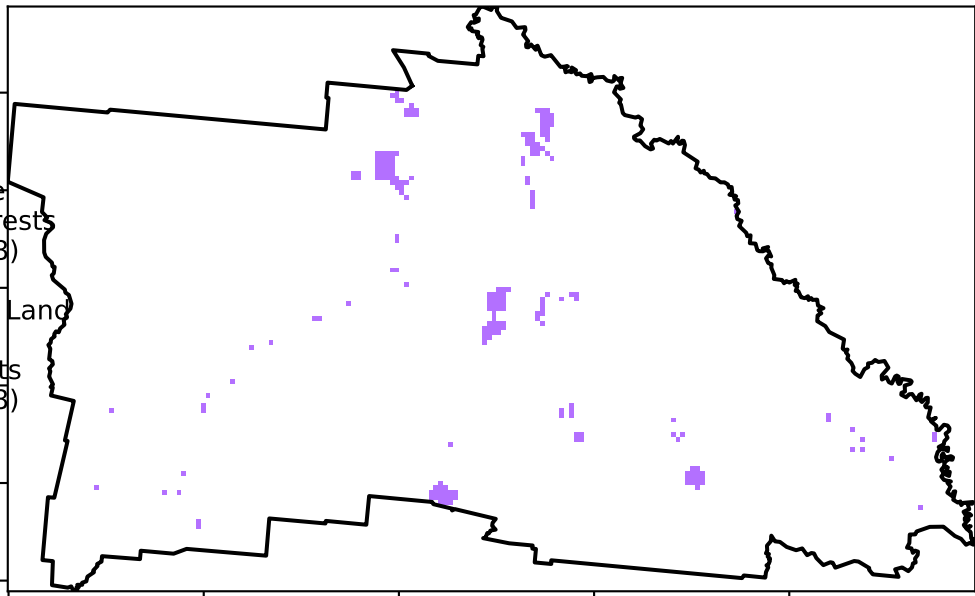
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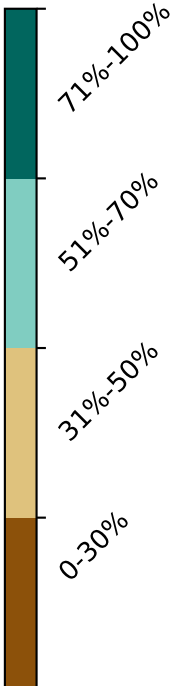
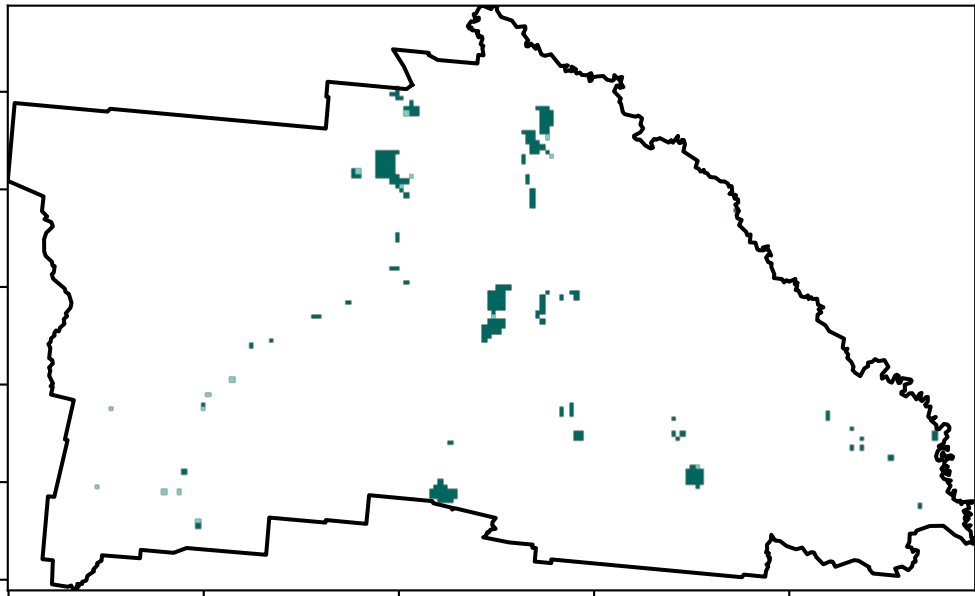
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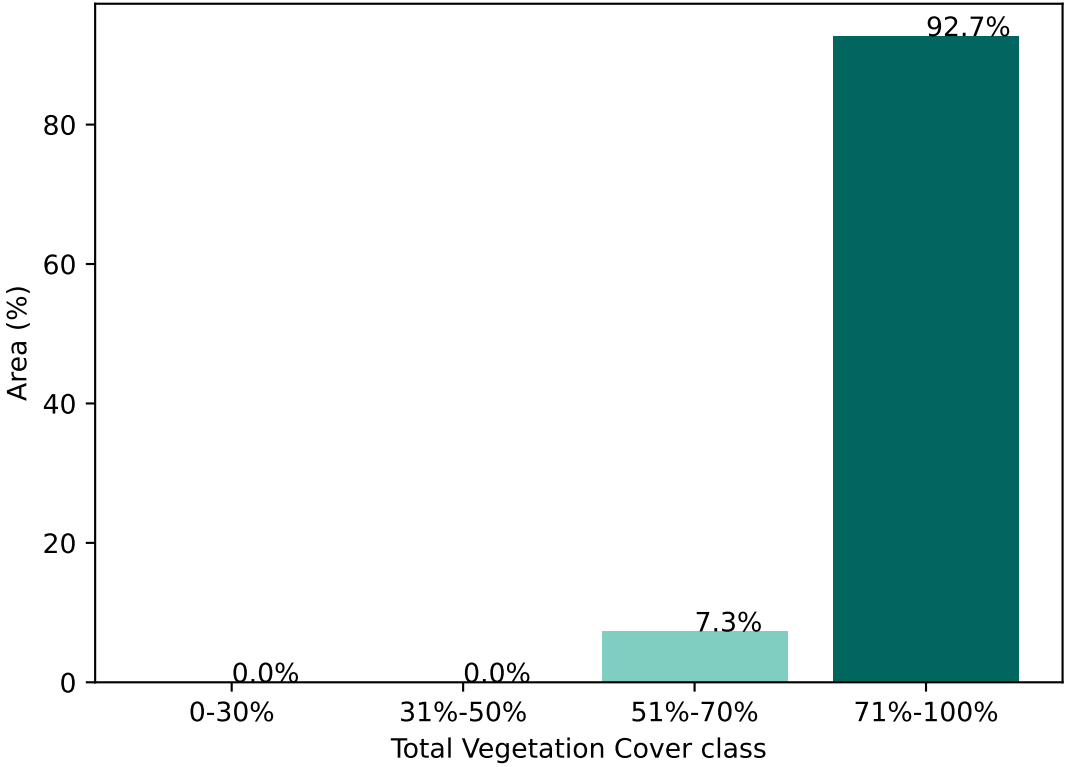


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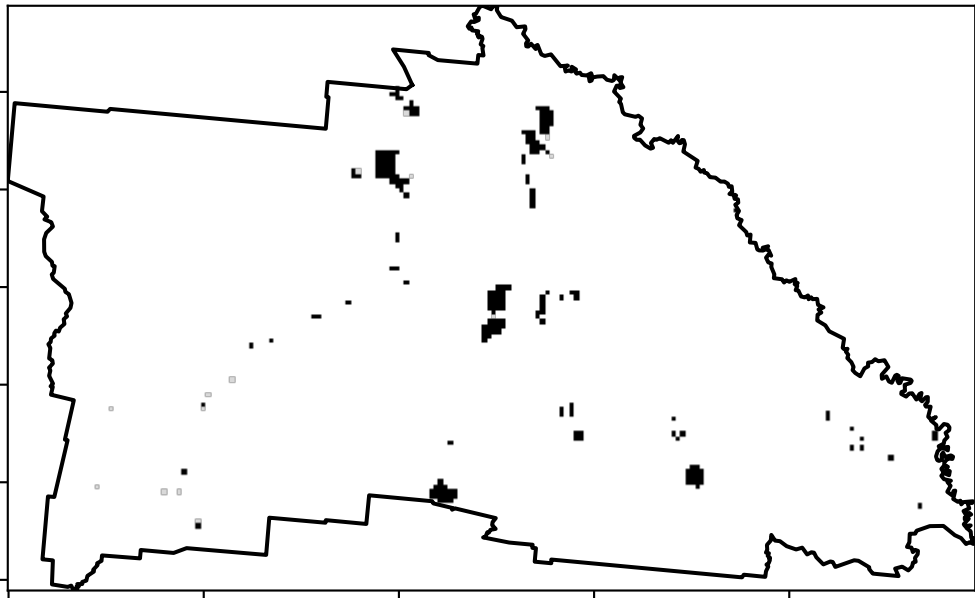
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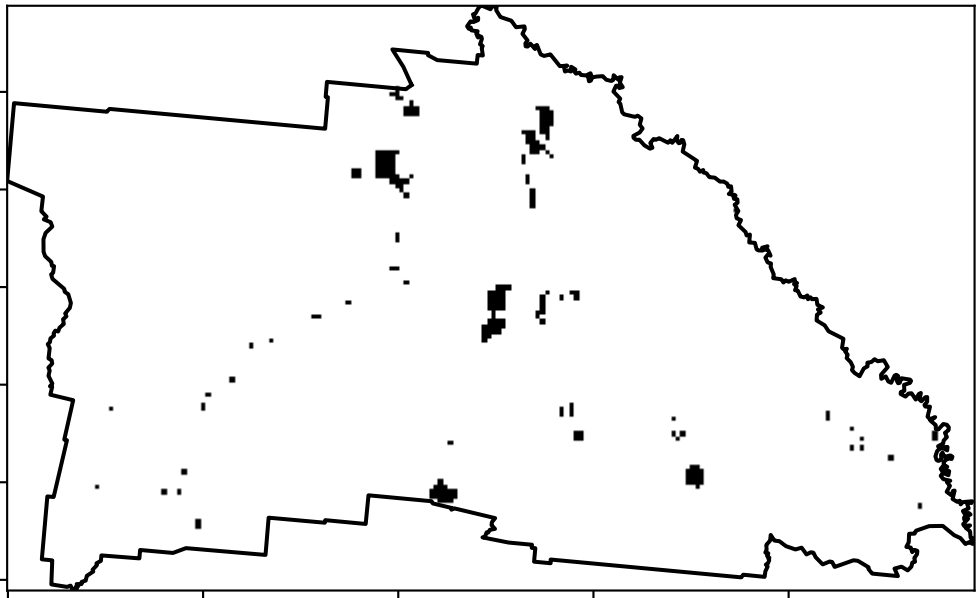


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
7.3% of region
(401 ha)
Area protected
92.7% of region
(5,098 ha)

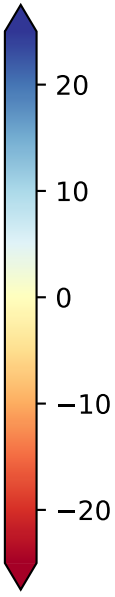
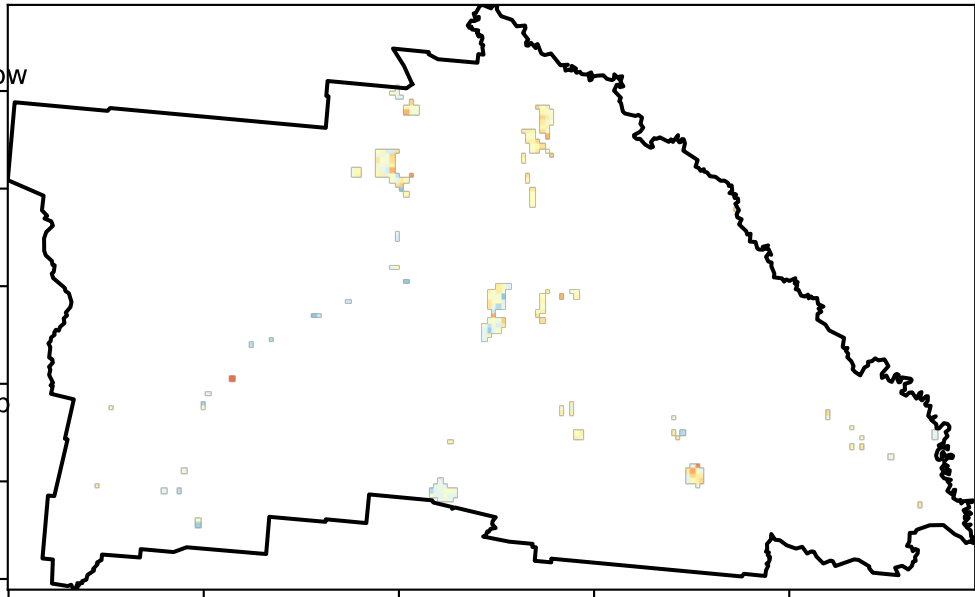
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Area protected
100.0% of region
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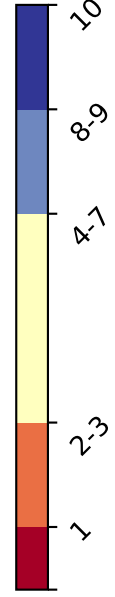
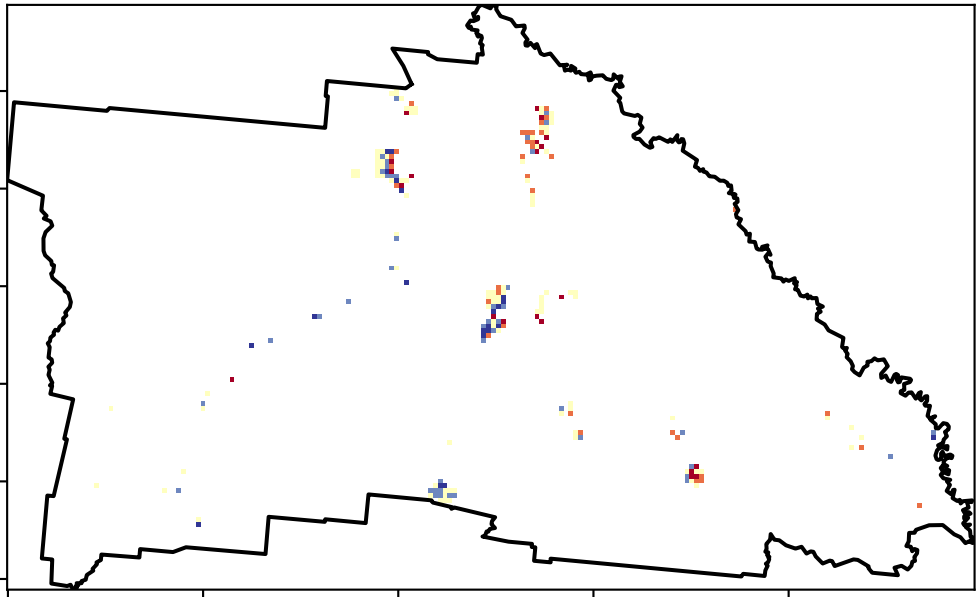
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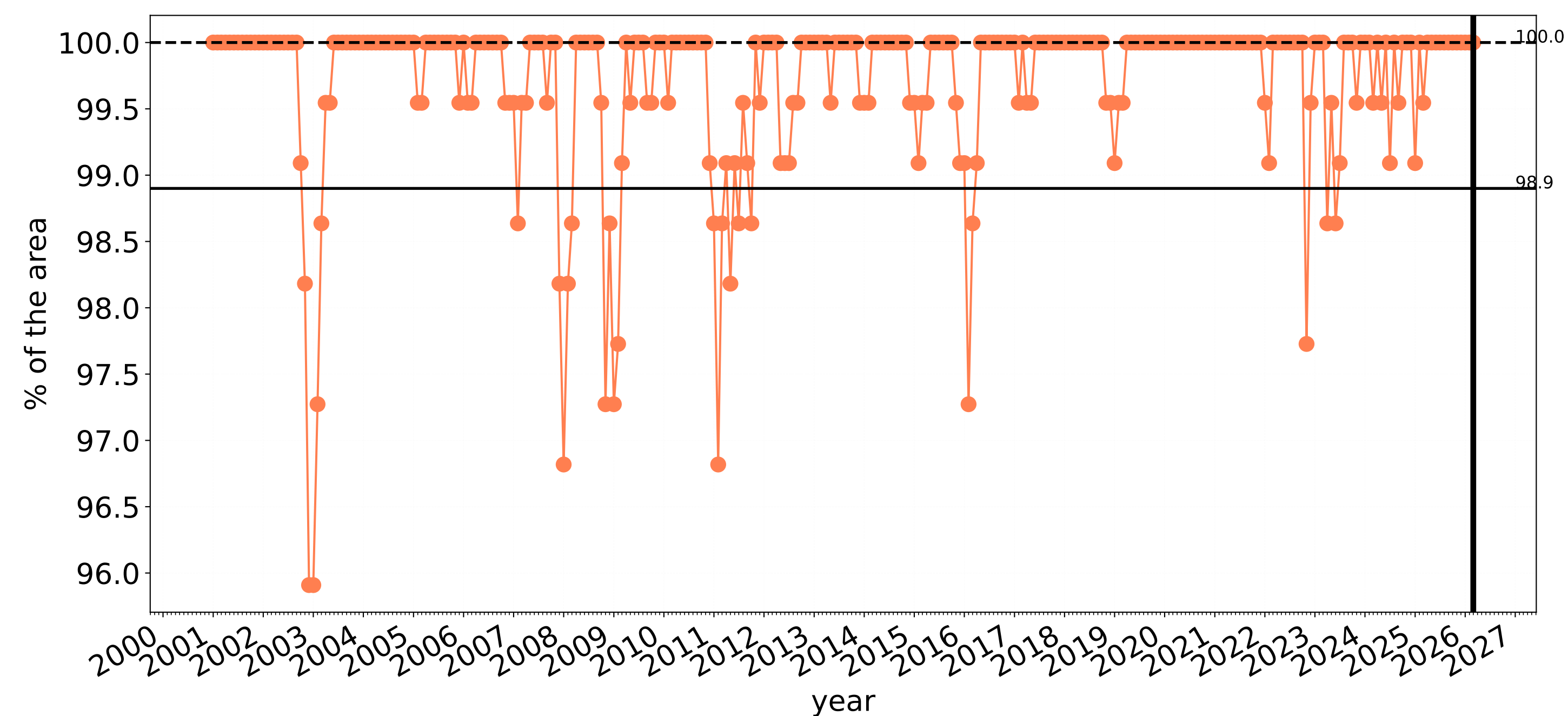


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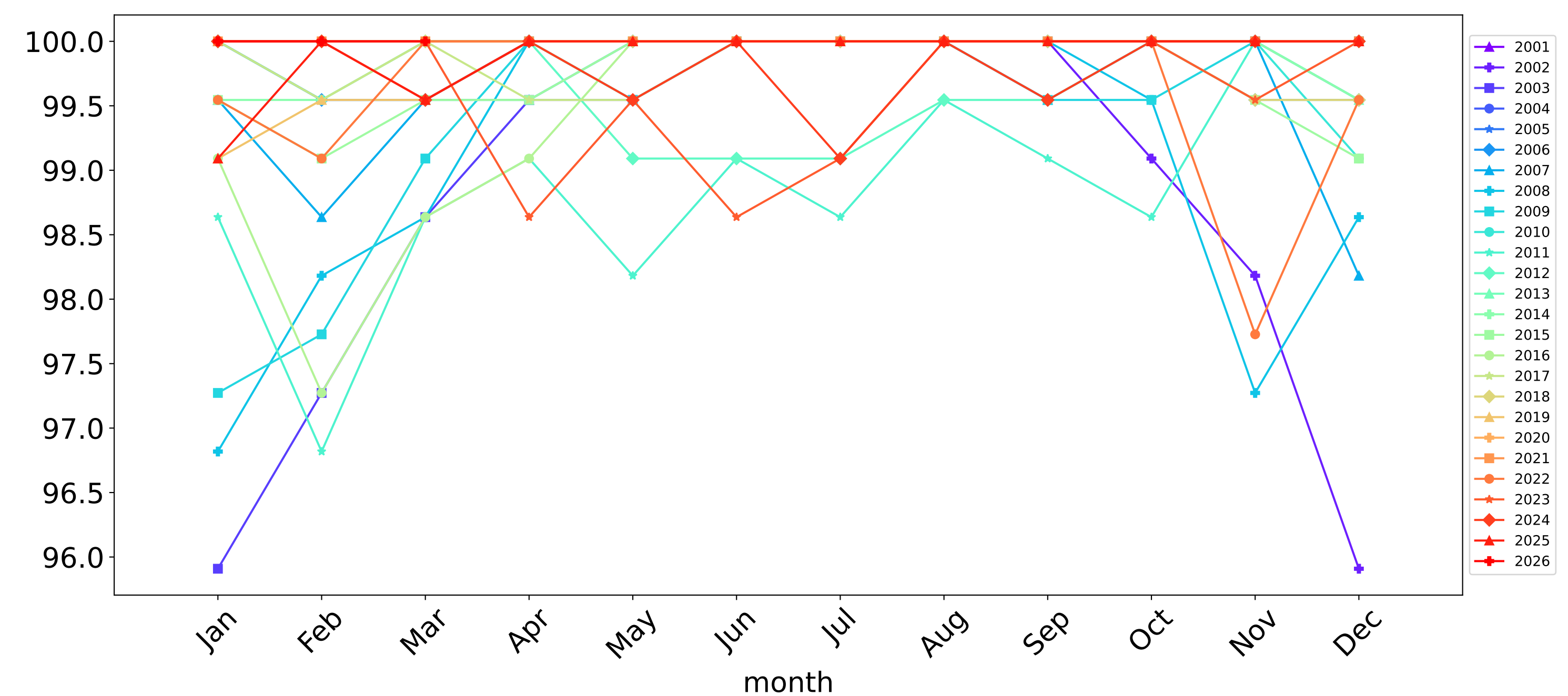


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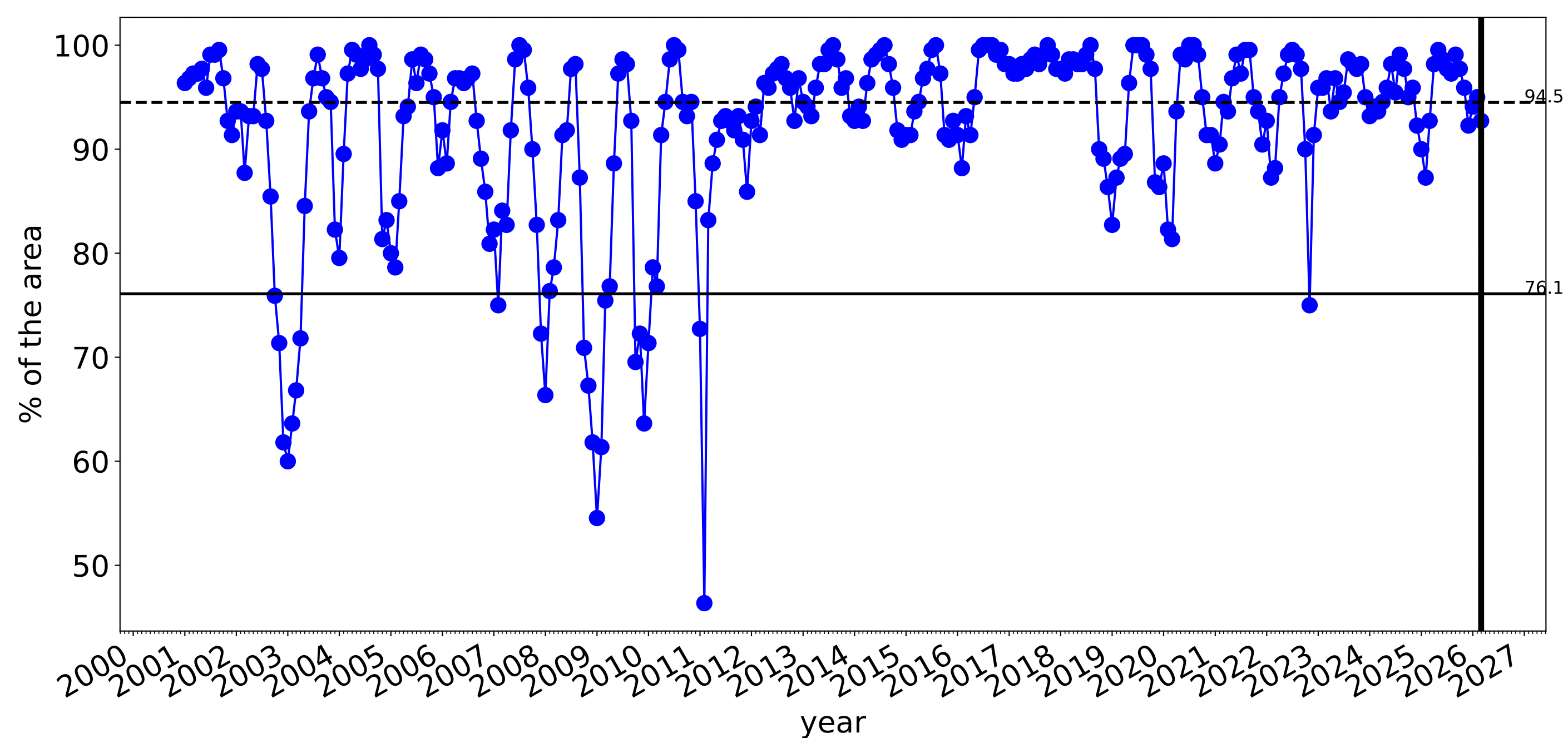
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



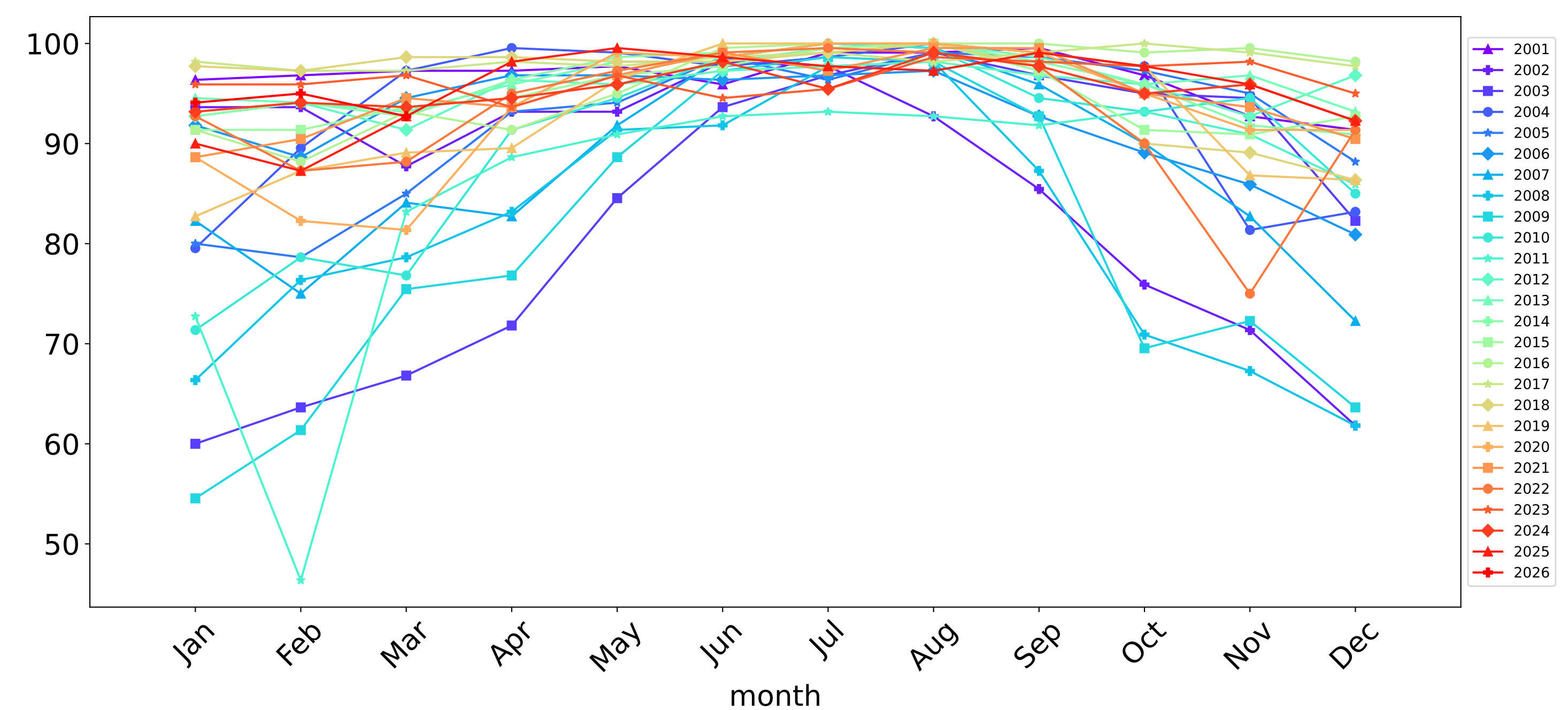
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



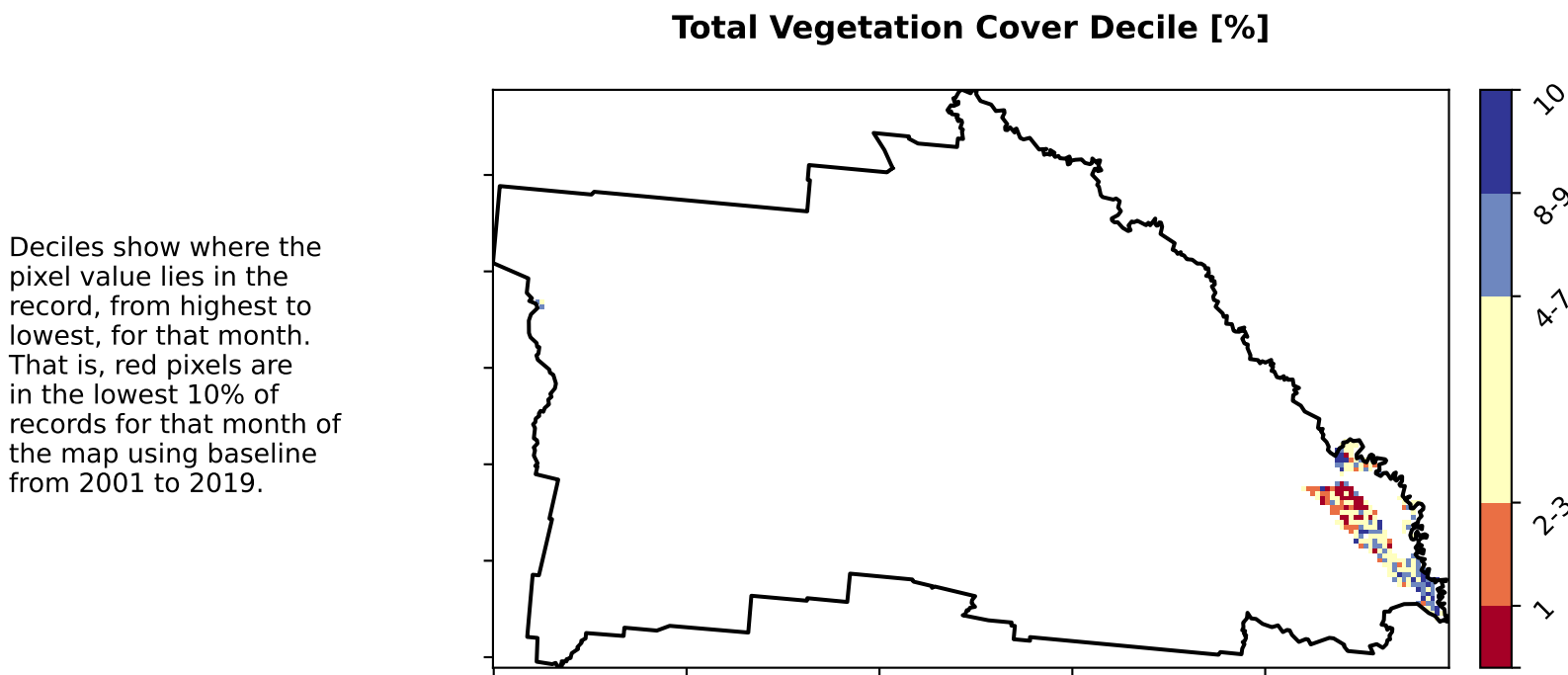
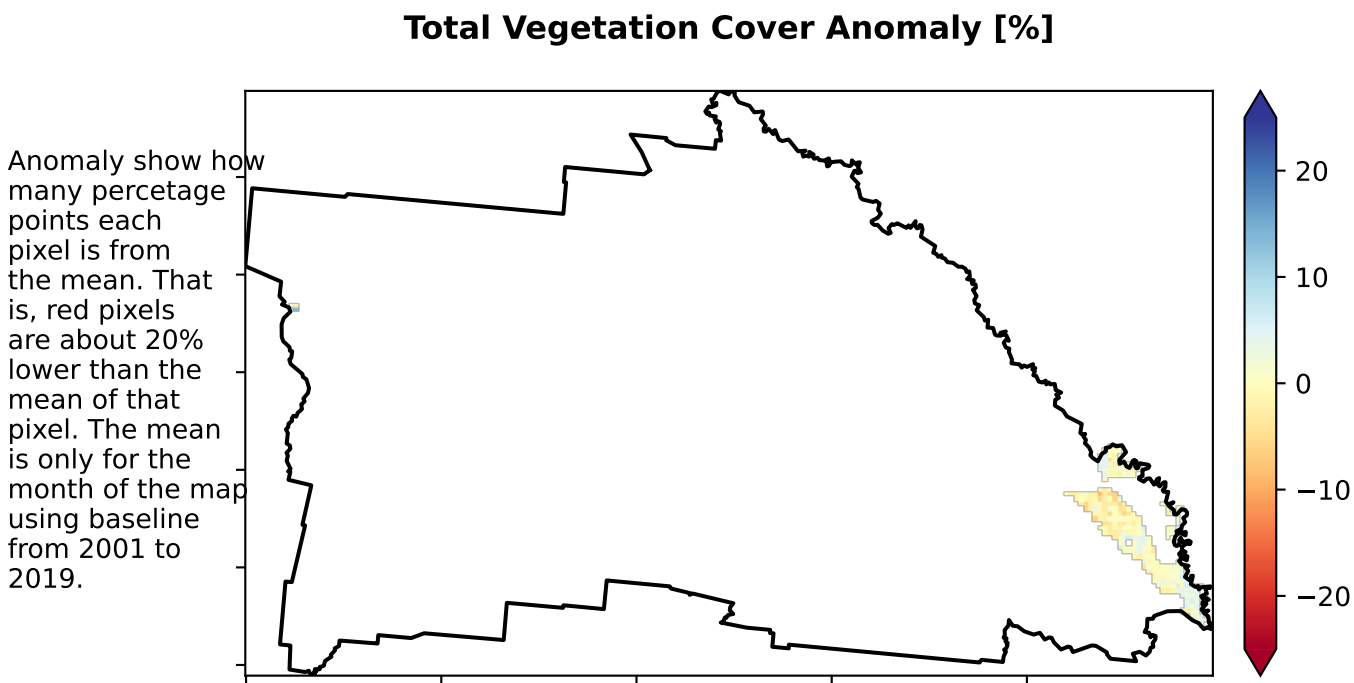
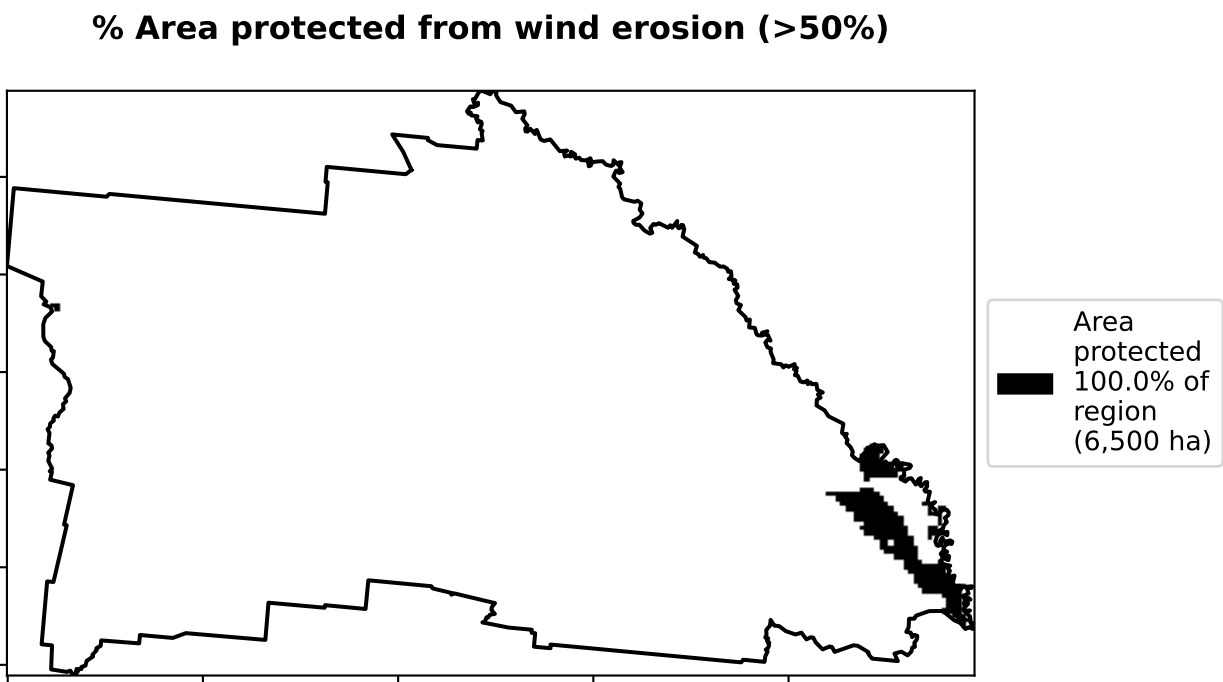
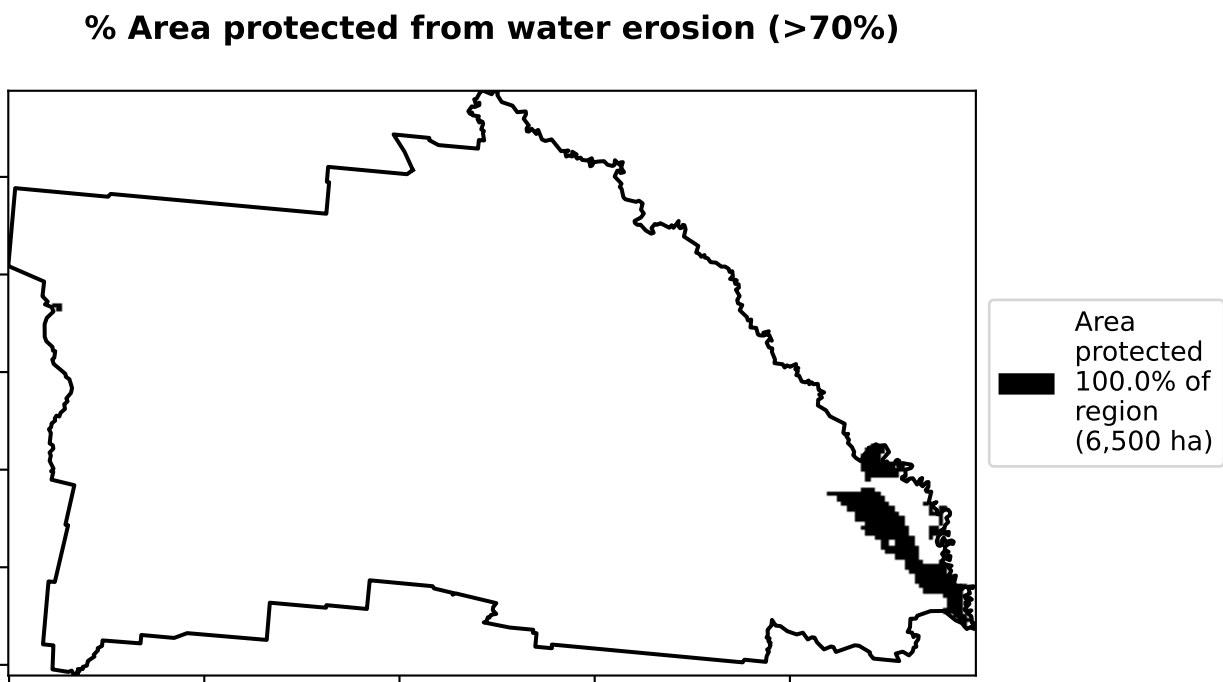
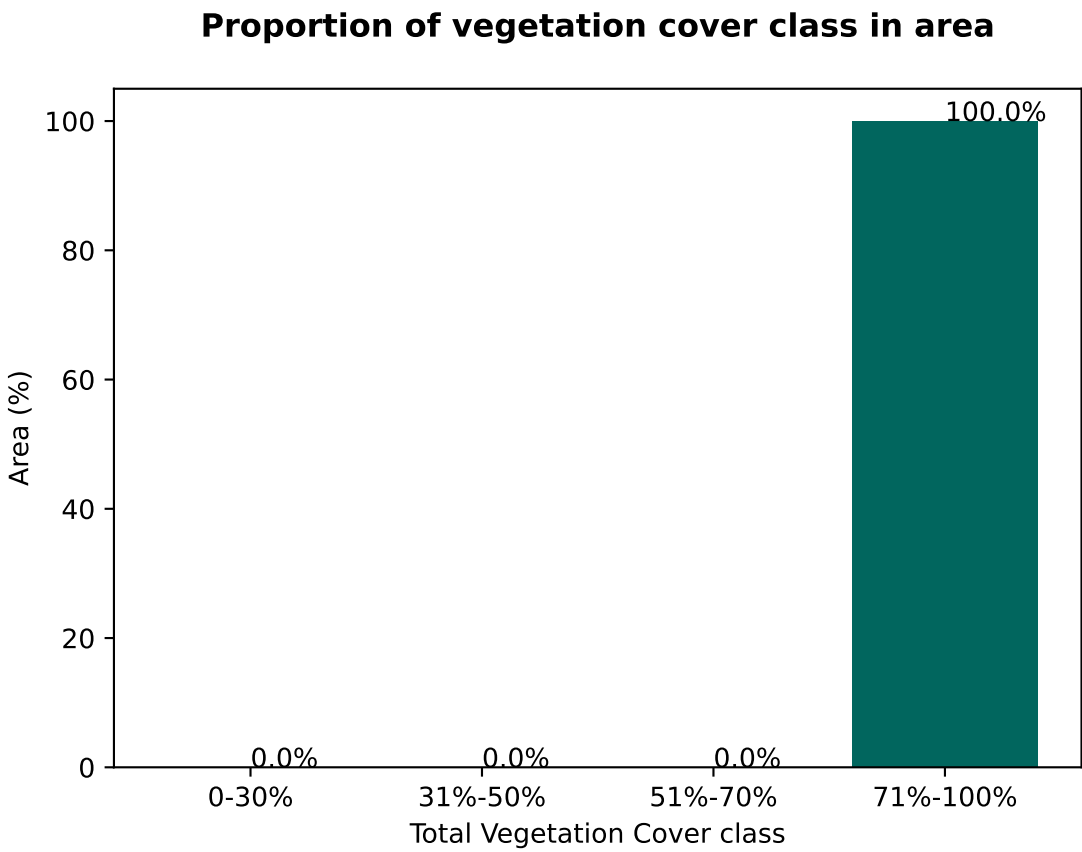
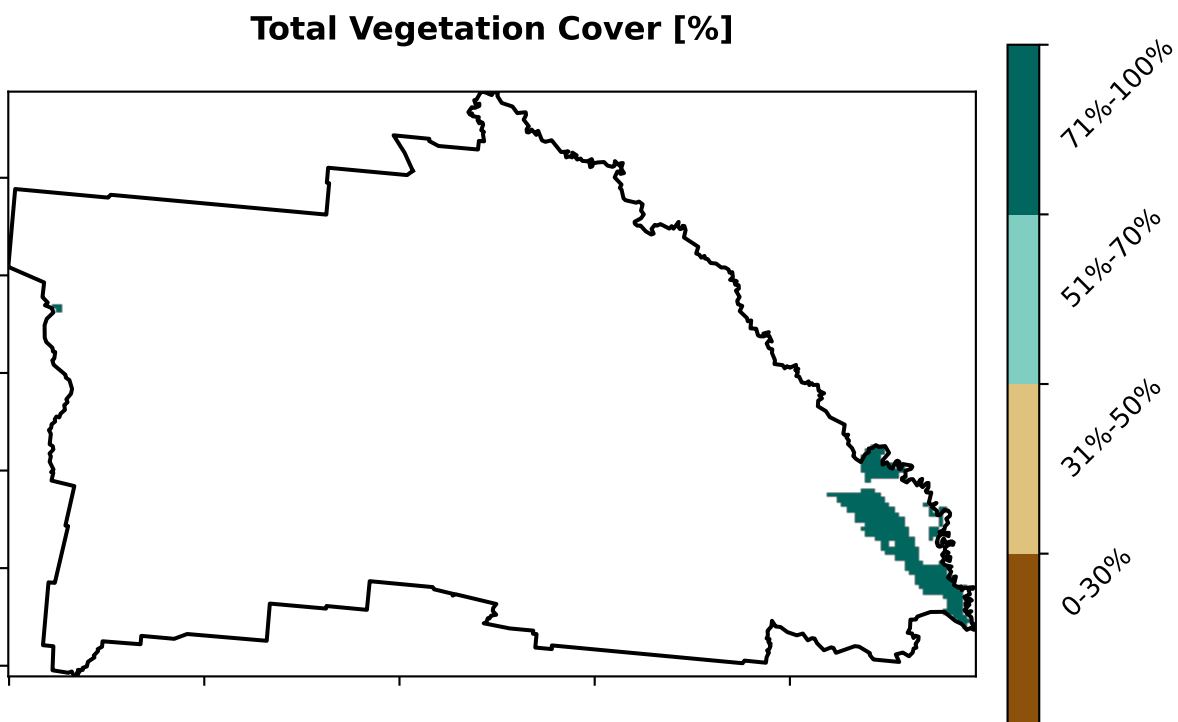
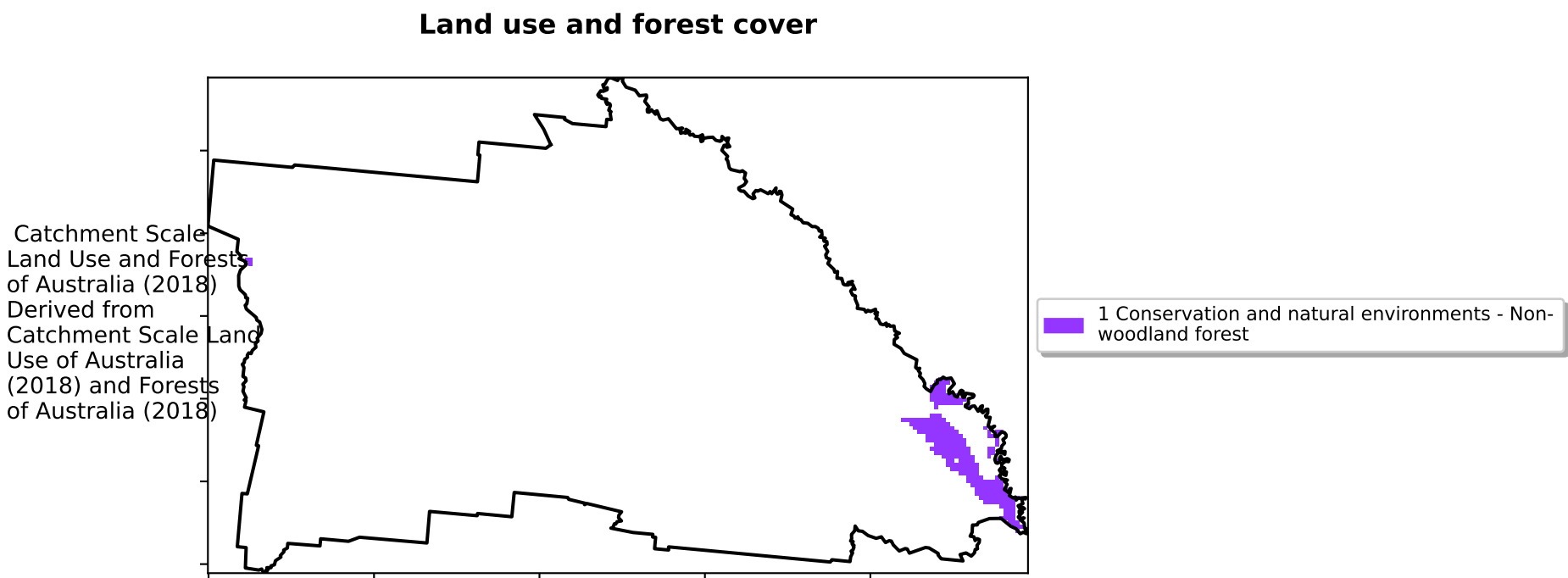
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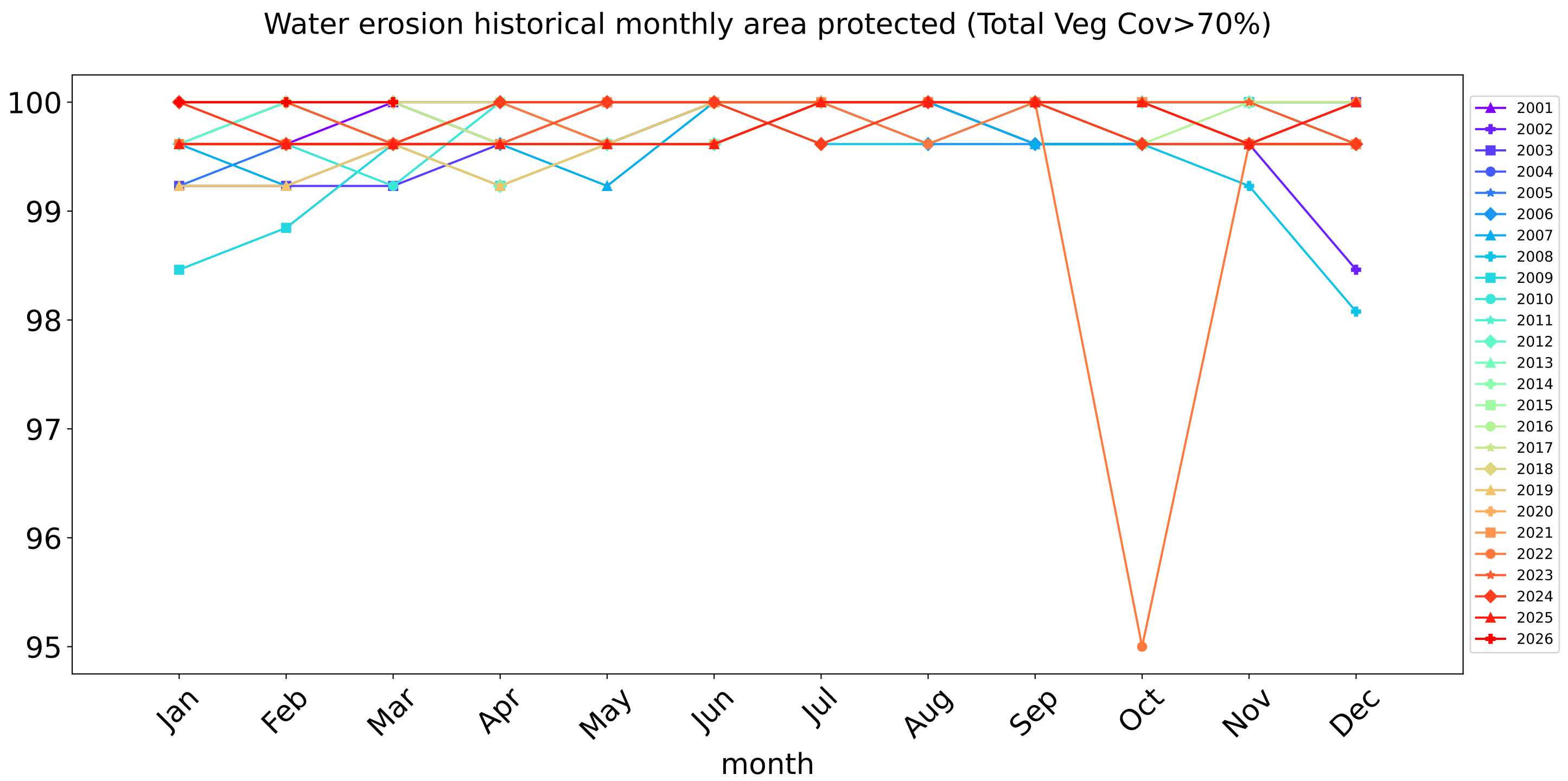
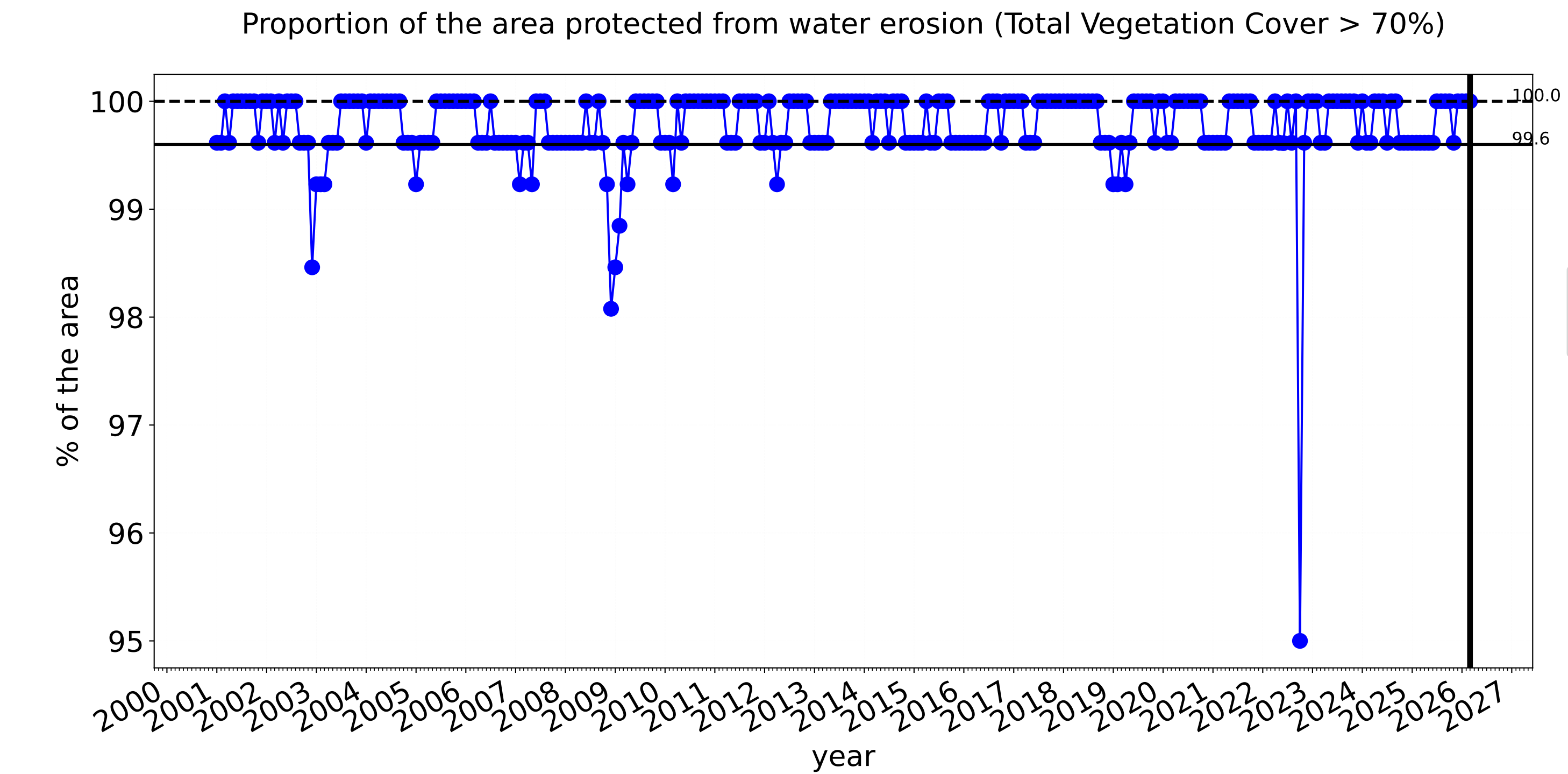
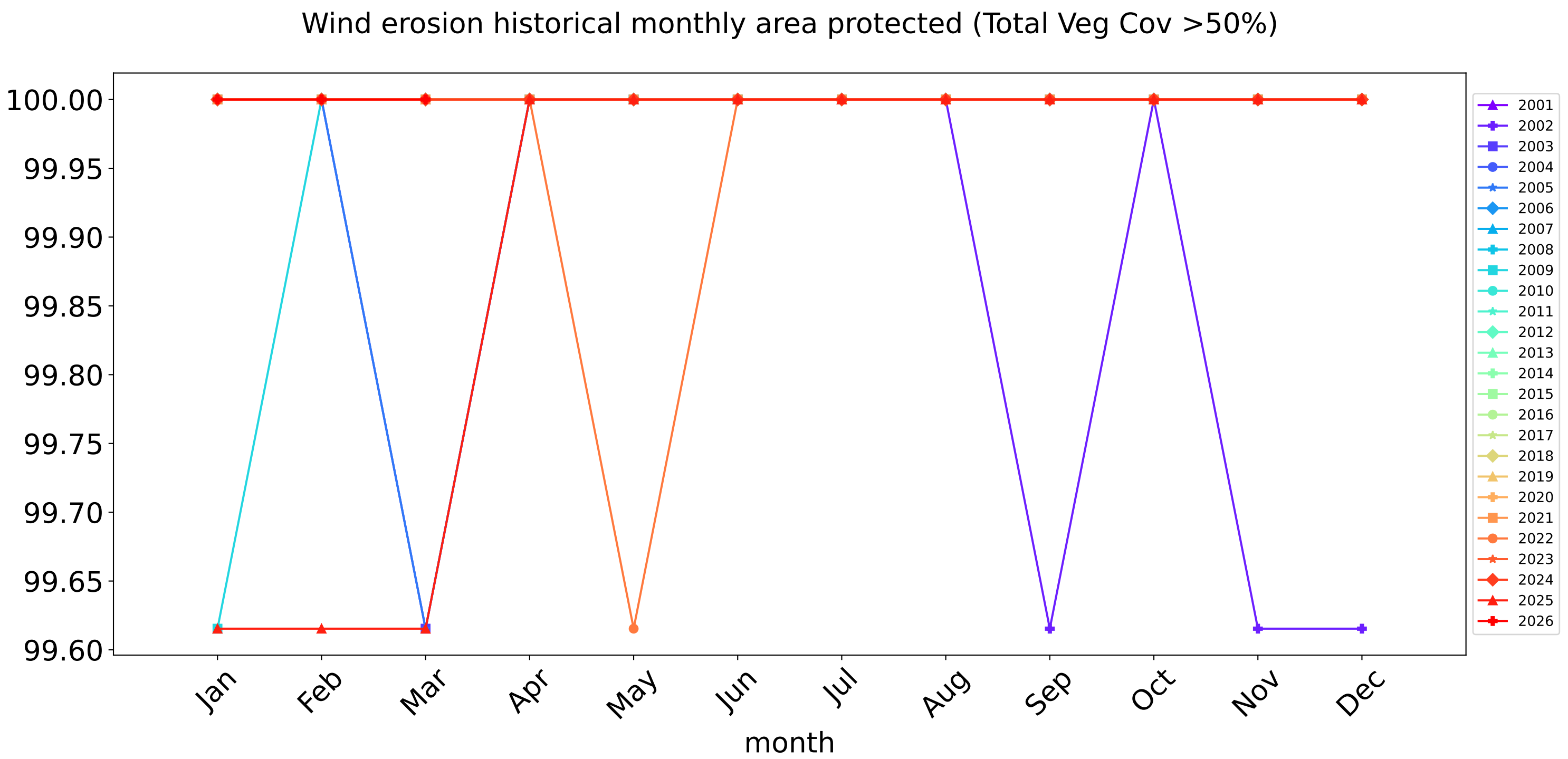
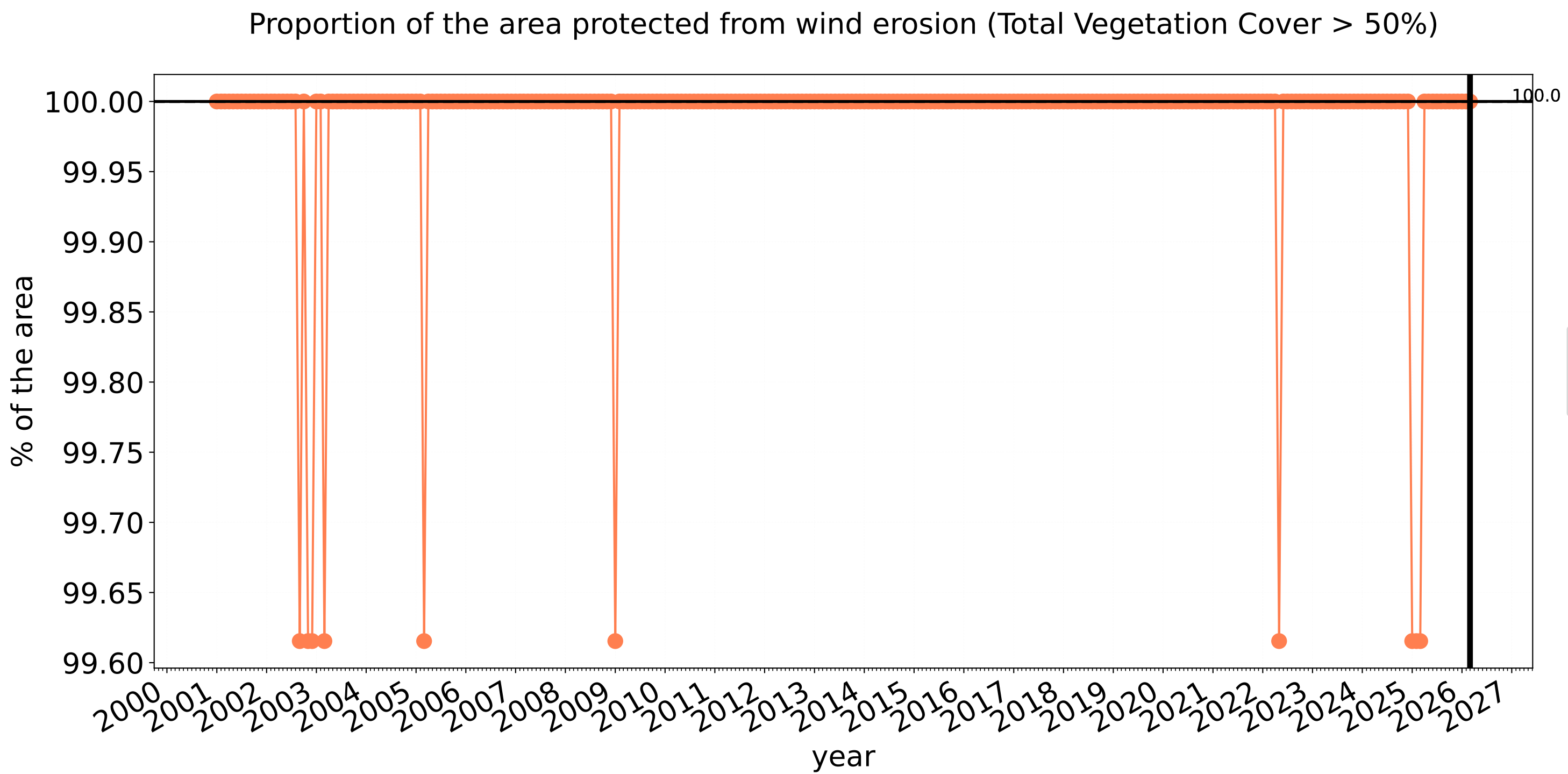
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)



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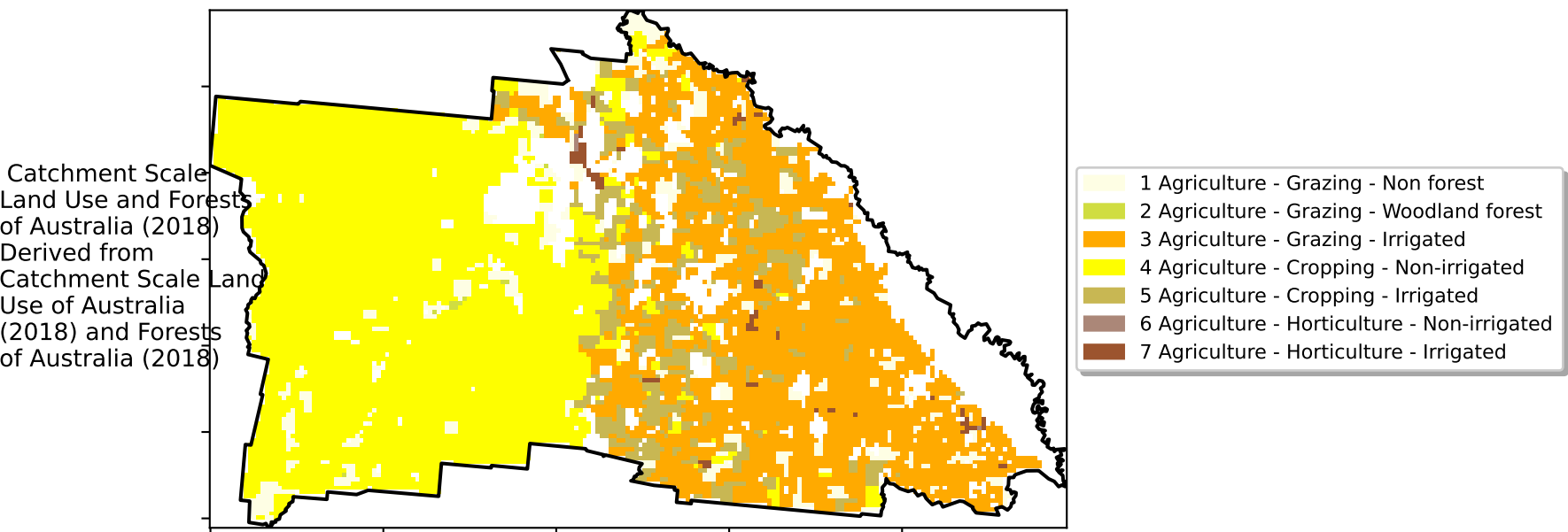


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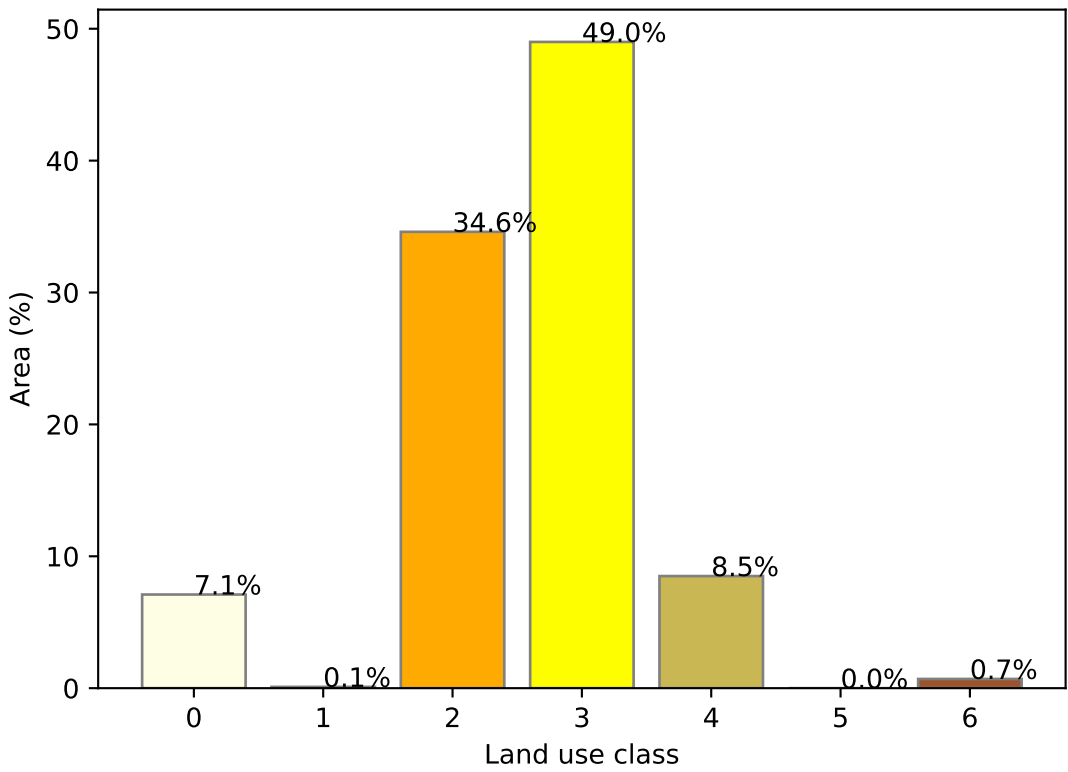


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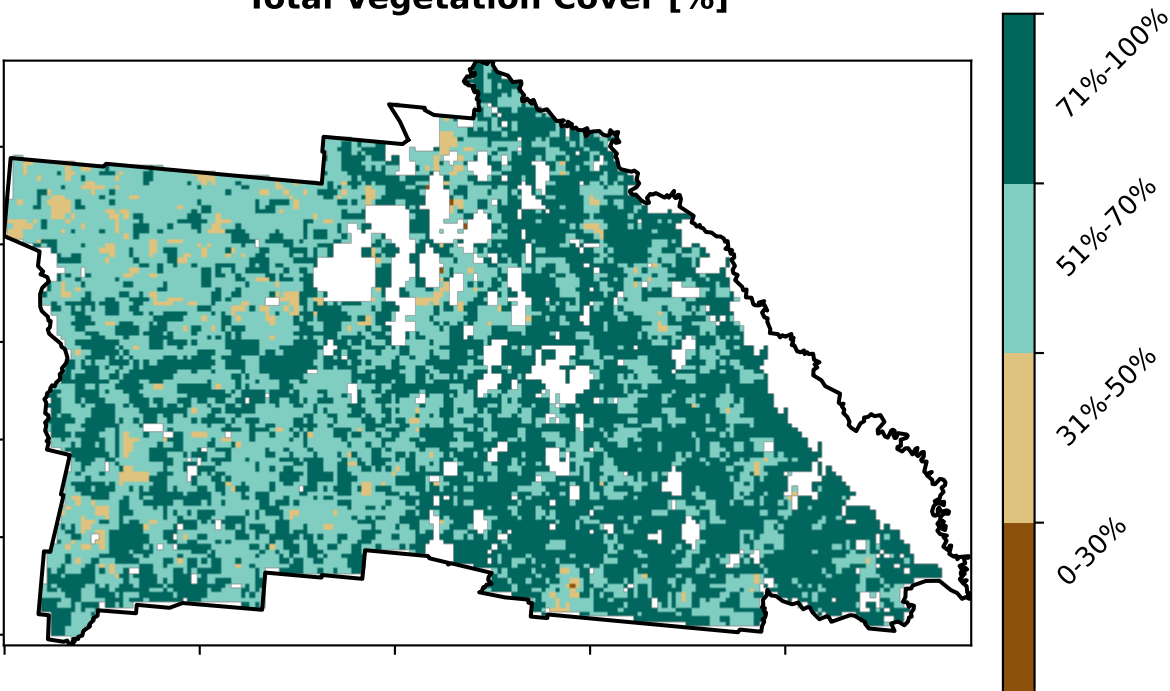
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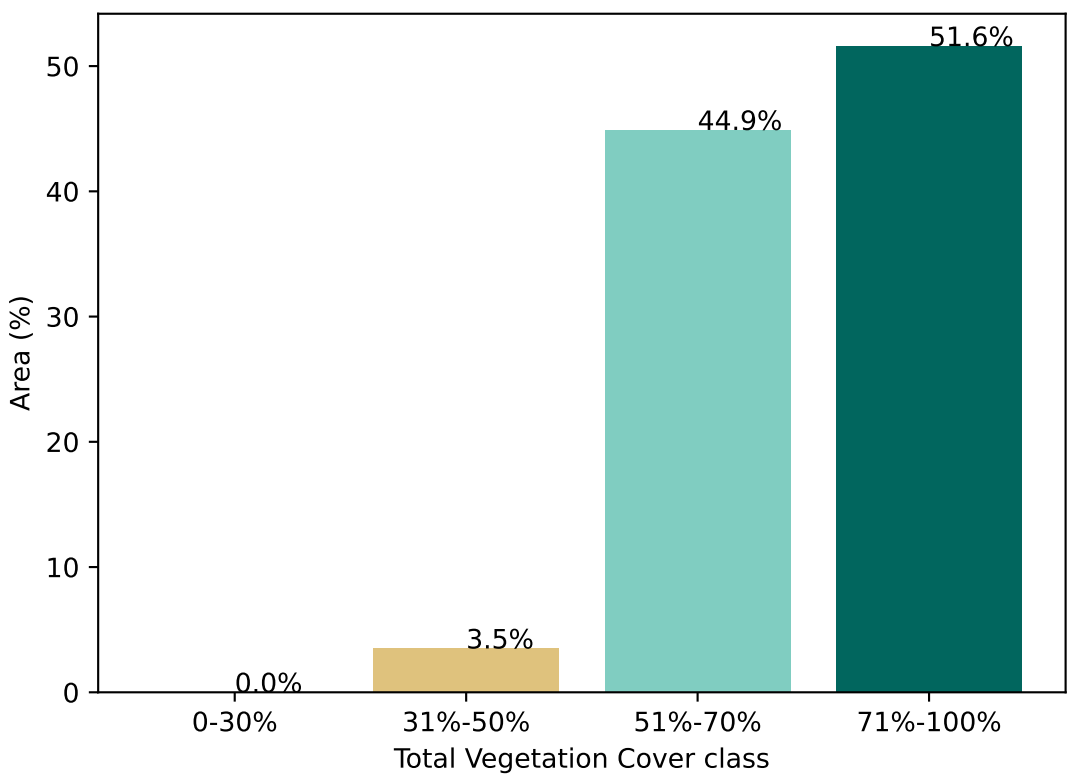
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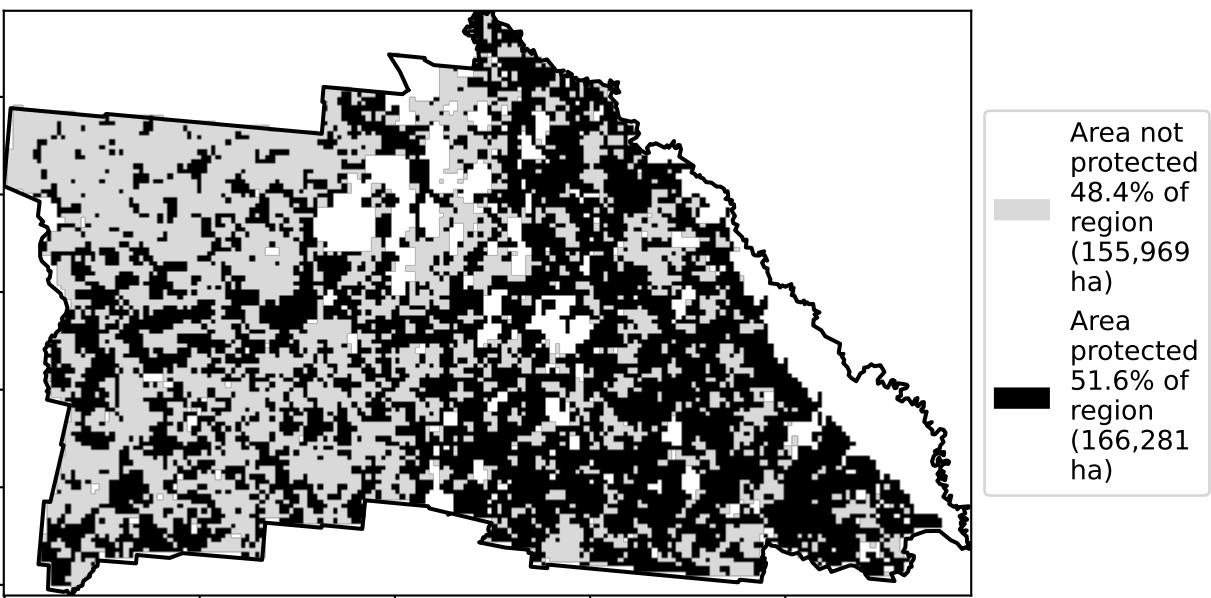
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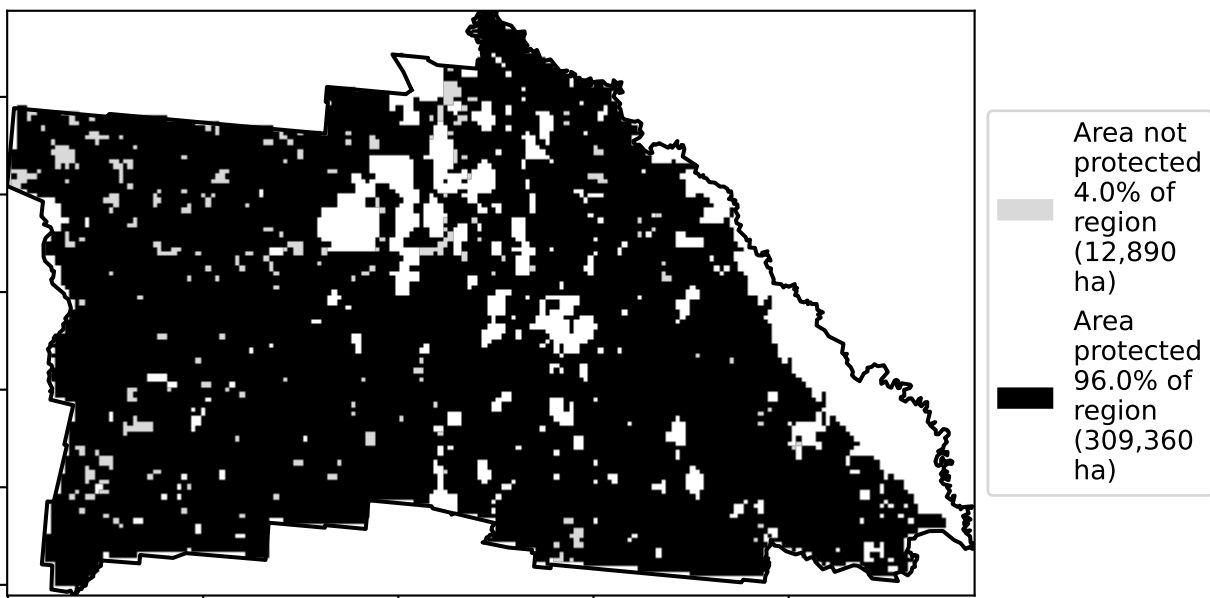
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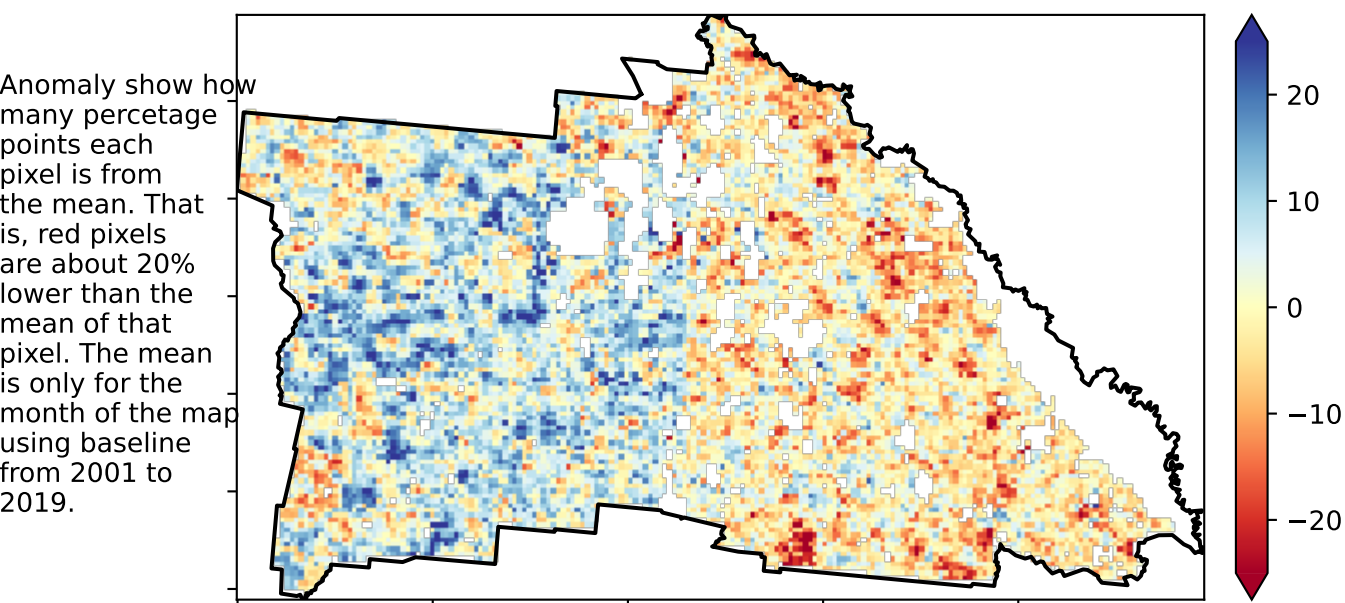
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

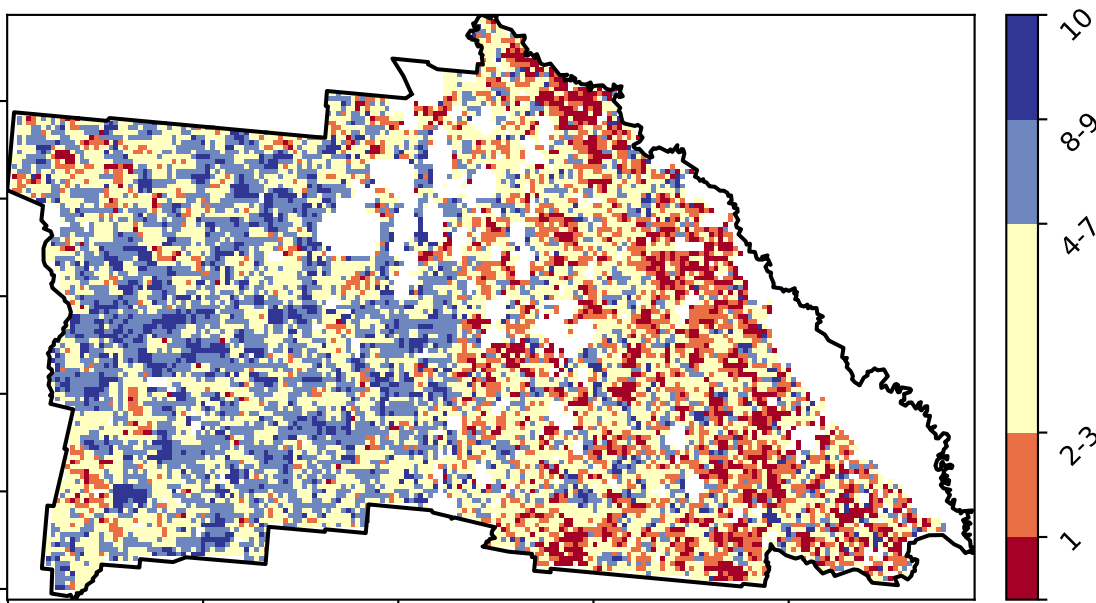


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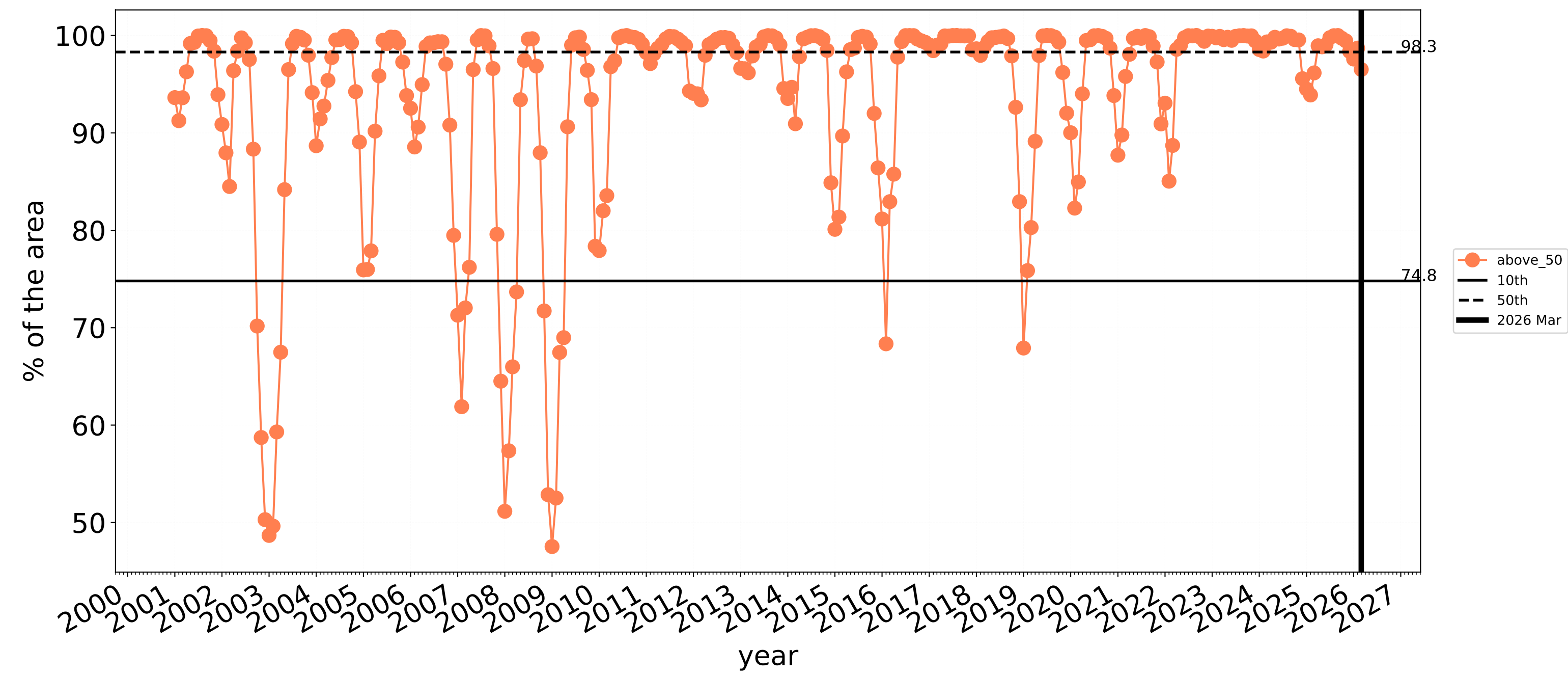
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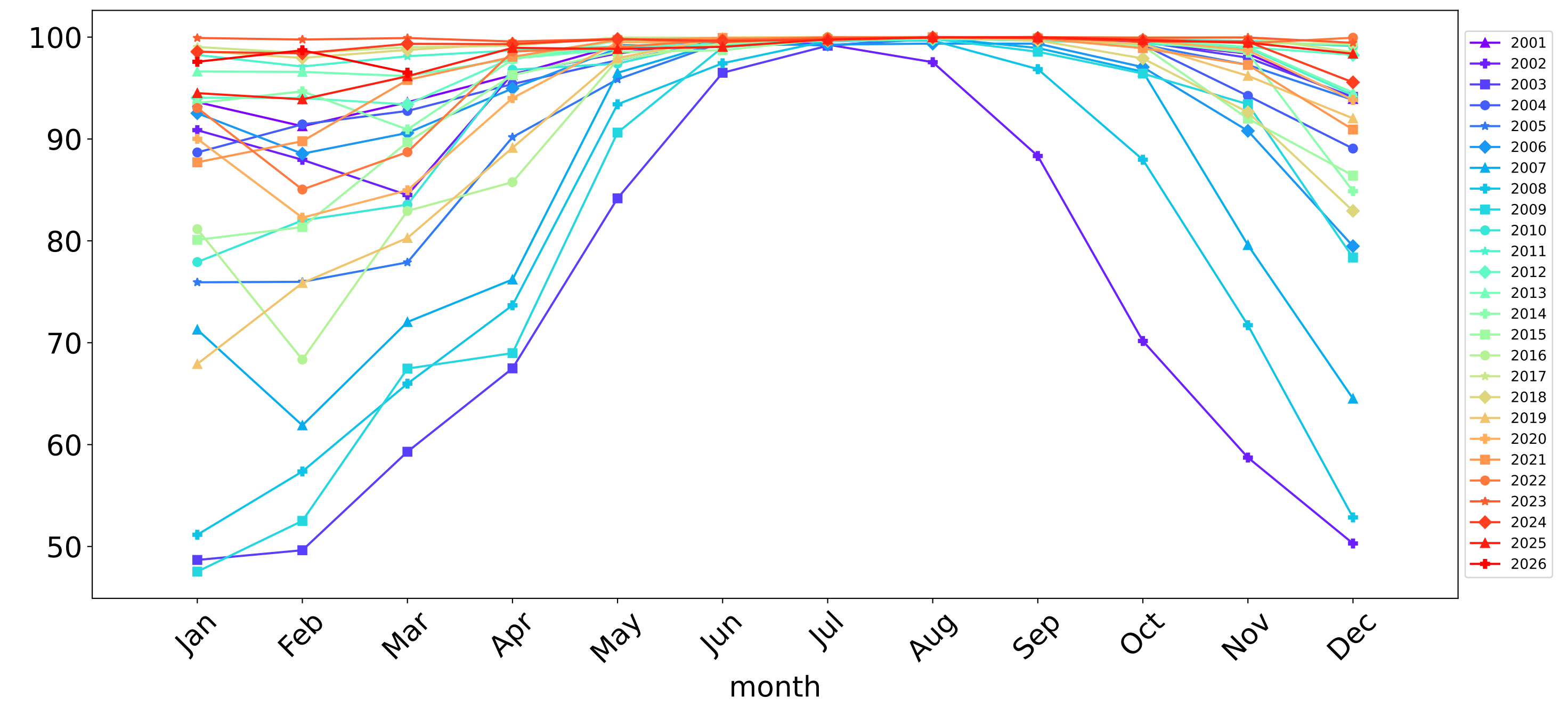


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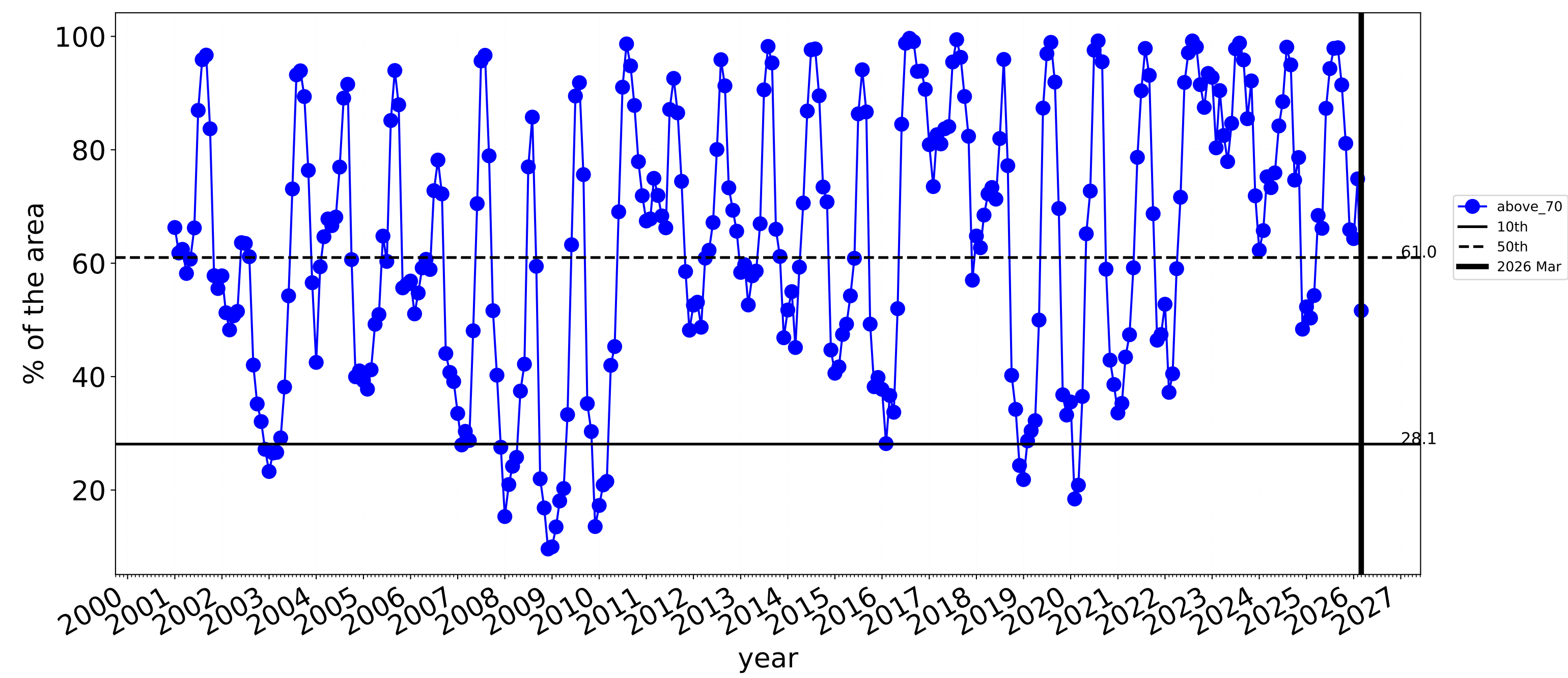
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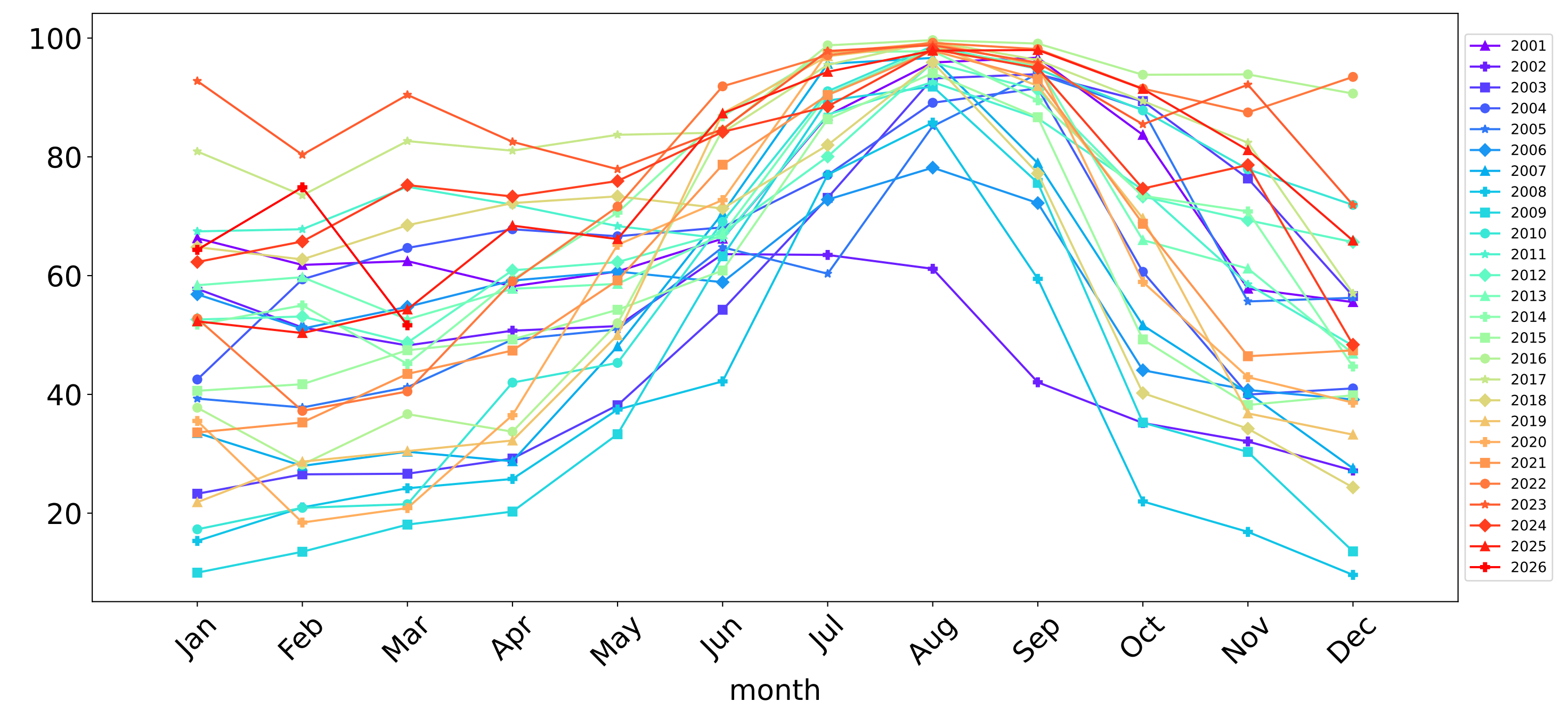
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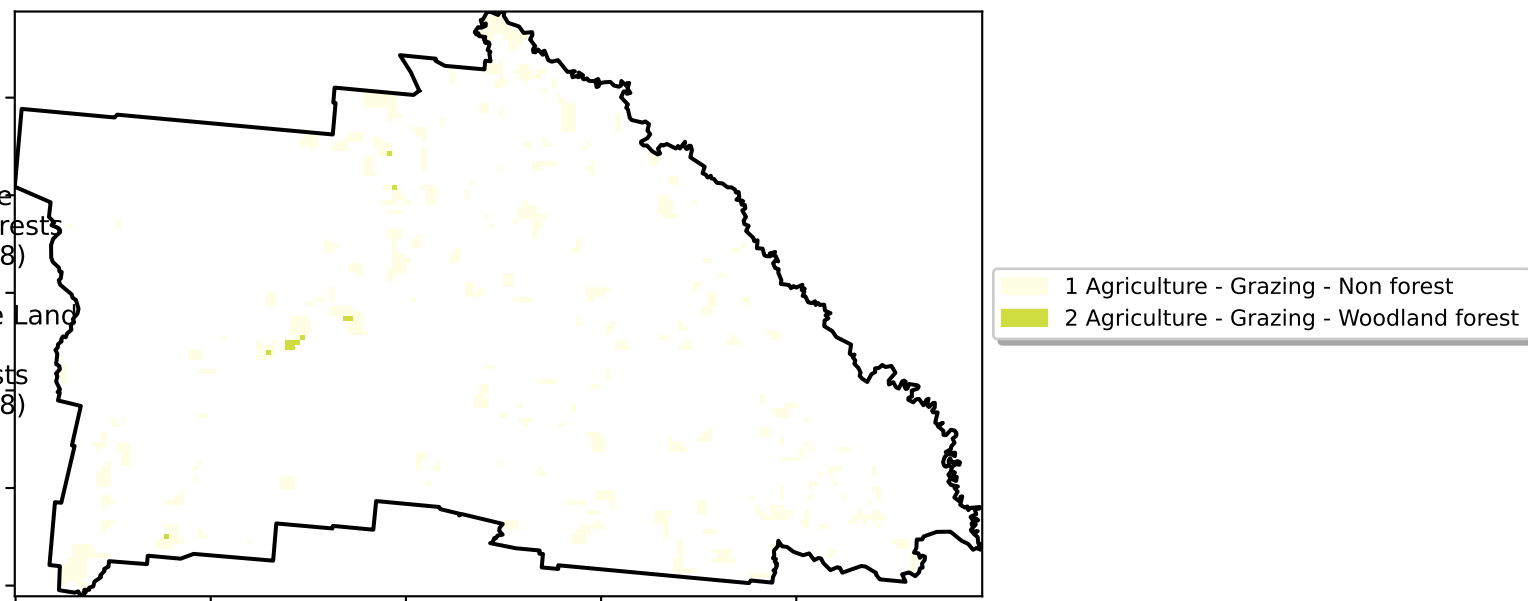
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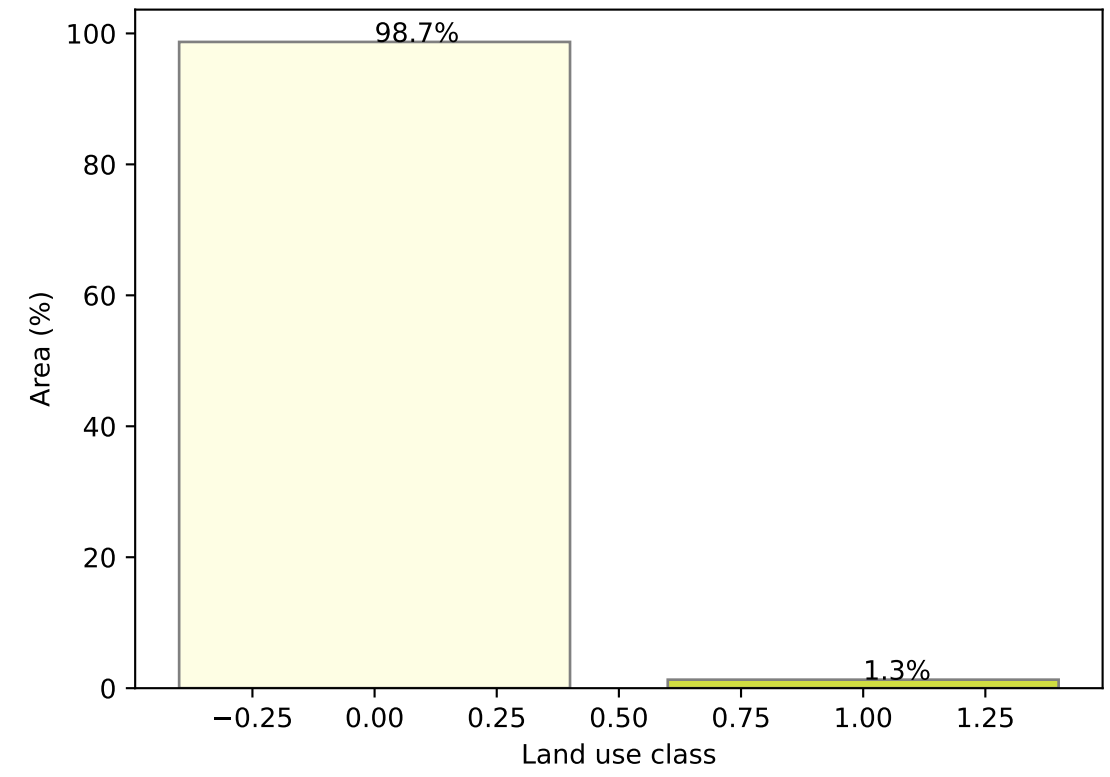
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

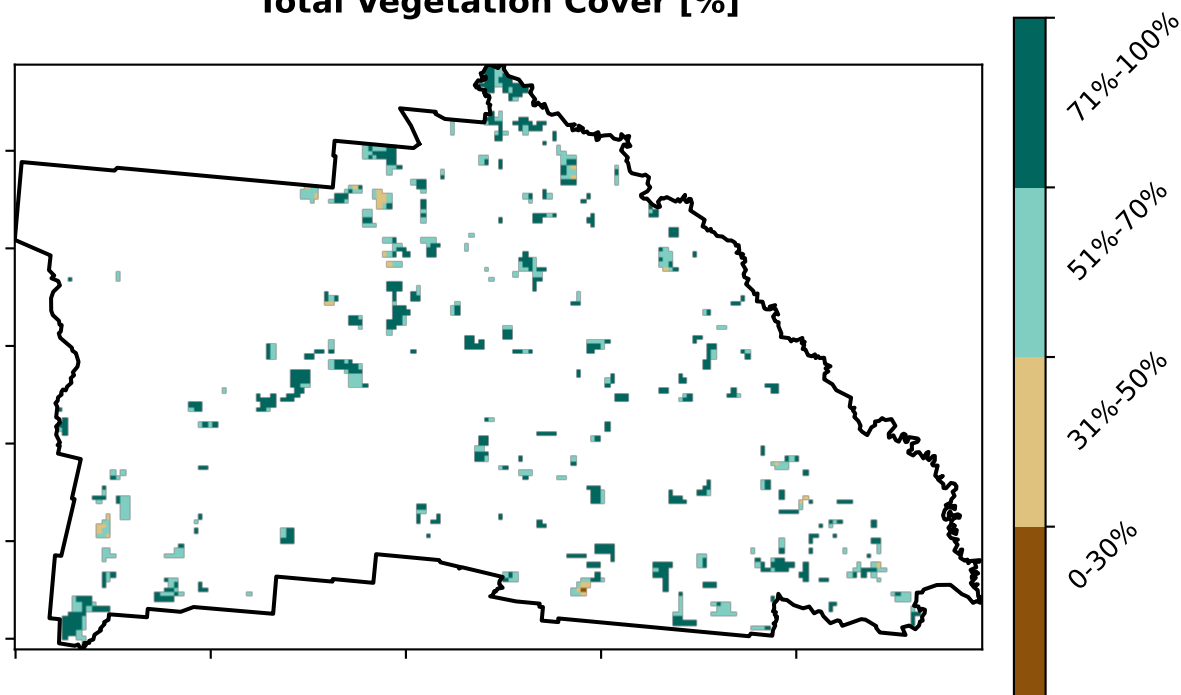
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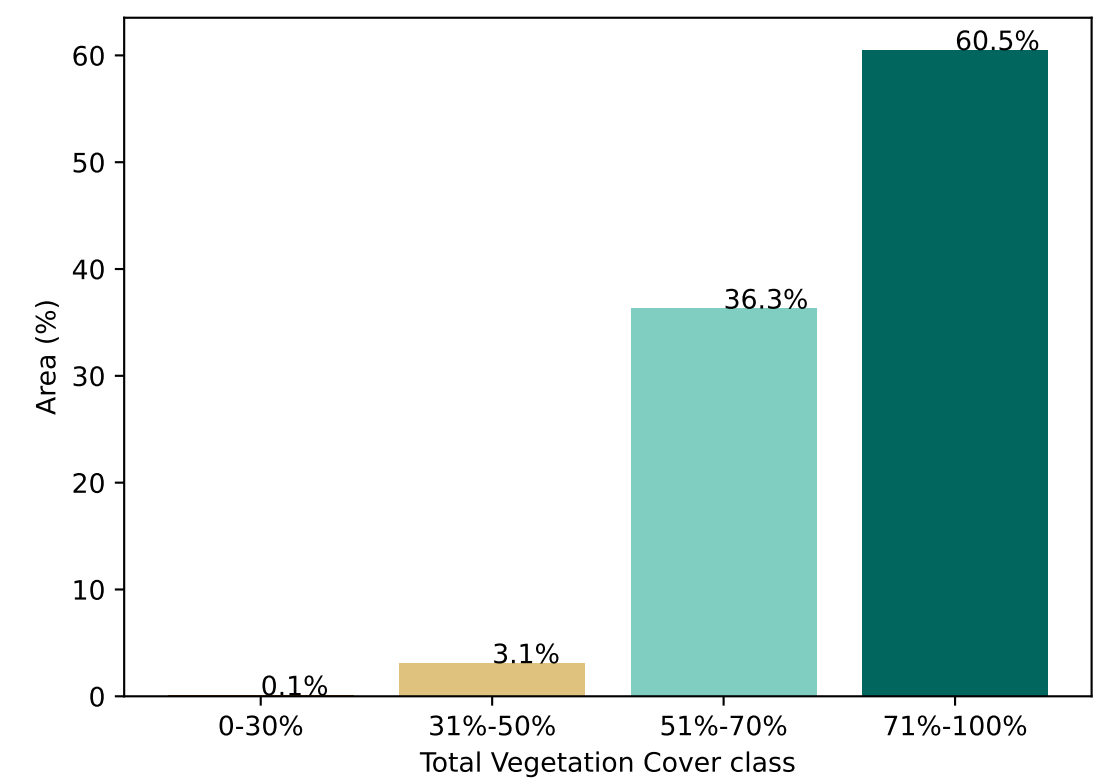
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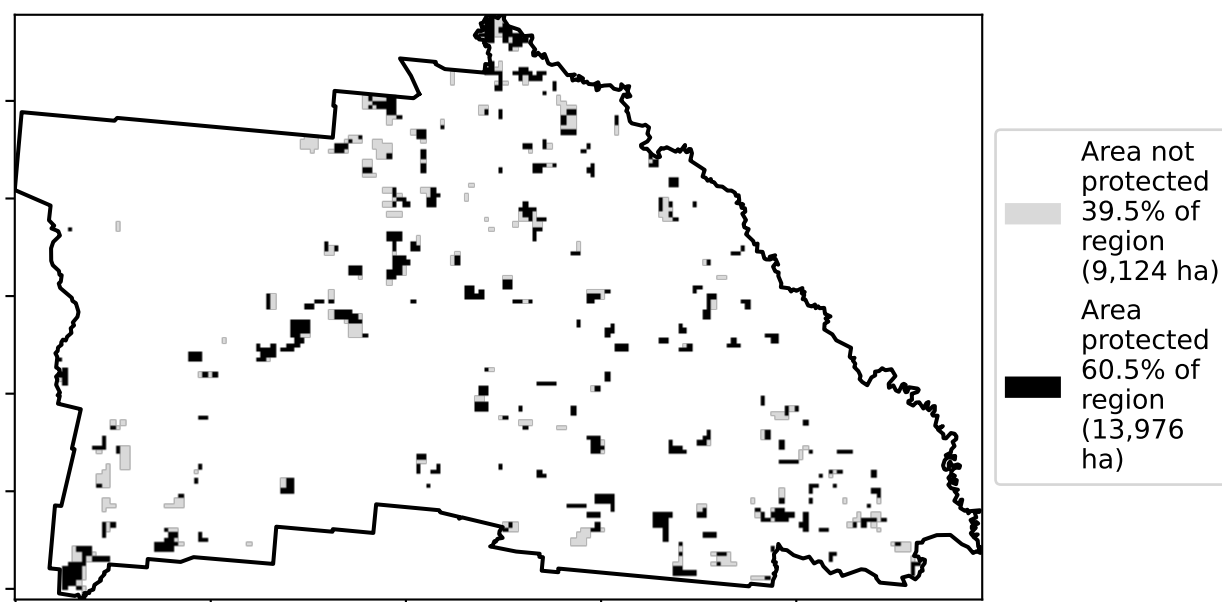
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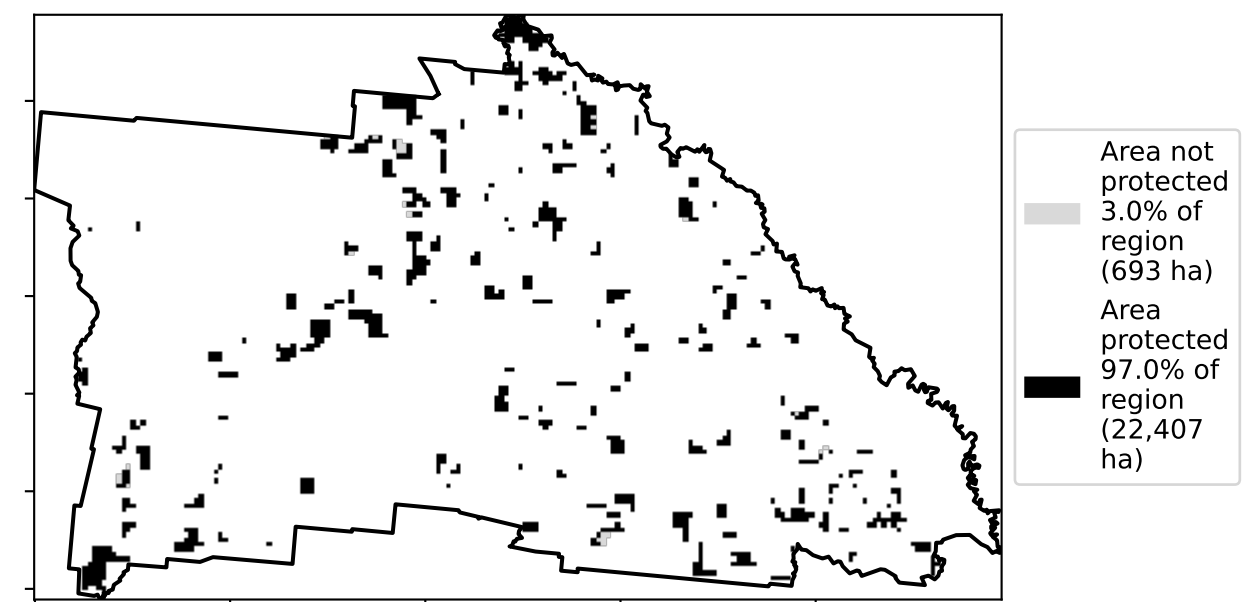
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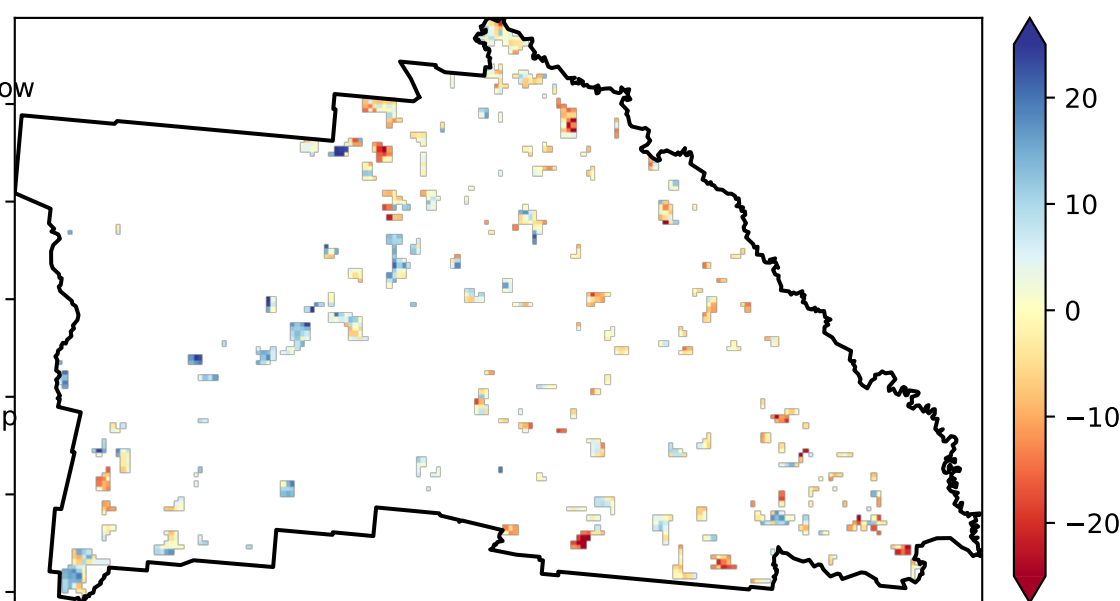


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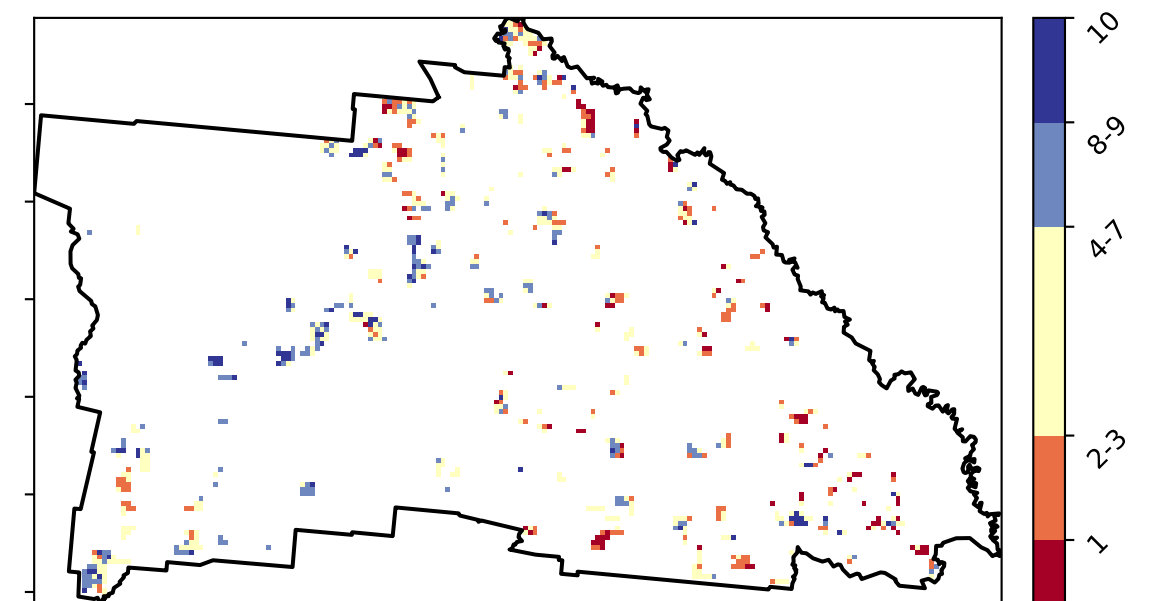
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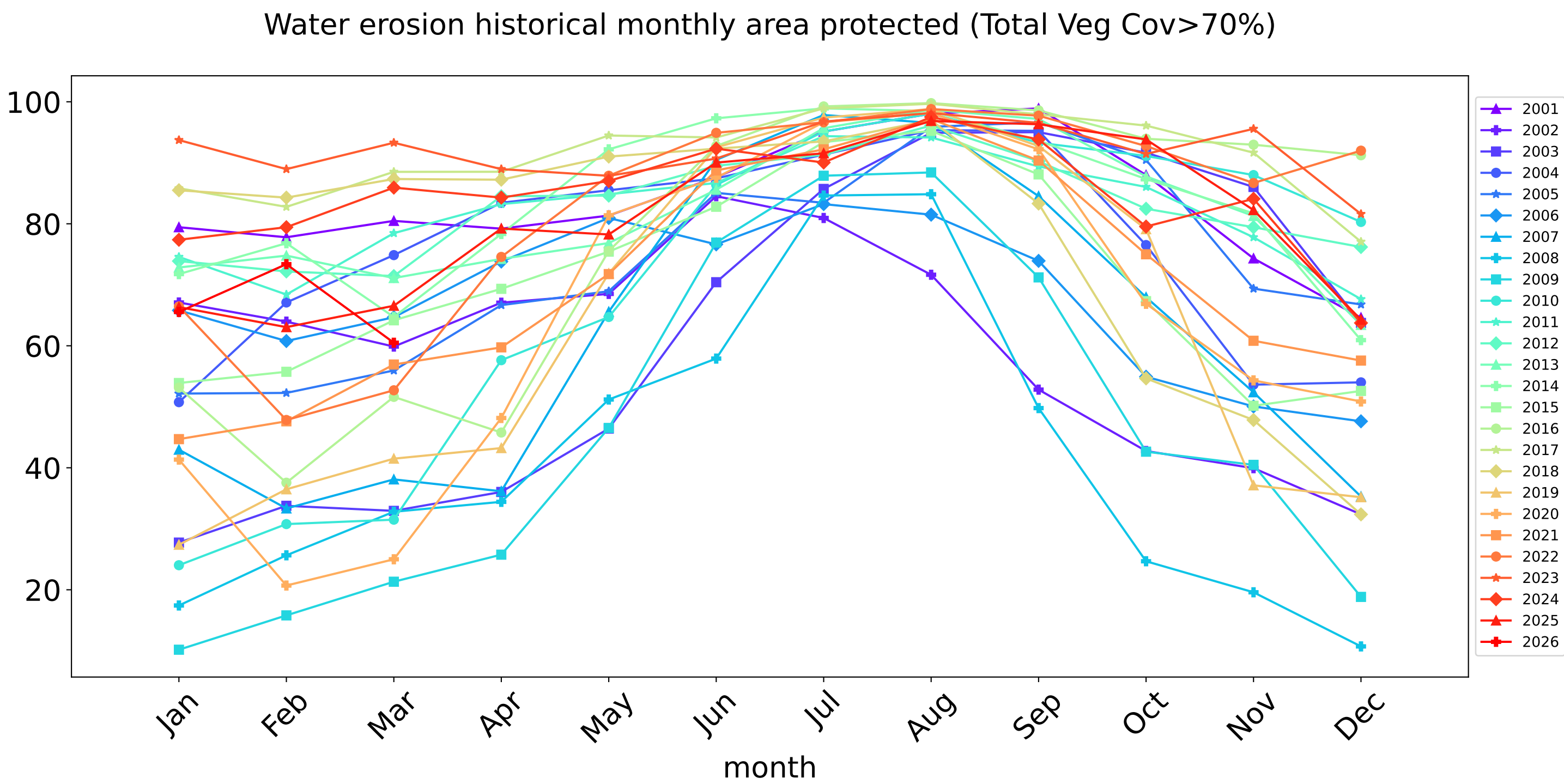
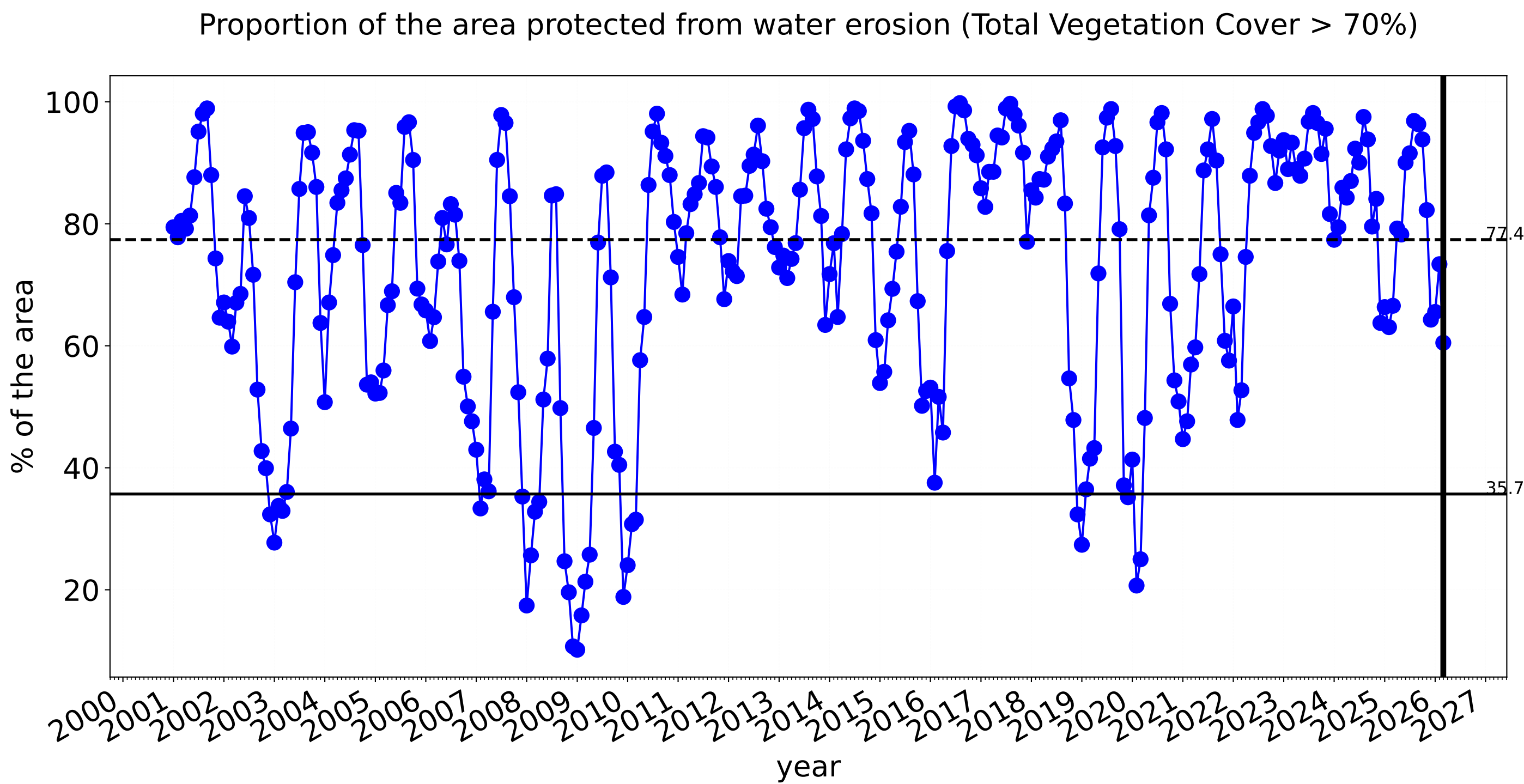
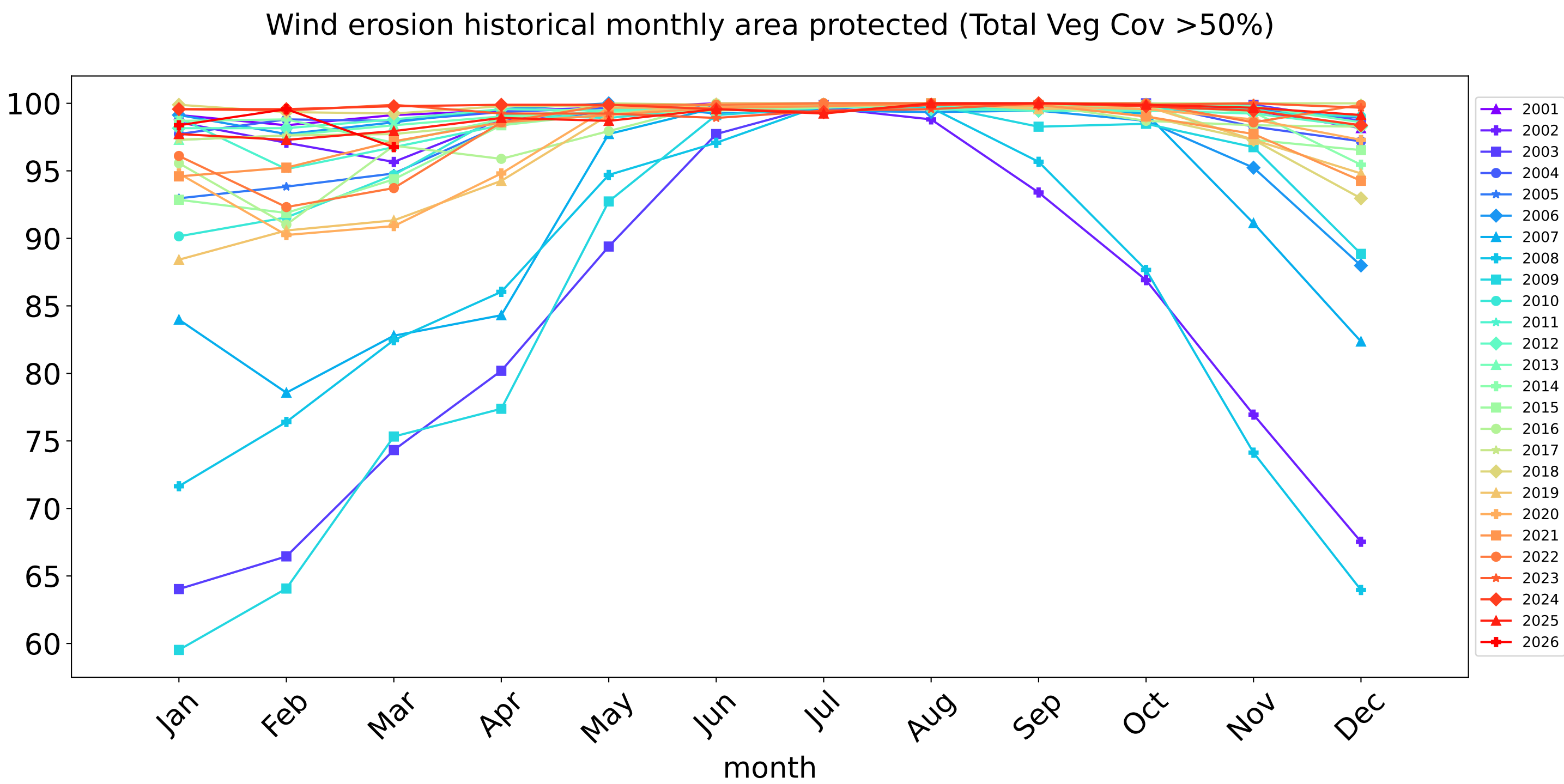
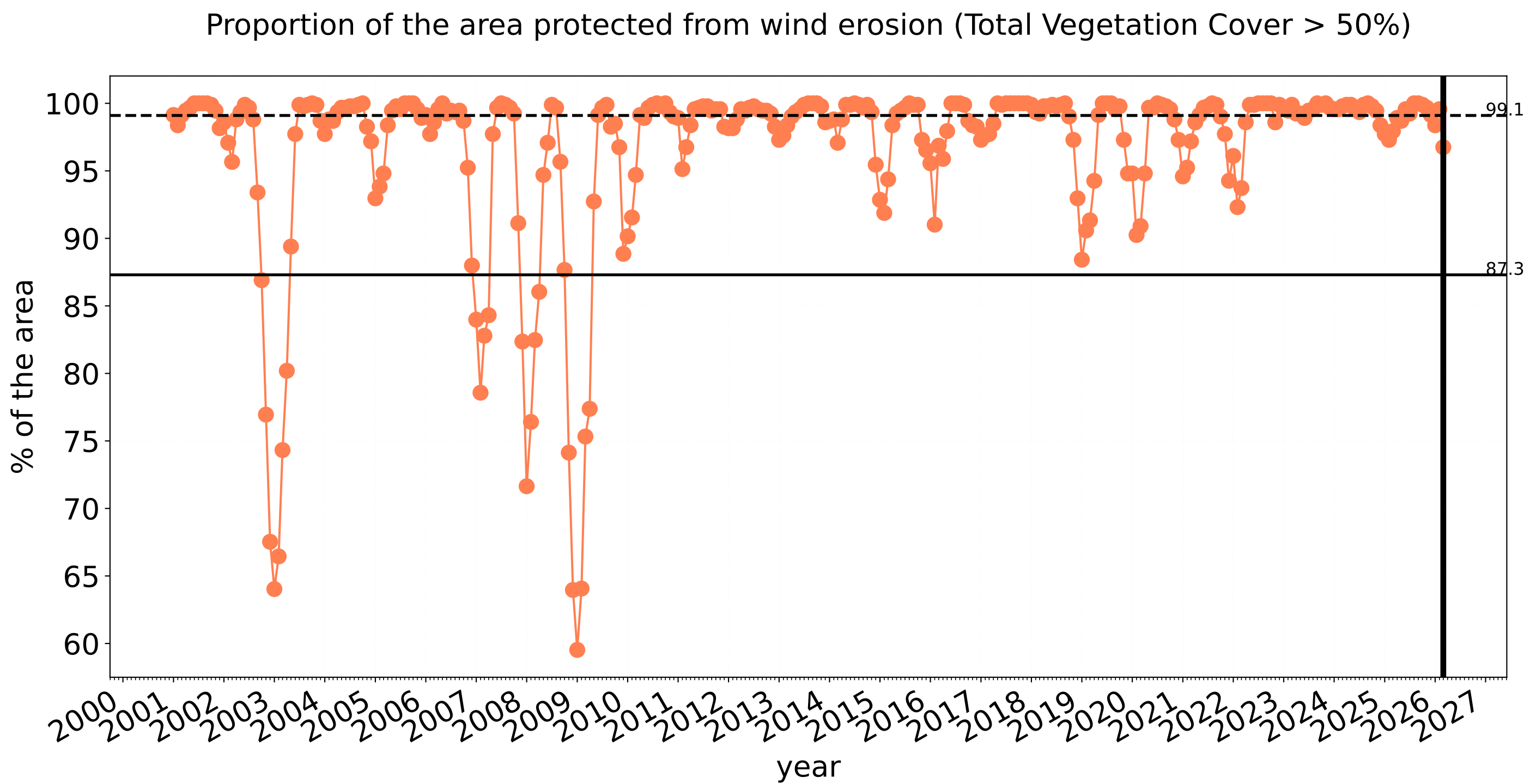


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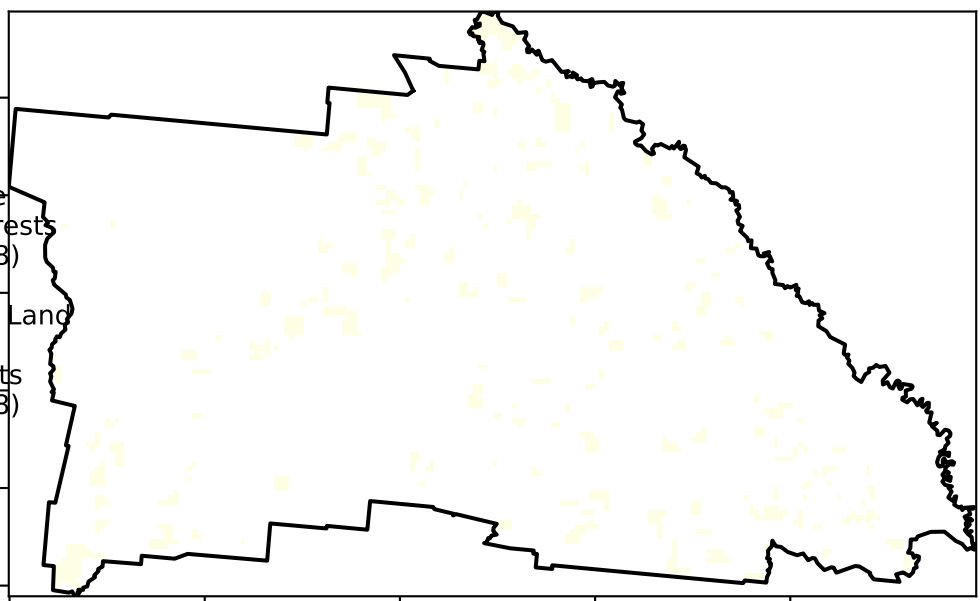
Grazing timeseries



Grazing non forest

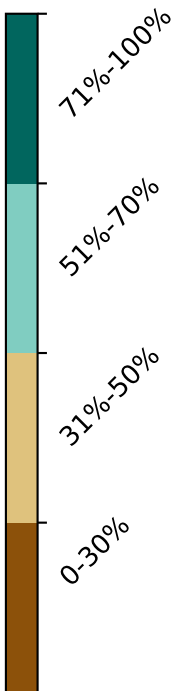
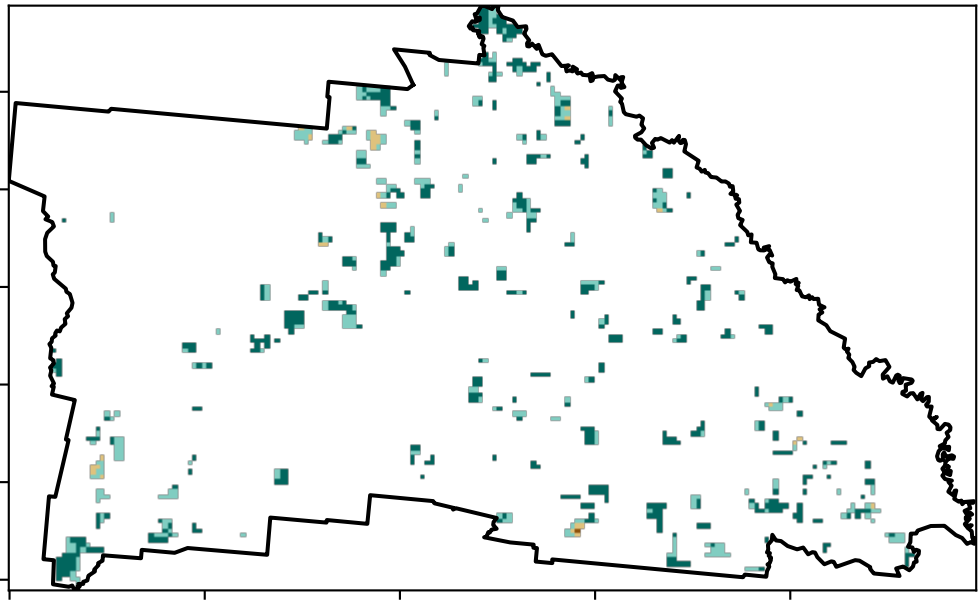
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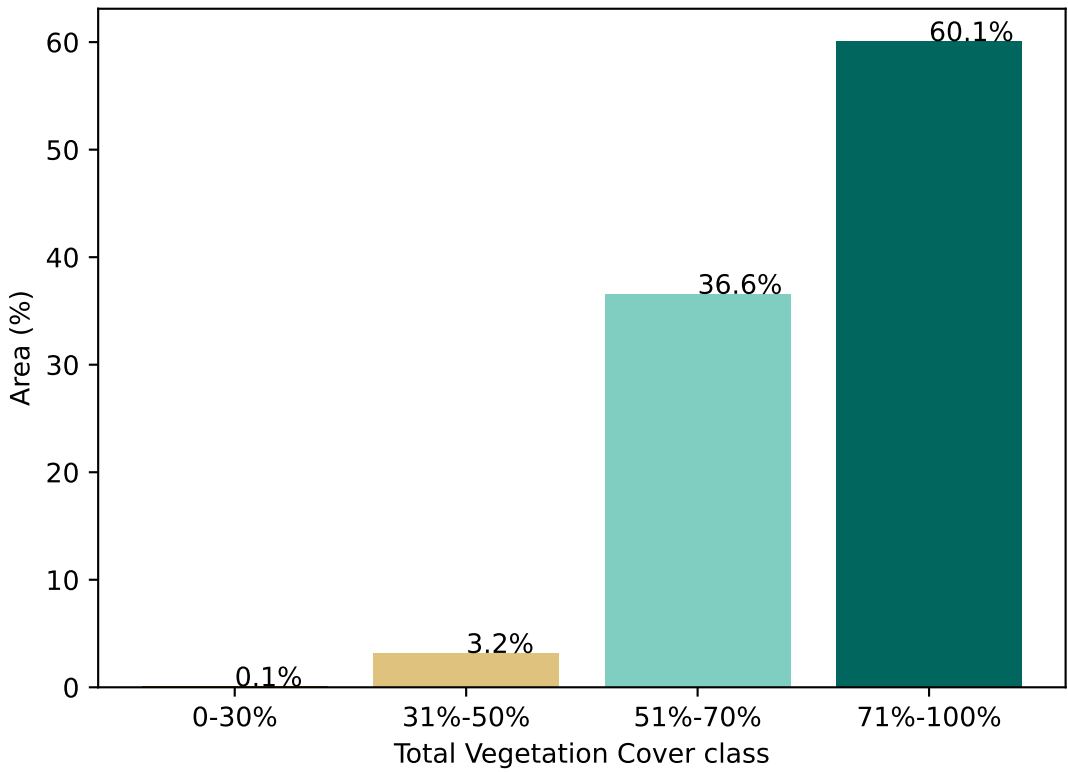


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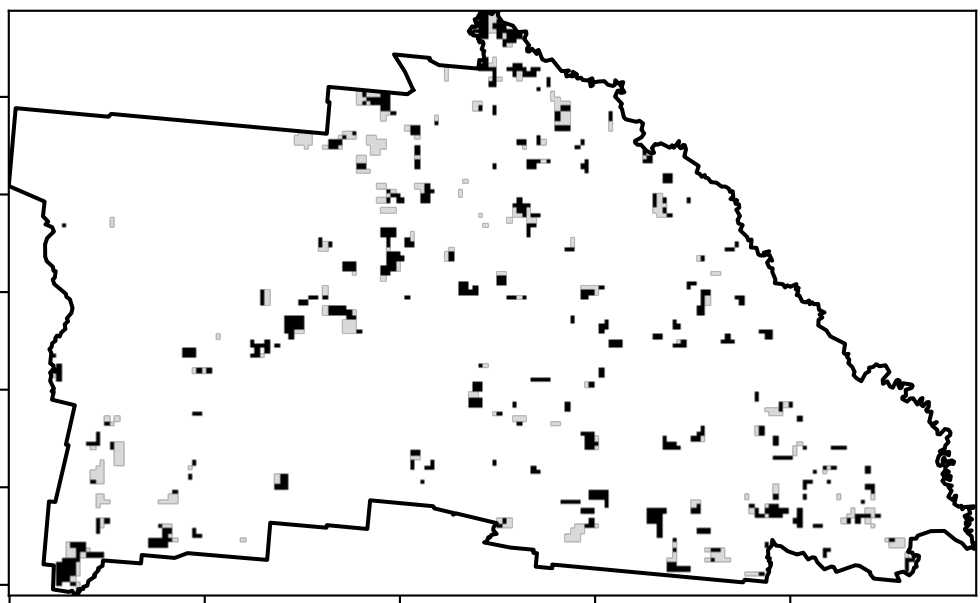
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

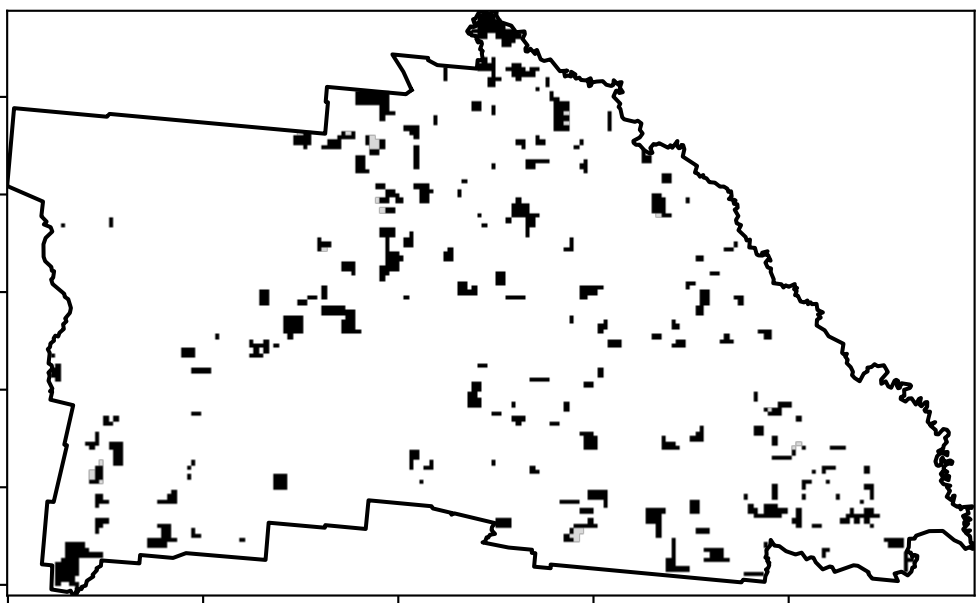


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
39.9% of region
(9,097 ha)
Area protected
60.1% of region
(13,703 ha)

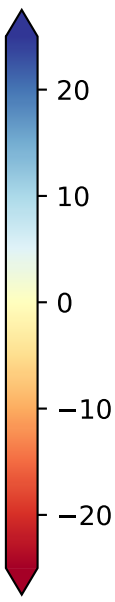
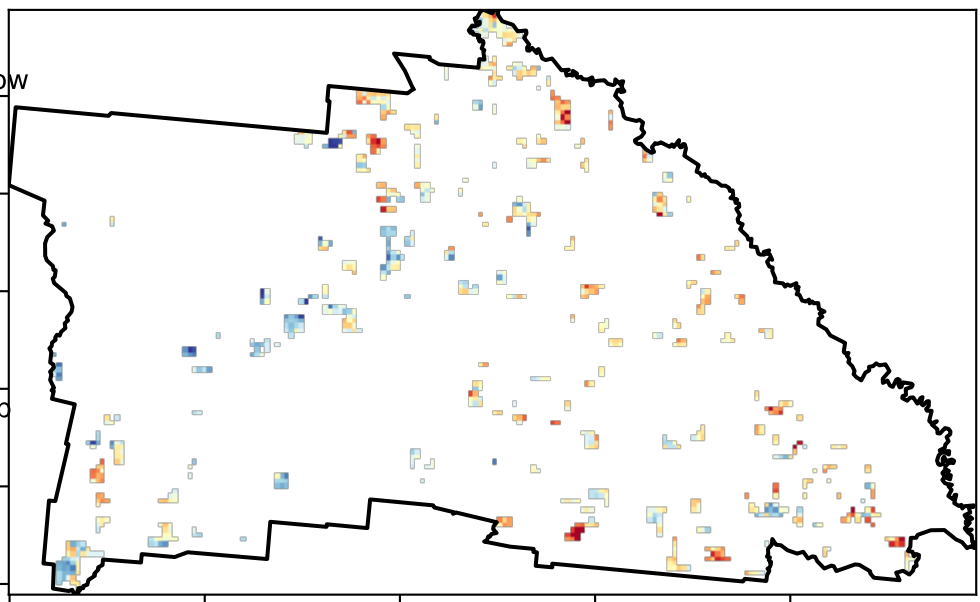
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
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(684 ha)
Area protected
97.0% of region
(22,116 ha)

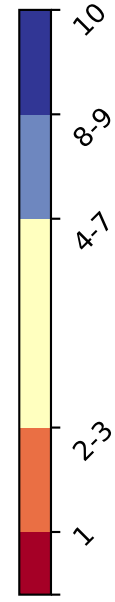
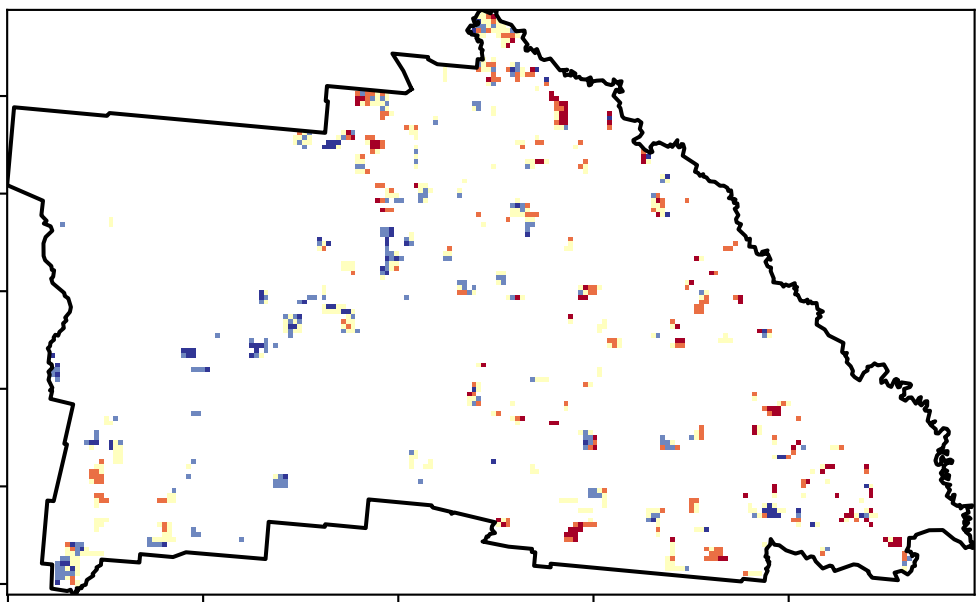
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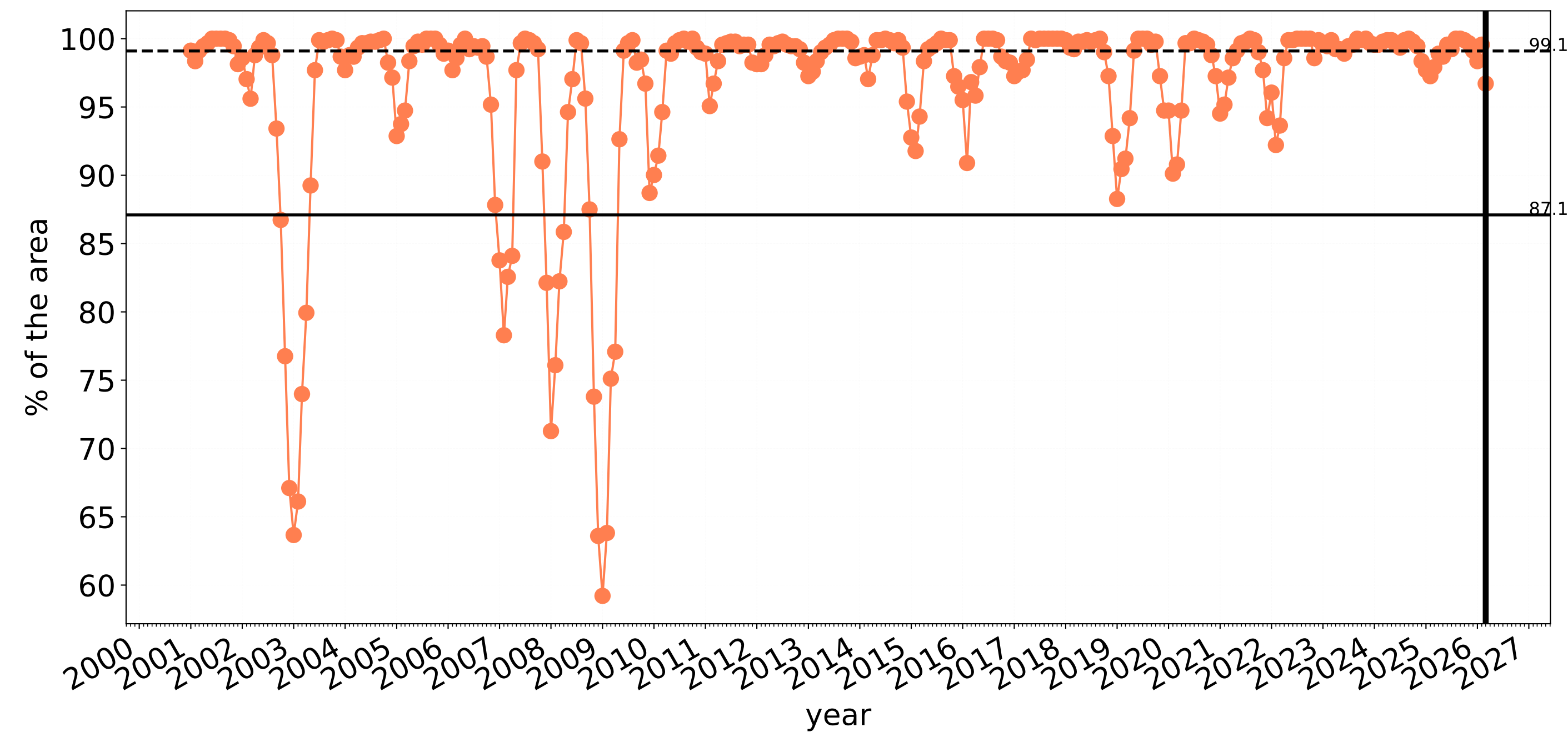
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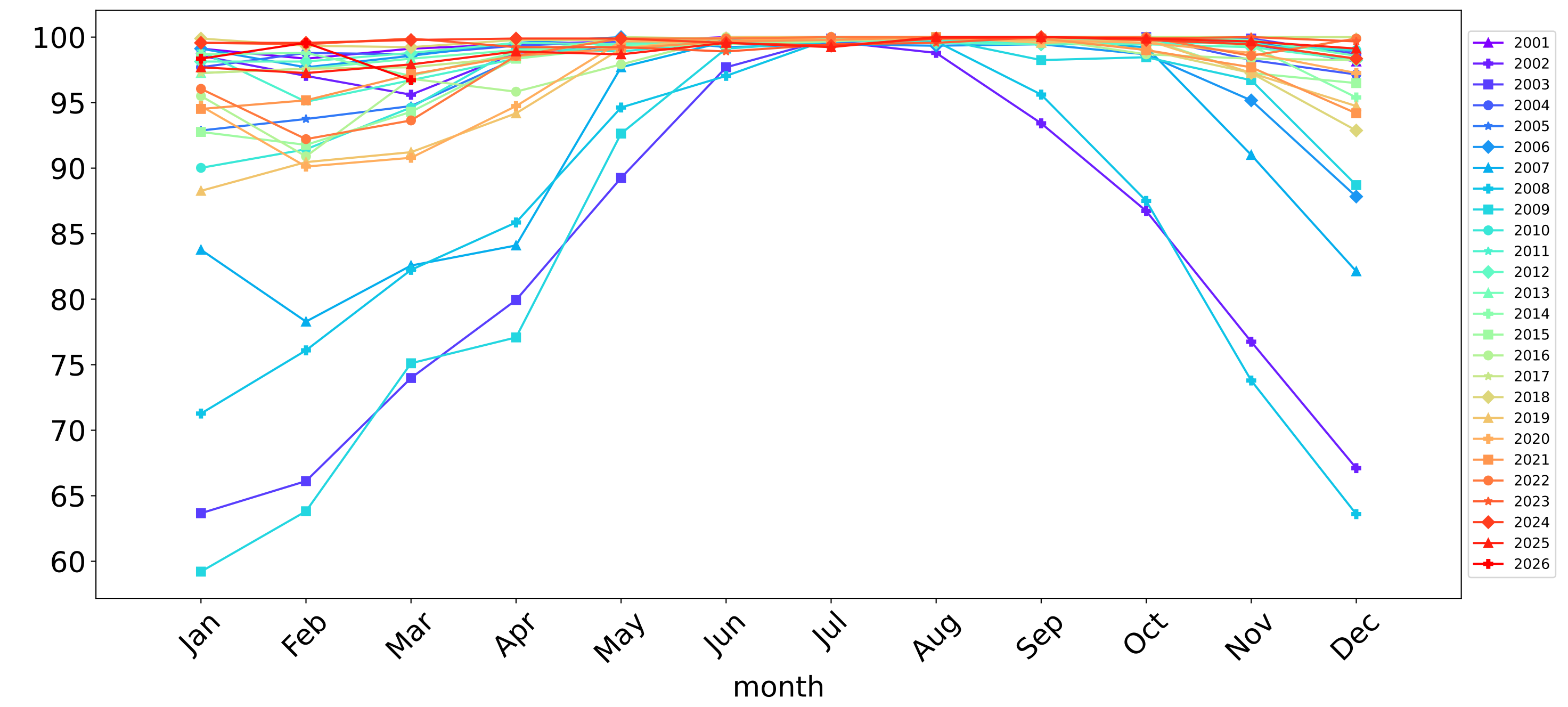


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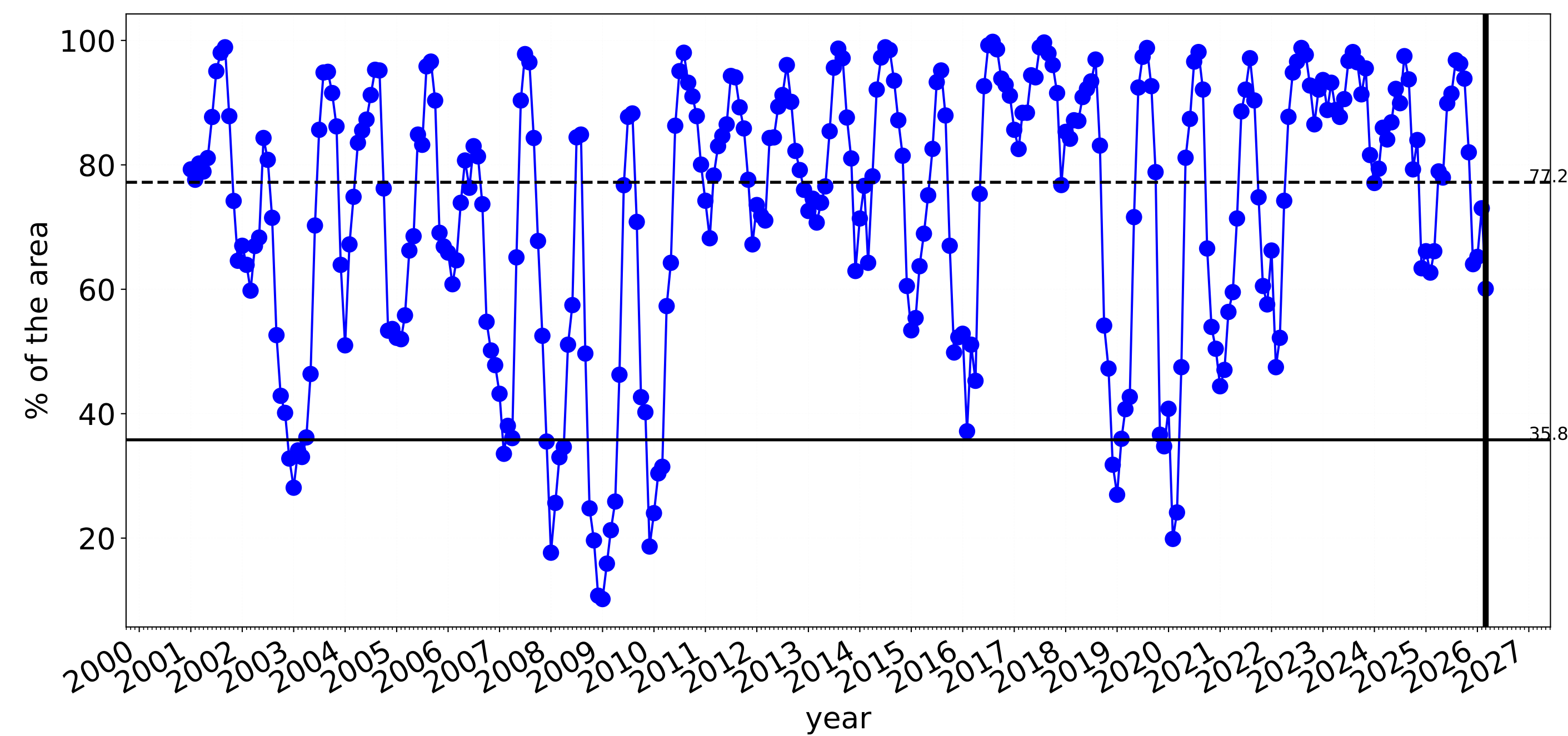
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



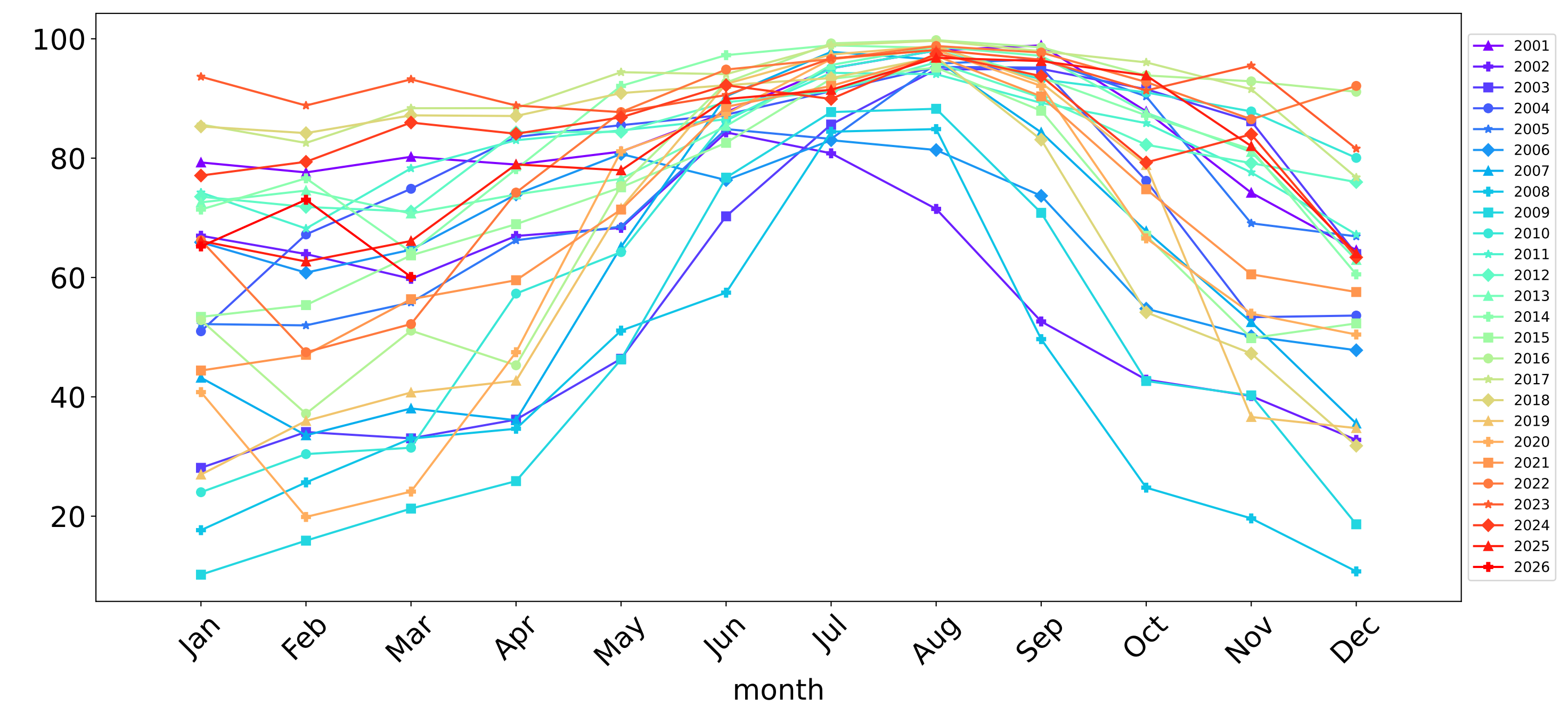
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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

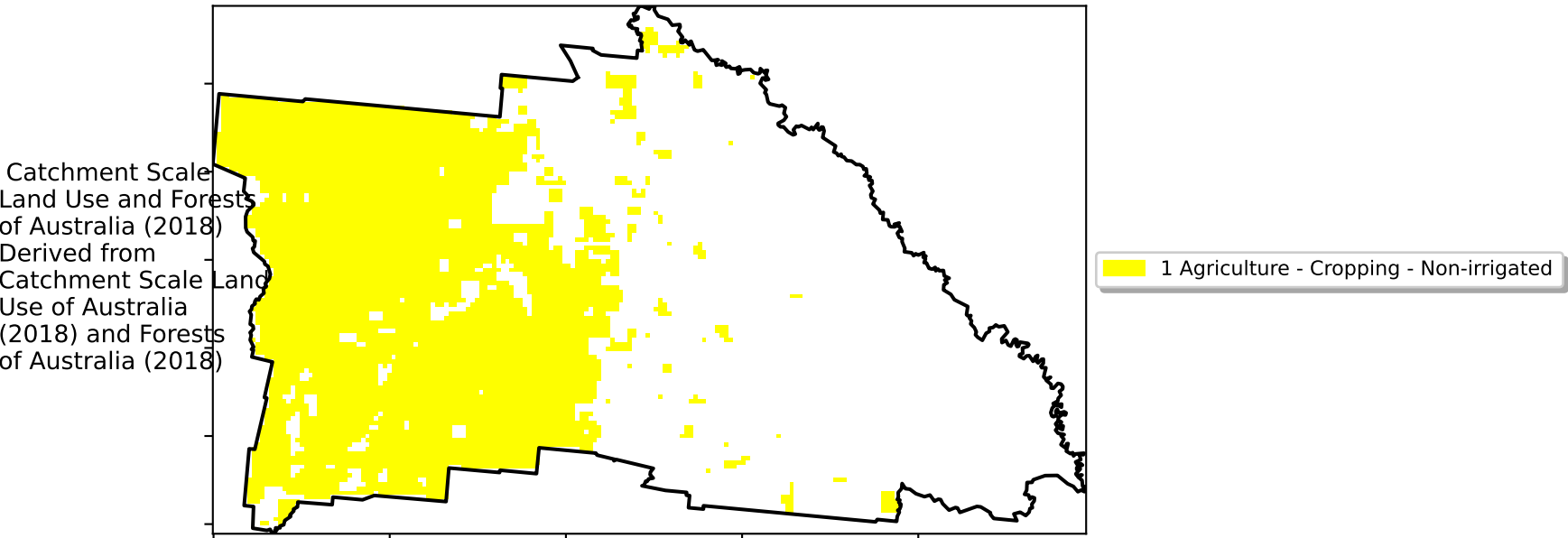


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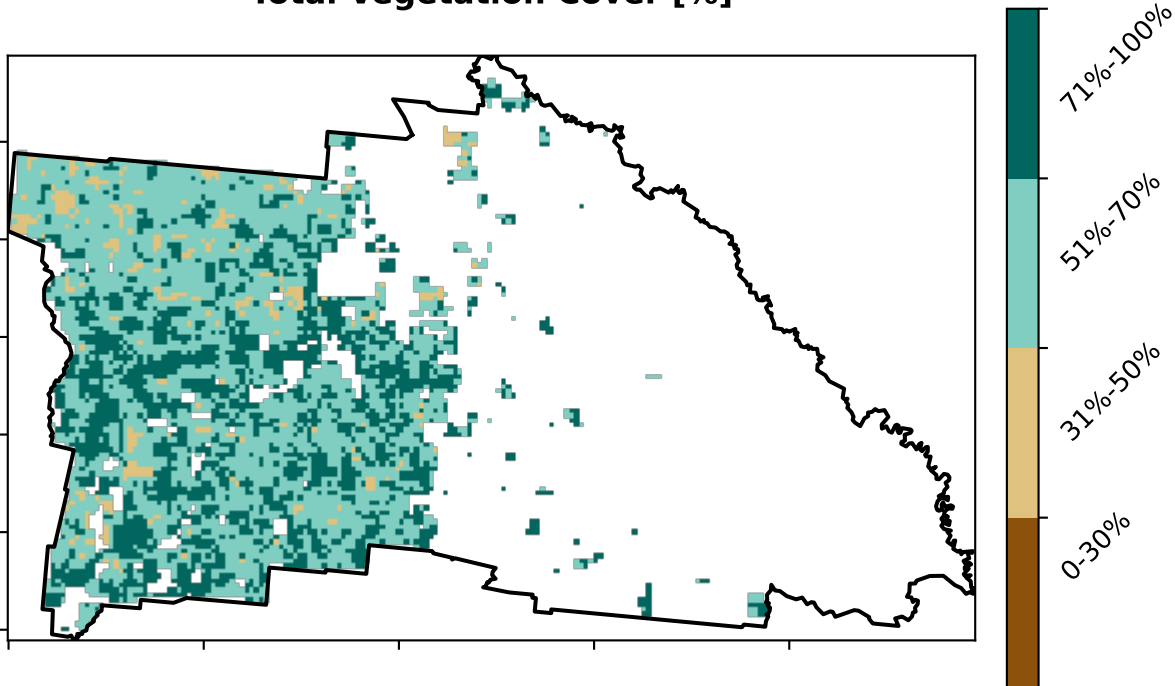


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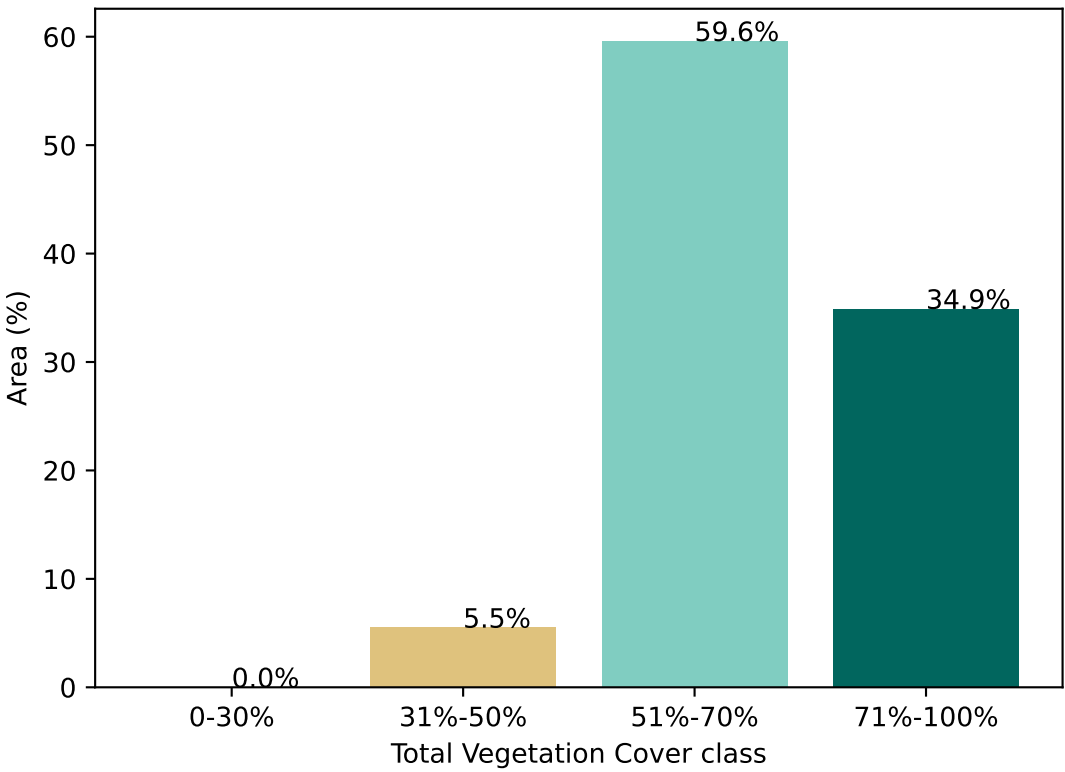
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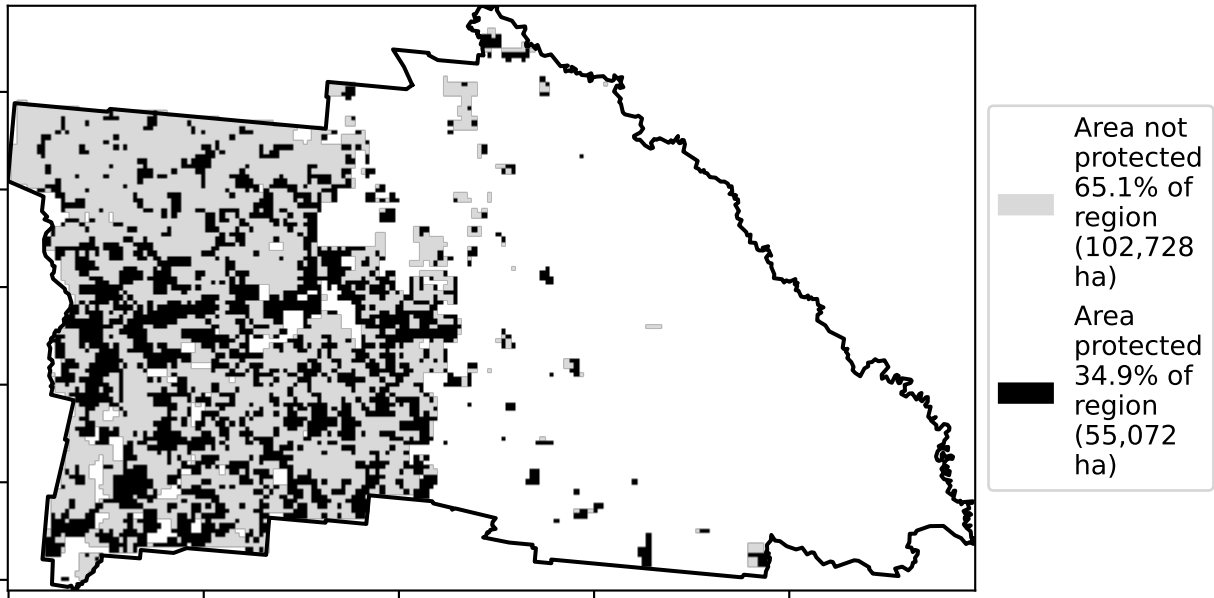
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



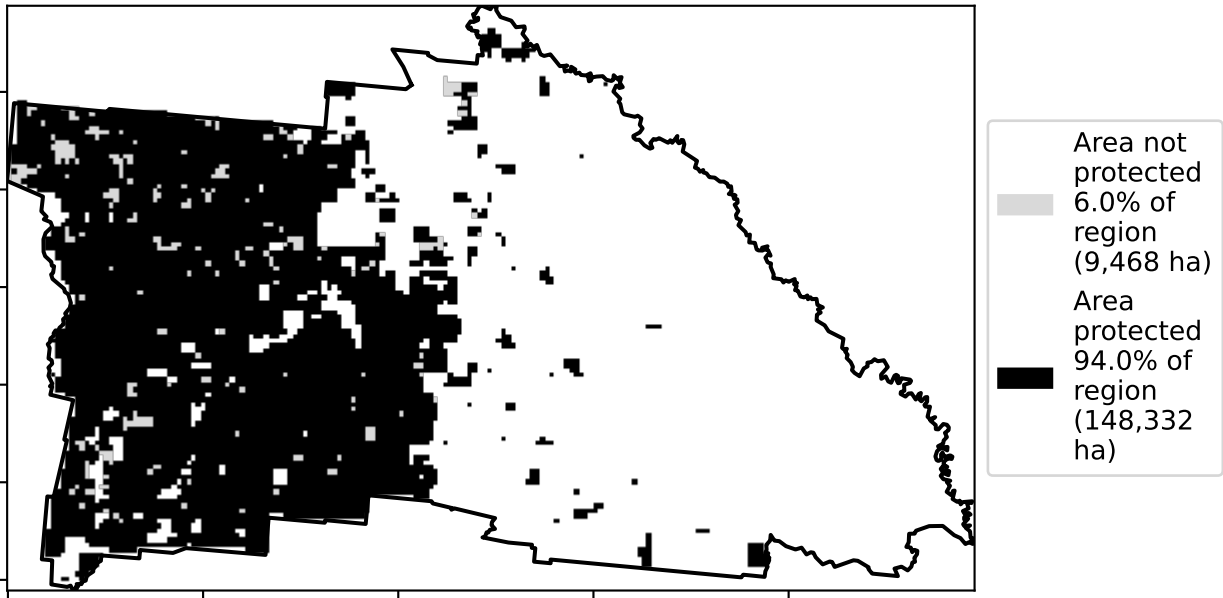
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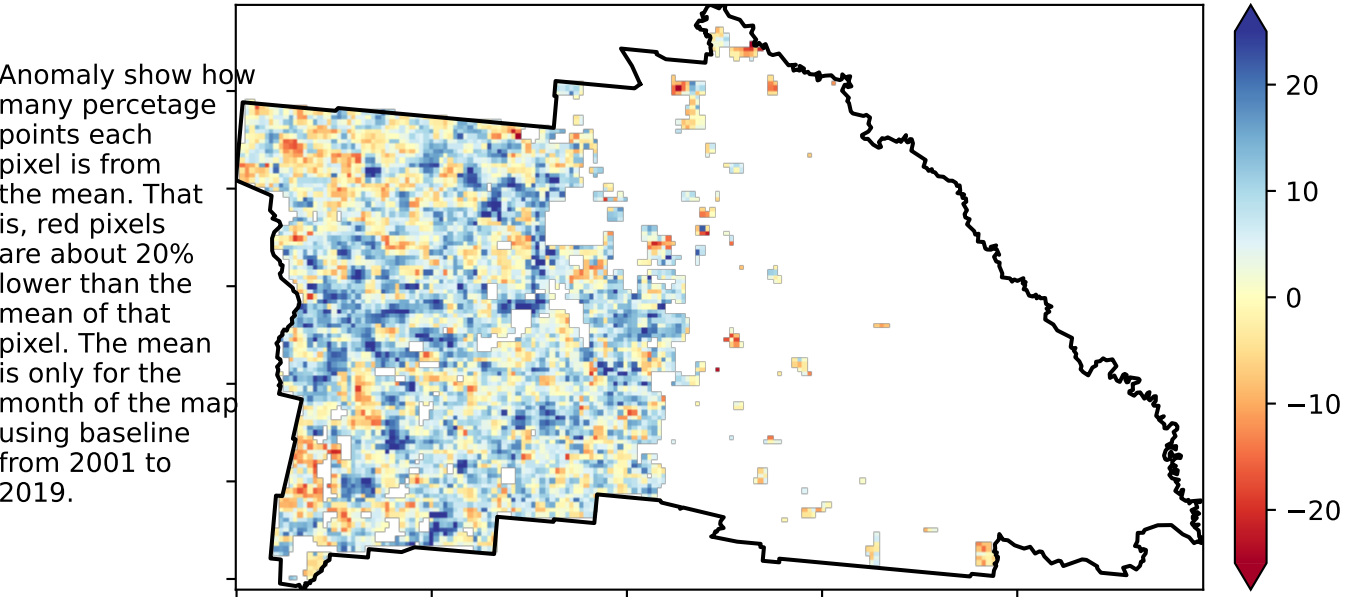
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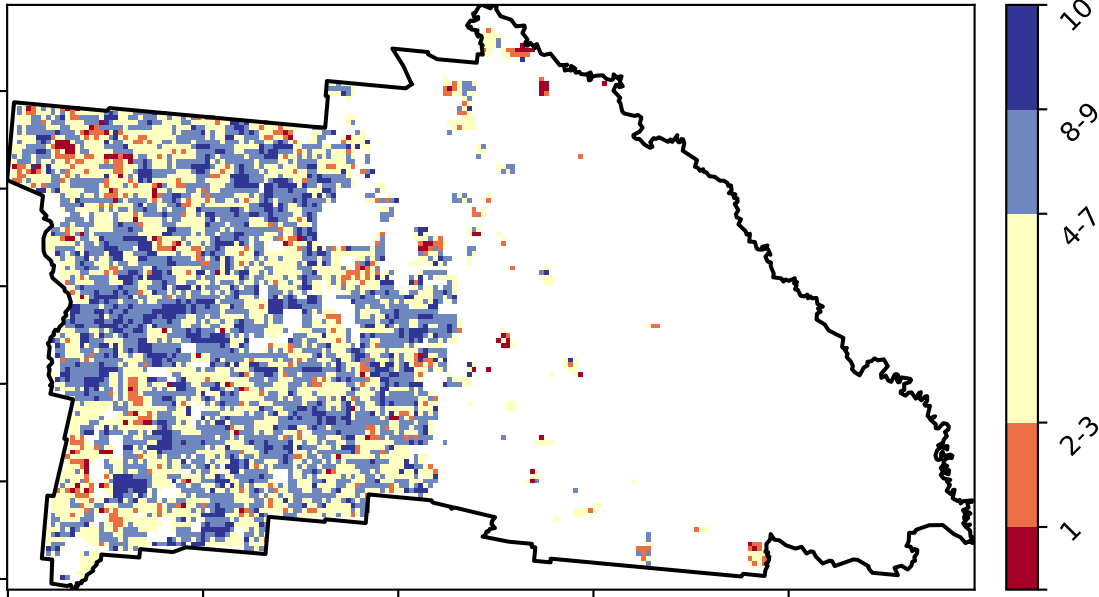


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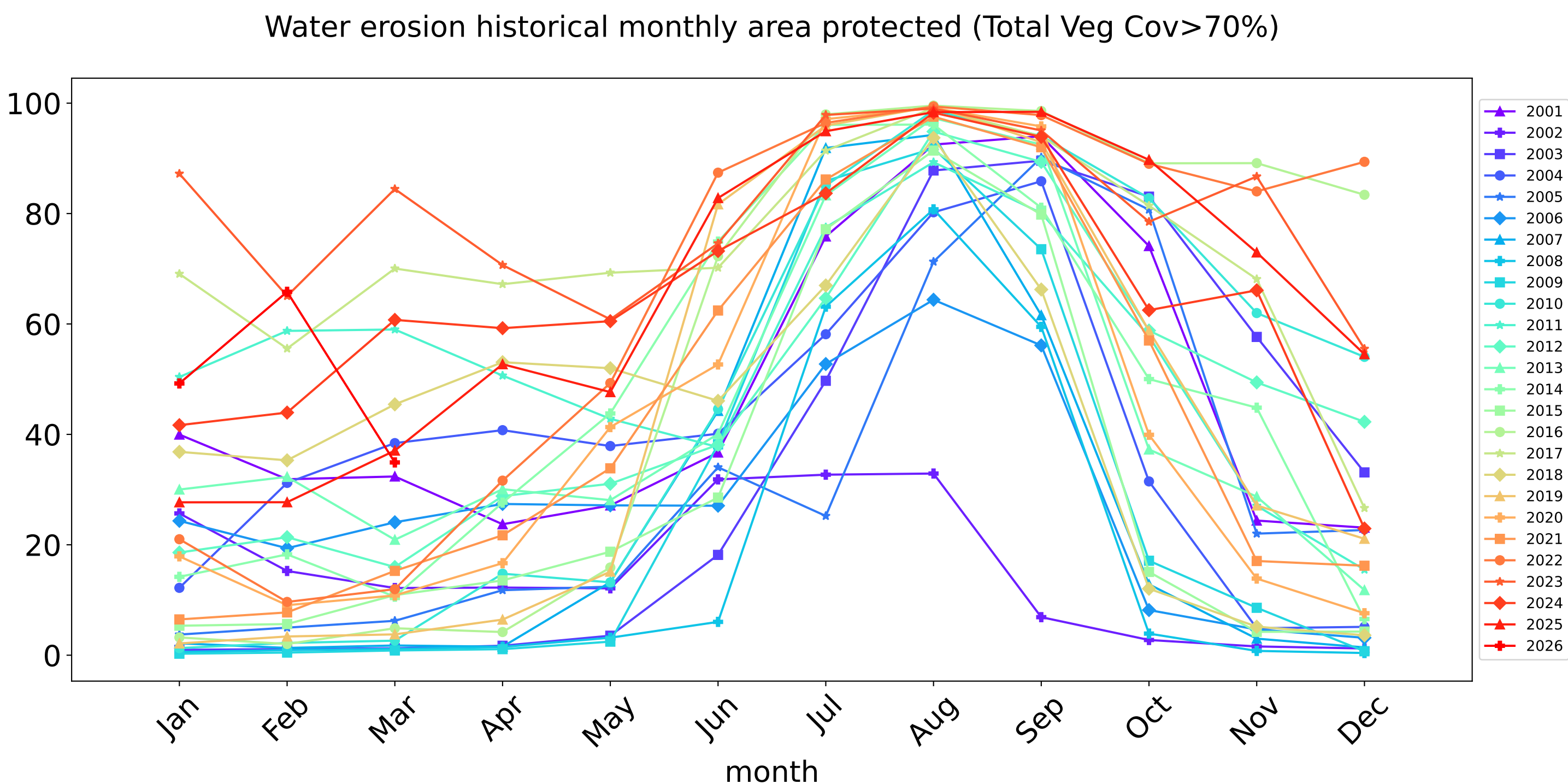
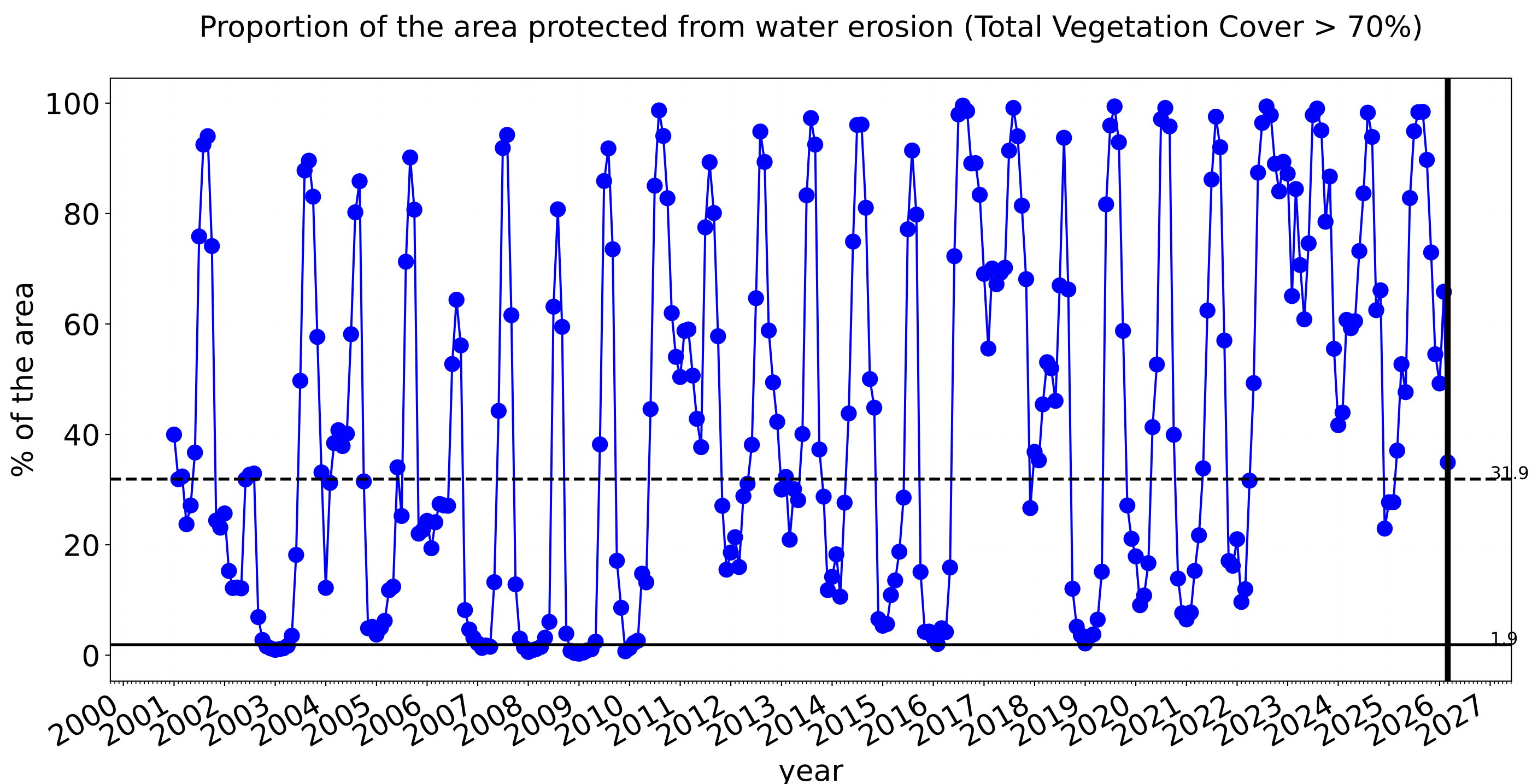
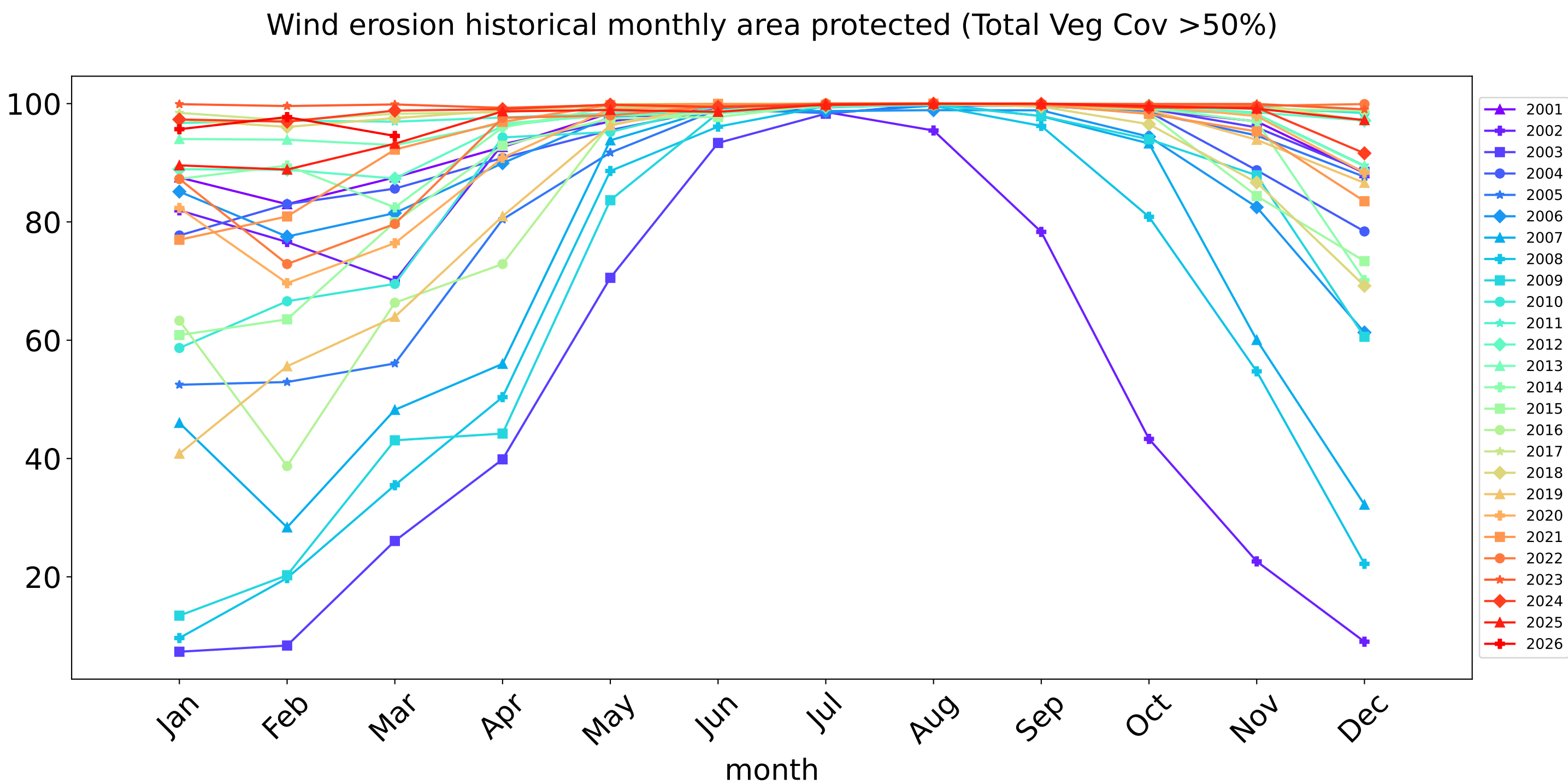
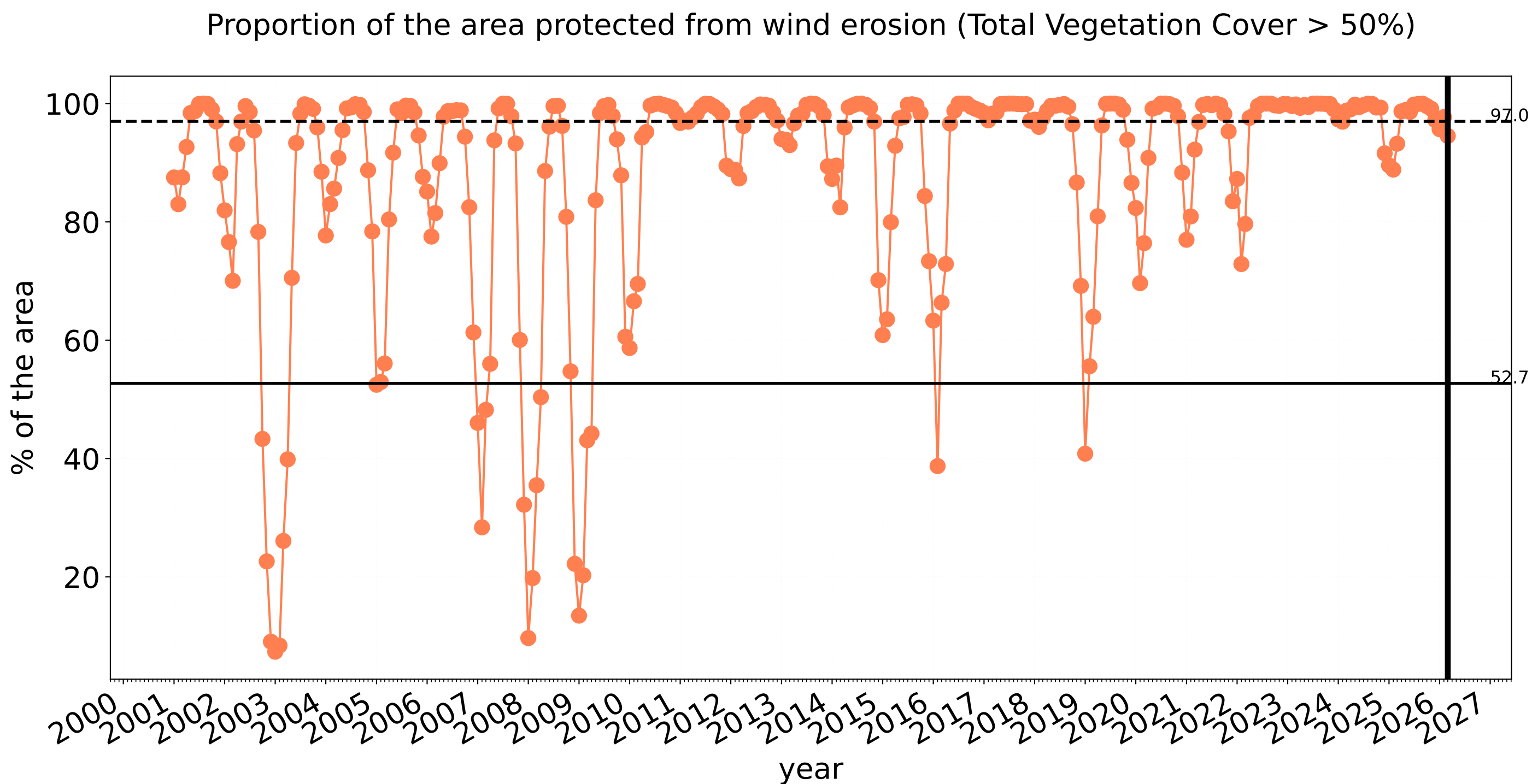


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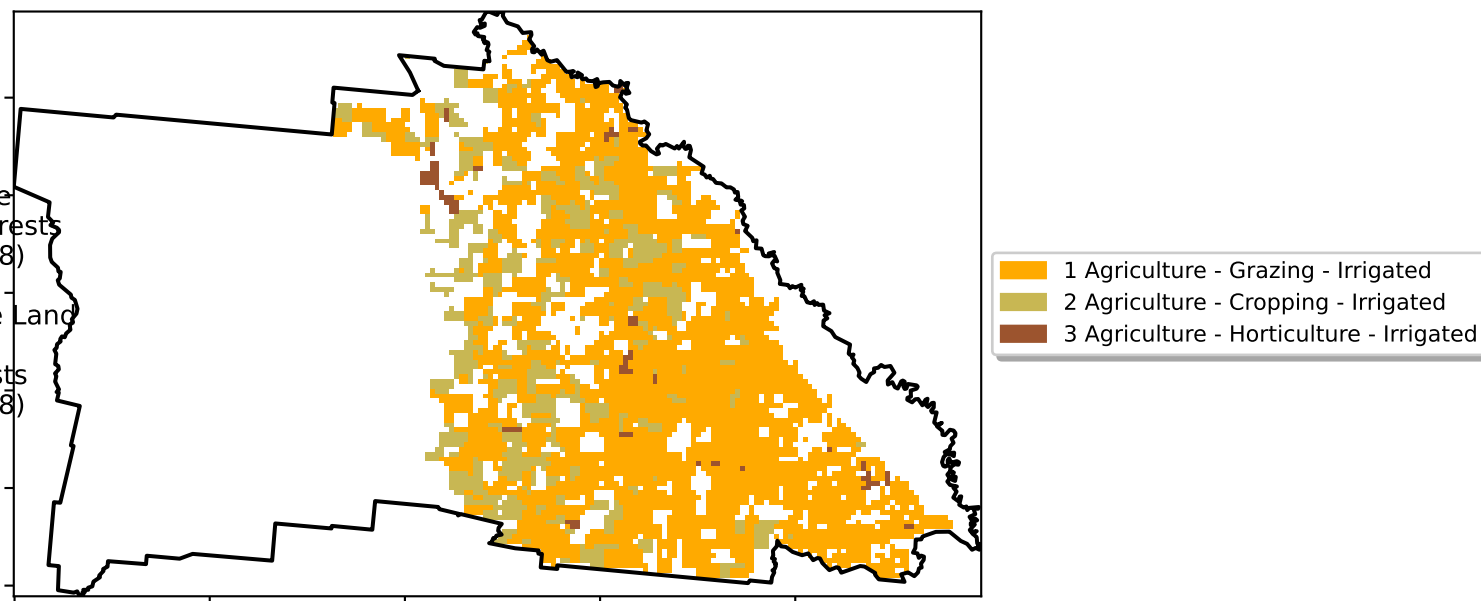
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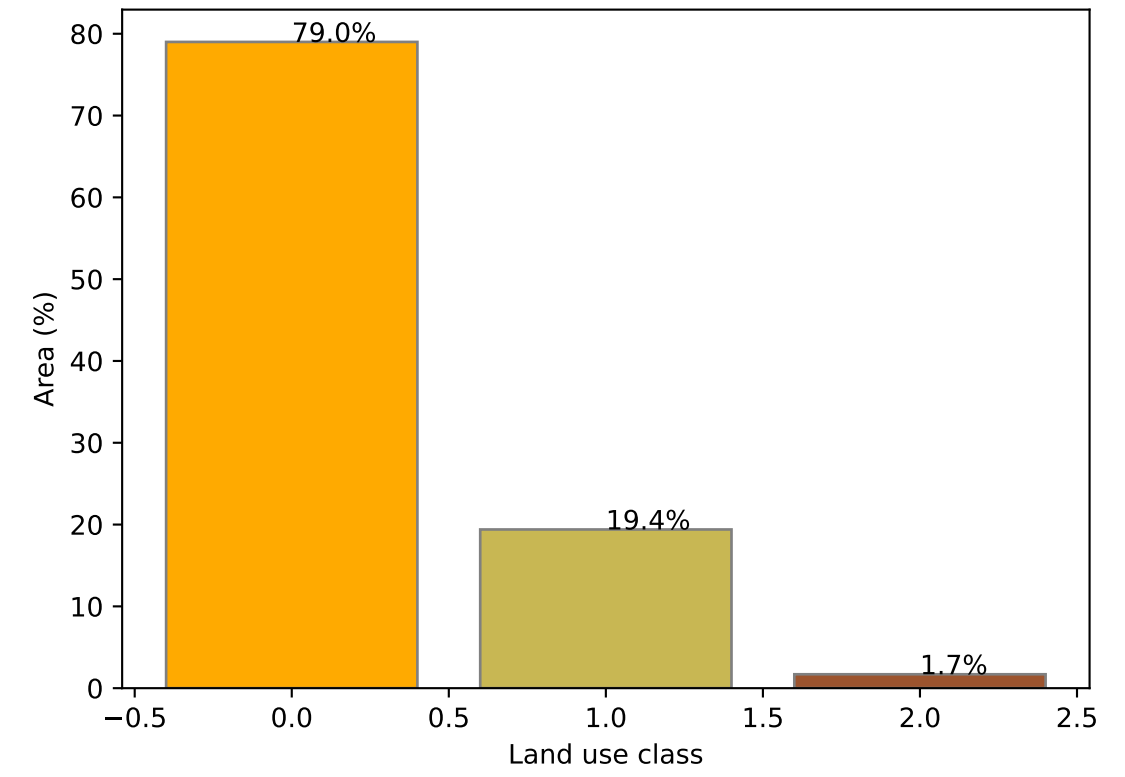
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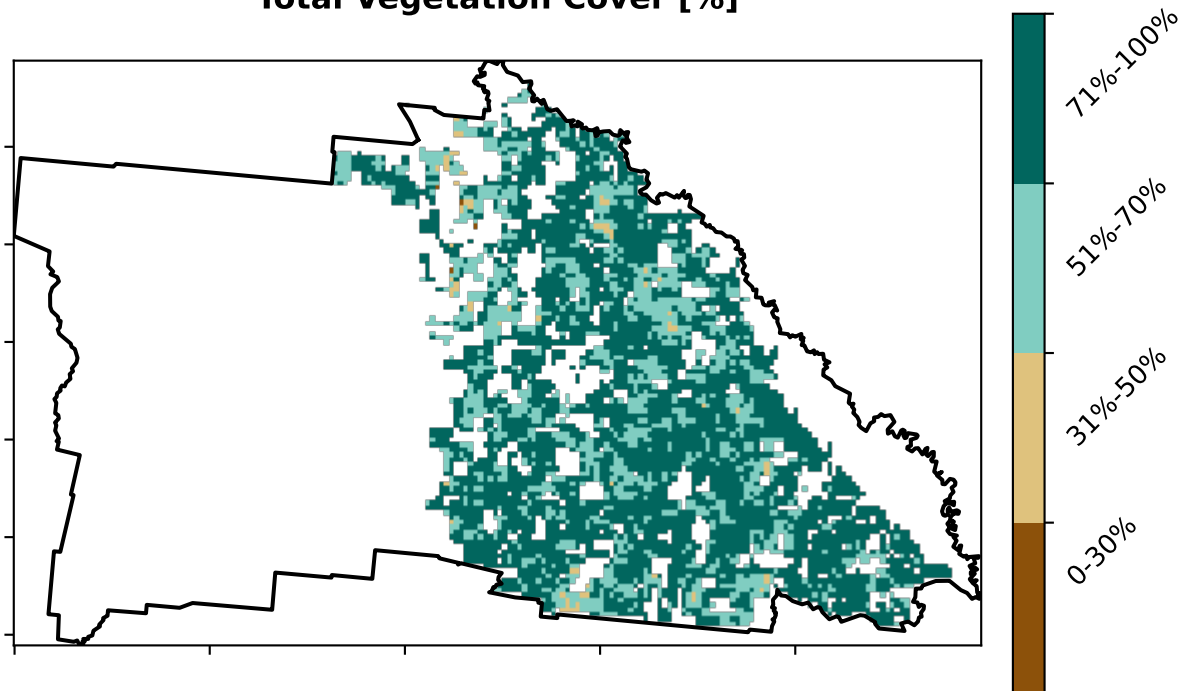
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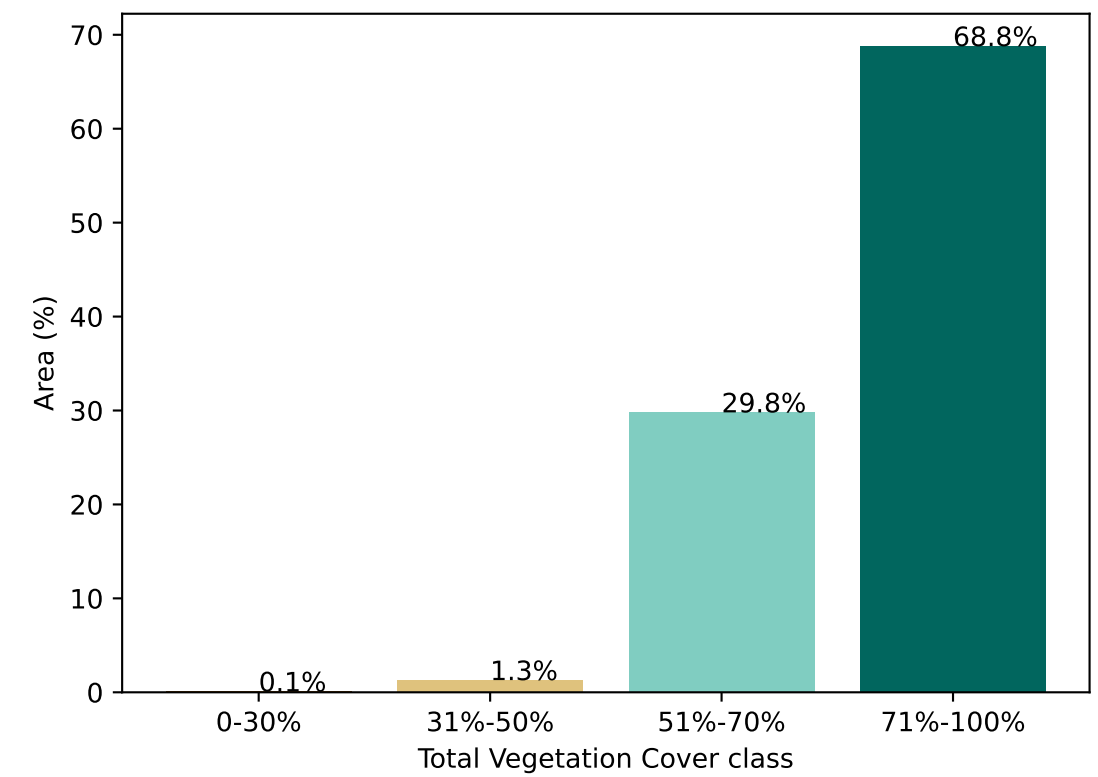
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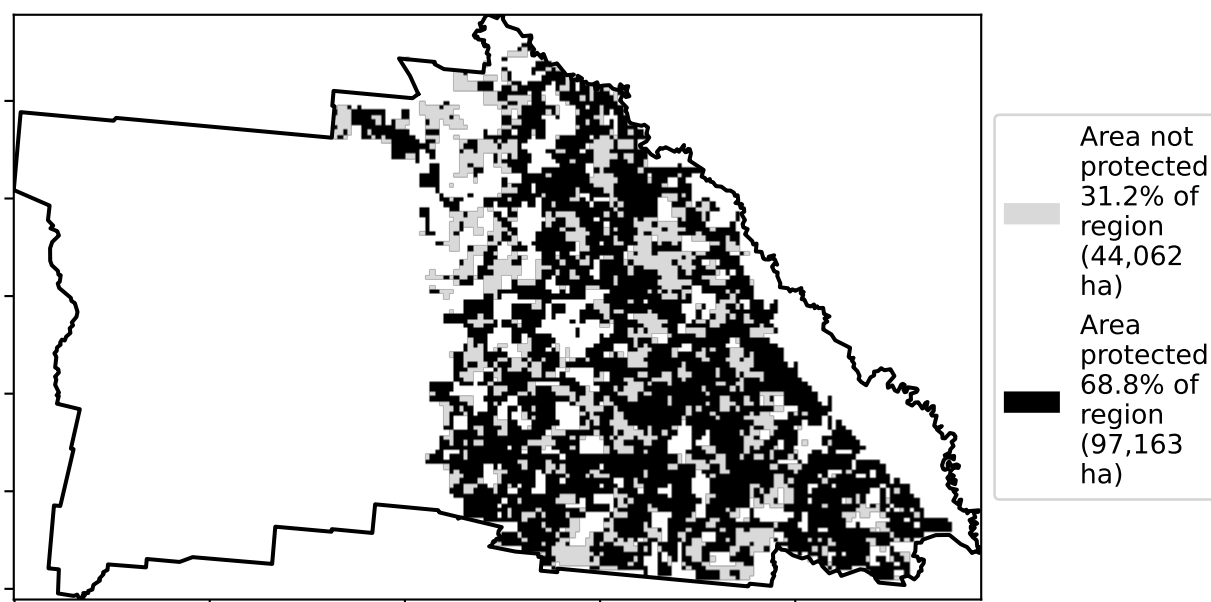
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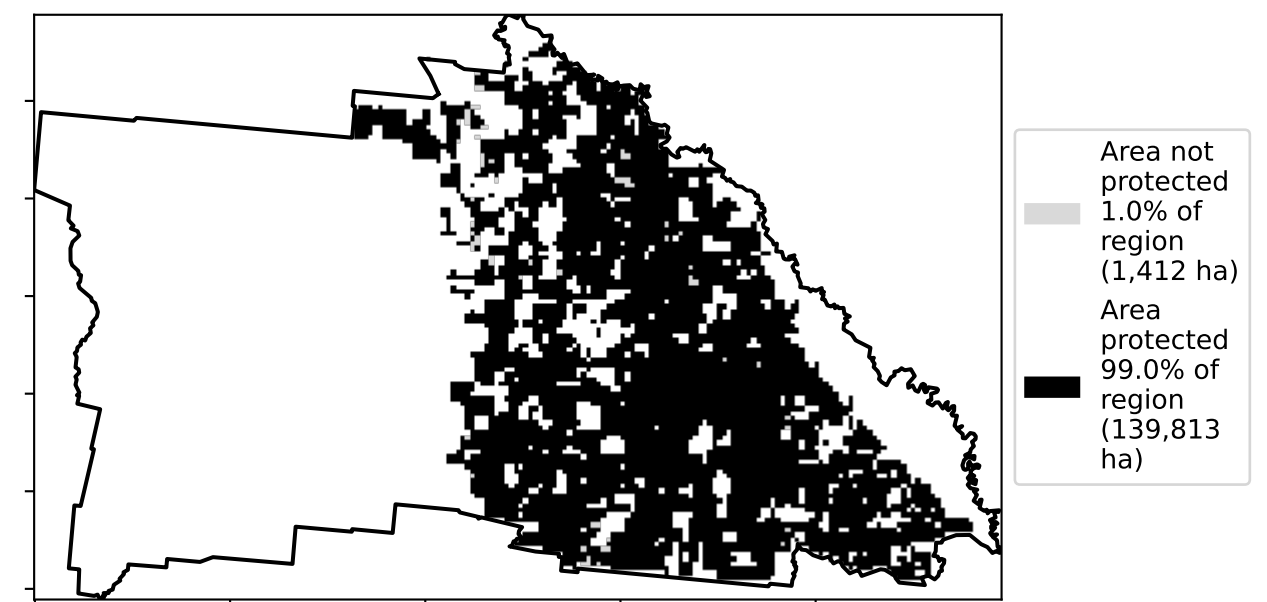
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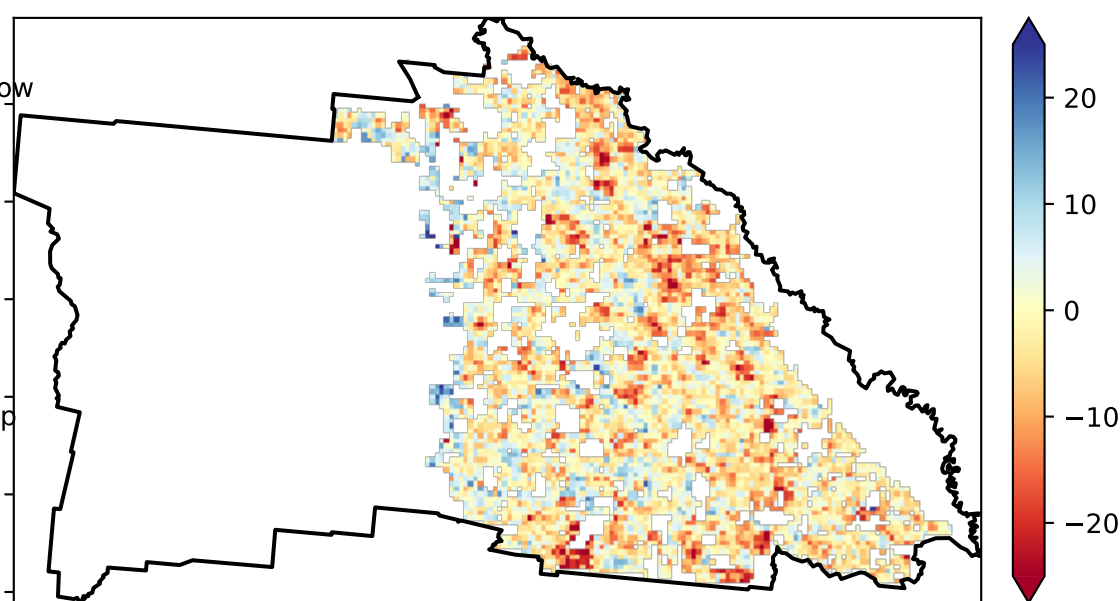


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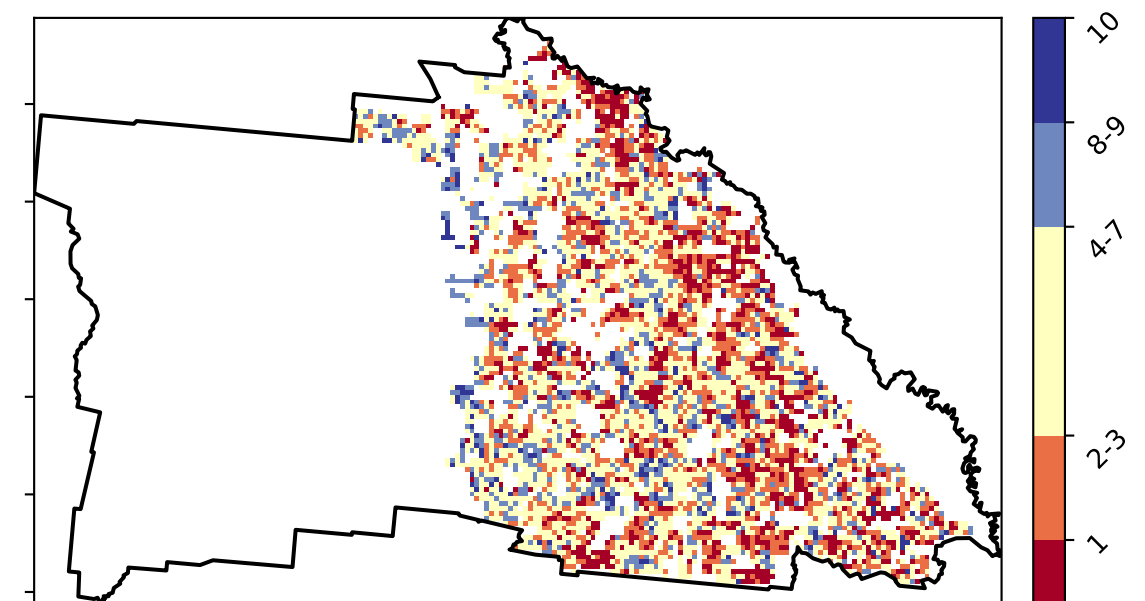
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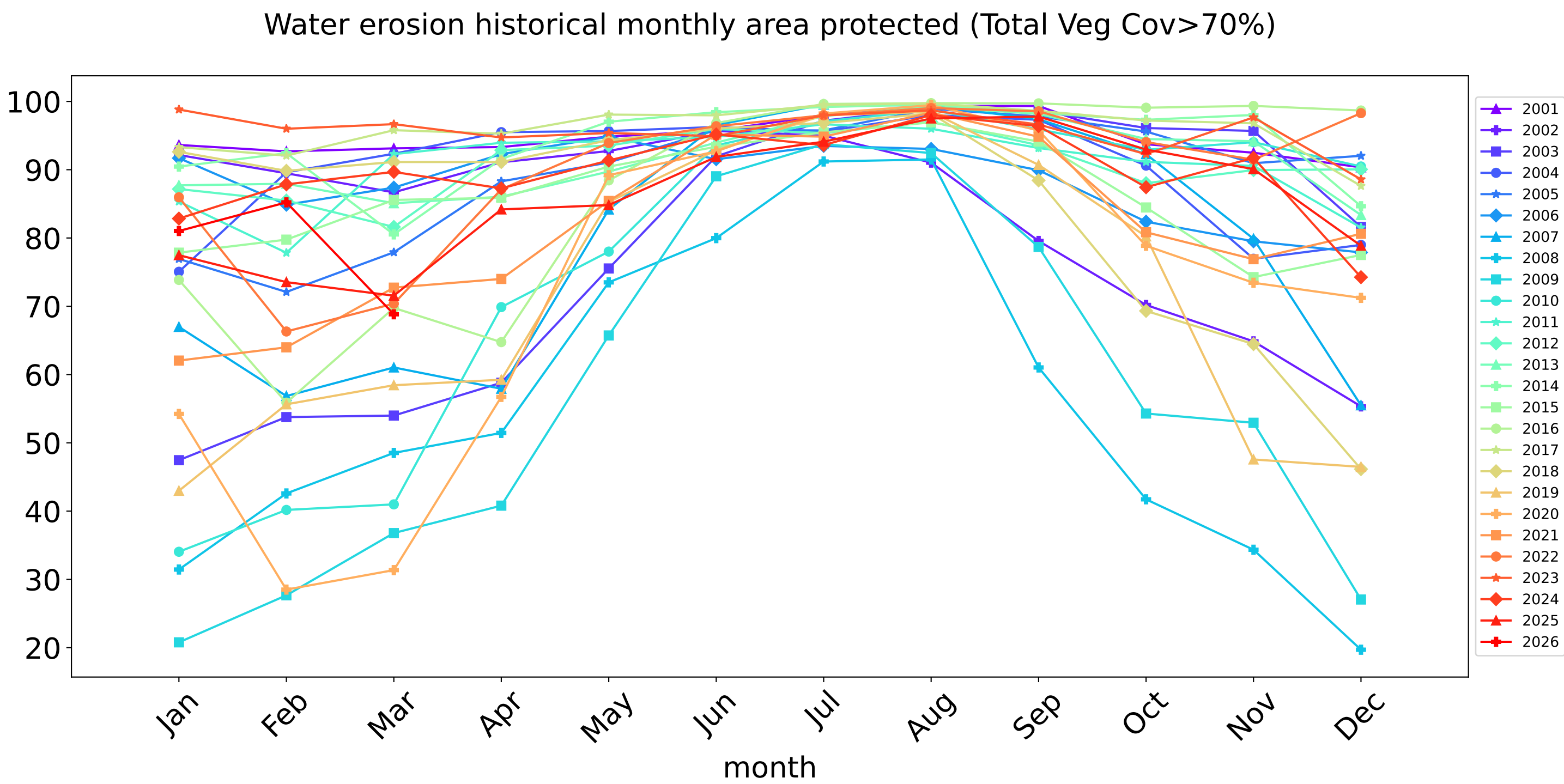
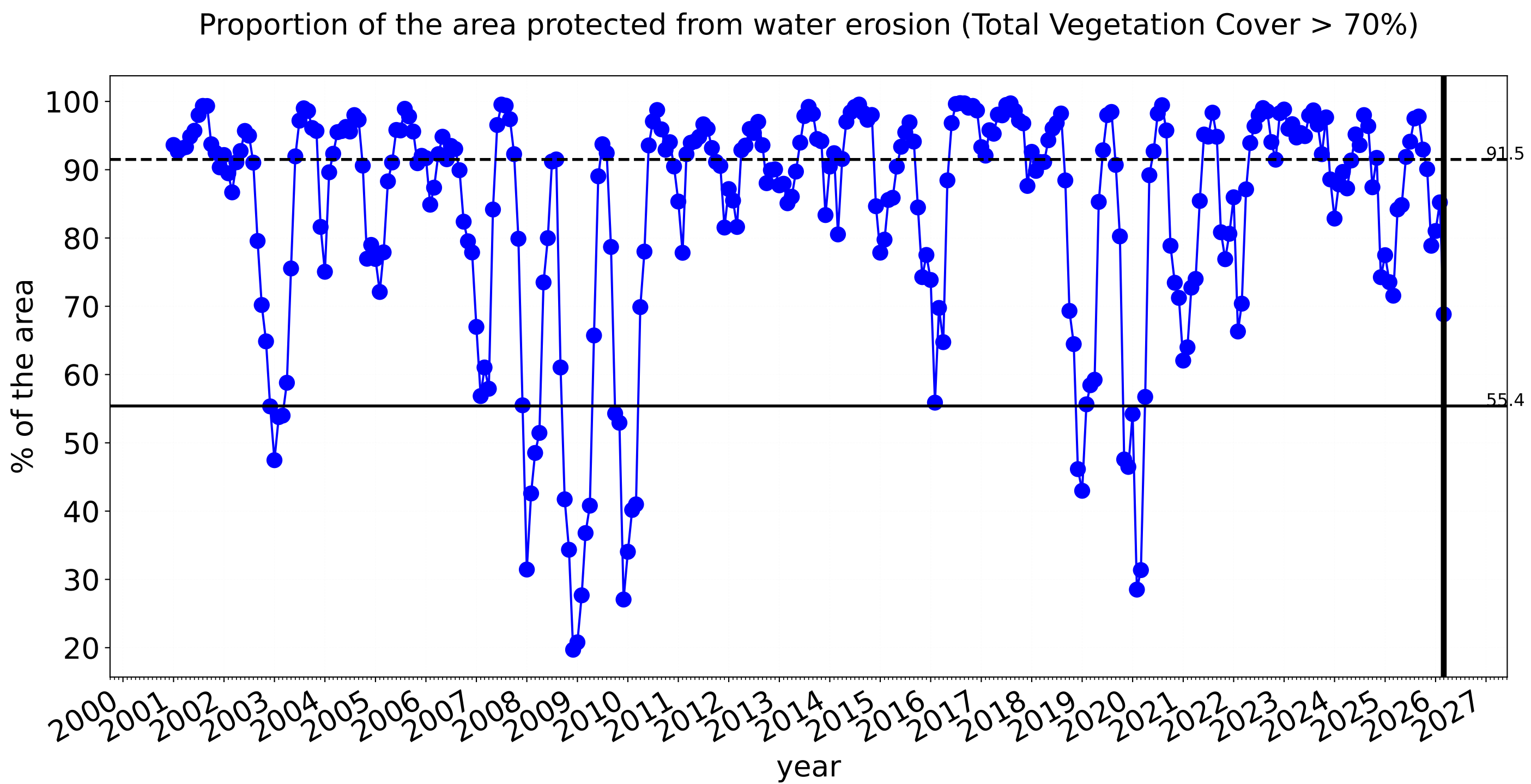
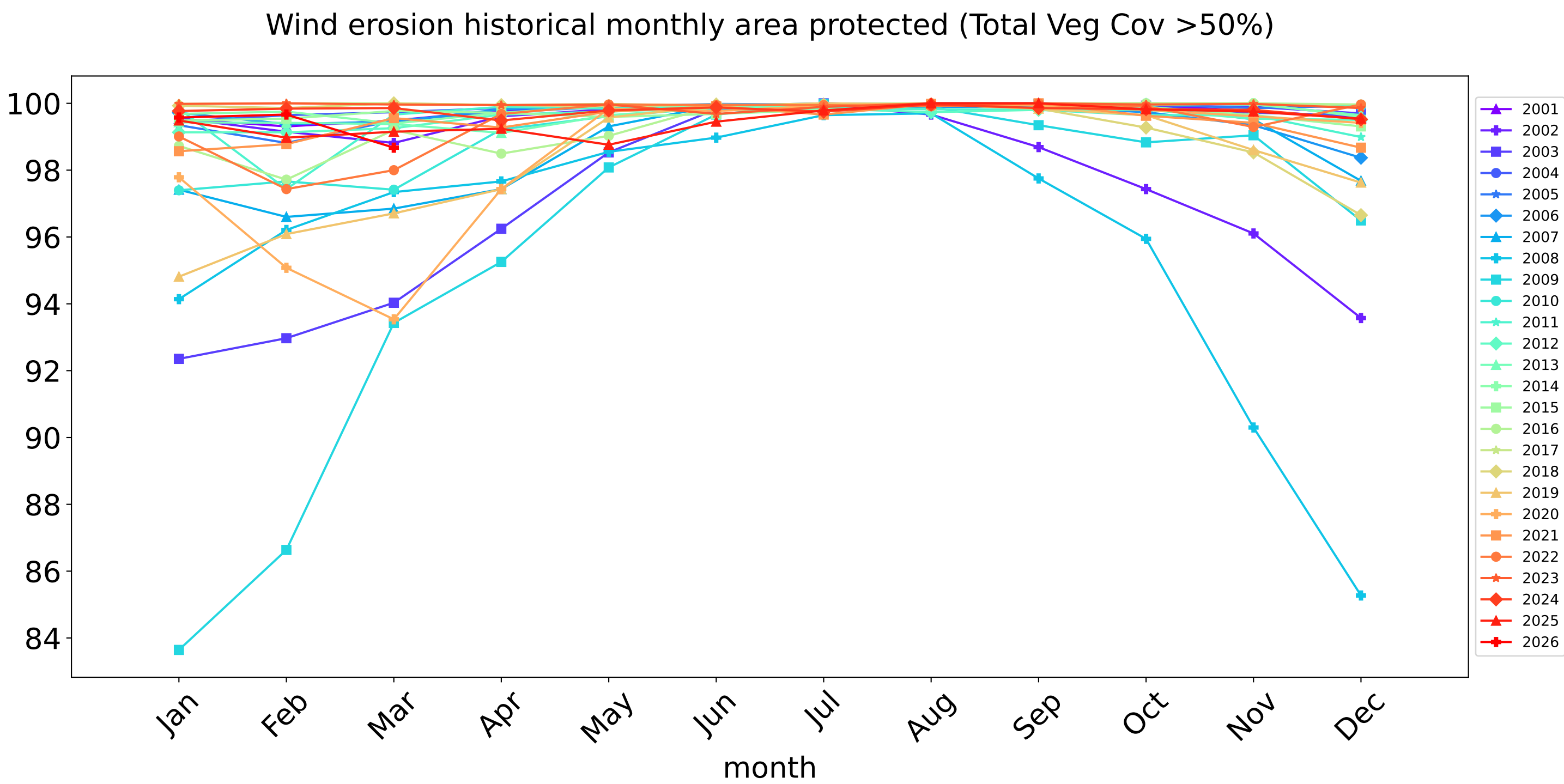
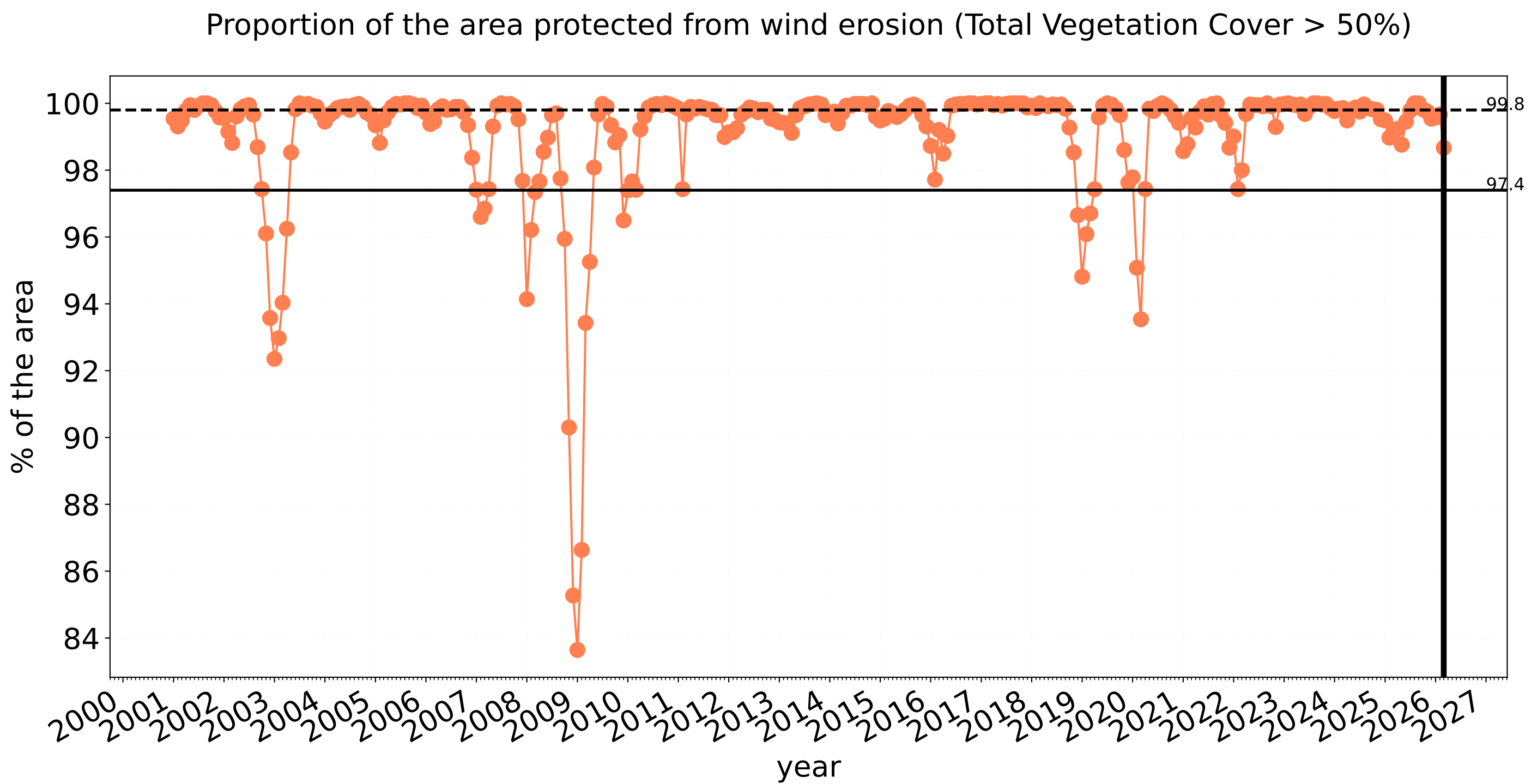


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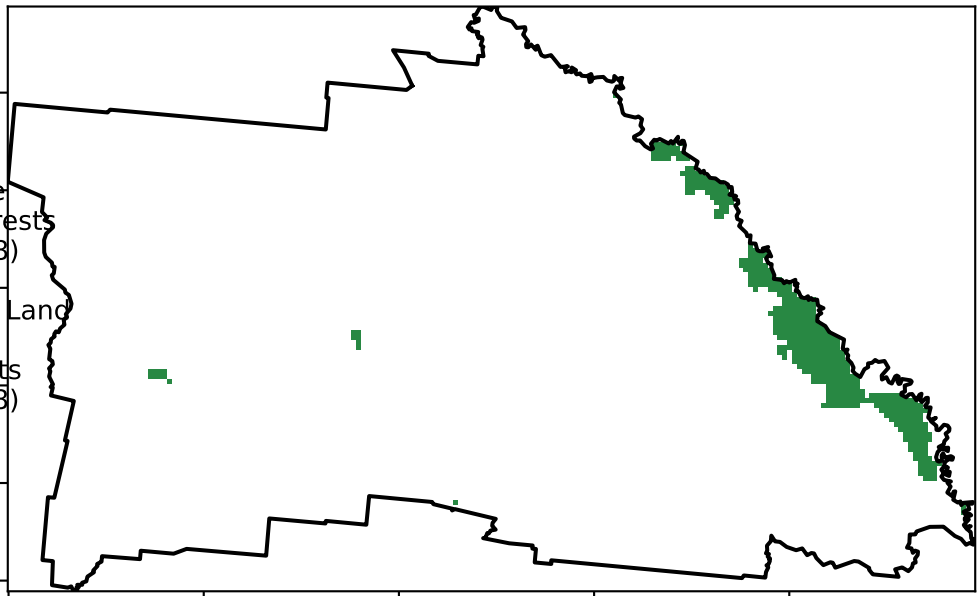
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Production native forests and plantation forests

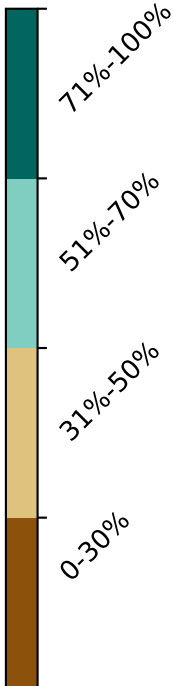
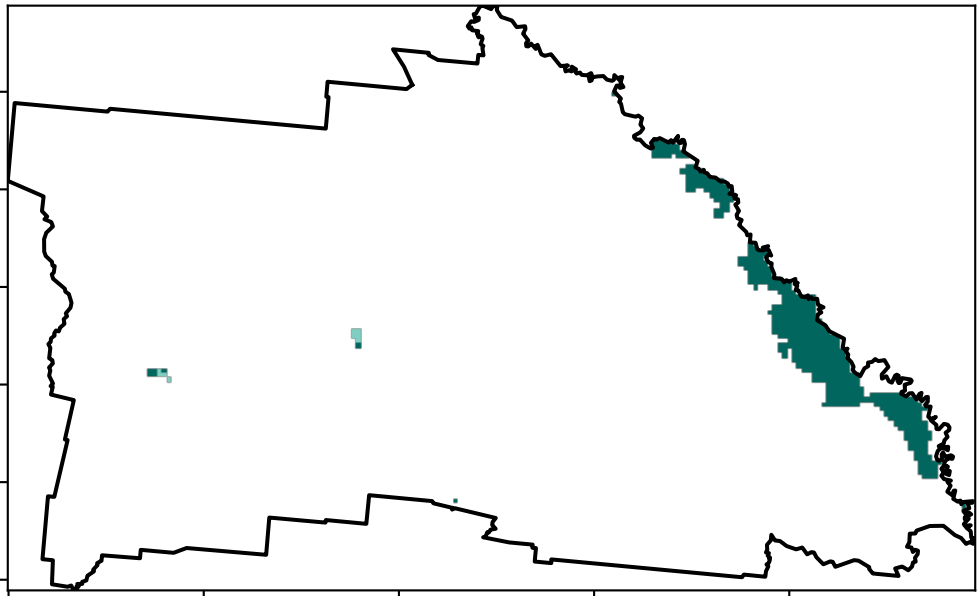
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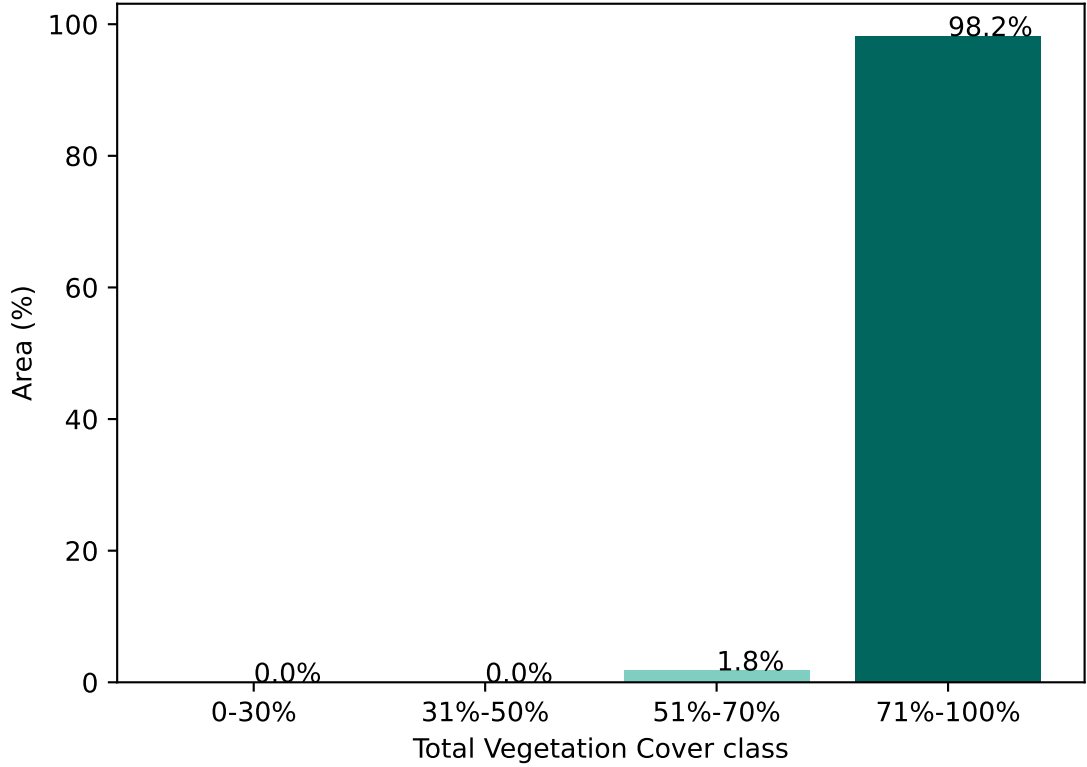


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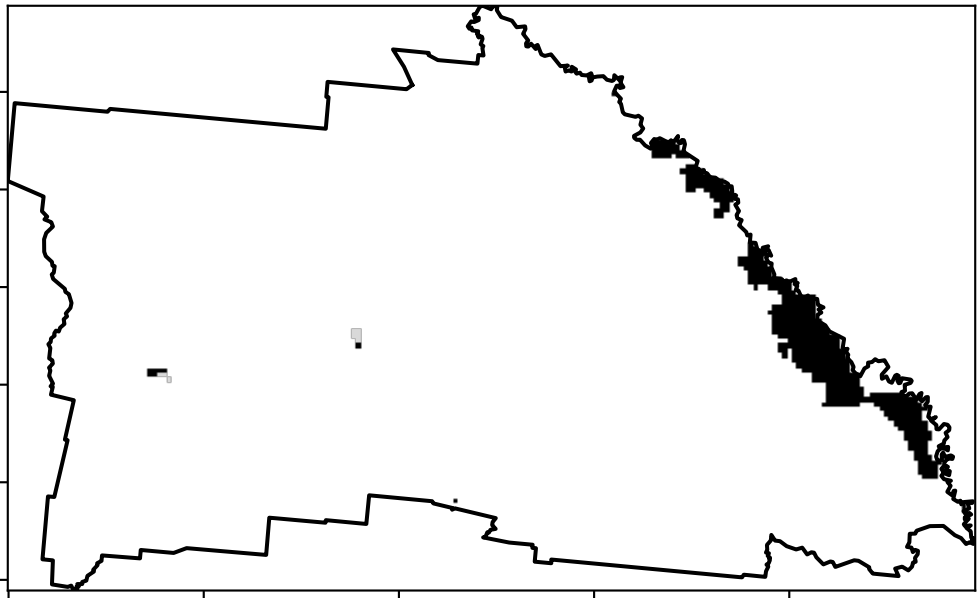
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

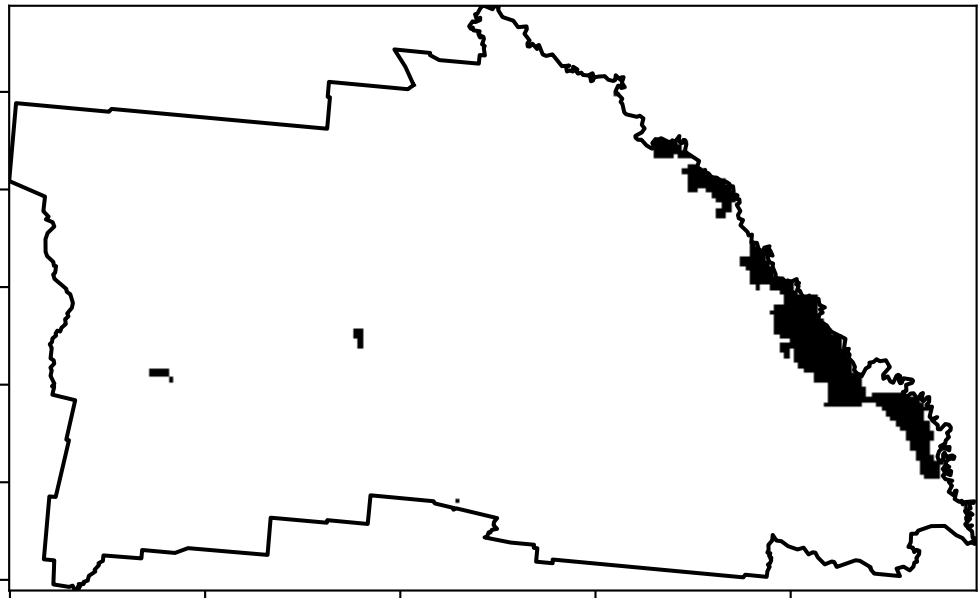


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not
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1.8% of
region
(221 ha)
Area
protected
98.2% of
region
(12,054
ha)

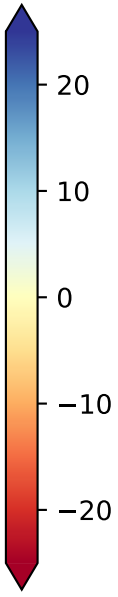
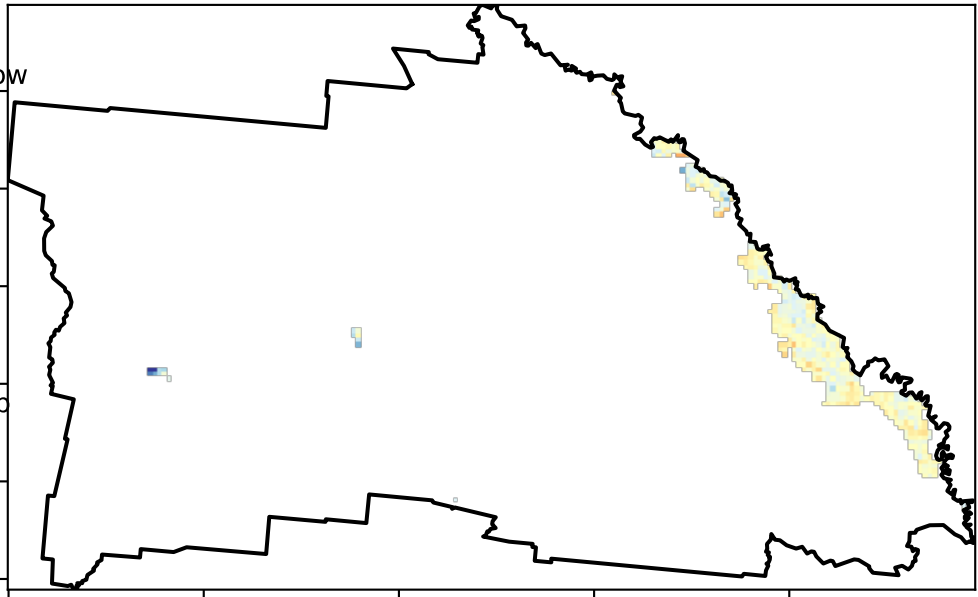
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area
protected
100.0% of
region
(12,275
ha)

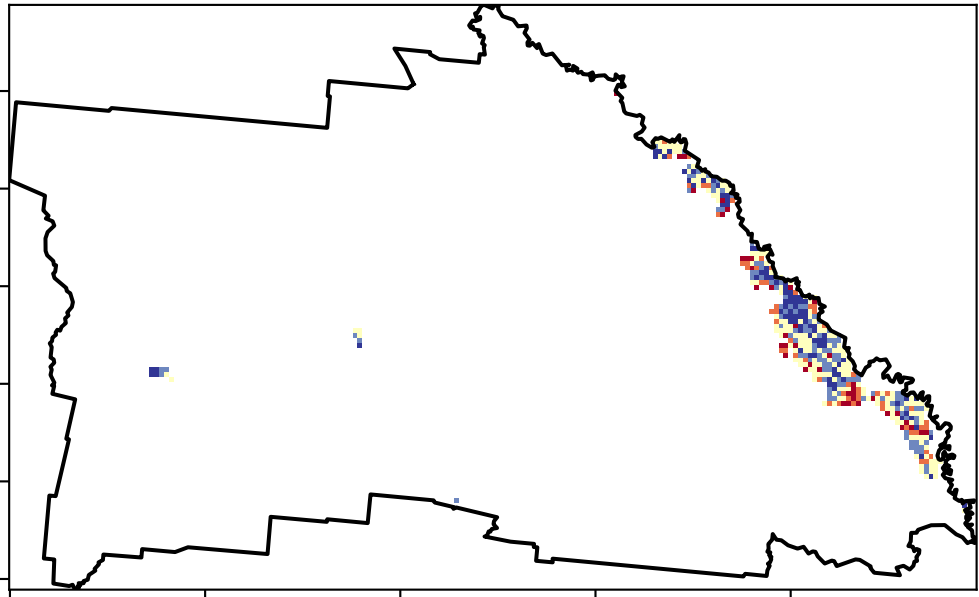
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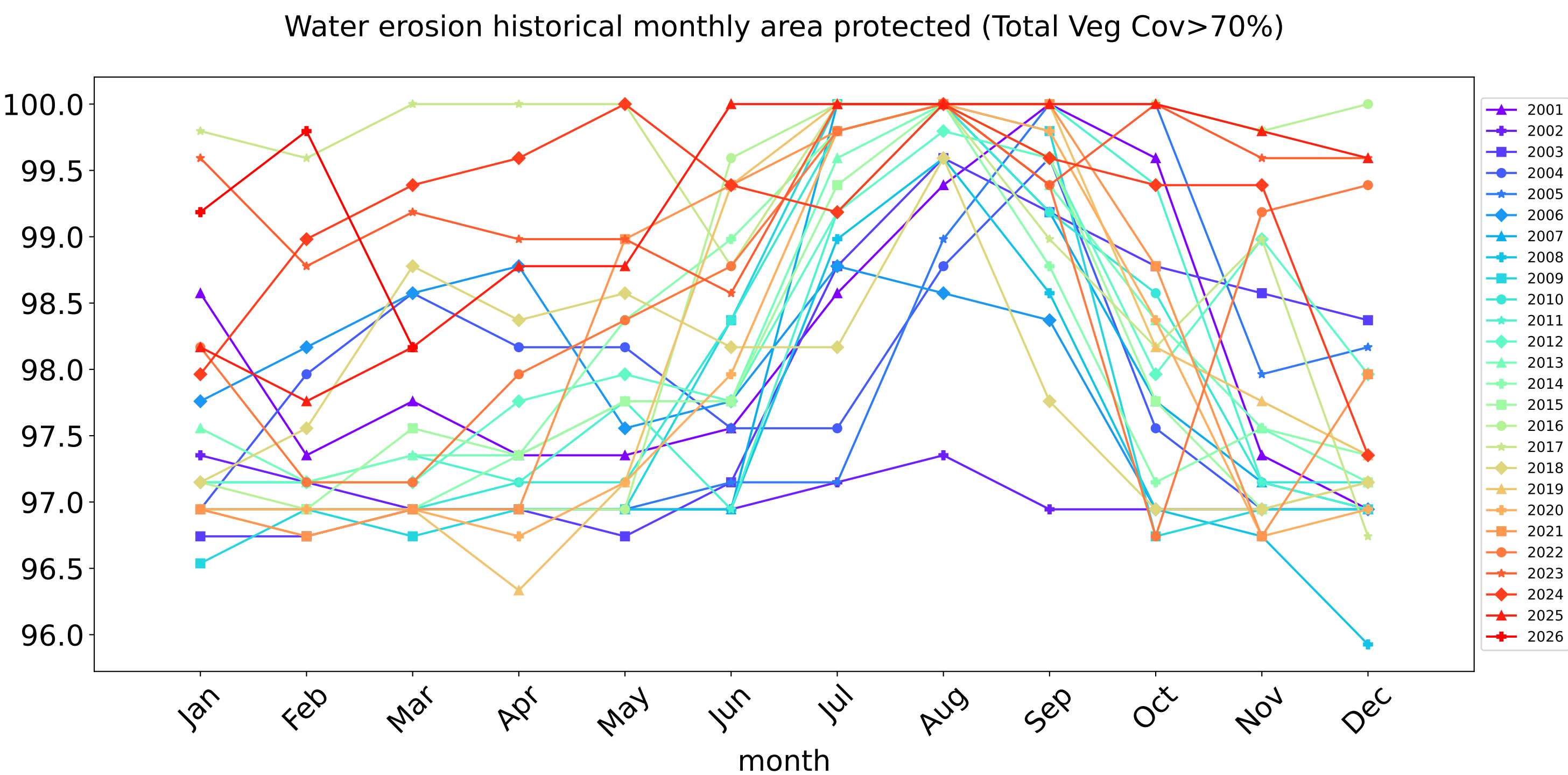
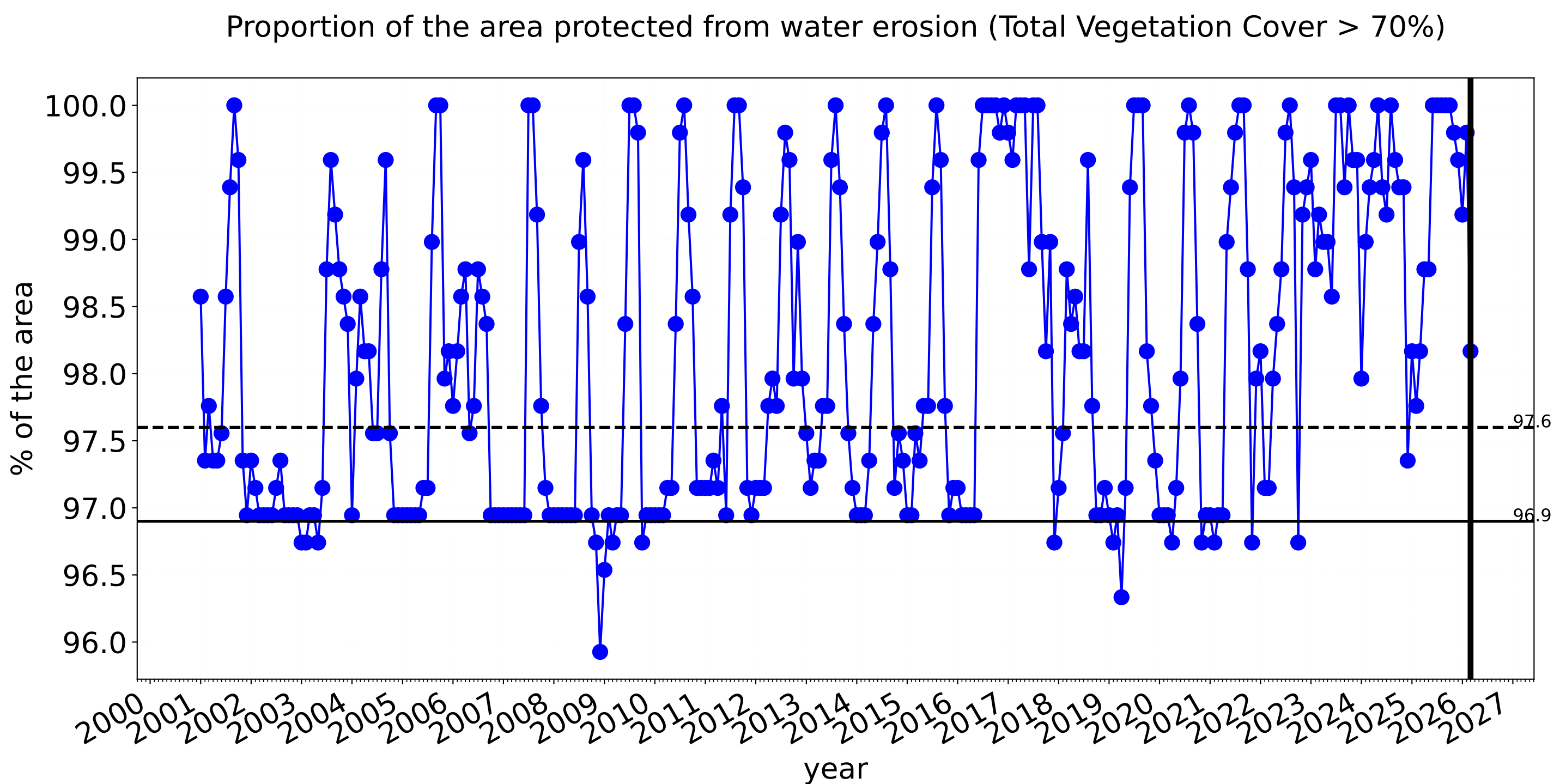
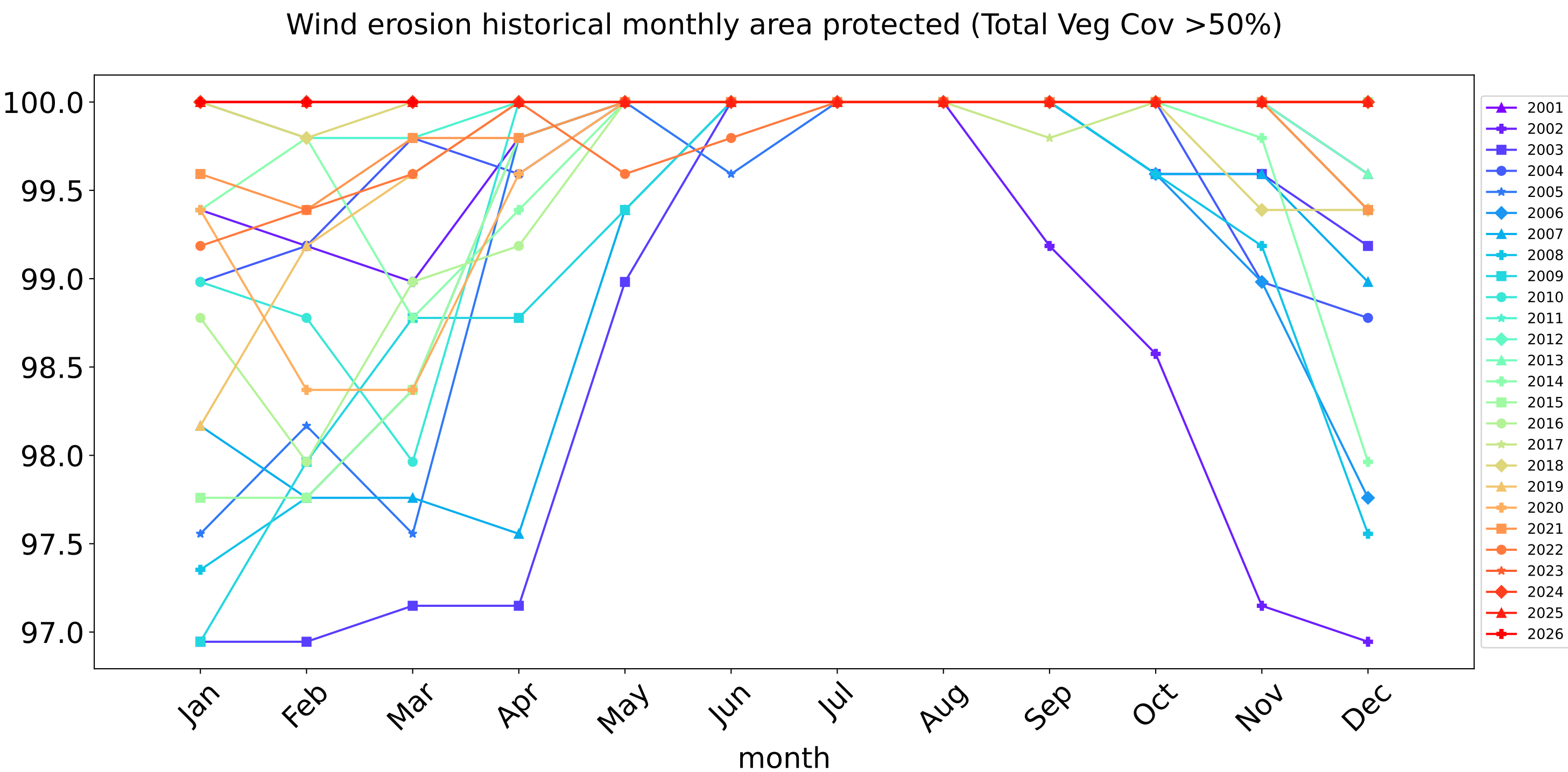
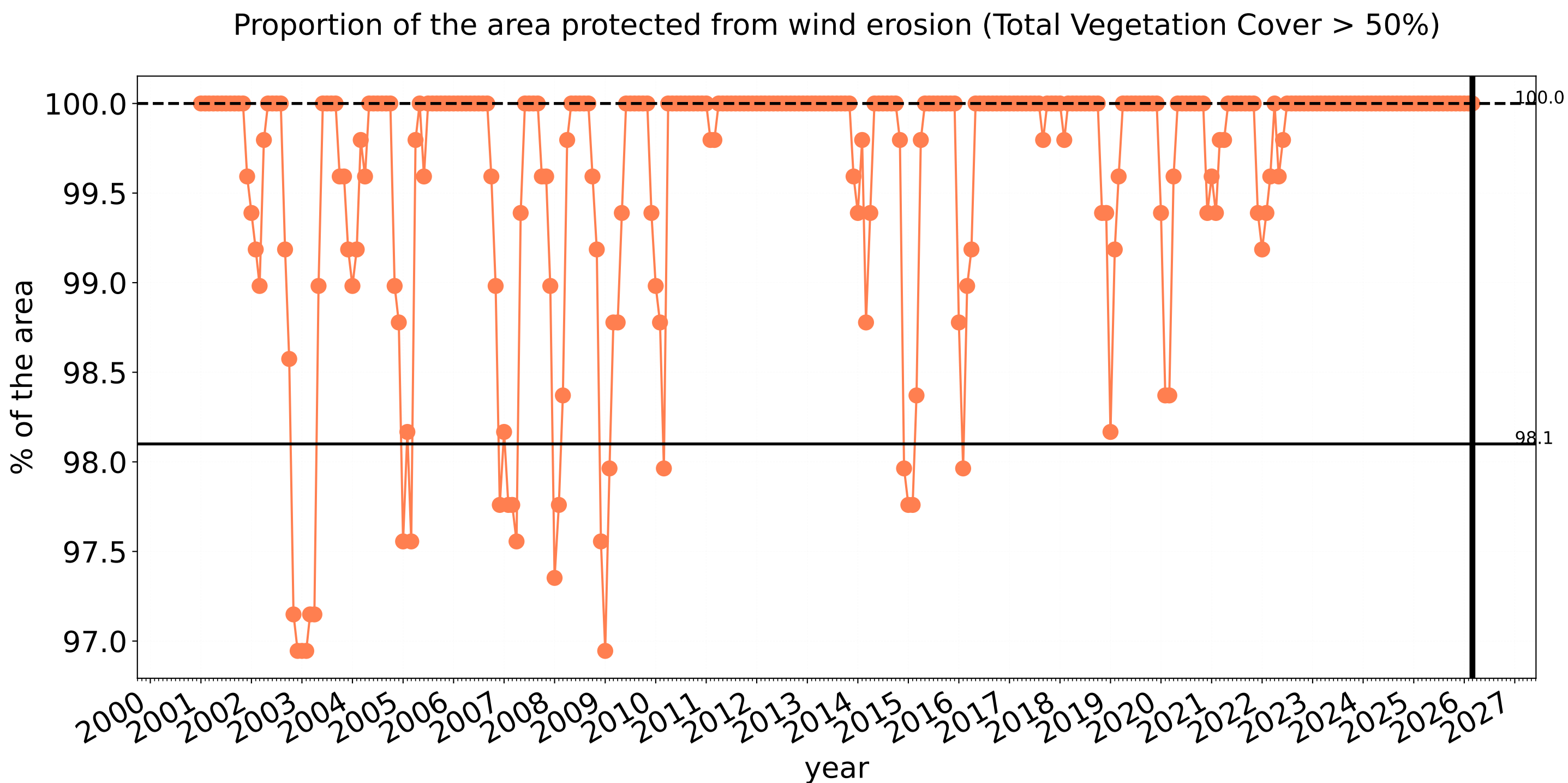


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Gannawarra_(S) (371,875 ha and no data 1,690 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	371,875	99.9% 371,425	96.6% 359,275	55.4% 206,050	21.0% 78,000	4.4% 16,375	1.2% 4,350
Conservation and natural environments	24,000	99.7% 23,925	98.5% 23,650	85.5% 20,525	57.4% 13,775	19.5% 4,675	4.1% 975
Conservation and natural environments non forest	12,000	99.4% 11,925	97.1% 11,650	74.4% 8,925	37.1% 4,450	5.0% 600	0.6% 75
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	5,500	100.0% 5,500	100.0% 5,500	92.7% 5,100	52.7% 2,900	7.3% 400	1.4% 75
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	6,500	100.0% 6,500	100.0% 6,500	100.0% 6,500	98.8% 6,425	56.5% 3,675	12.7% 825
Agriculture	322,250	100.0% 322,125	96.5% 311,000	51.6% 166,400	15.5% 49,825	1.0% 3,225	0.1% 325
Grazing	23,100	99.9% 23,075	96.8% 22,350	60.5% 13,975	22.8% 5,275	2.4% 550	0.1% 25
Grazing non forest	22,800	99.9% 22,775	96.7% 22,050	60.1% 13,700	22.4% 5,100	2.3% 525	0.1% 25
Cropping	157,800	100.0% 157,800	94.5% 149,175	34.9% 55,100	7.7% 12,100	0.6% 925	0.0% 50
Irrigation	141,225	99.9% 141,125	98.7% 139,350	68.8% 97,200	22.9% 32,375	1.2% 1,750	0.2% 250
Production native forests and plantation forests	12,275	100.0% 12,275	100.0% 12,275	98.2% 12,050	94.5% 11,600	65.8% 8,075	23.8% 2,925