LGA Whittlesea_(C) (VIC) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

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Context

o Map: Land use and forest cover

- o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month

 Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
 Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month

o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)

- o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
- Comparison with previous years

o Map: anomaly – compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years

- o Map: deciles rank this month against the same month in previous years
- Time series

o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)

- o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
- o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
- Time series stacked by year
 - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines) in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
 - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines). in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
- Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
 - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
 - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
 - o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example

- All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
- Grazing lands by forest classes if present
- Cropping lands
- Irrigation lands
- - Protected areas by forest classes if present
 - Explanatory notes:

This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree cover

Acknowledgment of data:

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

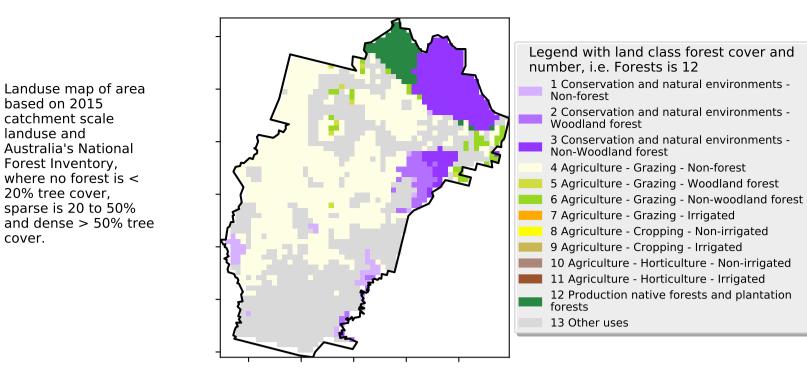
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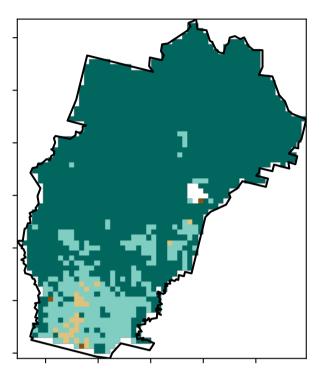
Vegetation Cover Aug 2019

Land use and forest cover

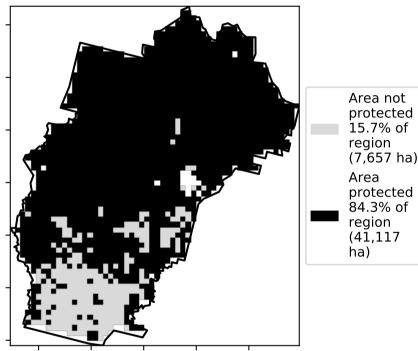
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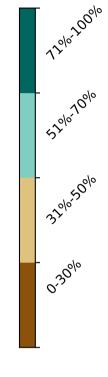


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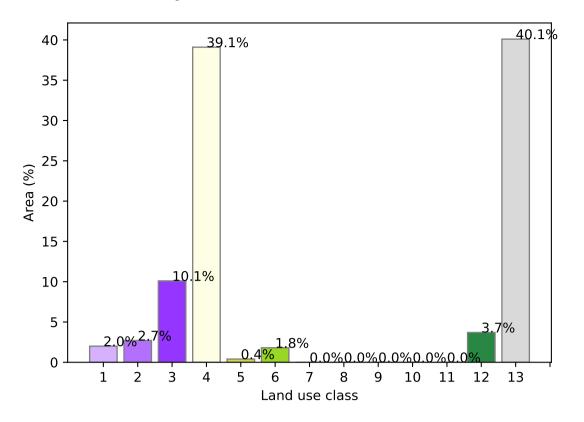


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

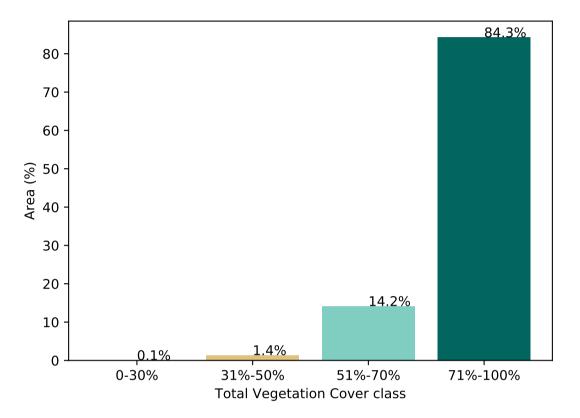




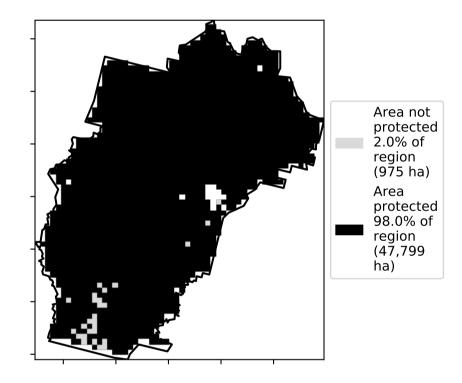
Area not protected 15.7% of region (7,657 ha)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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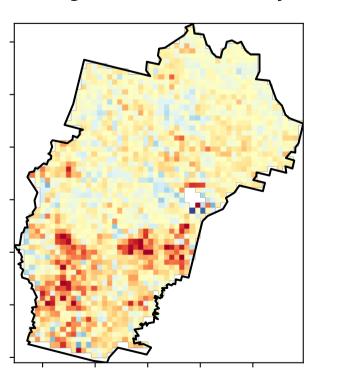
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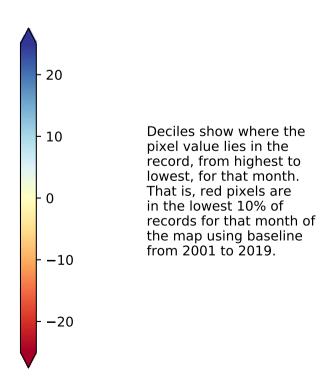
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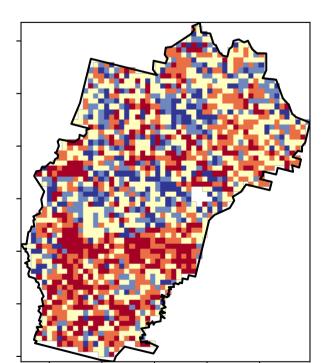
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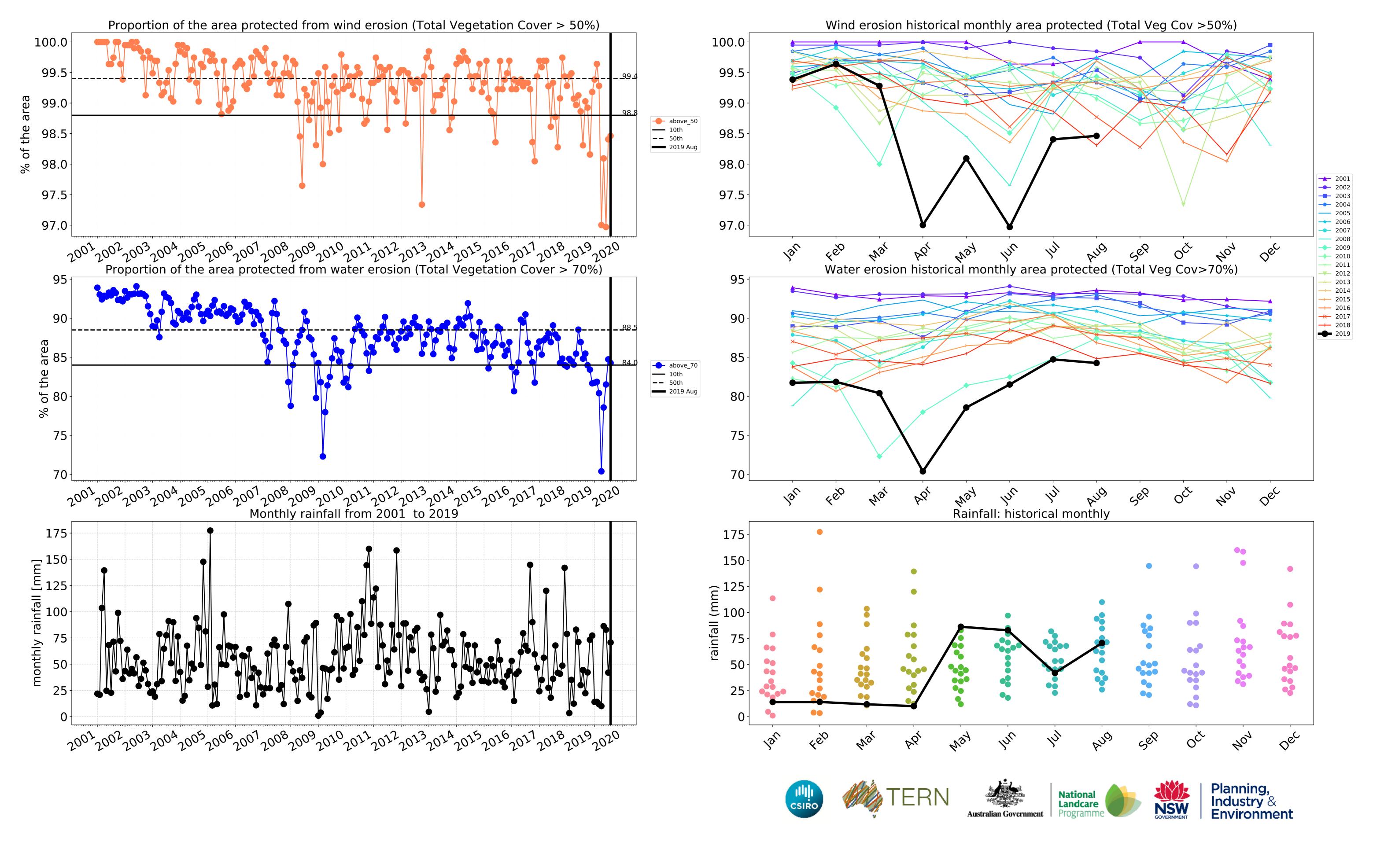
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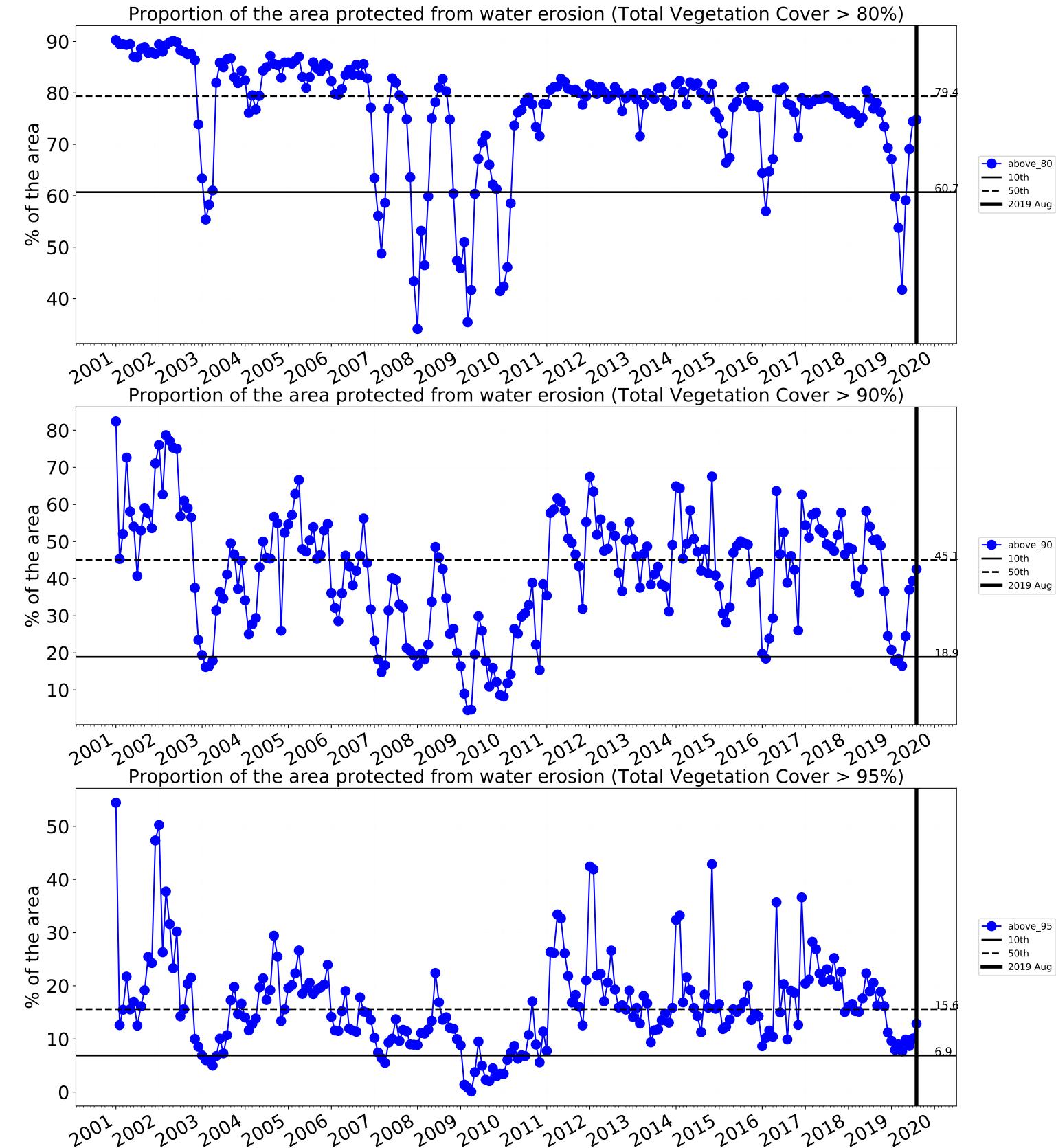


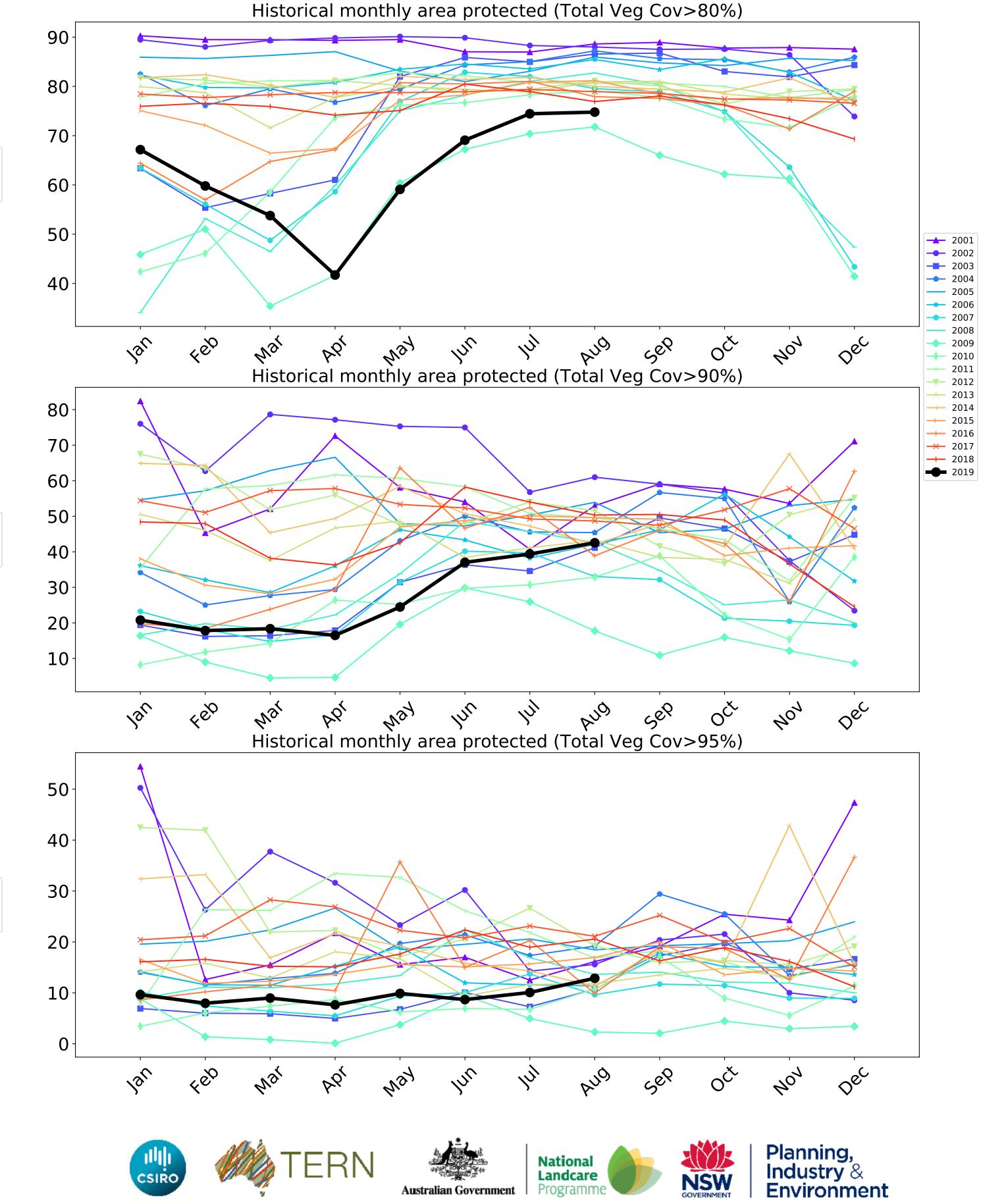






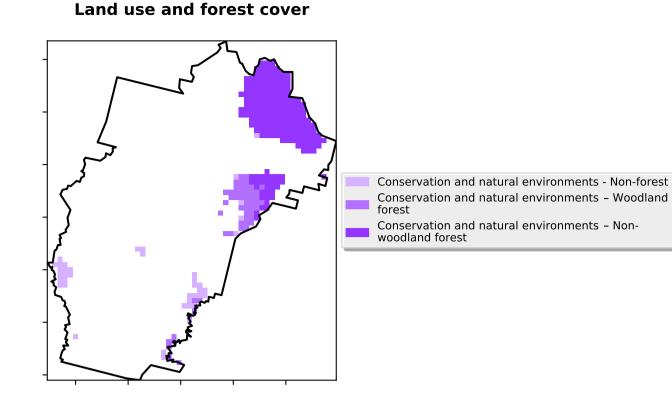




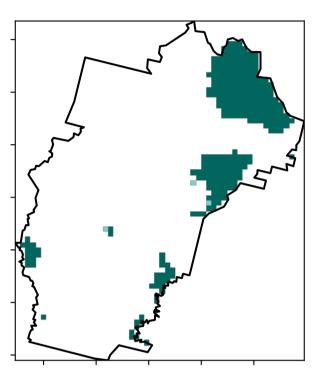


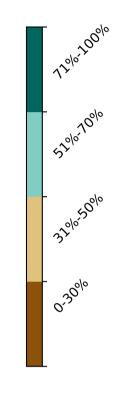
Conservation and natural environments

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

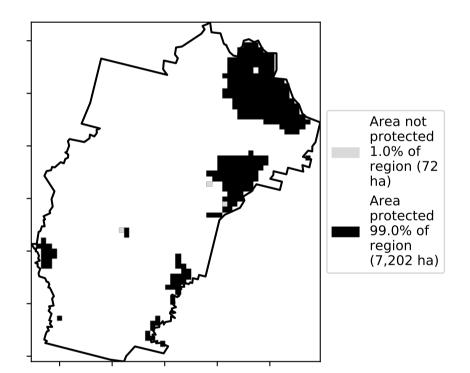


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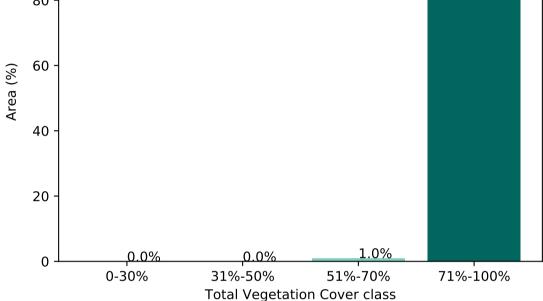


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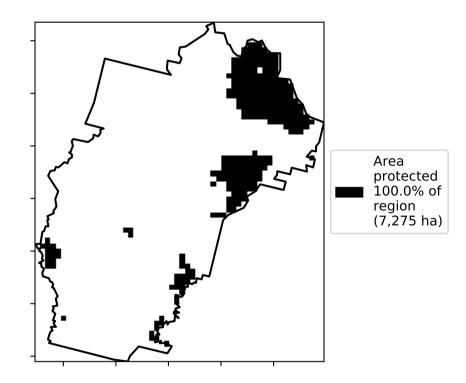




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

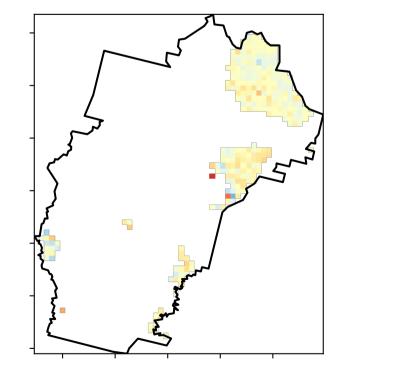


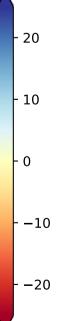
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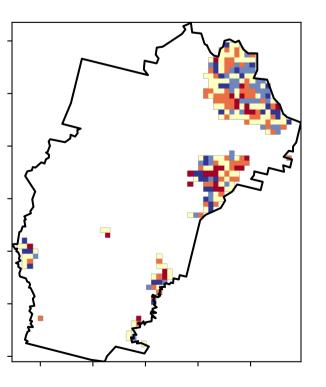
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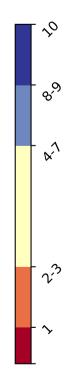




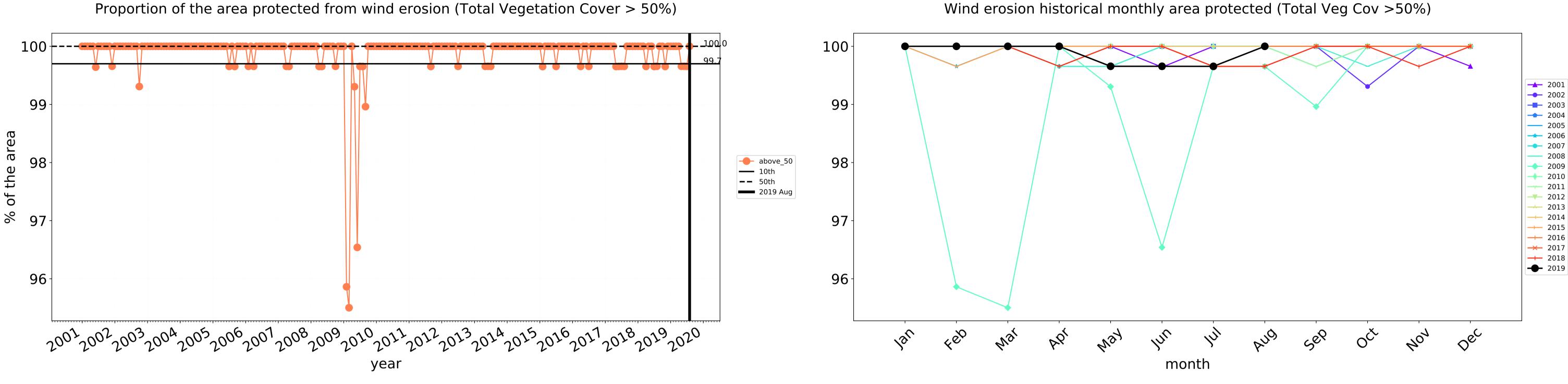


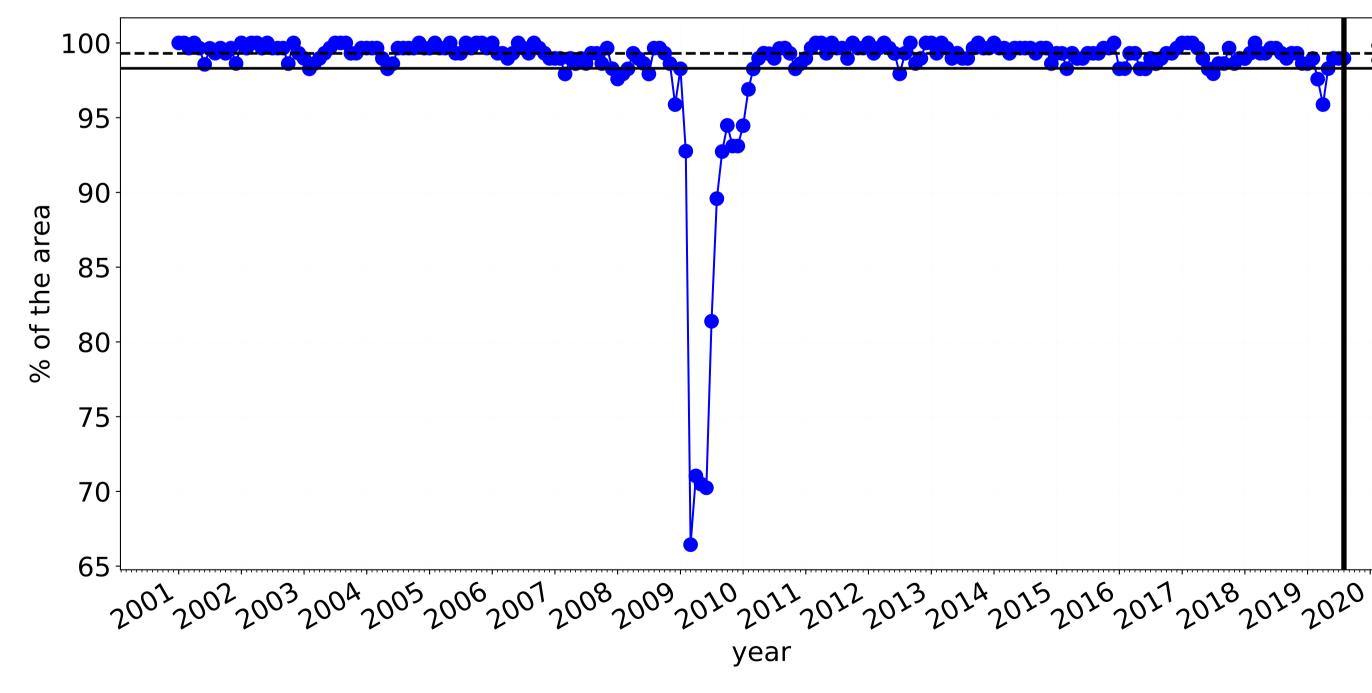
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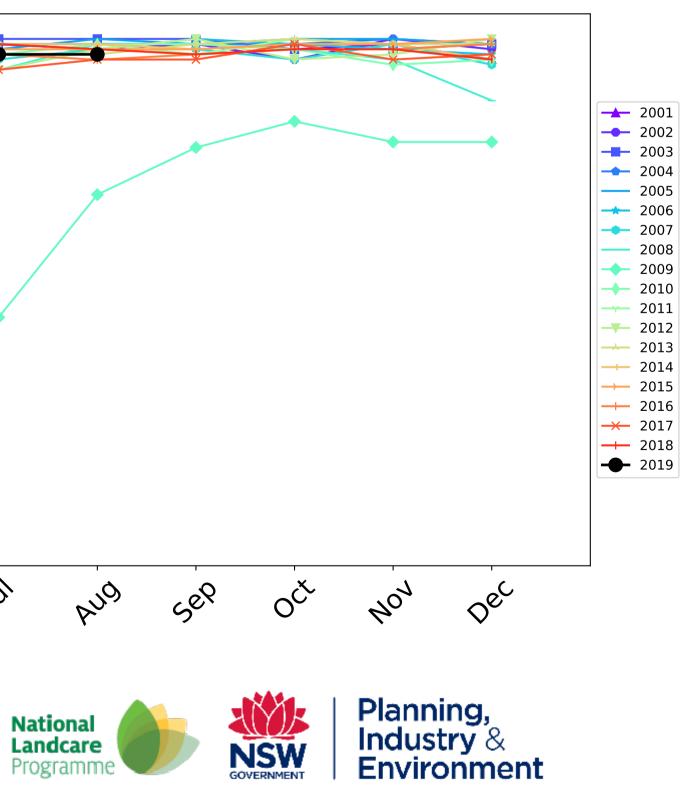


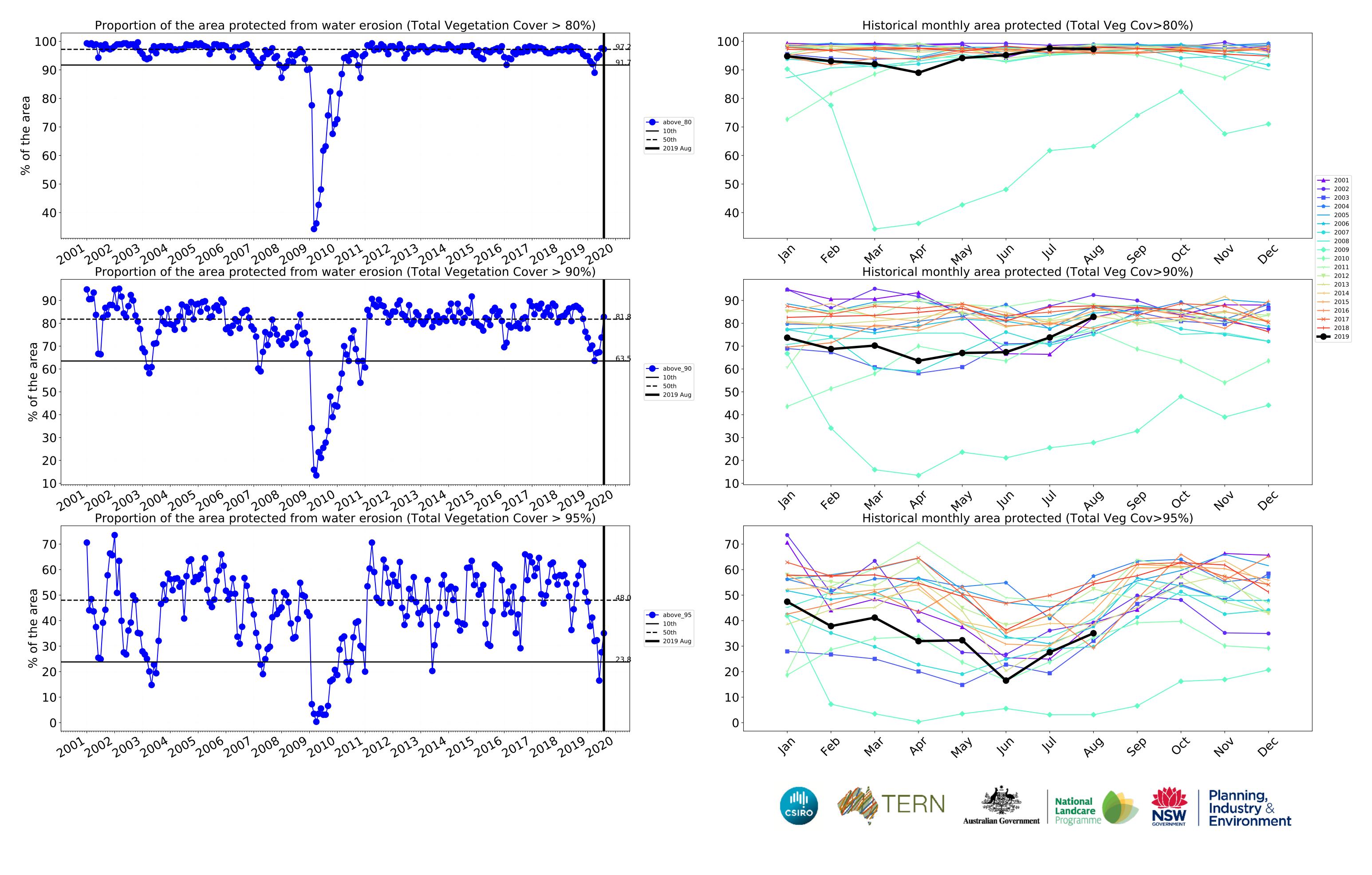




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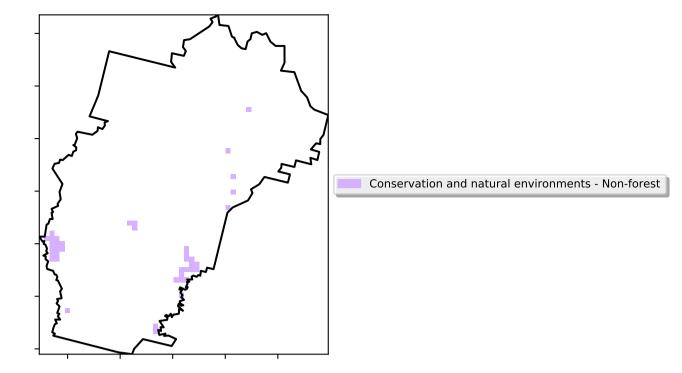




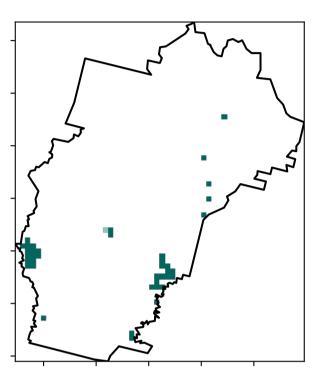
Conservation and natural environments non forest

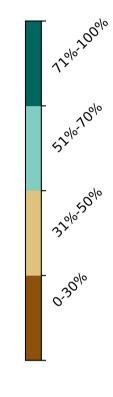
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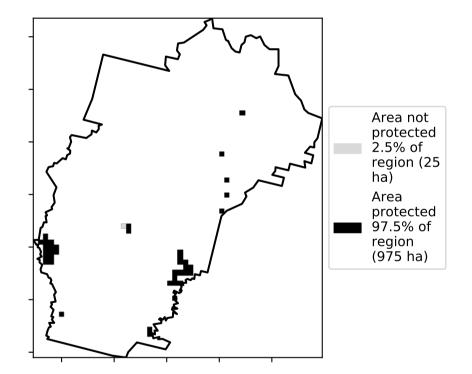


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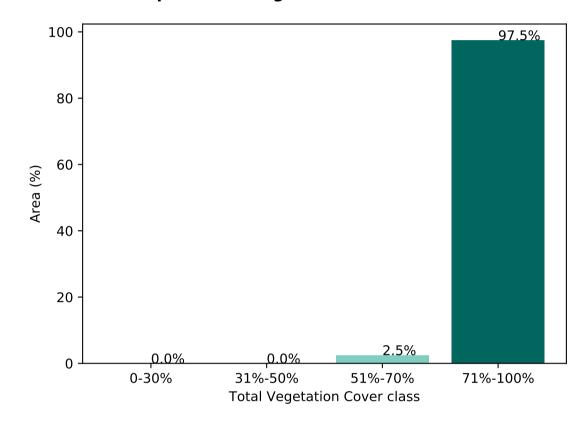




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

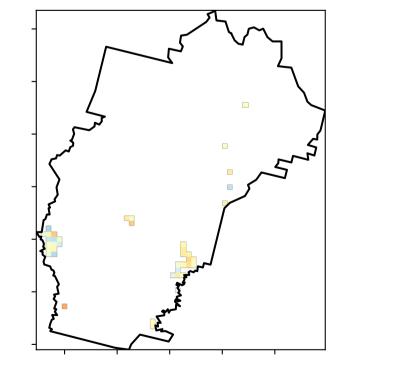


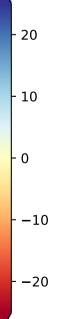
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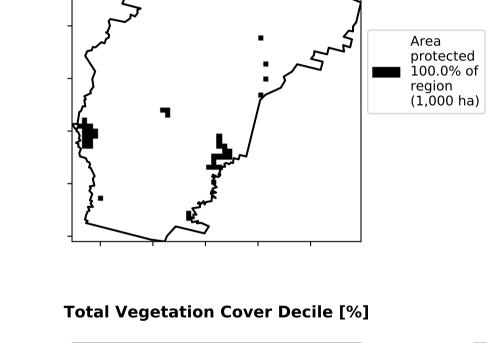


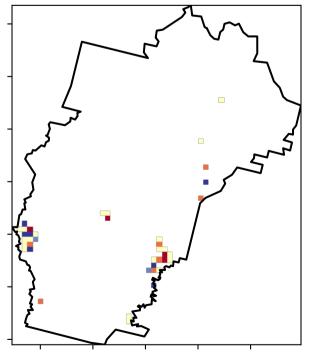
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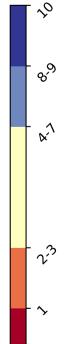
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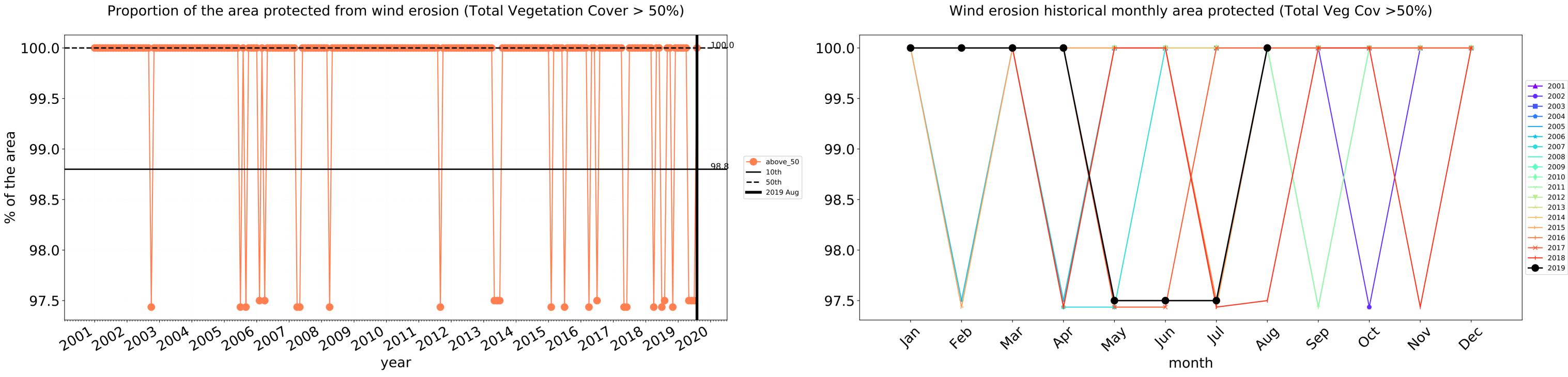
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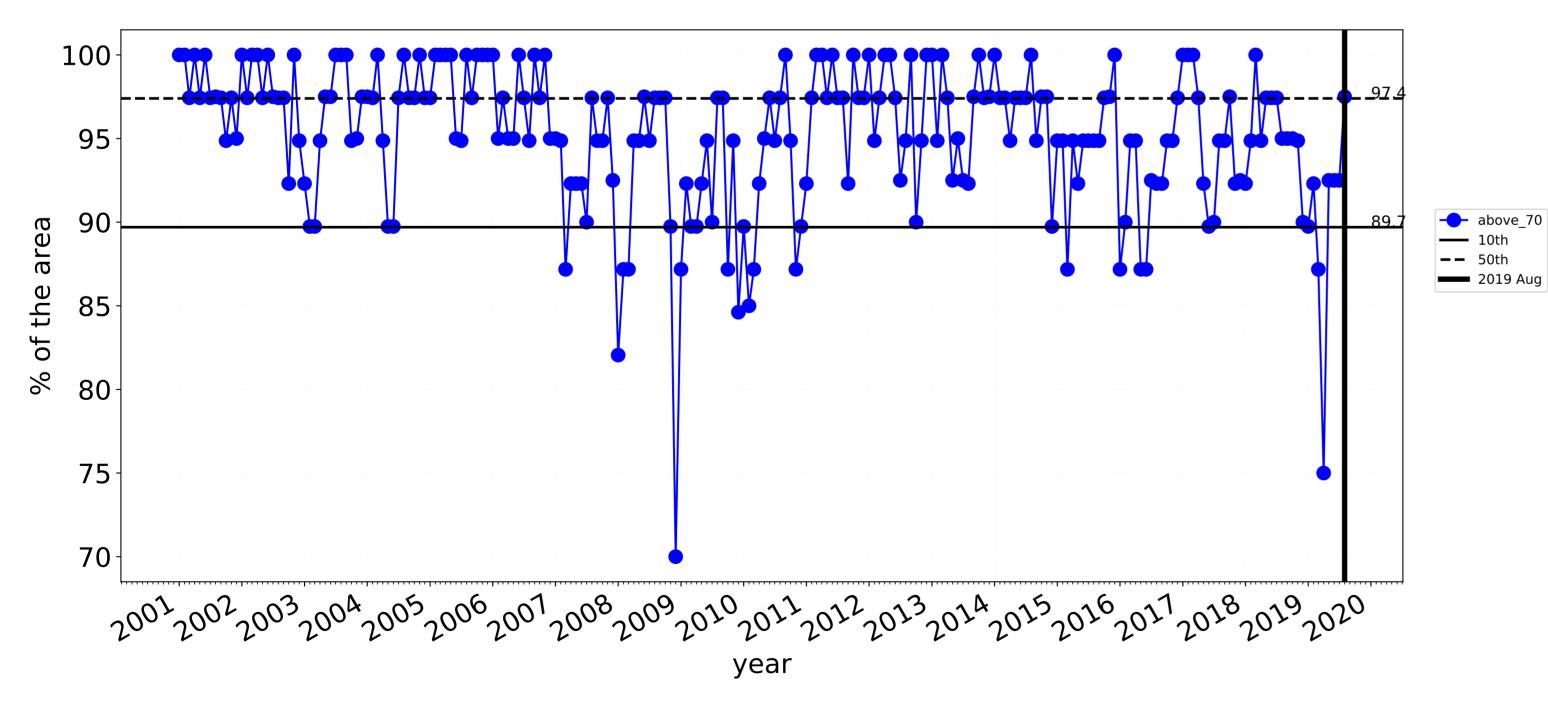
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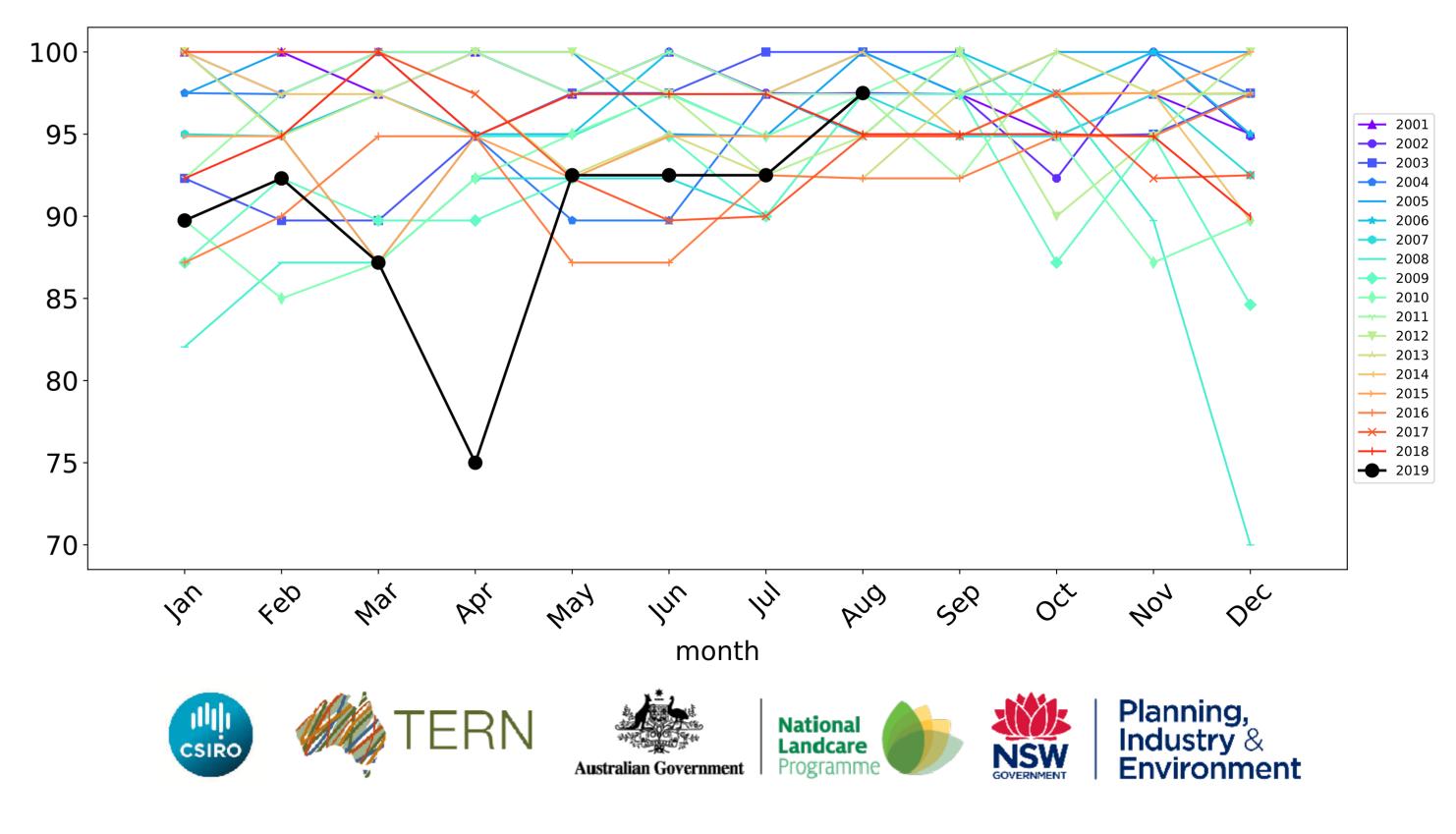
the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

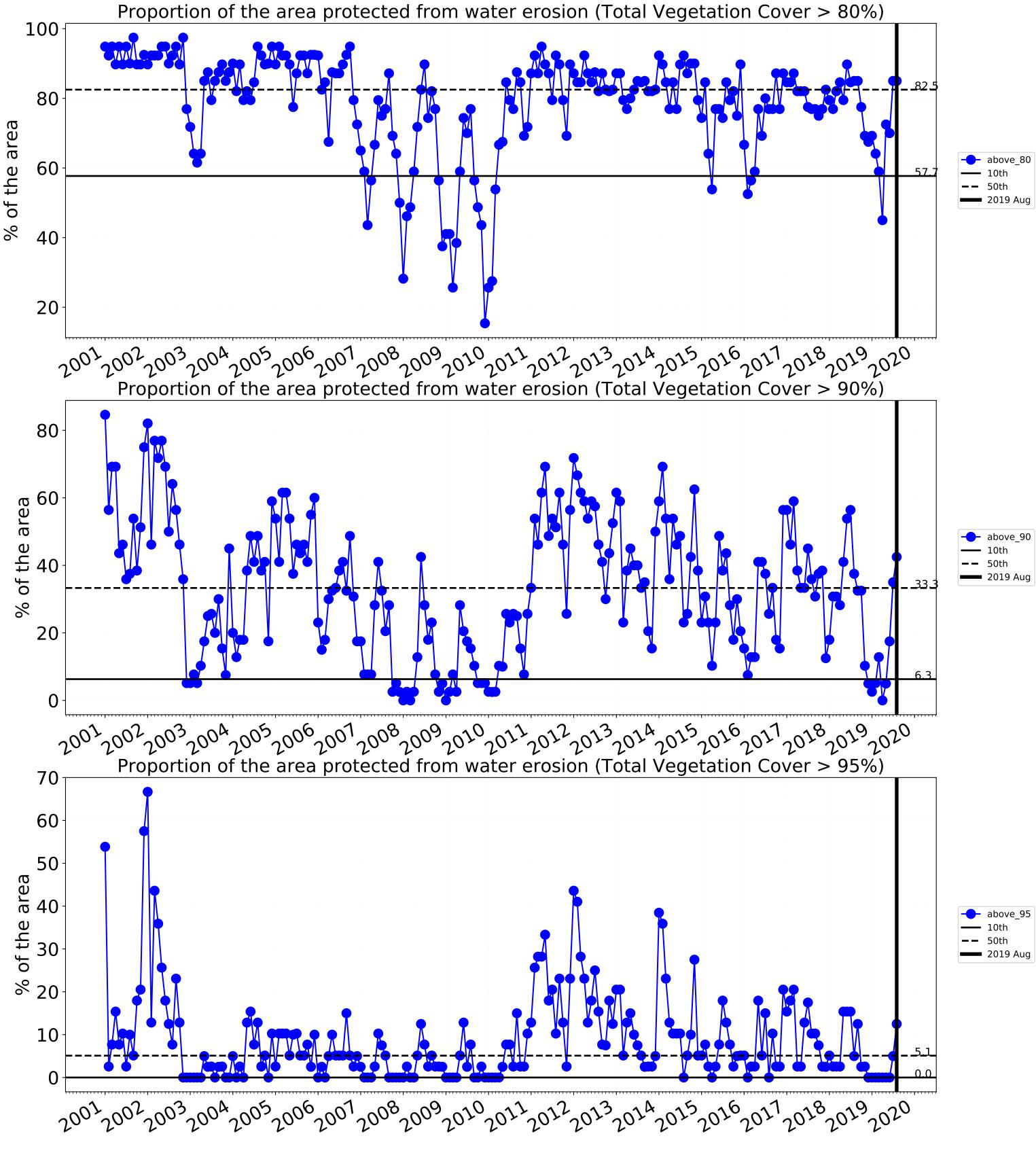


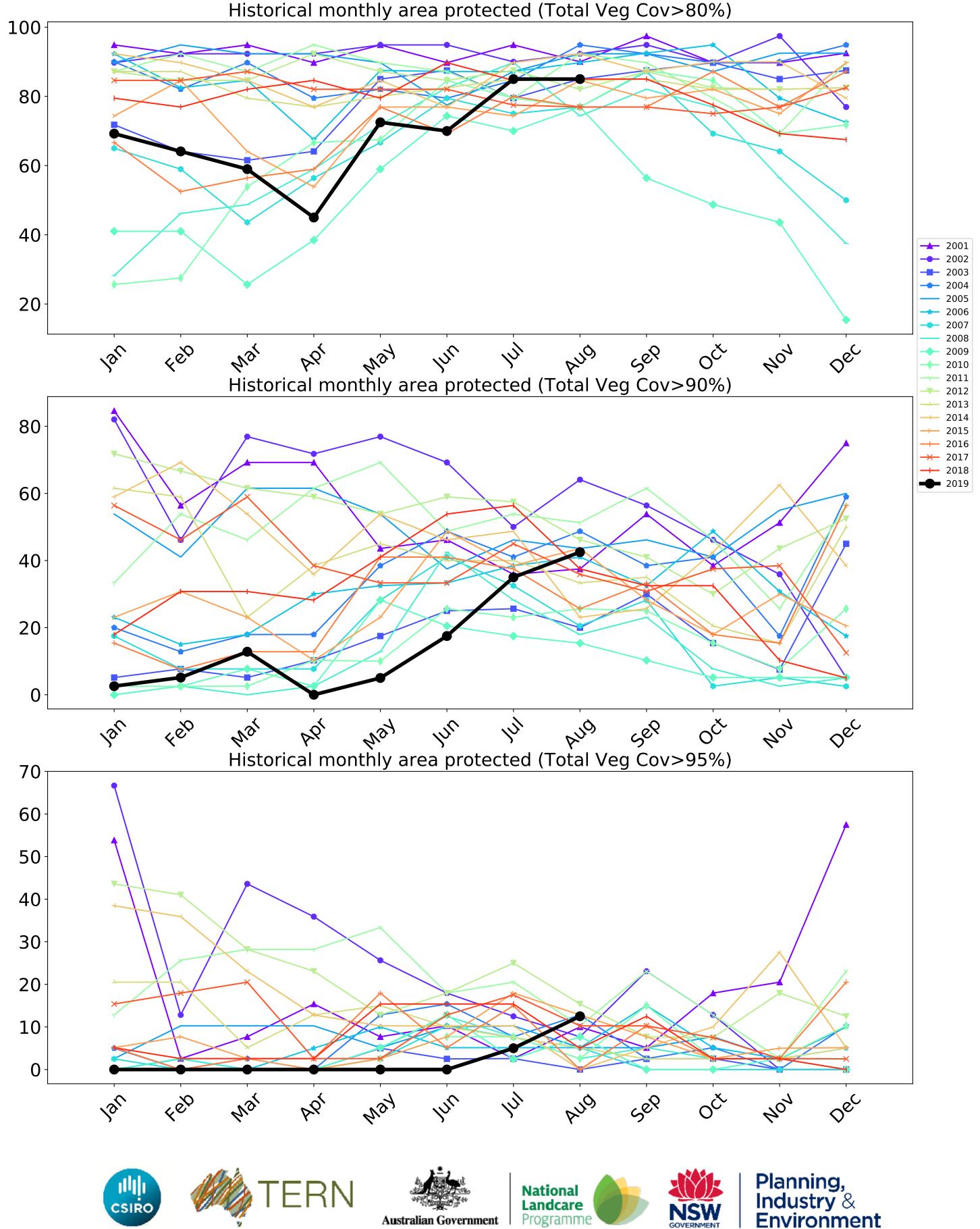
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

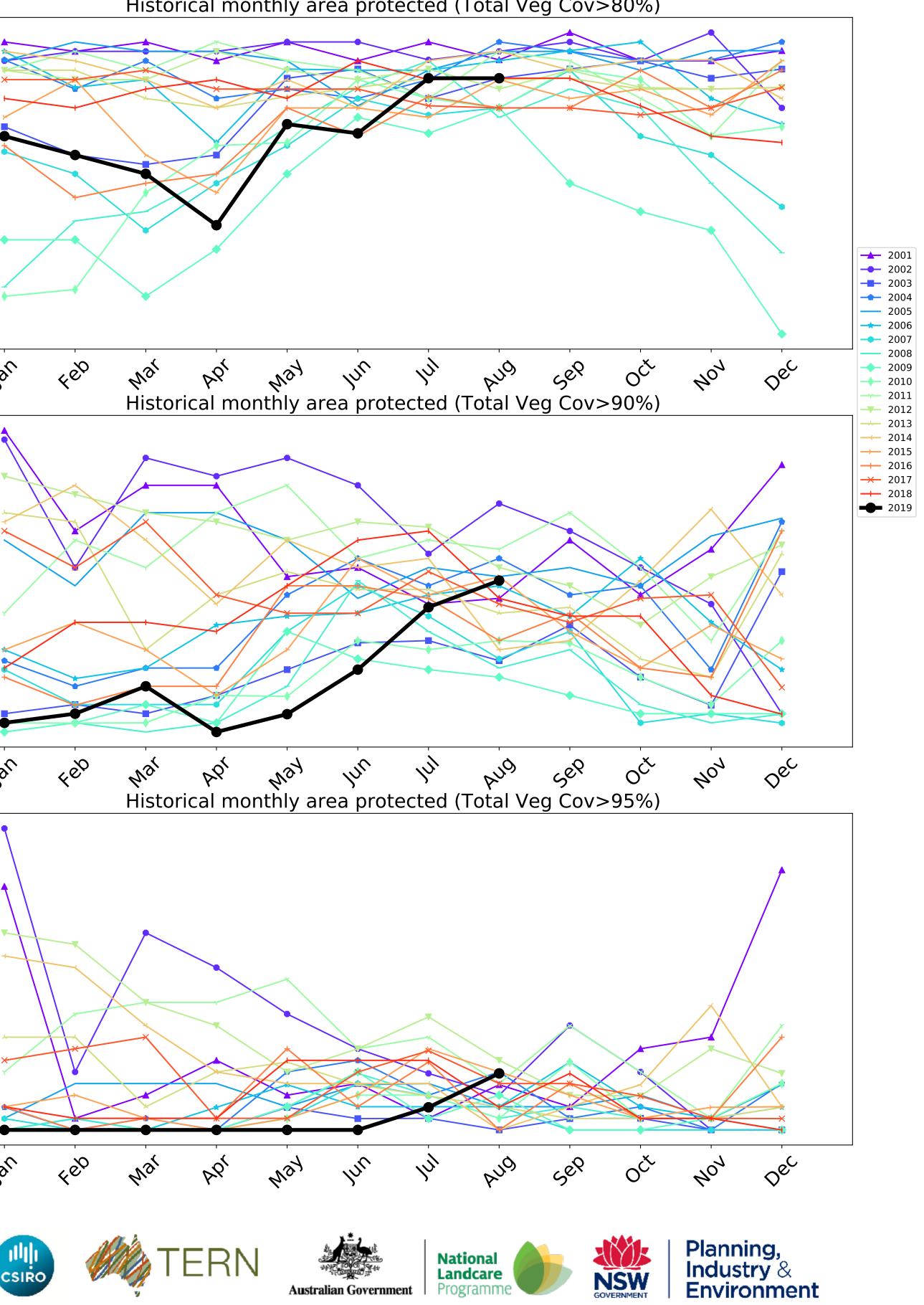




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

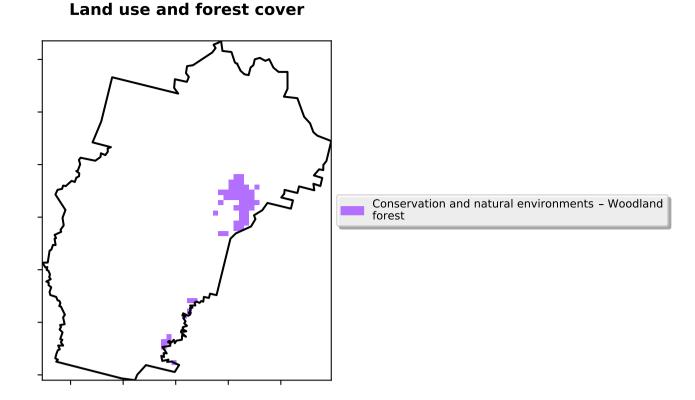




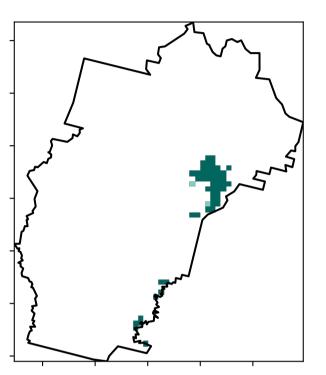


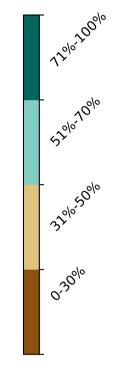
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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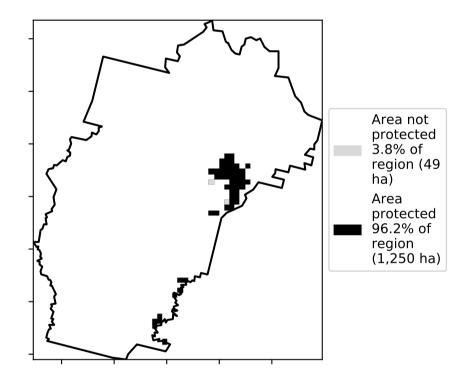


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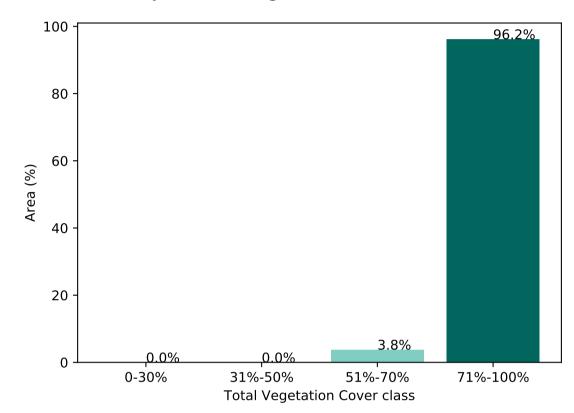




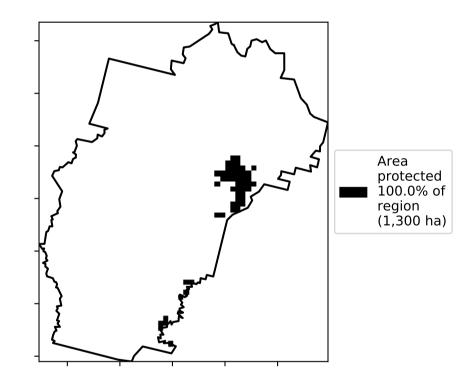
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



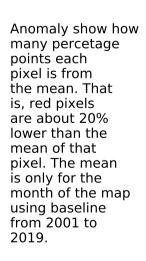


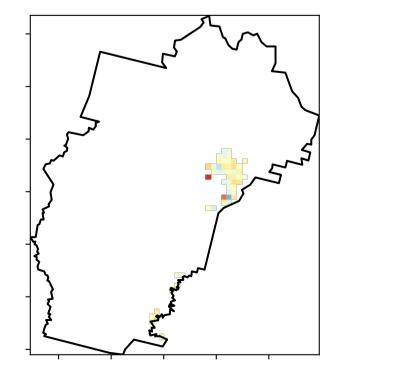


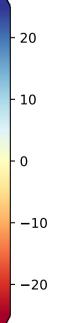
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

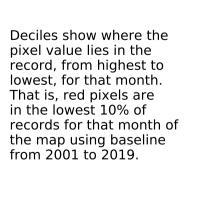


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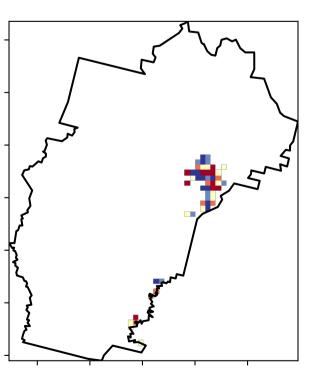
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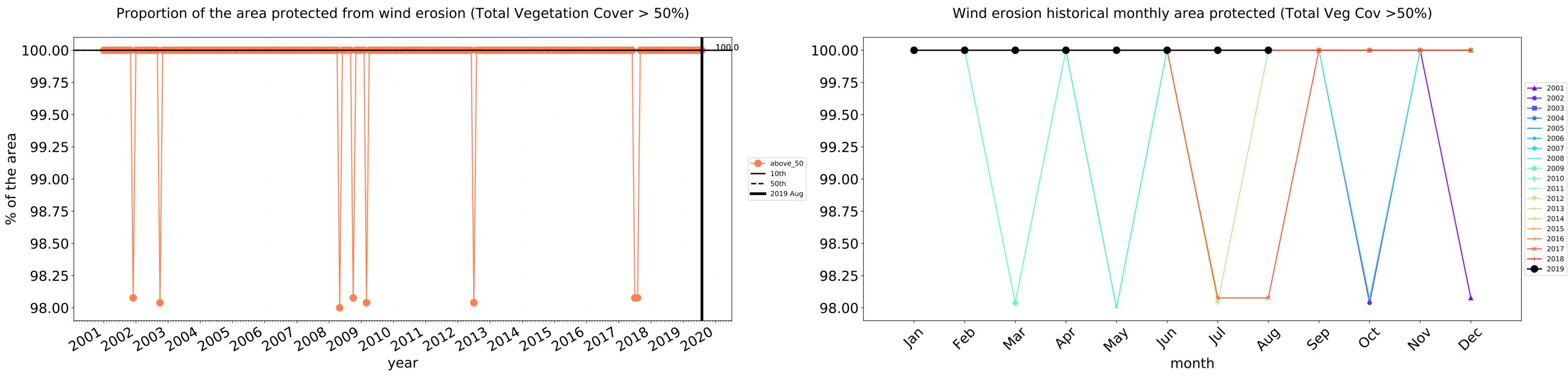
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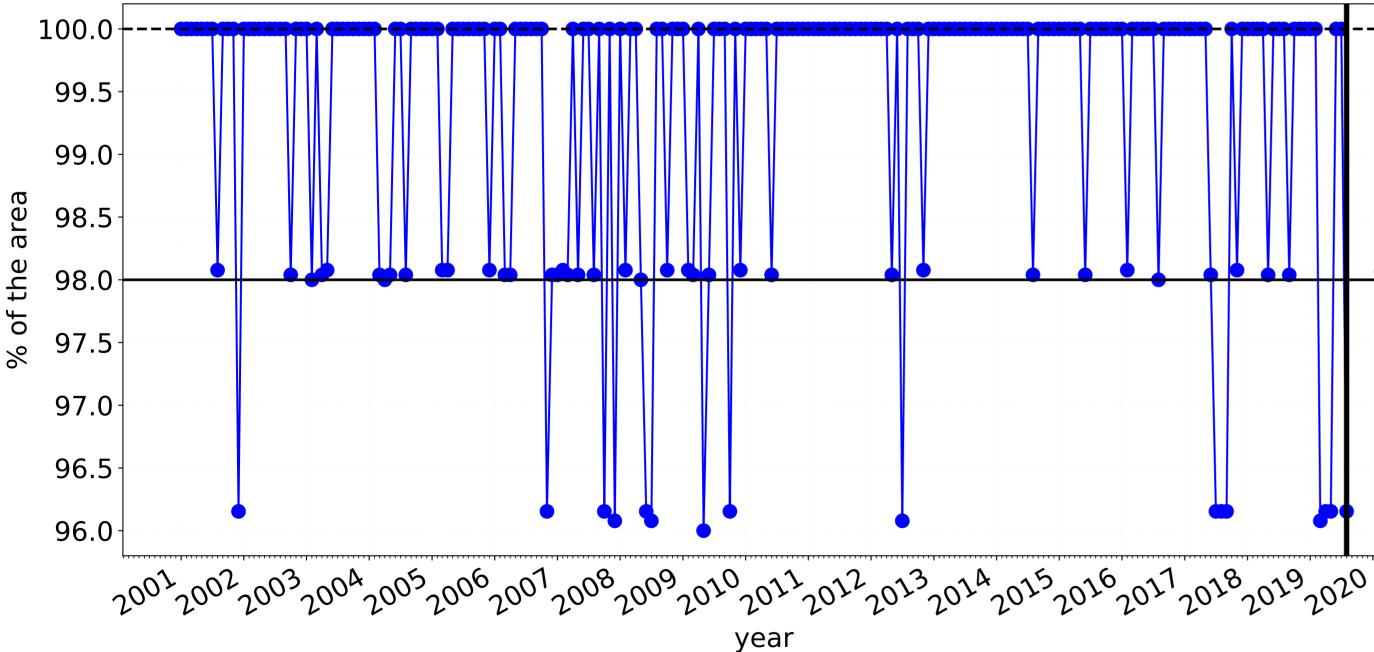


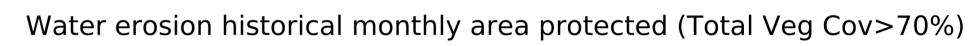


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries



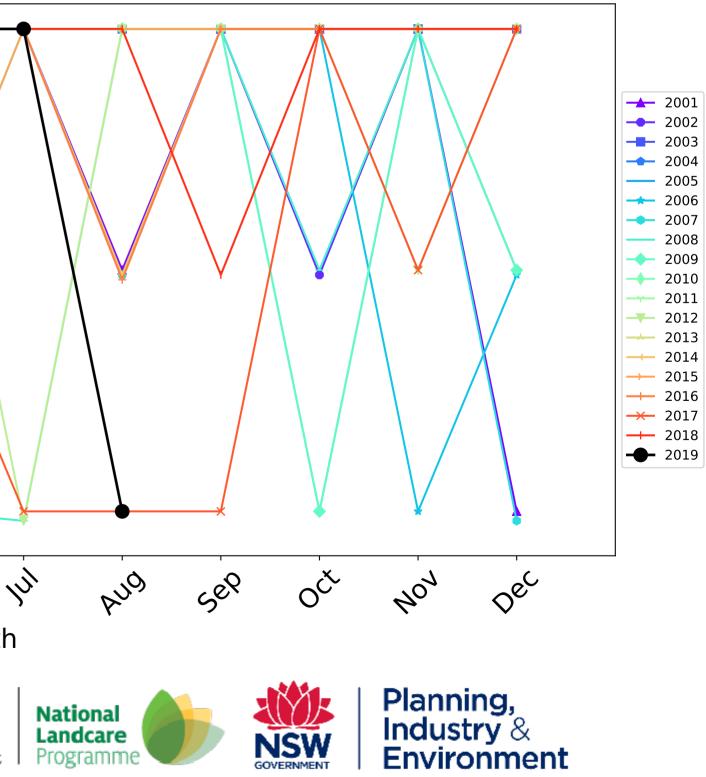
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

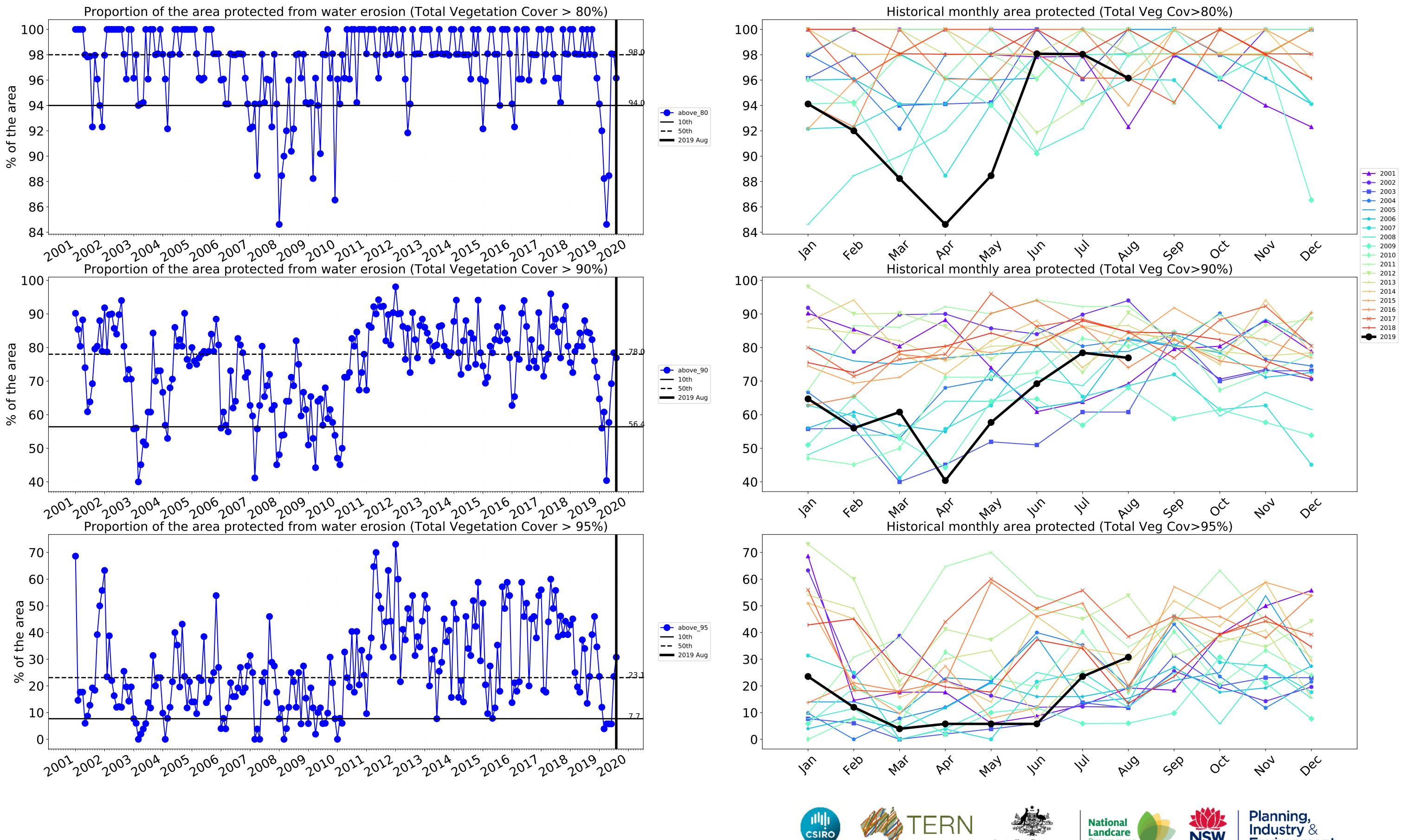


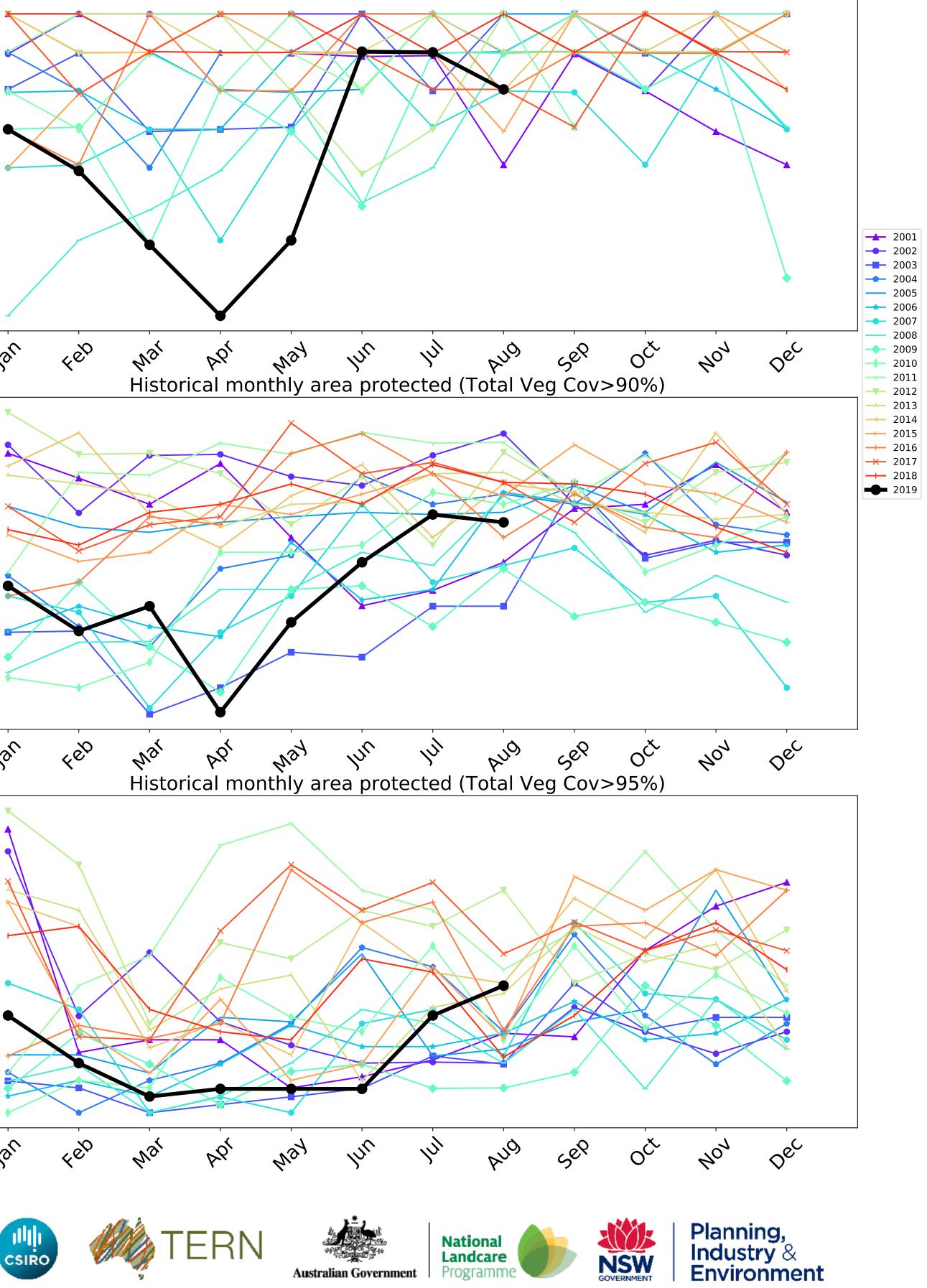


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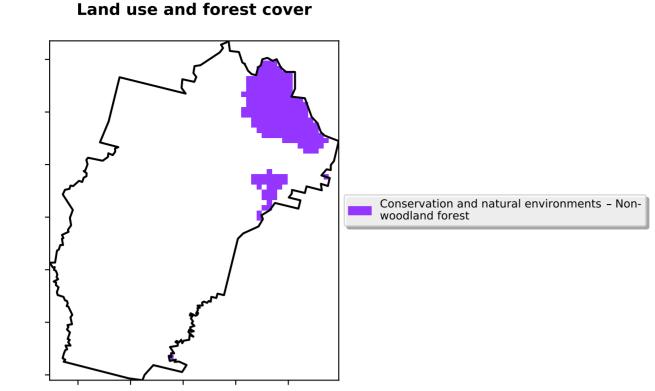




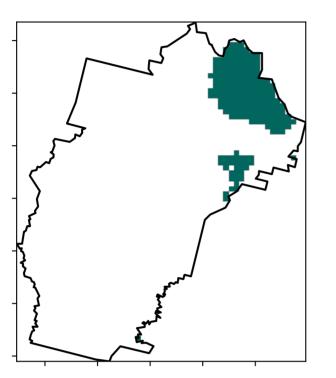


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

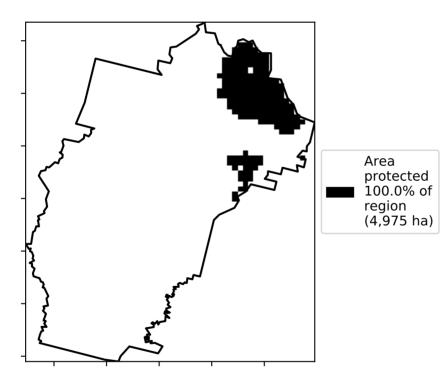
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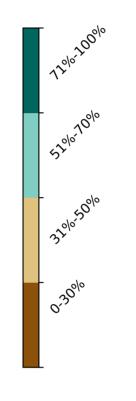


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





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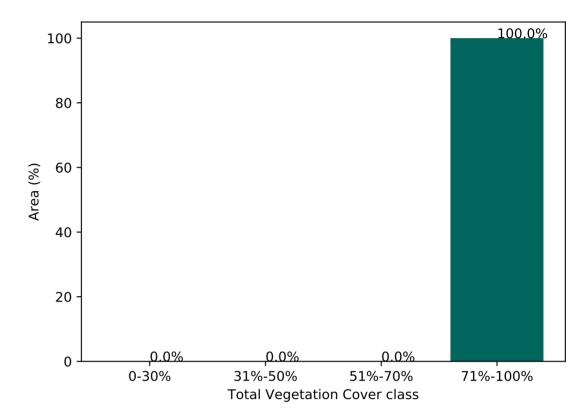
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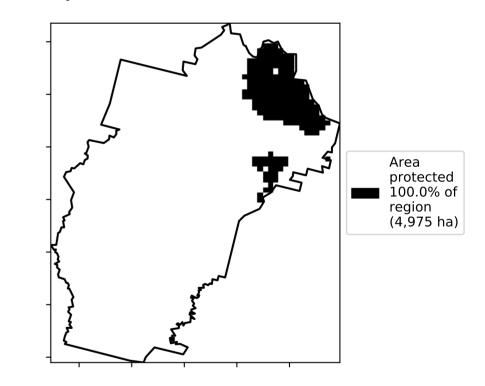
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

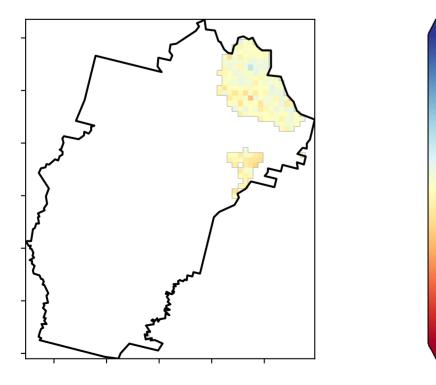


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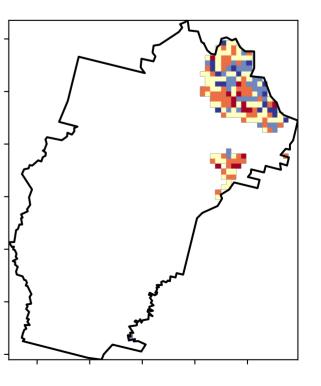
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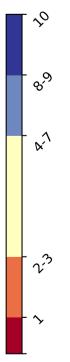
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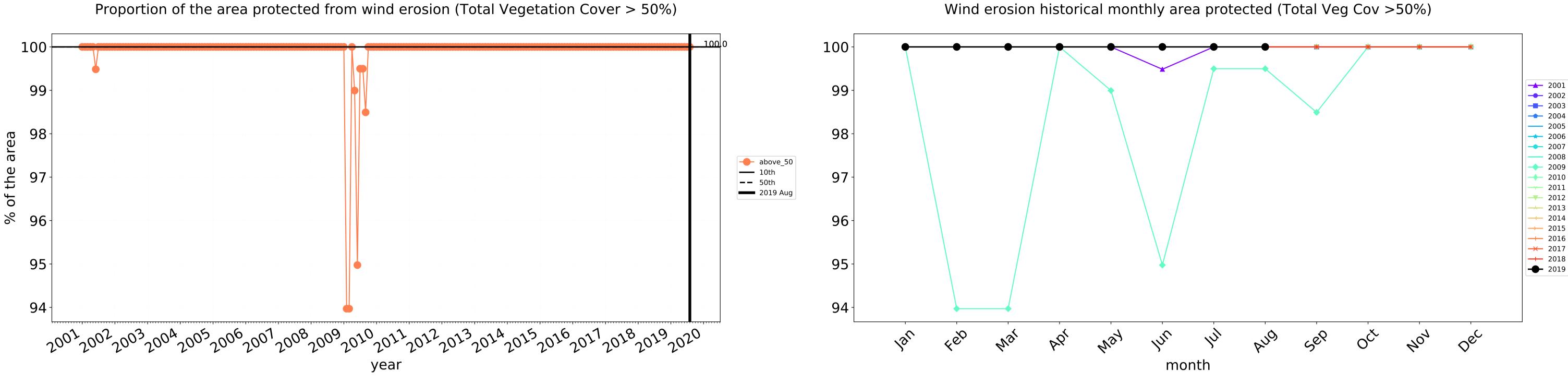
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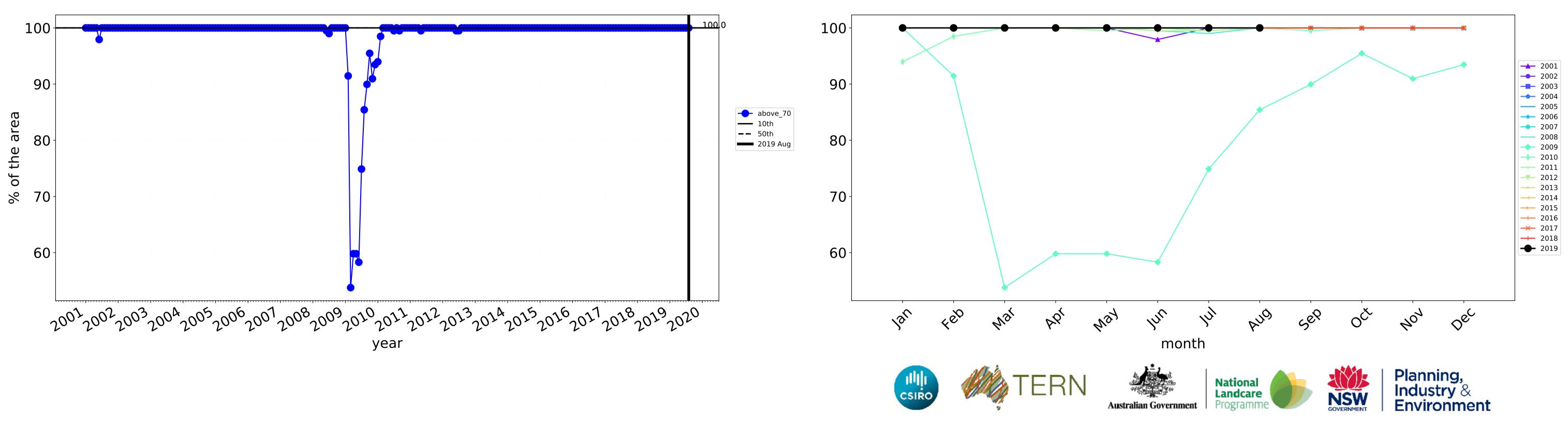




Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

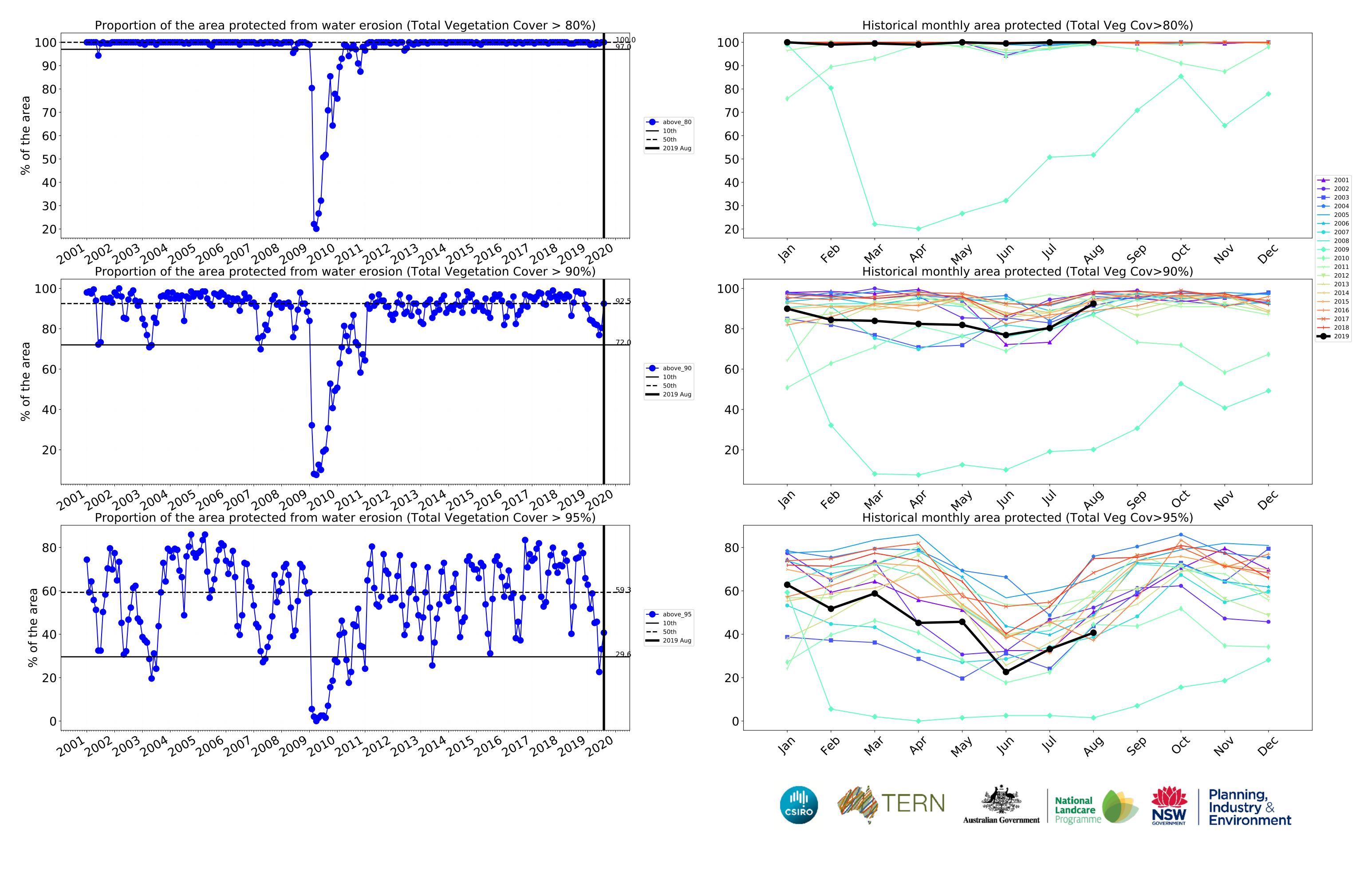


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

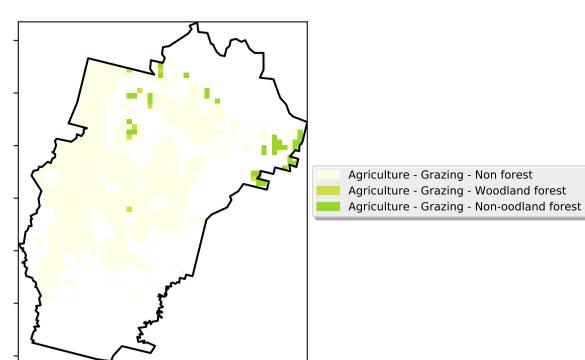
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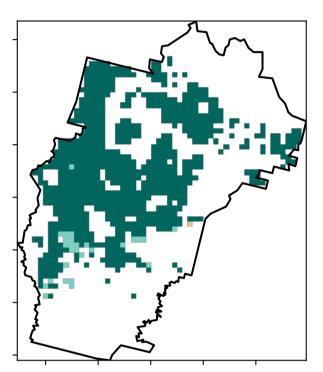
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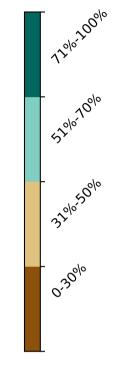
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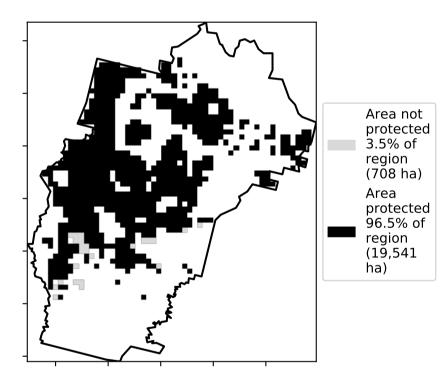


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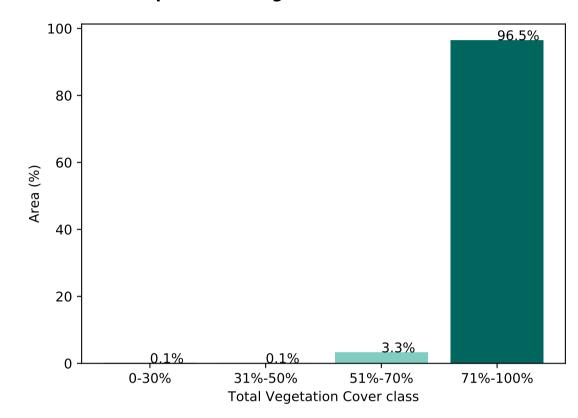




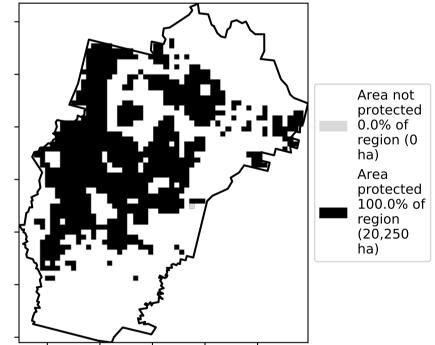
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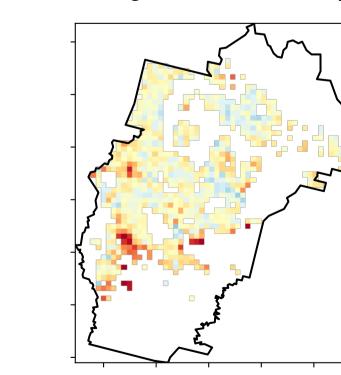
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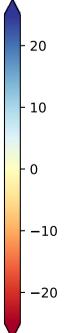


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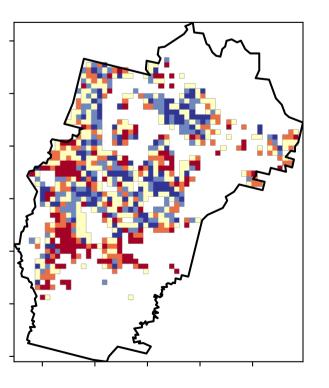
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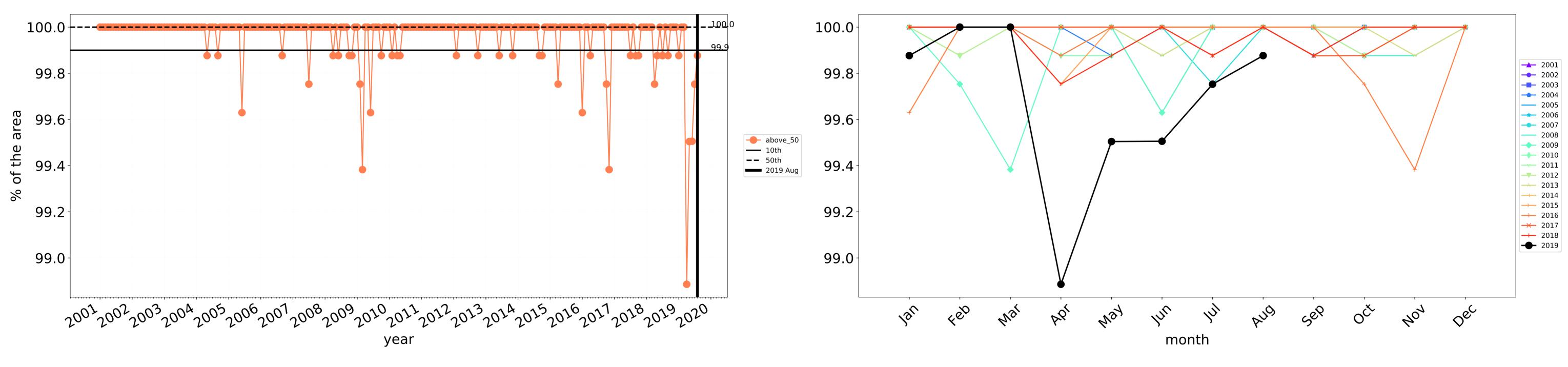
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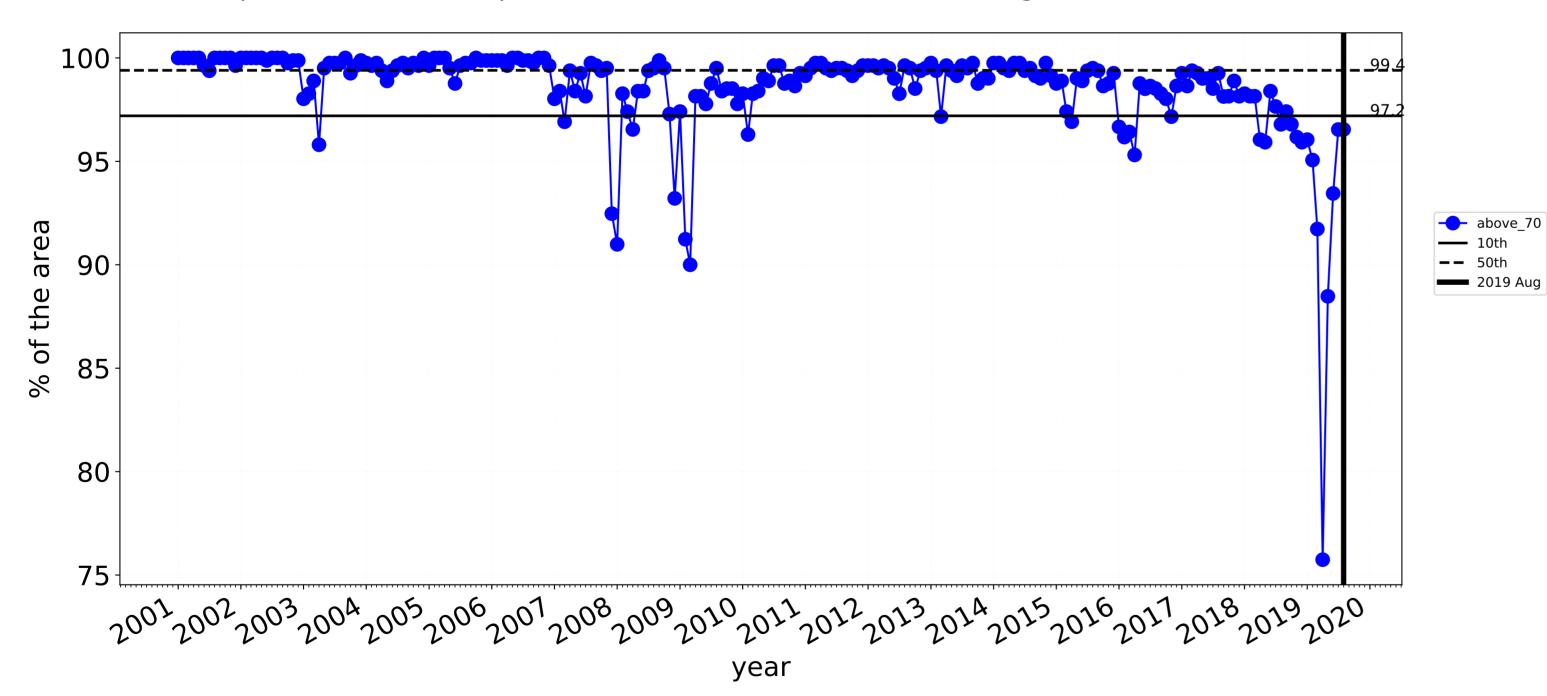




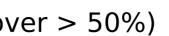
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

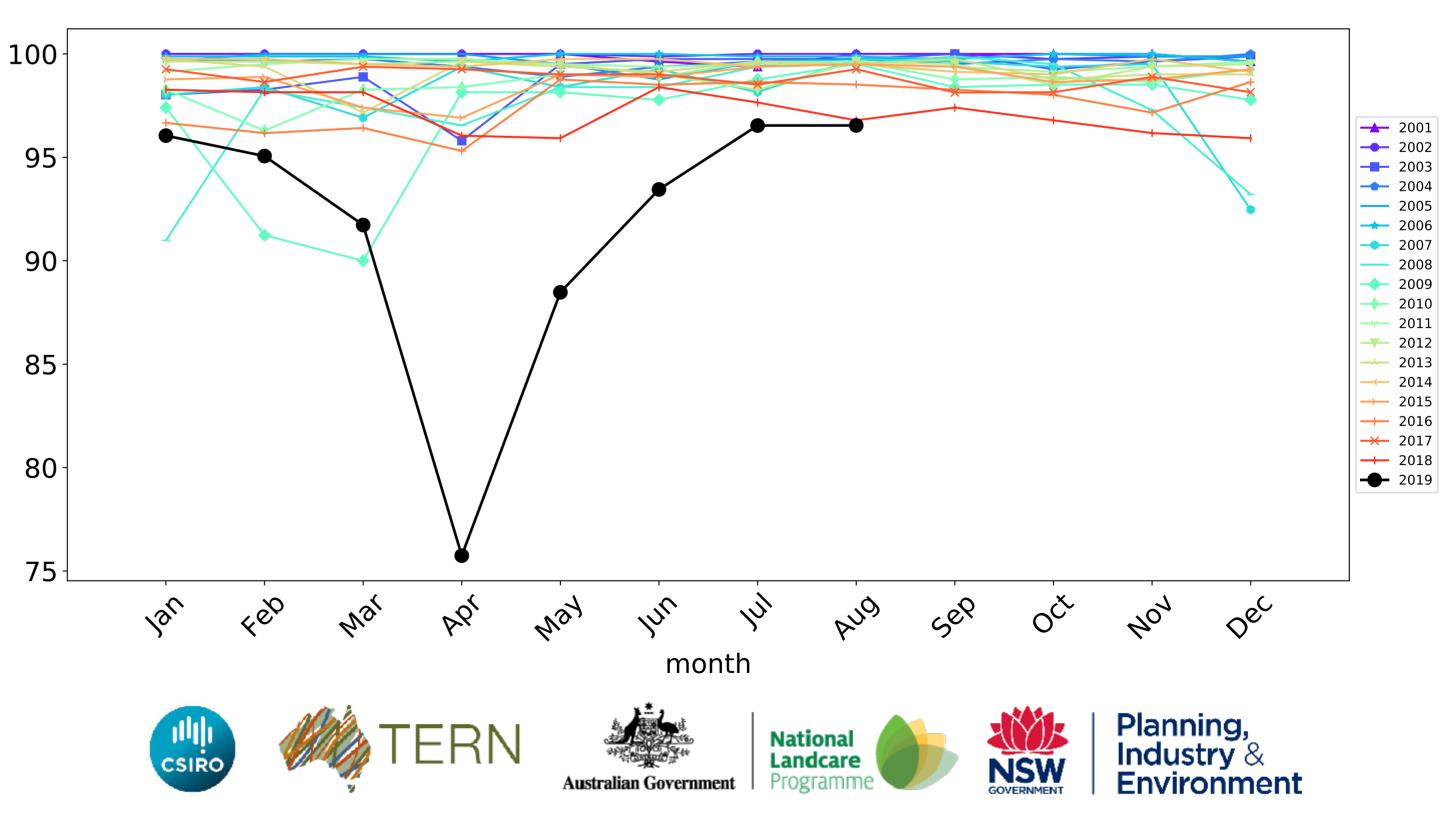


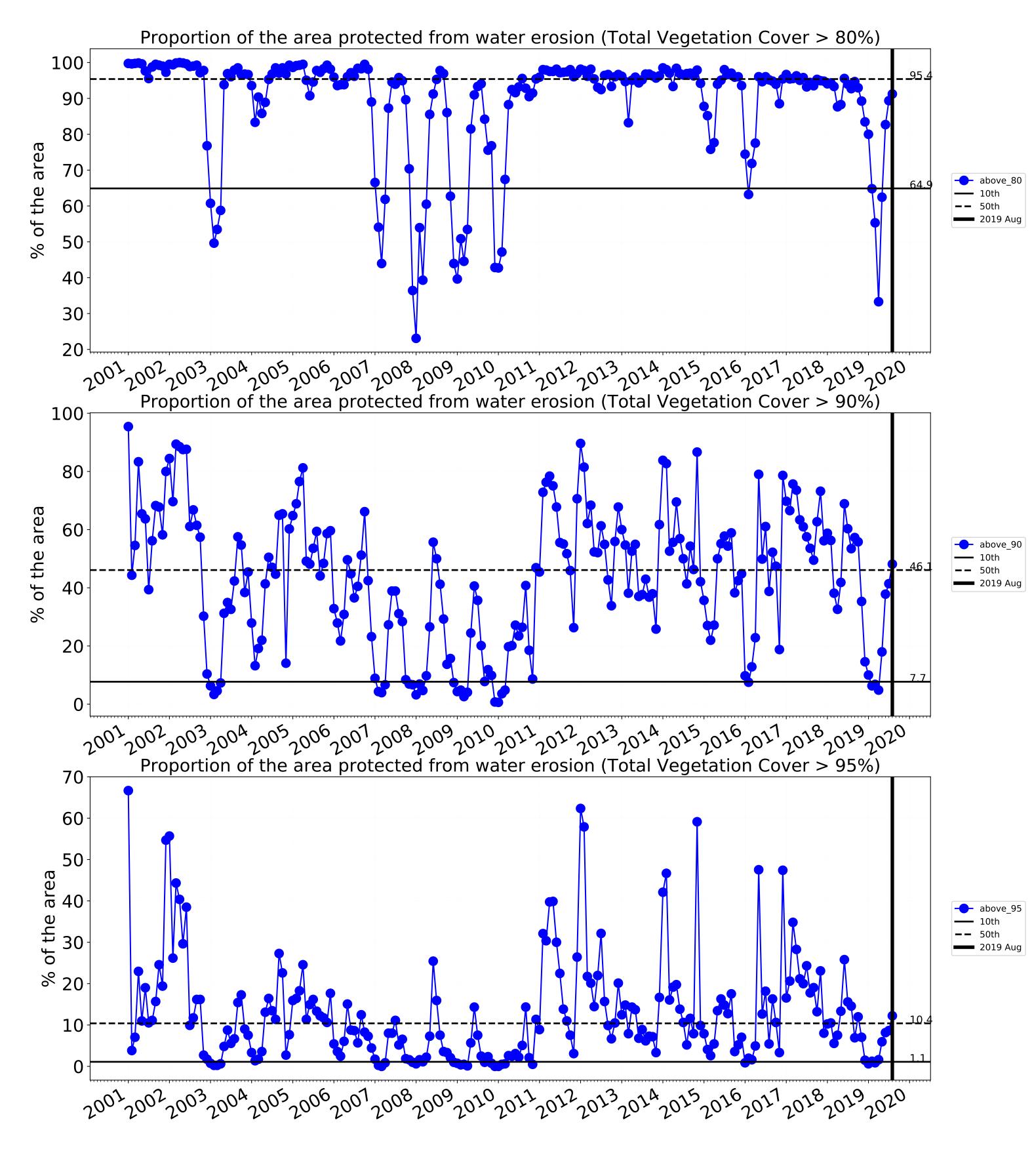
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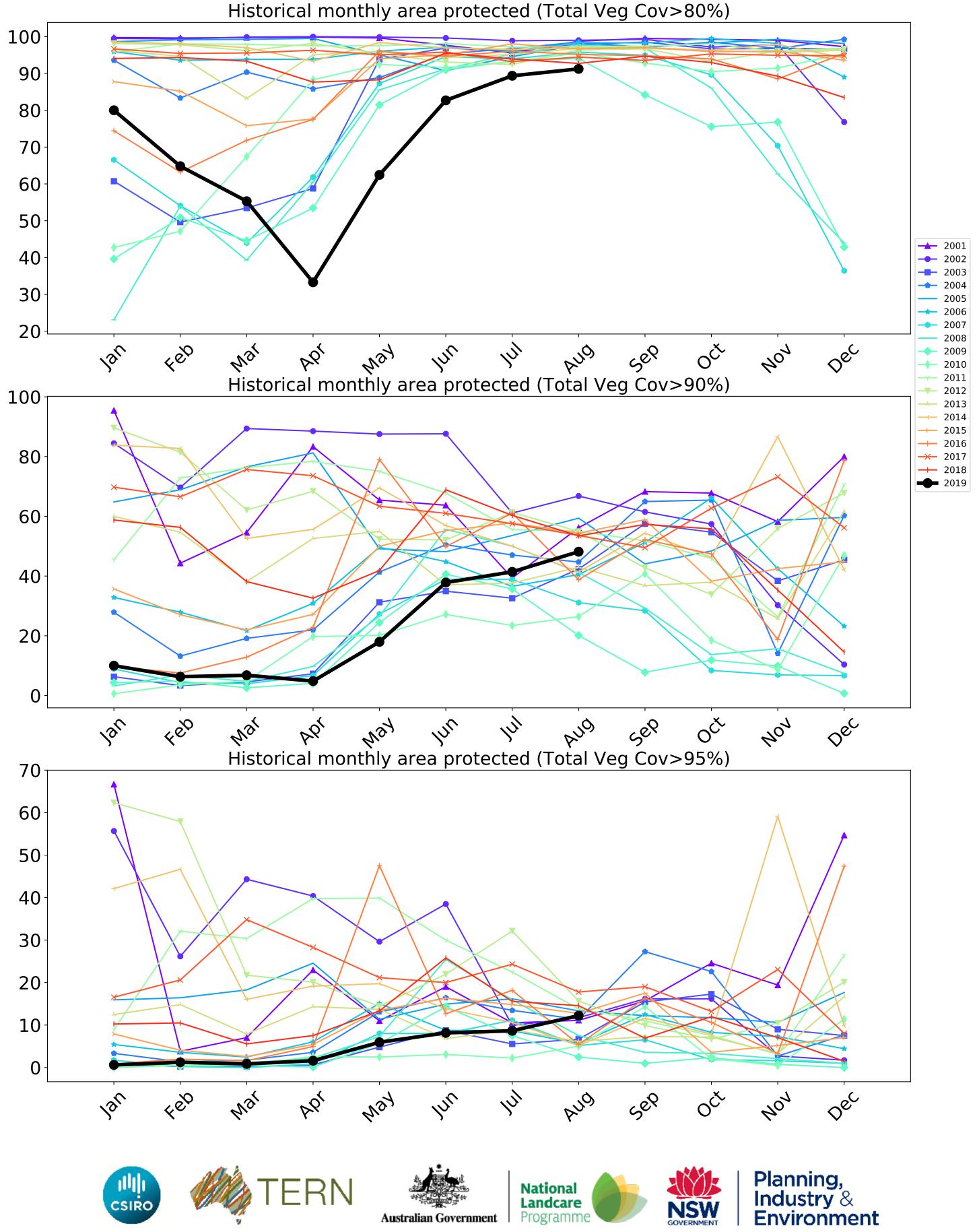


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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









Grazing

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.

Anomaly show how many percetage points each

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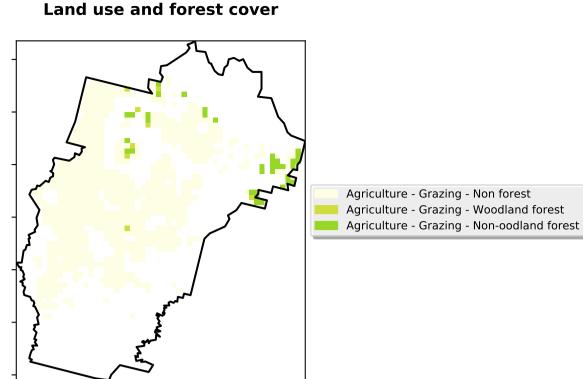
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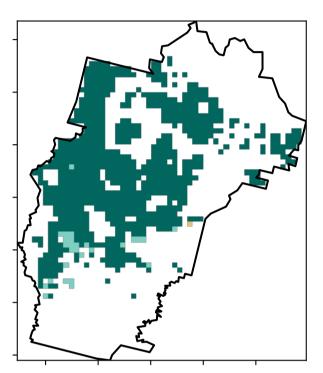
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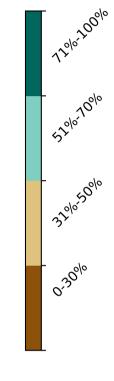
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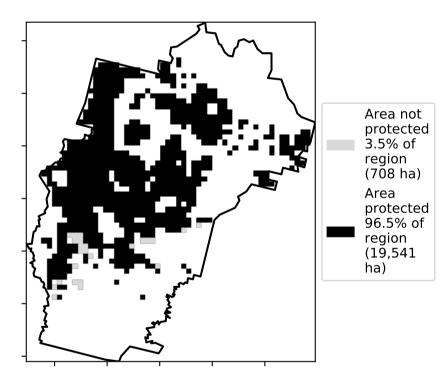


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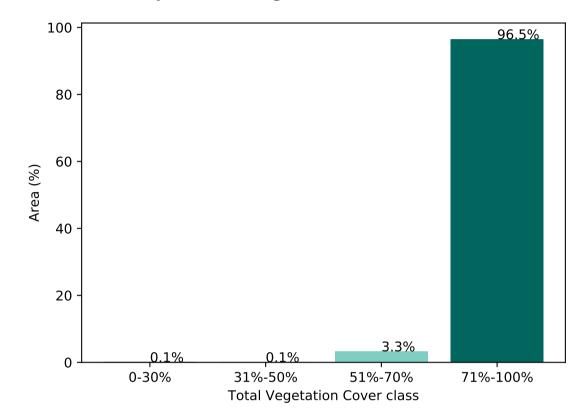




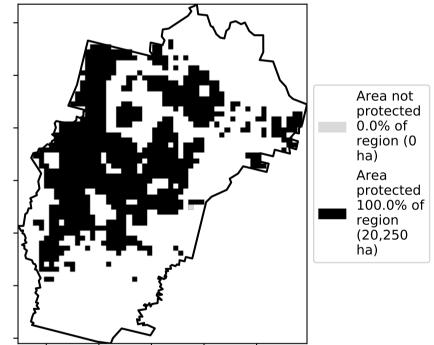
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



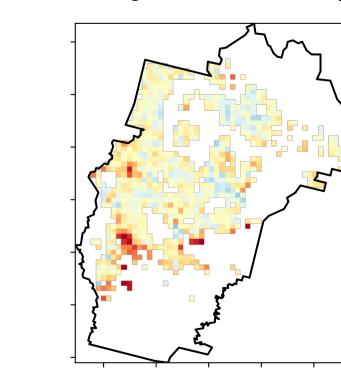
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

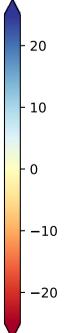


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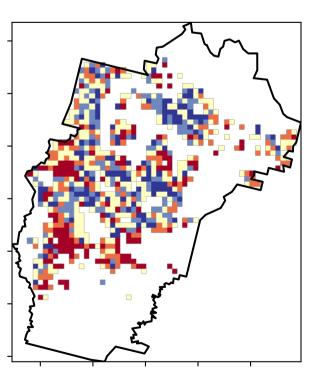
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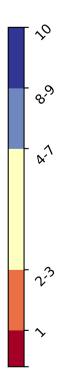






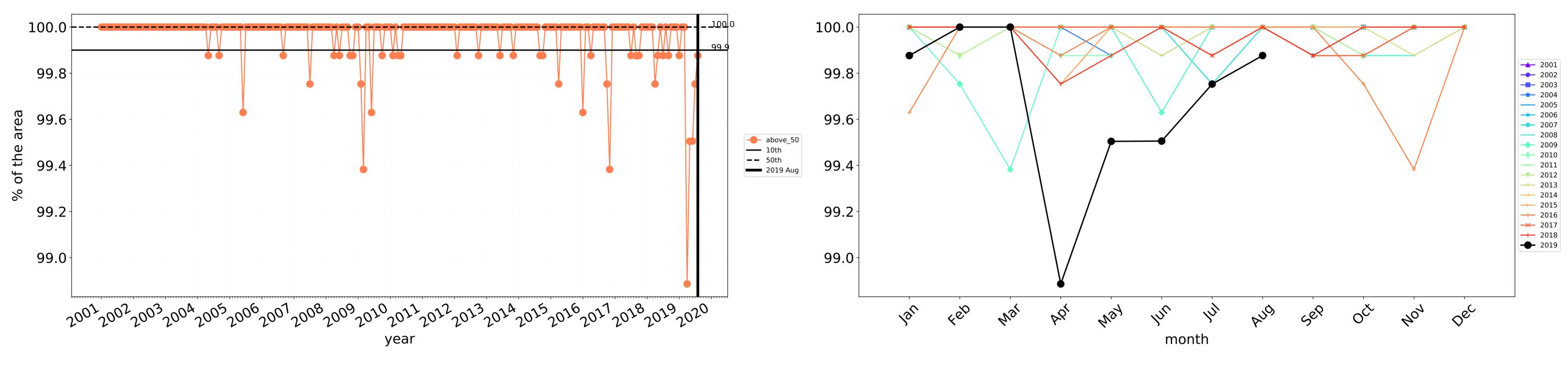
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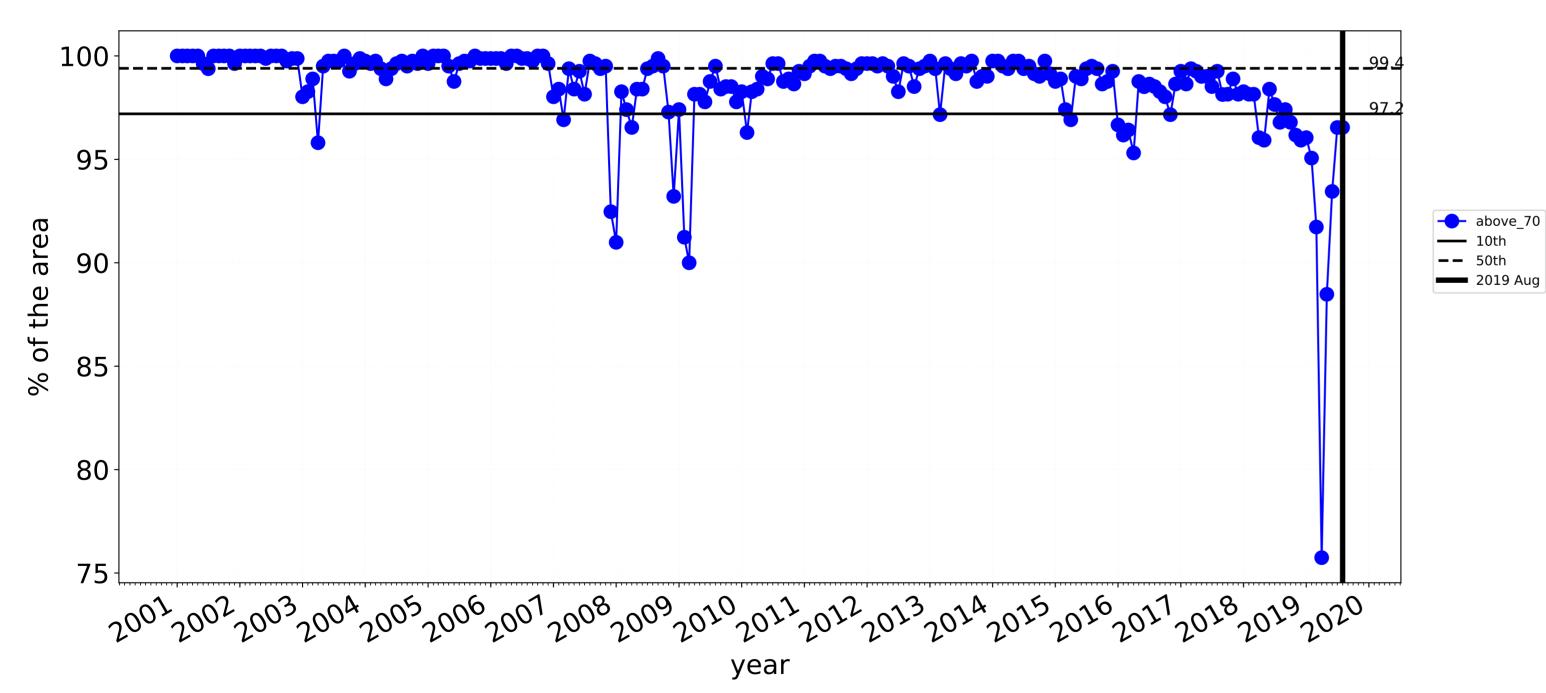




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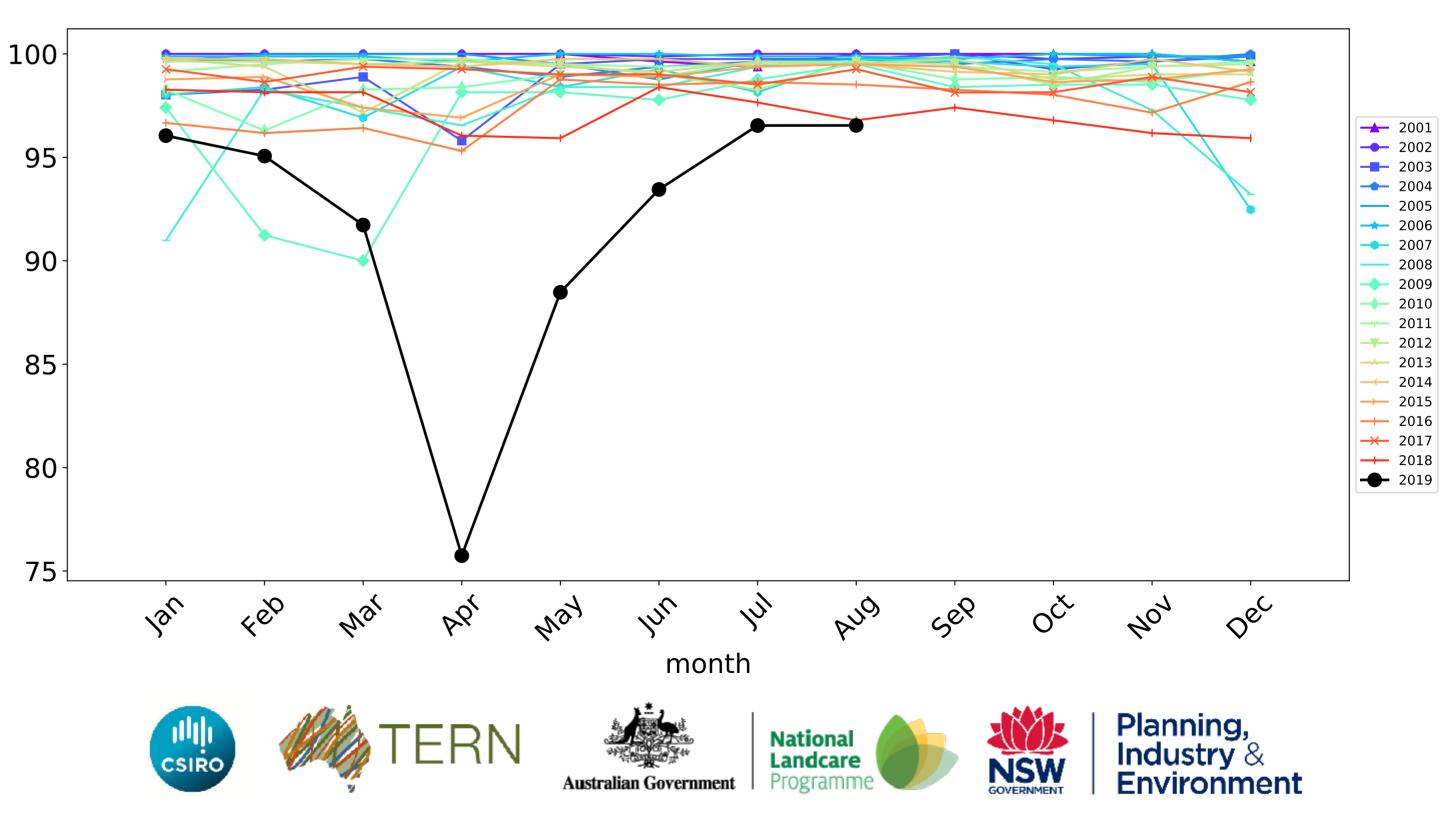


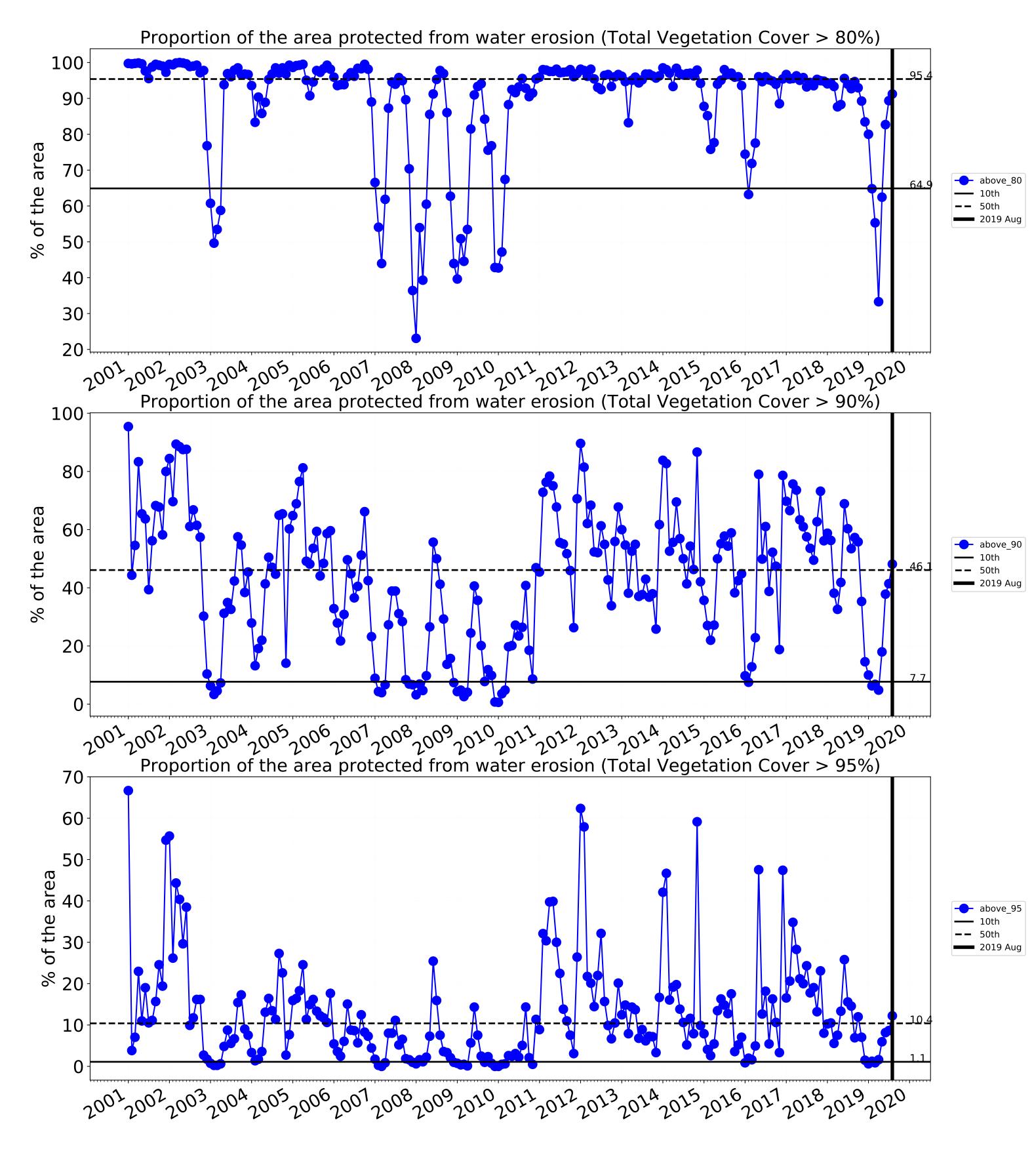
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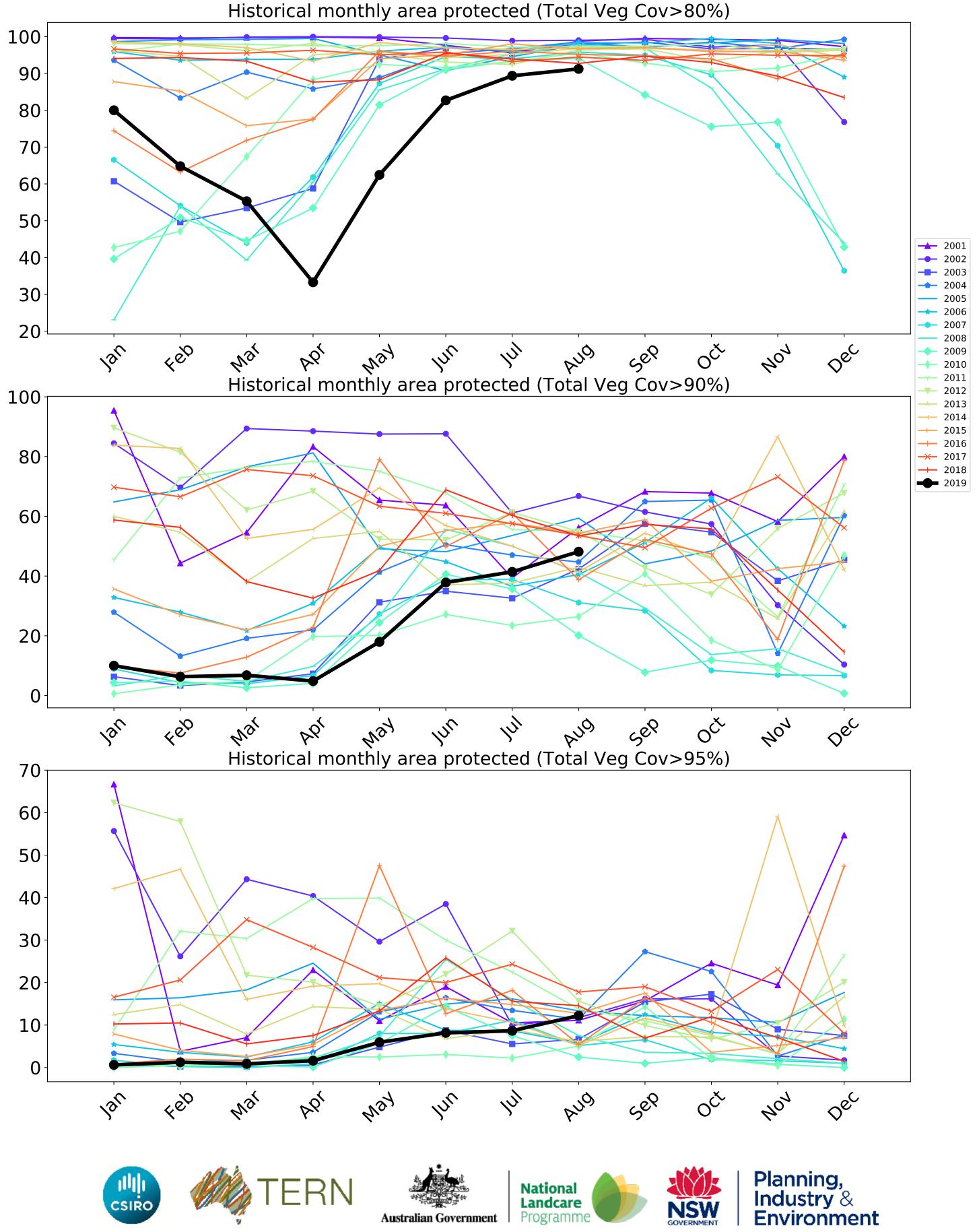




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





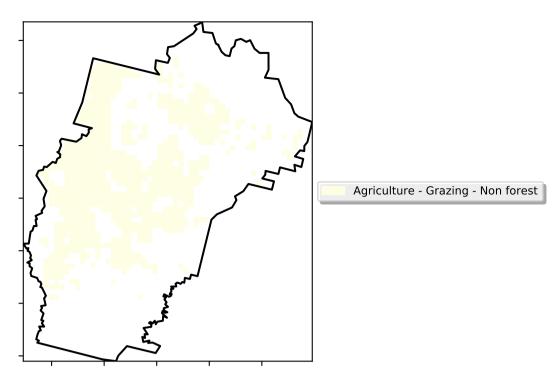




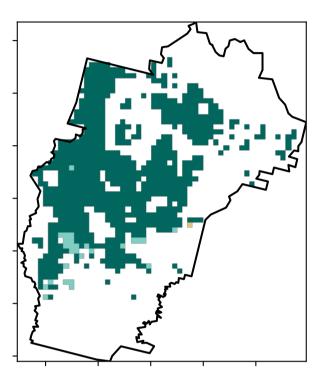
Grazing non forest

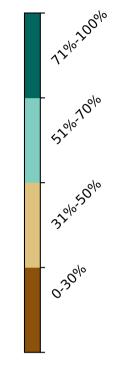
Land use and forest cover

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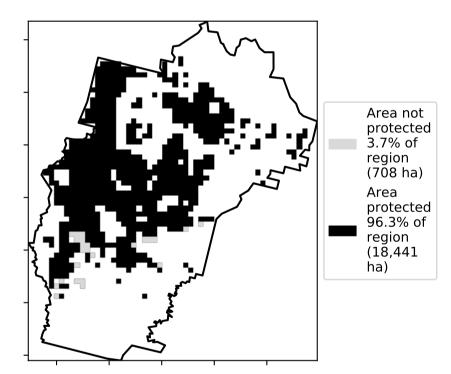


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

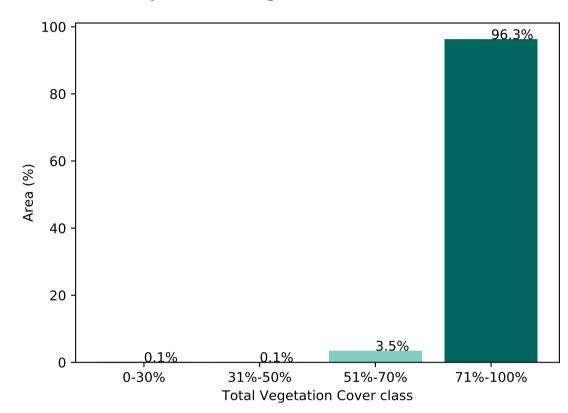




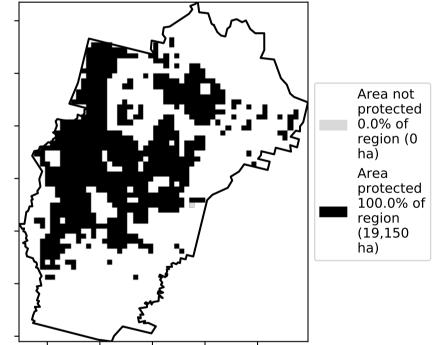
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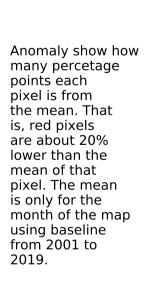


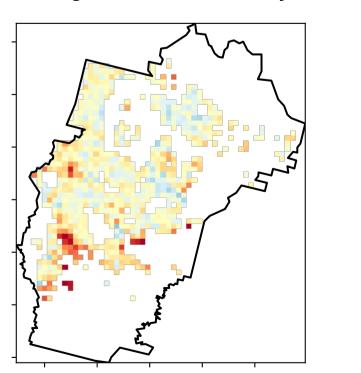


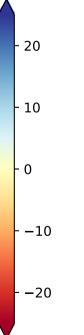
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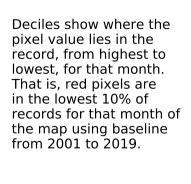


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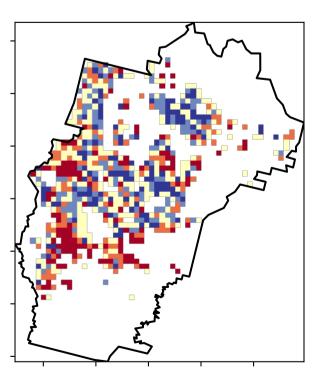


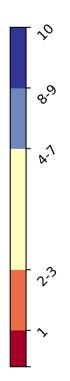




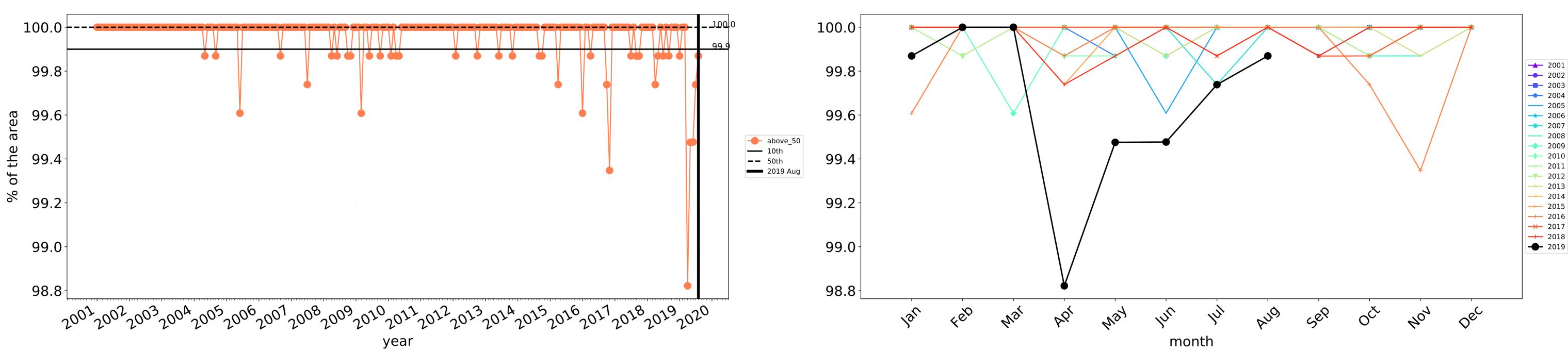


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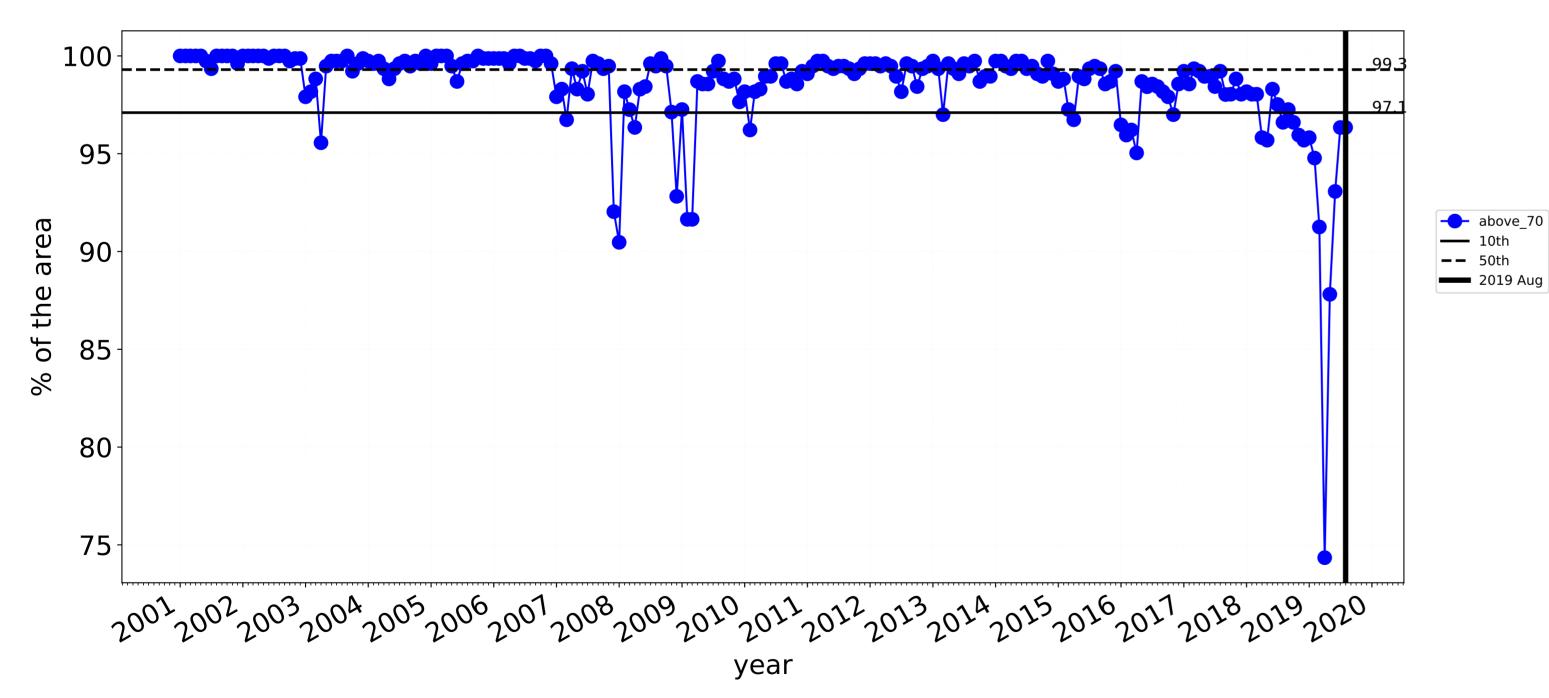




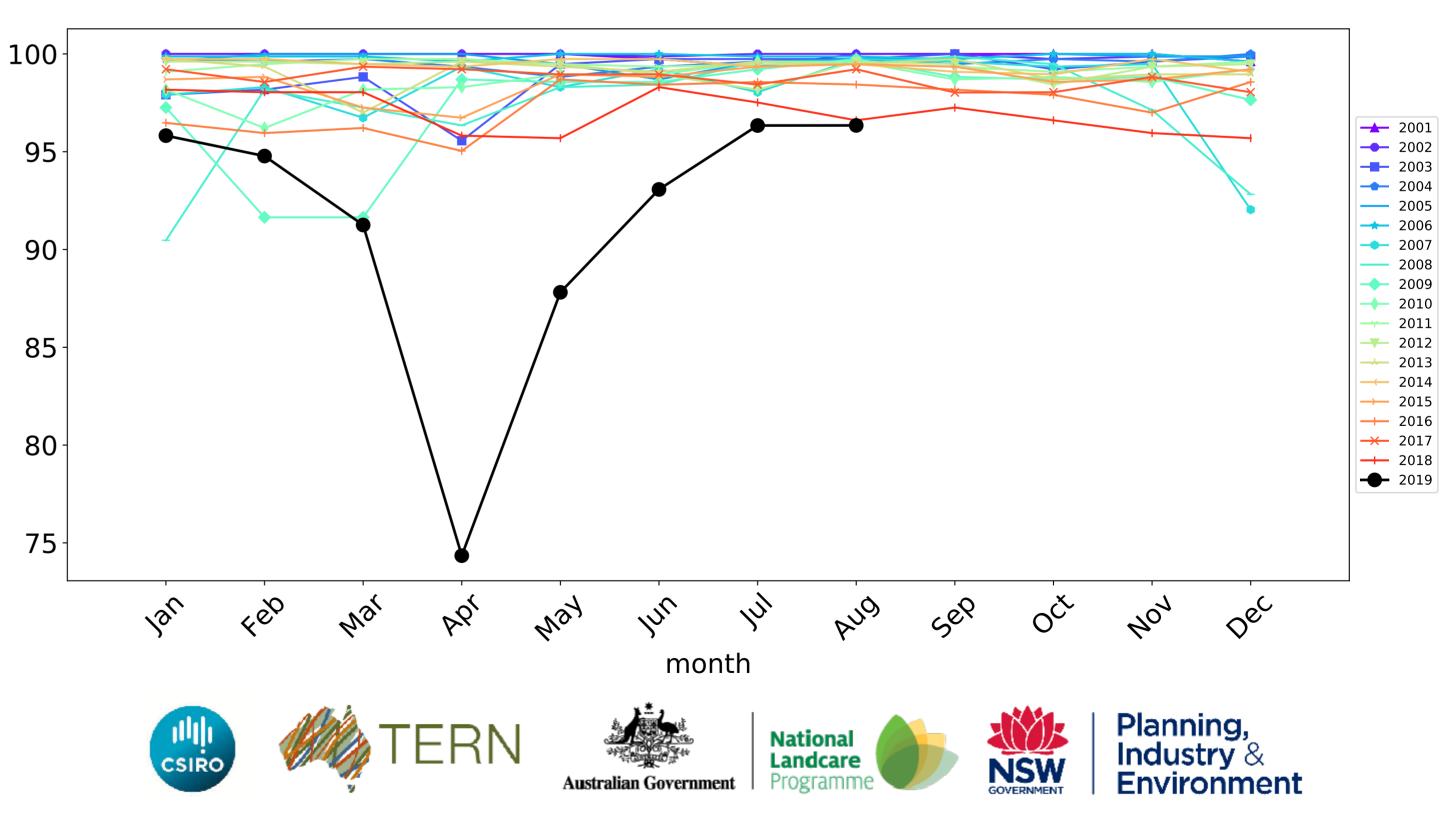




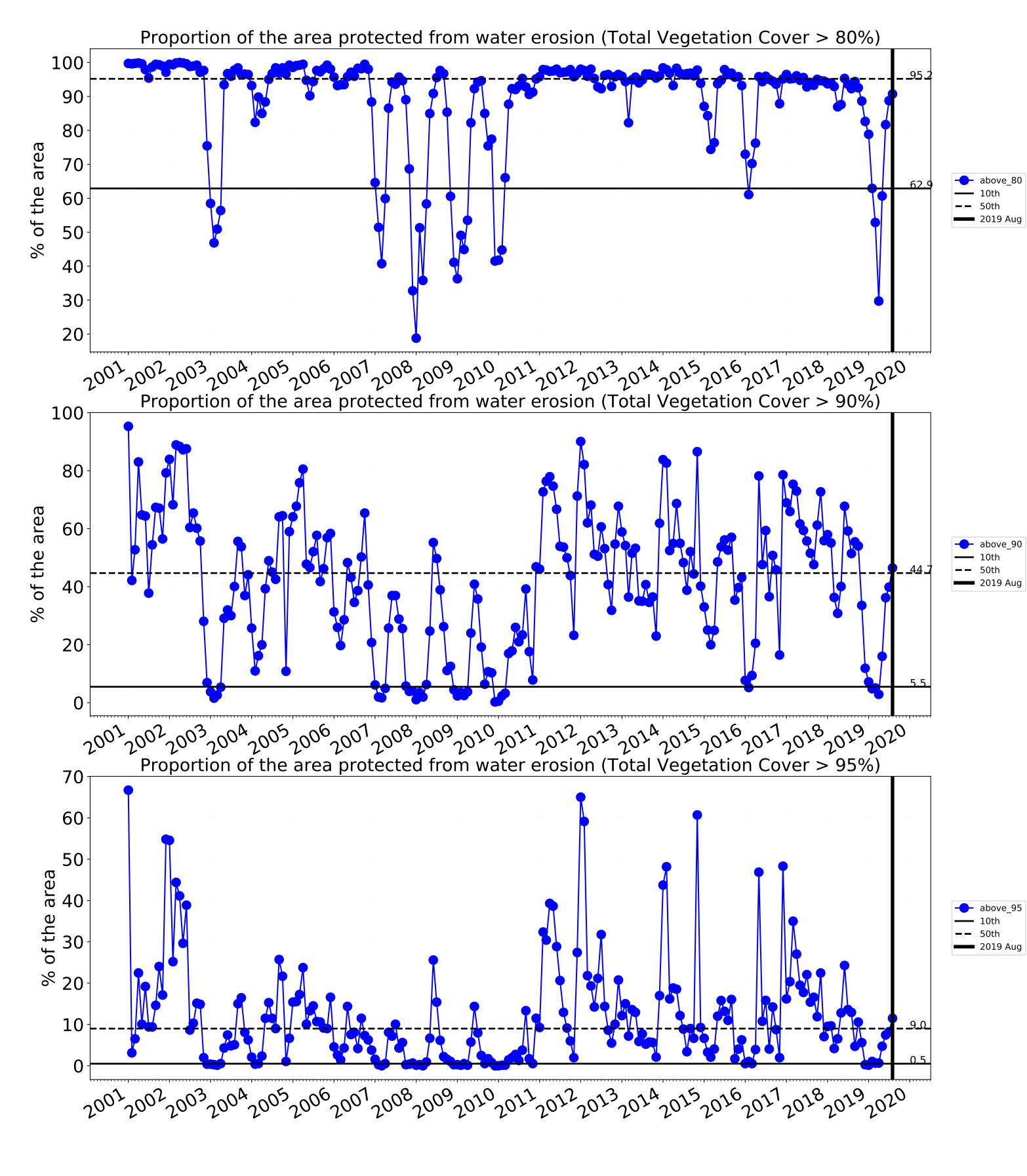
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

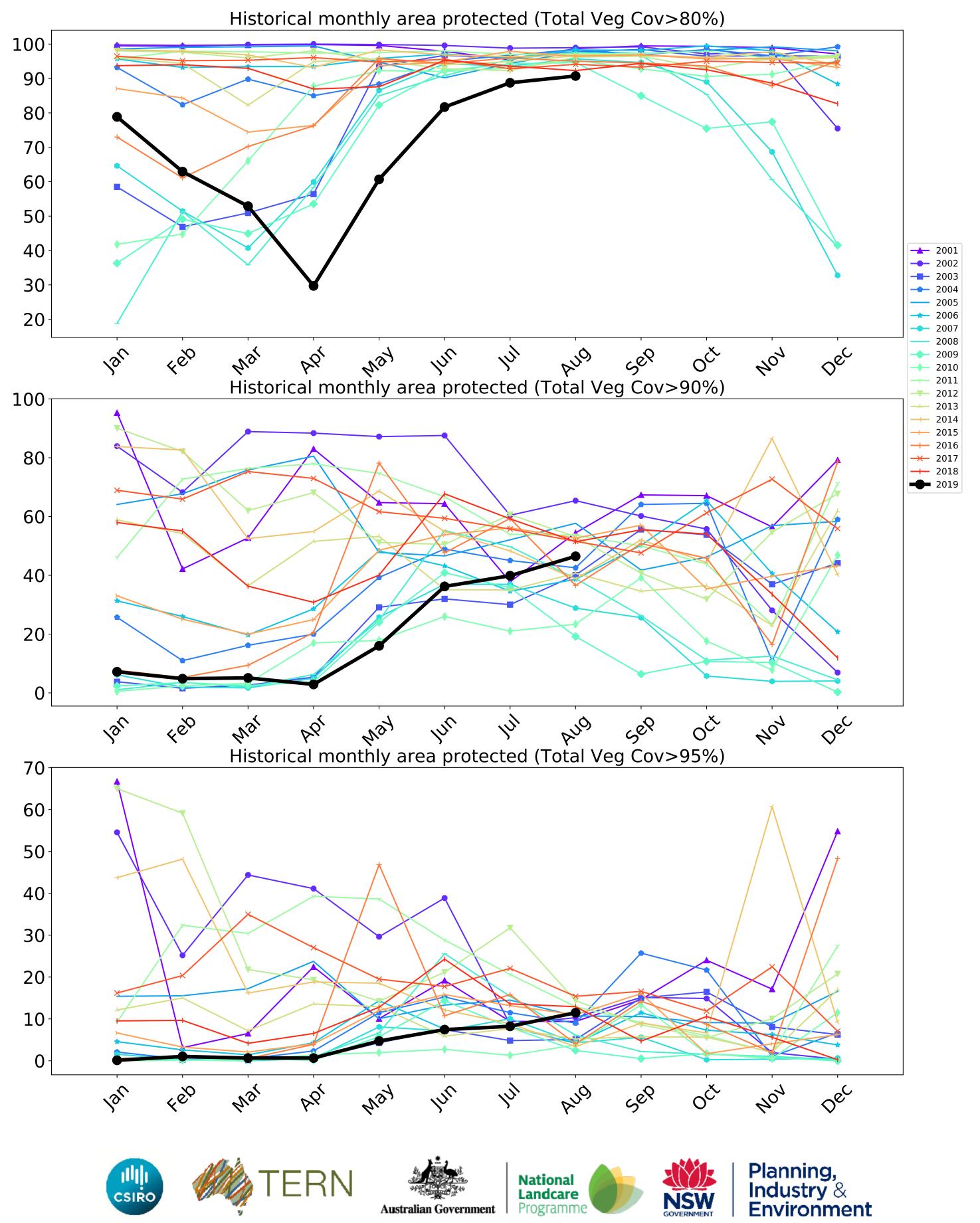


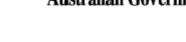
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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



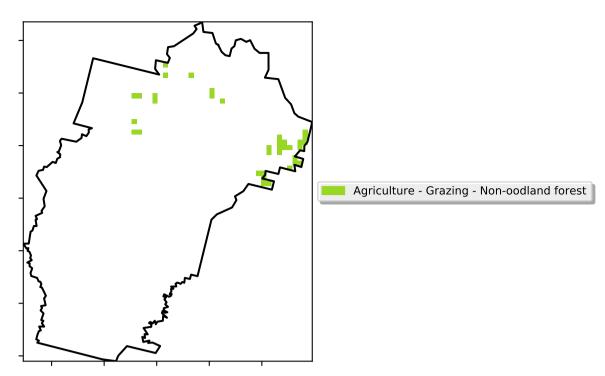




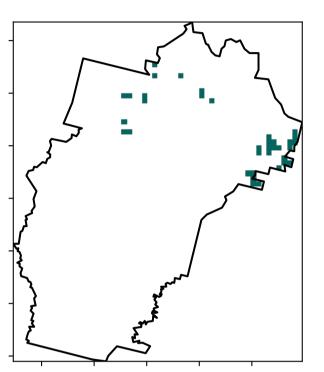
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

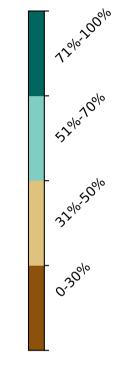
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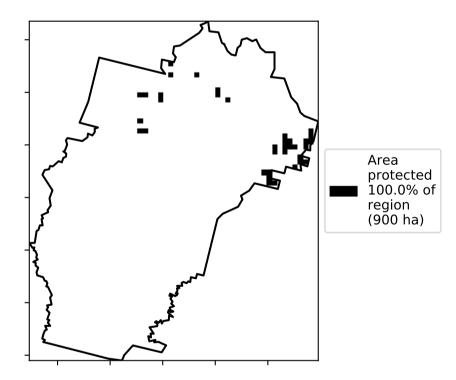


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

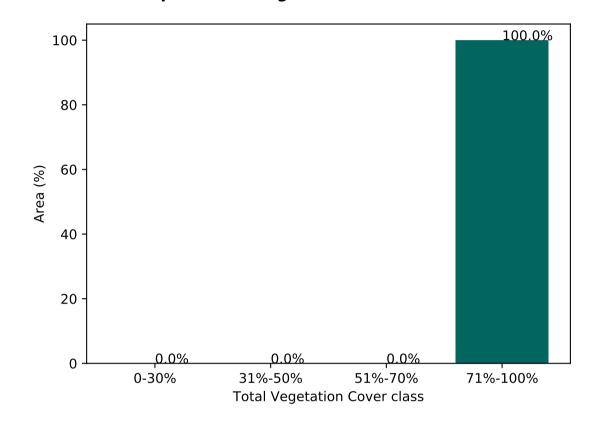




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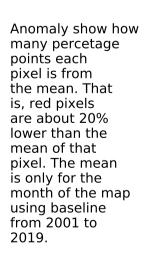
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

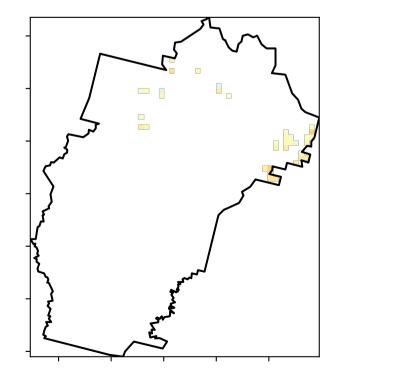


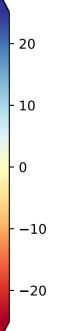
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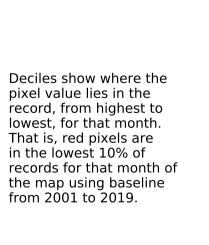


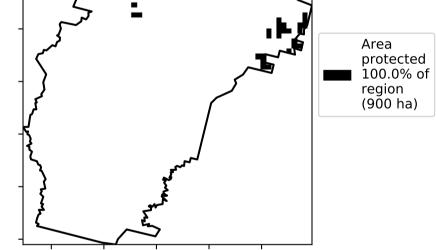
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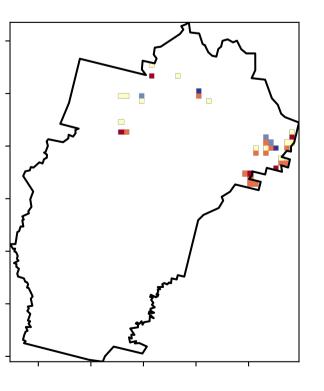


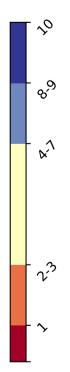




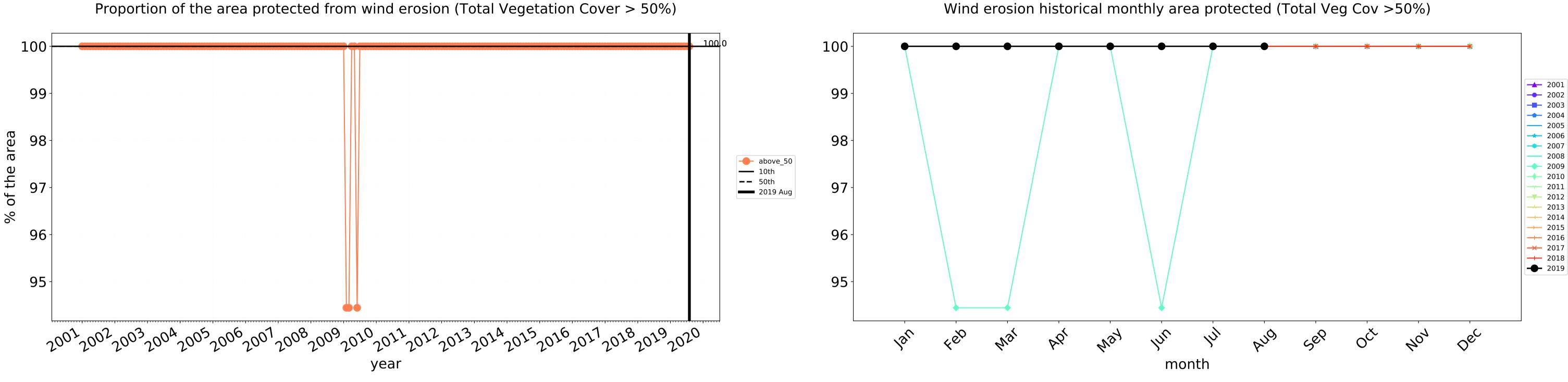


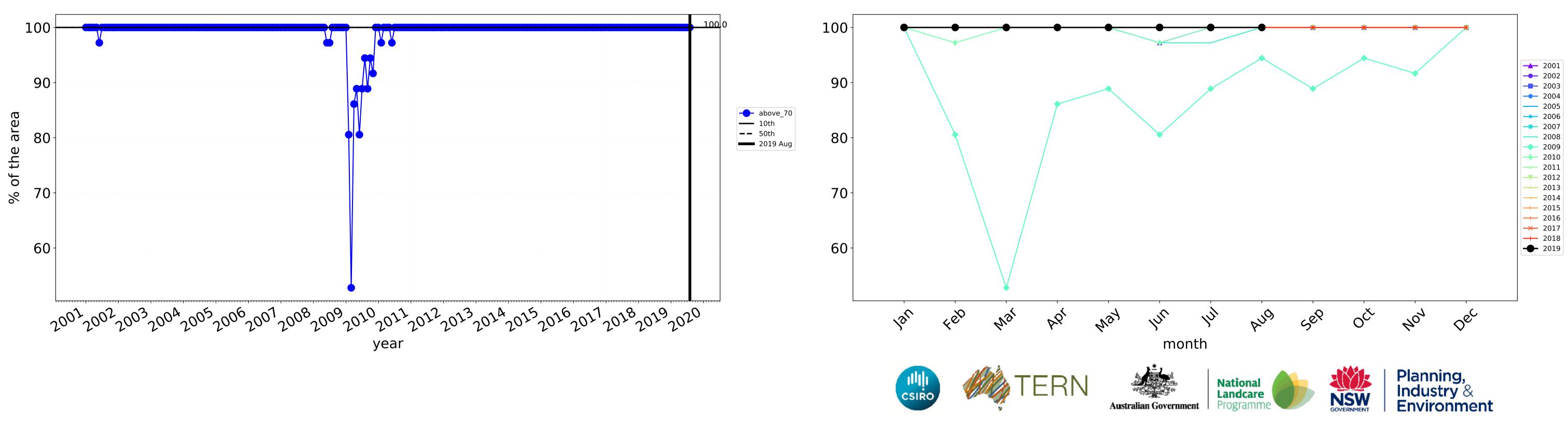
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







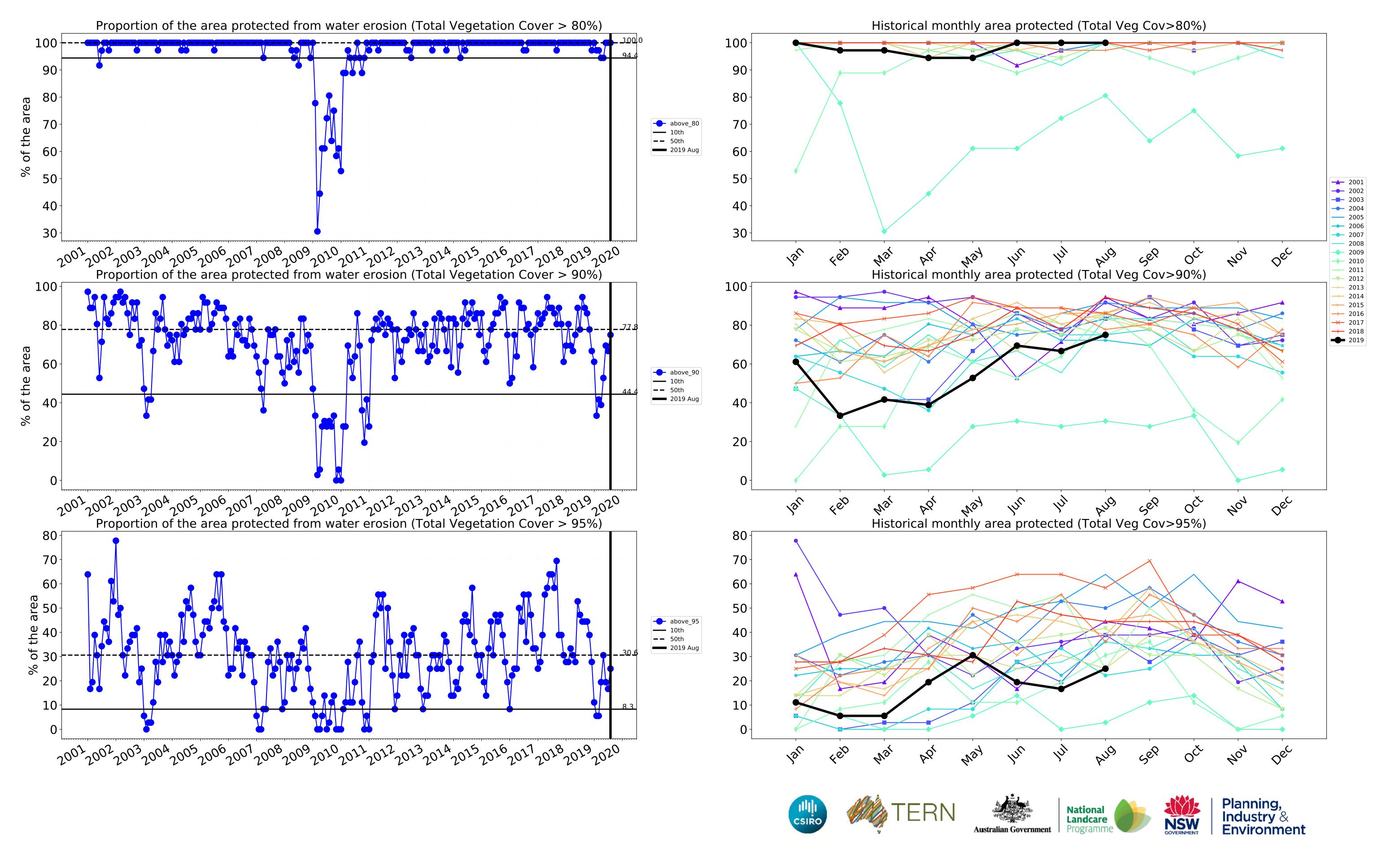




Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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

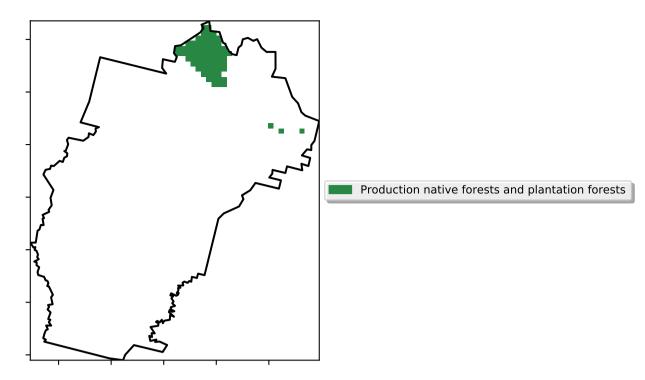
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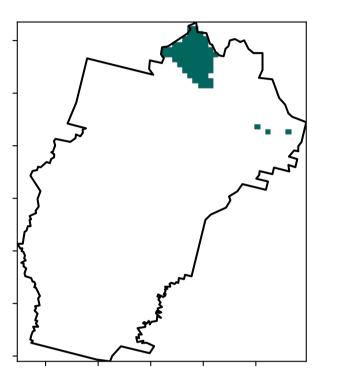
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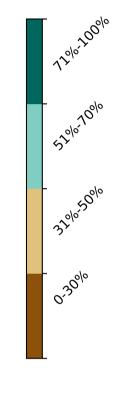
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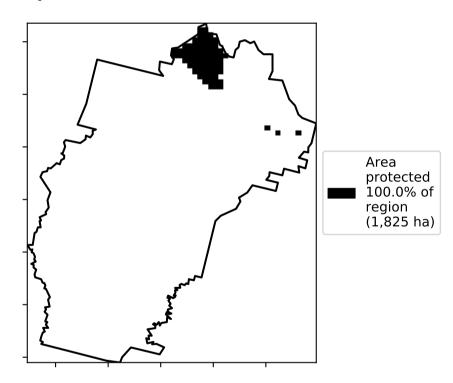


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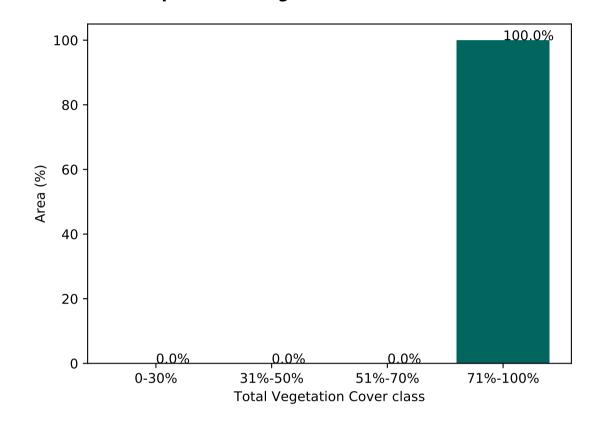




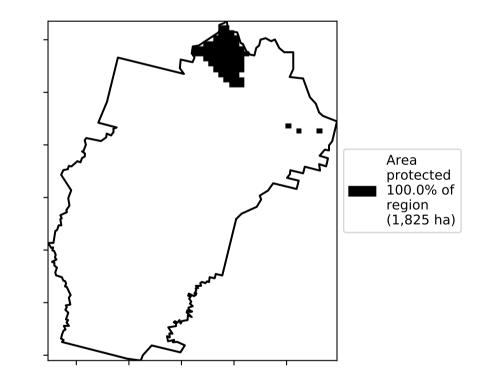
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



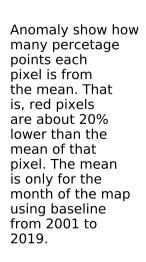
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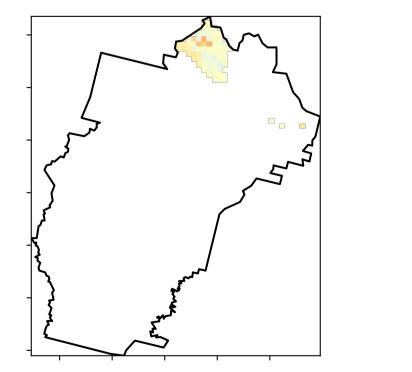


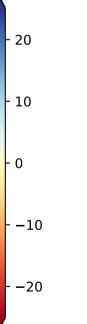
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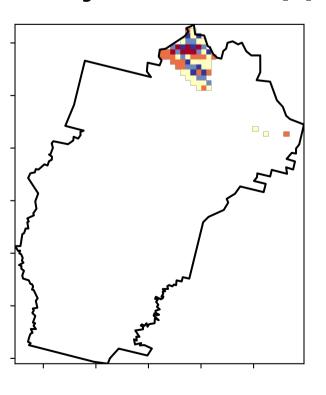
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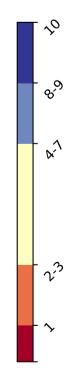






Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





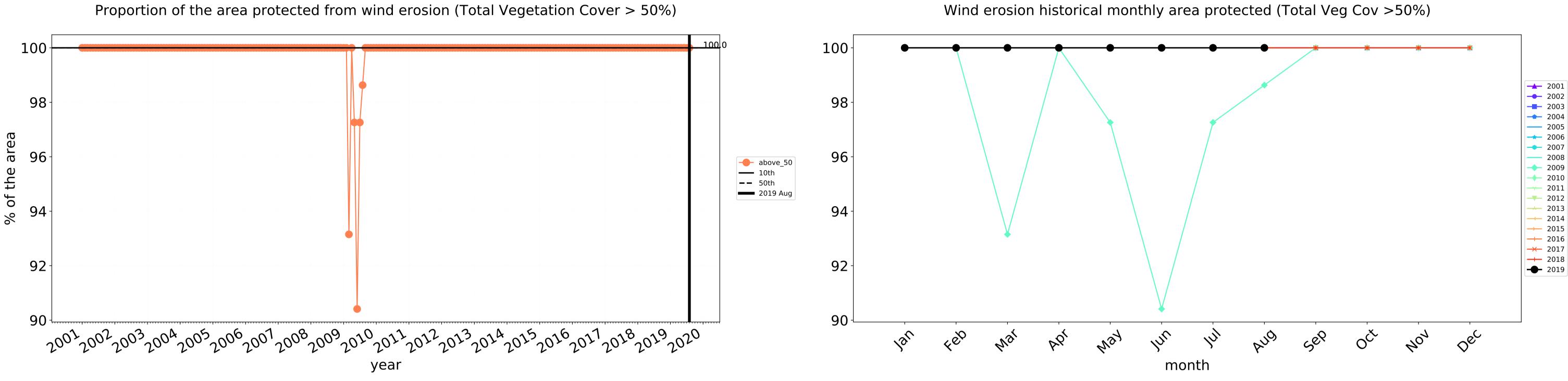


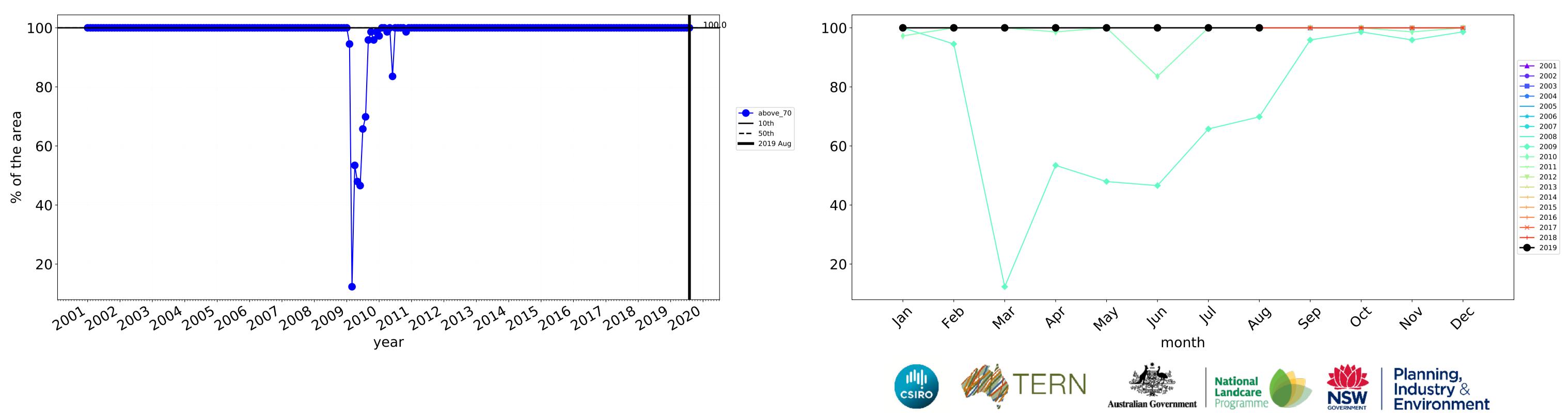
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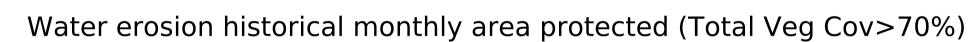
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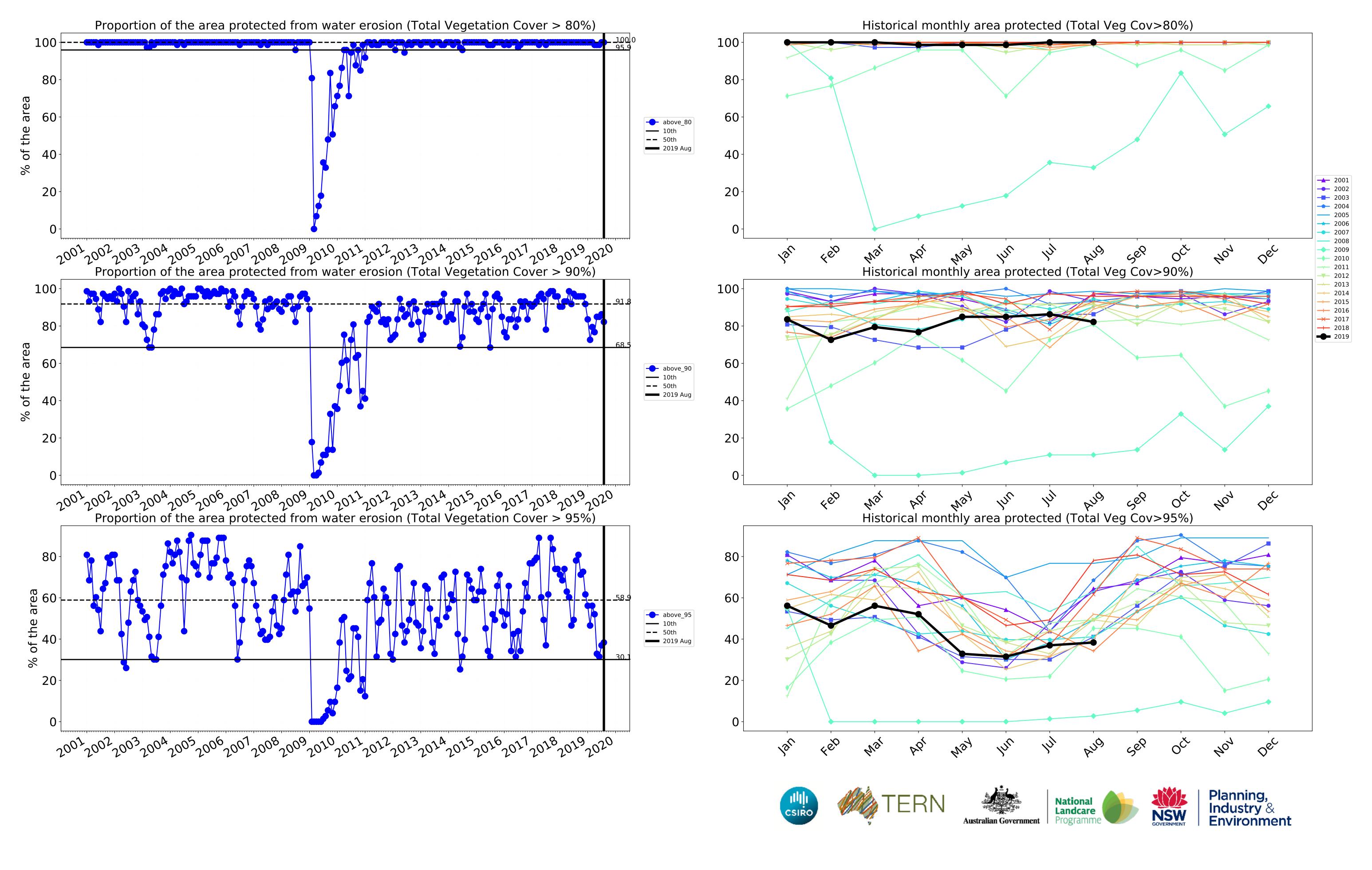
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Whittlesea_(C) (48,775 ha and no data 205 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	48,775	99.8% 48,700	98.5% 48,025	84.3% 41,100	74.8% 36,475	42.5% 20,750	12.9% 6,275
Conservation and natural environments	7,218	100.0% 7,218	100.0% 7,218	99.0% 7,144	97.3% 7,020	82.8% 5,978	35.1% 2,530
Conservation and natural environments non forest	975	100.0% 975	100.0% 975	97.5% 951	85.0% 829	42.5% 414	12.5% 121
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,316	100.0% 1,316	100.0% 1,316	96.2% 1,266	96.2% 1,266	76.9% 1,013	30.8% 405
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	4,926	100.0% 4,926	100.0% 4,926	100.0% 4,926	100.0% 4,926	92.5% 4,554	40.7% 2,005
Agriculture	20,144	100.0% 20,144	99.9% 20,119	96.5% 19,447	91.2% 18,378	48.1% 9,698	12.2% 2,462
Grazing	20,144	100.0% 20,144	99.9% 20,119	96.5% 19,447	91.2% 18,378	48.1% 9,698	12.2% 2,462
Grazing non forest	19,071	100.0% 19,071	99.9% 19,046	96.3% 18,373	90.7% 17,303	46.5% 8,863	11.5% 2,190
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	877	100.0% 877	100.0% 877	100.0% 877	100.0% 877	75.0% 658	25.0% 219
Production native forests and plantation forests	1,804	100.0% 1,804	100.0% 1,804	100.0% 1,804	100.0% 1,804	82.2% 1,483	38.4% 692





