

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.

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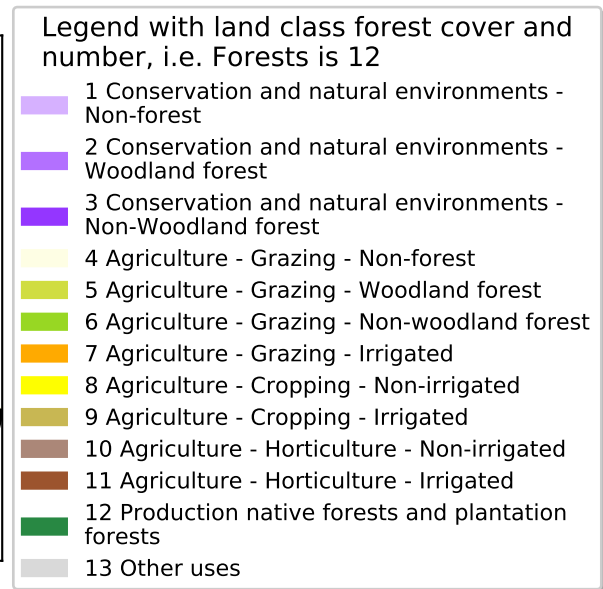
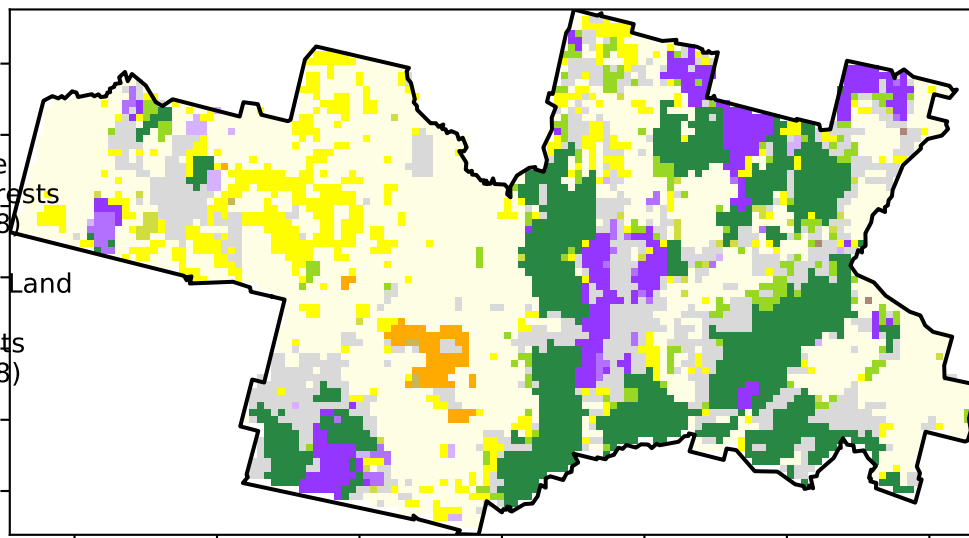
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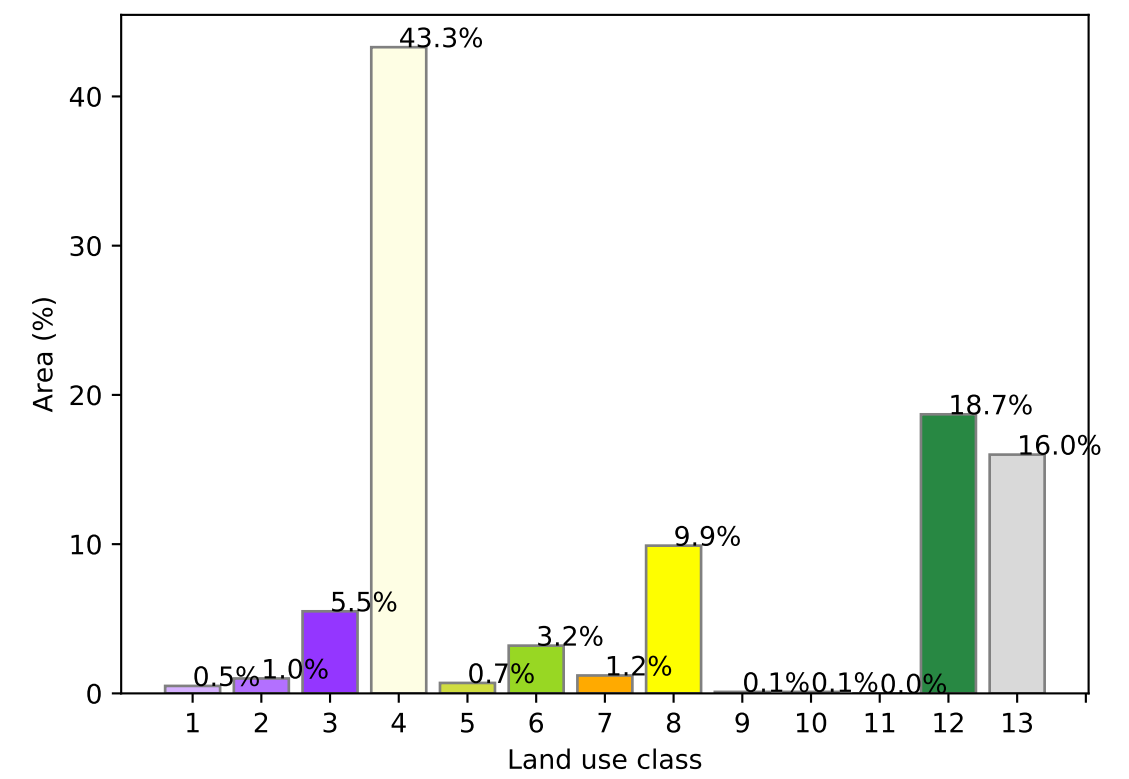
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Land use and forest cover

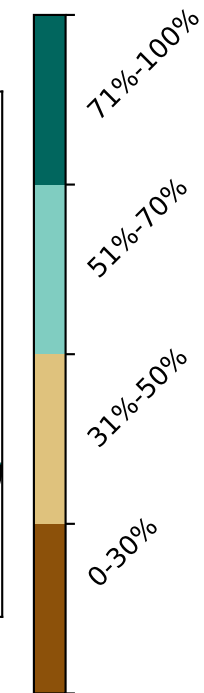
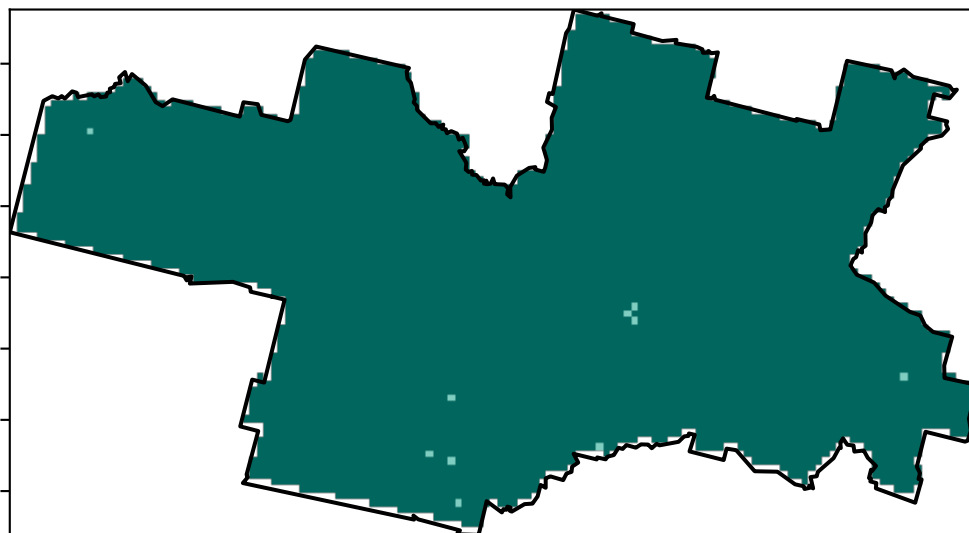
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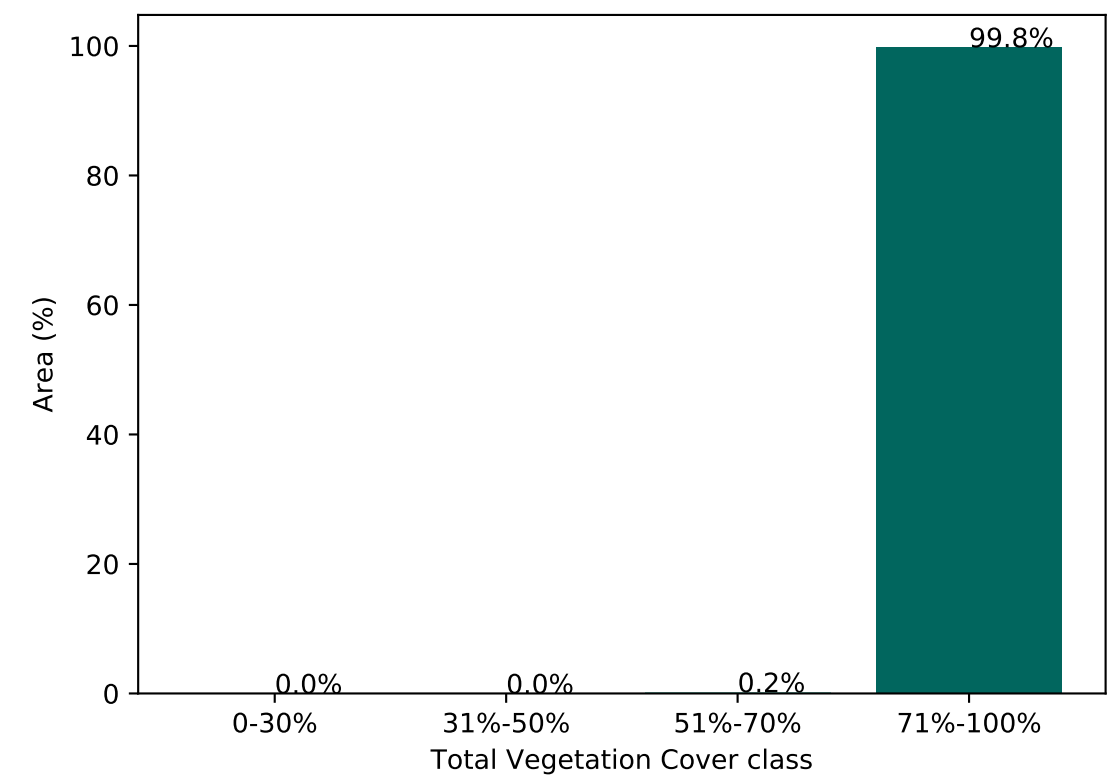
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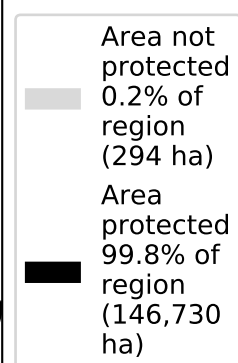
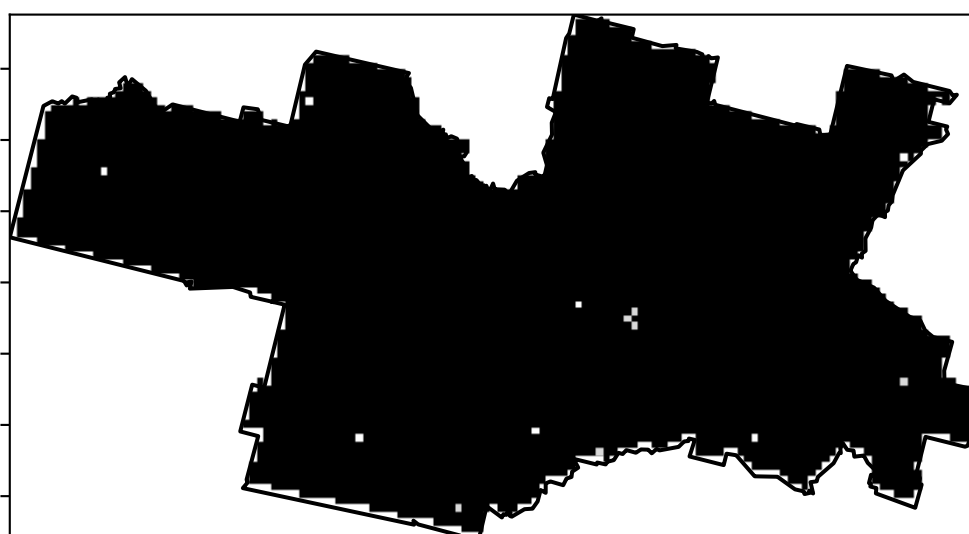
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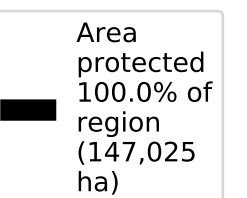
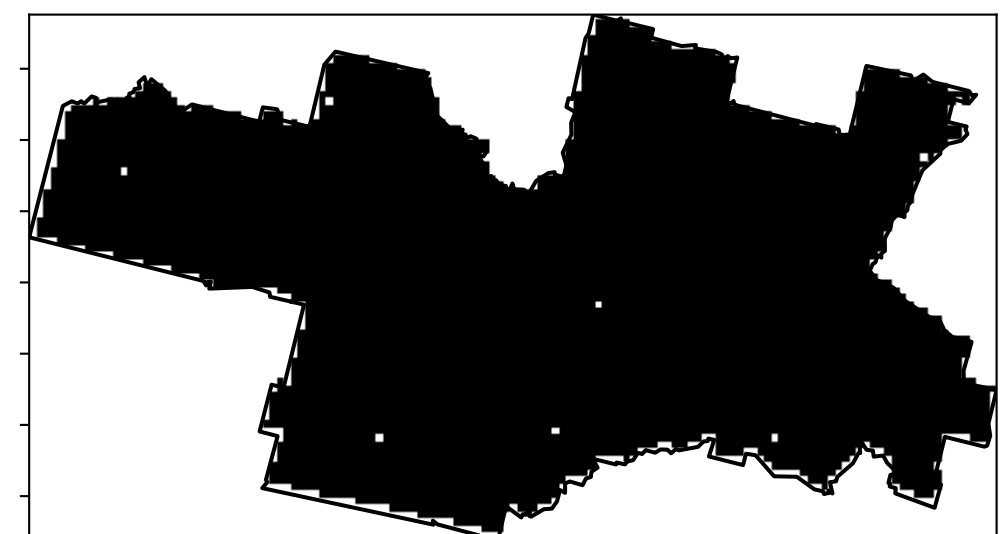
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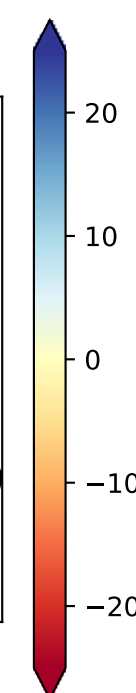
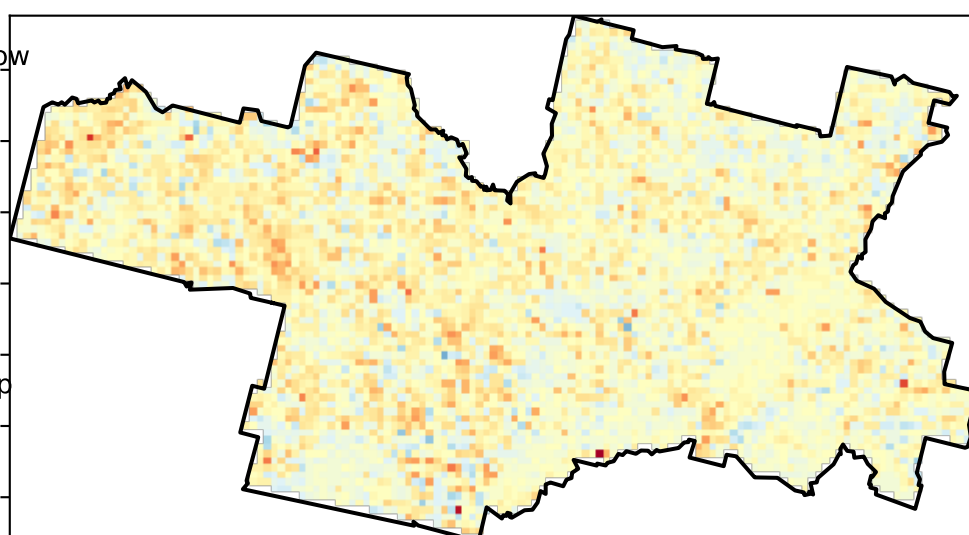


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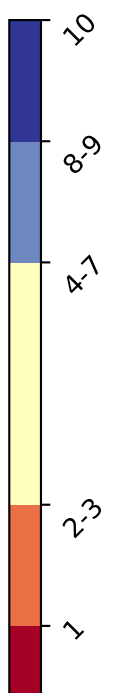
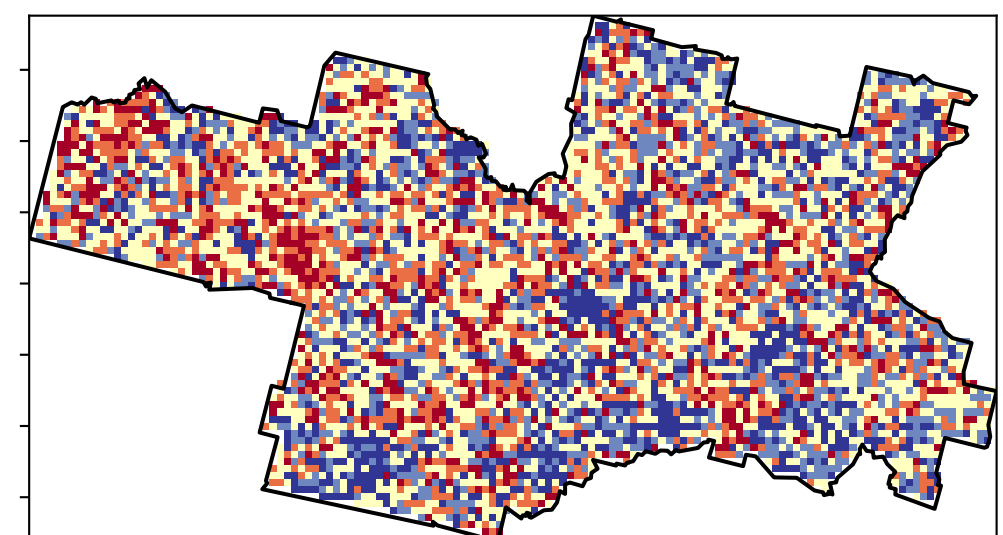
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how many percentage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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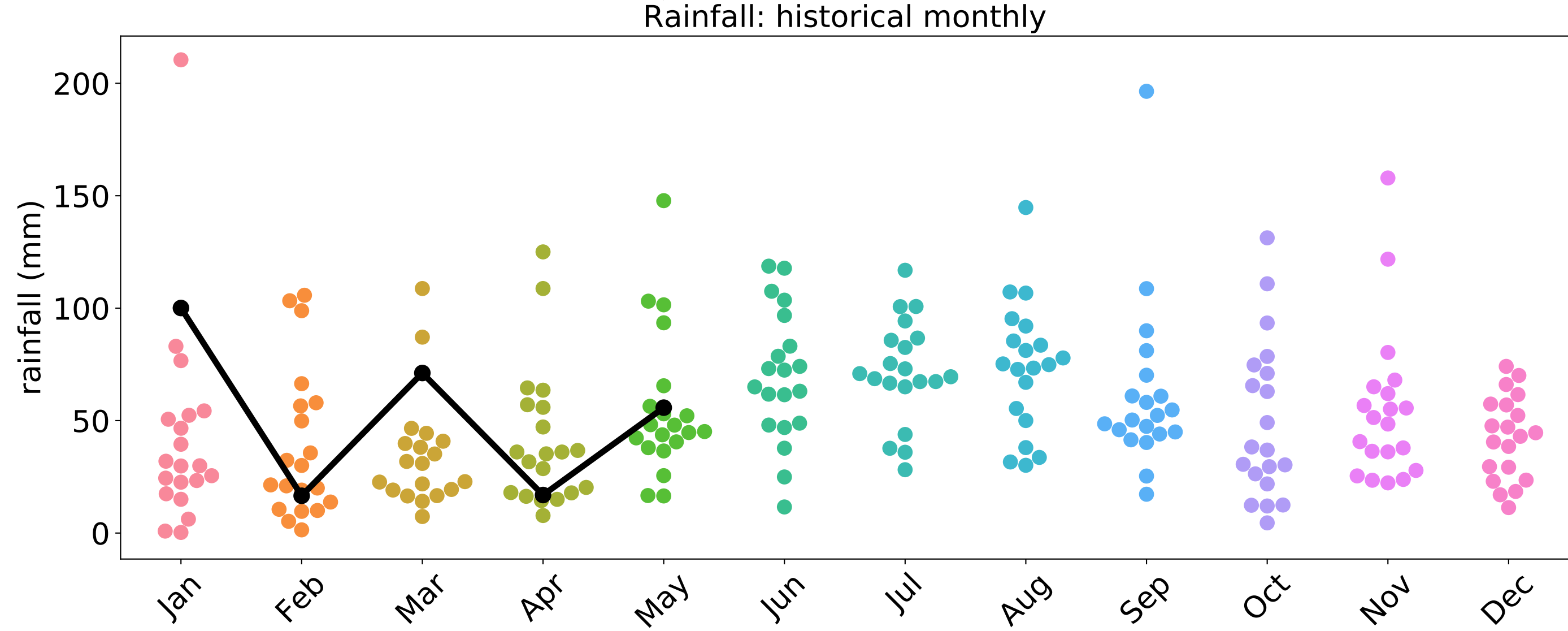
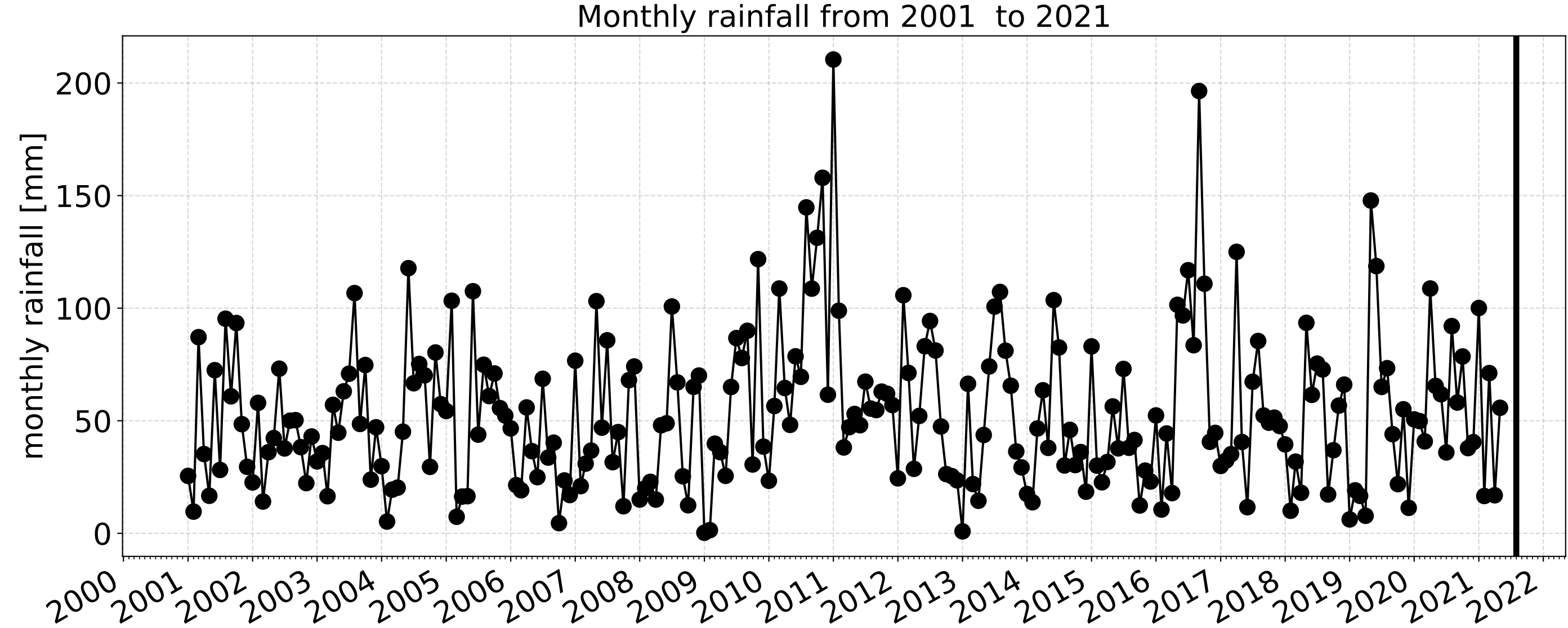
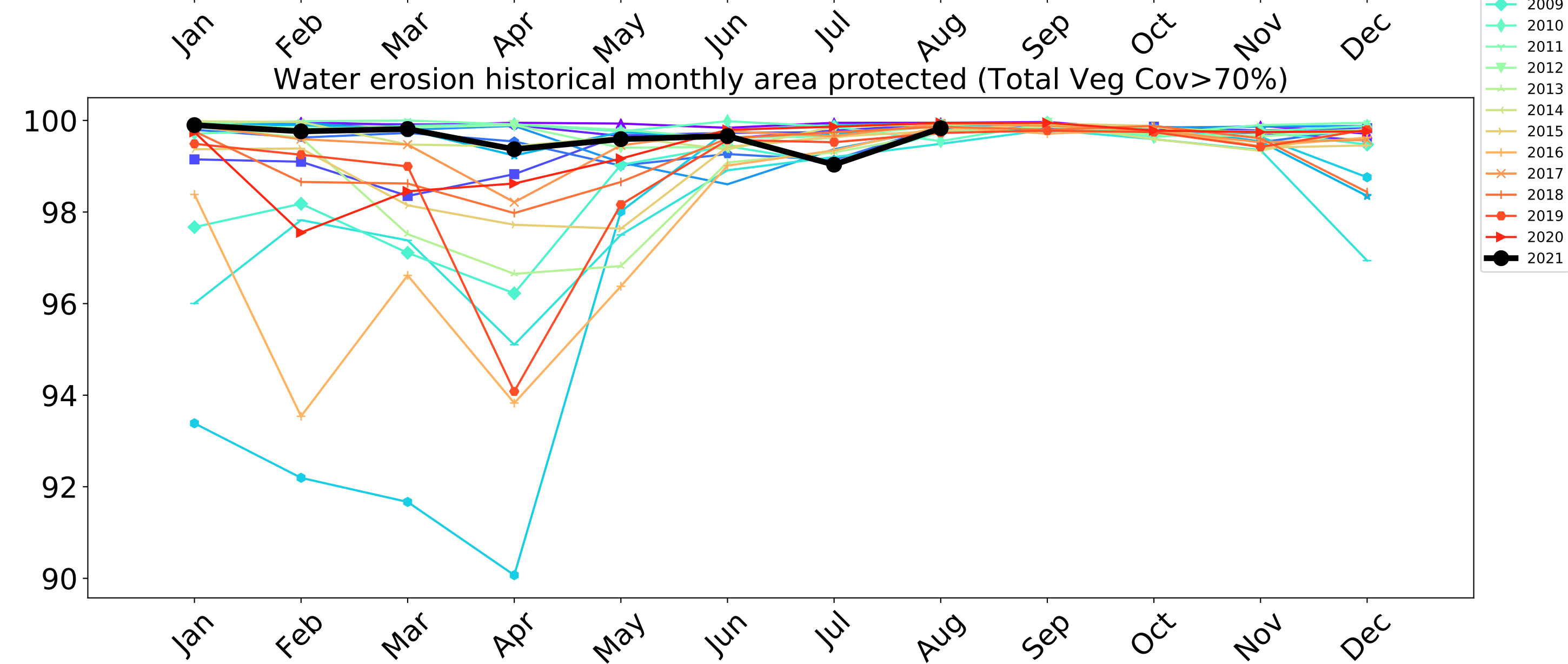
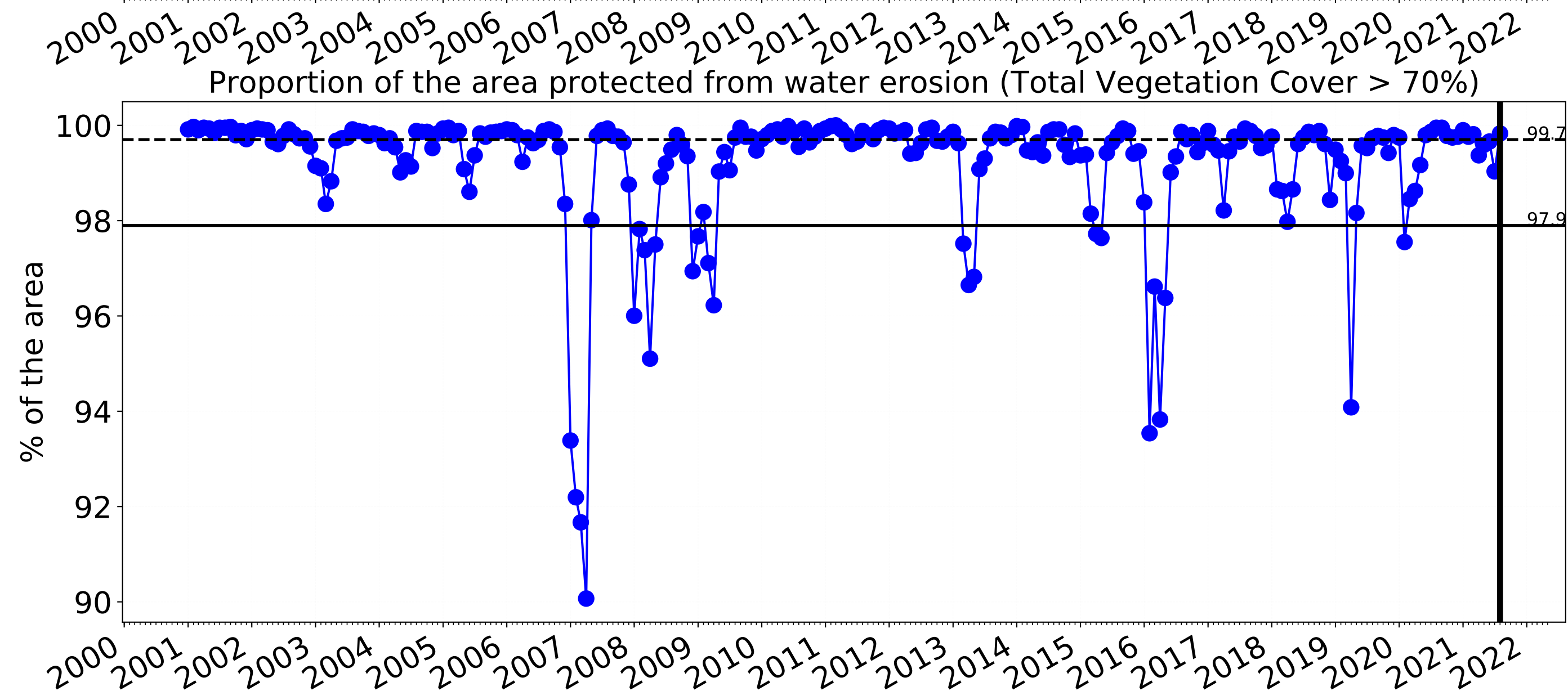
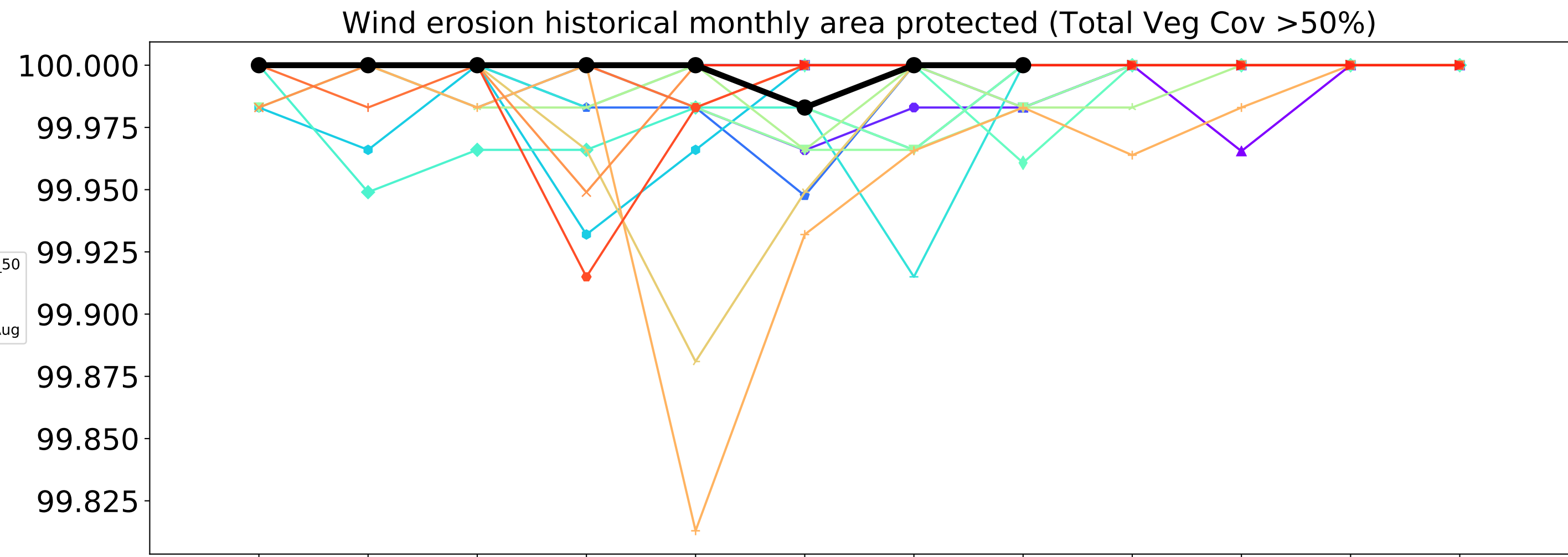
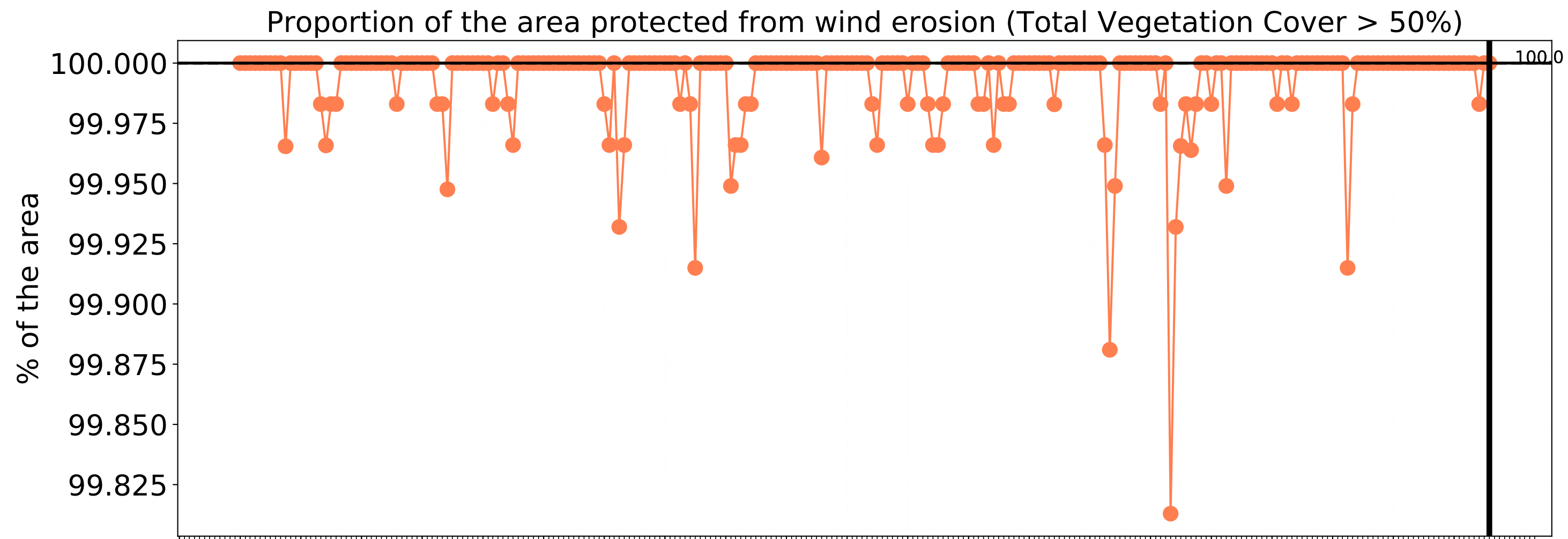
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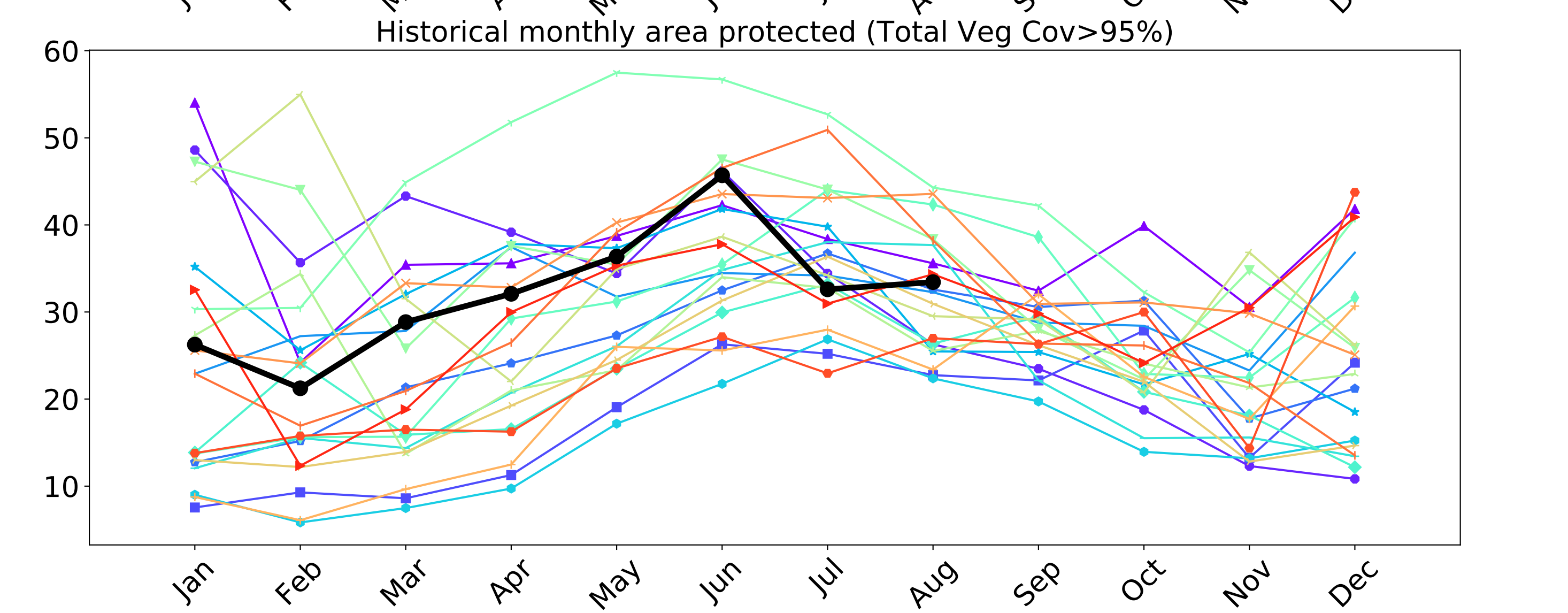
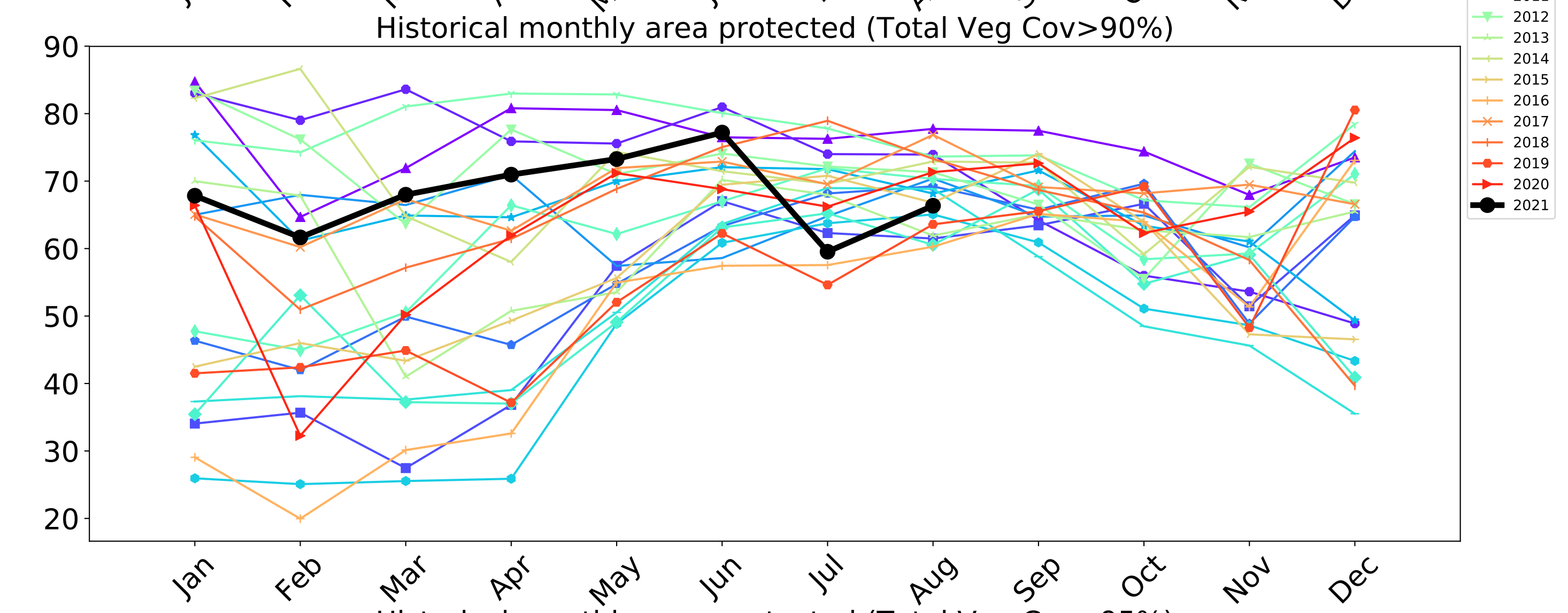
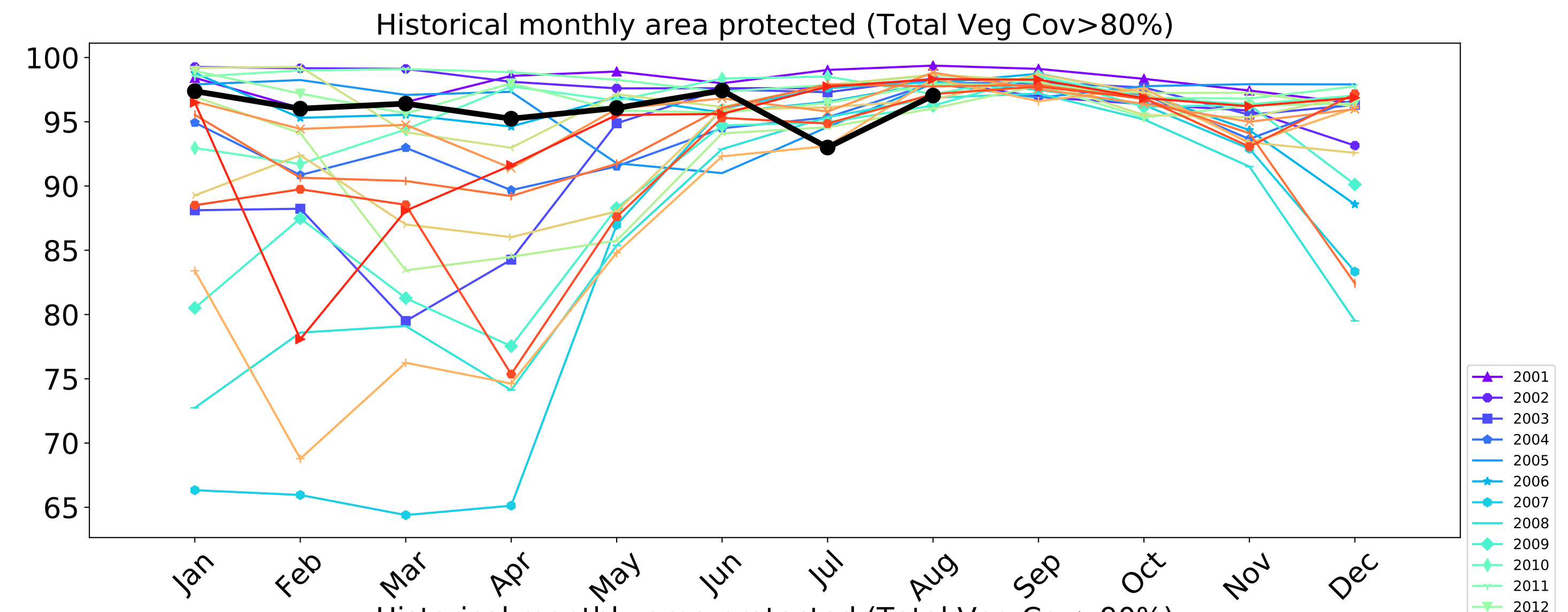
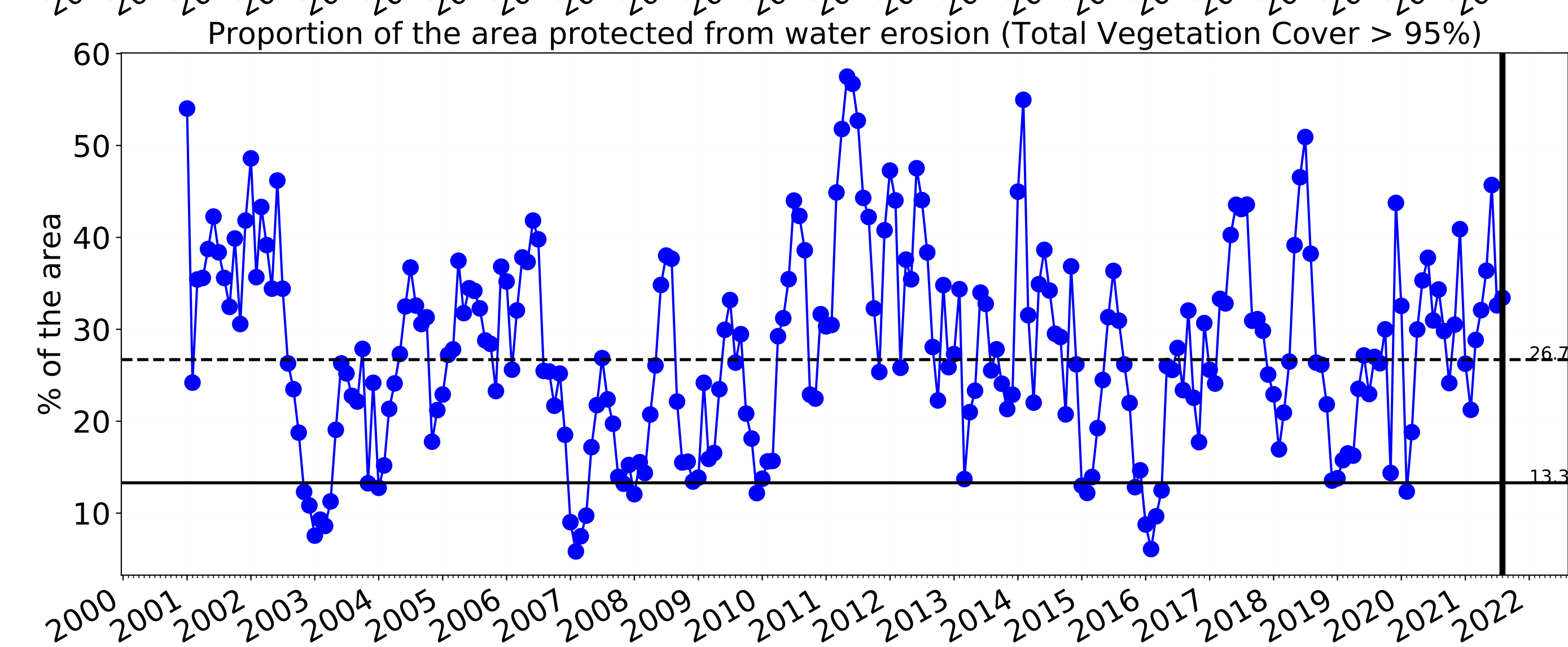
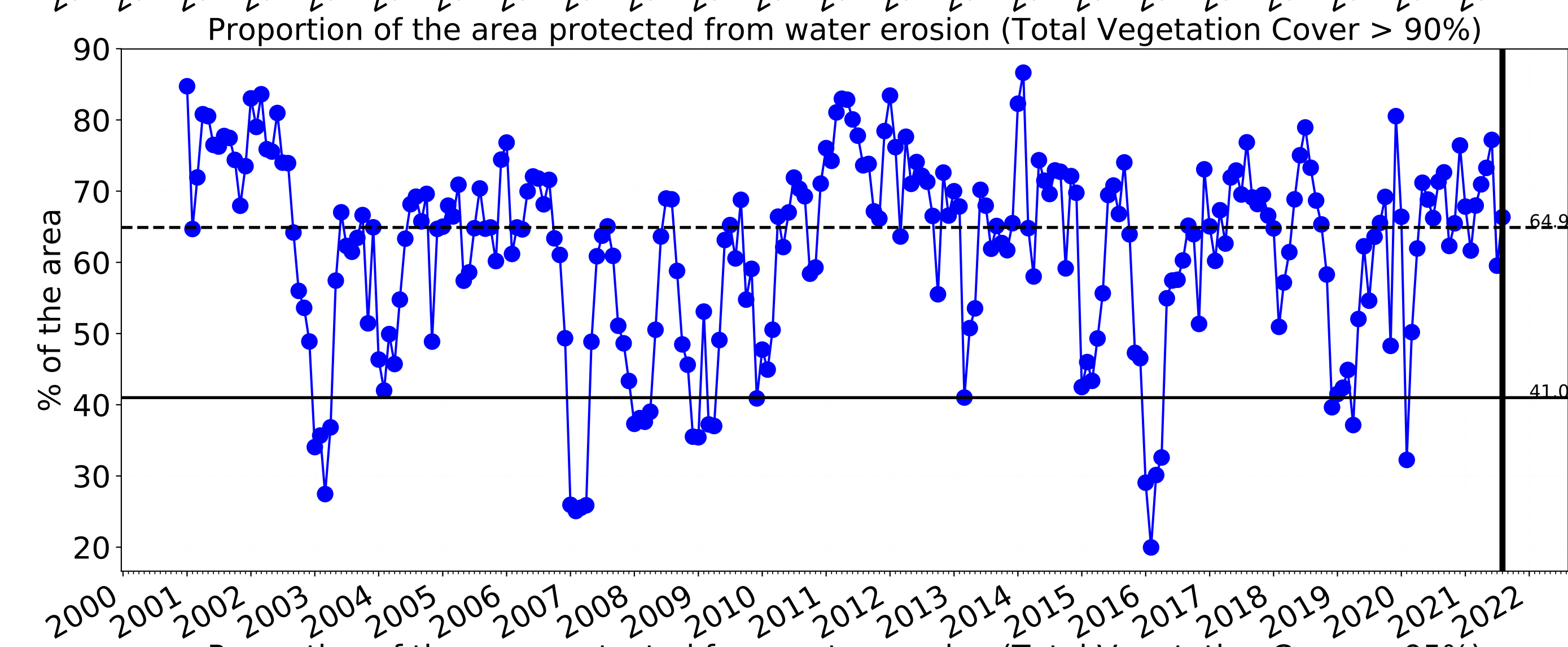
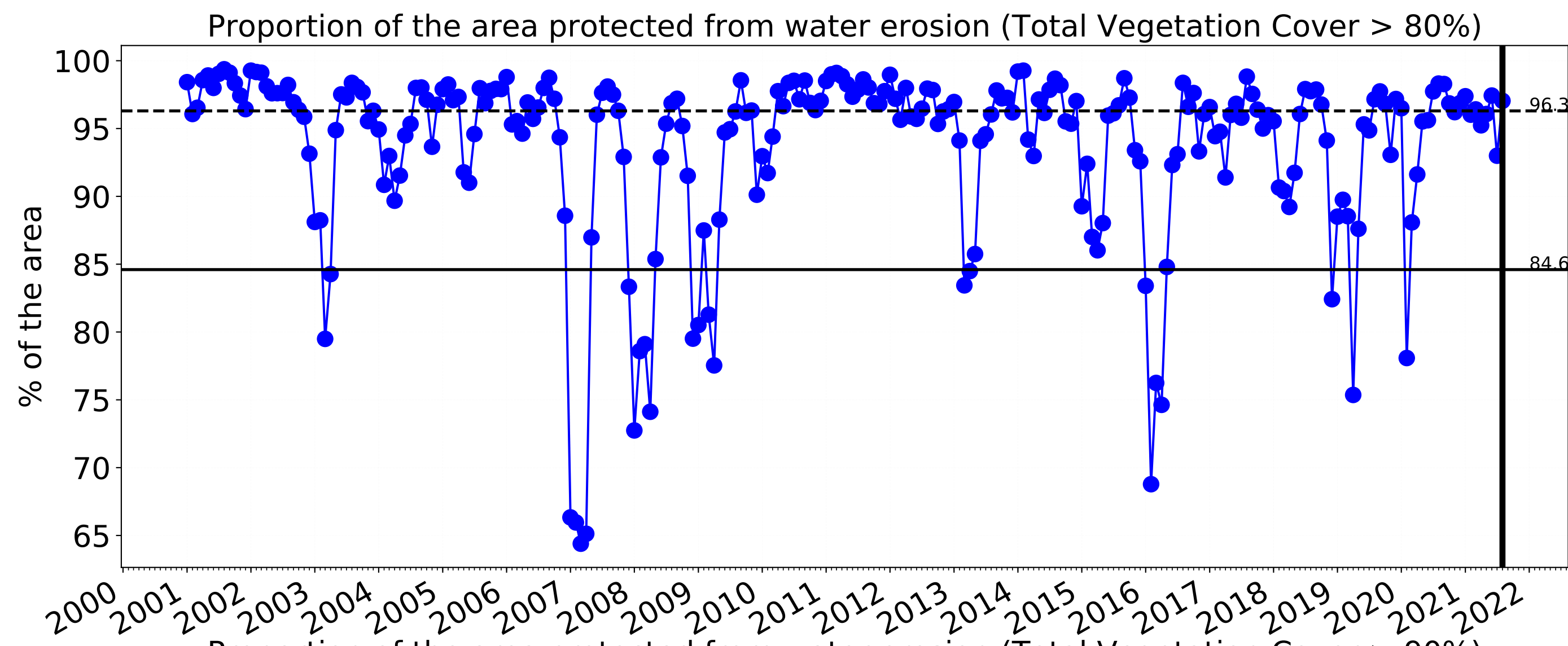


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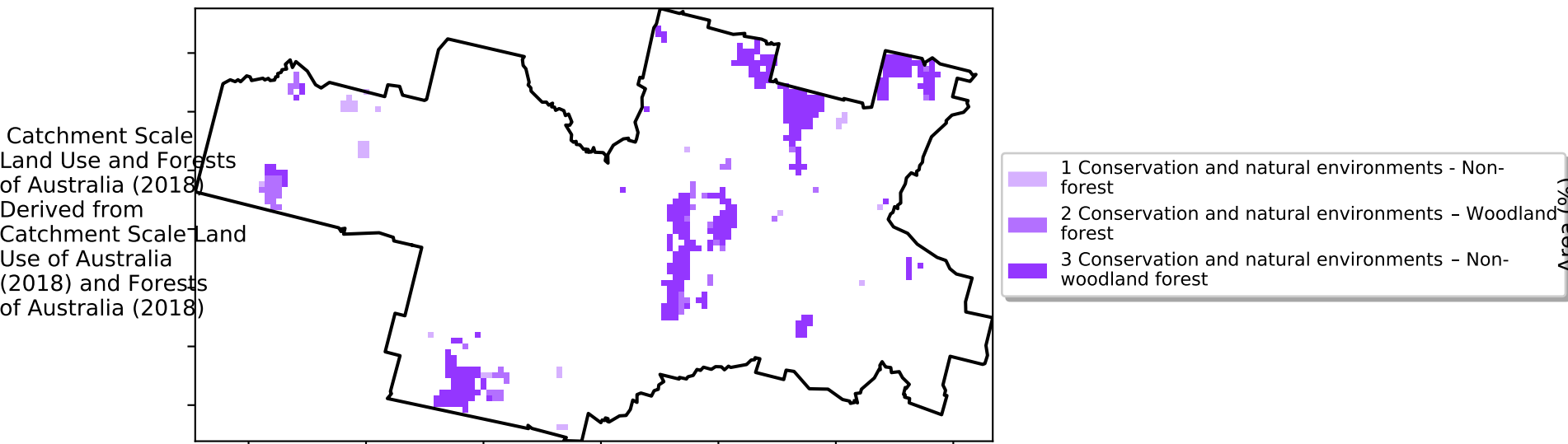
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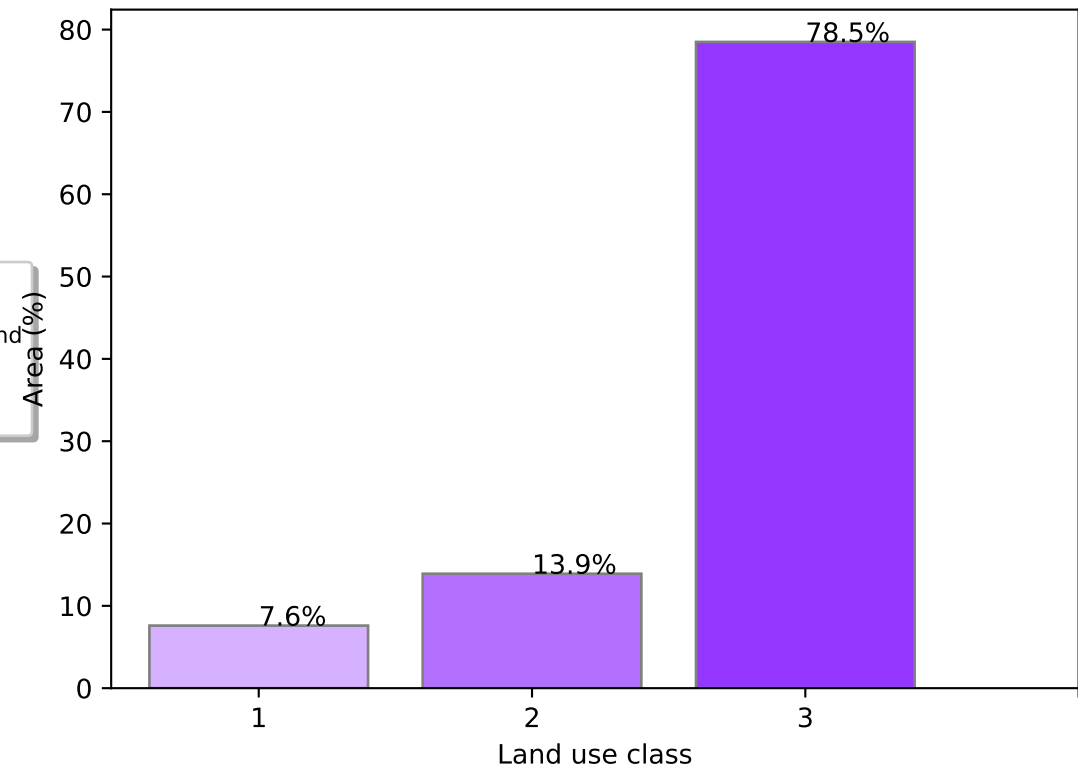


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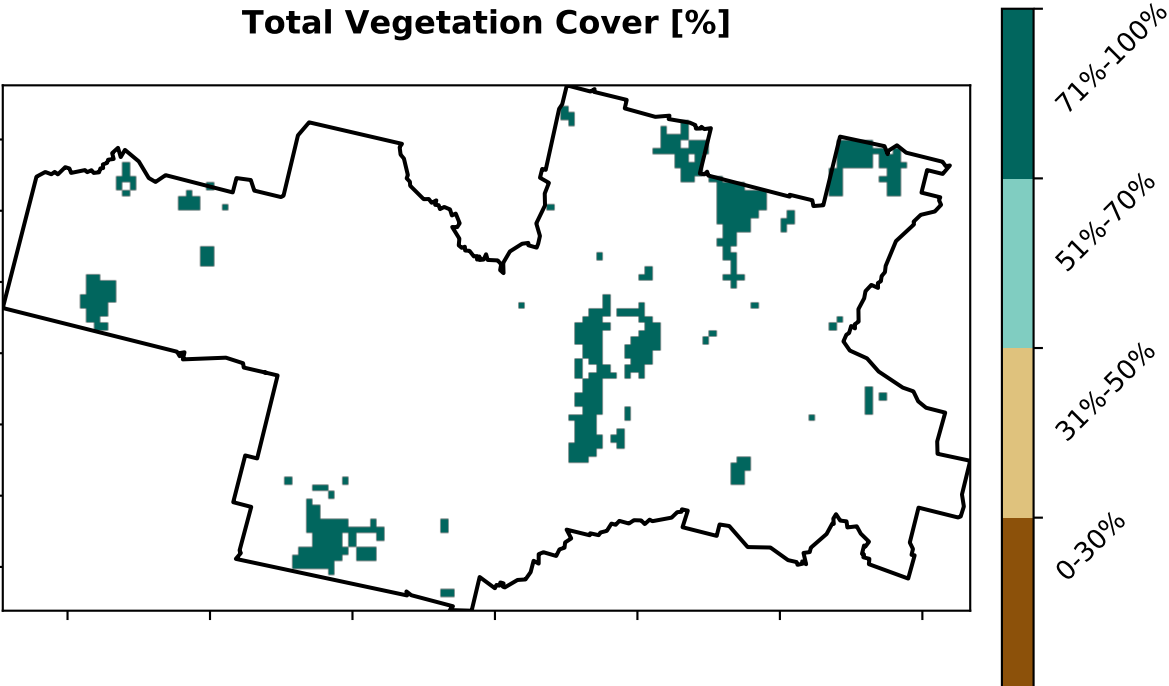
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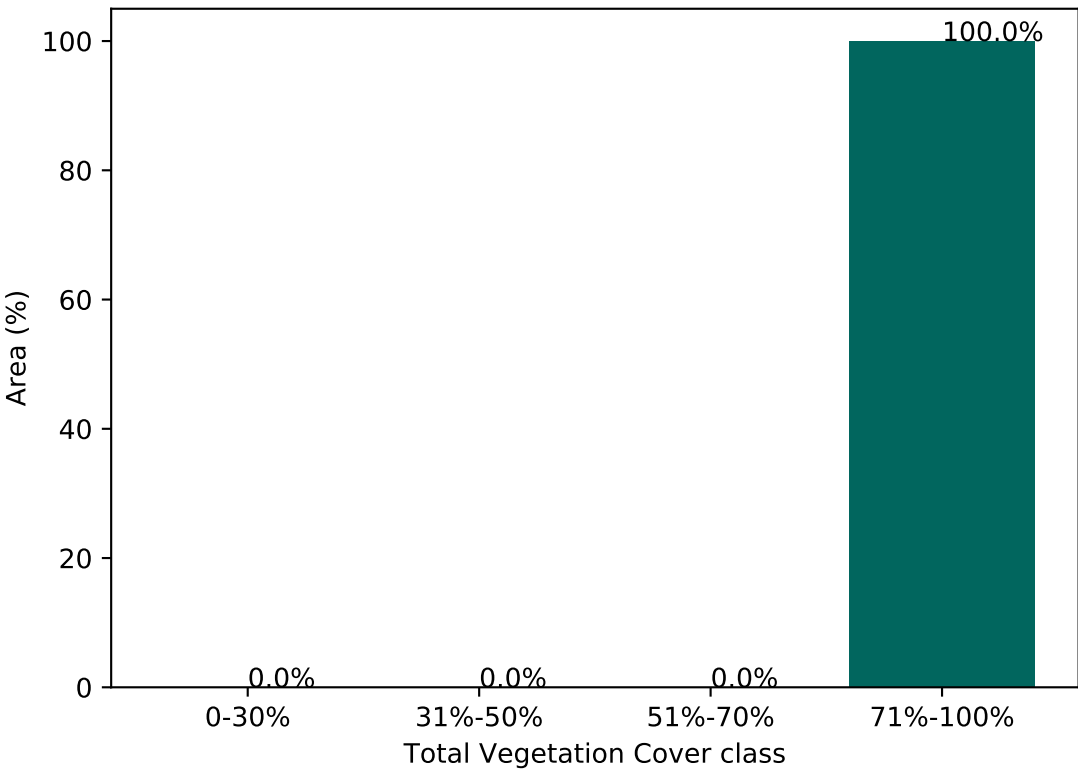
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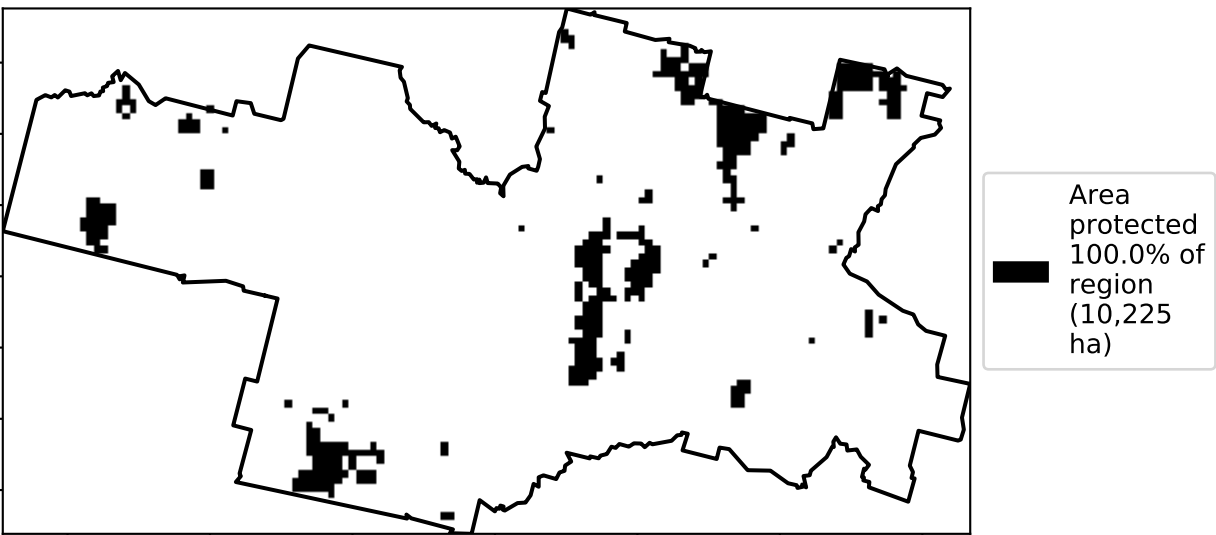
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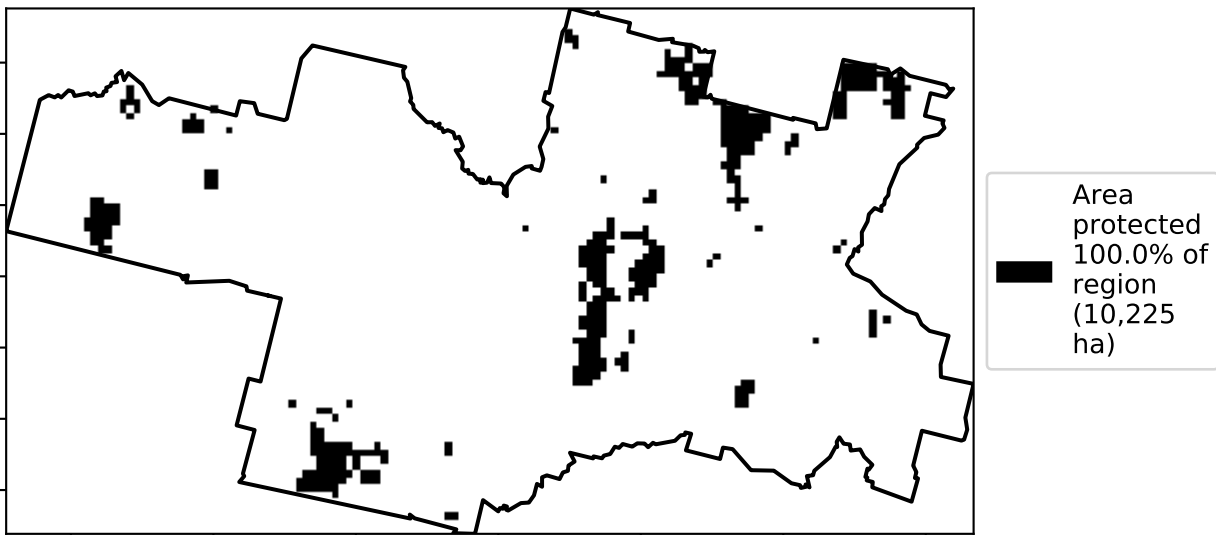
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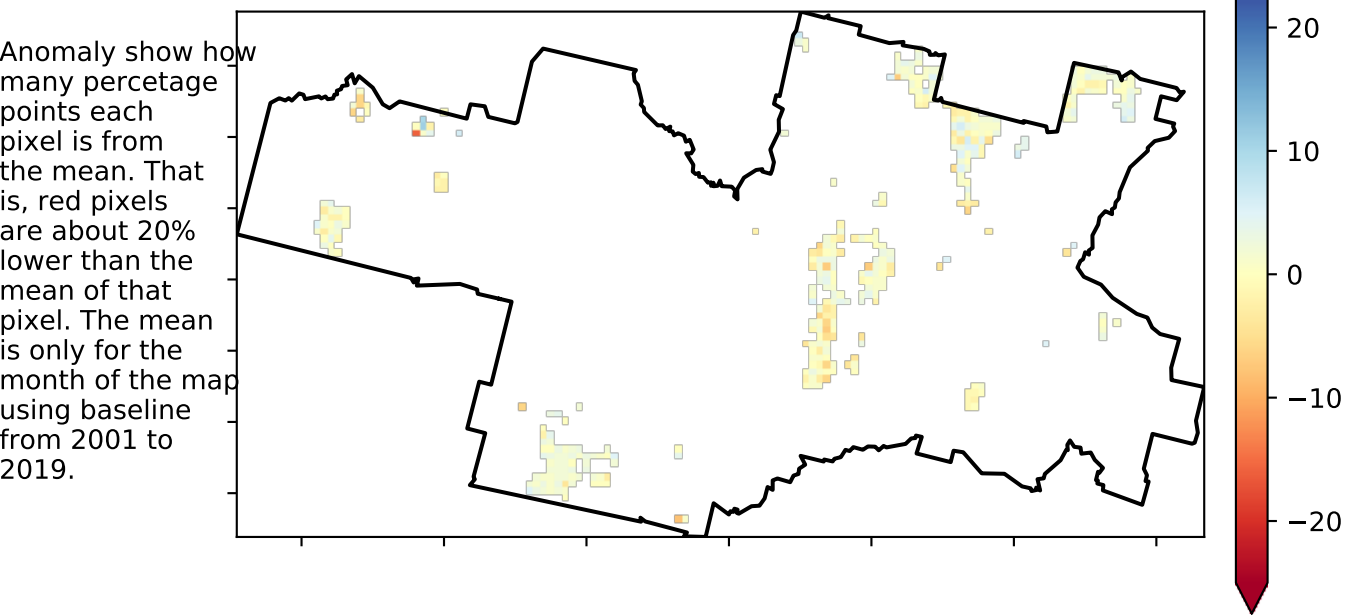
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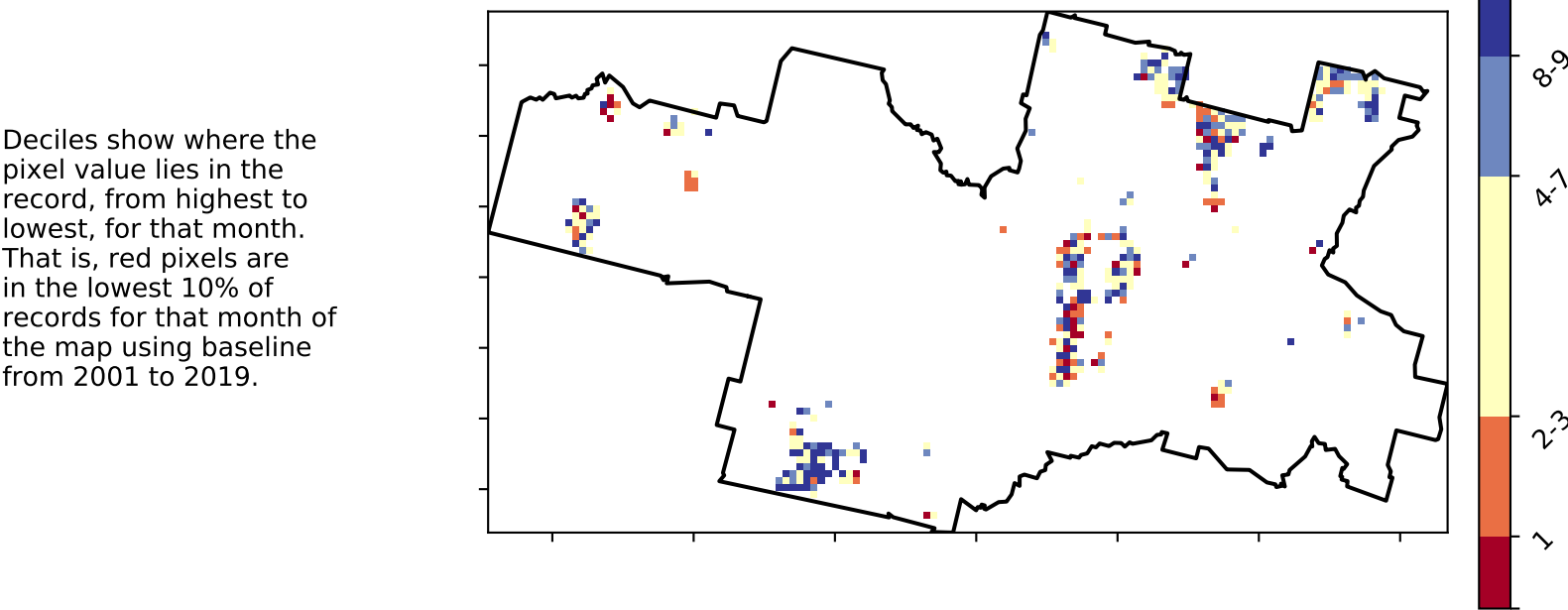
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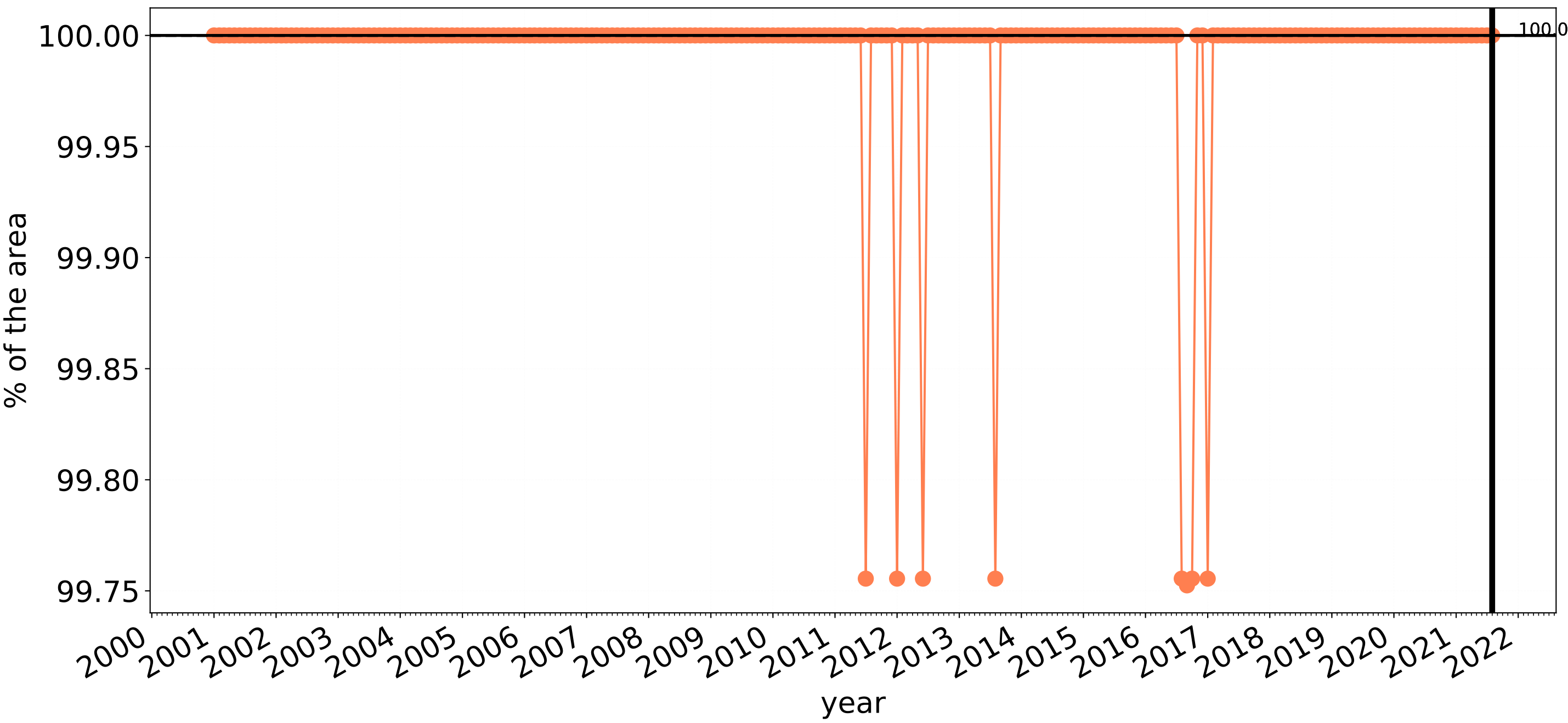


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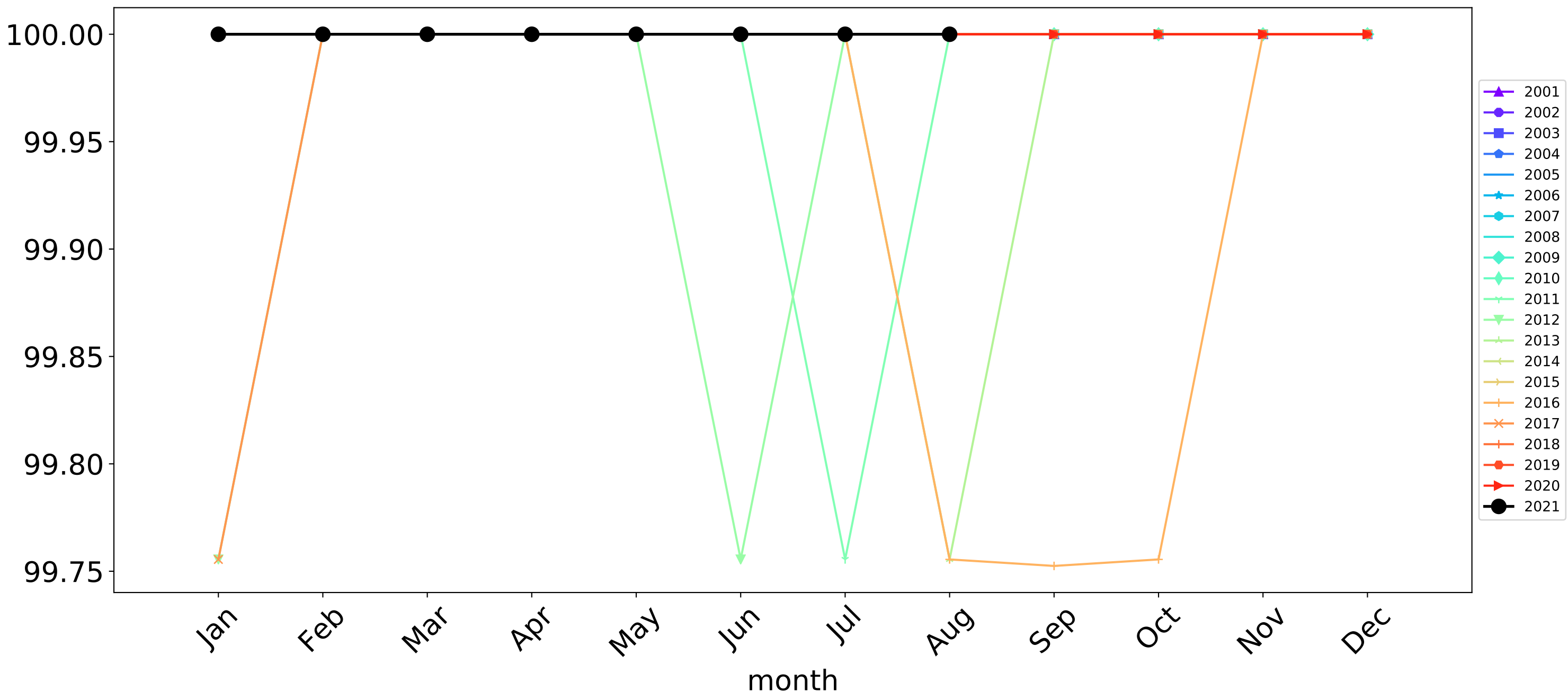


Conservation and natural environments timeseries

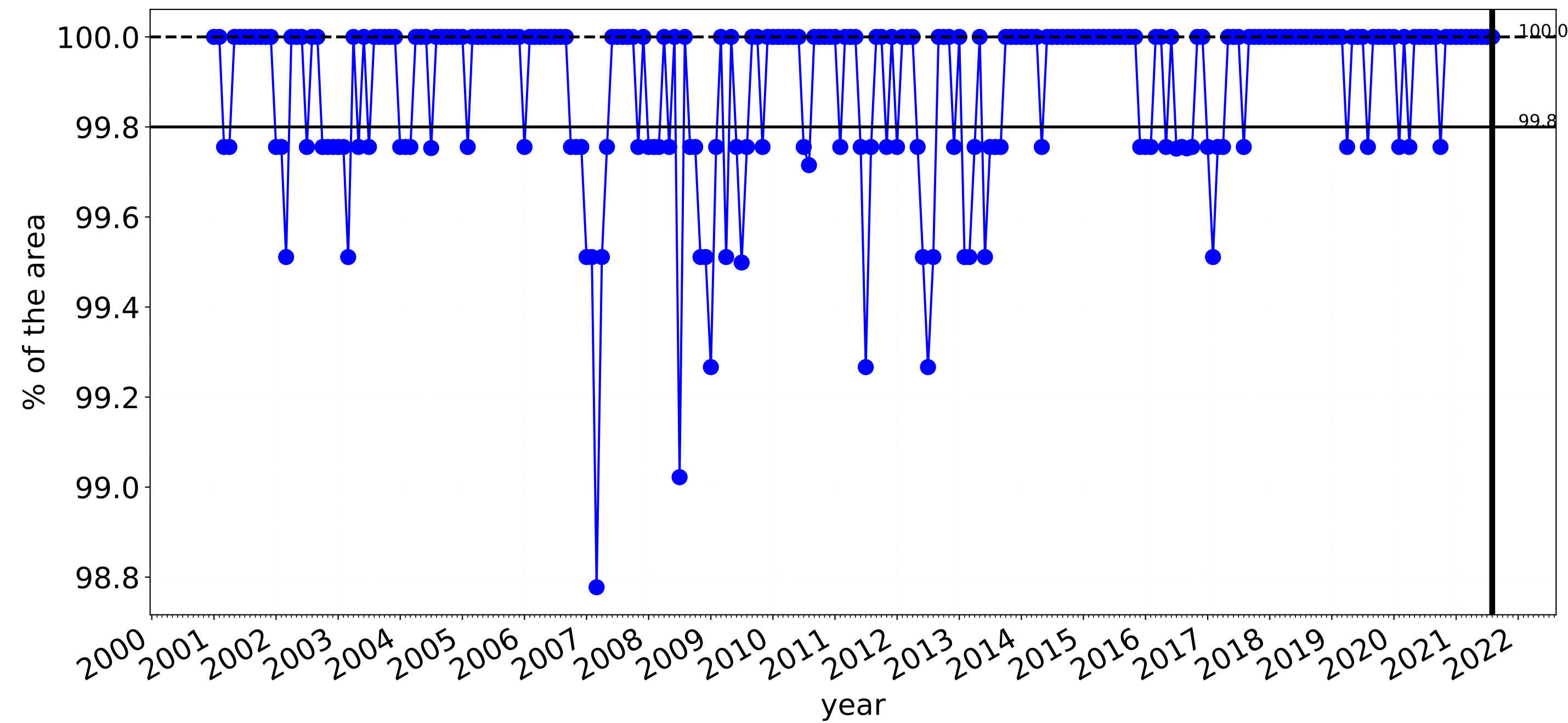
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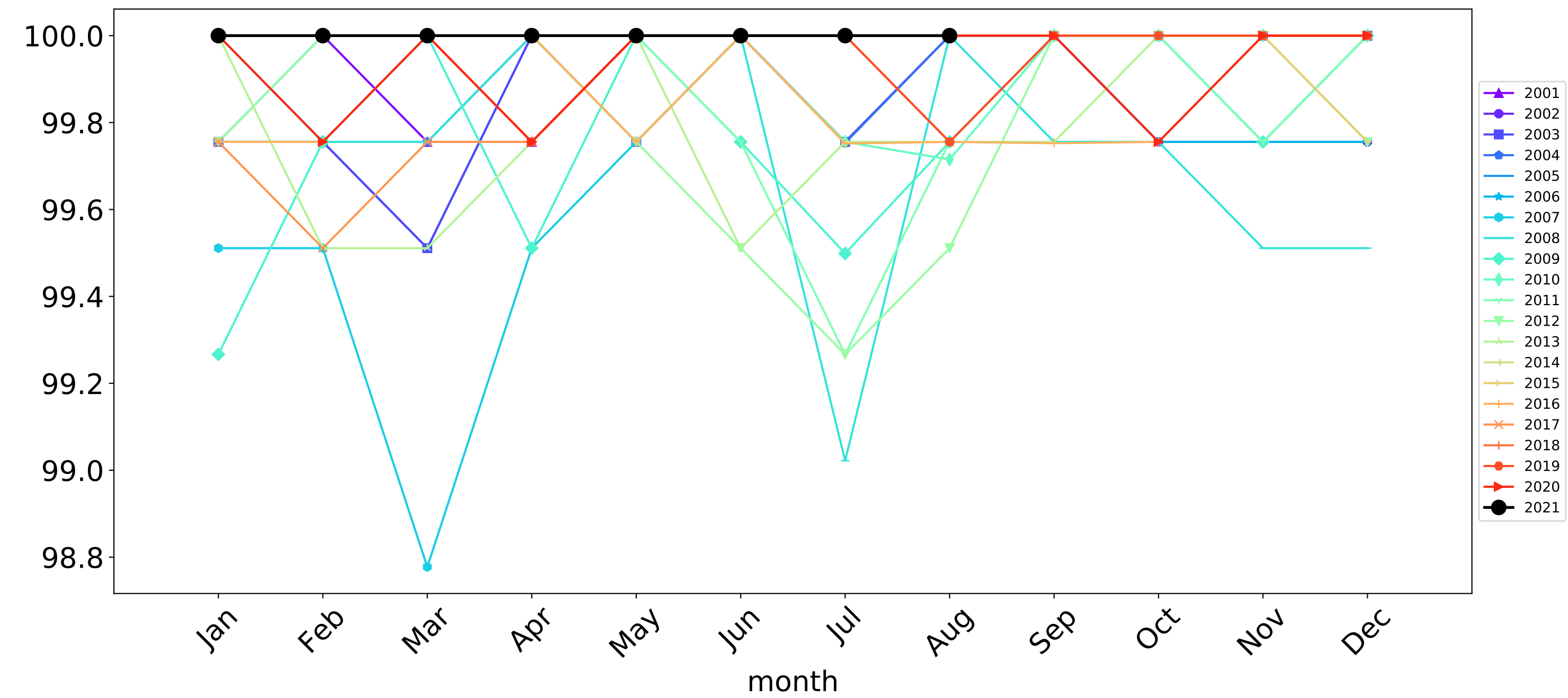
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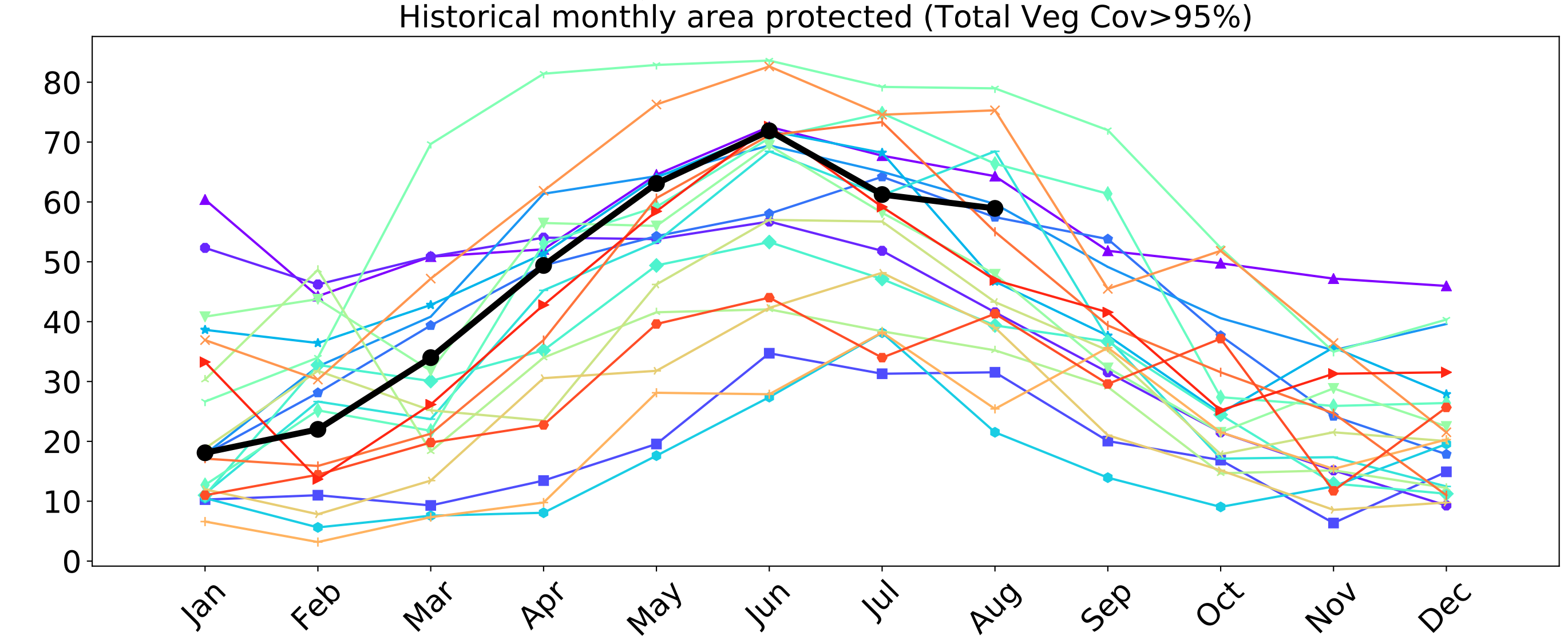
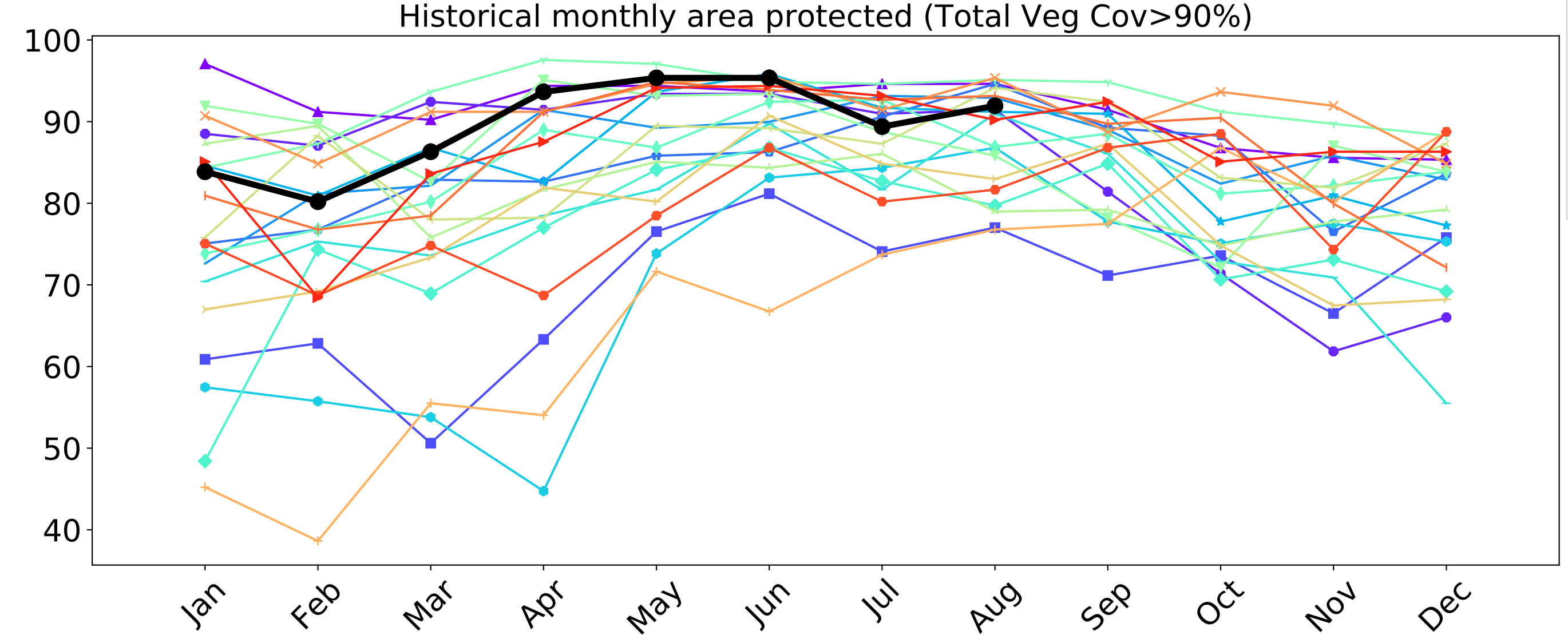
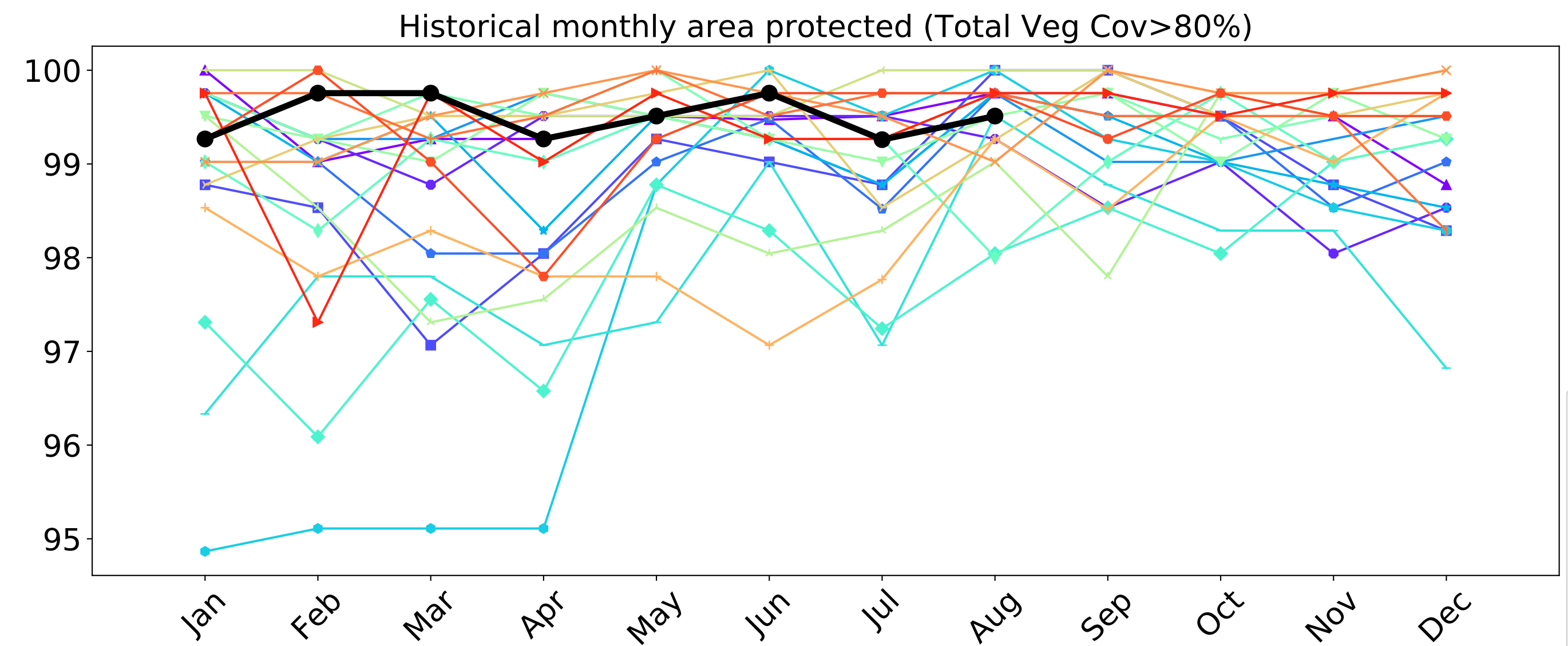
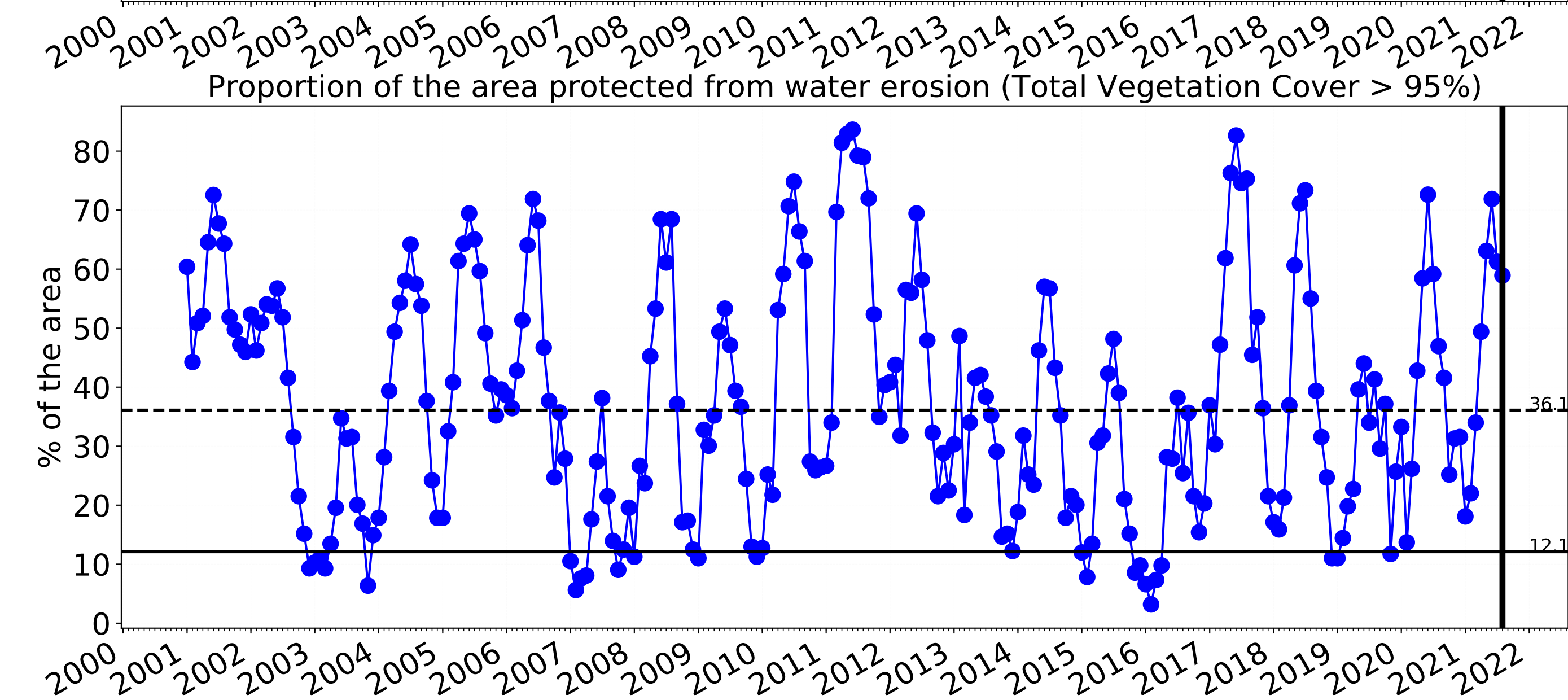
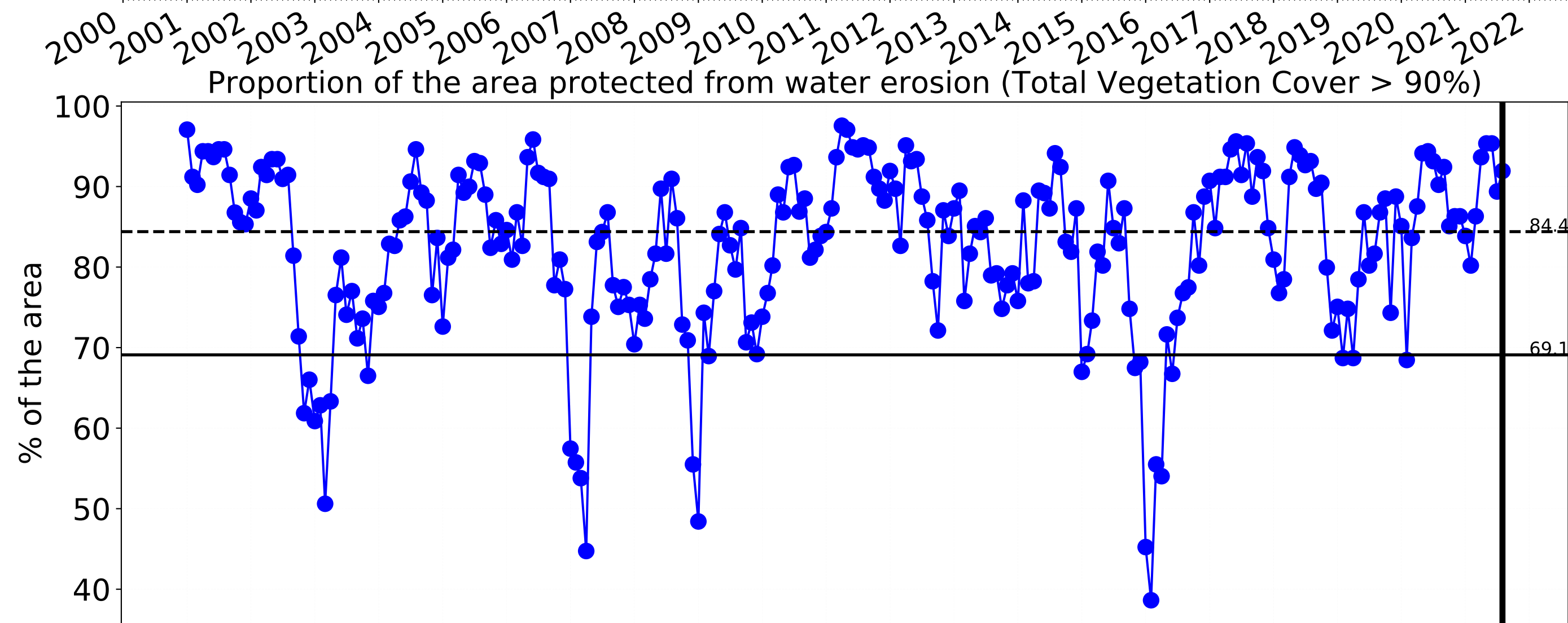
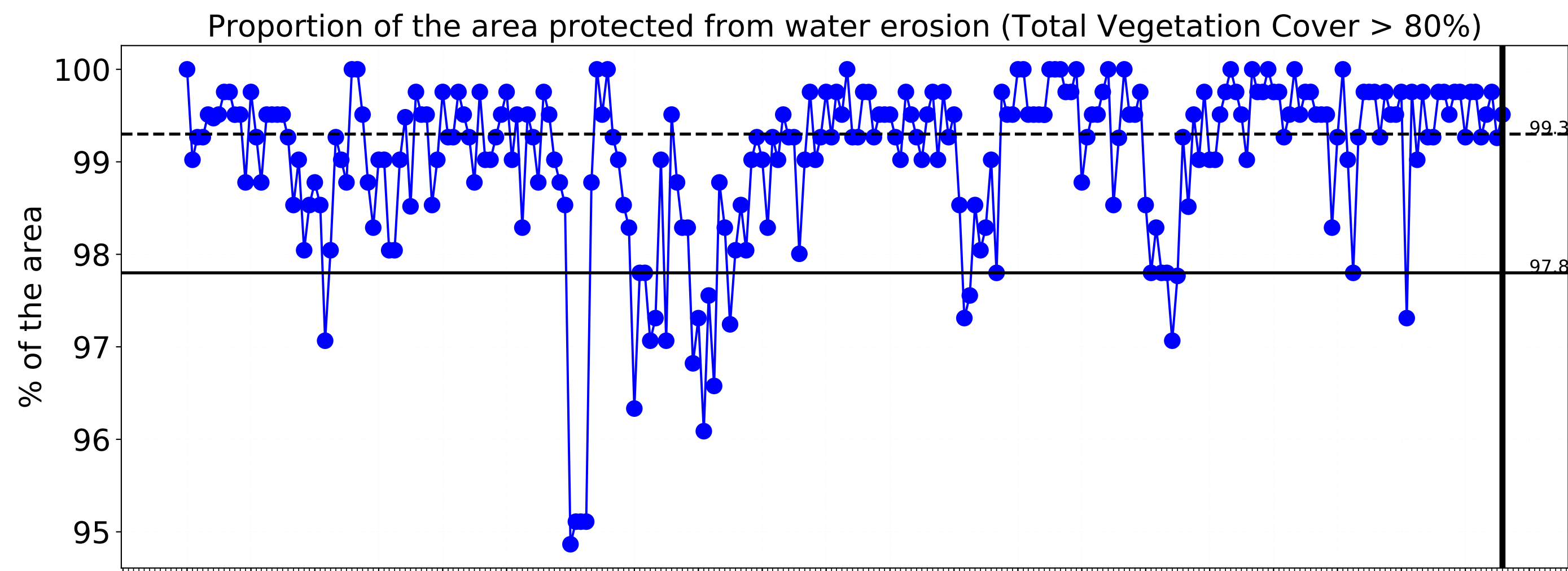


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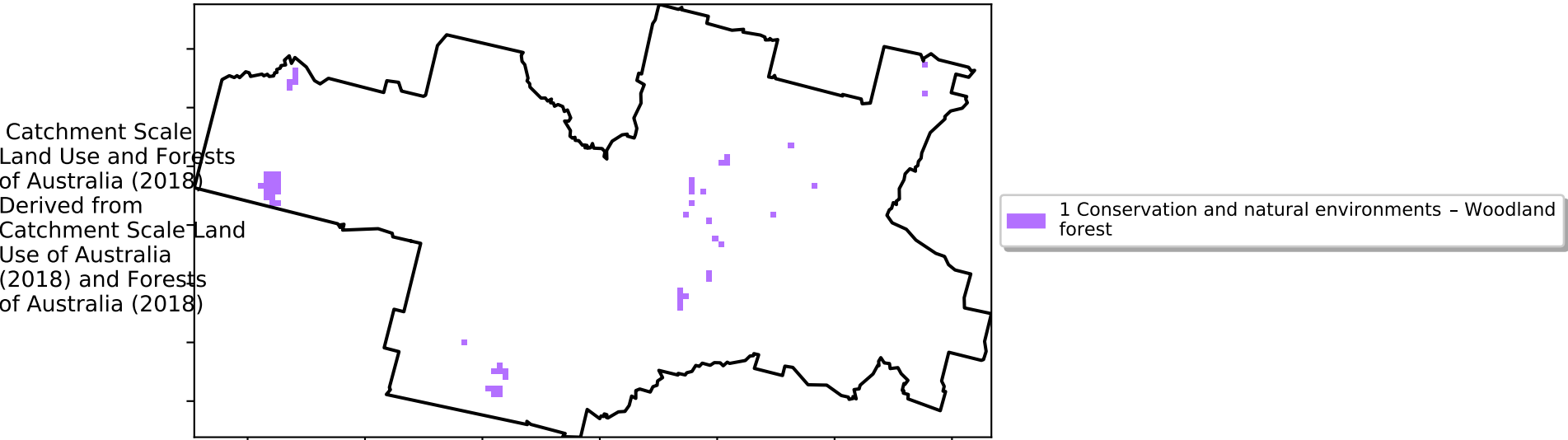
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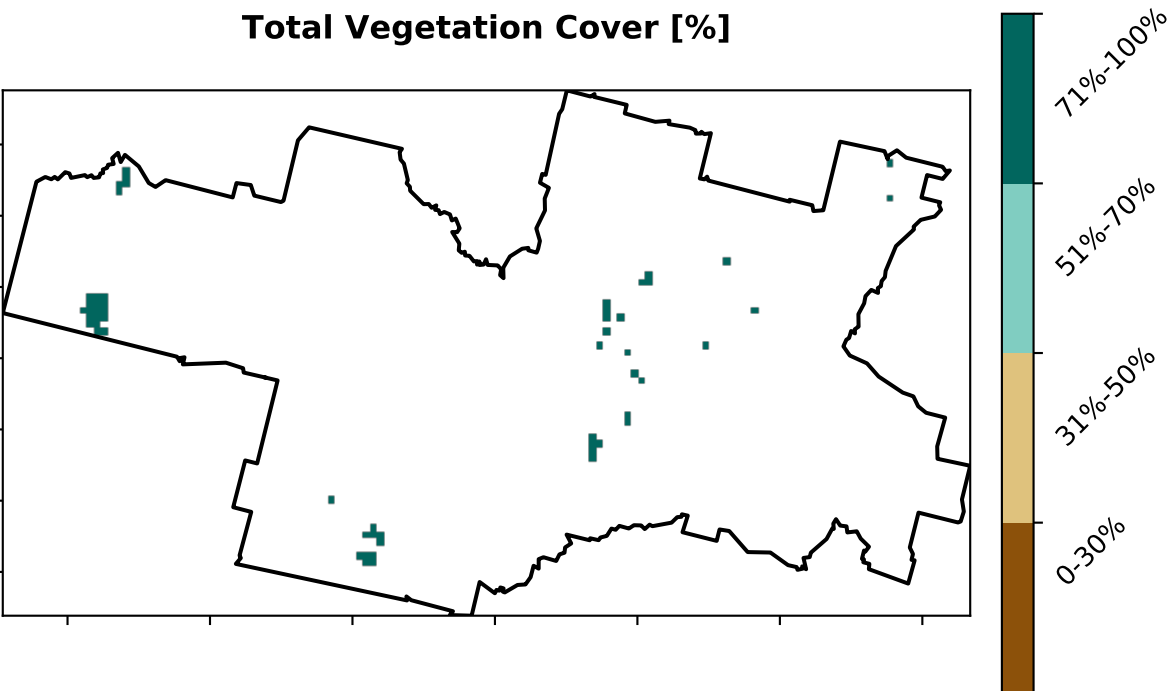


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



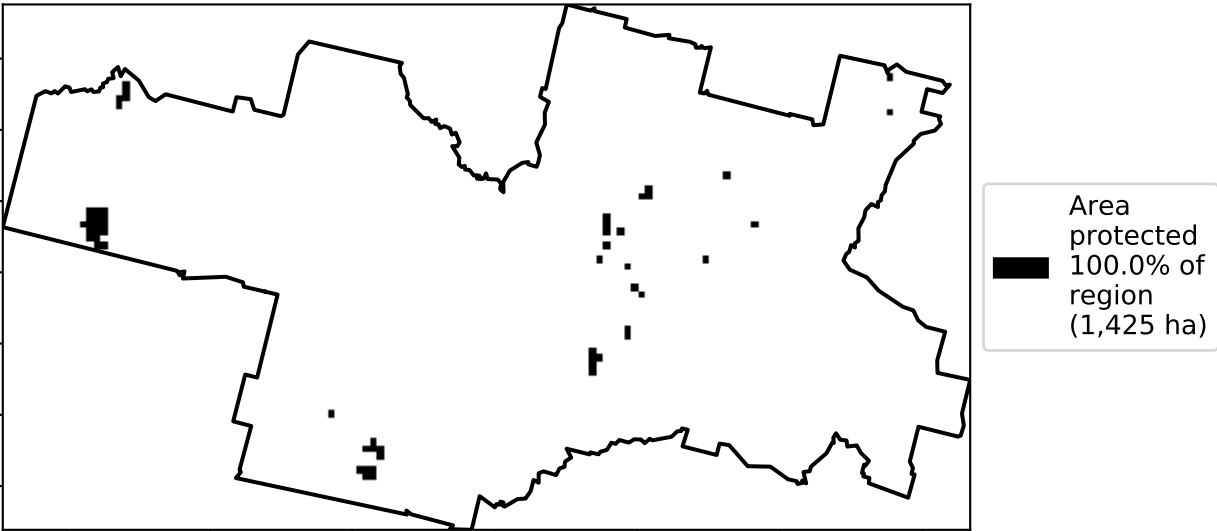
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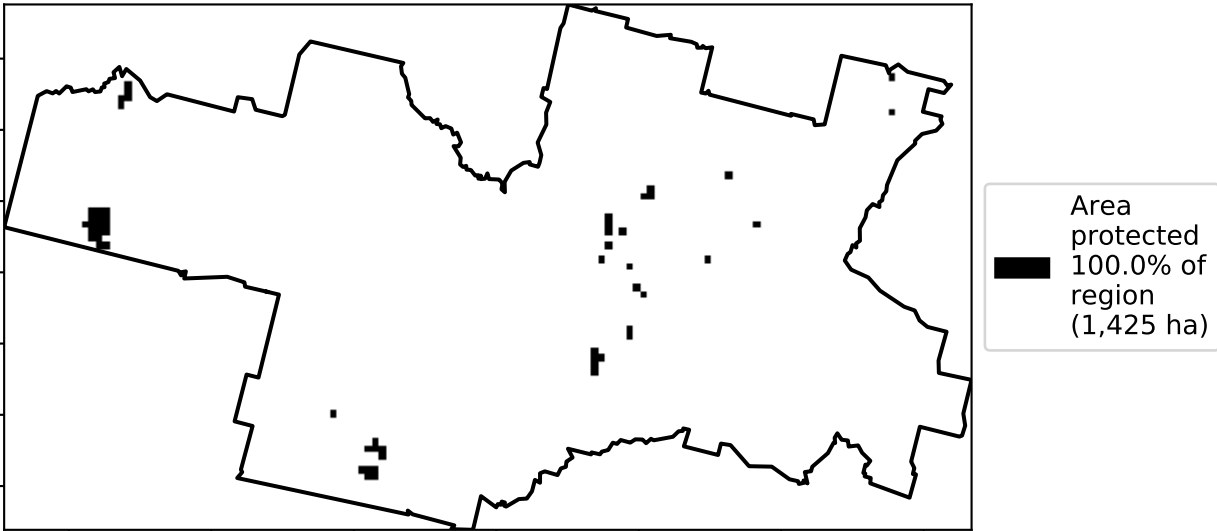
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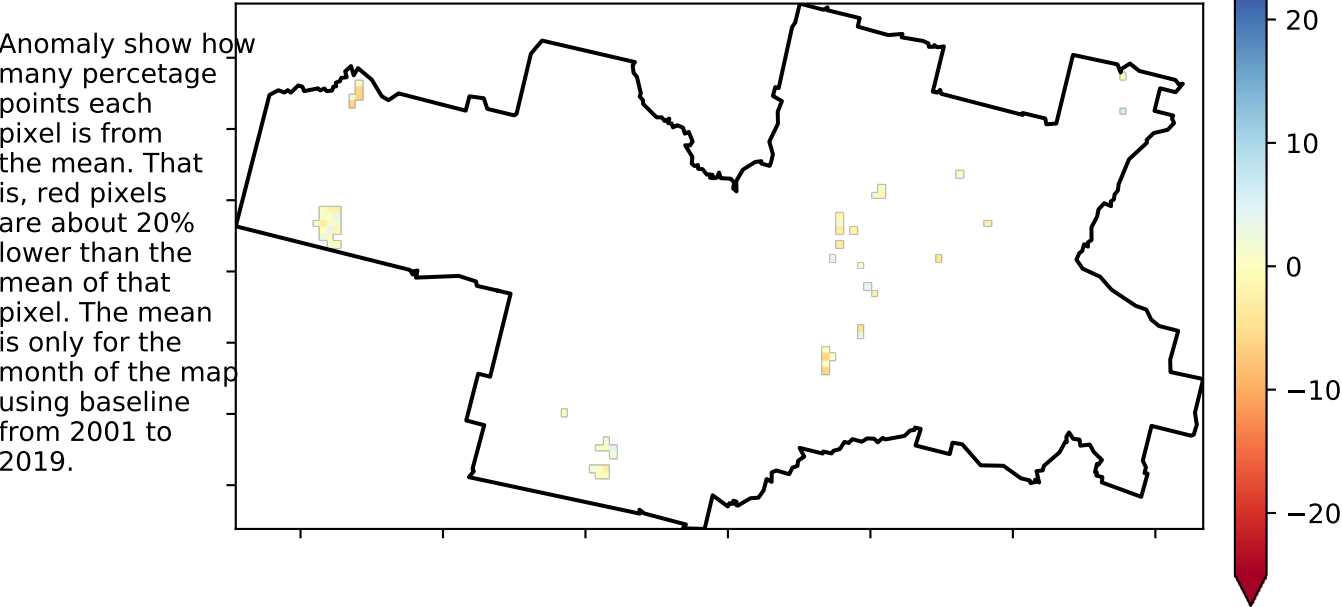
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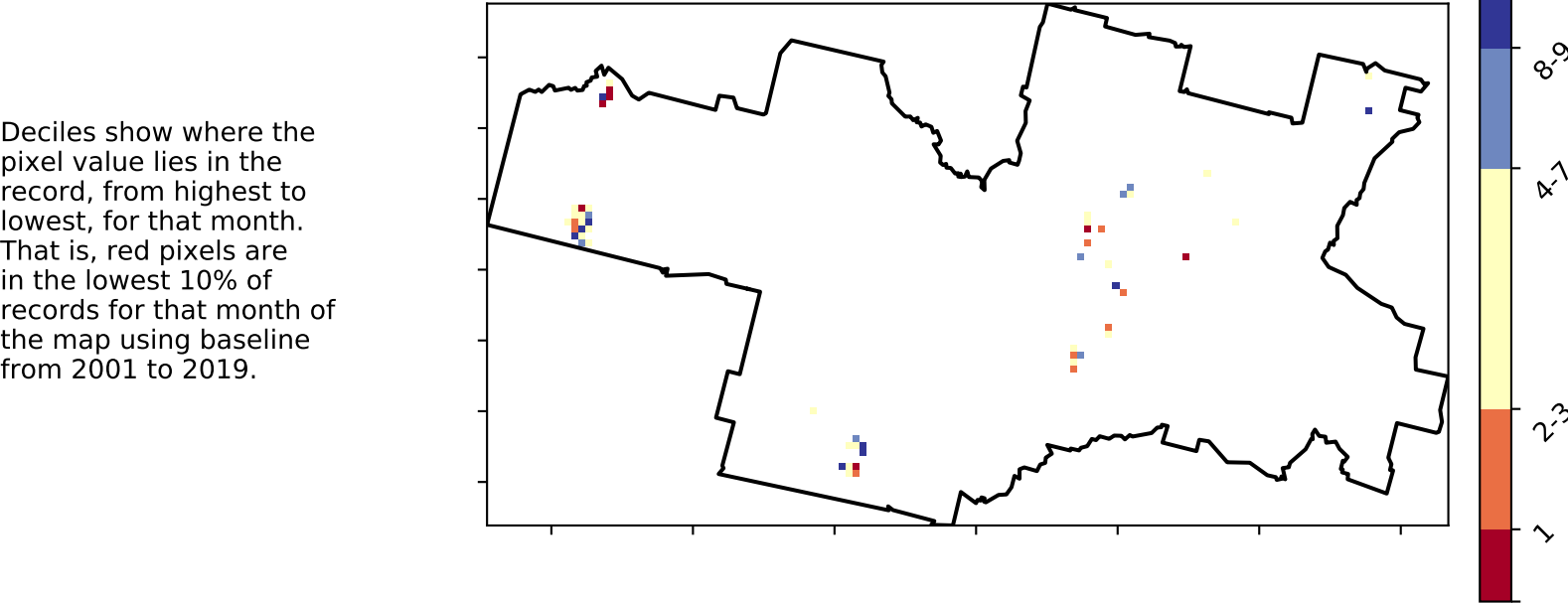
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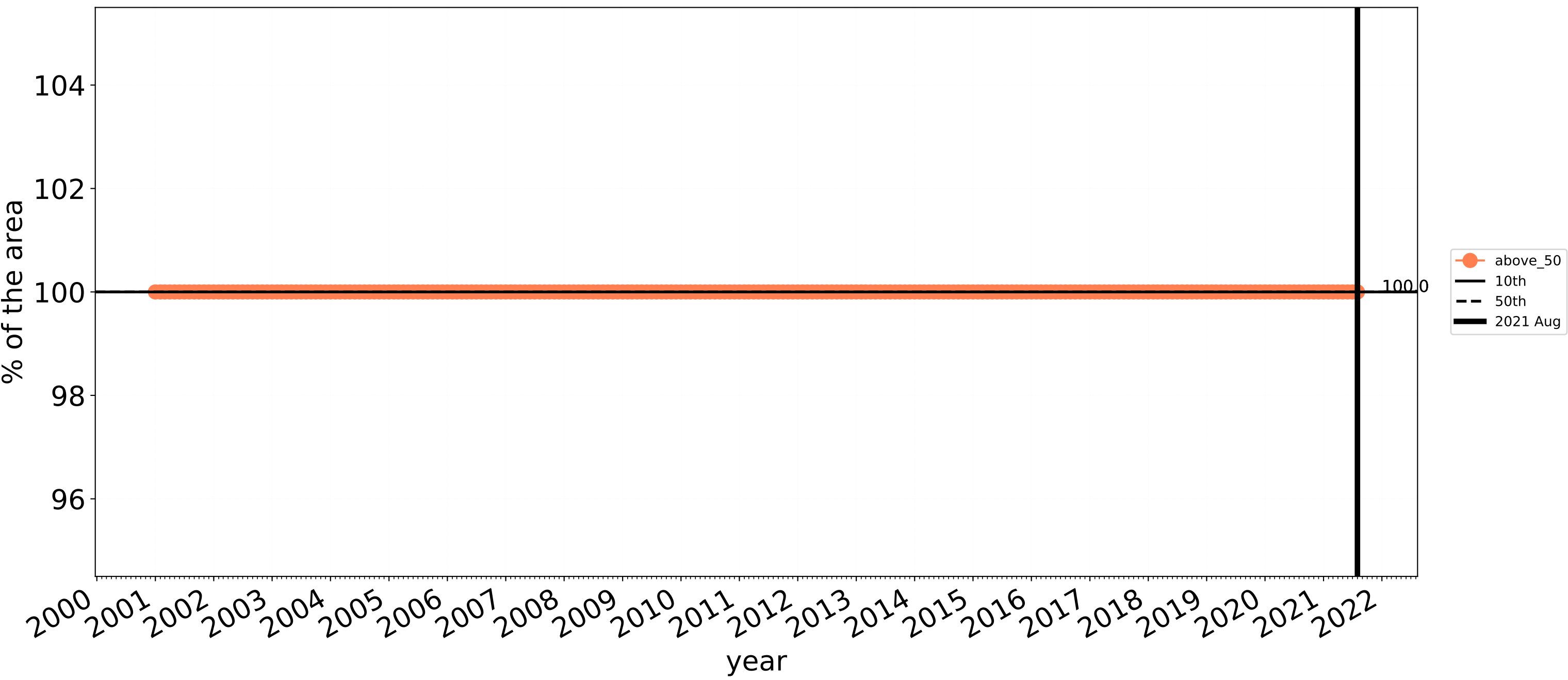
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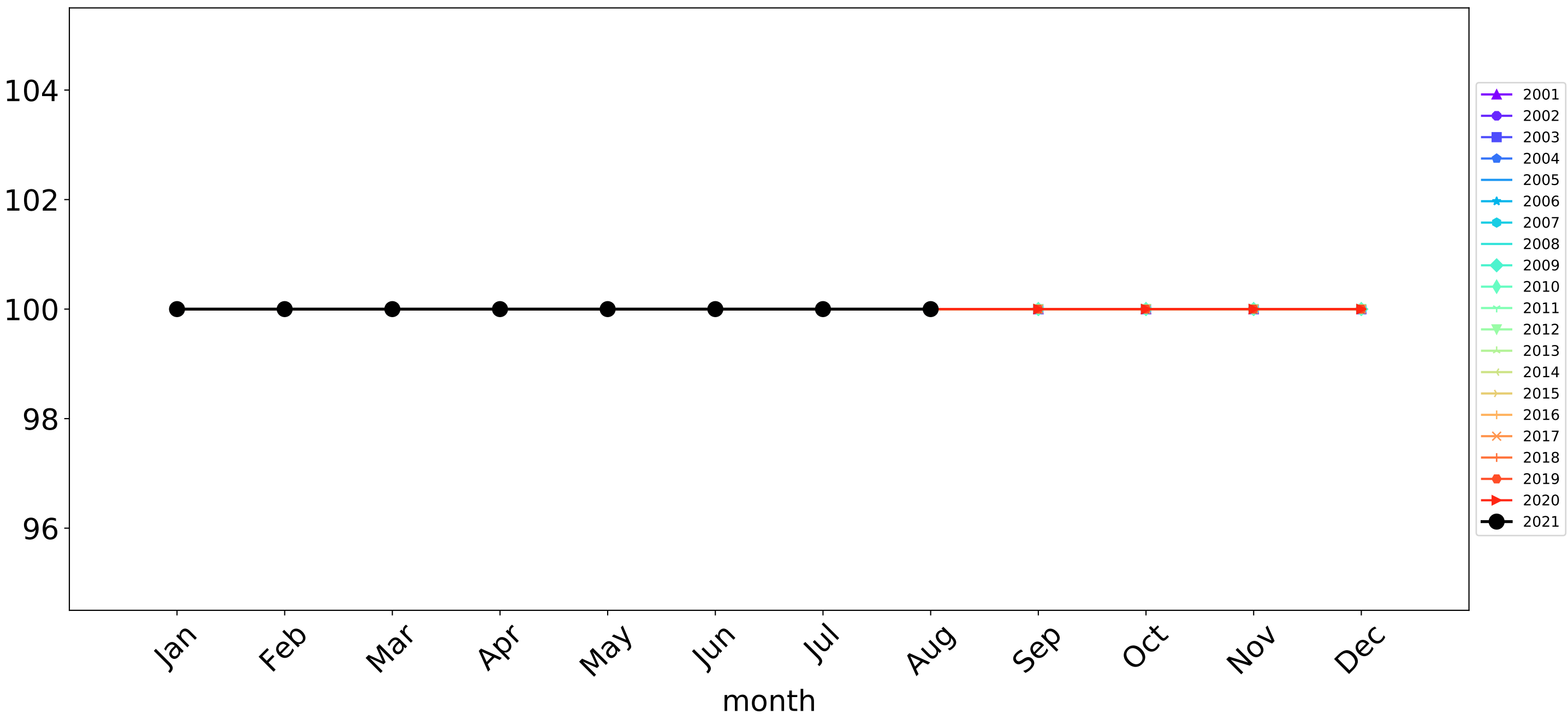
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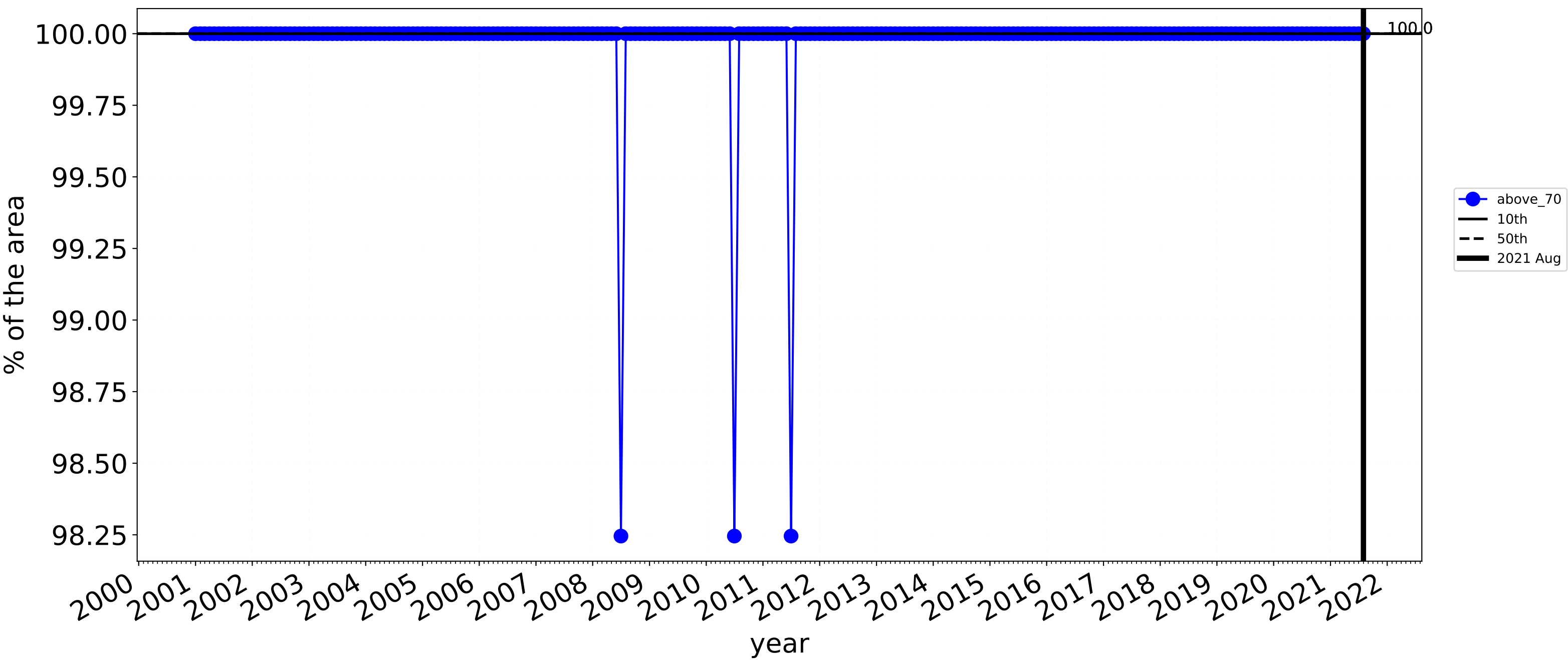
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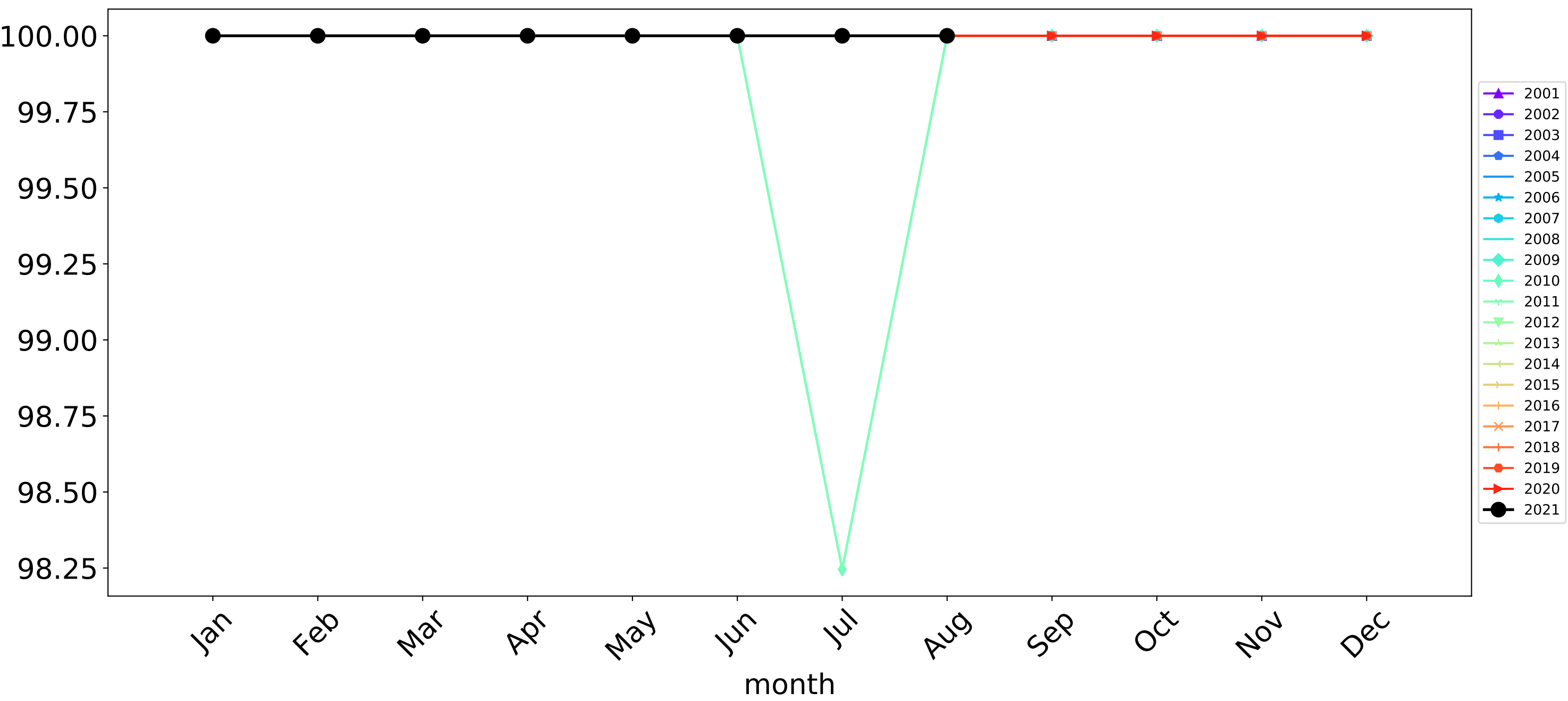
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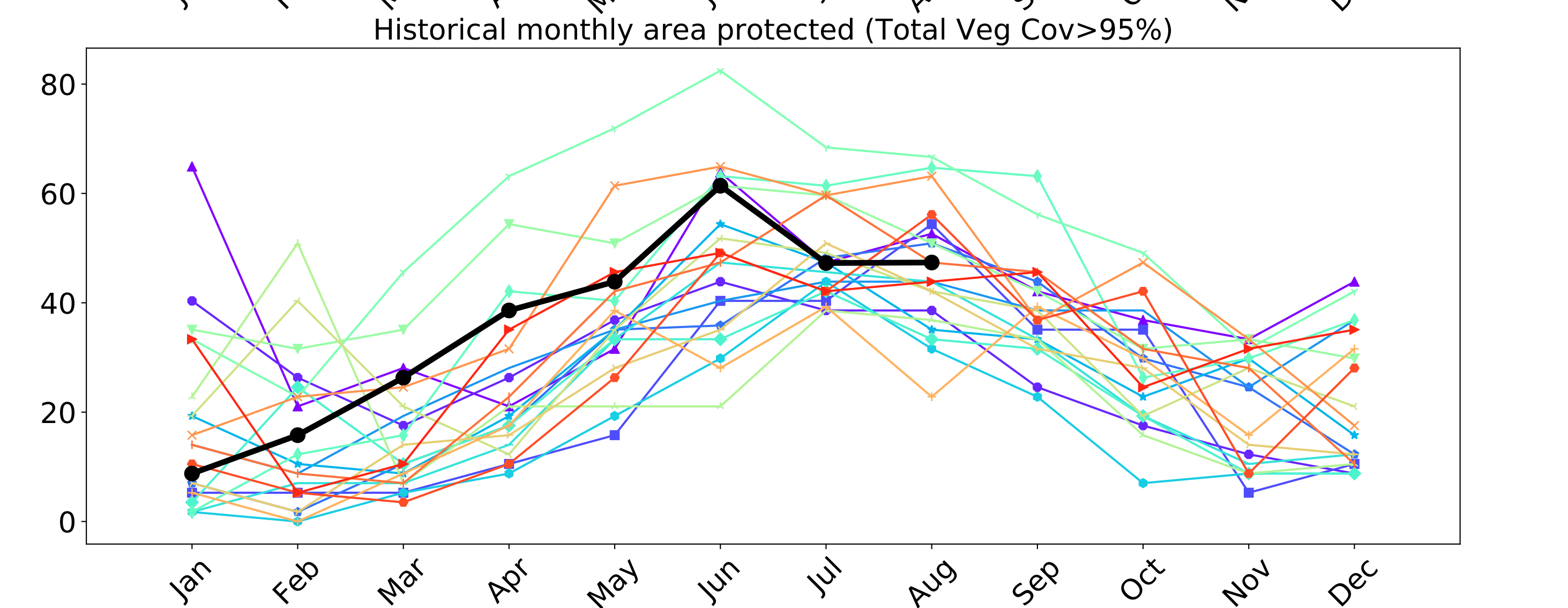
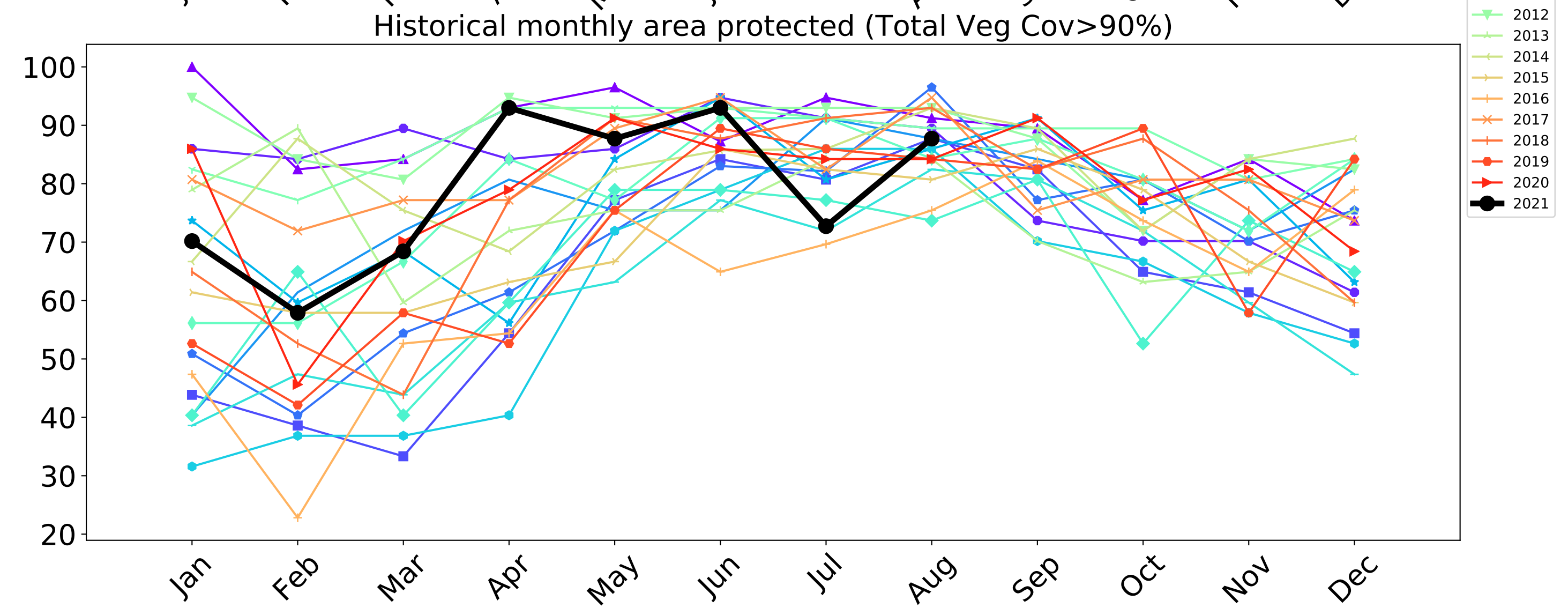
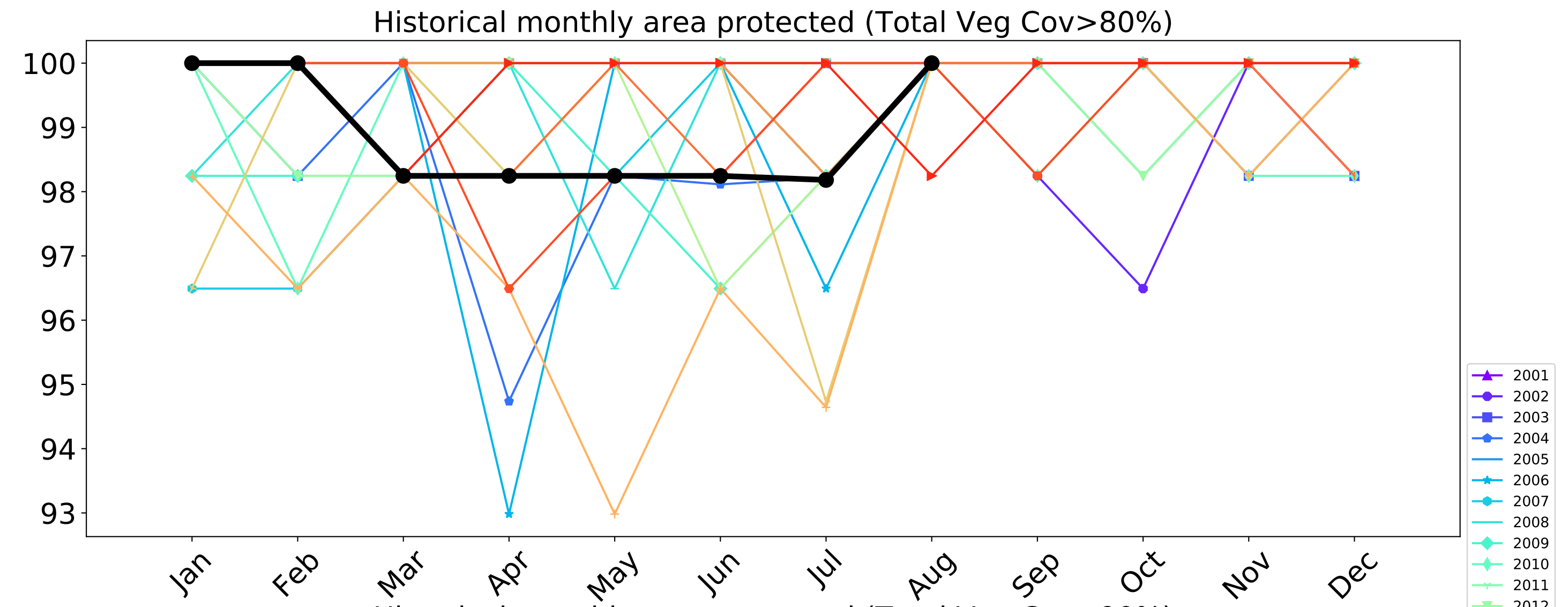
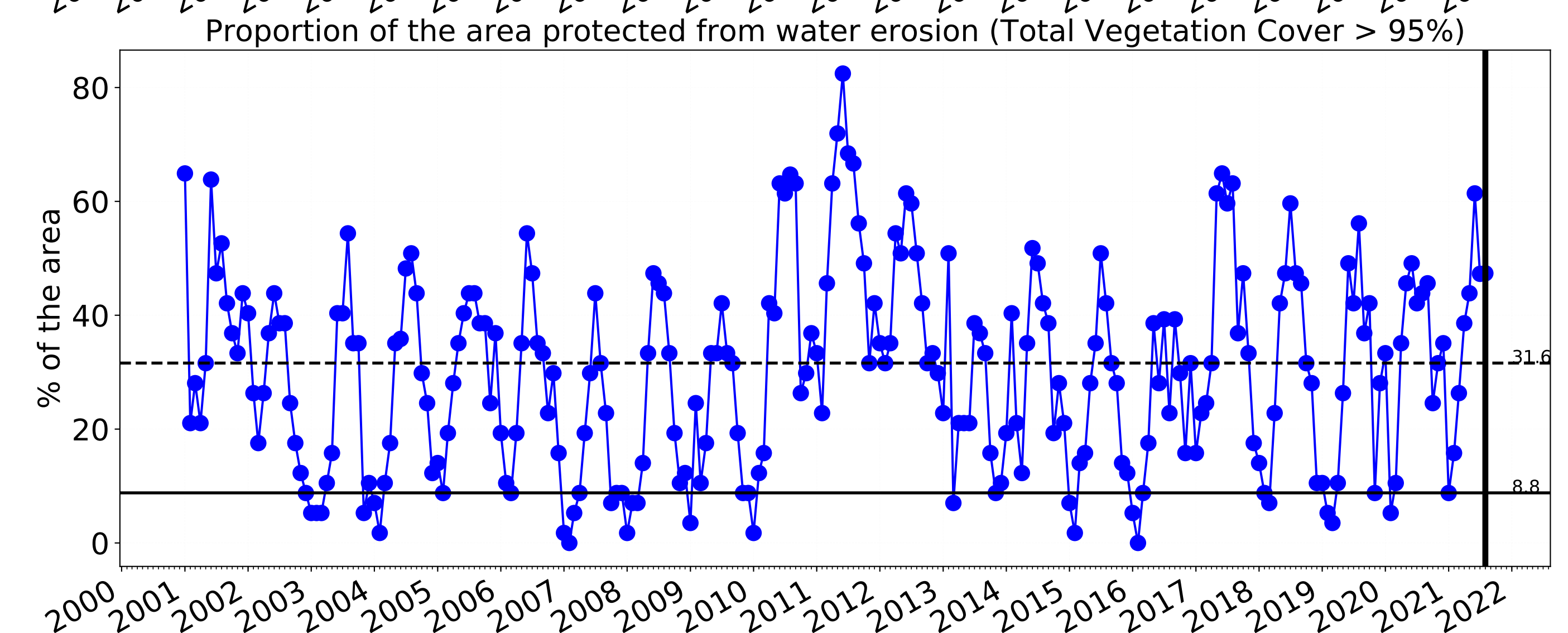
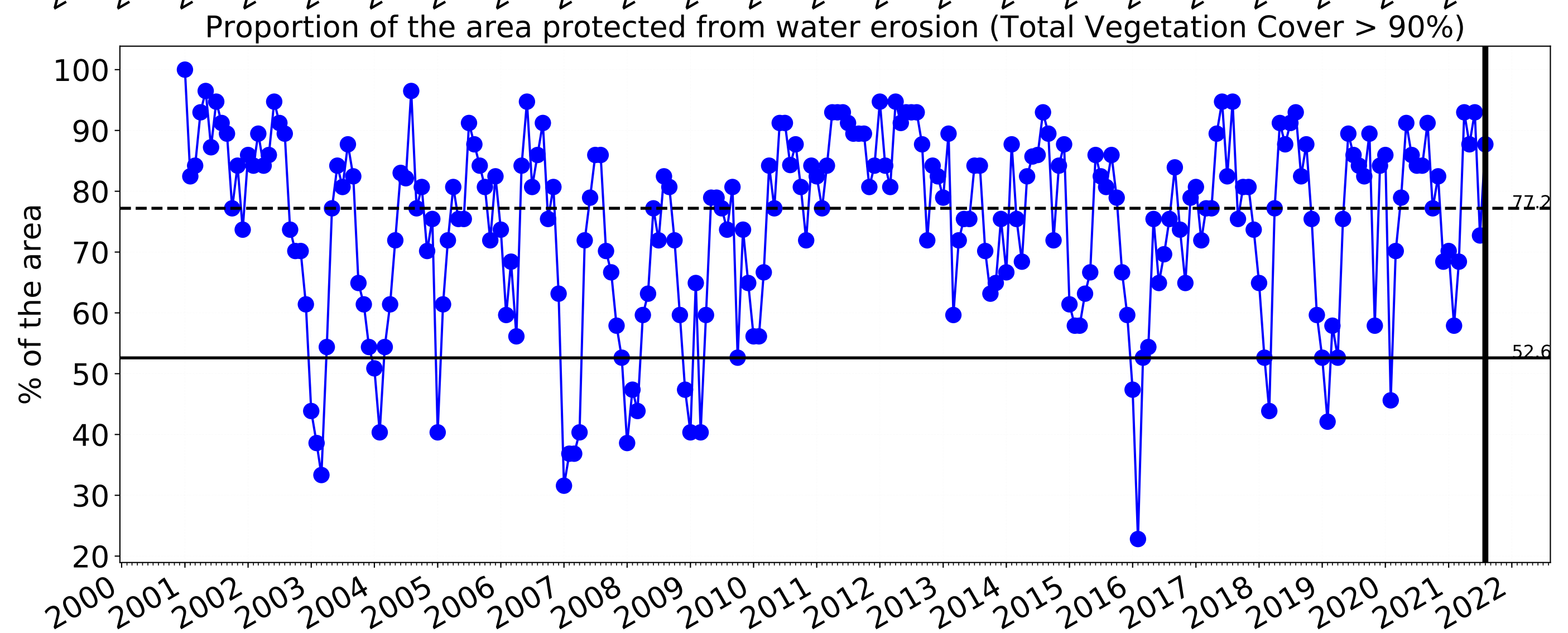
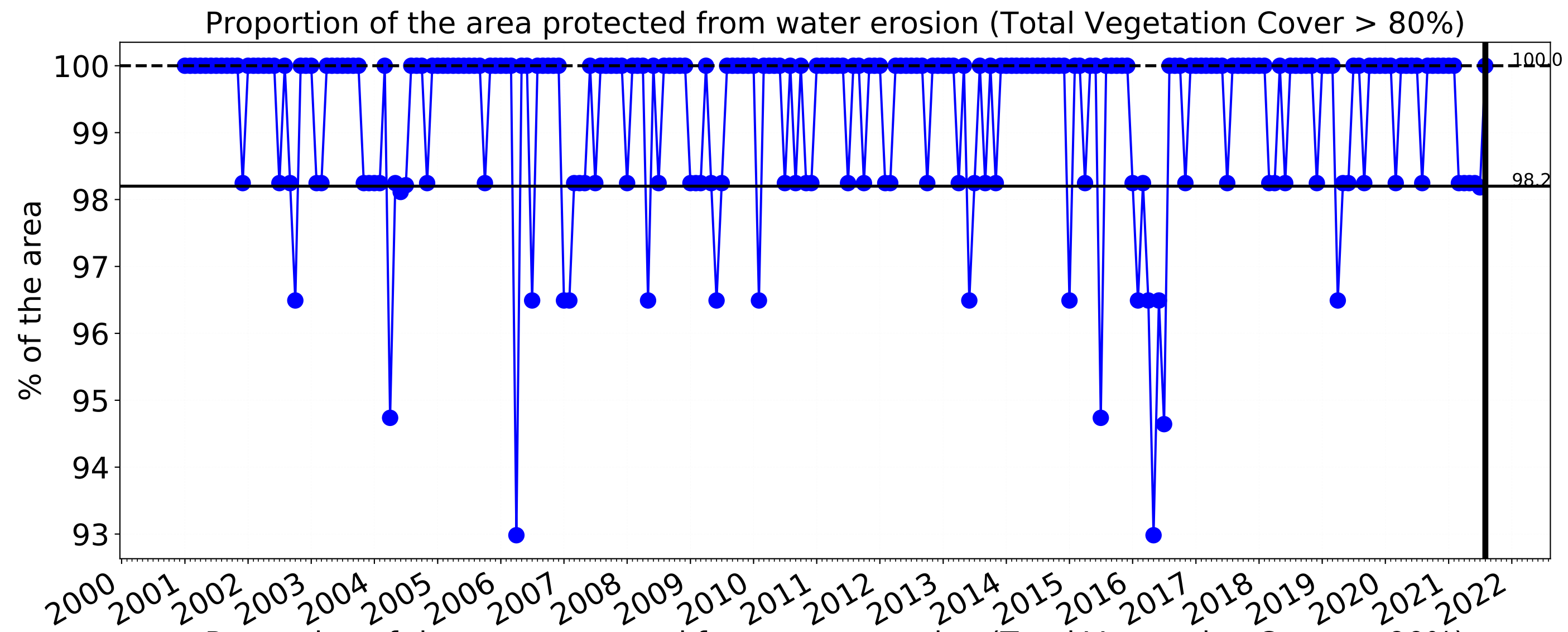


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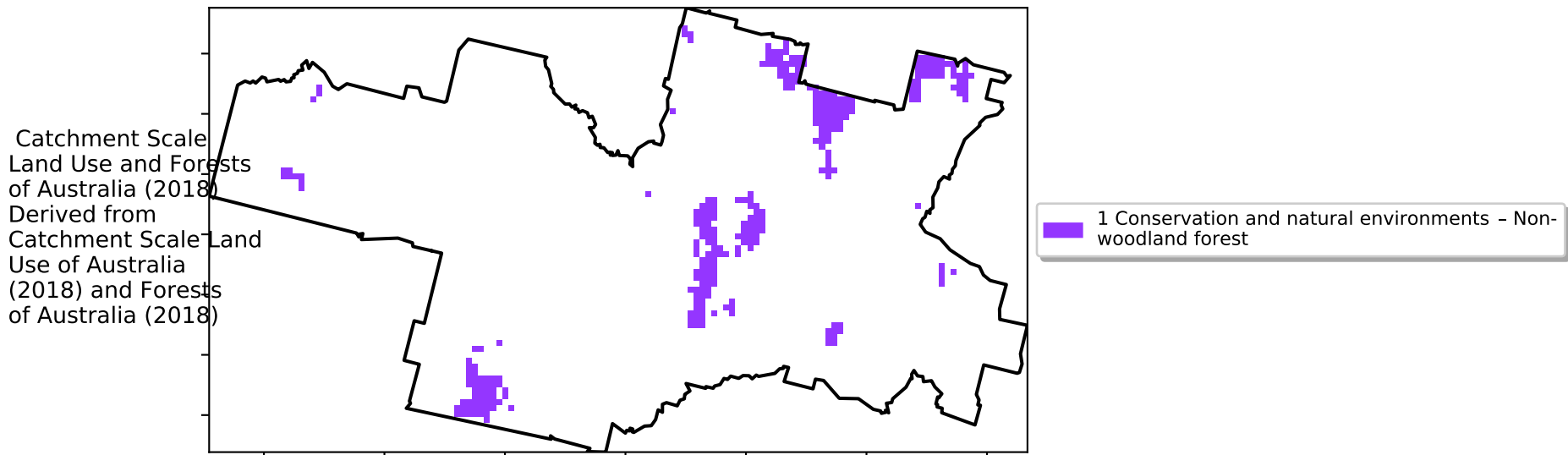
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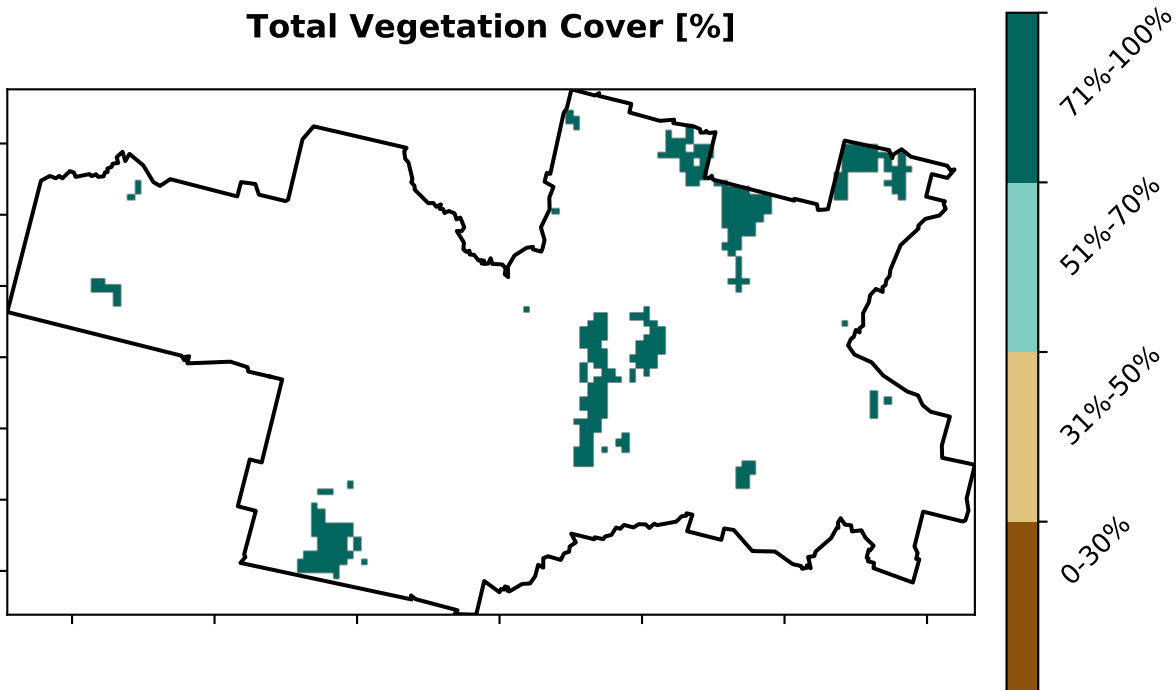


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

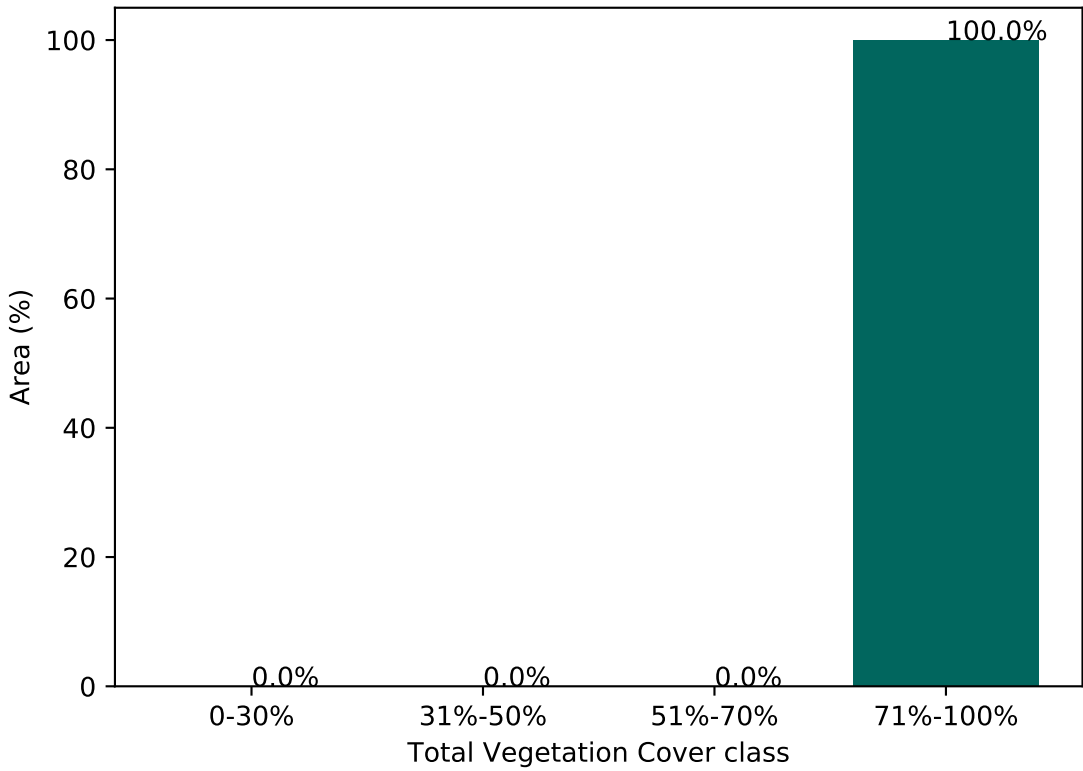
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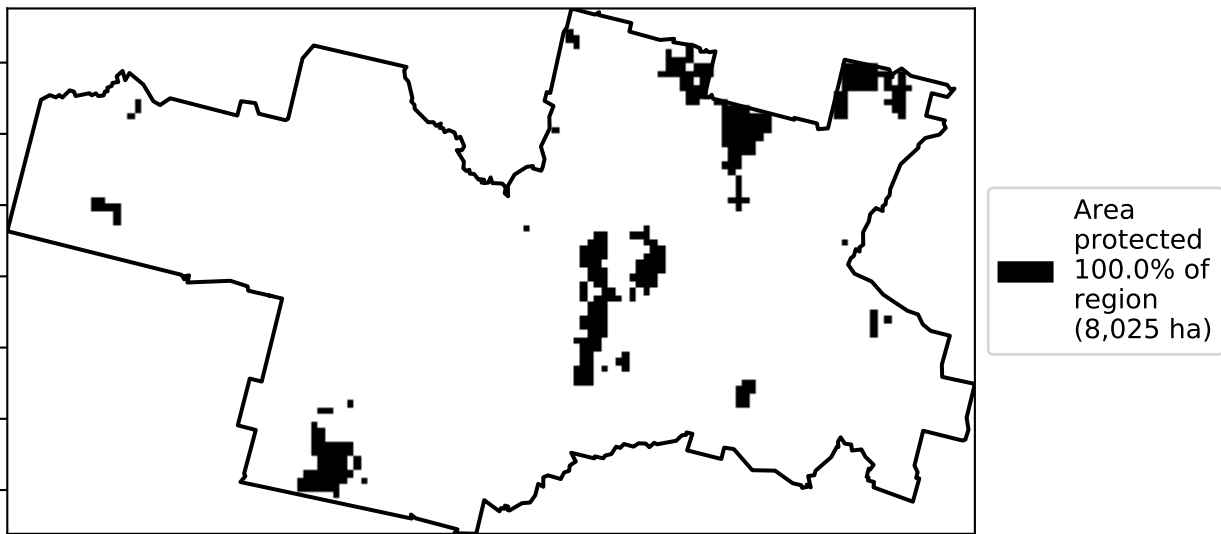
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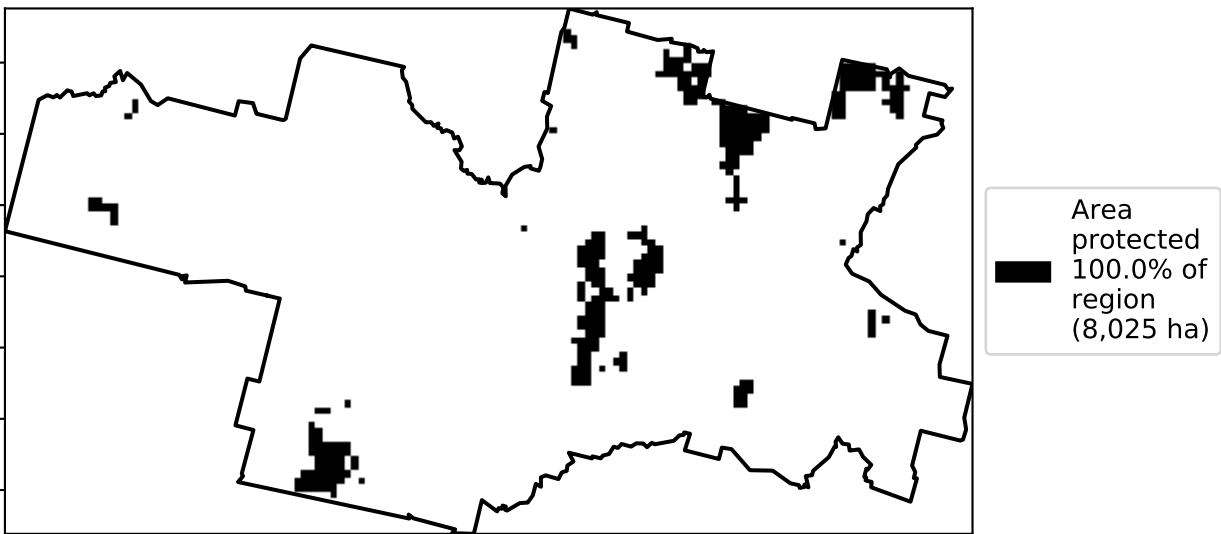
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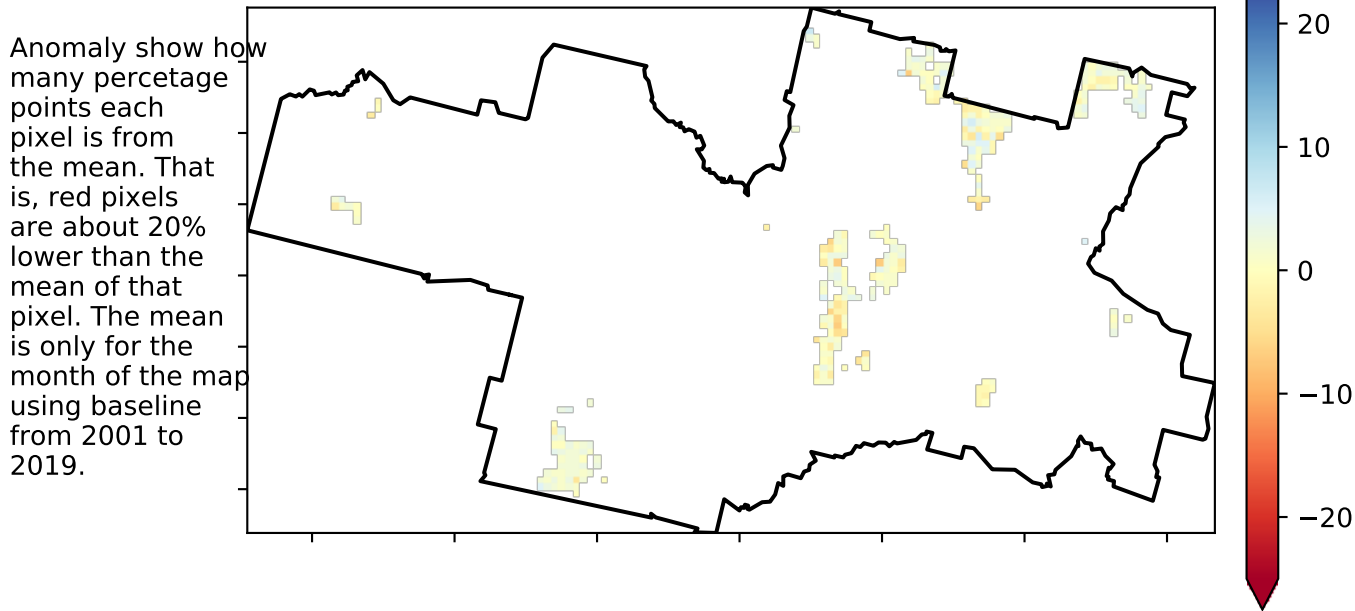
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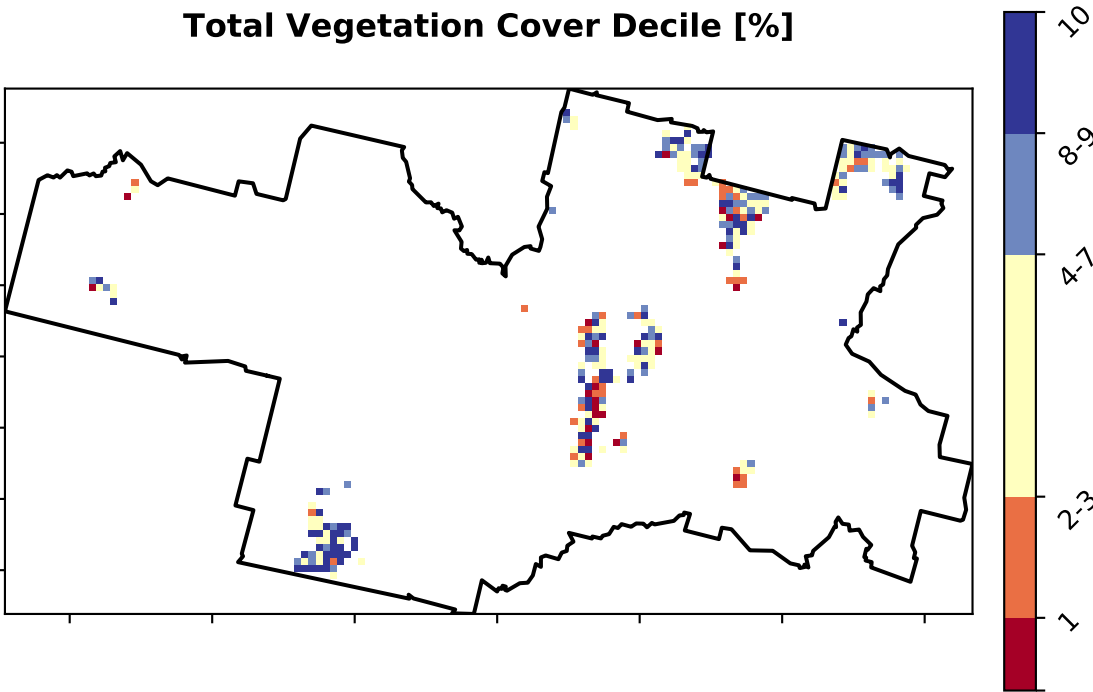


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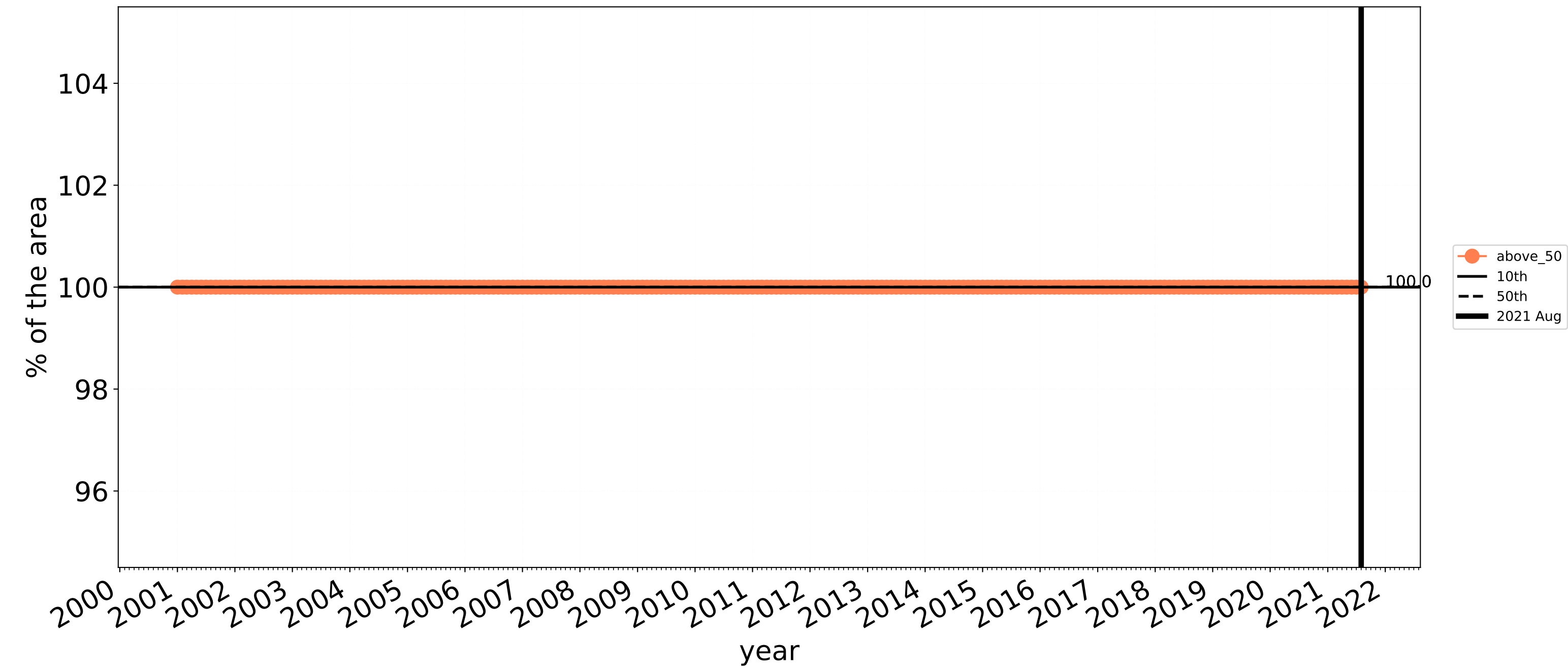
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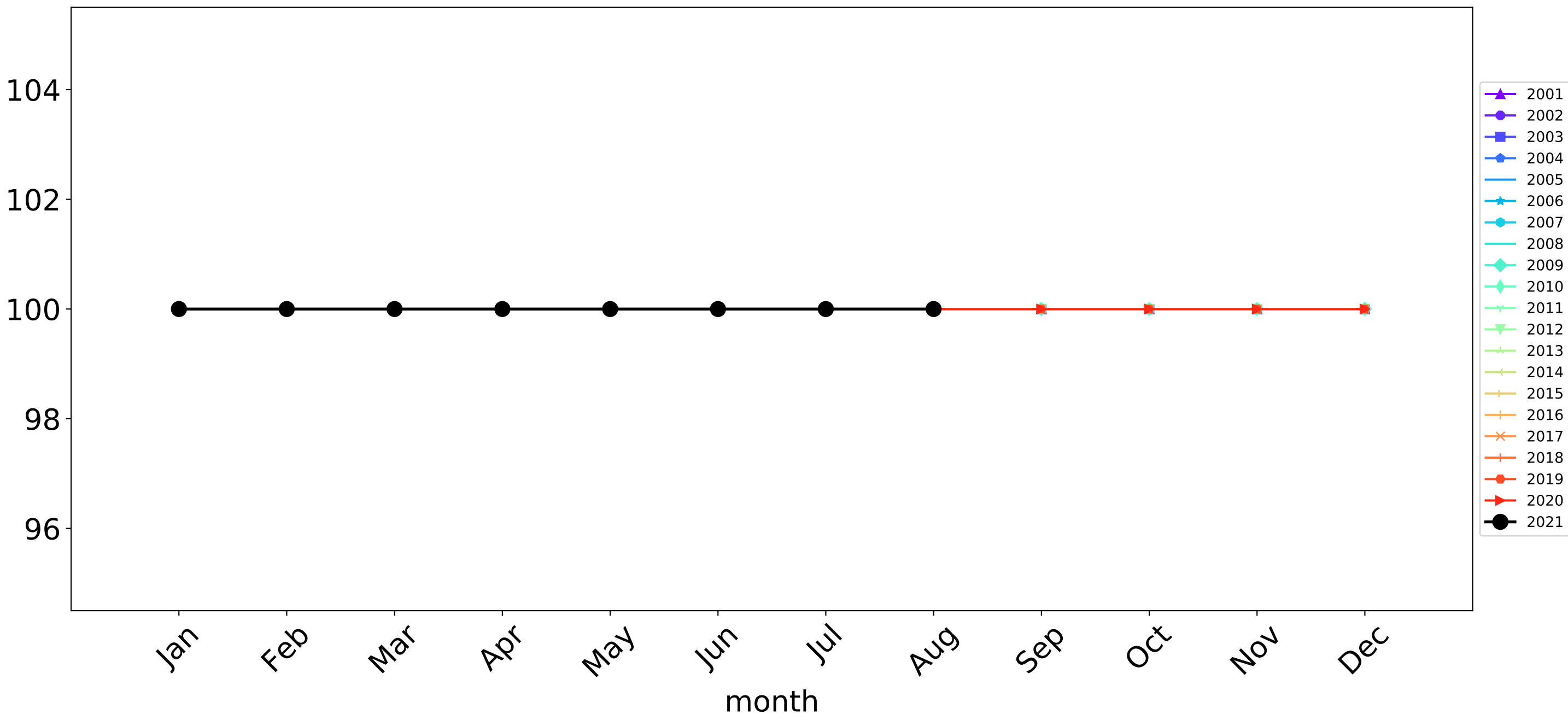


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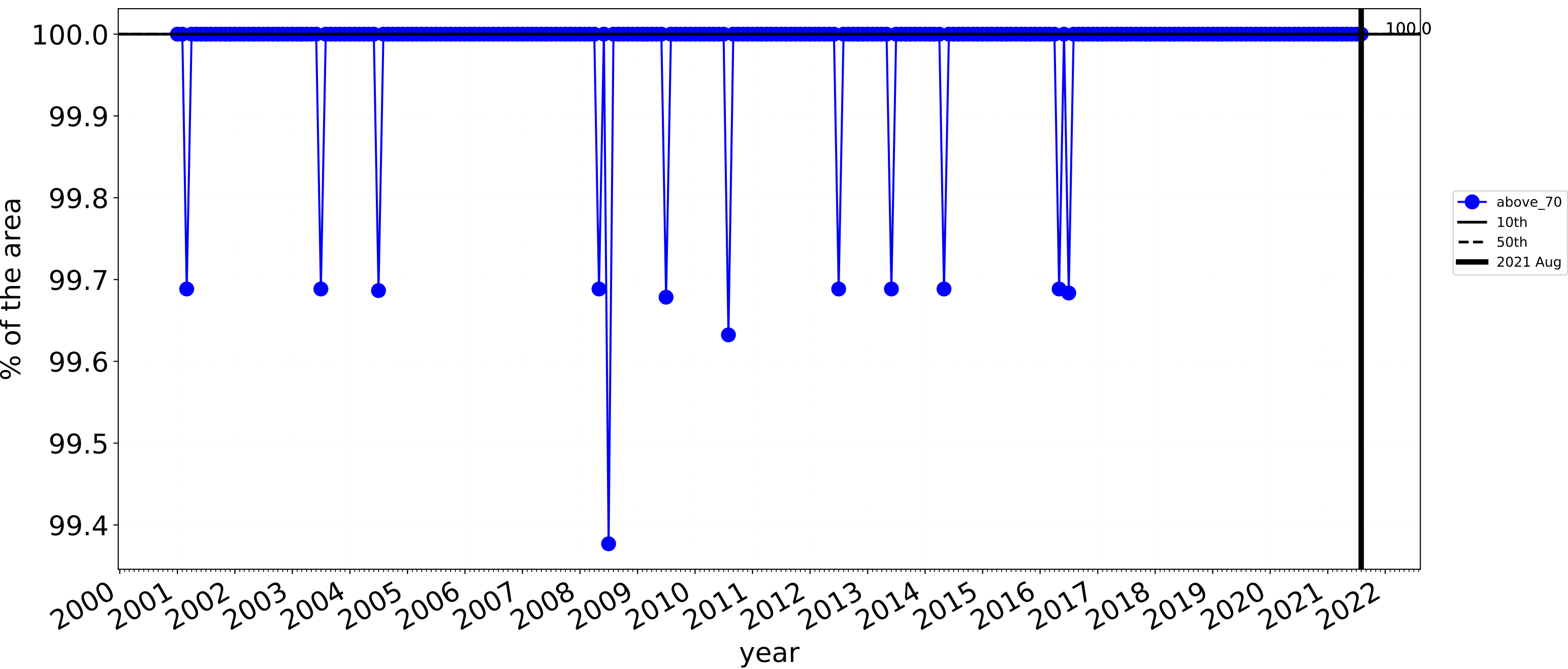
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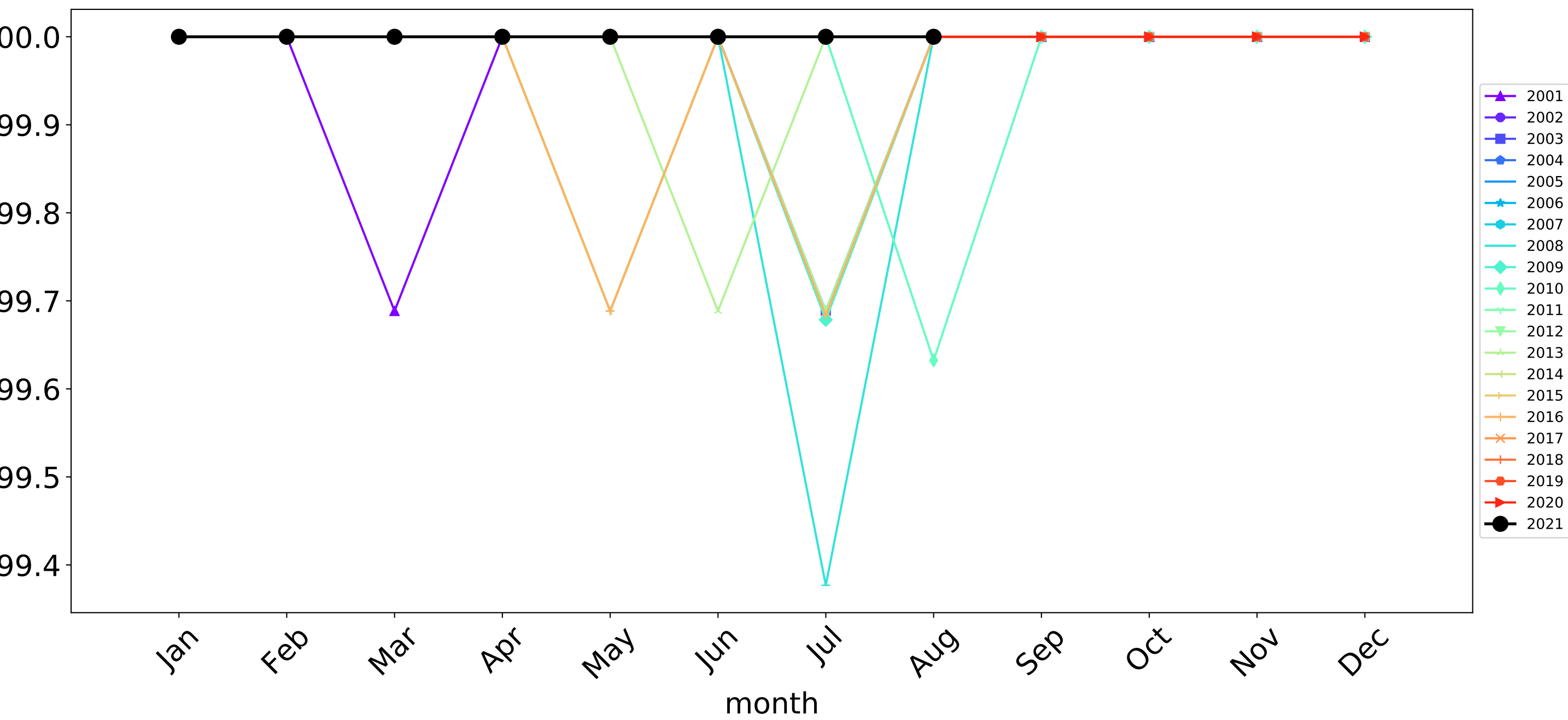
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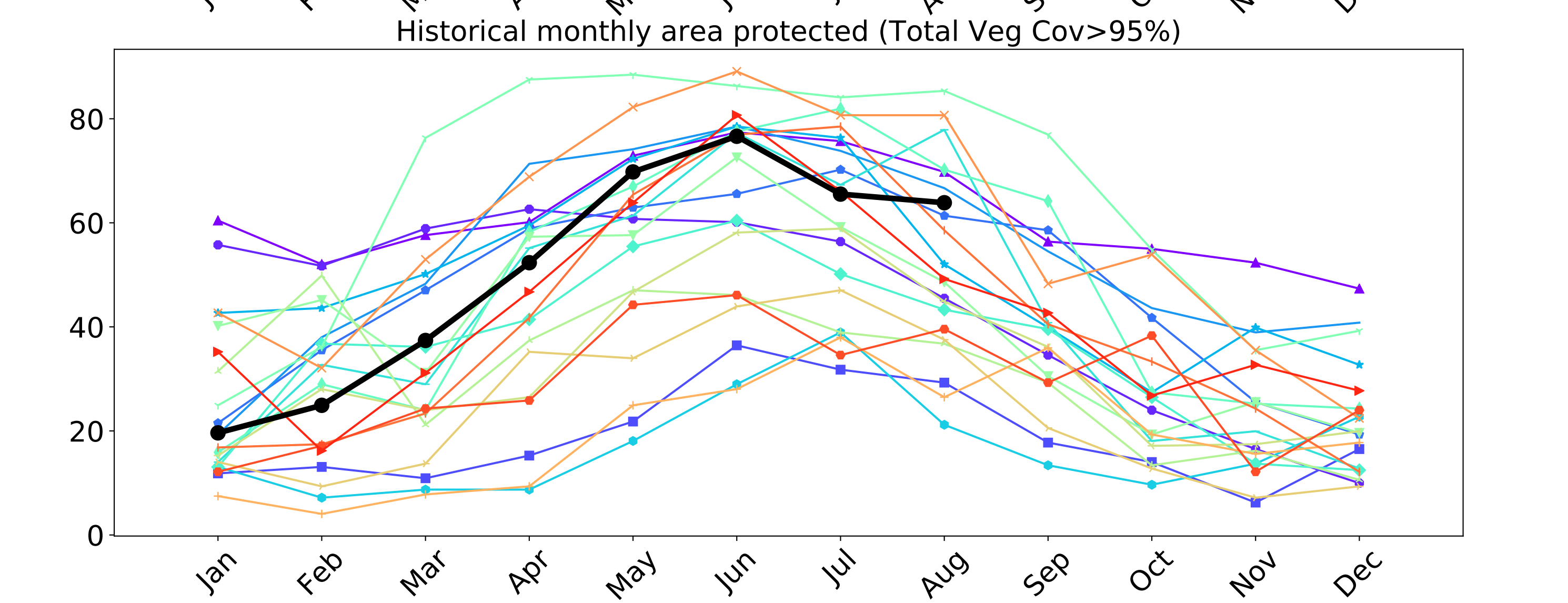
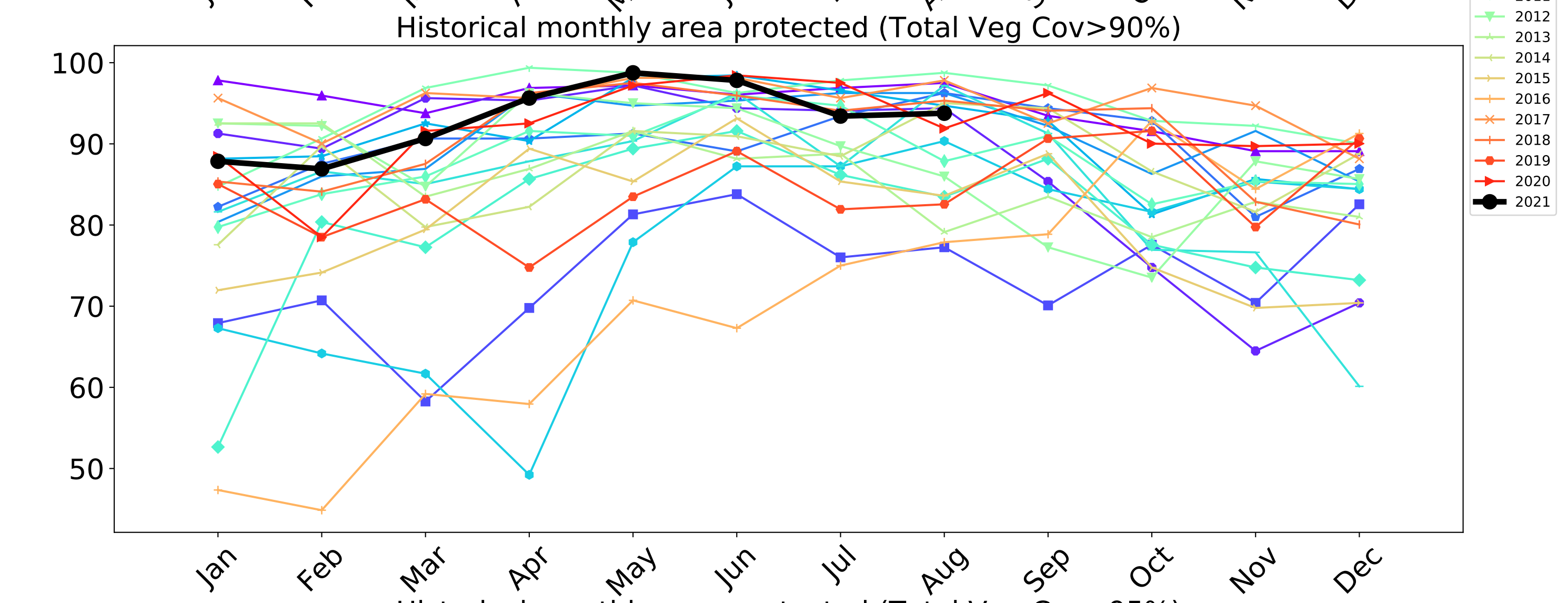
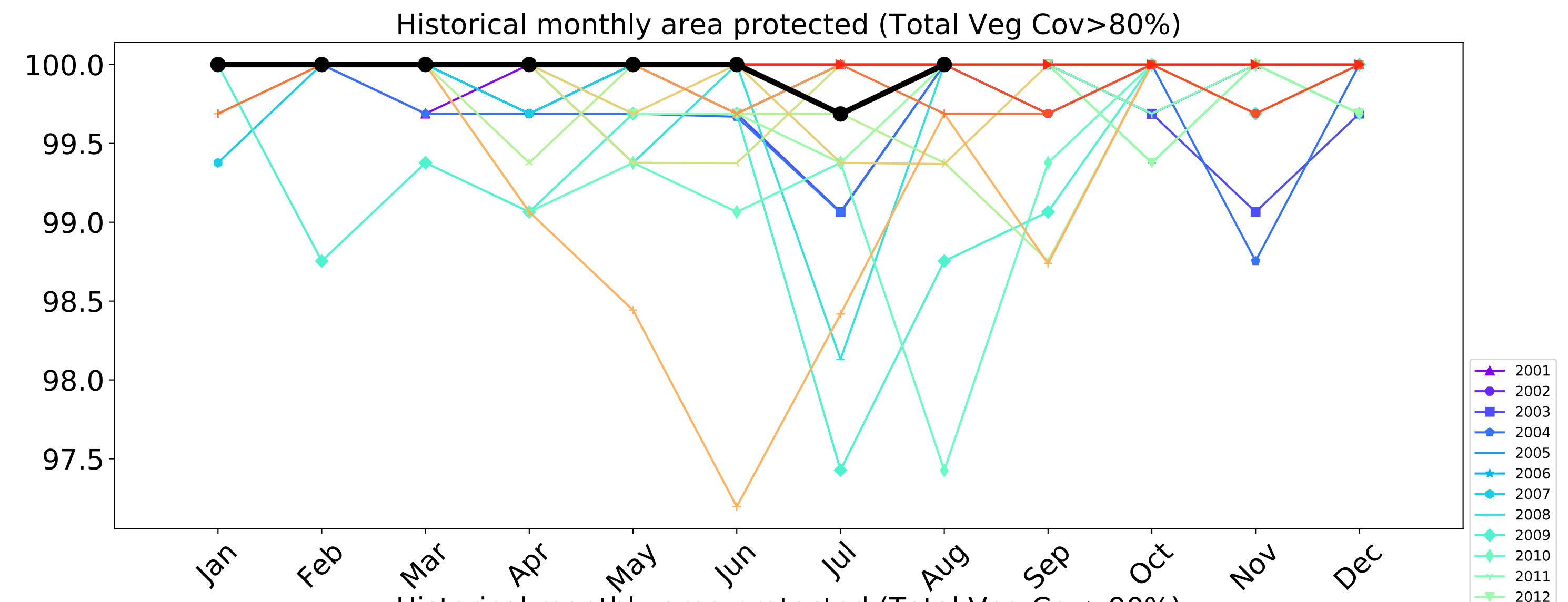
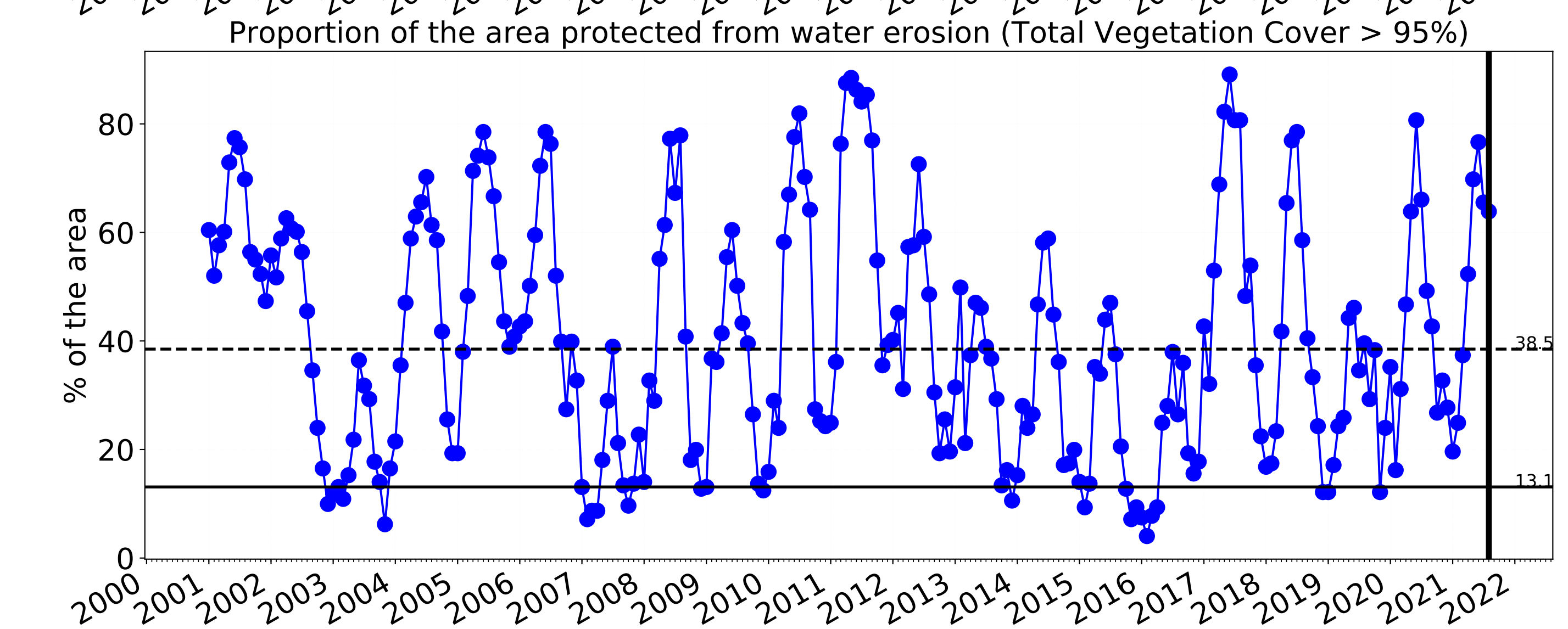
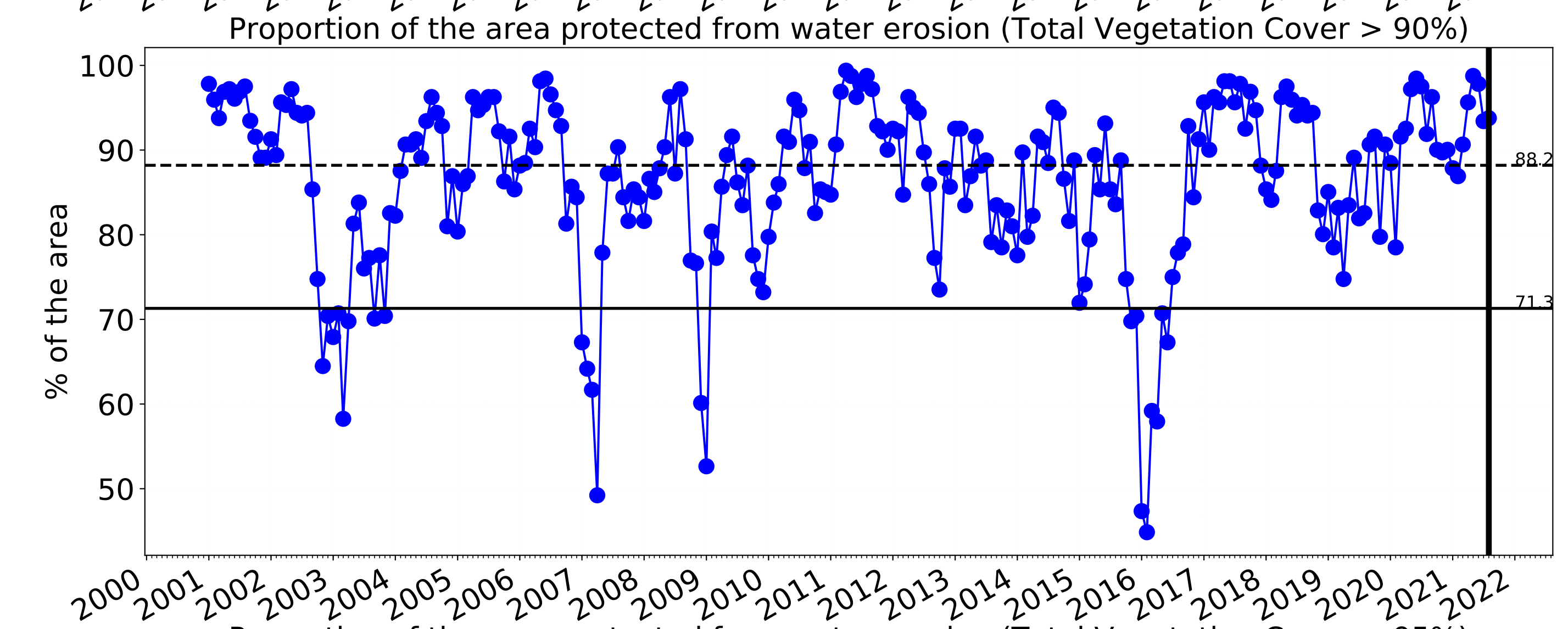
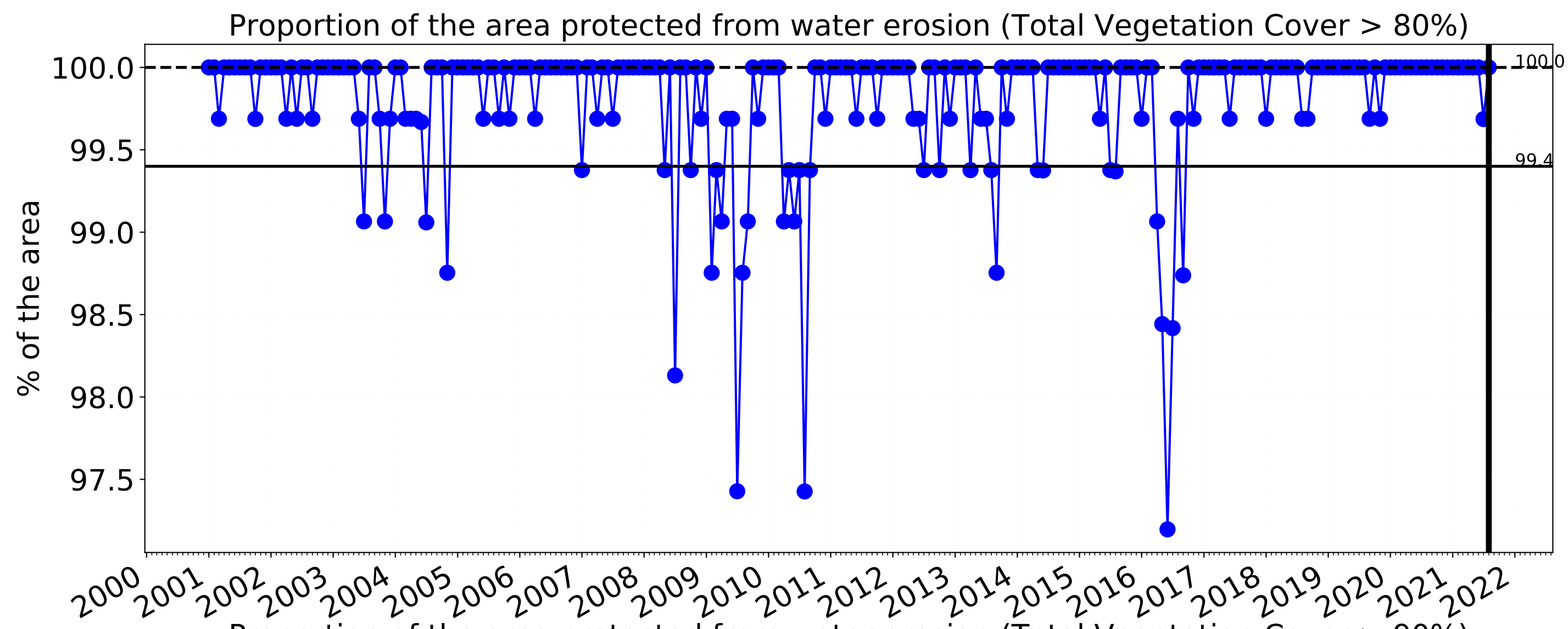


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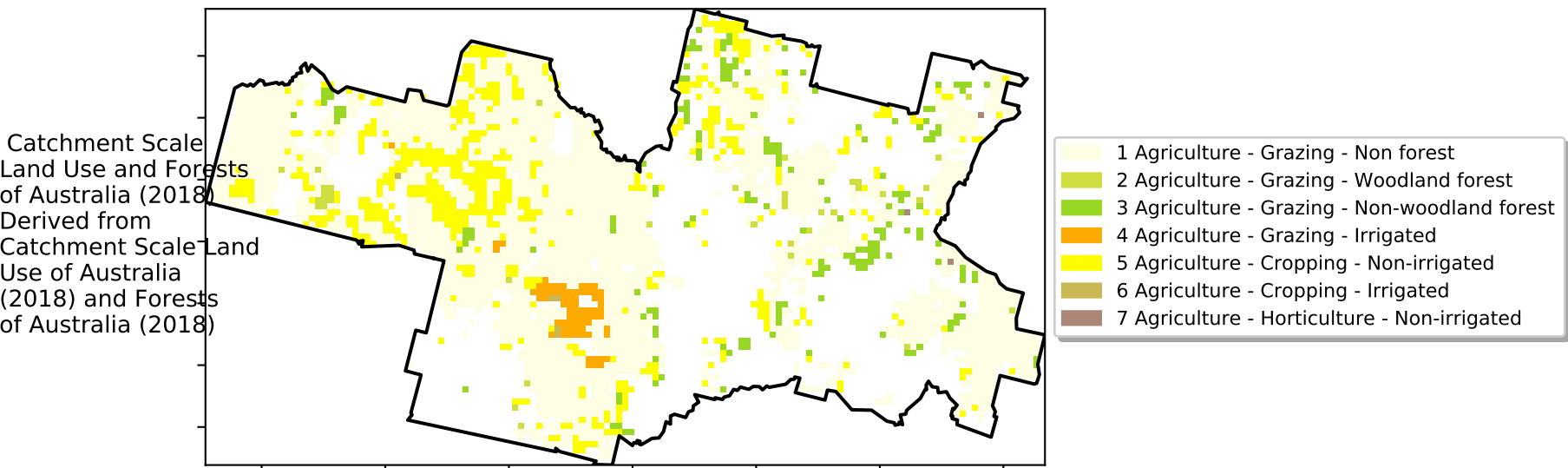
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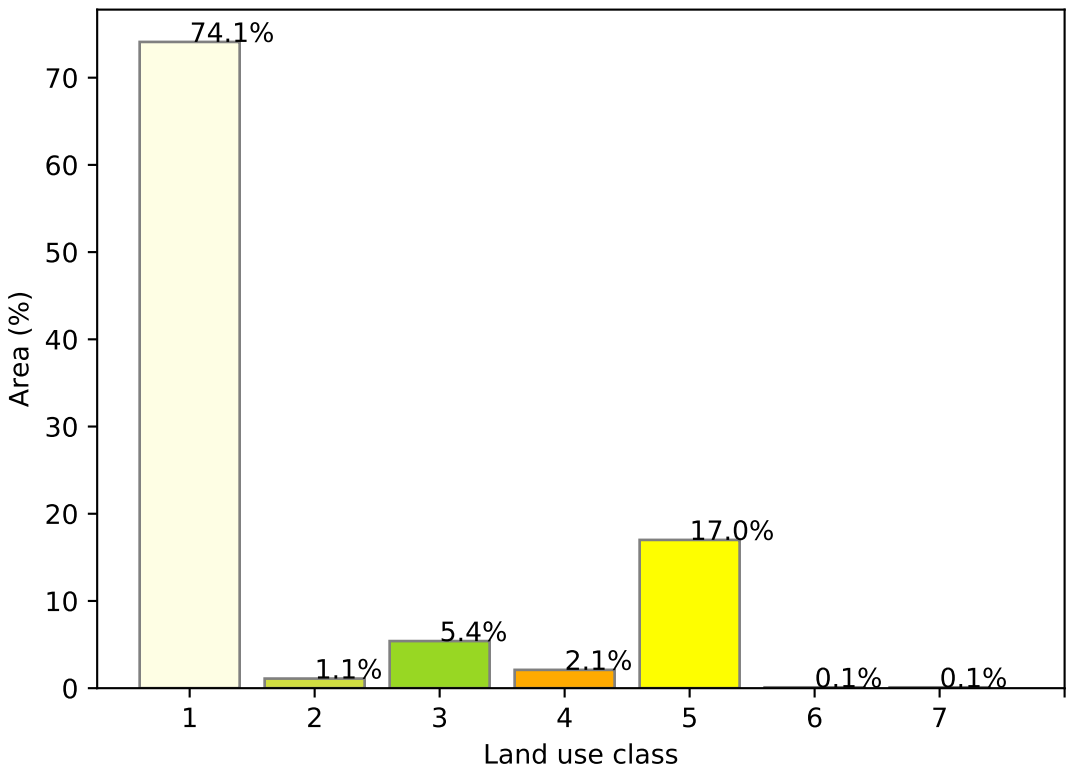


Agriculture

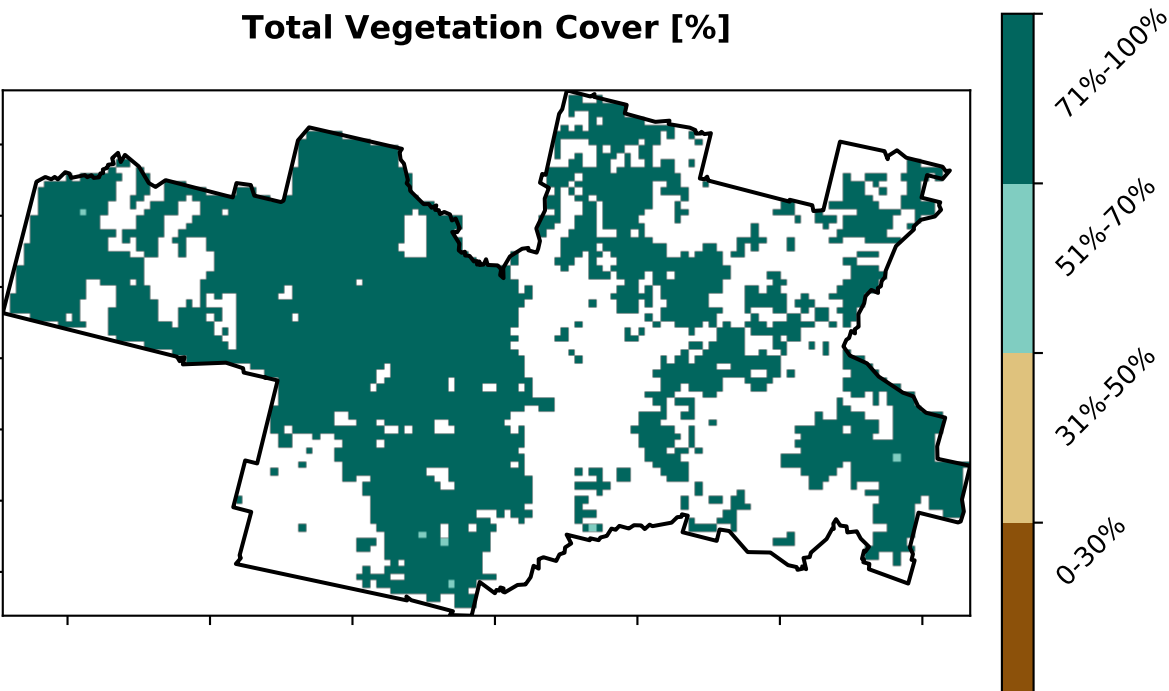
Land use and forest cover



Proportion of each land class in area



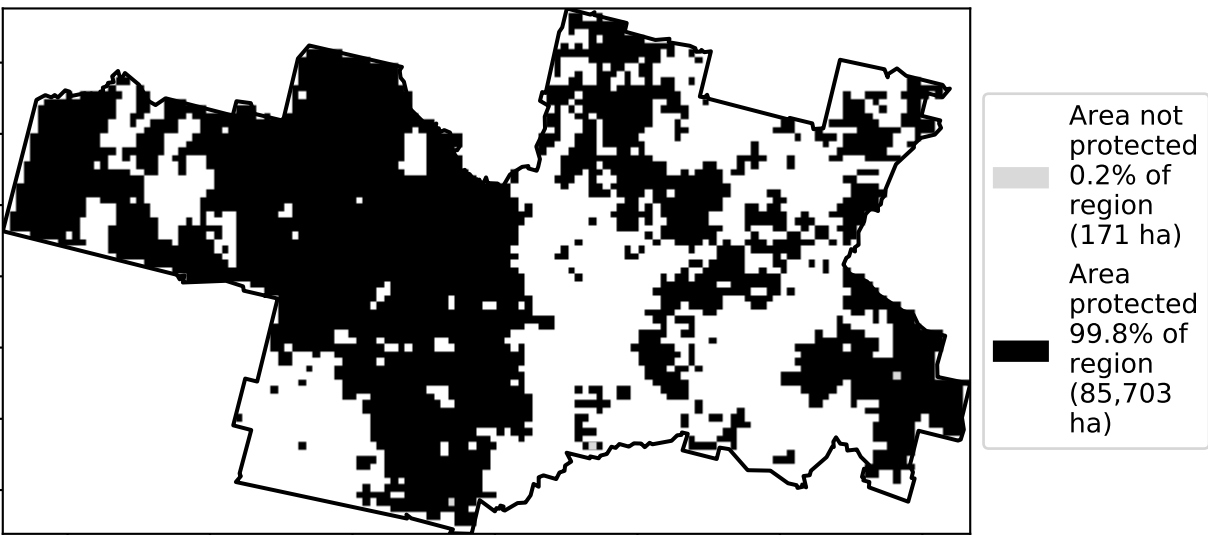
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



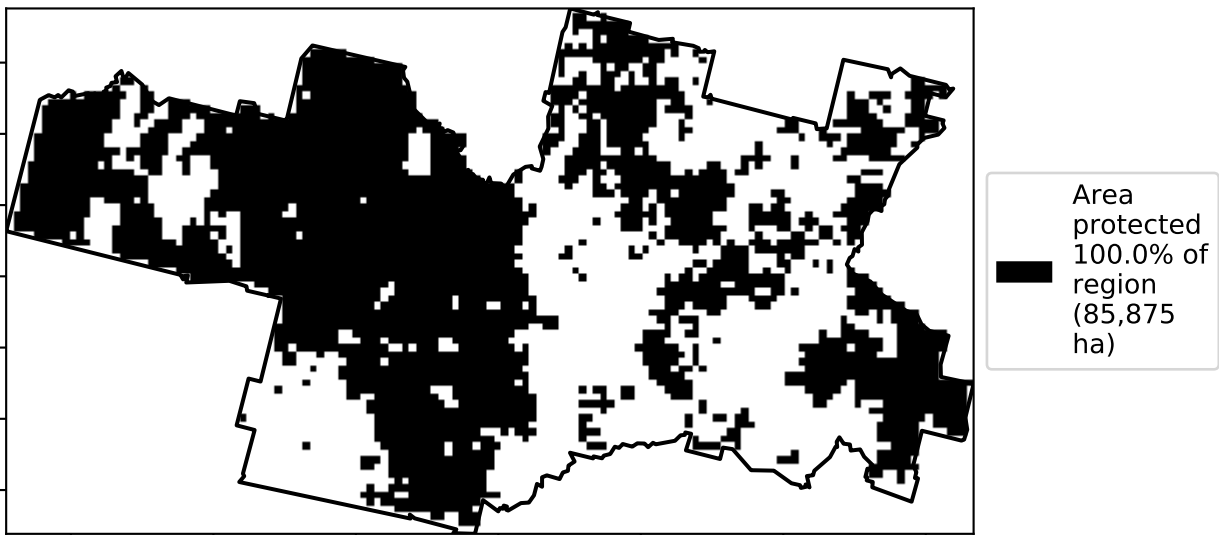
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



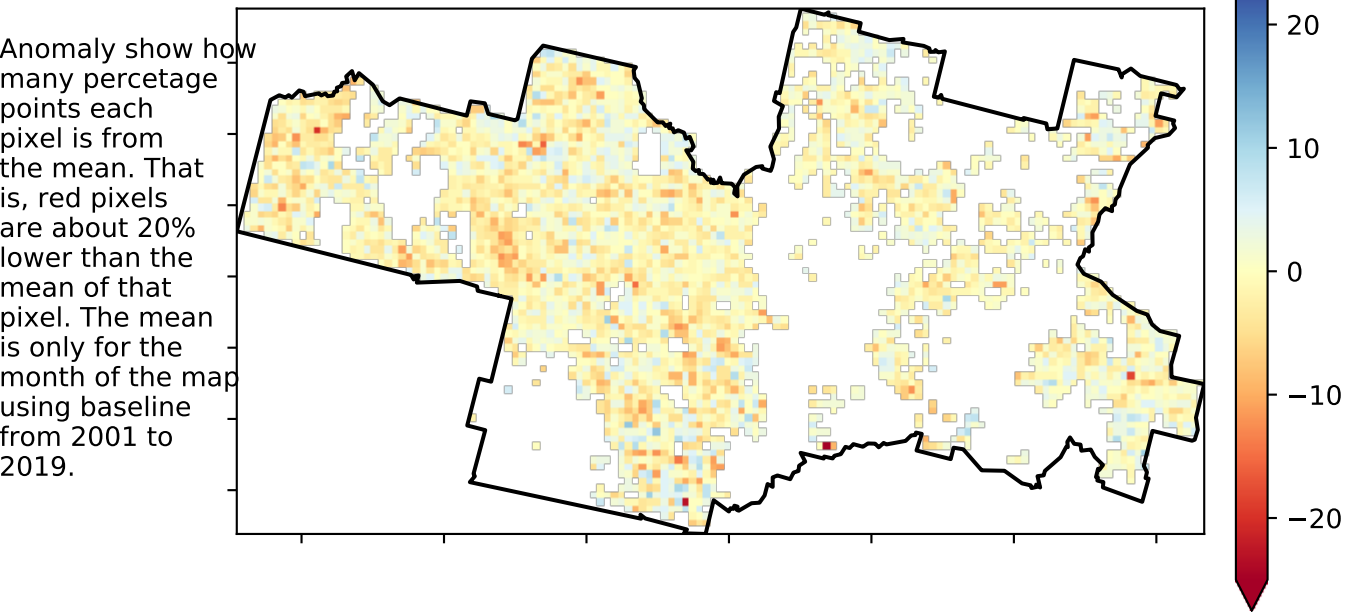
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

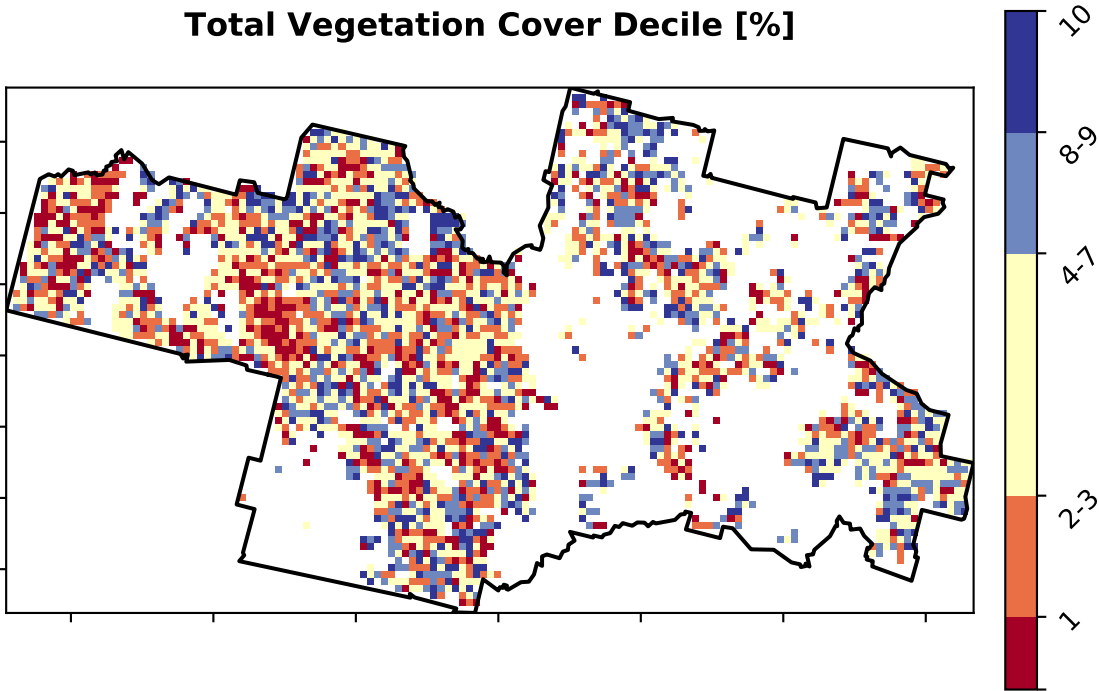


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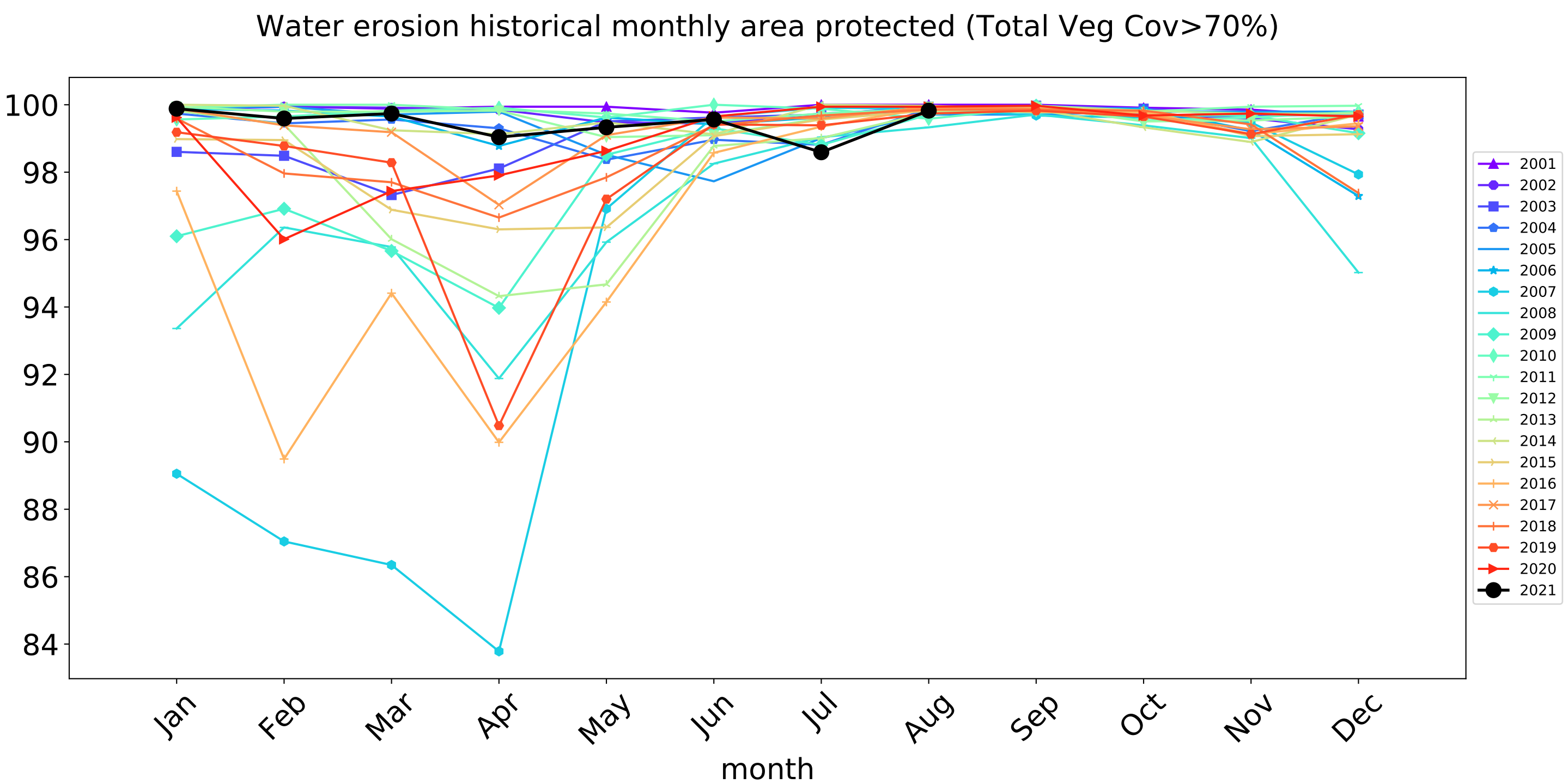
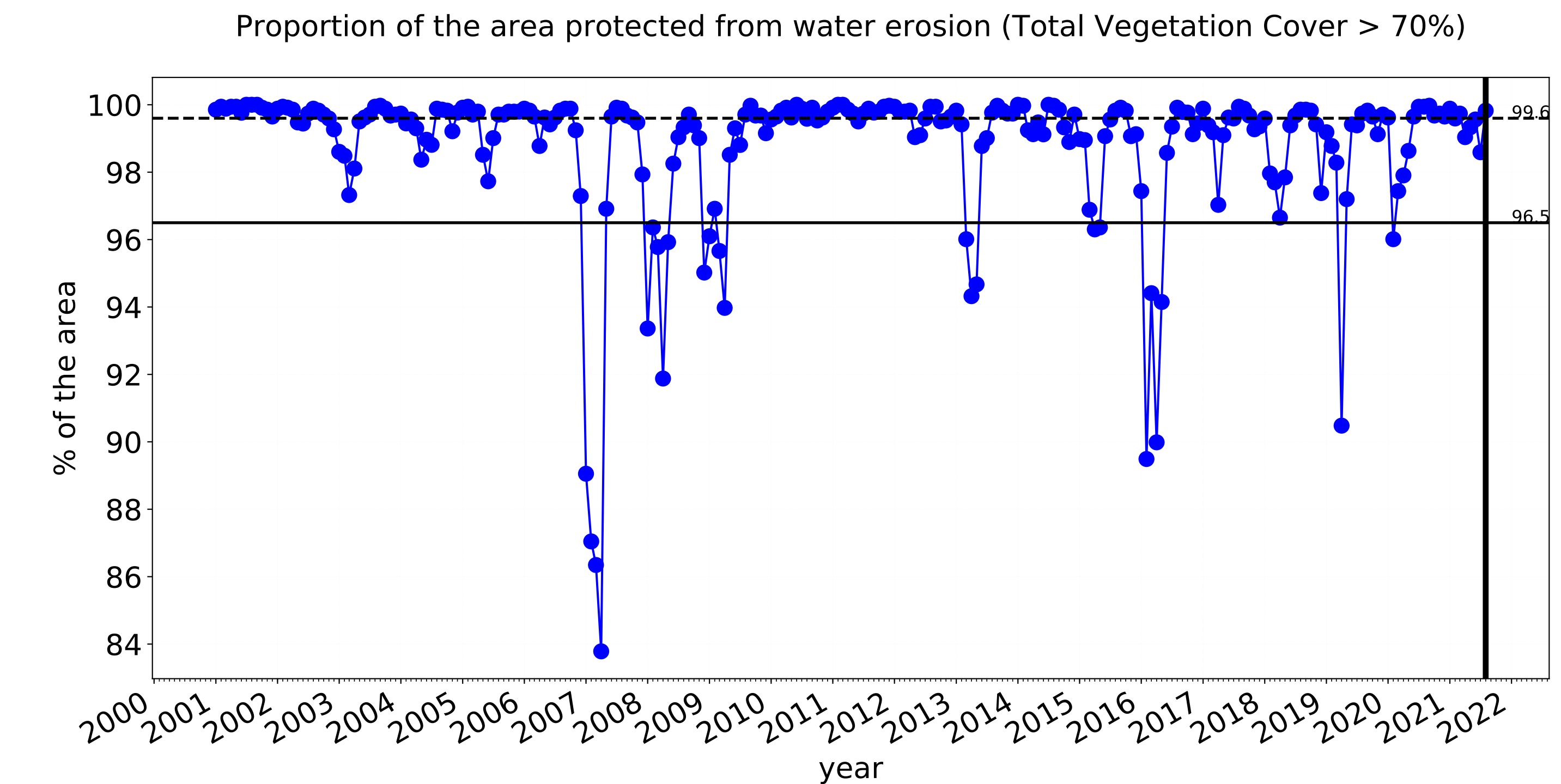
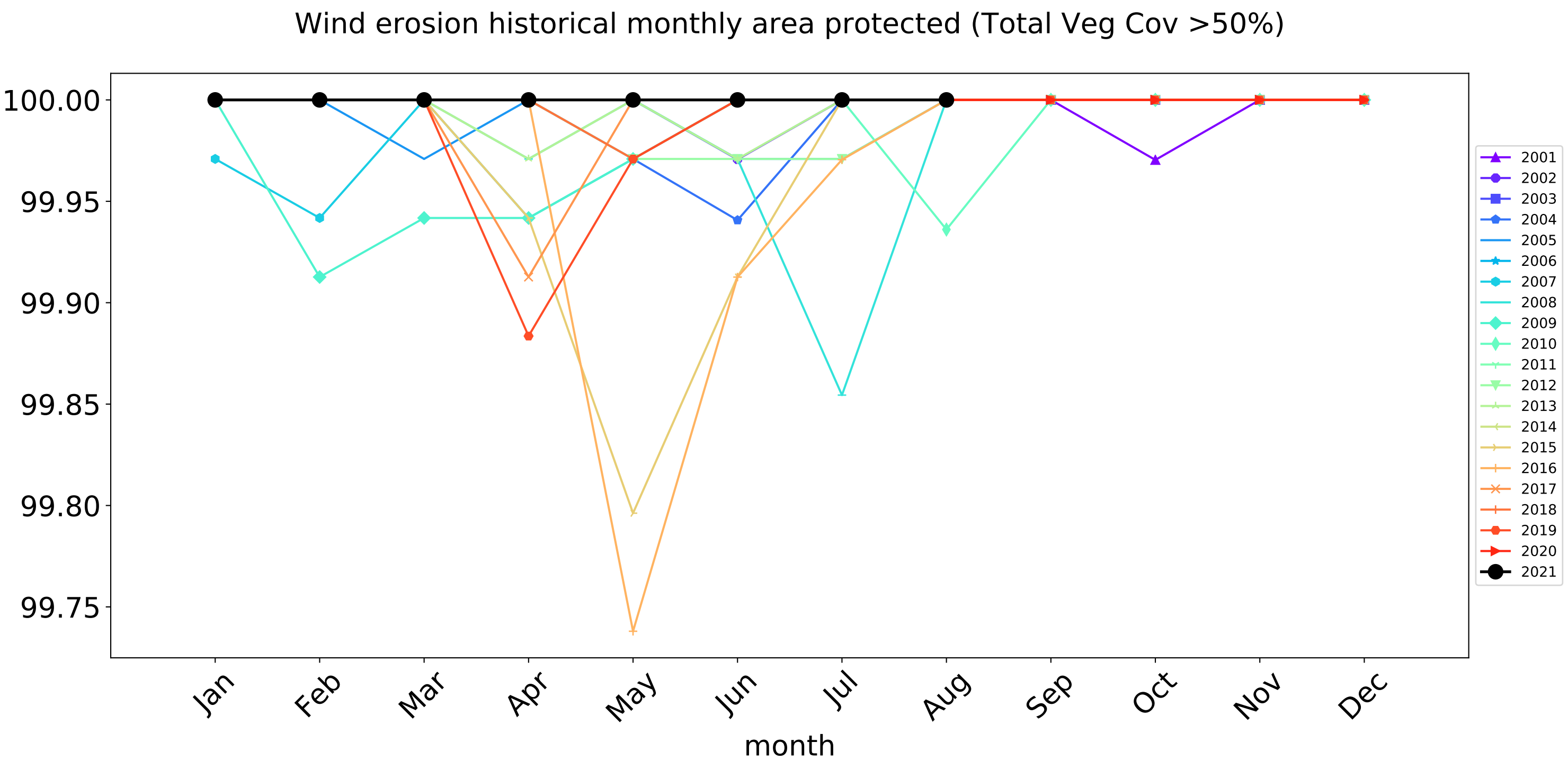
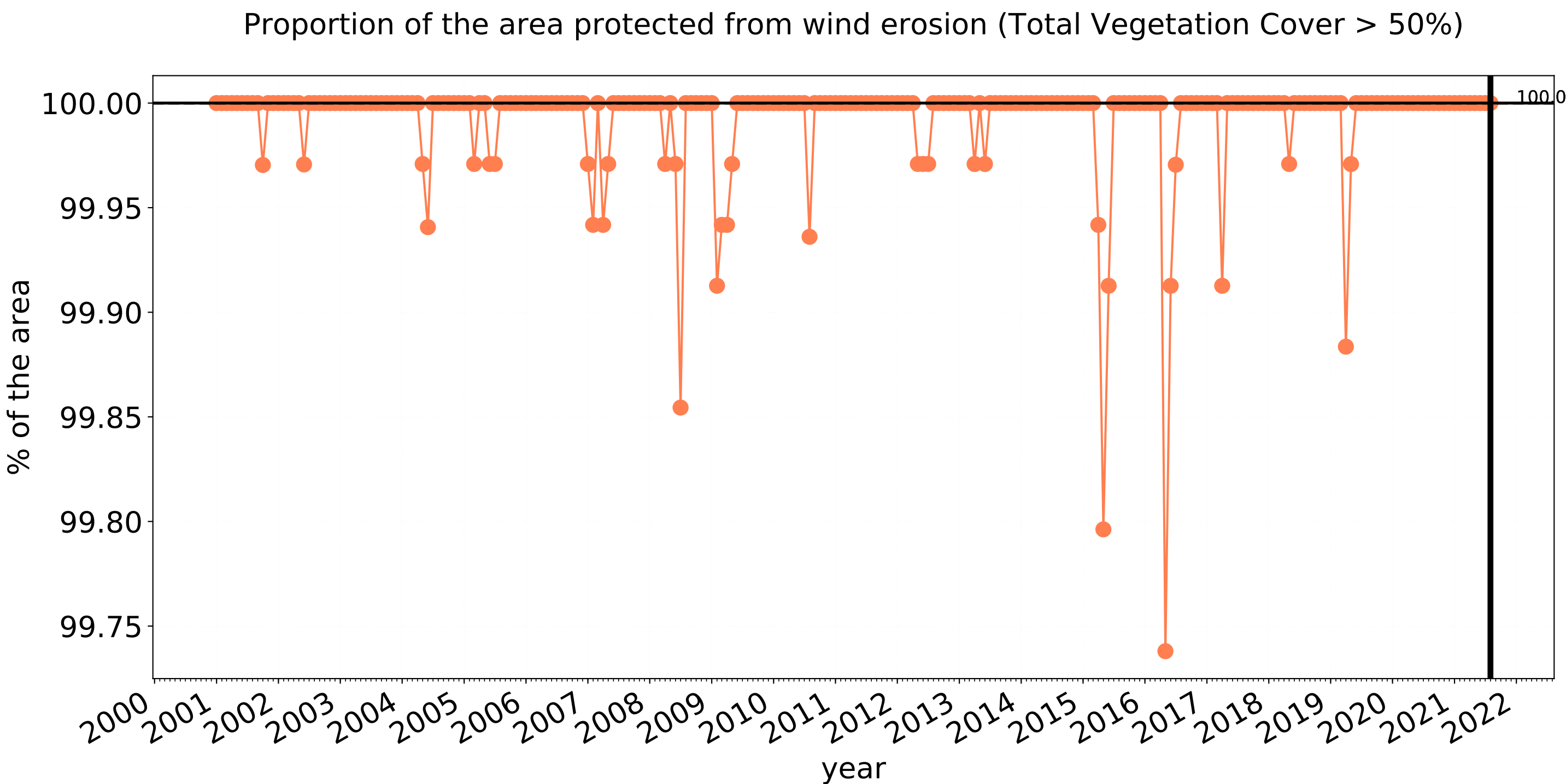


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Agriculture timeseries

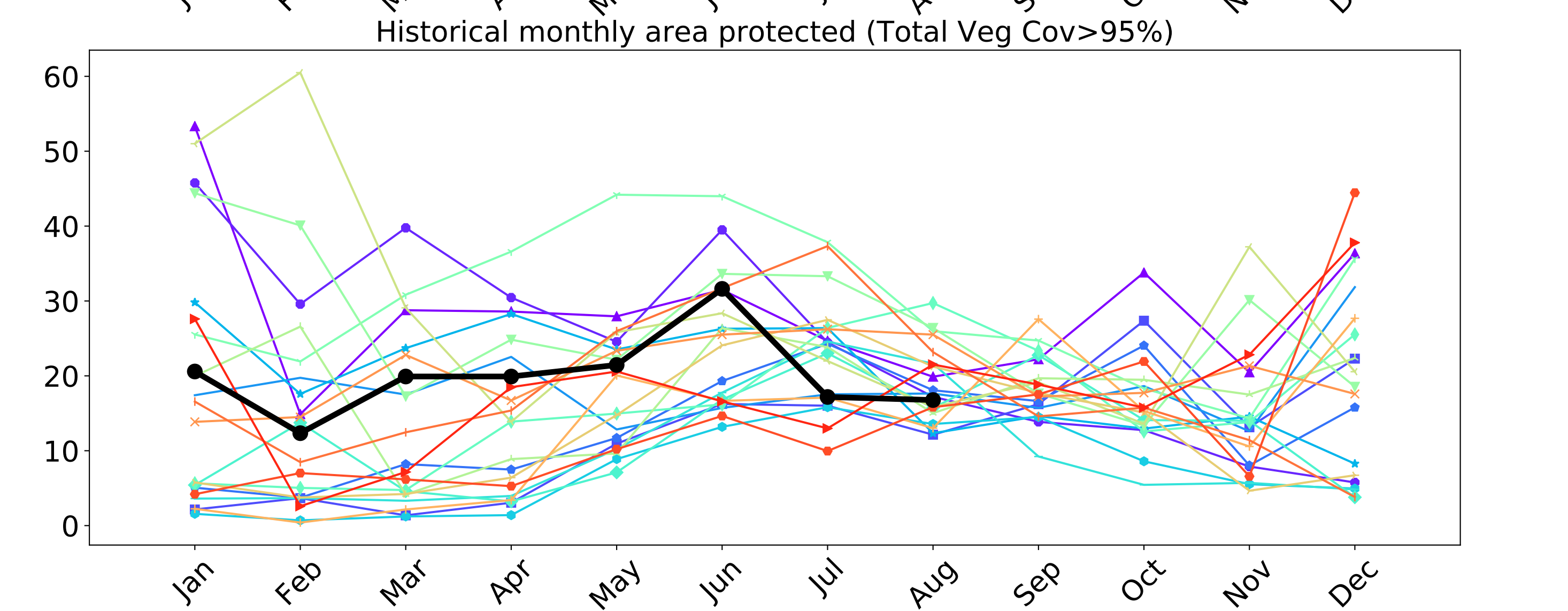
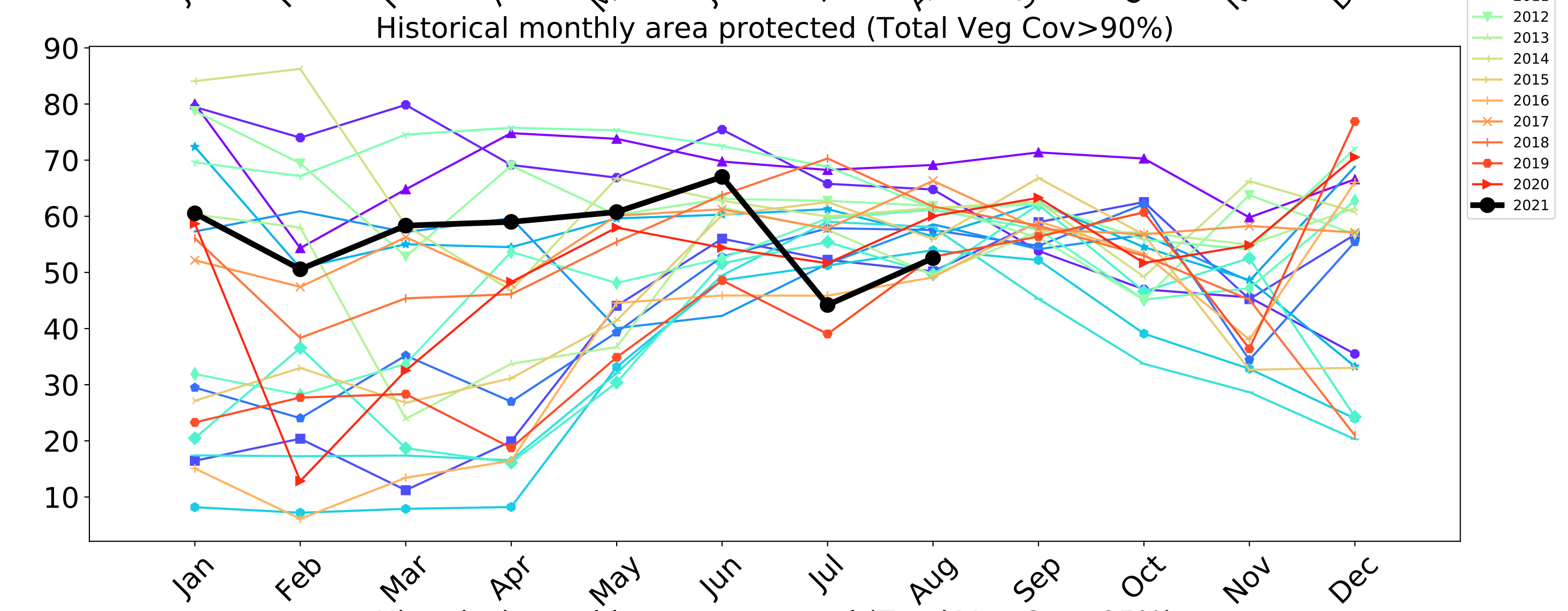
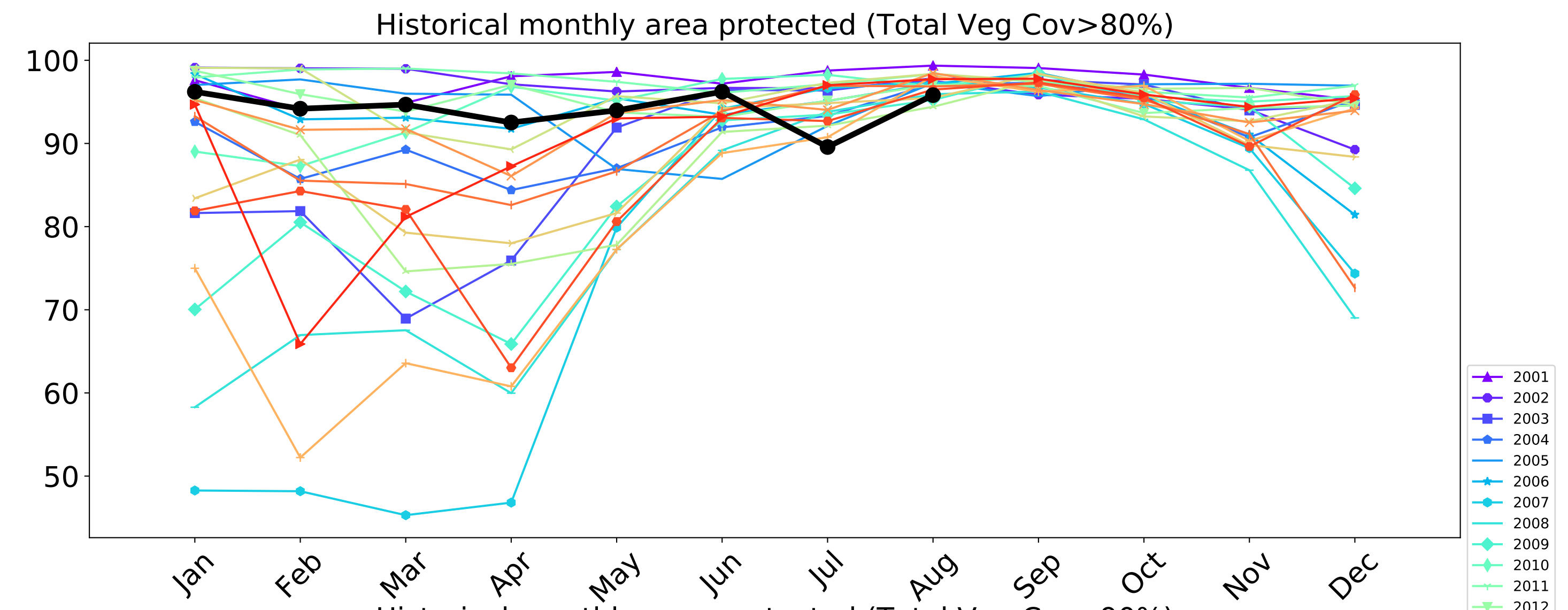
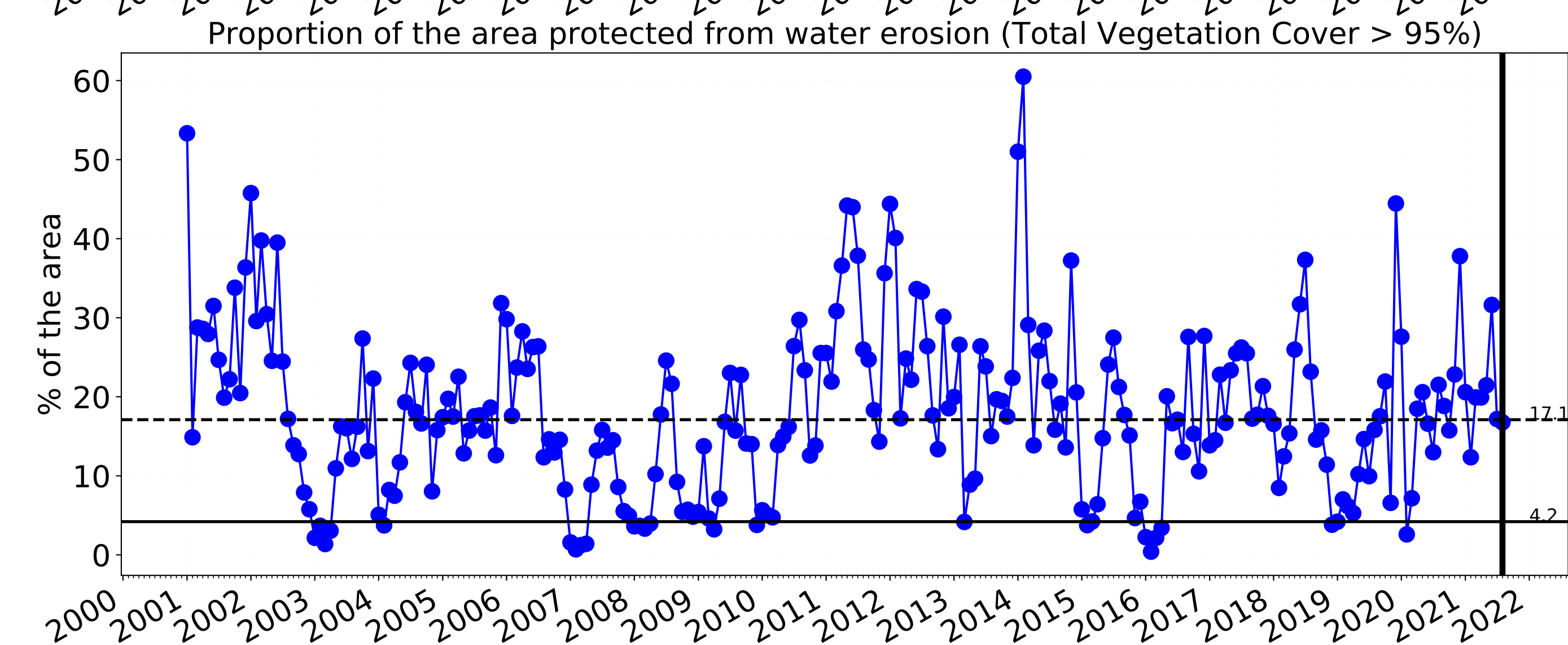
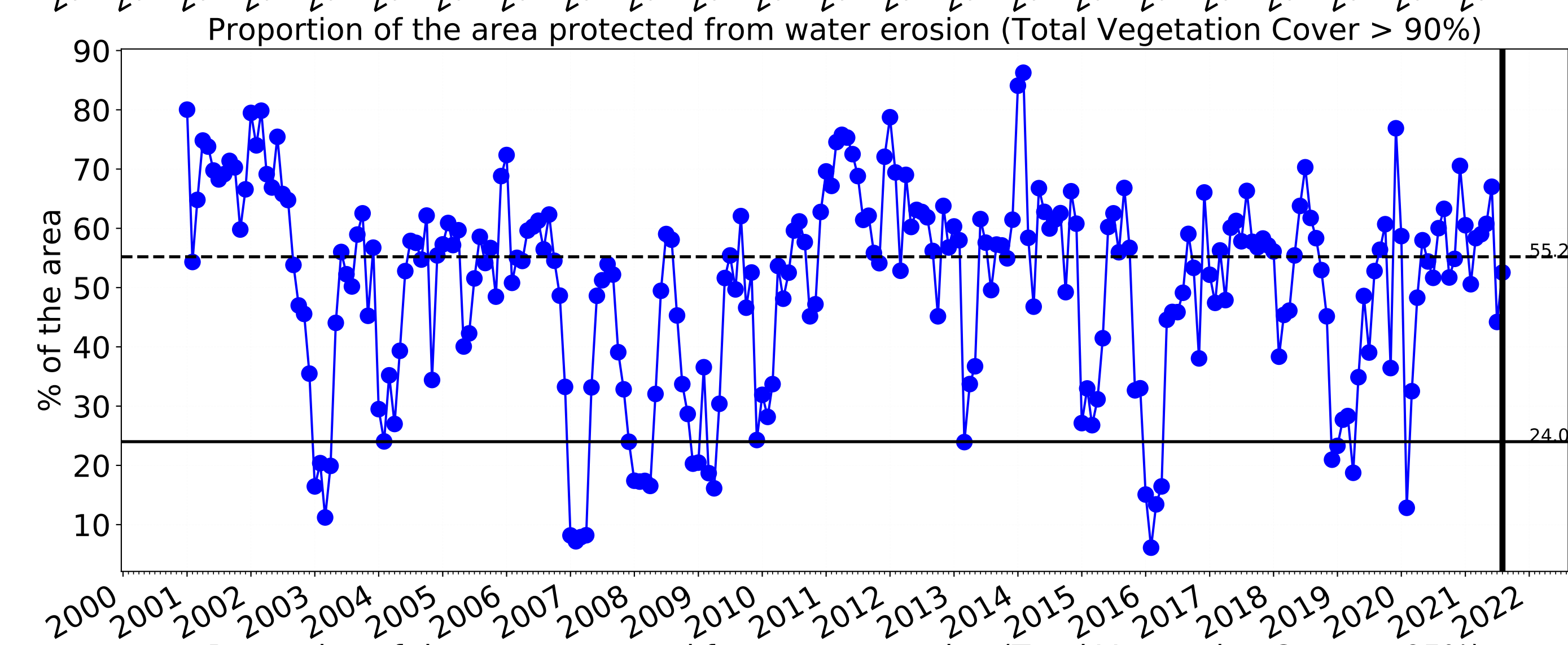
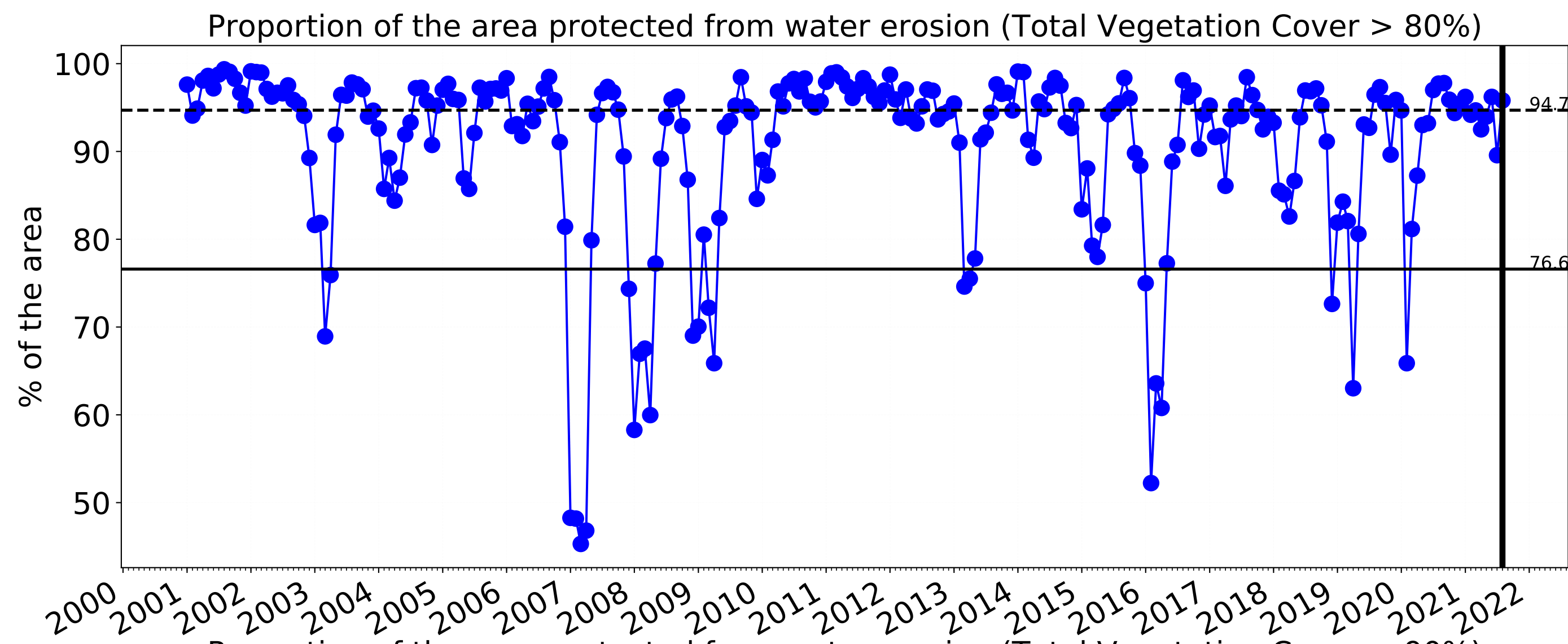


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Grazing

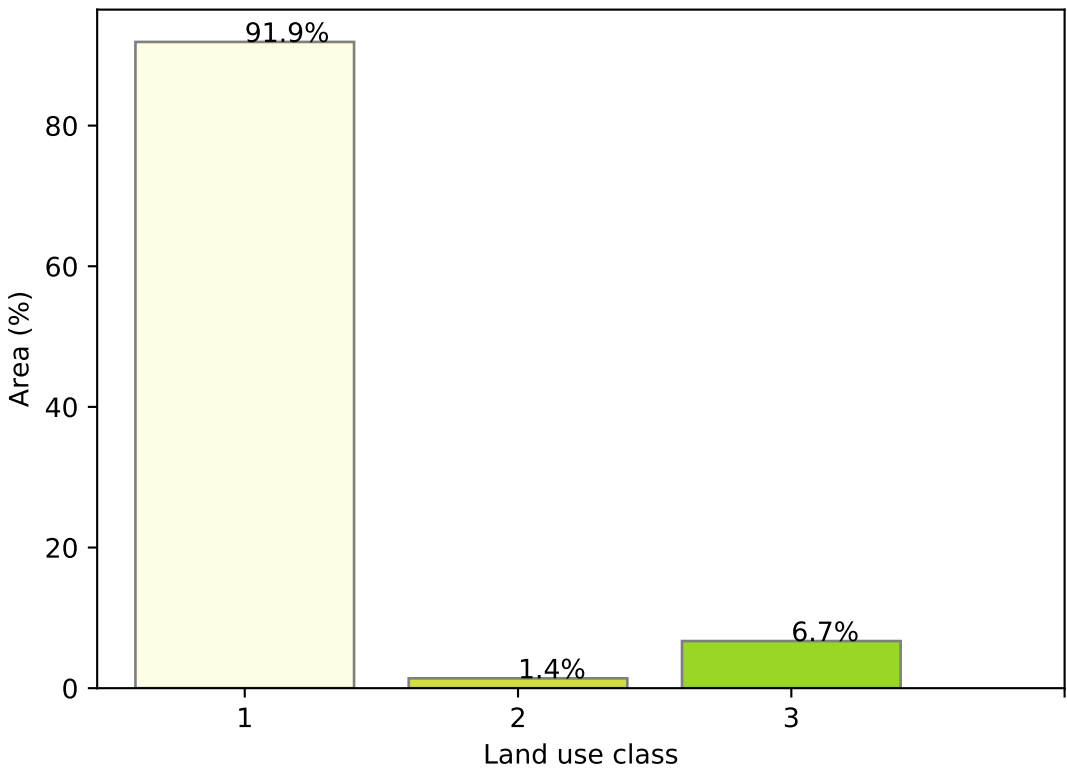
Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale
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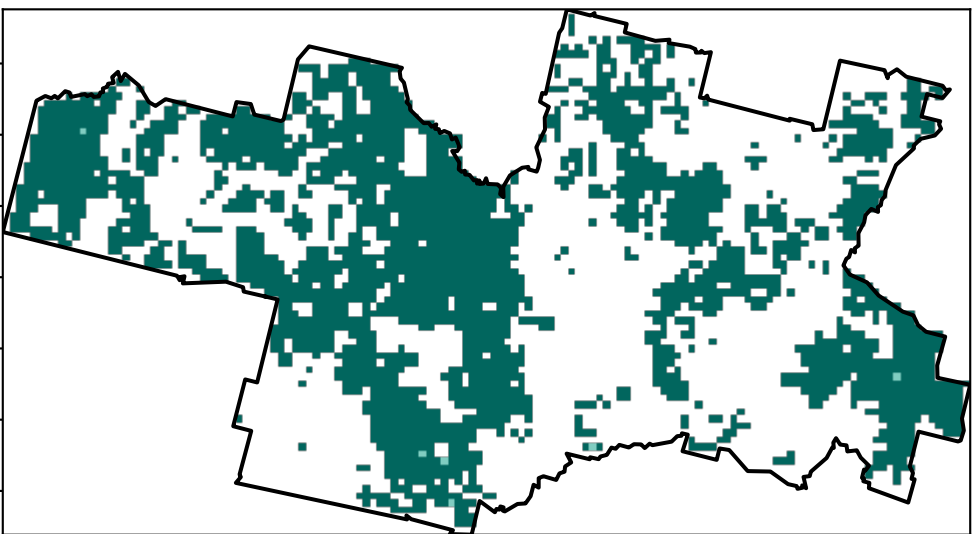


- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
- 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

Proportion of each land class in area

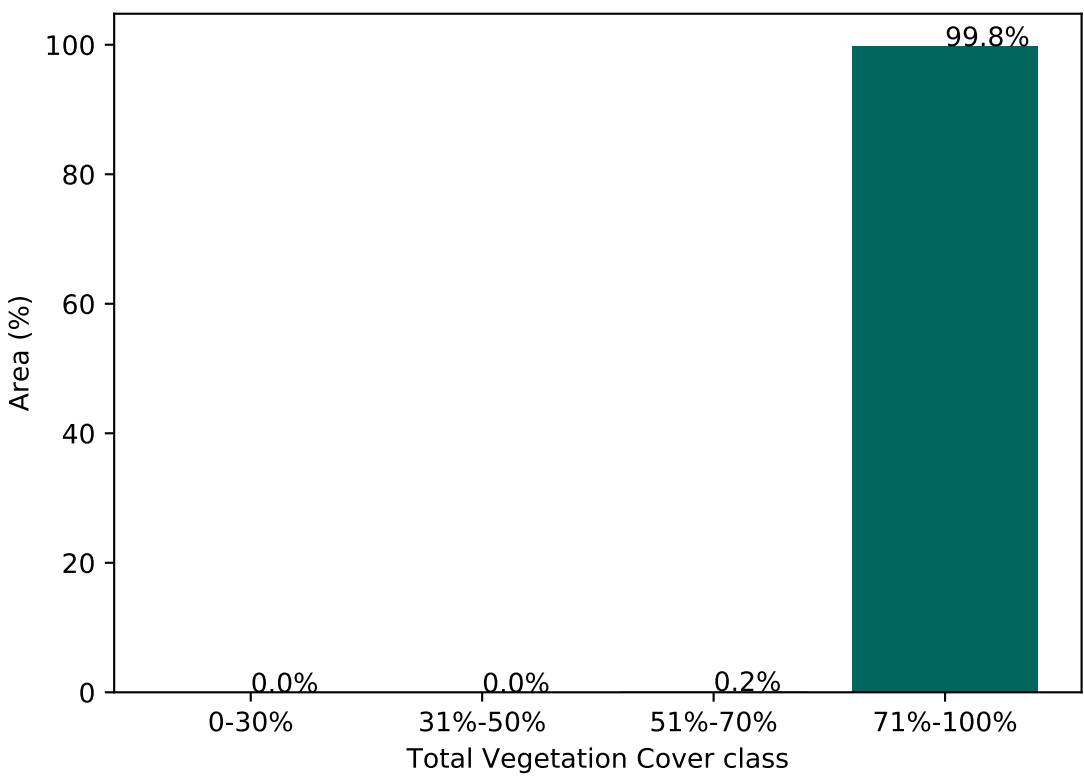


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

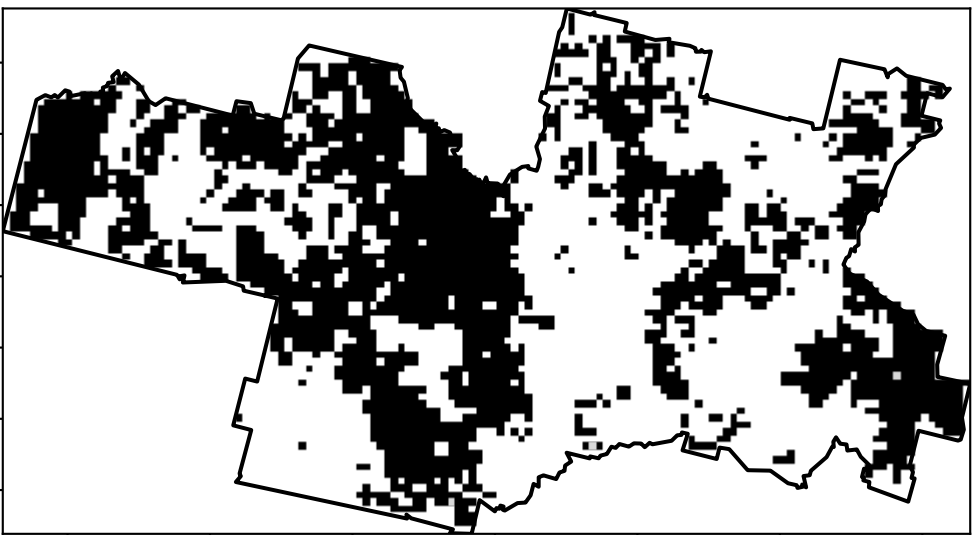


- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

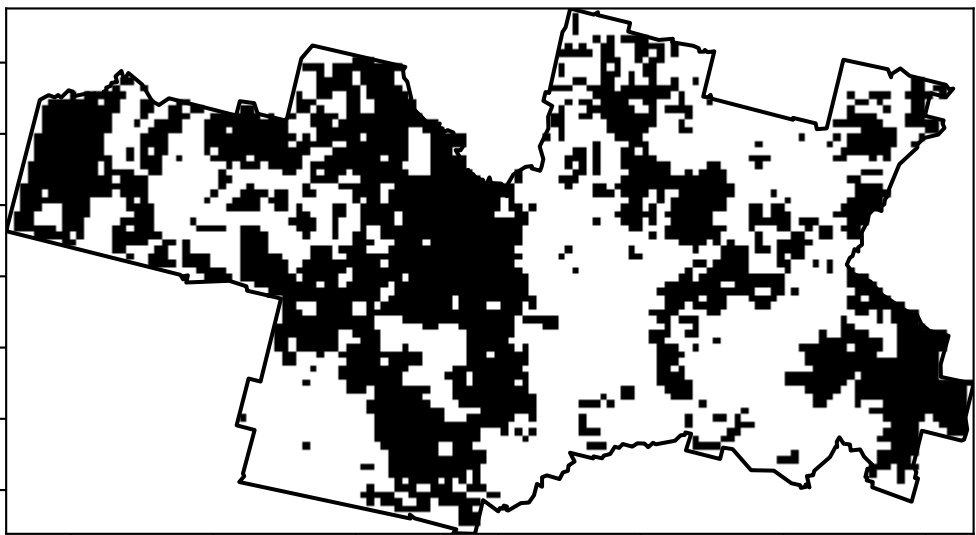


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected
0.2% of region
(138 ha)
- Area protected
99.8% of region
(69,111 ha)

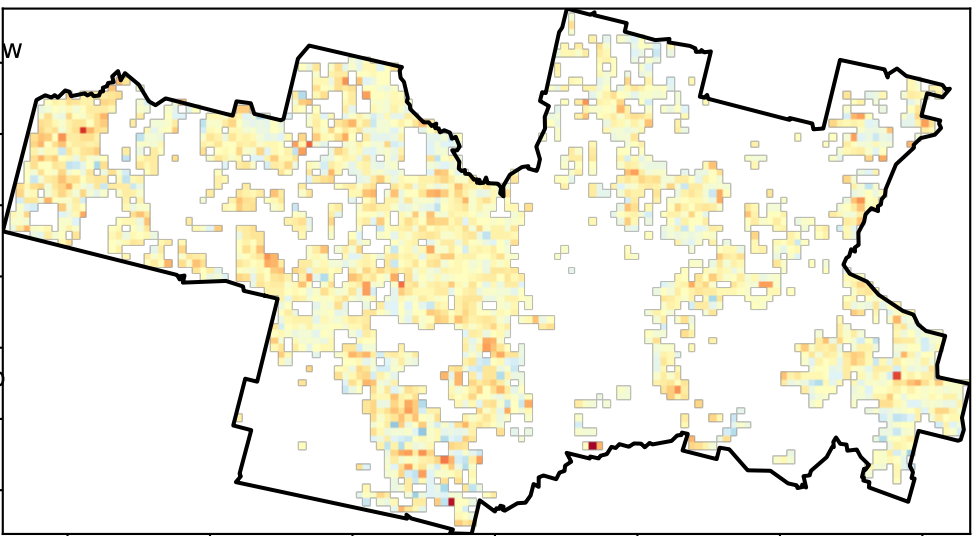
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

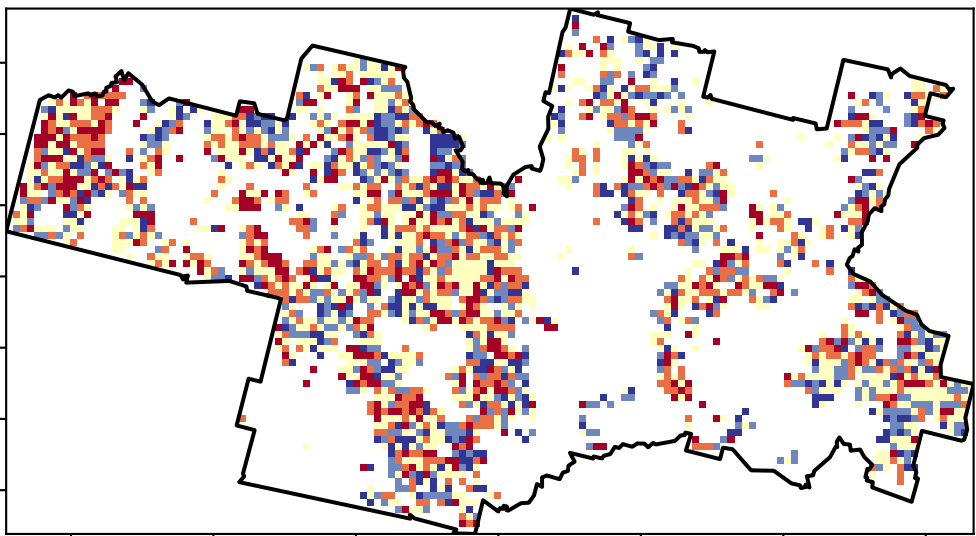
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- 20
- 10
- 0
- 10
- 20

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1



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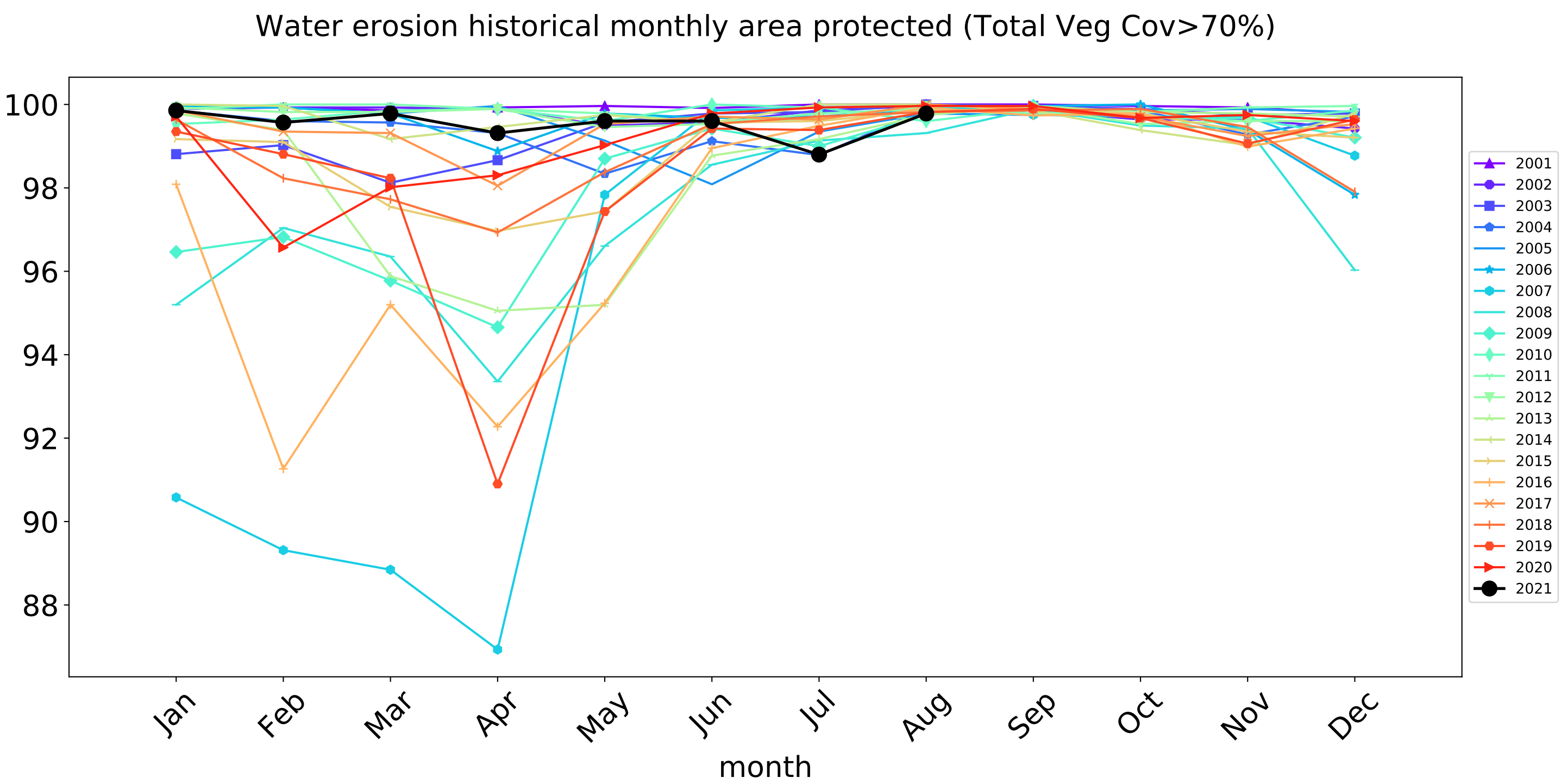
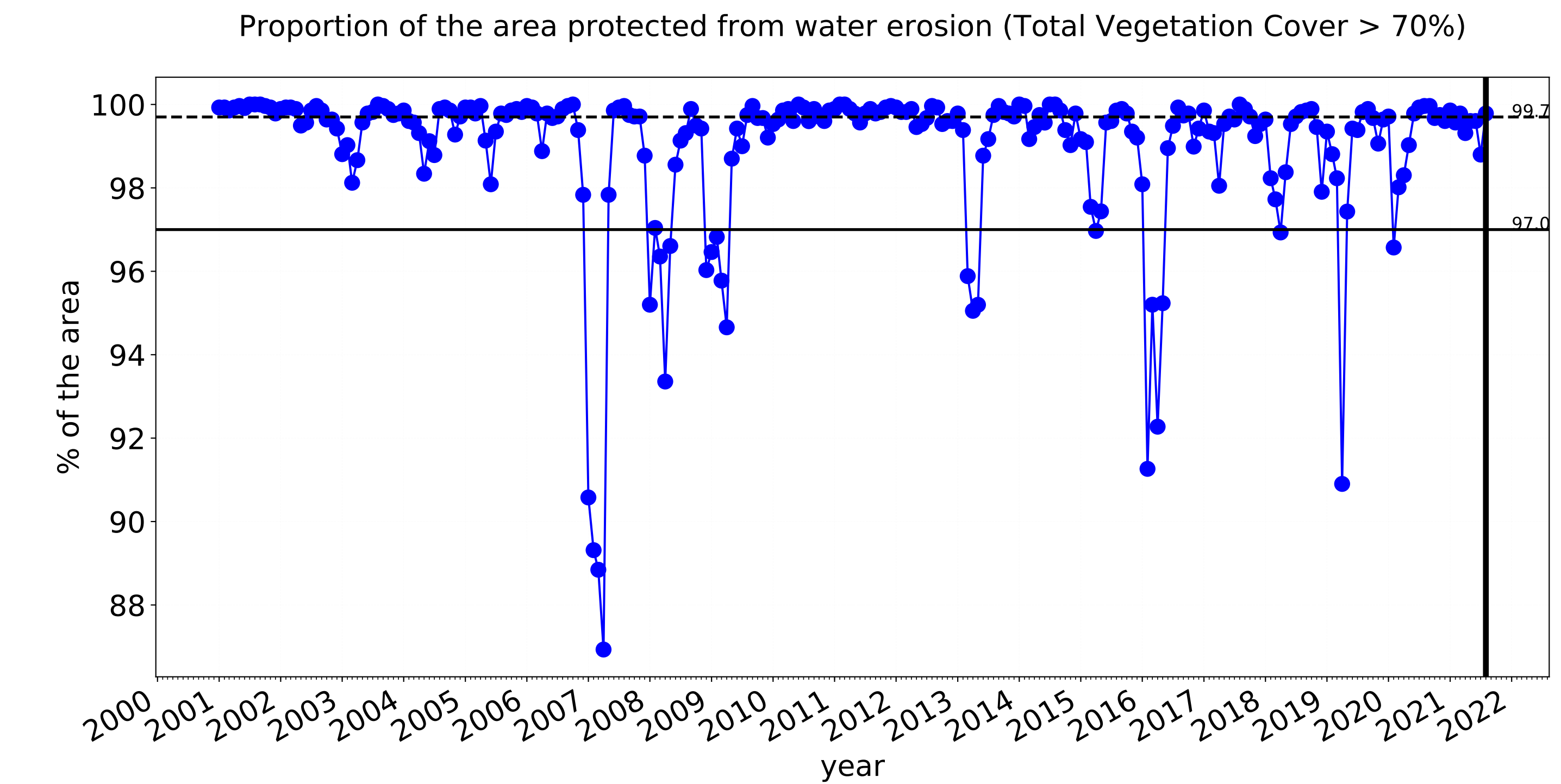
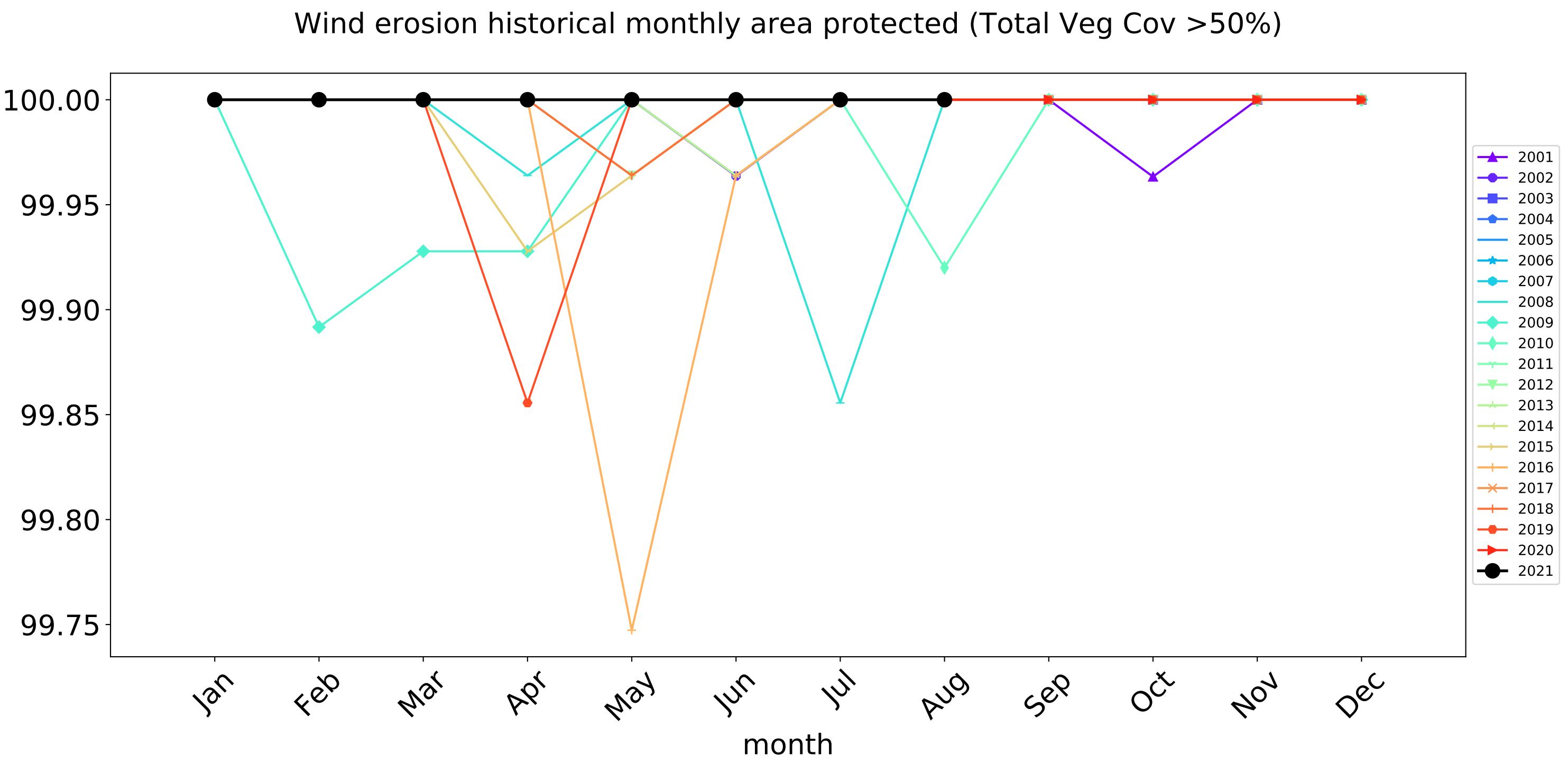
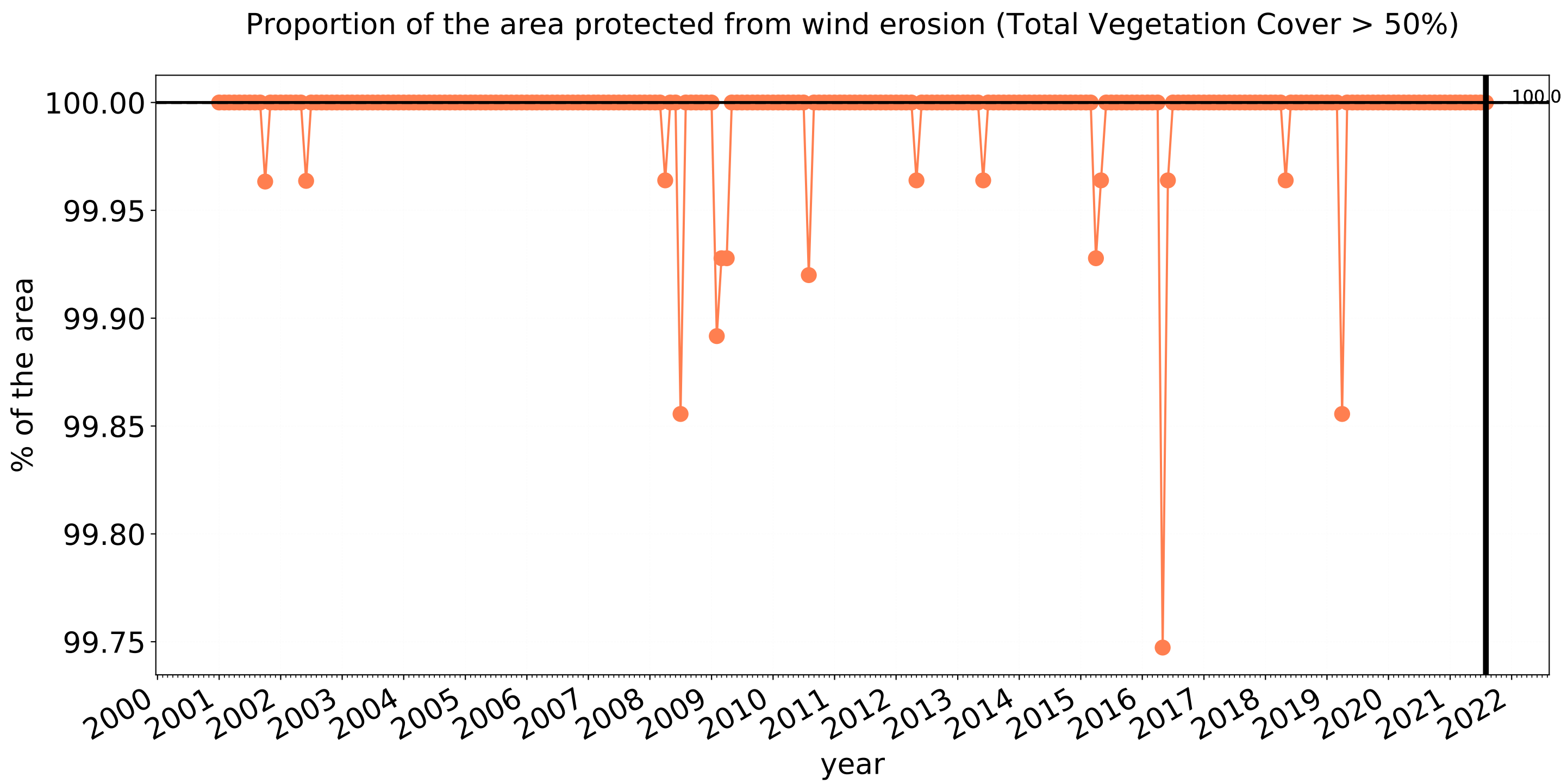


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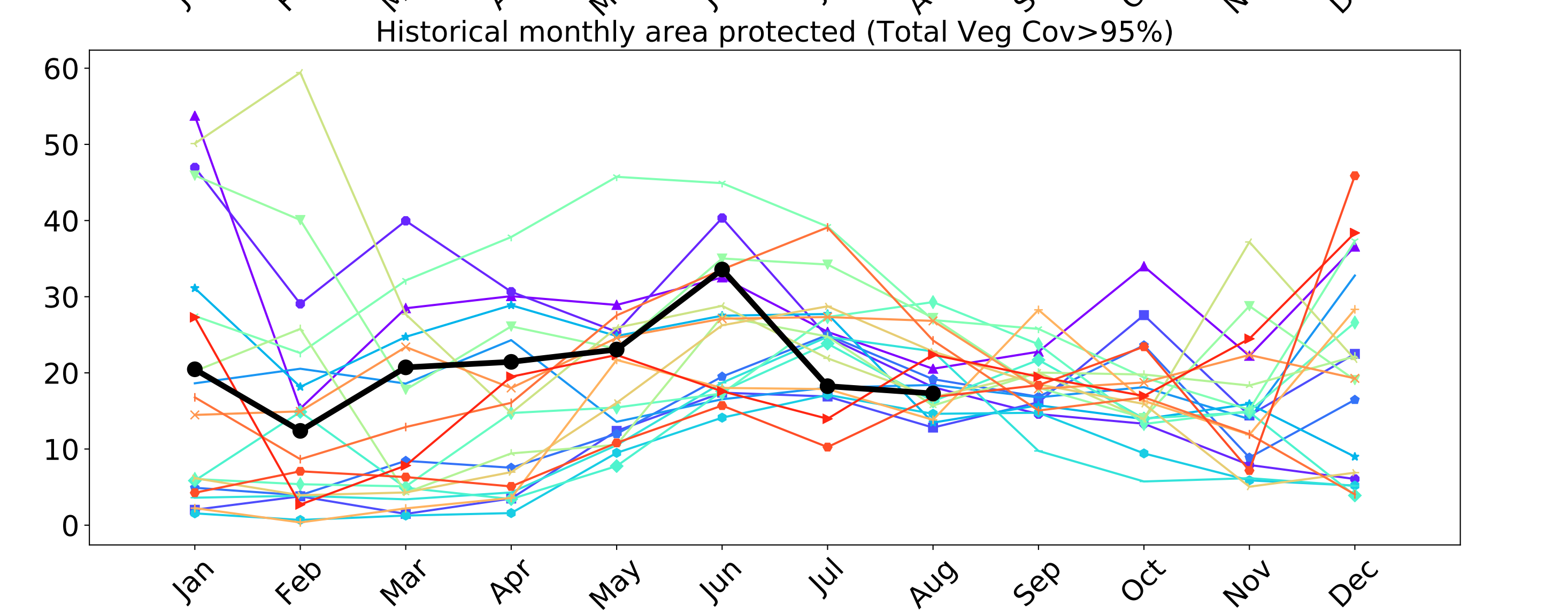
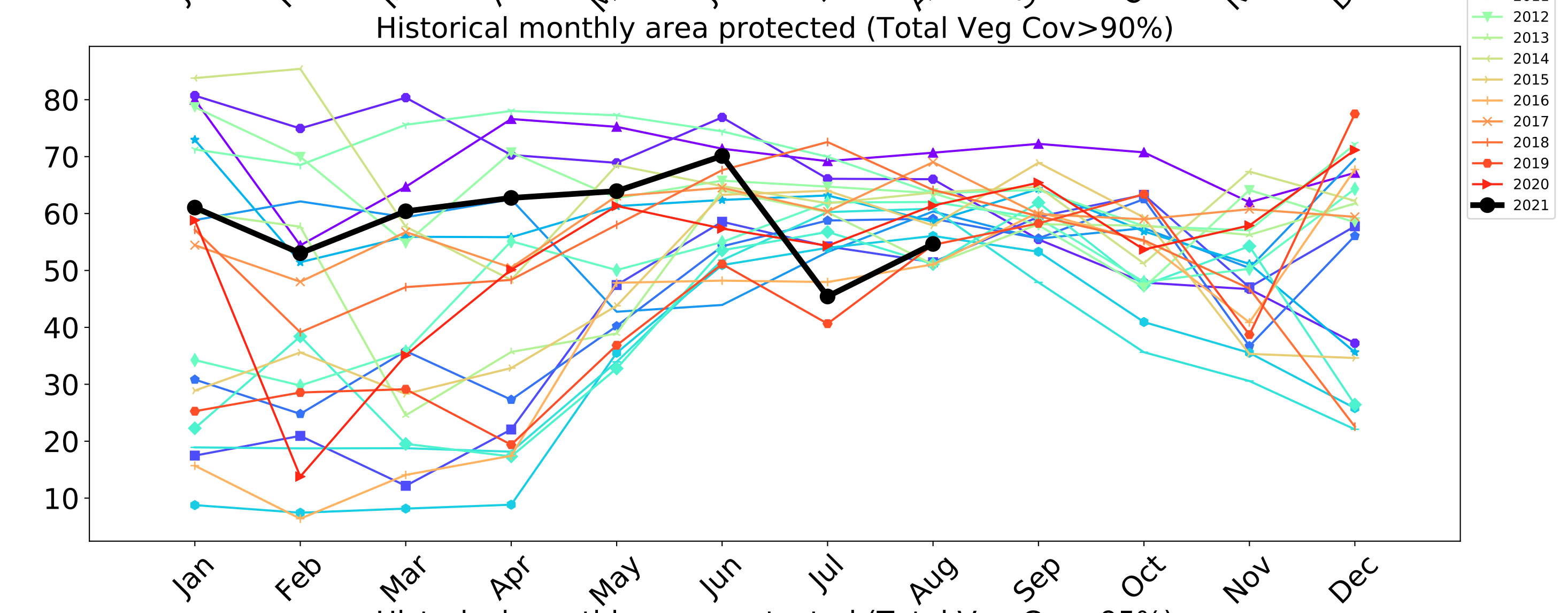
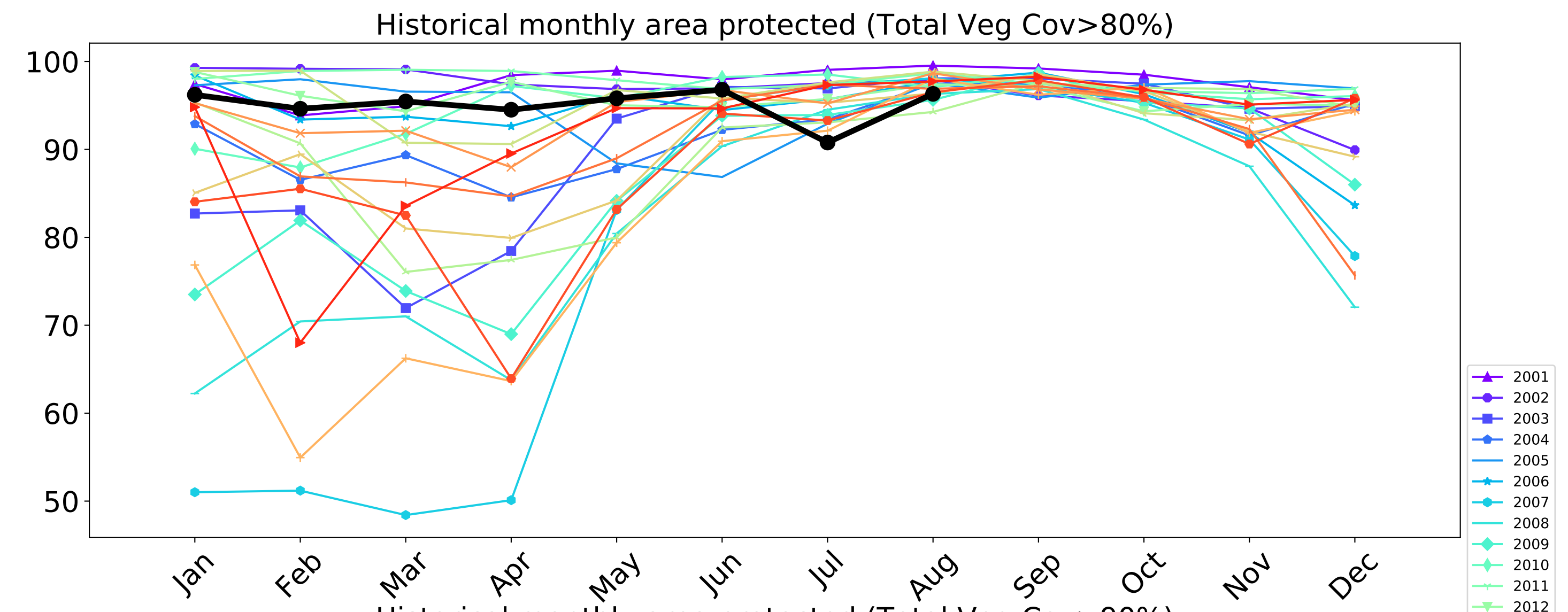
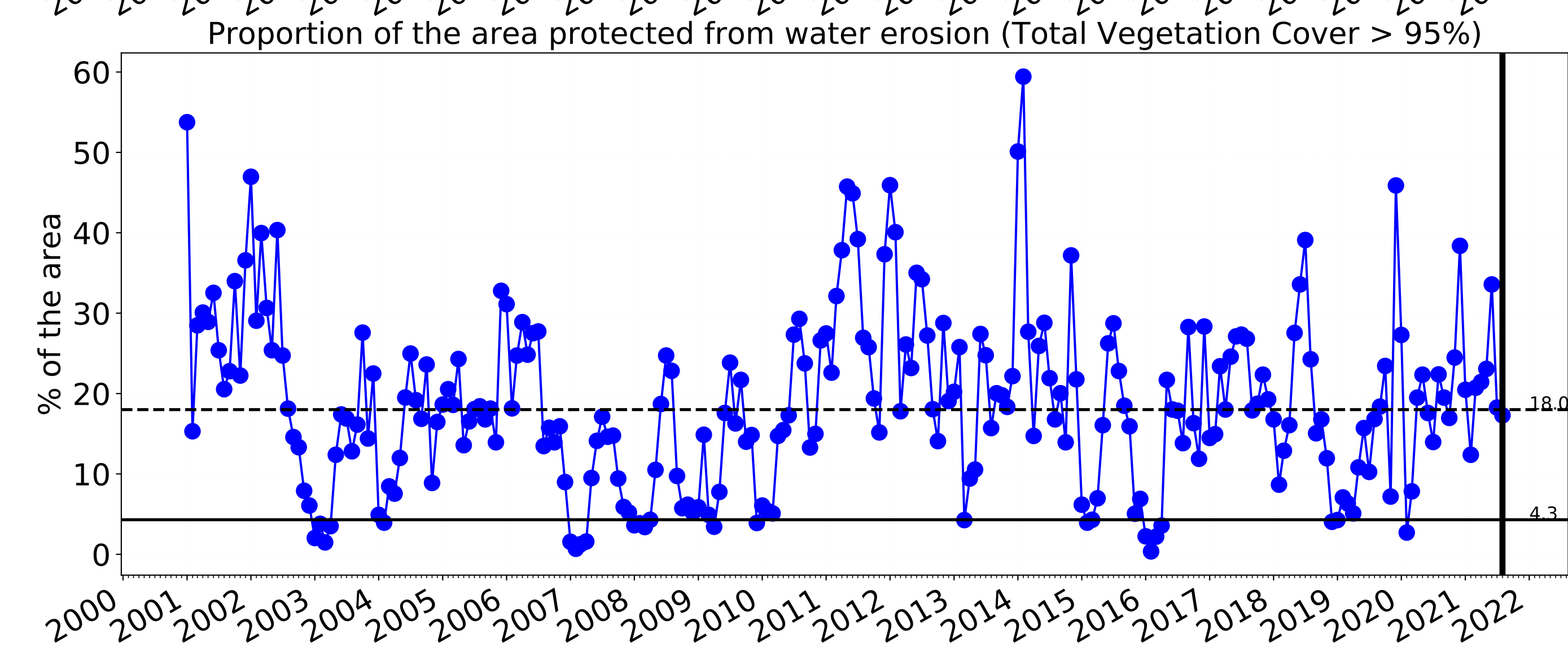
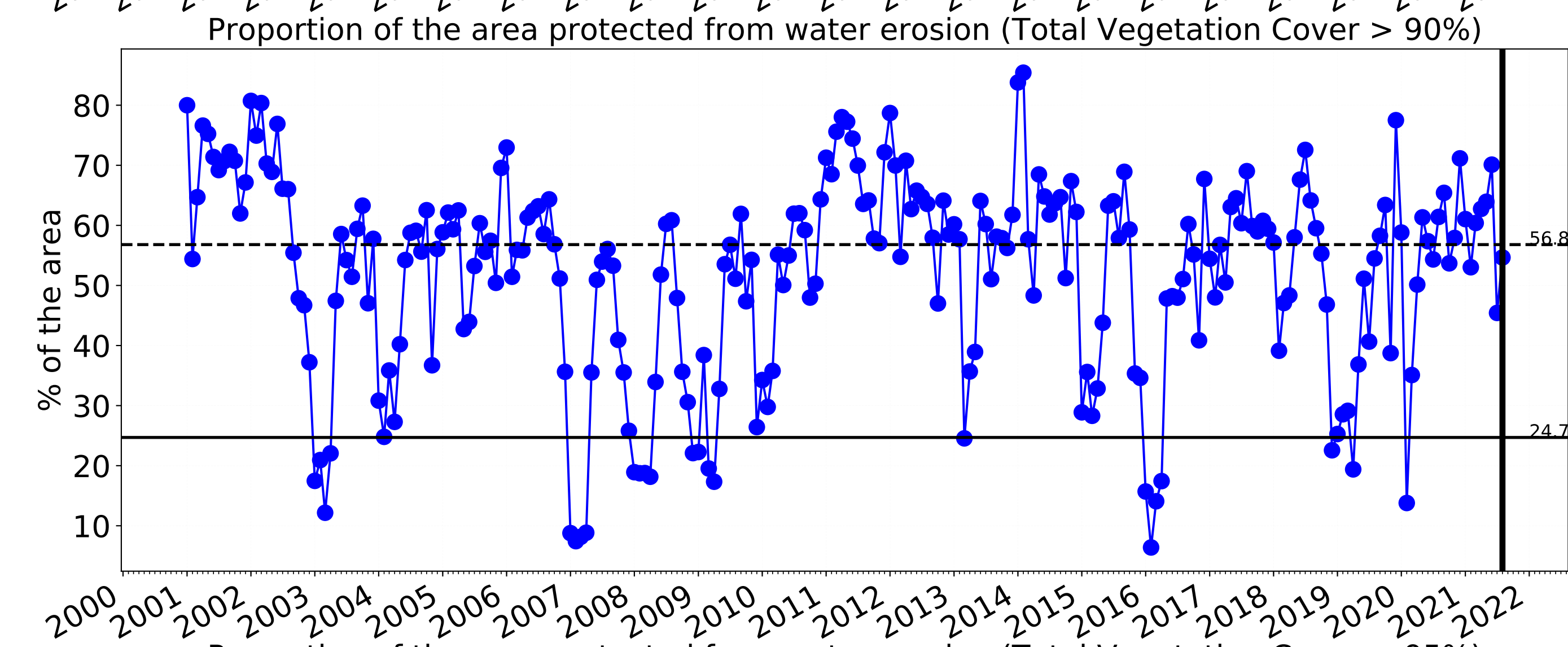
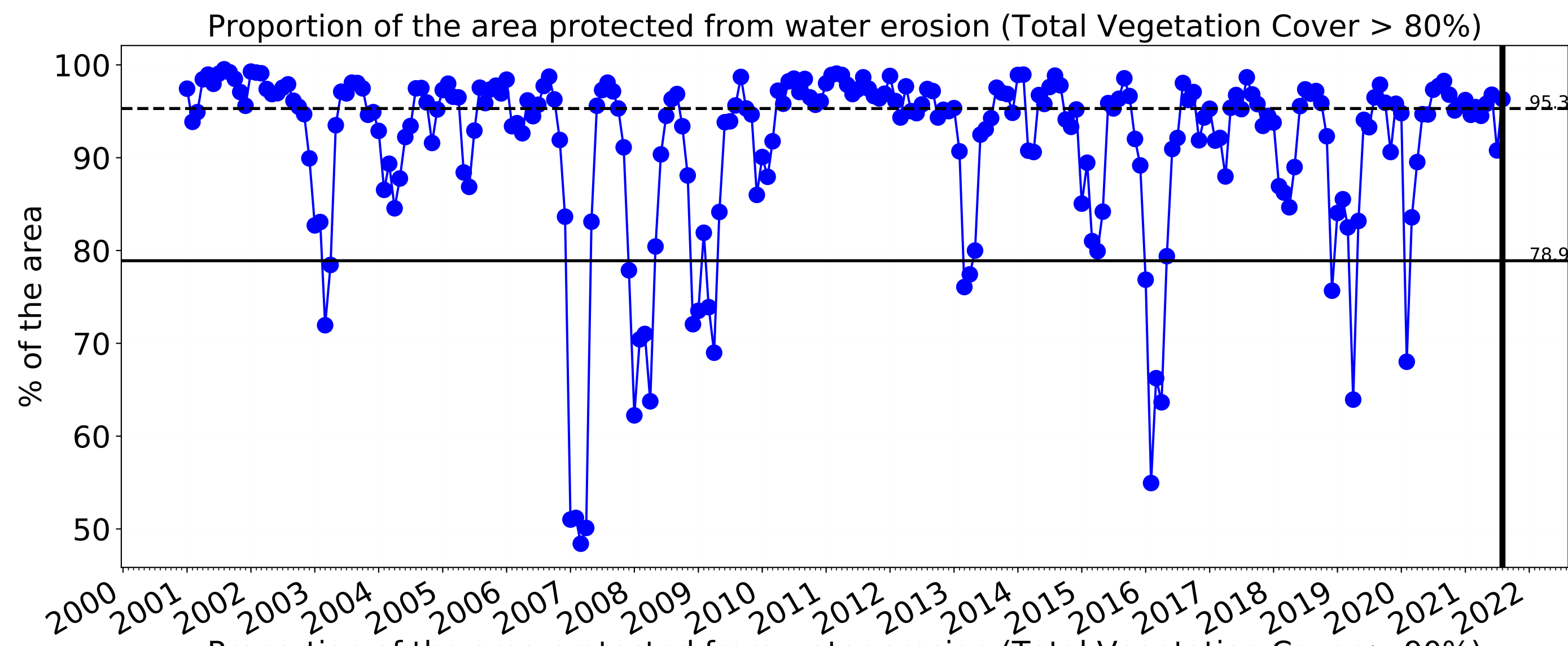


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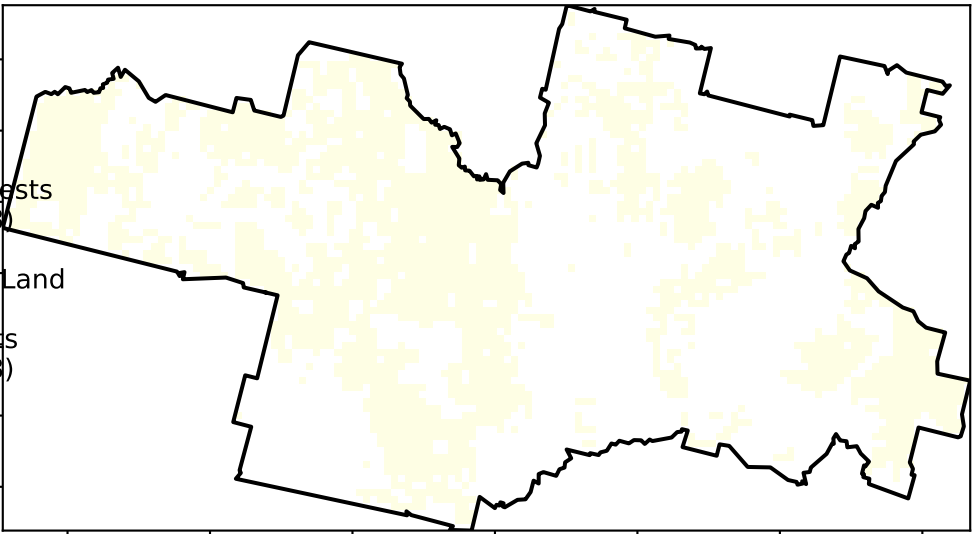




Grazing non forest

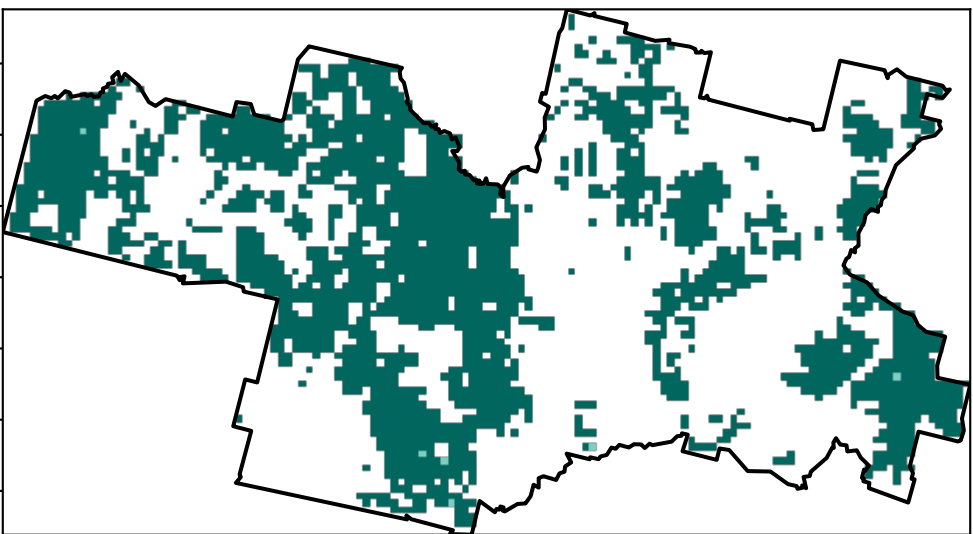
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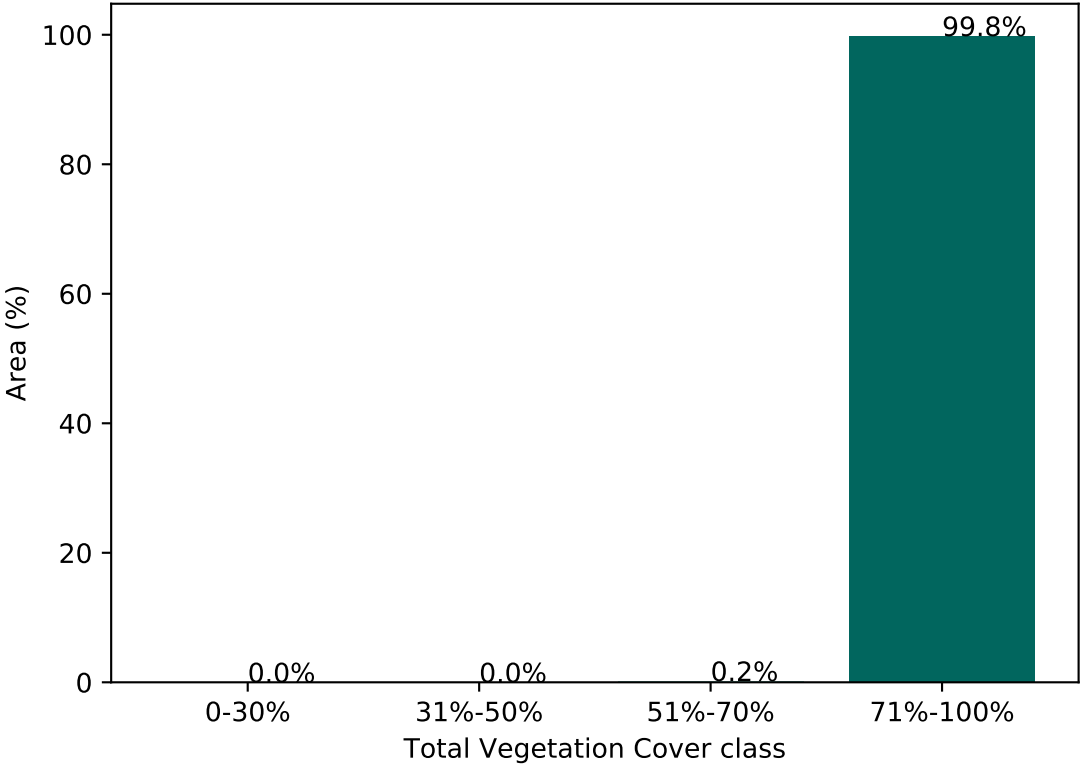


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

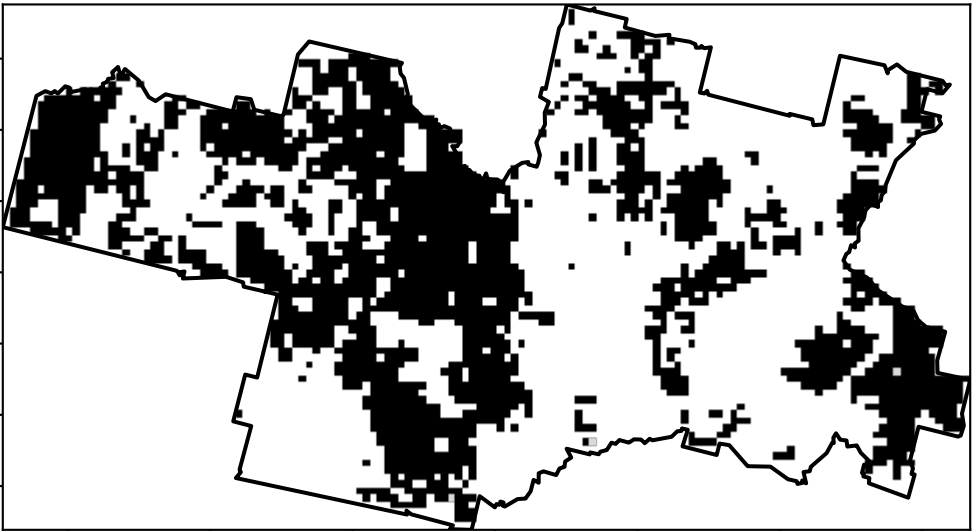
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

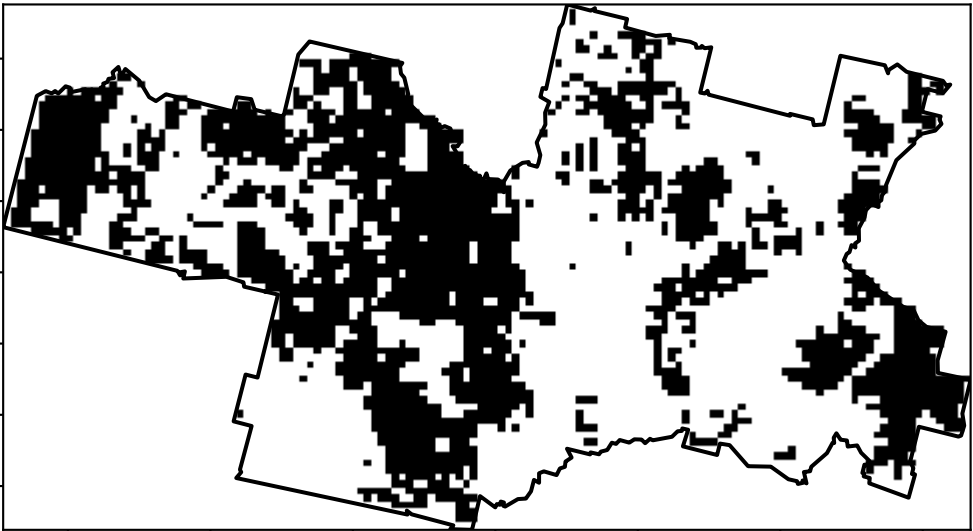


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
0.2% of region
(127 ha)
Area protected
99.8% of region
(63,497 ha)

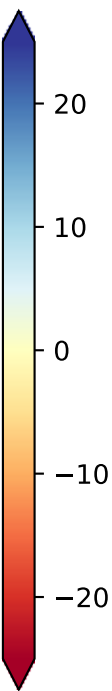
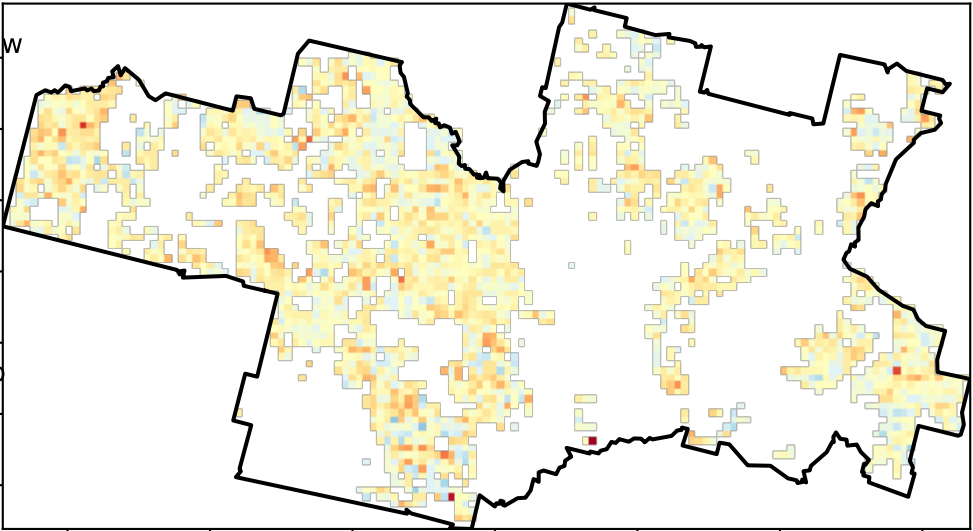
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area protected
100.0% of region
(63,625 ha)

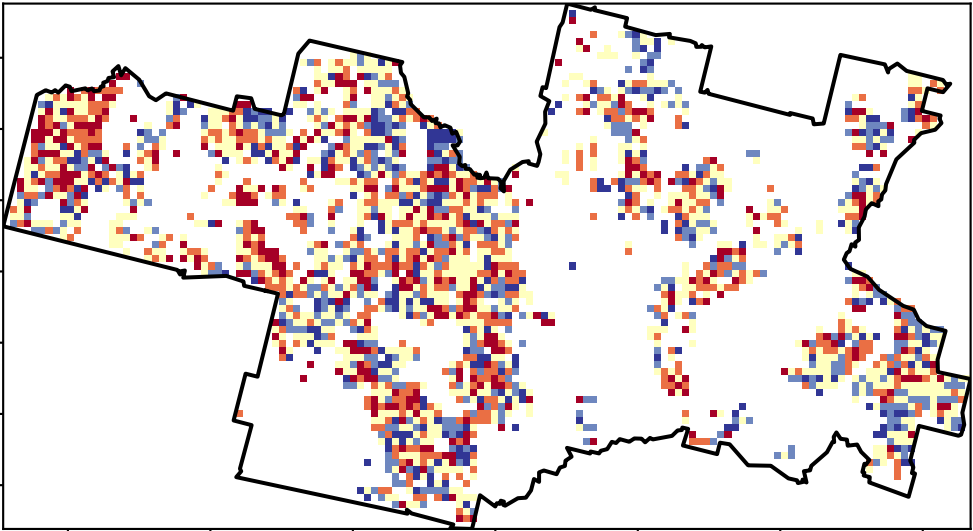
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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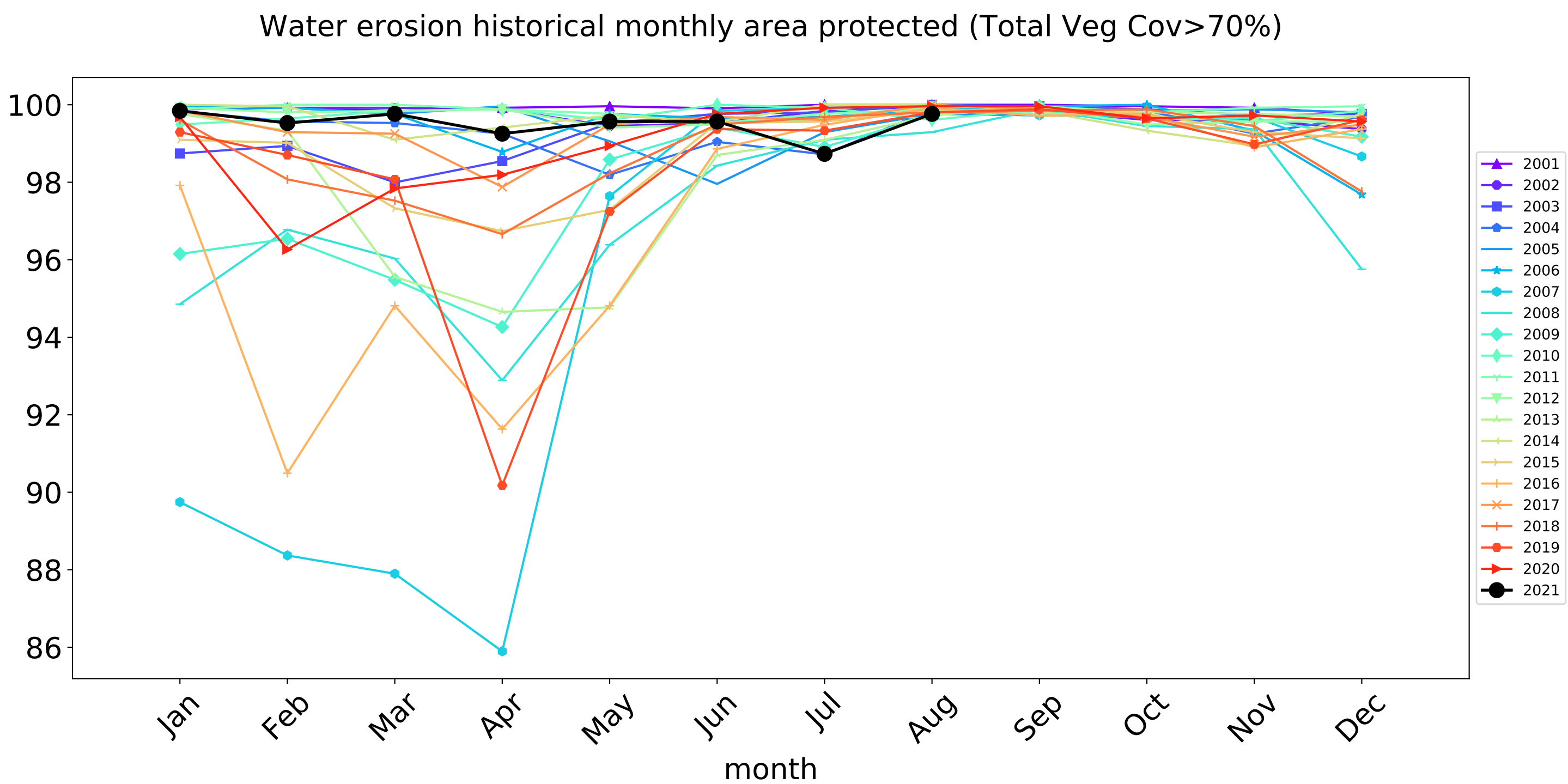
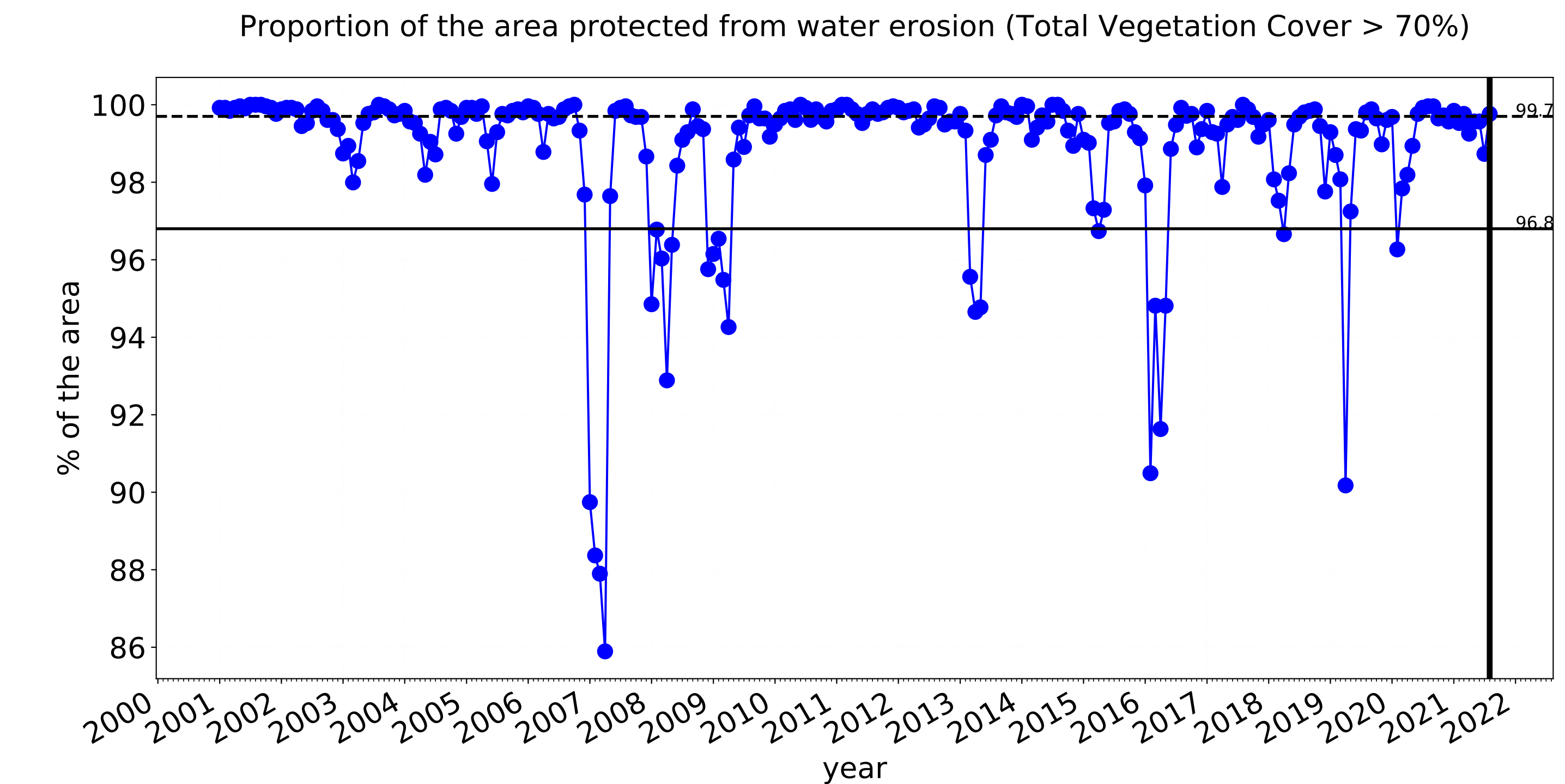
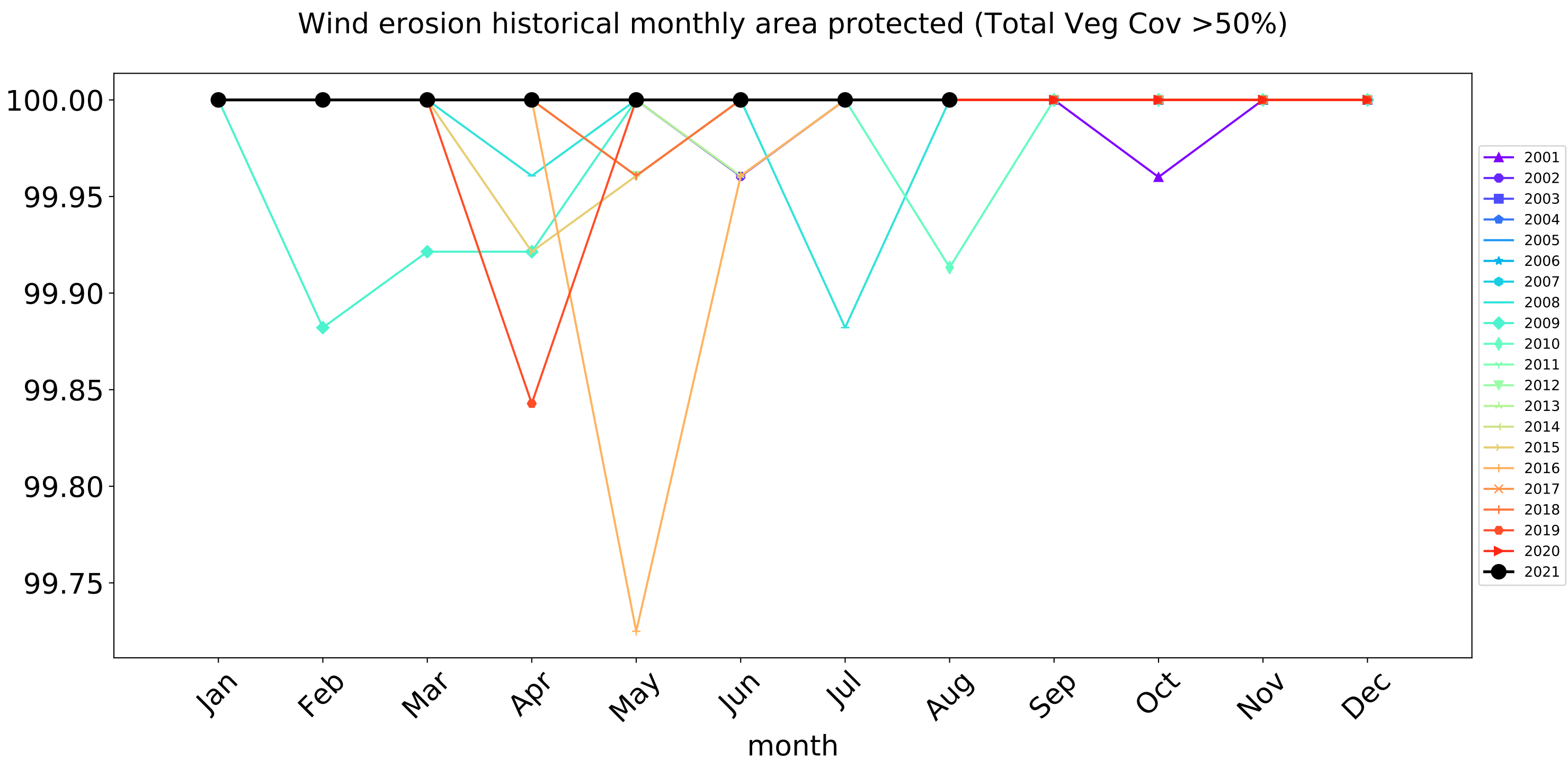
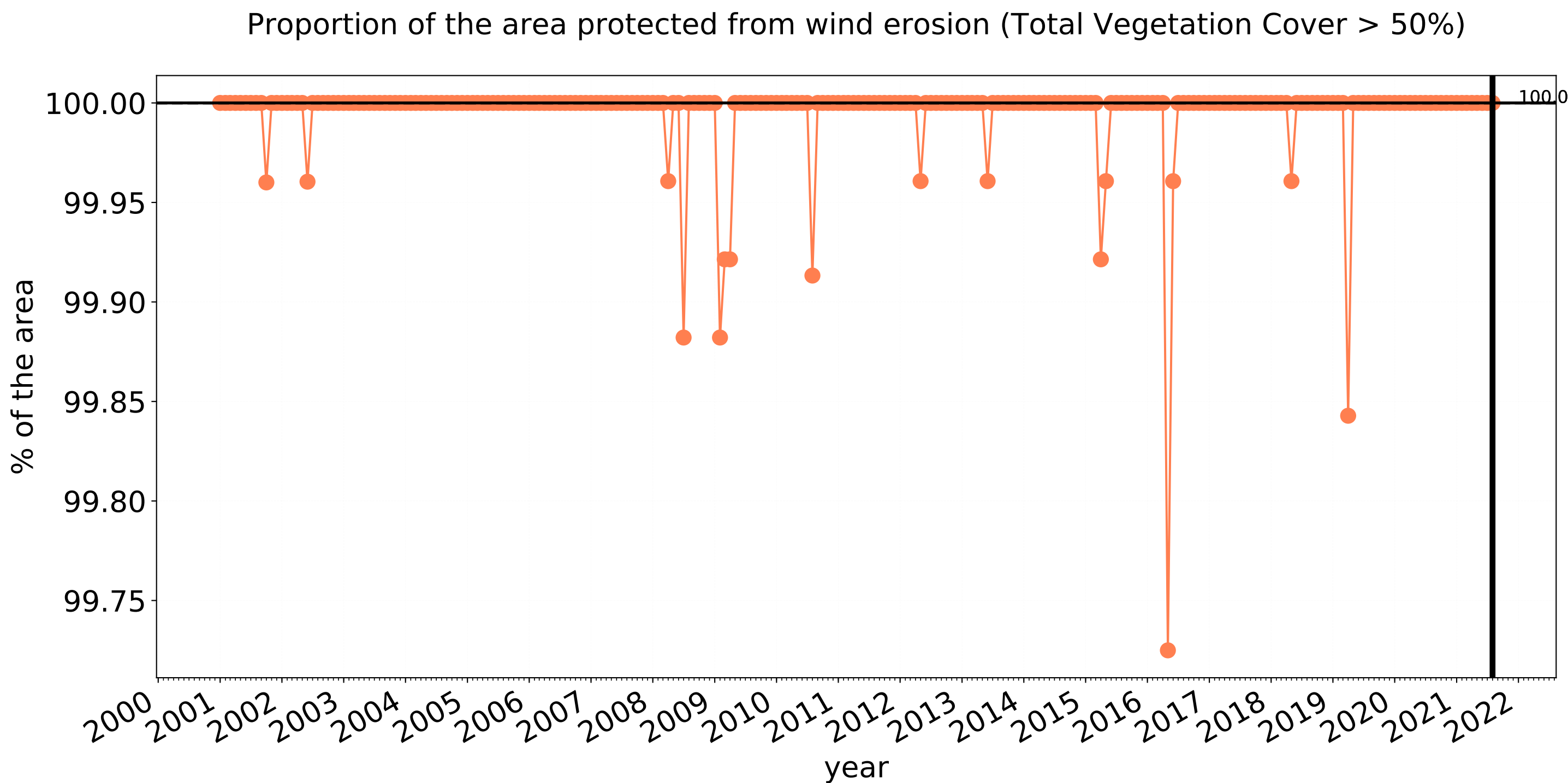


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Grazing non forest timeseries

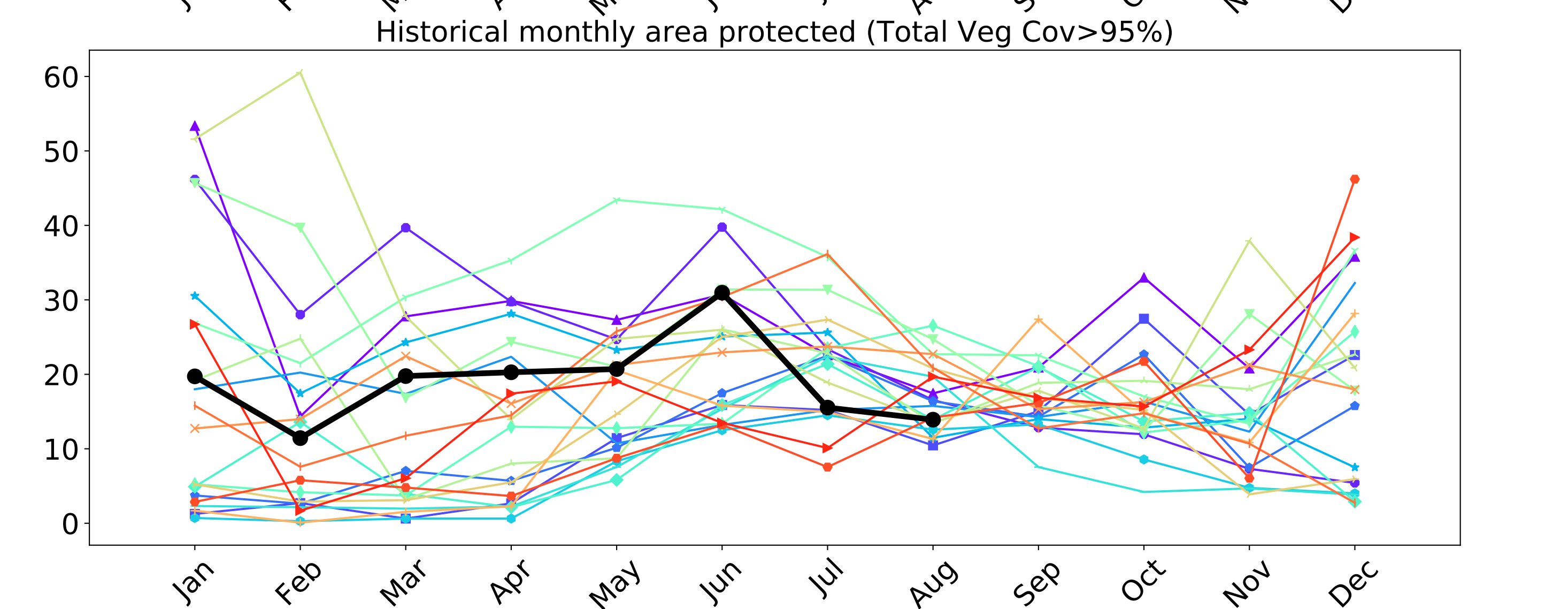
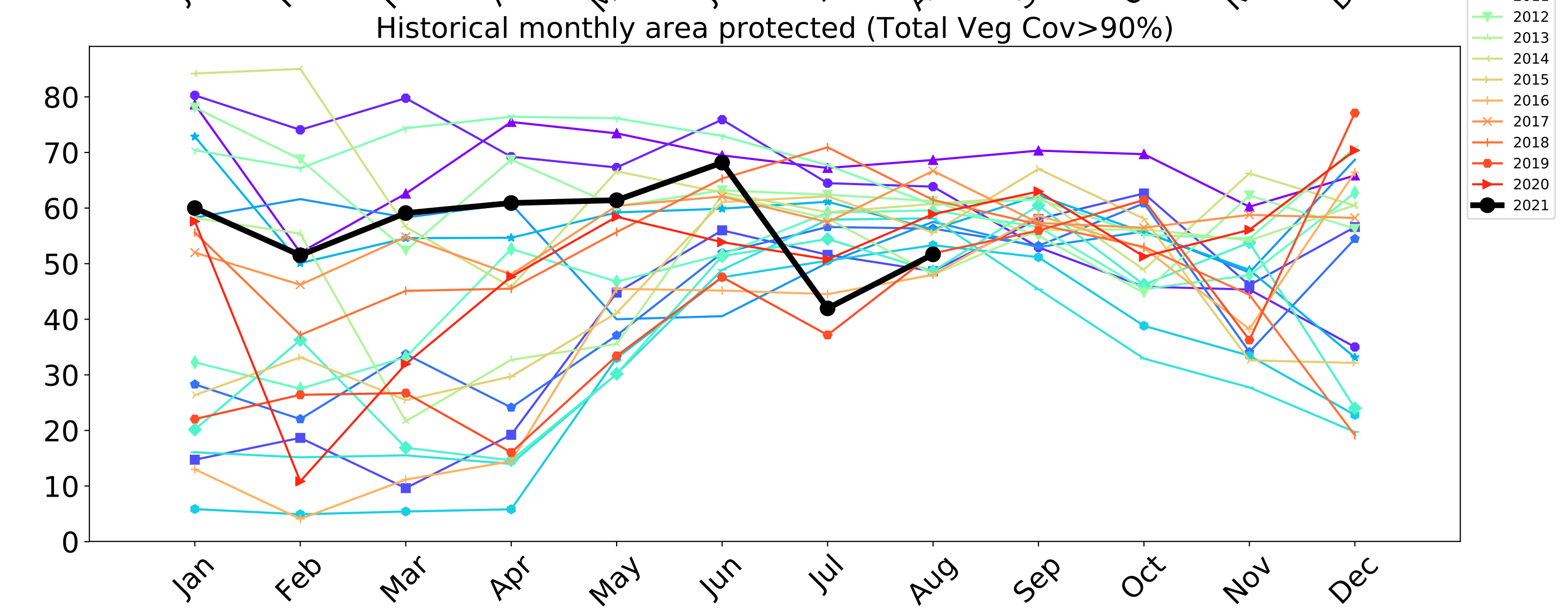
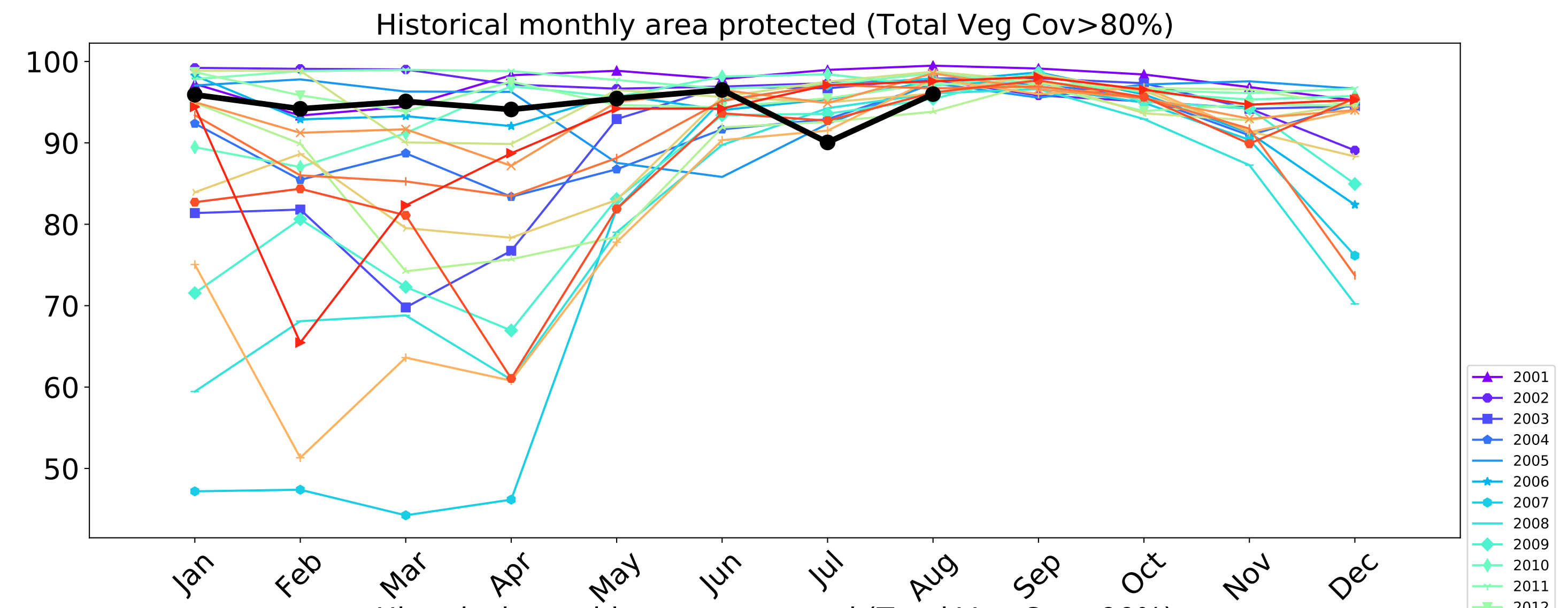
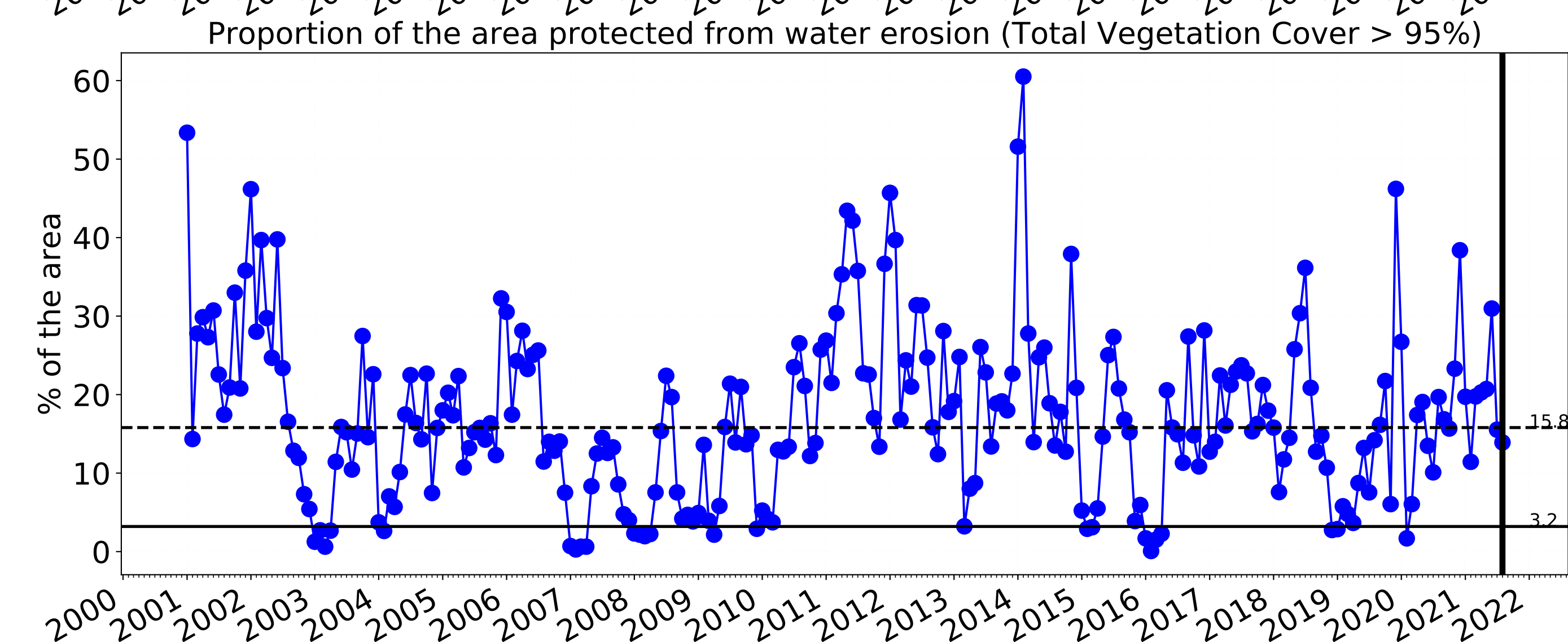
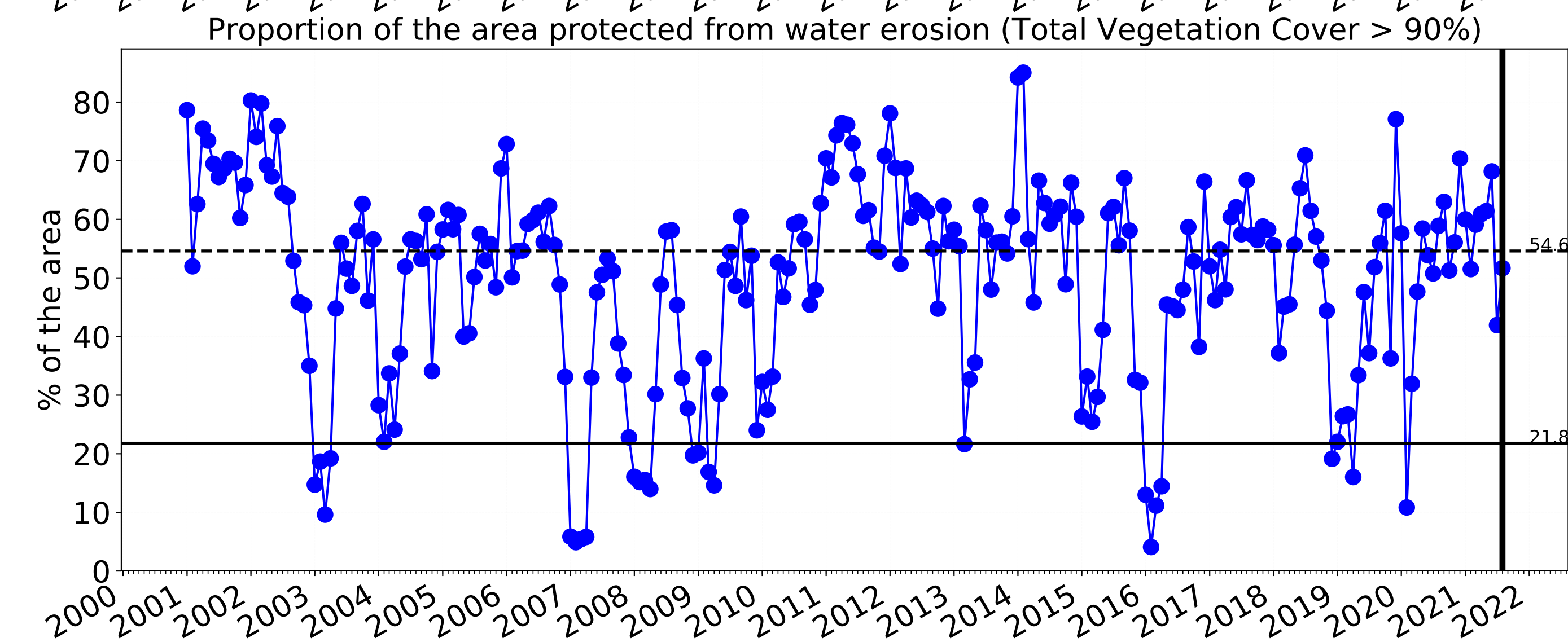
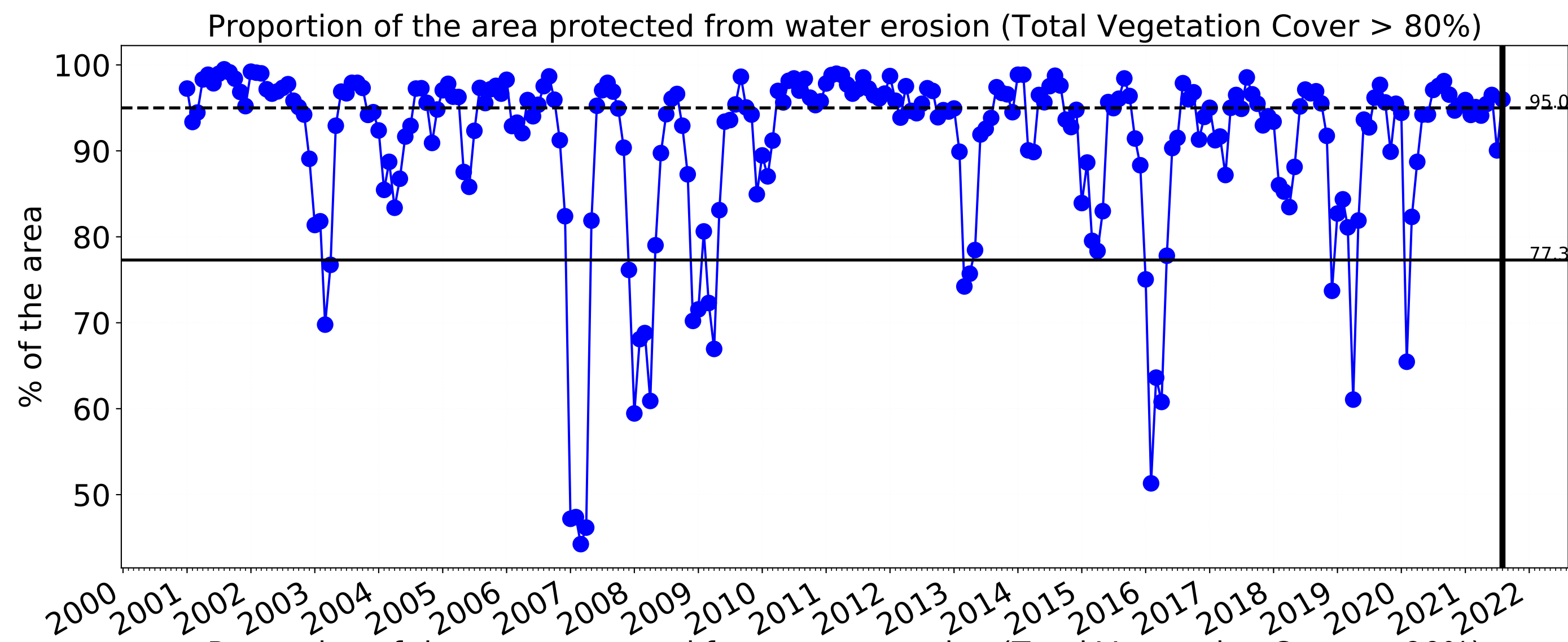


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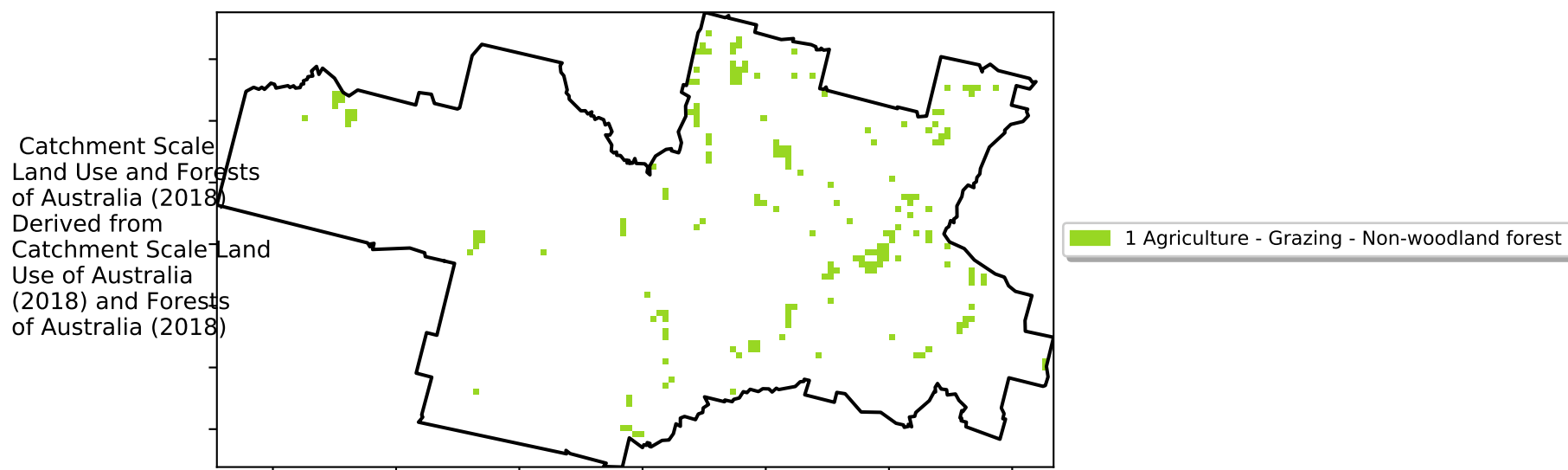
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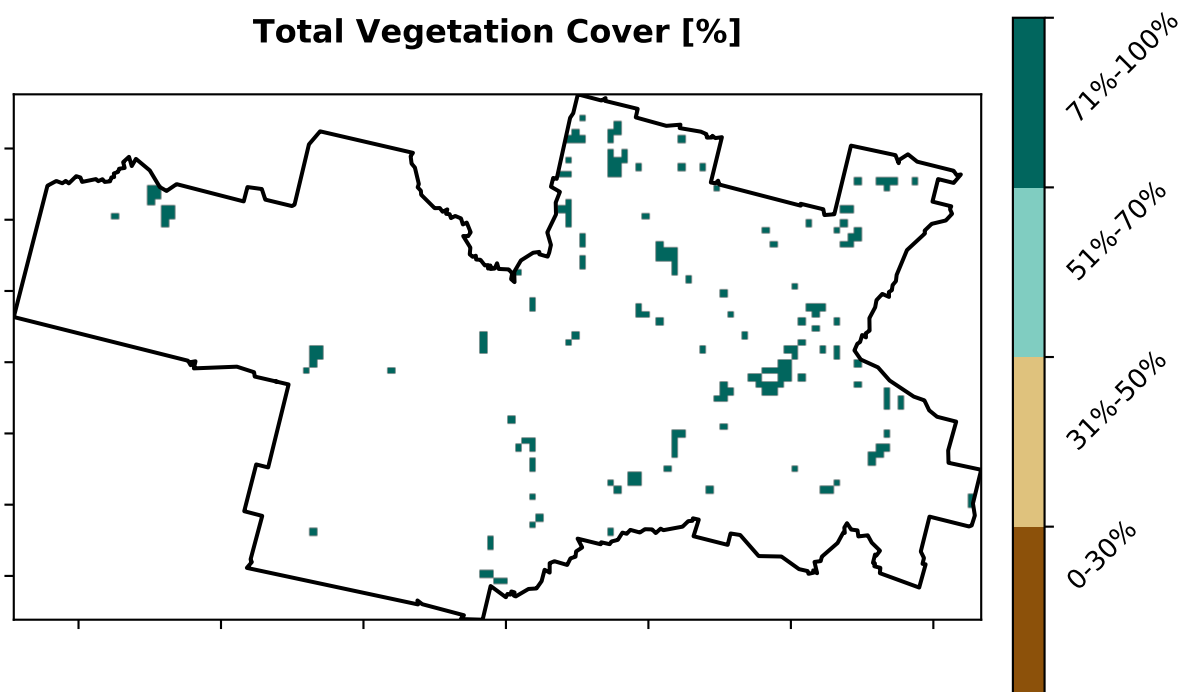


Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

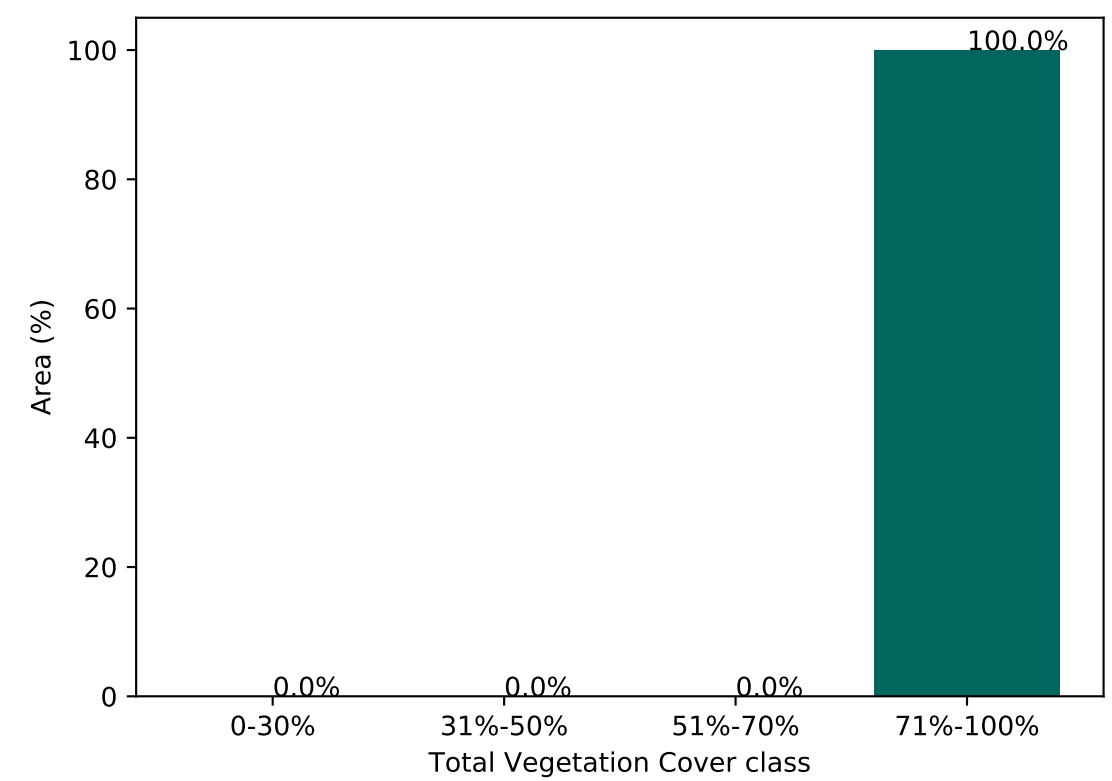
Land use and forest cover



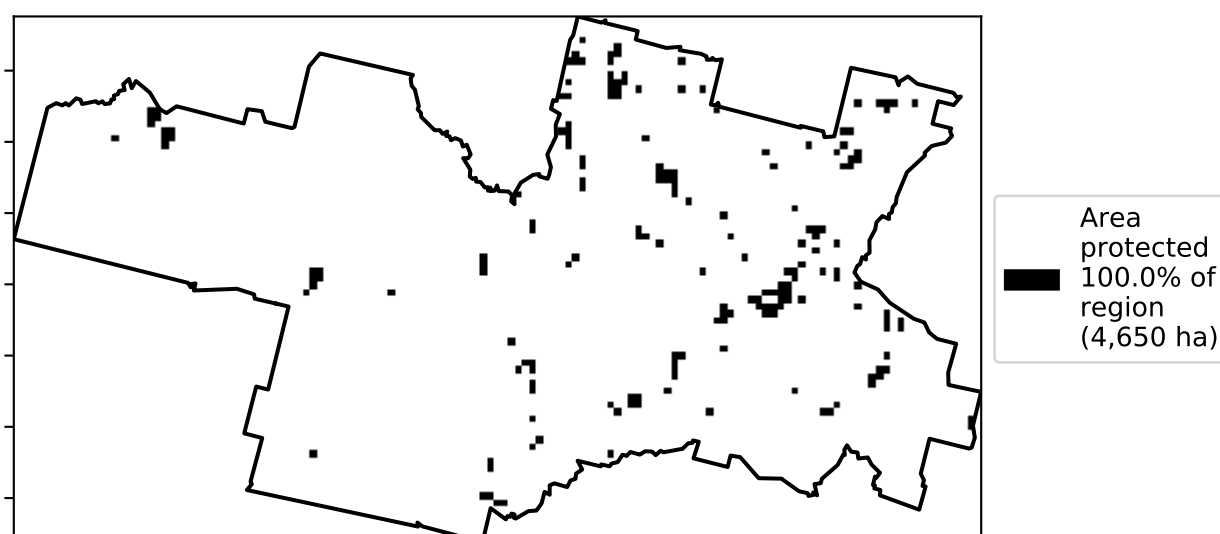
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



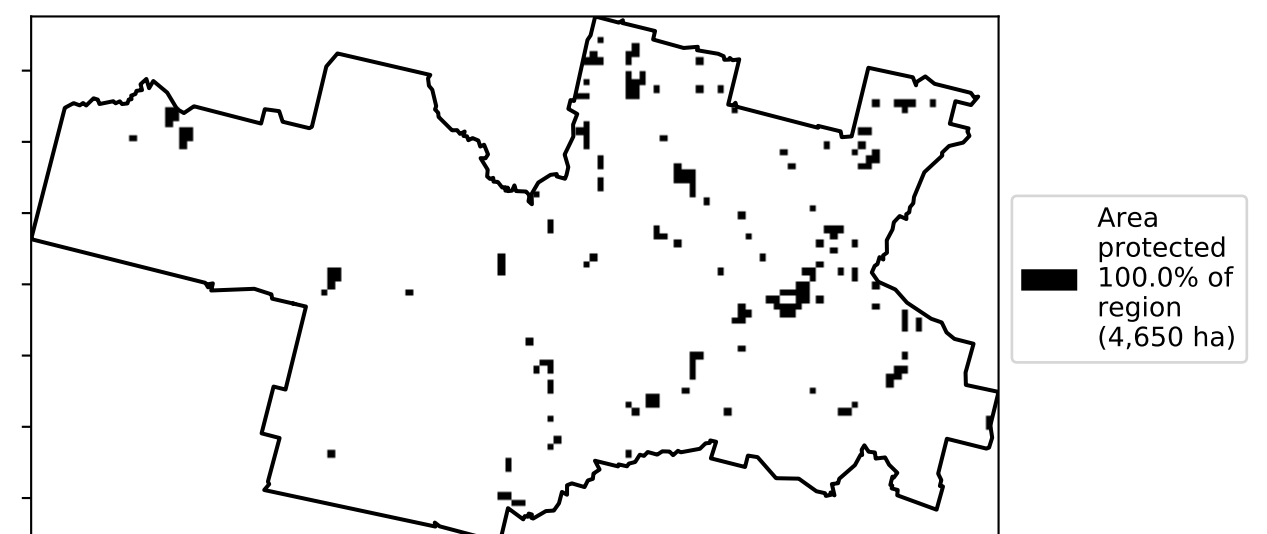
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



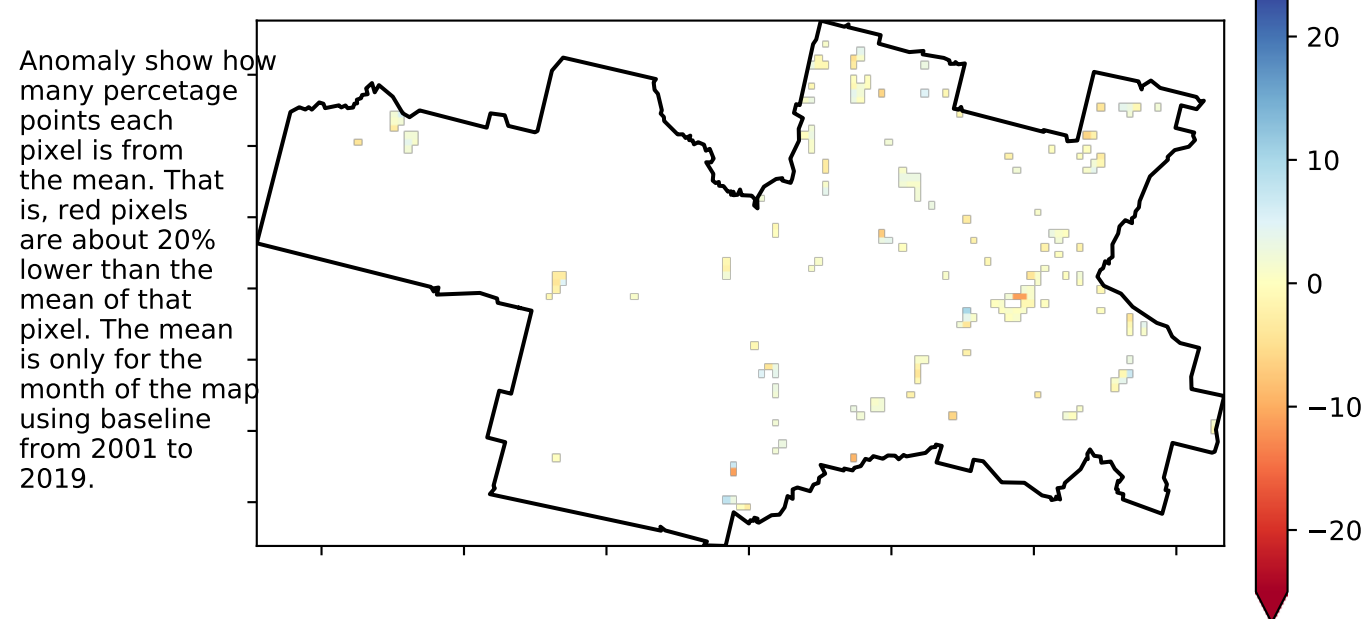
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

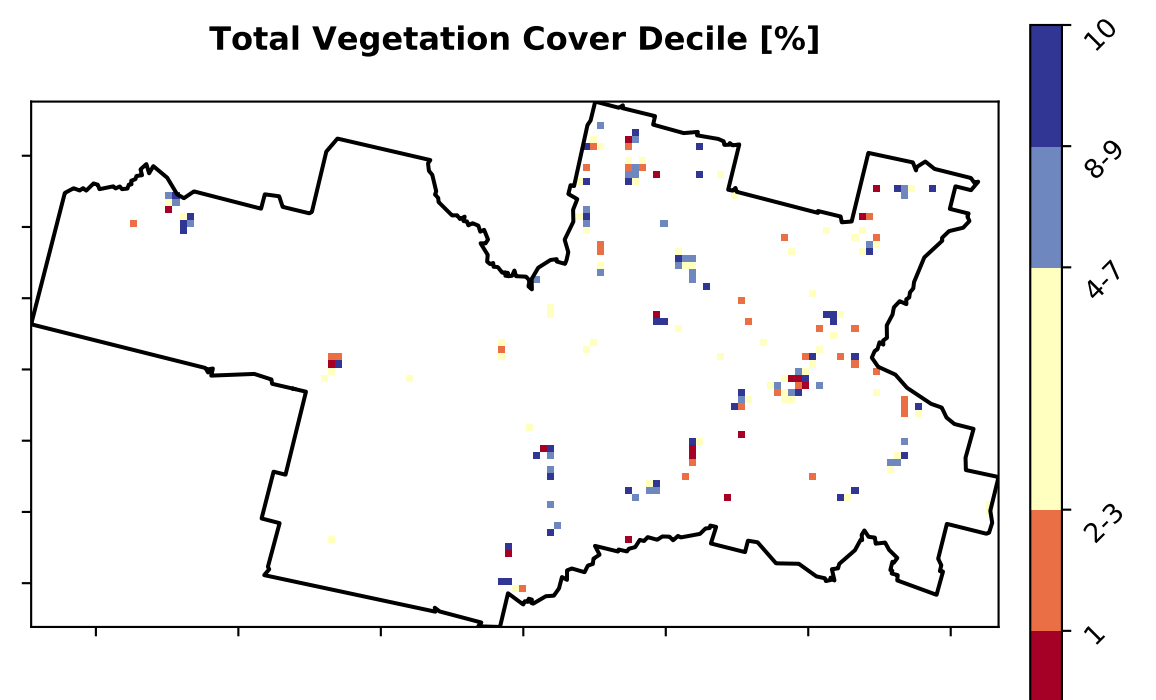


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



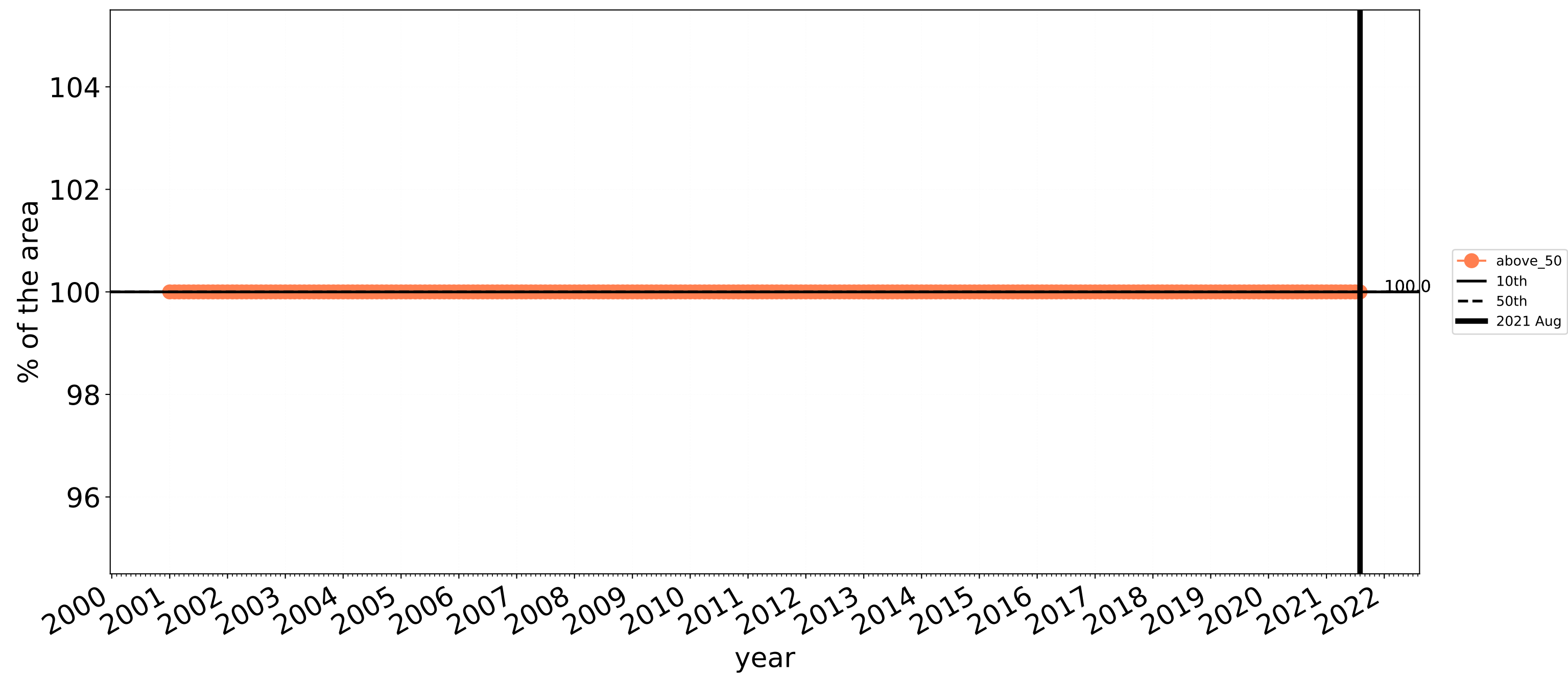
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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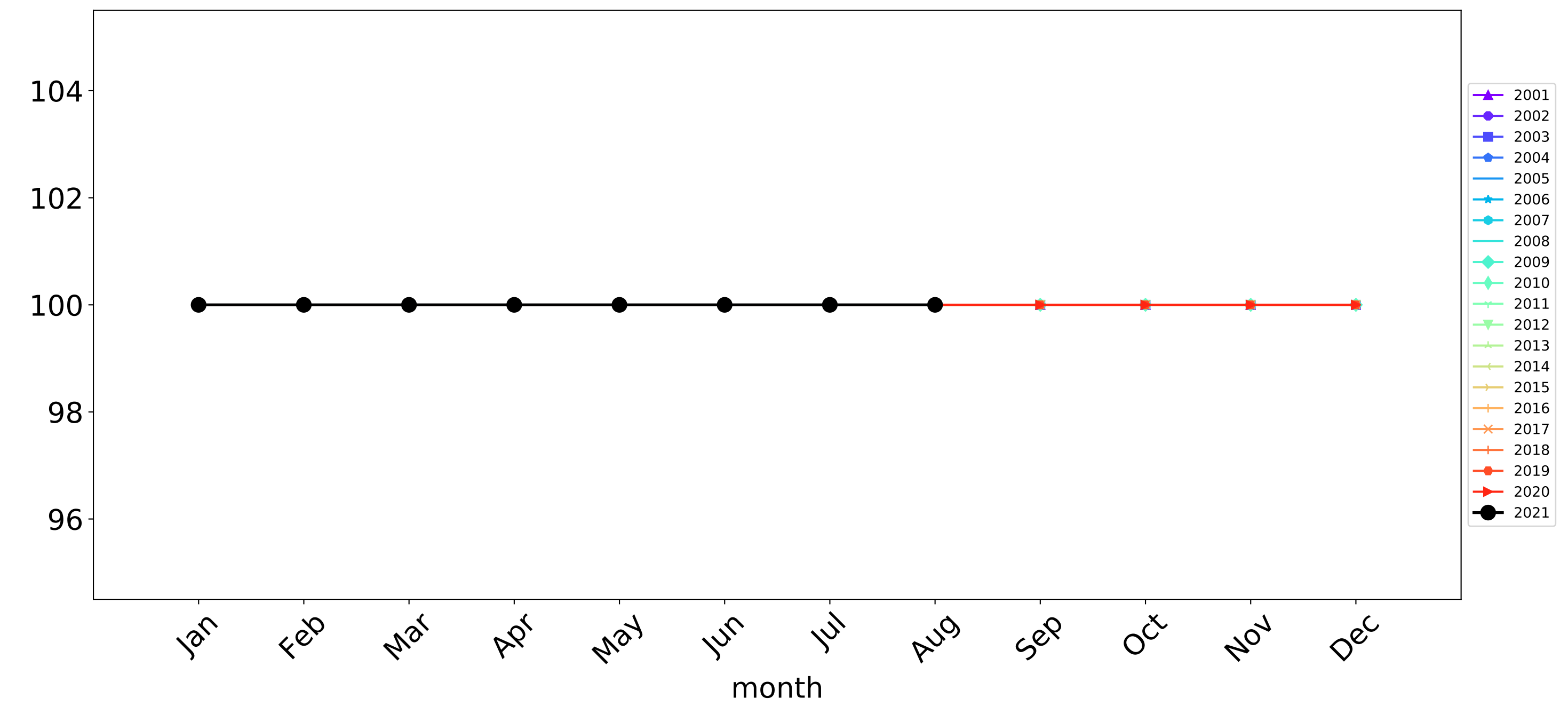


Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

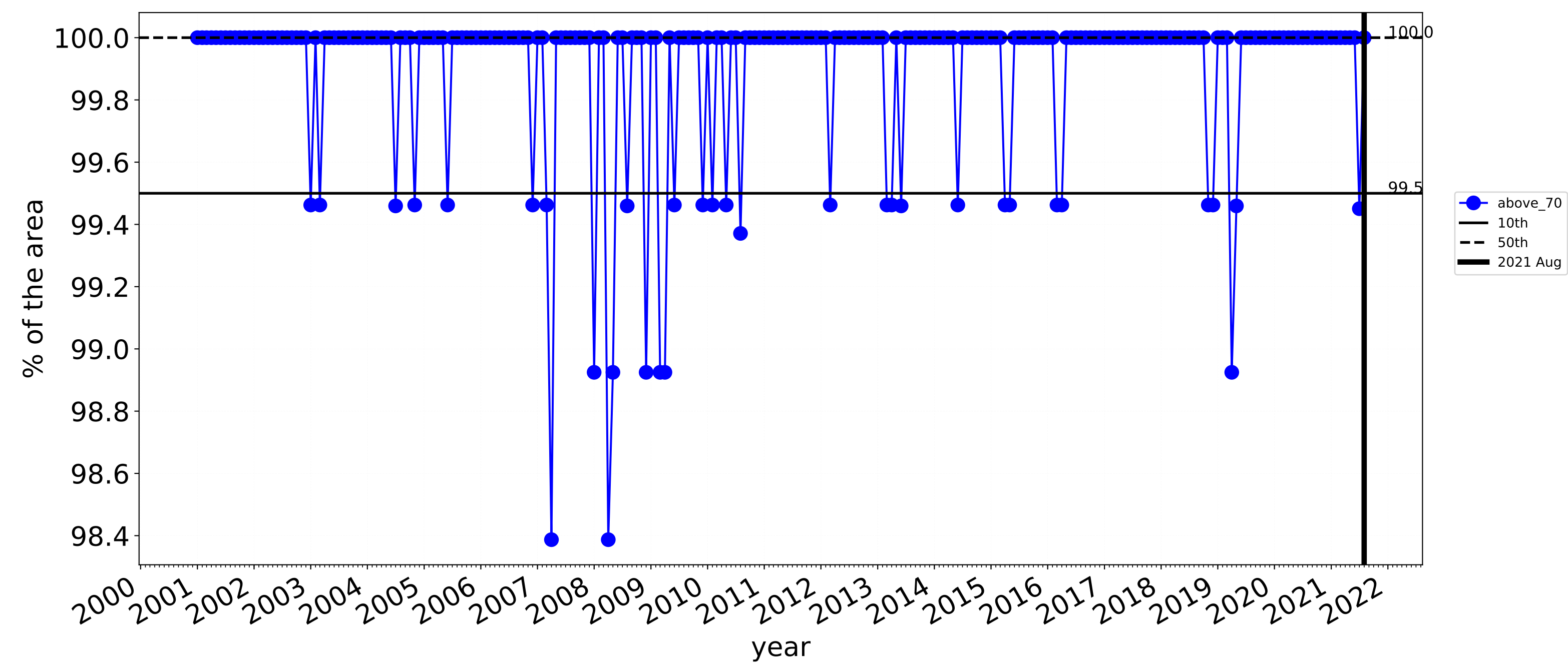
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



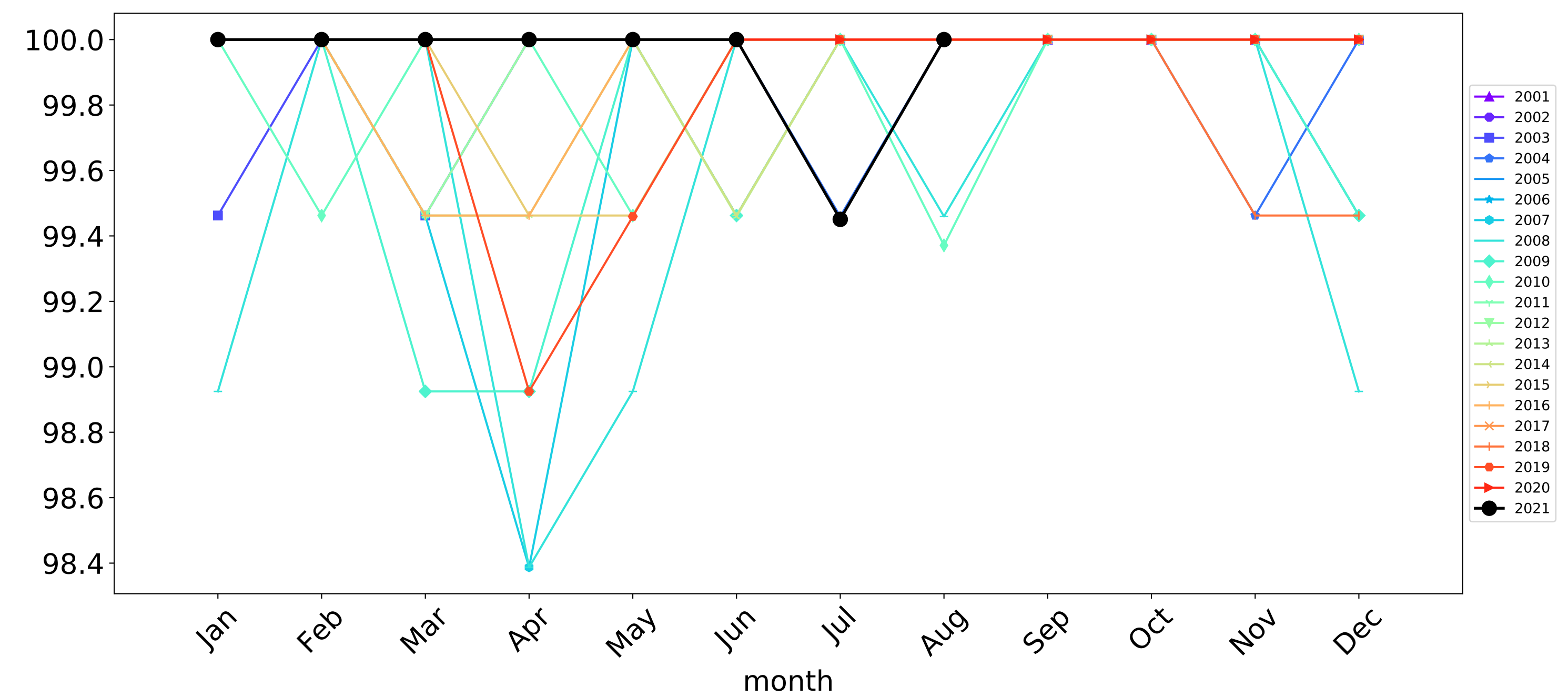
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

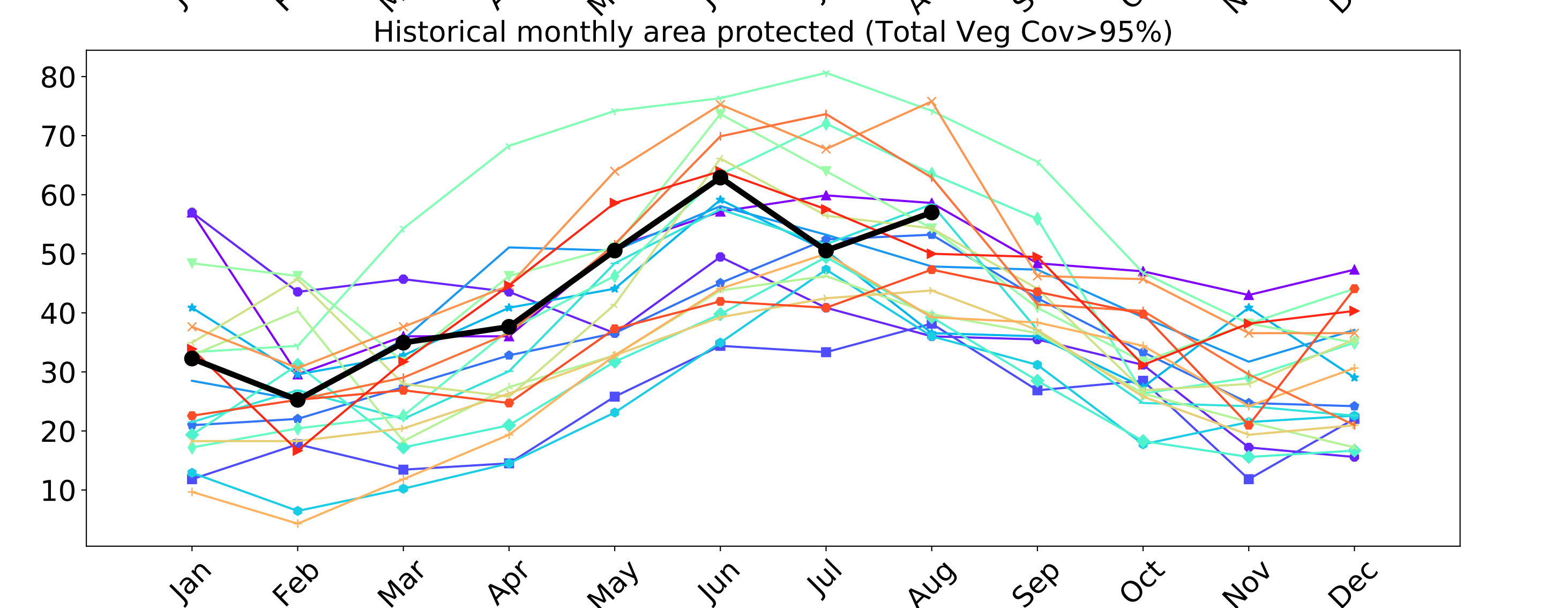
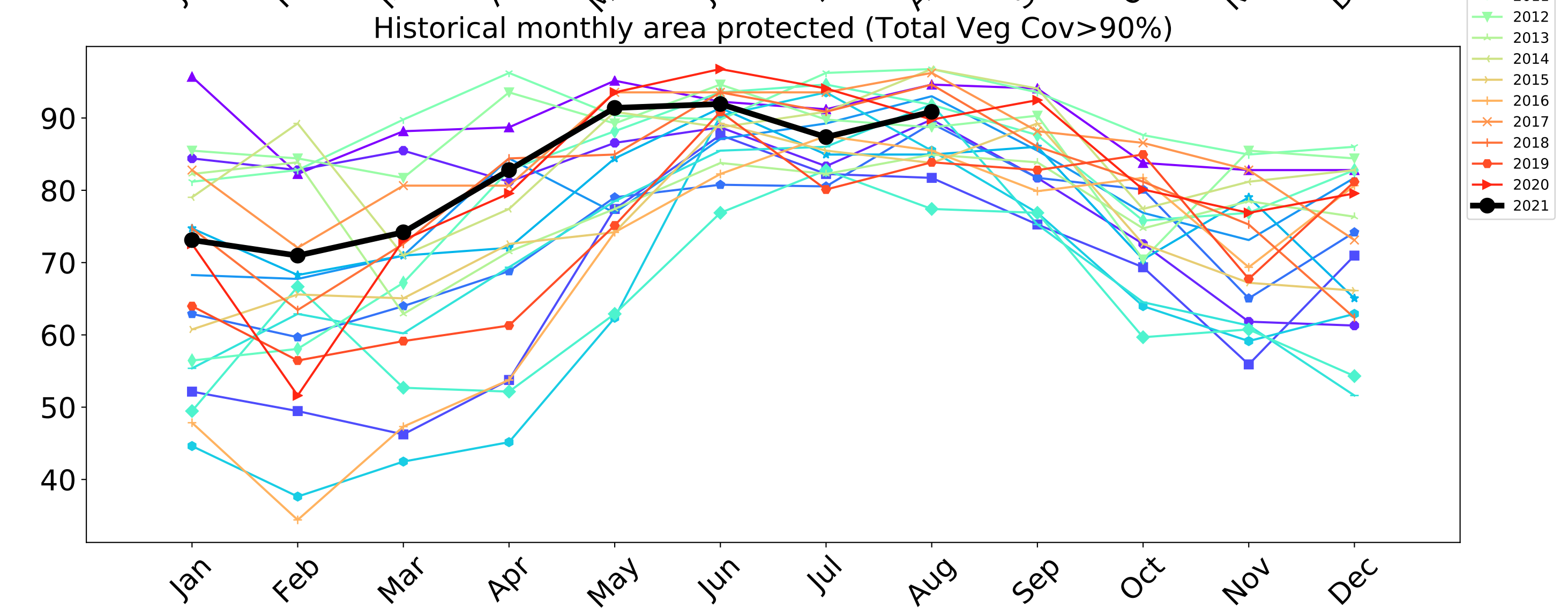
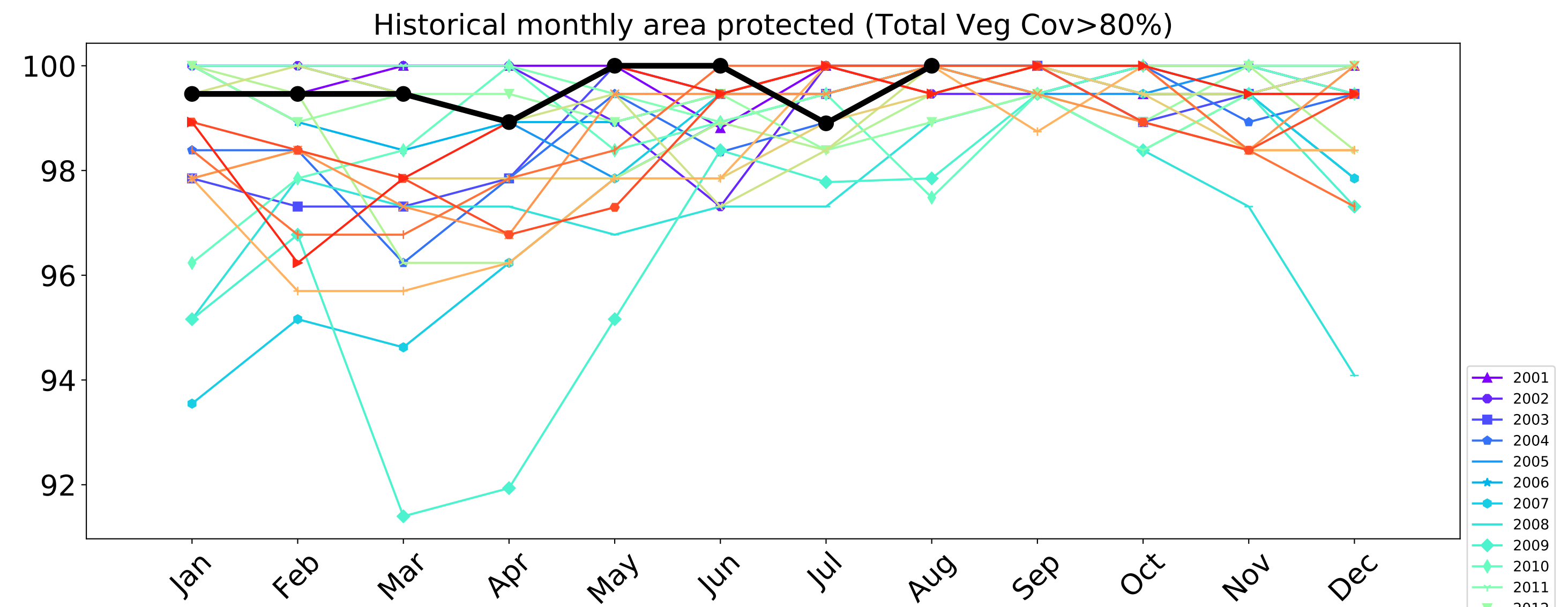
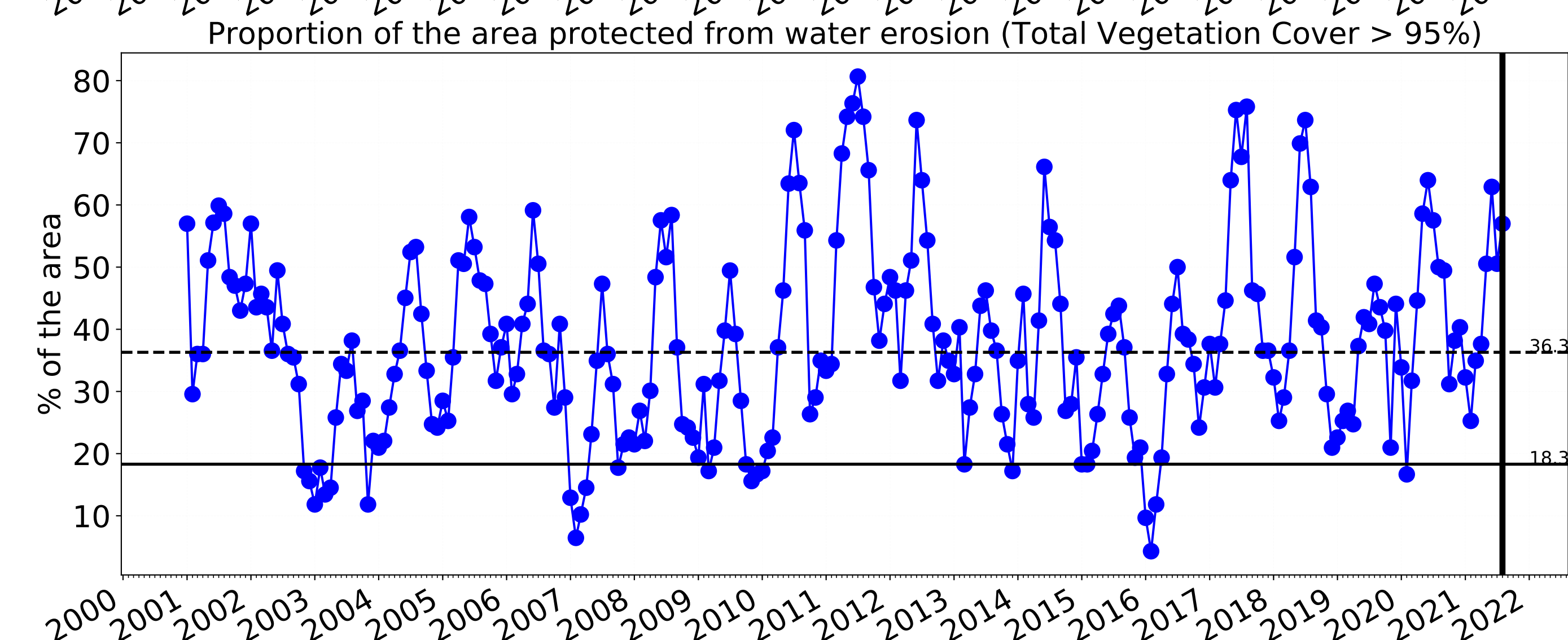
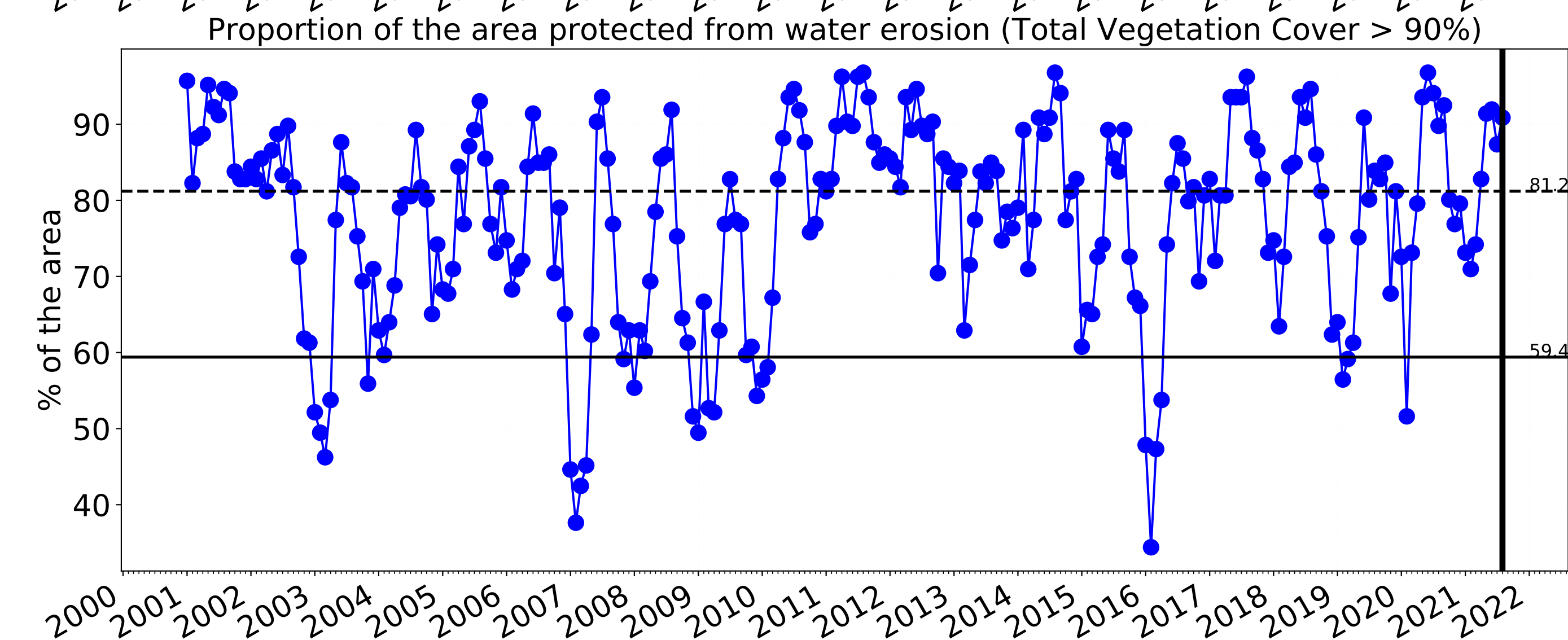
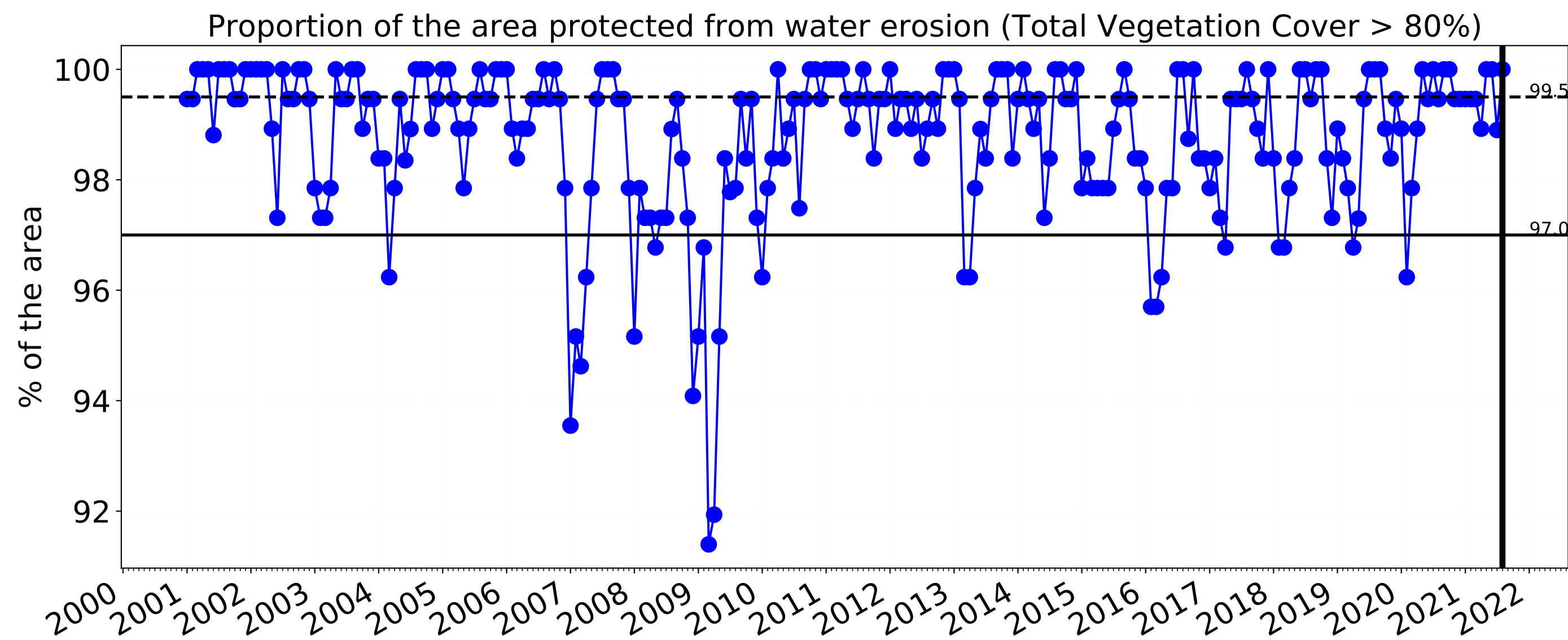


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



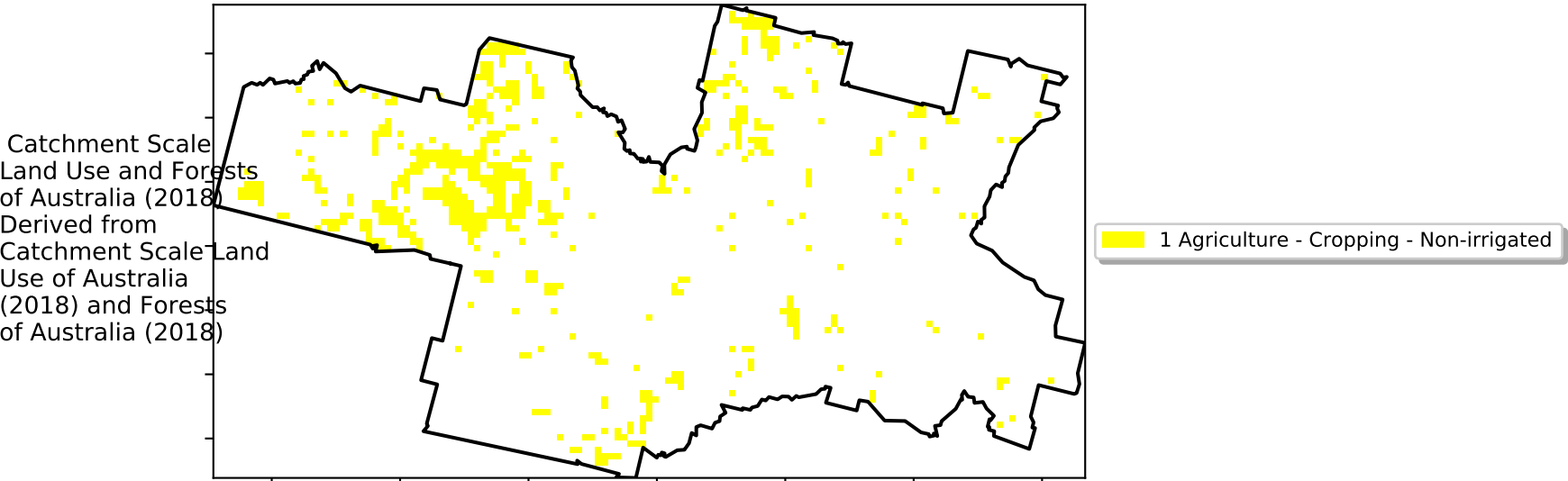
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



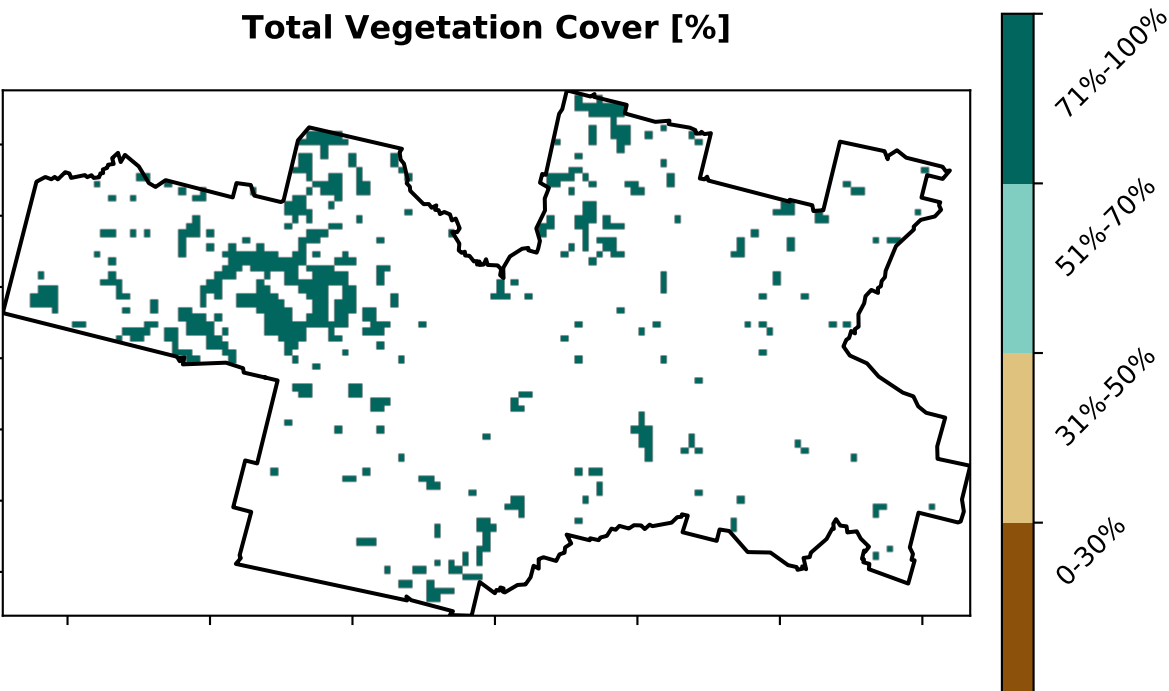


Cropping

Land use and forest cover



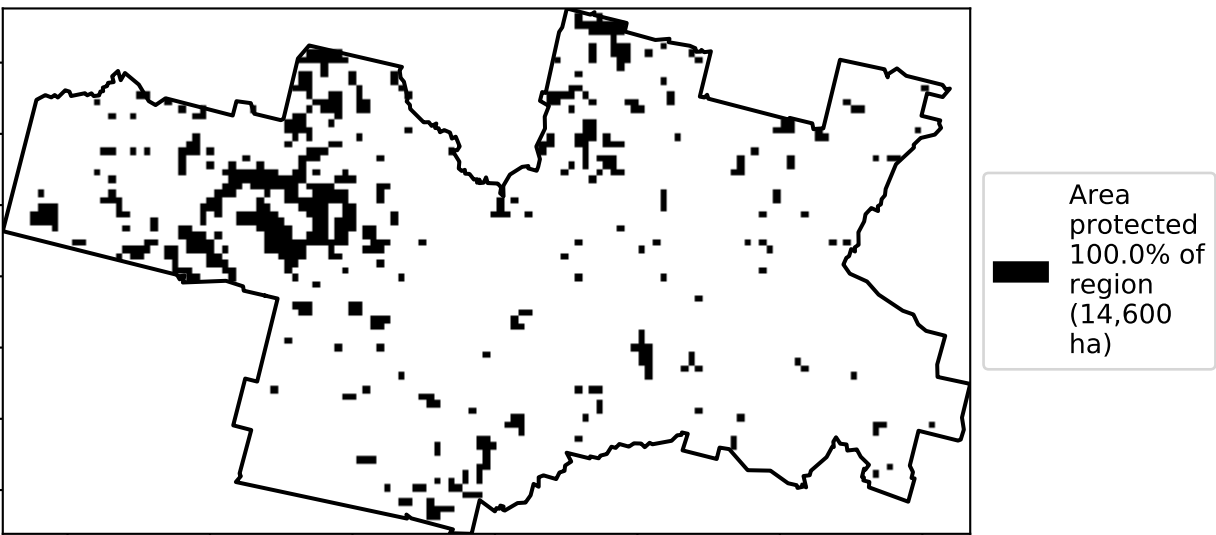
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



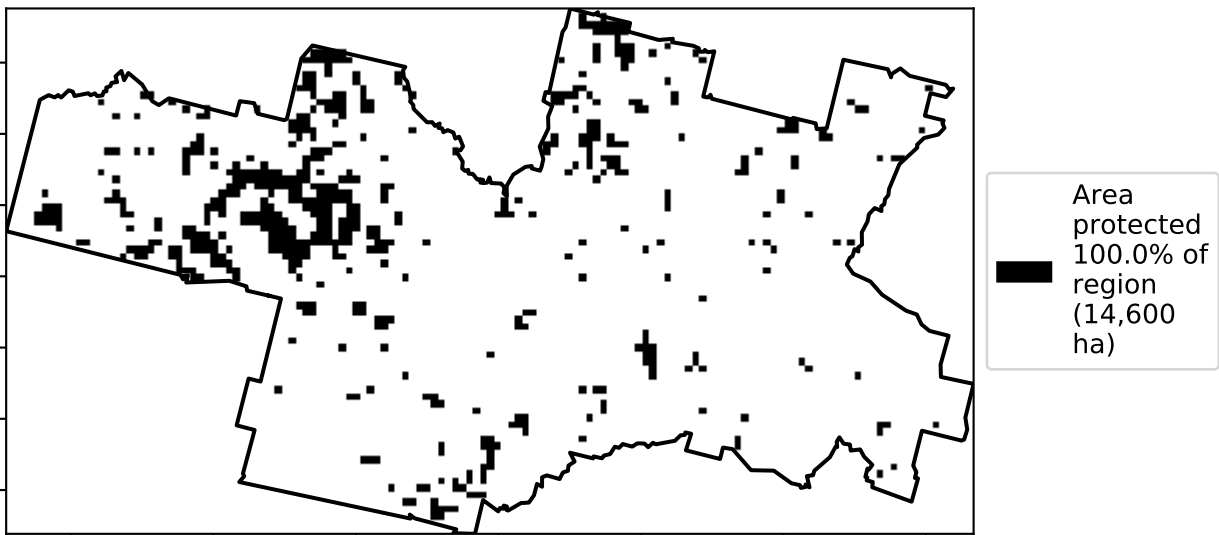
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



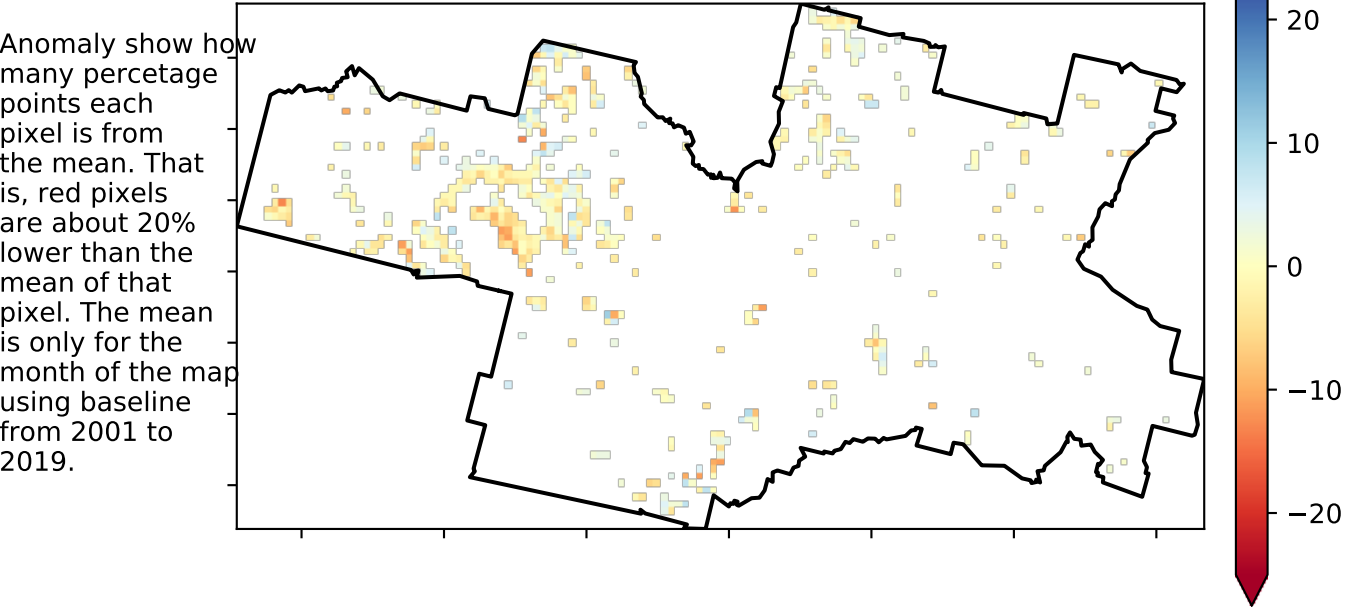
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



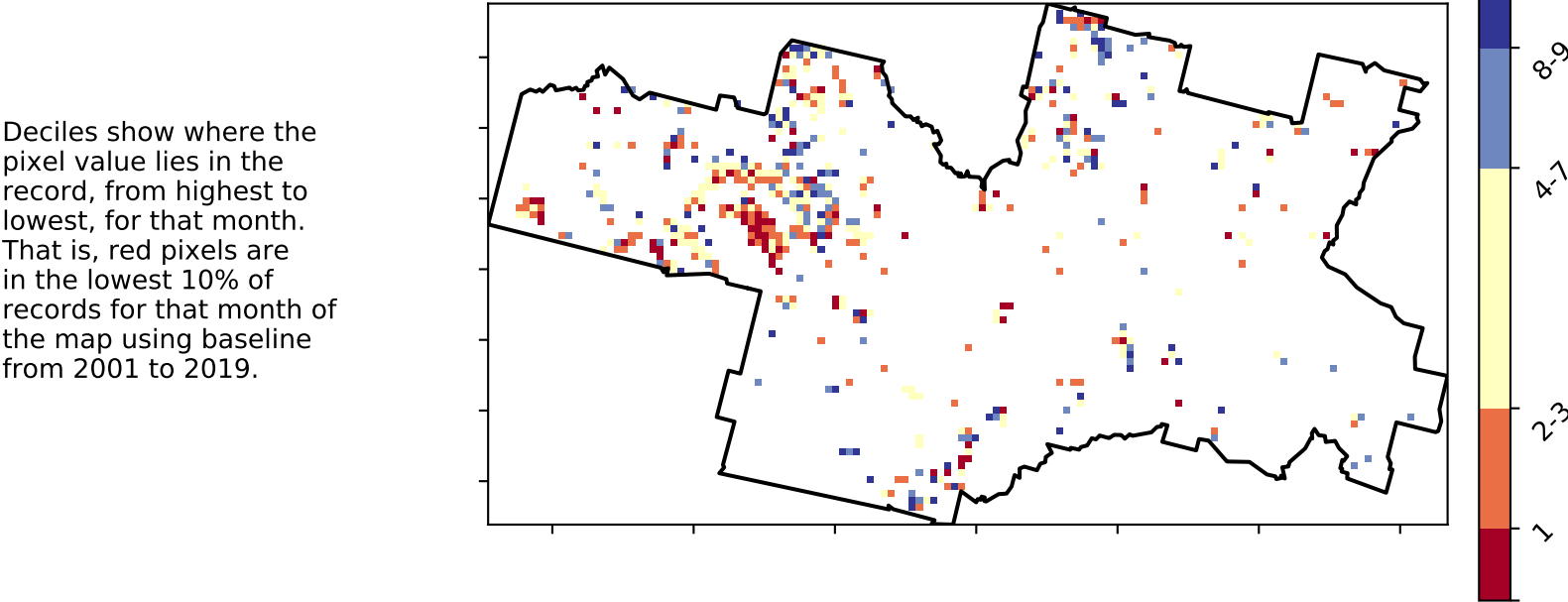
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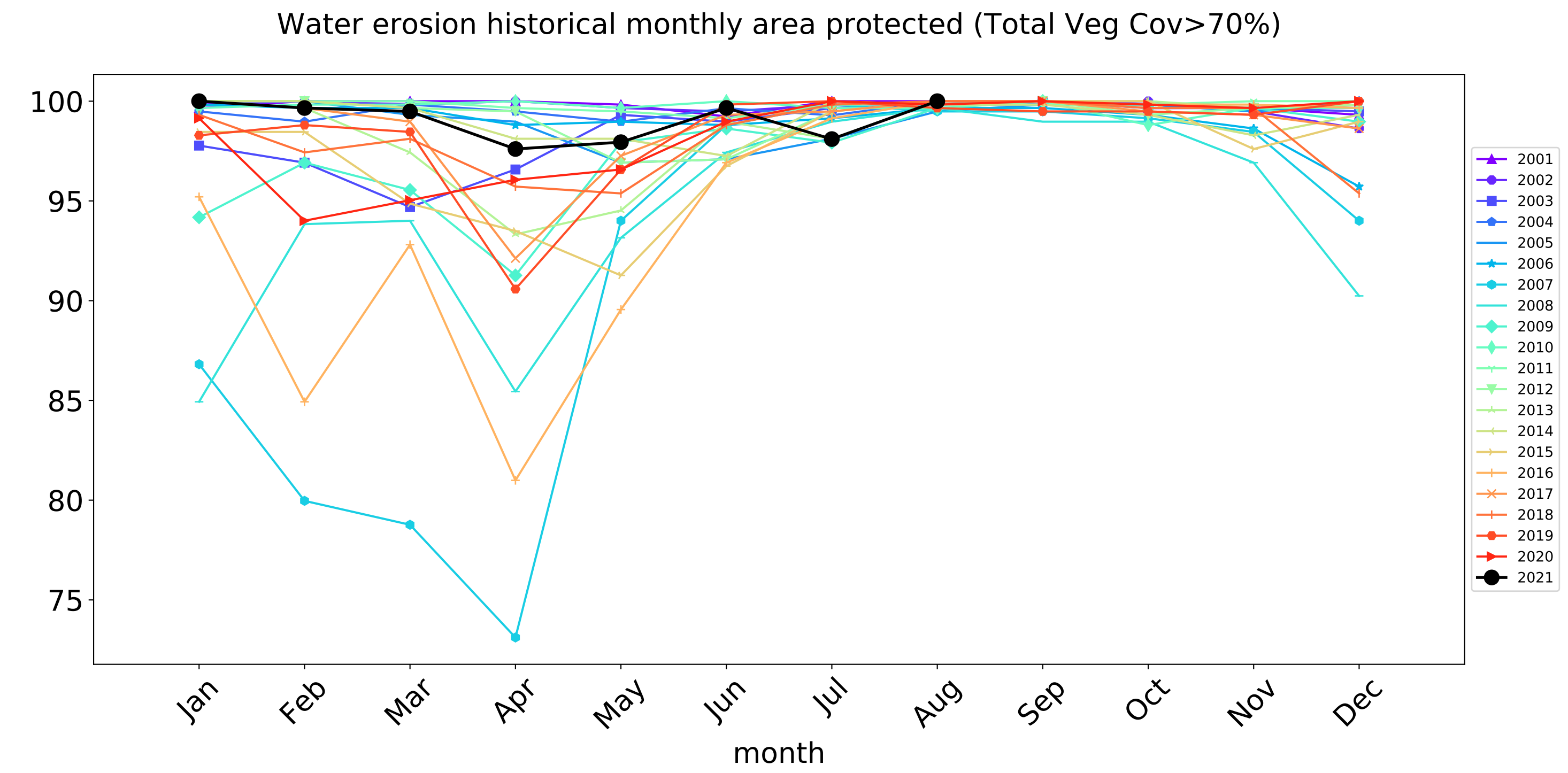
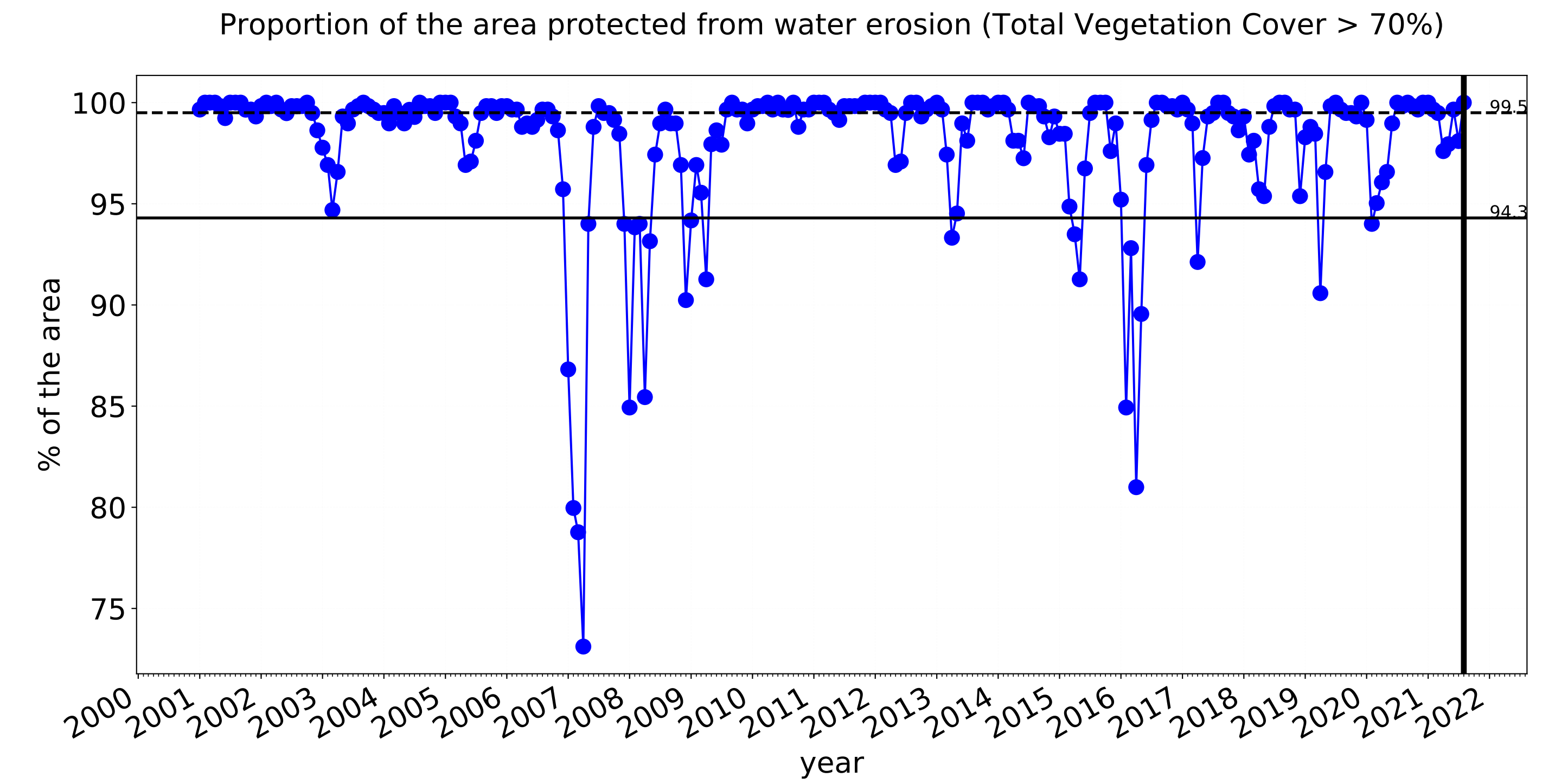
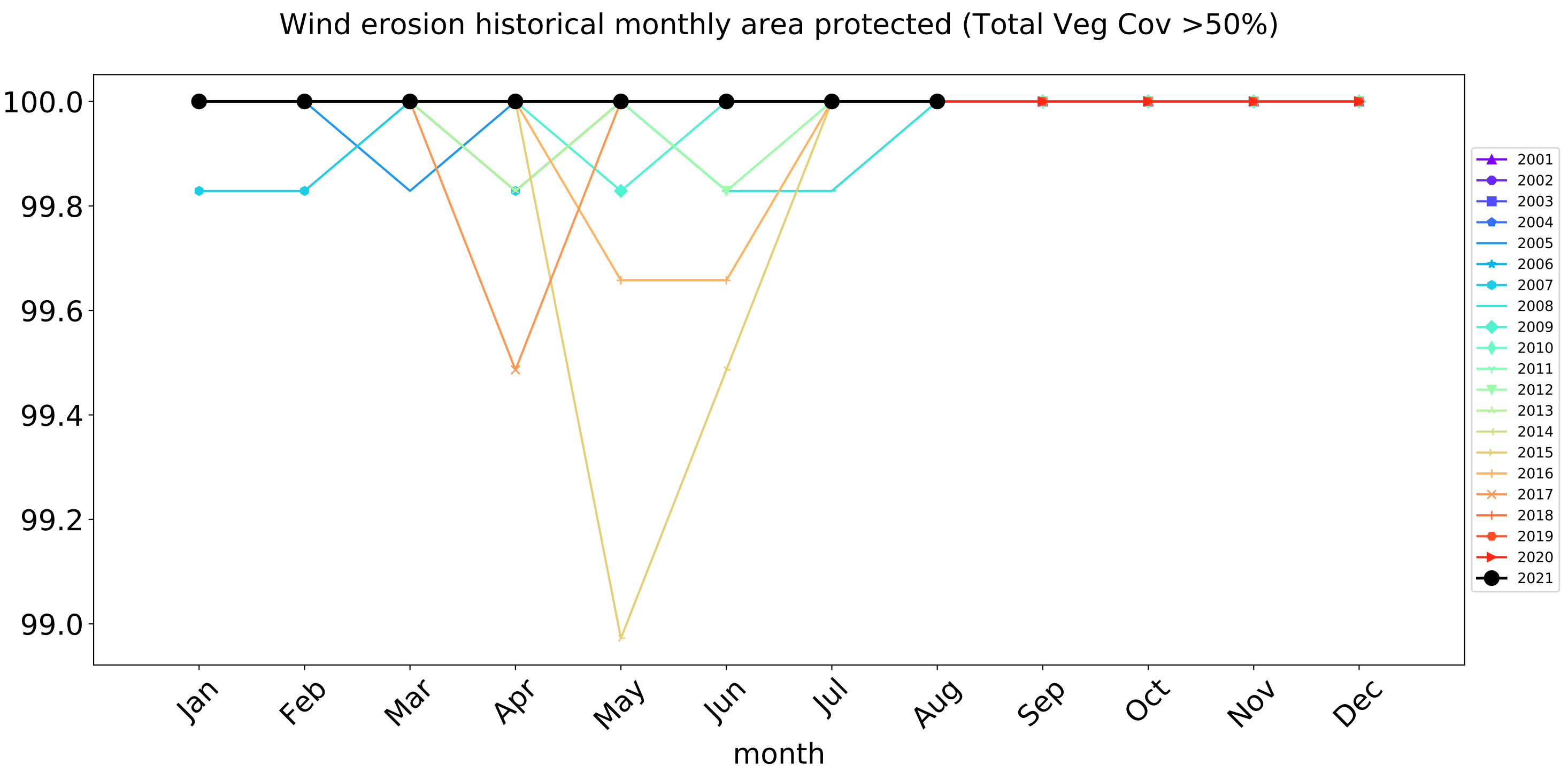
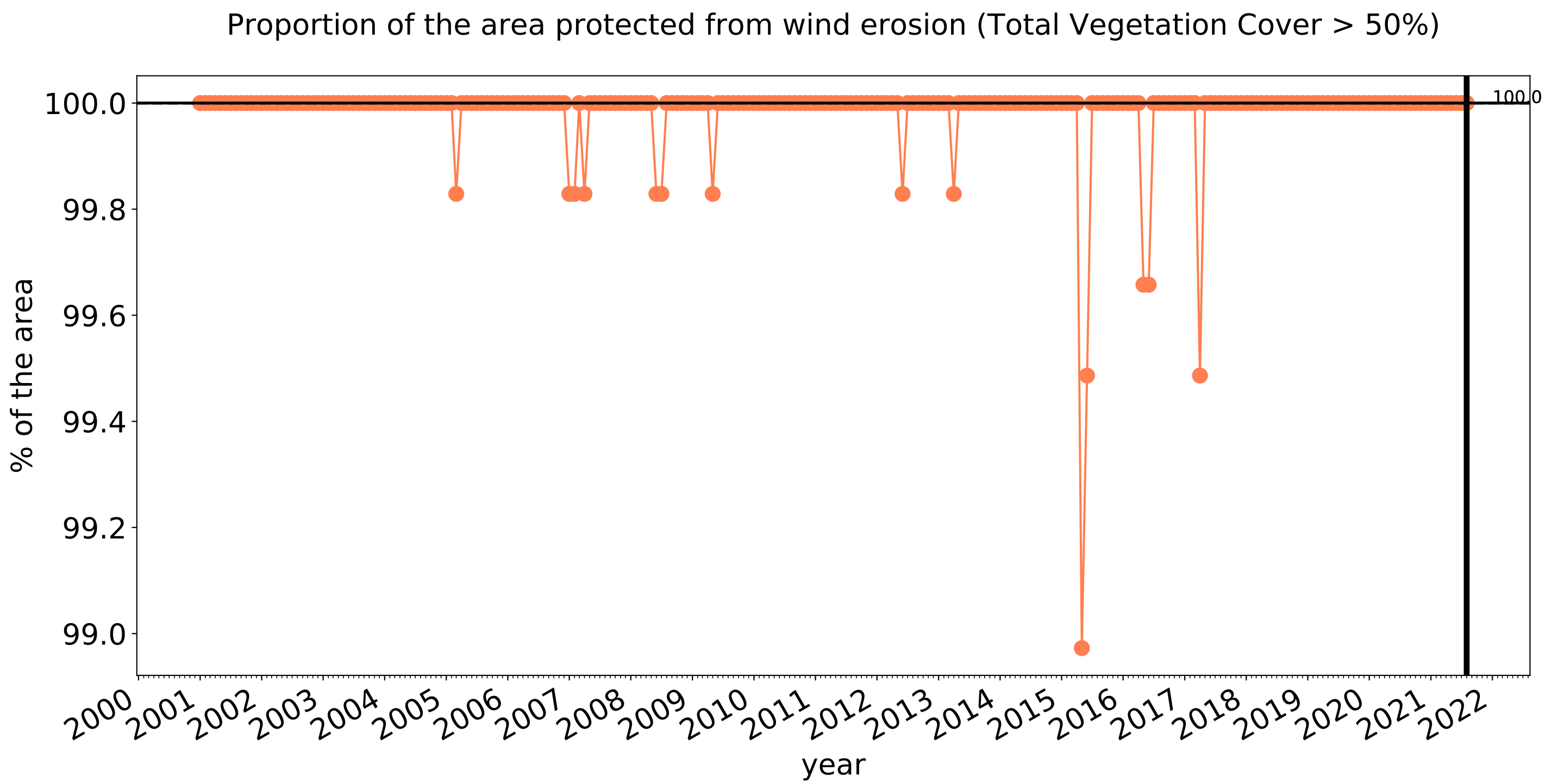
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

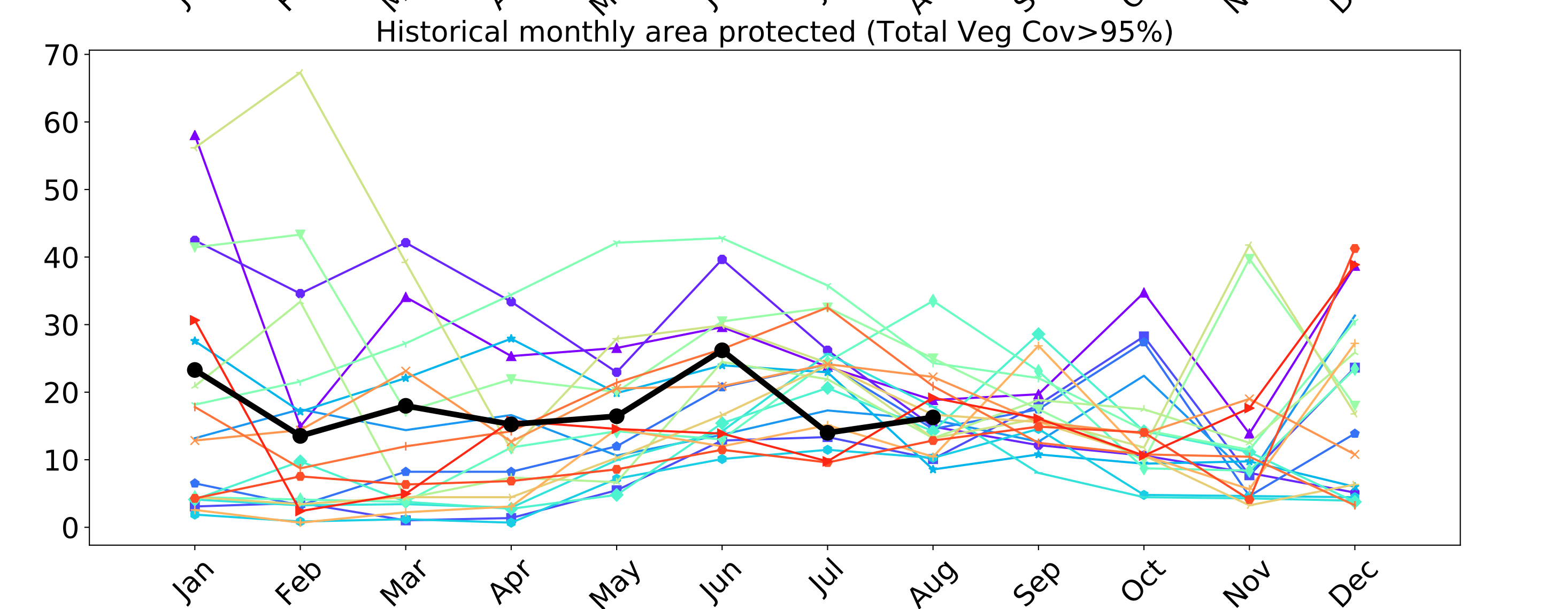
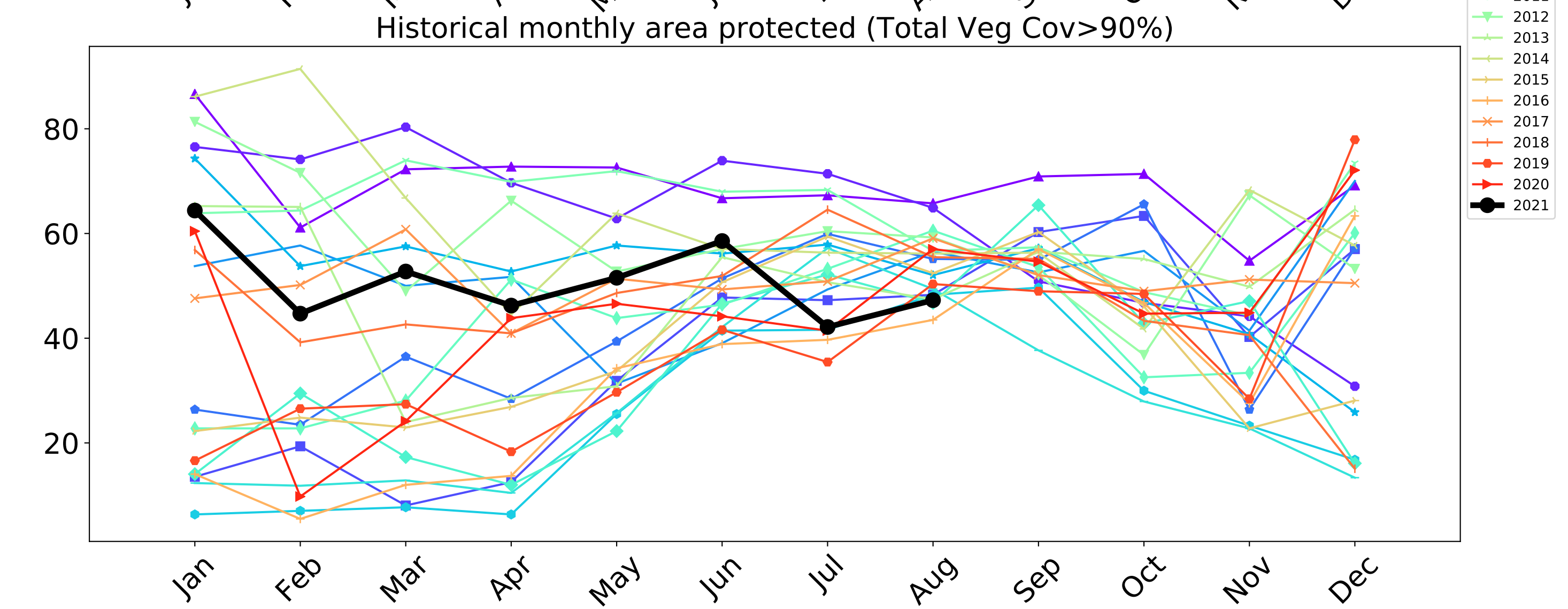
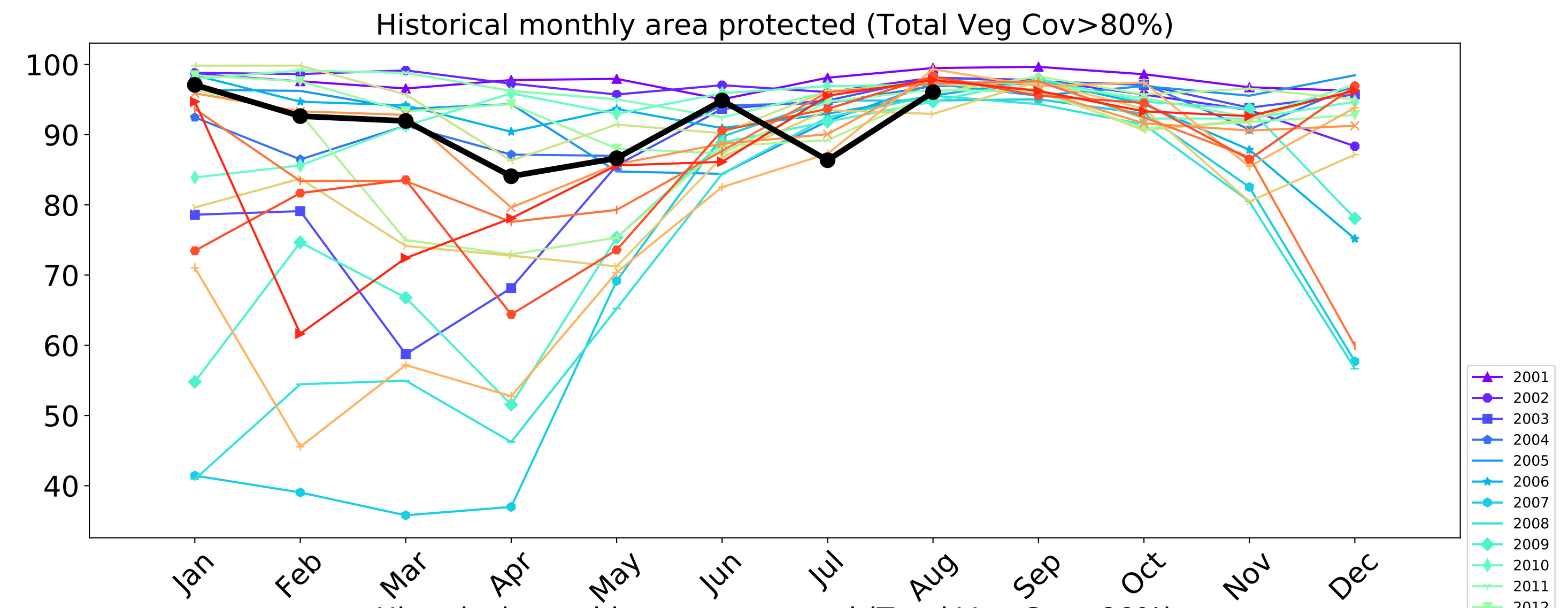
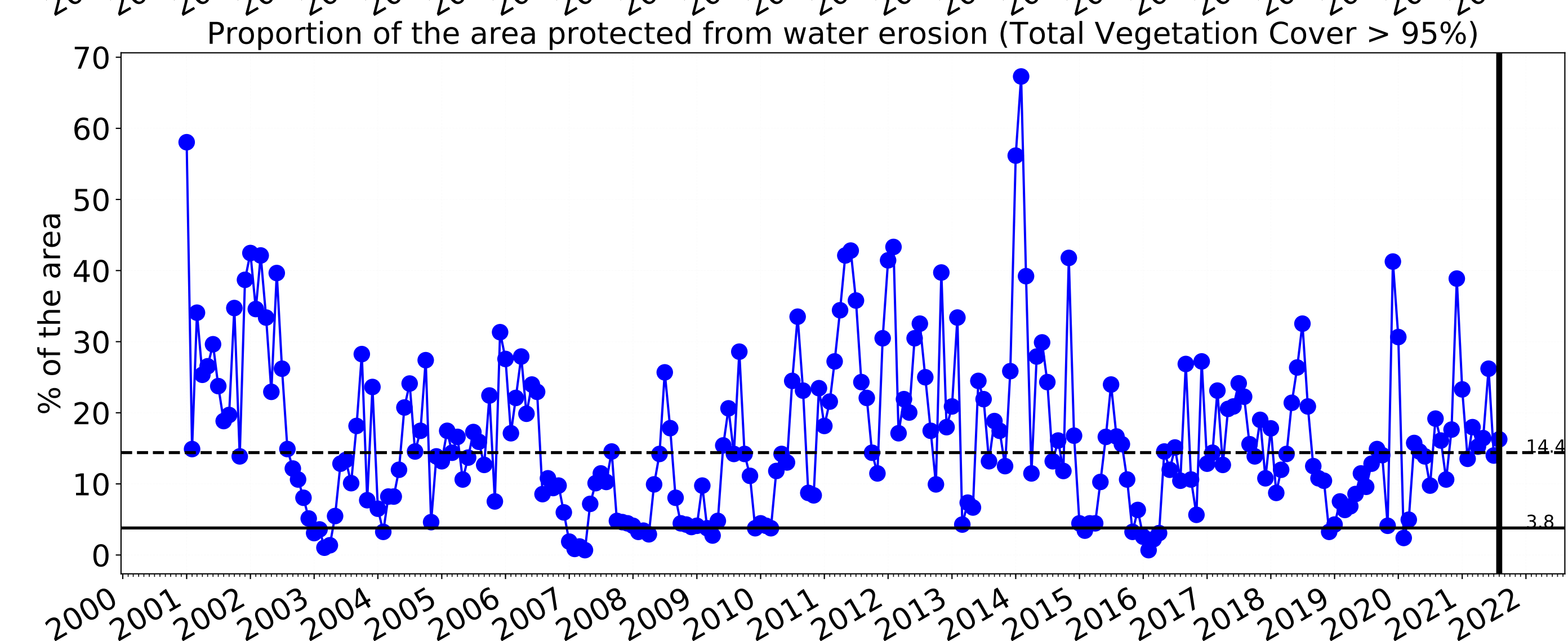
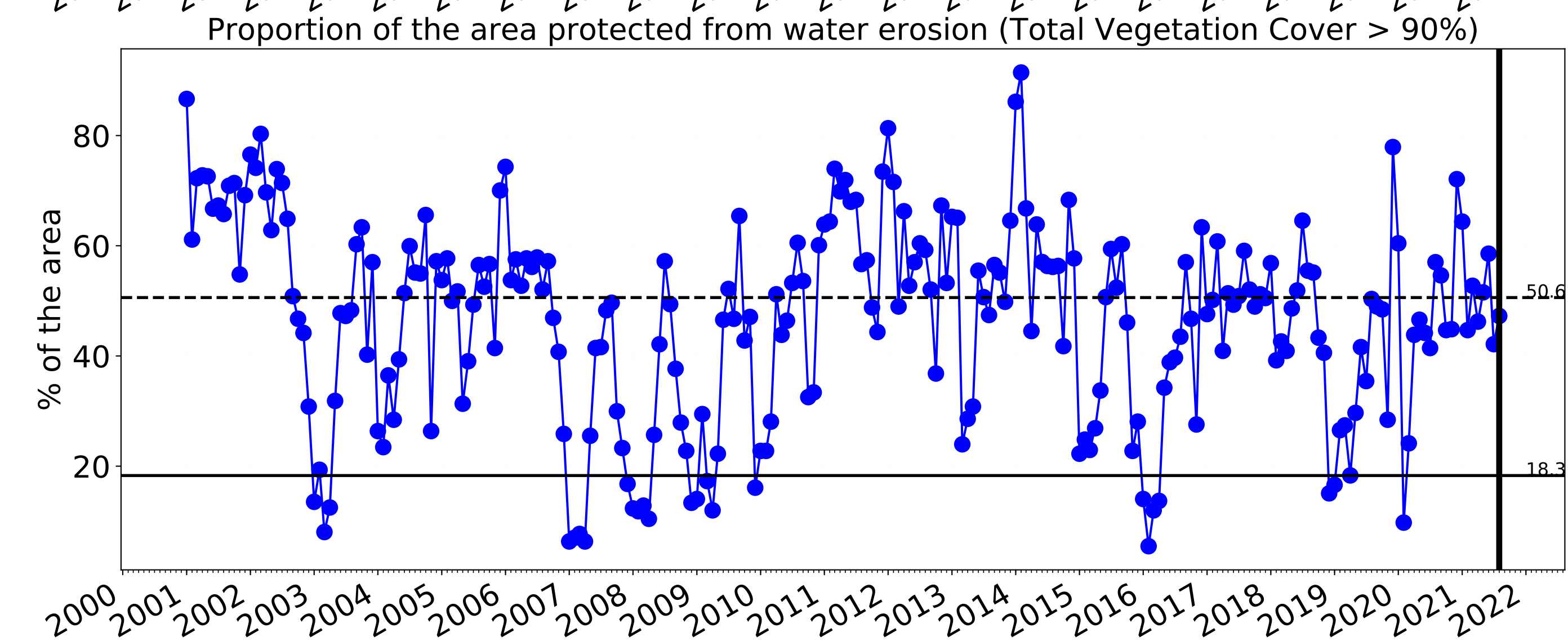
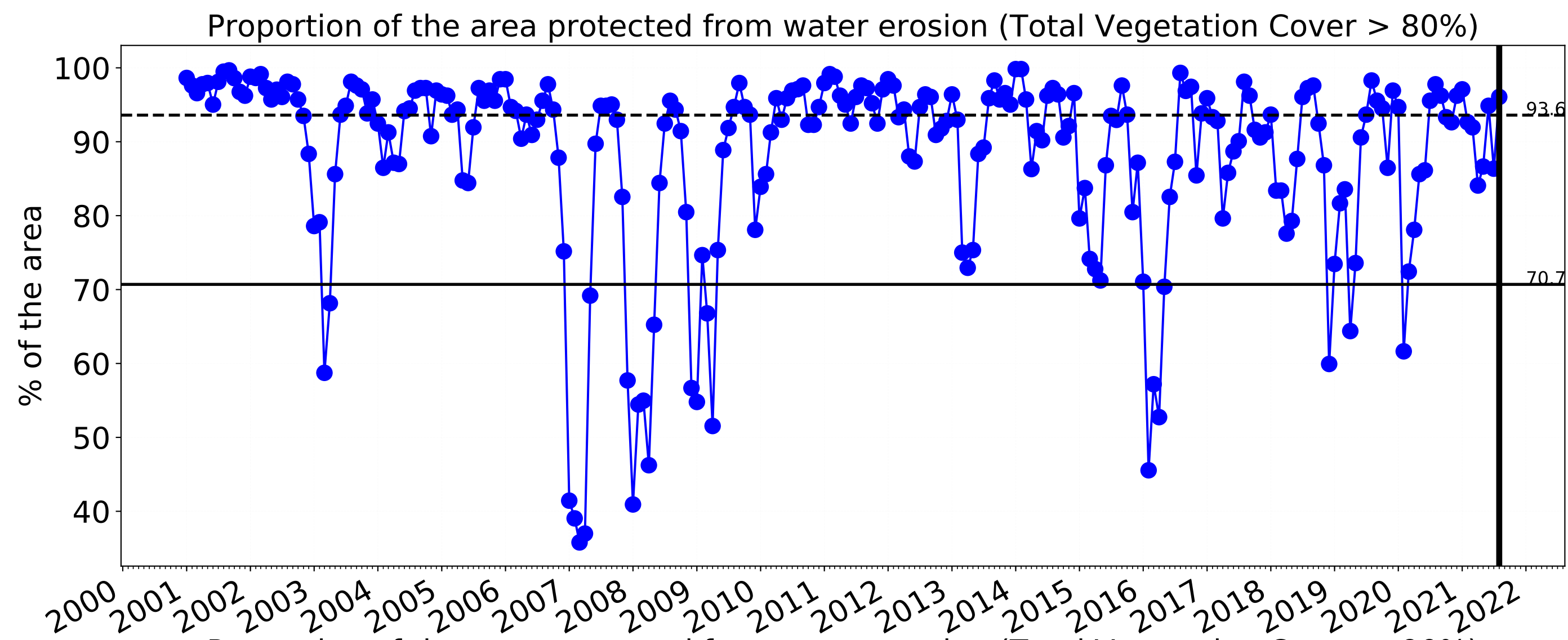


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Cropping timeseries

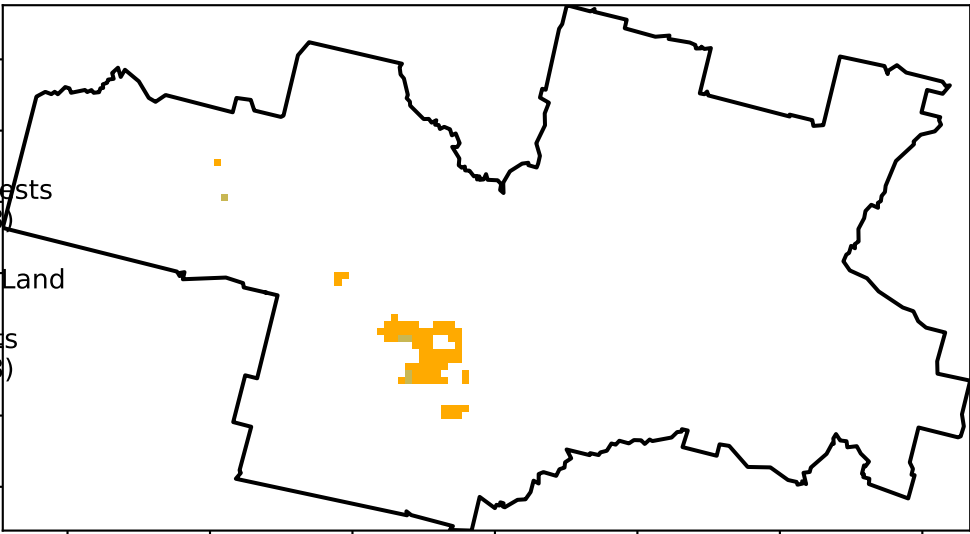




Irrigation

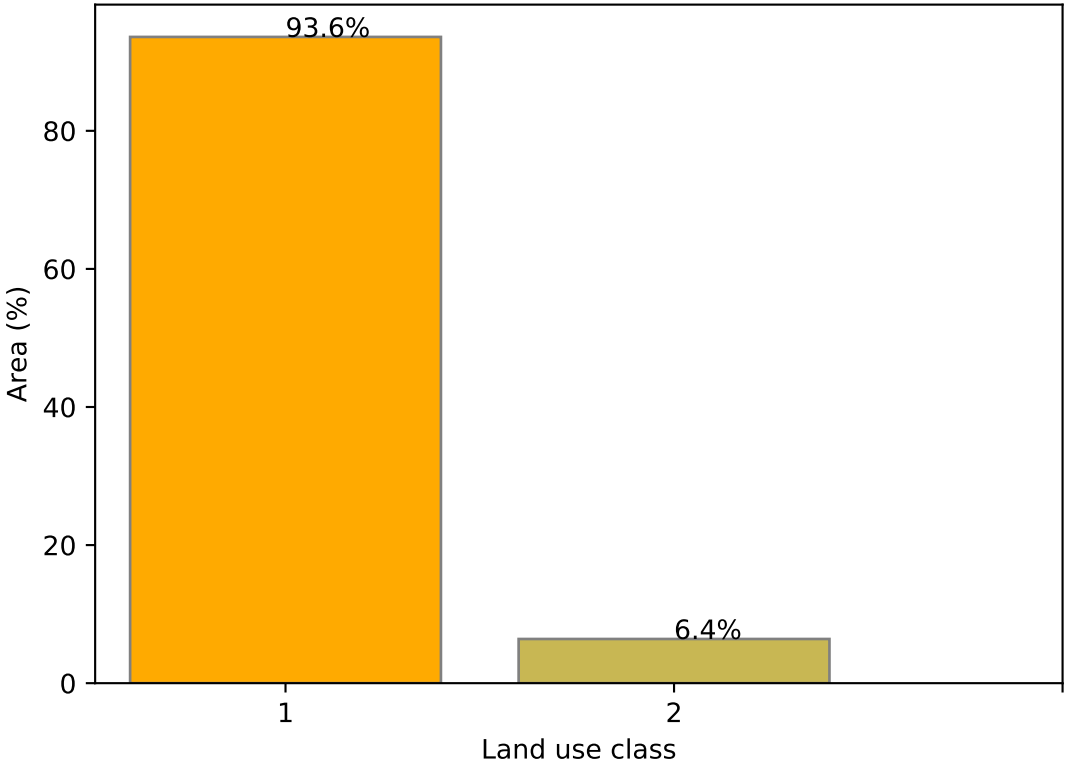
Land use and forest cover

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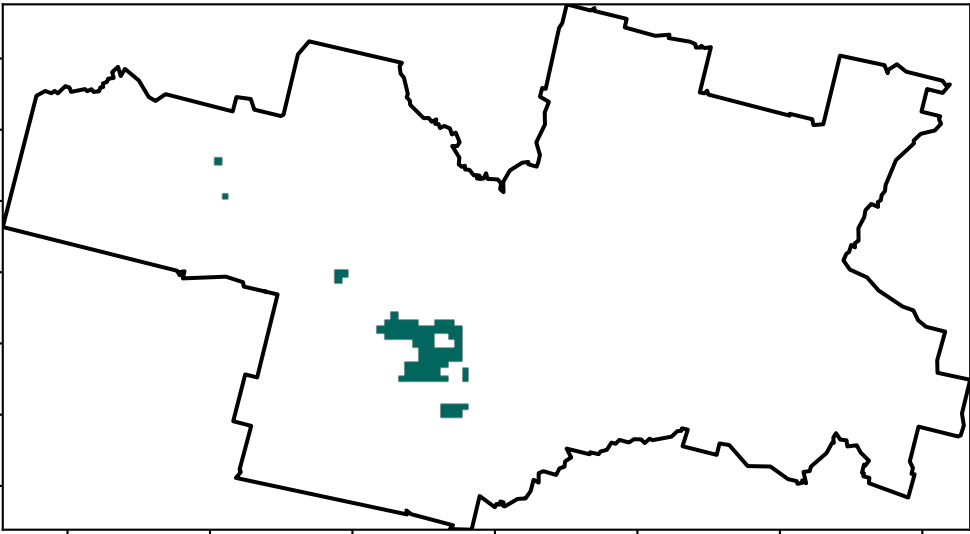


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

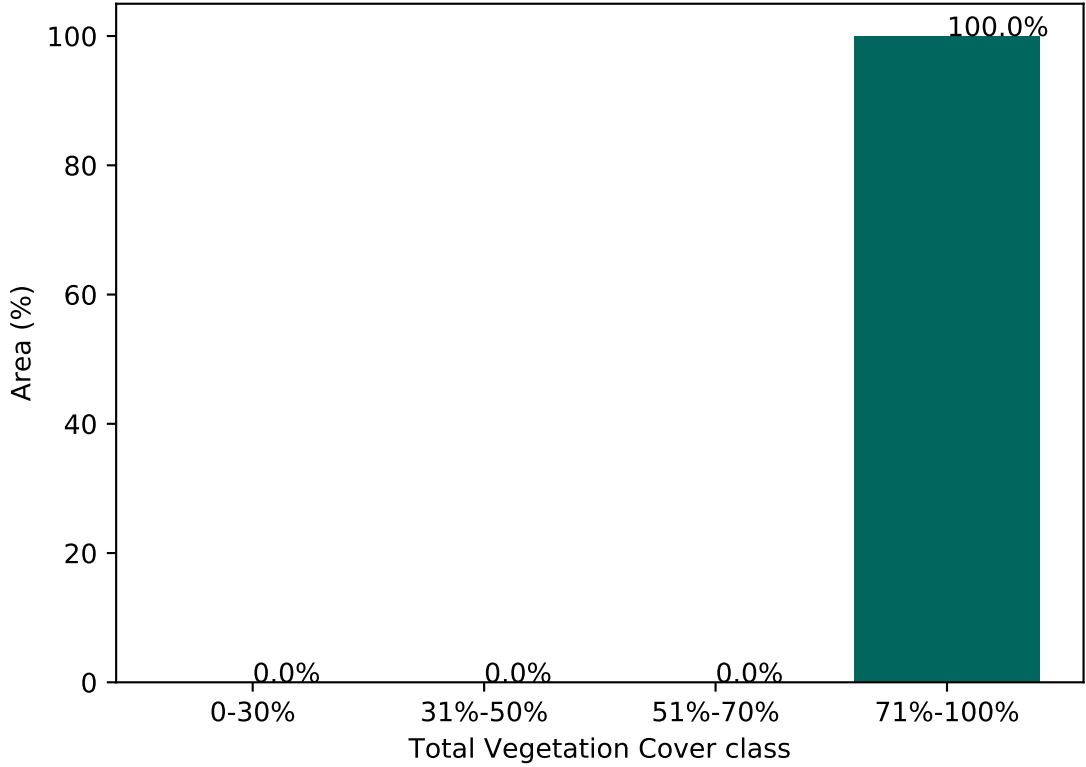


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

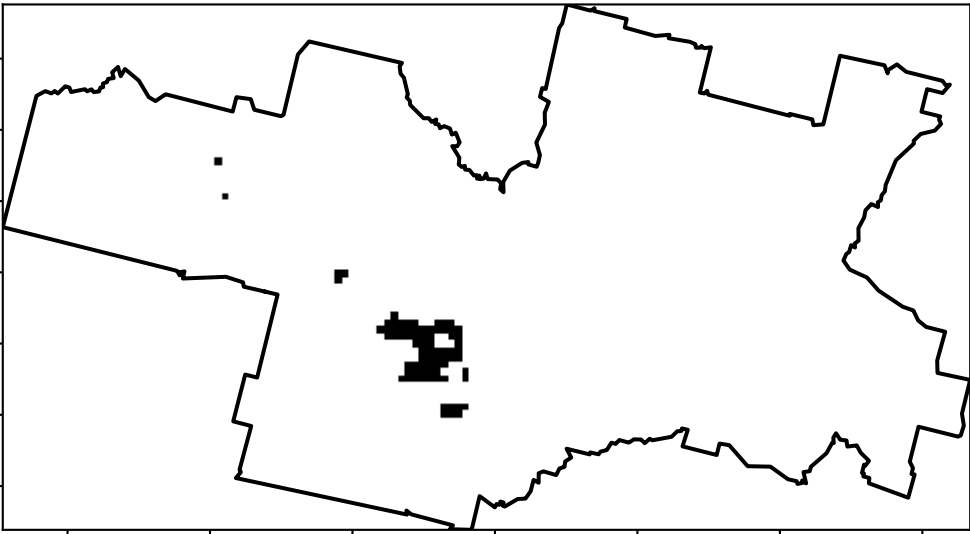


71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

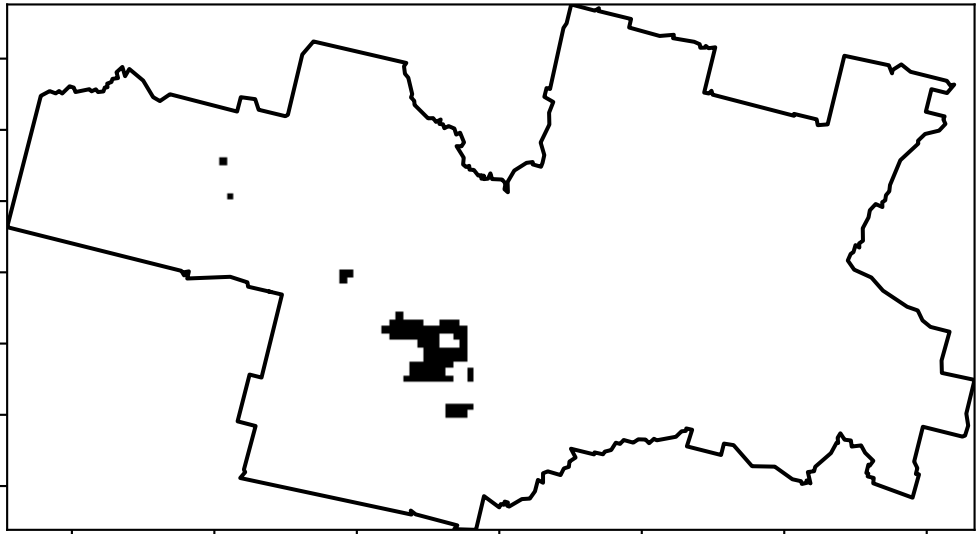


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area
protected
100.0% of
region
(1,950 ha)

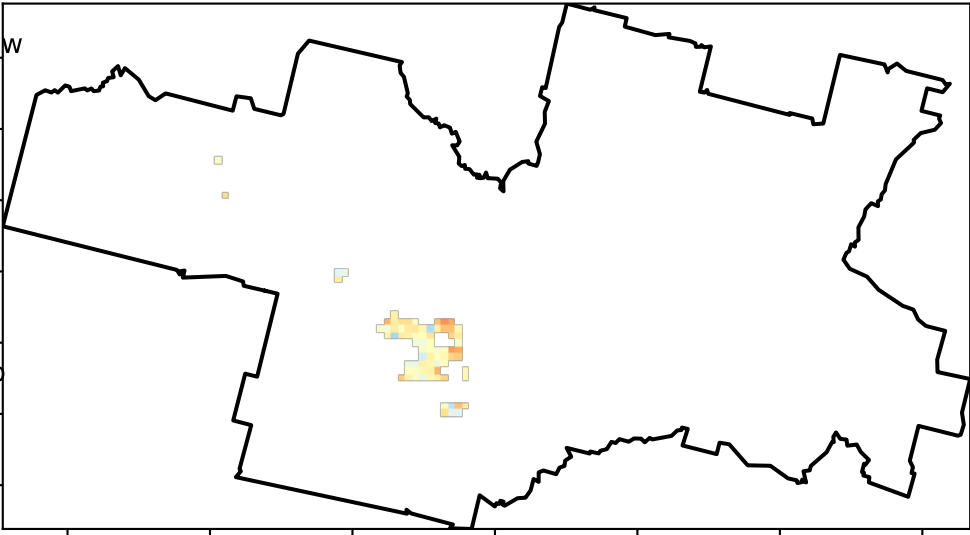
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

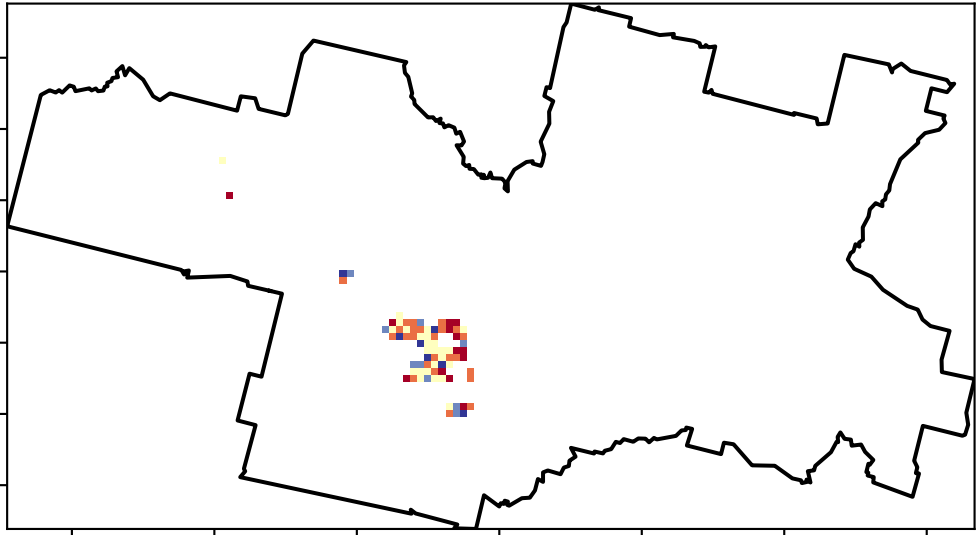
Anomaly show how
many percentage
points each
pixel is from
the mean. That
is, red pixels
are about 20%
lower than the
mean of that
pixel. The mean
is only for the
month of the map
using baseline
from 2001 to
2019.



20
10
0
-10
-20

Deciles show where the
pixel value lies in the
record, from highest to
lowest, for that month.
That is, red pixels are
in the lowest 10% of
records for that month of
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from 2001 to 2019.

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



10
8
6
4
2
1



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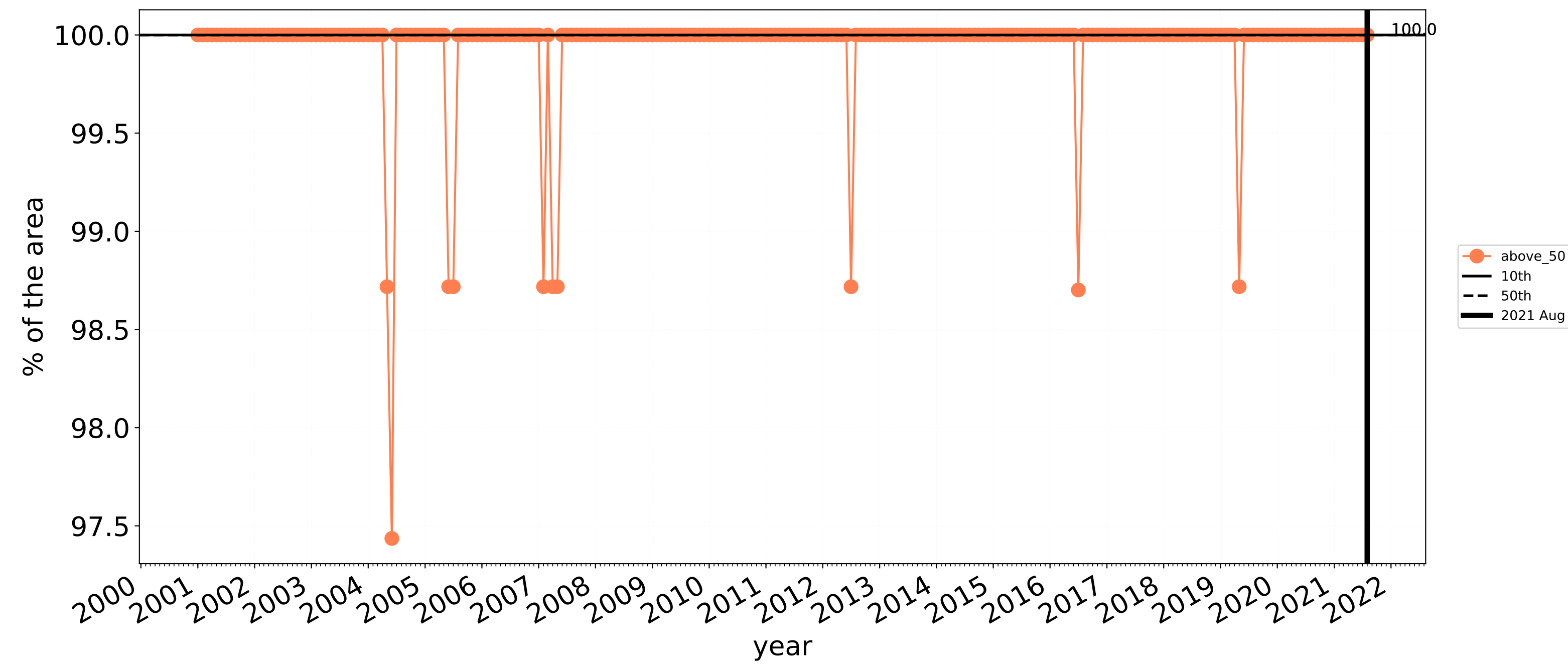
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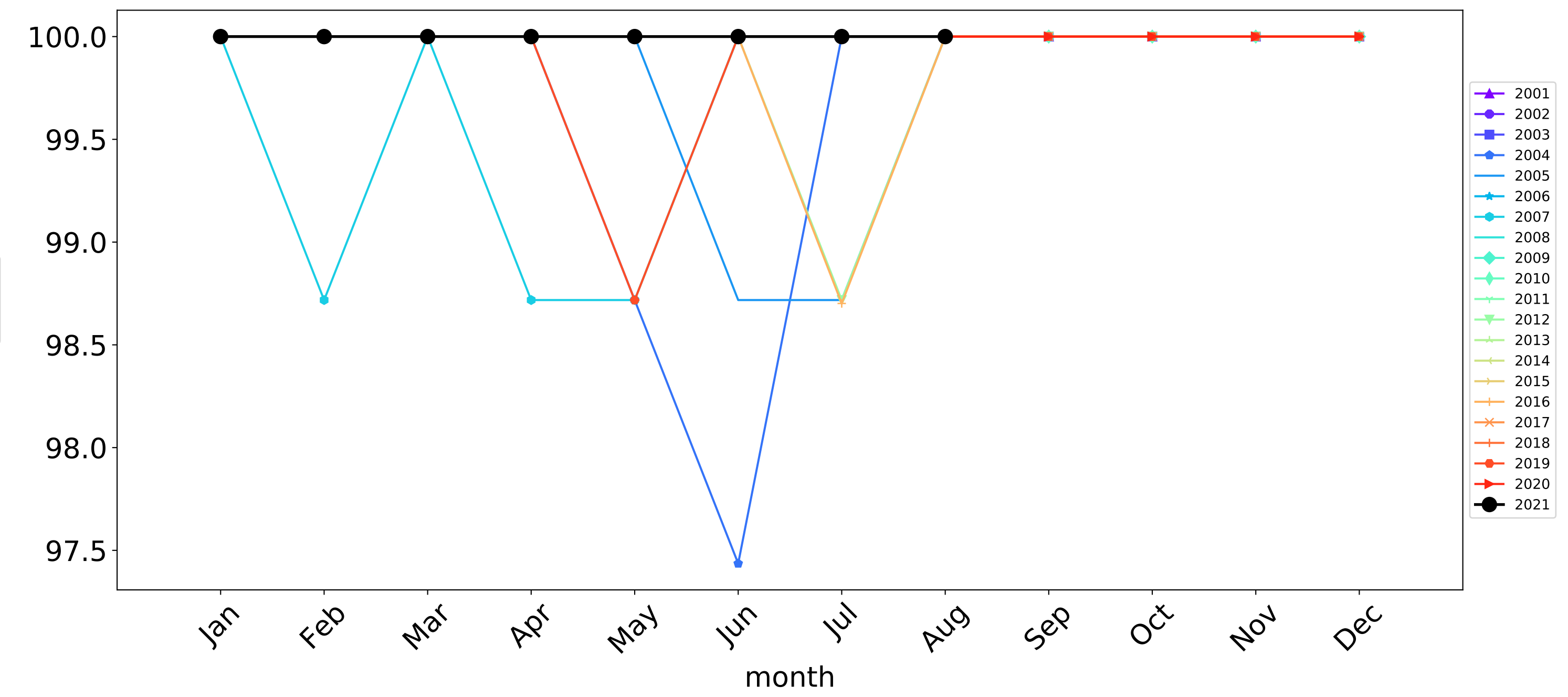


Irrigation timeseries

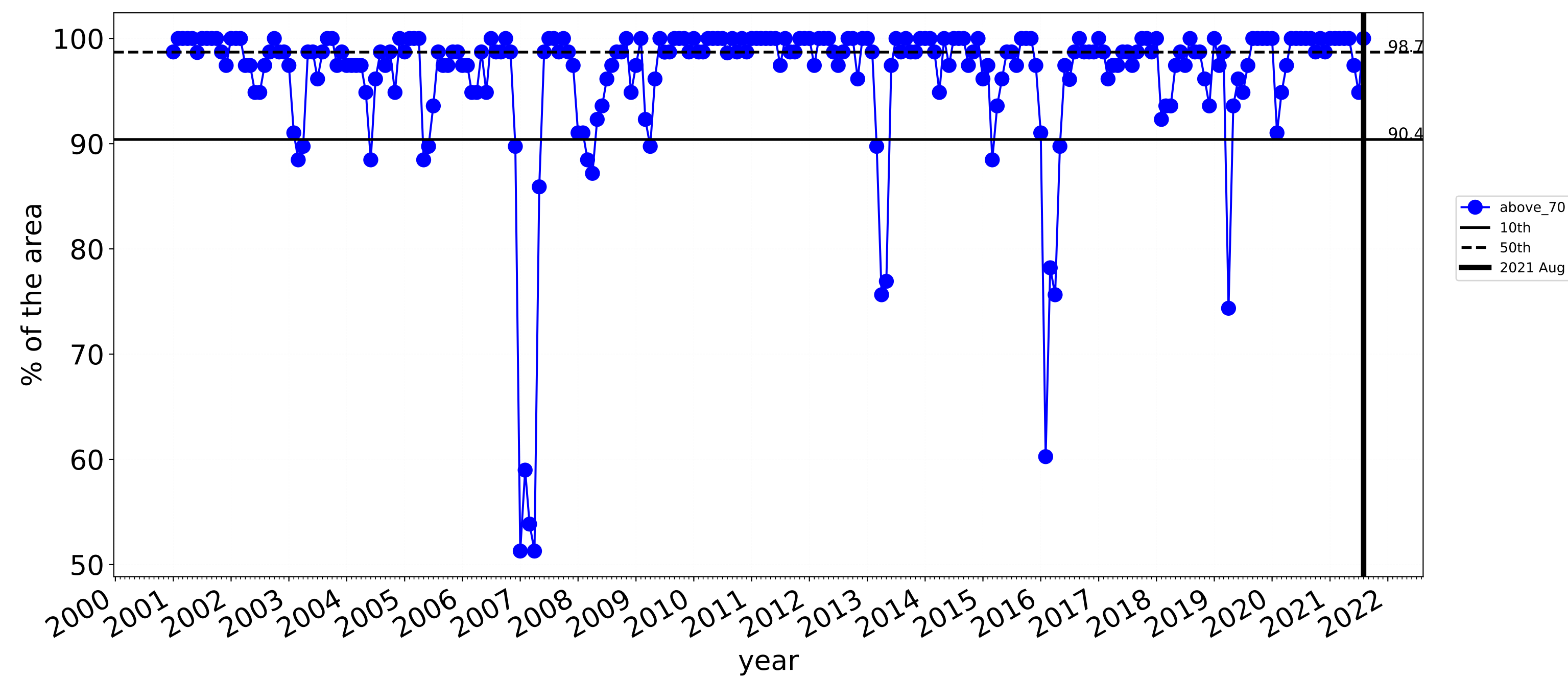
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



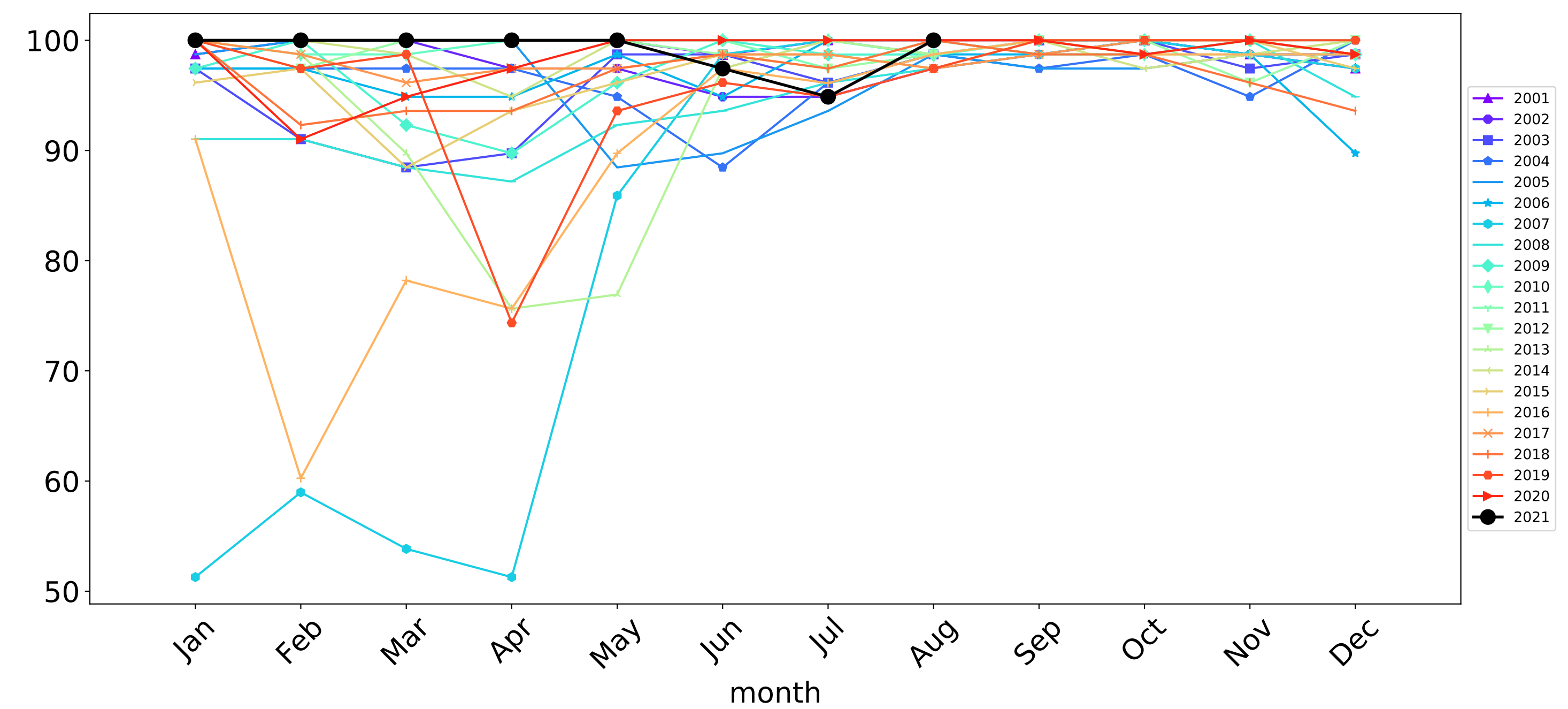
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

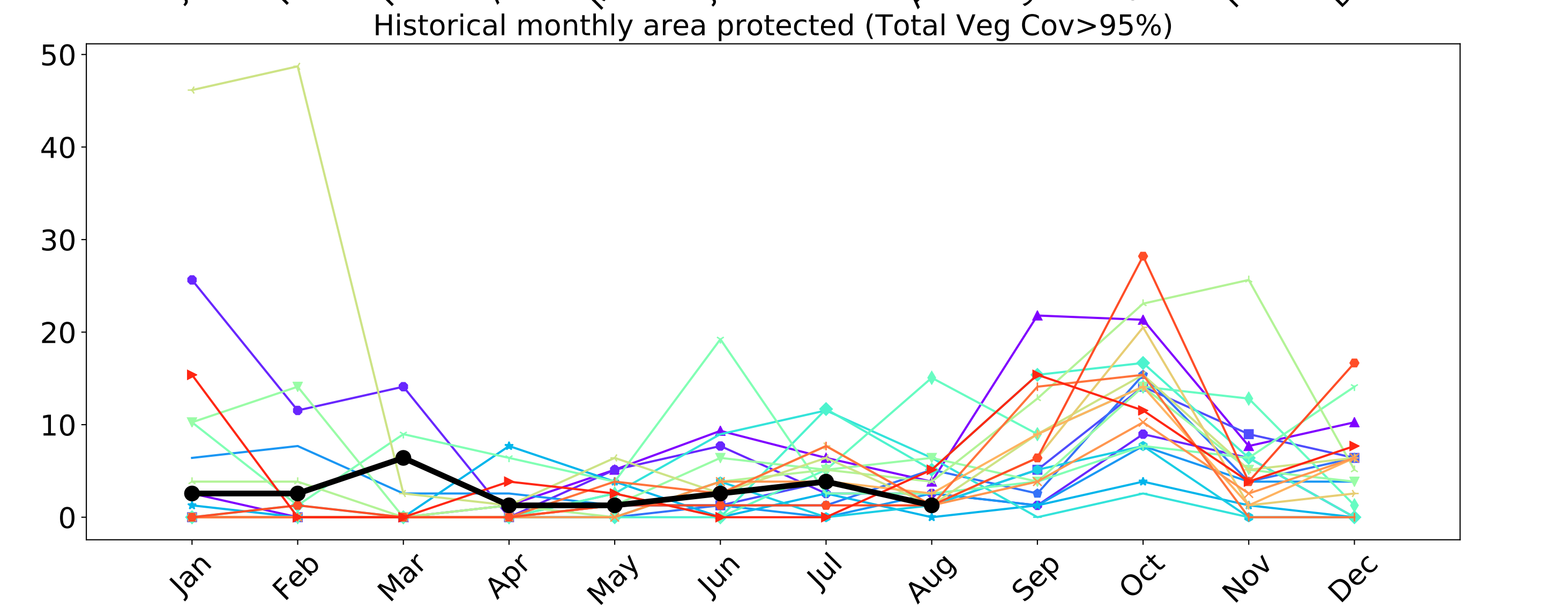
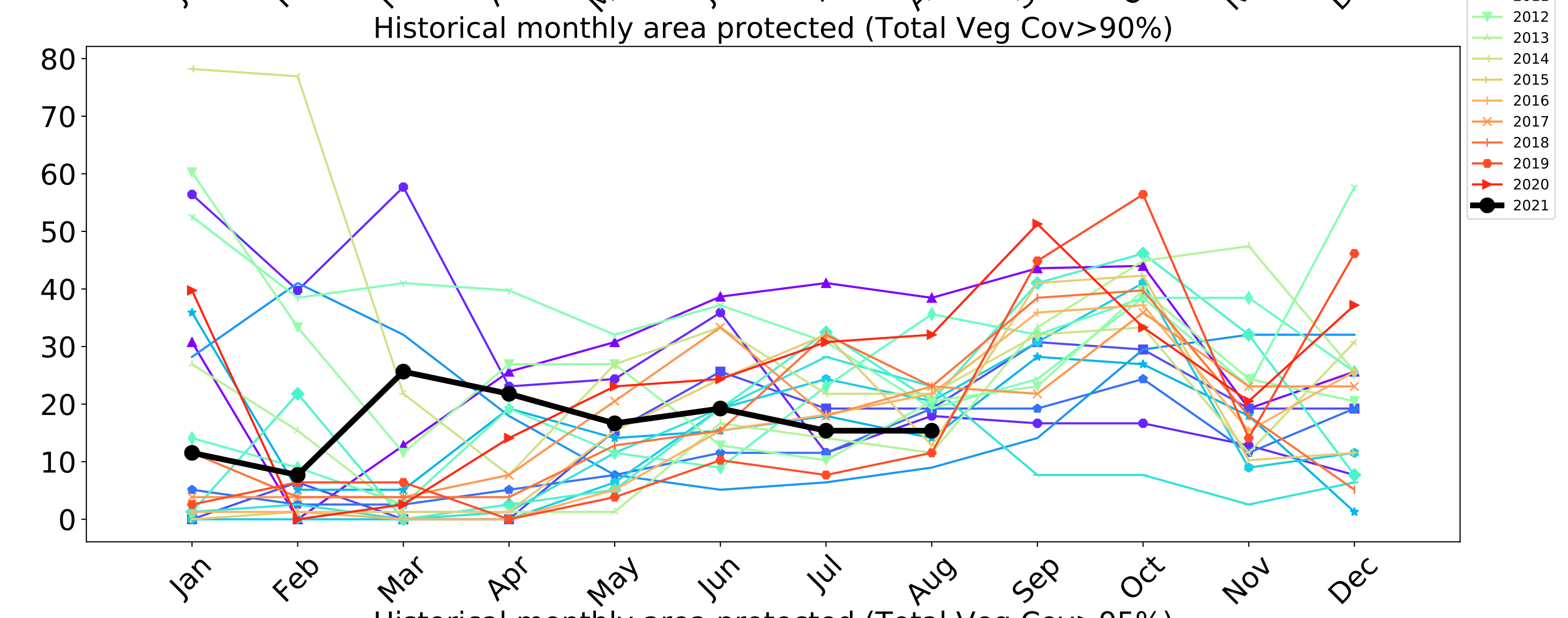
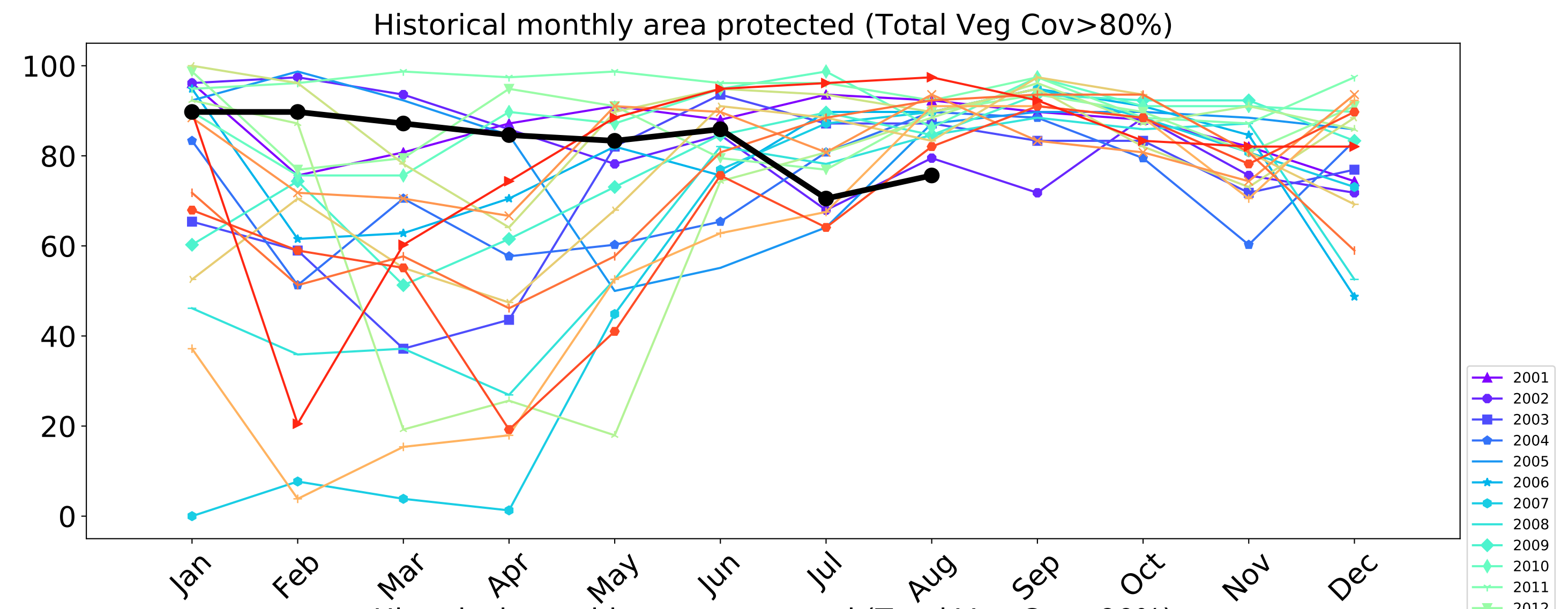
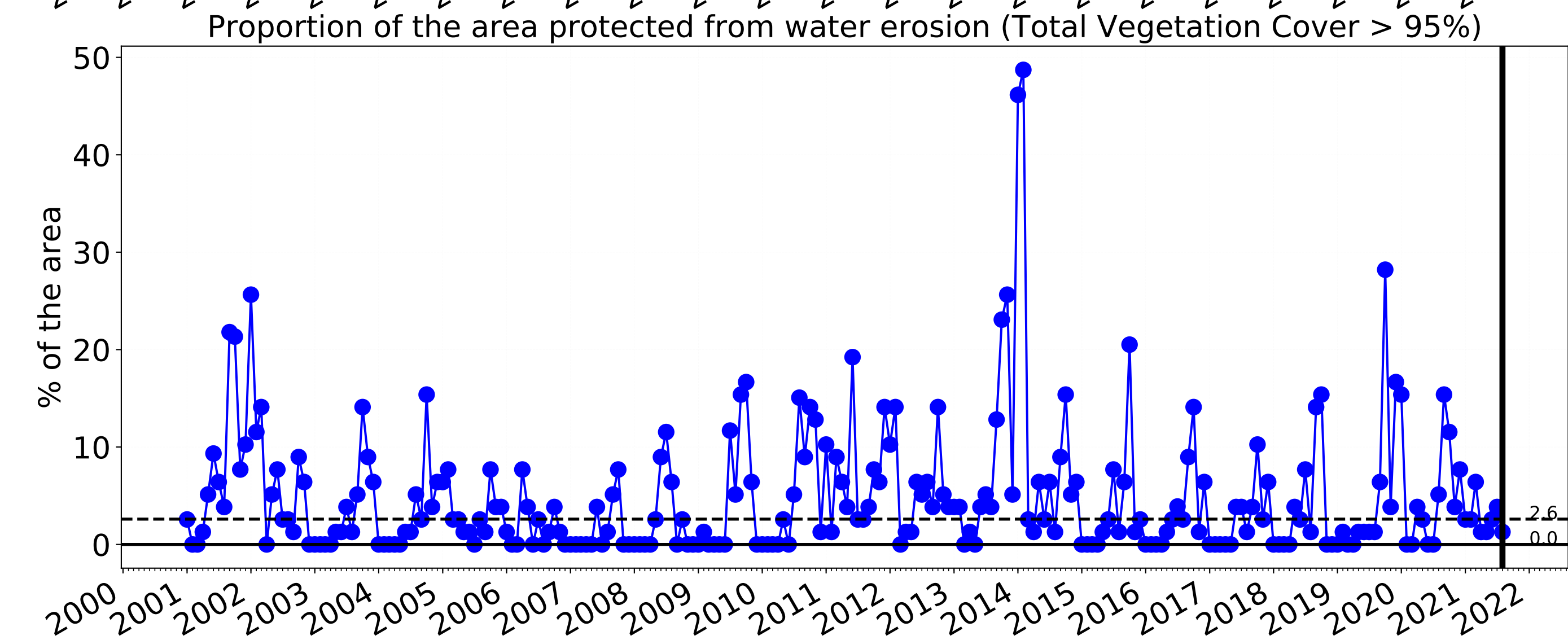
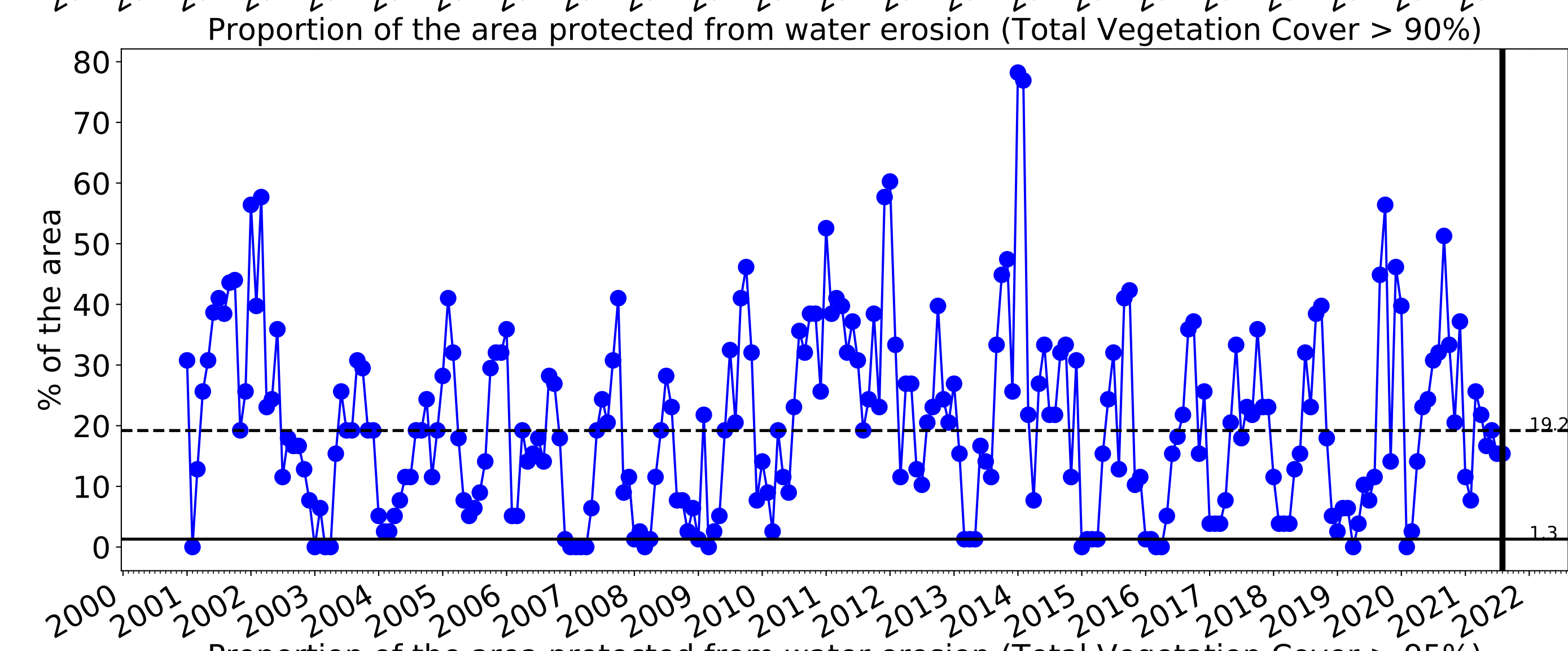
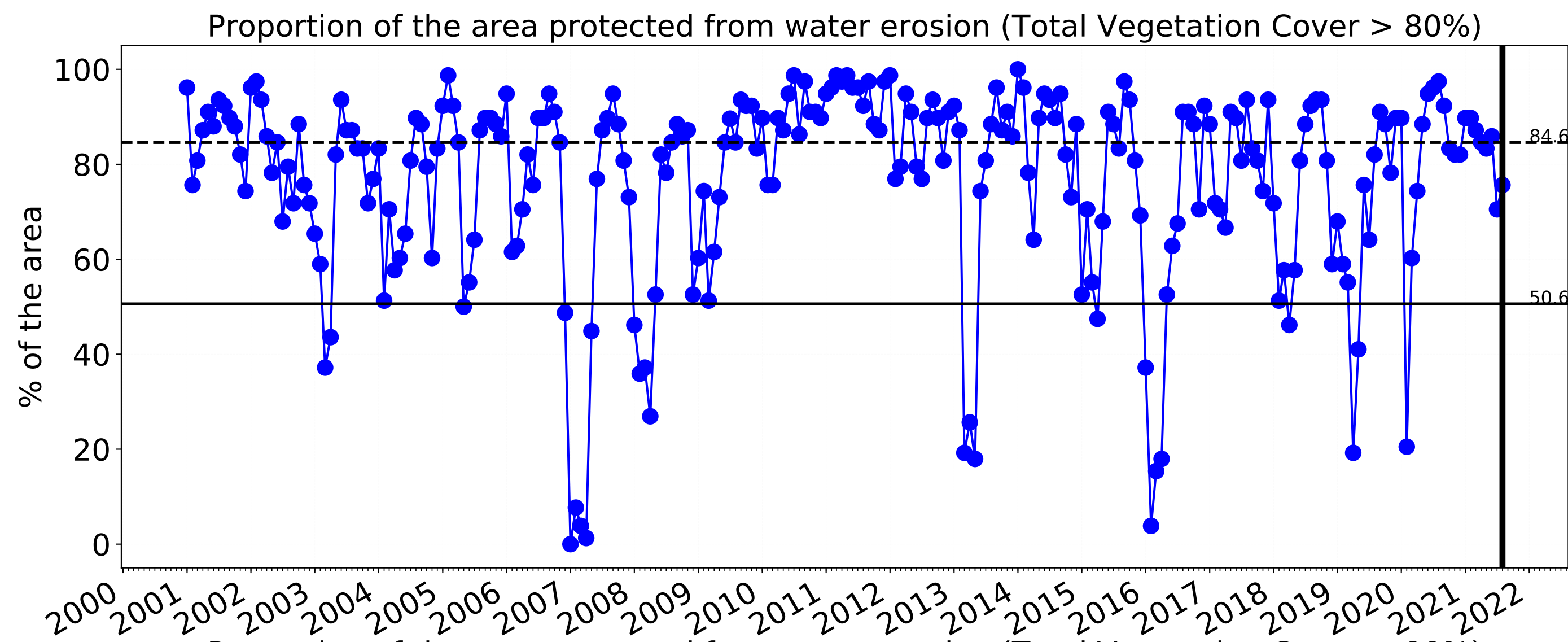


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



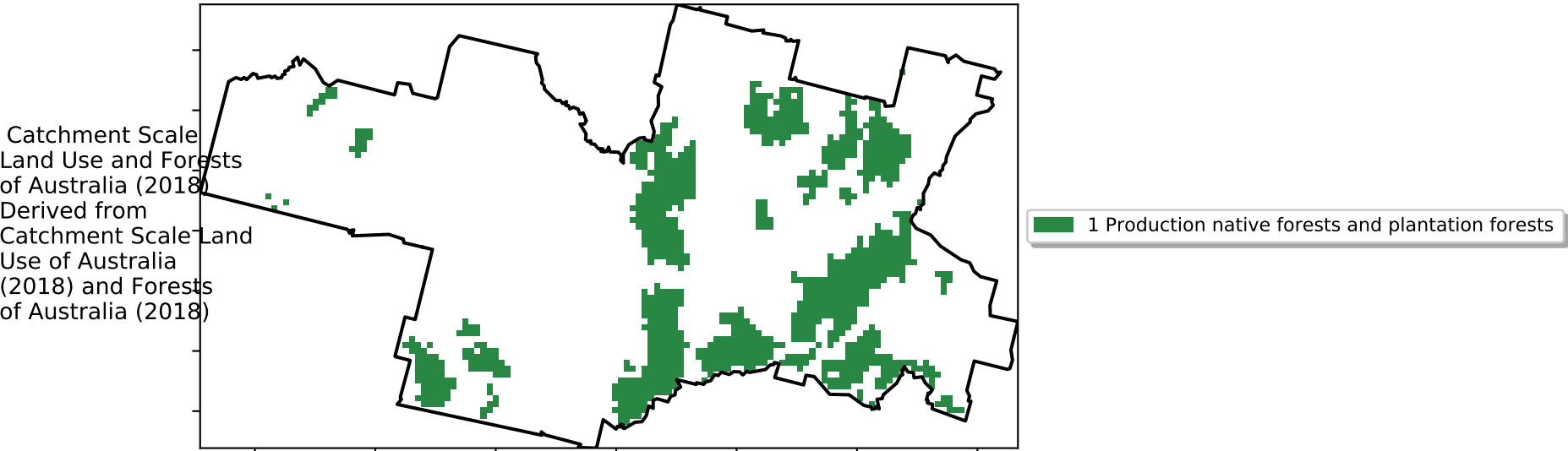
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



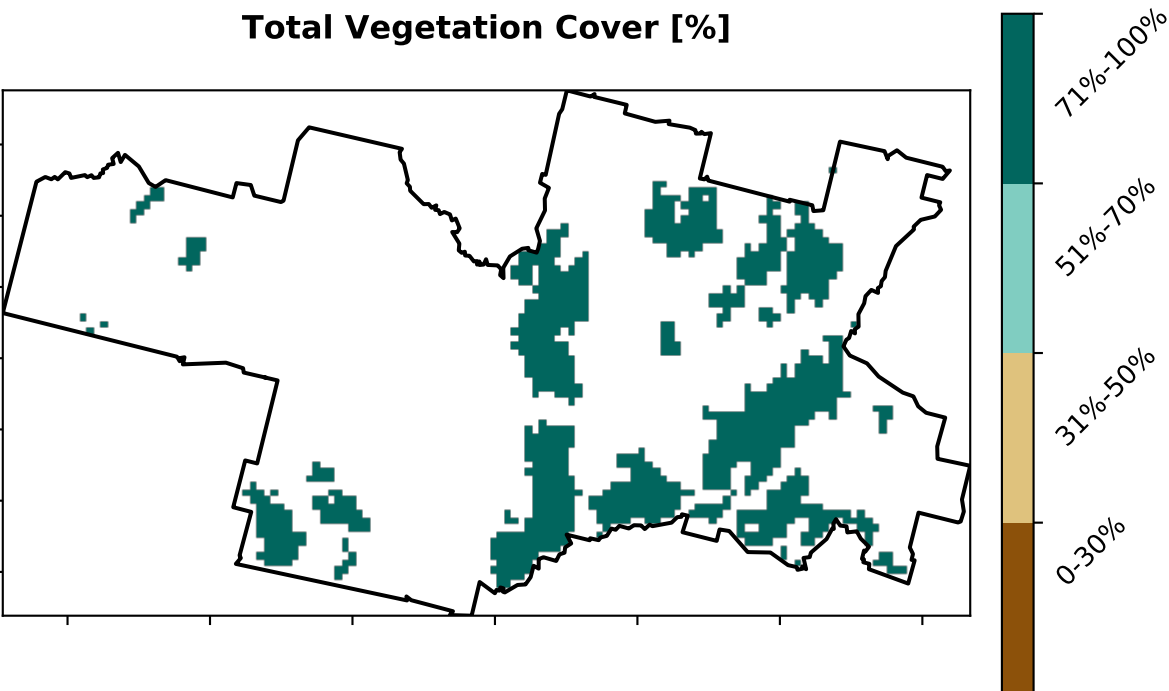


Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



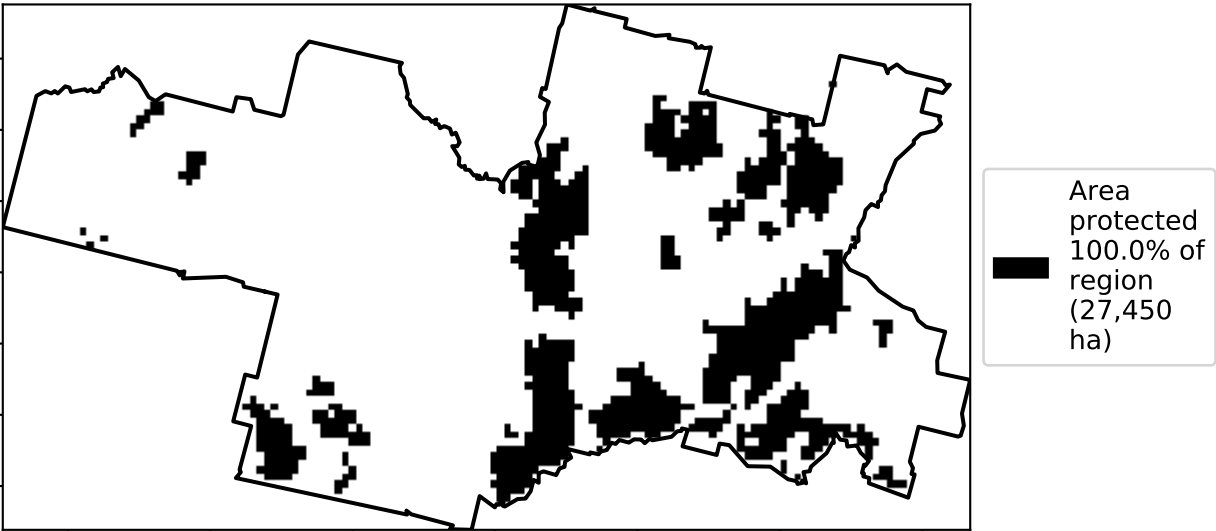
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



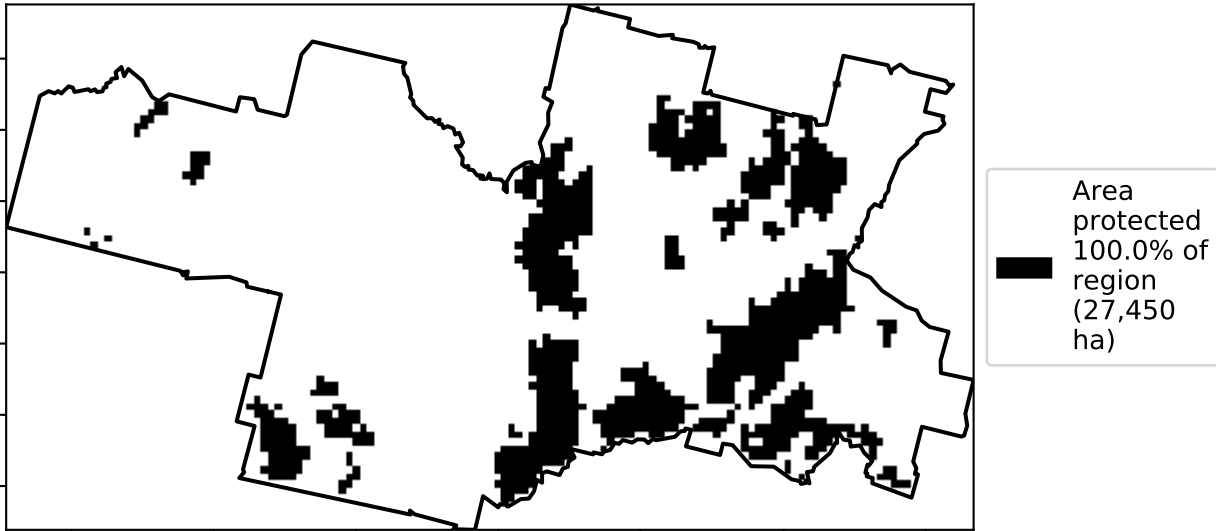
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



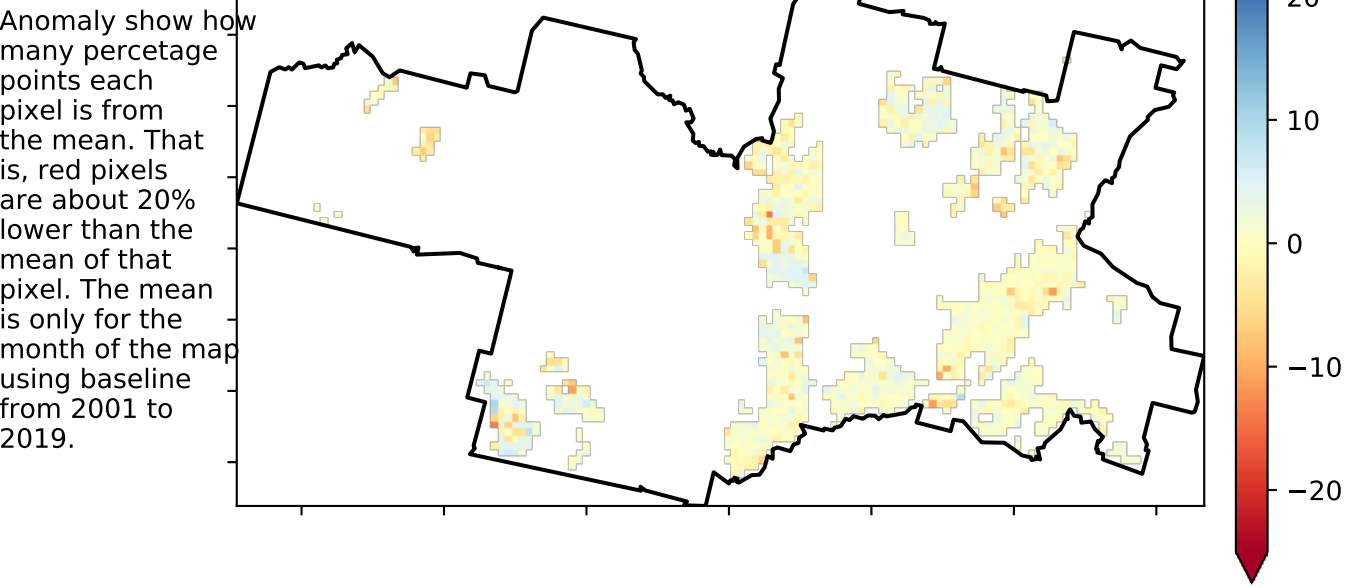
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

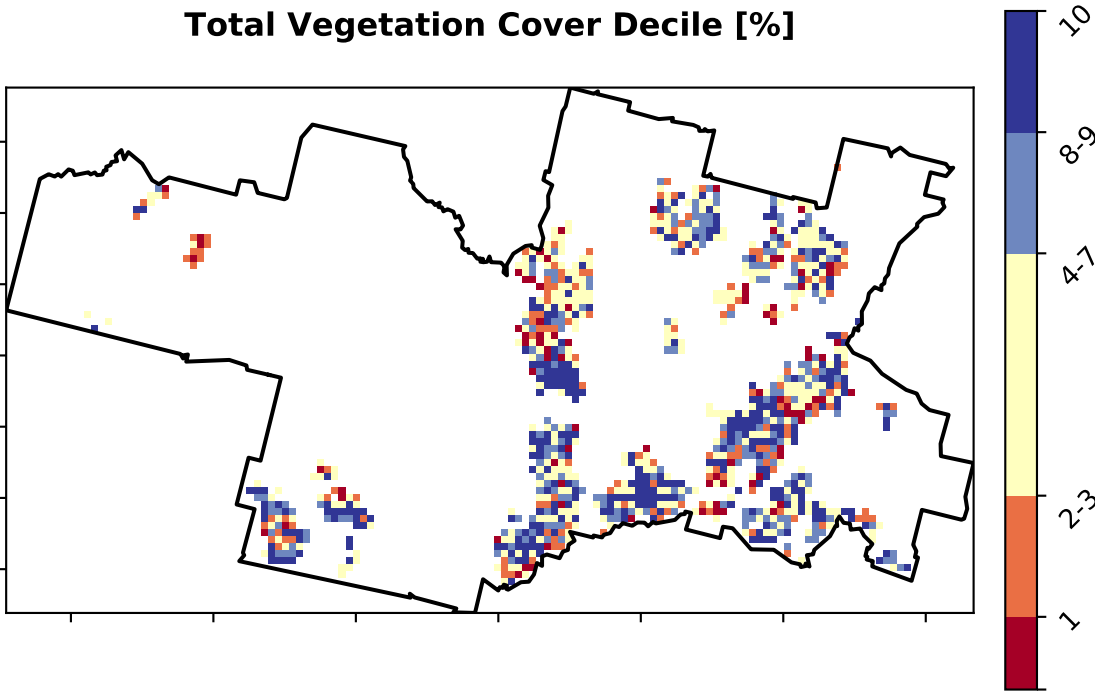


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

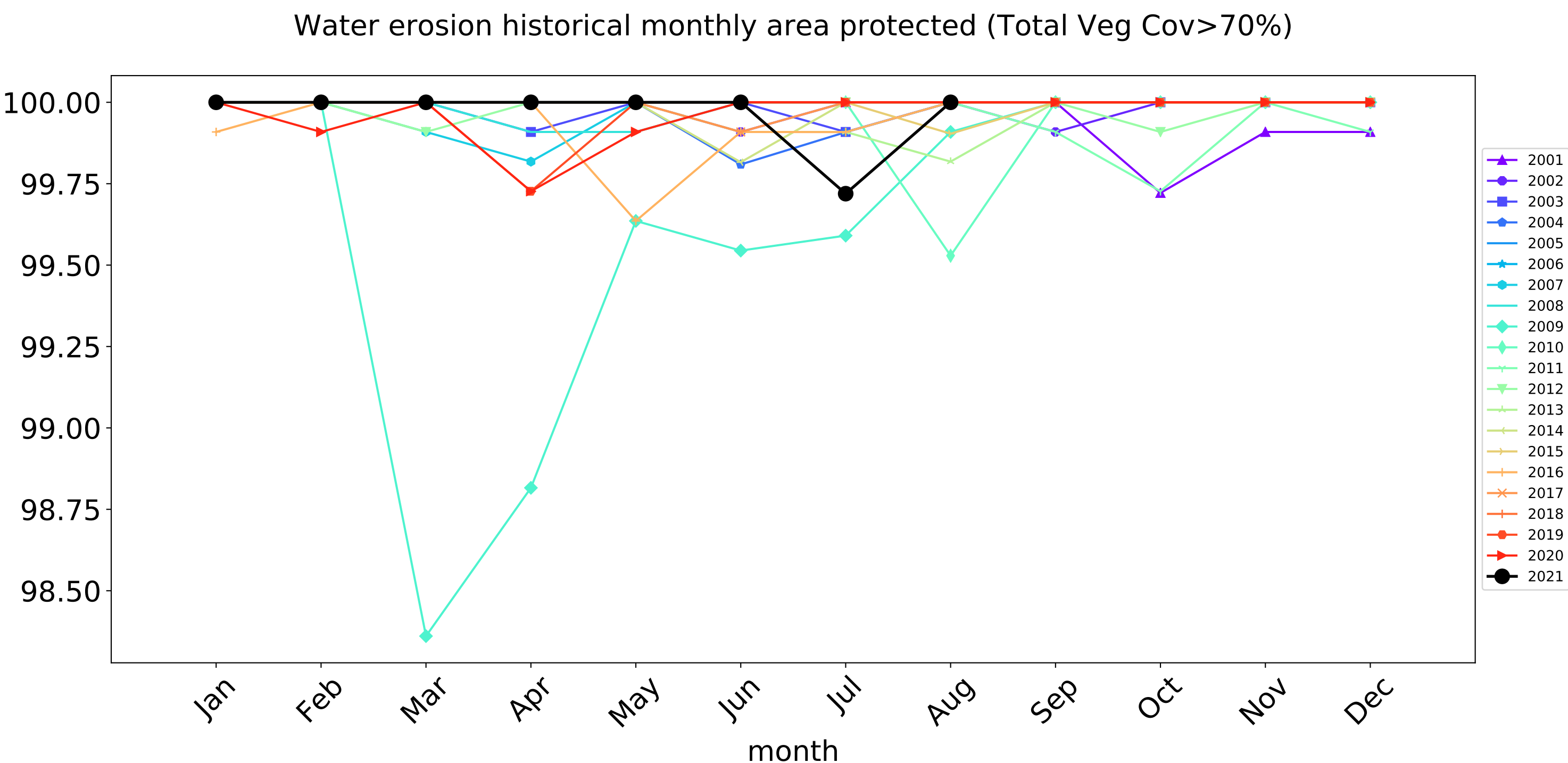
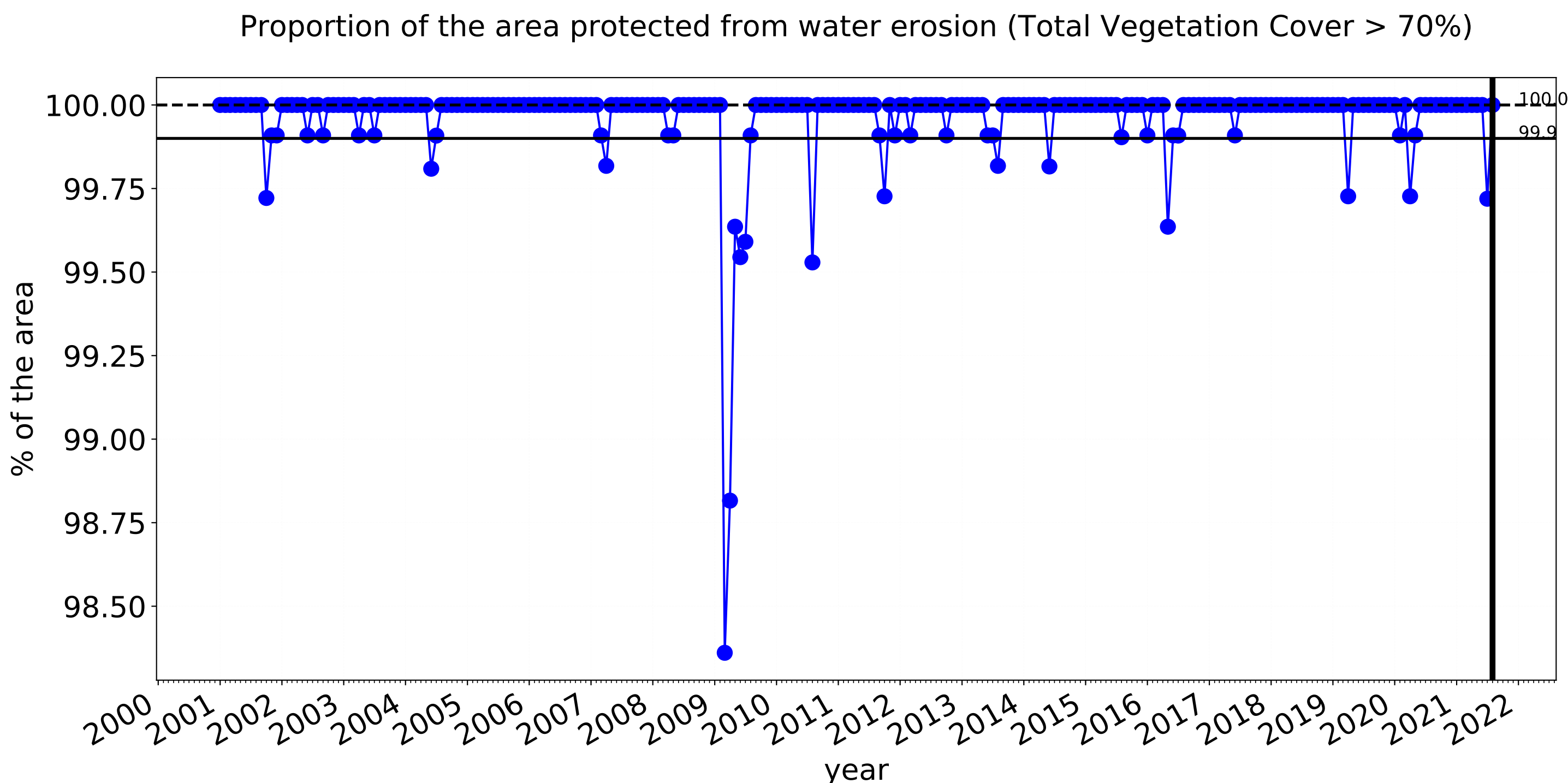
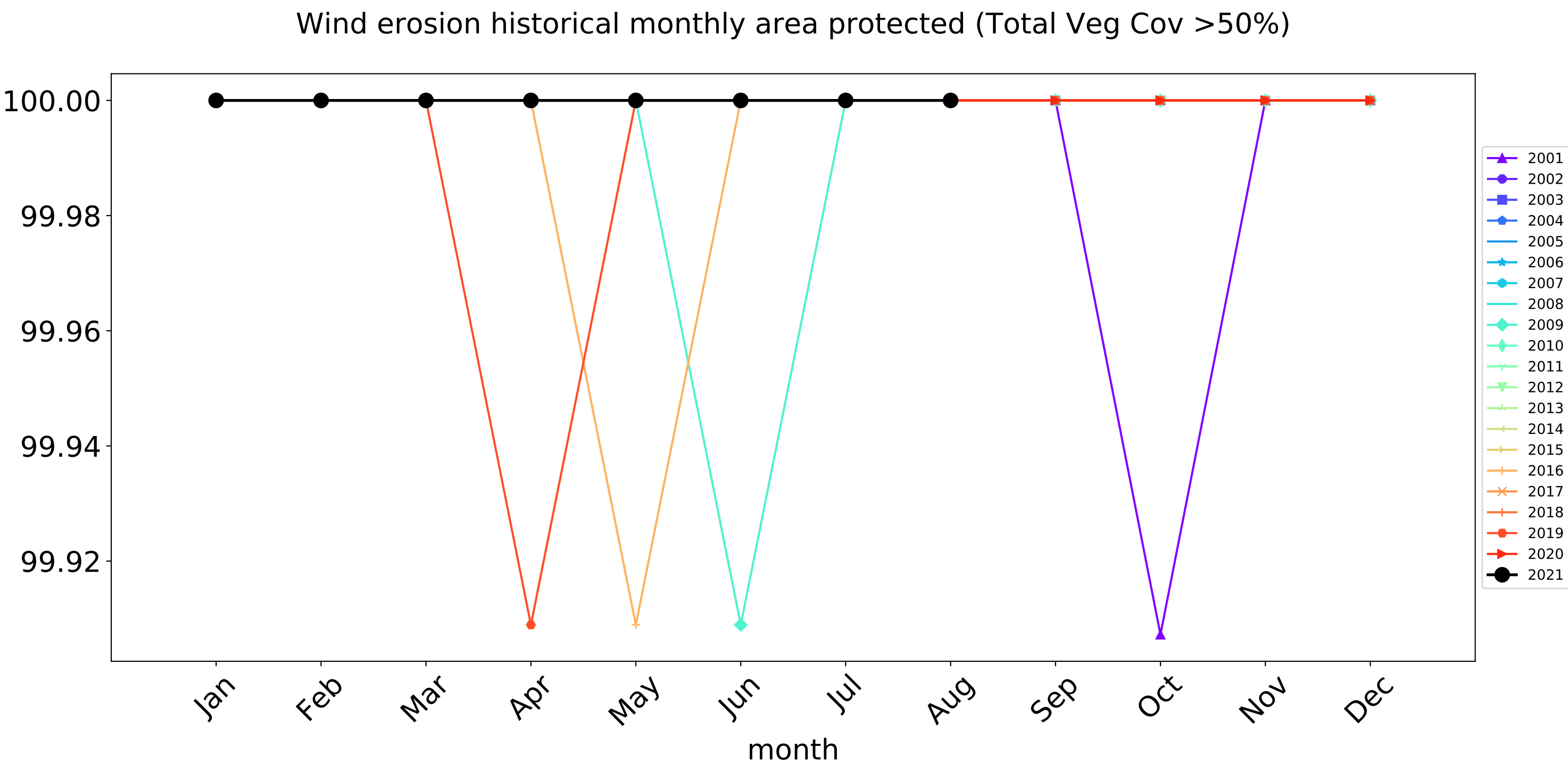
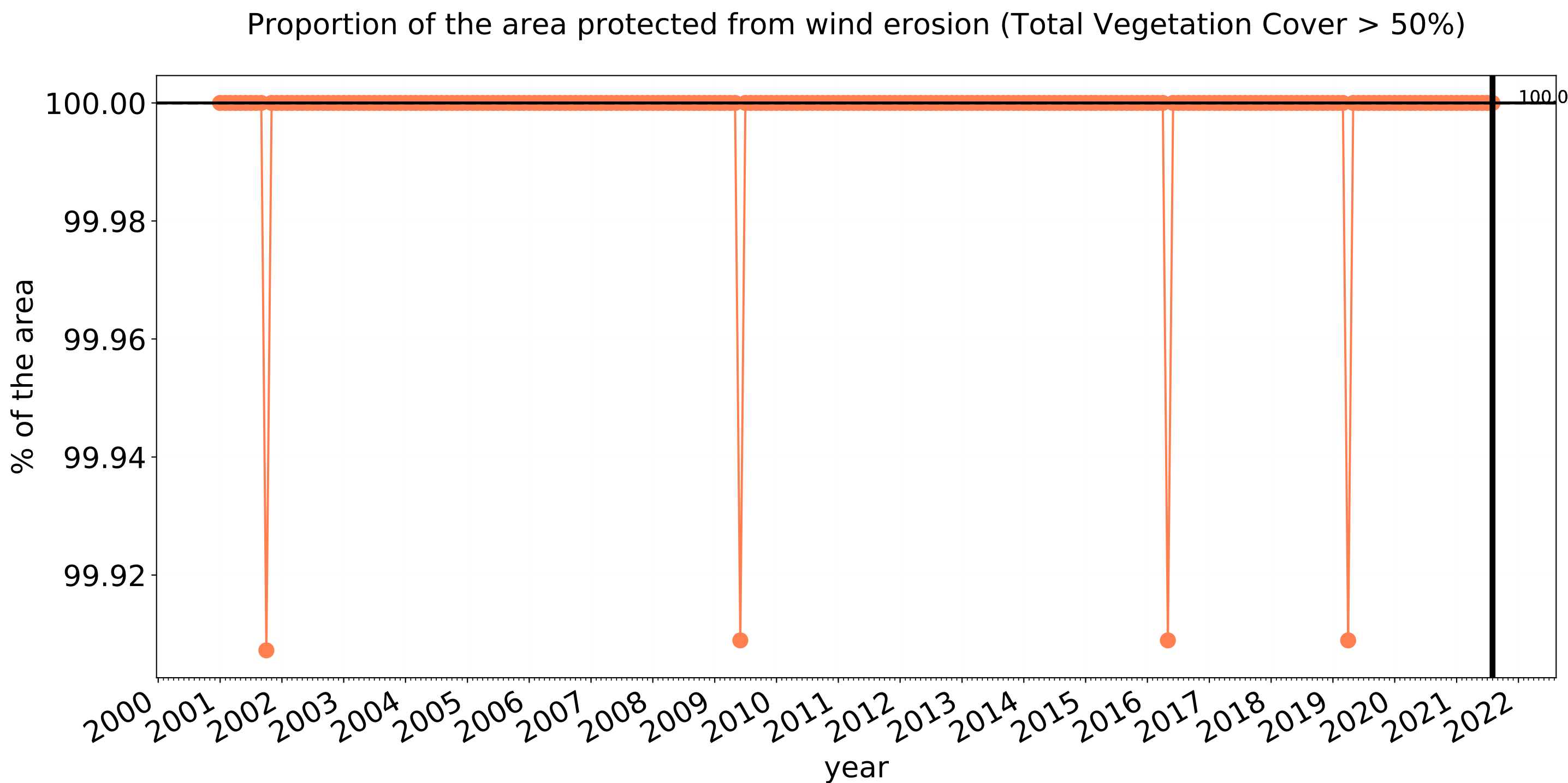


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

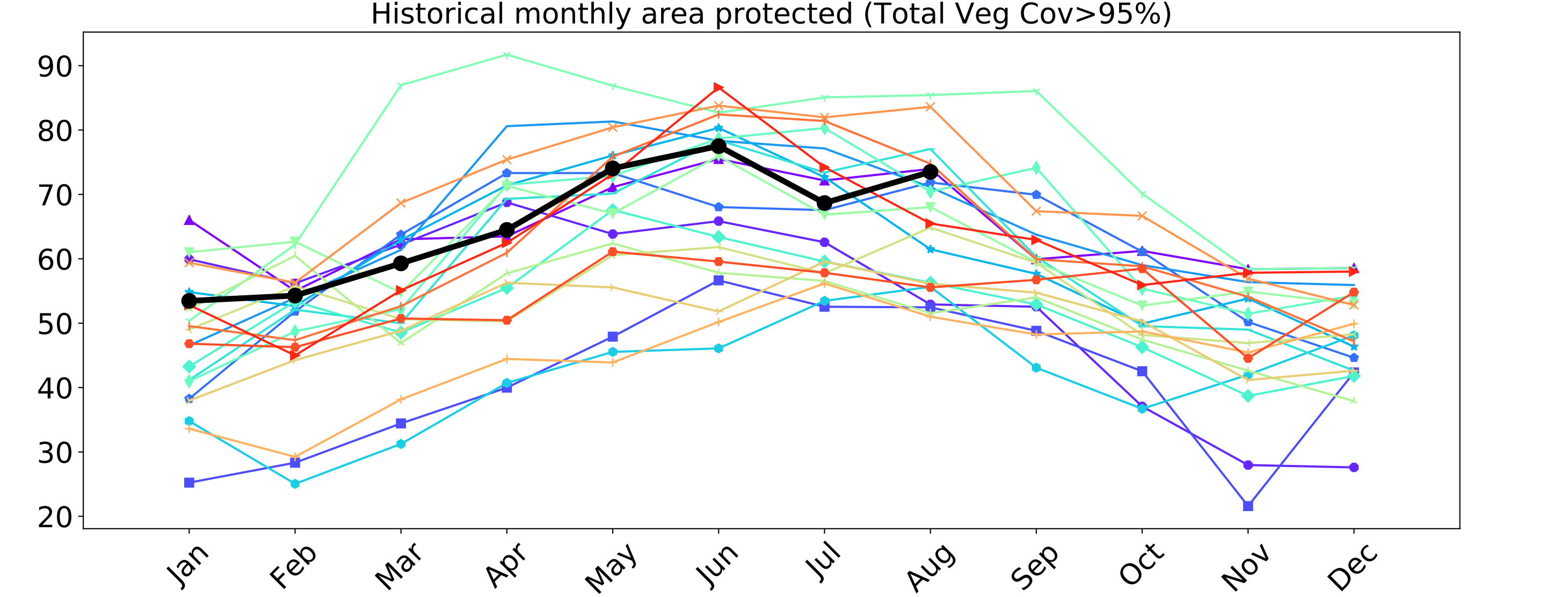
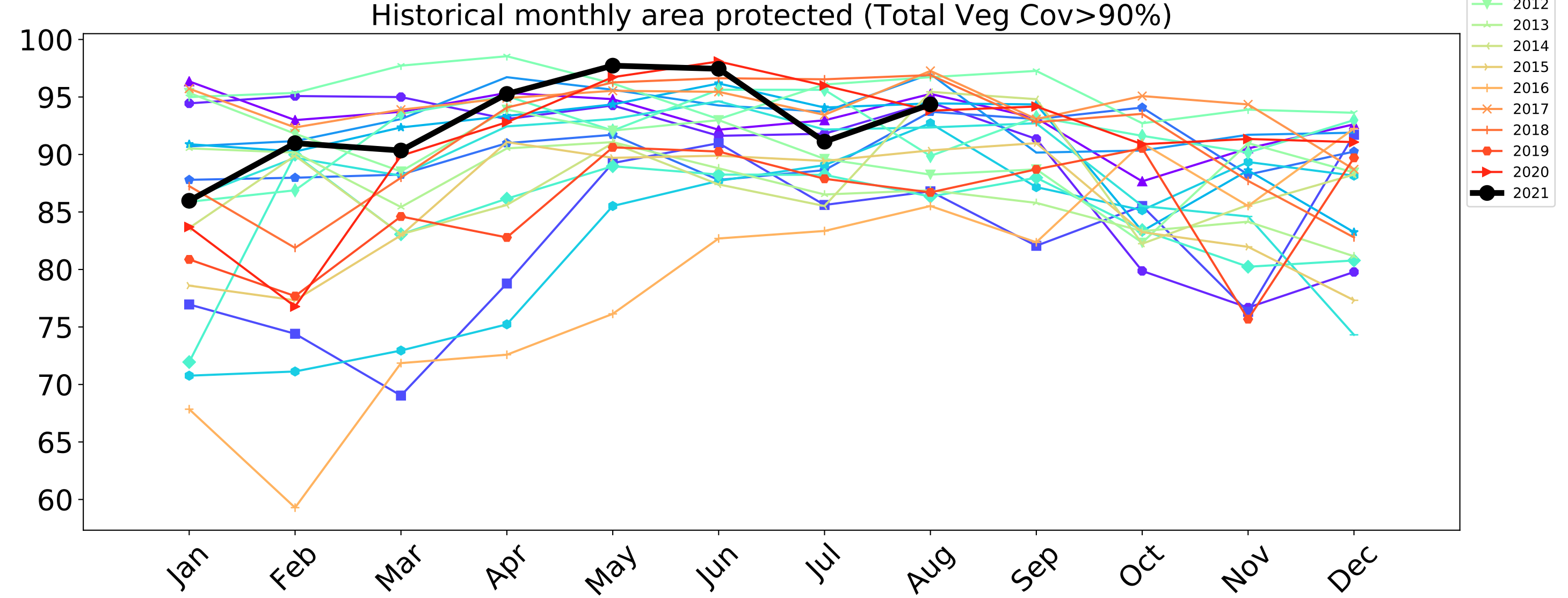
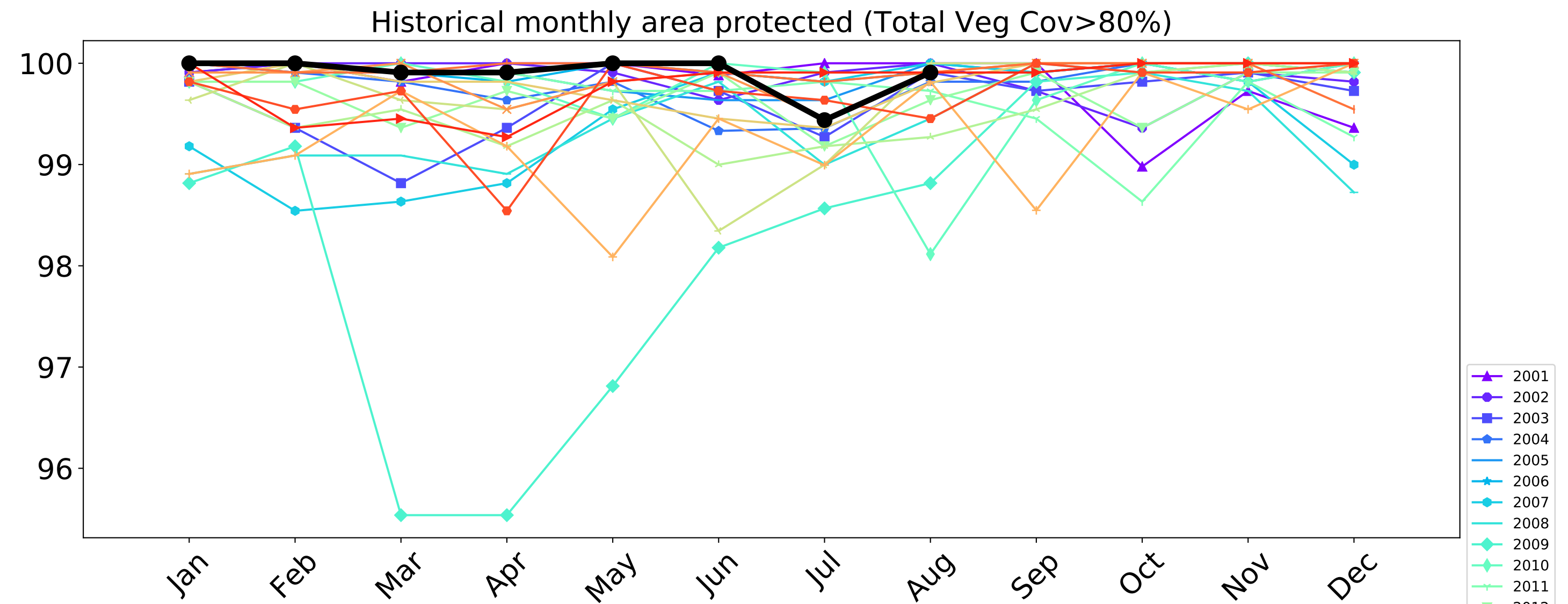
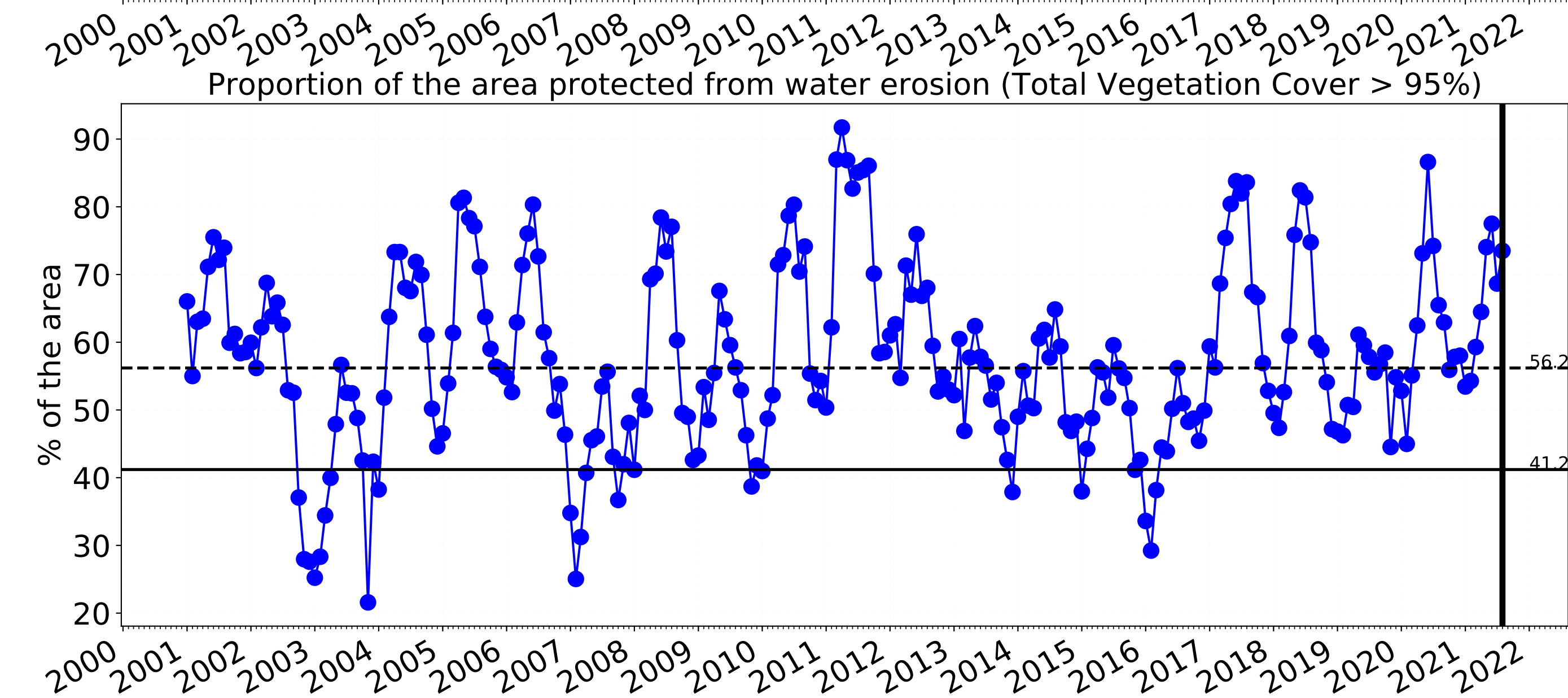
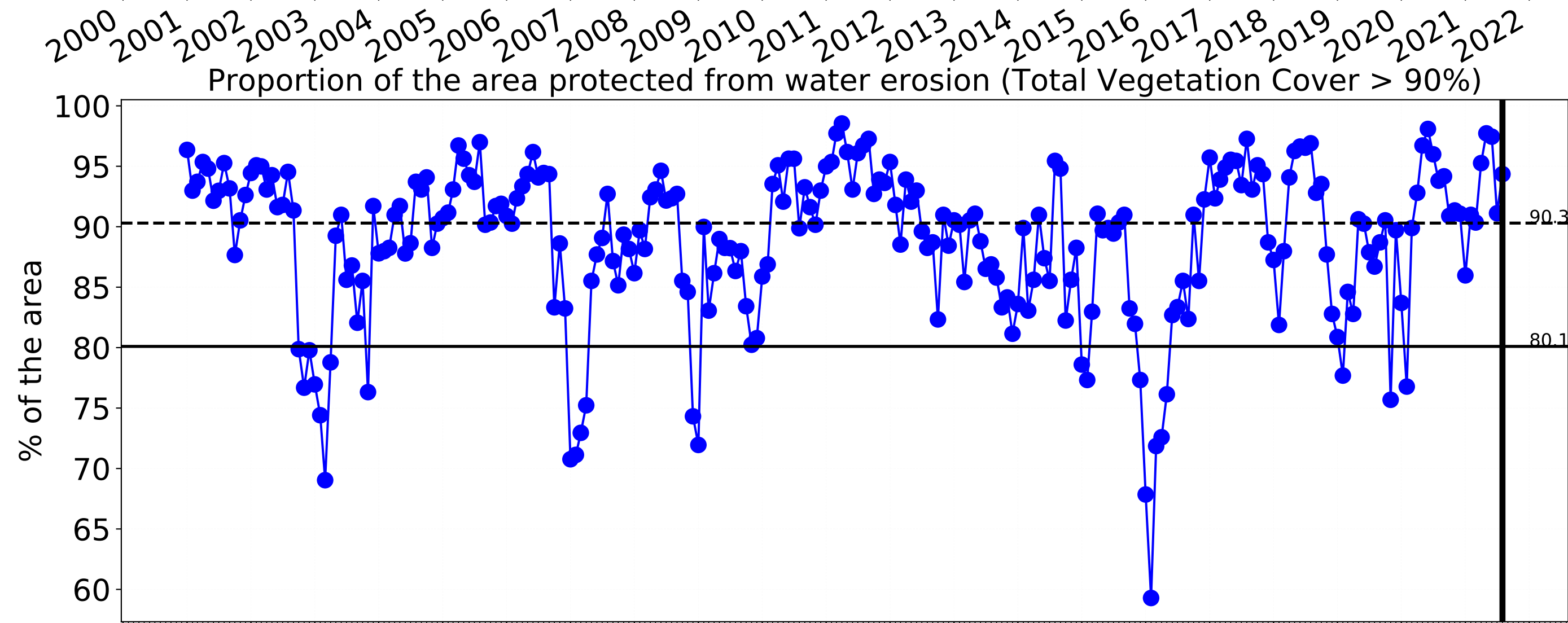
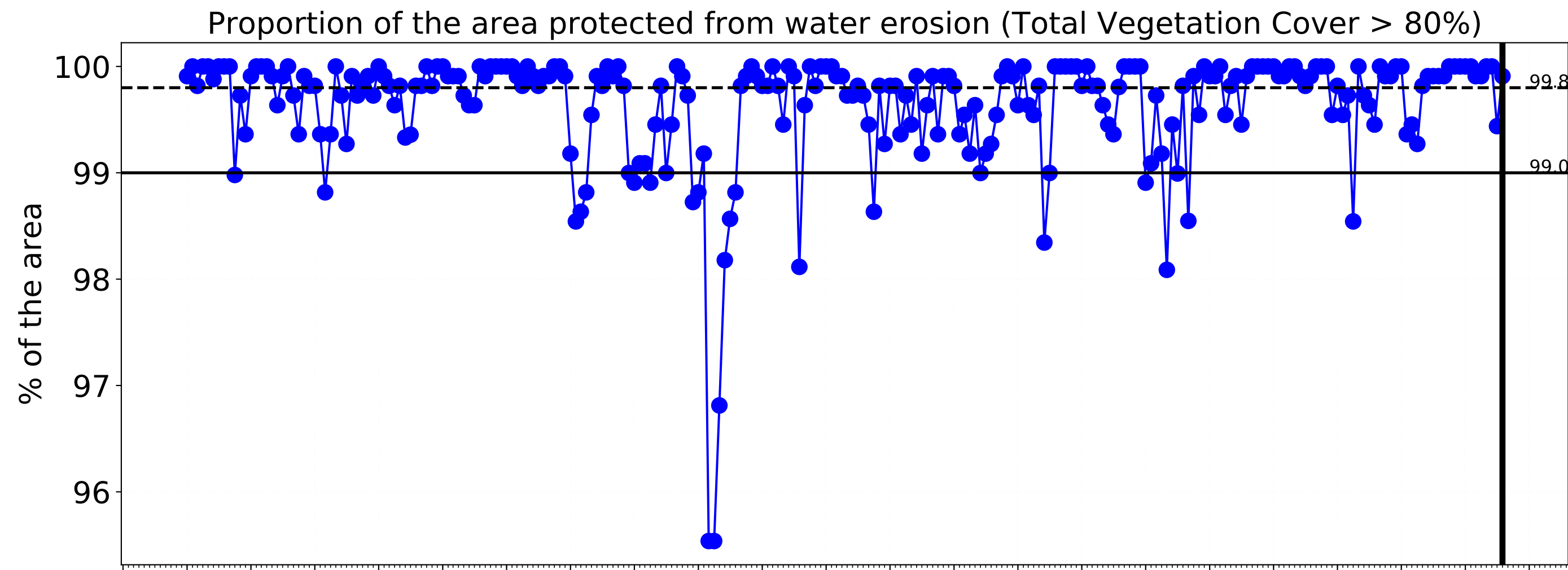


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Hepburn_(S) (147,025 ha and no data 142 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	147,025	100.0% 147,025	100.0% 147,025	99.8% 146,775	97.0% 142,675	66.3% 97,550	33.4% 49,150
Conservation and natural environments	10,225	100.0% 10,225	100.0% 10,225	100.0% 10,225	99.5% 10,175	91.9% 9,400	58.9% 6,025
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,425	100.0% 1,425	100.0% 1,425	100.0% 1,425	100.0% 1,425	87.7% 1,250	47.4% 675
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	8,025	100.0% 8,025	100.0% 8,025	100.0% 8,025	100.0% 8,025	93.8% 7,525	63.9% 5,125
Agriculture	85,875	100.0% 85,875	100.0% 85,875	99.8% 85,725	95.8% 82,275	52.5% 45,125	16.8% 14,400
Grazing	69,250	100.0% 69,250	100.0% 69,250	99.8% 69,100	96.3% 66,700	54.7% 37,850	17.3% 11,975
Grazing non forest	63,625	100.0% 63,625	100.0% 63,625	99.8% 63,475	96.0% 61,075	51.7% 32,875	13.9% 8,850
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	4,650	100.0% 4,650	100.0% 4,650	100.0% 4,650	100.0% 4,650	90.9% 4,225	57.0% 2,650
Cropping	14,600	100.0% 14,600	100.0% 14,600	100.0% 14,600	96.1% 14,025	47.3% 6,900	16.3% 2,375
Irrigation	1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	100.0% 1,950	75.6% 1,475	15.4% 300	1.3% 25
Production native forests and plantation forests	27,450	100.0% 27,450	100.0% 27,450	100.0% 27,450	99.9% 27,425	94.4% 25,900	73.5% 20,175