Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Moira_(S) VIC   Date: March 2021

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 cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region.
Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.
- 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover – protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover – not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover – not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

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

Rainfall
- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.
Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

Acknowledgment of data:

1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification

2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018

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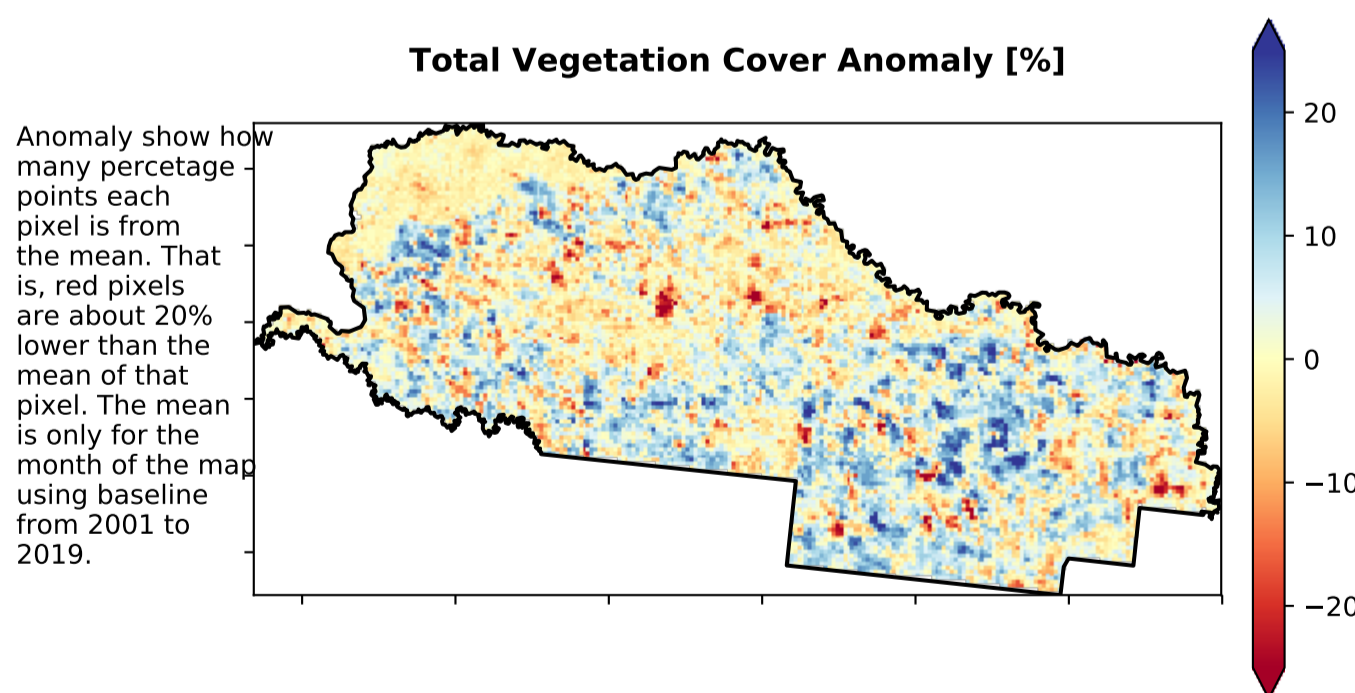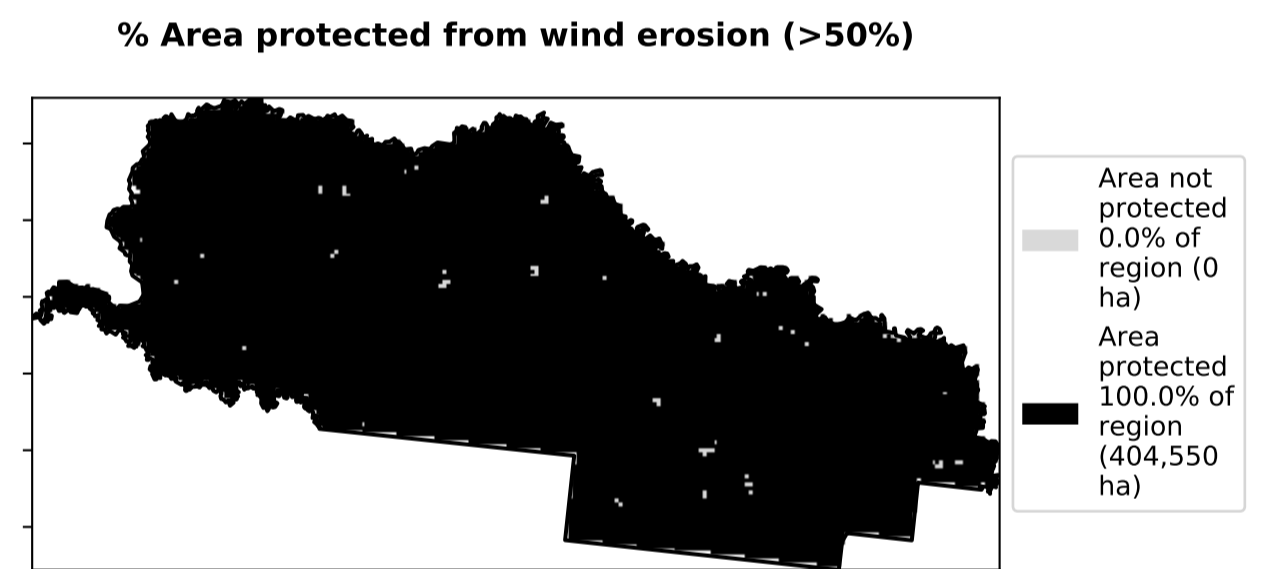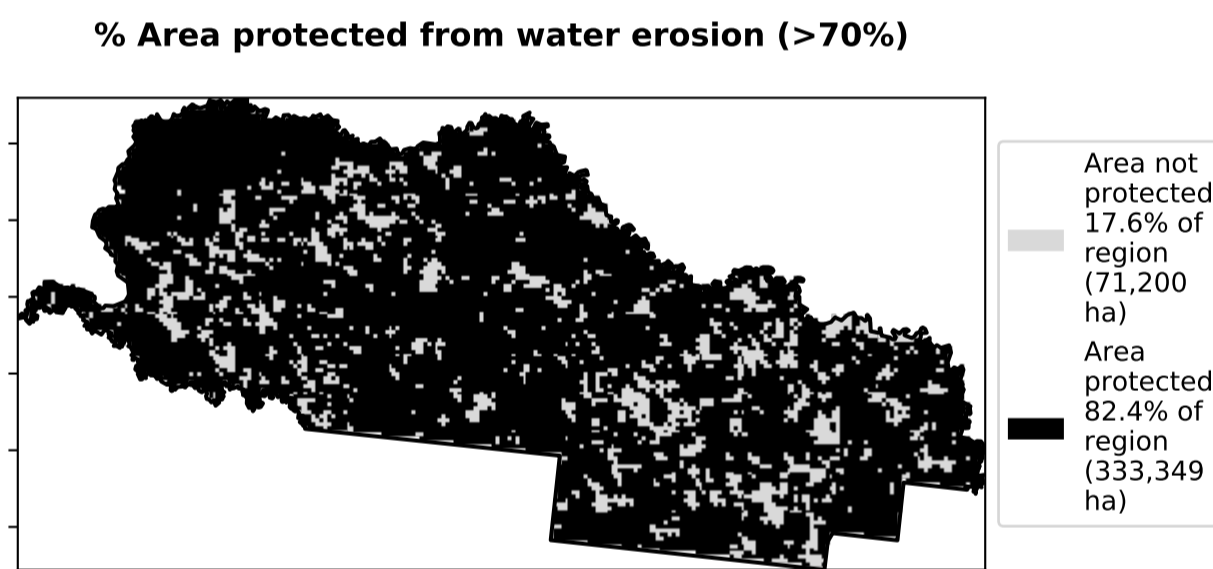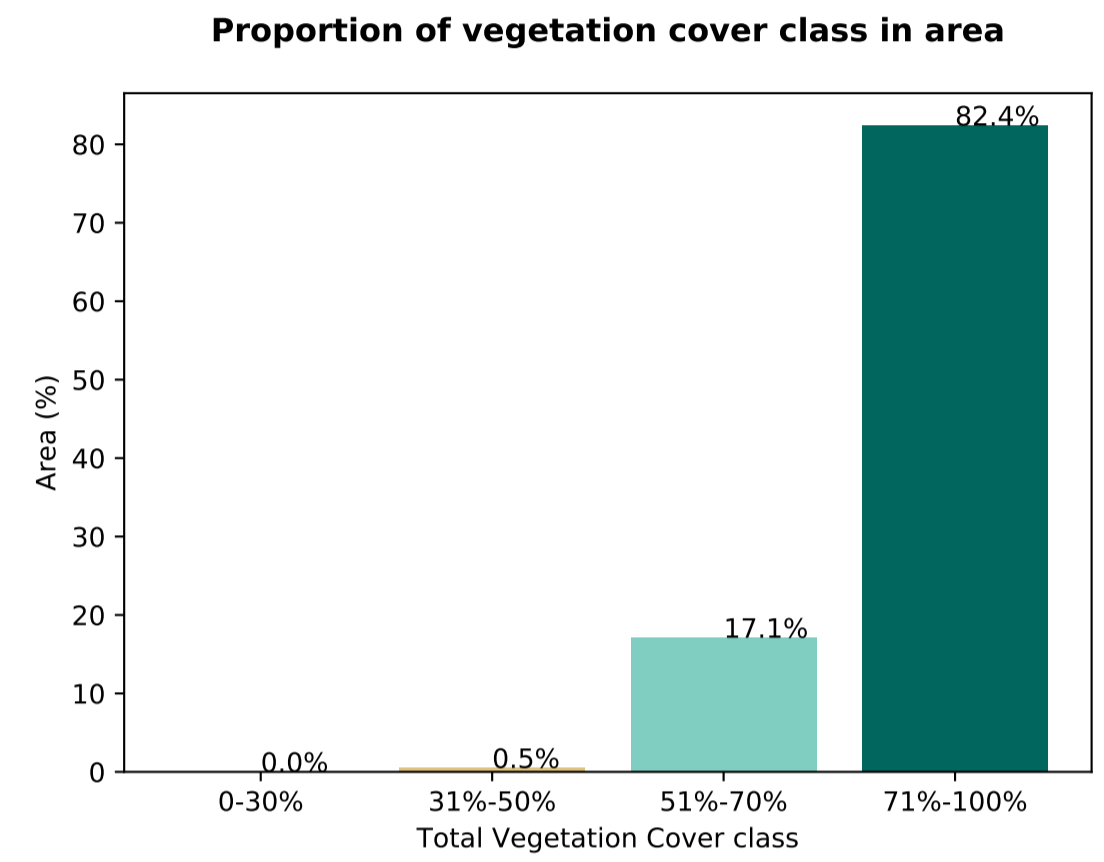
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

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Vegetation Cover Mar 2021

Land use and forest cover

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

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12

1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
12 Production native forests and plantation forests
13 Other uses

Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 17.6% of region (71,200 ha)

Area protected 82.4% of region (333,349 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (404,550 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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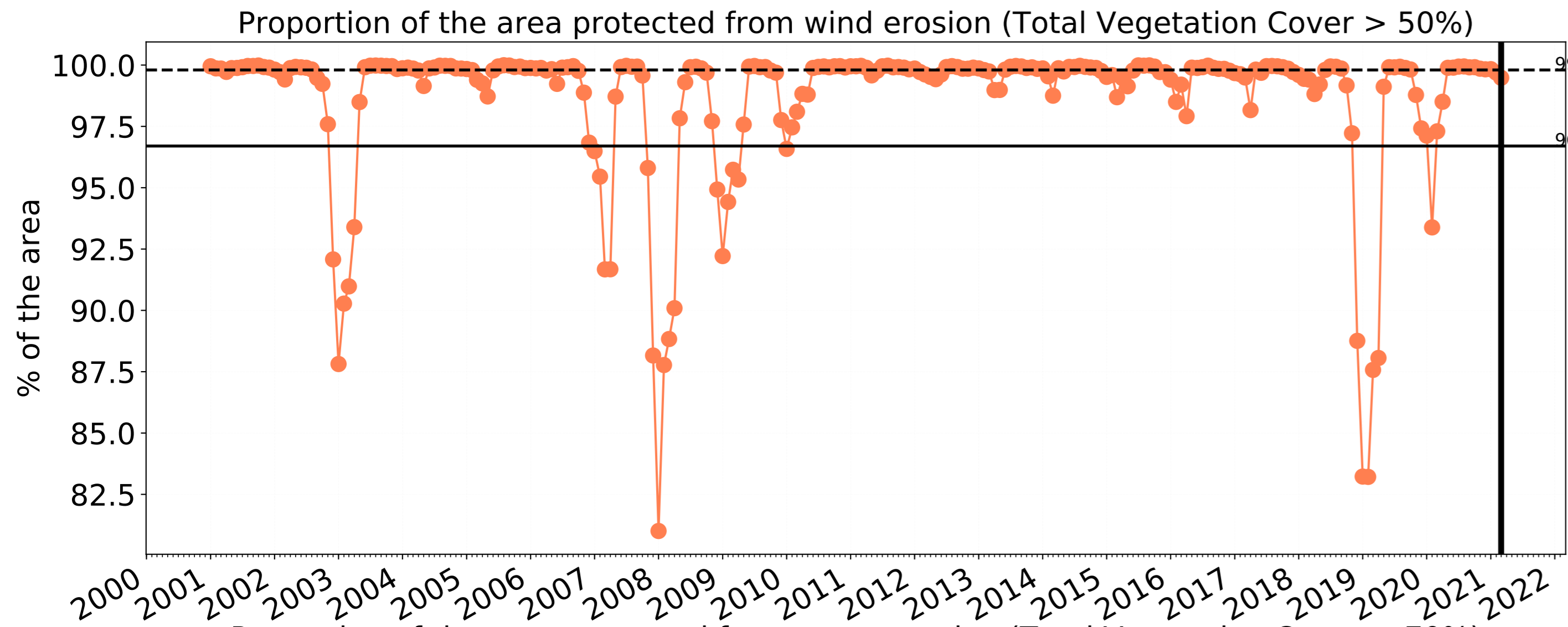
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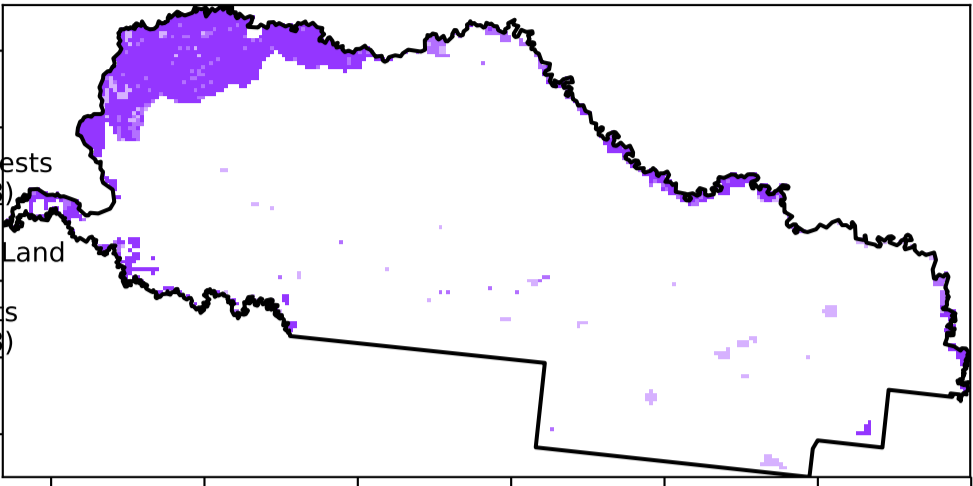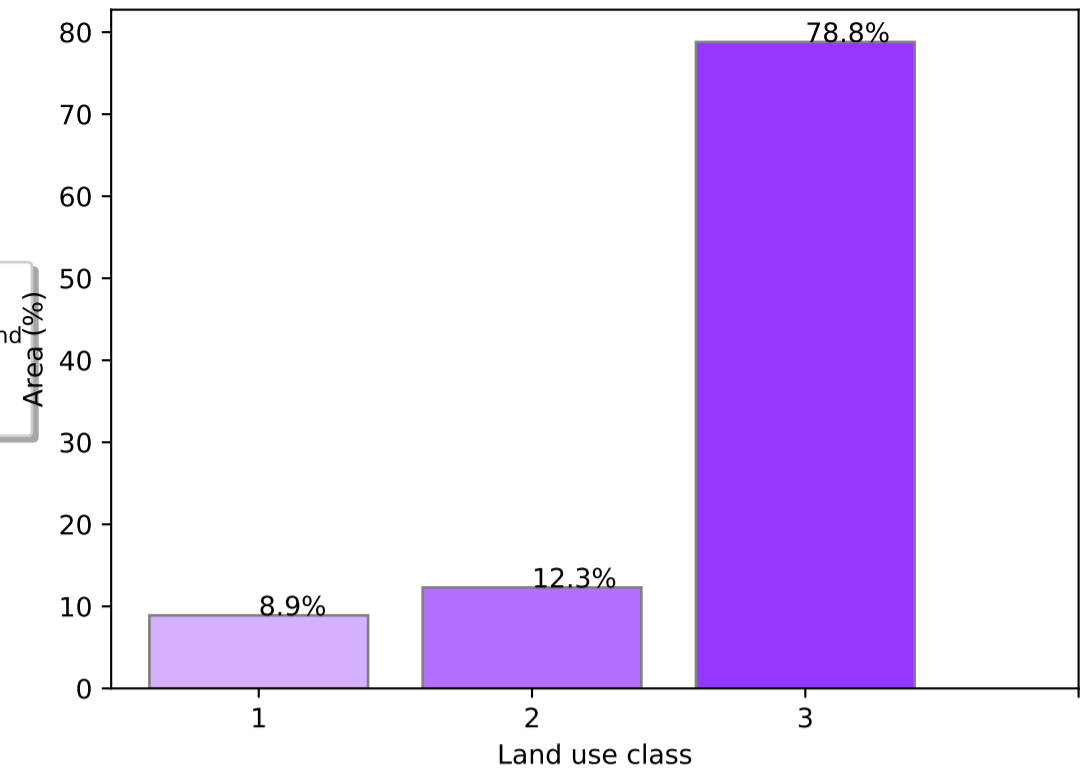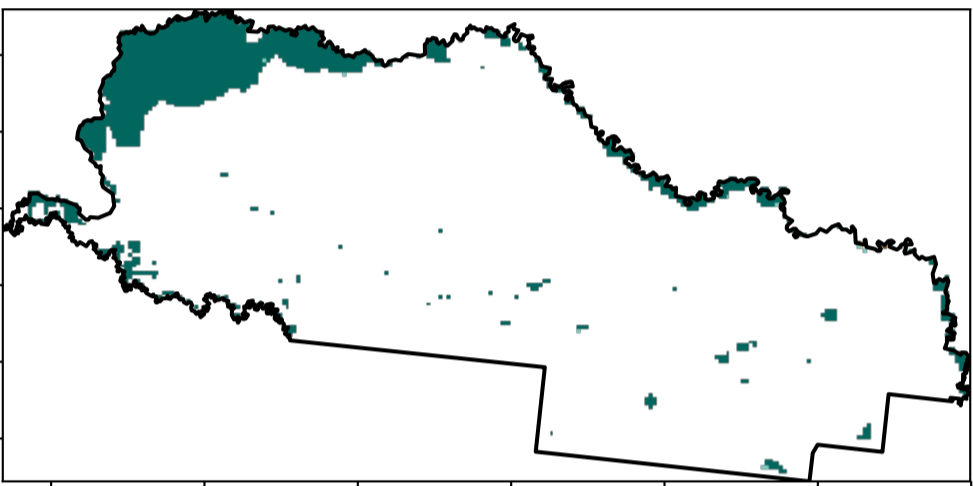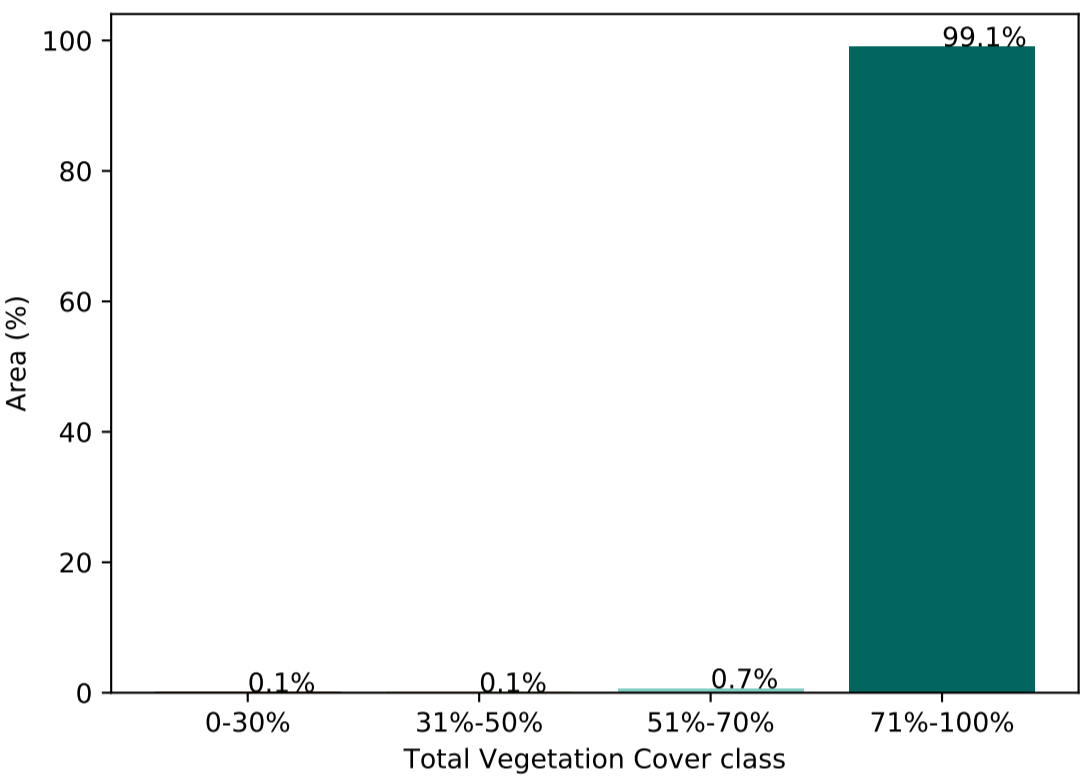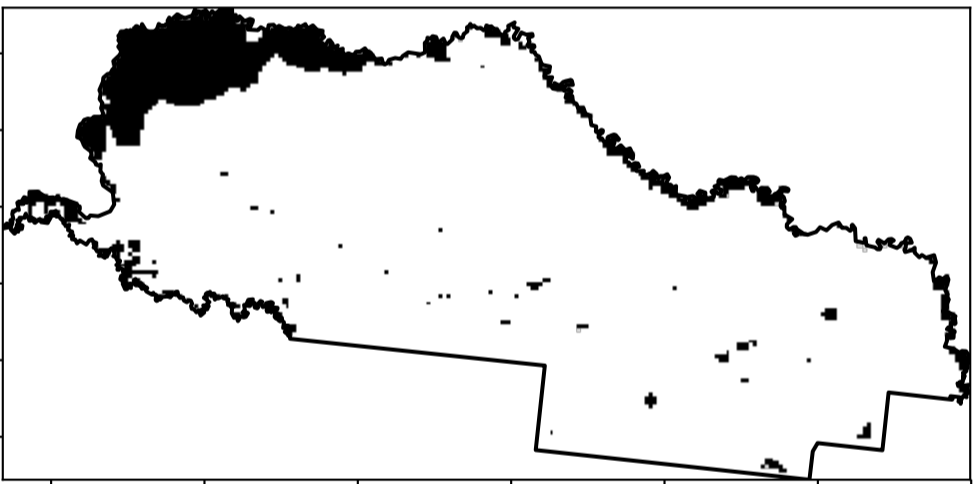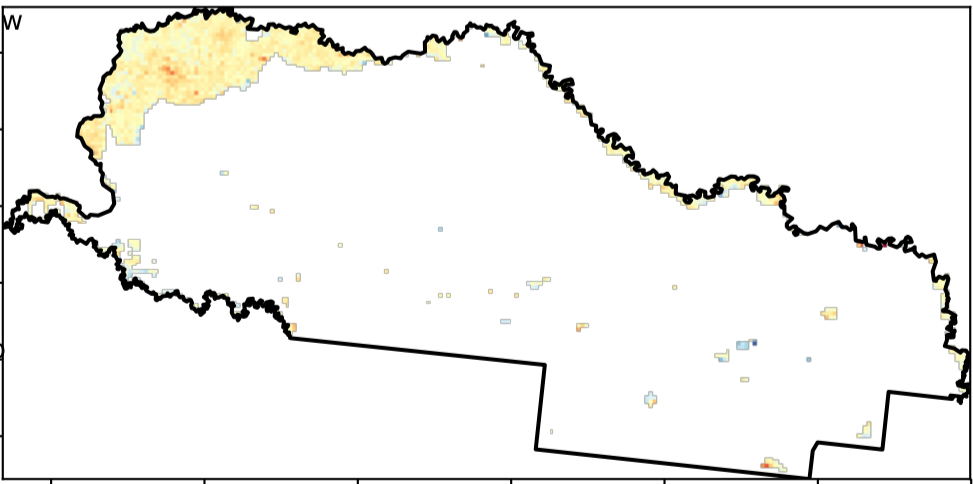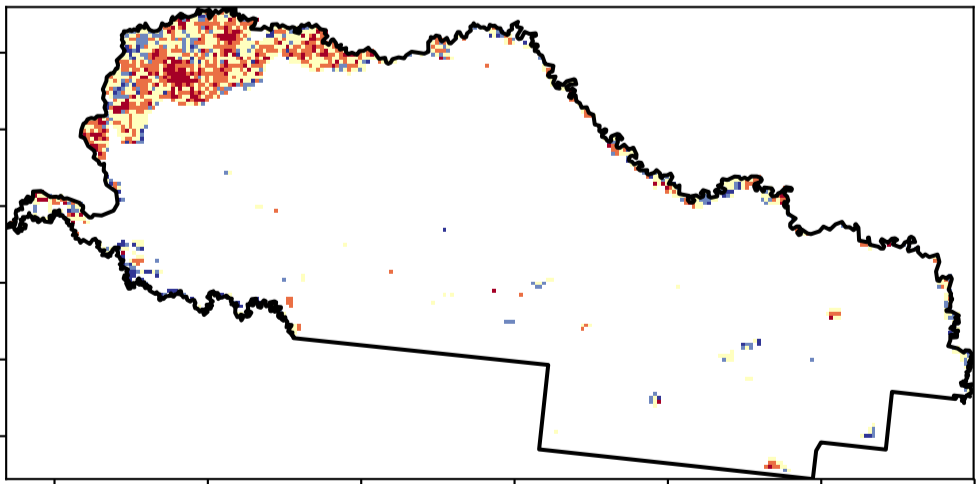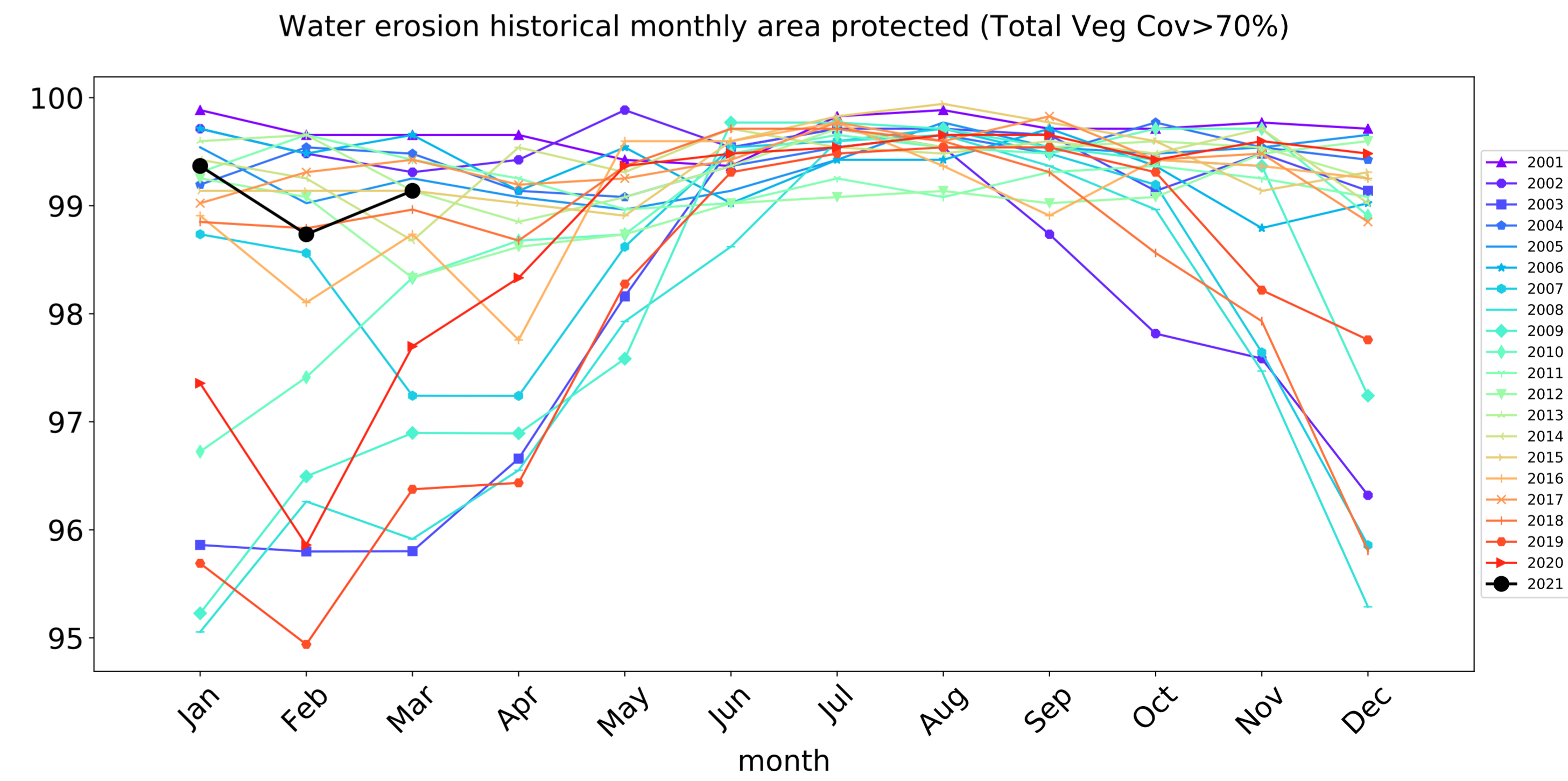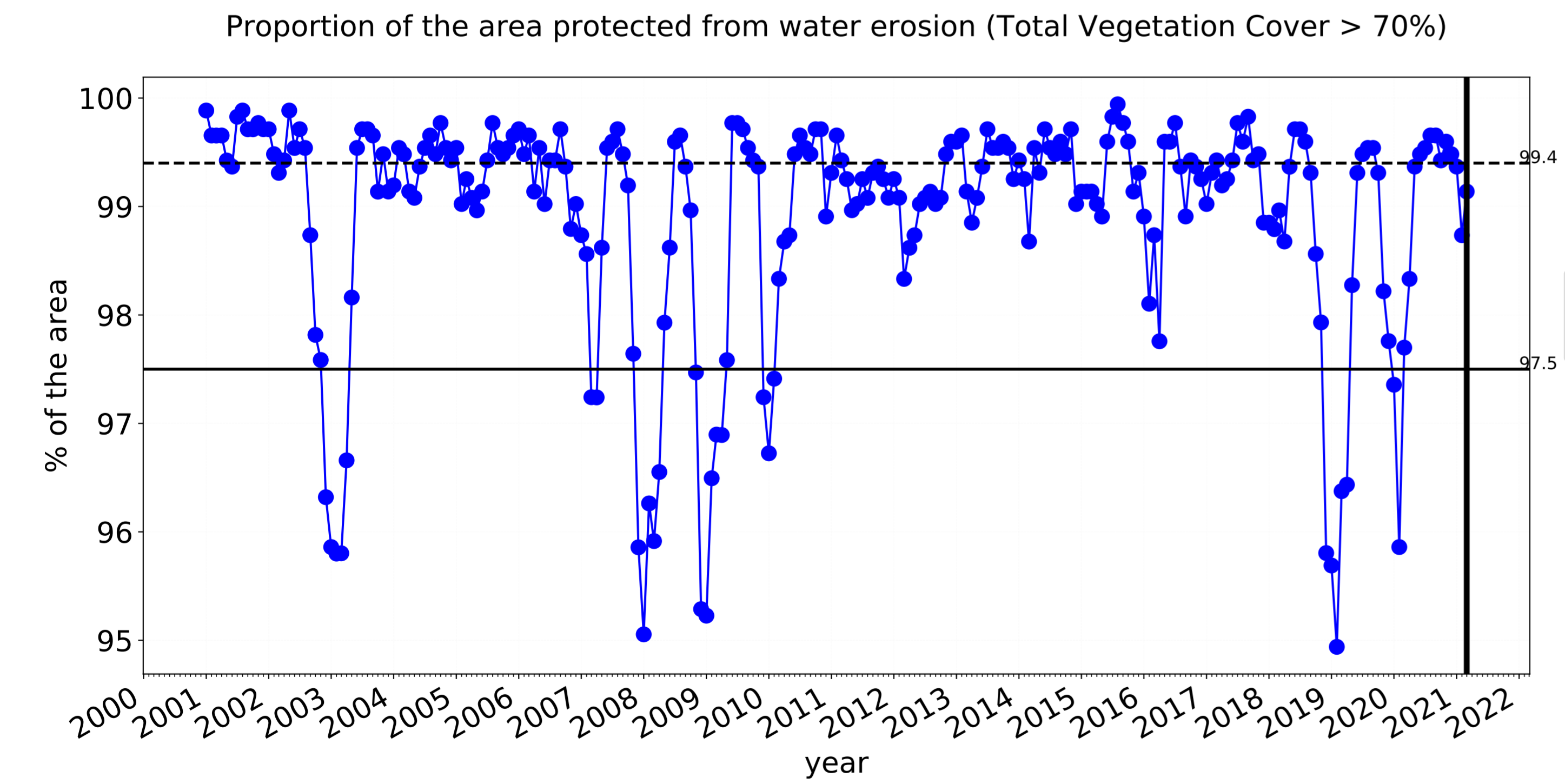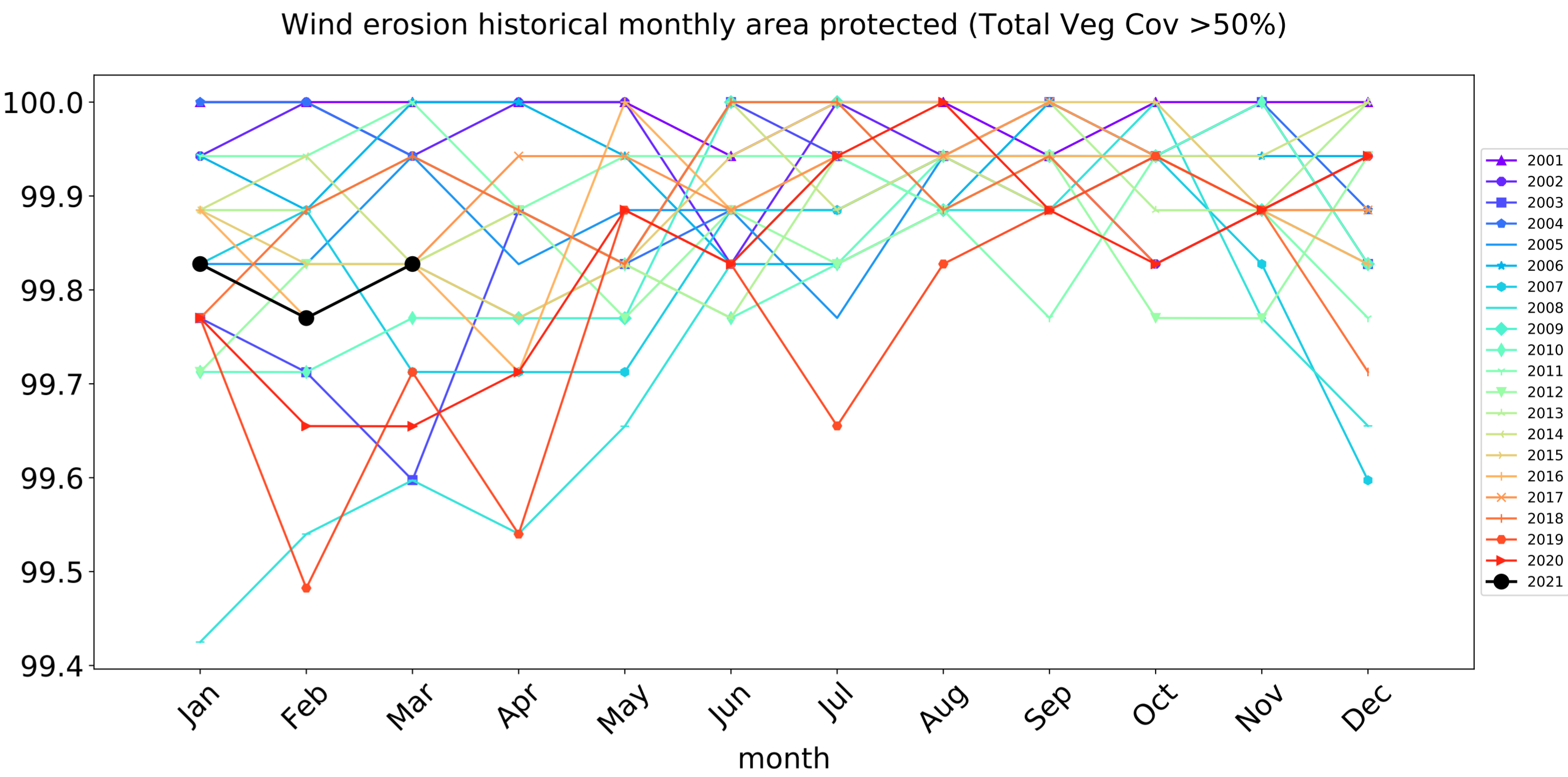
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

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

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

Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2021

Rainfall: historical monthly

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Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

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

Proportion of each land class in area

78.8%

8.9%

12.3%

Area (%)

Land use class

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

99.1%

0.1%   0.1%   0.7%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.9% of region (391 ha)

Area protected 99.1% of region (43,108 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (43,500 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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4.7
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Conservation and natural environments timeseries

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

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

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

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

Conservation and natural environments non forest
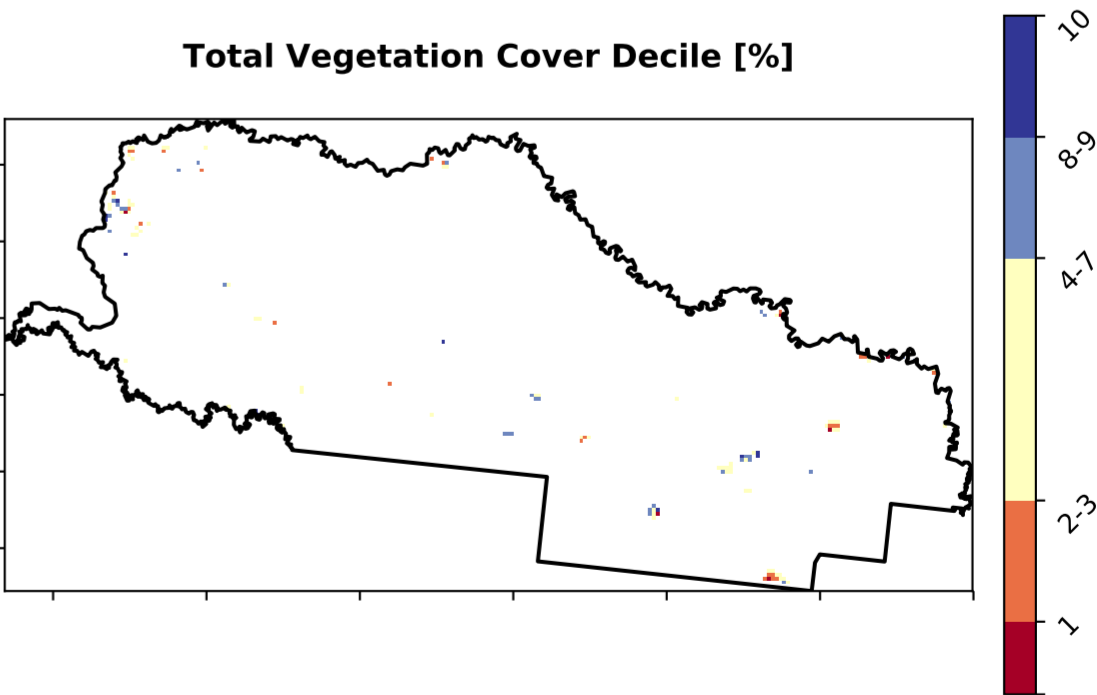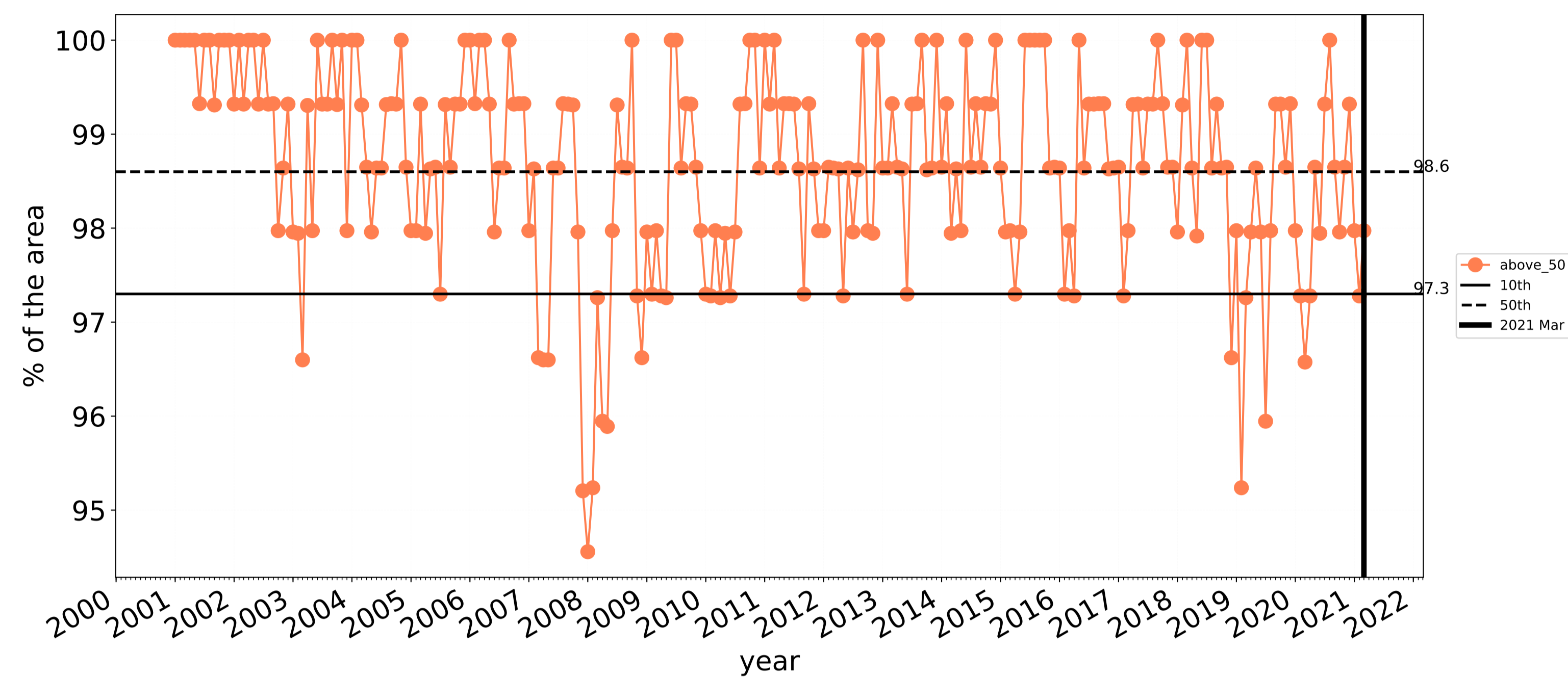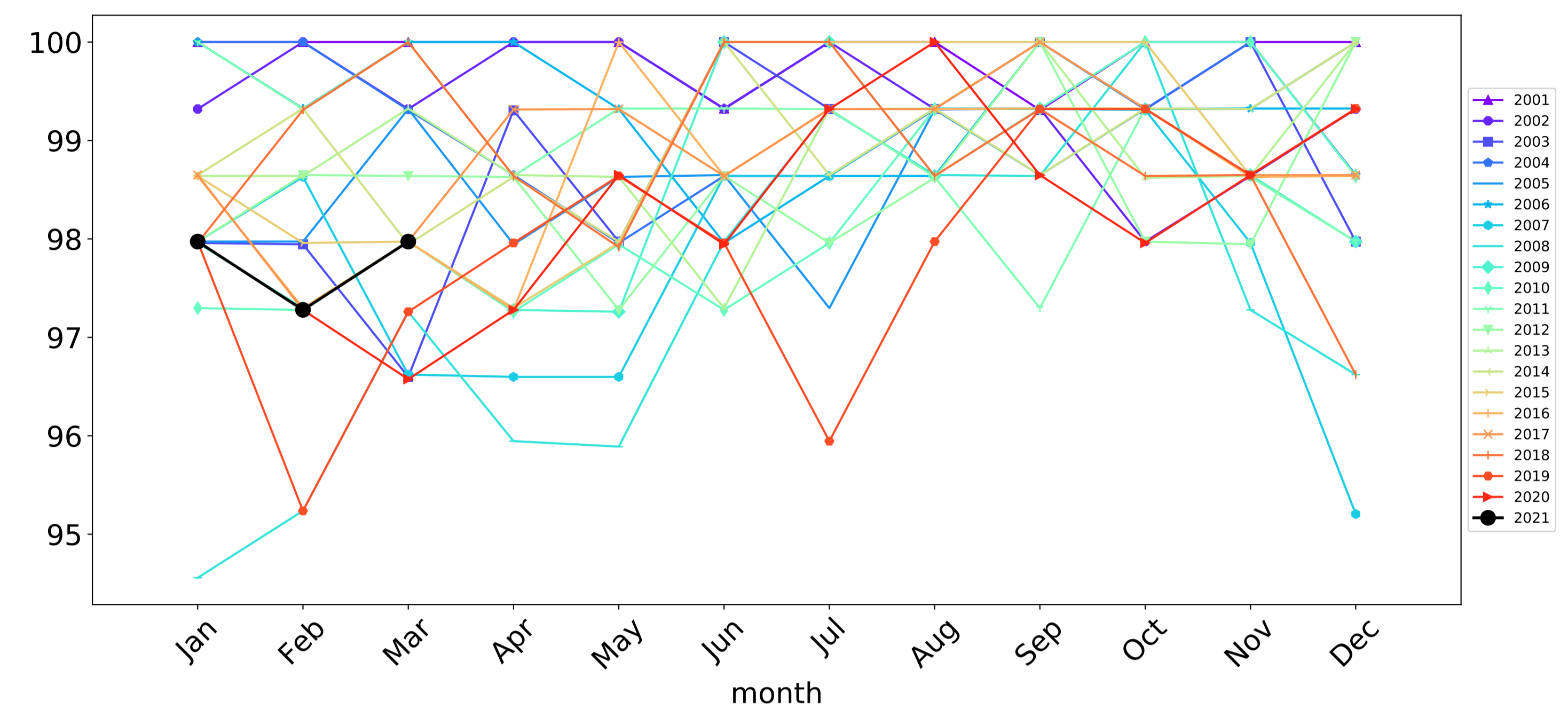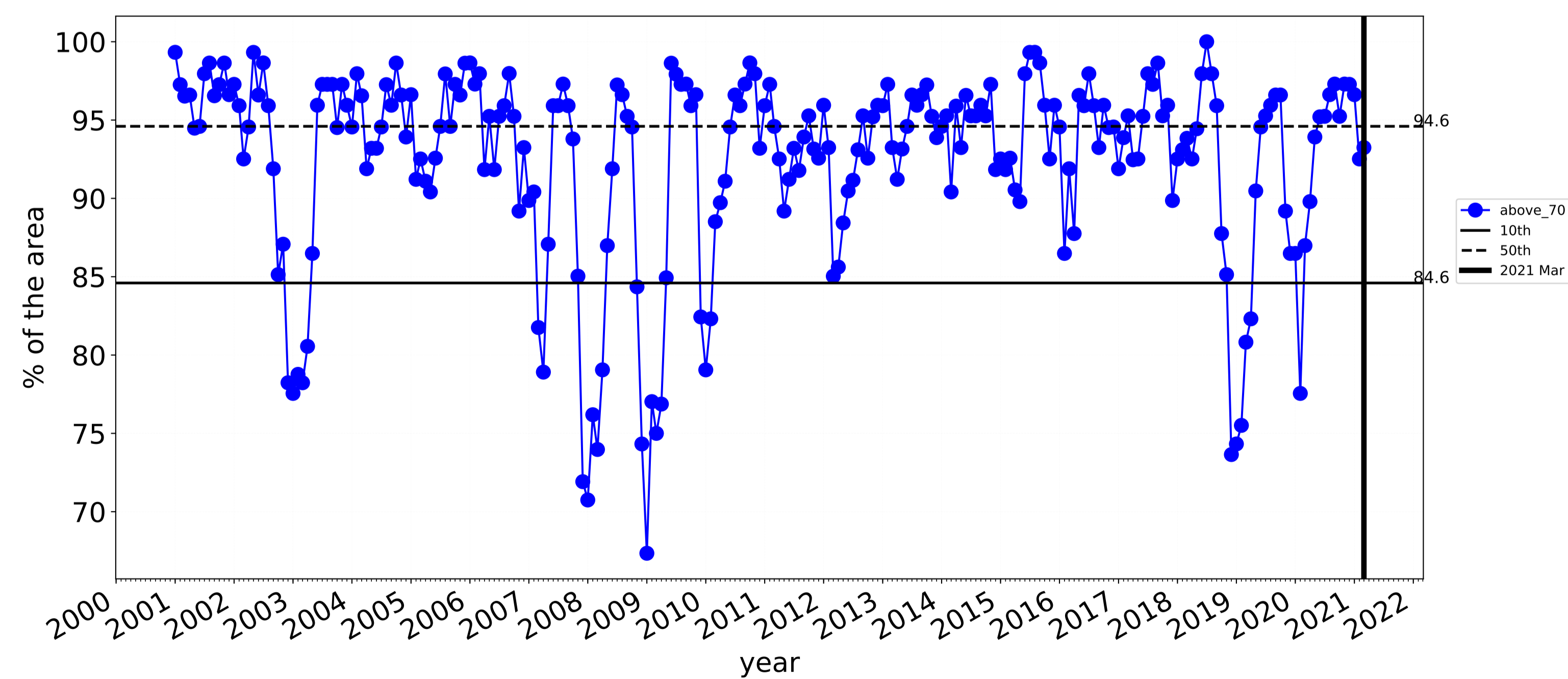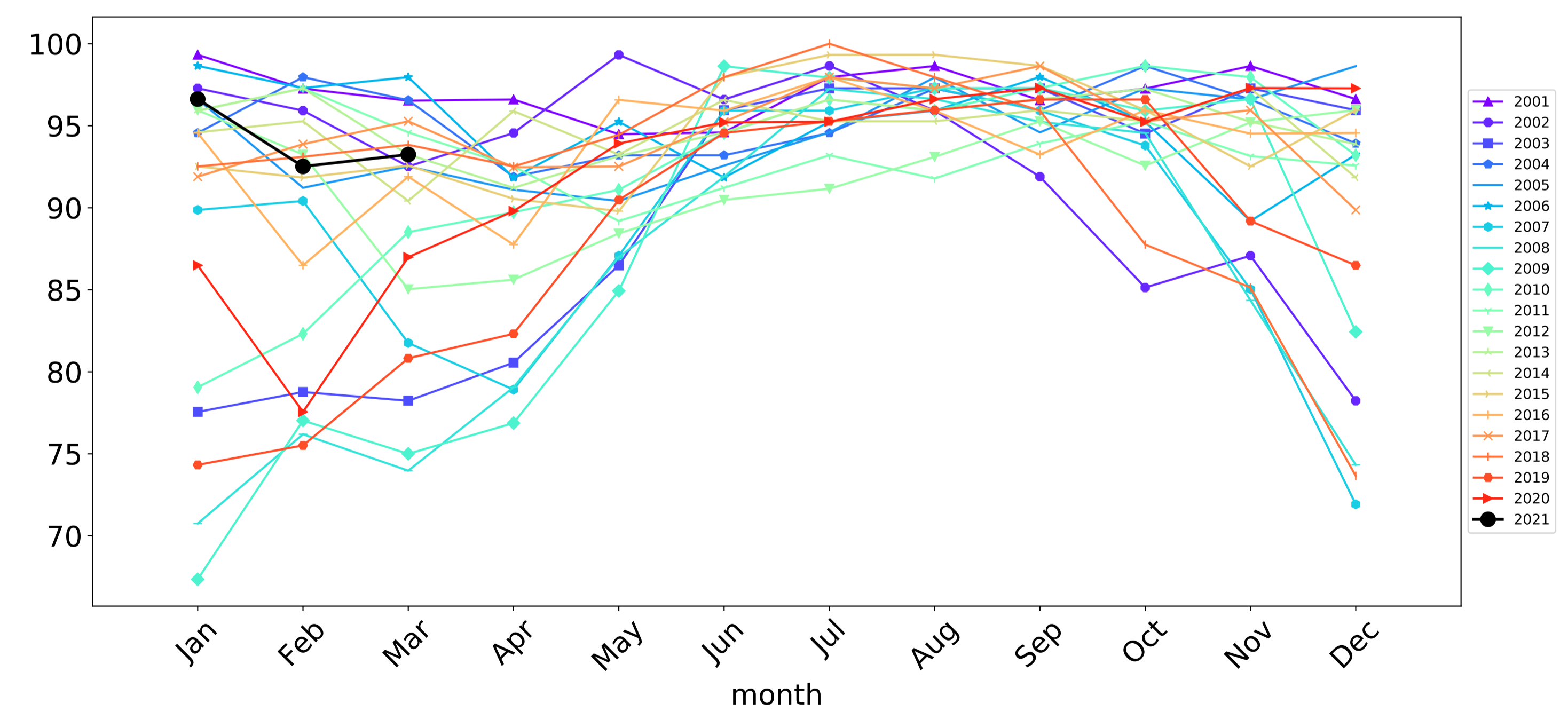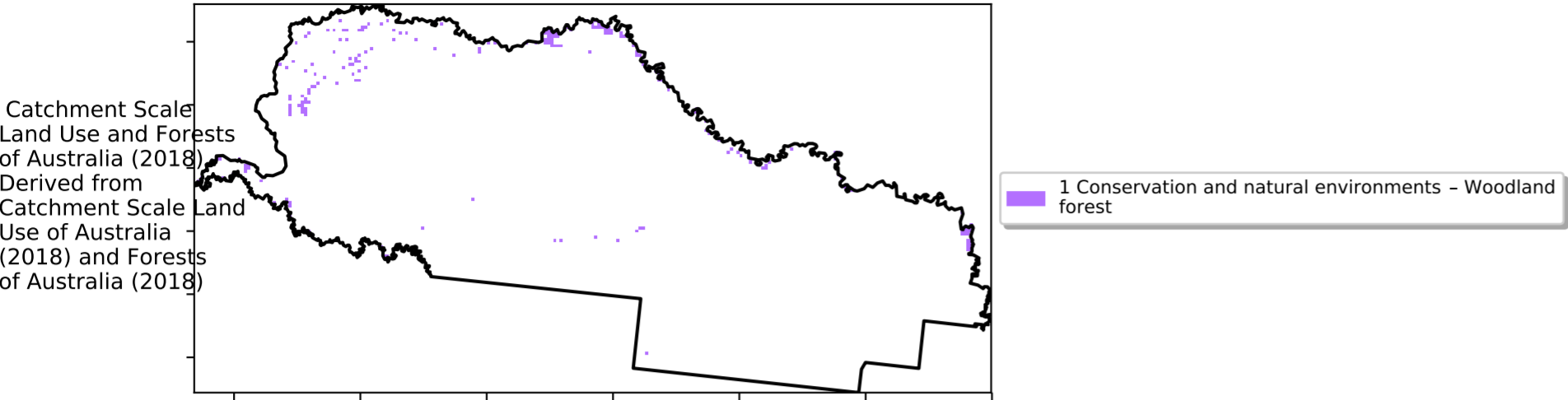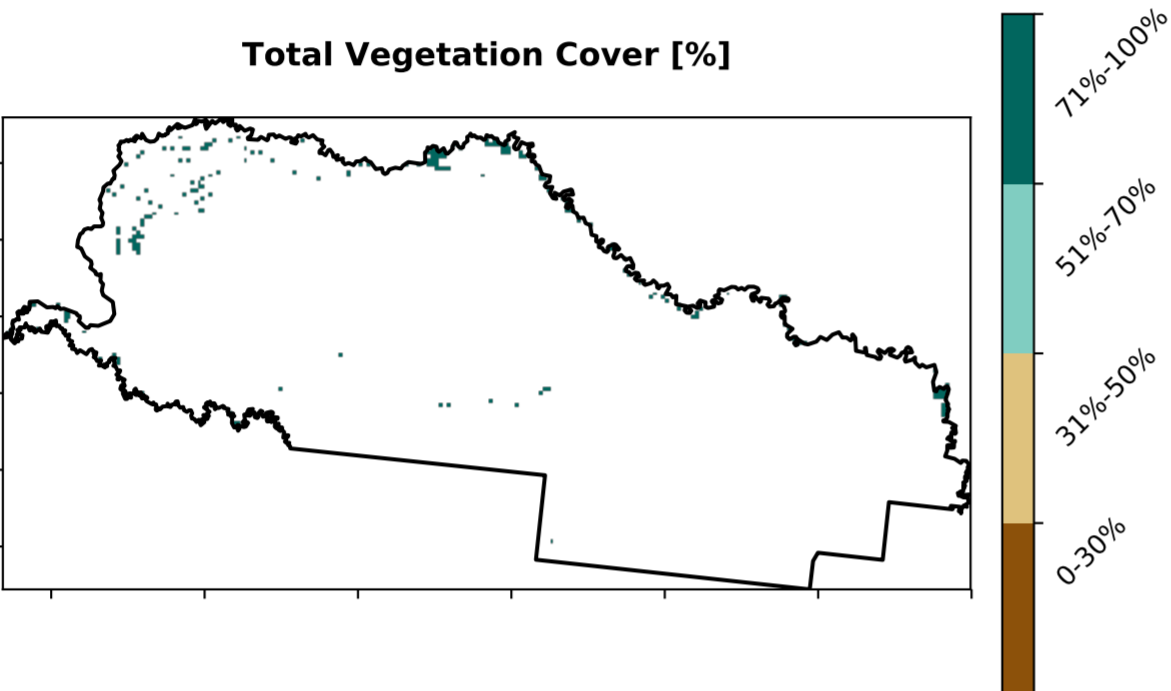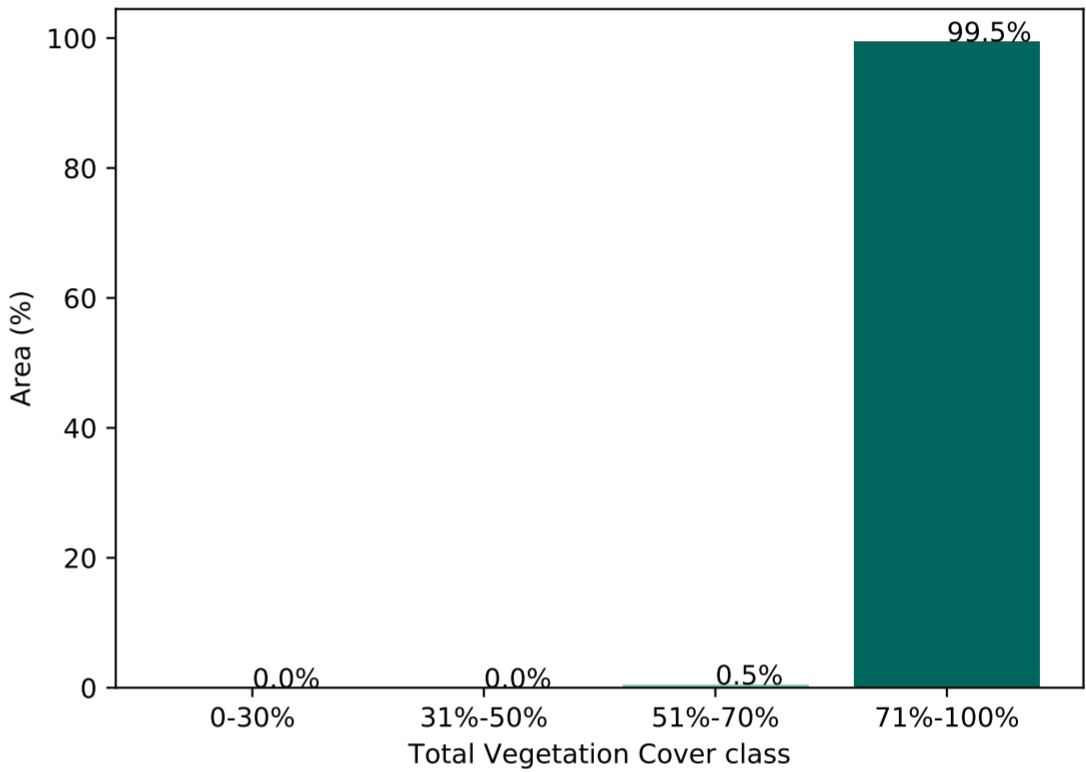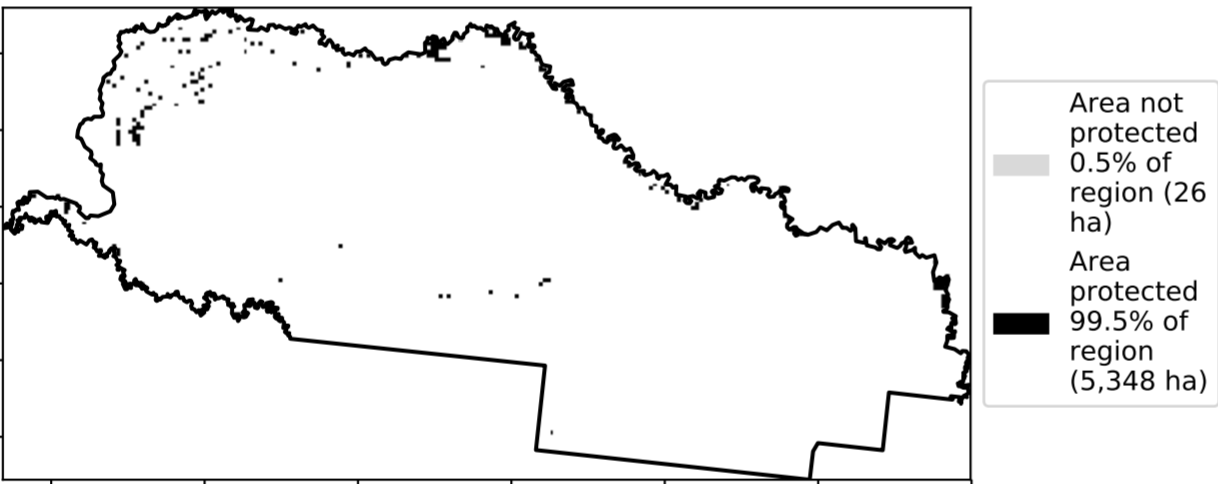
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1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

93.2%

1.4%
0.7%
4.7%

Area (%)

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%
Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
6.8% of
region
(251 ha)

Area
protected
93.2% of
region
(3,448 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
2.0% of
region (74
ha)

Area
protected
98.0% of
region
(3,626 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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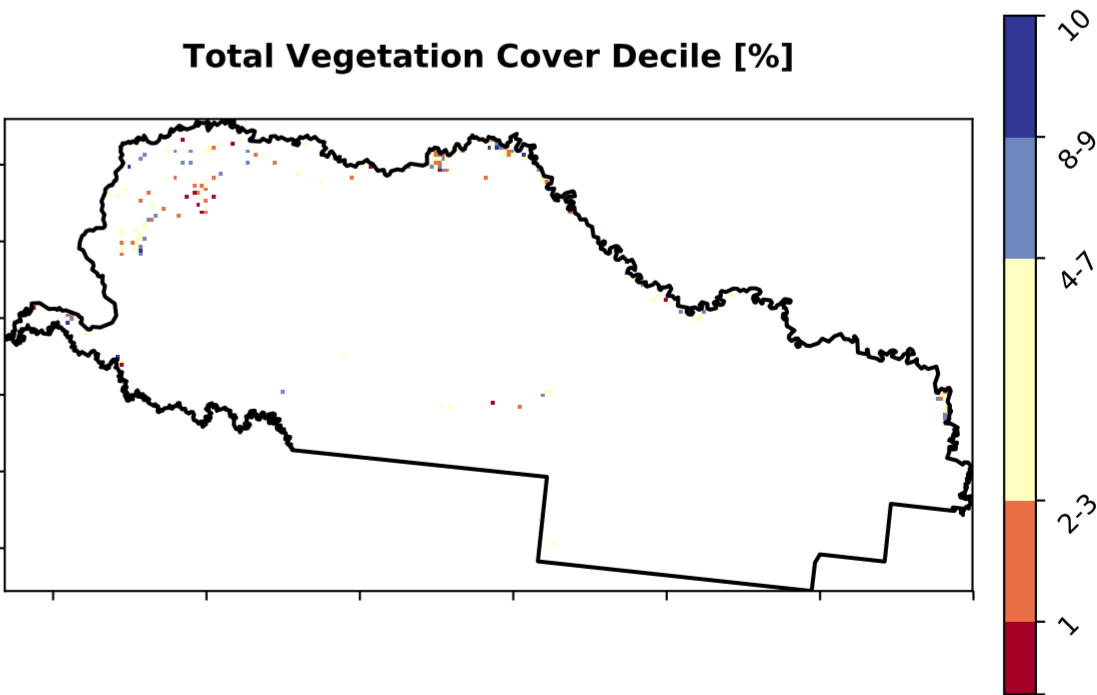### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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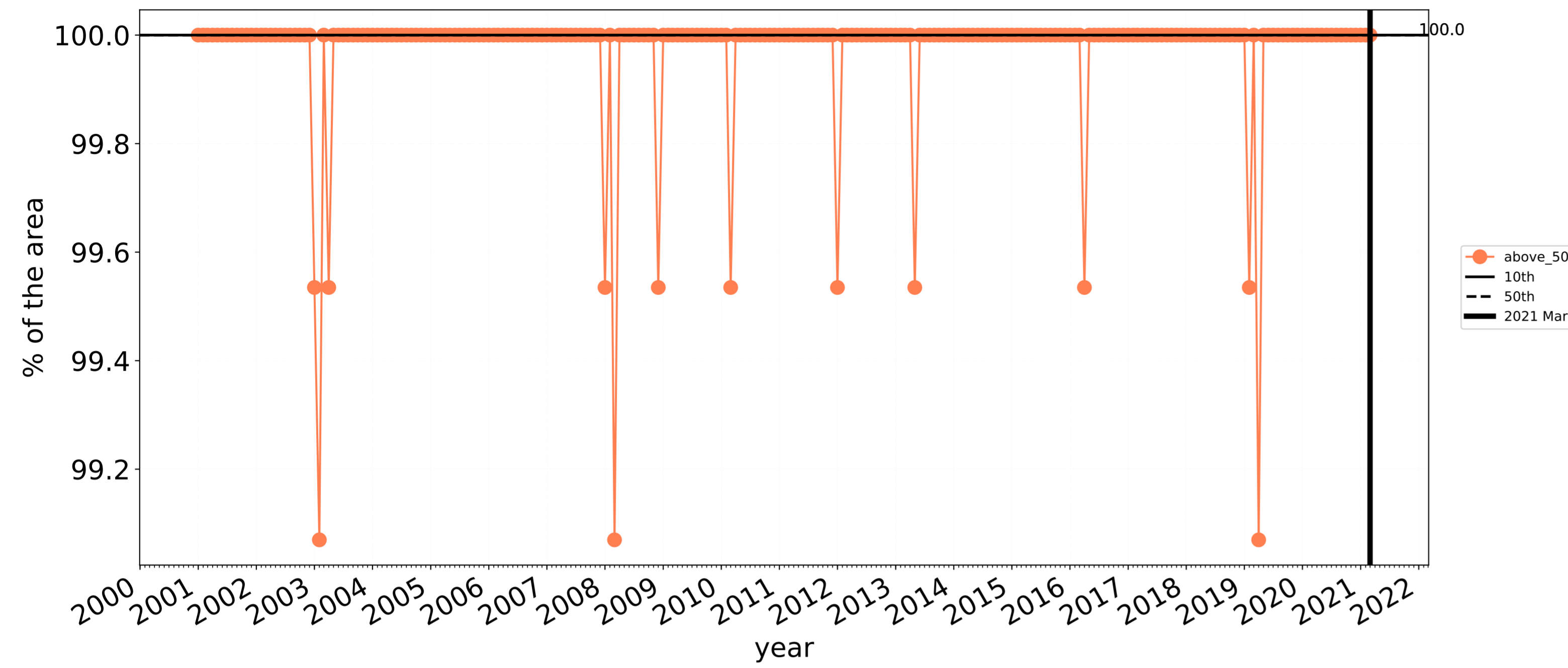records for that month of
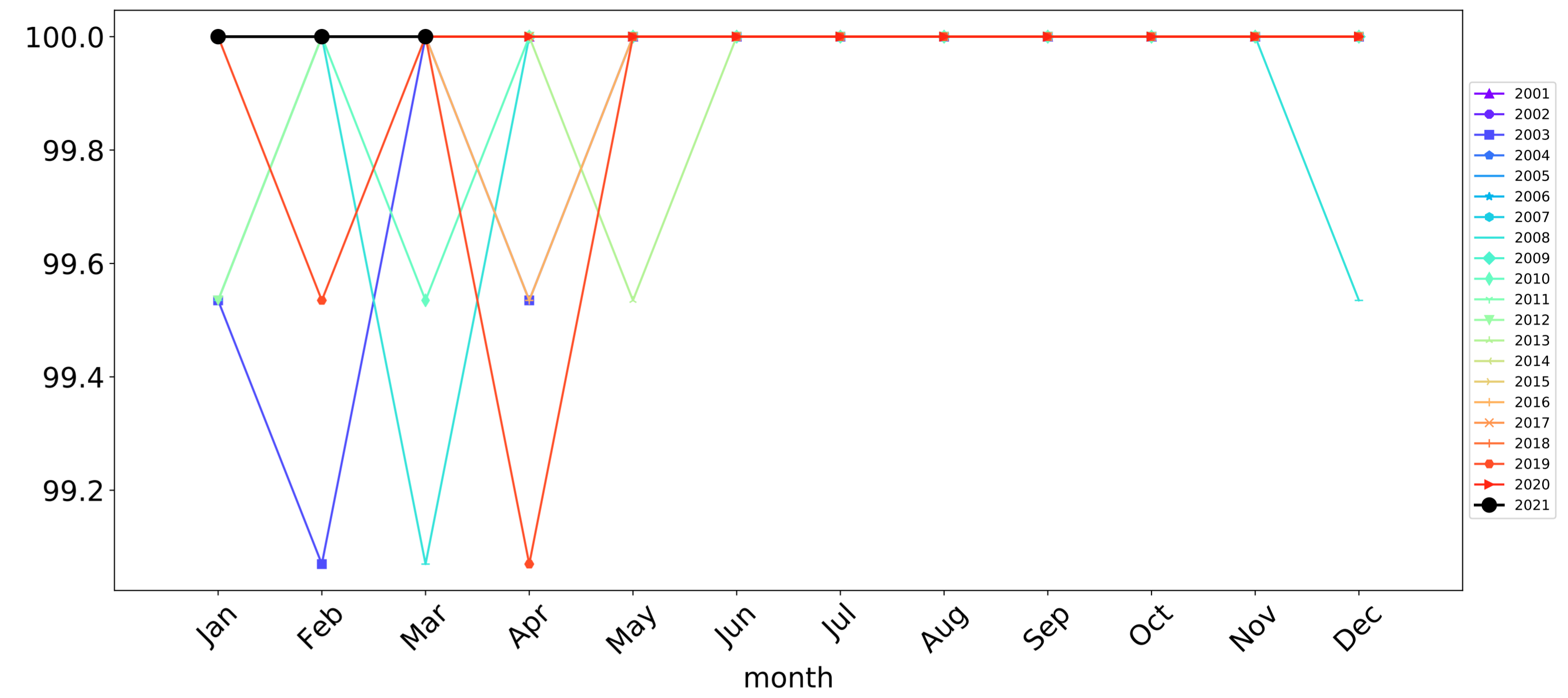the map using baseline
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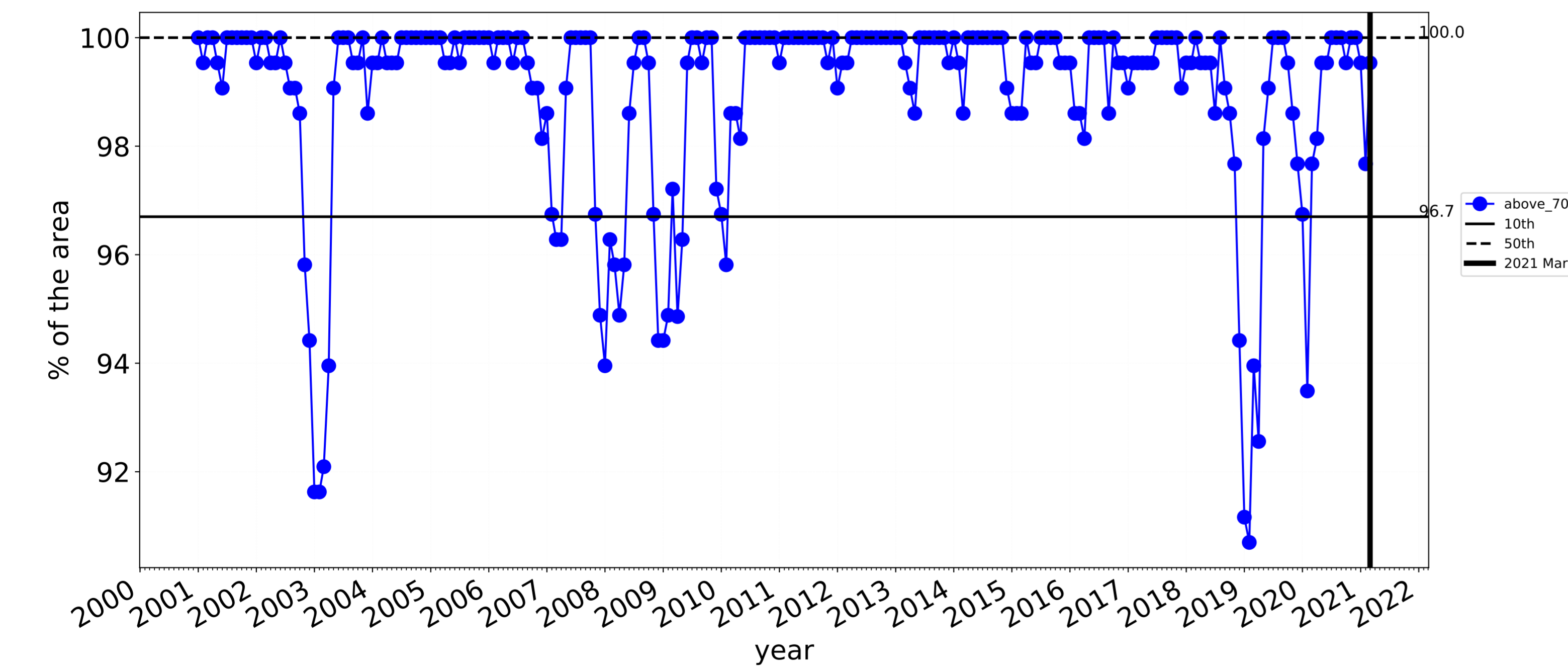# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

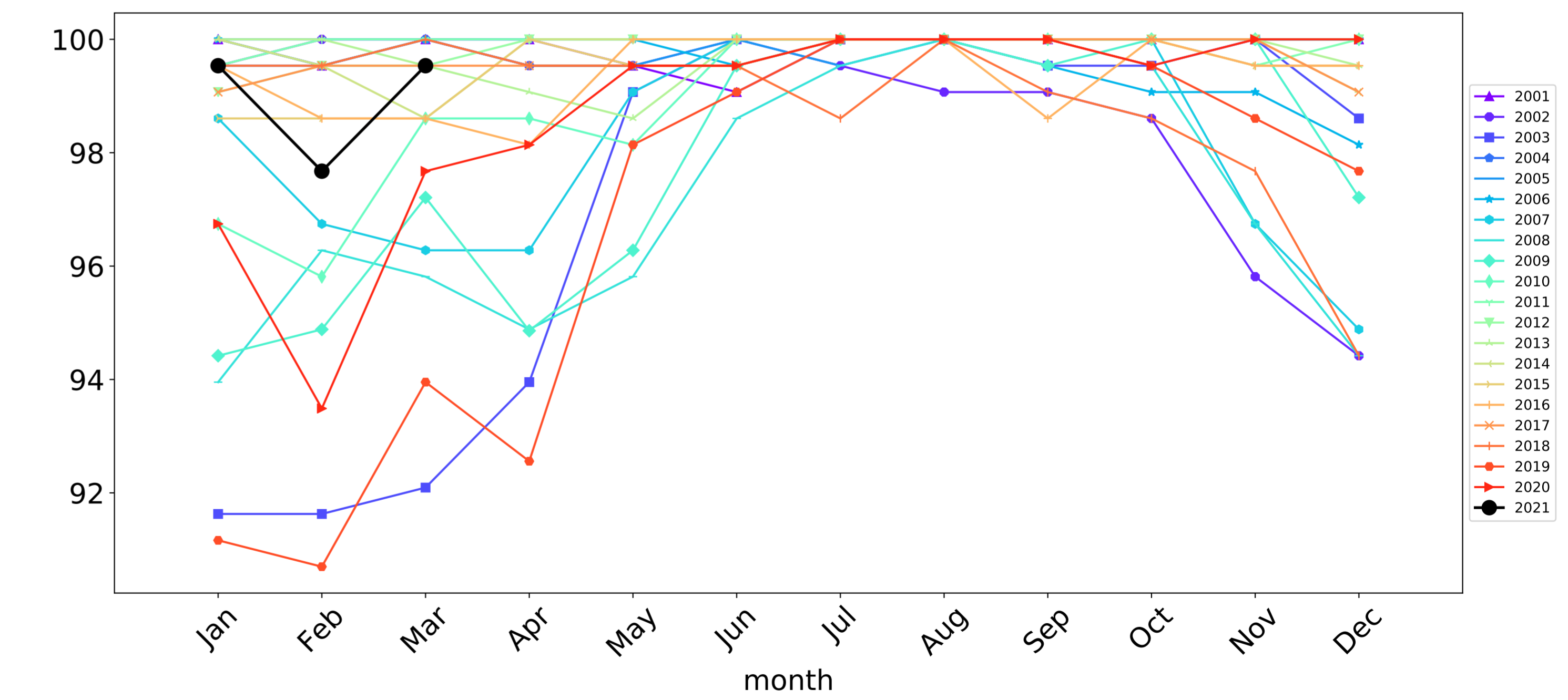Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

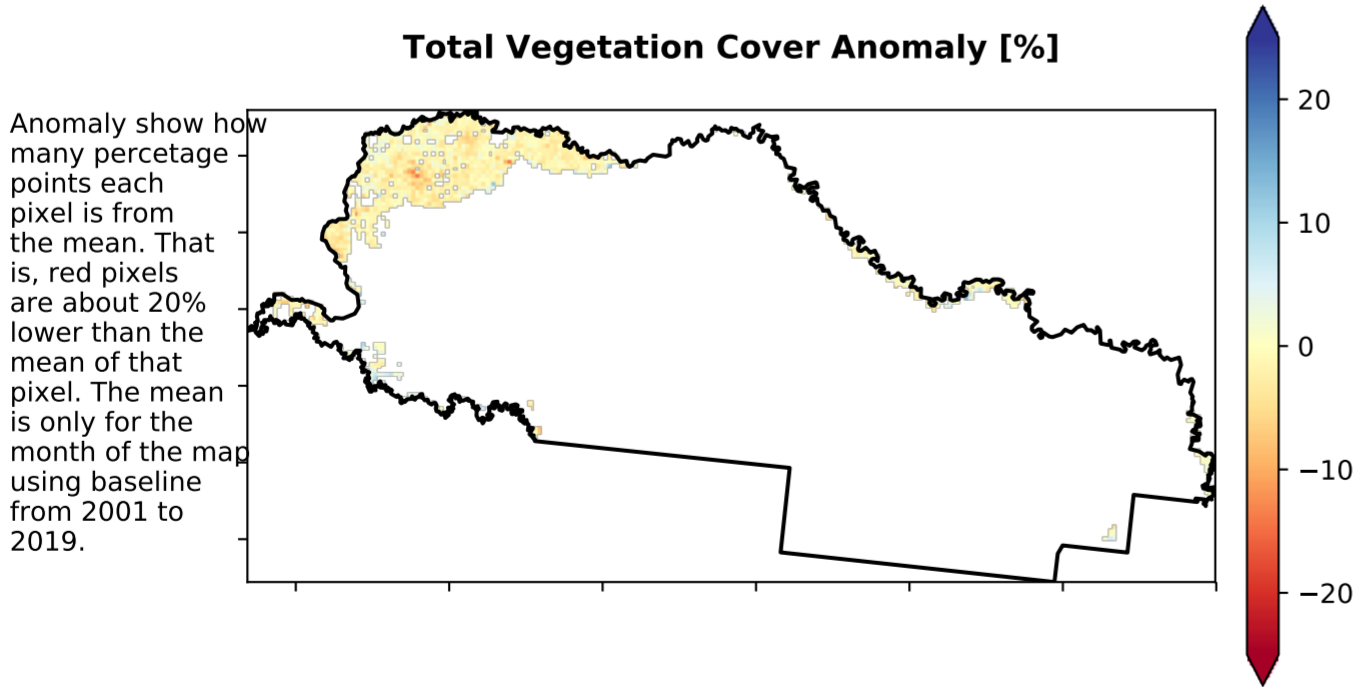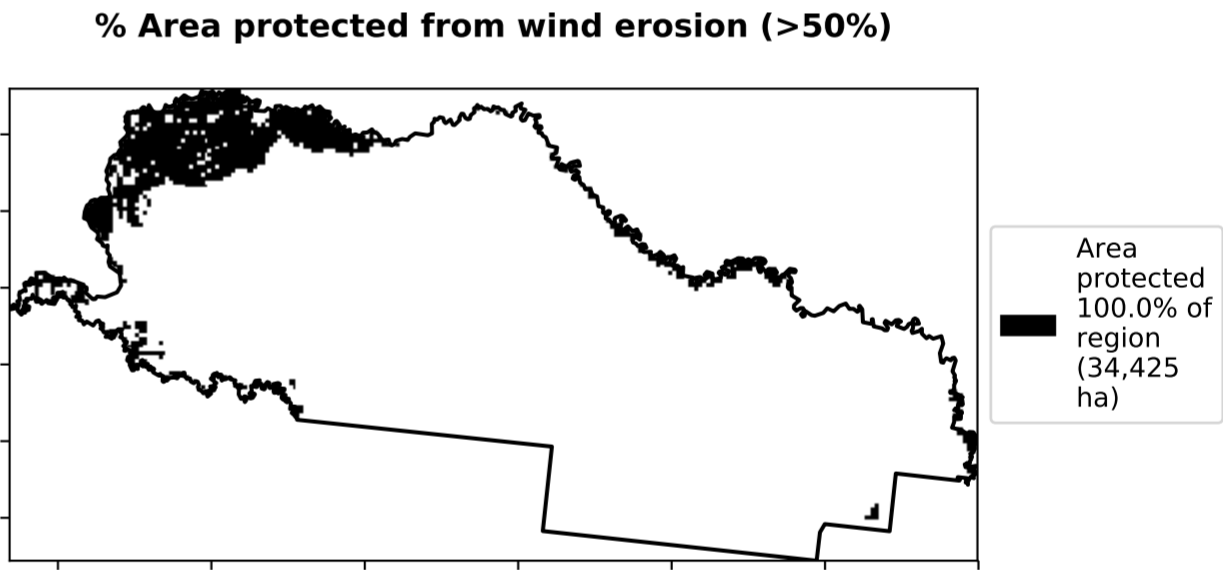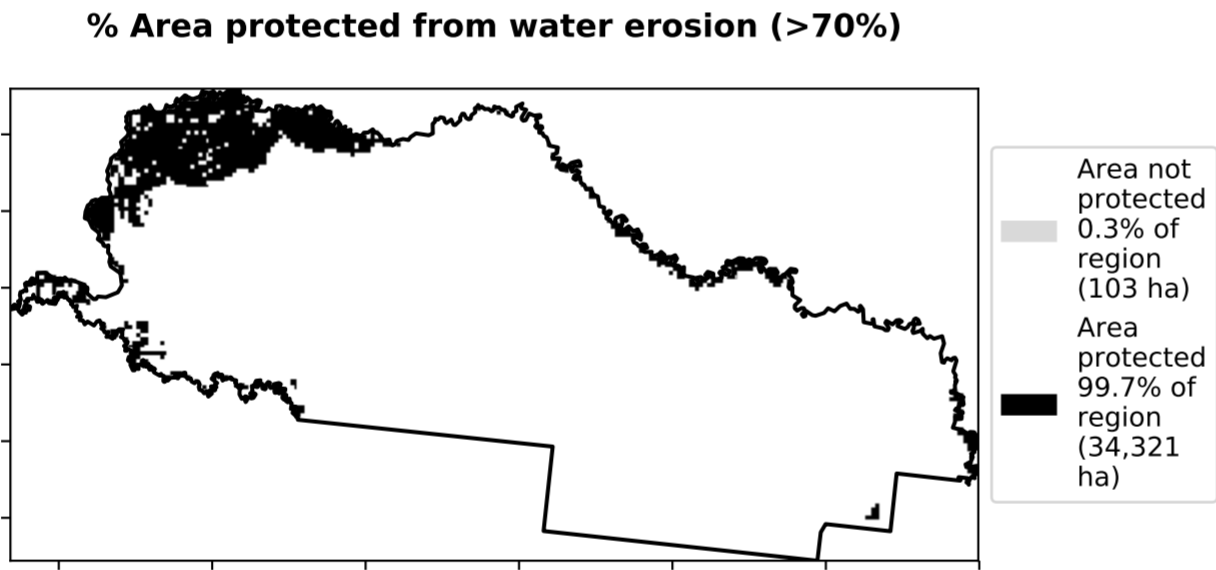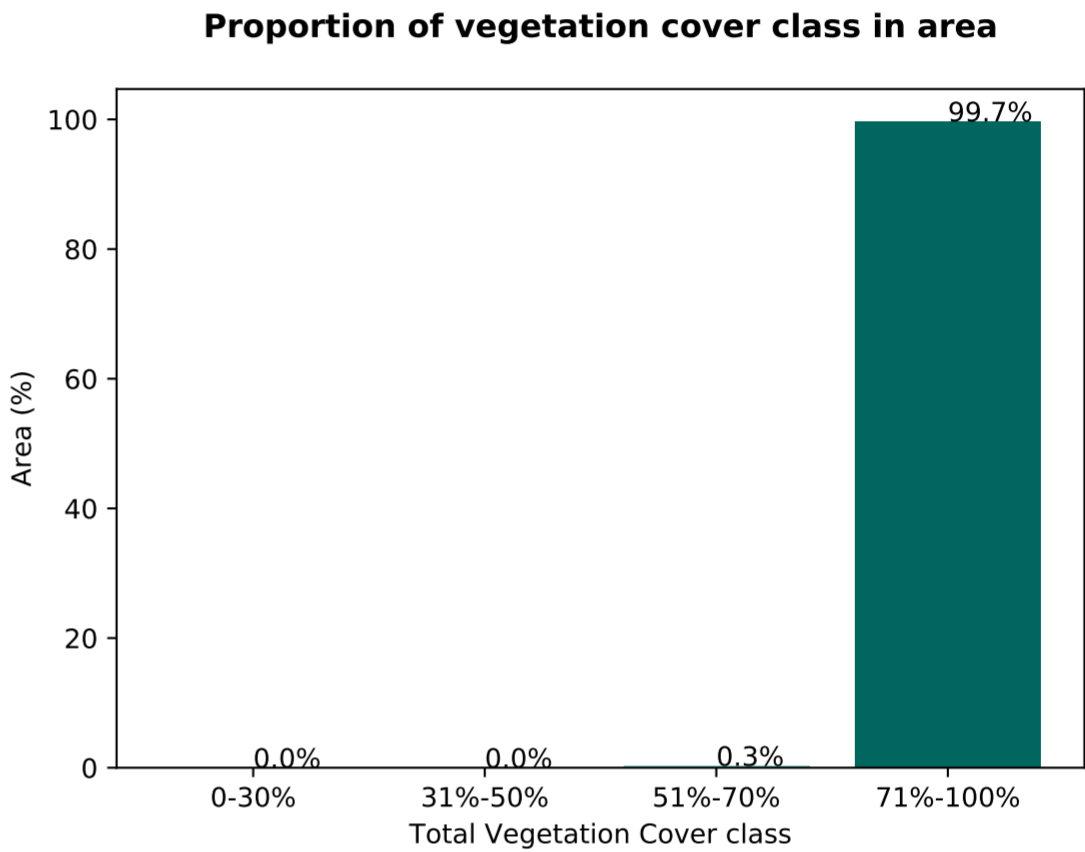Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

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

Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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1 Conservation and natural environments – Woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

99.5%

0.0%   0.0%   0.5%

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.5% of region (26 ha)

Area protected 99.5% of region (5,348 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area protected 100.0% of region (5,375 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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

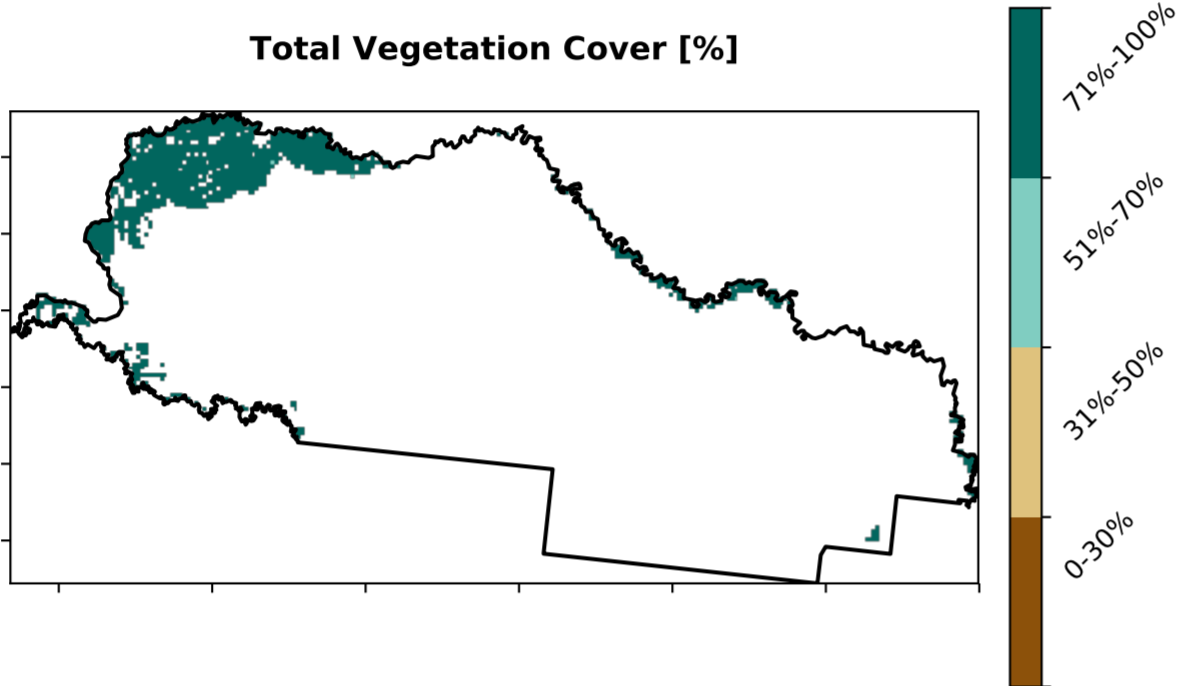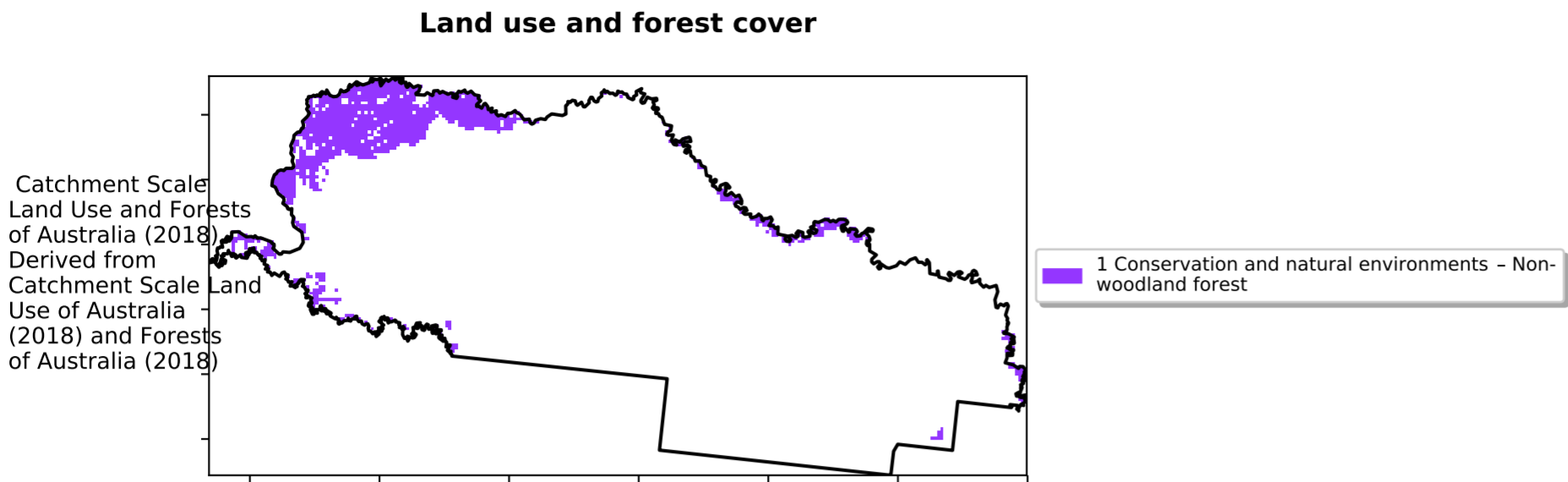### Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

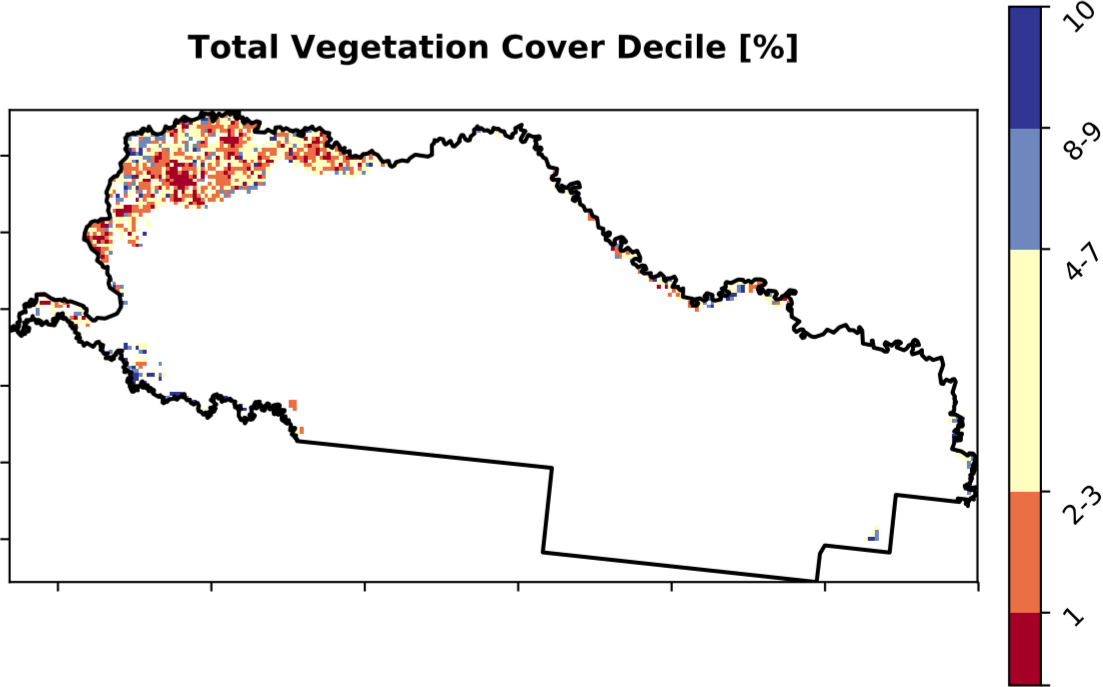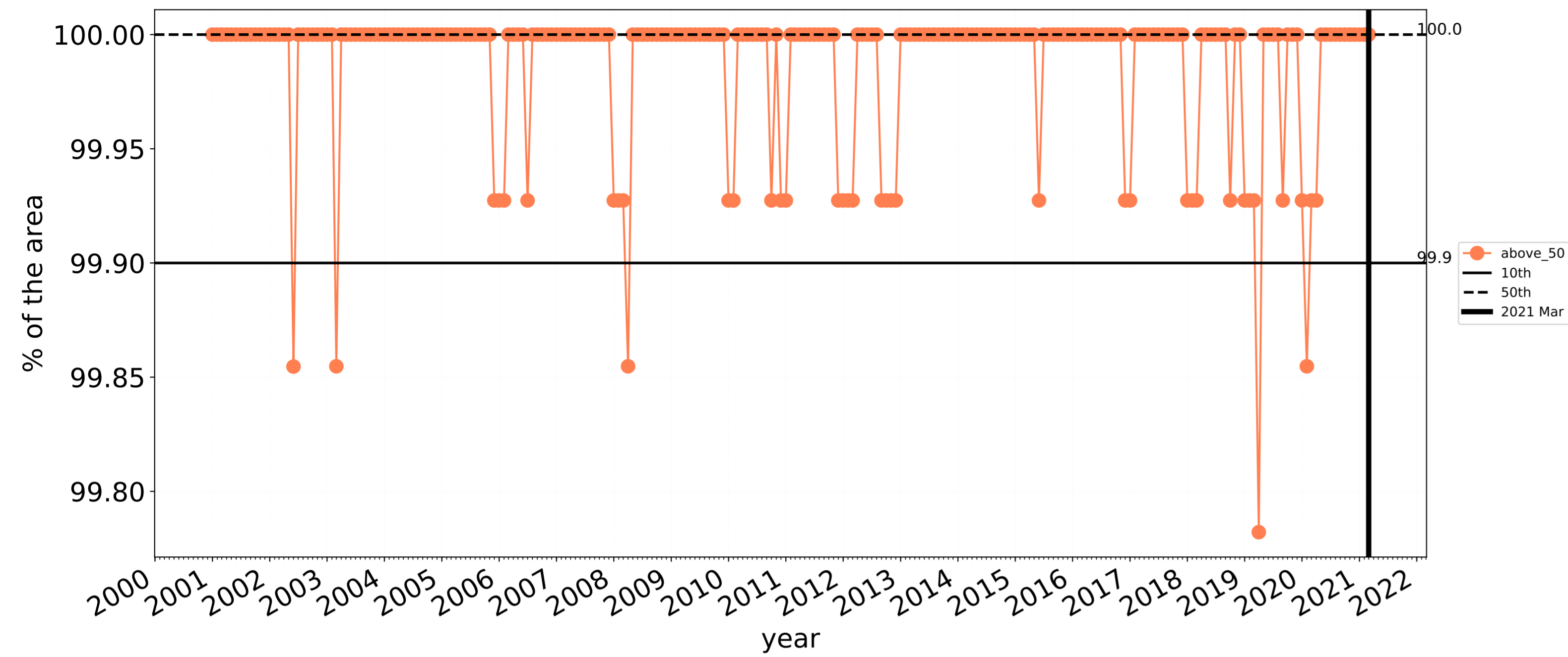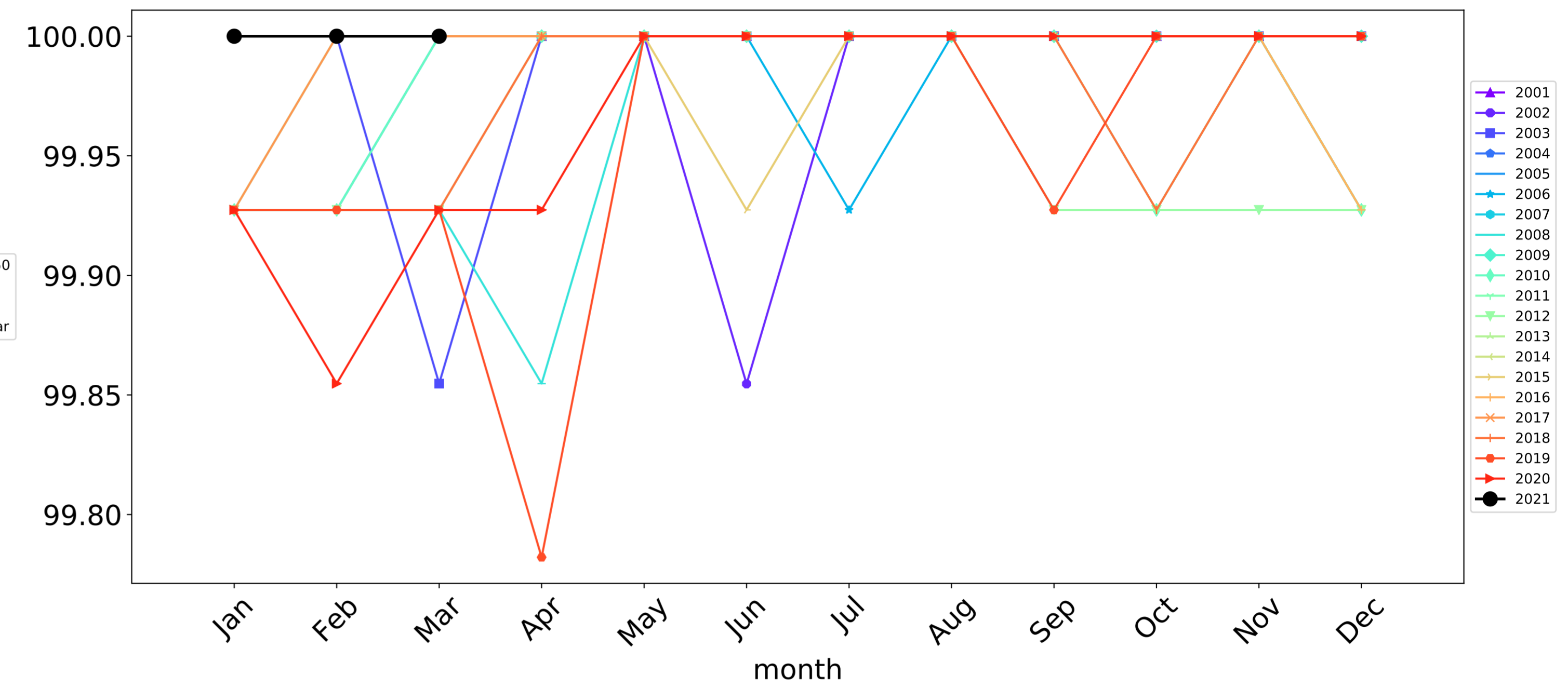### Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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1 Conservation and natural environments – Non-woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class			
0-30%	31%-50%	51%-70%	71%-100%
0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	99.7%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.3% of region (103 ha)

Area protected 99.7% of region (34,321 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area protected 100.0% of region (34,425 ha)

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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- 8-9
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

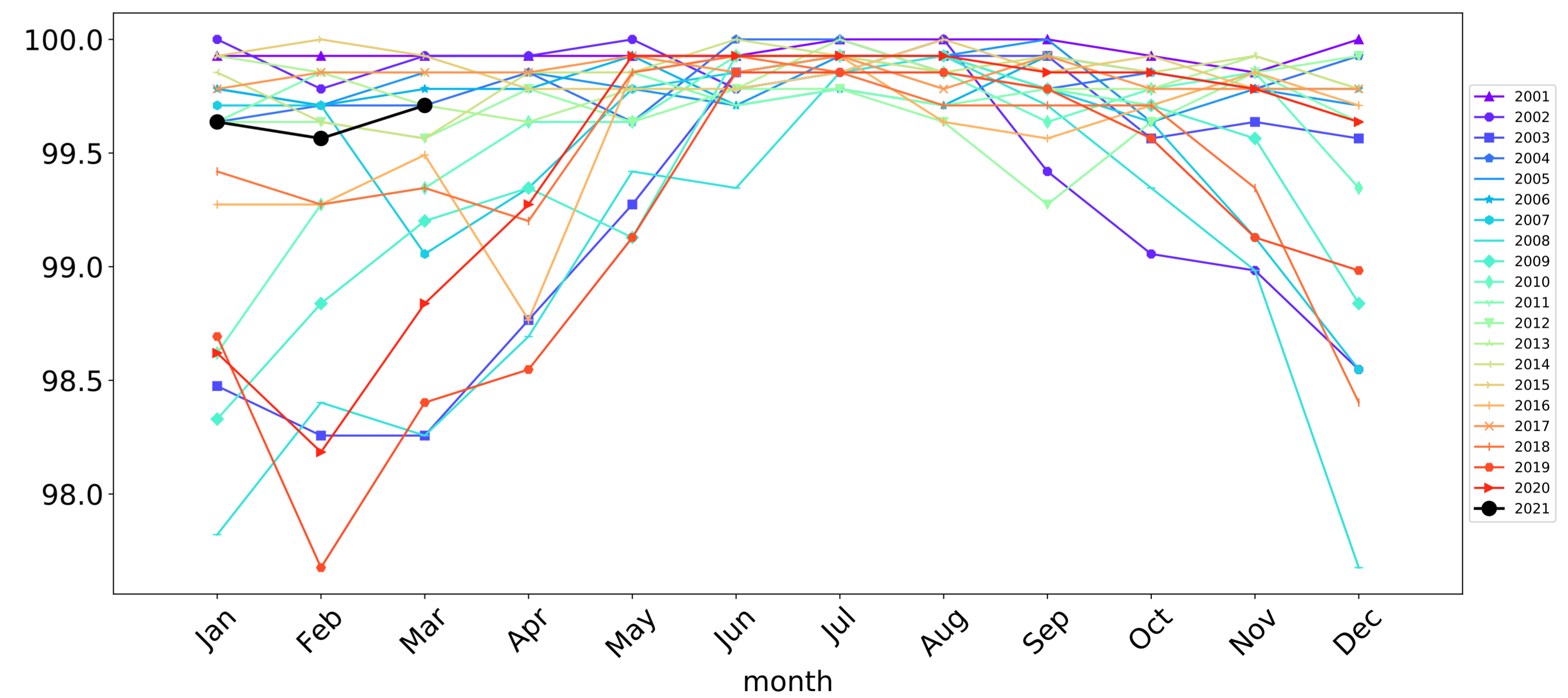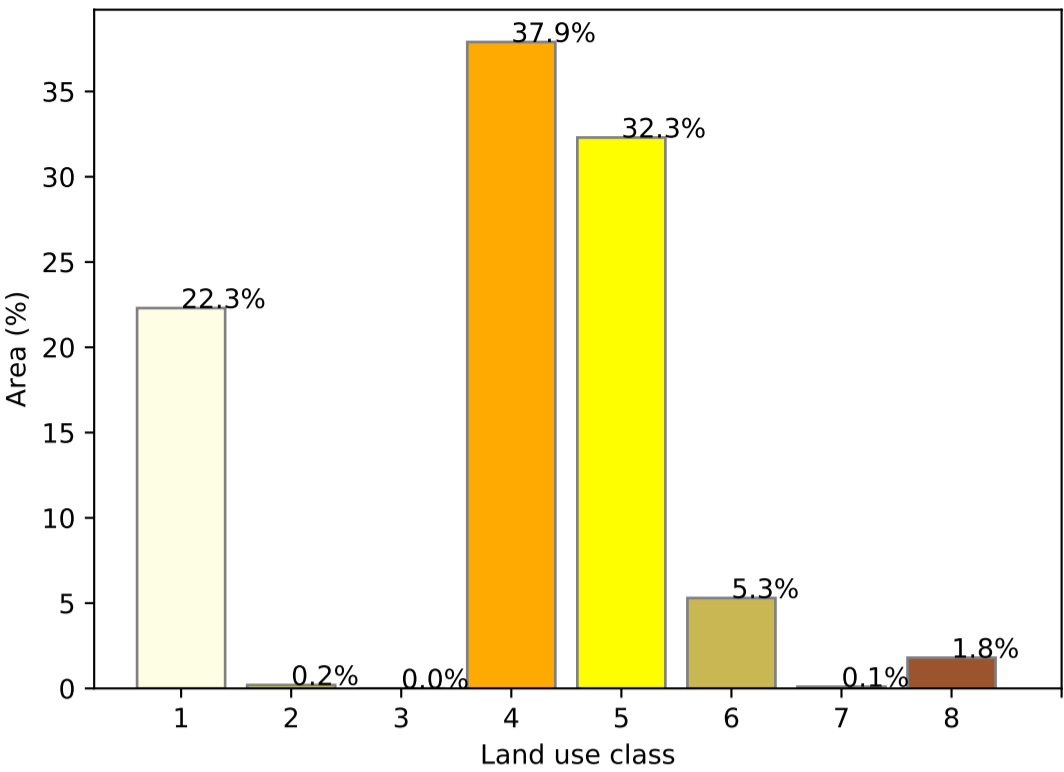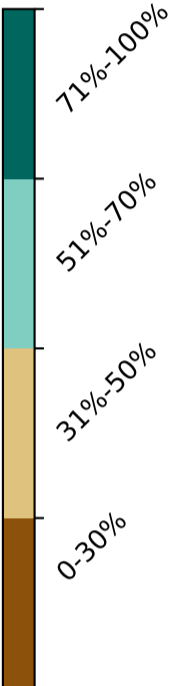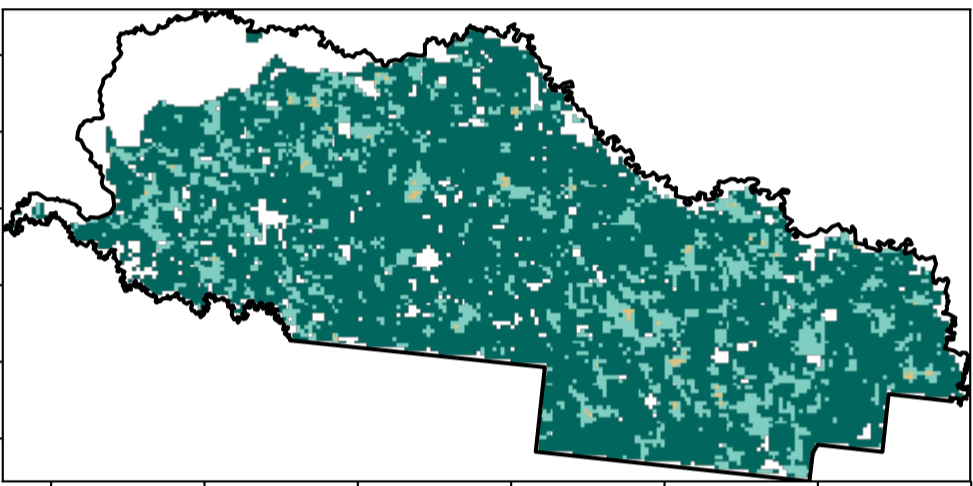Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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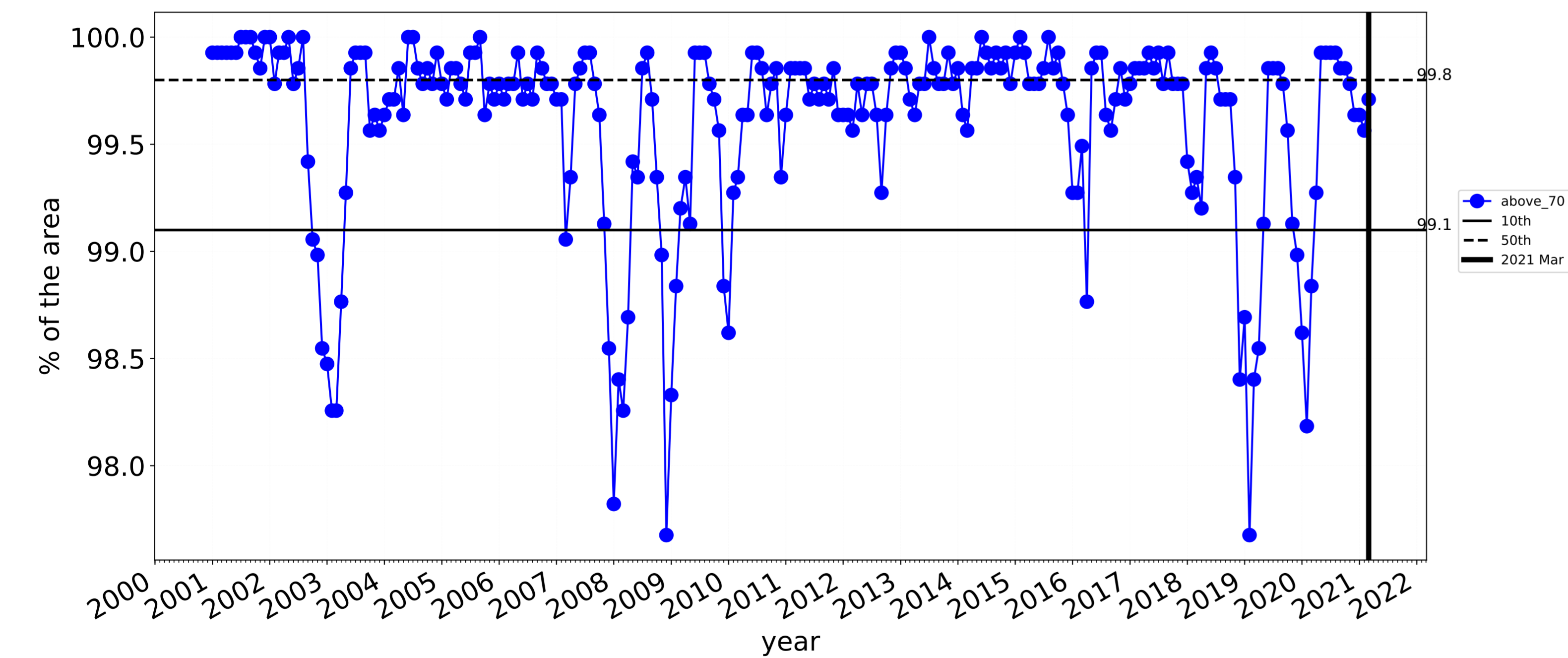
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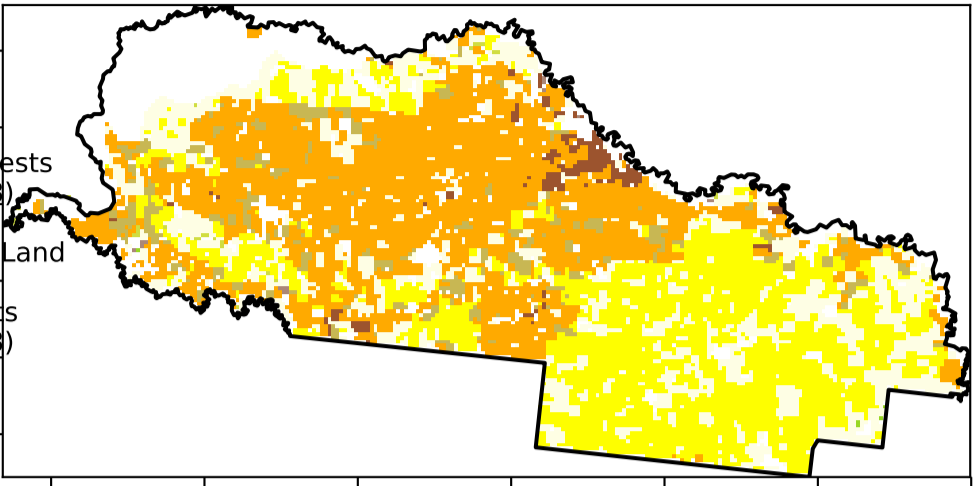
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6 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
7 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
8 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

Bar chart — Area (%) vs Land use class:
1: 22.3%
2: 0.2%
3: 0.0%
4: 37.9%
5: 32.3%
6: 5.3%
7: 0.1%
8: 1.8%

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Legend: 71%-100%, 51%-70%, 31%-50%, 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Bar chart — Area (%) vs Total Vegetation Cover class:
0-30%: 0.0%
31%-50%: 0.5%
51%-70%: 19.1%
71%-100%: 80.4%
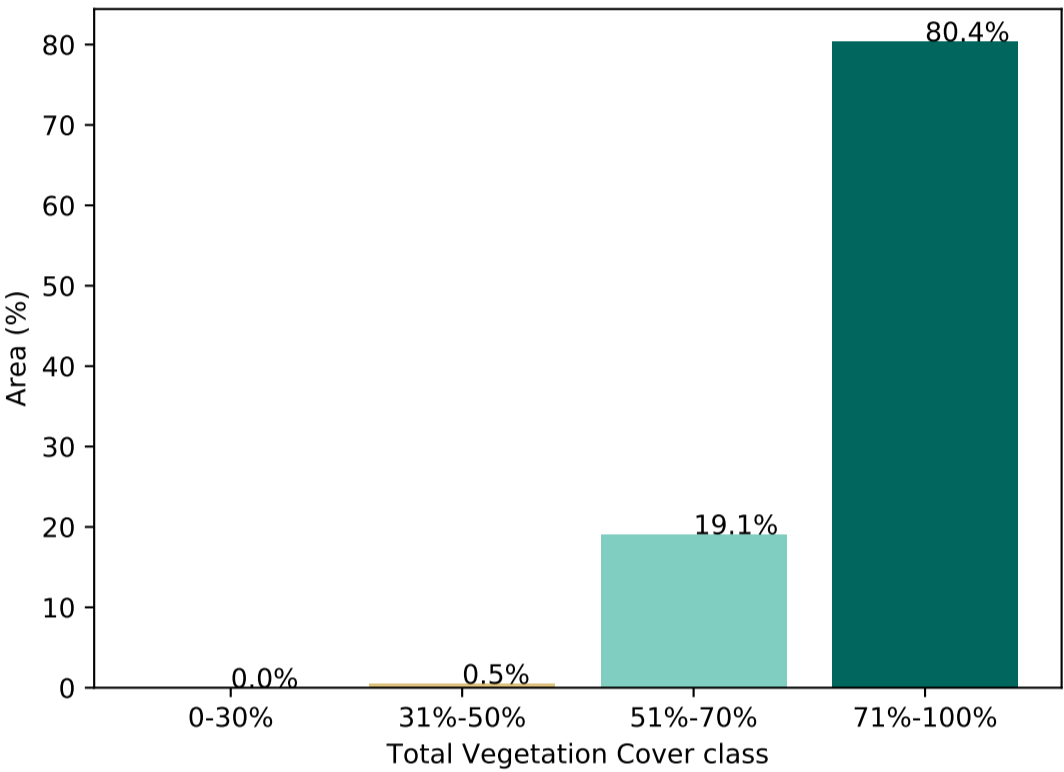
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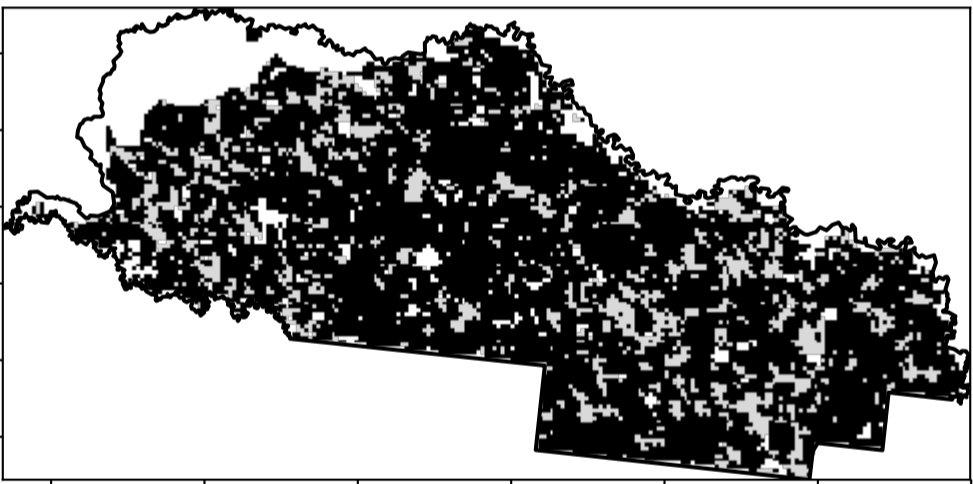
Area not protected 19.6% of region (67,399 ha)

Area protected 80.4% of region (276,475 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
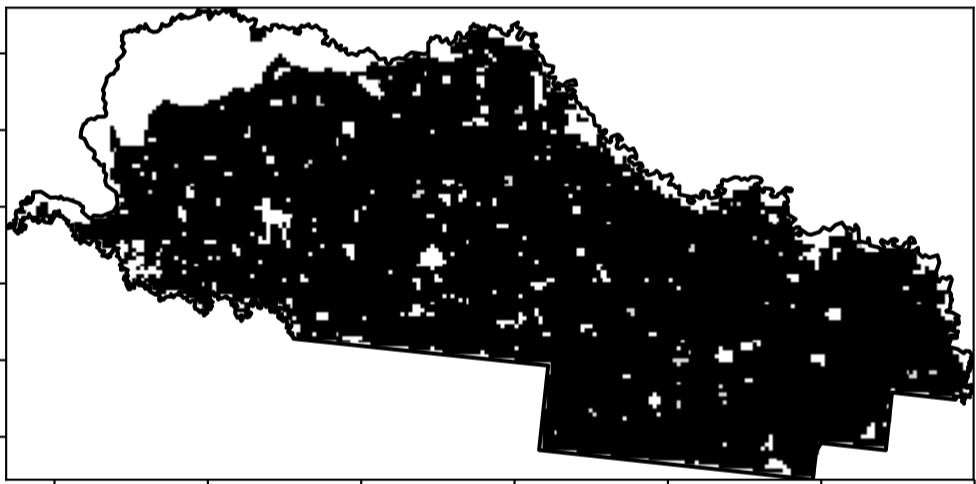
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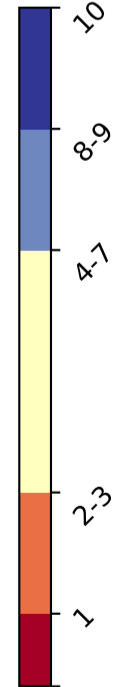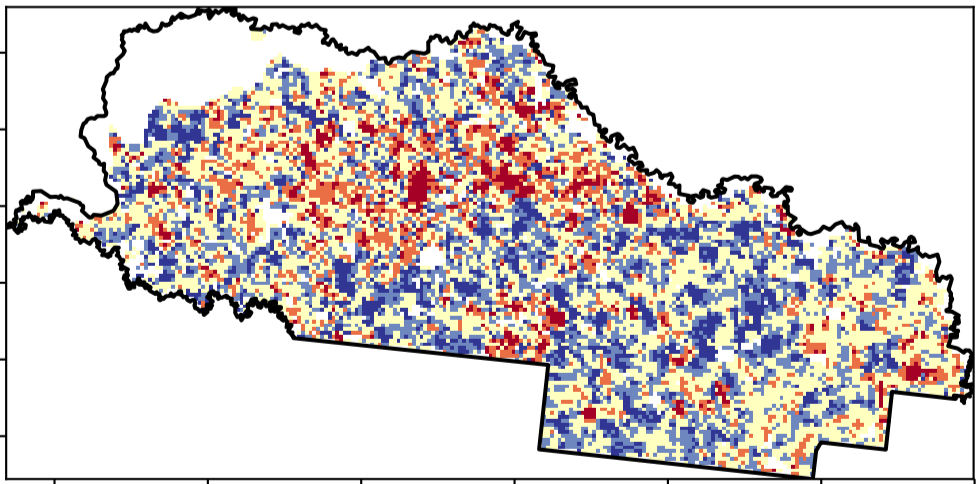
Area protected 100.0% of region (343,875 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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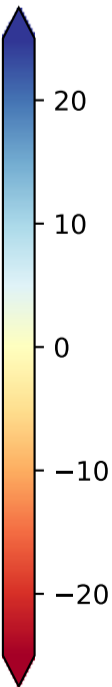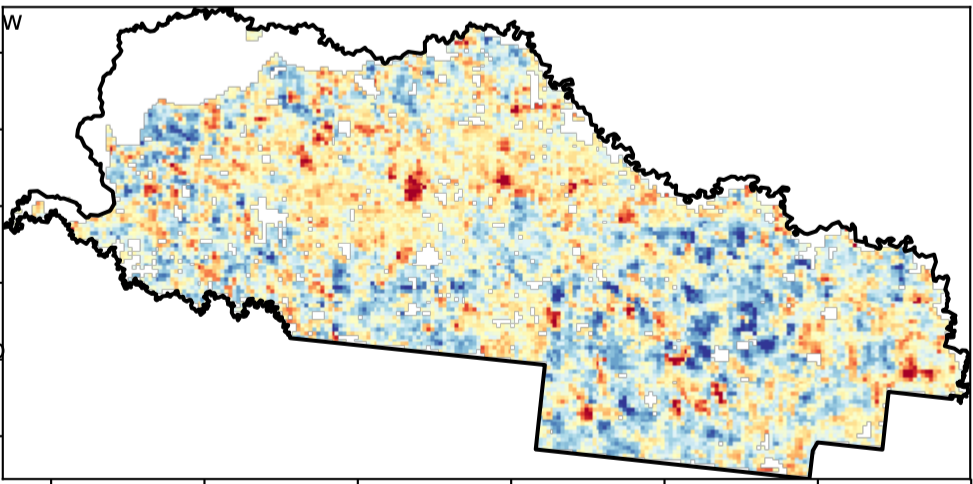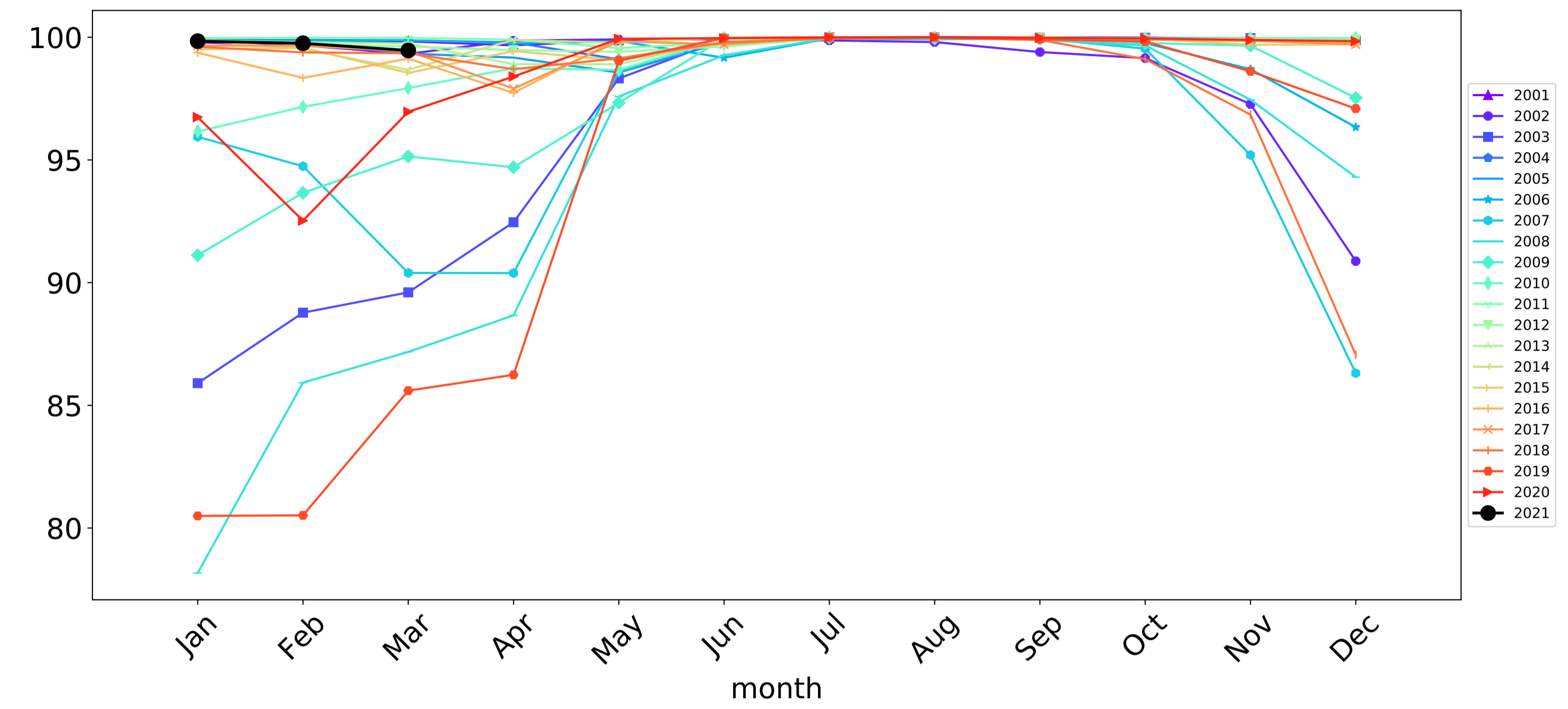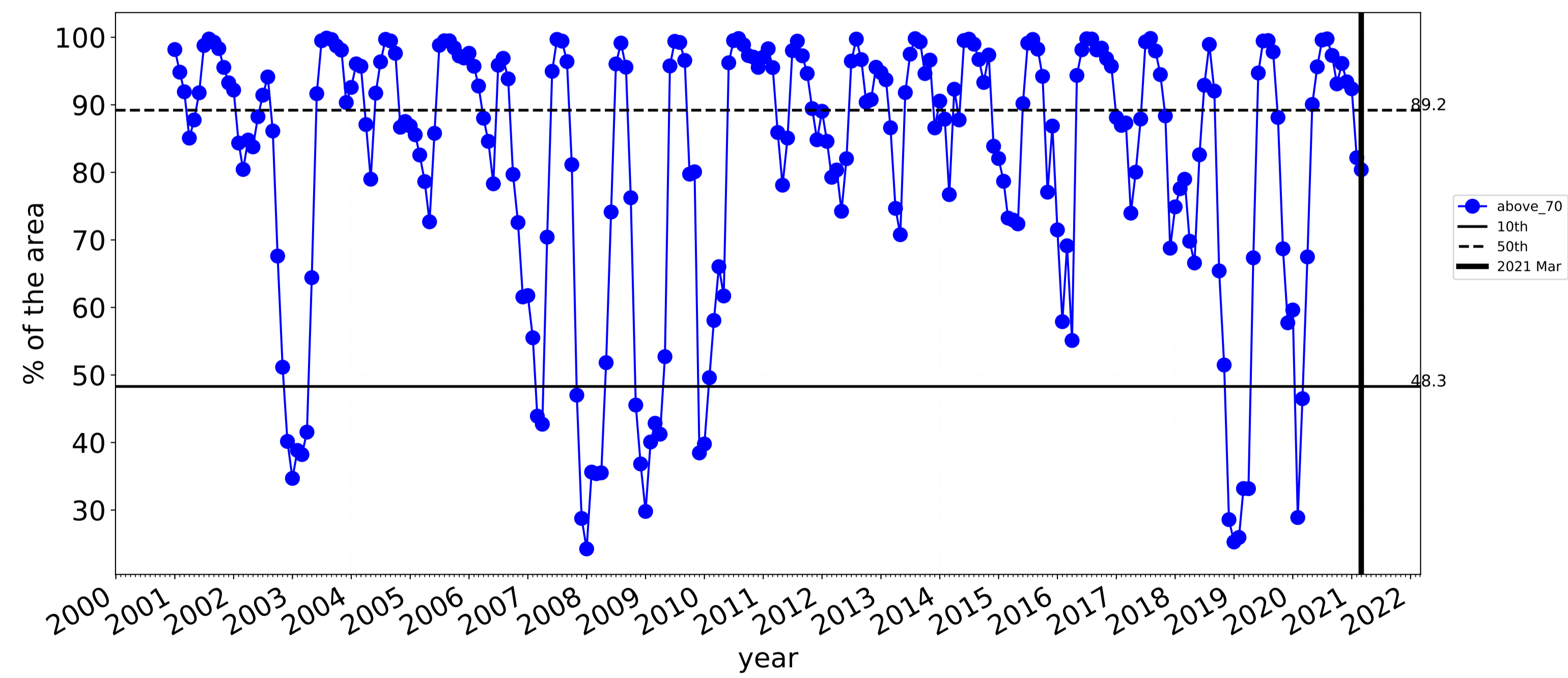
Agriculture timeseries

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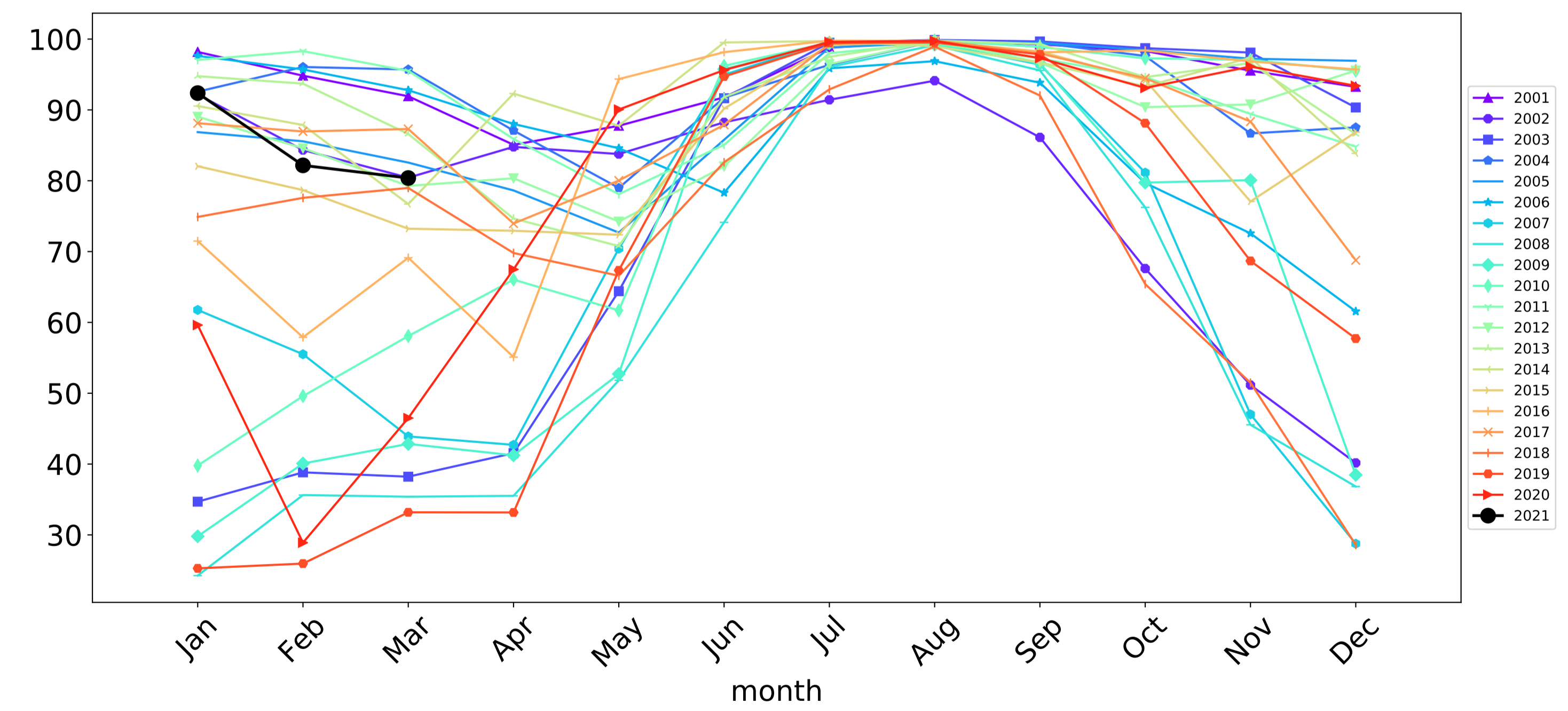

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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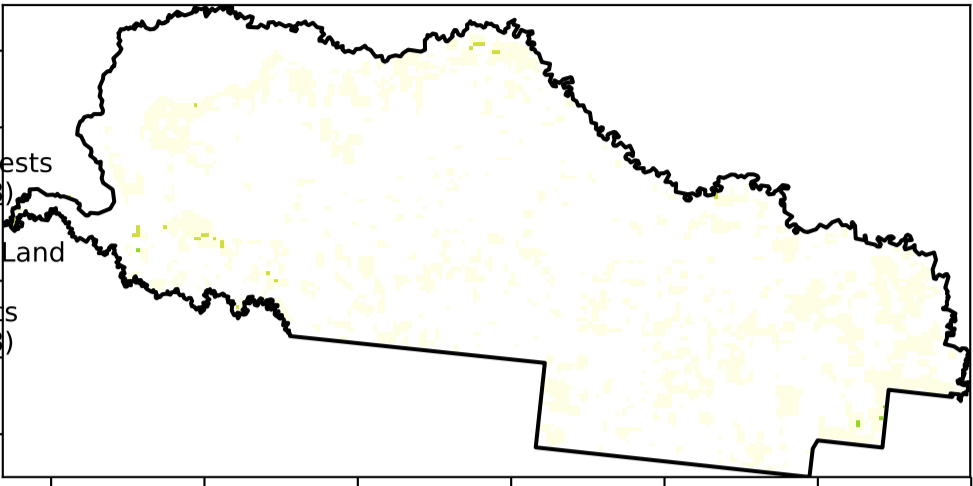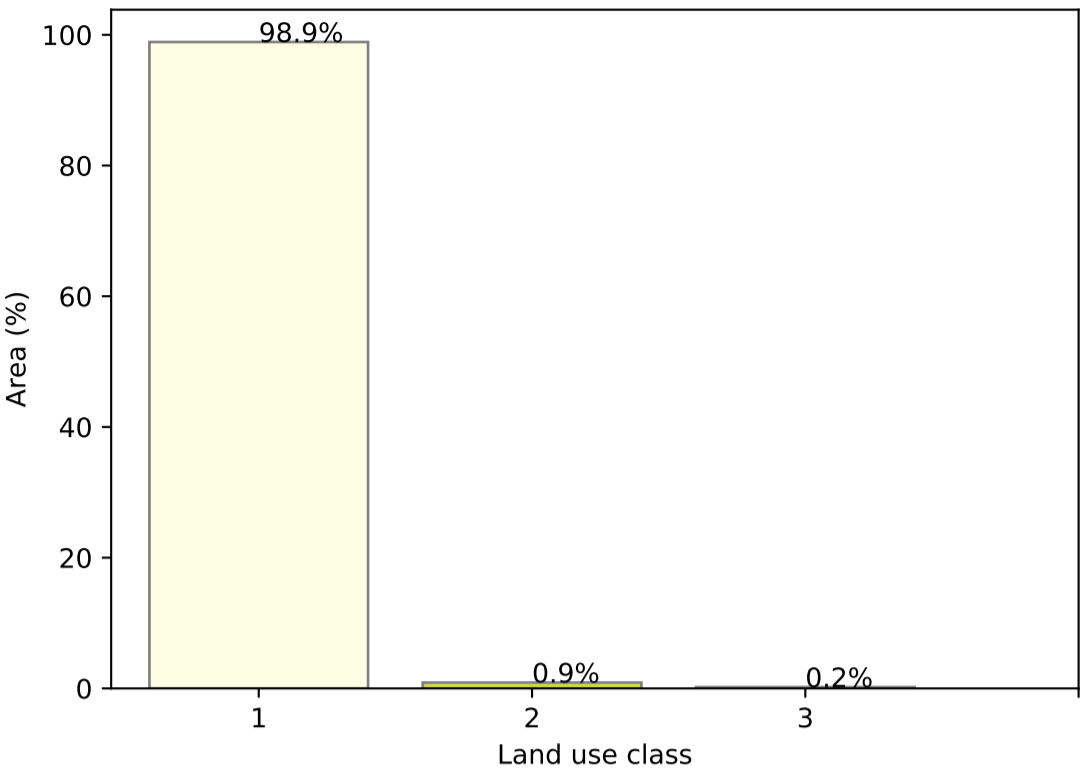

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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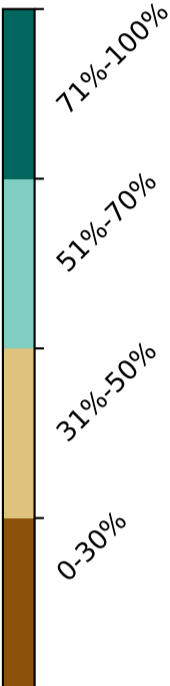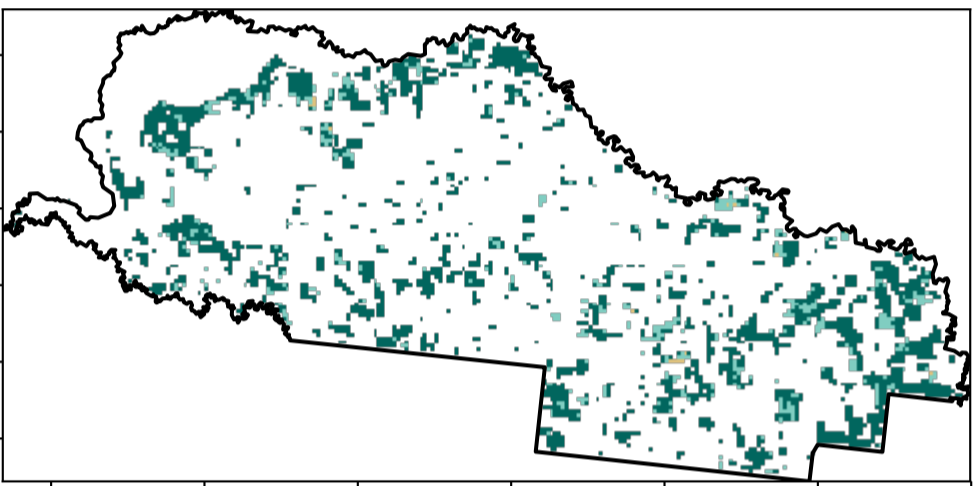(2018) and Forests
of Australia (2018)

Proportion of each land class in area

Legend:
- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
- 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

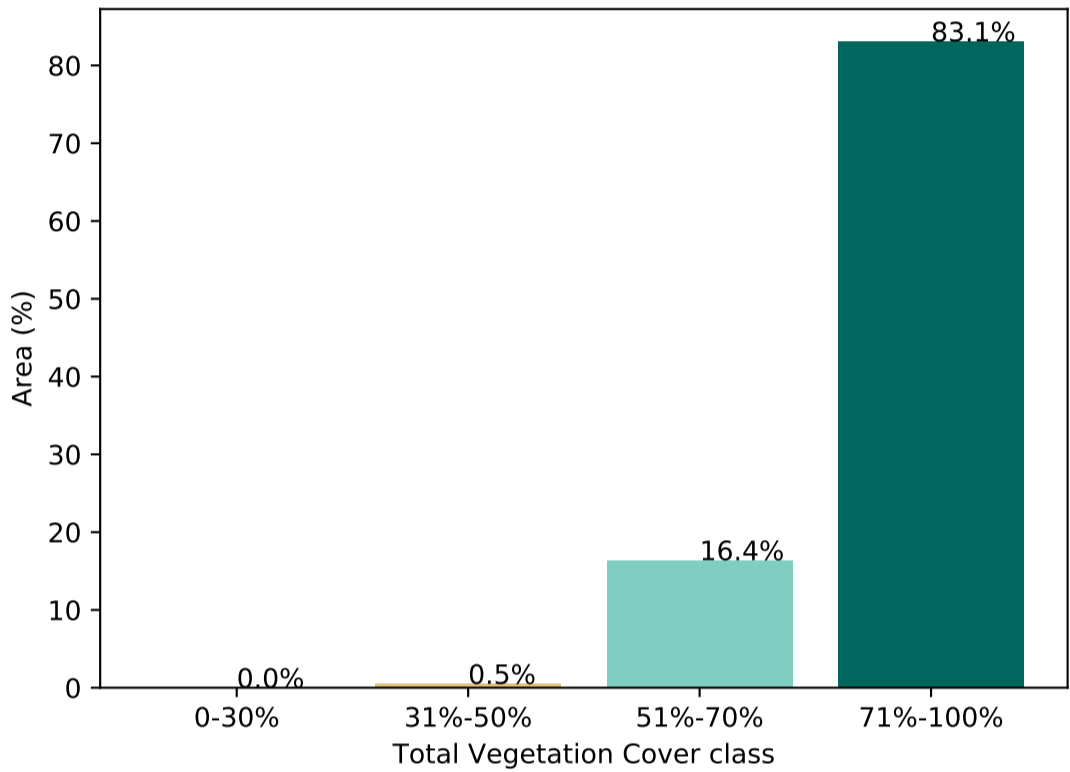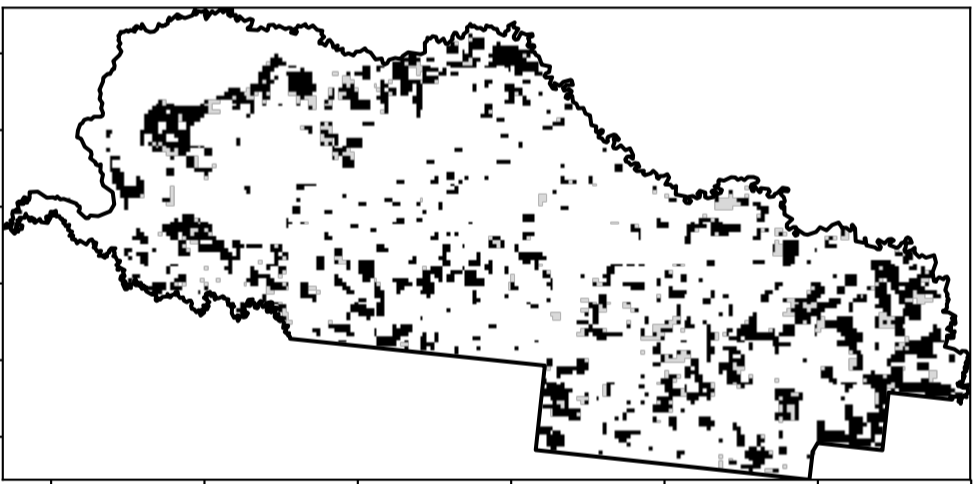Bar chart values: 98.9% (class 1), 0.9% (class 2), 0.2% (class 3)
Axes: Area (%) vs Land use class

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Legend:
- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Bar chart values: 0.0% (0-30%), 0.5% (31%-50%), 16.4% (51%-70%), 83.1% (71%-100%)
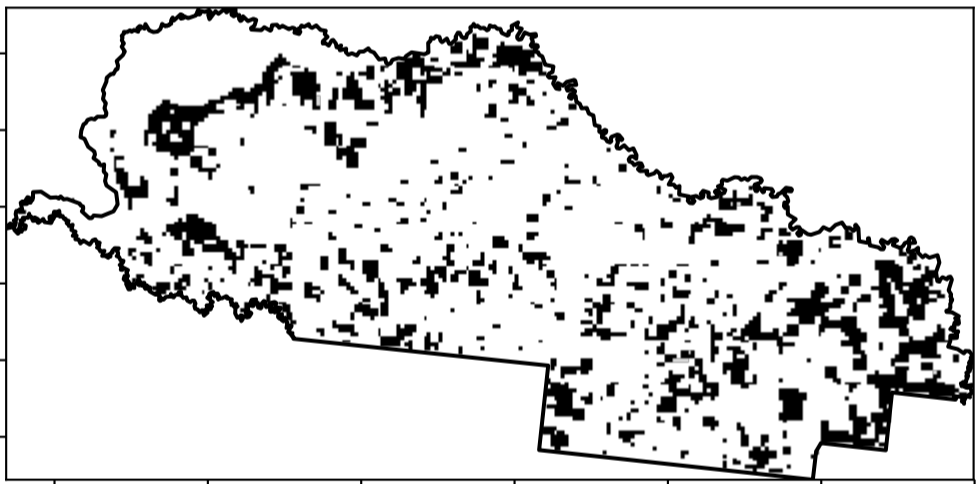Axes: Area (%) vs Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 16.9% of region (13,122 ha)
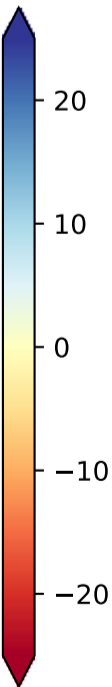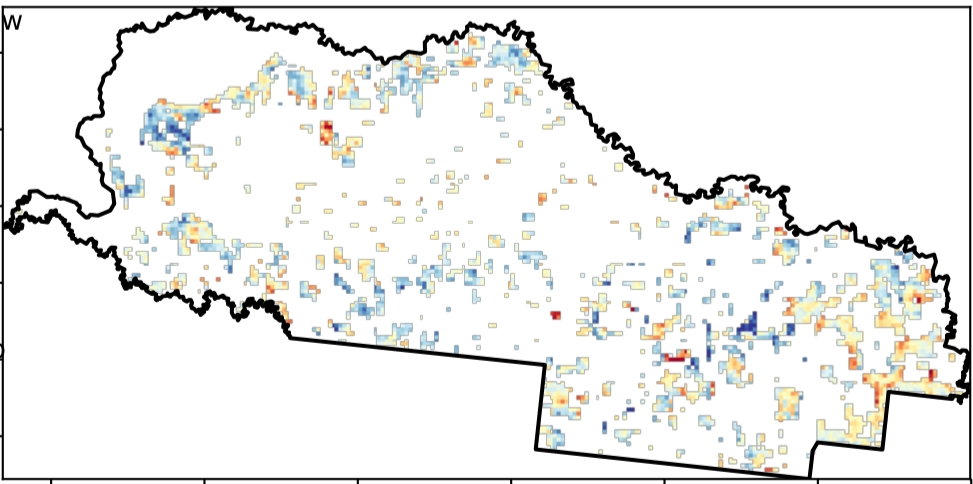
Area protected 83.1% of region (64,527 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
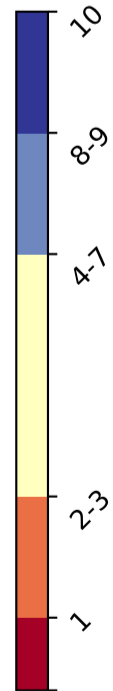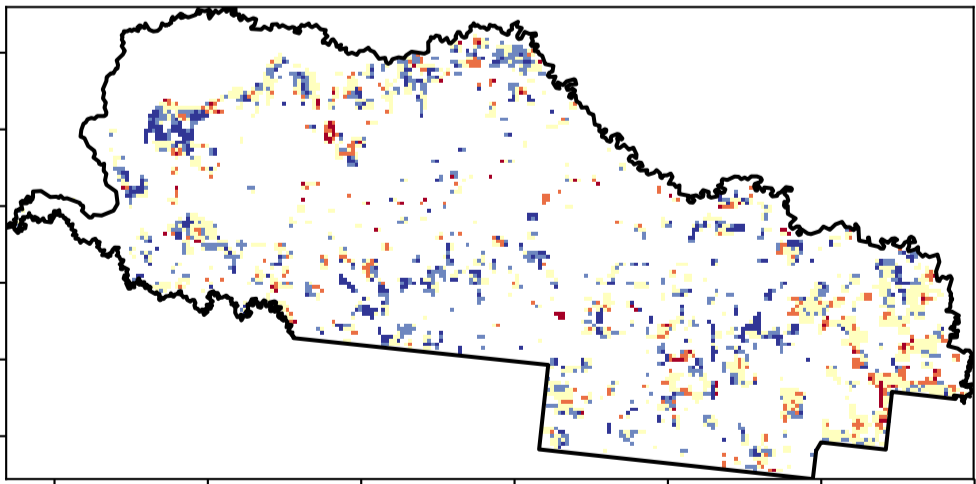
Area protected 100.0% of region (77,650 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how
many percetage
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the mean. That
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mean of that
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using baseline
from 2001 to
2019.

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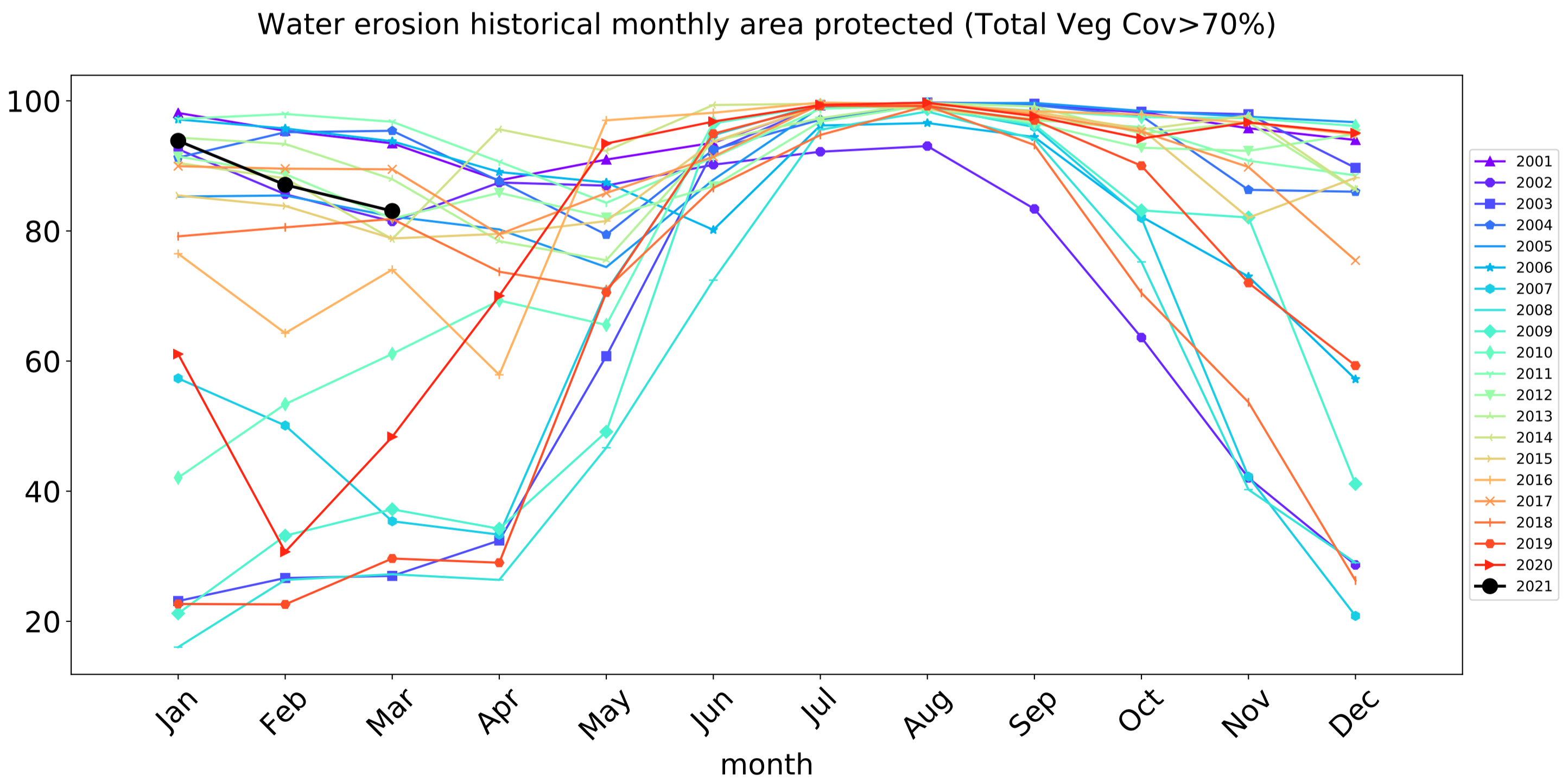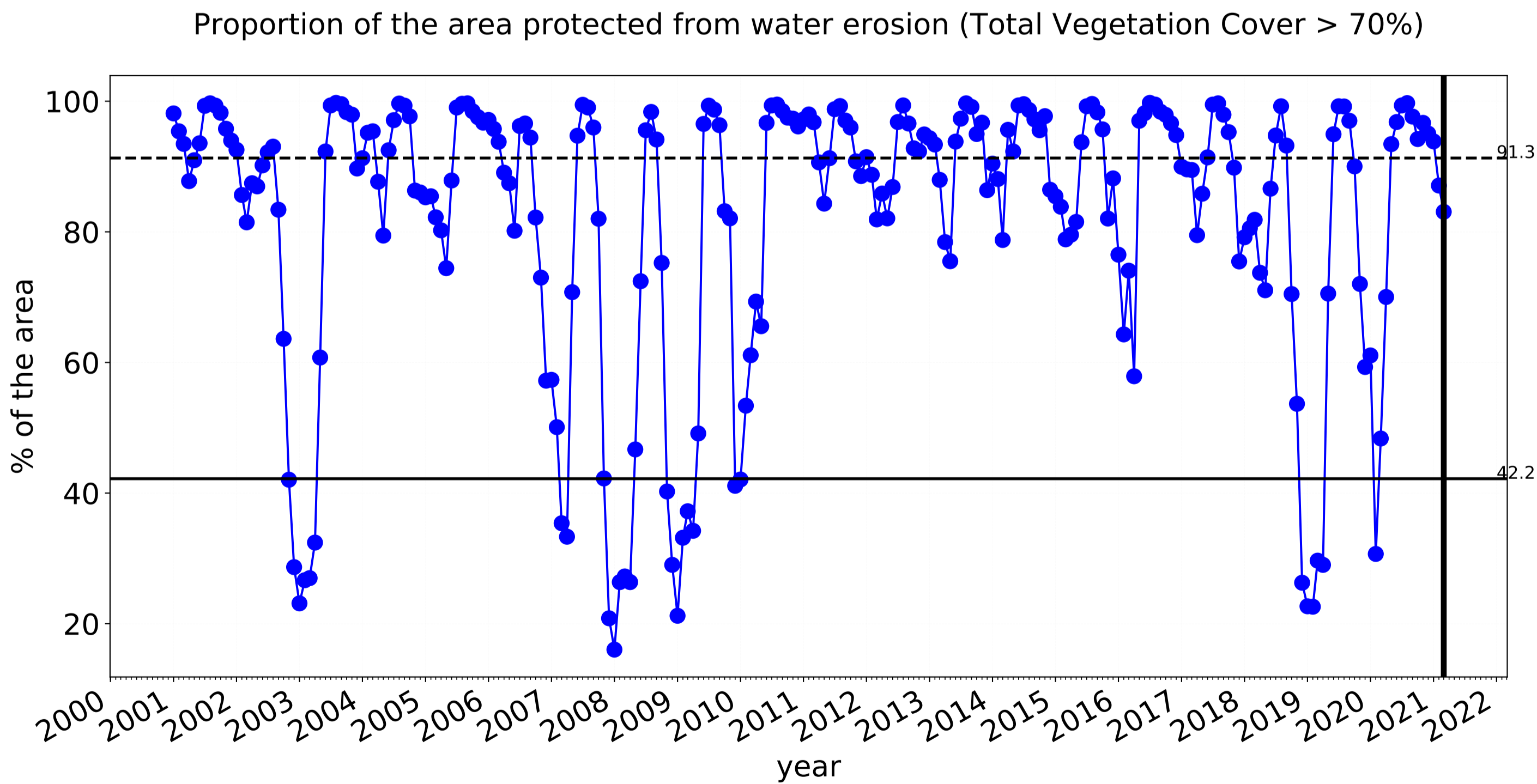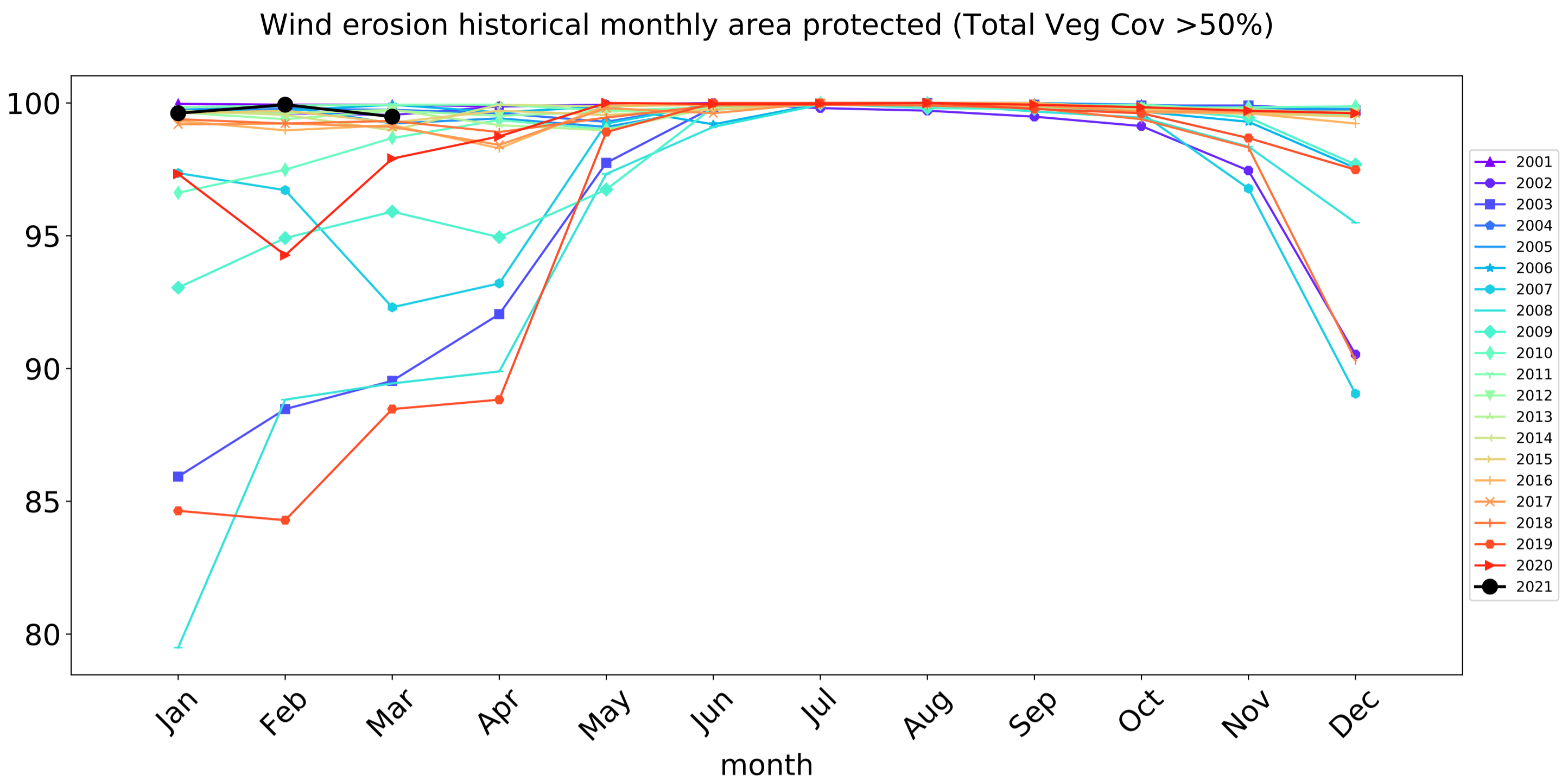the map using baseline
from 2001 to 2019.

Decile legend: 10, 8-9, 4-7, 2-3, 1

Grazing timeseries

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

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

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

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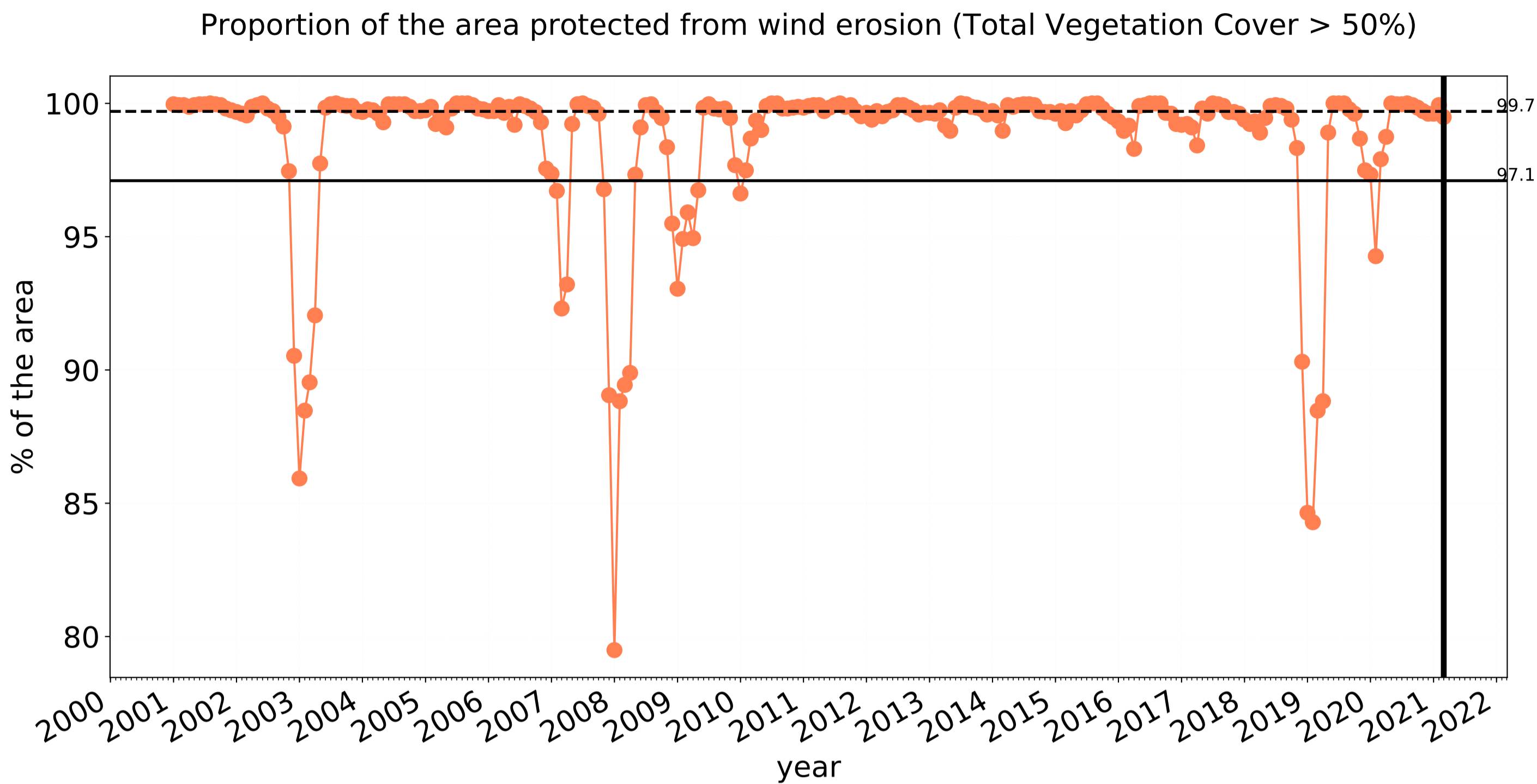
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover
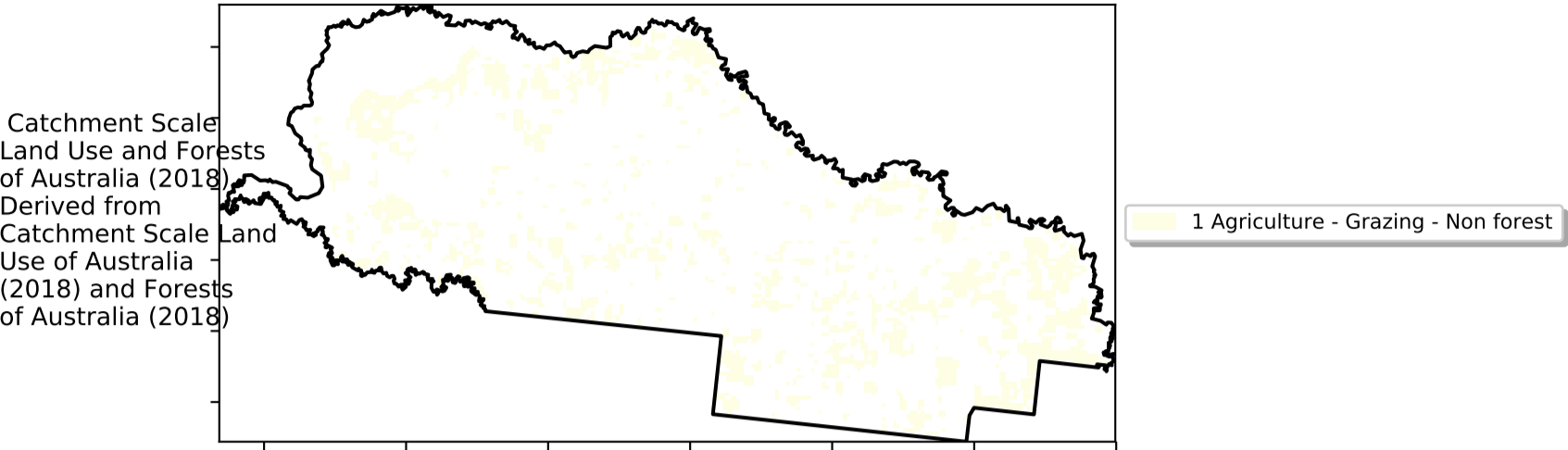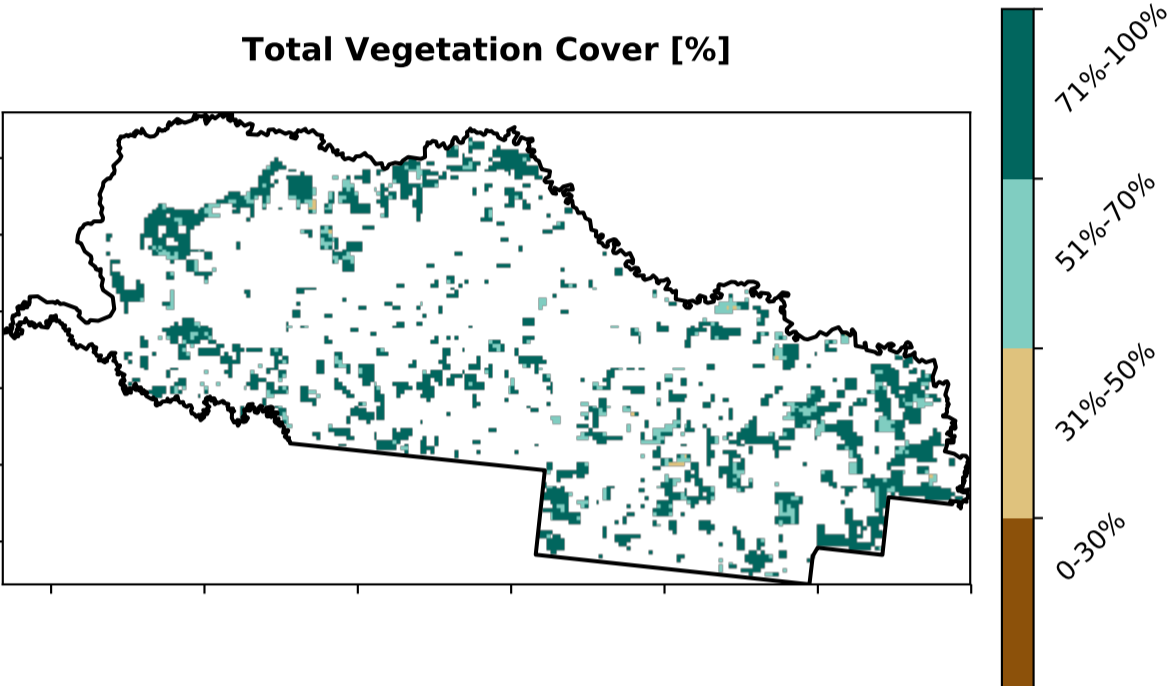
Catchment Scale
Land Use and Forests
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Catchment Scale Land
Use of Australia
(2018) and Forests
of Australia (2018)

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
17.1% of
region
(13,132
ha)

Area
protected
82.9% of
region
(63,667
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
0.0% of
region (0
ha)

Area
protected
100.0% of
region
(76,800
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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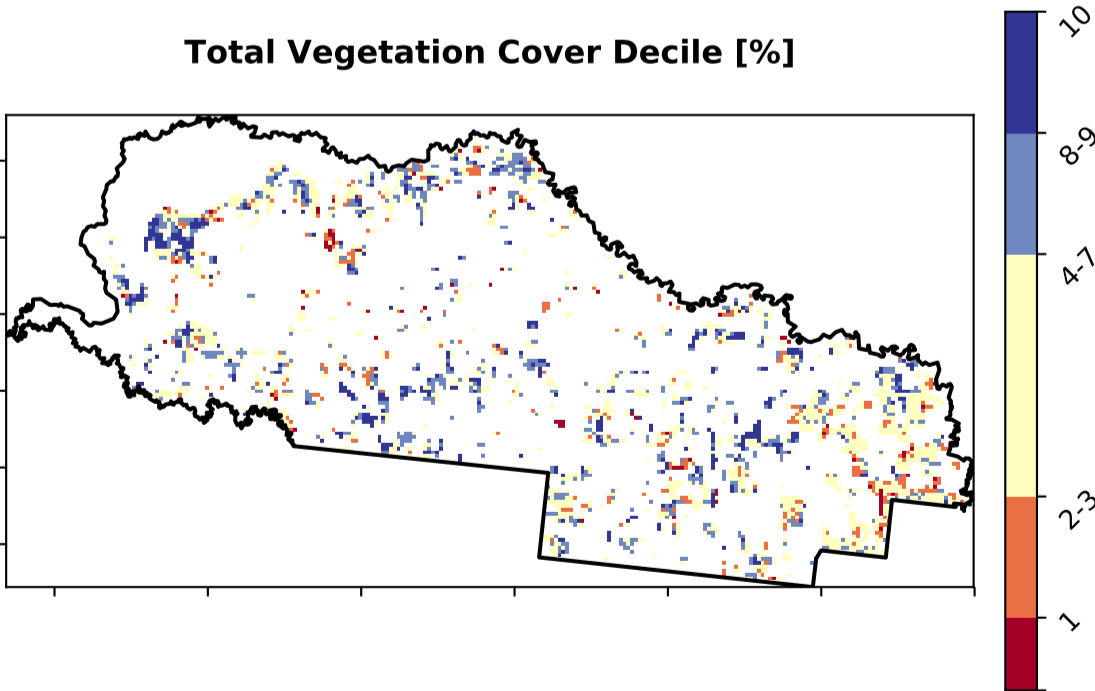pixel. The mean
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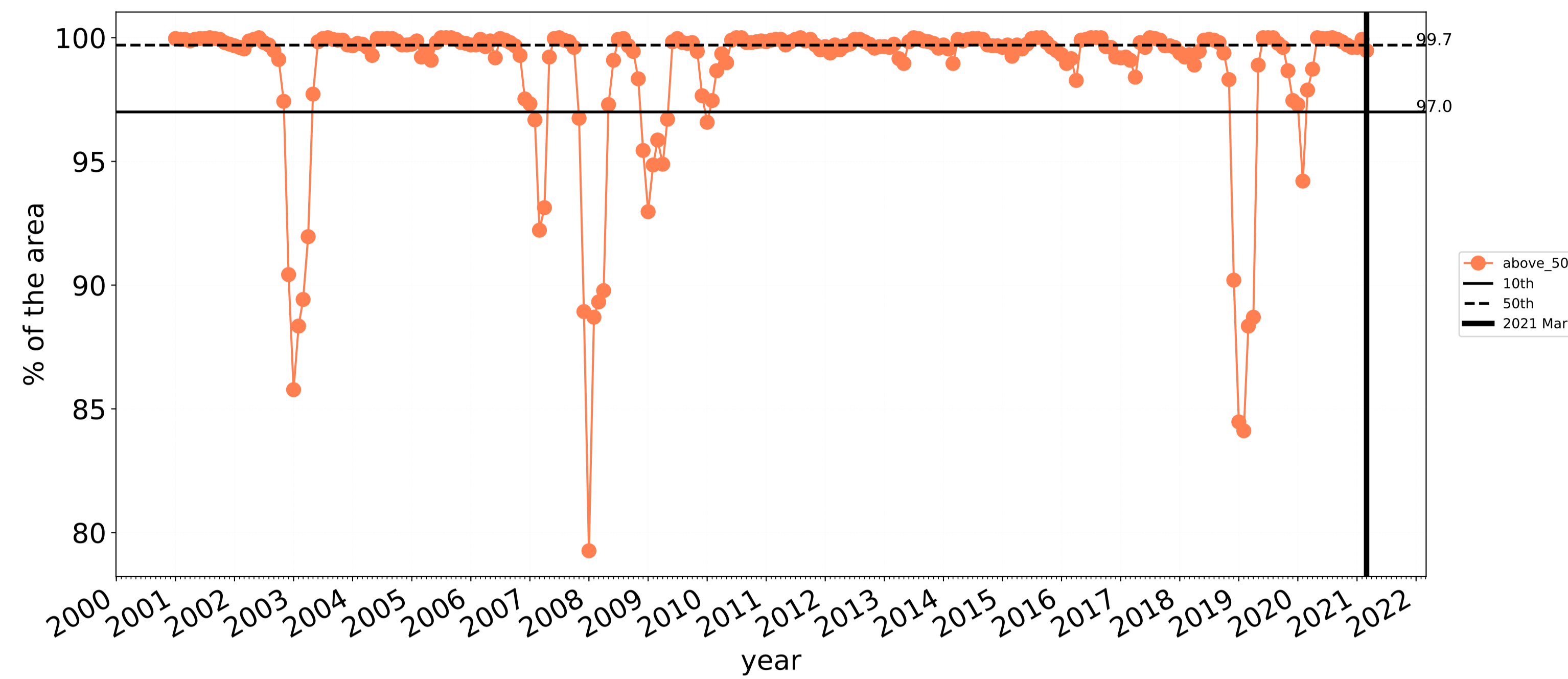from 2001 to
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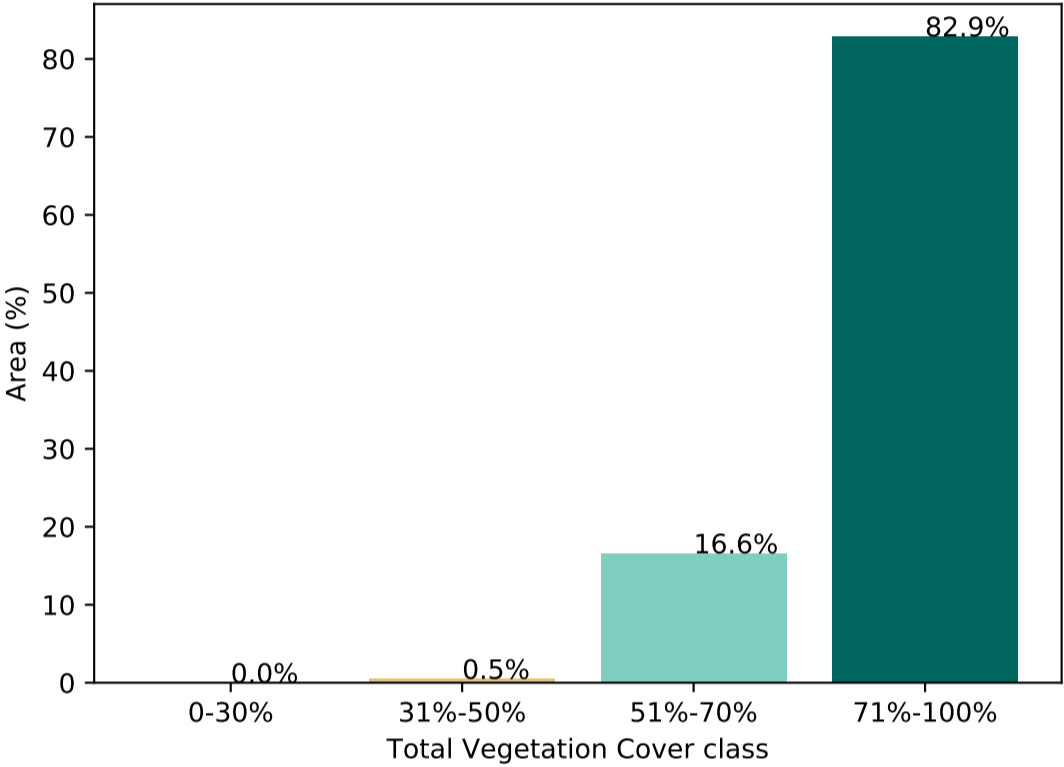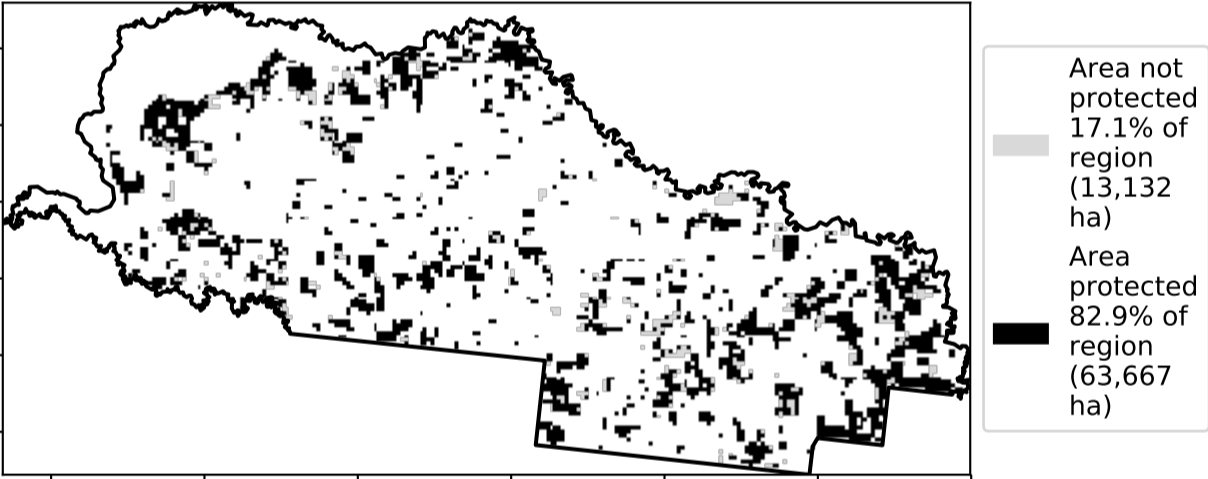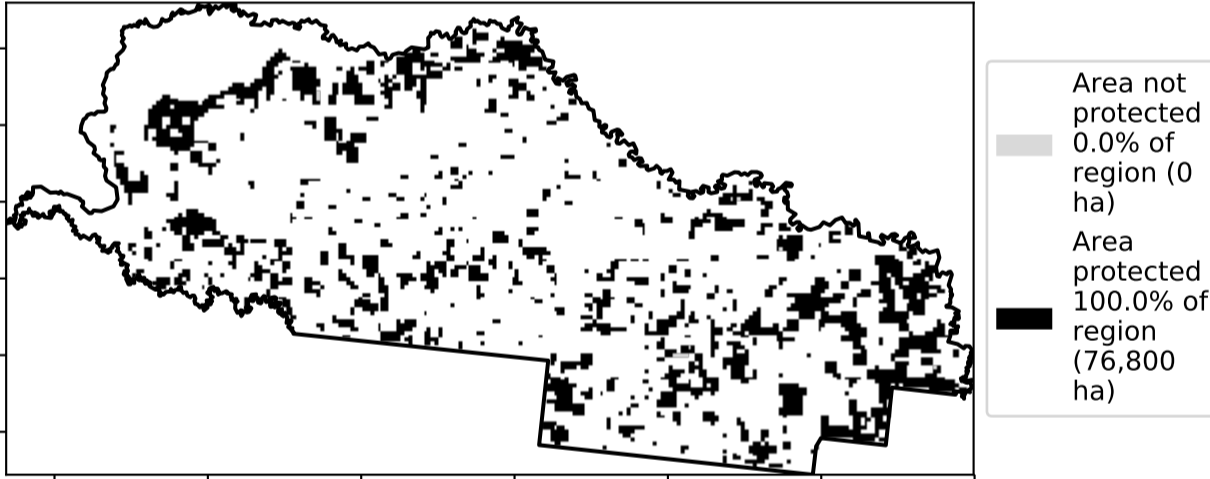
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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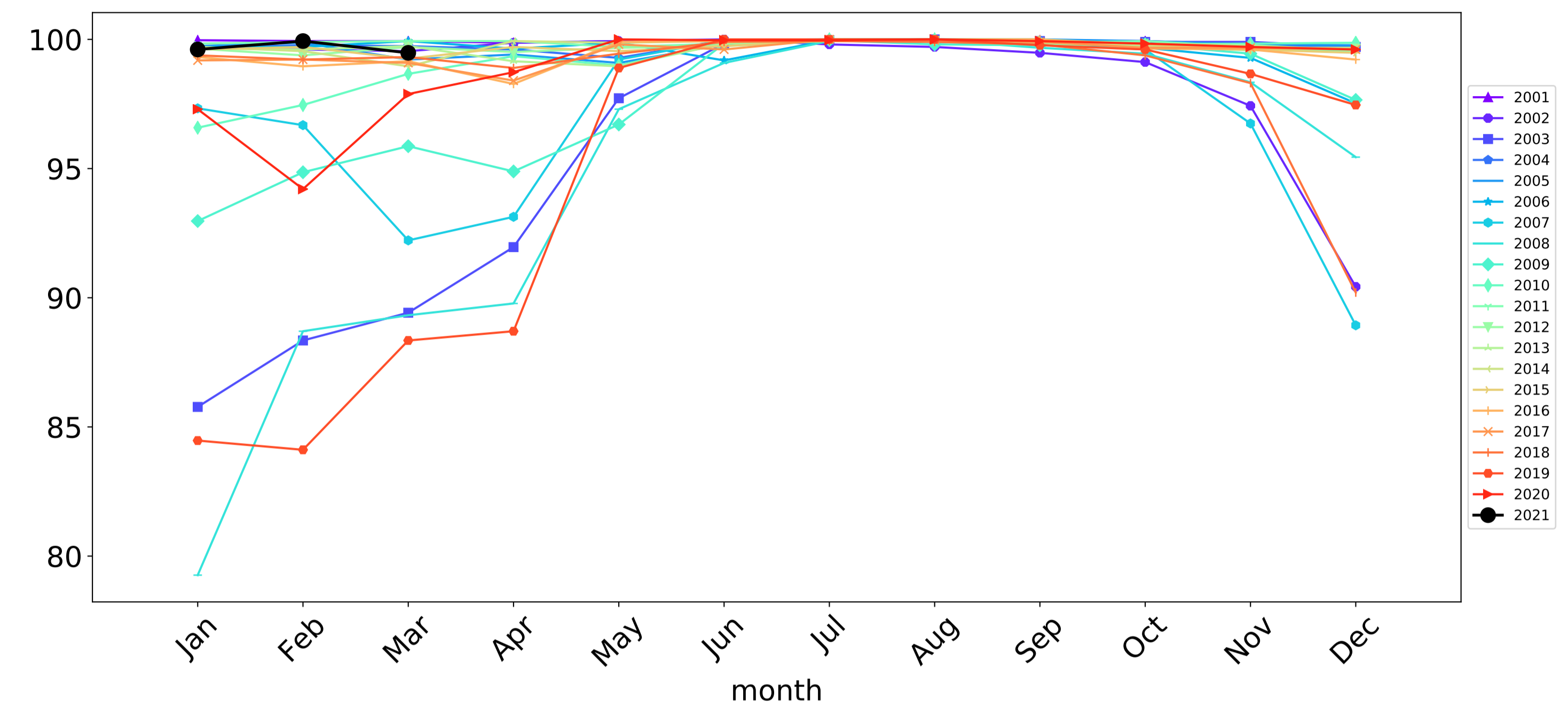of the map using baseline
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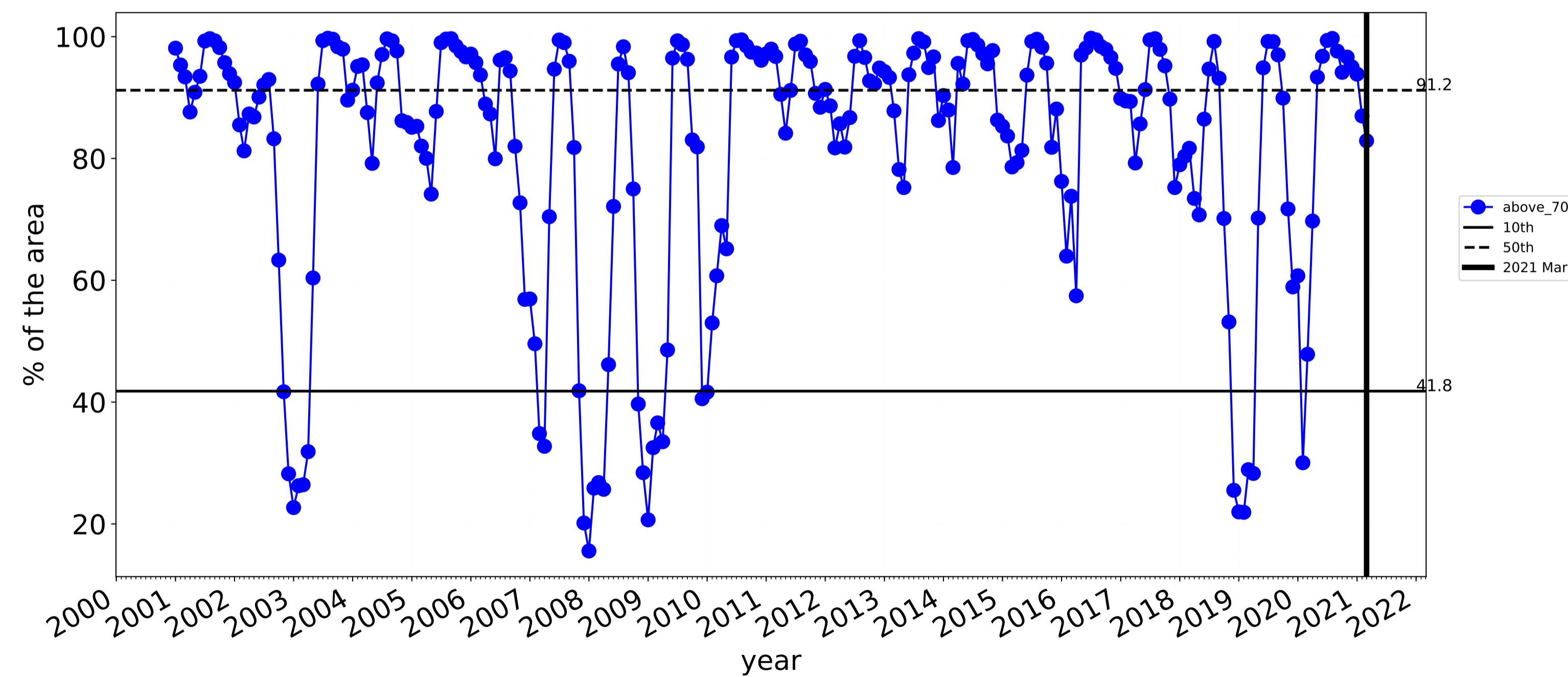
Grazing non forest timeseries

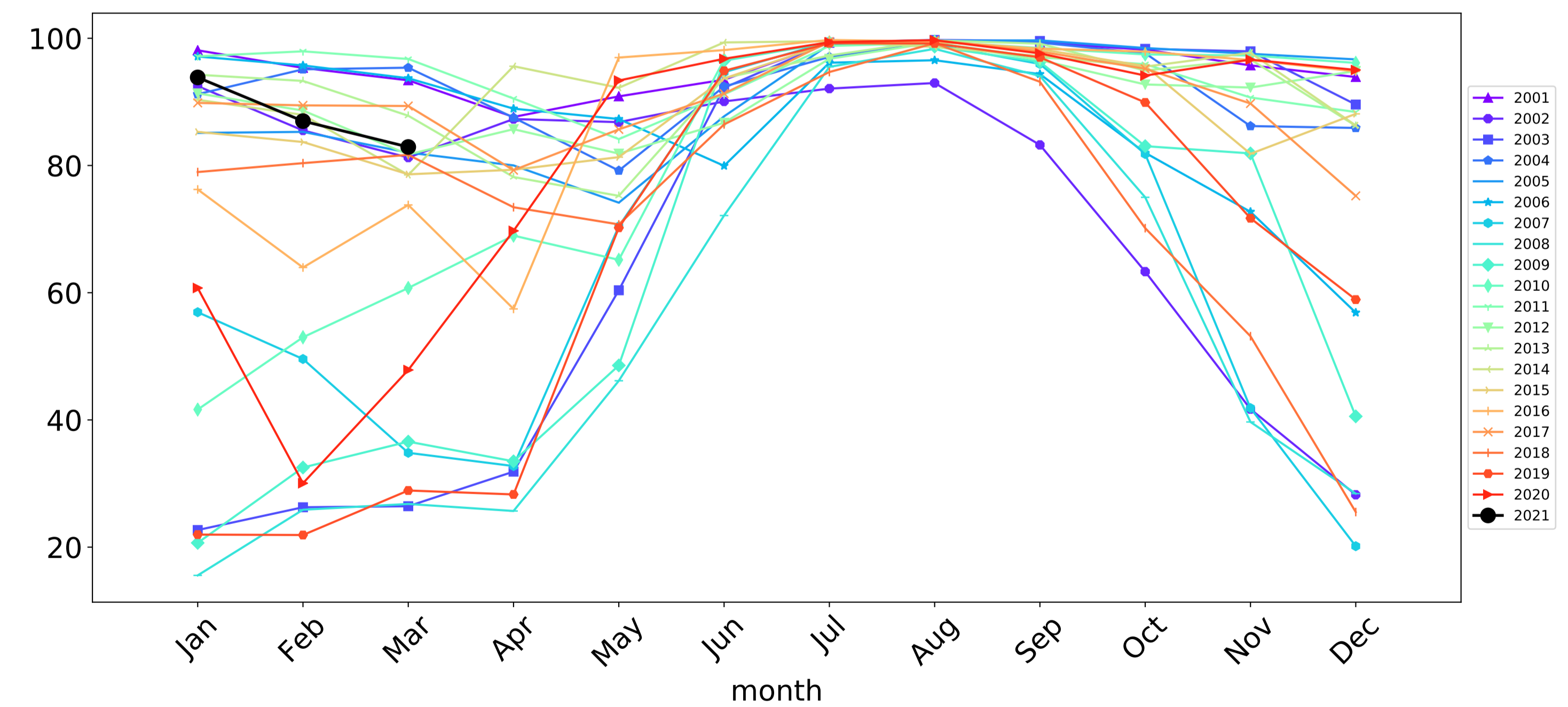Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

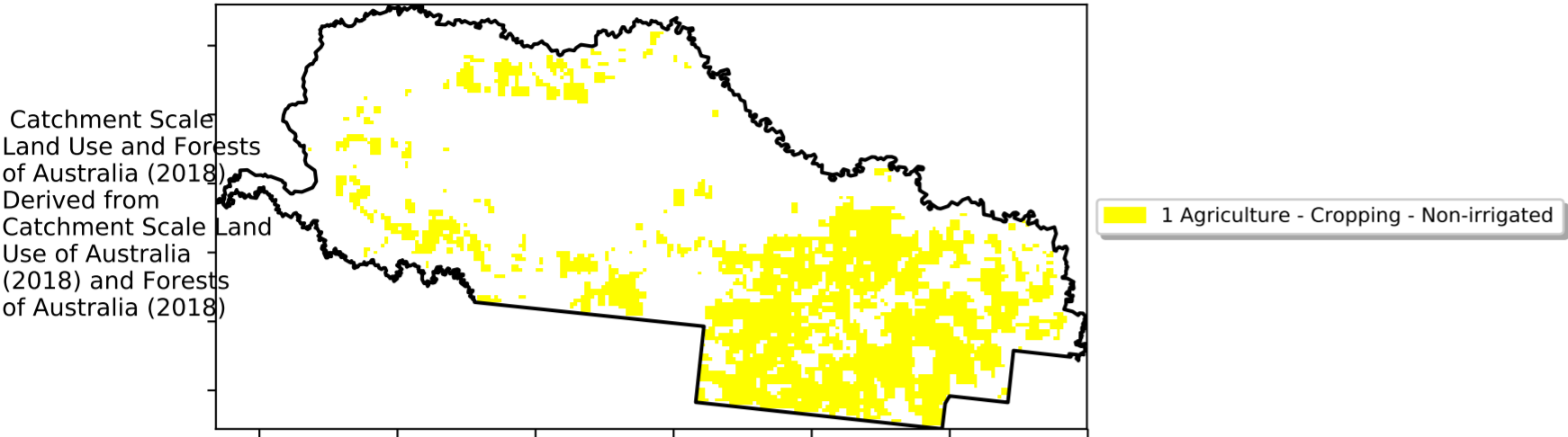Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

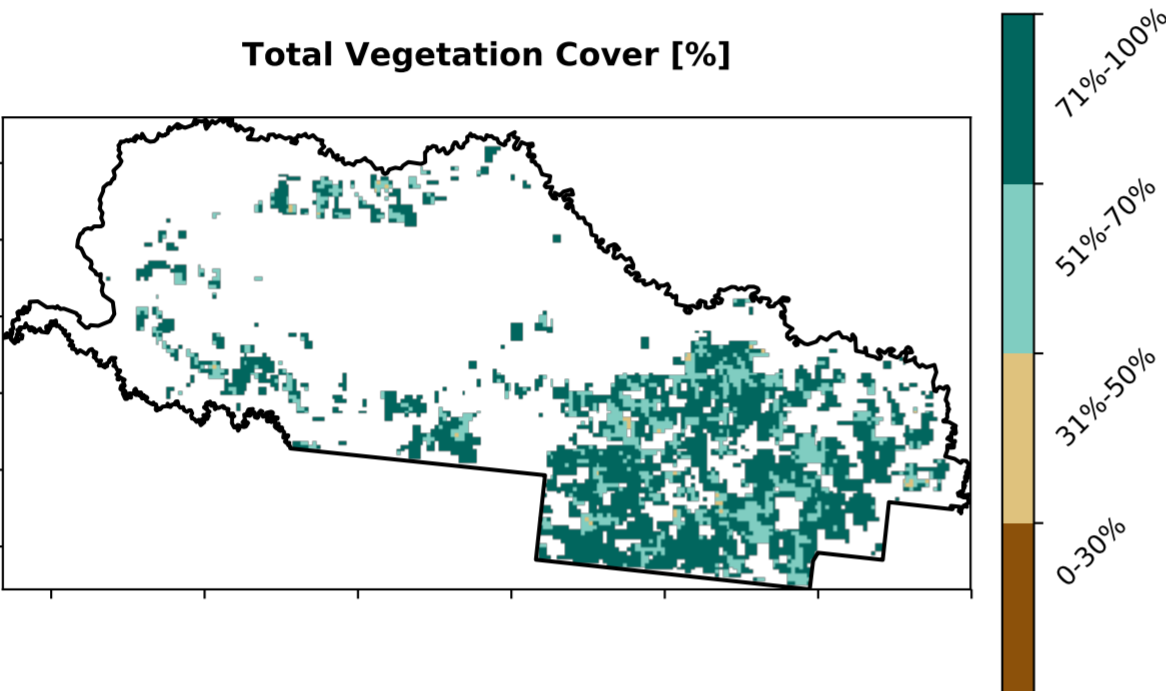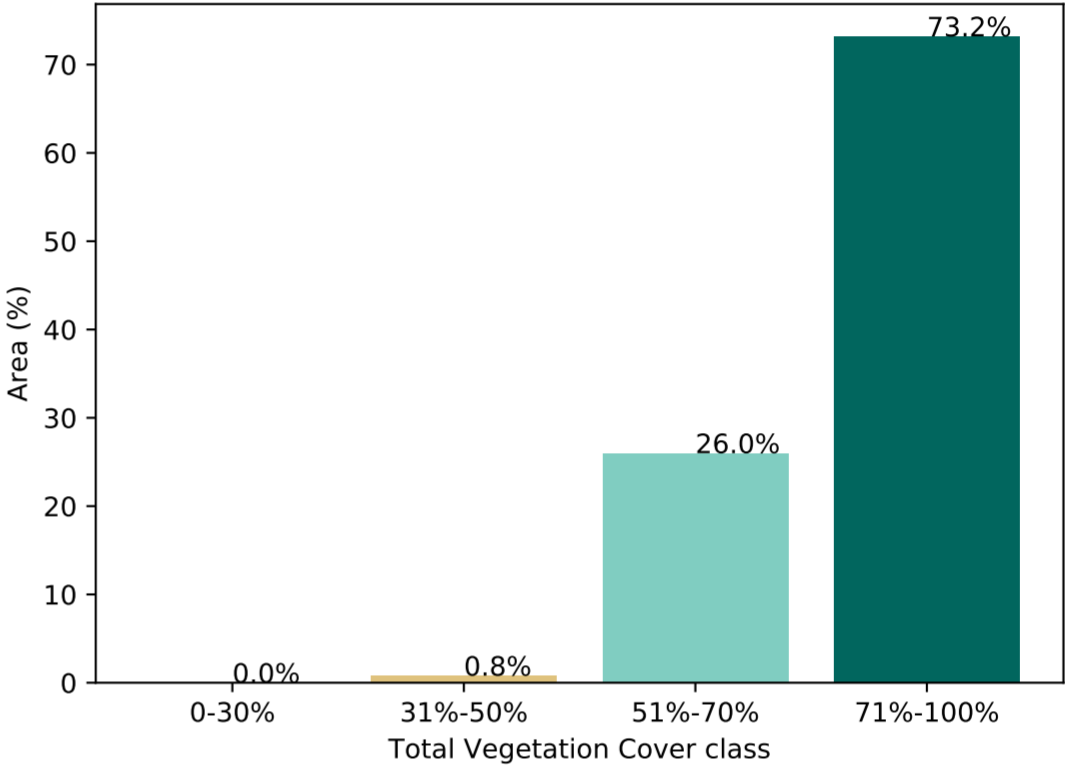Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Cropping
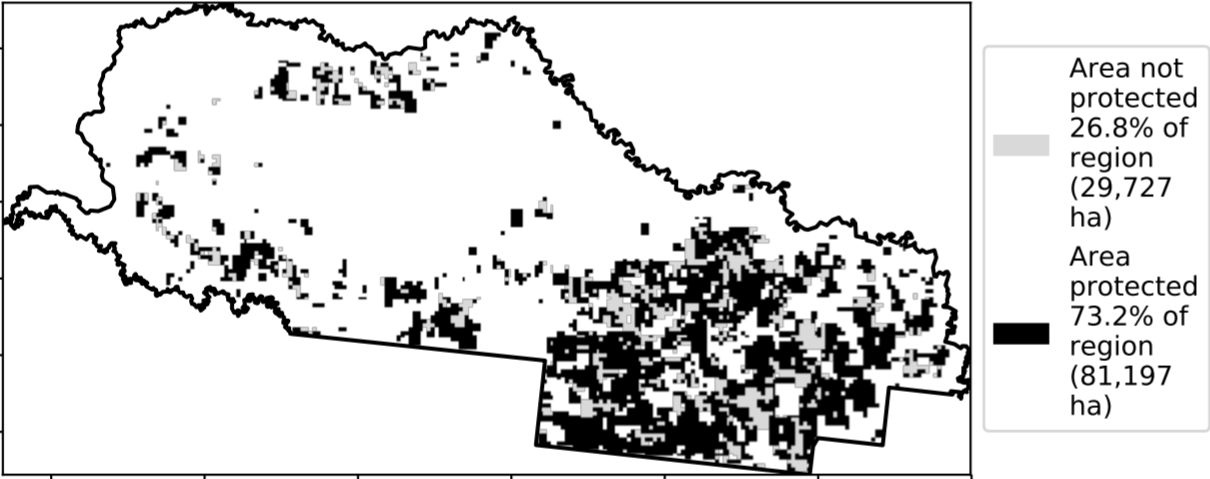
Land use and forest cover

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

1 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

73.2%

26.0%

0.0%   0.8%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 26.8% of region (29,727 ha)

Area protected 73.2% of region (81,197 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

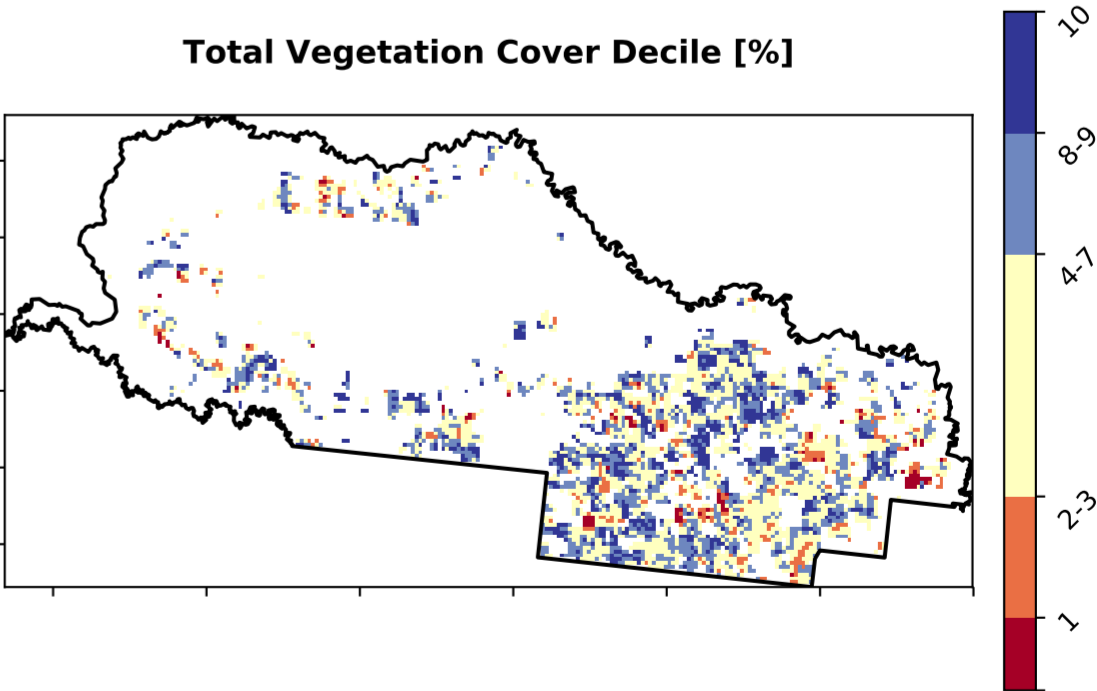Area not protected 1.0% of region (1,109 ha)

Area protected 99.0% of region (109,815 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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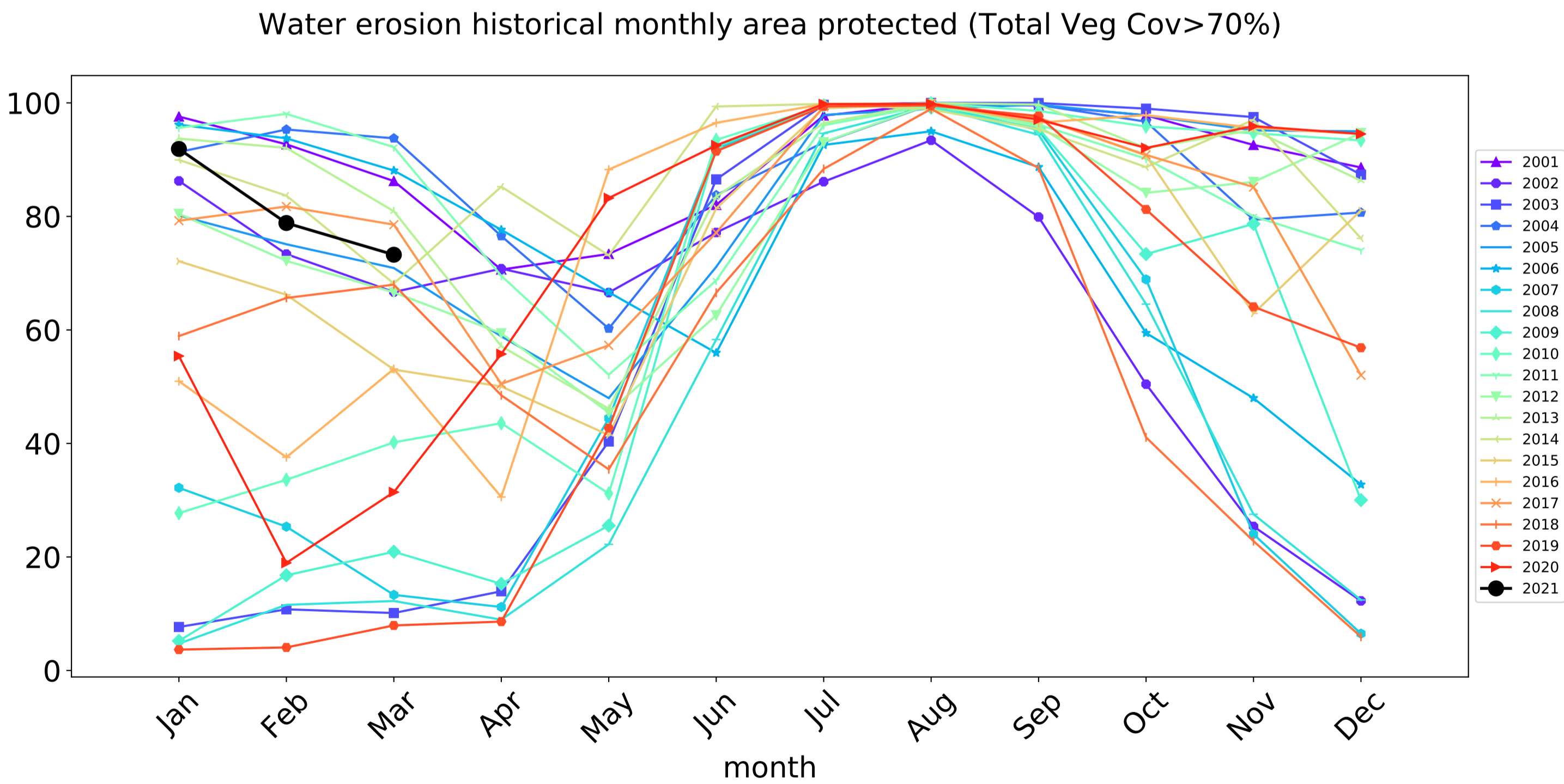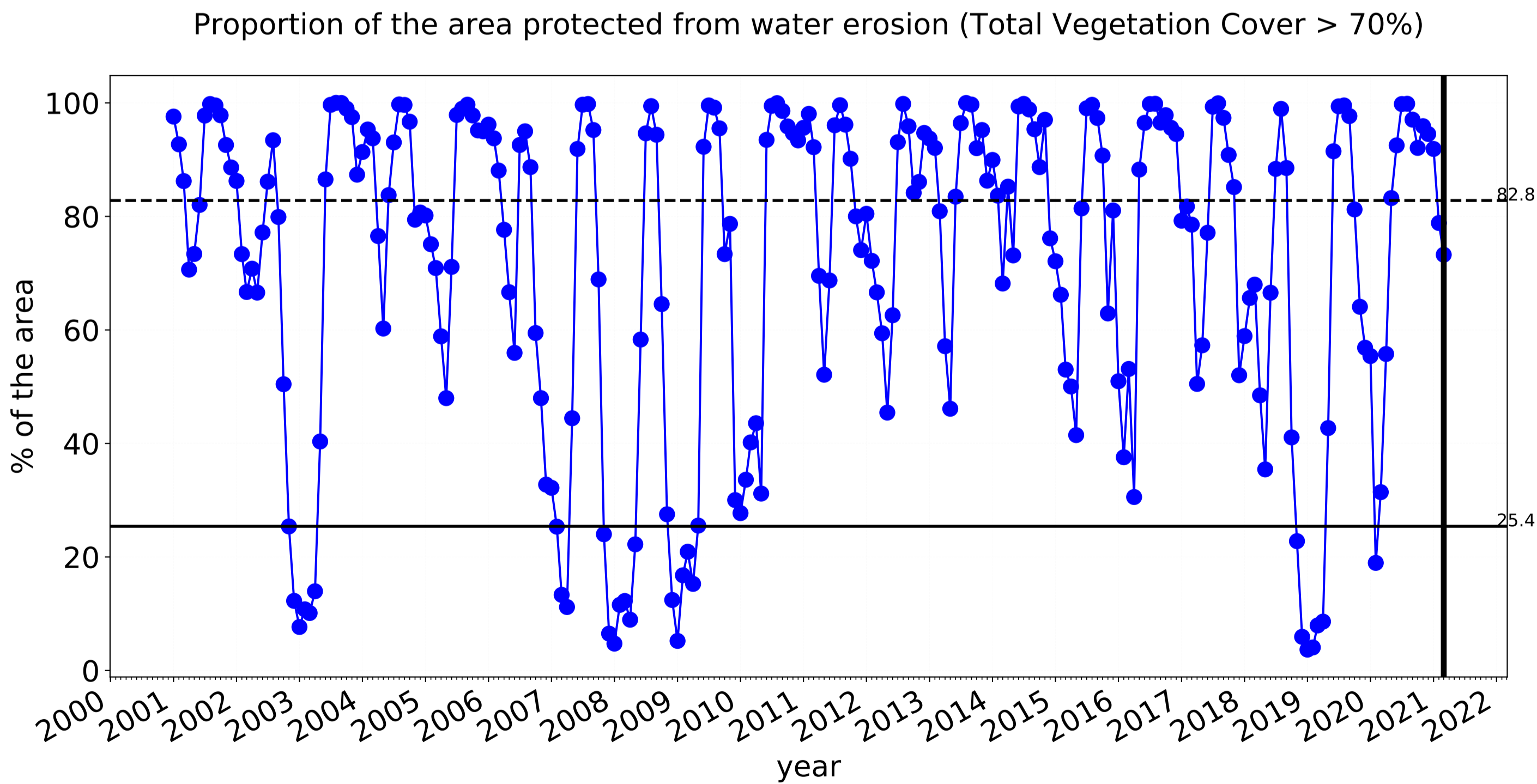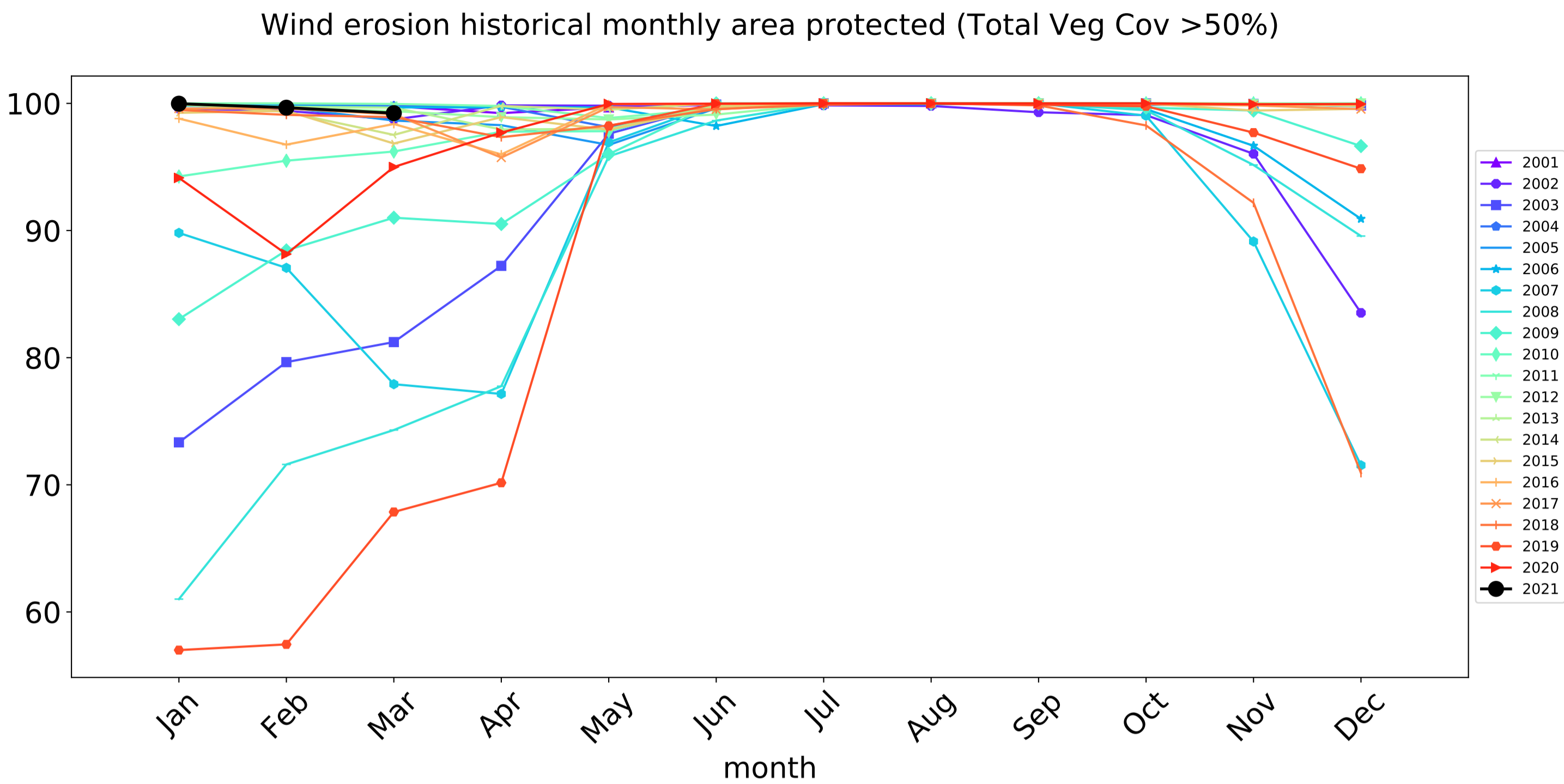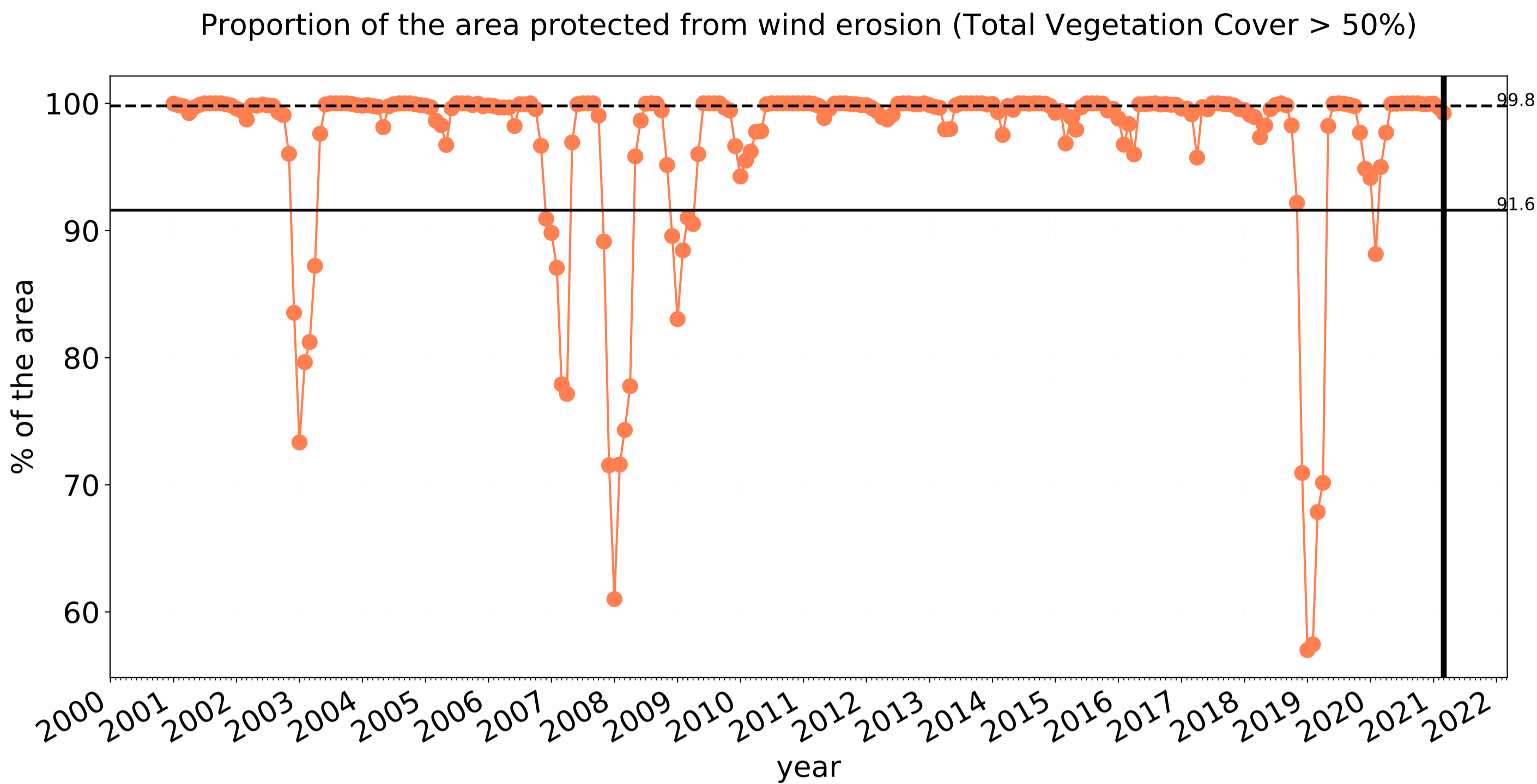
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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10
8-9
4-7
2-3
1

Cropping timeseries

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

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

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

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

Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

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

Legend:
- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

Area (%) vs Land use class:
- 1: 84.2%
- 2: 11.8%
- 3: 4.0%

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Legend:
- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Area (%) vs Total Vegetation Cover class:
- 0-30%: 0.0%
- 31%-50%: 0.4%
- 51%-70%: 15.5%
- 71%-100%: 84.1%
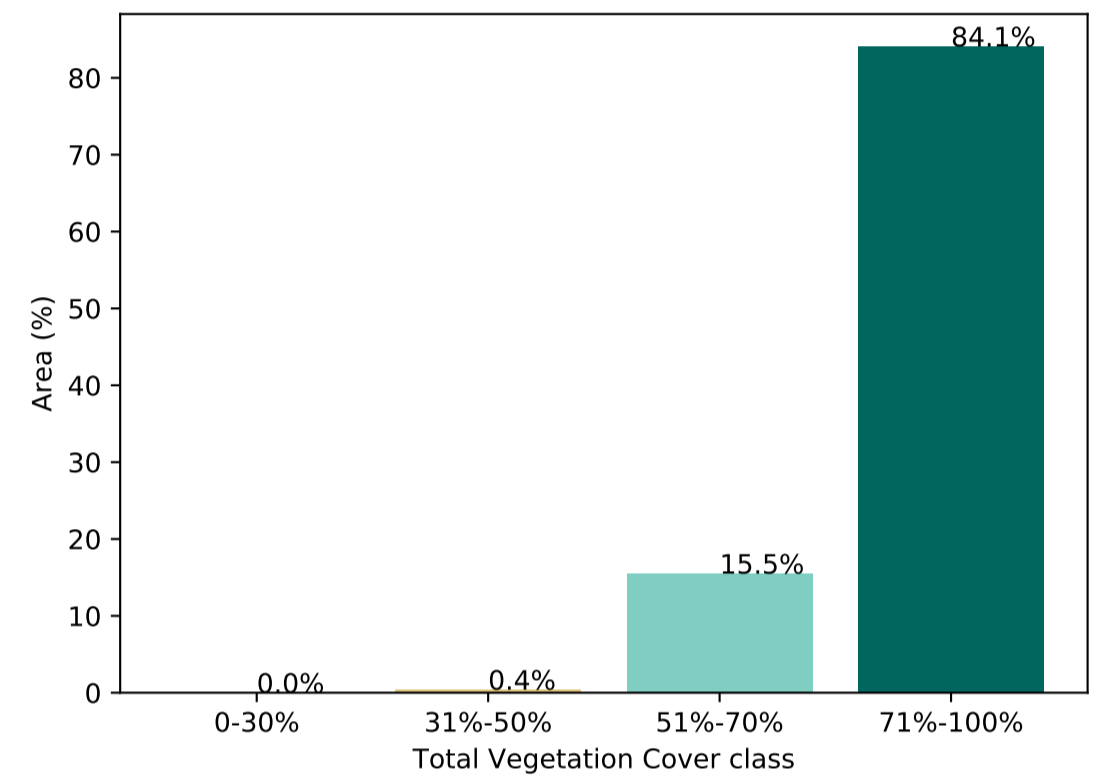
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
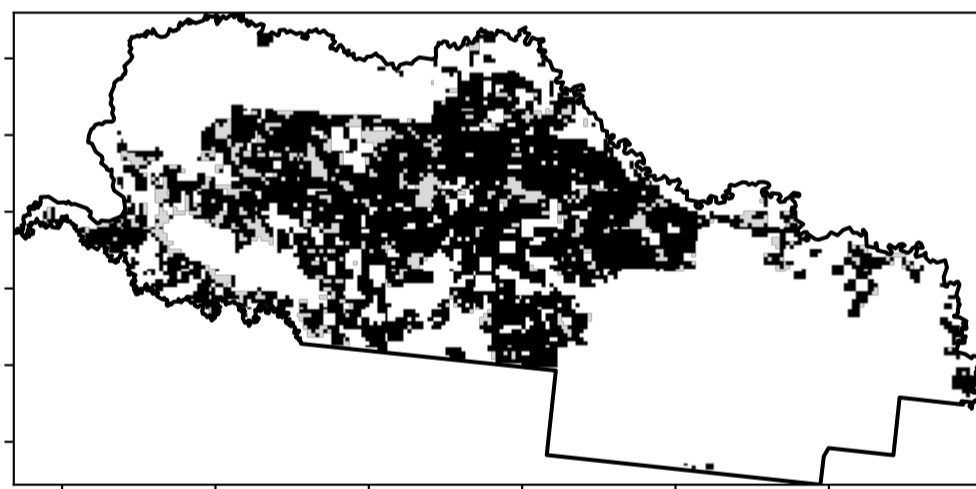
Area not protected 15.9% of region (24,633 ha)

Area protected 84.1% of region (130,291 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
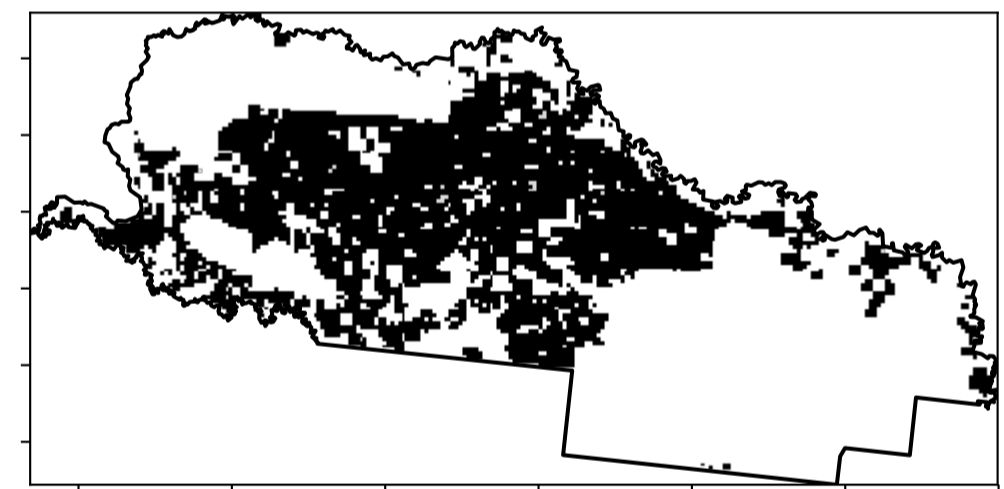
Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (154,925 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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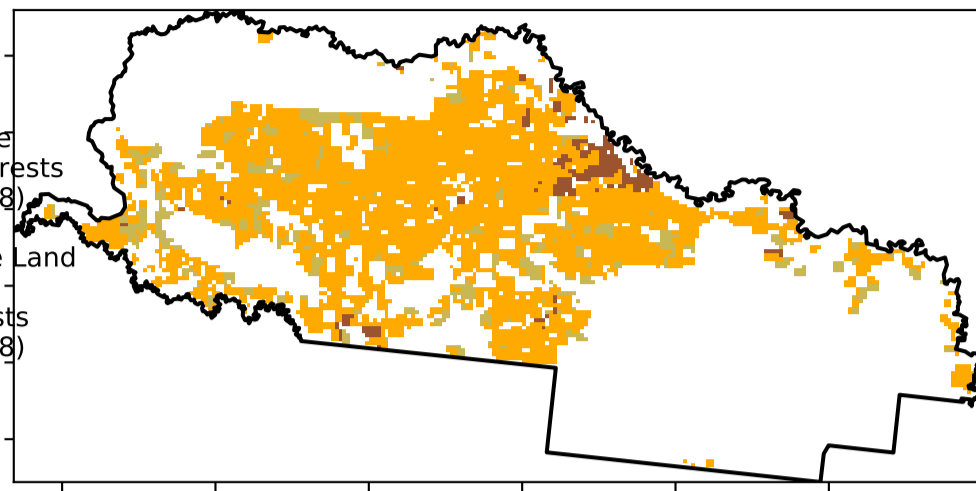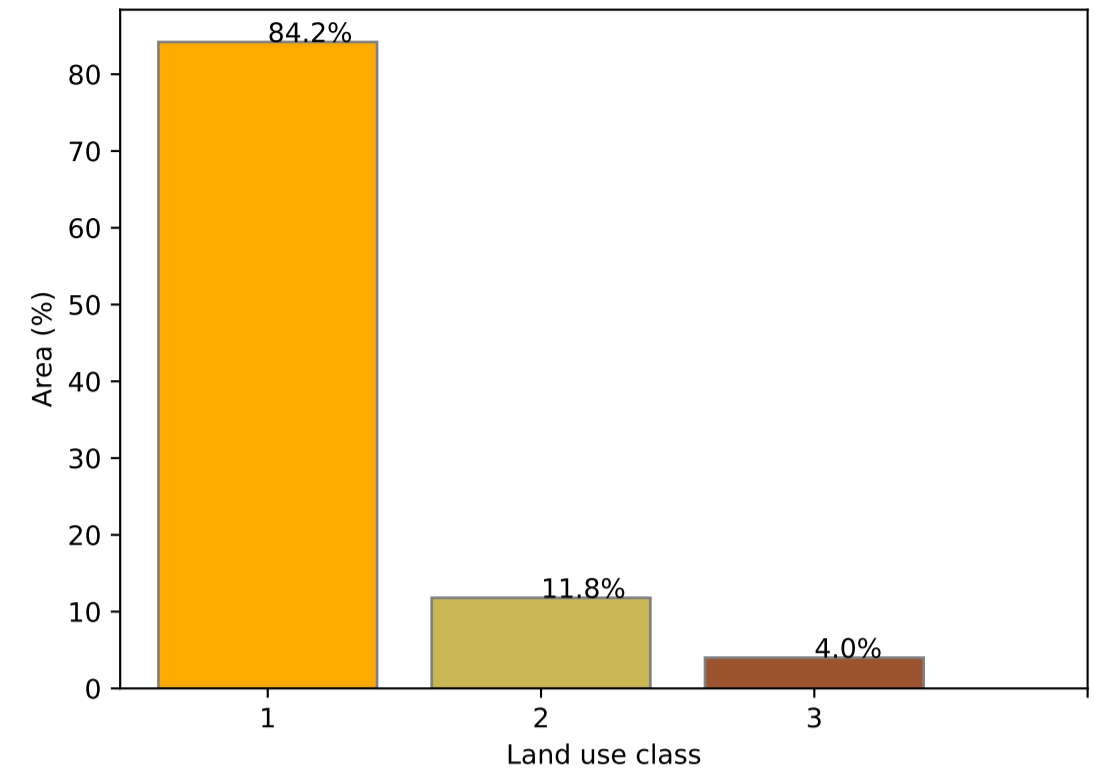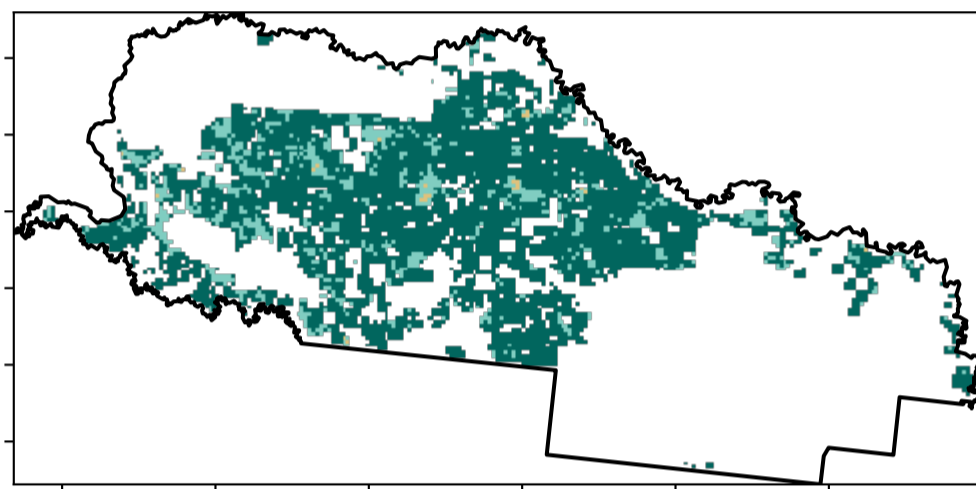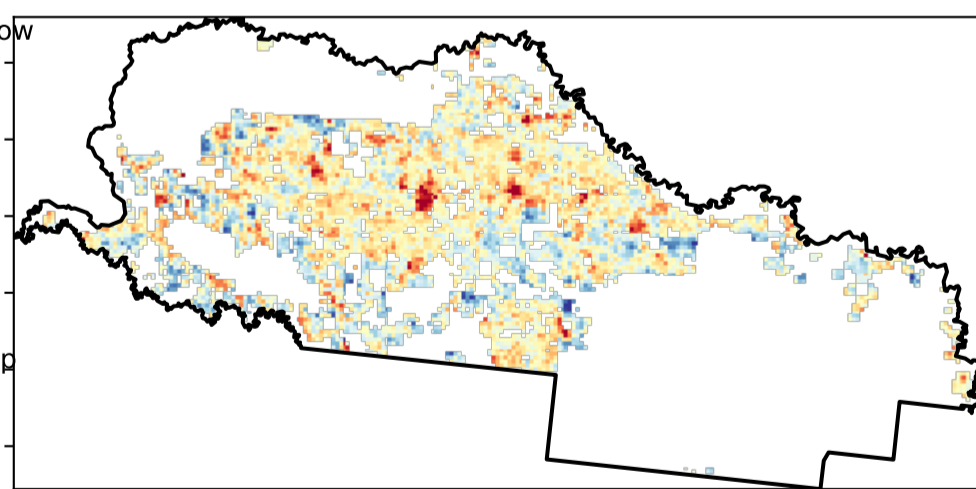

Legend:
- 10
- 8-9
- 4-7
- 2-3
- 1

Irrigation timeseries

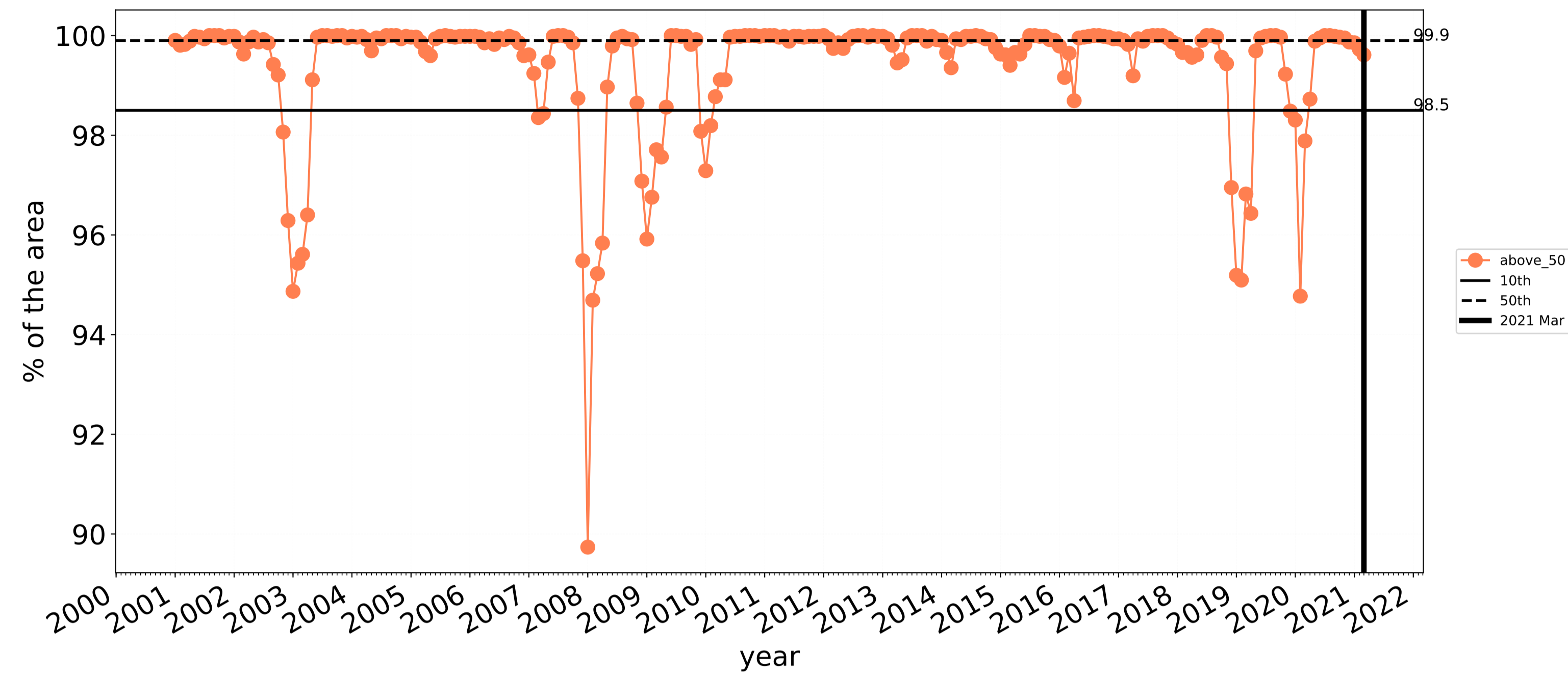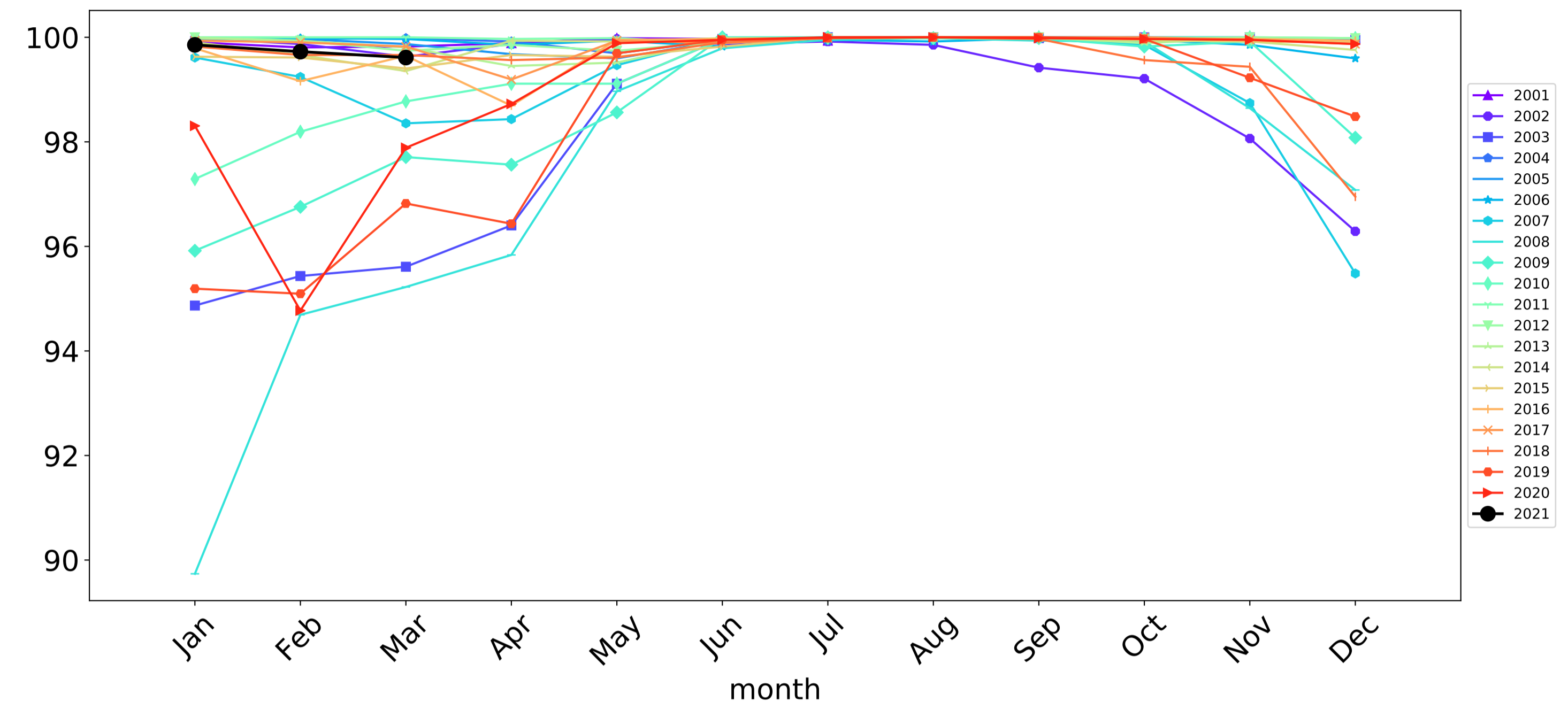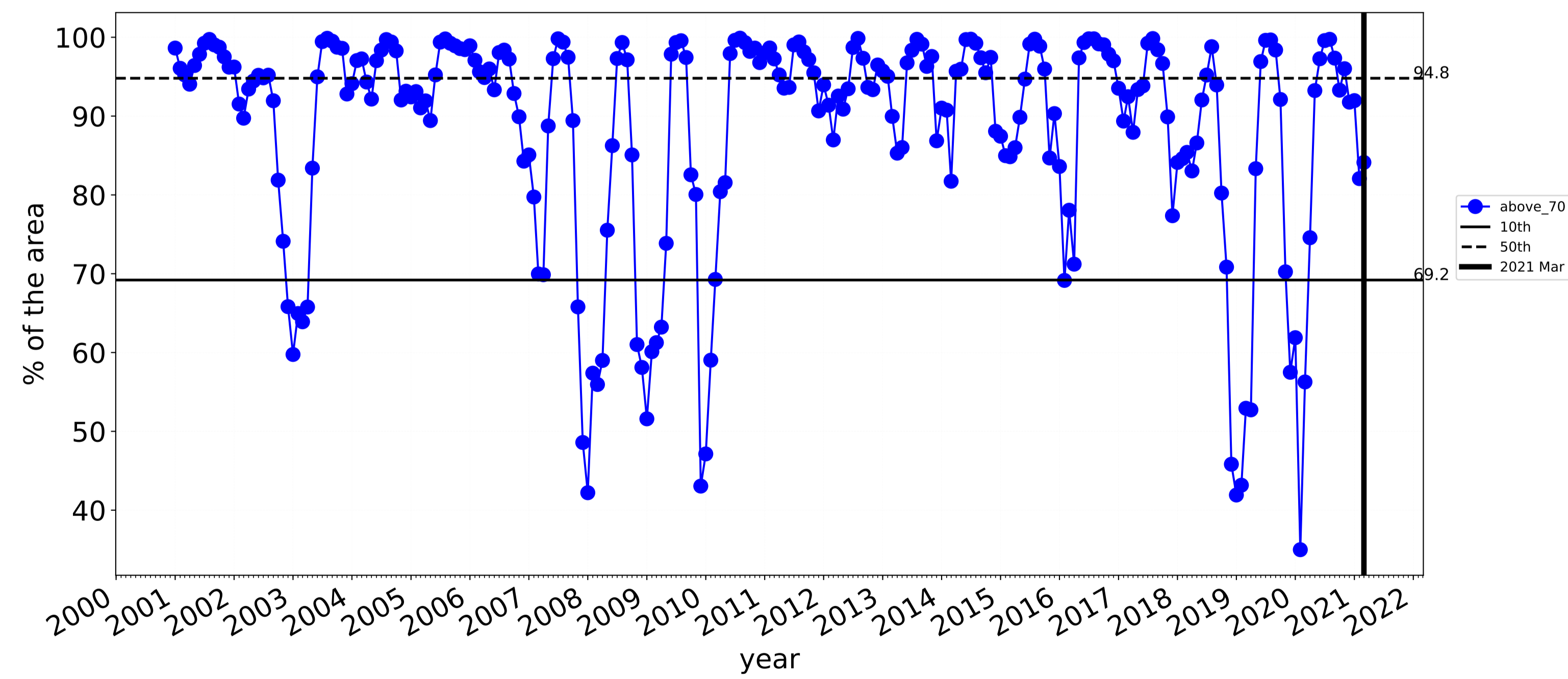## Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
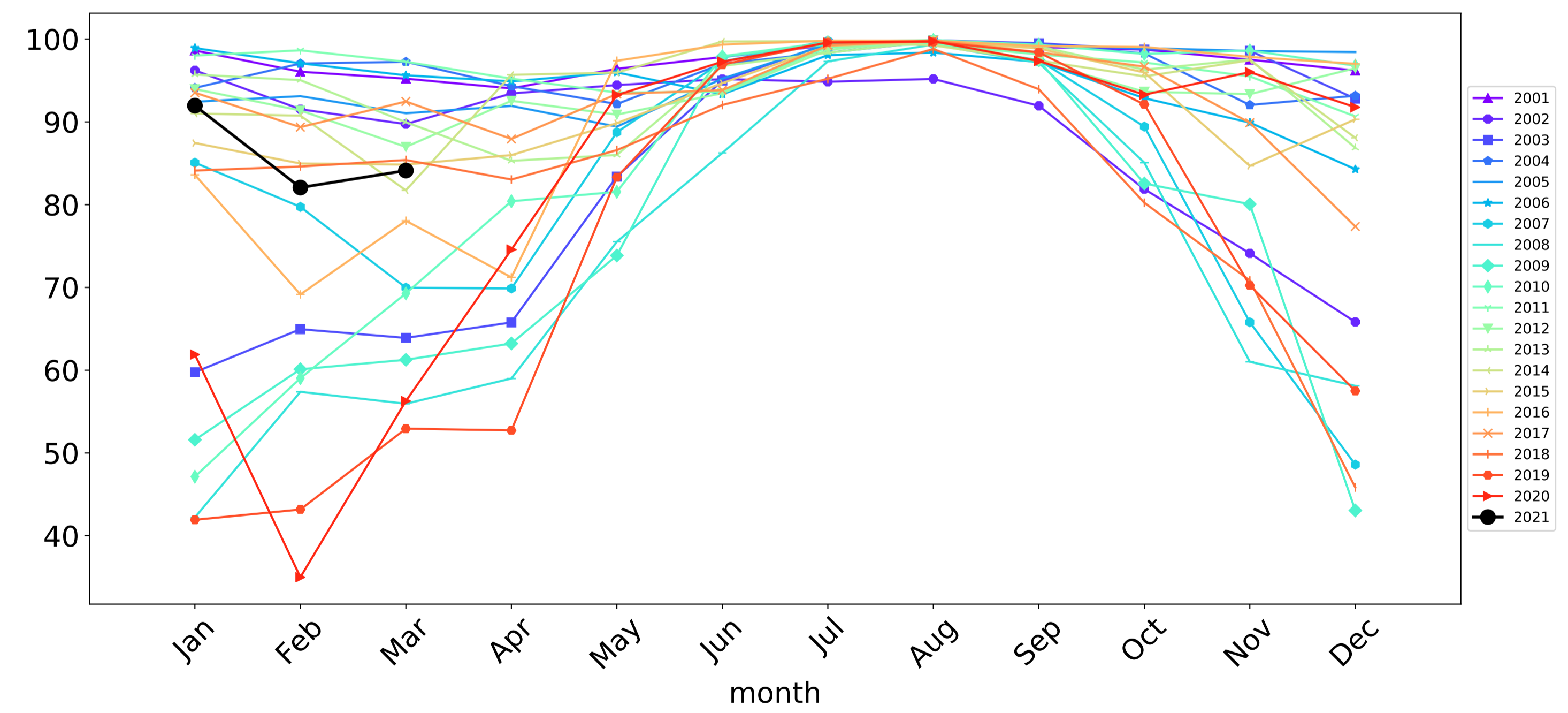

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

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

Moira_(S) (404,550 ha and no data 347 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	404,550	100.0% 404,425	99.5% 402,450	82.4% 333,350	46.6% 188,625	9.5% 38,450	1.2% 4,875
Conservation and natural environments	43,500	99.9% 43,450	99.8% 43,425	99.1% 43,125	94.4% 41,050	48.2% 20,950	4.5% 1,975
Conservation and natural environments non forest	3,700	98.6% 3,650	98.0% 3,625	93.2% 3,450	75.0% 2,775	26.4% 975	1.4% 50
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	5,375	100.0% 5,375	100.0% 5,375	99.5% 5,350	89.3% 4,800	33.5% 1,800	1.9% 100
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	34,425	100.0% 34,425	100.0% 34,425	99.7% 34,325	97.2% 33,475	52.8% 18,175	5.3% 1,825
Agriculture	343,875	100.0% 343,875	99.5% 342,025	80.4% 276,425	41.0% 141,050	4.8% 16,575	0.8% 2,850
Grazing	77,650	100.0% 77,650	99.5% 77,250	83.1% 64,500	46.7% 36,300	7.6% 5,900	1.2% 950
Grazing non forest	76,800	100.0% 76,800	99.5% 76,400	82.9% 63,675	46.5% 35,700	7.5% 5,725	1.2% 950
Cropping	110,925	100.0% 110,925	99.2% 110,075	73.2% 81,250	37.1% 41,175	5.3% 5,900	1.1% 1,275
Irrigation	154,925	100.0% 154,925	99.6% 154,325	84.1% 130,325	40.9% 63,375	3.1% 4,750	0.4% 625