Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Moyne_(S) VIC Date: February 2024

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
3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

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

Vegetation Cover Feb 2024

Land use and forest cover

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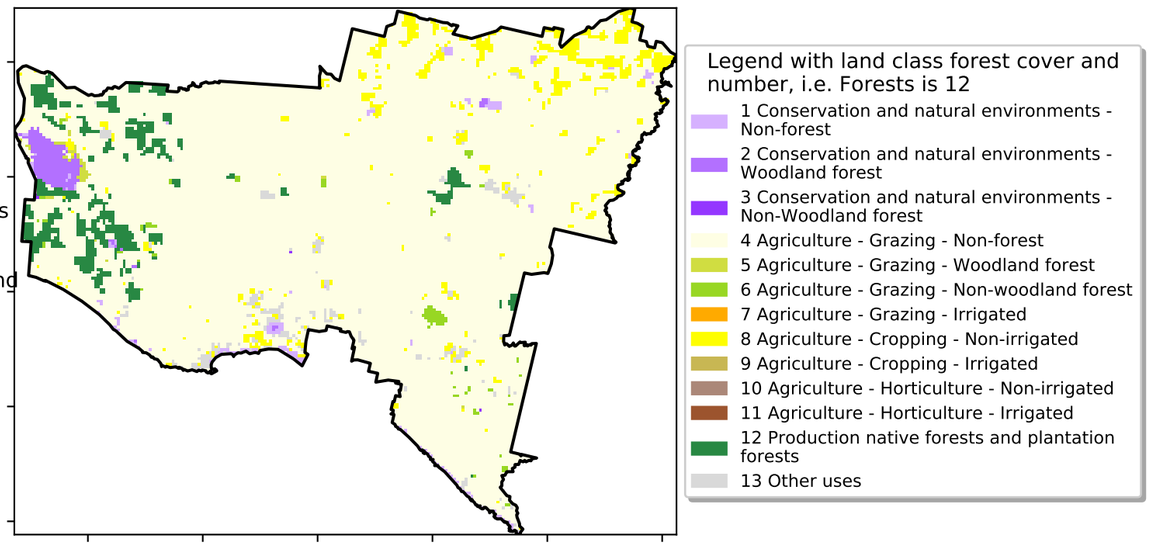

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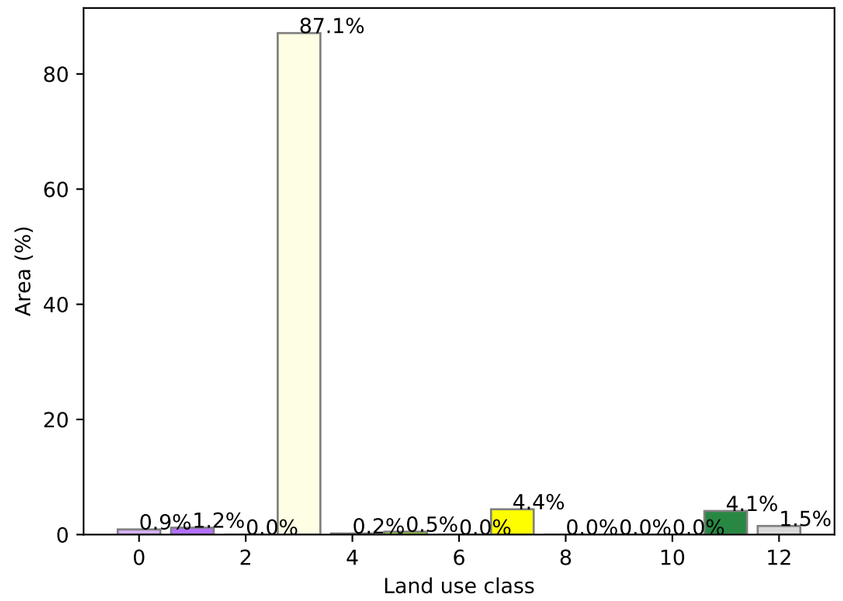

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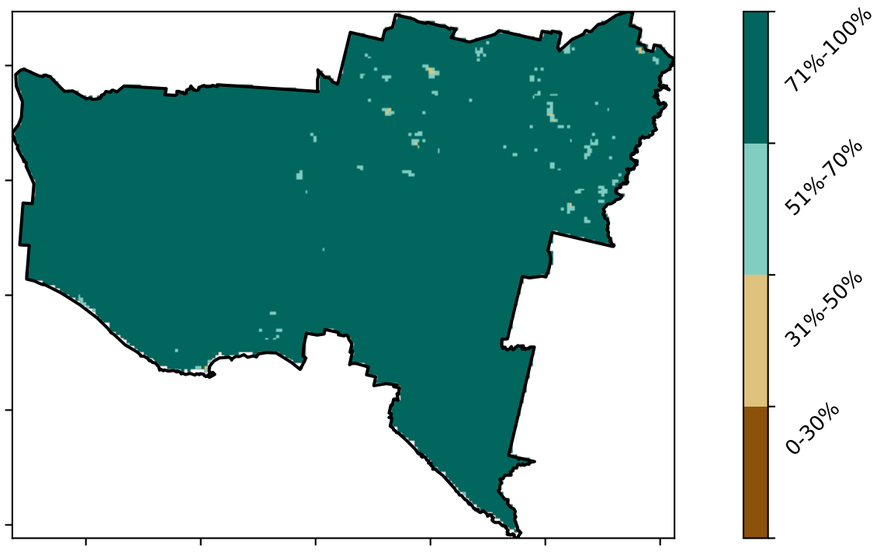

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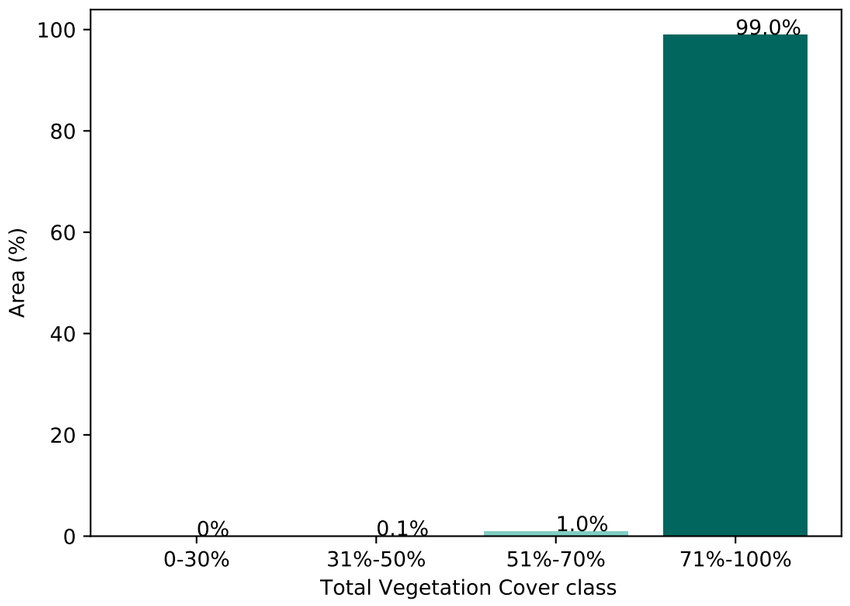

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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

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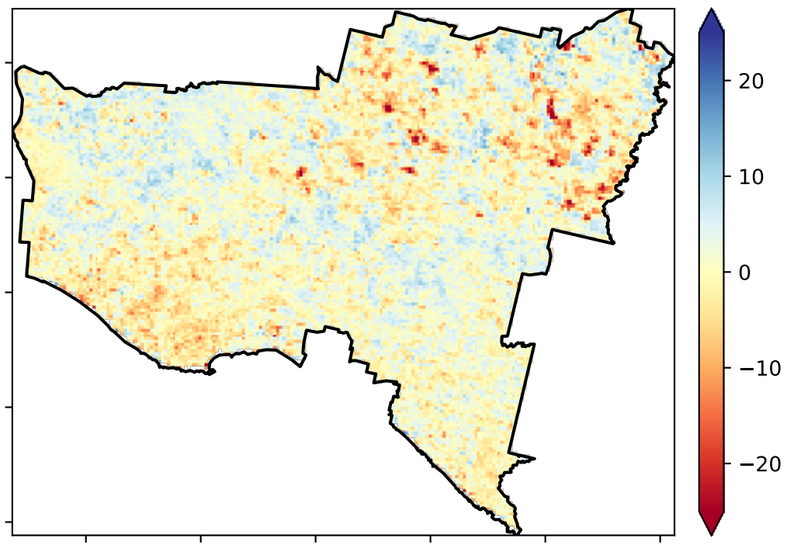

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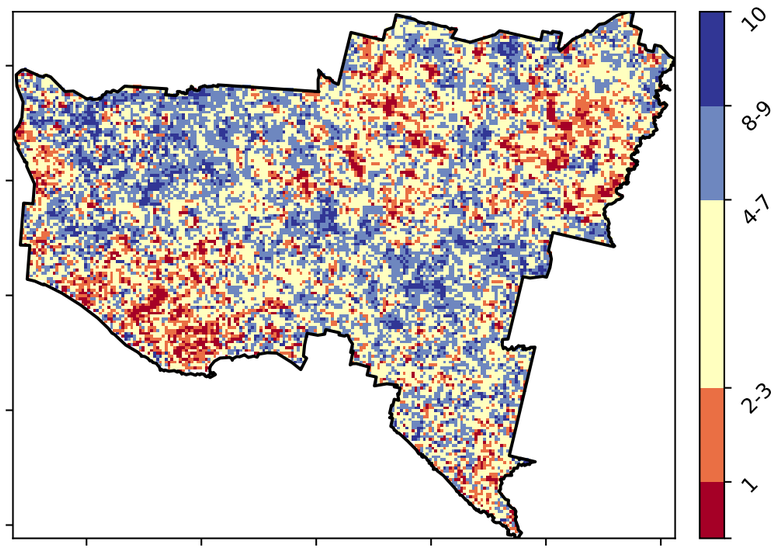

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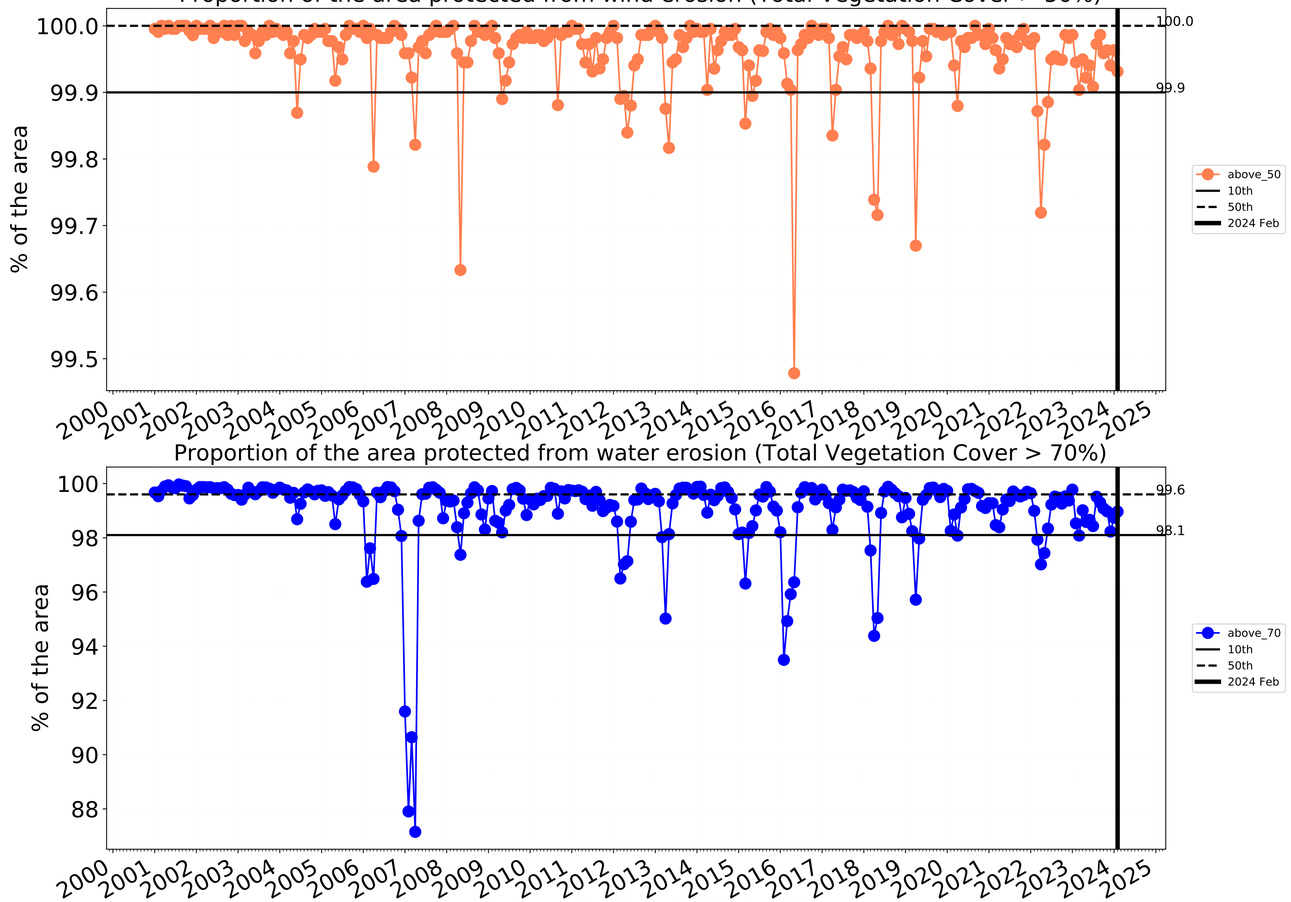

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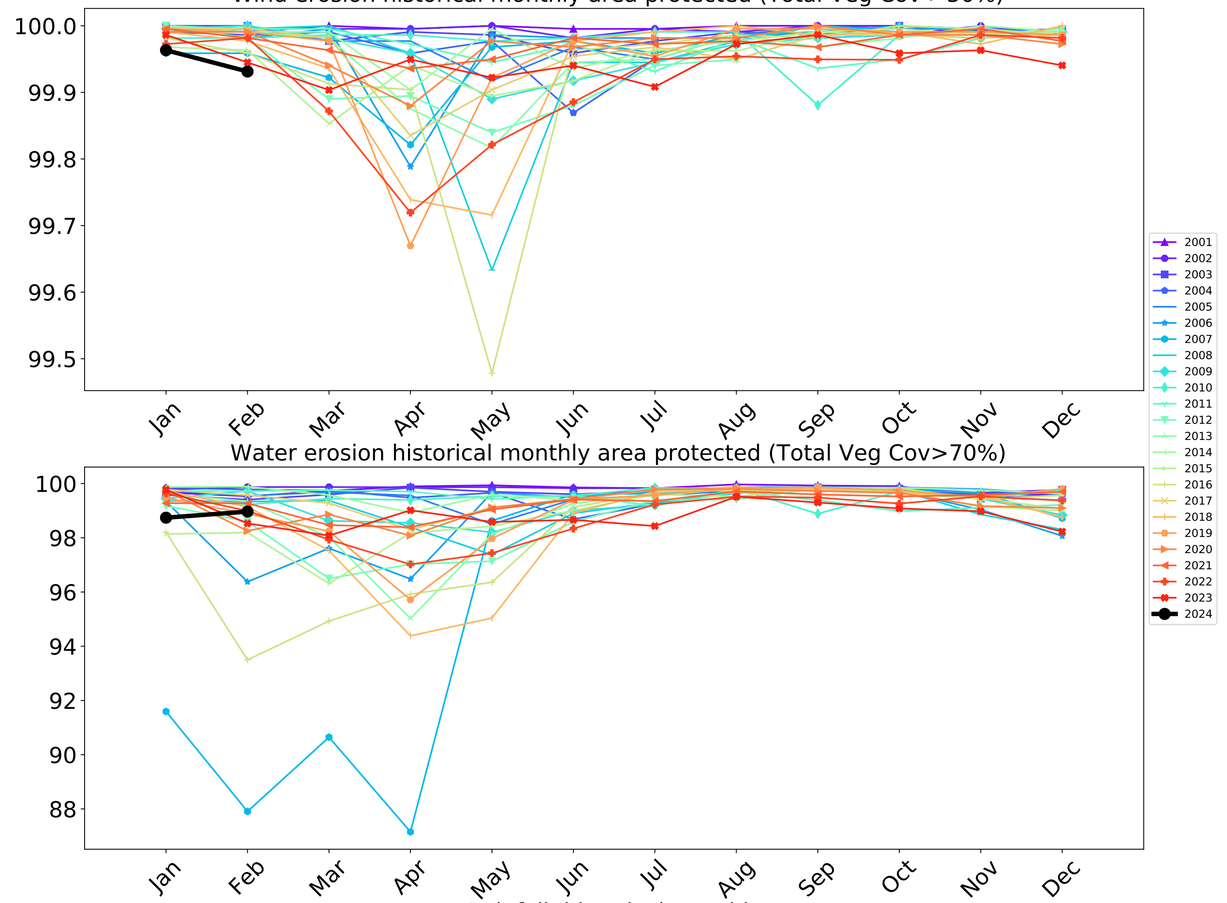

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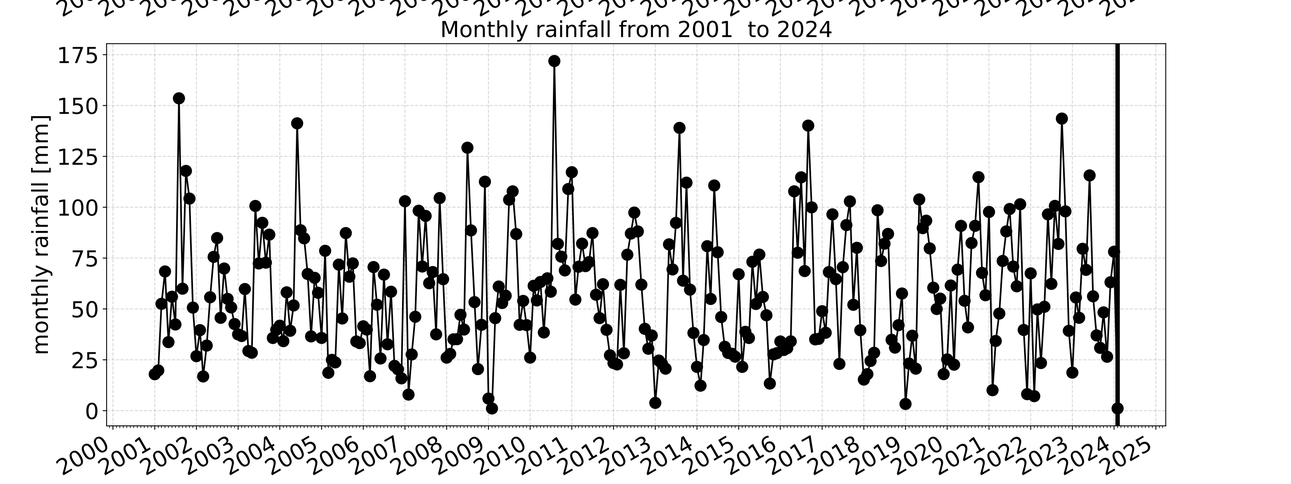

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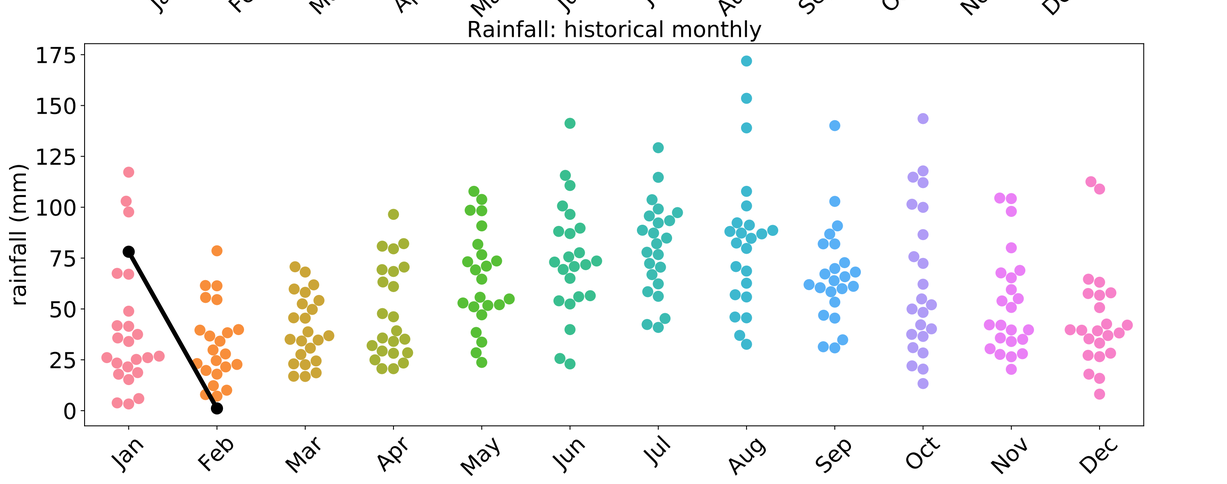

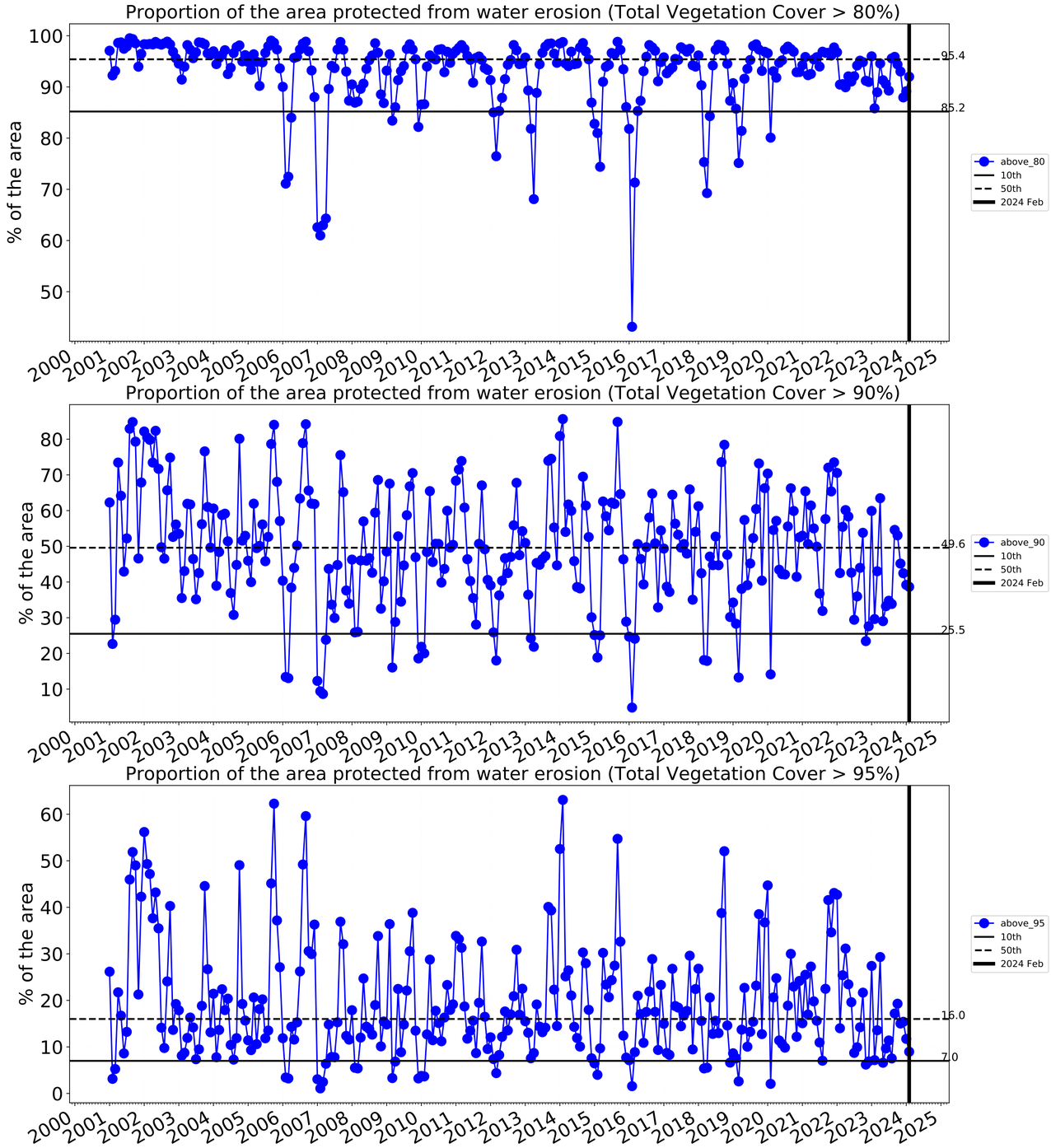
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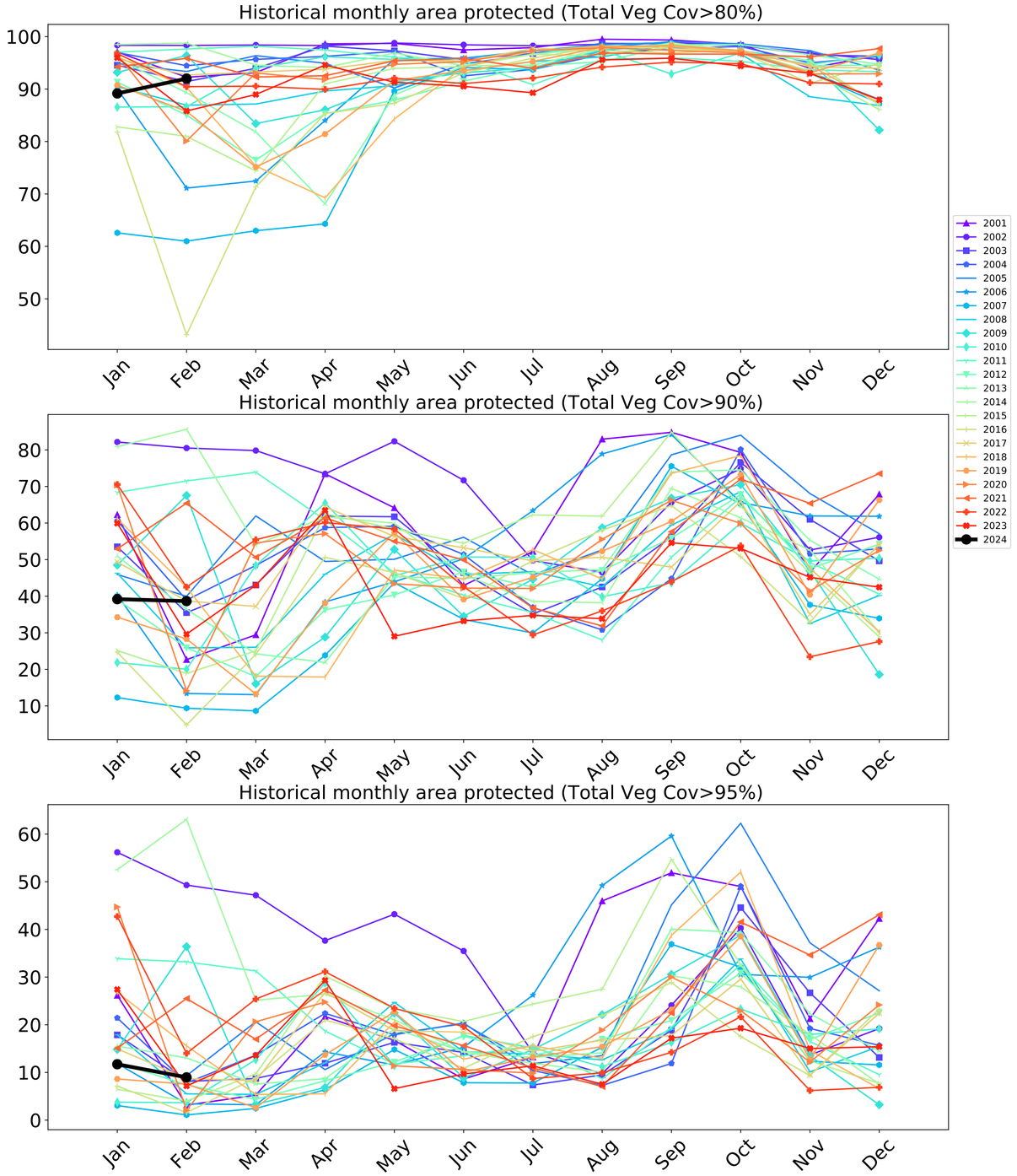
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
49.6
25.5
above_90
10th
50th
2024 Feb

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
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7.0
above_95
10th
50th
2024 Feb

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)
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Conservation and natural environments

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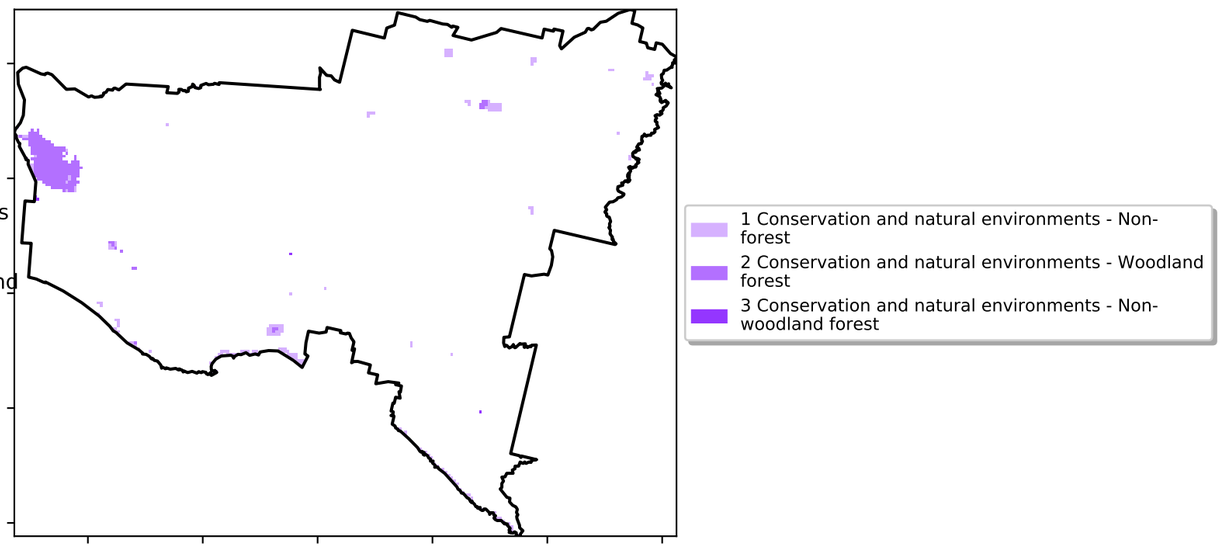

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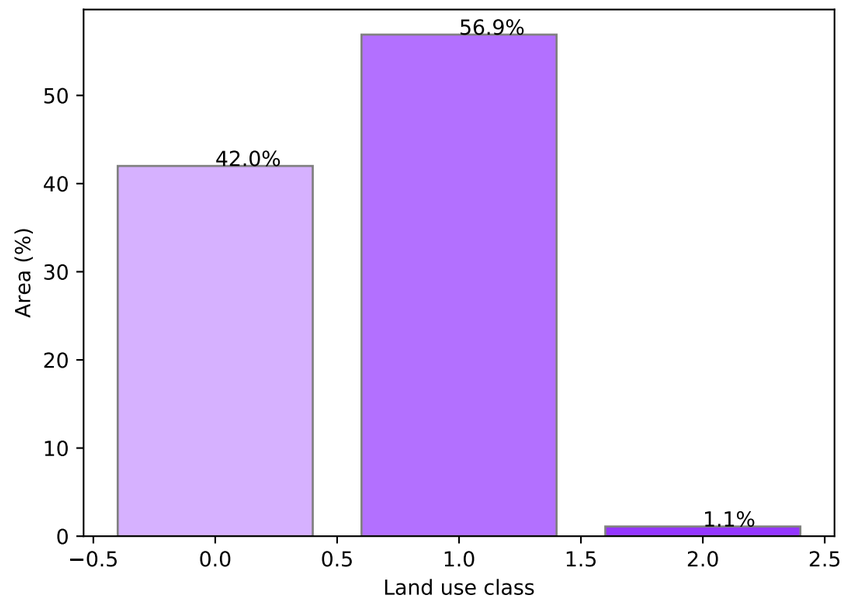

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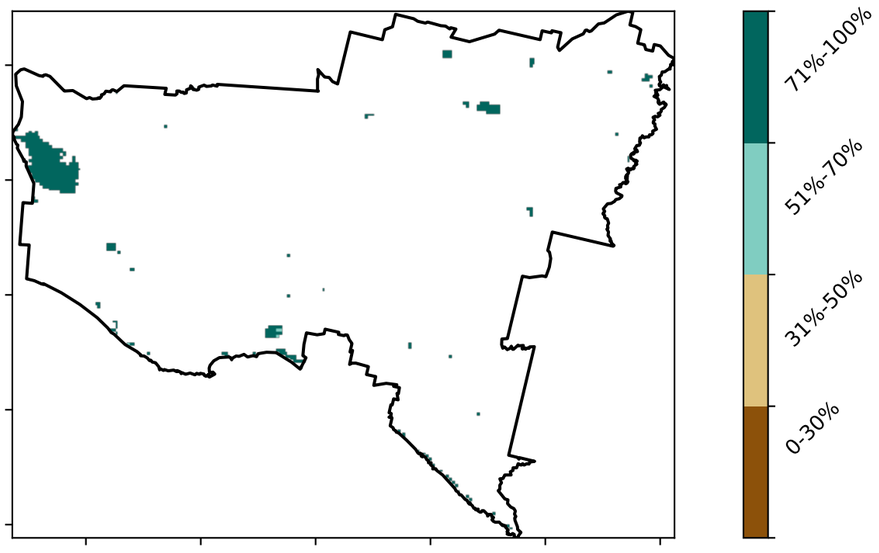

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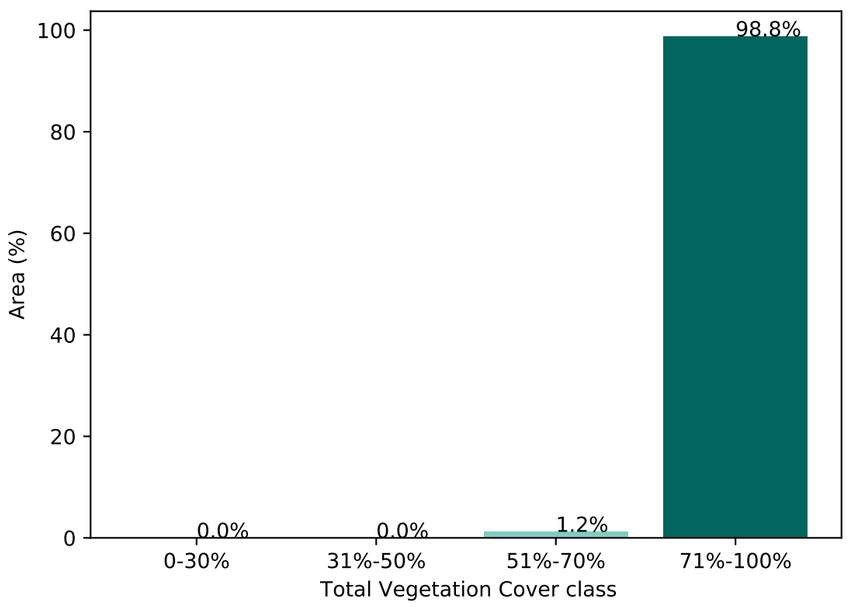

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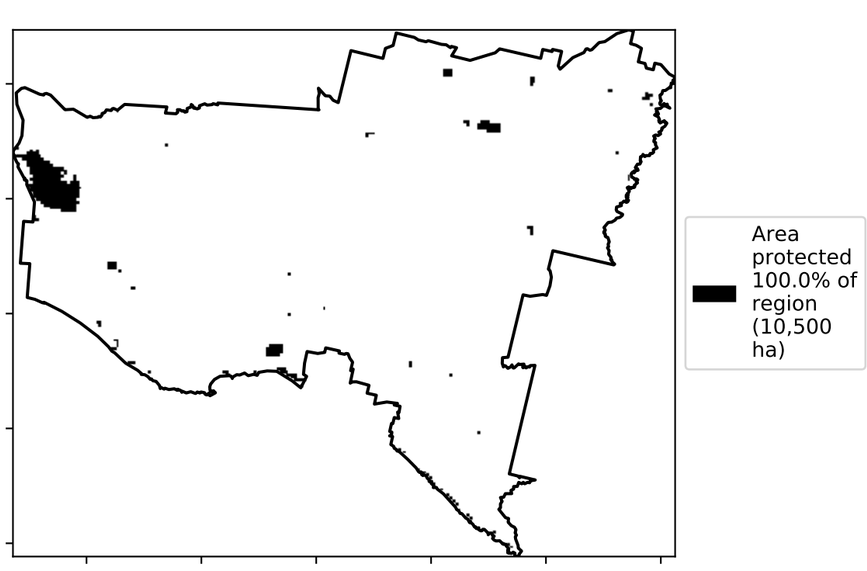

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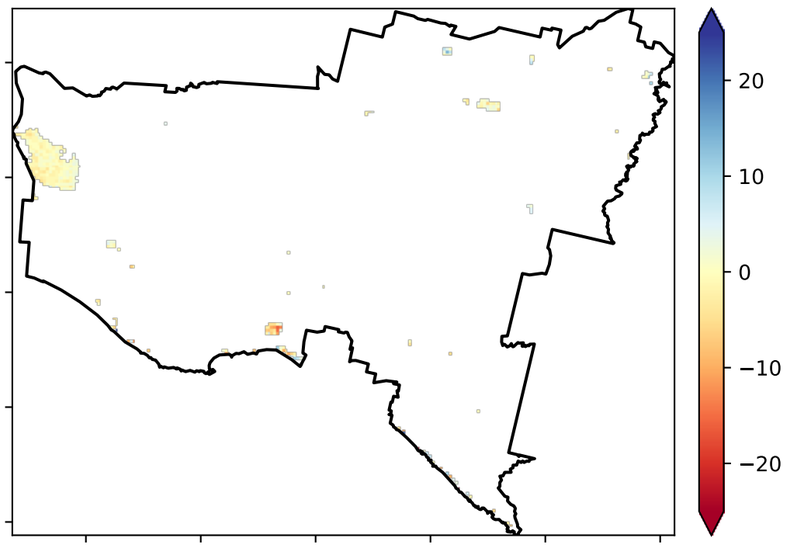

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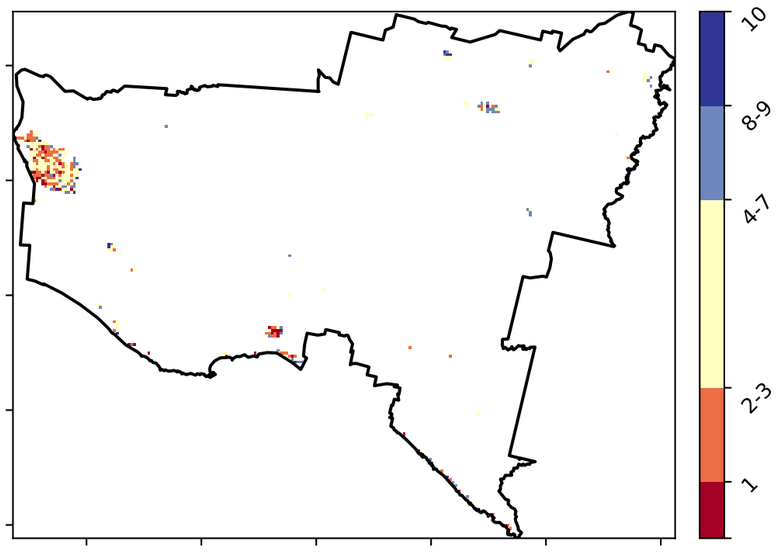

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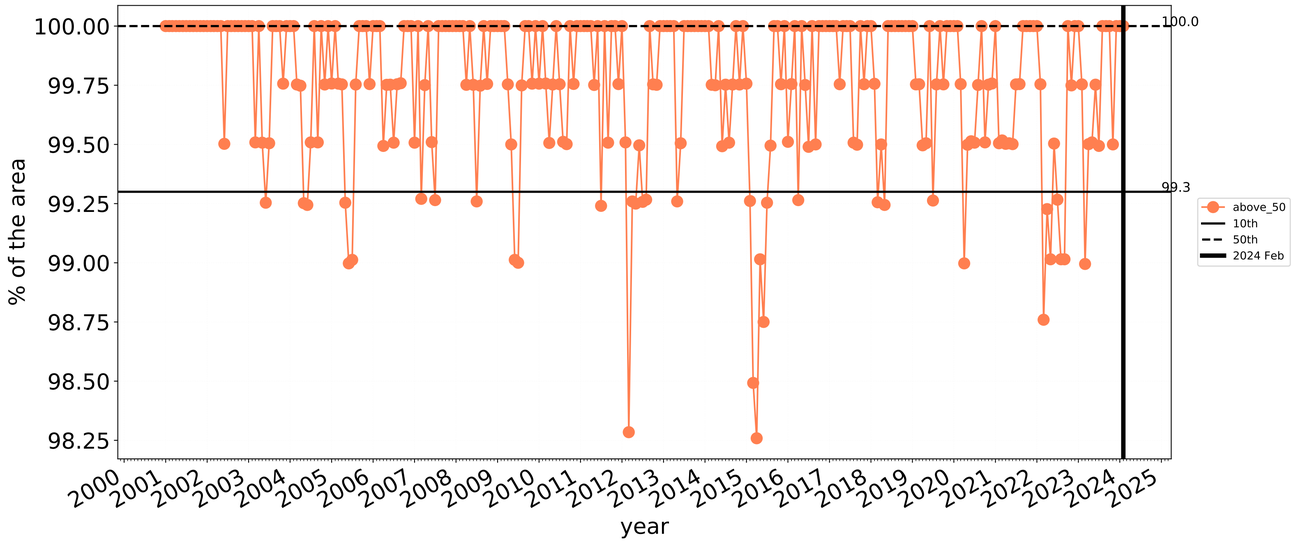

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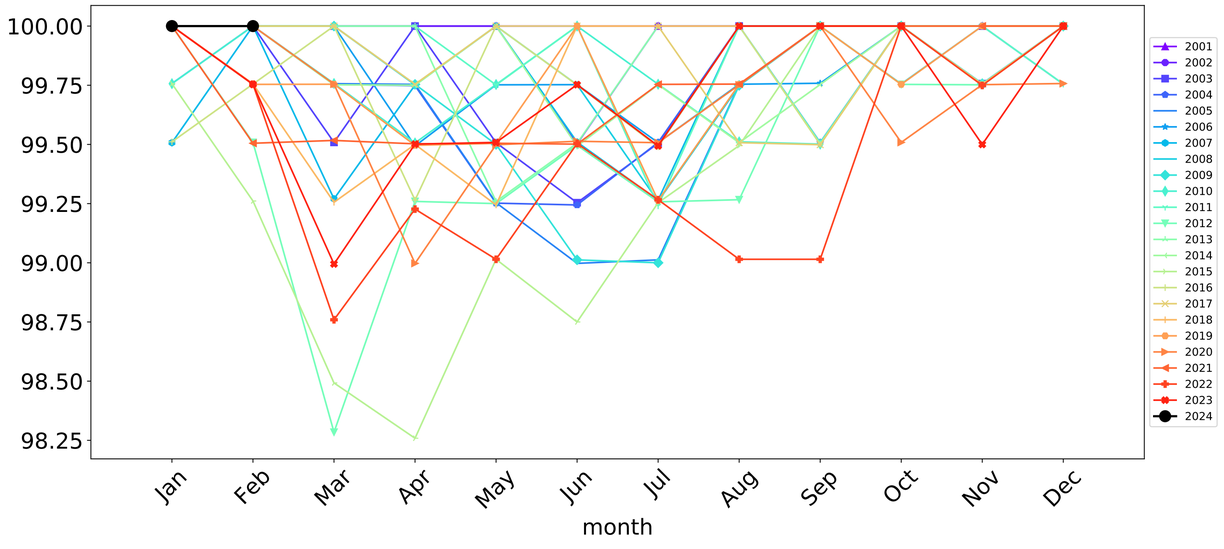

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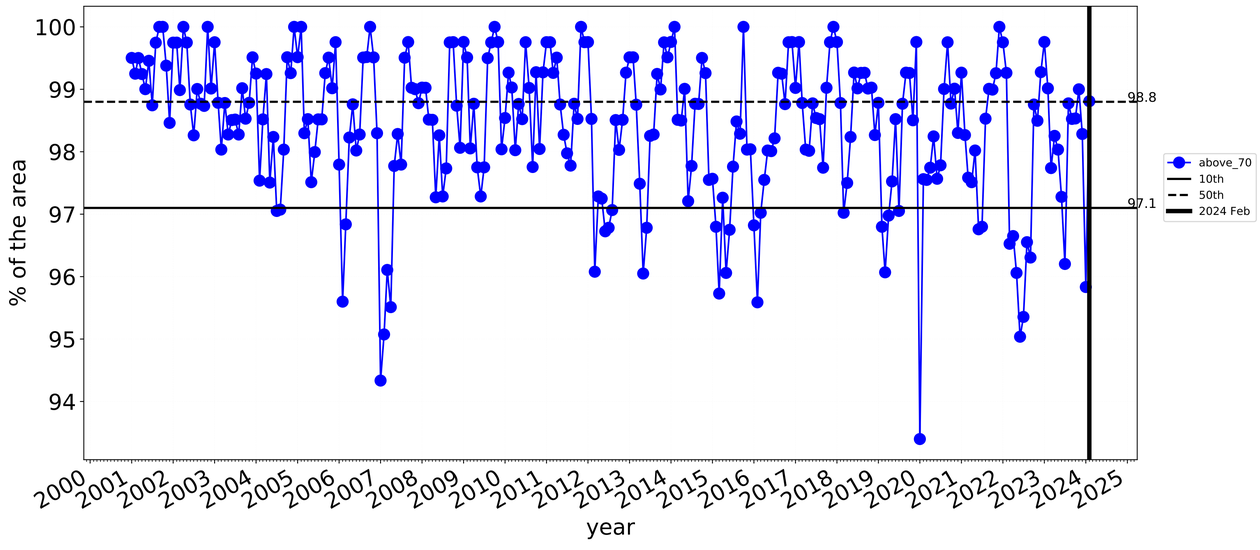

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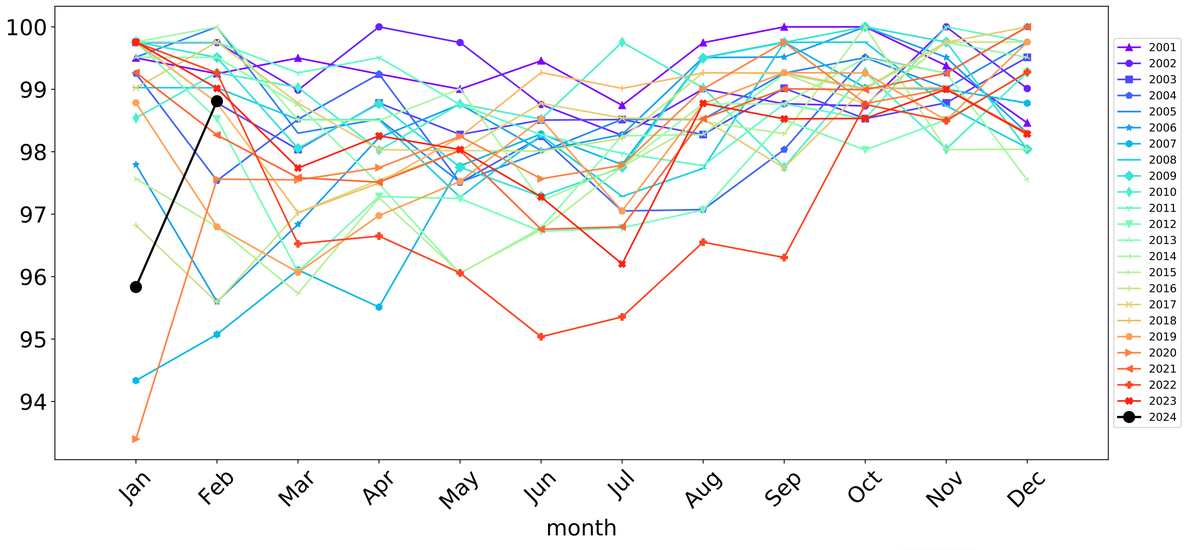

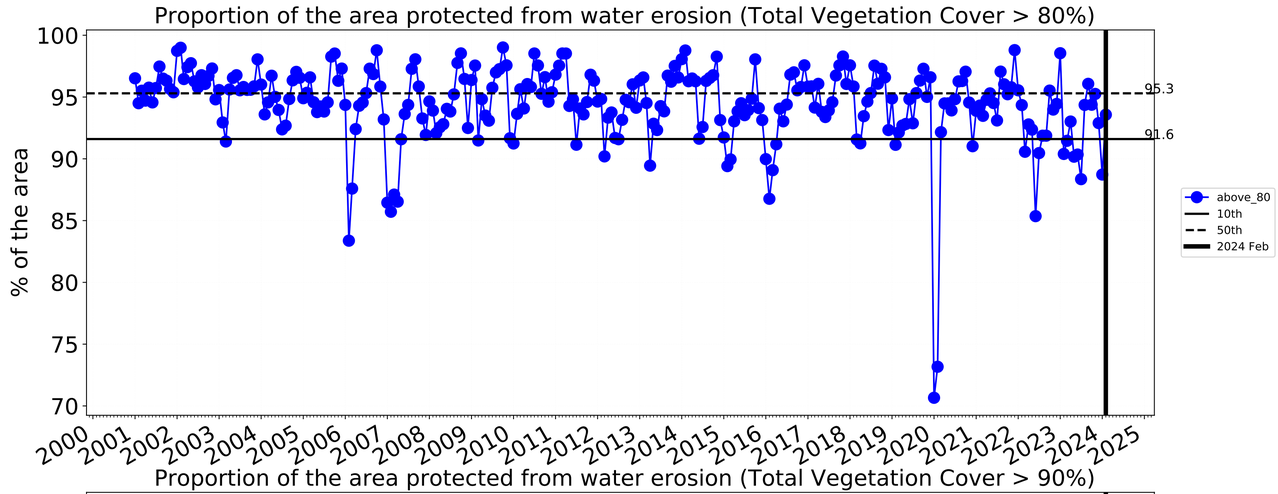
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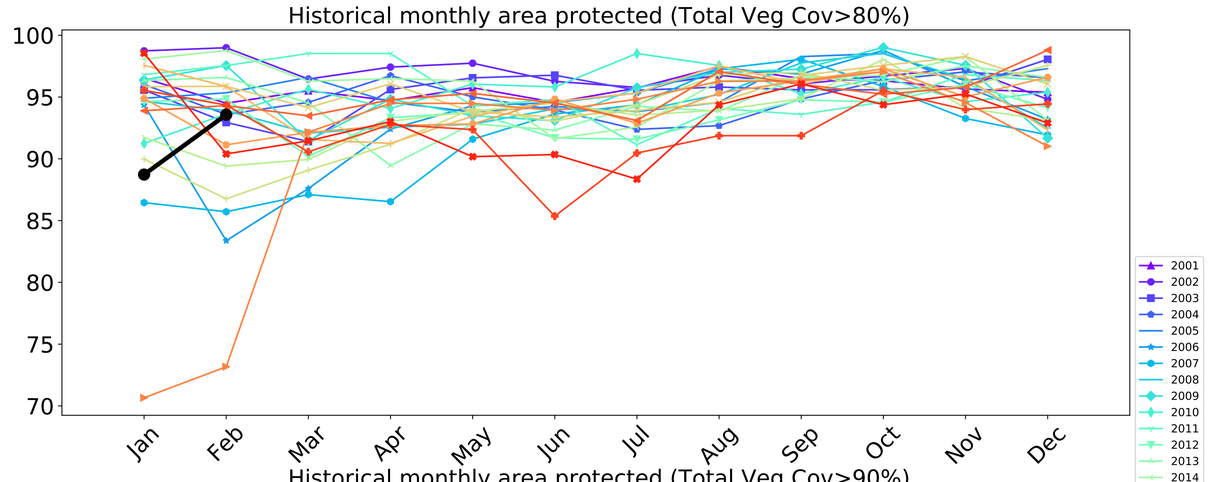
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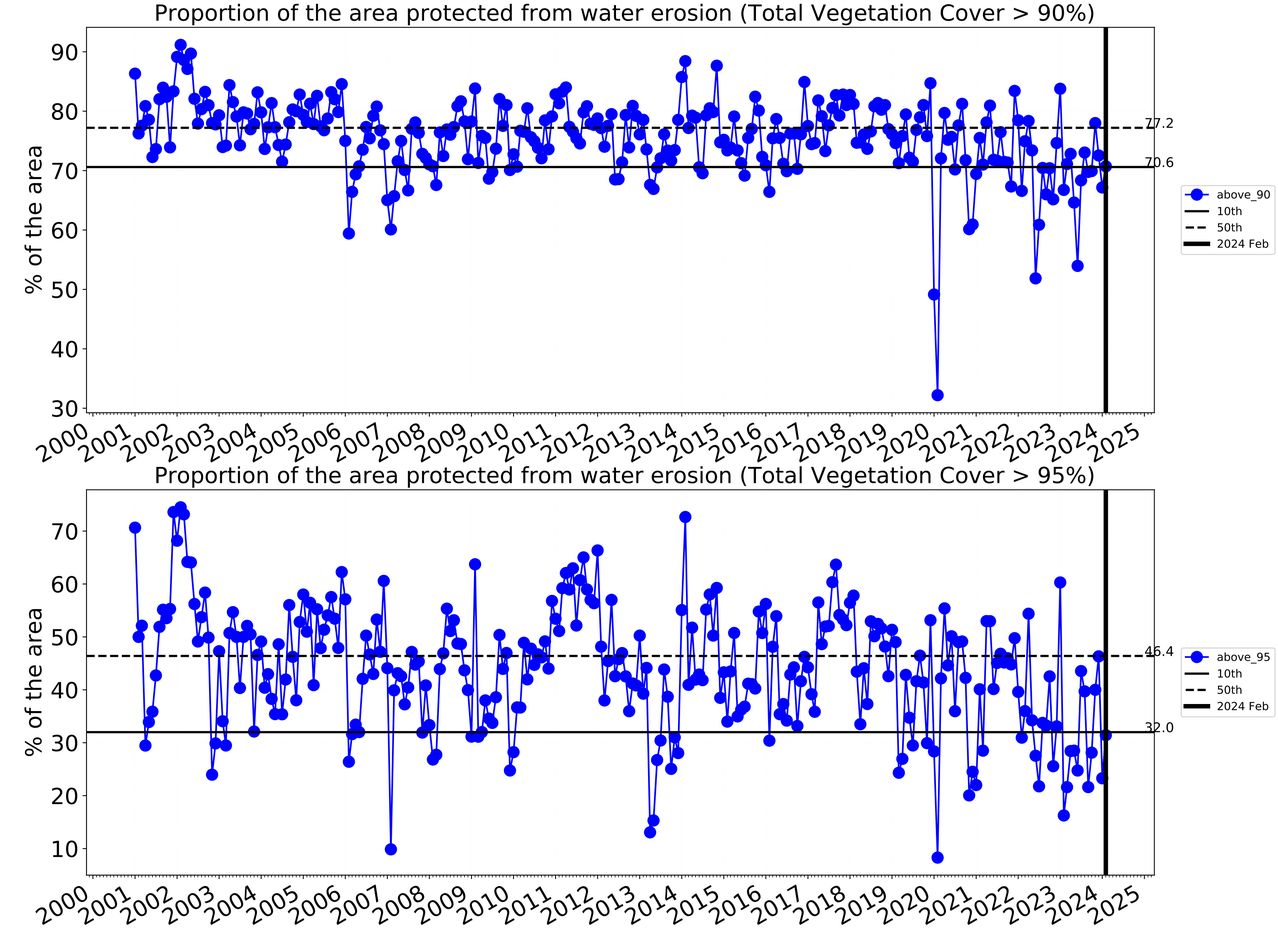
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% of the area
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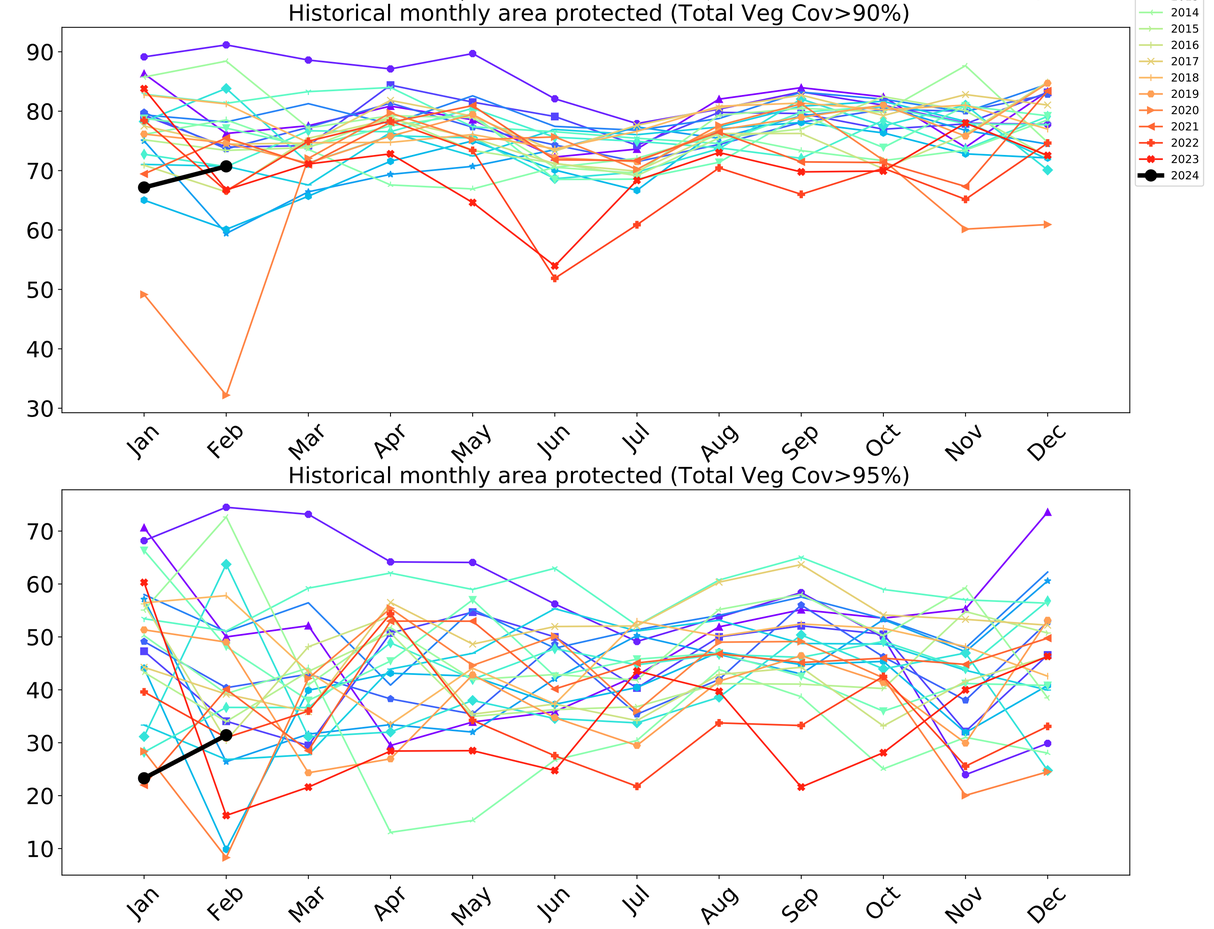
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Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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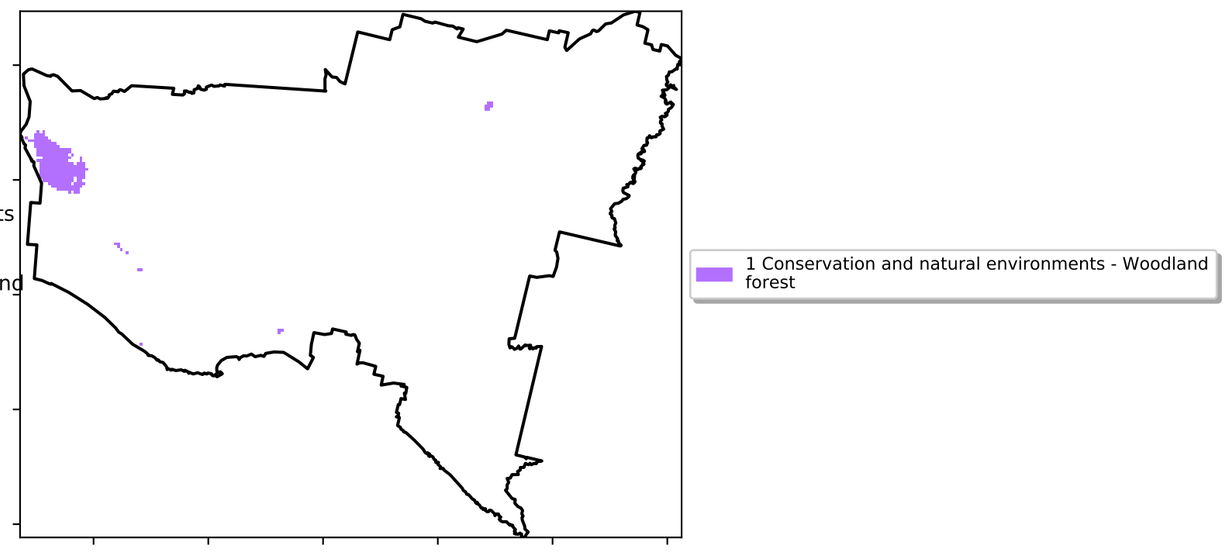

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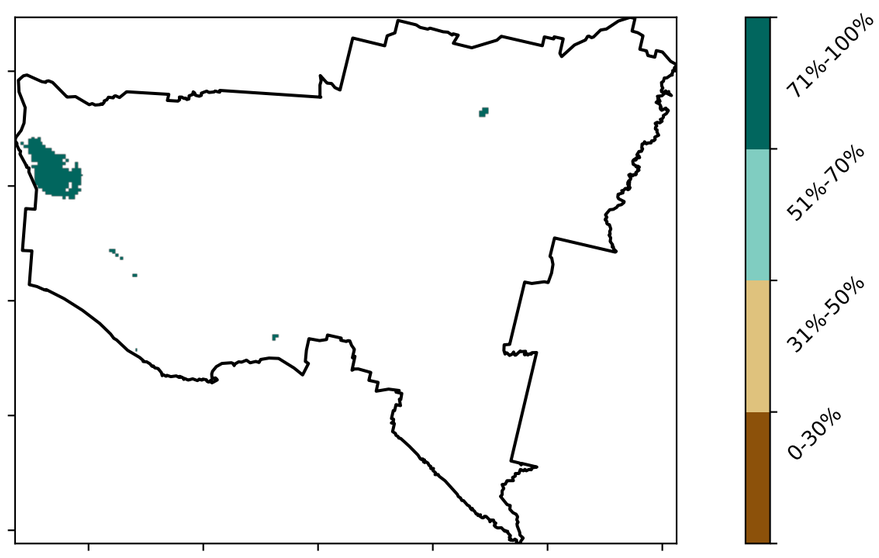

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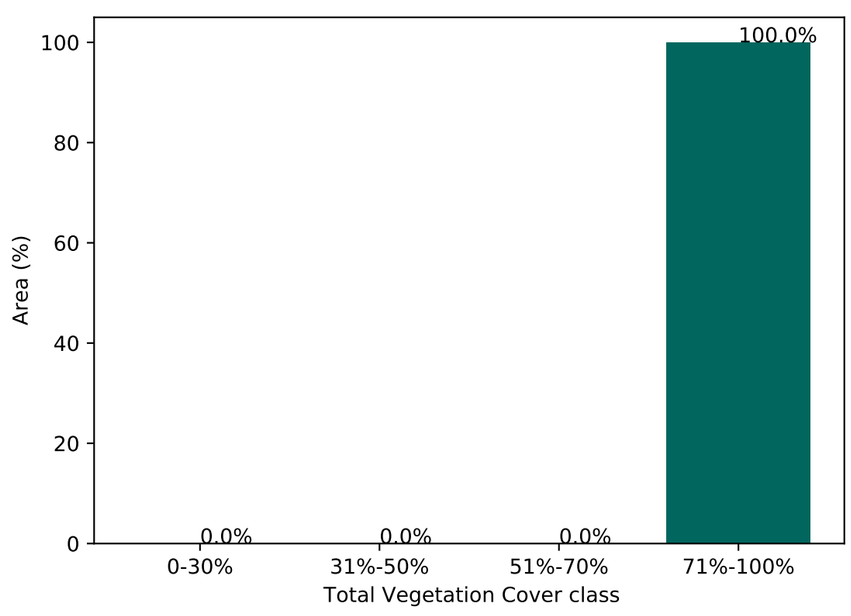

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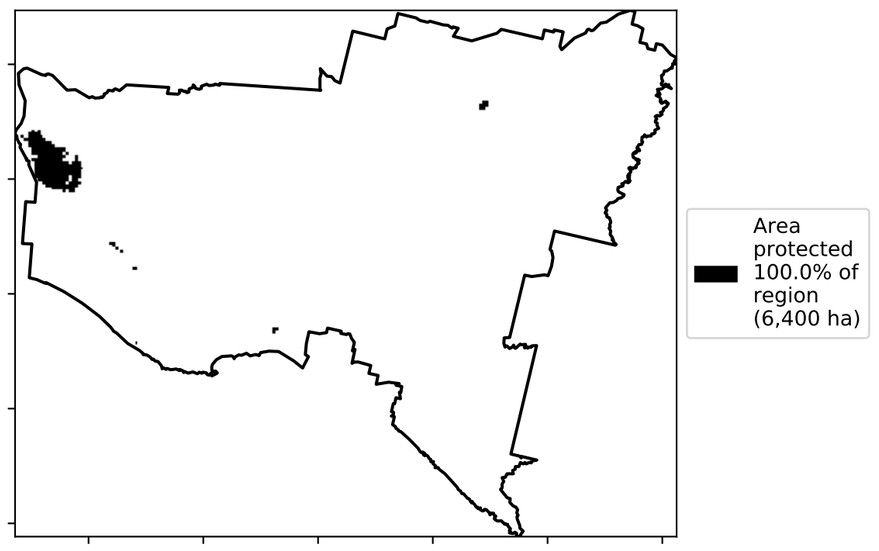

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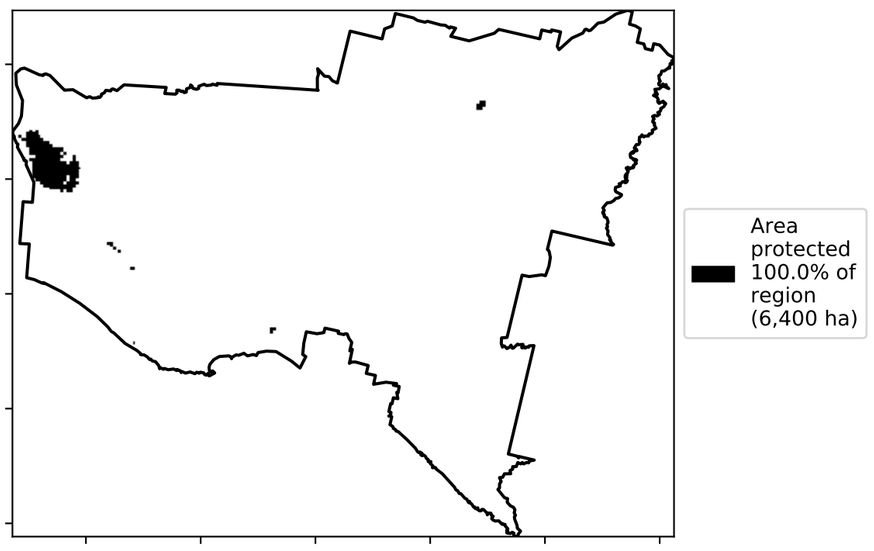

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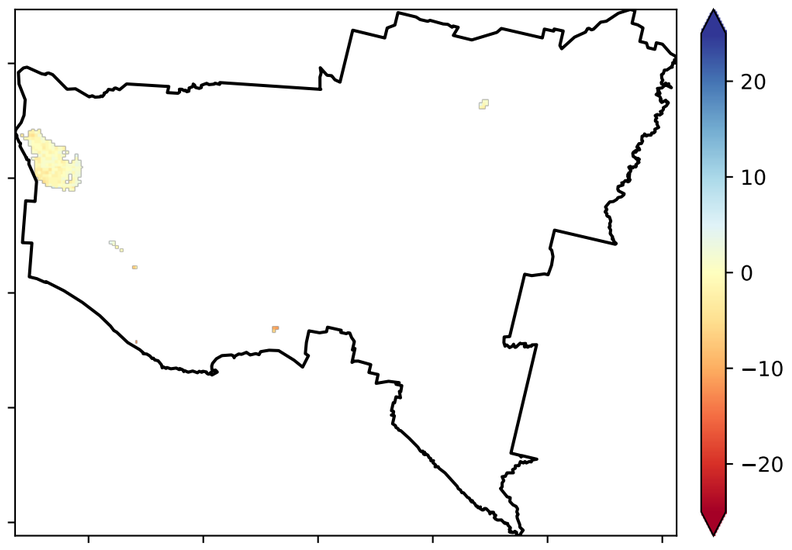

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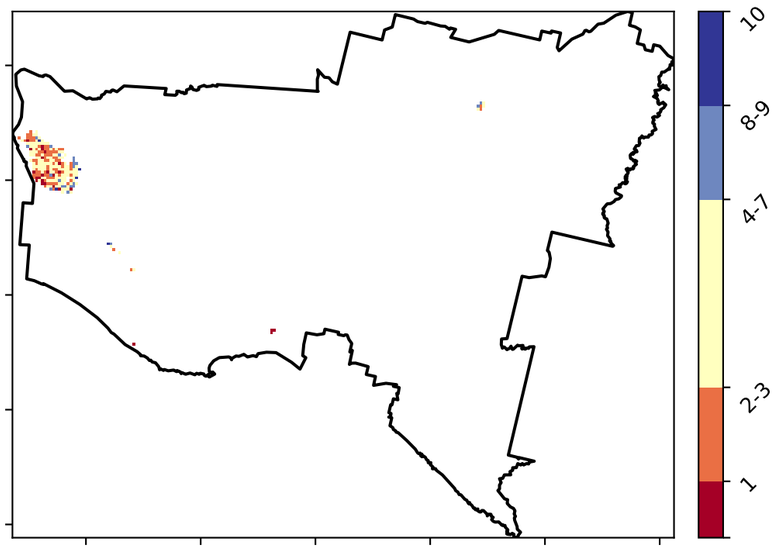

Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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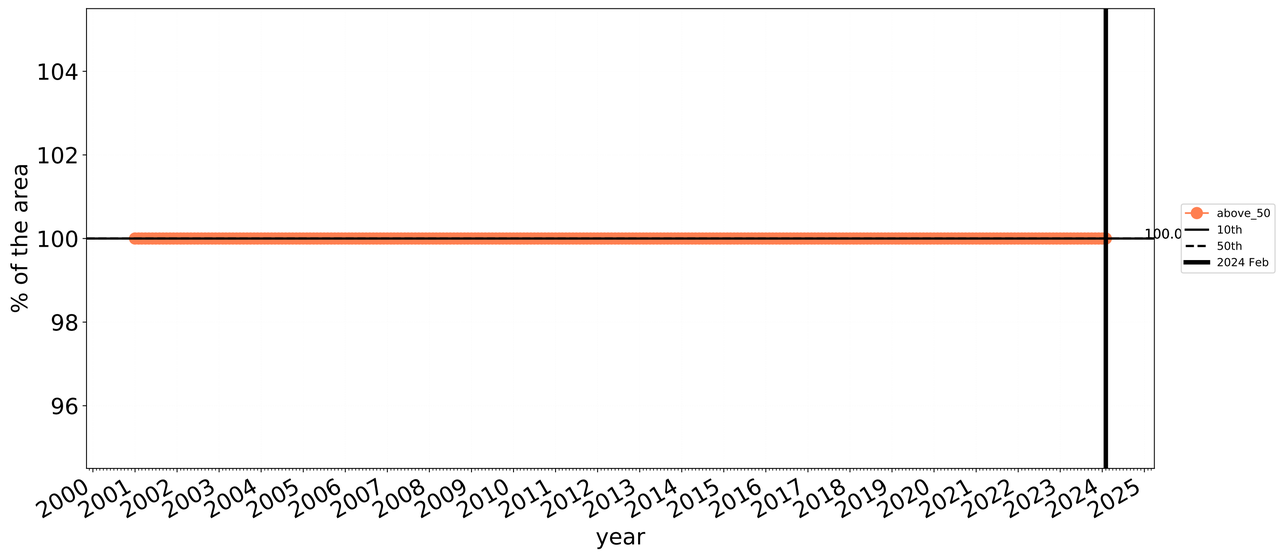

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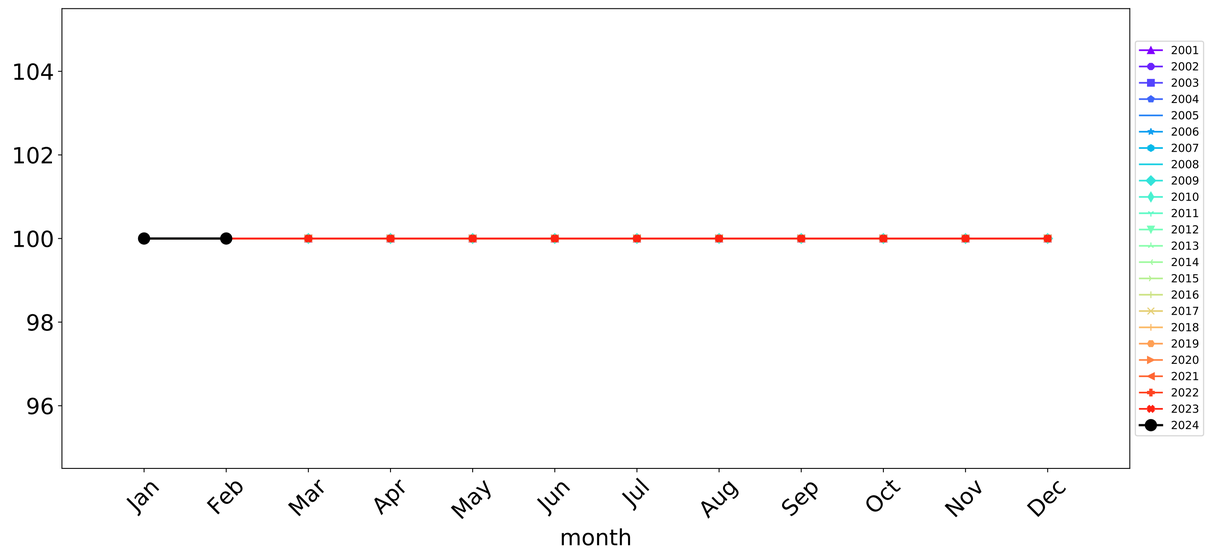

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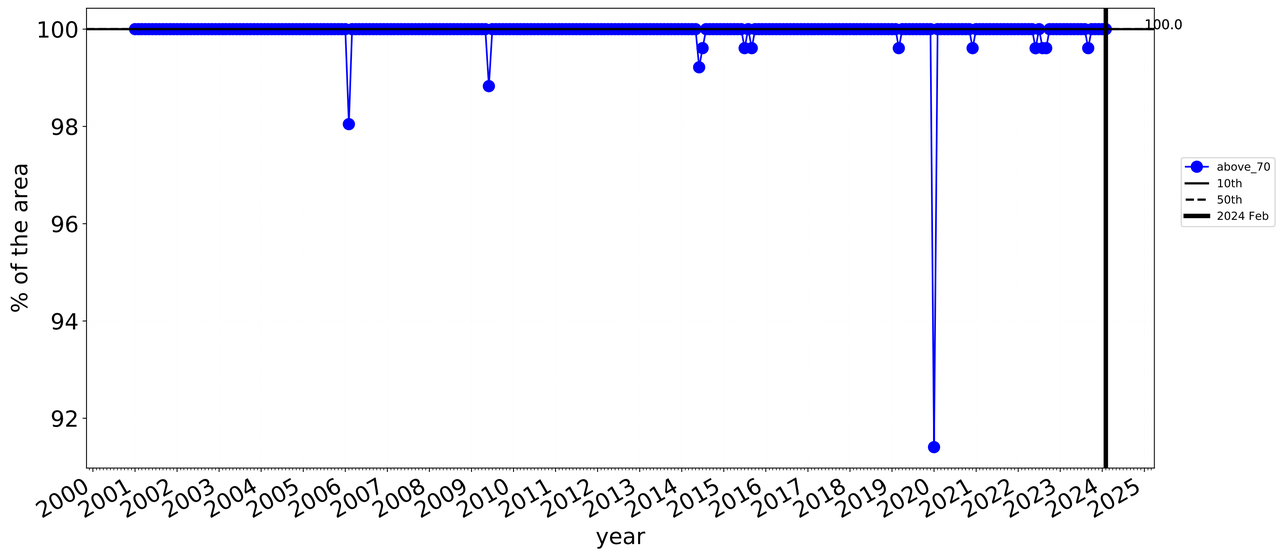

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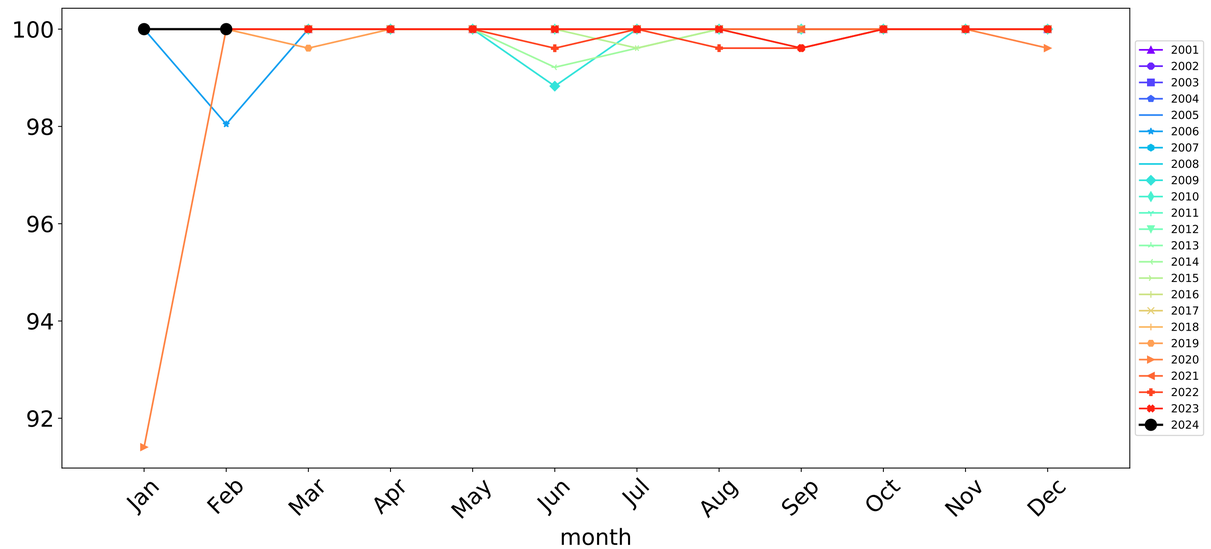

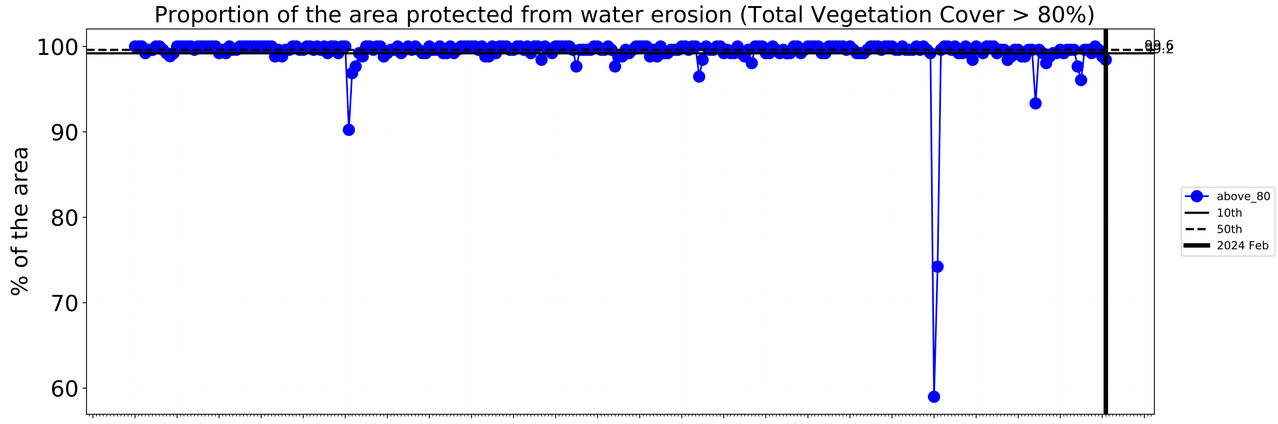
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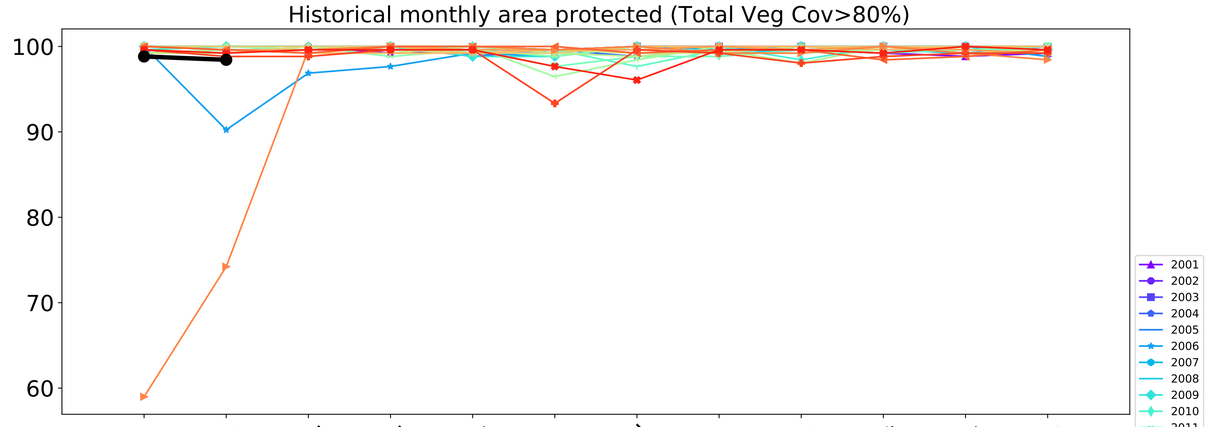
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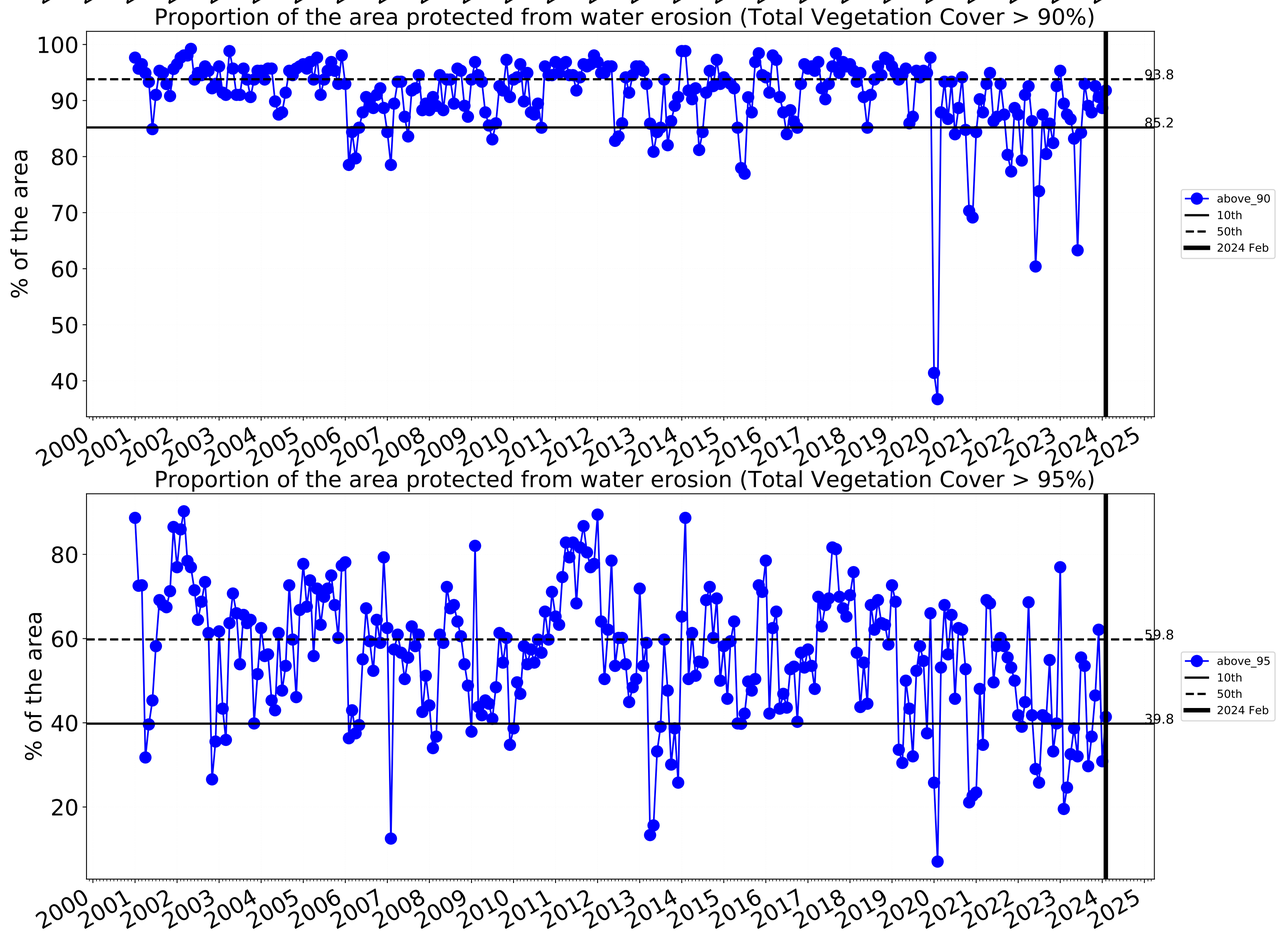
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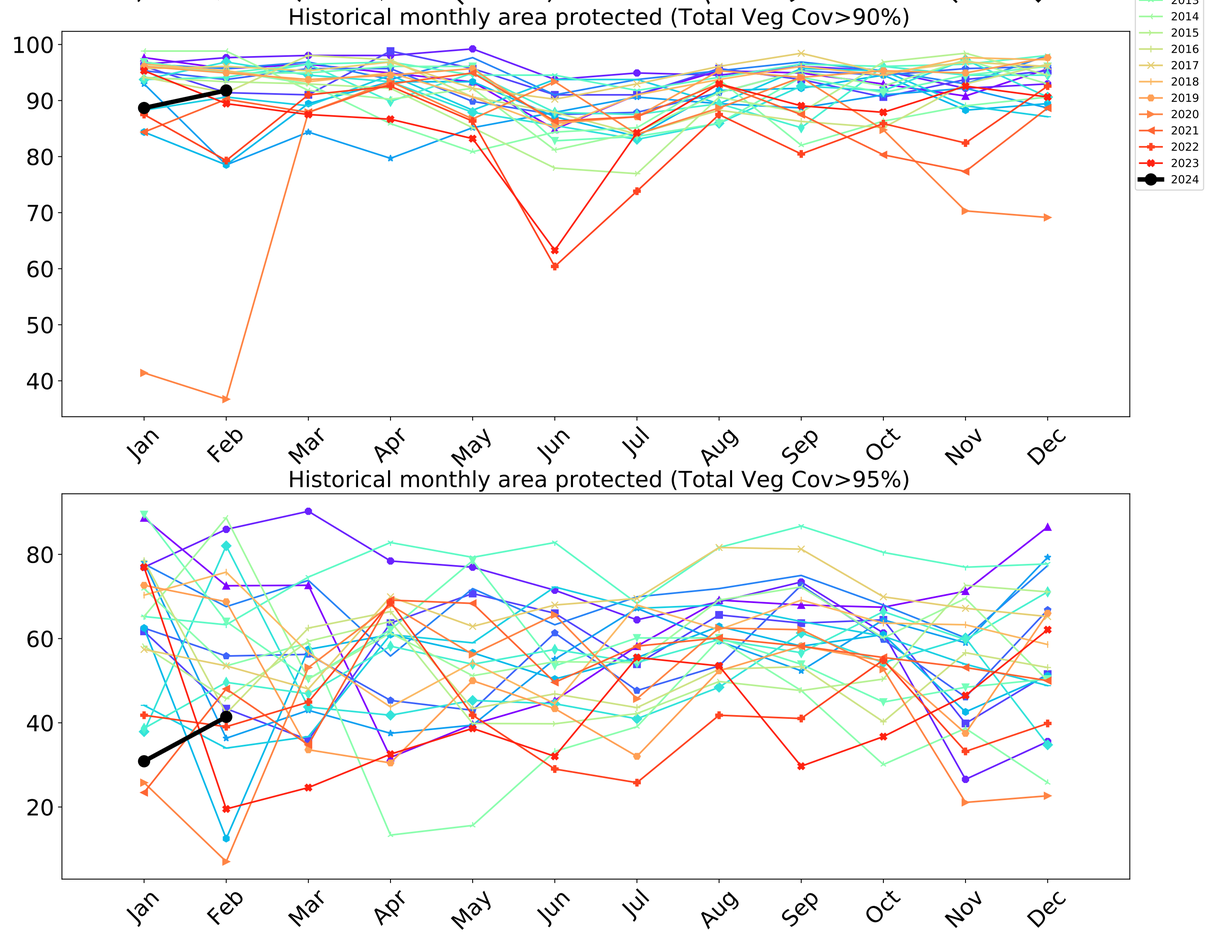
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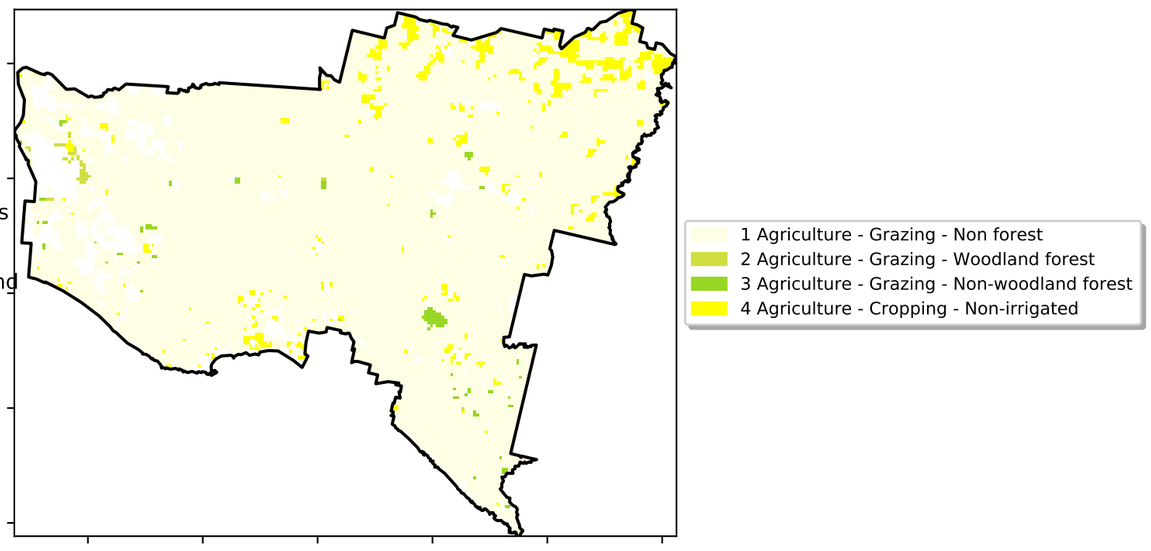
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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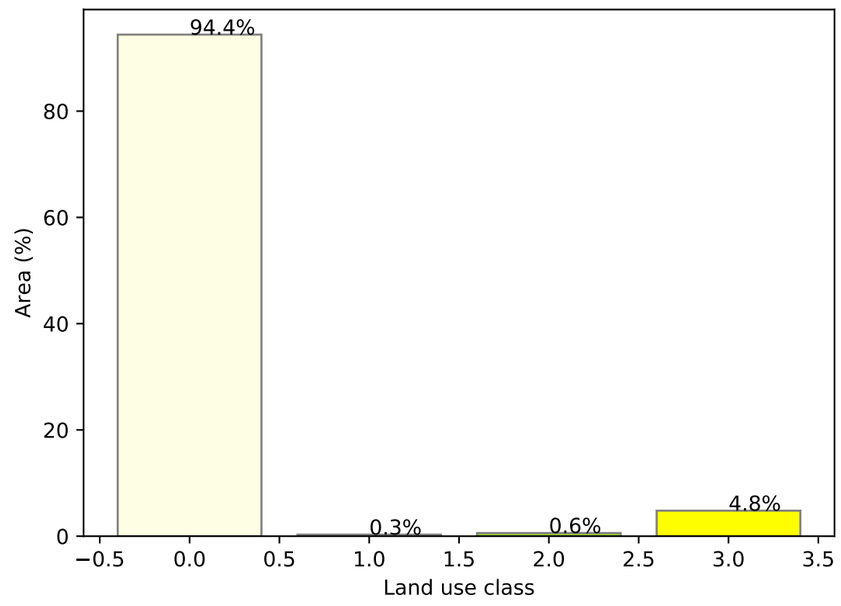
Proportion of each land class in area



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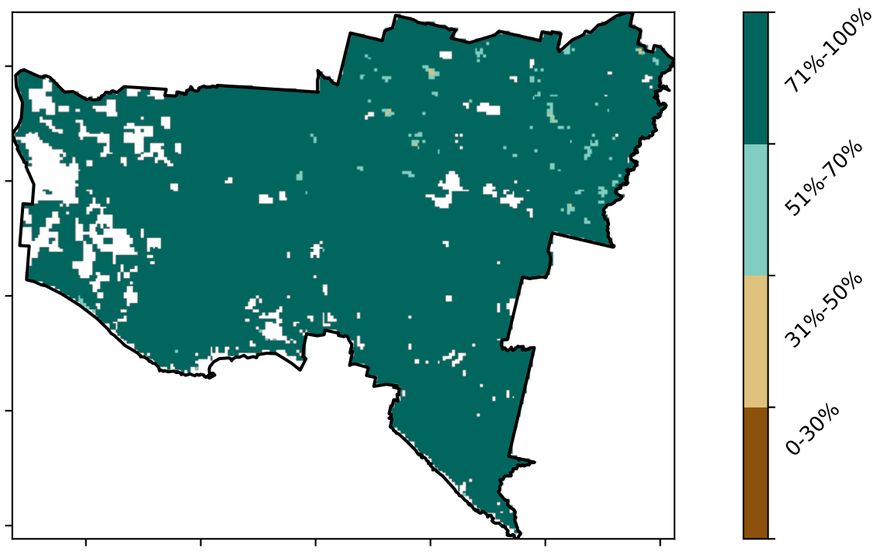

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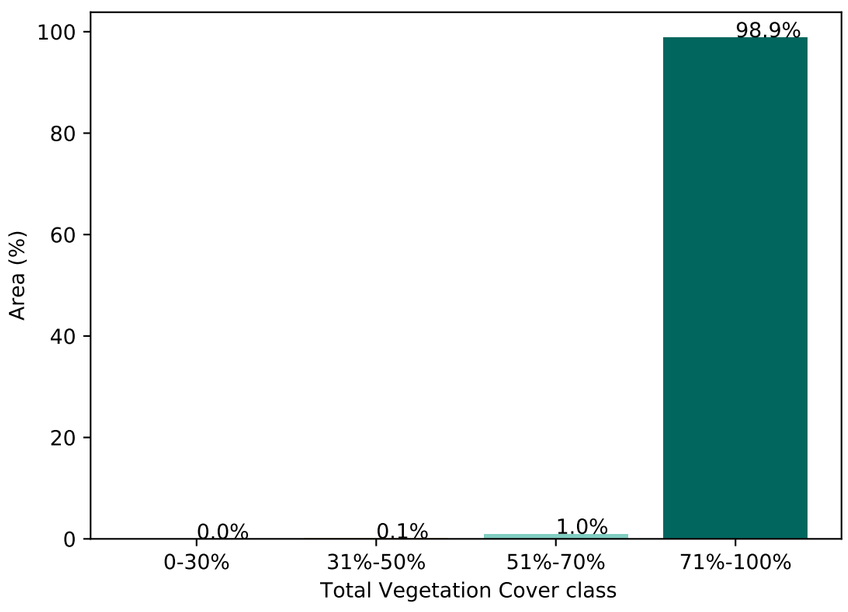
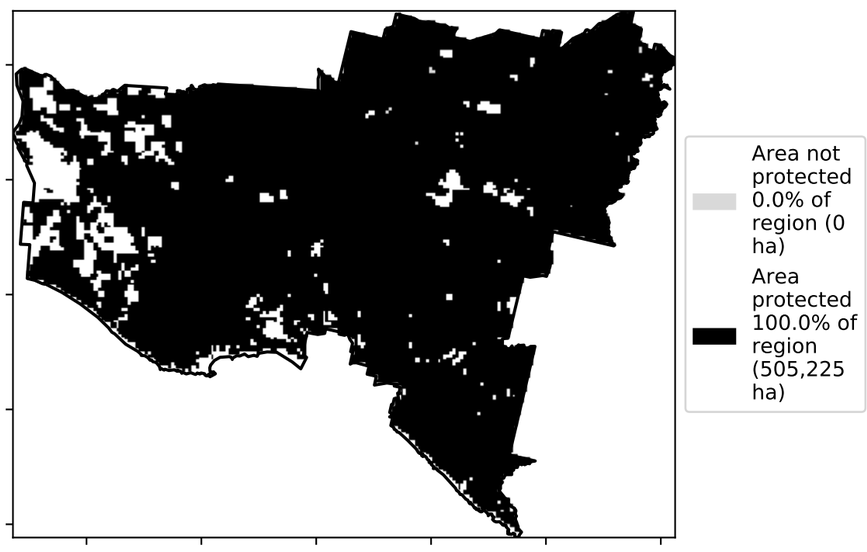


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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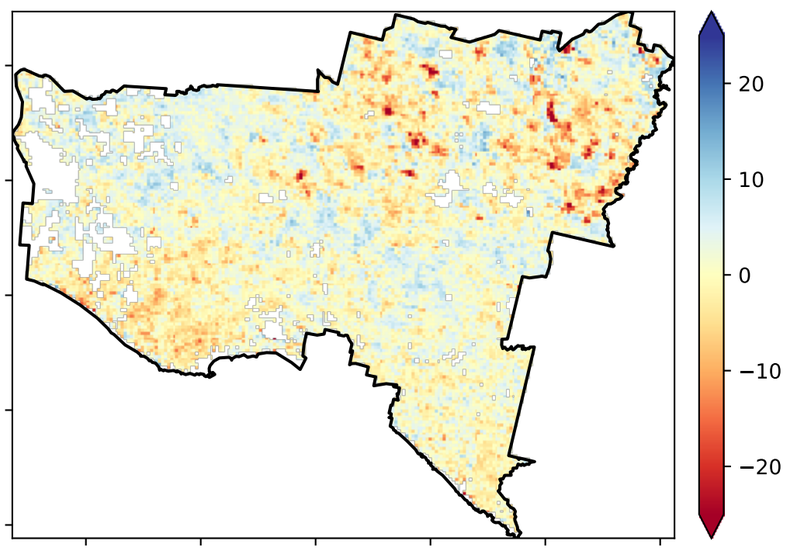

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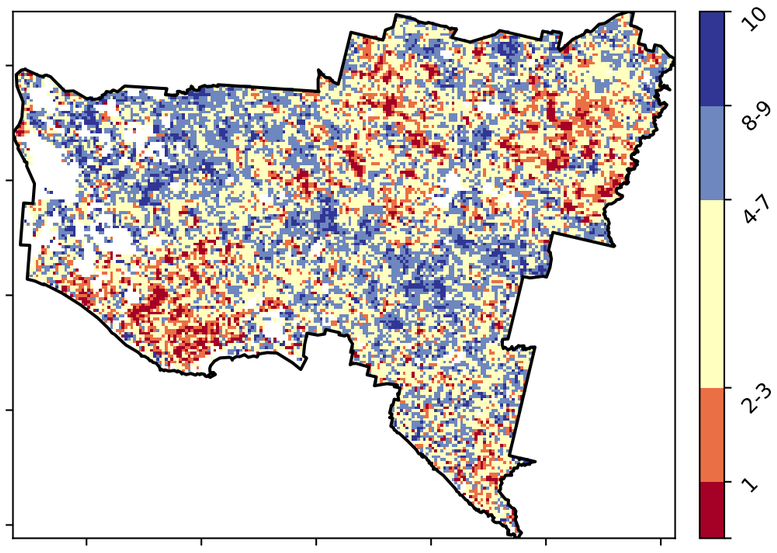
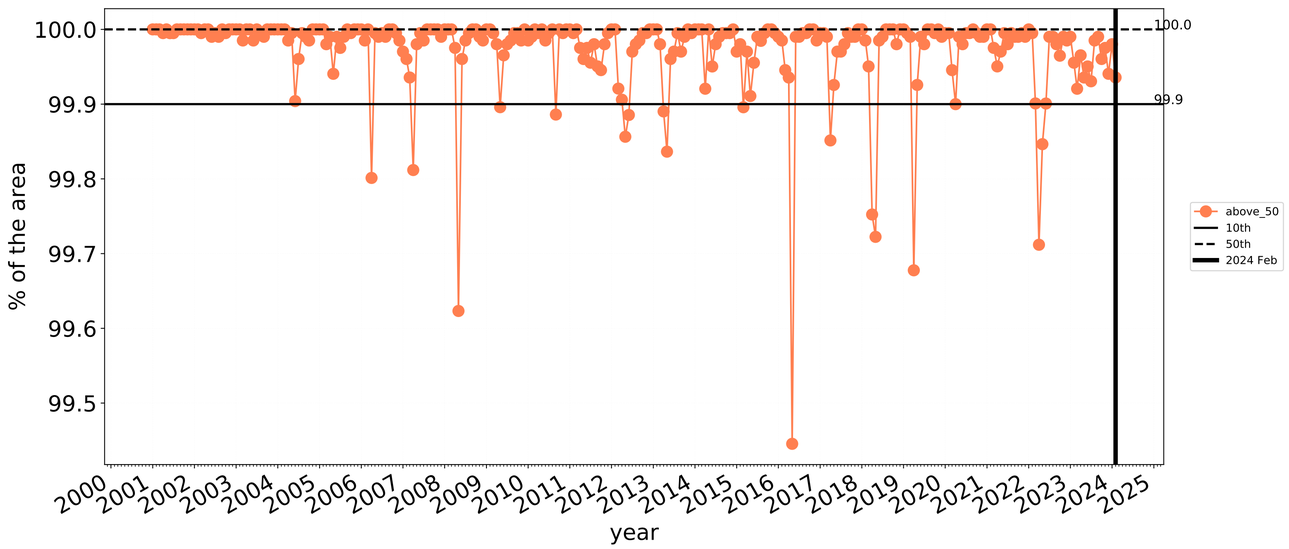


Agriculture timeseries

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



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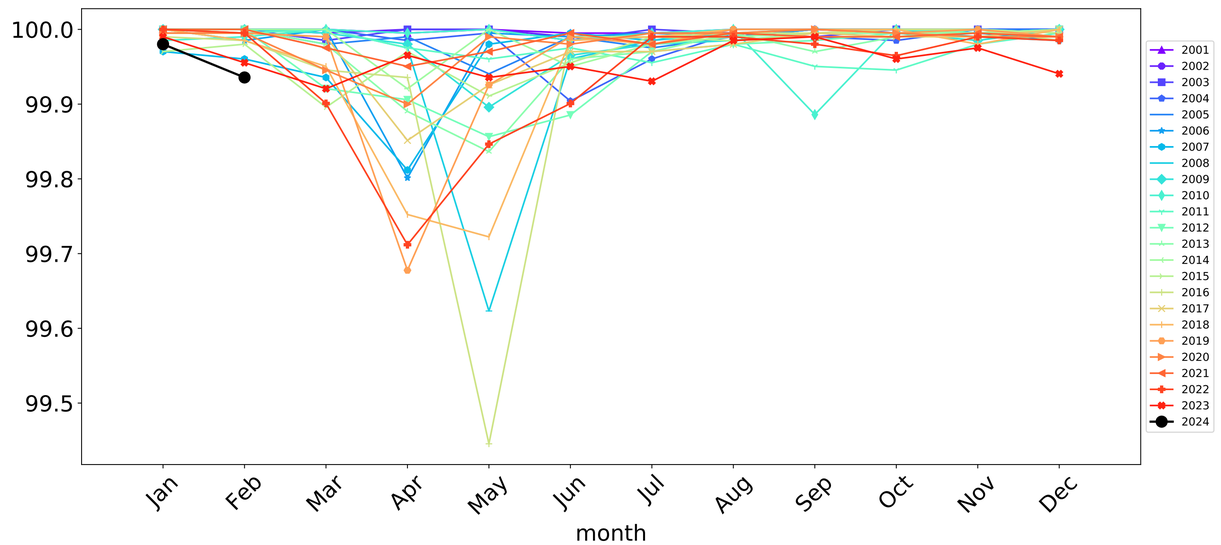

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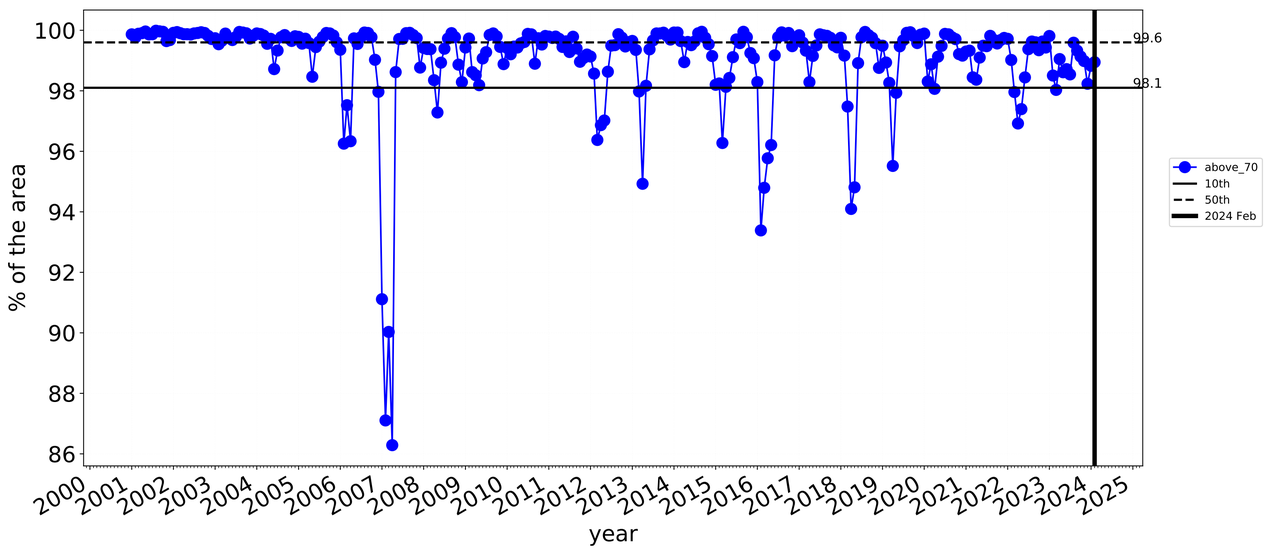

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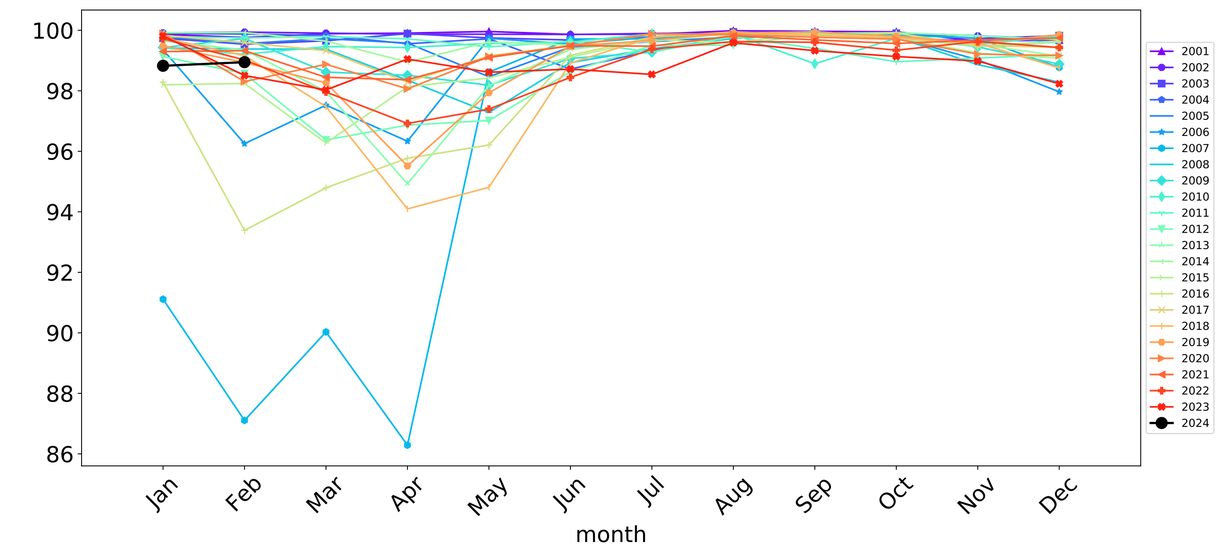

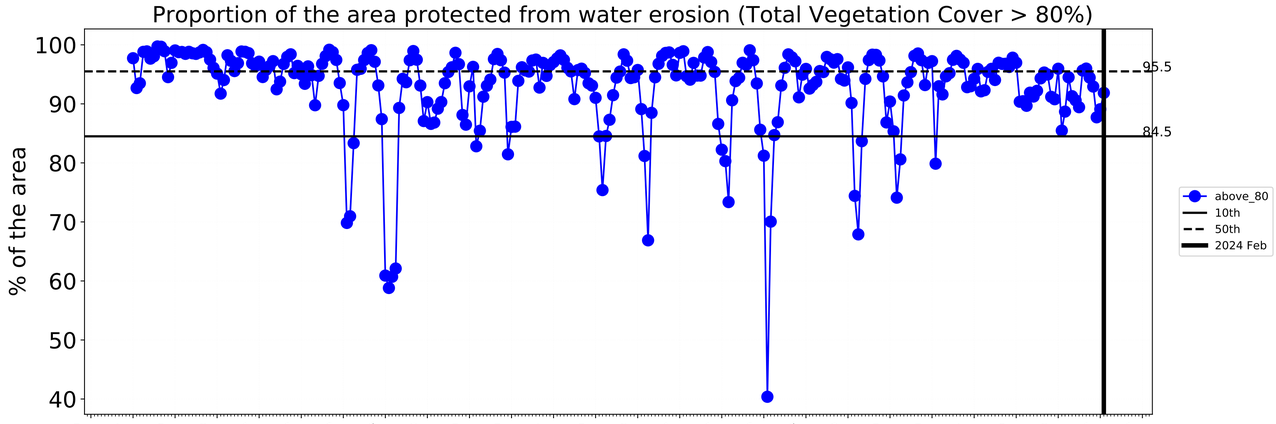
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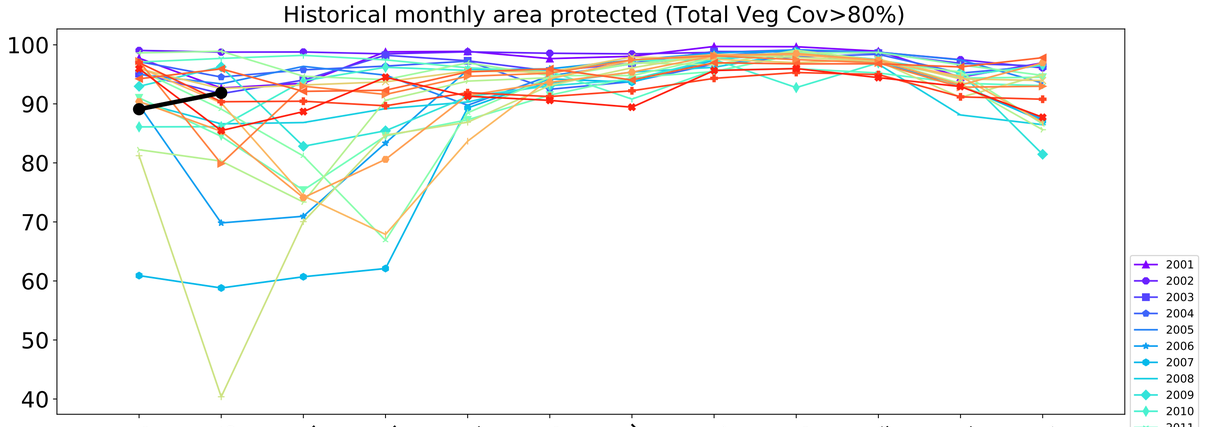
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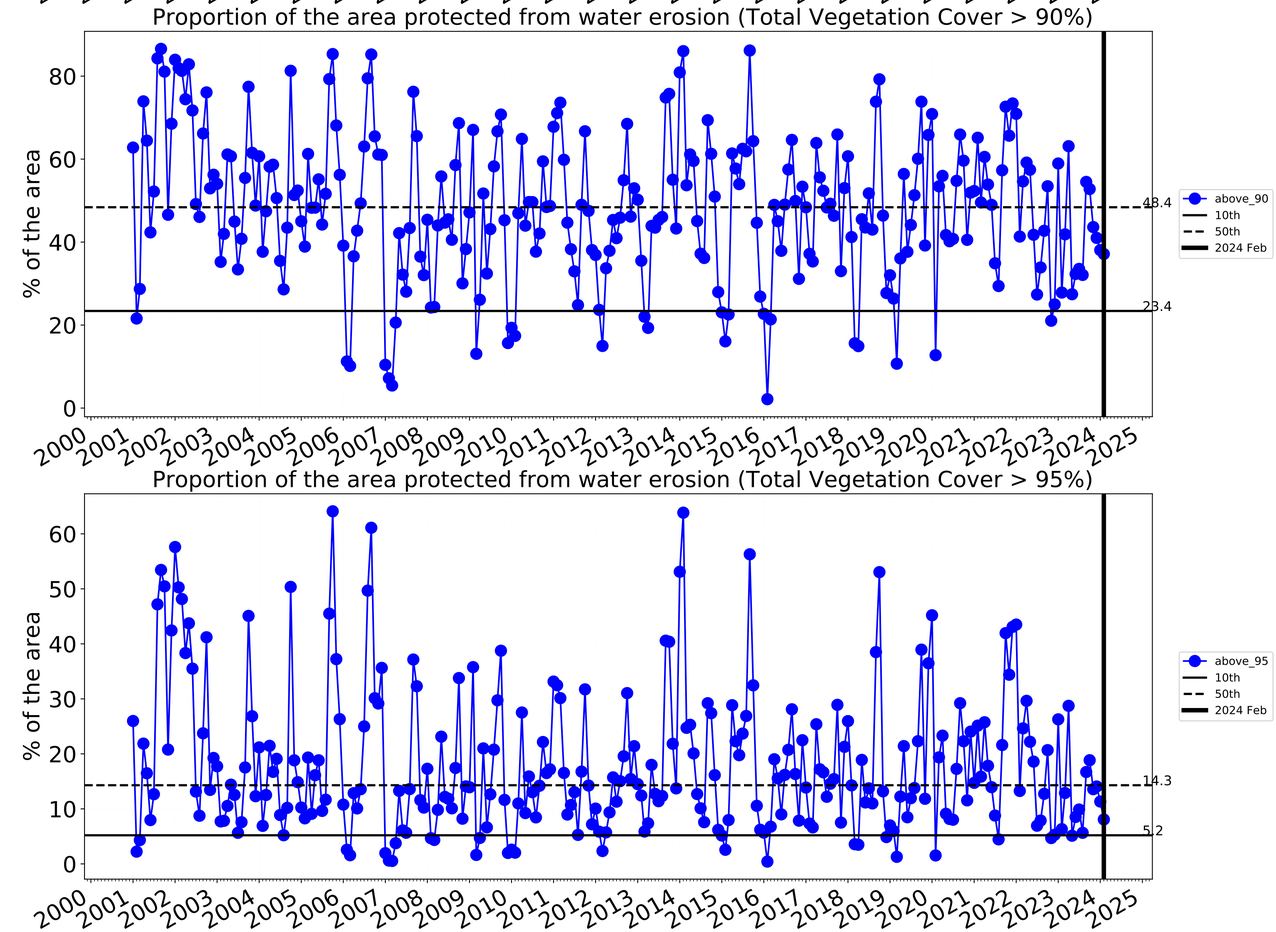
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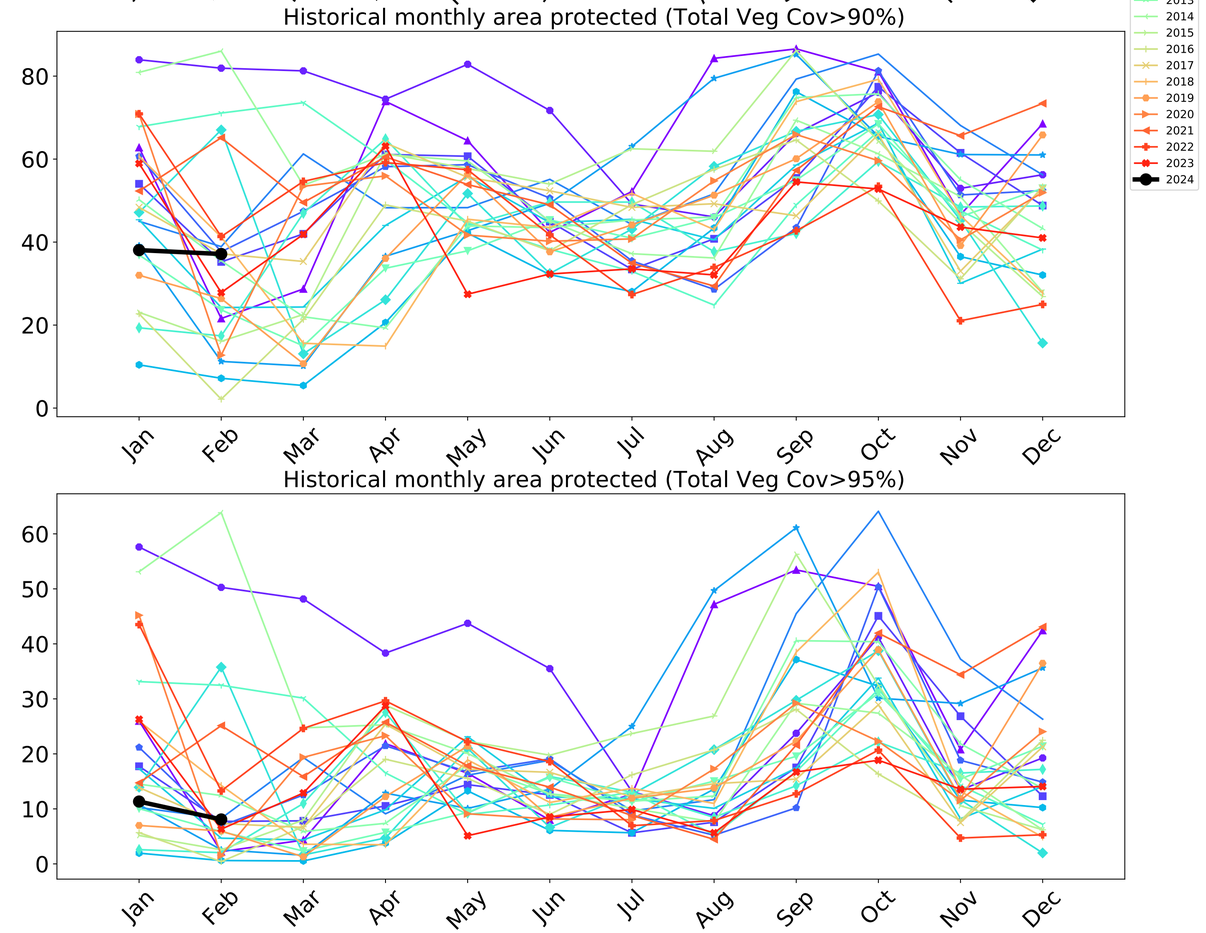
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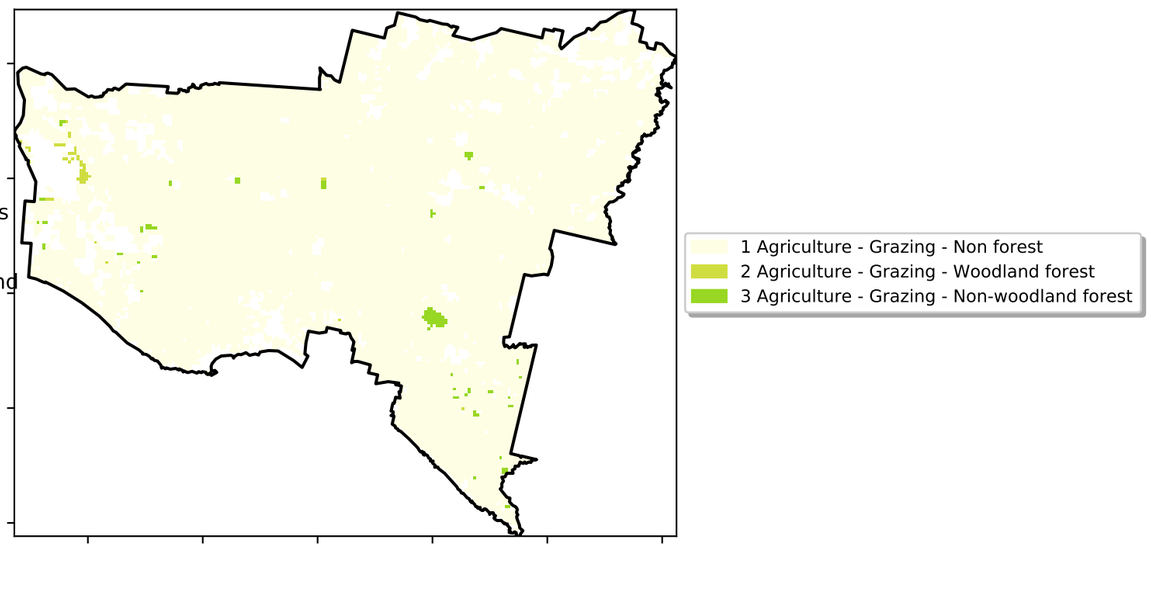
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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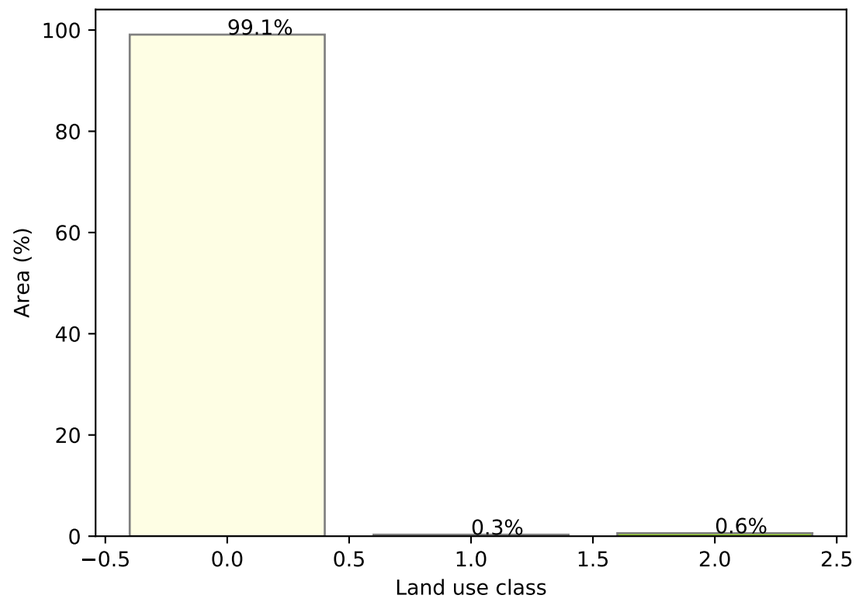

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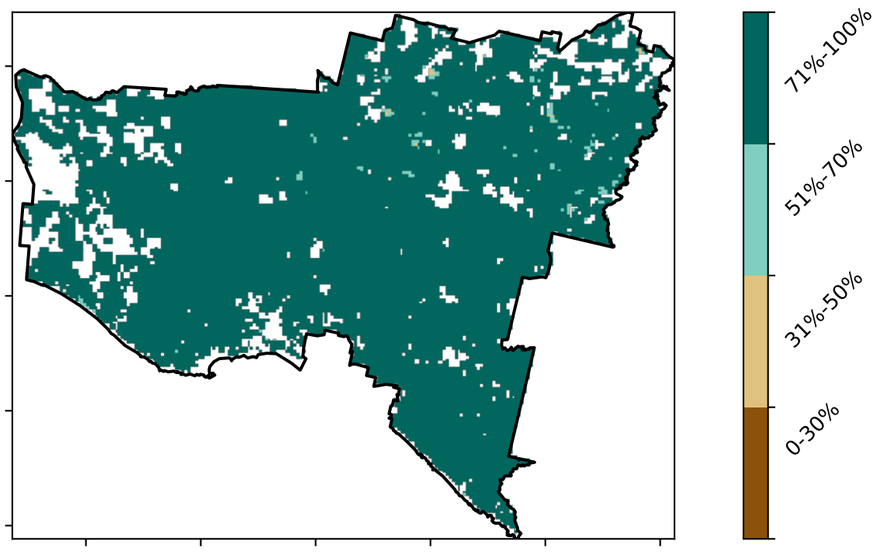

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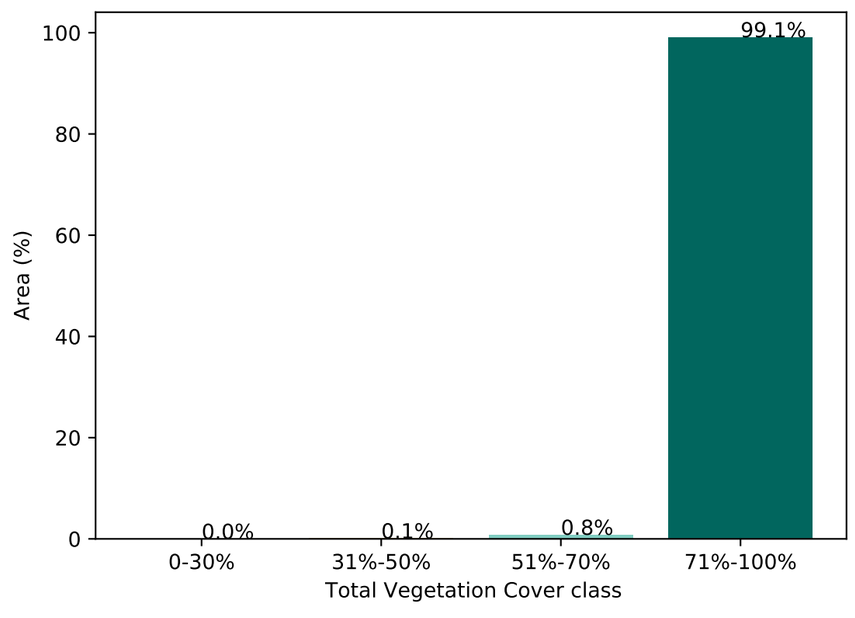

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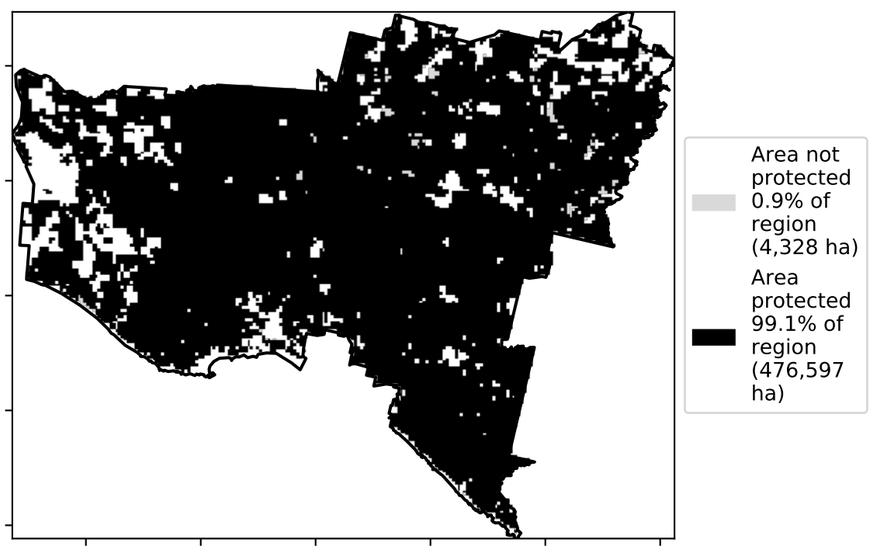

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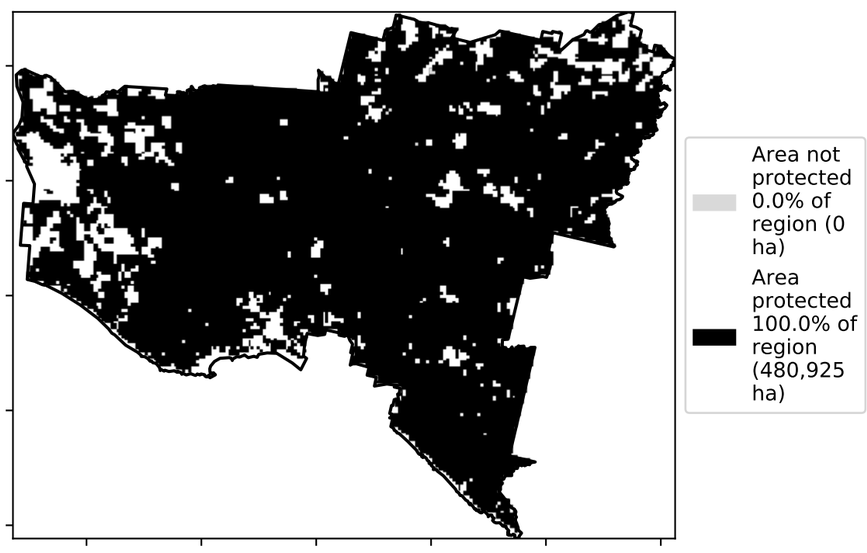

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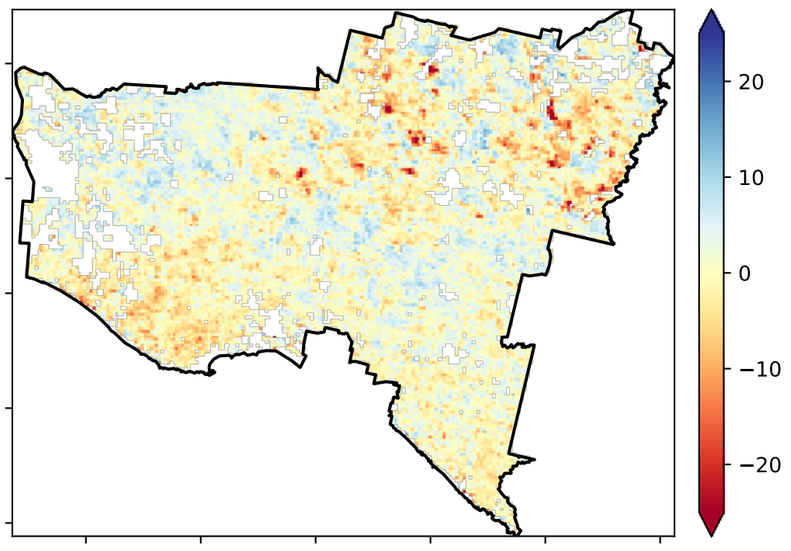

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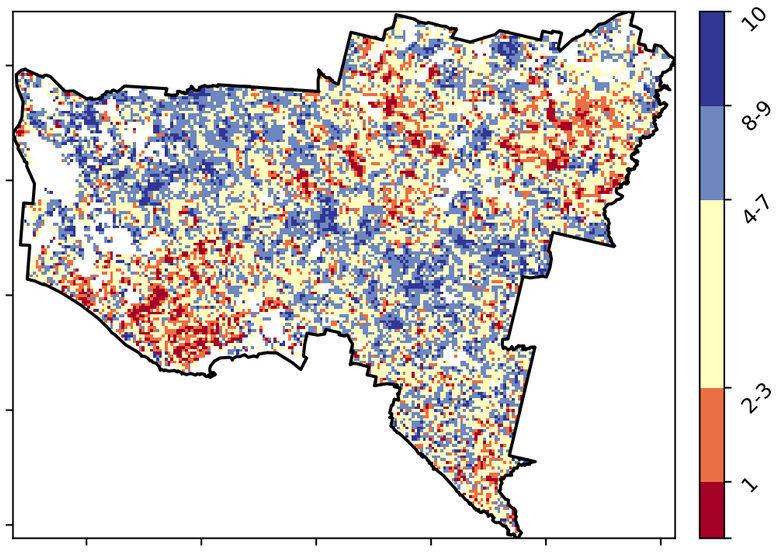
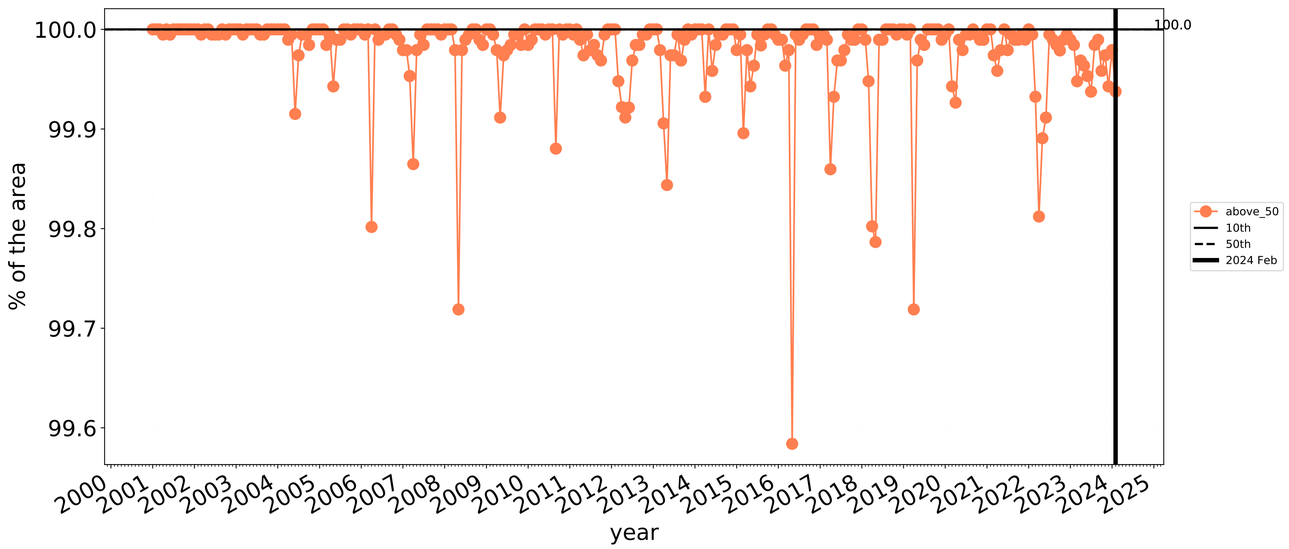


Grazing timeseries

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



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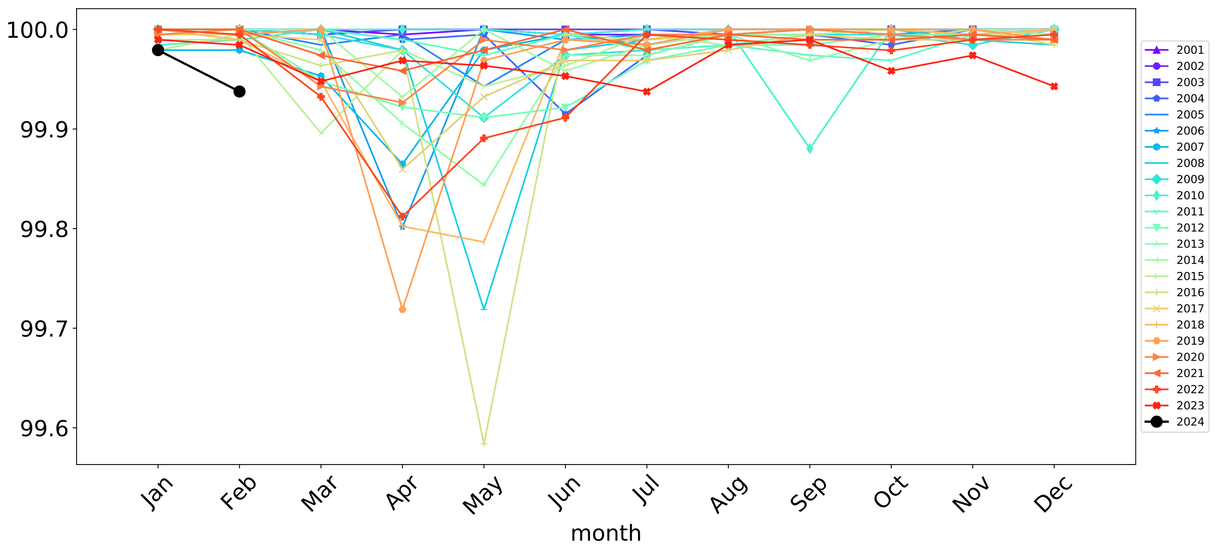

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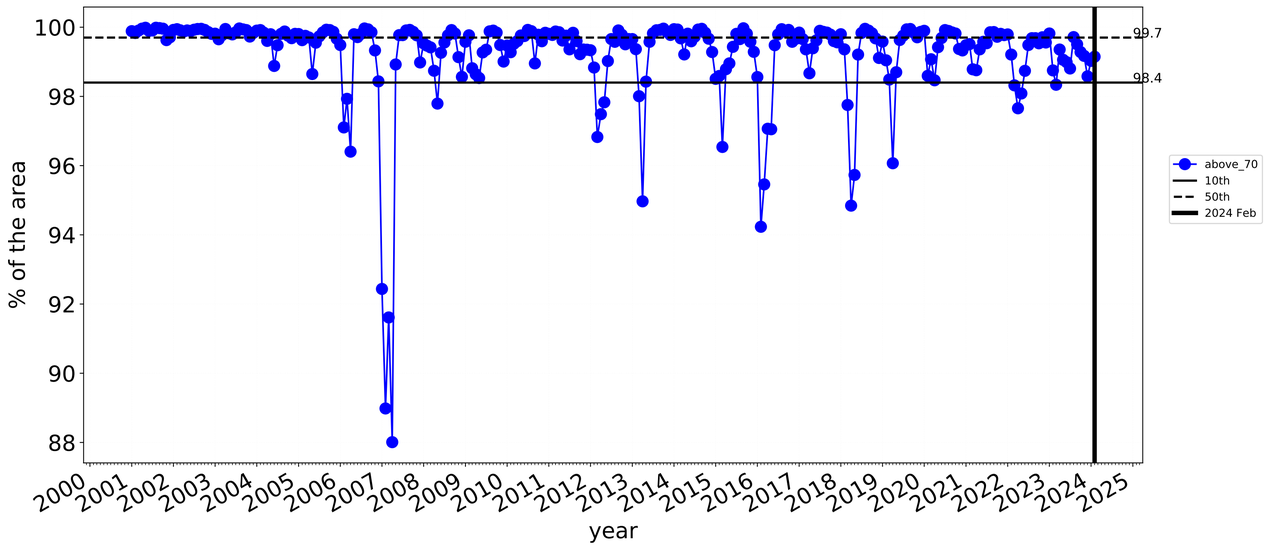

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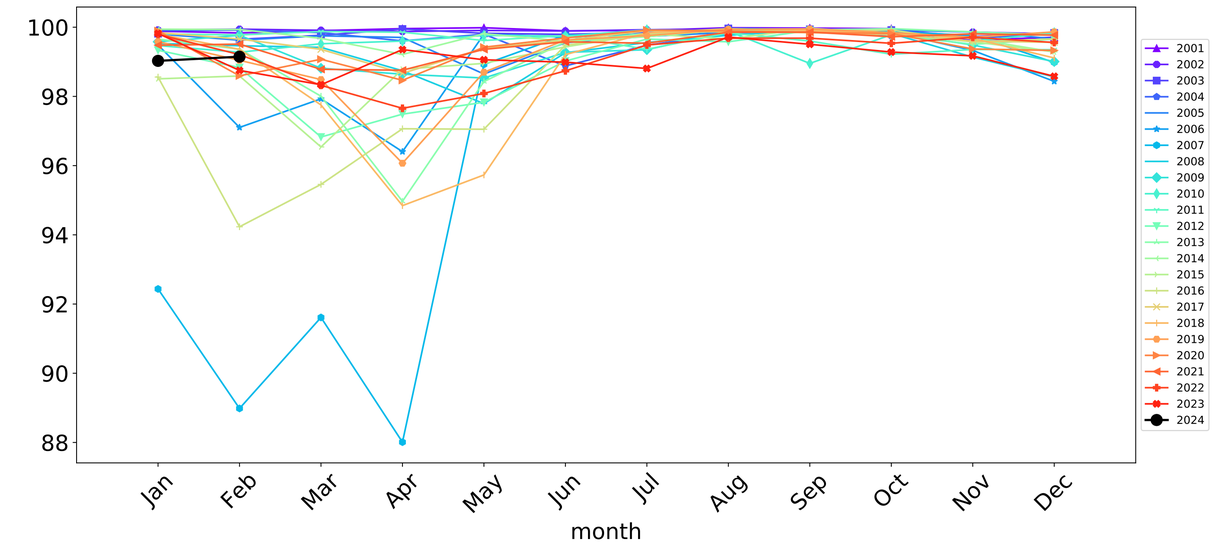

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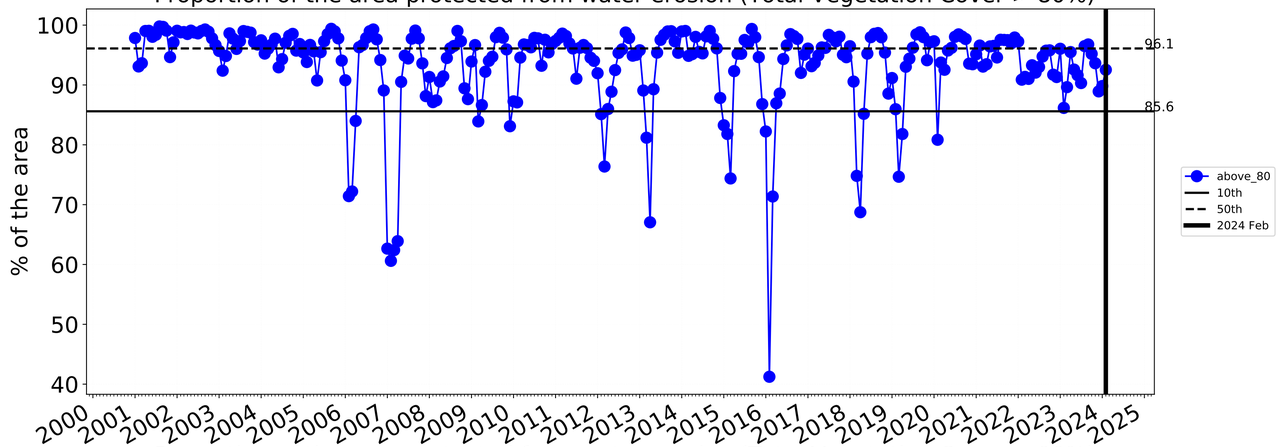

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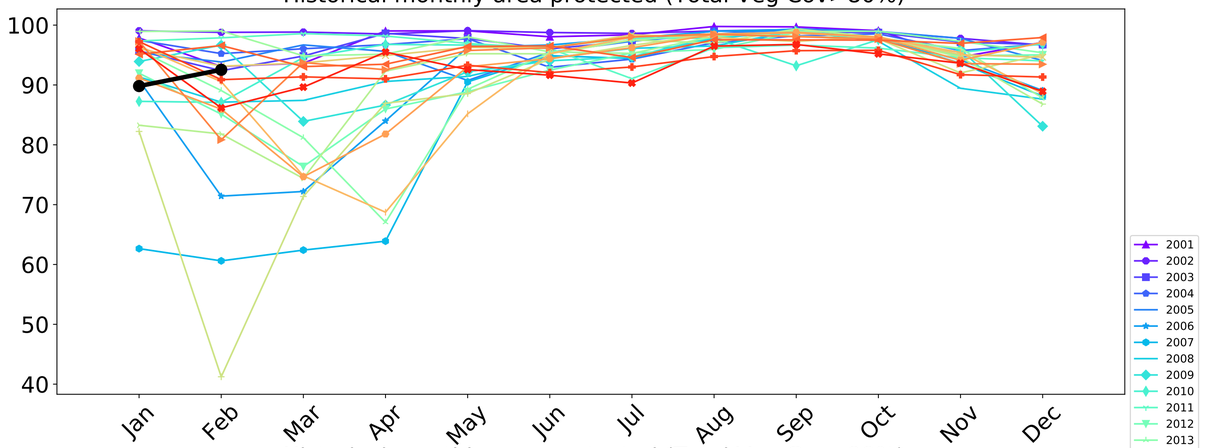

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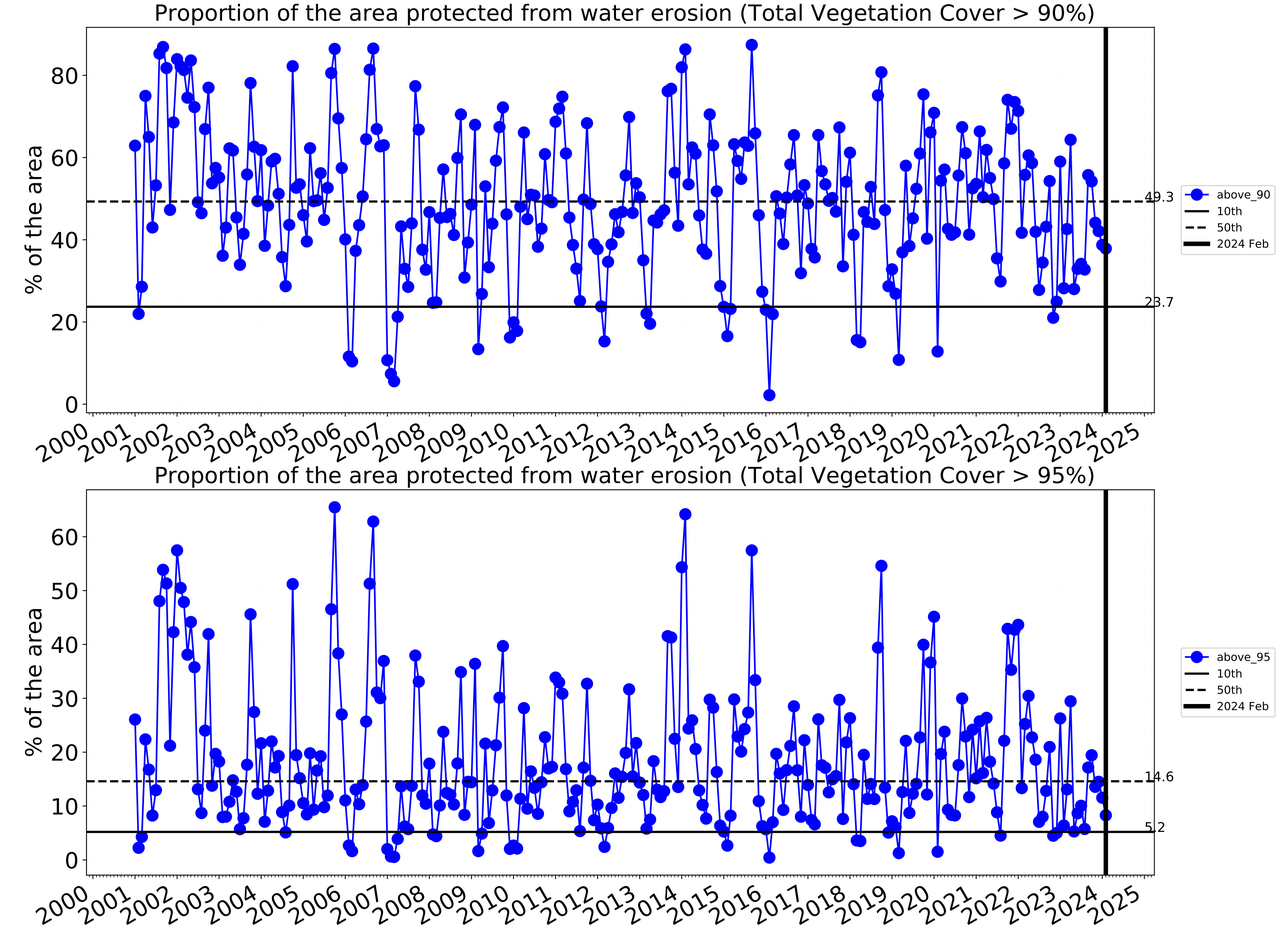

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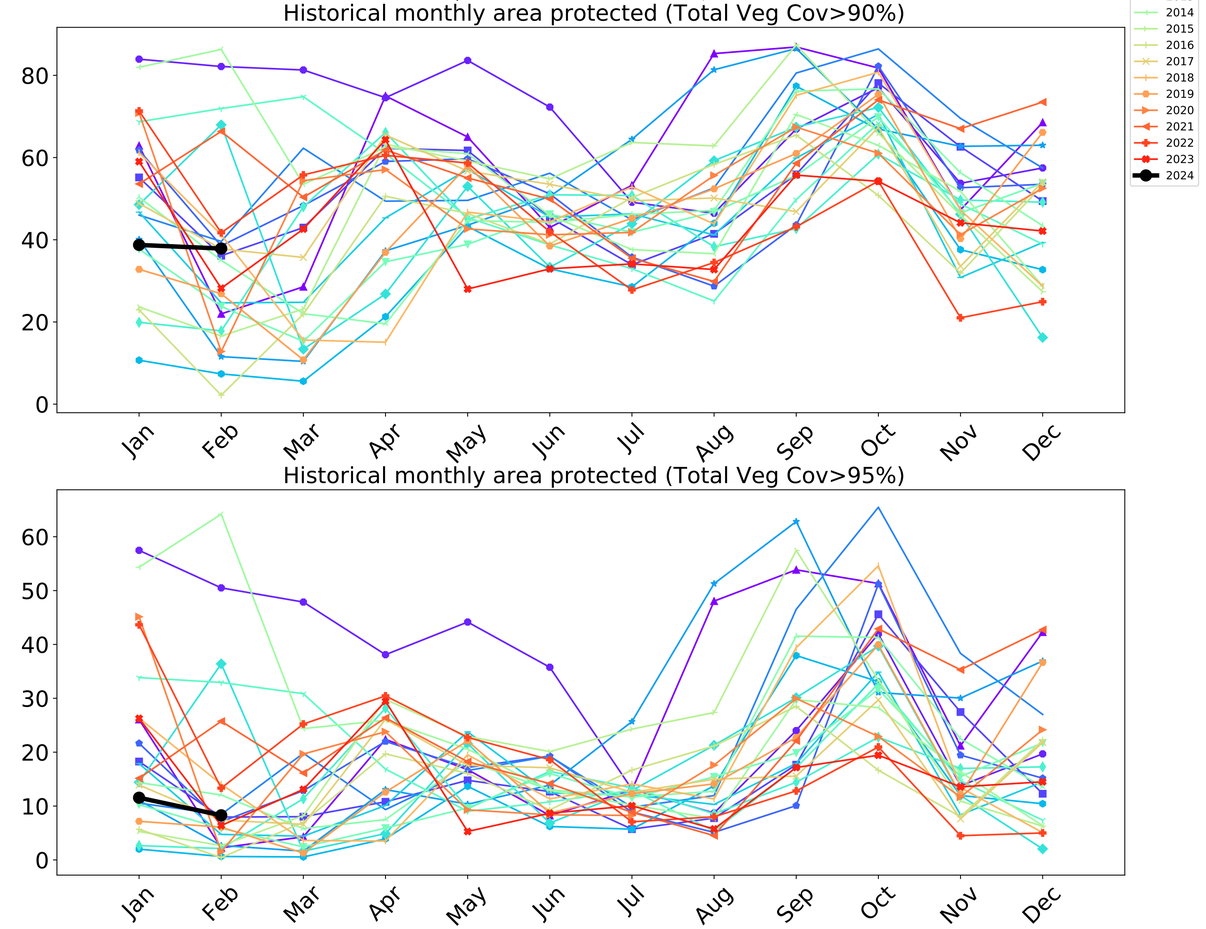

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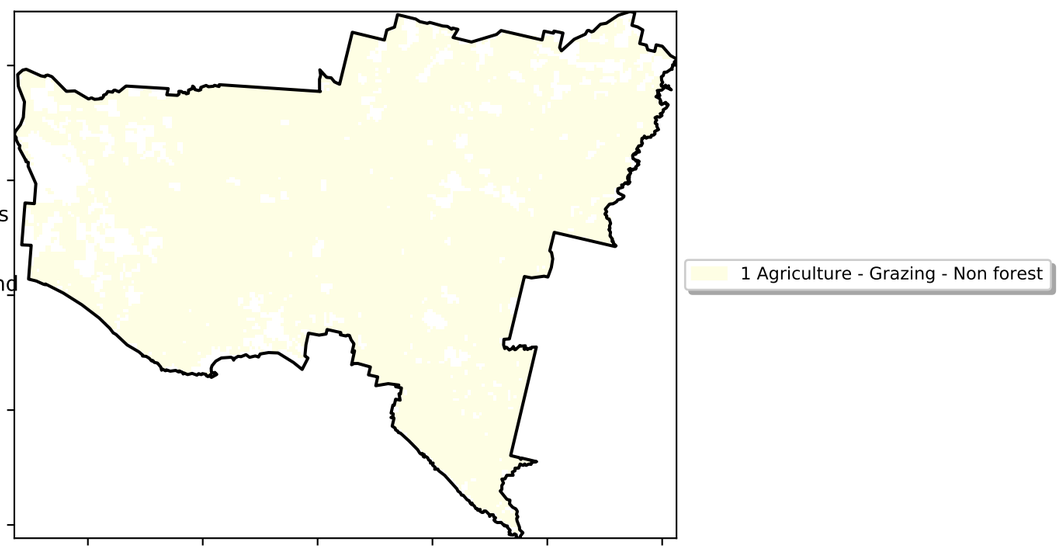
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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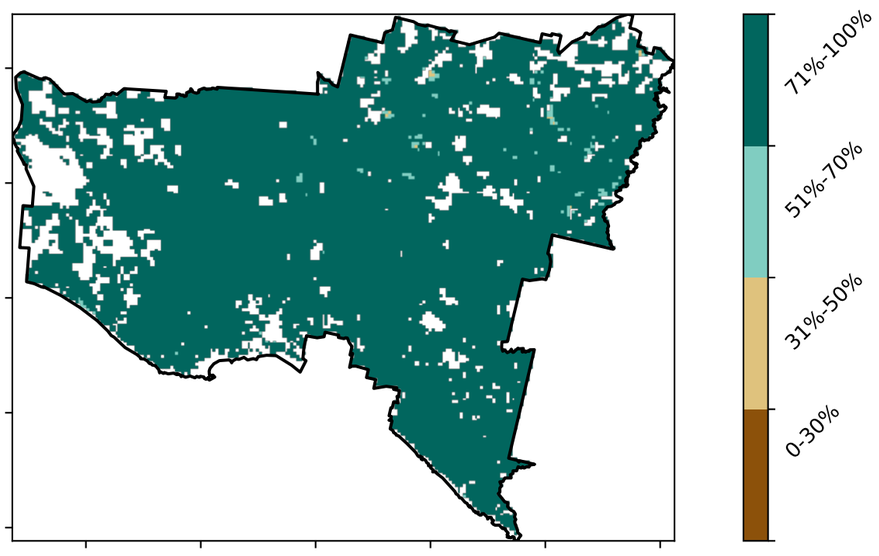

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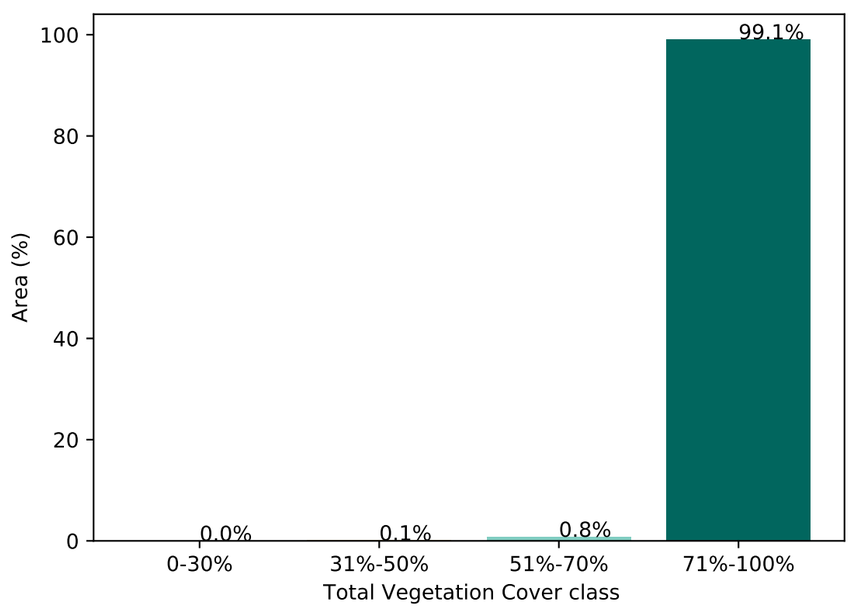

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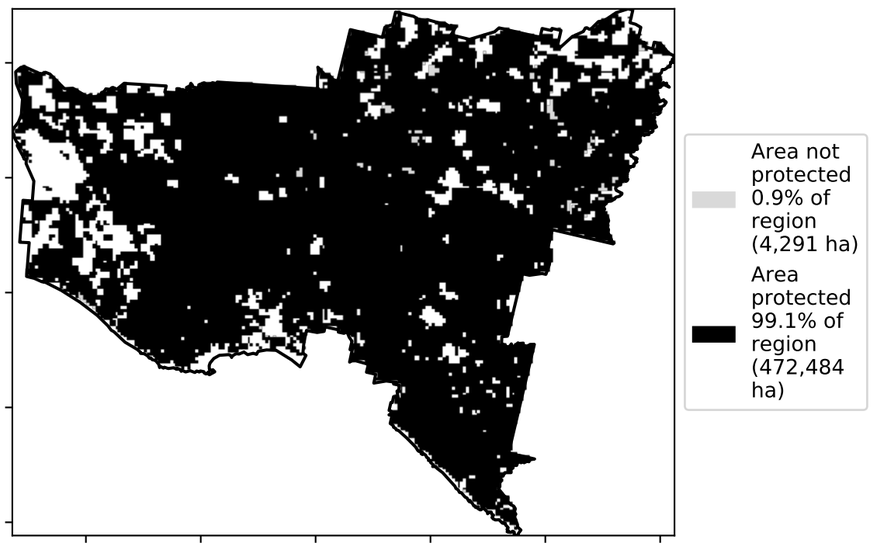

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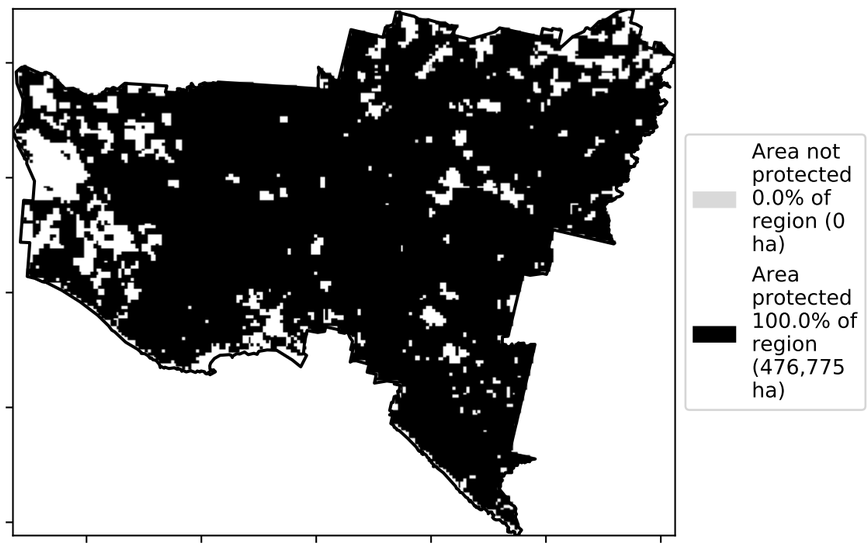

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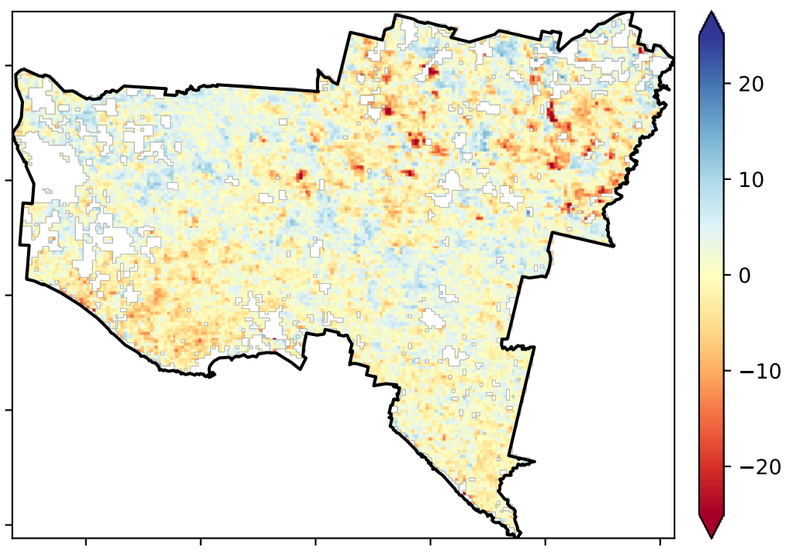

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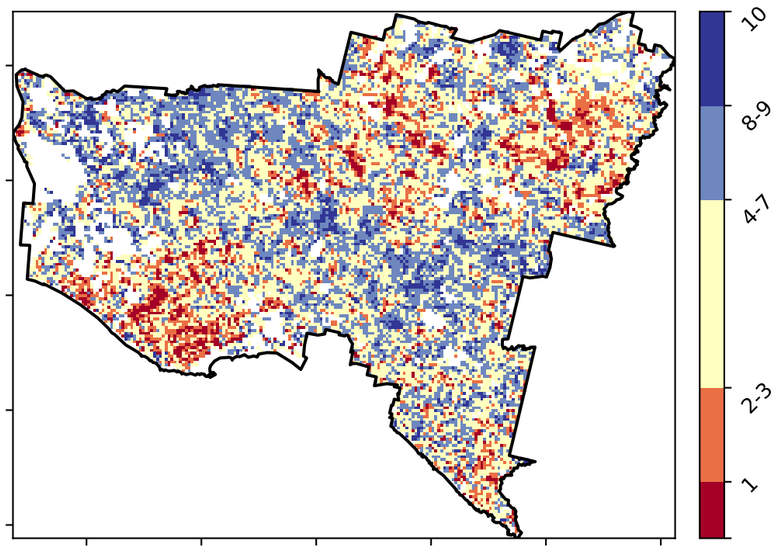

Grazing non forest timeseries

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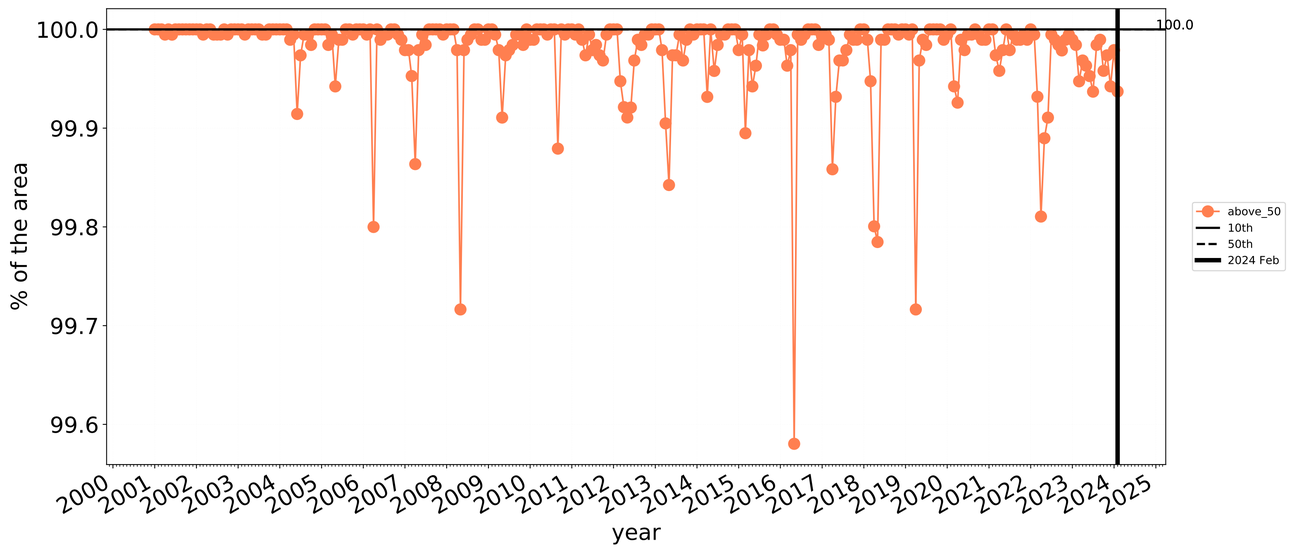

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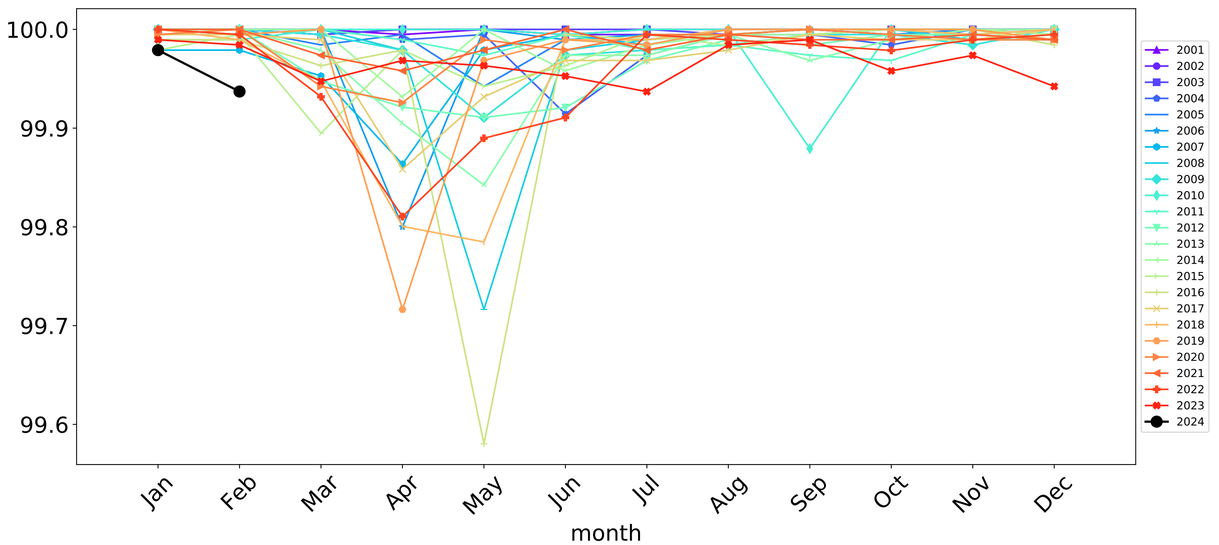

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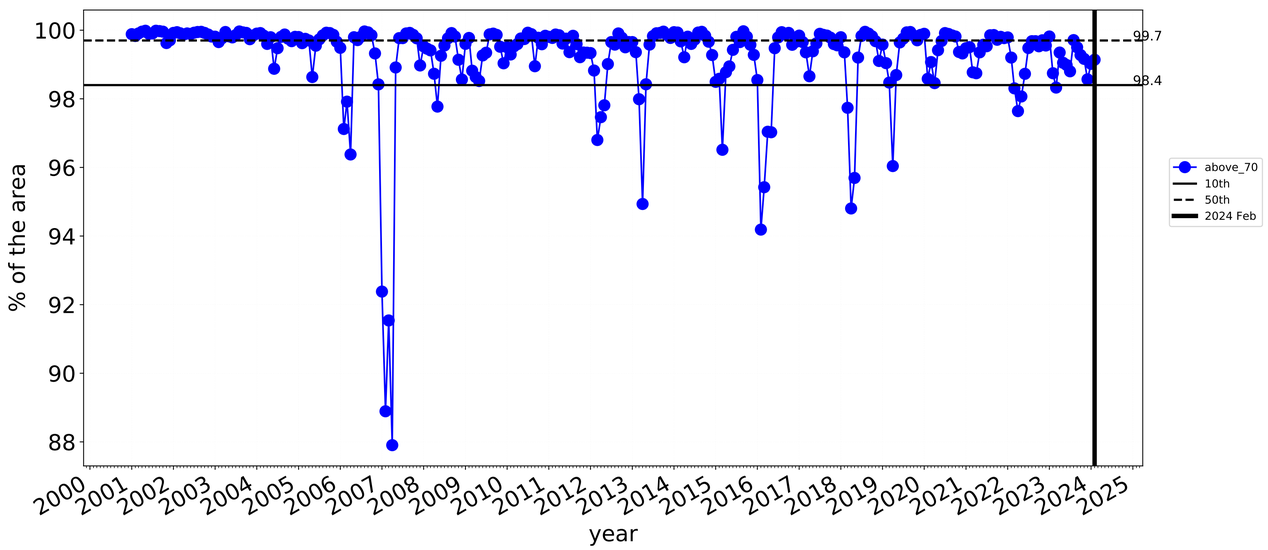

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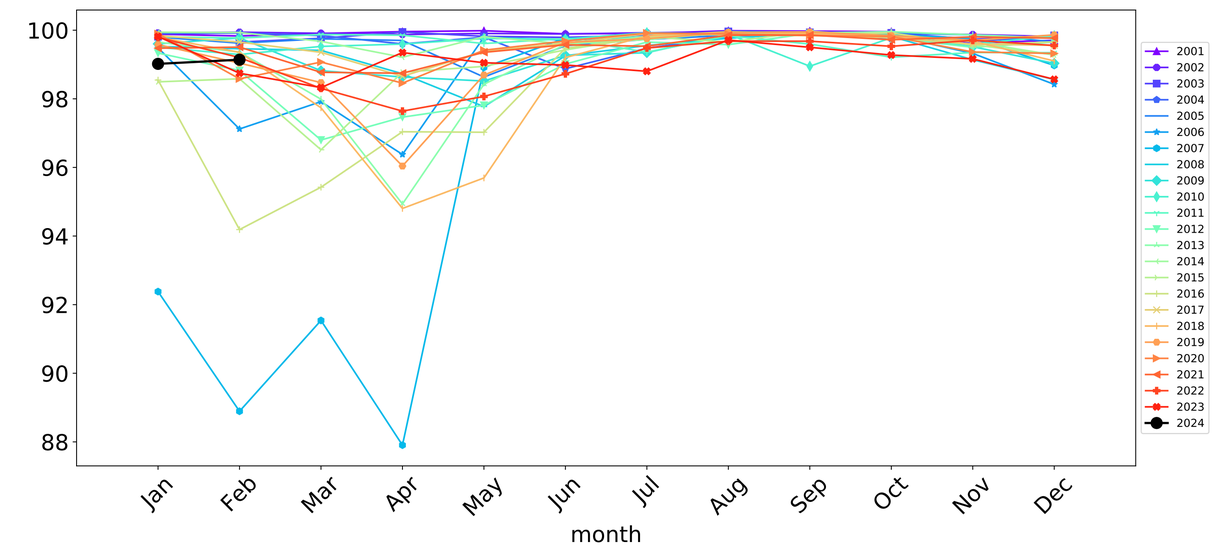

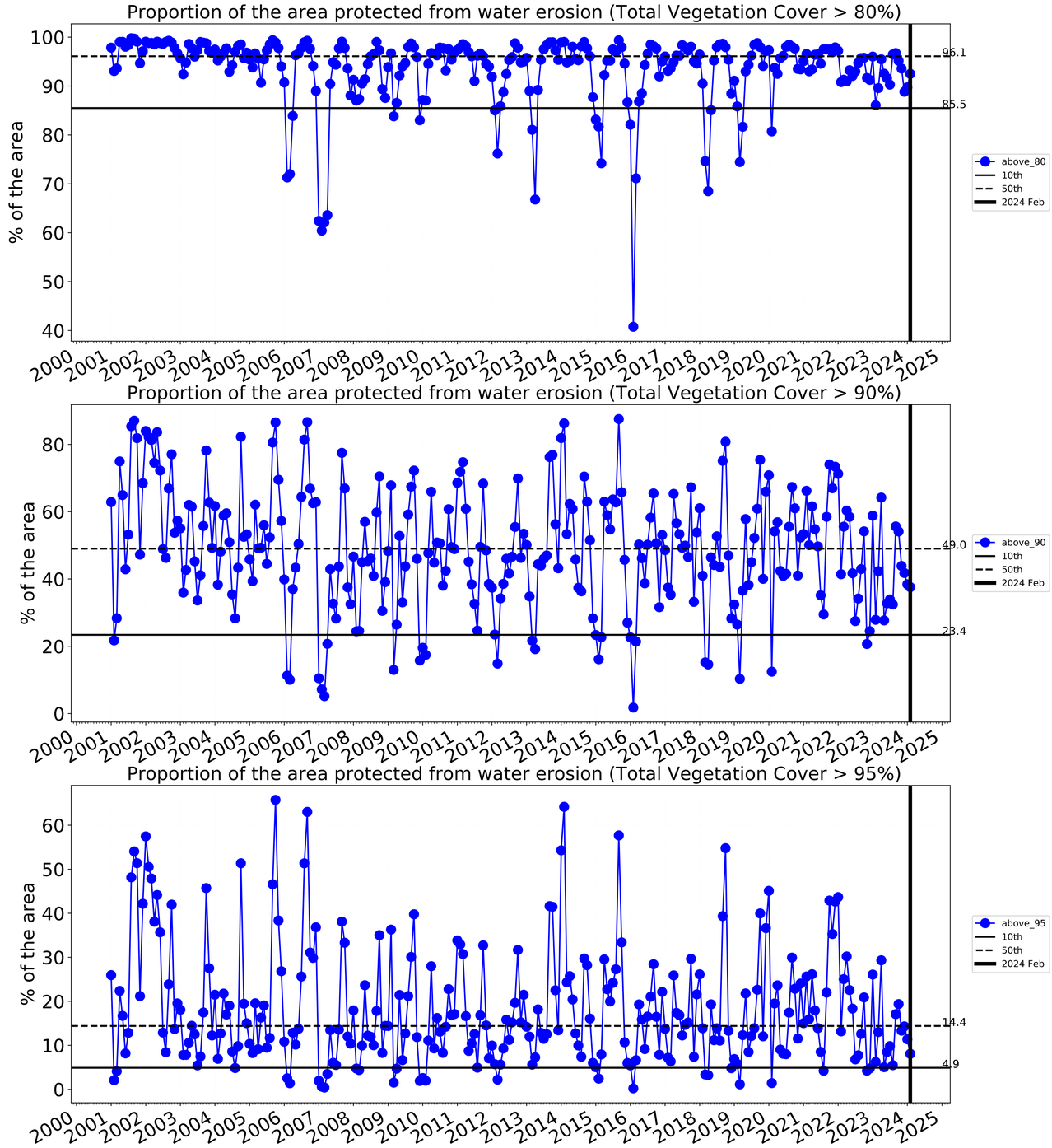
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% of the area
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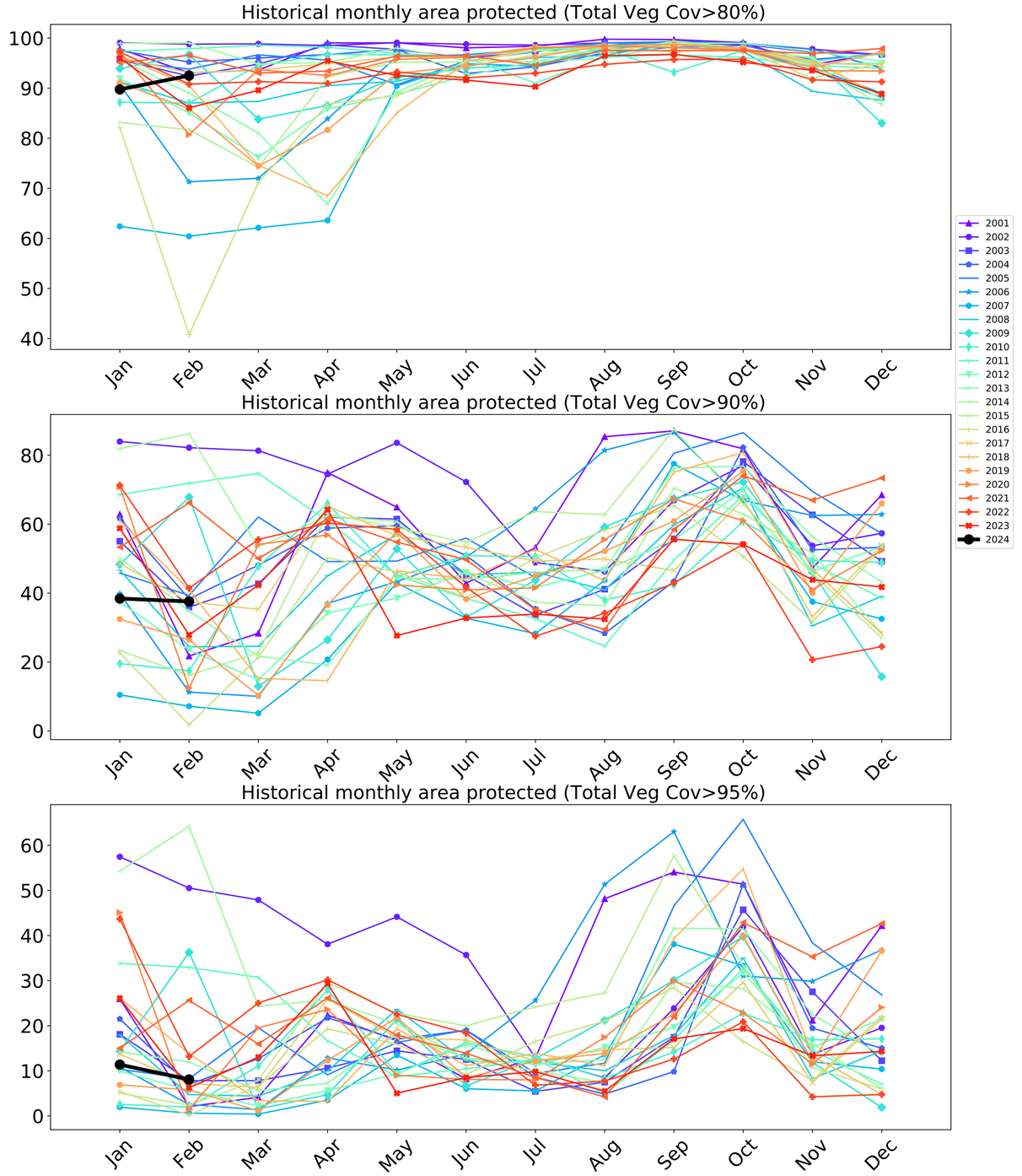
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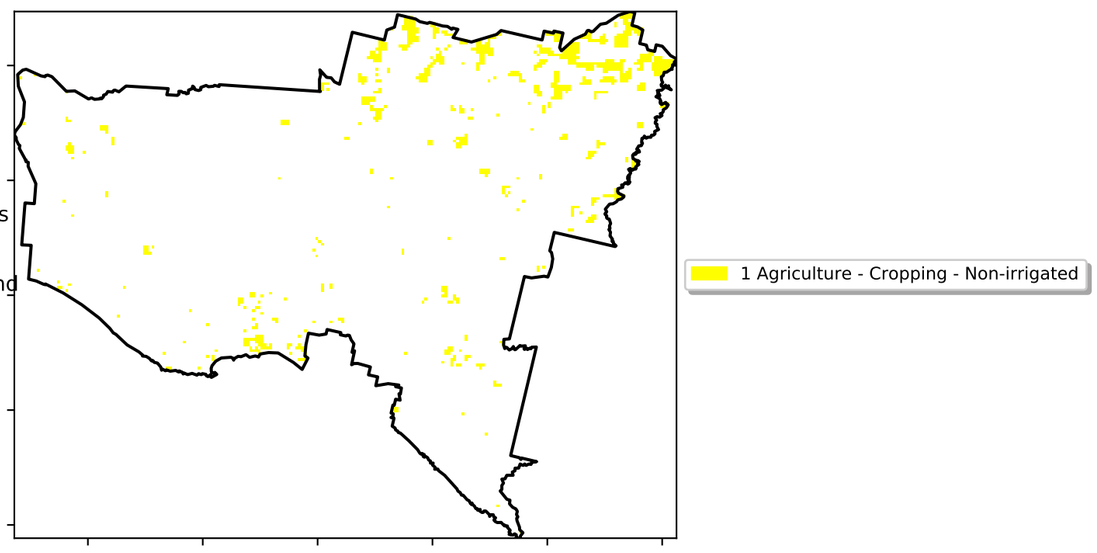

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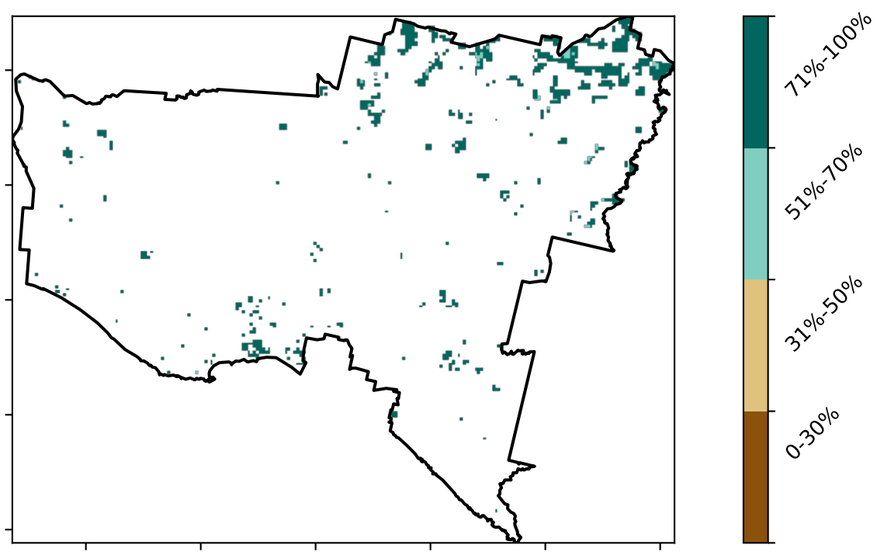

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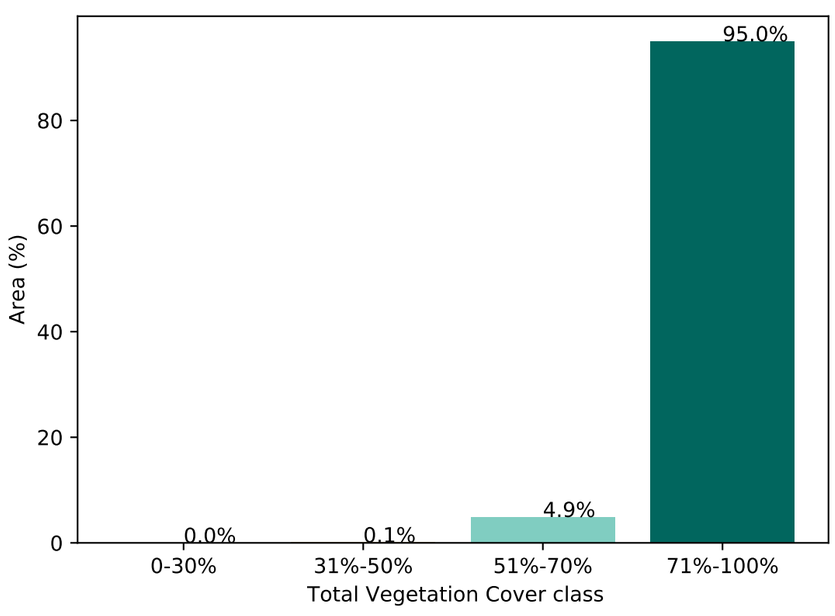

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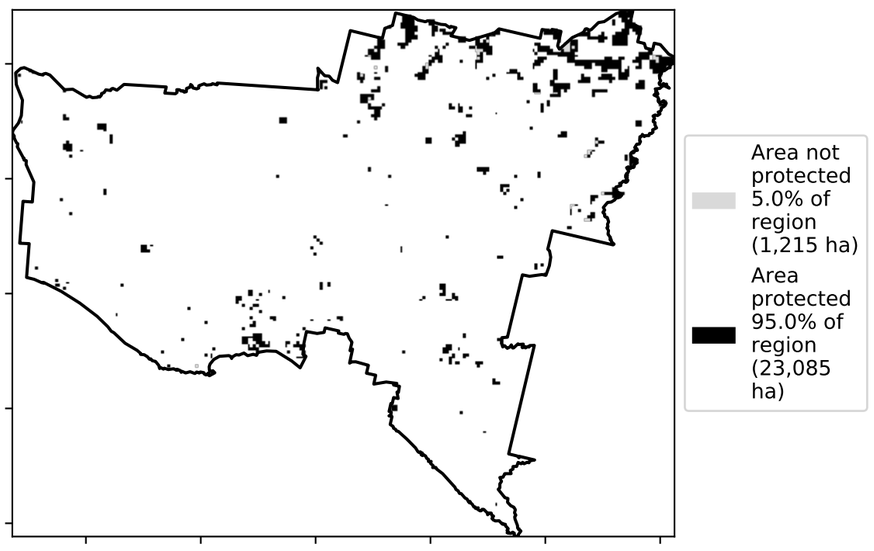

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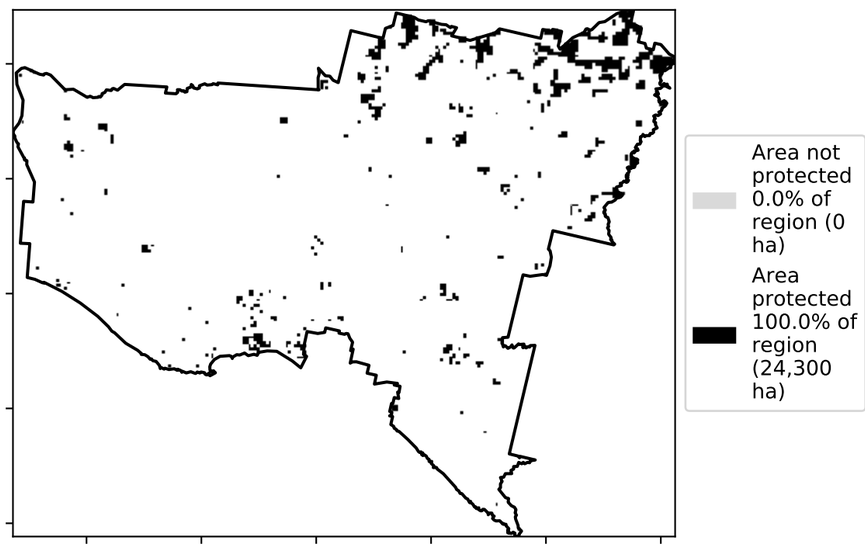

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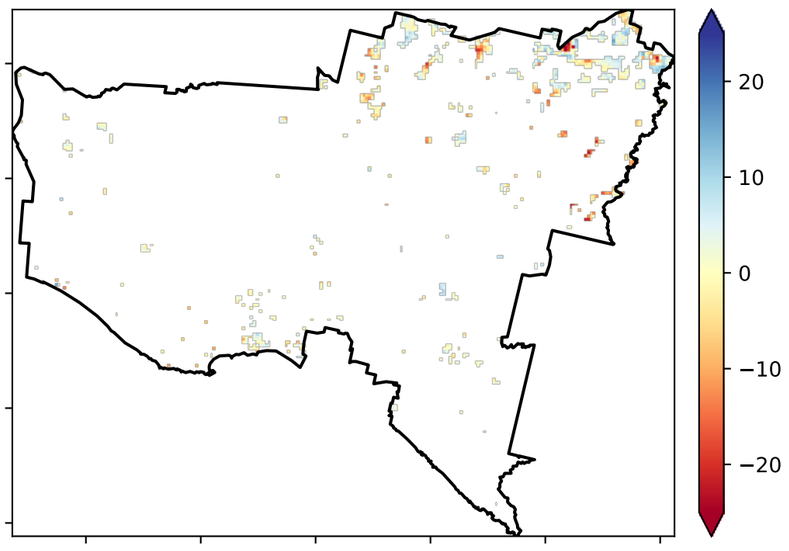

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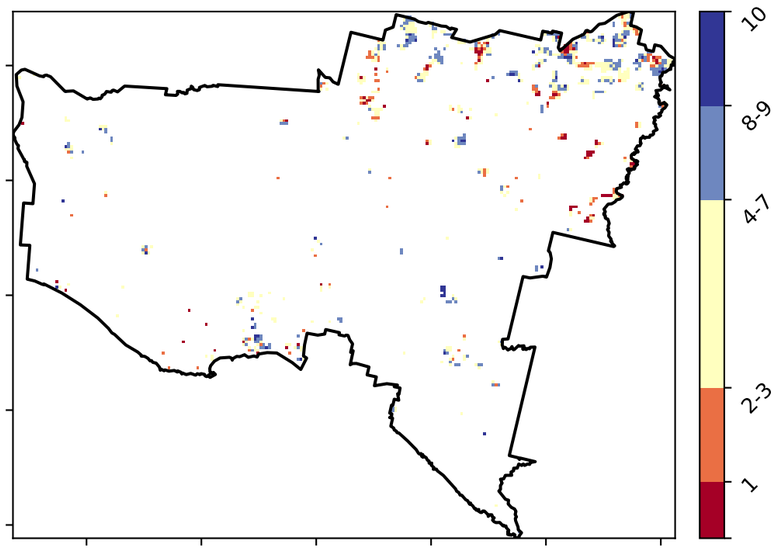
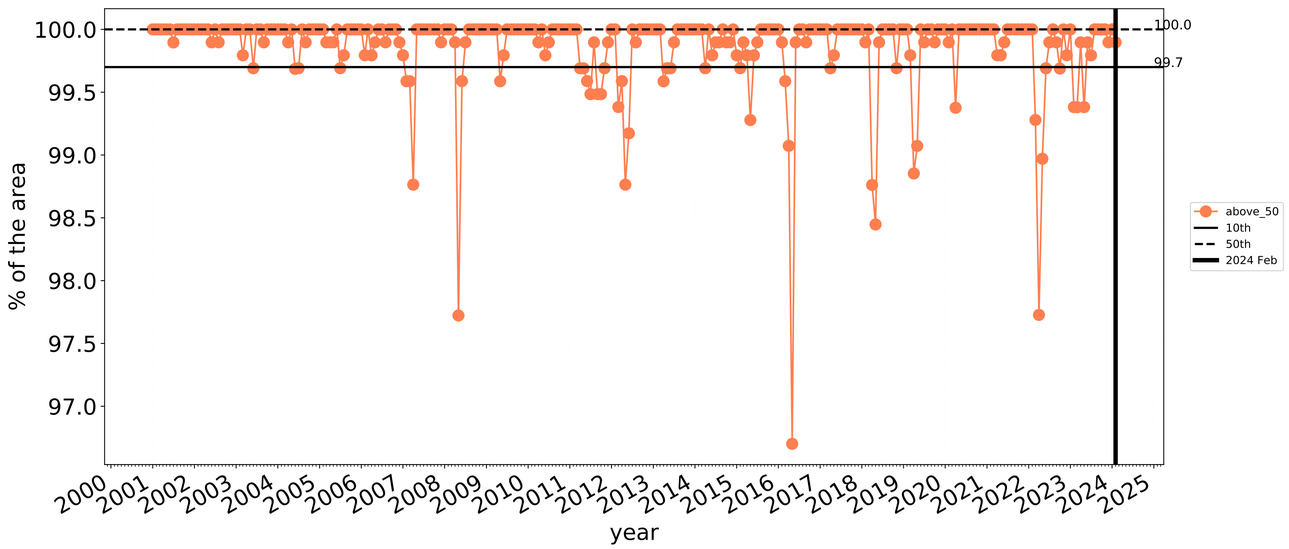


Cropping timeseries

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



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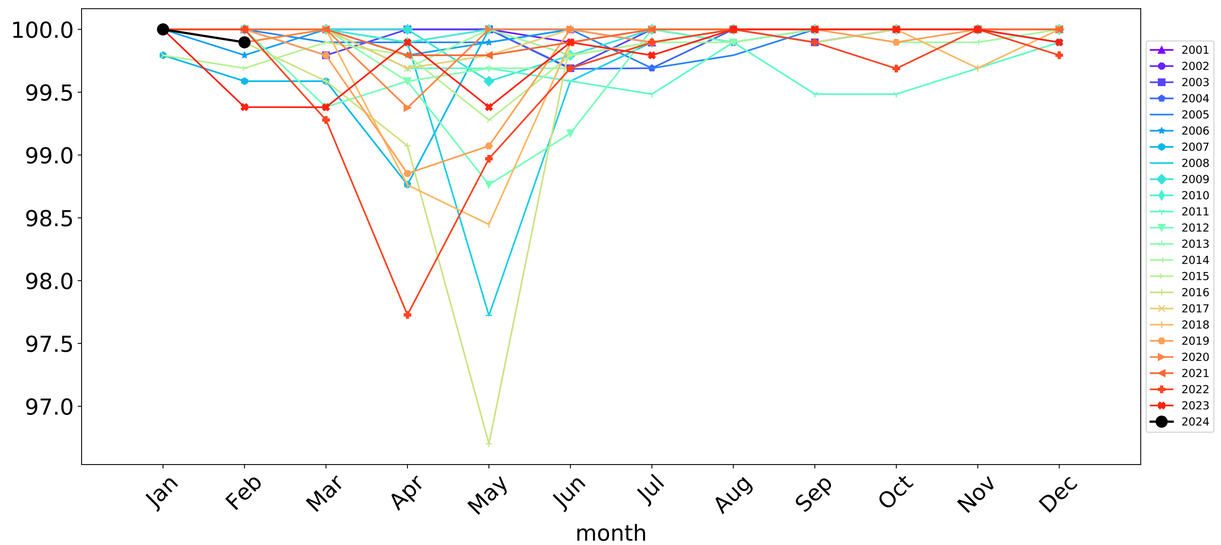

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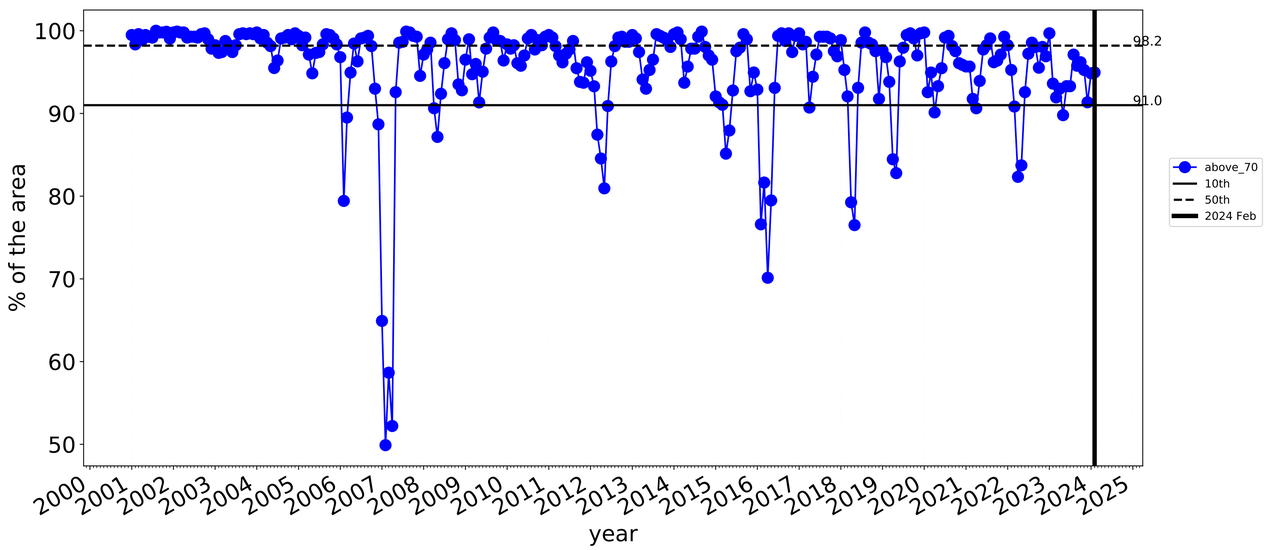

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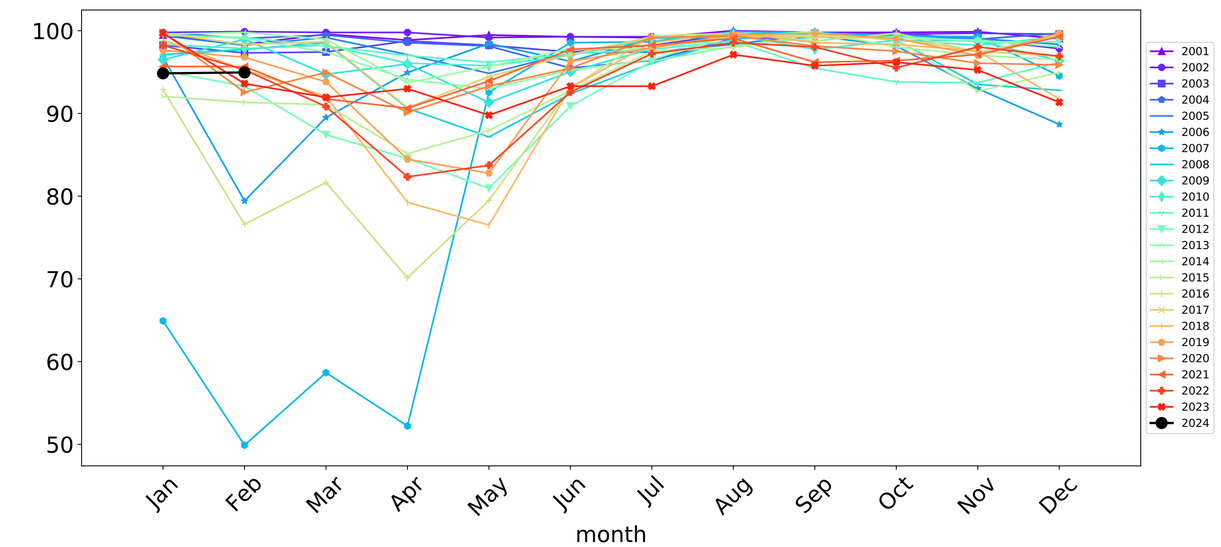

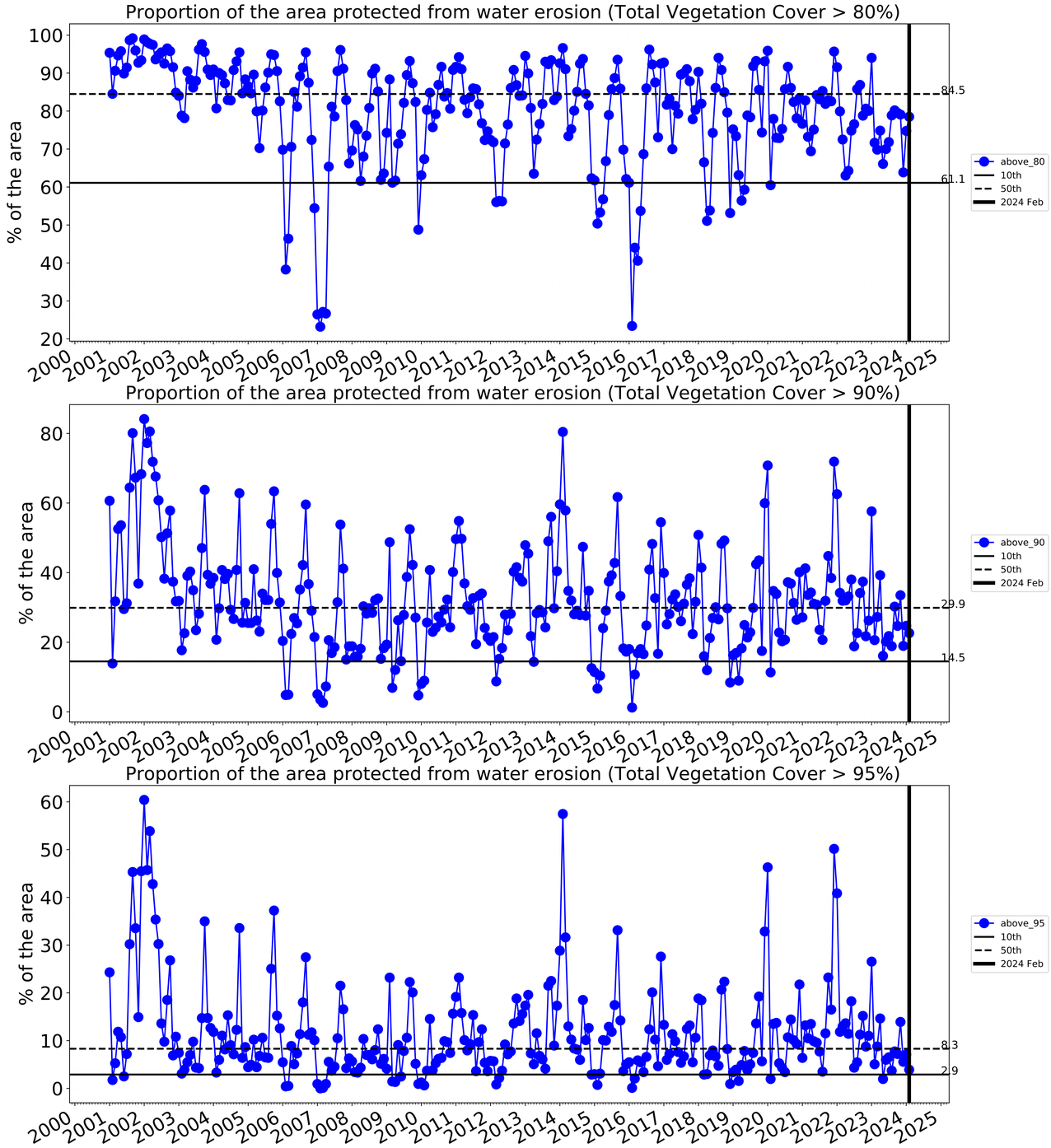
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
84.5
61.1
above_80
10th
50th
2024 Feb
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
29.9
14.5
above_90
10th
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)
% of the area
8.3
2.9
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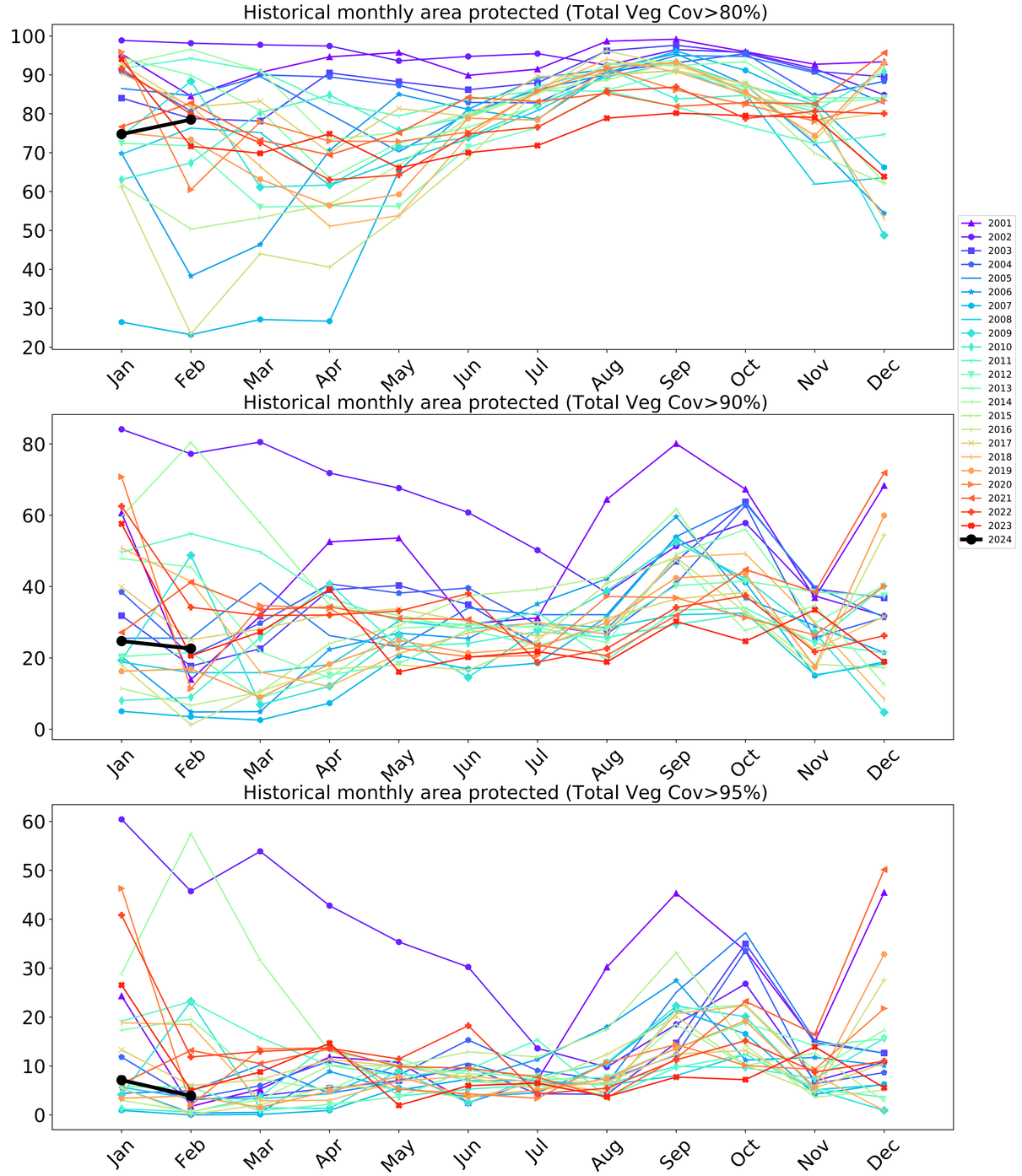
10th
50th
2024 Feb


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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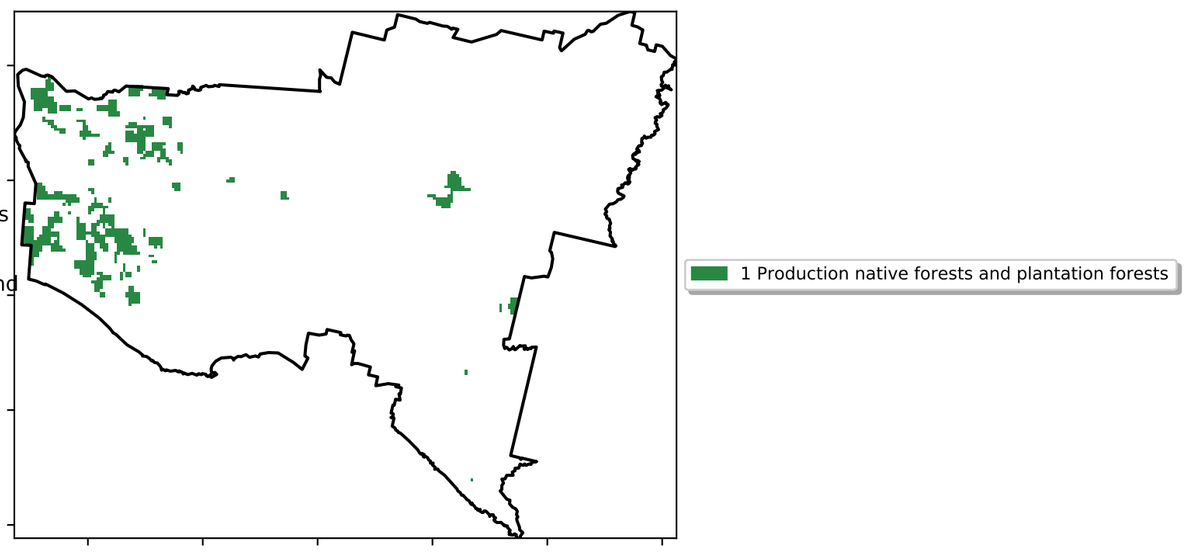
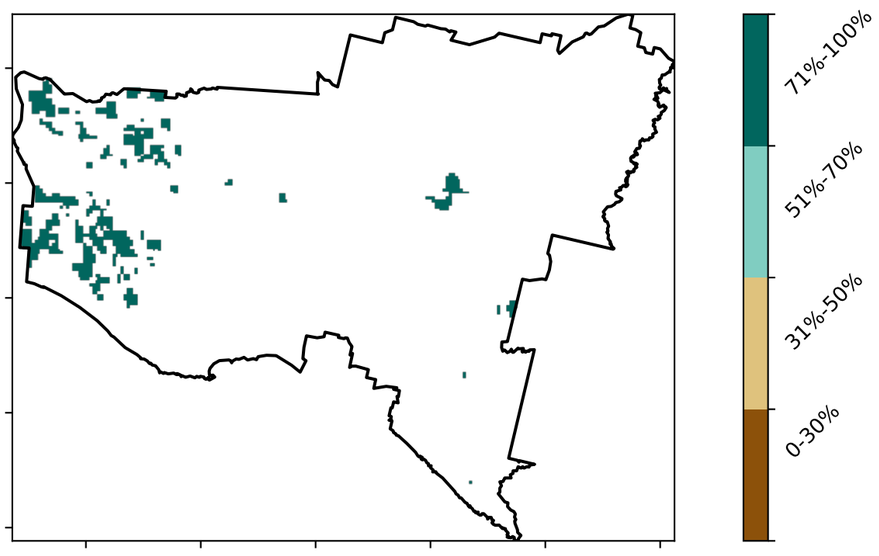
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

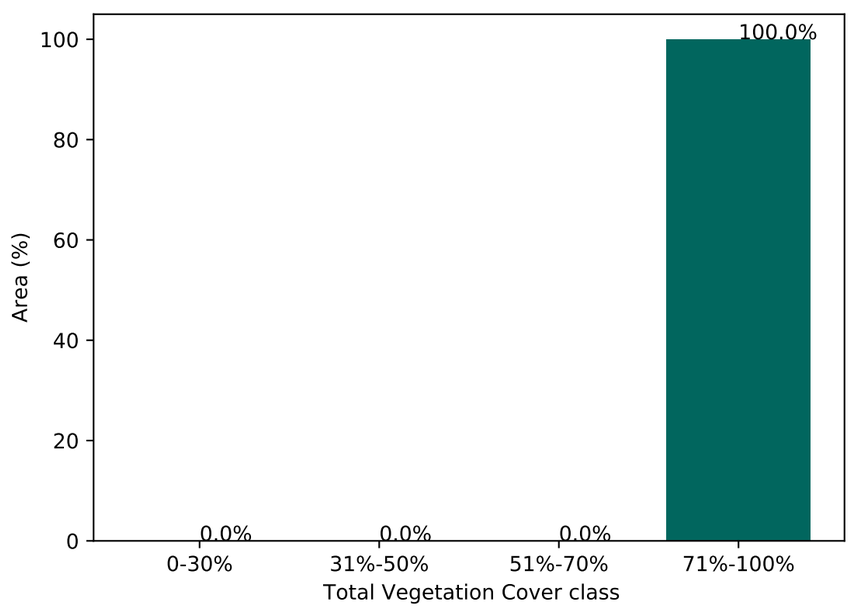


Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

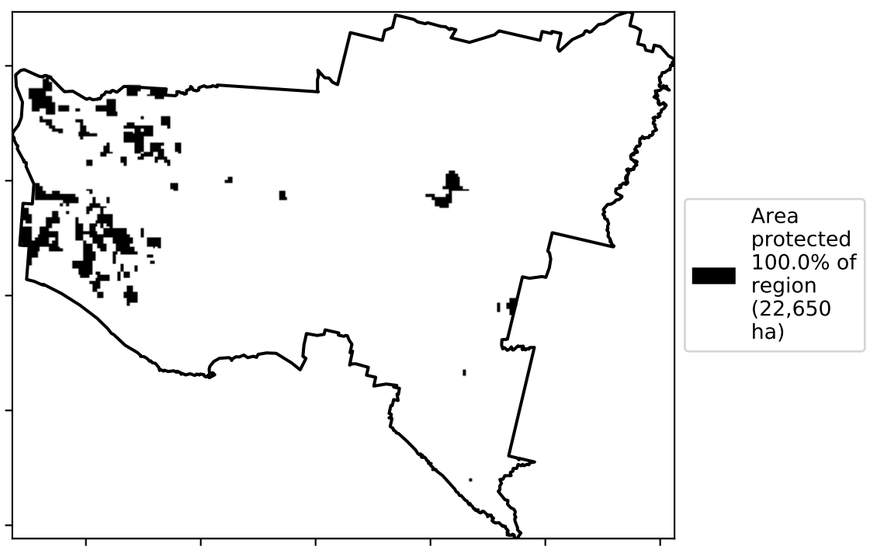
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



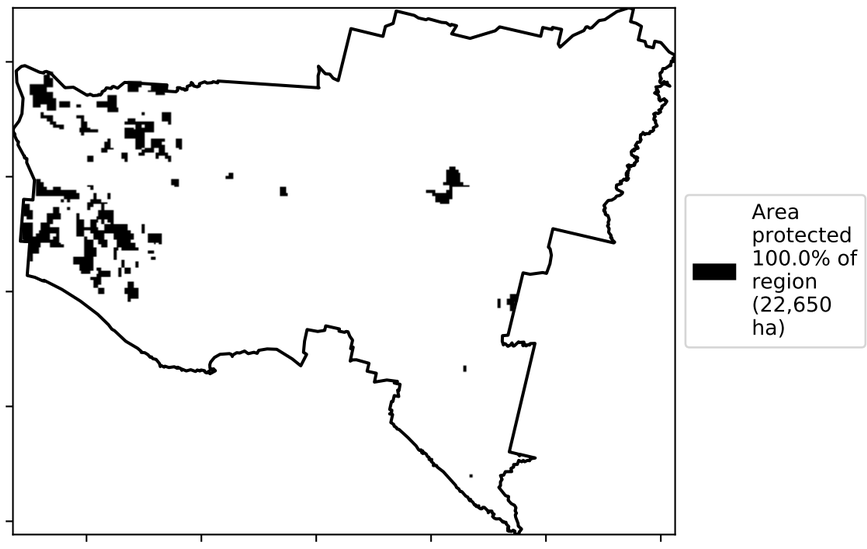
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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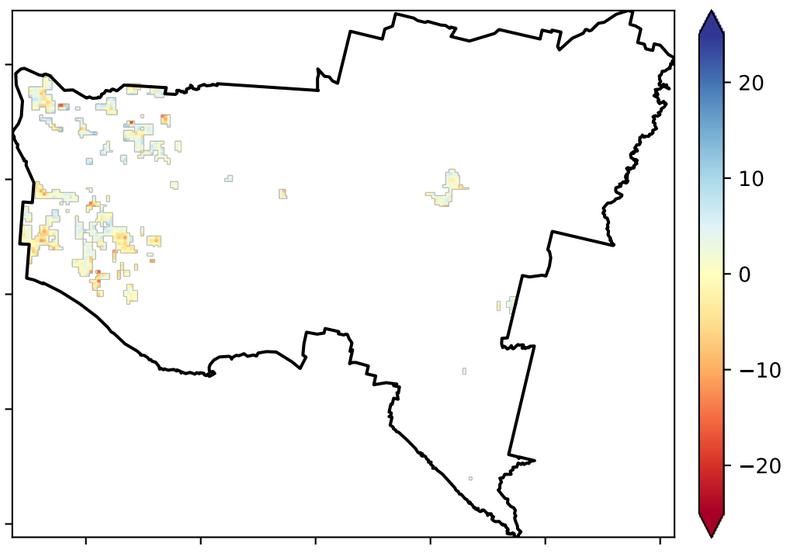

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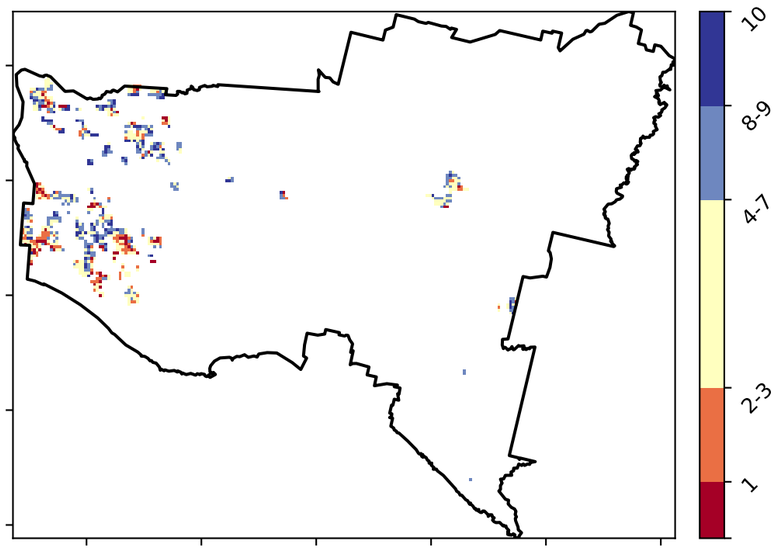
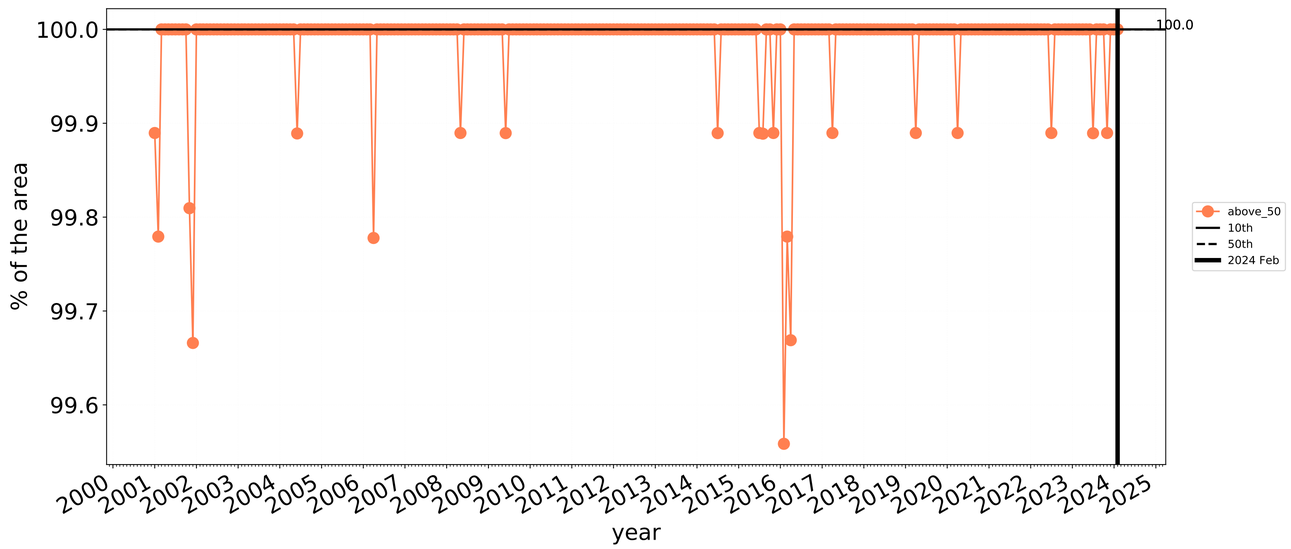
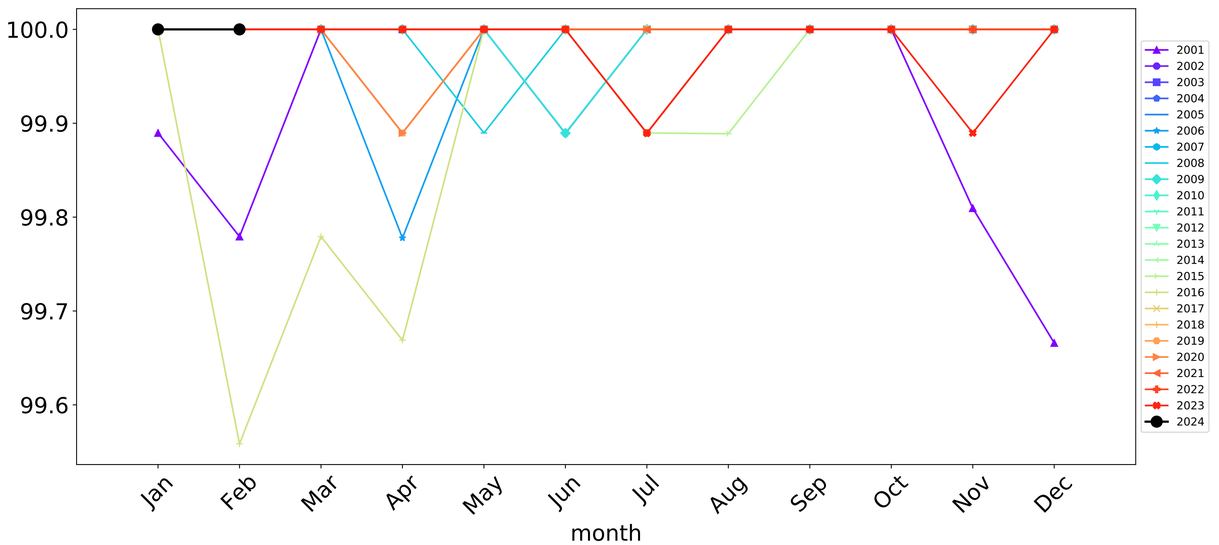


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

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



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



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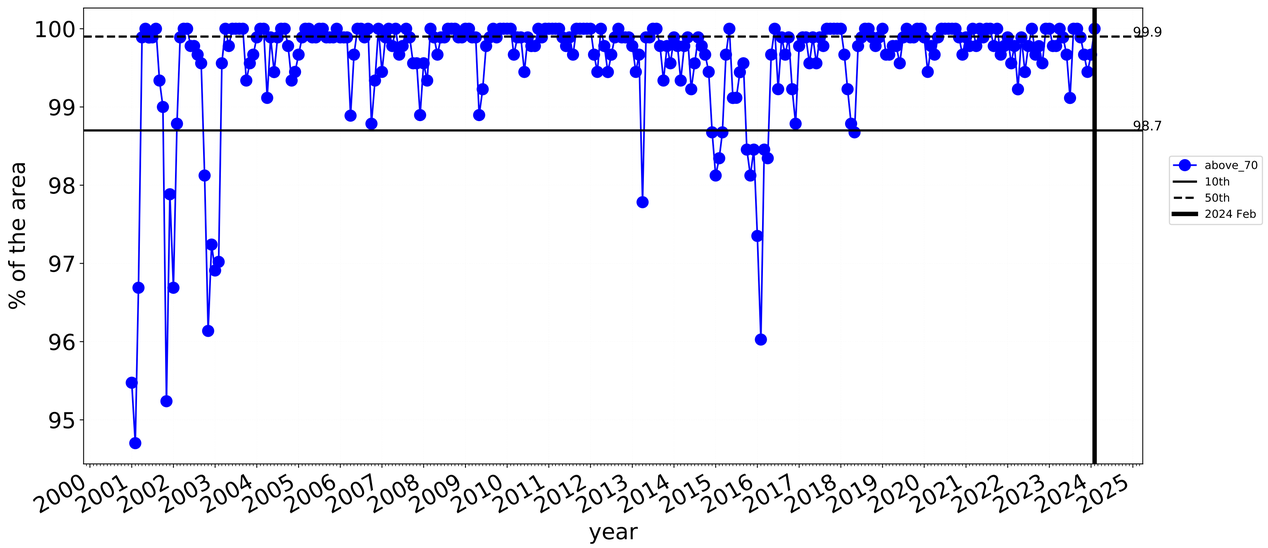

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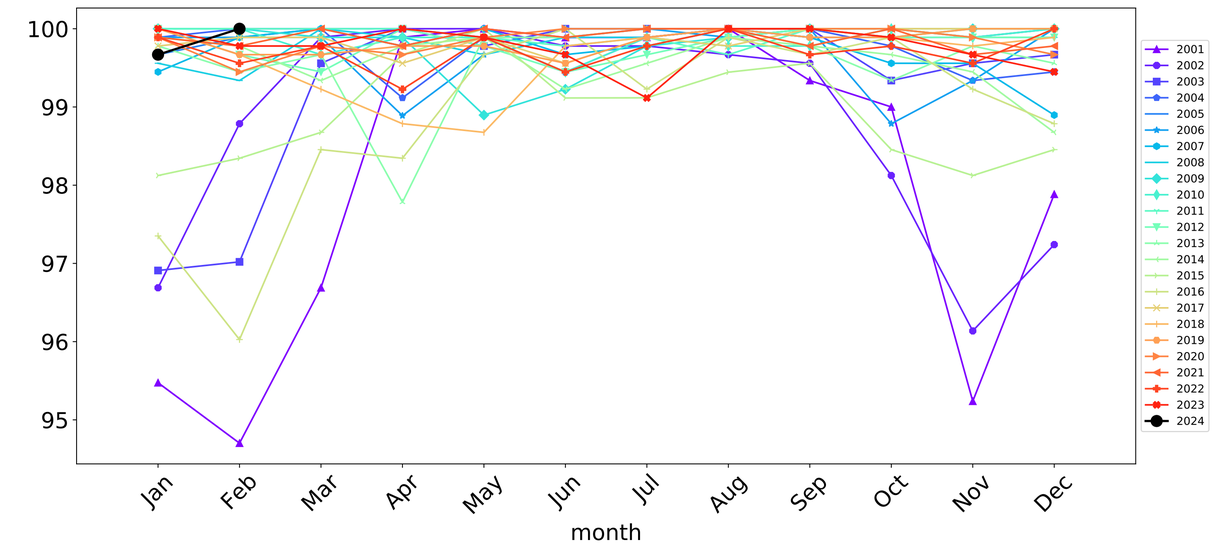

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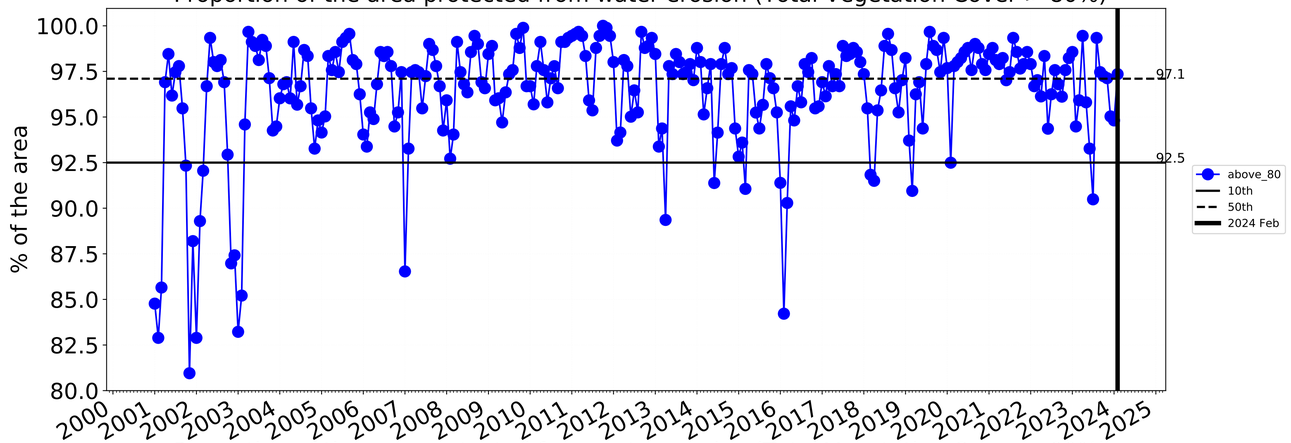

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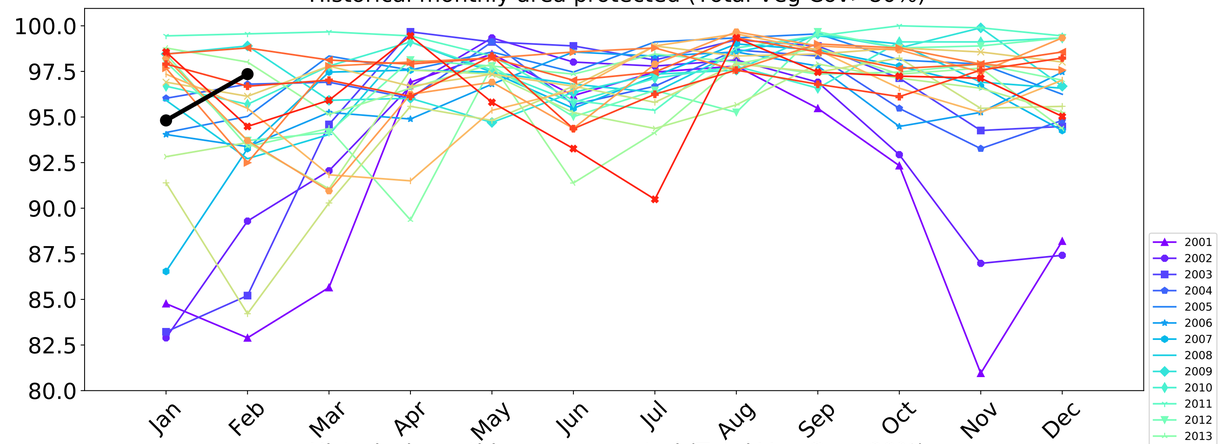
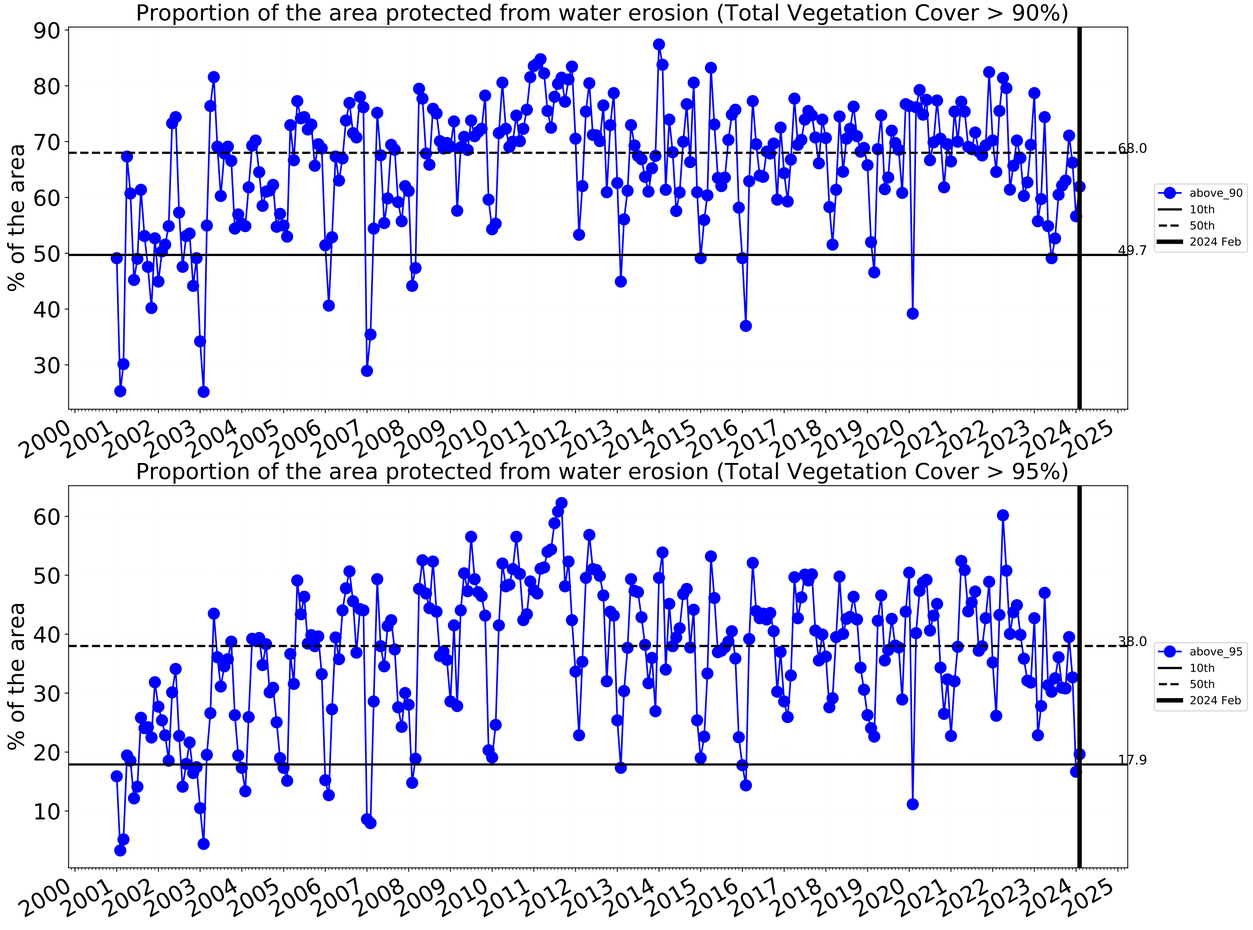


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)



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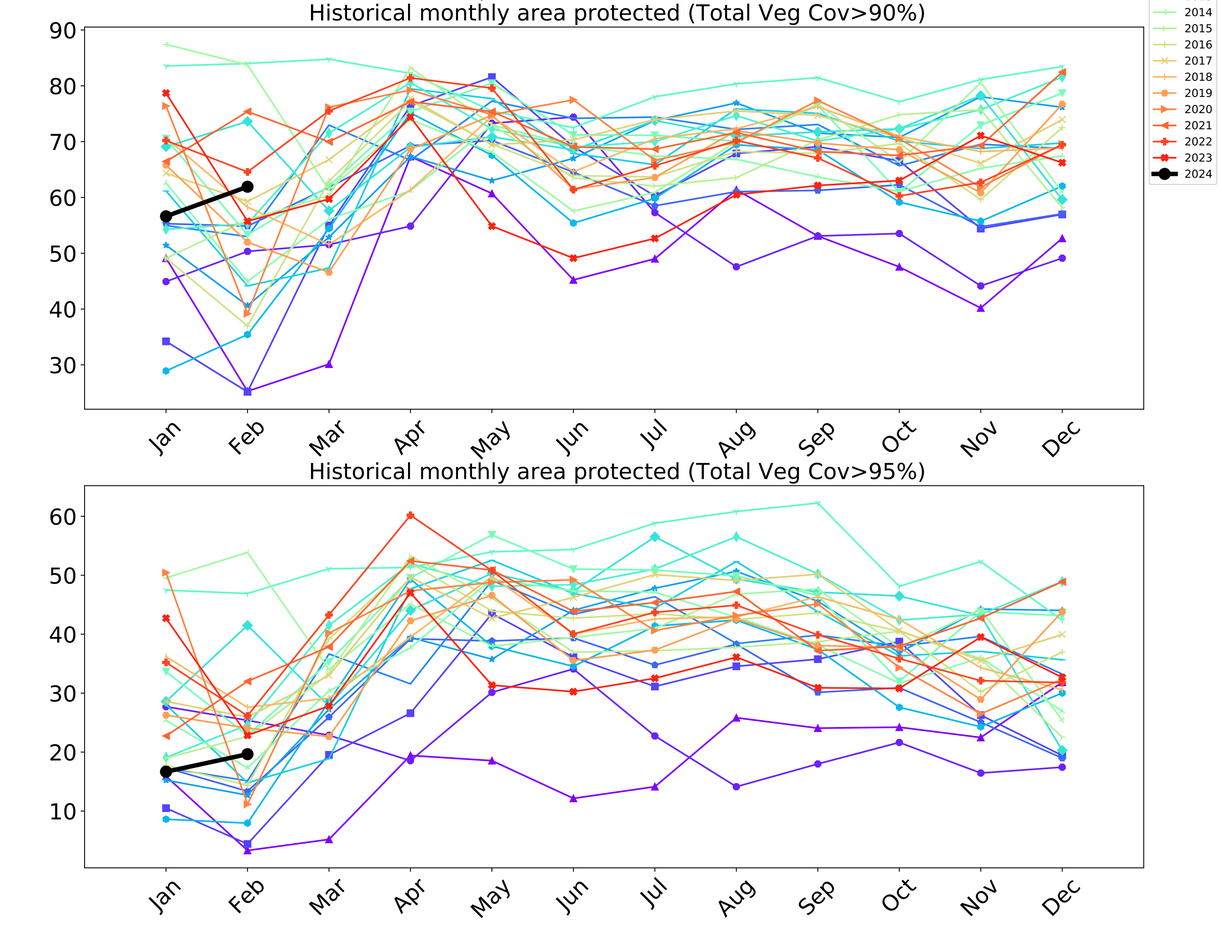

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)

Moyne_(S) (546,375 ha and no data 1,852 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	546,375	100.0% 546,375	99.9% 546,000	99.0% 540,725	92.0% 502,650	38.7% 211,225	9.0% 49,000
Conservation and natural environments	10,500	100.0% 10,500	100.0% 10,500	98.8% 10,375	93.6% 9,825	70.7% 7,425	31.4% 3,300
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	6,400	100.0% 6,400	100.0% 6,400	100.0% 6,400	98.4% 6,300	91.8% 5,875	41.4% 2,650
Agriculture	505,225	100.0% 505,225	99.9% 504,900	98.9% 499,900	91.9% 464,100	37.1% 187,600	8.1% 40,800
Grazing	480,925	100.0% 480,925	99.9% 480,625	99.1% 476,825	92.5% 445,025	37.9% 182,100	8.3% 39,850
Grazing non forest	476,775	100.0% 476,775	99.9% 476,475	99.1% 472,675	92.5% 441,025	37.6% 179,125	8.1% 38,525
Cropping	24,300	100.0% 24,300	99.9% 24,275	95.0% 23,075	78.5% 19,075	22.6% 5,500	3.9% 950
Production native forests and plantation forests	22,650	100.0% 22,650	100.0% 22,650	100.0% 22,650	97.4% 22,050	61.9% 14,025	19.6% 4,450