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

# **Date: September 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:

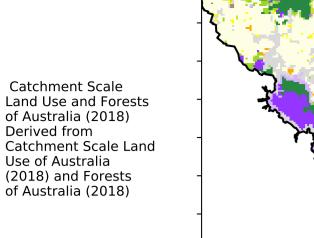
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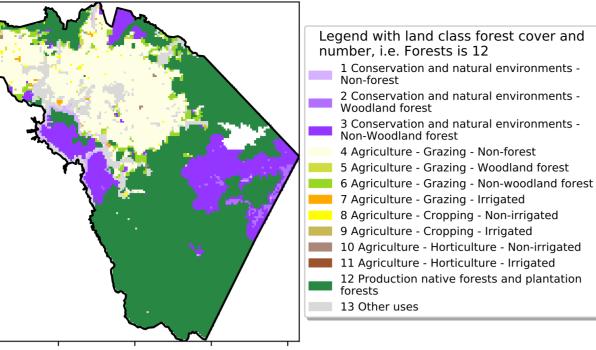


# **Vegetation Cover Sep 2023**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area





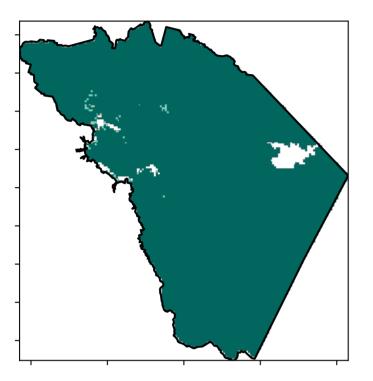
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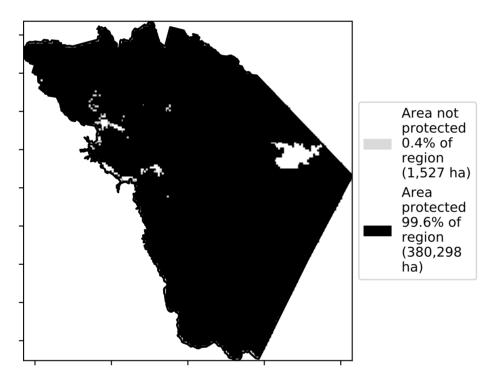
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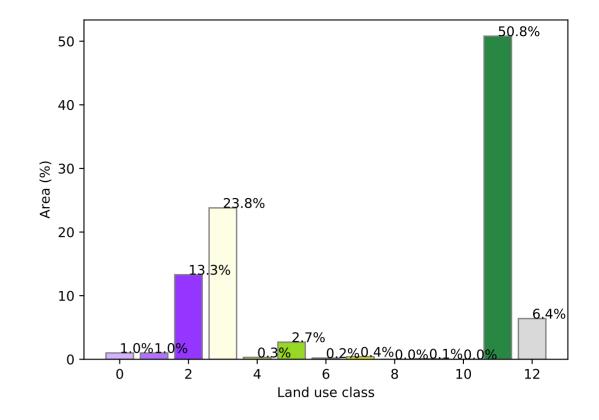
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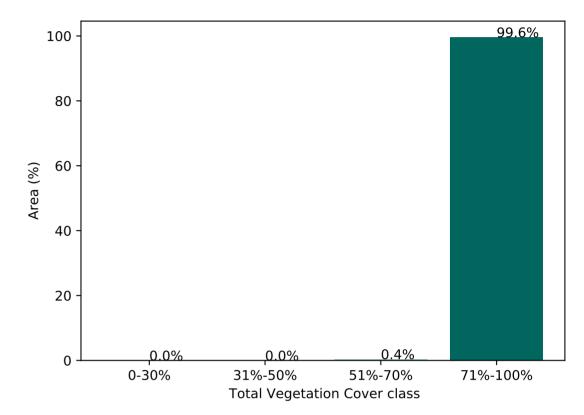


#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

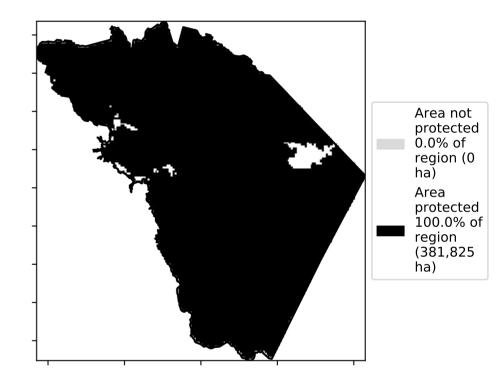




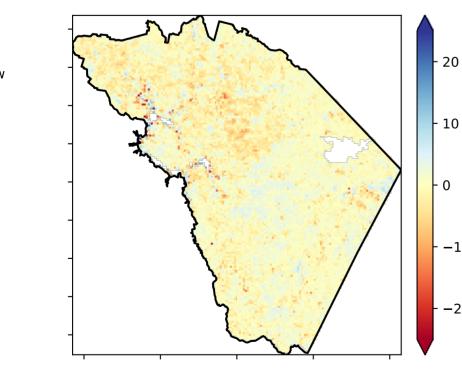
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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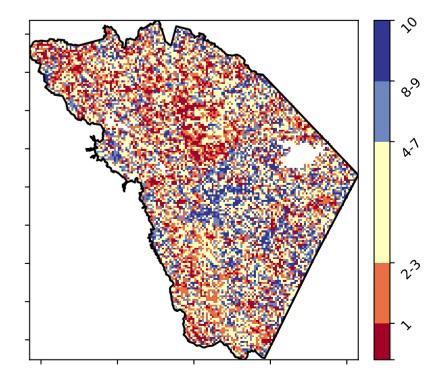


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



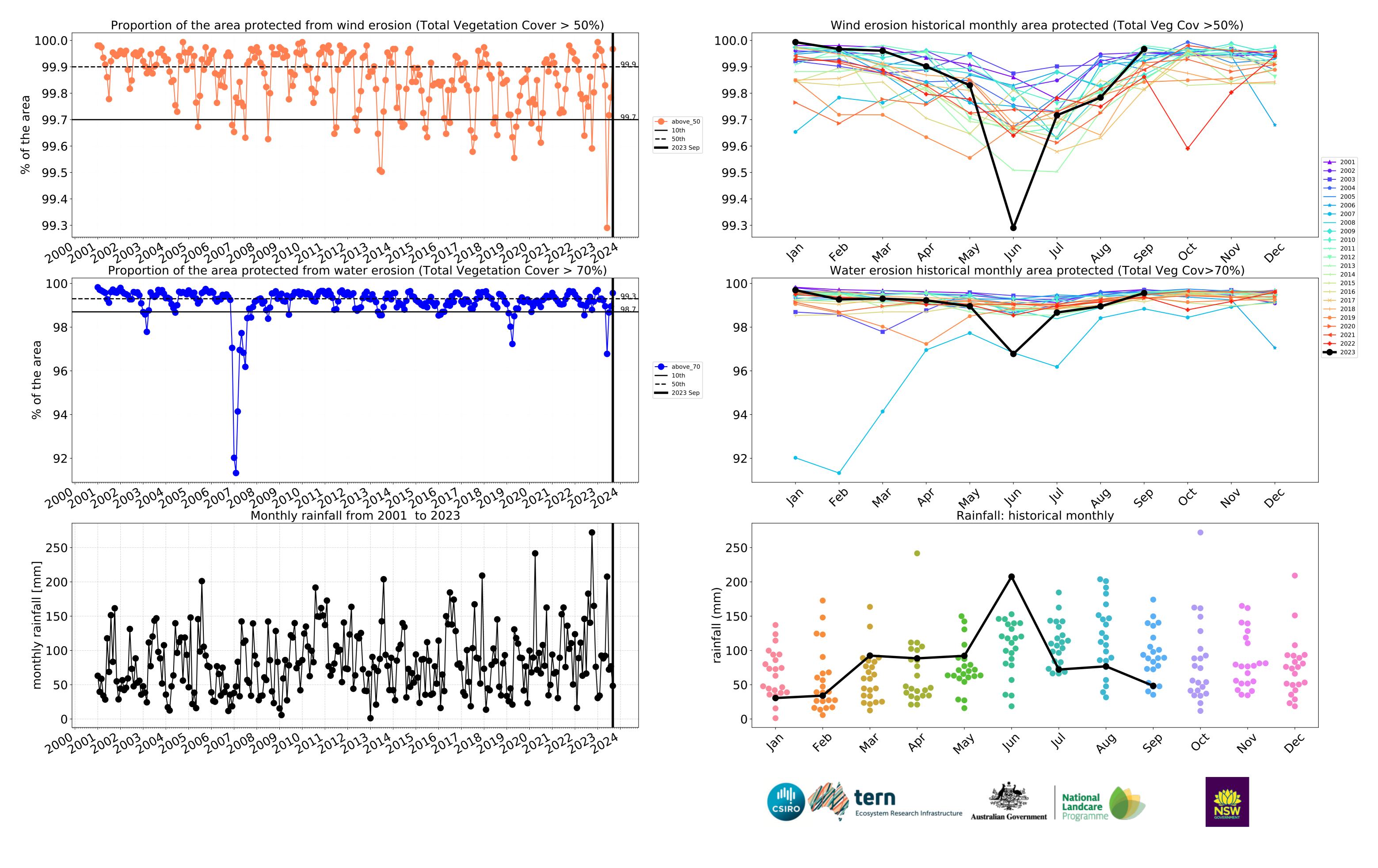


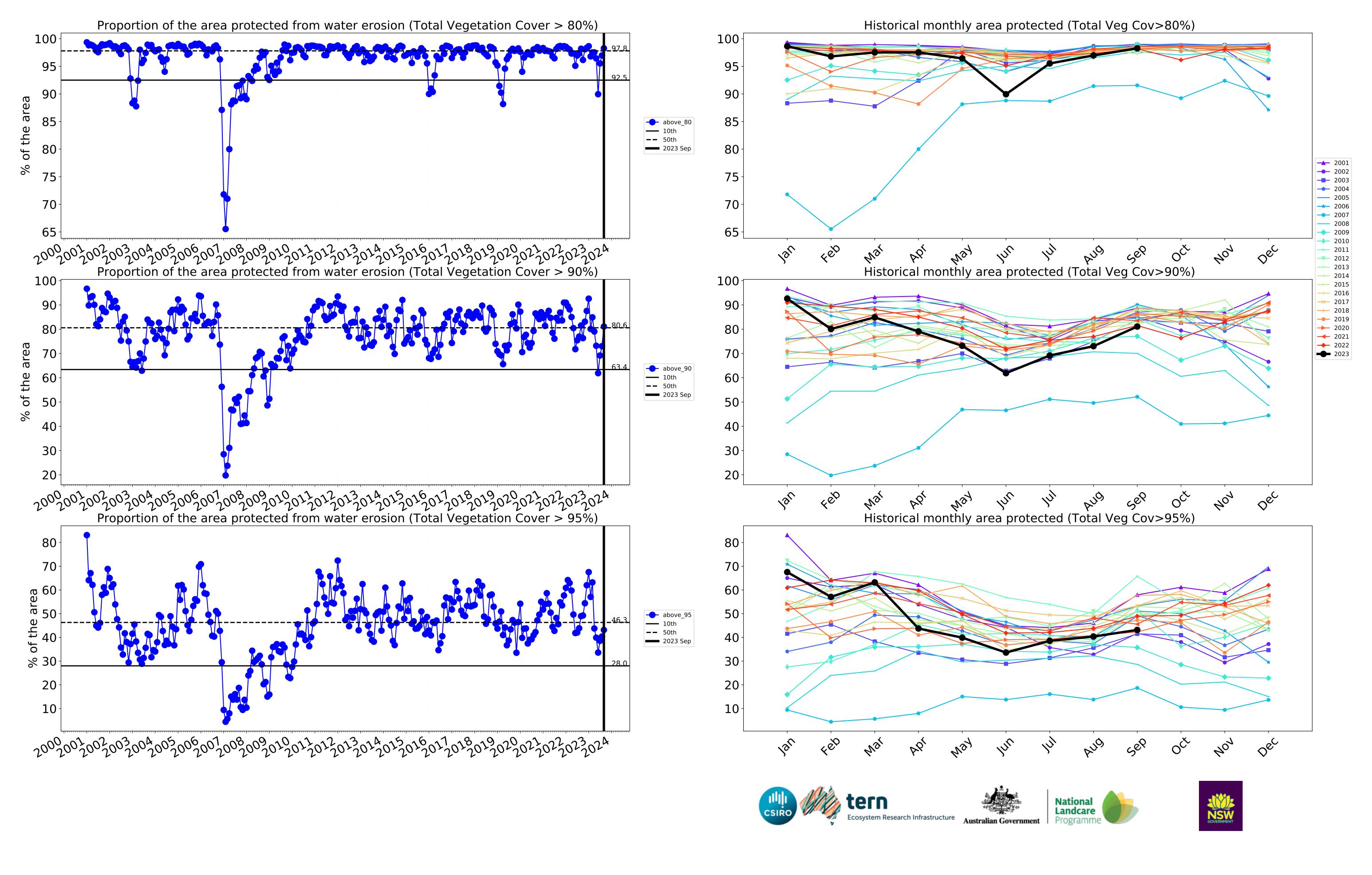
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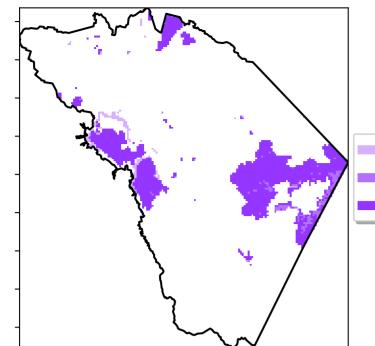
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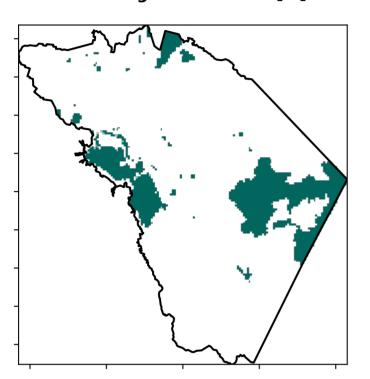
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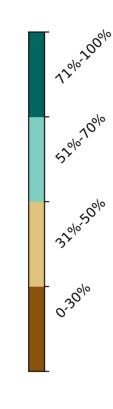


Land use and forest cover

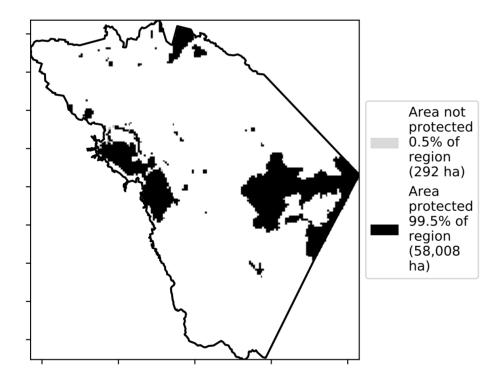
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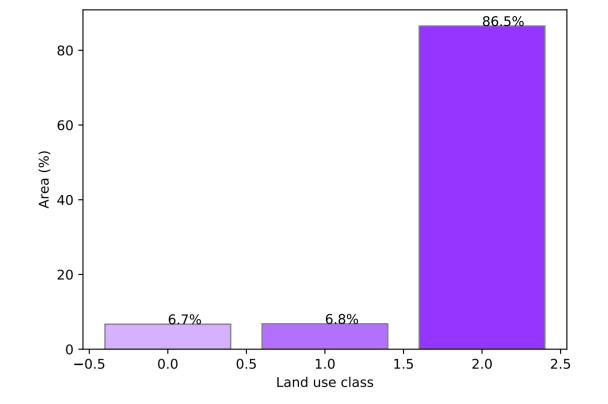
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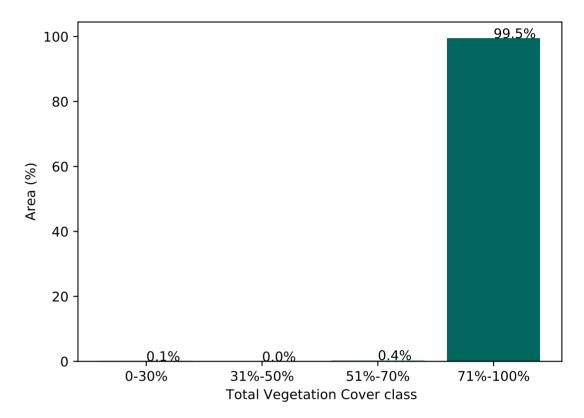
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



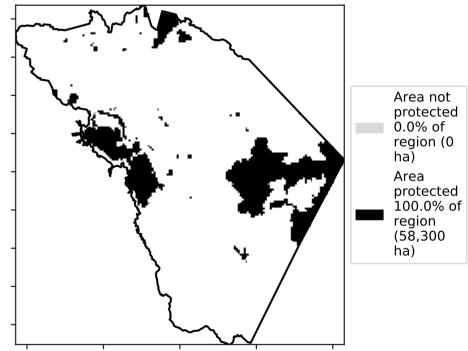


### Proportion of each land class in area

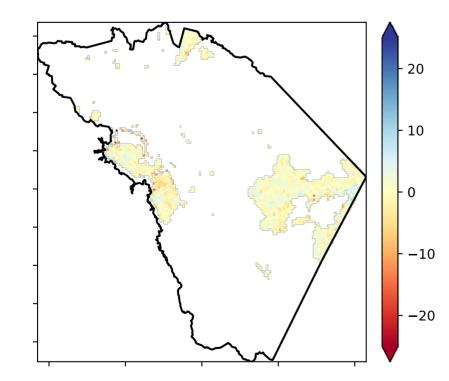
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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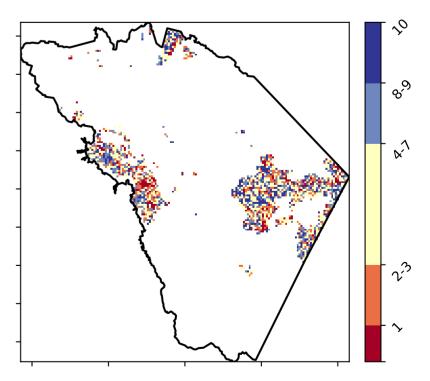


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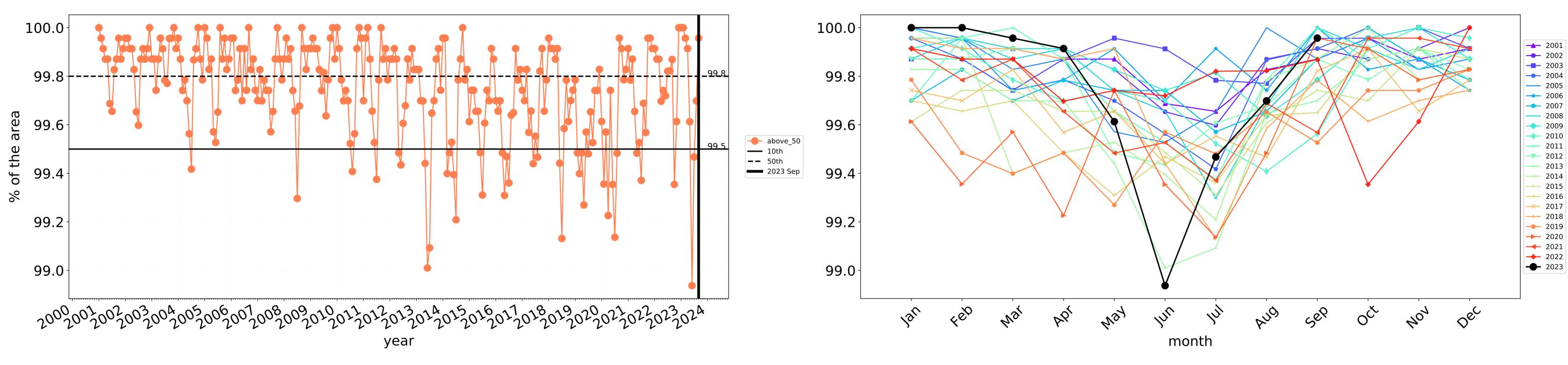
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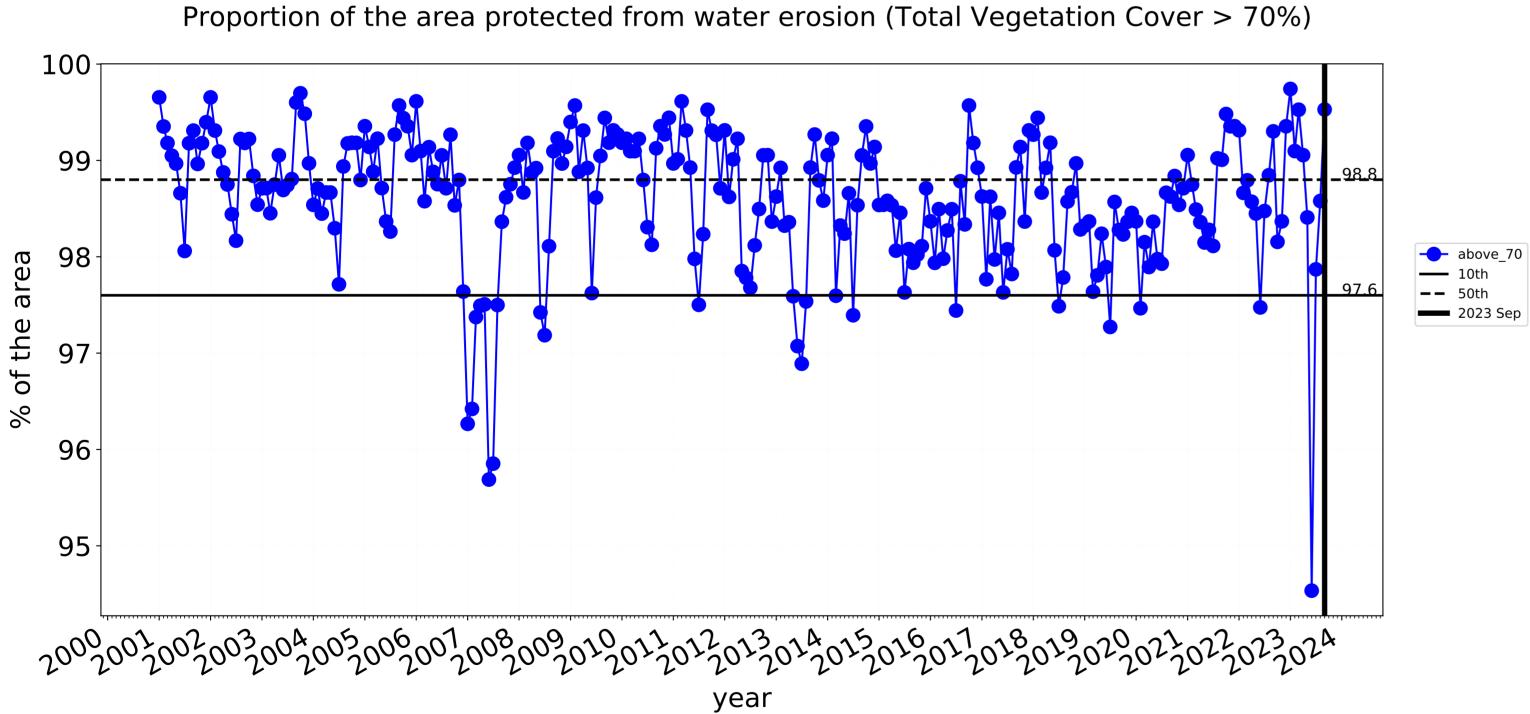
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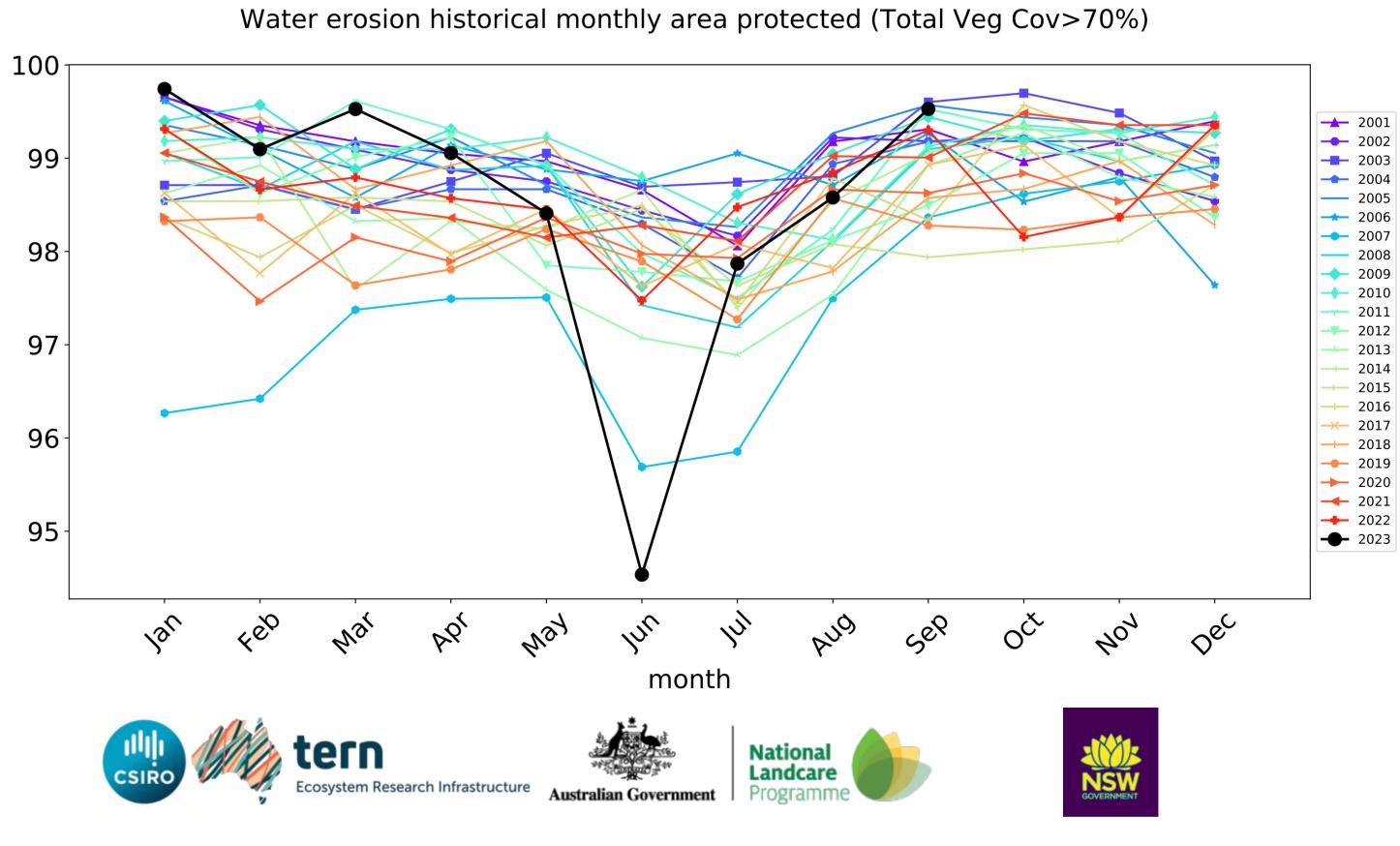
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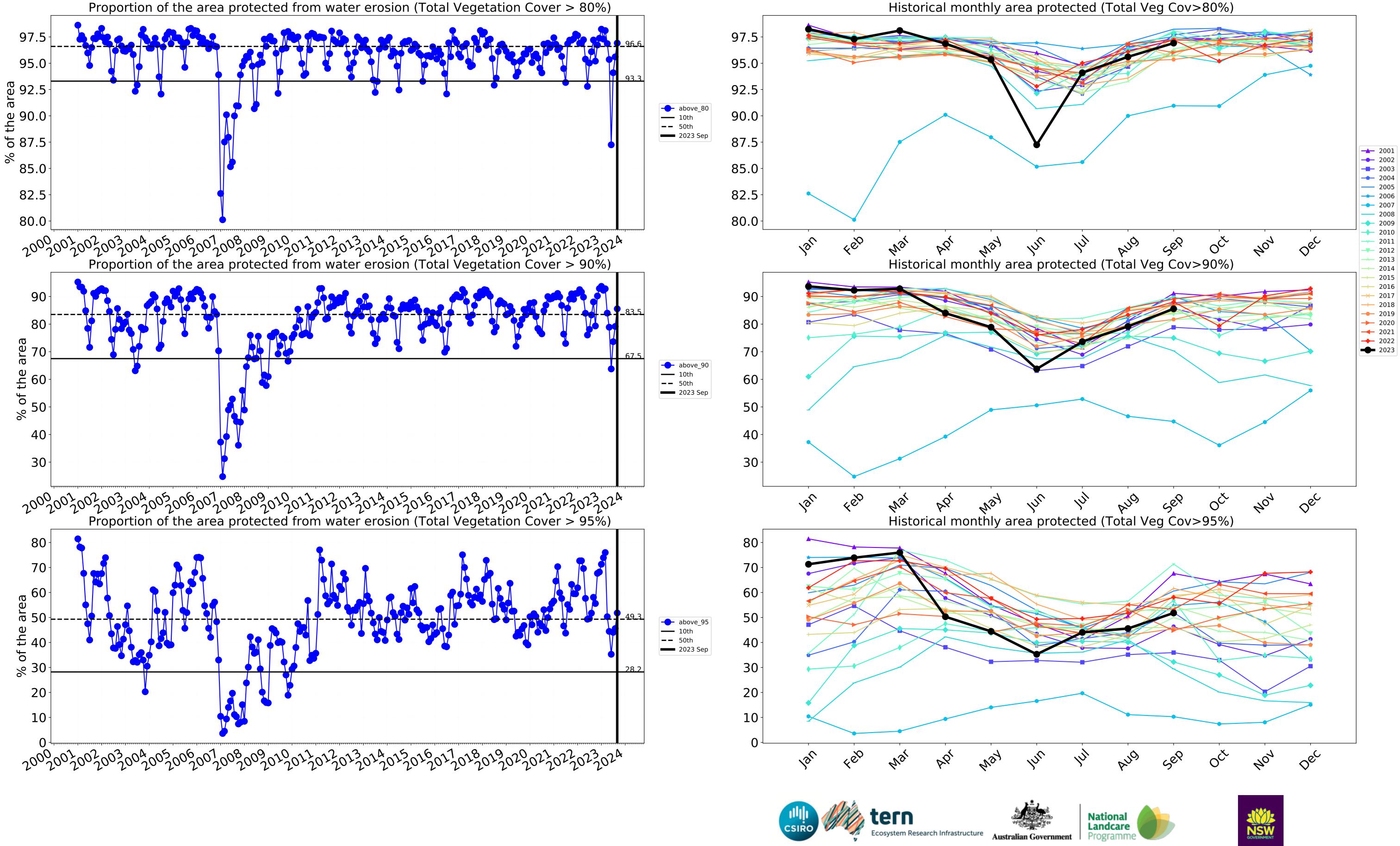
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



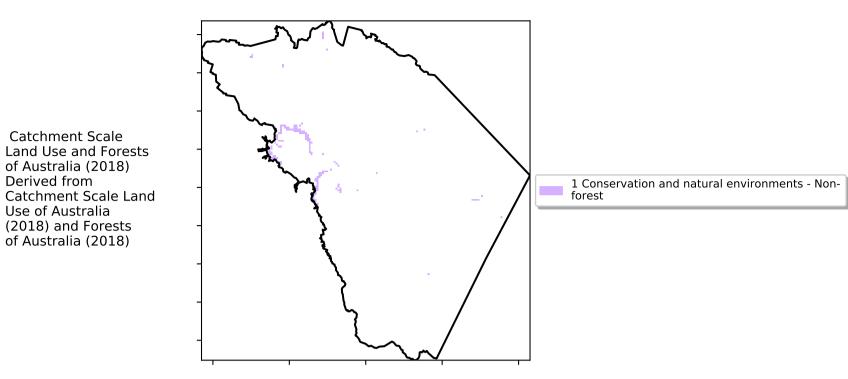
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



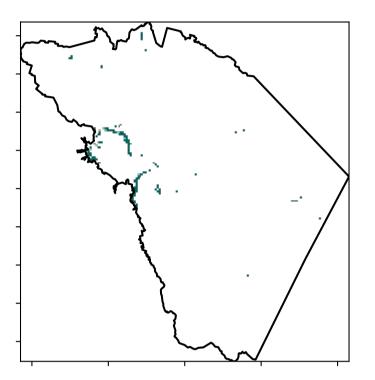


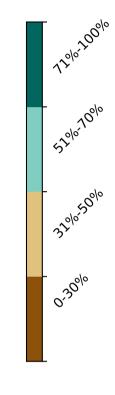
### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

Land use and forest cover

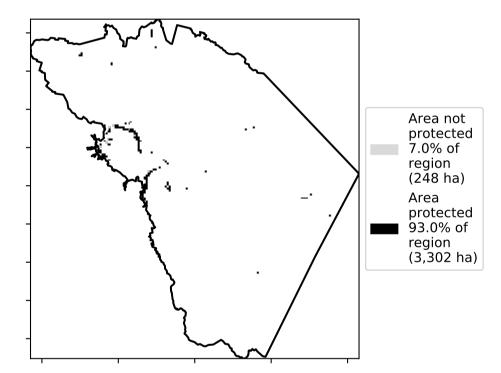


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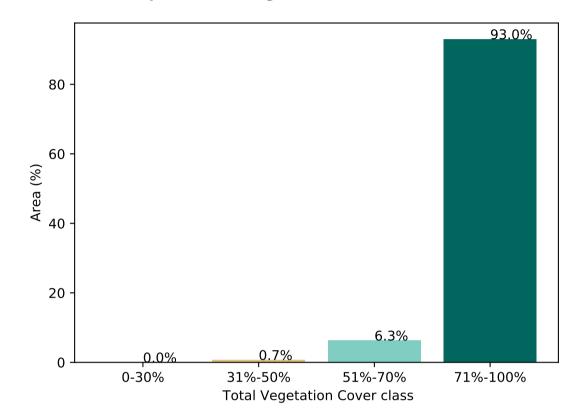




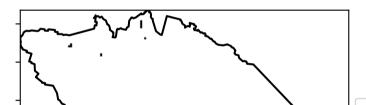
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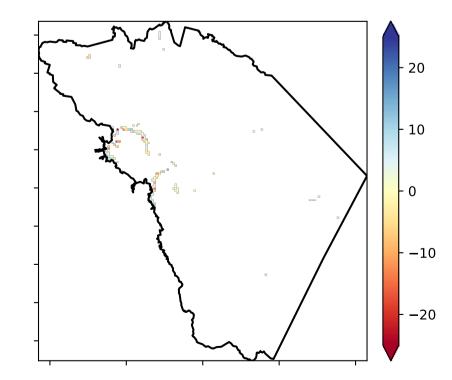




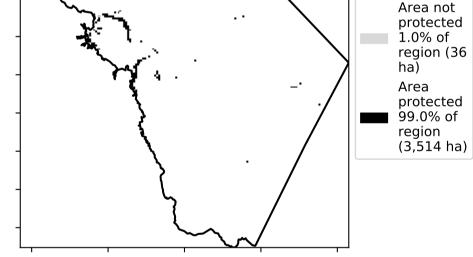
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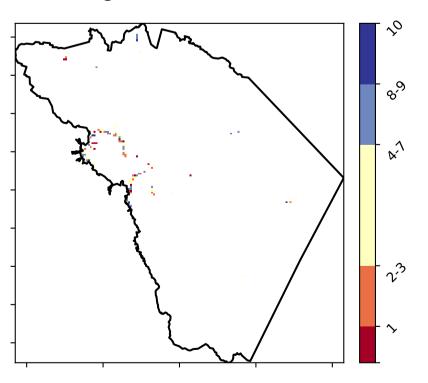
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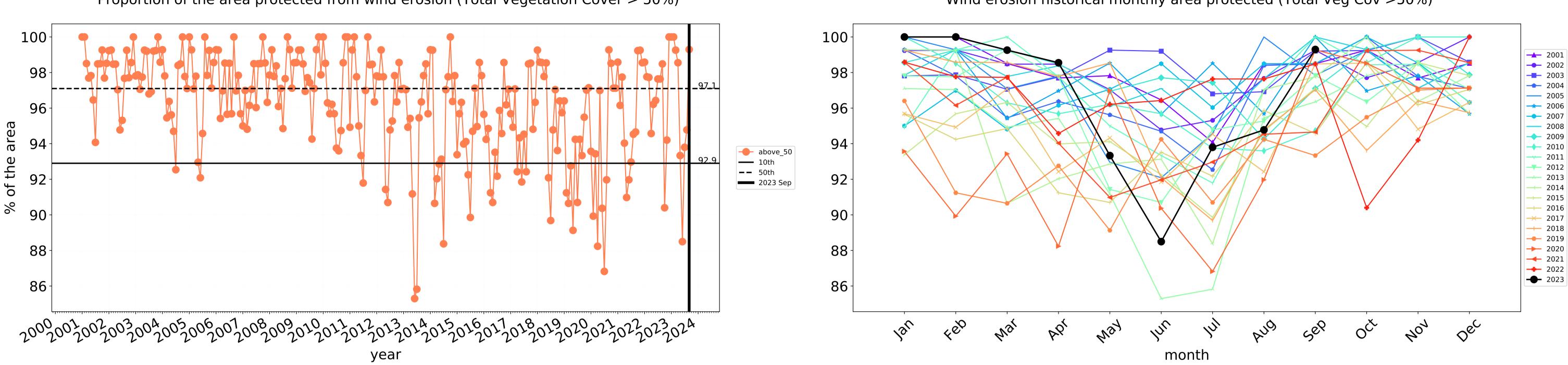




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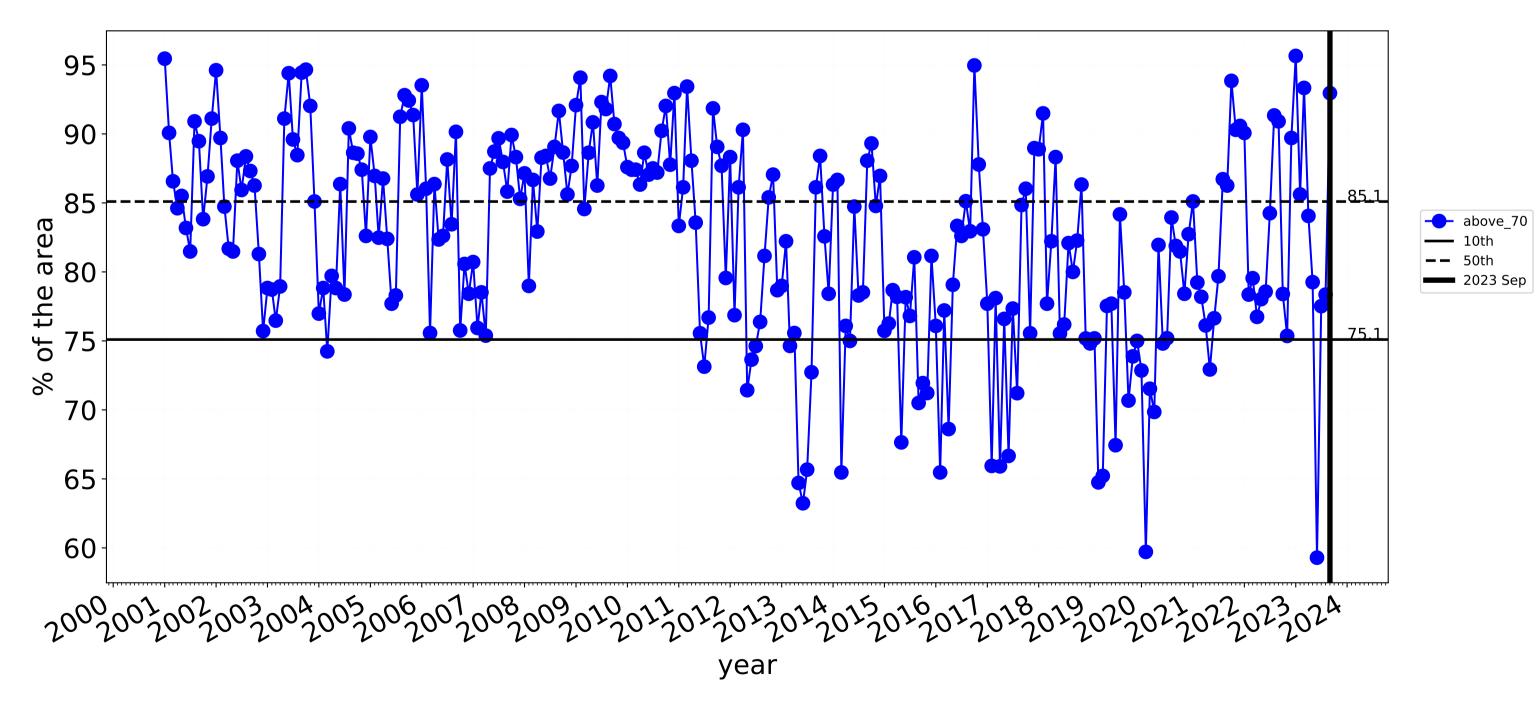
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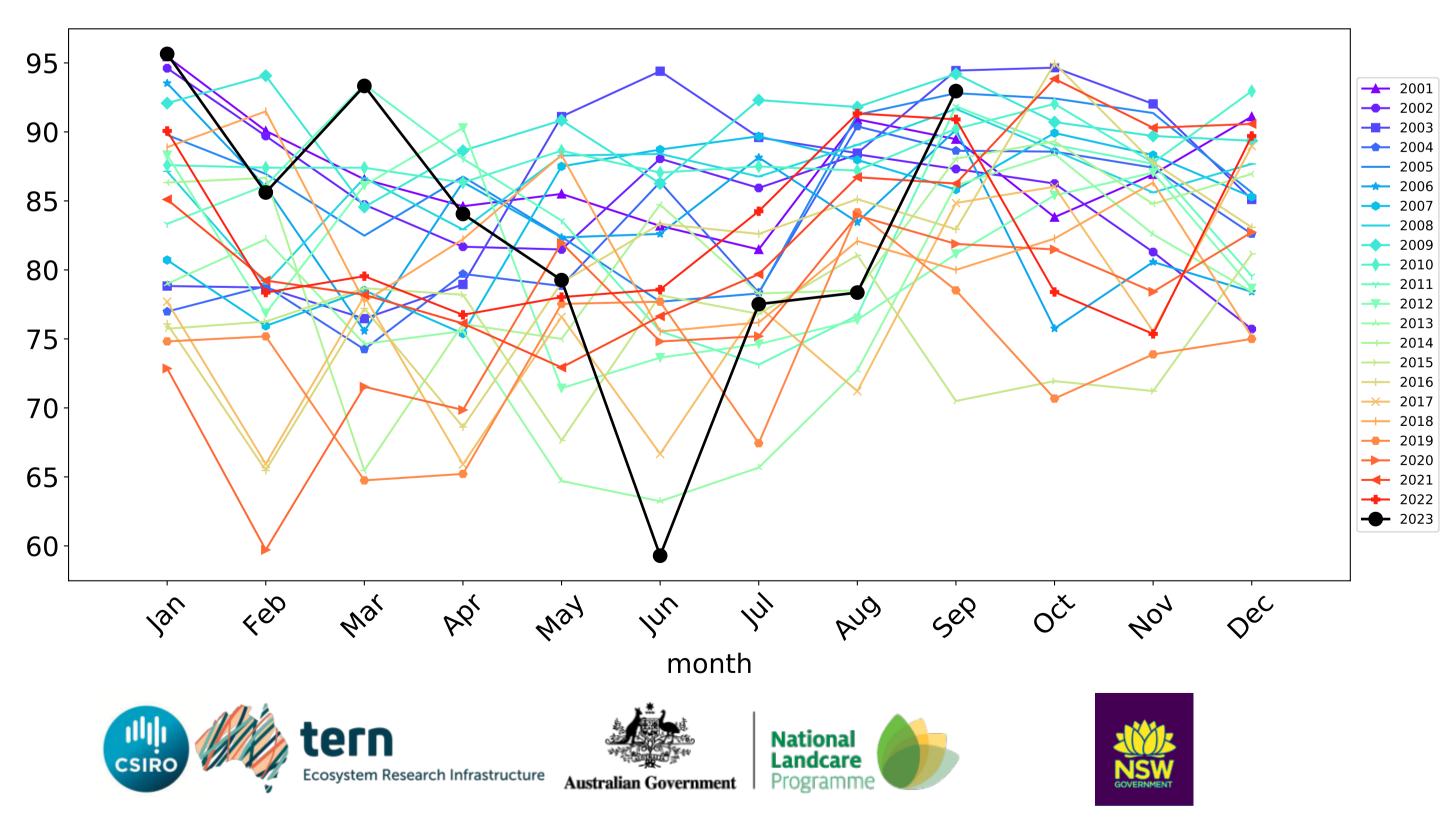


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

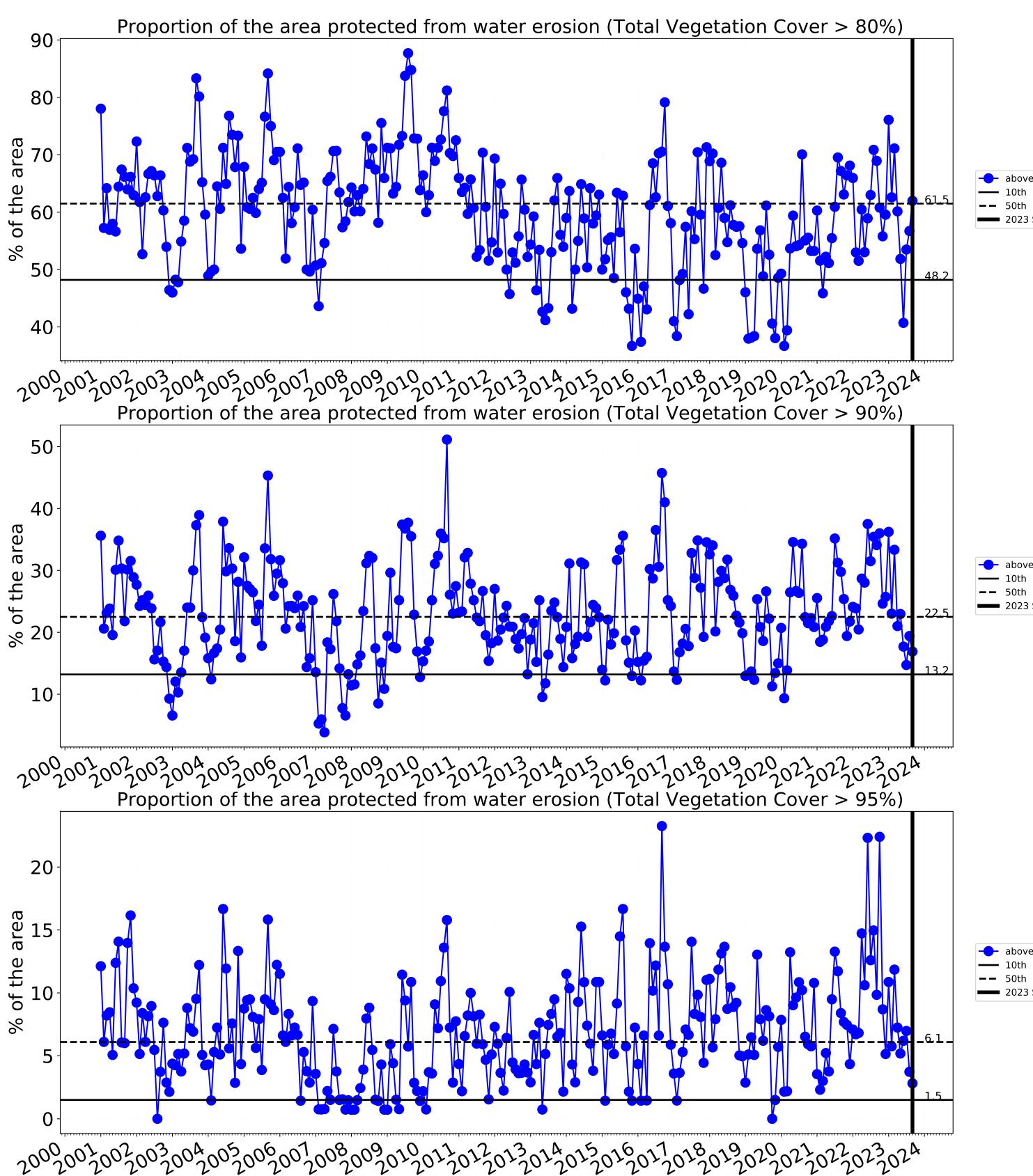
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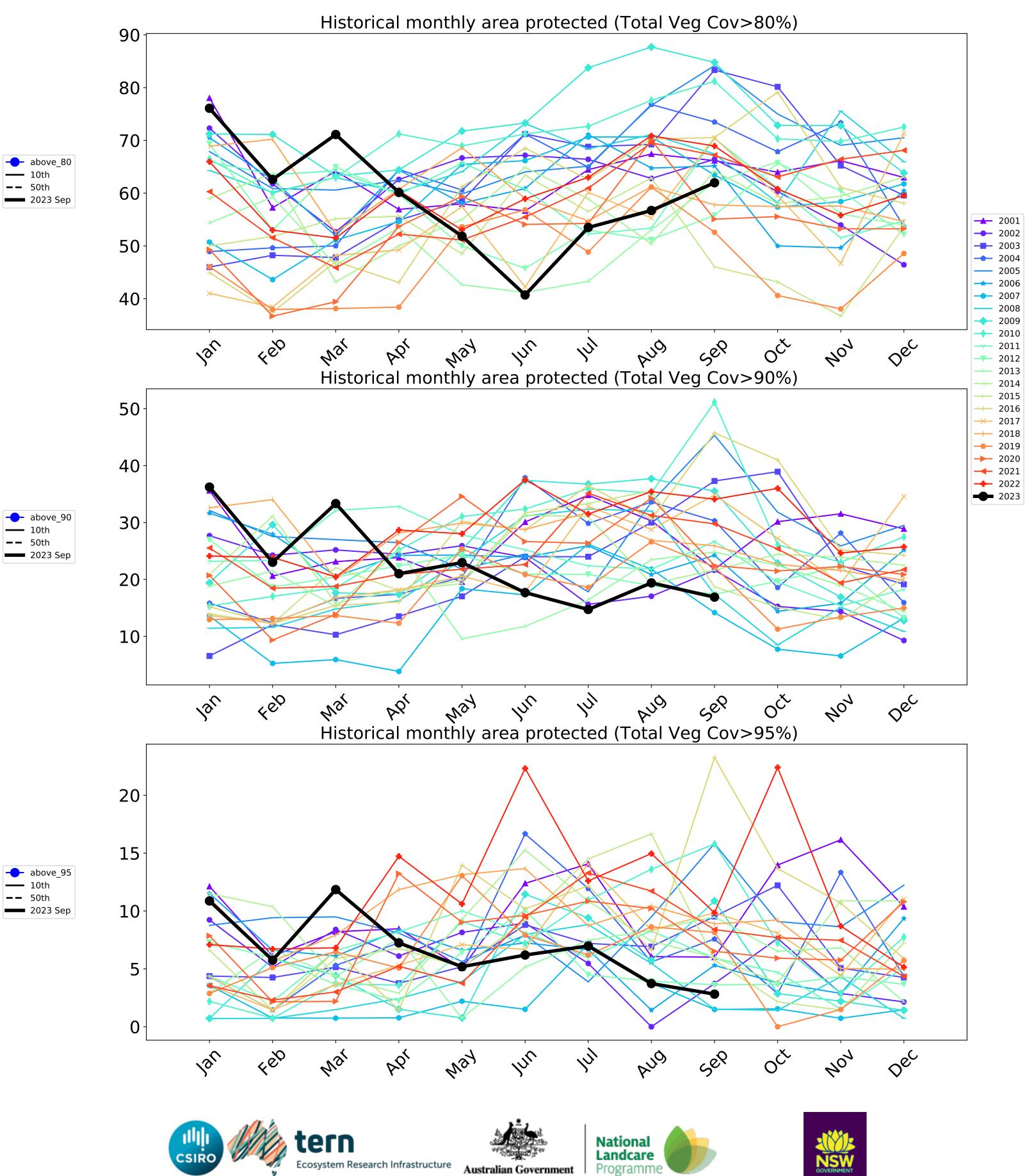


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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





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

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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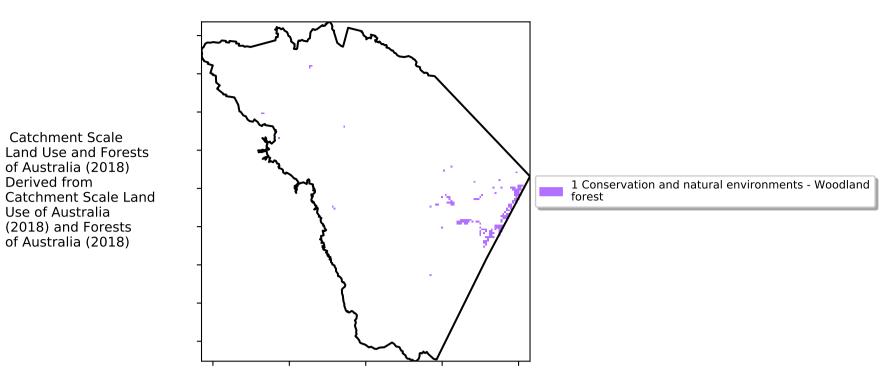
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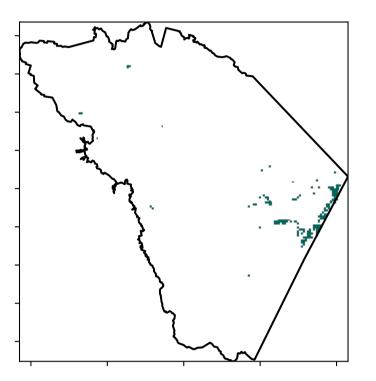
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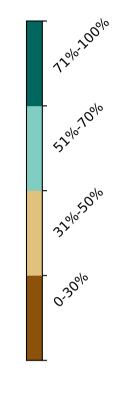
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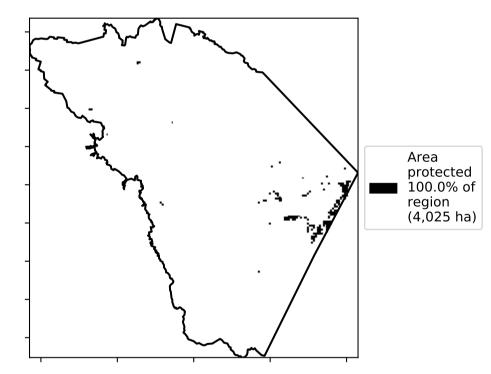


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

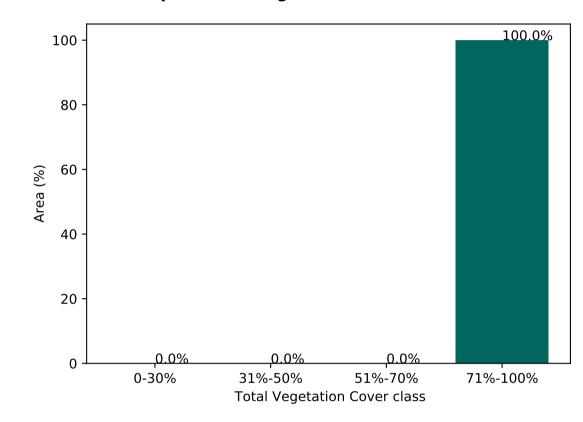




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



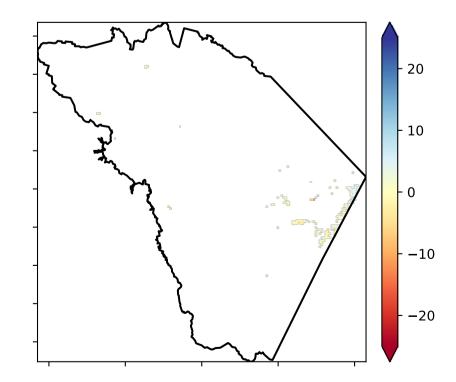
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



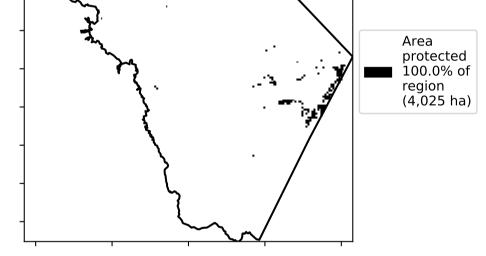
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



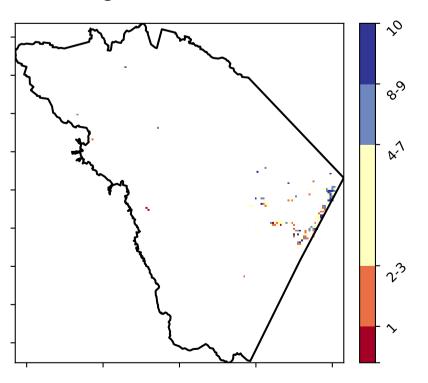
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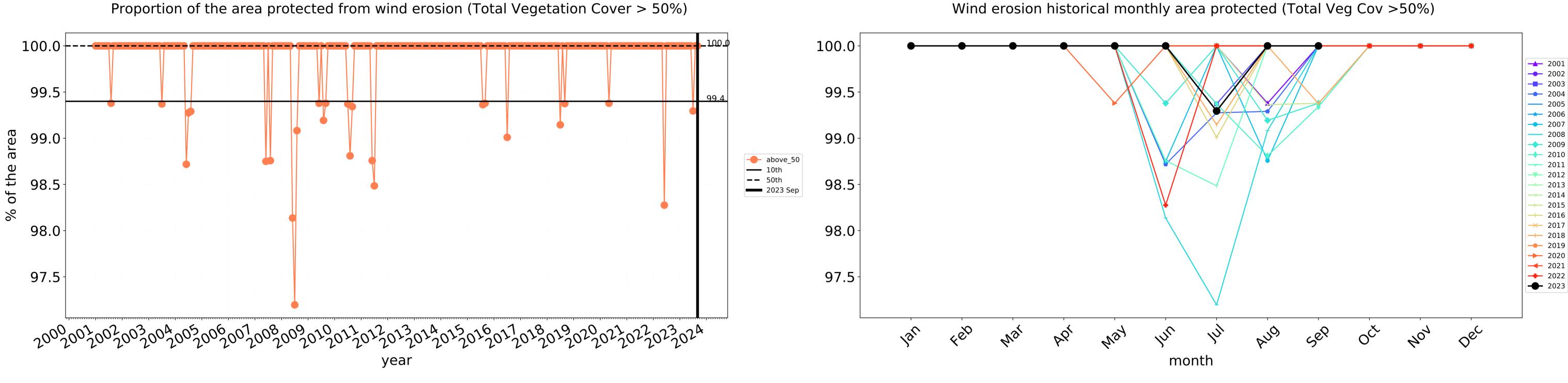
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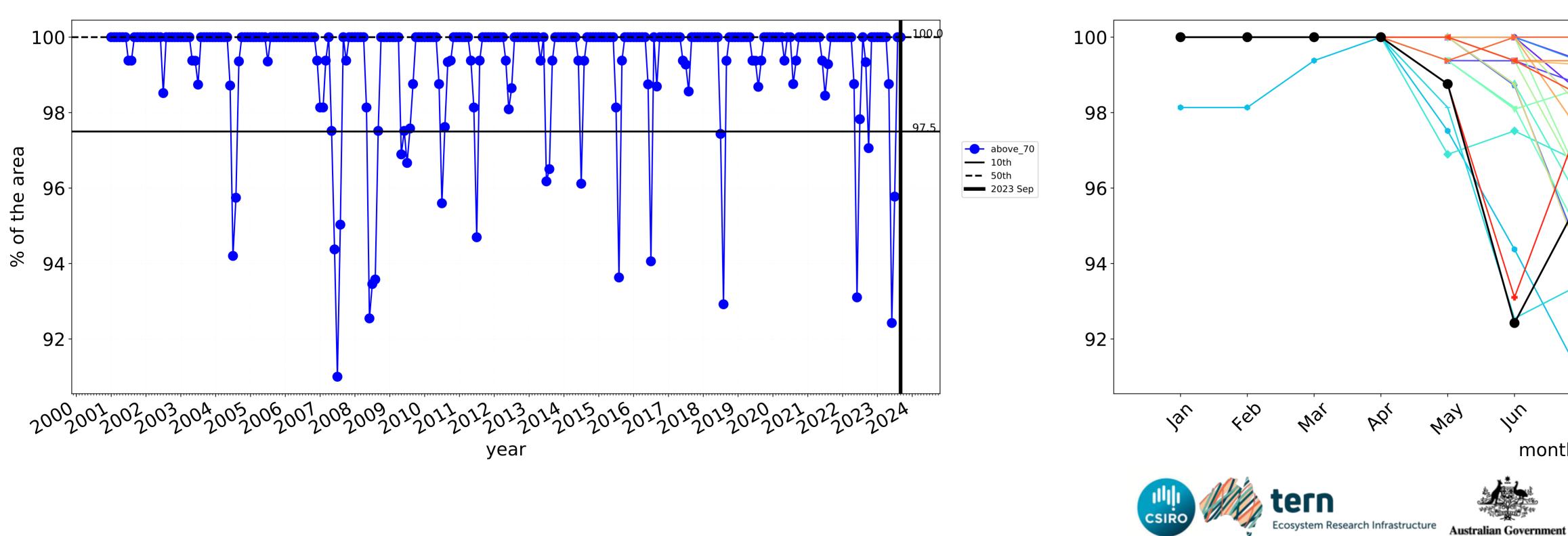
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





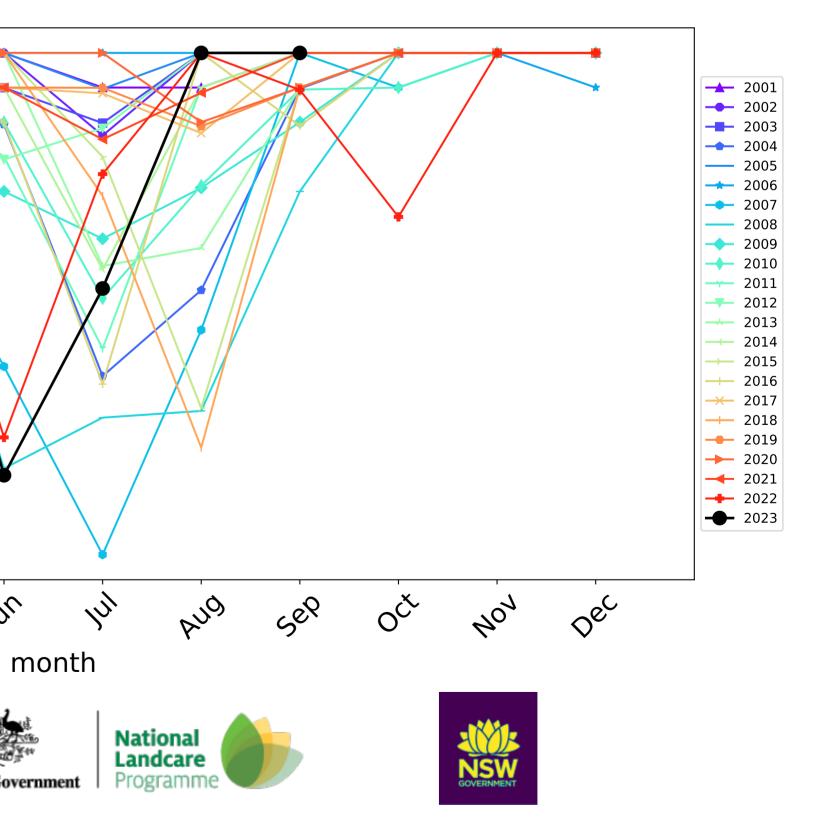


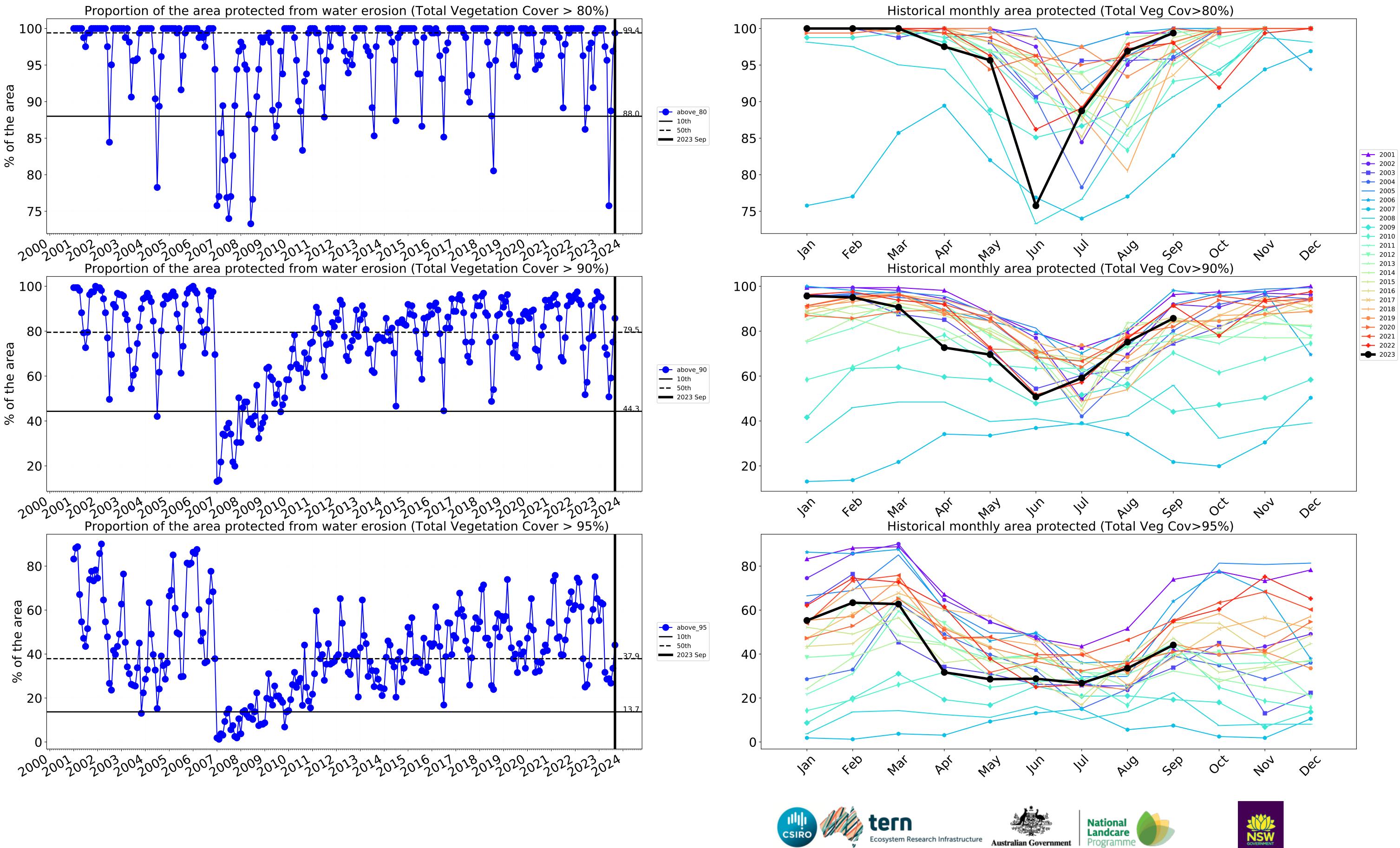




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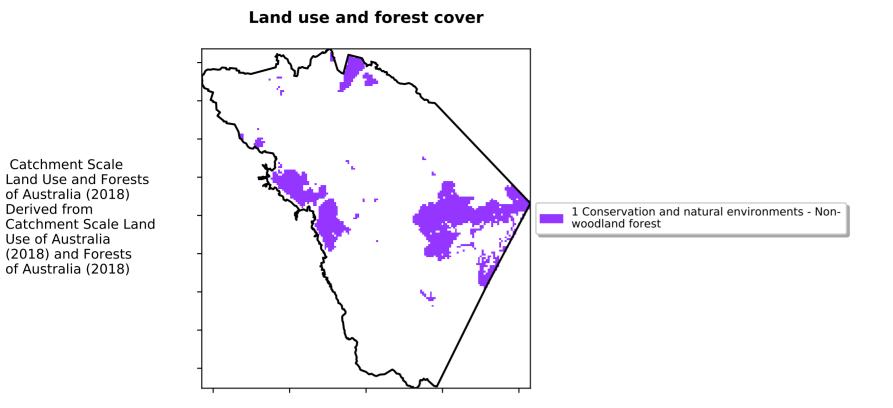
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**



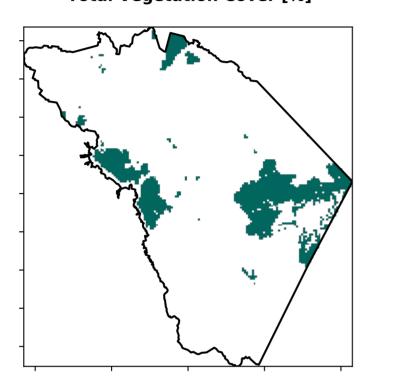
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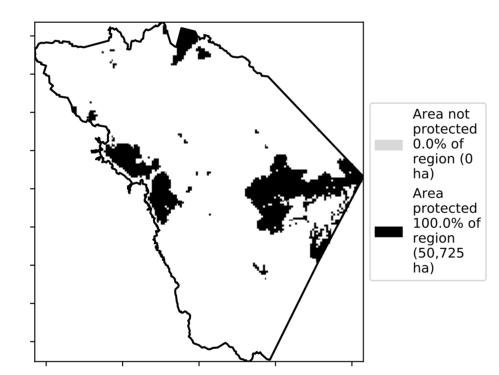
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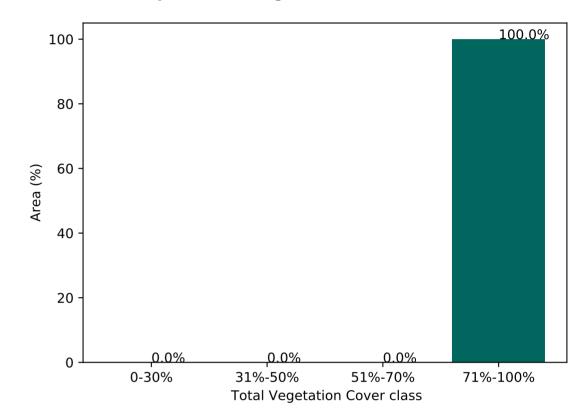
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



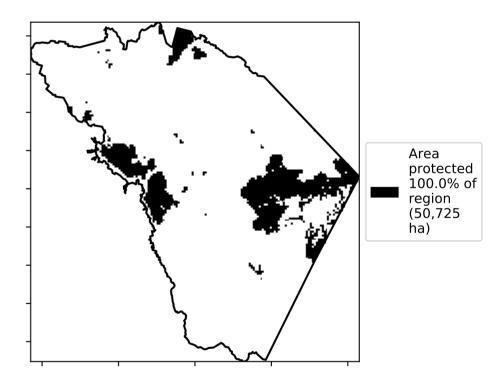
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

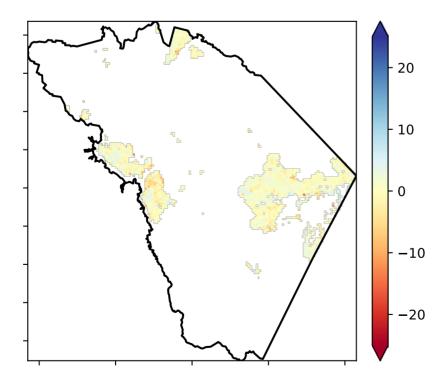


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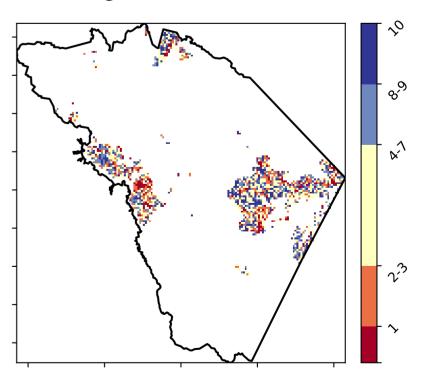
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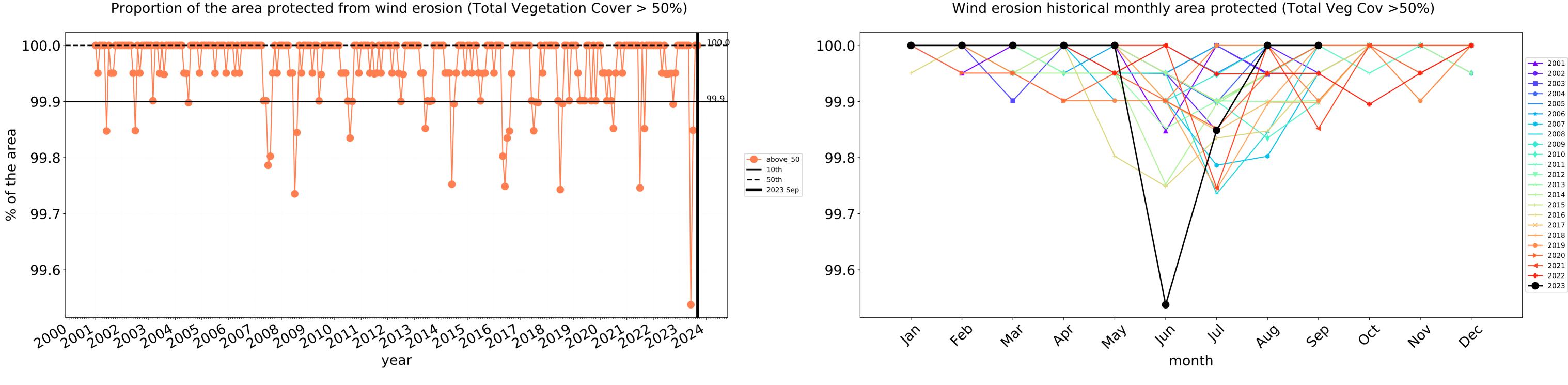
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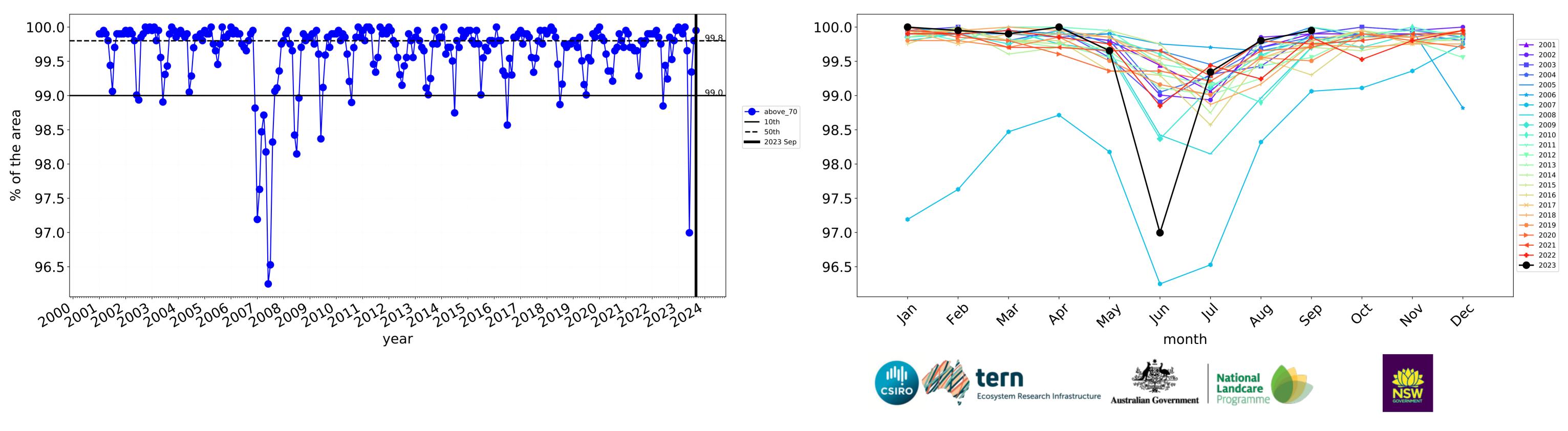


### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries**

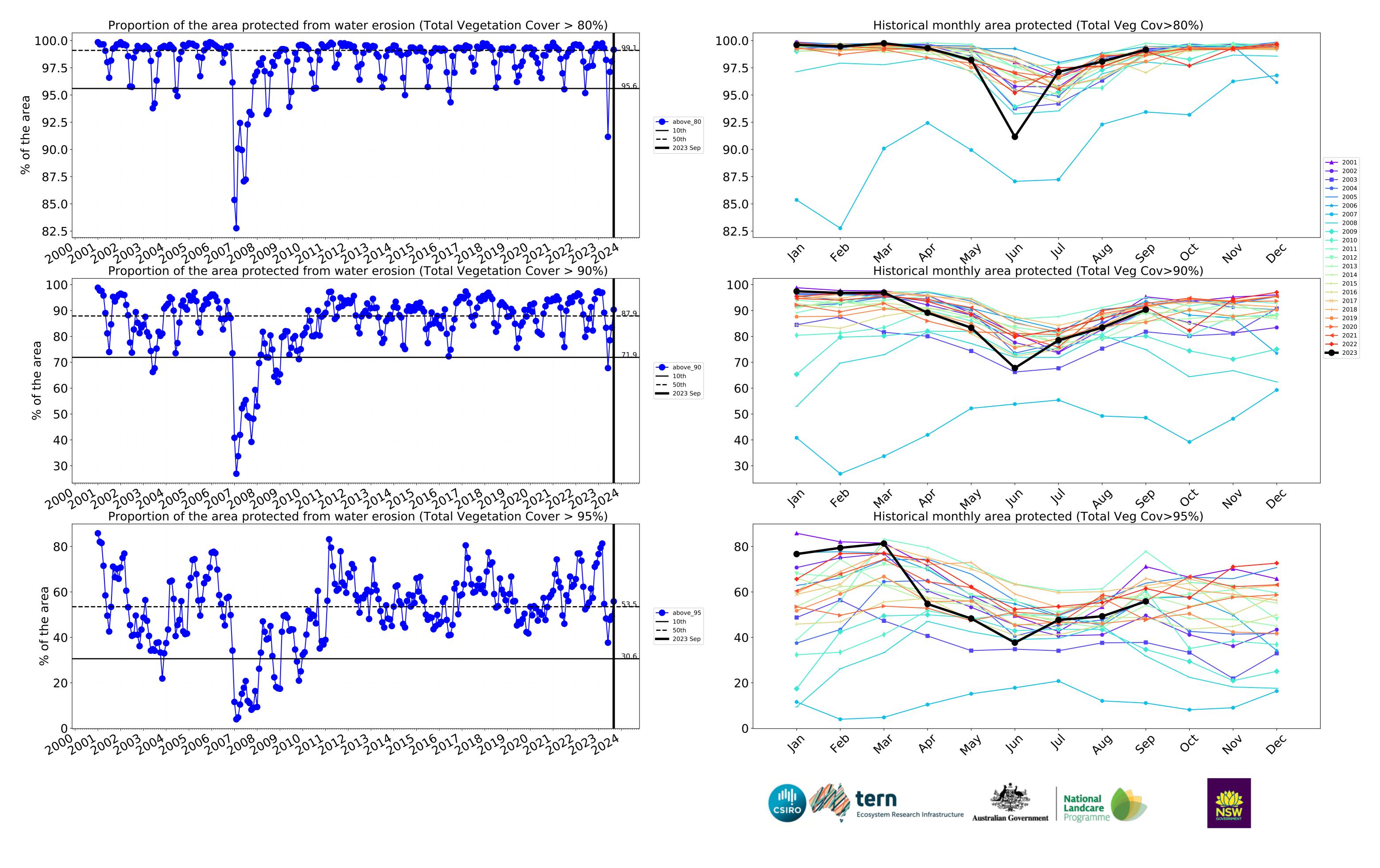


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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



### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

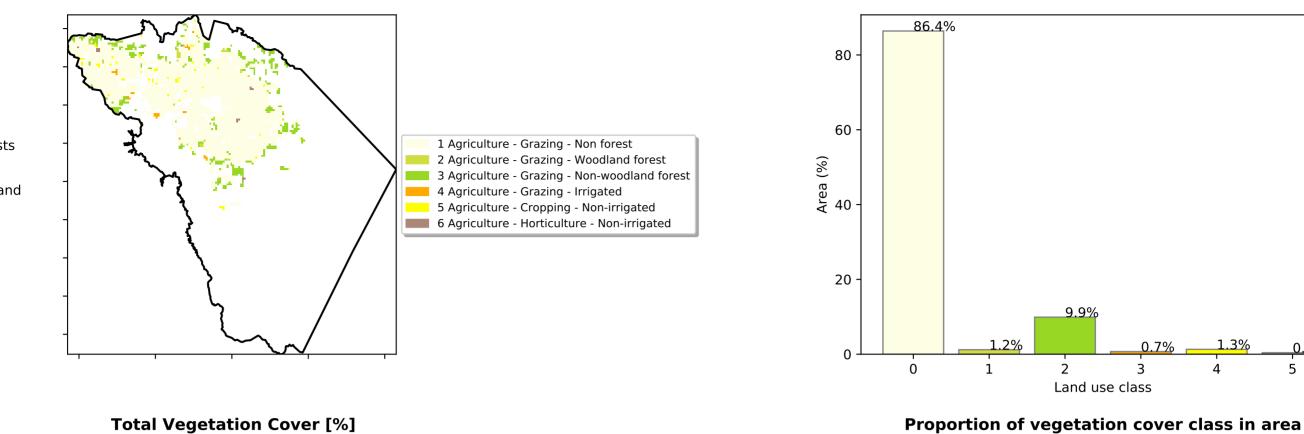
Proportion of each land class in area

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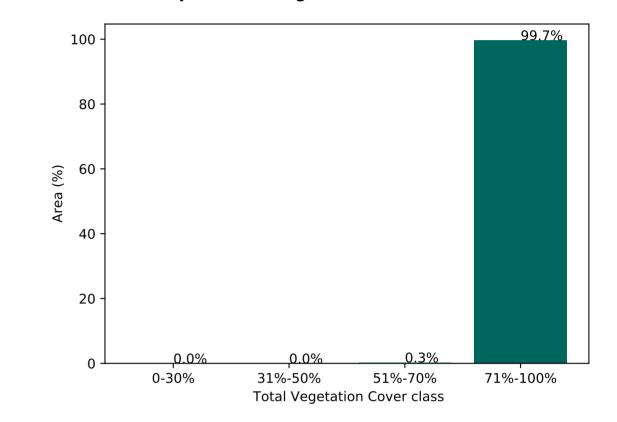


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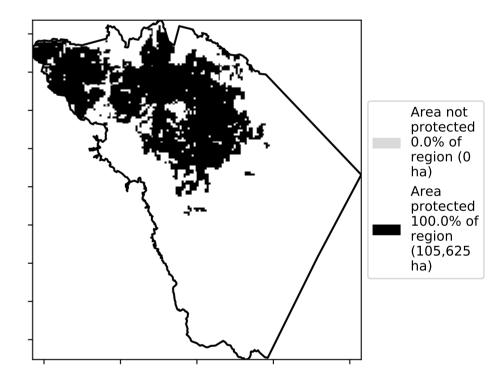
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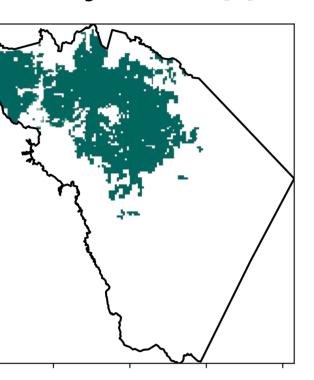
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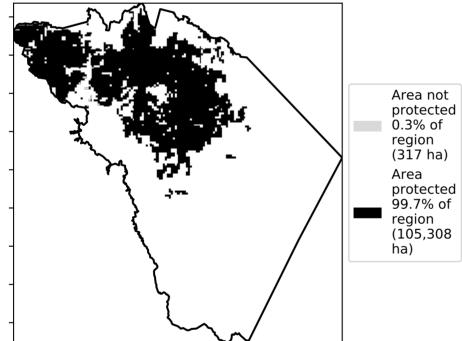
### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



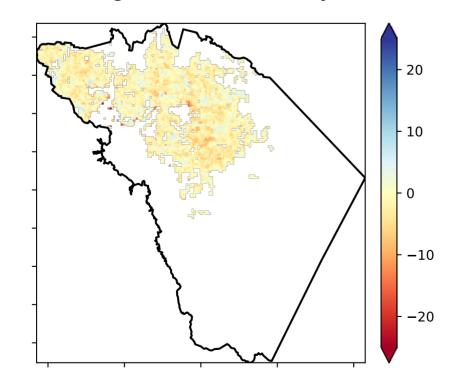
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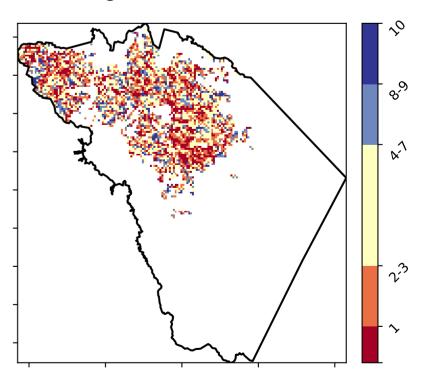


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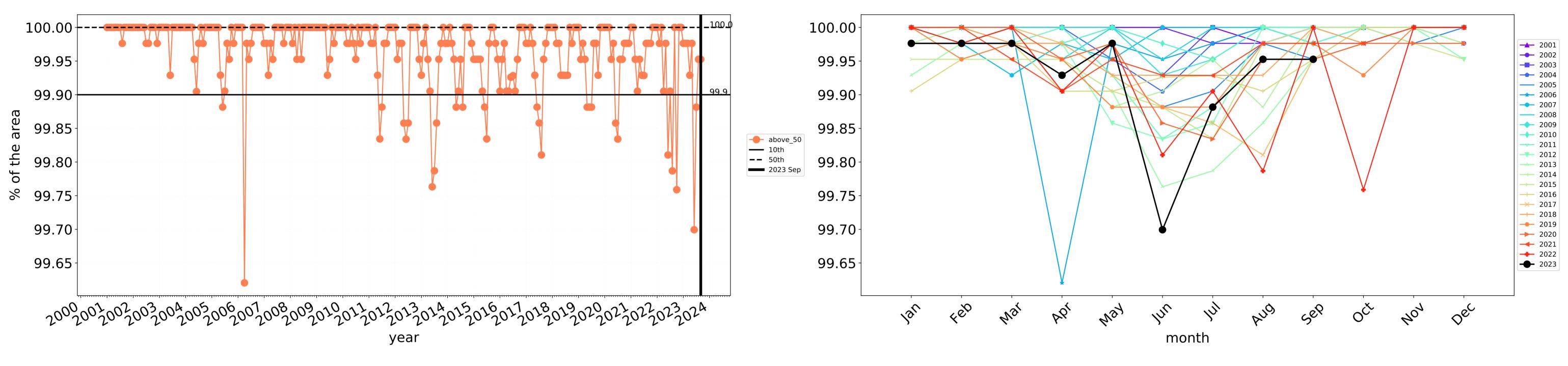
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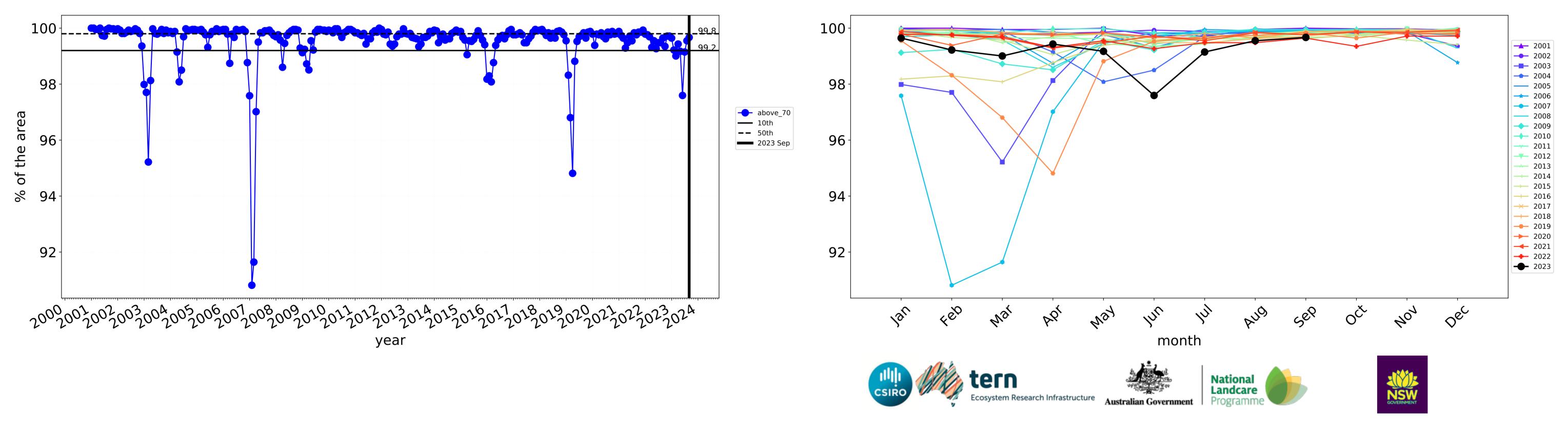


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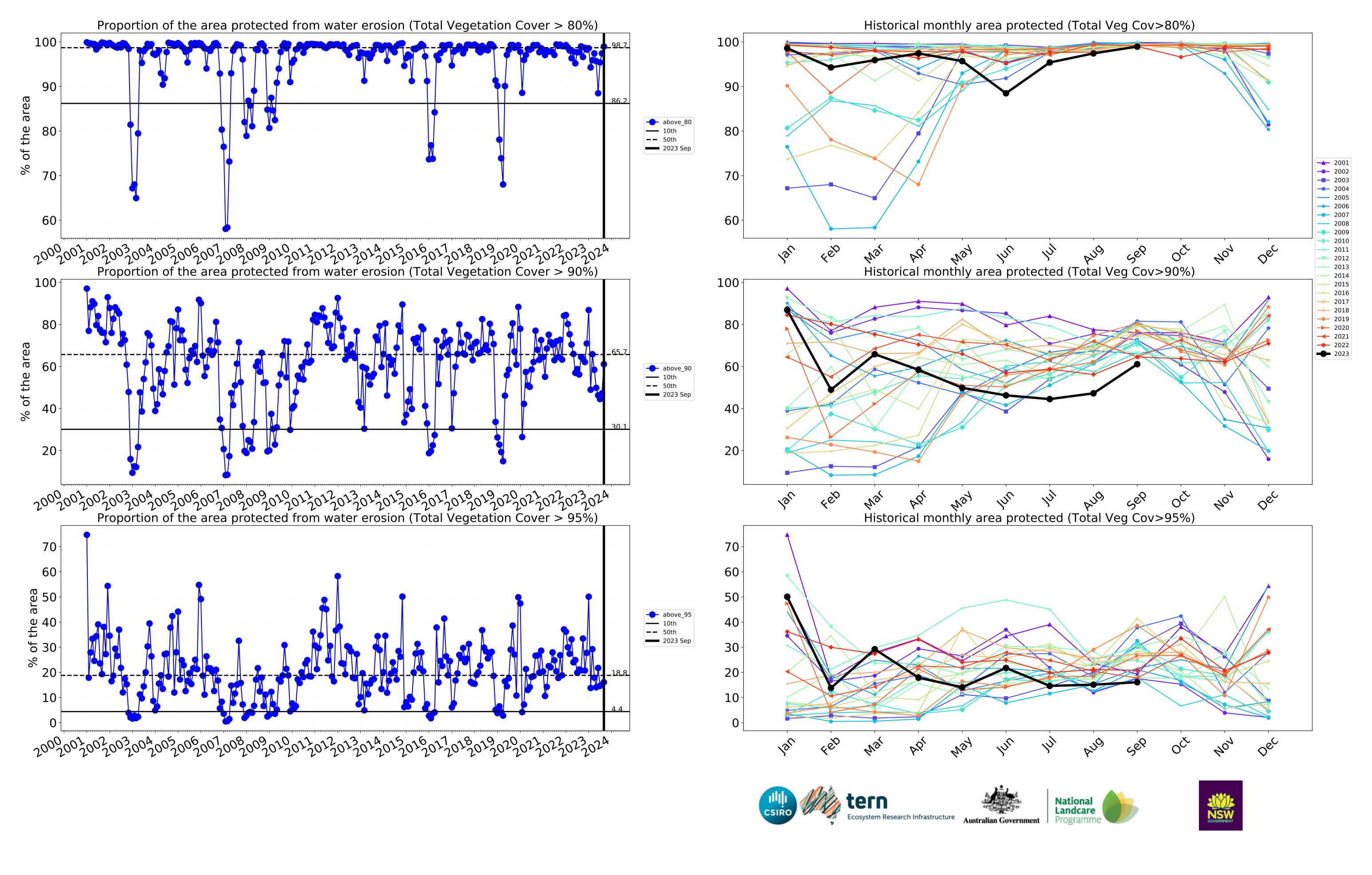
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



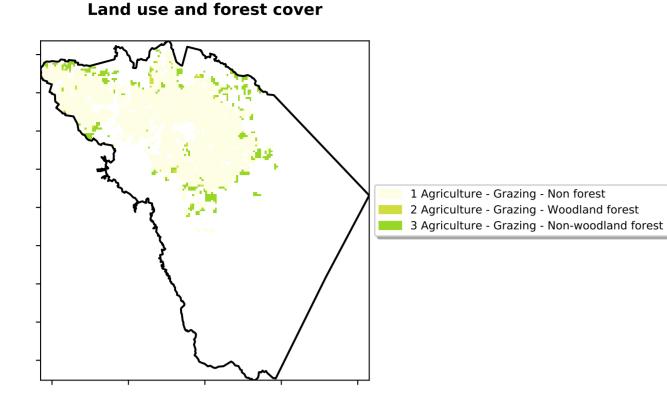
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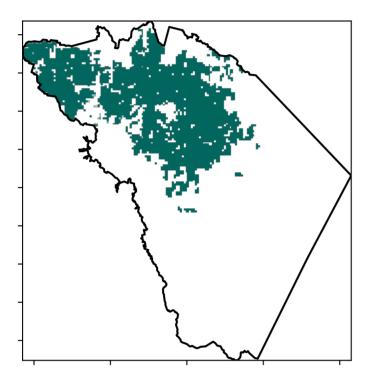


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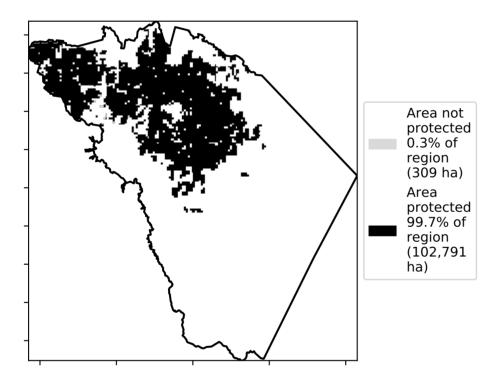
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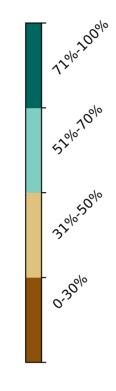


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

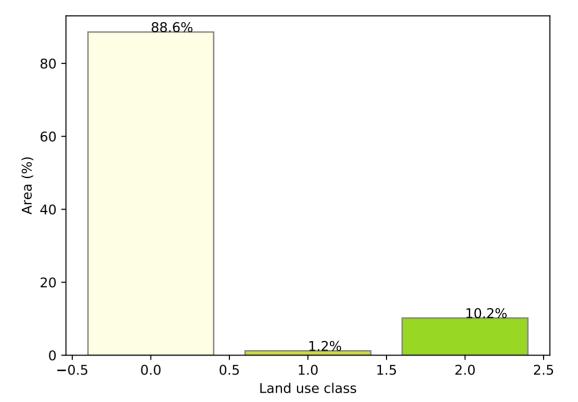




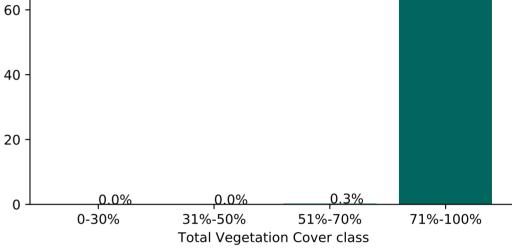


Area (%)

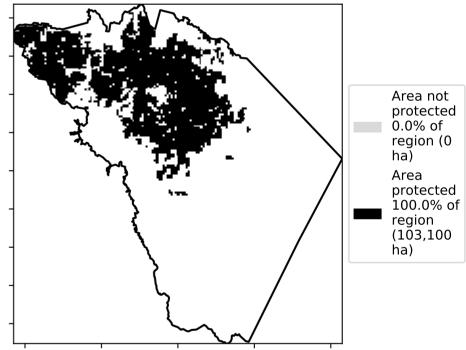
Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

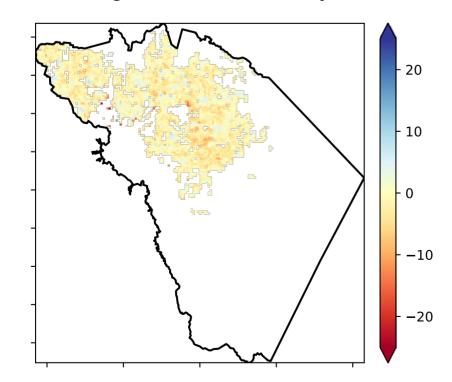


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



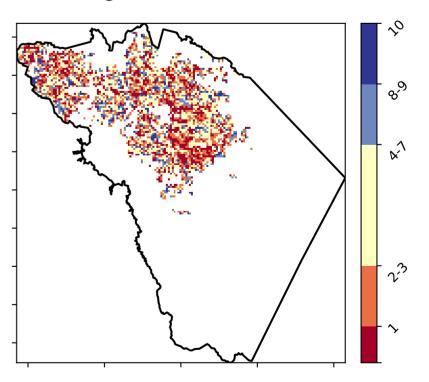
99.7%

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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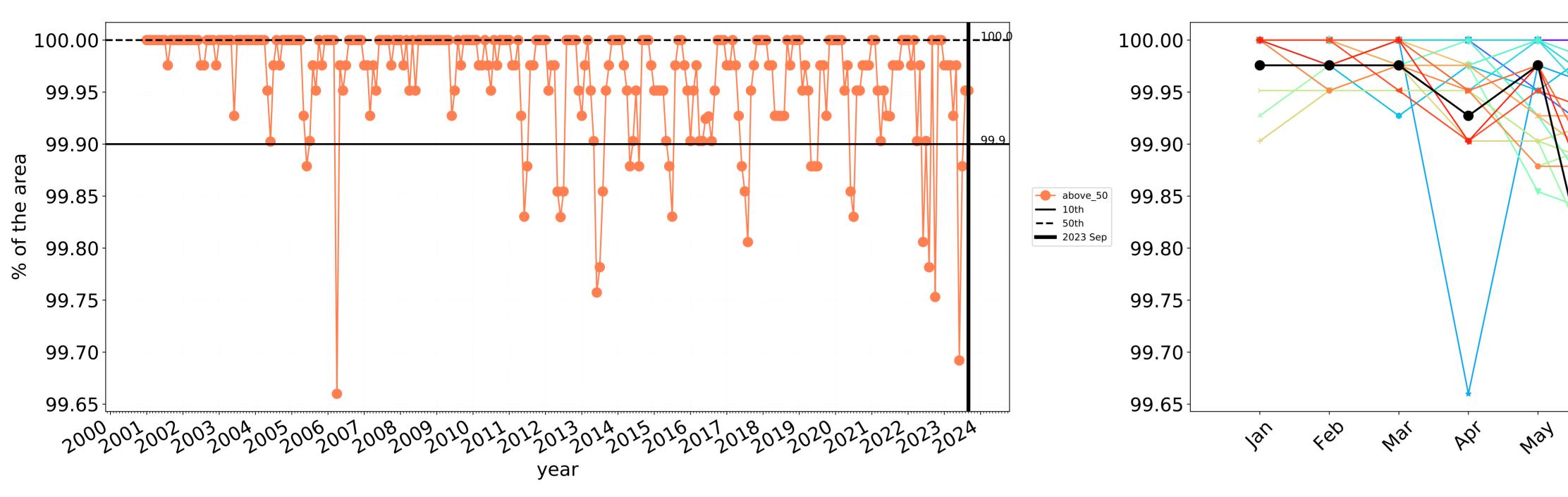
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





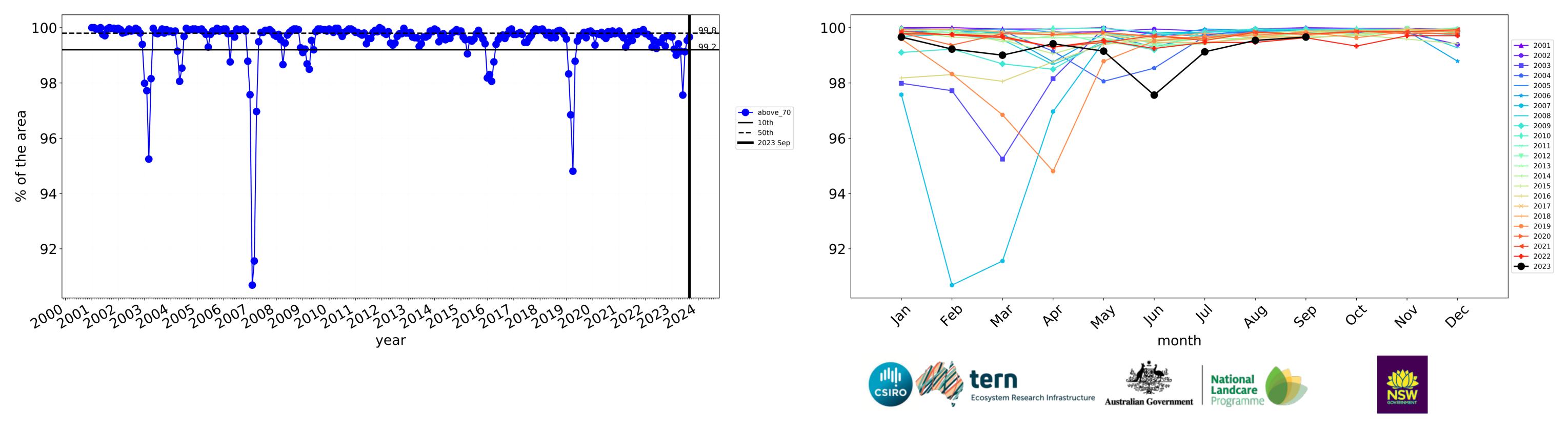


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

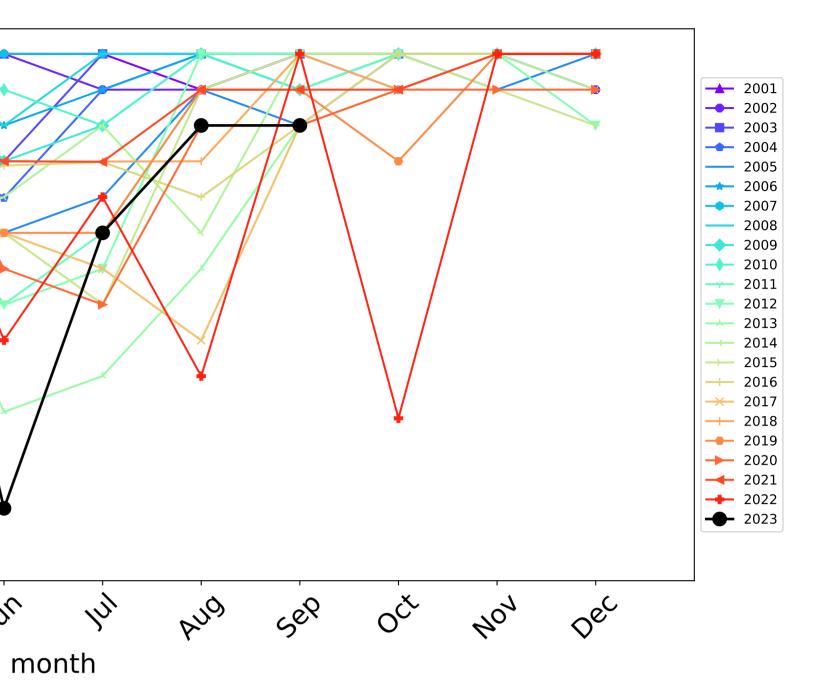
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

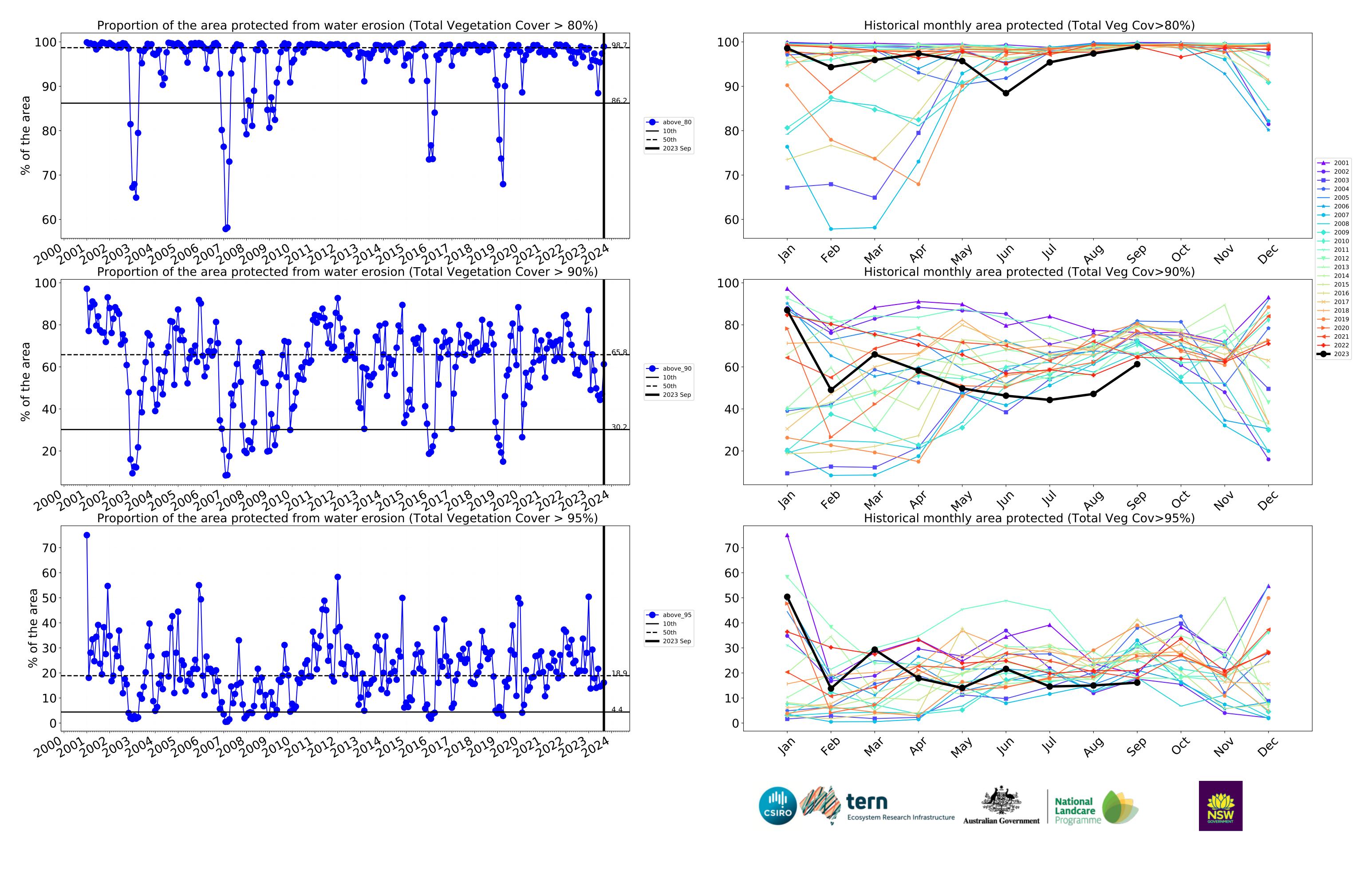


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

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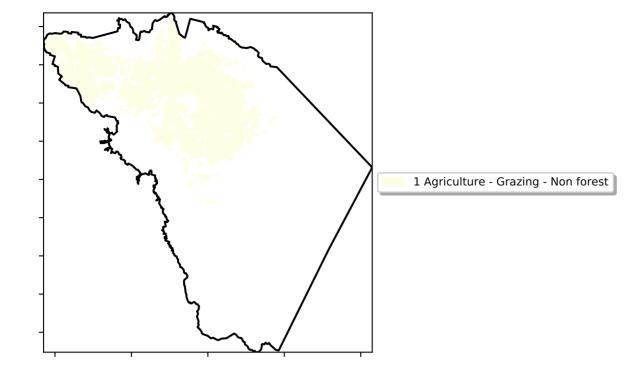




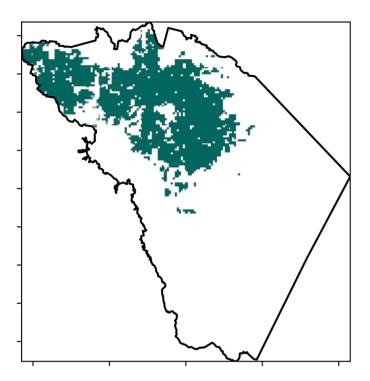
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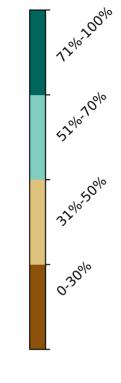
### **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover

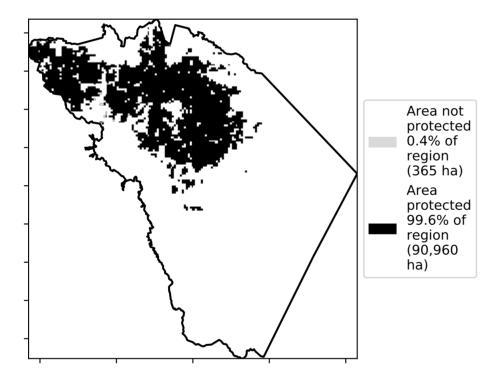


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

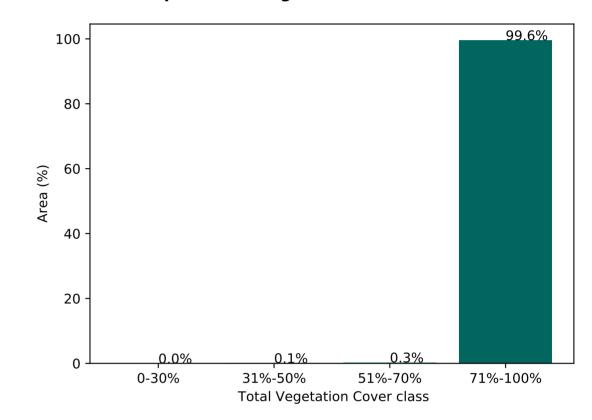




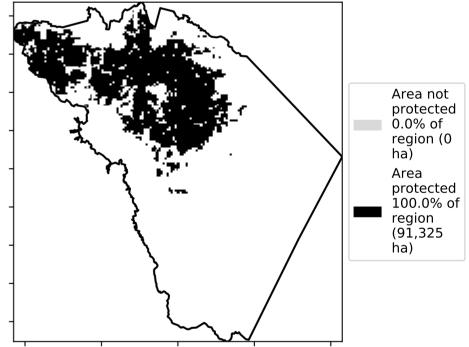
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

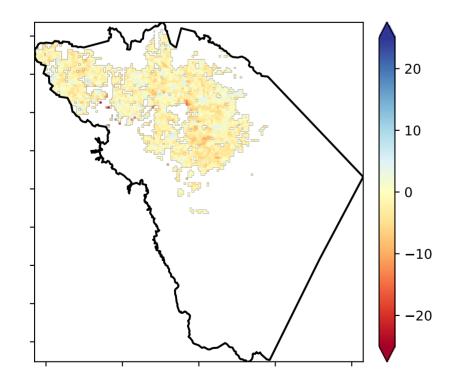


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



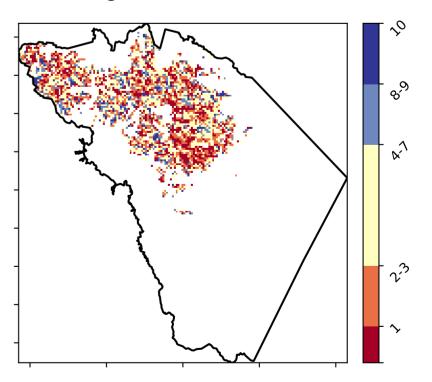
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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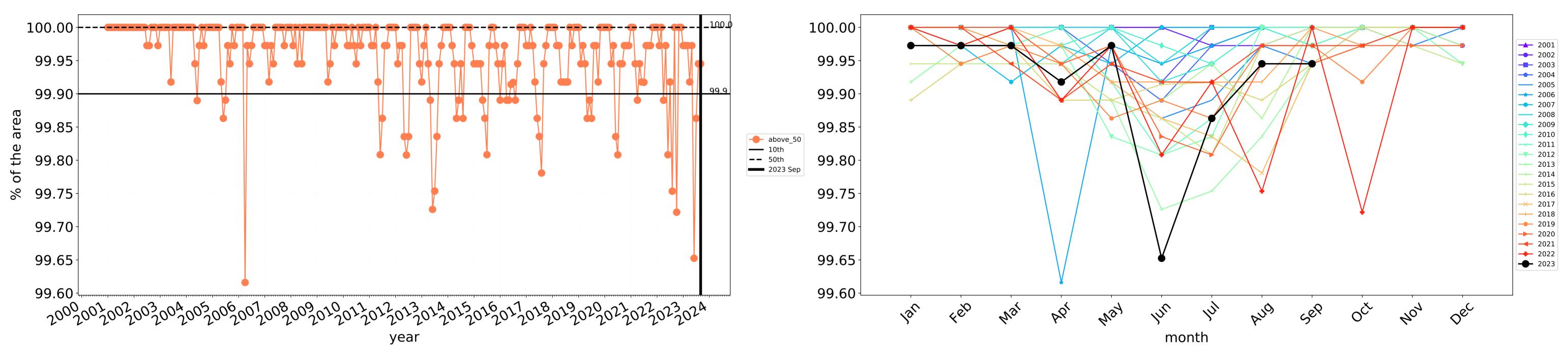
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





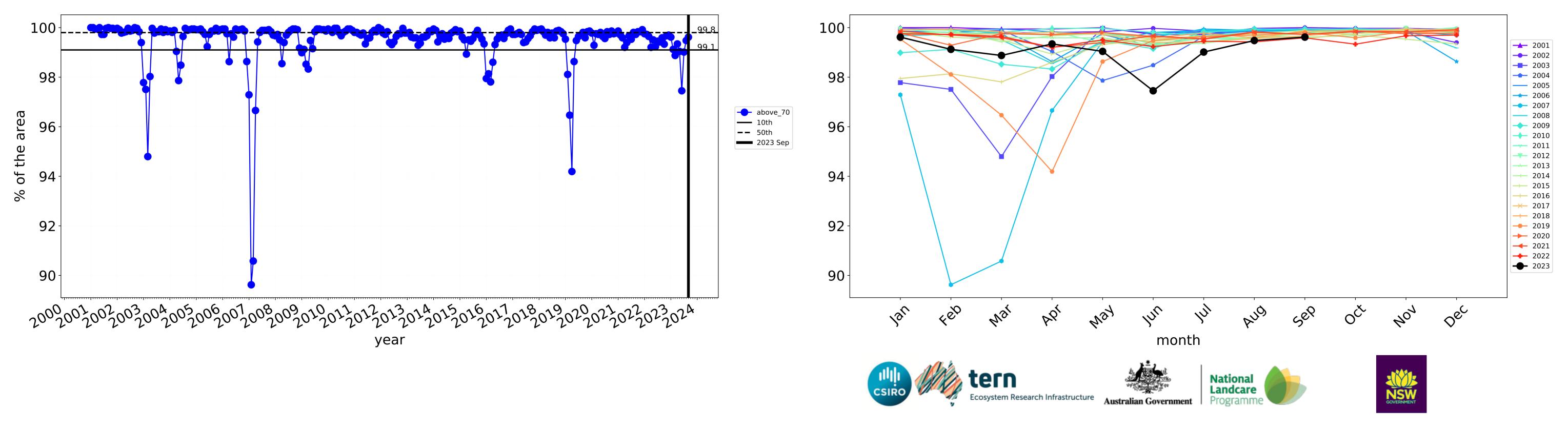


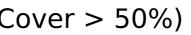
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

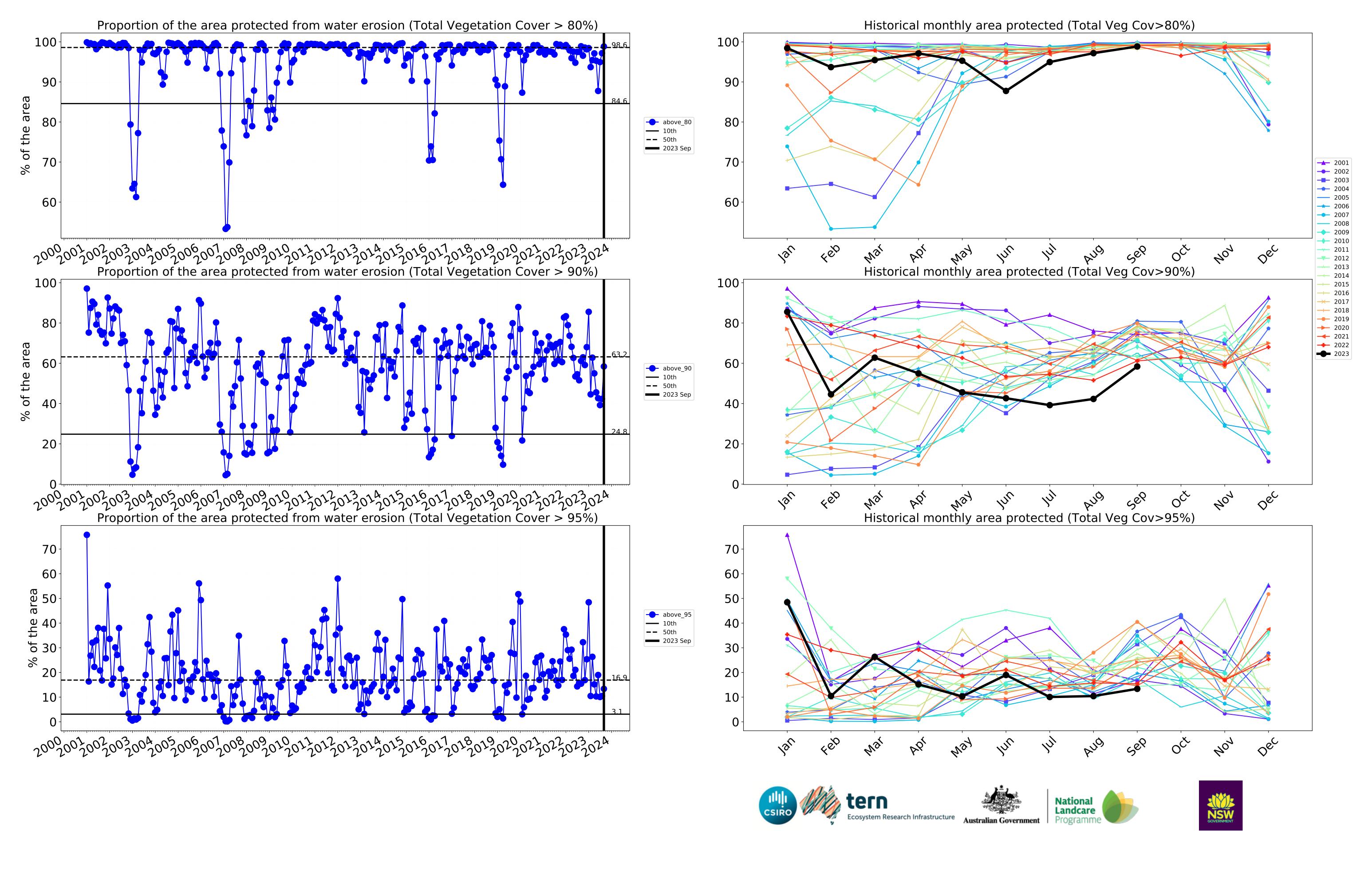
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





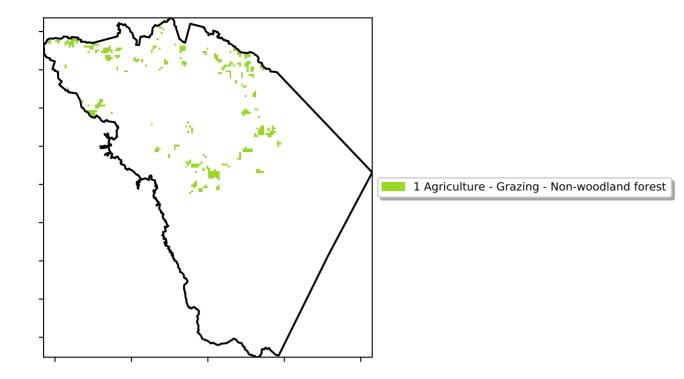
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

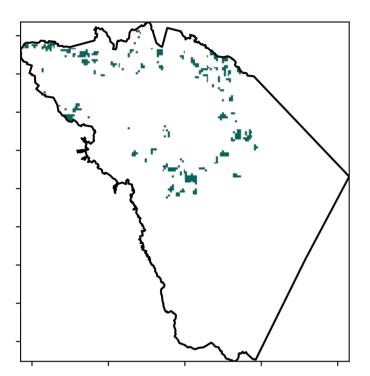


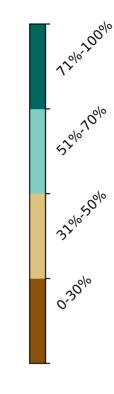
### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

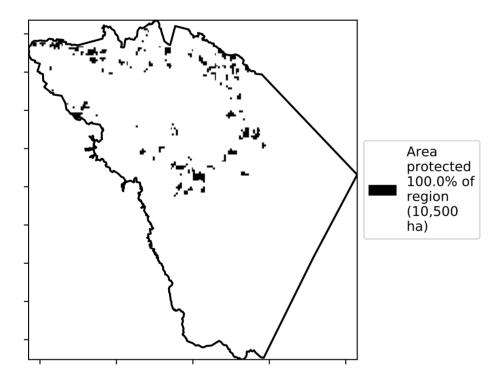


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

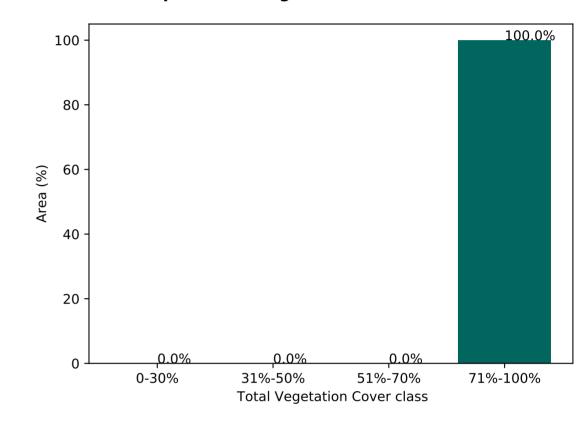




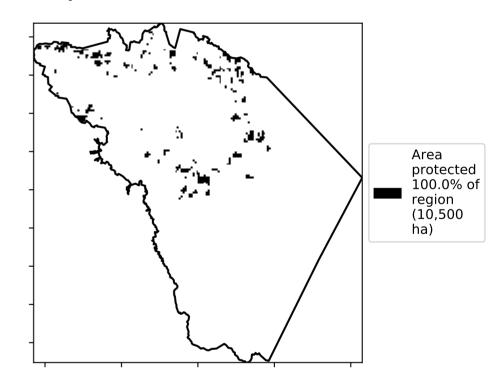
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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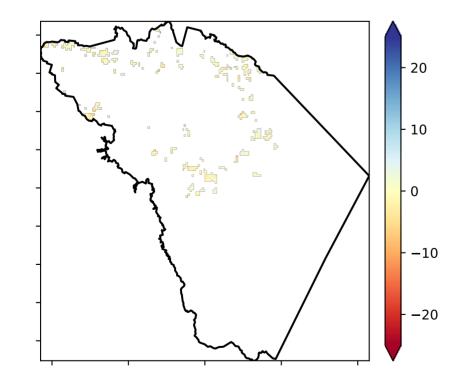
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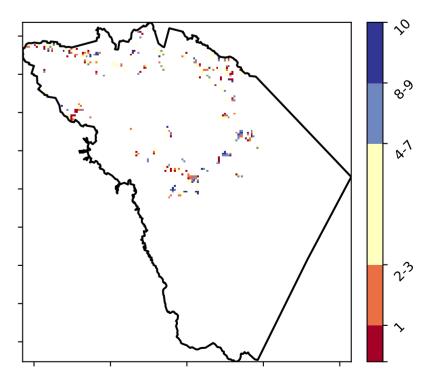
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



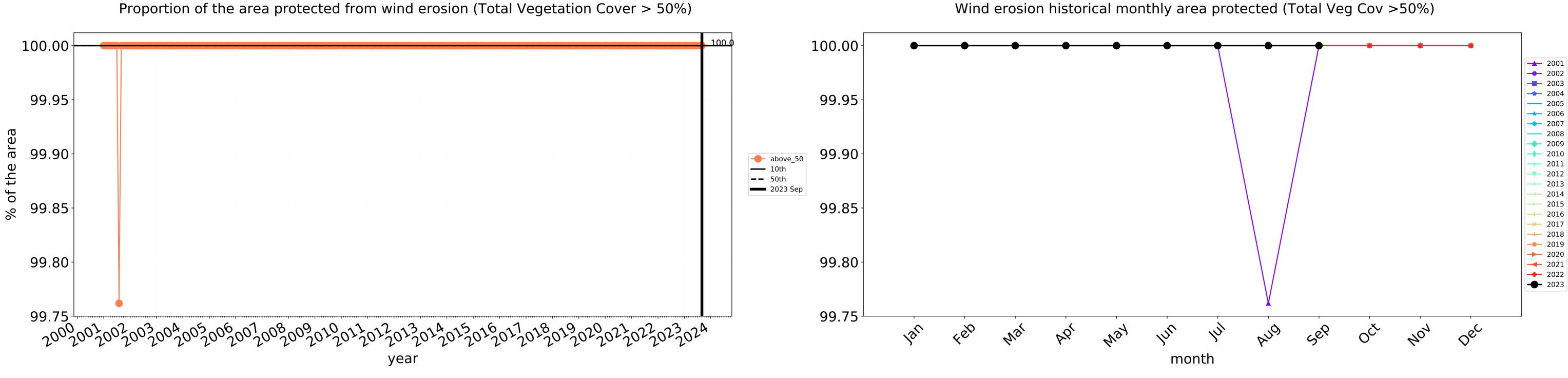
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



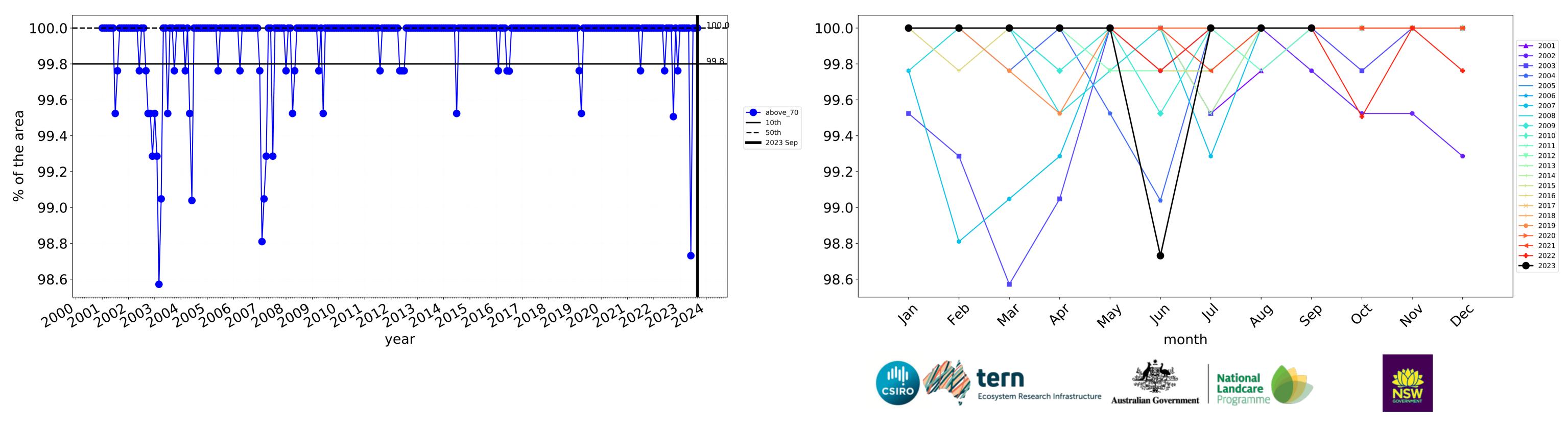




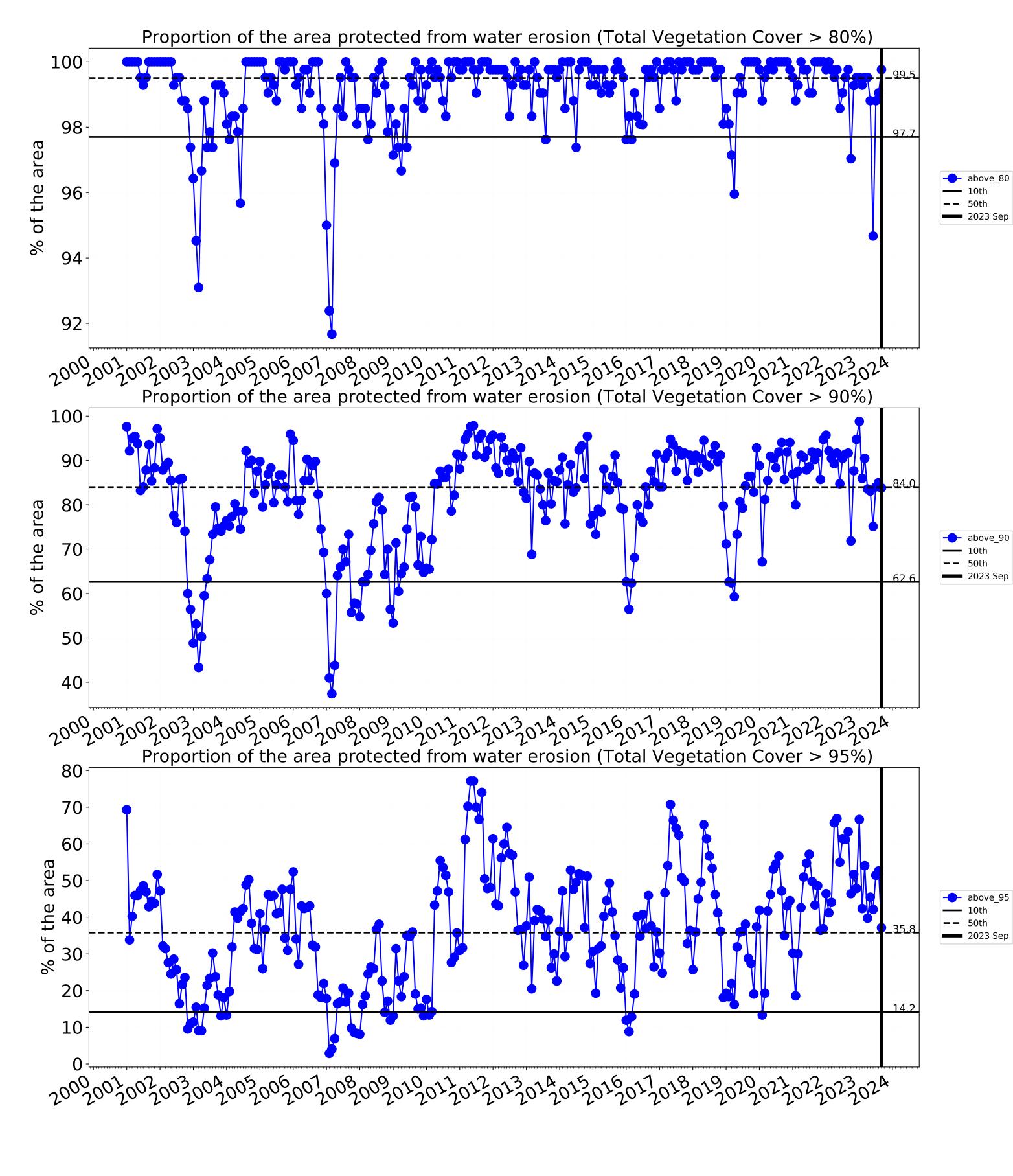


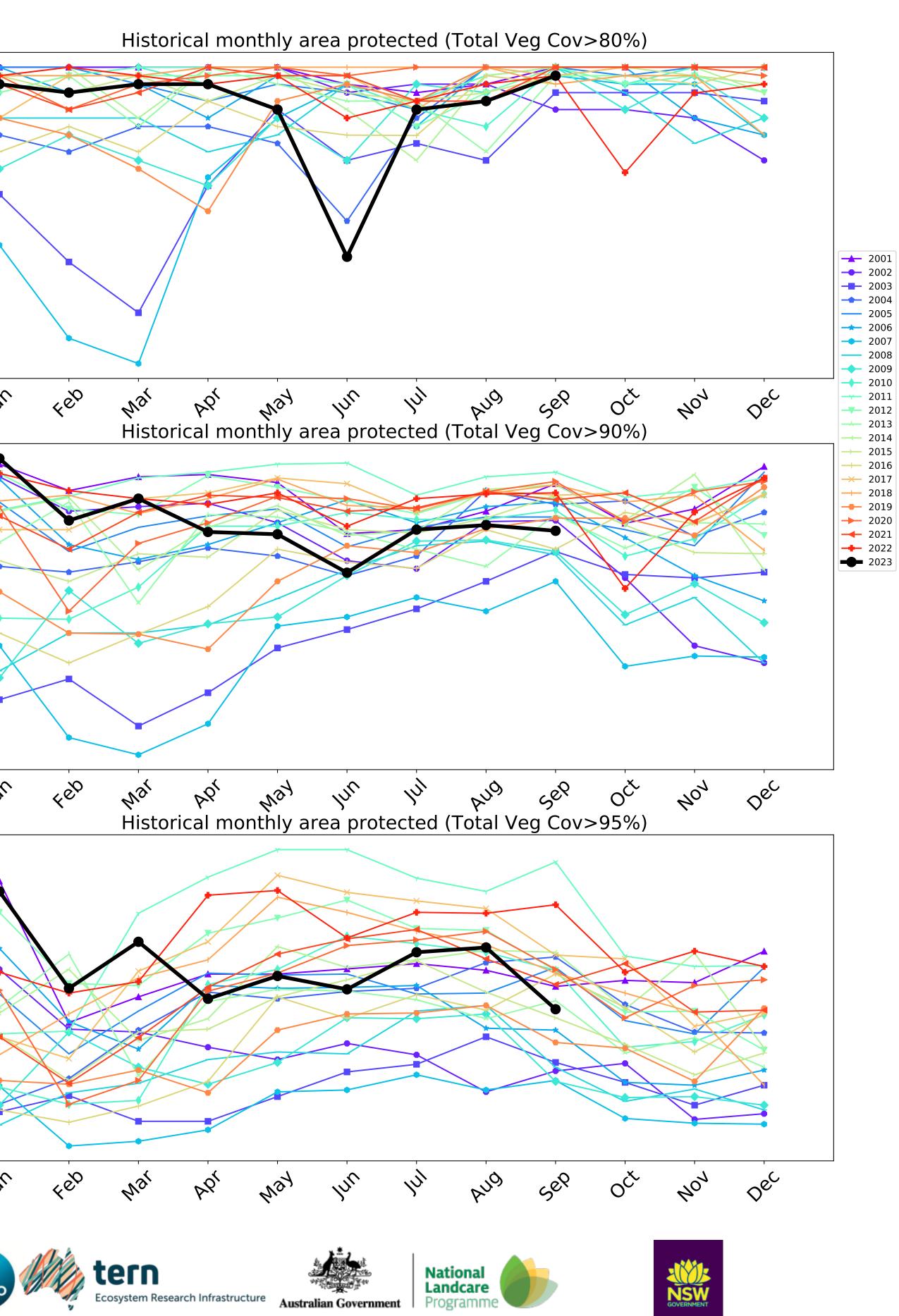
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

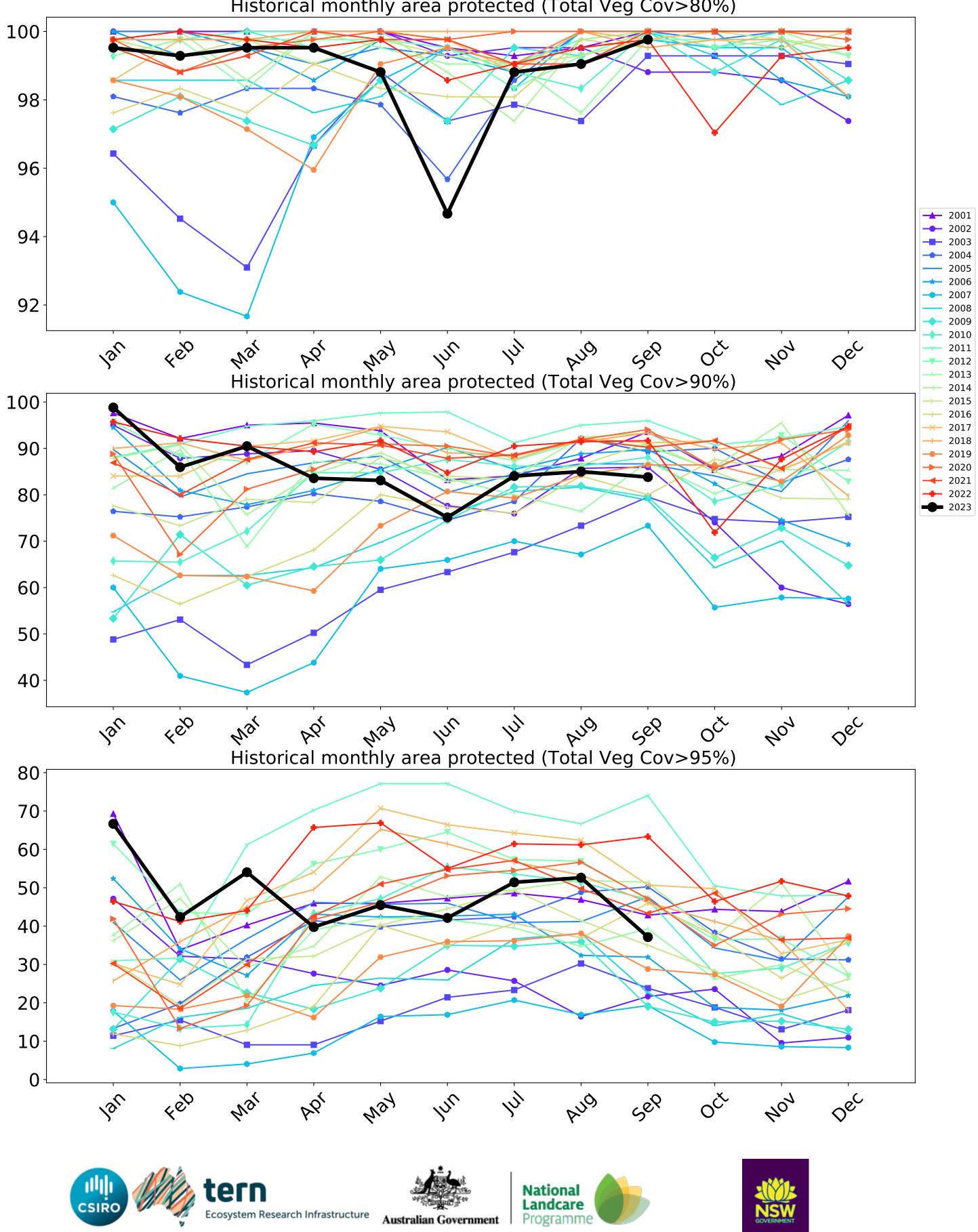


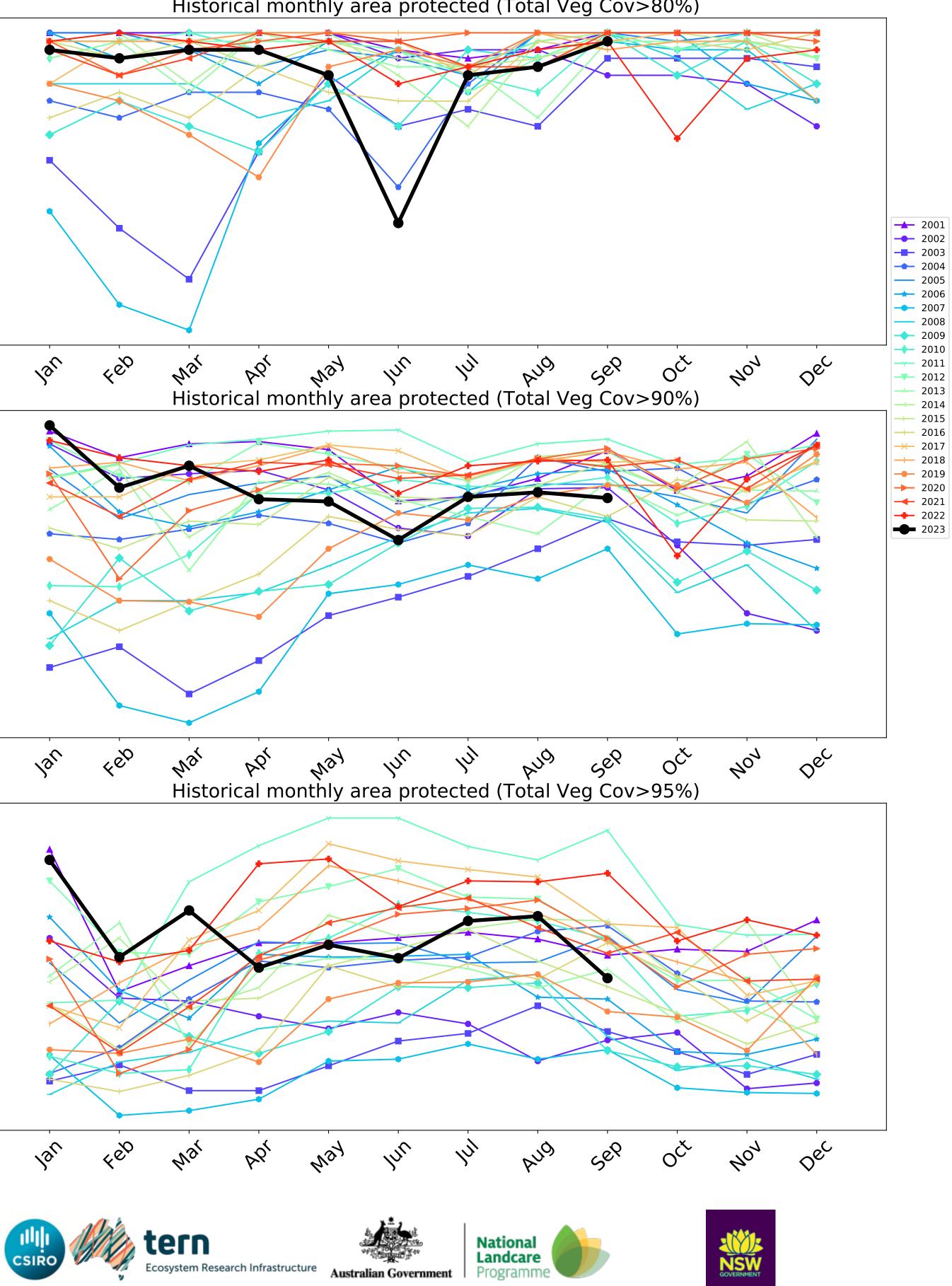


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



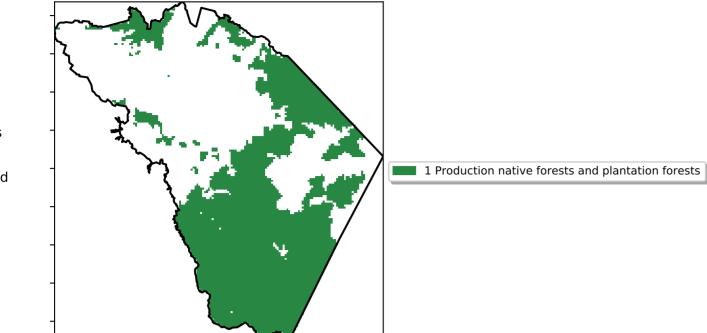




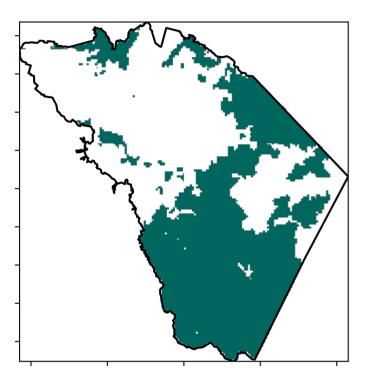


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

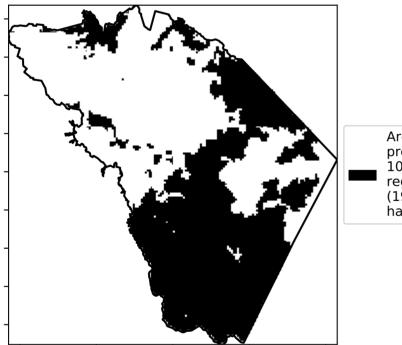
Land use and forest cover

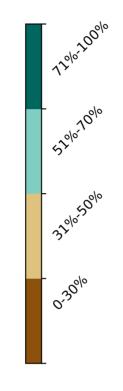


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

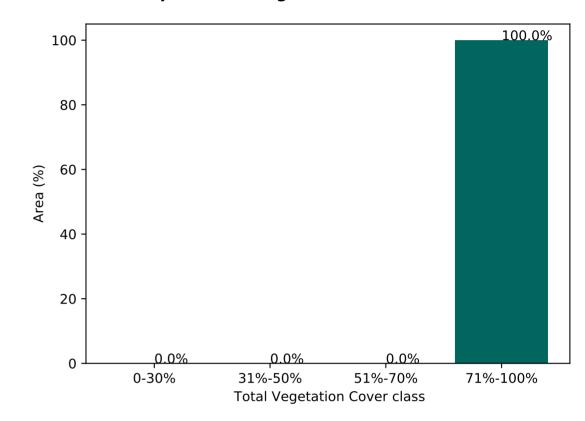








Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



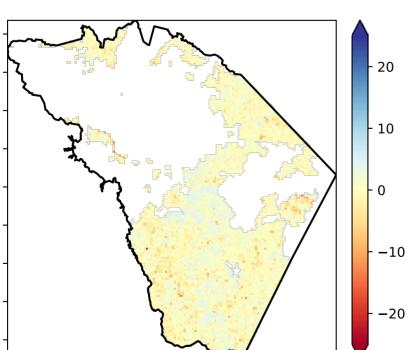
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

> Area protected 100.0% of region (194,925 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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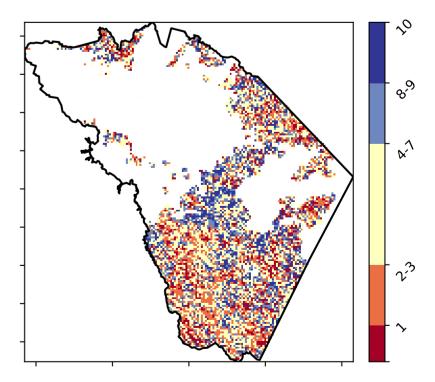
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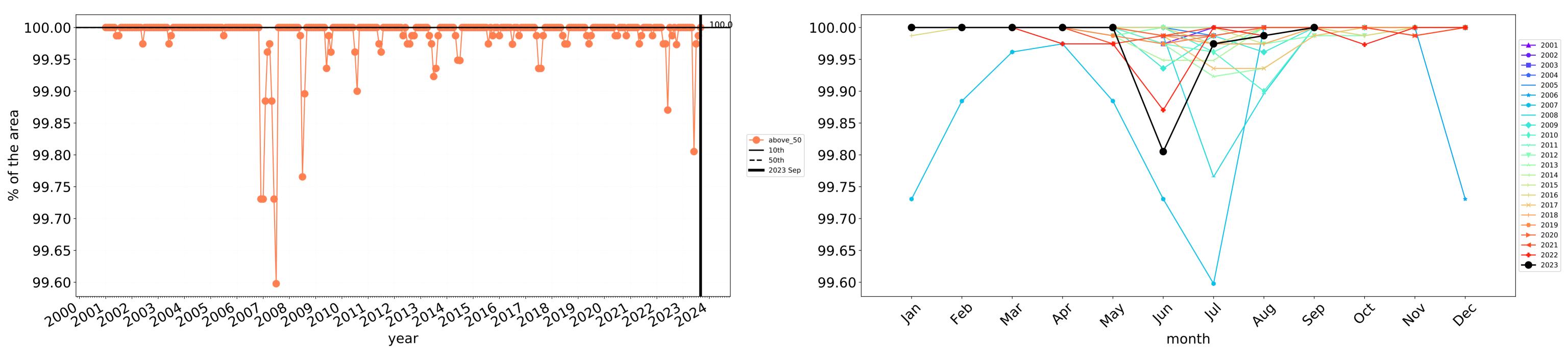
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





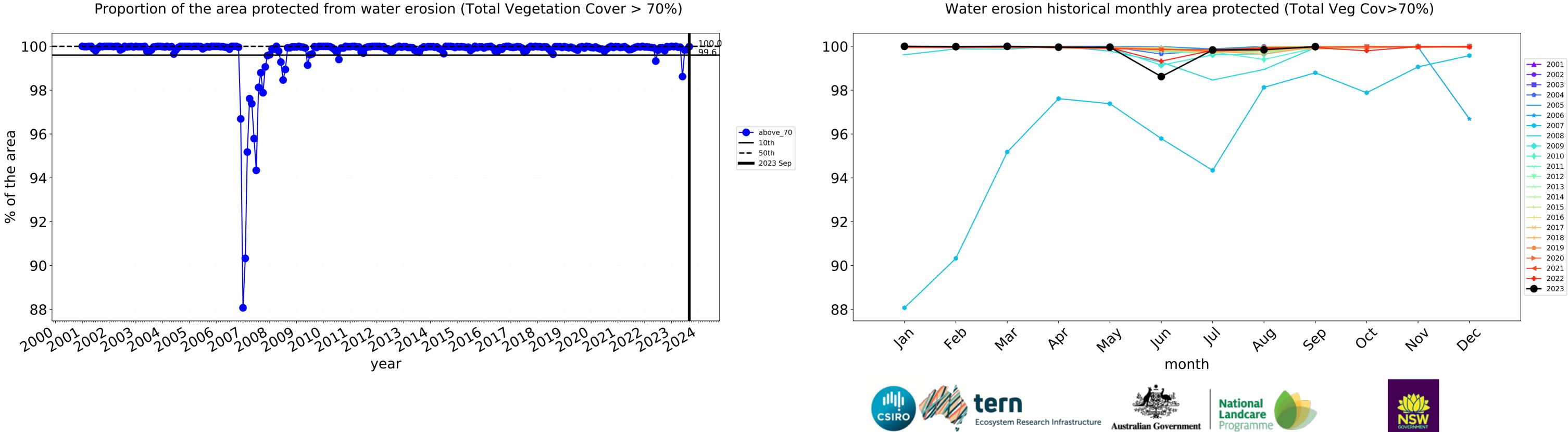


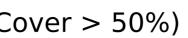
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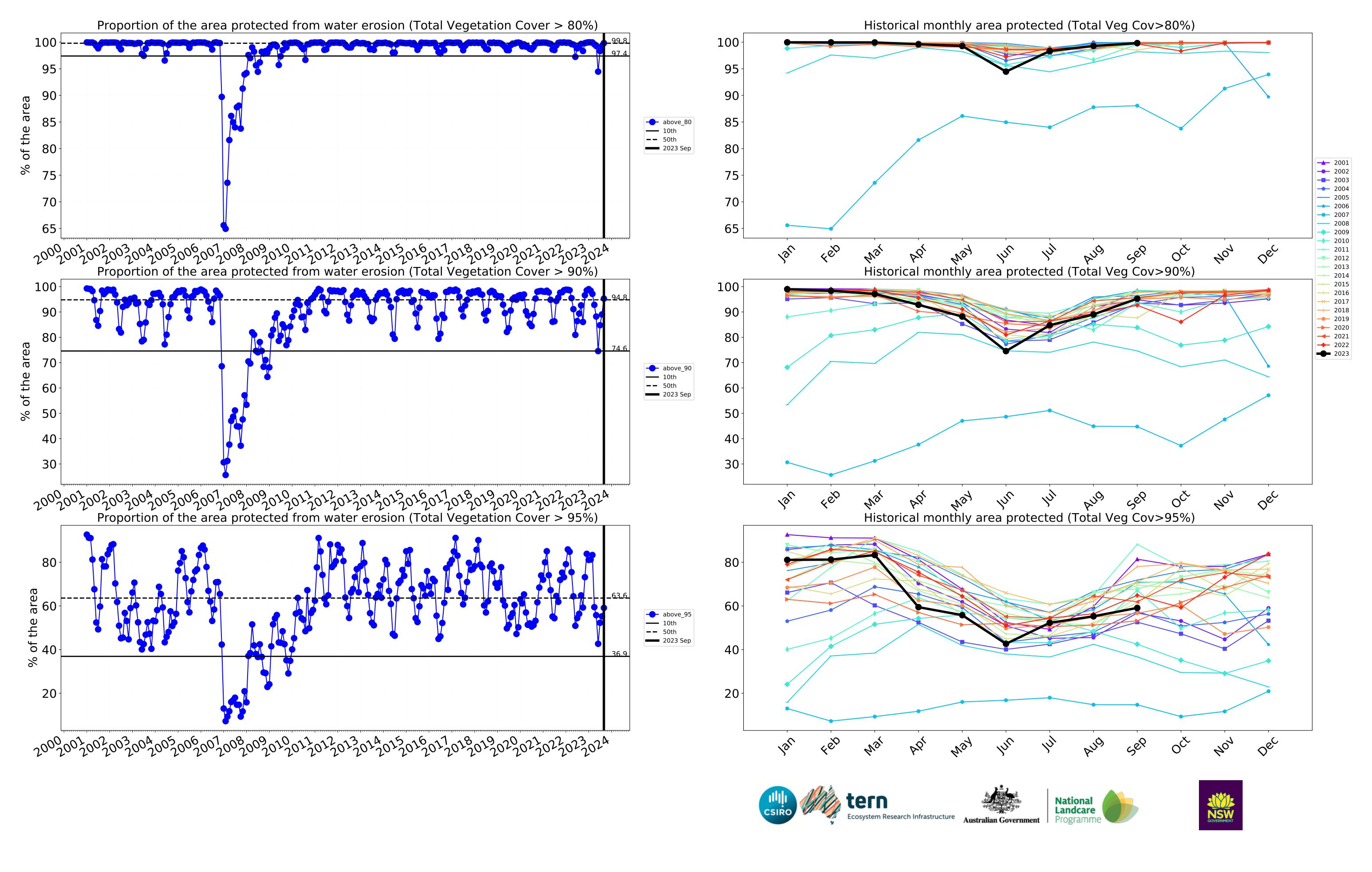
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





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



# Mansfield\_(S) (381,825 ha and no data 2,542 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	381,825	100.0% 381,825	100.0% 381,700	99.6% 380,150	98.3% 375,200	81.1% 309,675	43.1% 164,700
Conservation and natural environments	58,300	100.0% 58,300	100.0% 58,275	99.5% 58,025	96.9% 56,500	85.5% 49,875	51.8% 30,200
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,550	100.0% 3,550	99.3% 3,525	93.0% 3,300	62.0% 2,200	16.9% 600	2.8% 100
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	4,025	100.0% 4,025	100.0% 4,025	100.0% 4,025	99.4% 4,000	85.7% 3,450	44.1% 1,775
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	50,725	100.0% 50,725	100.0% 50,725	100.0% 50,700	99.2% 50,300	90.3% 45,825	55.8% 28,325
Agriculture	105,625	100.0% 105,625	100.0% 105,575	99.7% 105,275	99.0% 104,525	61.1% 64,525	16.1% 16,975
Grazing	103,100	100.0% 103,100	100.0% 103,050	99.7% 102,750	99.0% 102,025	61.3% 63,200	16.1% 16,625
Grazing non forest	91,325	100.0% 91,325	99.9% 91,275	99.6% 90,975	98.9% 90,275	58.4% 53,350	13.4% 12,200
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	10,500	100.0% 10,500	100.0% 10,500	100.0% 10,500	99.8% 10,475	83.8% 8,800	37.1% 3,900
Production native forests and plantation forests	194,925	100.0% 194,925	100.0% 194,925	100.0% 194,900	99.8% 194,575	95.3% 185,700	59.1% 115,200

