### LGA Loddon\_(S) (VIC) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

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- Context
  - o Map: Land use and forest cover
  - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month
  - o Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
  - o Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month
  - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)
  - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
- Comparison with previous years
  - o Map: anomaly compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
  - o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
- Time series stacked by year
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines) in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines). in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
  - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example

- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- Protected areas by forest classes if present

### **Explanatory notes:**

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree 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:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3













### **Vegetation Cover Aug 2019**

### Land use and forest cover

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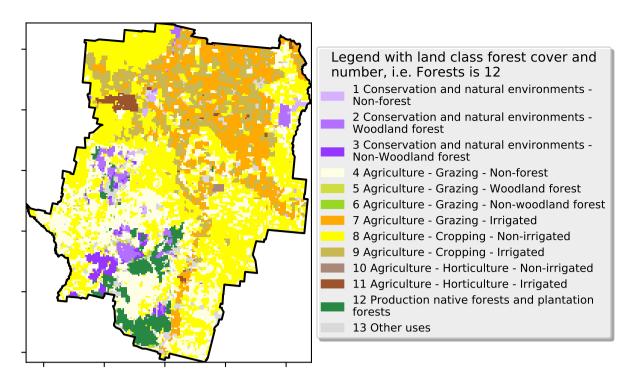
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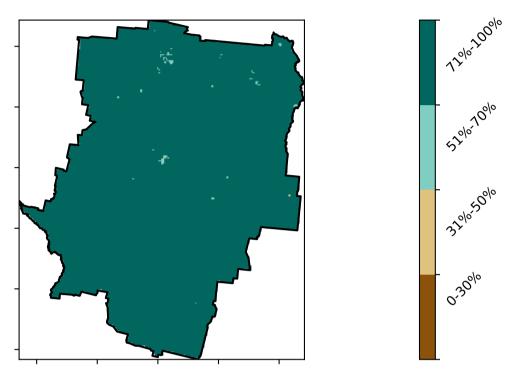
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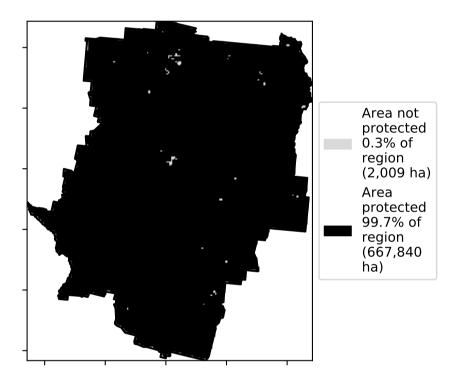
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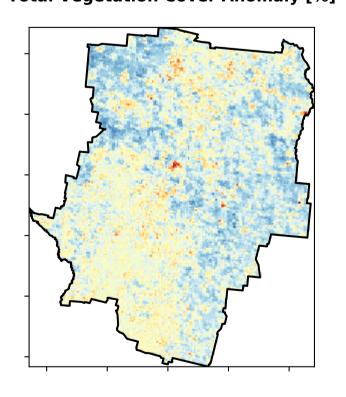
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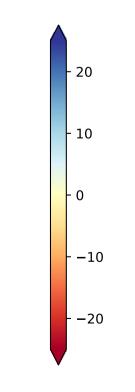


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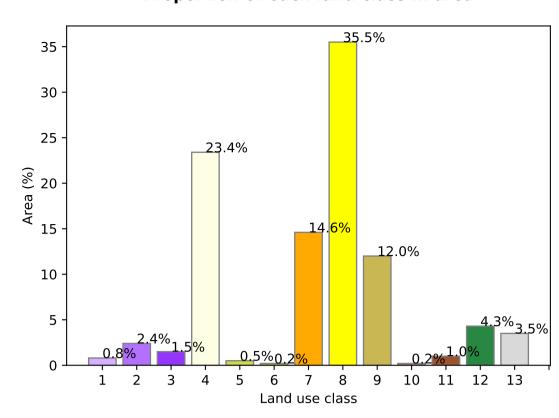
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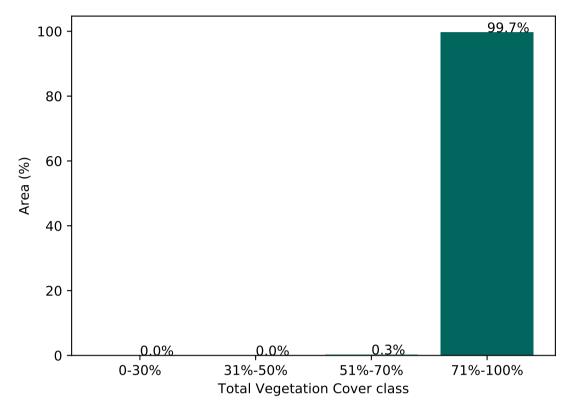


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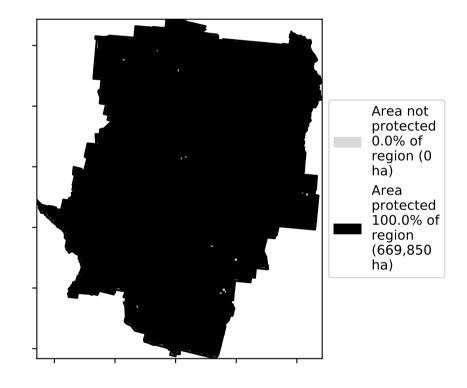
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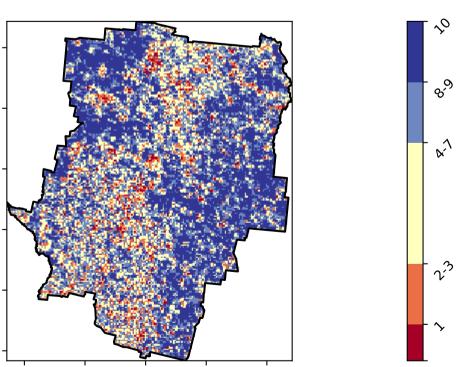


### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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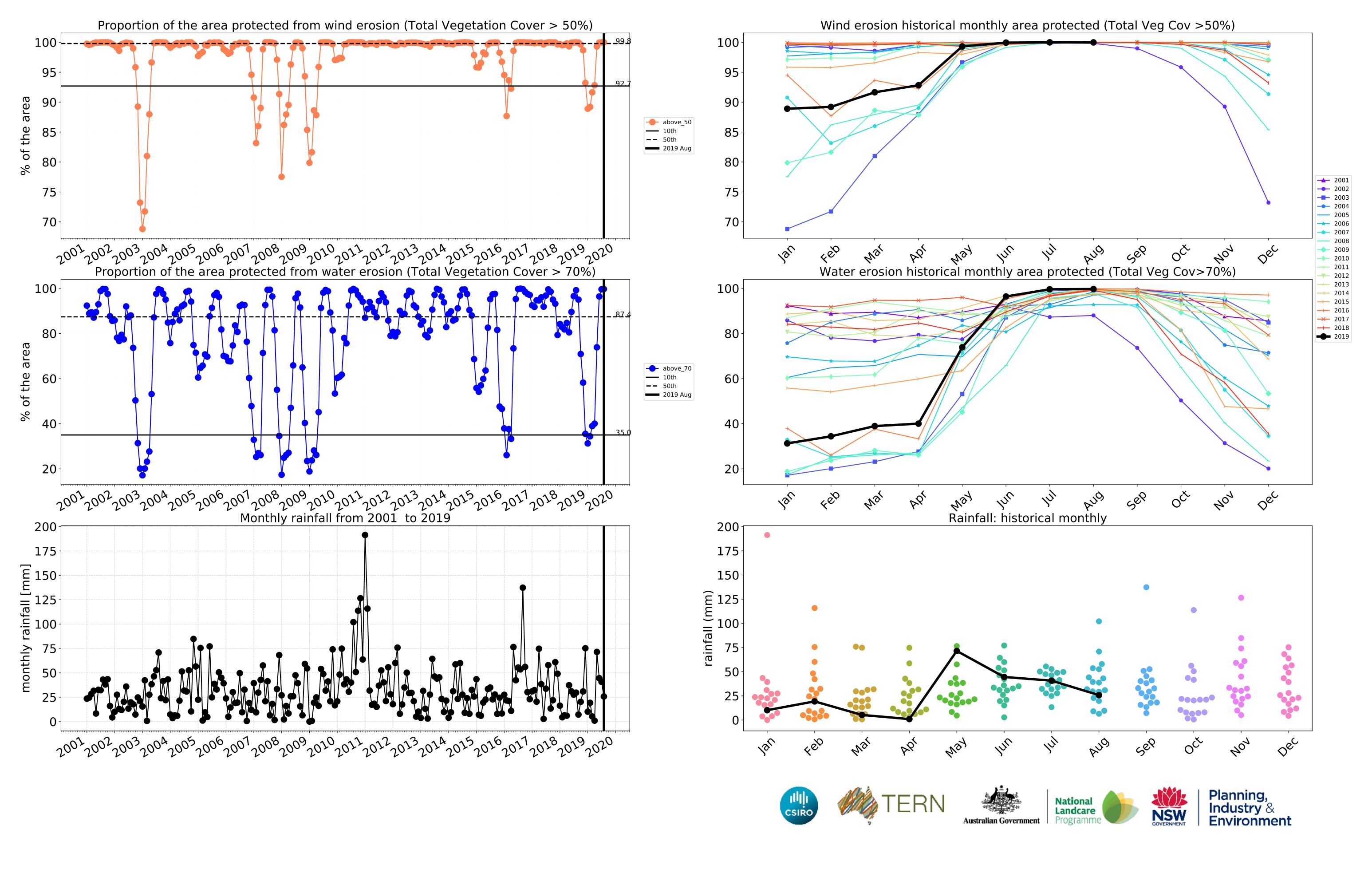












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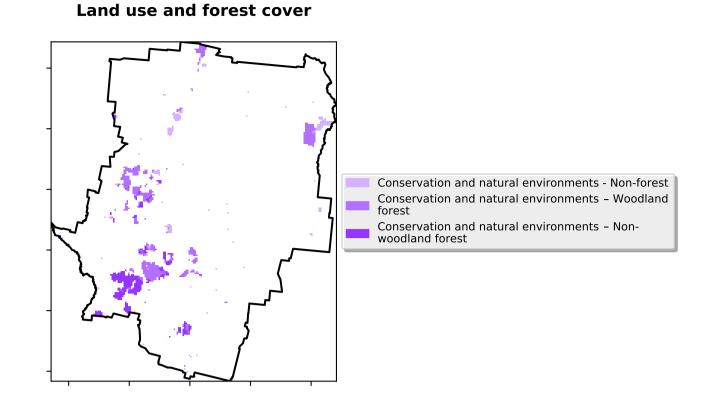
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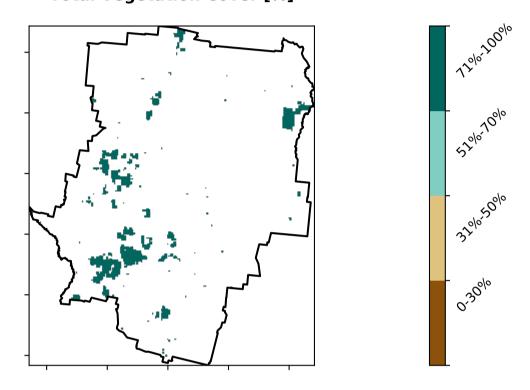
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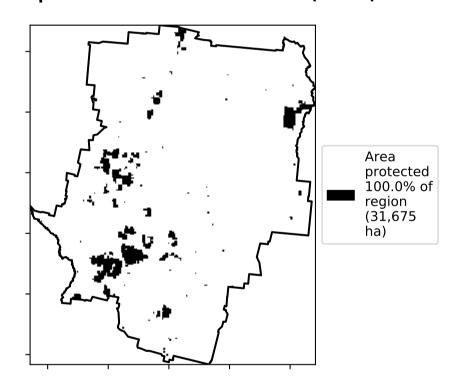
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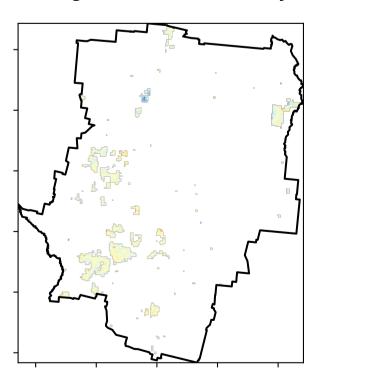
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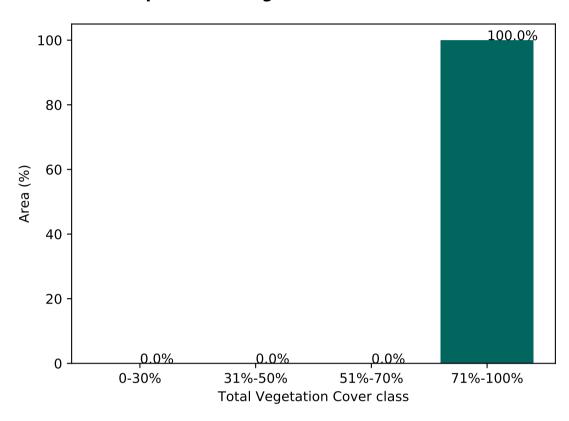


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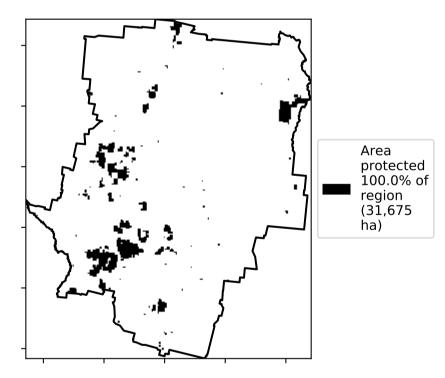


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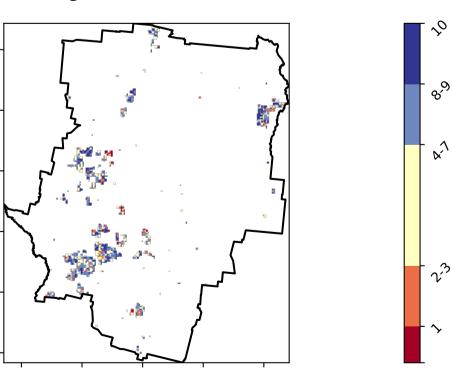
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### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]















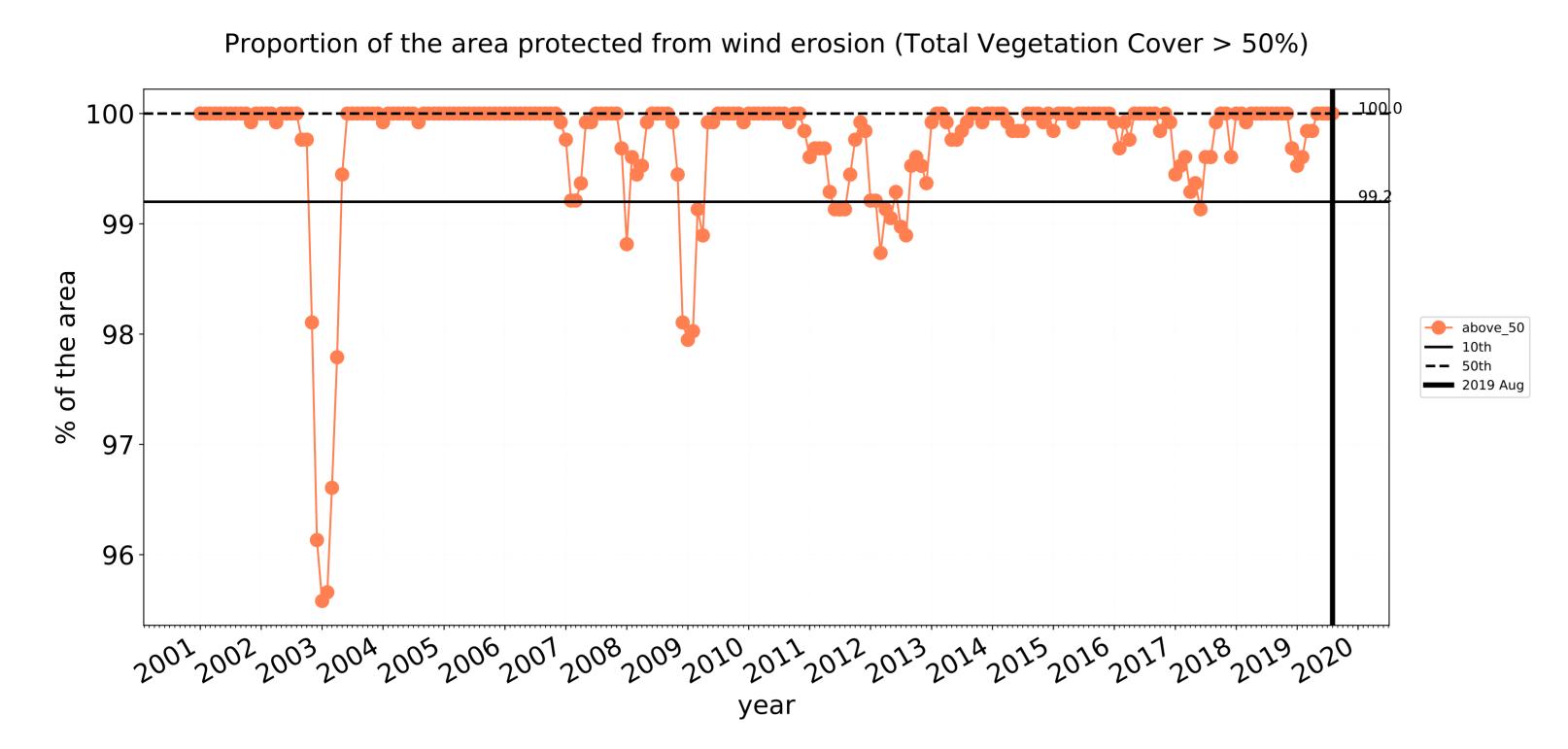
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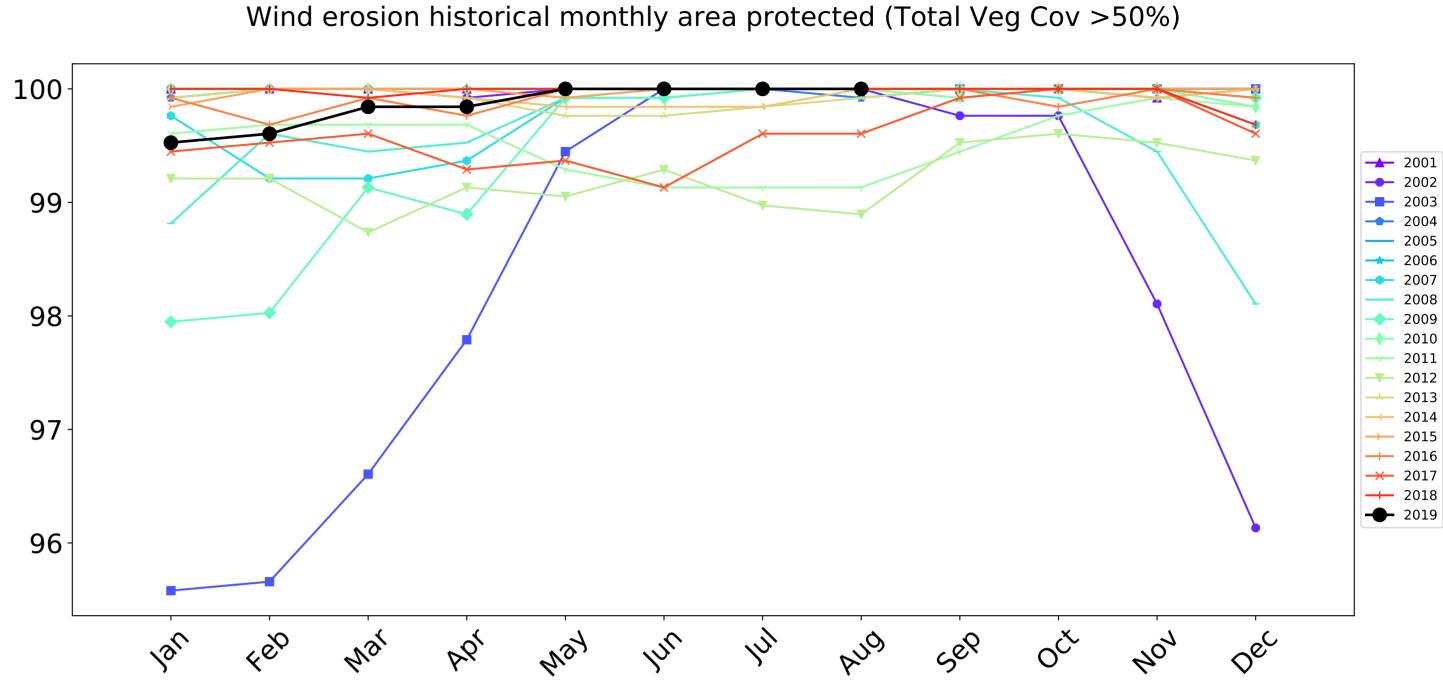
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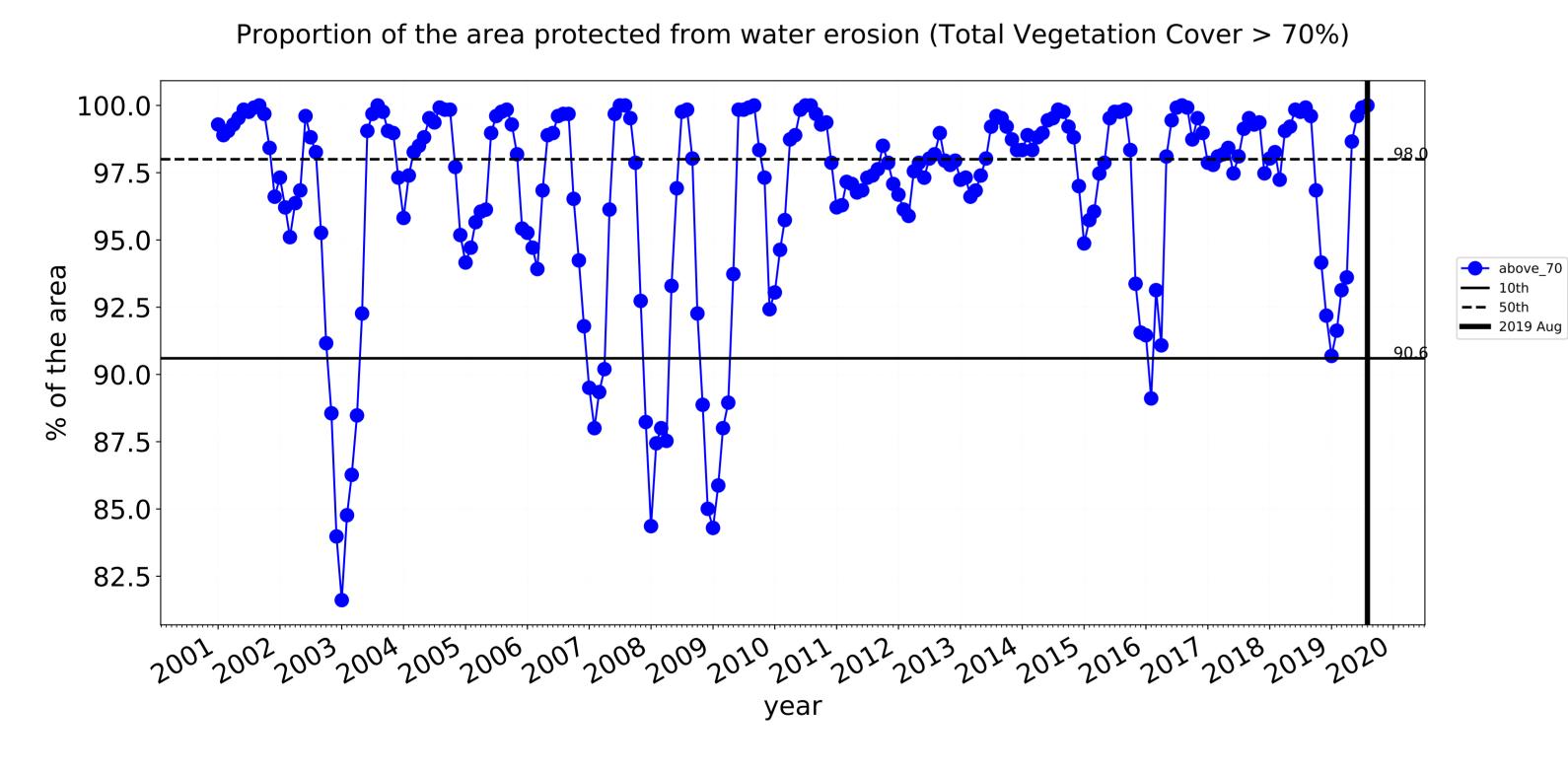
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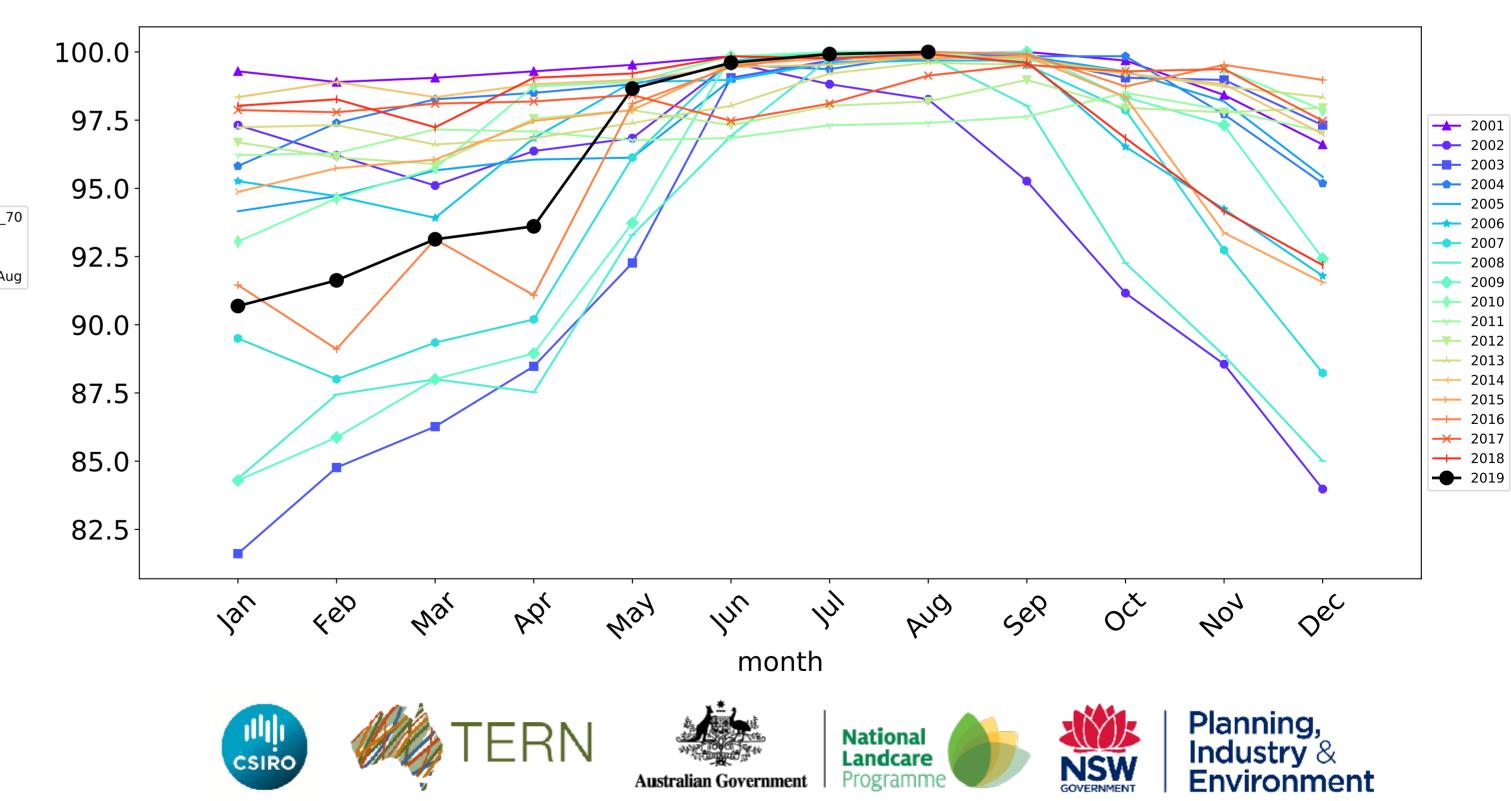




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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





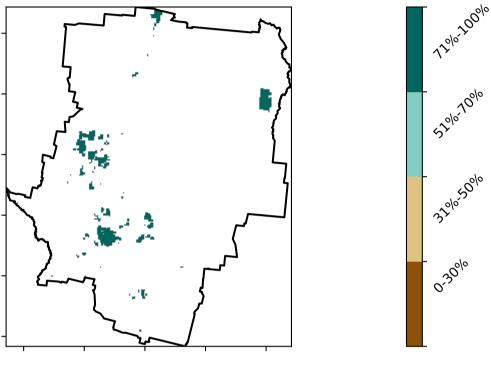
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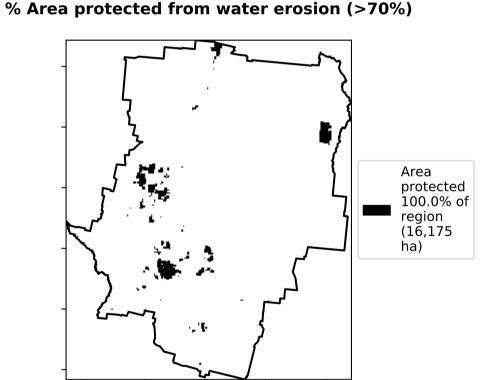
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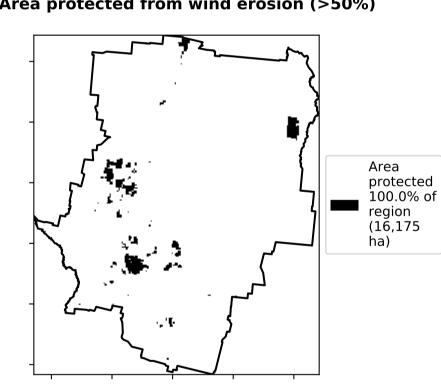
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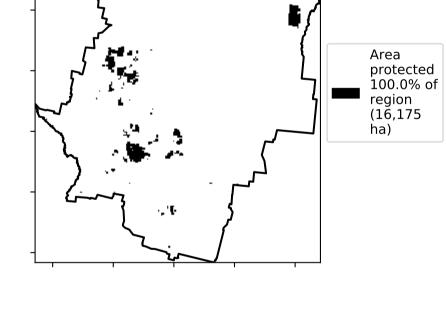


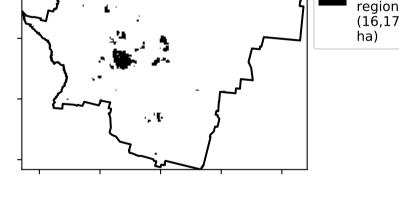
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



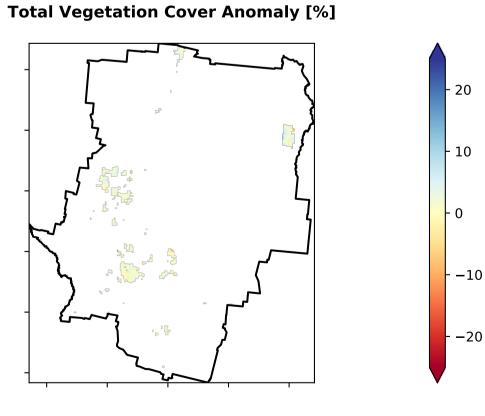




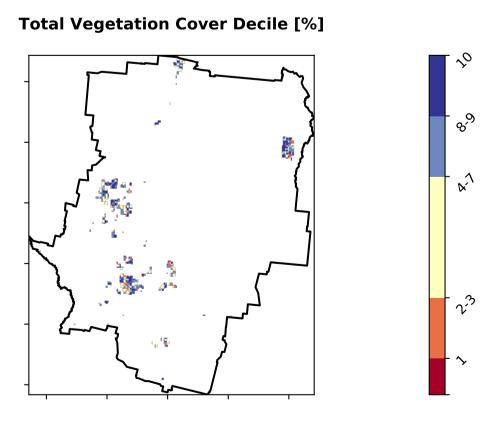


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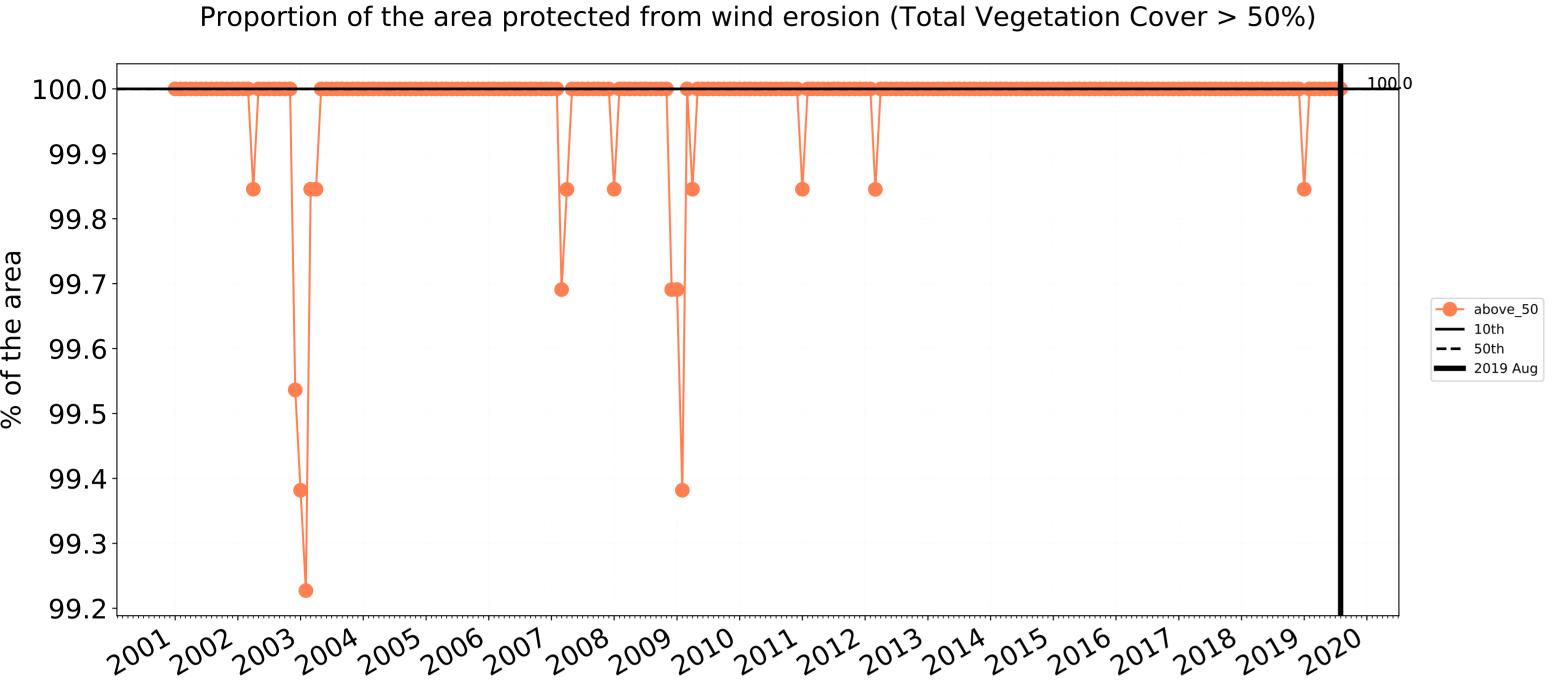


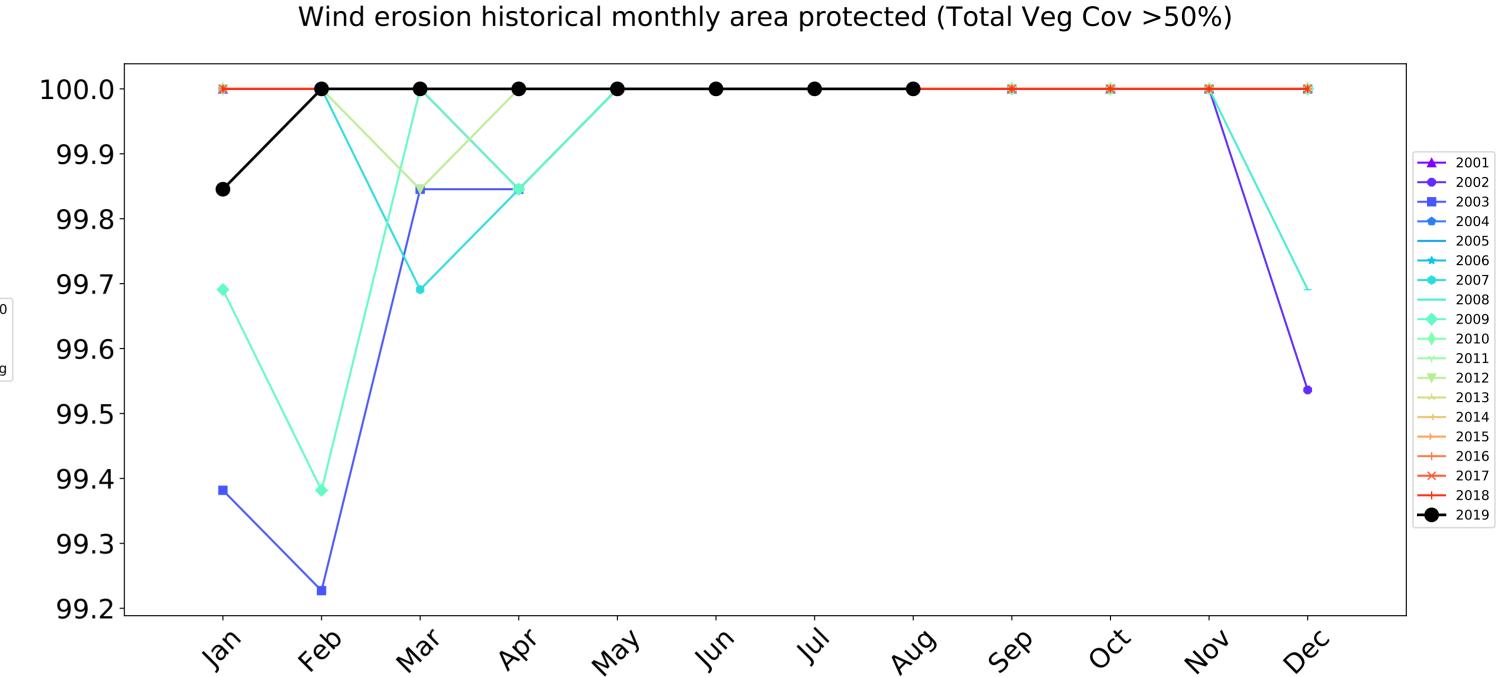




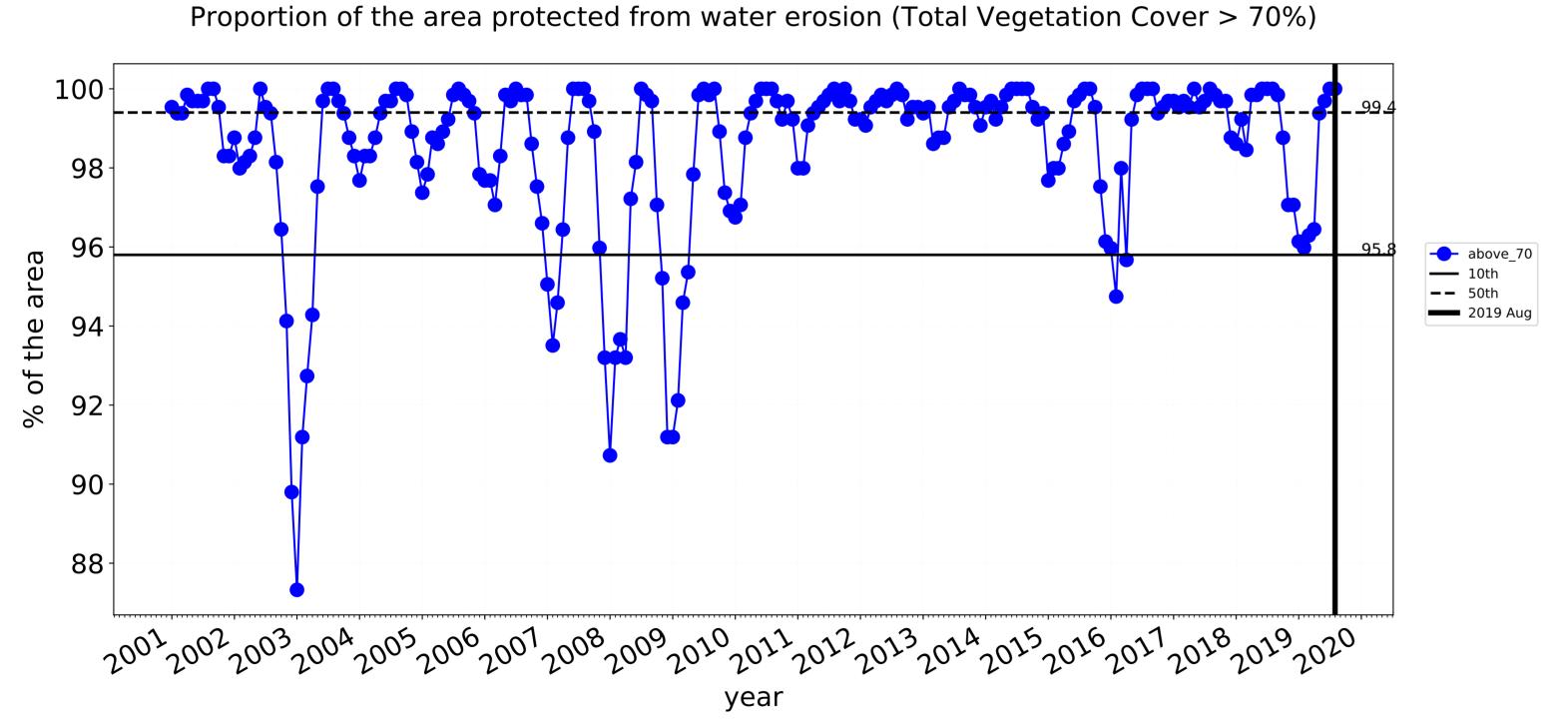


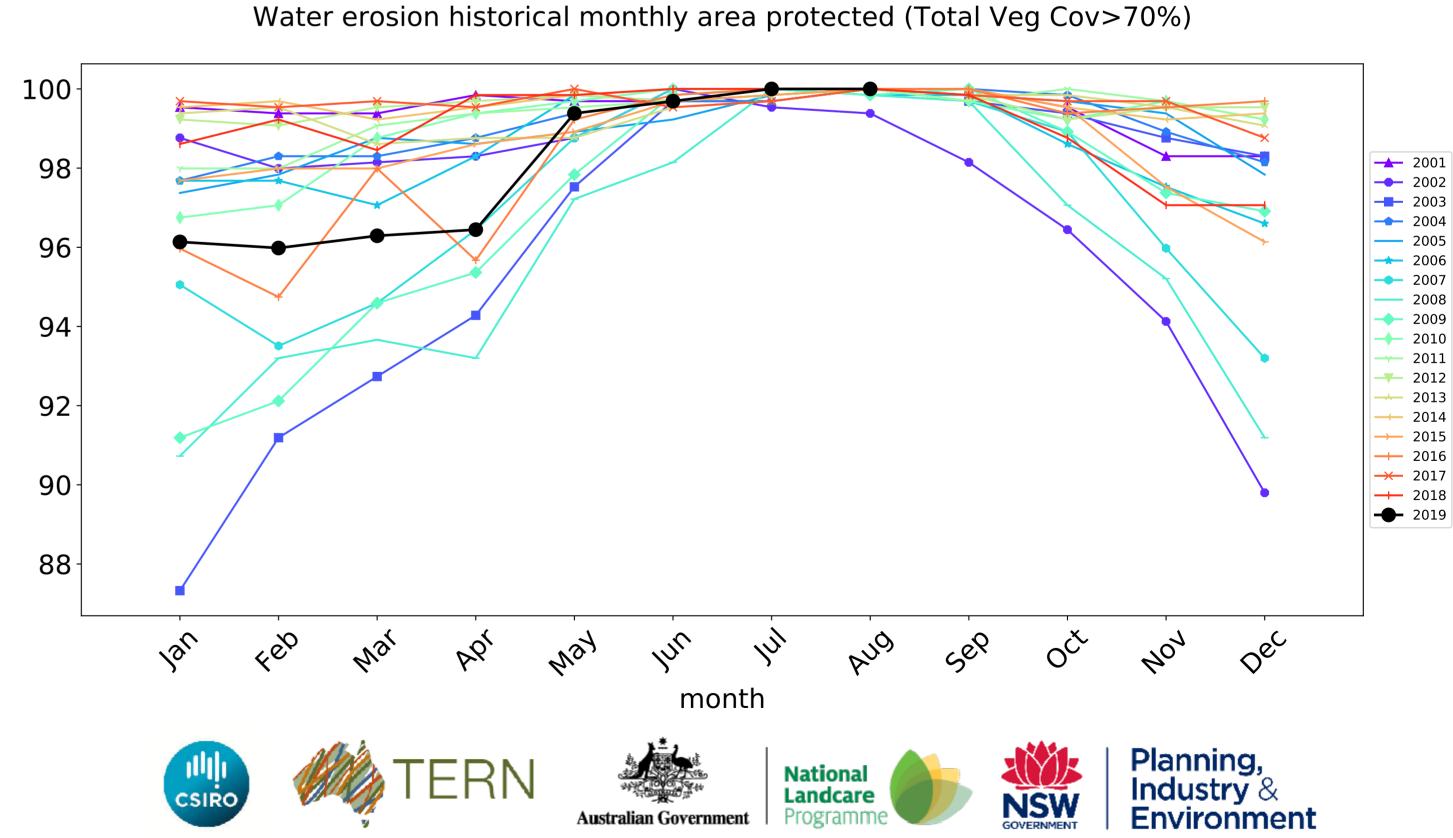






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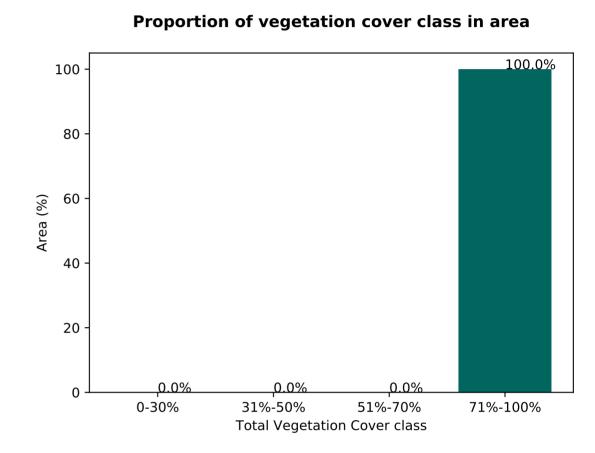
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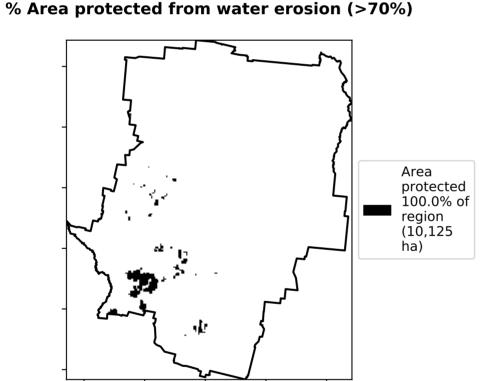
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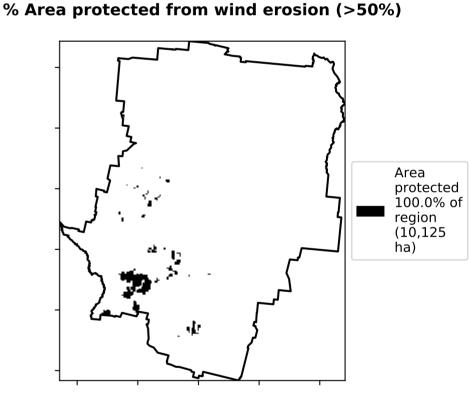
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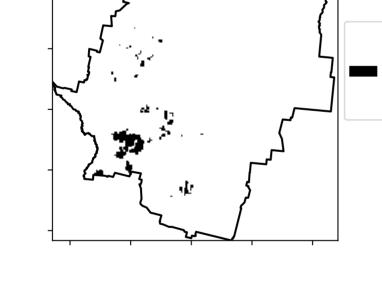
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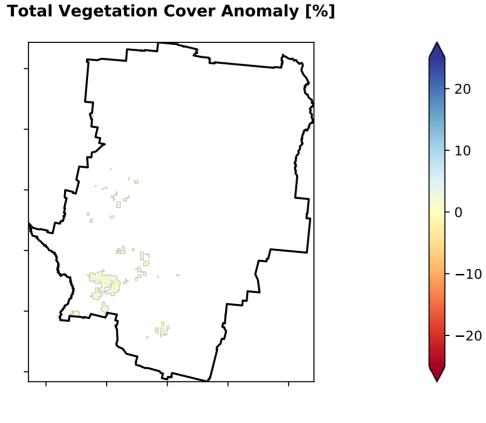




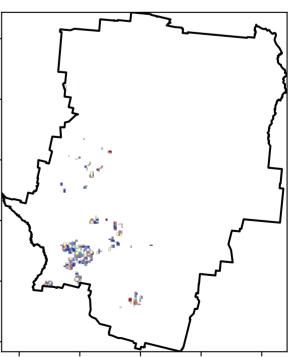




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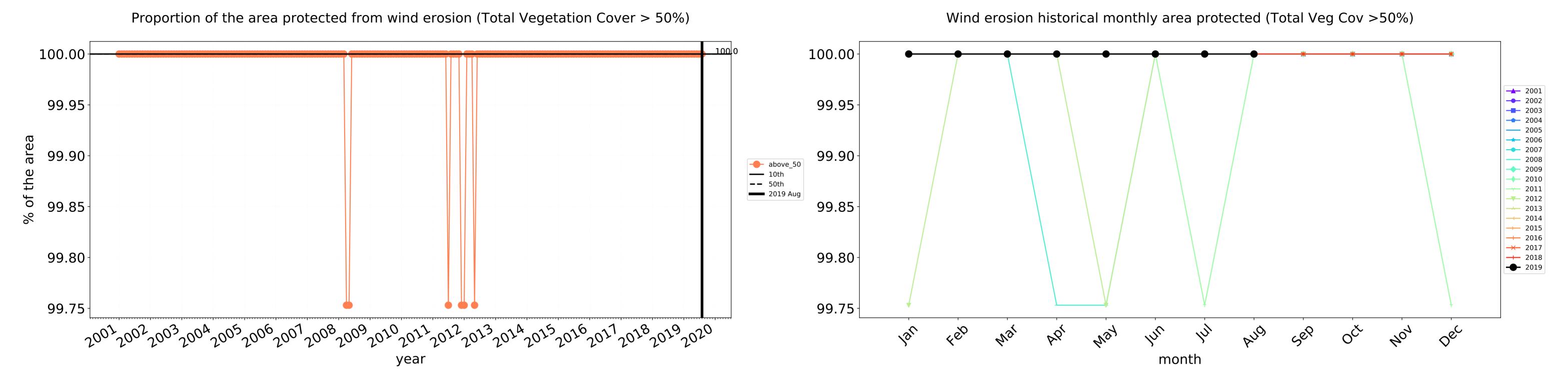


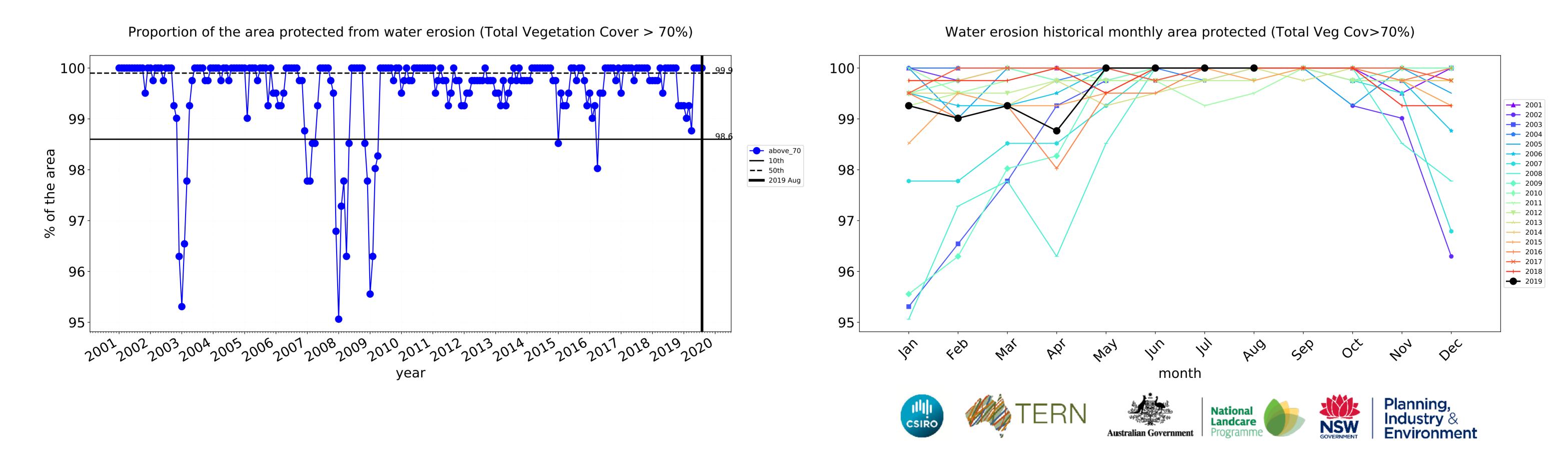












### **Agriculture**

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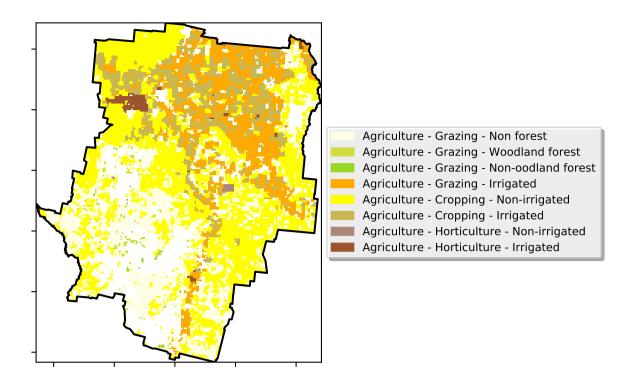
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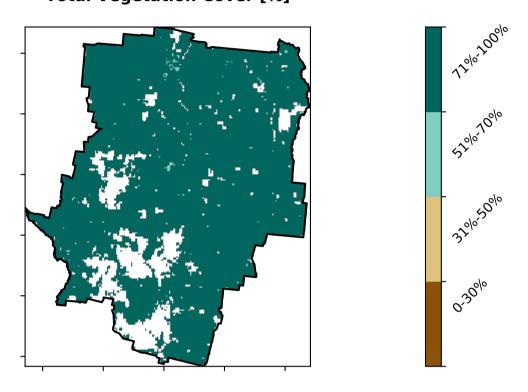
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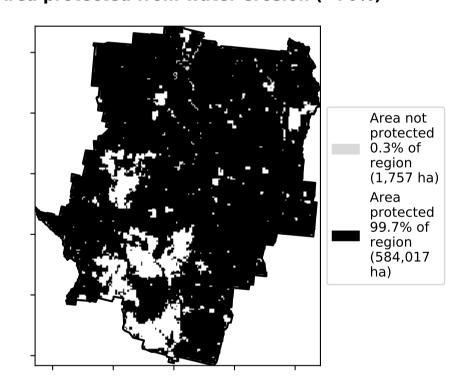
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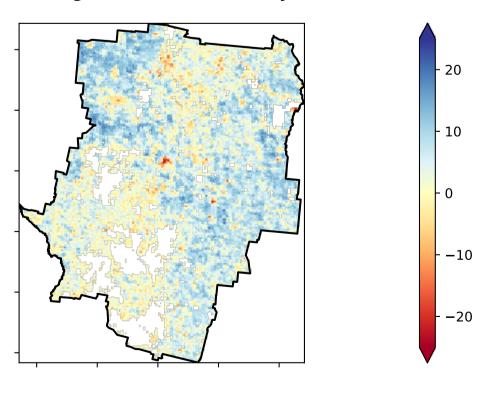
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

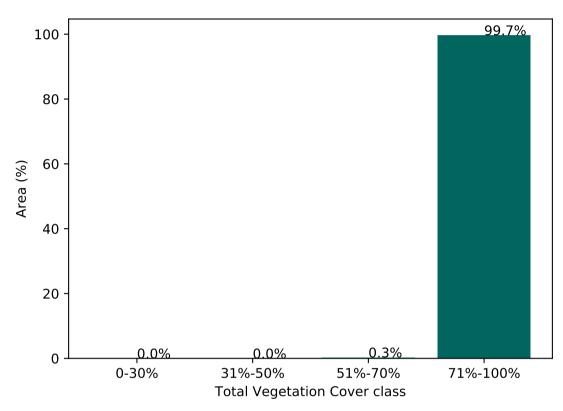


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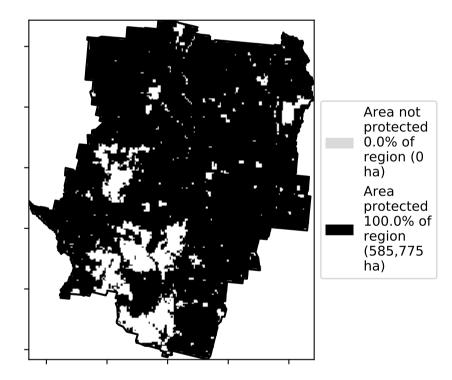


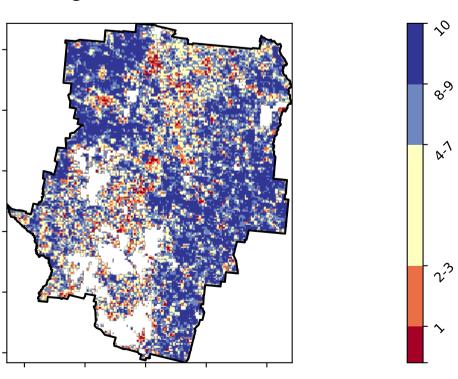
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









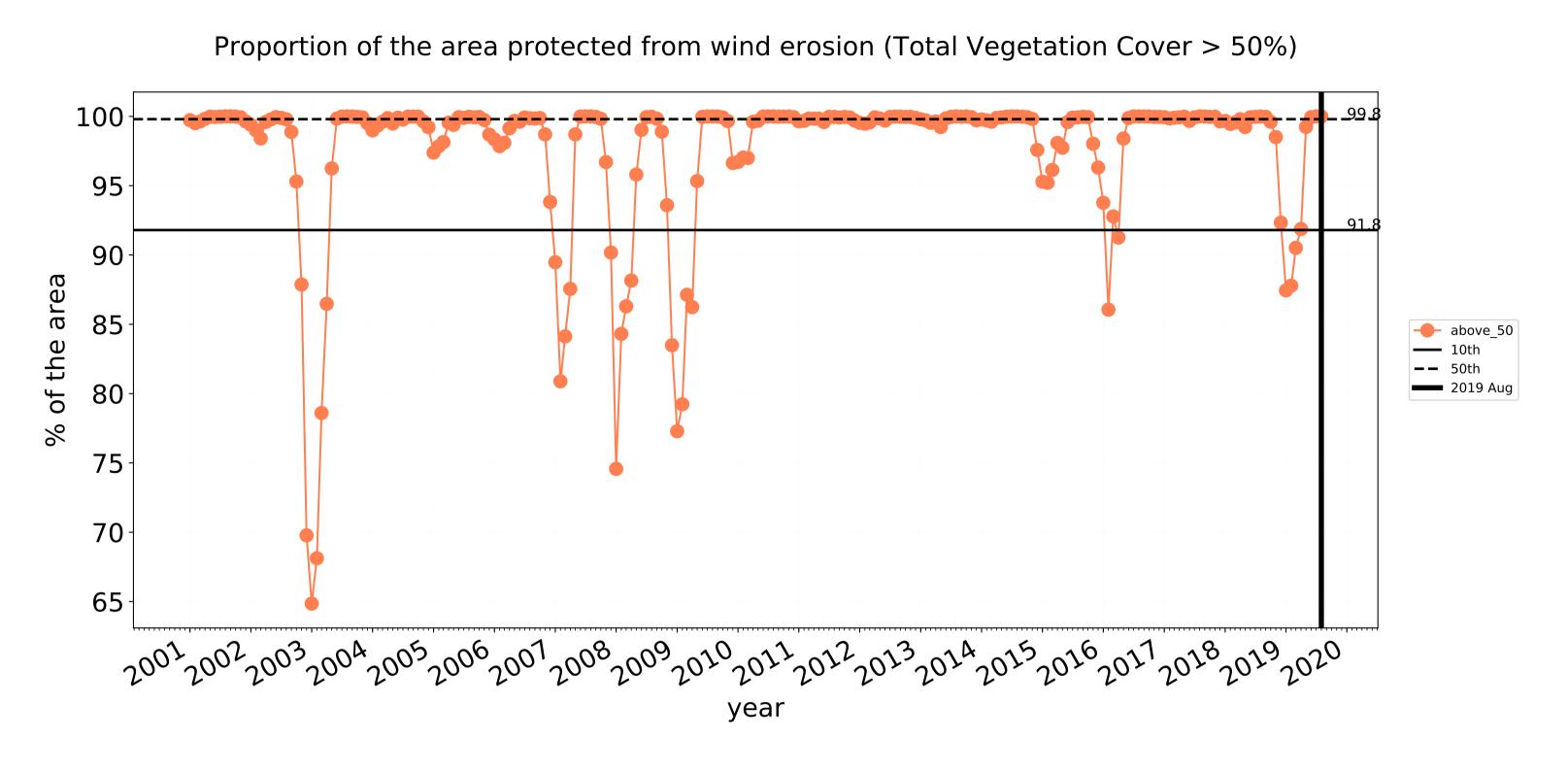


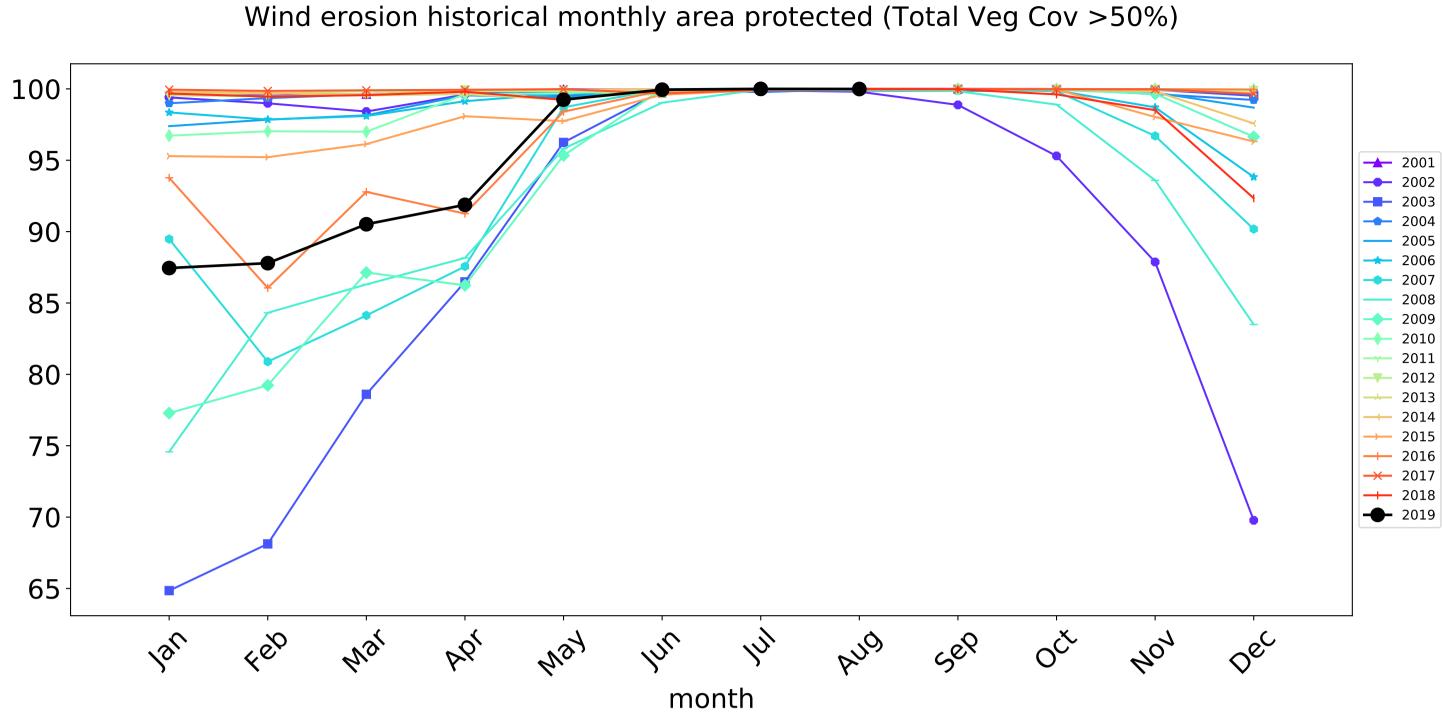


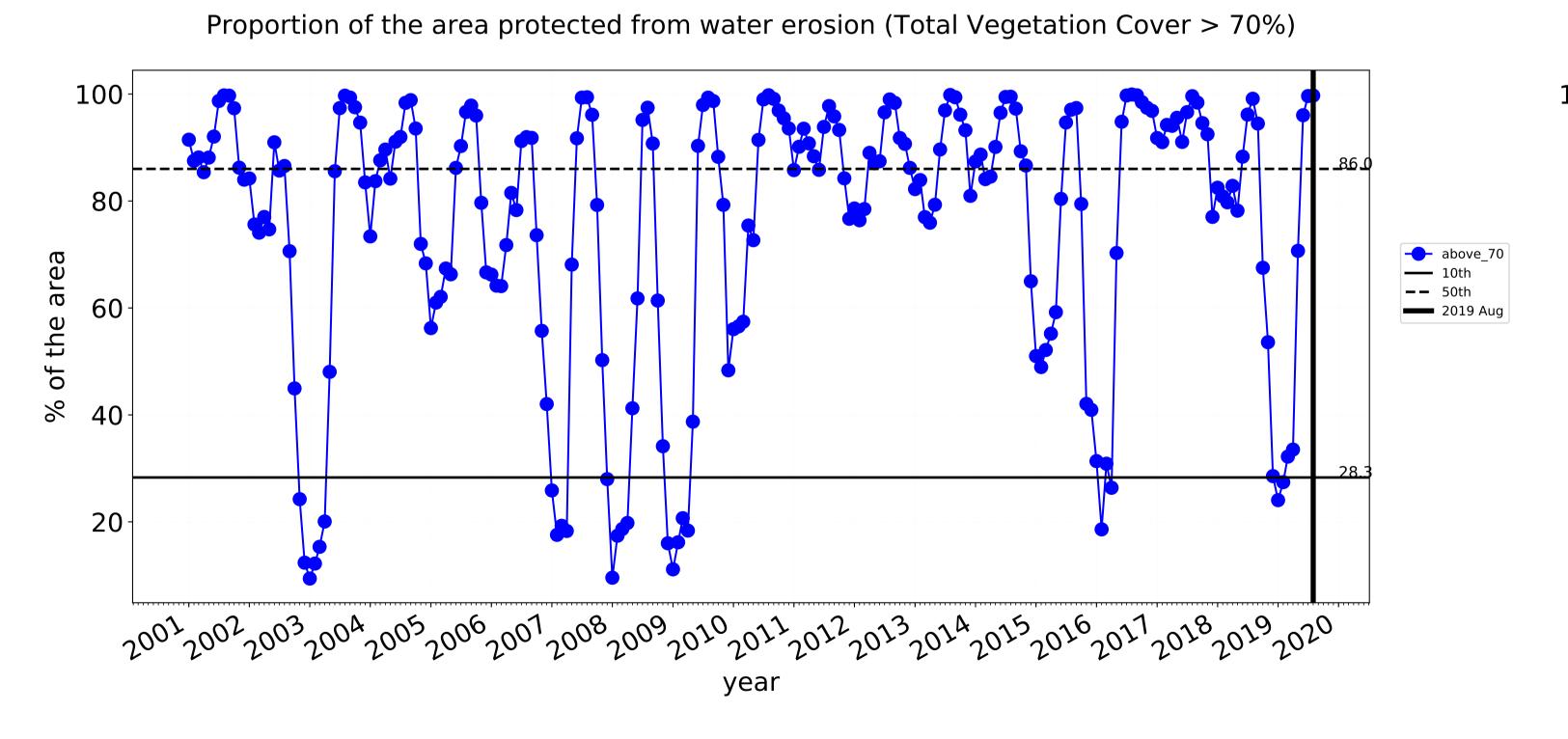


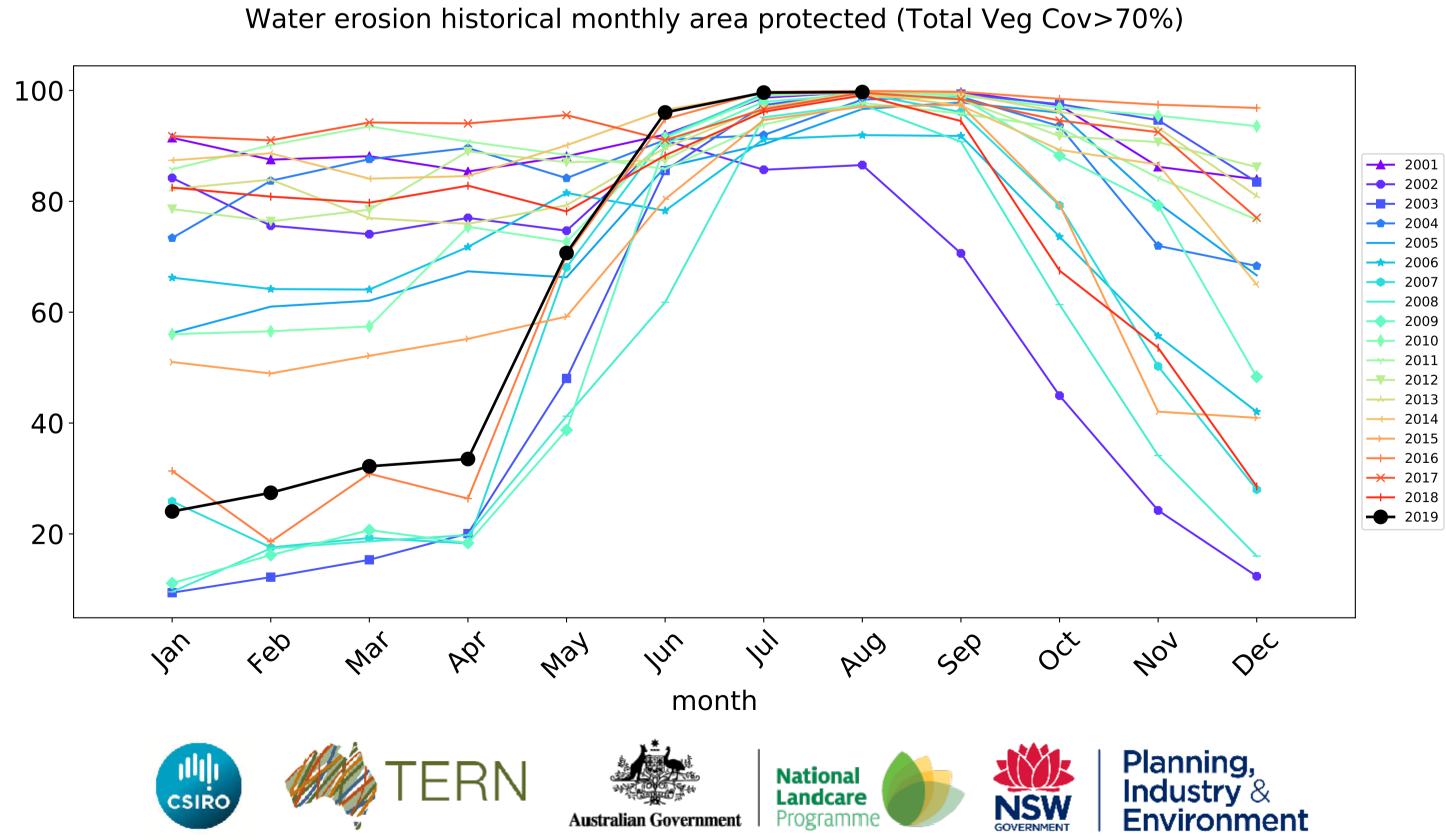


### **Agriculture timeseries**









### **Grazing**

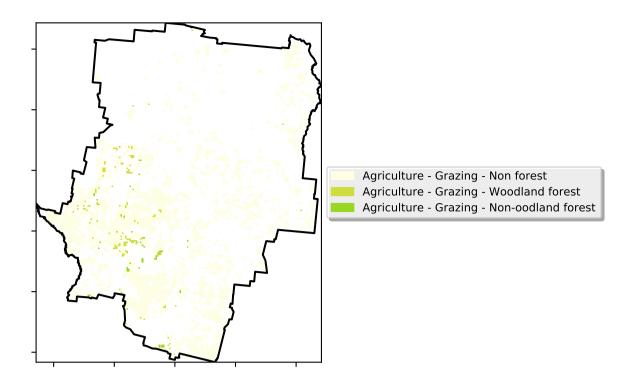
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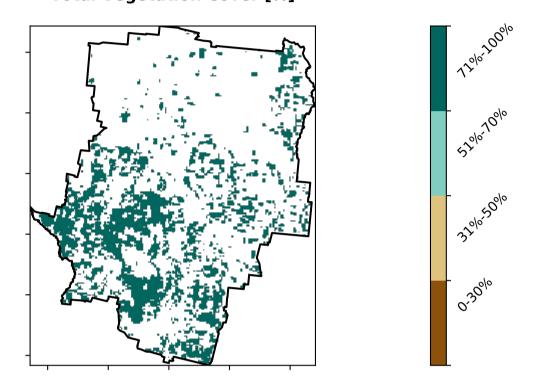
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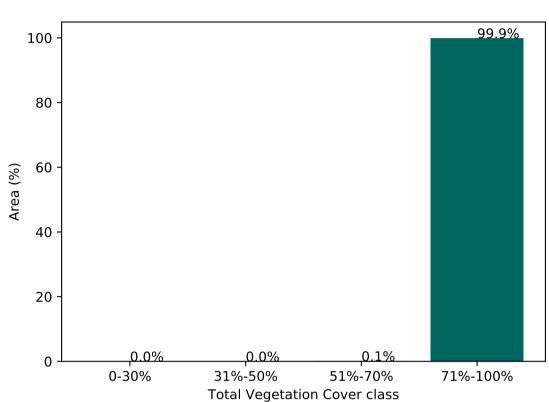
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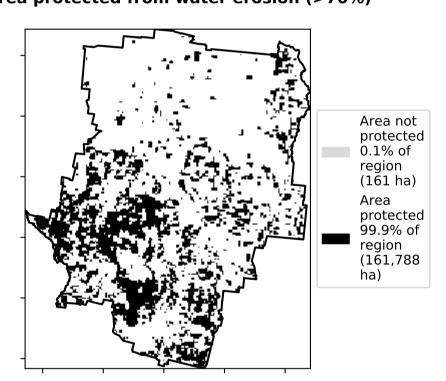
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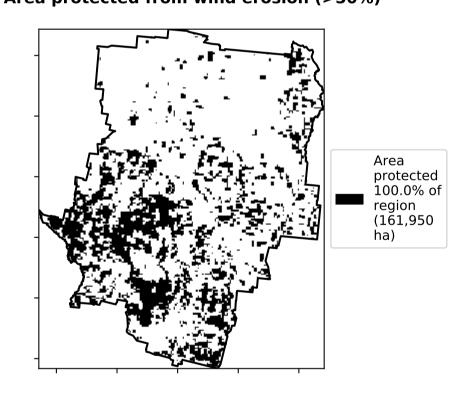
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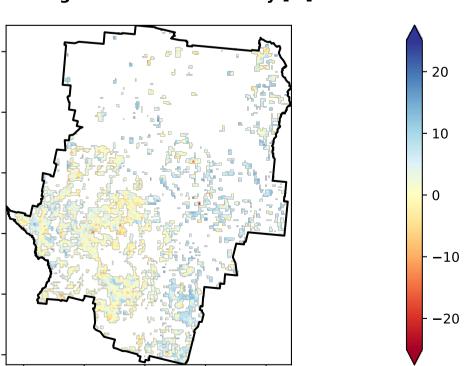
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

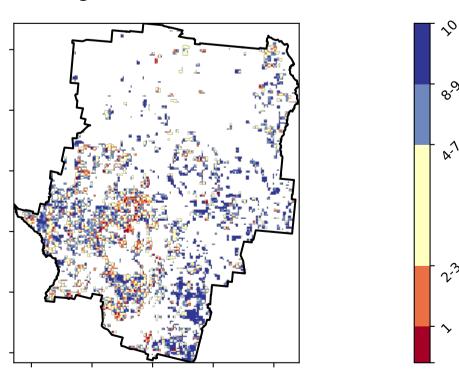


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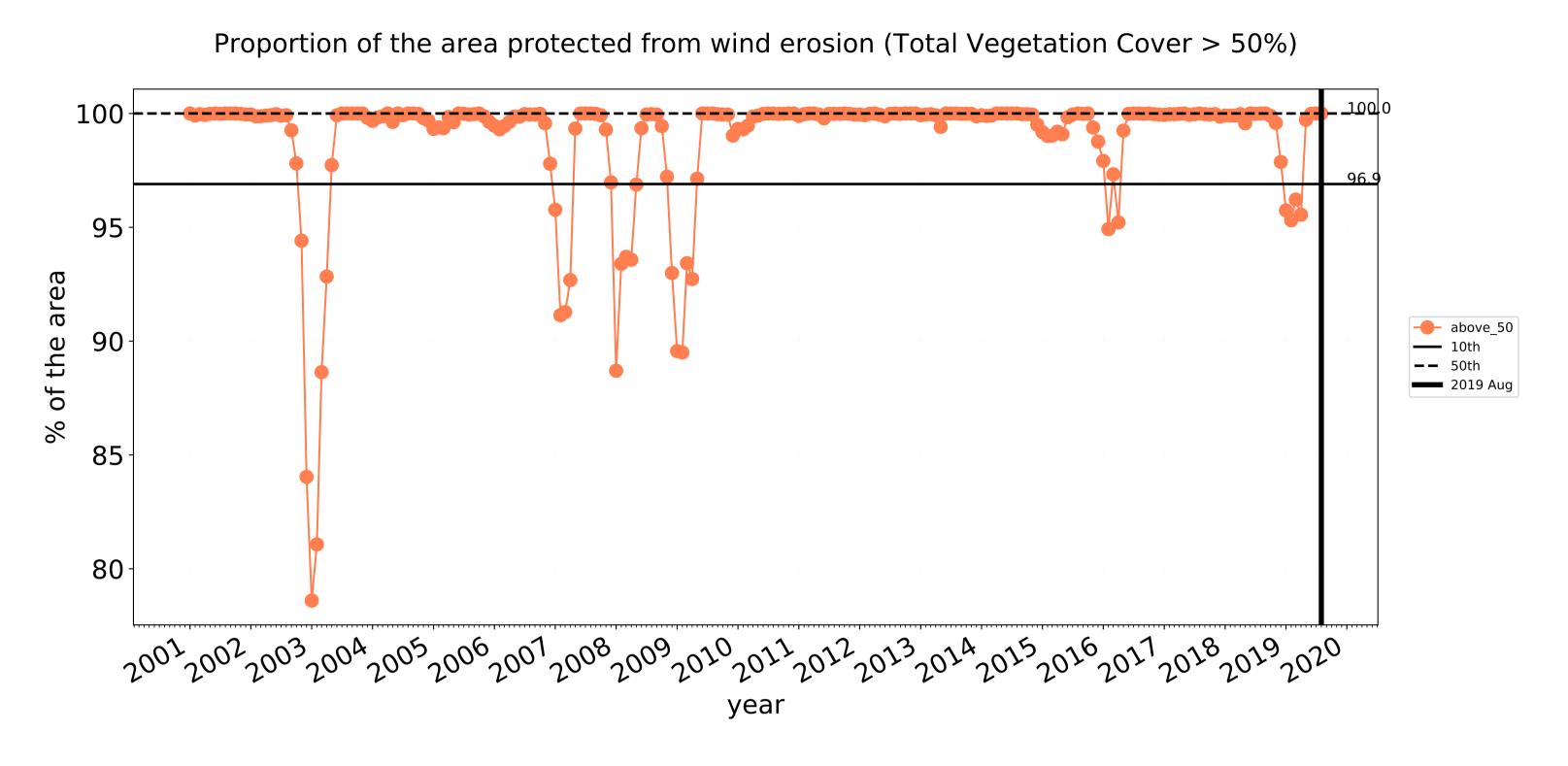


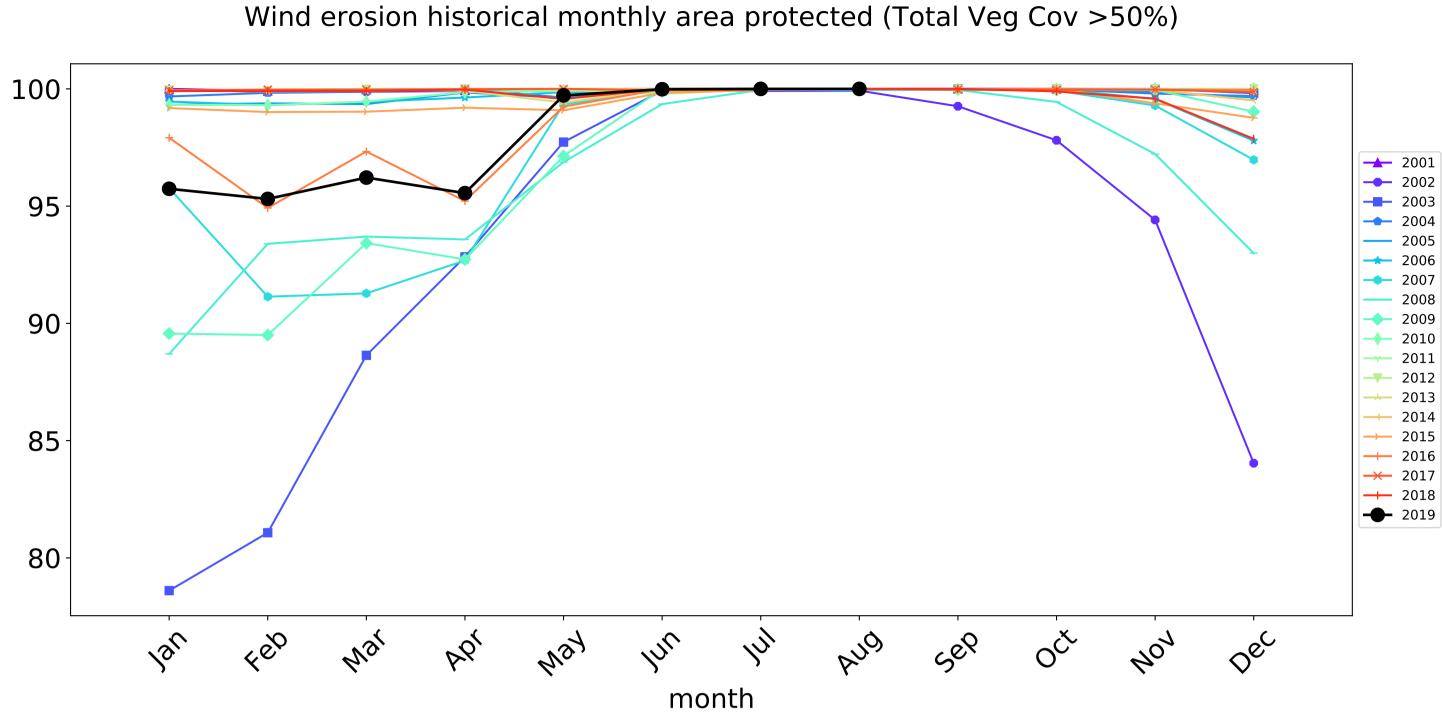


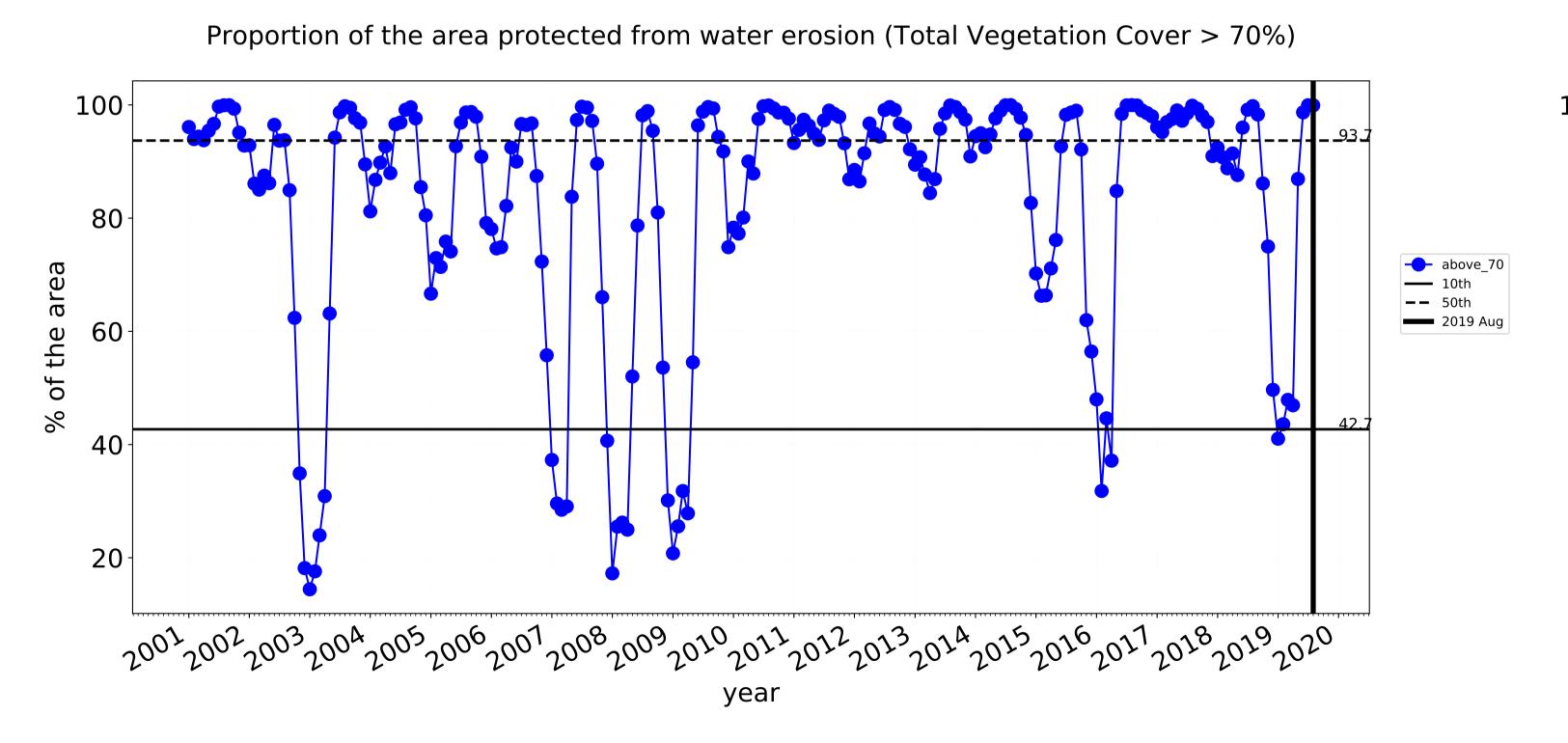


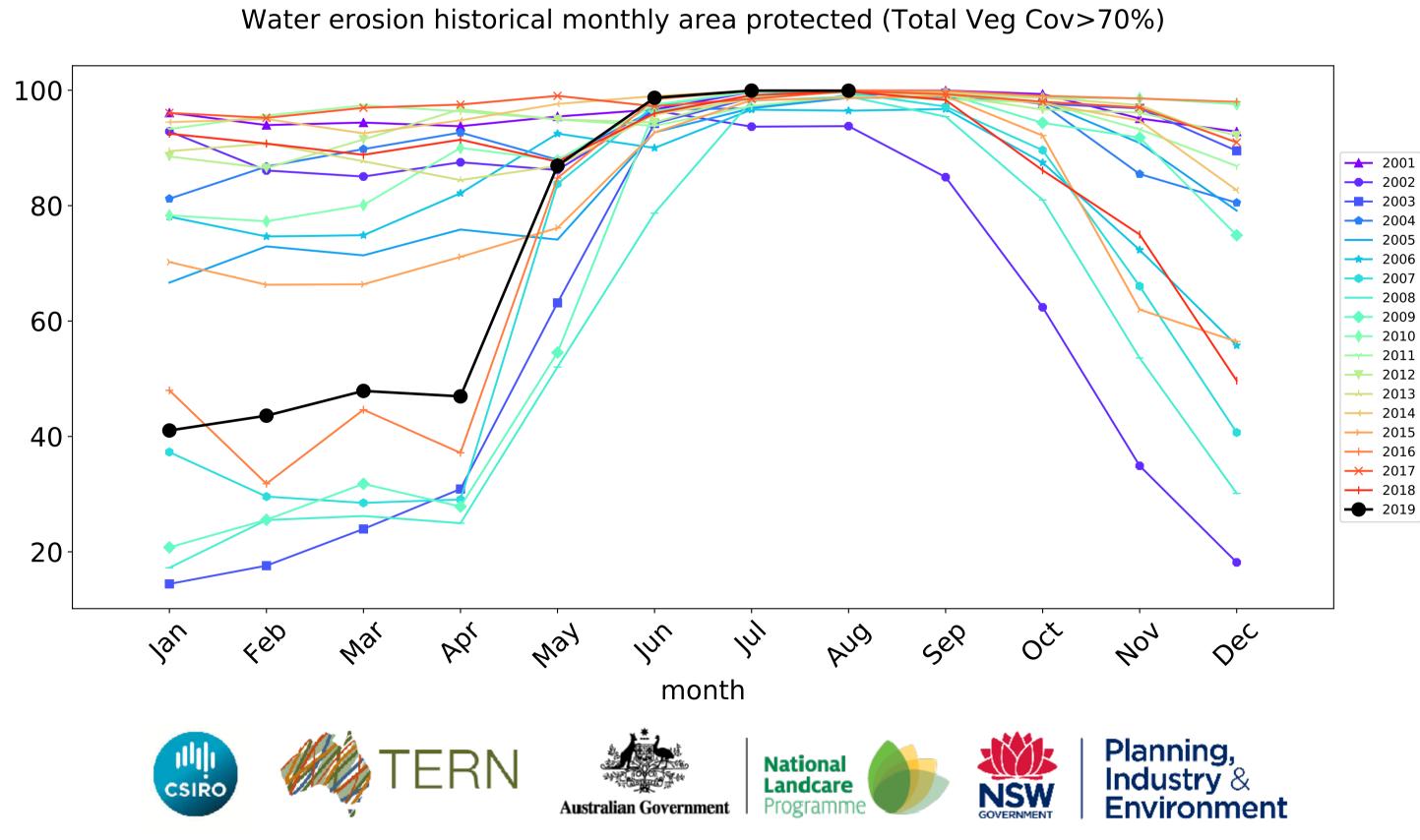


### **Grazing timeseries**









### **Grazing non forest**

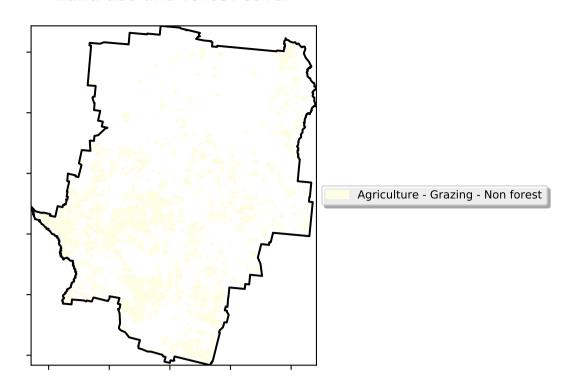
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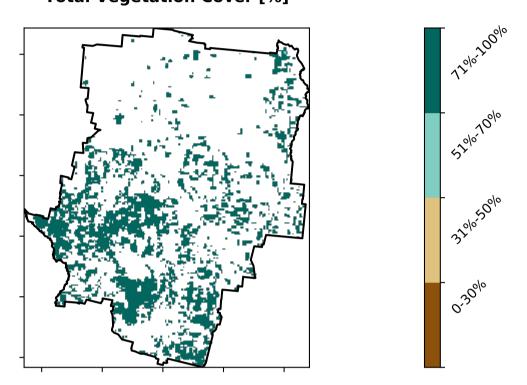
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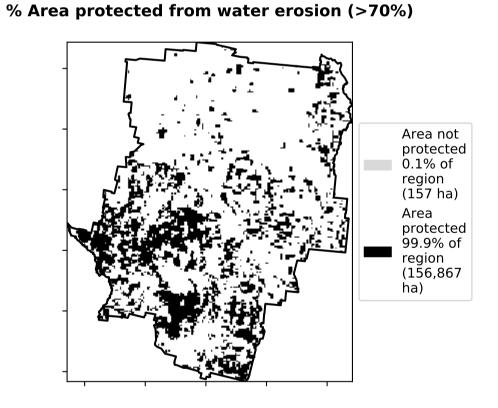
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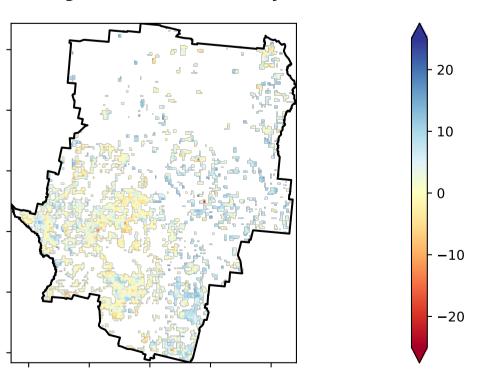


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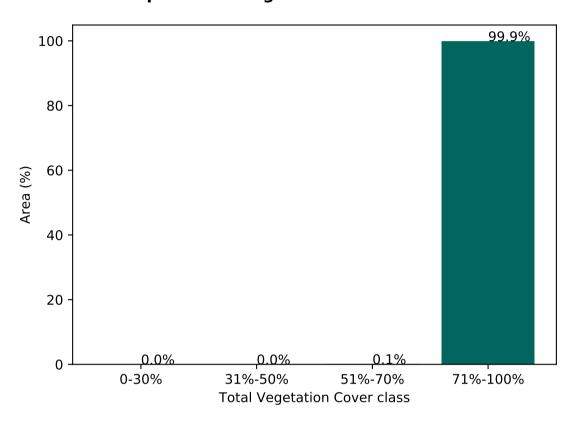


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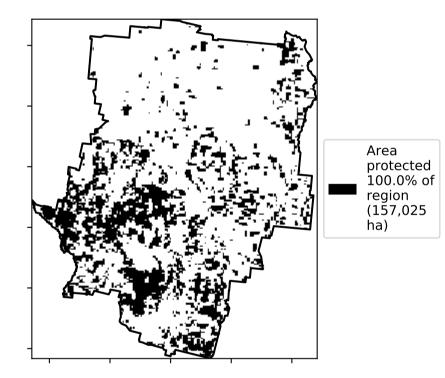


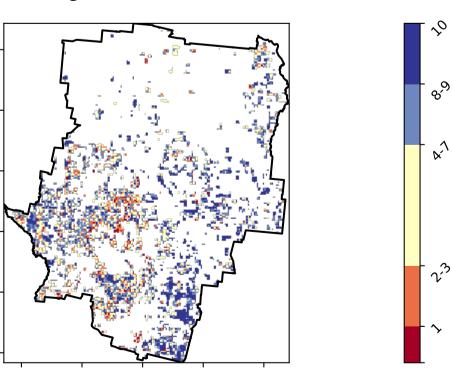
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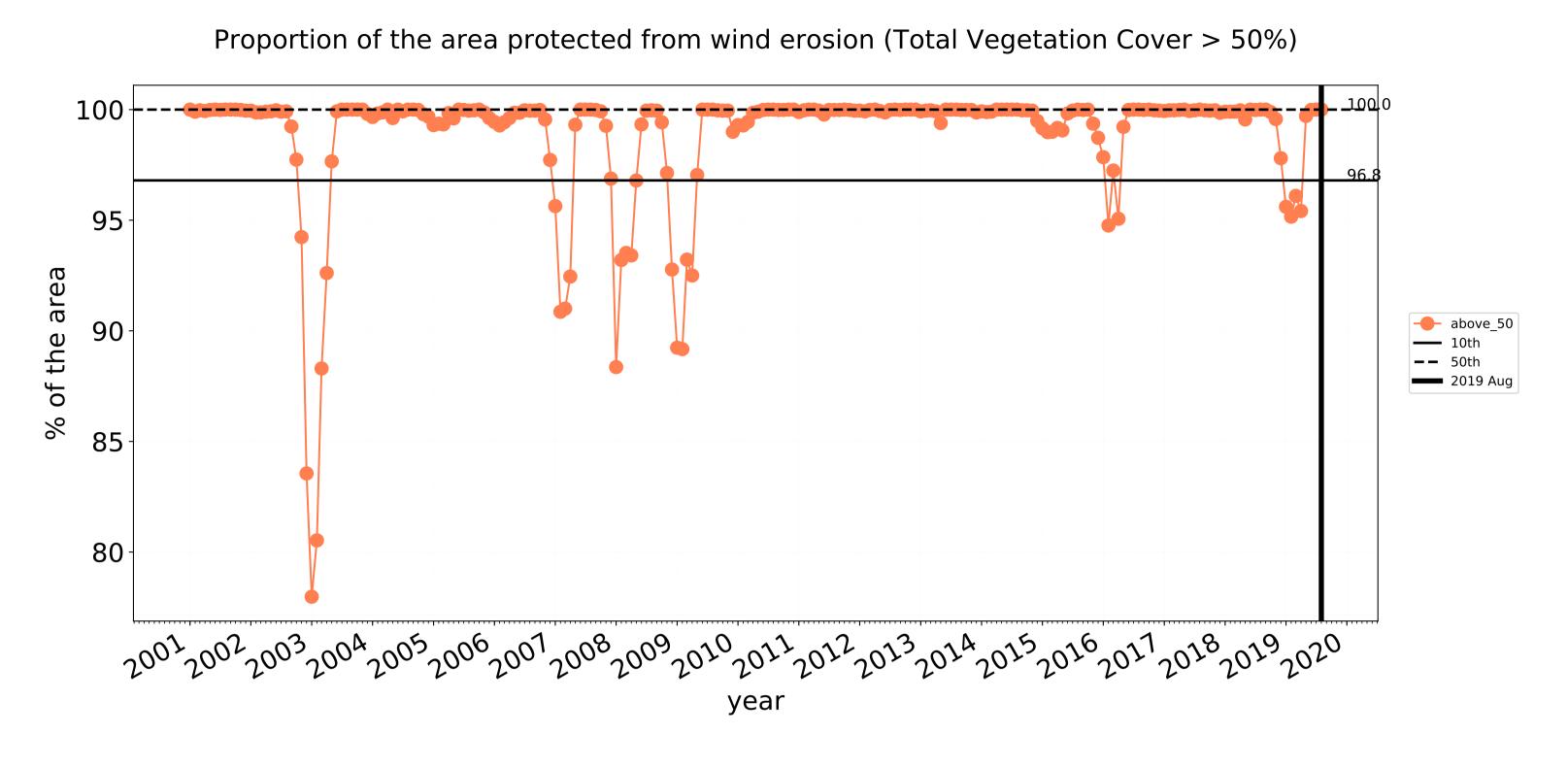


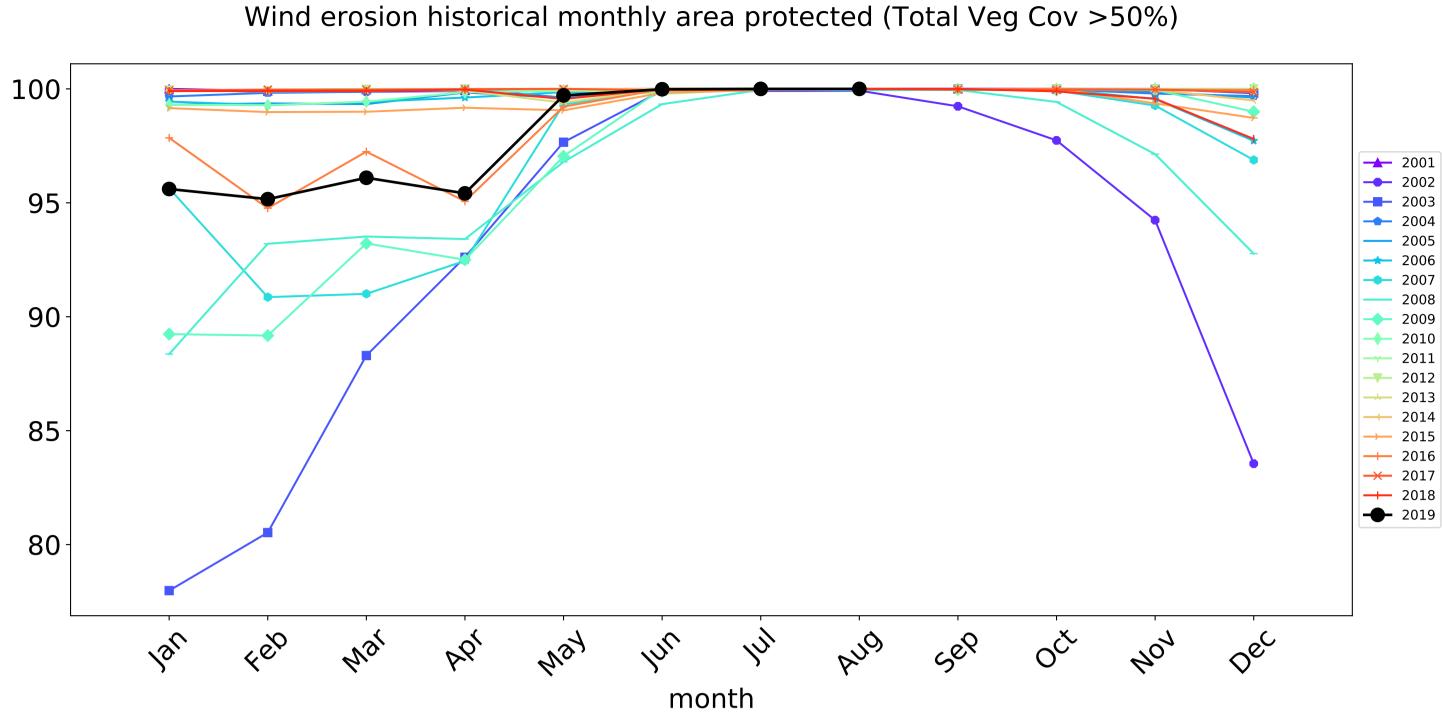


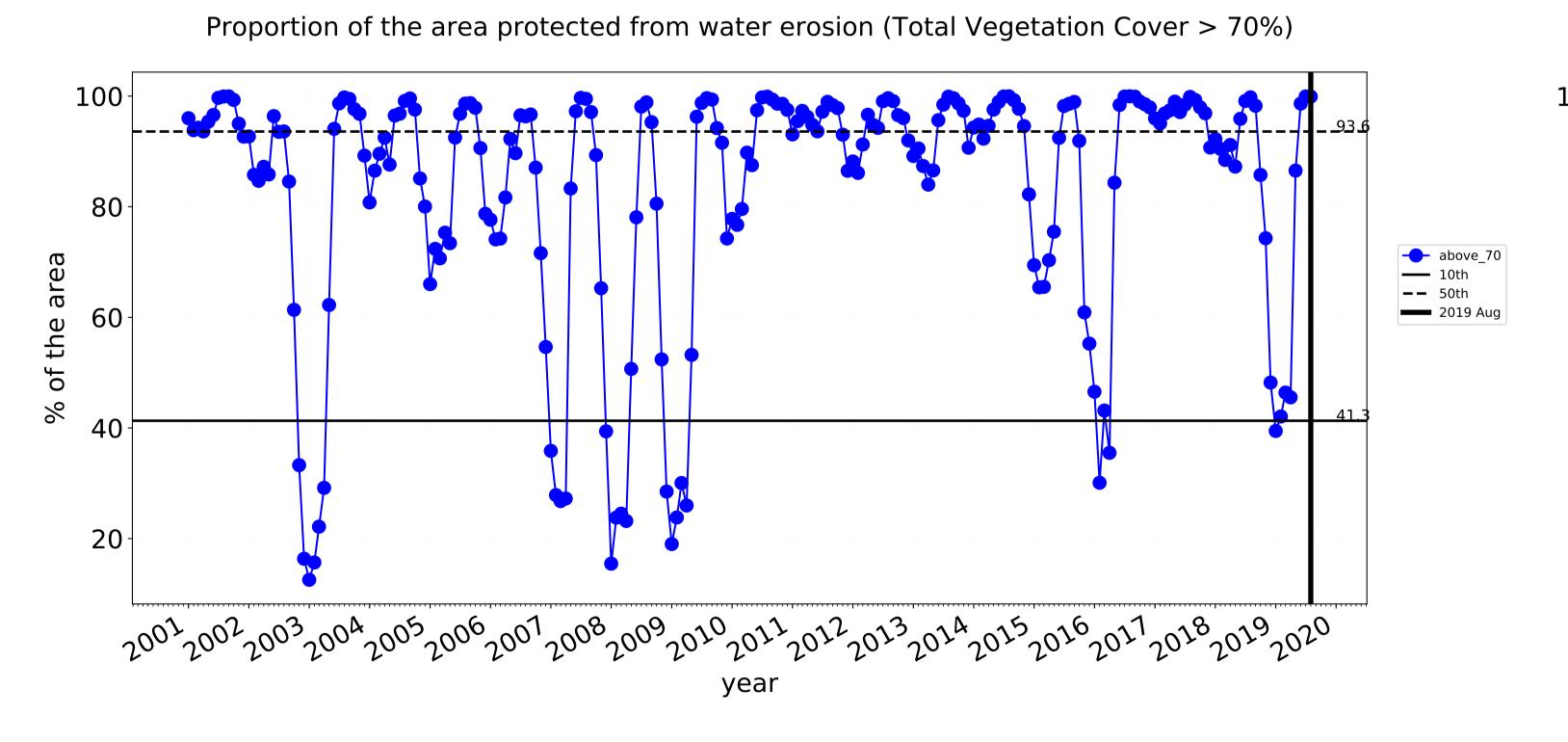


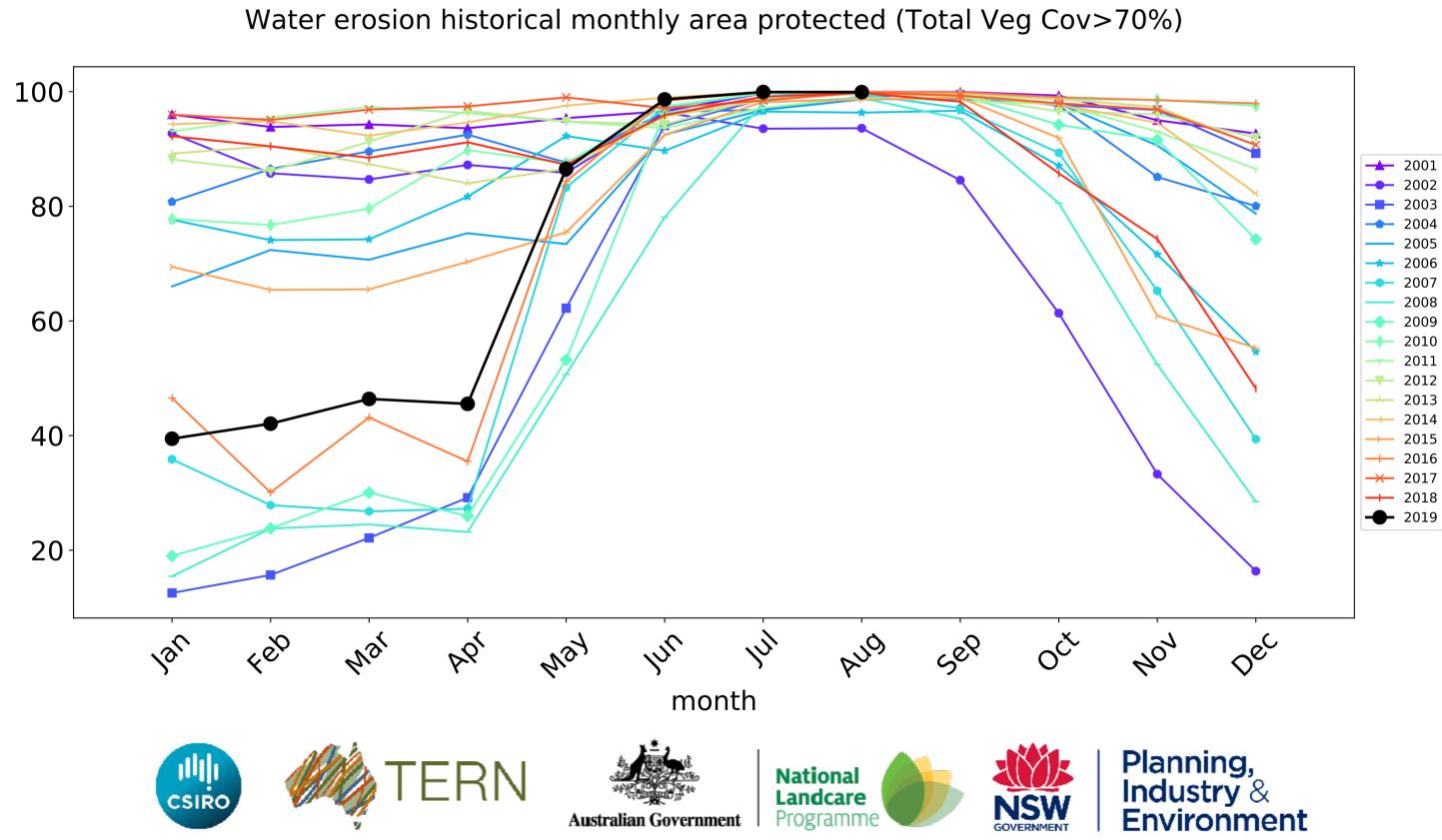


### **Grazing non forest timeseries**









### **Cropping**

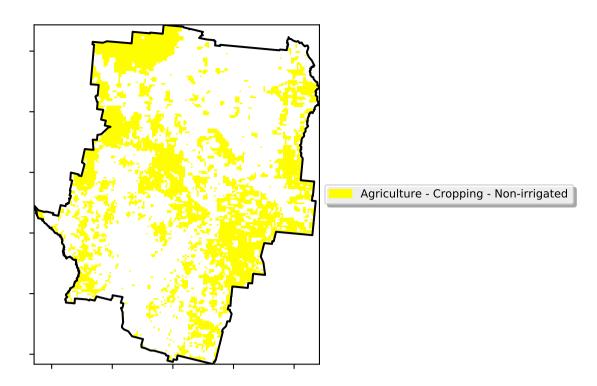
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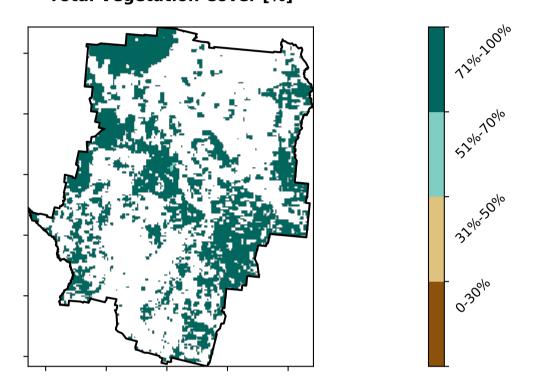
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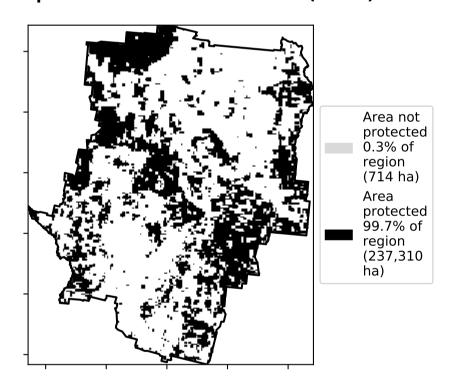
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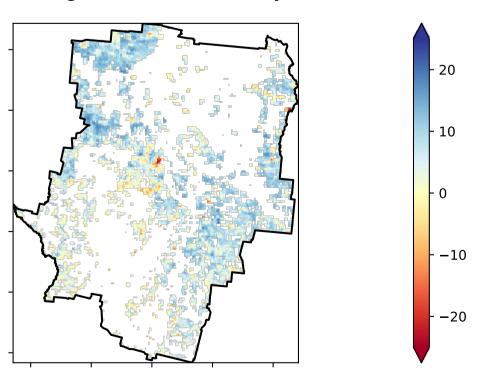
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

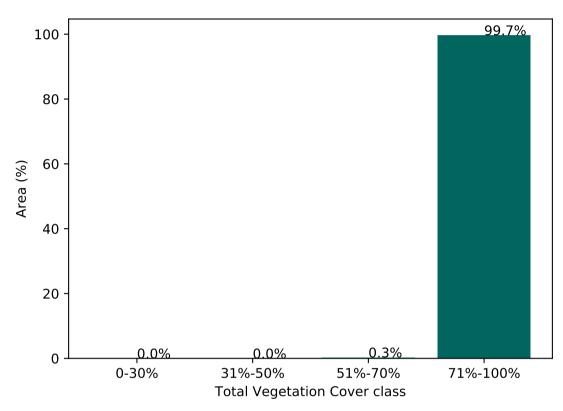


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

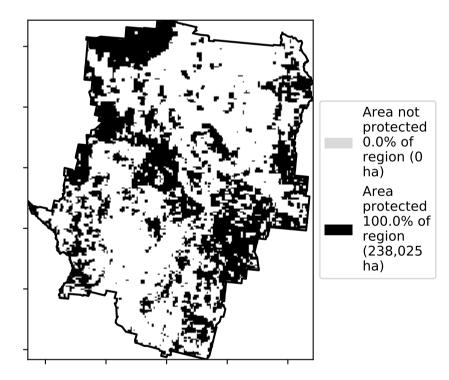


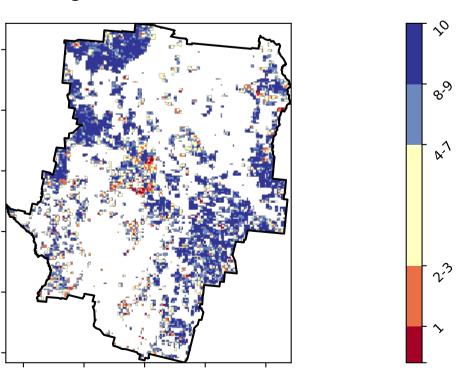
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









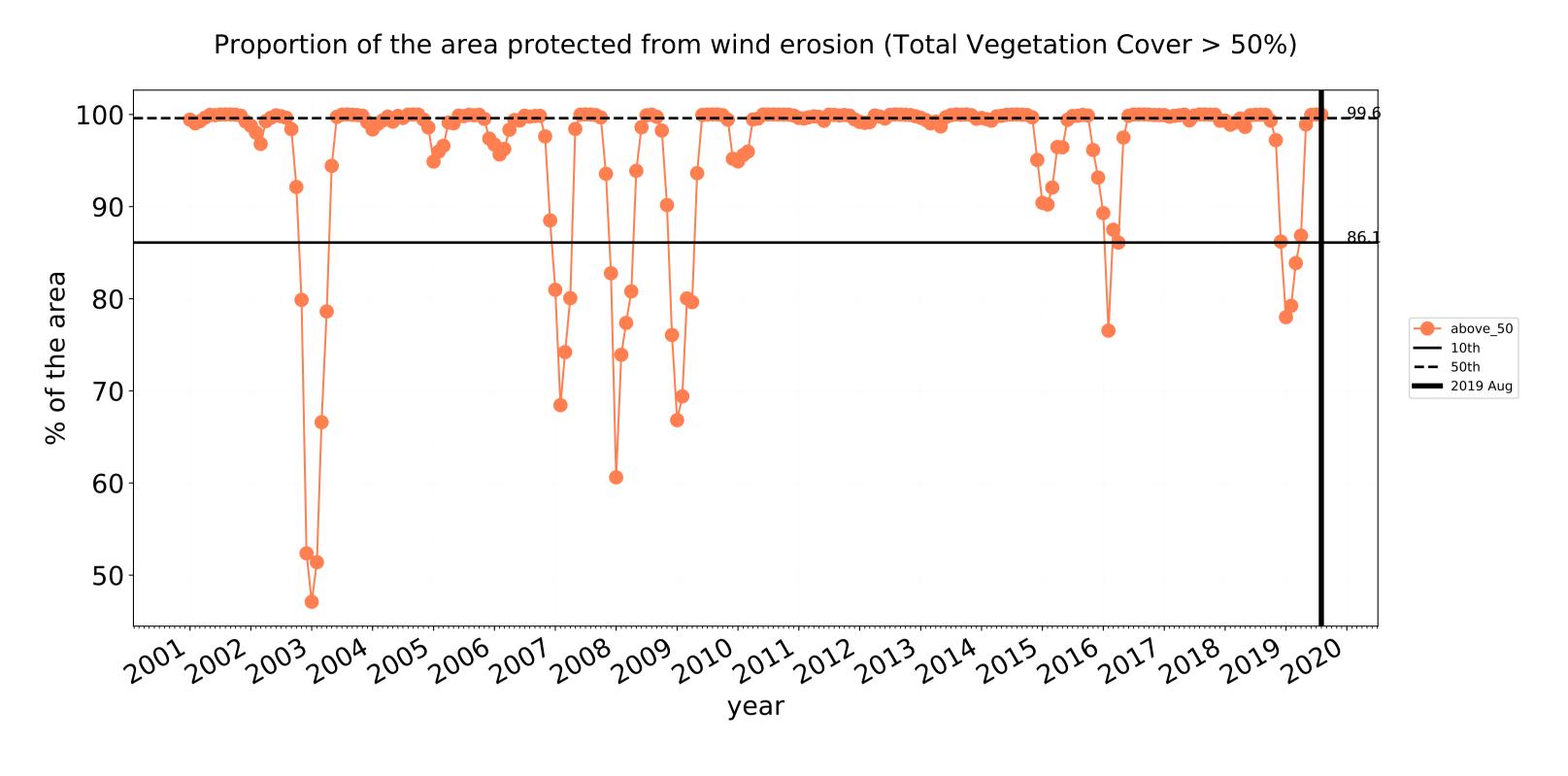


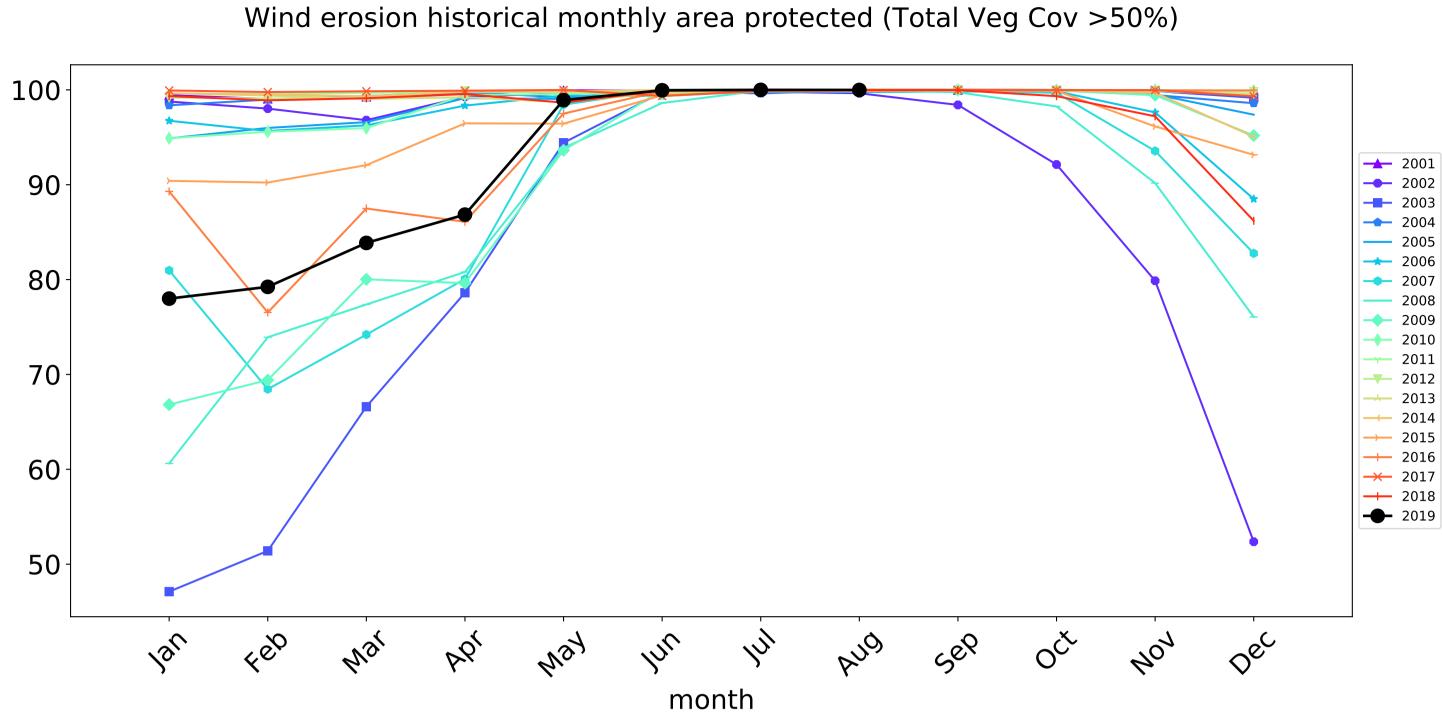


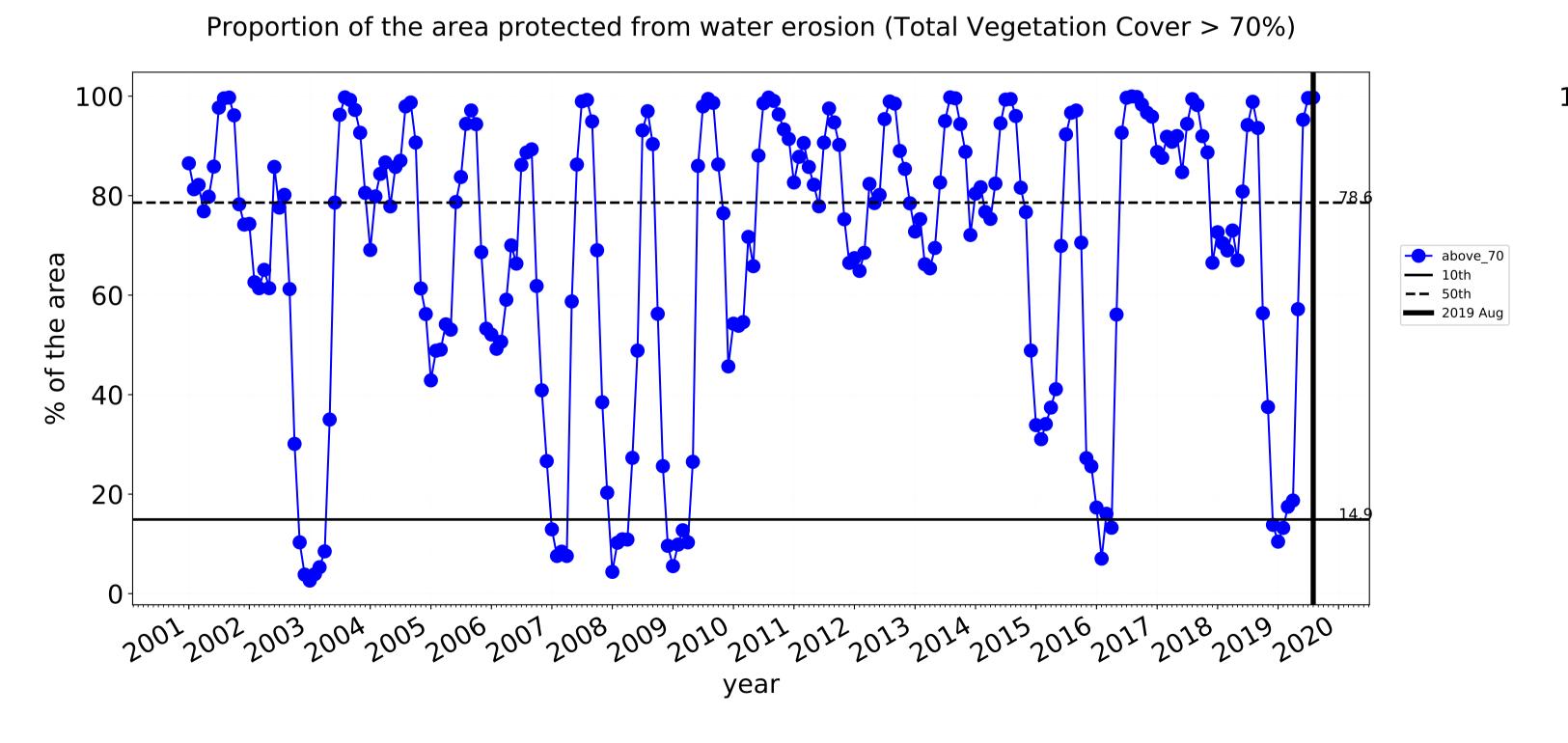


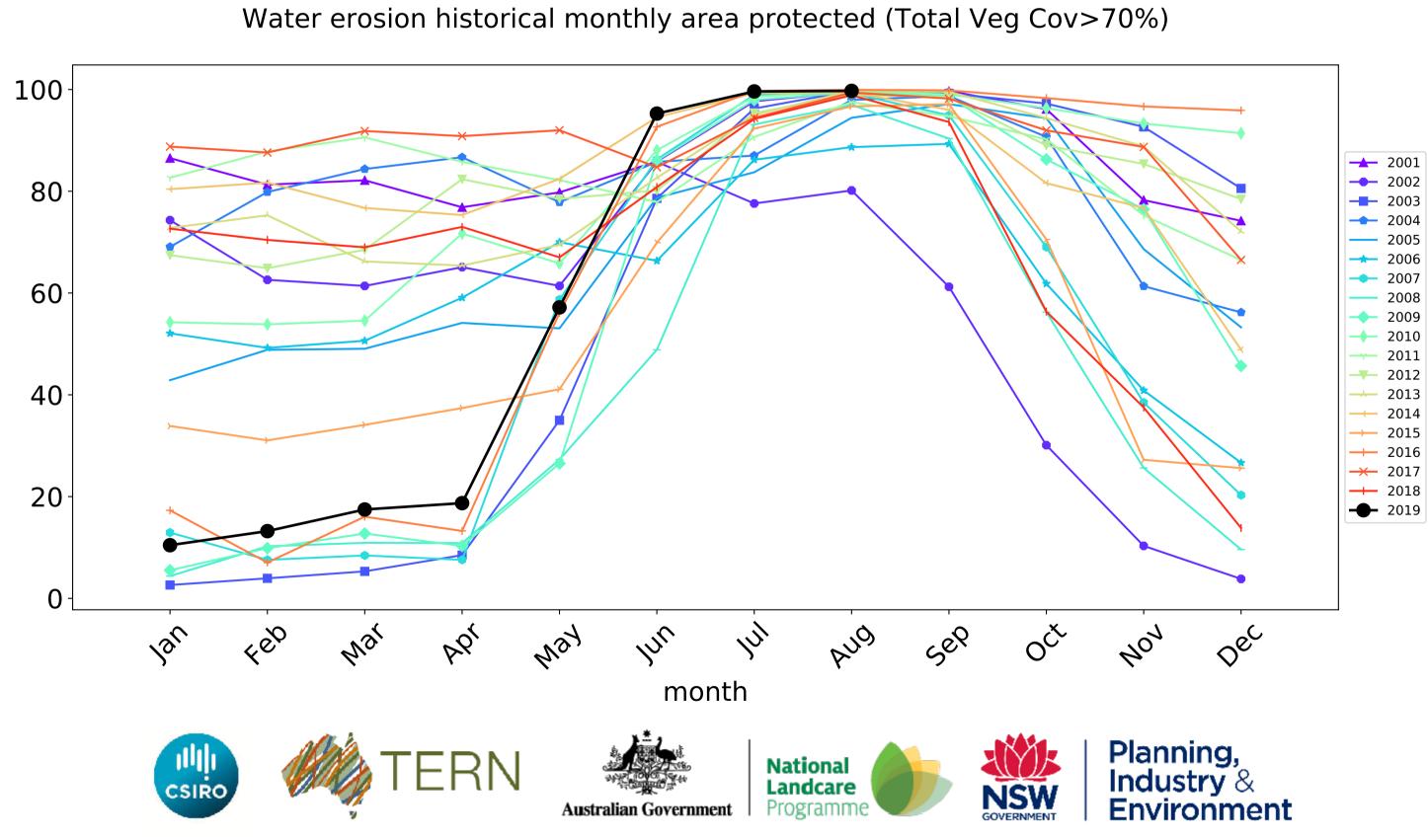


### **Cropping timeseries**









### Irrigation

### Land use and forest cover

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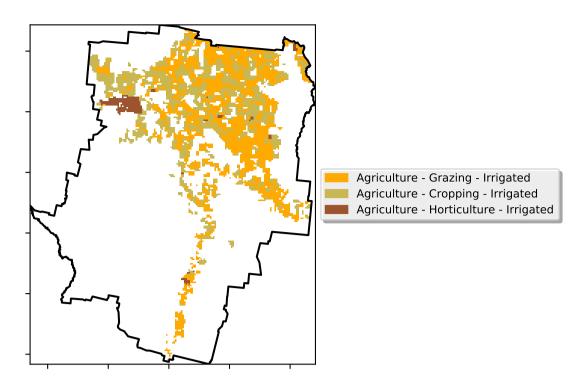
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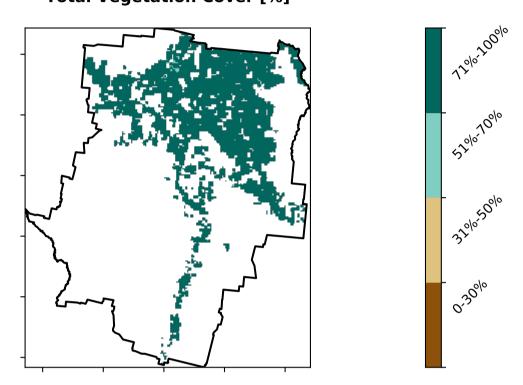
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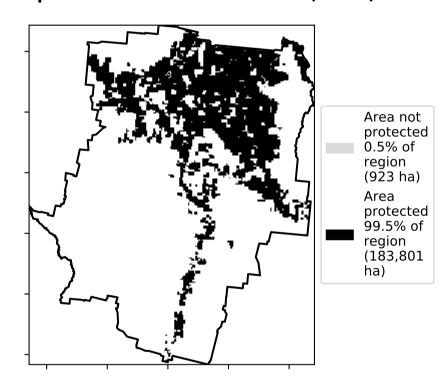
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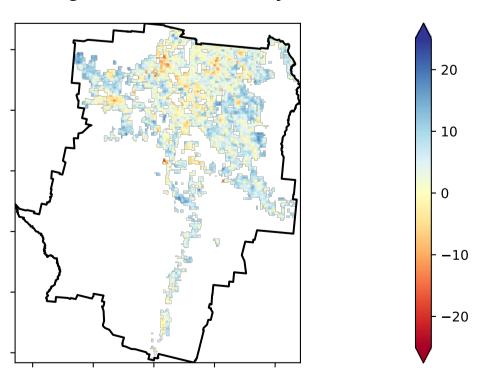
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

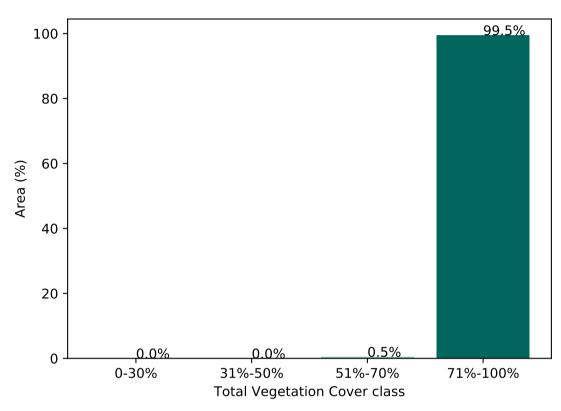


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

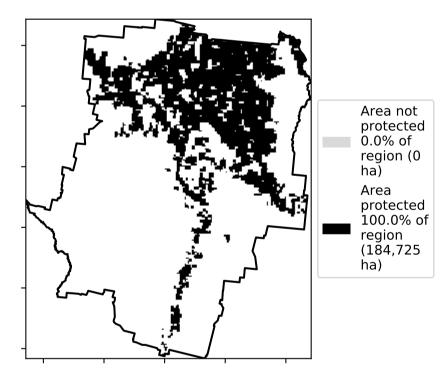


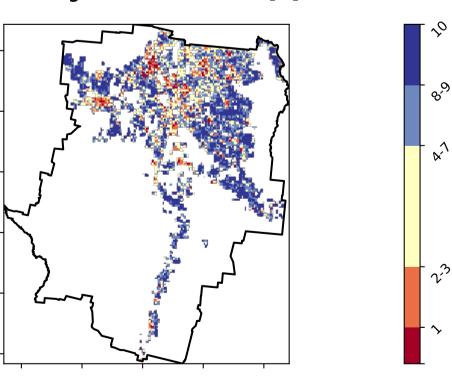
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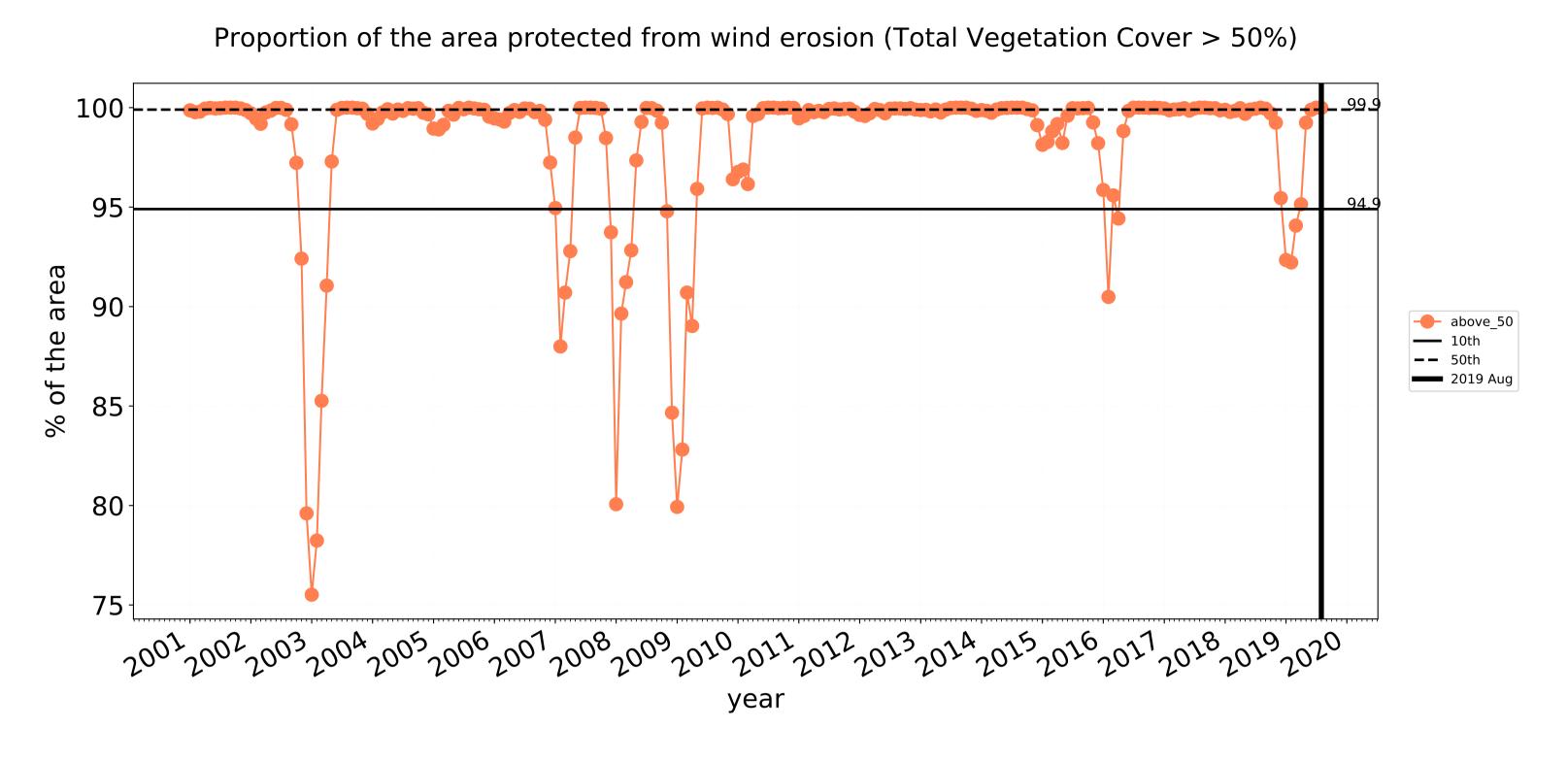


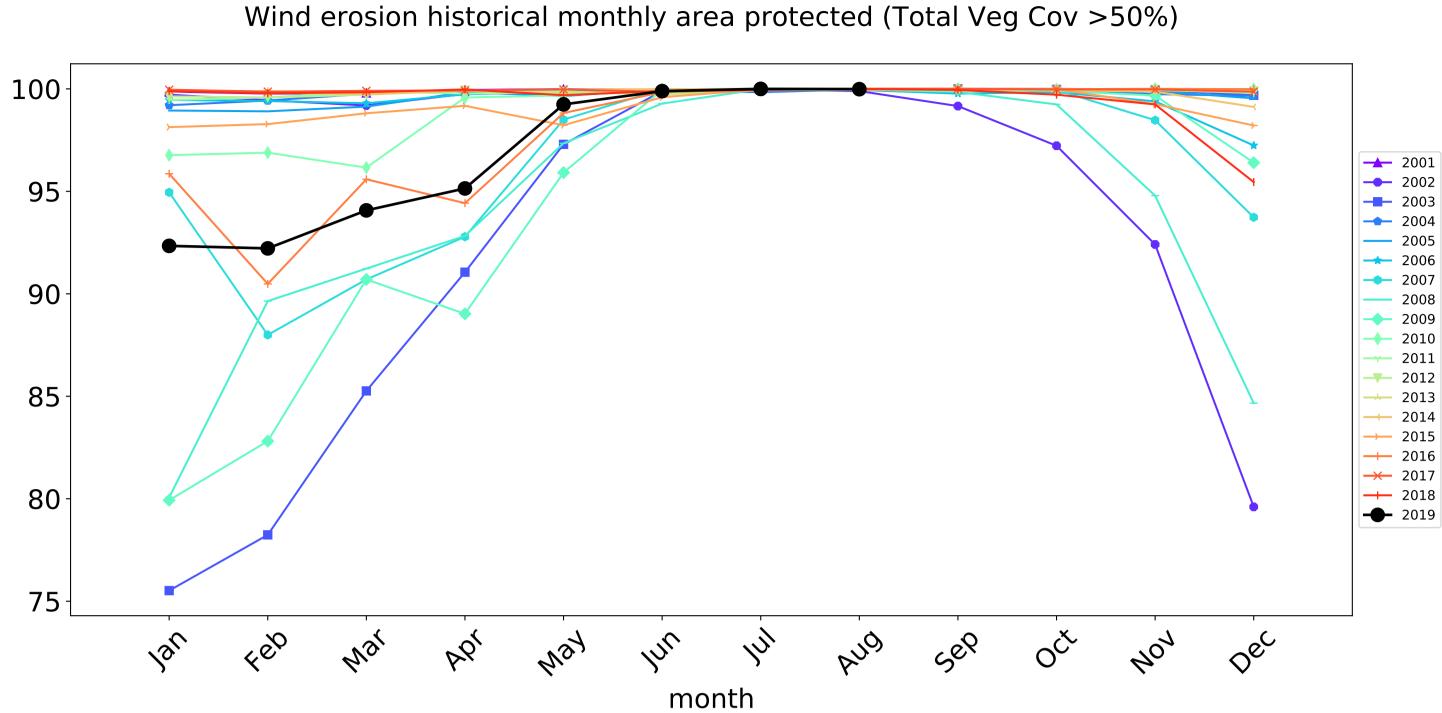


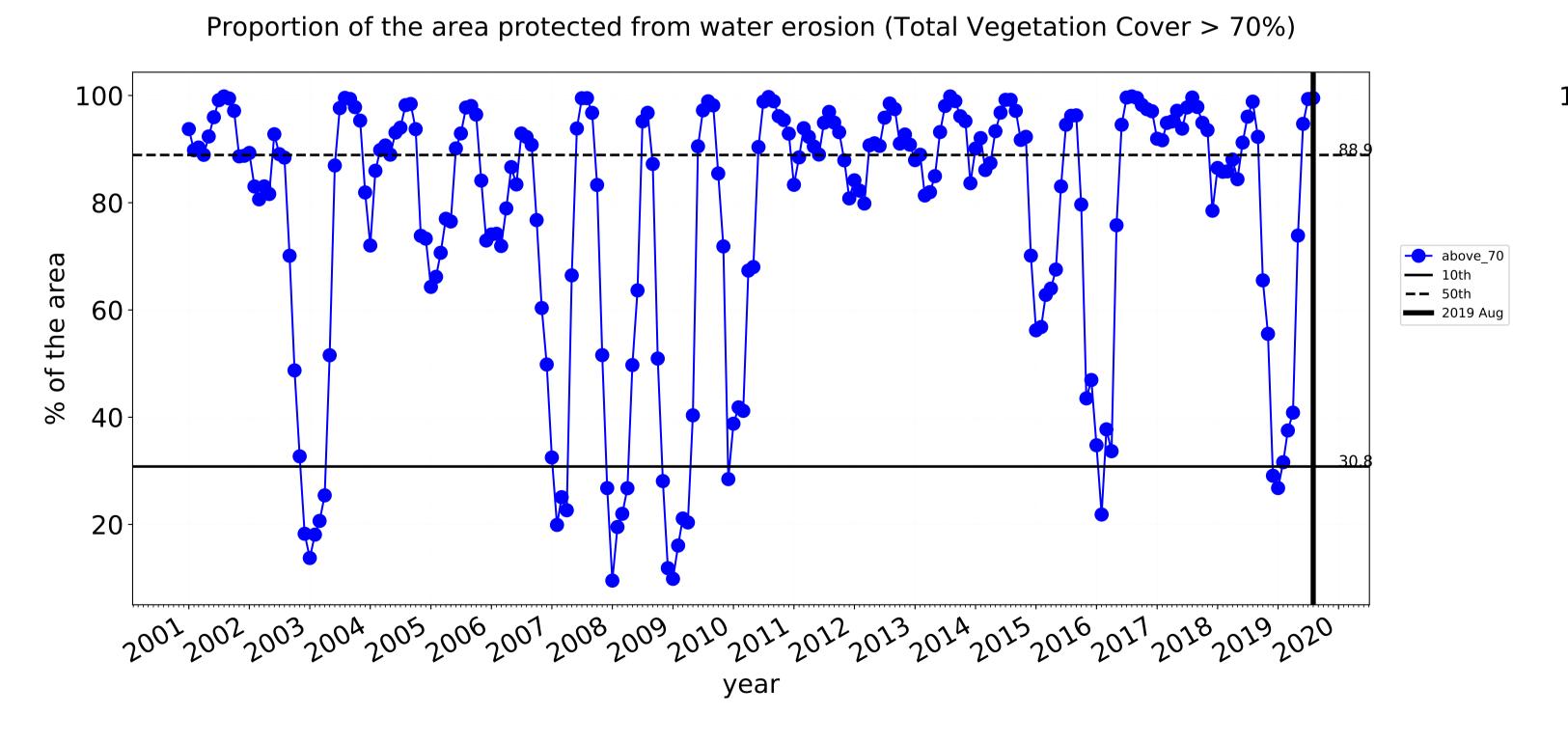


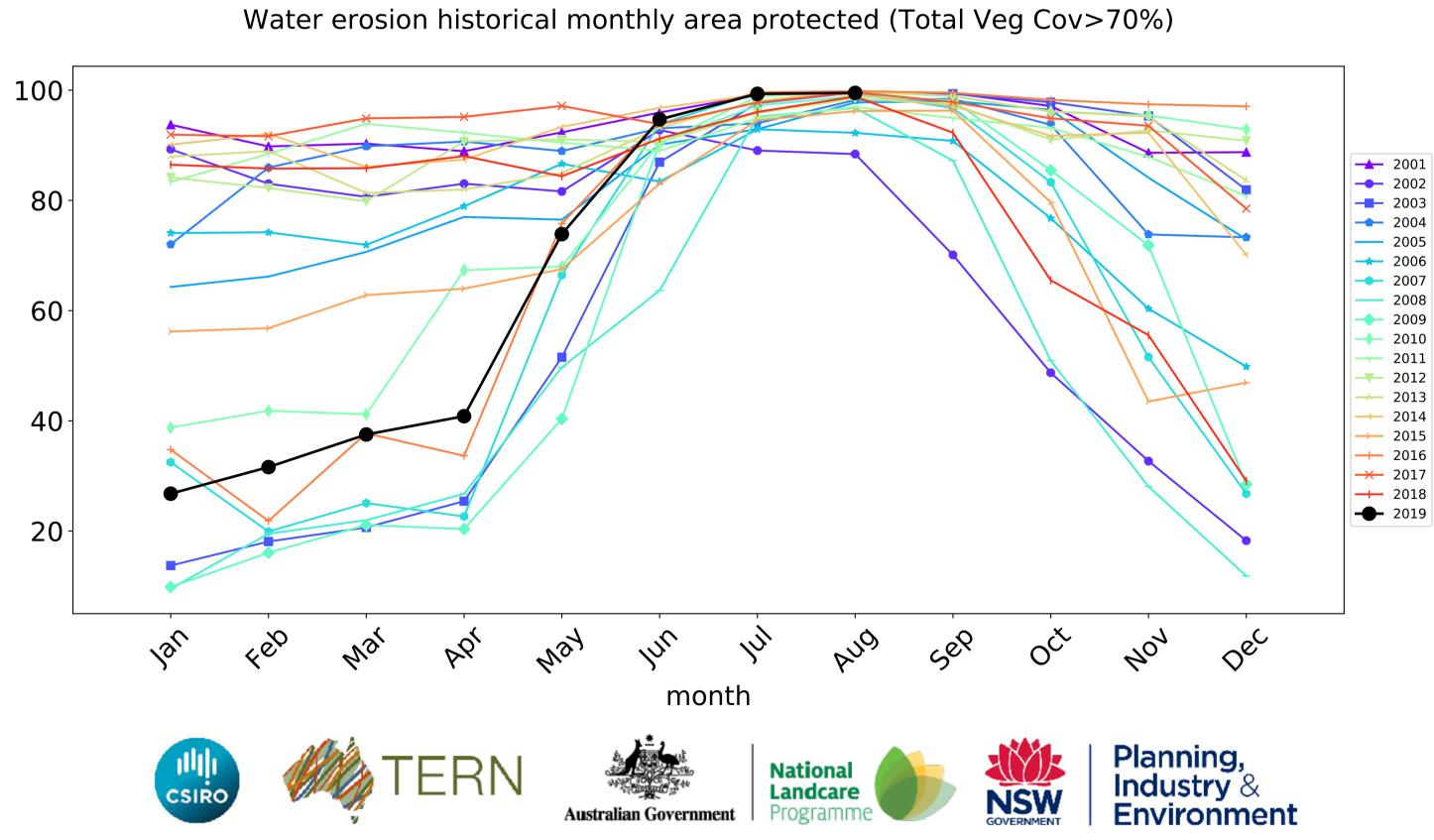












### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

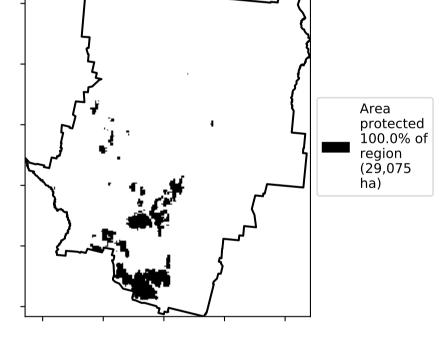
Land use and forest cover

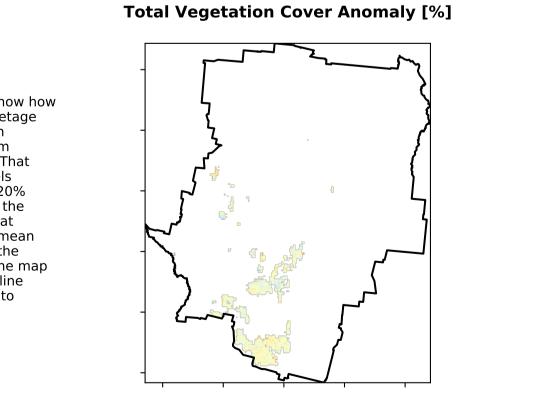
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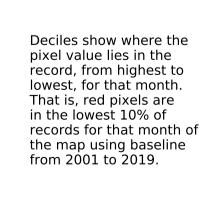
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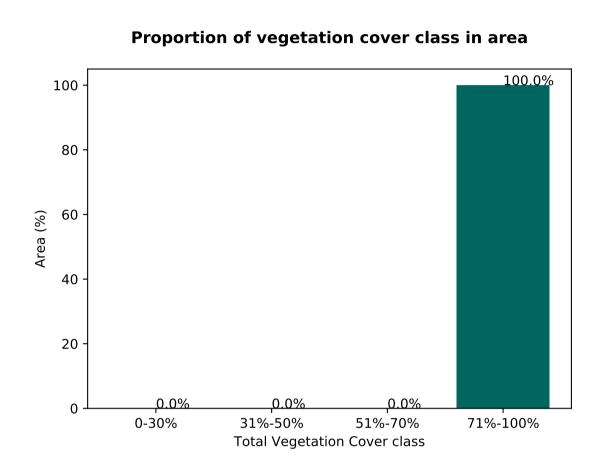
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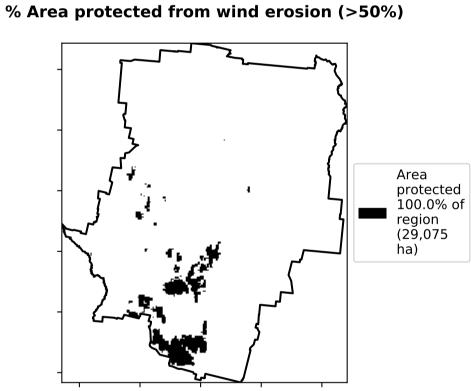
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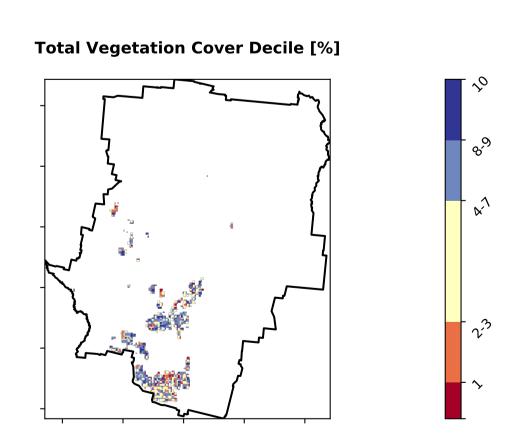












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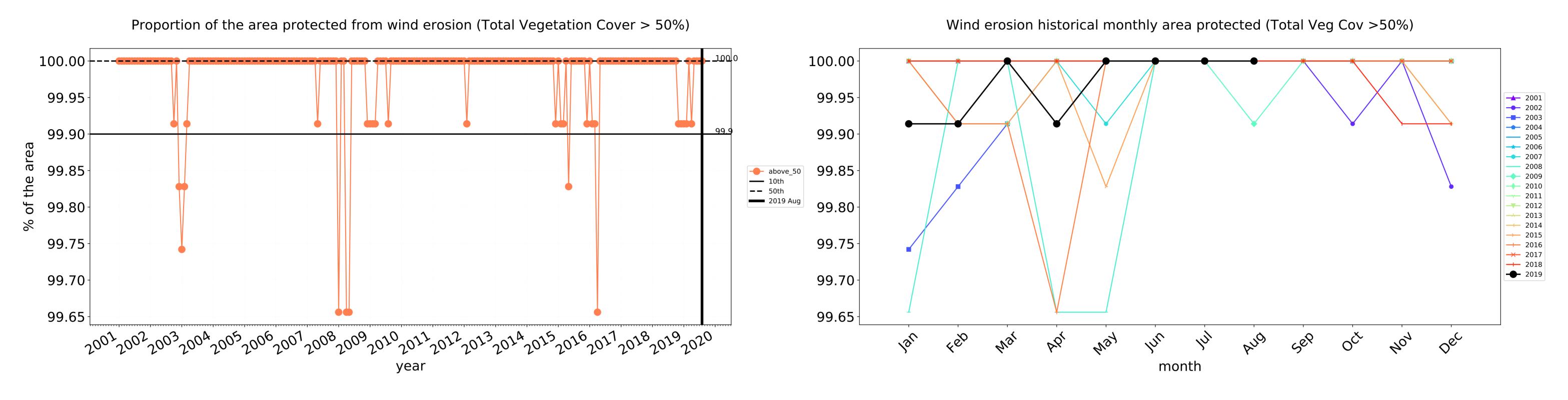
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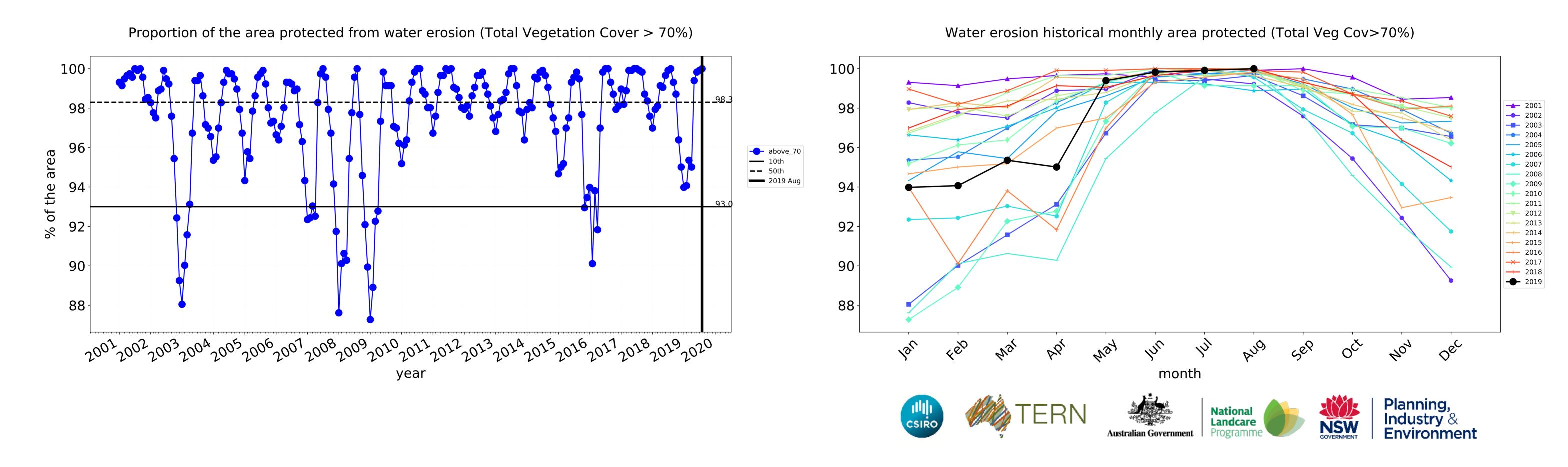
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### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**





### Loddon\_(S) (total 669,850 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	669,850	100.0% 669,850	100.0% 669,775	99.7% 667,950	96.9% 648,825	58.1% 389,450	22.1% 148,250
Conservation and natural environments	31,482	100.0% 31,482	100.0% 31,482	100.0% 31,482	99.1% 31,209	72.7% 22,885	13.4% 4,224
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	16,076	100.0% 16,076	100.0% 16,076	100.0% 16,076	99.5% 16,001	78.7% 12,647	18.1% 2,907
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	10,047	100.0% 10,047	100.0% 10,047	100.0% 10,047	99.8% 10,022	77.0% 7,740	8.1% 818
Agriculture	592,147	100.0% 592,147	100.0% 592,096	99.7% 590,454	96.7% 572,662	57.6% 340,893	23.9% 141,775
Grazing	161,433	100.0% 161,433	100.0% 161,433	99.9% 161,309	98.3% 158,717	56.7% 91,582	18.9% 30,452
Grazing non forest	156,744	100.0% 156,744	100.0% 156,744	99.9% 156,620	98.3% 154,049	56.2% 88,092	19.1% 29,996
Cropping	237,796	100.0% 237,796	100.0% 237,771	99.7% 237,147	97.5% 231,852	64.1% 152,478	30.7% 73,104
Irrigation	184,878	100.0% 184,878	100.0% 184,853	99.5% 183,977	94.3% 174,369	50.0% 92,376	19.7% 36,505
Production native forests and plantation forests	28,803	100.0% 28,803	100.0% 28,803	100.0% 28,803	99.1% 28,531	69.8% 20,110	8.5% 2,451











