This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind (>=50% total vegetation cover) and water/hillslope (>=70% total vegetation cover) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and forest cover class. This is because different land use / forest cover classes are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. [Mildura_(RC)]

The six maps and two graphs provide a report for the month with:

- Land use and forest cover information for the area:
 - o Map: Land use and forest cover
 - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month:
 - o Map: total vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
 - o Chart: total vegetation cover percentage area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month:
 - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares
 - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares
- 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 from January 2001 to current:
 - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month since January 2001 (orange line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
 - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month since January 2001 (blue line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
 - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black line). Vertical line is month of report.
- Time series for each month stacked by year
 - o Same data as time series from January 2001 to current month, grouped by month. Black line is current year of data.
- 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

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class if 1% or more of area makes up a land use and forest cover class. Four land uses are reported: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests, and other. Agriculture is further divided into grazing,

crops and horticulture are then divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. Land use is further divided by forest class if present: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest.

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 pixel data on monthly time steps. Report uses baseline from January 2001 to September 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. Post September 2019 all similar months are used to calculate anomalies and deciles.

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
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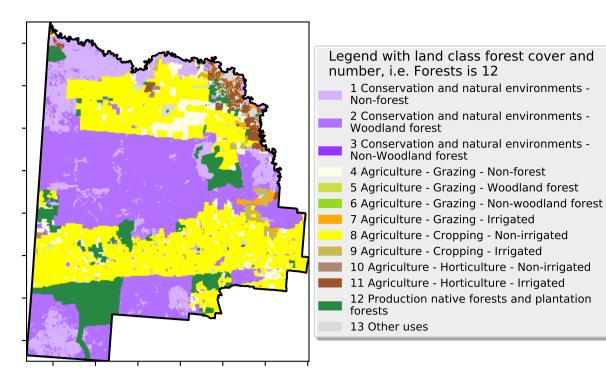
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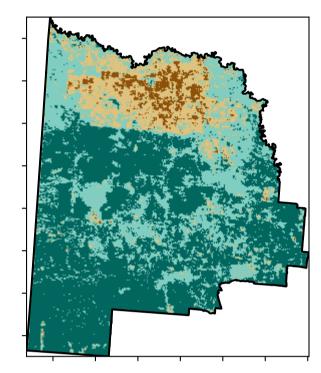
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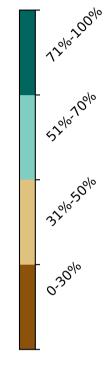
Land use and forest cover

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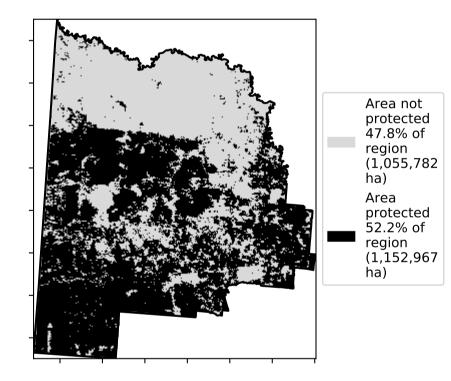


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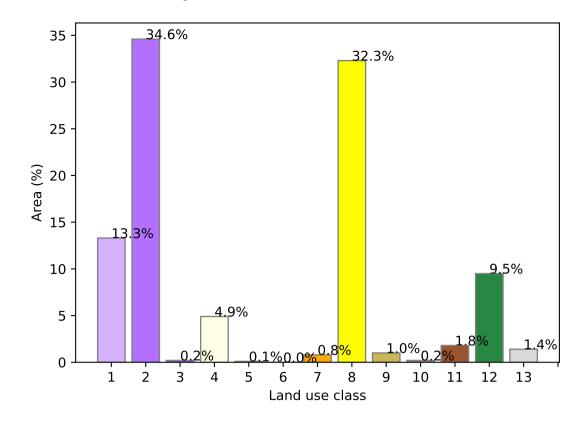




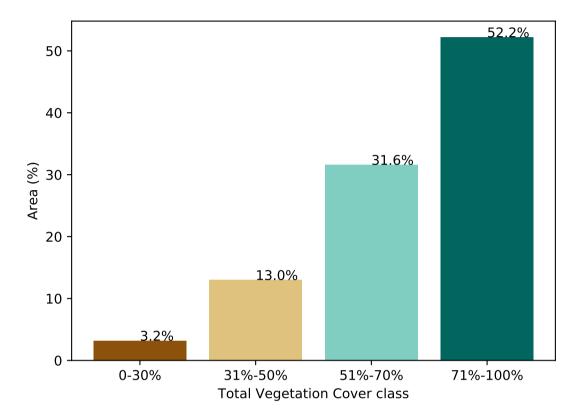
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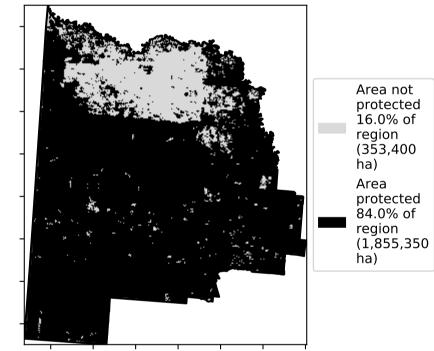
Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

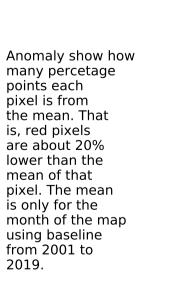


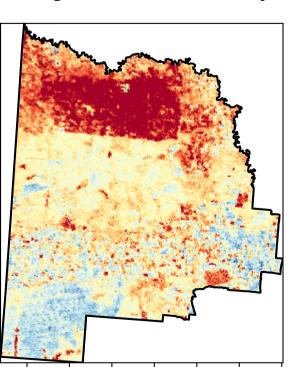
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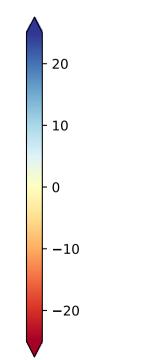


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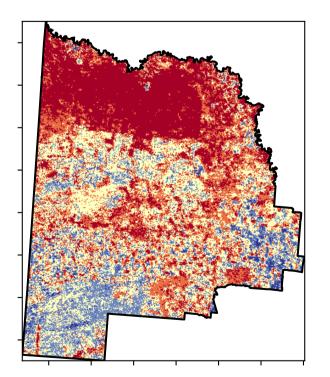
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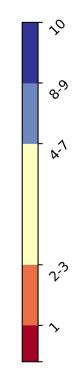




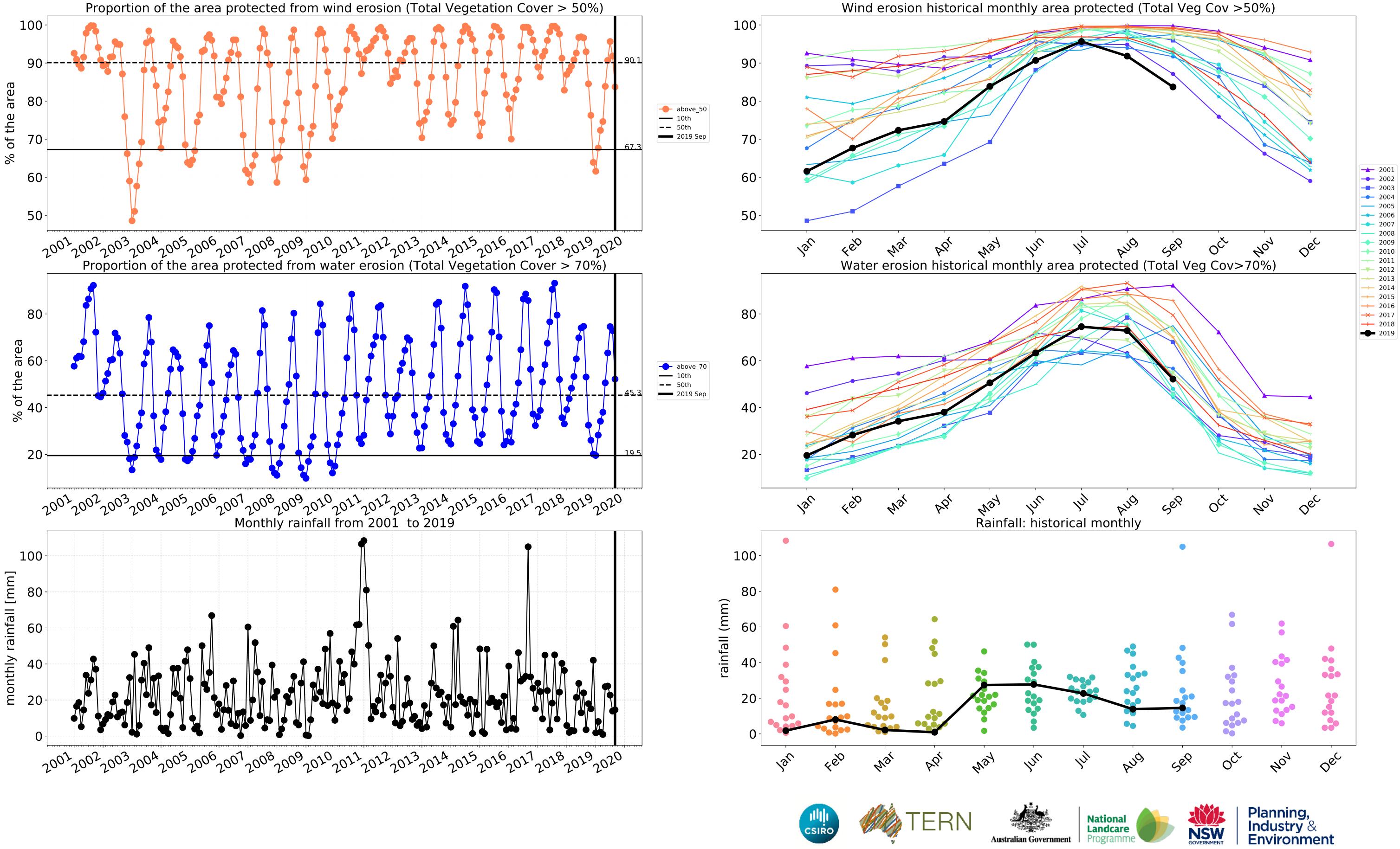


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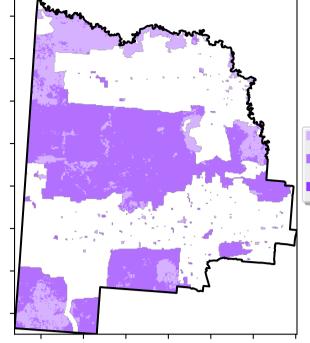




Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover





Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest Conservation and natural environments – Non-woodland forest

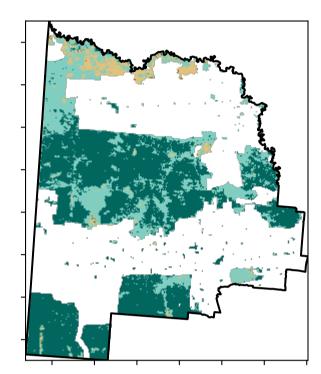
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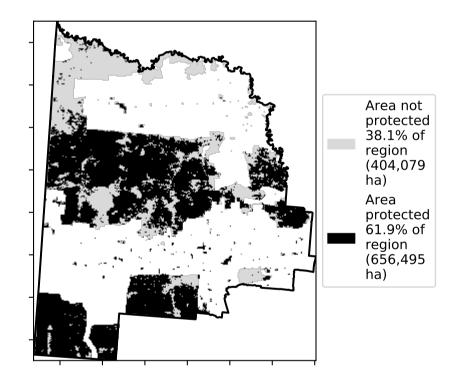
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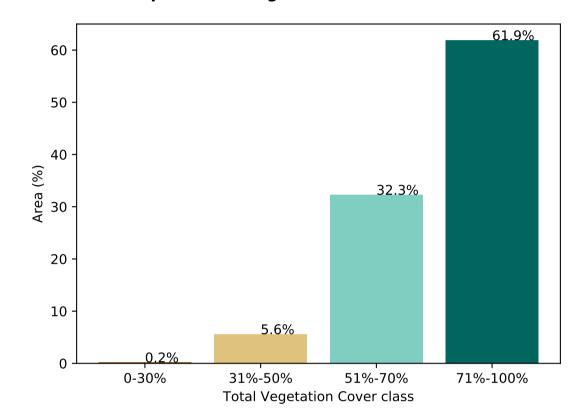
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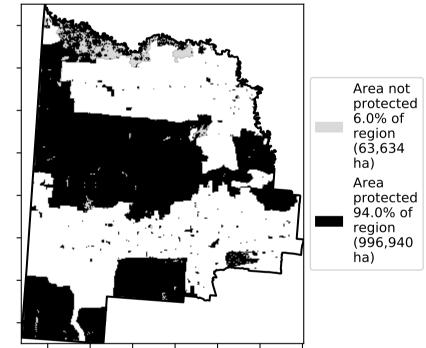




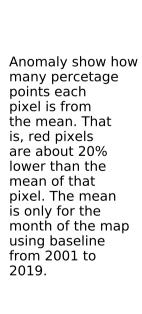
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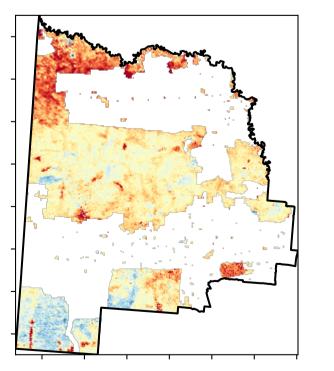


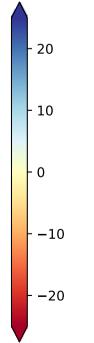
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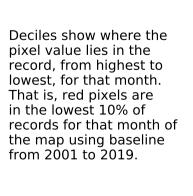


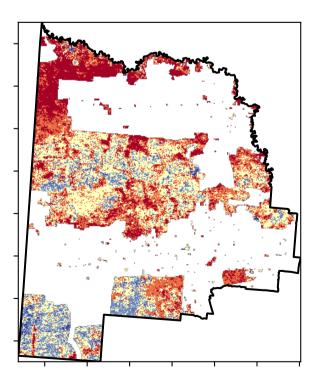
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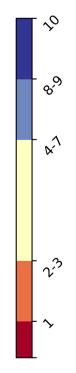




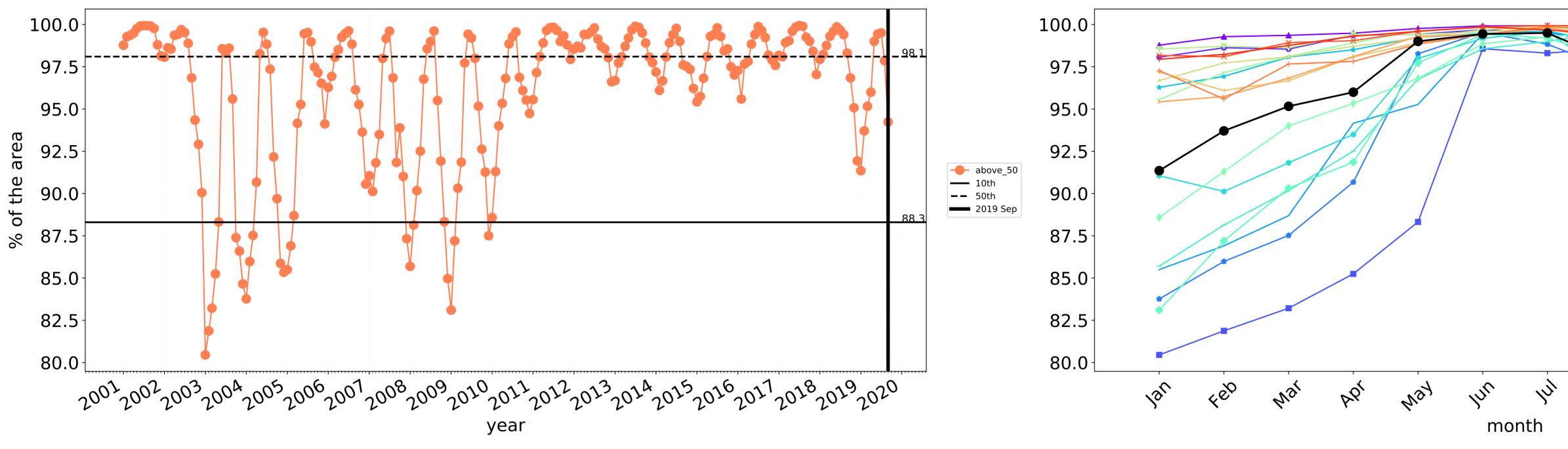




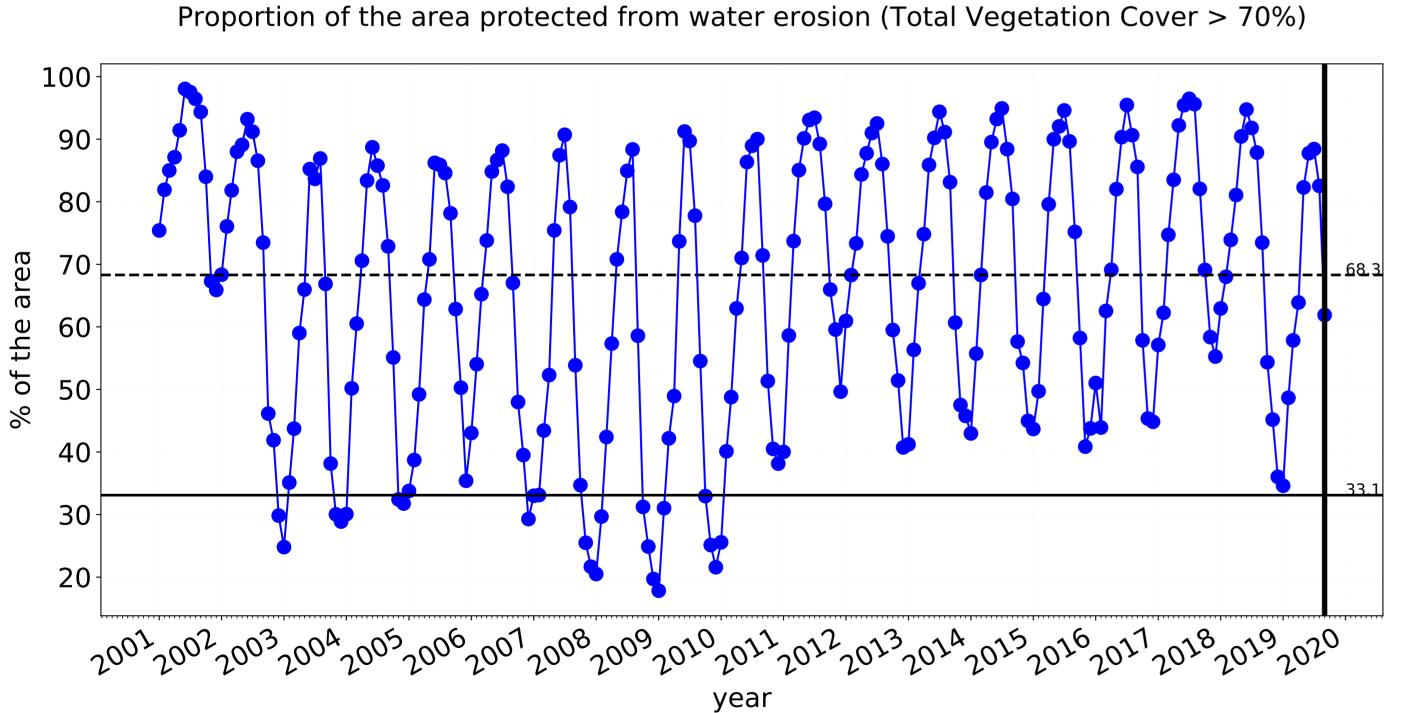




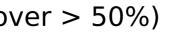




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



Conservation and natural environments timeseries



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

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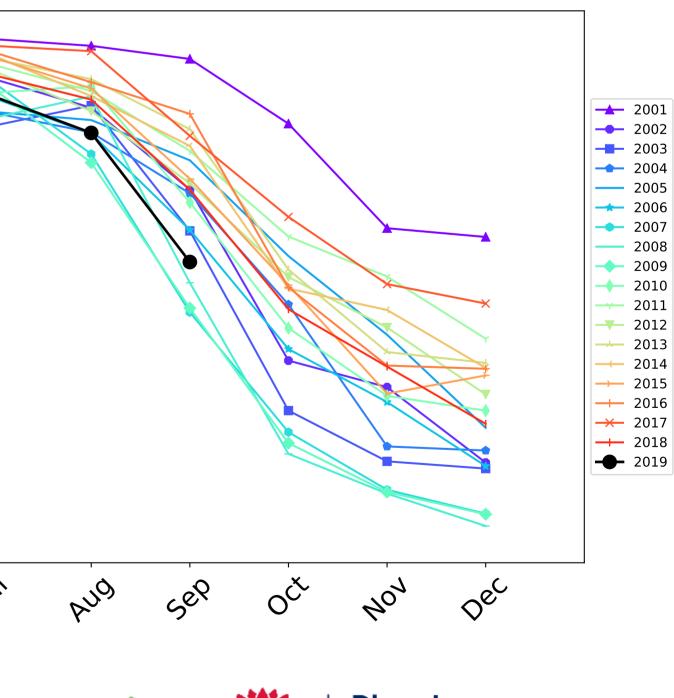
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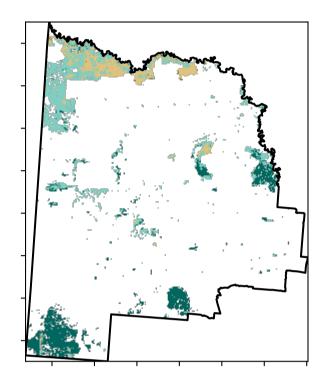
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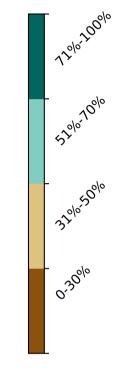
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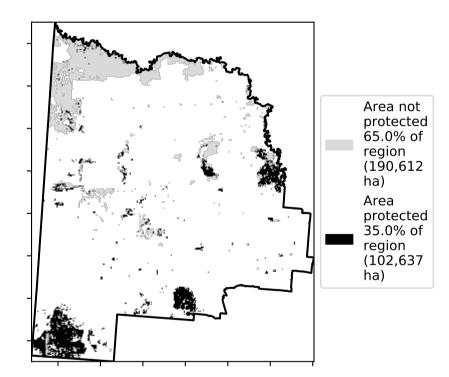
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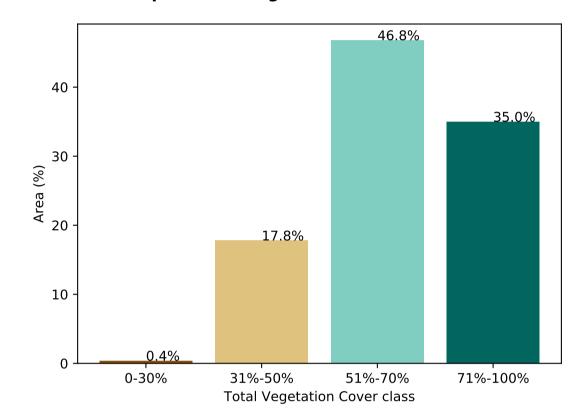




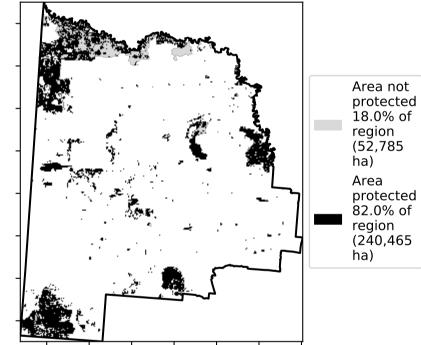
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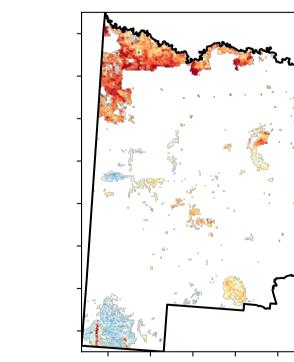
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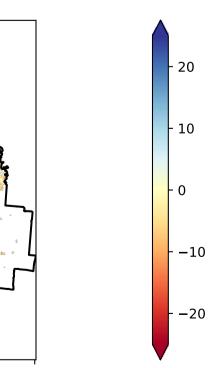


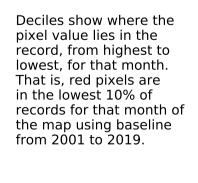
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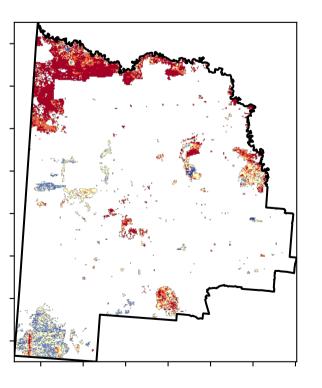
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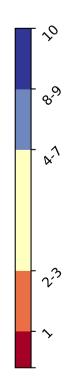






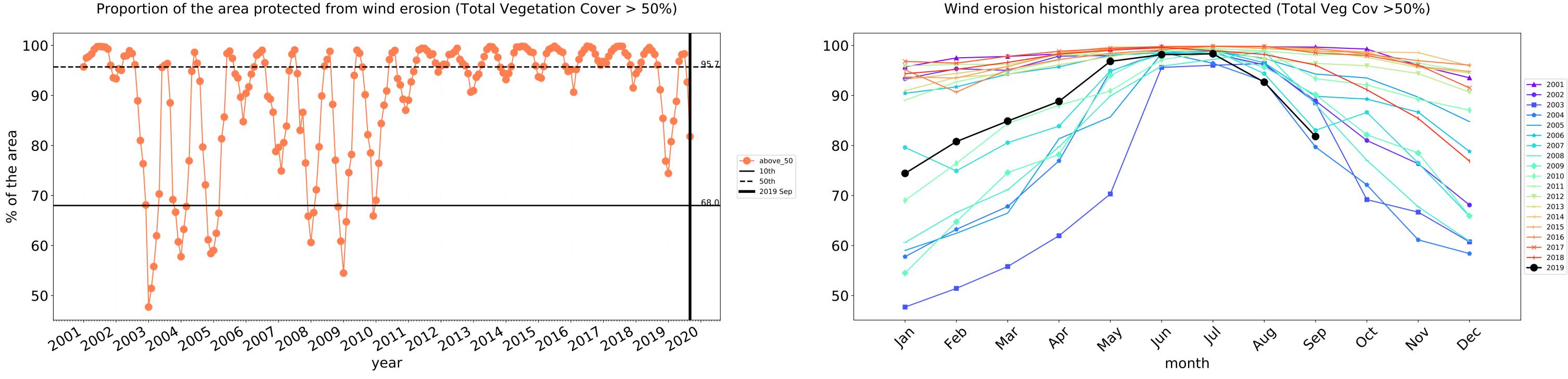
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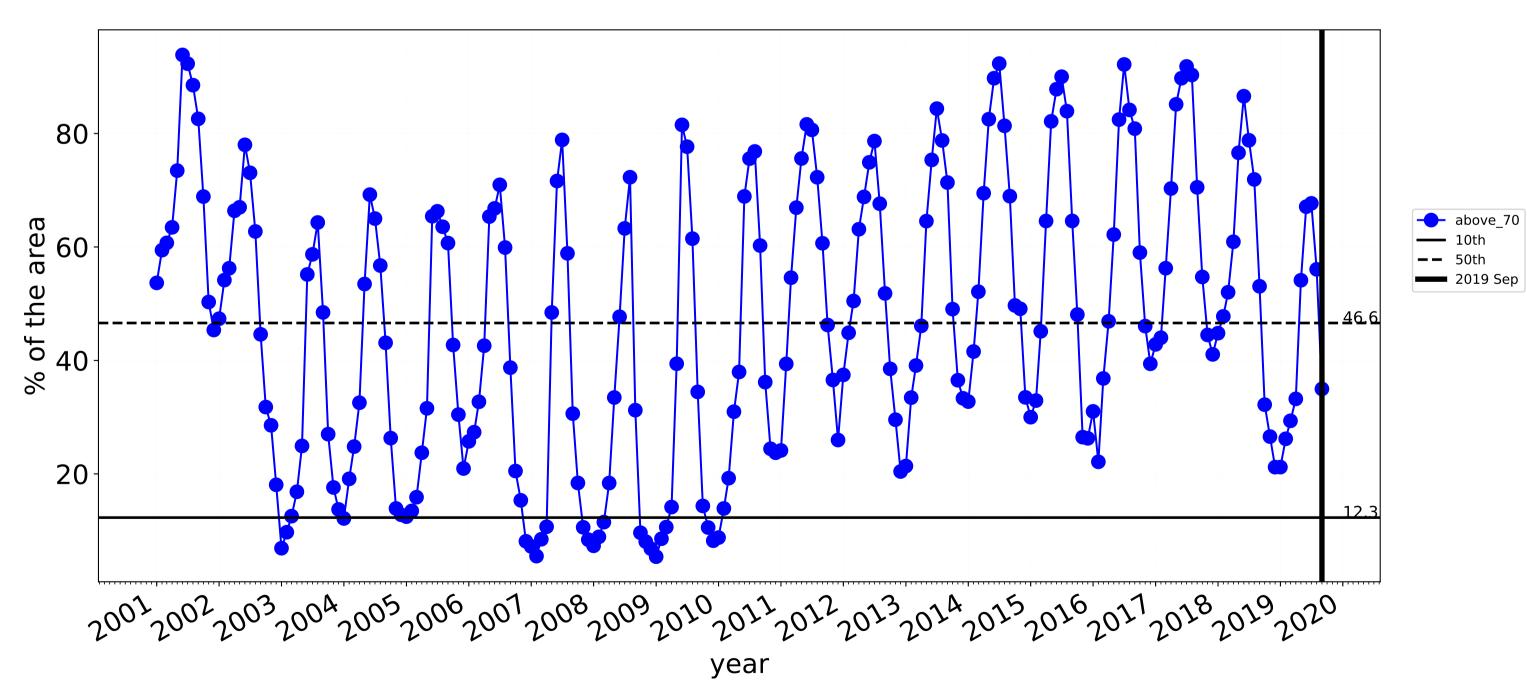


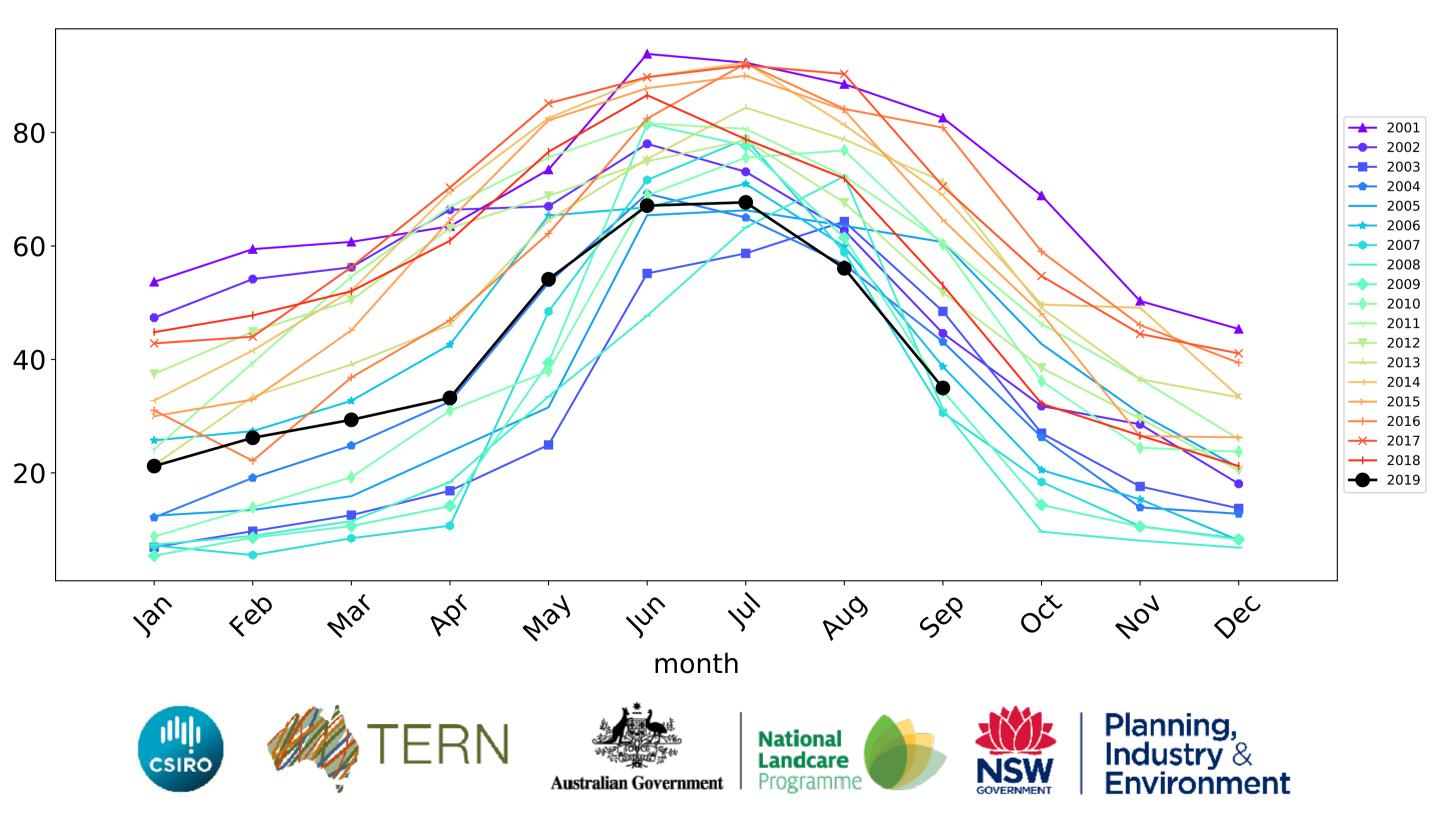


Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map from 2001 to 2019.



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

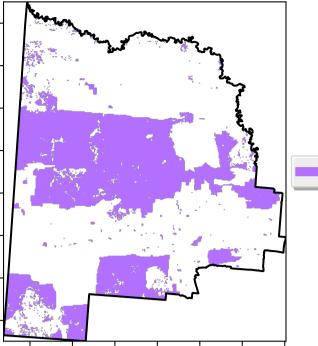




Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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Conservation and natural environments – Woodland forest

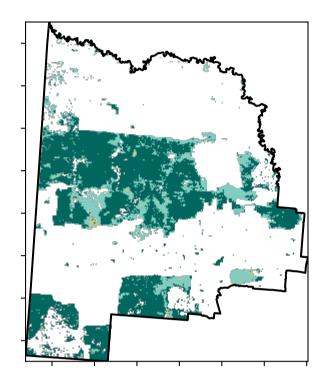
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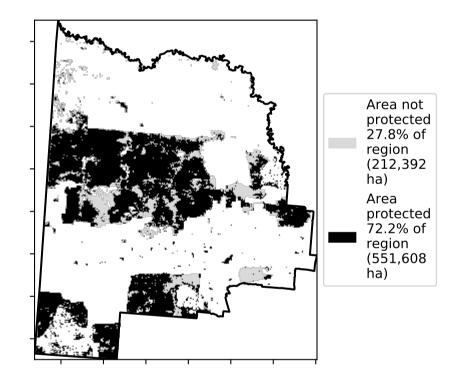
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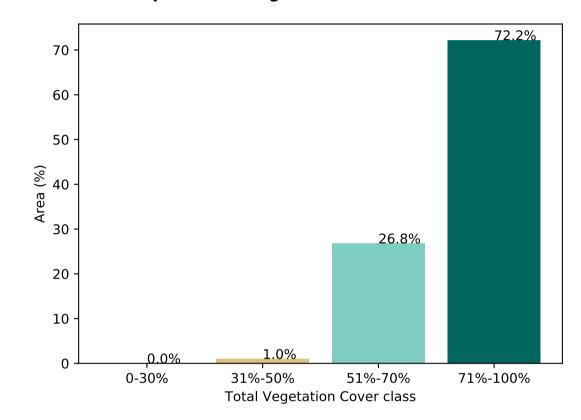
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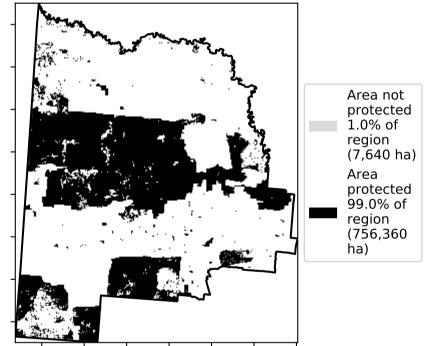




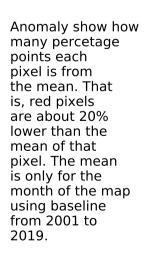
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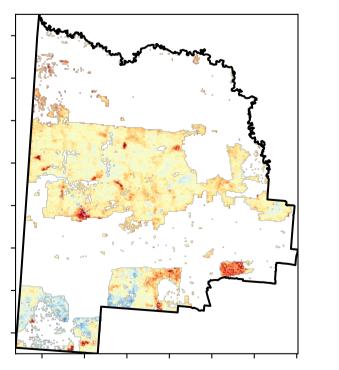


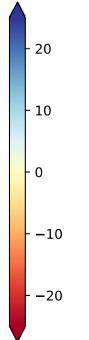
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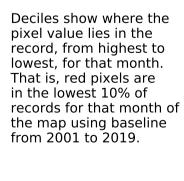


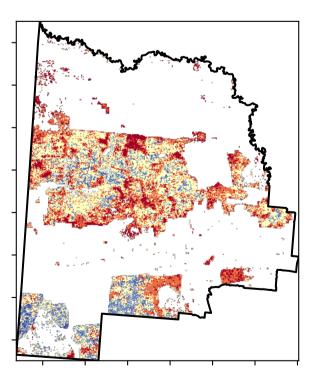
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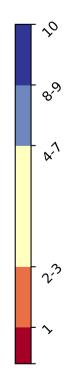




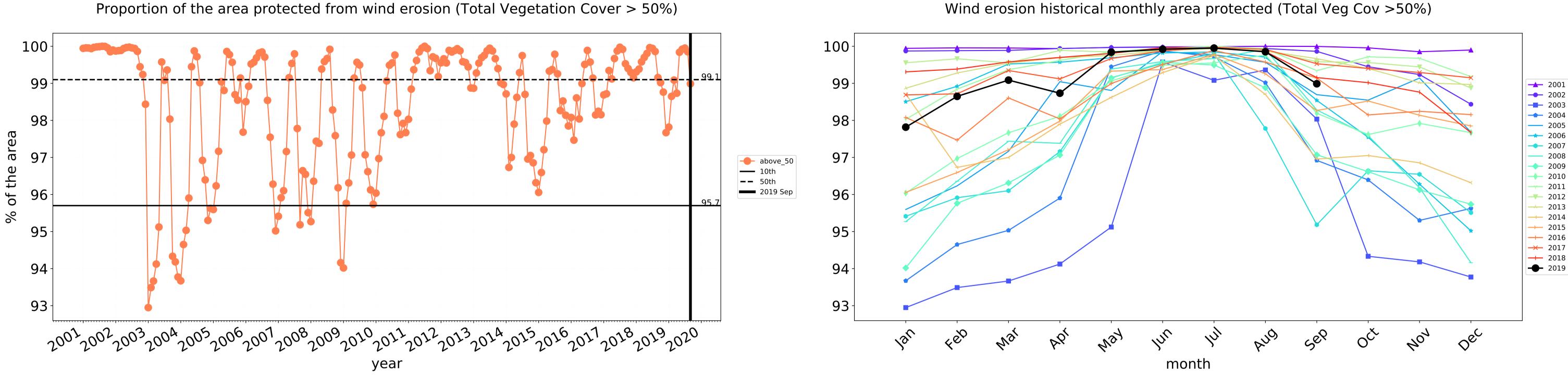




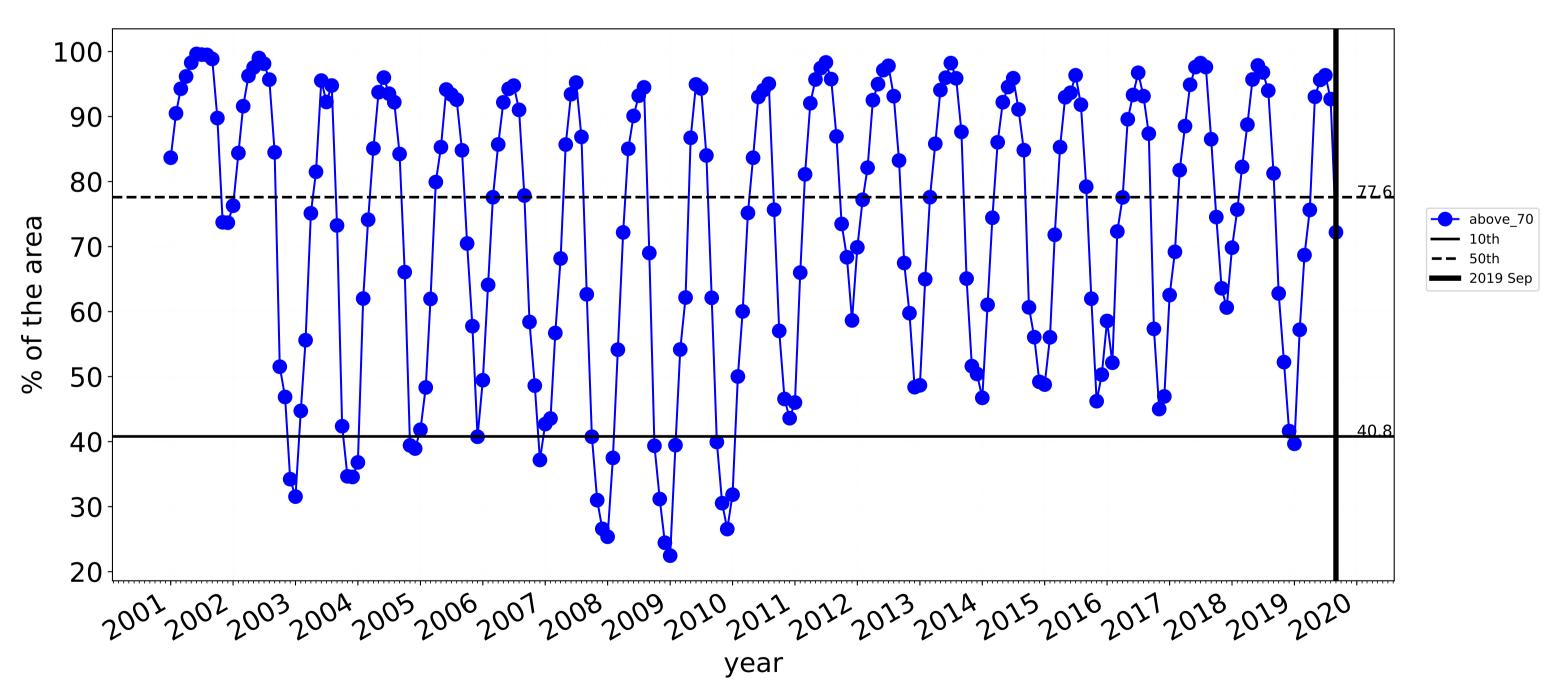


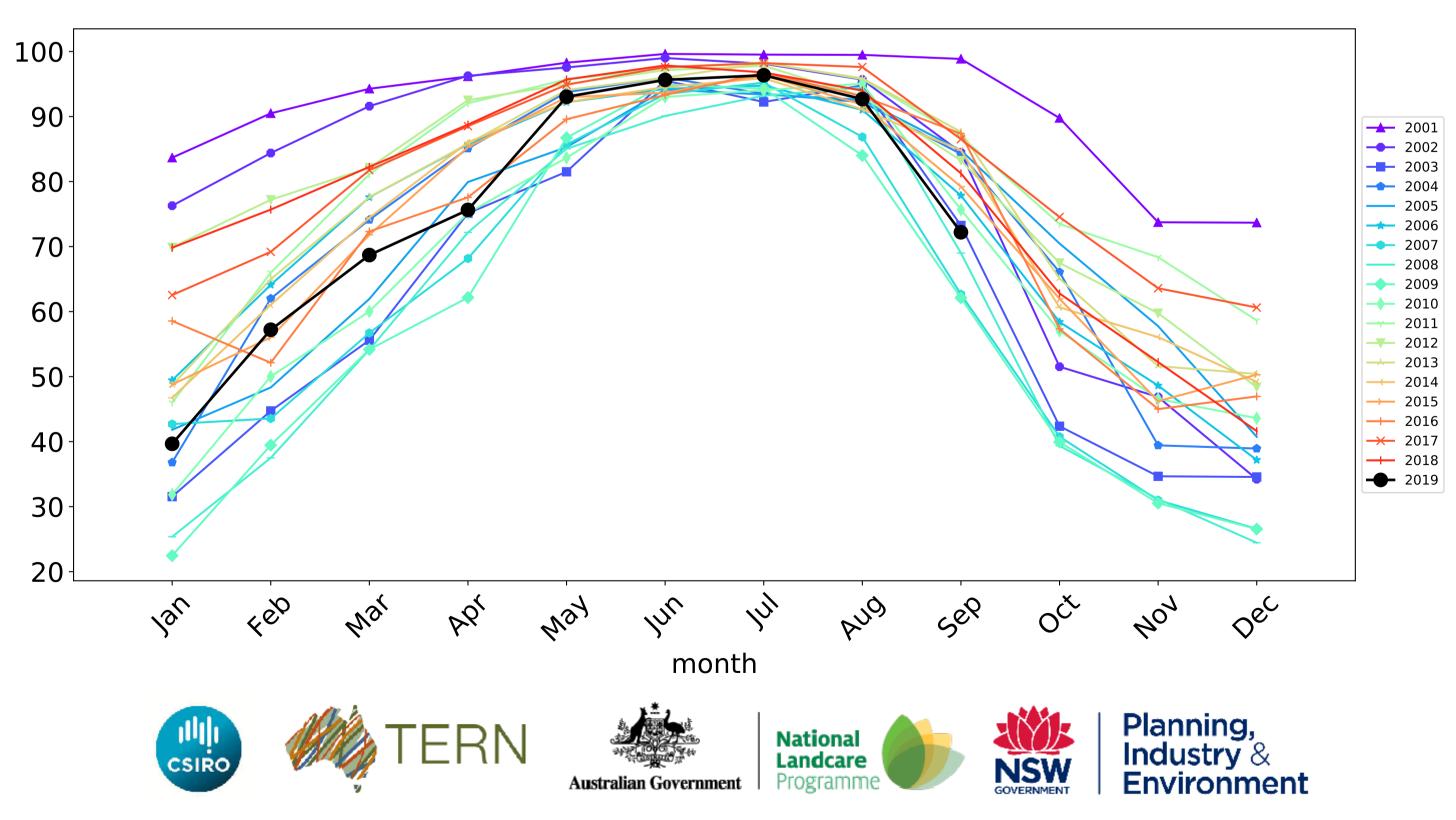






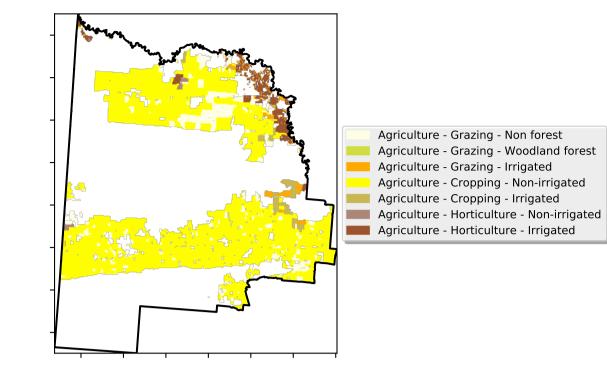




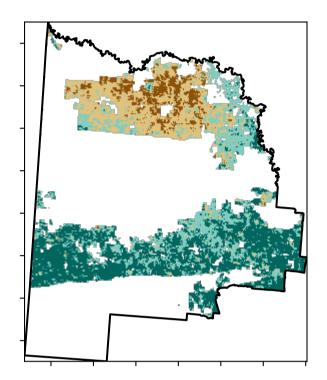


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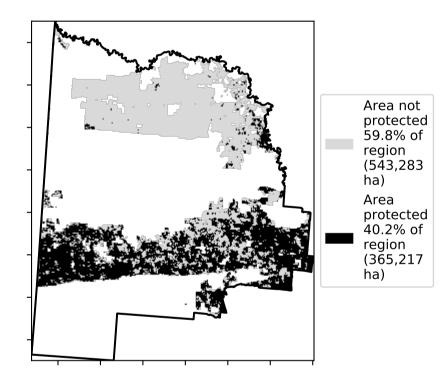
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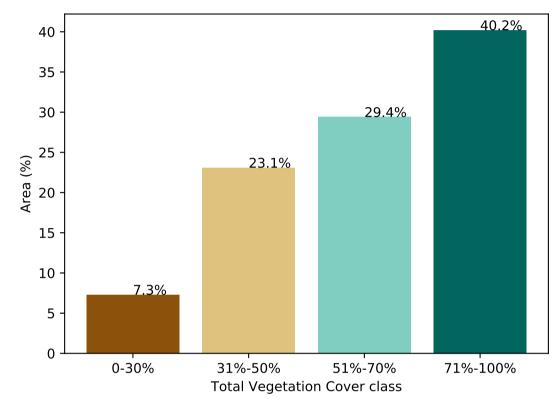
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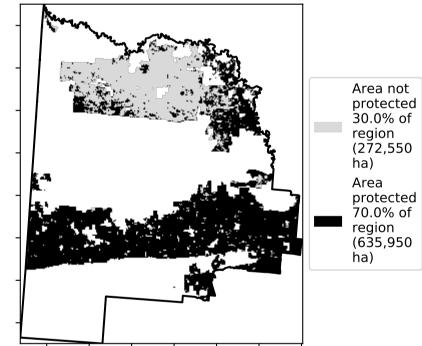




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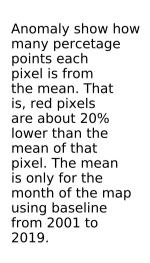


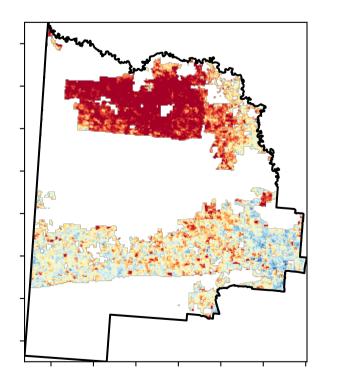
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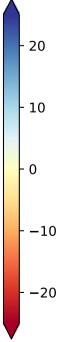


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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





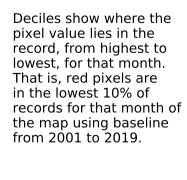


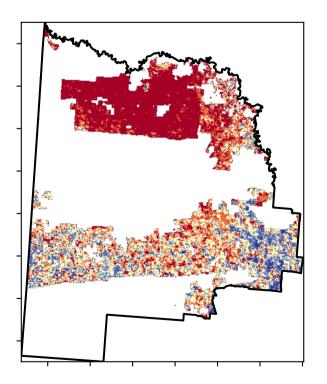
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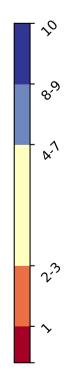
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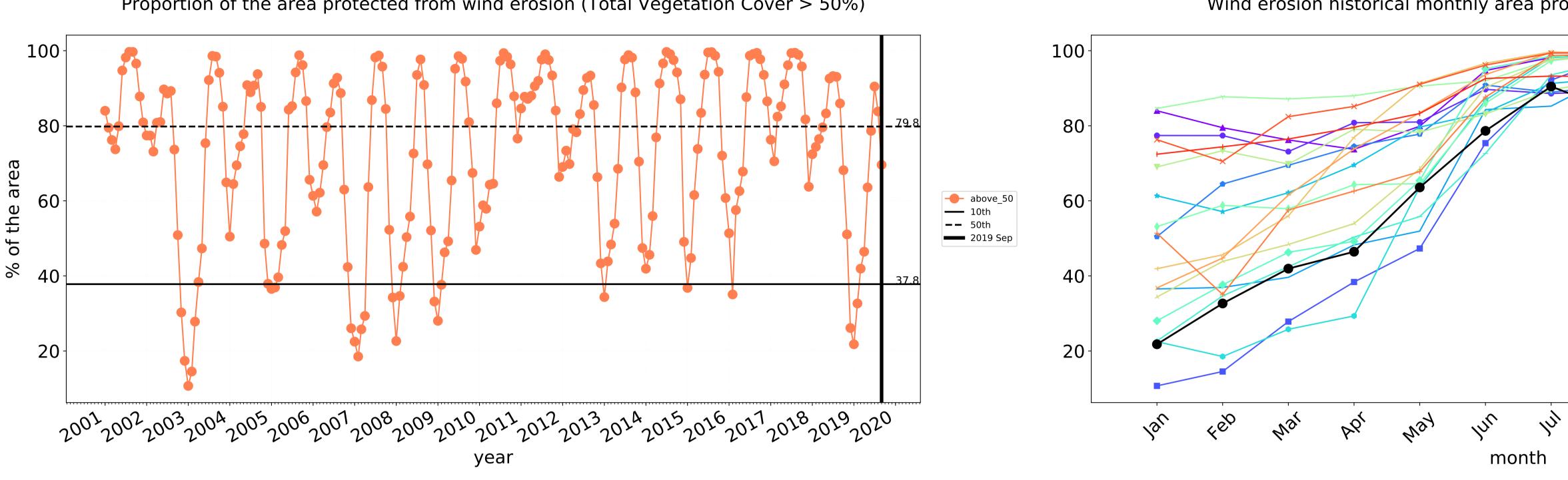
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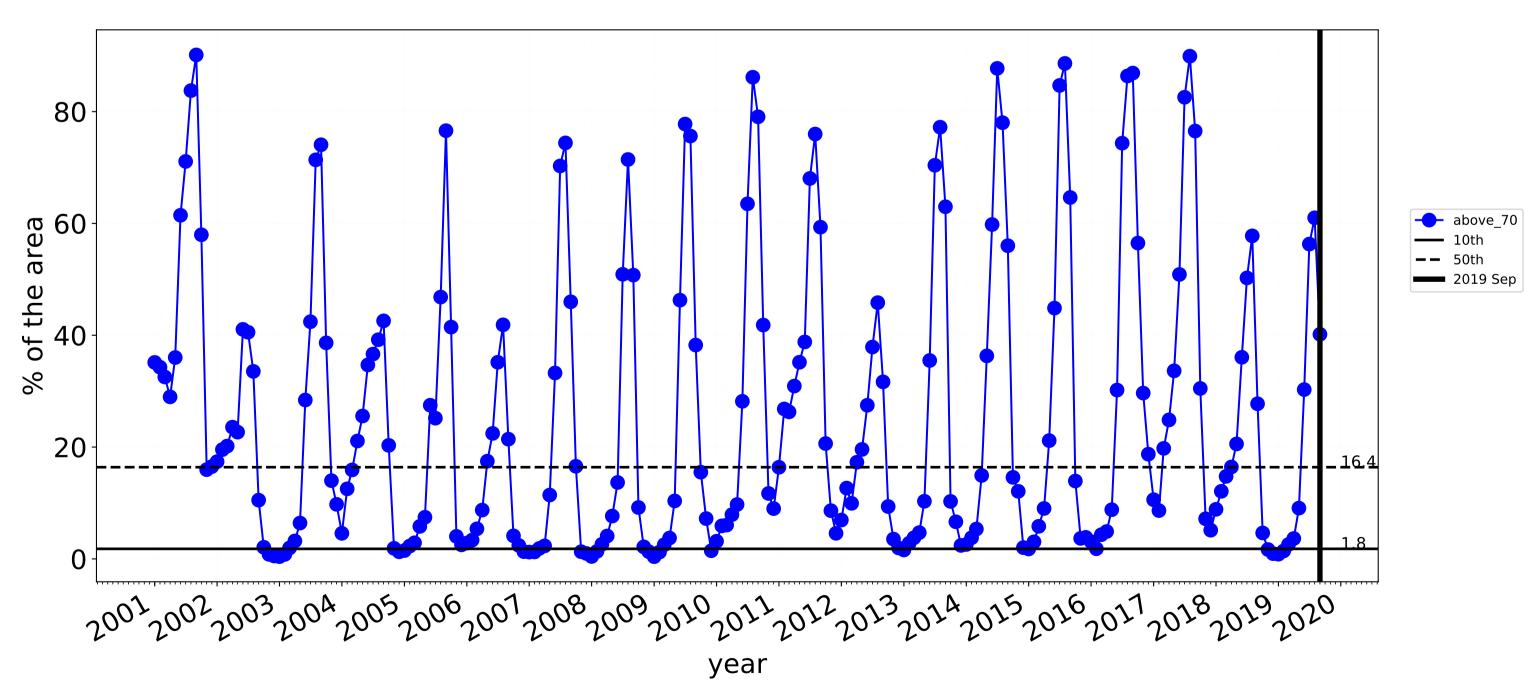






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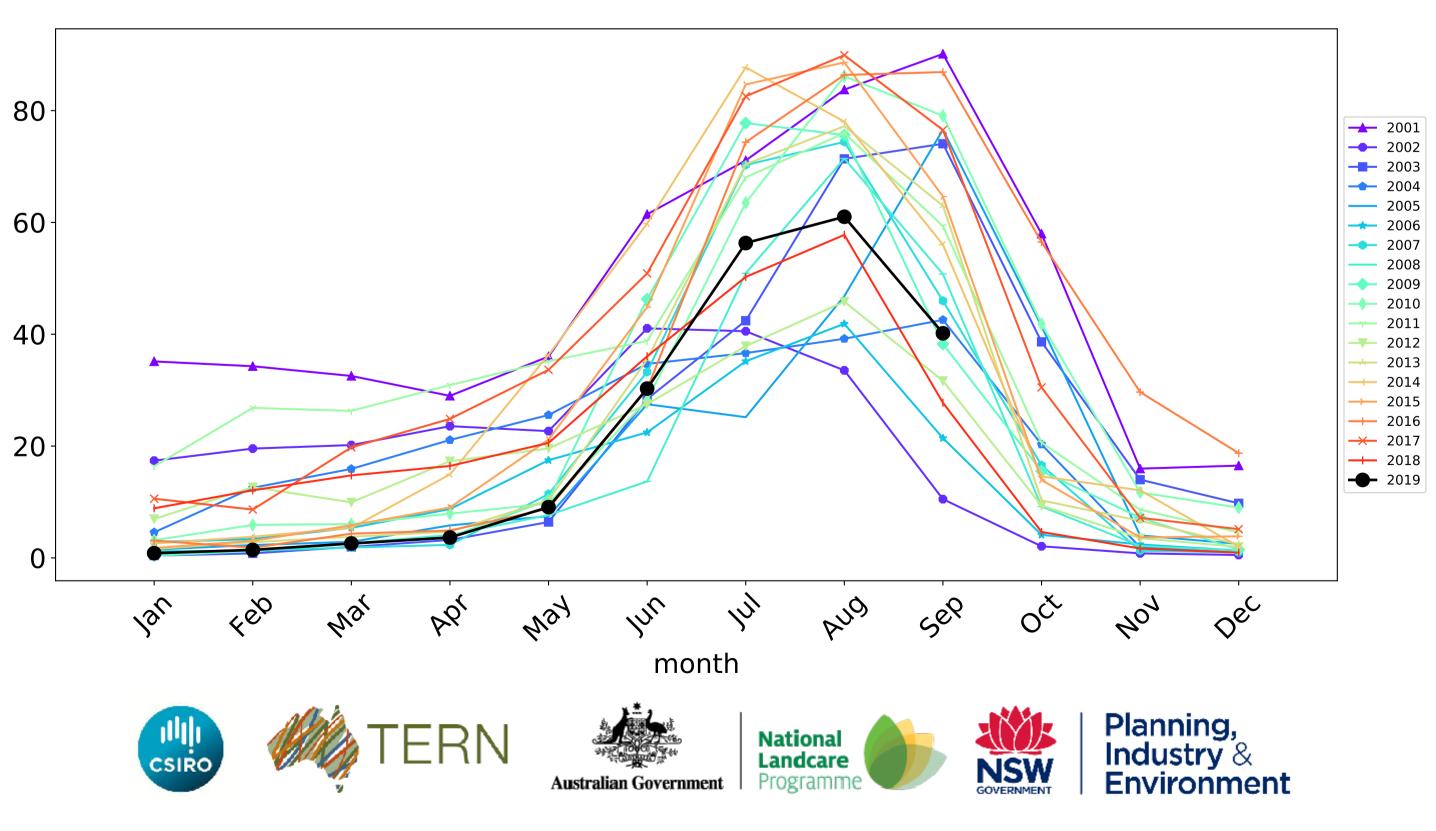
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Agriculture timeseries



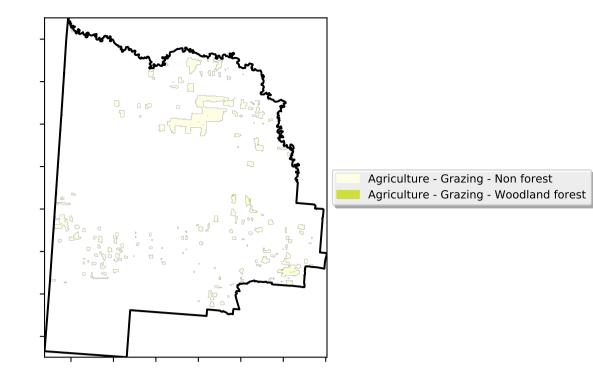
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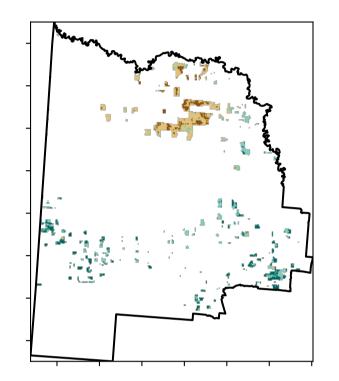
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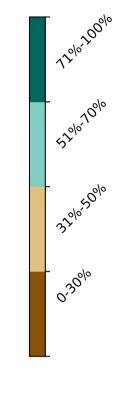
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Land use and forest cover

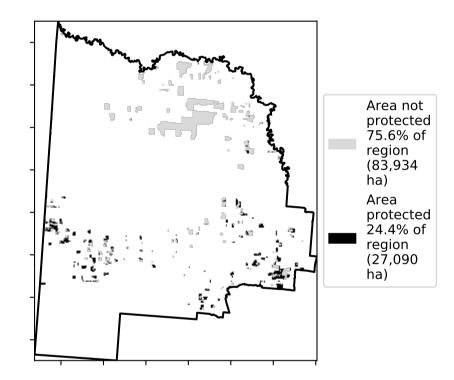


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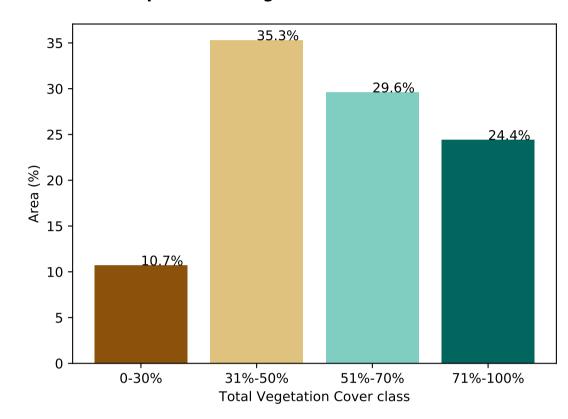




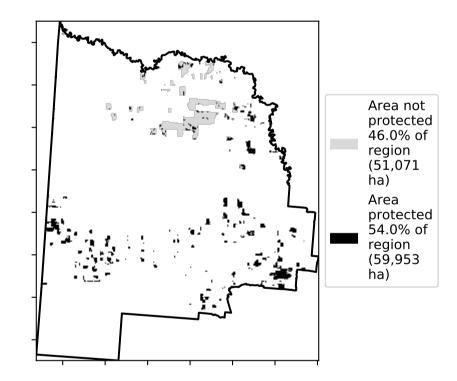
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

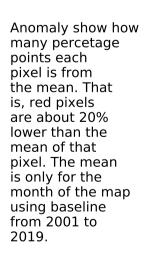


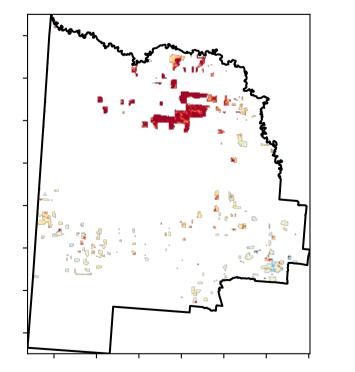
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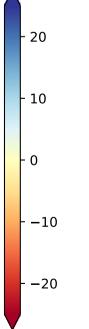


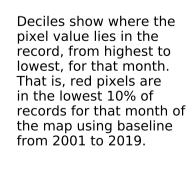
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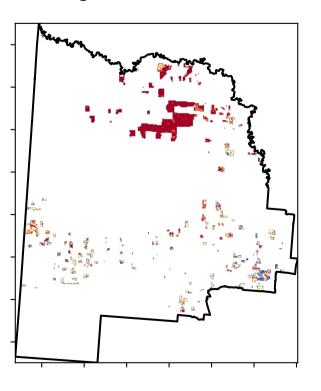
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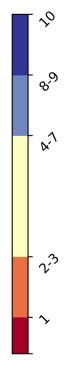




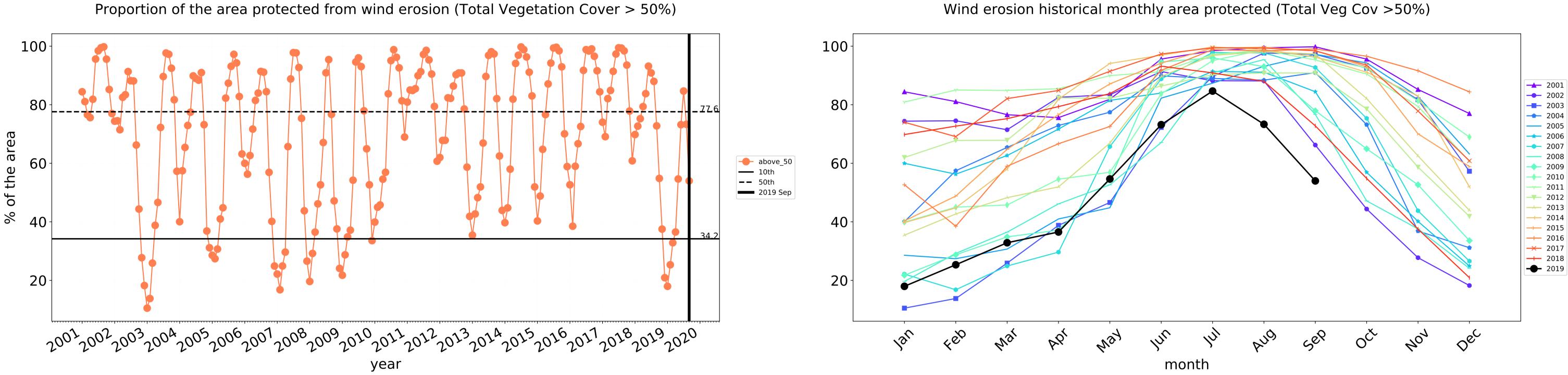




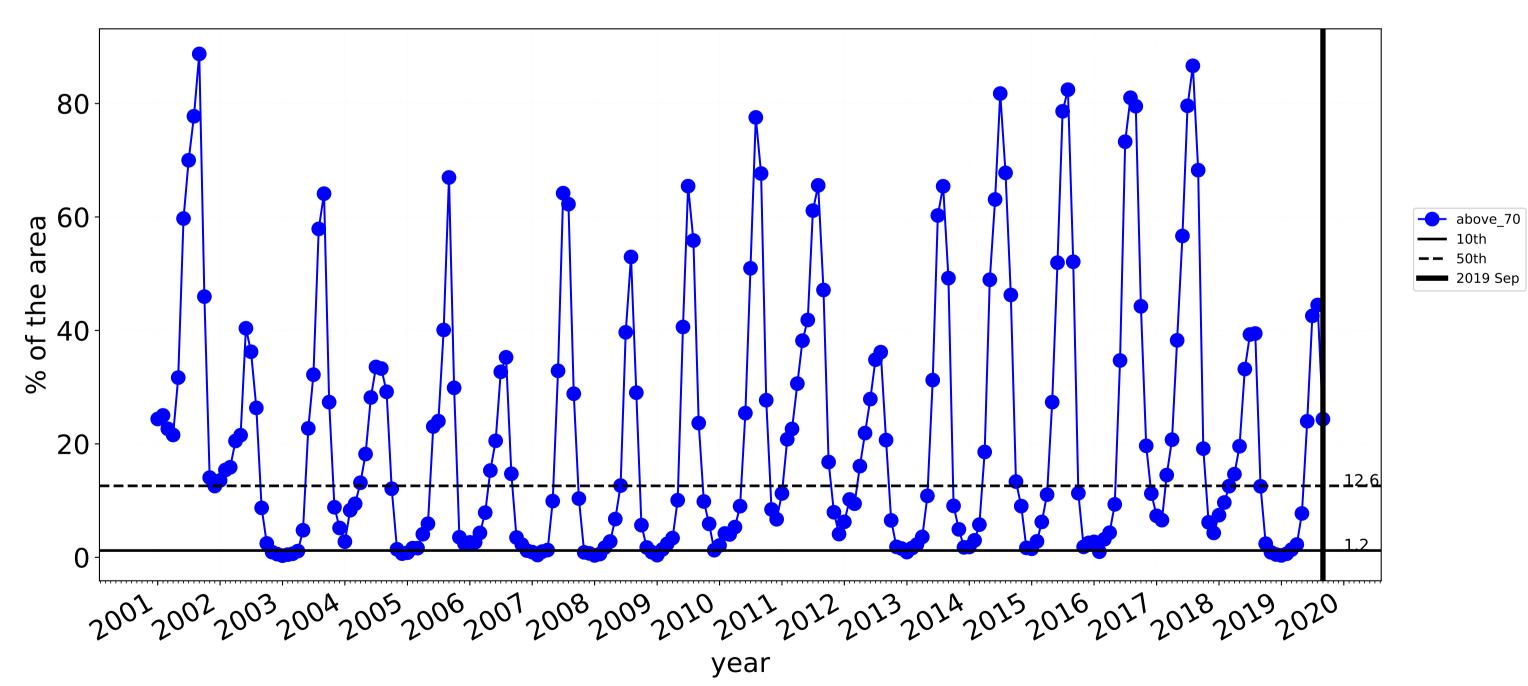






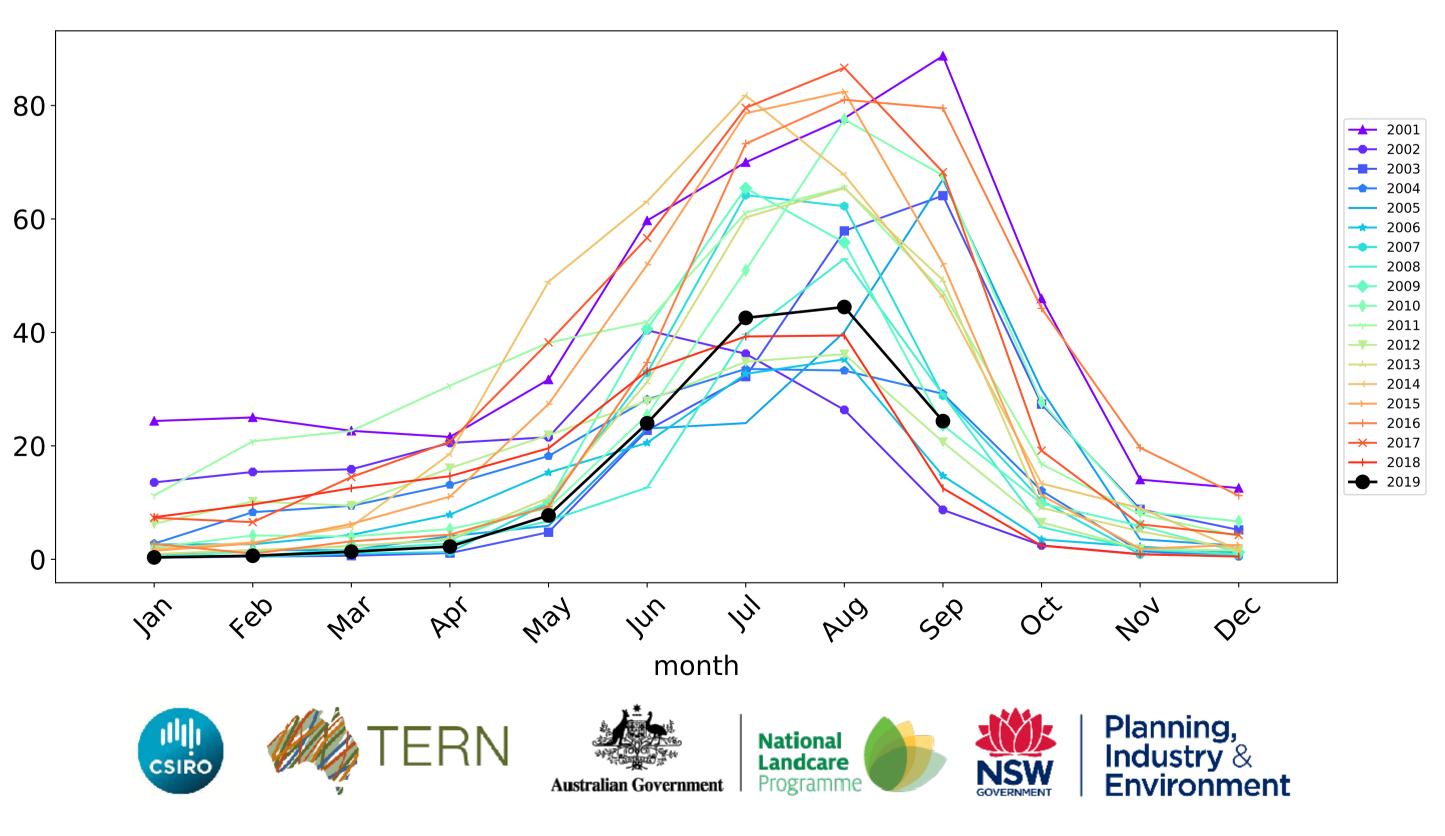


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Grazing timeseries

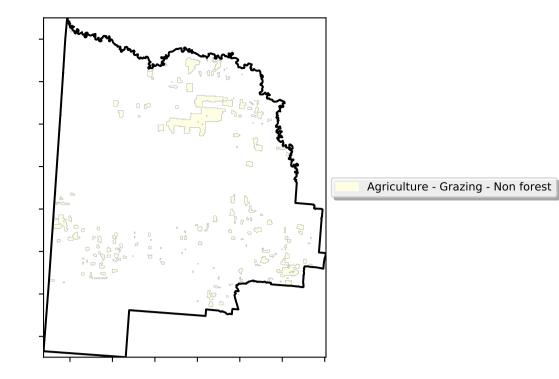
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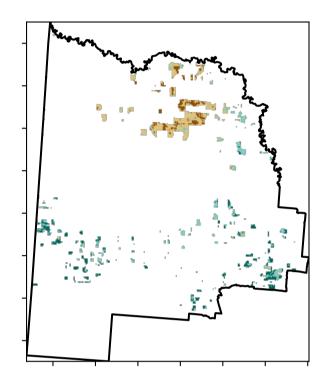
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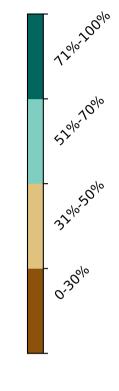
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Land use and forest cover

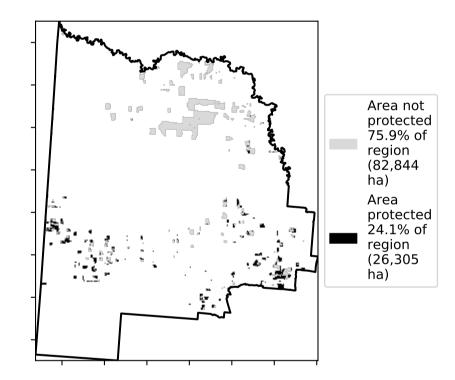


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

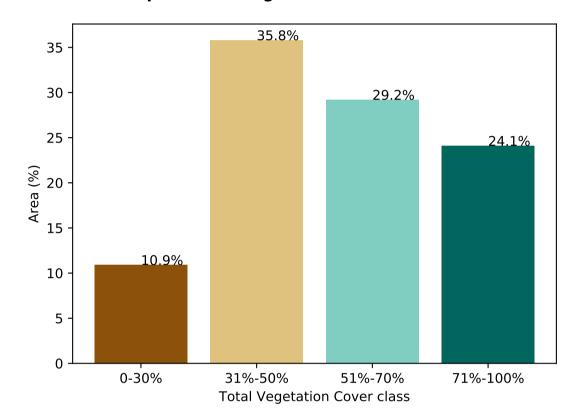




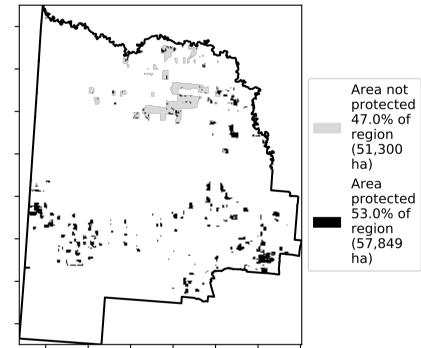
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



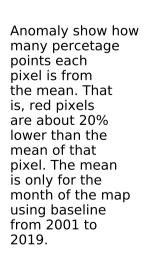
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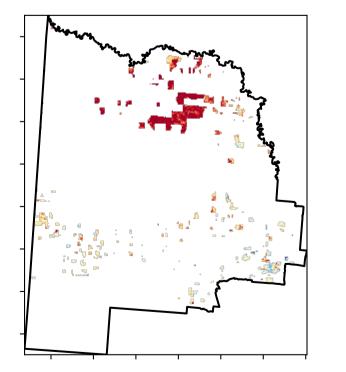


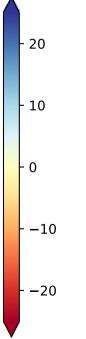


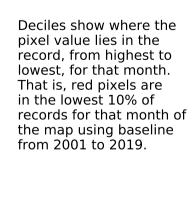
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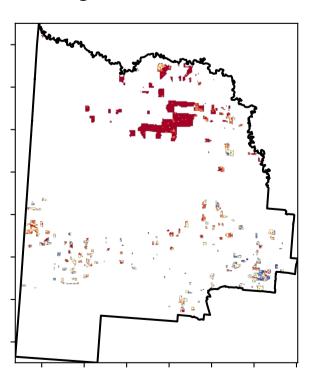
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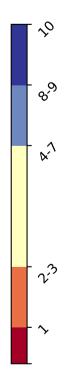




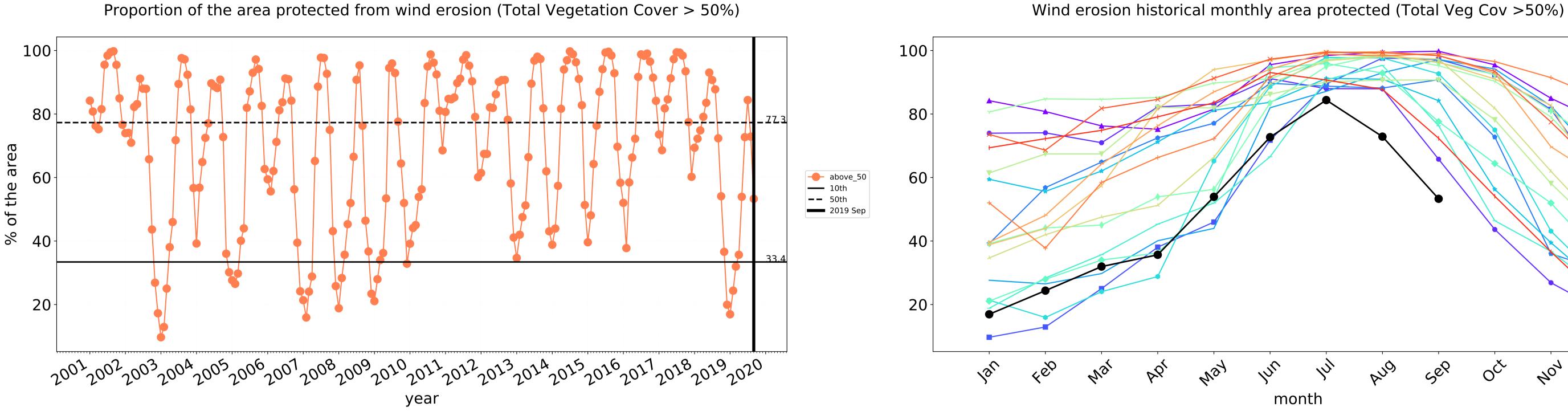






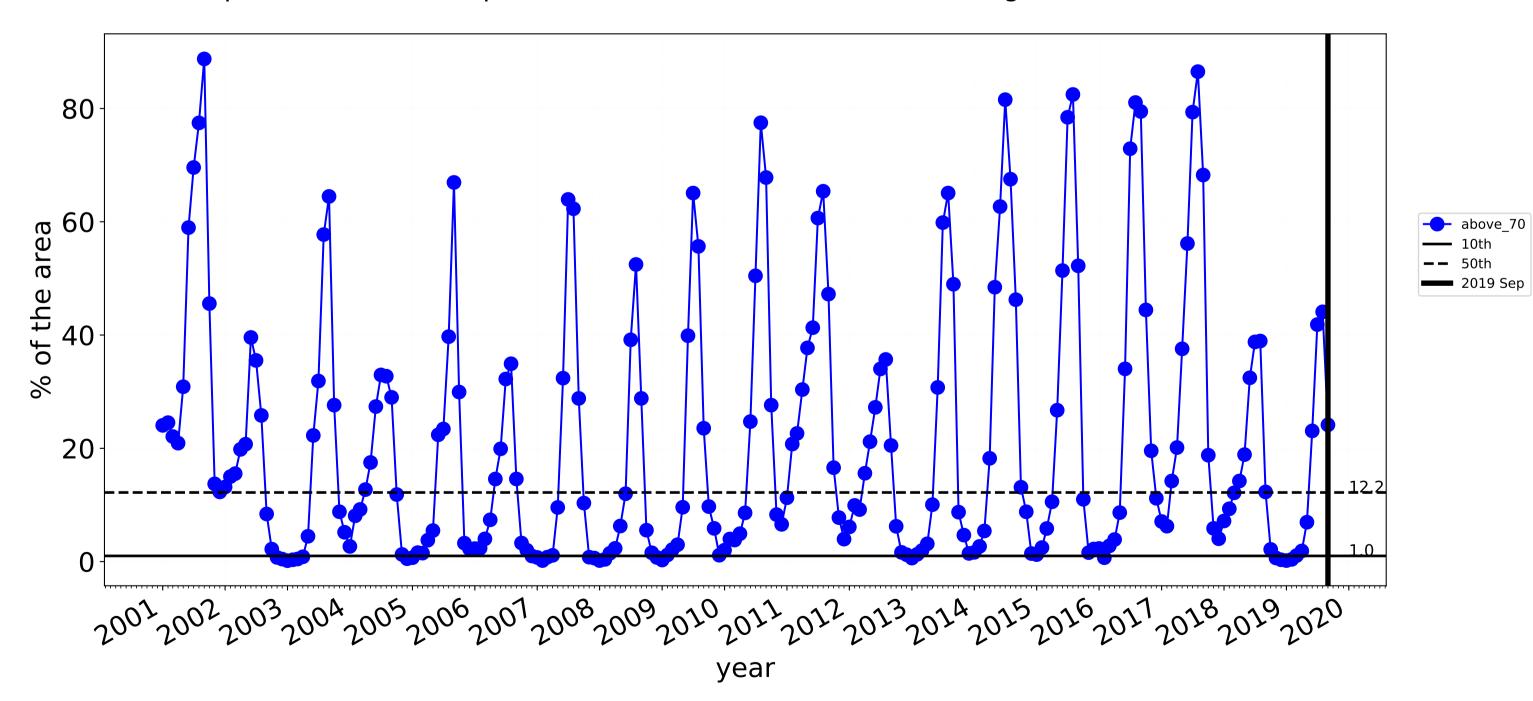






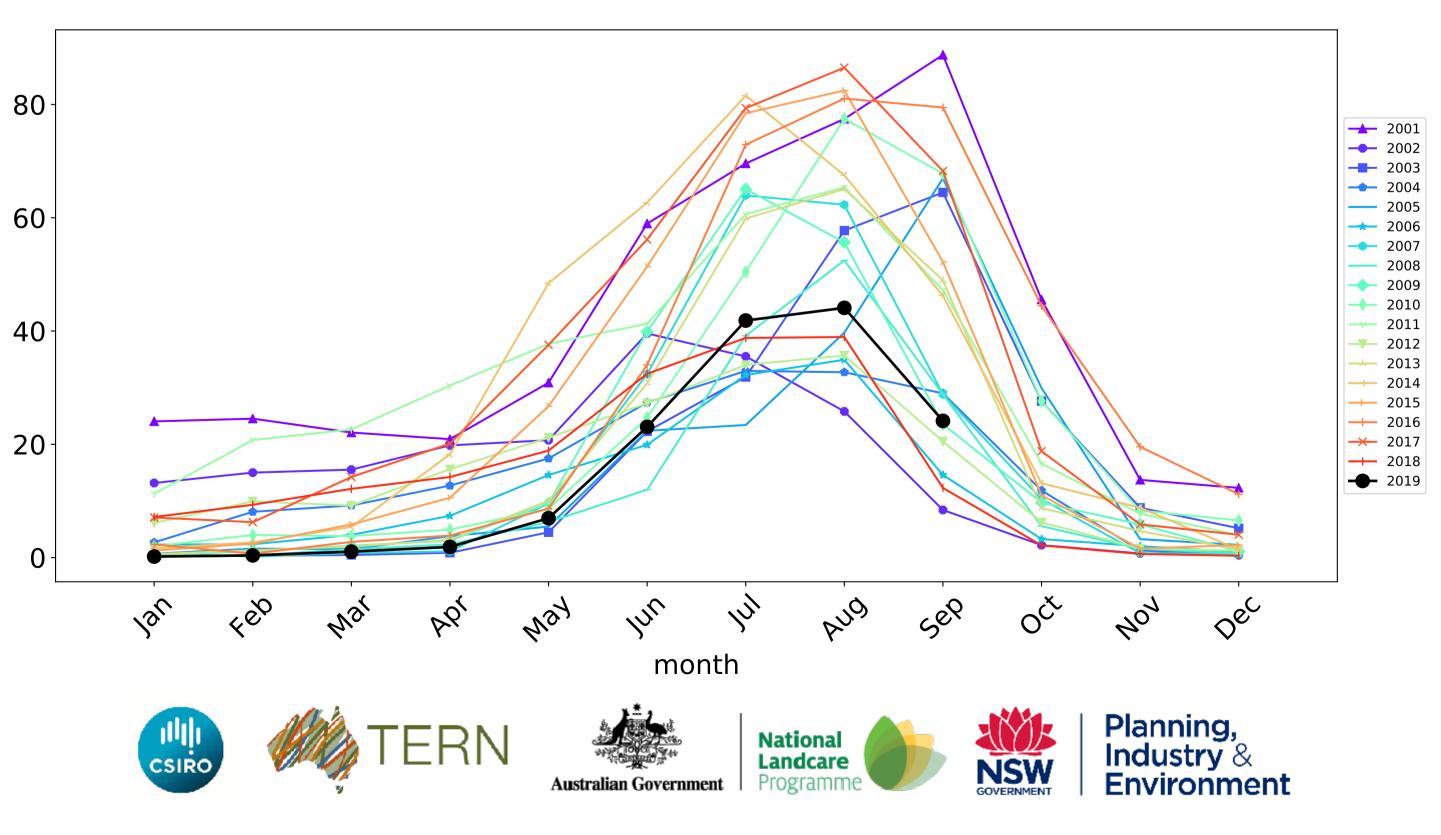
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



Grazing non forest timeseries

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

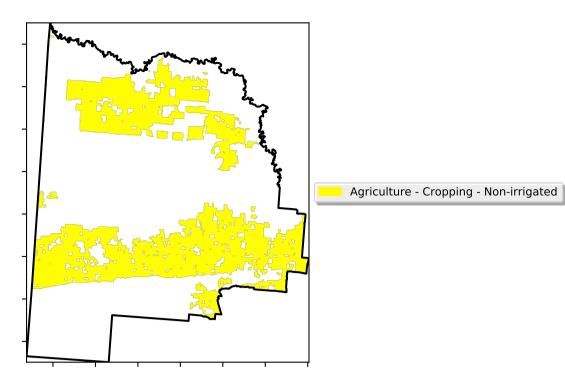


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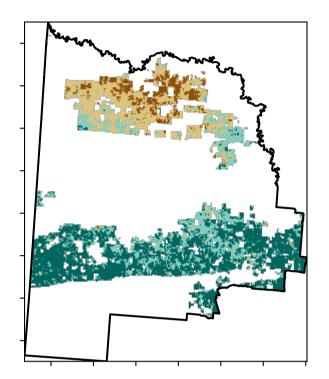
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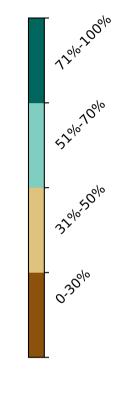
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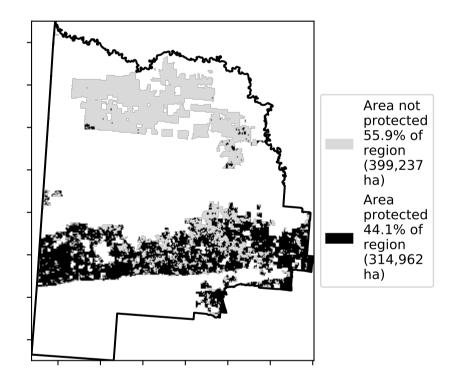


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

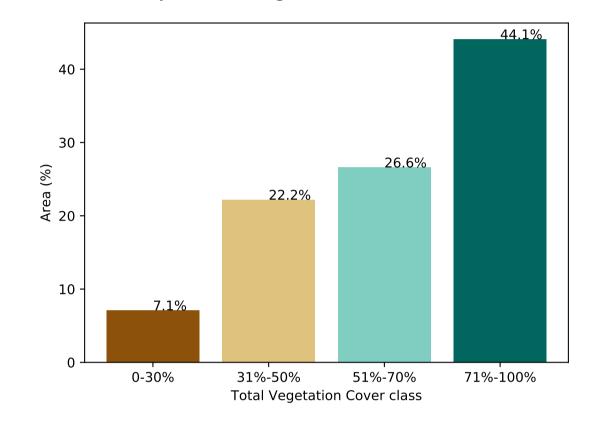




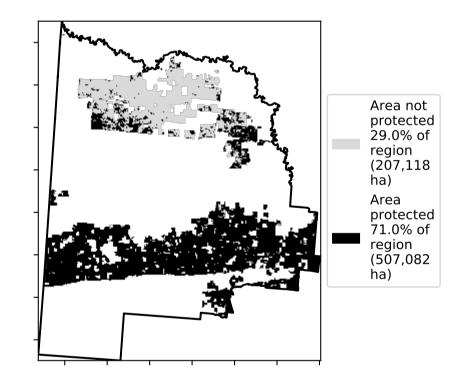
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



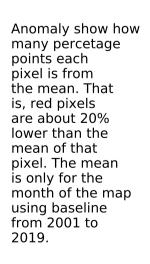
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

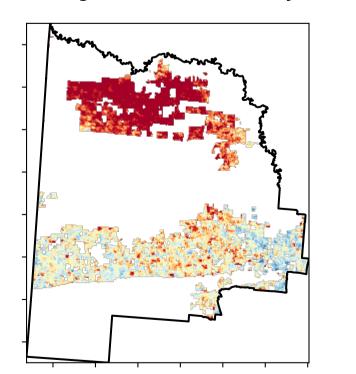


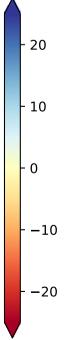
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

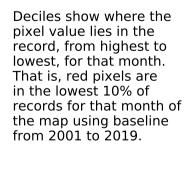


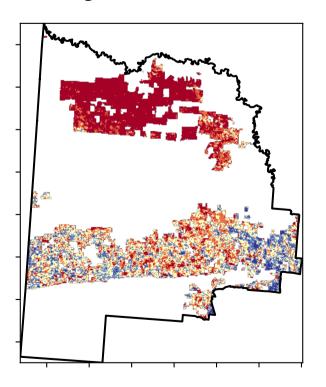
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

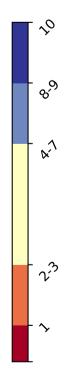




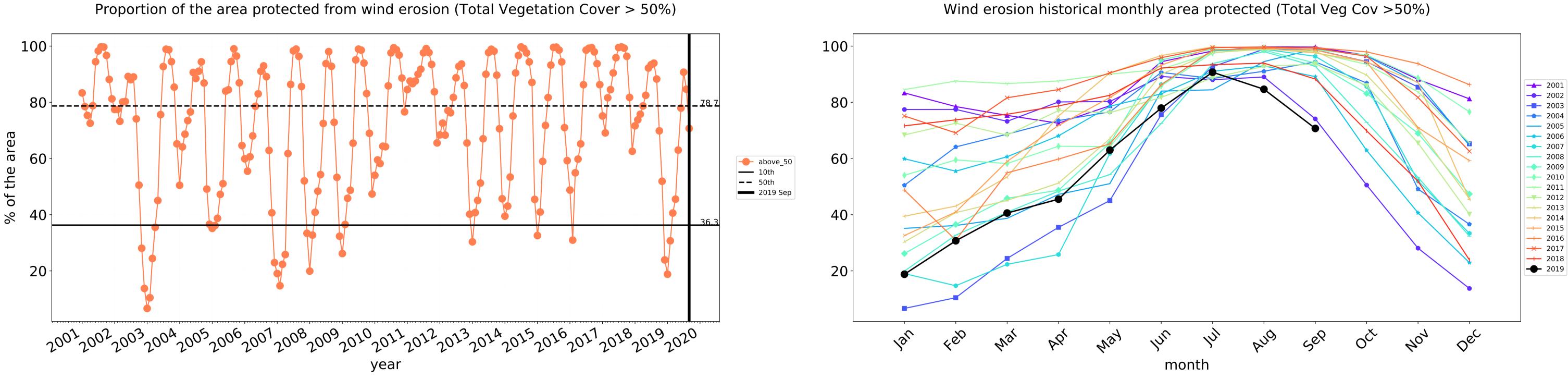






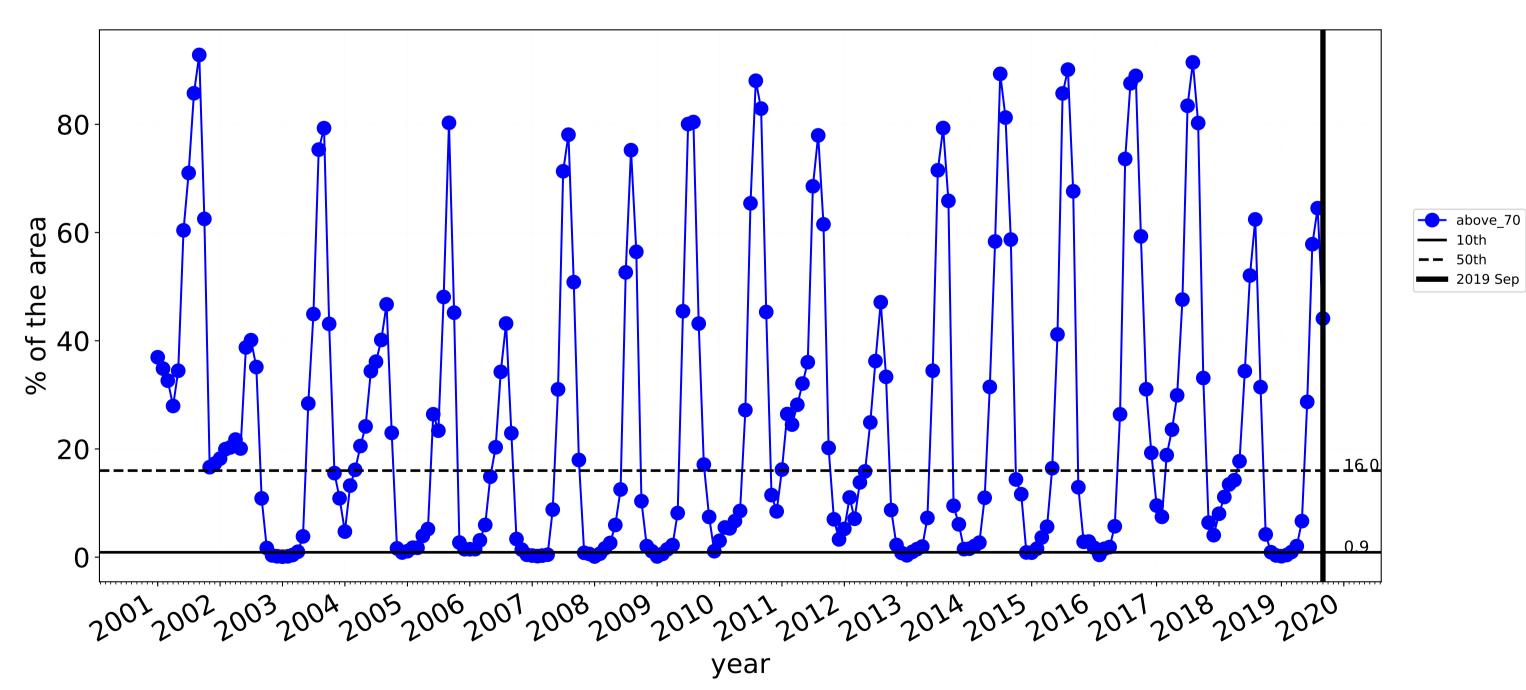




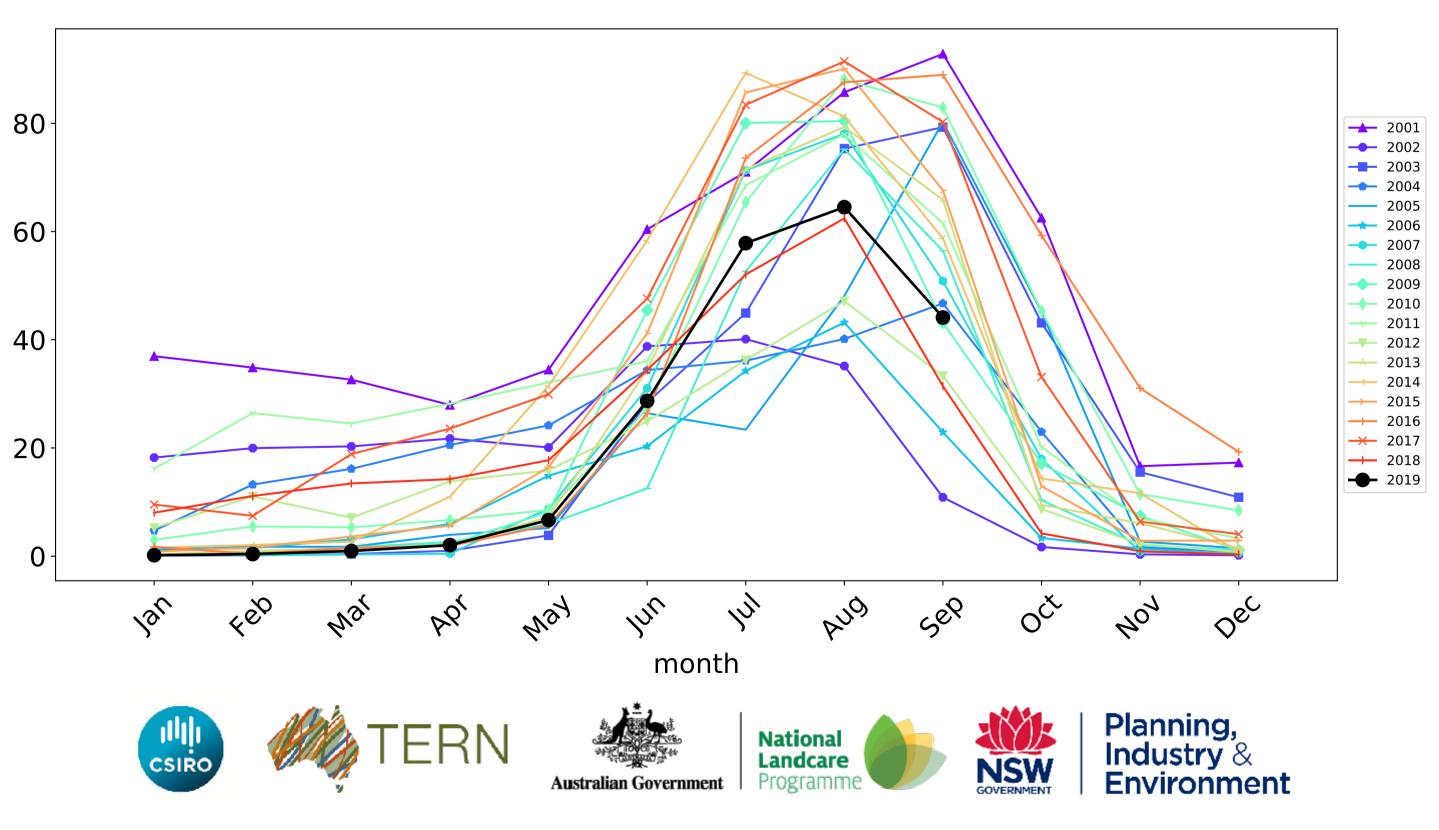


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

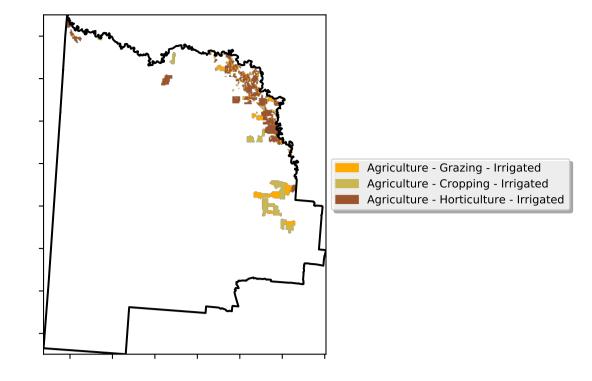


Cropping timeseries

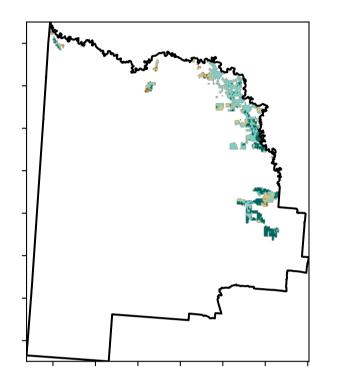


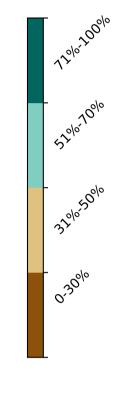
Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

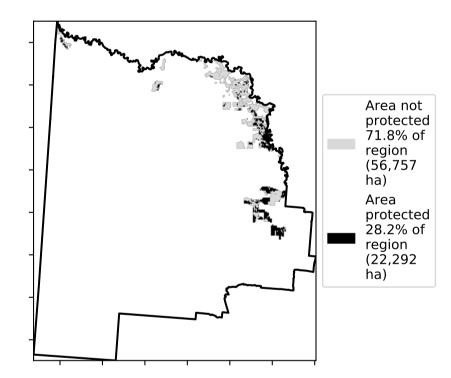


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

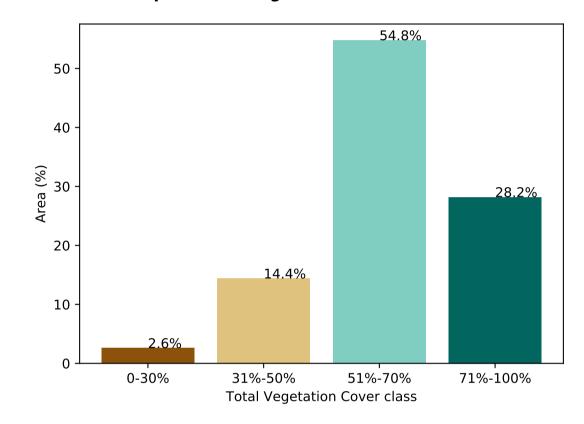




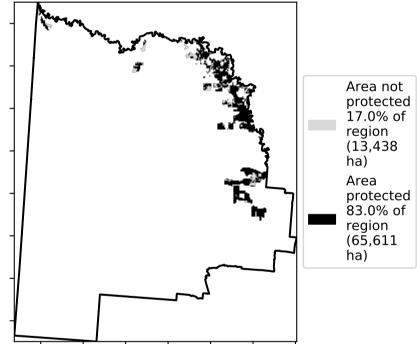
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

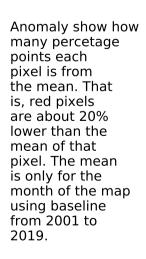


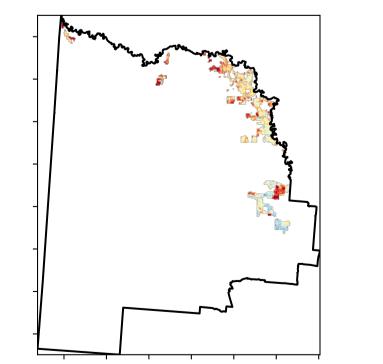
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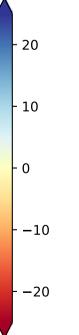


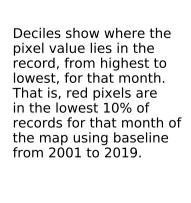
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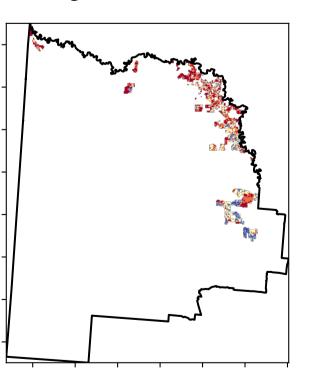
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





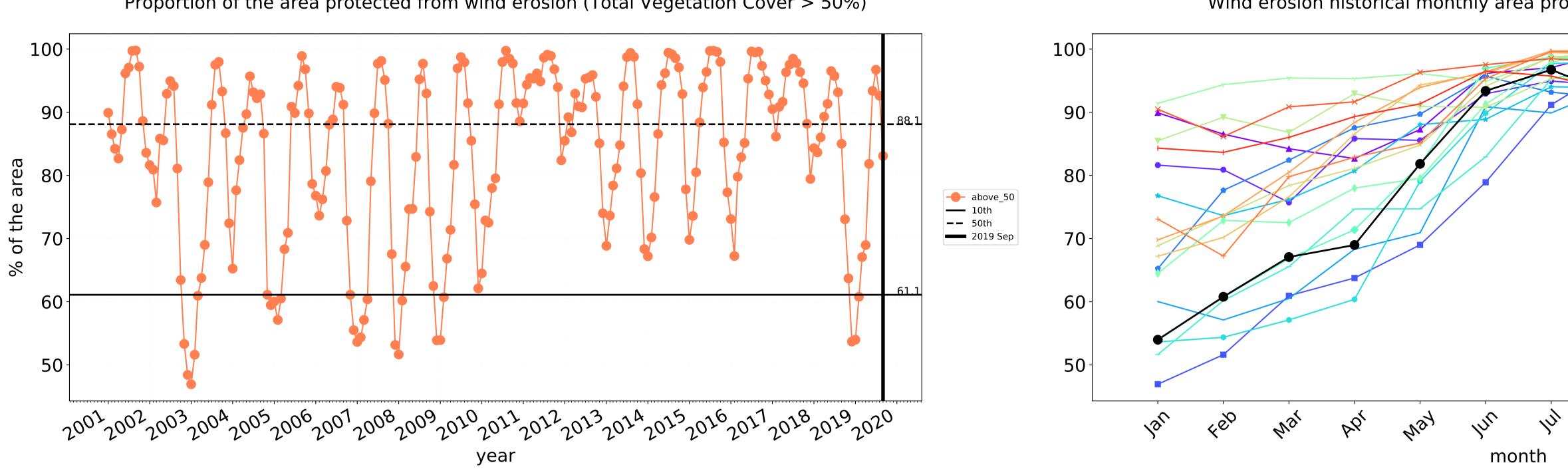






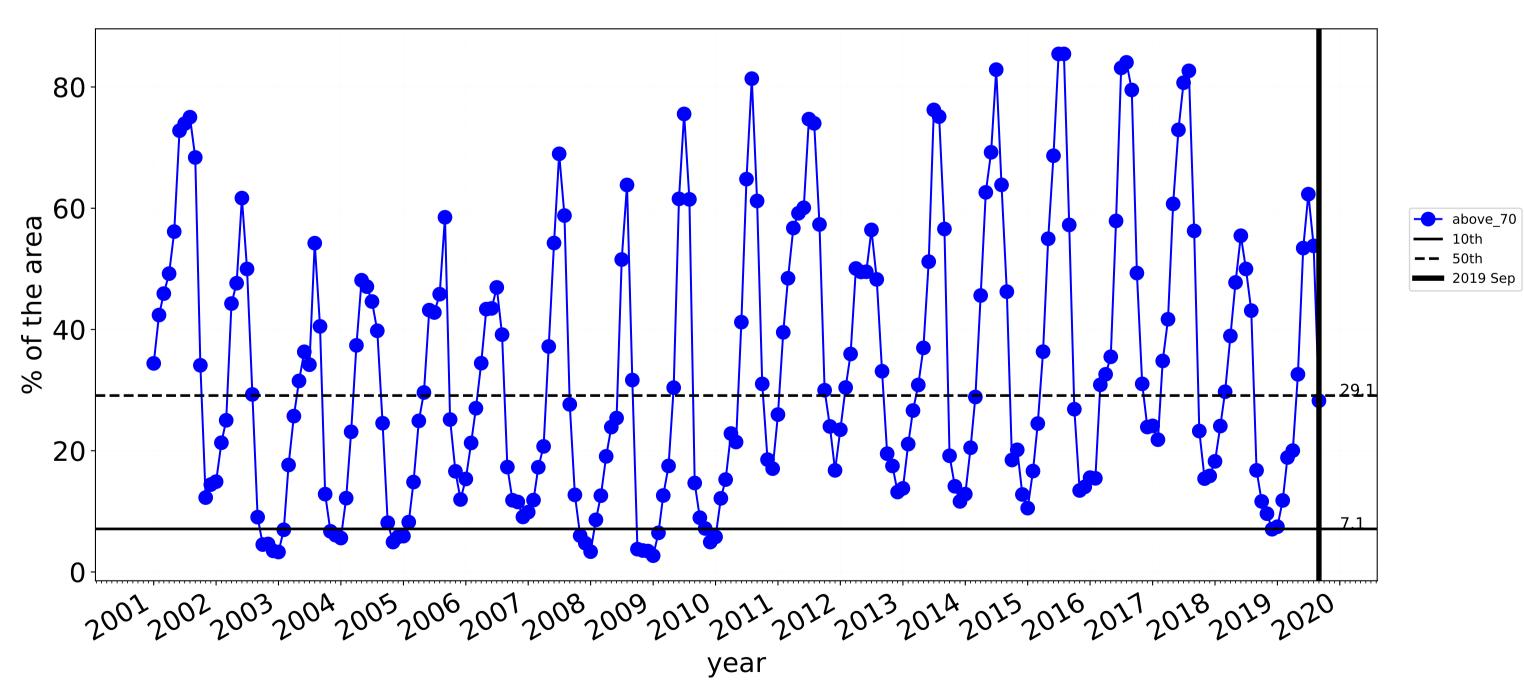




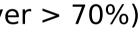


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

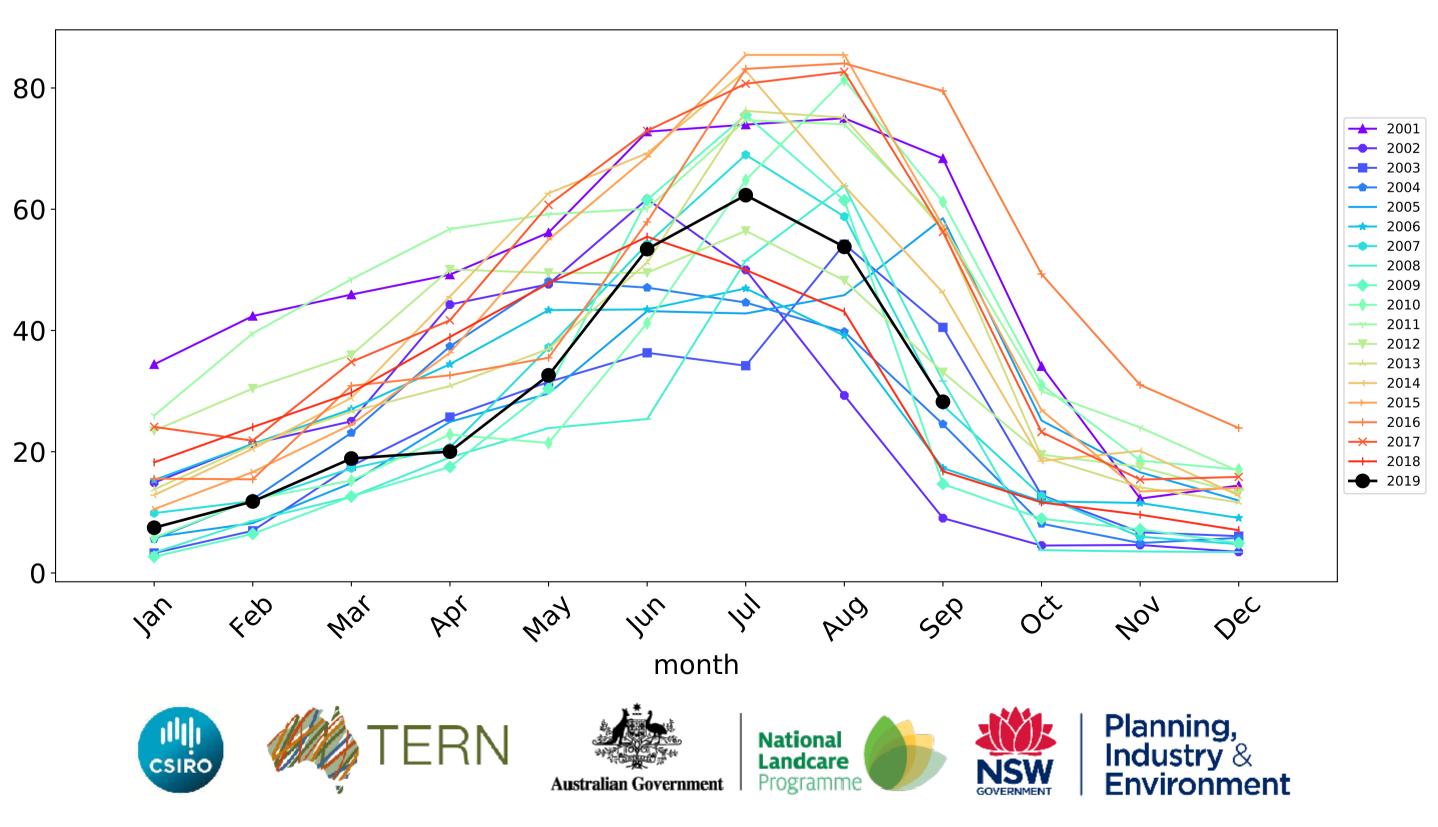
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Irrigation timeseries



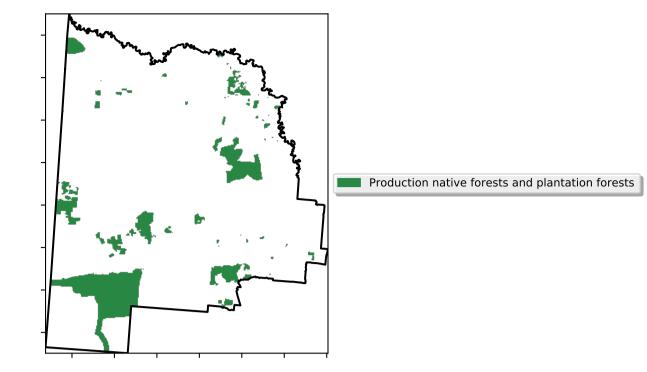
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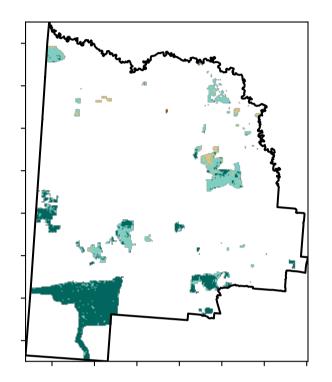
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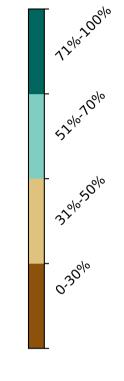
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

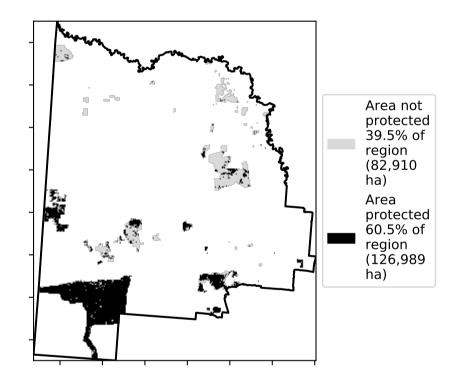


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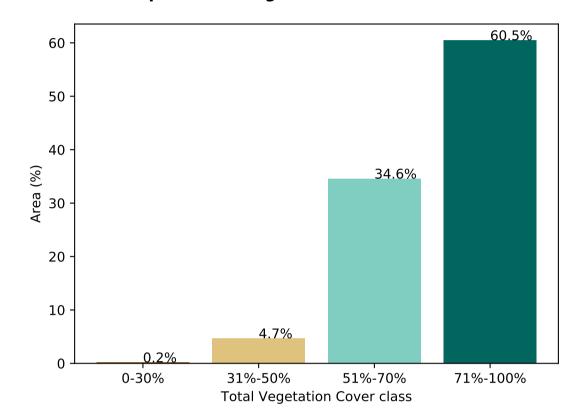




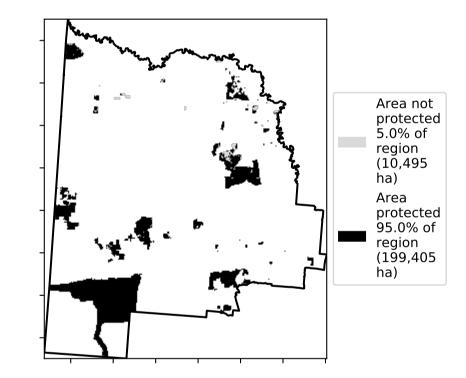
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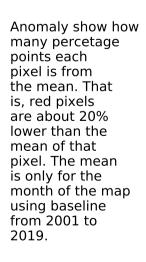
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



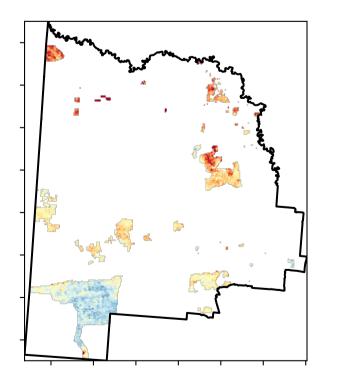
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

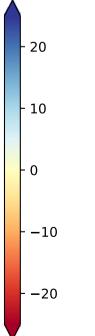


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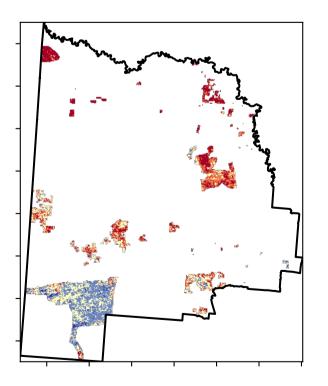
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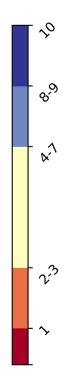
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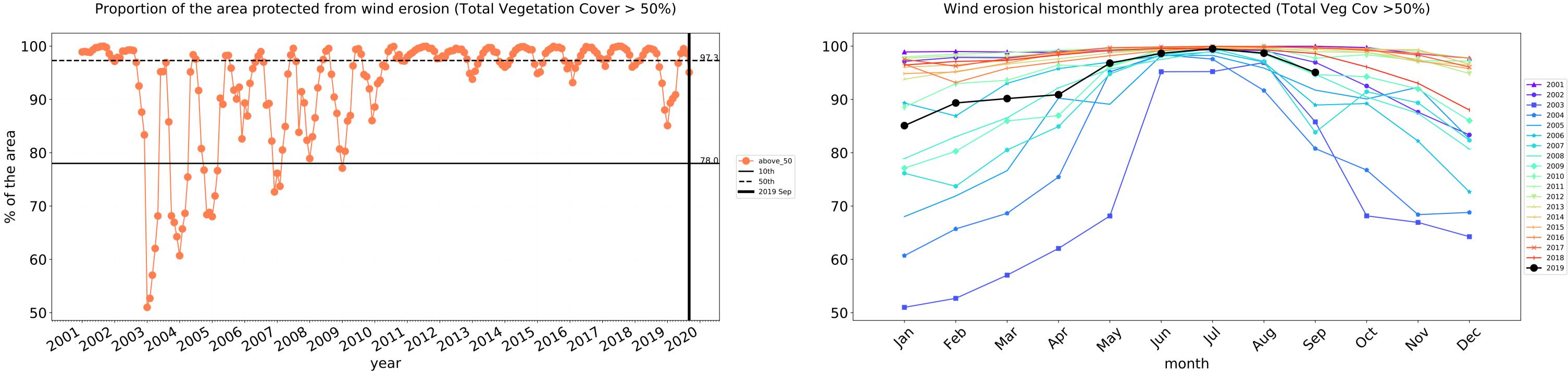




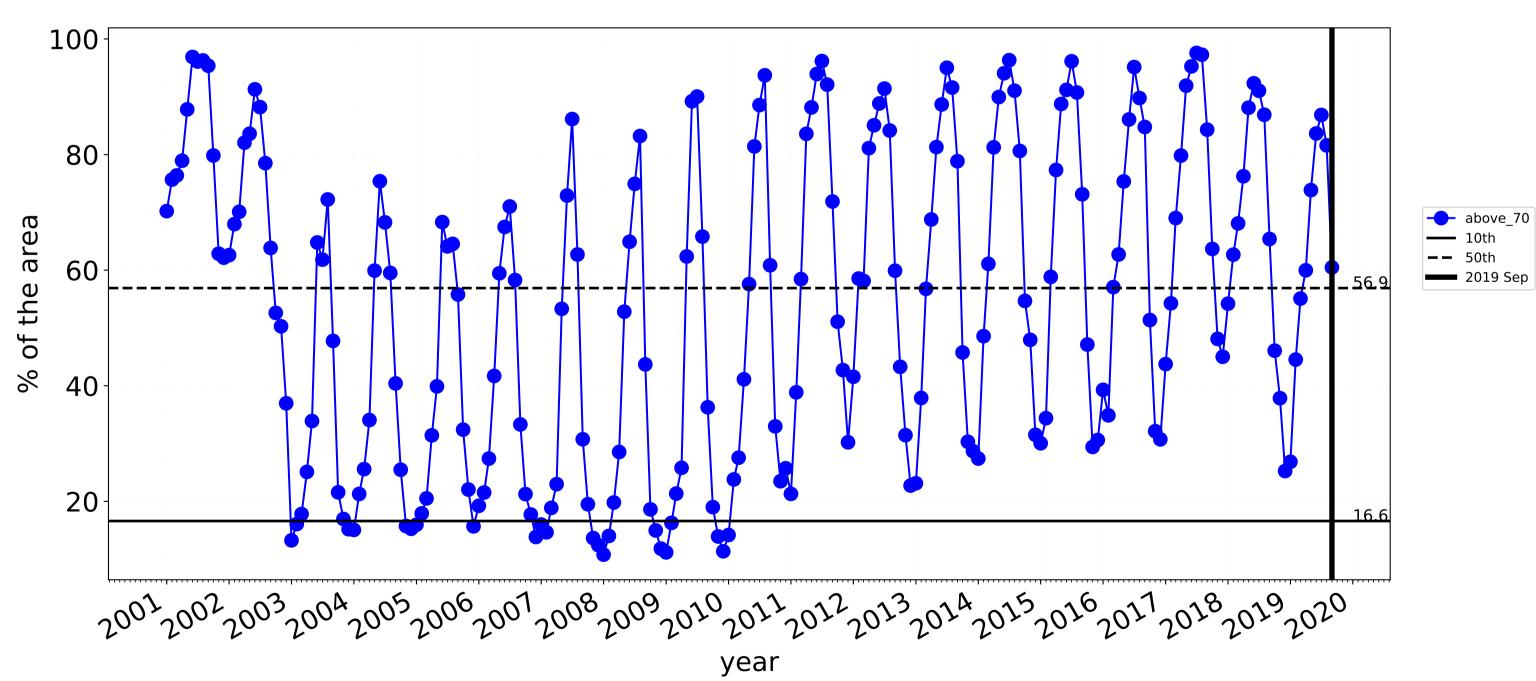


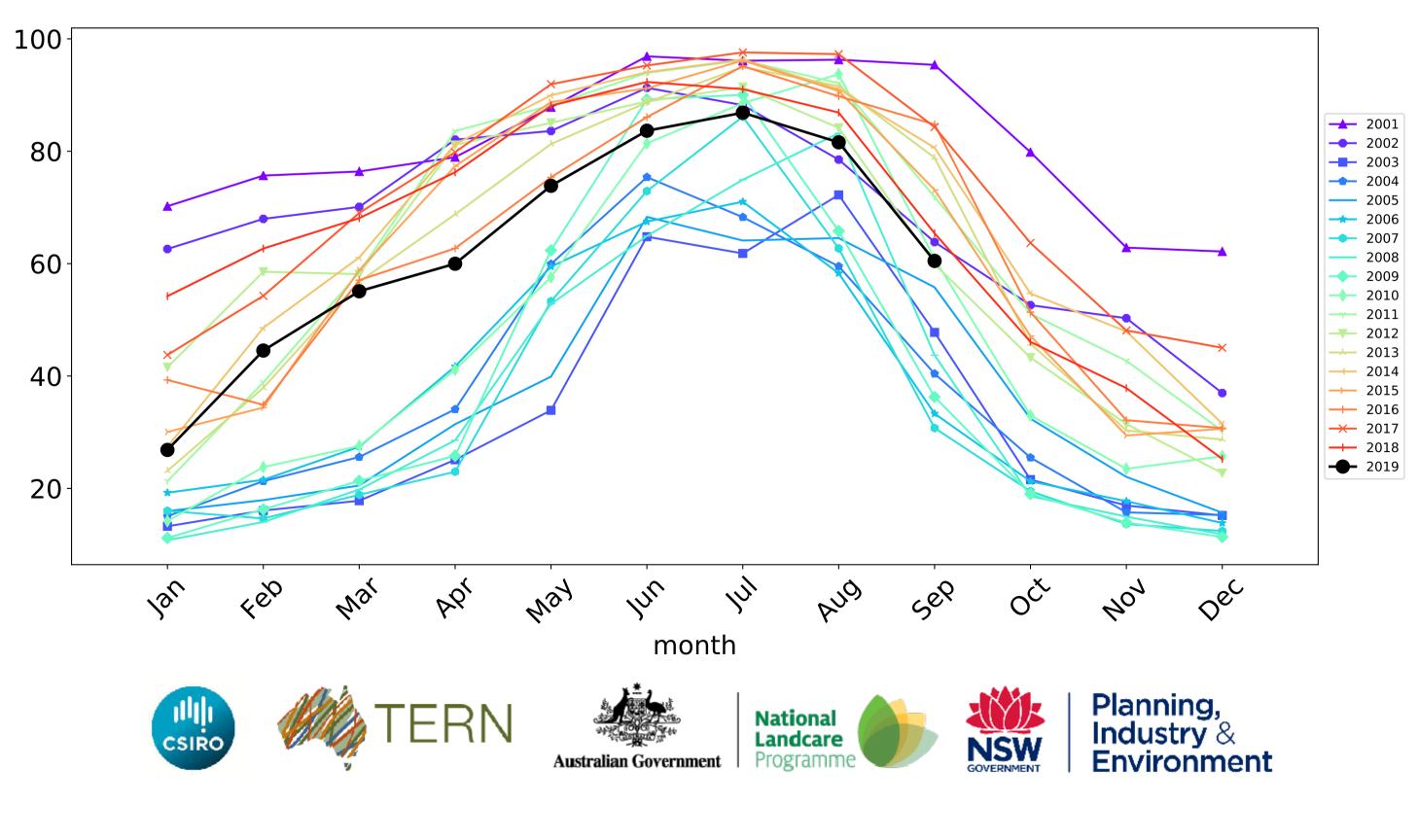












Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Mildura_(RC) (total 2,208,750 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	2,208,750	96.7% 2,136,625	83.7% 1,849,375	52.2% 1,152,075	12.5% 276,550	0.3% 7,450	0.1% 1,775
Conservation and natural environments	1,062,408	99.9% 1,060,856	94.2% 1,001,153	61.9% 657,585	12.0% 127,995	0.2% 2,278	0.1% 1,151
Conservation and natural environments non forest	293,763	99.6% 292,511	81.8% 240,295	35.0% 102,754	13.5% 39,569	0.7% 2,178	0.4% 1,152
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	764,227	100.0% 763,927	99.0% 756,500	72.2% 551,764	11.5% 87,901	0.0% 100	0.0%
Agriculture	947,553	92.7% 878,664	69.6% 659,480	40.2% 380,612	13.4% 127,009	0.5% 4,667	0.0% 338
Grazing	110,437	89.2% 98,550	54.0% 59,607	24.4% 26,906	4.2% 4,650	0.2% 198	0.0%
Grazing non forest	108,228	89.1% 96,379	53.3% 57,683	24.1% 26,127	4.3% 4,635	0.2% 198	0.0%
Cropping	713,426	92.9% 662,631	70.7% 504,377	44.1% 314,708	15.8% 112,453	0.6% 4,245	0.0% 324
Irrigation	79,515	97.5% 77,528	83.1% 66,061	28.2% 22,456	5.6% 4,425	0.0% 25	0.0%
Production native forests and plantation forests	209,831	99.8% 209,331	95.1% 199,484	60.5% 126,908	12.6% 26,391	0.3% 599	0.1% 274



