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

### Date: January 2023

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available. Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

#### **Erosion protection**

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

### Acknowledgment of data:

- 1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification
- 2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
- 4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

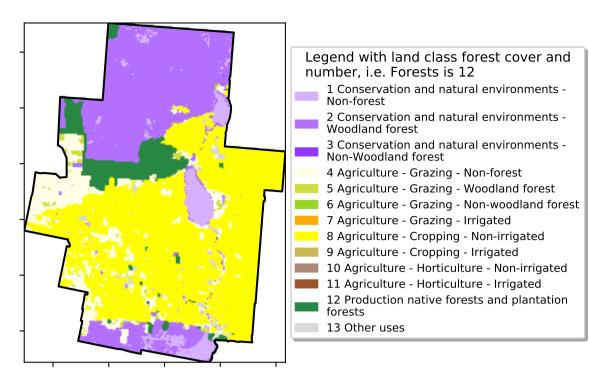
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## **Vegetation Cover Jan 2023**

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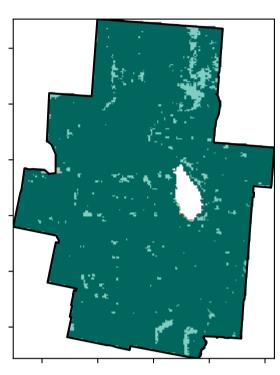
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52%70%

32%50%

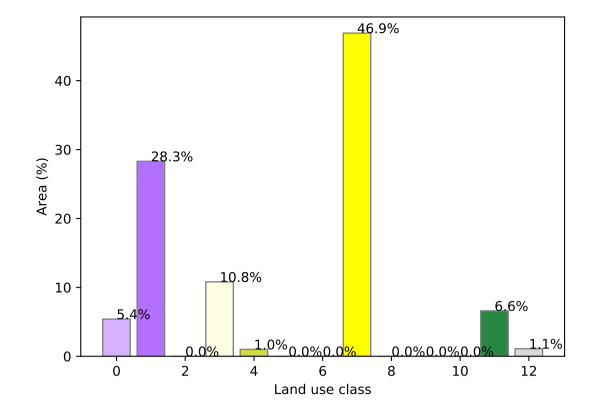
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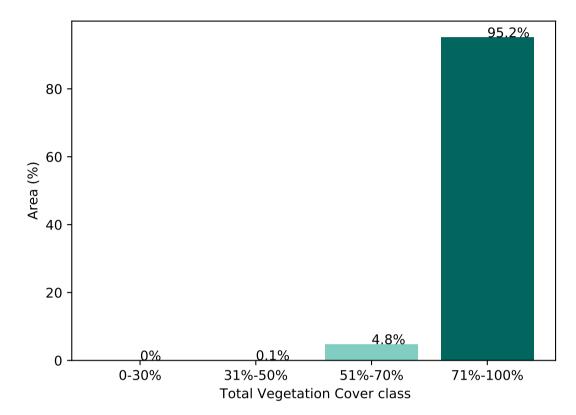


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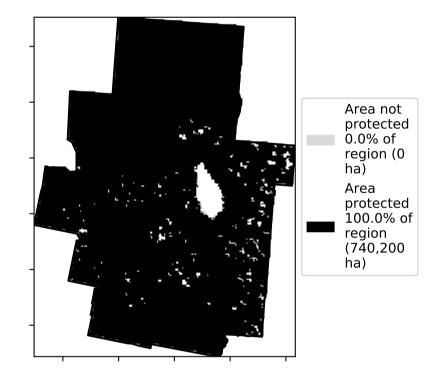




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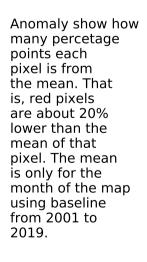


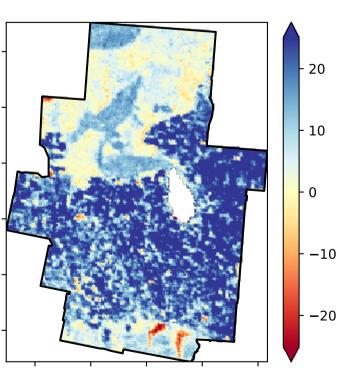
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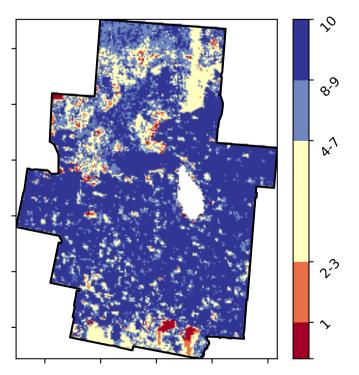
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



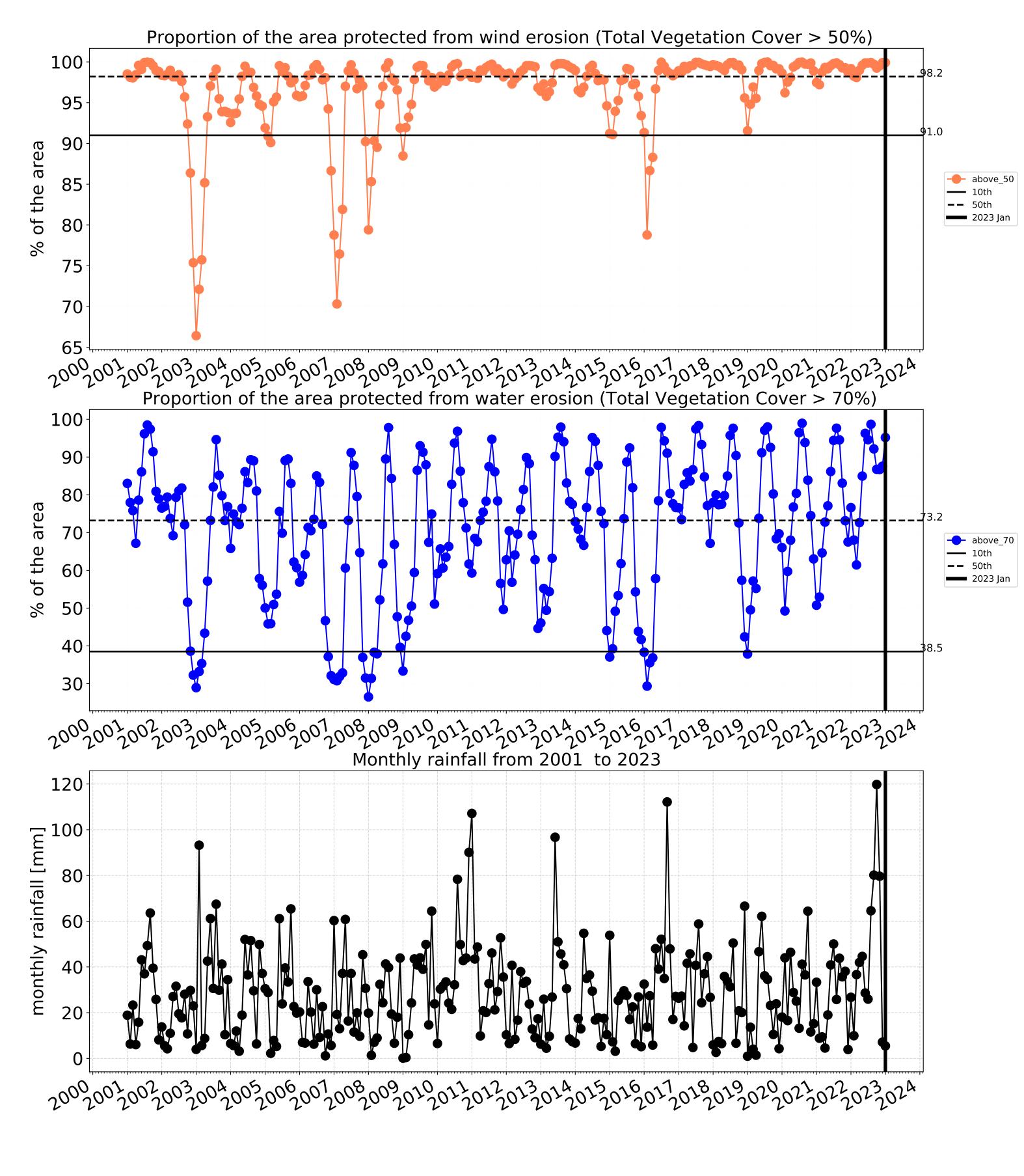


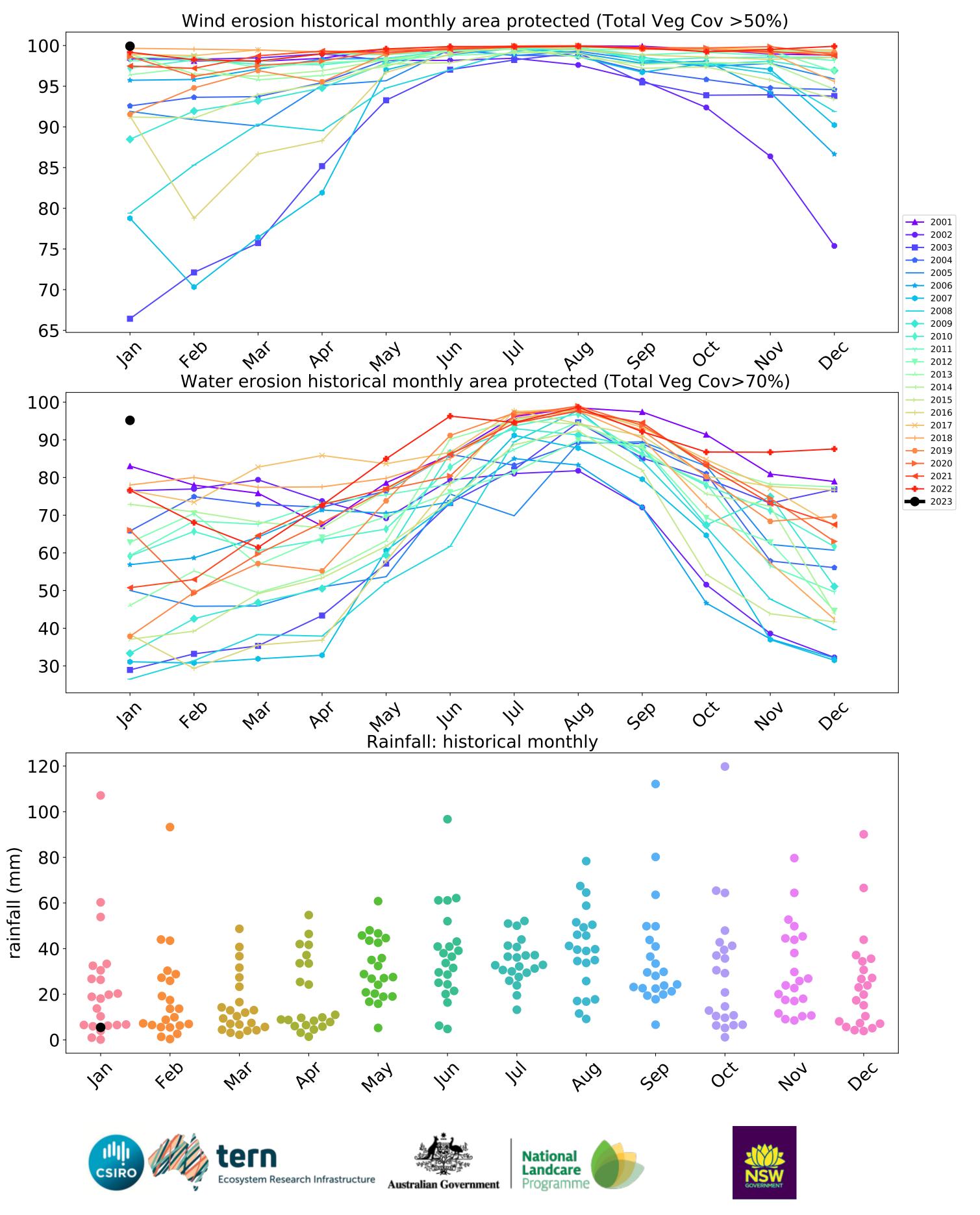
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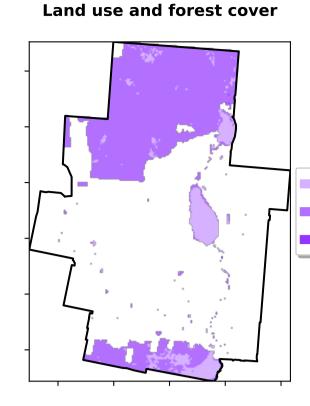


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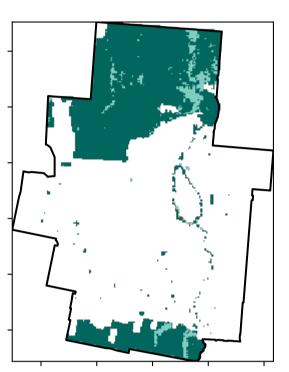
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woodland forest

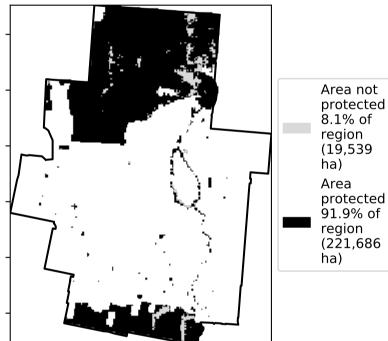
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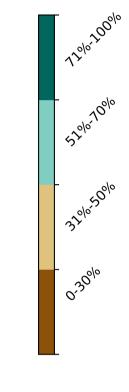


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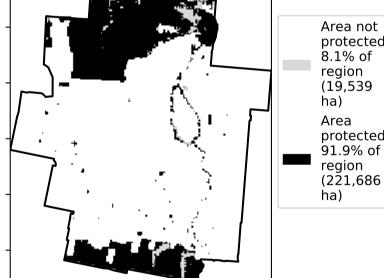




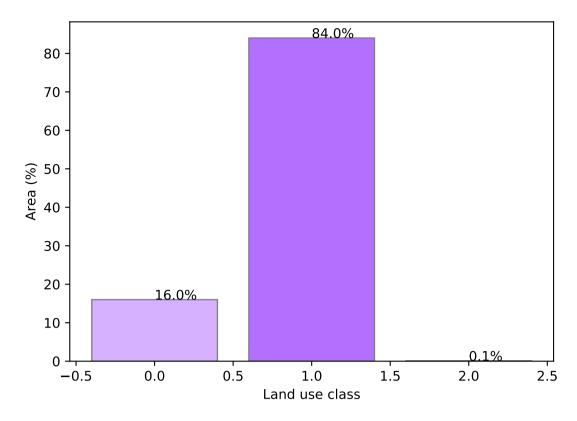
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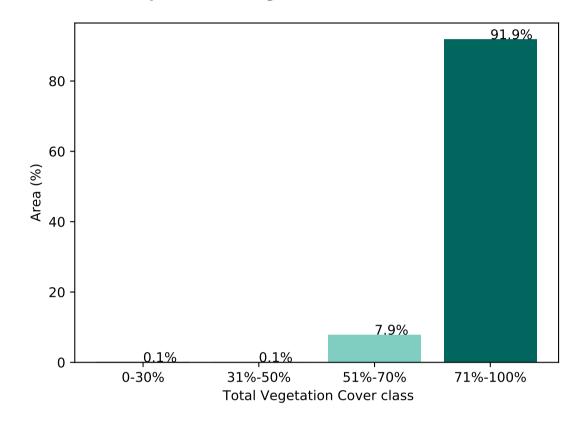
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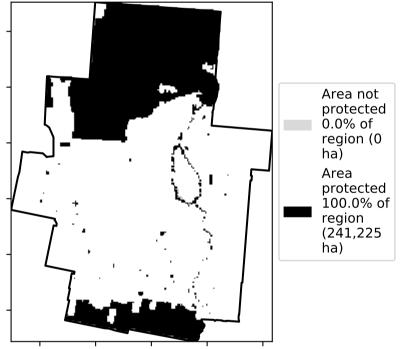
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

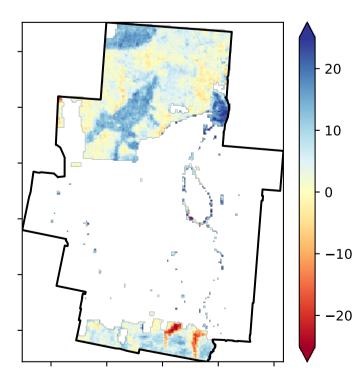


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

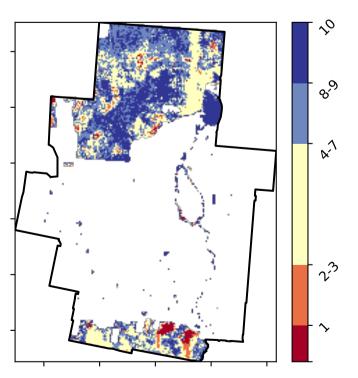


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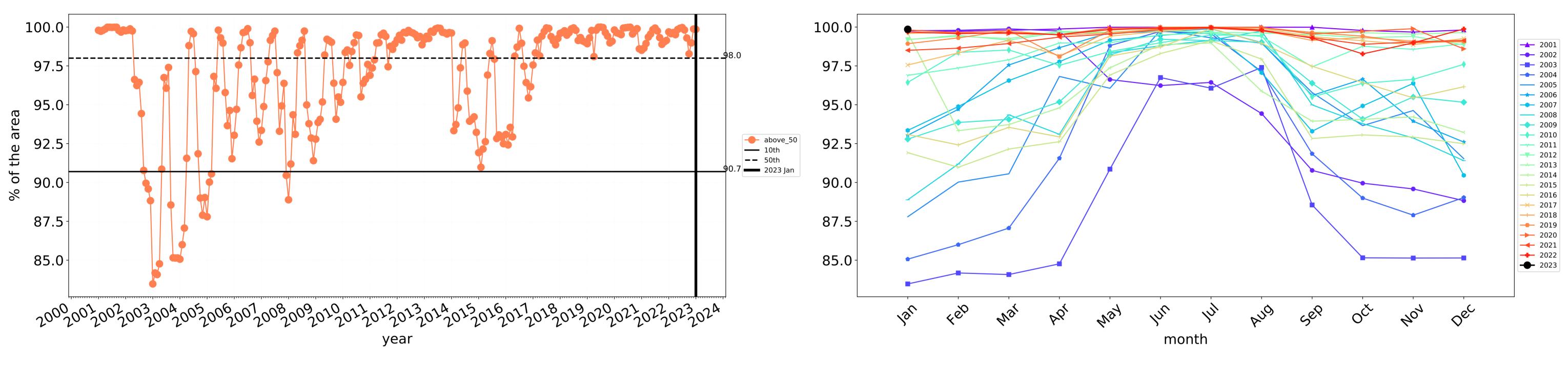
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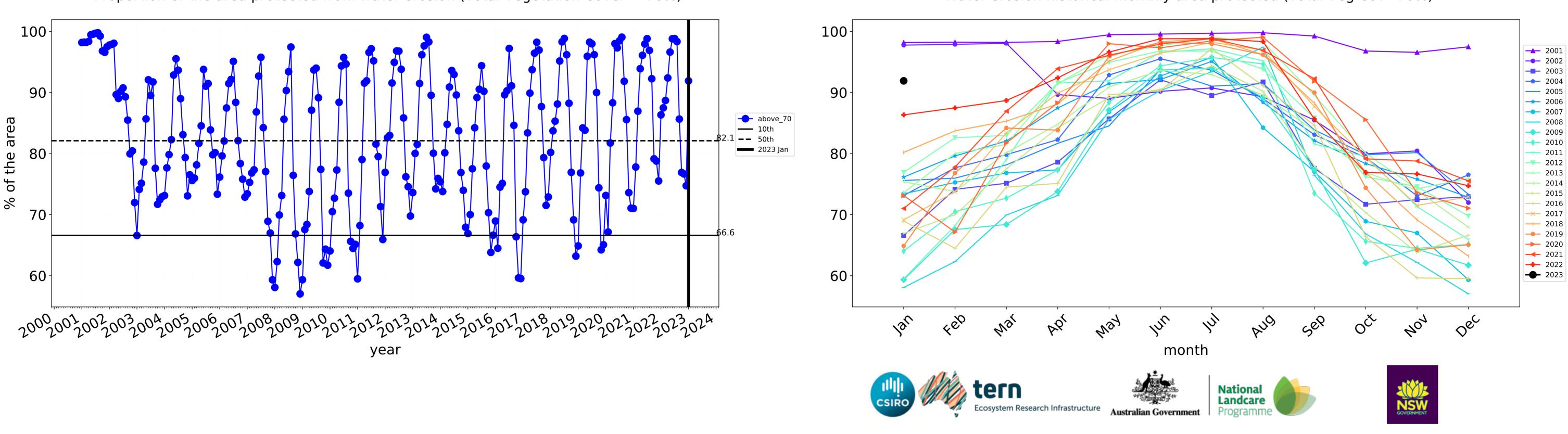
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



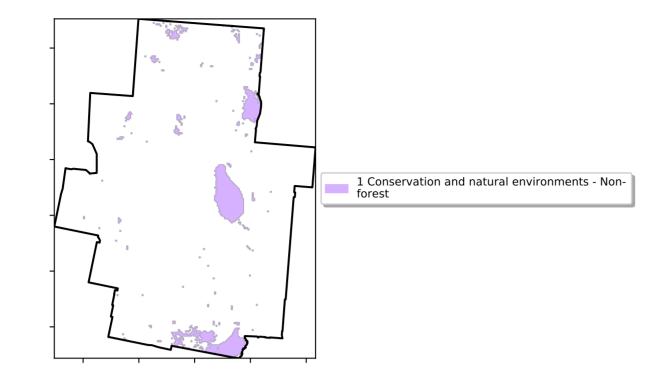
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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

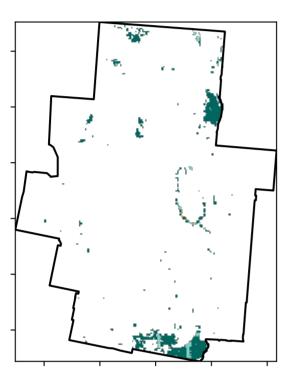


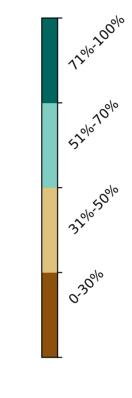
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Land use and forest cover

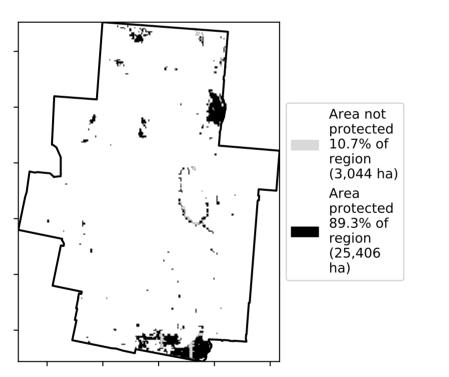


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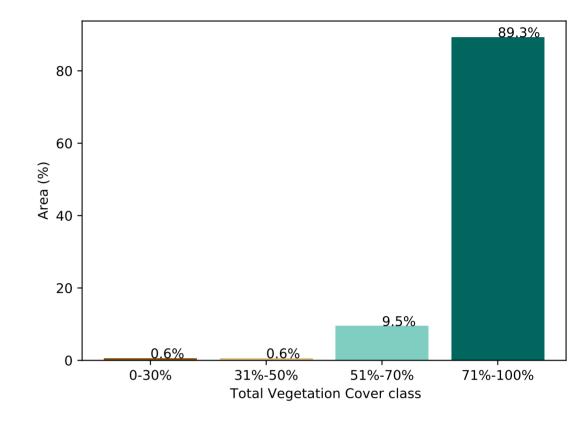




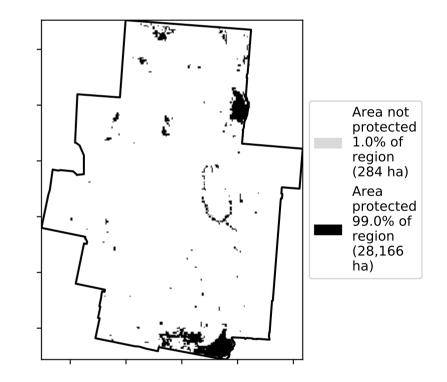
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

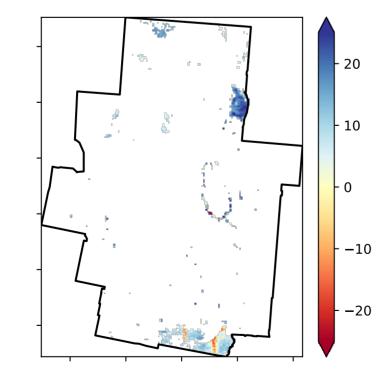


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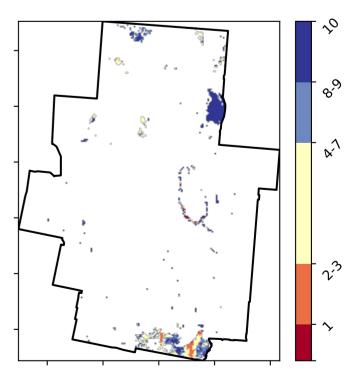
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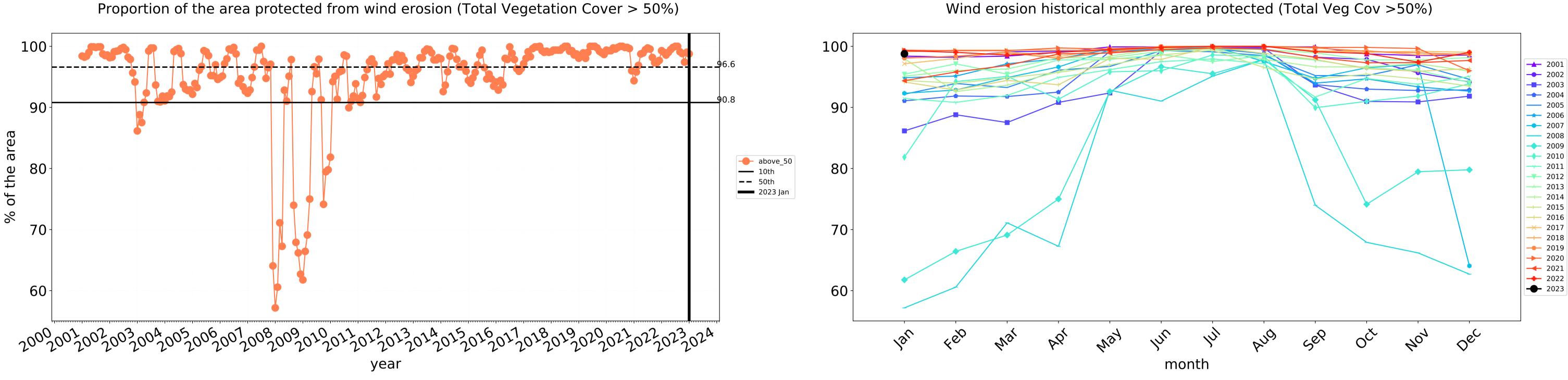
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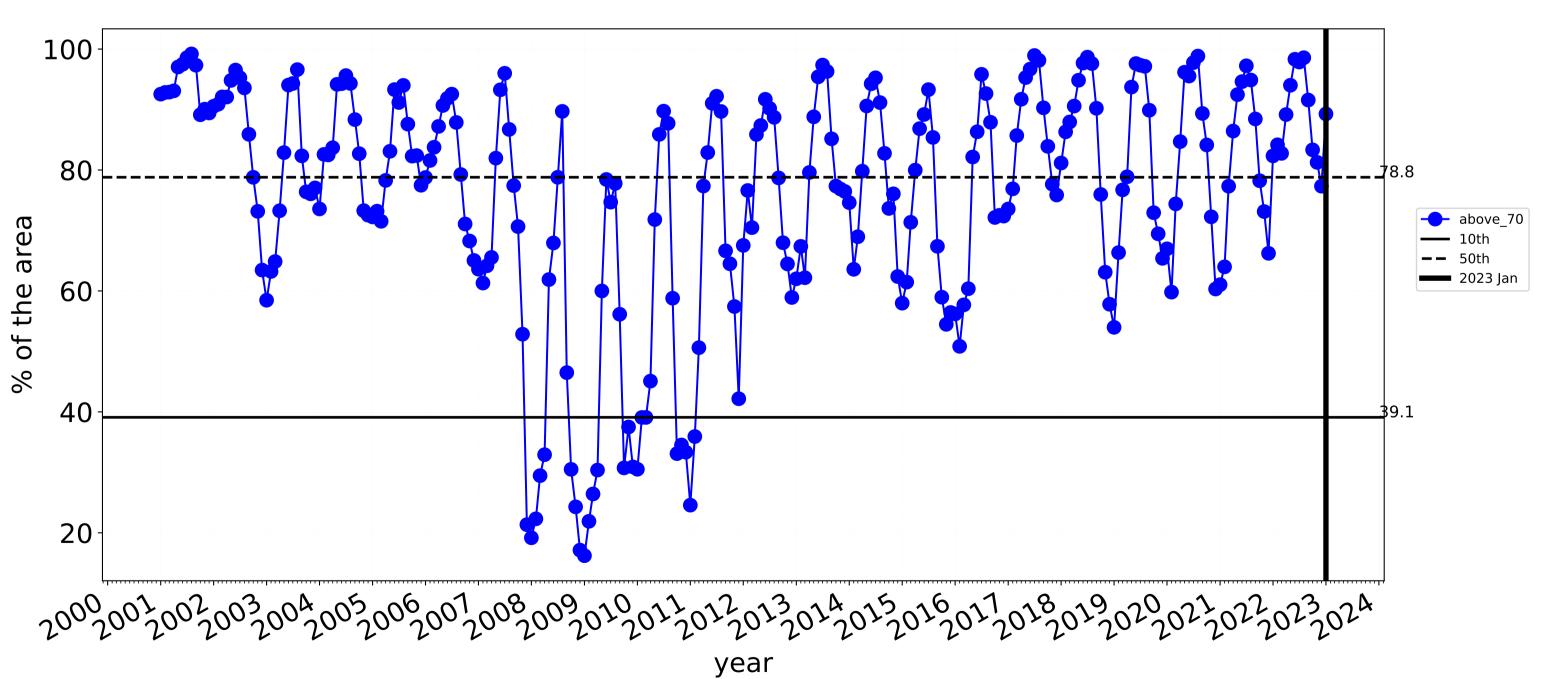




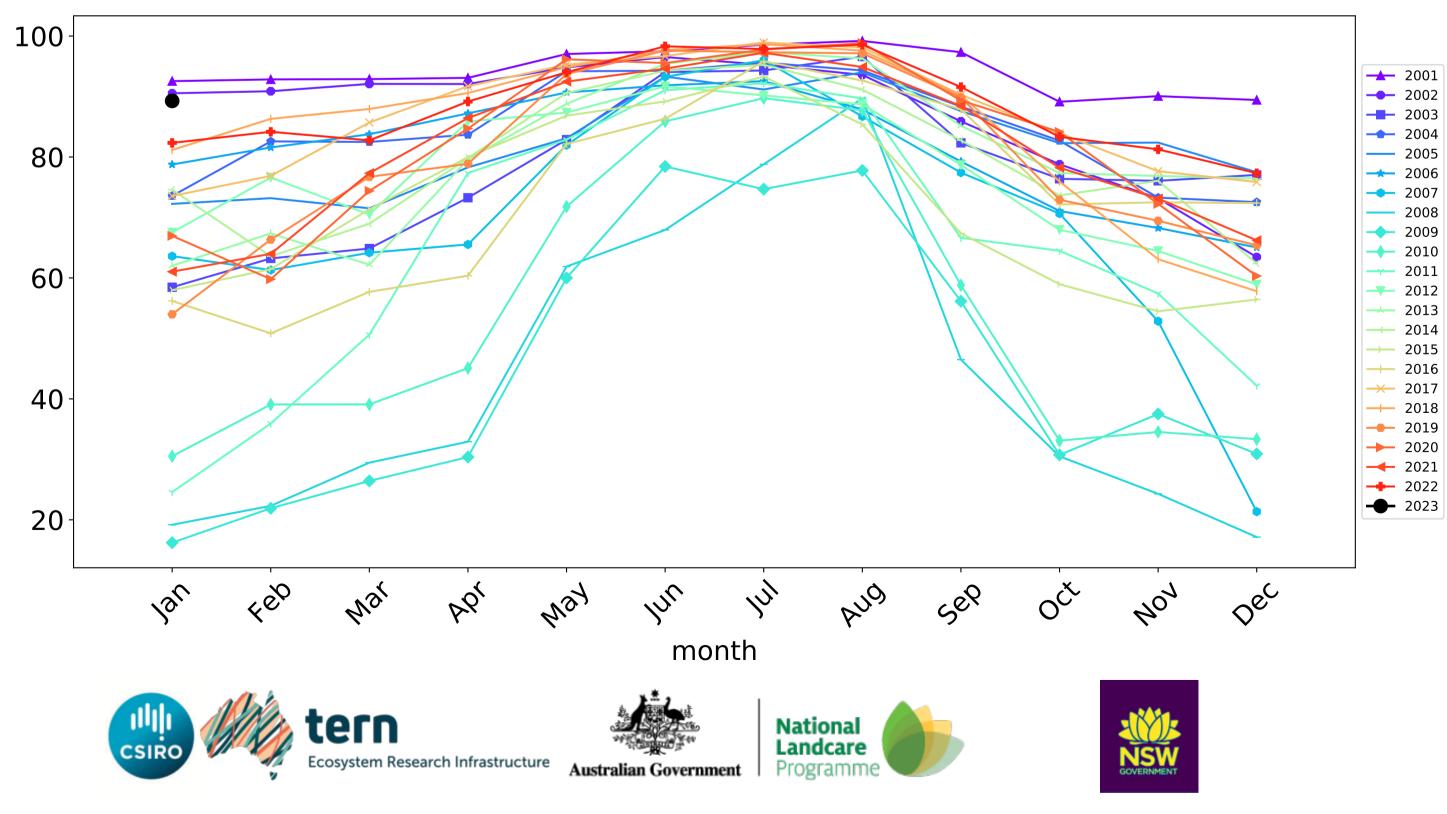


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





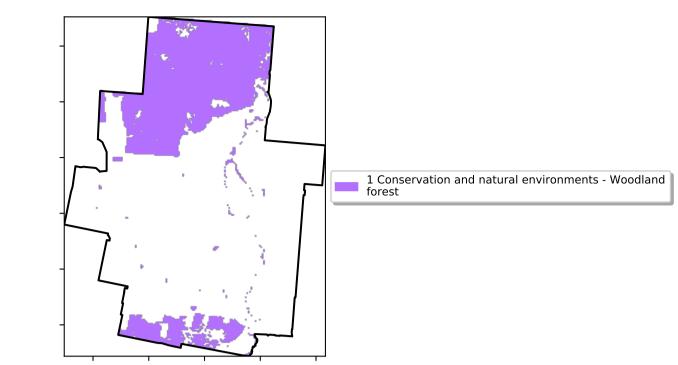
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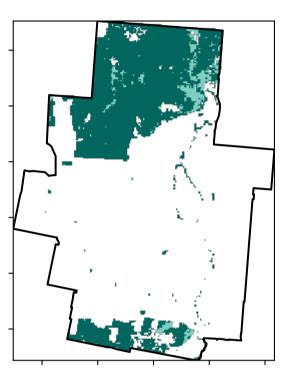
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### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

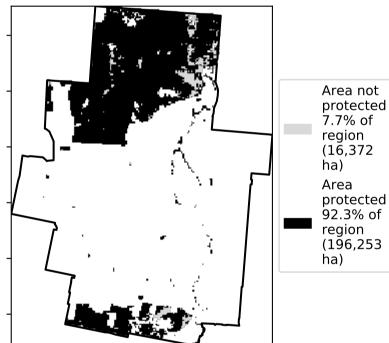
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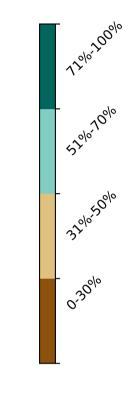


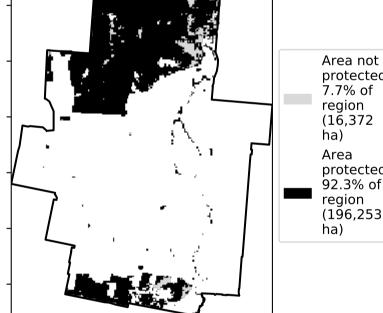
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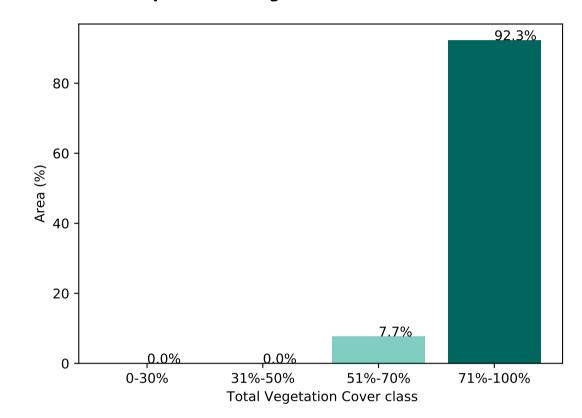








#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



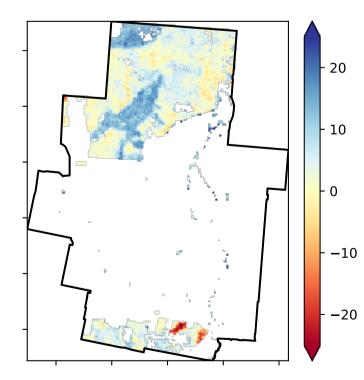
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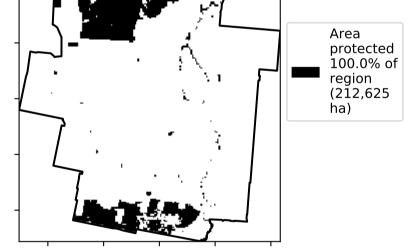
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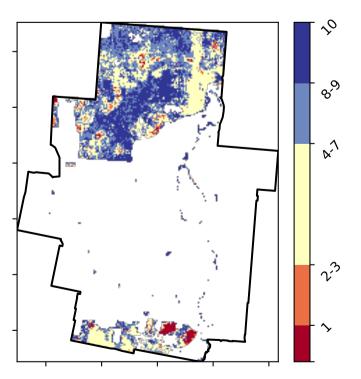
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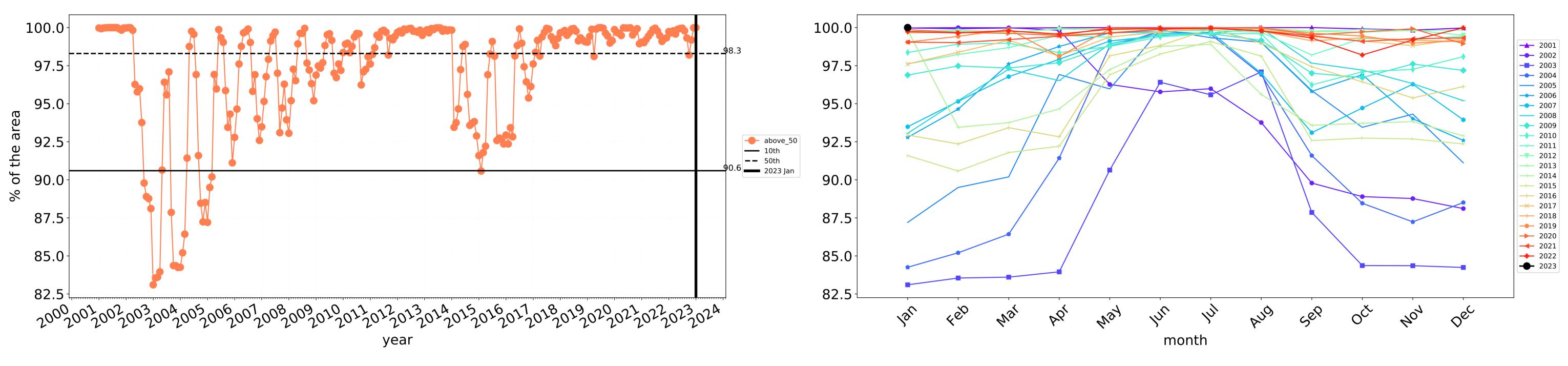


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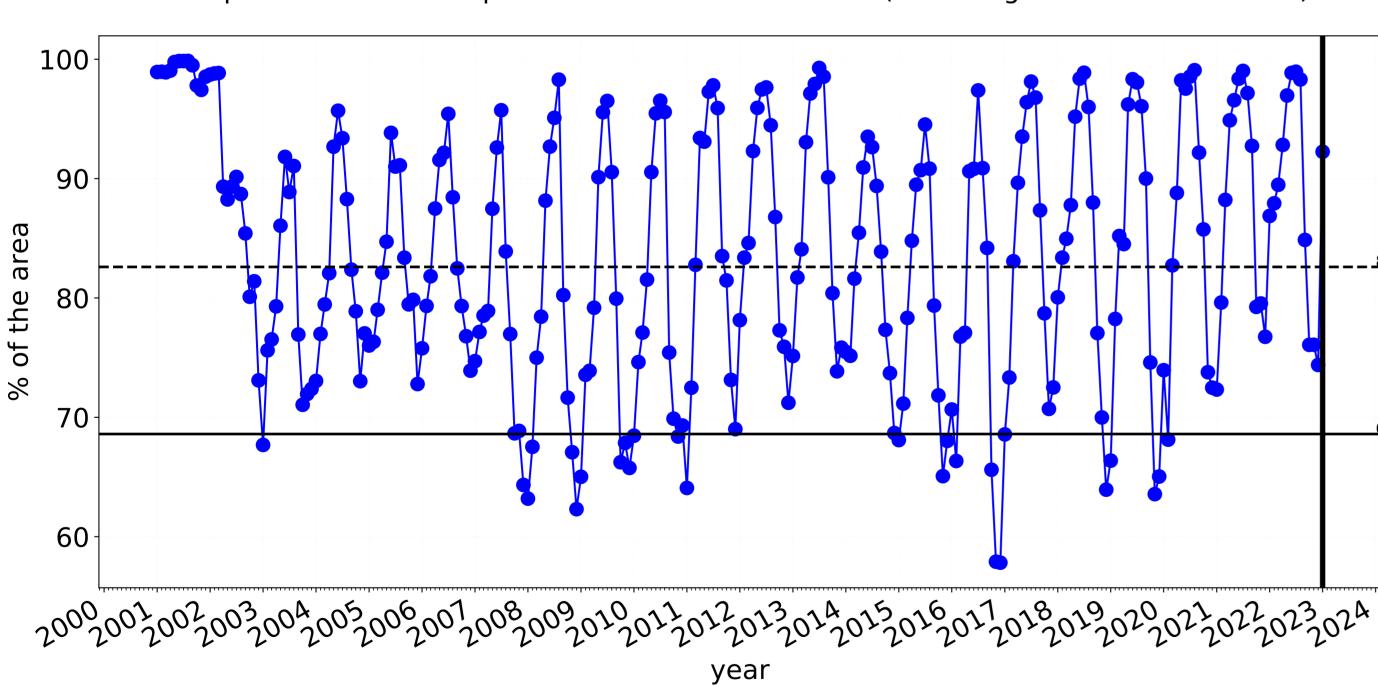




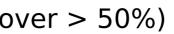




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



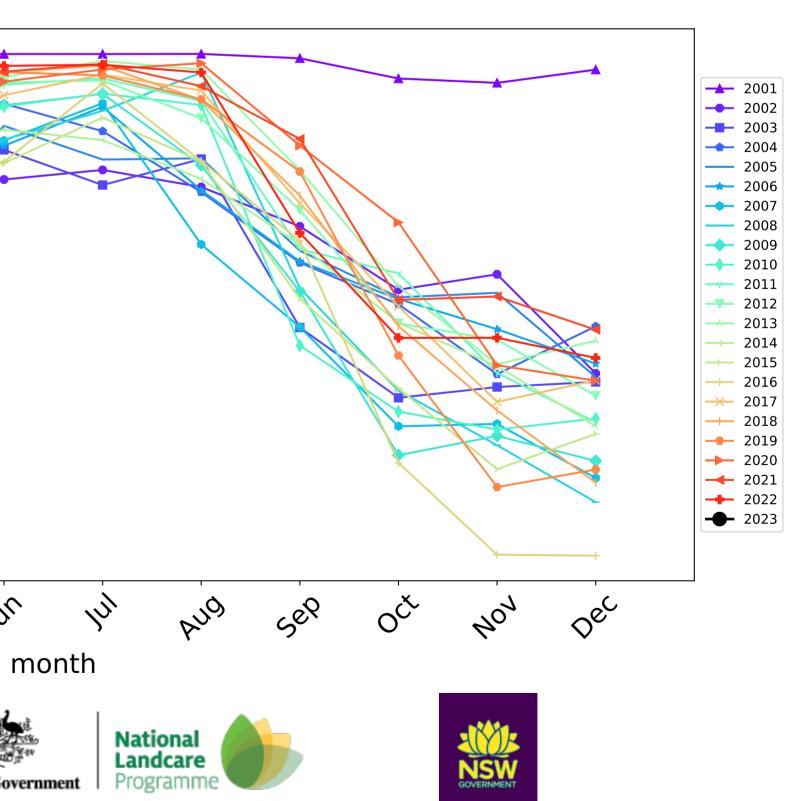
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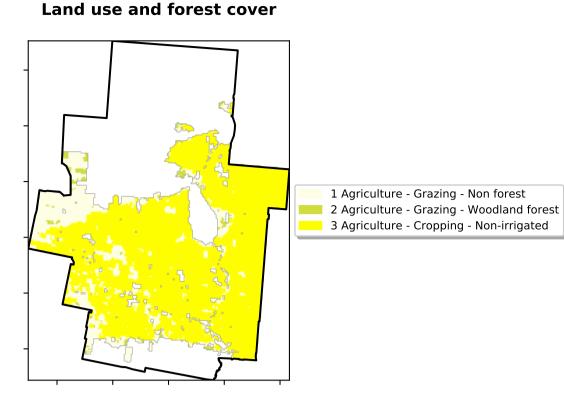
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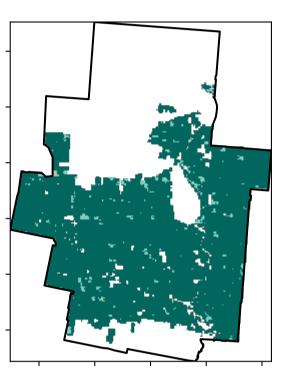


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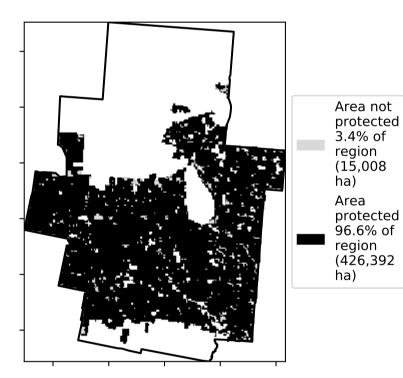
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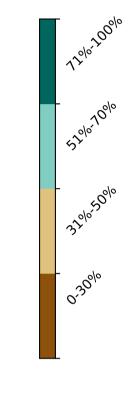


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

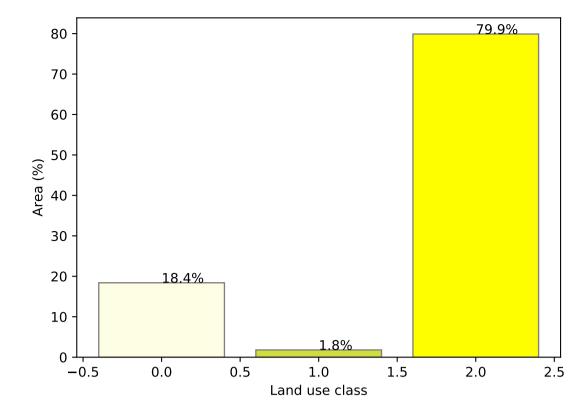


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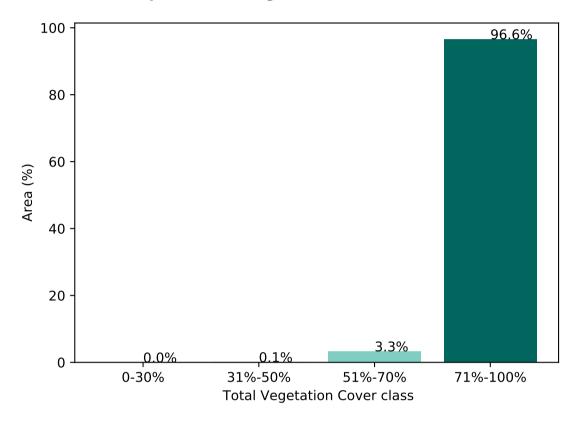




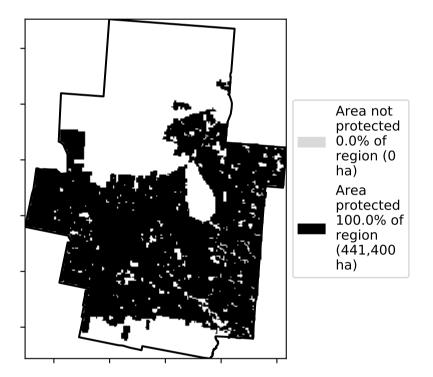
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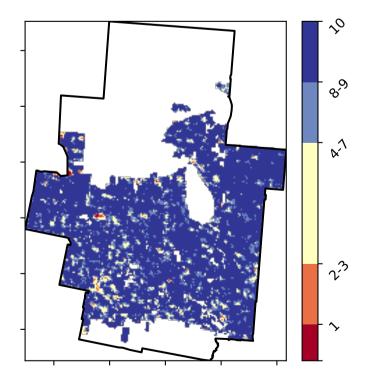
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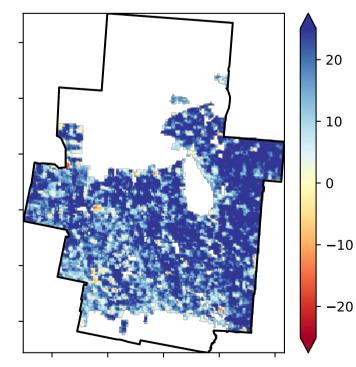


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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

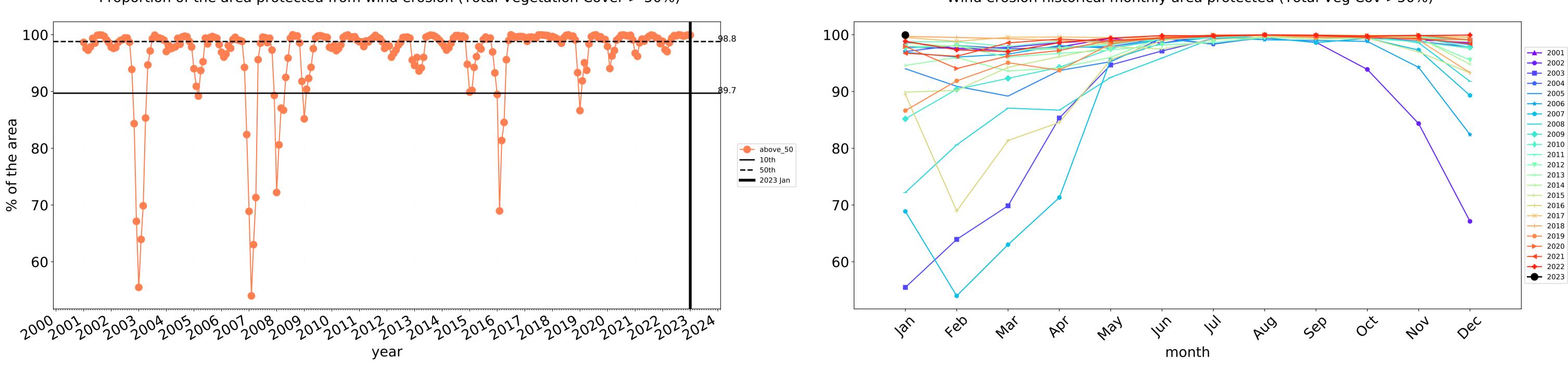
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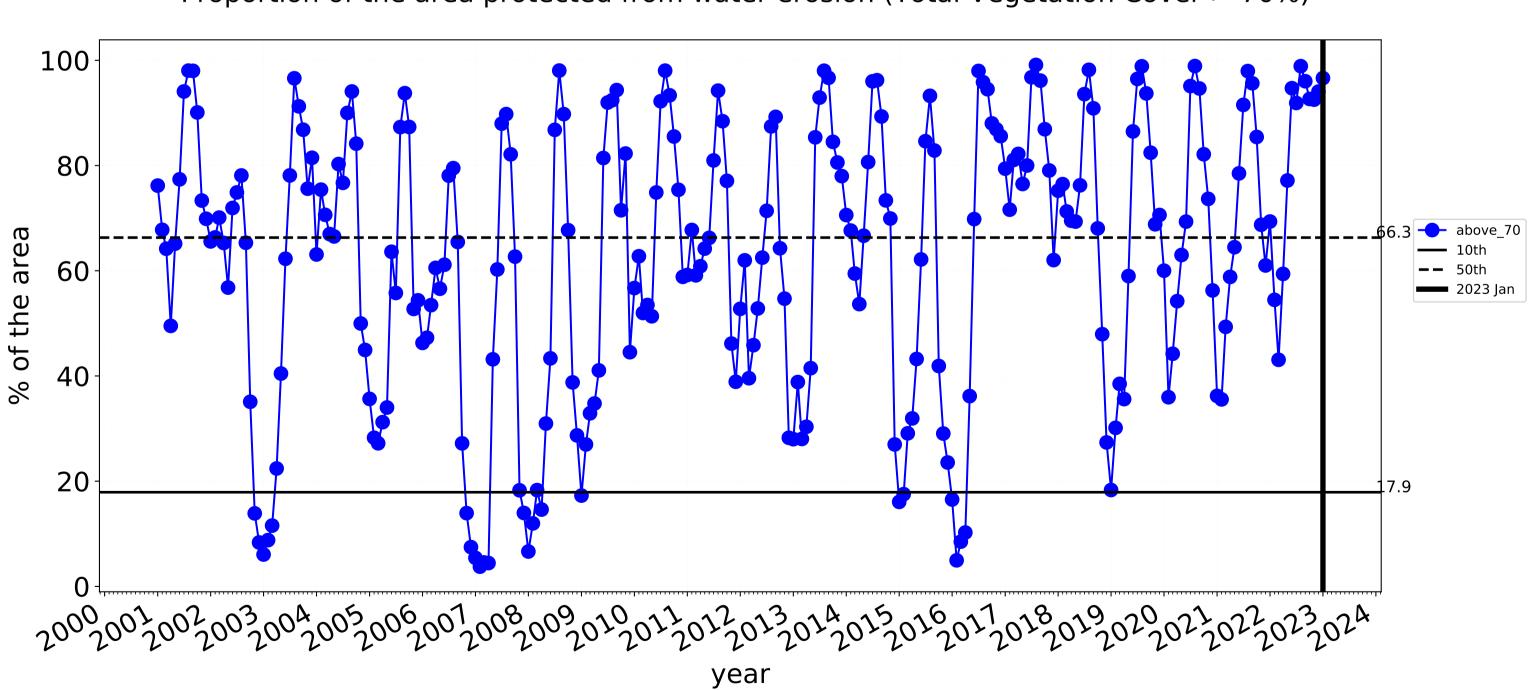
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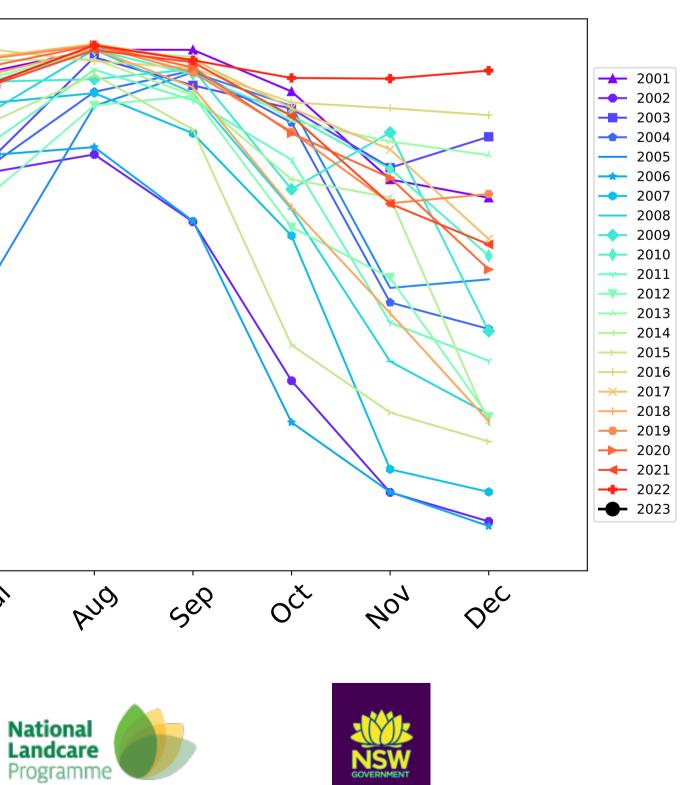
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### **Agriculture timeseries**

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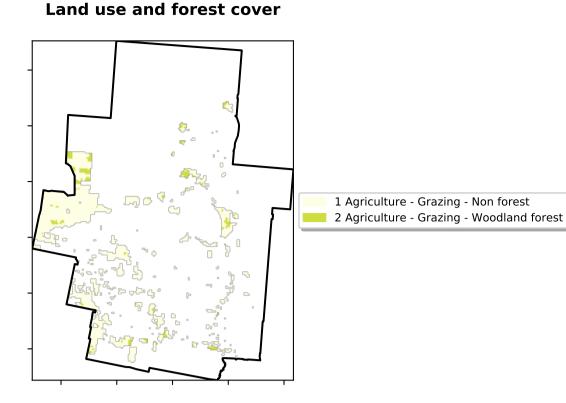
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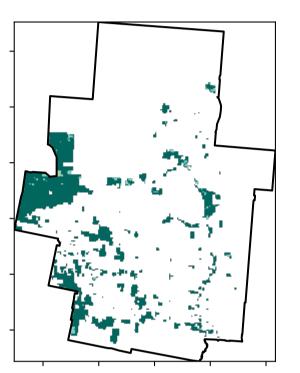


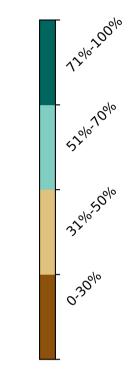
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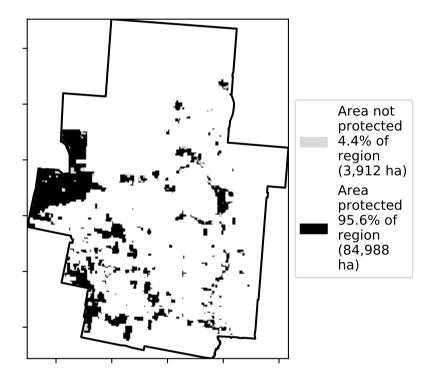


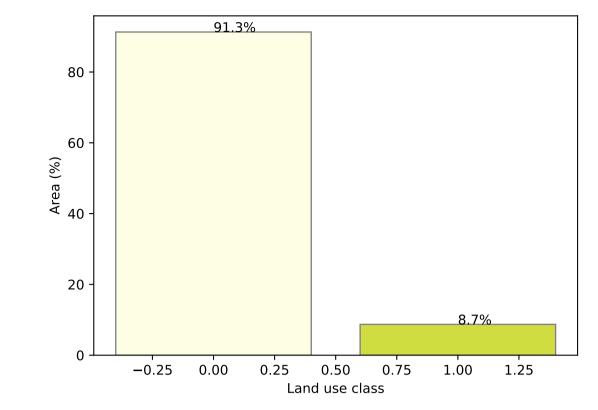
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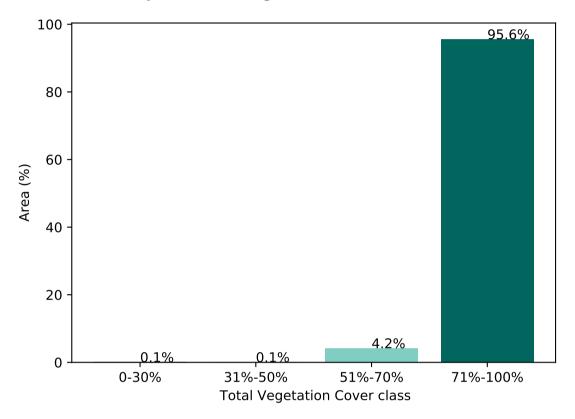
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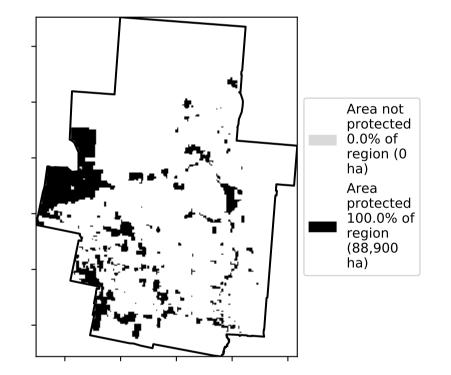


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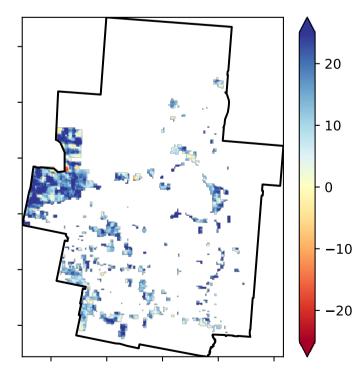


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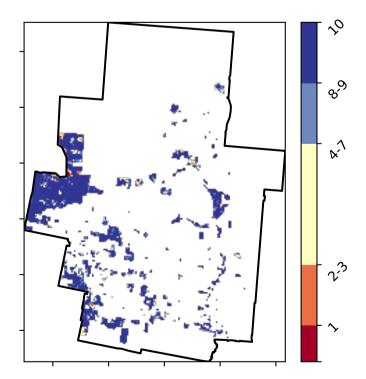


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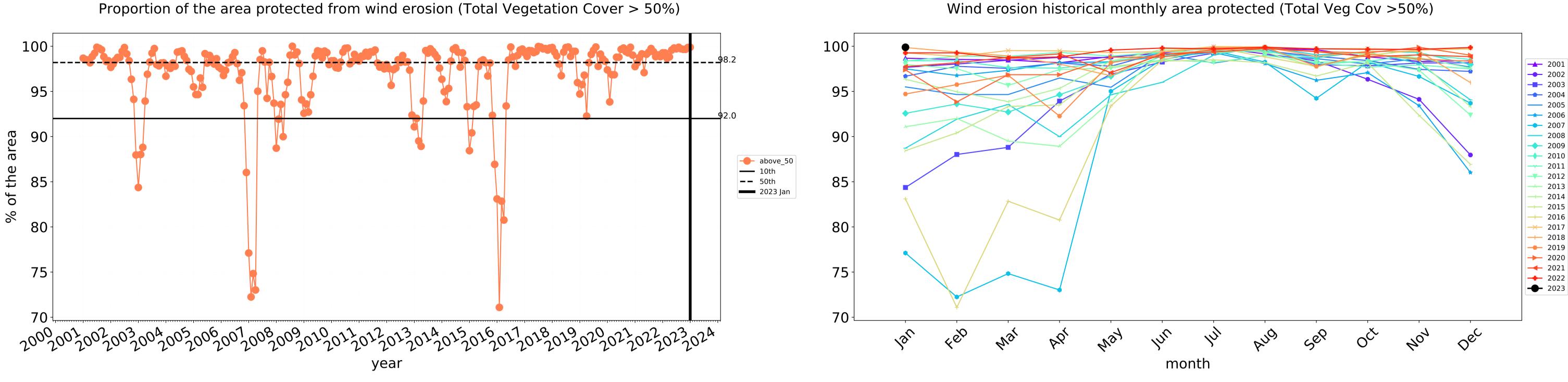
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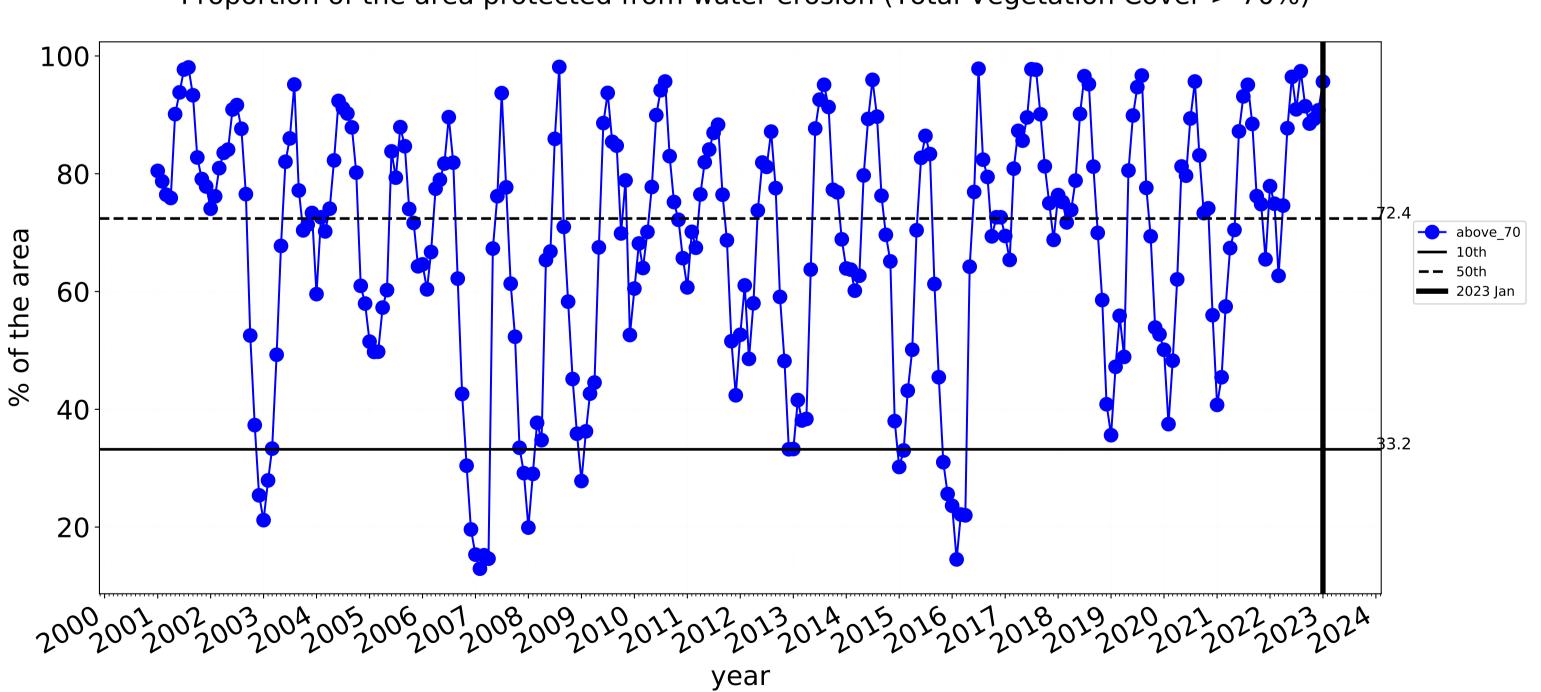
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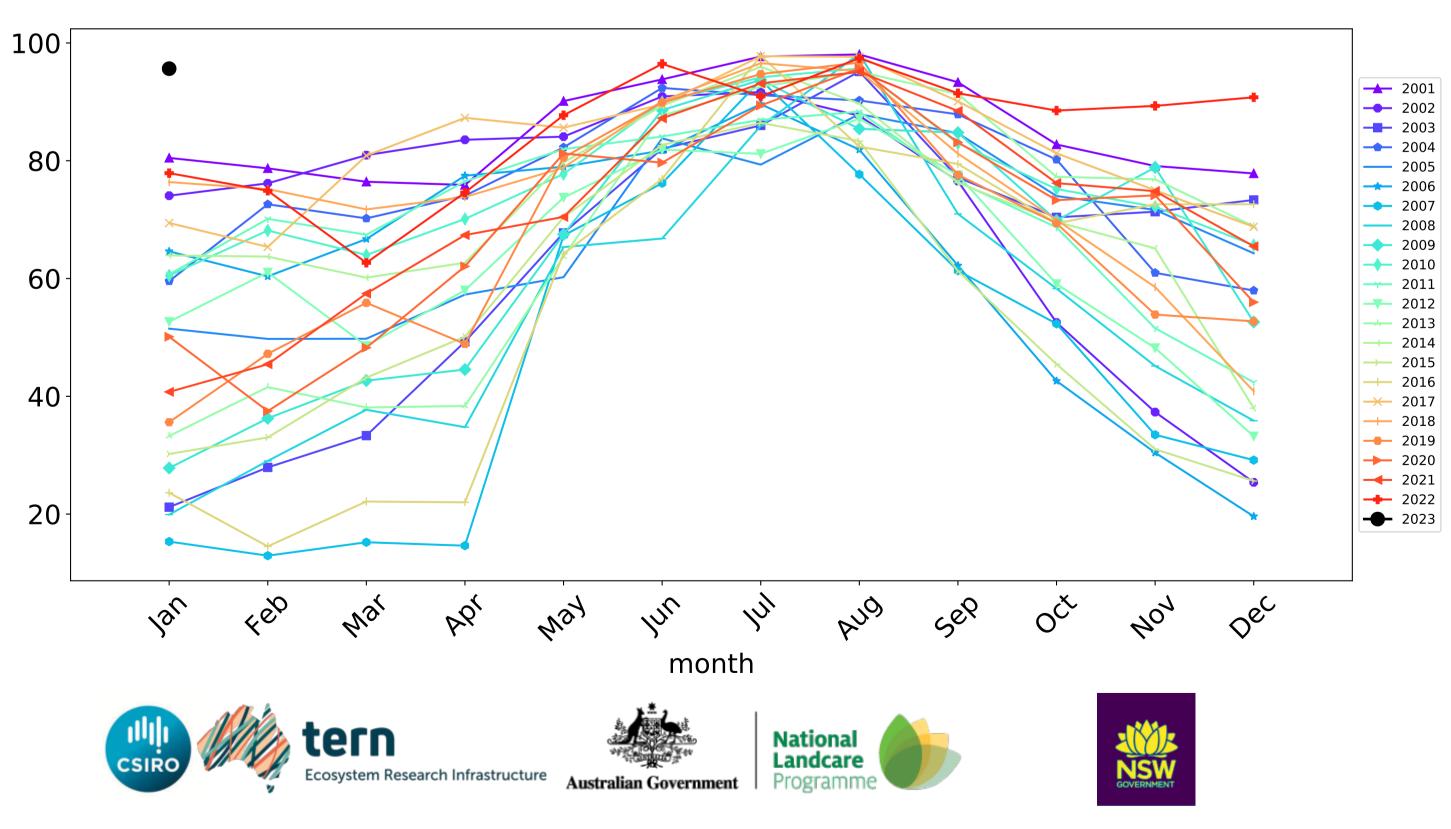


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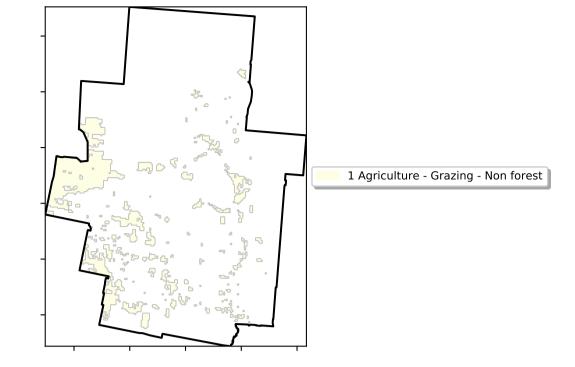
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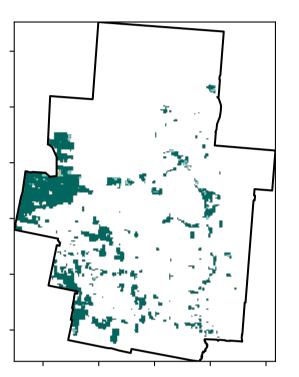
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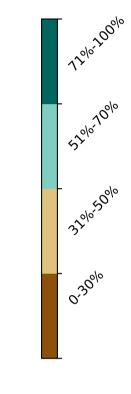
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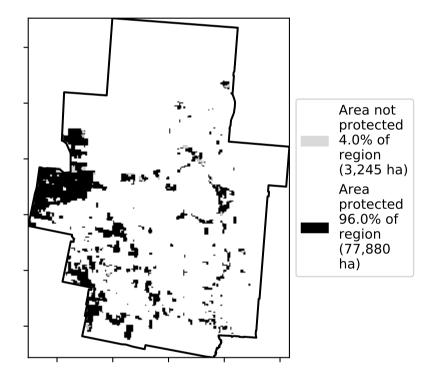


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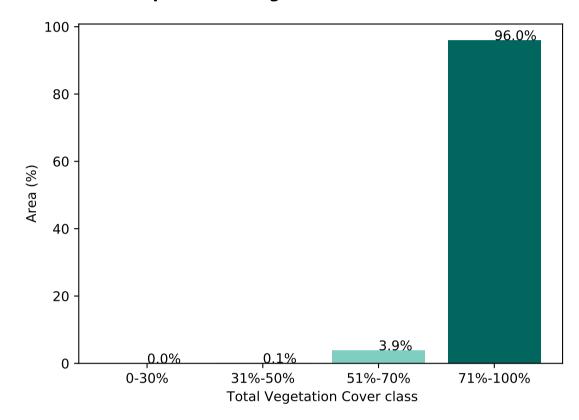




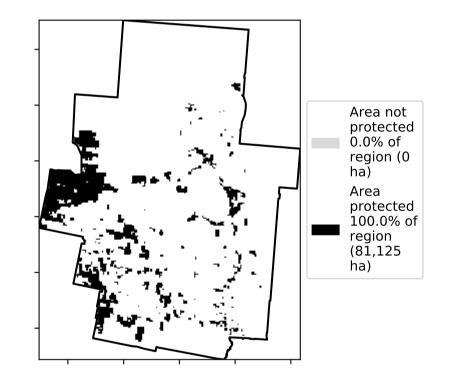
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

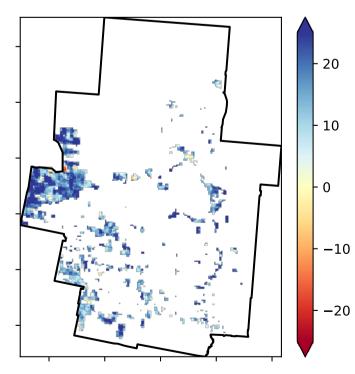


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

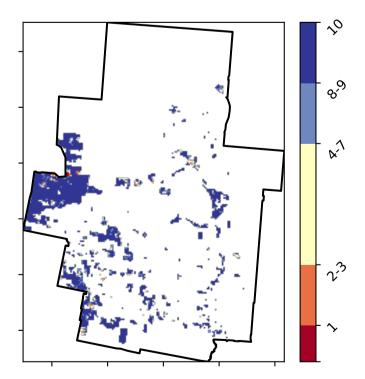


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

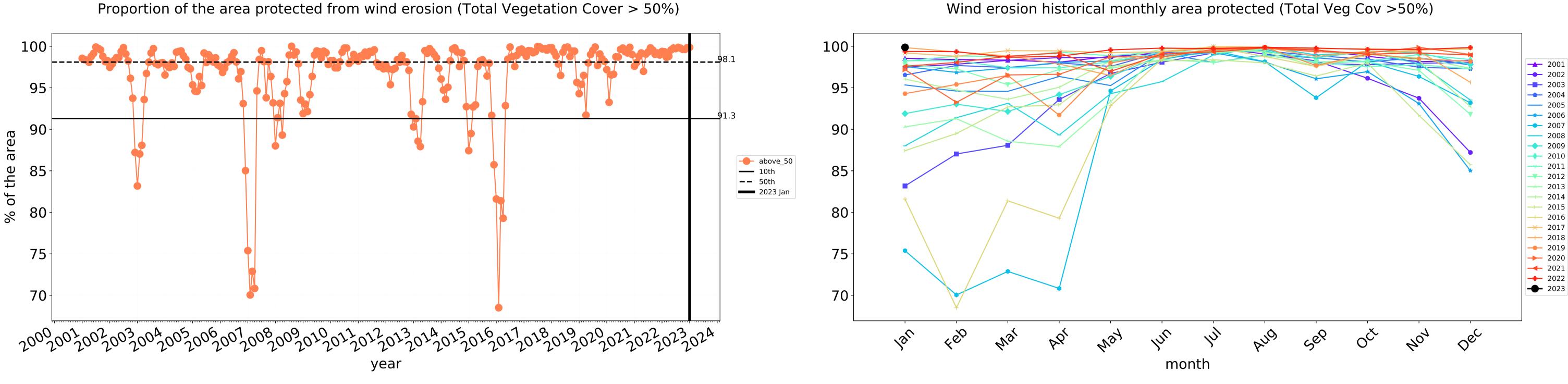
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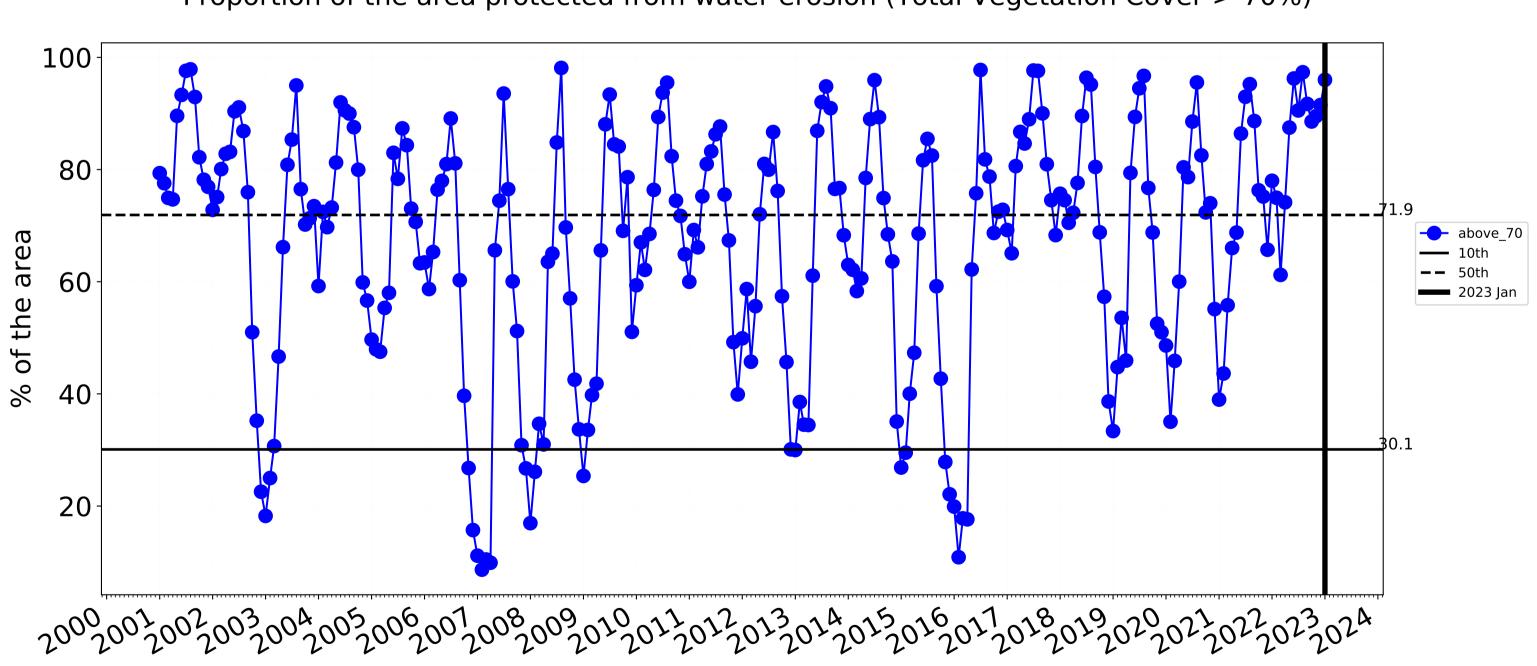
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

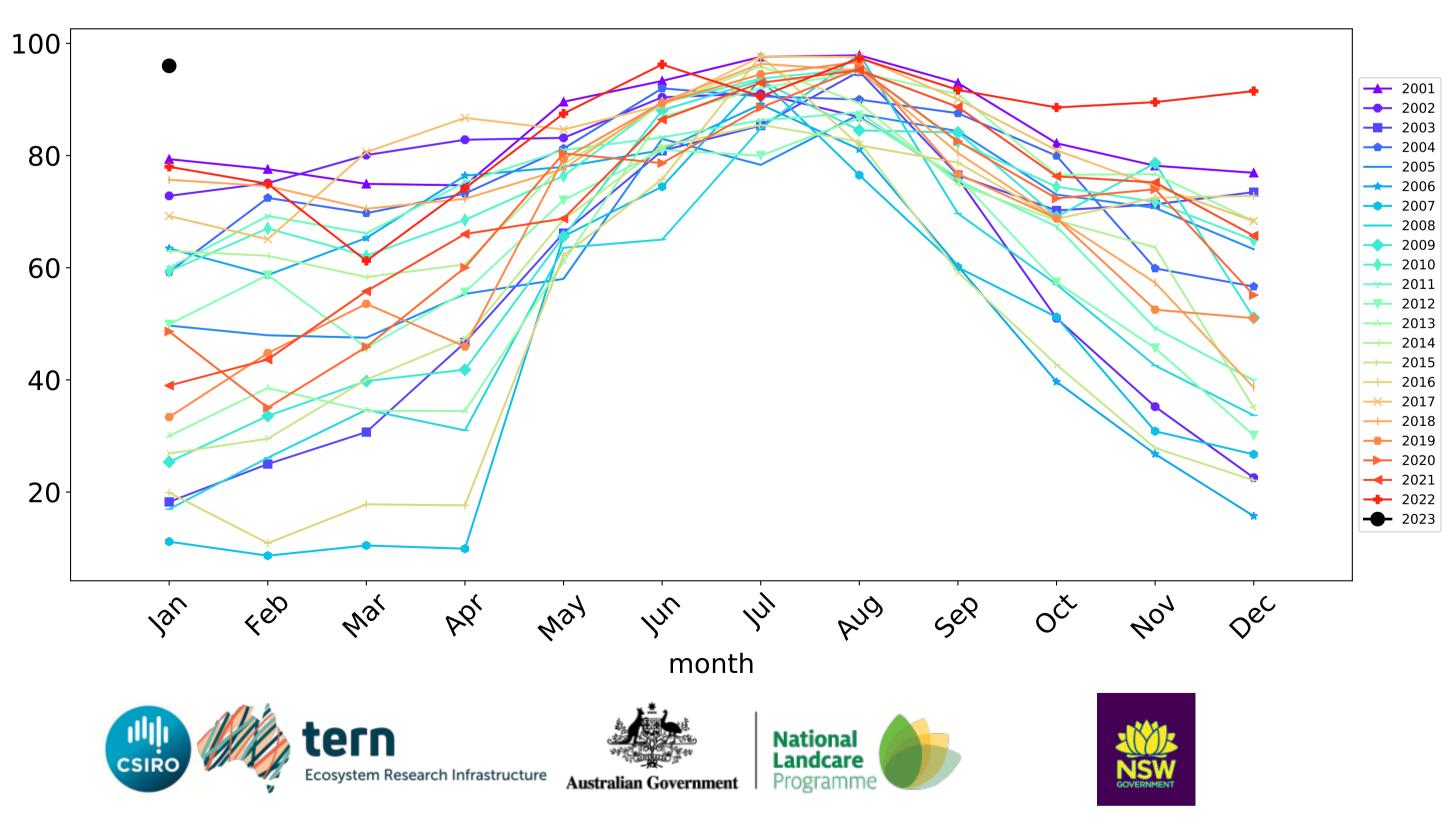


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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

### Grazing non forest timeseries

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



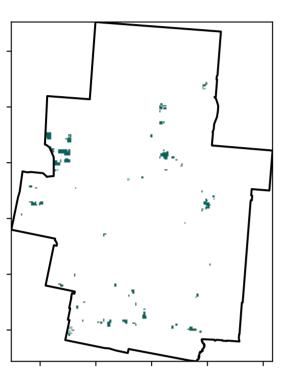
#### **Grazing Woodland forest**

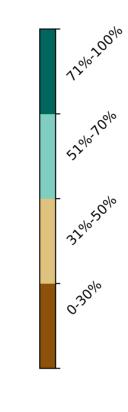
Land use and forest cover



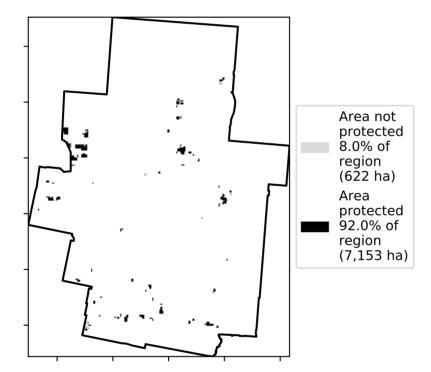


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

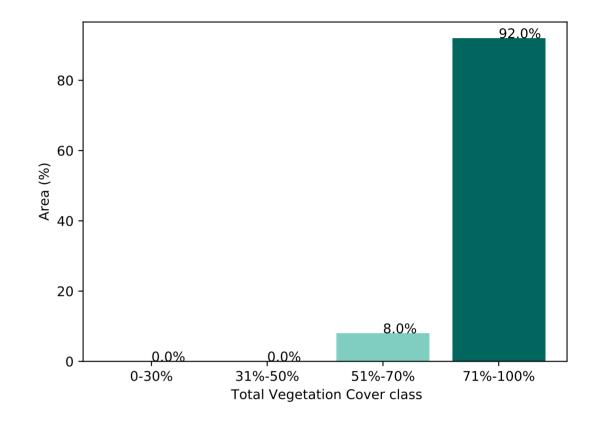




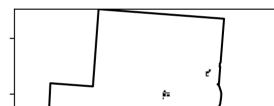
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

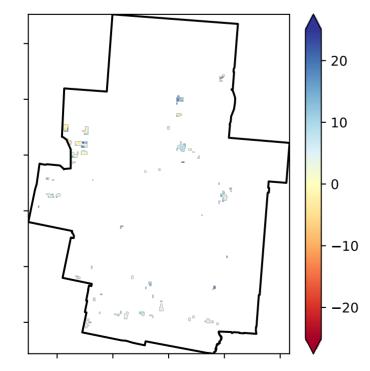


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

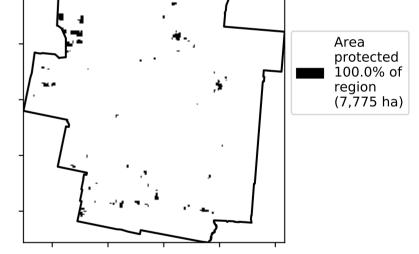


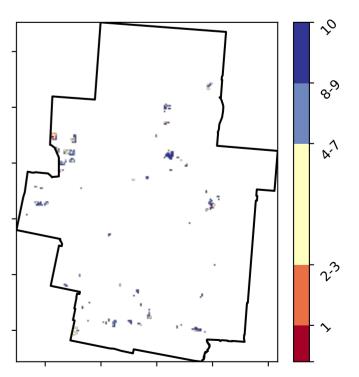
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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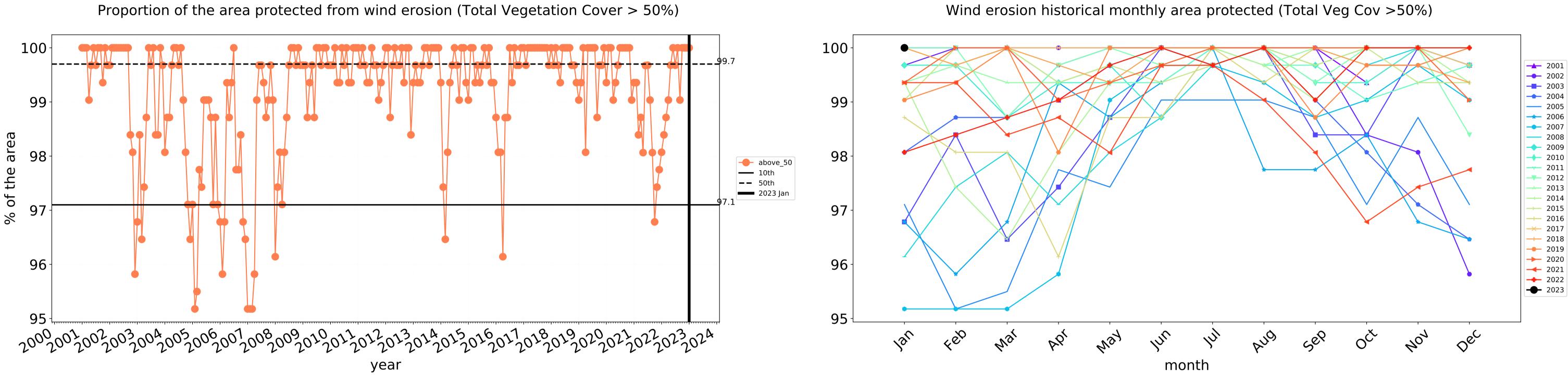
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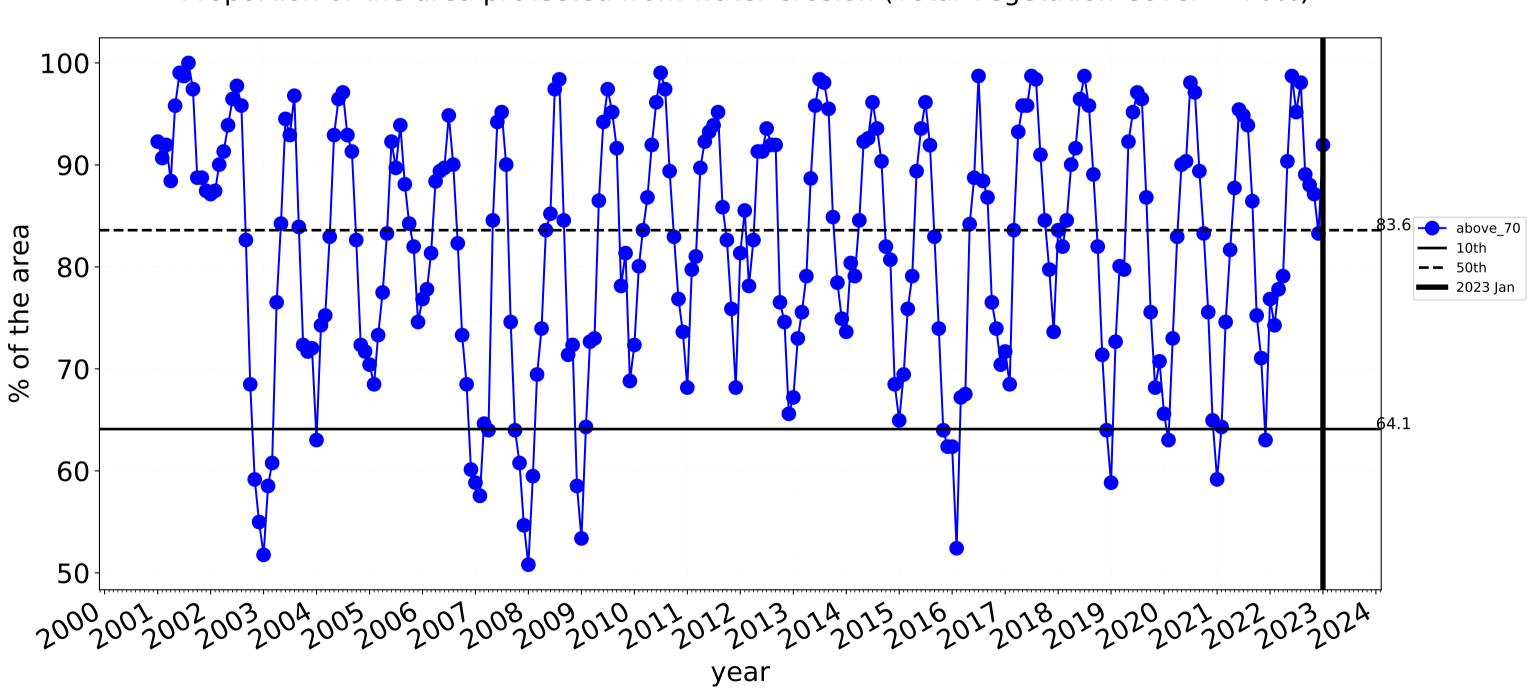






### Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

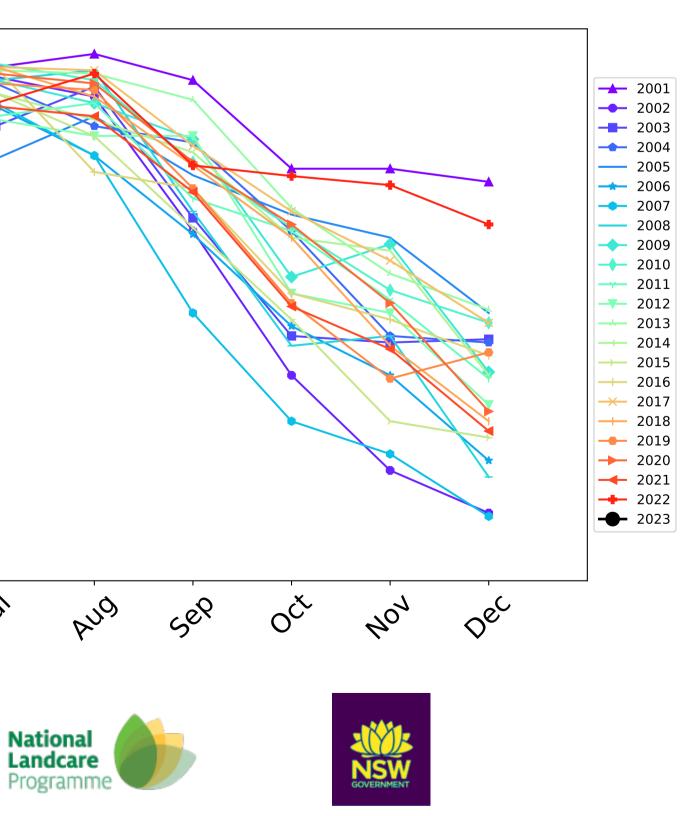




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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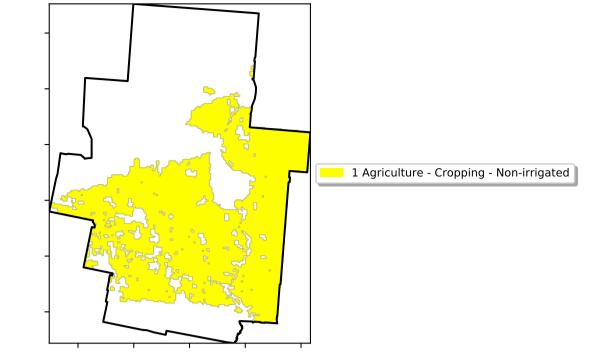
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



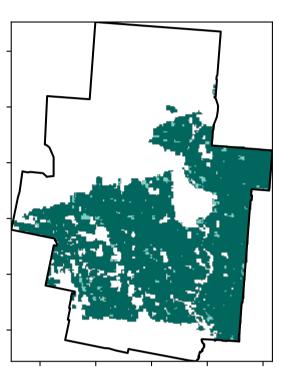
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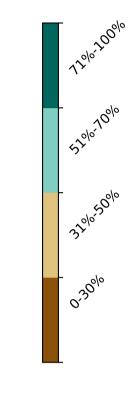
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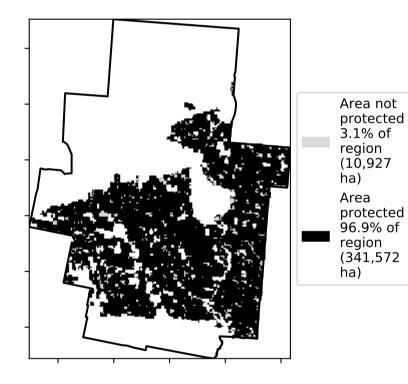


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

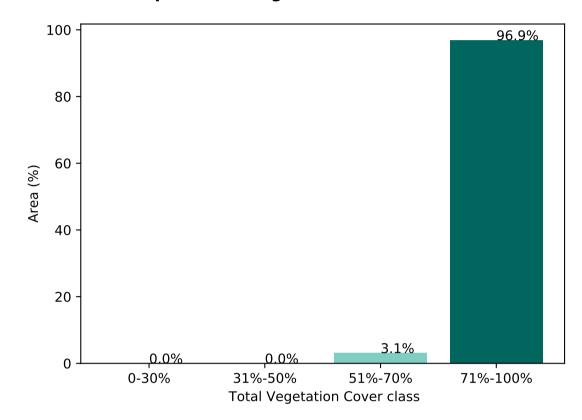




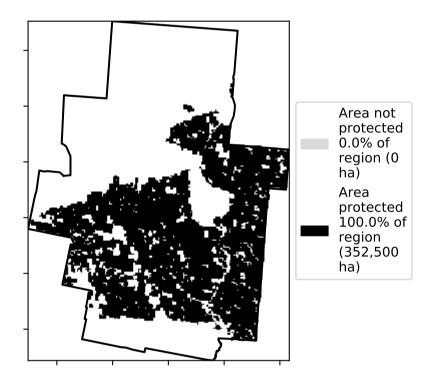
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



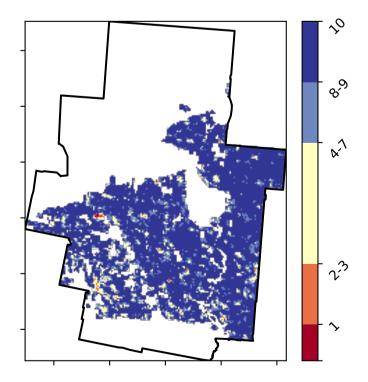
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

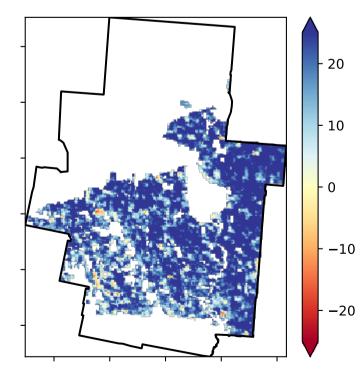


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

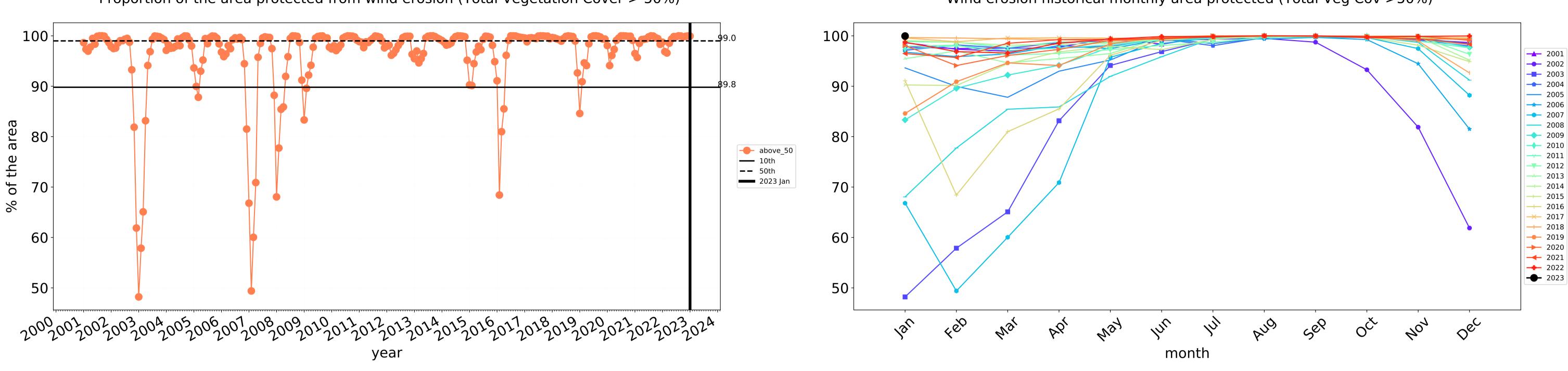
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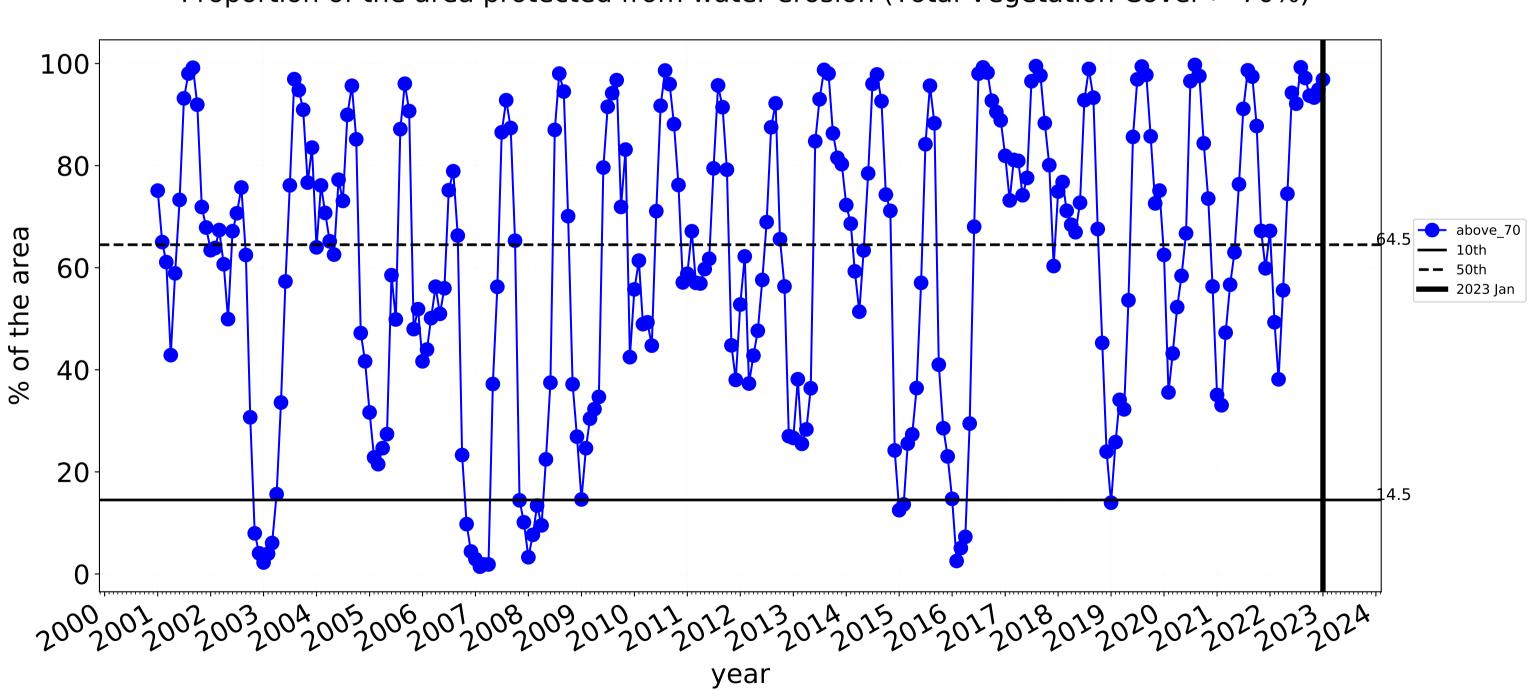
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



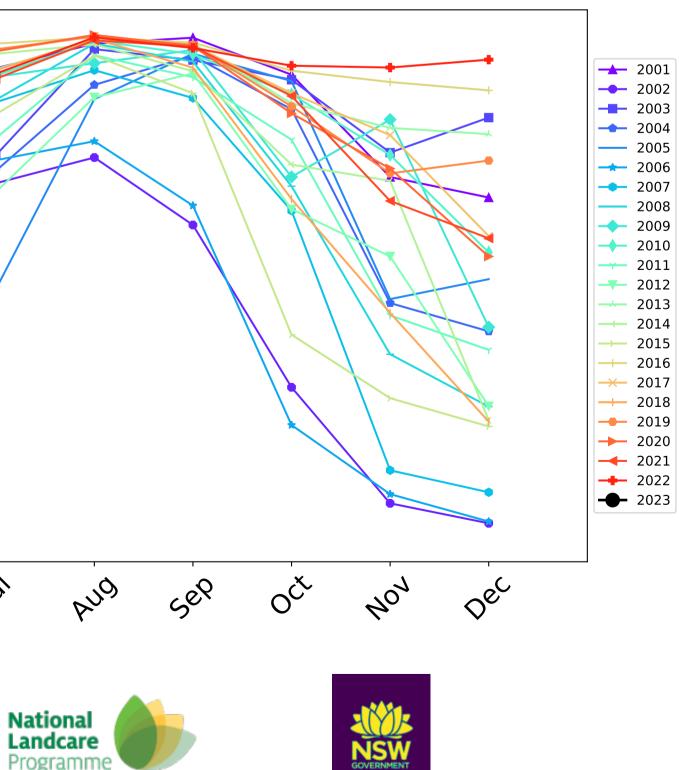
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

### **Cropping timeseries**

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

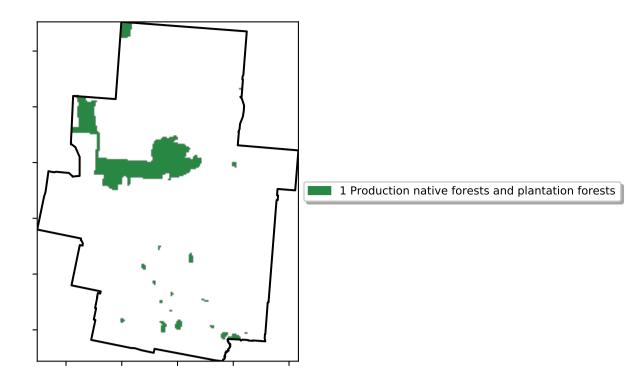
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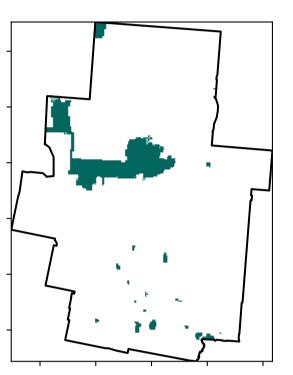
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

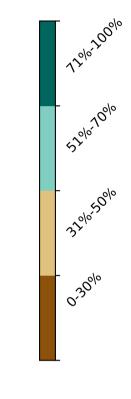
Land use and forest cover

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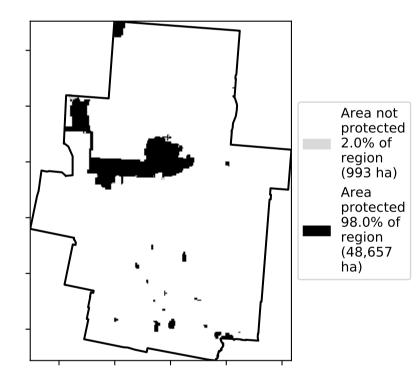


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

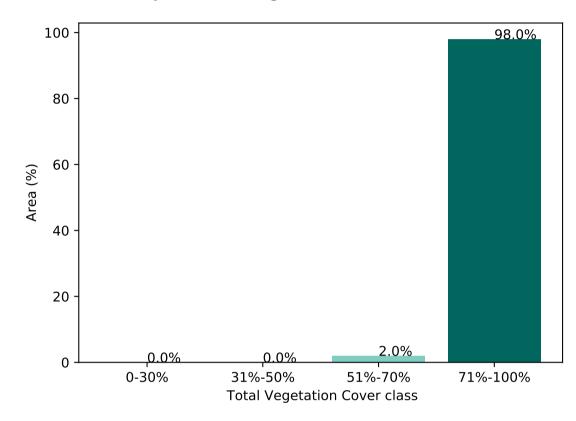




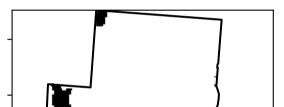
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

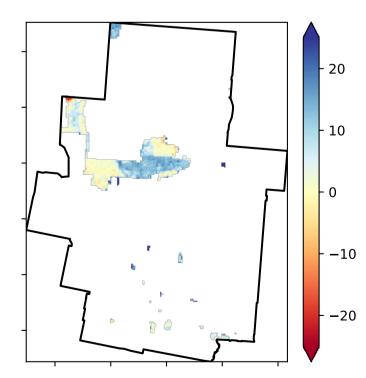


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



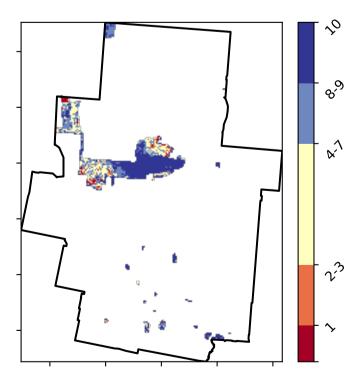
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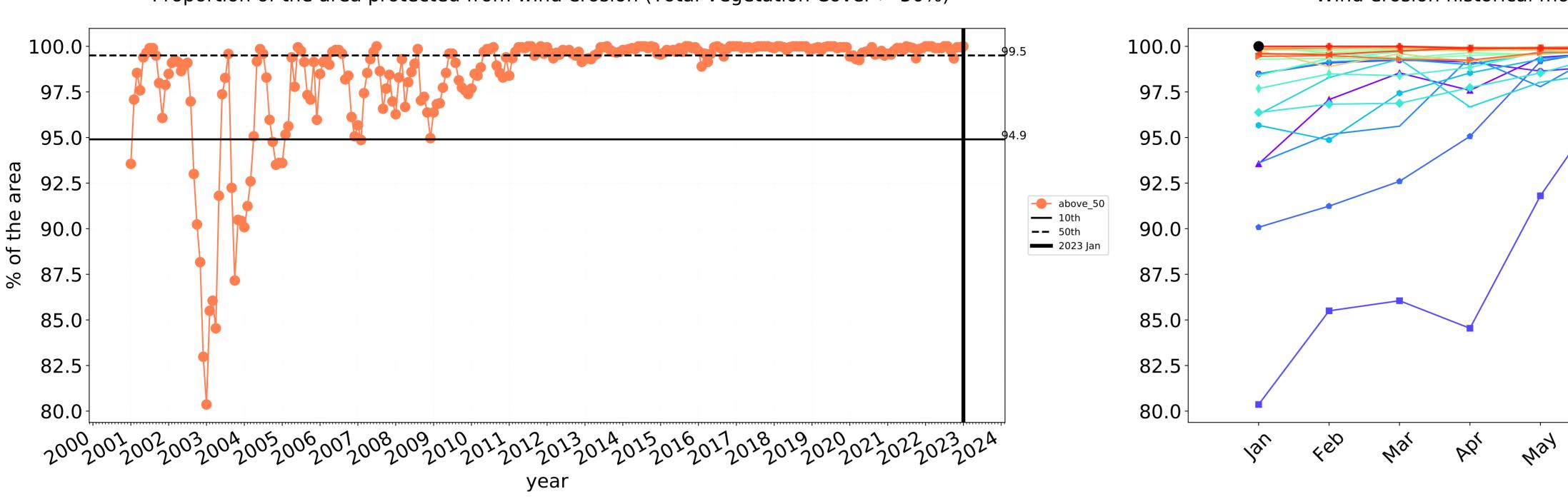


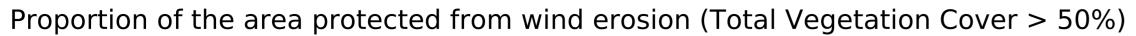
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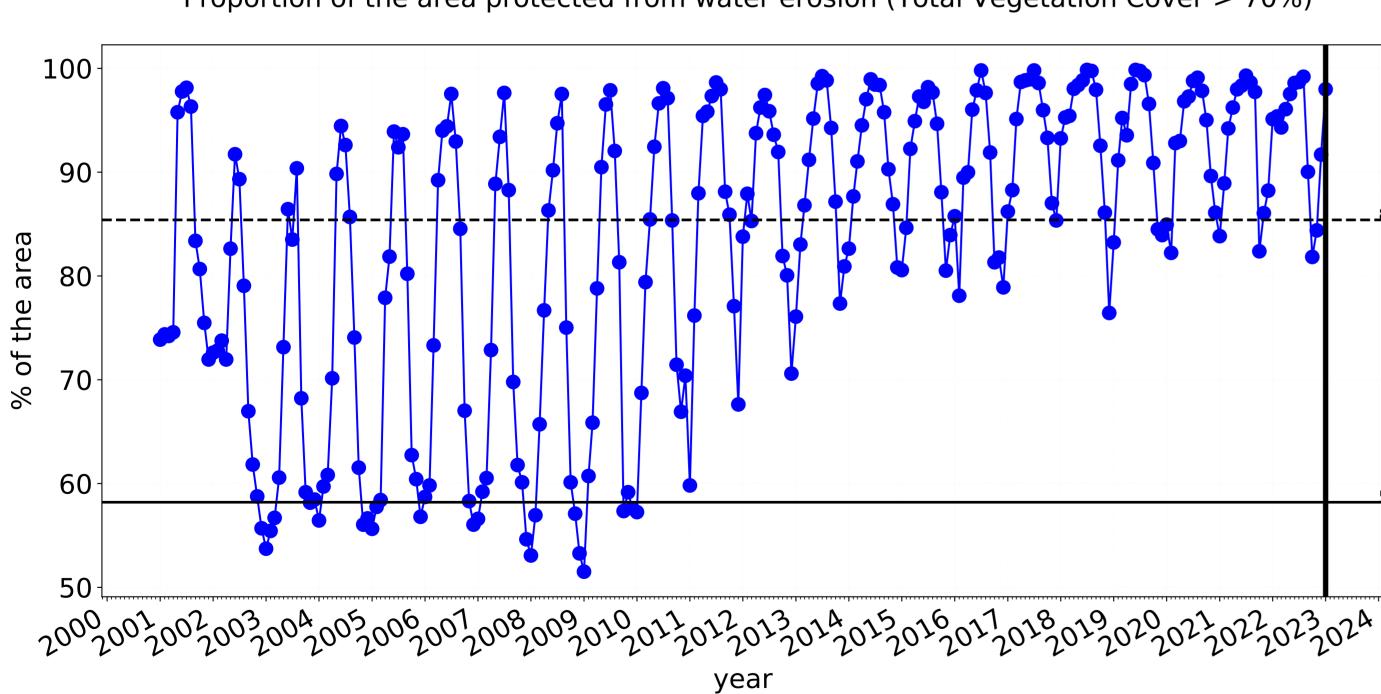












Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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

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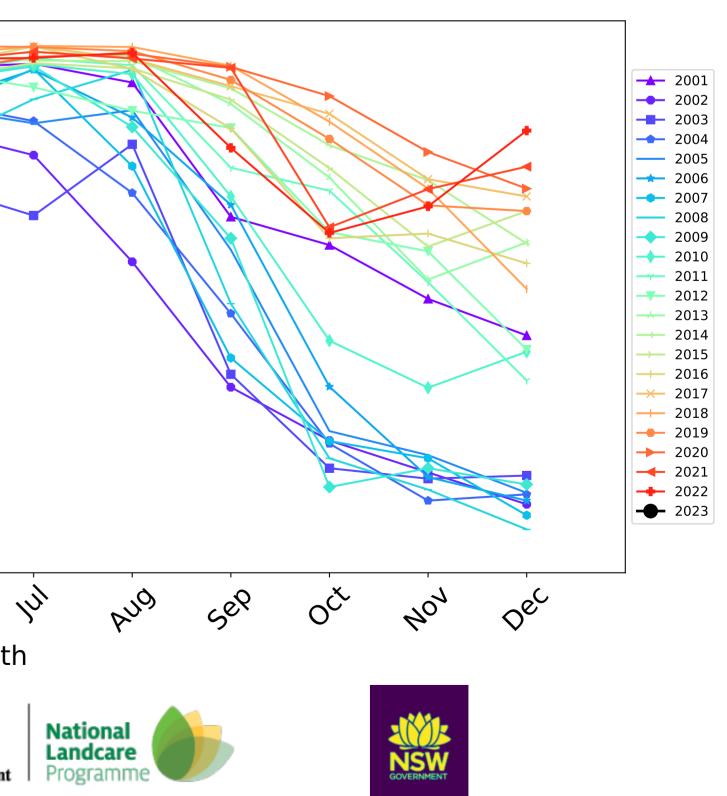
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# Hindmarsh\_(S) (740,200 ha and no data 12,141 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	740,200	100.0% 740,025	99.9% 739,600	95.2% 704,425	68.3% 505,825	34.1% 252,325	21.9% 162,350
Conservation and natural environments	241,225	99.9% 241,050	99.9% 240,875	91.9% 221,700	40.8% 98,425	4.0% 9,550	1.4% 3,475
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,450	99.4% 28,275	98.8% 28,100	89.3% 25,400	63.0% 17,925	17.9% 5,100	9.6% 2,725
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	212,625	100.0% 212,625	100.0% 212,625	92.3% 196,150	37.8% 80,400	2.1% 4,450	0.4% 750
Agriculture	441,400	100.0% 441,400	99.9% 441,150	96.6% 426,475	84.1% 371,325	54.0% 238,525	35.5% 156,850
Grazing	88,900	100.0% 88,900	99.9% 88,800	95.6% 85,025	76.0% 67,600	35.3% 31,350	17.0% 15,125
Grazing non forest	81,125	100.0% 81,125	99.9% 81,025	96.0% 77,875	78.9% 63,975	38.0% 30,825	18.5% 14,975
Grazing Woodland forest	7,775	100.0% 7,775	100.0% 7,775	92.0% 7,150	46.6% 3,625	6.8% 525	1.9% 150
Cropping	352,500	100.0% 352,500	100.0% 352,350	96.9% 341,450	86.2% 303,725	58.8% 207,175	40.2% 141,725
Production native forests and plantation forests	49,650	100.0% 49,650	100.0% 49,650	98.0% 48,650	60.8% 30,175	3.0% 1,500	1.4% 700

