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

## **Date: September 2022**

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

• Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.

• Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:

• Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.

• Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

**Erosion protection** 

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

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

## Acknowledgment of data:

- 1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification
- 2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
- 4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

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

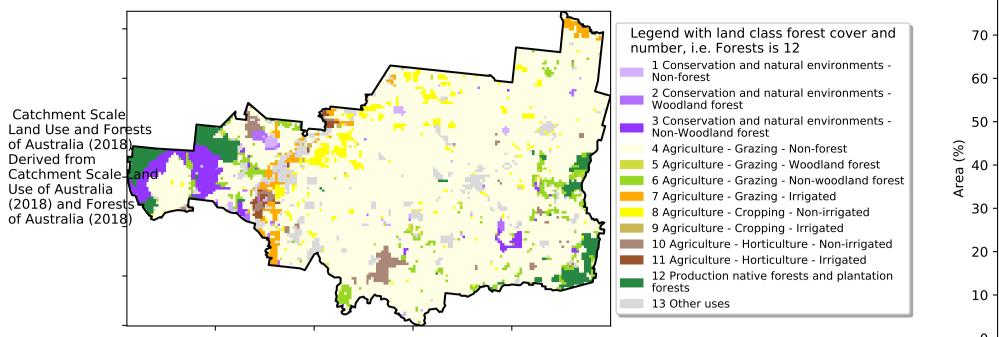


## **Vegetation Cover Sep 2022**

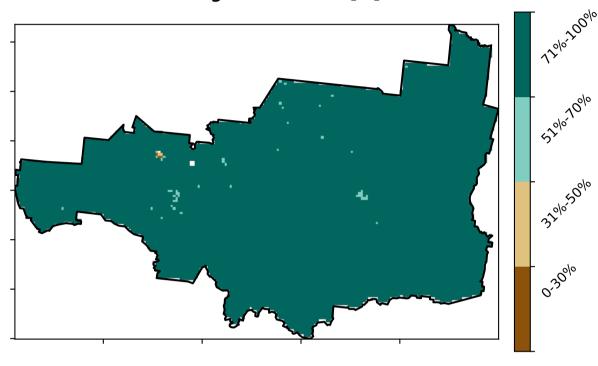
#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

74.6%

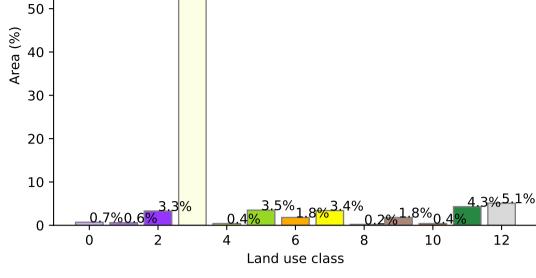




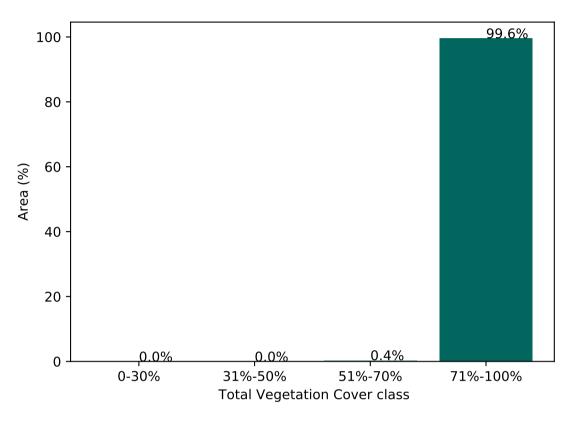


#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

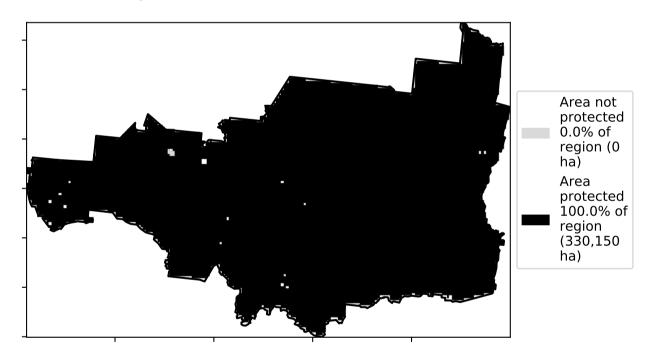




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

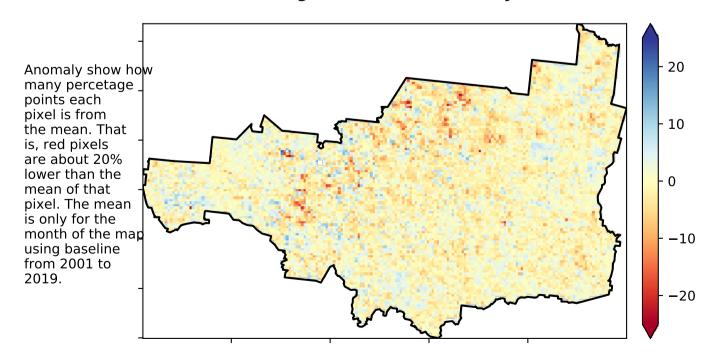


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



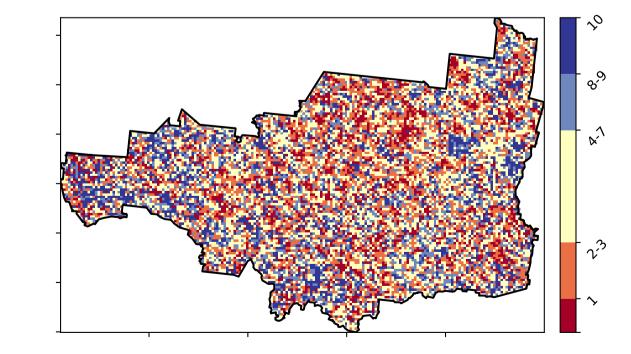
protected 99.6% of region (328,829 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

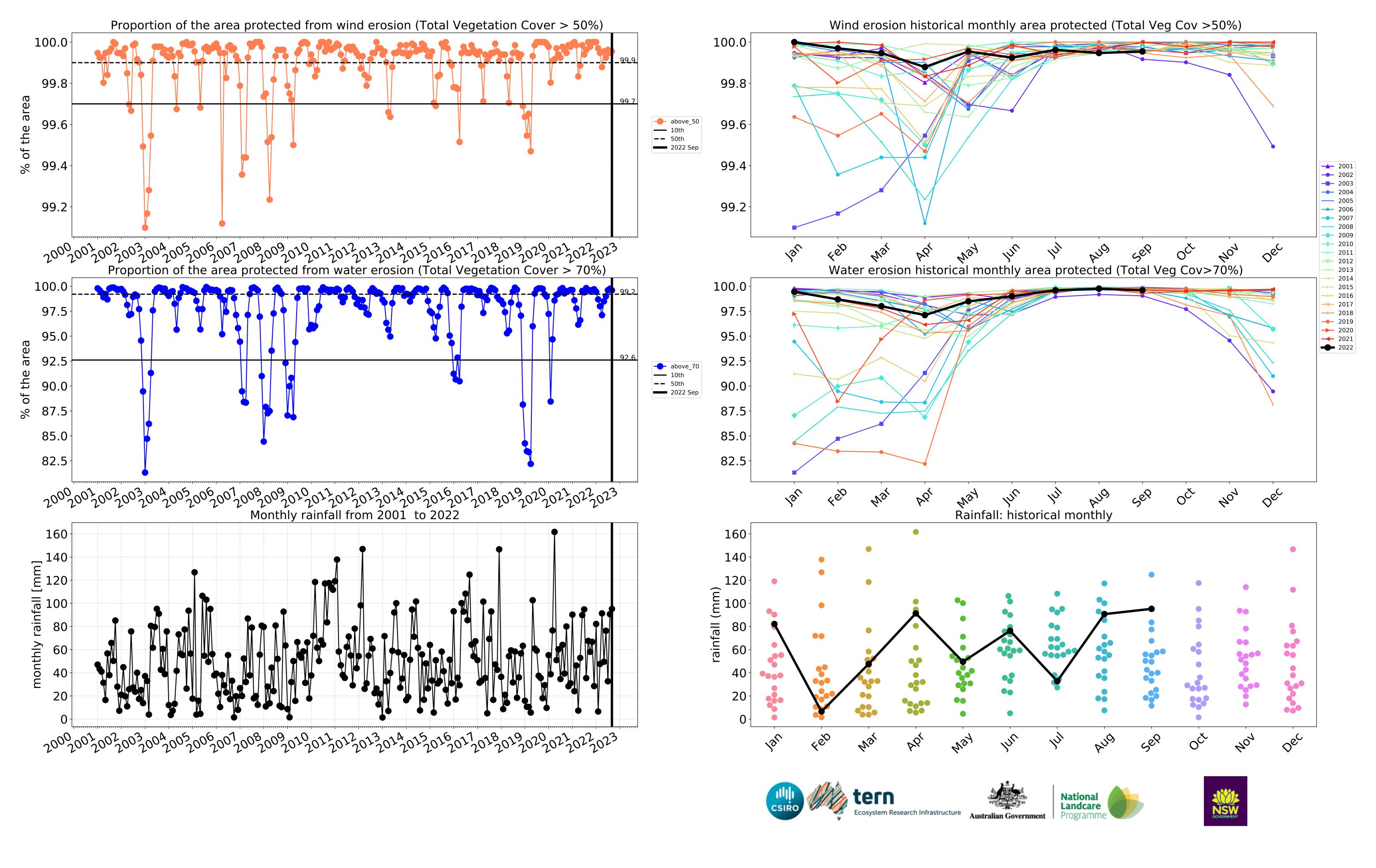


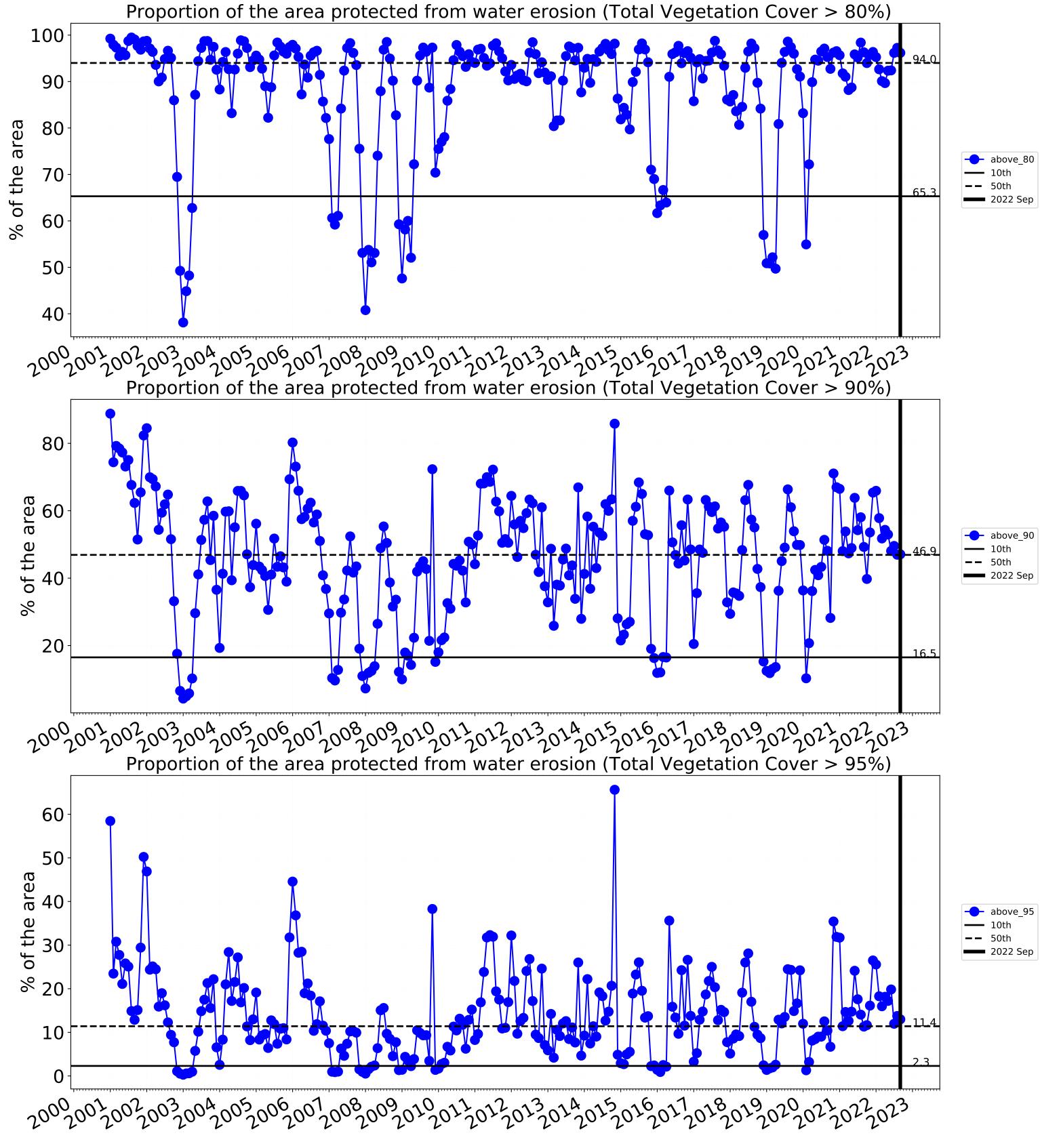
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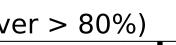
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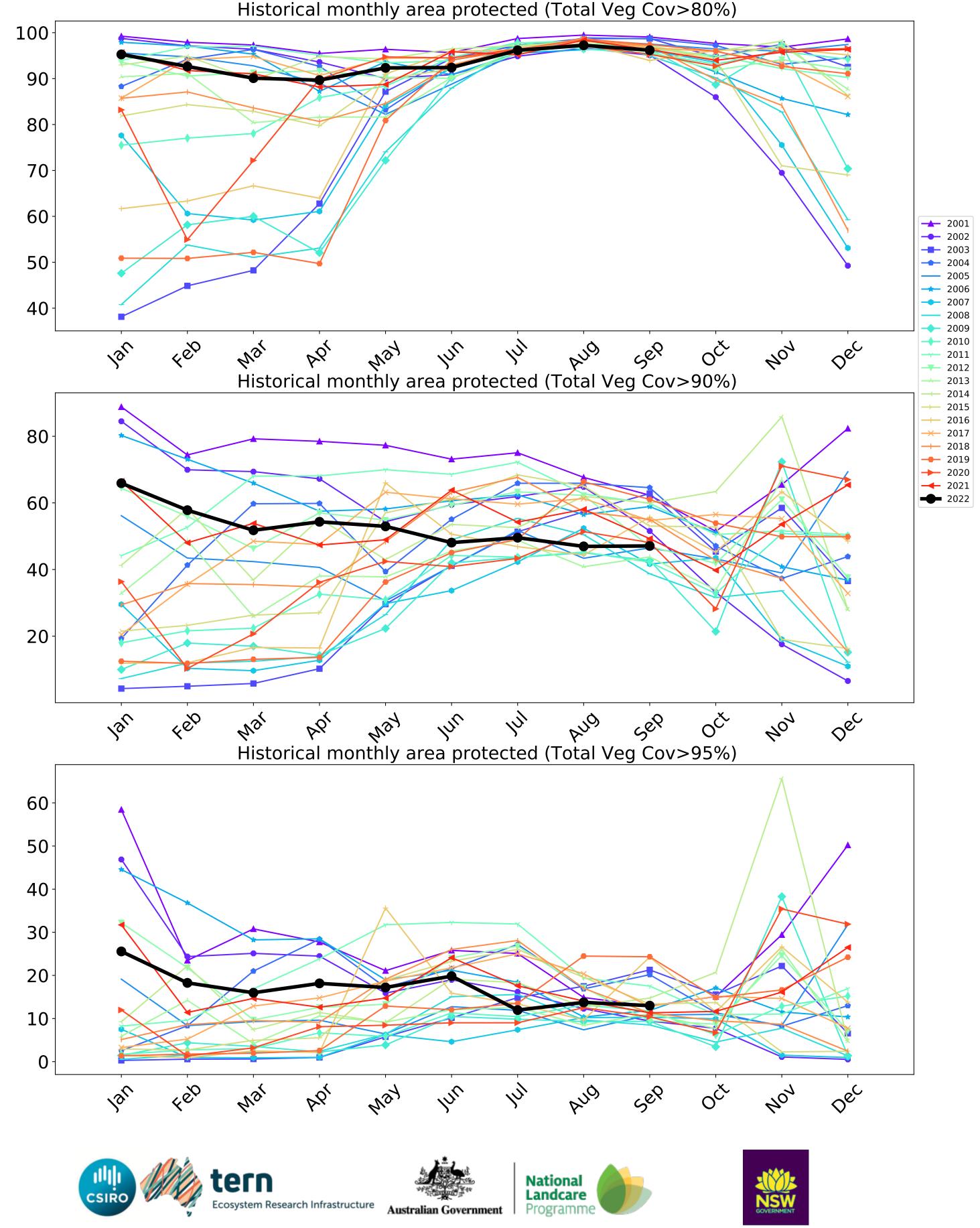


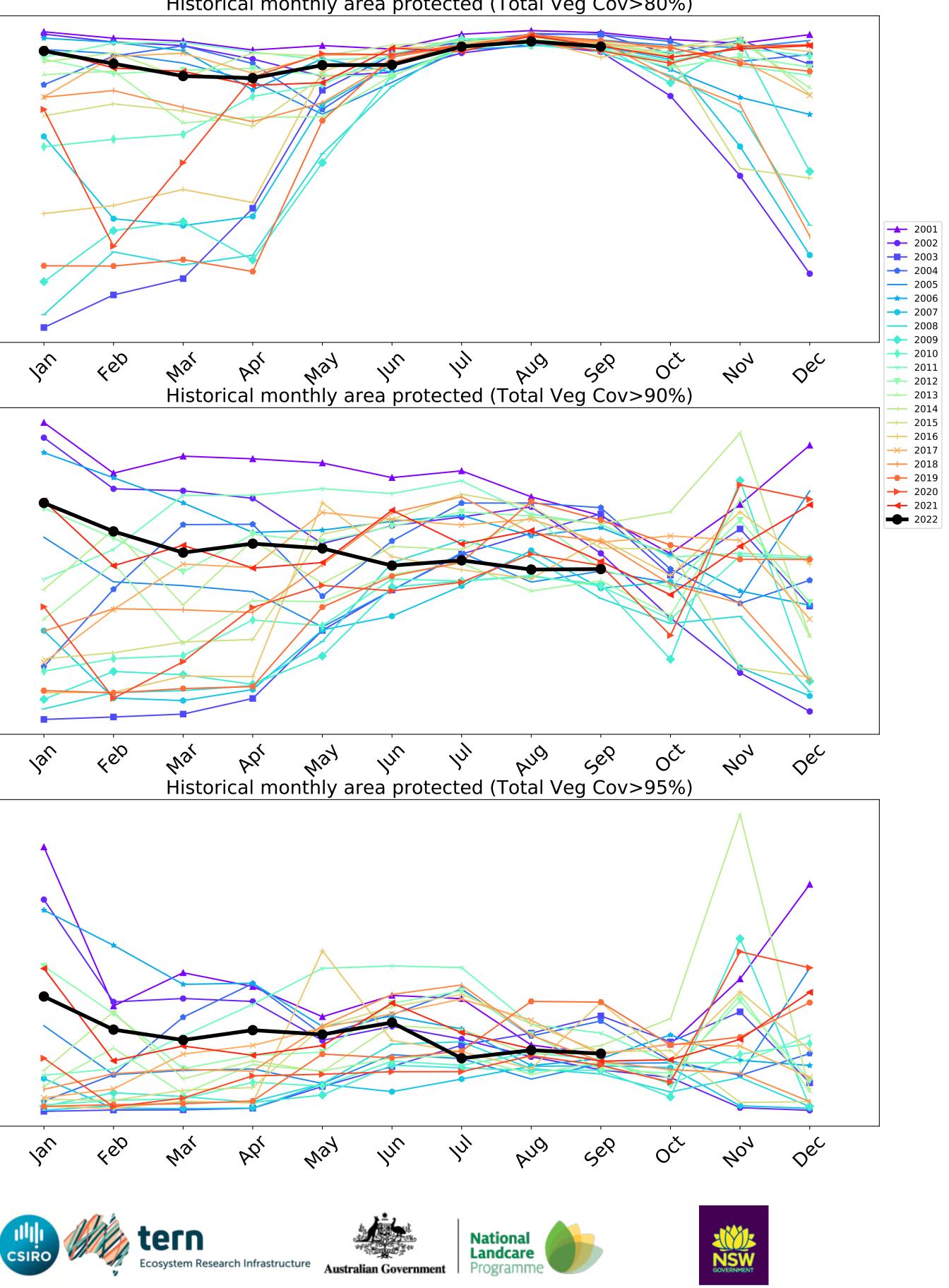


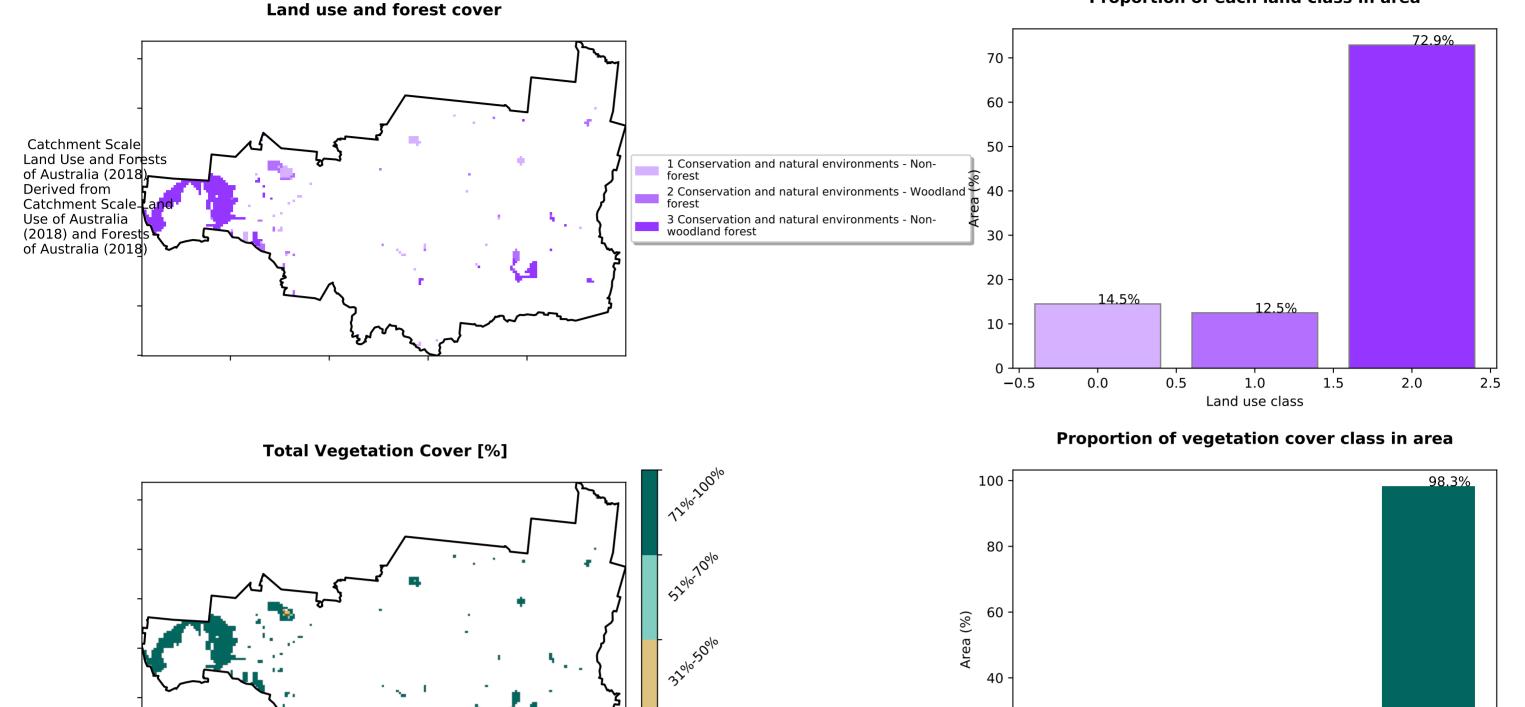












0.30%

Proportion of each land class in area



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0.5%

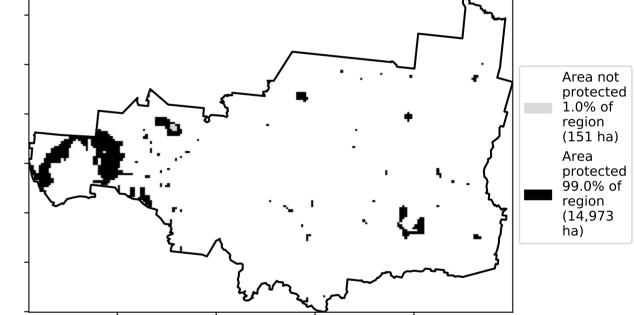
0-30%

0.5%

**Total Vegetation Cover class** 

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

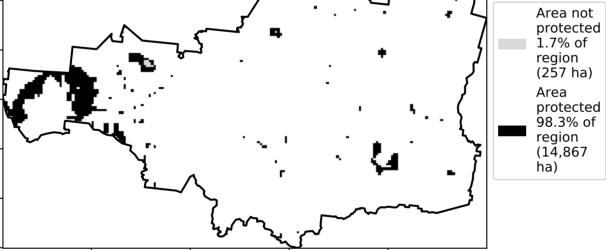
31%-50%



0.7%

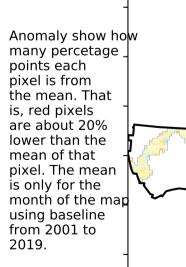
71%-100%

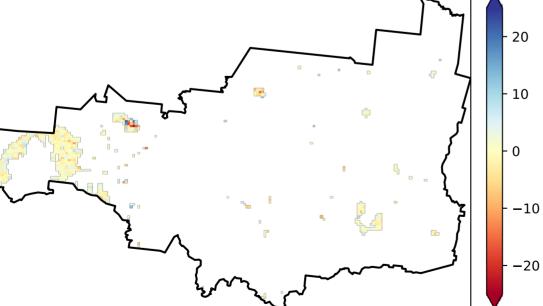
51%-70%



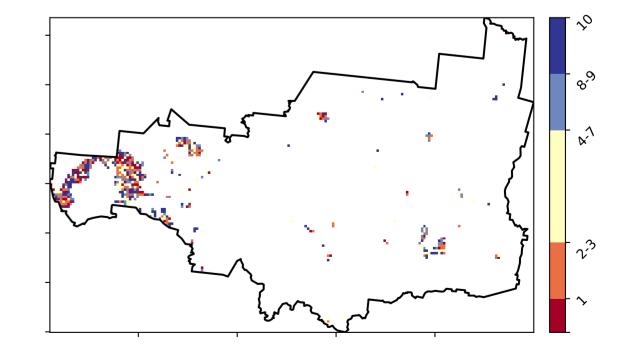
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

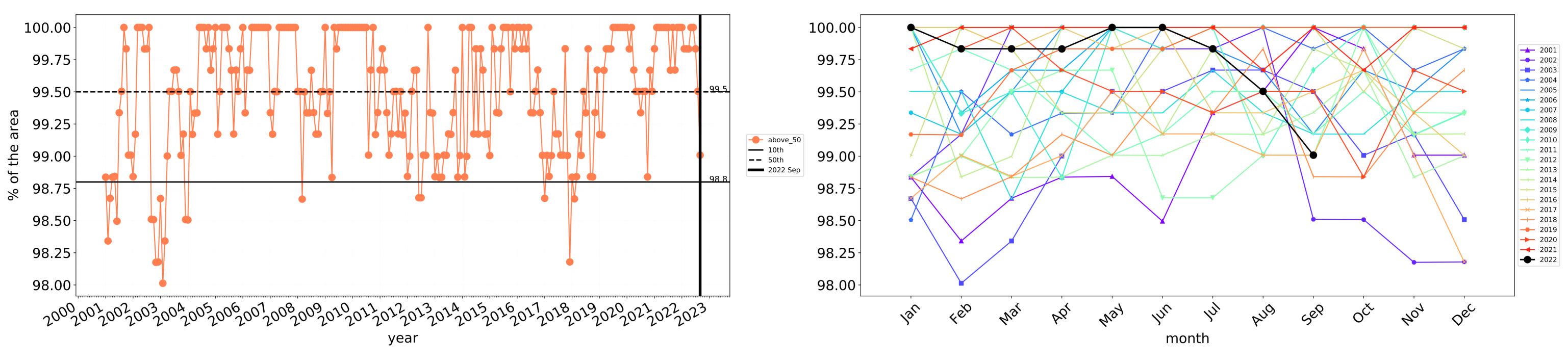




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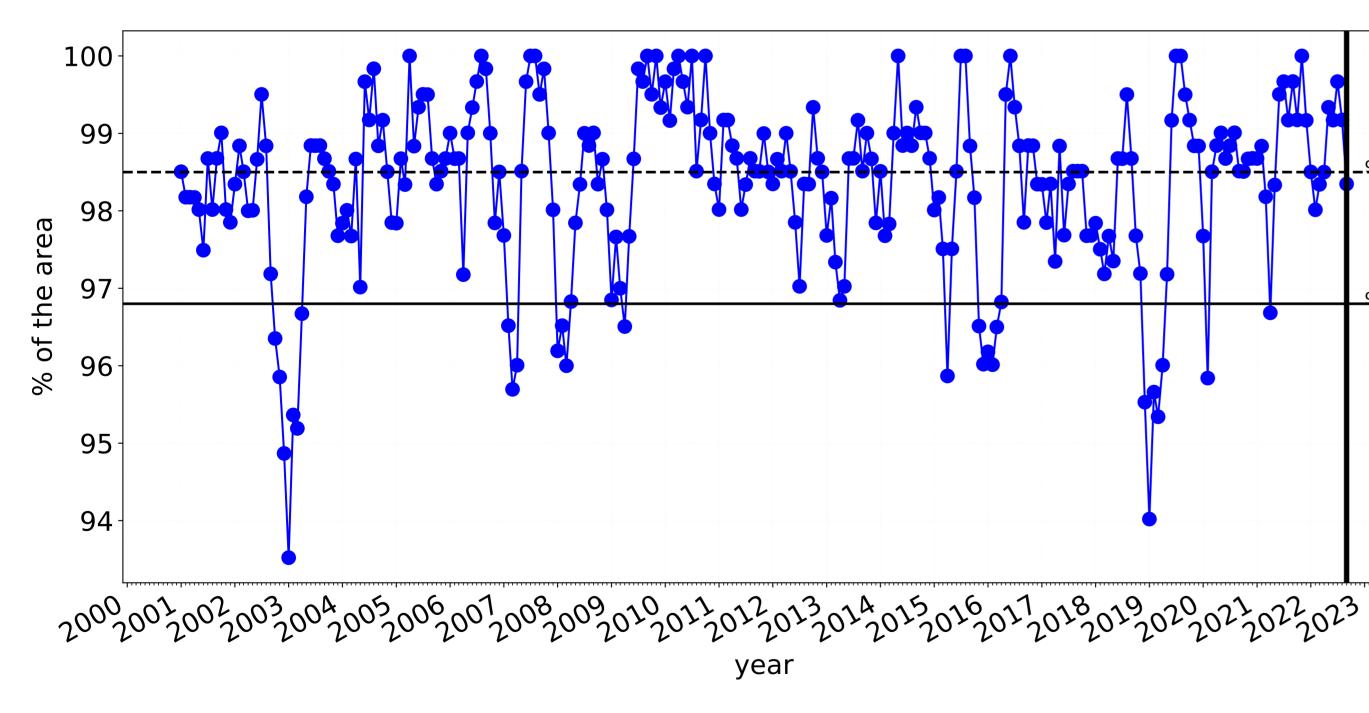


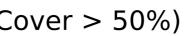




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





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

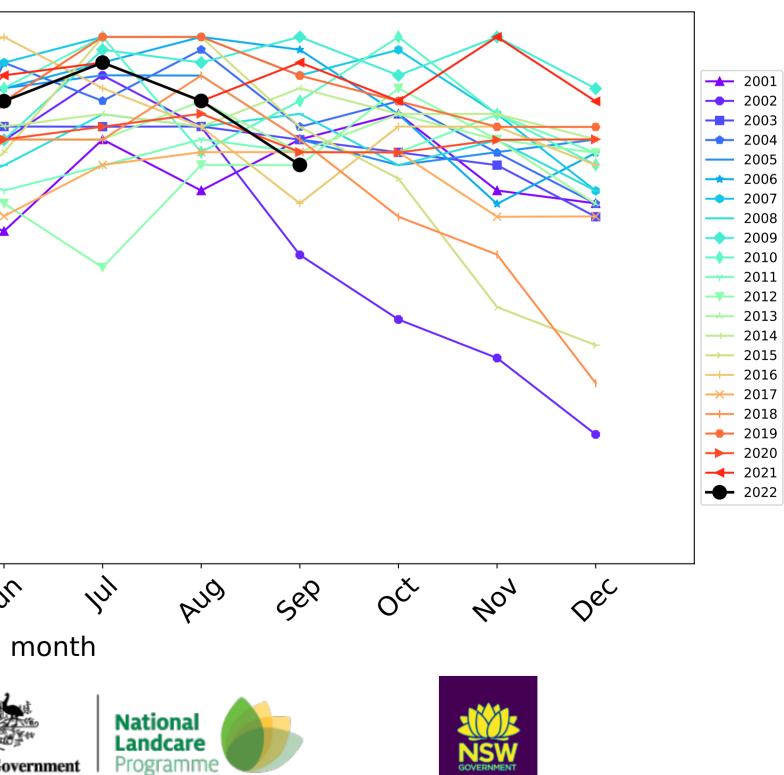
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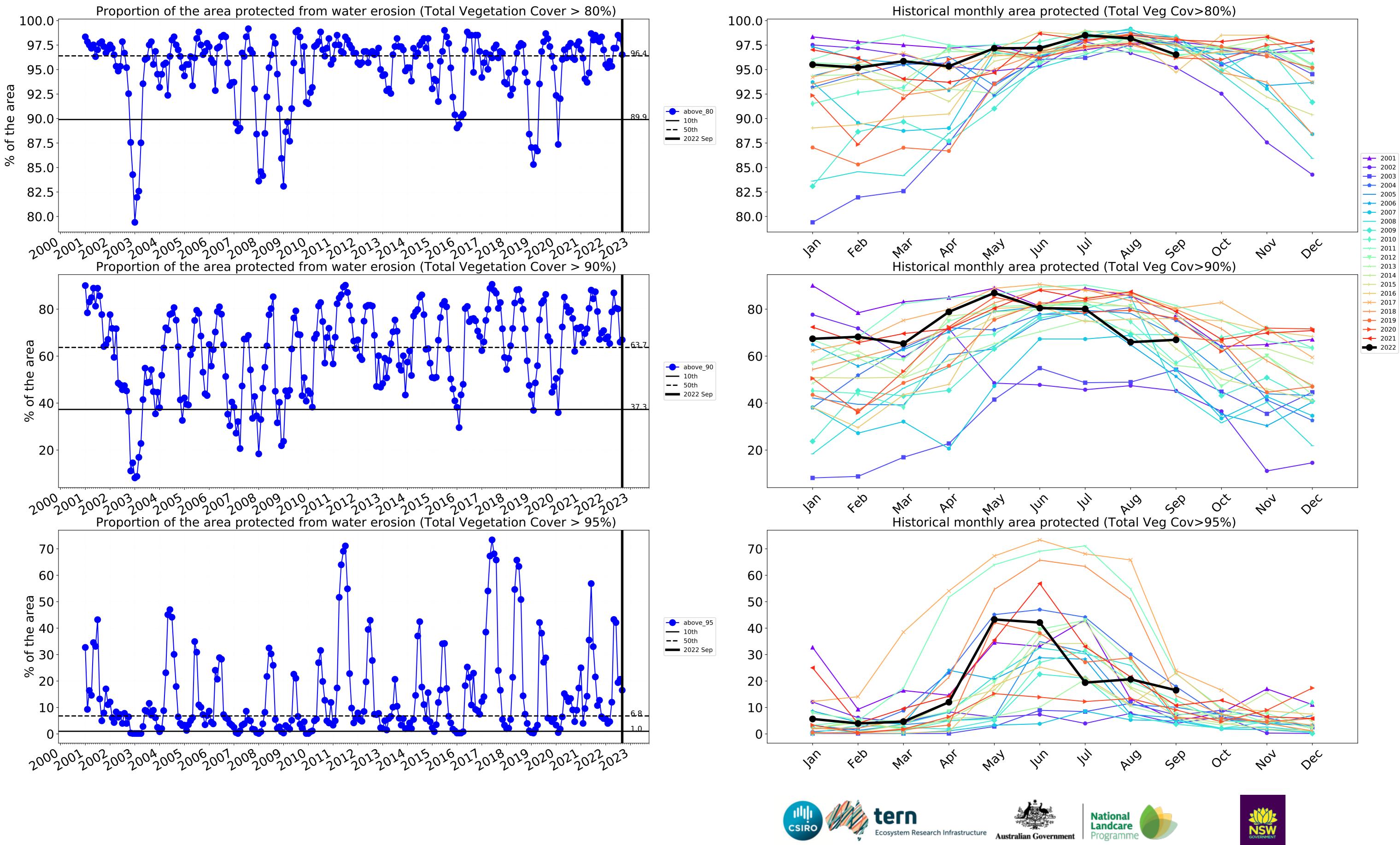
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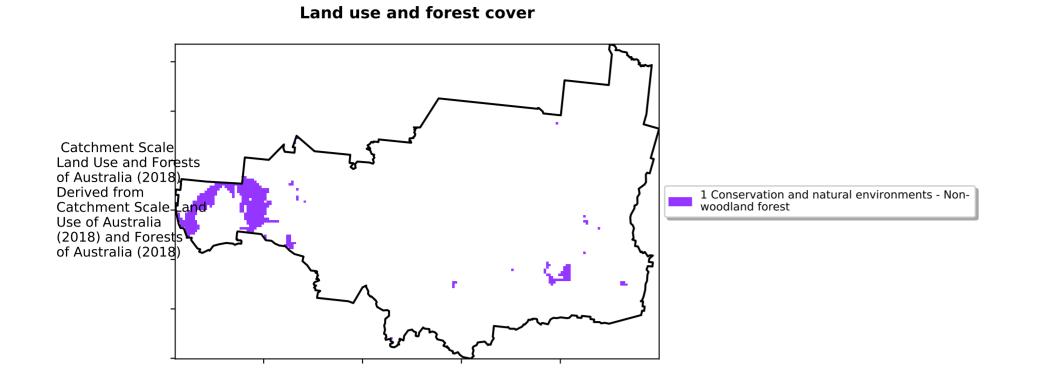
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



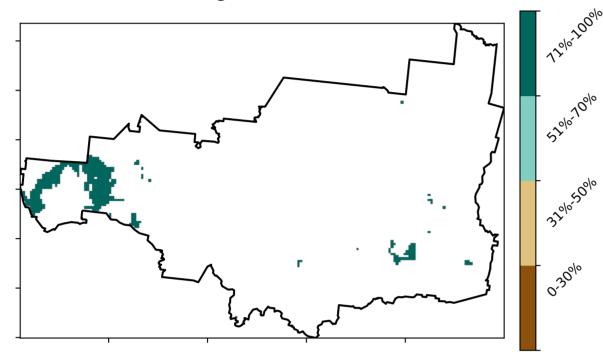


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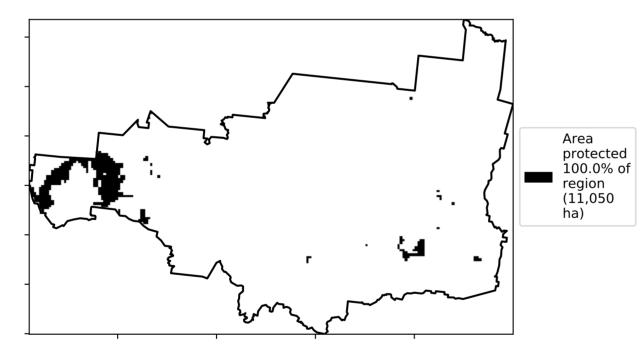
## **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**



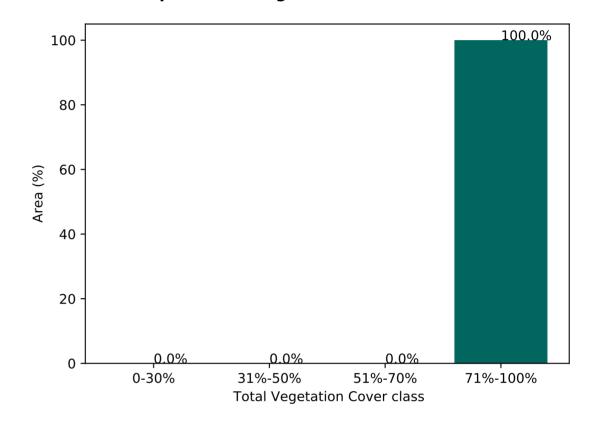
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



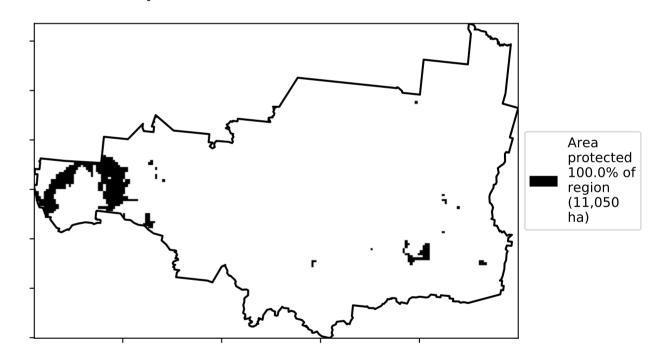
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

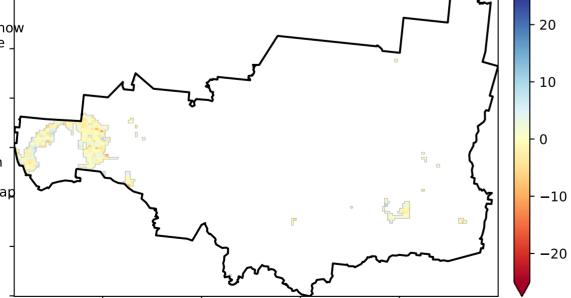


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

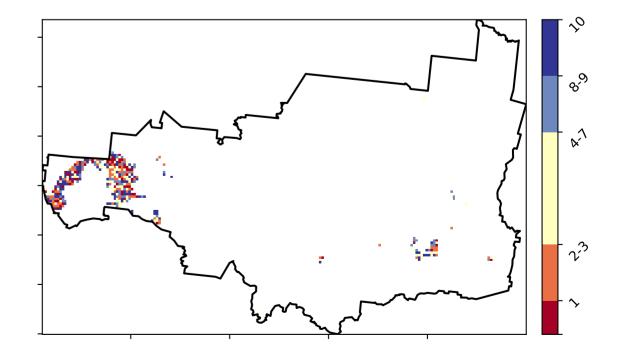


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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 using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

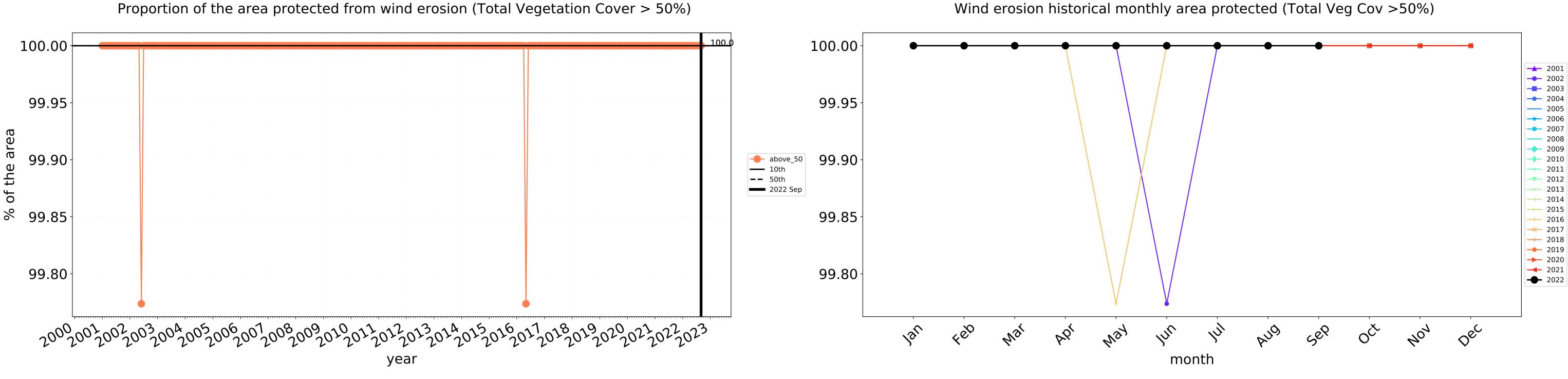


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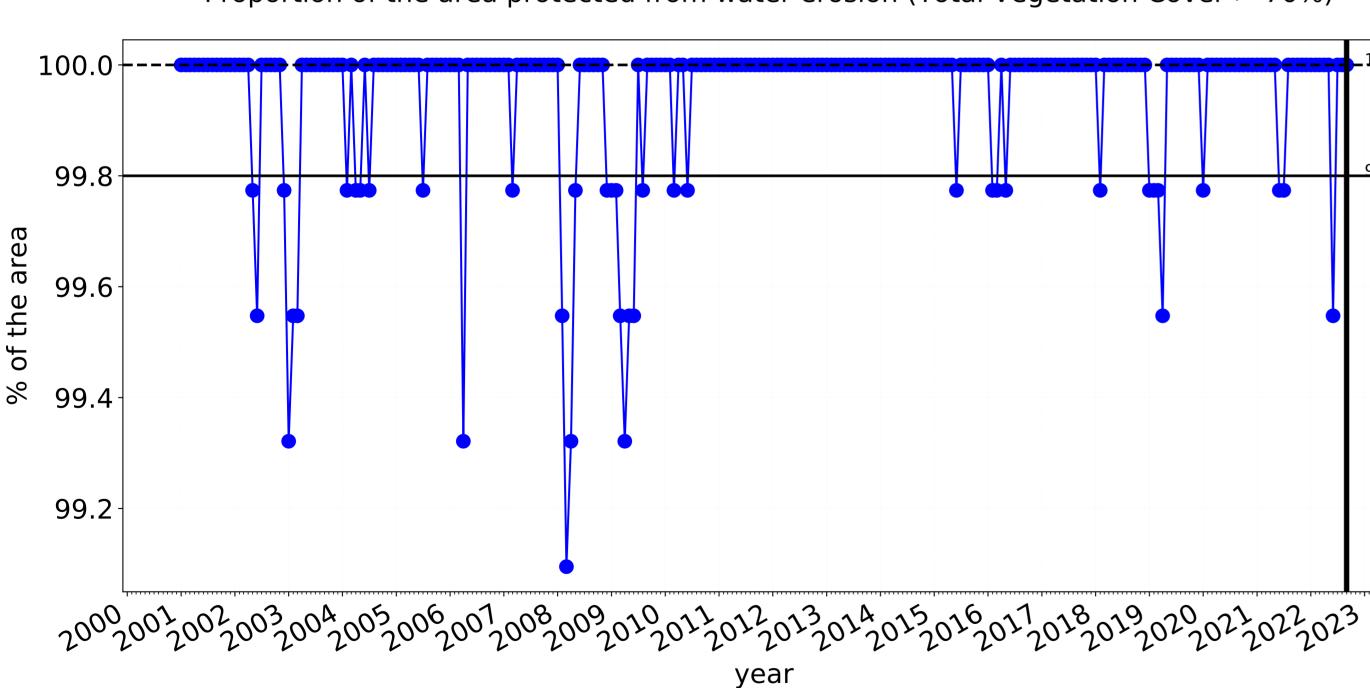




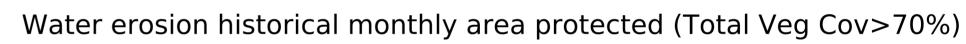
## Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries



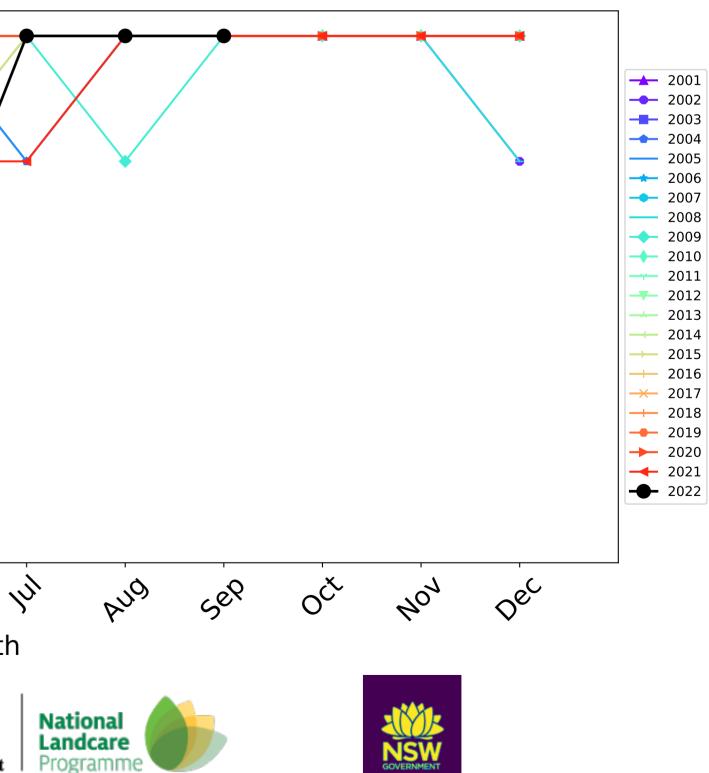
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

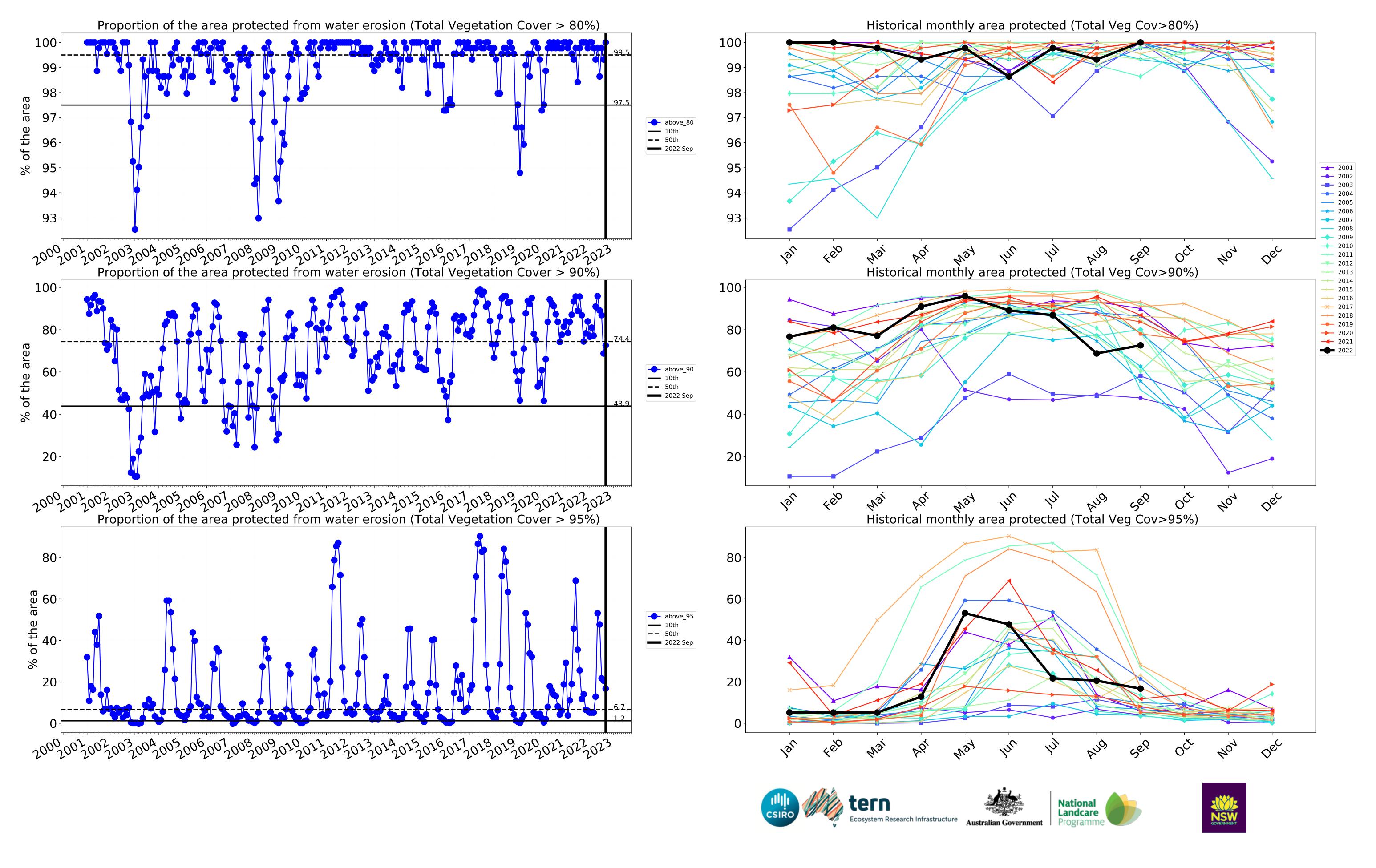


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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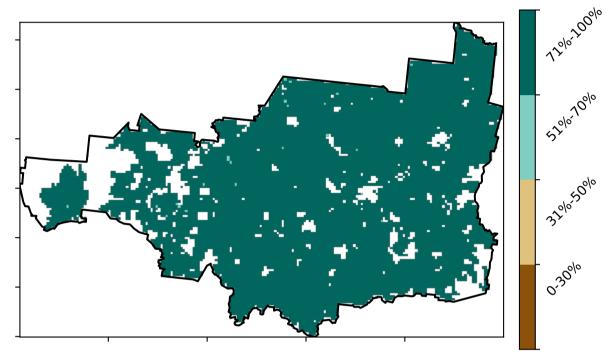




## Agriculture

Land use and forest cover <u>86.</u>7% 80 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest Catchment Scale 60 Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest Area (%) 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated Catchment Scale\_Land 5 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 6 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 40 7 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 8 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 20 0

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of each land class in area

2.1%

0.5%

99.8% 100 80 Area (%) 60 40 20 · 0.2% 0.0% 0.0% 0 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class

Land use class

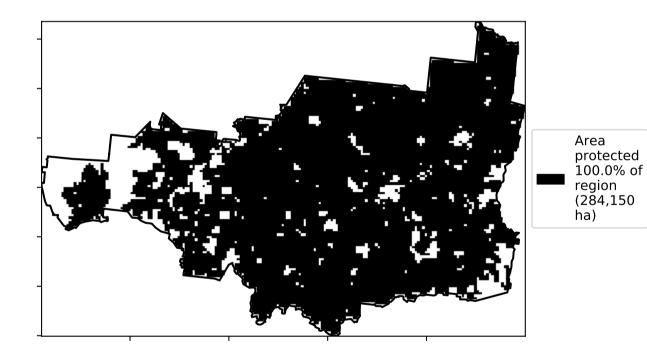
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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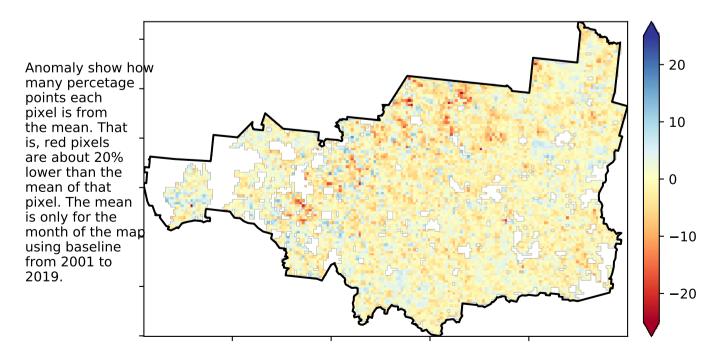
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#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

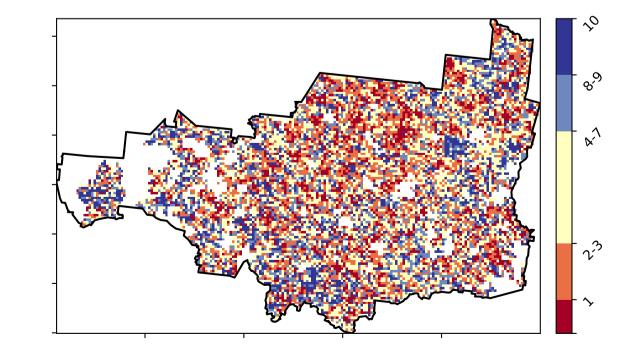


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





Area not protected 0.2% of

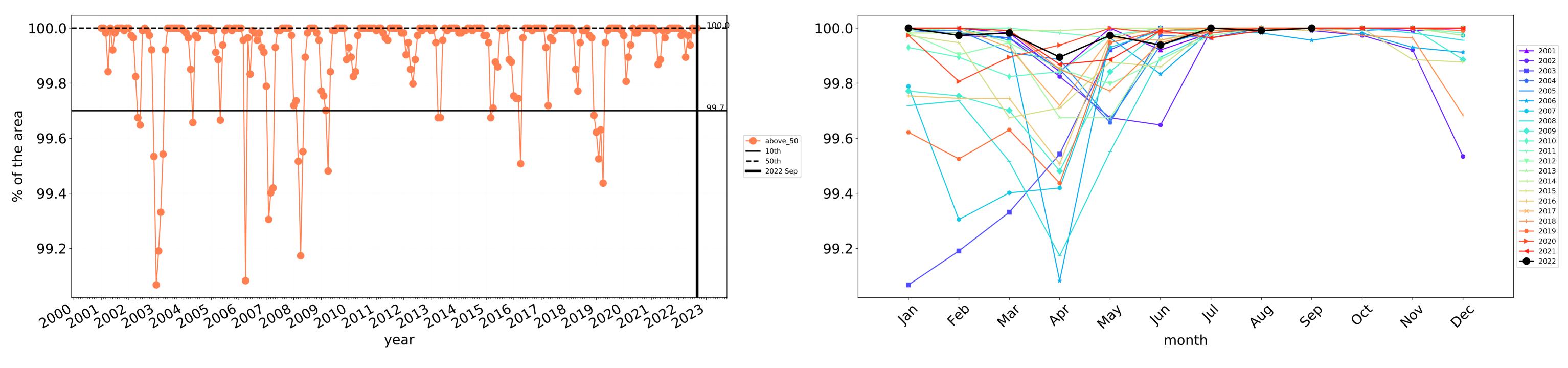
region (568 ha)

protected 99.8% of

region (283,581

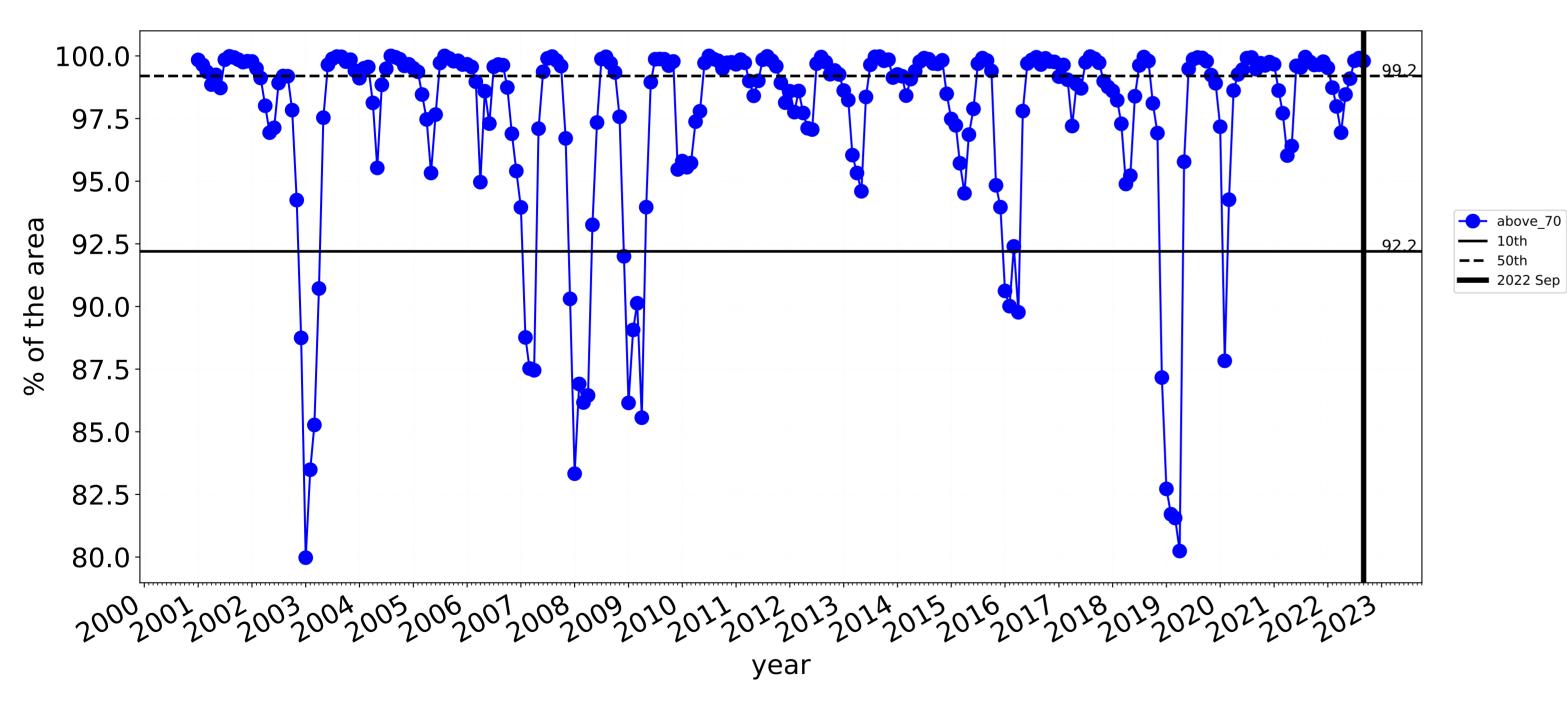
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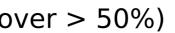
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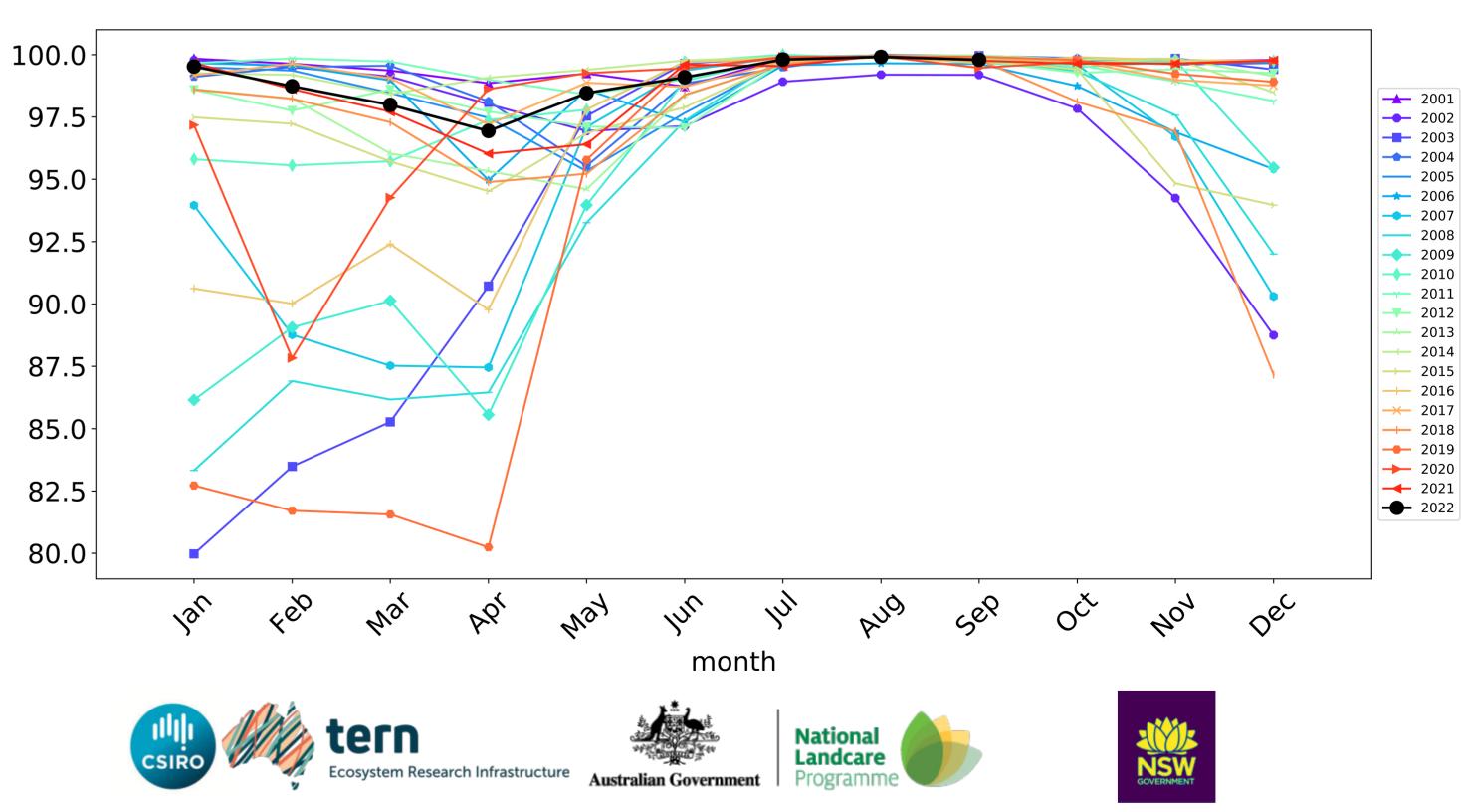
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

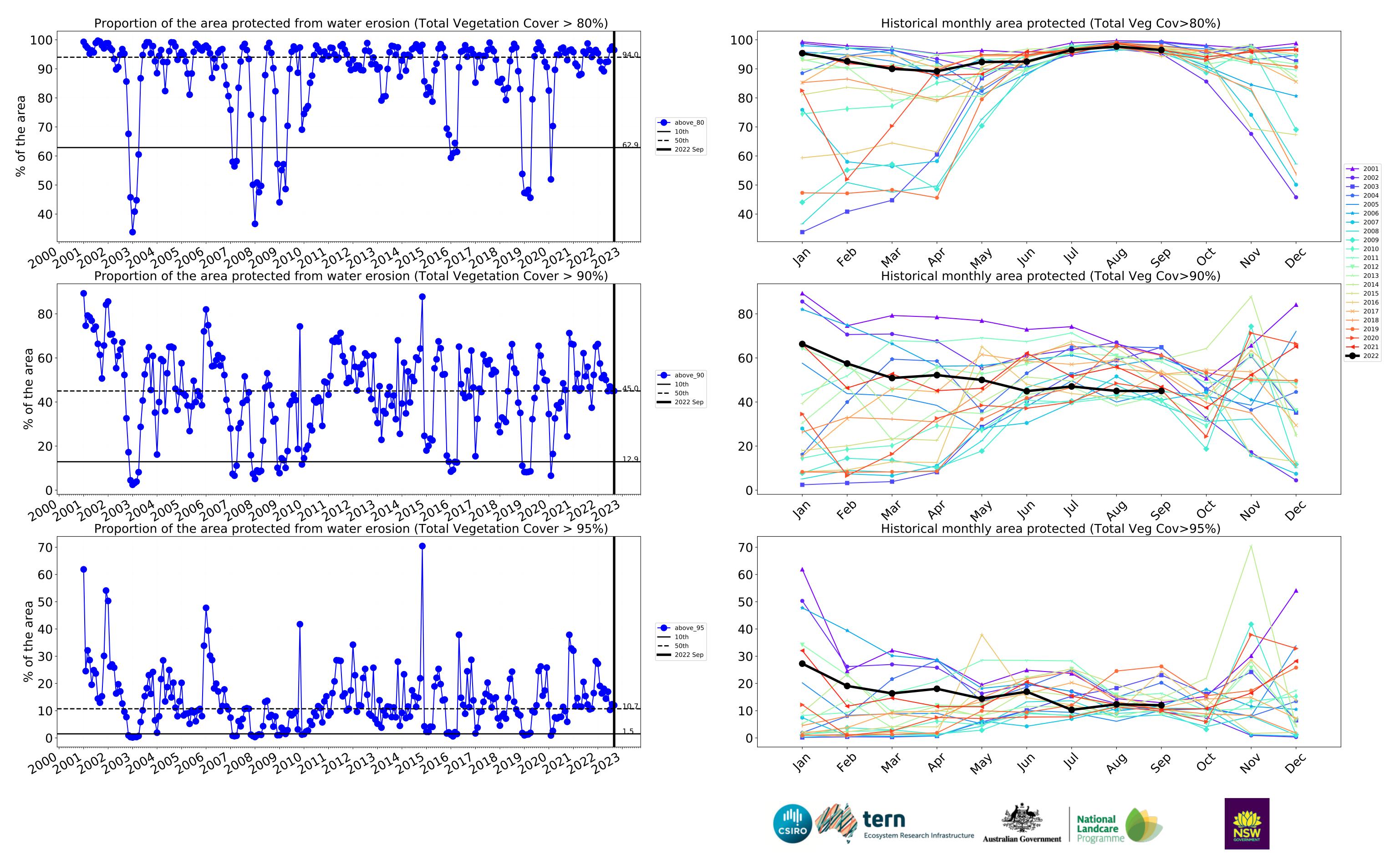




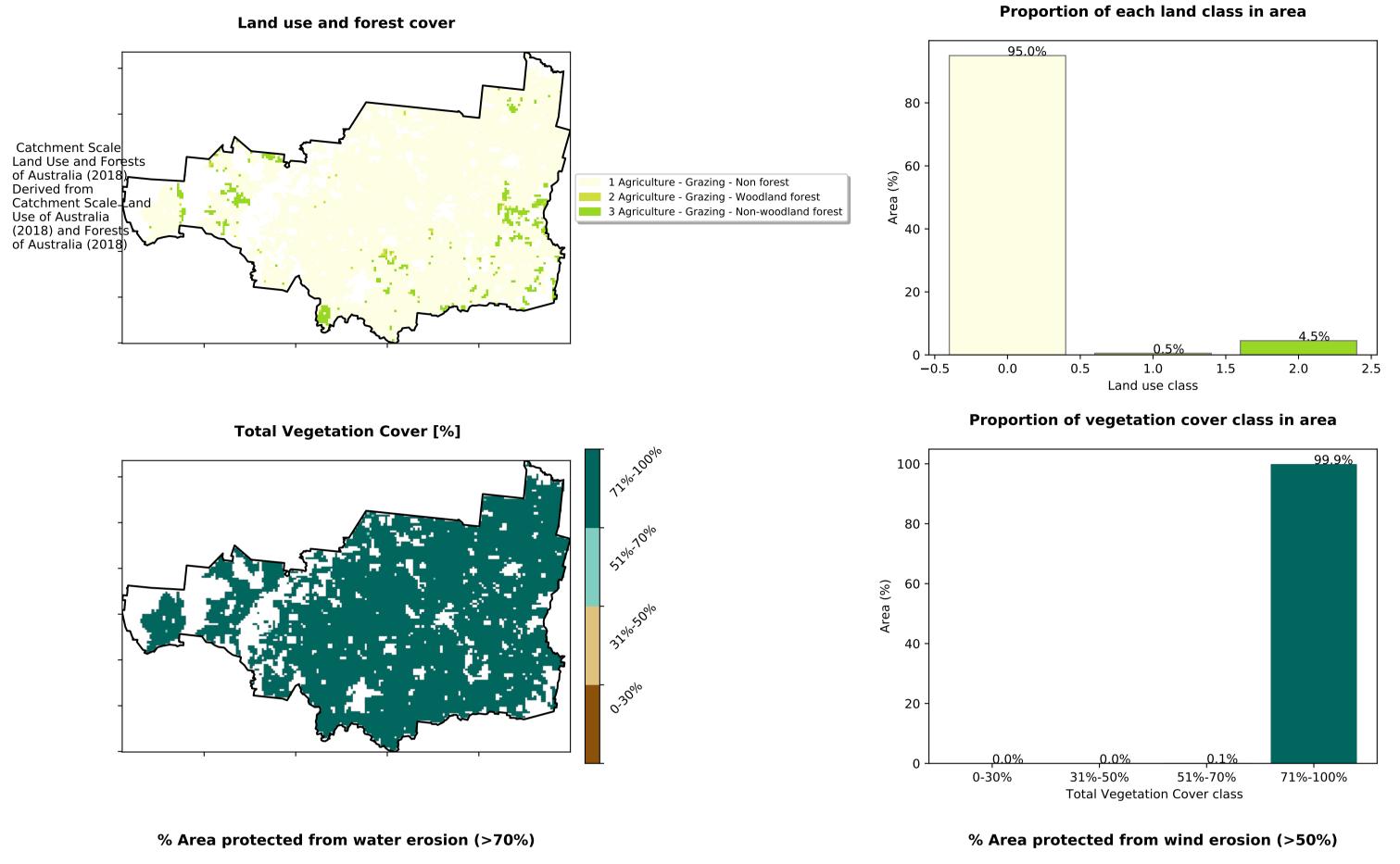
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

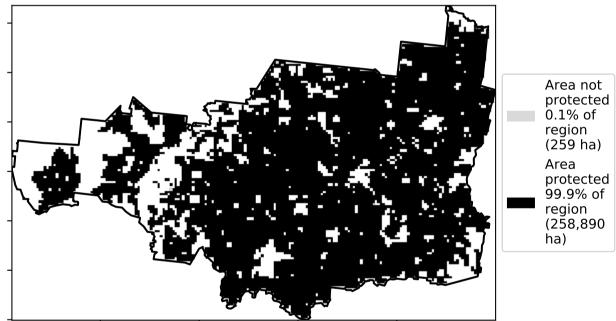


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



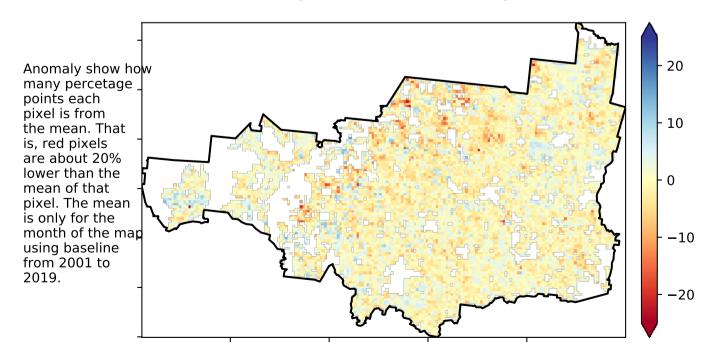
## Grazing





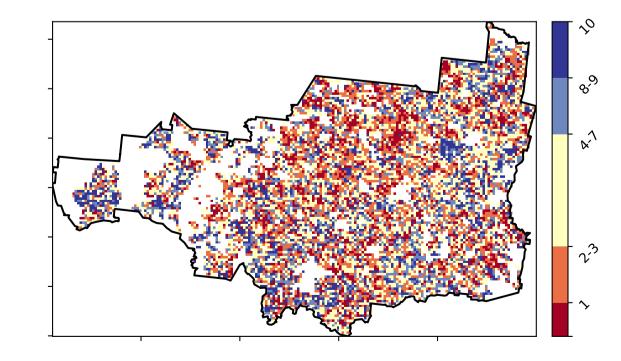
Area protected 100.0% of region (259,150 ha)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

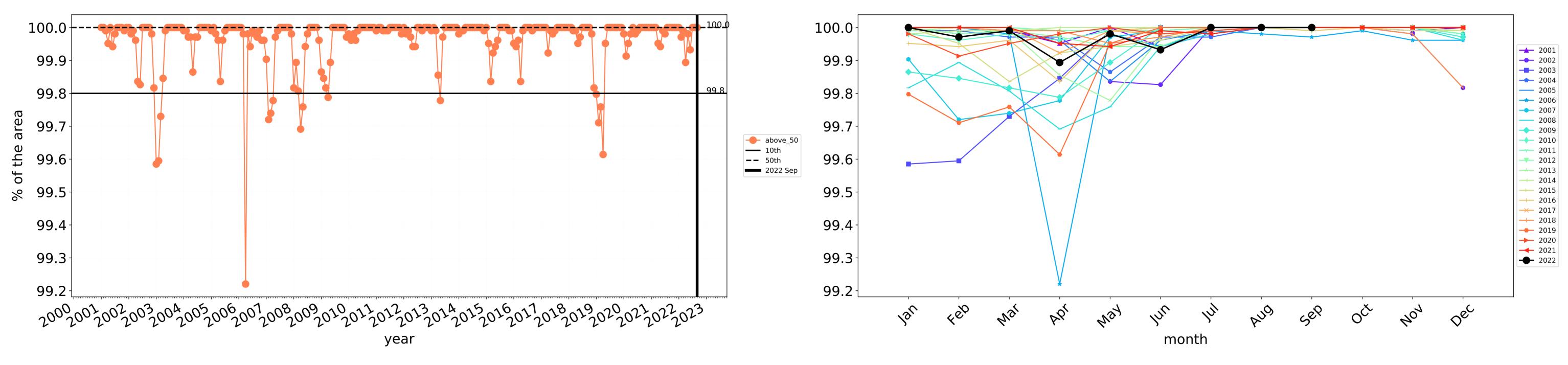


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



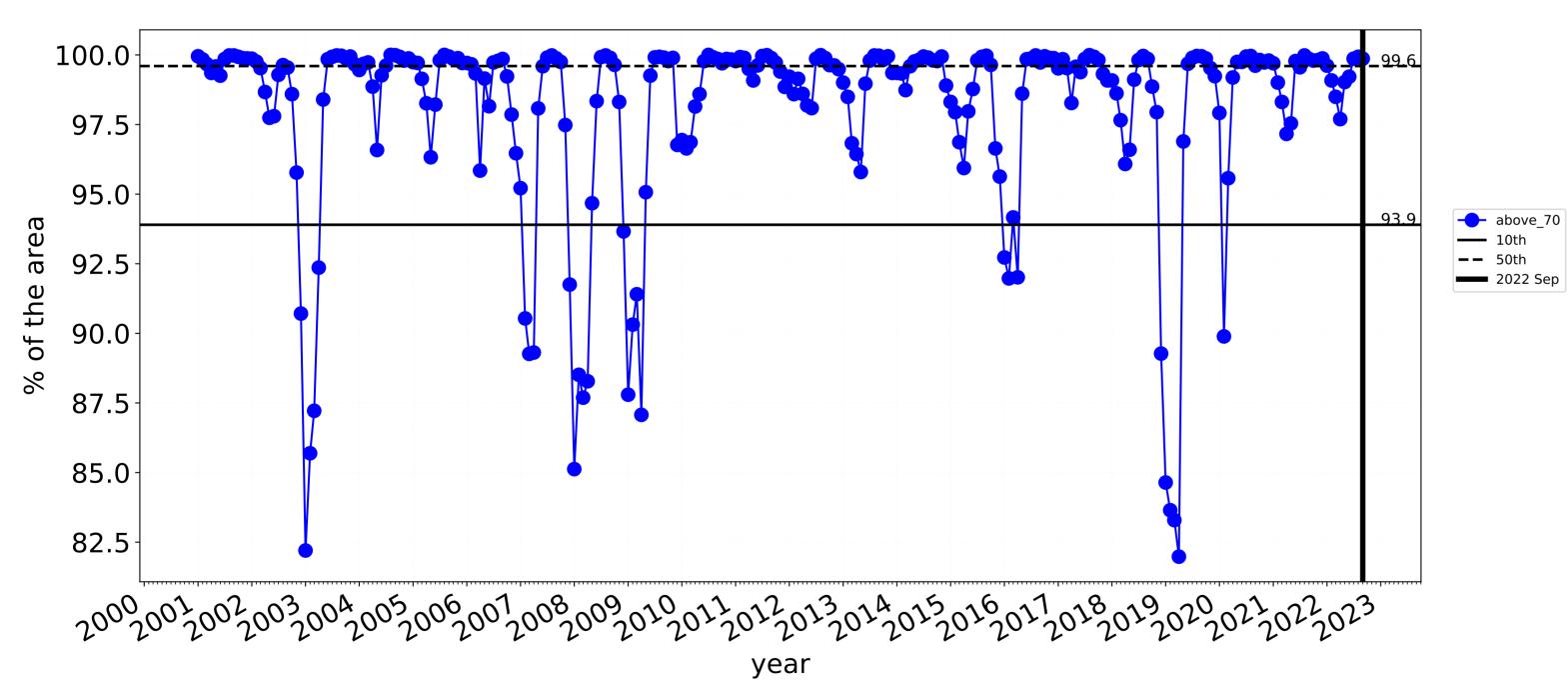


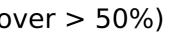


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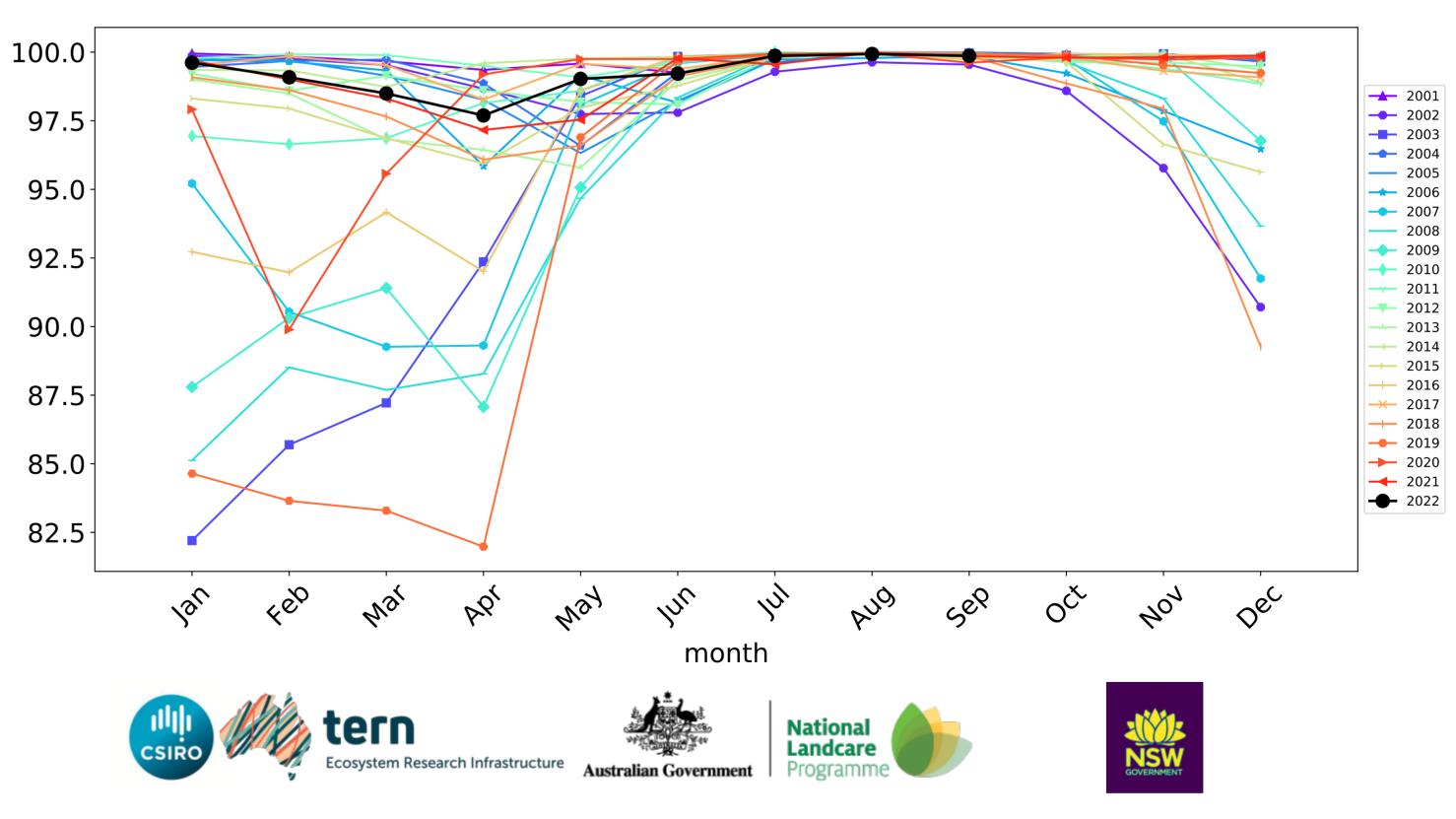
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

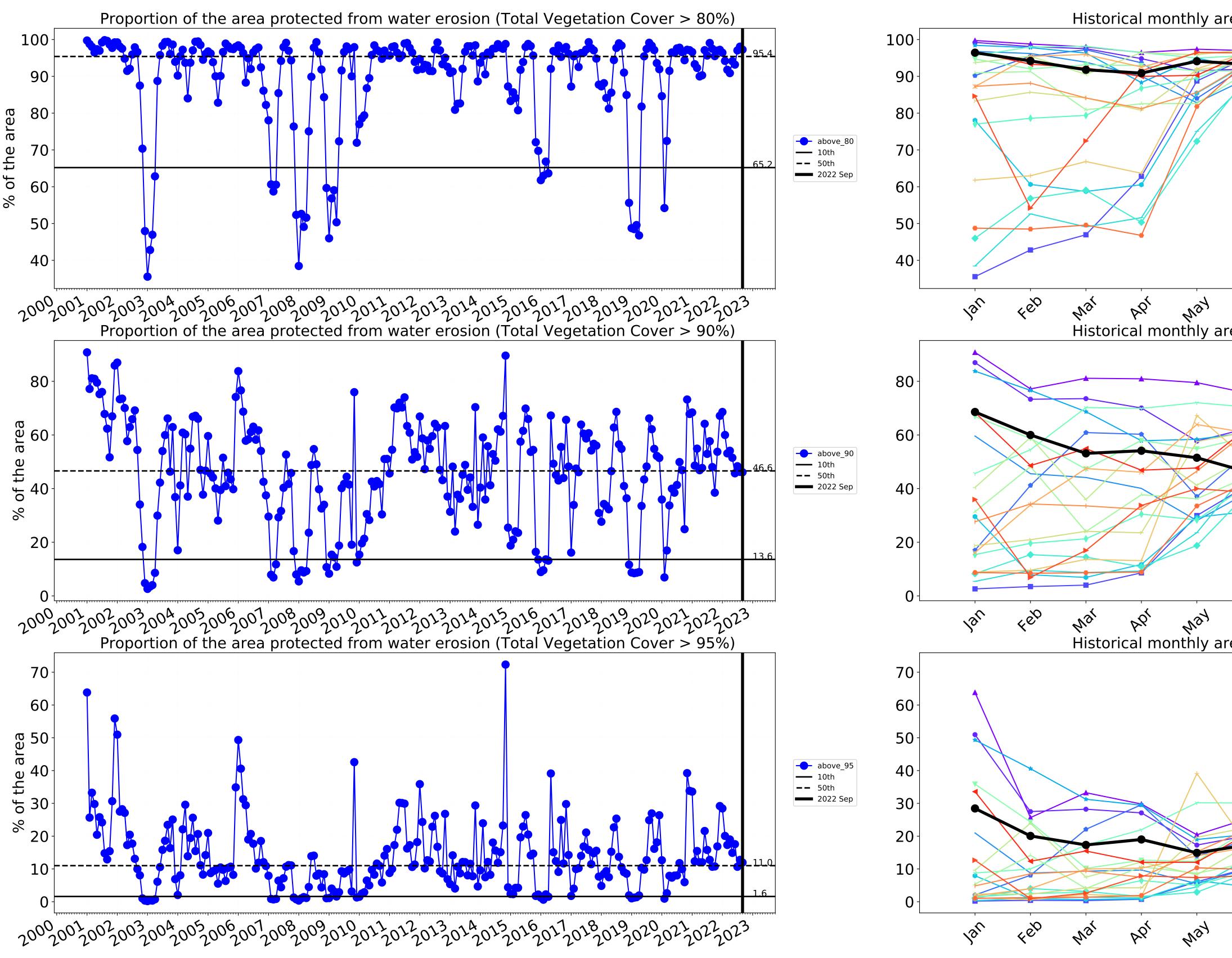


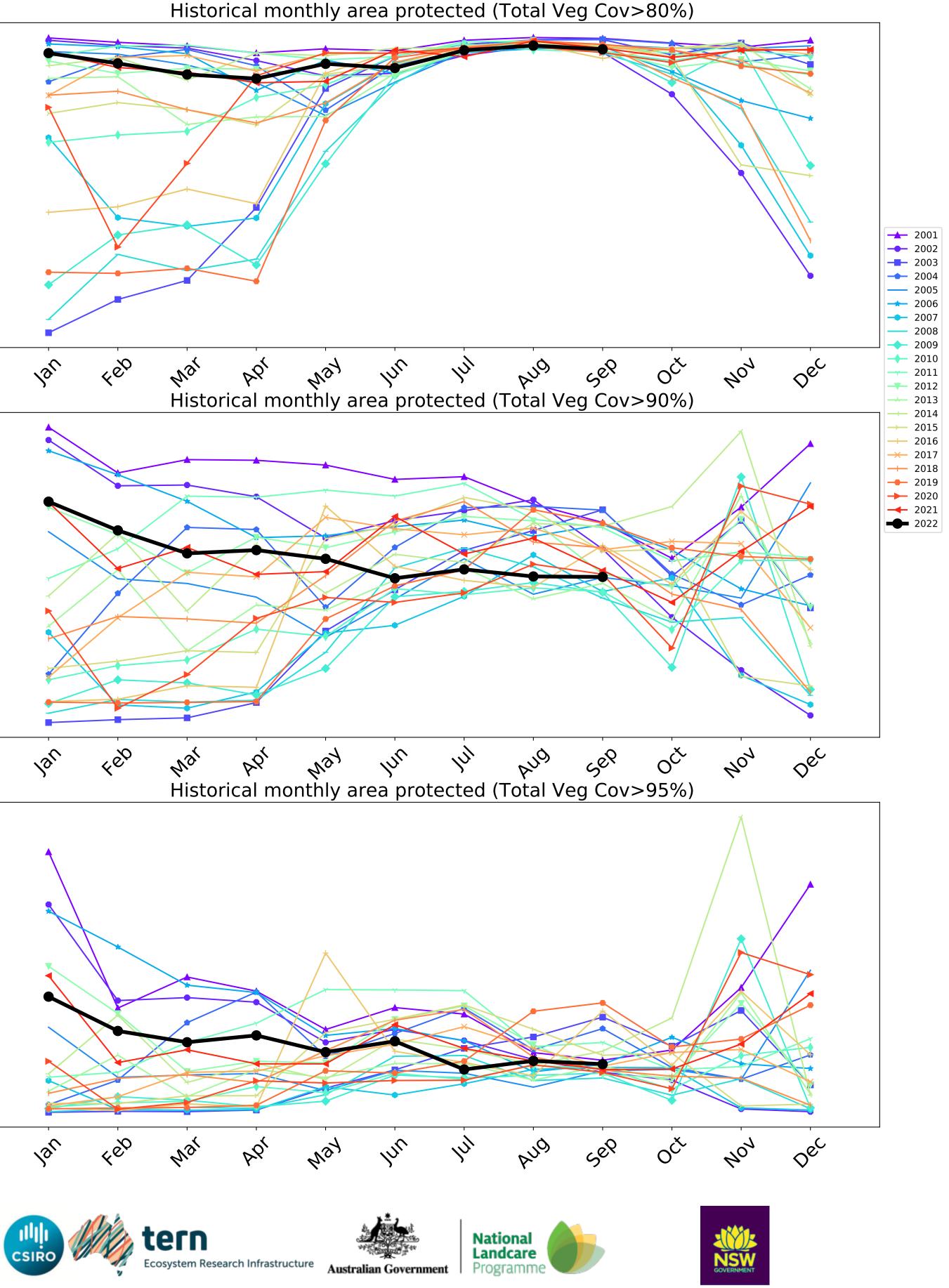


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

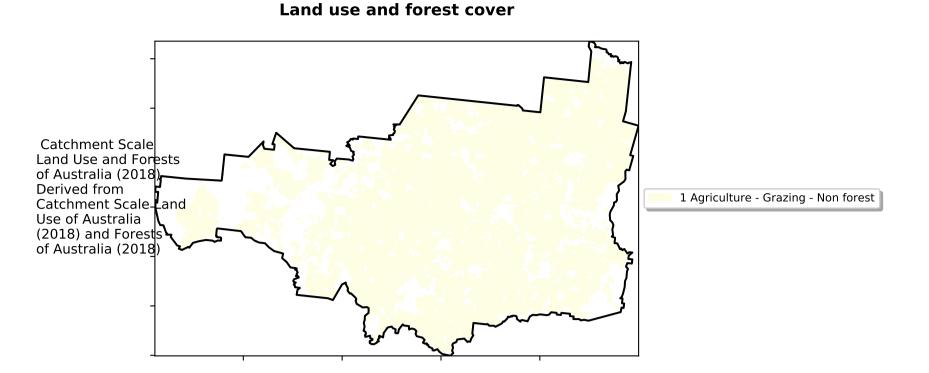


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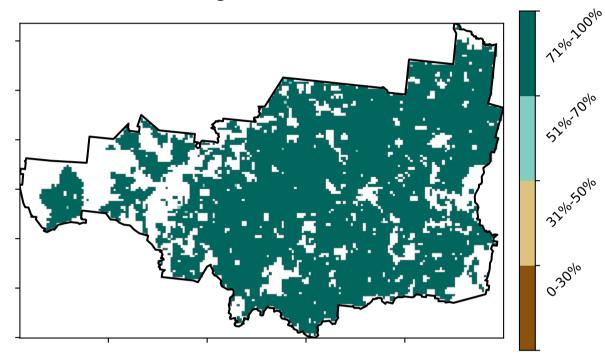




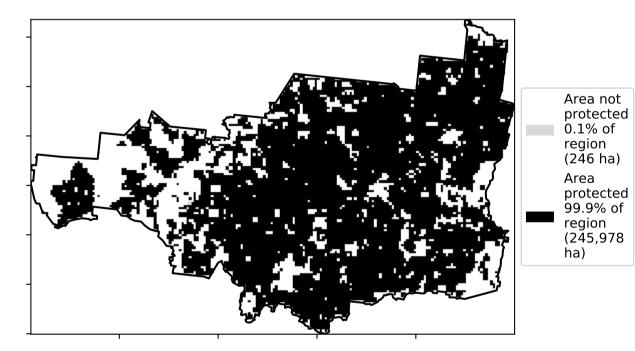
## **Grazing non forest**



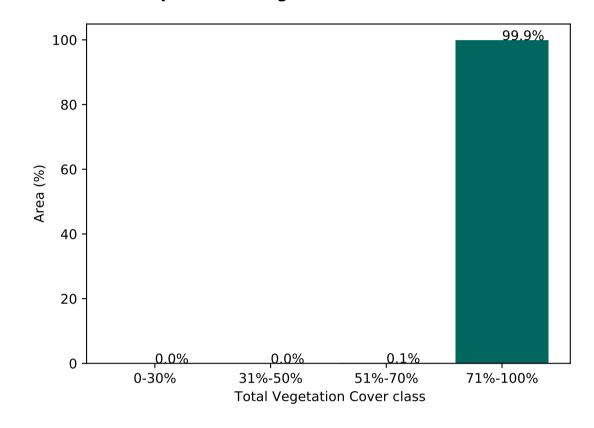
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

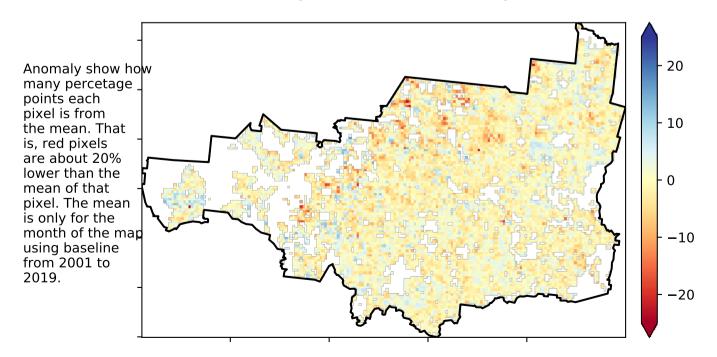


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



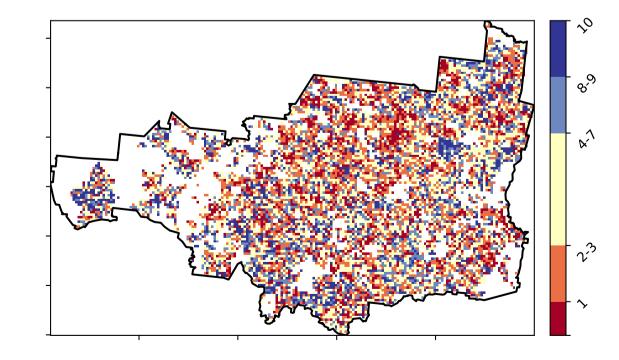
Area protected 100.0% of region (246,225 ha)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

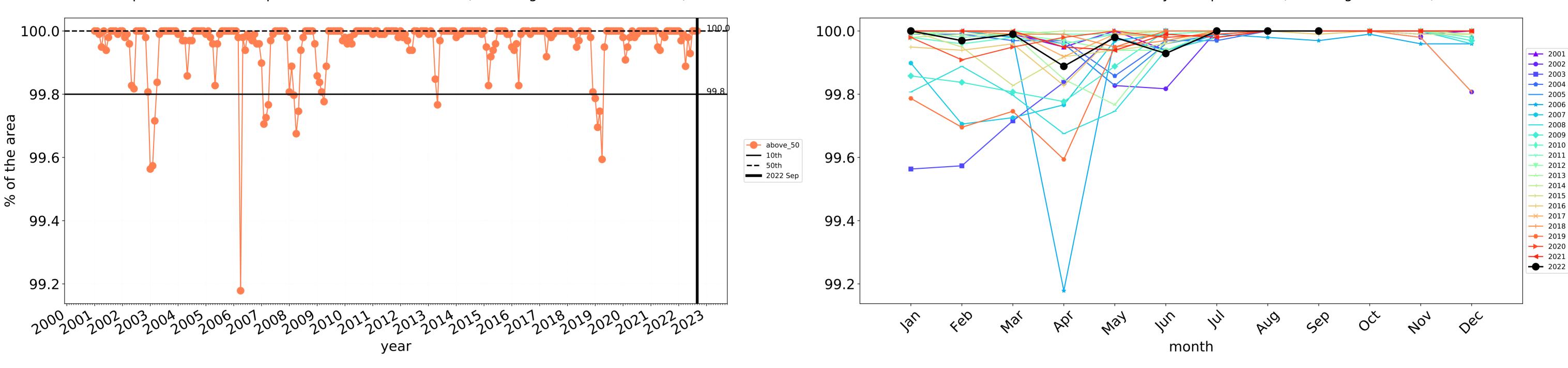


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

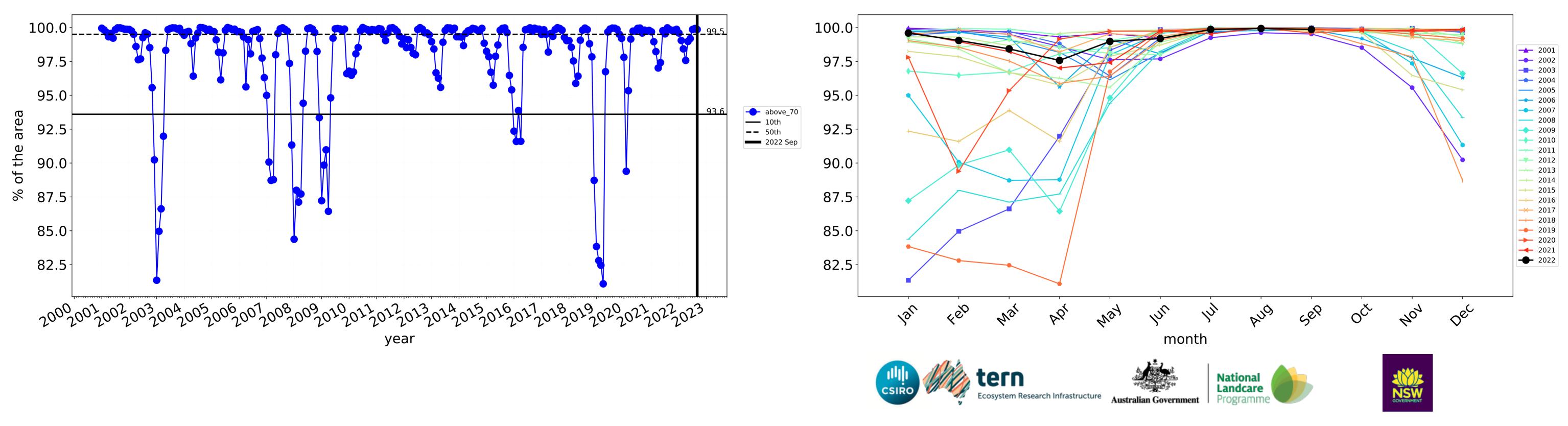






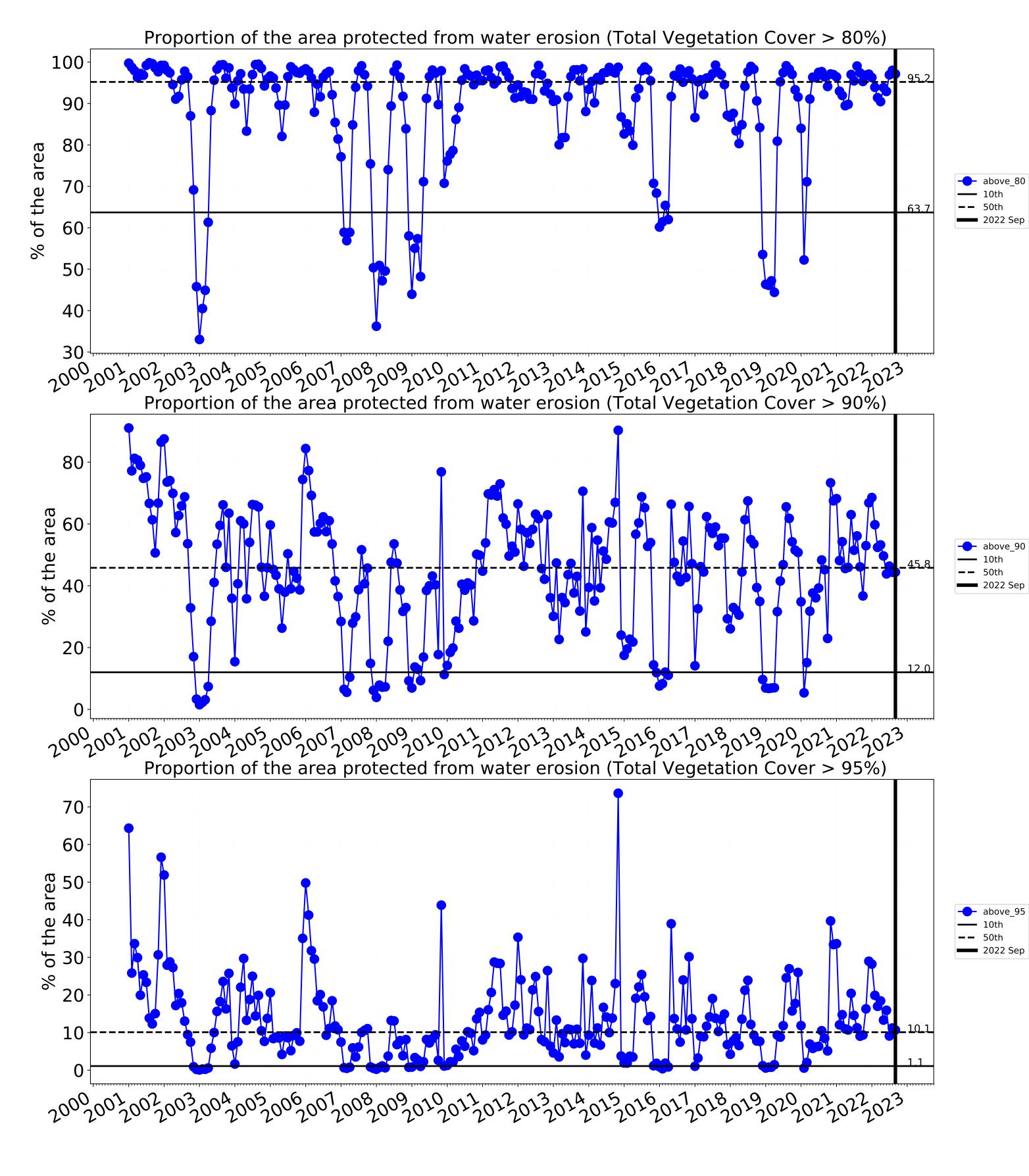
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

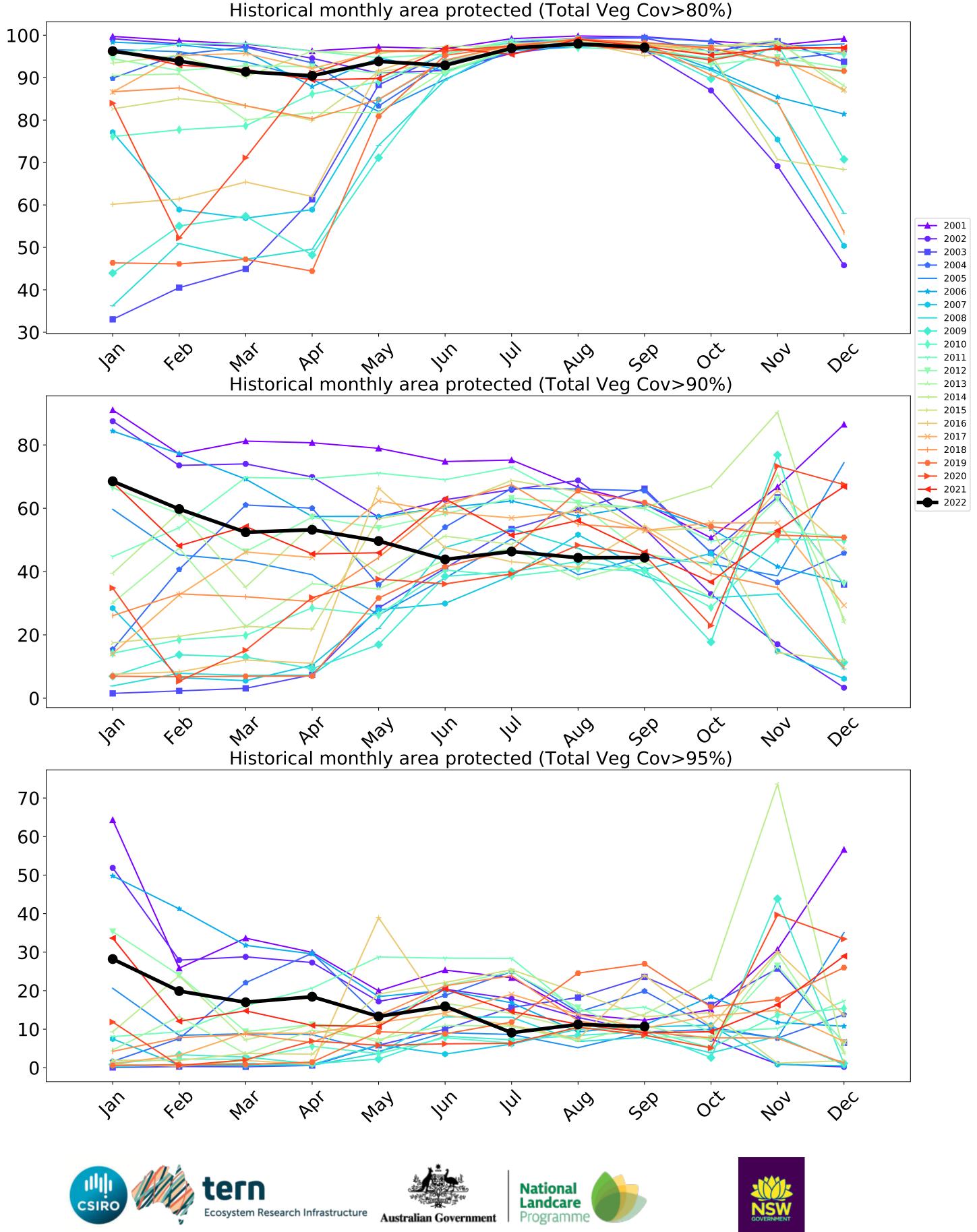


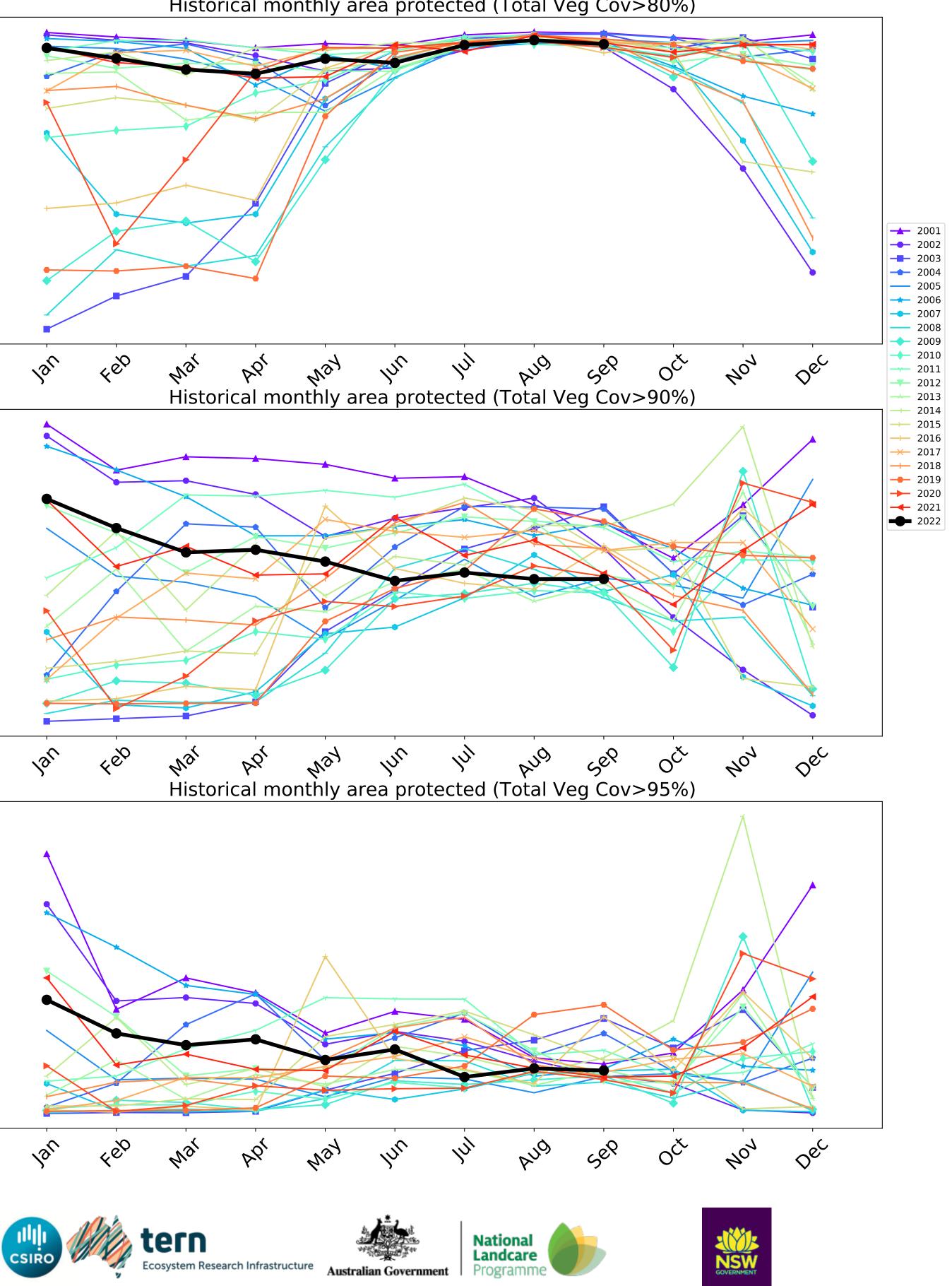


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

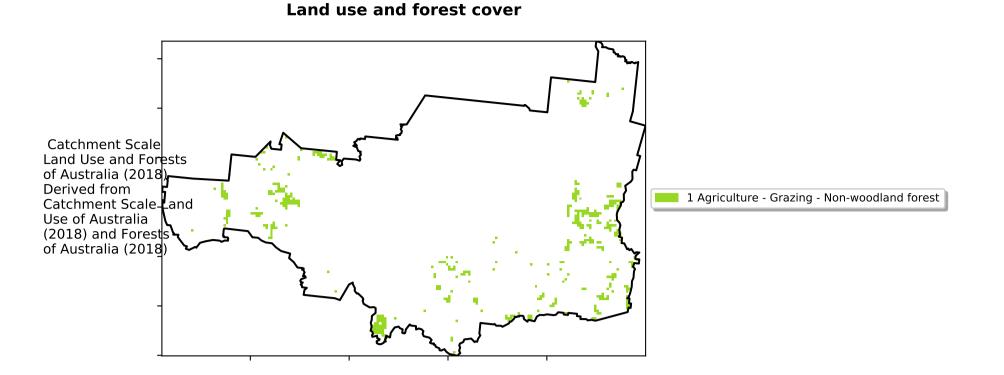
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



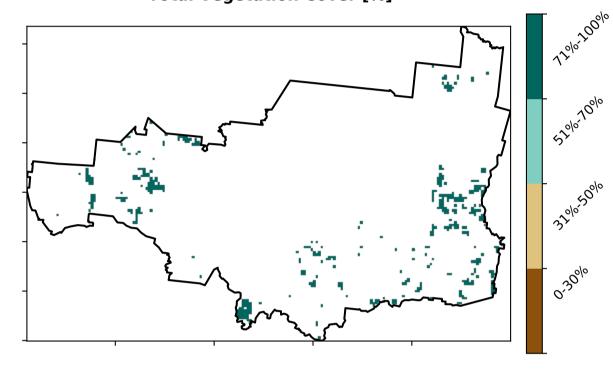




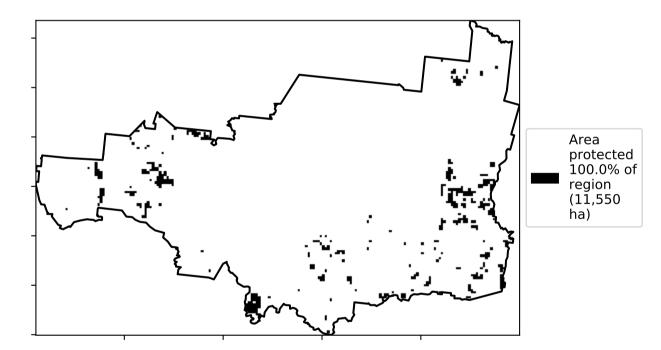
## Grazing - Forest (non woodland)



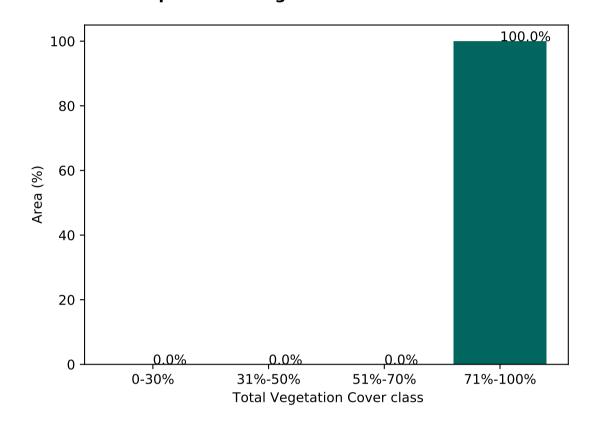
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



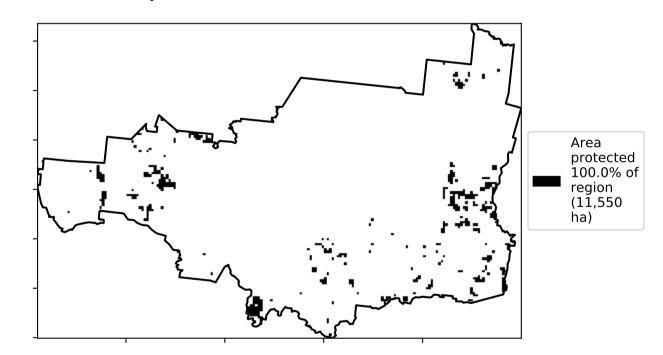
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



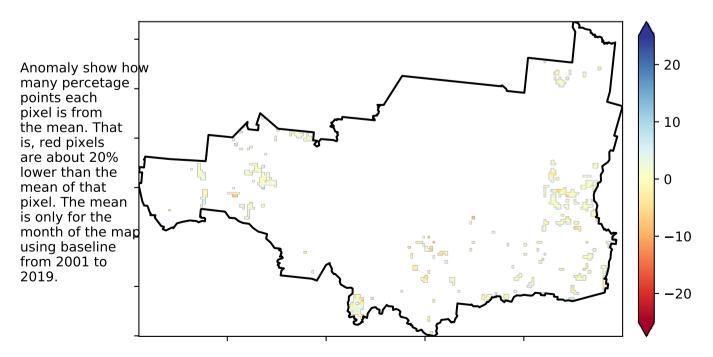
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



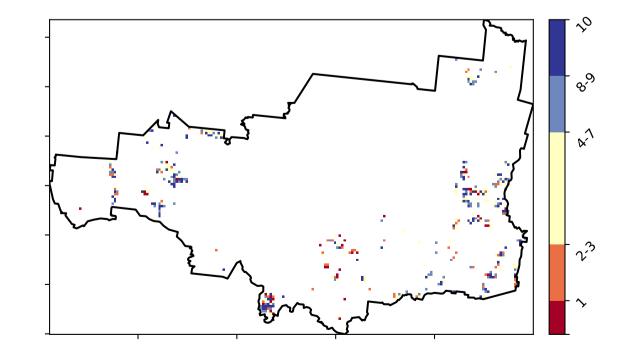
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



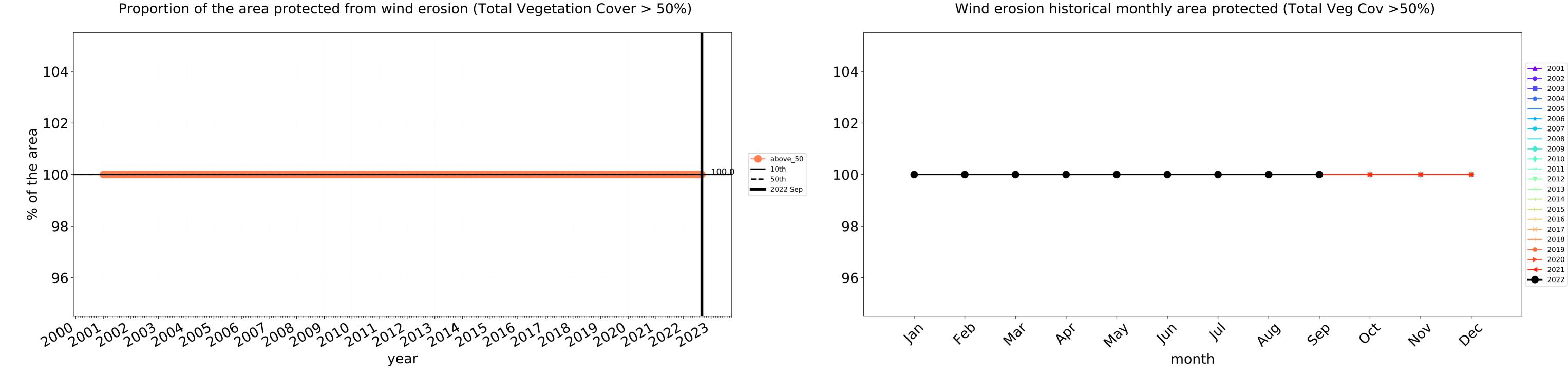
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

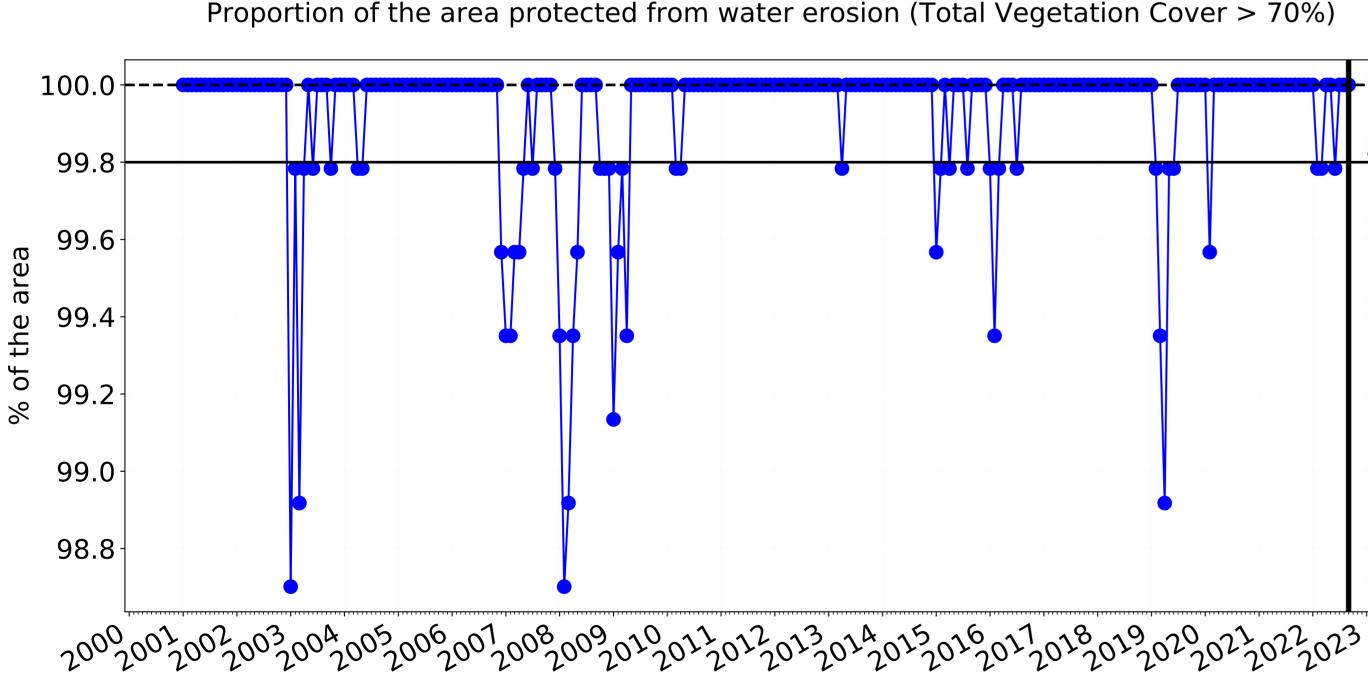


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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

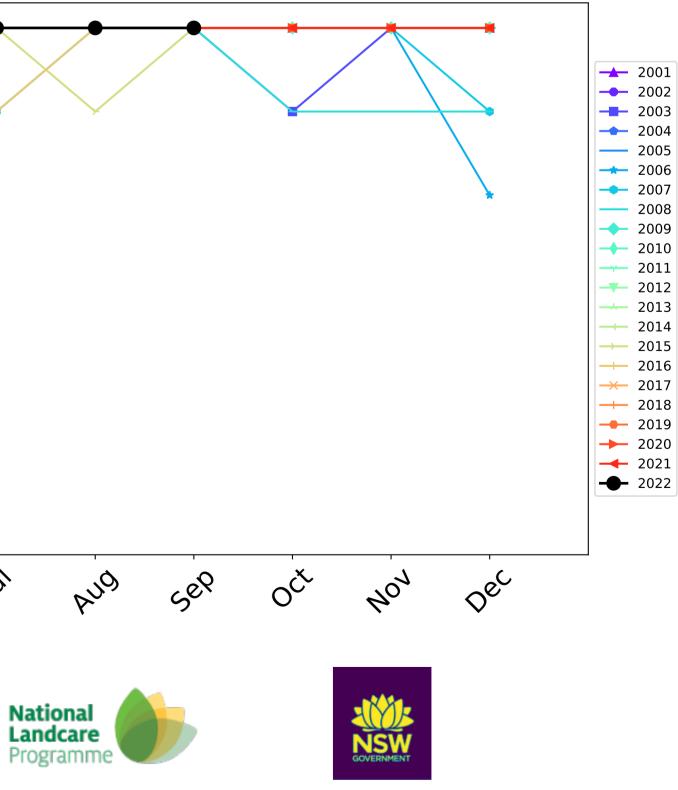
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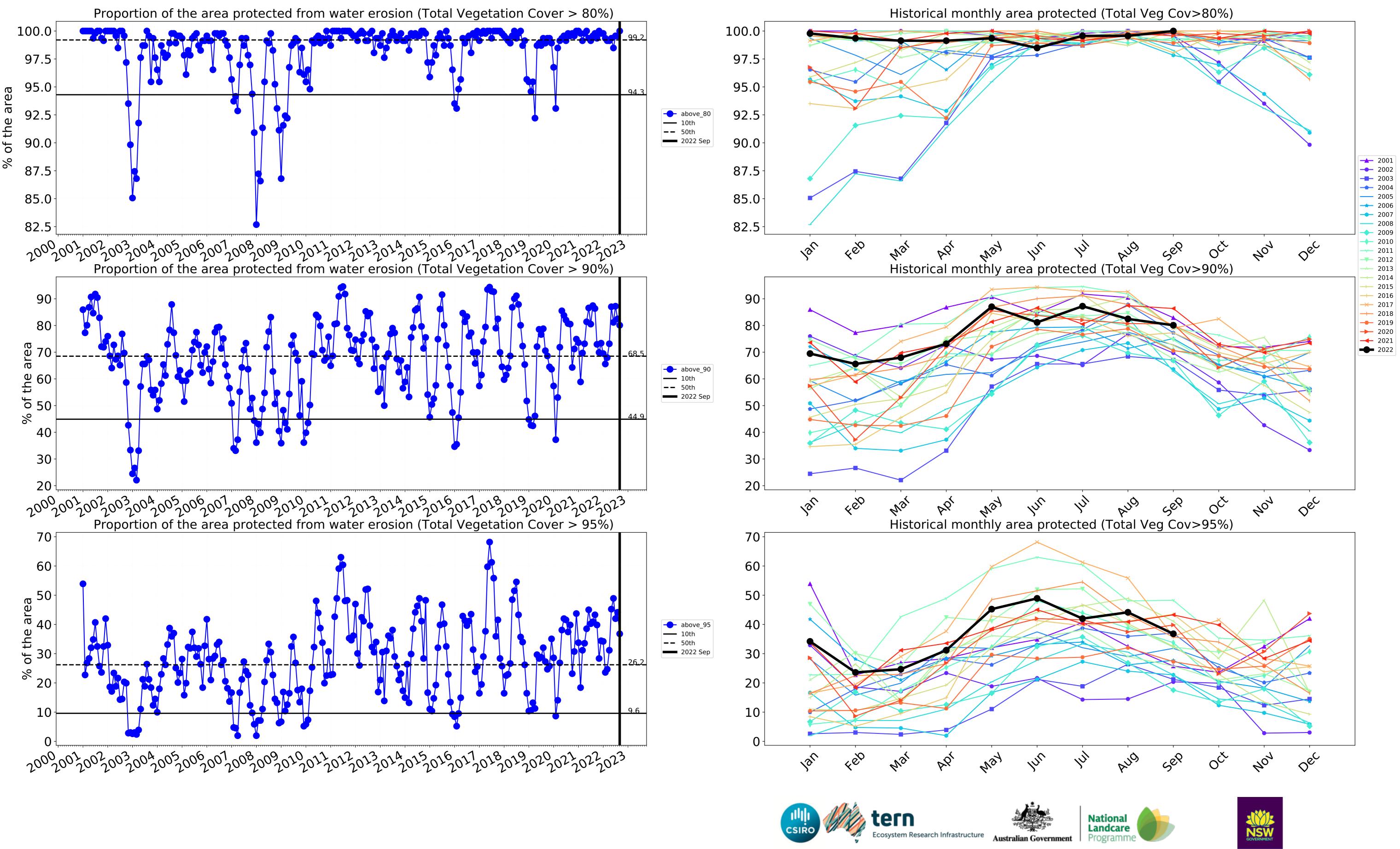
## Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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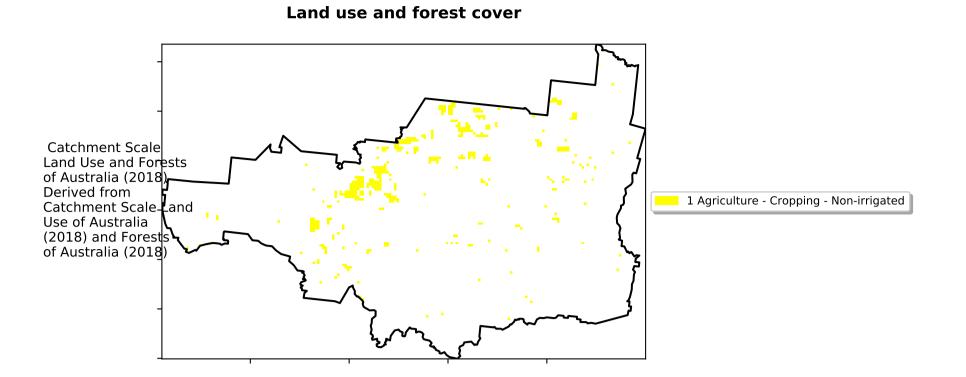
## Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

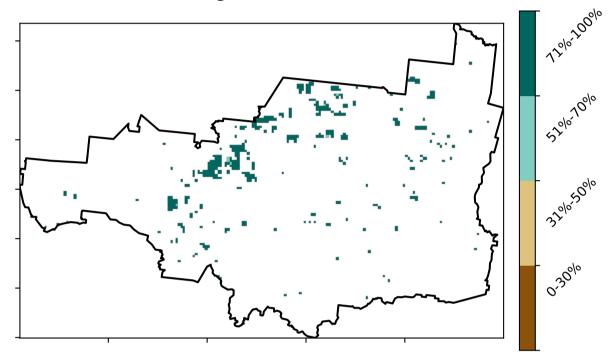




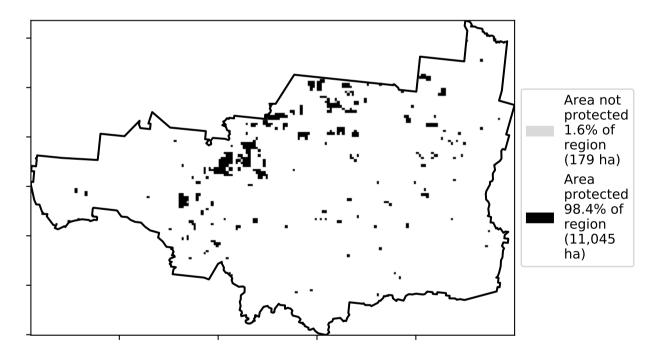
## Cropping



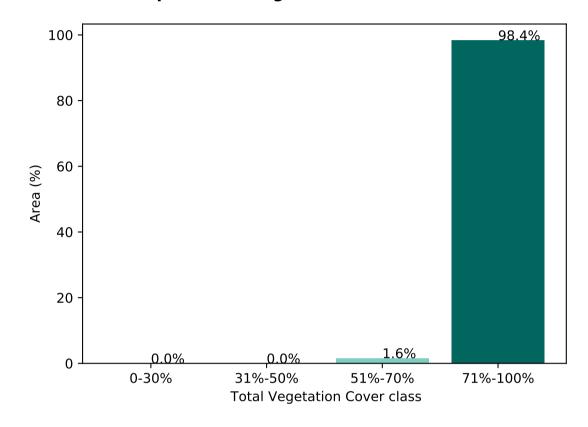
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



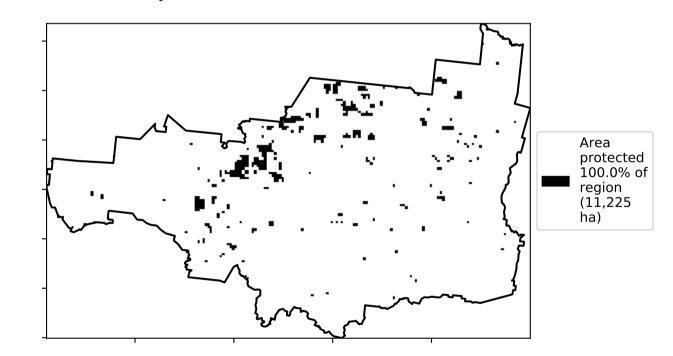
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



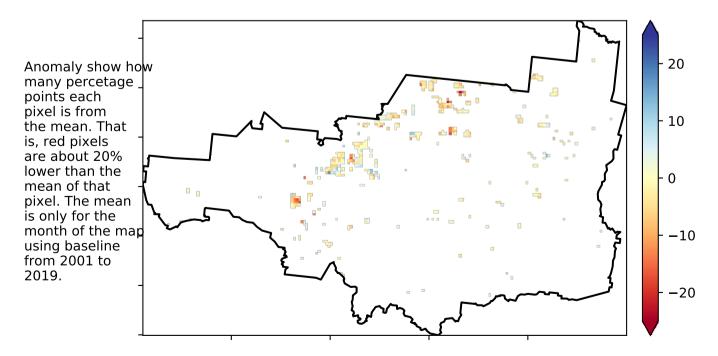
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



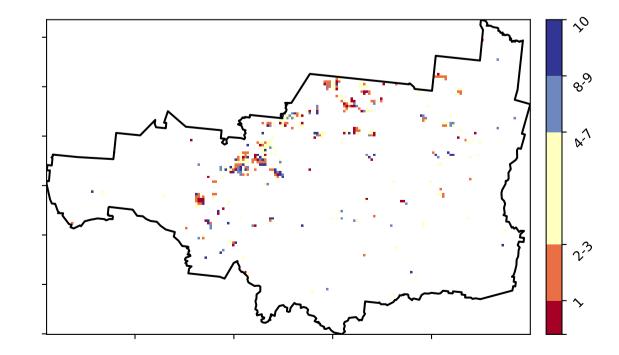
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



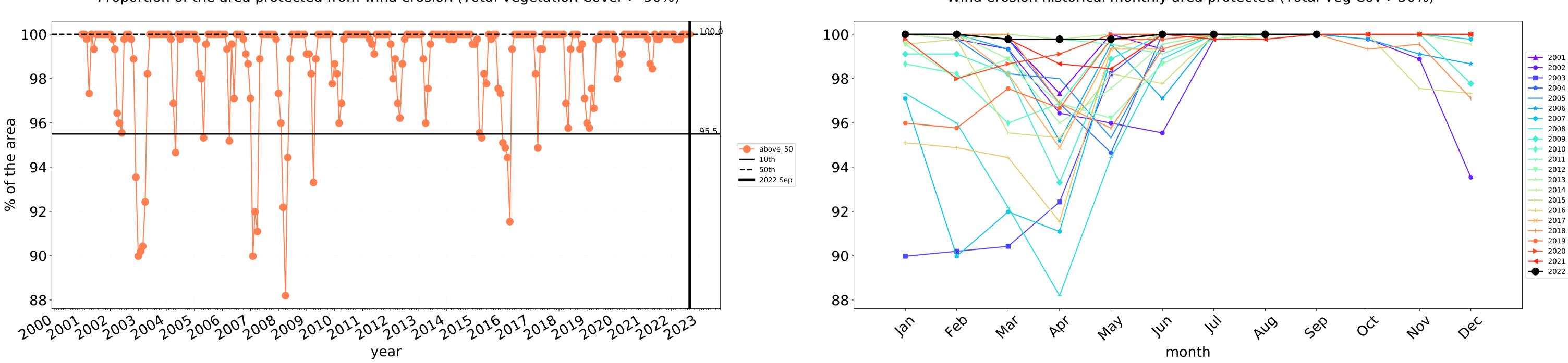
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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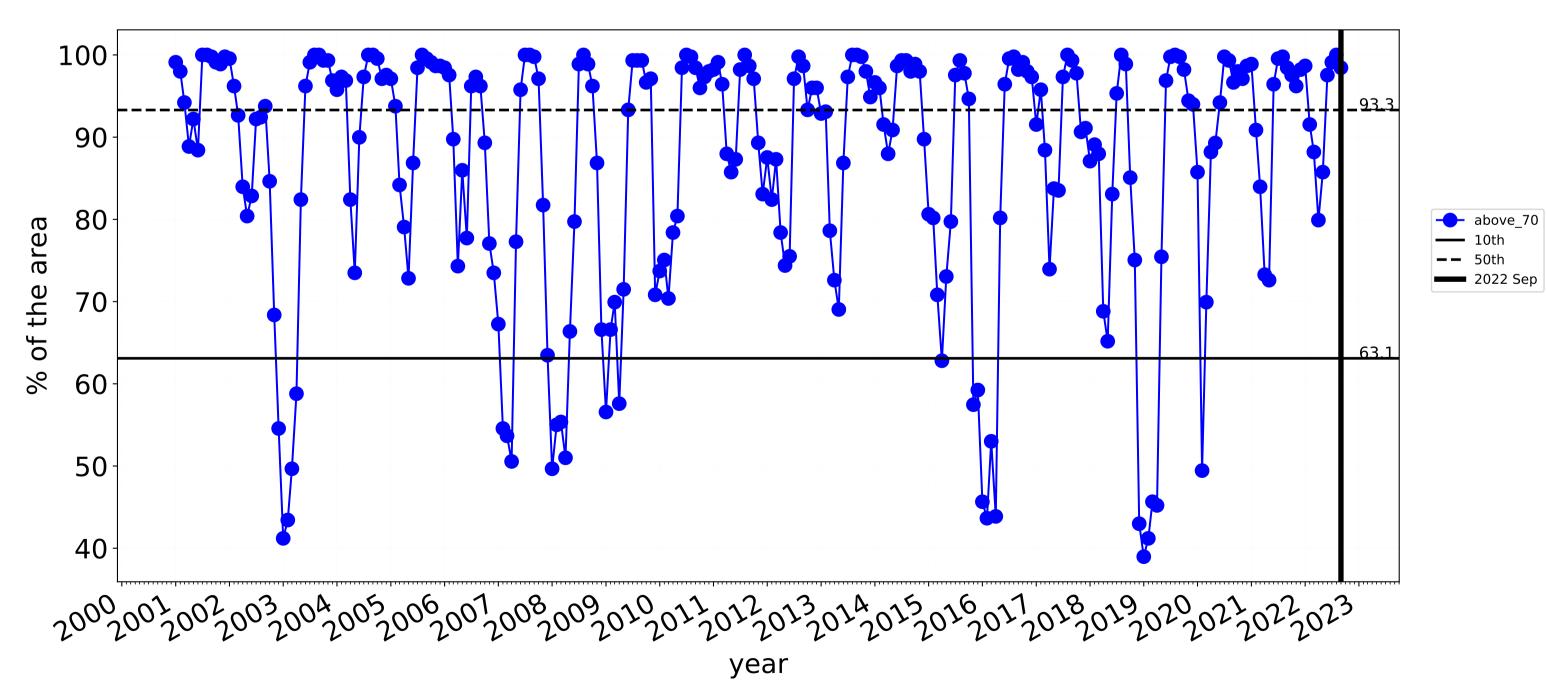






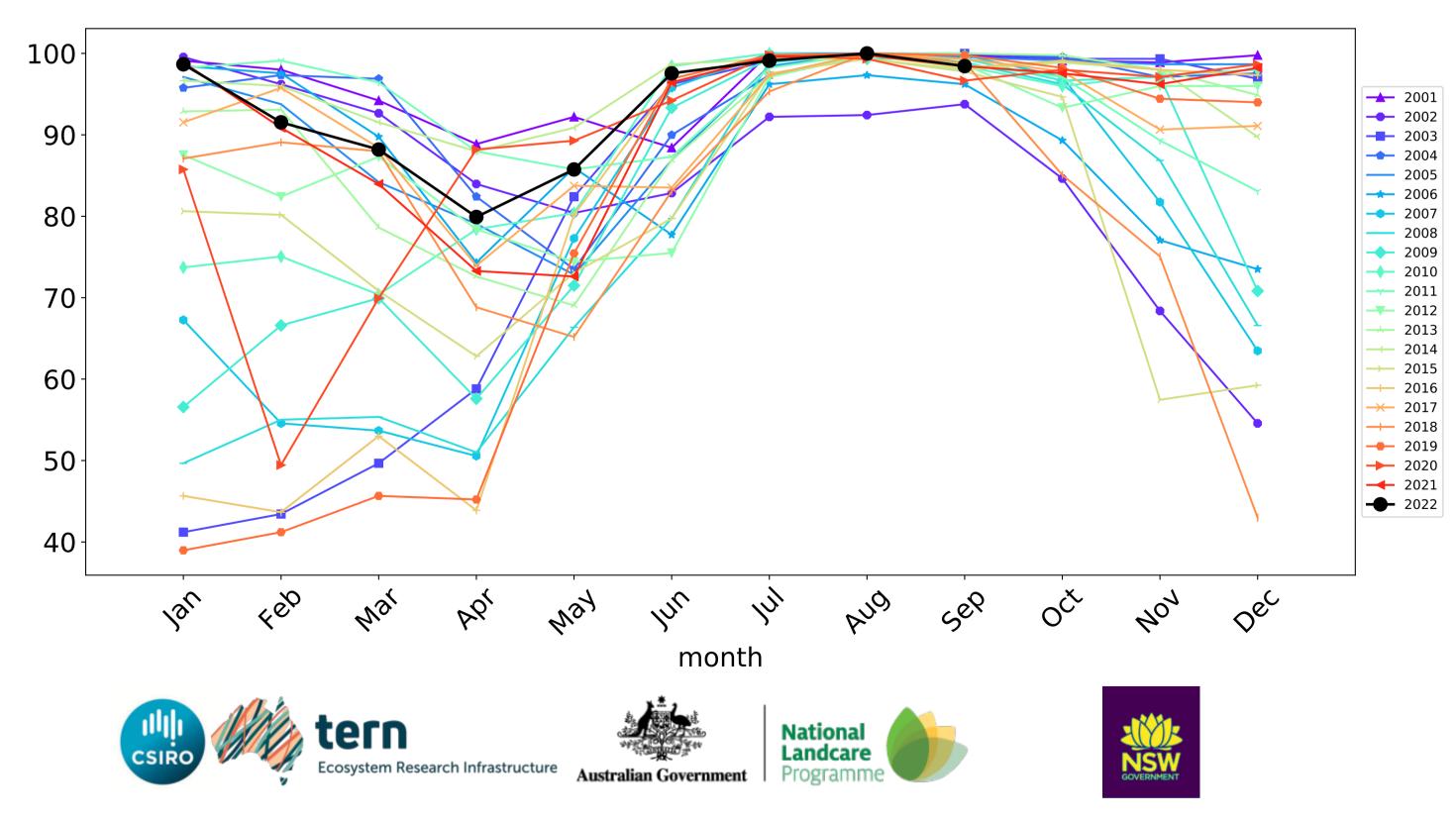
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

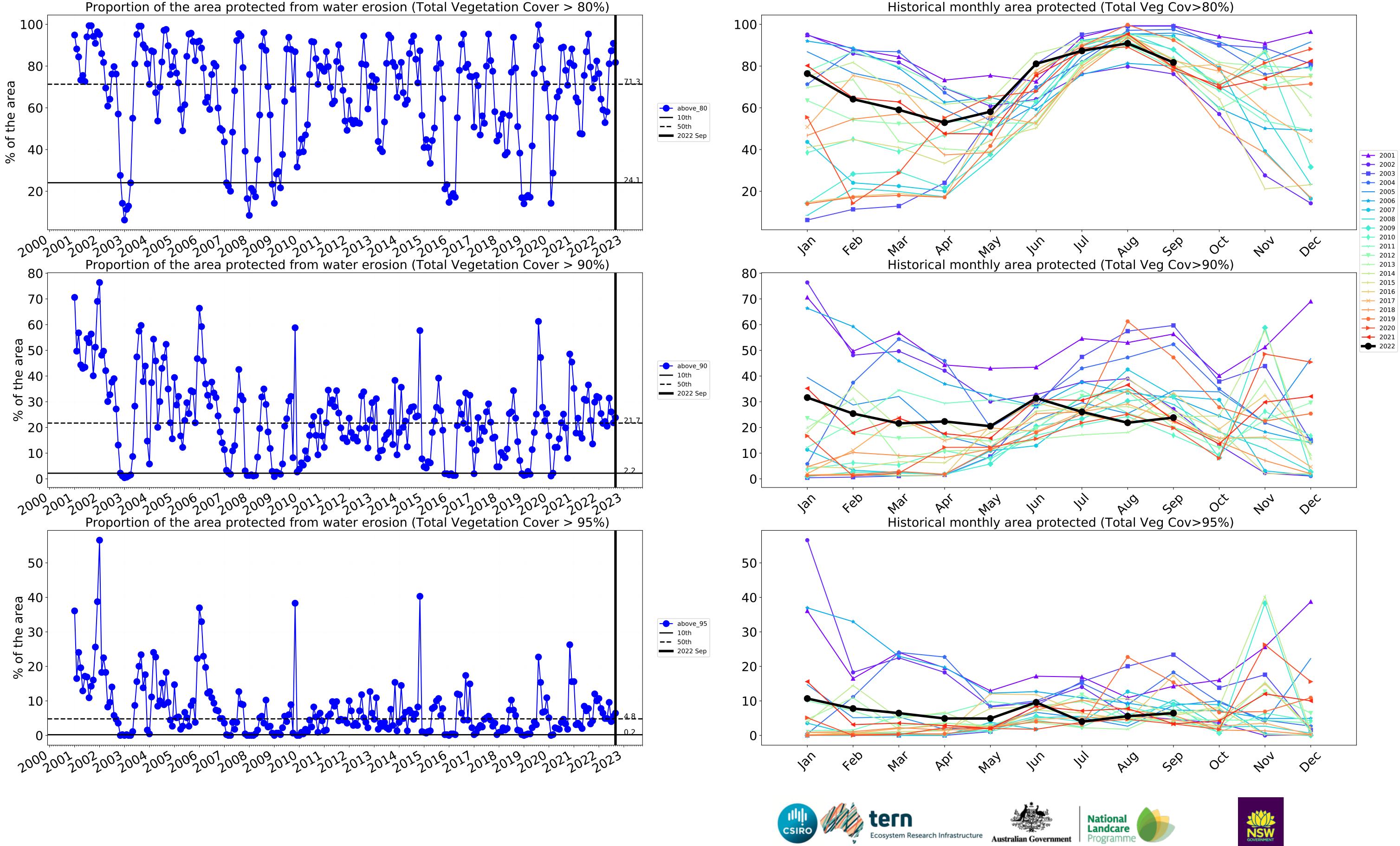


## **Cropping timeseries**

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

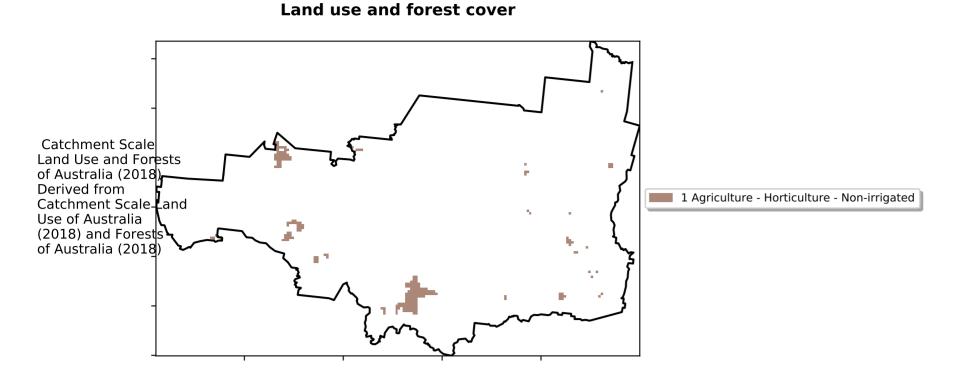


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

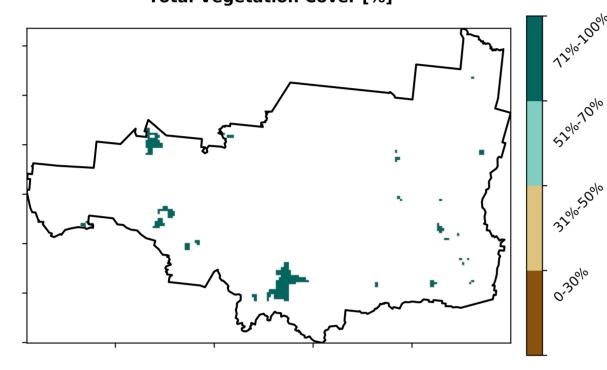


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

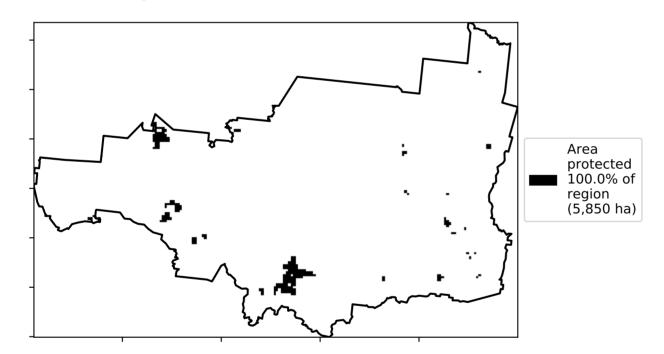
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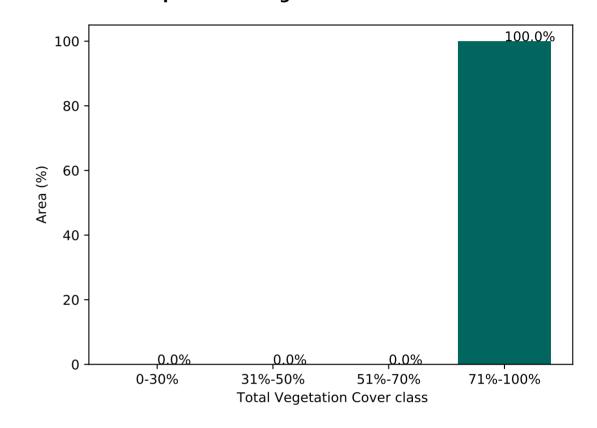
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



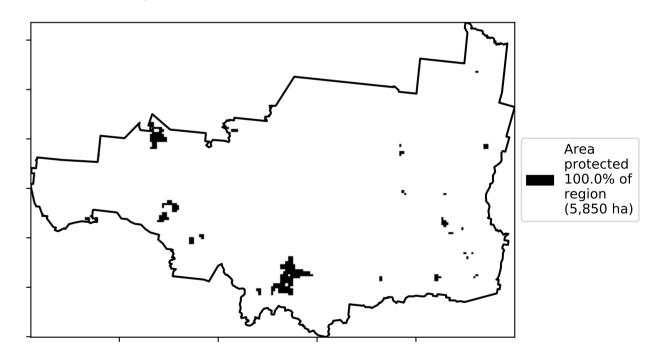
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



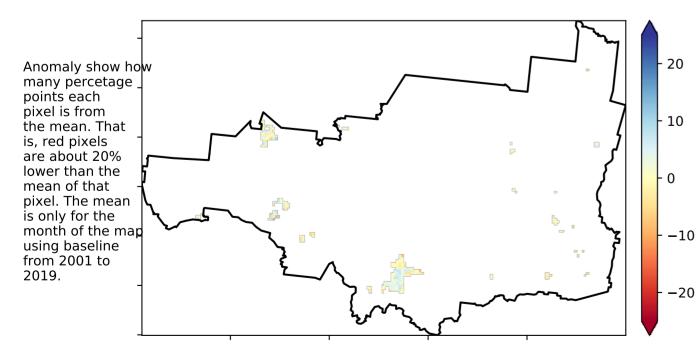
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



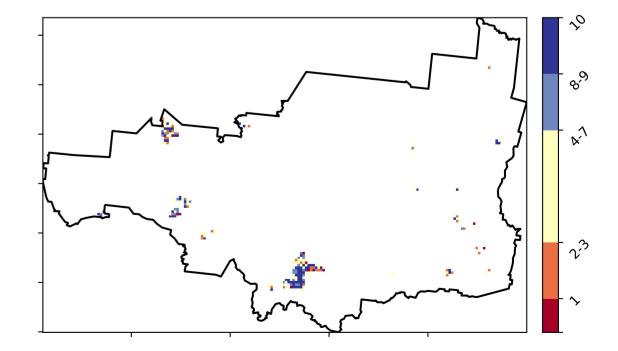
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



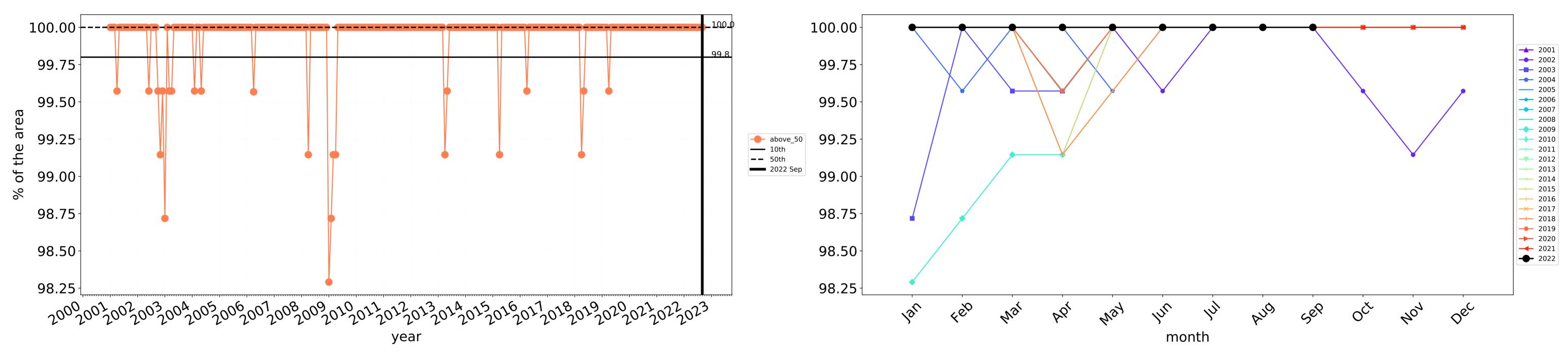
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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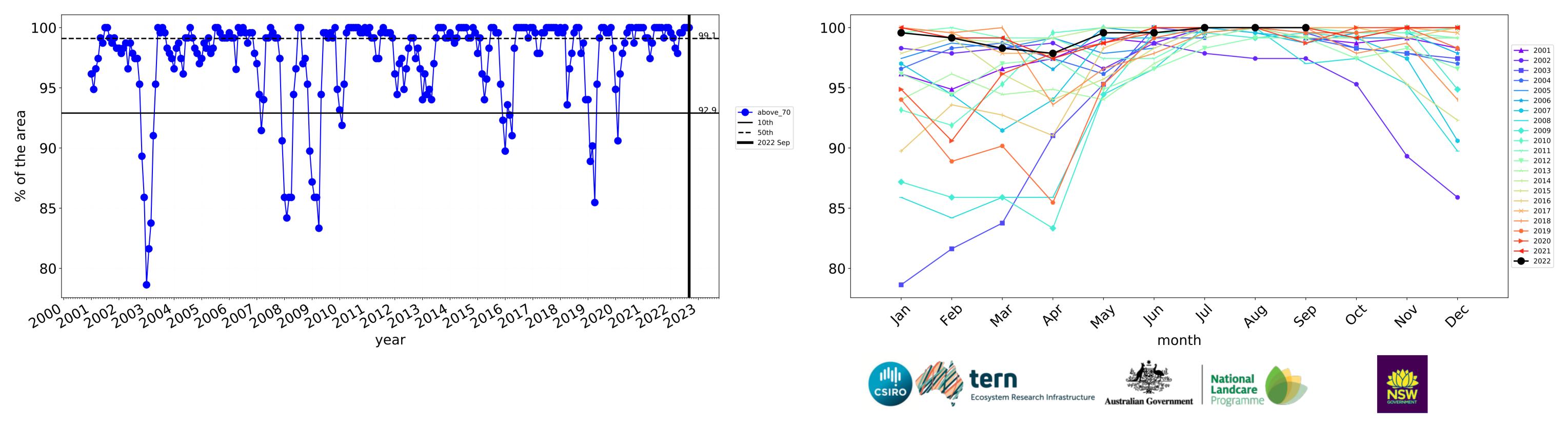






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

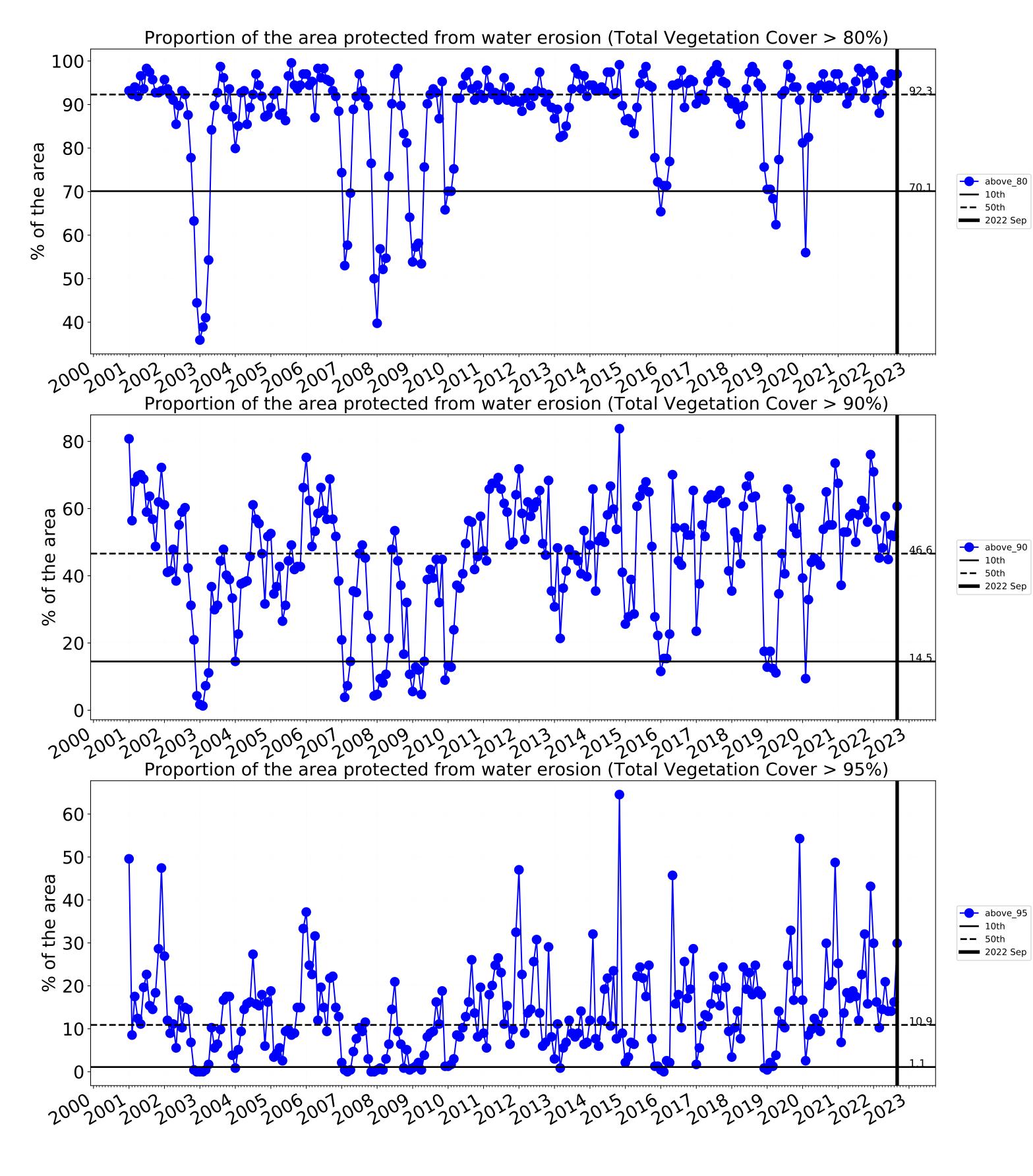
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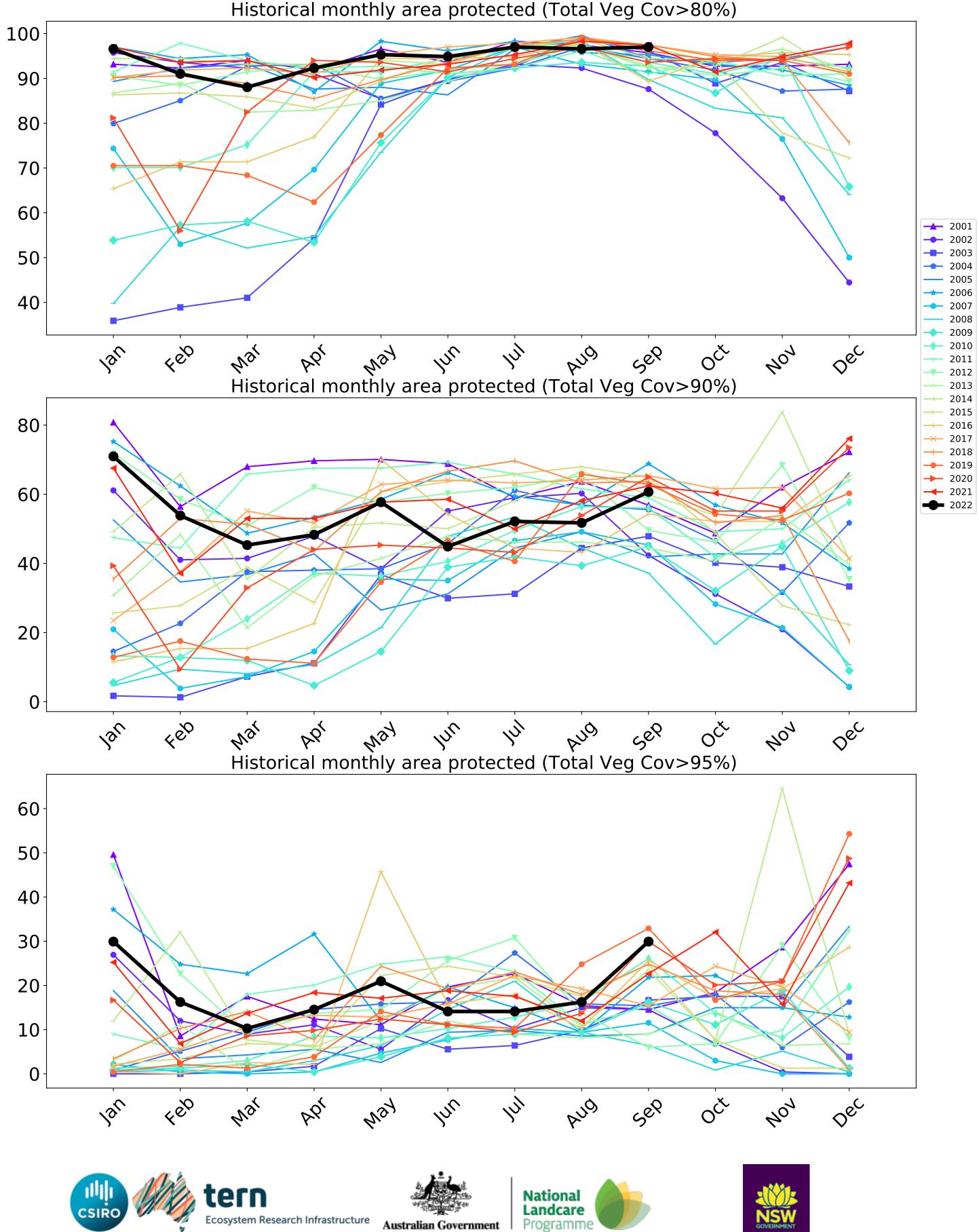


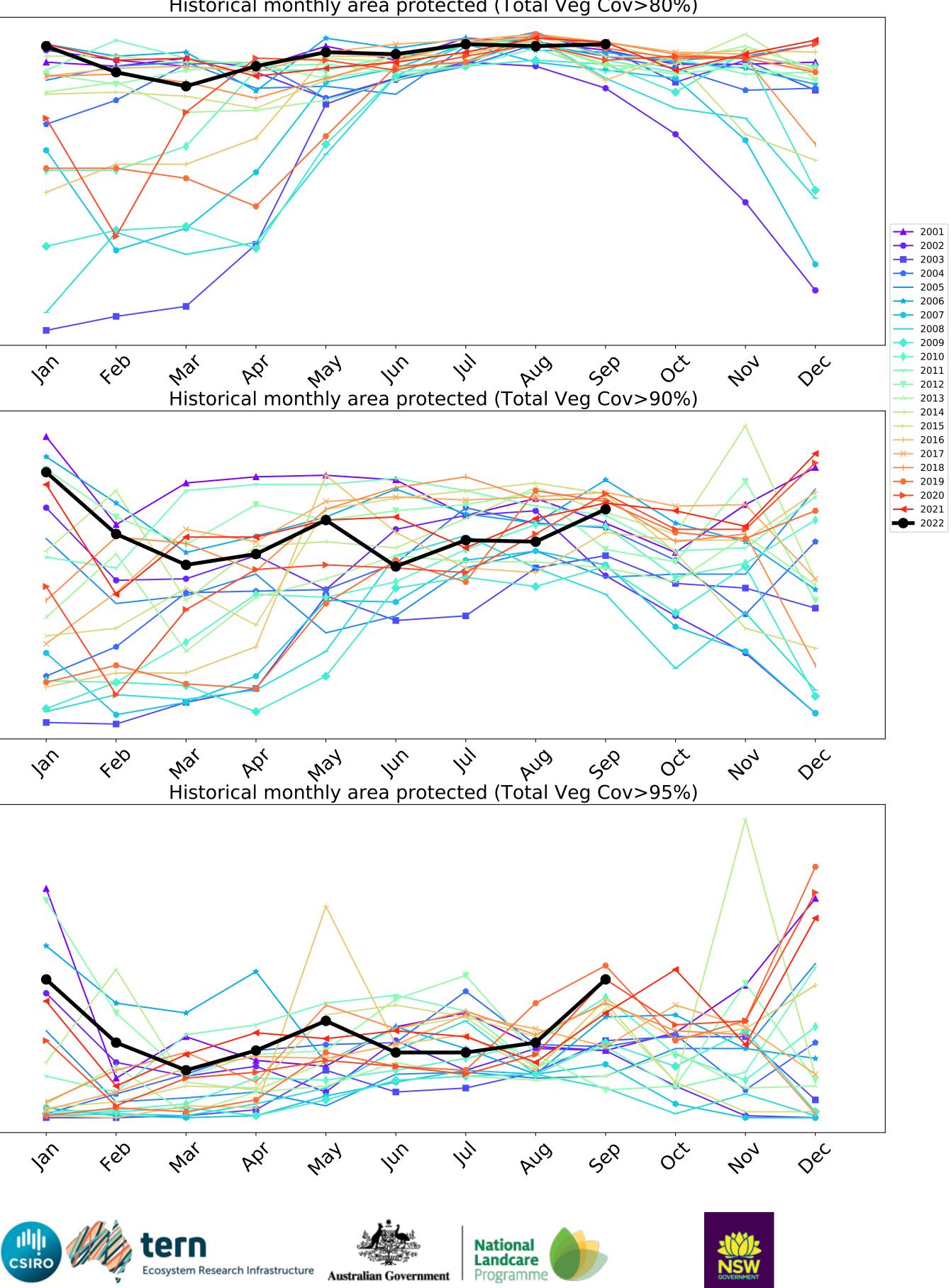


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



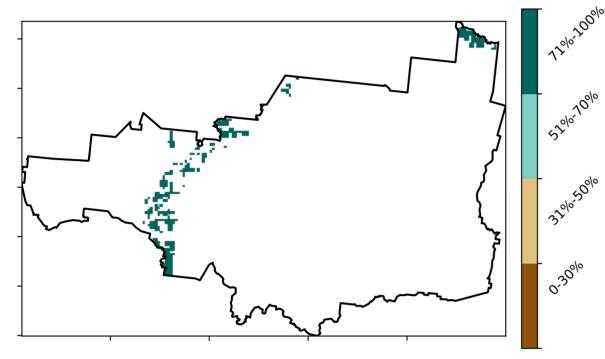




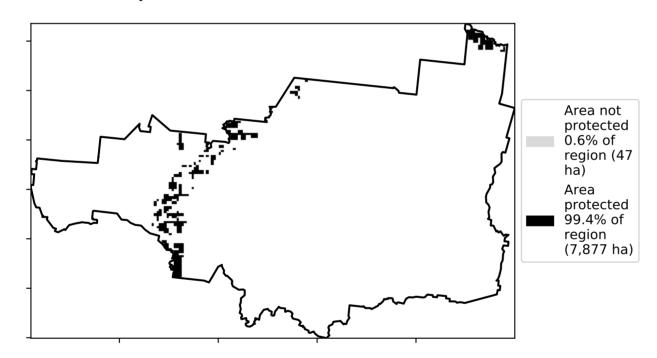
## Irrigation

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Of Australia (2018) of Australia (2018) of Australia (2018)

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



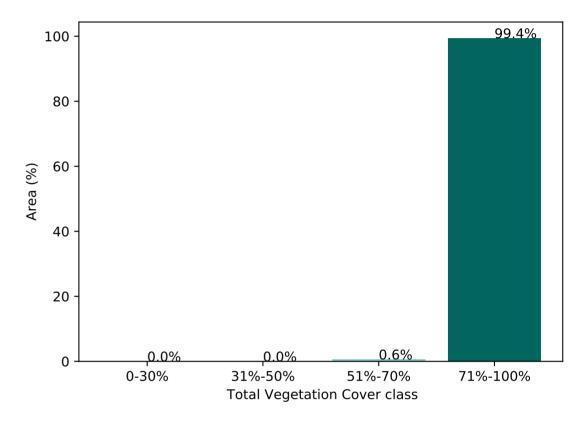
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



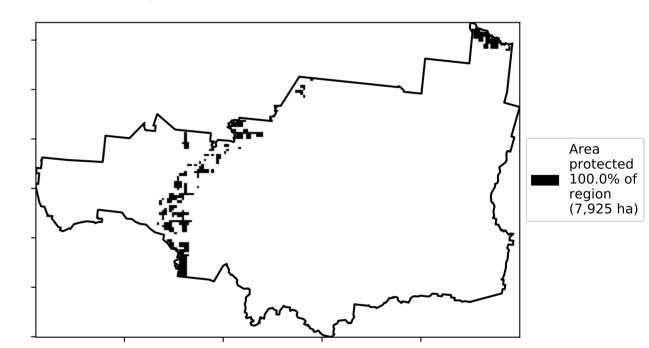
75.4% 70 60 · 50 · Area (%) 40 30 20 -18.0% 10 -6.6% 0 -0.5 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 0.0 Land use class

#### Proportion of each land class in area

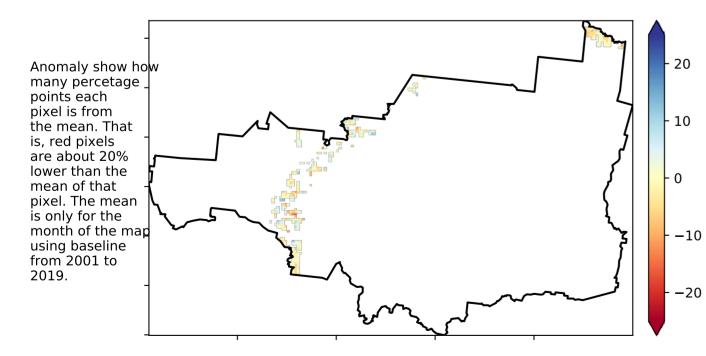
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



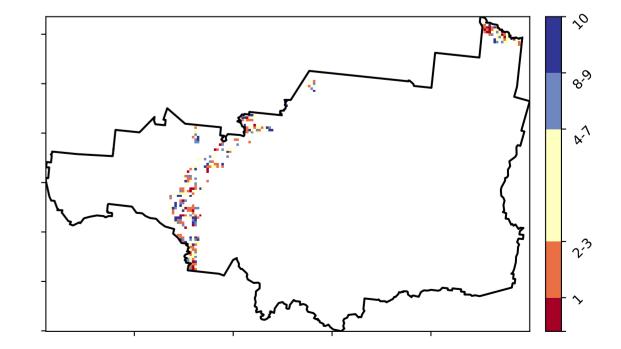
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



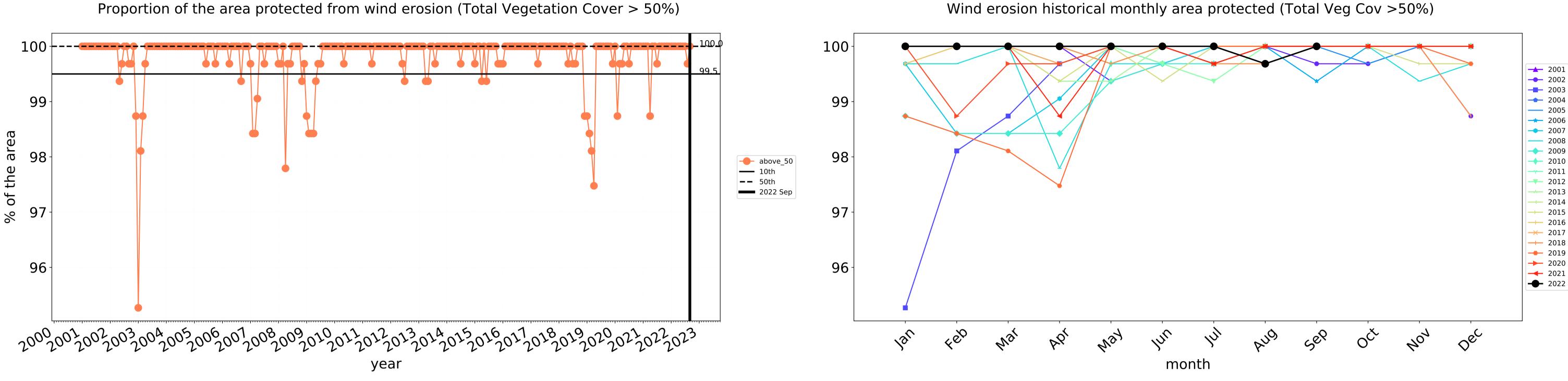
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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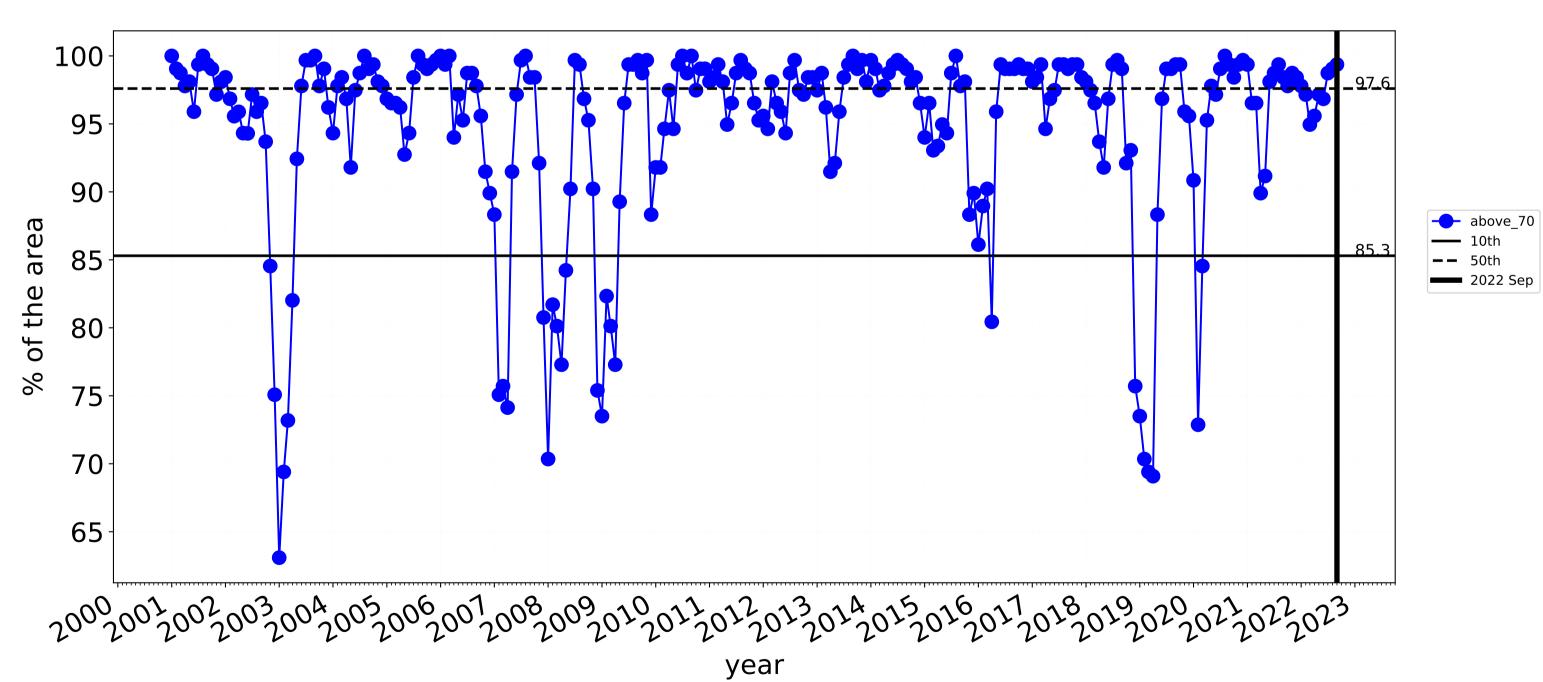






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

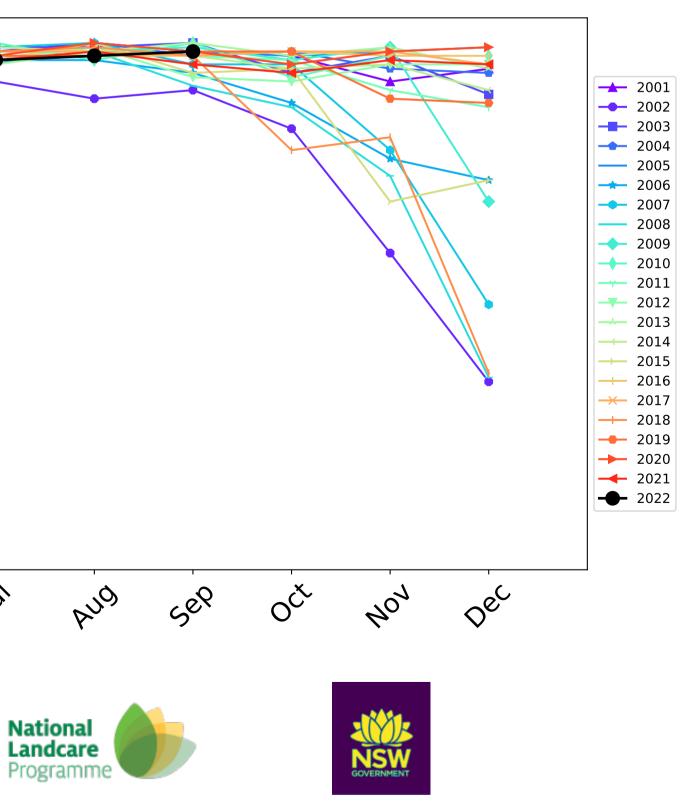


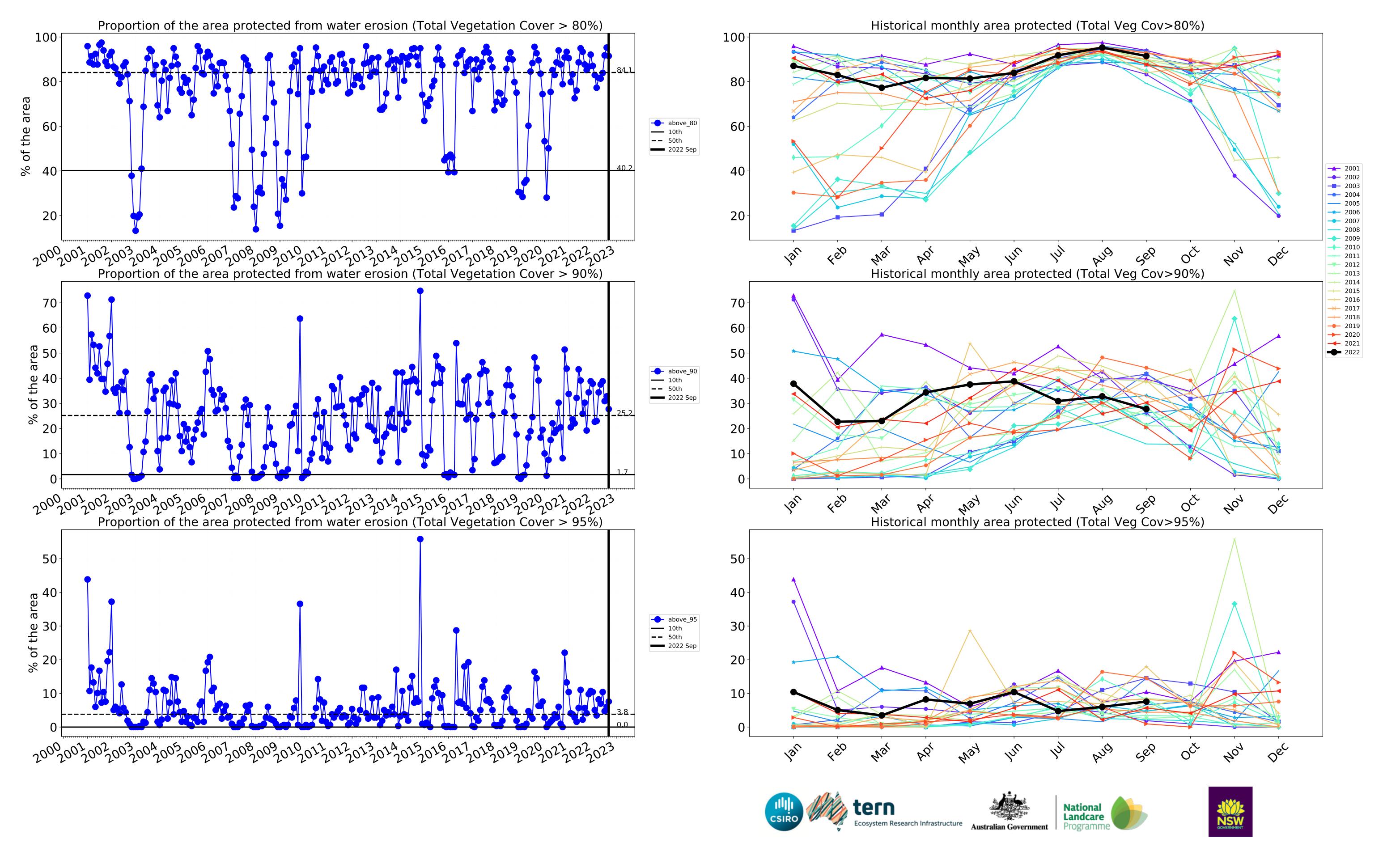
## Irrigation timeseries

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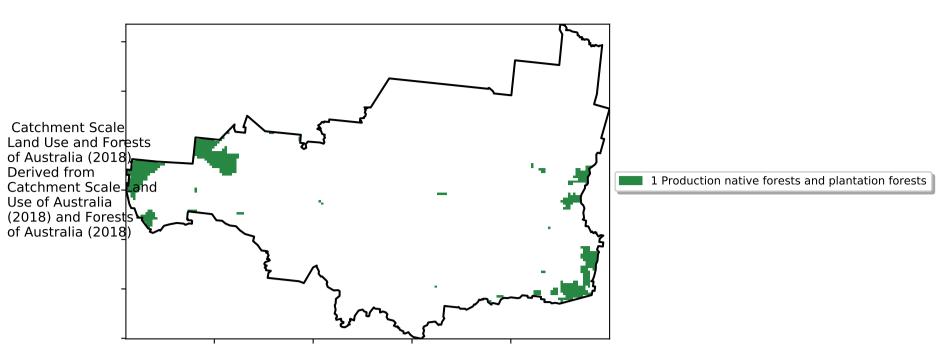
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



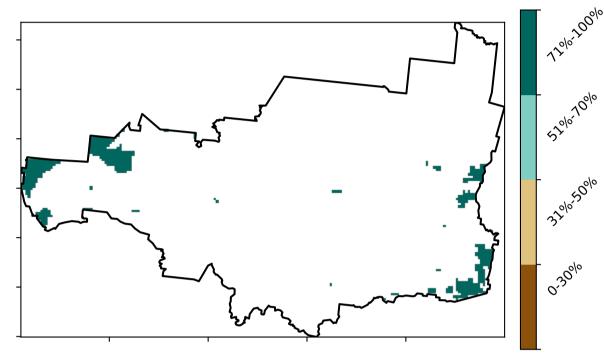


## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

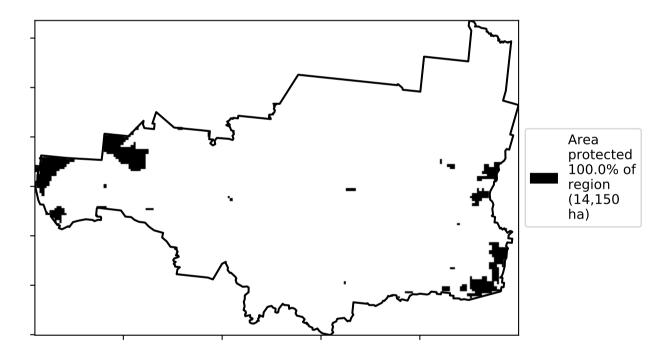


Land use and forest cover

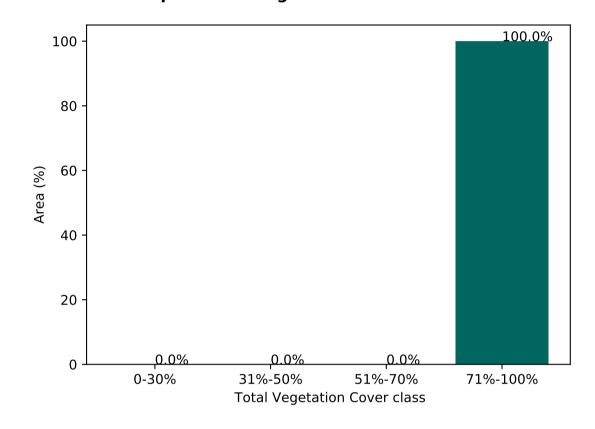
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



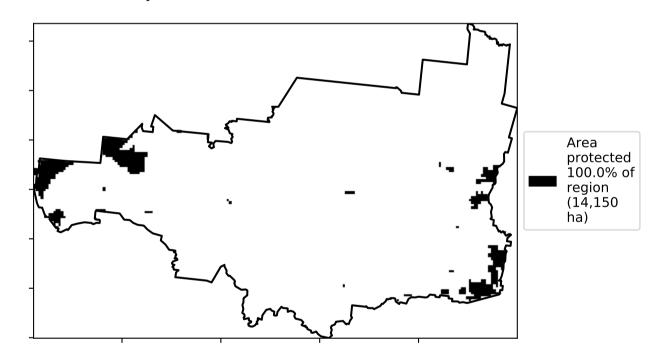
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

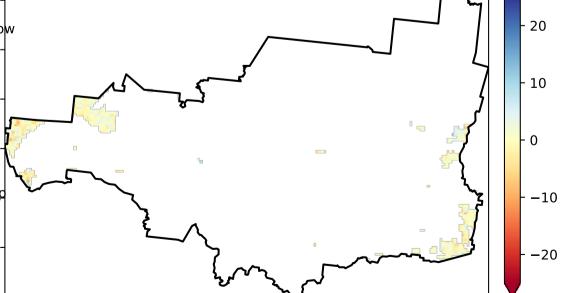


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

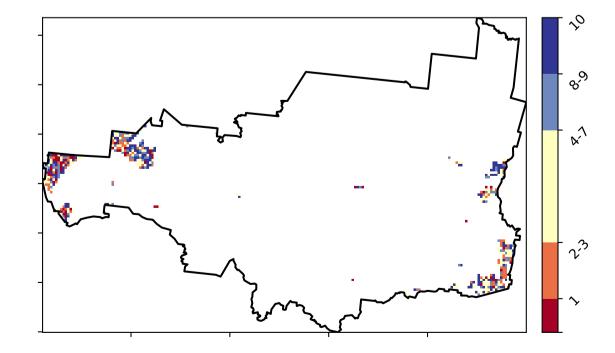


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

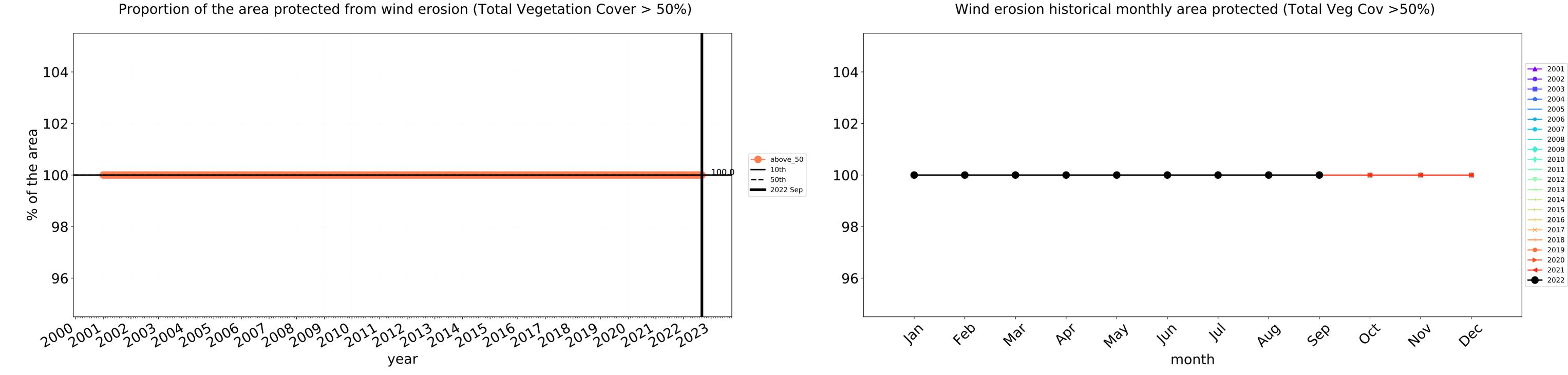
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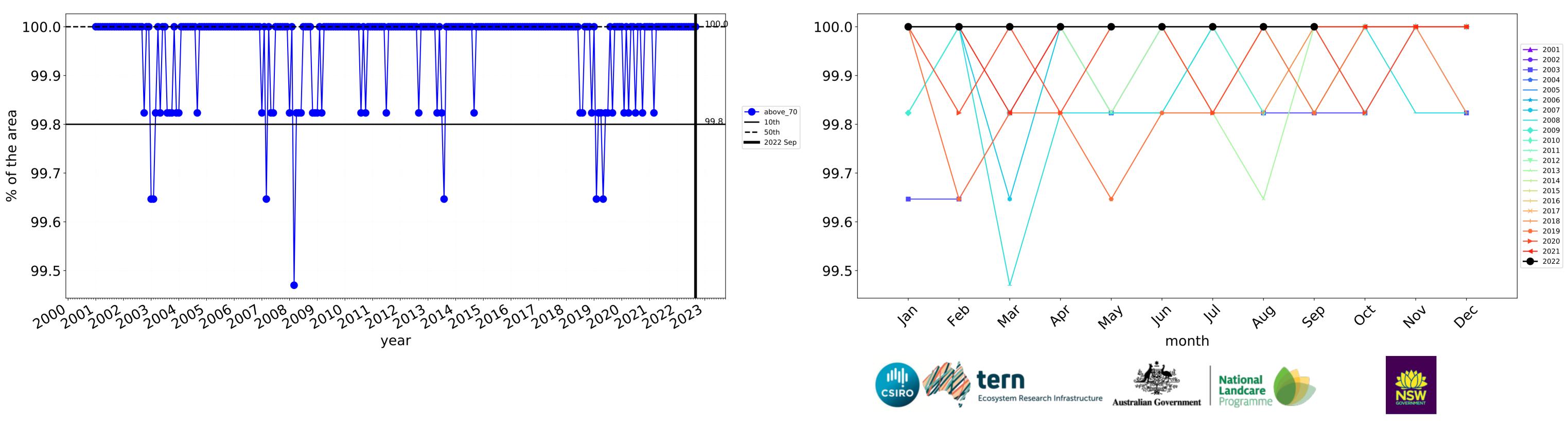
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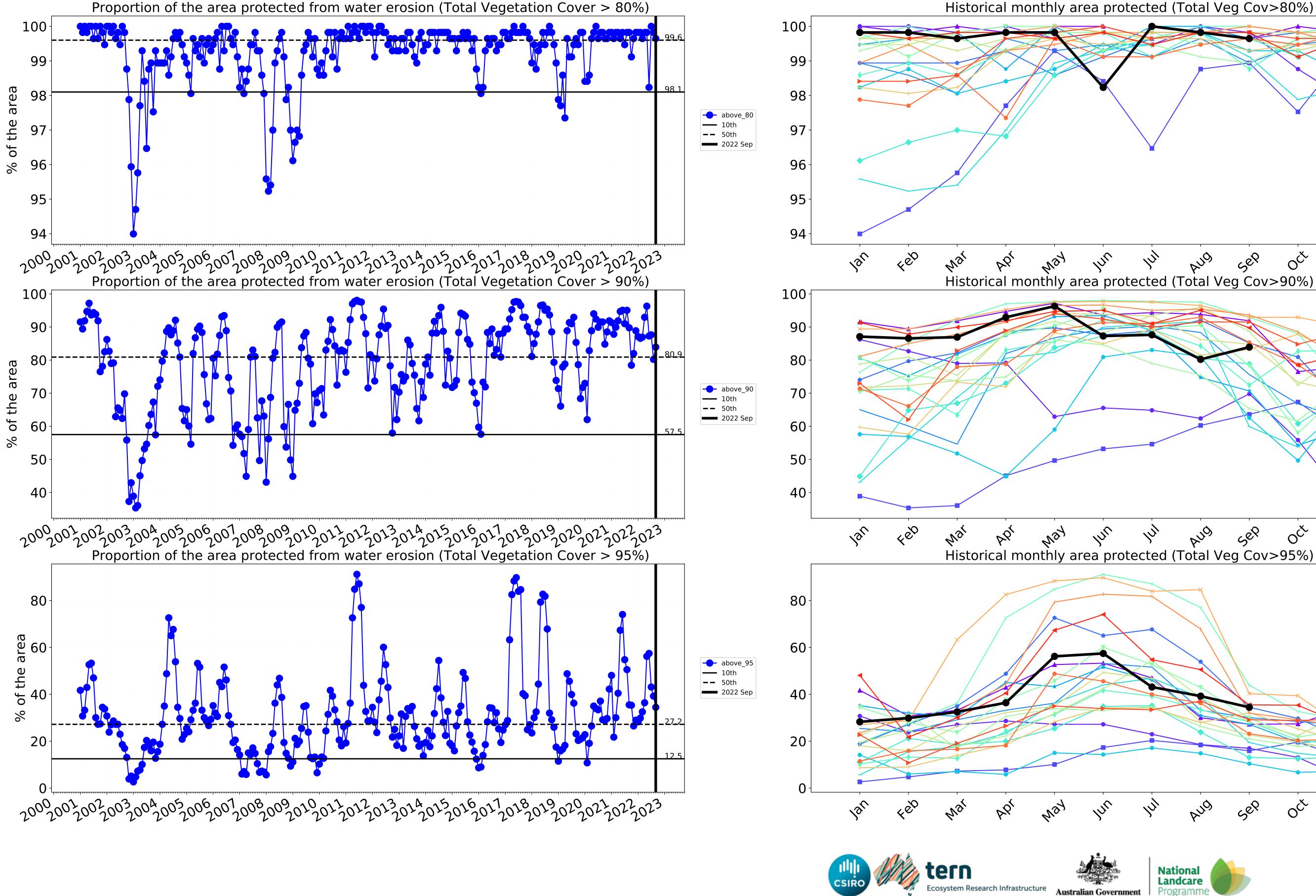


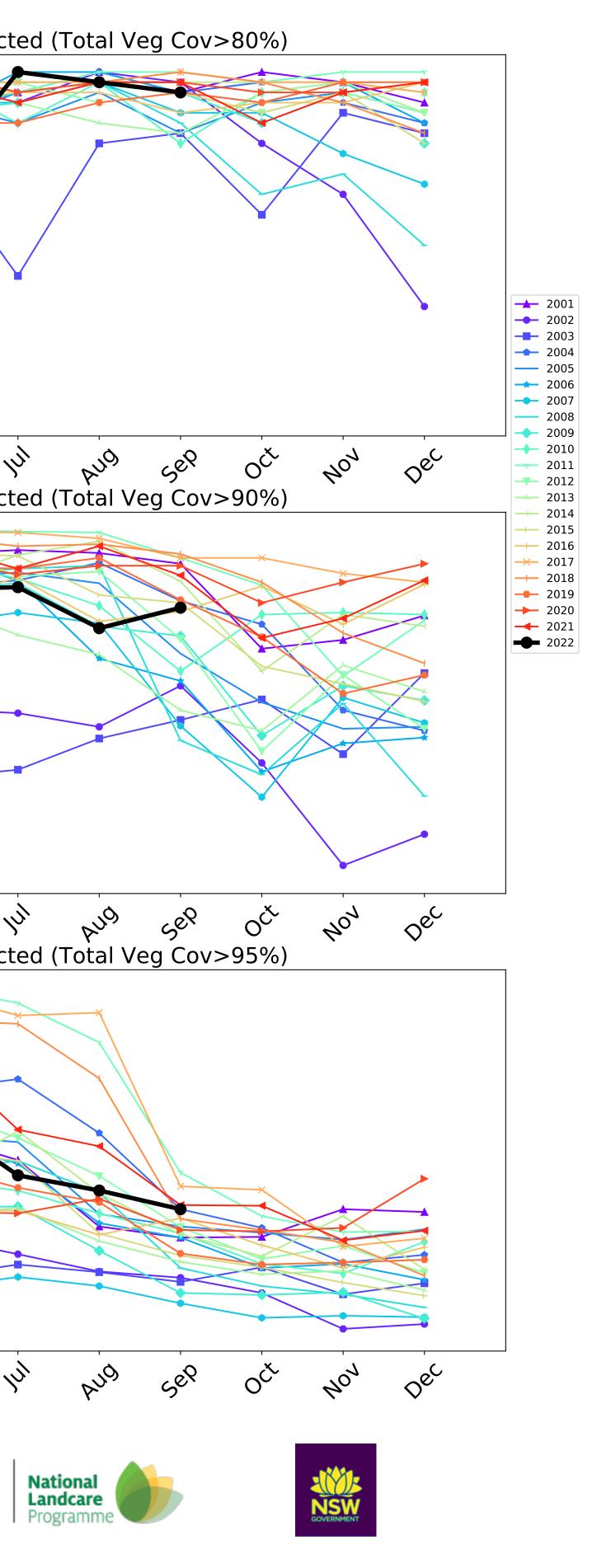






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





# Strathbogie\_(S) (330,150 ha and no data 151 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	330,150	100.0% 330,075	100.0% 330,000	99.6% 328,825	96.2% 317,550	47.1% 155,425	13.0% 42,875
Conservation and natural environments	15,125	99.5% 15,050	99.0% 14,975	98.3% 14,875	96.5% 14,600	66.9% 10,125	16.5% 2,500
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	11,050	100.0% 11,050	100.0% 11,050	100.0% 11,050	100.0% 11,050	72.6% 8,025	16.7% 1,850
Agriculture	284,150	100.0% 284,150	100.0% 284,150	99.8% 283,575	96.5% 274,175	45.0% 127,900	12.0% 34,075
Grazing	259,150	100.0% 259,150	100.0% 259,150	99.9% 258,800	97.3% 252,075	46.1% 119,475	12.0% 31,000
Grazing non forest	246,225	100.0% 246,225	100.0% 246,225	99.9% 245,875	97.1% 239,150	44.4% 109,325	10.7% 26,350
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	11,550	100.0% 11,550	100.0% 11,550	100.0% 11,550	100.0% 11,550	80.1% 9,250	36.8% 4,250
Cropping	11,225	100.0% 11,225	100.0% 11,225	98.4% 11,050	81.7% 9,175	23.8% 2,675	6.5% 725
Horticulture	5,850	100.0% 5,850	100.0% 5,850	100.0% 5,850	97.0% 5,675	60.7% 3,550	29.9% 1,750
Irrigation	7,925	100.0% 7,925	100.0% 7,925	99.4% 7,875	91.5% 7,250	27.8% 2,200	7.6% 600
Production native forests and plantation forests	14,150	100.0% 14,150	100.0% 14,150	100.0% 14,150	99.6% 14,100	83.9% 11,875	34.5% 4,875

