This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind (>=50% total vegetation cover) and water/hillslope (>=70% total vegetation cover) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and forest cover class. This is because different land use / forest cover classes are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. [Hindmarsh (S)]

The six maps and two graphs provide a report for the month with:

- Land use and forest cover information for the area:
  - o Map: Land use and forest cover
  - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month:
  - o Map: total vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
  - o Chart: total vegetation cover percentage area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month:
  - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares
  - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares
- Comparison with previous years:
  - o Map: anomaly compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
  - o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series from January 2001 to current:
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month since January 2001 (orange line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month since January 2001 (blue line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black line). Vertical line is month of report.
- Time series for each month stacked by year
  - o Same data as time series from January 2001 to current month, grouped by month. Black line is current year of data.
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover
- The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example
- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- Protected areas by forest classes if present

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class if 1% or more of area makes up a land use and forest cover class. Four land uses are reported: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests, and other. Agriculture is further divided into grazing,

crops and horticulture are then divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. Land use is further divided by forest class if present: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest.

Explanatory notes:

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Report uses baseline from January 2001 to September 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. Post September 2019 all similar months are used to calculate anomalies and deciles.

### 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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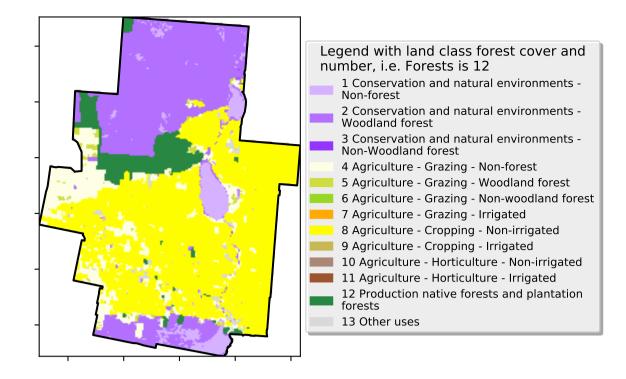


## **Vegetation Cover Sep 2019**

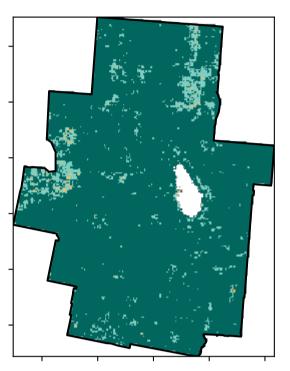
#### Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

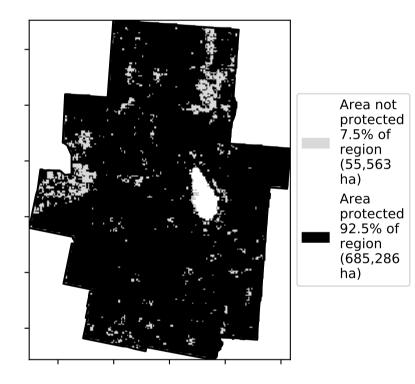
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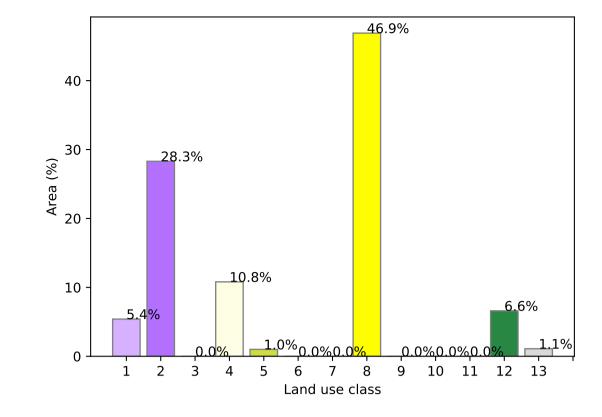


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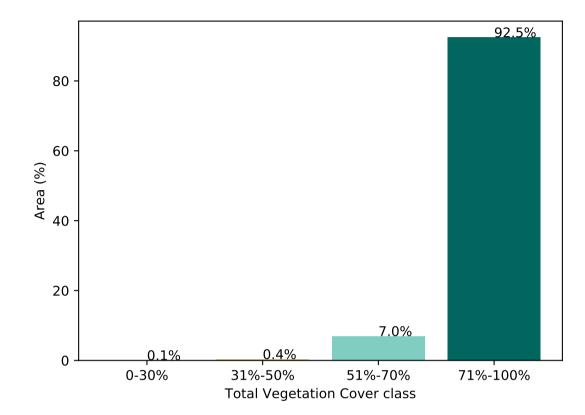


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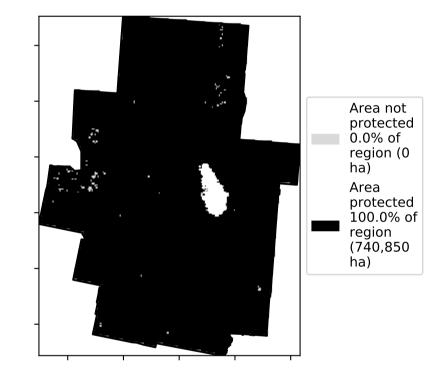




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



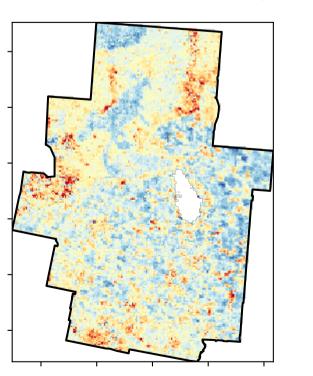
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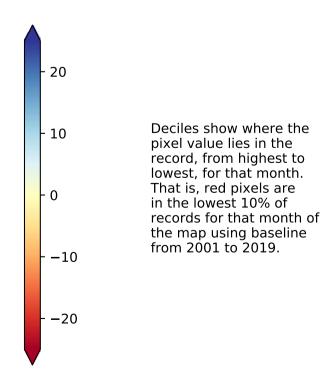


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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

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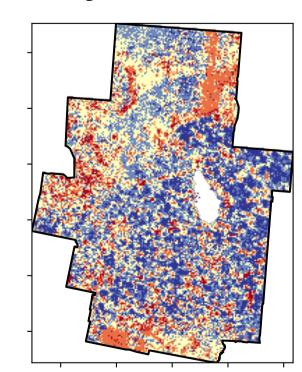


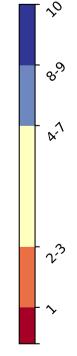
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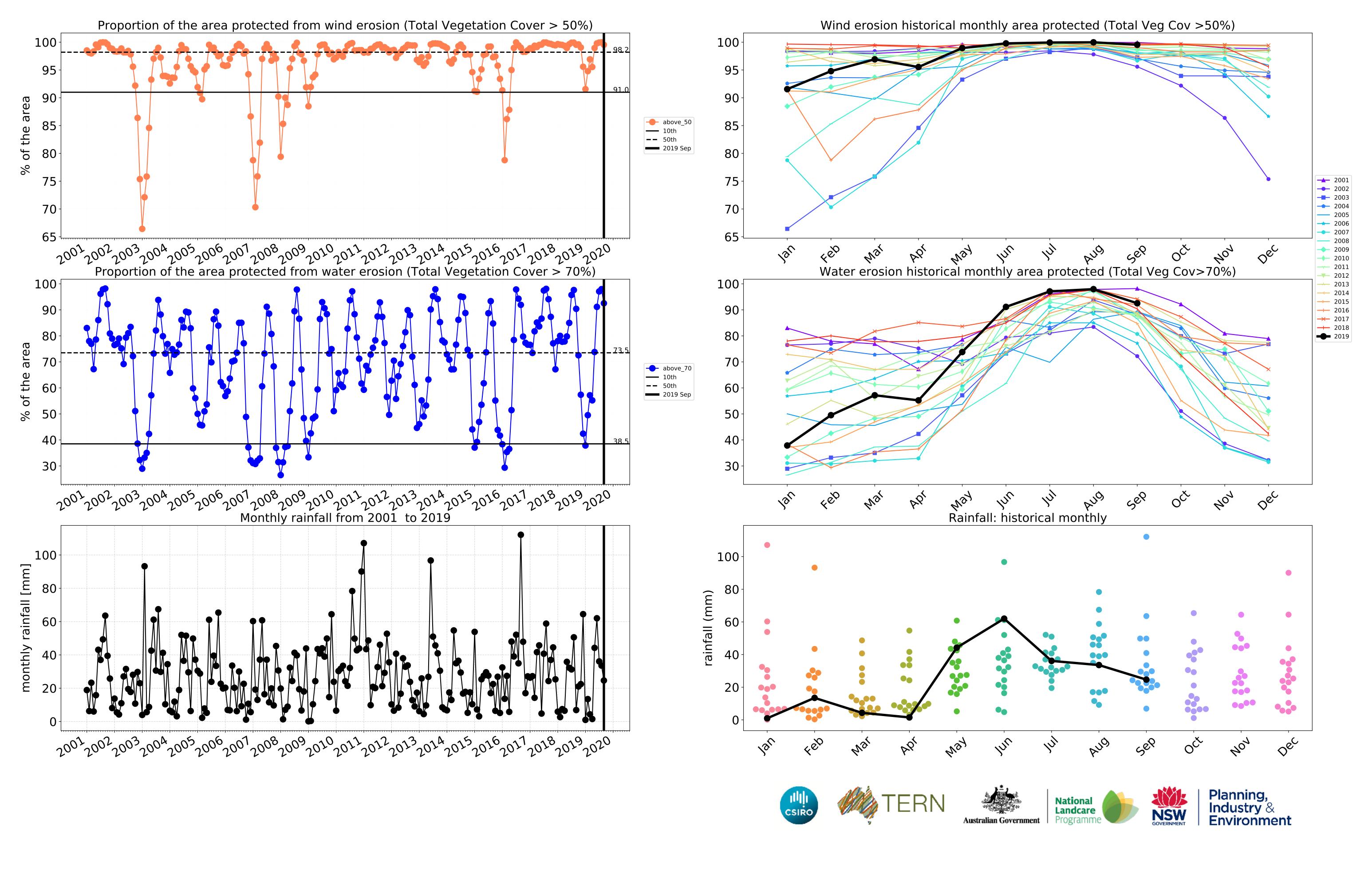
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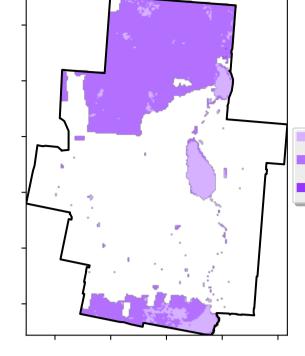




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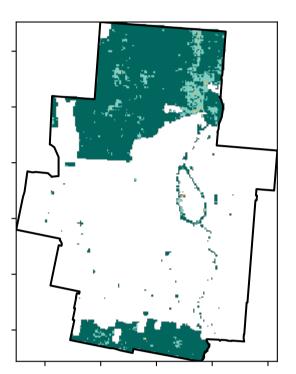
#### Land use and forest cover



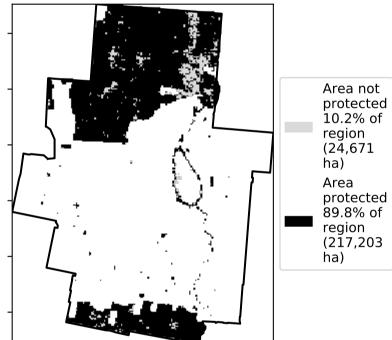


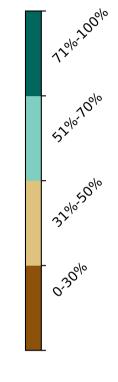
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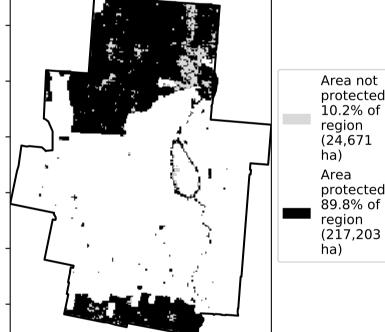
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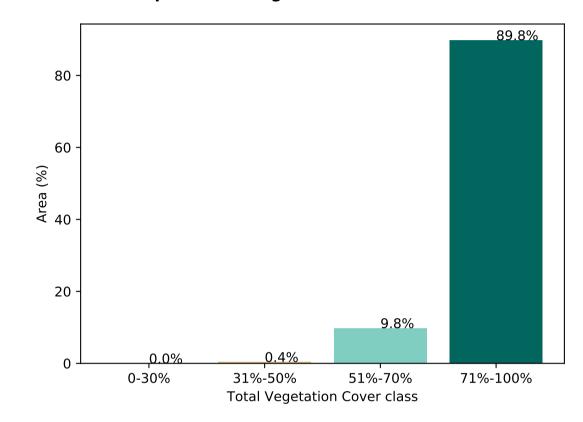
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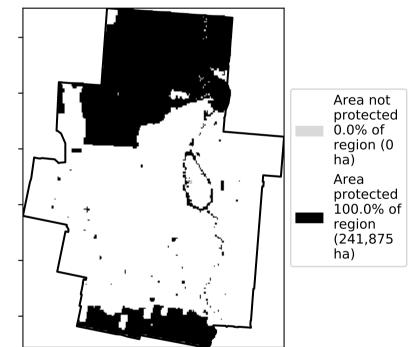




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

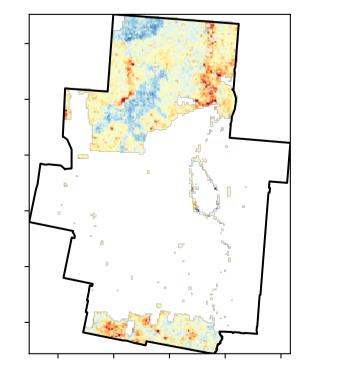


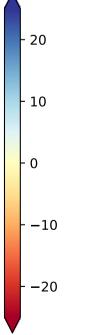
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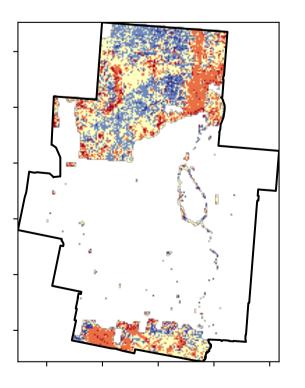
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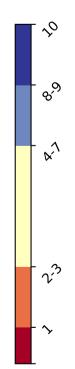
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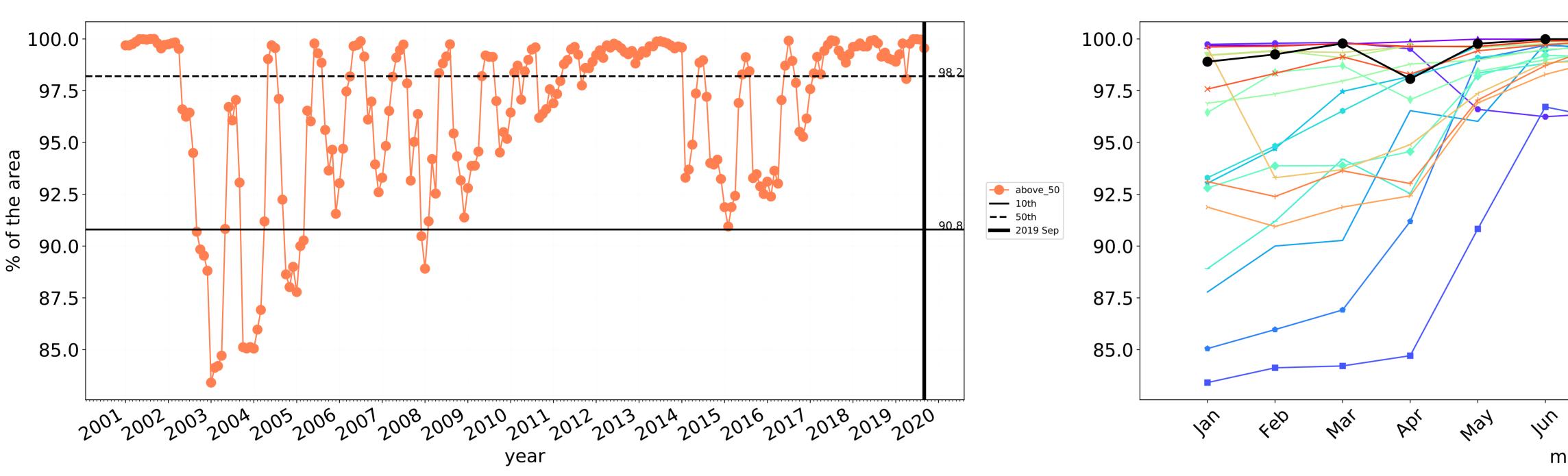
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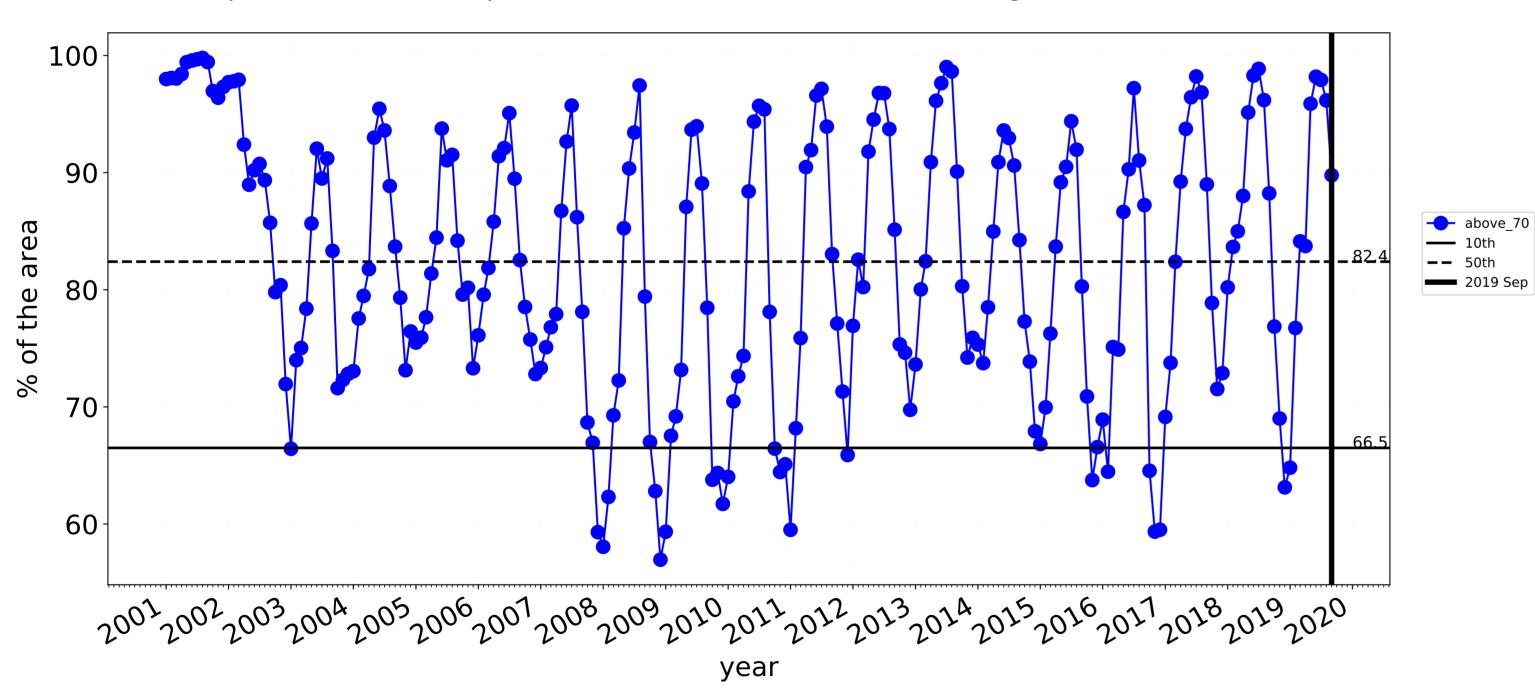
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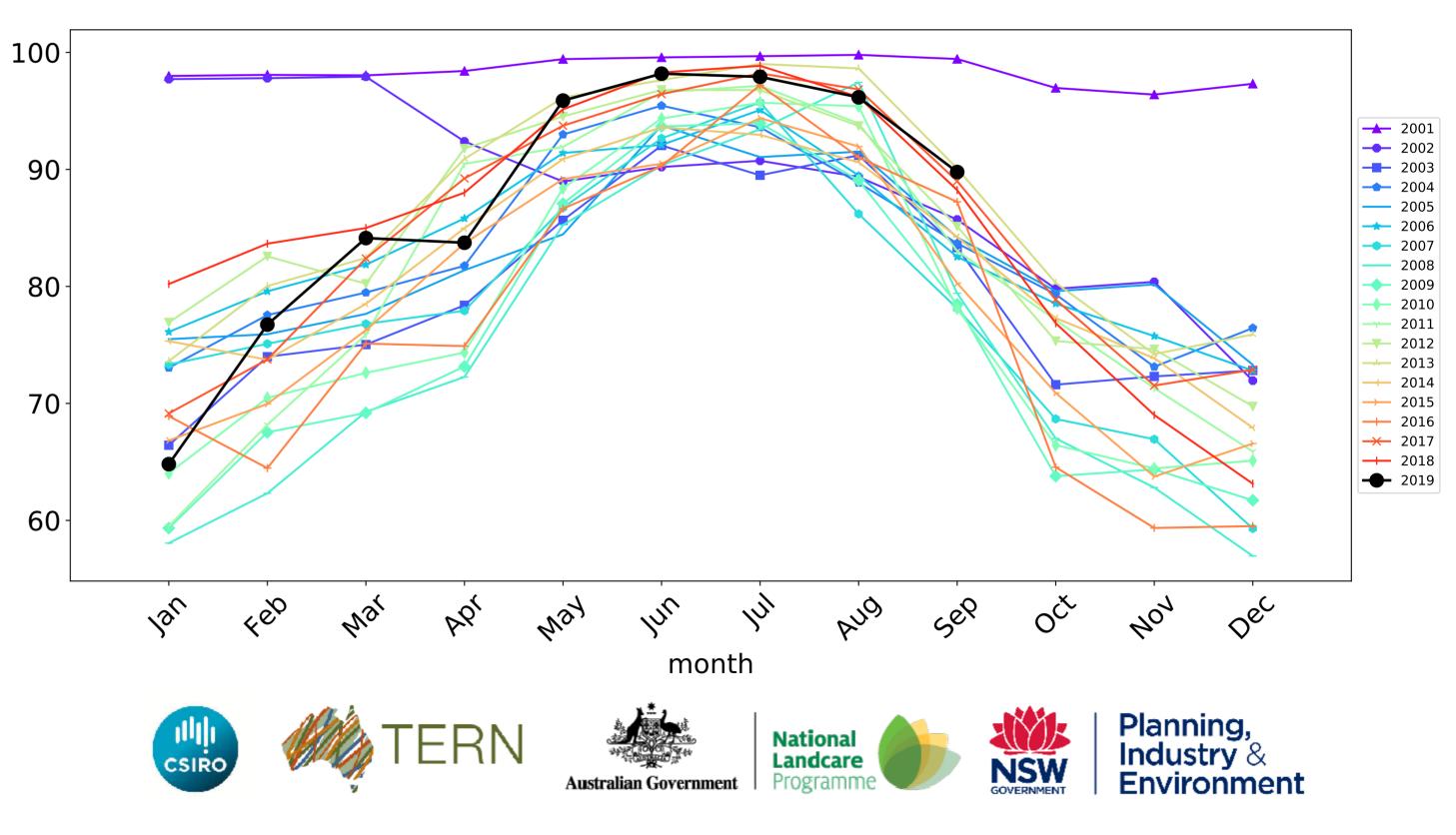


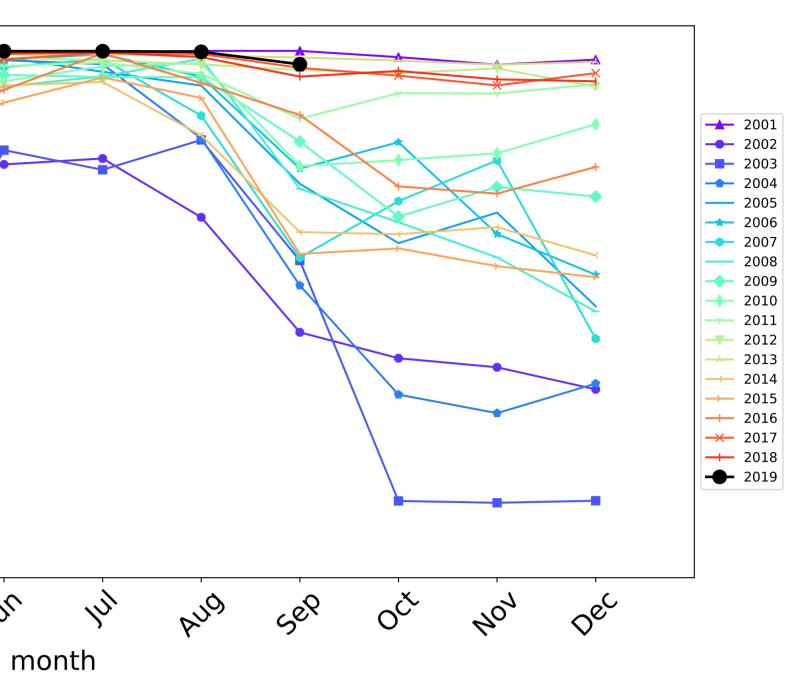
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





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

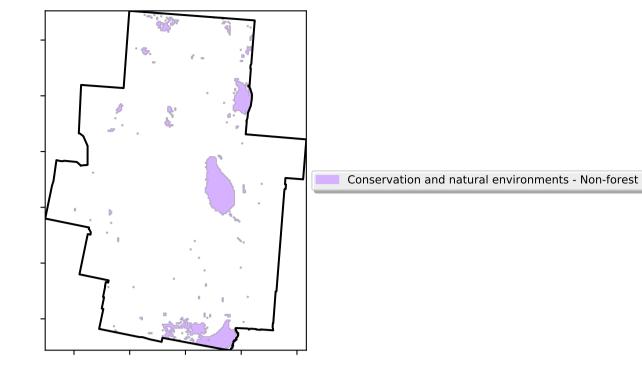




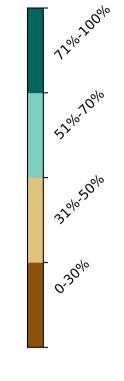
### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

Land use and forest cover

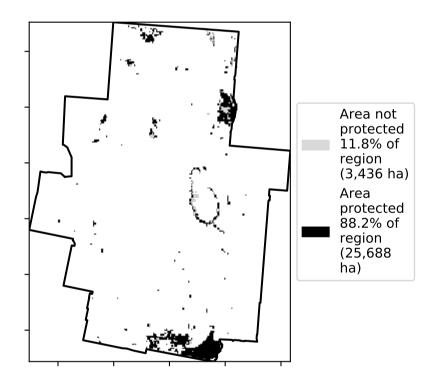
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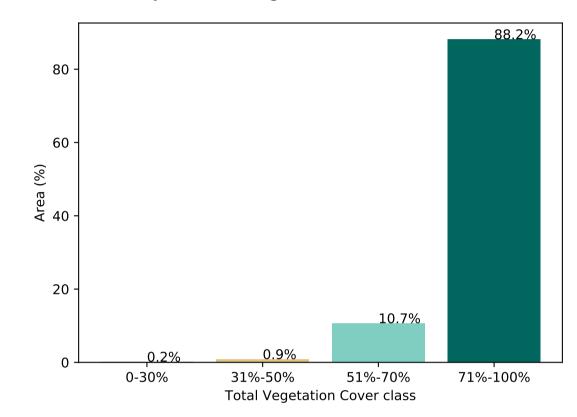
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





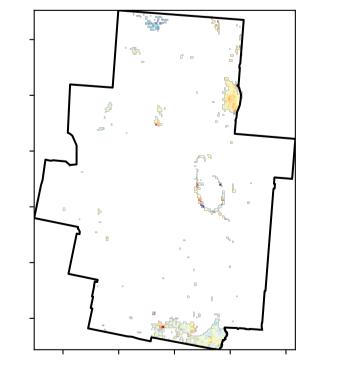


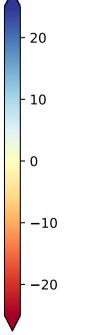
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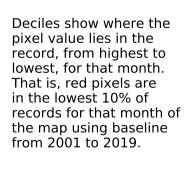


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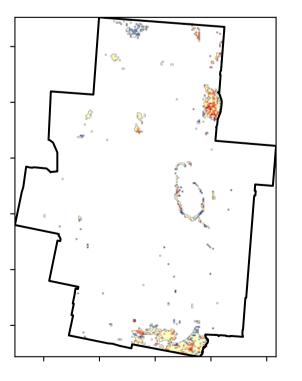
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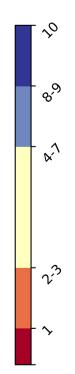




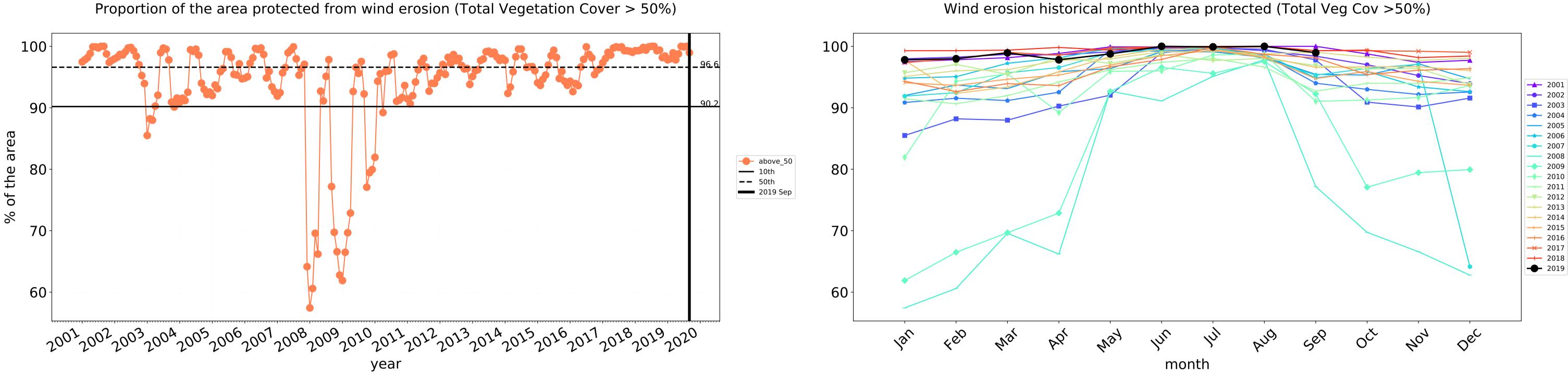


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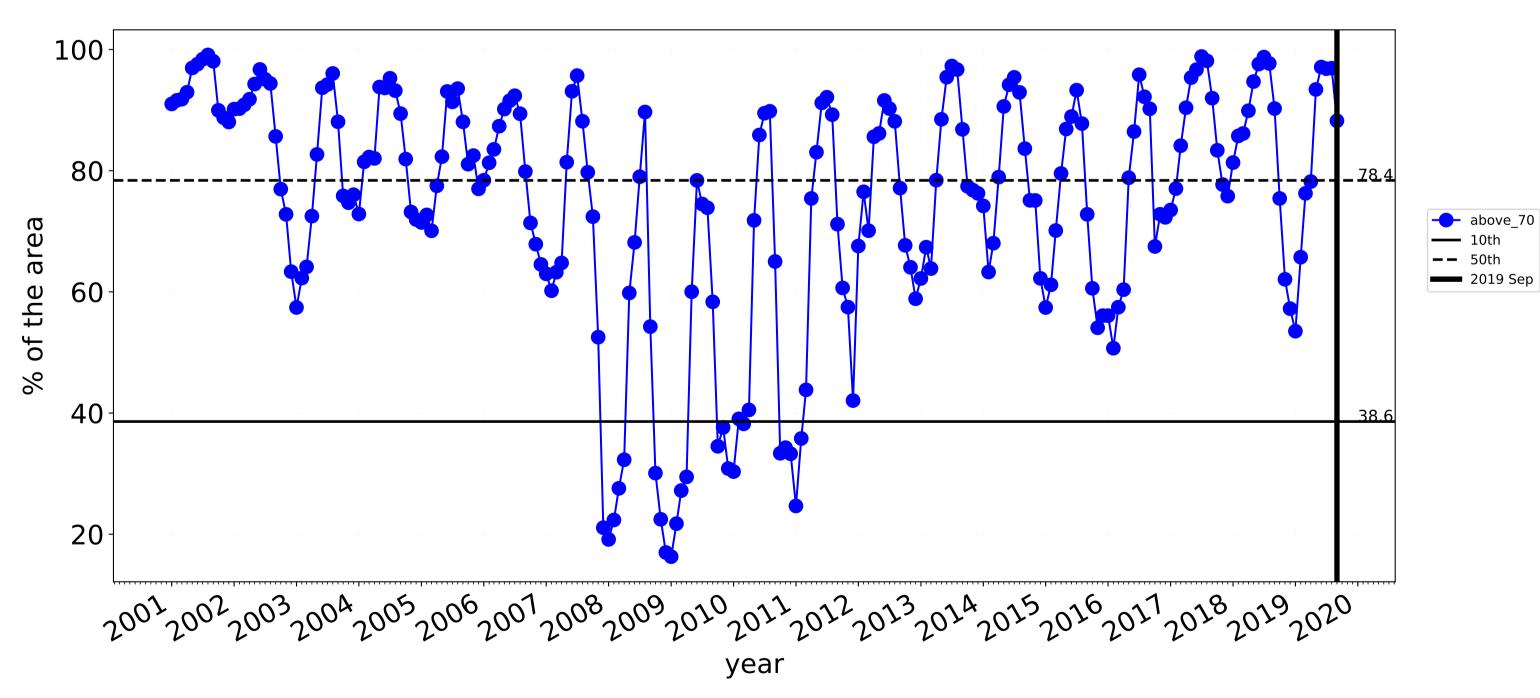


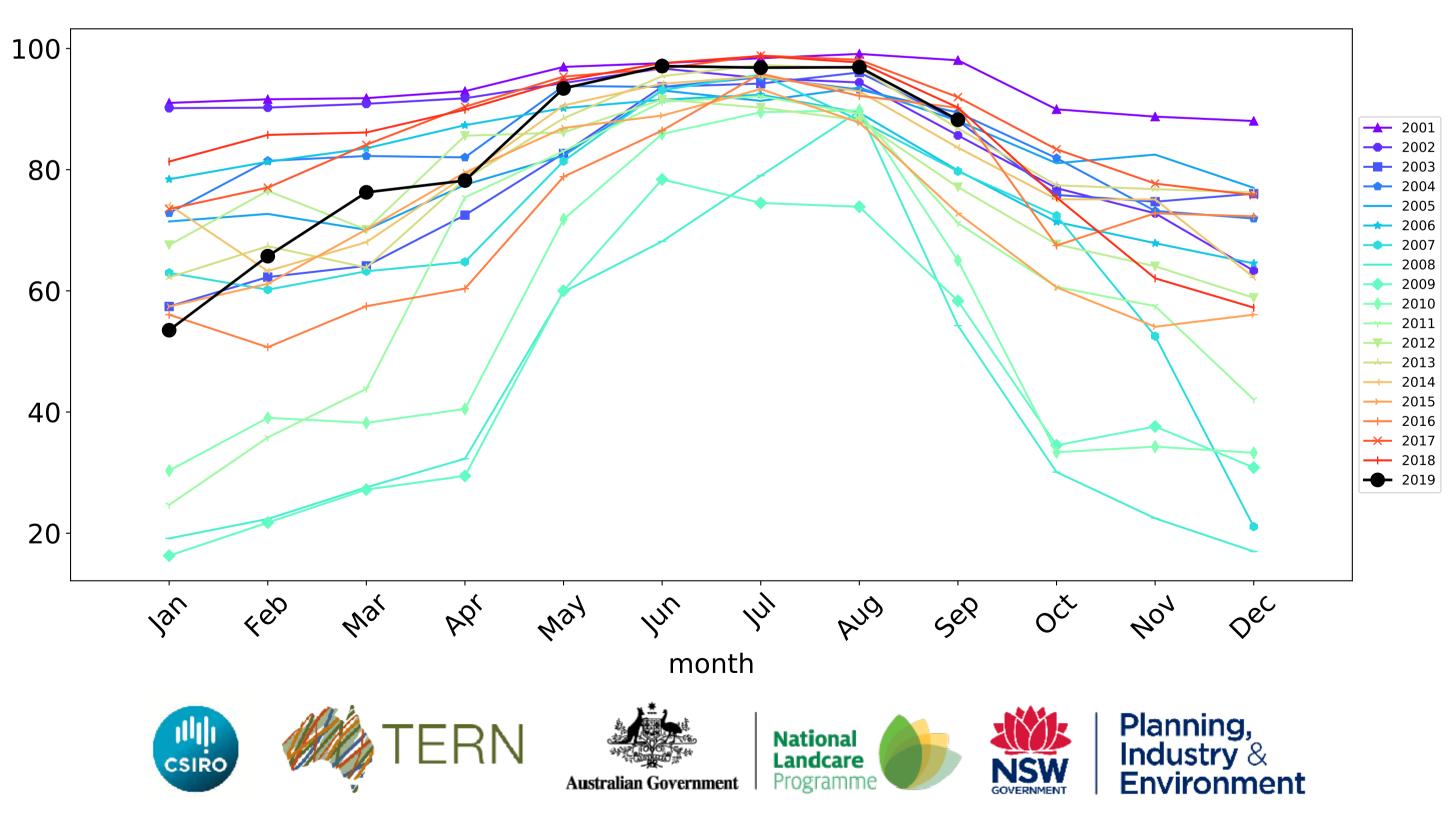






Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

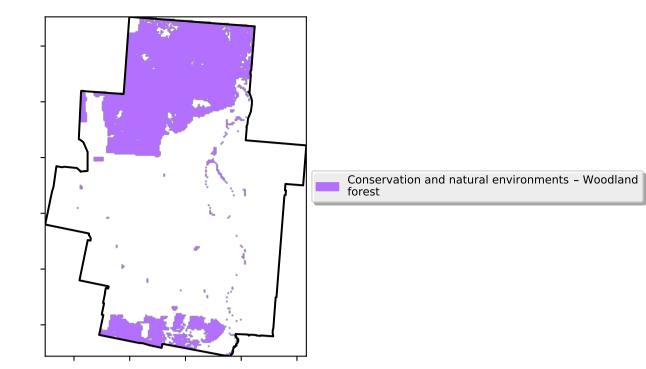




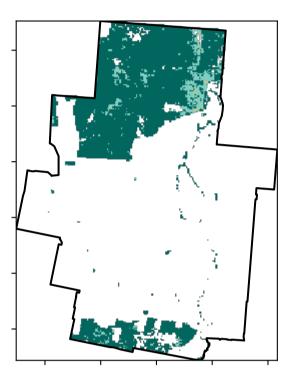
### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

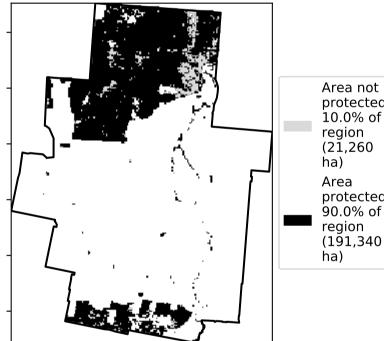
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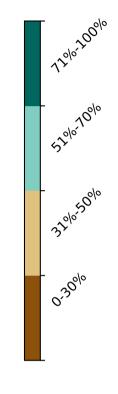


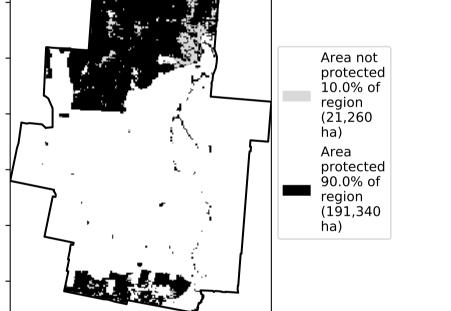
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



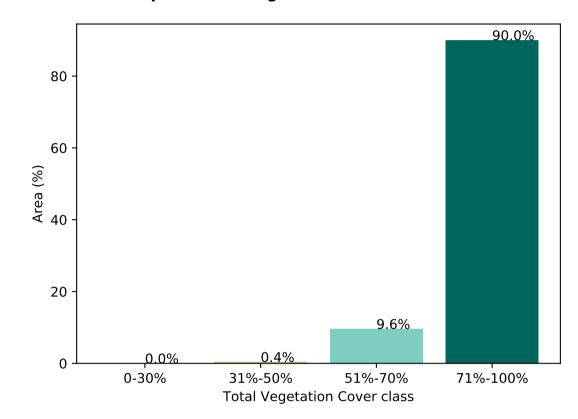




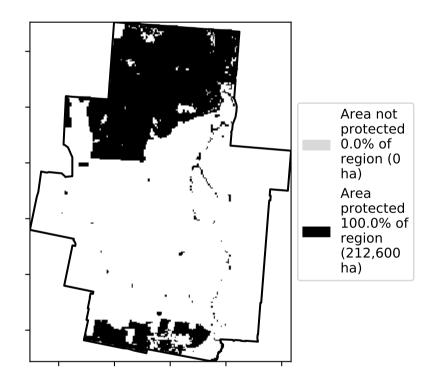




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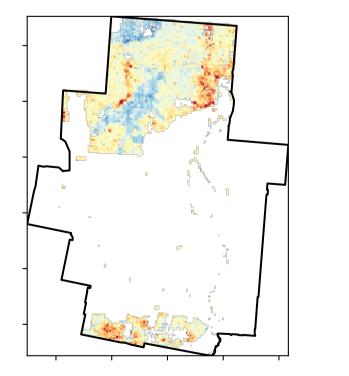


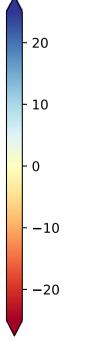
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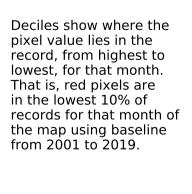


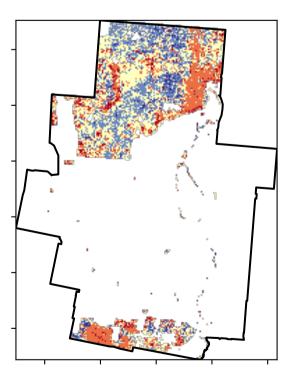
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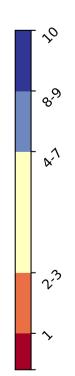
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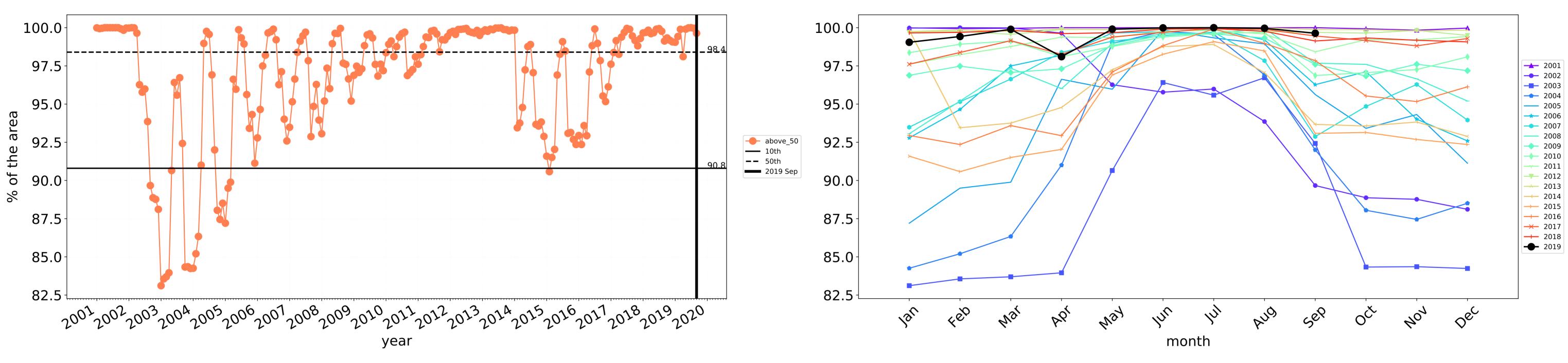






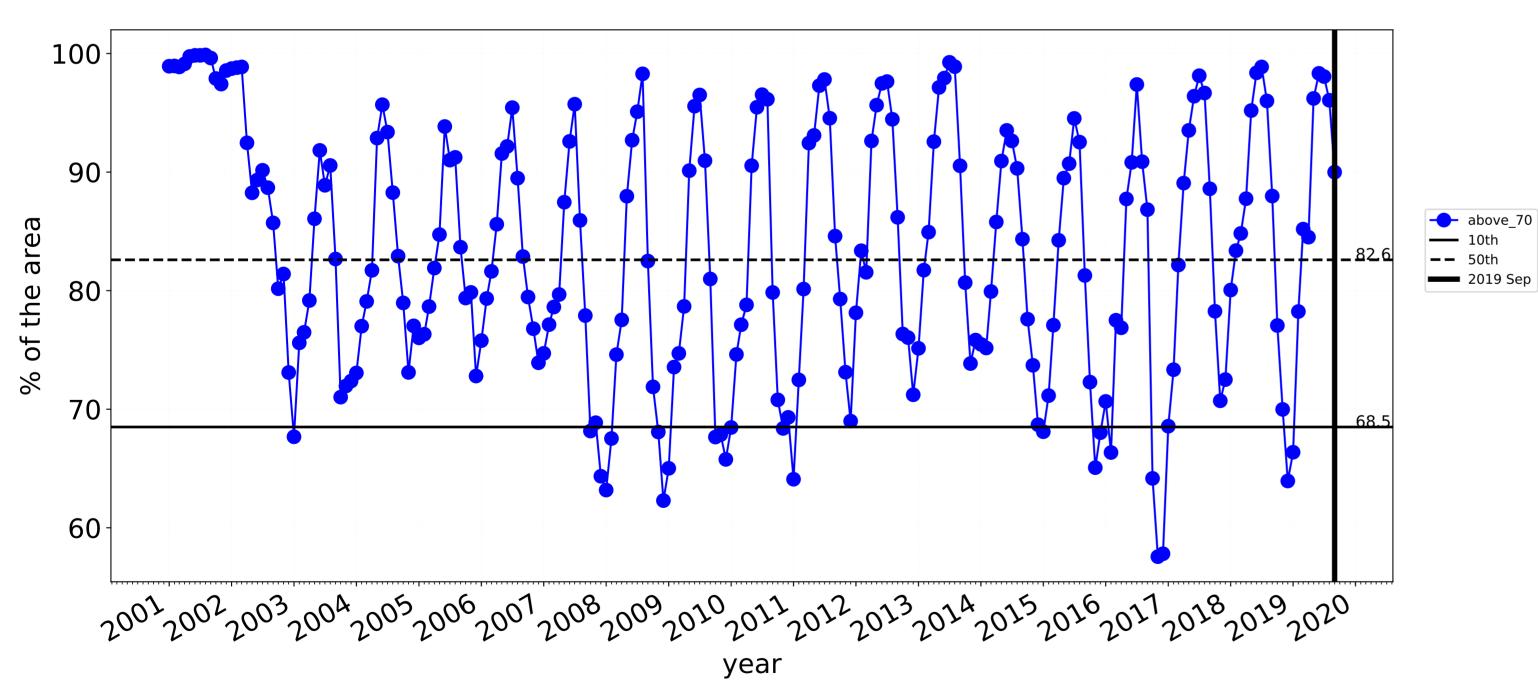


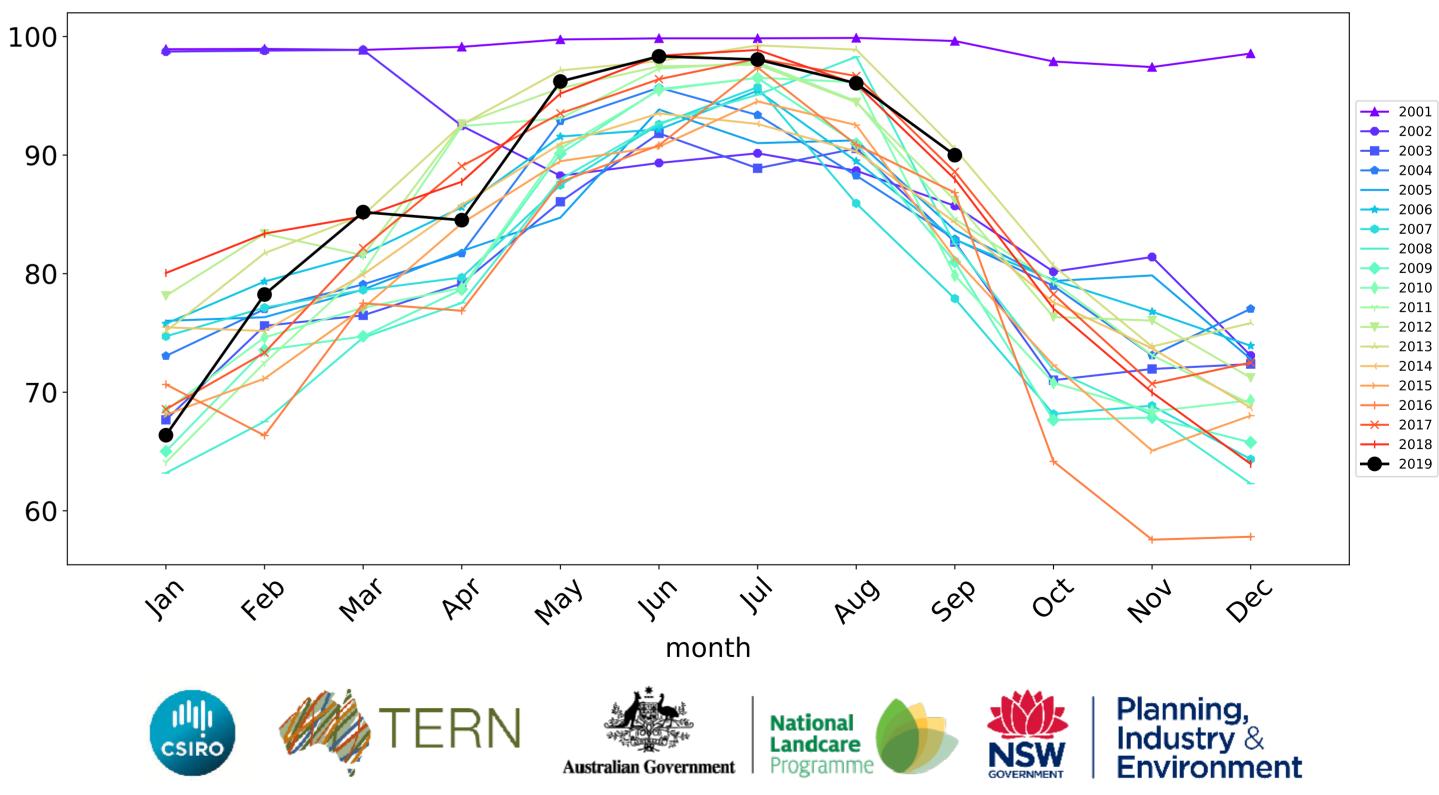




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



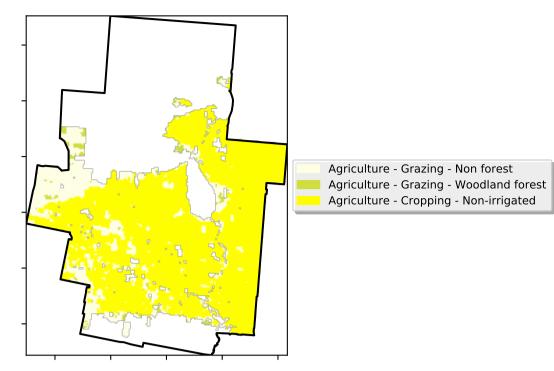


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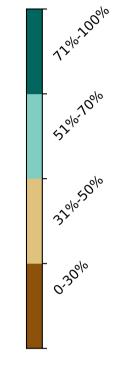
### Agriculture

#### Land use and forest cover

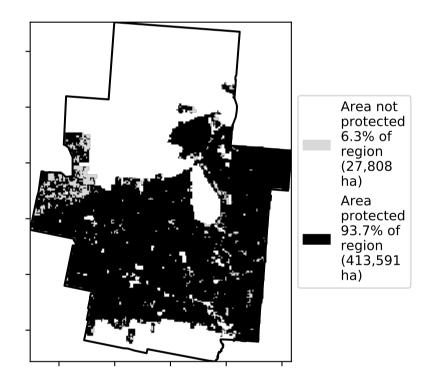
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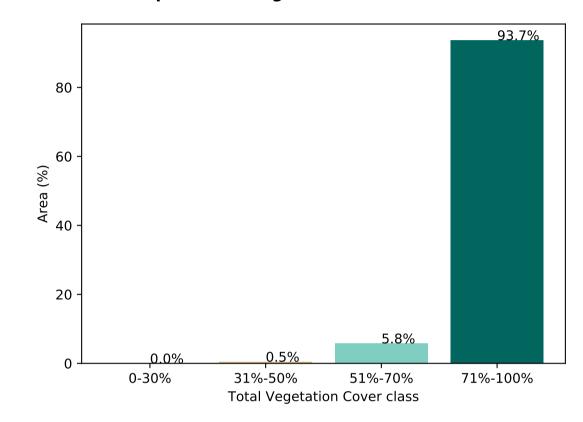
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



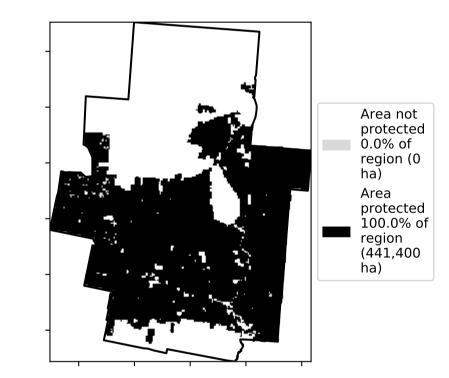
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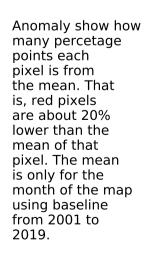
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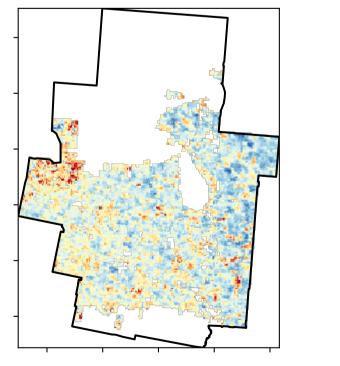


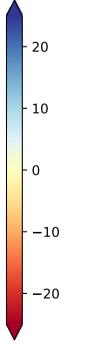
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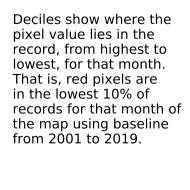


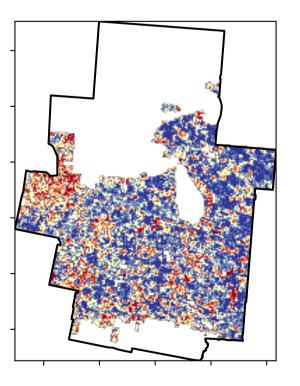
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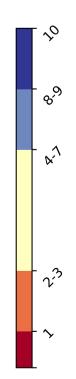




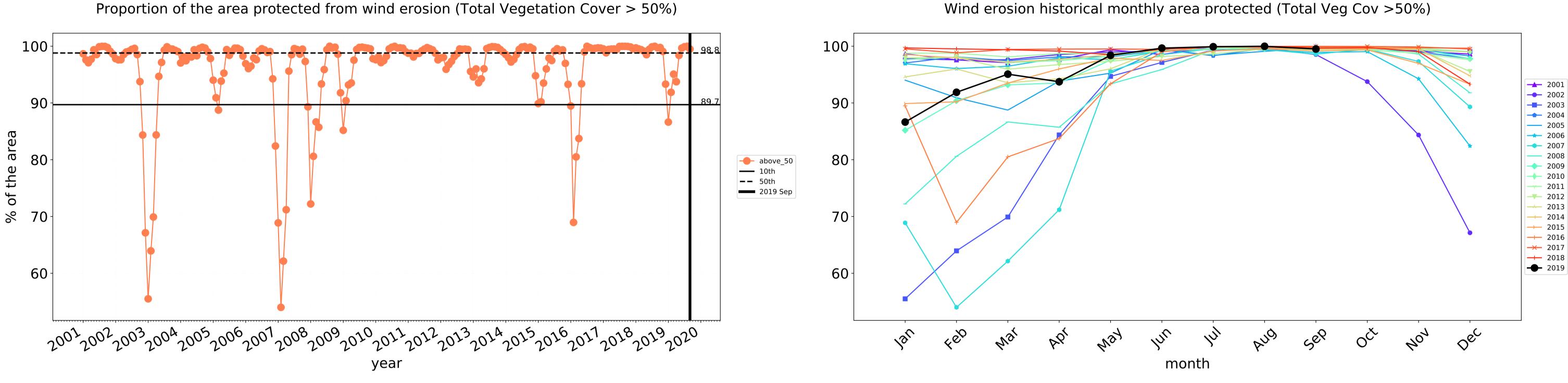






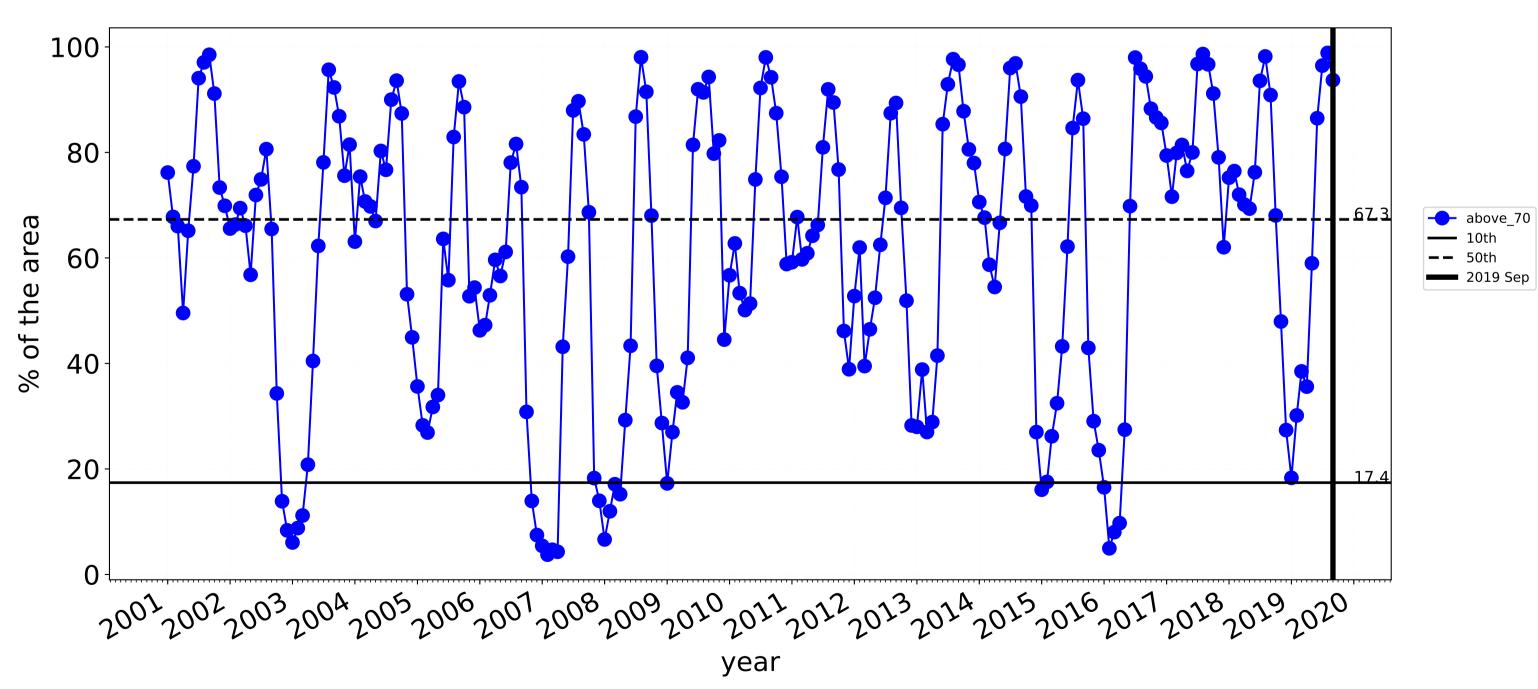




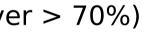


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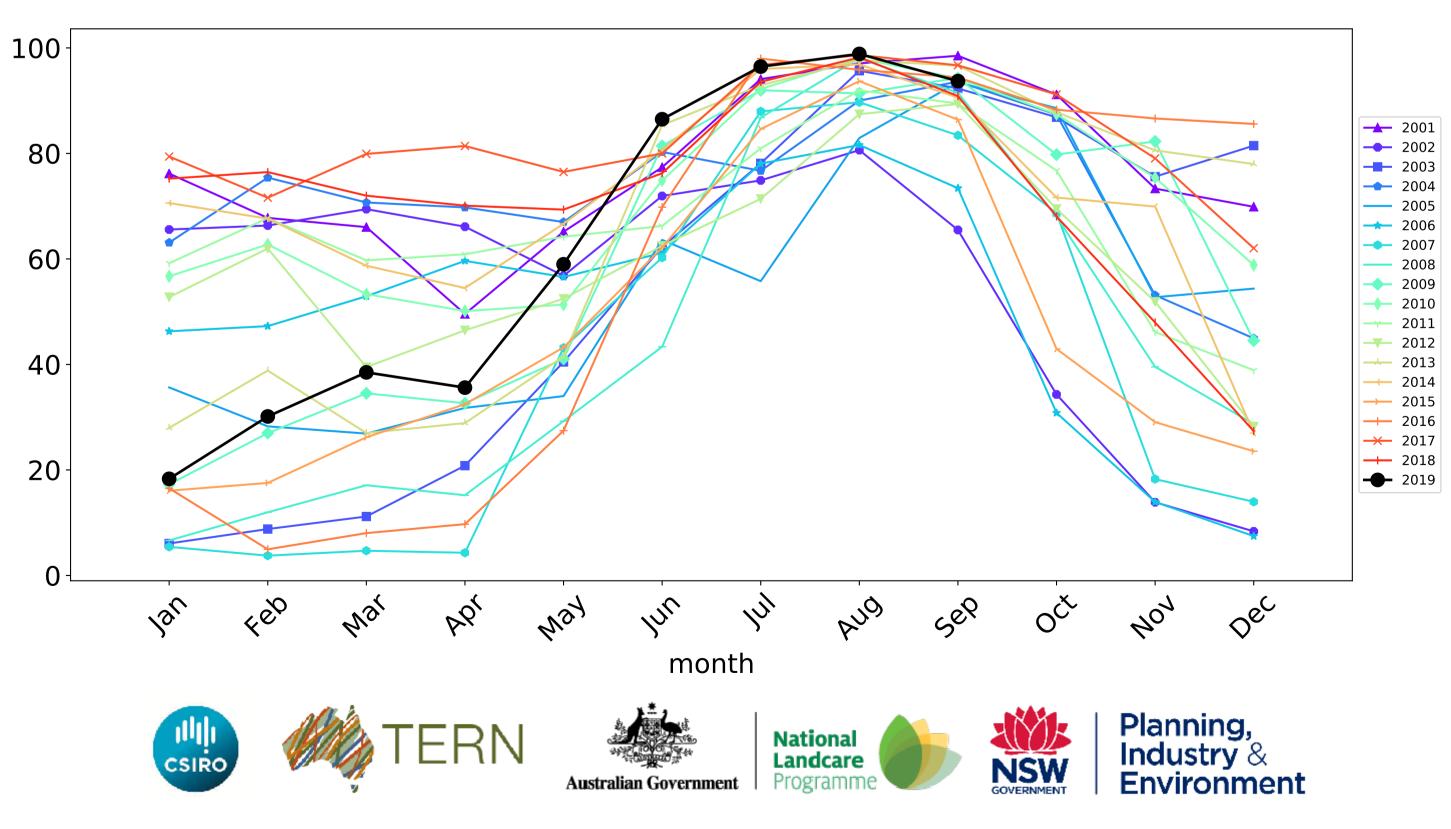
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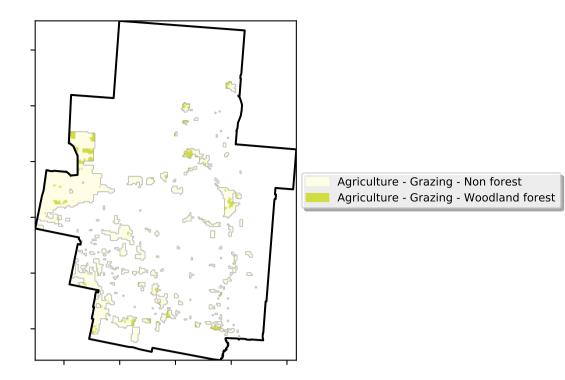
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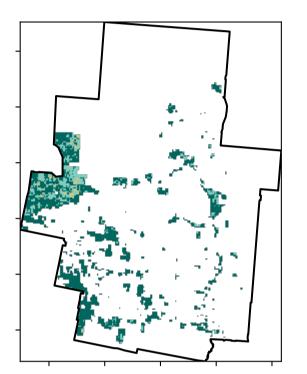
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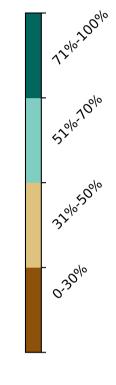
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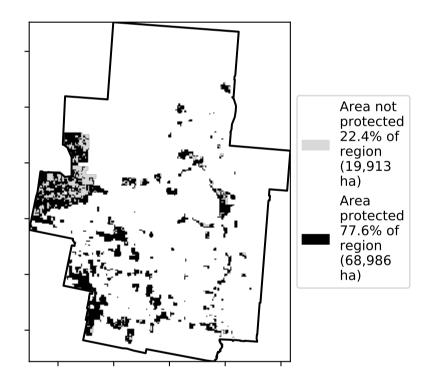


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

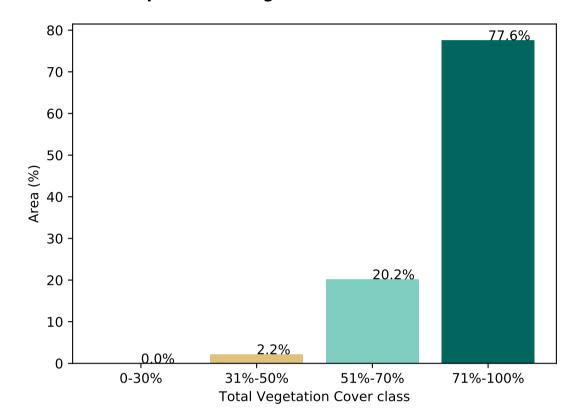




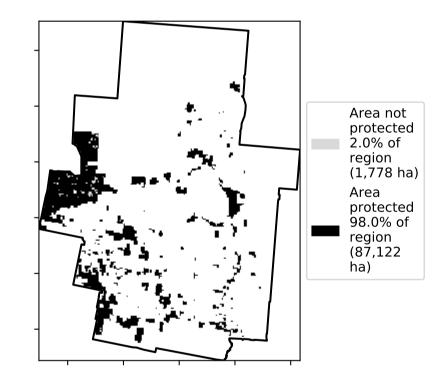
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

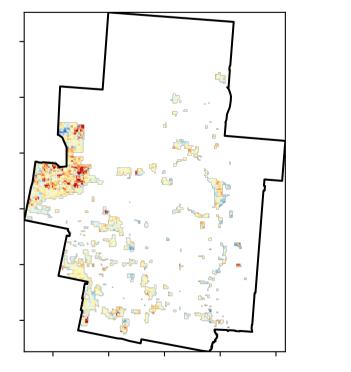


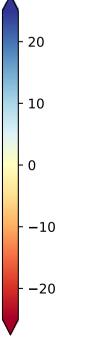
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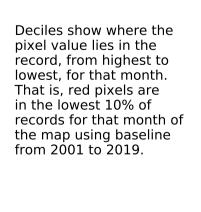


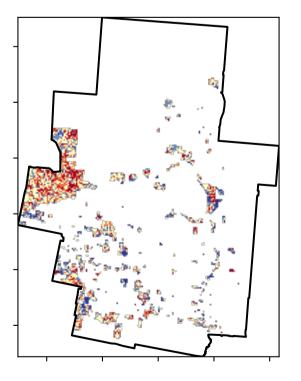
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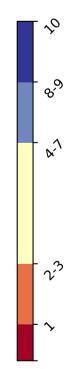
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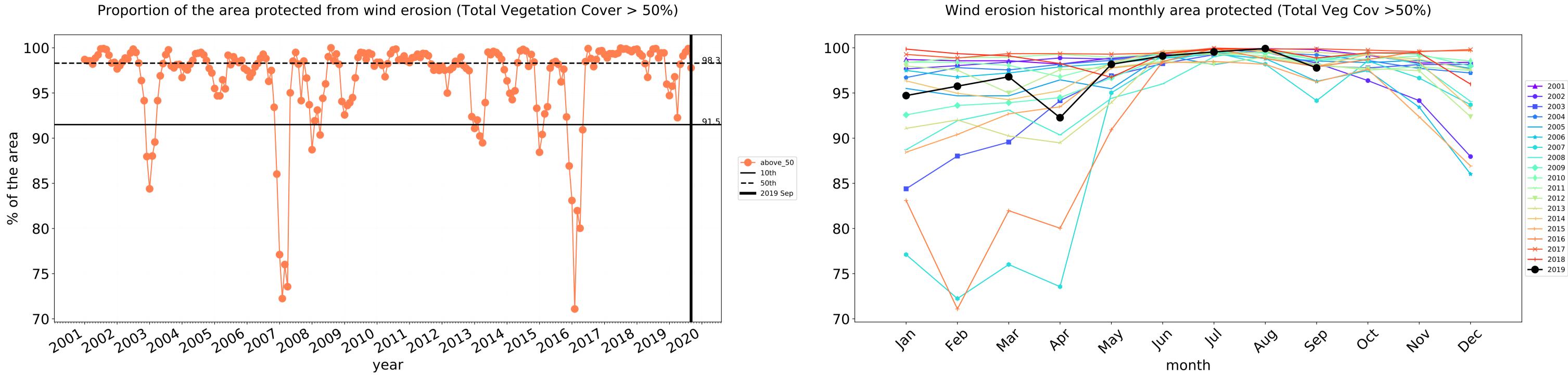




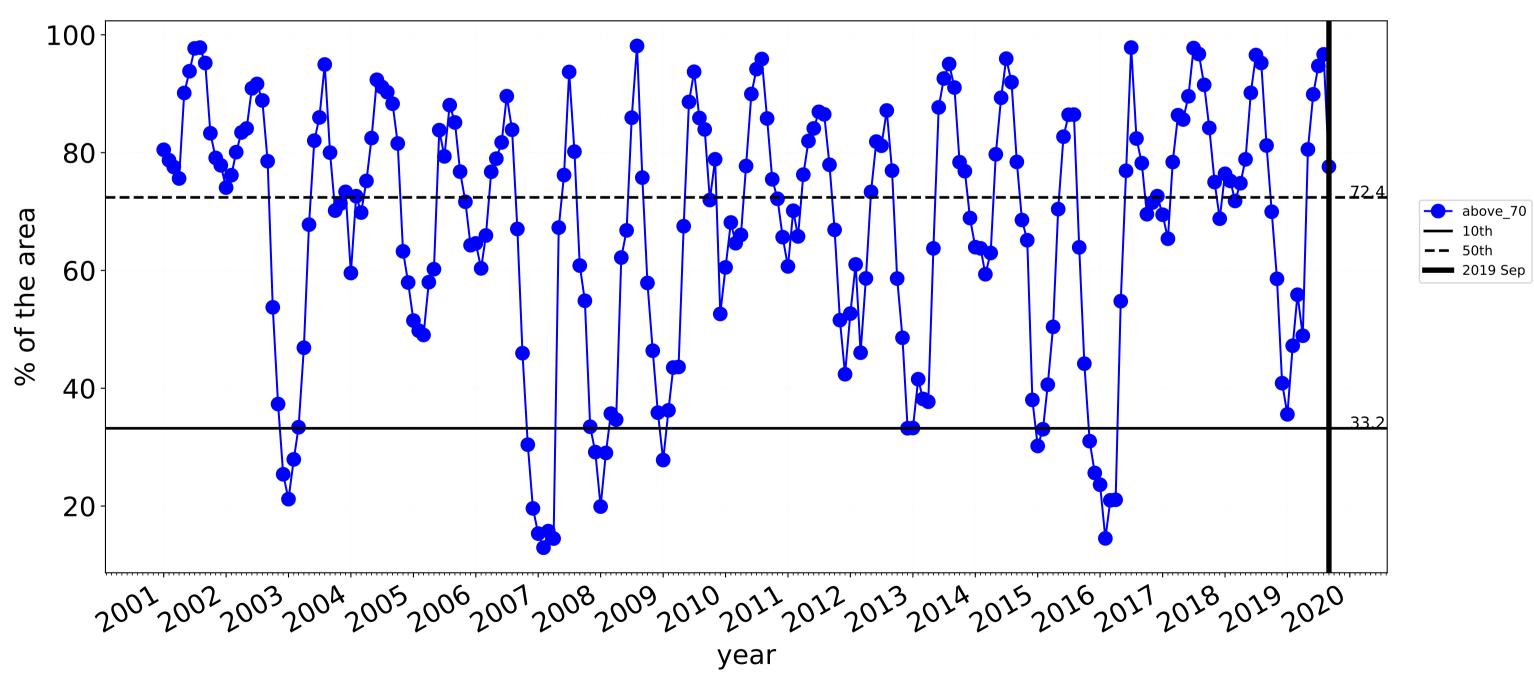




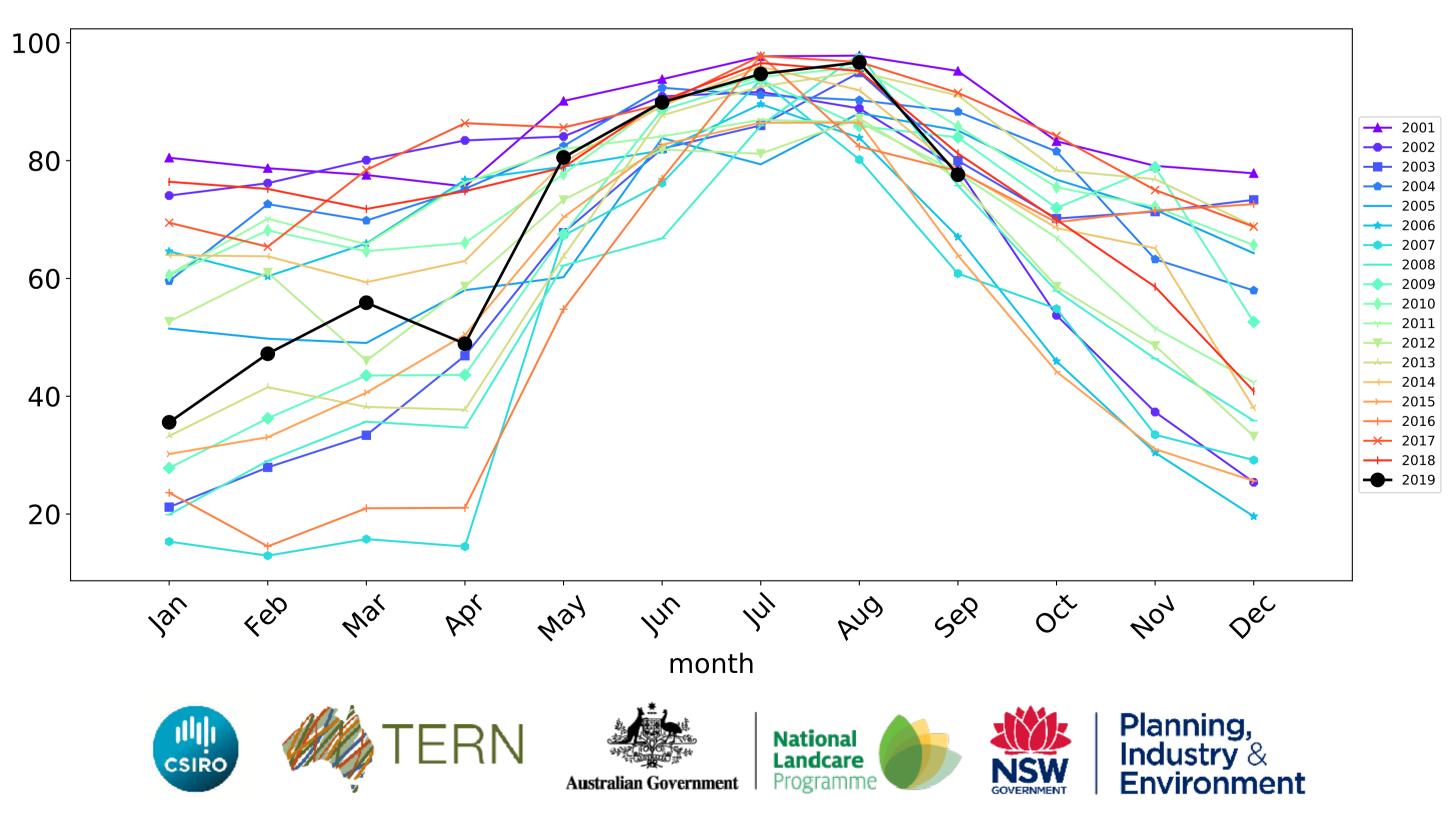








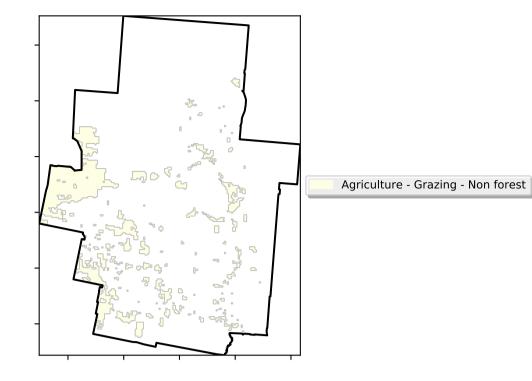
### Grazing timeseries



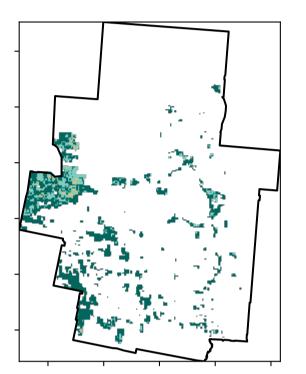
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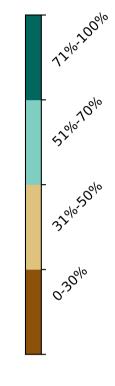
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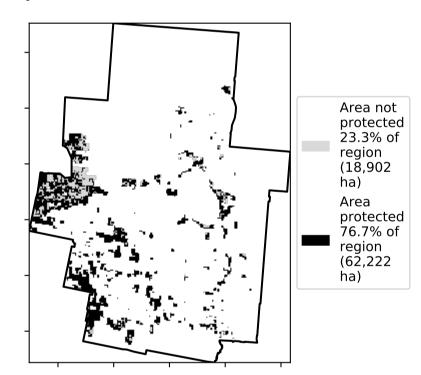


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

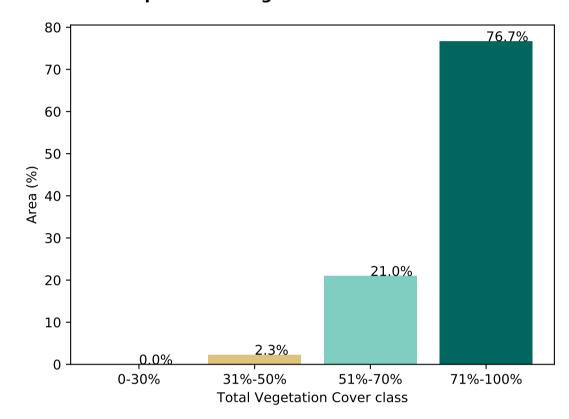




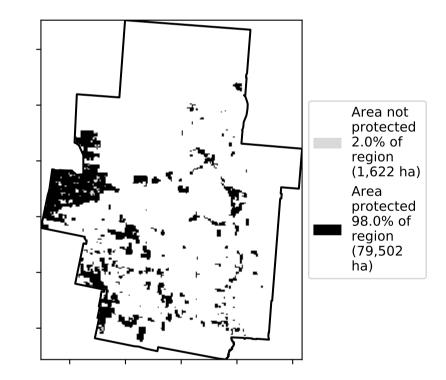
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

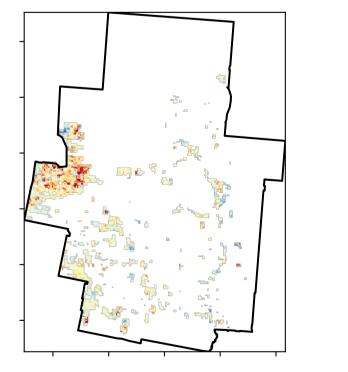


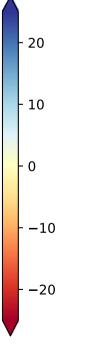
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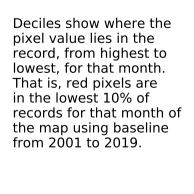


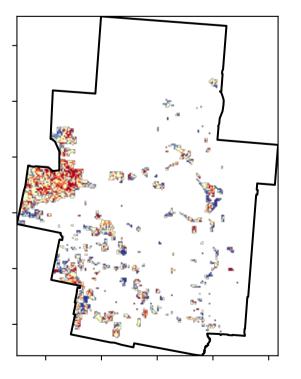
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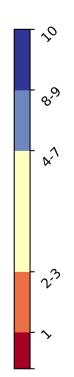
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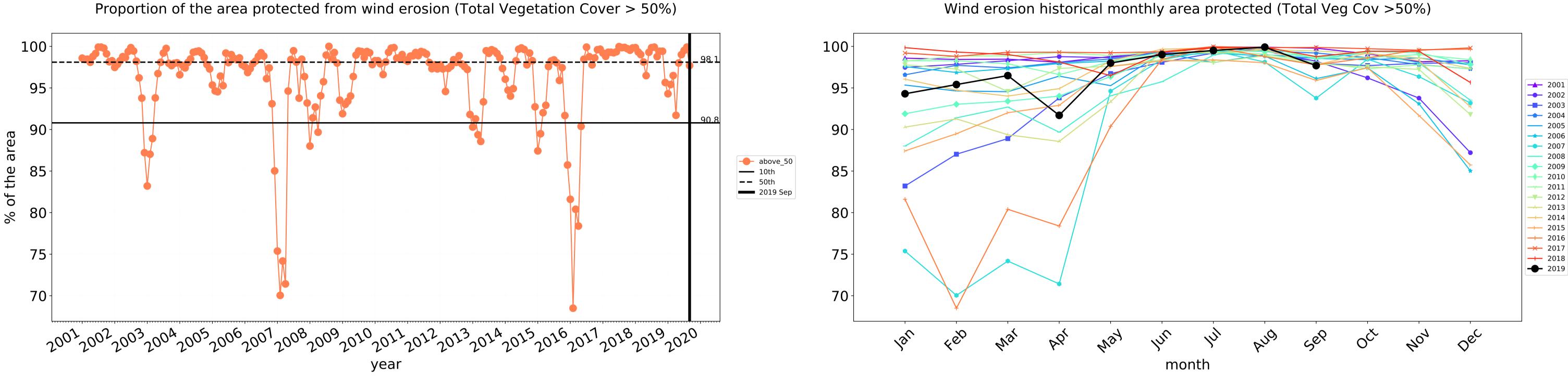




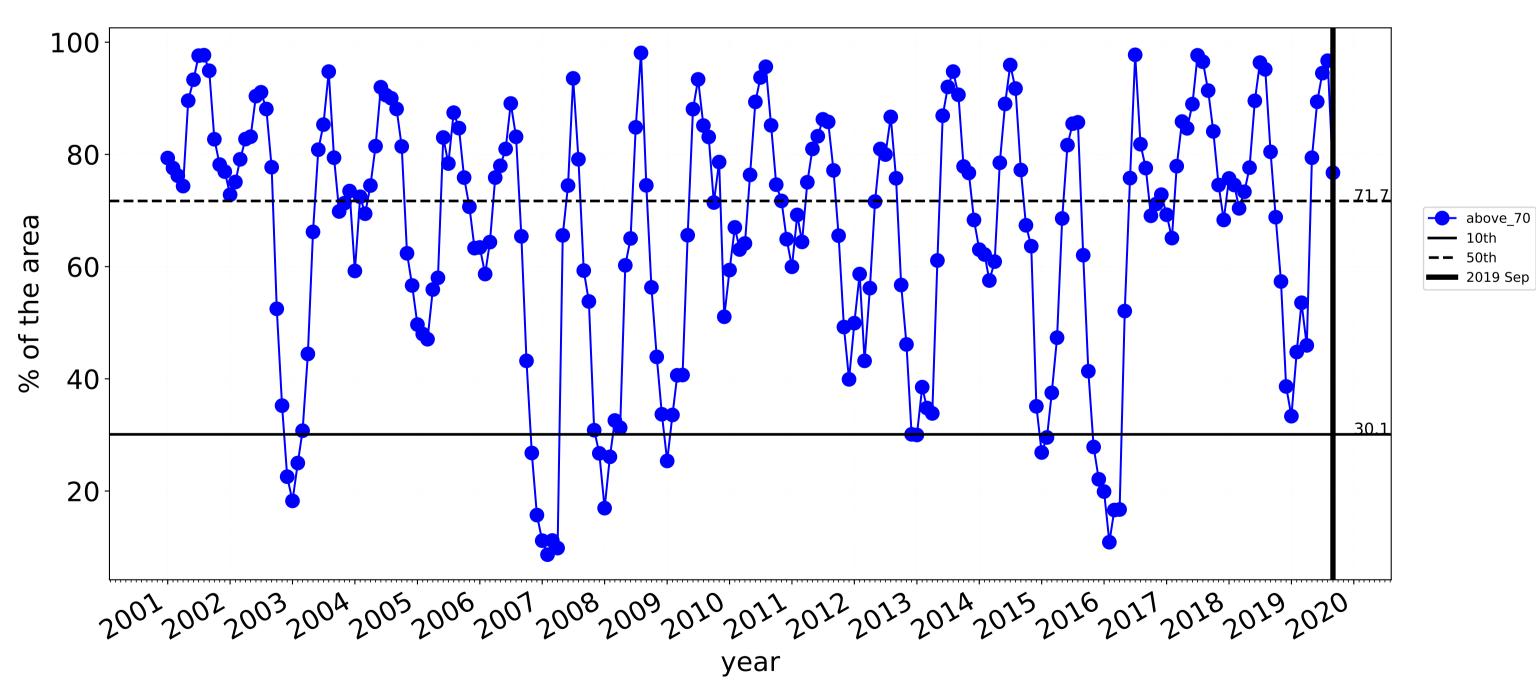




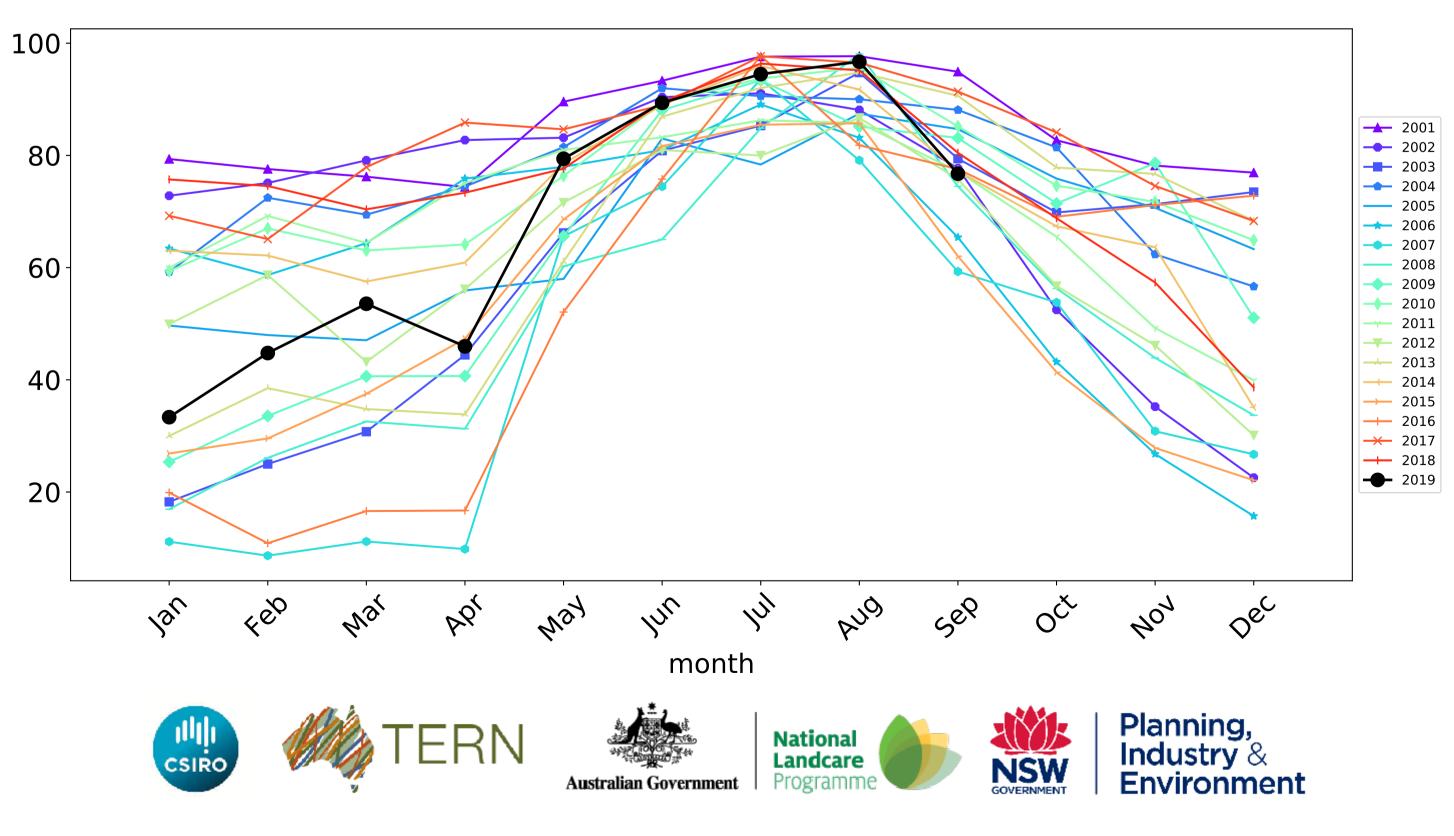








### Grazing non forest timeseries



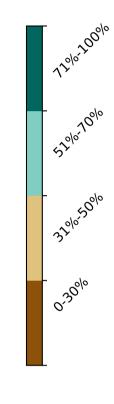
### **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

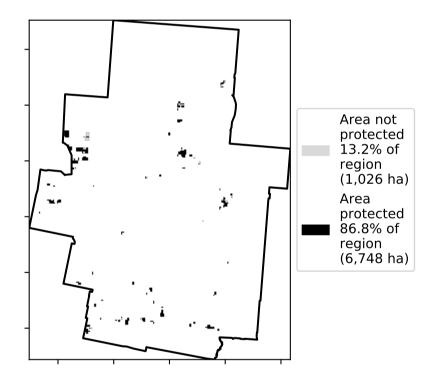
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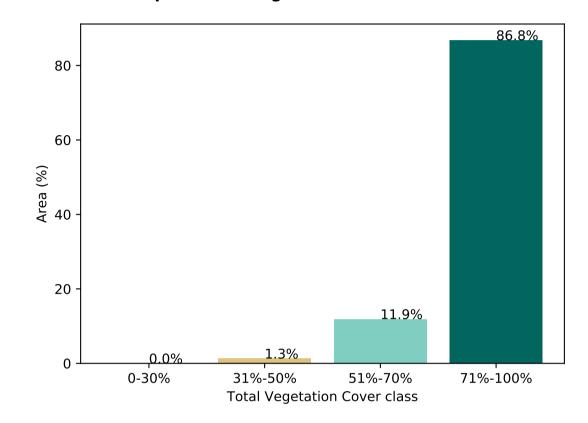
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



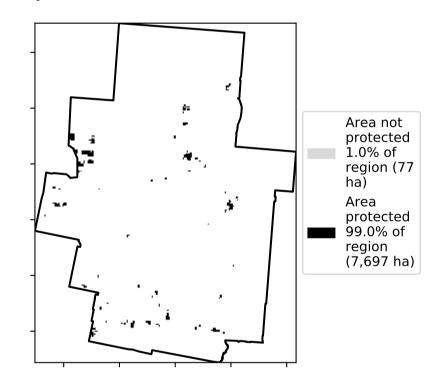
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

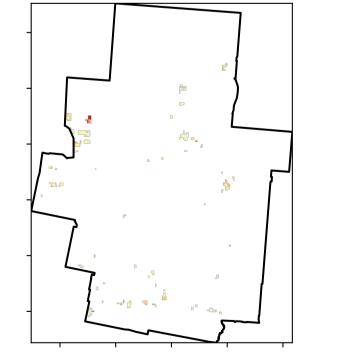


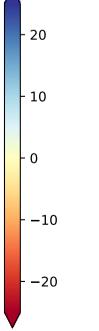
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

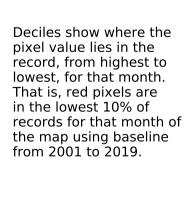


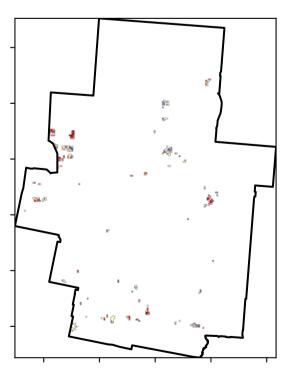
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

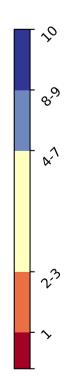
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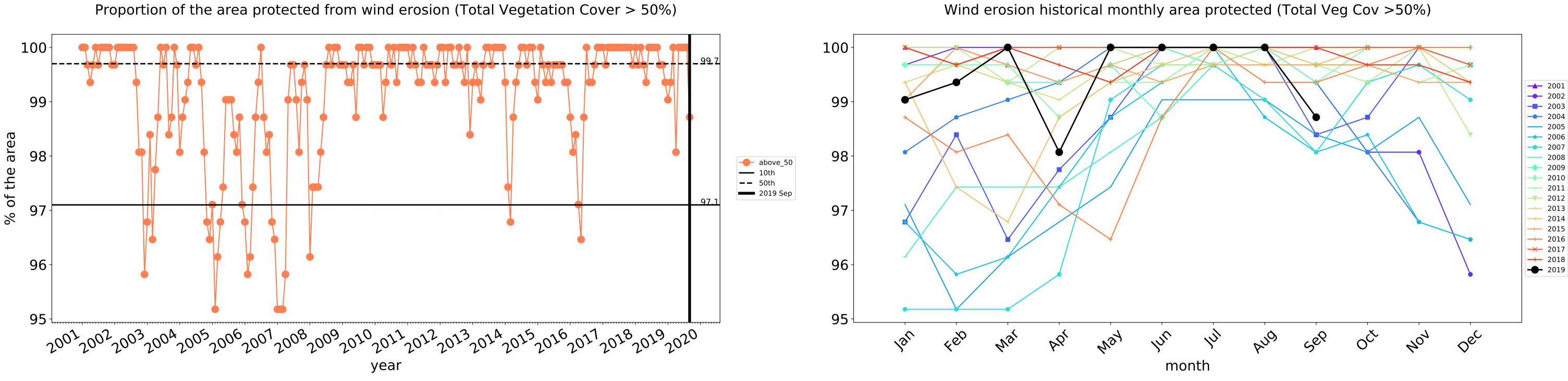




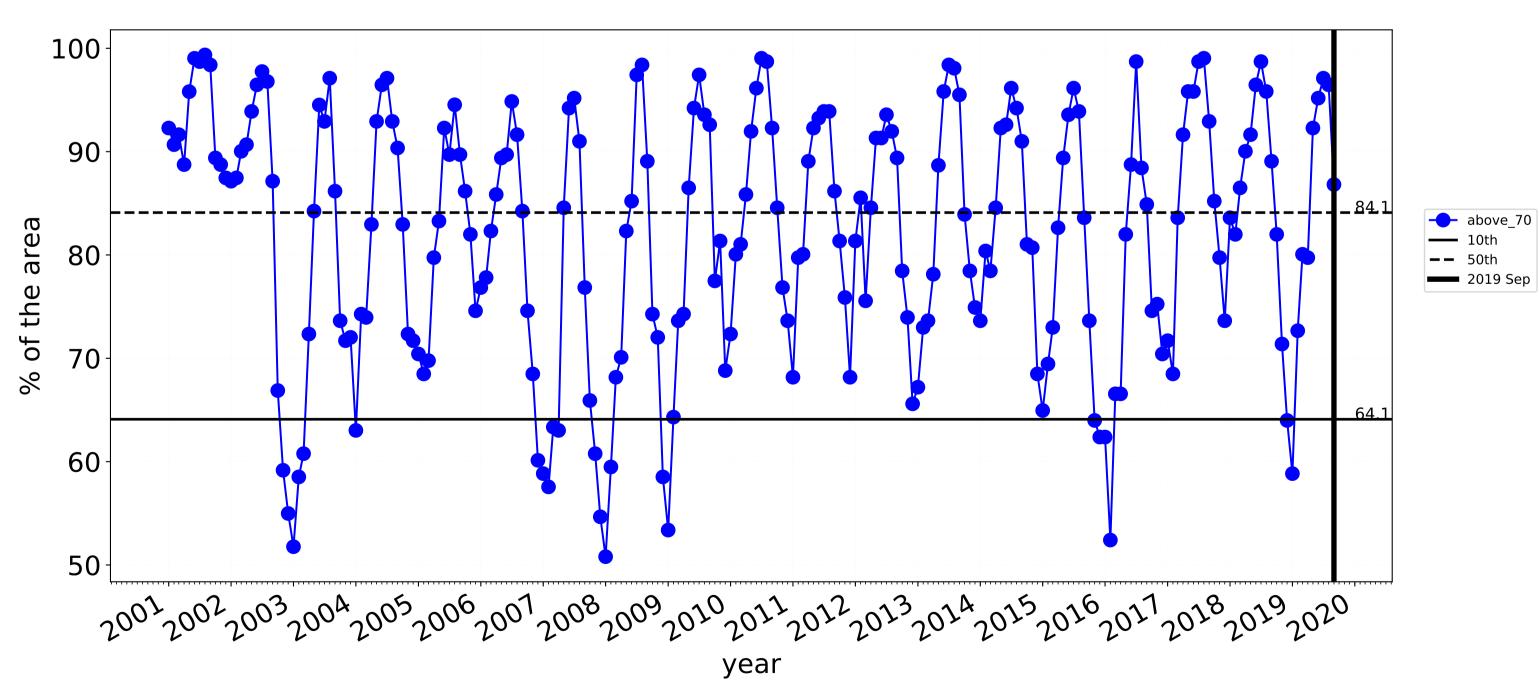


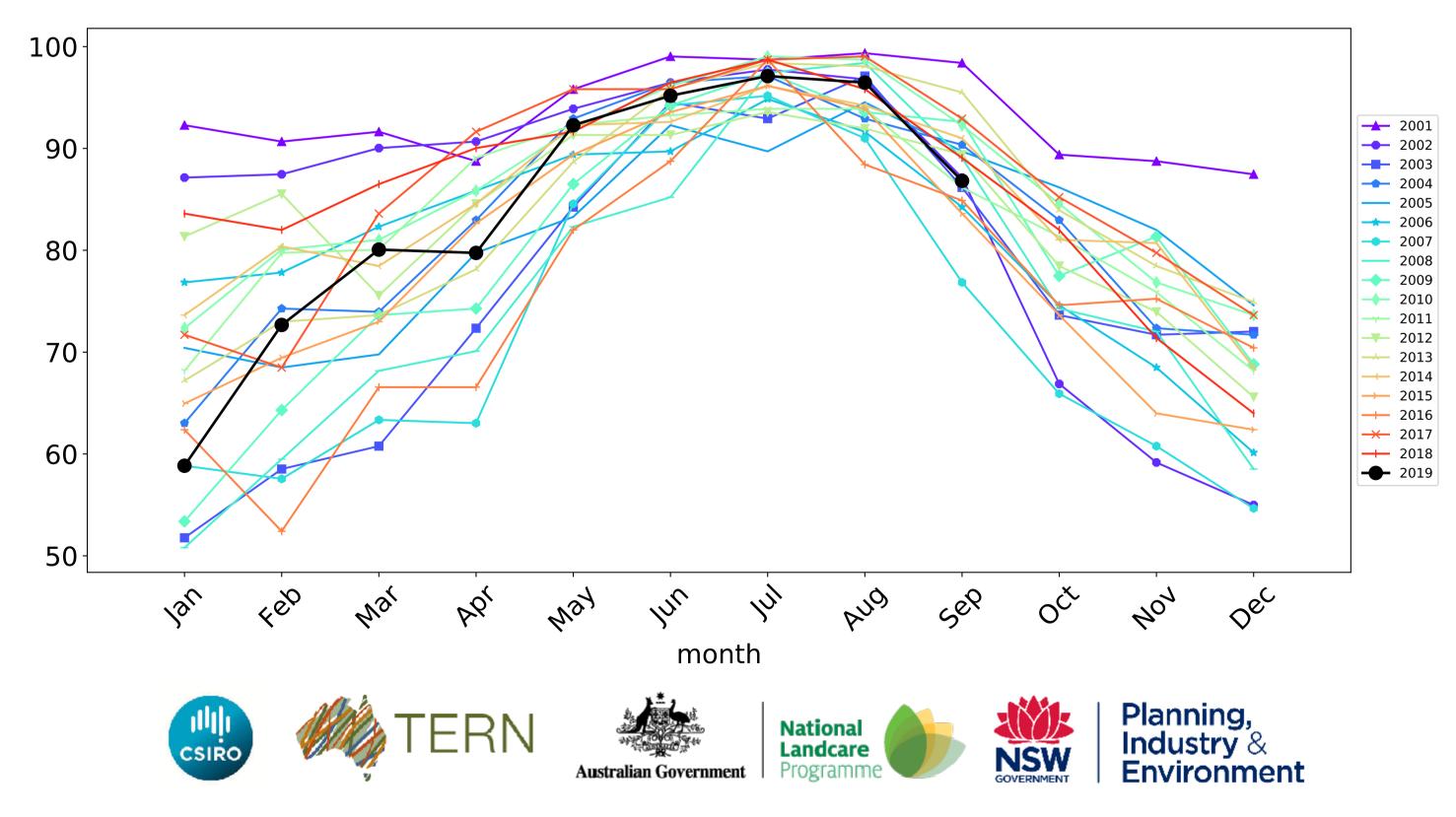


### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**





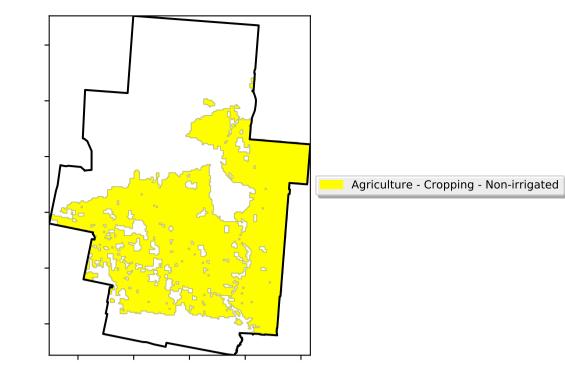




### Cropping

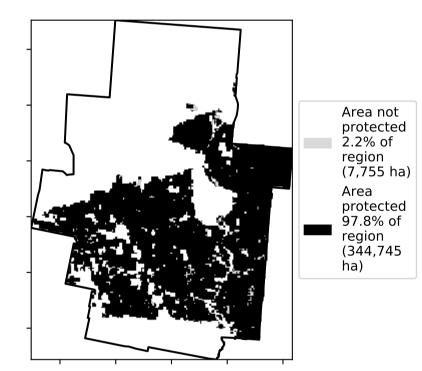
#### Land use and forest cover

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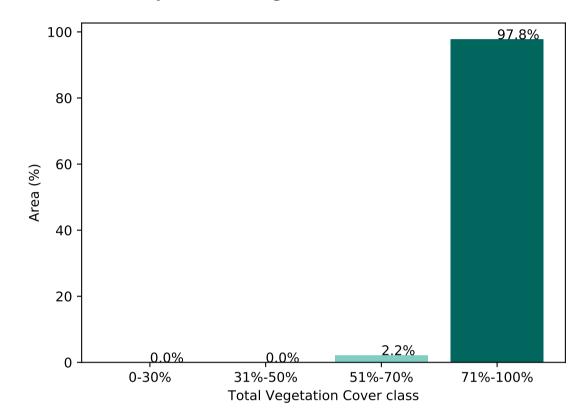


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

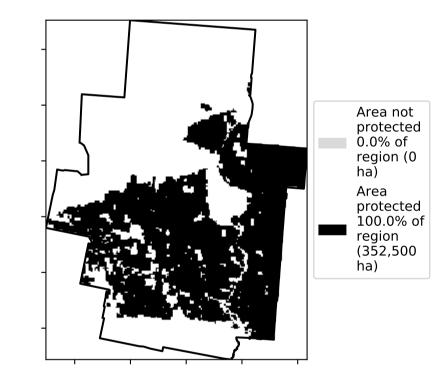
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



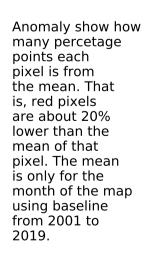


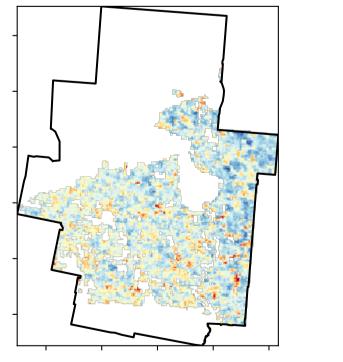


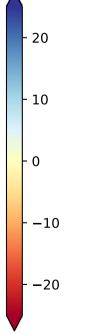
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 







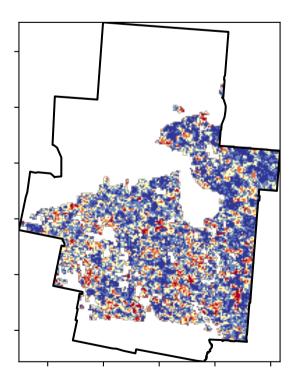
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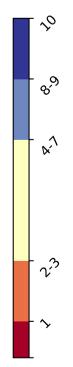
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



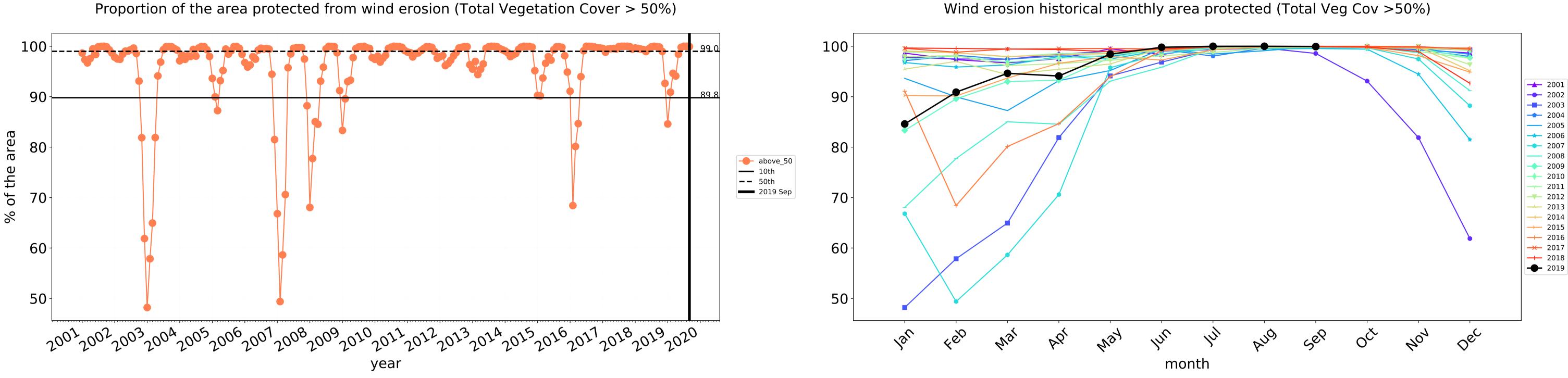




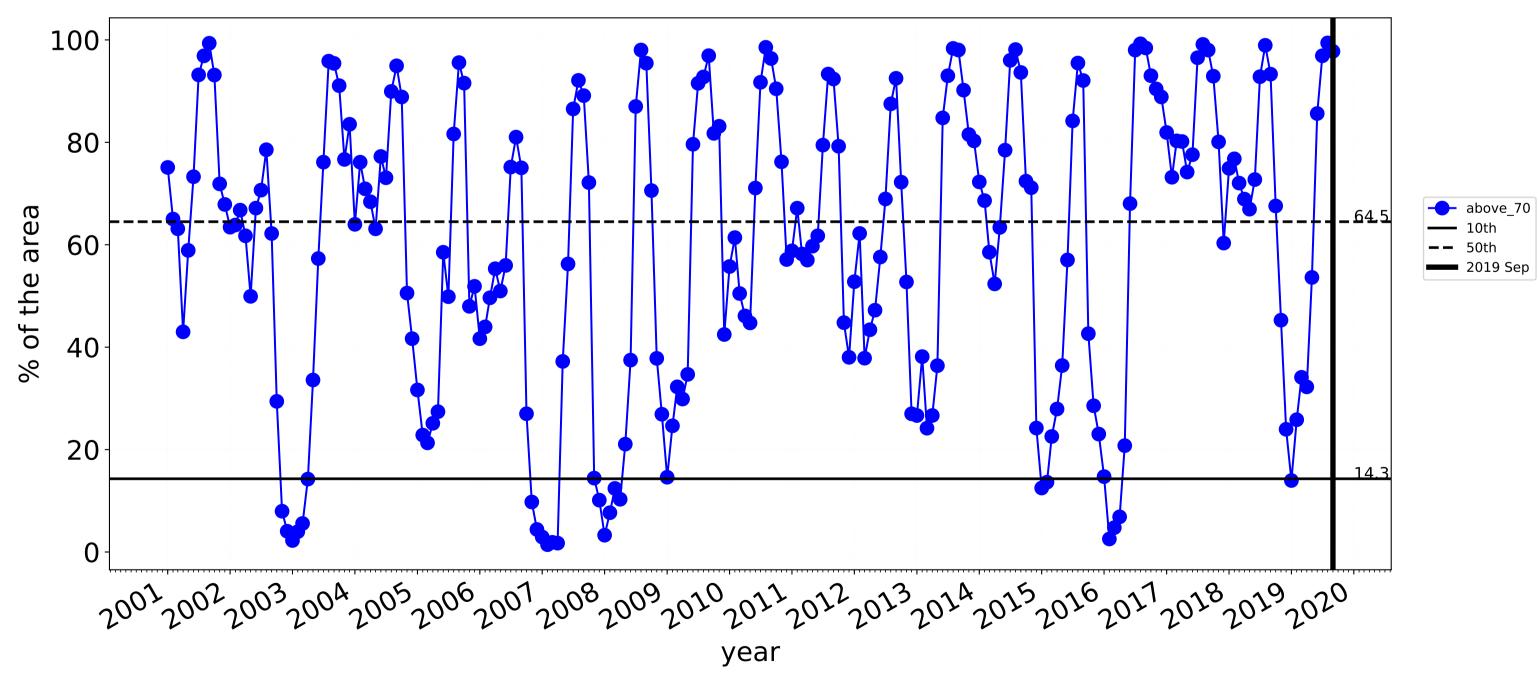
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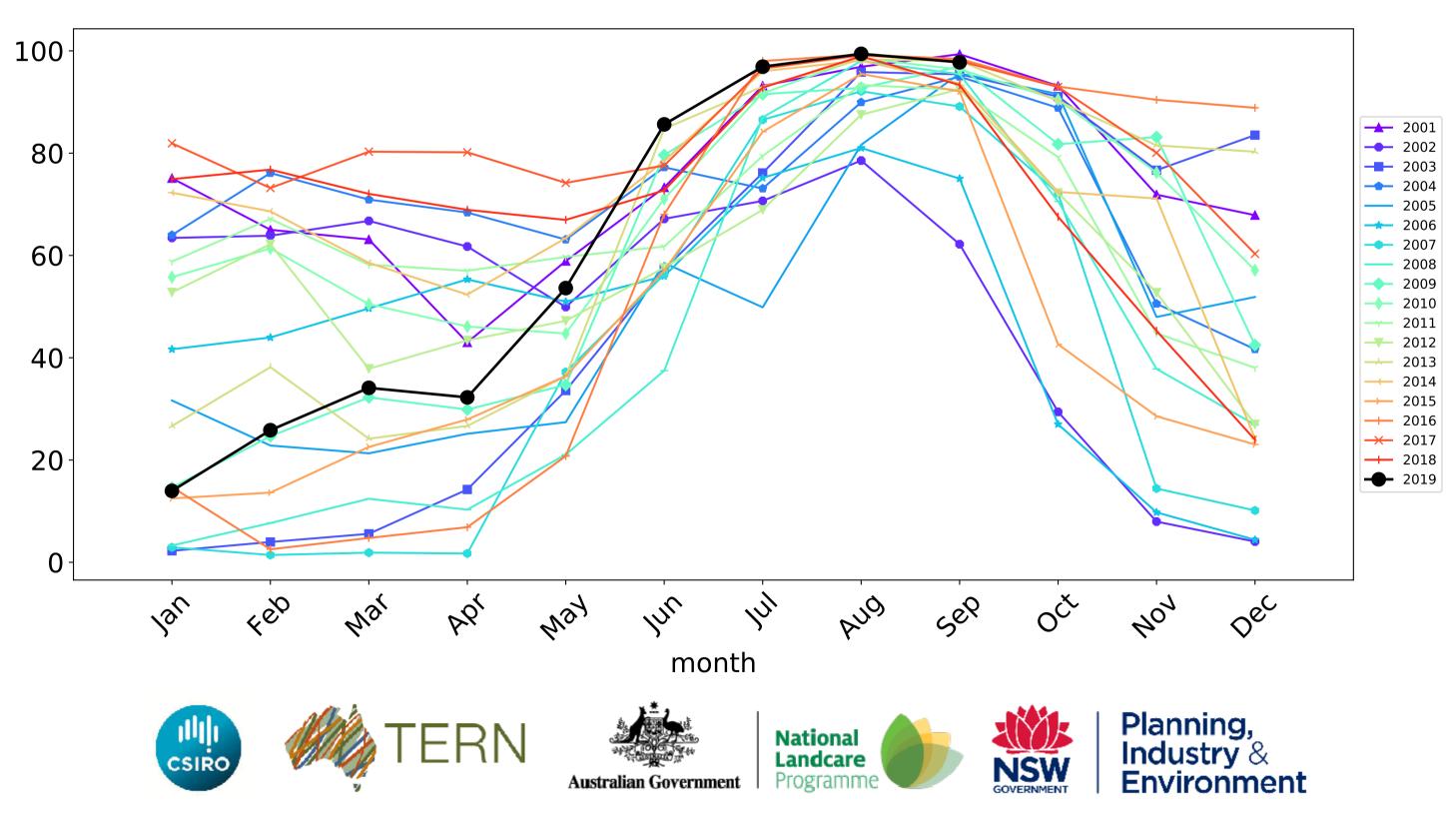
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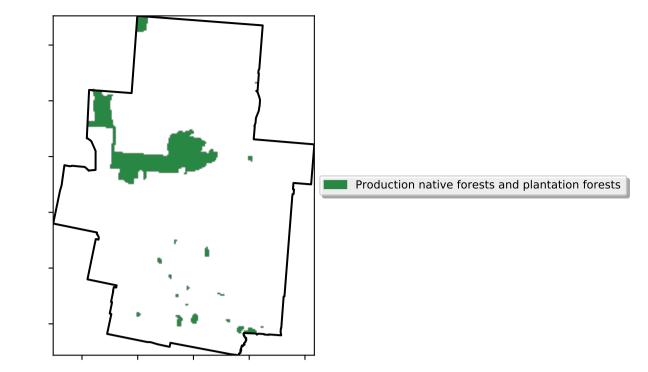
### **Cropping timeseries**



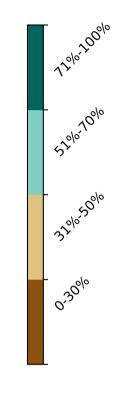
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

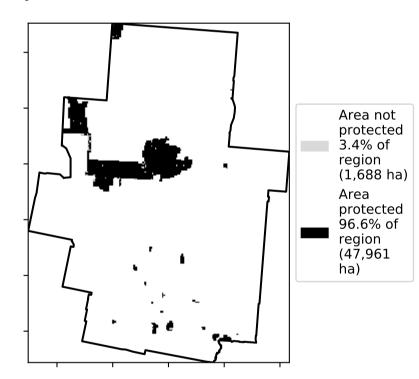
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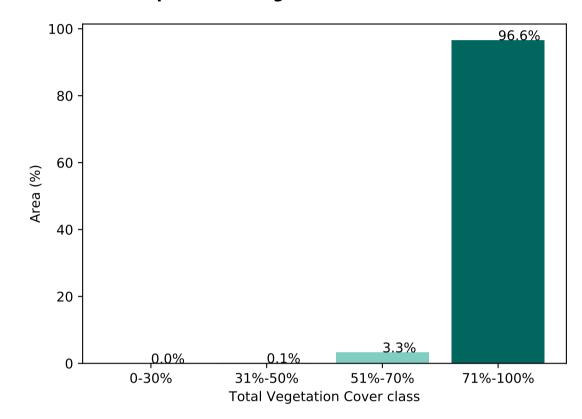
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



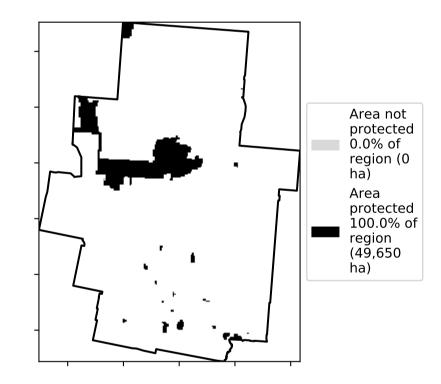
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



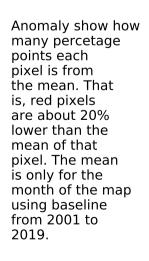
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

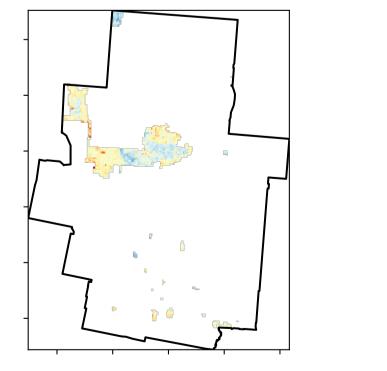


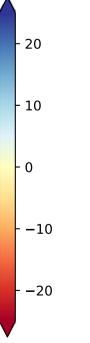
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

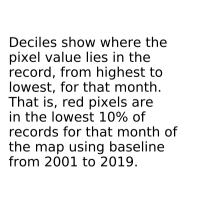


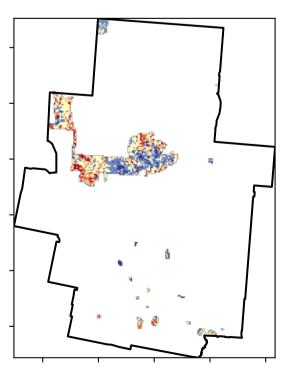
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

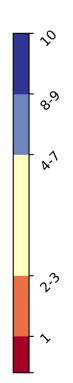




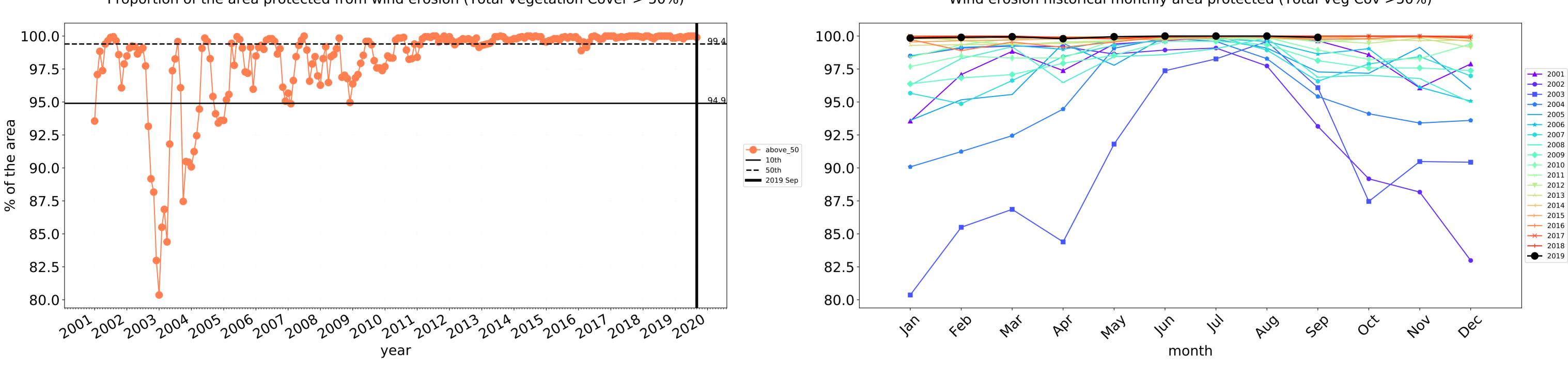












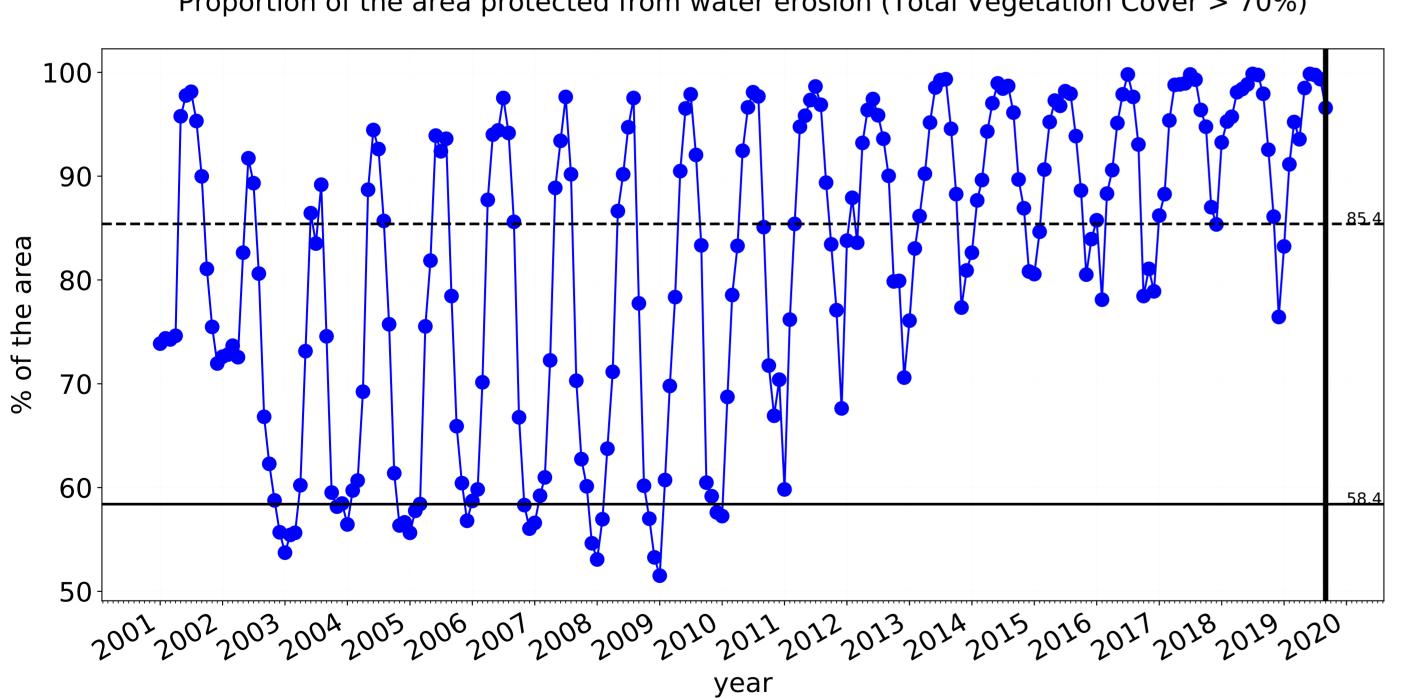
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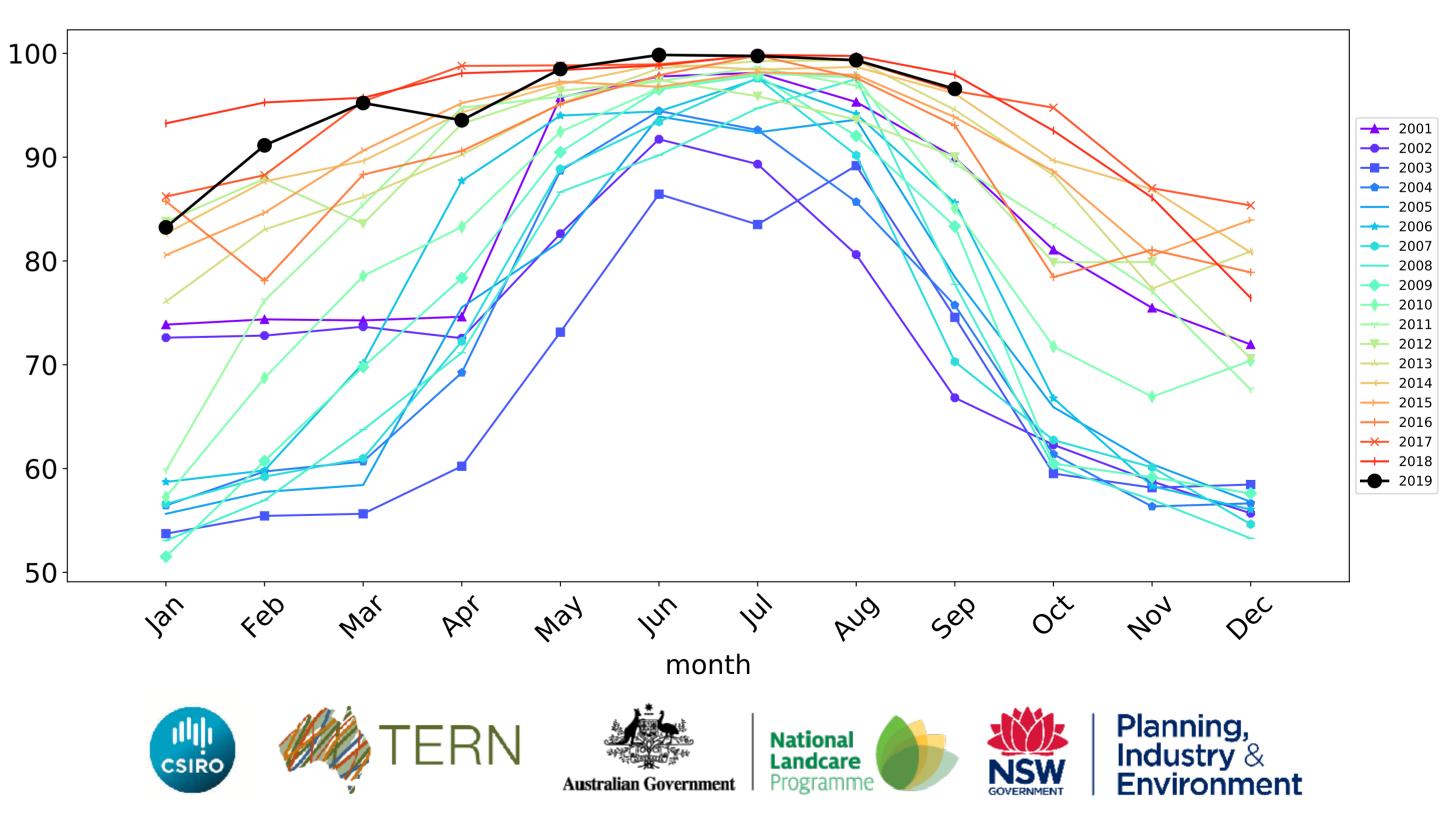
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



# Hindmarsh\_(S) (740,850 ha and no data 11,491 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	740,850	100.0% 740,725	99.5% 737,450	92.5% 685,550	63.9% 473,550	16.3% 120,425	3.4% 25,025
Conservation and natural environments	249,666	100.0% 249,614	99.6% 248,556	89.8% 224,144	44.8% 111,737	2.7% 6,709	0.4% 1,083
Conservation and natural environments non forest	40,005	99.8% 39,937	99.0% 39,593	88.2% 35,301	49.8% 19,917	4.7% 1,888	0.6% 240
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	209,660	100.0% 209,660	99.6% 208,896	90.0% 188,679	44.1% 92,429	2.4% 5,054	0.4% 862
Agriculture	434,878	100.0% 434,805	99.5% 432,711	93.7% 407,514	75.4% 327,883	25.5% 110,813	5.4% 23,423
Grazing	87,420	100.0% 87,395	97.8% 85,478	77.6% 67,851	43.0% 37,613	7.5% 6,539	1.2% 1,057
Grazing non forest	80,011	100.0% 79,987	97.7% 78,162	76.7% 61,395	43.2% 34,544	8.0% 6,361	1.3% 1,060
Grazing Woodland forest	7,408	100.0% 7,408	98.7% 7,313	86.8% 6,431	41.5% 3,072	2.6% 190	0.0% 0
Cropping	347,458	100.0% 347,409	99.9% 347,236	97.8% 339,696	83.6% 290,337	30.0% 104,311	6.4% 22,375
Production native forests and plantation forests	48,896	100.0% 48,896	99.9% 48,846	96.6% 47,221	57.2% 27,944	1.8% 861	0.3% 123





