### Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Glenelg\_(S) VIC

## Date: May 2021

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:

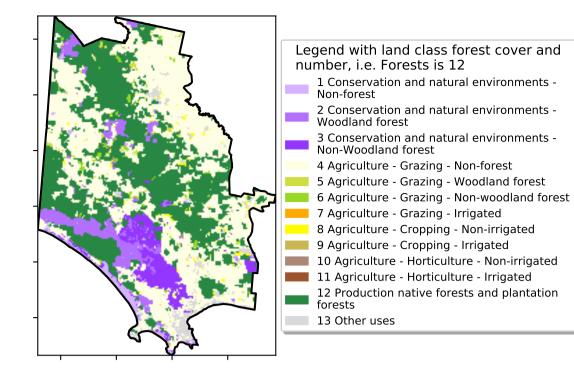
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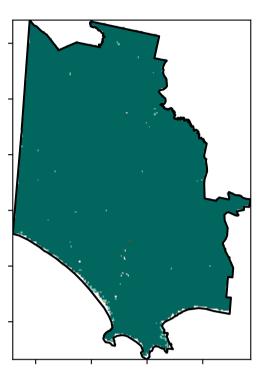
### **Vegetation Cover May 2021**

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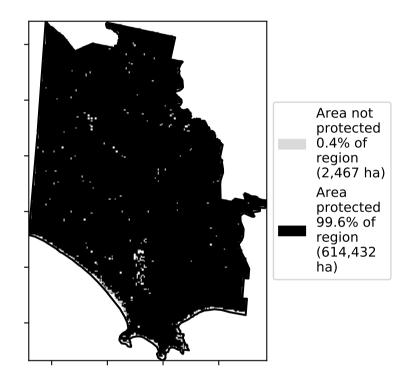
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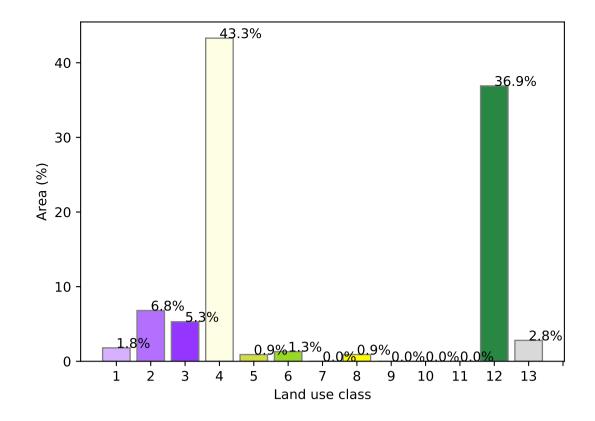


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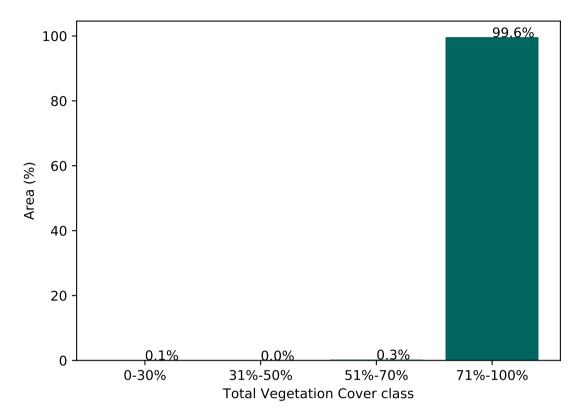


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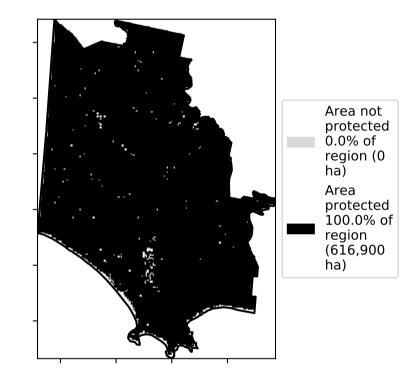




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

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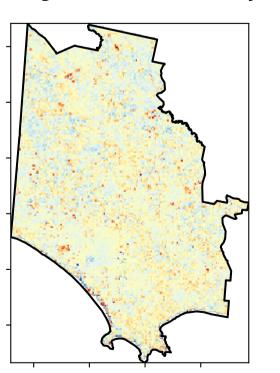
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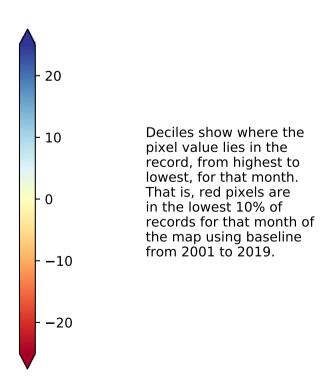
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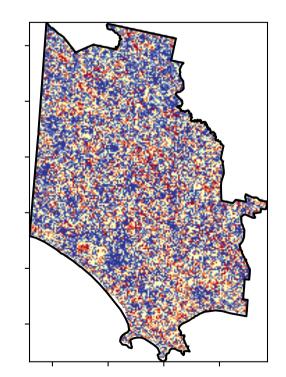


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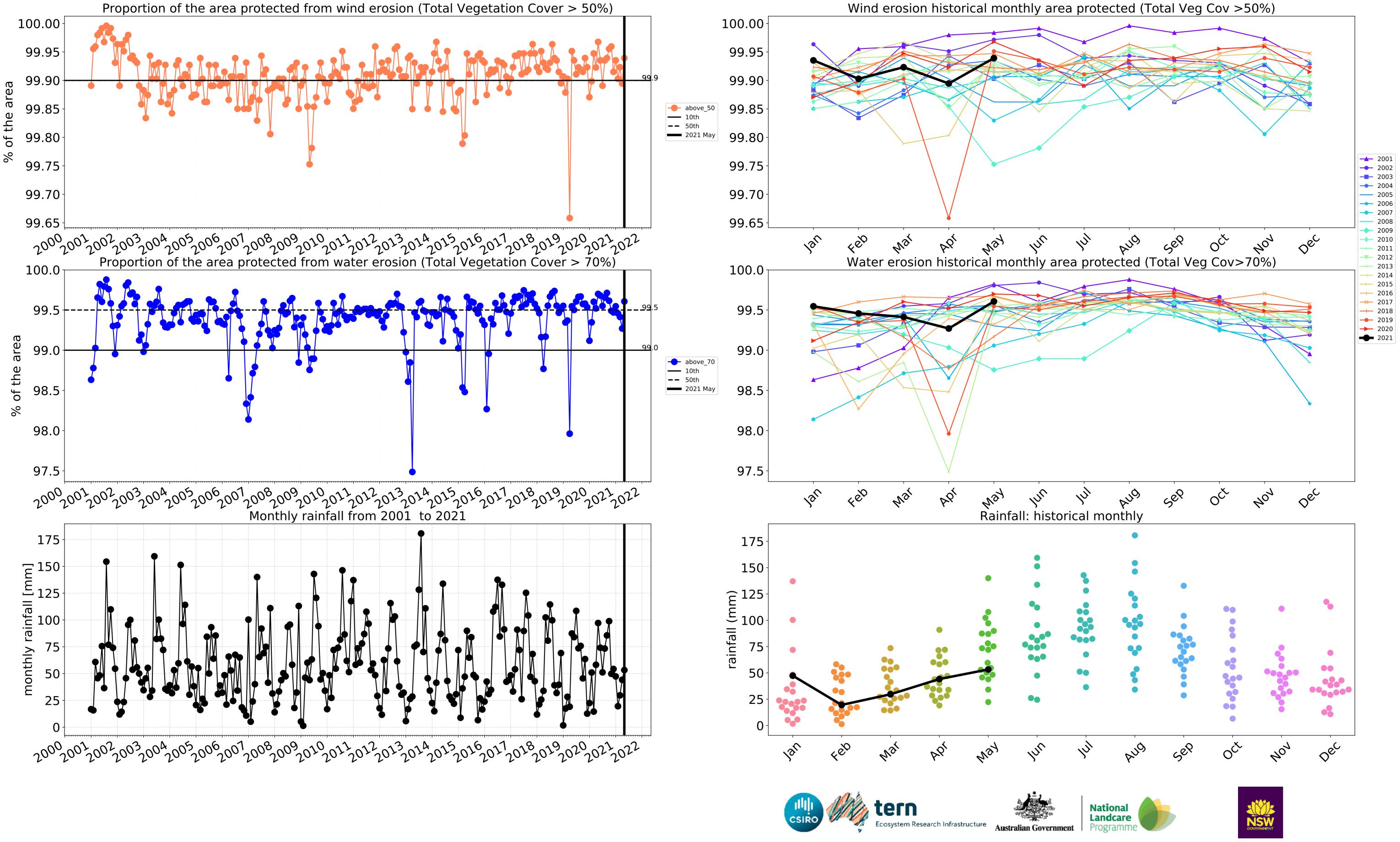
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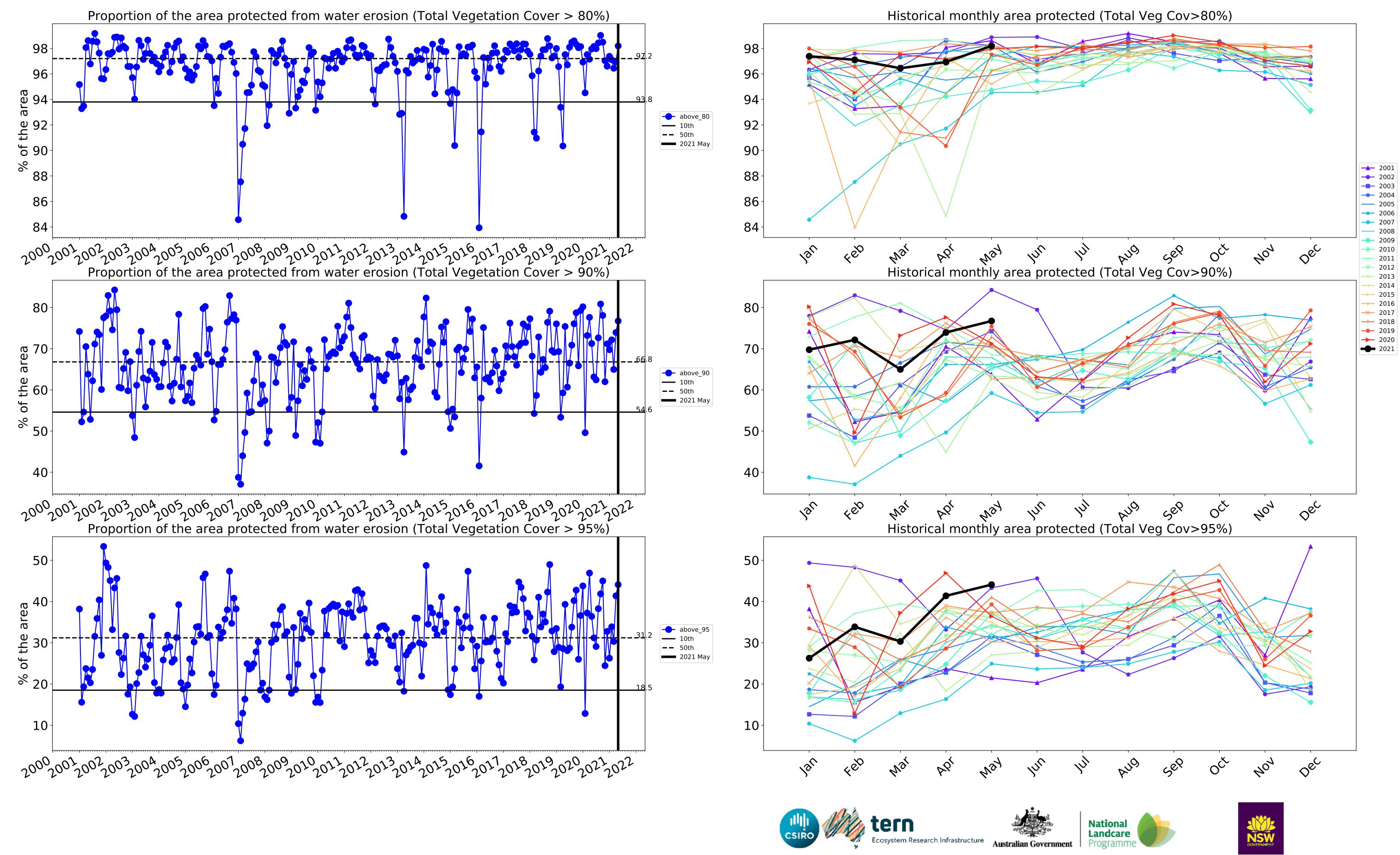
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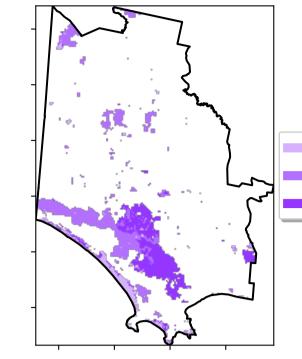






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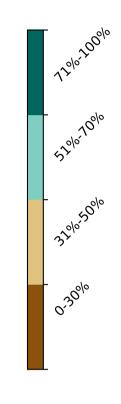
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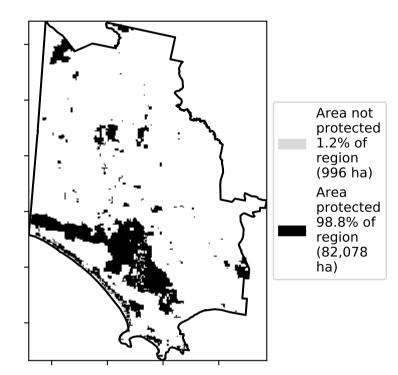
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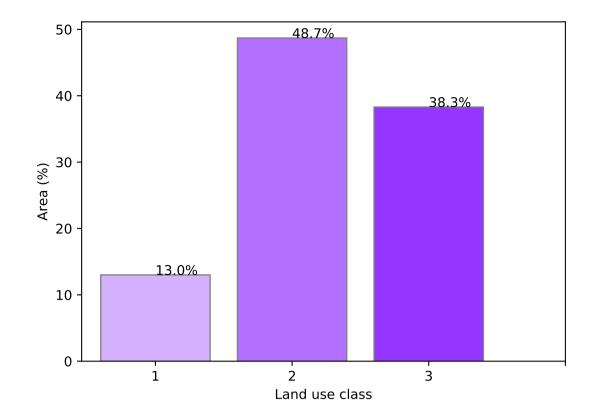
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



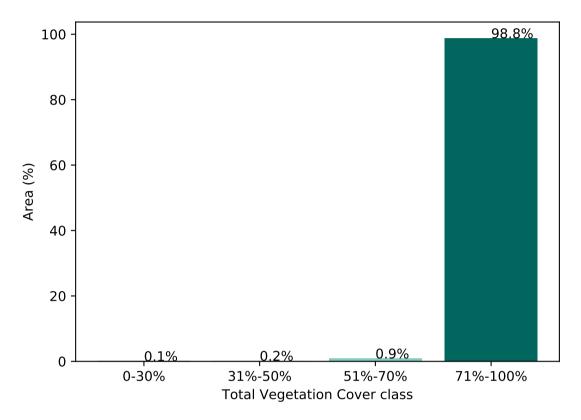
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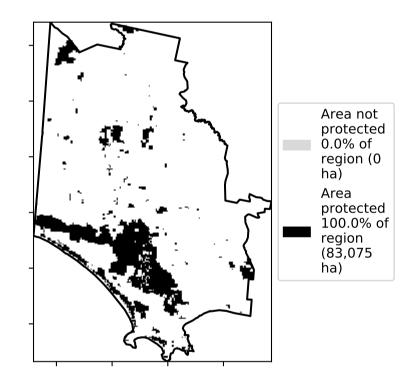


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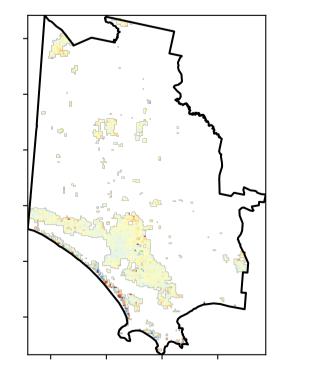


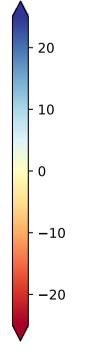
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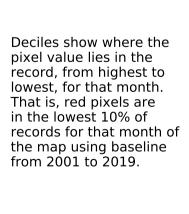


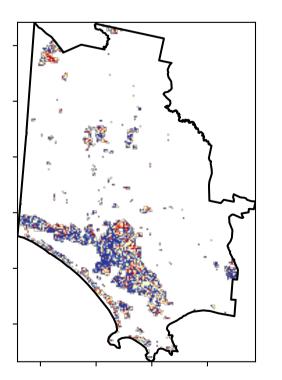
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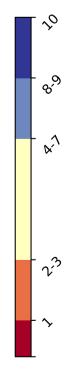
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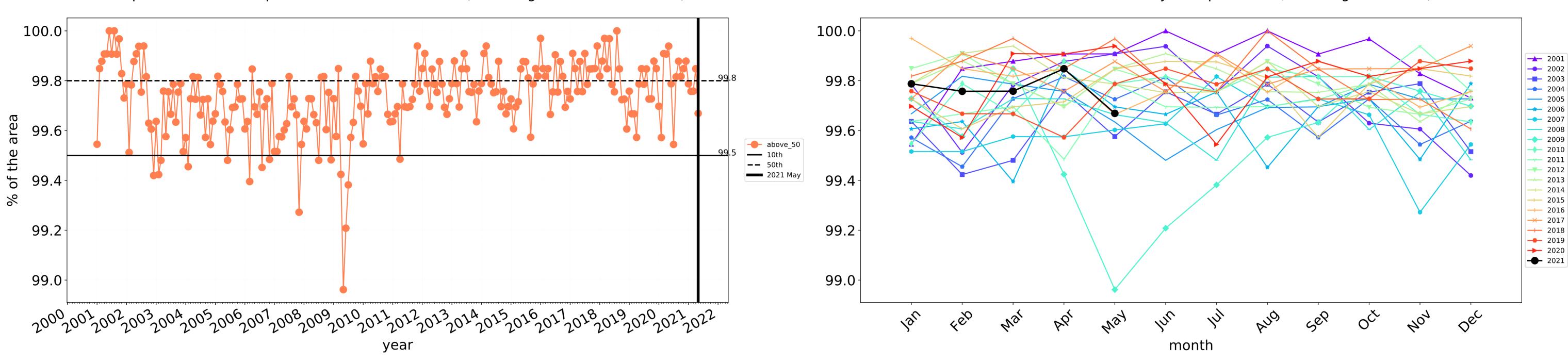






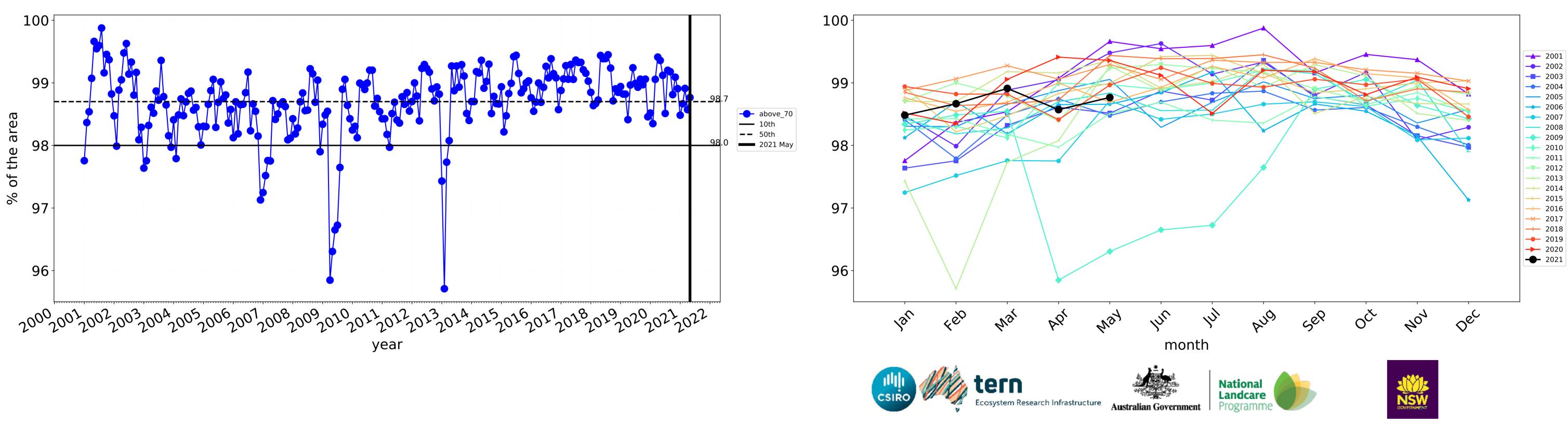






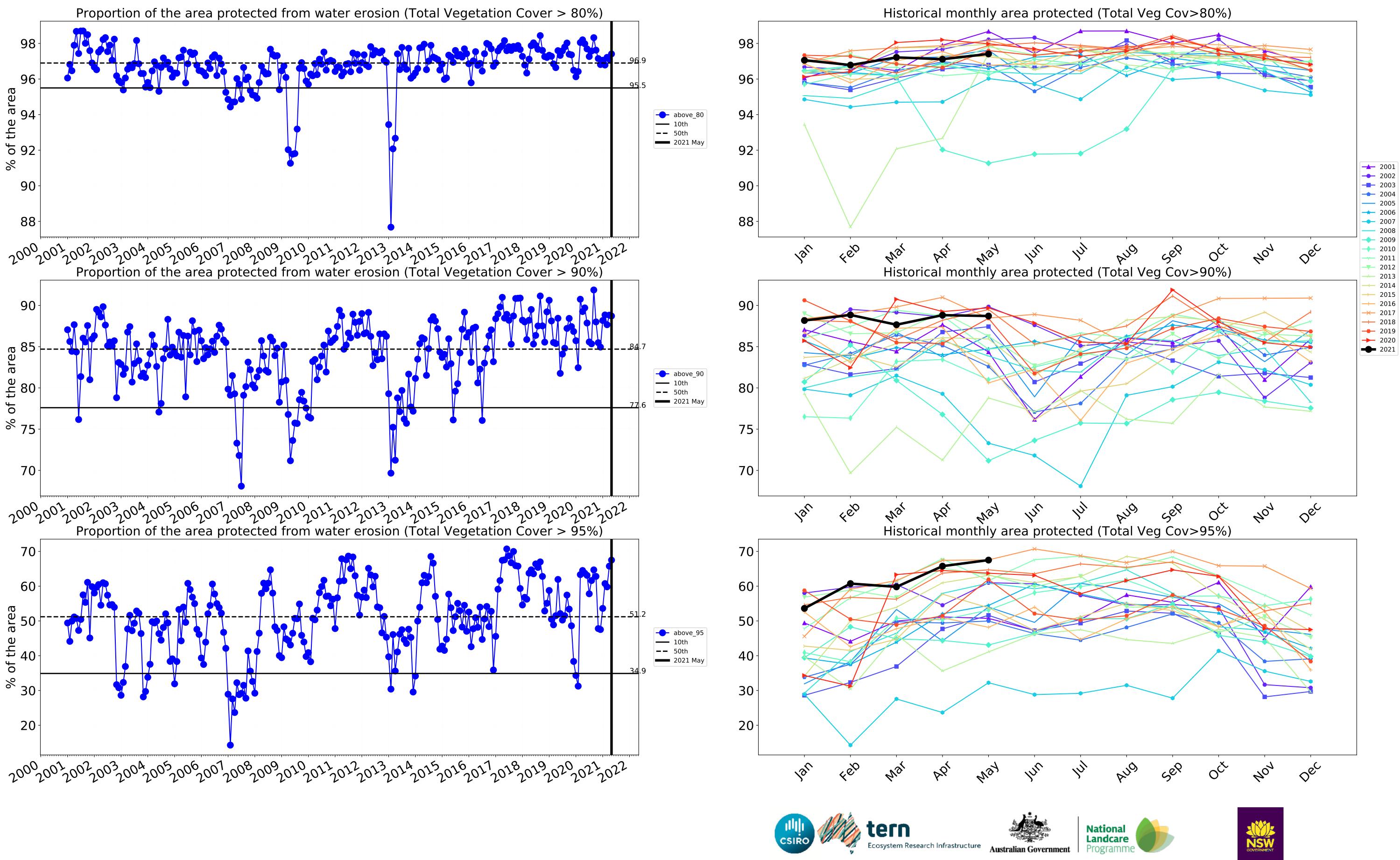
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

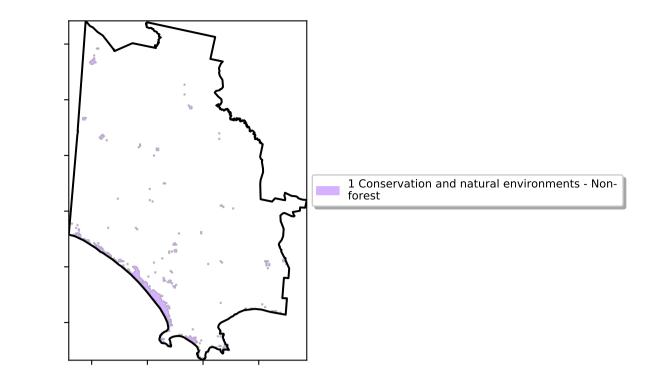
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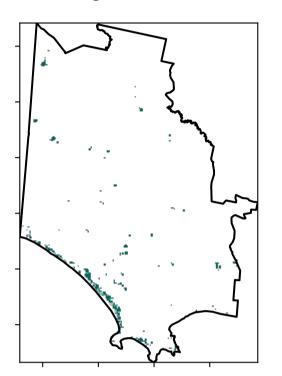


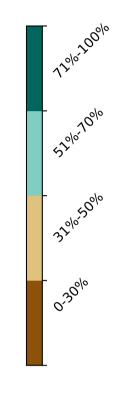
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Land use and forest cover

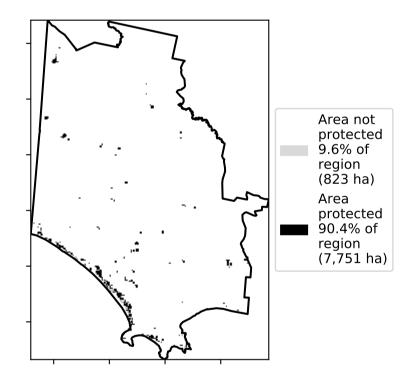


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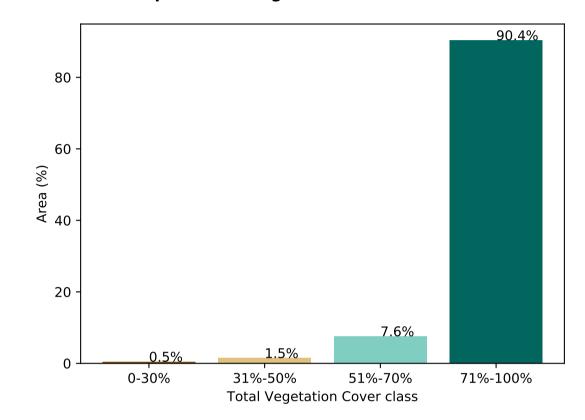




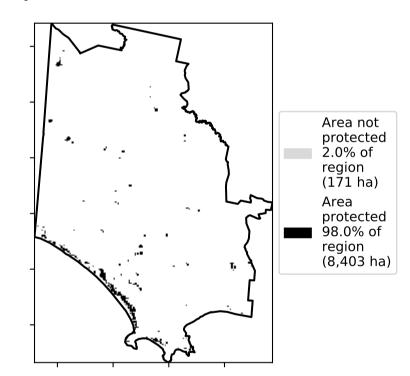
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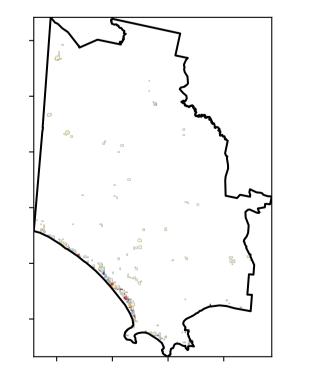
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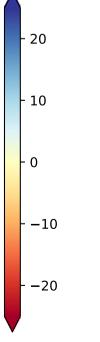
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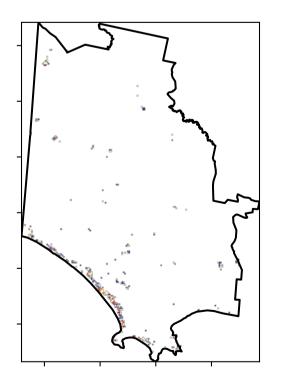
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







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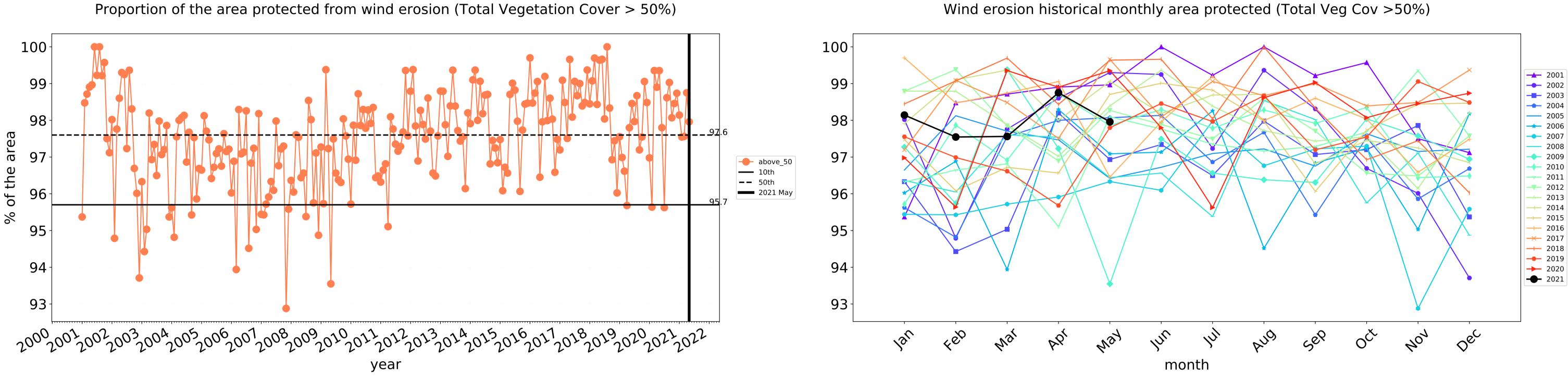
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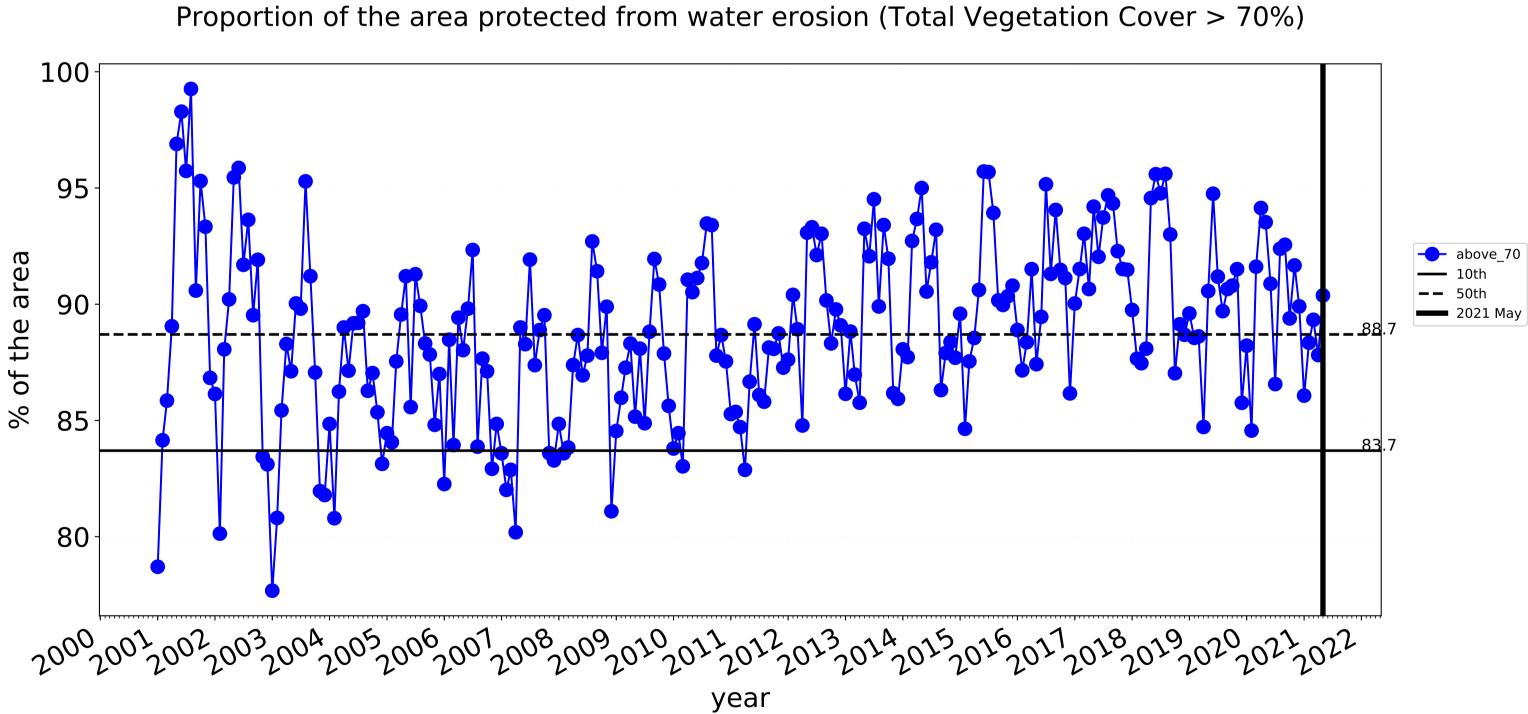
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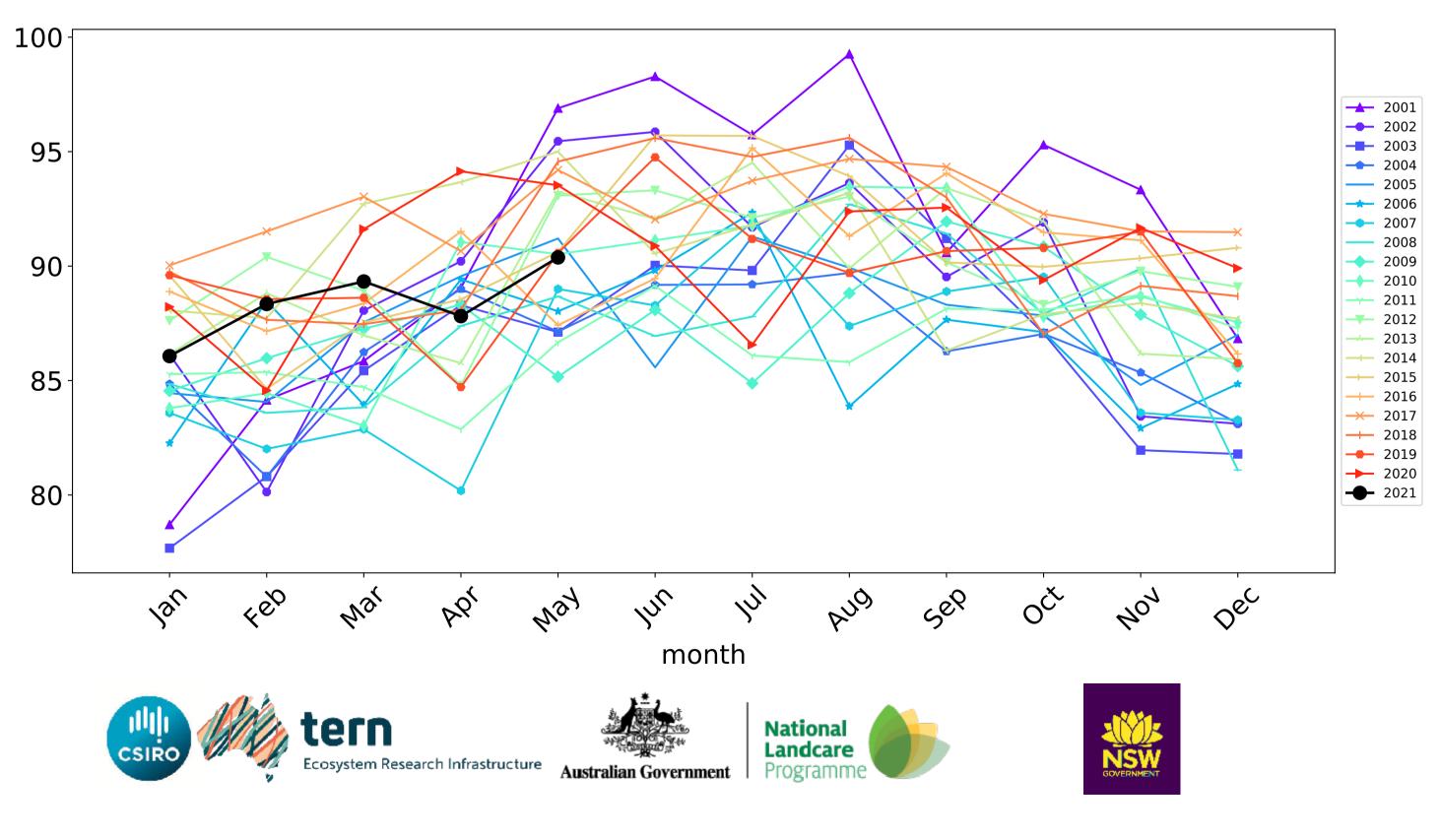
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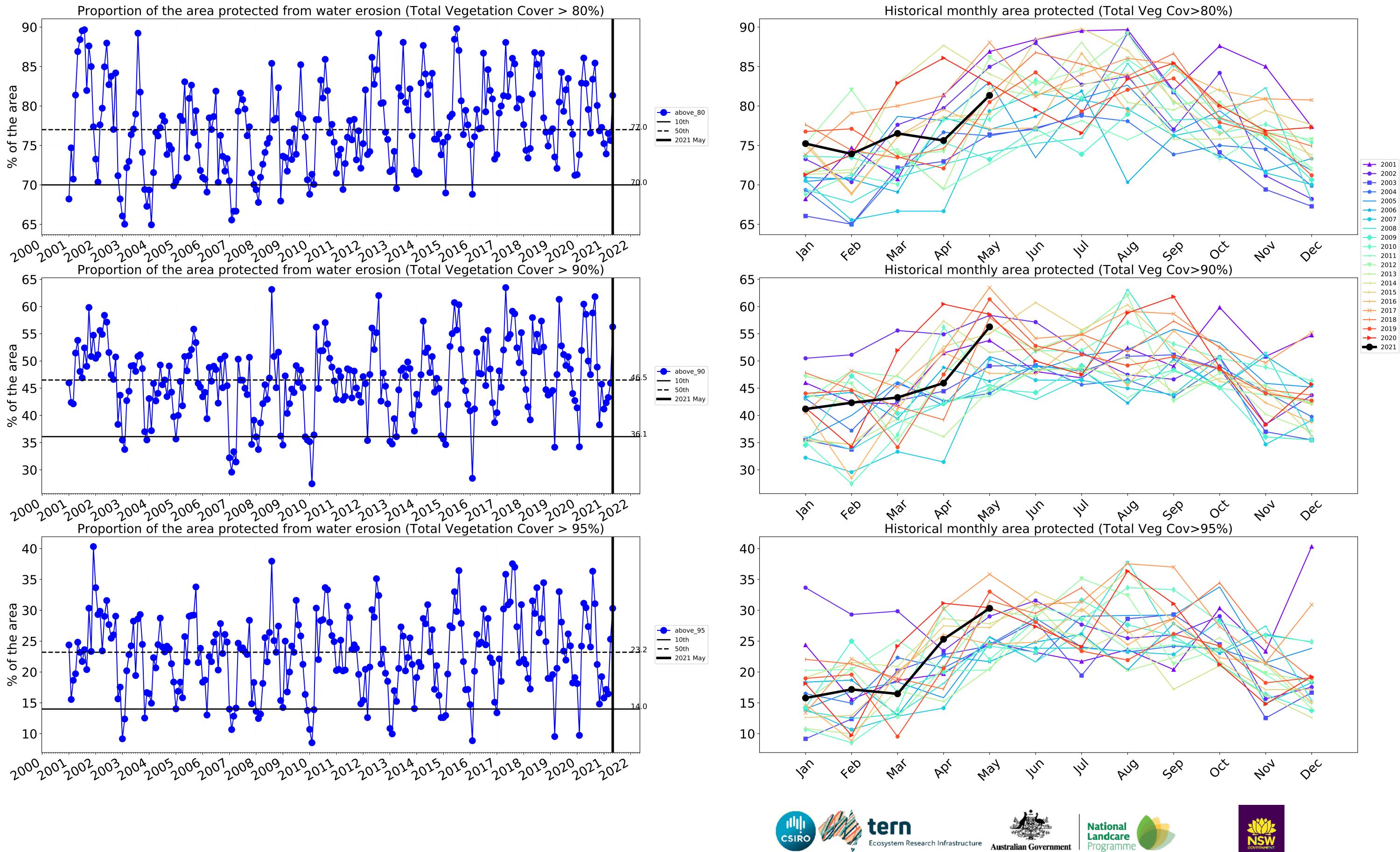


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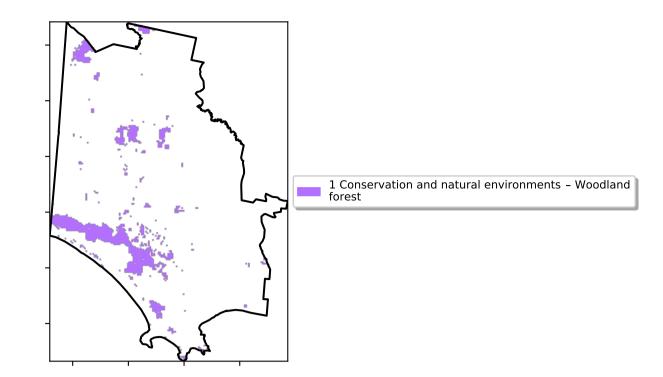
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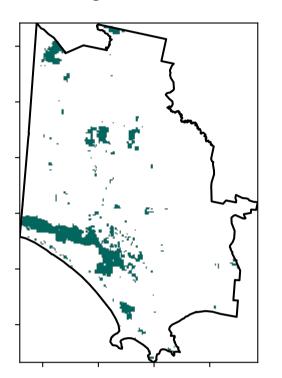


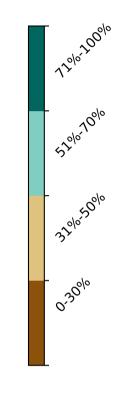
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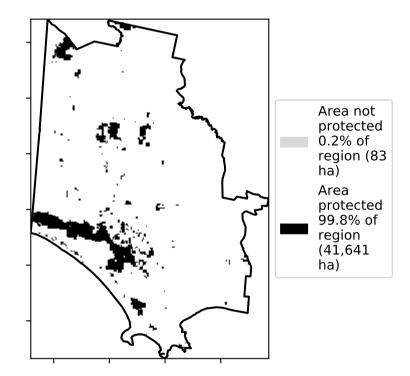


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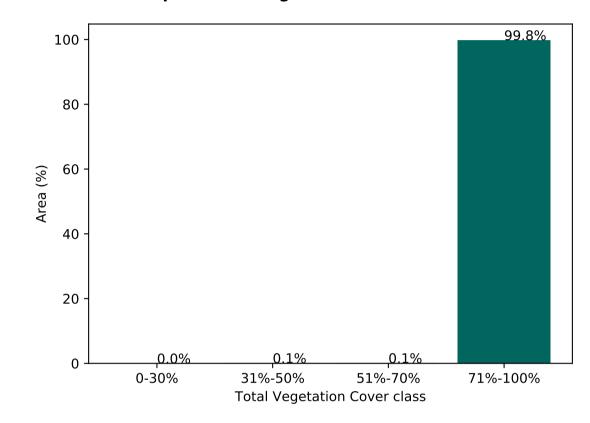




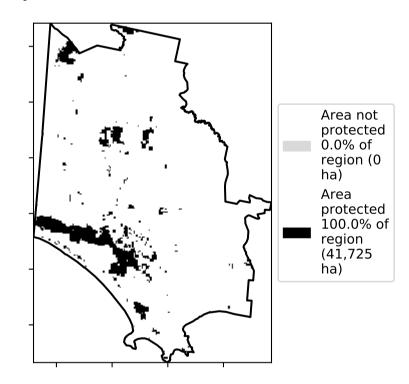
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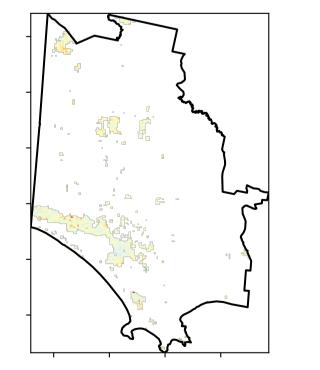
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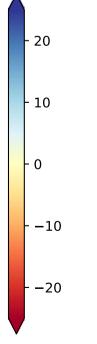
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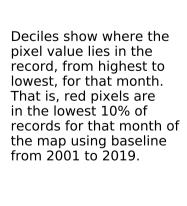
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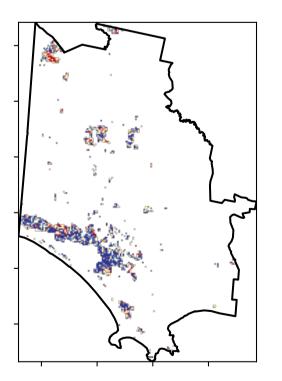
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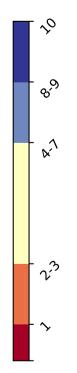
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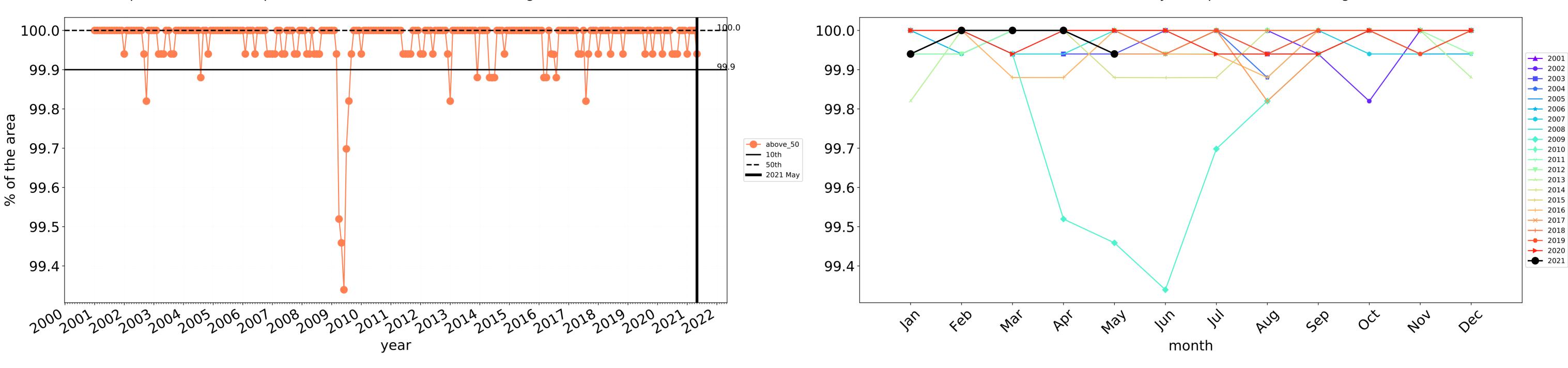






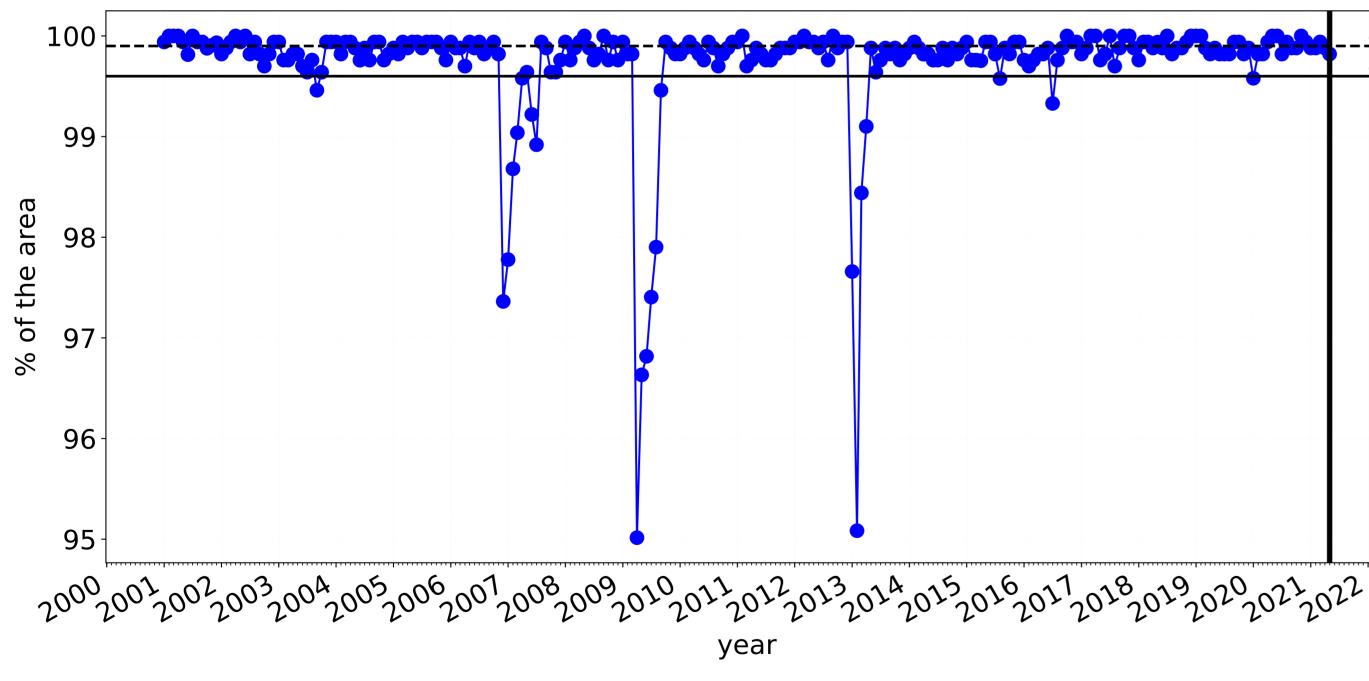






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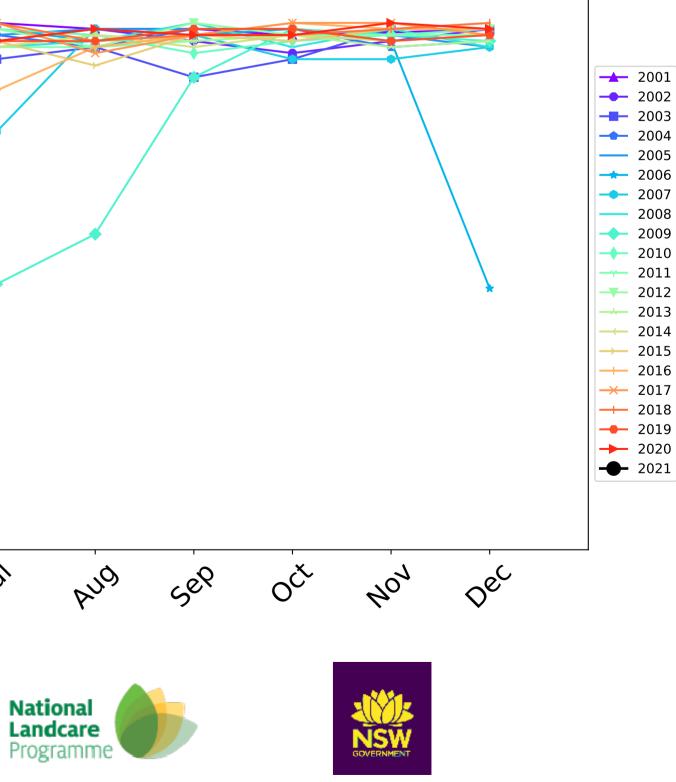
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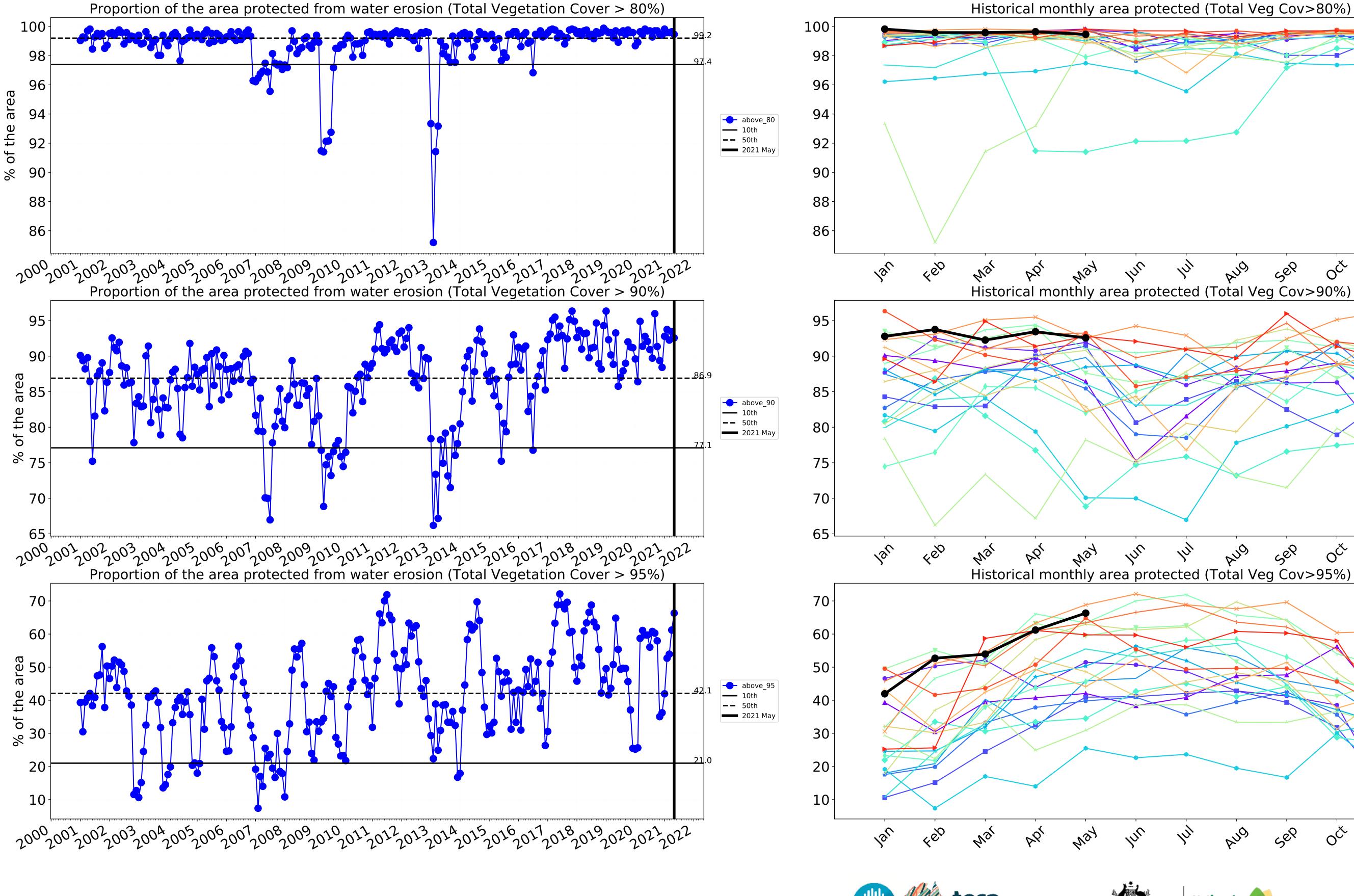


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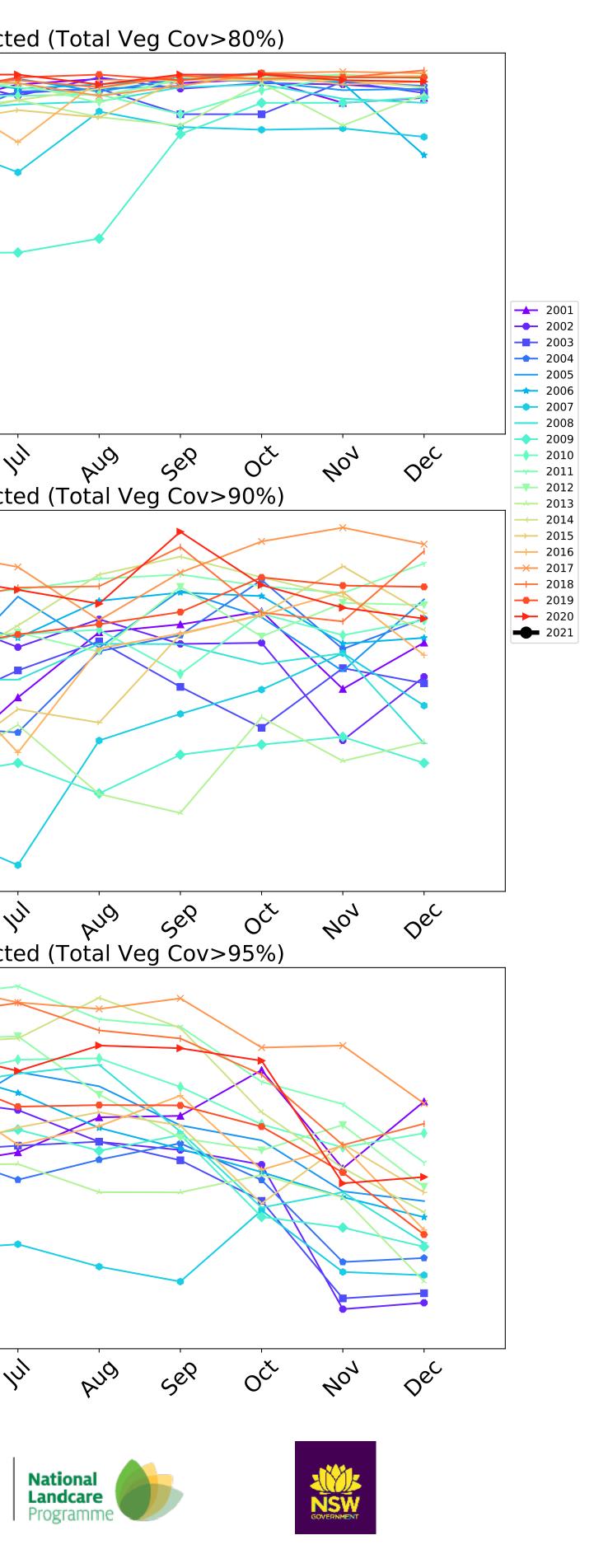
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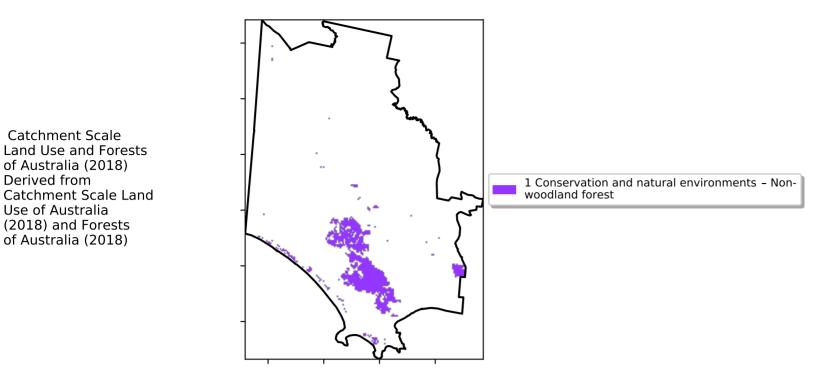




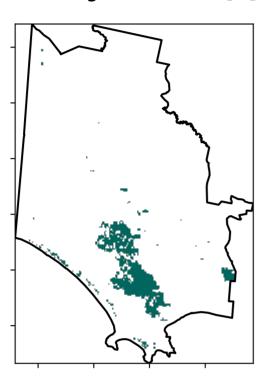


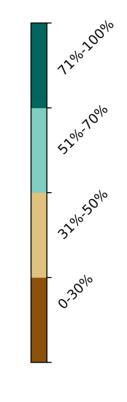
### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

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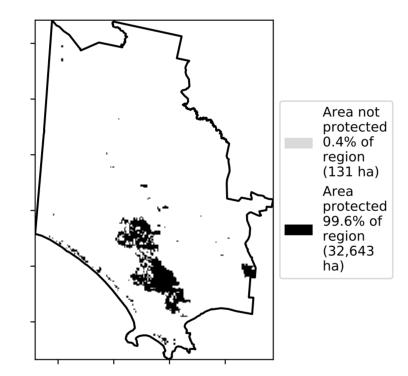


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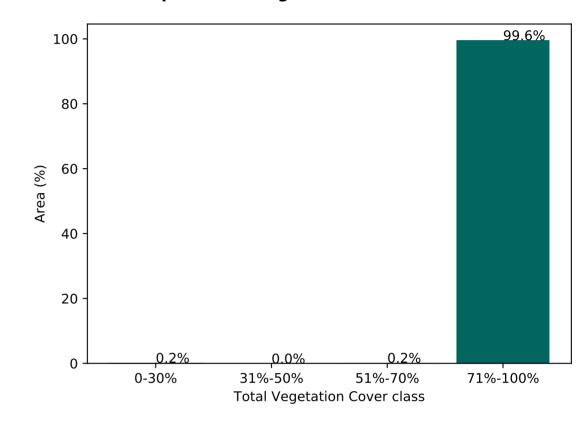




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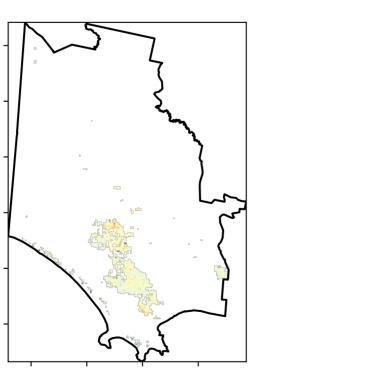
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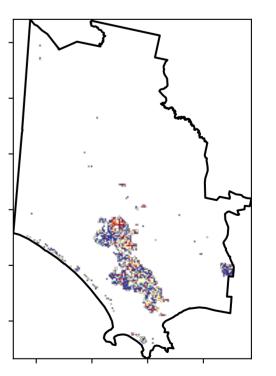
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Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha) Area protected 100.0% of region (32,775 ha)

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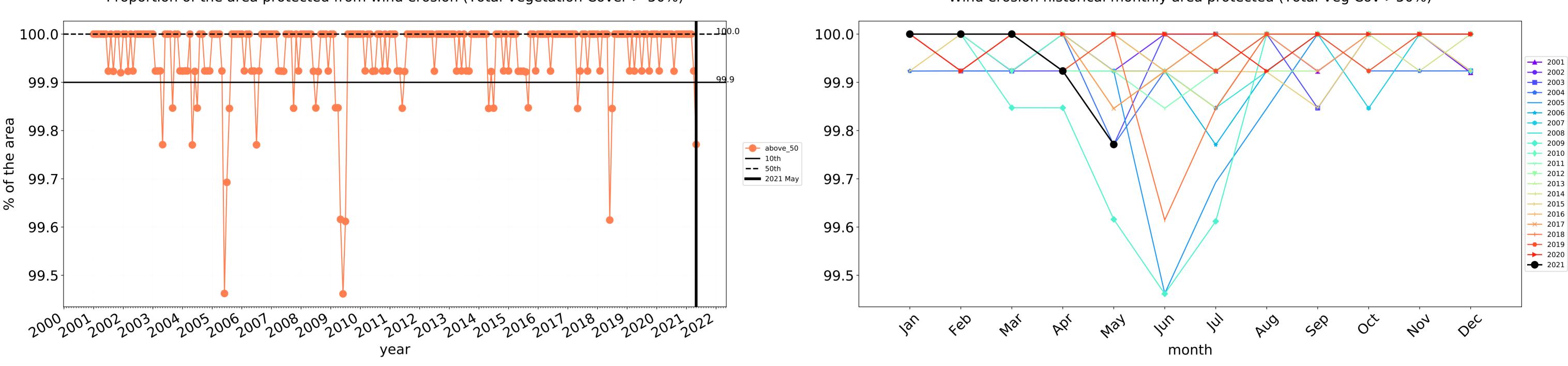
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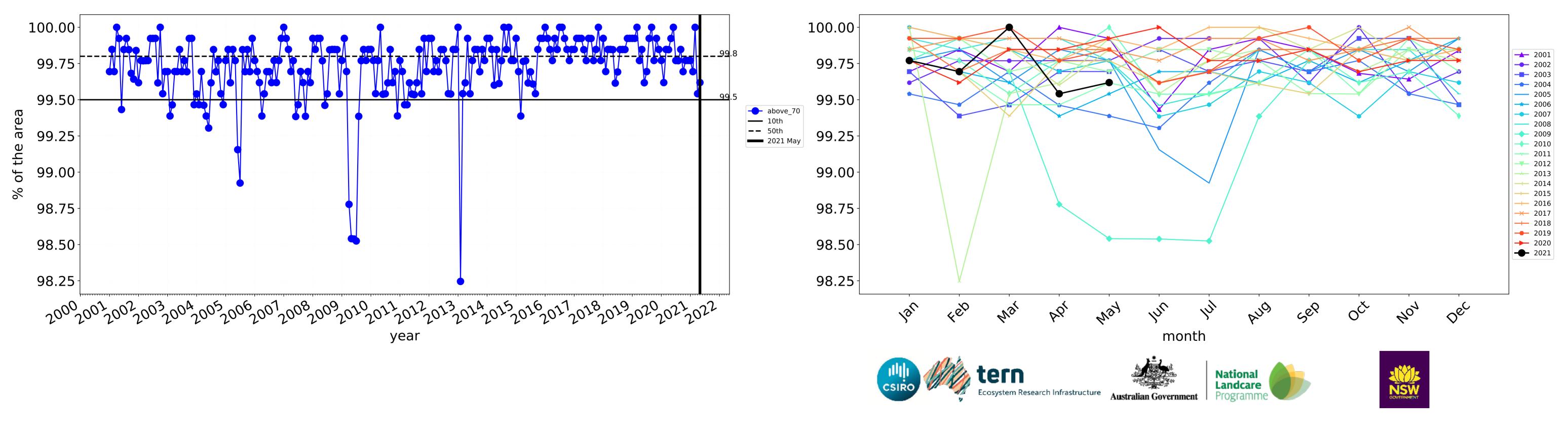
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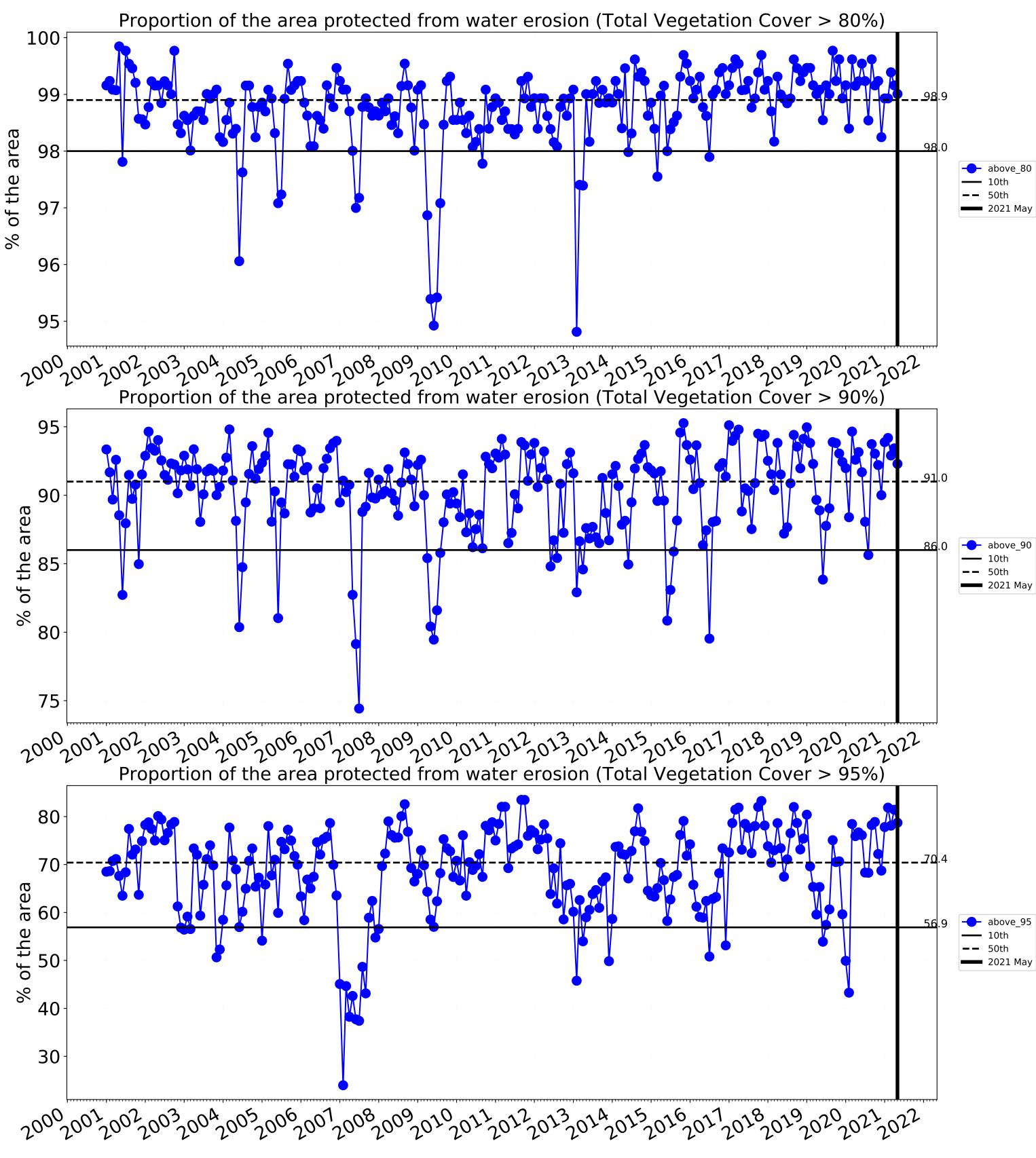
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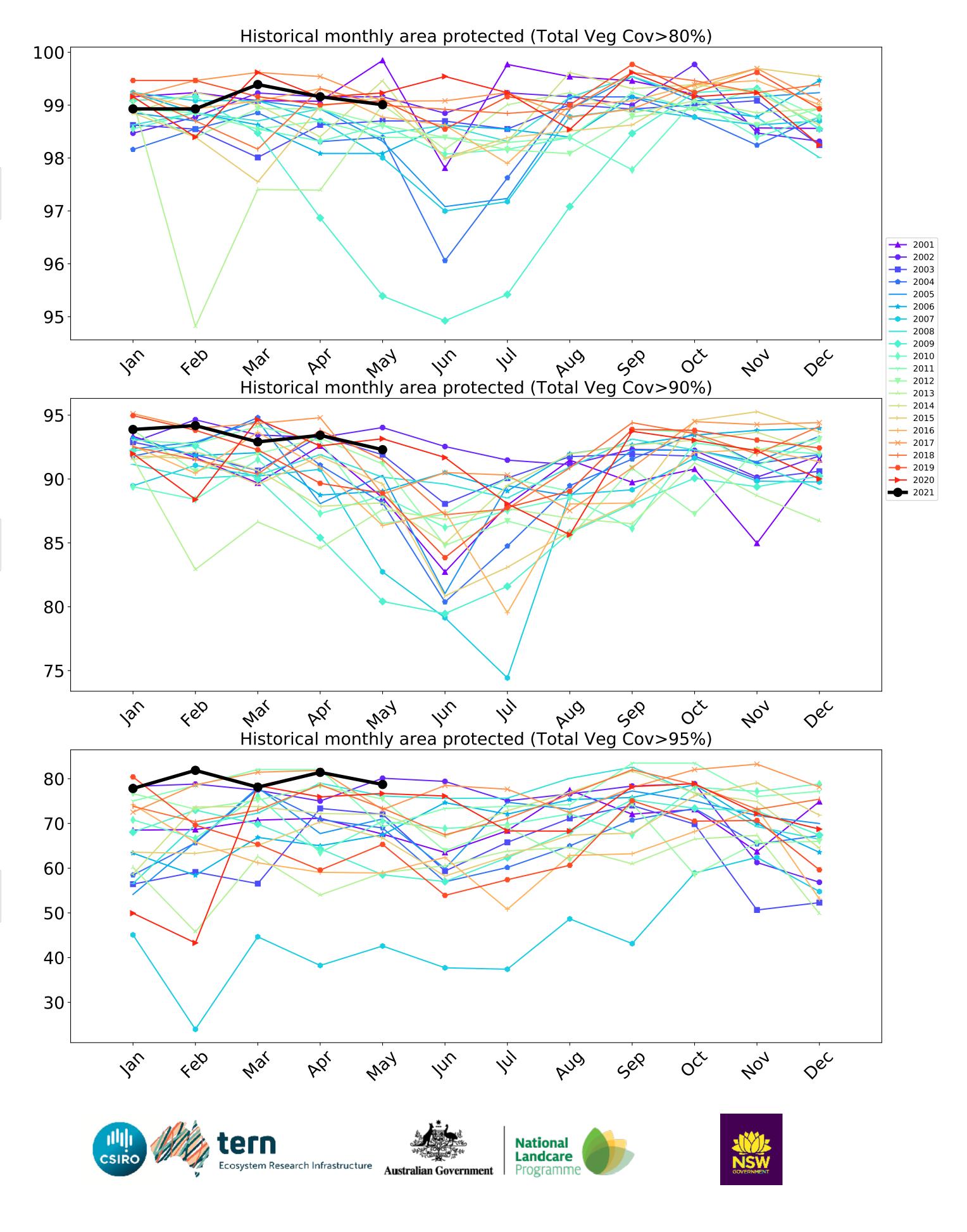
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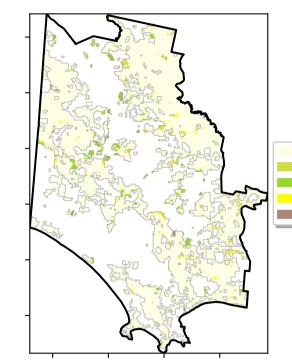
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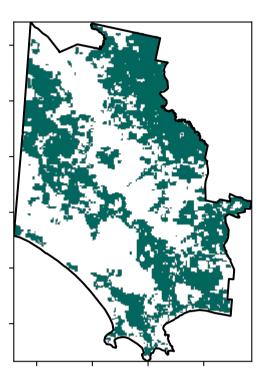
### Agriculture

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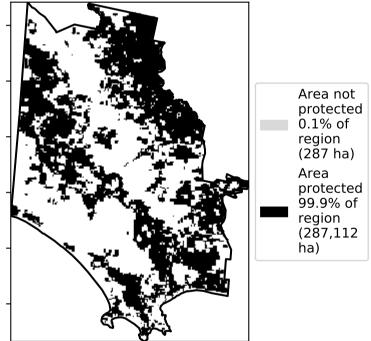


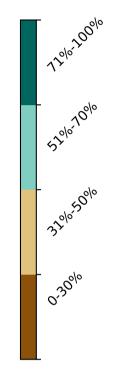
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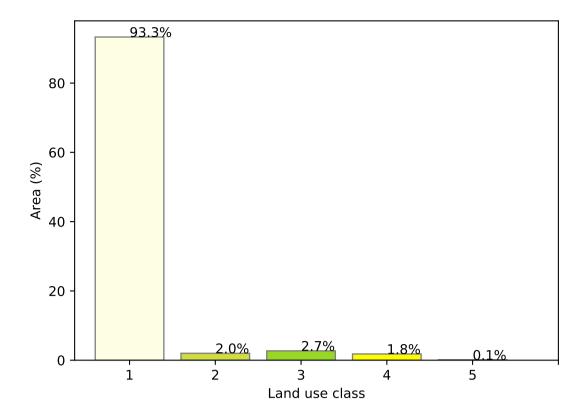




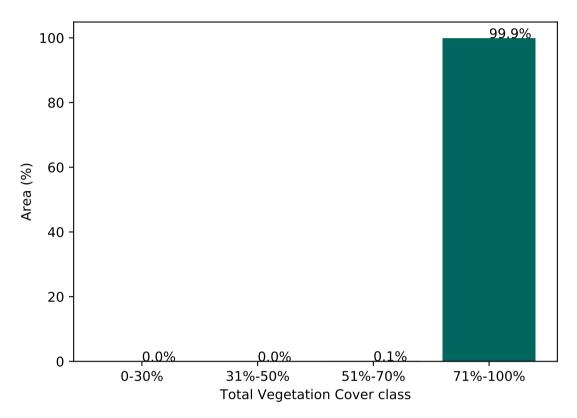




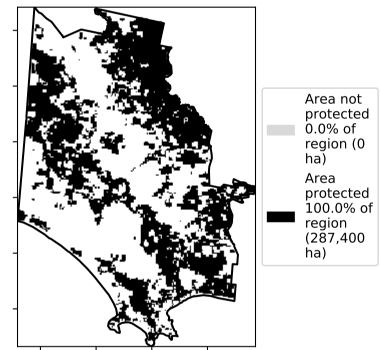




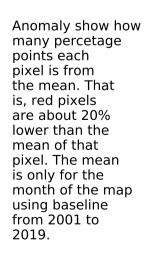
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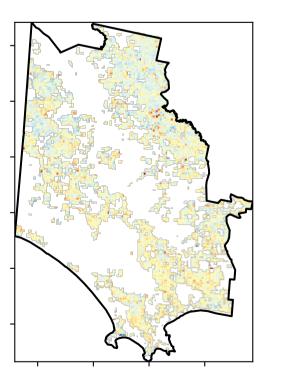
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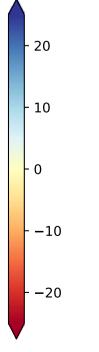
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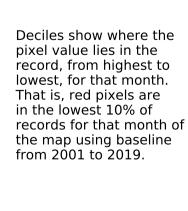
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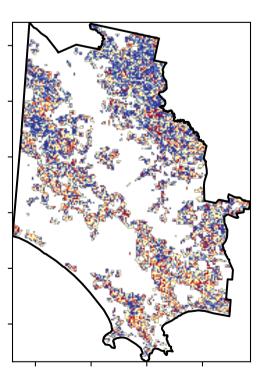
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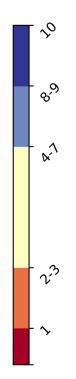
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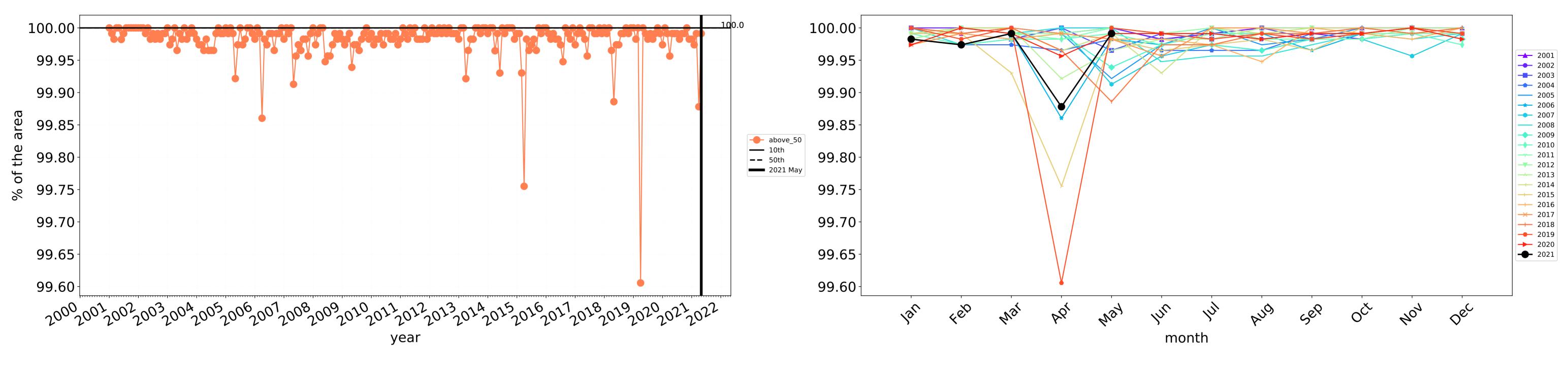




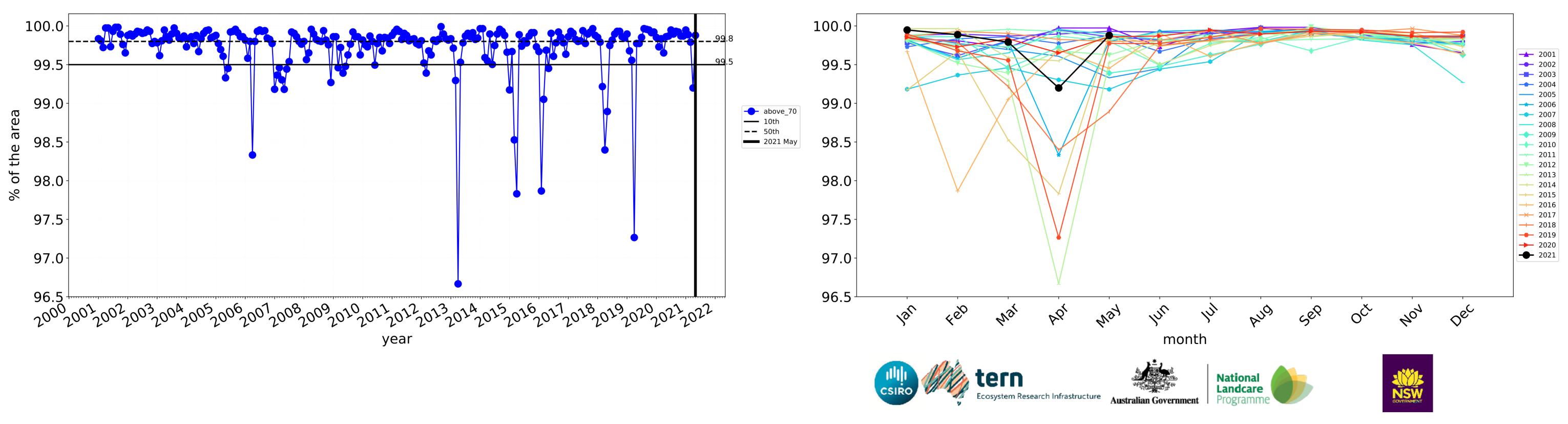


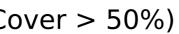






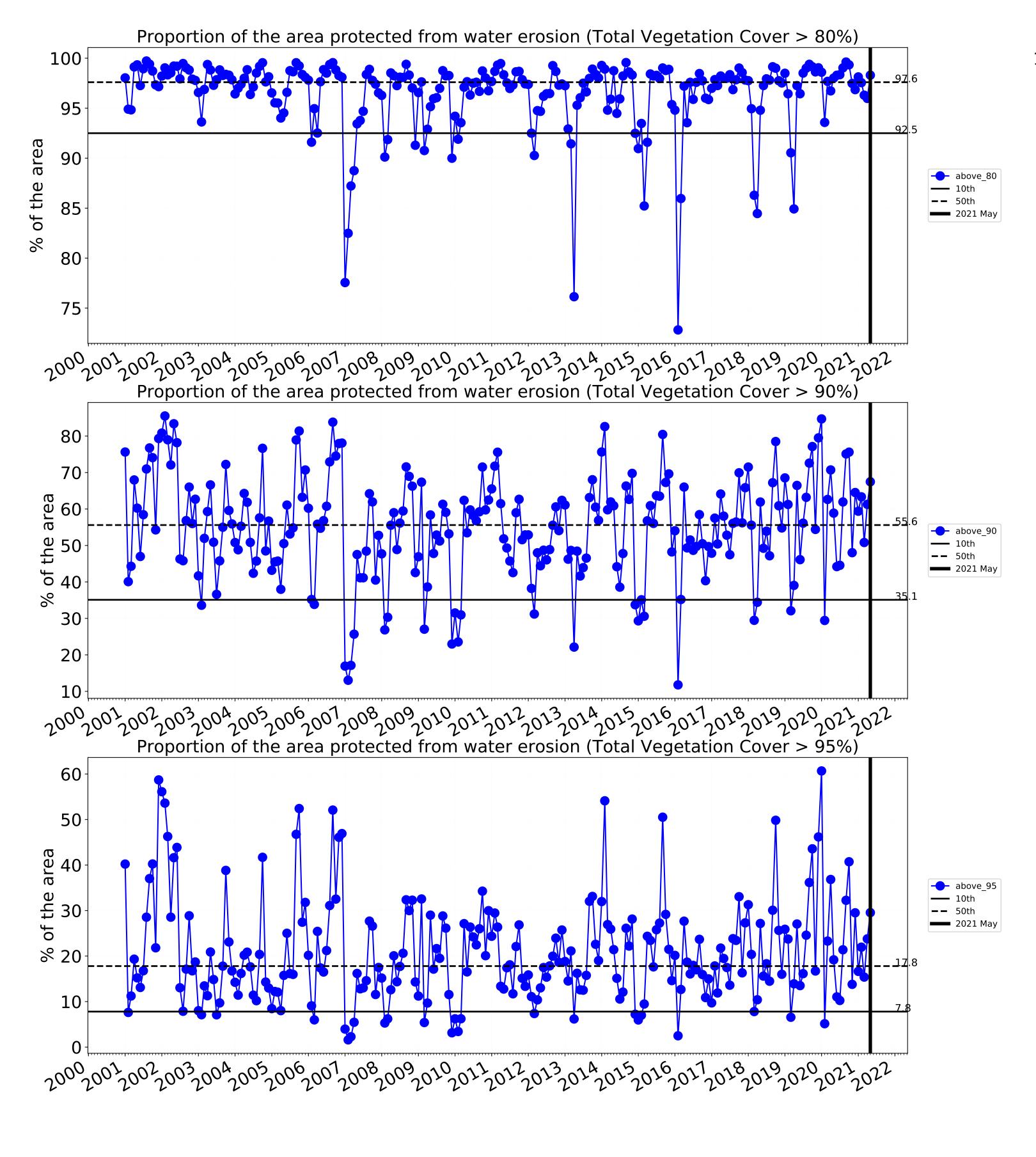
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

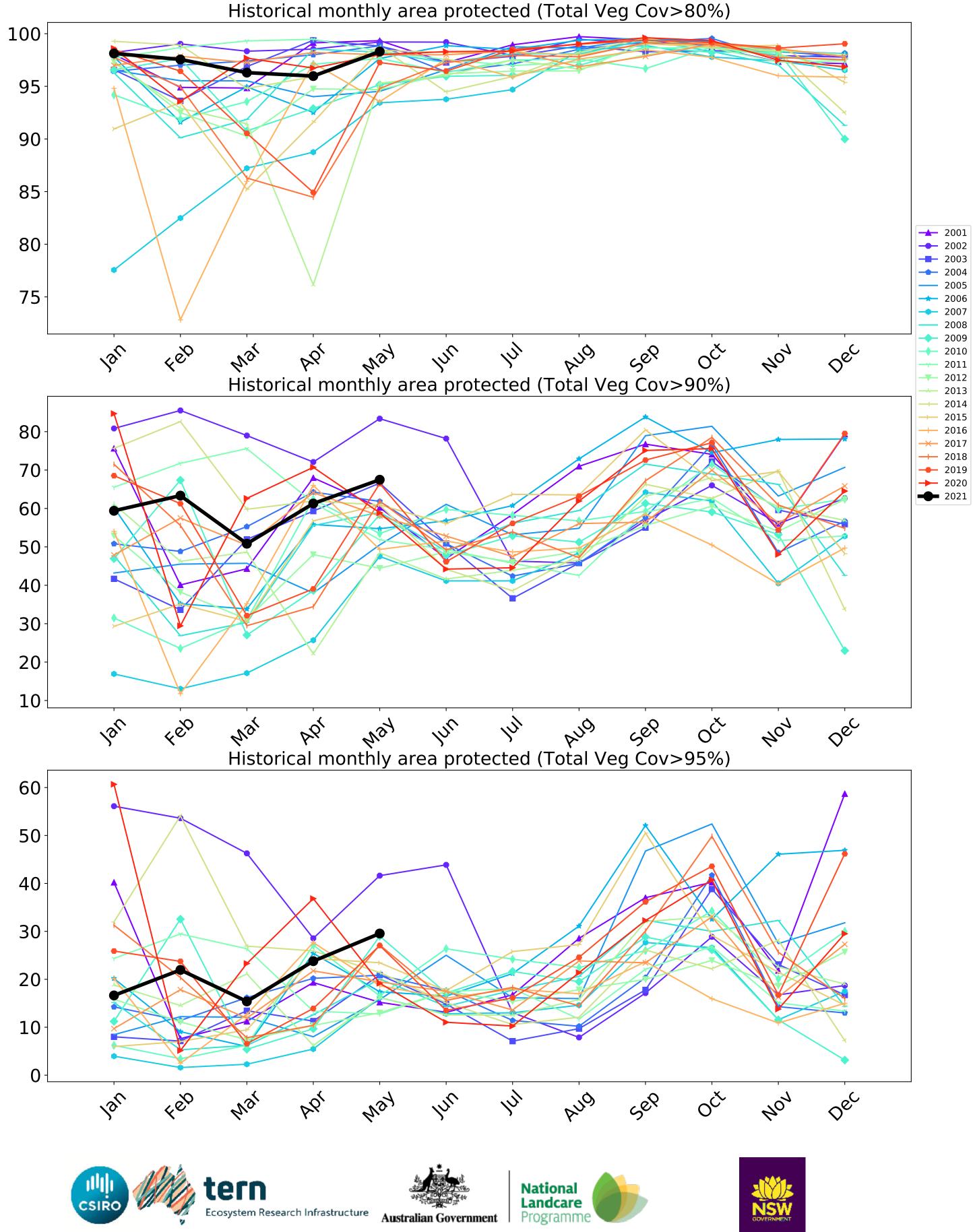


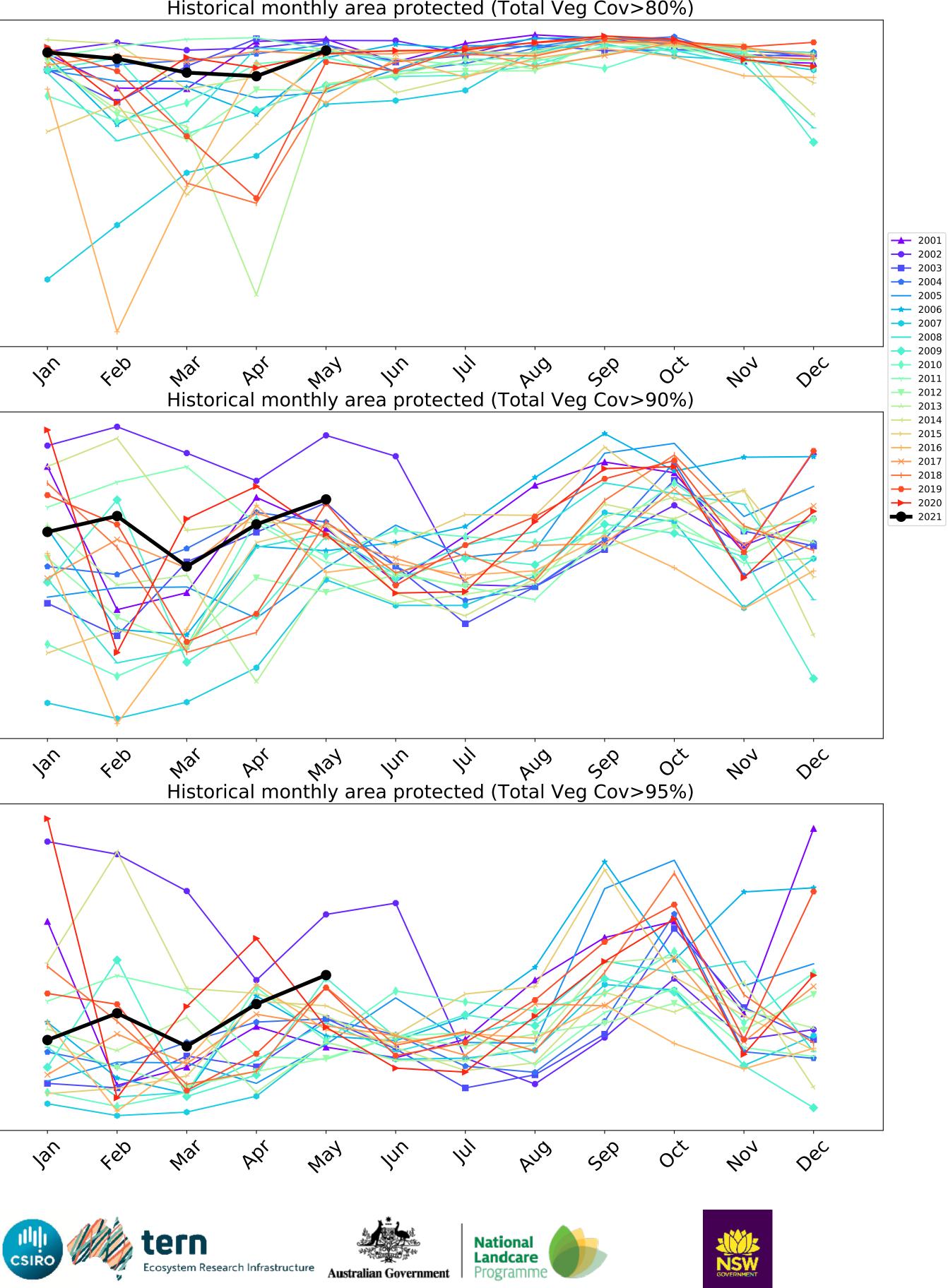


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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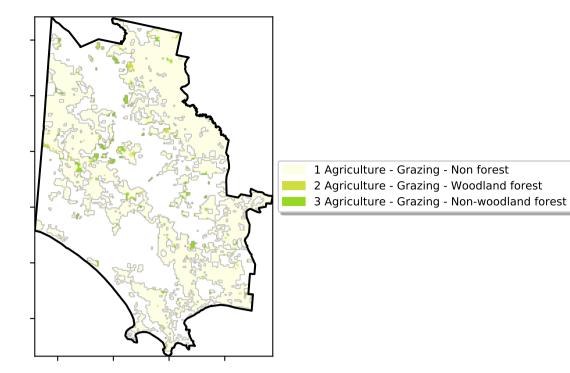




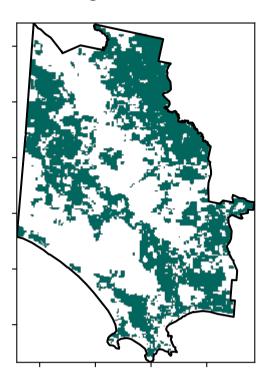


### Grazing

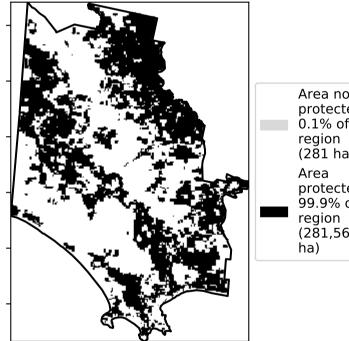
Land use and forest cover

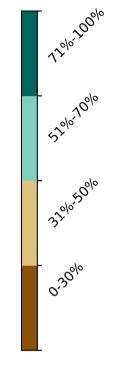


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

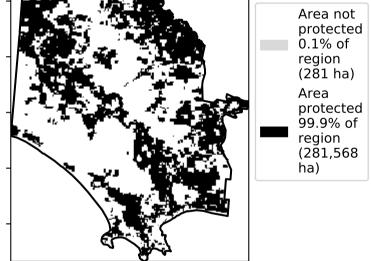


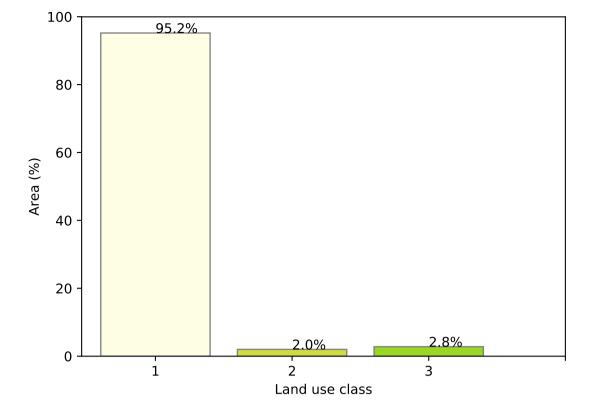






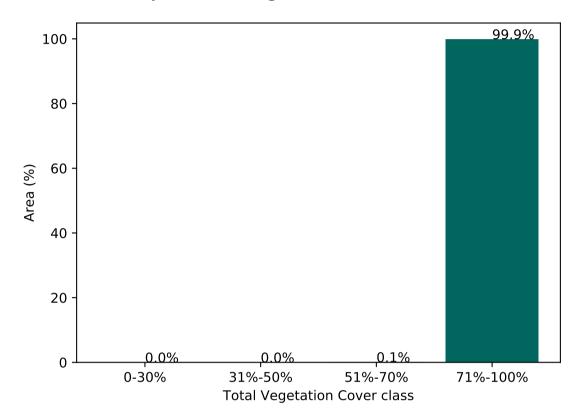




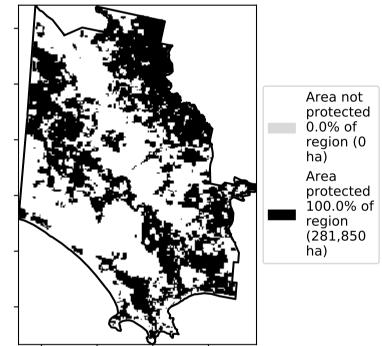


#### Proportion of each land class in area

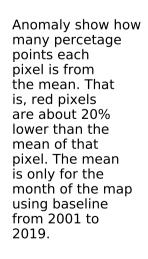
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

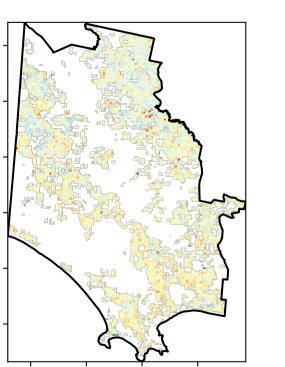


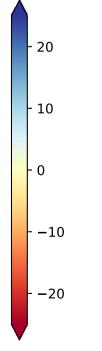
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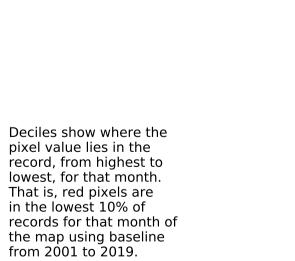
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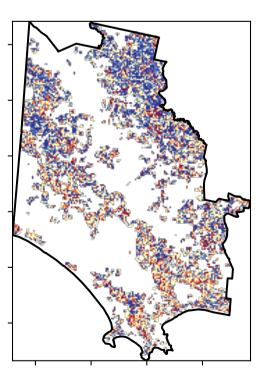
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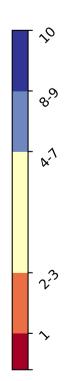
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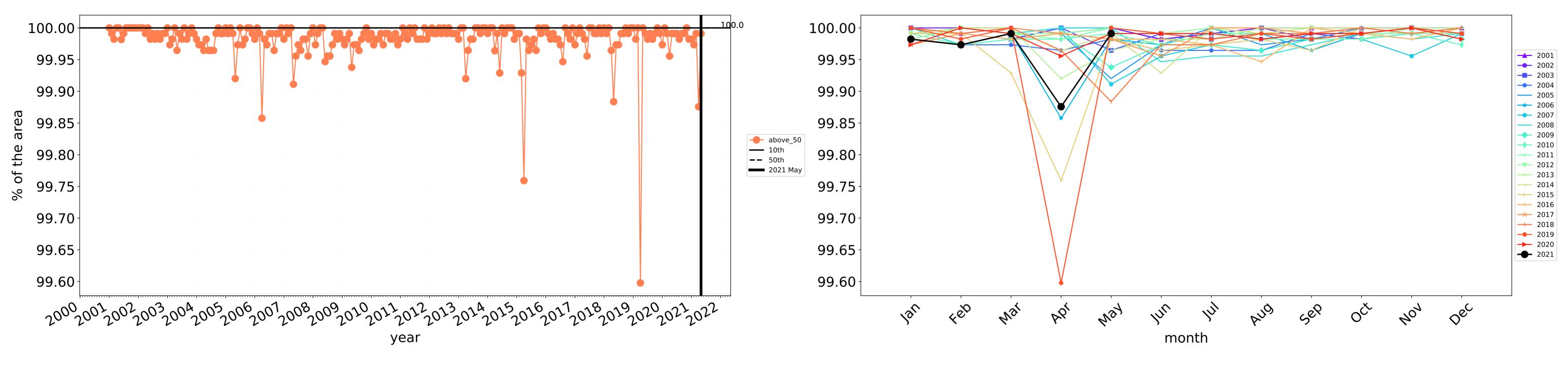




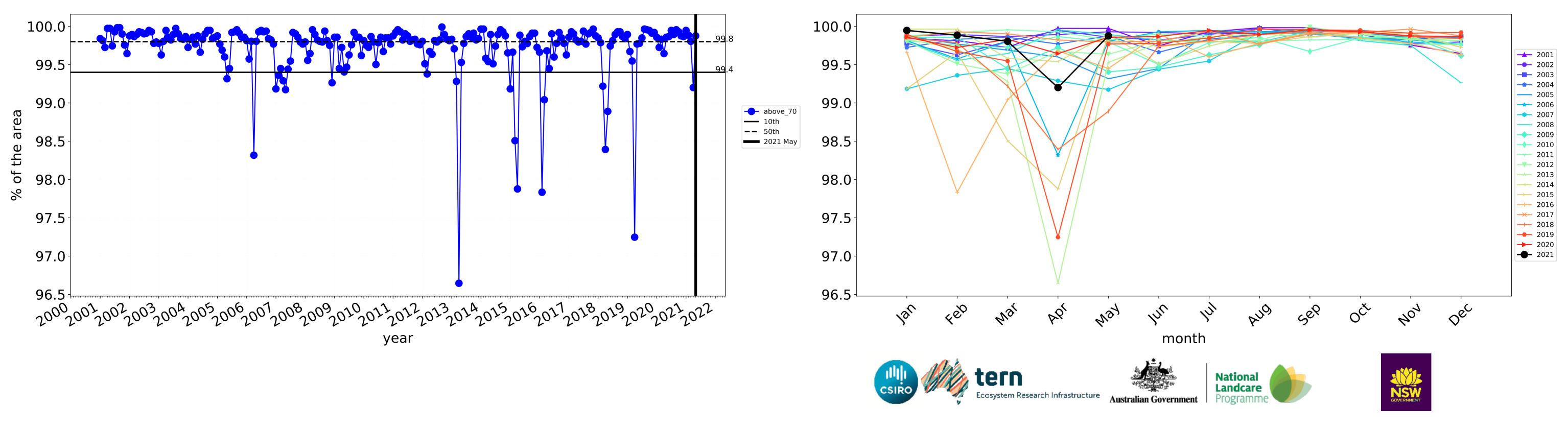


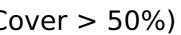






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

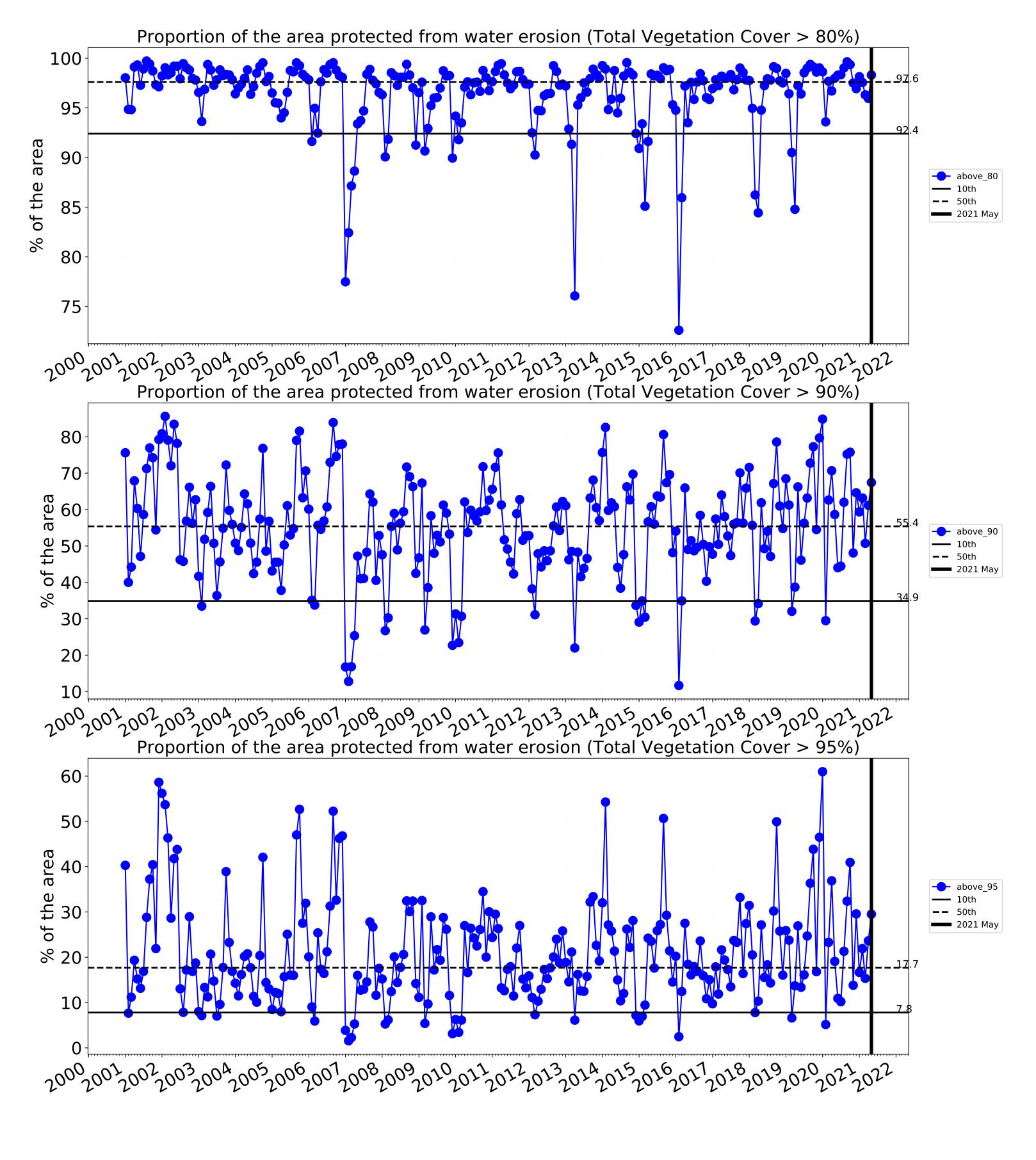


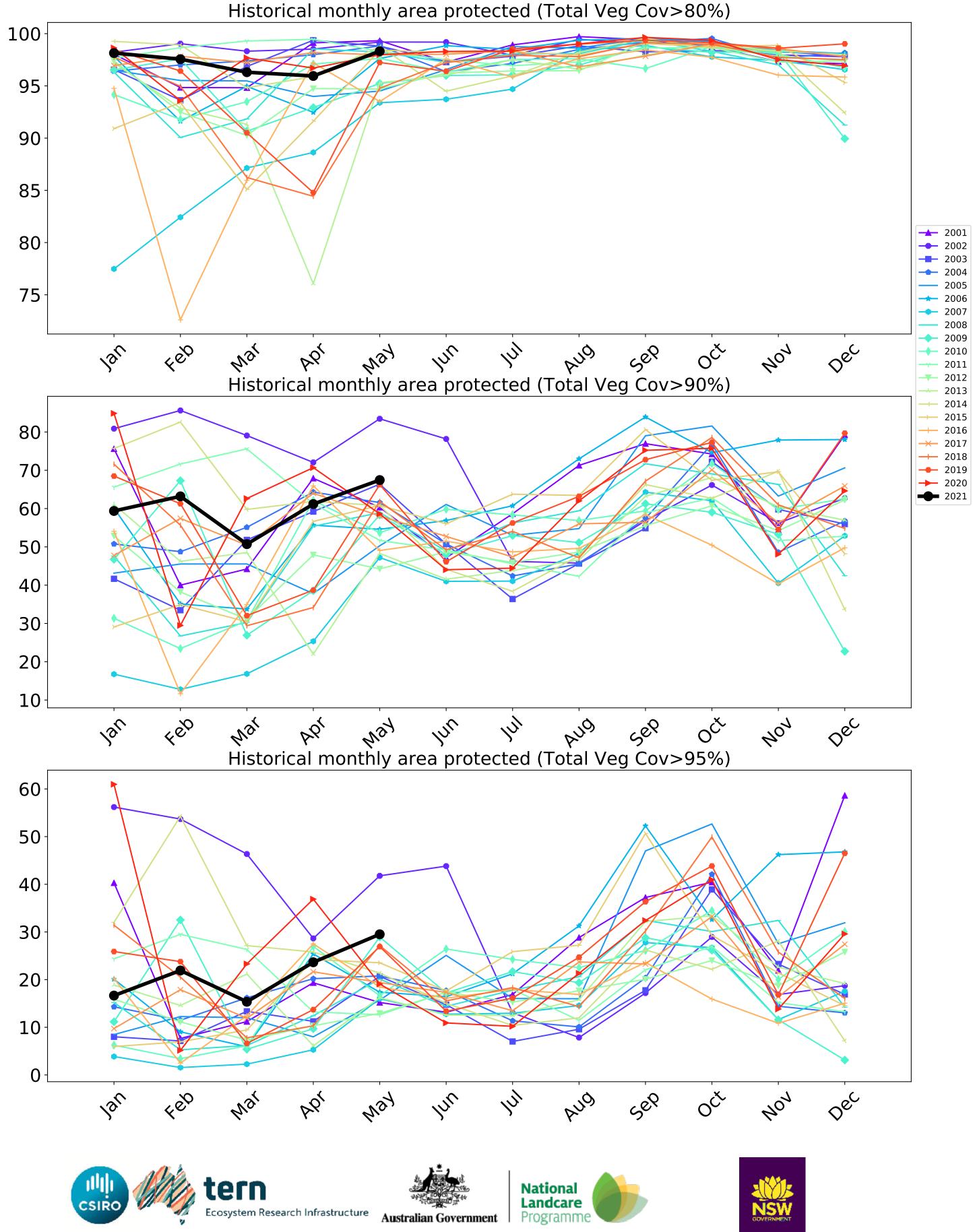


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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

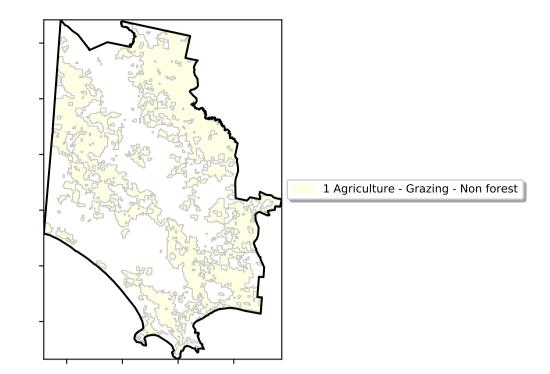




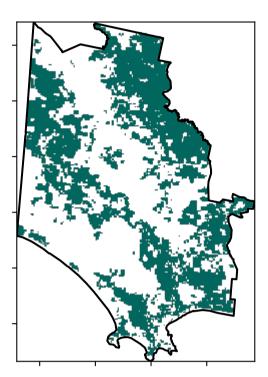


### **Grazing non forest**

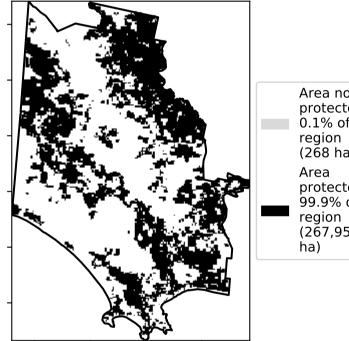
Land use and forest cover

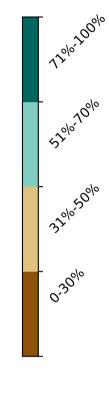


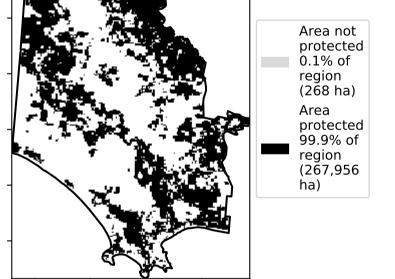
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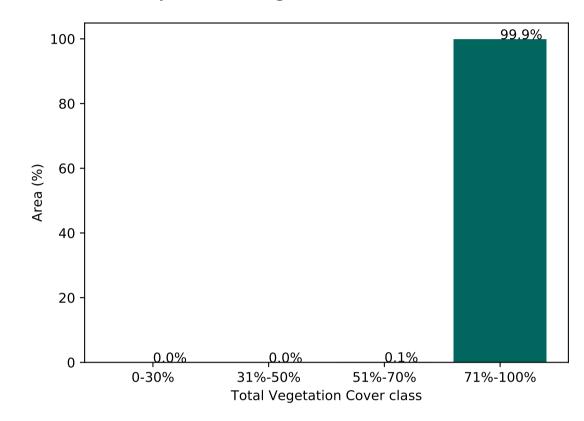




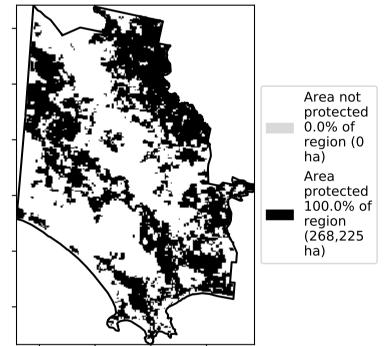




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

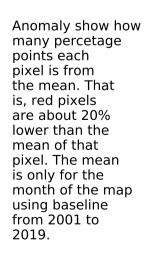


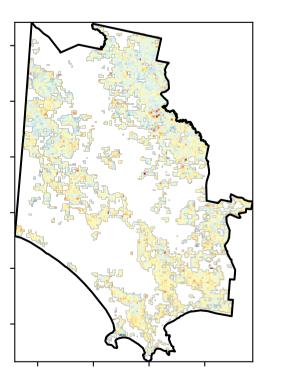
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

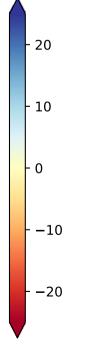


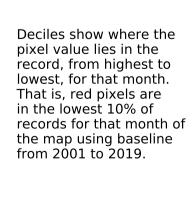
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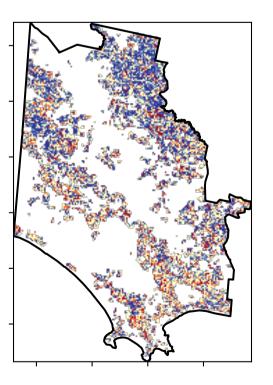
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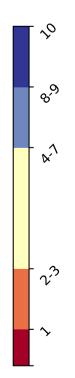




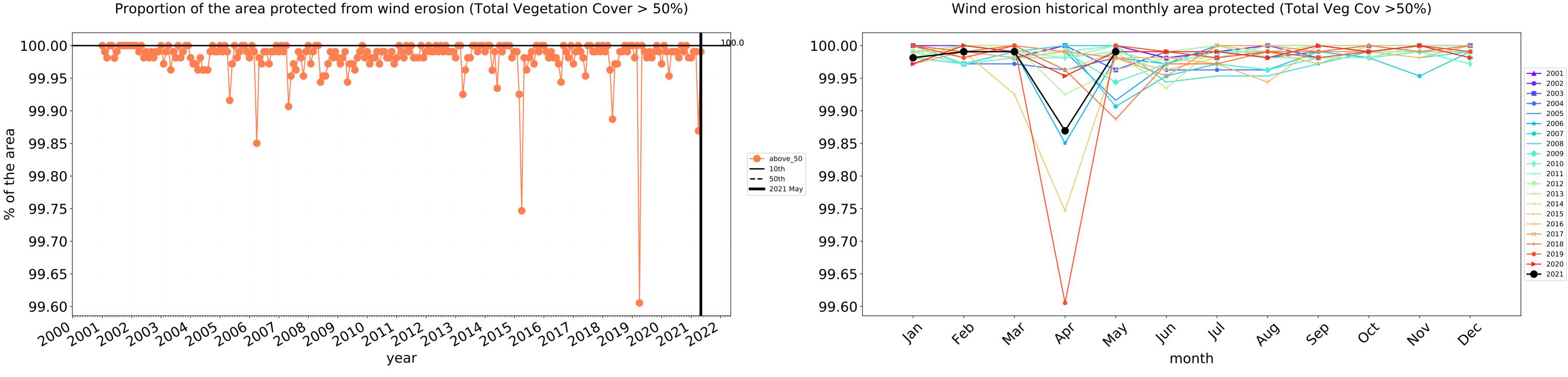




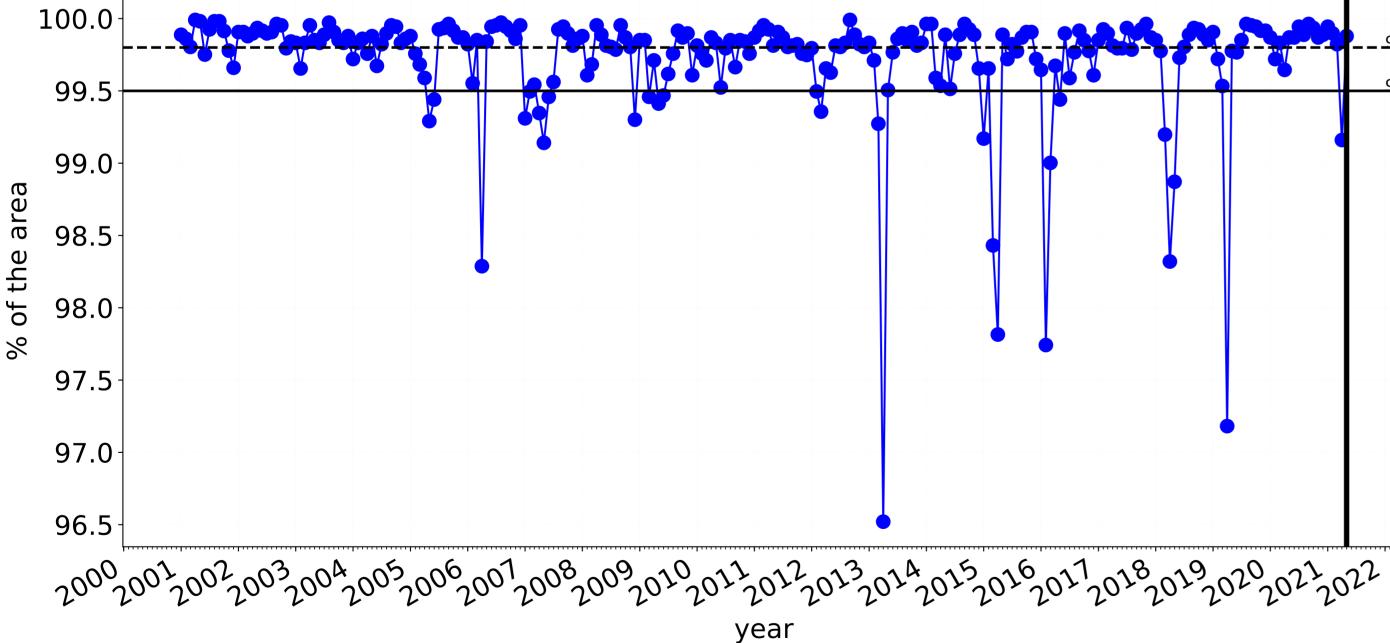






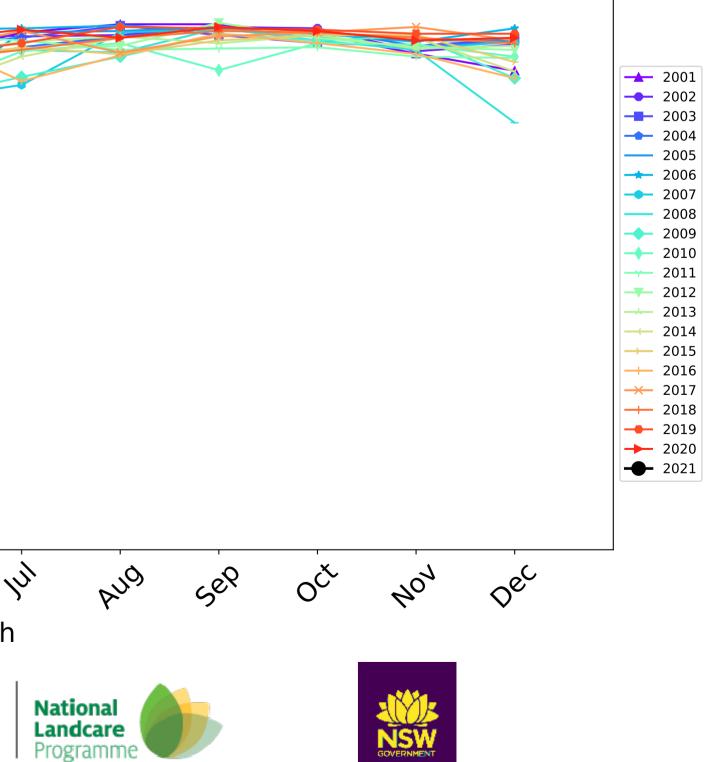


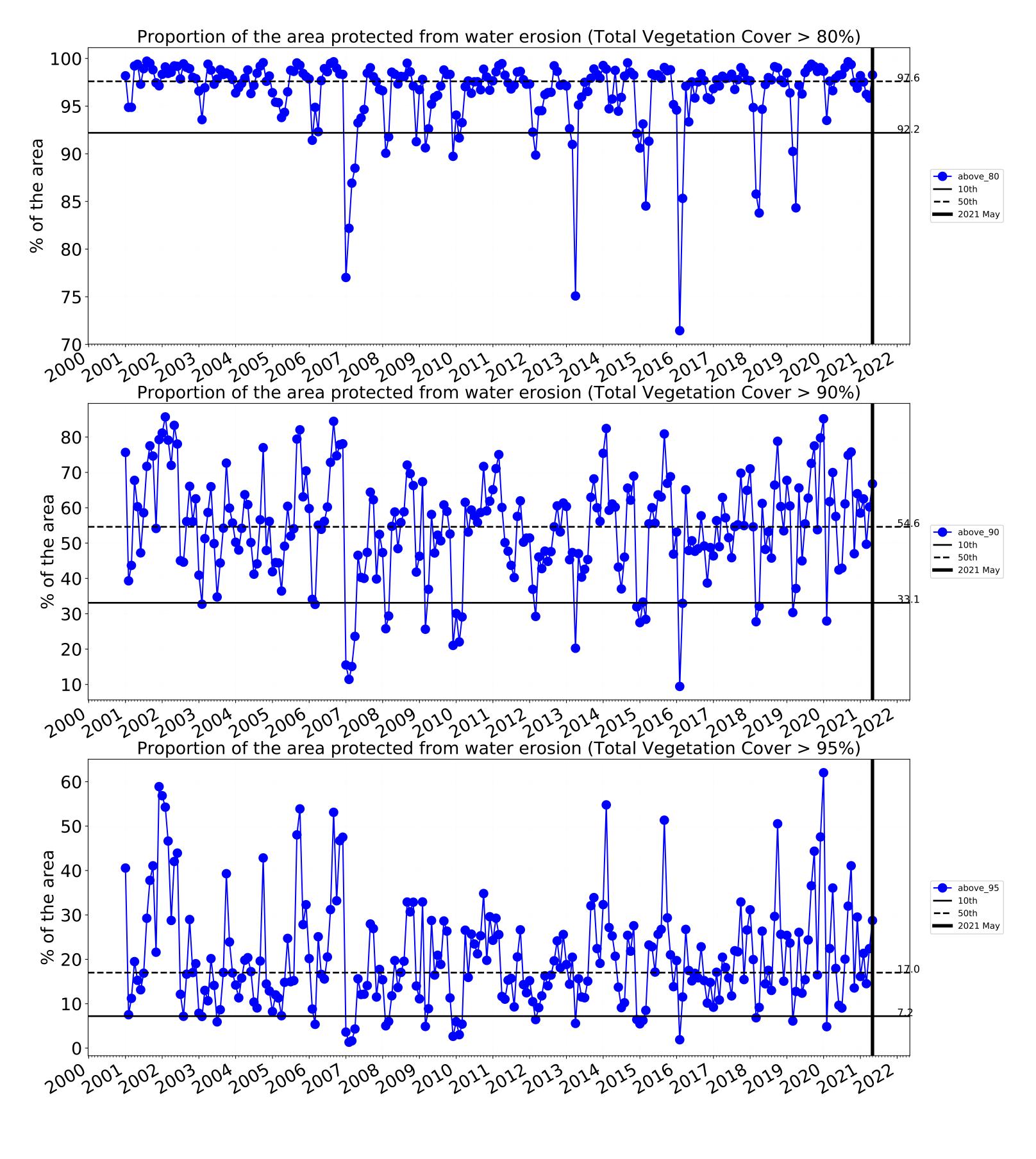
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

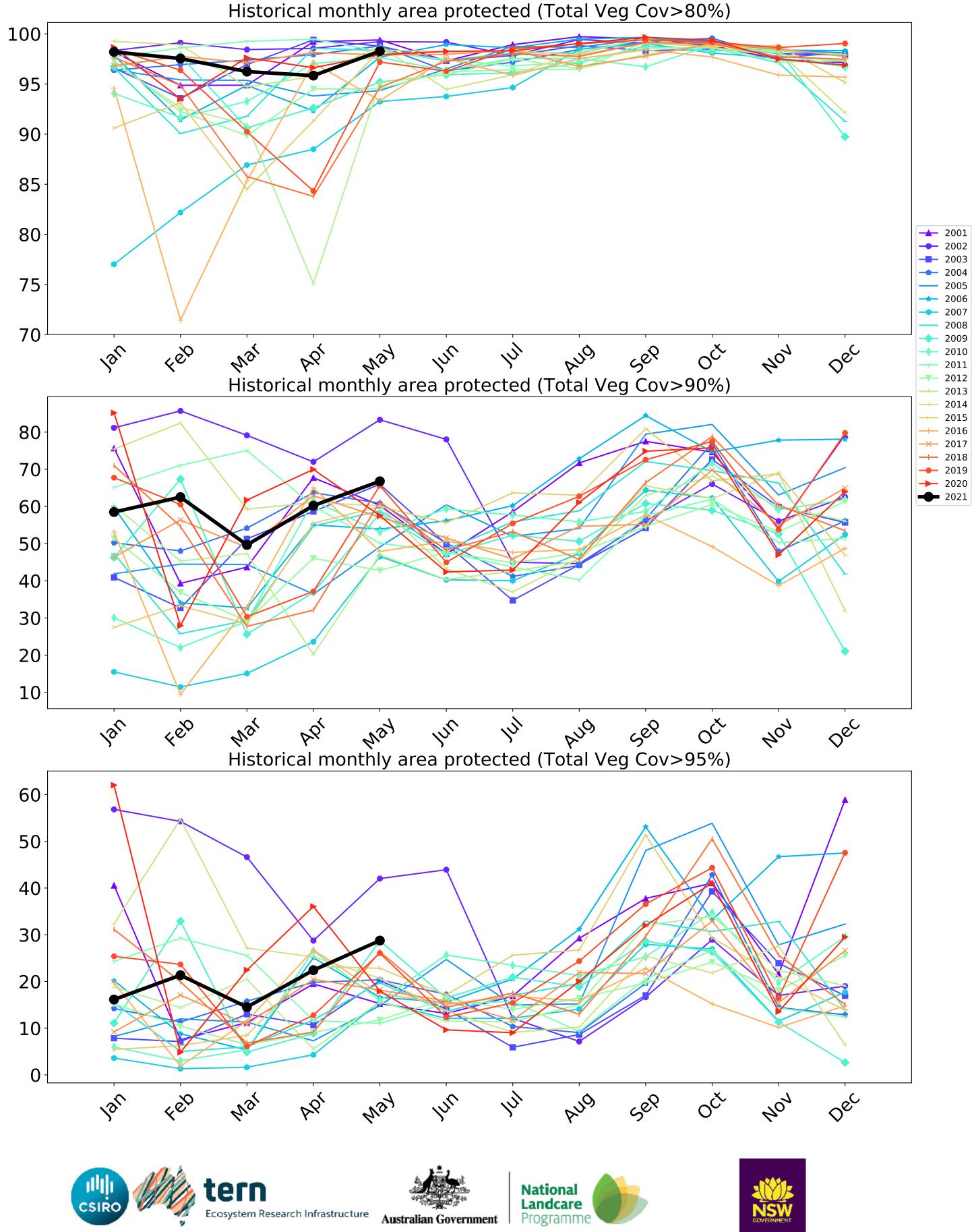


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



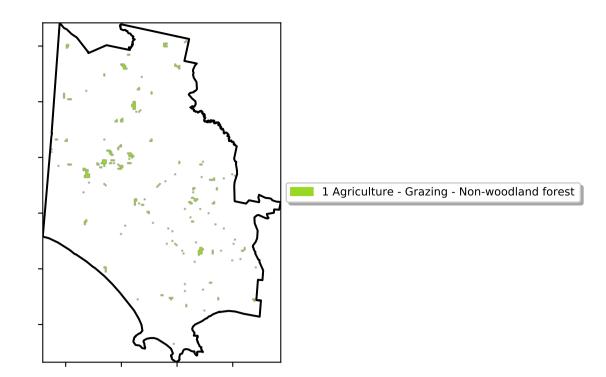




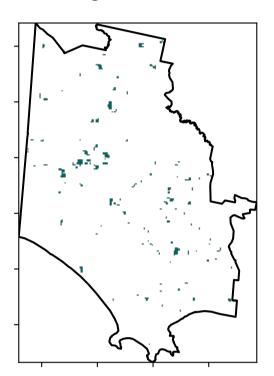


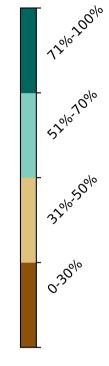
### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

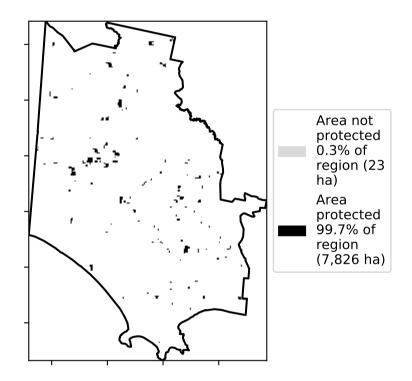


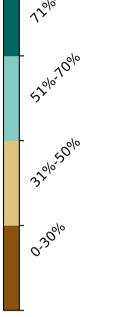
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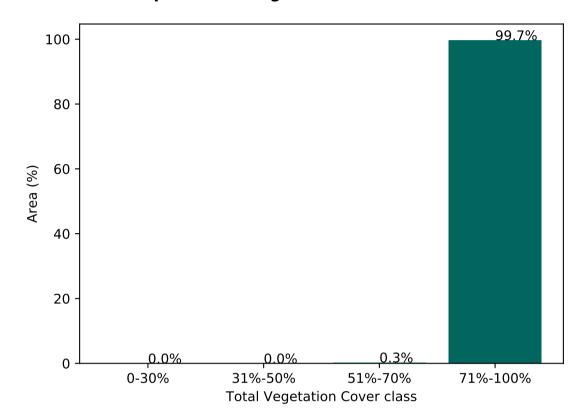


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



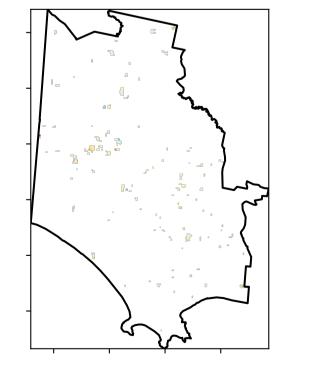
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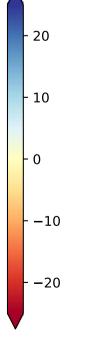


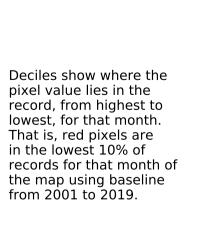
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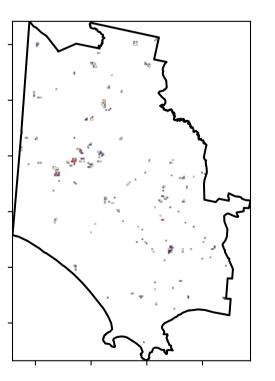
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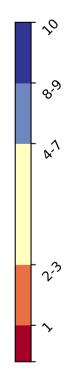




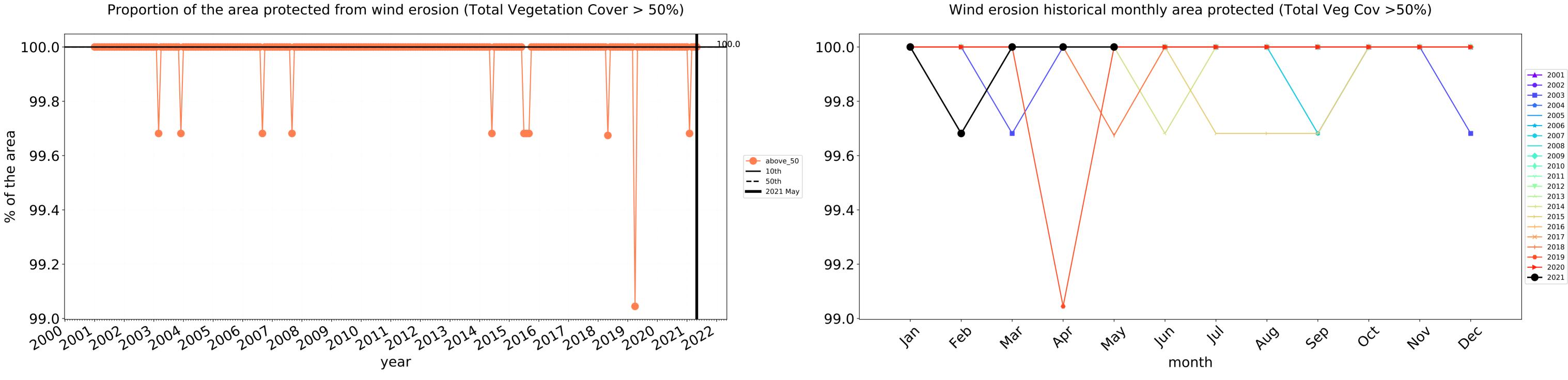


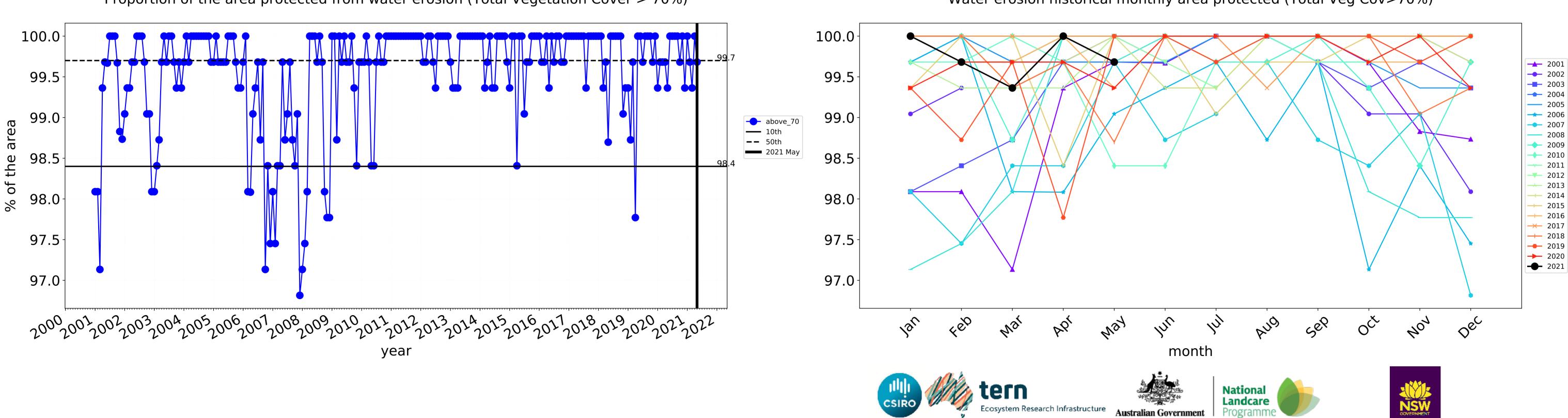
Area protected 100.0% of . region (7,850 ha)



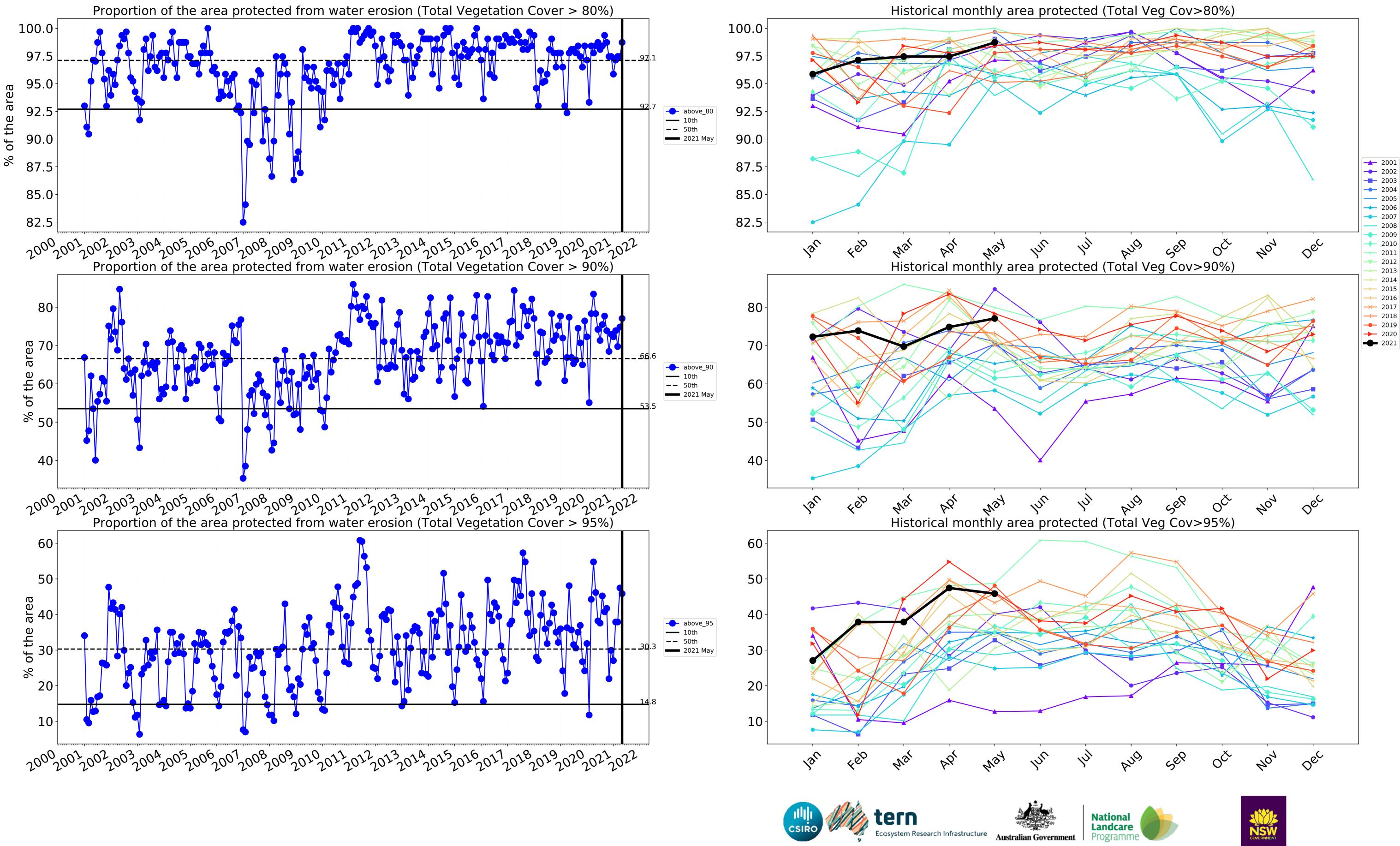






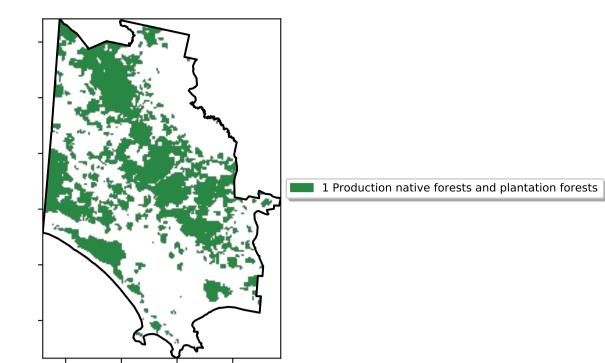


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

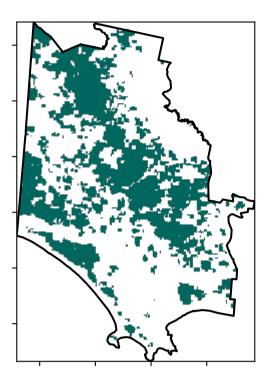


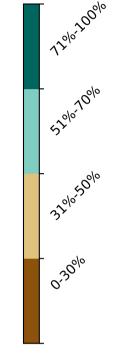
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

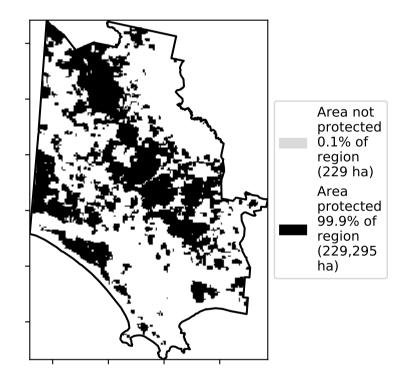


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



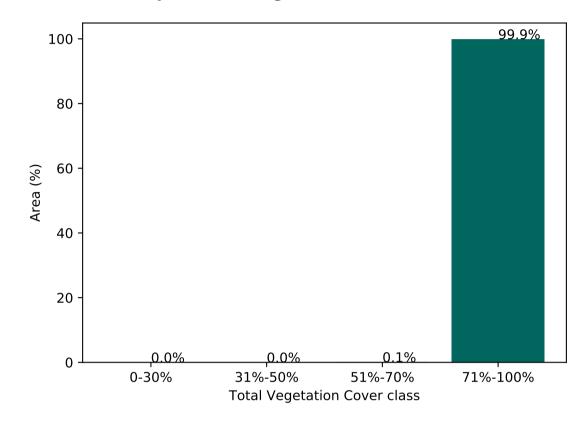


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

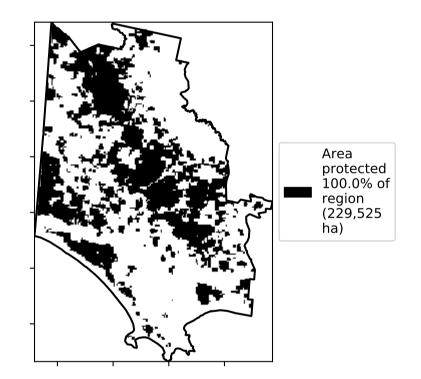




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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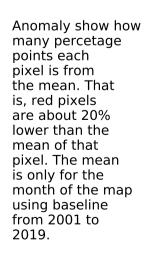
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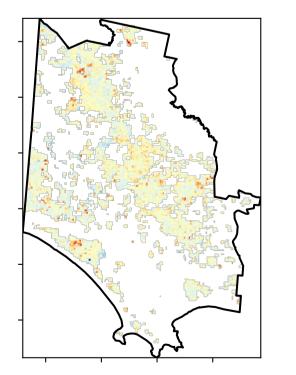
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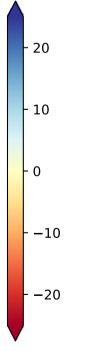
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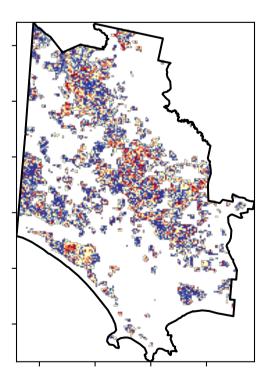
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 







**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



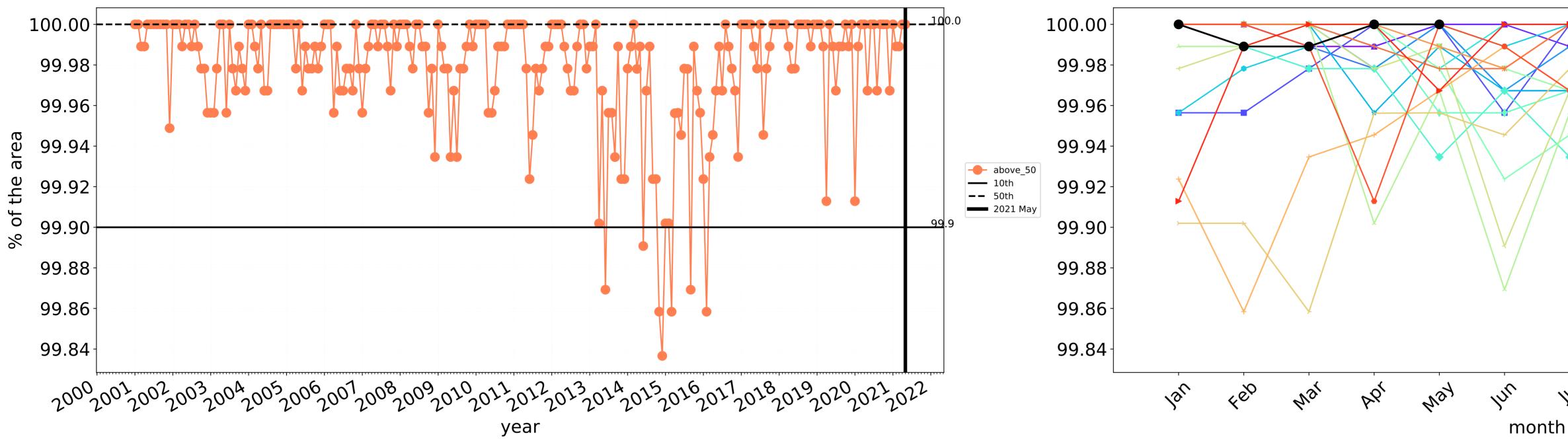


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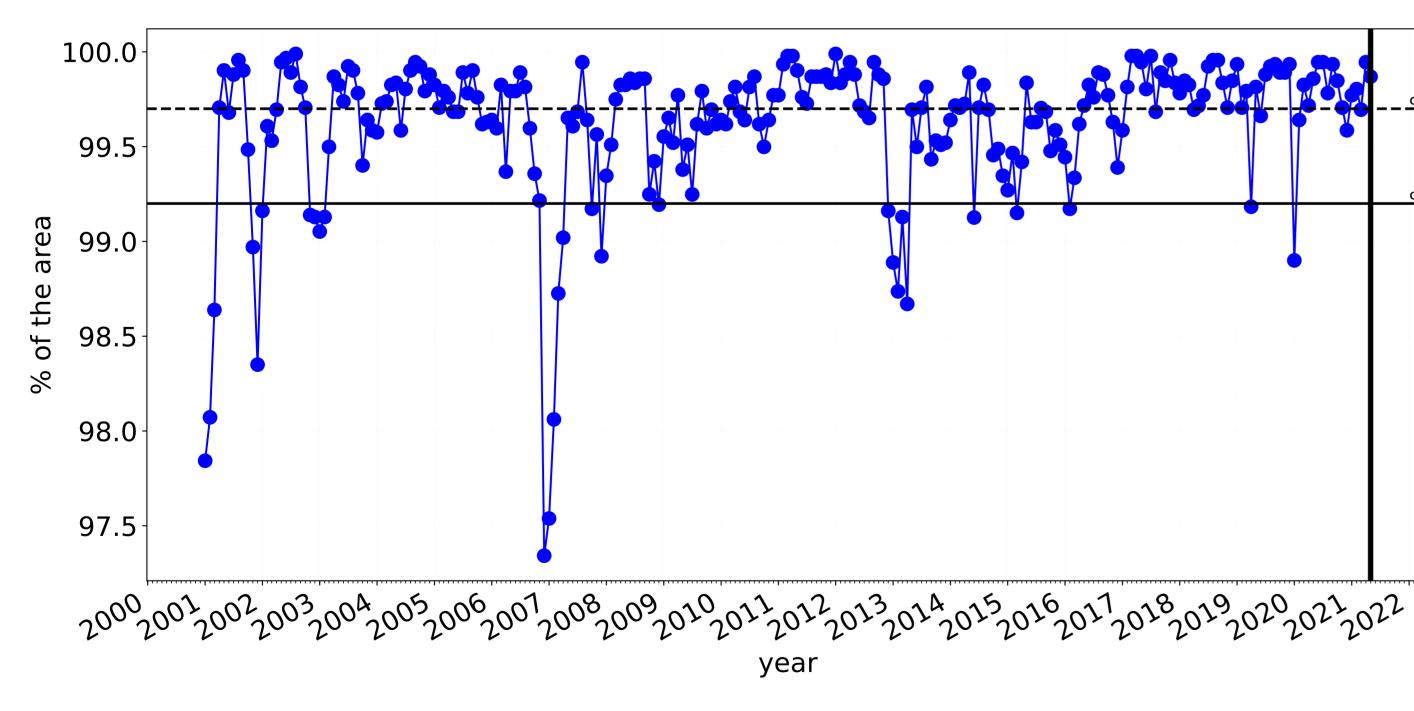
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### Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



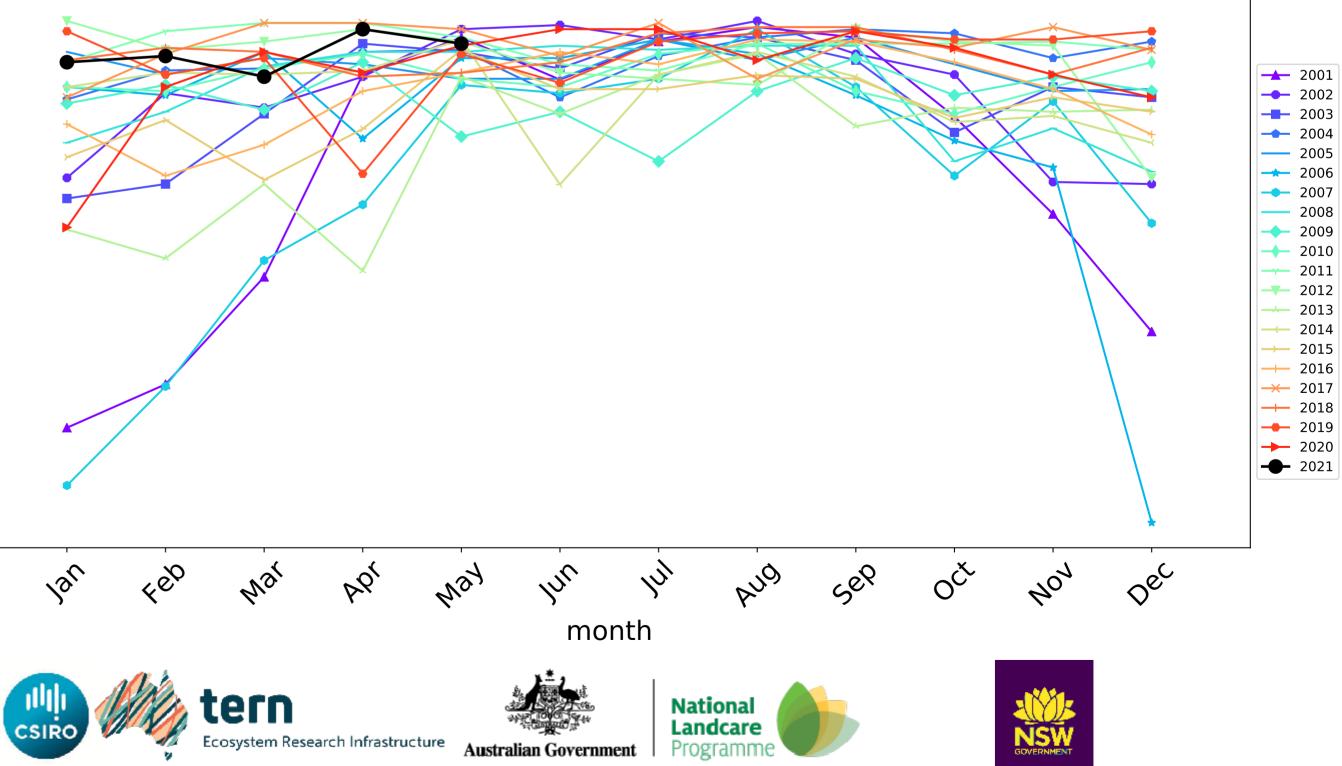
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



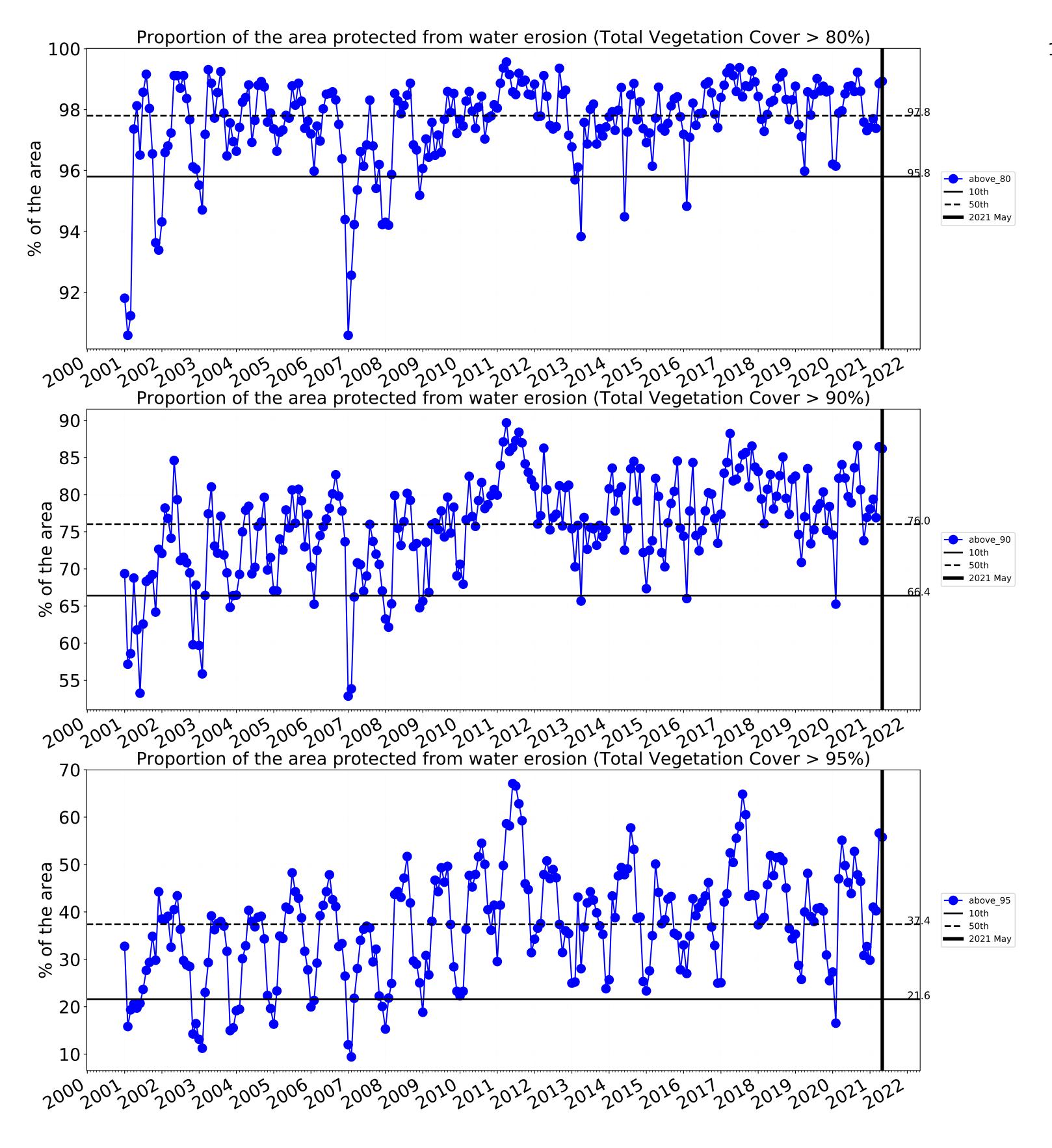
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

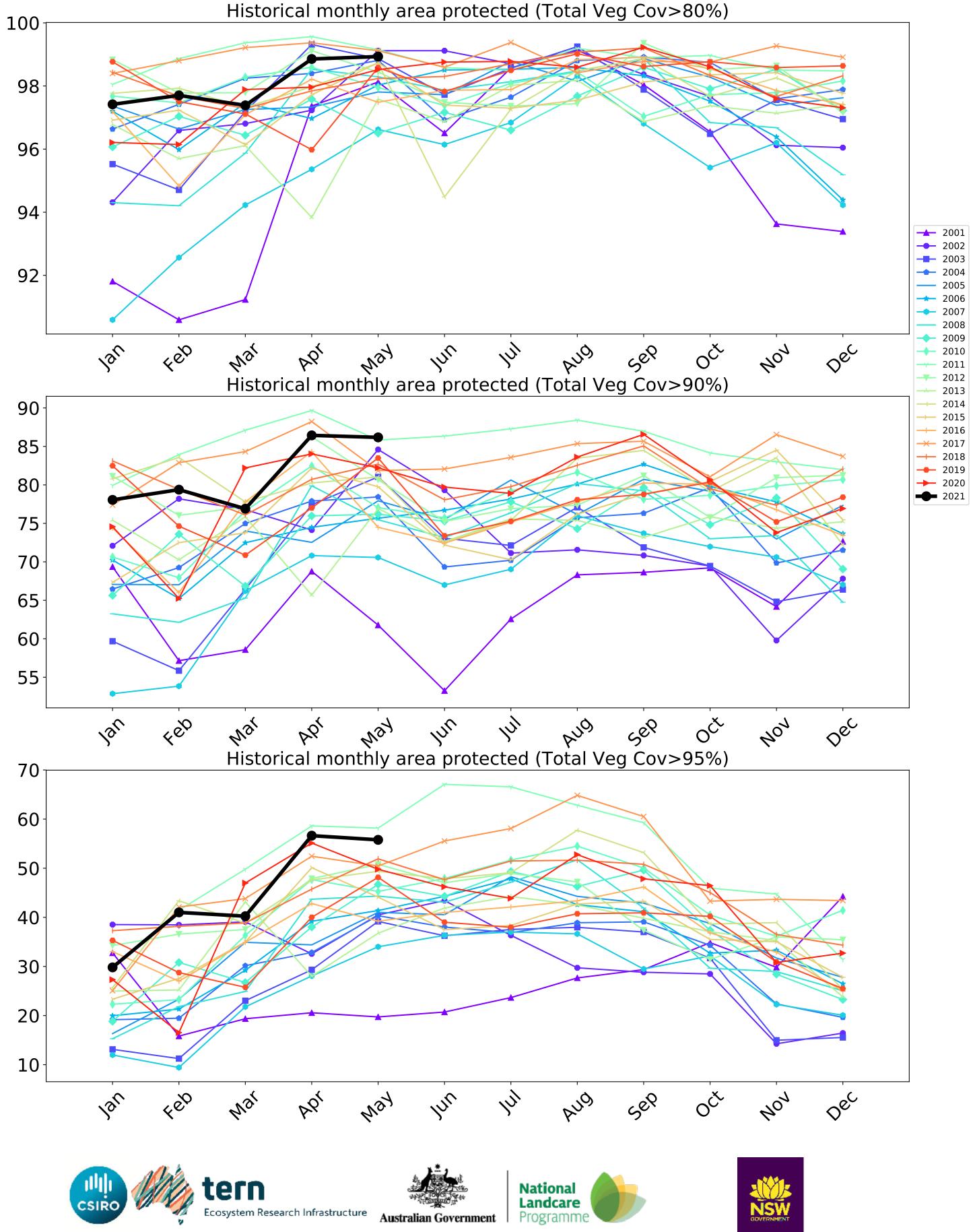
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





# Glenelg\_(S) (616,900 ha and no data 5,149 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	616,900	100.0% 616,775	99.9% 616,525	99.6% 614,475	98.2% 605,750	76.7% 473,375	44.1% 271,975
Conservation and natural environments	83,075	99.8% 82,950	99.7% 82,800	98.8% 82,050	97.4% 80,925	88.7% 73,700	67.5% 56,075
Conservation and natural environments non forest	8,575	99.4% 8,525	98.0% 8,400	90.4% 7,750	81.3% 6,975	56.3% 4,825	30.3% 2,600
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	41,725	100.0% 41,725	99.9% 41,700	99.8% 41,650	99.5% 41,500	92.6% 38,625	66.3% 27,675
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	32,775	99.8% 32,700	99.8% 32,700	99.6% 32,650	99.0% 32,450	92.3% 30,250	78.7% 25,800
Agriculture	287,400	100.0% 287,400	100.0% 287,375	99.9% 287,050	98.3% 282,525	67.5% 193,925	29.5% 84,925
Grazing	281,850	100.0% 281,850	100.0% 281,825	99.9% 281,500	98.3% 277,100	67.4% 190,100	29.5% 83,175
Grazing non forest	268,225	100.0% 268,225	100.0% 268,200	99.9% 267,900	98.3% 263,600	66.8% 179,100	28.8% 77,125
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	7,850	100.0% 7,850	100.0% 7,850	99.7% 7,825	98.7% 7,750	77.1% 6,050	45.9% 3,600
Production native forests and plantation forests	229,525	100.0% 229,525	100.0% 229,525	99.9% 229,225	98.9% 227,075	86.2% 197,800	55.8% 128,025

