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

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:

**Date: December 2021** 

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

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

- 71-100% High cover protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
  - 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
  - 31-50% Low cover not protected
  - 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

#### **Erosion protection**

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

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

#### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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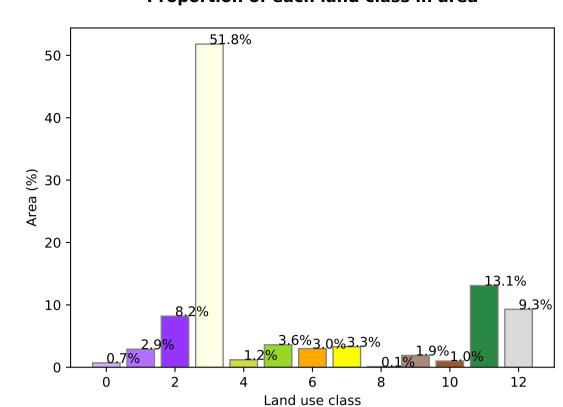


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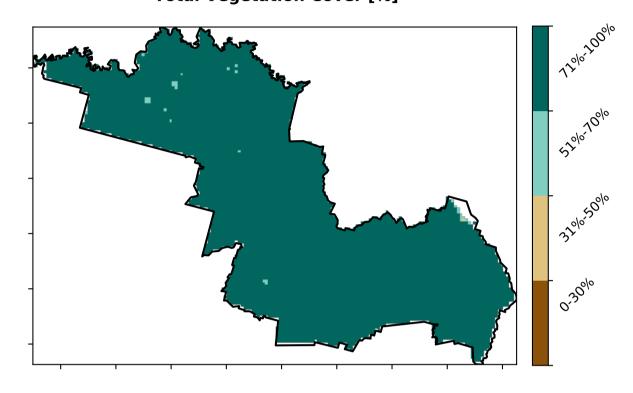
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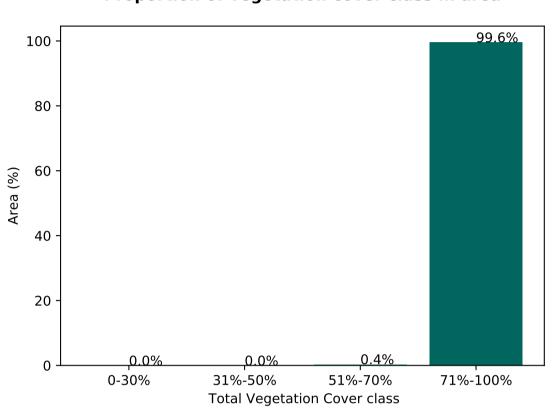
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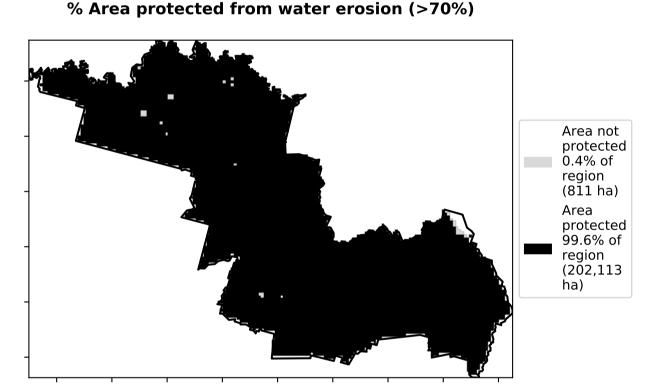


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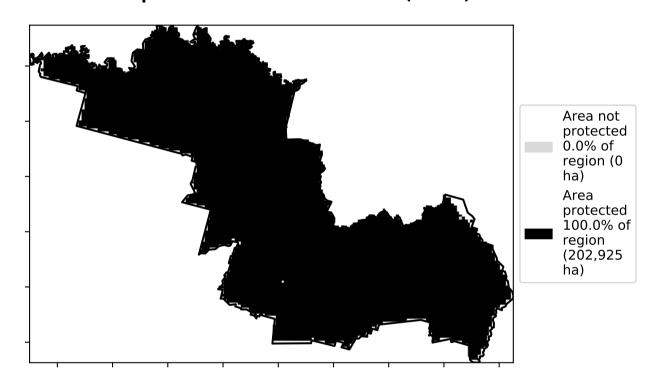


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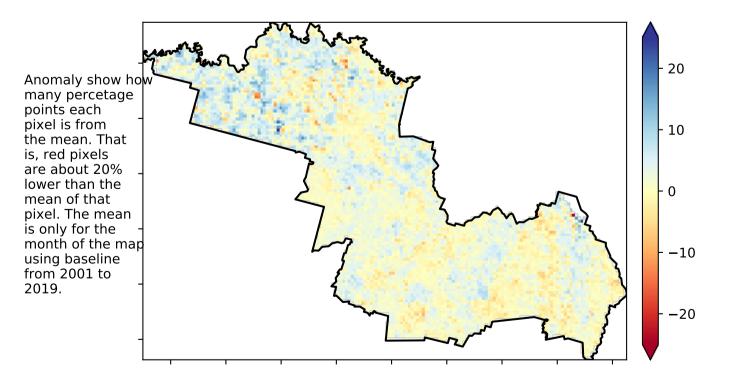




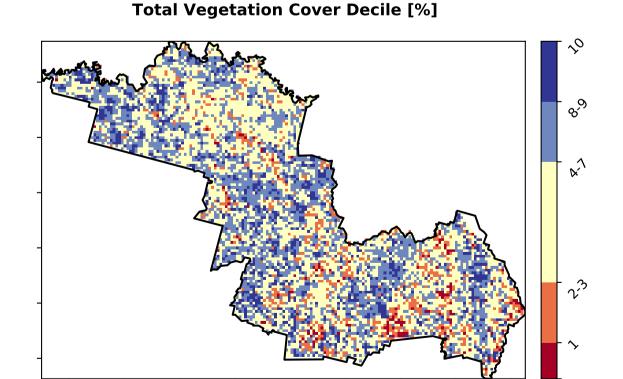
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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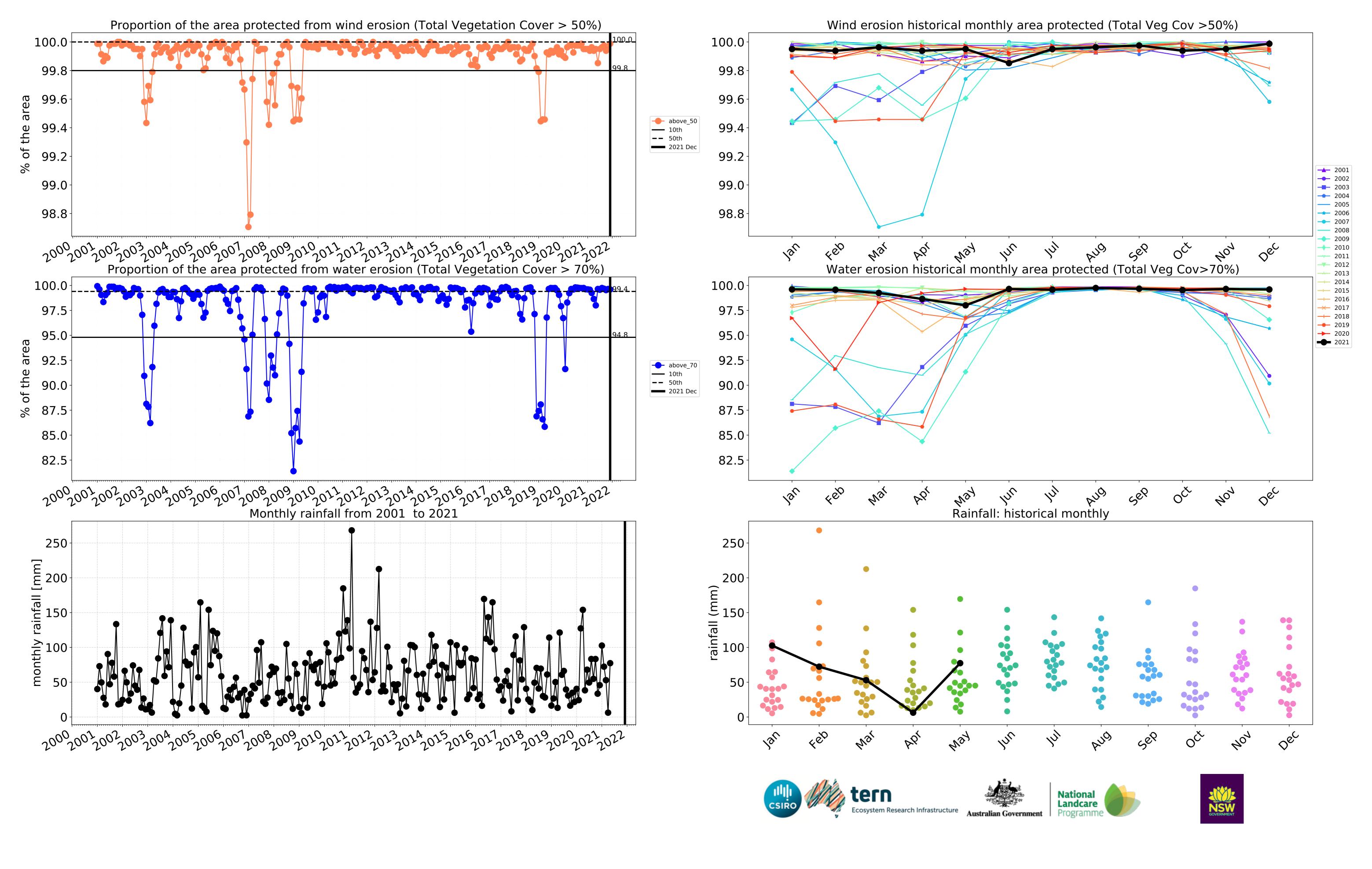


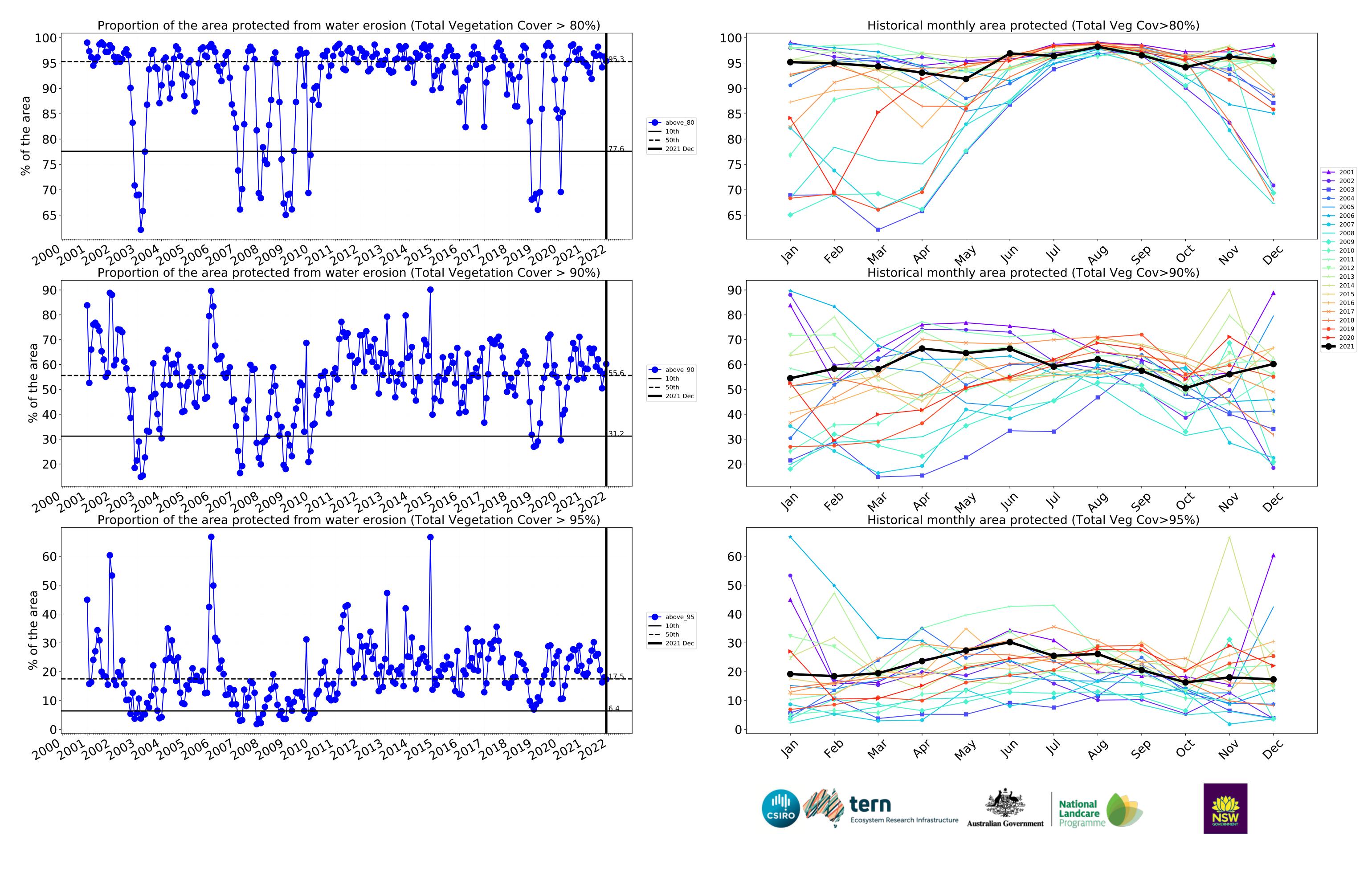












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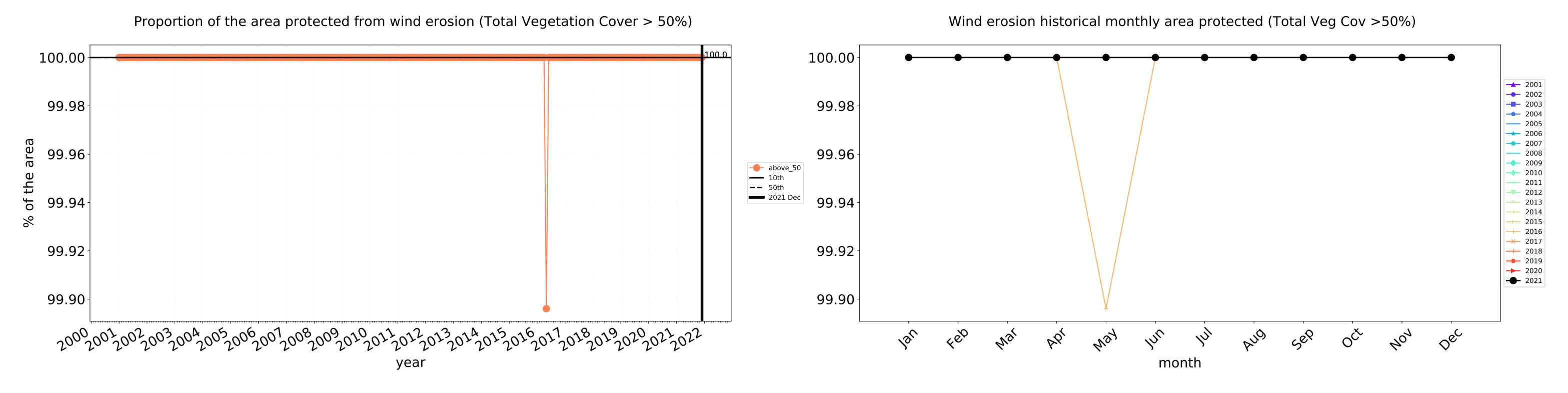
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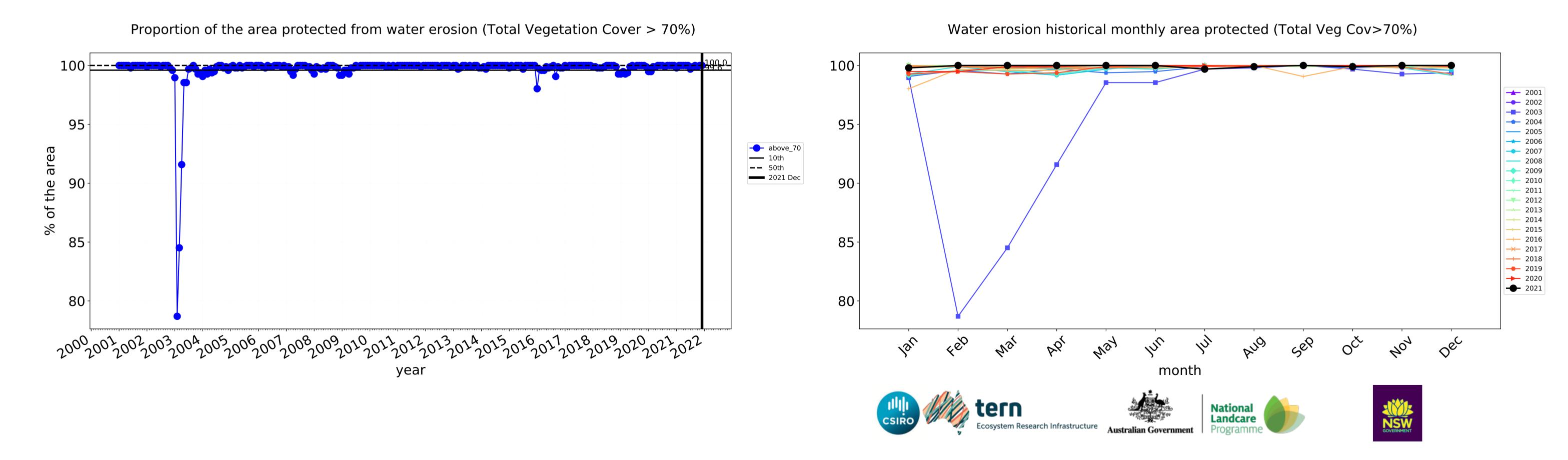
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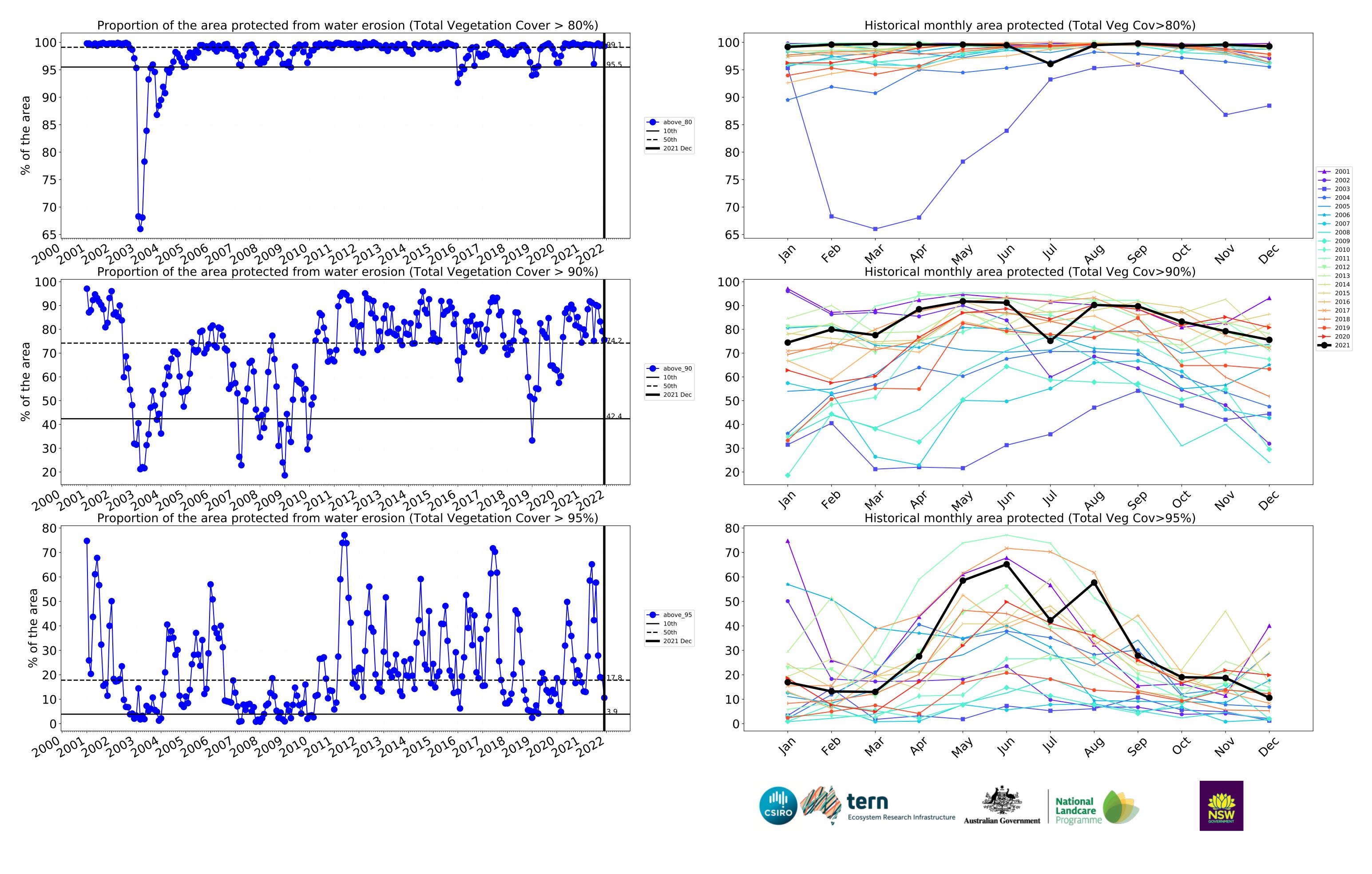
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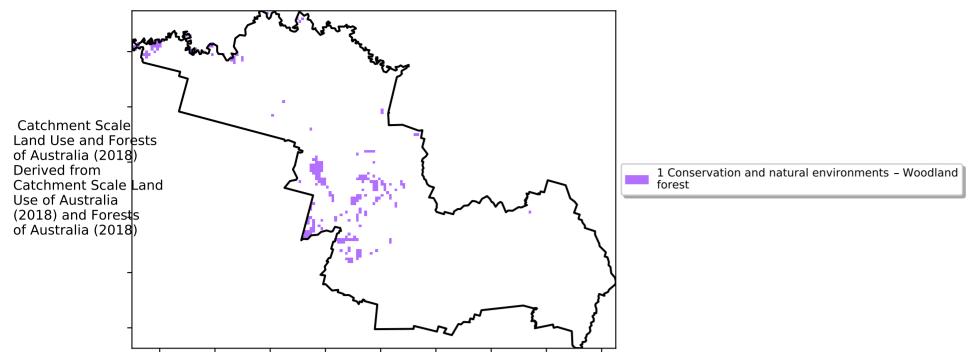




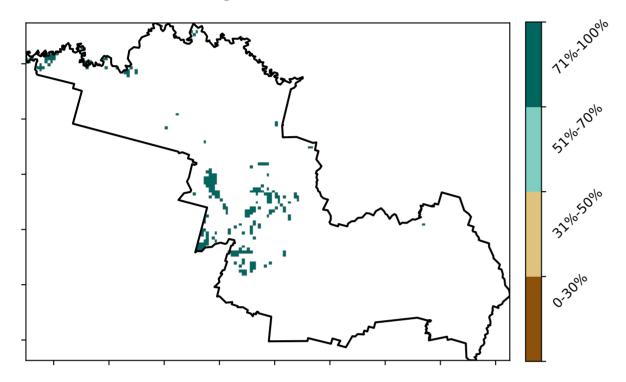


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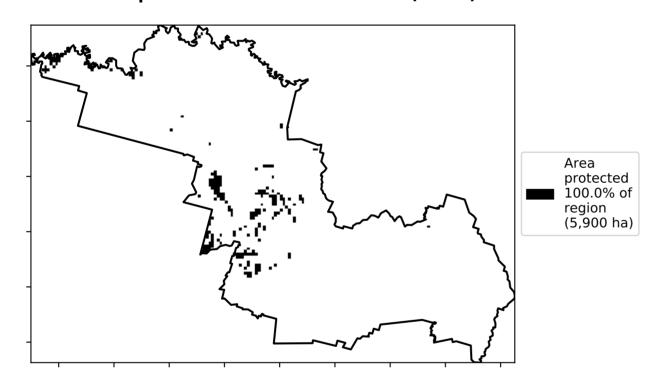
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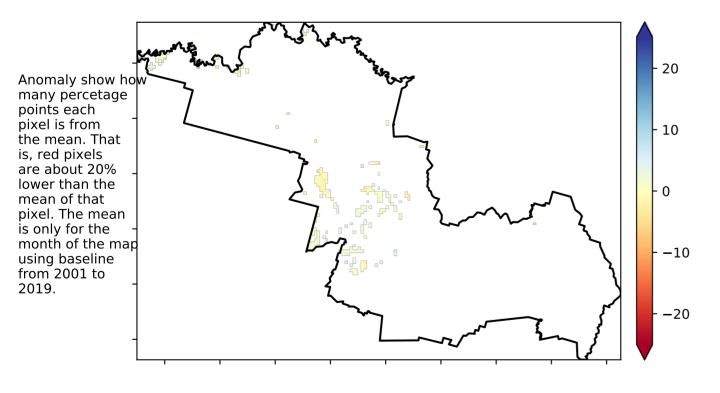
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#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

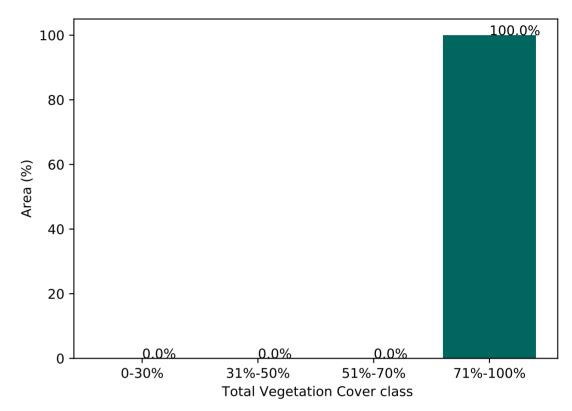


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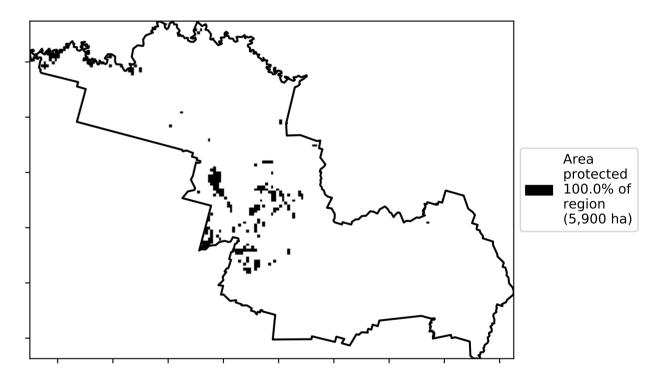


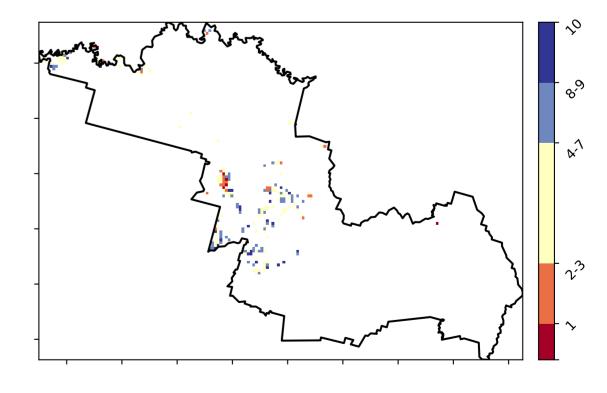
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





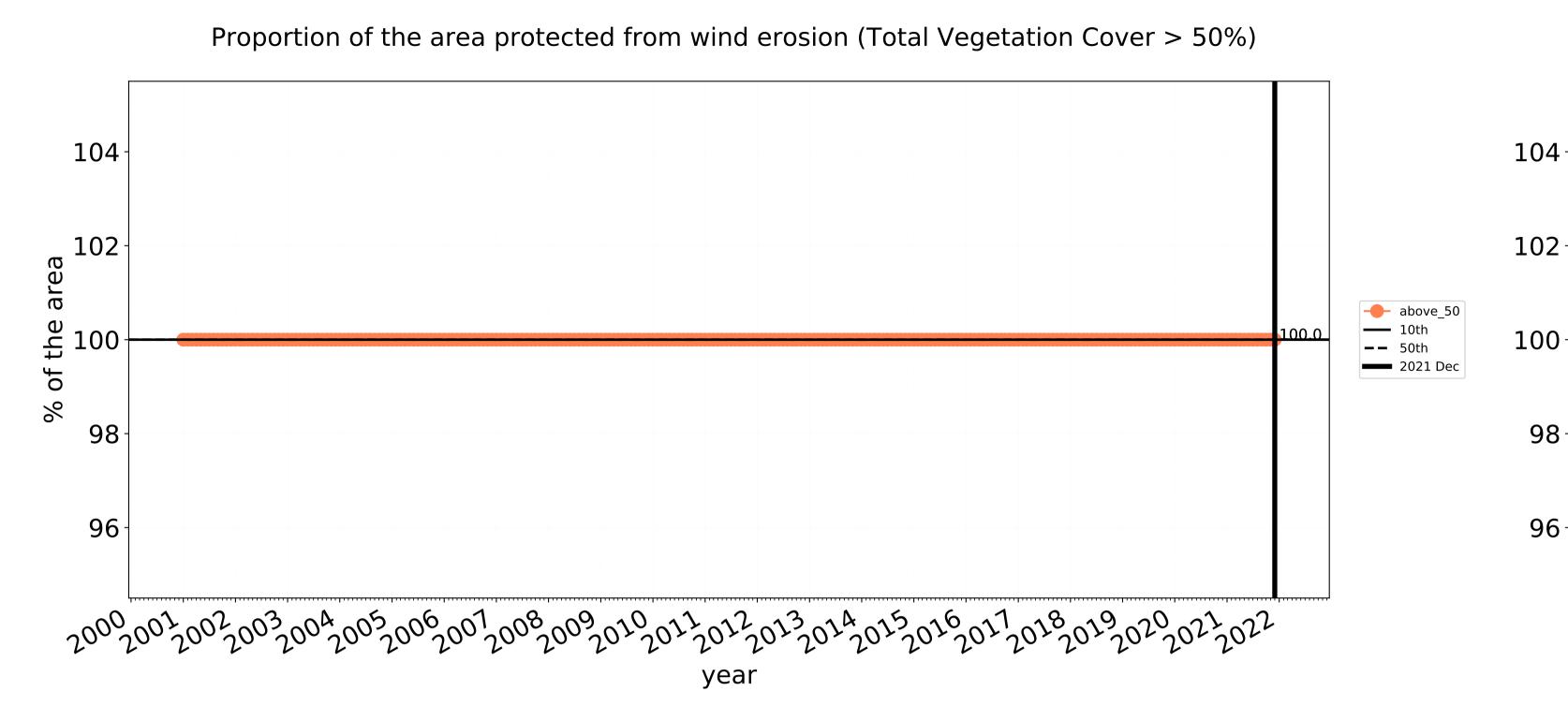


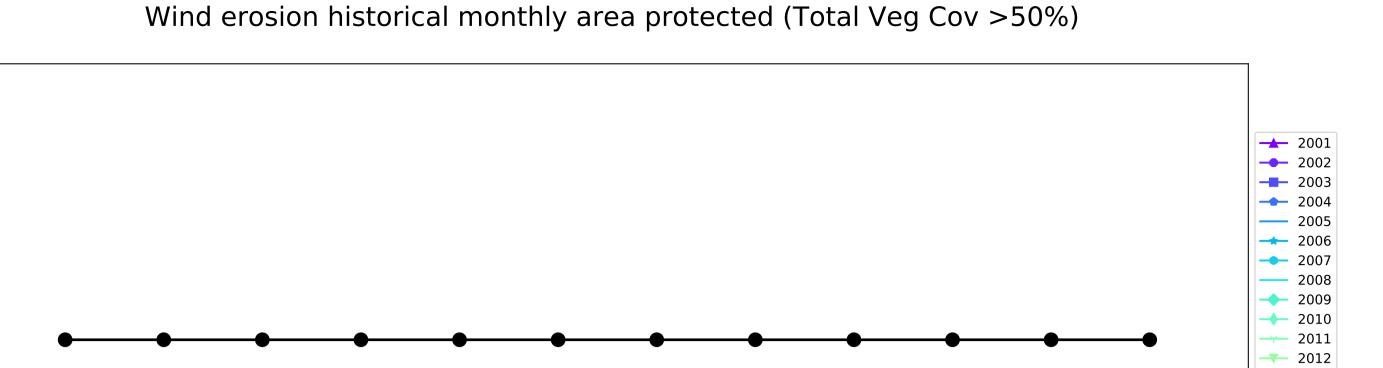






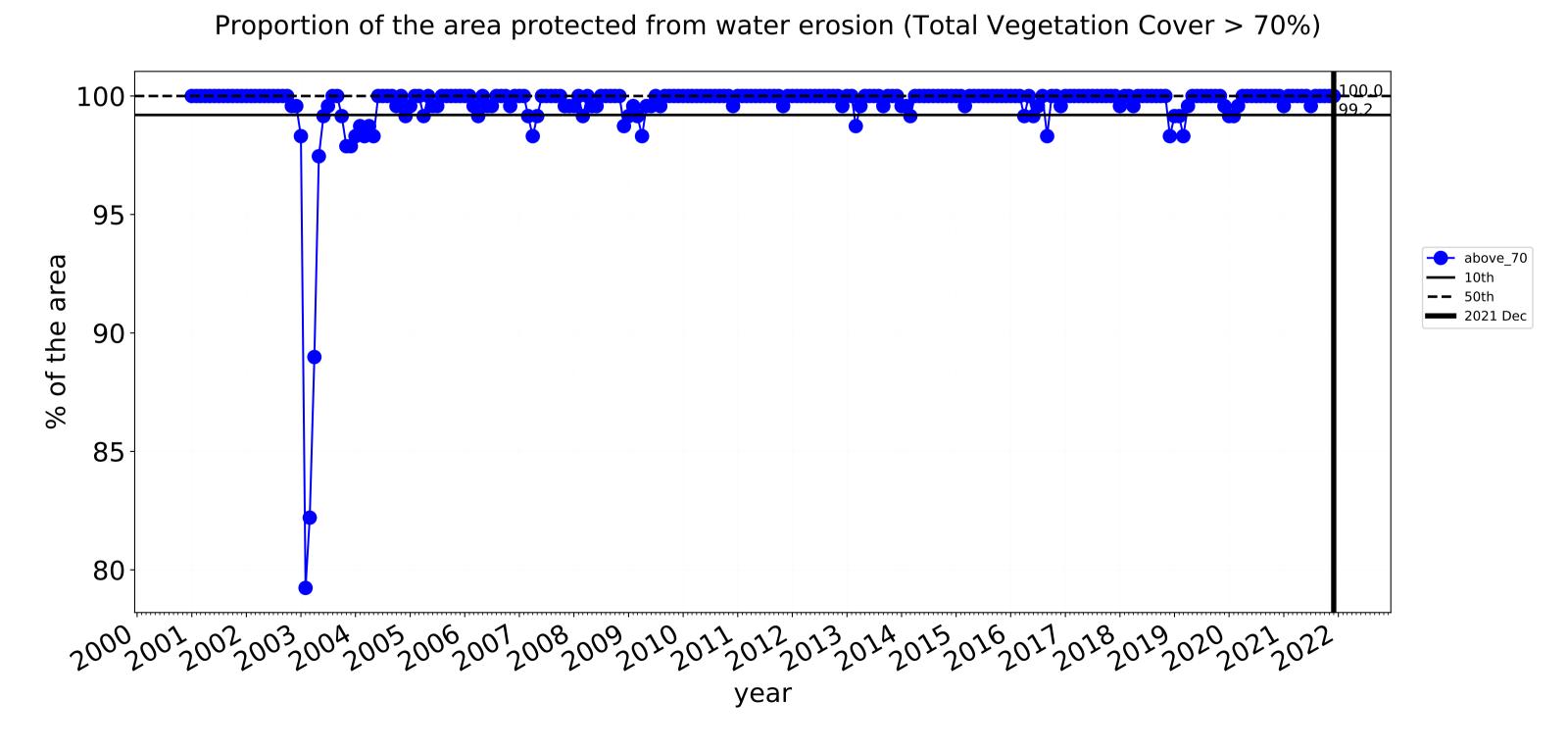
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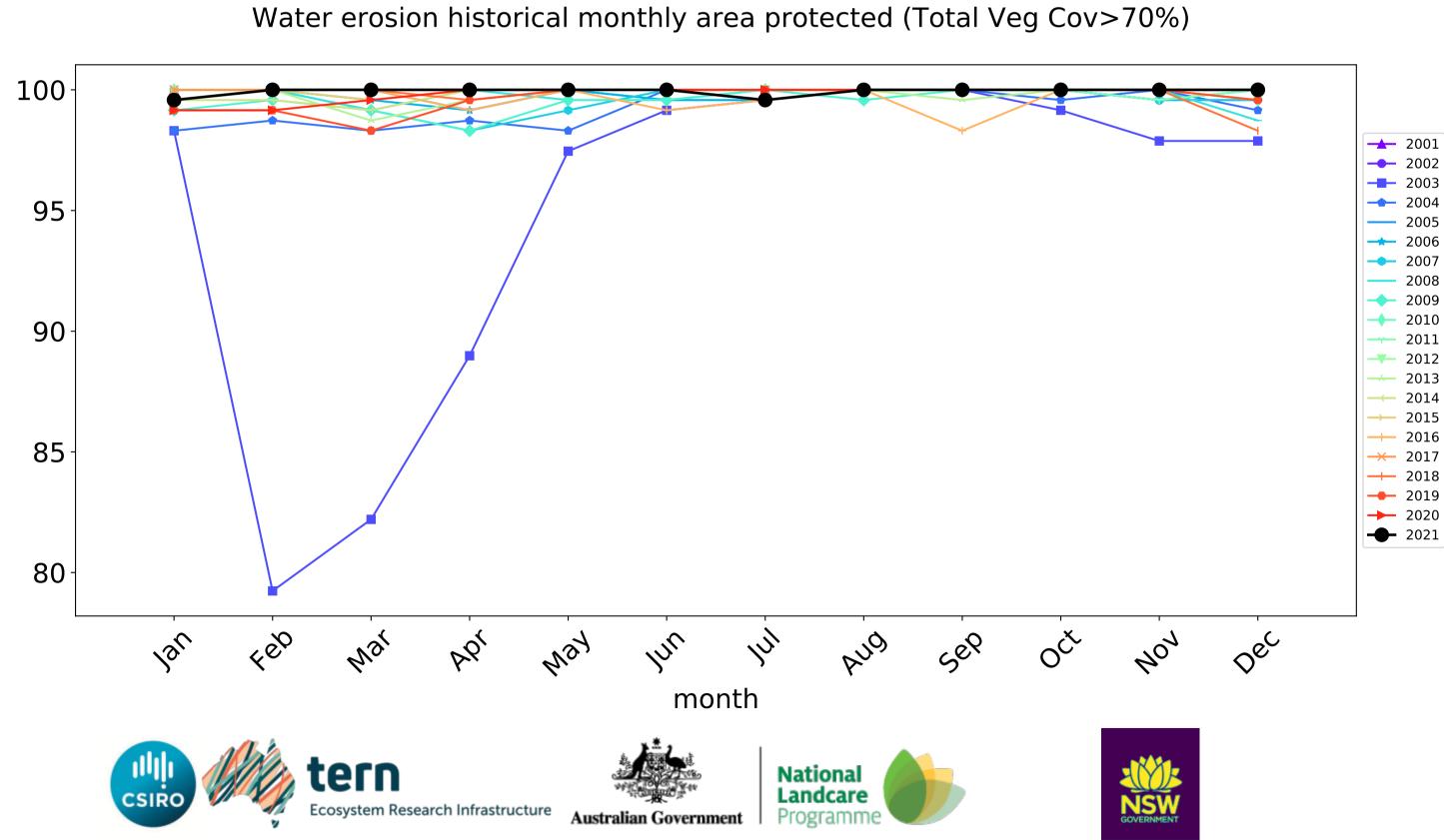




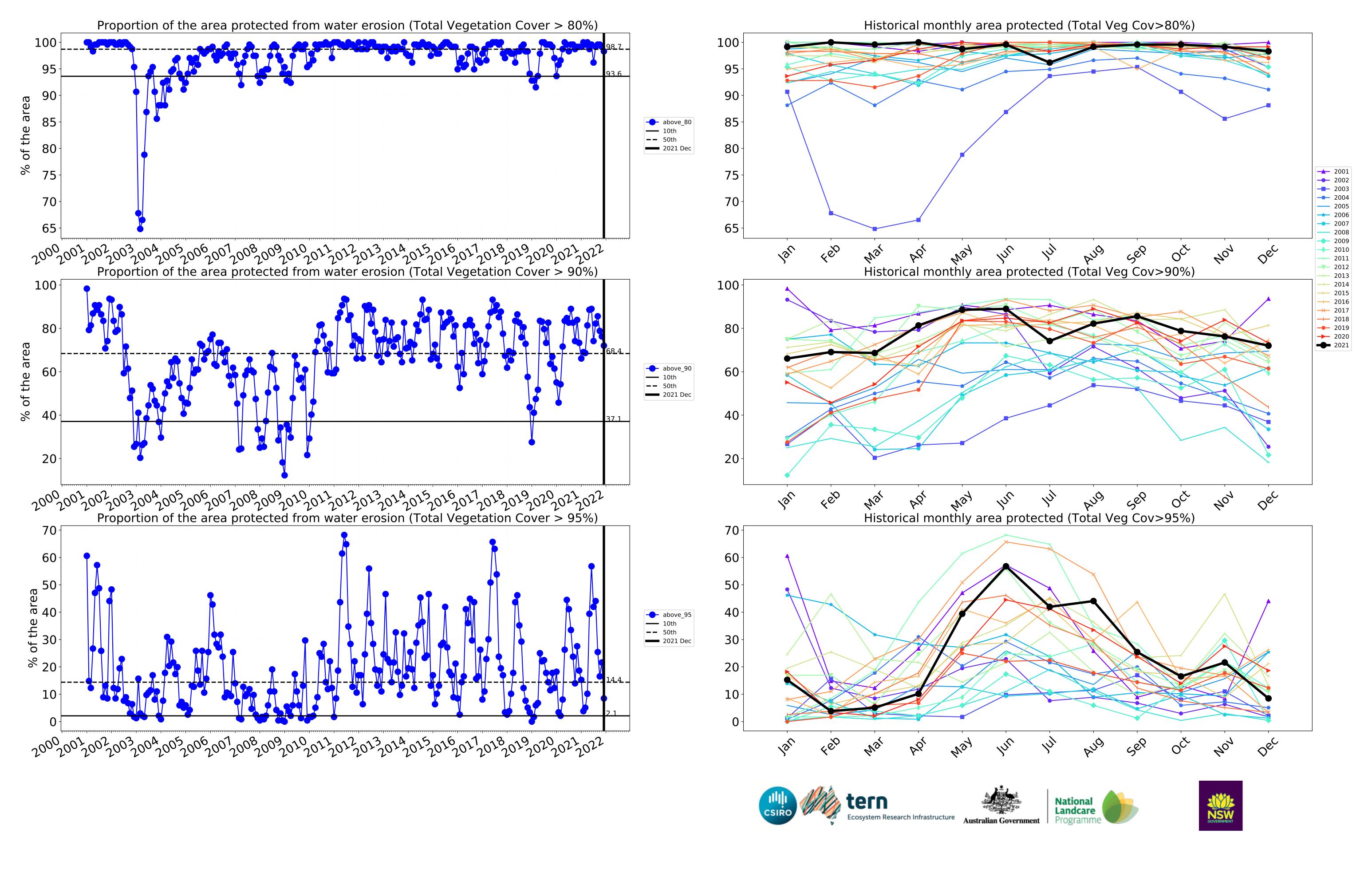
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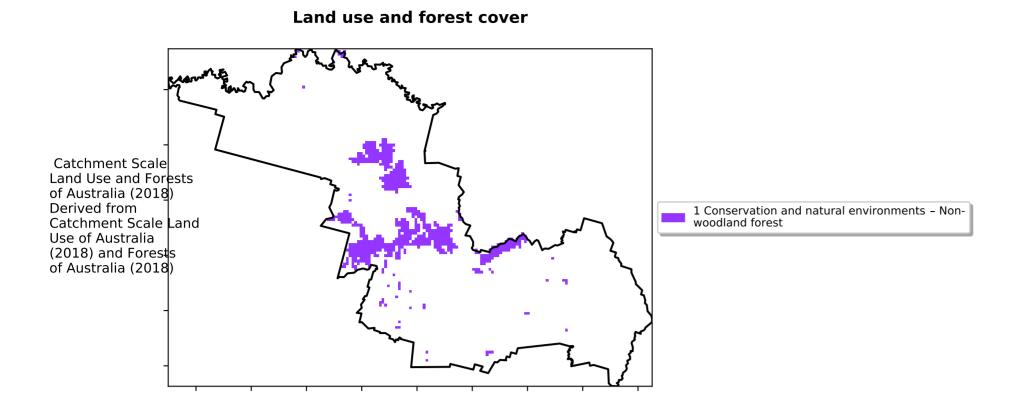




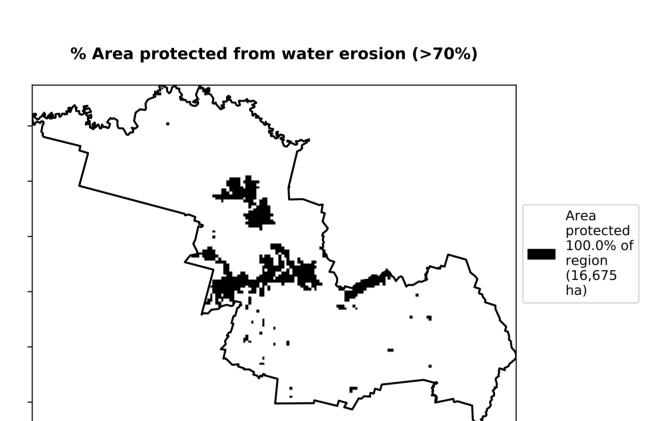
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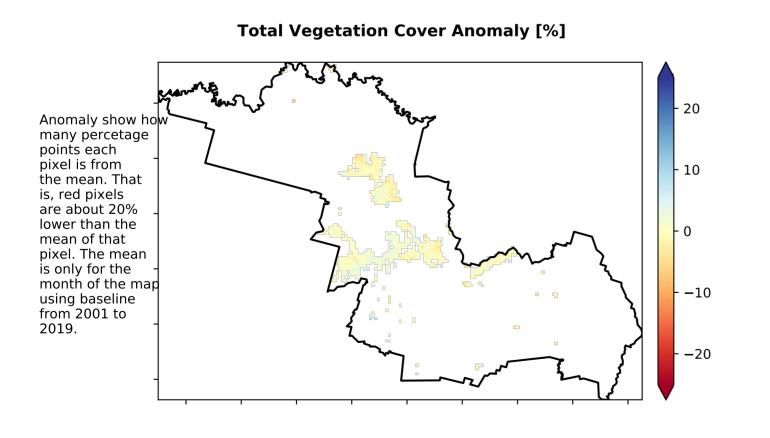


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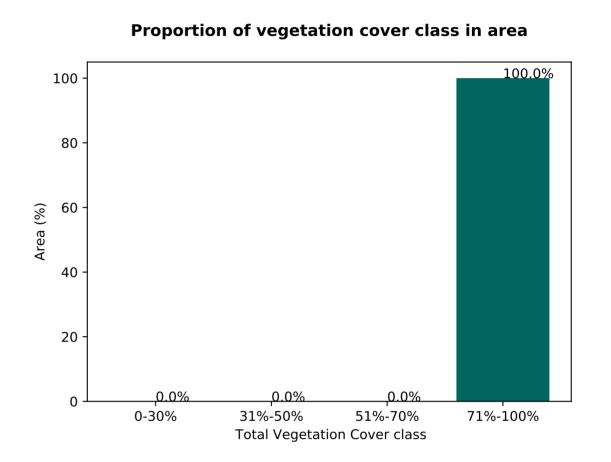


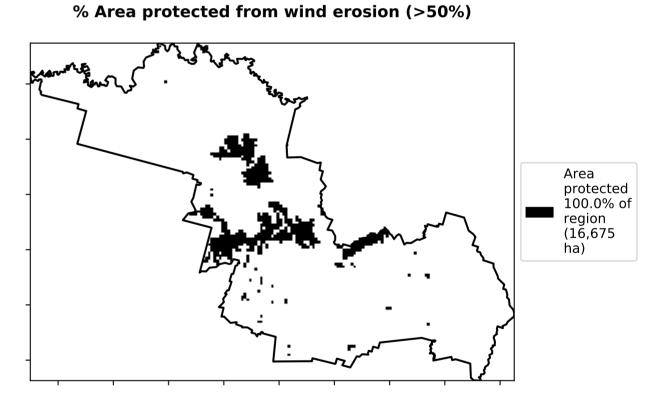
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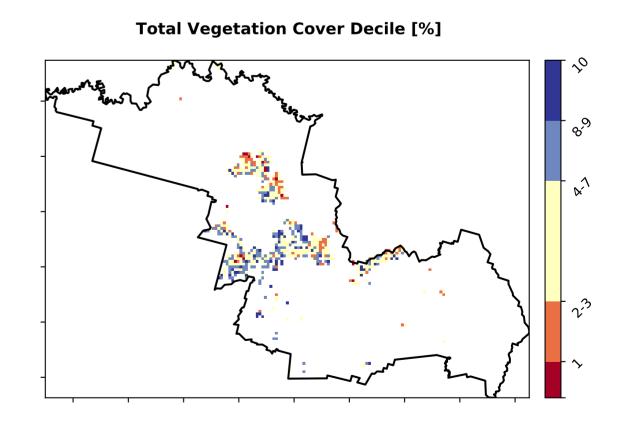




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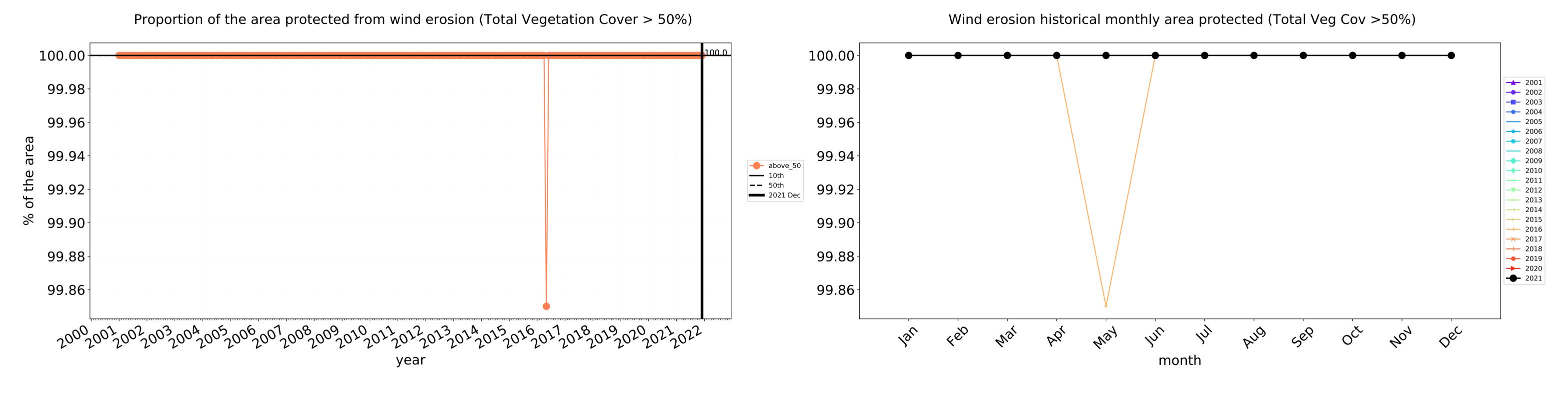


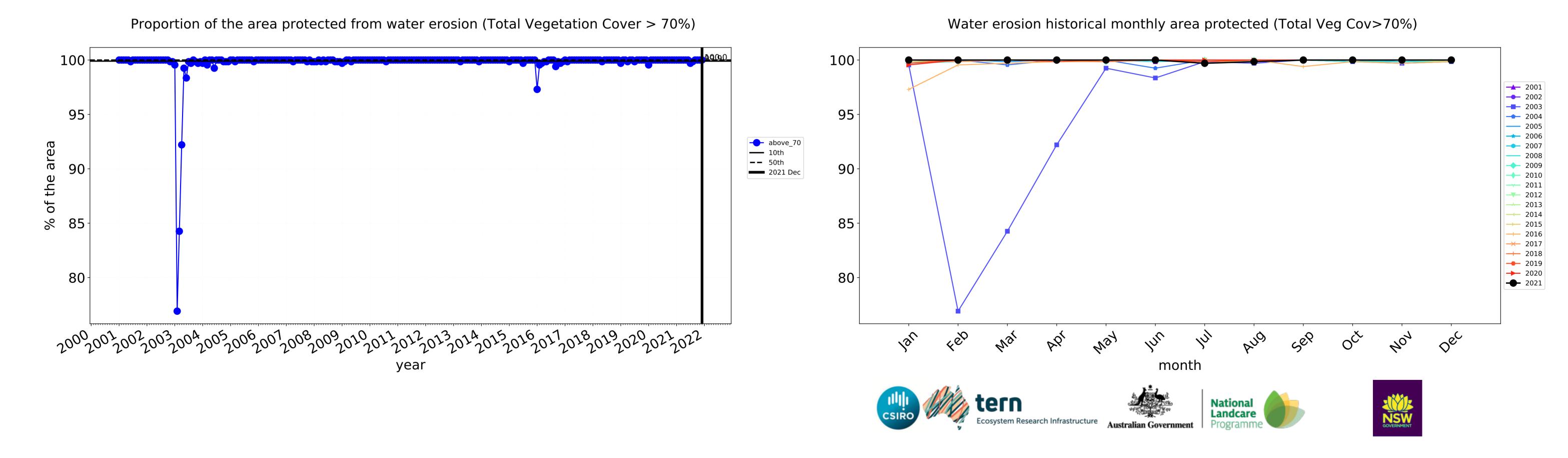


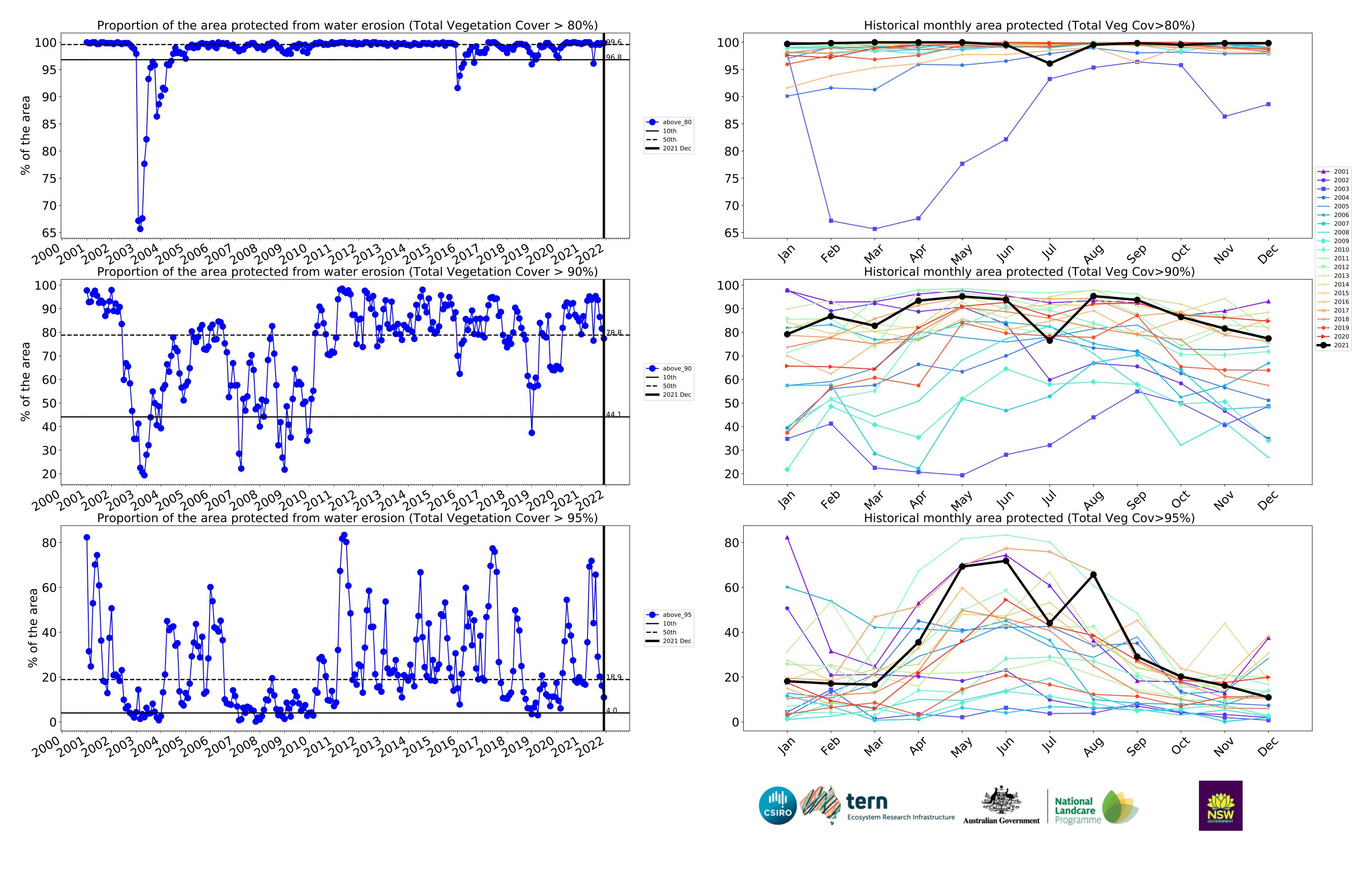






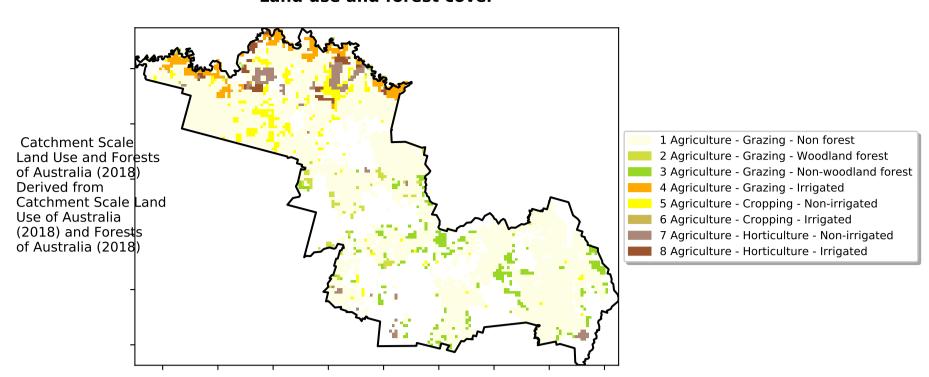




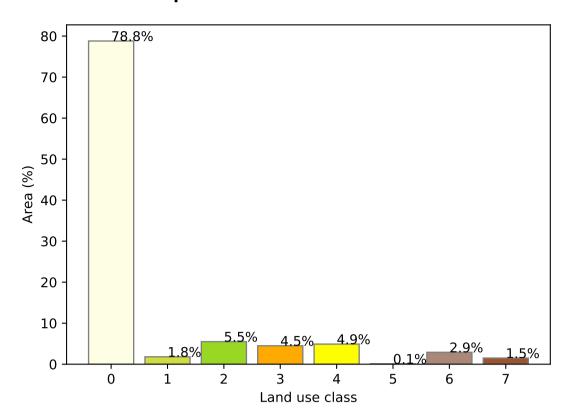


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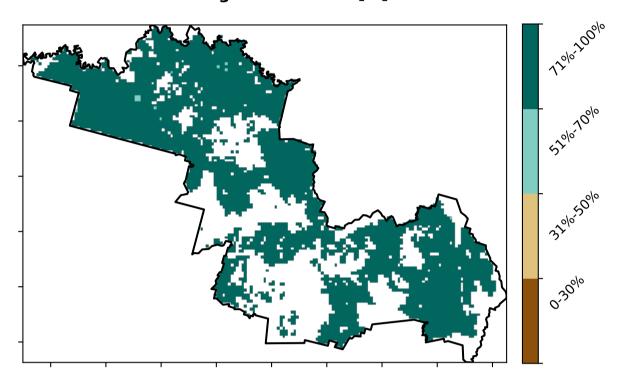
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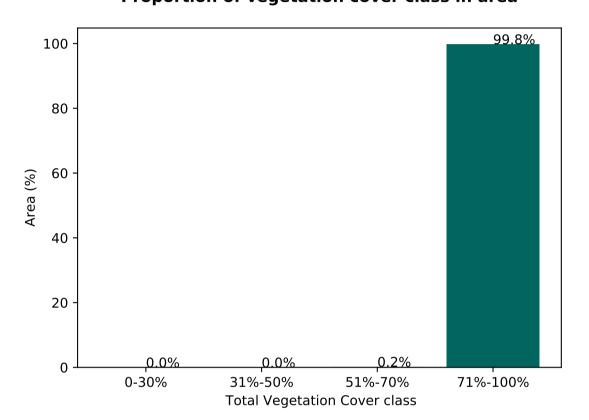
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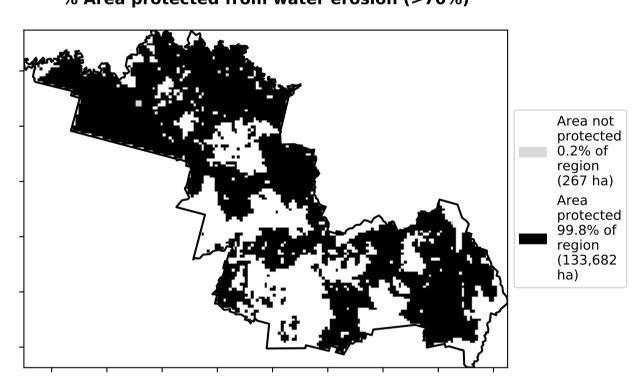
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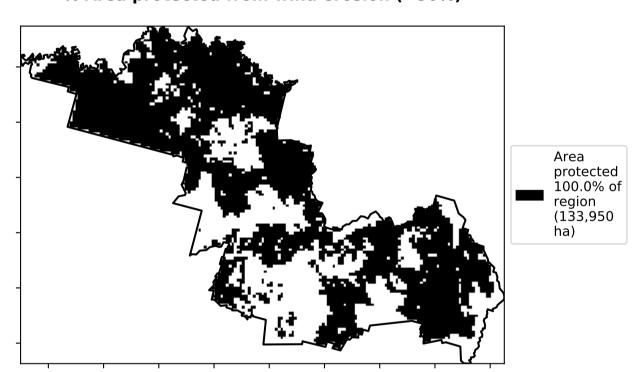
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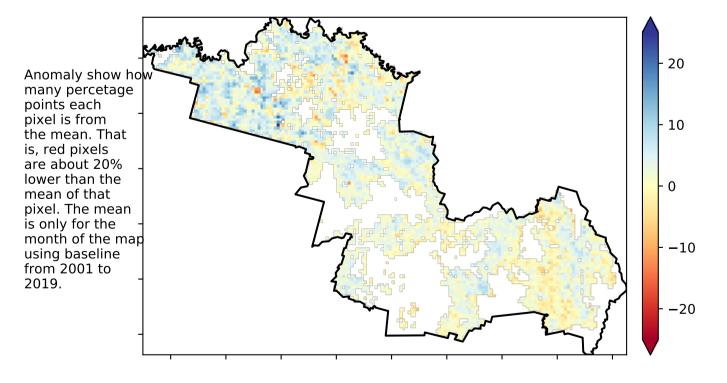
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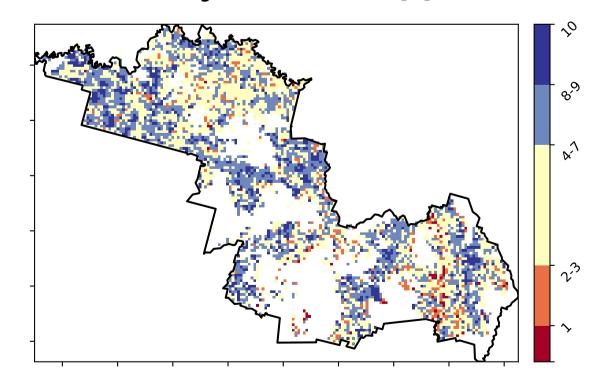
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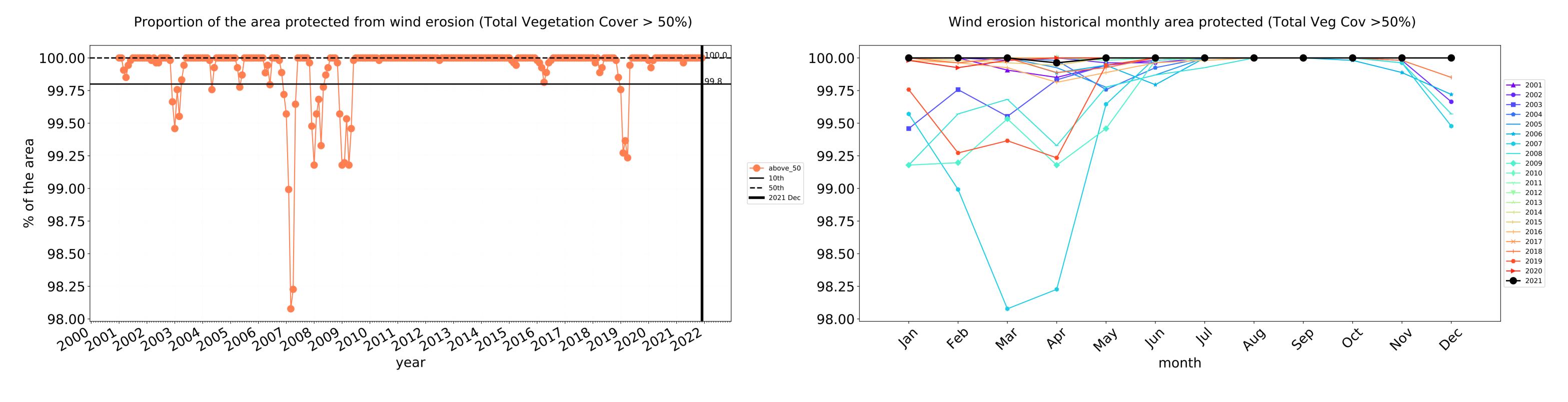


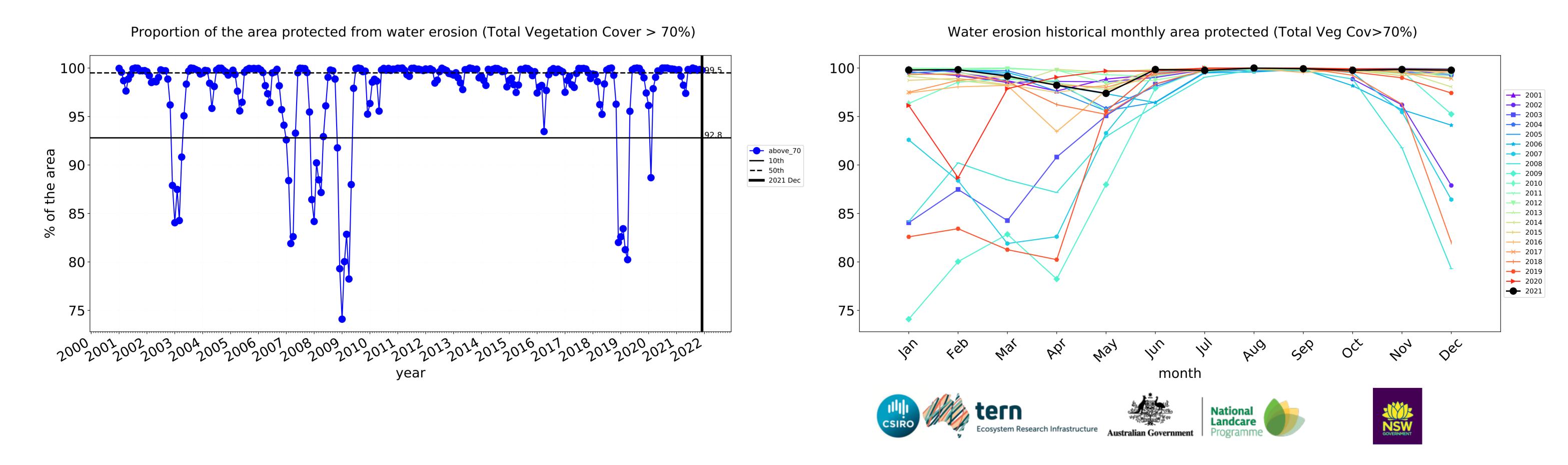


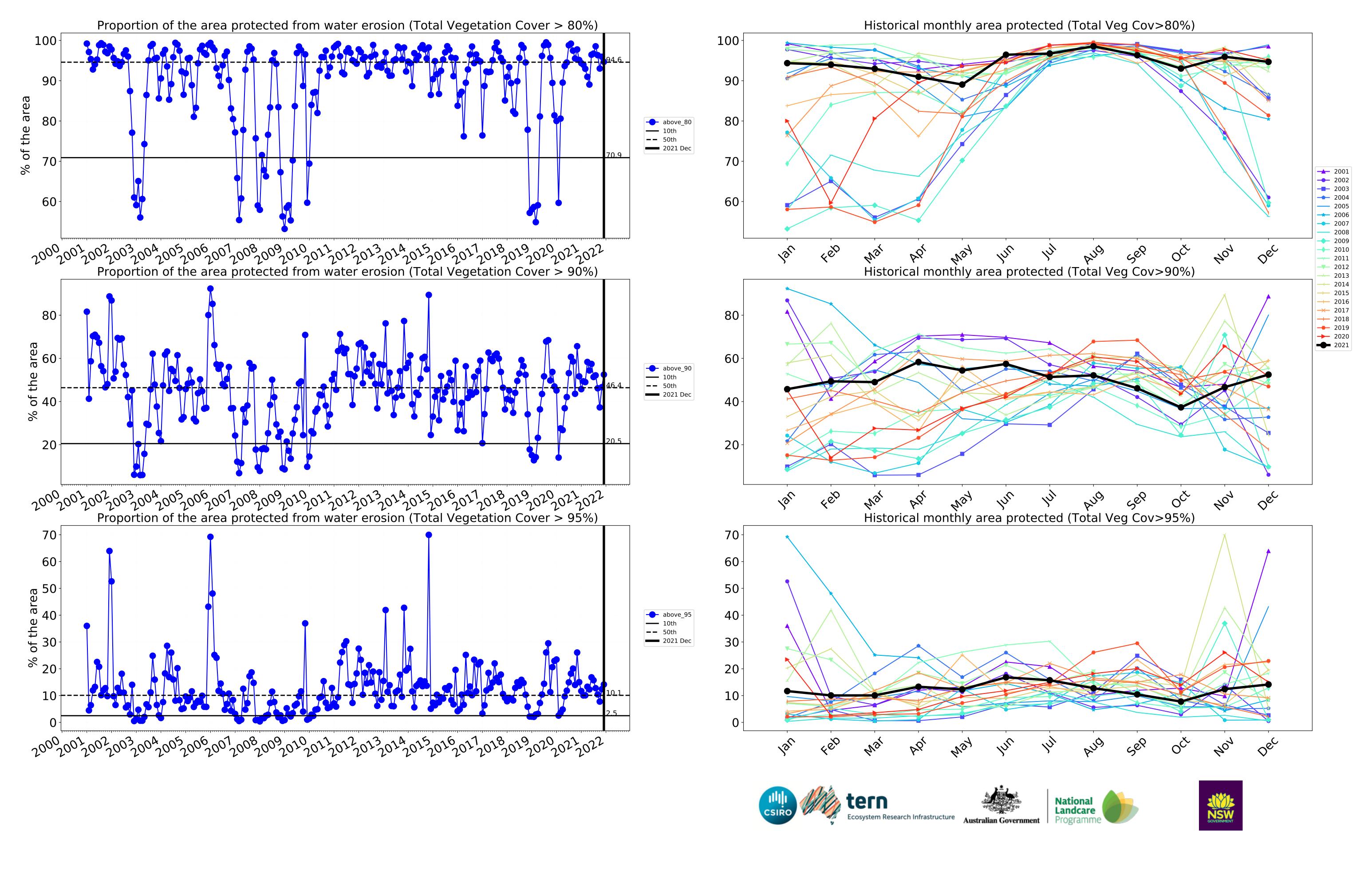




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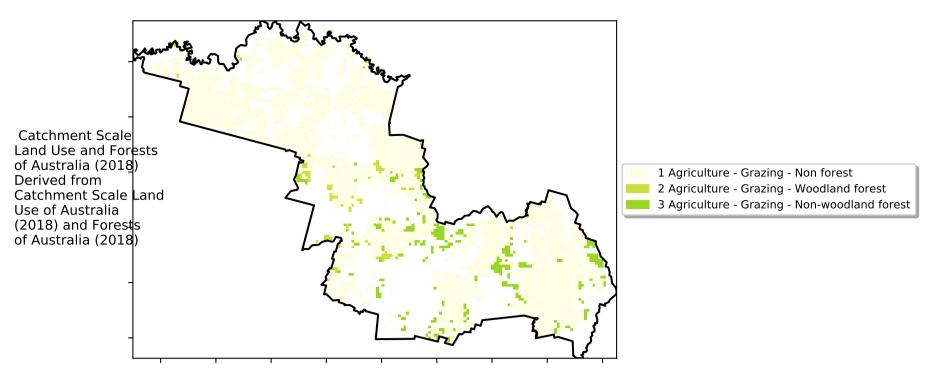




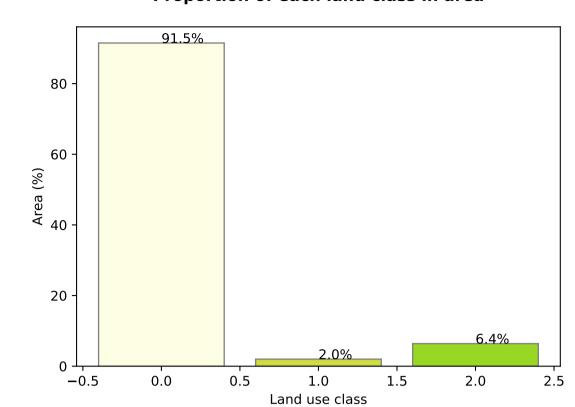


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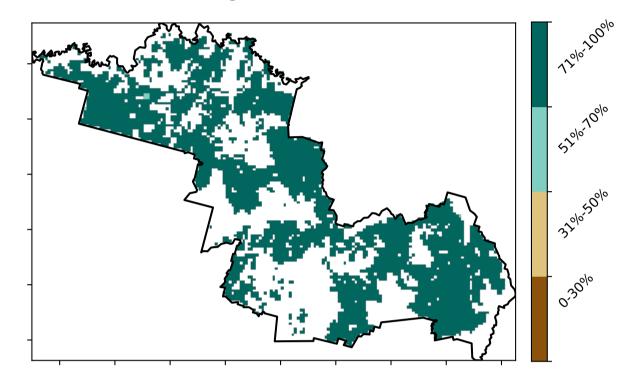
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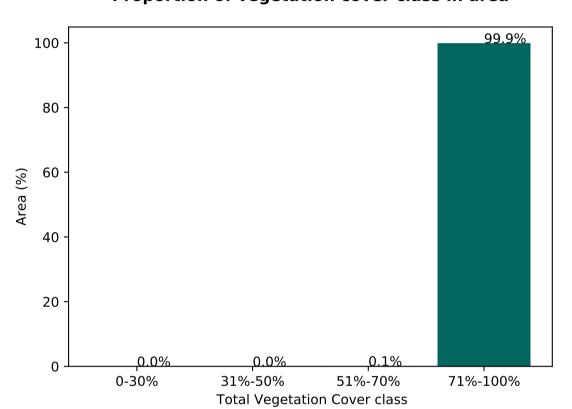
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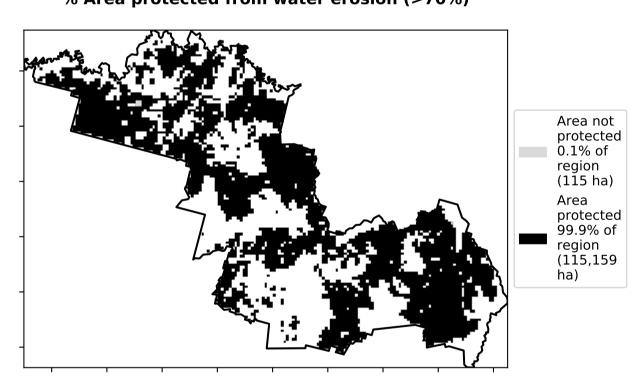
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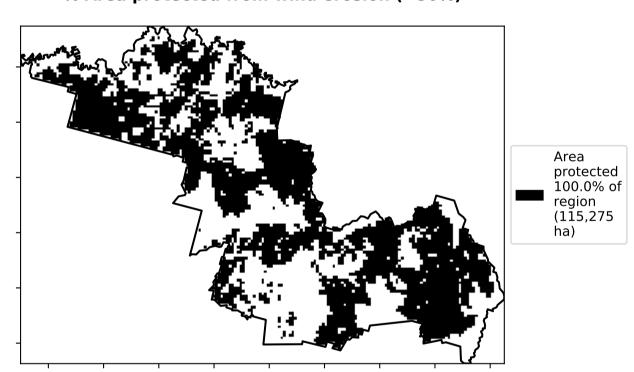
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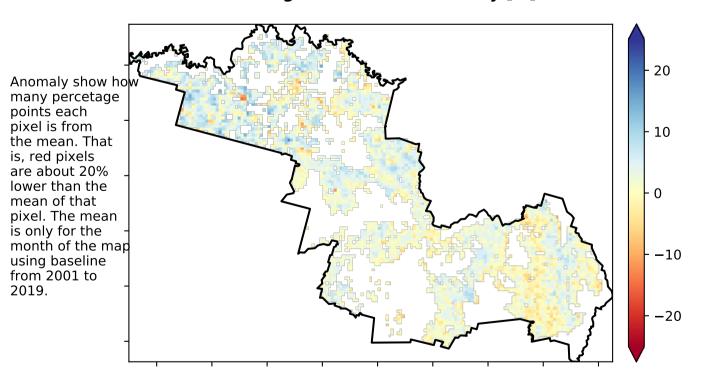
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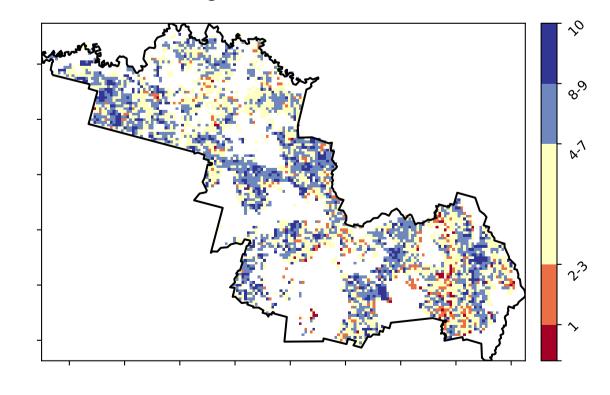
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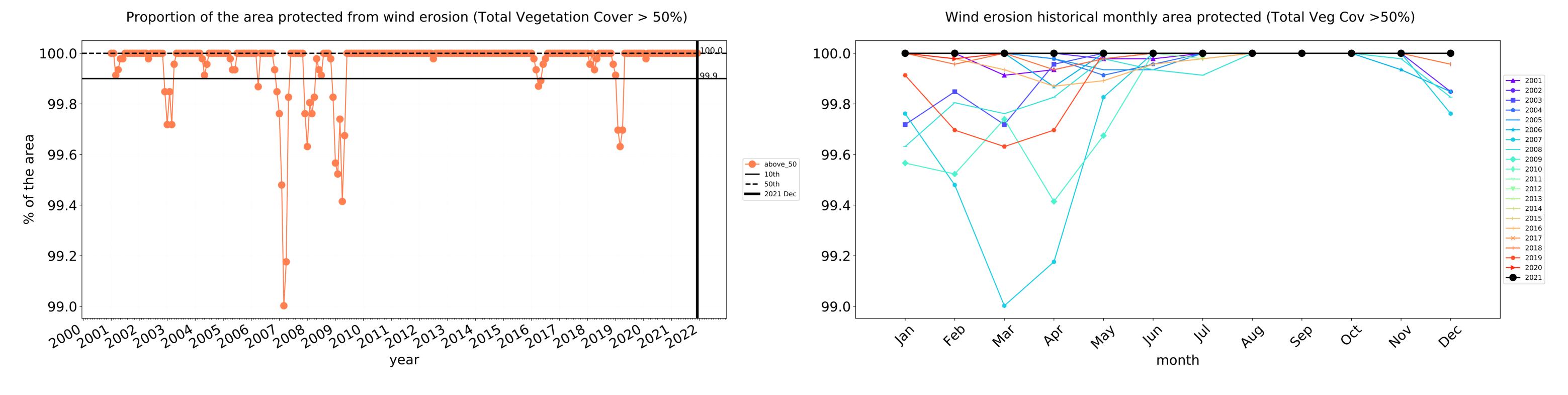


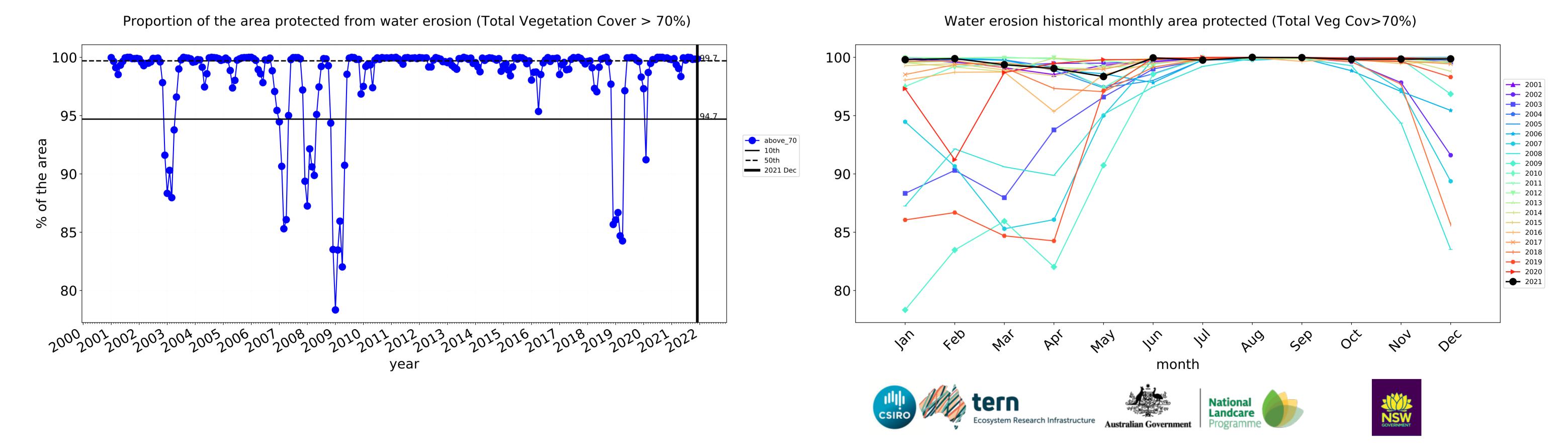


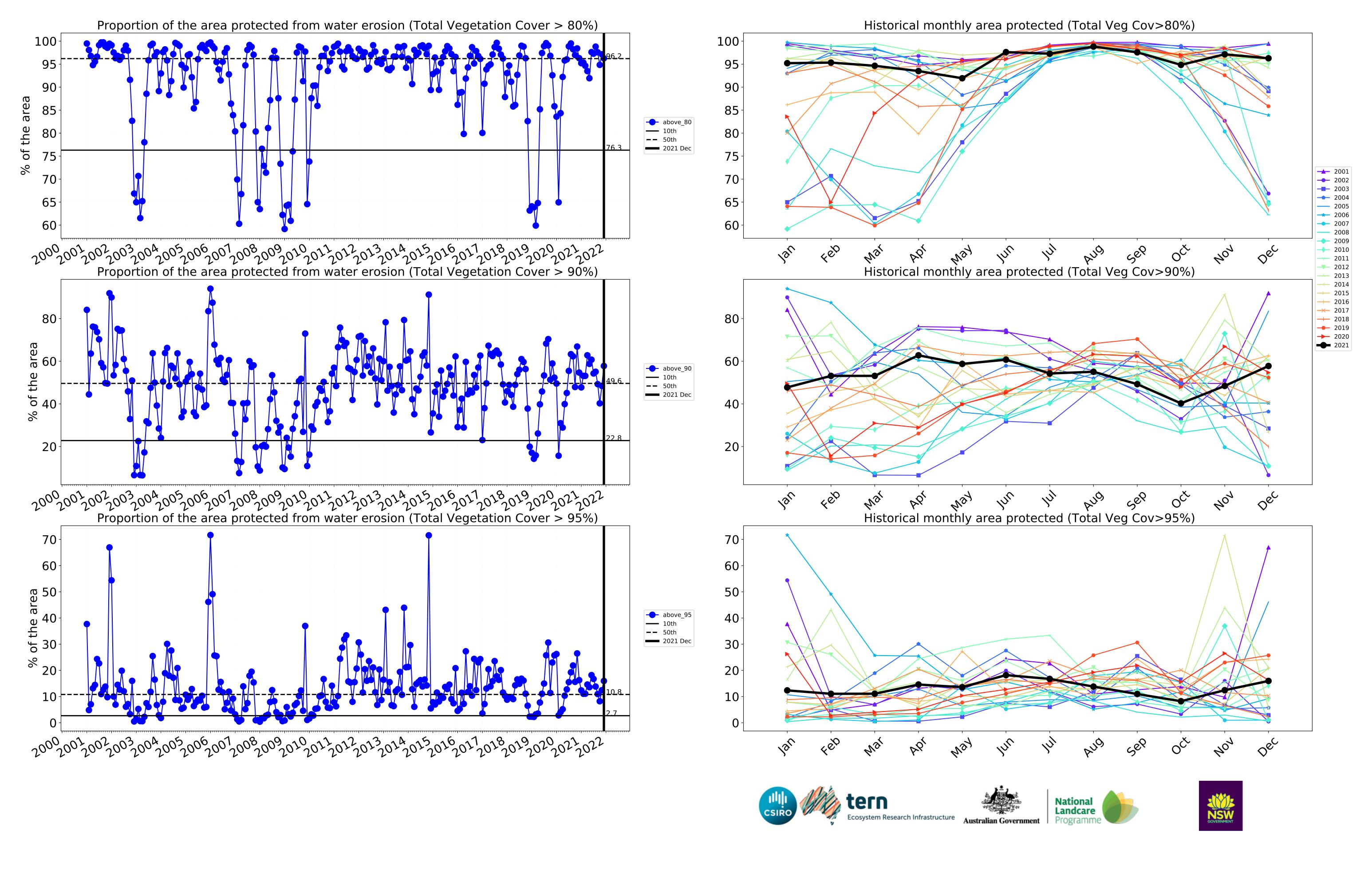




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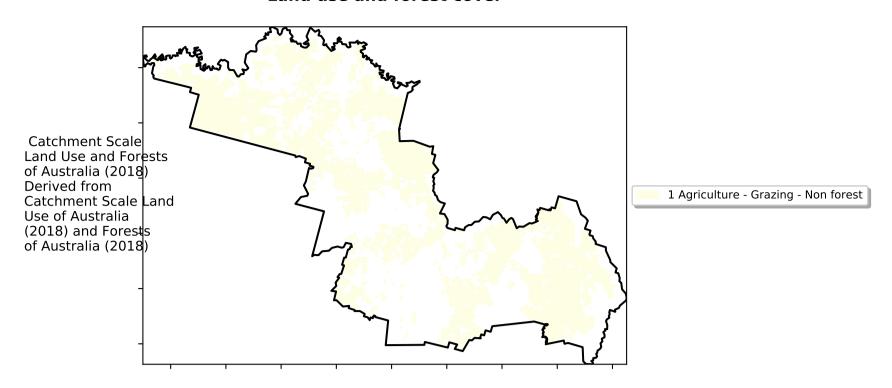




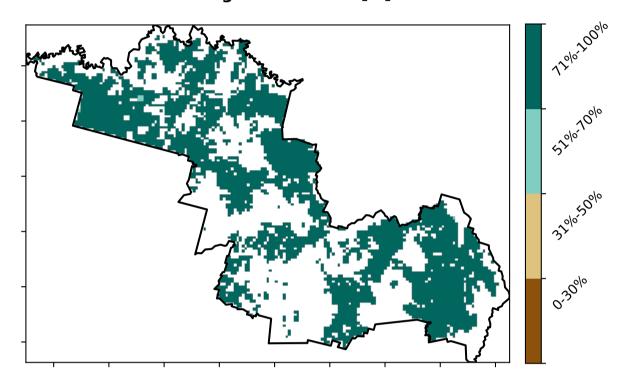


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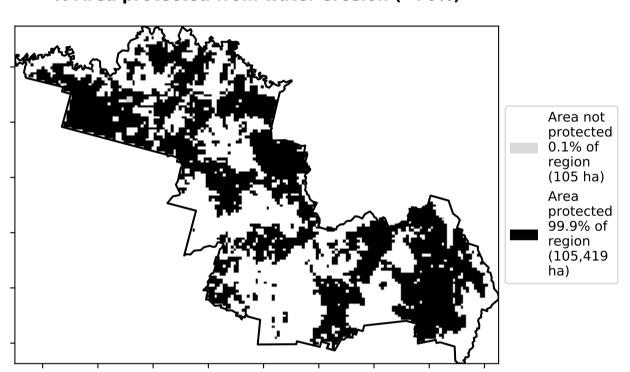
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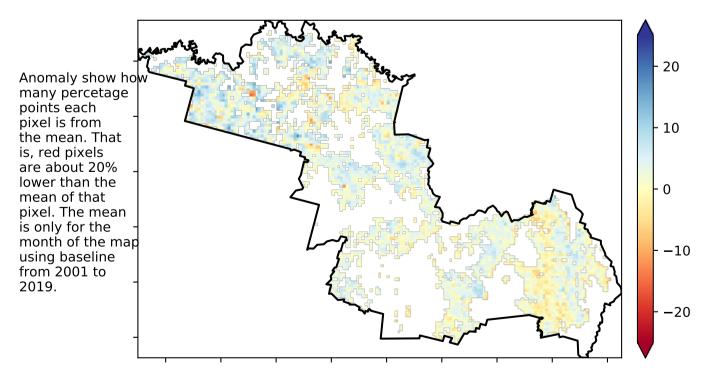
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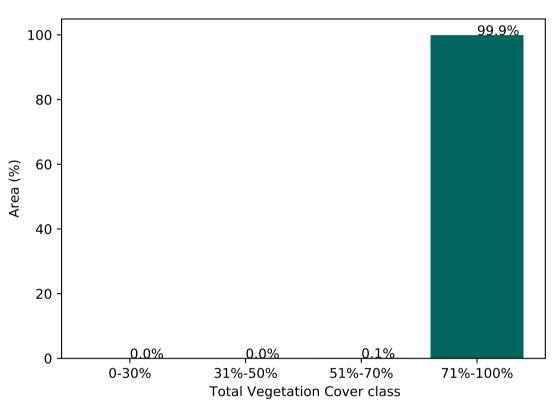


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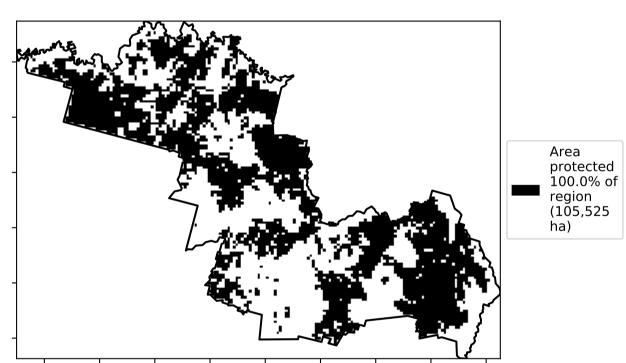


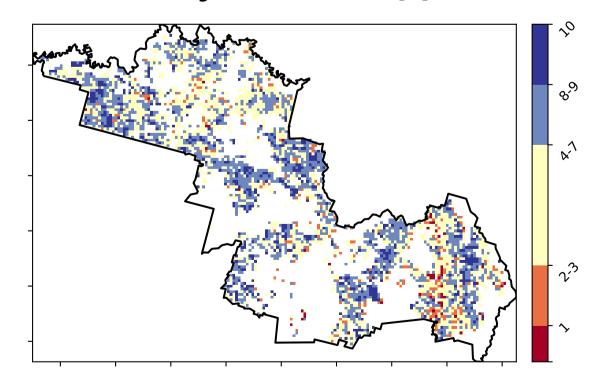
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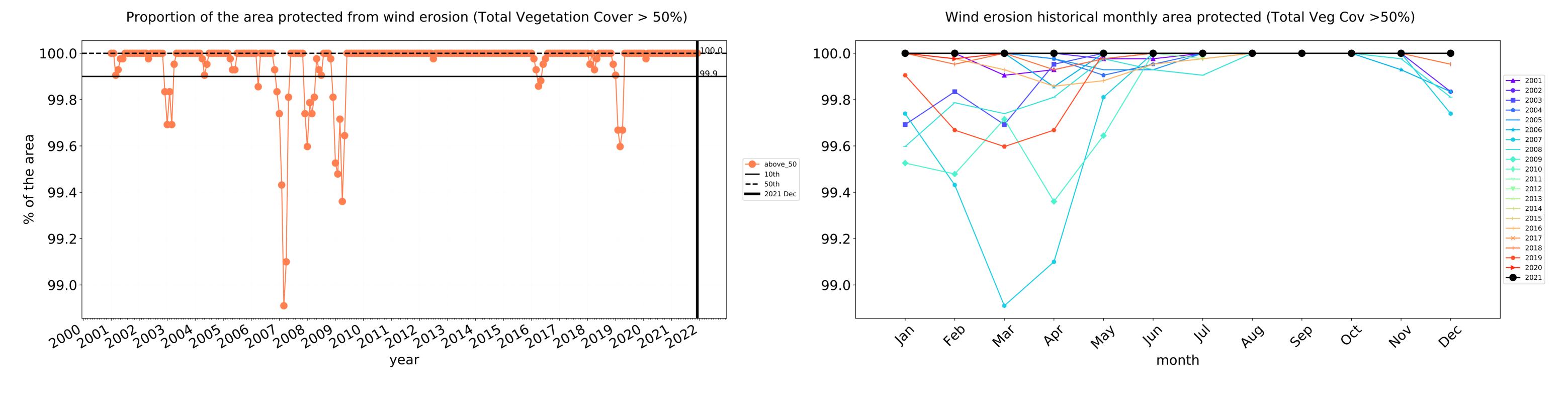


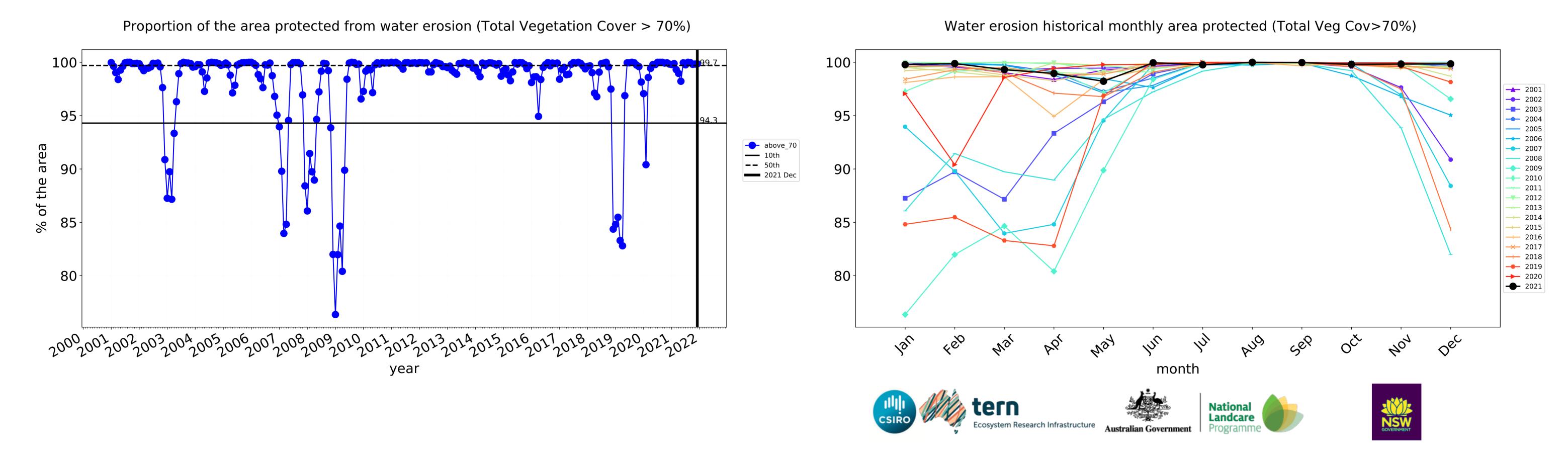


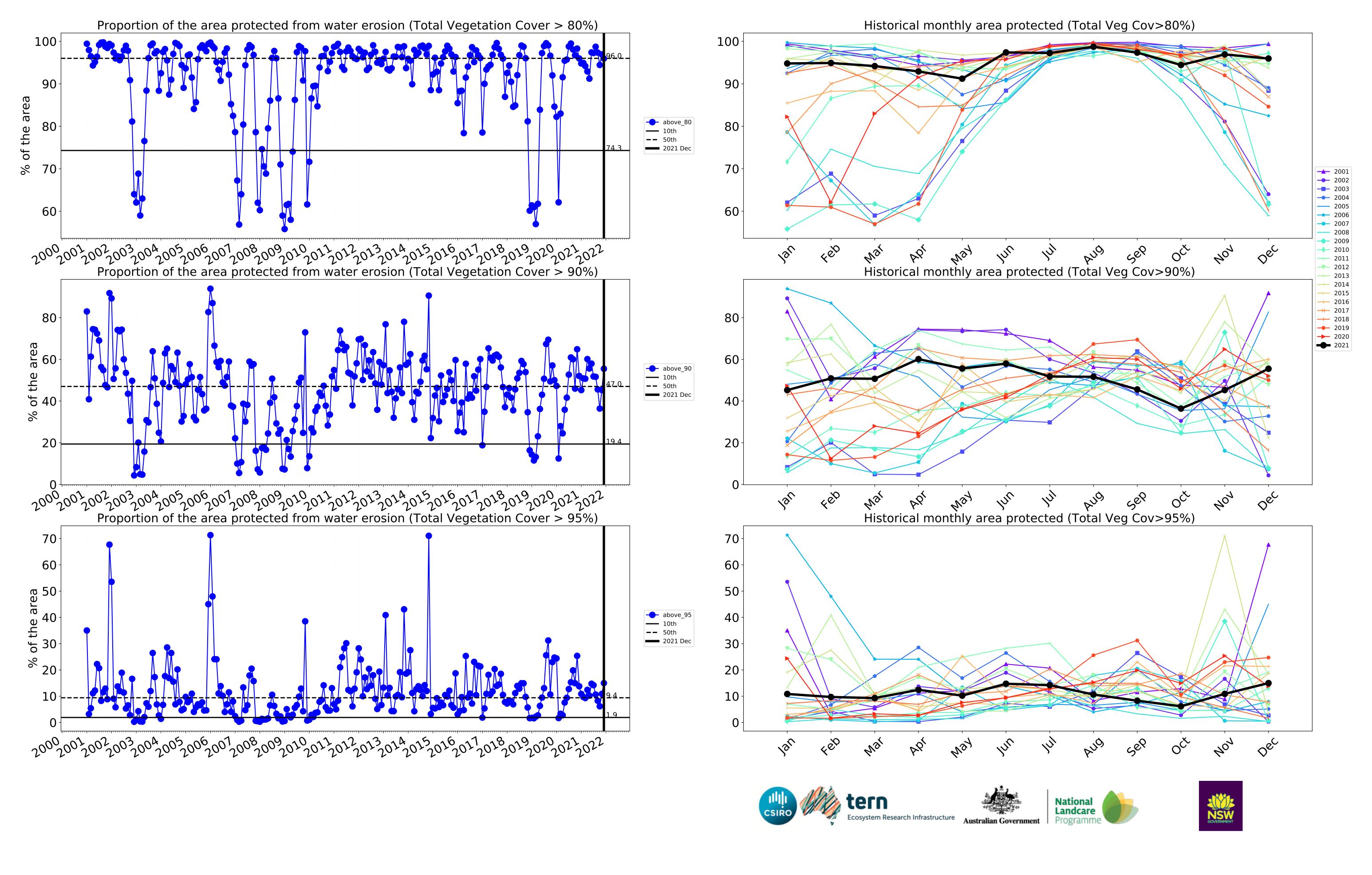




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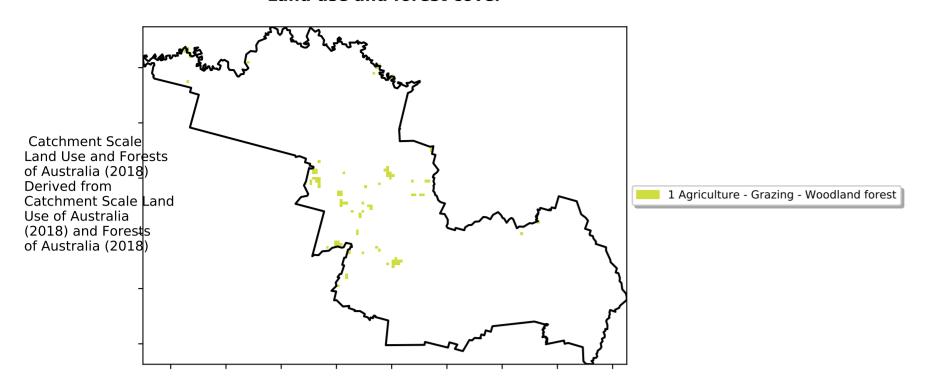




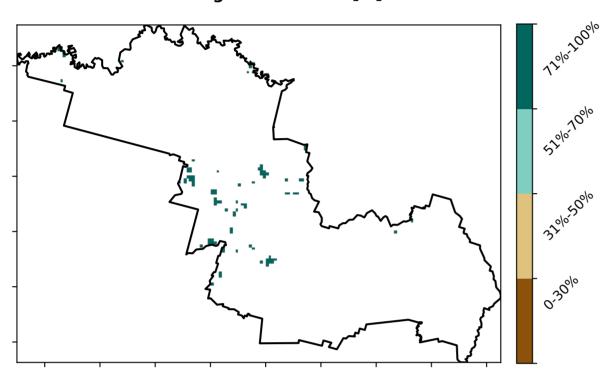


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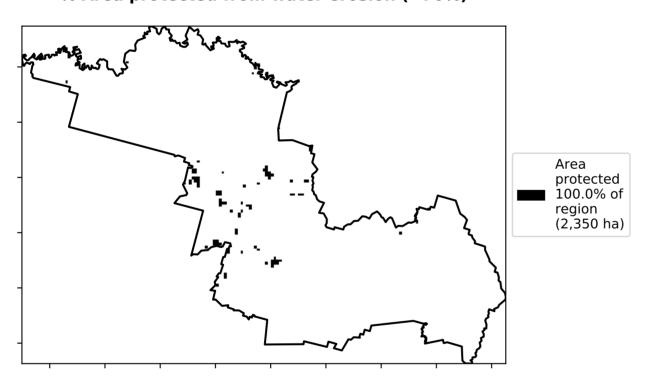
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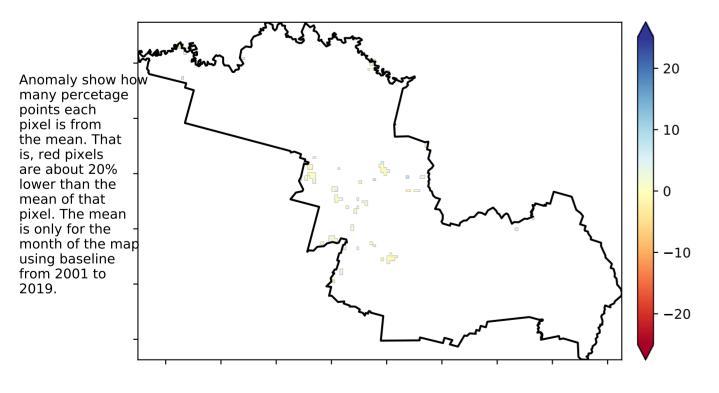
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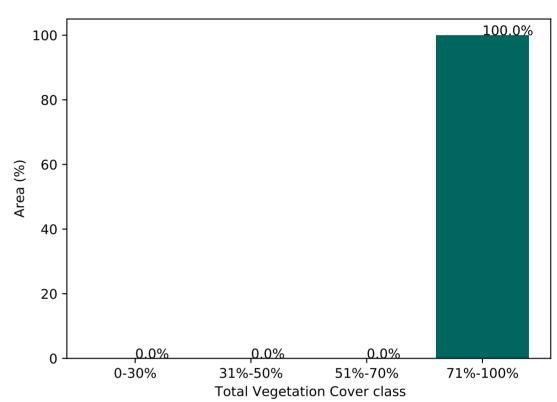


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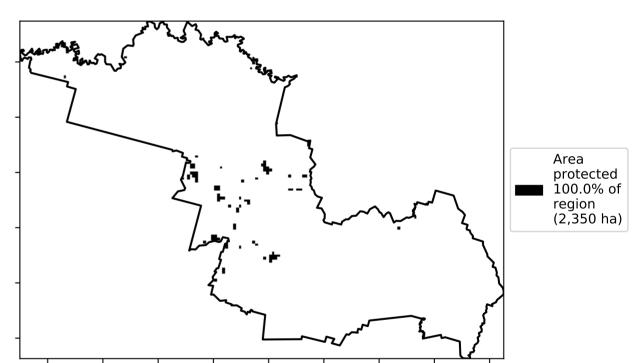


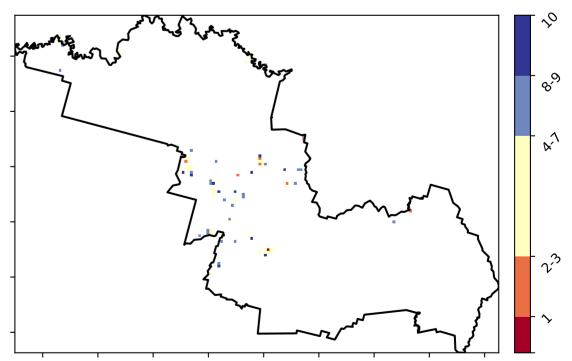
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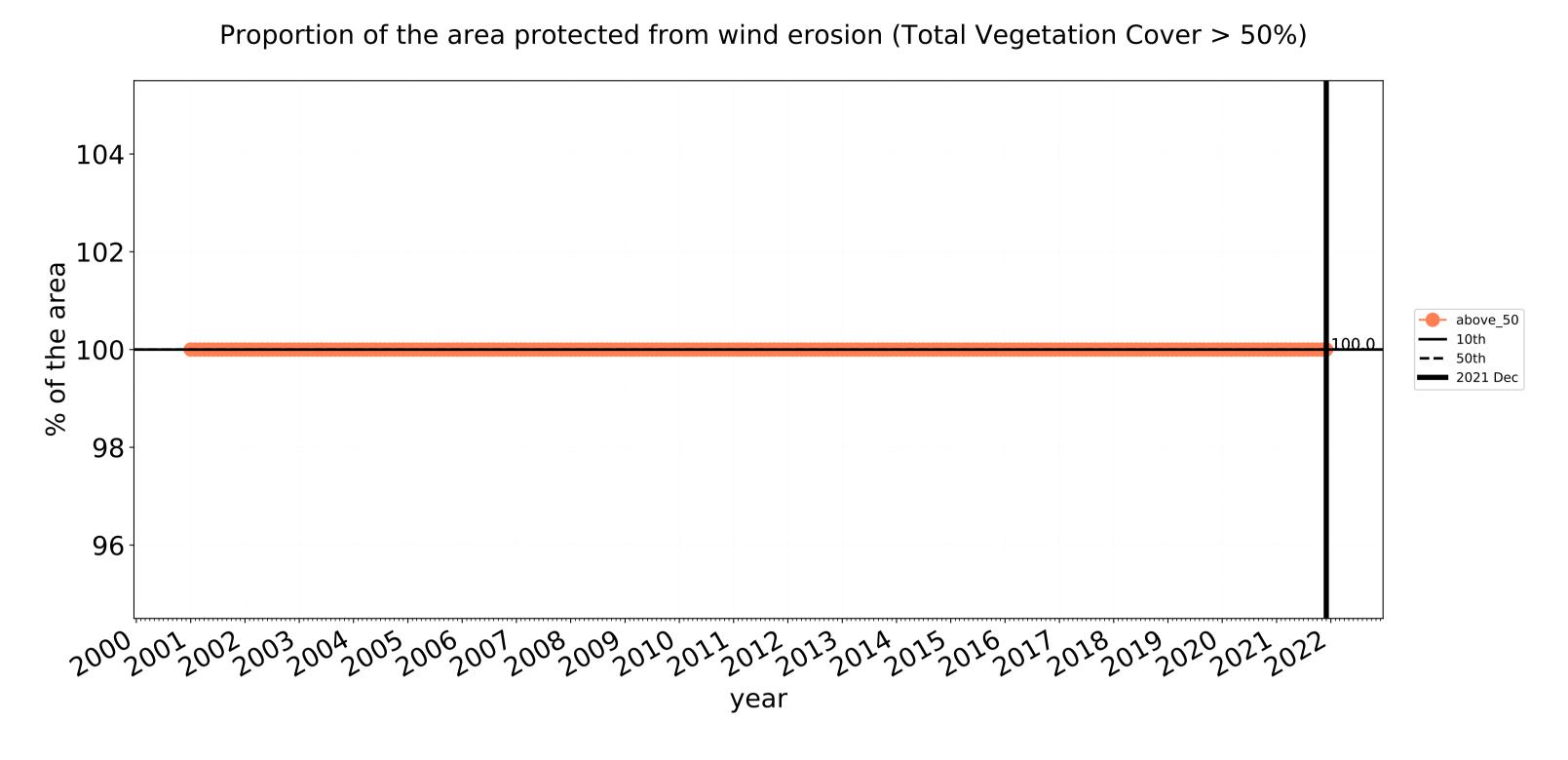


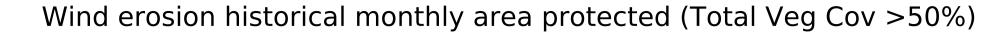


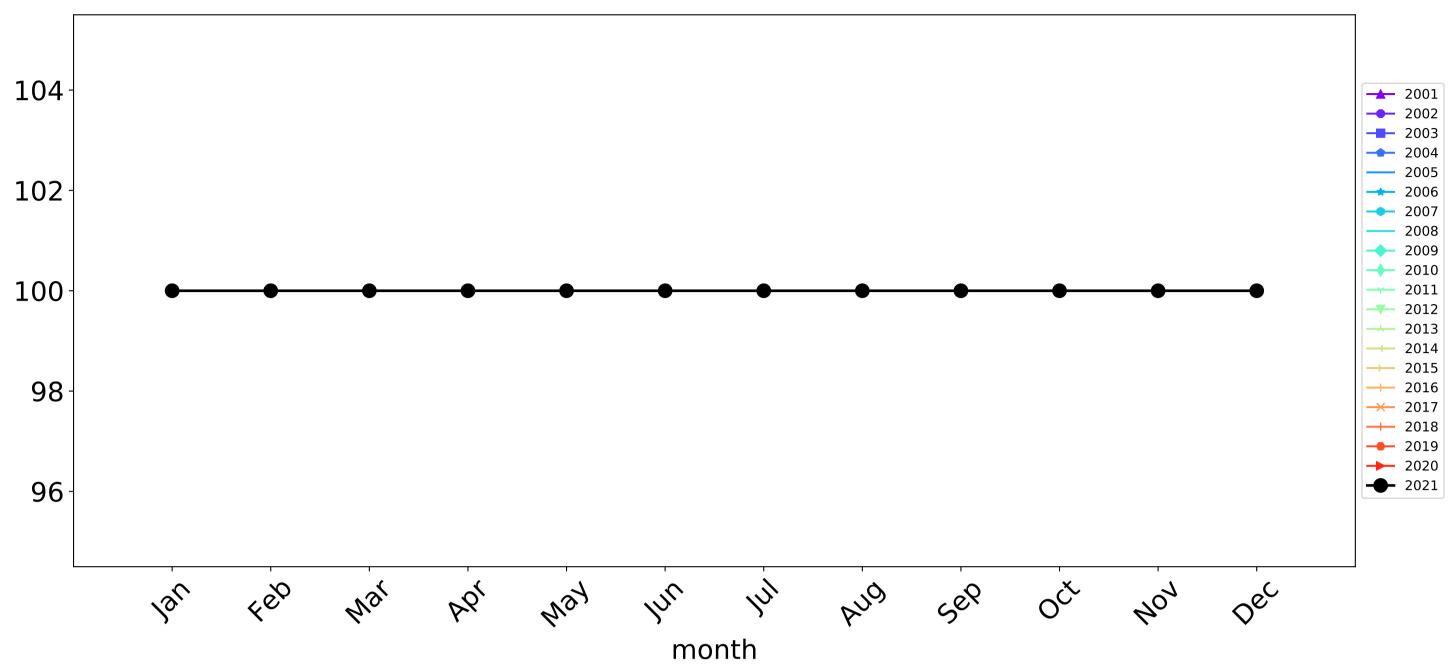


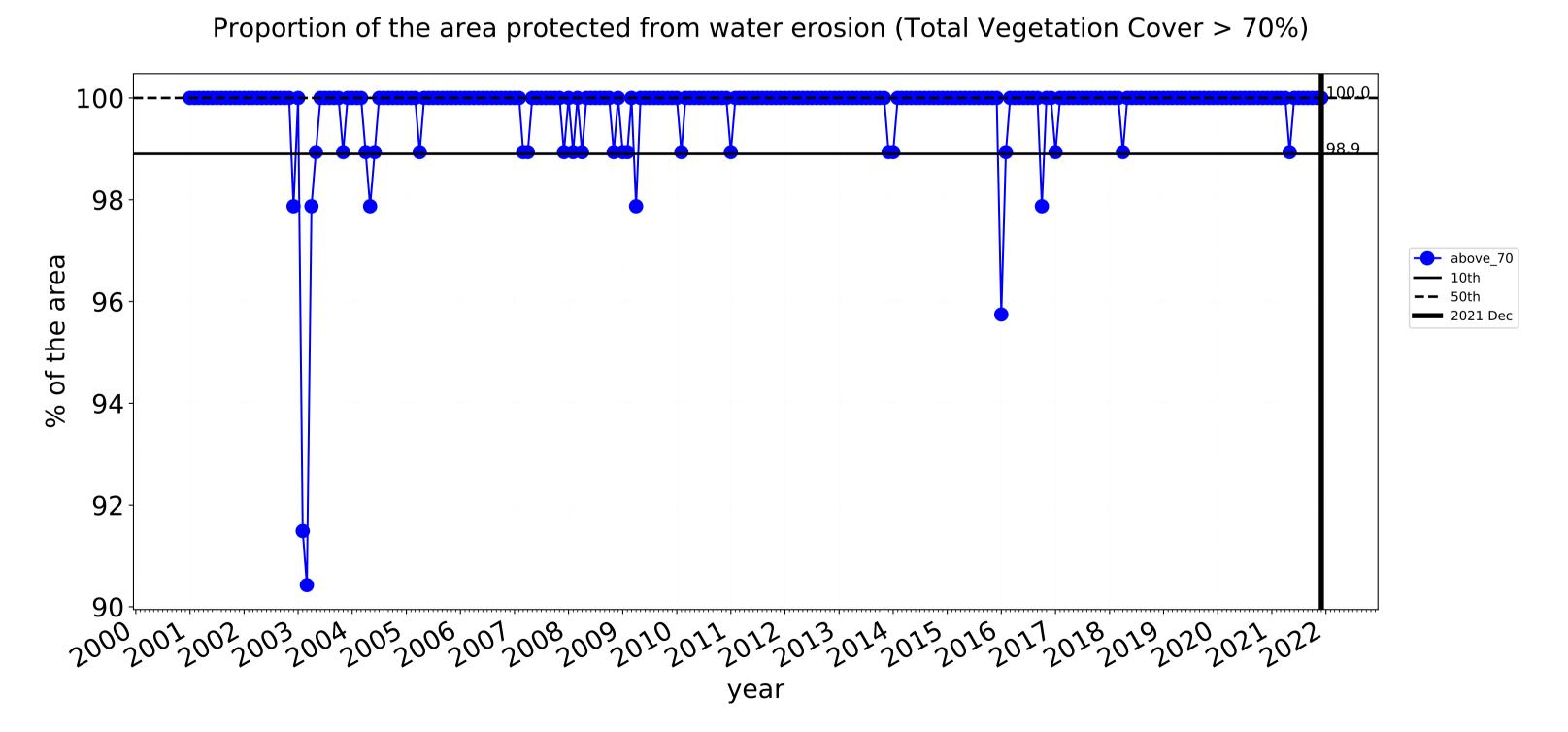


#### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**





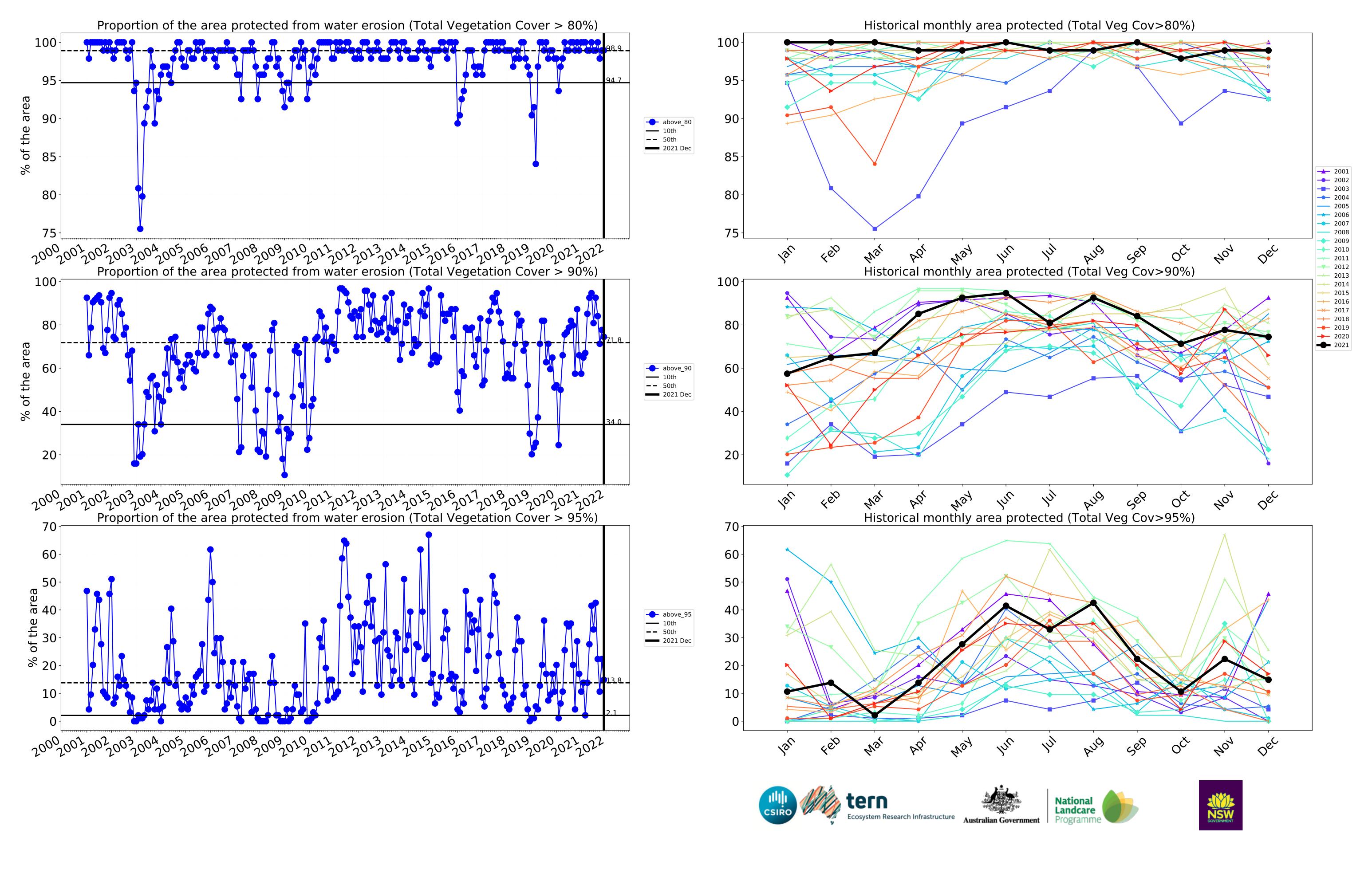




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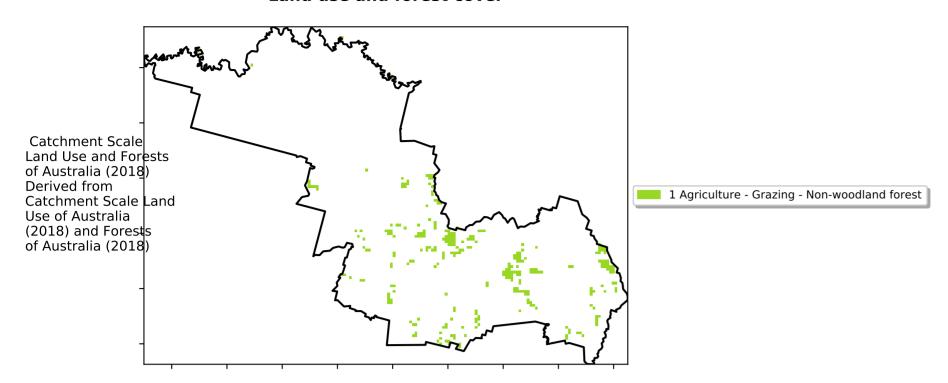
National Landcare

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

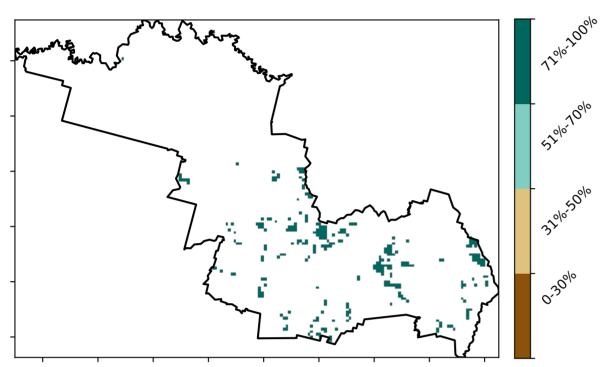


#### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

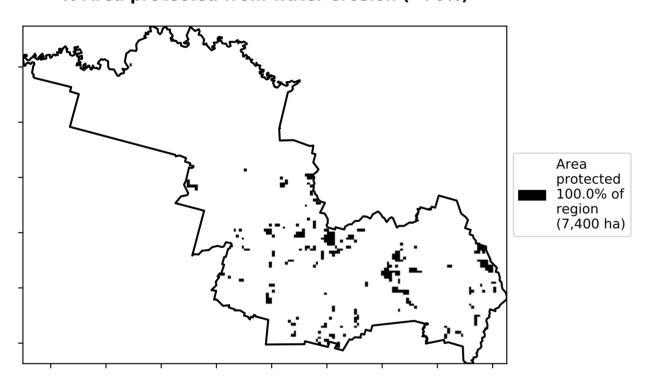
#### Land use and forest cover



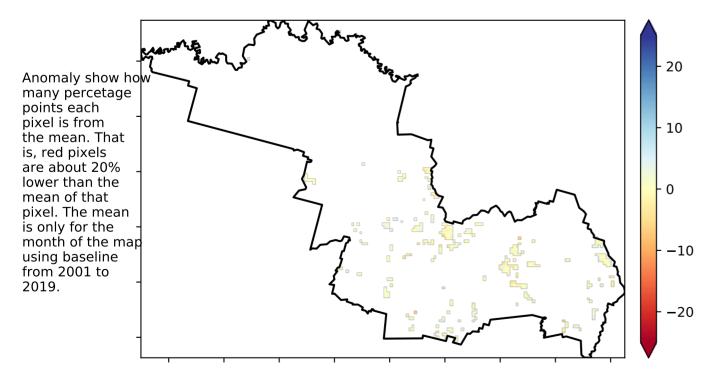
#### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

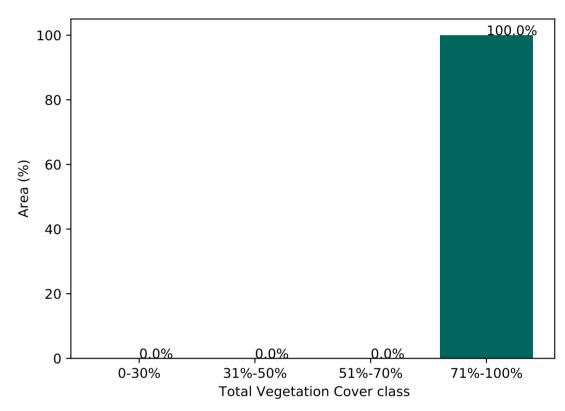


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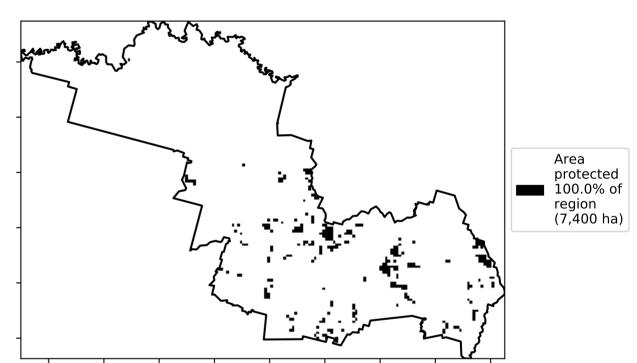


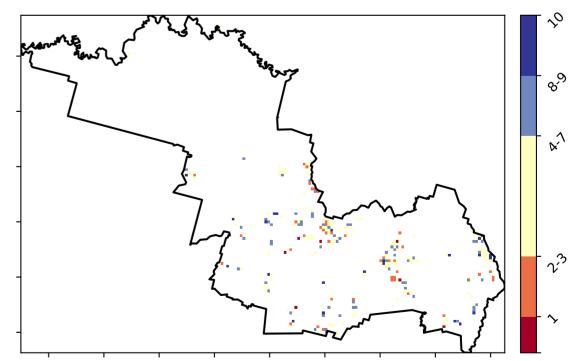
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



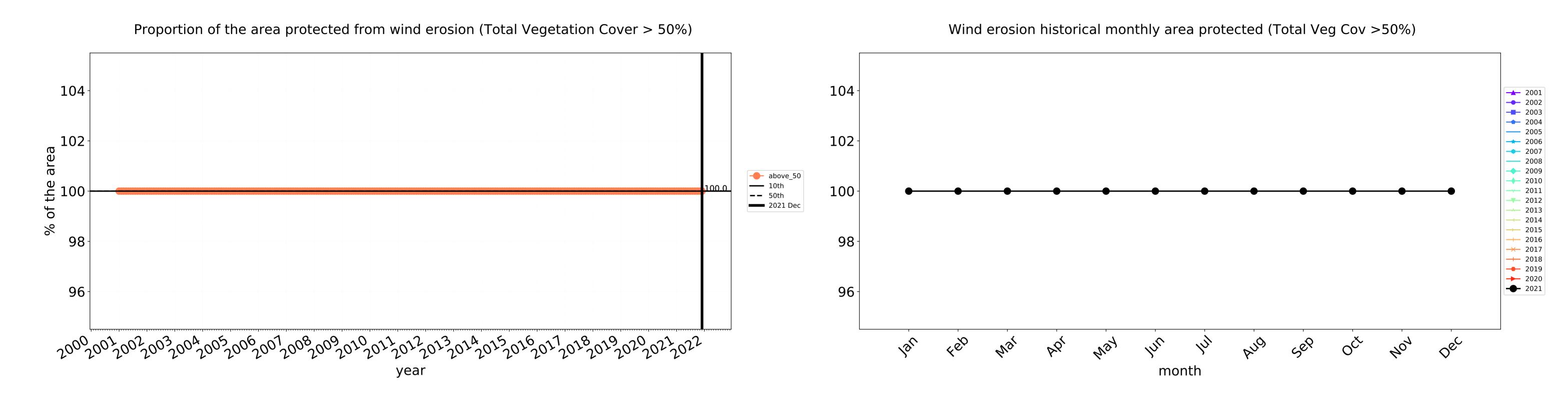


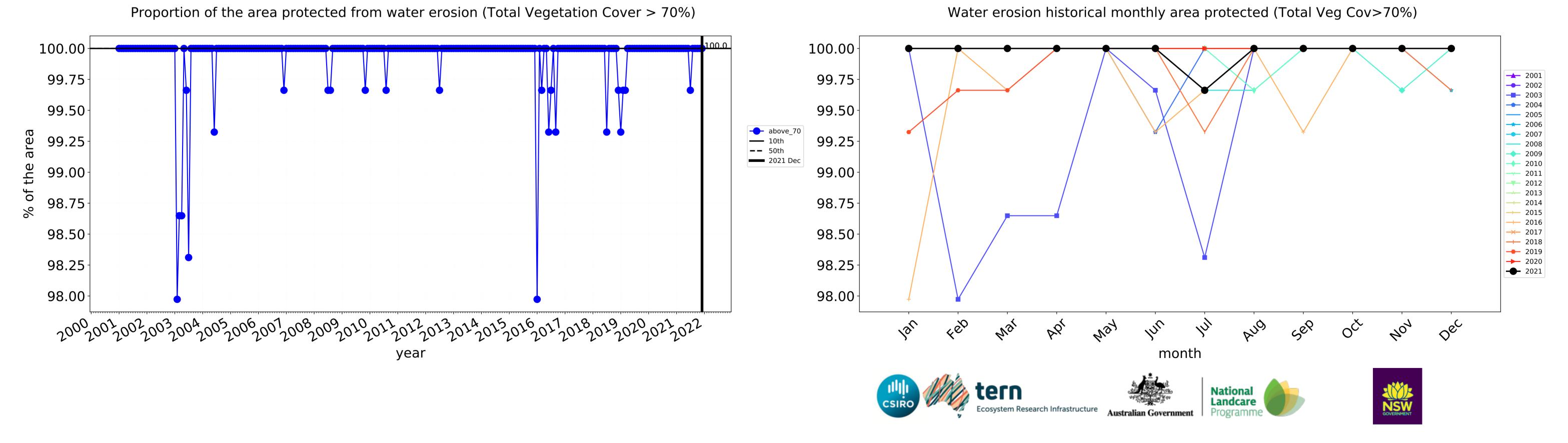


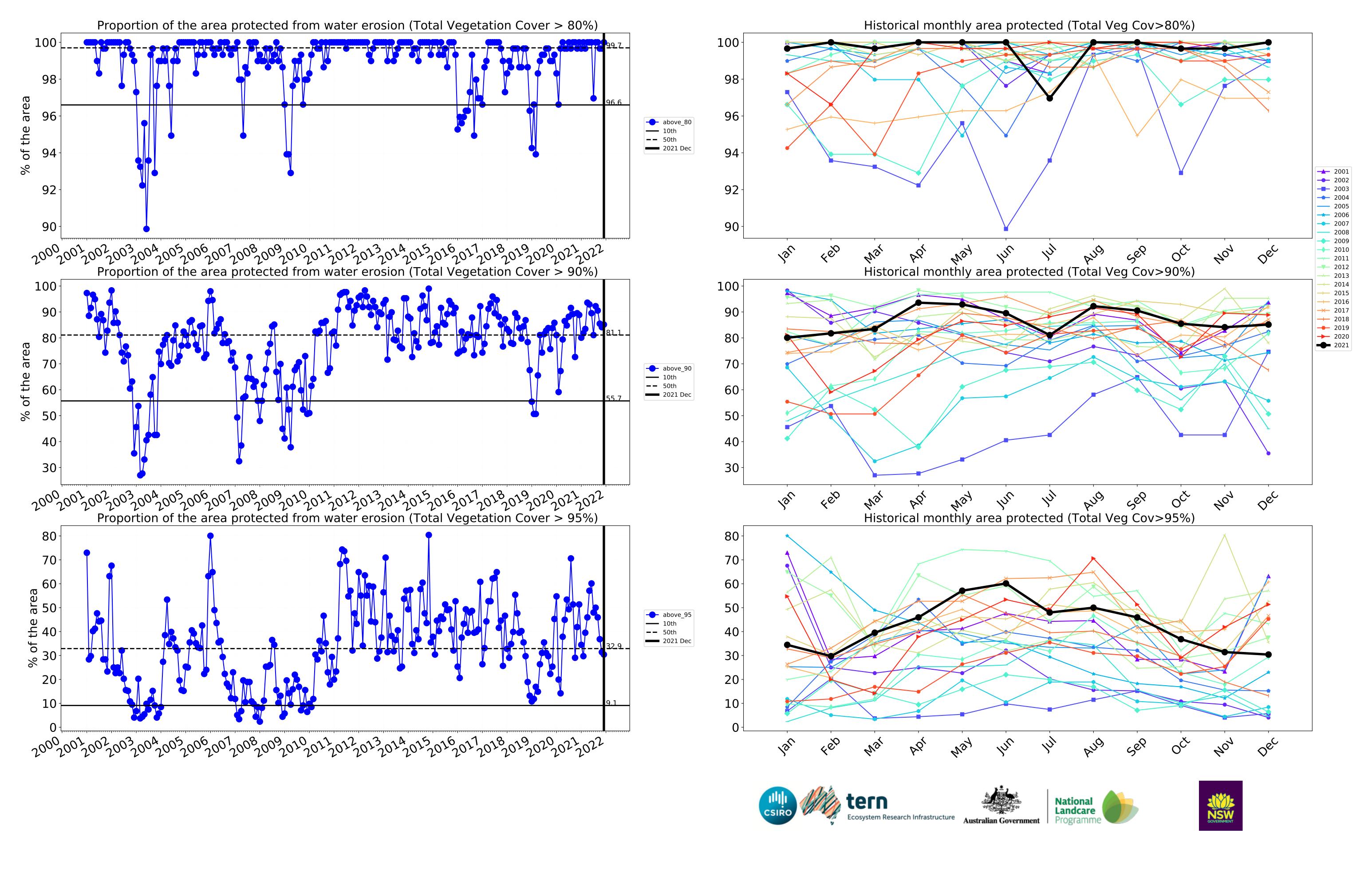






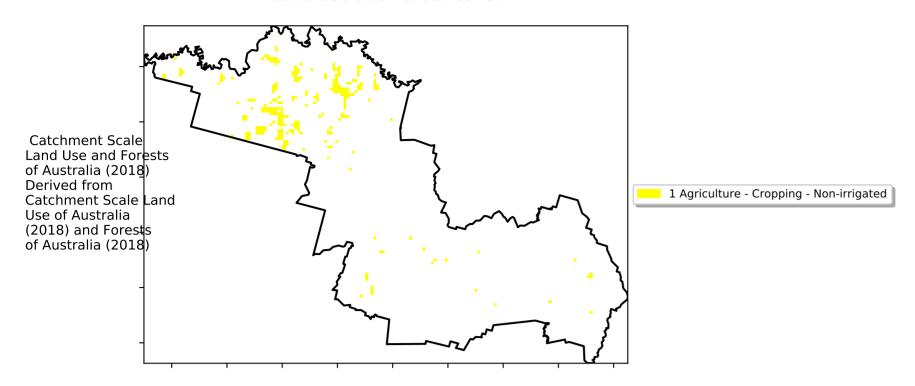




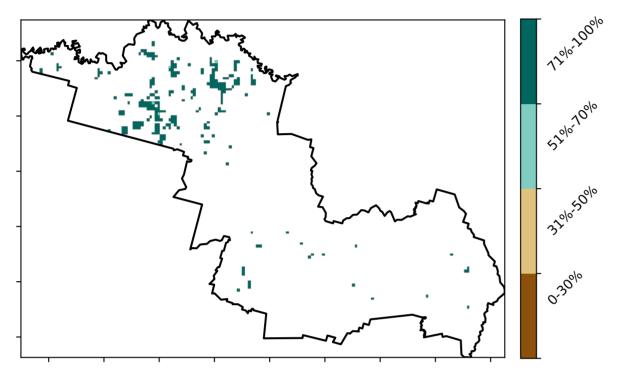


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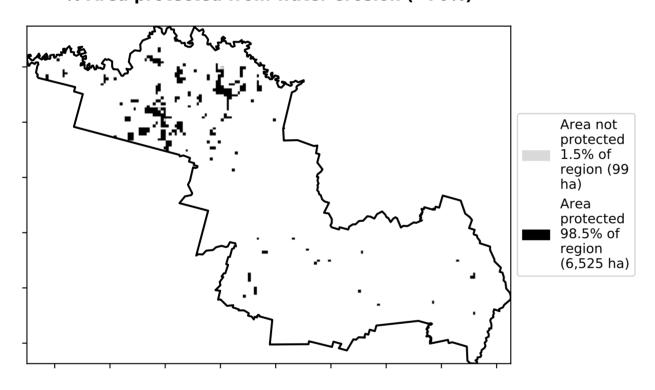
#### Land use and forest cover



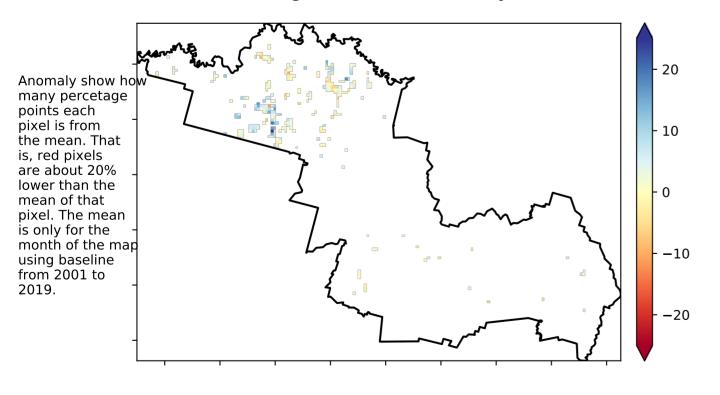
#### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

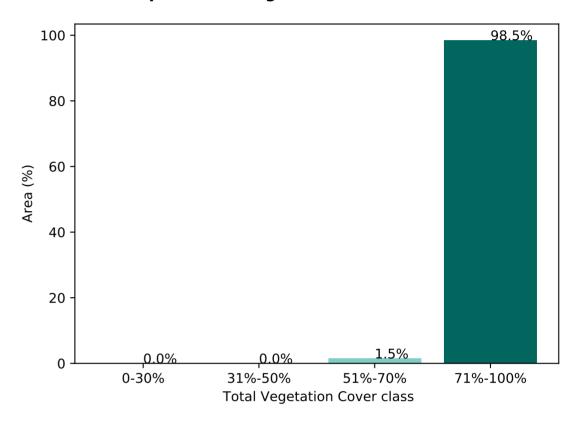


#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

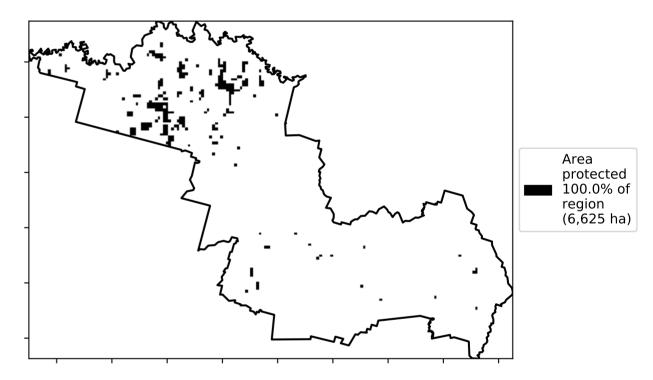


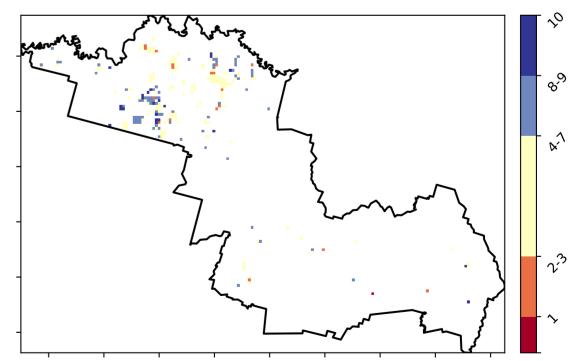
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





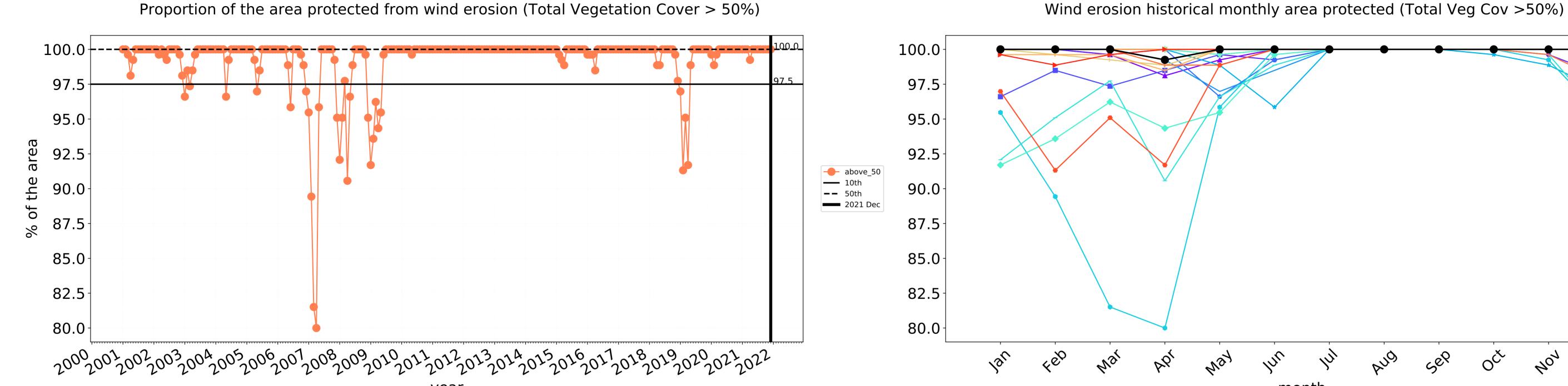


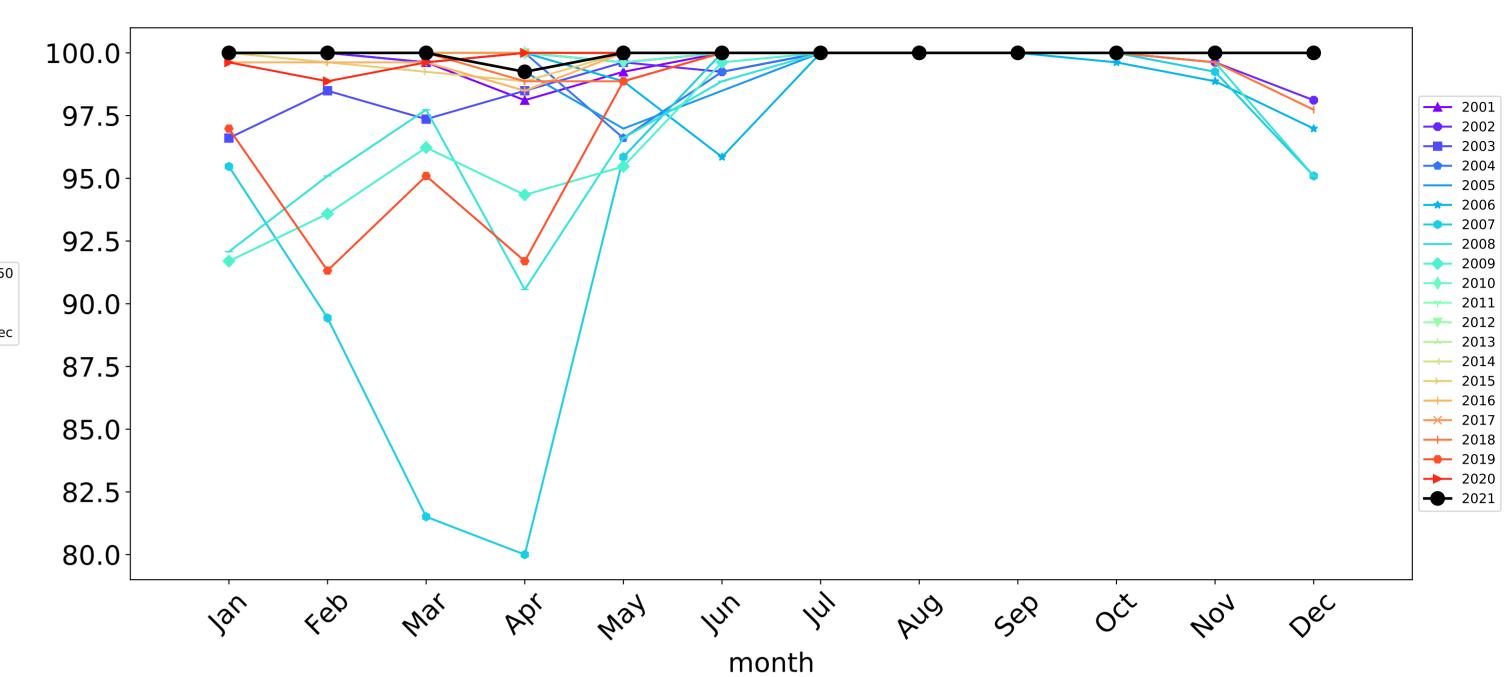


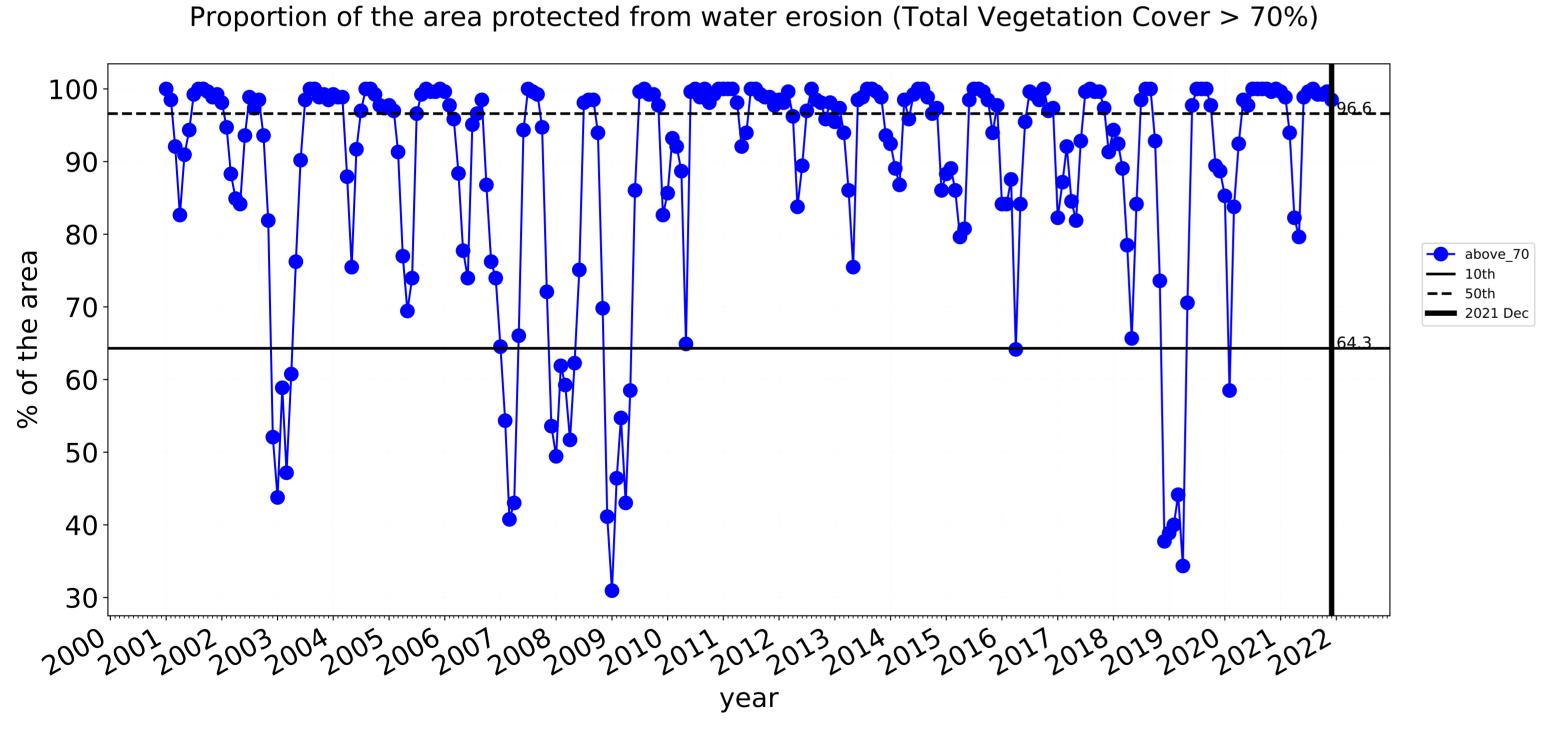


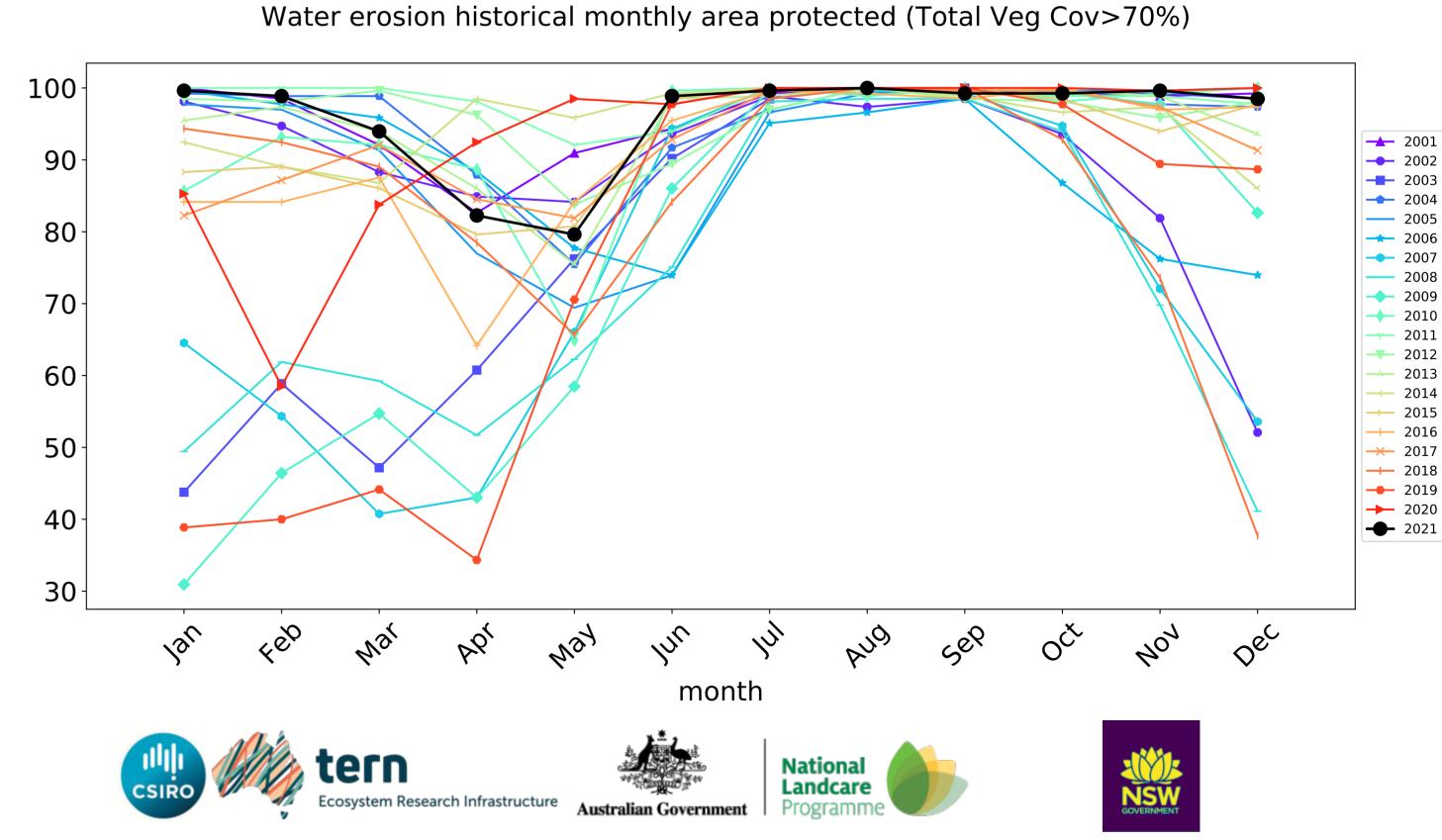


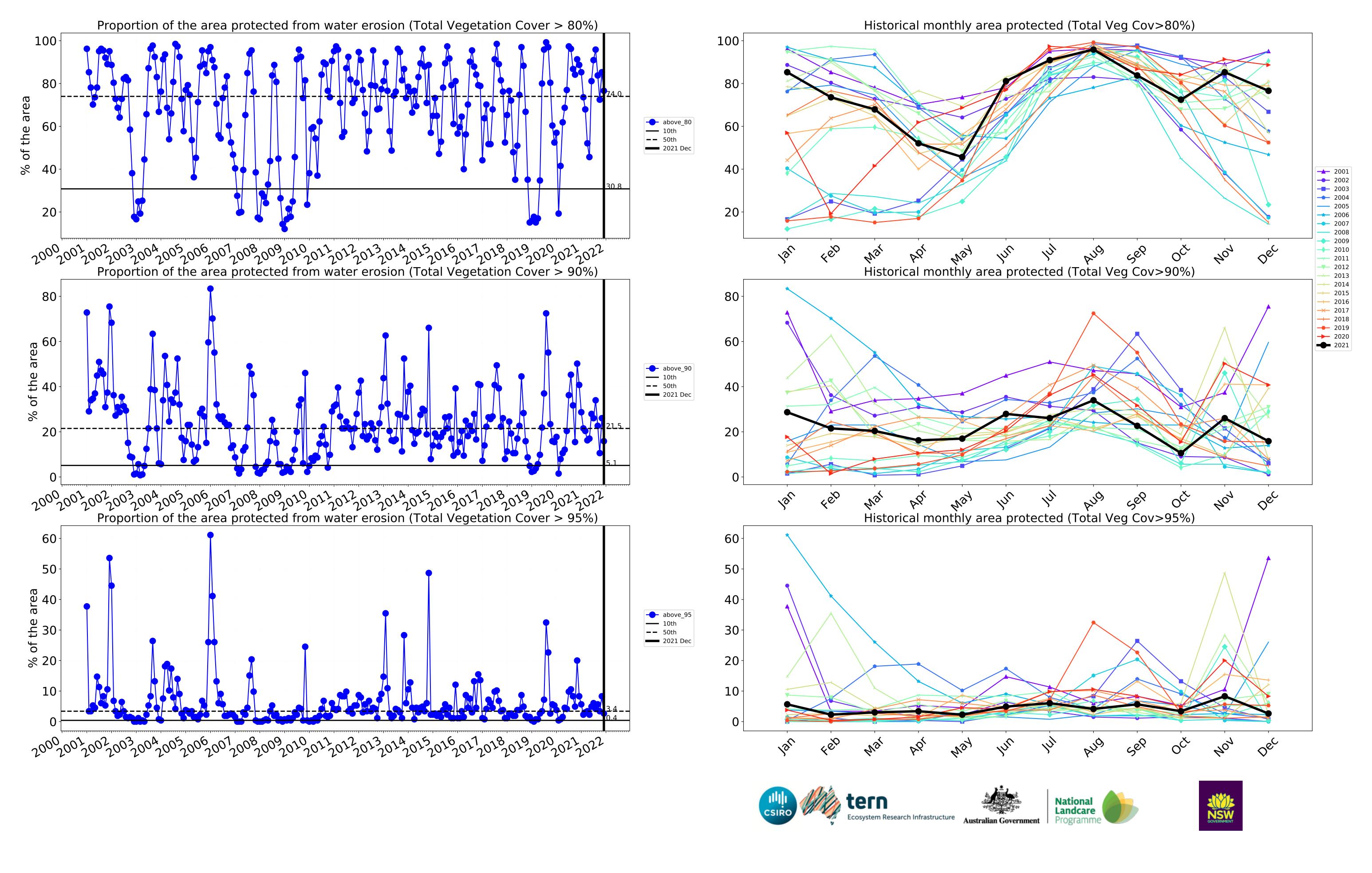
#### **Cropping timeseries**





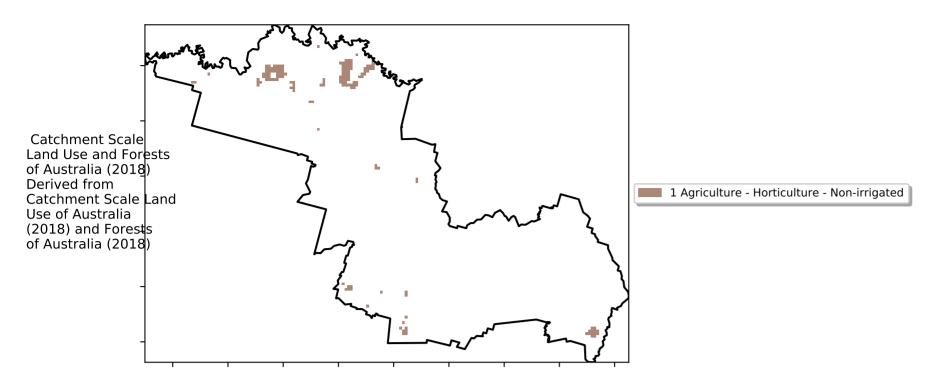




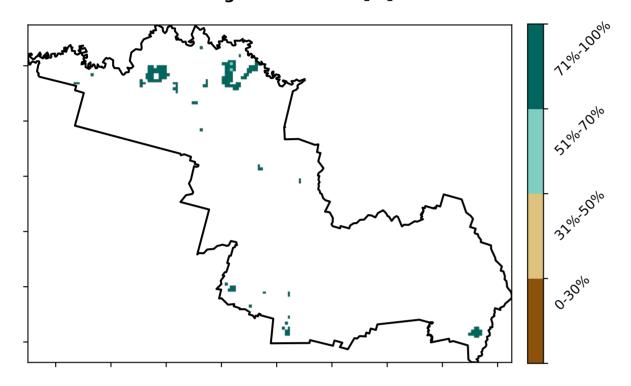


#### **Horticulture**

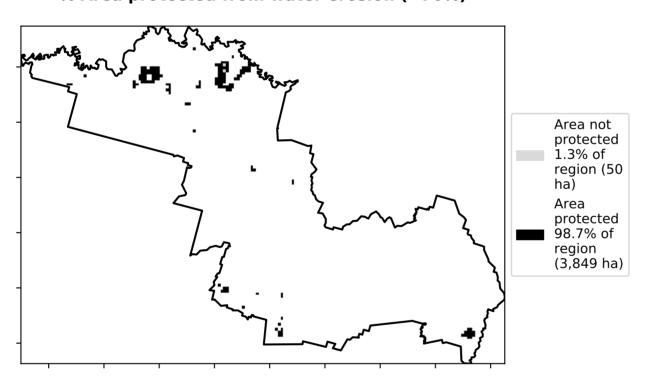
#### Land use and forest cover



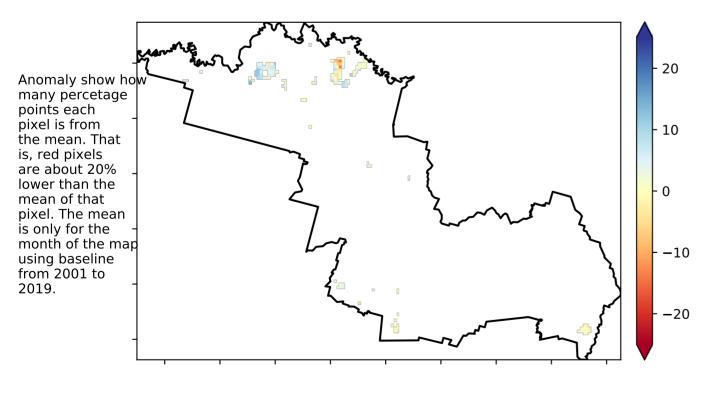
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

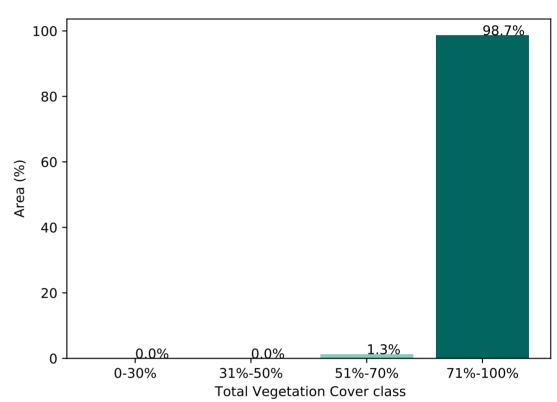


#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

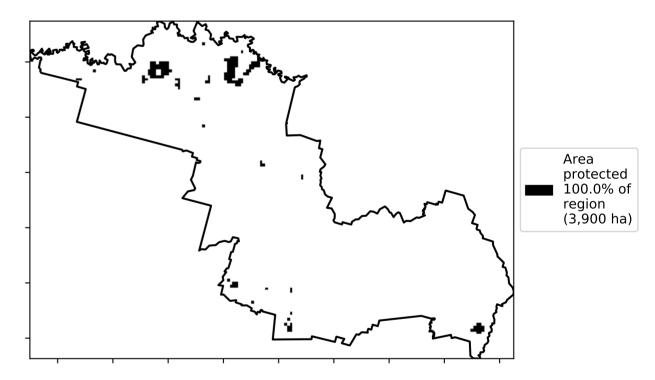


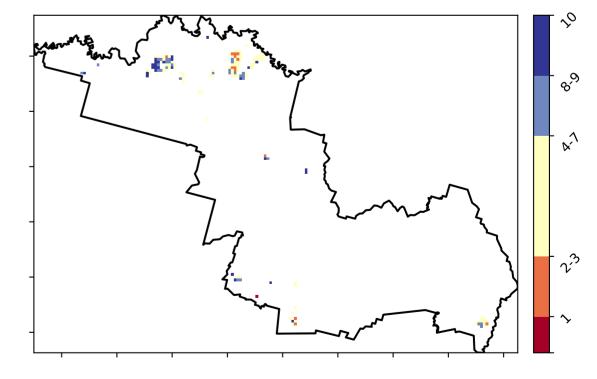
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





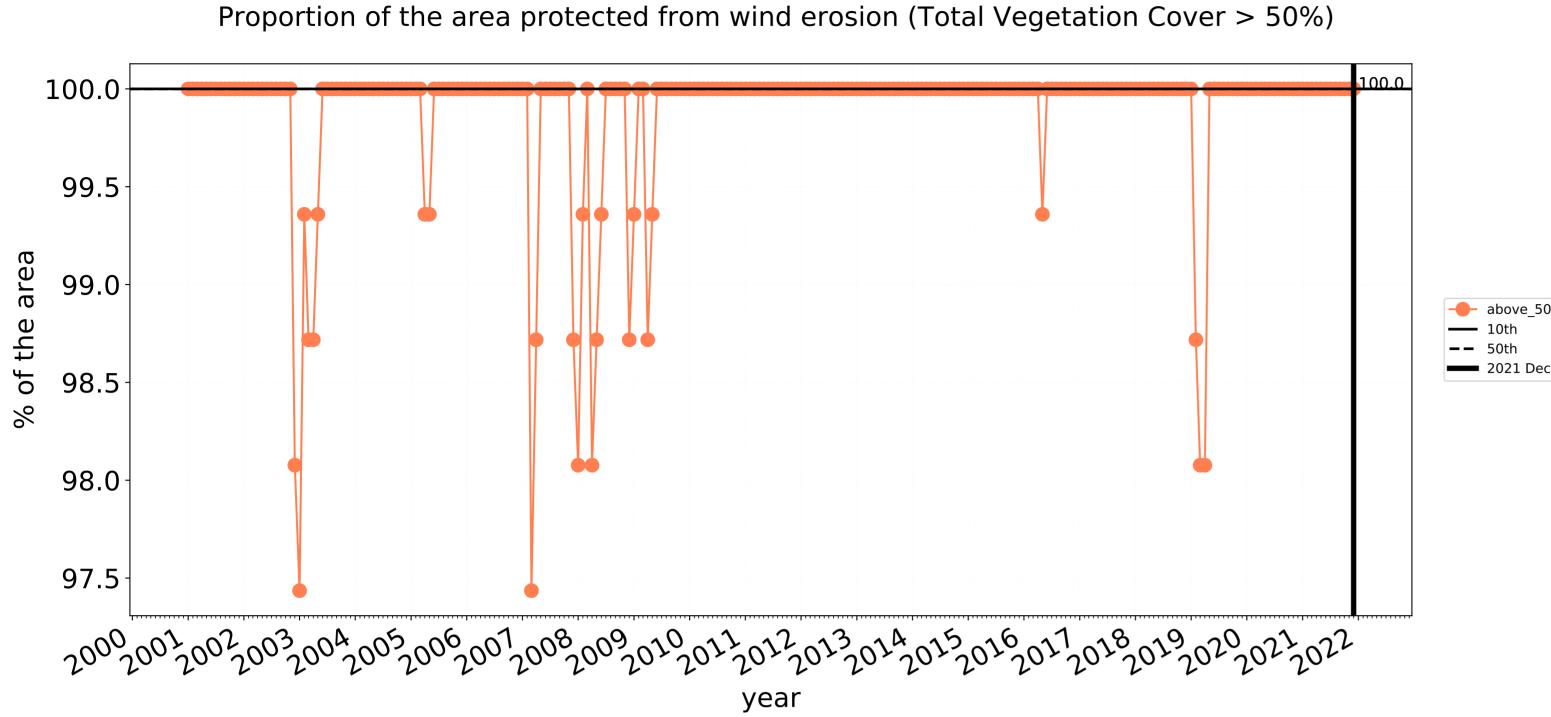


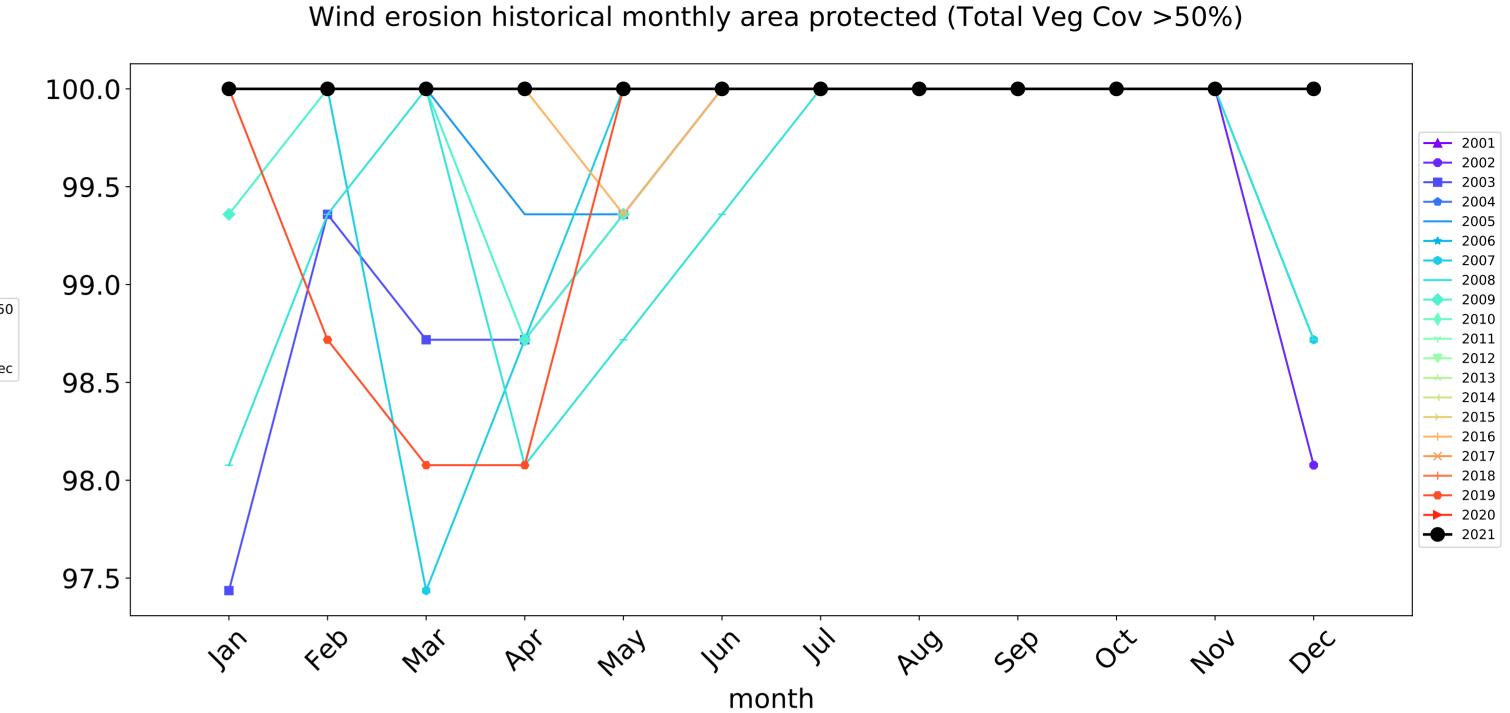


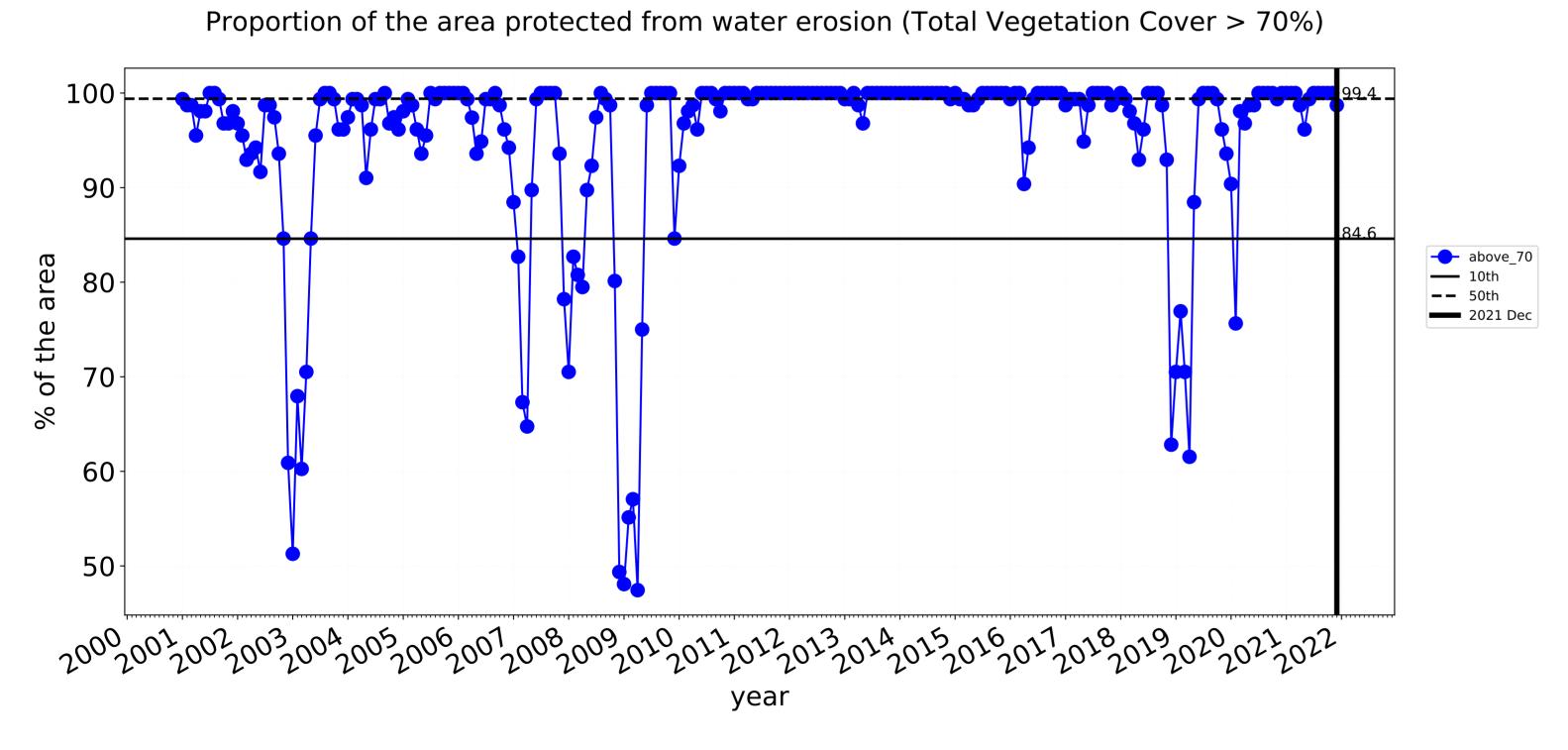


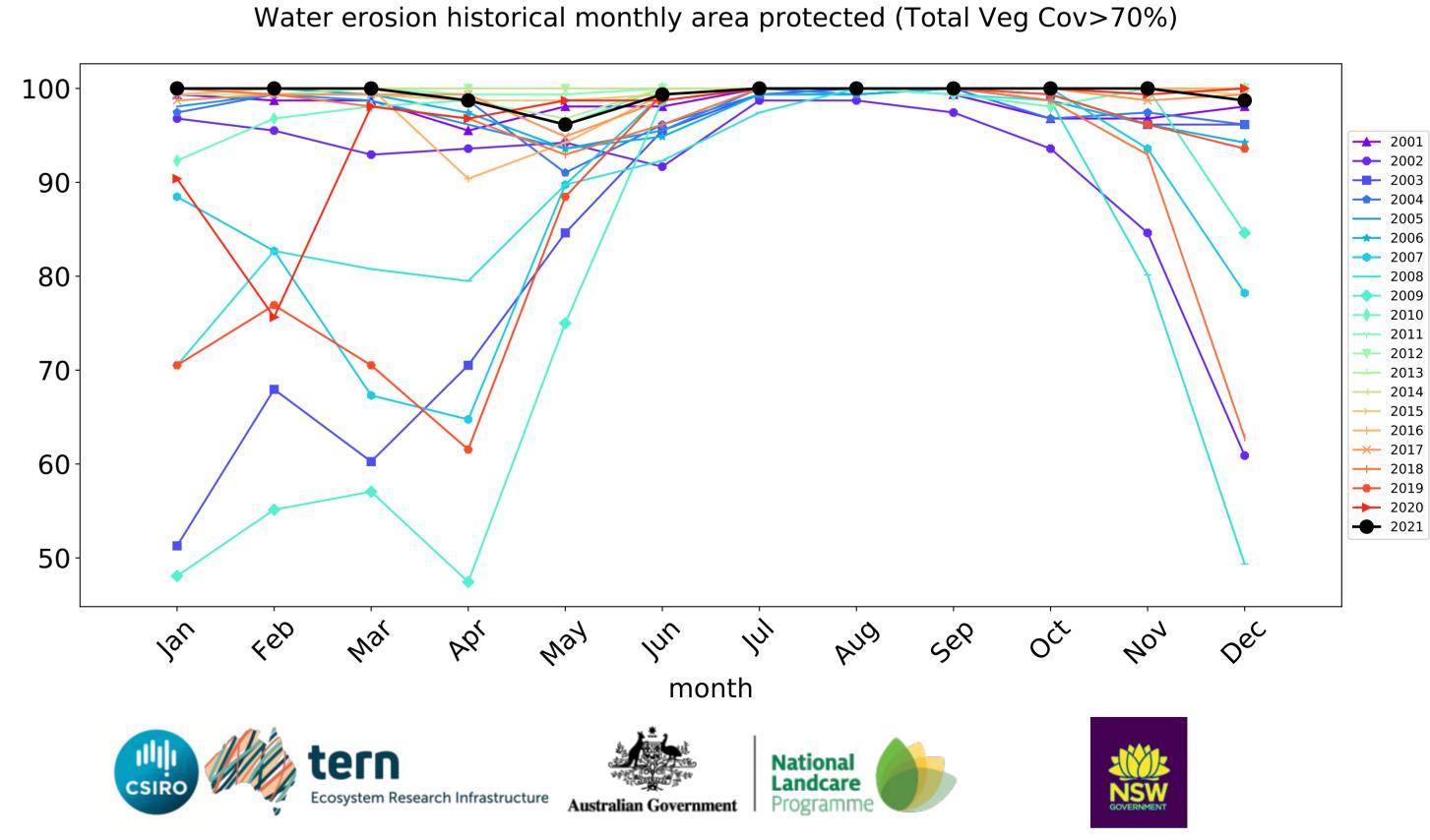


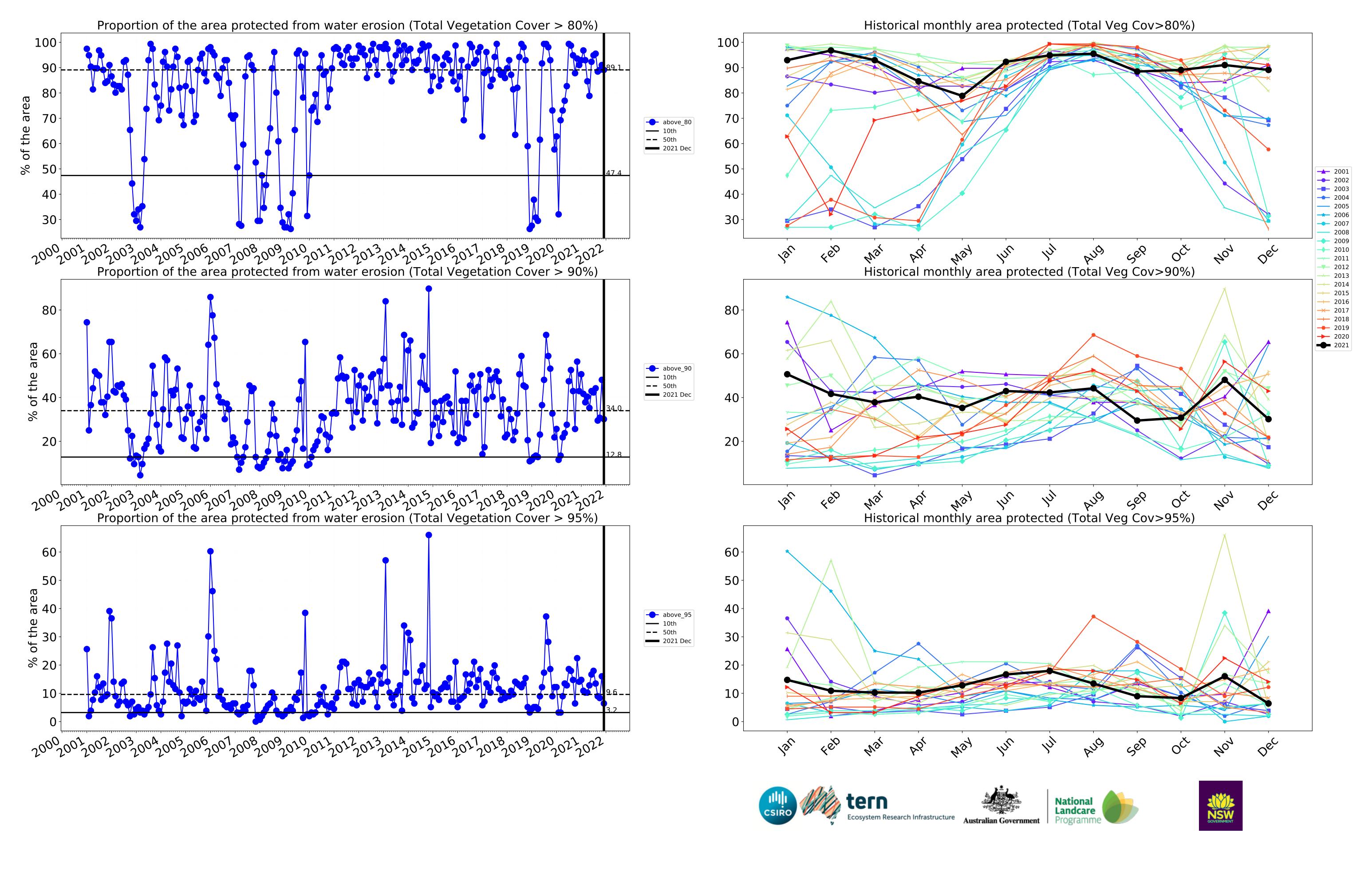
#### **Horticulture timeseries**





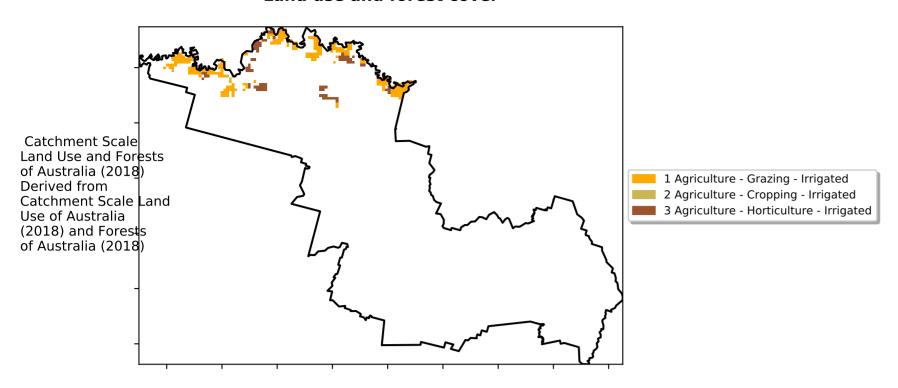




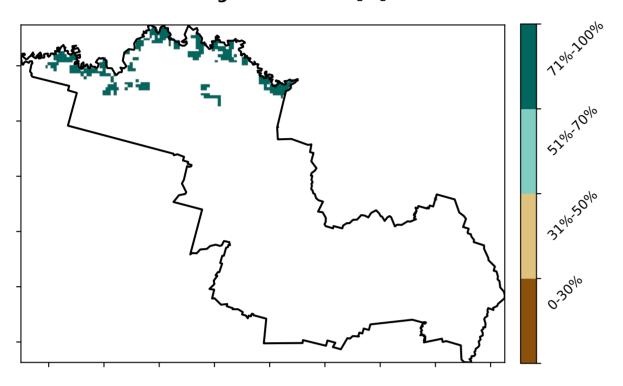


#### Irrigation

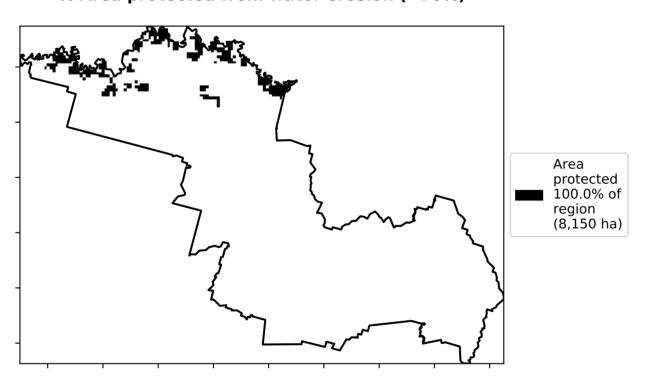
#### Land use and forest cover



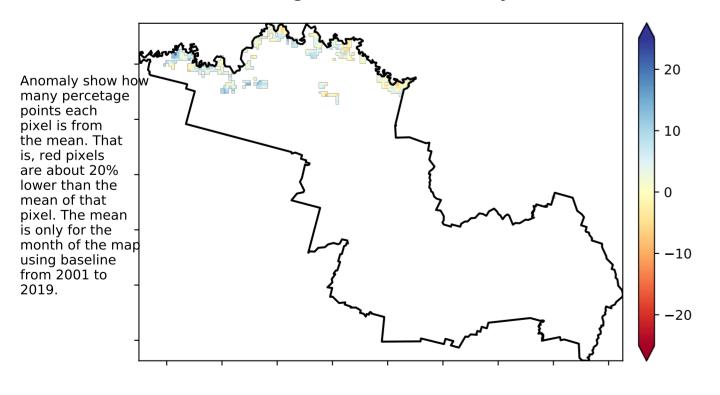
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

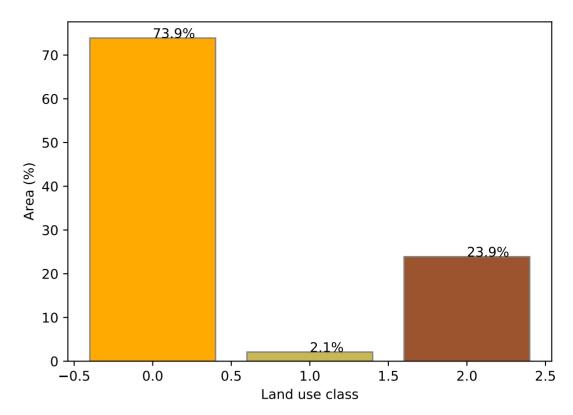


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

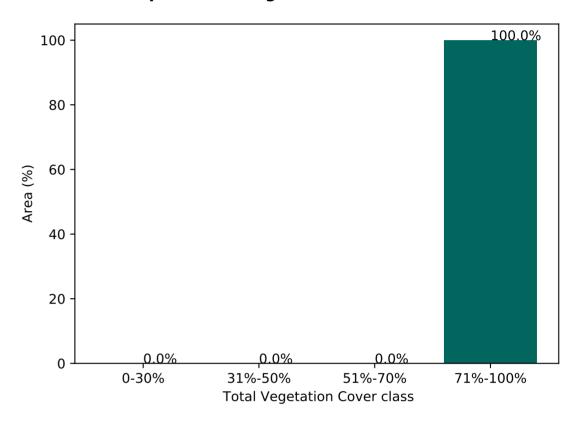


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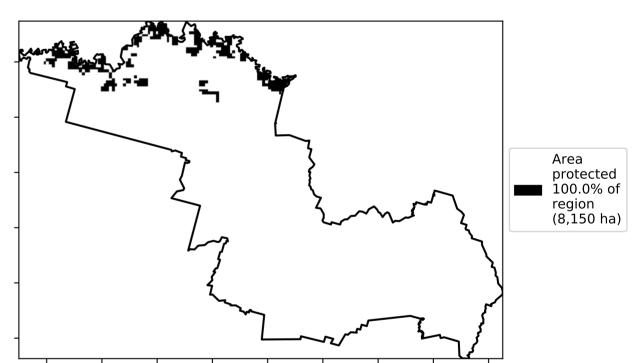
#### Proportion of each land class in area



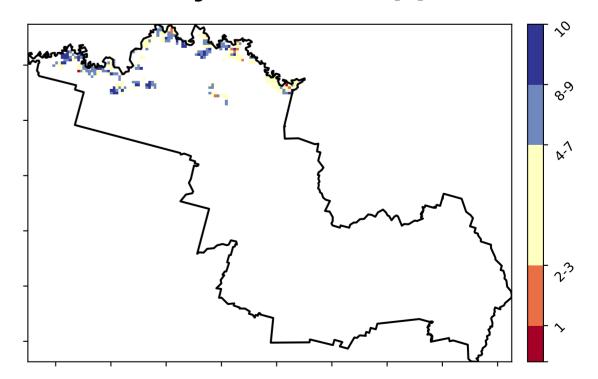
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



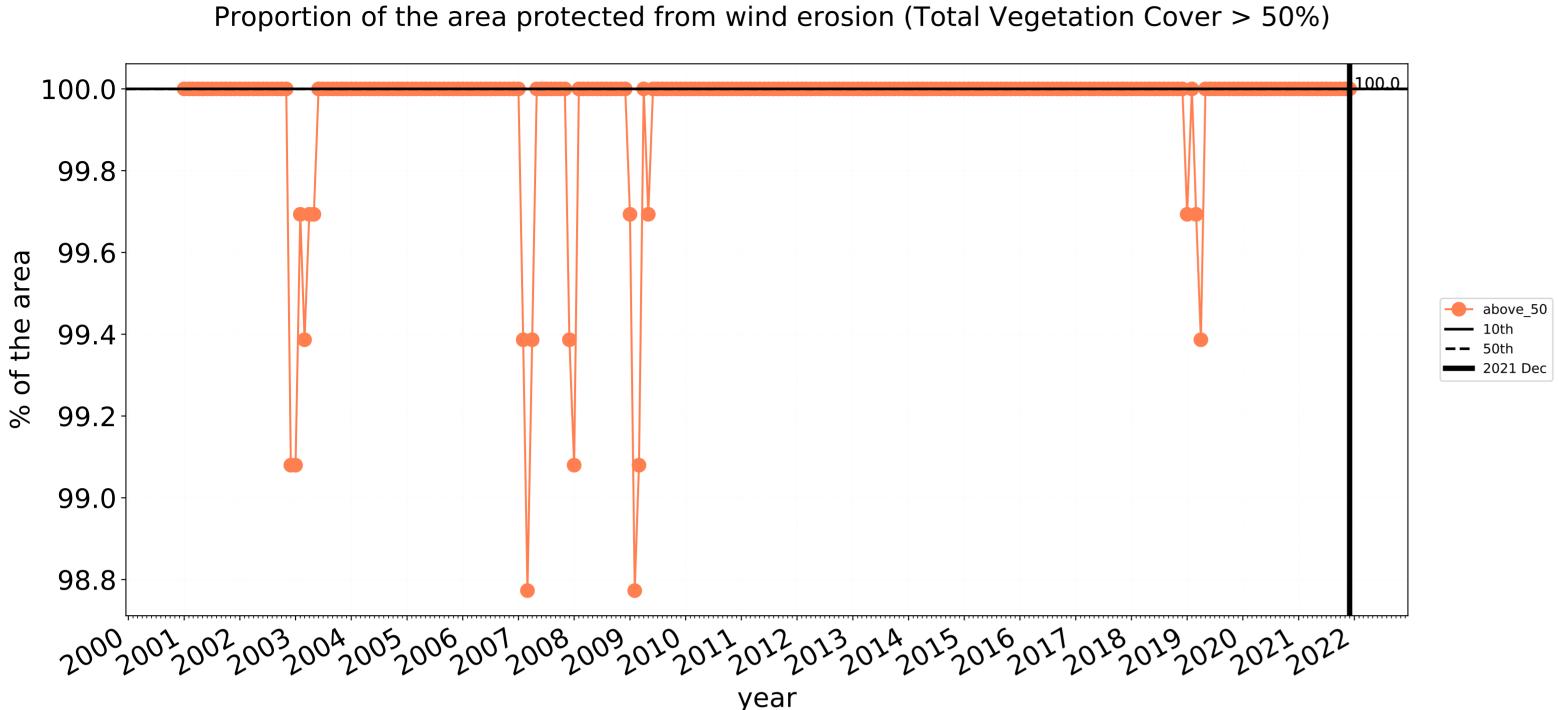


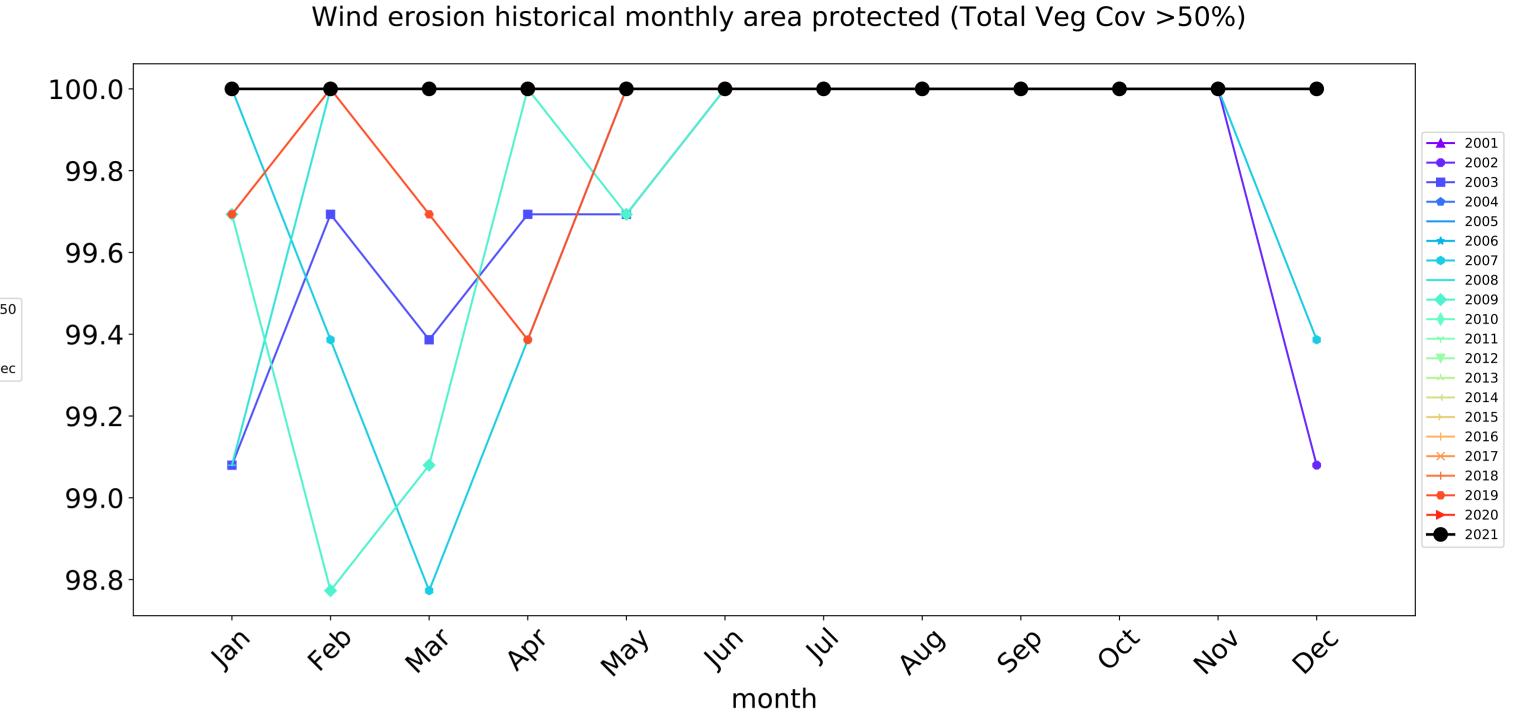


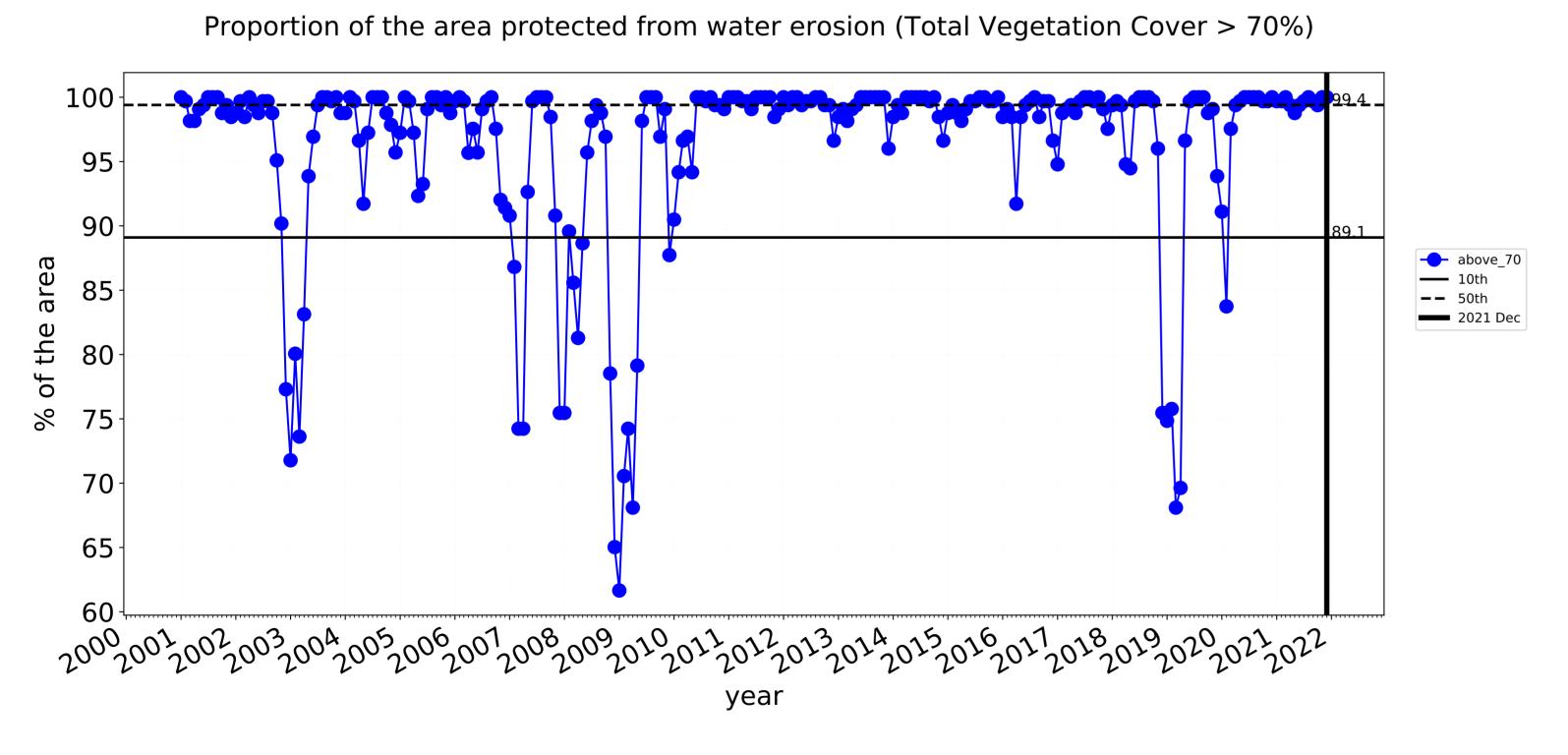


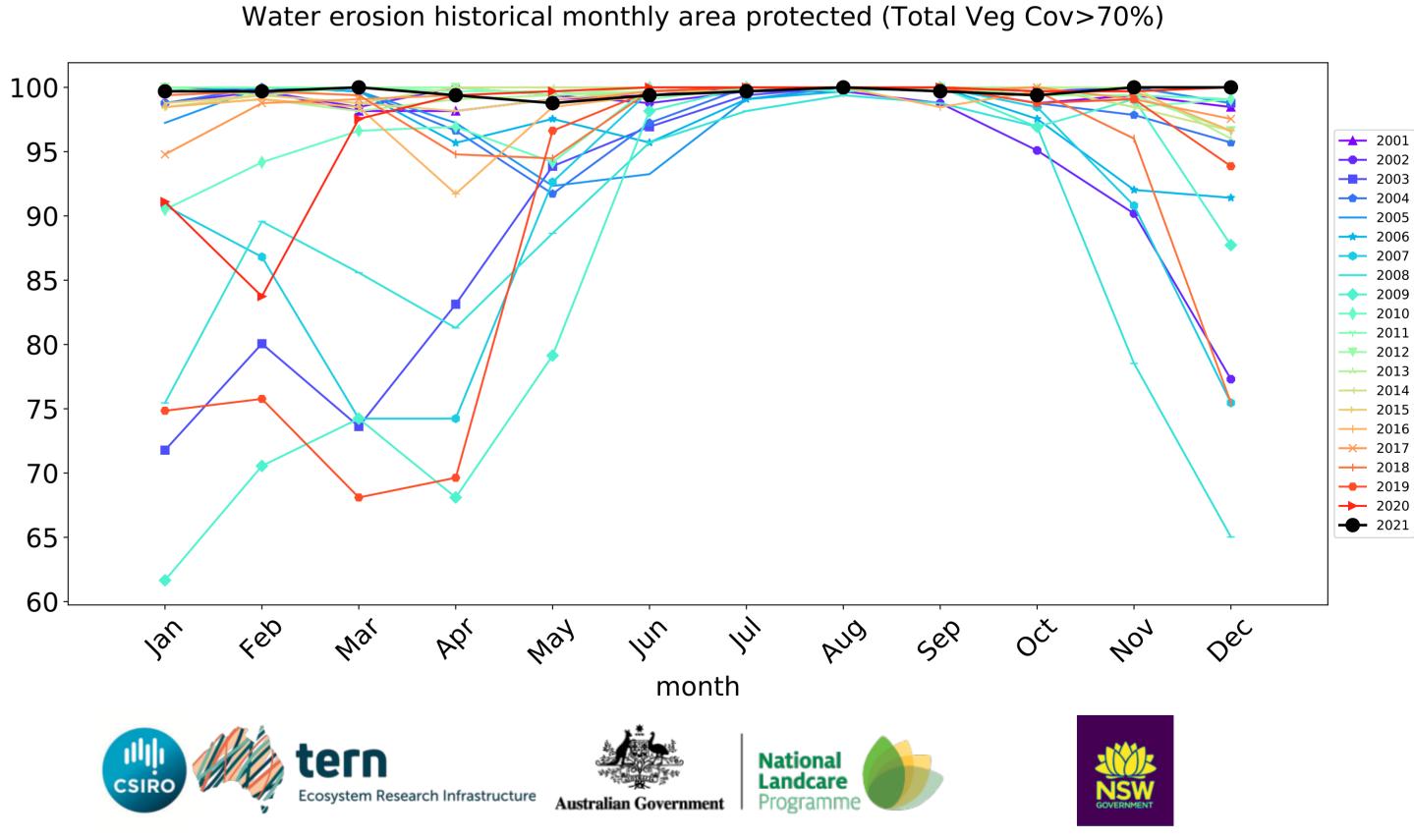


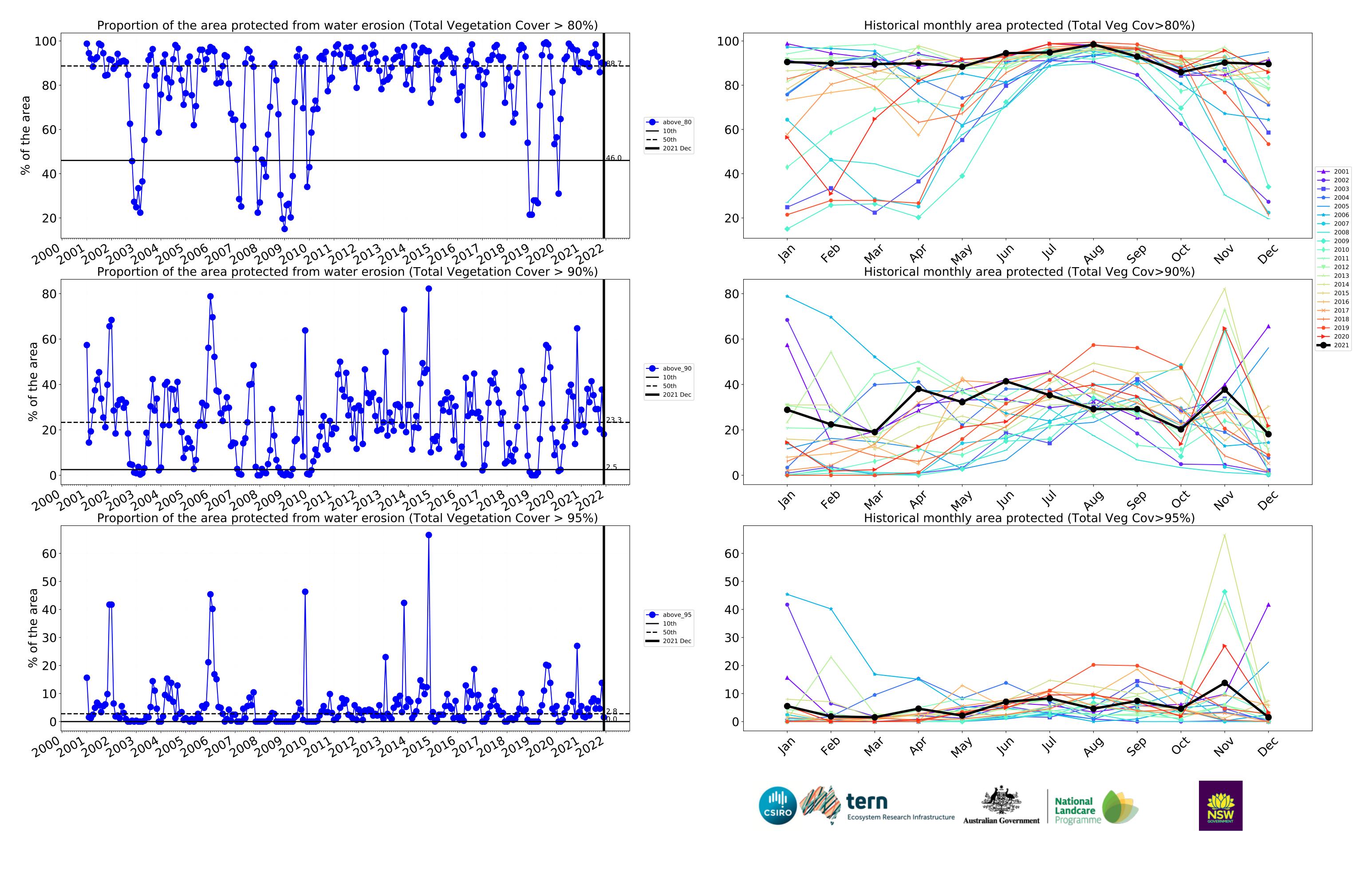
#### Irrigation timeseries





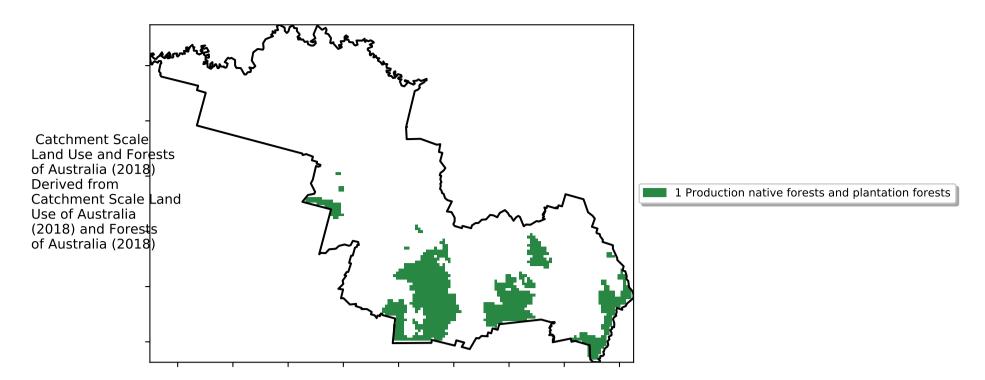




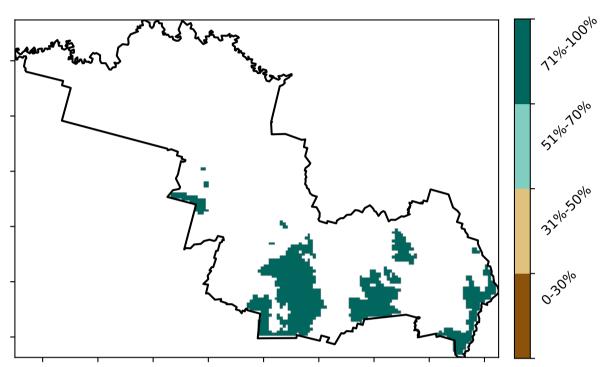


#### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

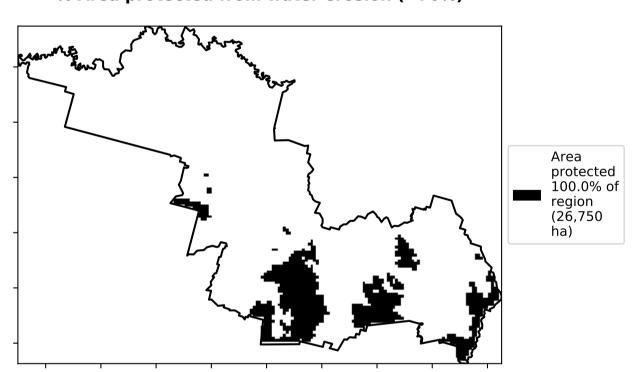
#### Land use and forest cover



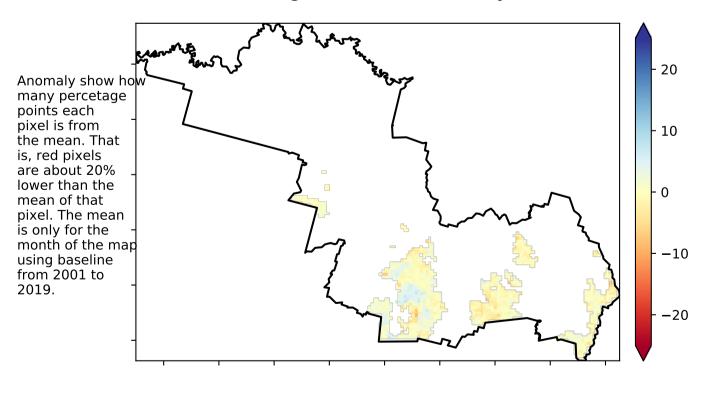
#### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

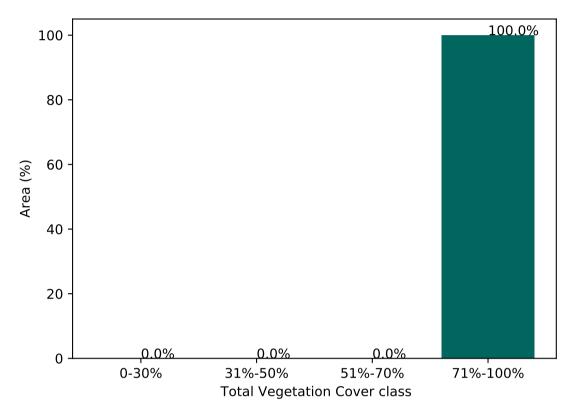


#### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

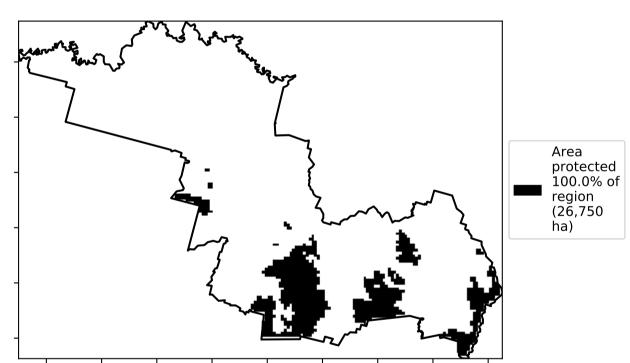


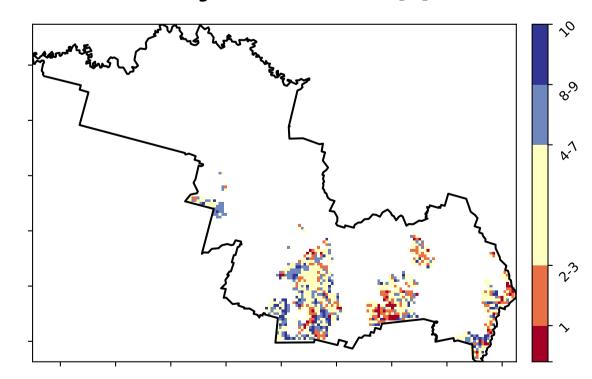
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#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





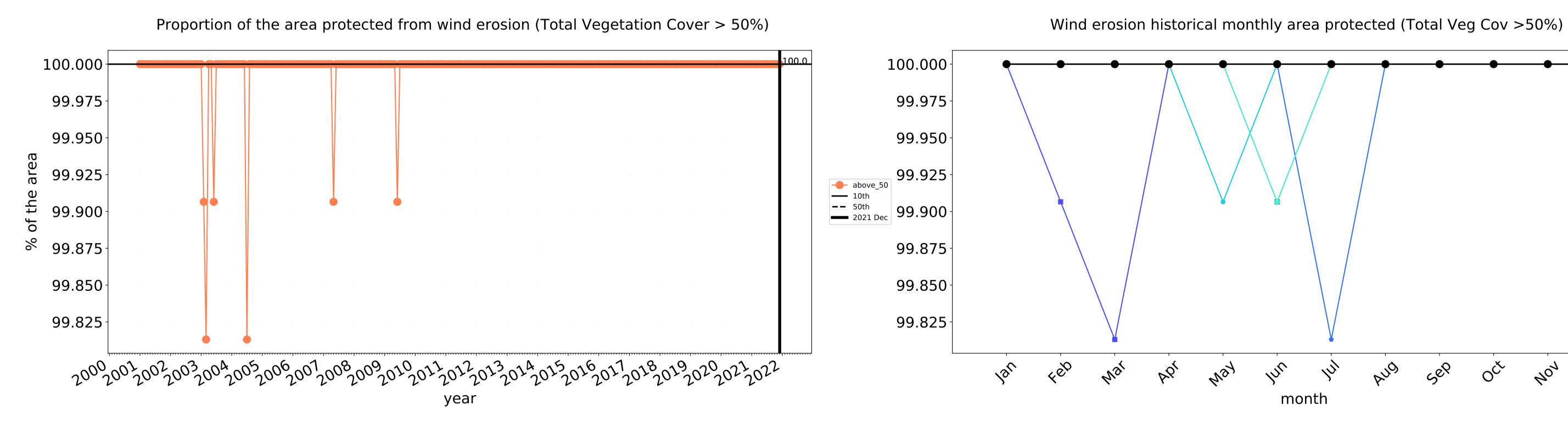


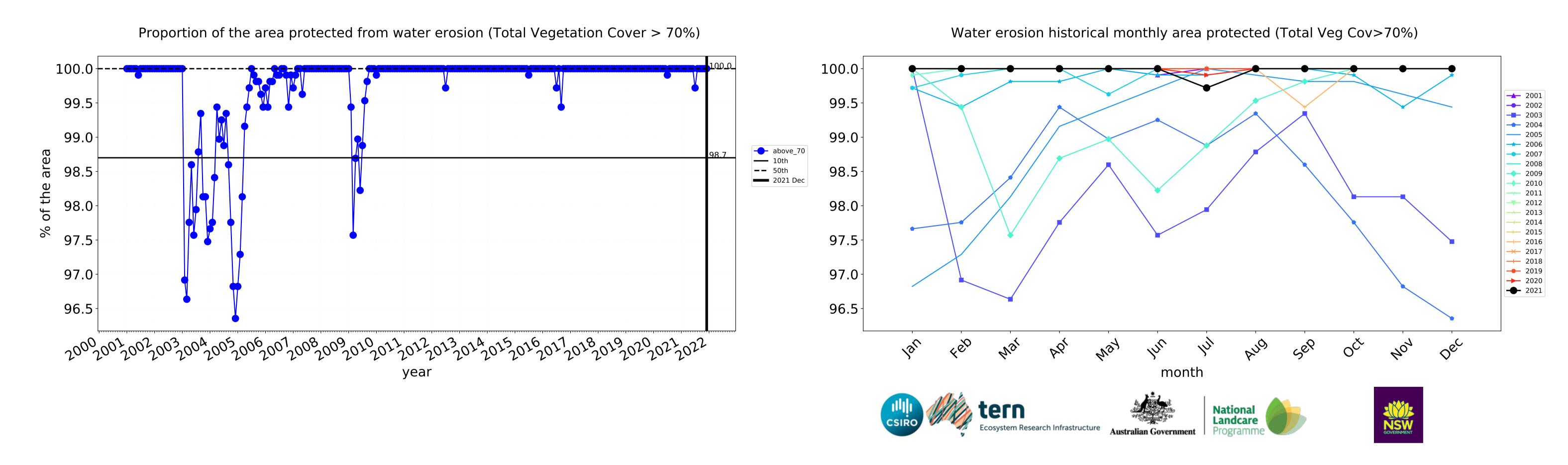






#### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**





→ 2001

2003 2004

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2009 2010

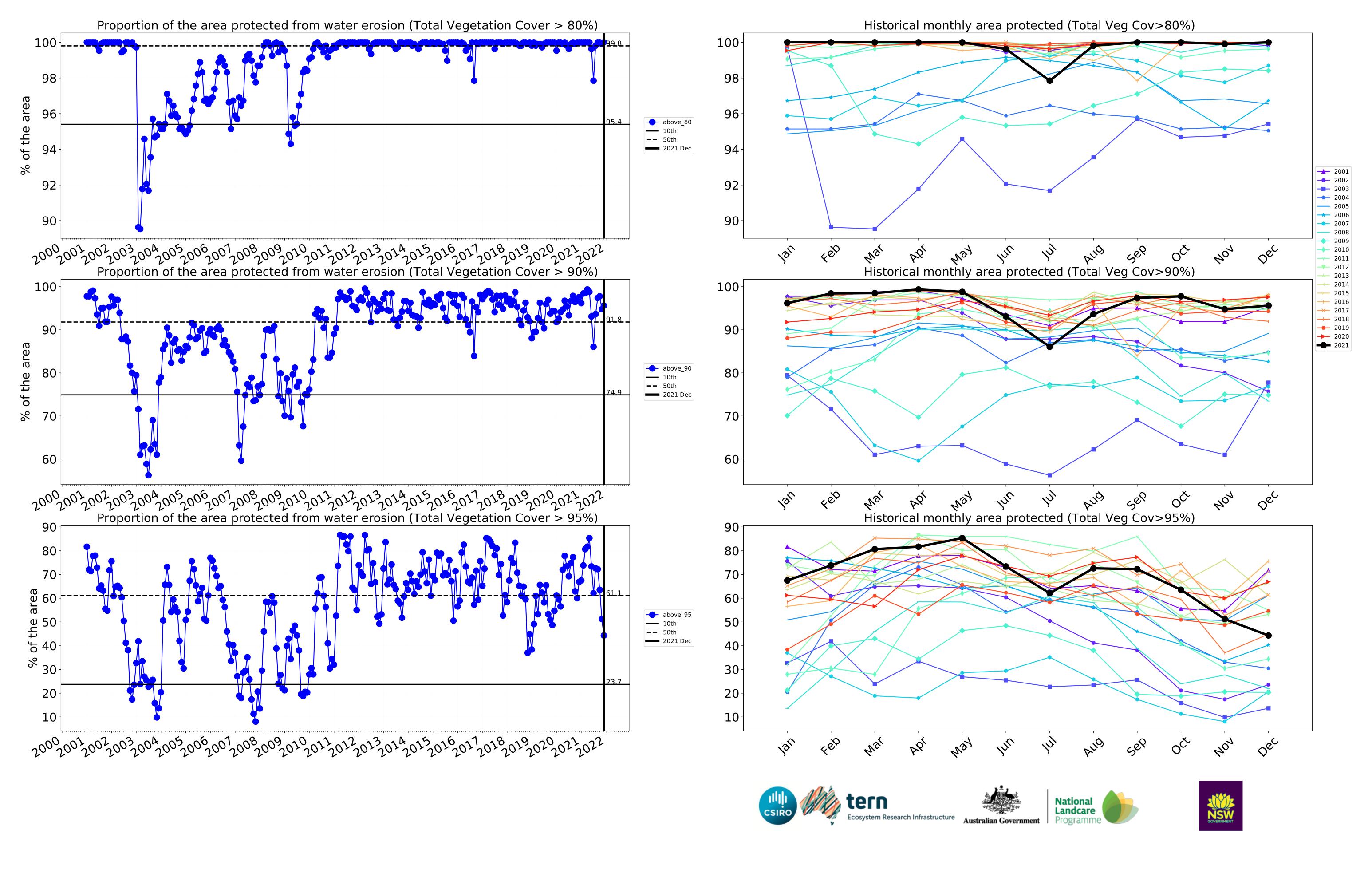
2011

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**—** 2019 → 2020 **---** 2021

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## Indigo\_(S) (202,925 ha and no data 951 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	202,925	100.0% 202,925	100.0% 202,900	99.6% 202,100	95.4% 193,625	60.2% 122,200	17.3% 35,175
Conservation and natural environments	24,050	100.0% 24,050	100.0% 24,050	100.0% 24,050	99.3% 23,875	75.6% 18,175	10.6% 2,550
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	5,900	100.0% 5,900	100.0% 5,900	100.0% 5,900	98.3% 5,800	72.0% 4,250	8.5% 500
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	16,675	100.0% 16,675	100.0% 16,675	100.0% 16,675	99.9% 16,650	77.4% 12,900	10.9% 1,825
Agriculture	133,950	100.0% 133,950	100.0% 133,950	99.8% 133,650	94.7% 126,825	52.5% 70,300	14.1% 18,950
Grazing	115,275	100.0% 115,275	100.0% 115,275	99.9% 115,125	96.3% 110,975	57.8% 66,600	16.0% 18,400
Grazing non forest	105,525	100.0% 105,525	100.0% 105,525	99.9% 105,375	95.9% 101,250	55.5% 58,550	15.0% 15,800
Grazing Woodland forest	2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	98.9% 2,325	74.5% 1,750	14.9% 350
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	7,400	100.0% 7,400	100.0% 7,400	100.0% 7,400	100.0% 7,400	85.1% 6,300	30.4% 2,250
Cropping	6,625	100.0% 6,625	100.0% 6,625	98.5% 6,525	76.6% 5,075	15.8% 1,050	2.6% 175
Horticulture	3,900	100.0% 3,900	100.0% 3,900	98.7% 3,850	89.1% 3,475	30.1% 1,175	6.4% 250
Irrigation	8,150	100.0% 8,150	100.0% 8,150	100.0% 8,150	89.6% 7,300	18.1% 1,475	1.5% 125
Production native forests and plantation forests	26,750	100.0% 26,750	100.0% 26,750	100.0% 26,750	100.0% 26,750	95.6% 25,575	44.3% 11,850







