# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Capel\_(S) WA

# Date: May 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:

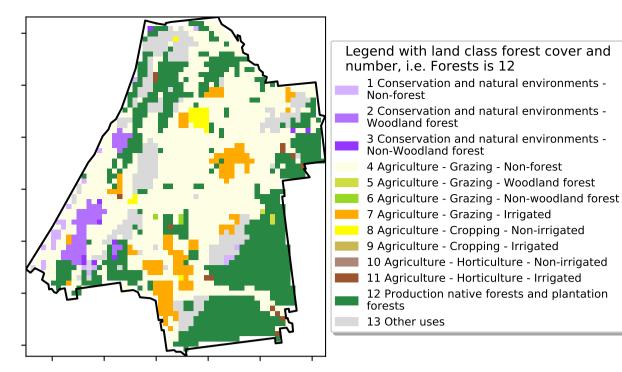
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# **Vegetation Cover May 2022**

### Land use and forest cover



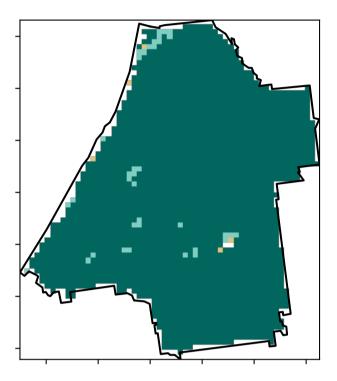
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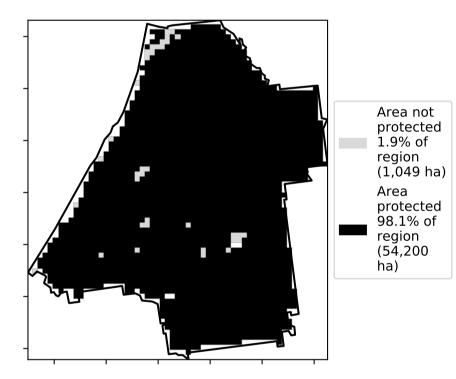
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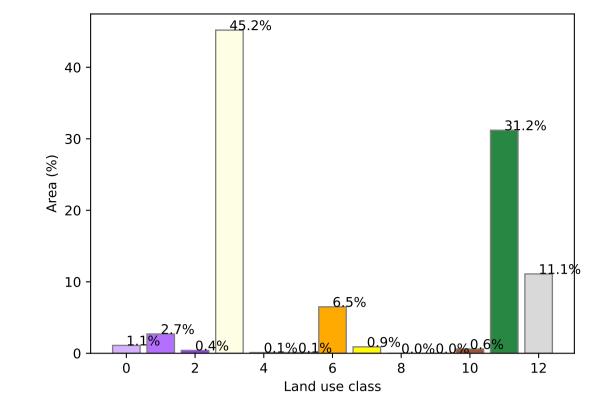
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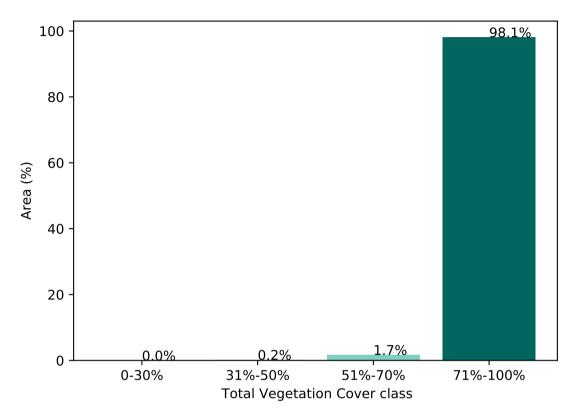


### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

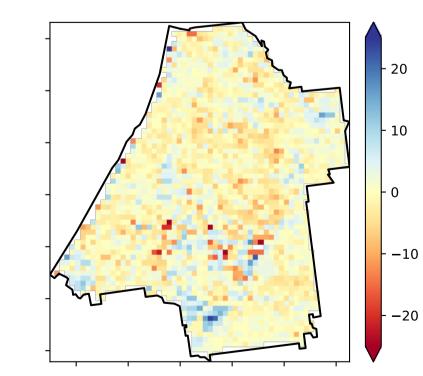


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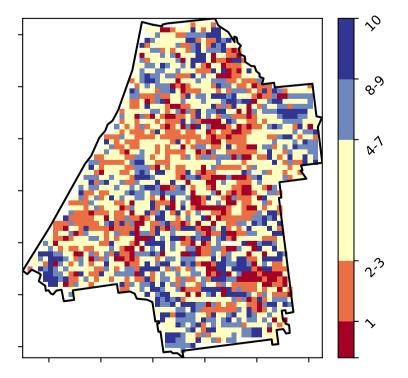


### Proportion of each land class in area

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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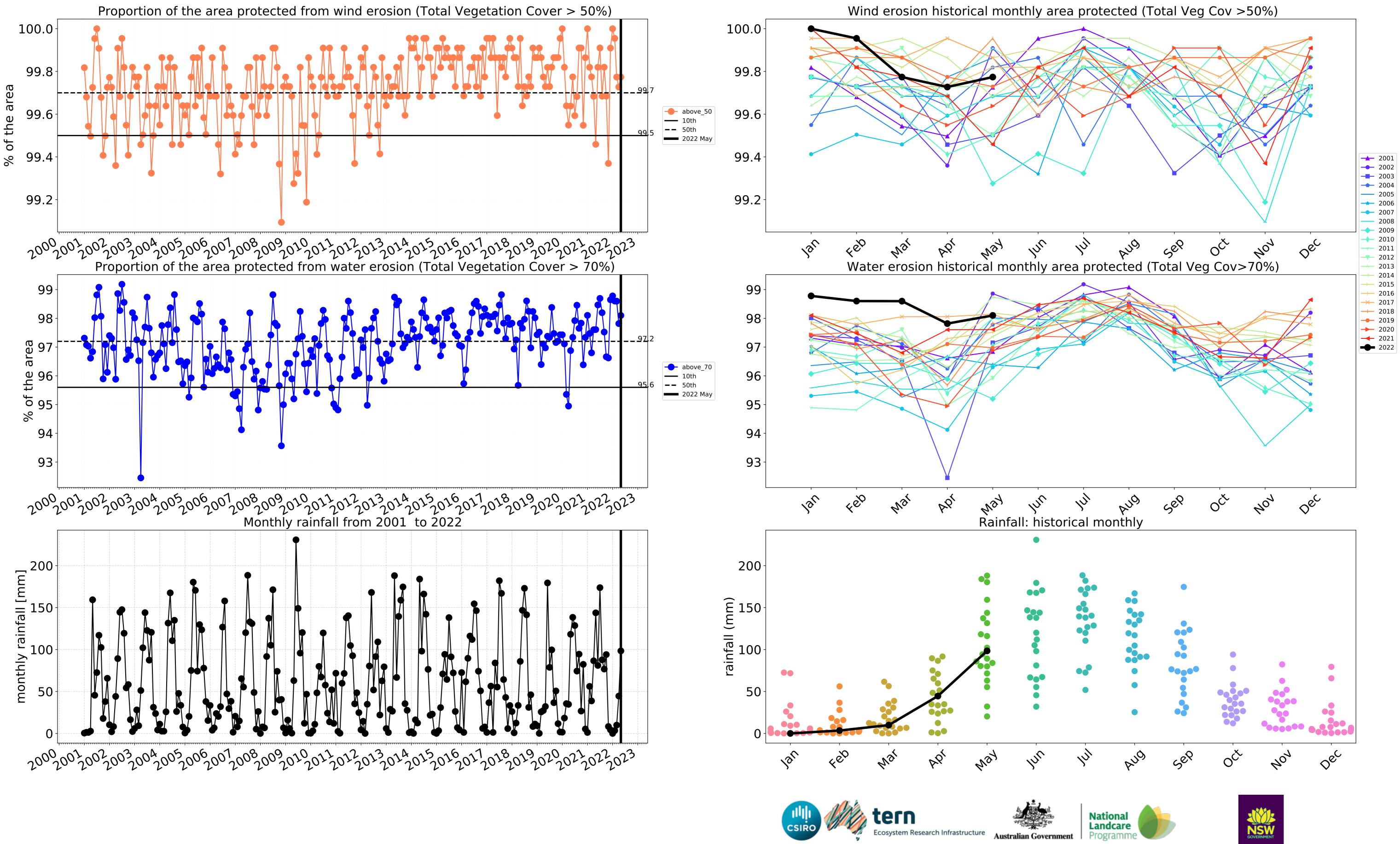
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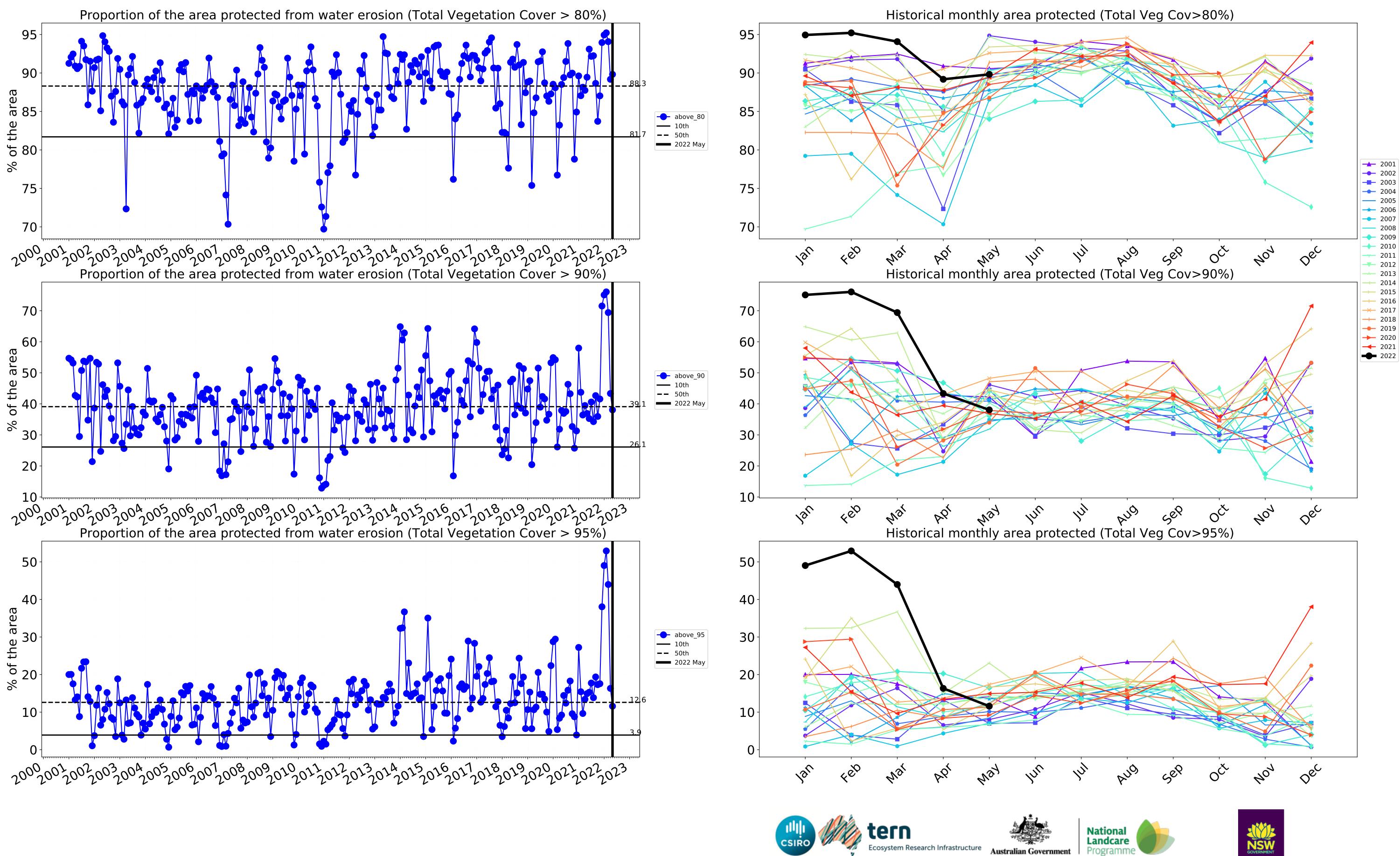
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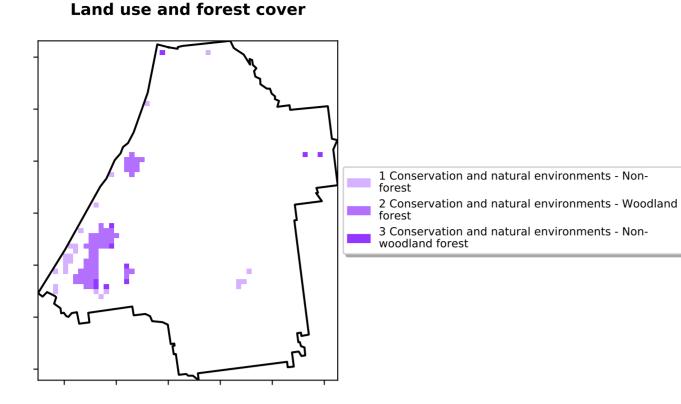
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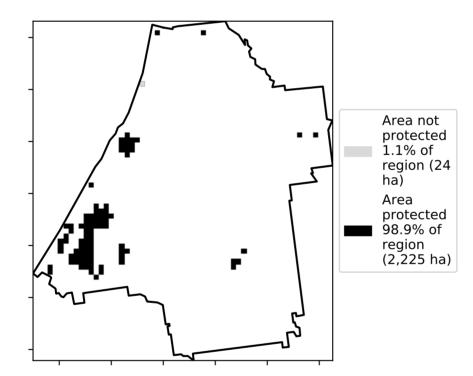
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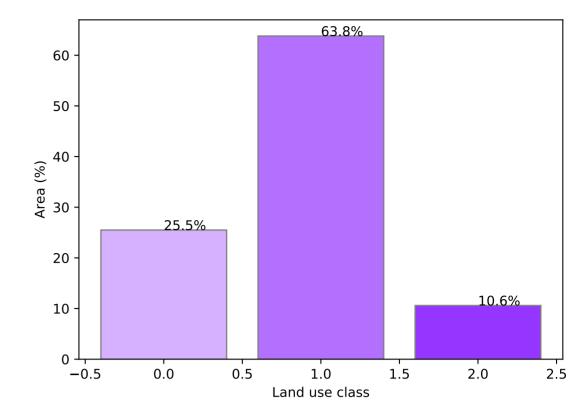
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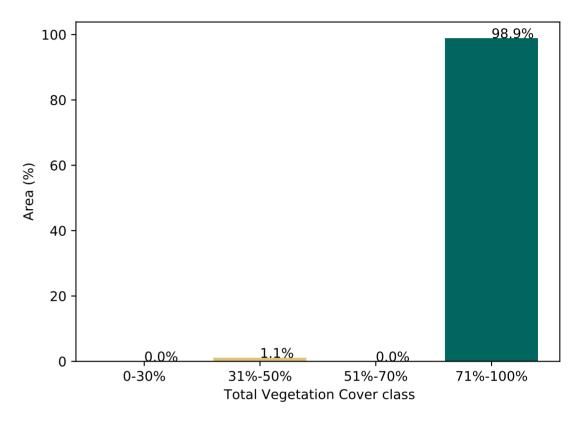
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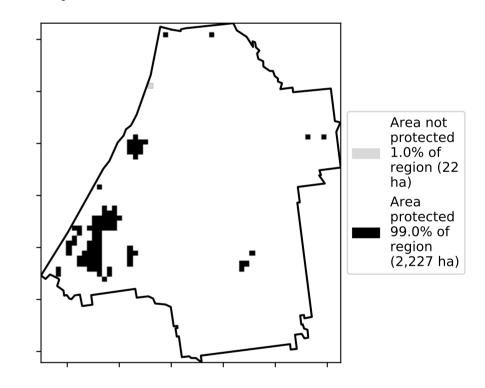


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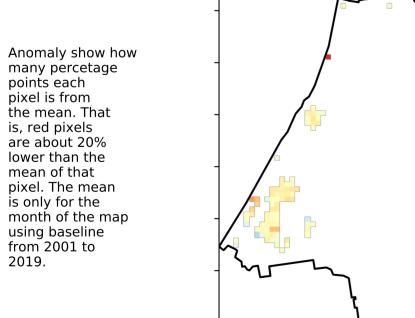
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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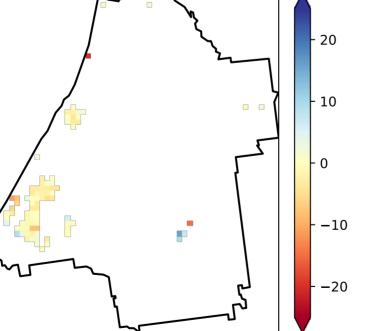


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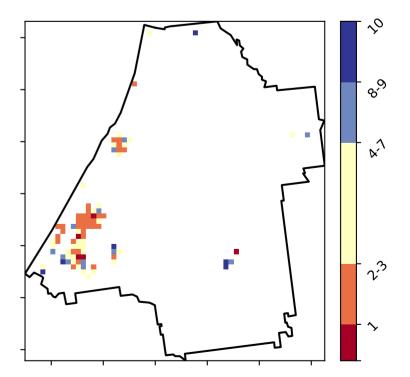
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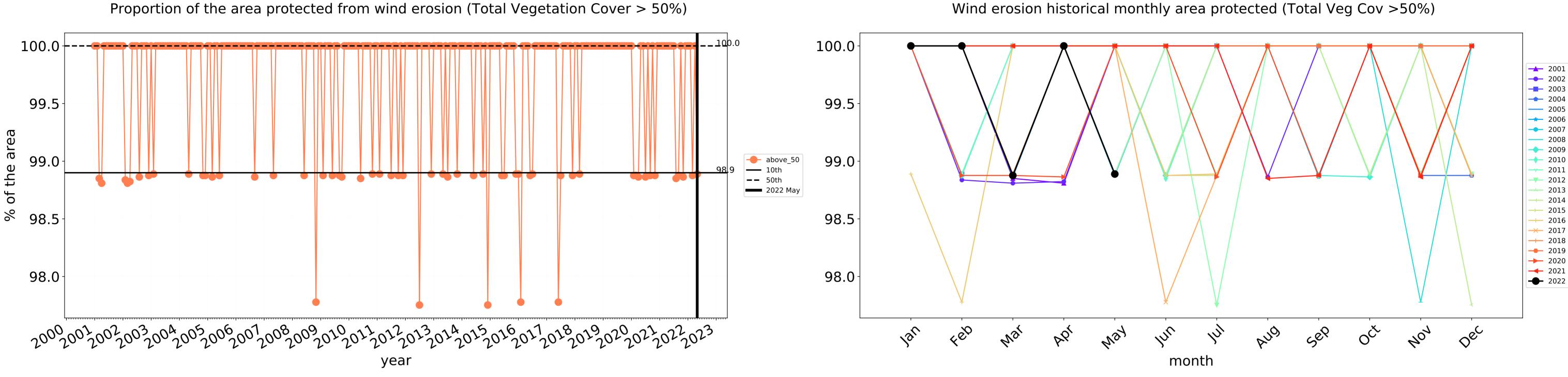
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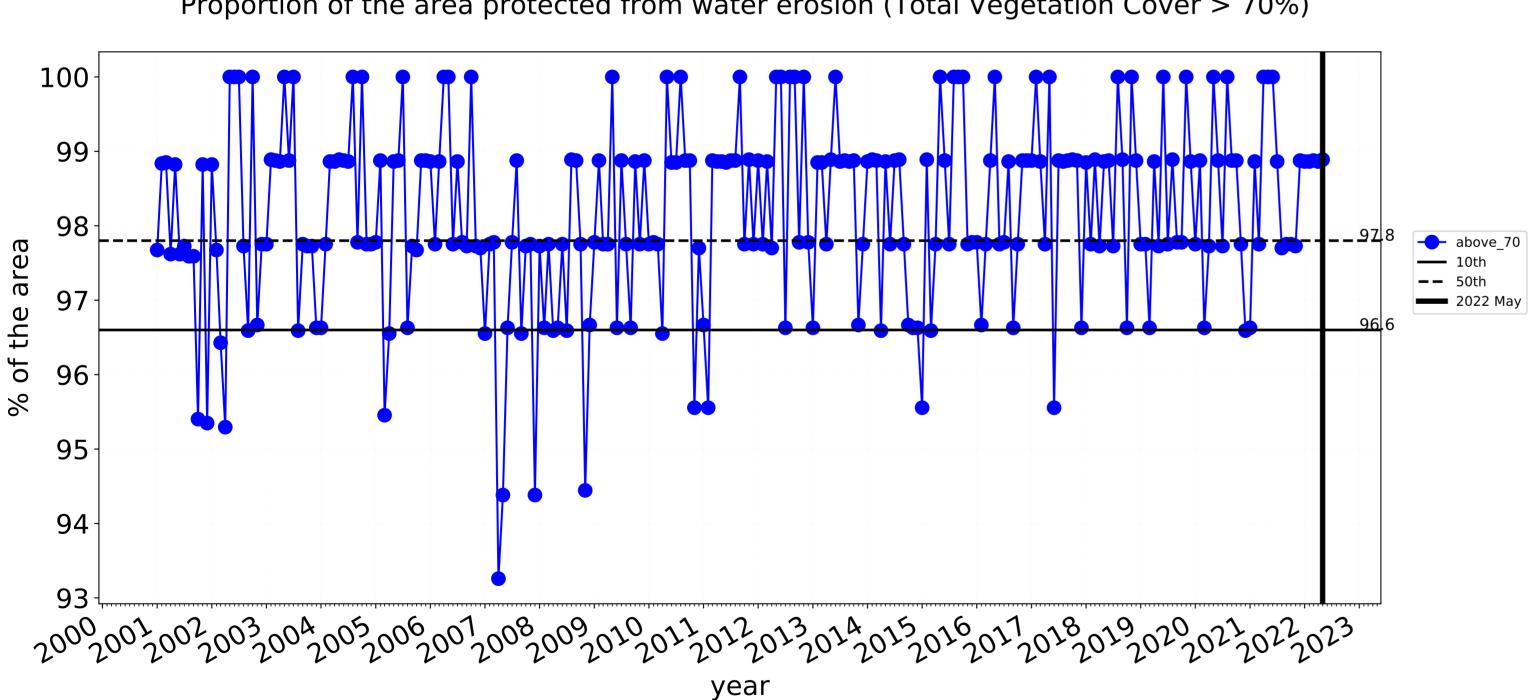


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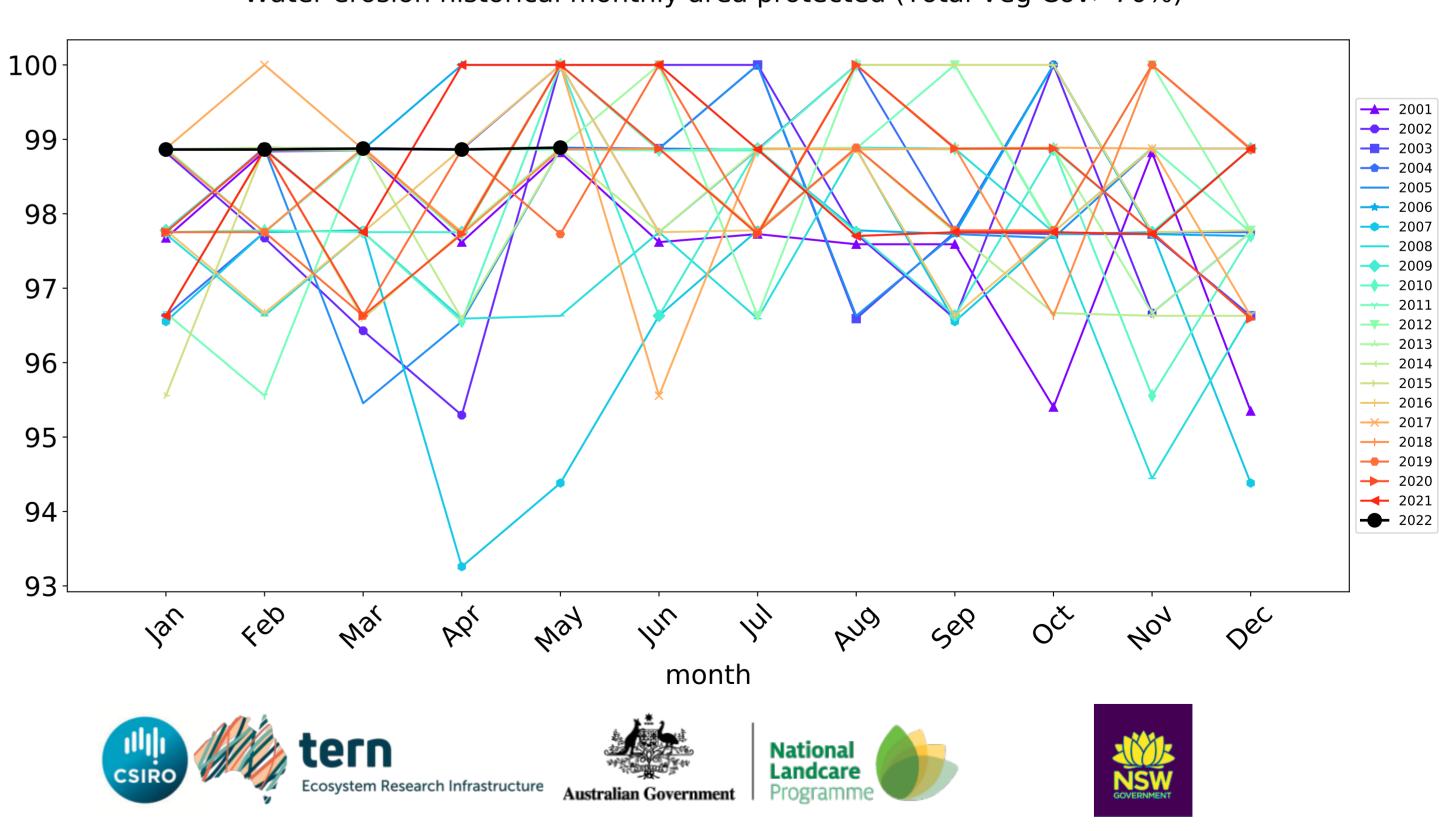




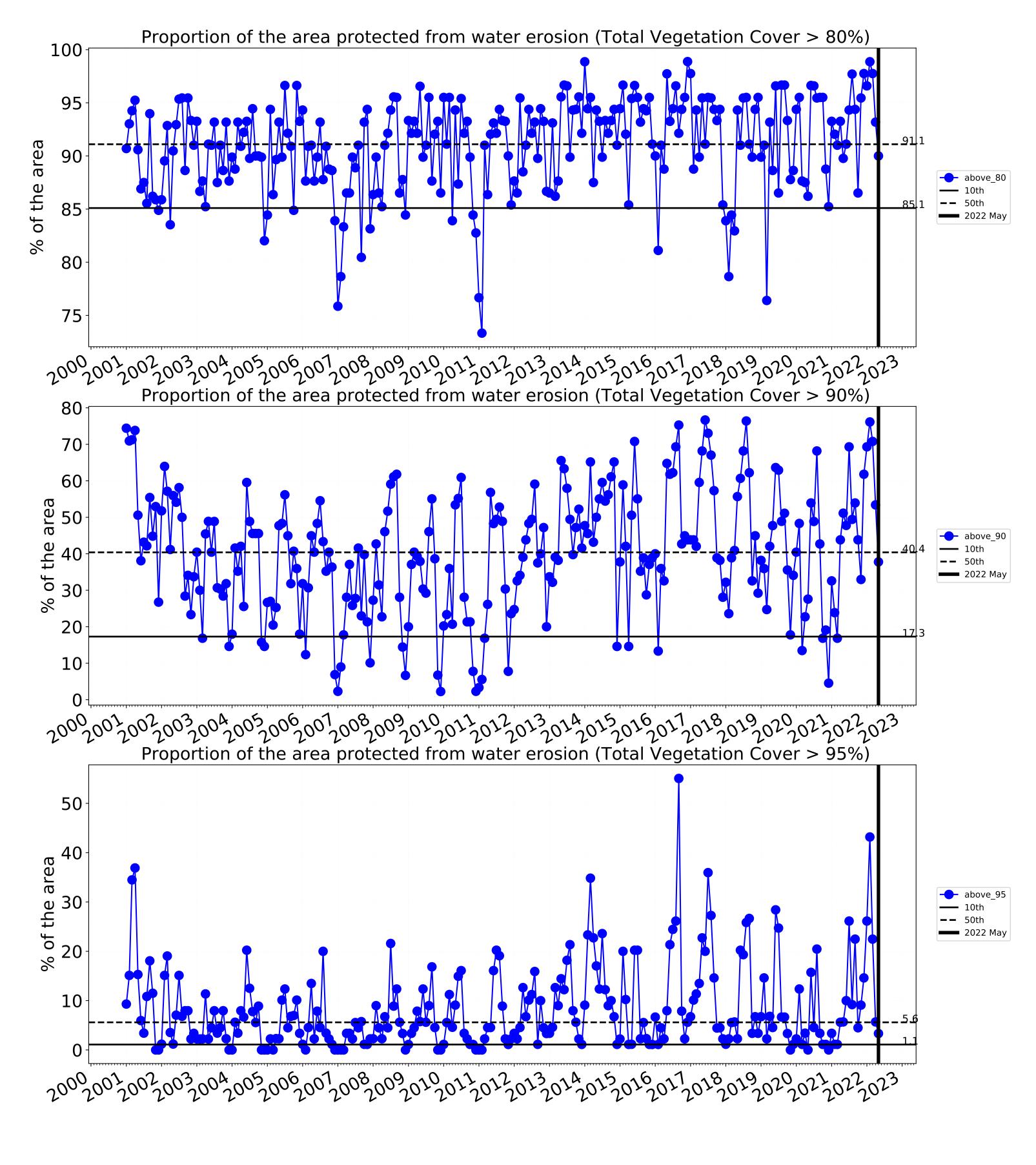


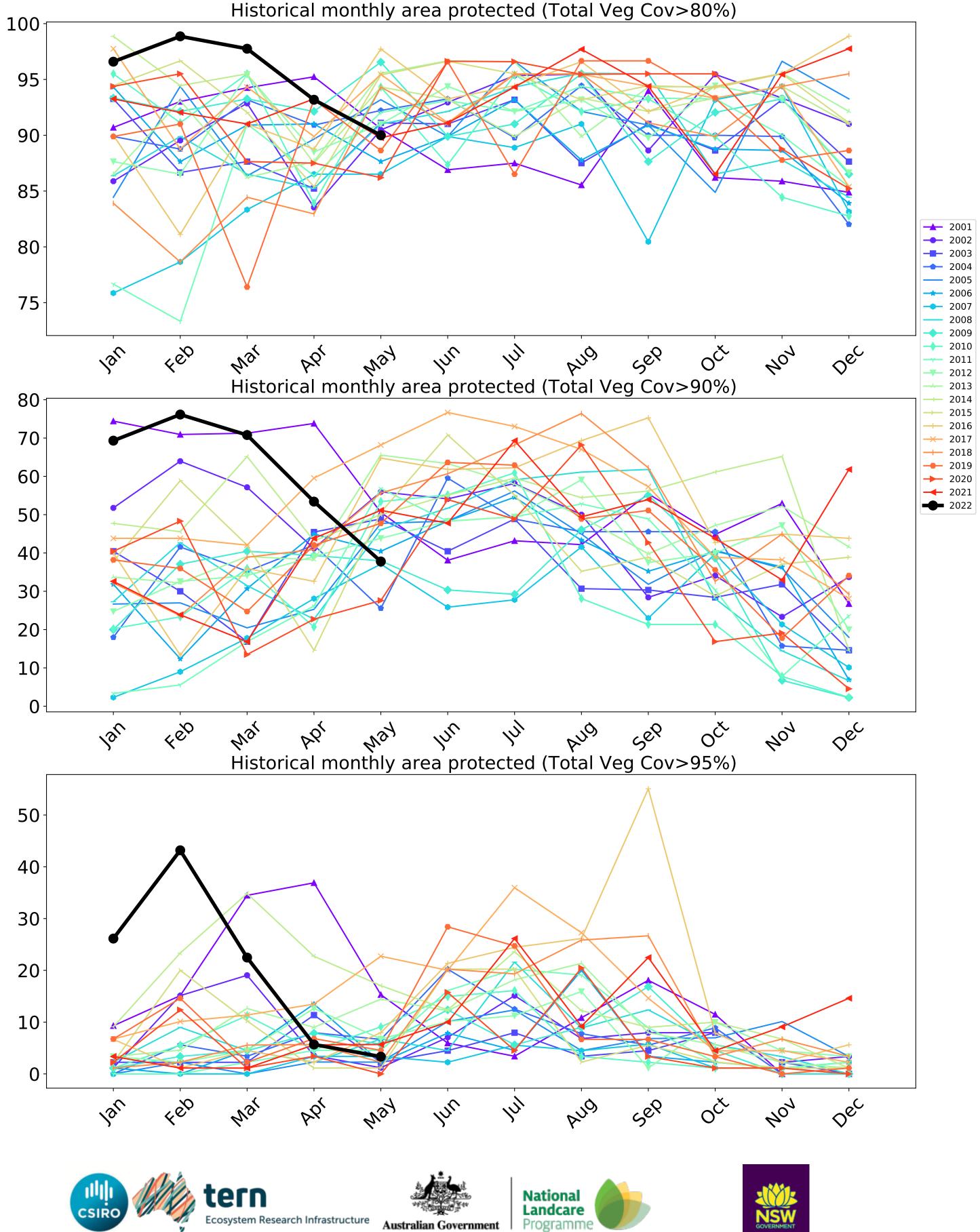


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



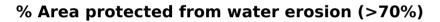


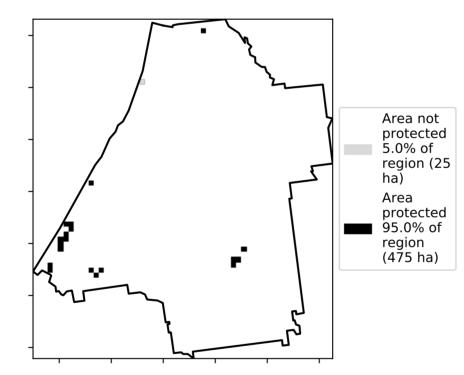


## **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

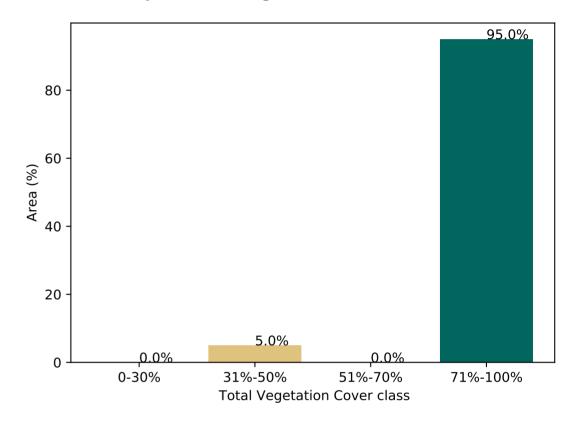
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

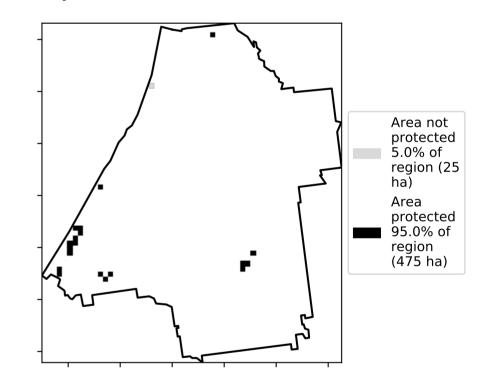


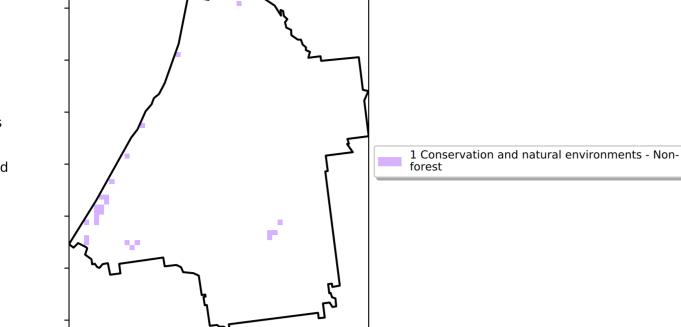


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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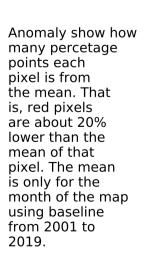
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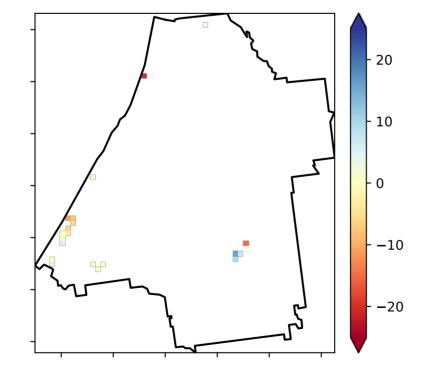
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Land use and forest cover

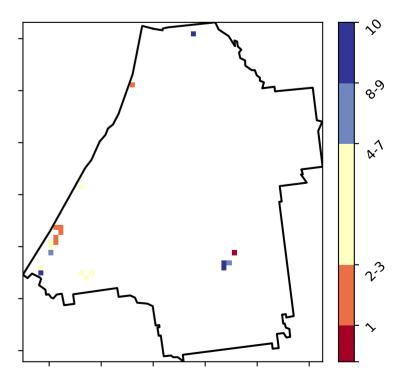
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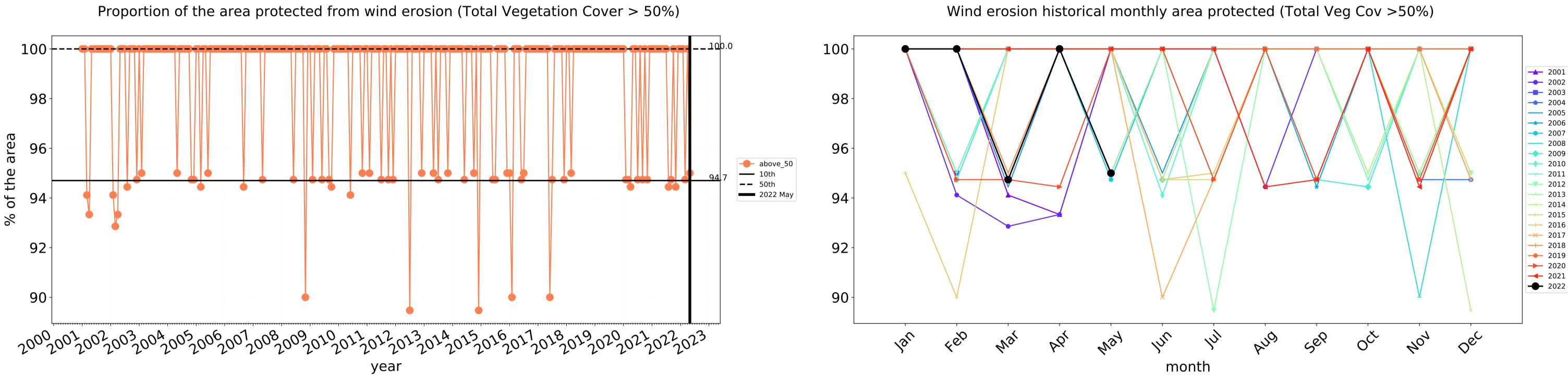
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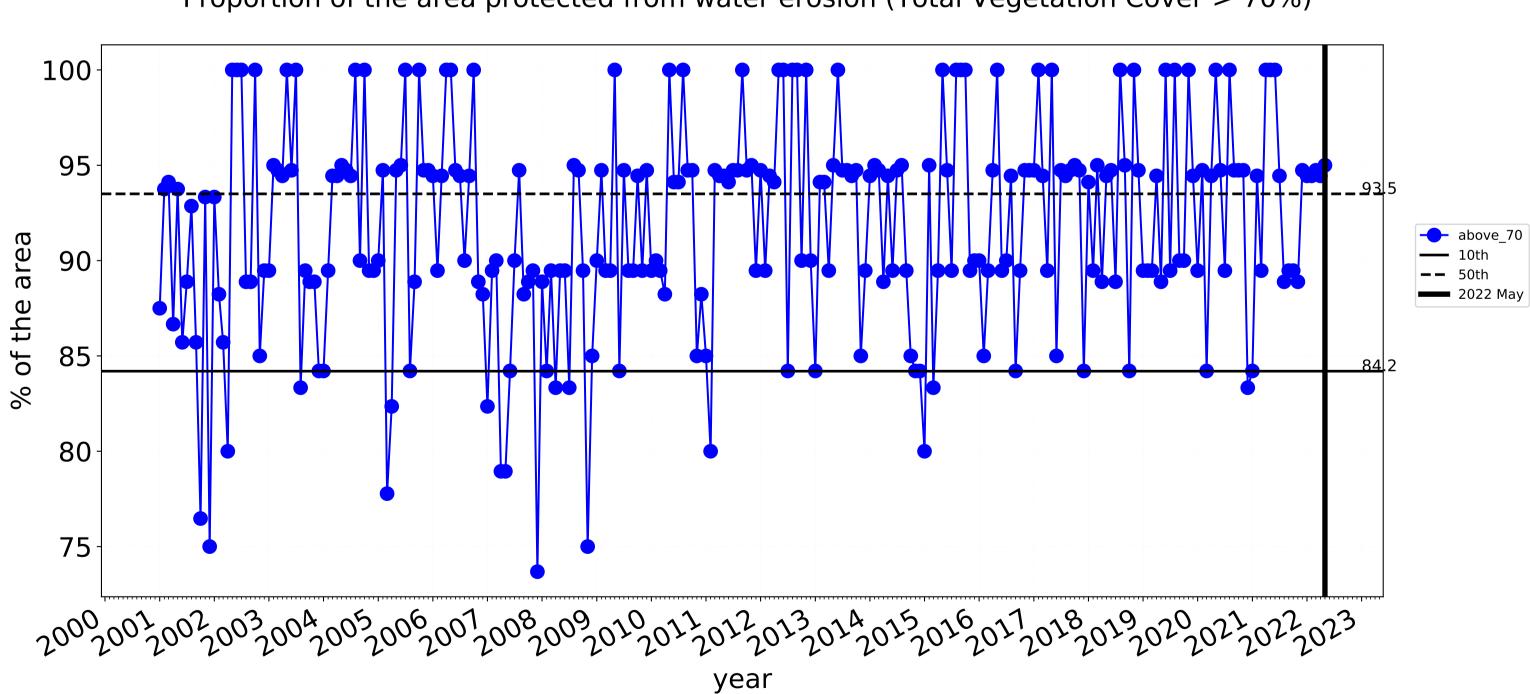


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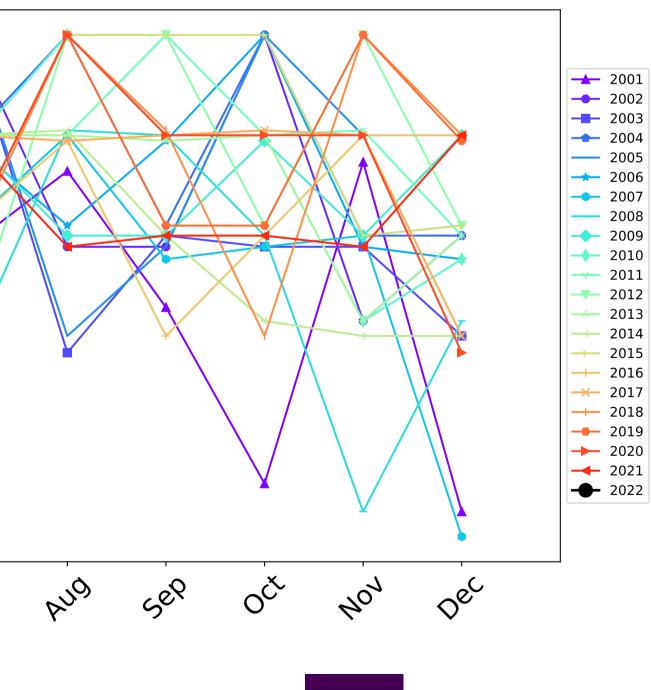


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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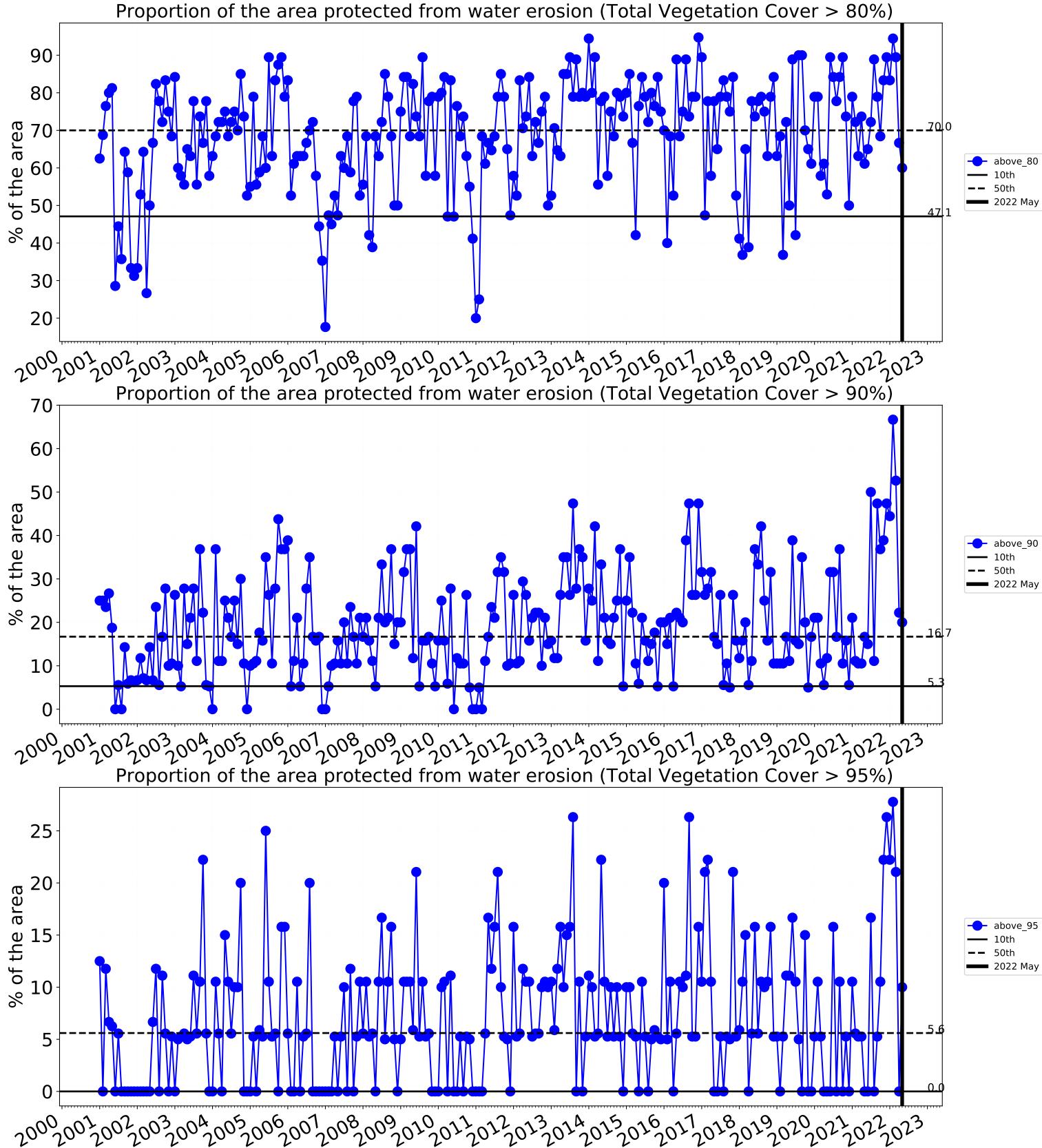
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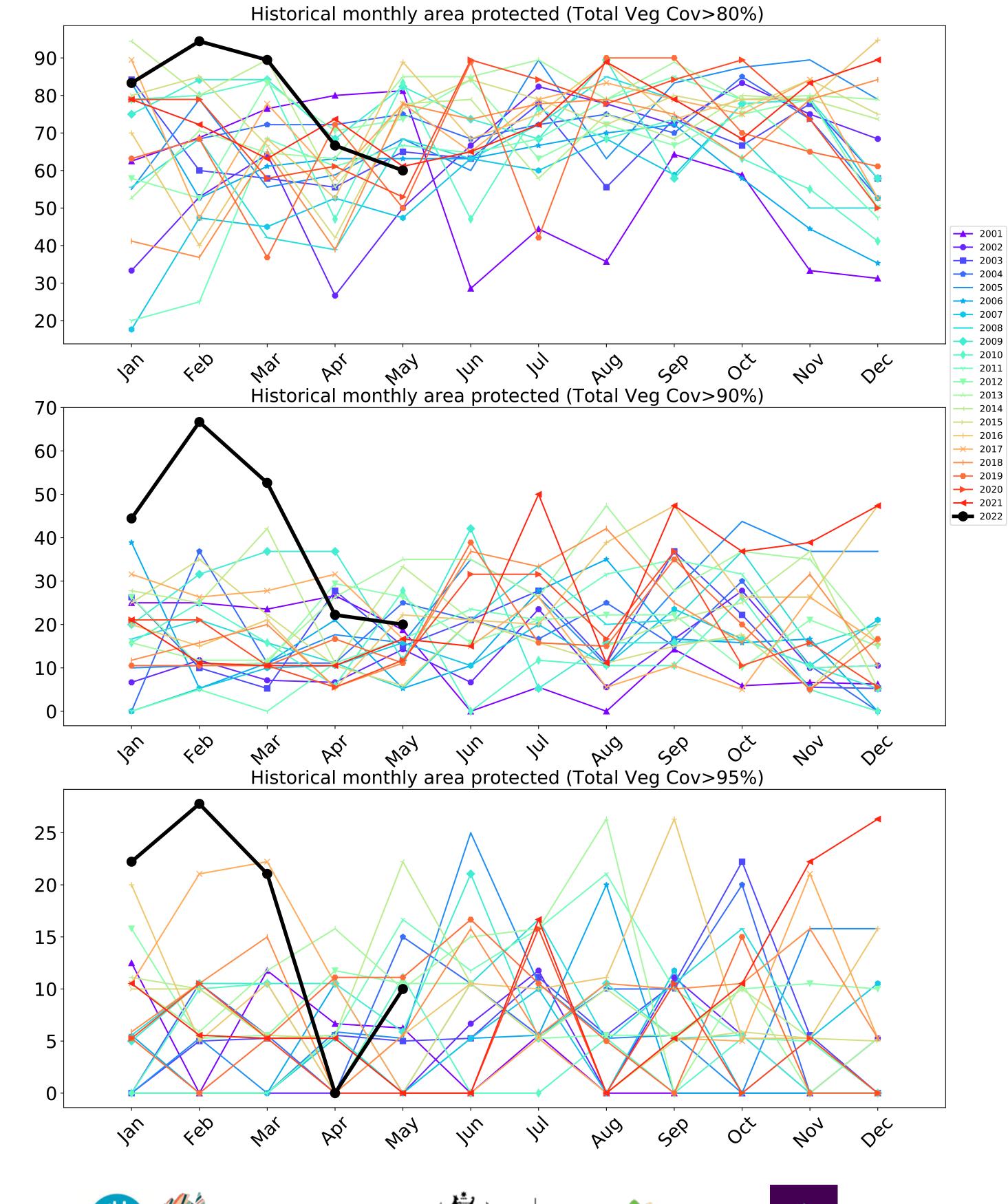
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

















## **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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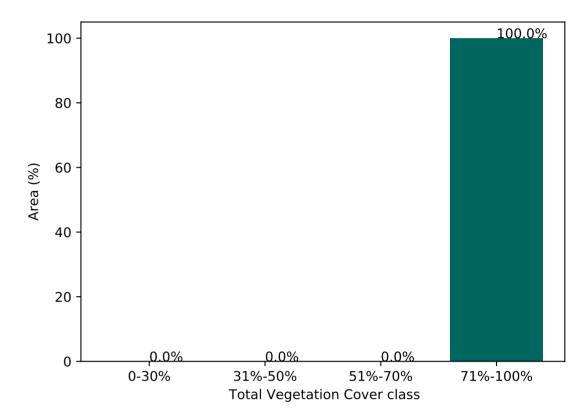
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







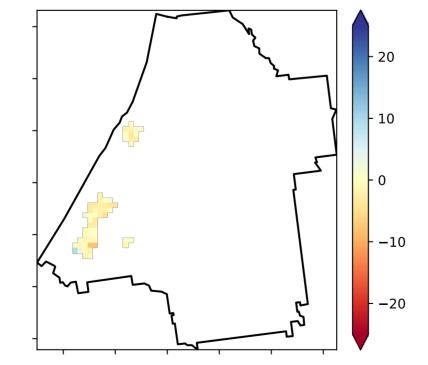
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



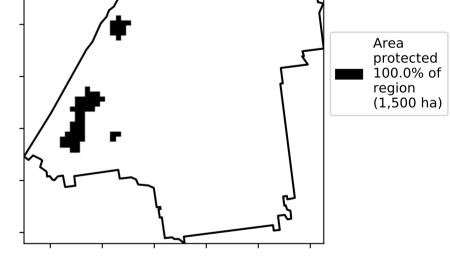


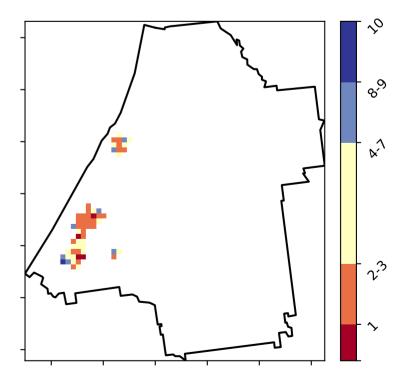
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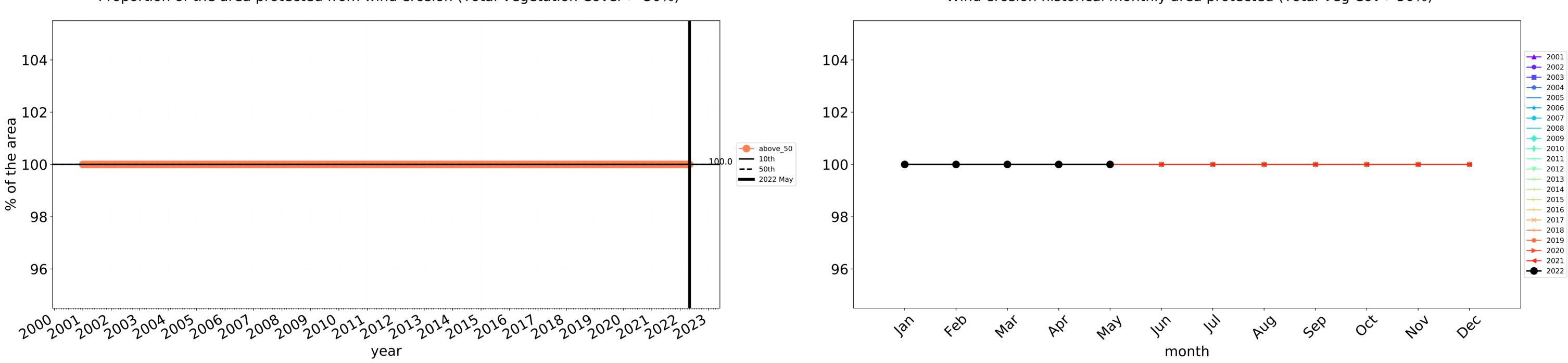


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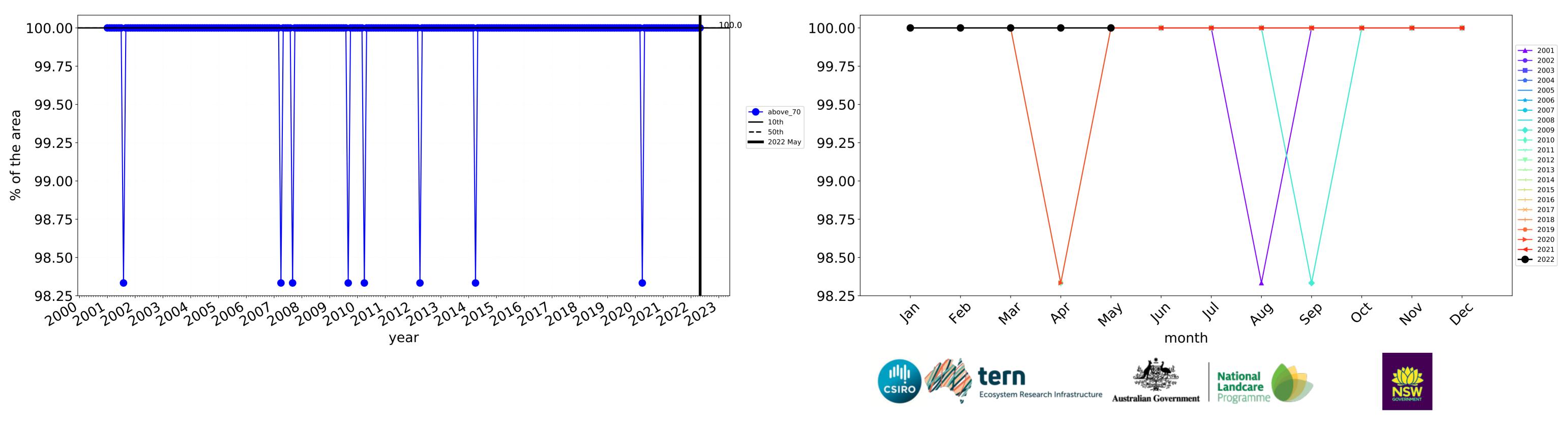






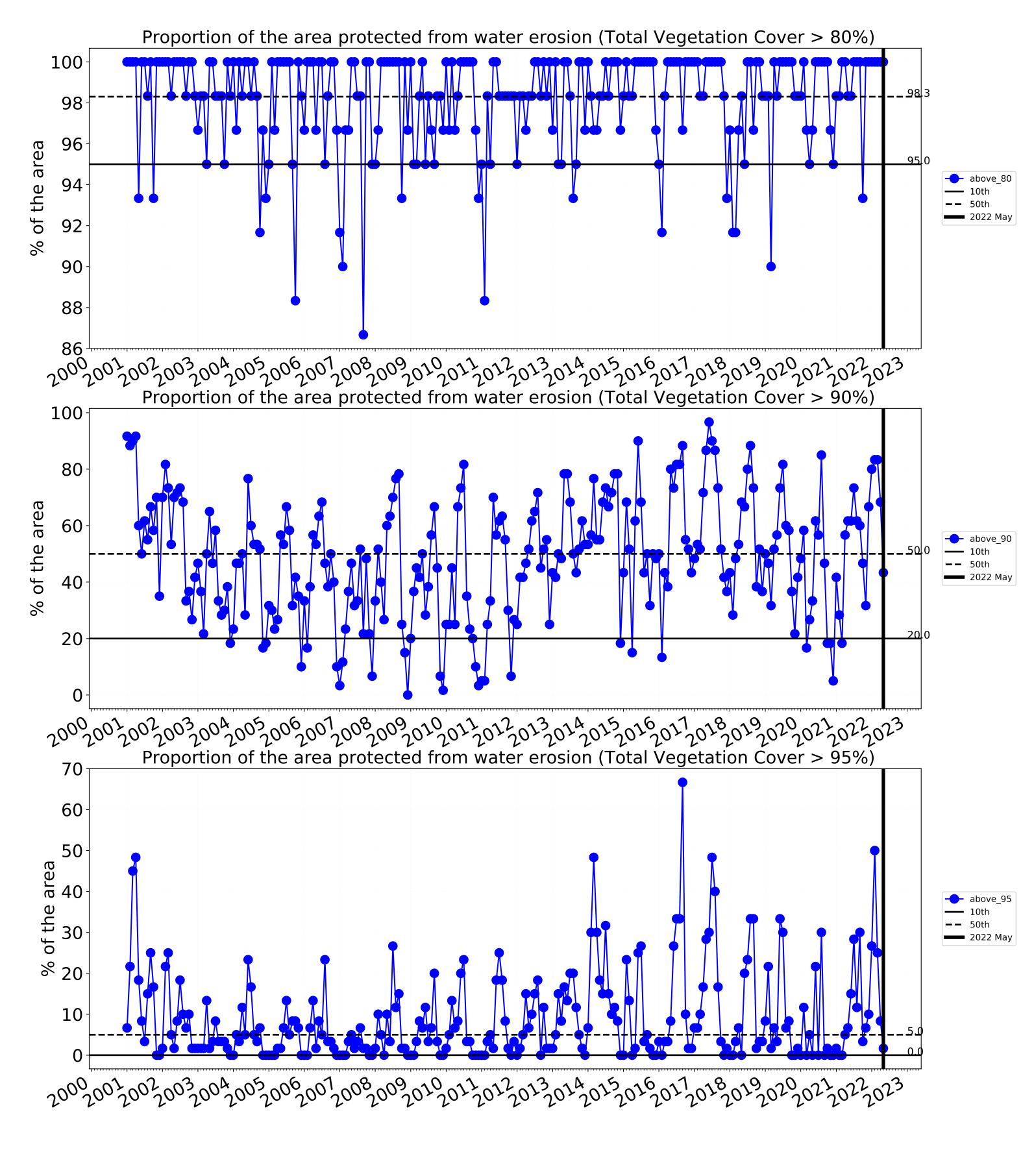
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

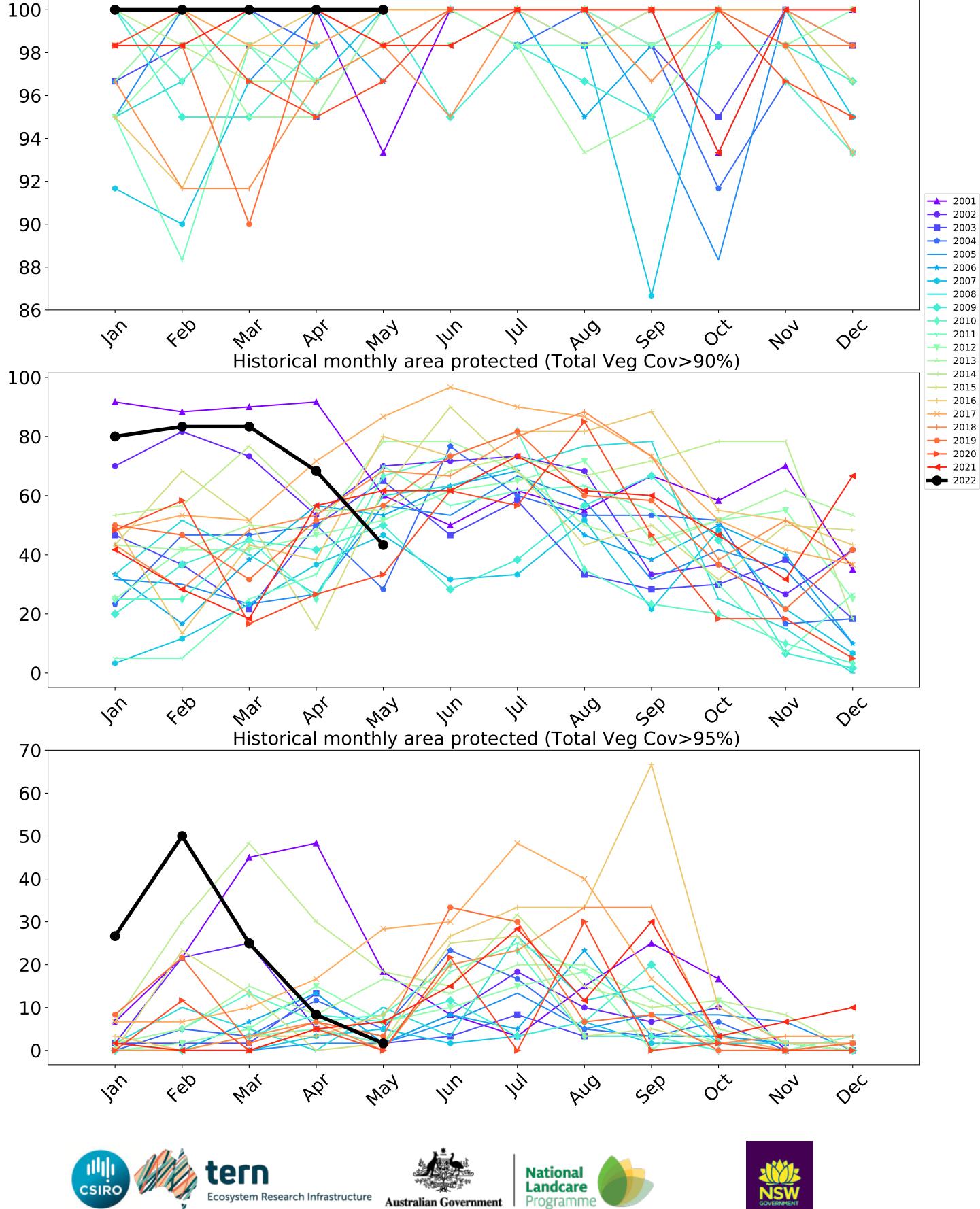
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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





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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

## Agriculture

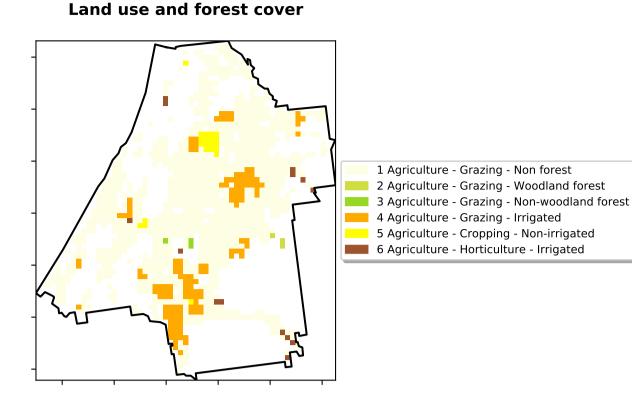
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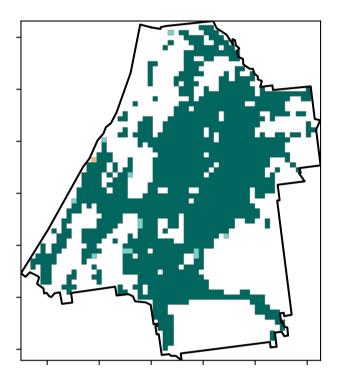
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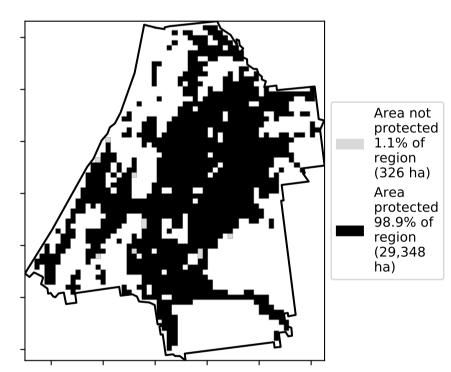
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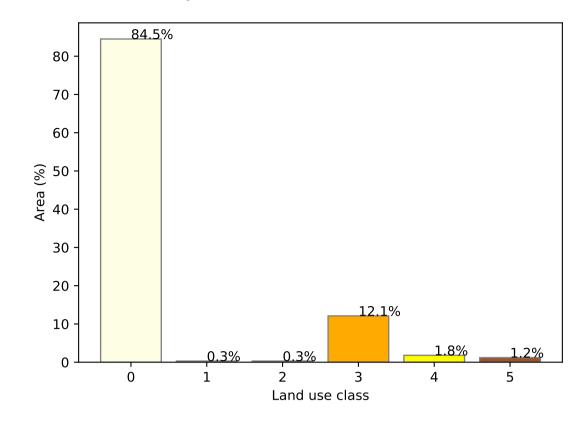


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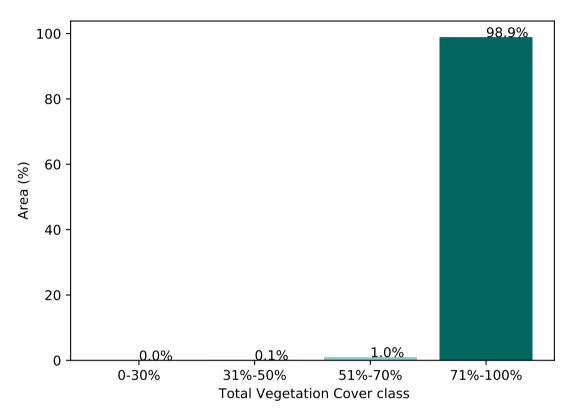






### Proportion of each land class in area

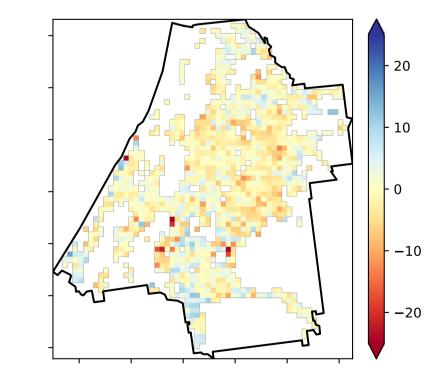
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



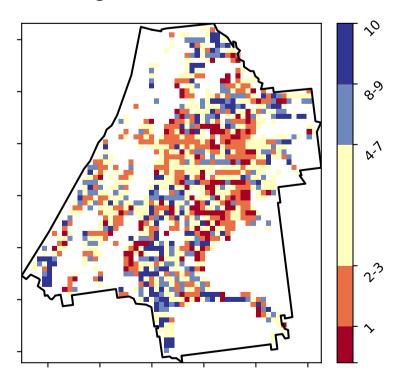
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



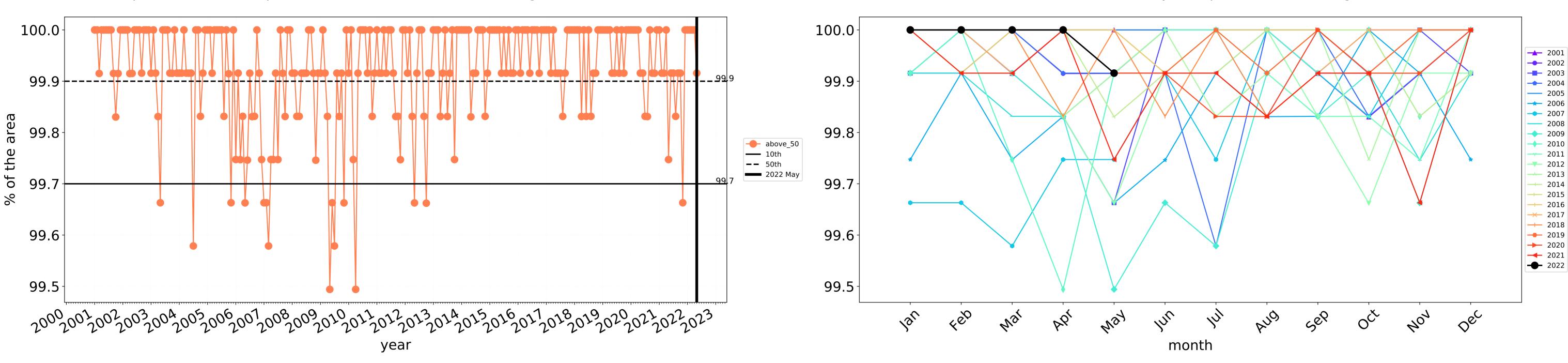
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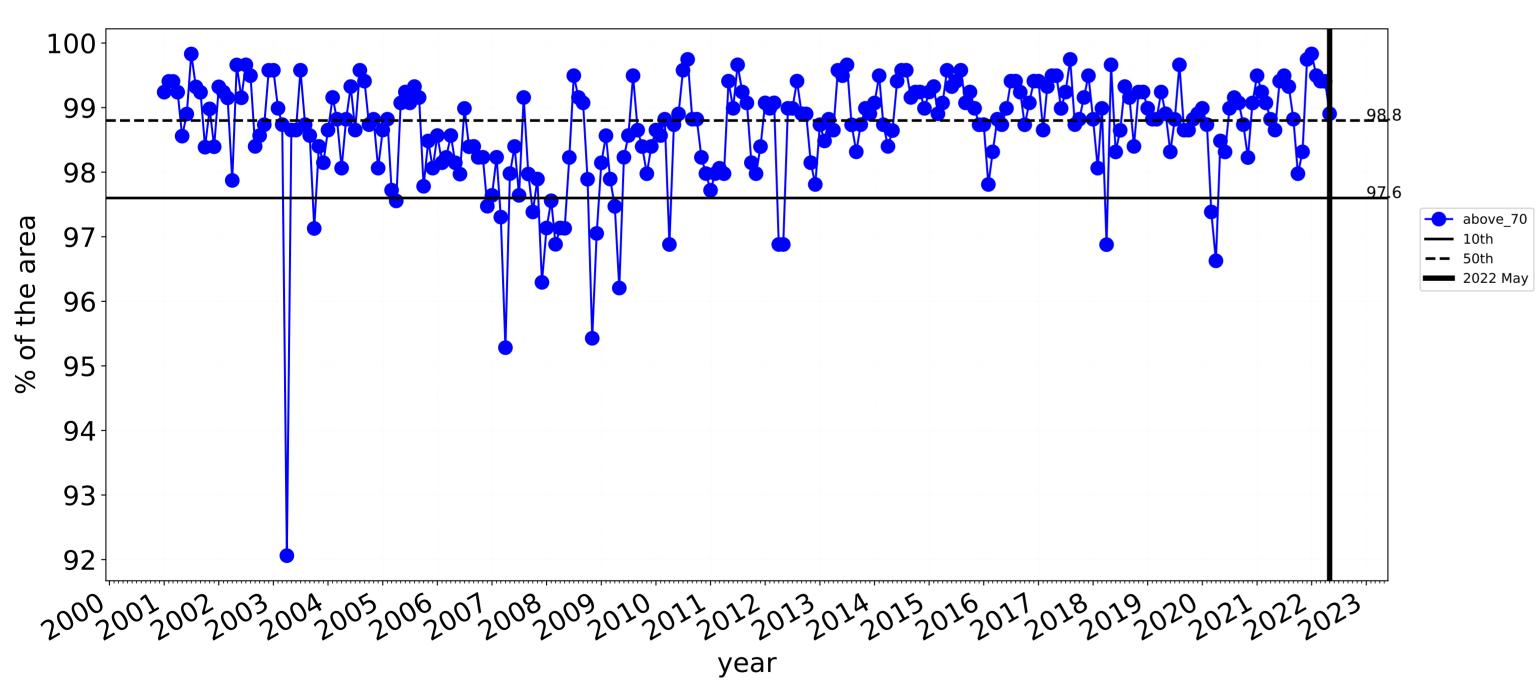


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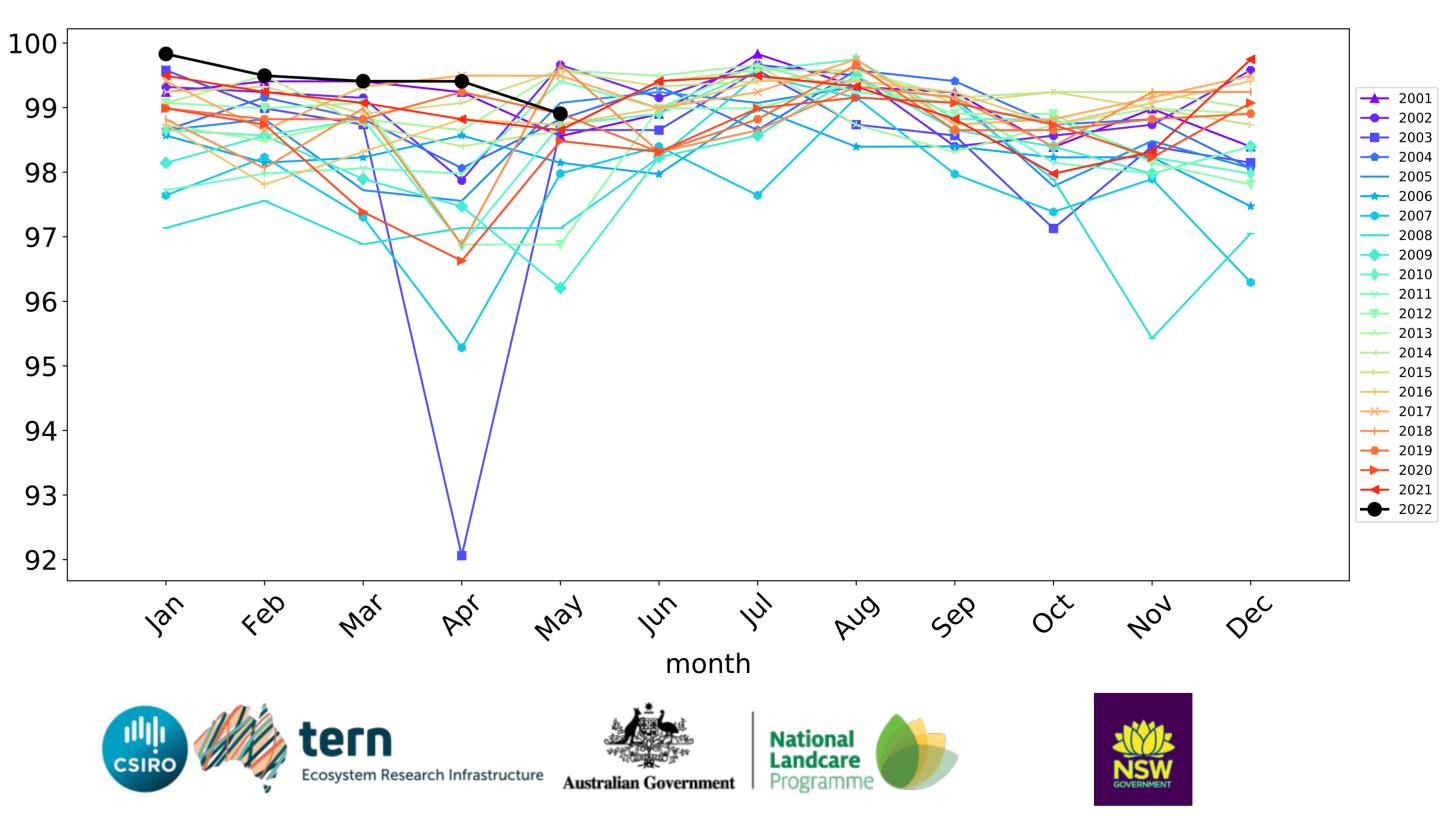
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

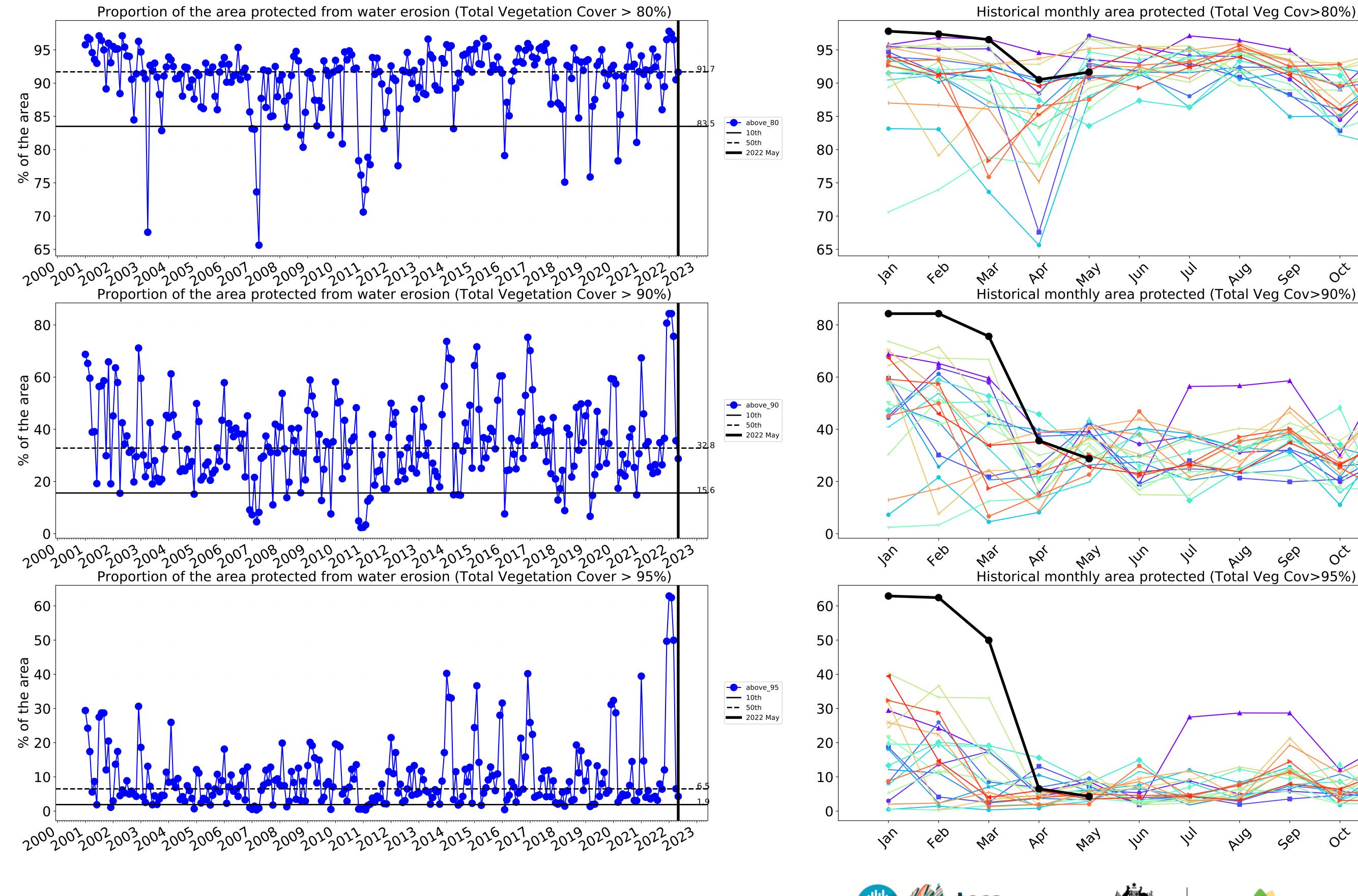


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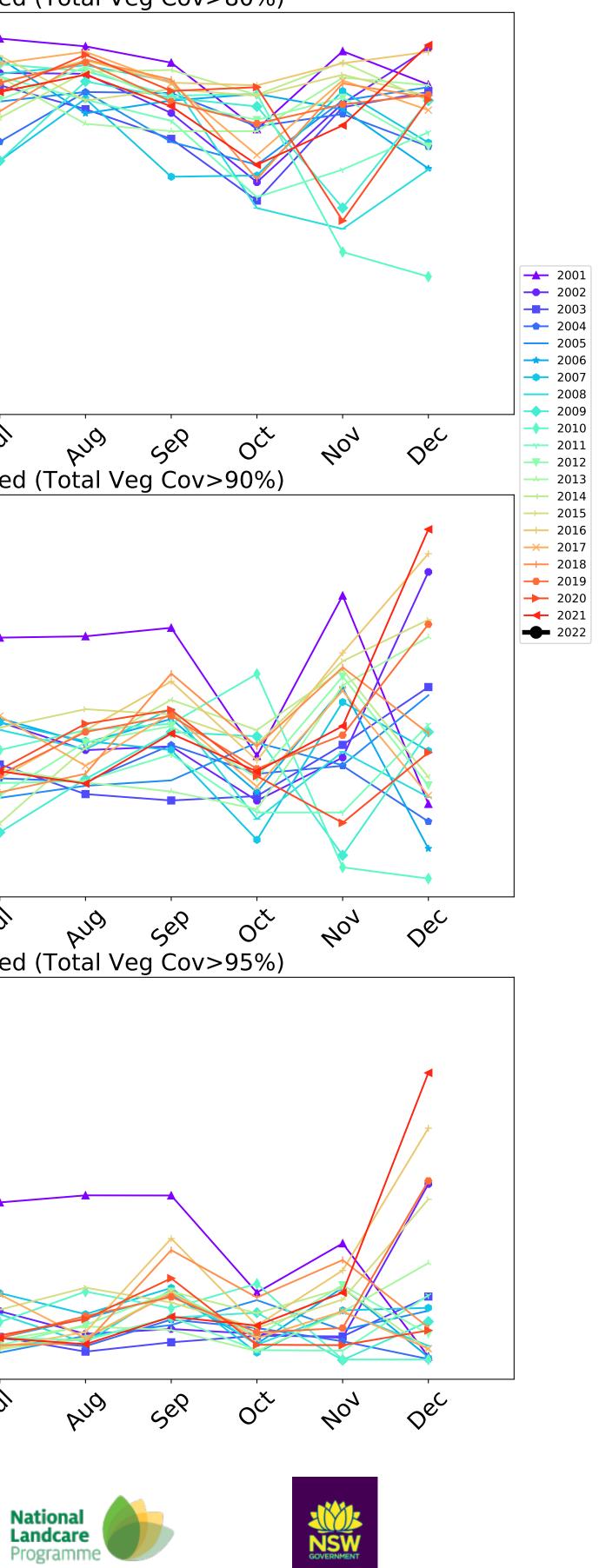
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





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Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



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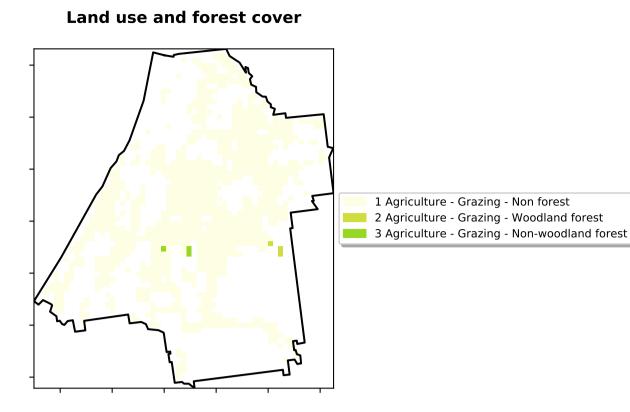
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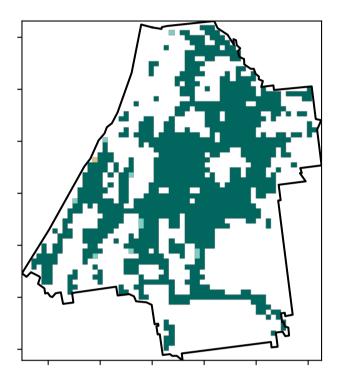
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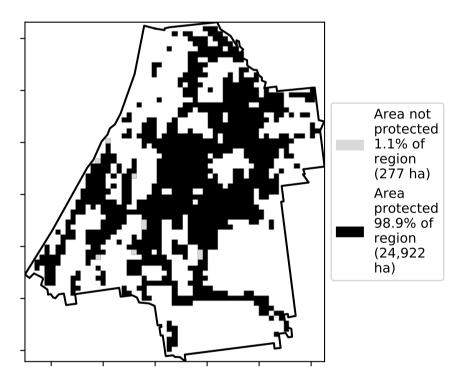
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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

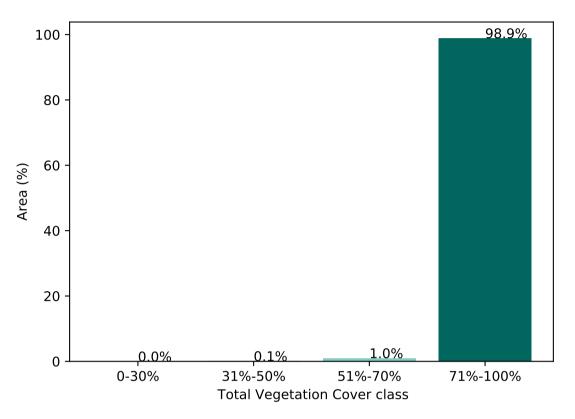


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

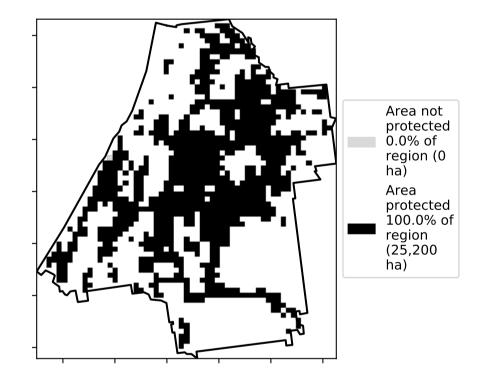


99.4% 100 80 Area (%) 60 40 20 0.3% 0.3% 0 -0.5 1.0 -0.5 0.0 2.5 1.5 2.0 Land use class

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

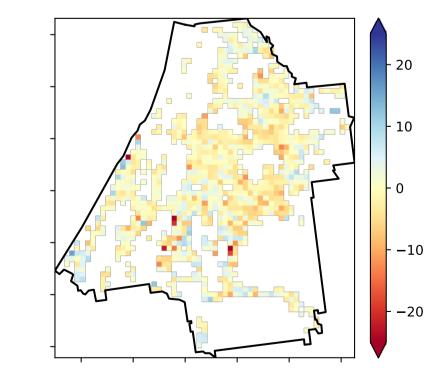


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

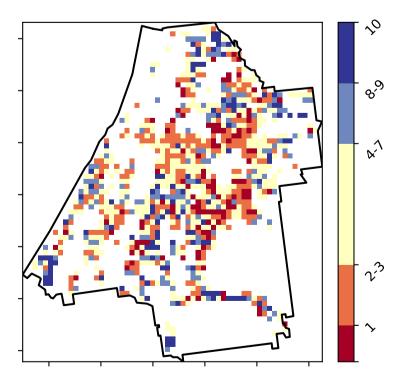


### Proportion of each land class in area

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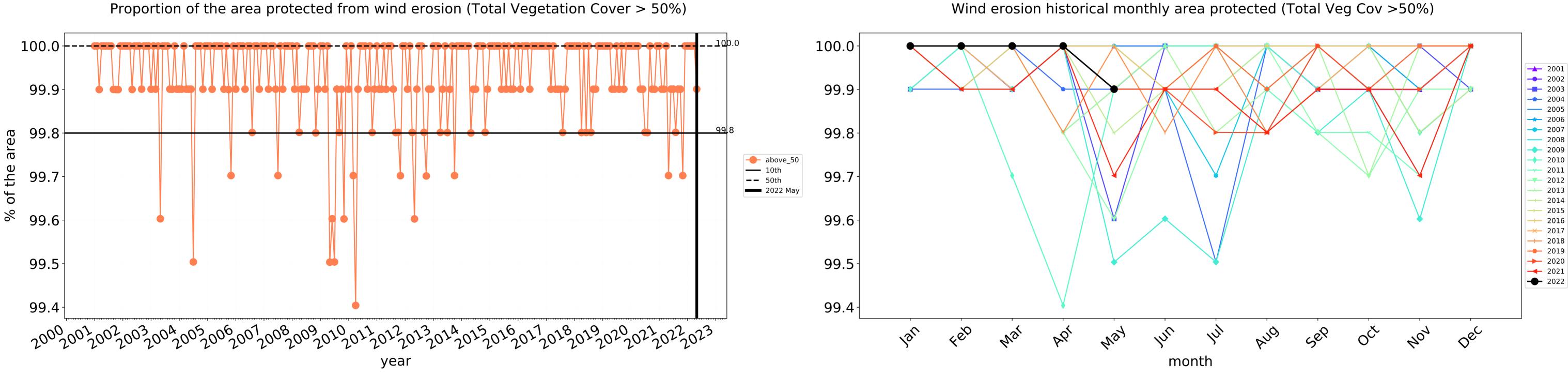


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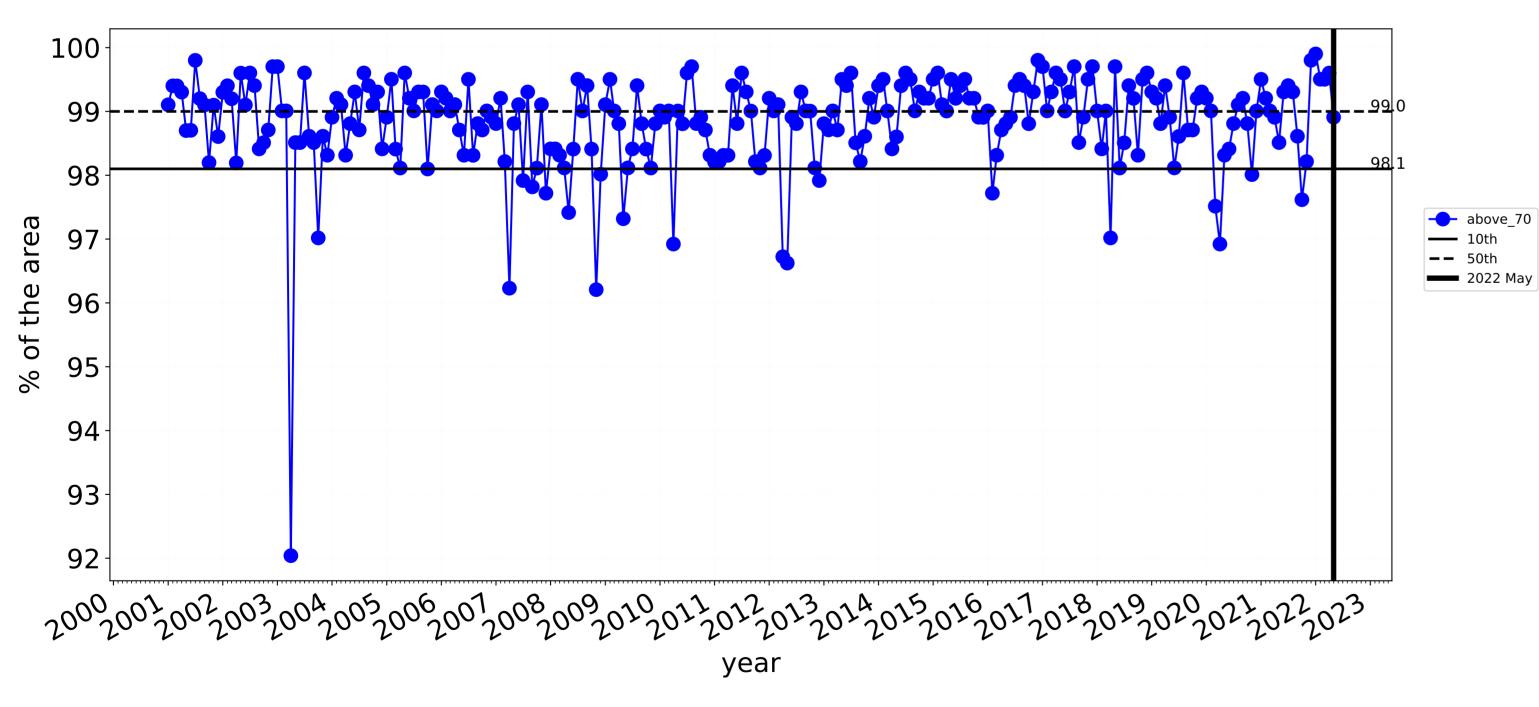




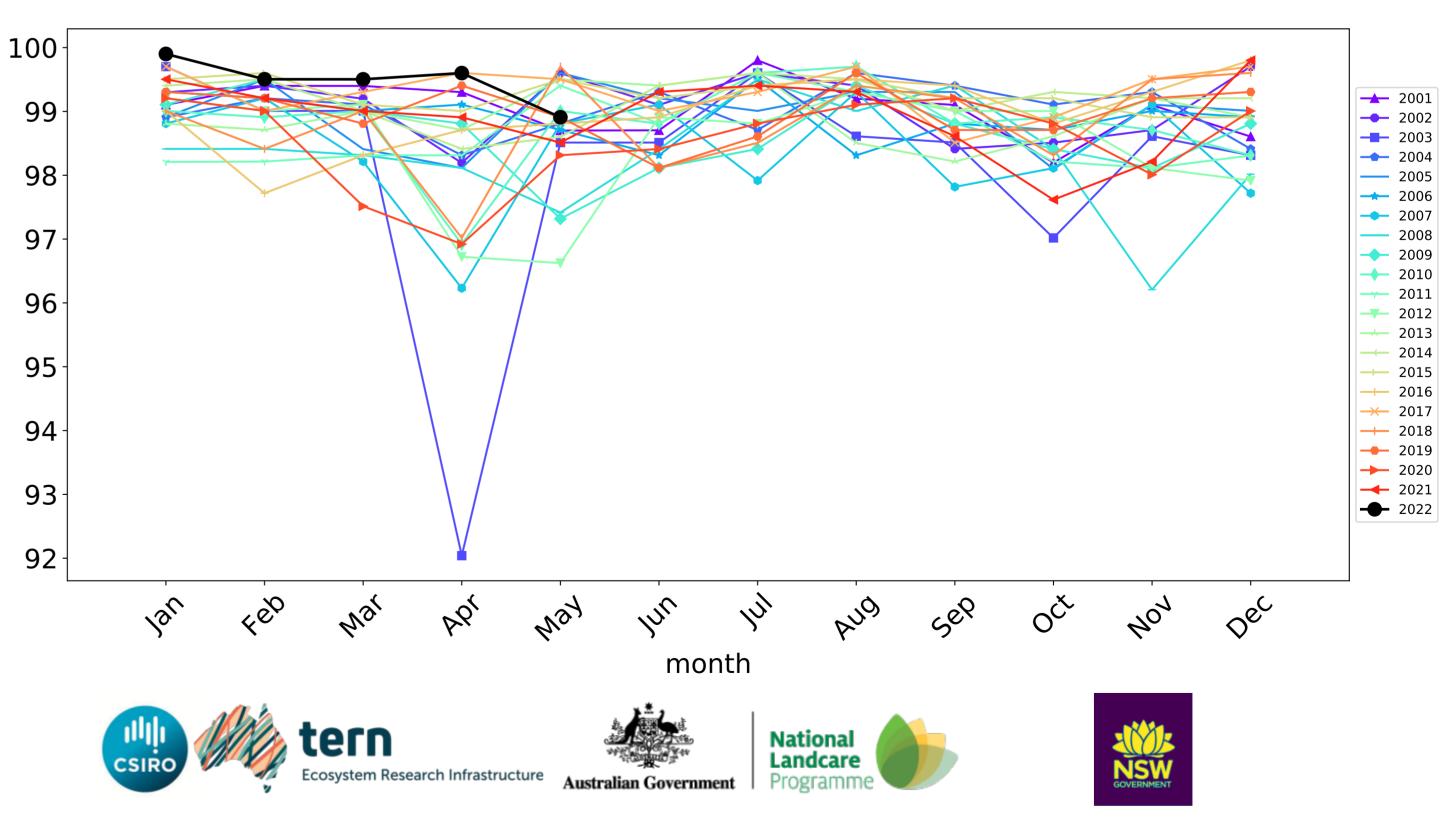
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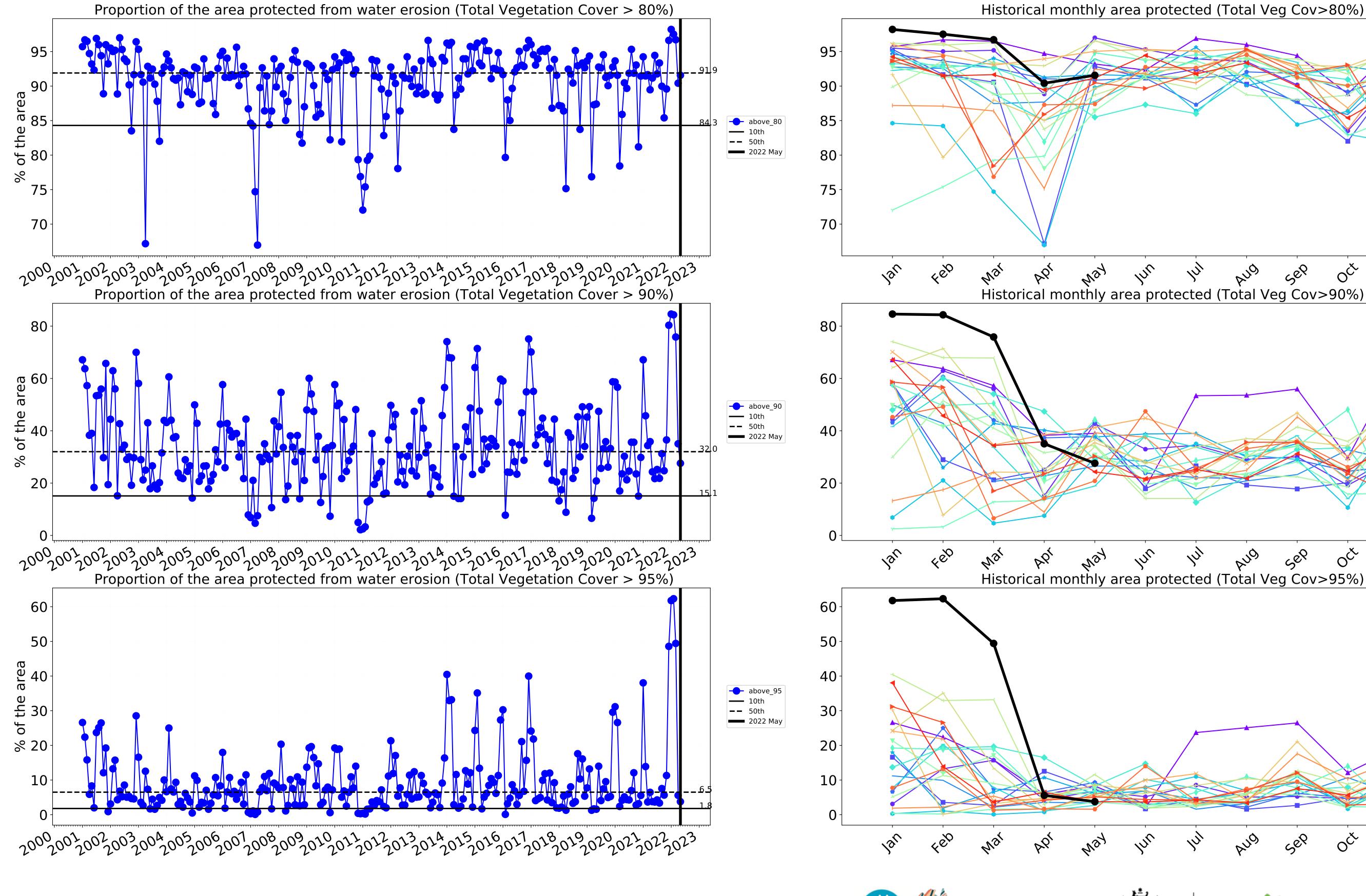


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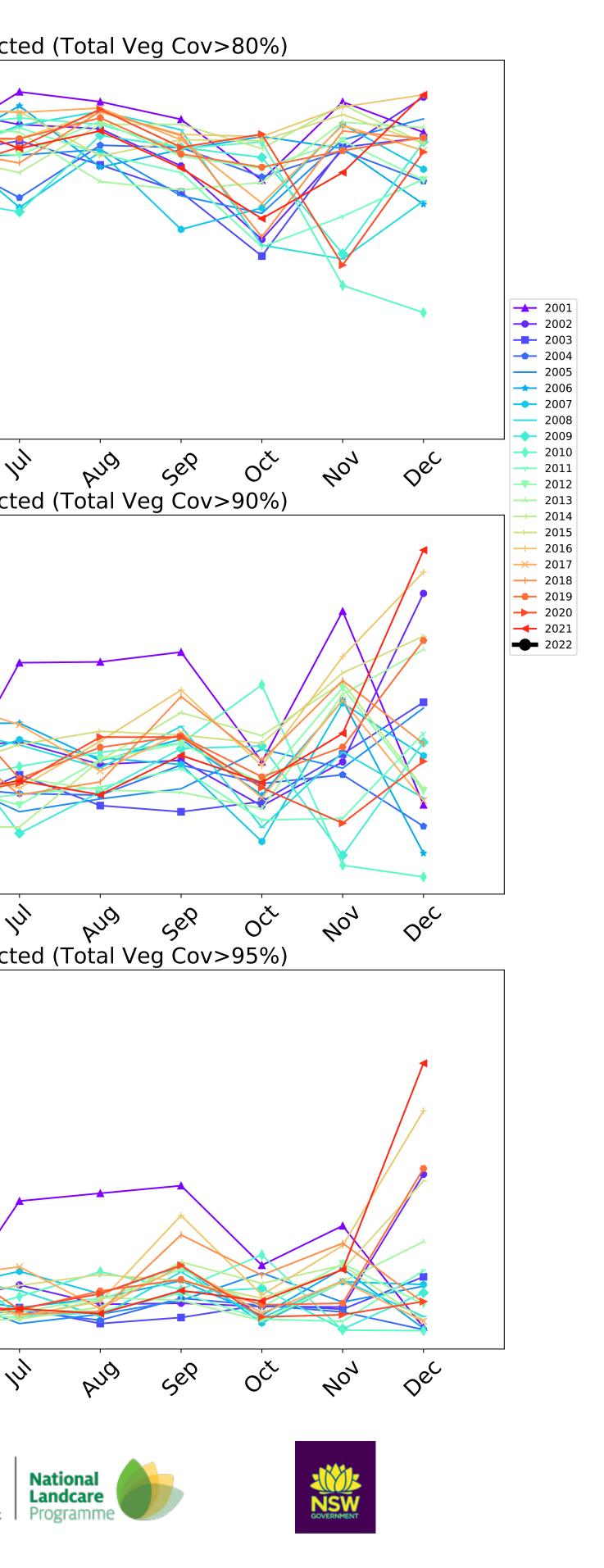


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)









## **Grazing non forest**

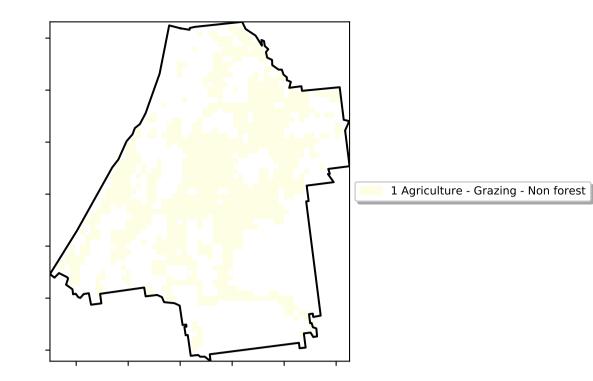
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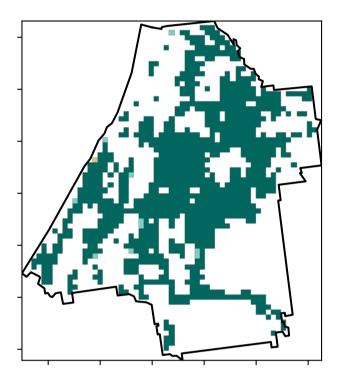
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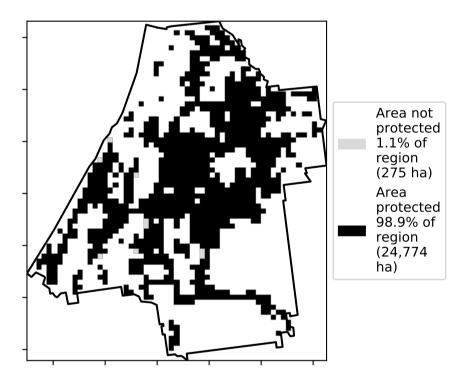
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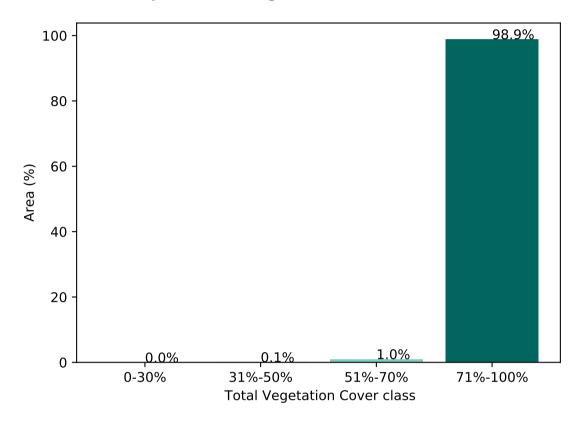
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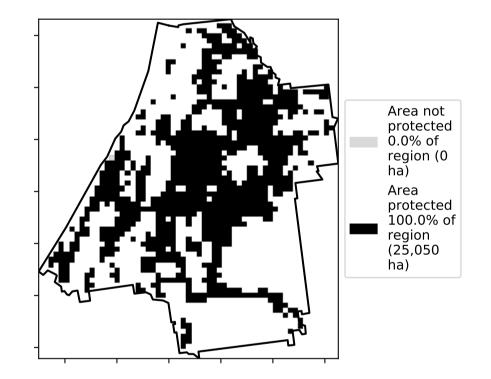




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

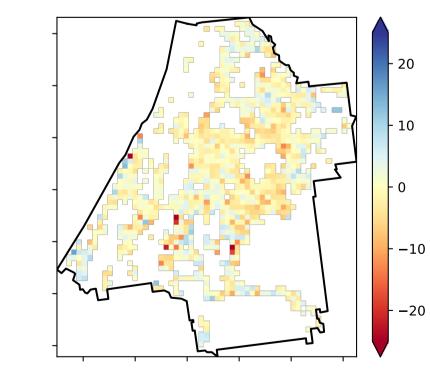


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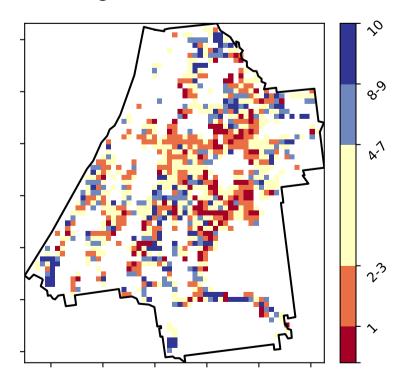




**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



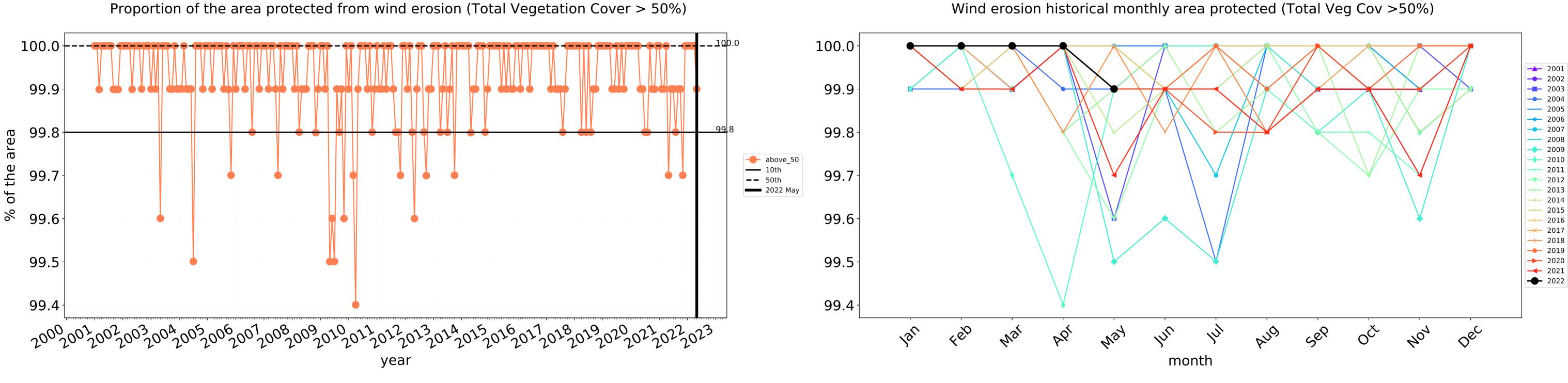
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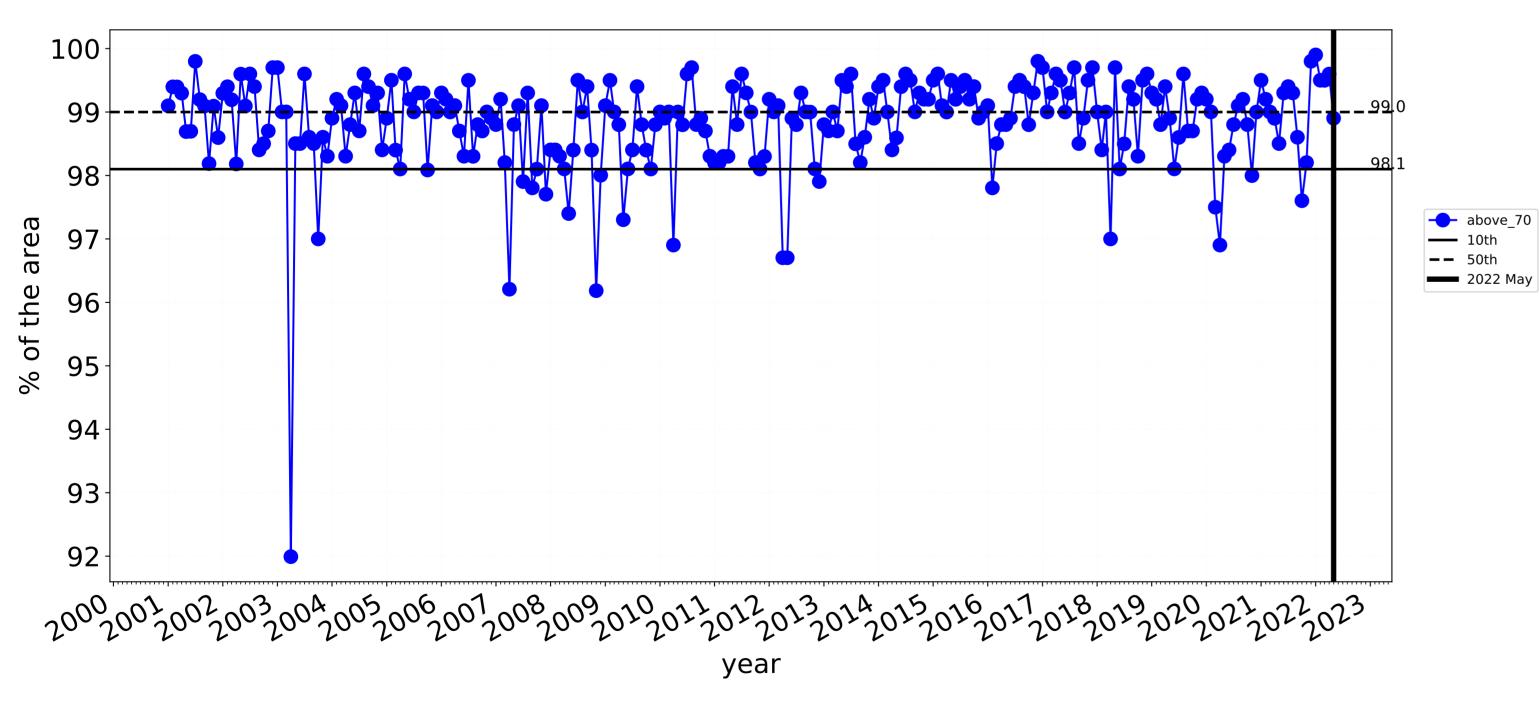
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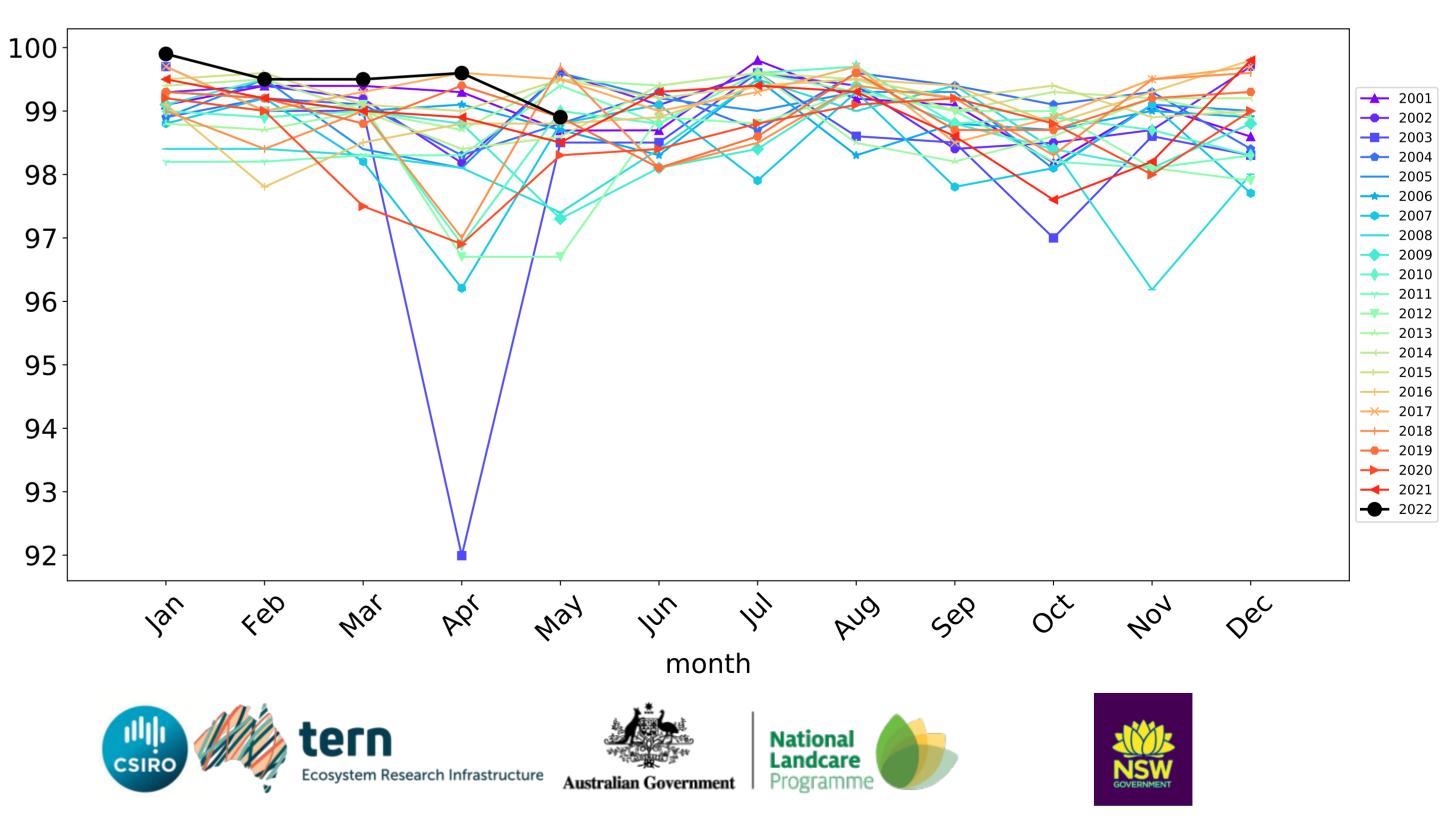


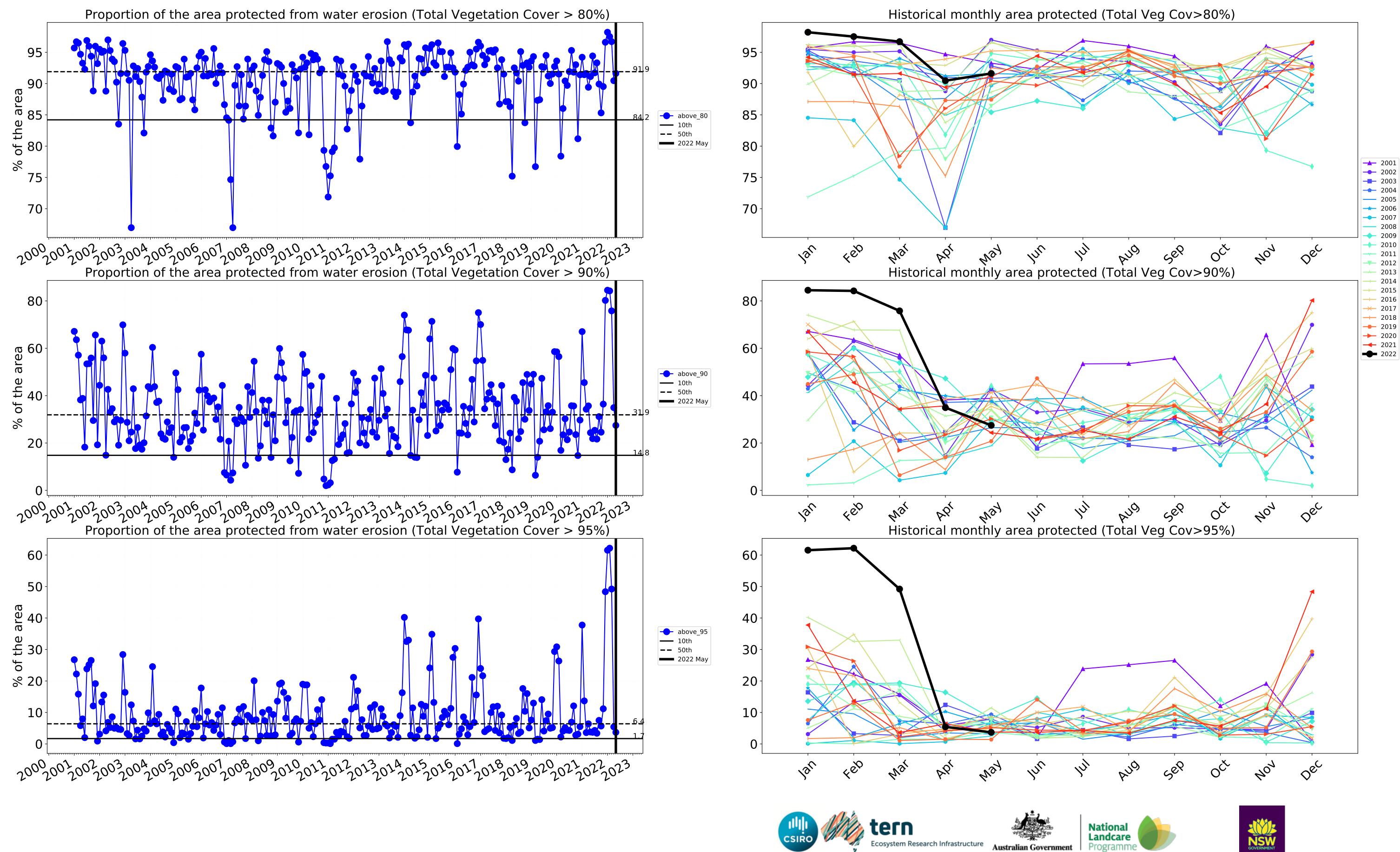
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

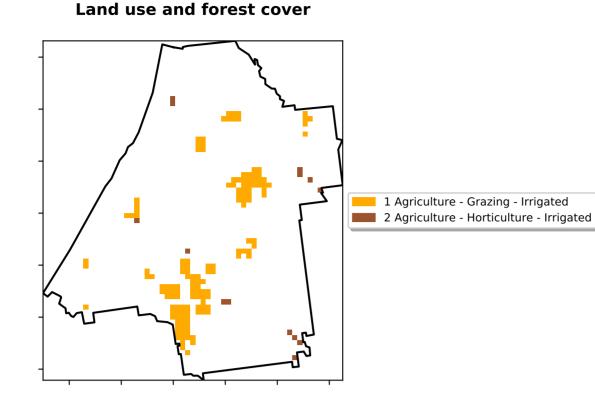




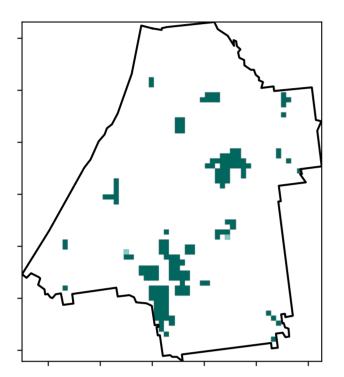


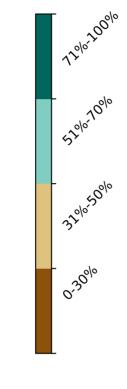
## Irrigation

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

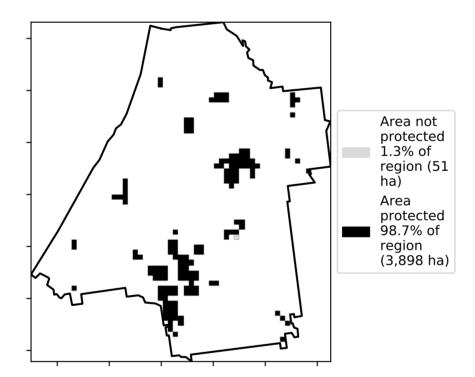


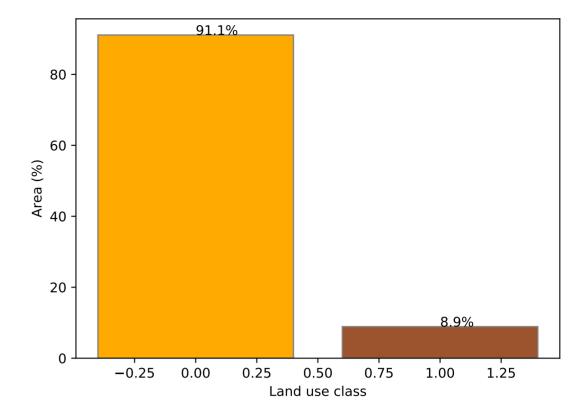
Total Vegetation Cover [%]





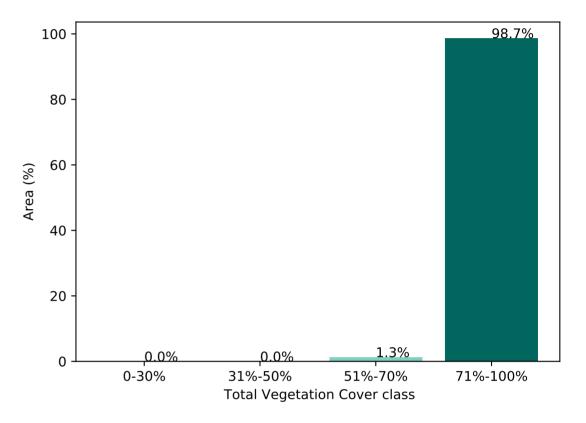
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

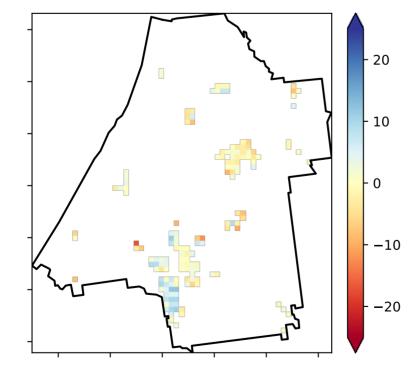


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

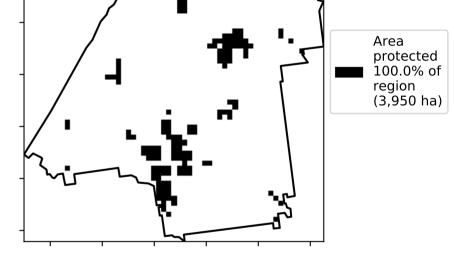


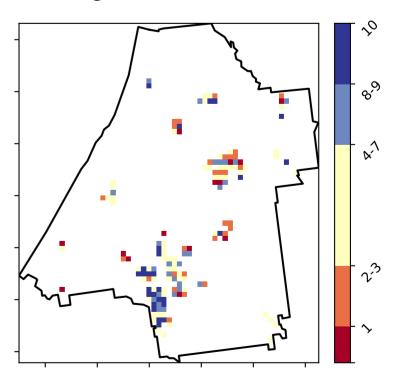
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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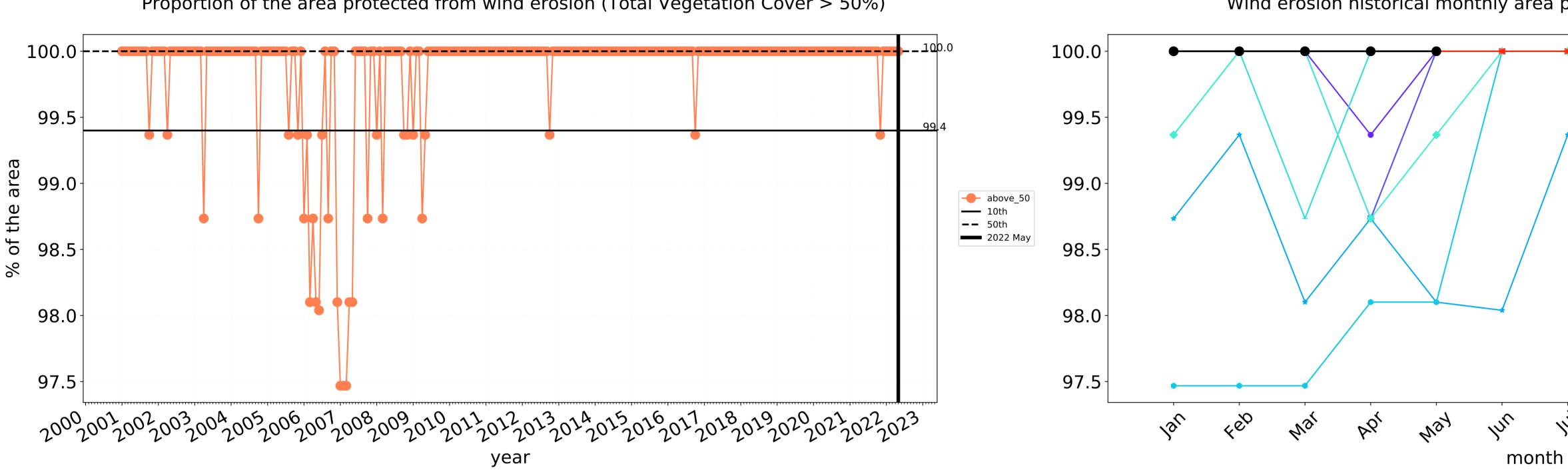


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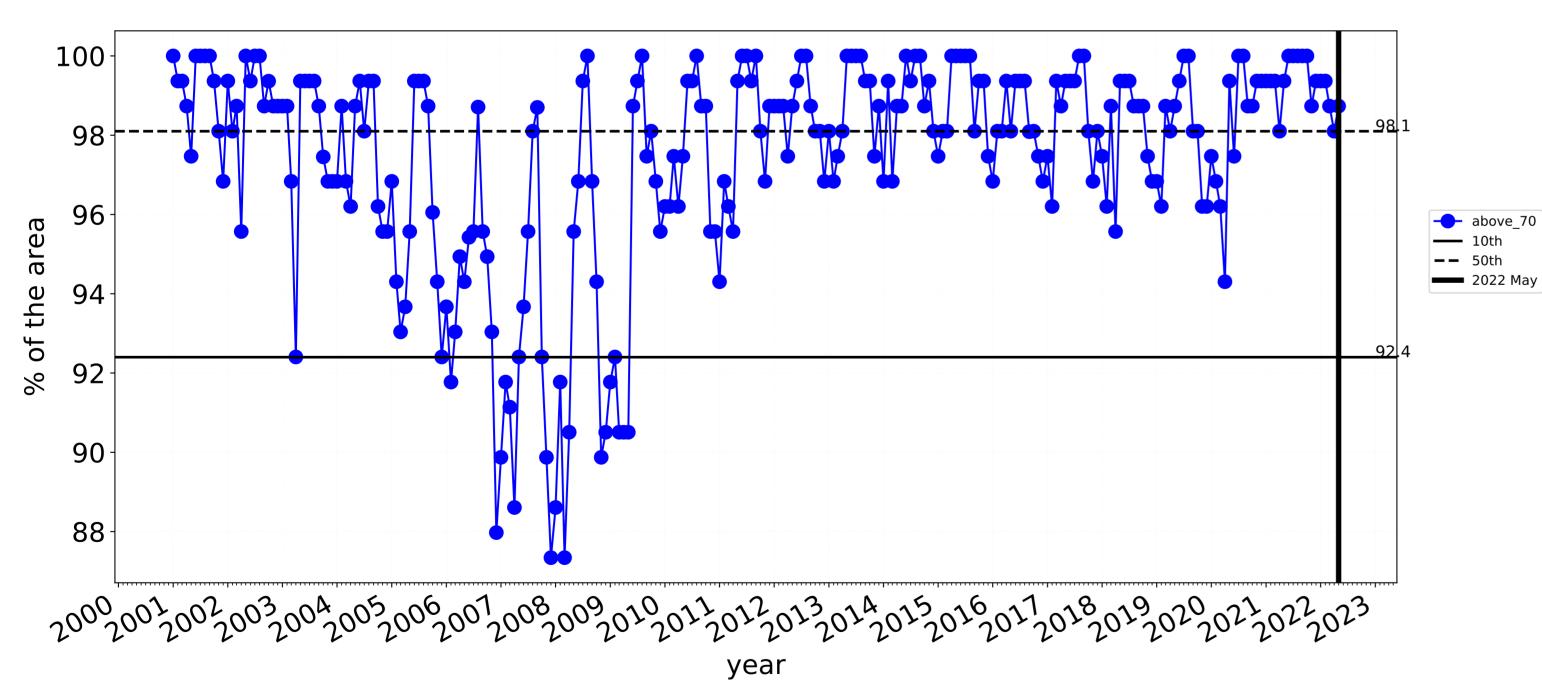


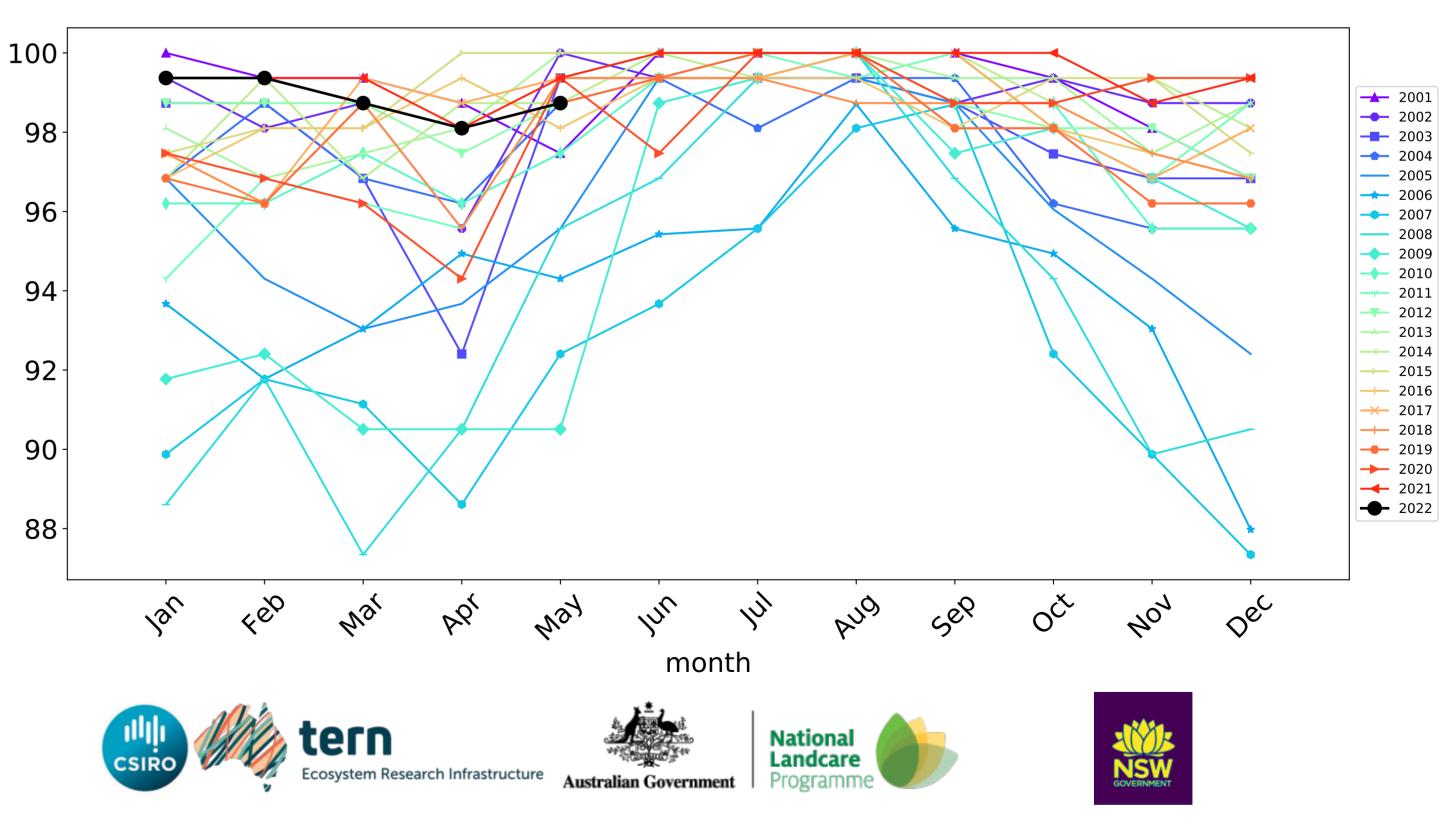




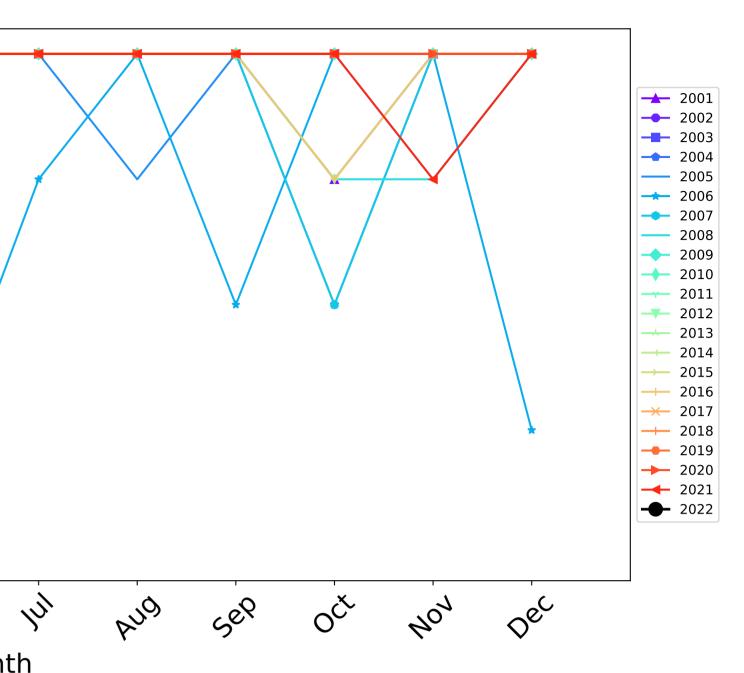
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

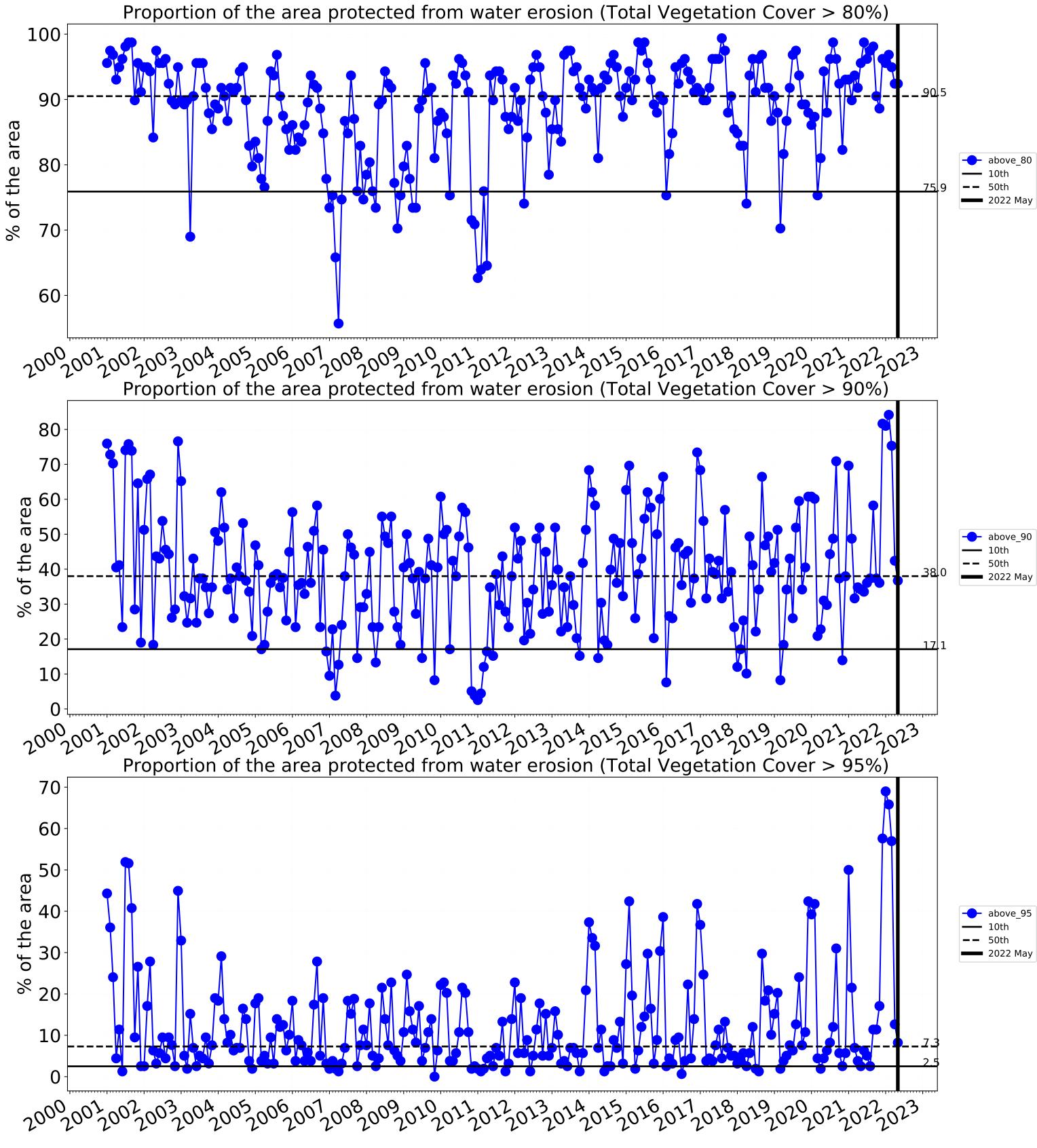


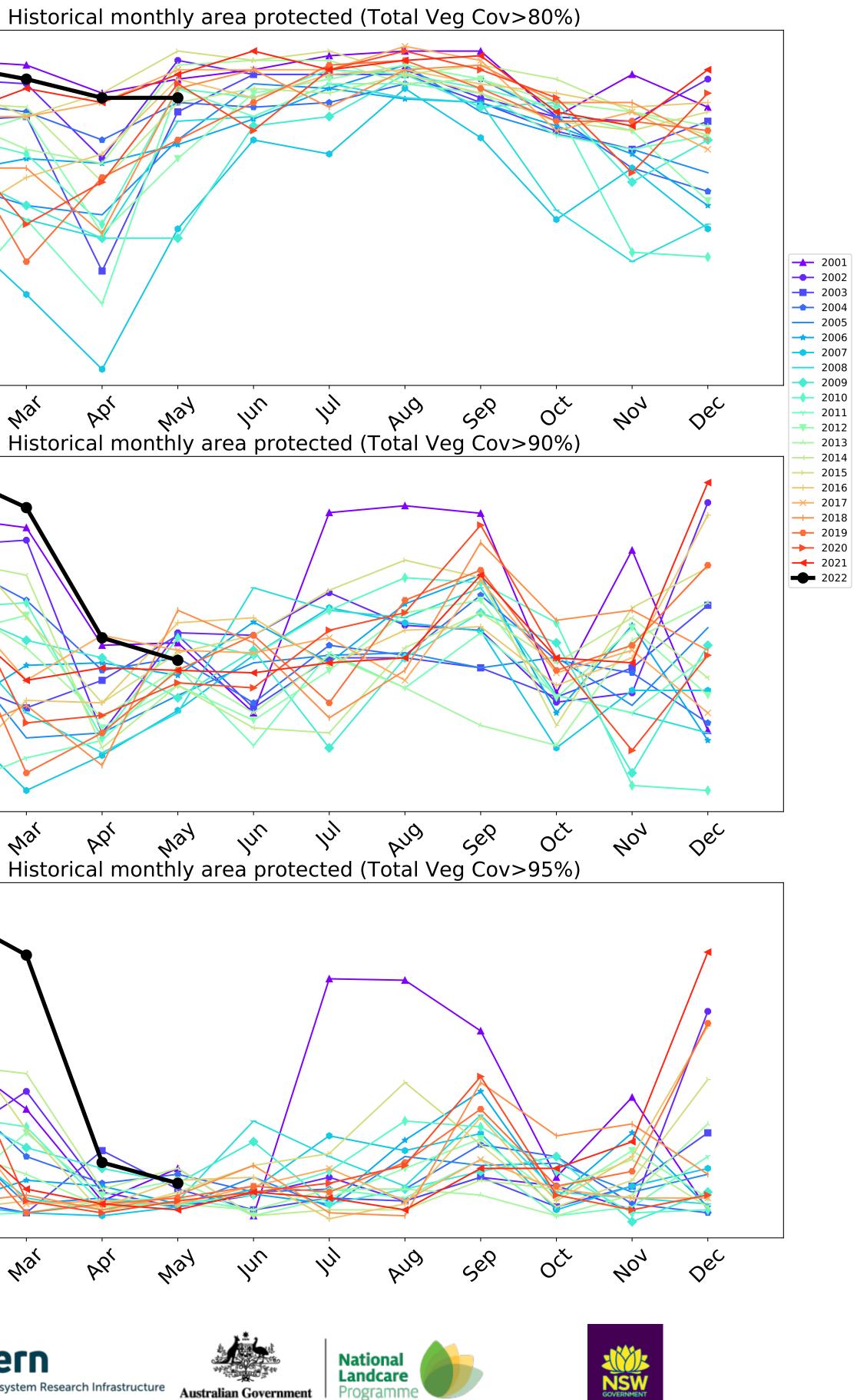


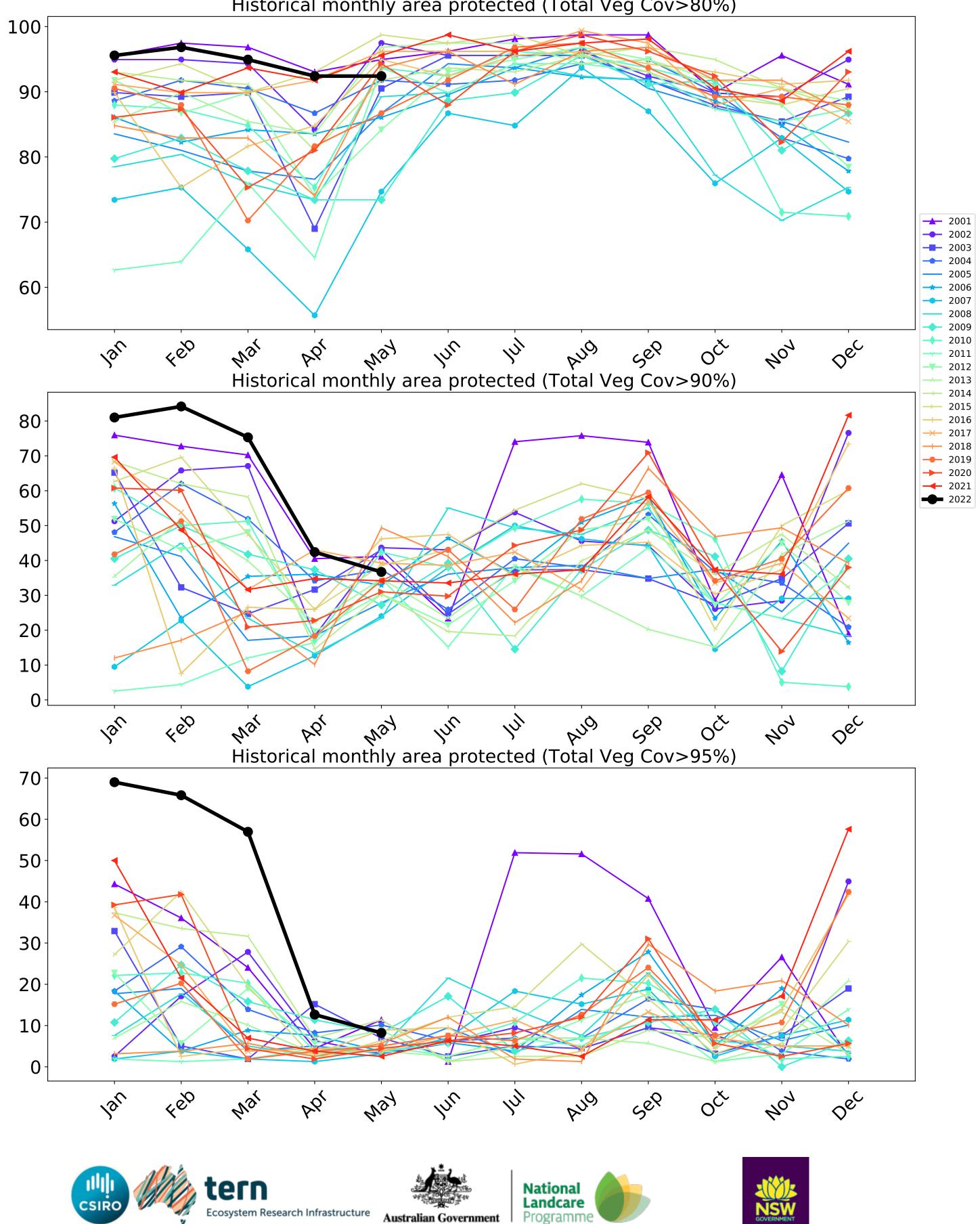
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

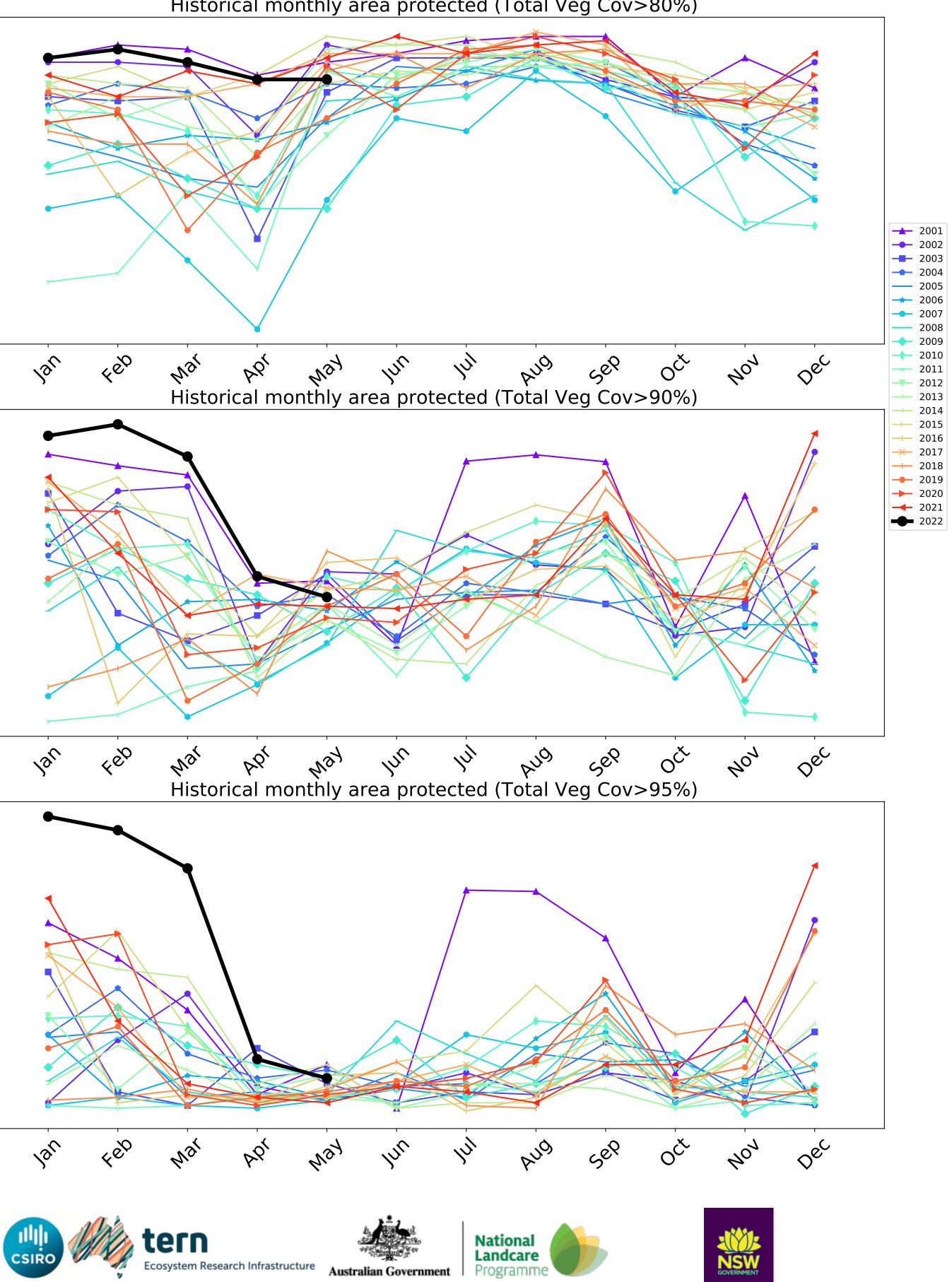


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



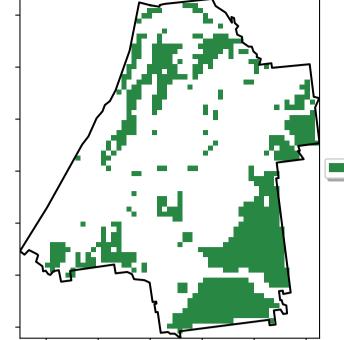






## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover



1 Production native forests and plantation forests

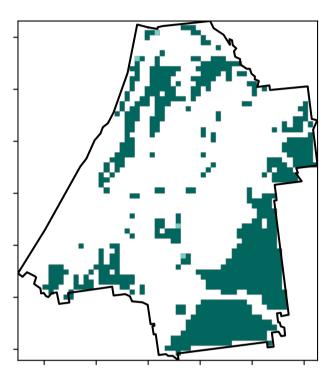
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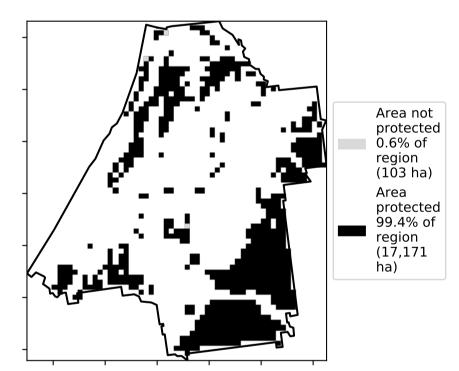
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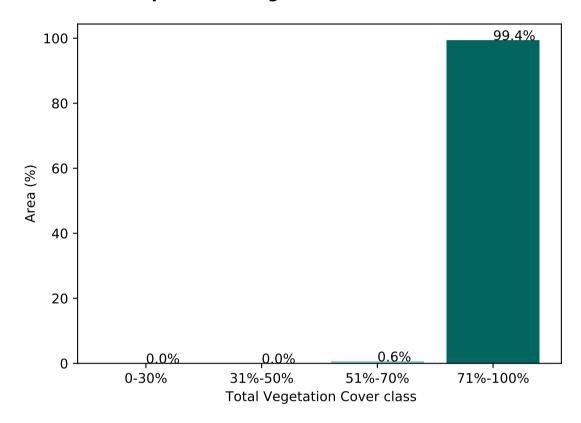
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



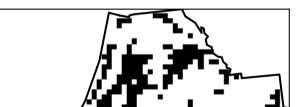




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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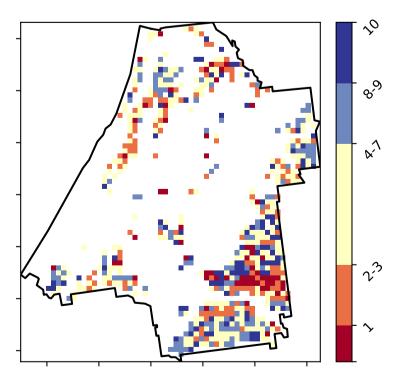
using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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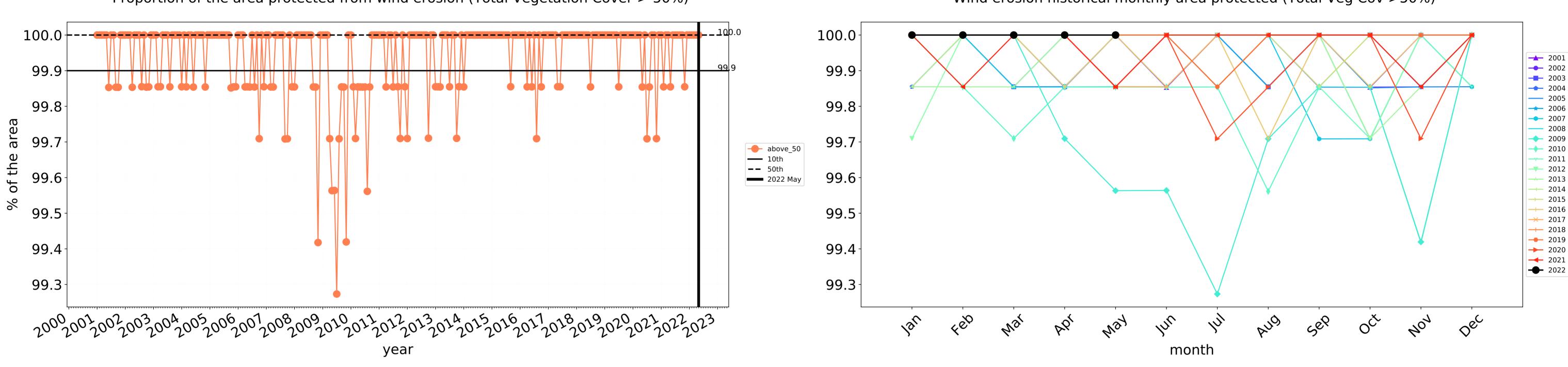
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Area protected 100.0% of region (17,275 ha)

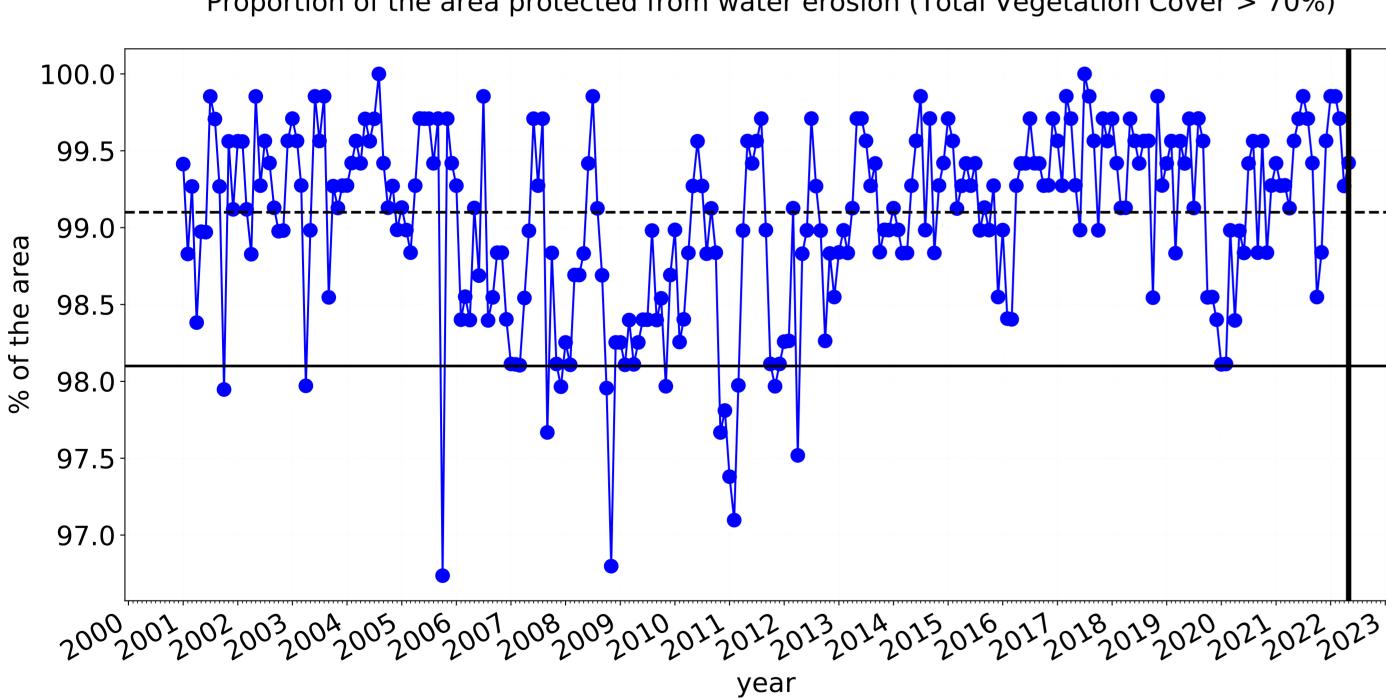








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



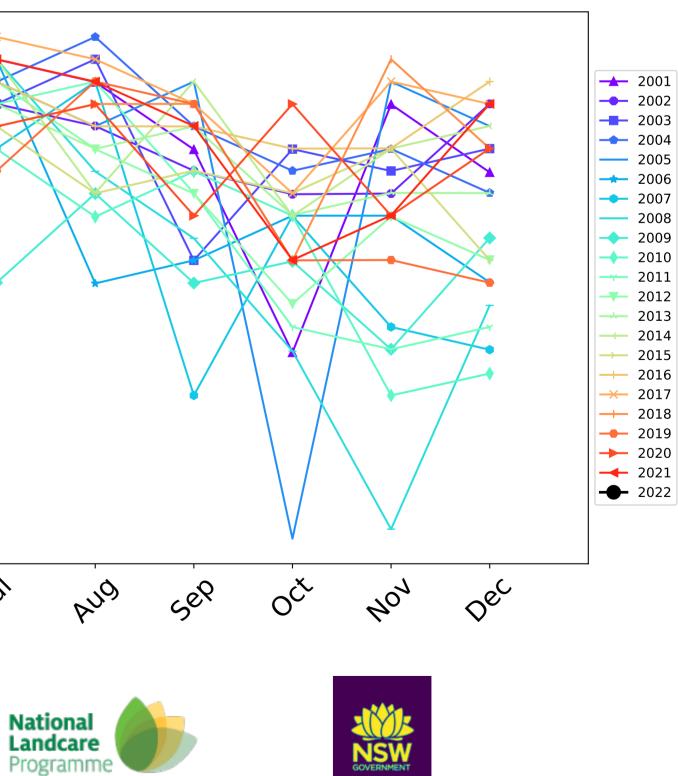
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

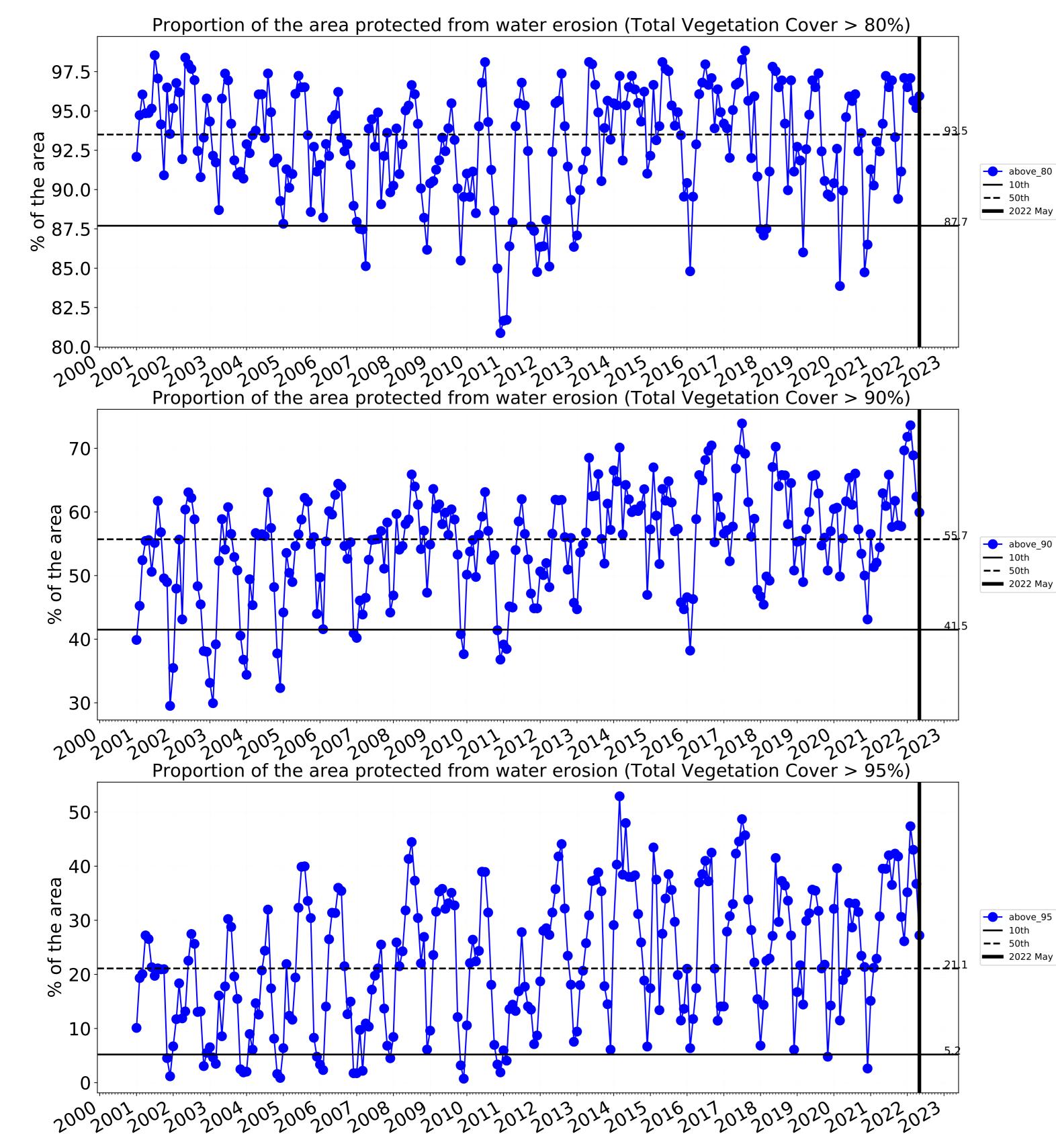
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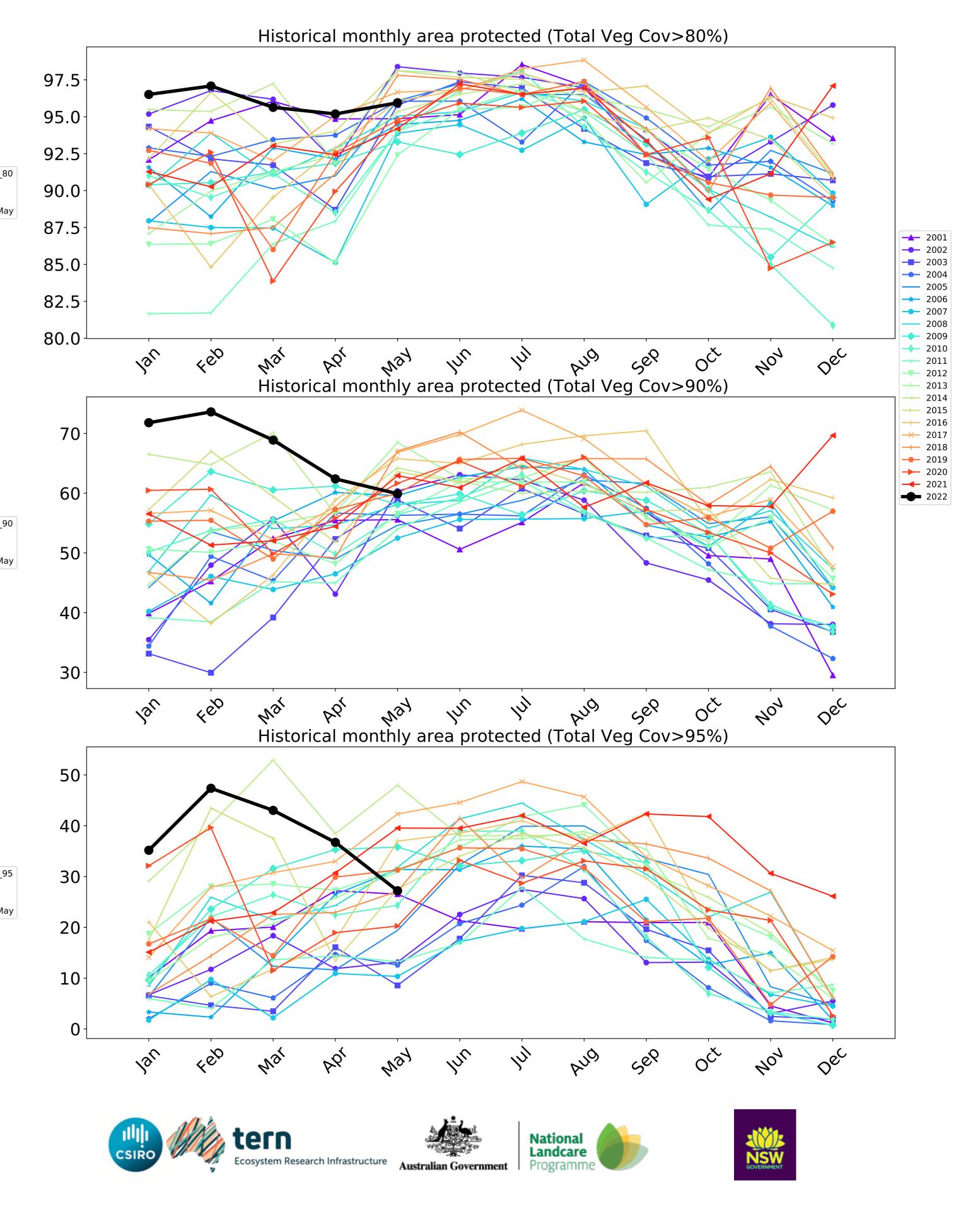
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







# Capel\_(S) (55,250 ha and no data 546 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	55,250	100.0% 55,250	99.8% 55,125	98.1% 54,200	89.8% 49,625	38.1% 21,025	11.6% 6,400
Conservation and natural environments	2,250	100.0% 2,250	98.9% 2,225	98.9% 2,225	90.0% 2,025	37.8% 850	3.3% 75
Conservation and natural environments non forest	500	100.0% 500	95.0% 475	95.0% 475	60.0% 300	20.0% 100	10.0% 50
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,500	100.0% 1,500	100.0% 1,500	100.0% 1,500	100.0% 1,500	43.3% 650	1.7% 25
Agriculture	29,675	100.0% 29,675	99.9% 29,650	98.9% 29,350	91.7% 27,200	28.7% 8,525	4.3% 1,275
Grazing	25,200	100.0% 25,200	99.9% 25,175	98.9% 24,925	91.6% 23,075	27.6% 6,950	3.8% 950
Grazing non forest	25,050	100.0% 25,050	99.9% 25,025	98.9% 24,775	91.6% 22,950	27.4% 6,875	3.7% 925
Irrigation	3,950	100.0% 3,950	100.0% 3,950	98.7% 3,900	92.4% 3,650	36.7% 1,450	8.2% 325
Production native forests and plantation forests	17,275	100.0% 17,275	100.0% 17,275	99.4% 17,175	95.9% 16,575	59.9% 10,350	27.2% 4,700

