Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Indigo_(S) VIC

Date: May 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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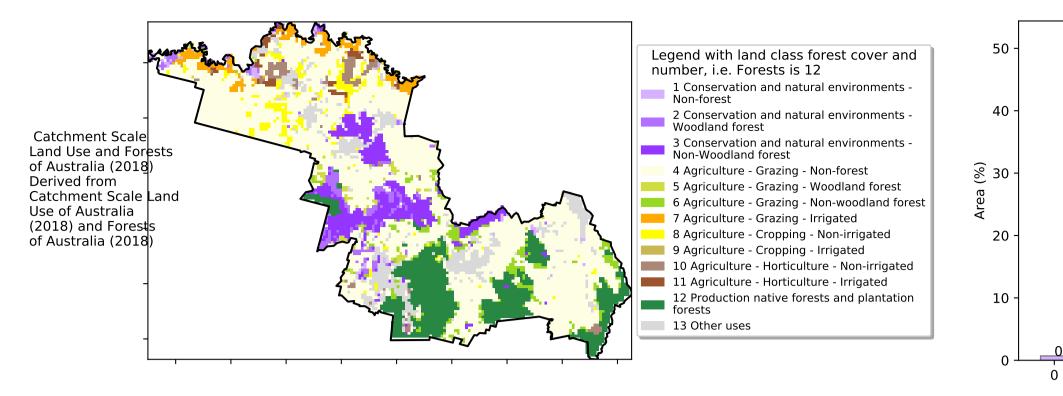
Vegetation Cover May 2023

Land use and forest cover

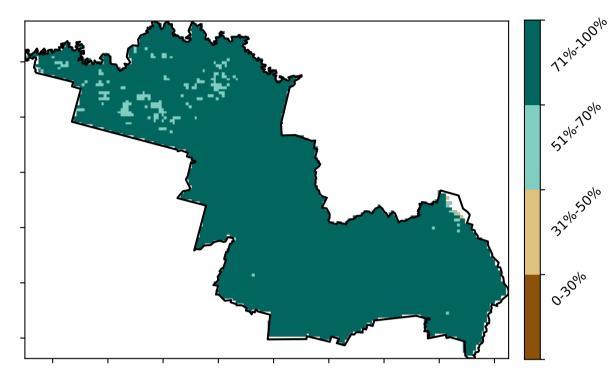
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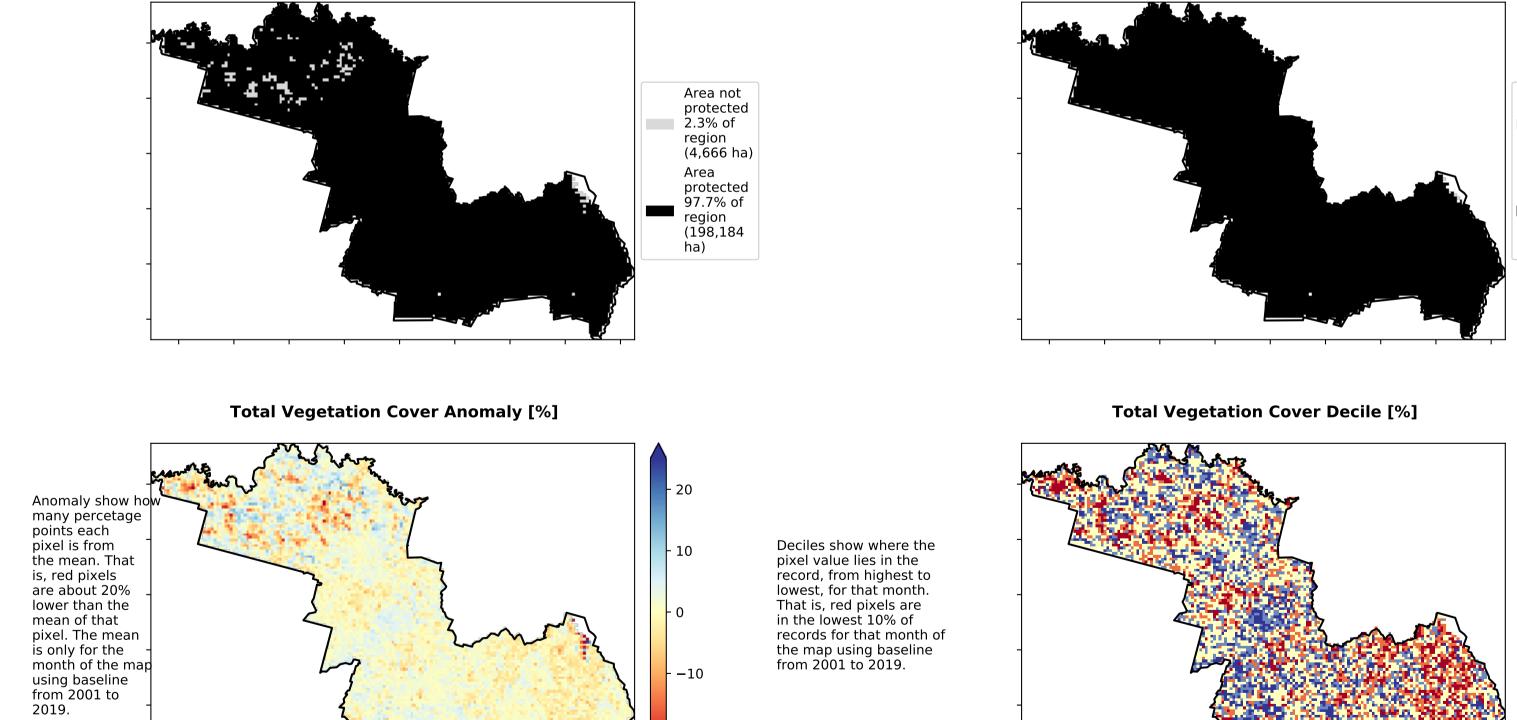
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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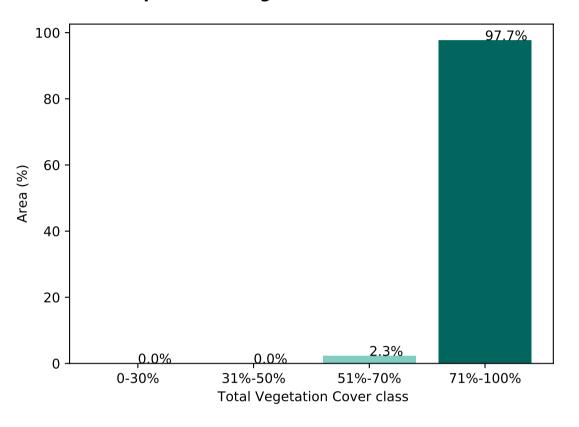
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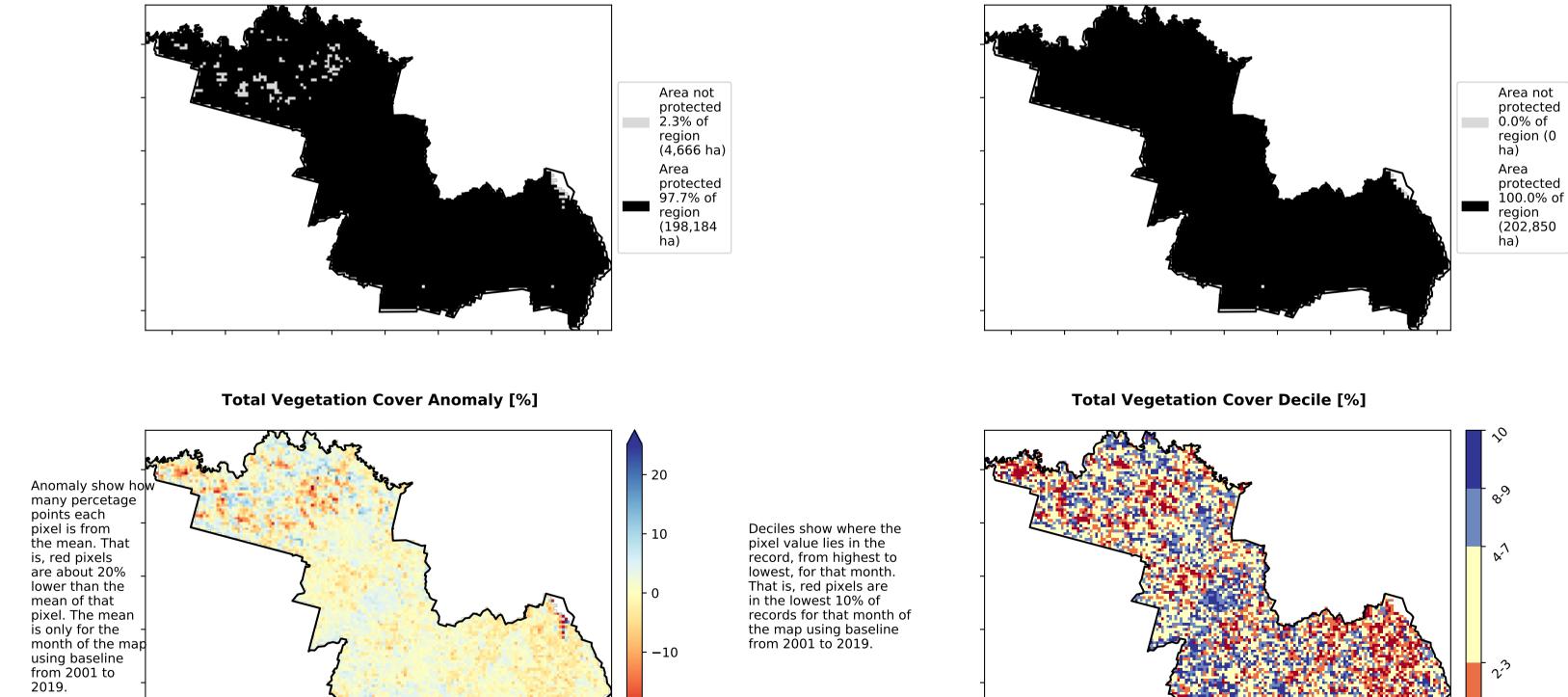
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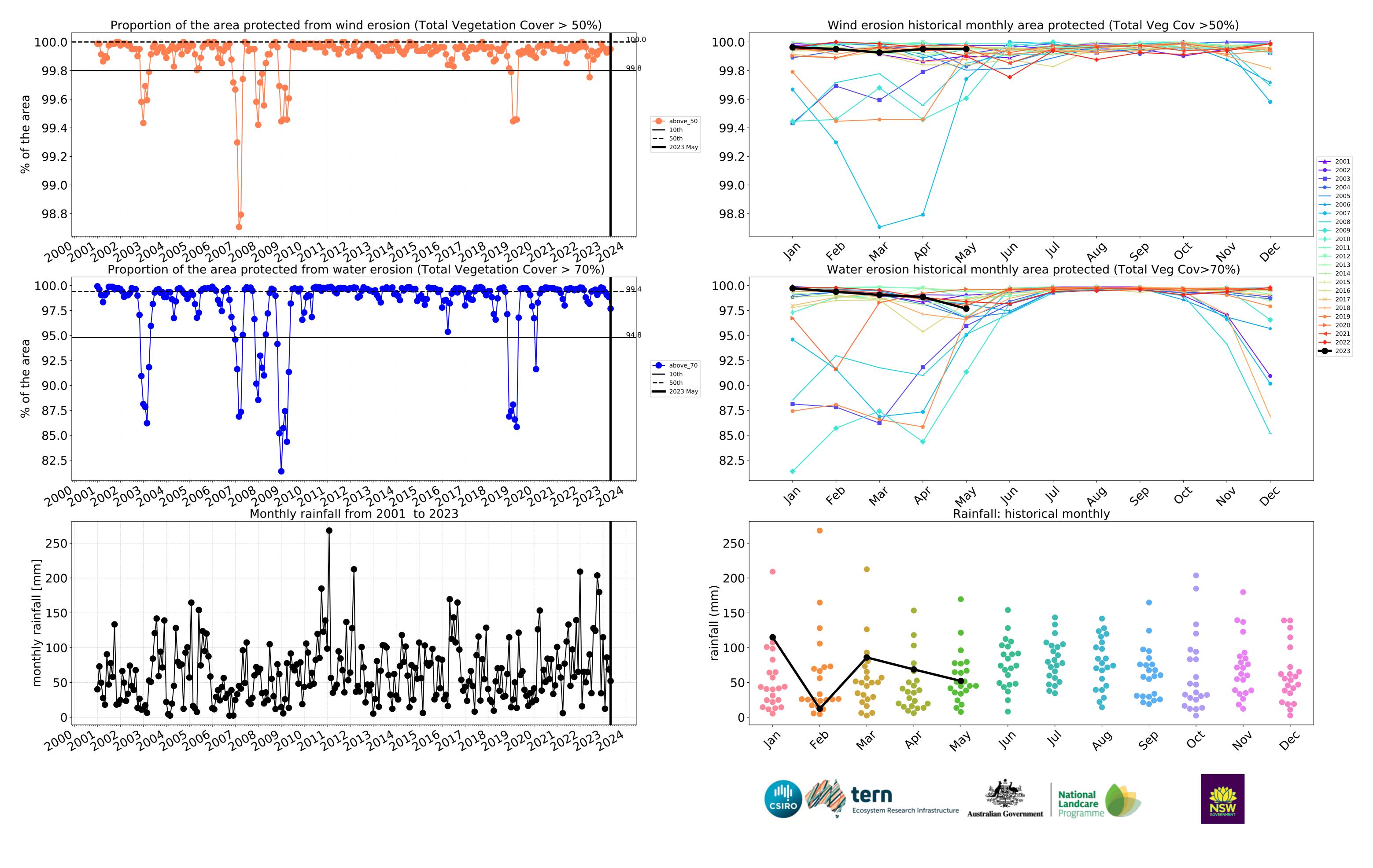


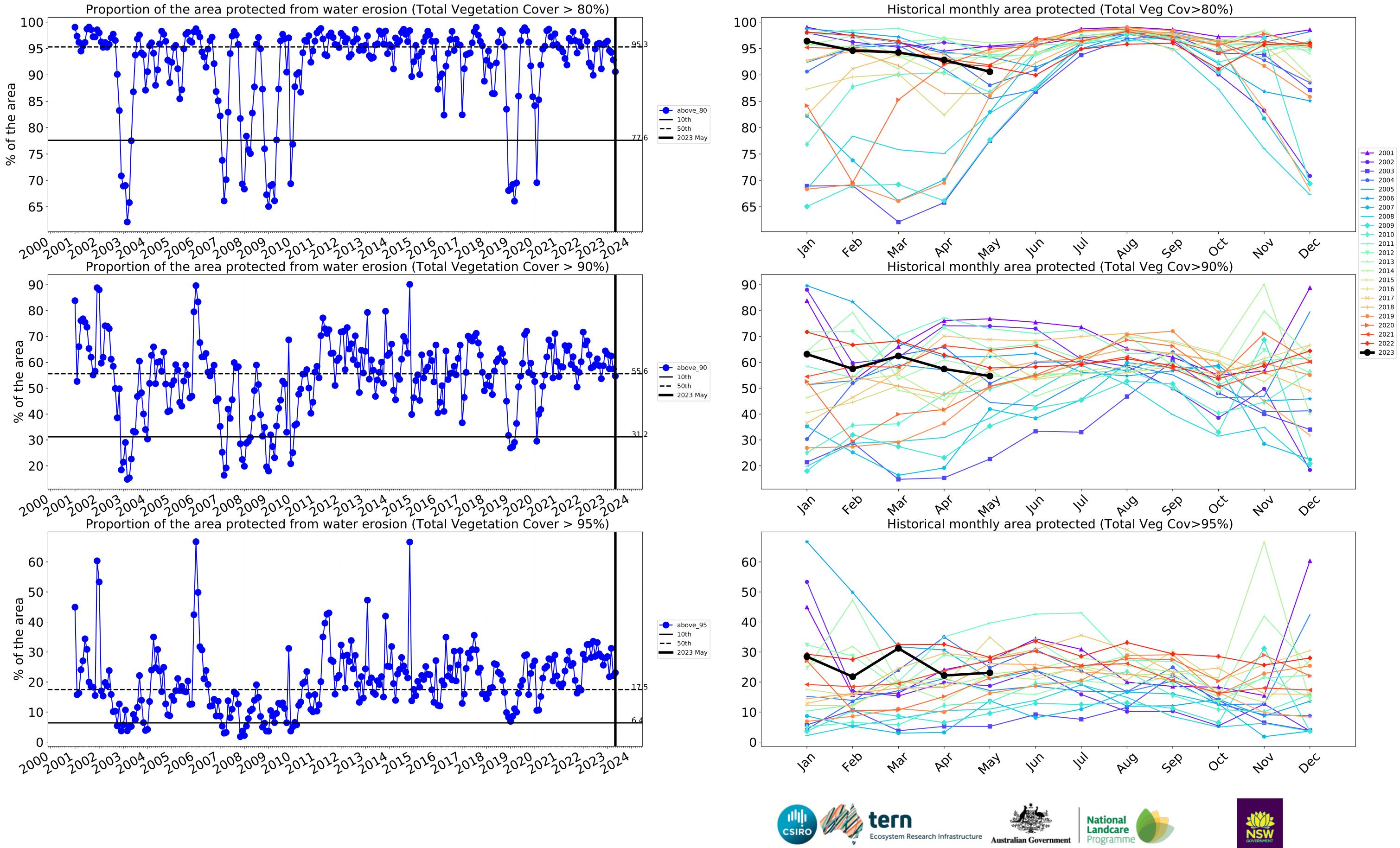
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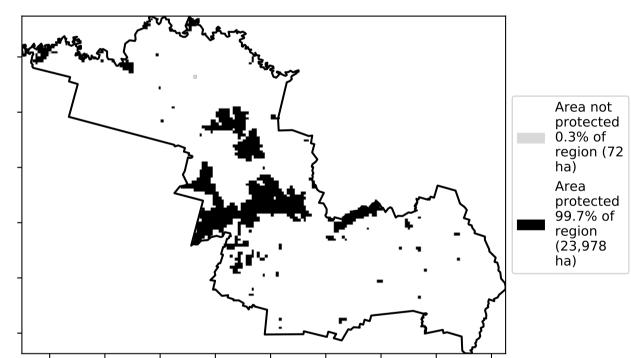
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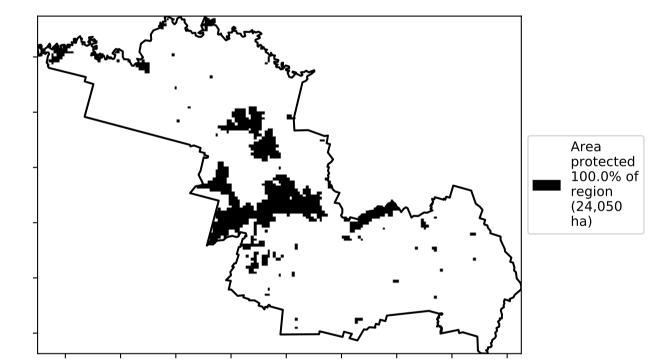




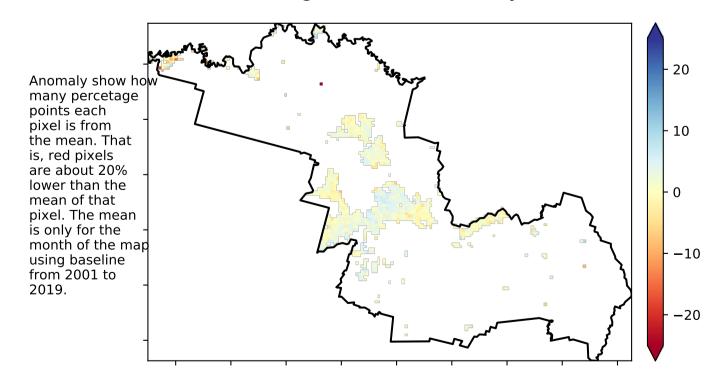
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover Proportion of each land class in area 69.3% 70 60 · 50 Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland 40 ea Catchment Scale Land forest Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest 30 24.5% 20 · 10 6.1% 0 1.5 -0.5 0.0 0.5 1.02.0 2.5 Land use class Proportion of vegetation cover class in area **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 12%100% 99.7% 100 80 · 52°10'10°1 Area (%) 60 32%50% 40 0.30% 20 · 0.3% 0.0% 0.0% 0 51%-70% 0-30% 31%-50% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

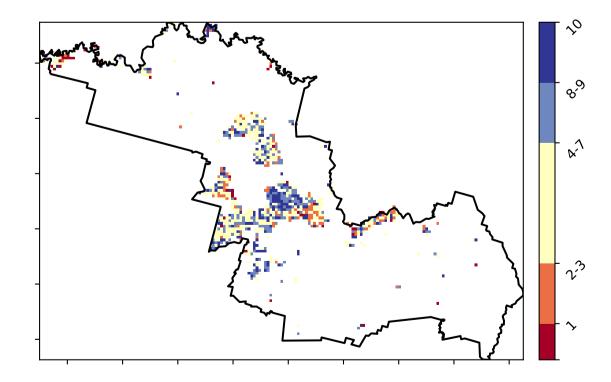




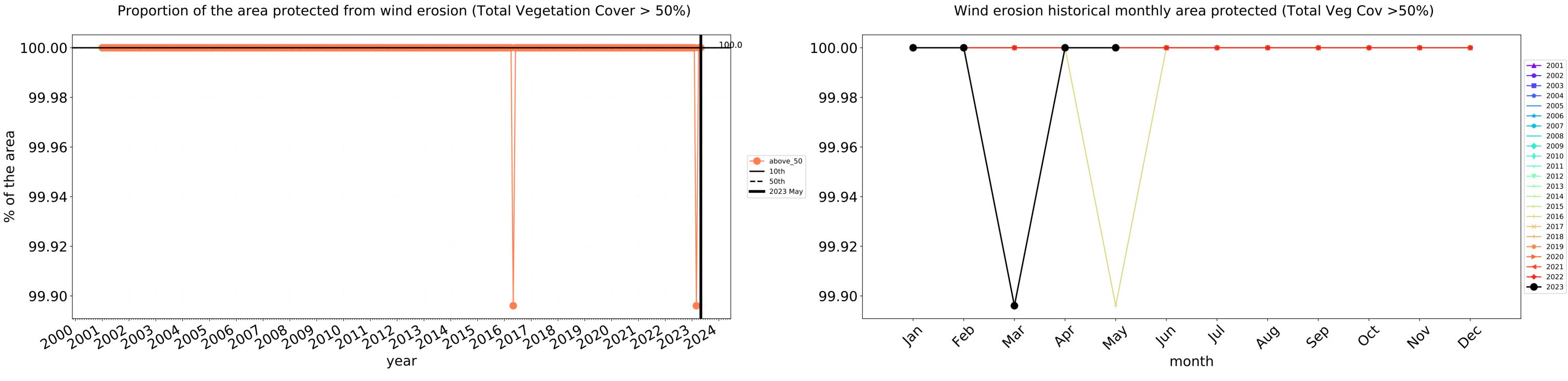
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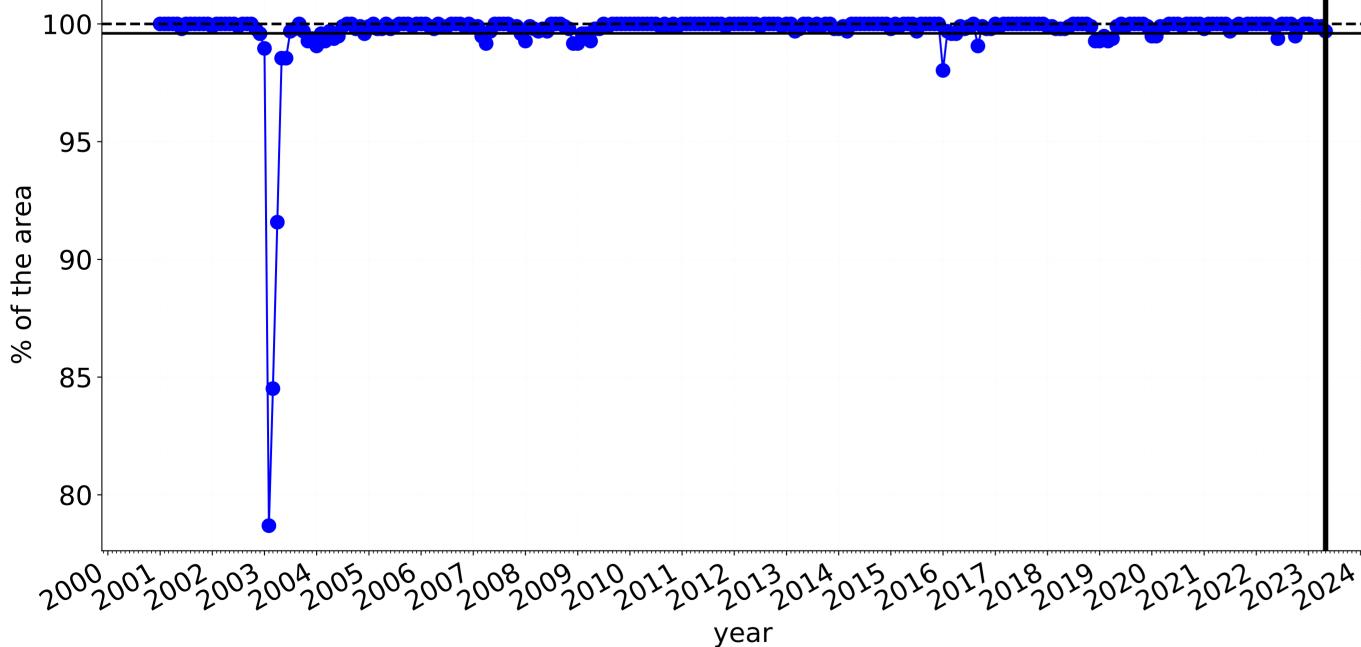


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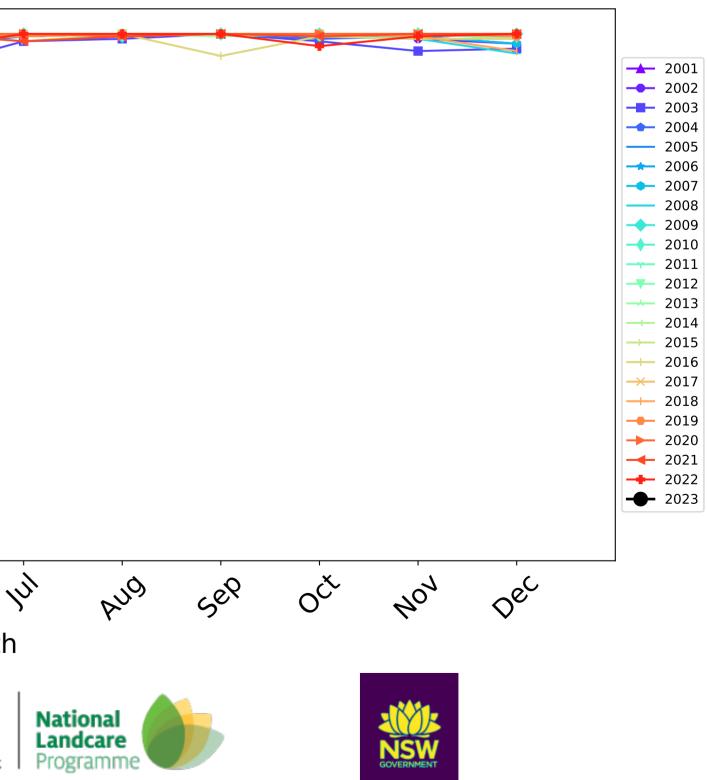


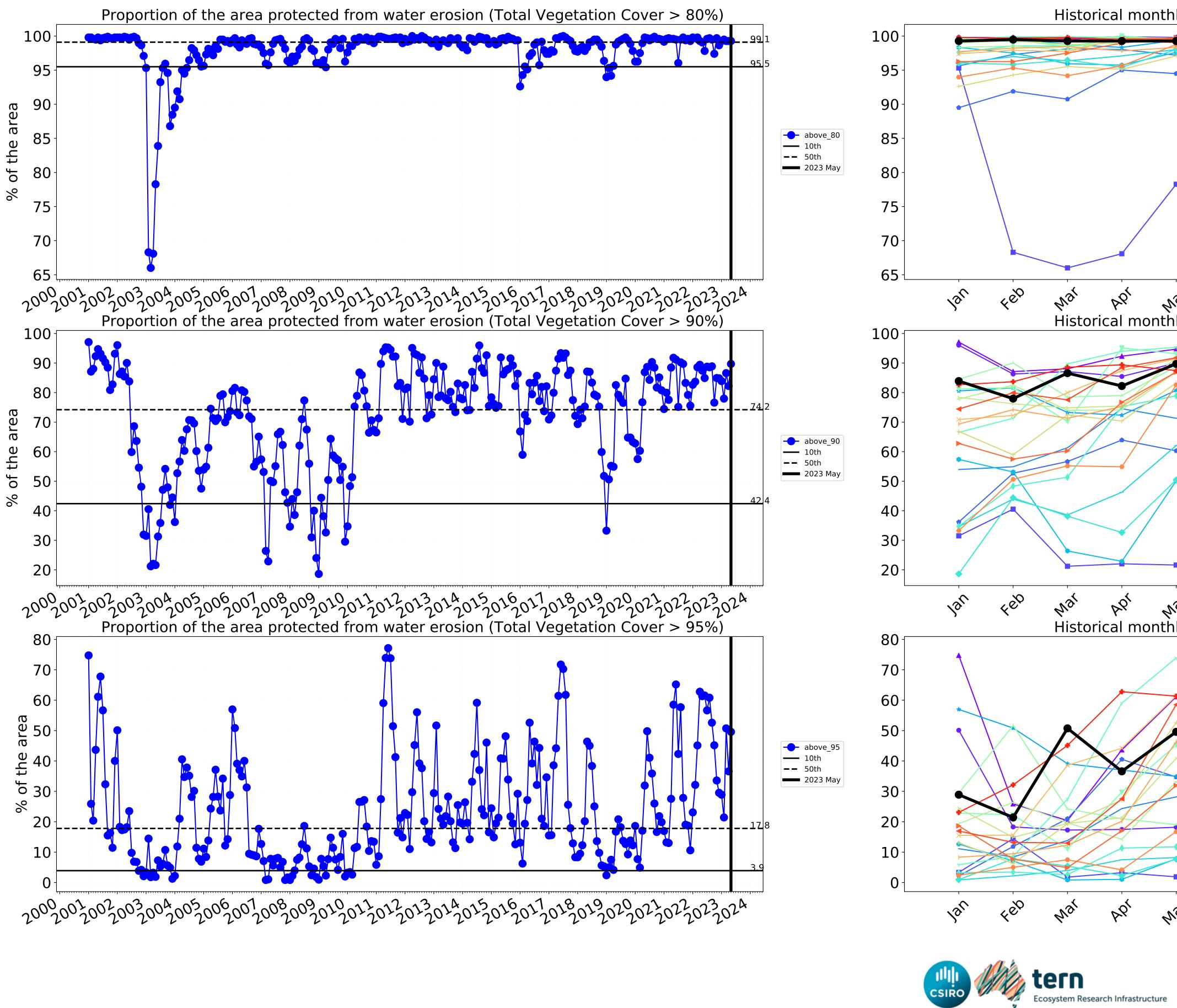






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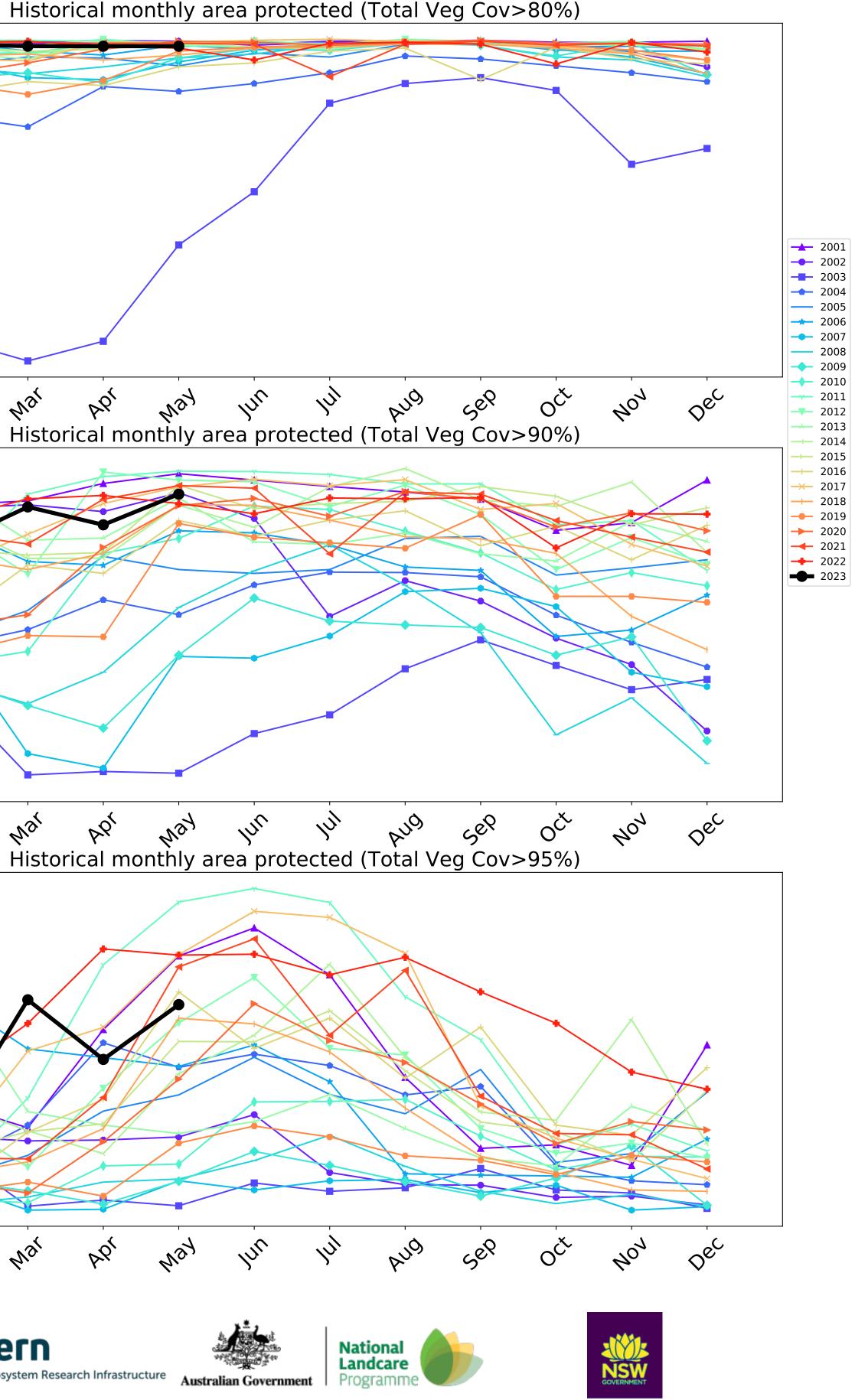
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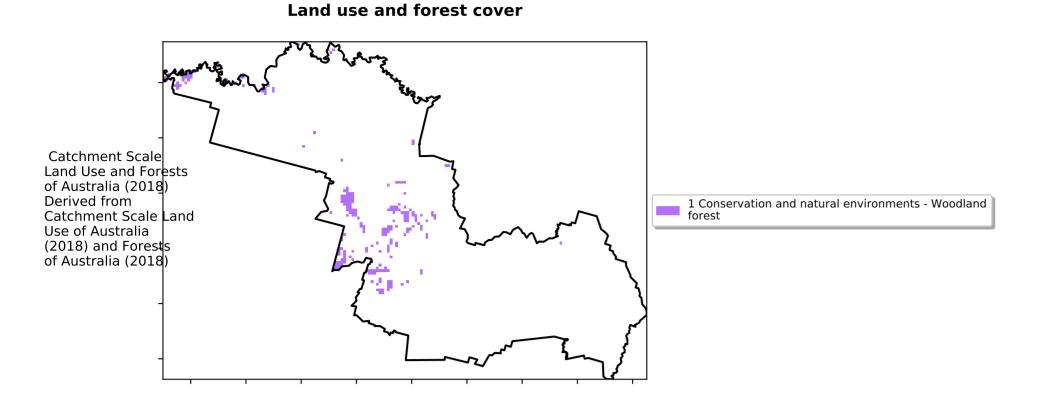
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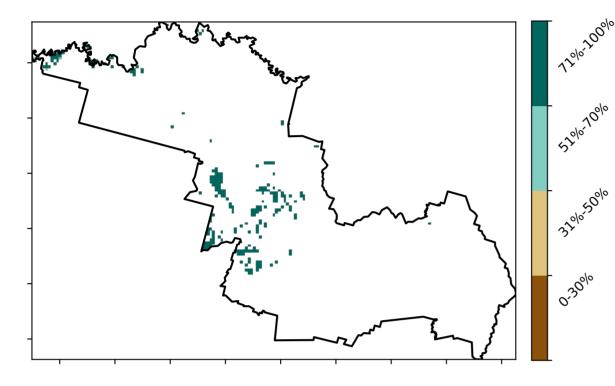
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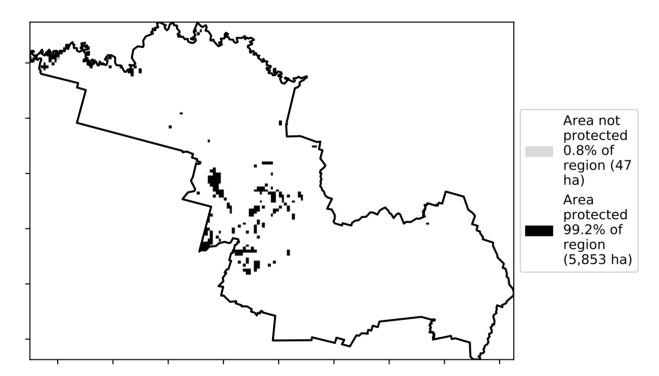
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest



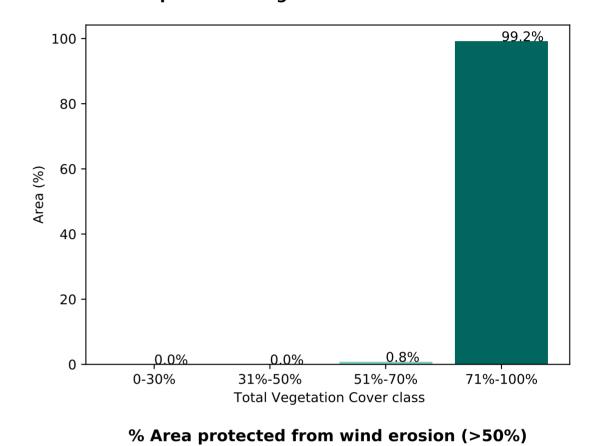
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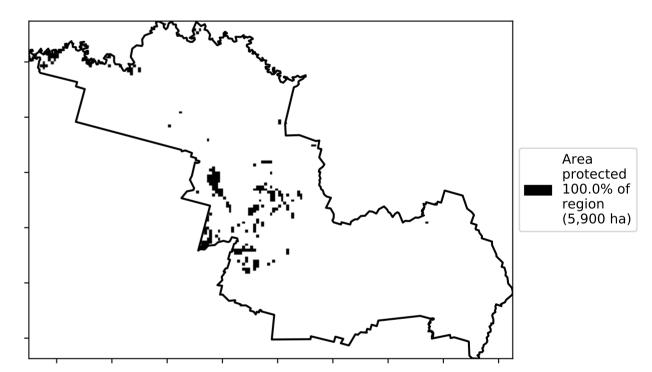


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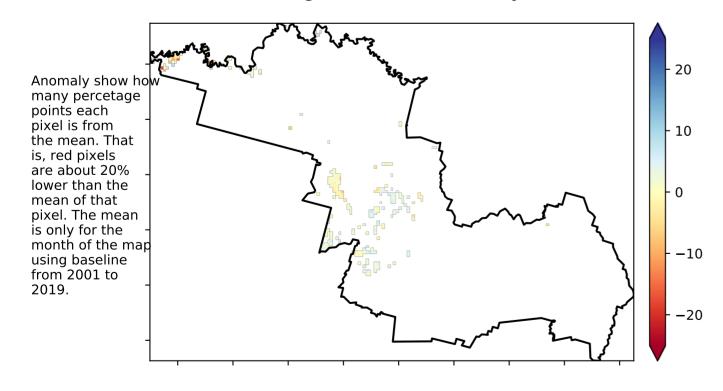


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

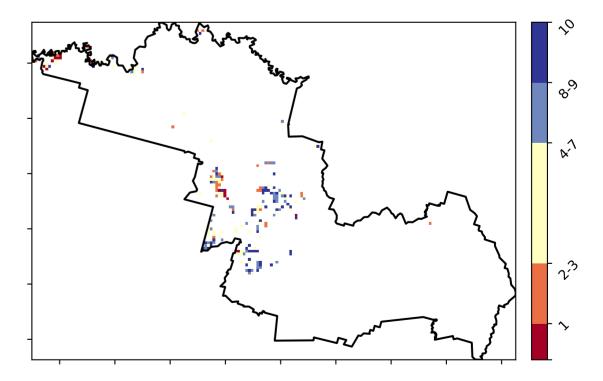




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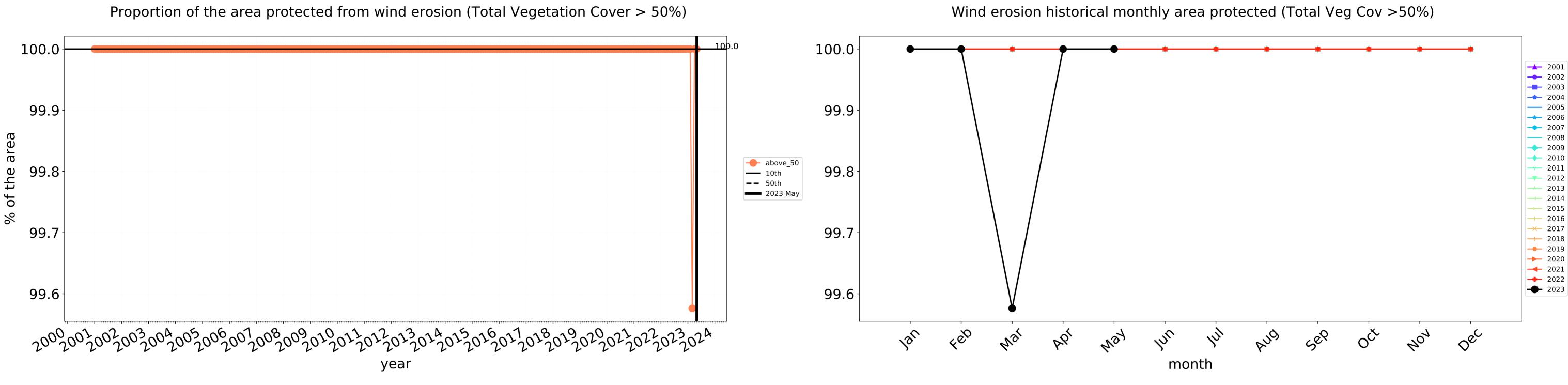


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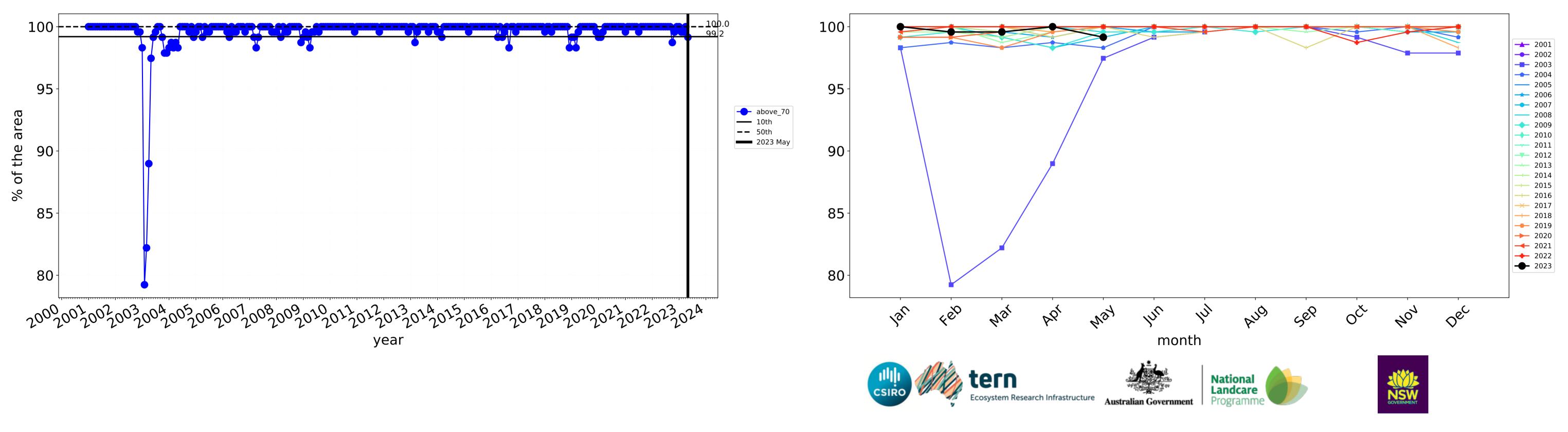




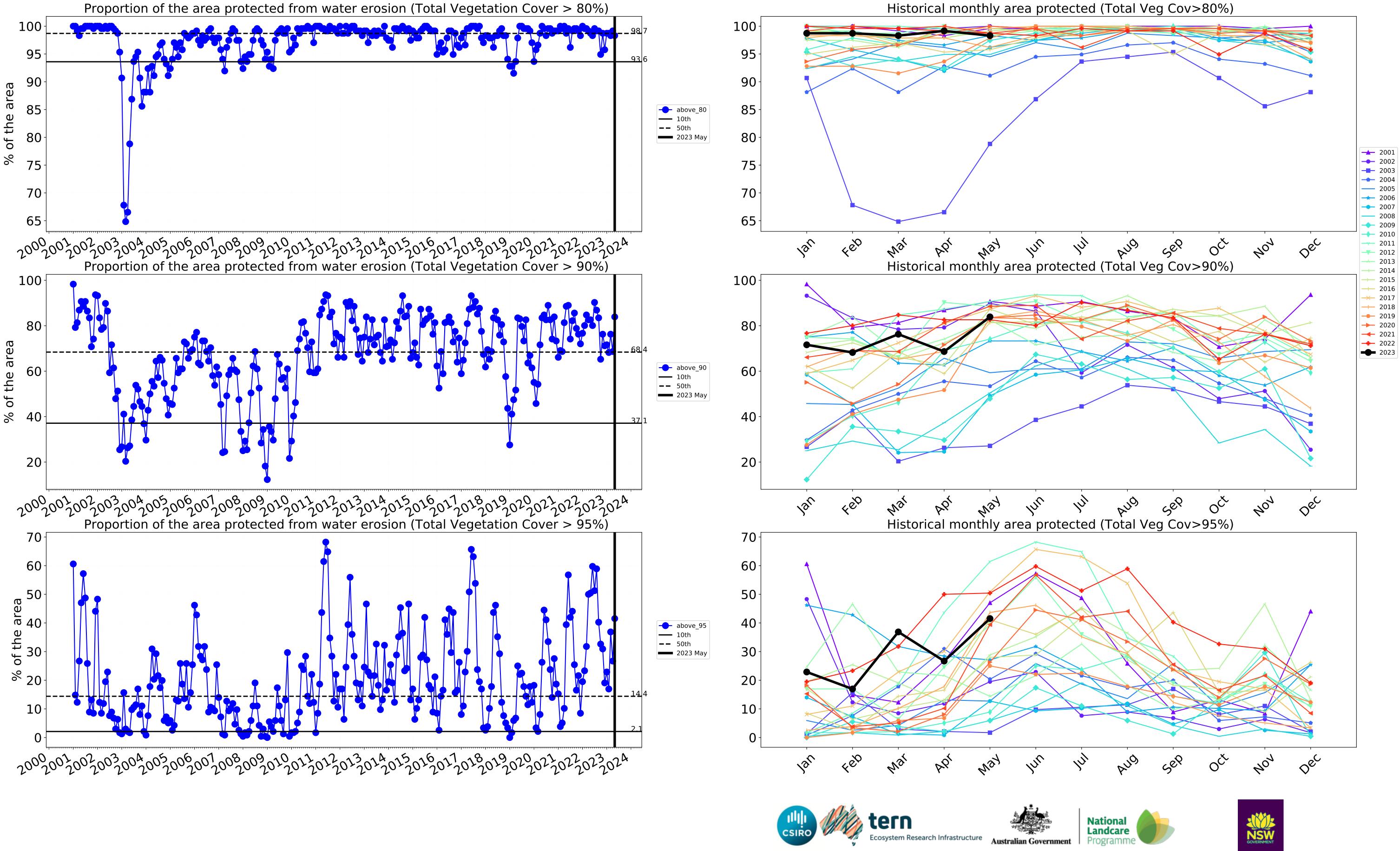
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries



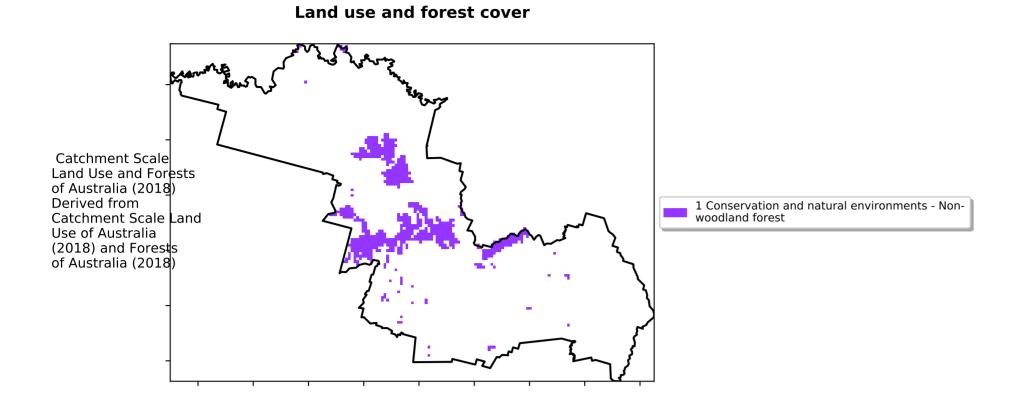
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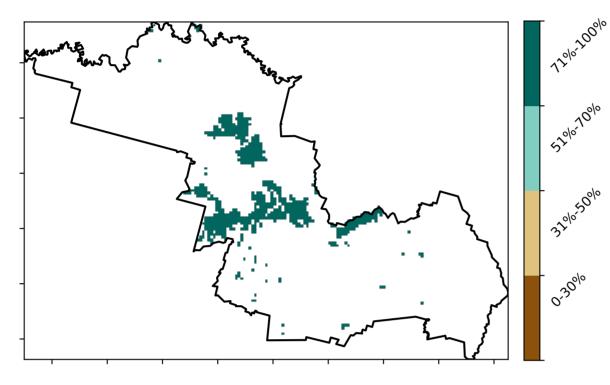
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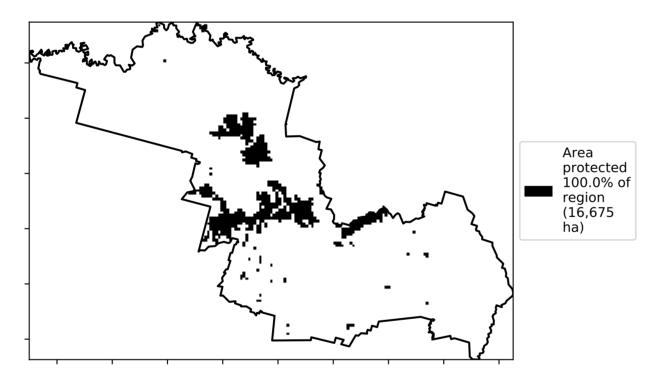
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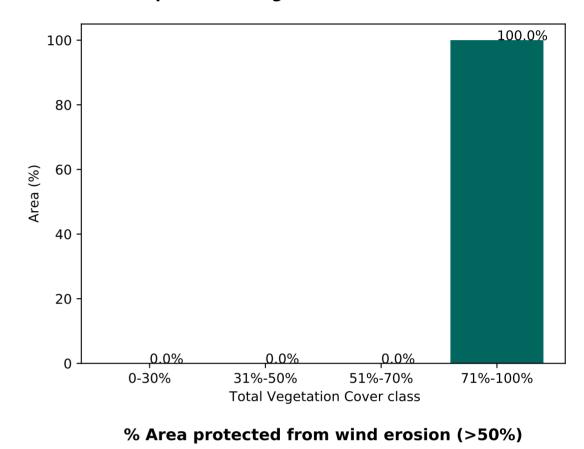
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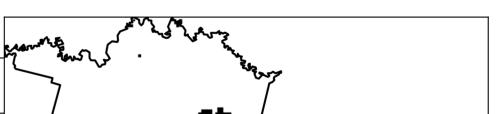


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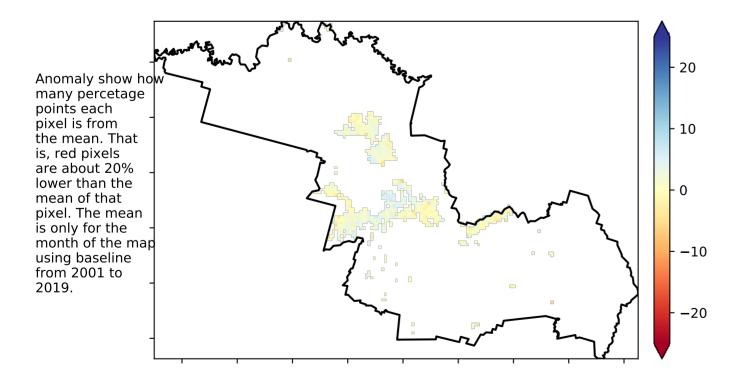


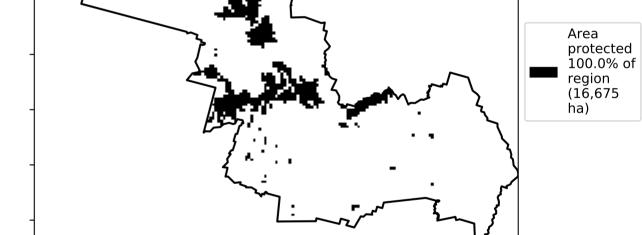
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



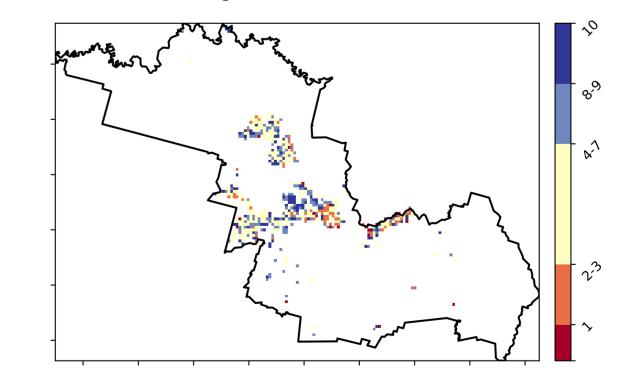


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

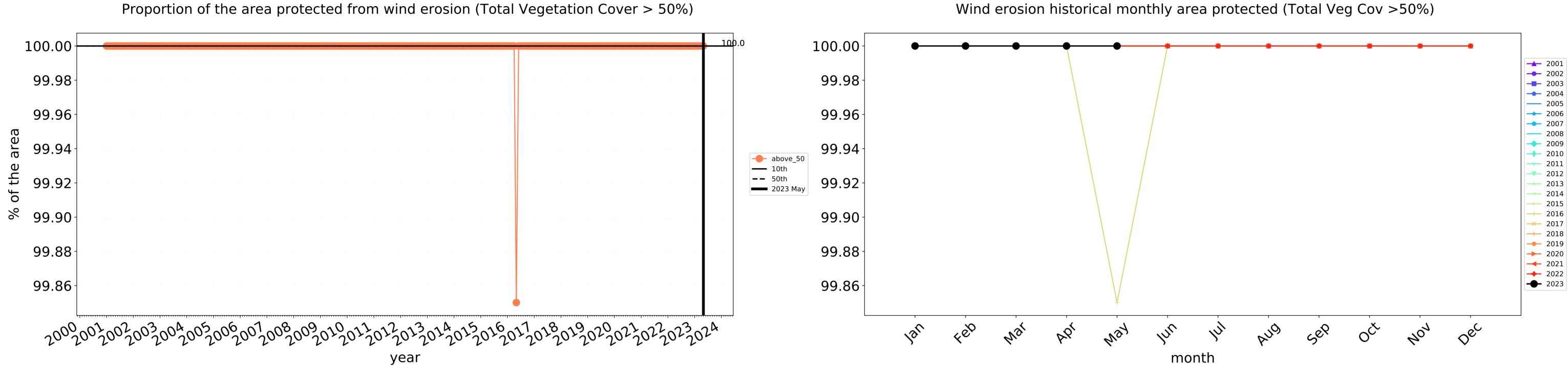


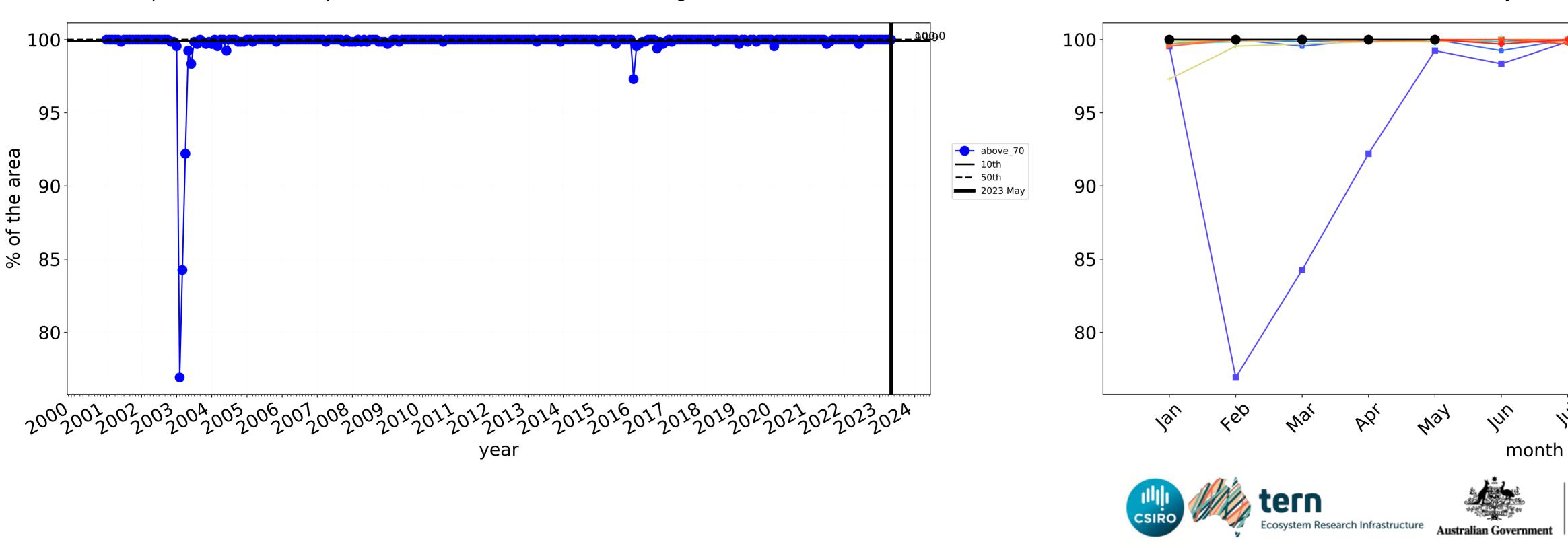


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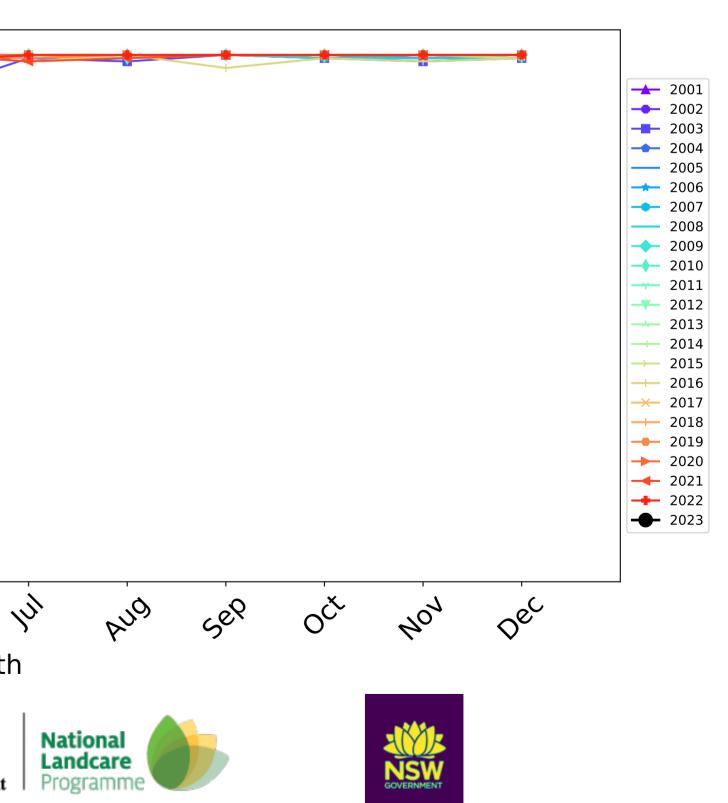
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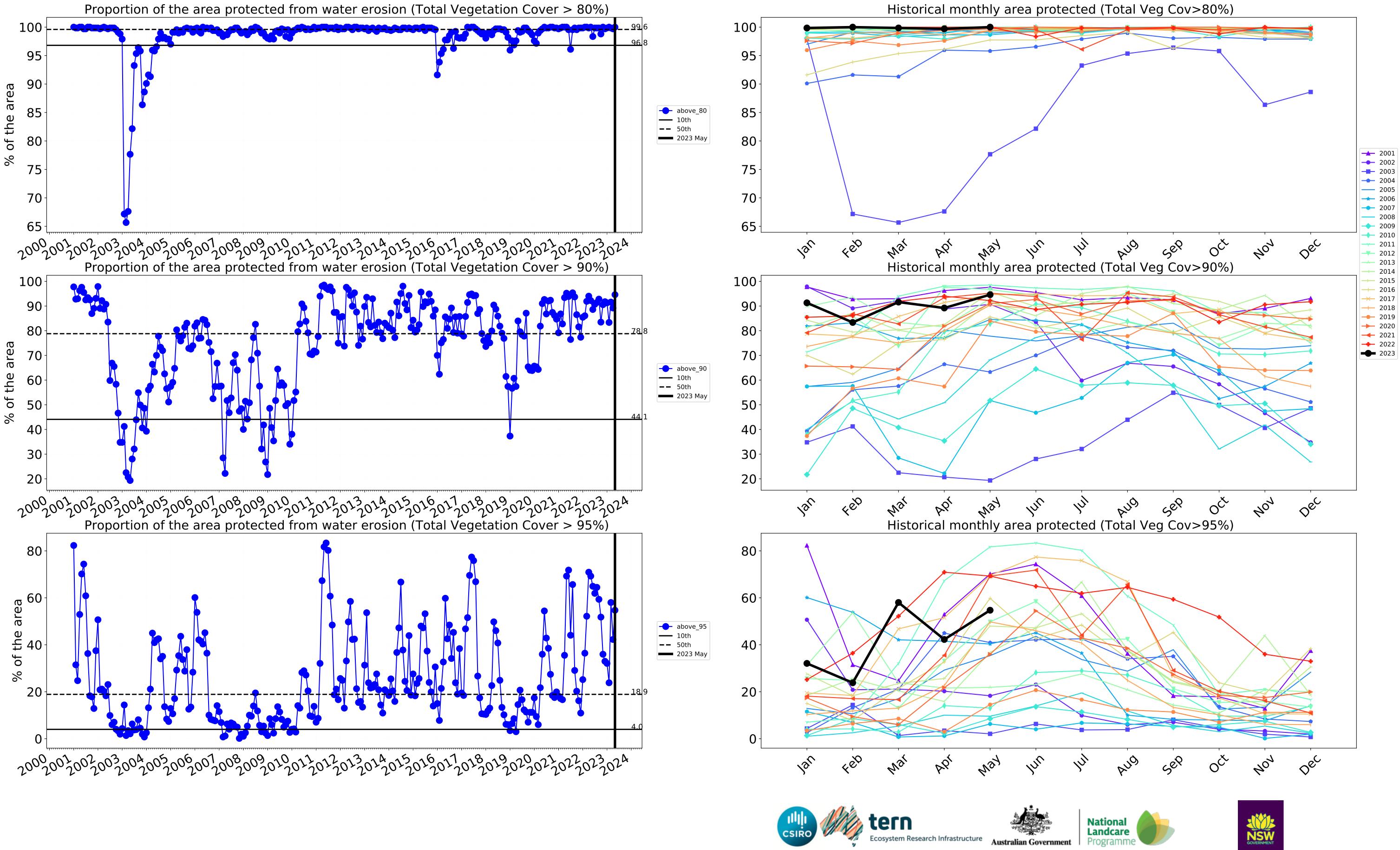
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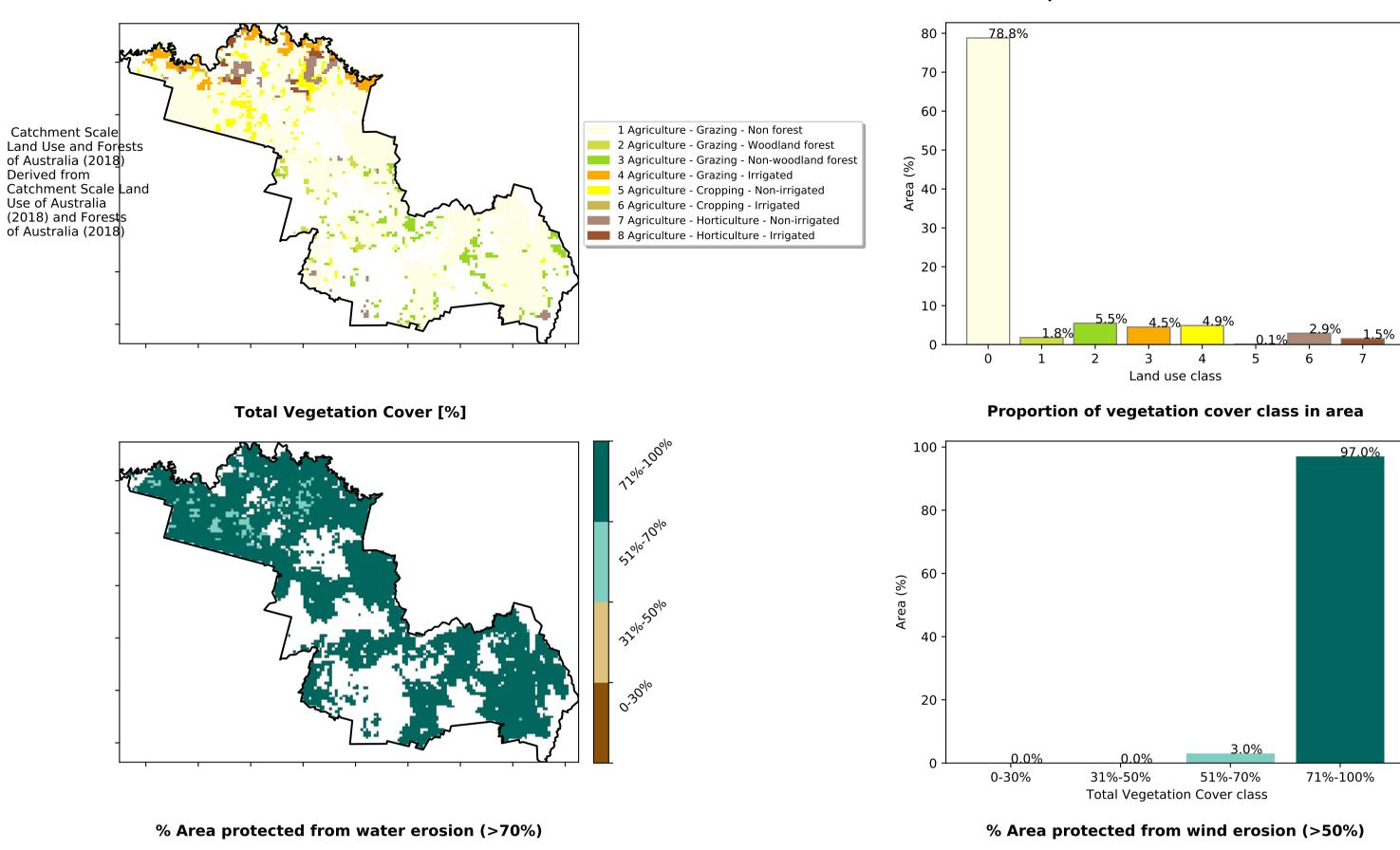


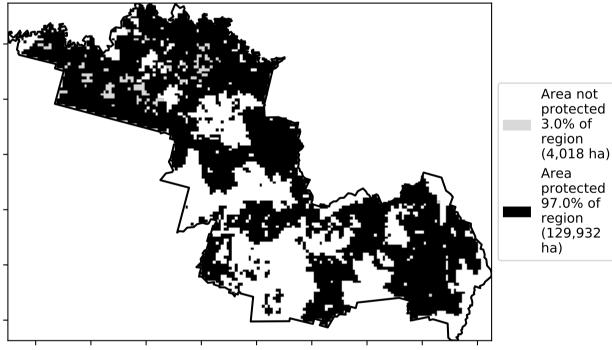


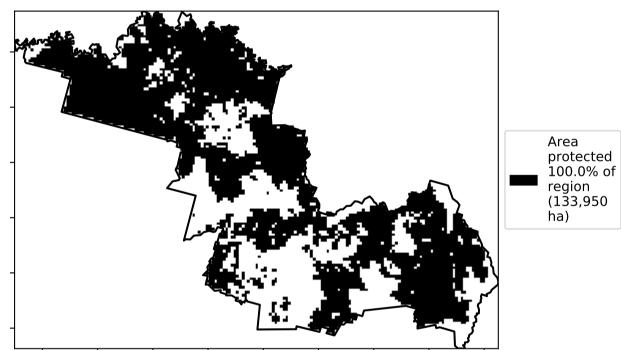
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

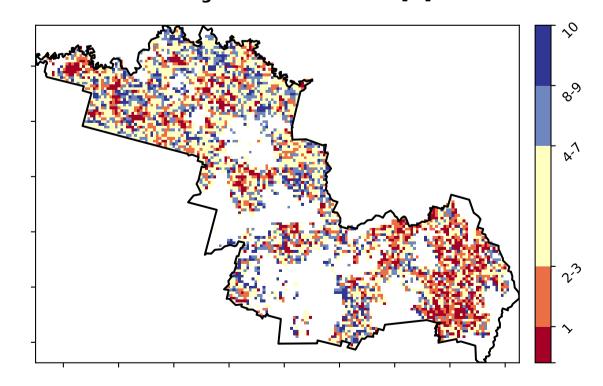
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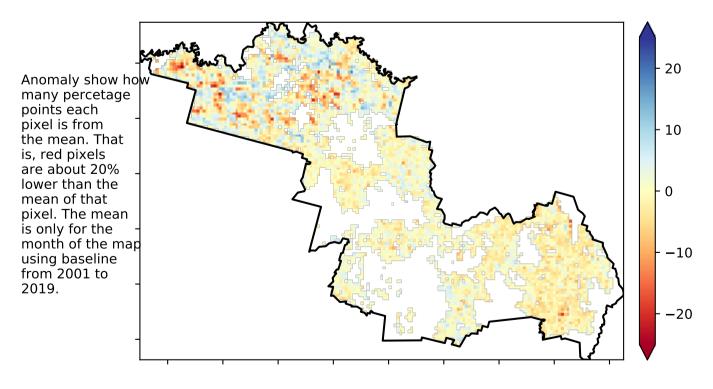


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



region (4,018 ha) protected . 97.0% of region (129,932

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



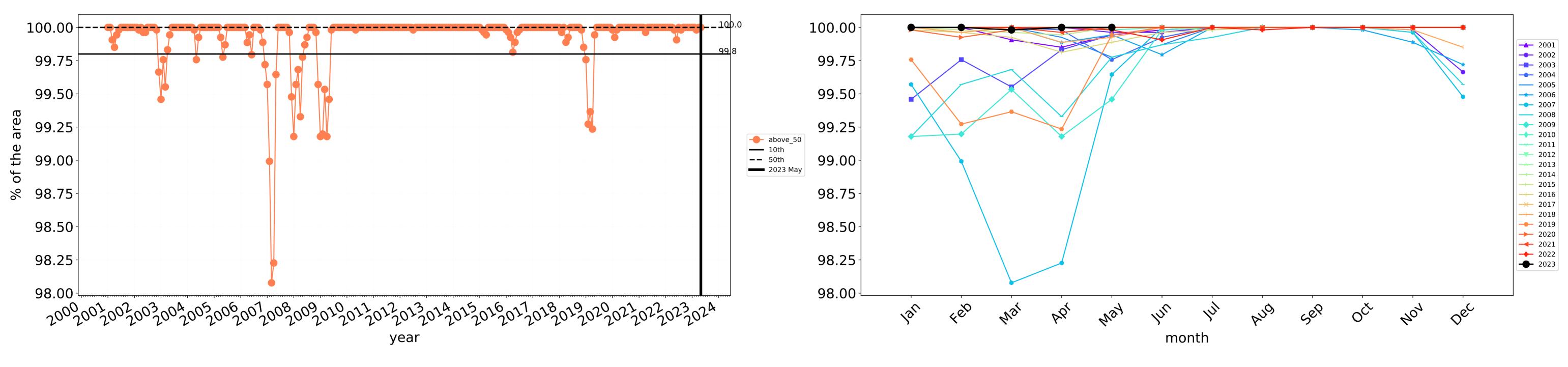


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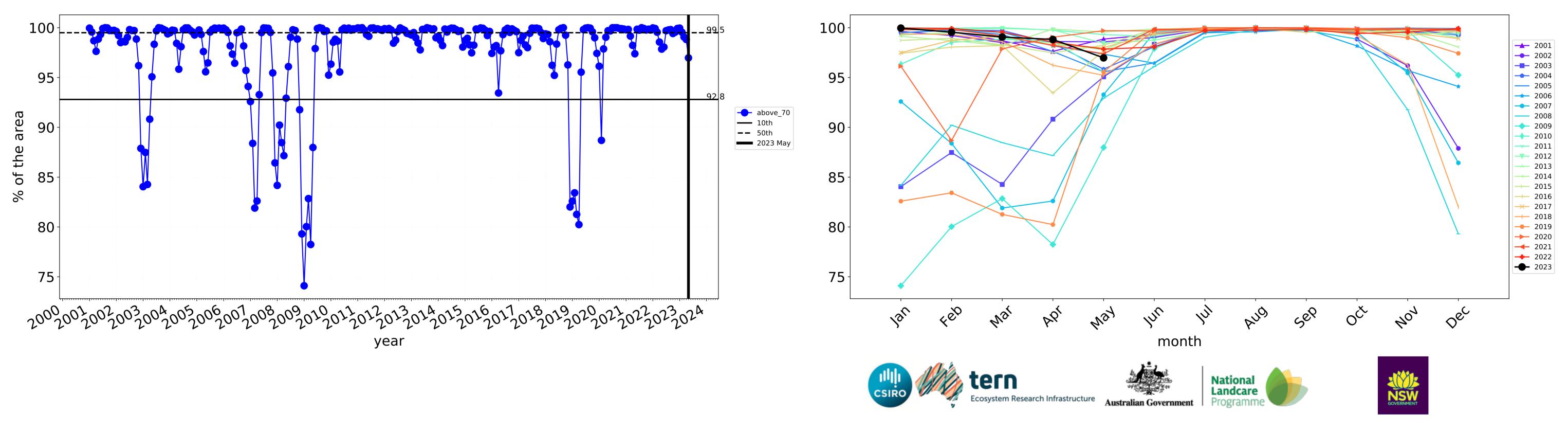
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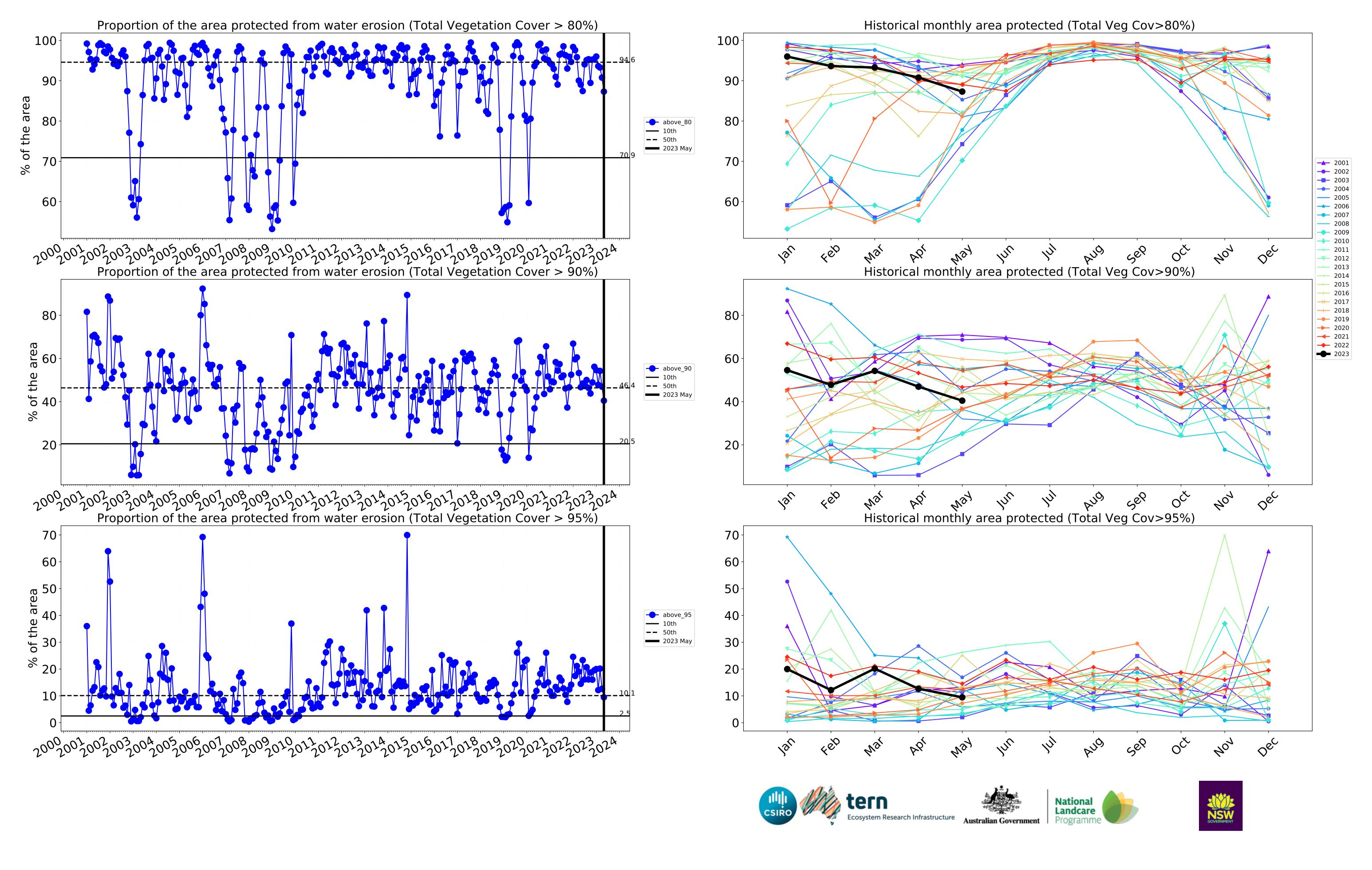


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

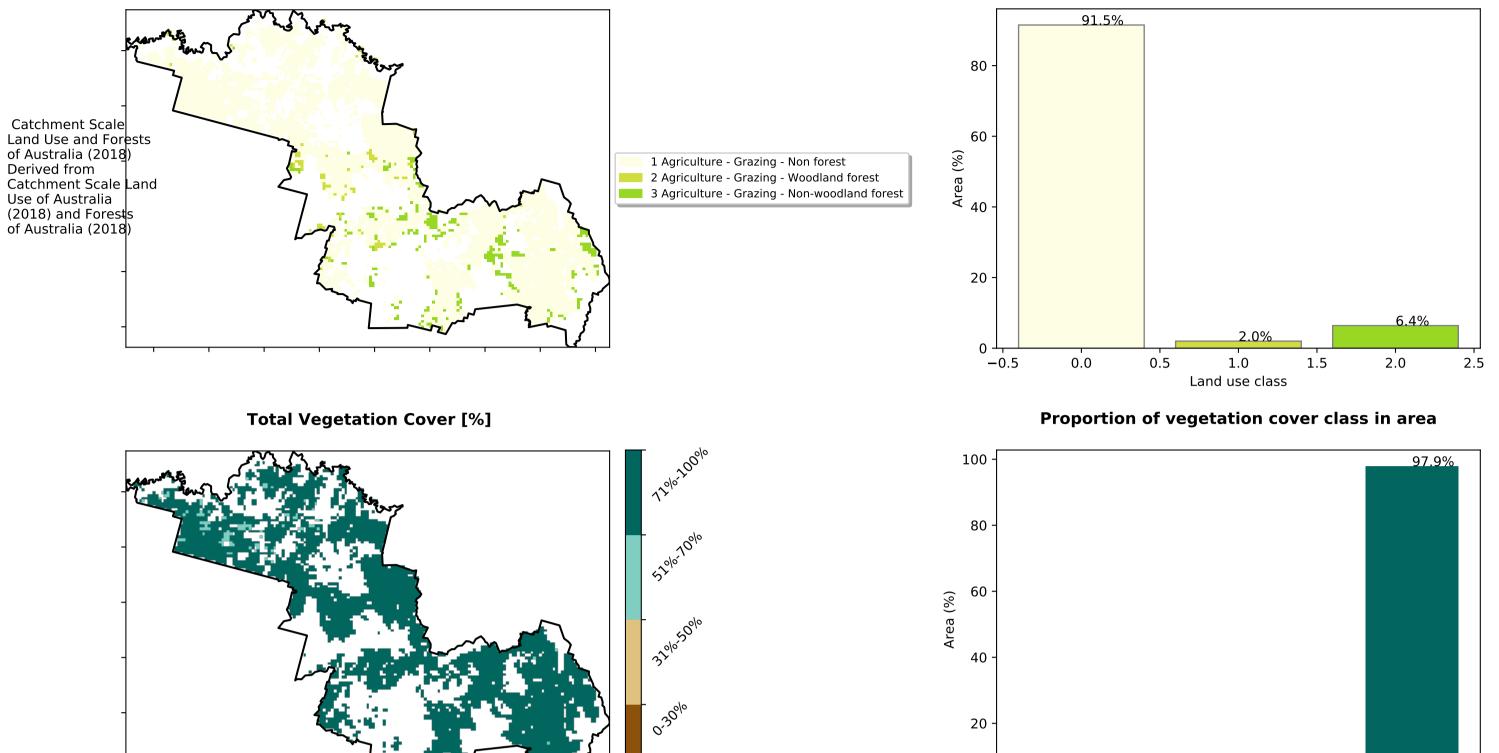
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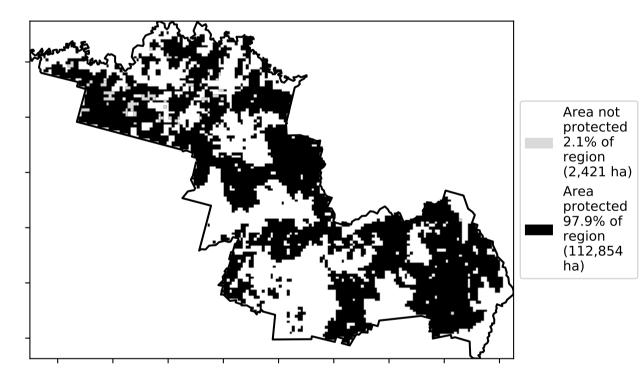
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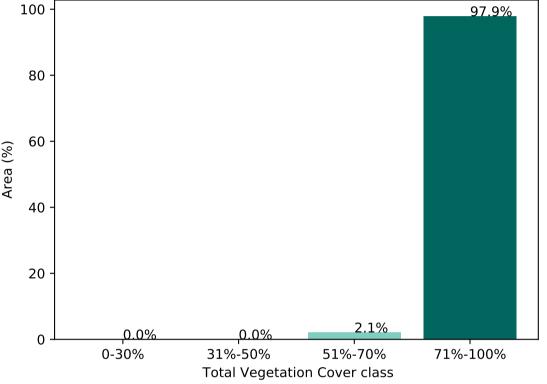
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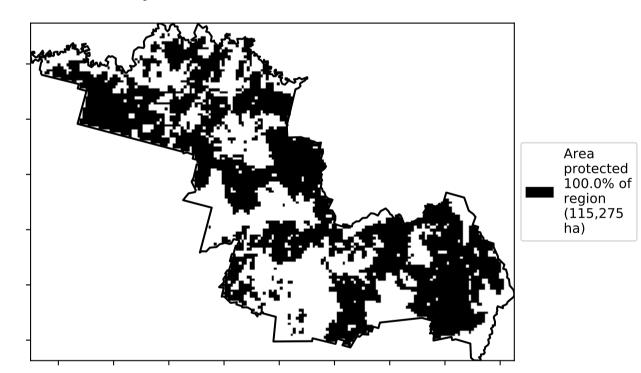


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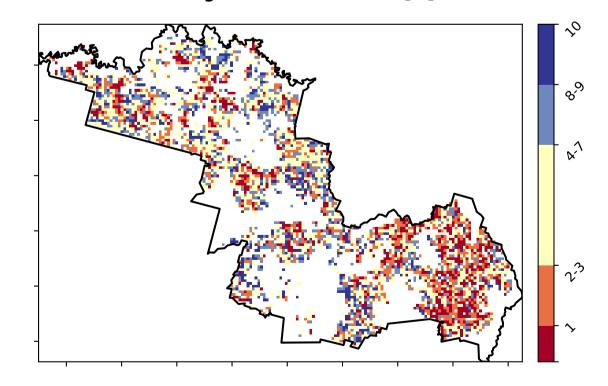




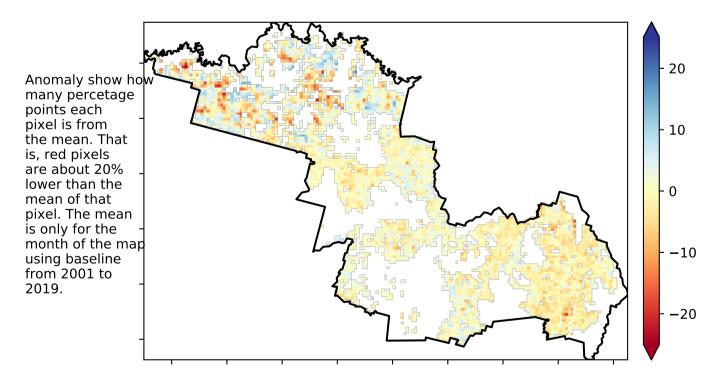
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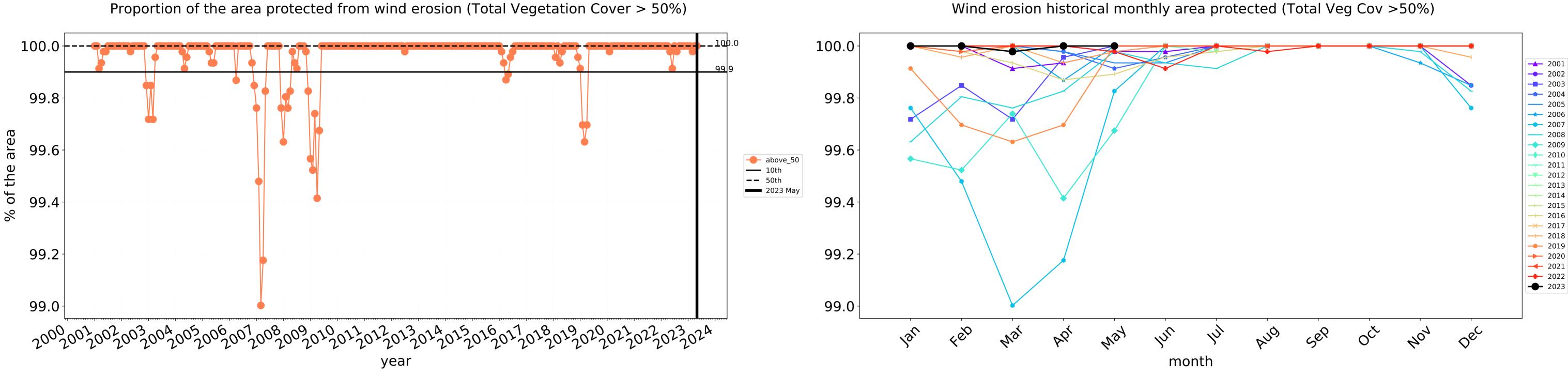
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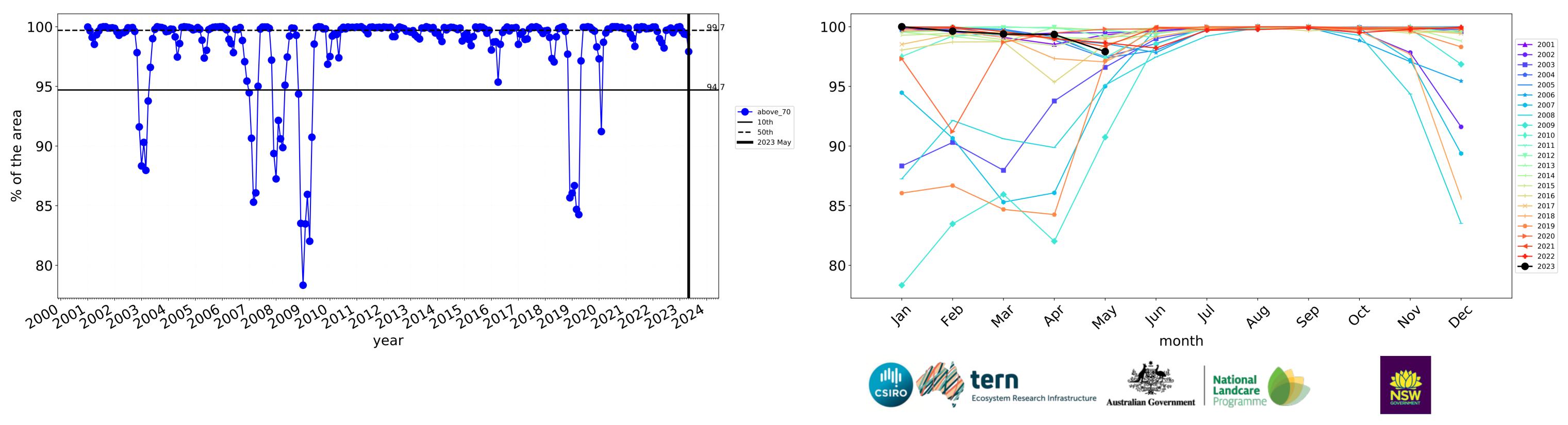


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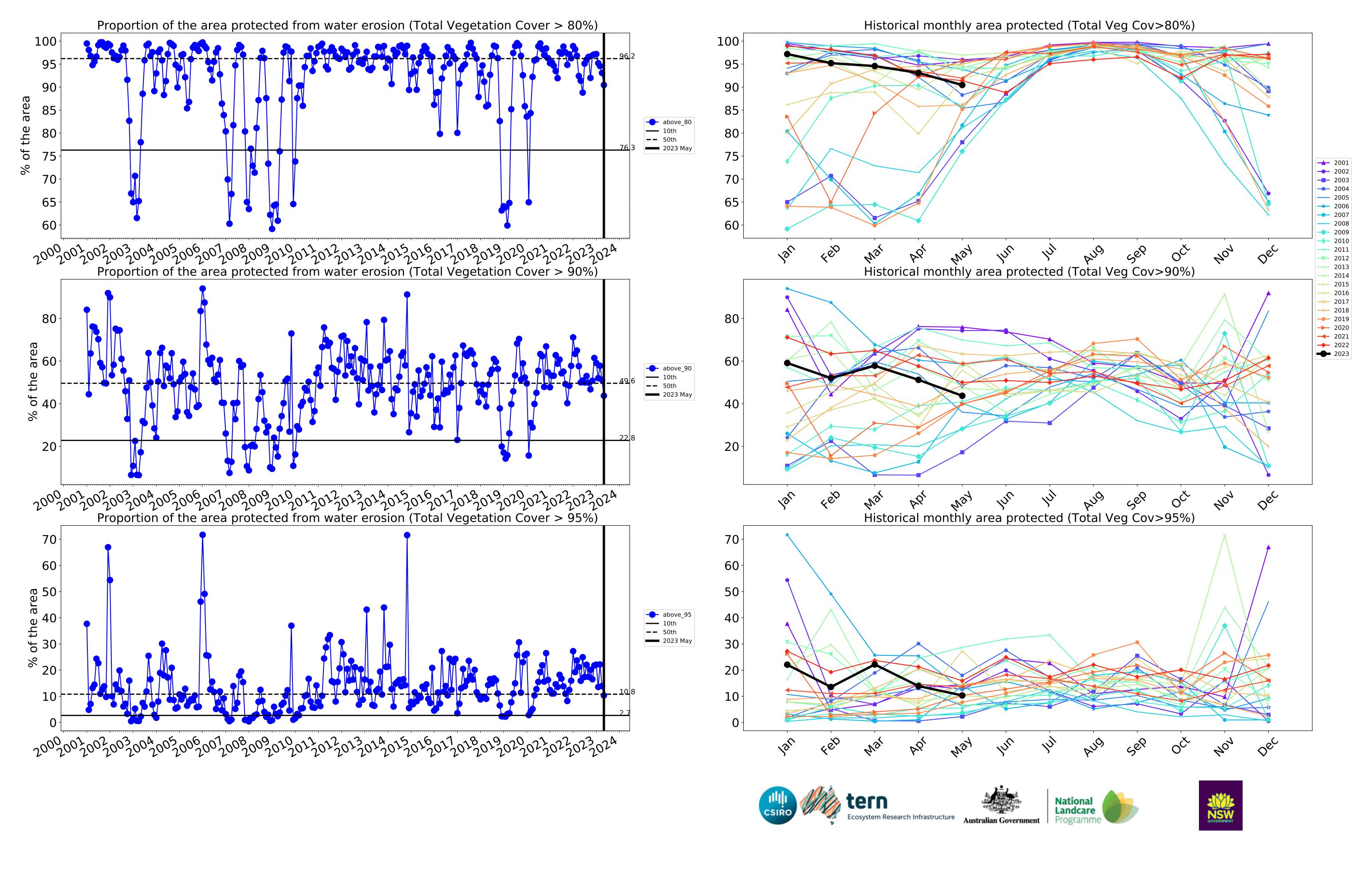
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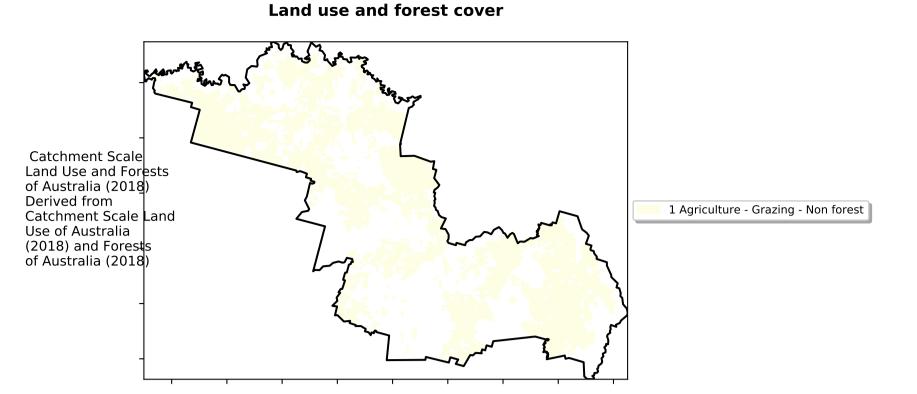
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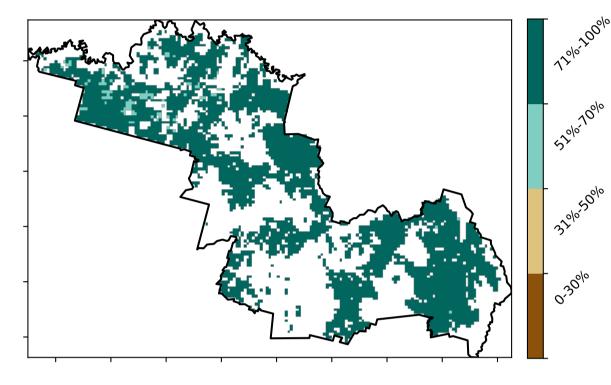
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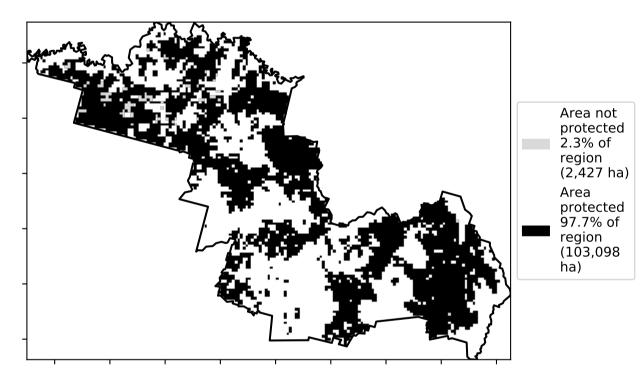
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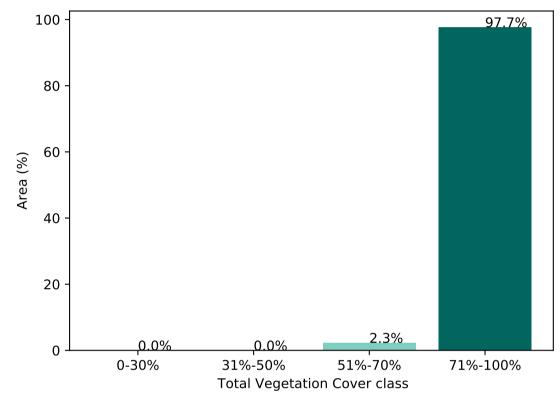
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



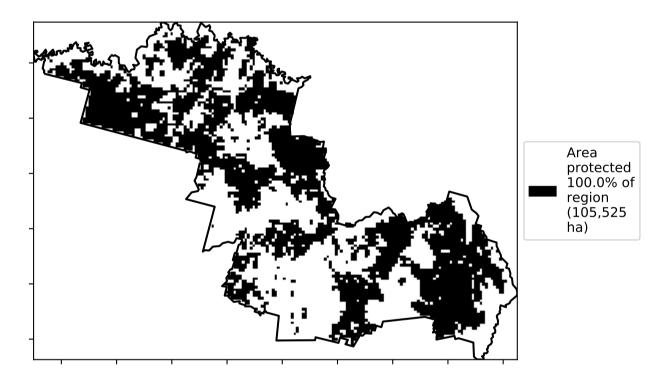
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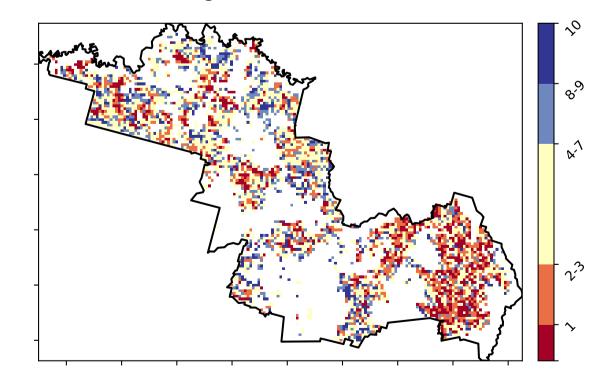
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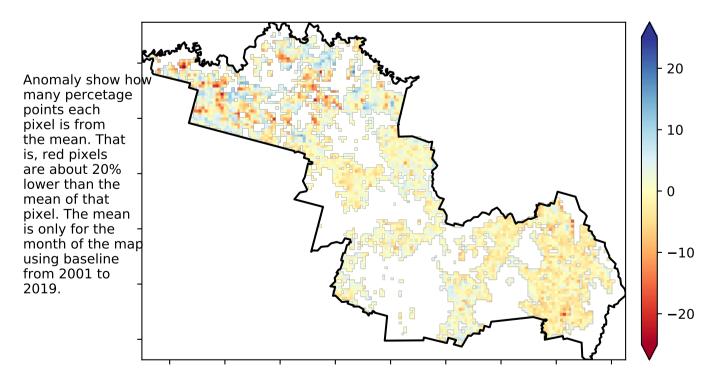
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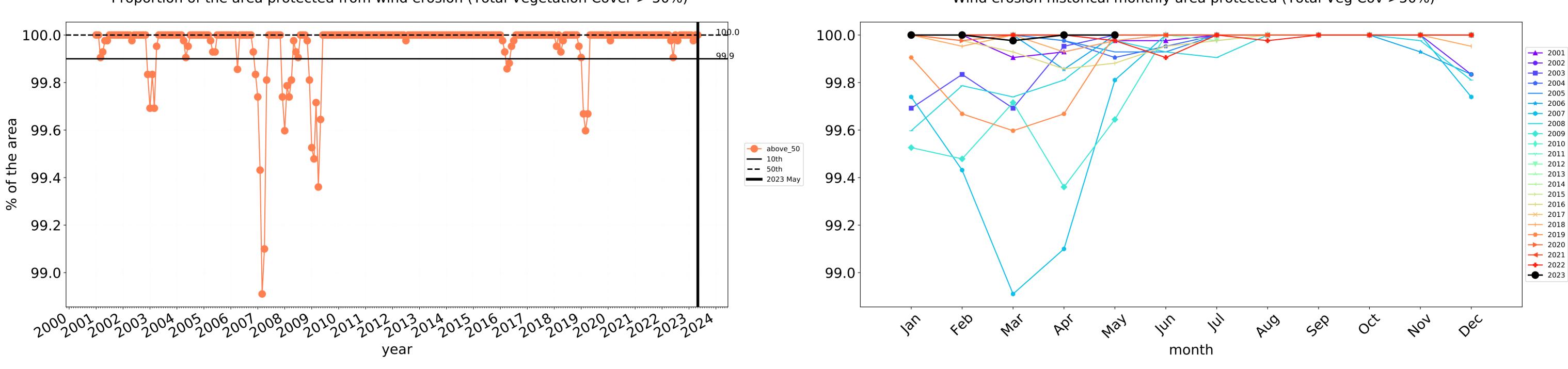


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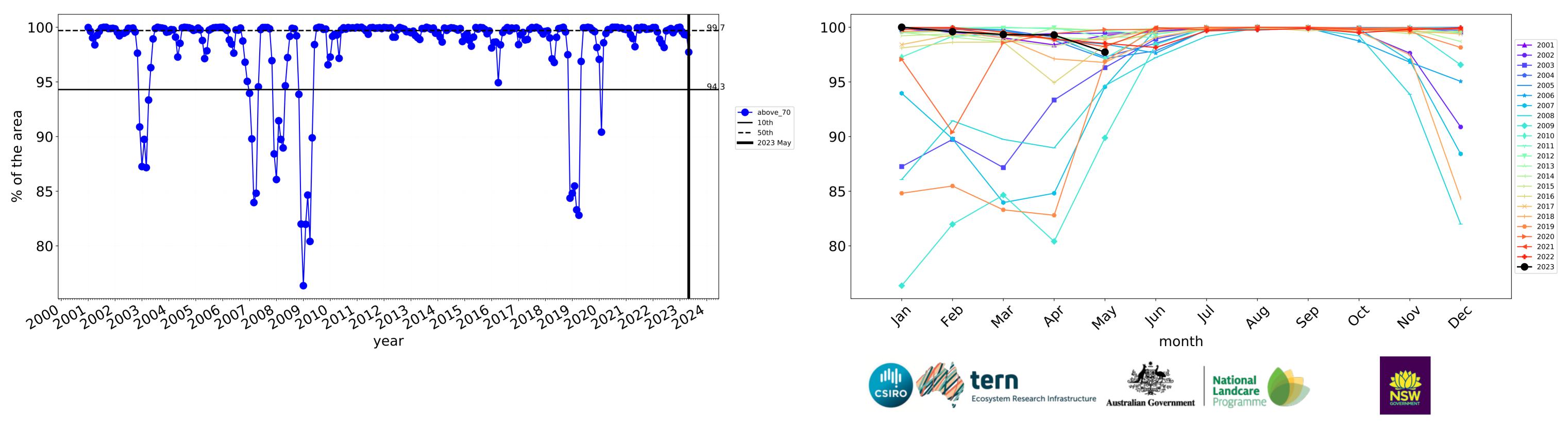




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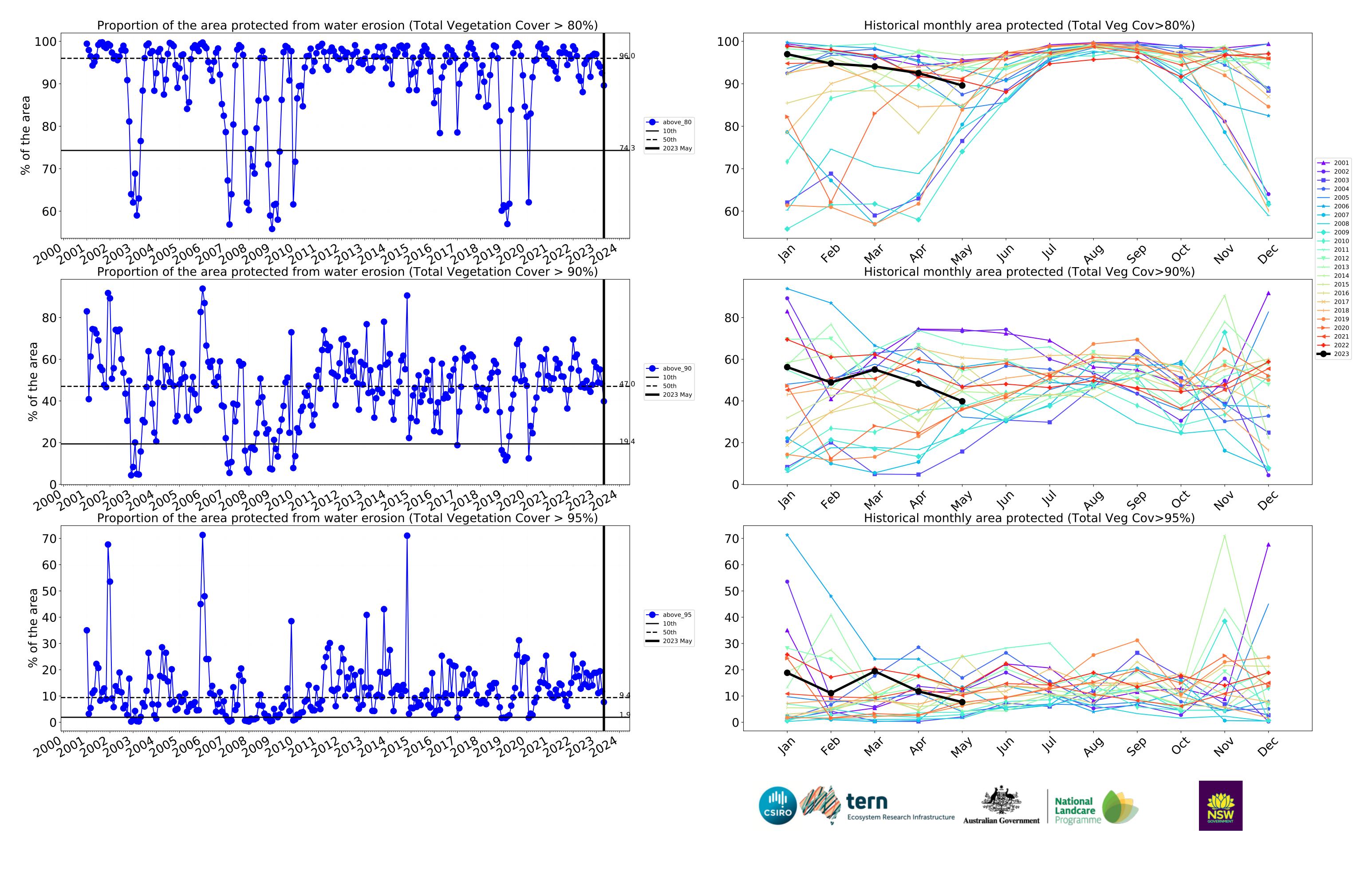


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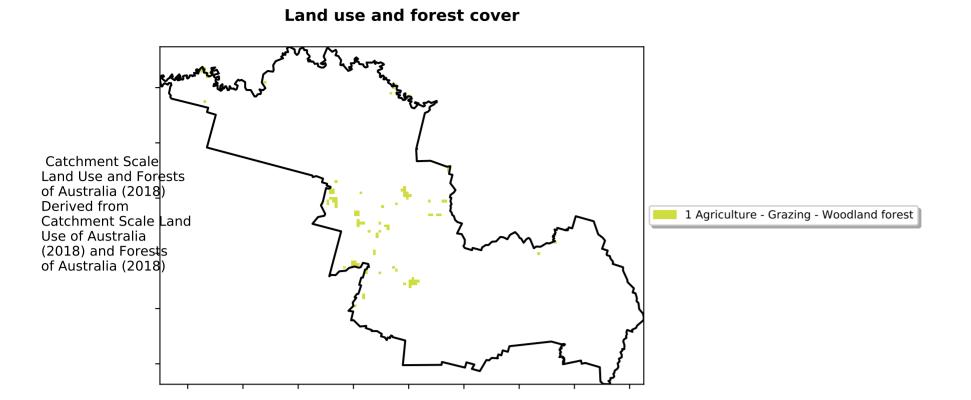


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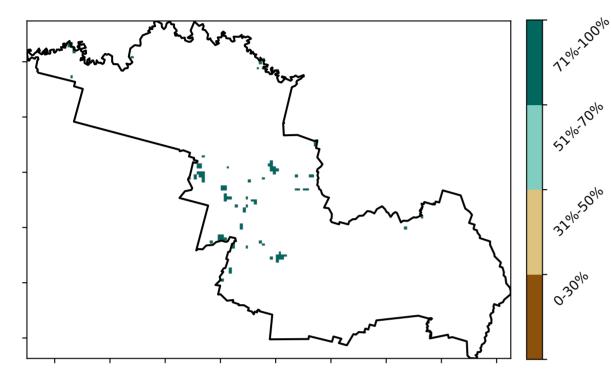
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Grazing Woodland forest



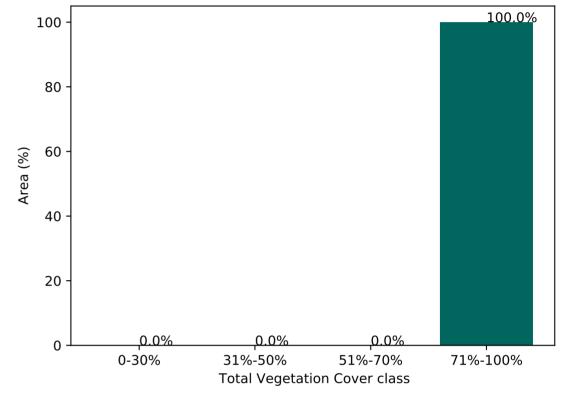
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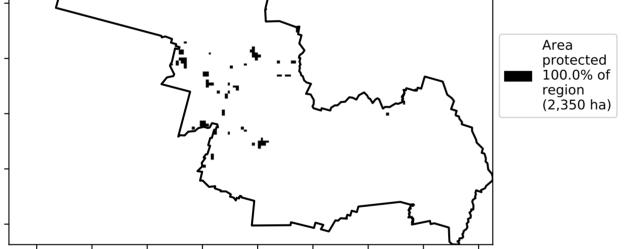


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

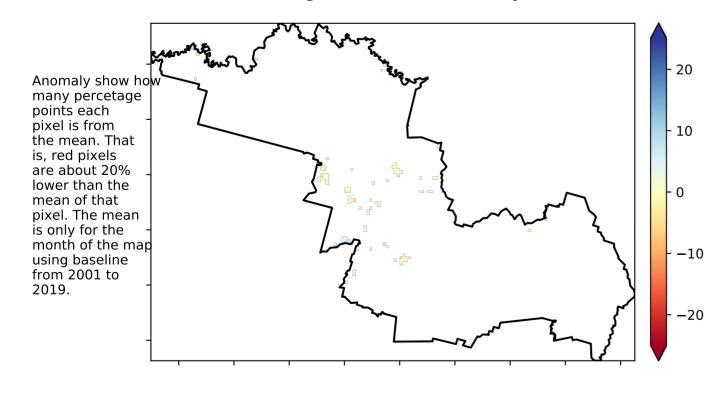


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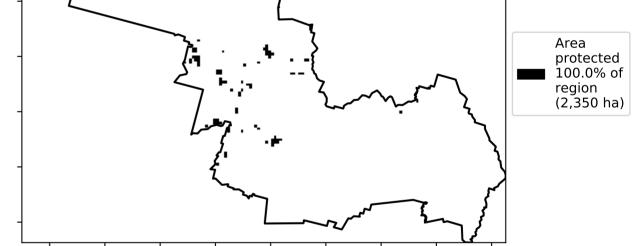


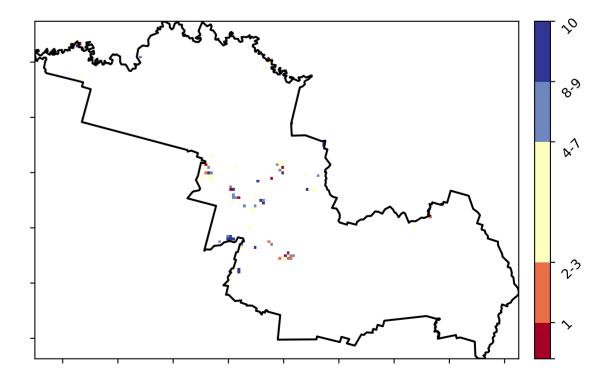


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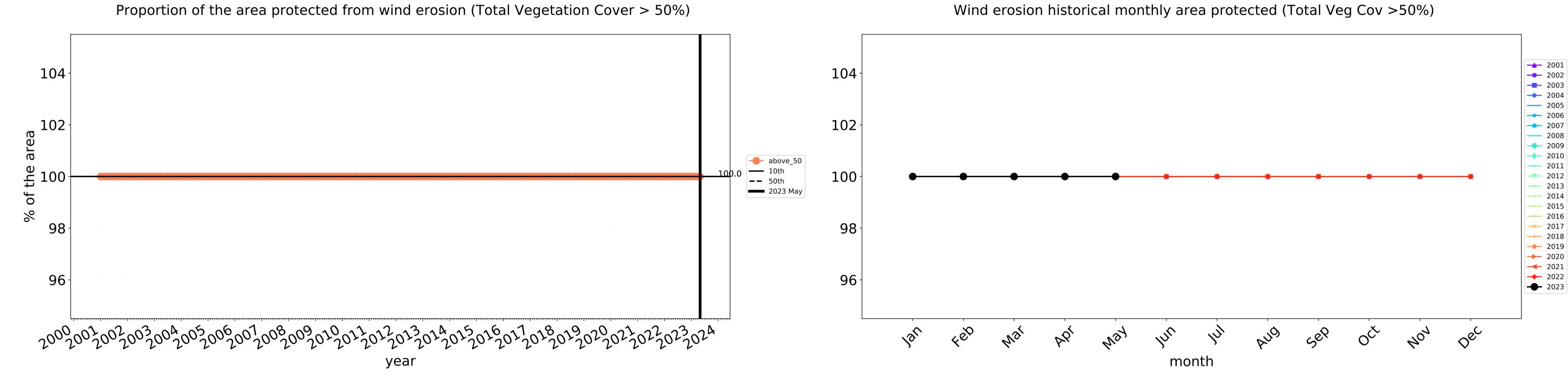
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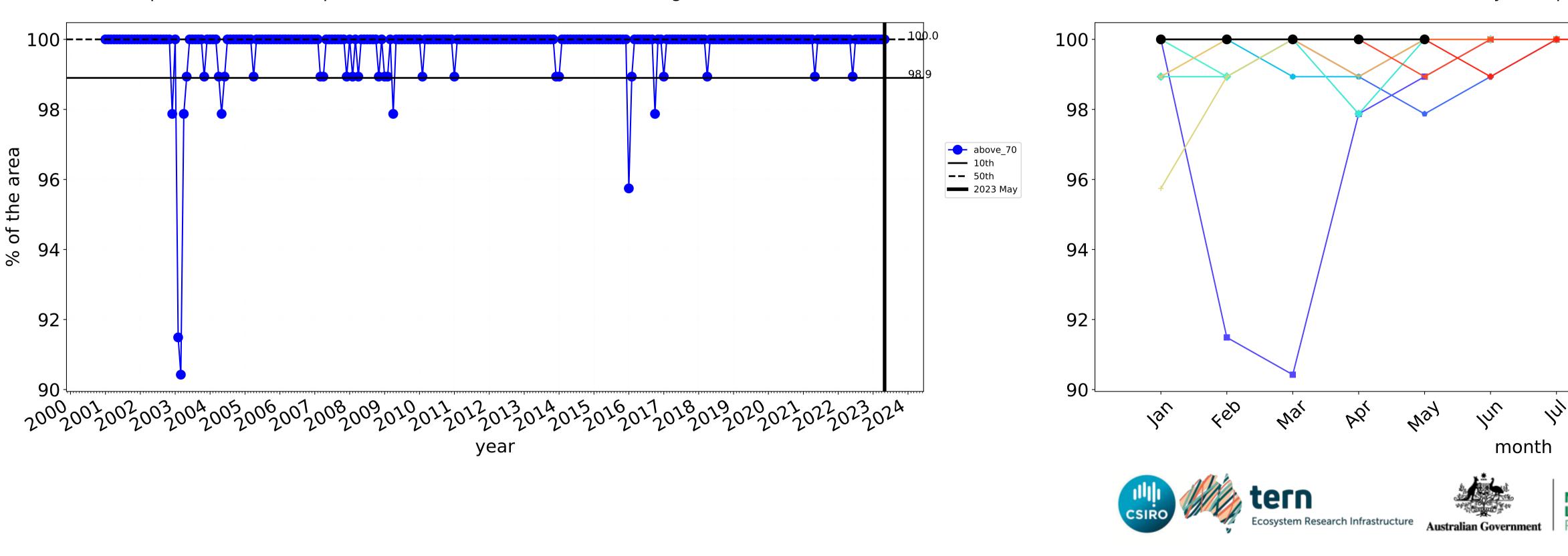




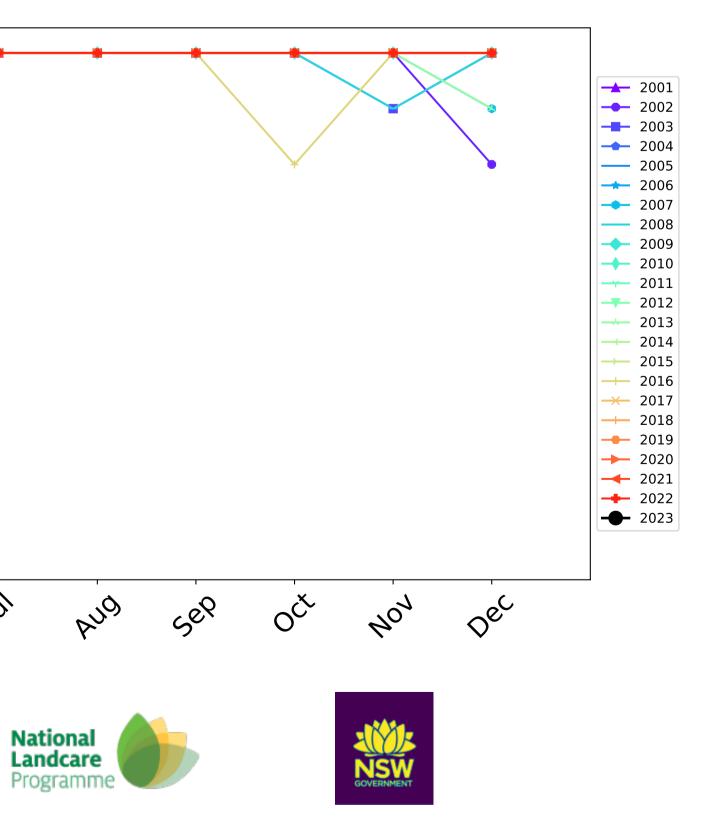


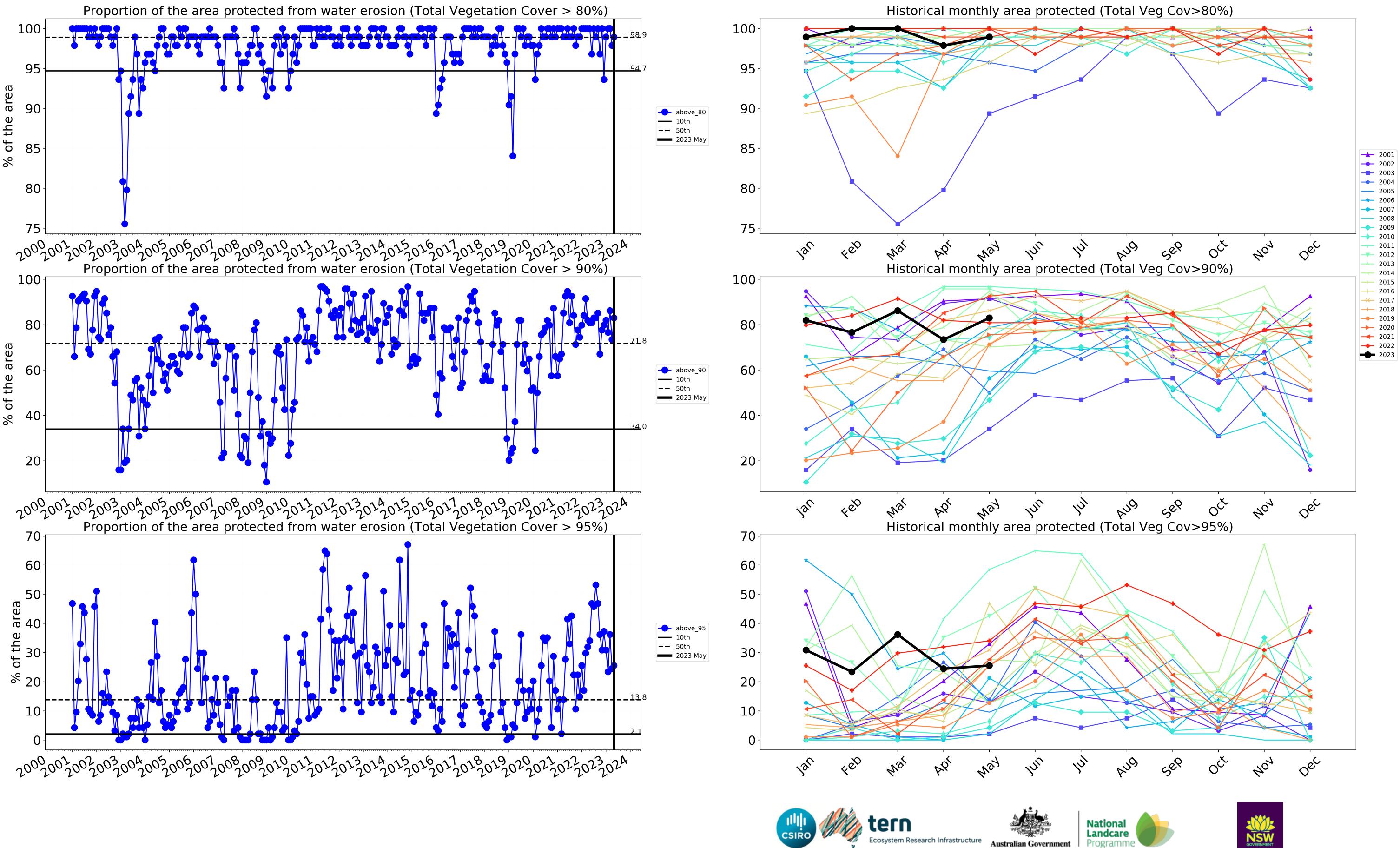
Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

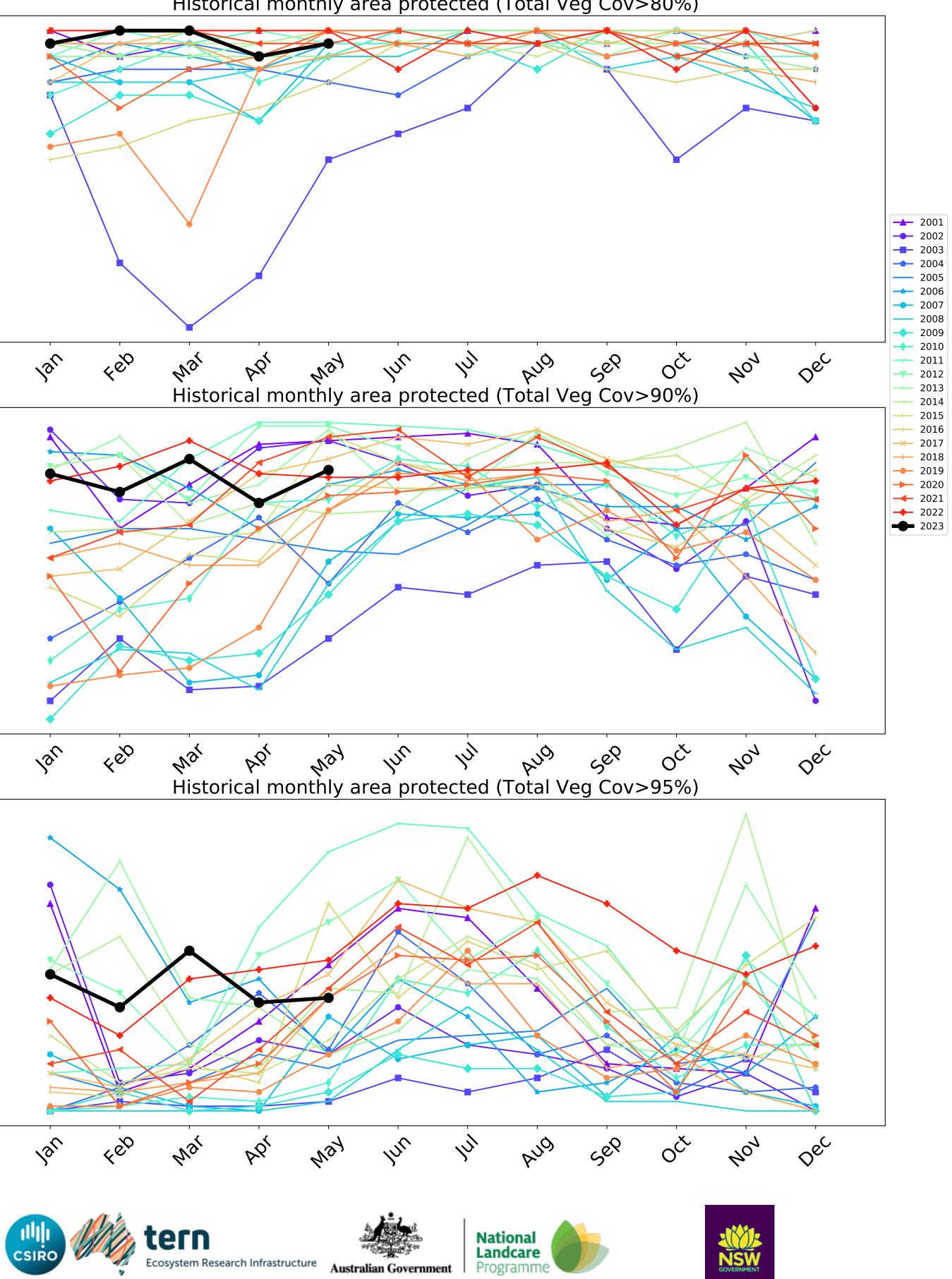




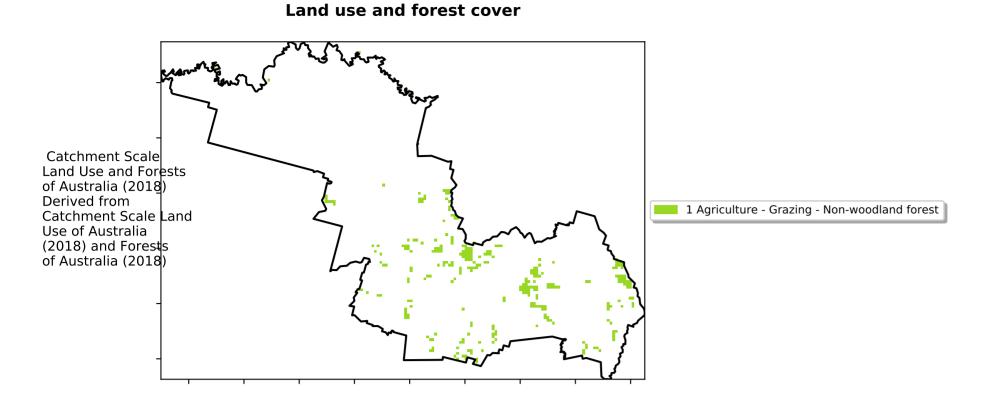
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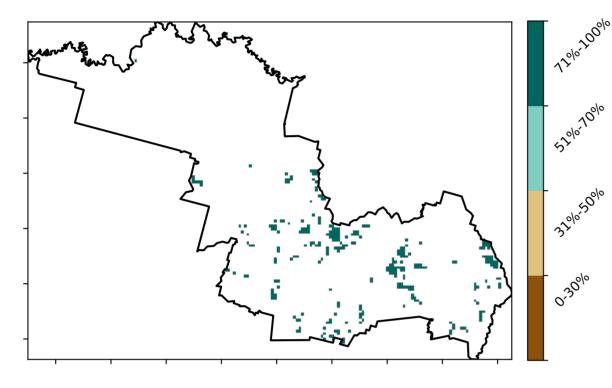




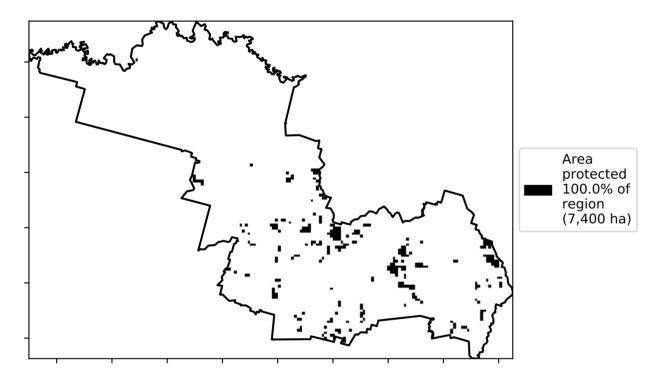
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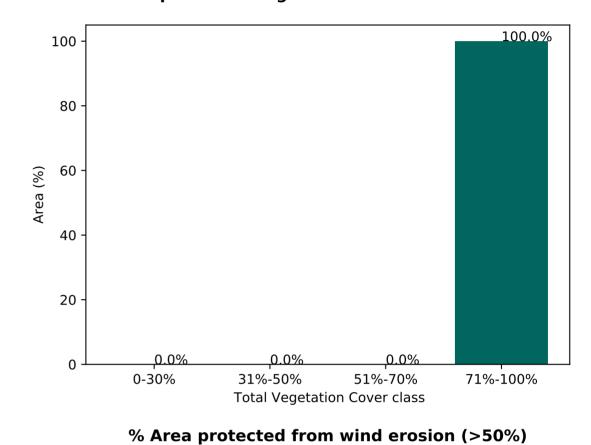
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

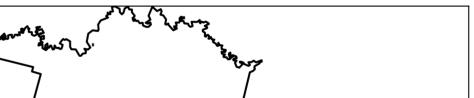


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

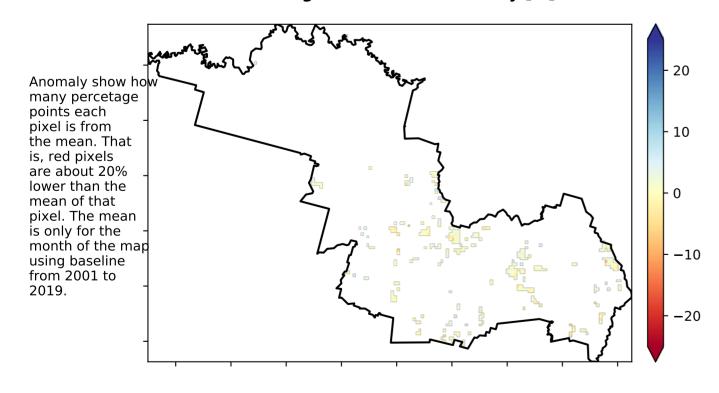


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

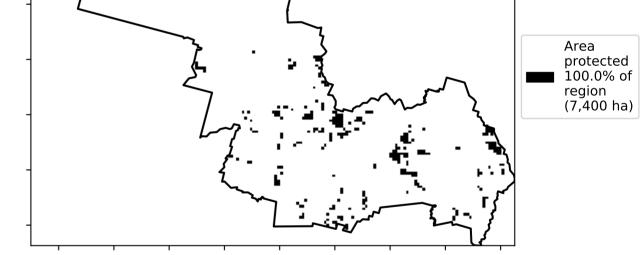


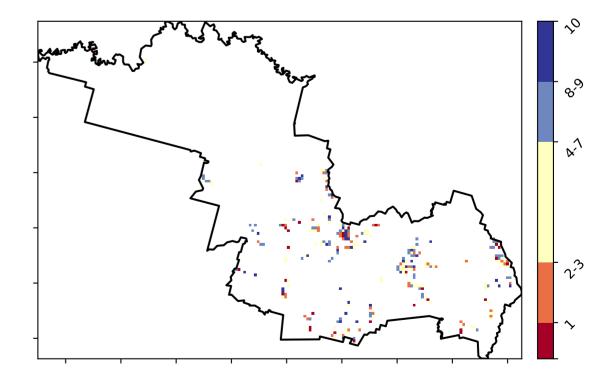


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

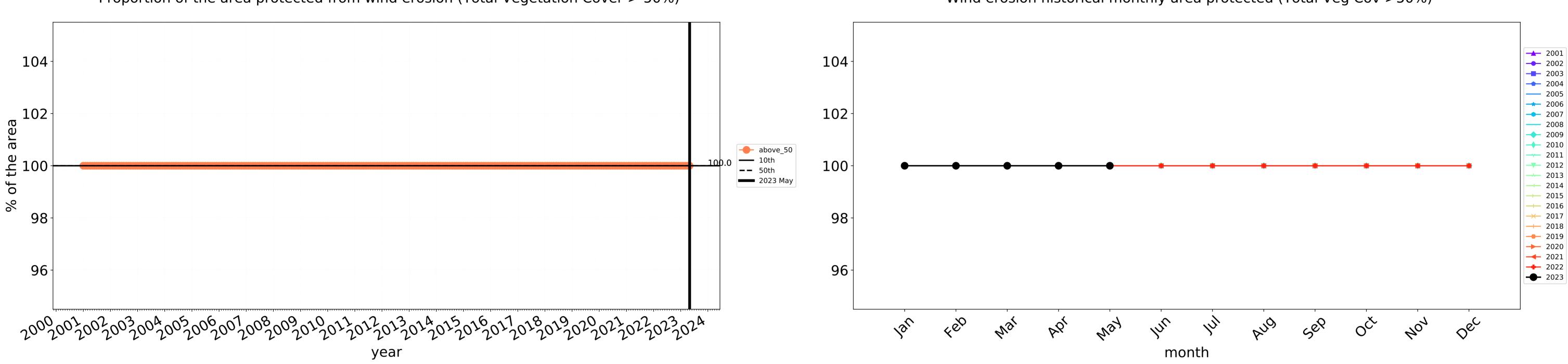


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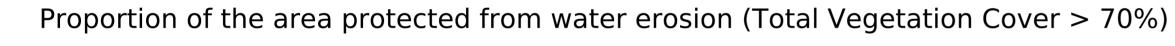


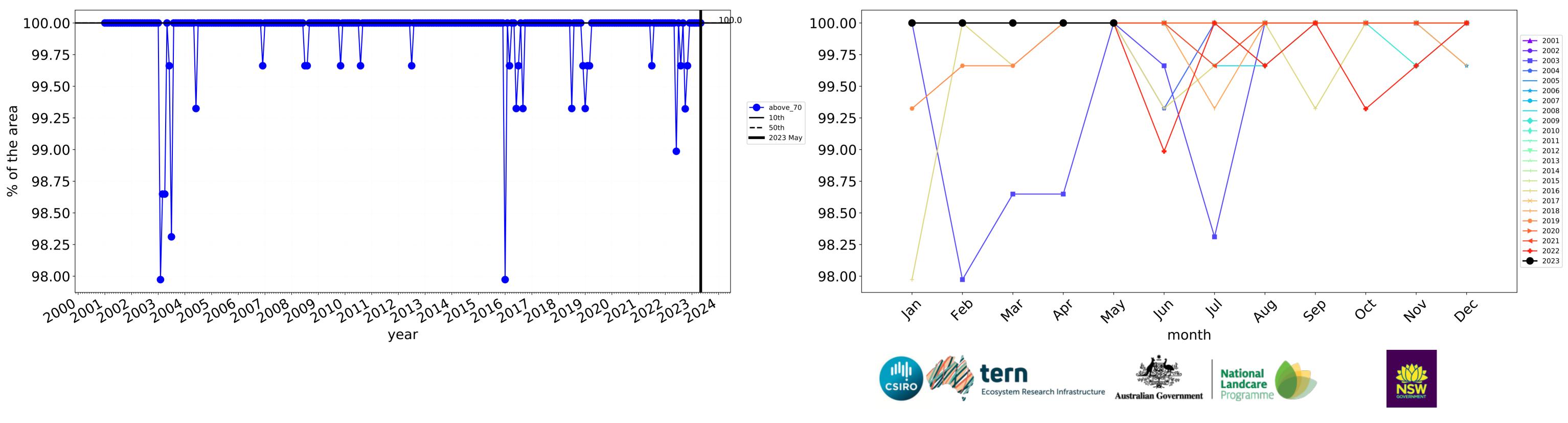






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

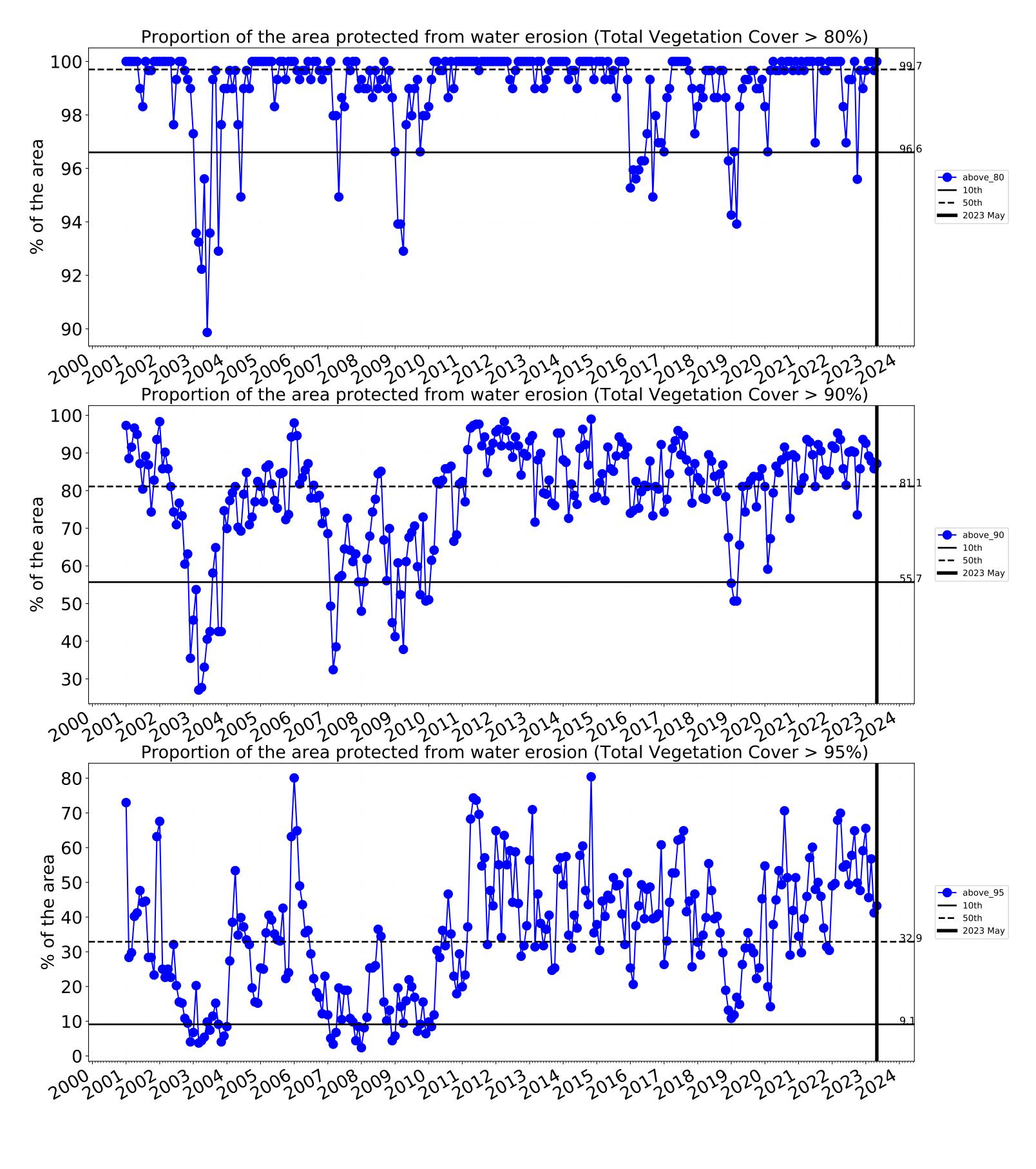




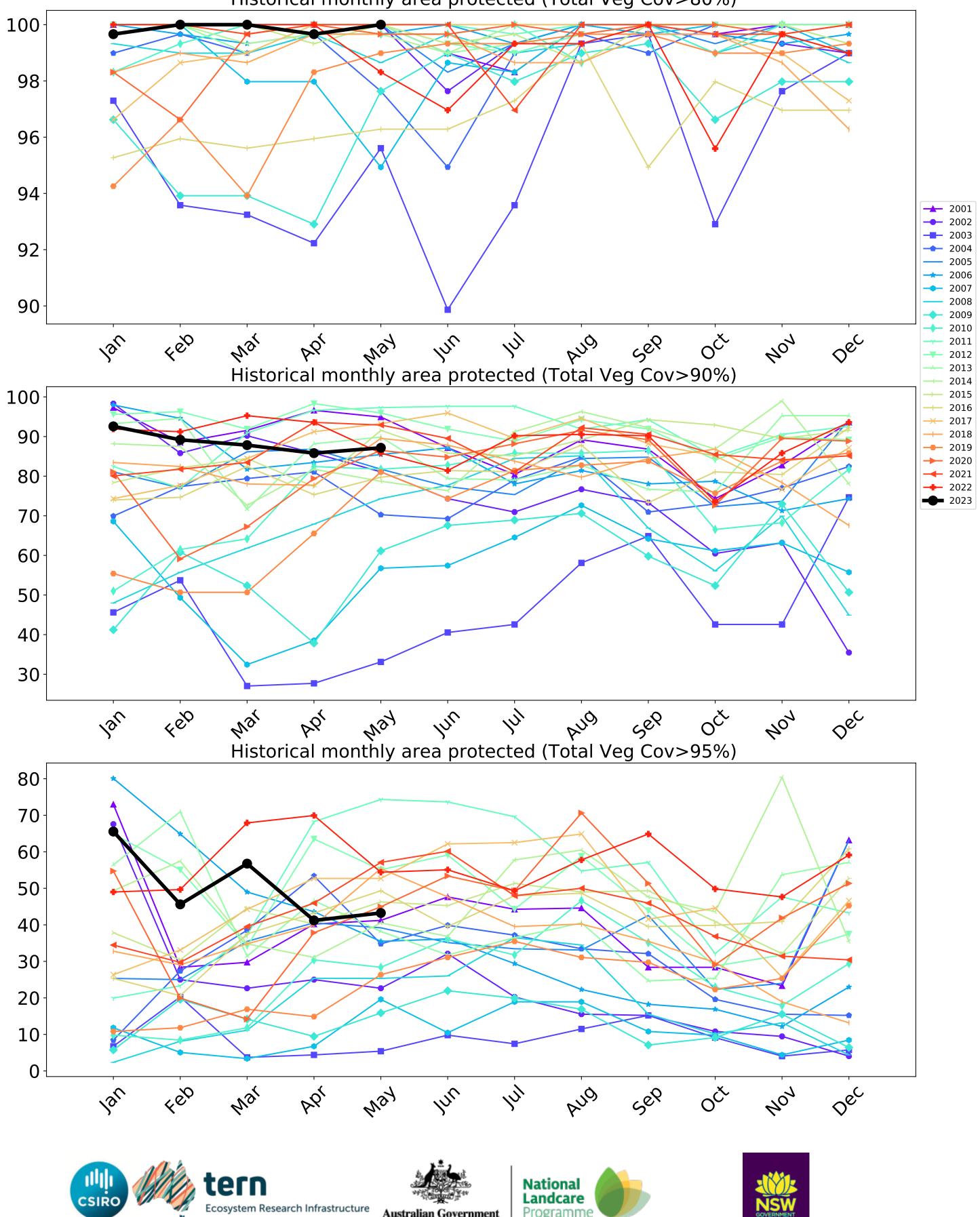
Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

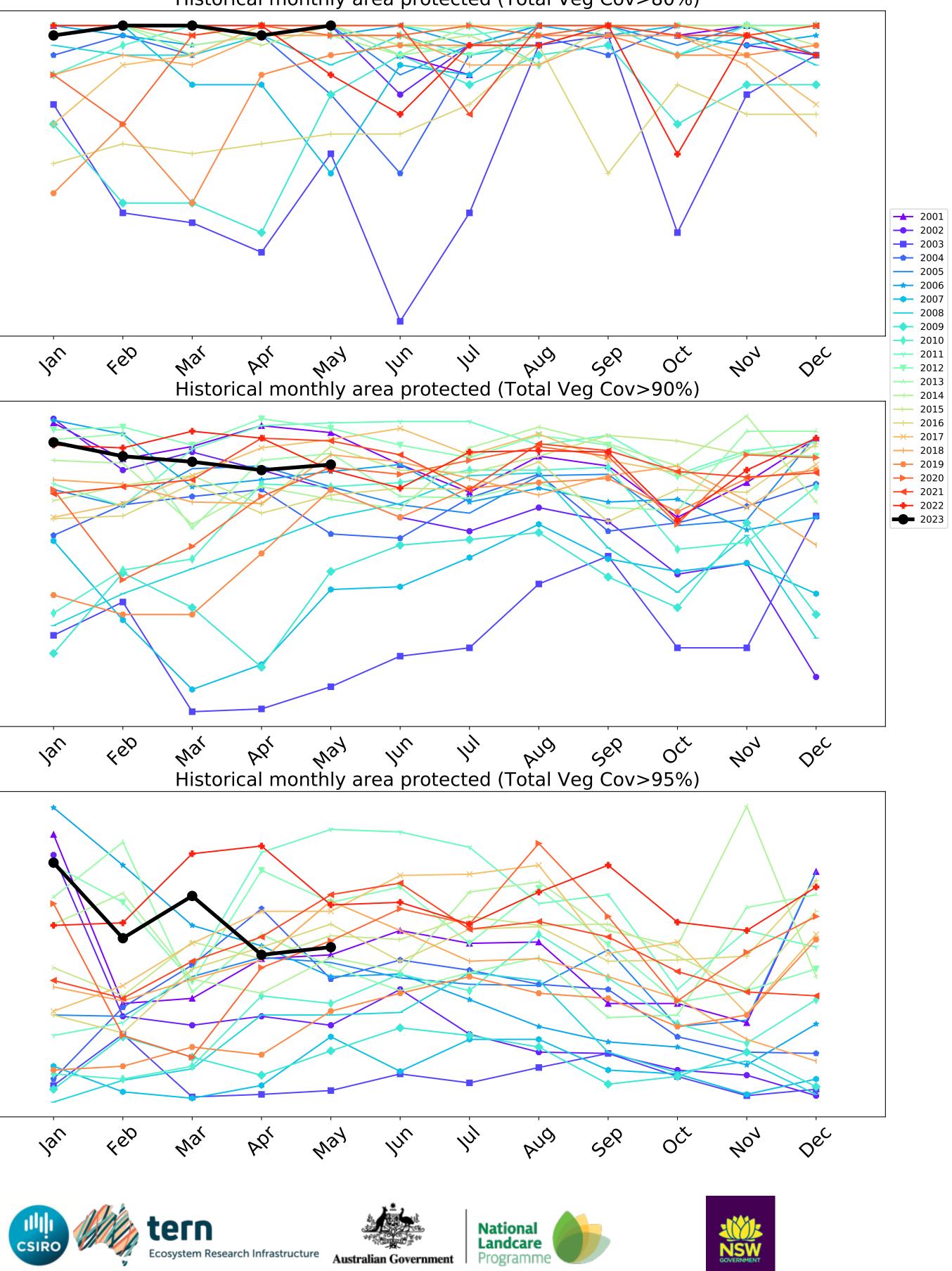
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

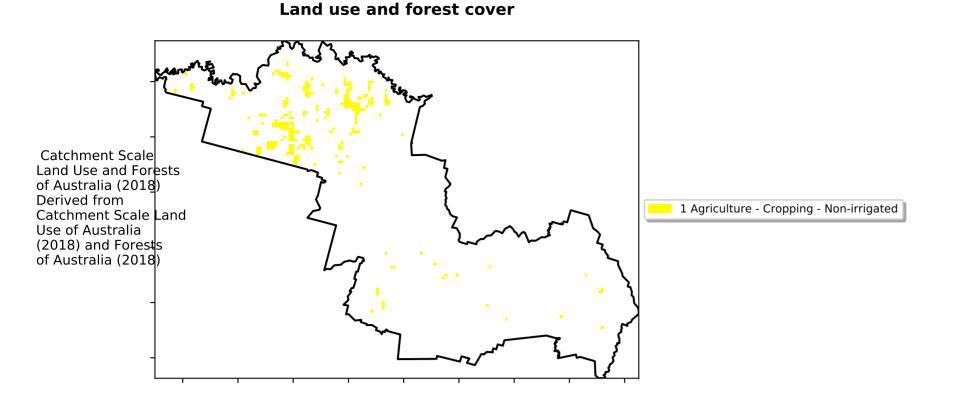


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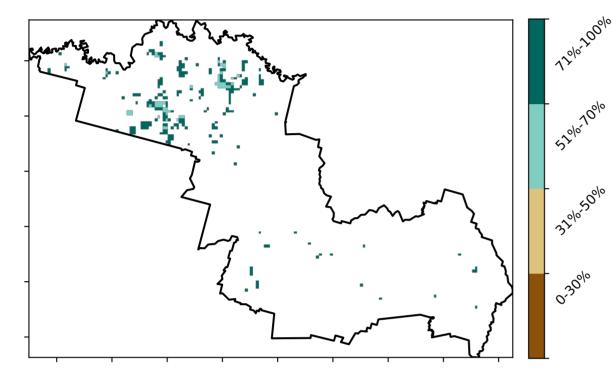




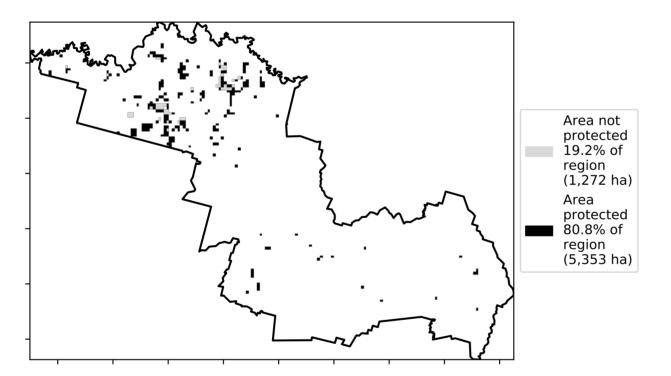
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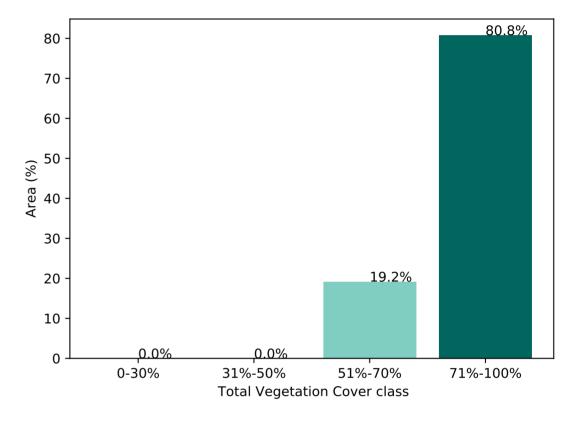
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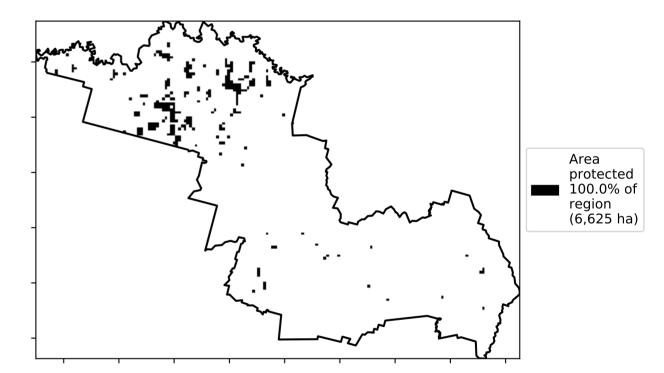
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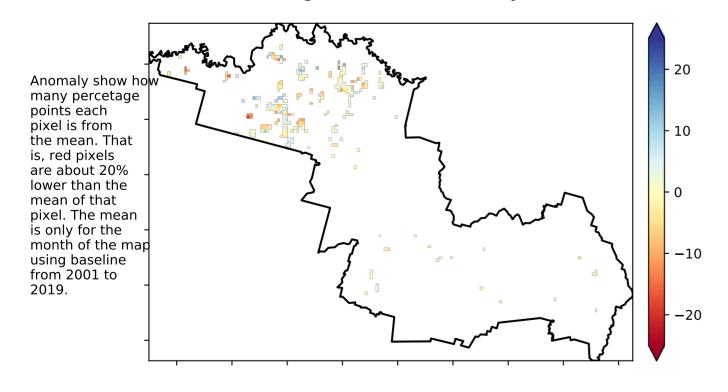
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



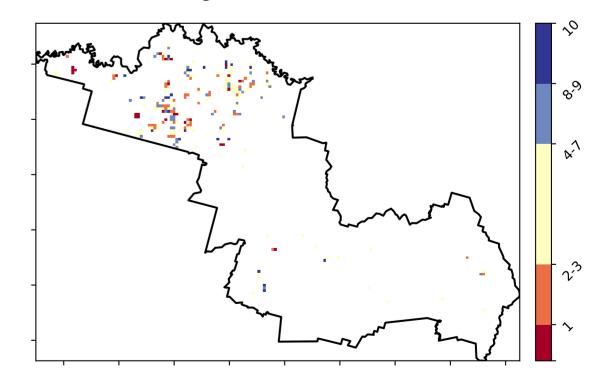
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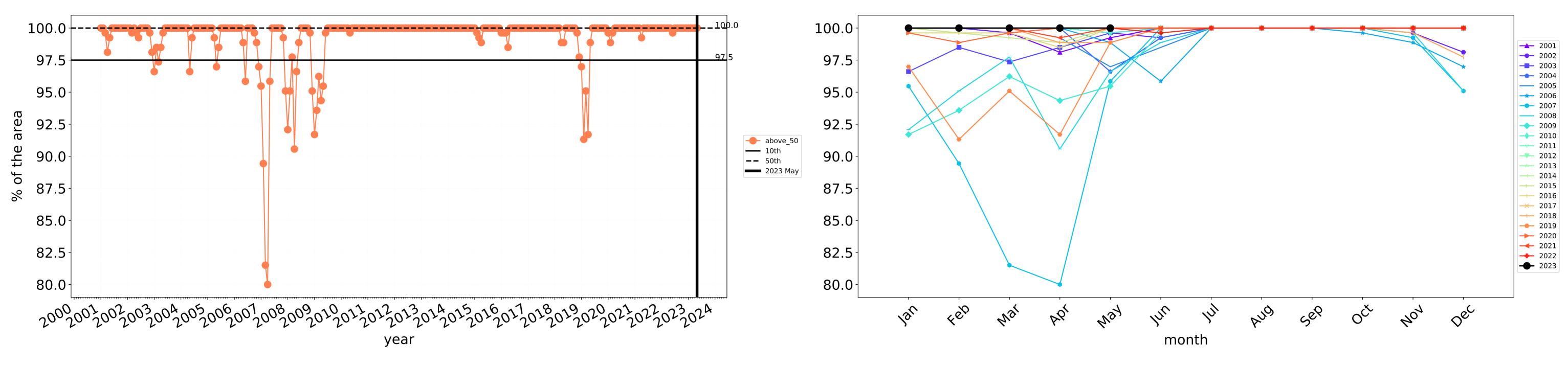
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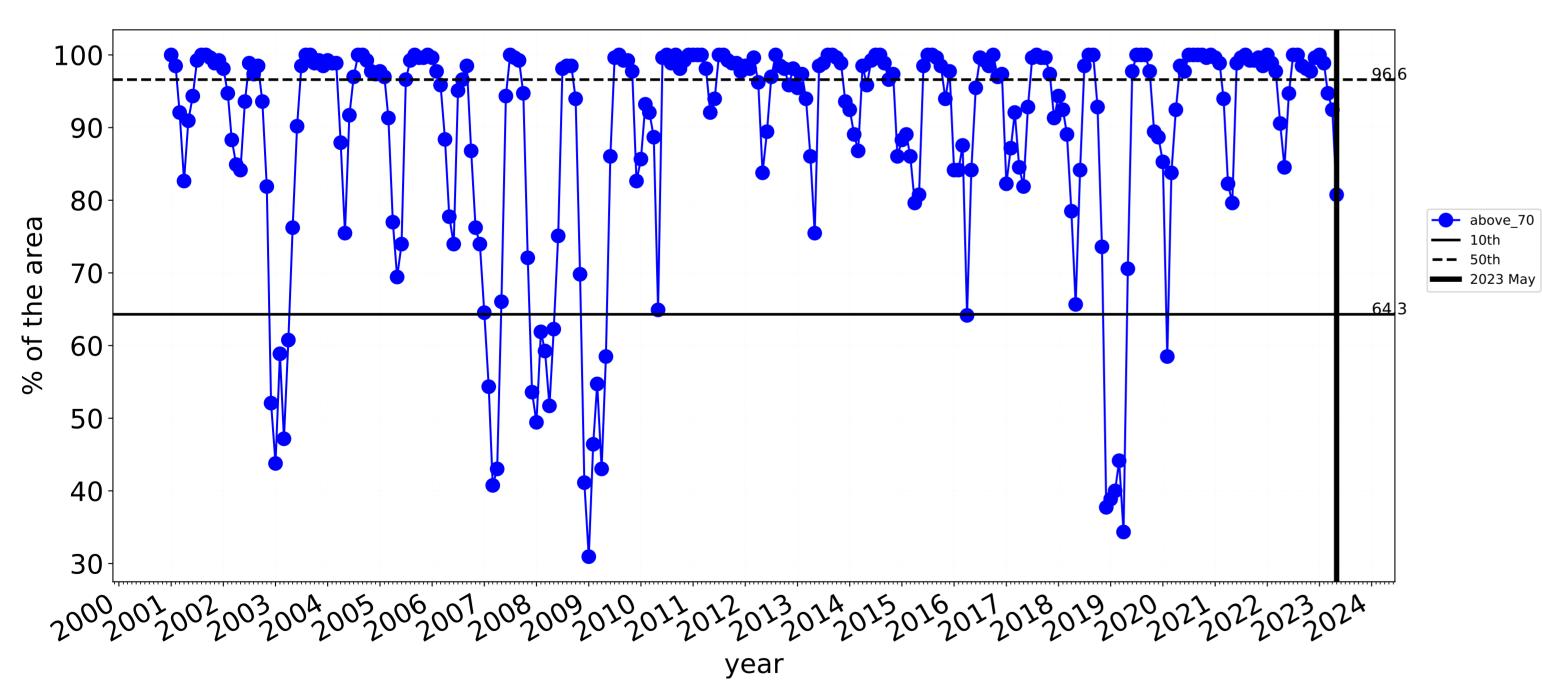
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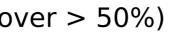






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

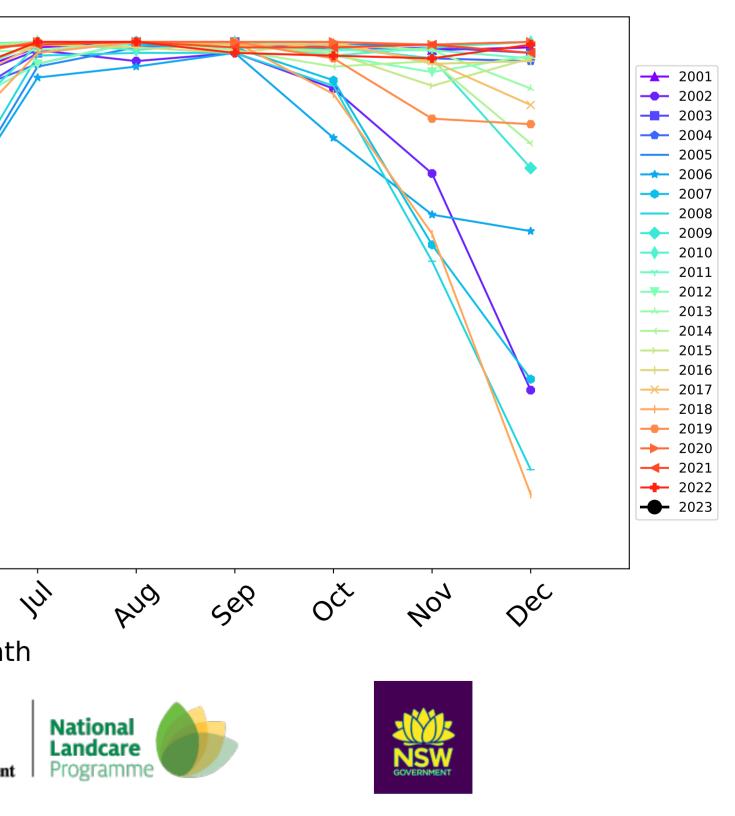


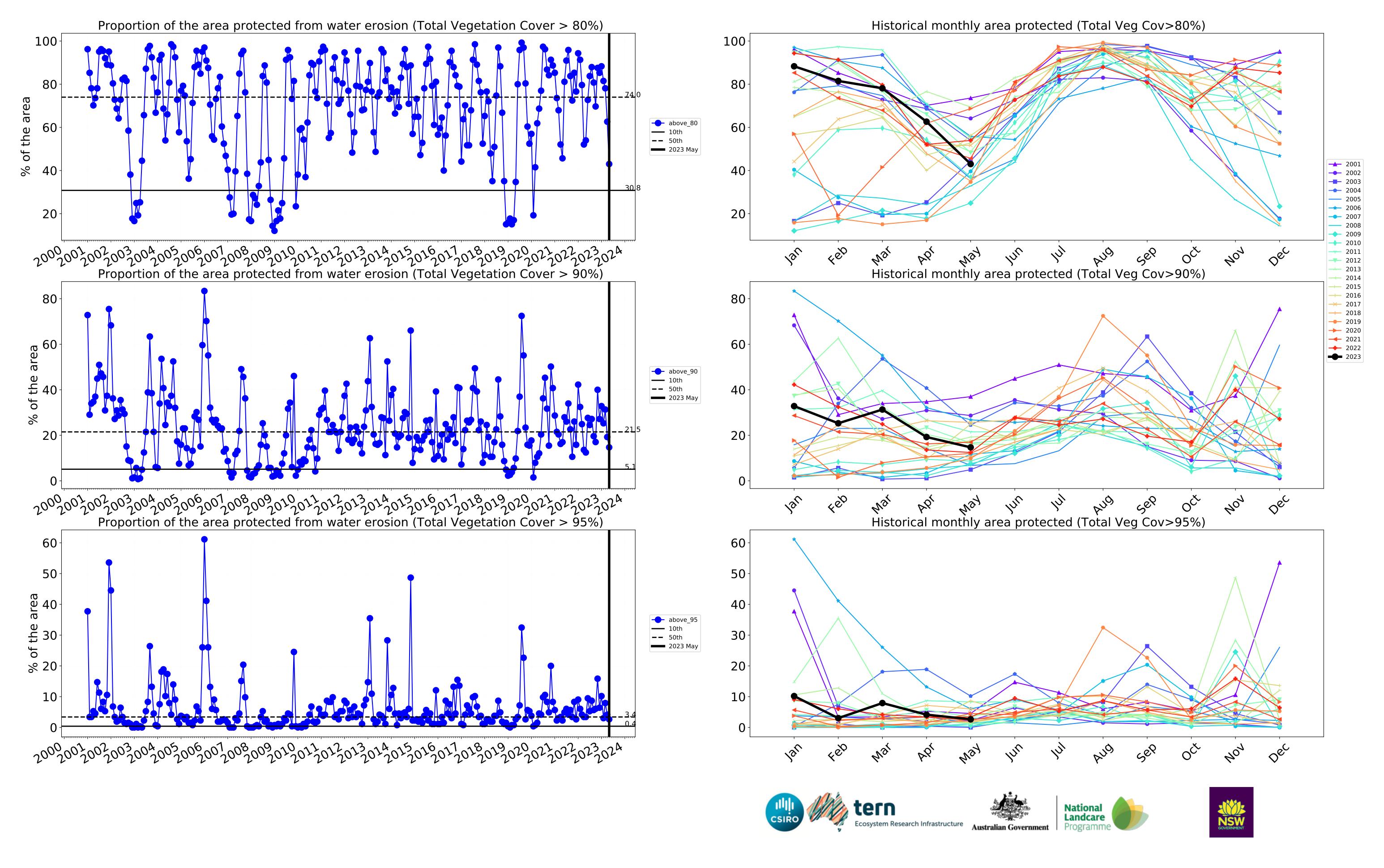


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

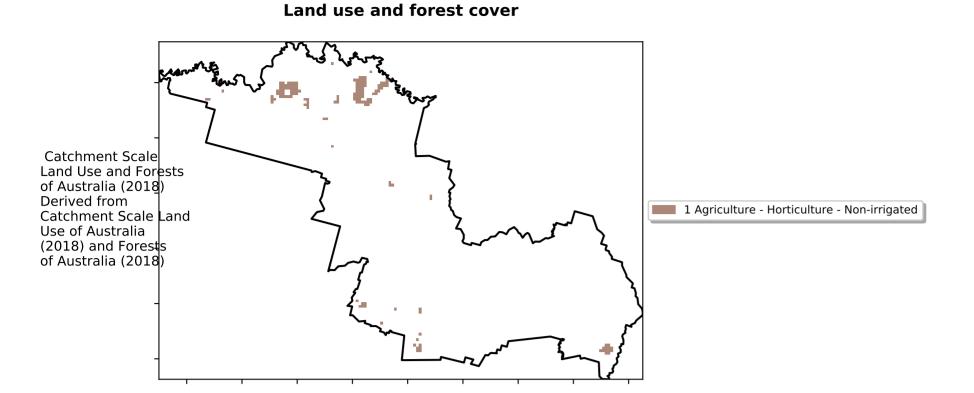
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

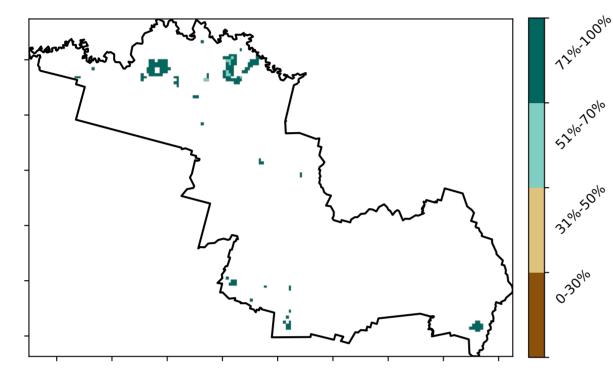




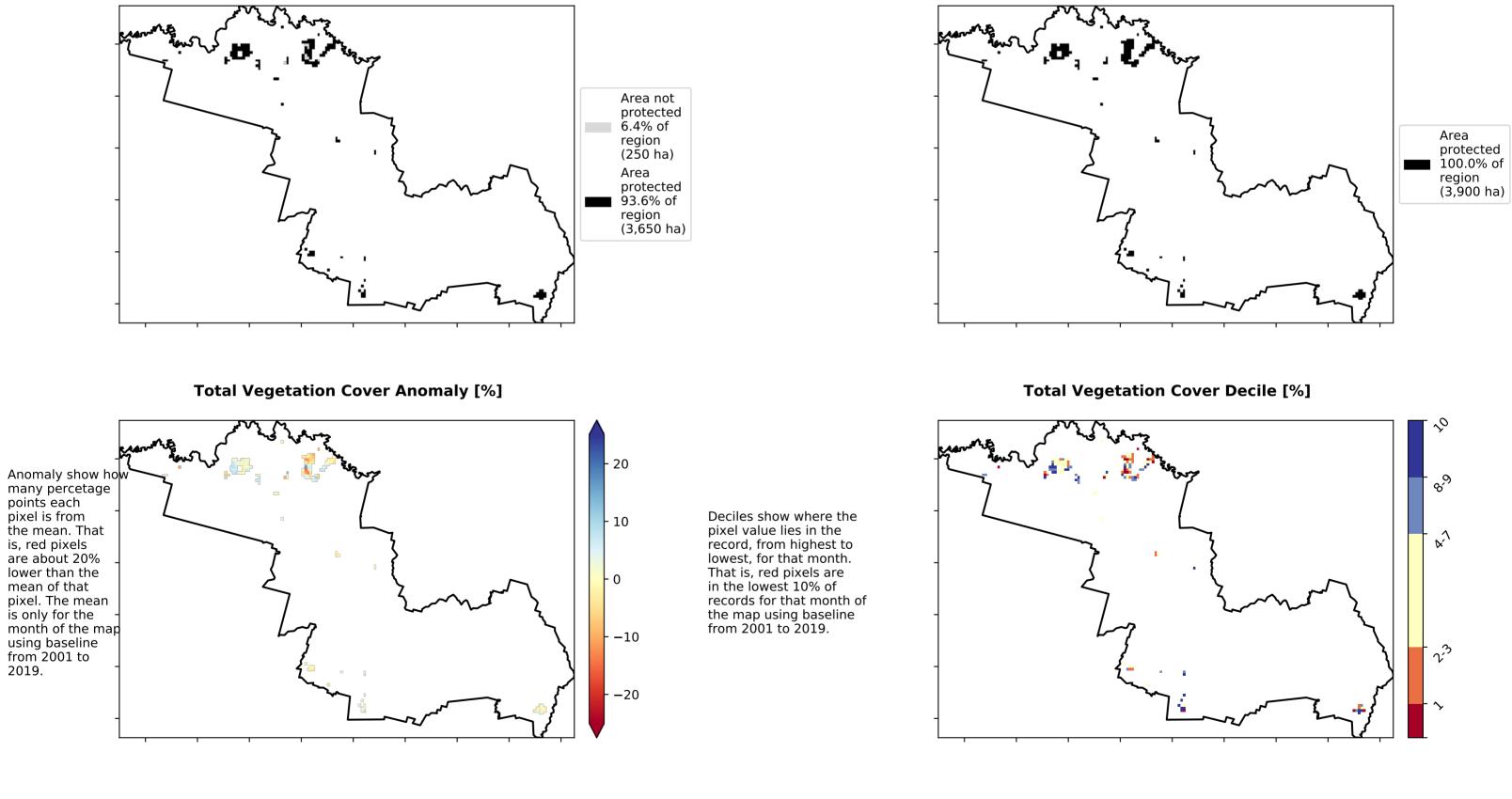
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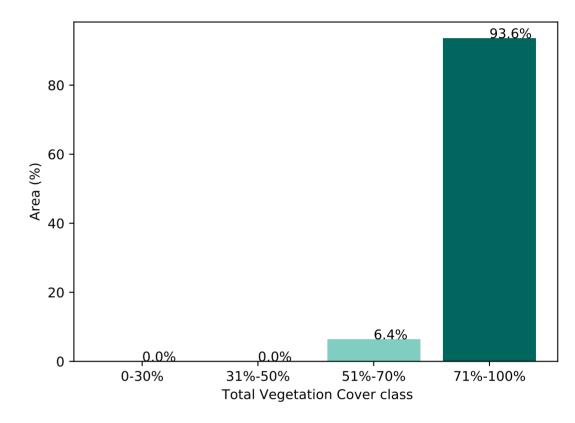
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



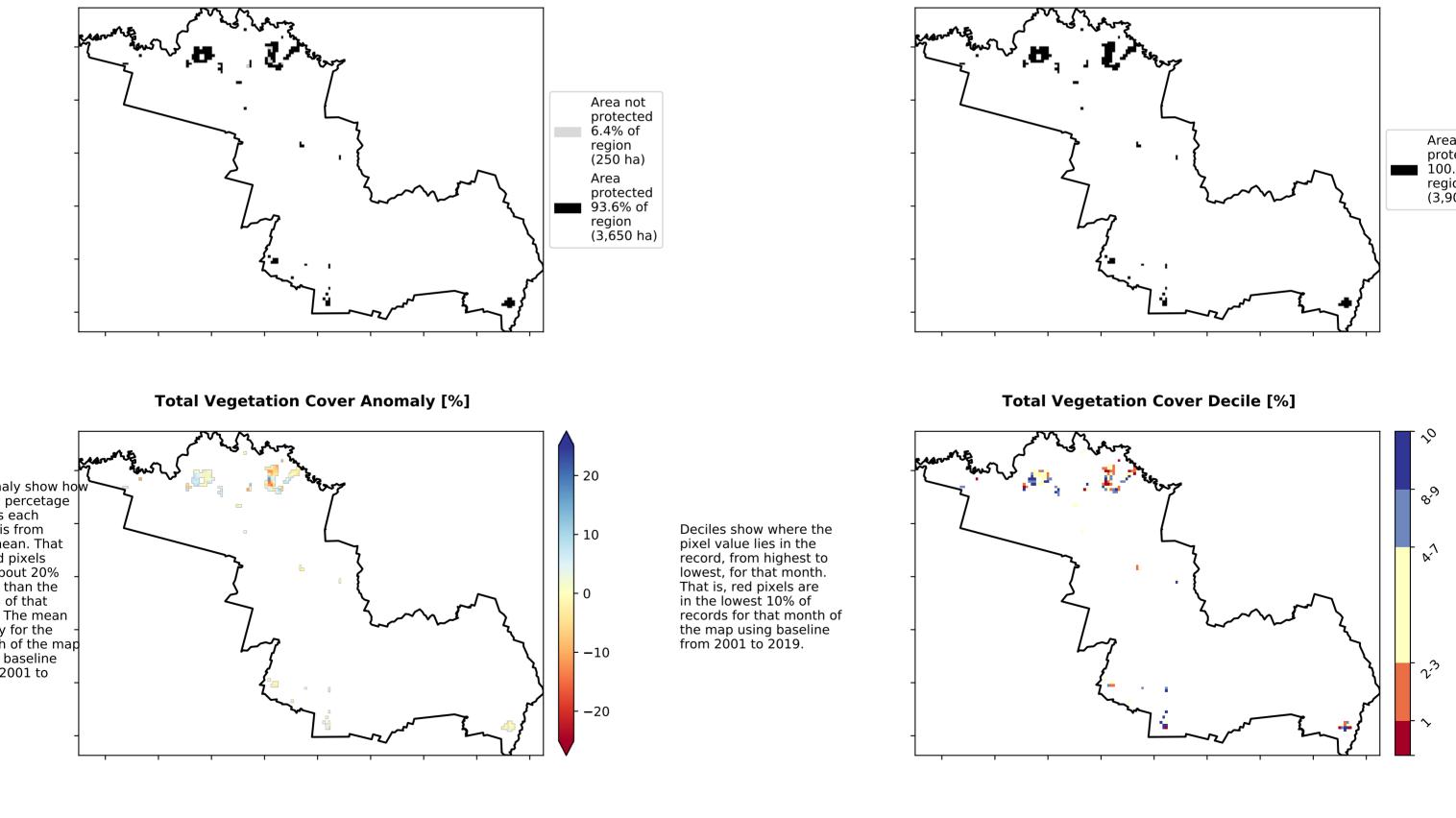
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



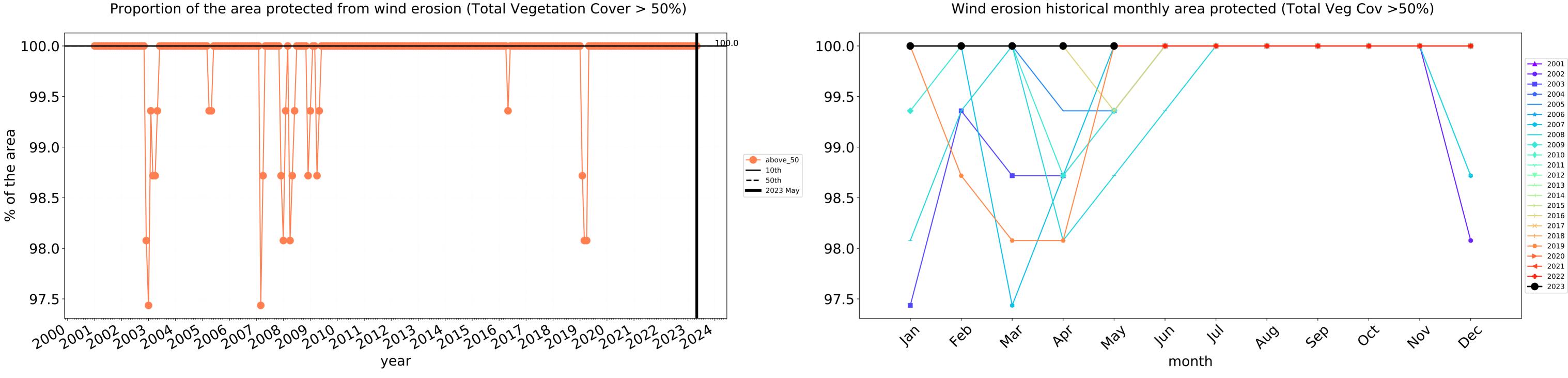
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

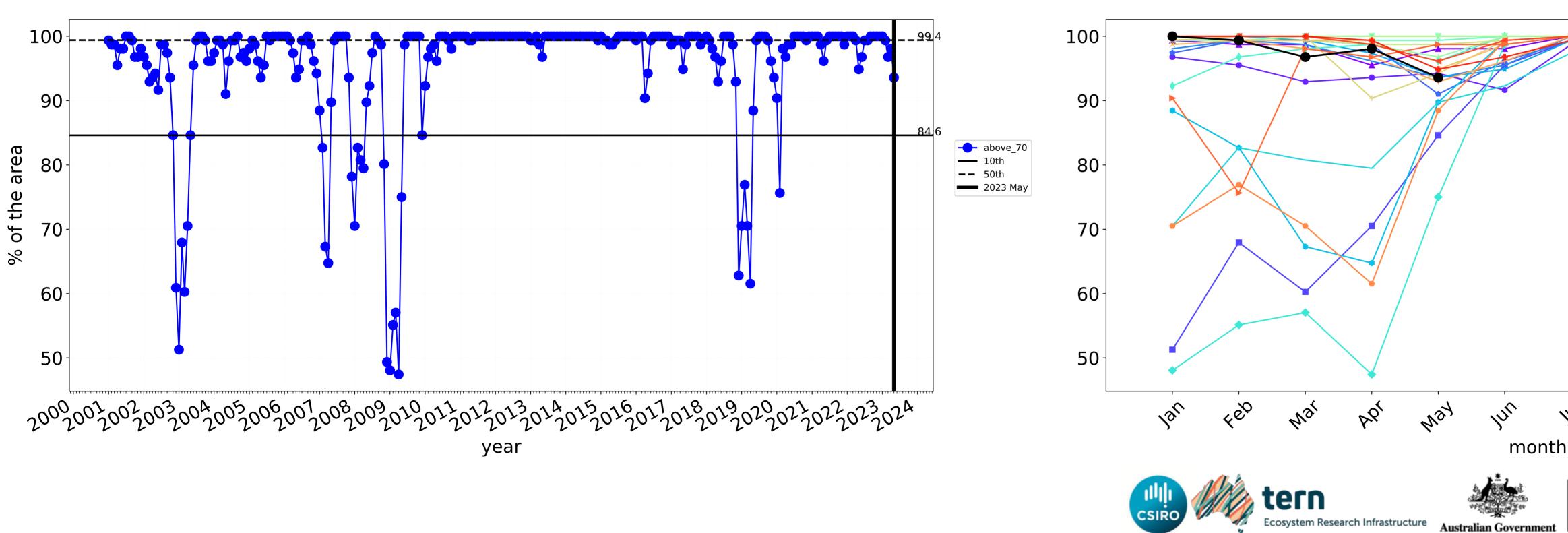


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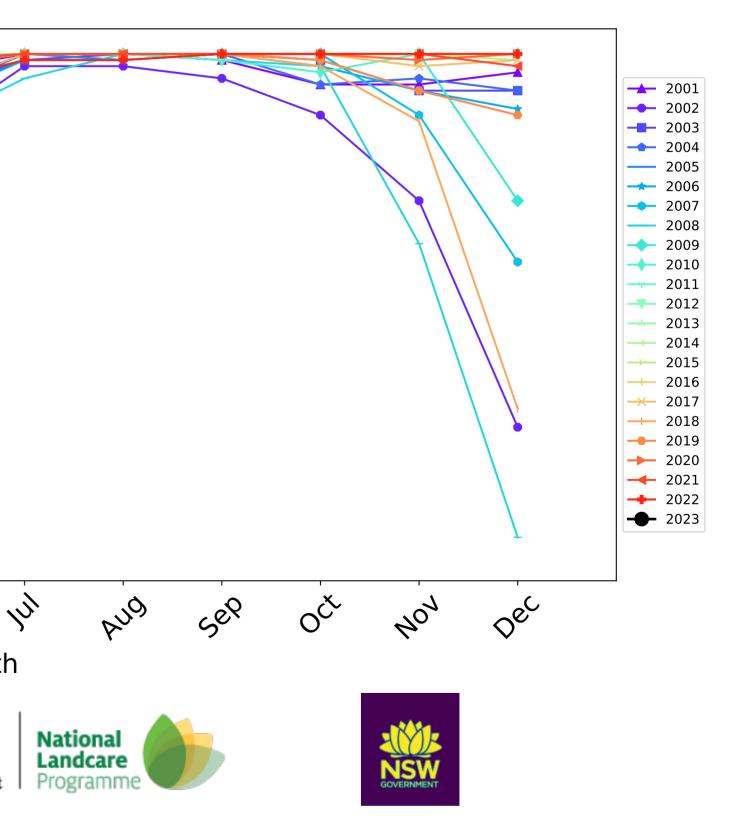


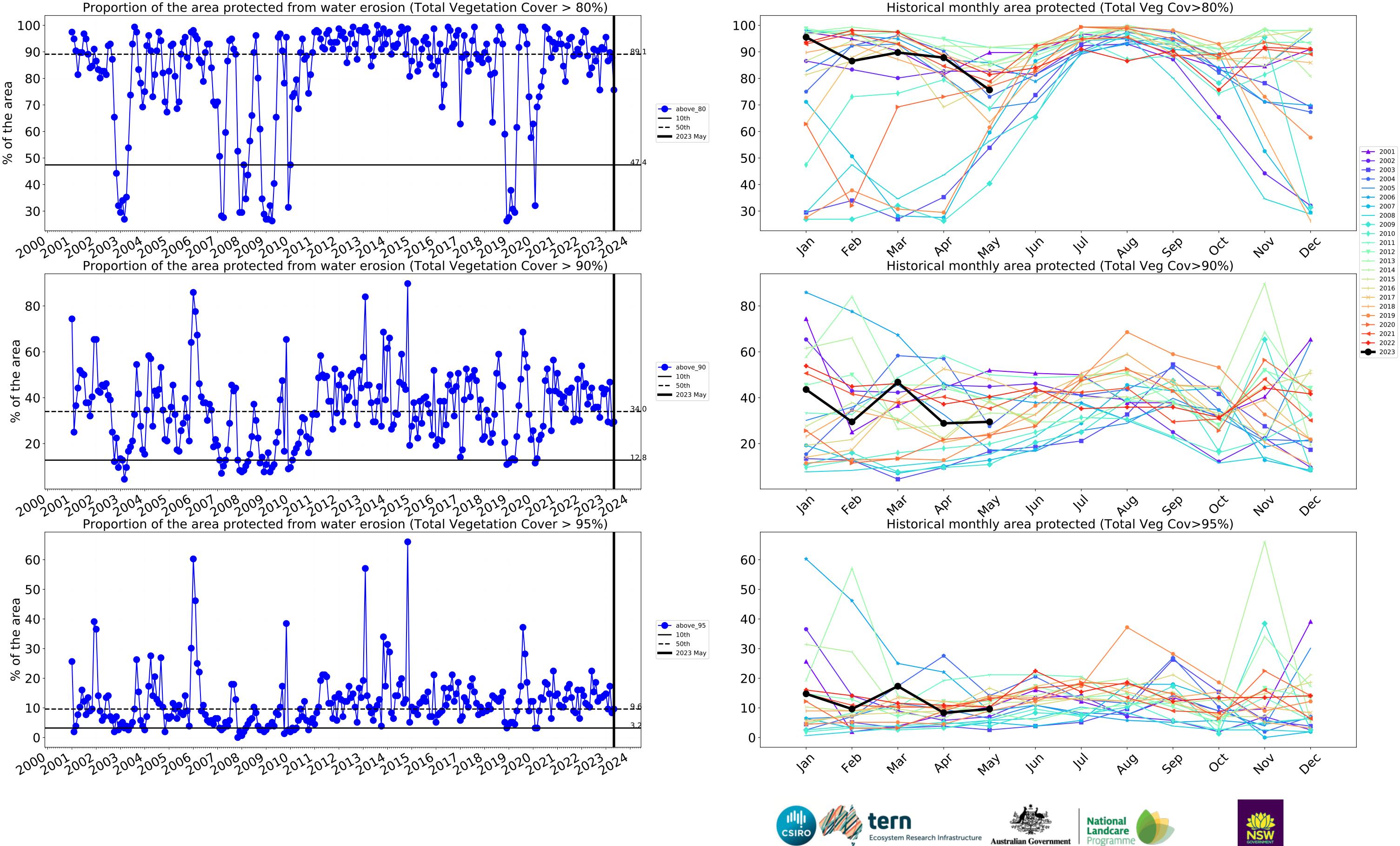






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



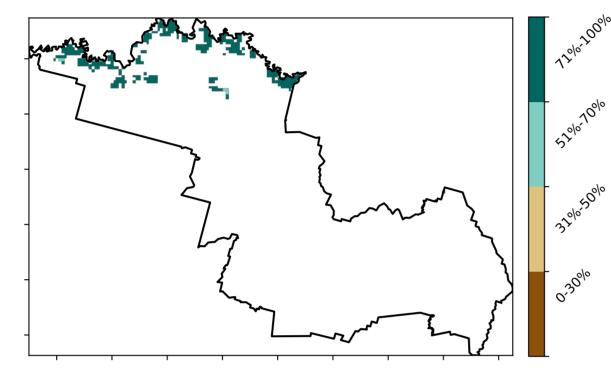


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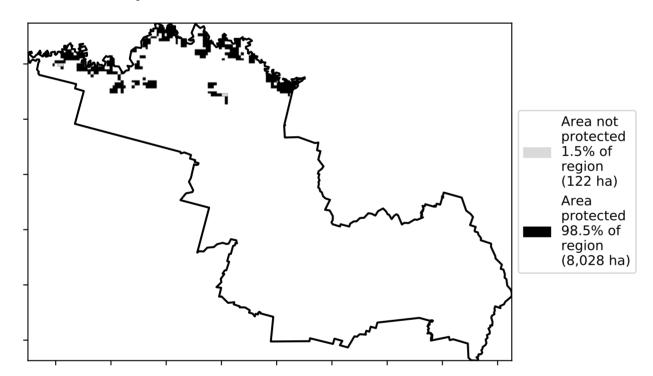
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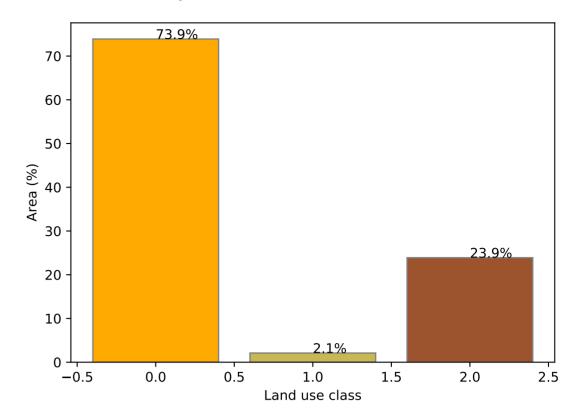
Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



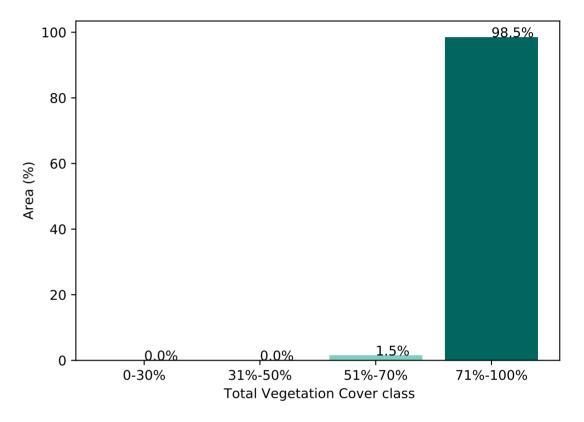
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Proportion of each land class in area

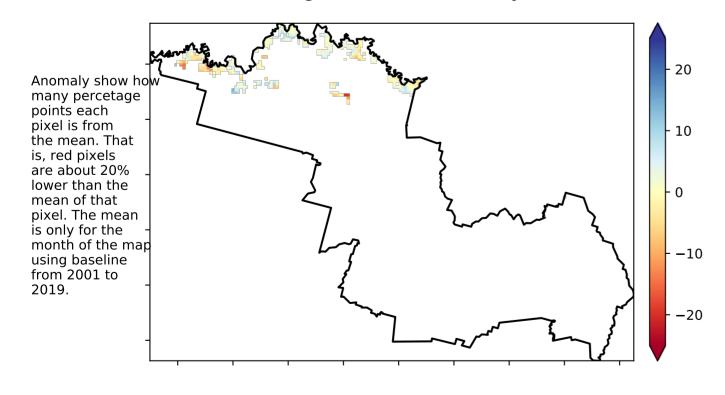
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



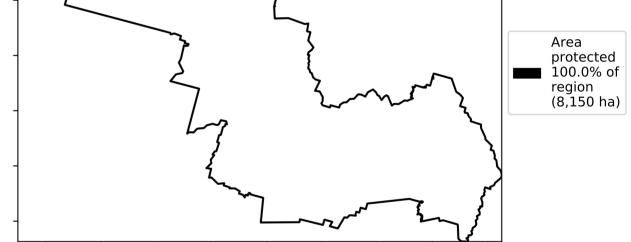
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

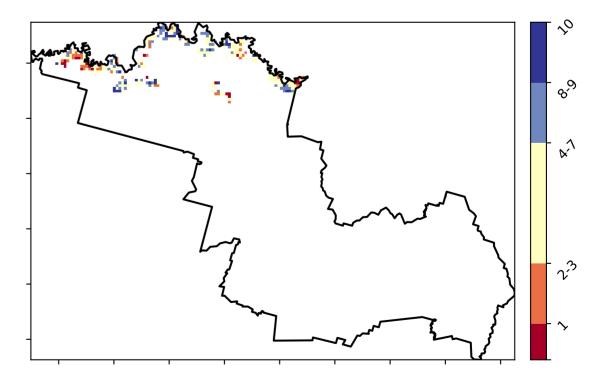


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

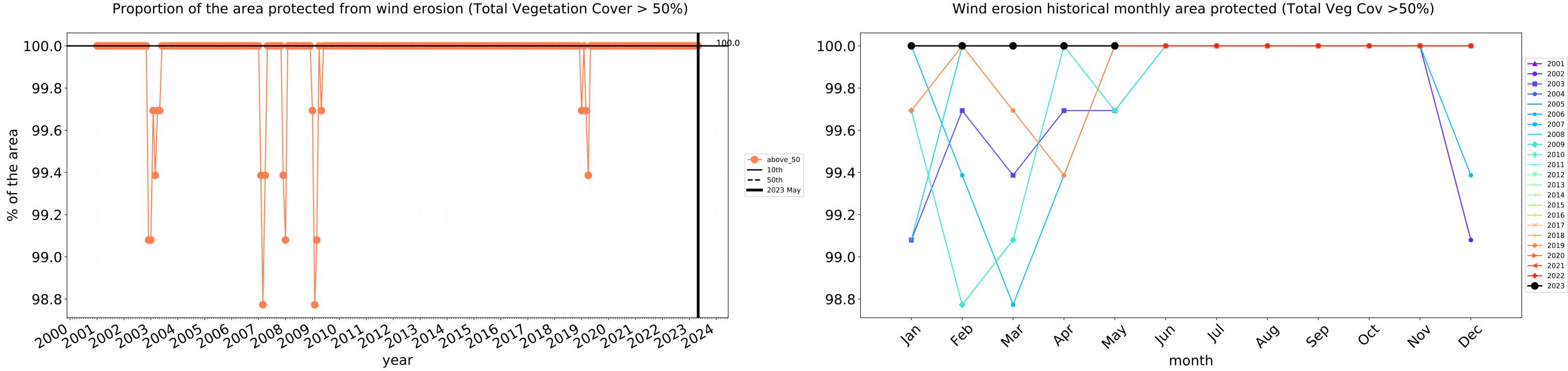


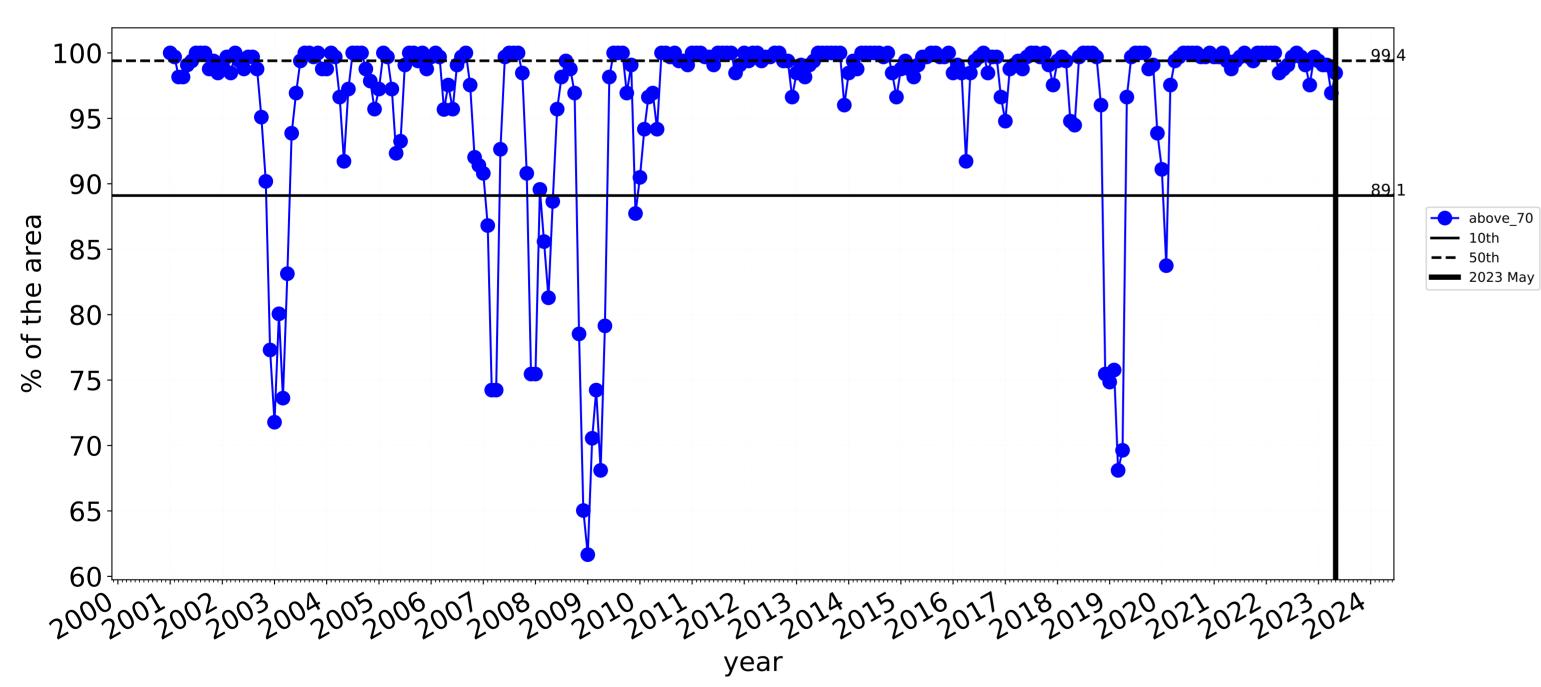
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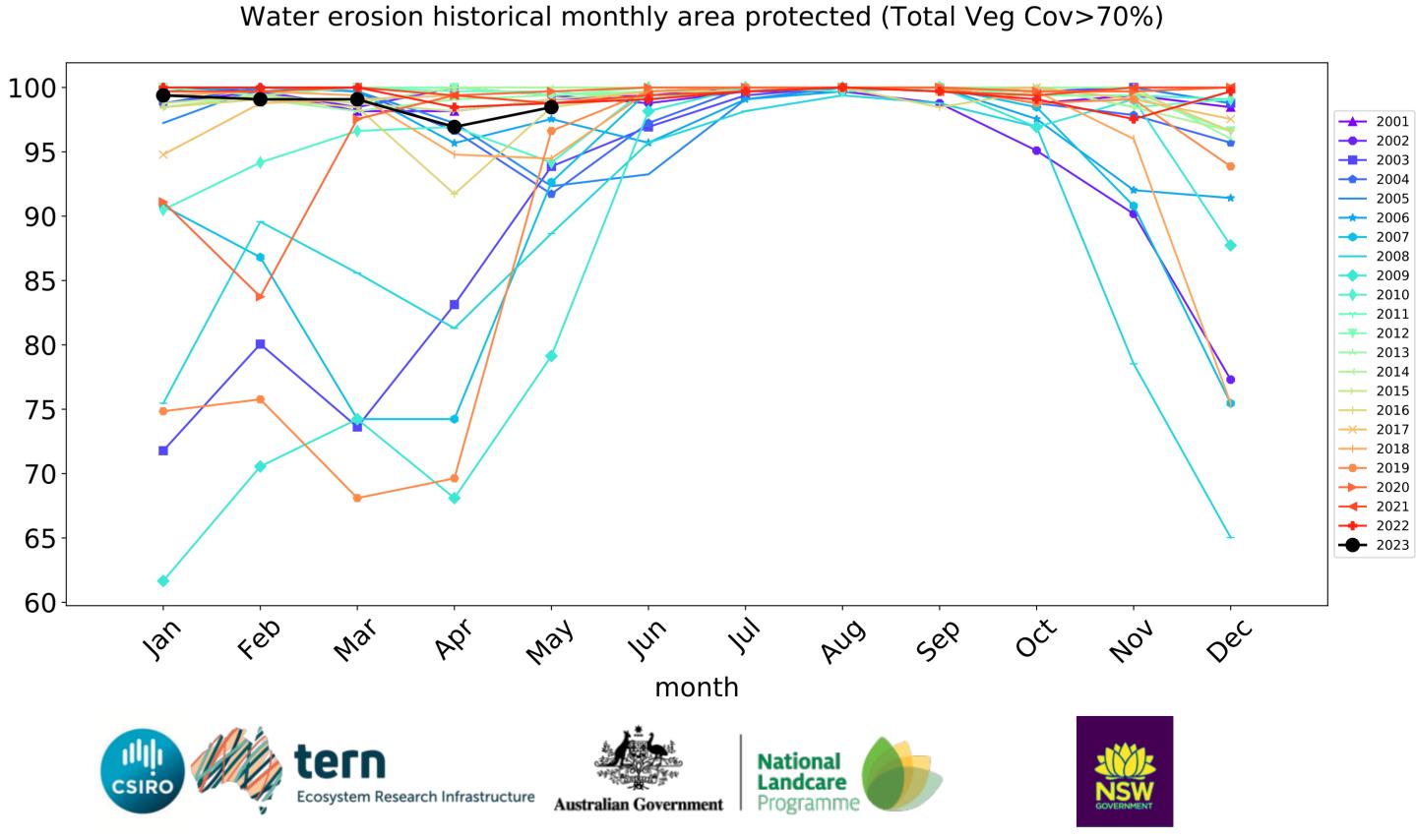


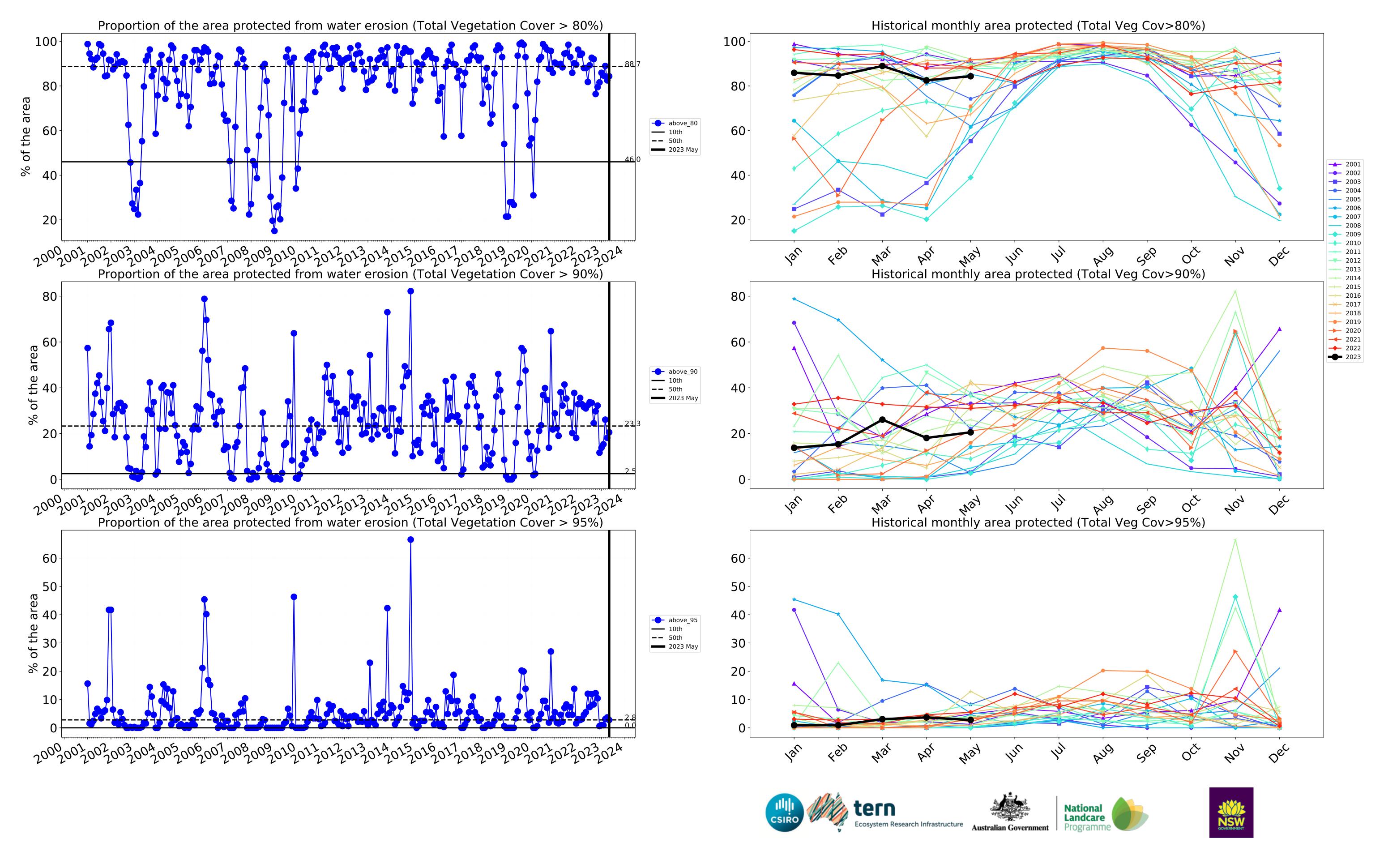




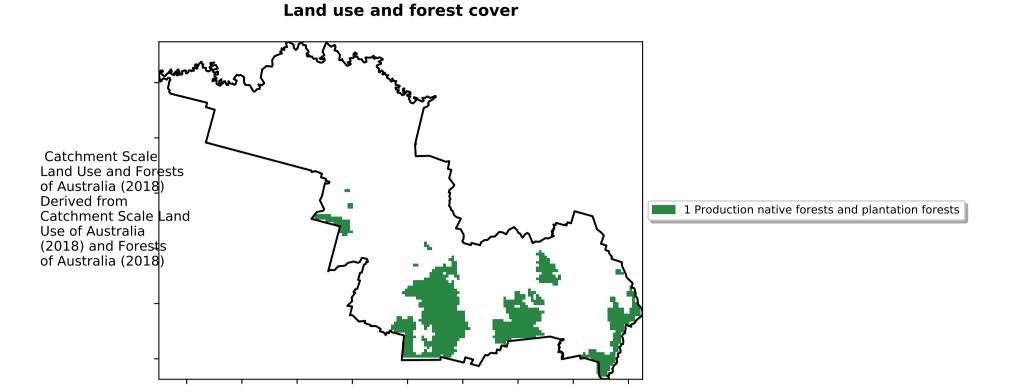




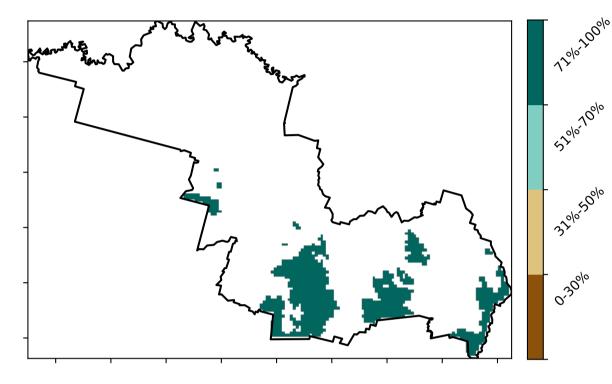




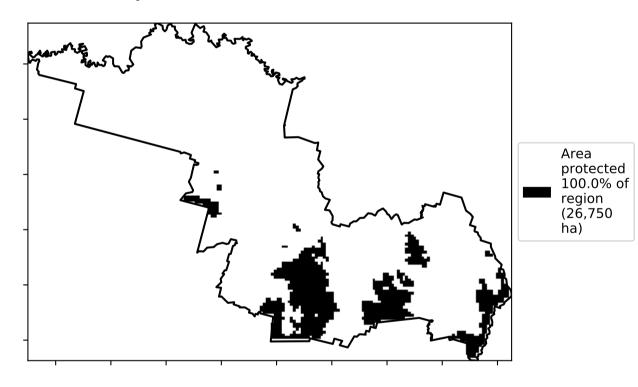
Production native forests and plantation forests



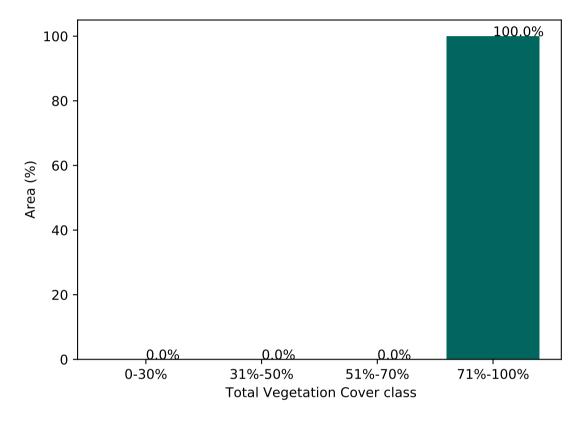
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



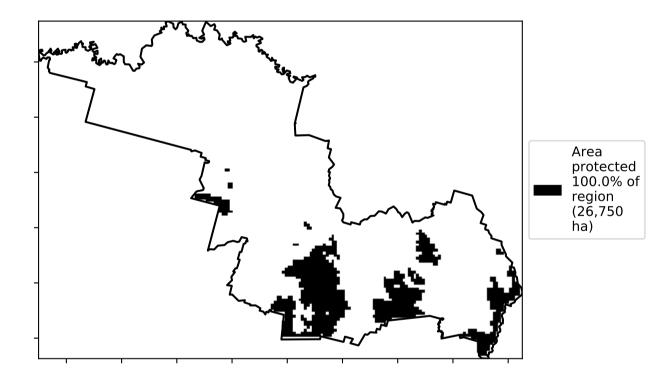
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



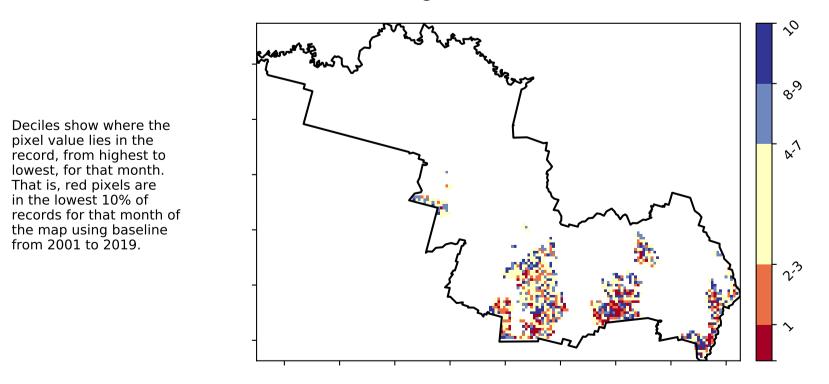
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



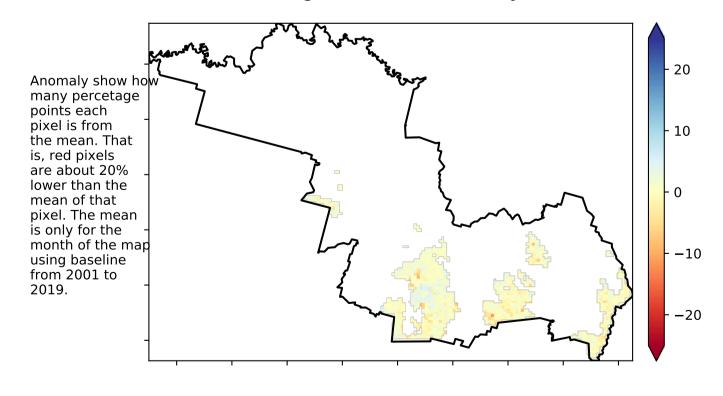
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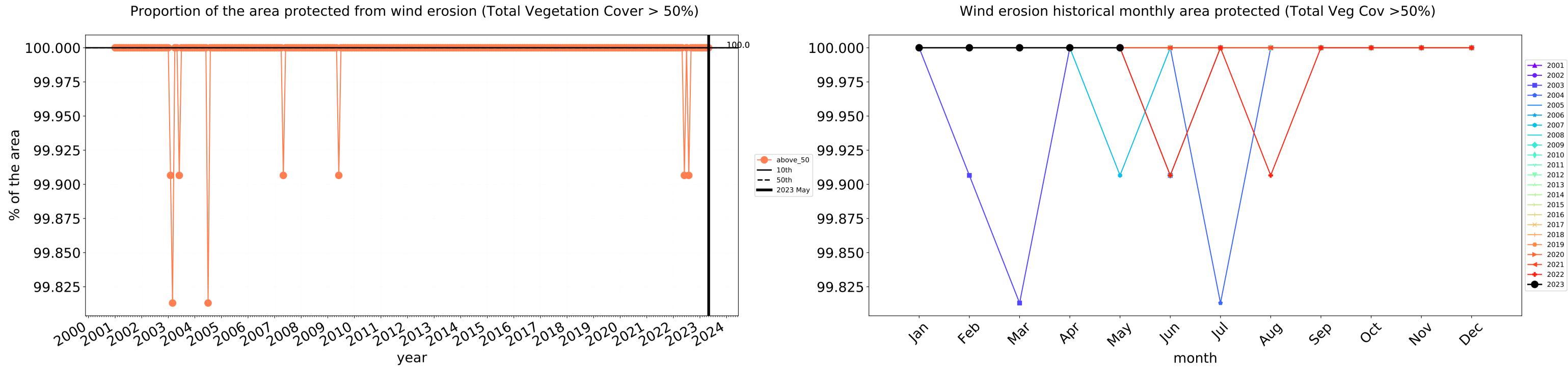
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

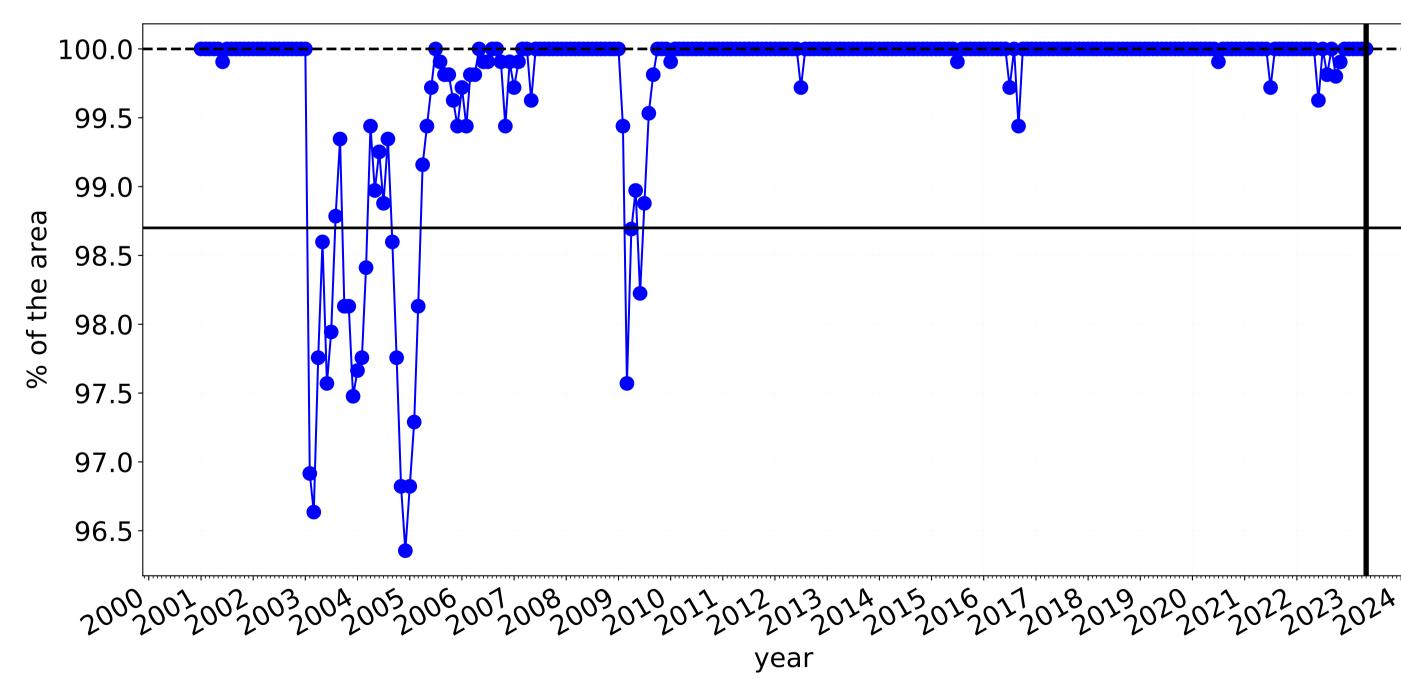


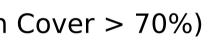
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





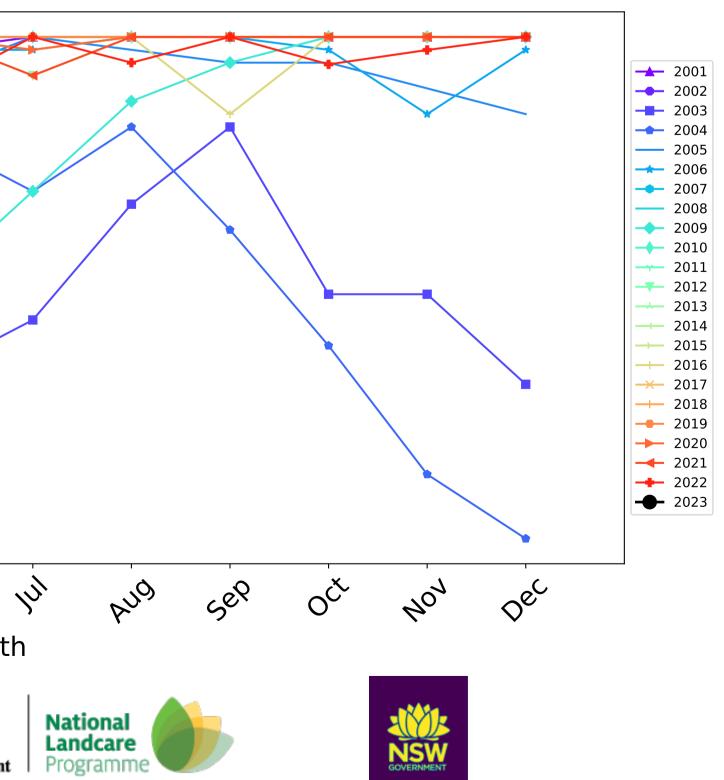


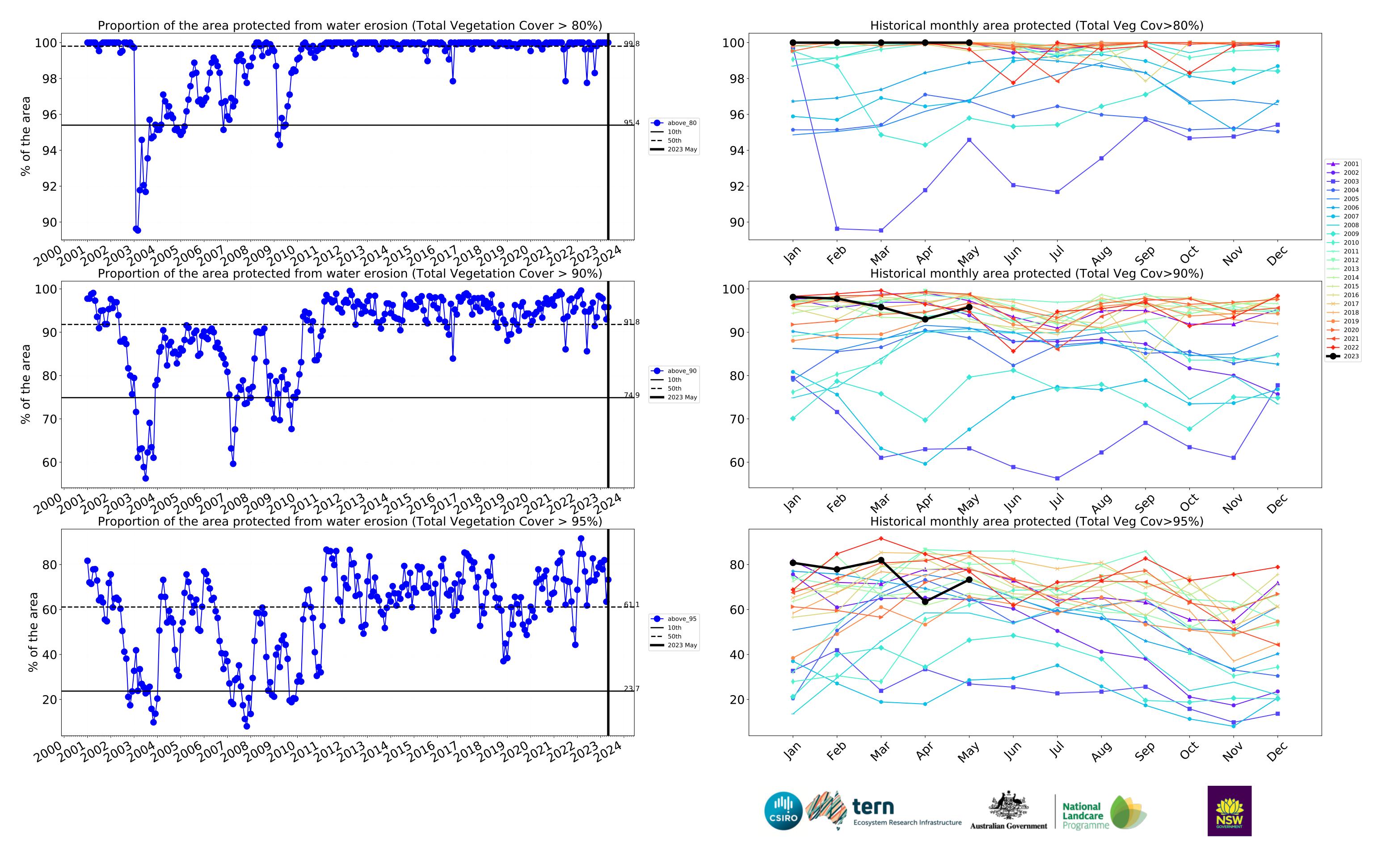




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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





Indigo_(S) (202,850 ha and no data 1,026 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	202,850	100.0% 202,850	100.0% 202,750	97.7% 198,150	90.6% 183,775	54.7% 110,950	23.1% 46,875
Conservation and natural environments	24,050	100.0% 24,050	100.0% 24,050	99.7% 23,975	99.3% 23,875	89.7% 21,575	49.6% 11,925
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	5,900	100.0% 5,900	100.0% 5,900	99.2% 5,850	98.3% 5,800	83.9% 4,950	41.5% 2,450
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	16,675	100.0% 16,675	100.0% 16,675	100.0% 16,675	100.0% 16,675	94.6% 15,775	54.7% 9,125
Agriculture	133,950	100.0% 133,950	100.0% 133,950	97.0% 129,900	87.3% 116,950	40.5% 54,225	9.5% 12,675
Grazing	115,275	100.0% 115,275	100.0% 115,275	97.9% 112,875	90.5% 104,275	43.7% 50,425	10.3% 11,900
Grazing non forest	105,525	100.0% 105,525	100.0% 105,525	97.7% 103,125	89.6% 94,550	39.8% 42,025	7.7% 8,100
Grazing Woodland forest	2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	100.0% 2,350	98.9% 2,325	83.0% 1,950	25.5% 600
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	7,400	100.0% 7,400	100.0% 7,400	100.0% 7,400	100.0% 7,400	87.2% 6,450	43.2% 3,200
Cropping	6,625	100.0% 6,625	100.0% 6,625	80.8% 5,350	43.0% 2,850	14.7% 975	2.6% 175
Horticulture	3,900	100.0% 3,900	100.0% 3,900	93.6% 3,650	75.6% 2,950	29.5% 1,150	9.6% 375
Irrigation	8,150	100.0% 8,150	100.0% 8,150	98.5% 8,025	84.4% 6,875	20.6% 1,675	2.8% 225
Production native forests and plantation forests	26,750	100.0% 26,750	100.0% 26,750	100.0% 26,750	100.0% 26,750	95.8% 25,625	73.3% 19,600

