

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:LGA Cranbrook_(S) WA

Date: October 2025

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

Land use forest cover:

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

Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover - protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover - not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover - not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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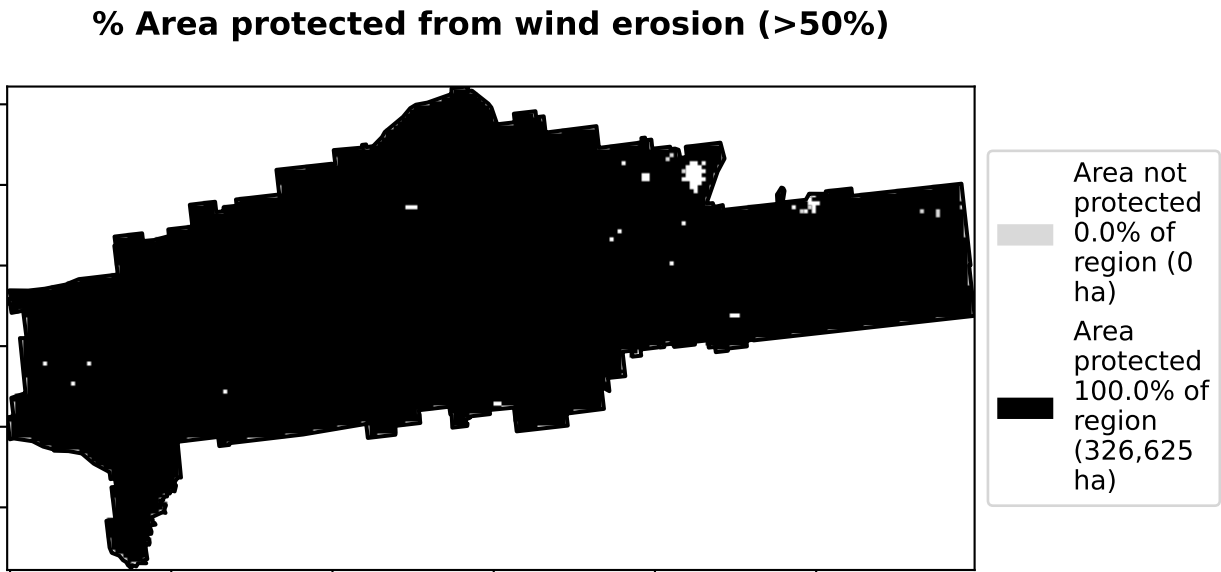
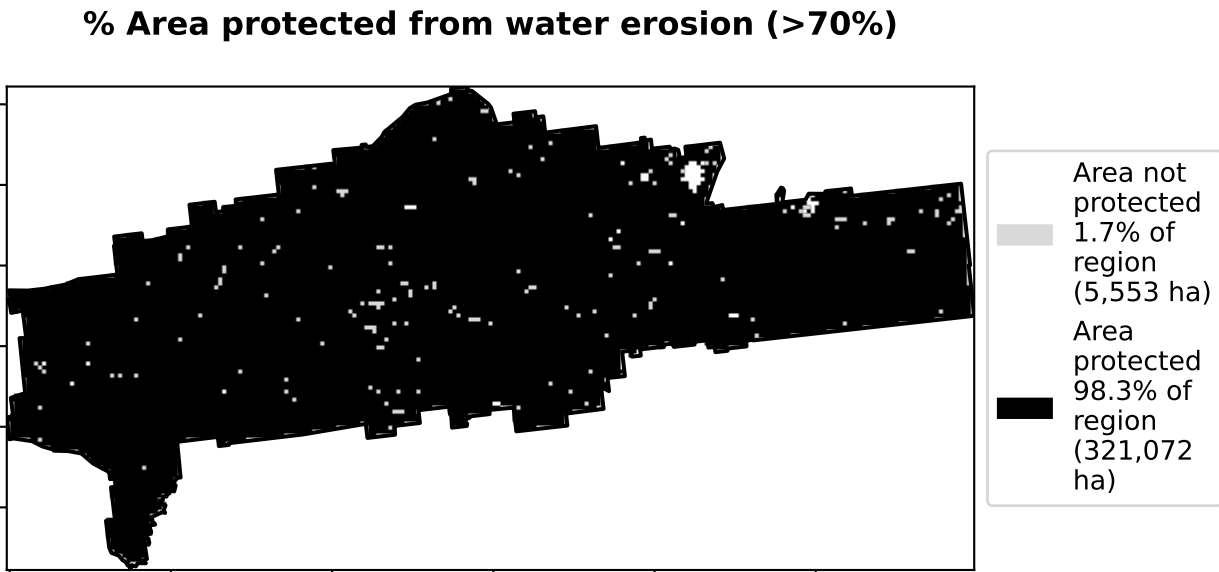
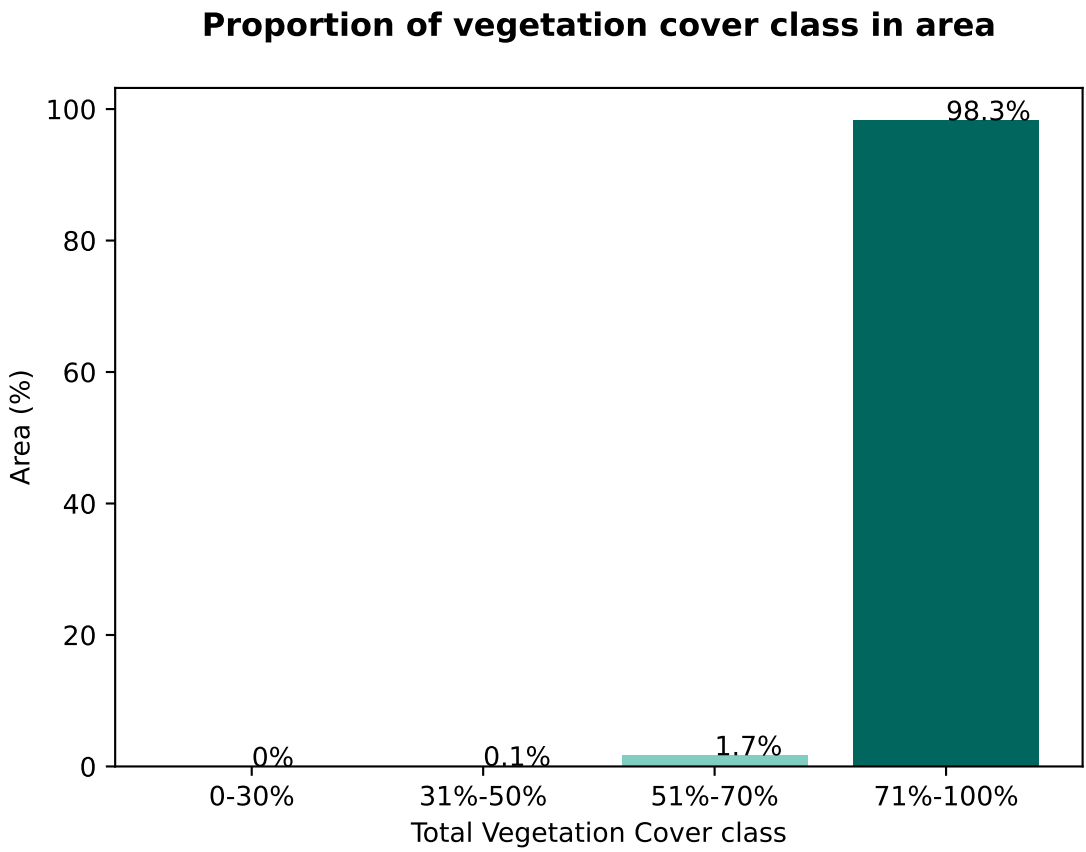
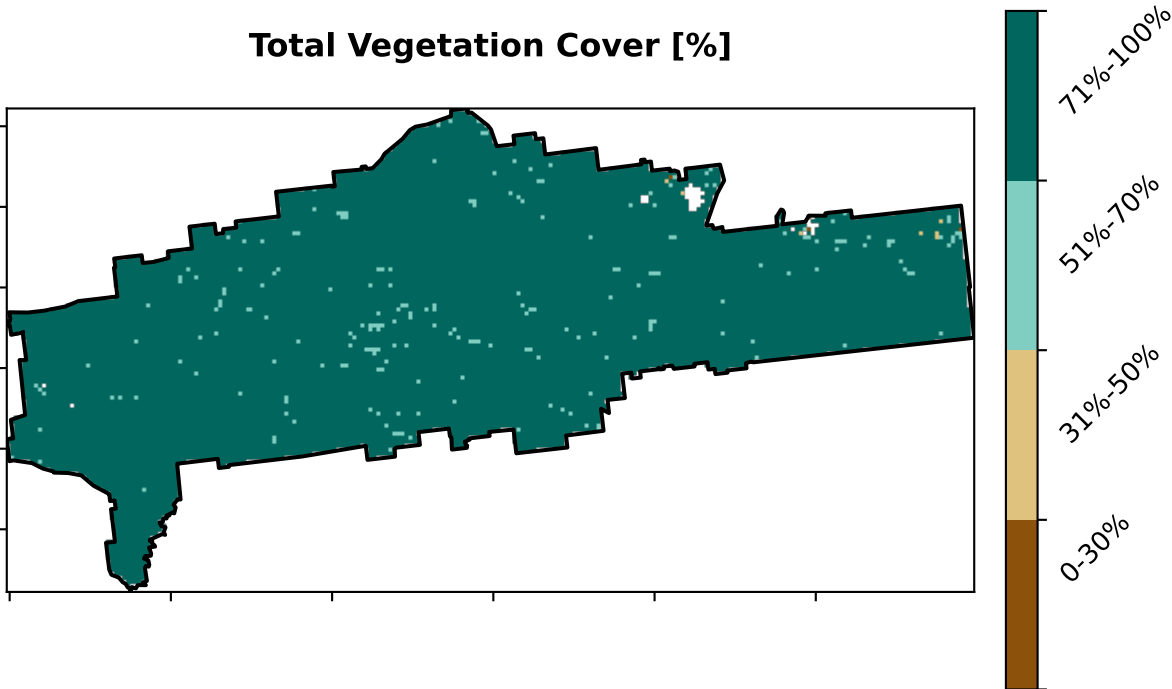
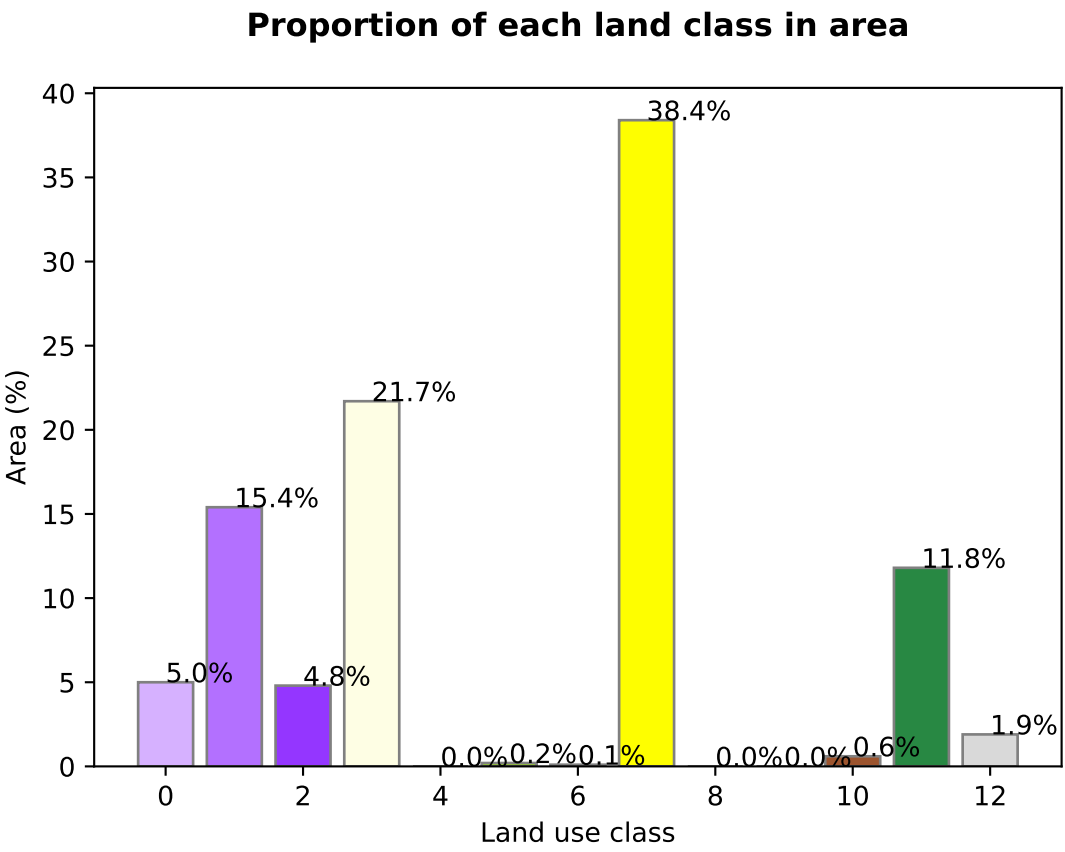
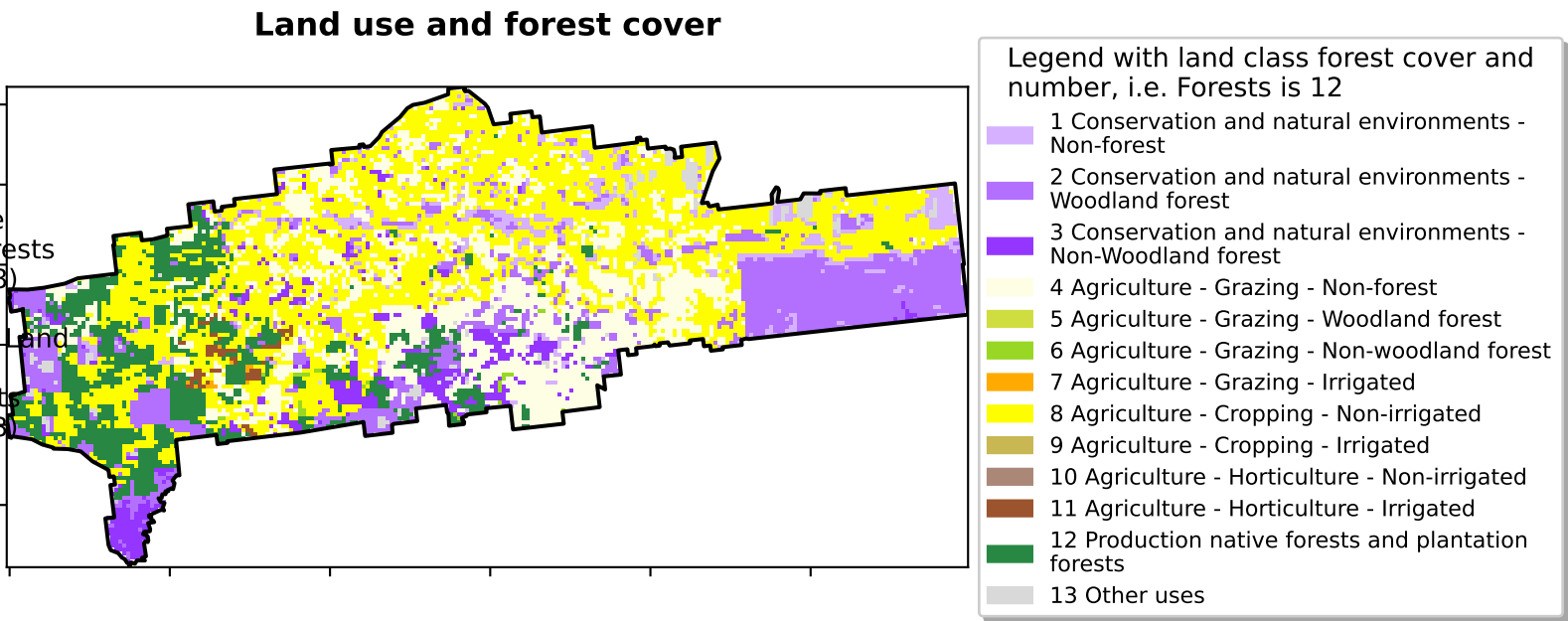


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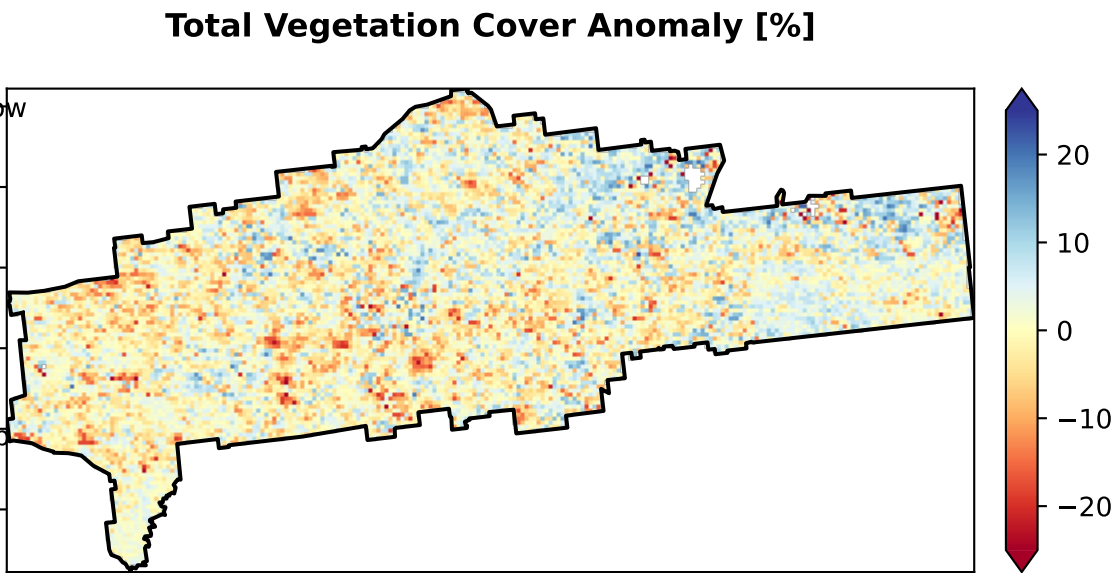


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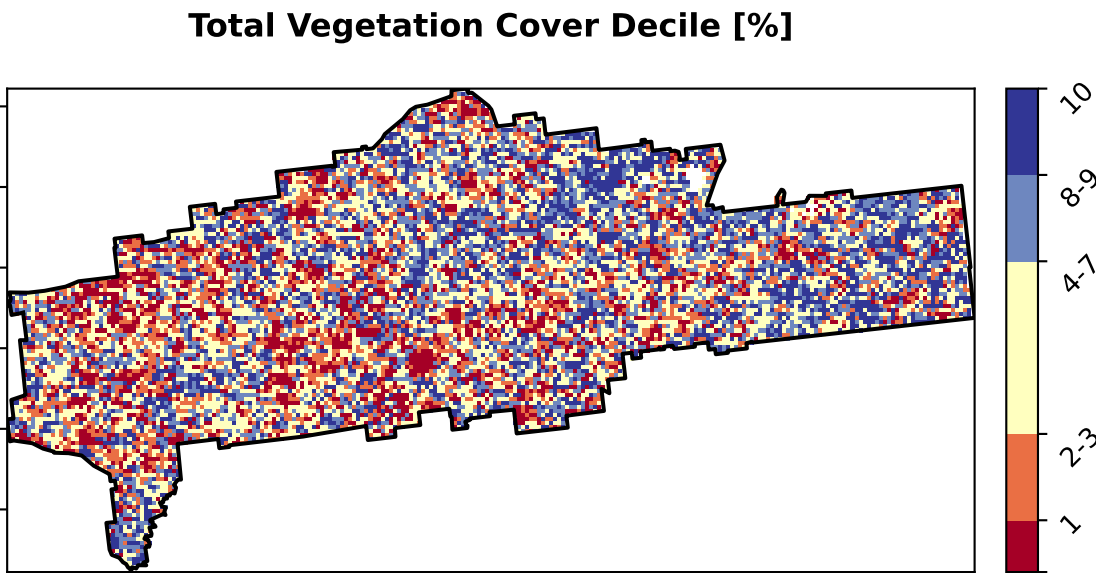
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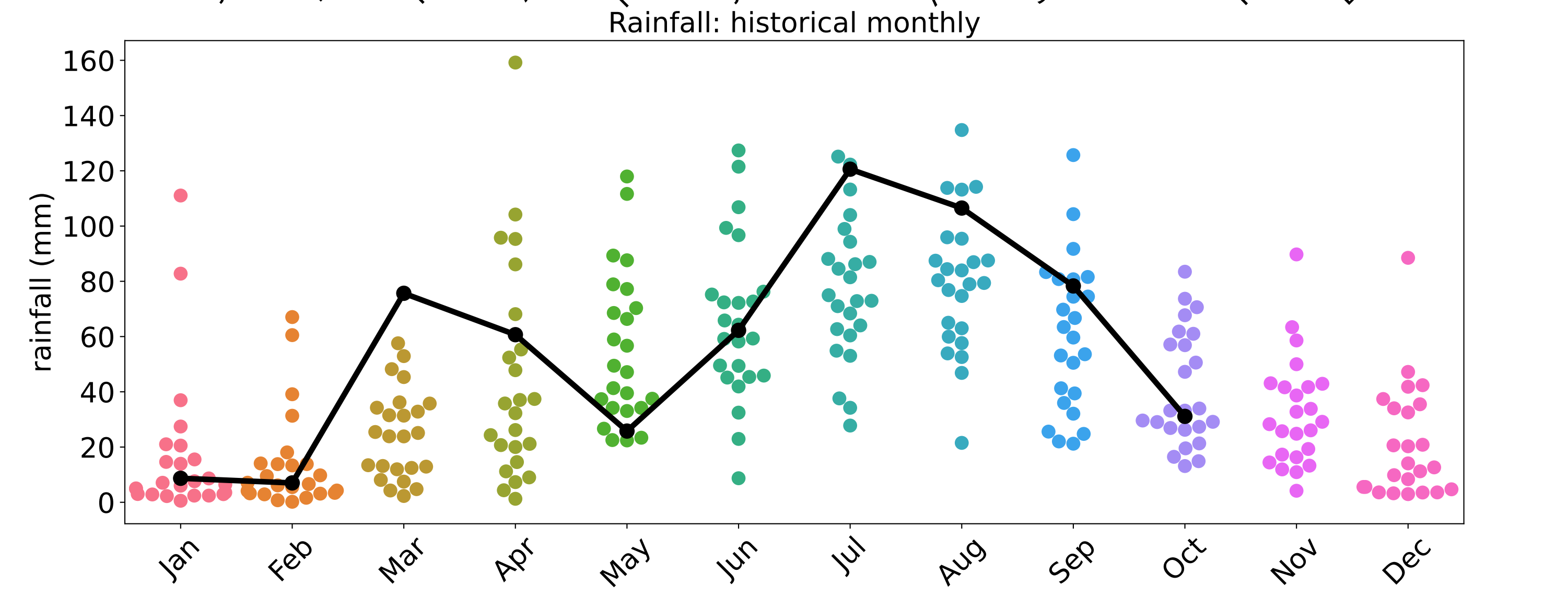
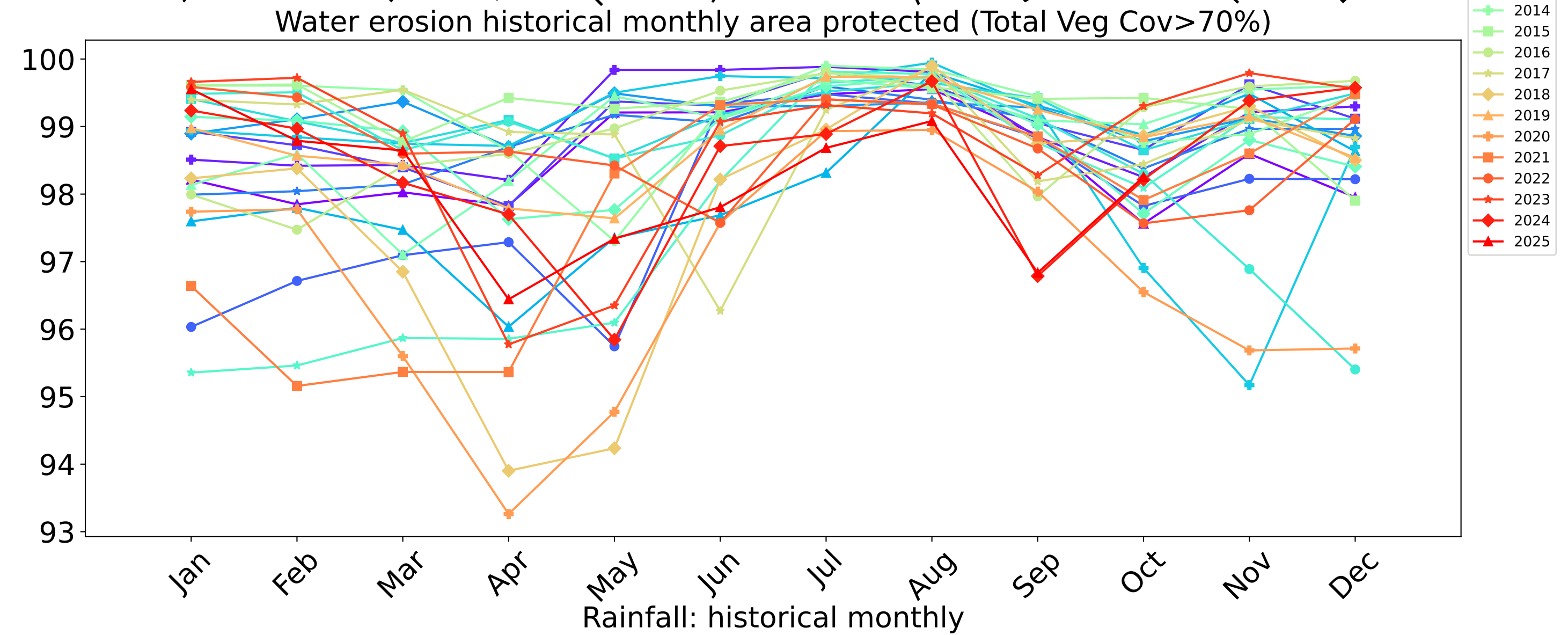
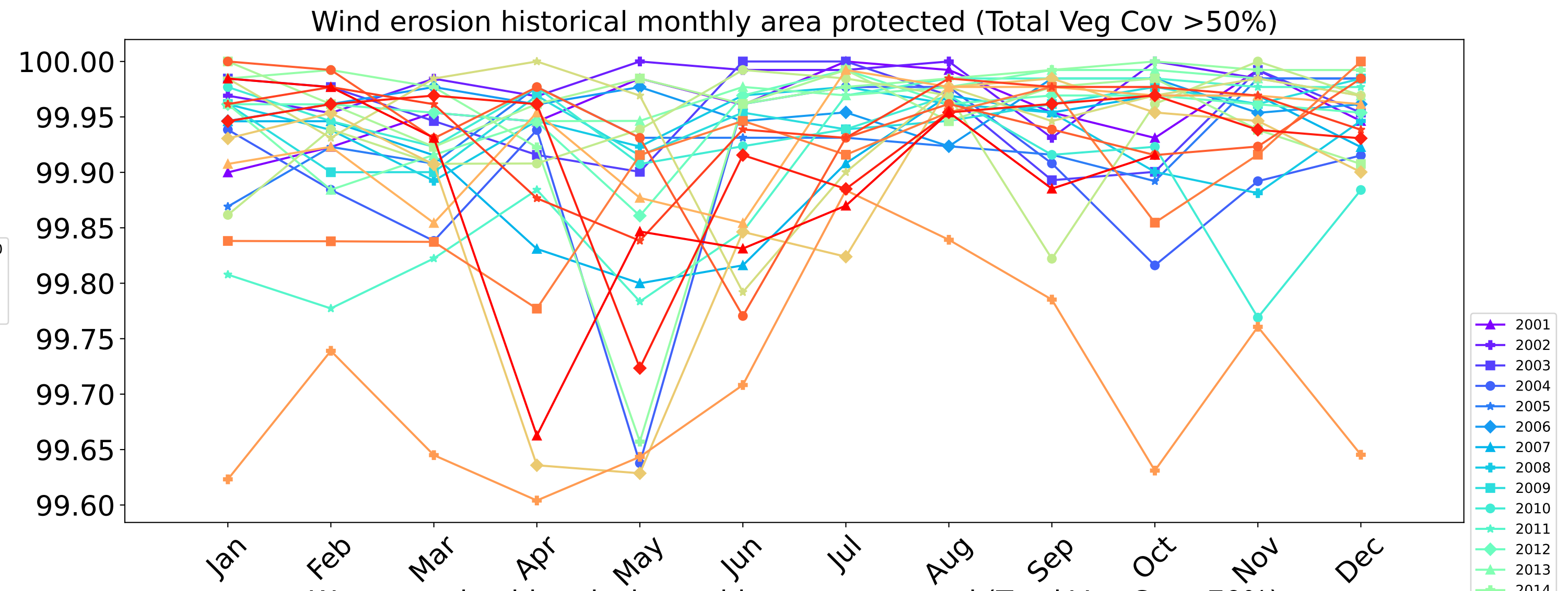
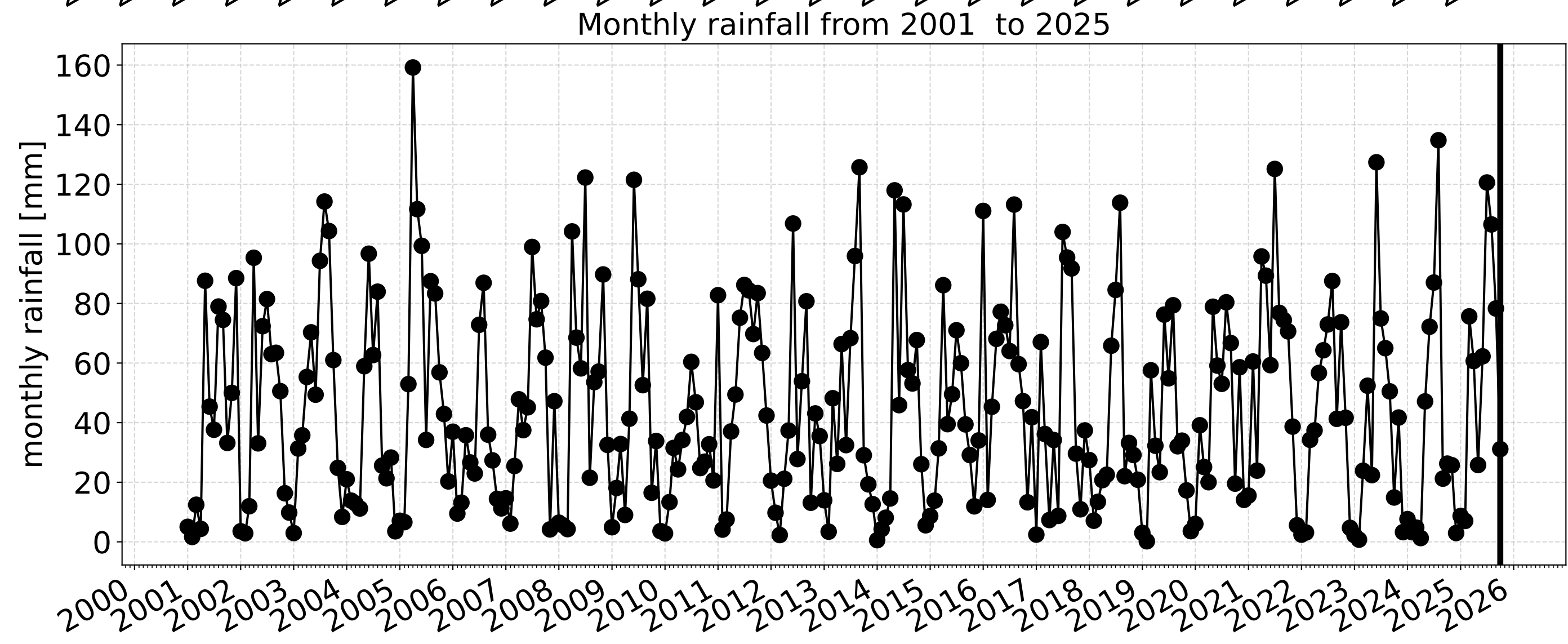
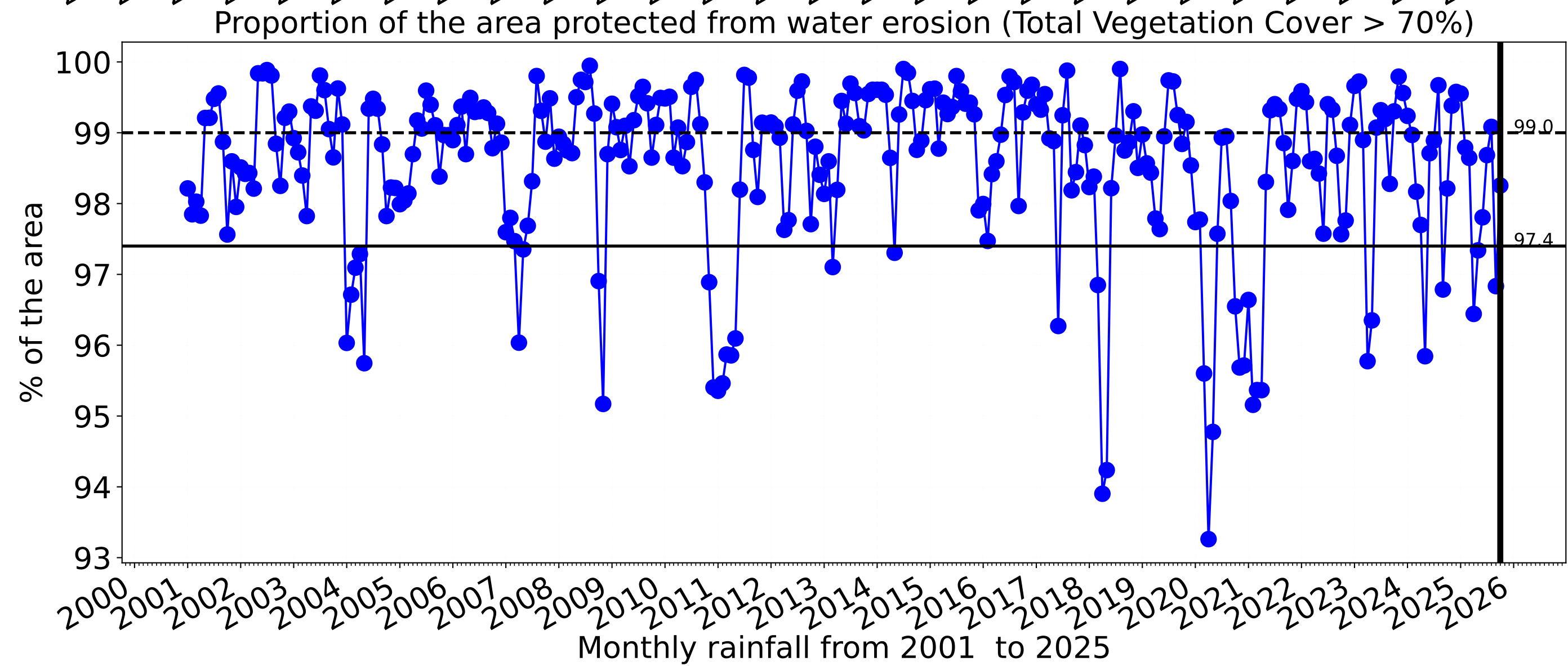
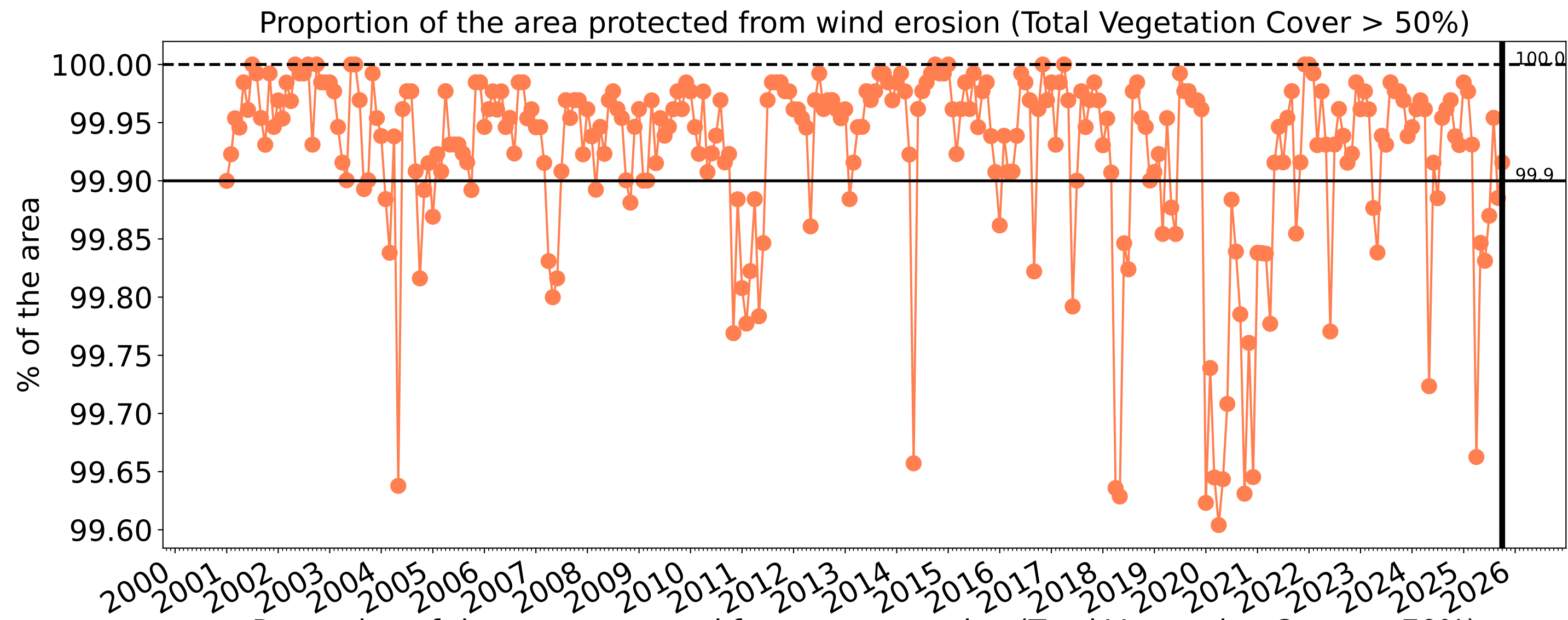


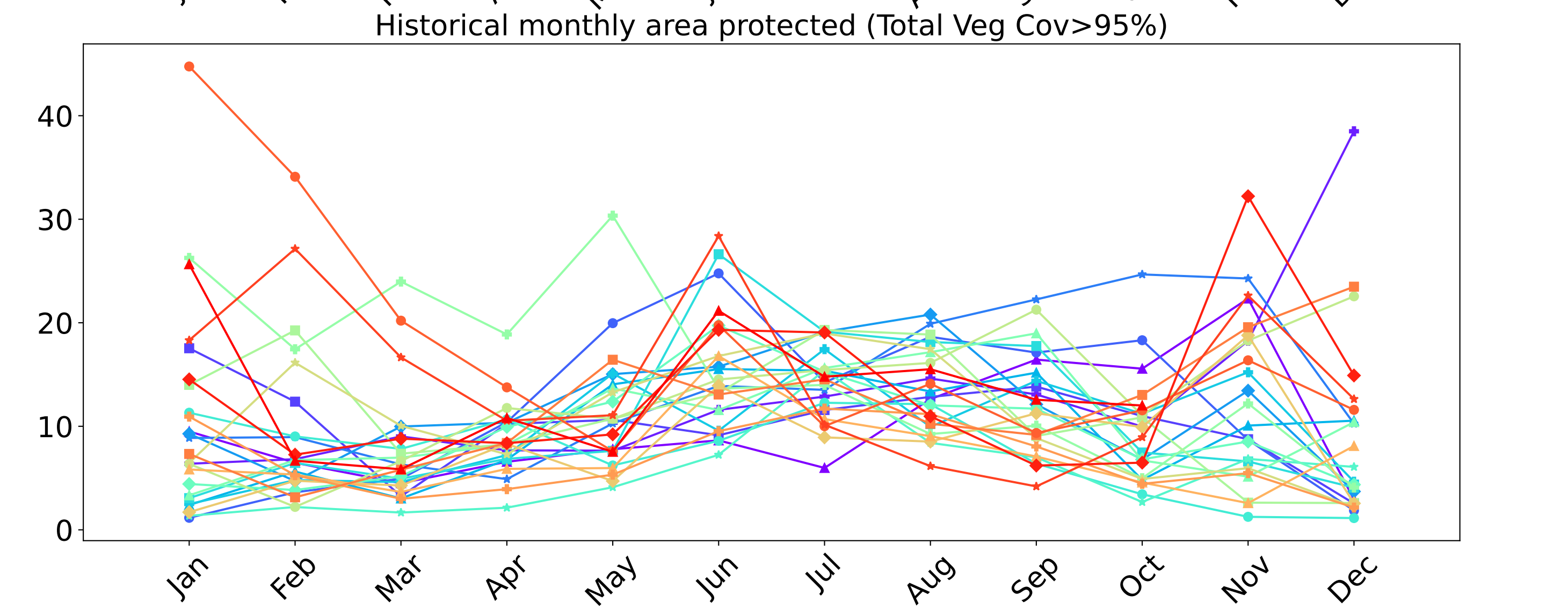
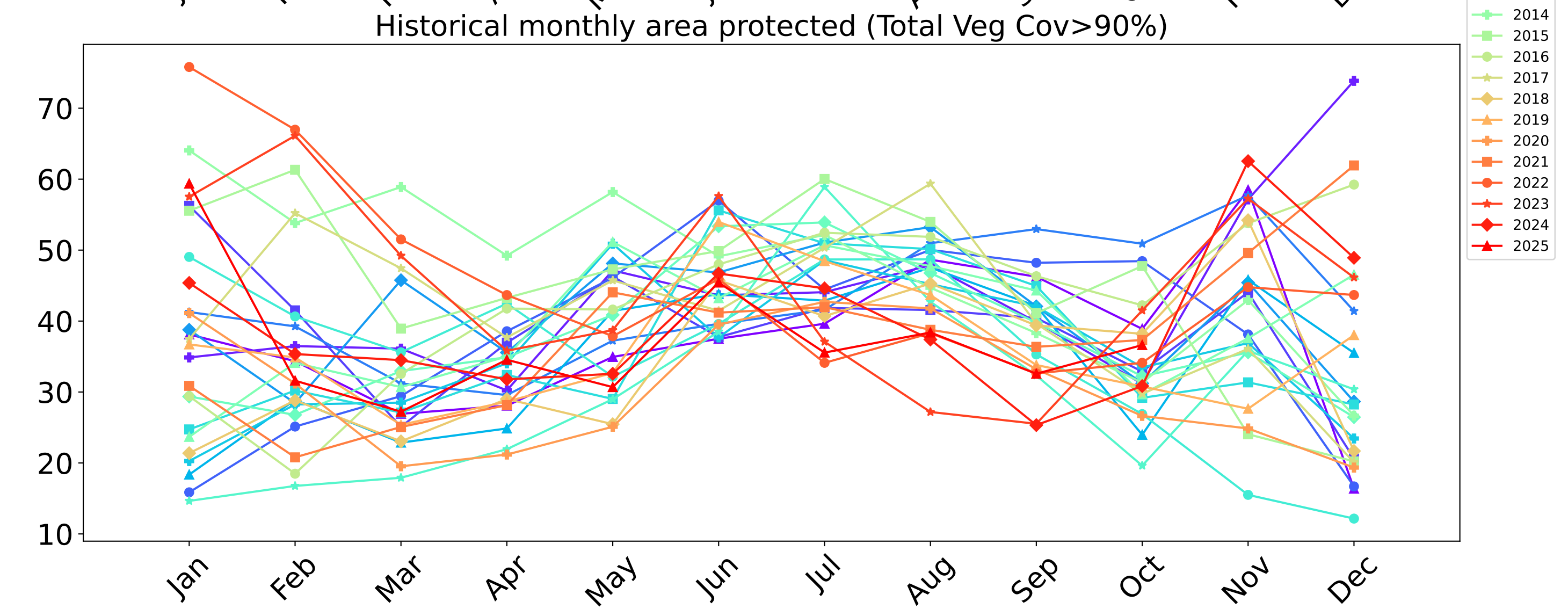
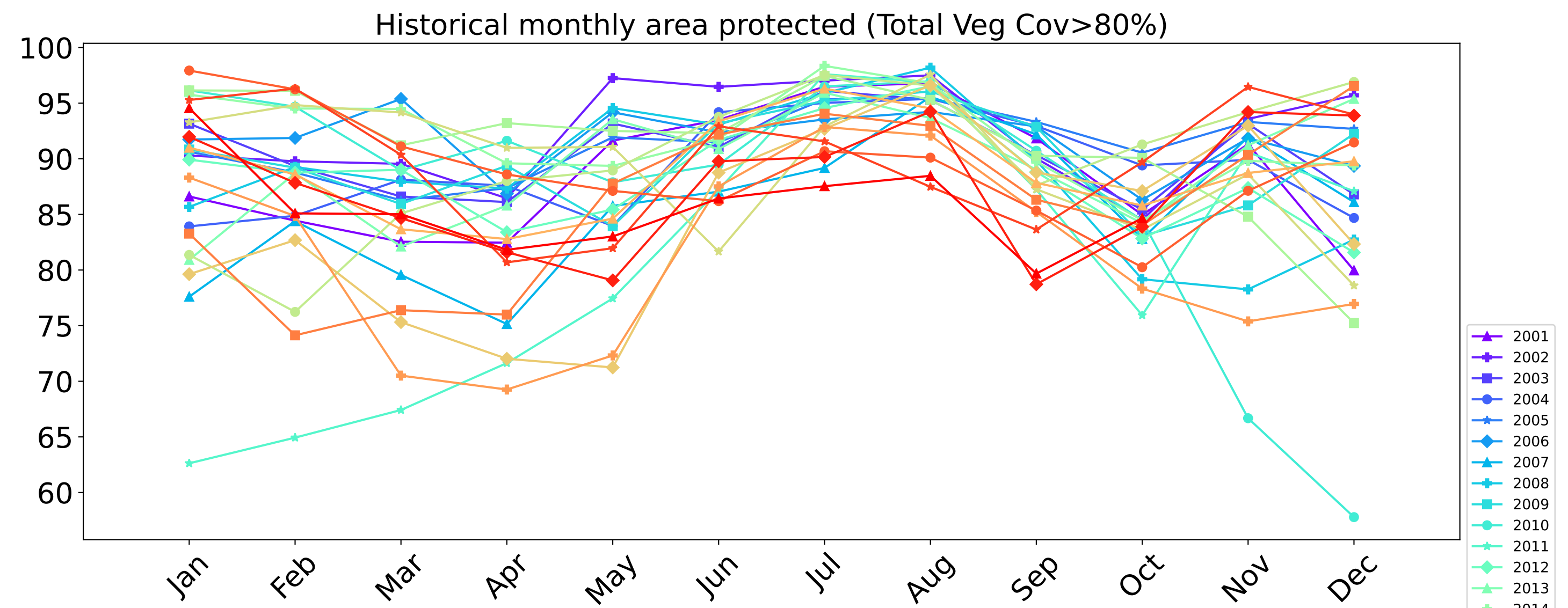
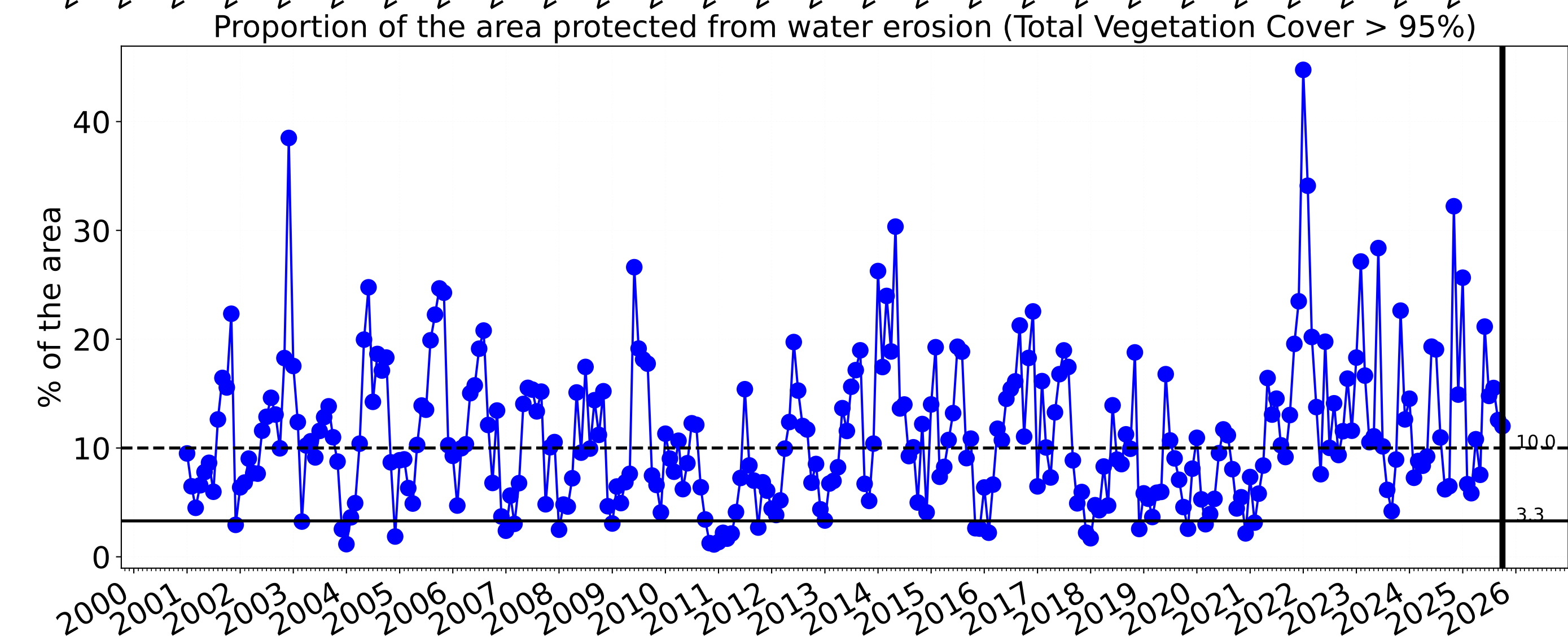
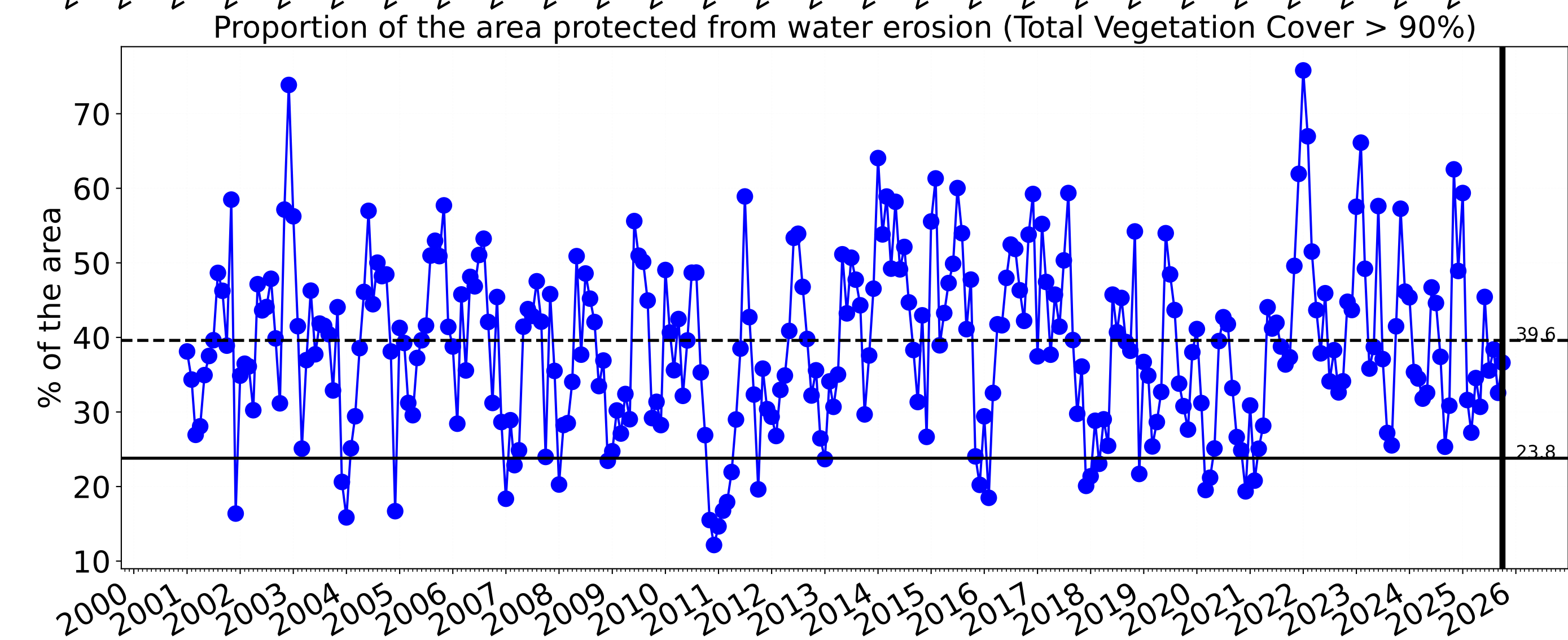
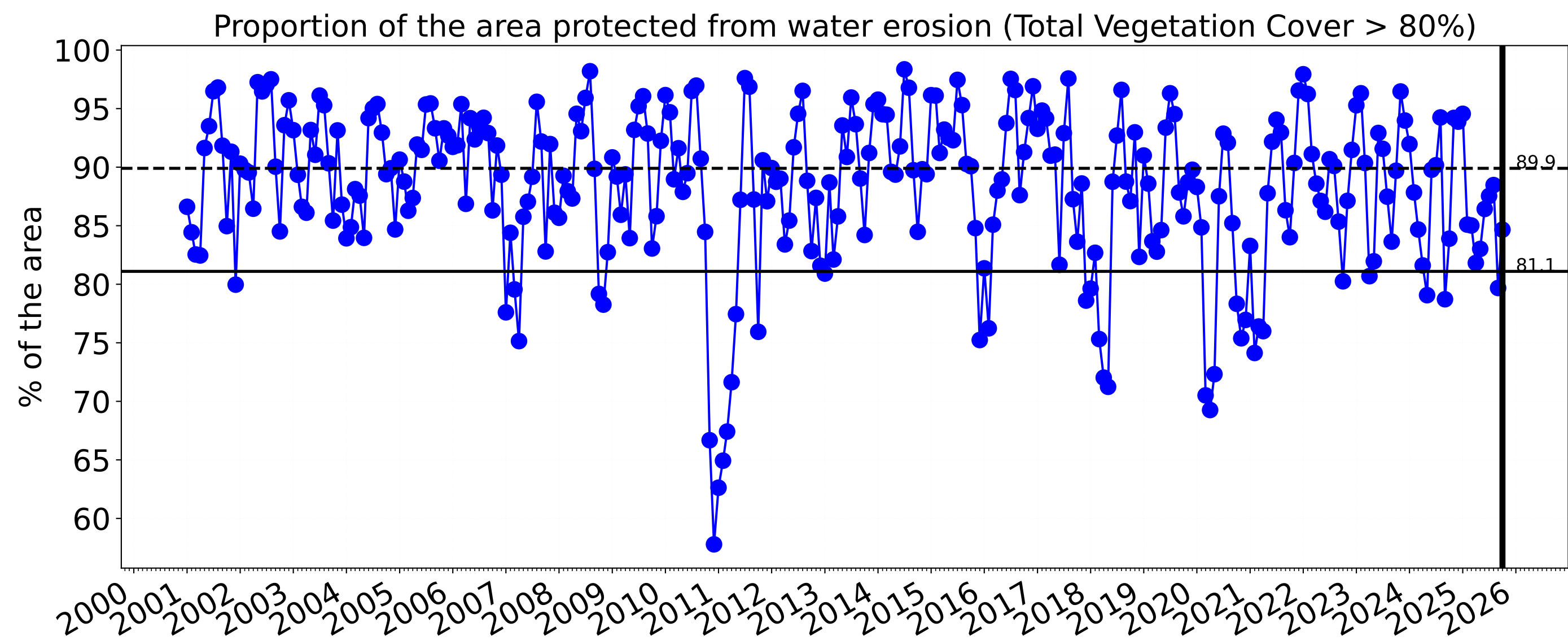
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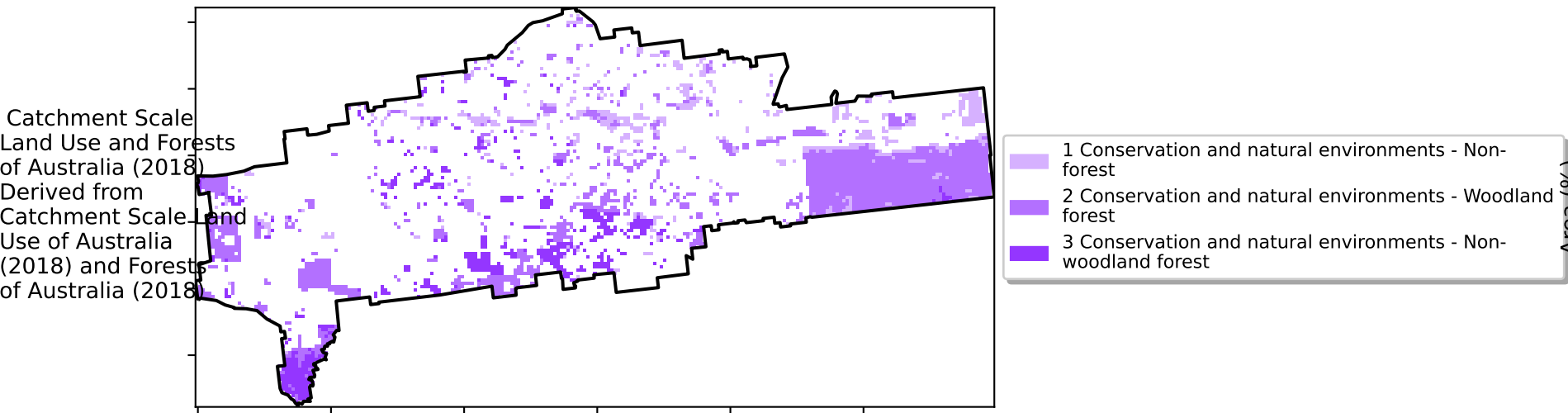




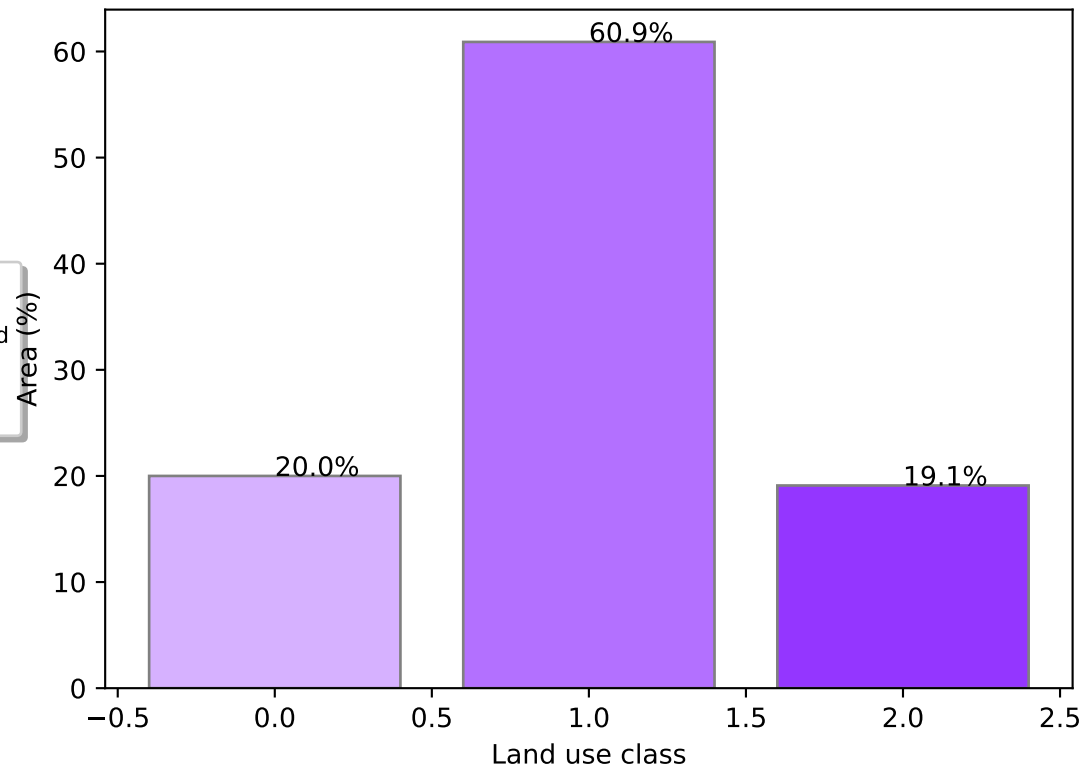


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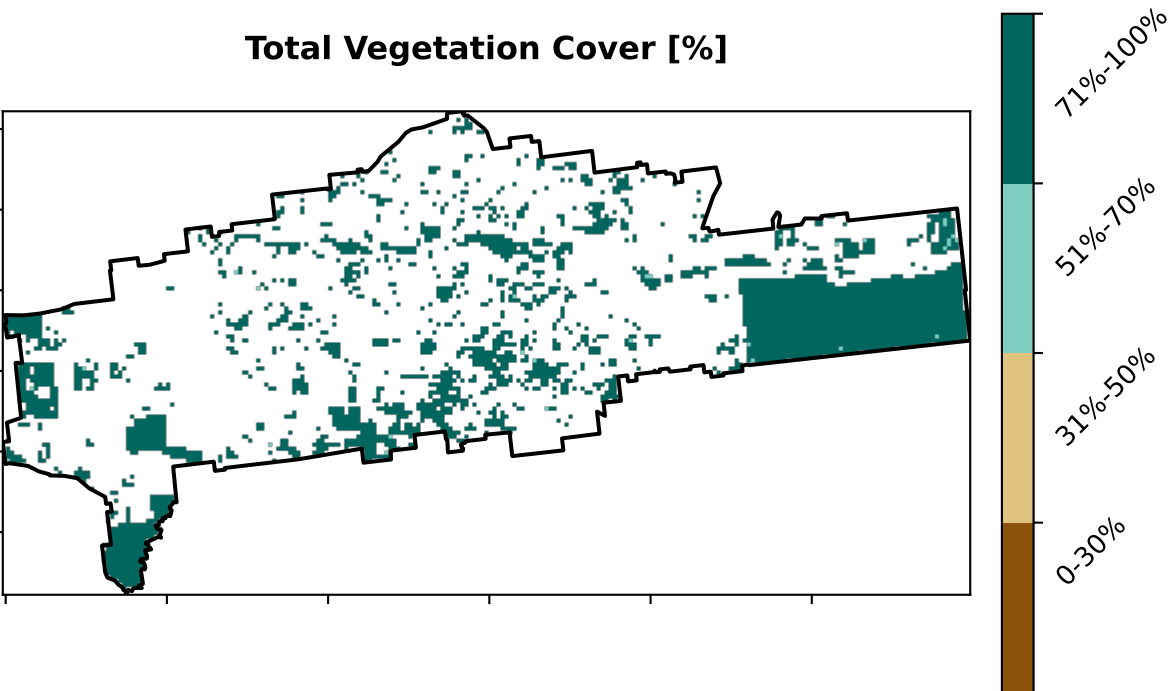
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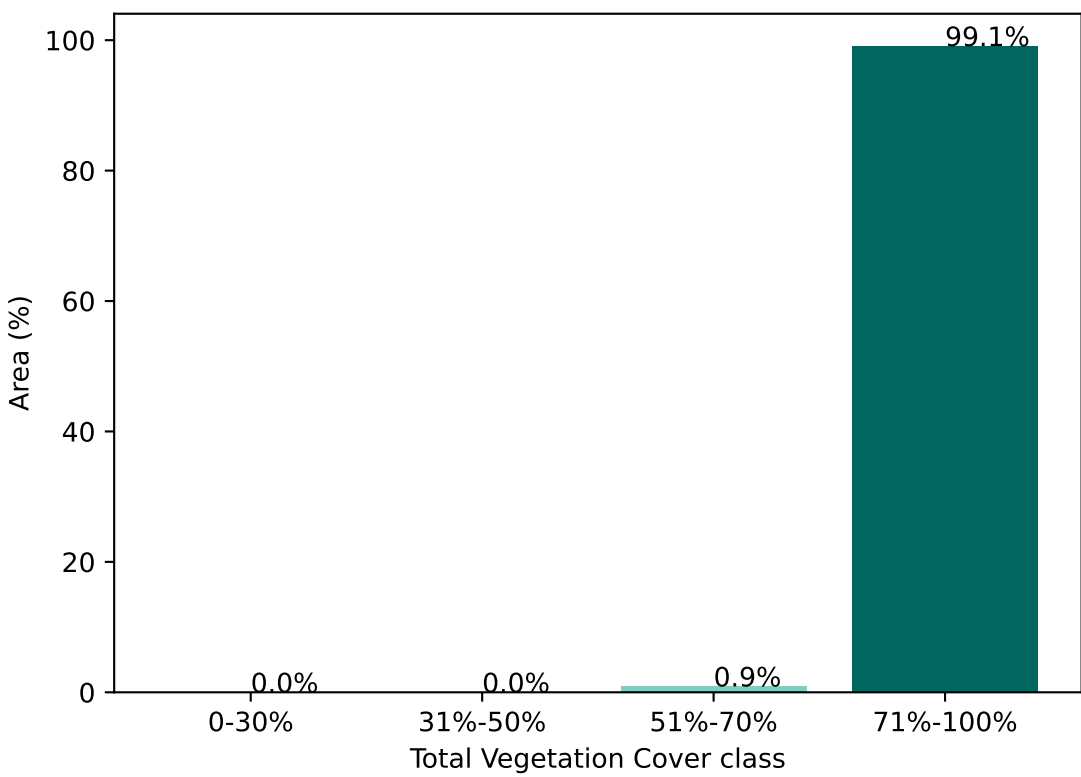
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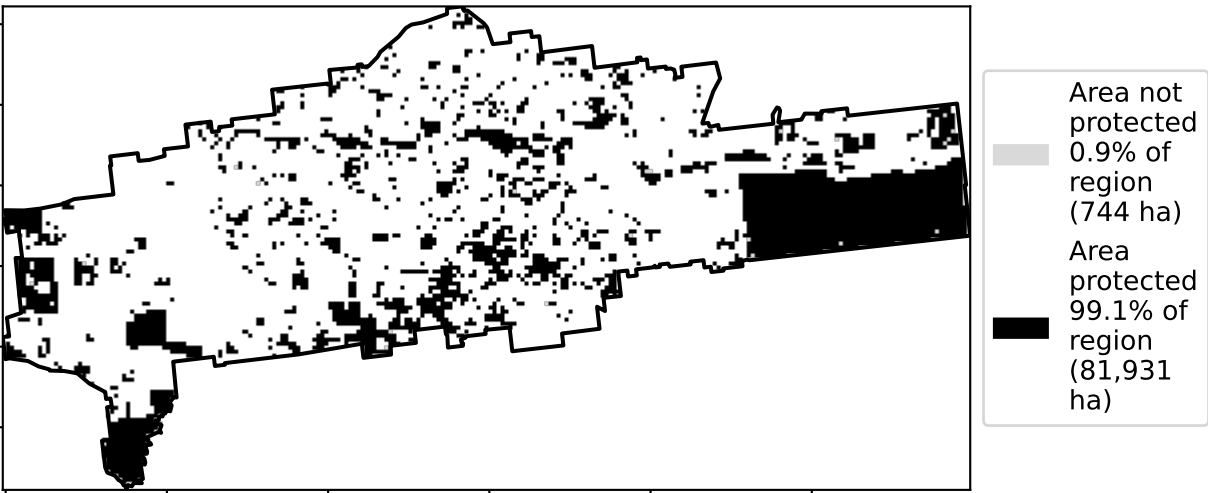
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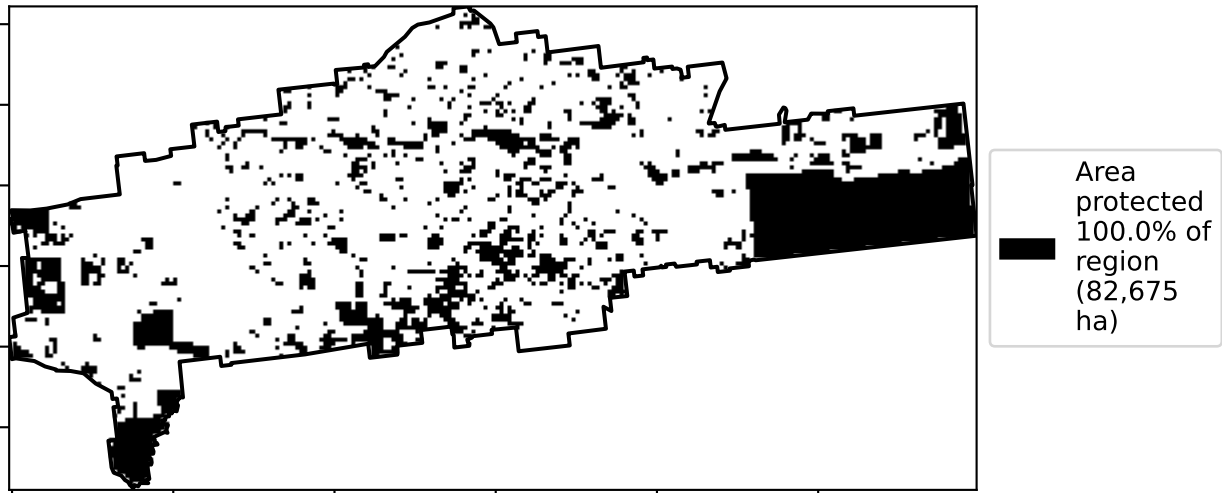
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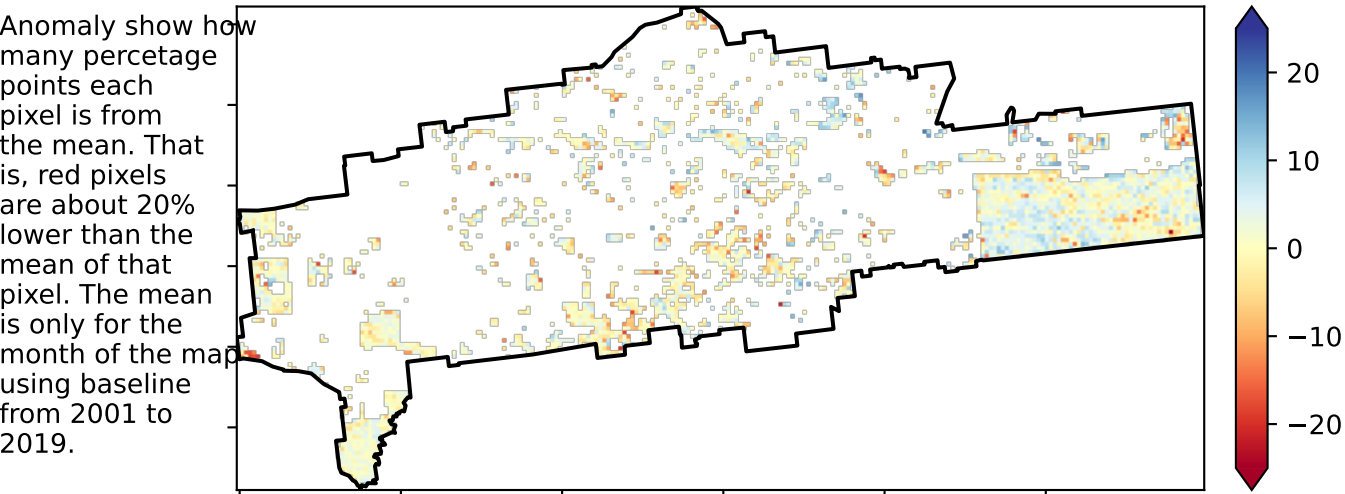
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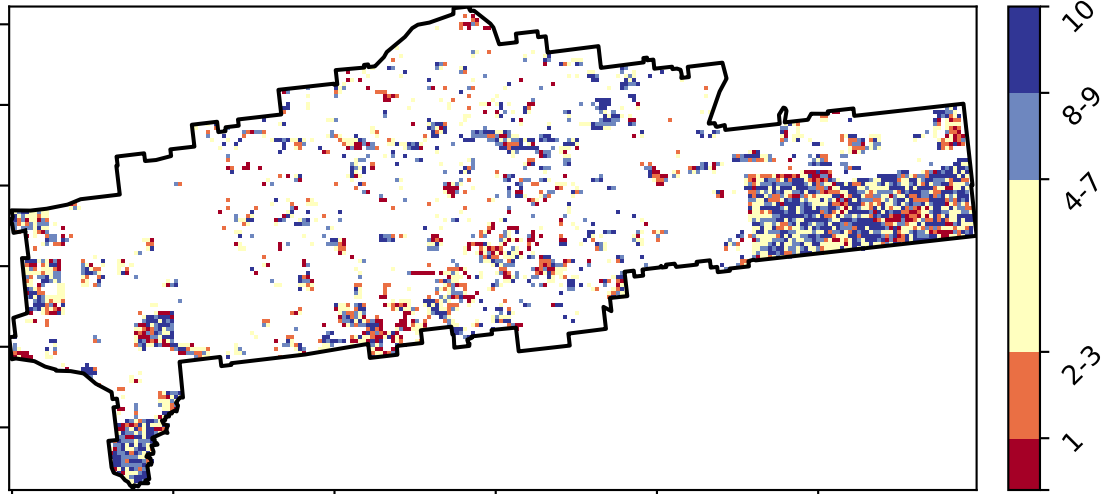


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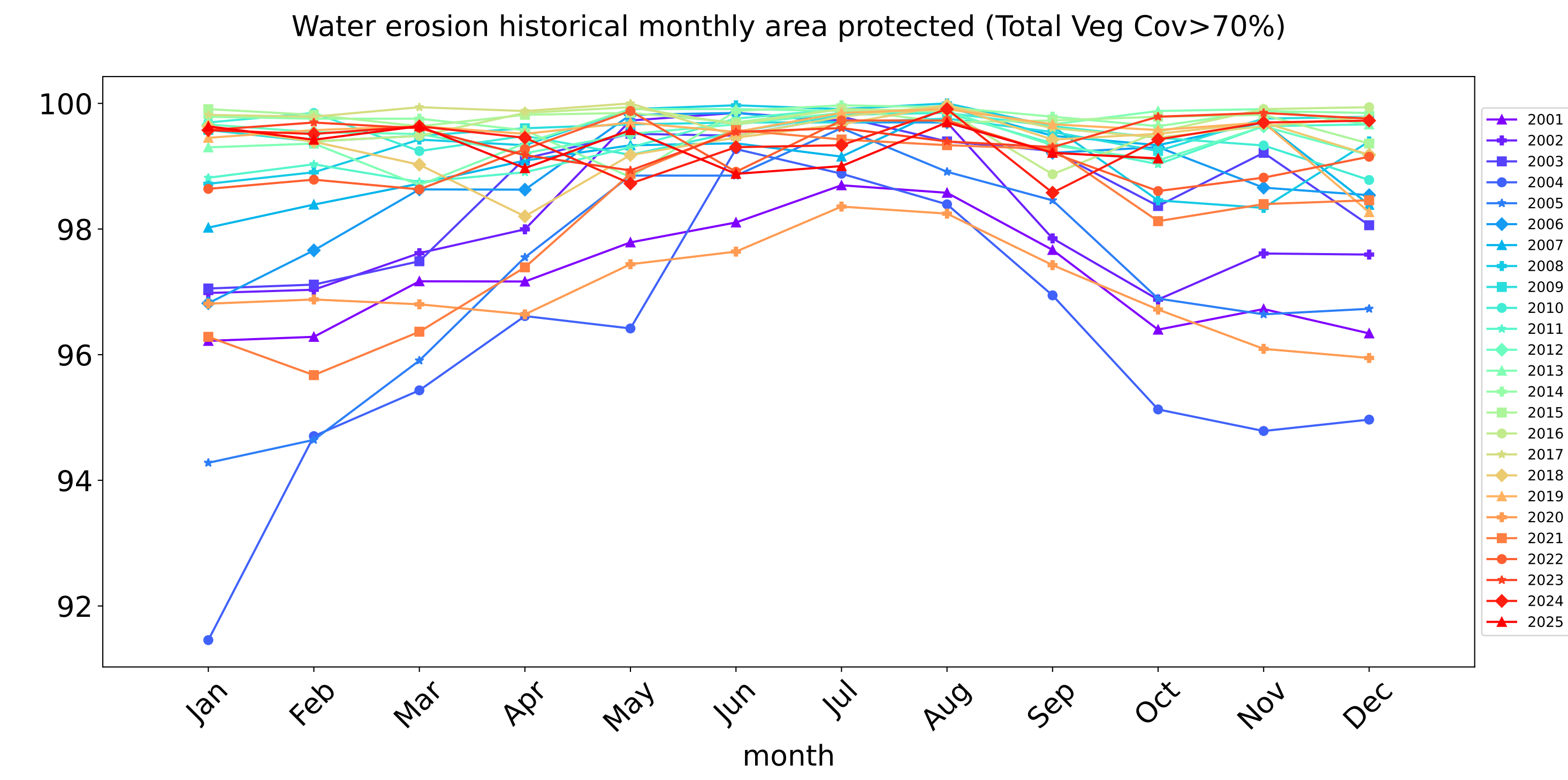
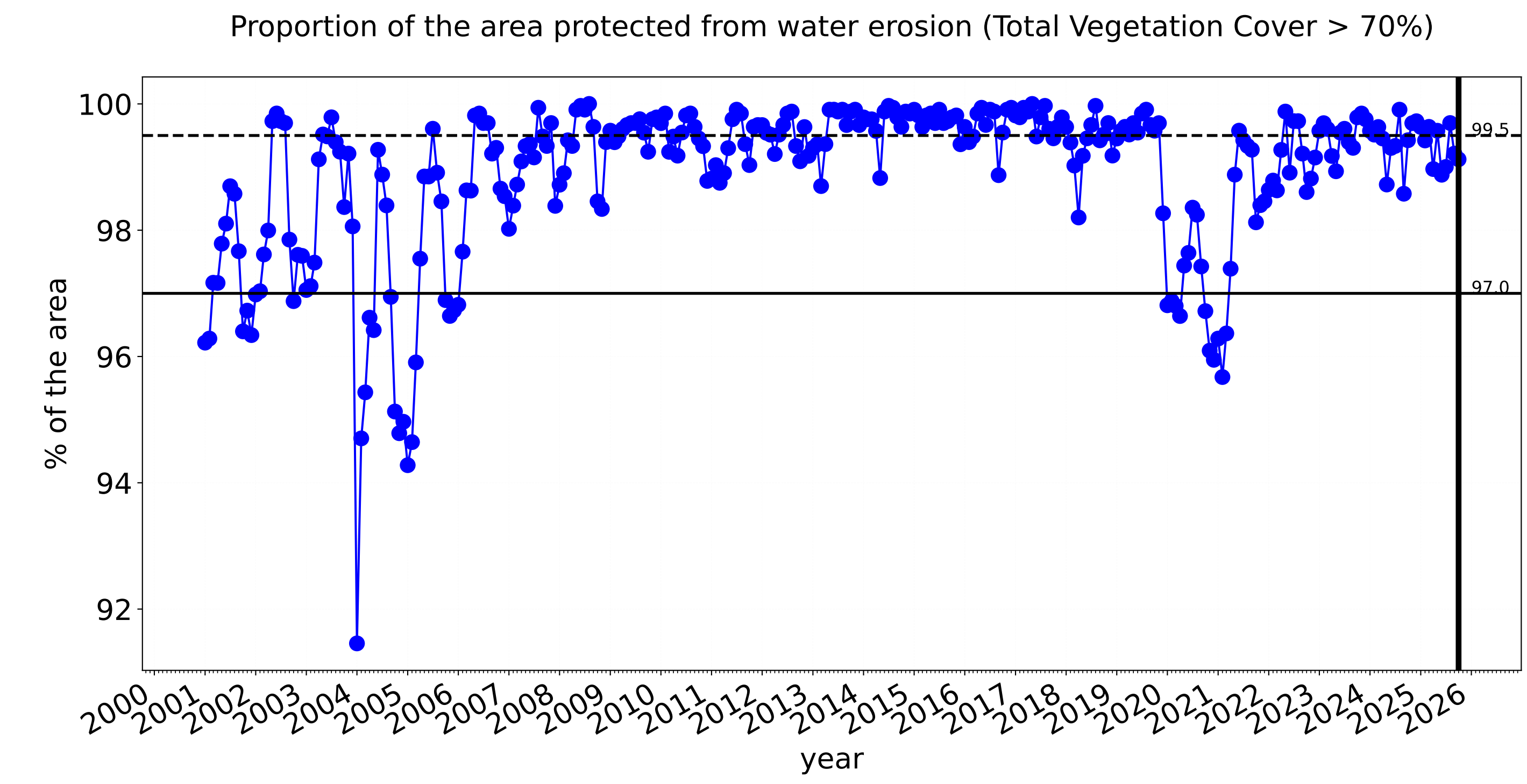
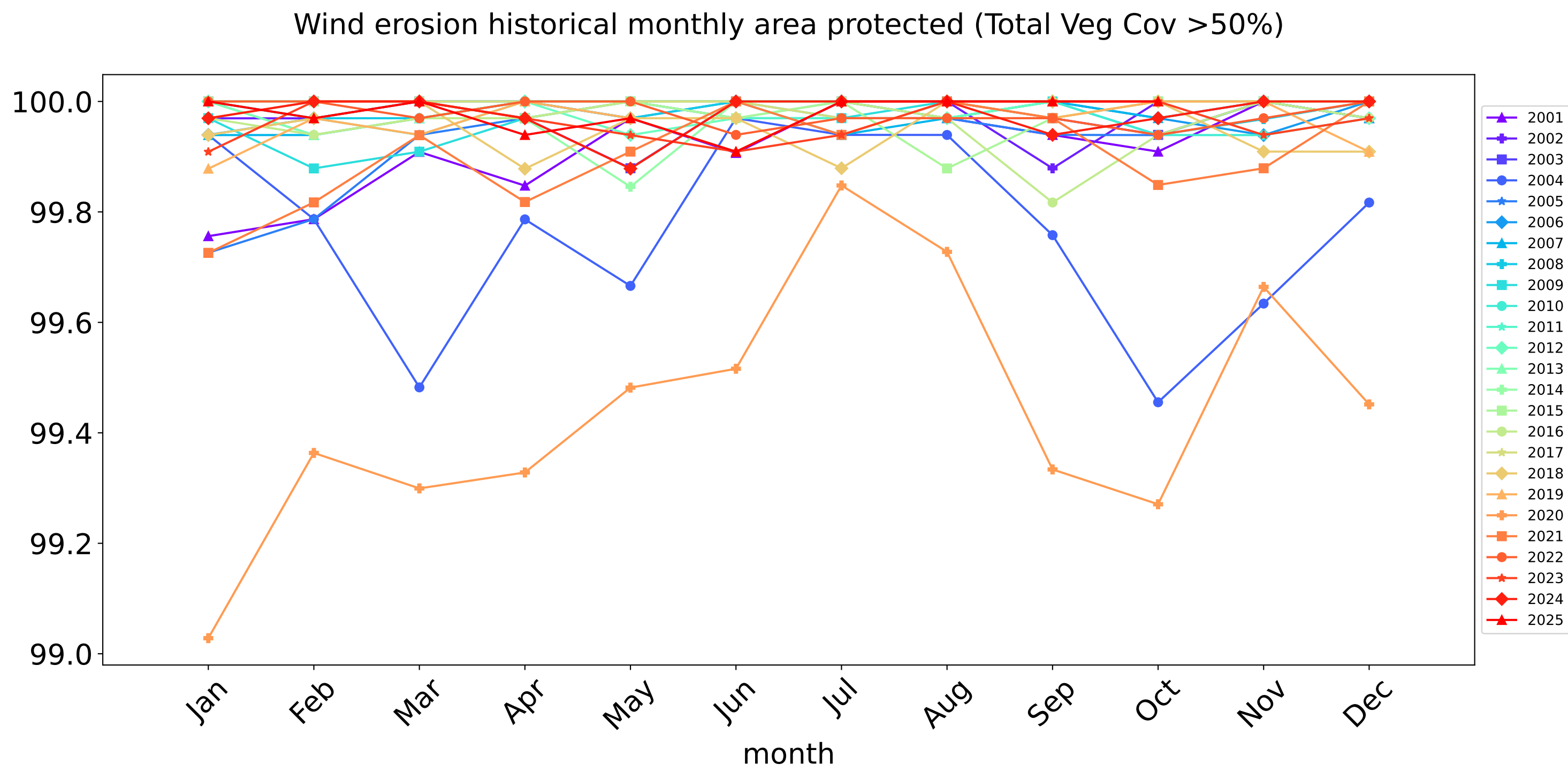
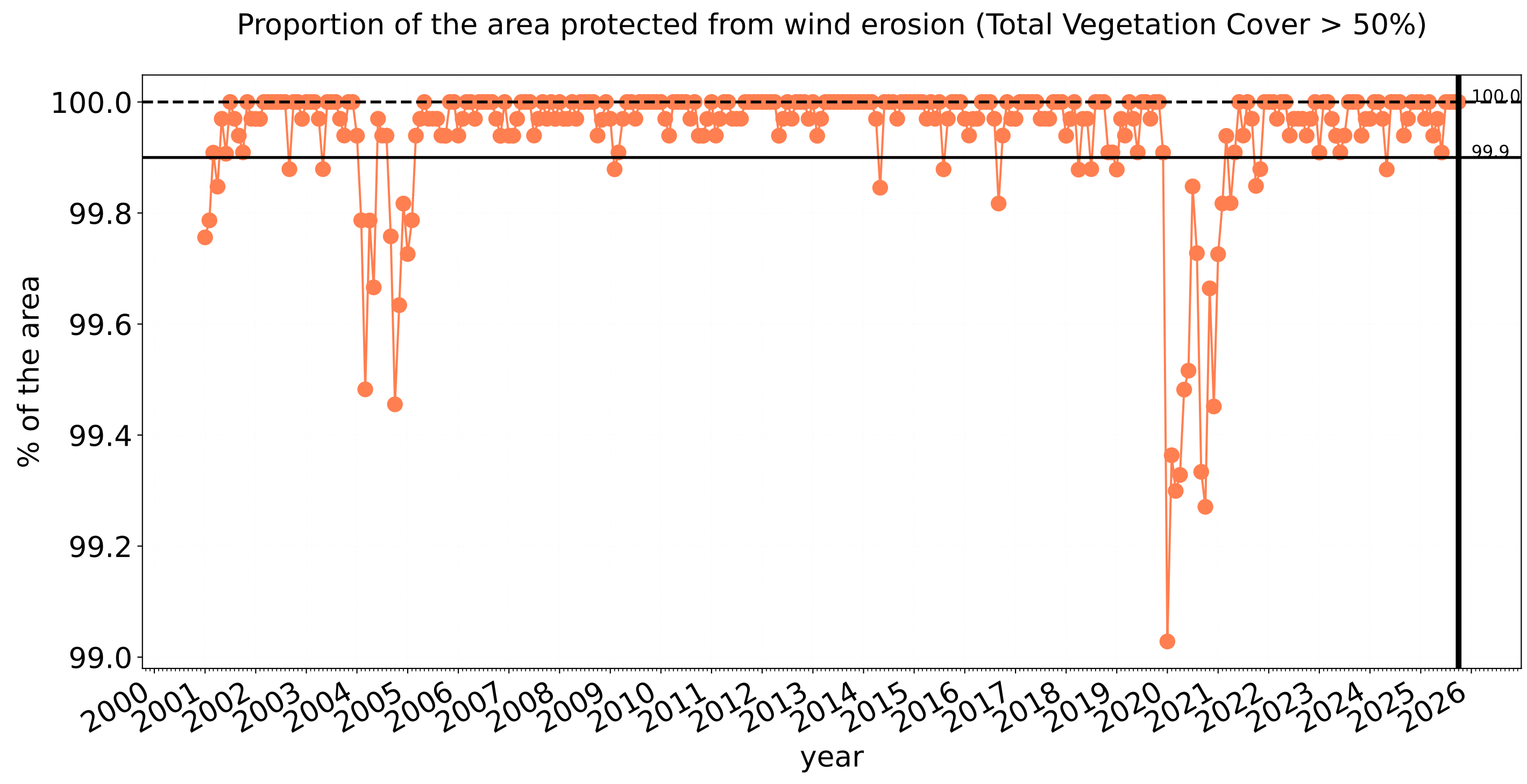
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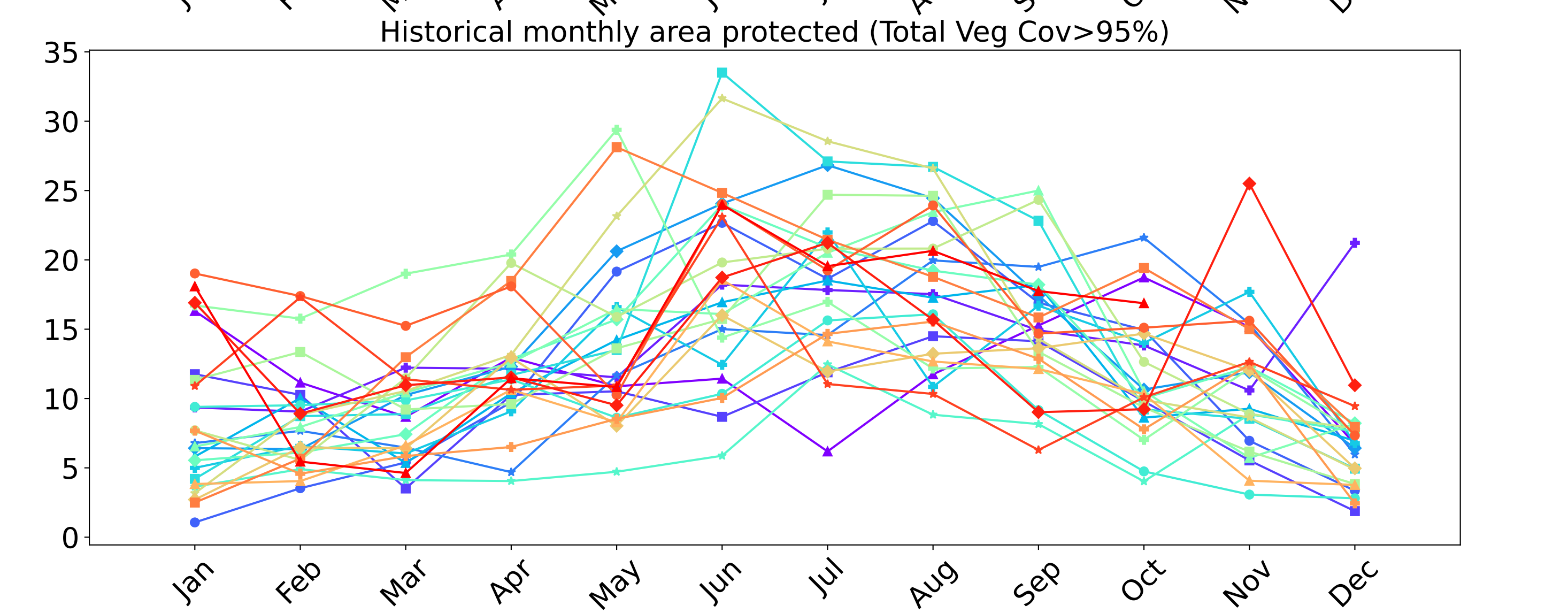
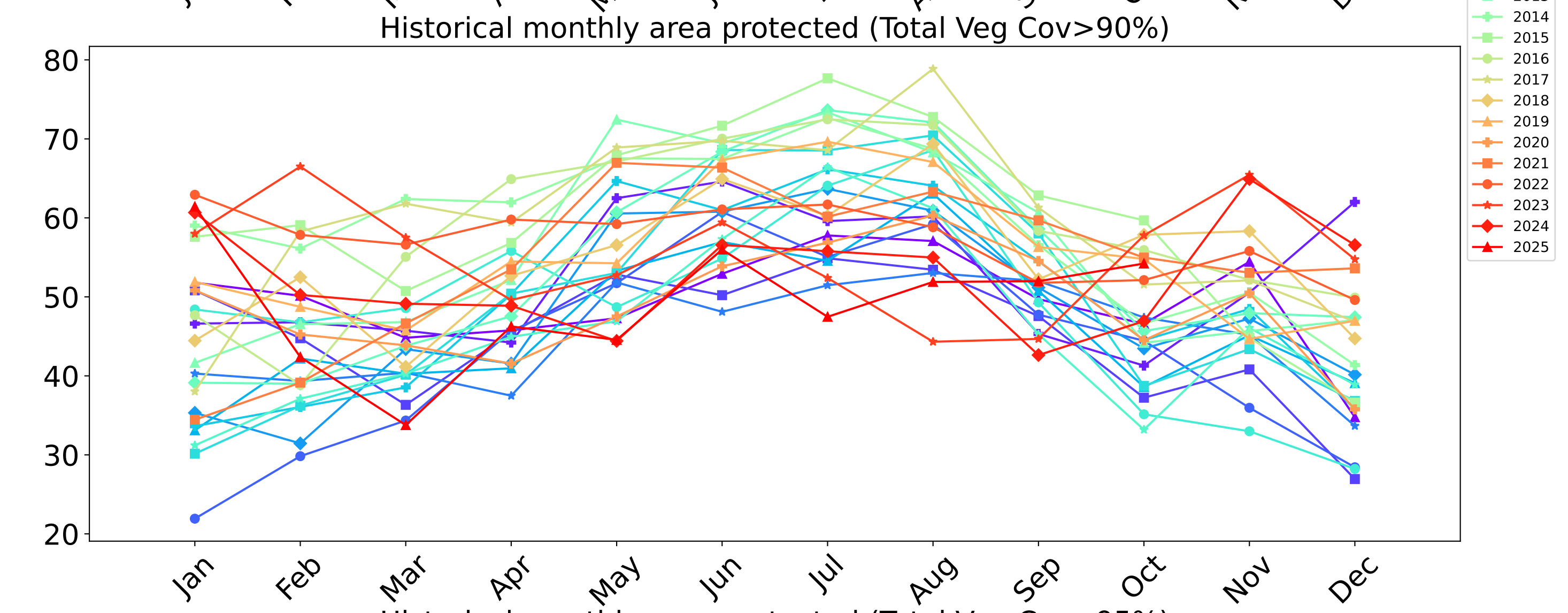
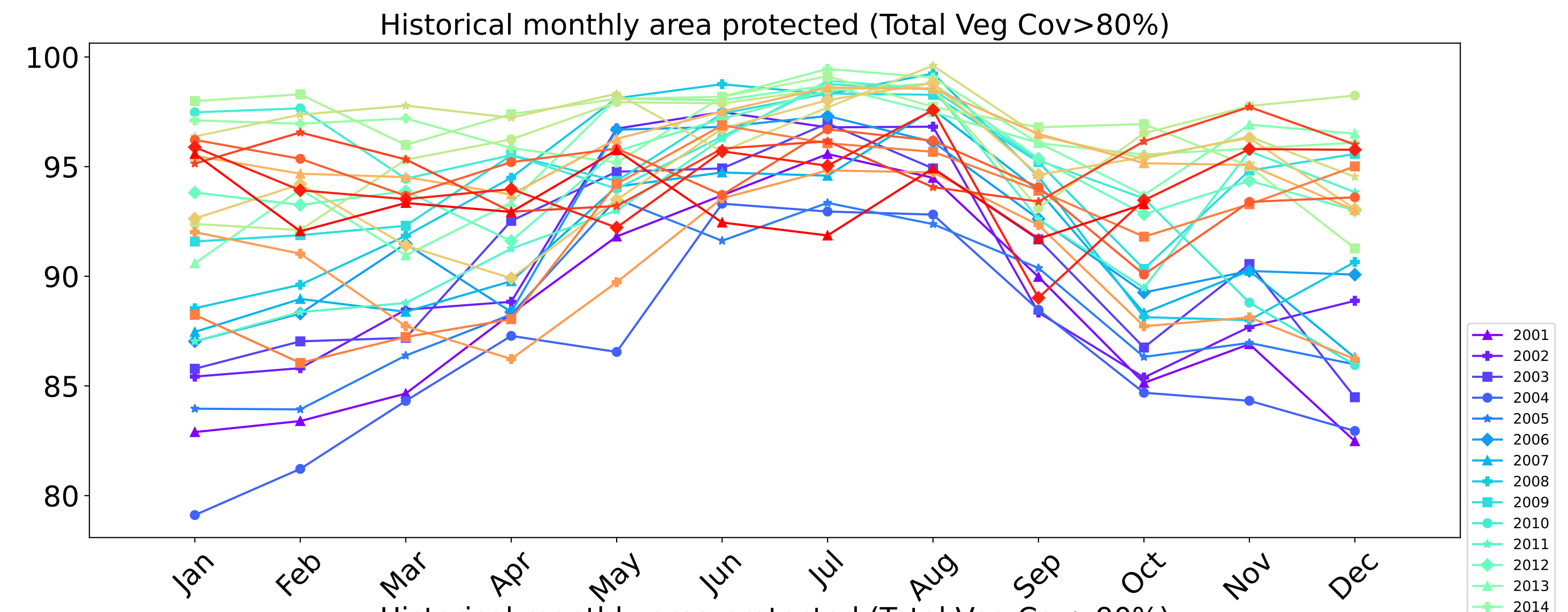
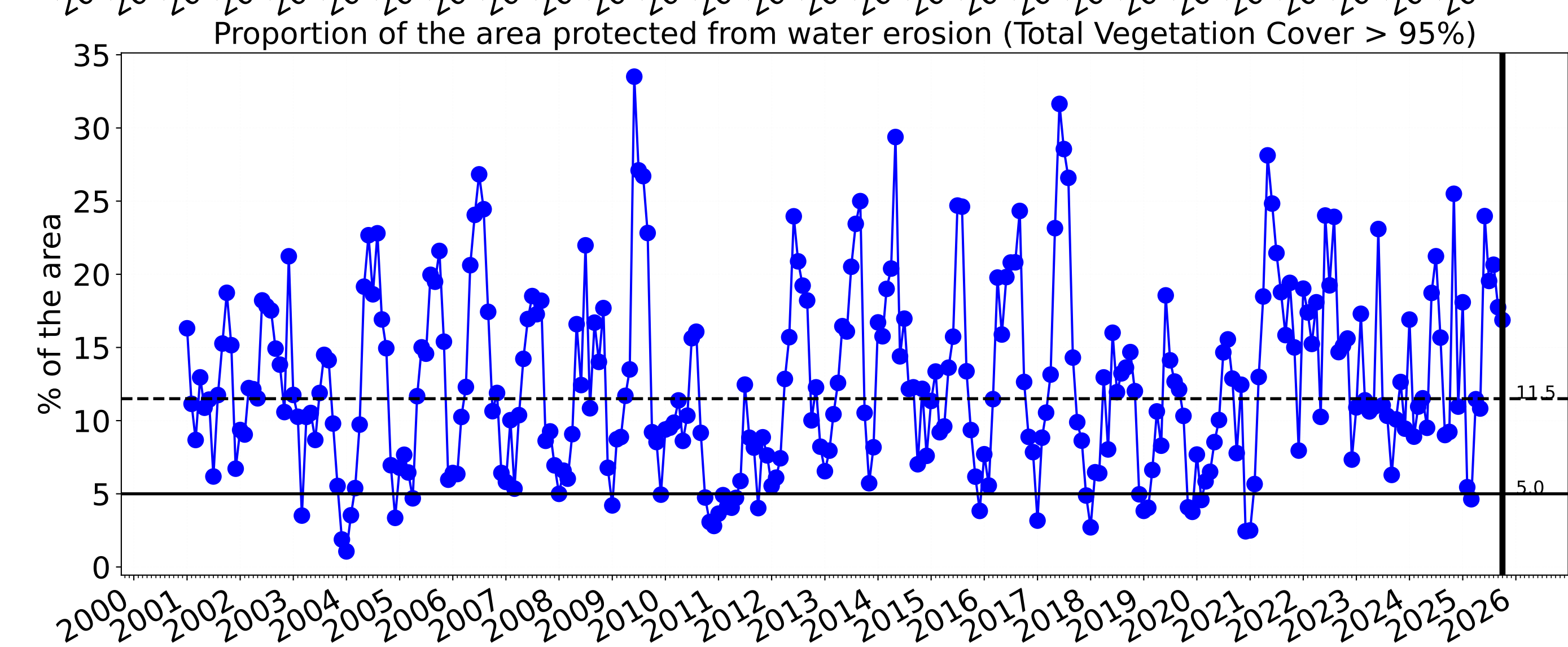
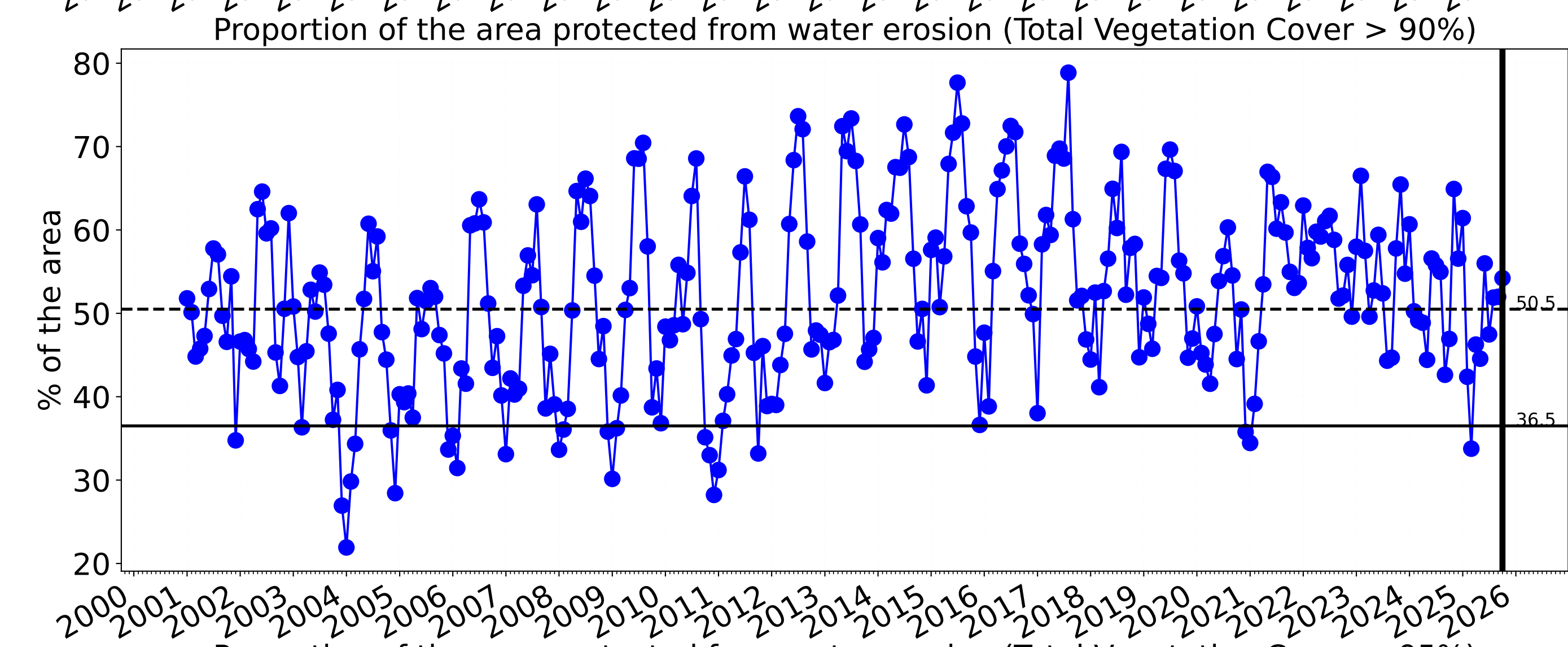
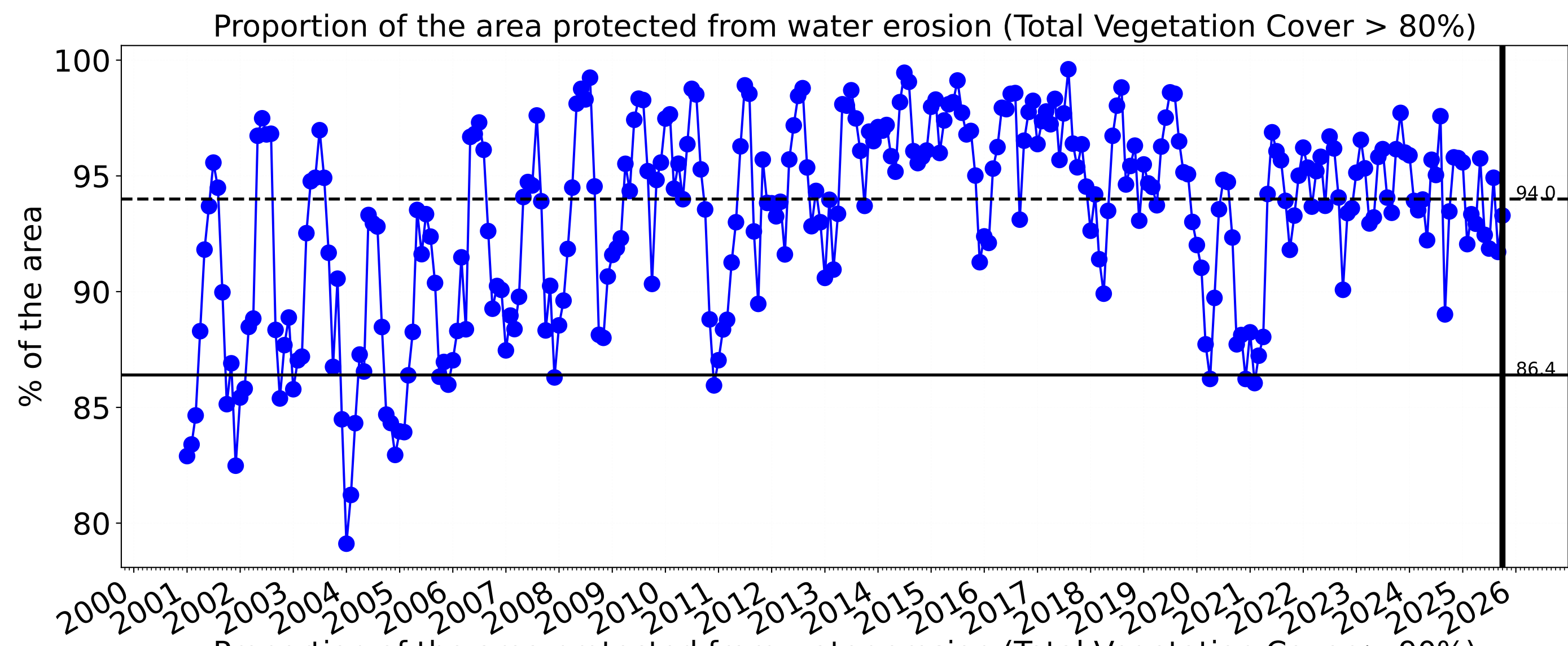


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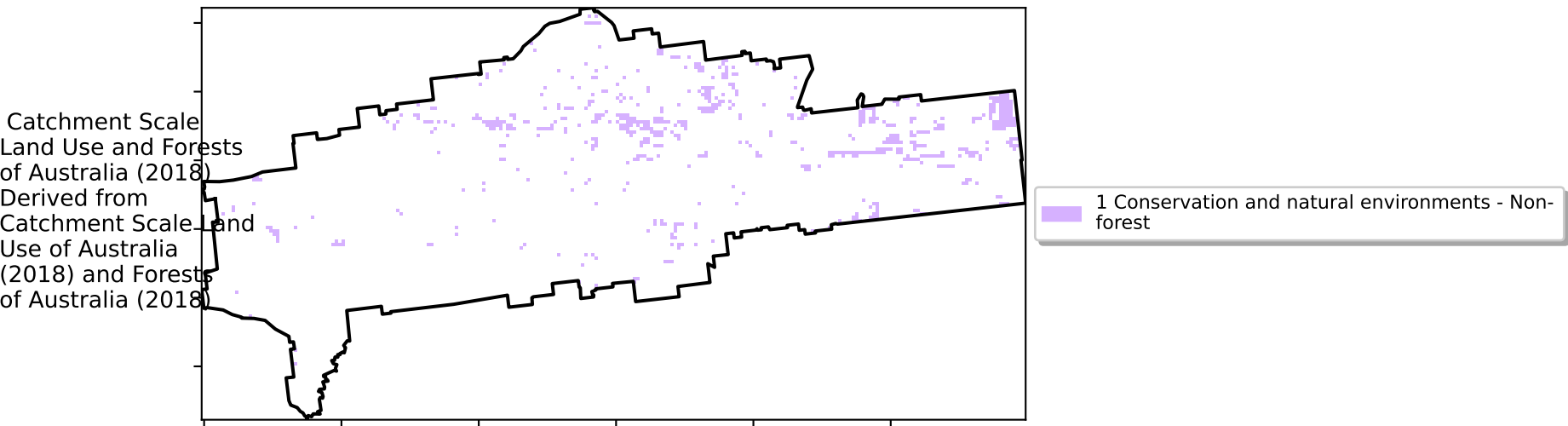
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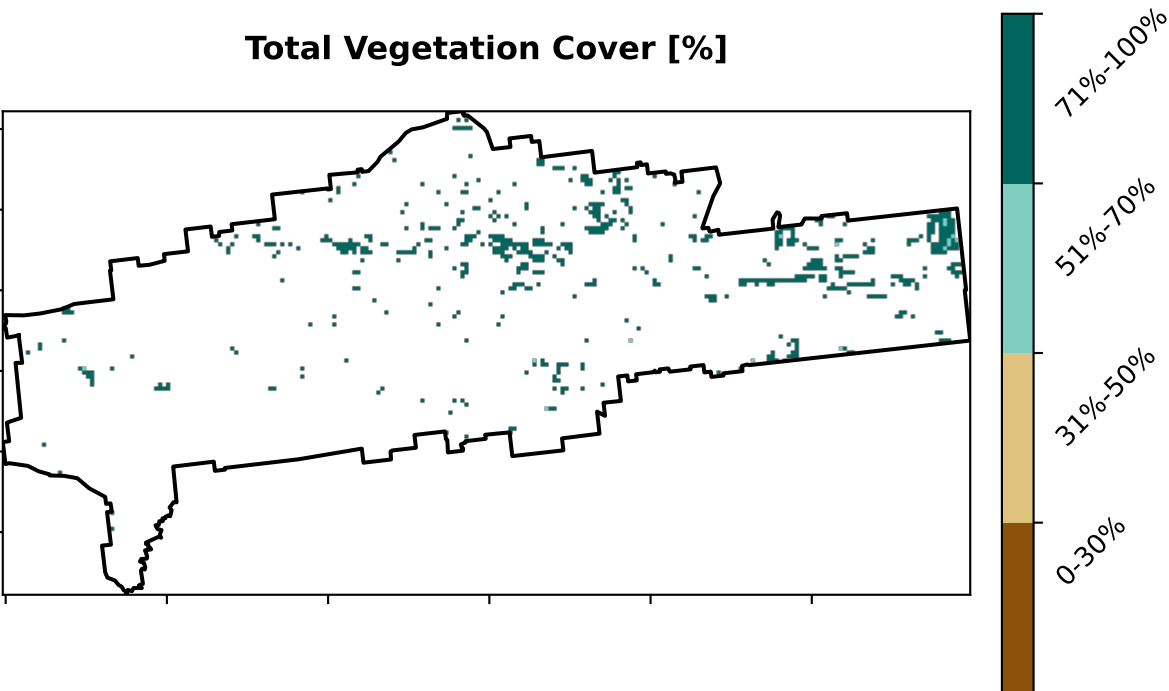


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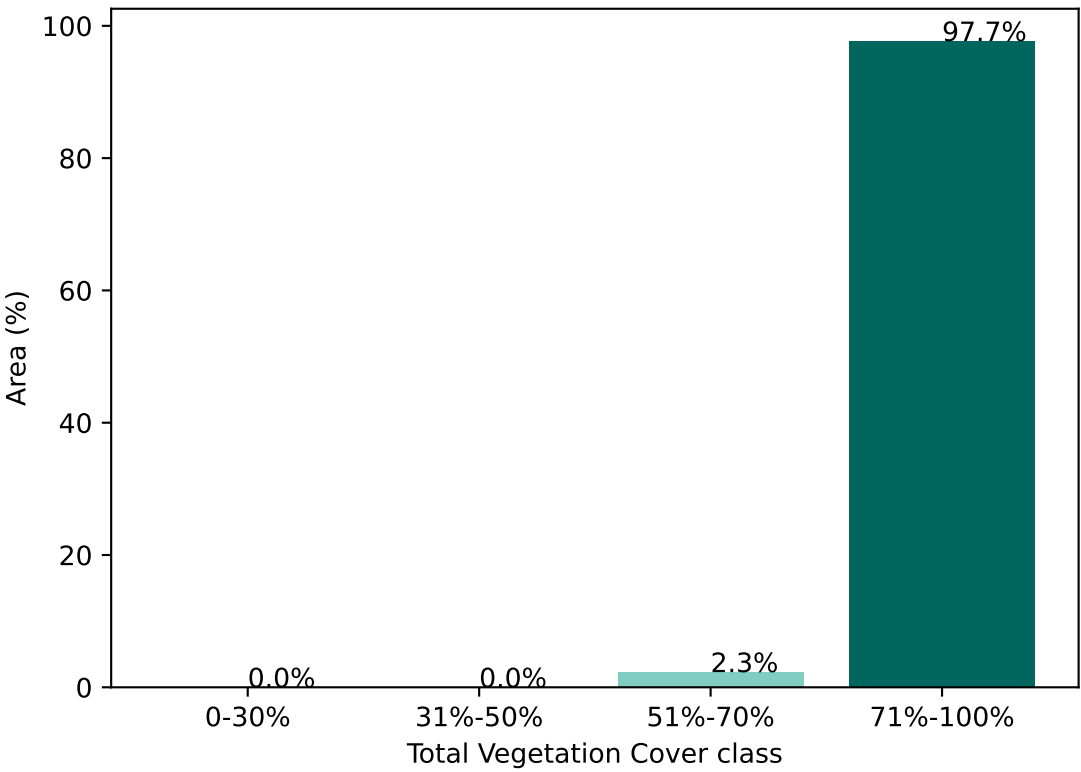
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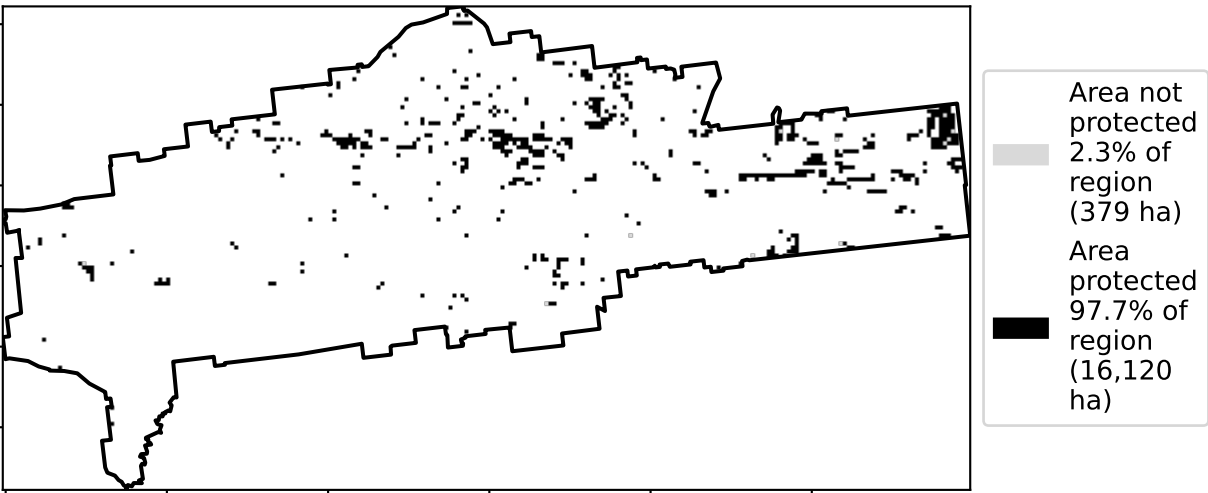
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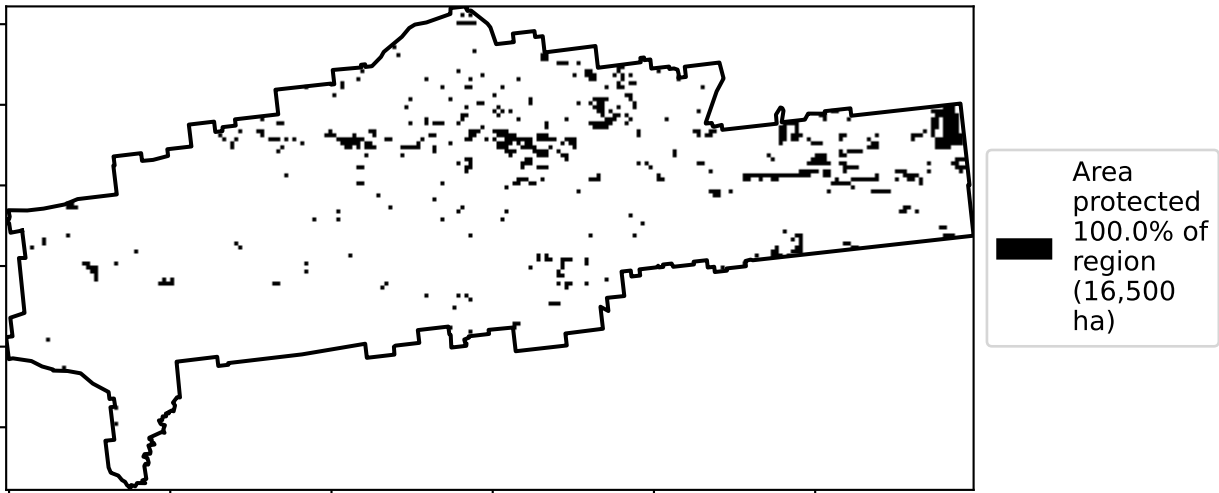
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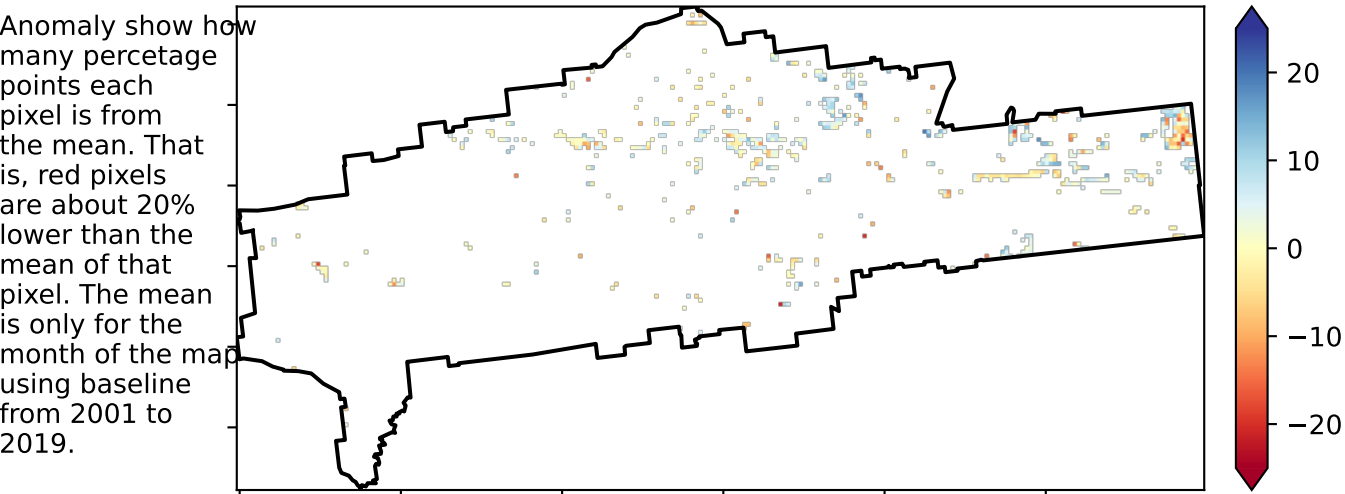
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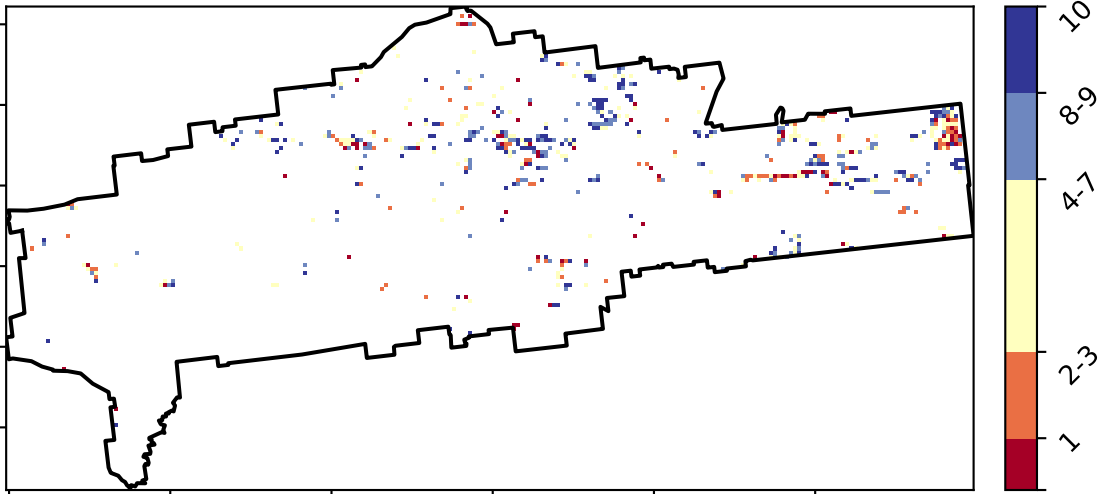


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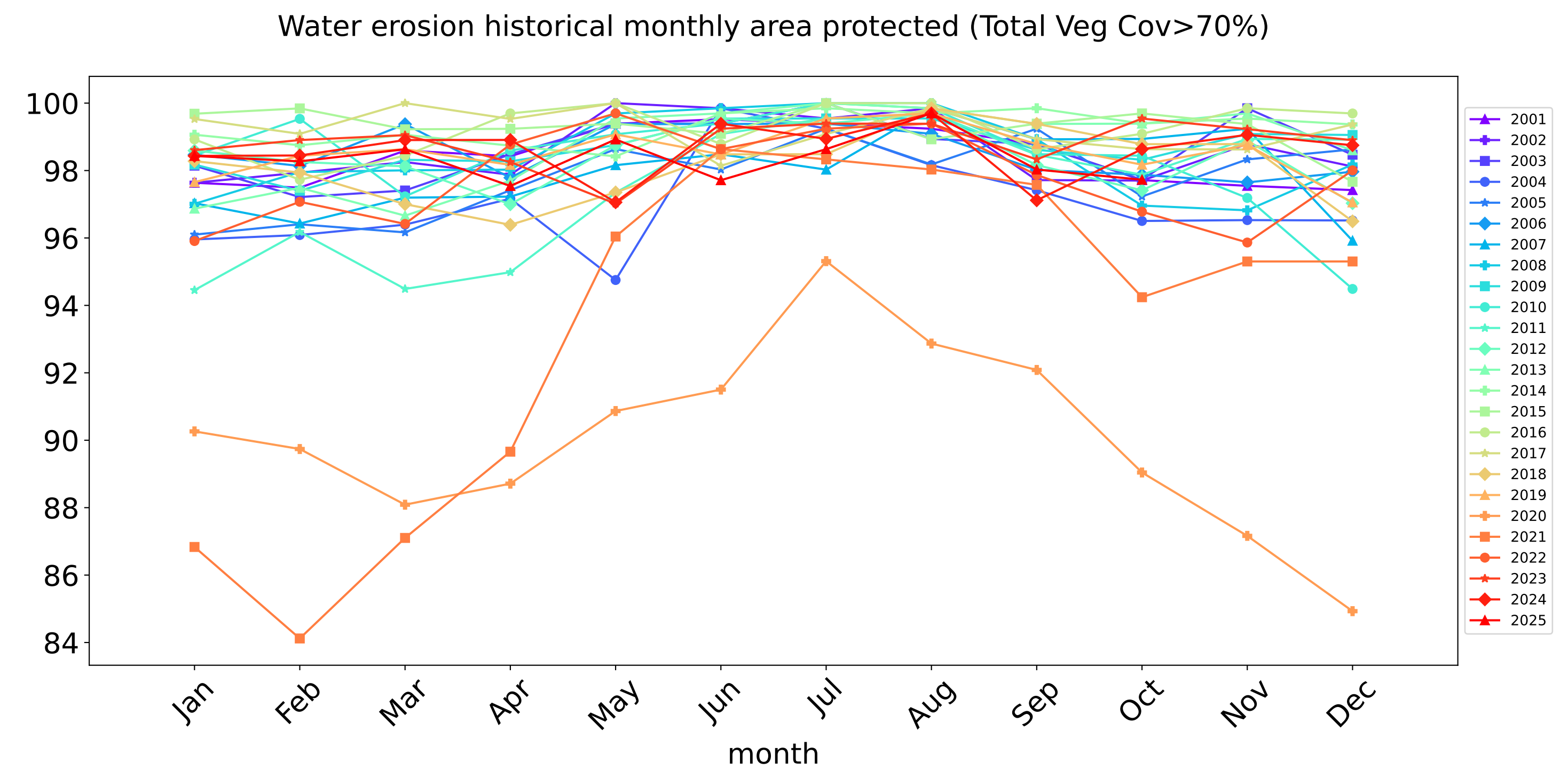
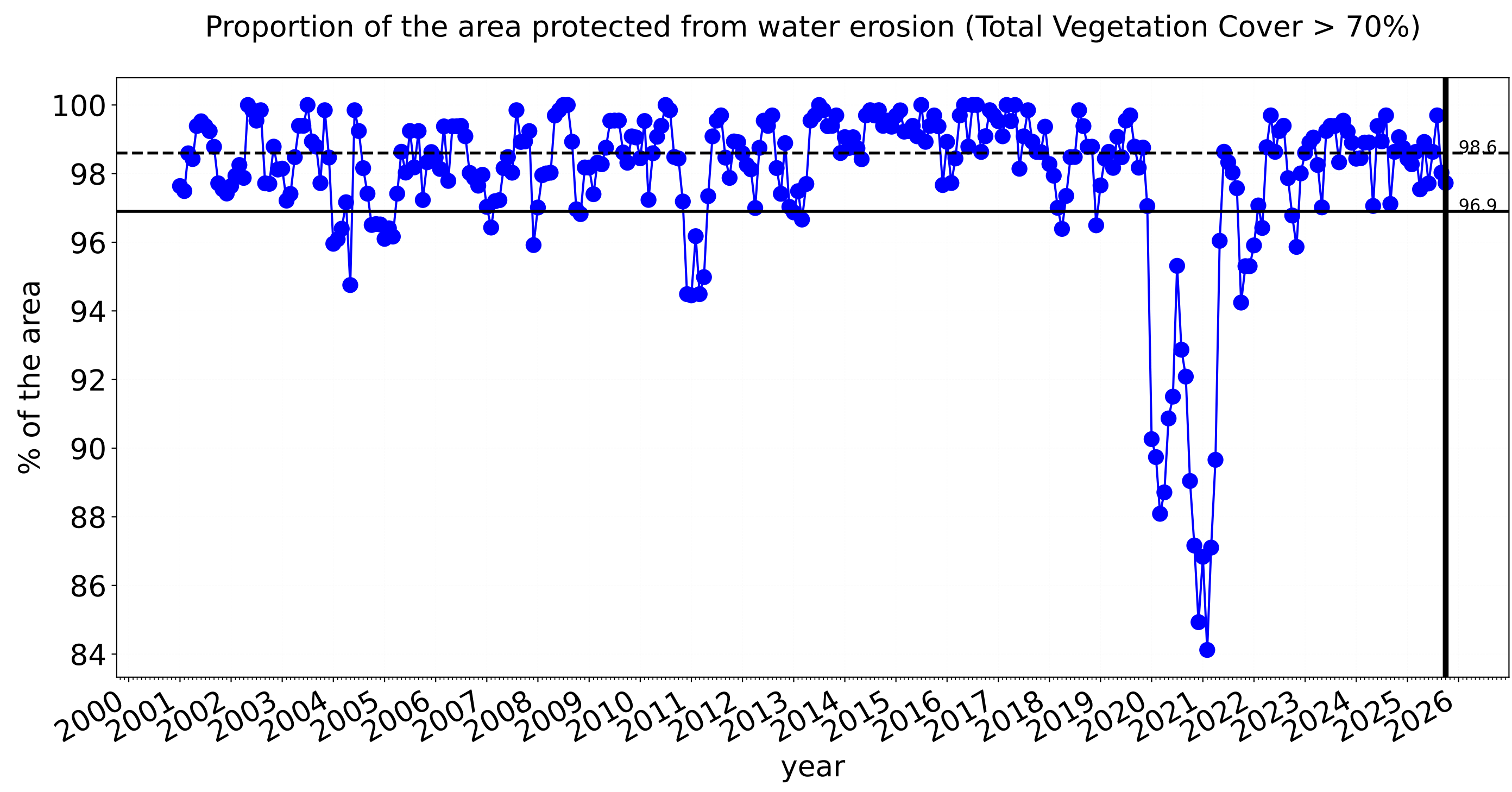
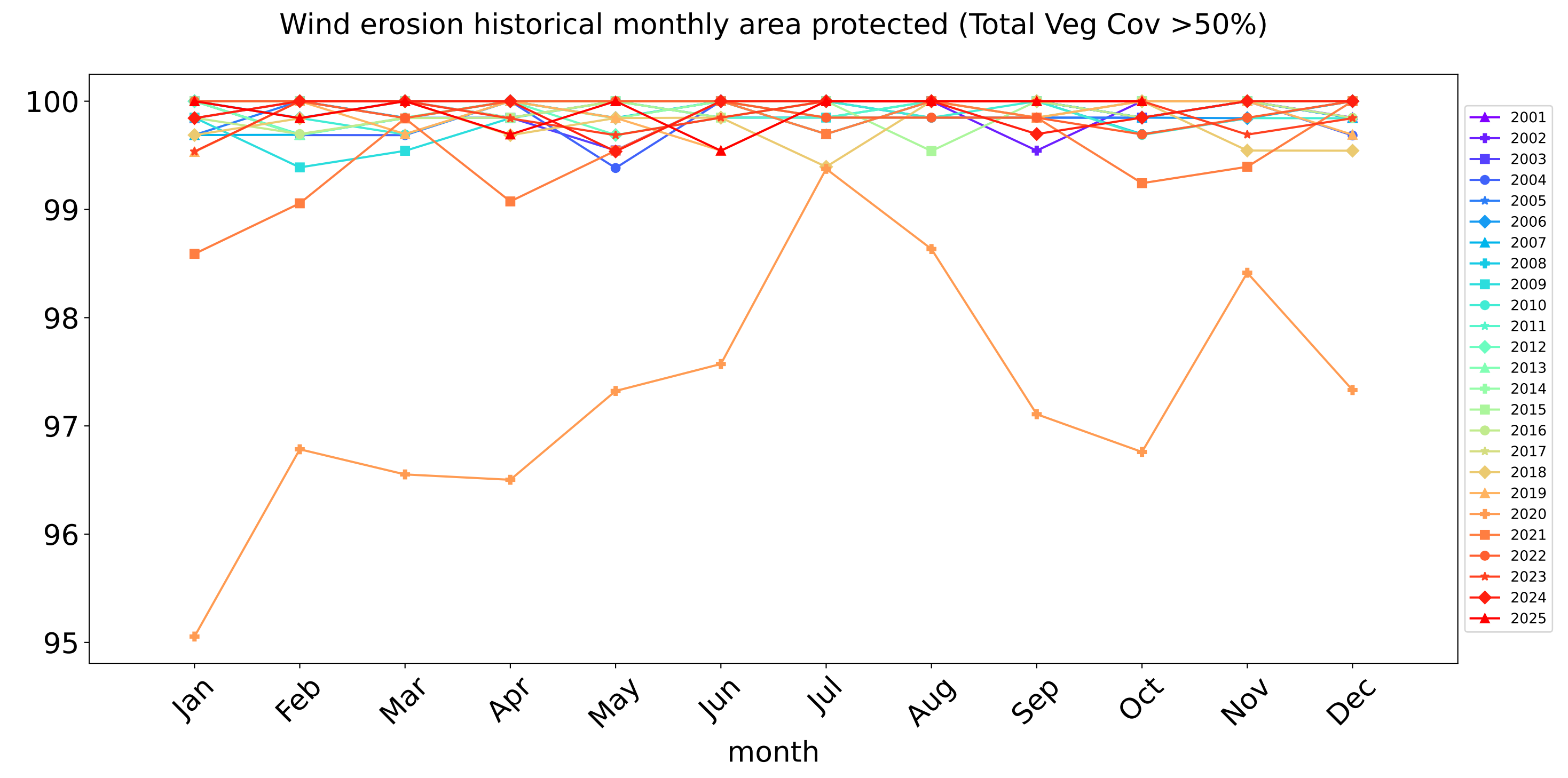
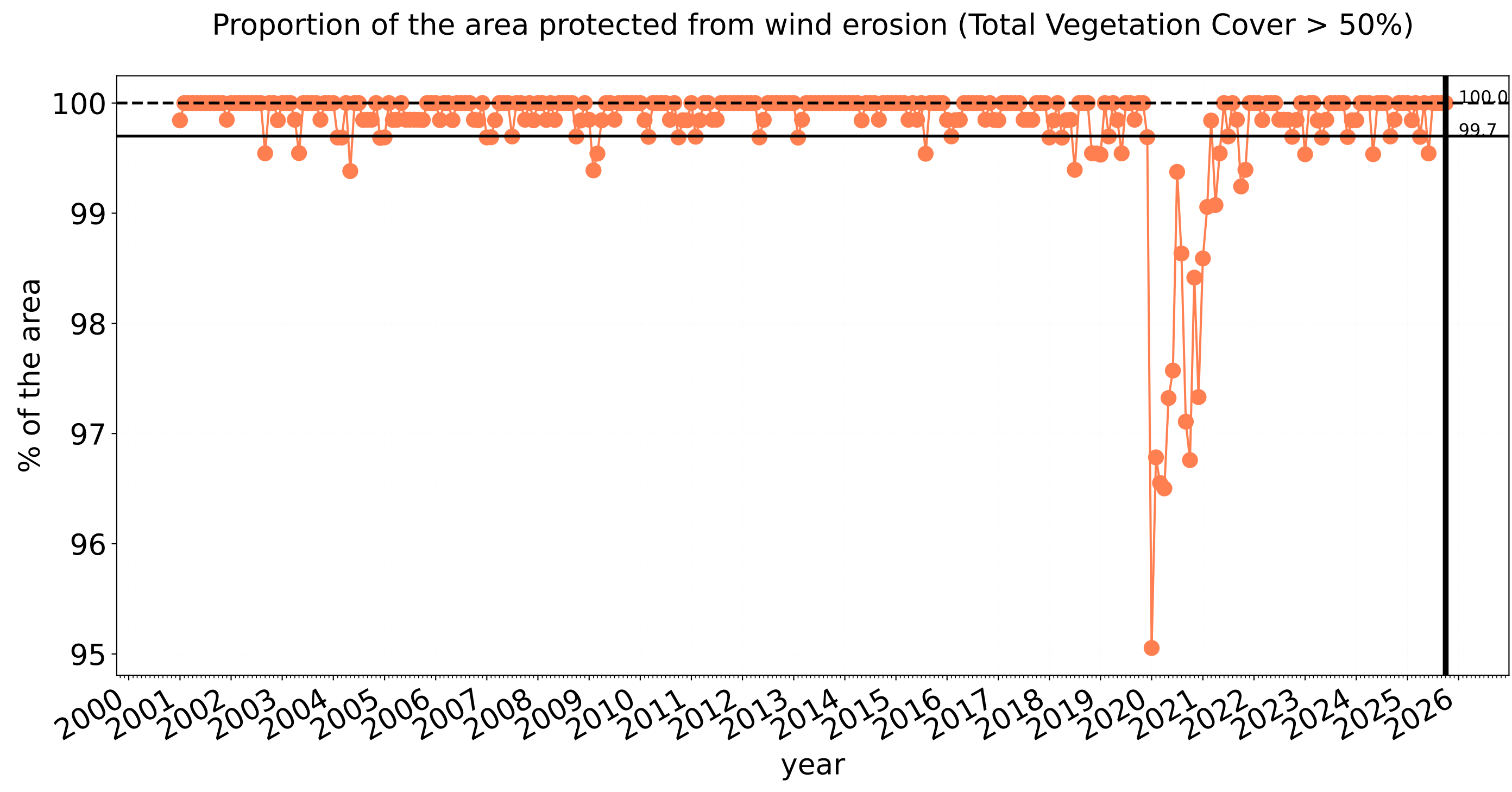


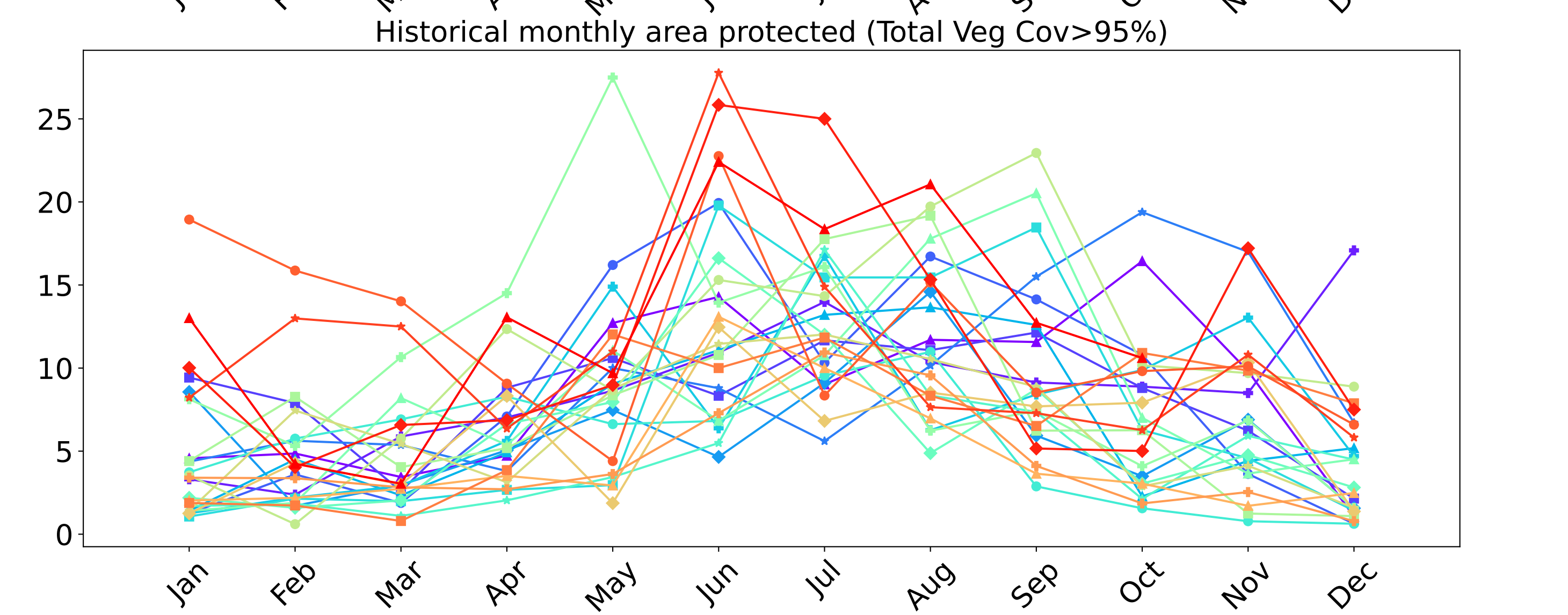
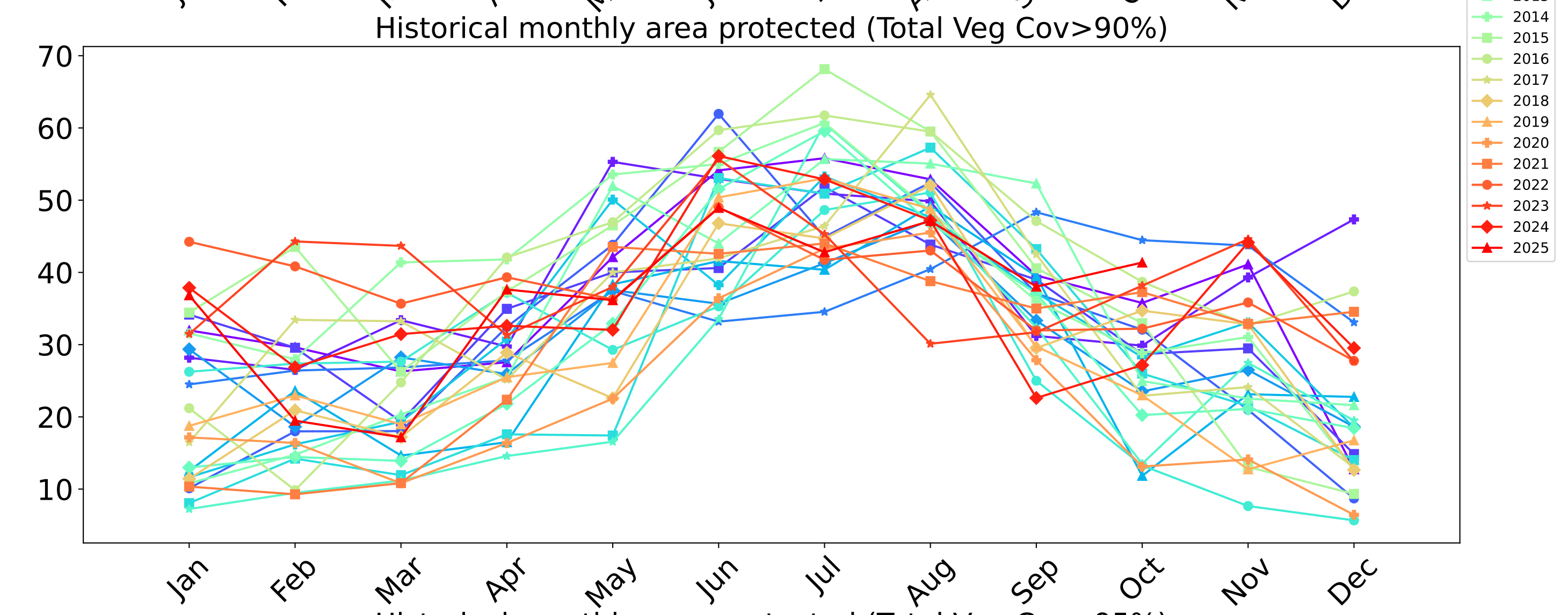
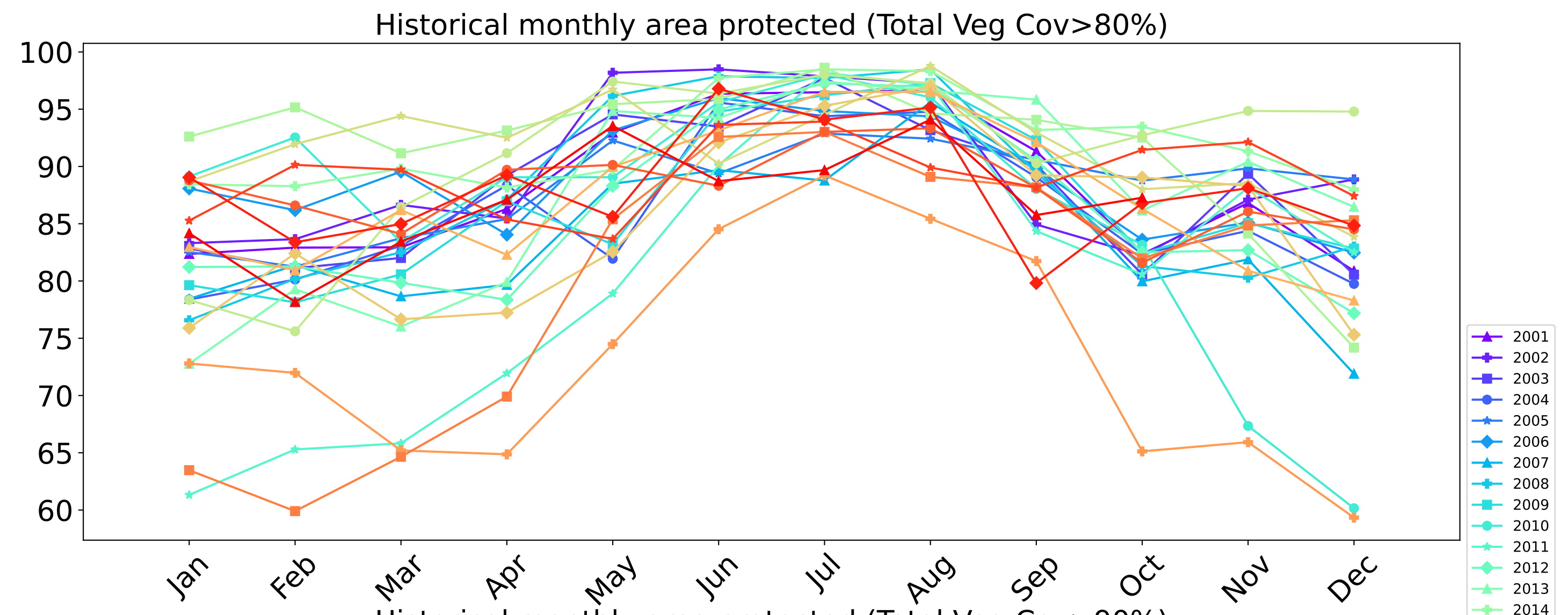
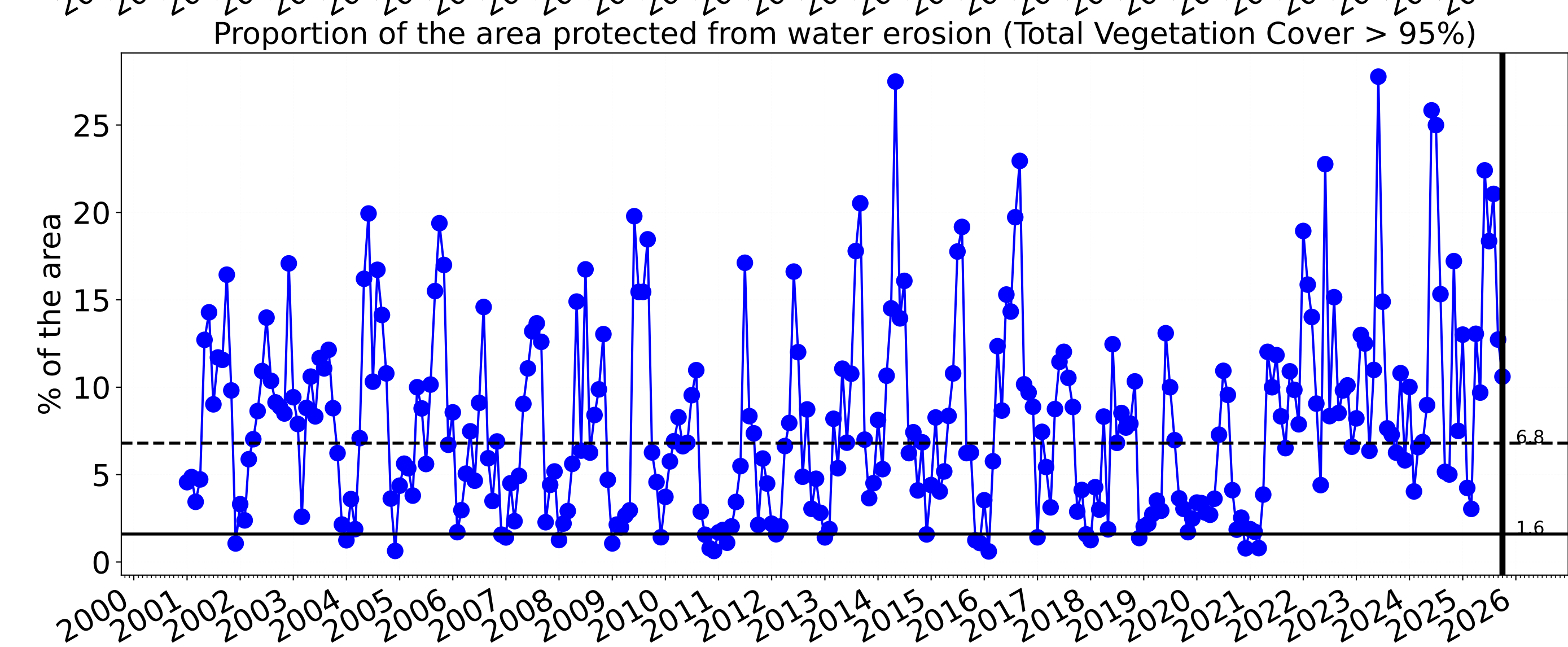
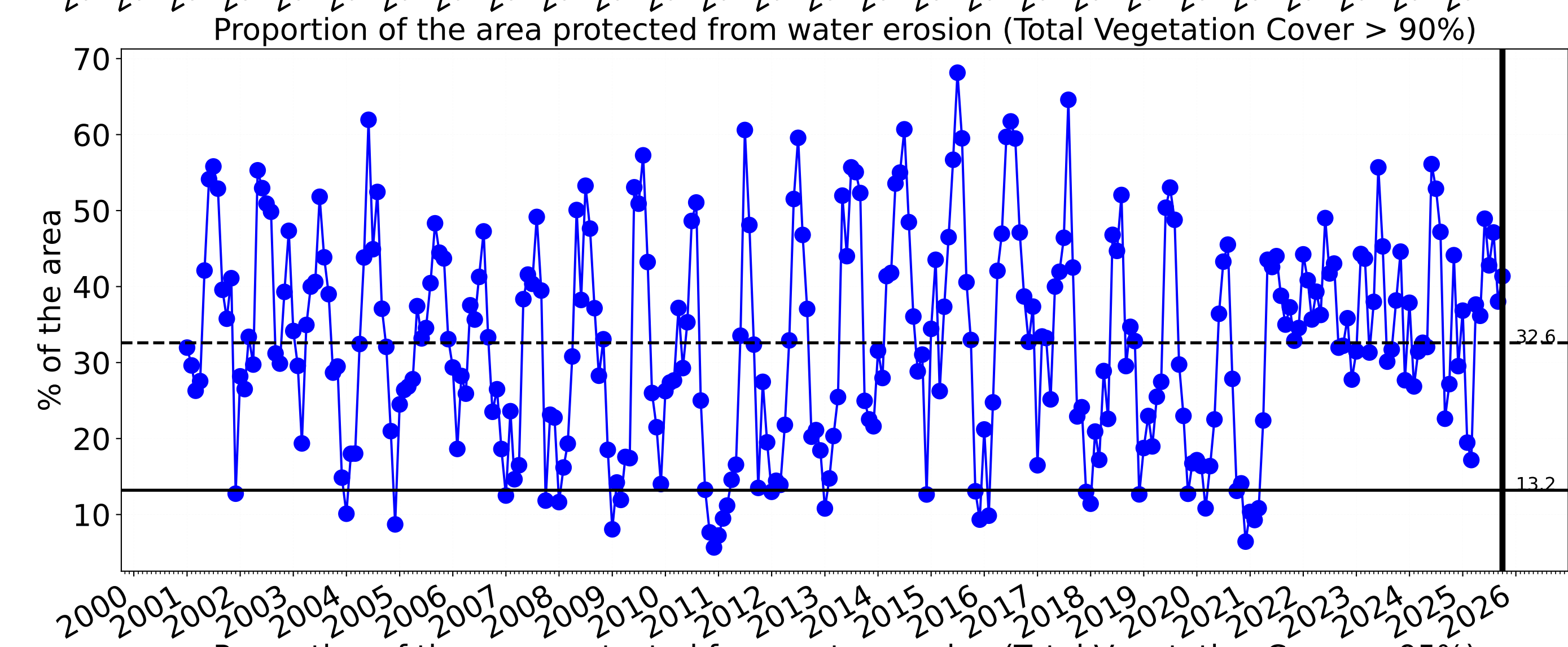
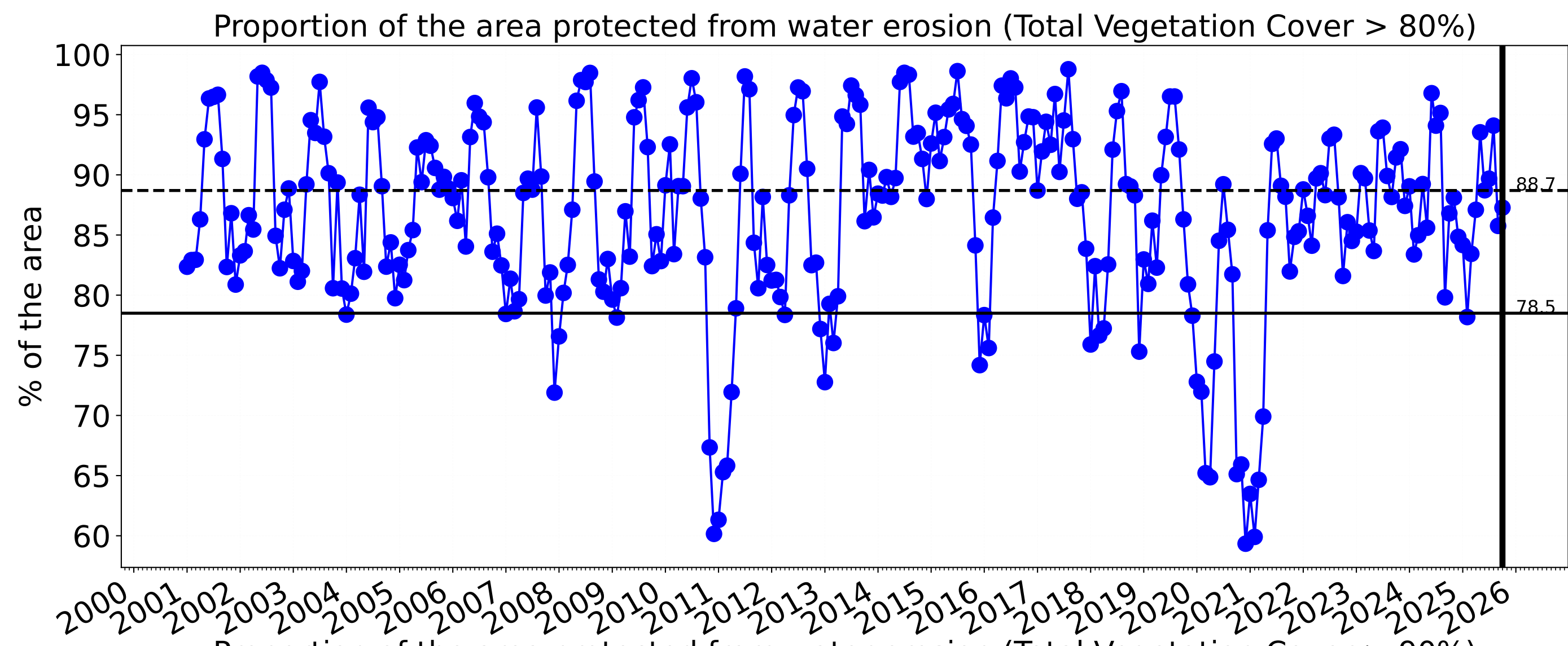
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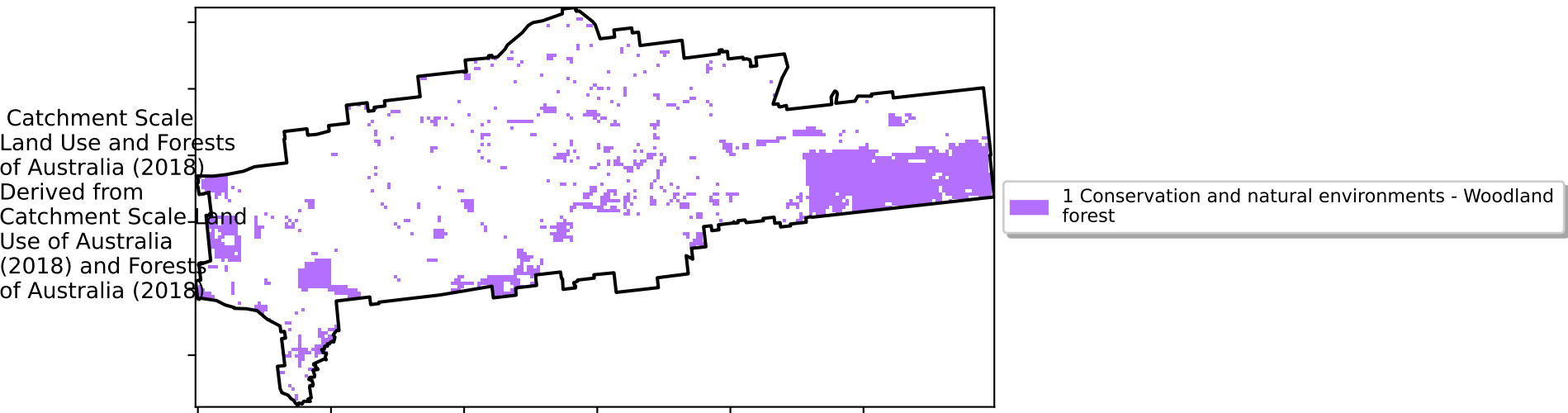
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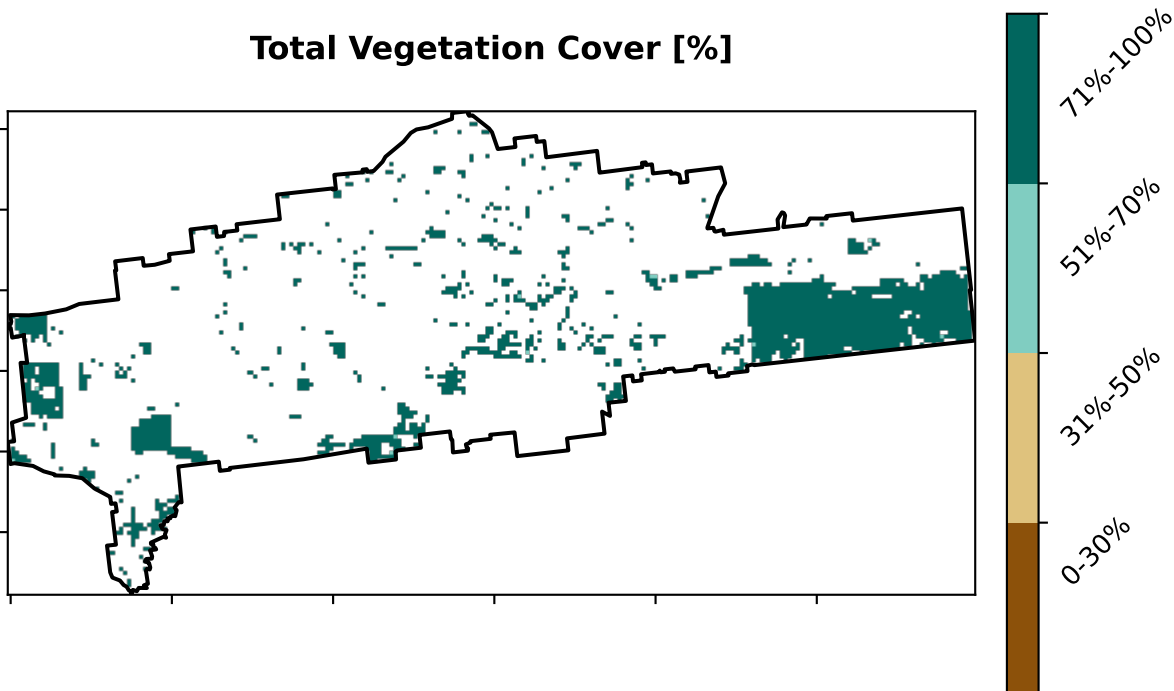


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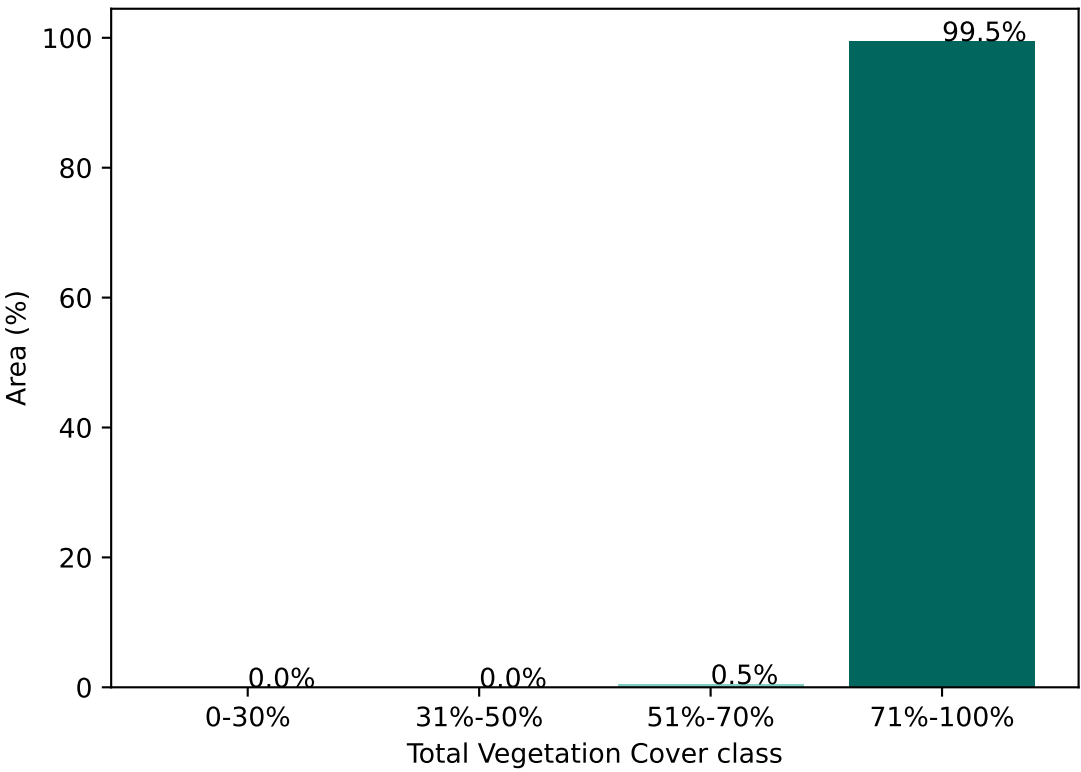
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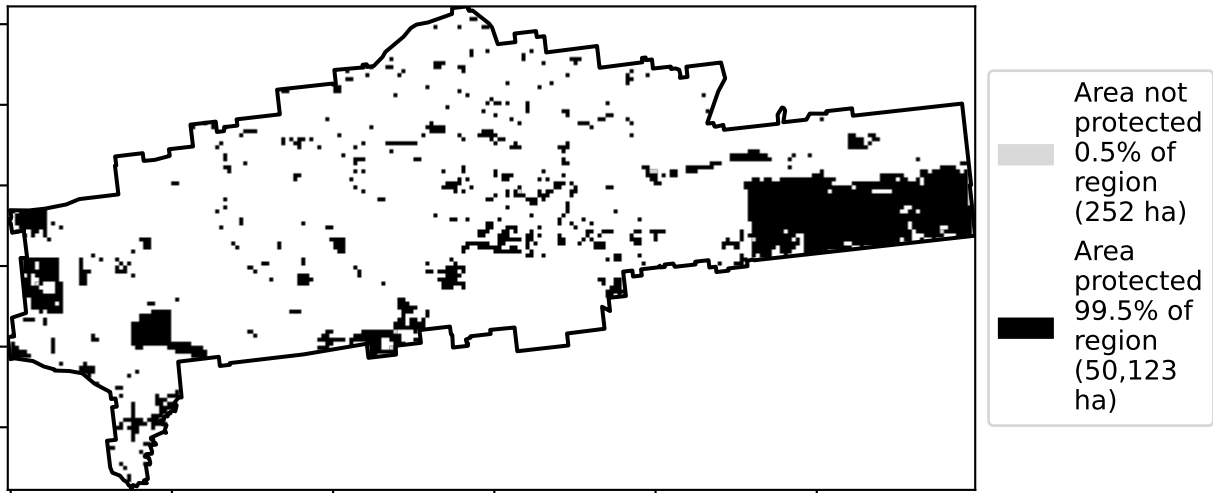
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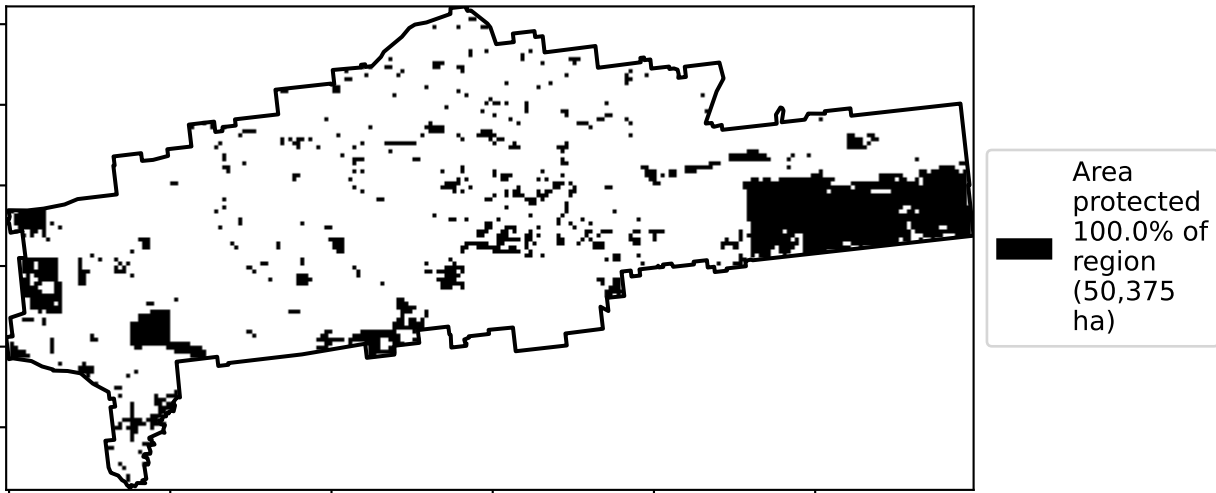
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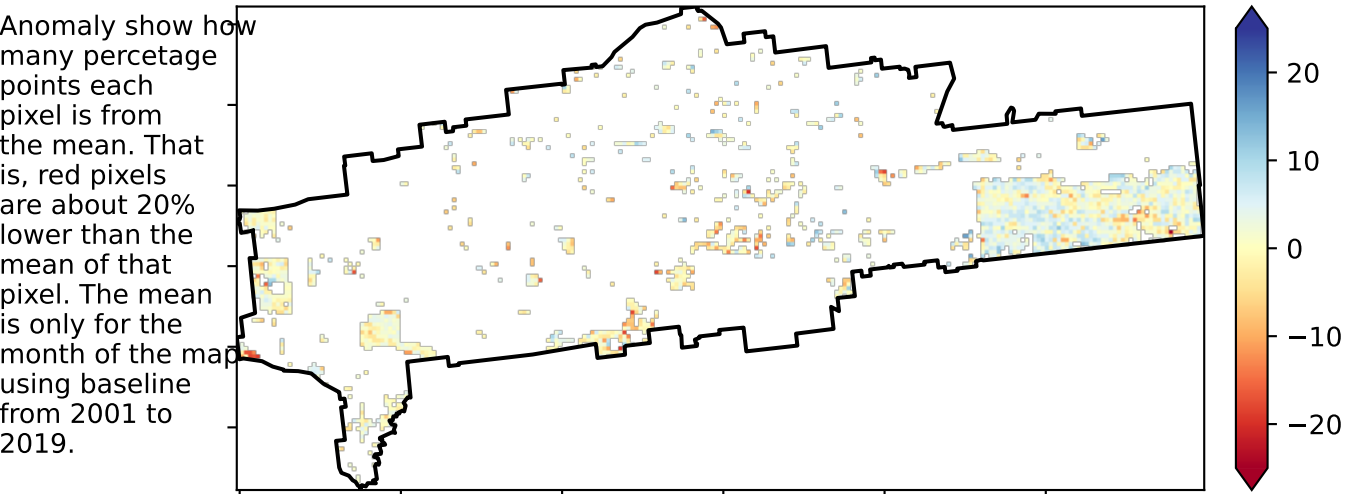
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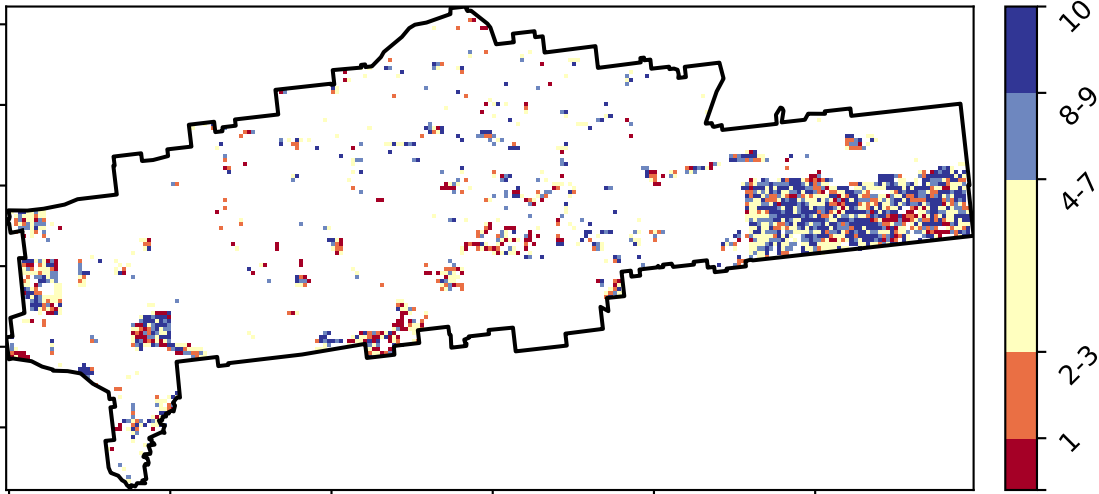


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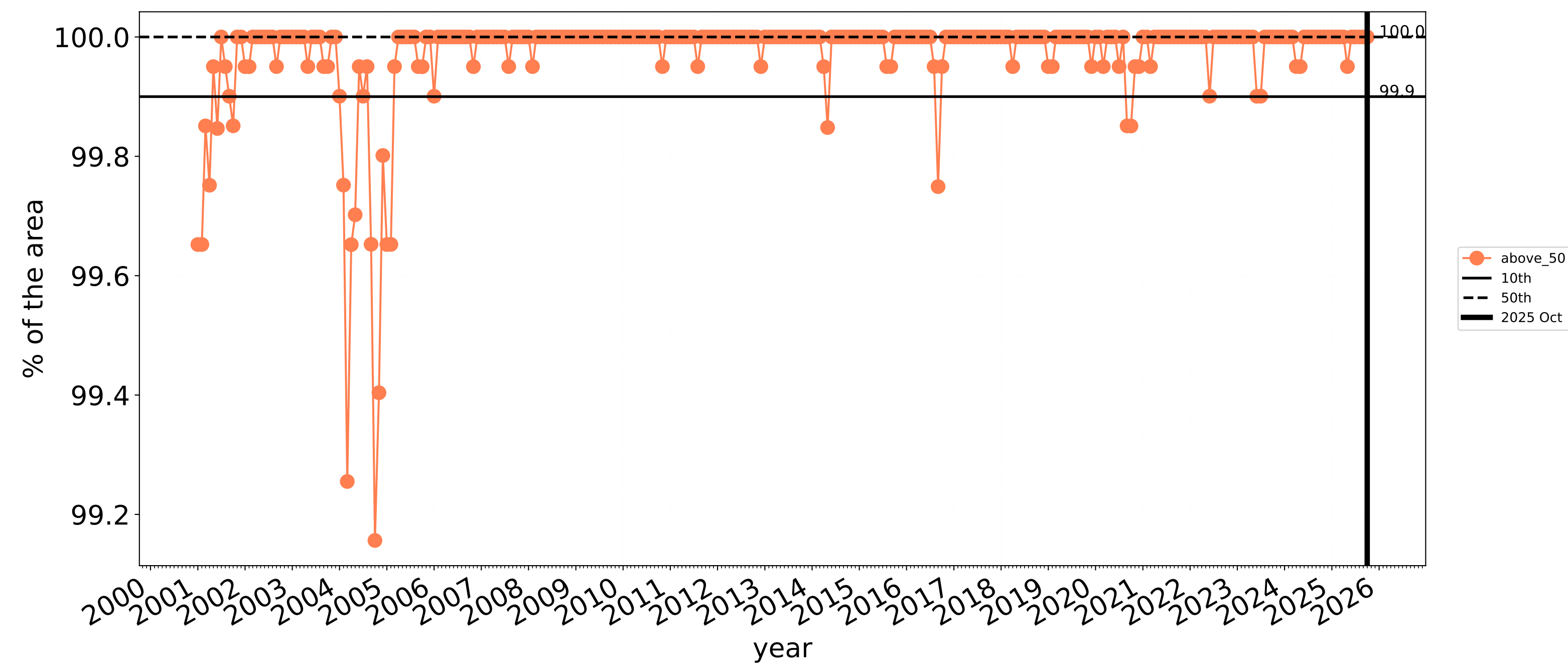


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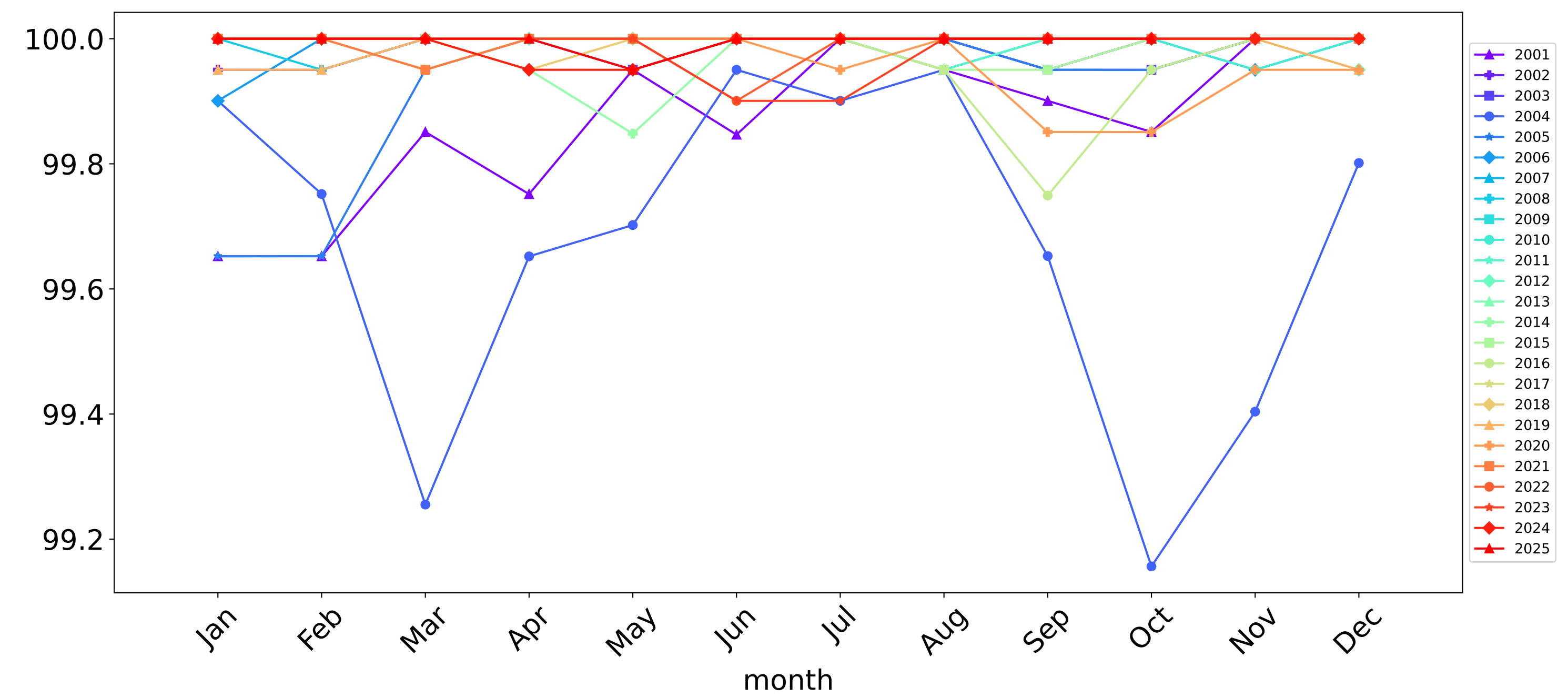


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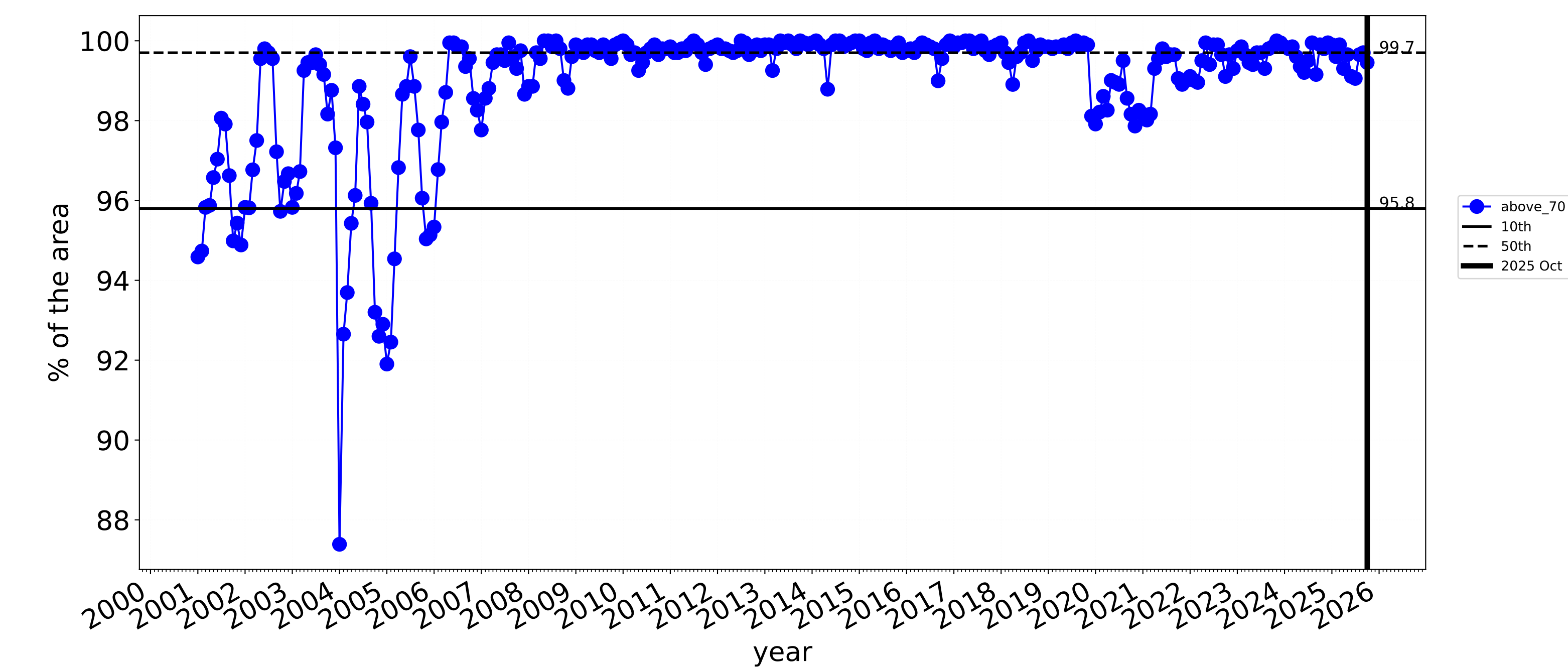
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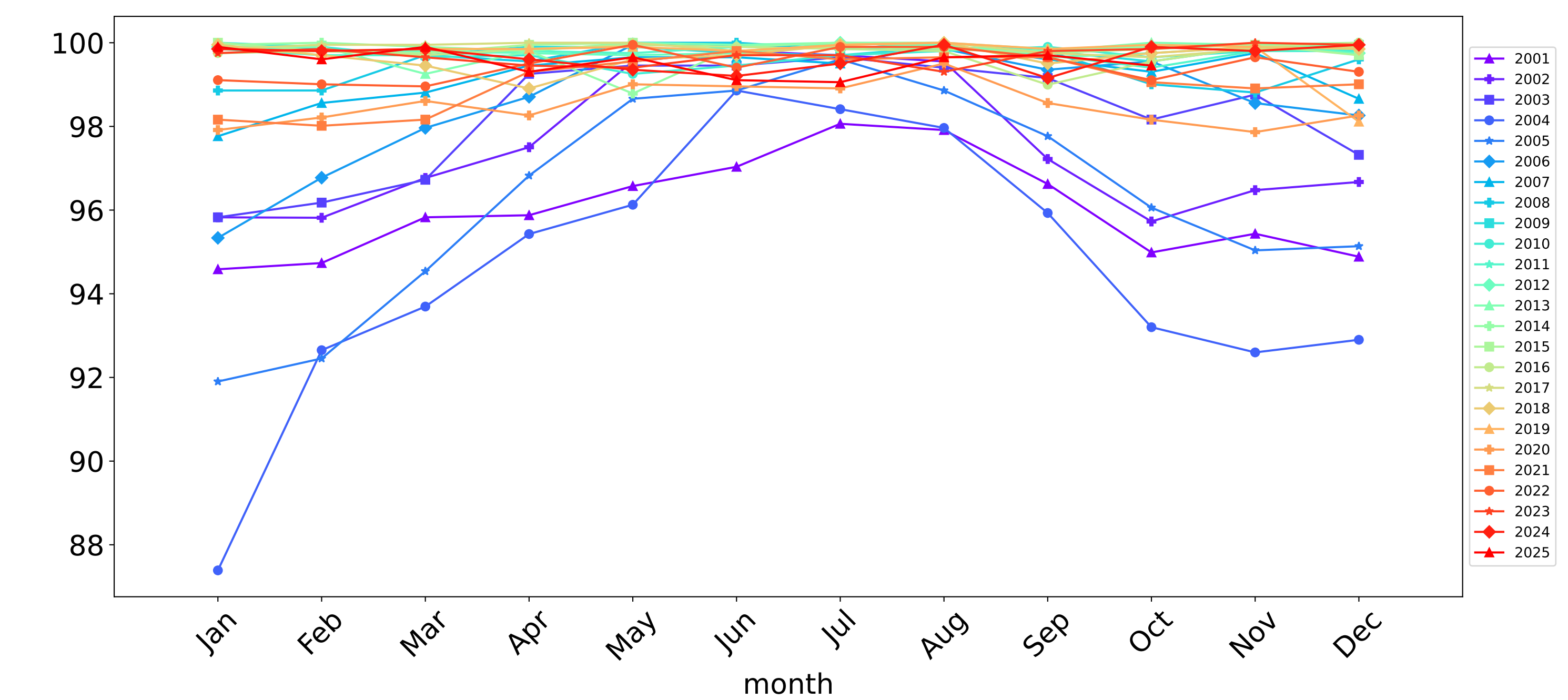
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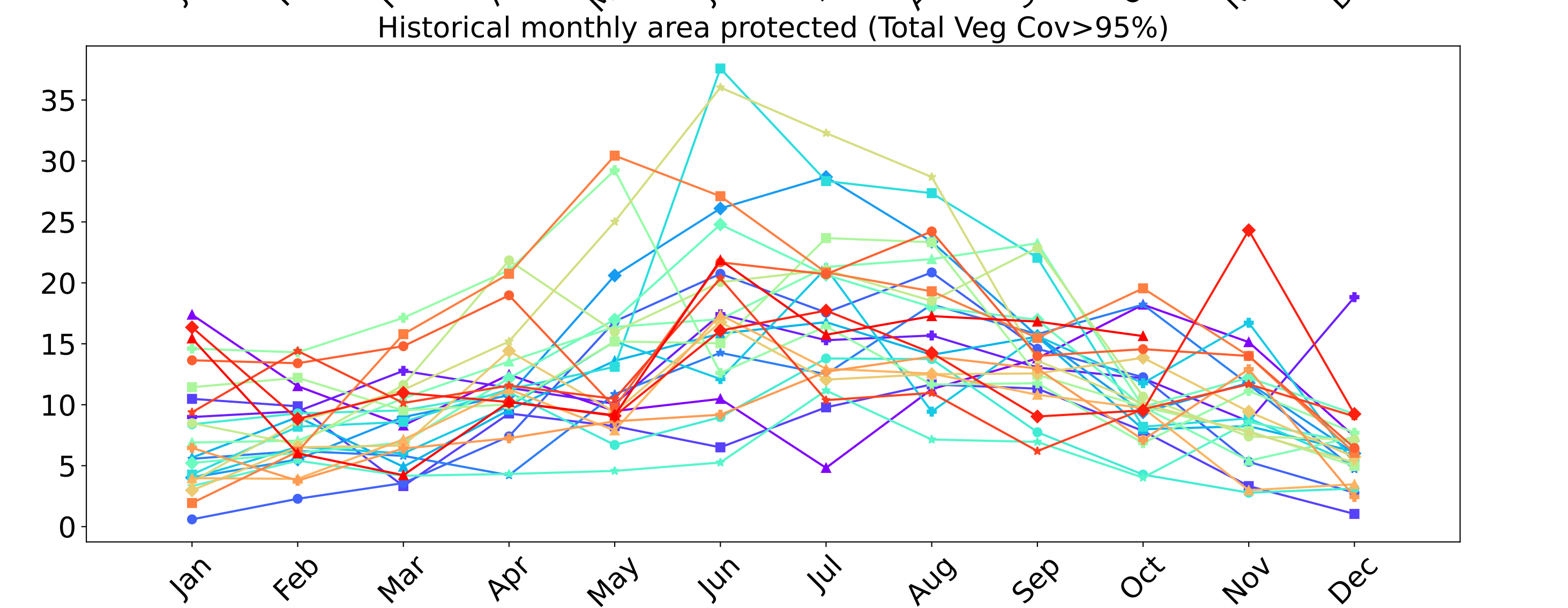
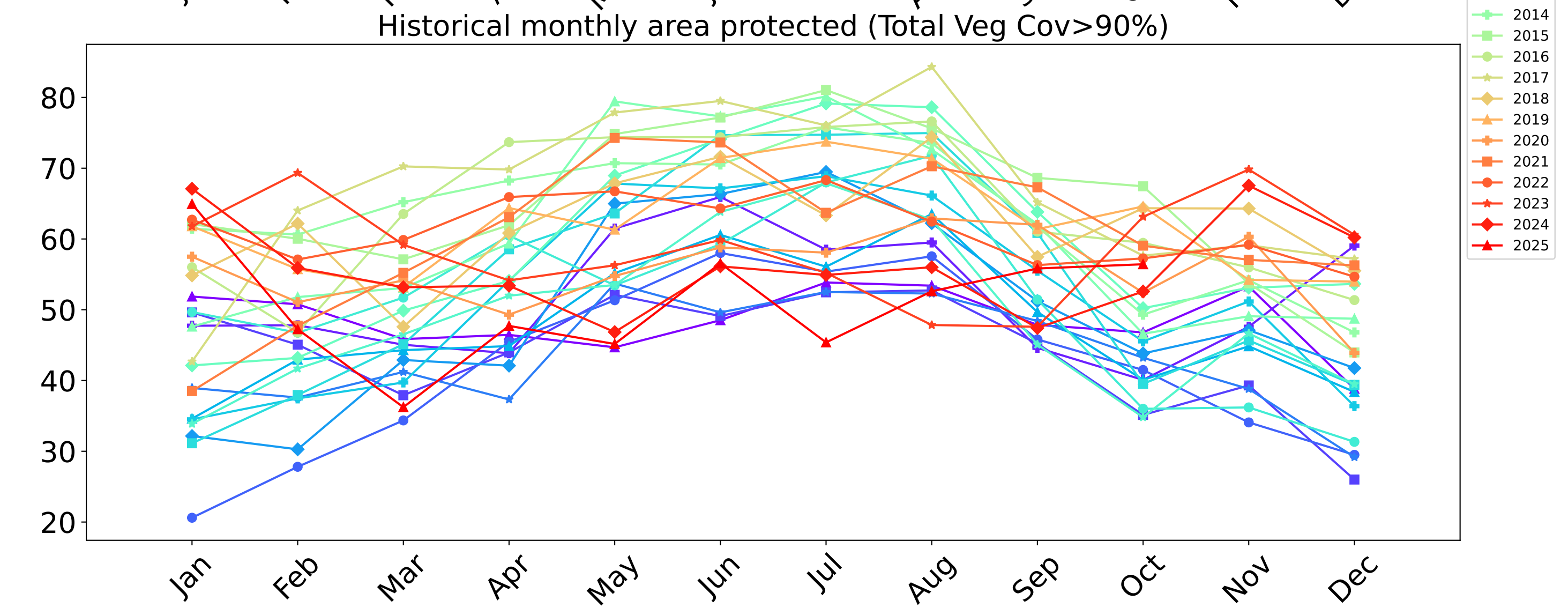
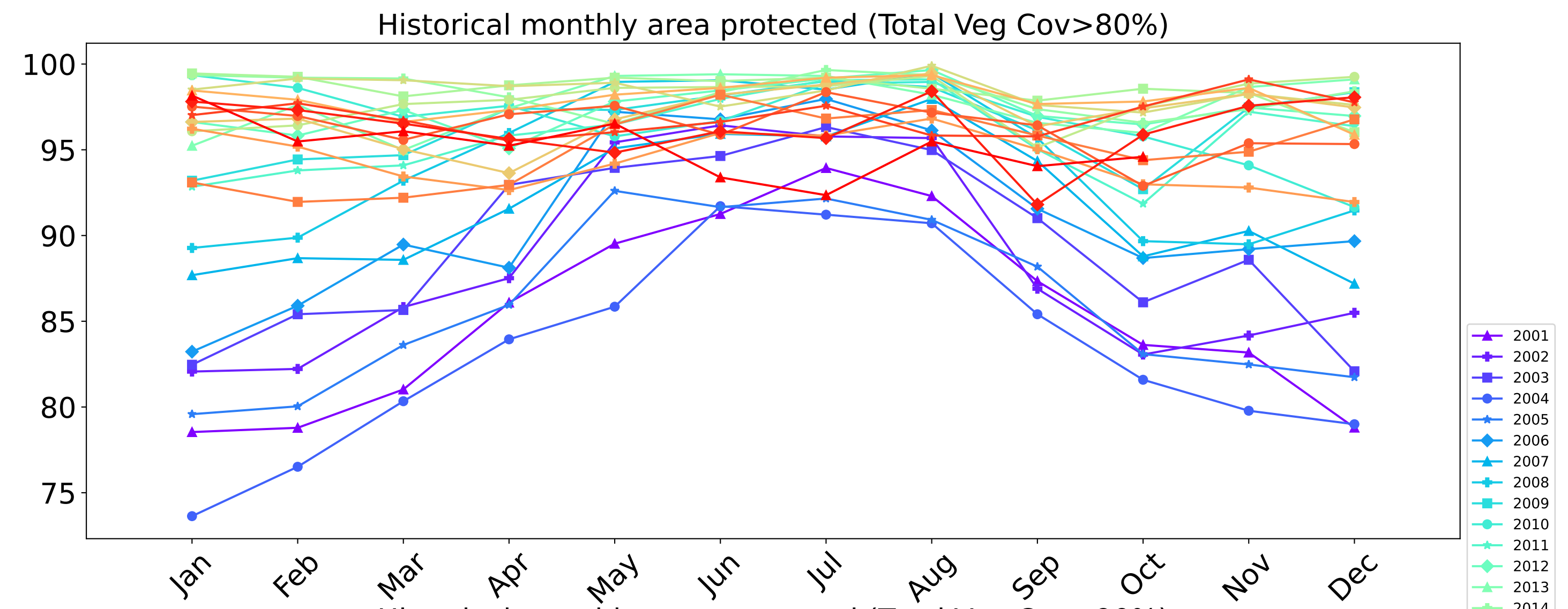
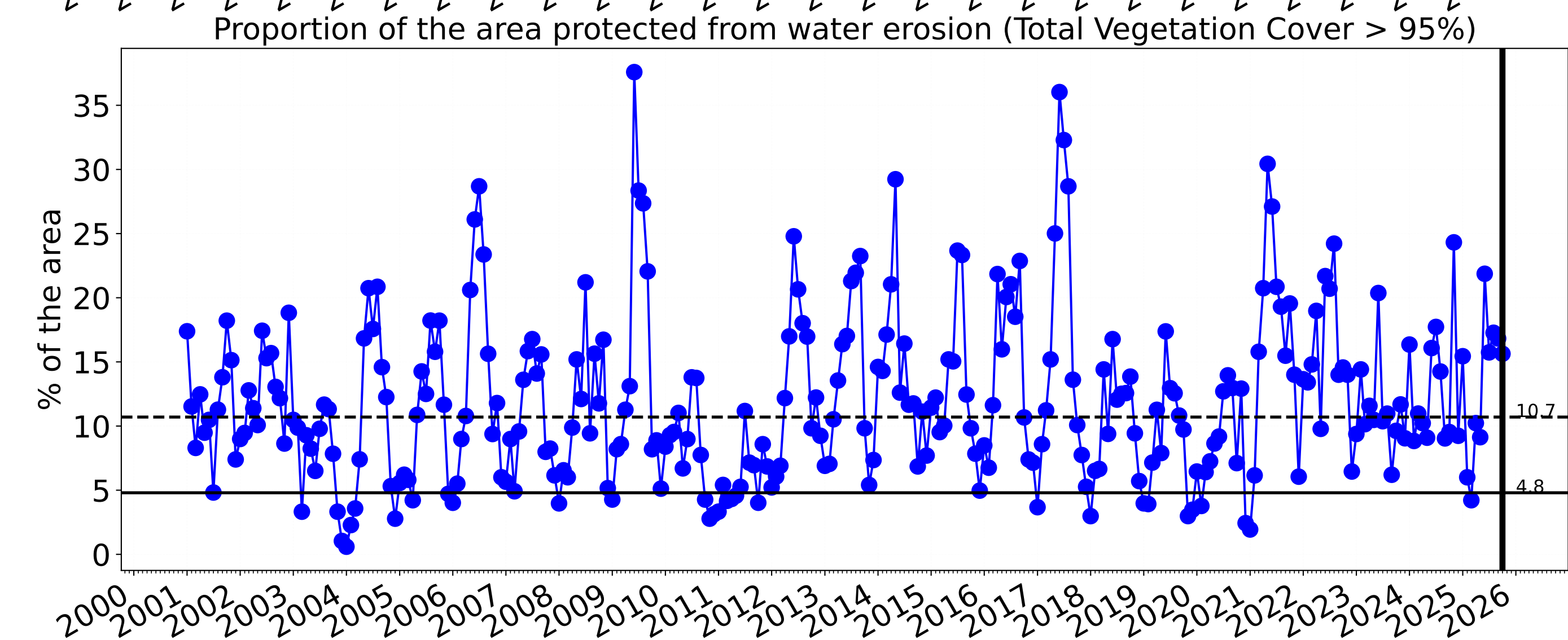
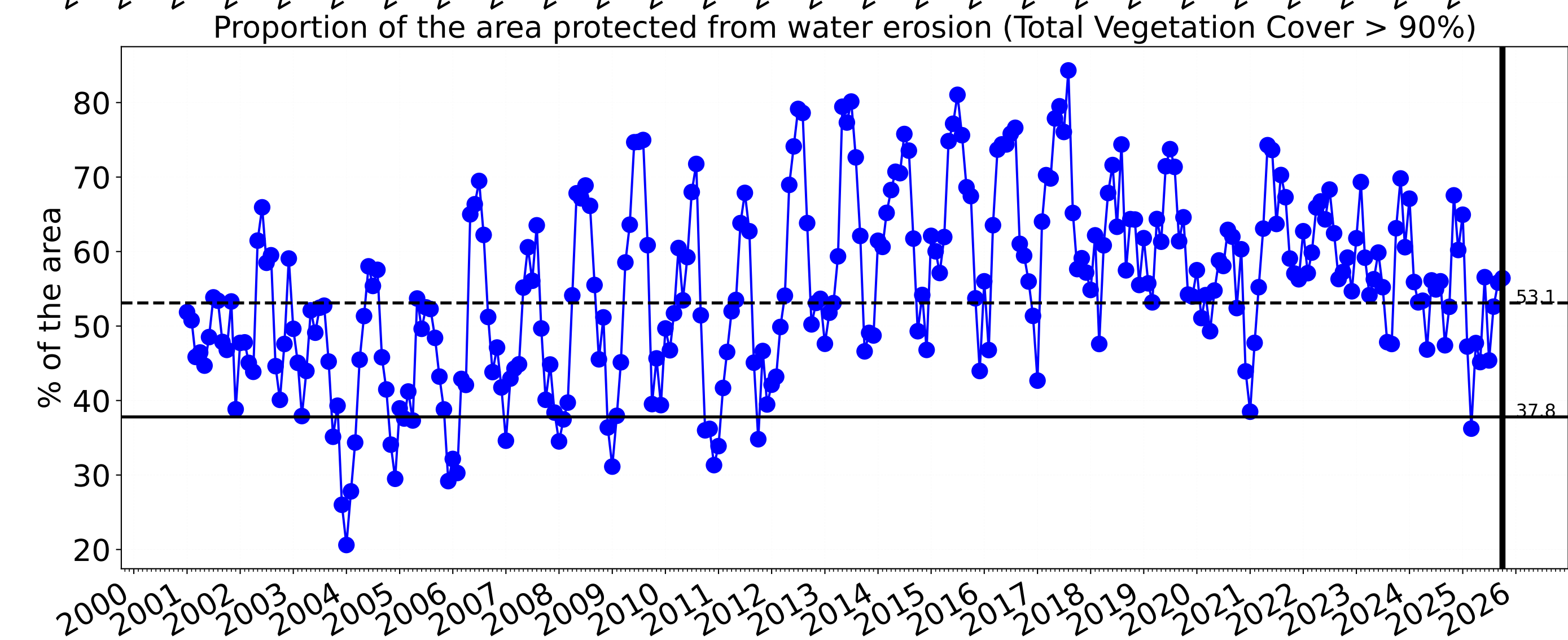
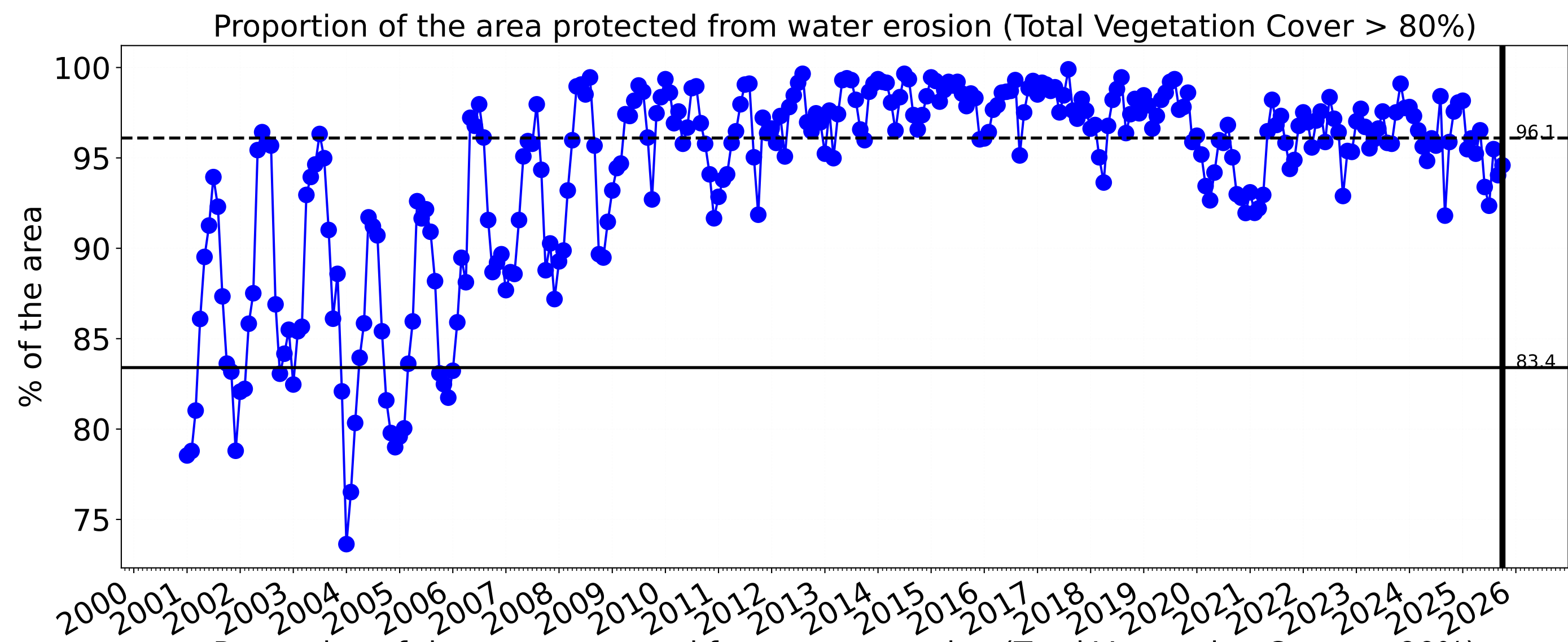


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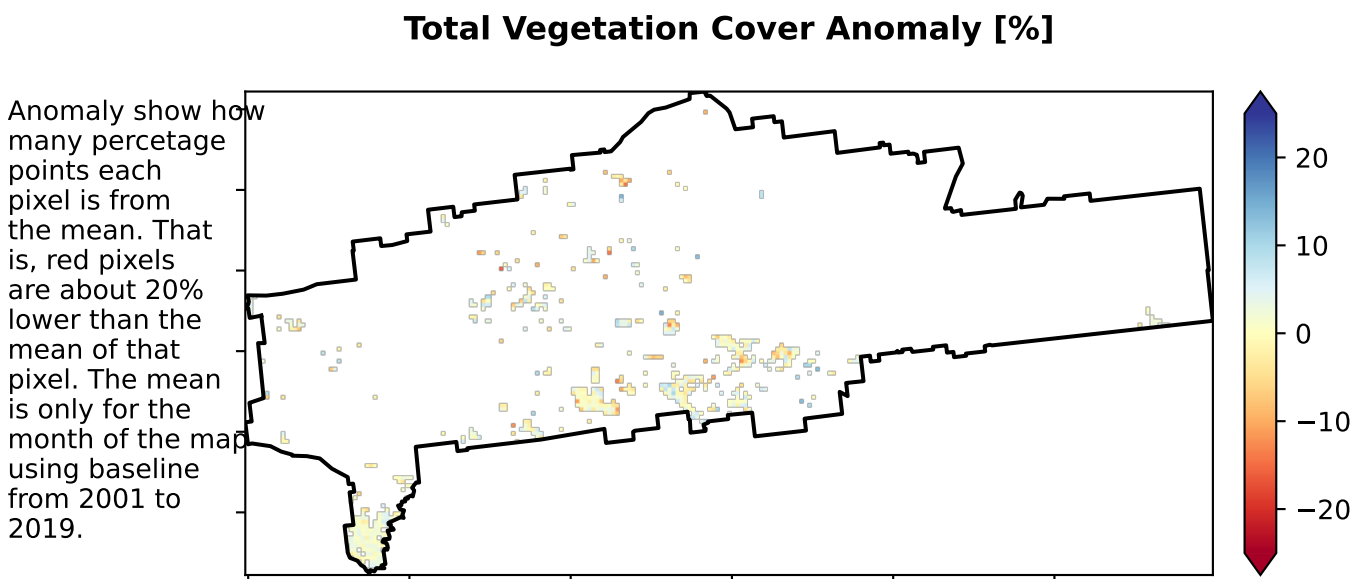
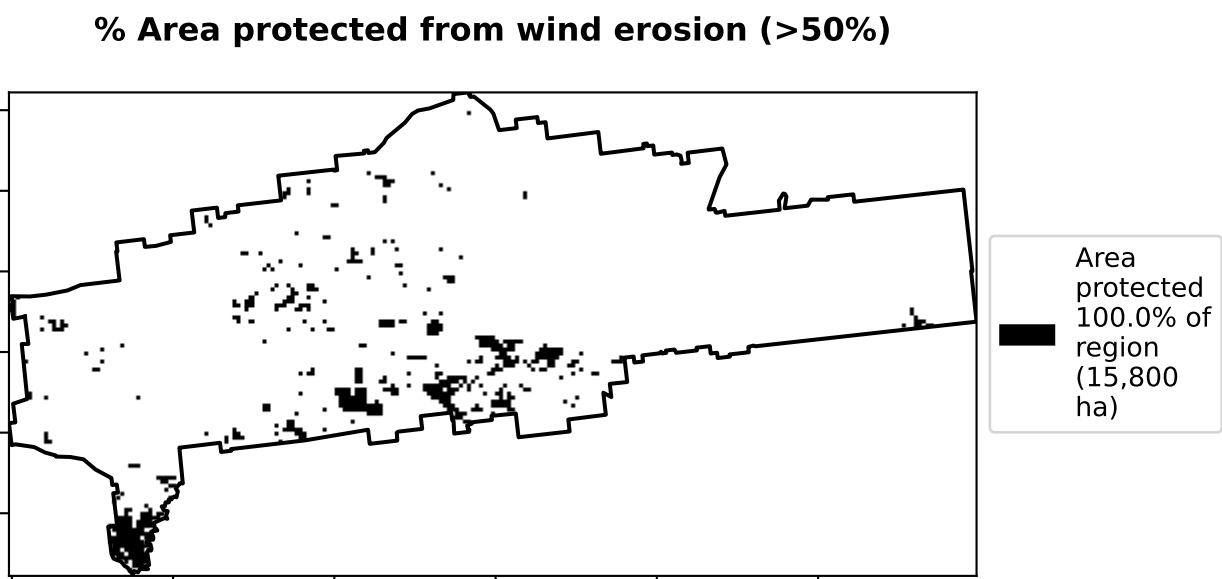
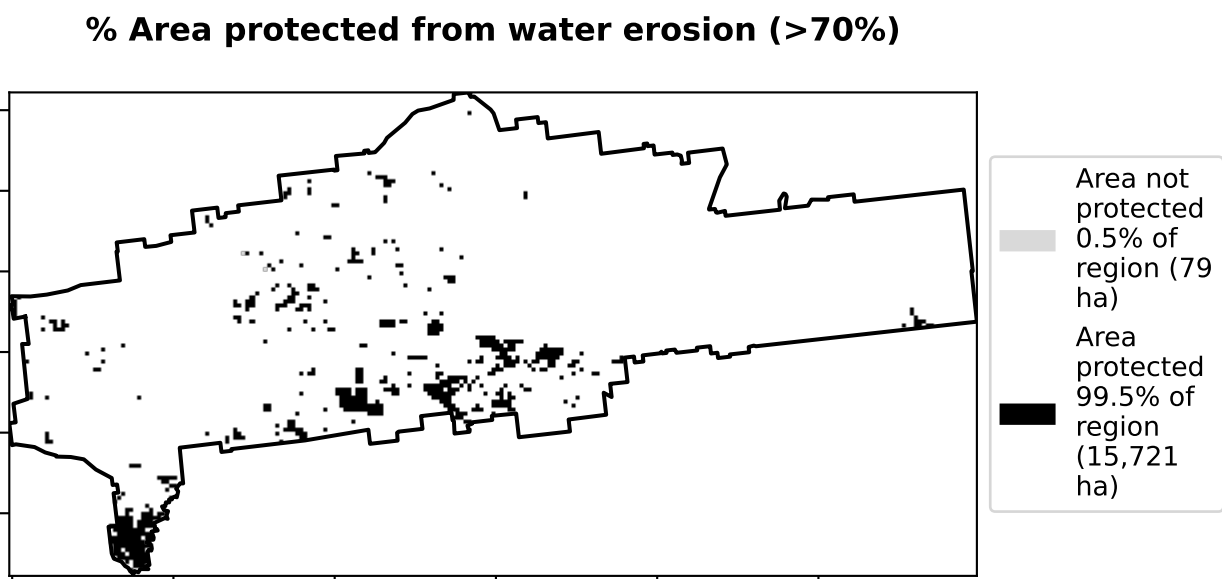
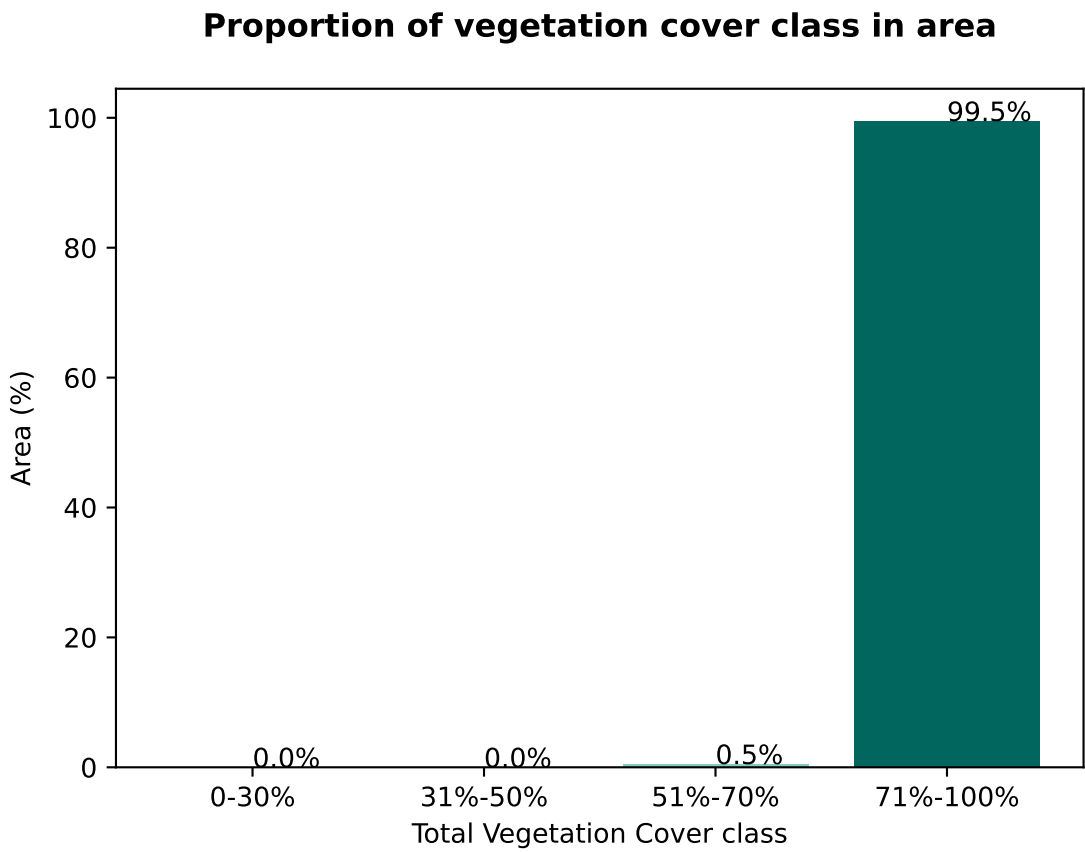
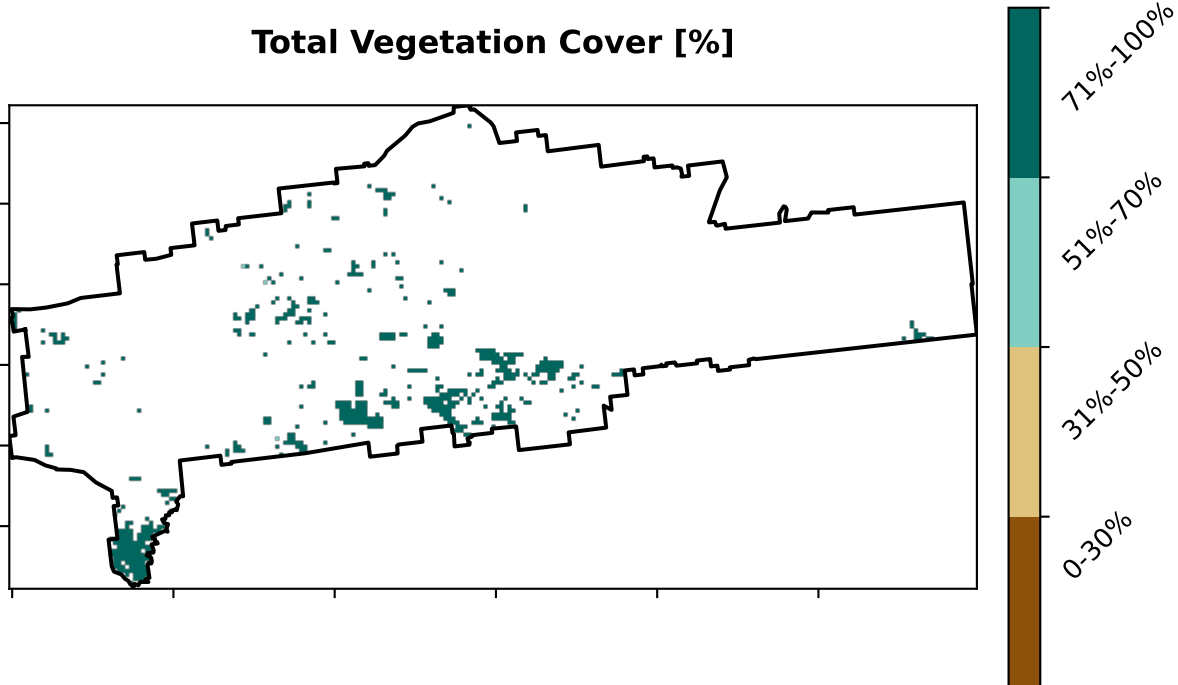
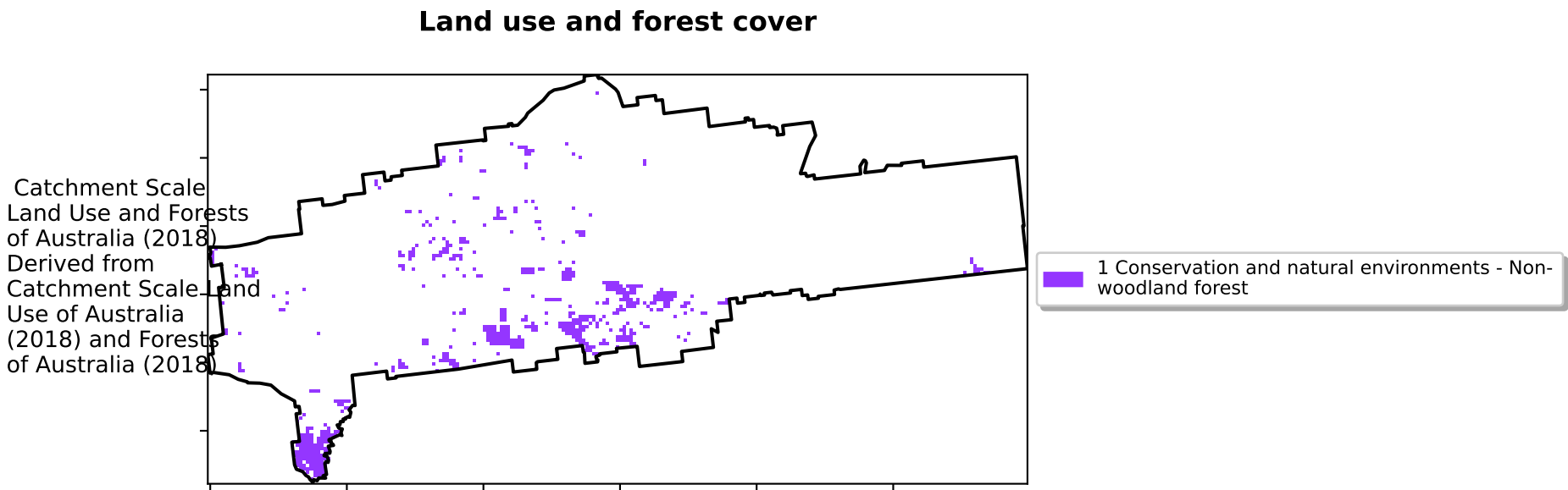


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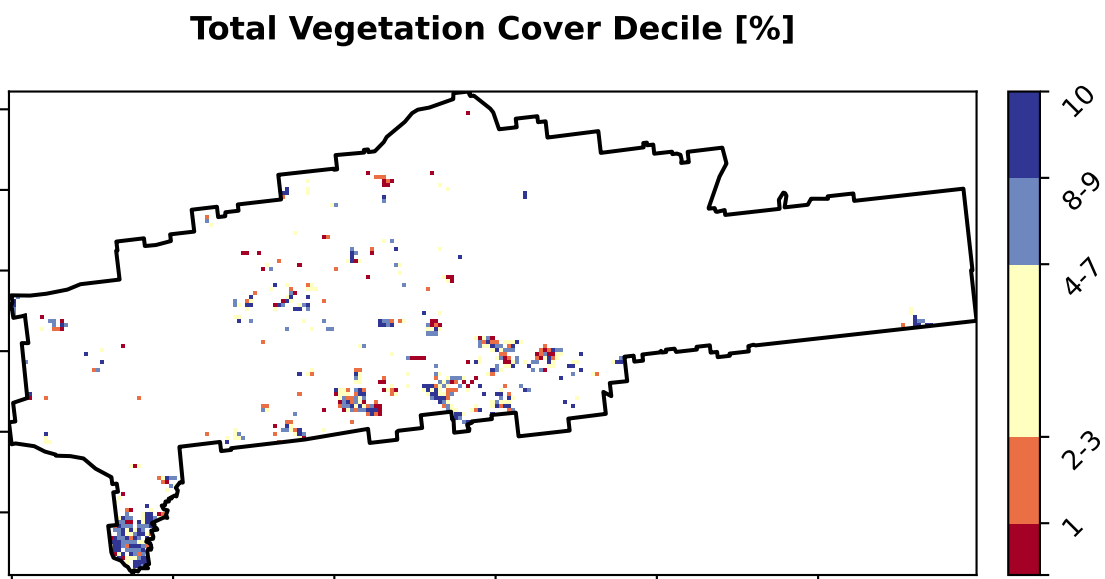




Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

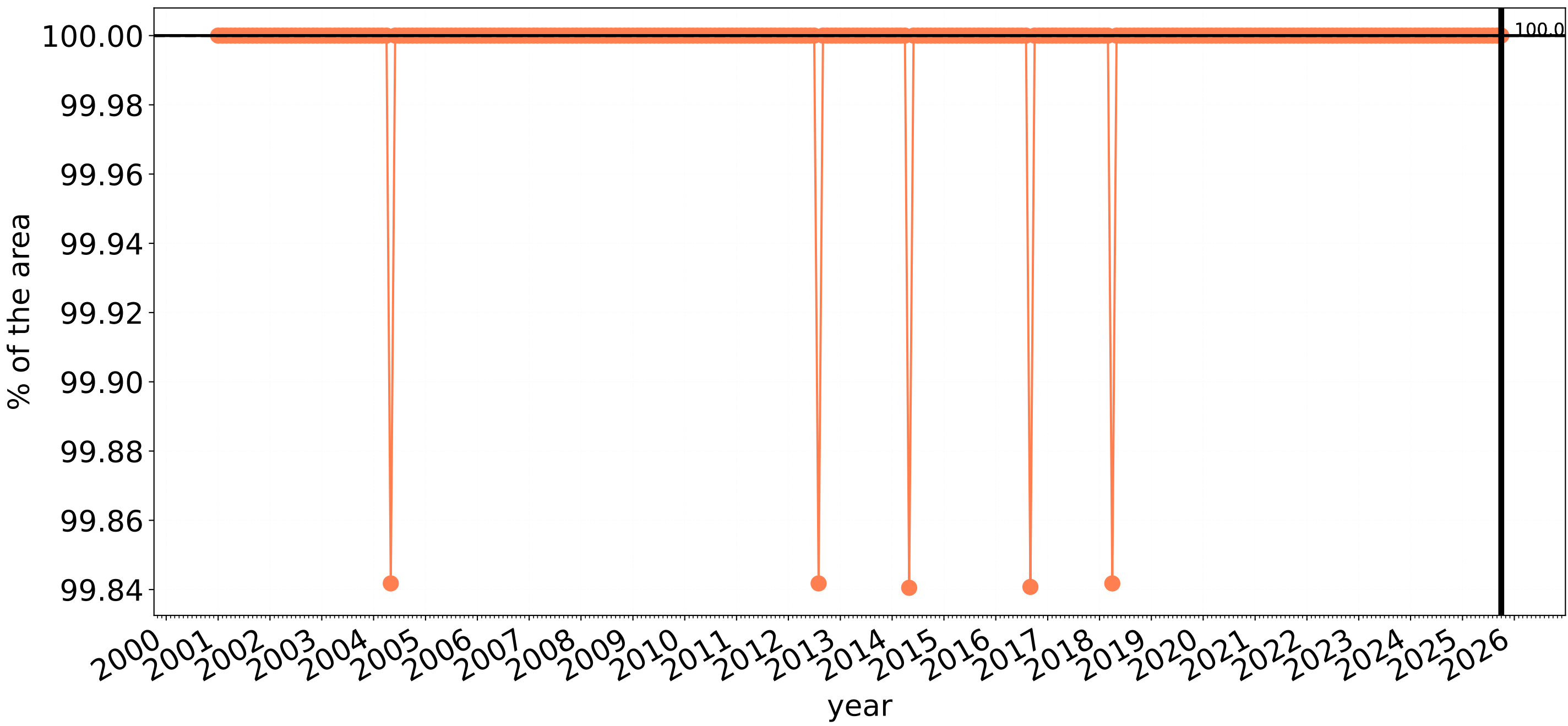


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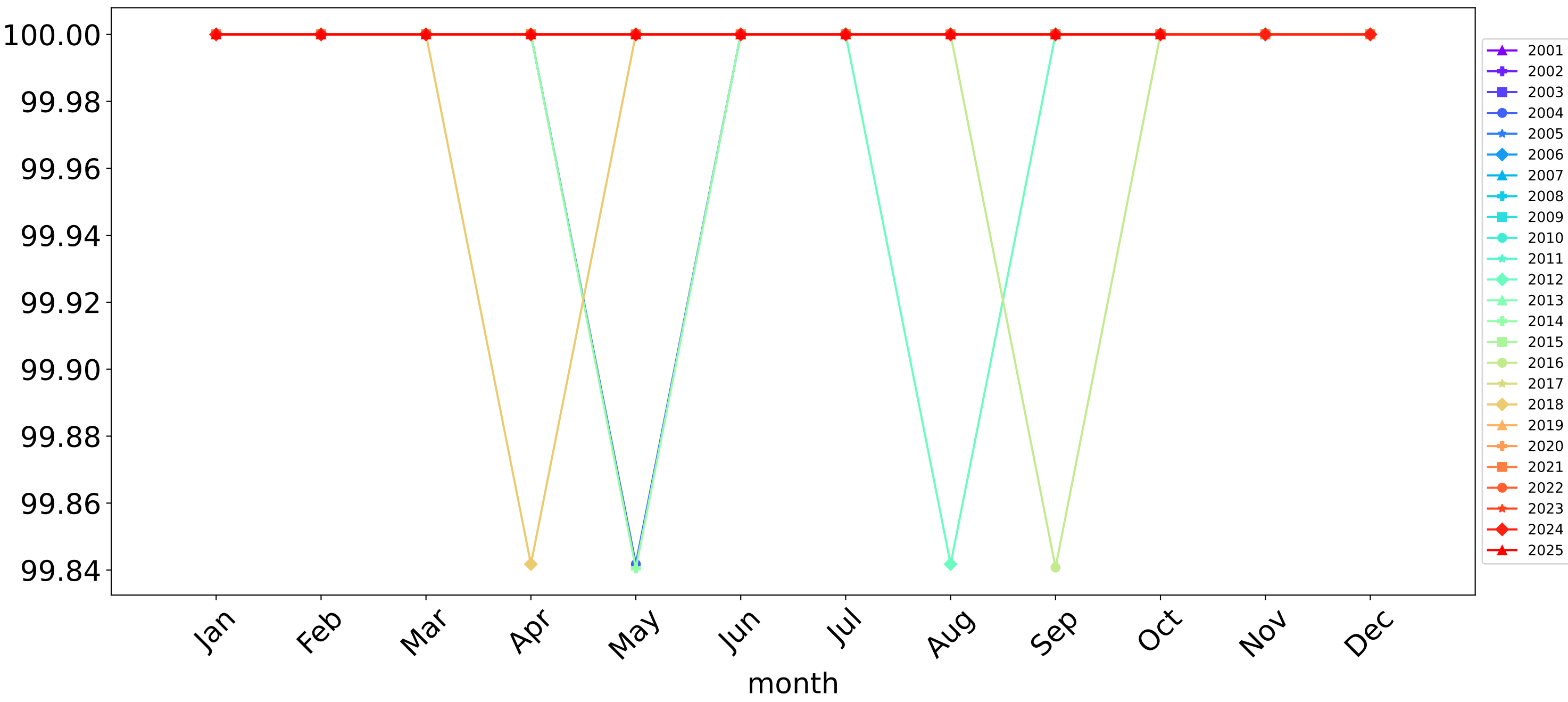


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

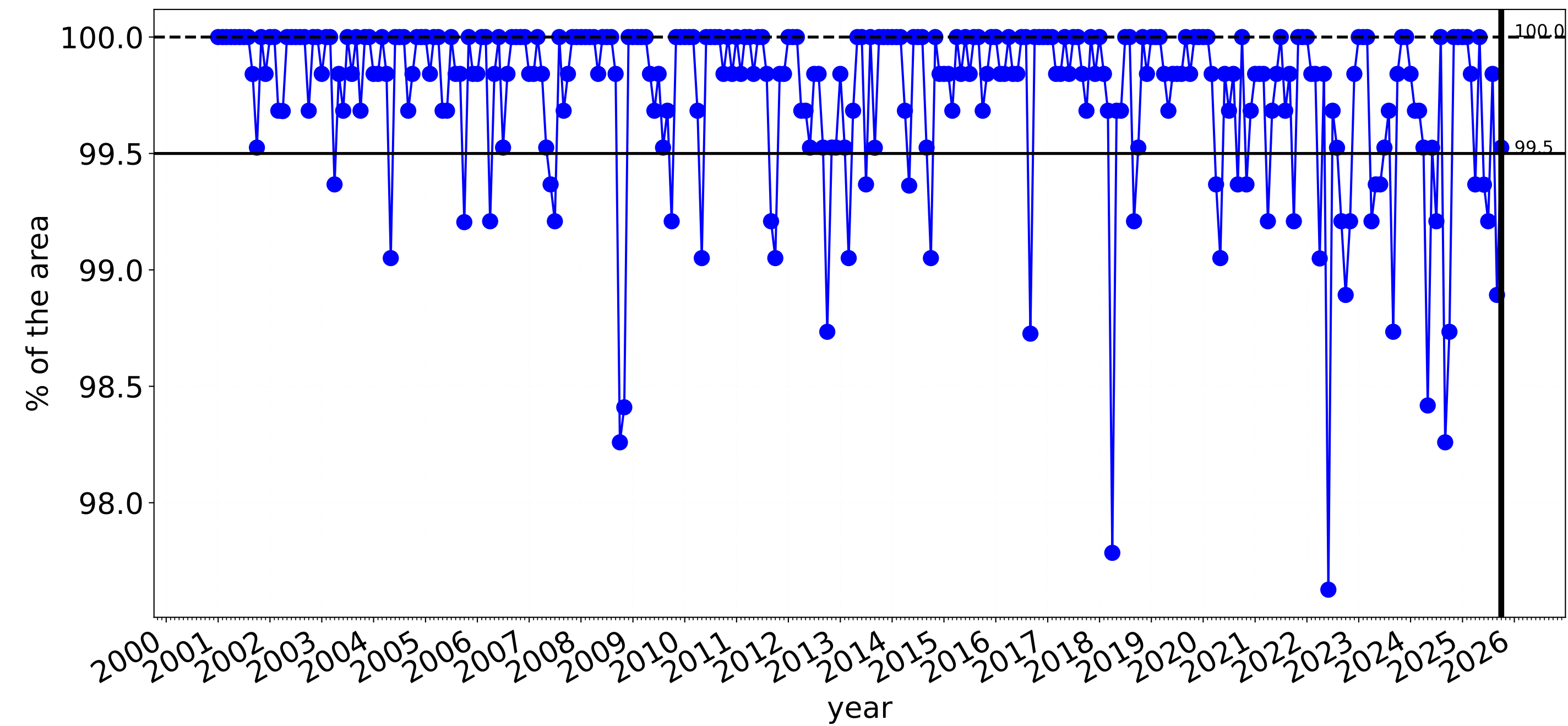
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



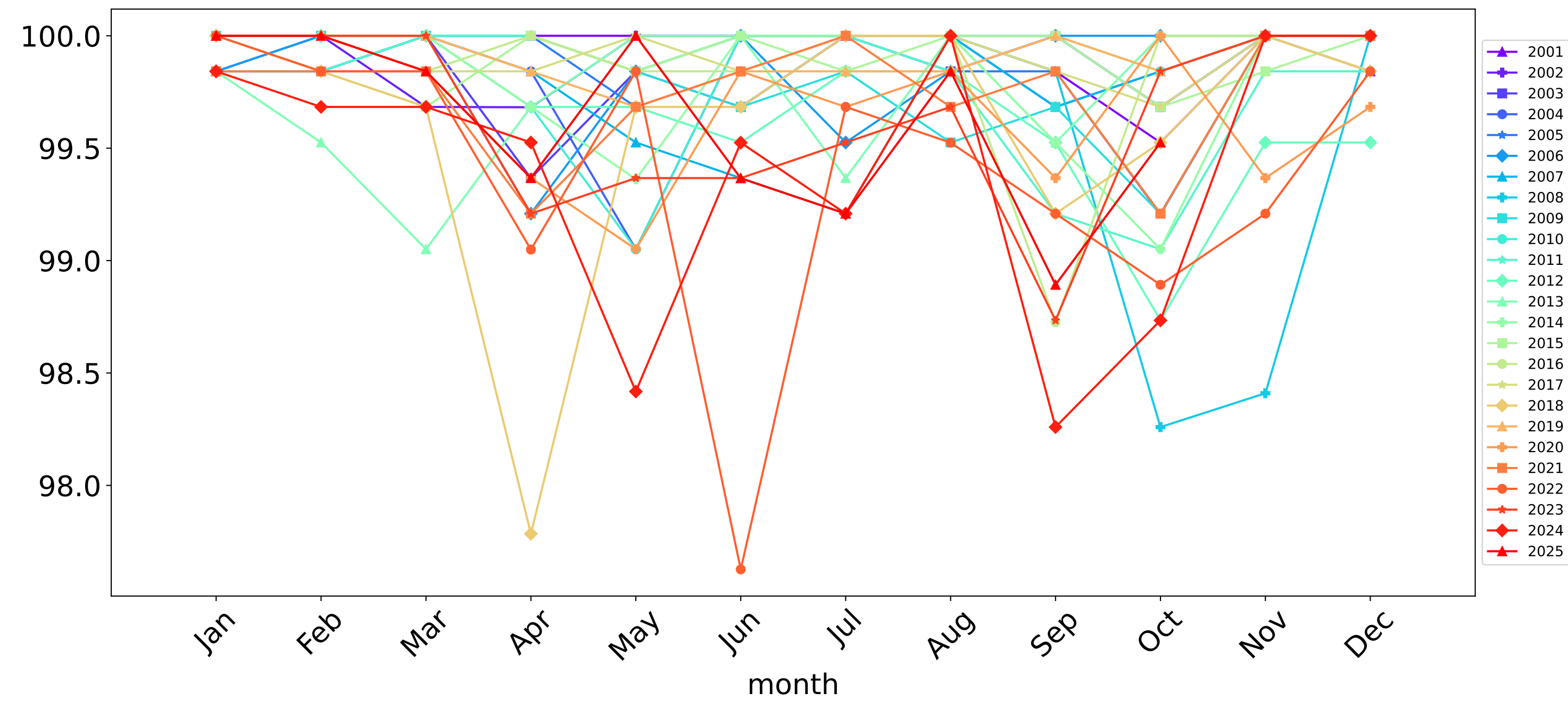
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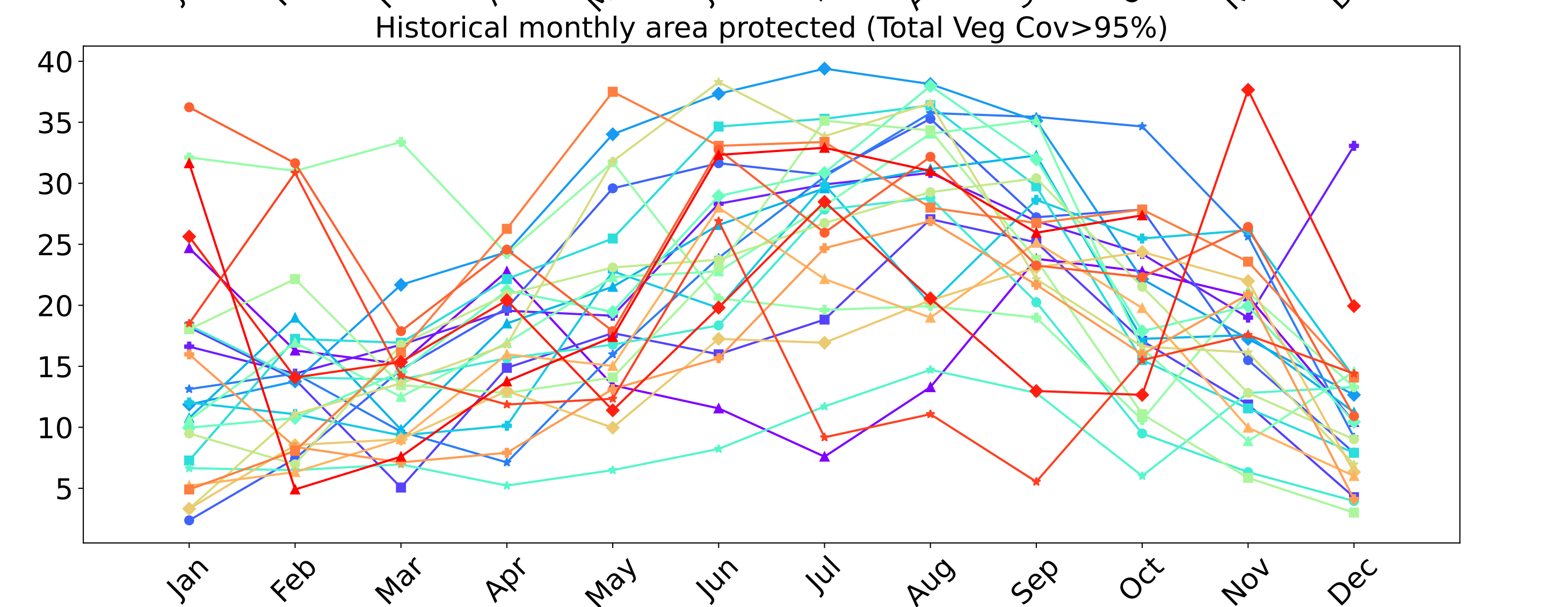
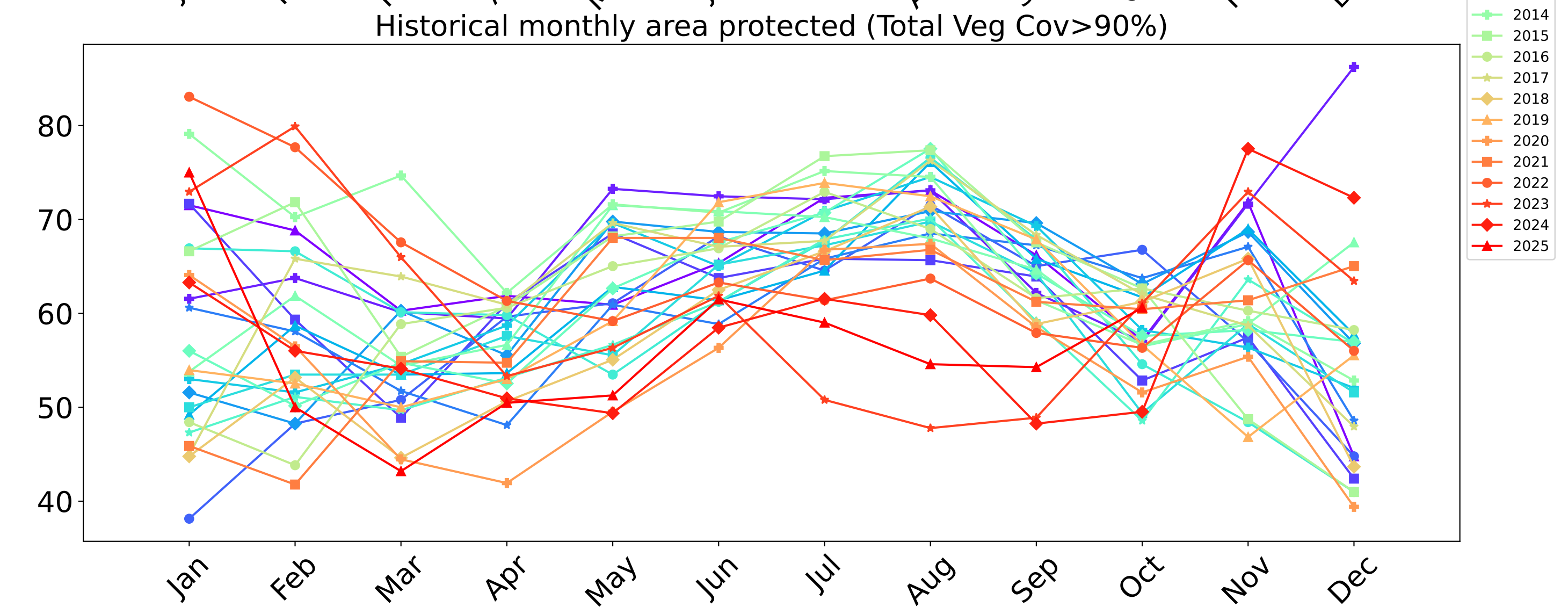
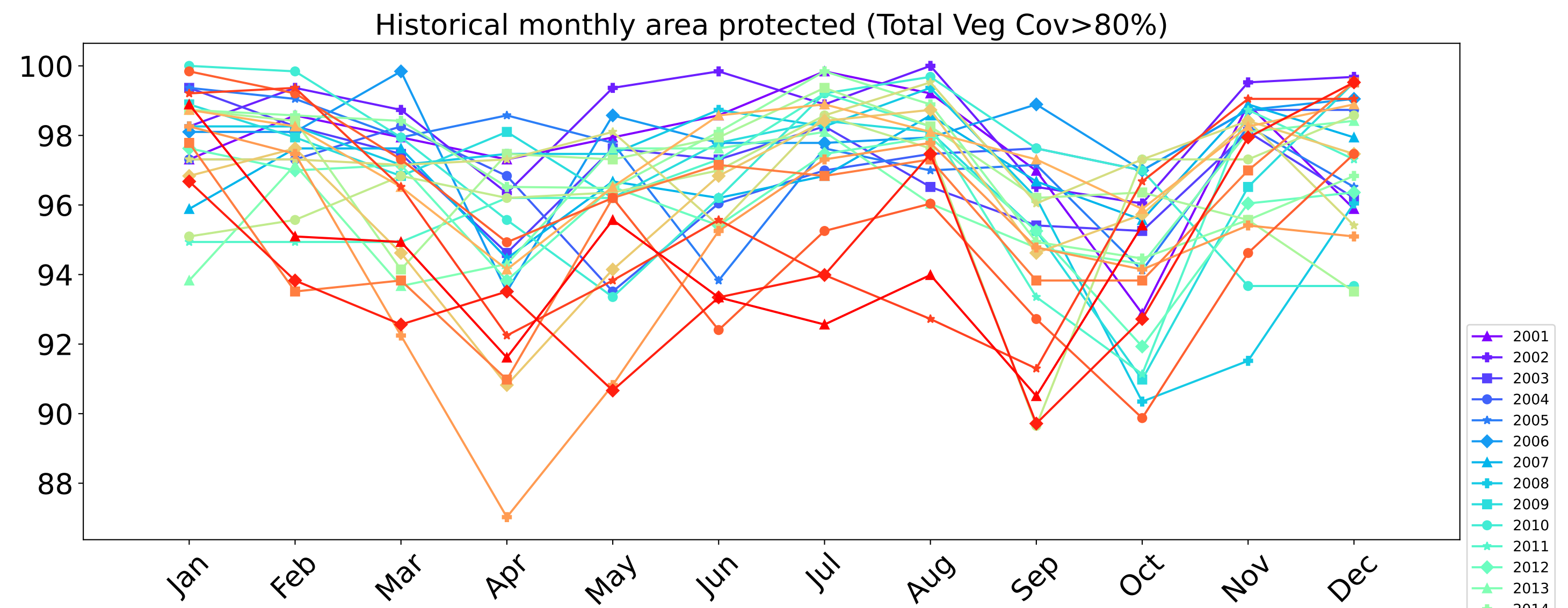
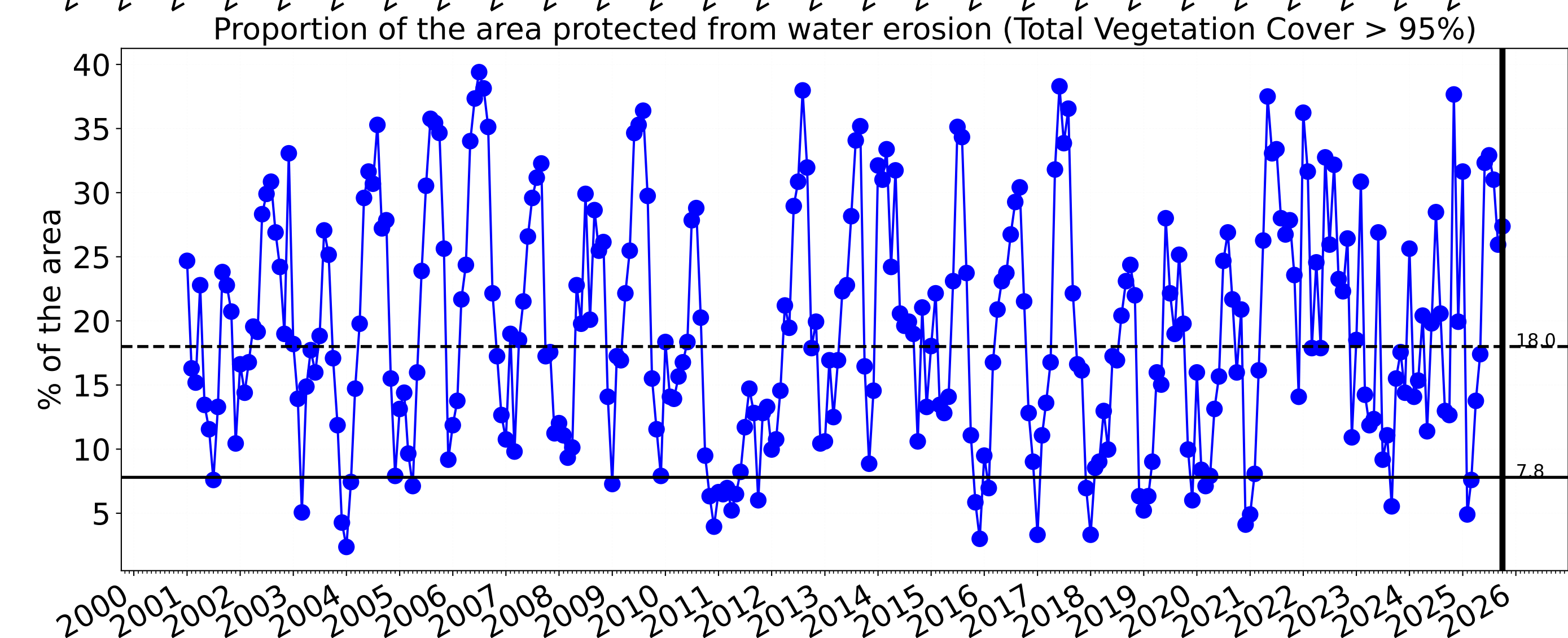
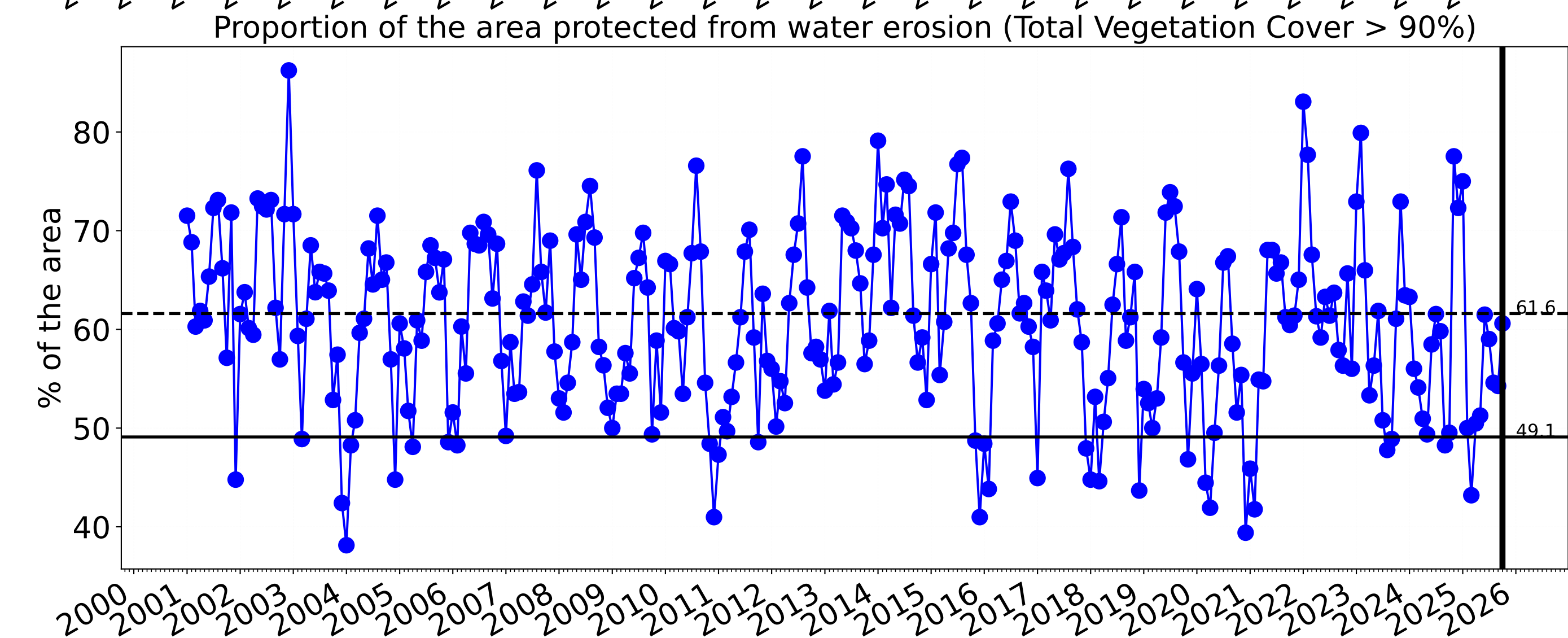
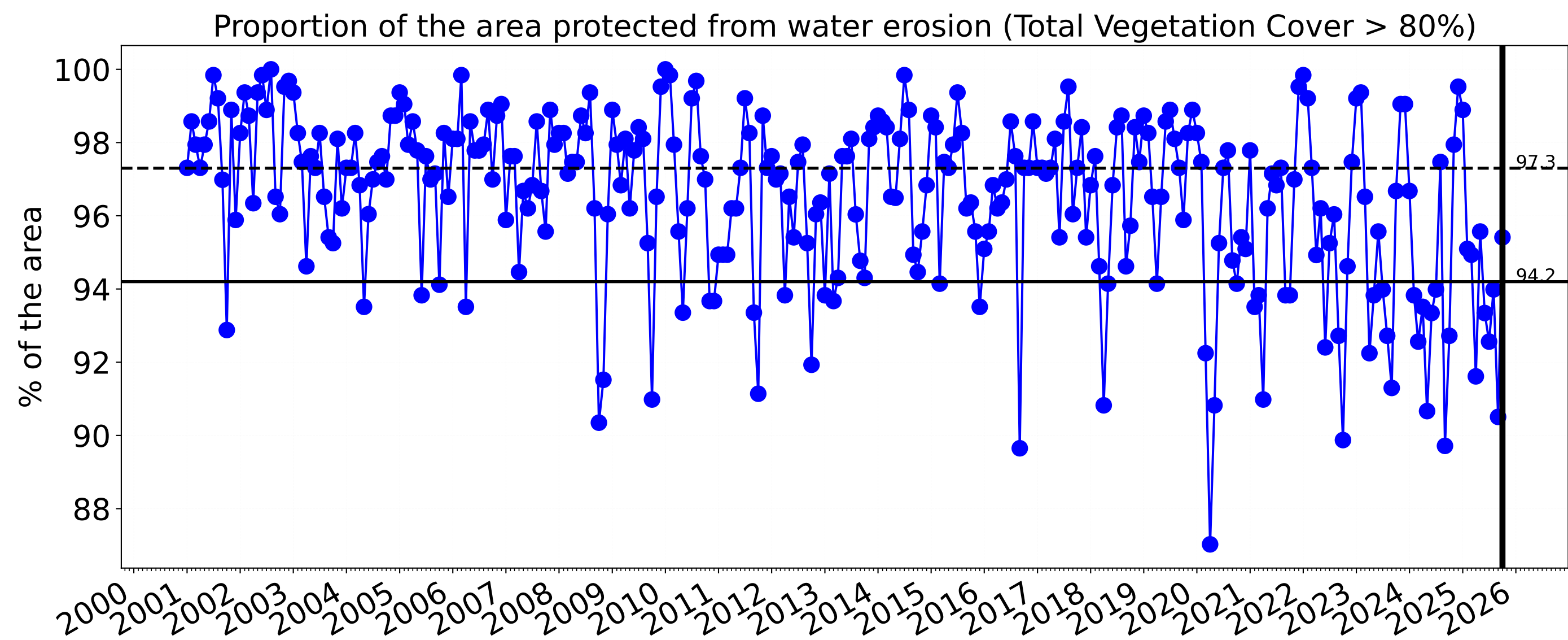


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

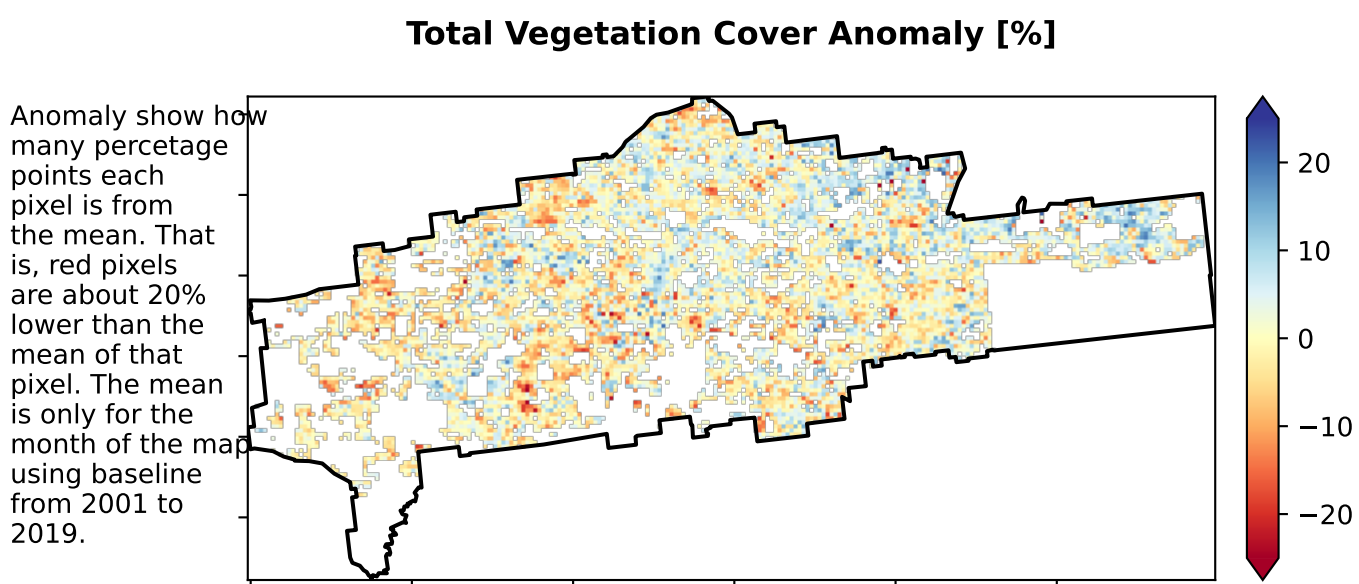
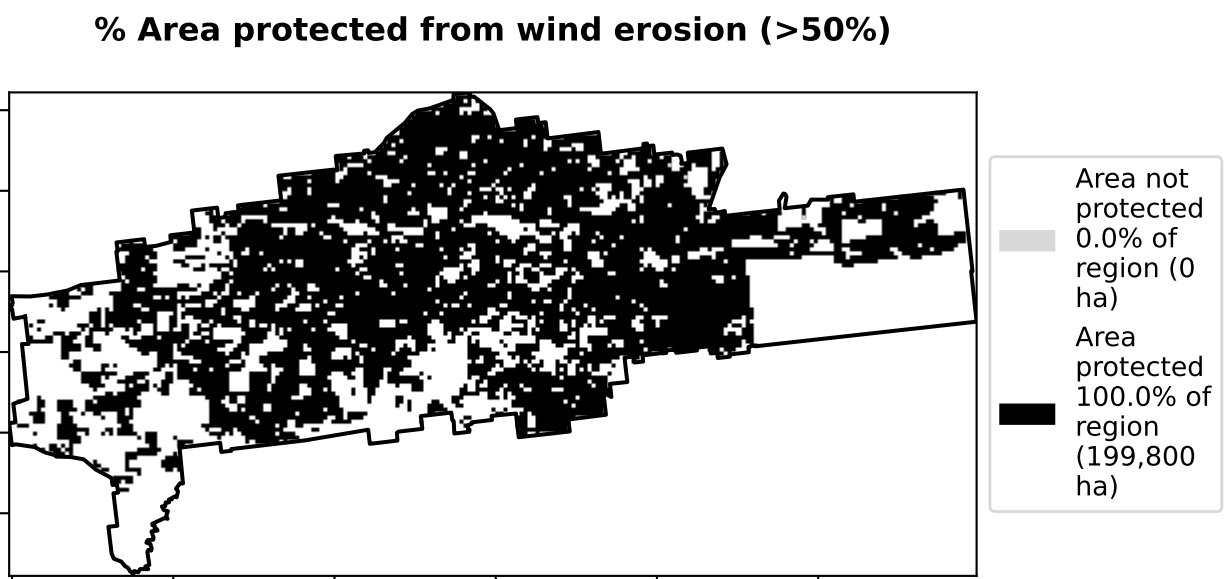
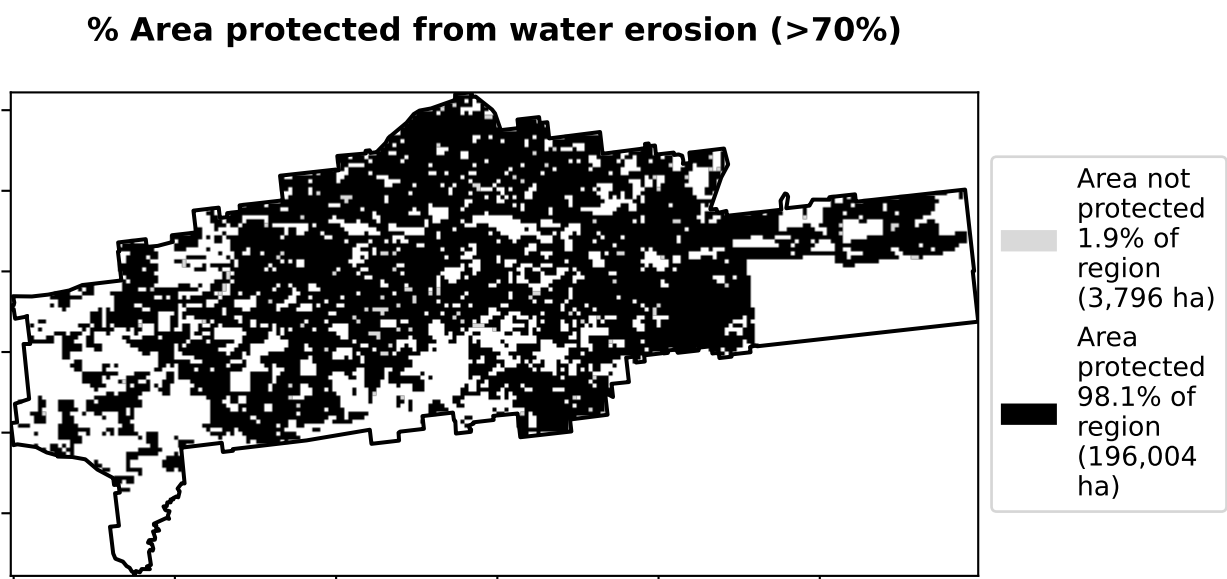
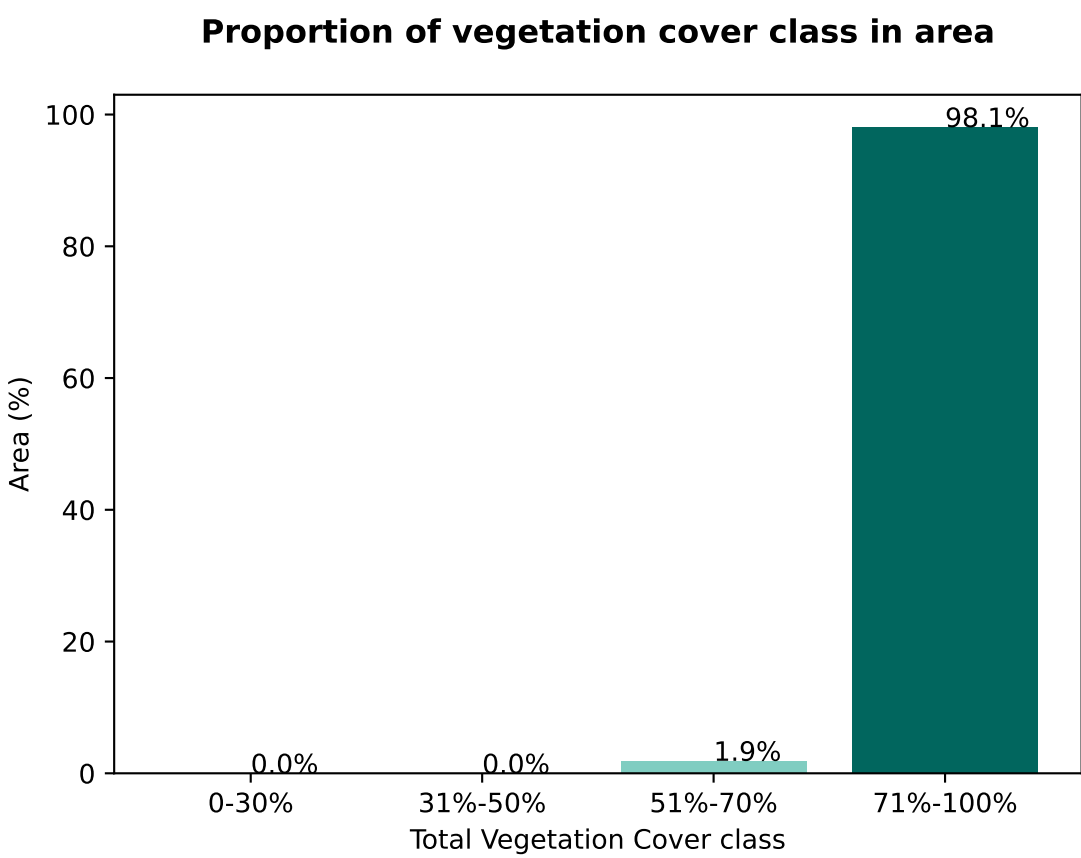
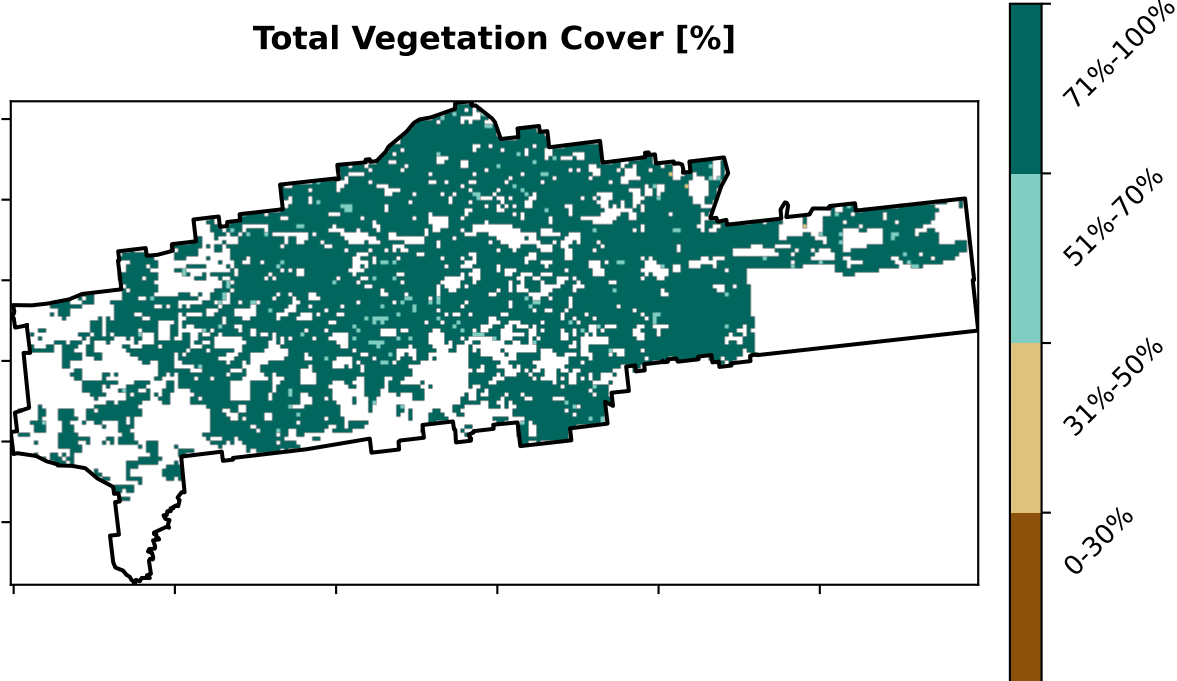
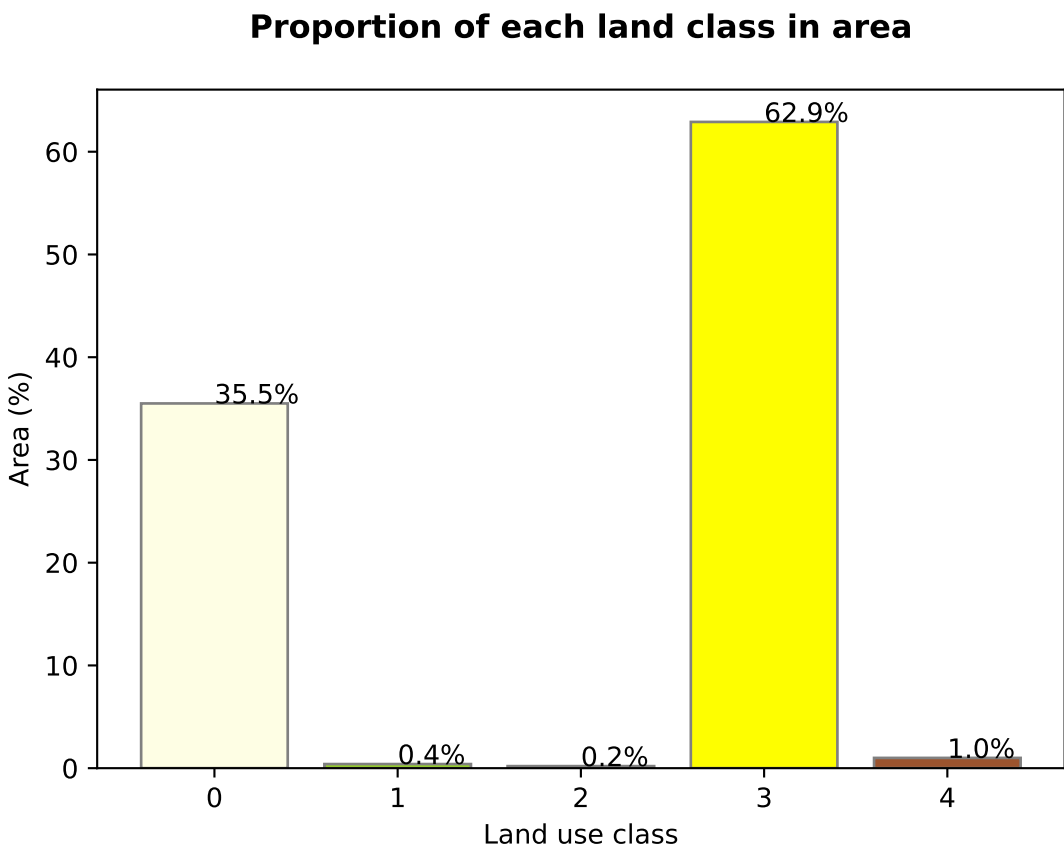
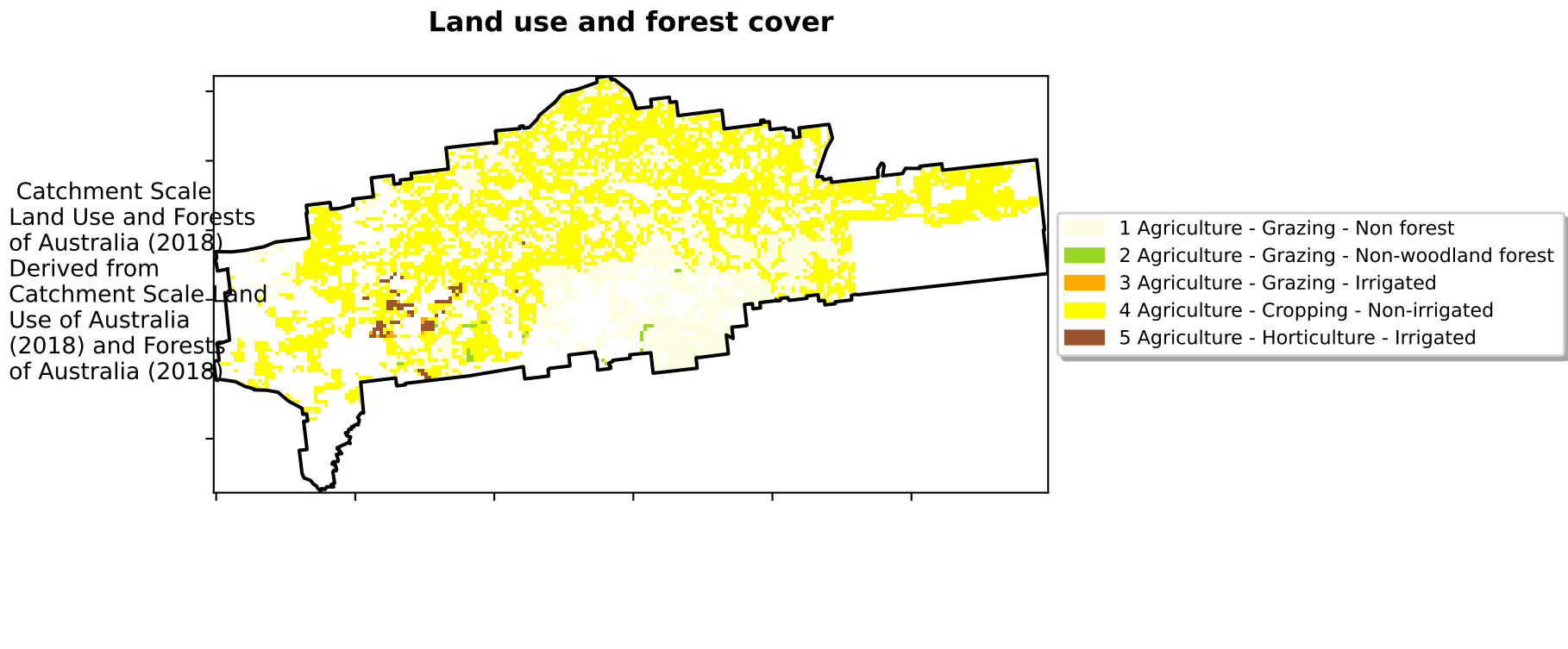


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

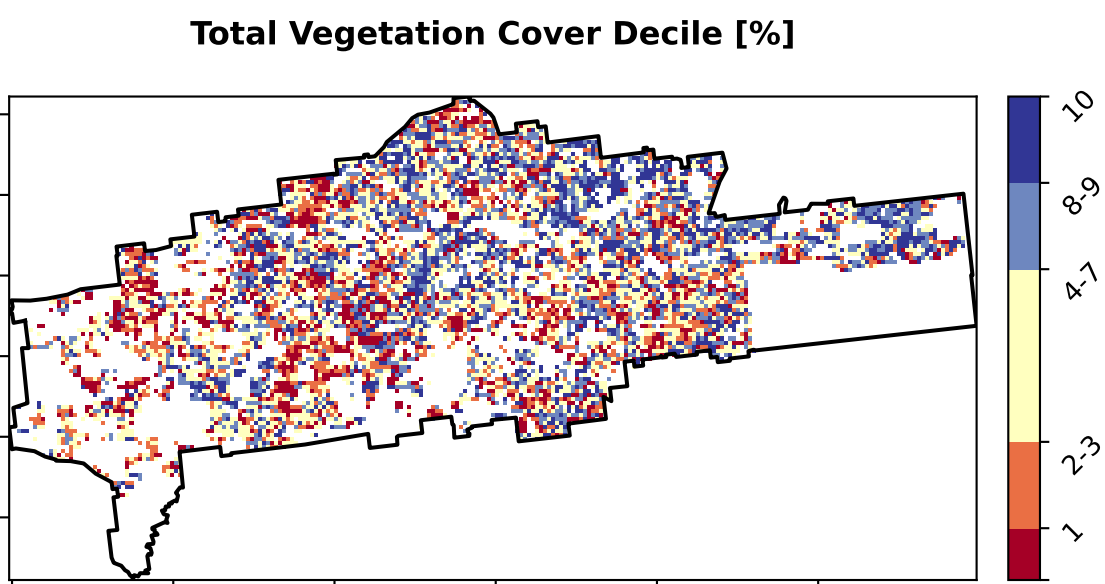




Agriculture



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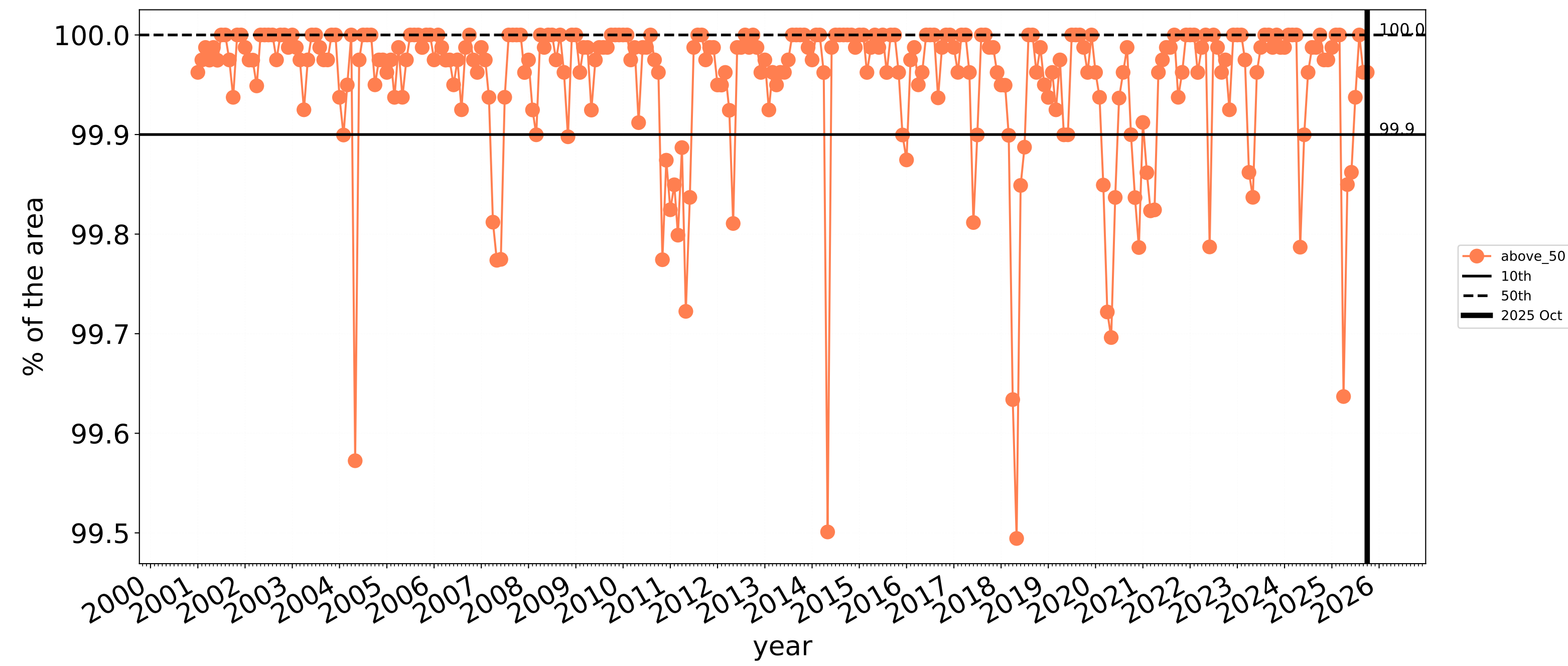
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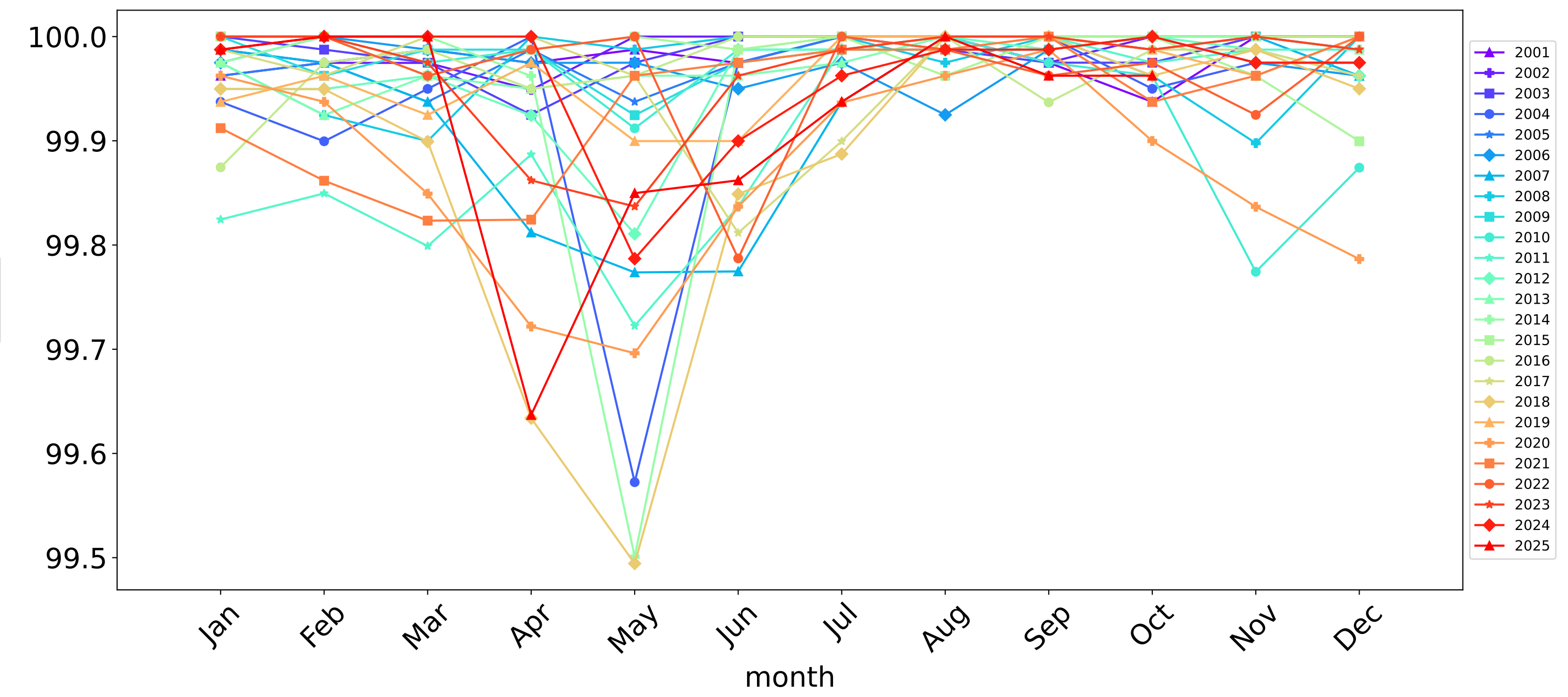


Agriculture timeseries

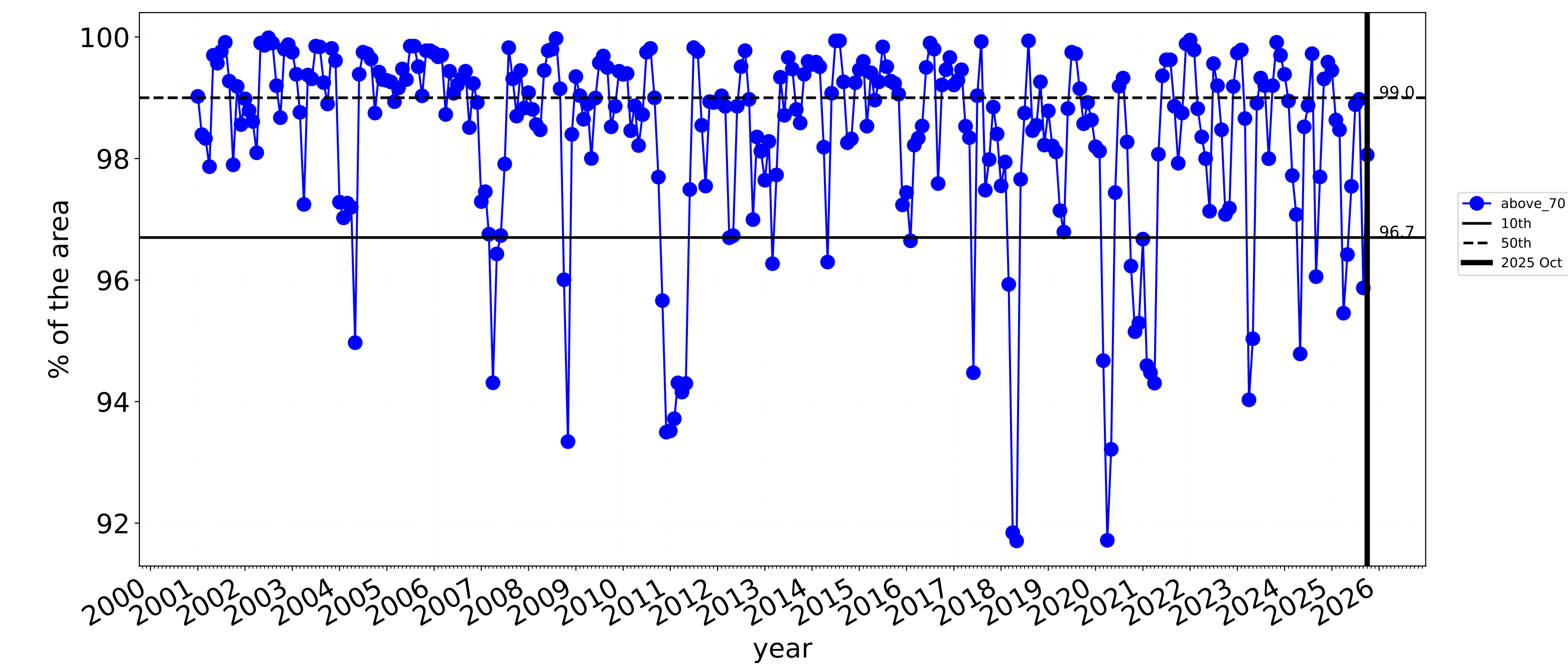
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



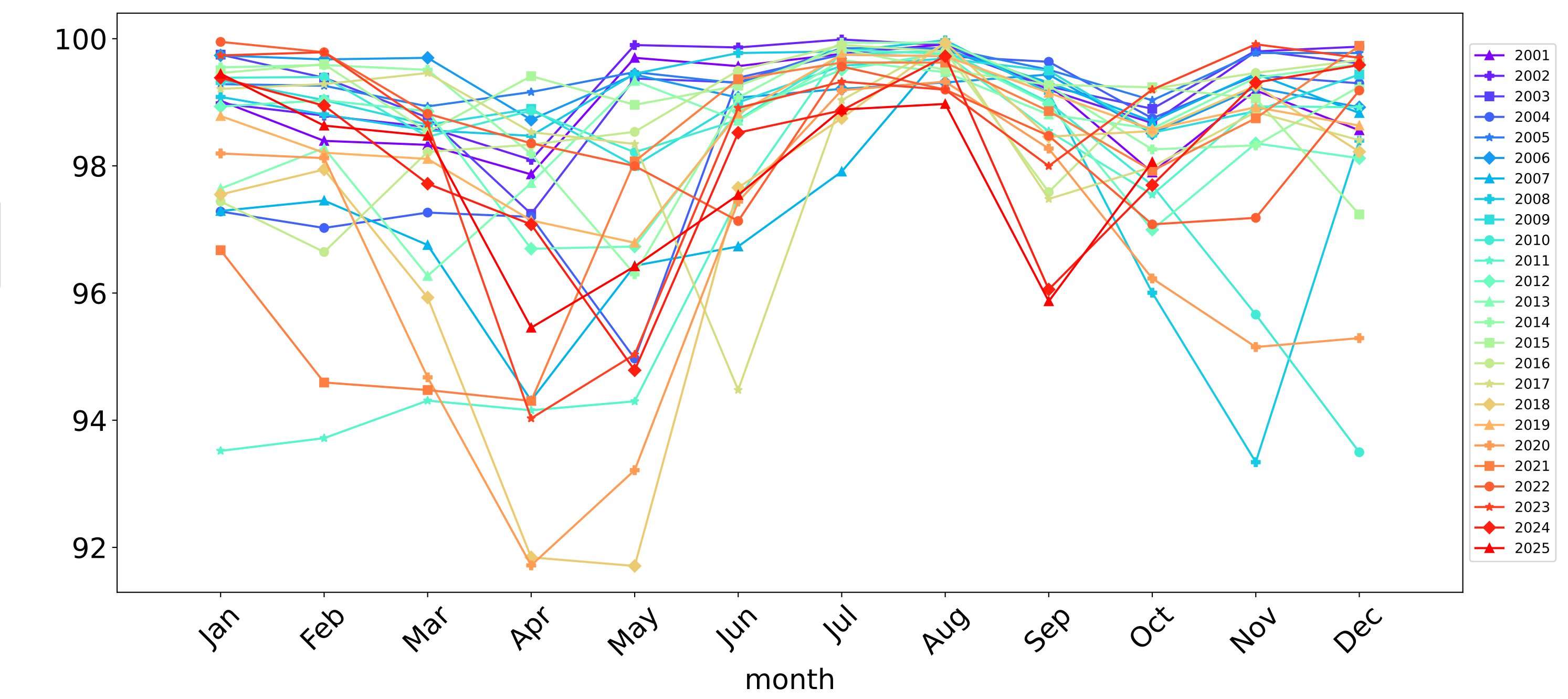
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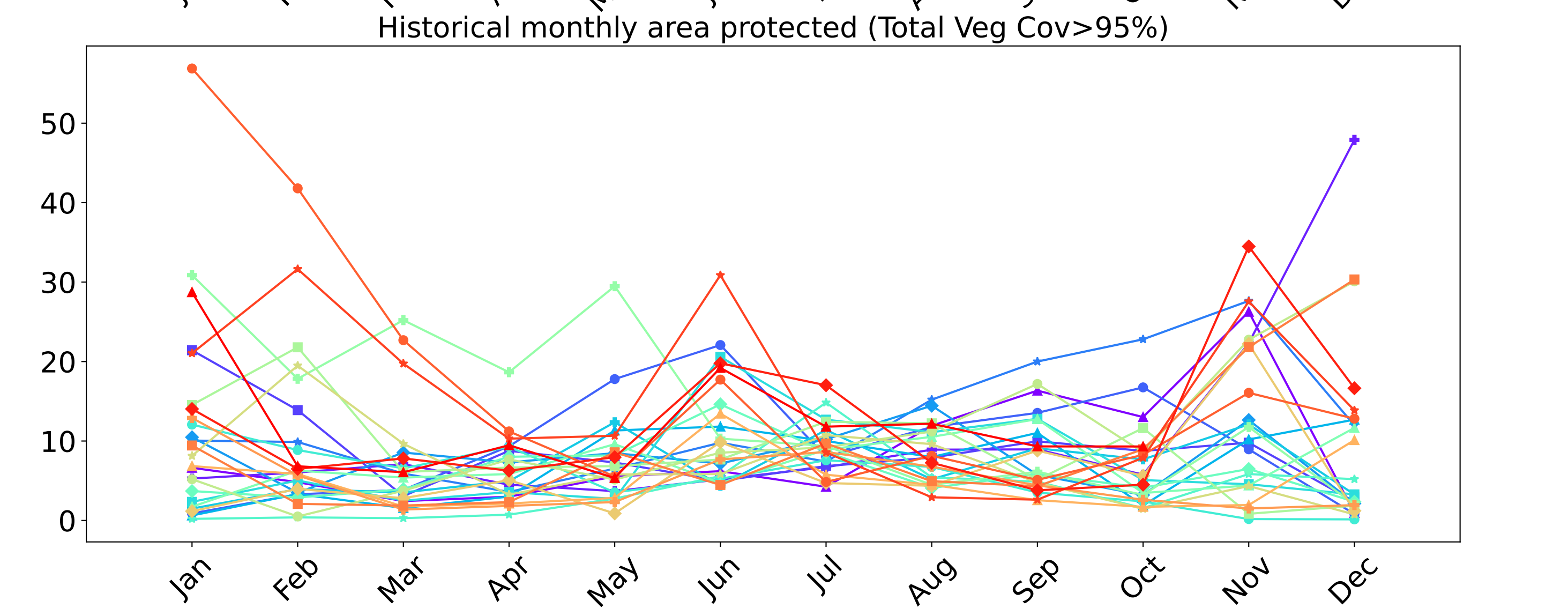
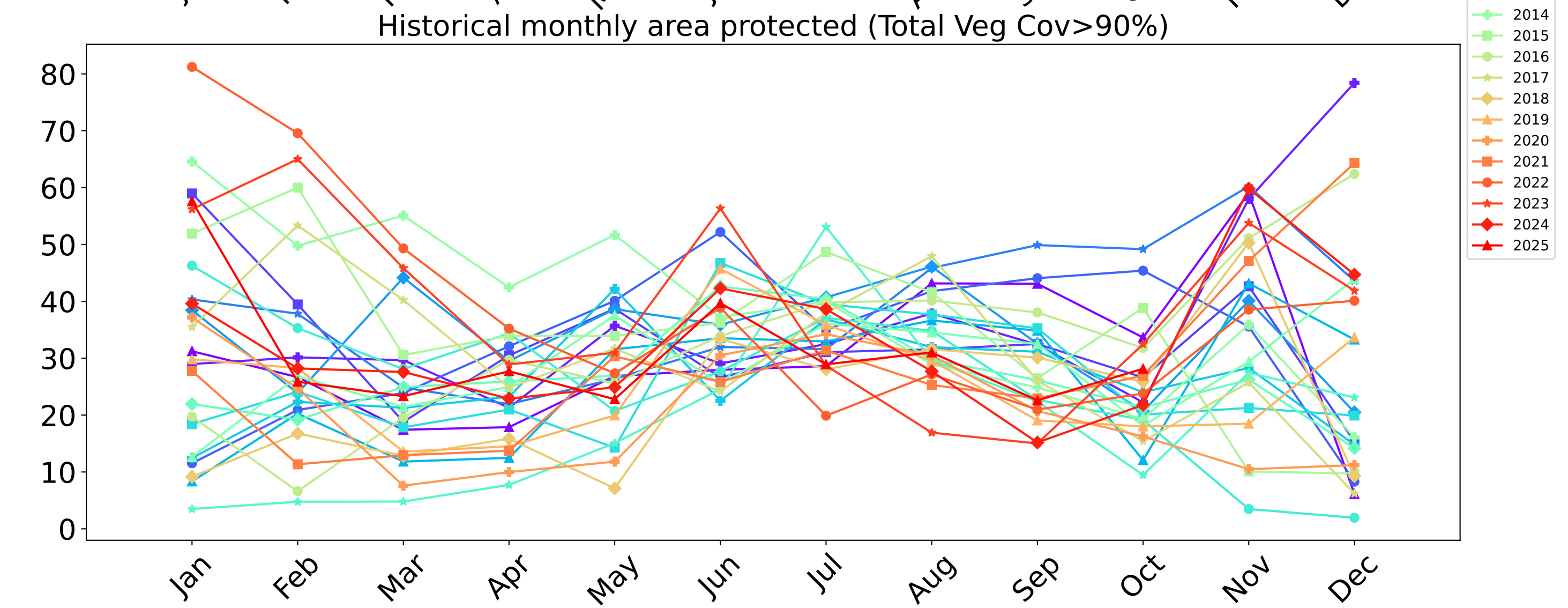
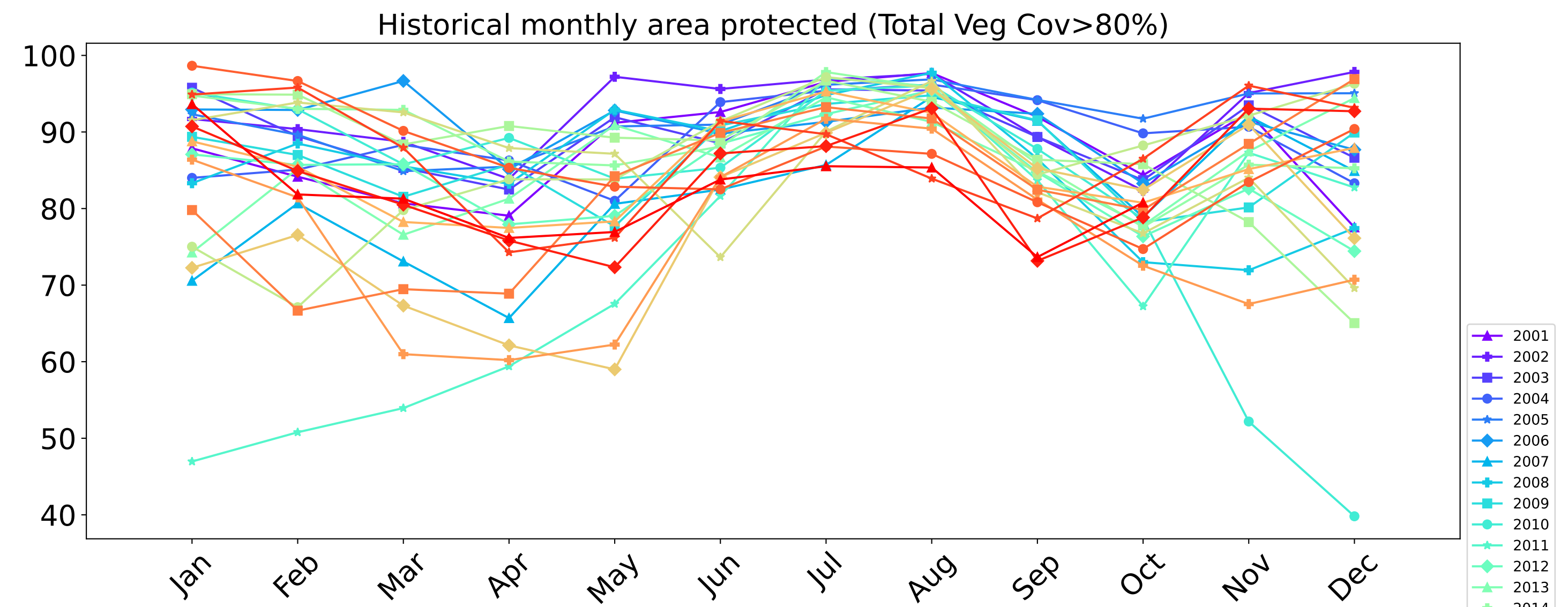
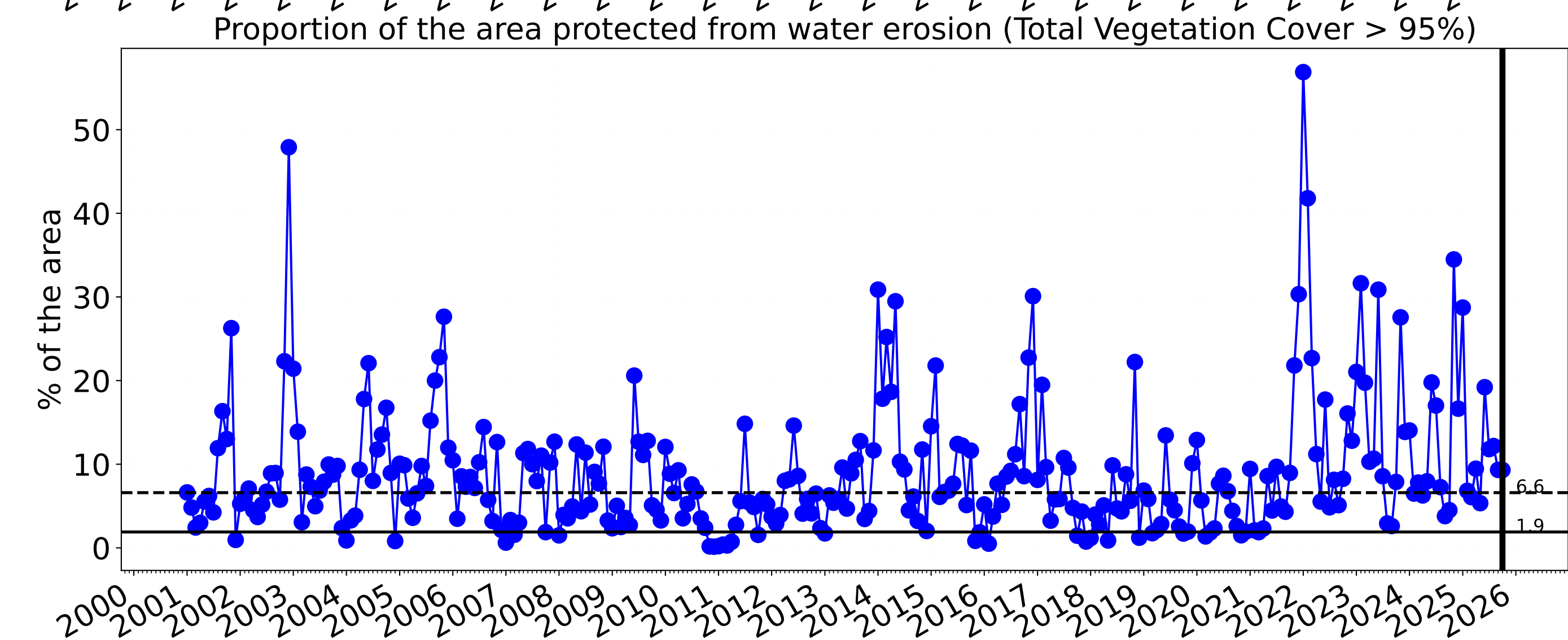
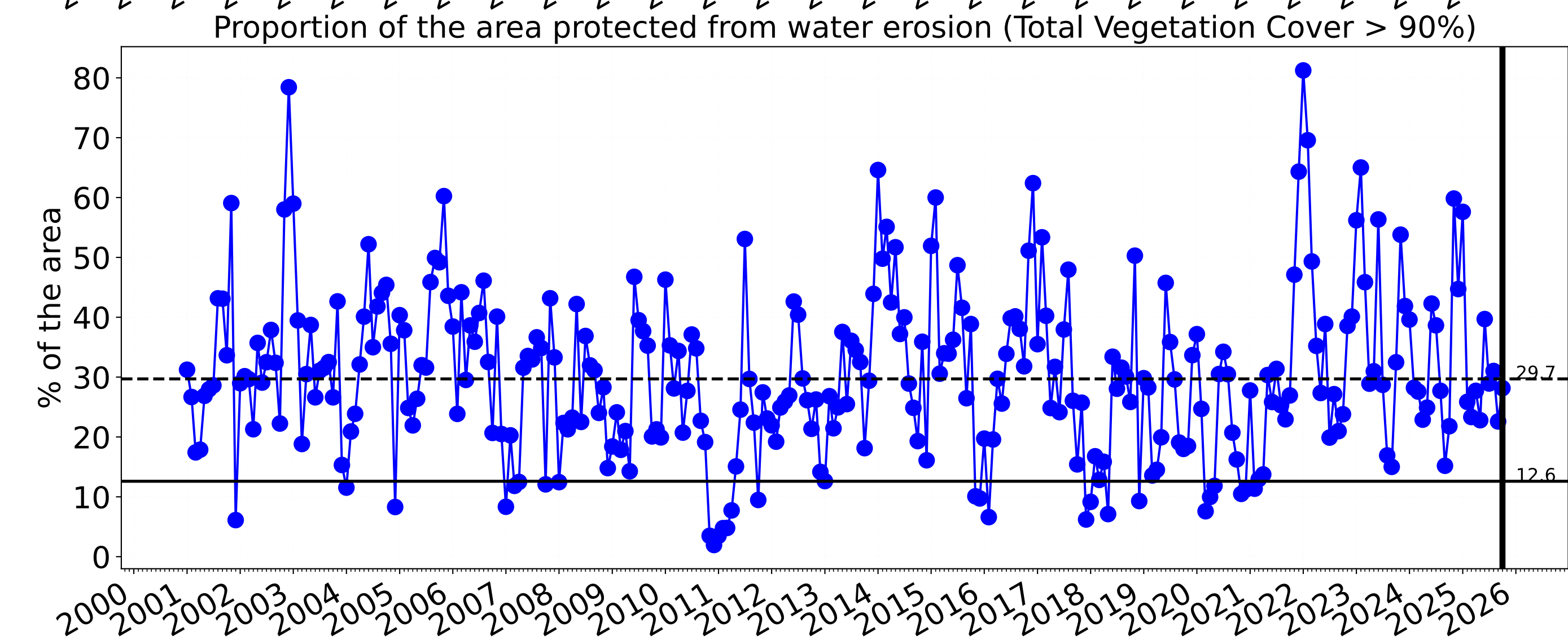
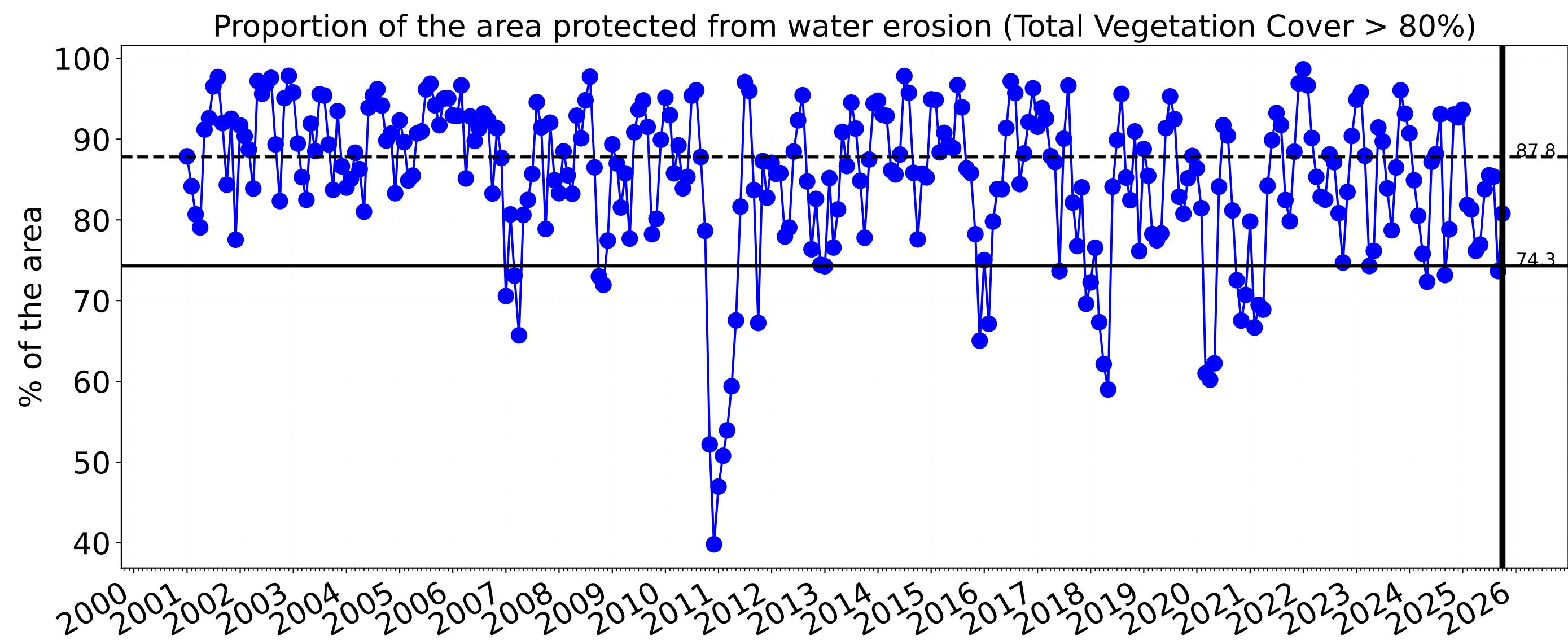


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

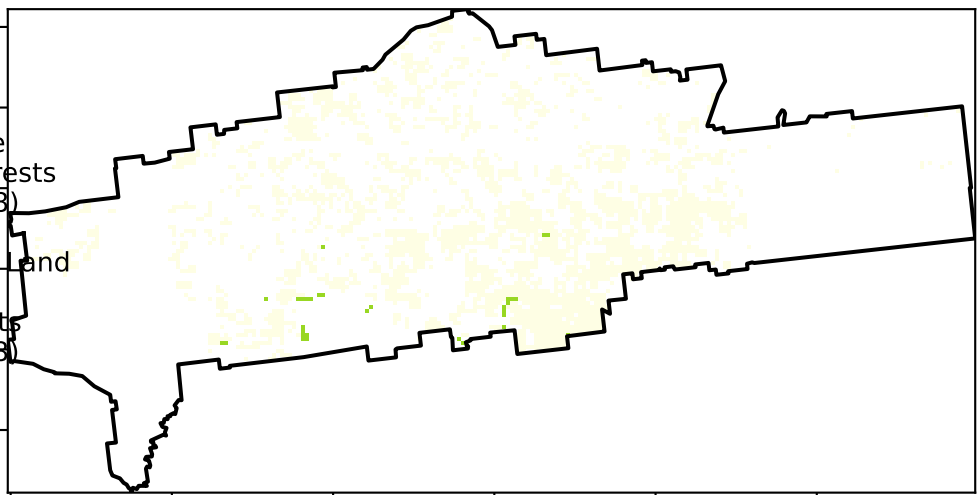




Grazing

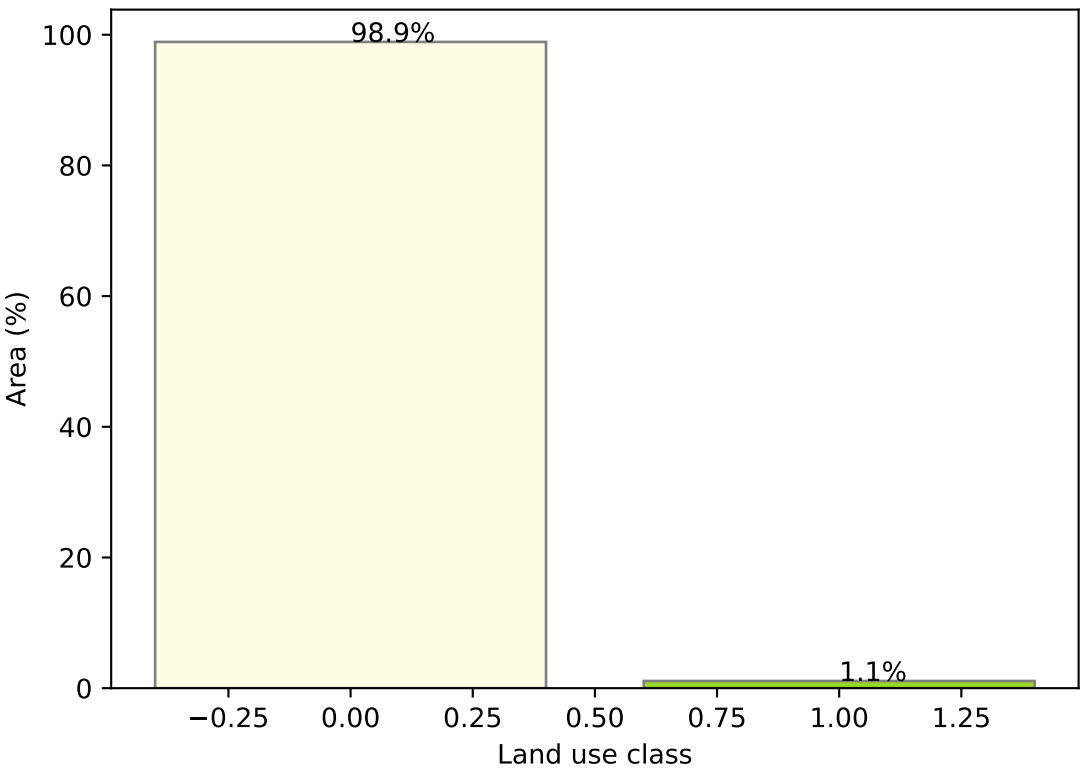
Land use and forest cover

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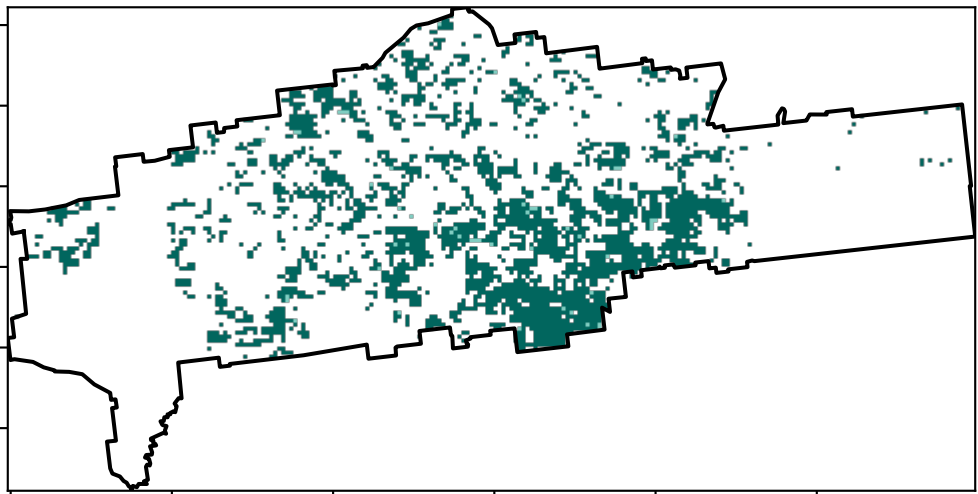


- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
- 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

Proportion of each land class in area

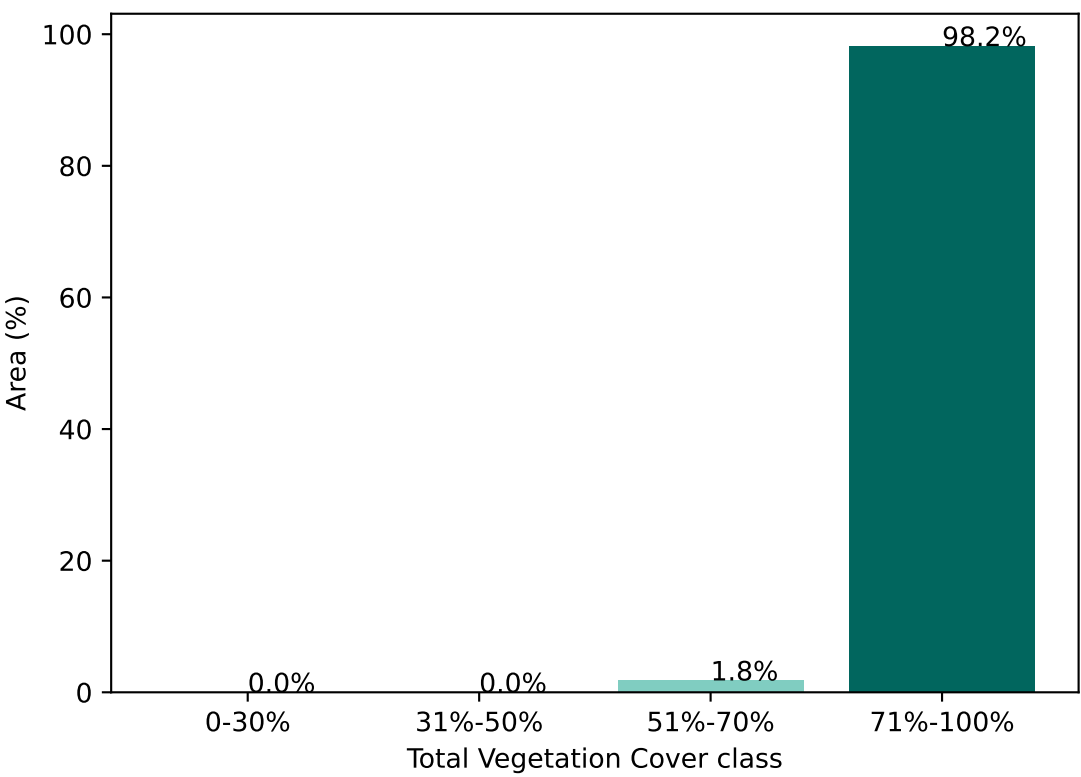


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

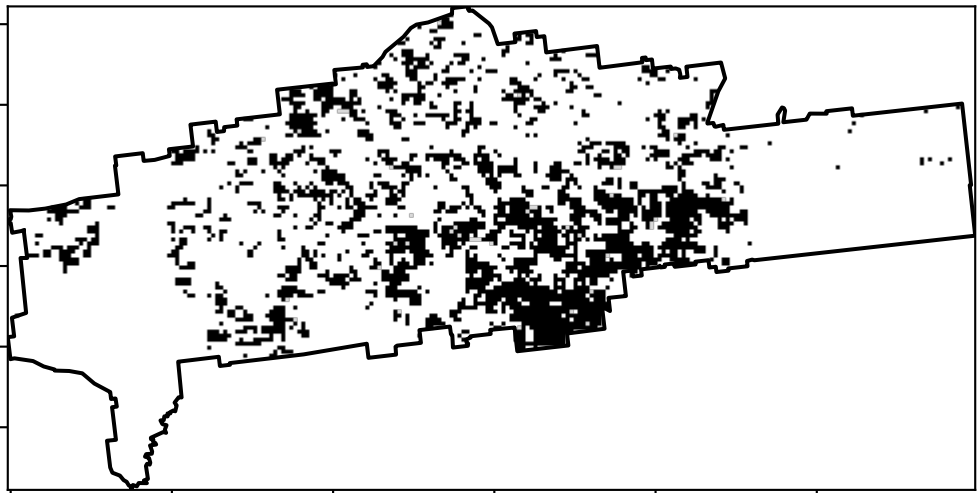


- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

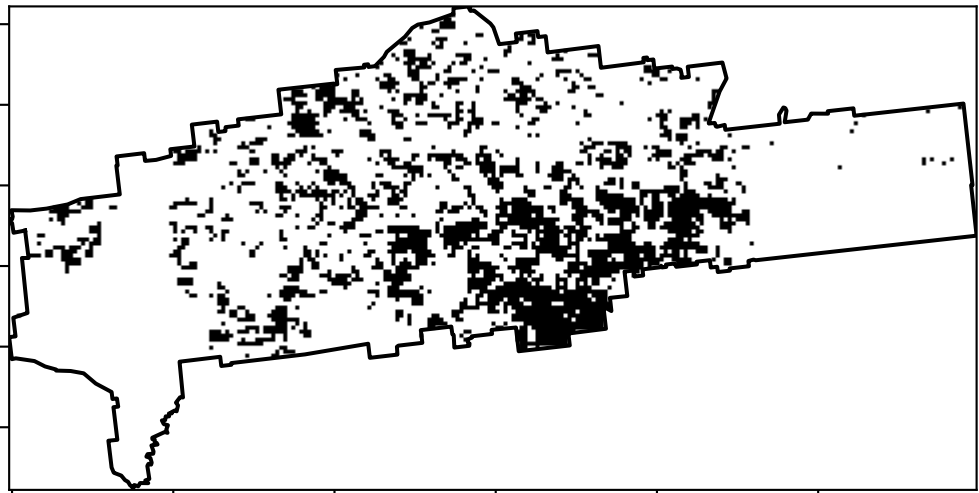


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected
1.8% of region
(1,292 ha)
- Area protected
98.2% of region
(70,508 ha)

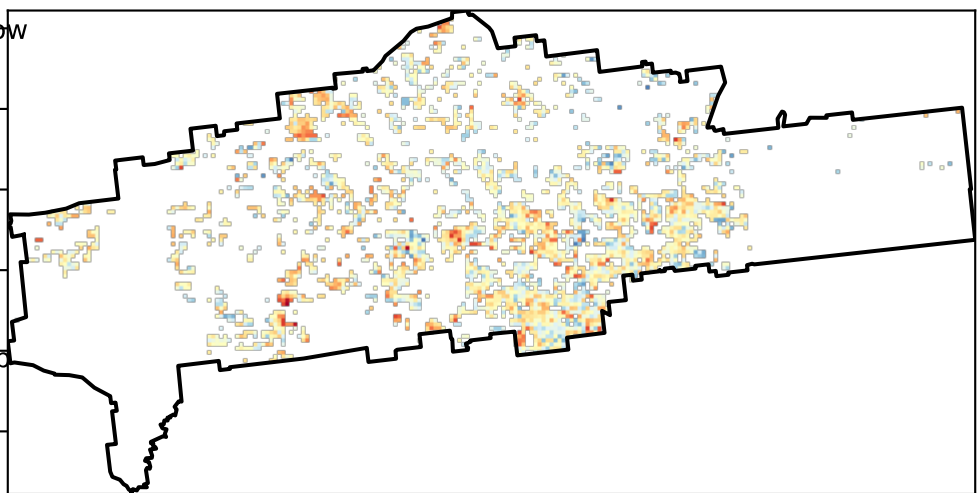
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area protected
100.0% of region
(71,800 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

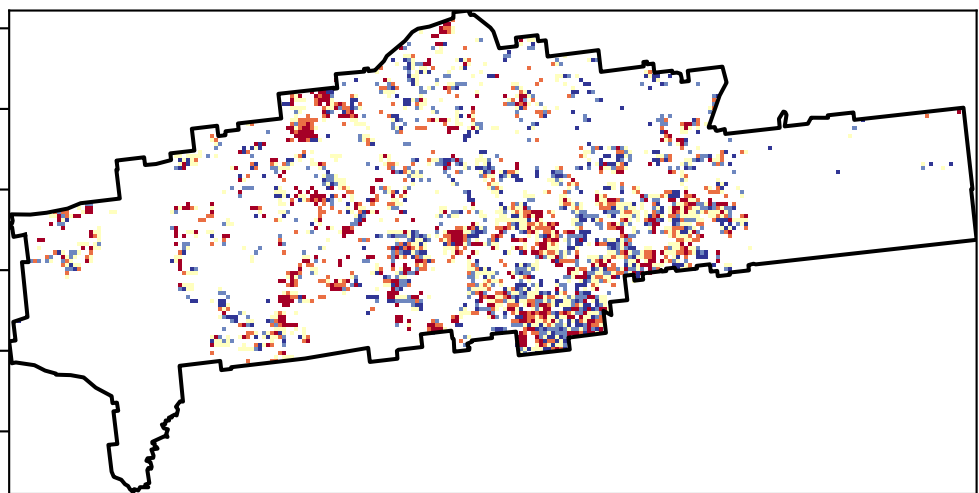
Anomaly show how many percentage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



- 20
- 10
- 0
- 10
- 20

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1



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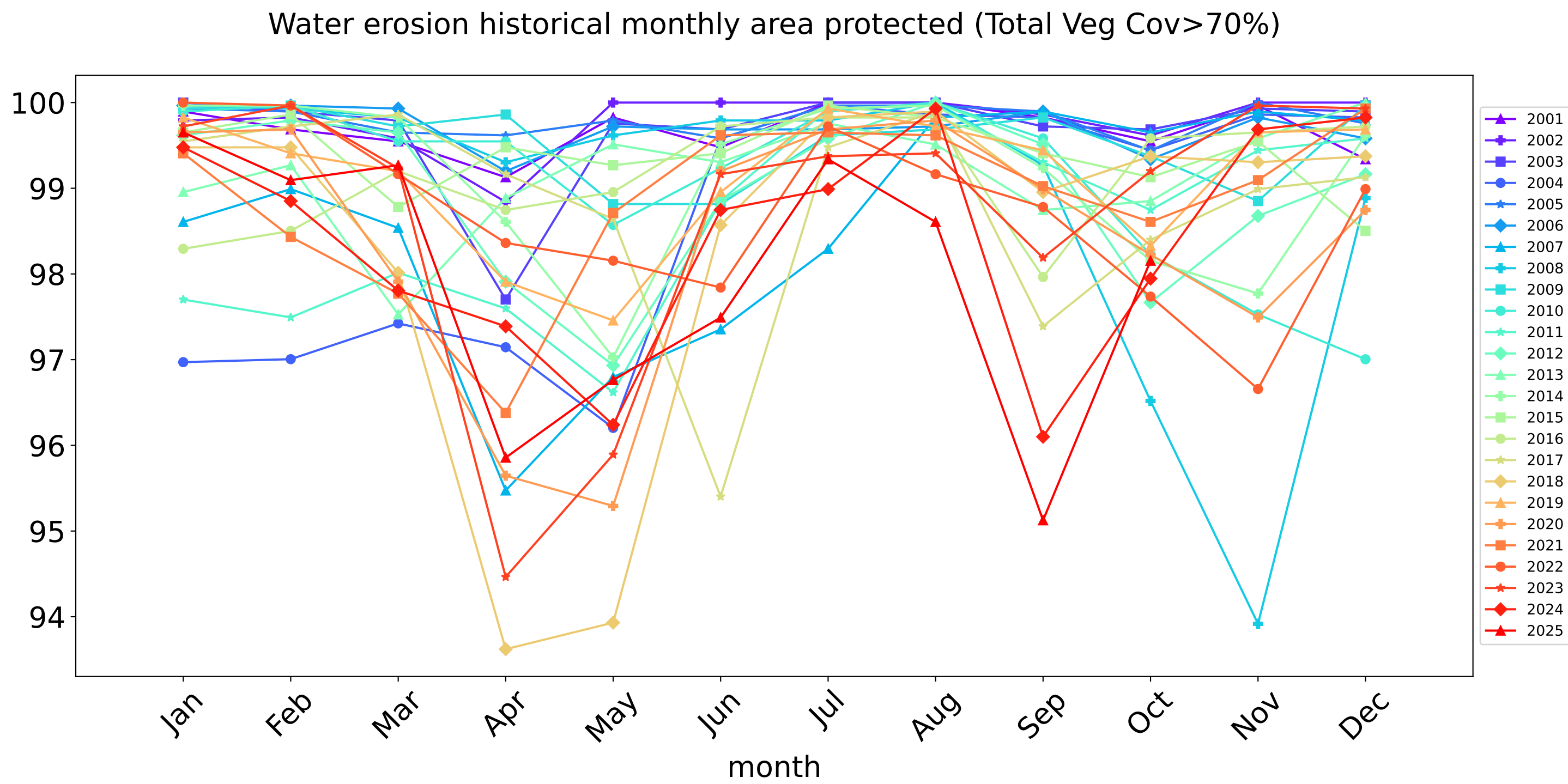
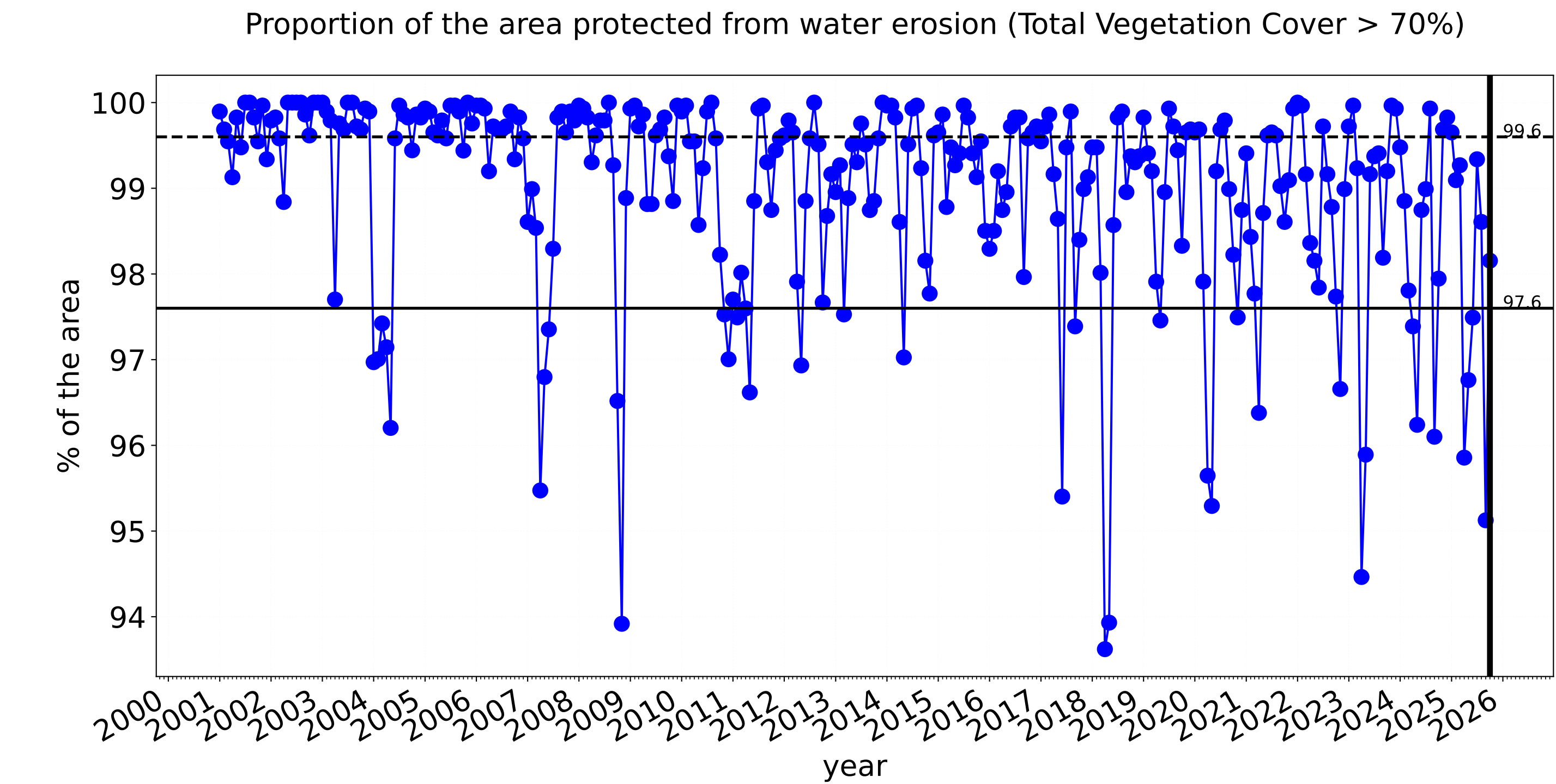
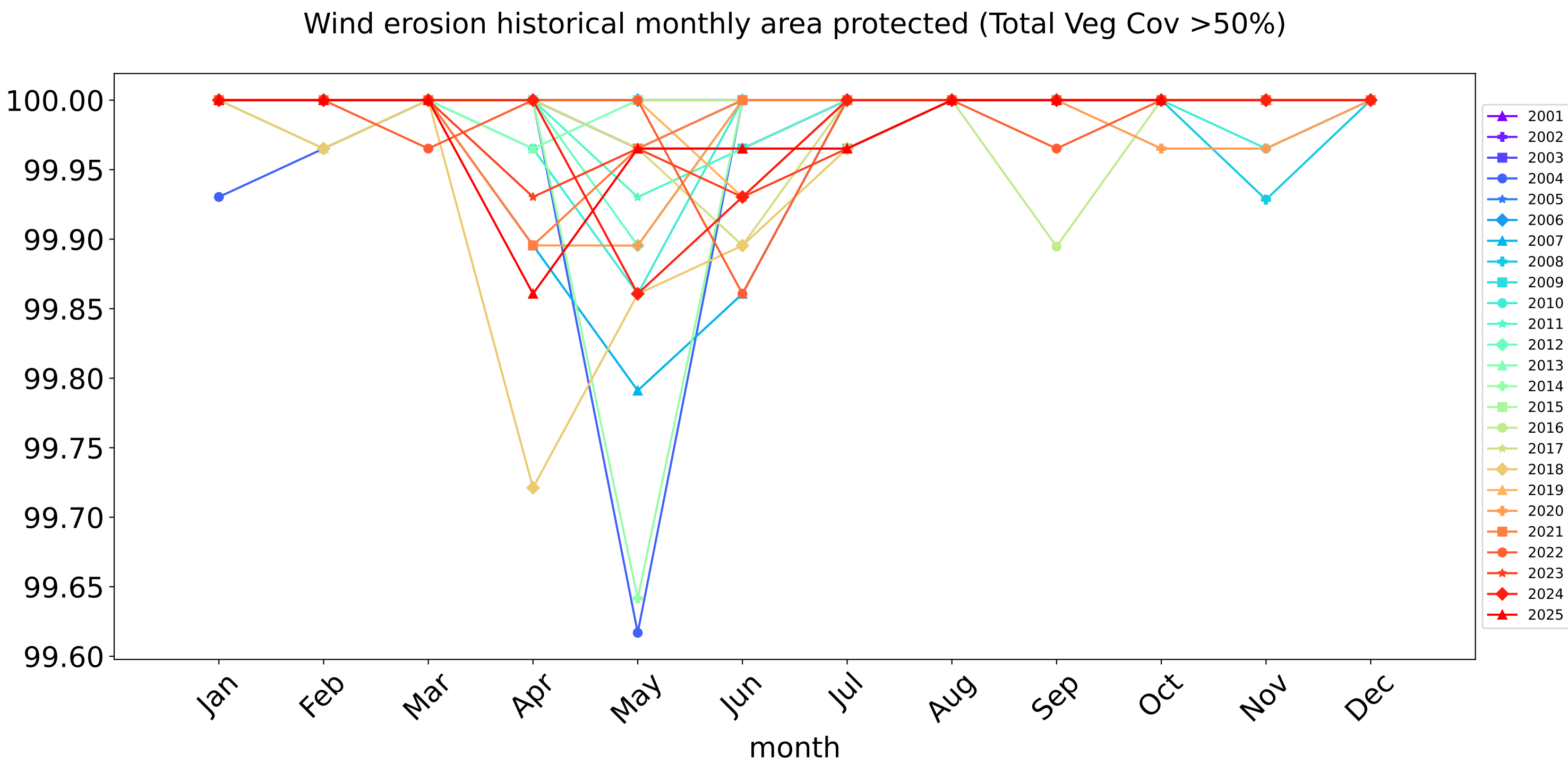
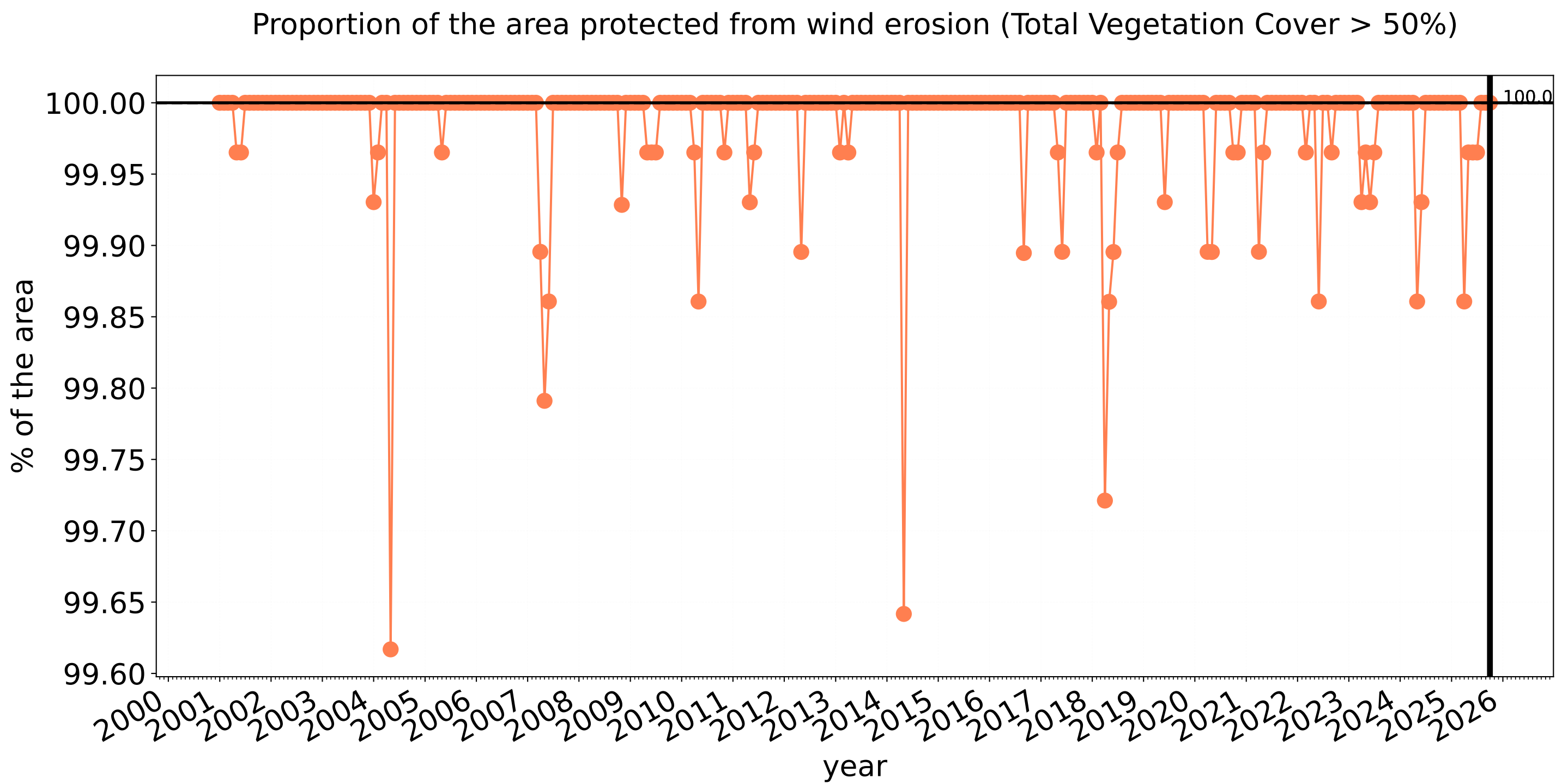


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Grazing timeseries

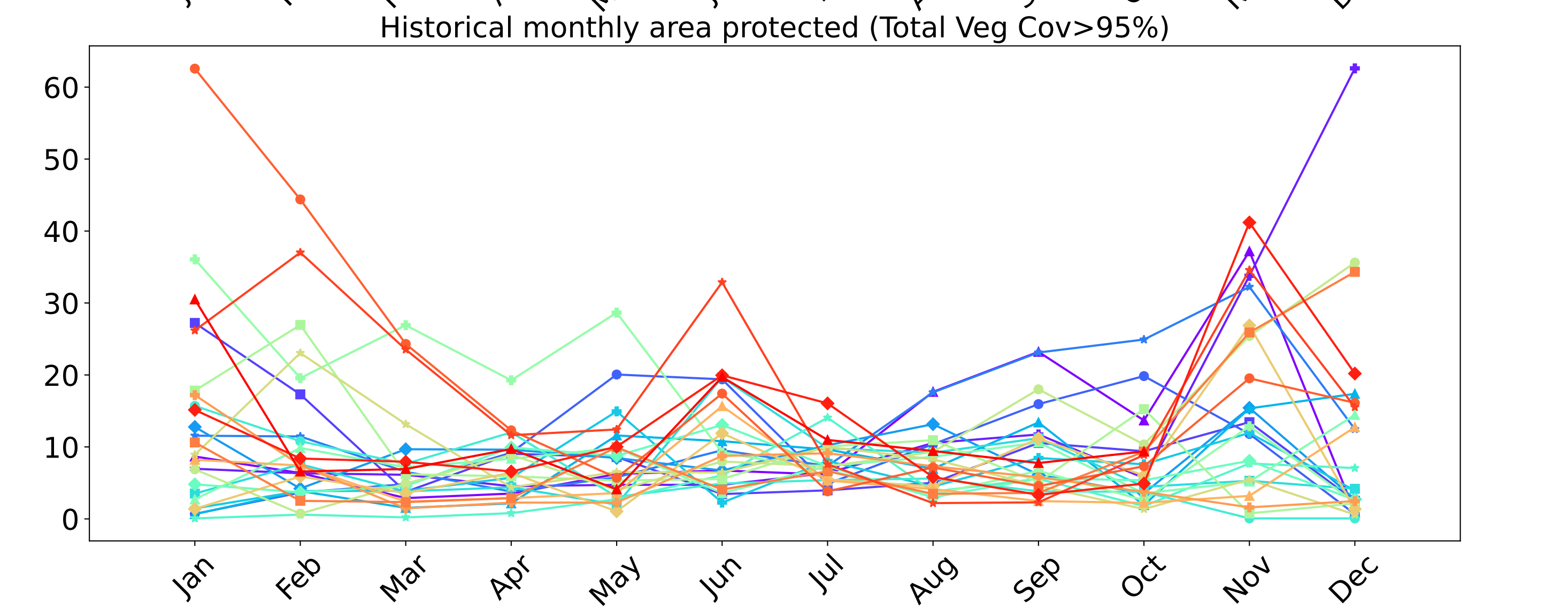
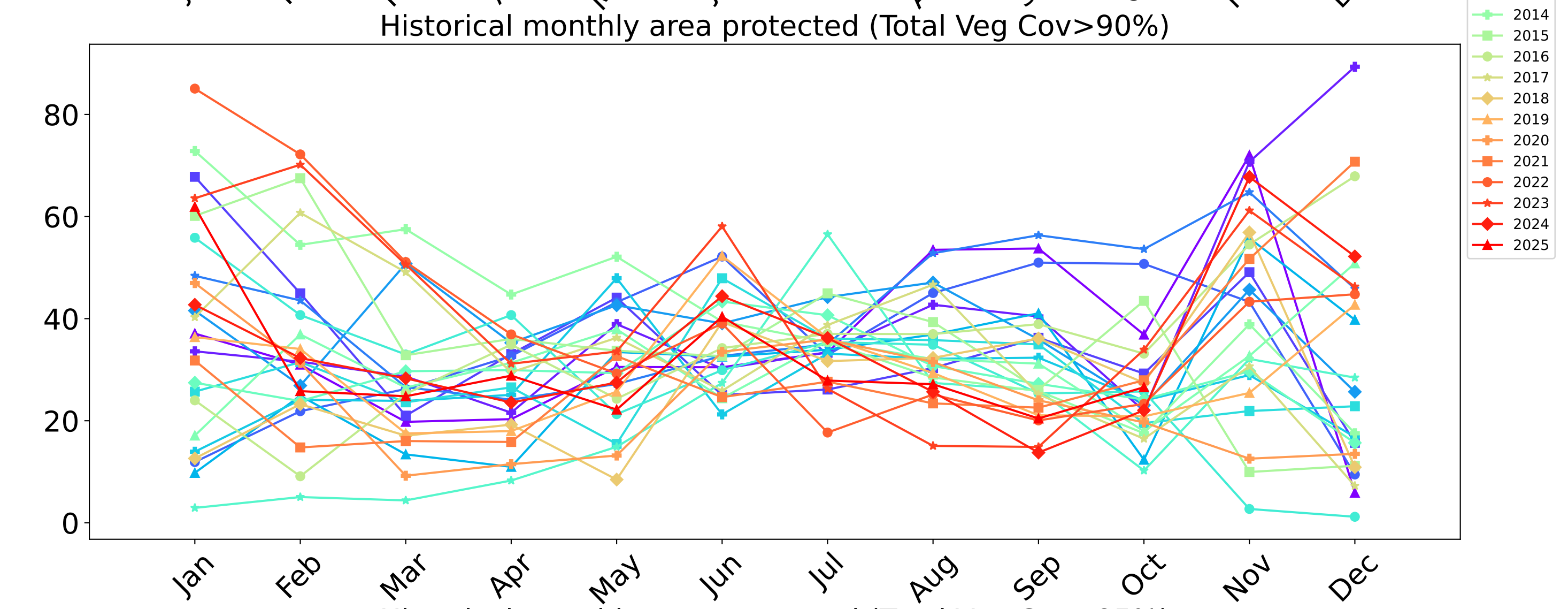
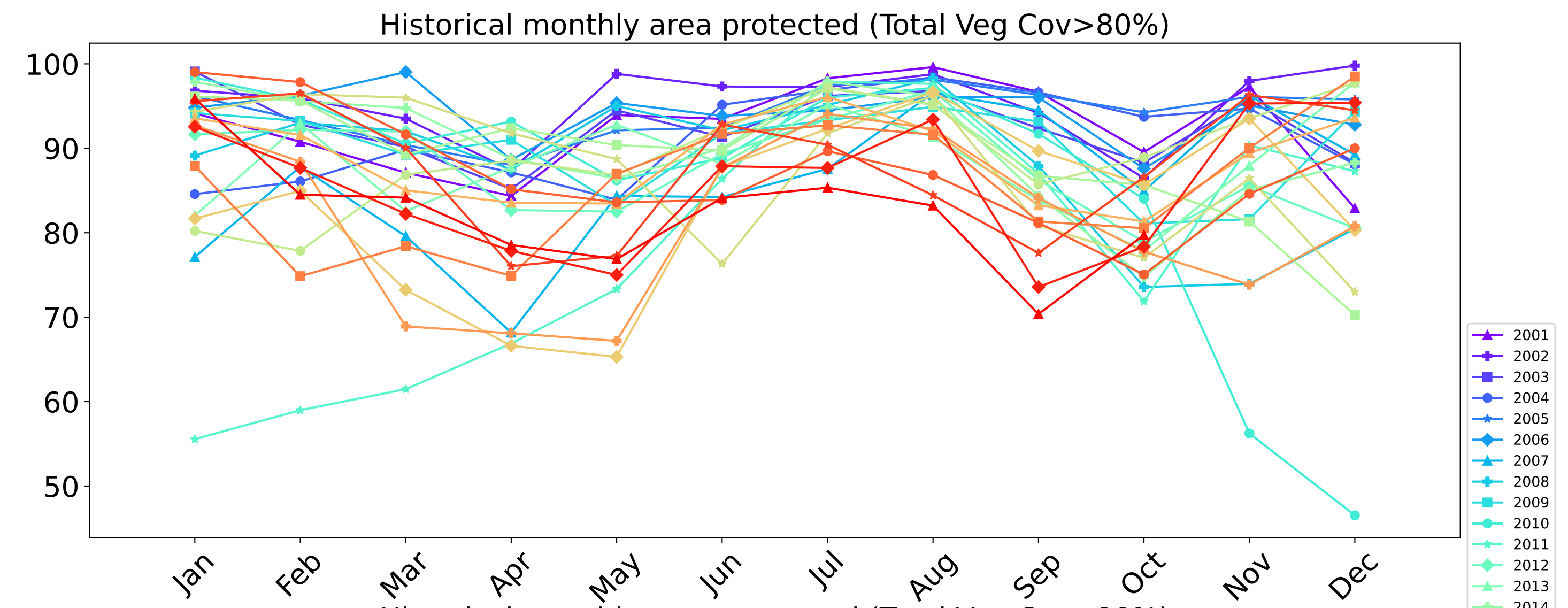
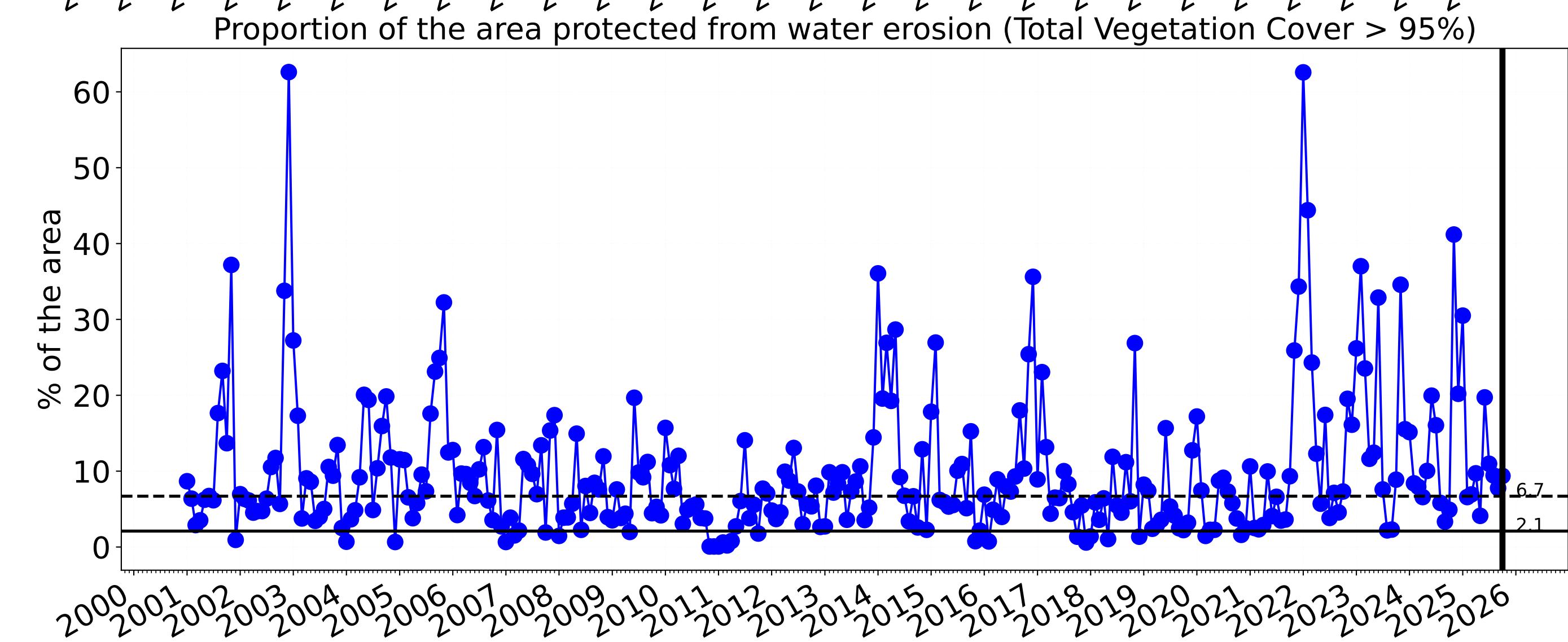
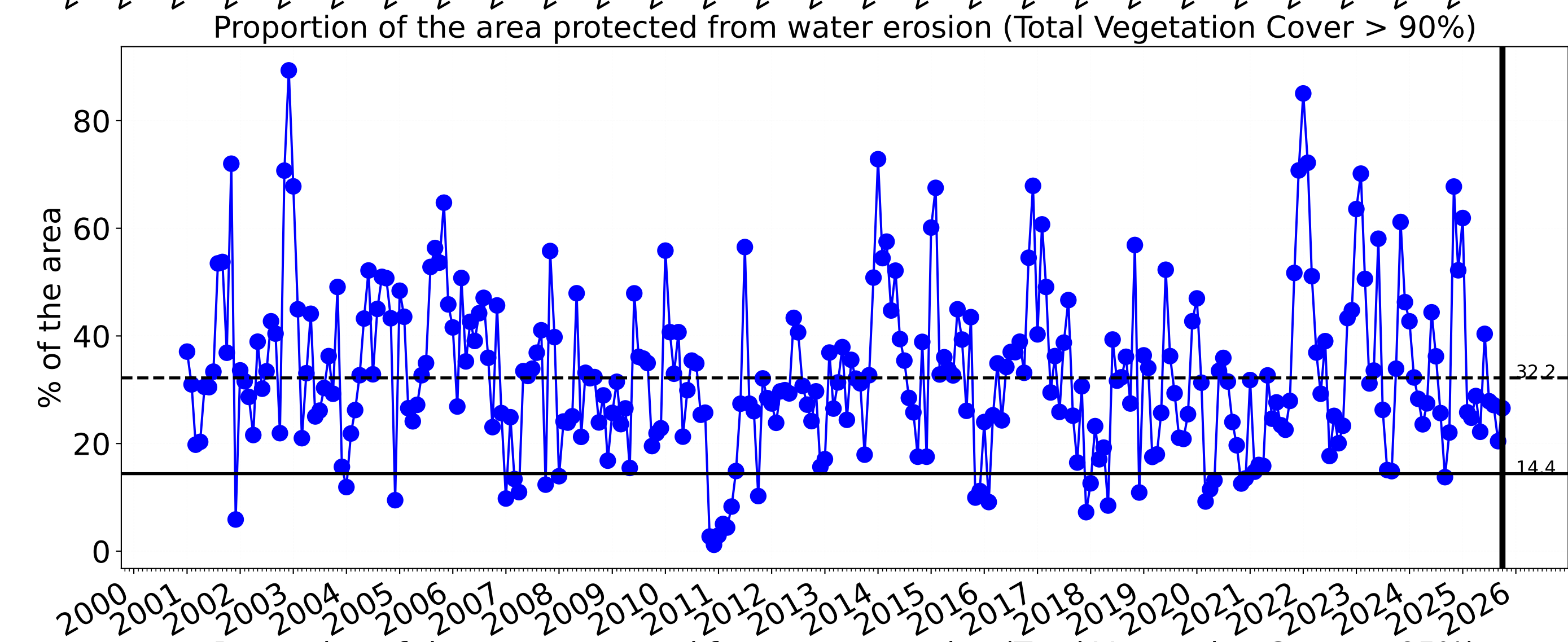
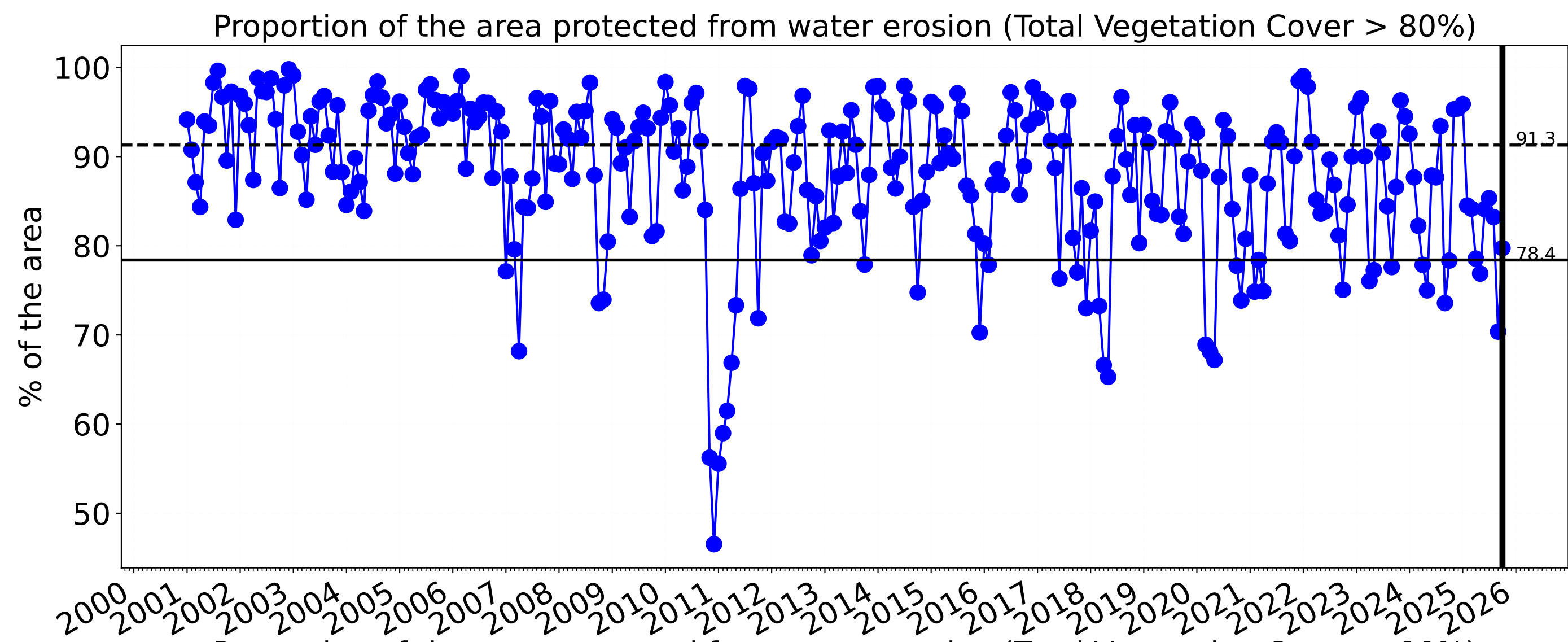


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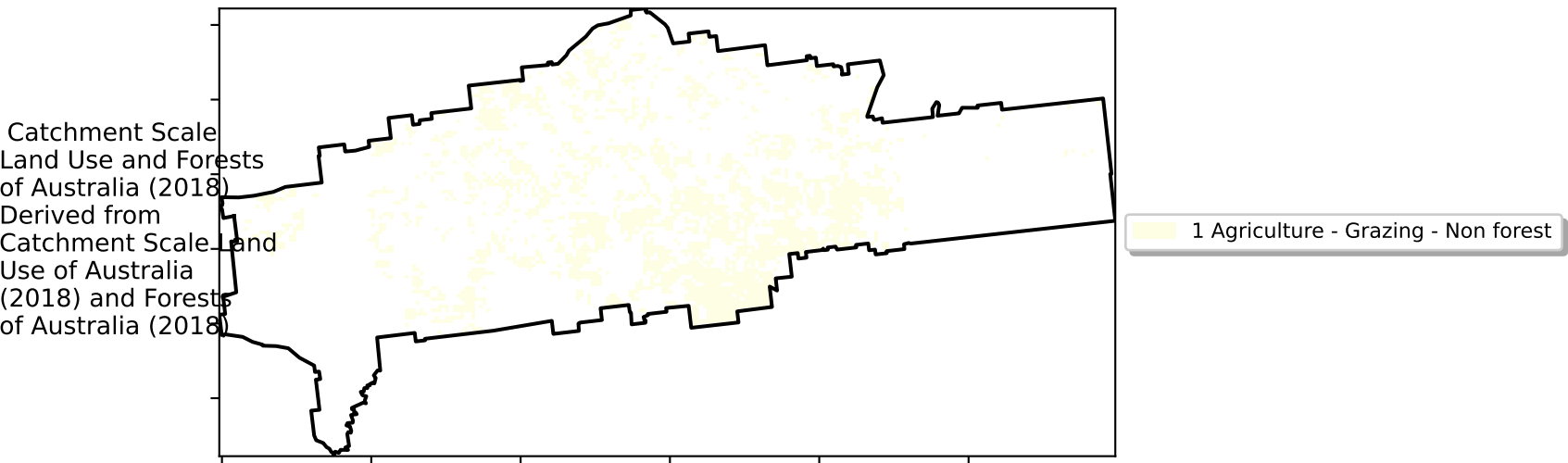
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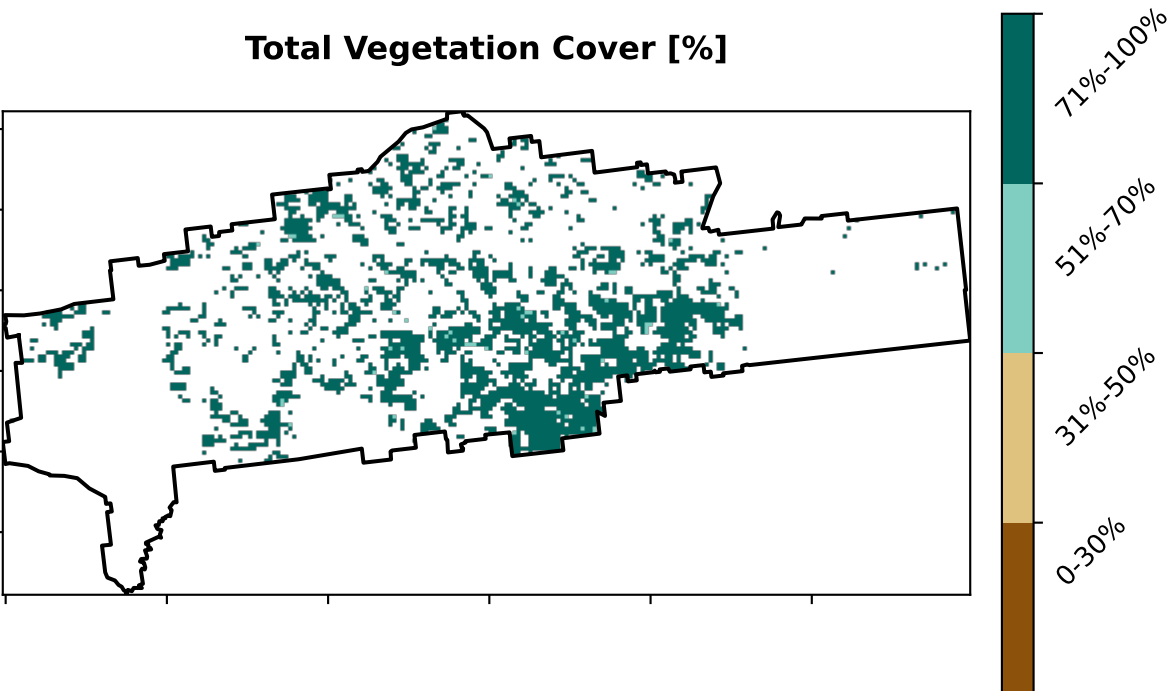


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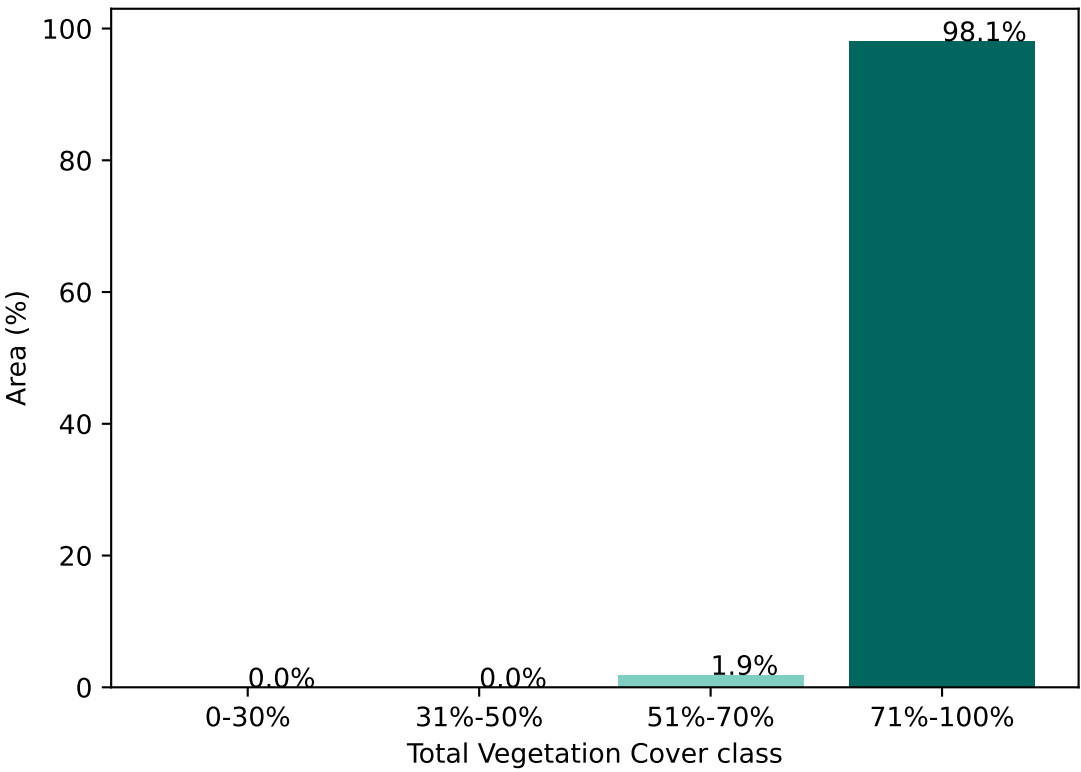
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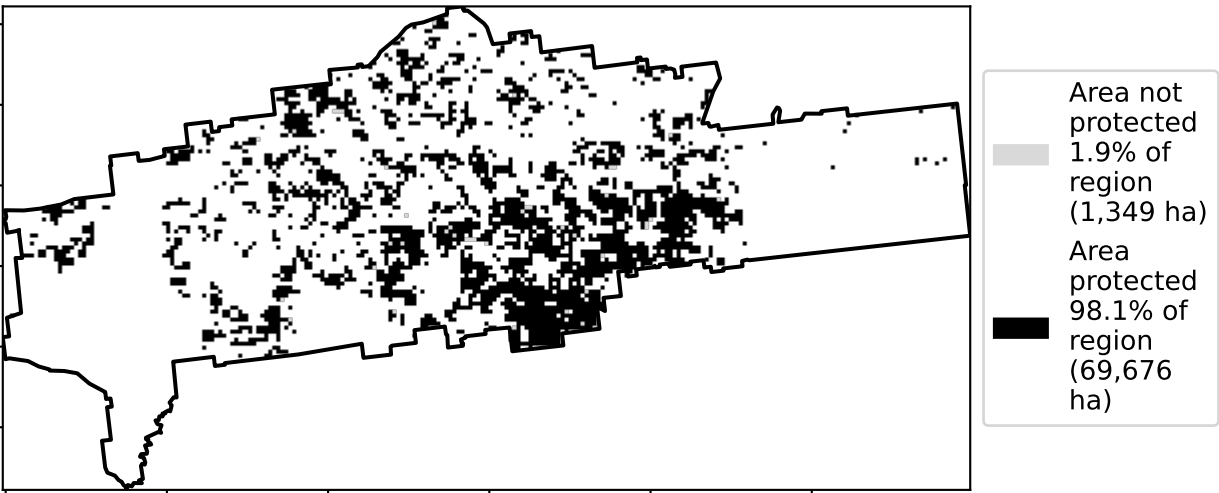
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



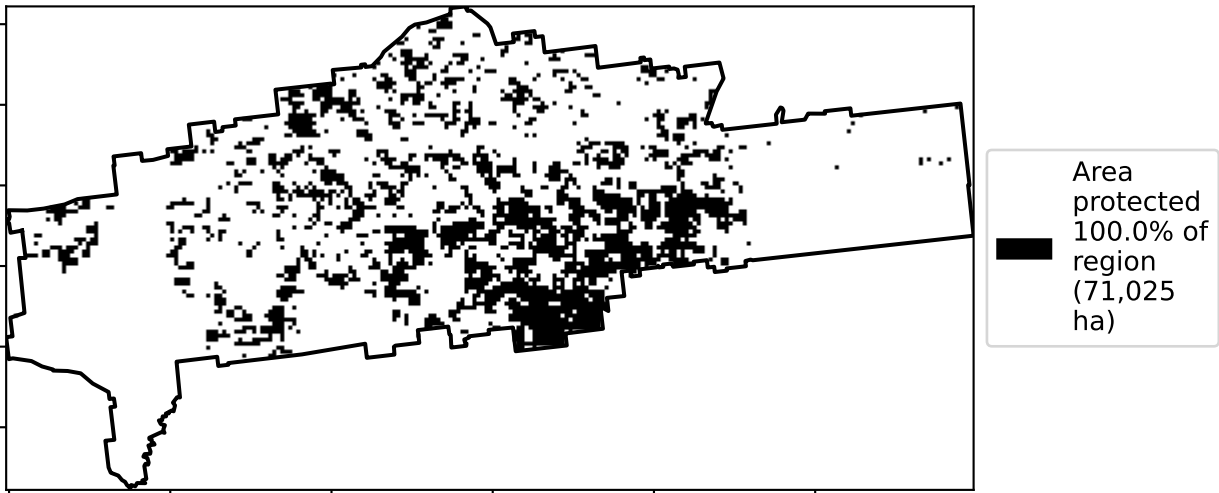
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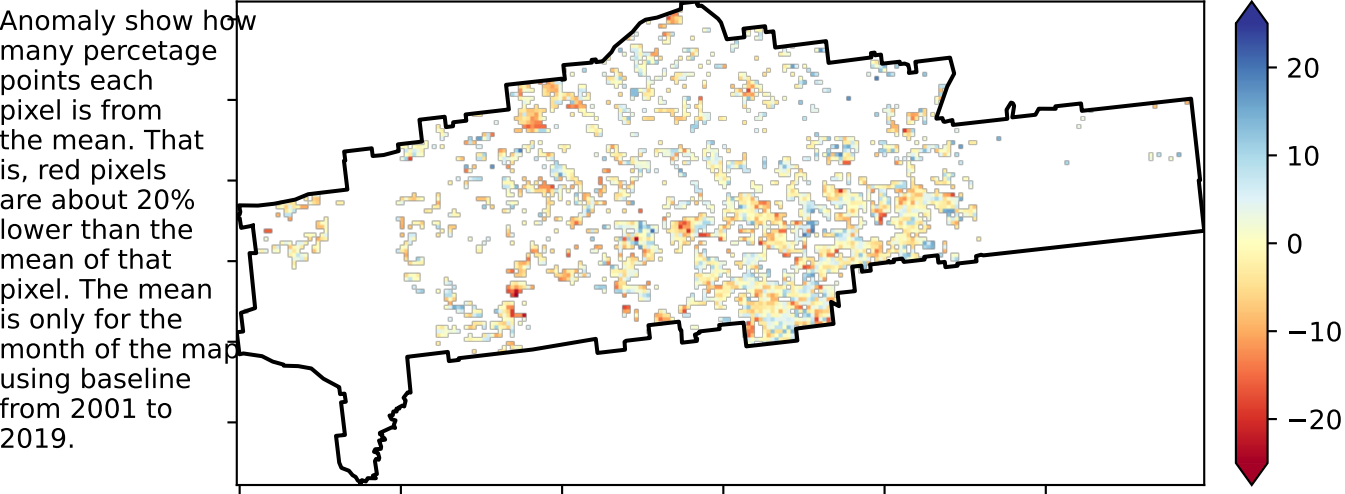
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

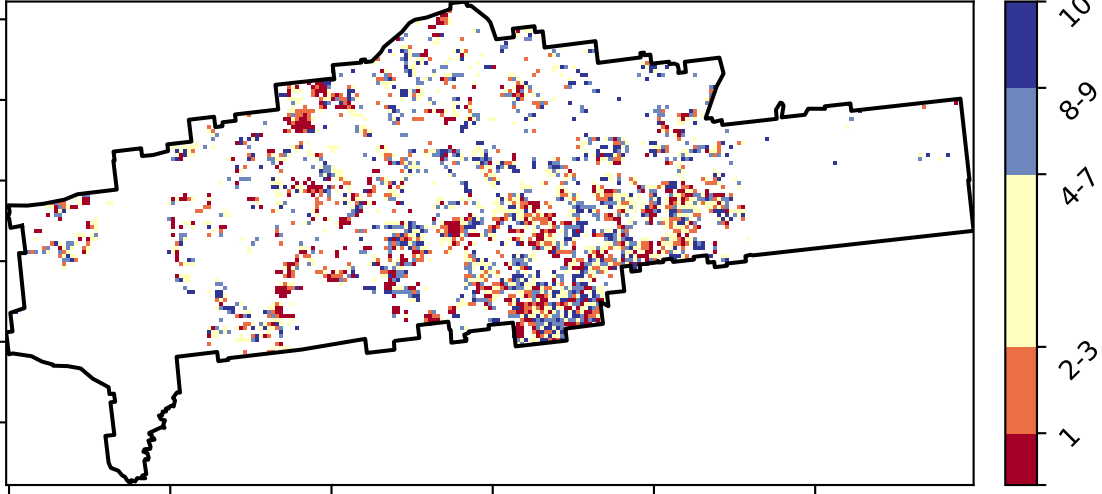


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

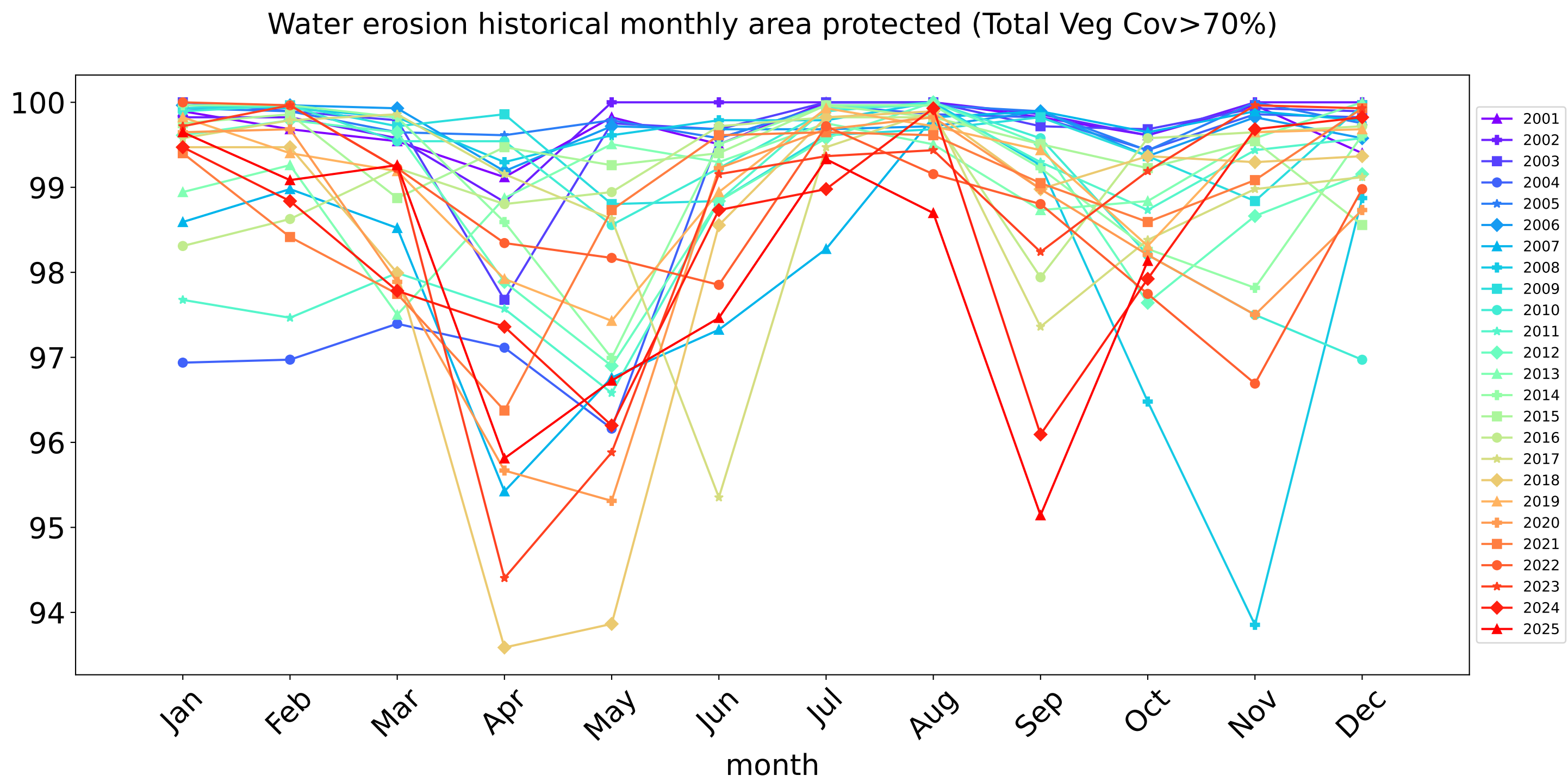
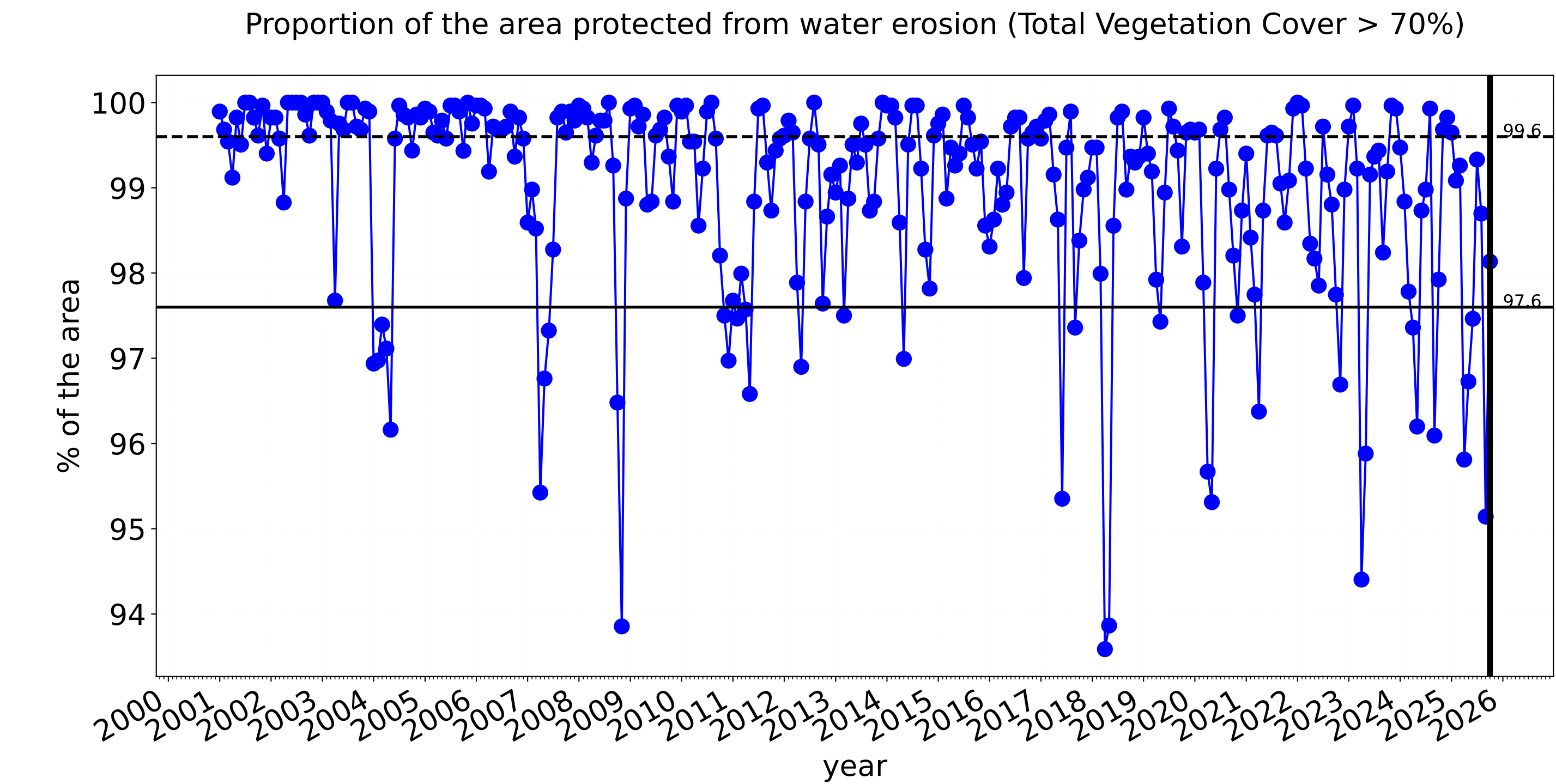
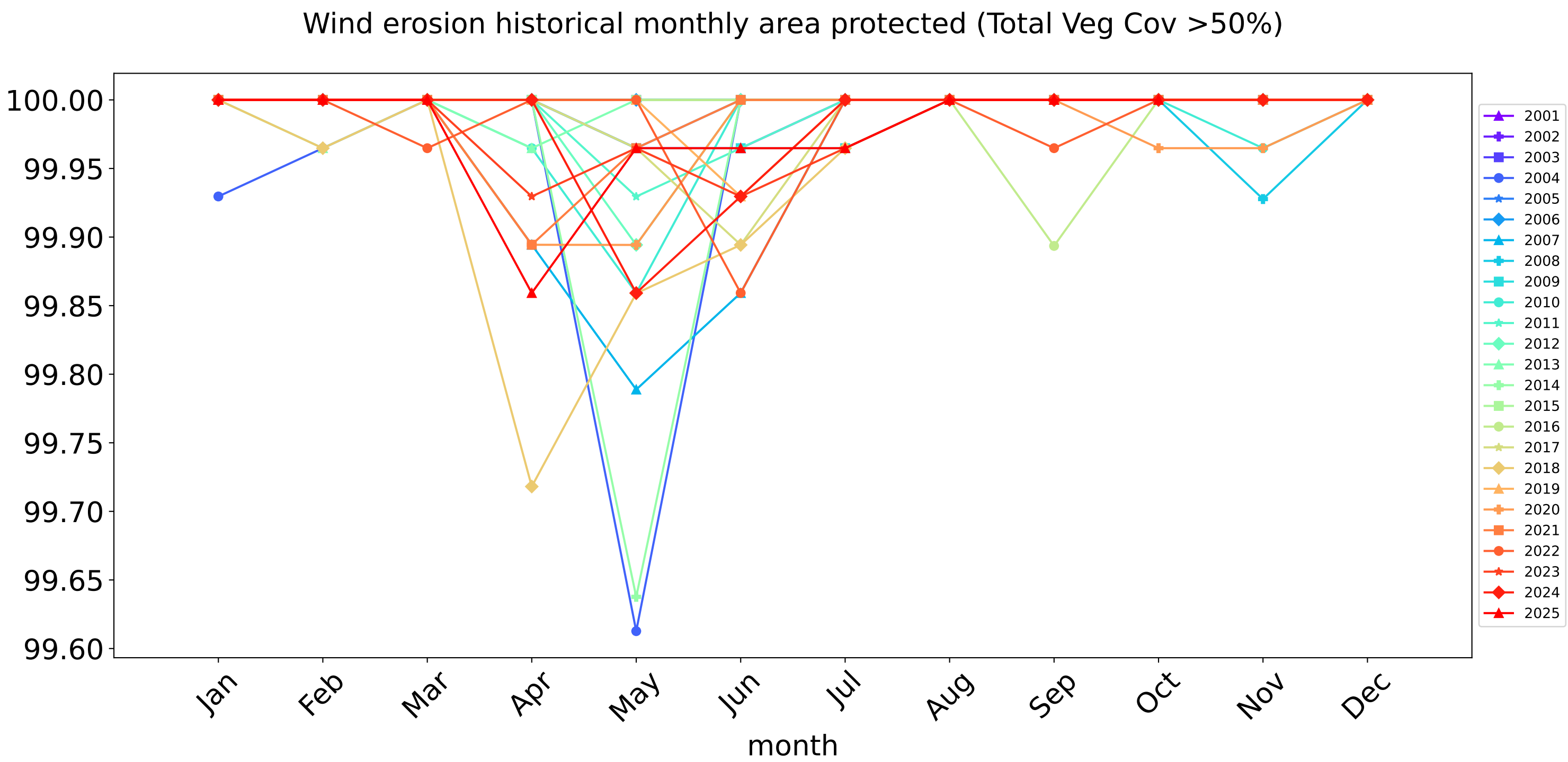
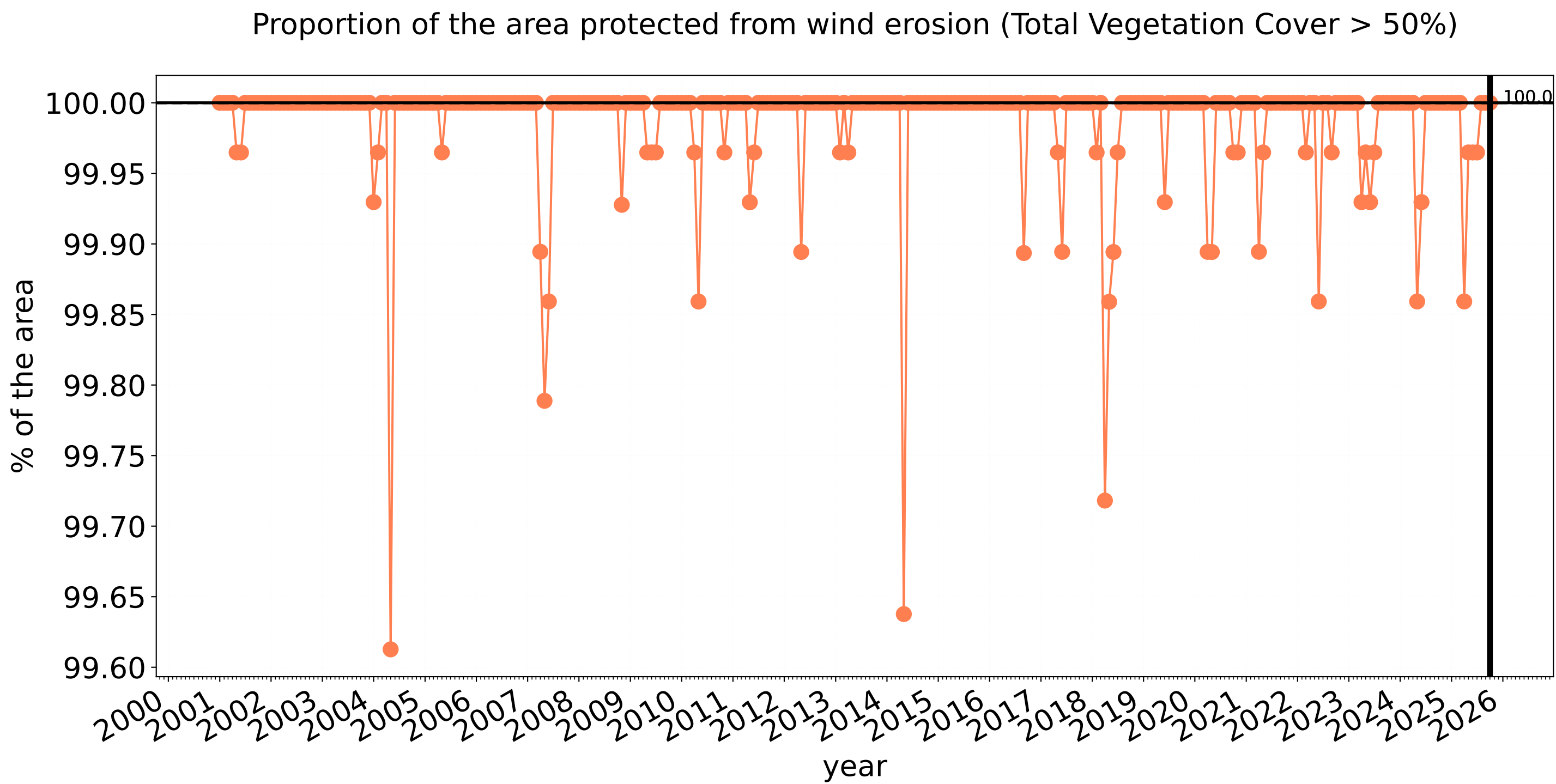


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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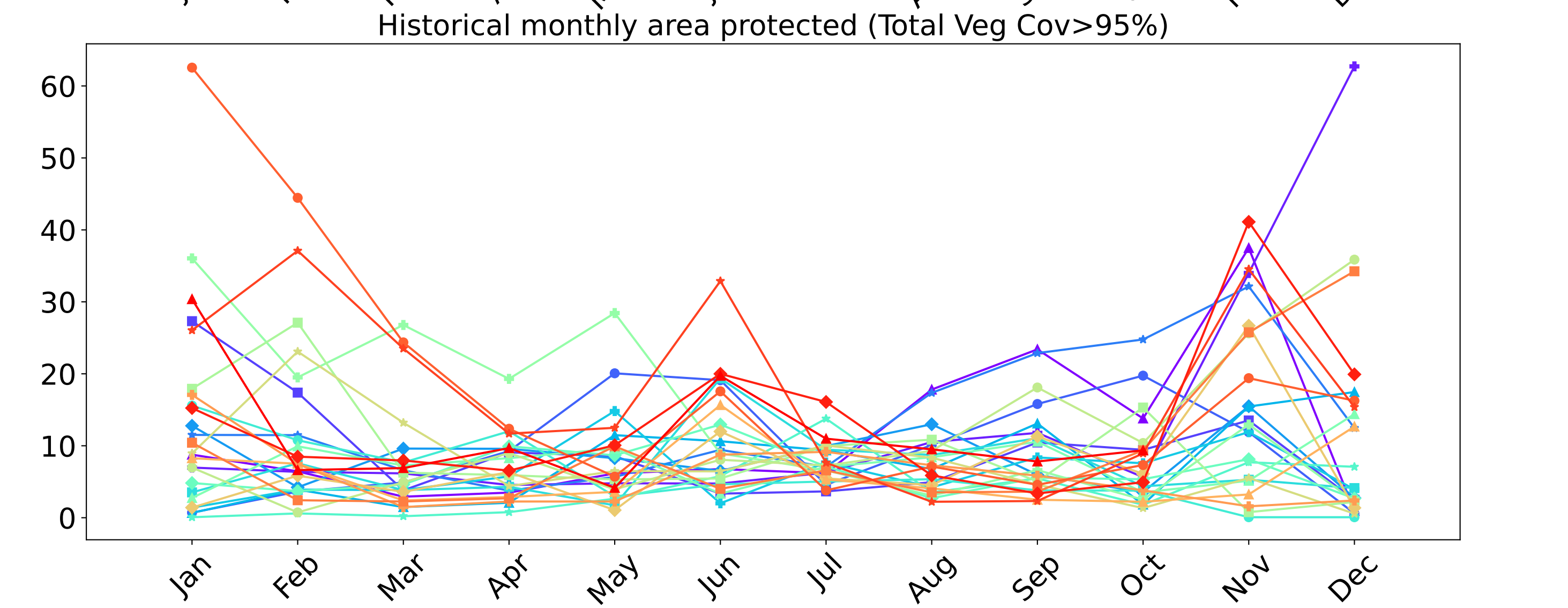
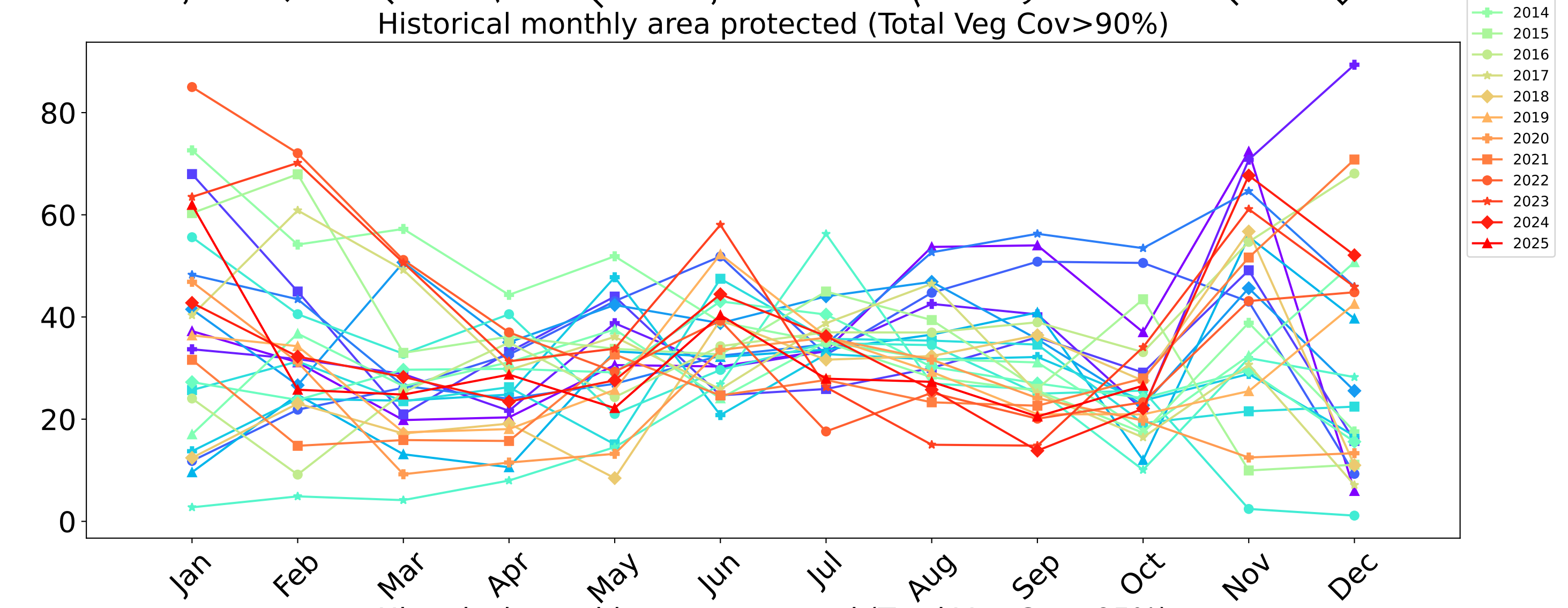
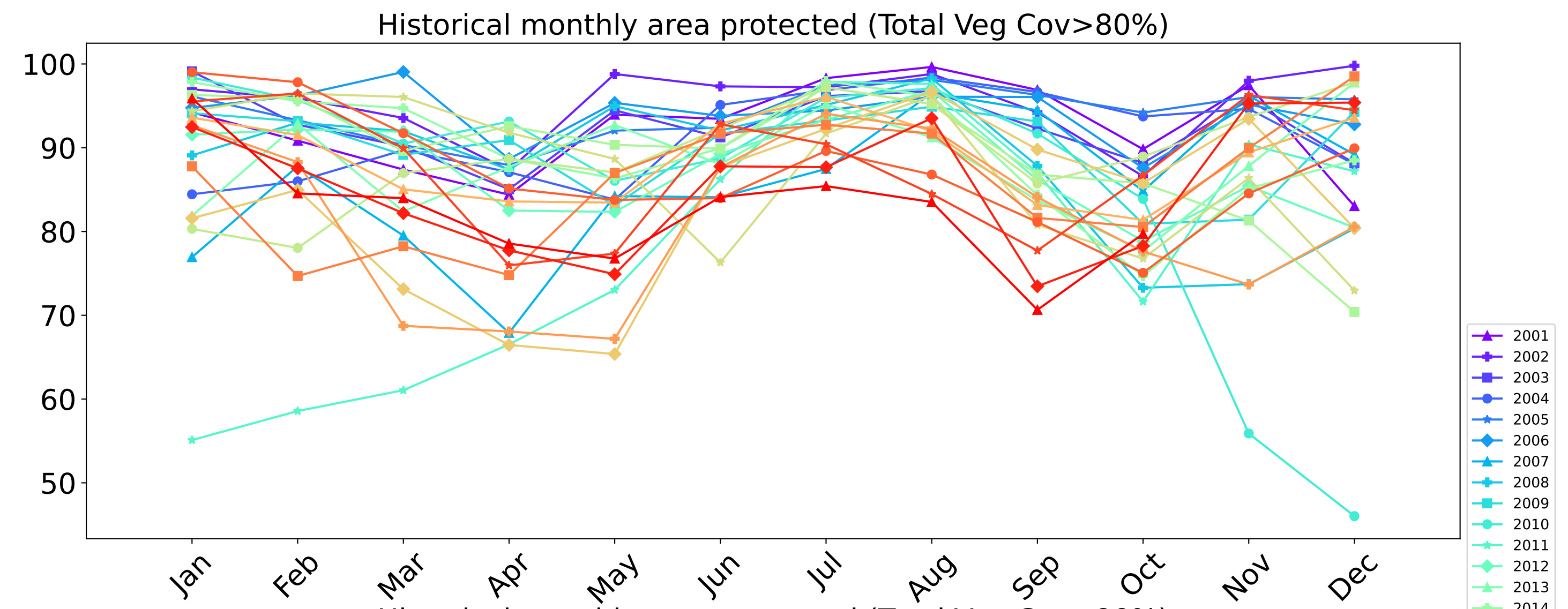
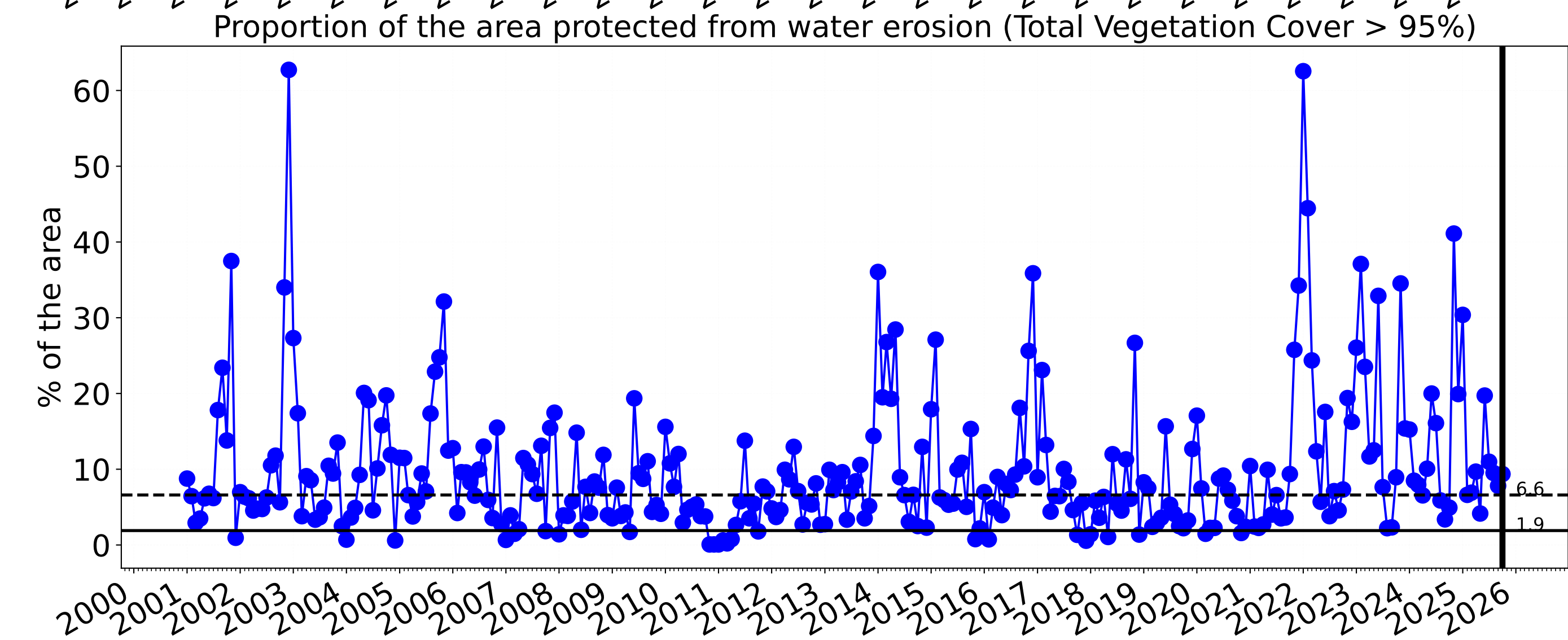
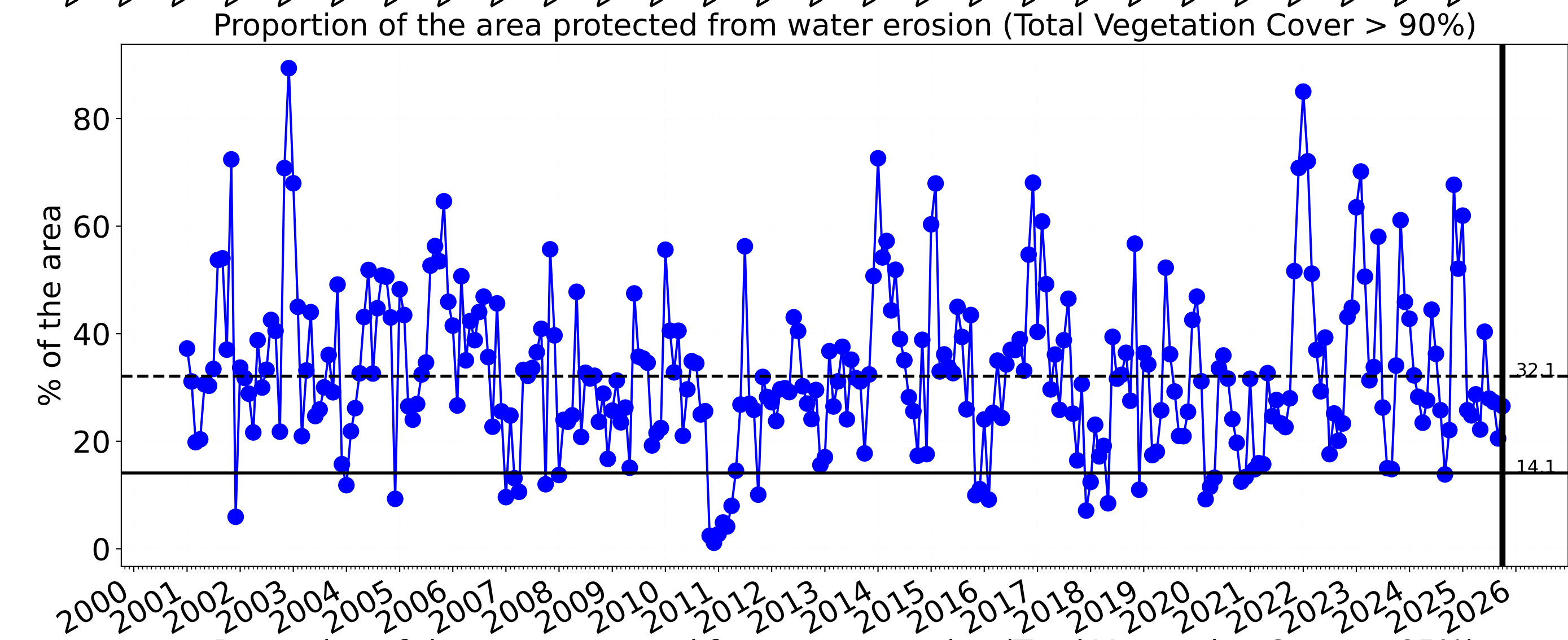
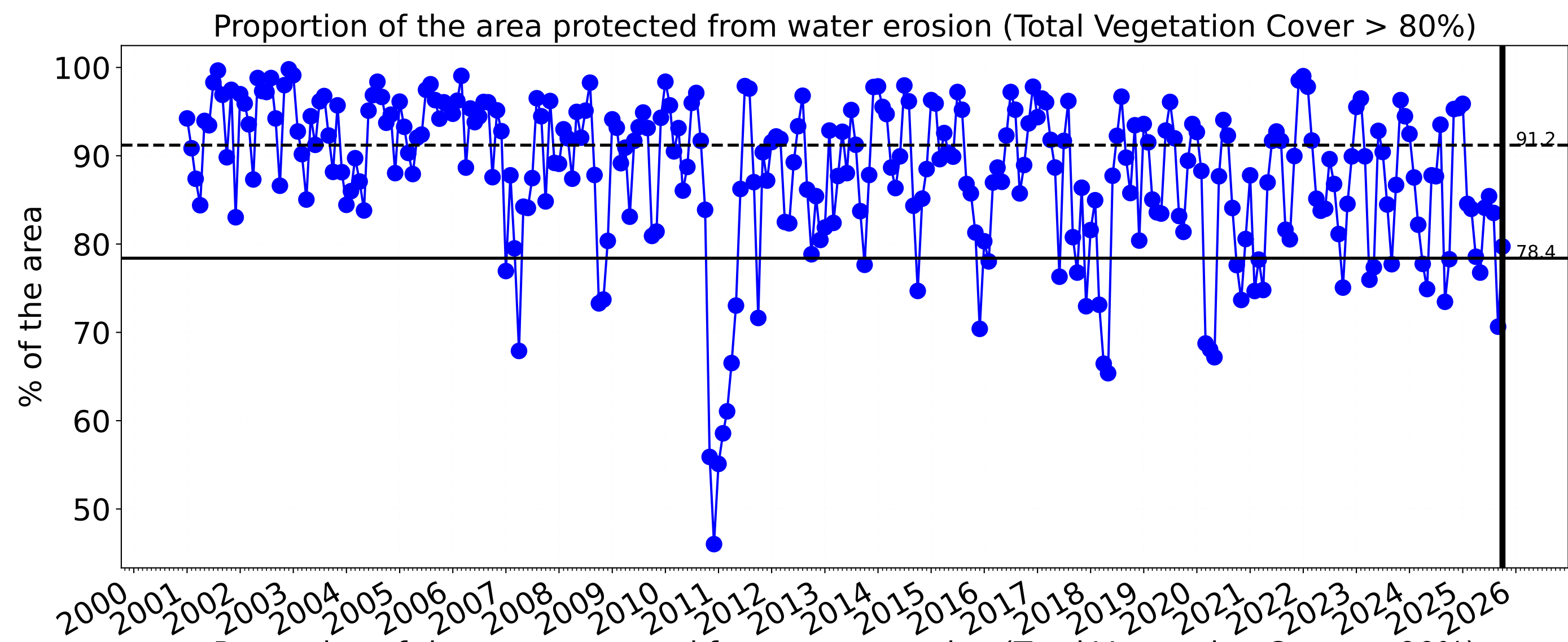


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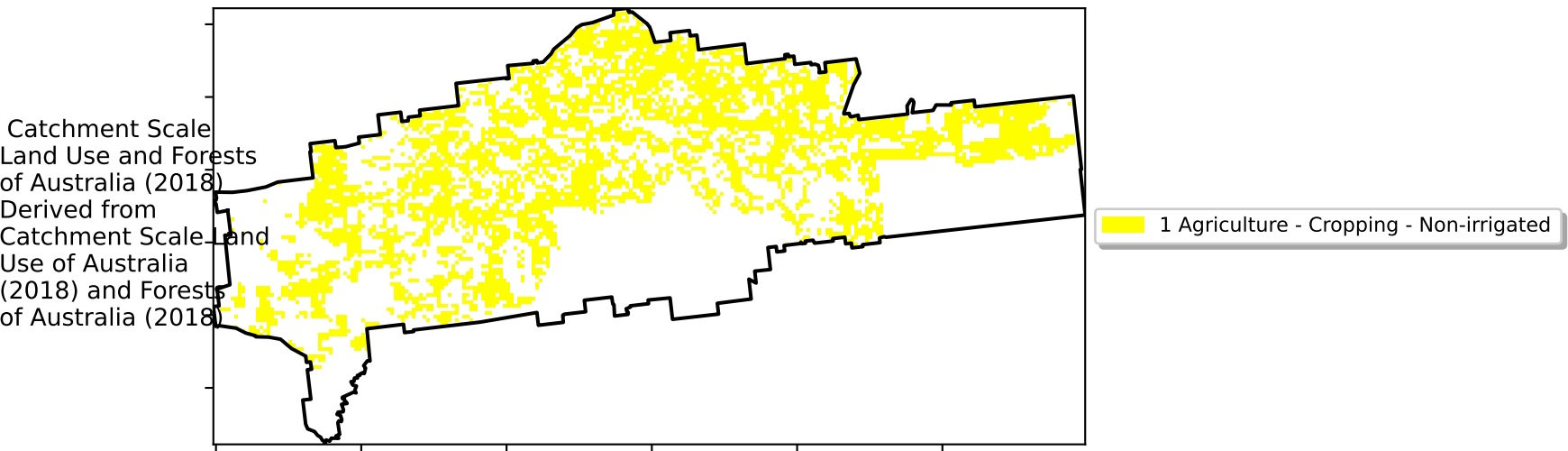
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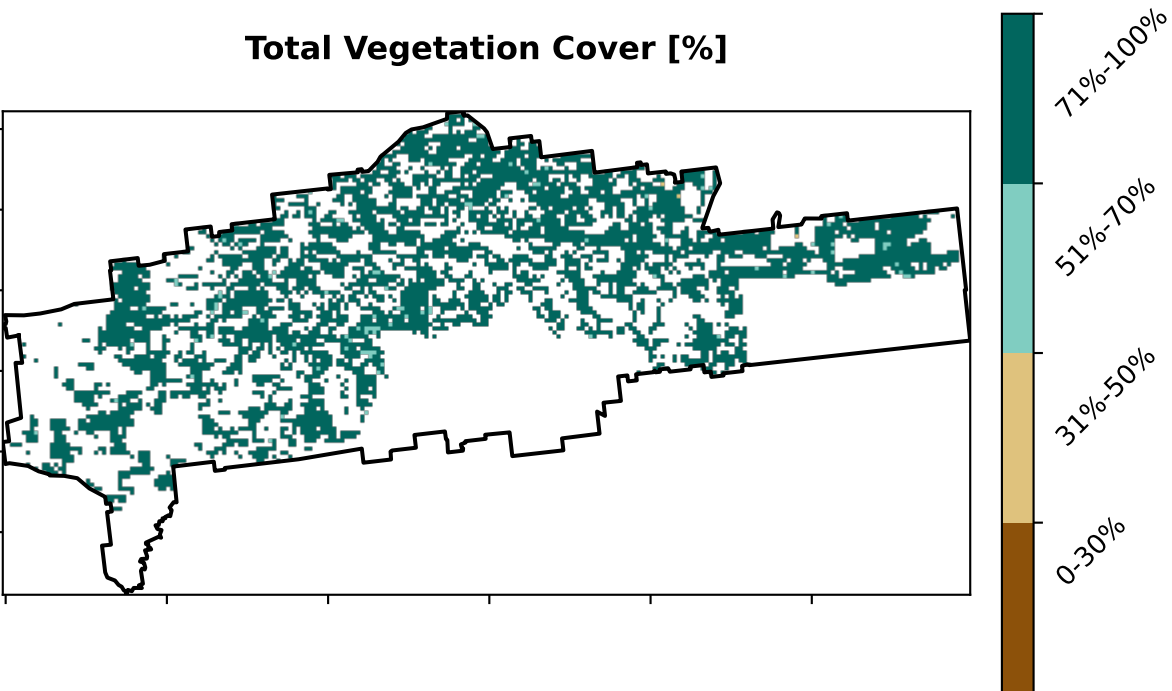


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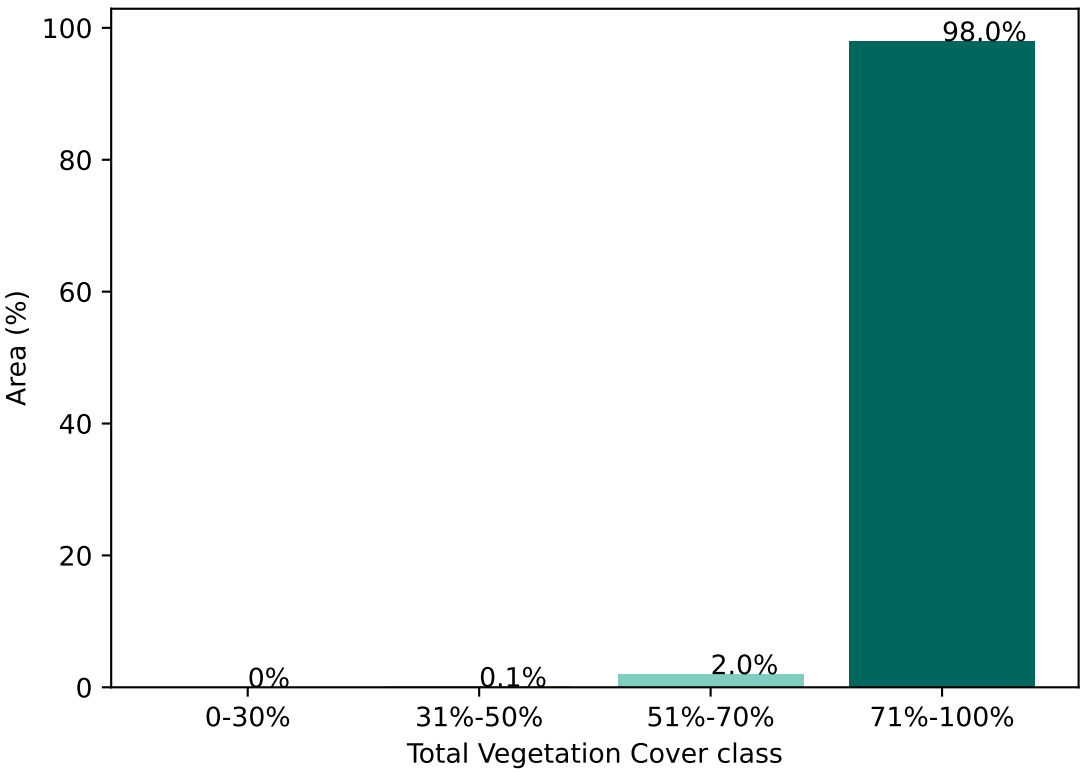
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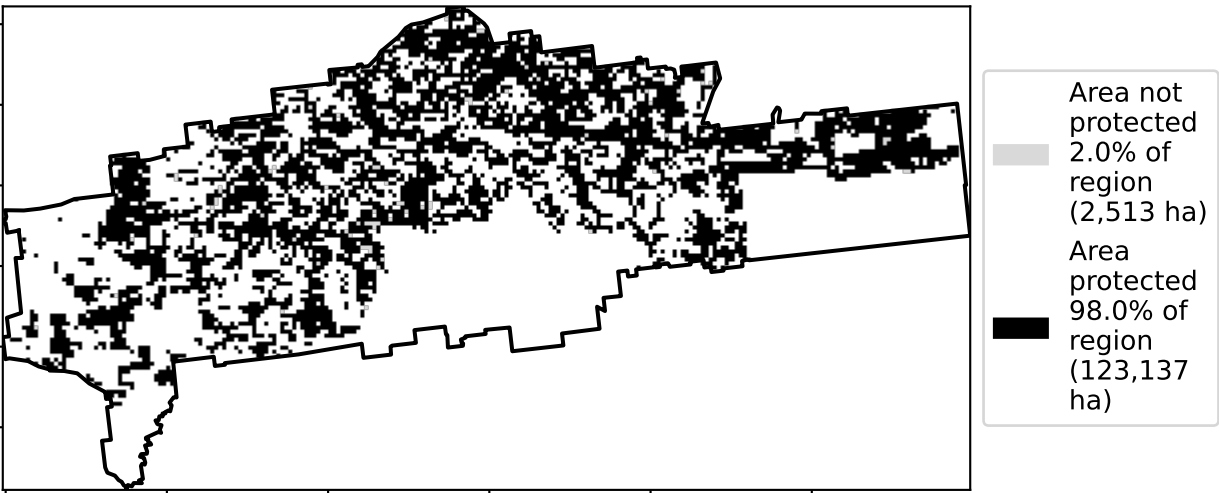
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



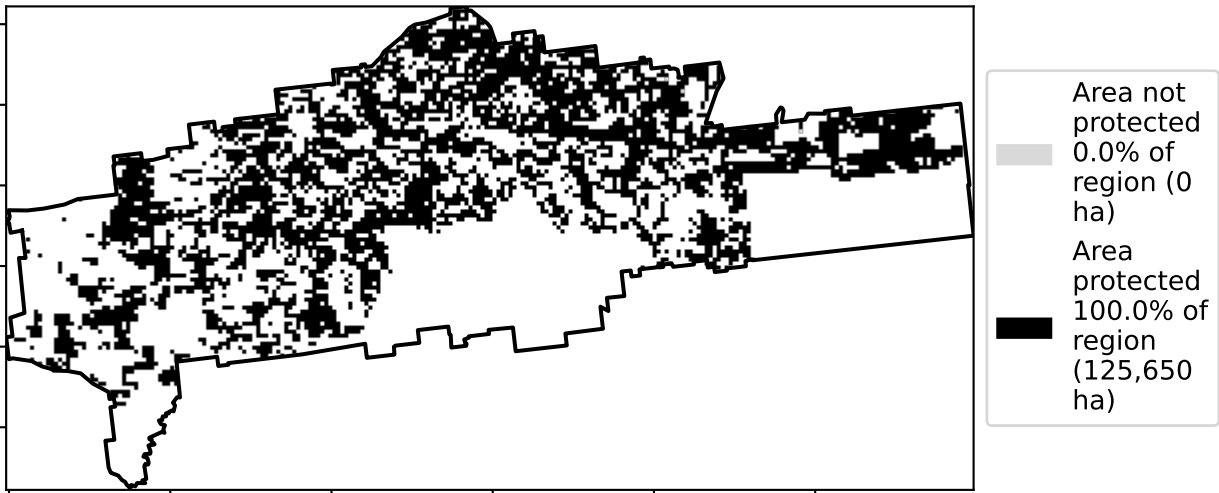
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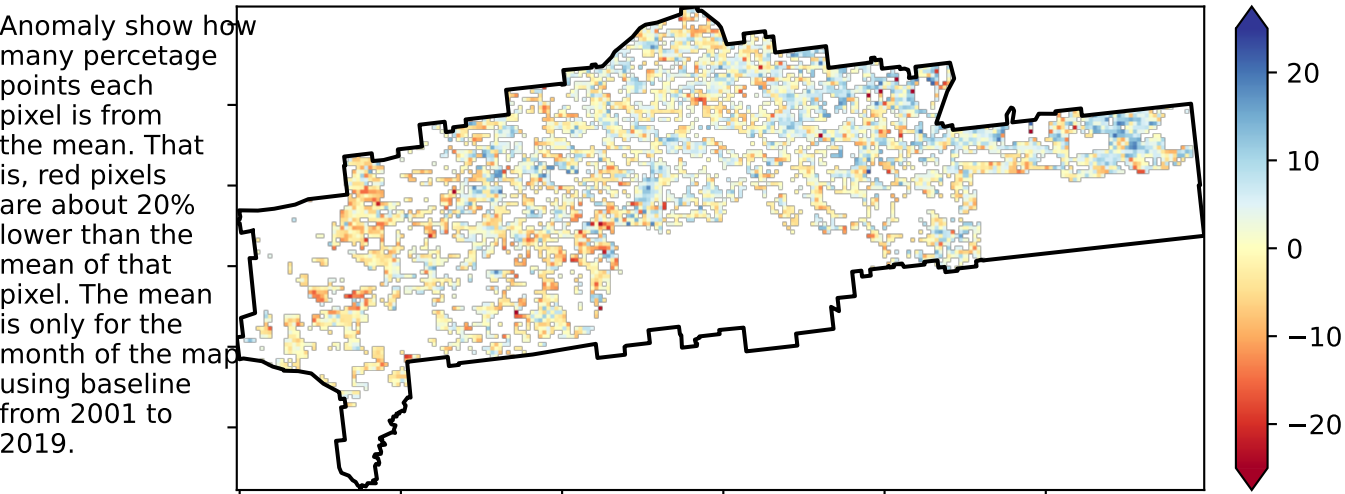
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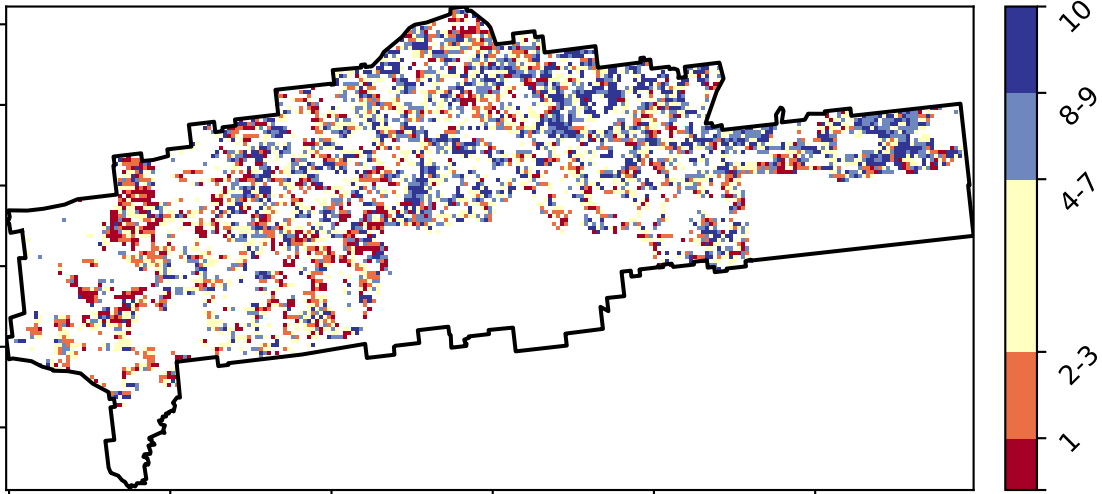


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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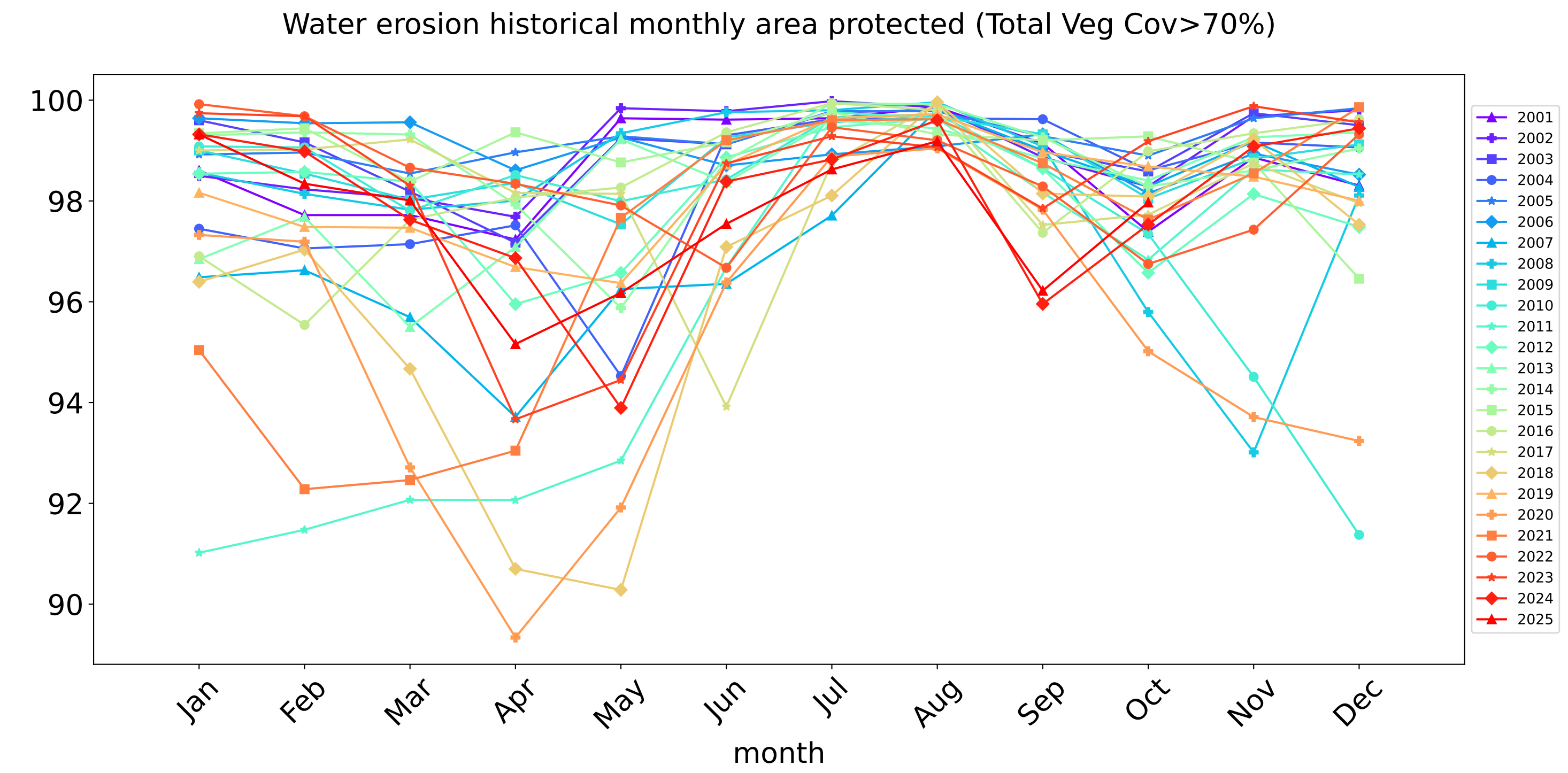
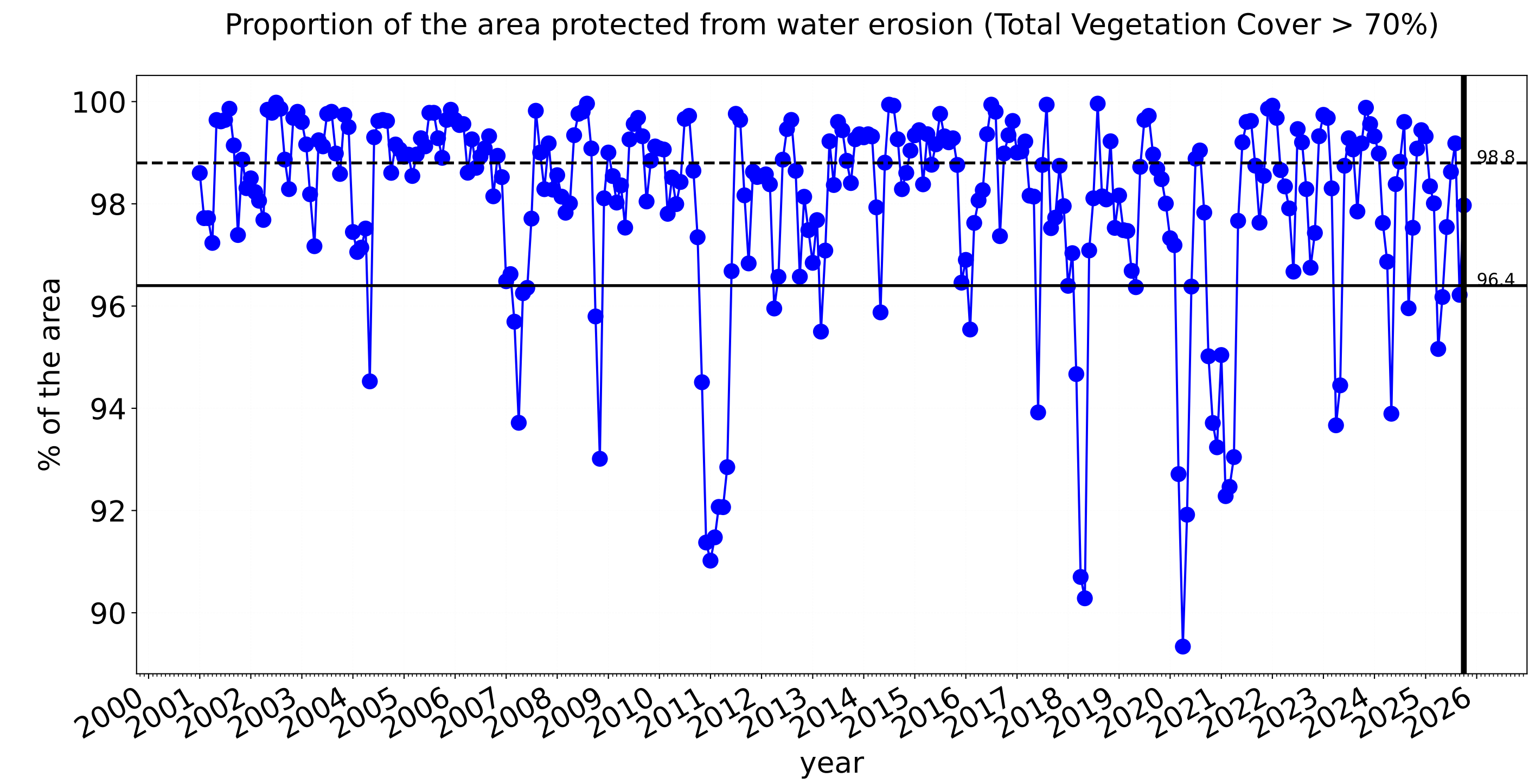
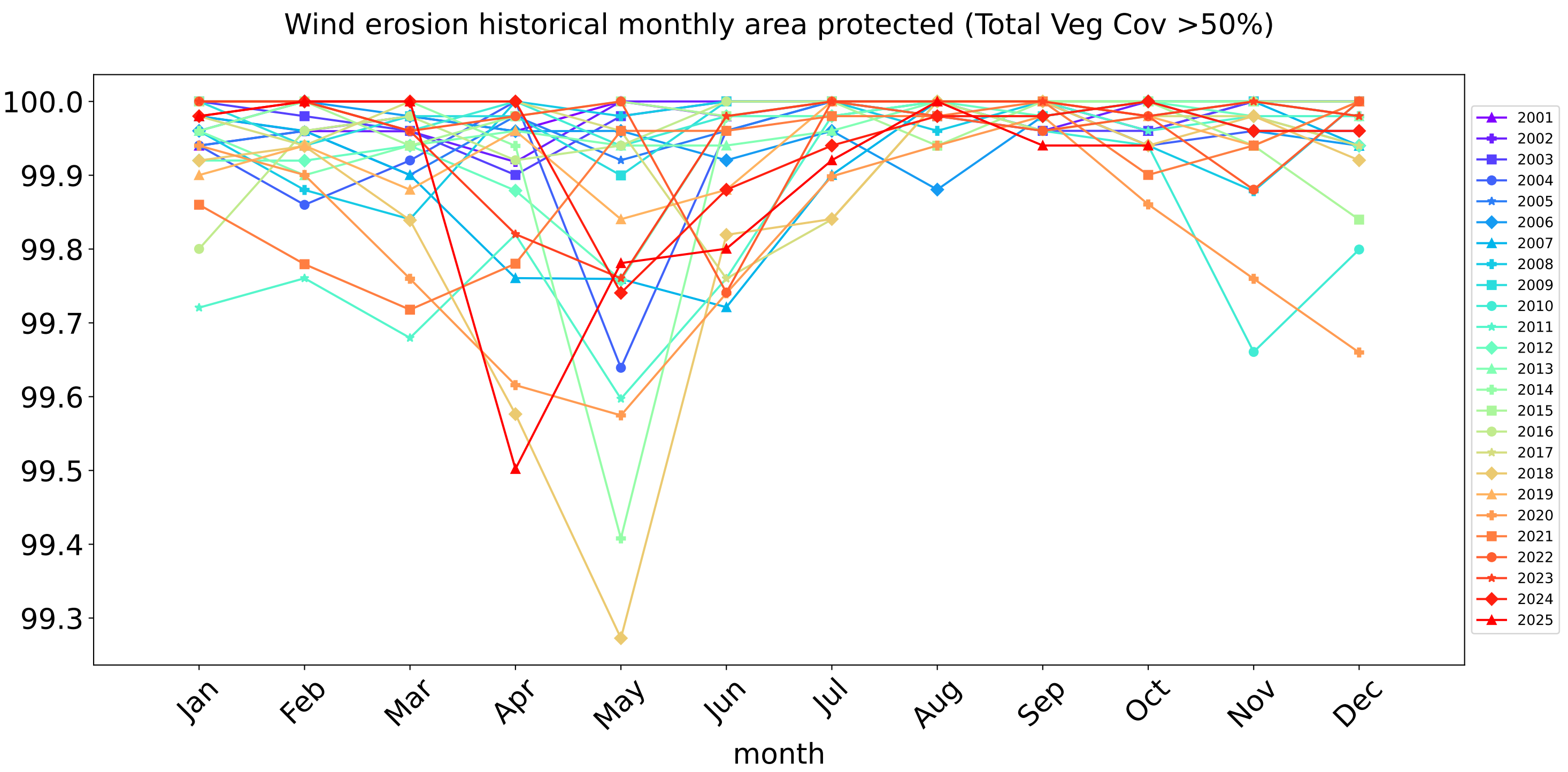
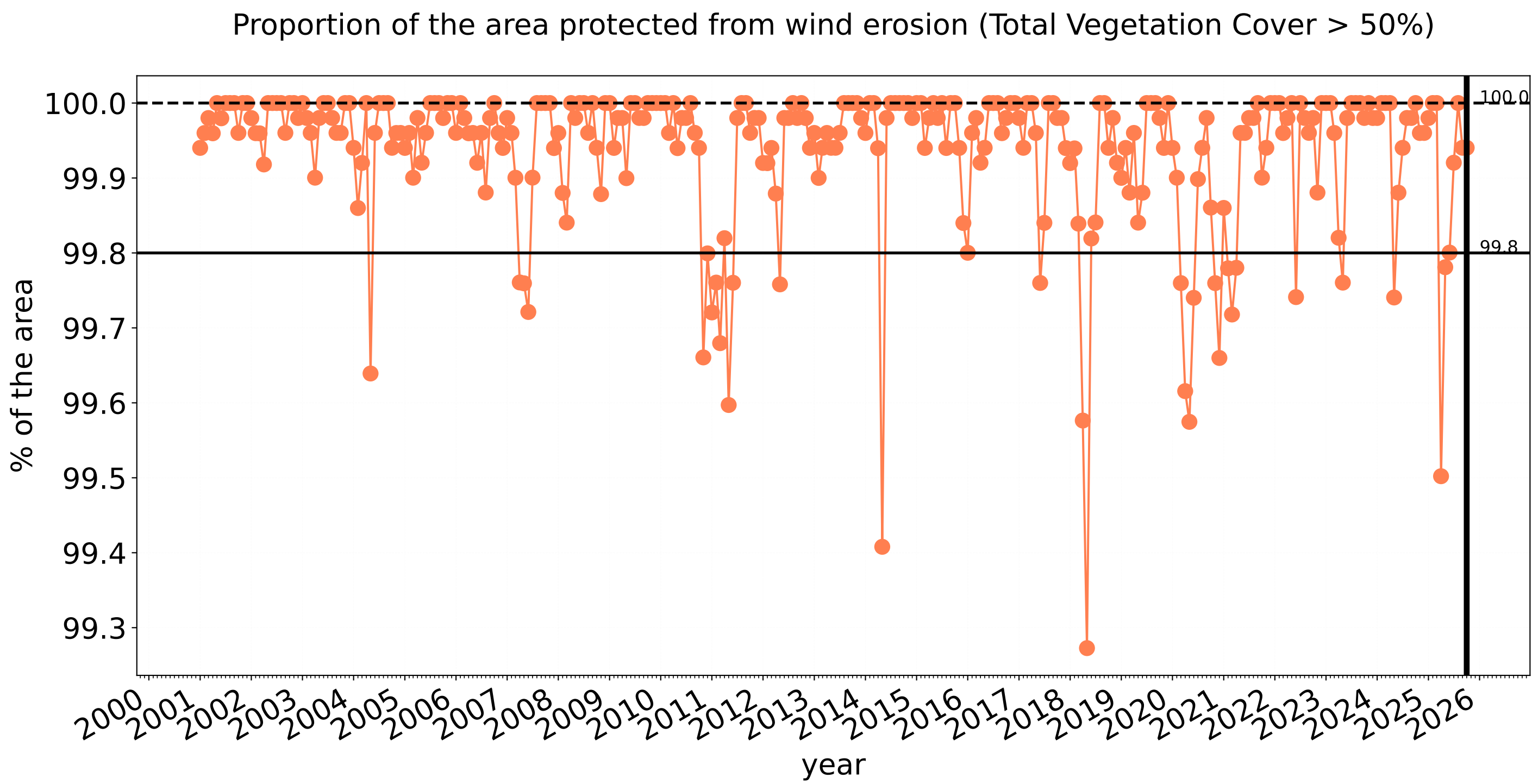
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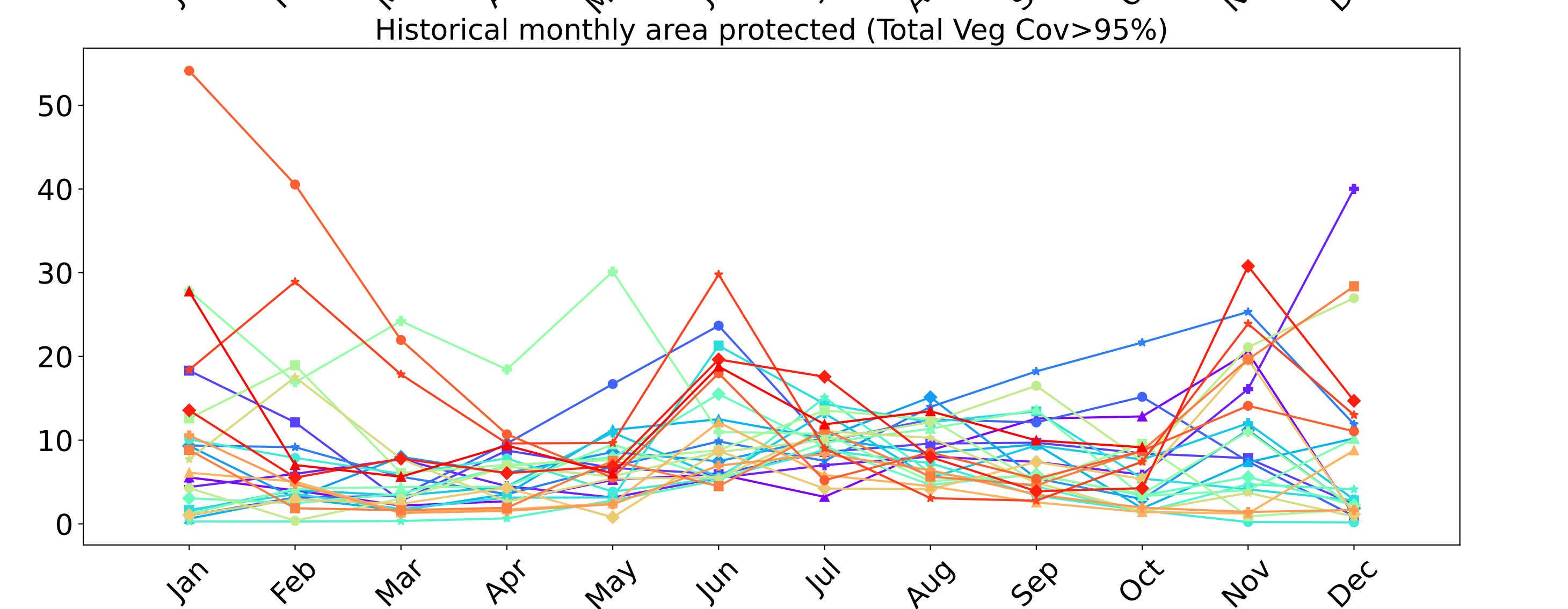
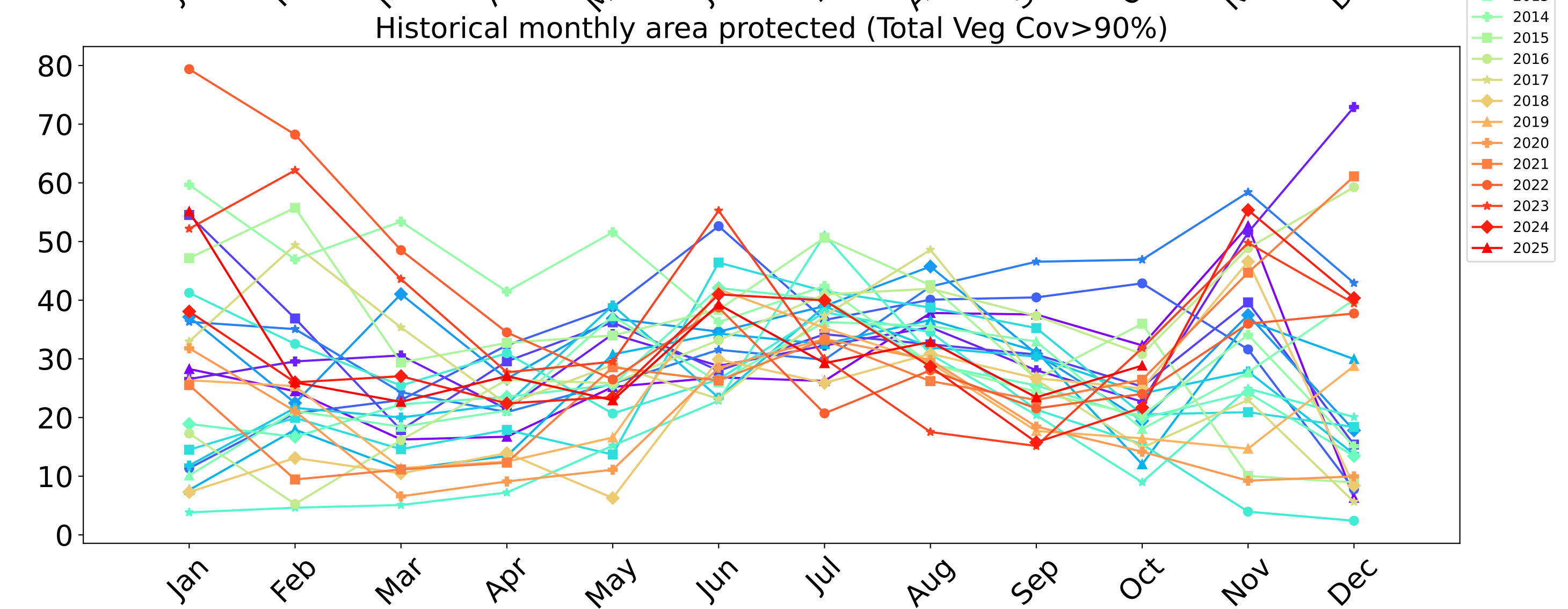
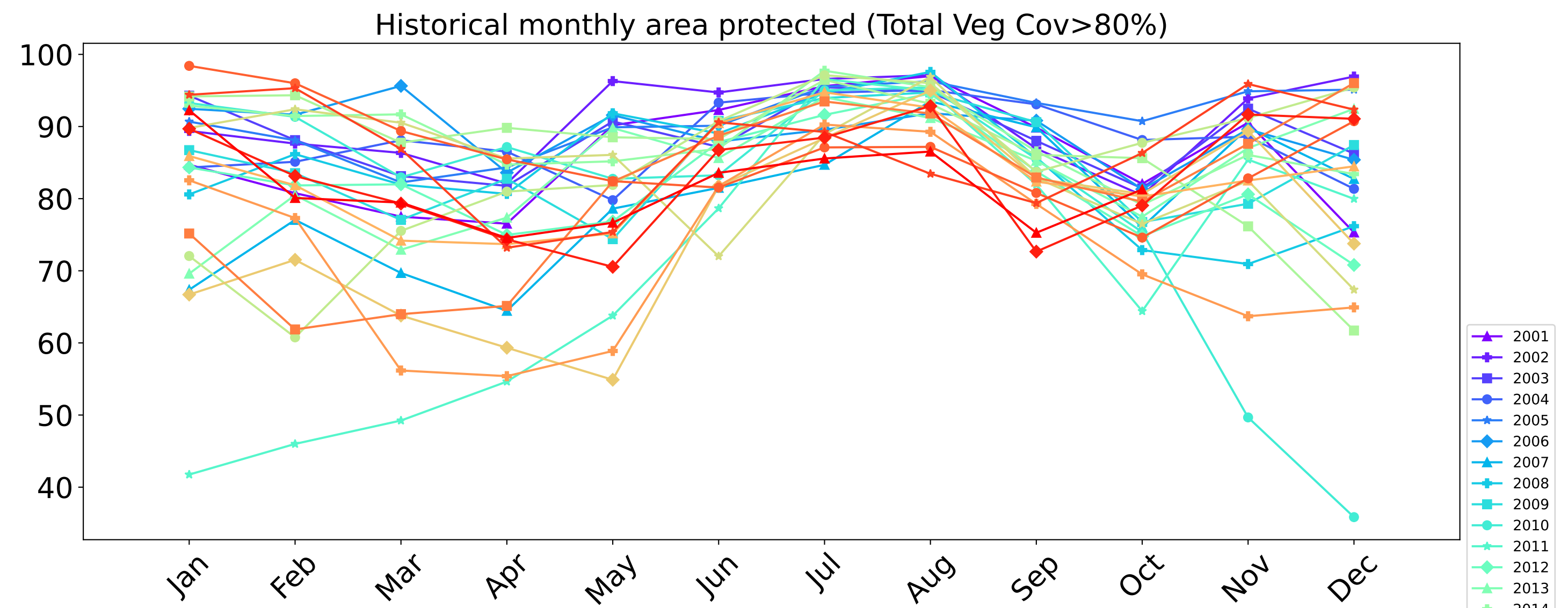
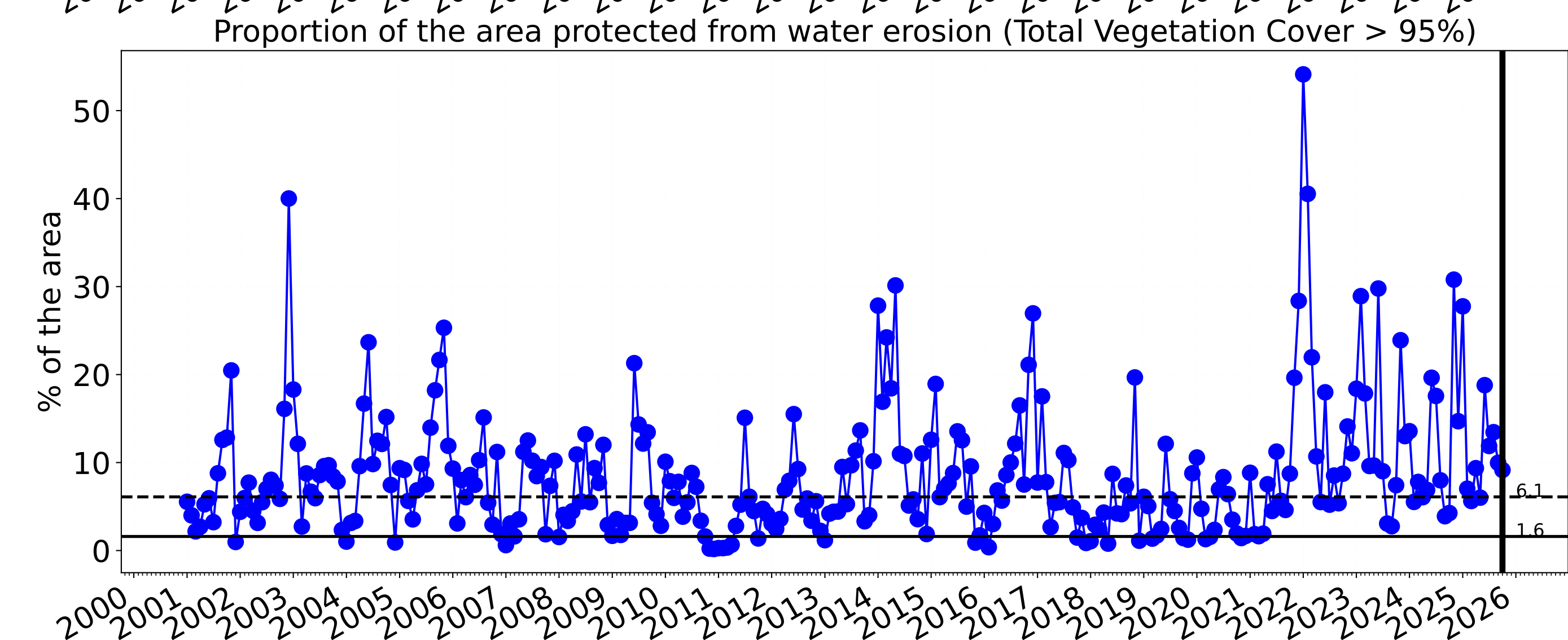
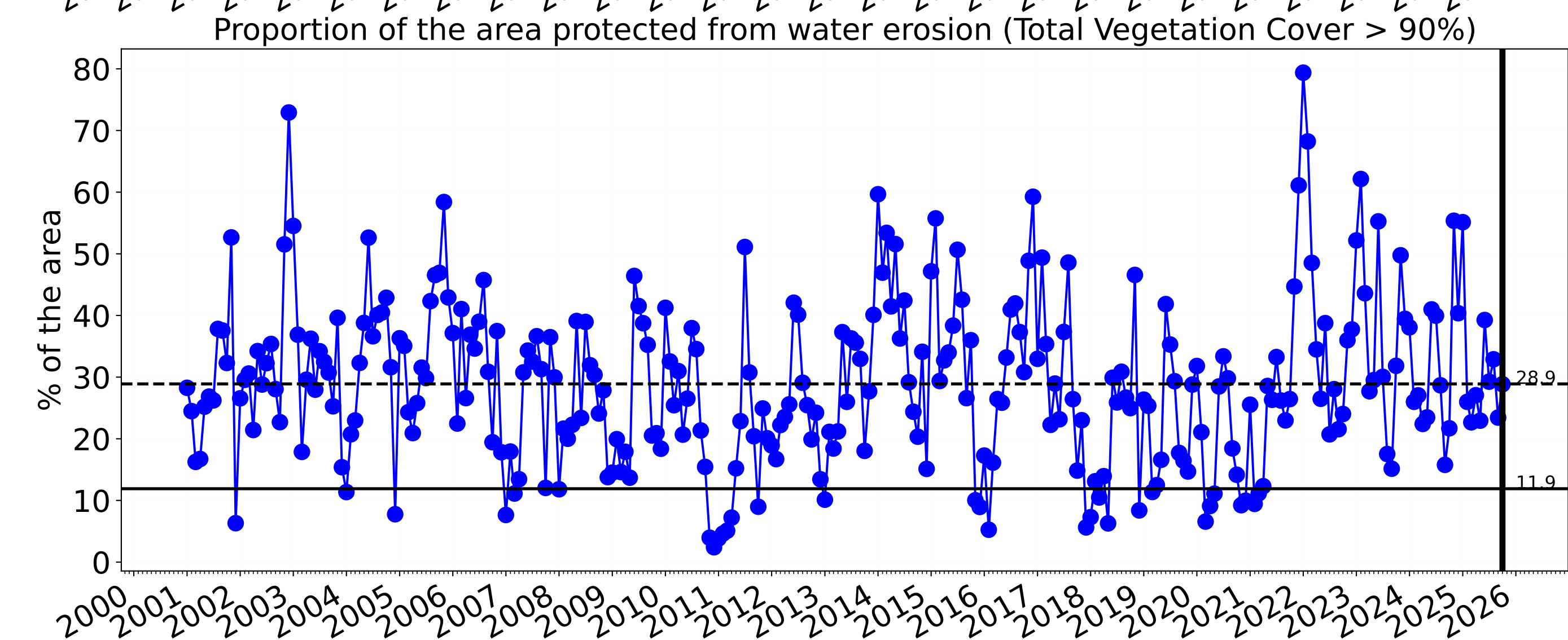
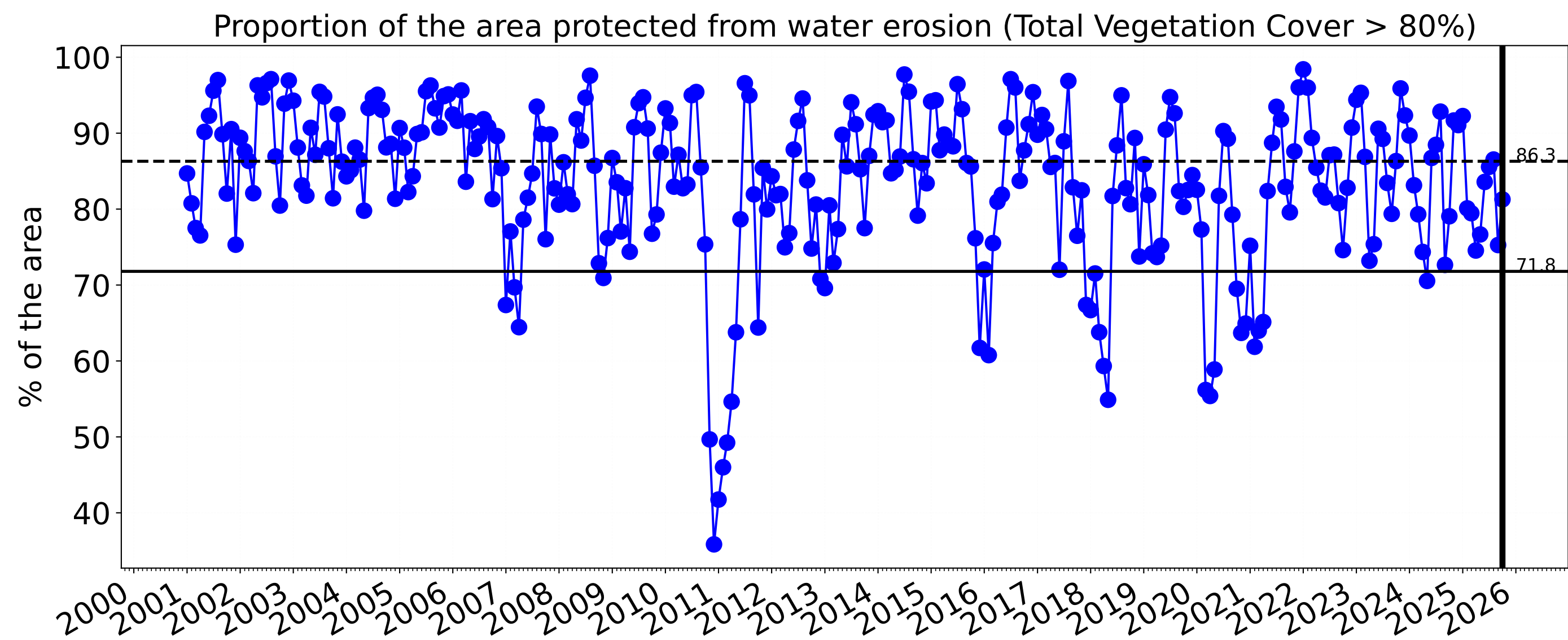


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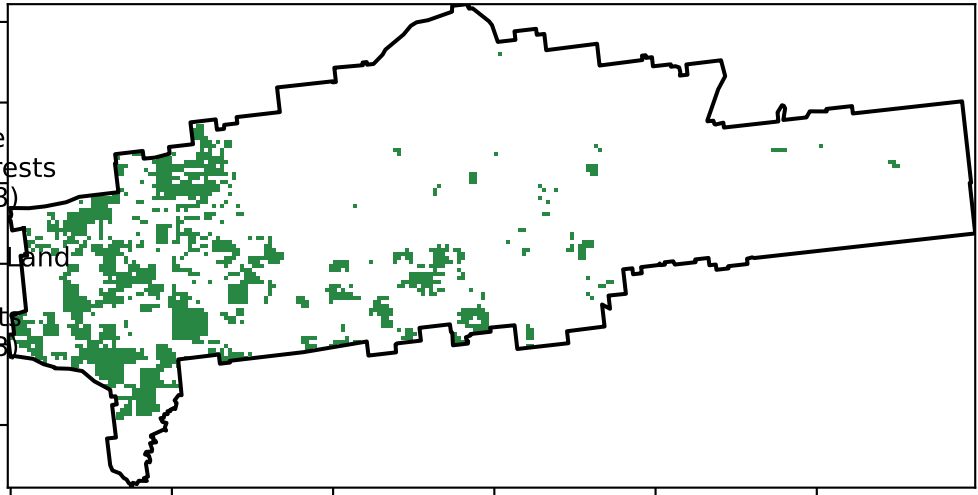




Production native forests and plantation forests

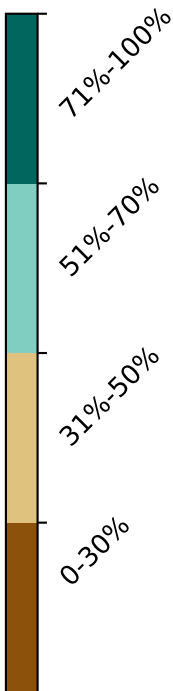
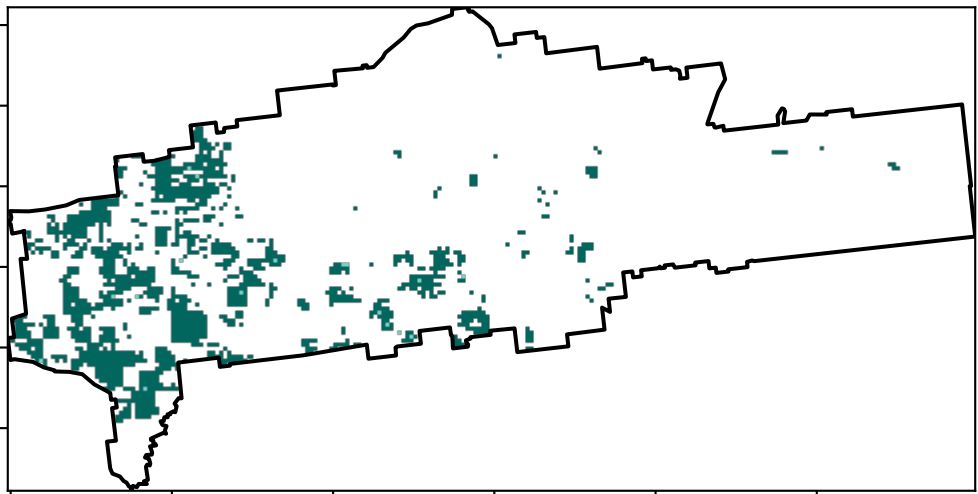
Land use and forest cover

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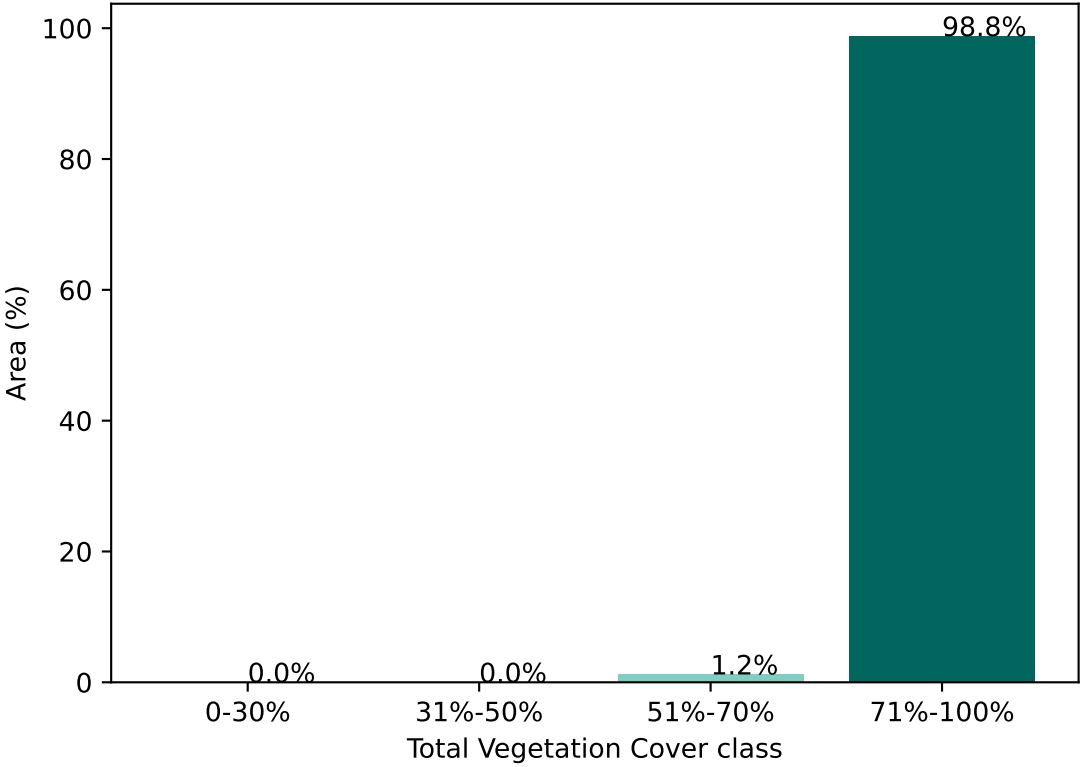


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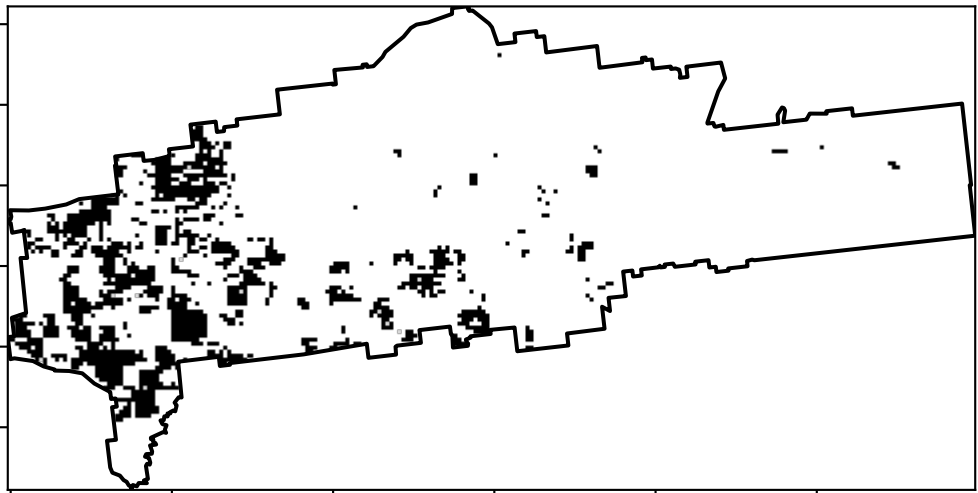
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

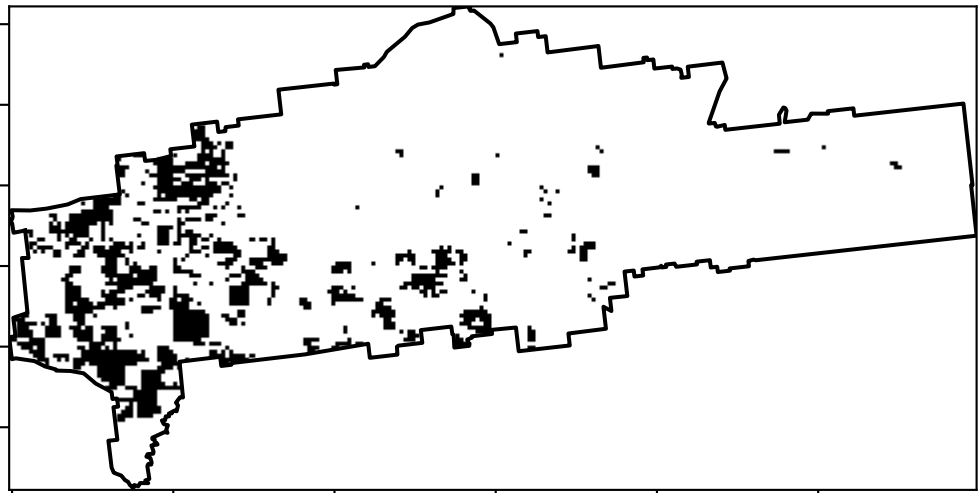


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
1.2% of region
(465 ha)
Area protected
98.8% of region
(38,285 ha)

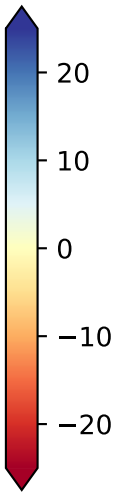
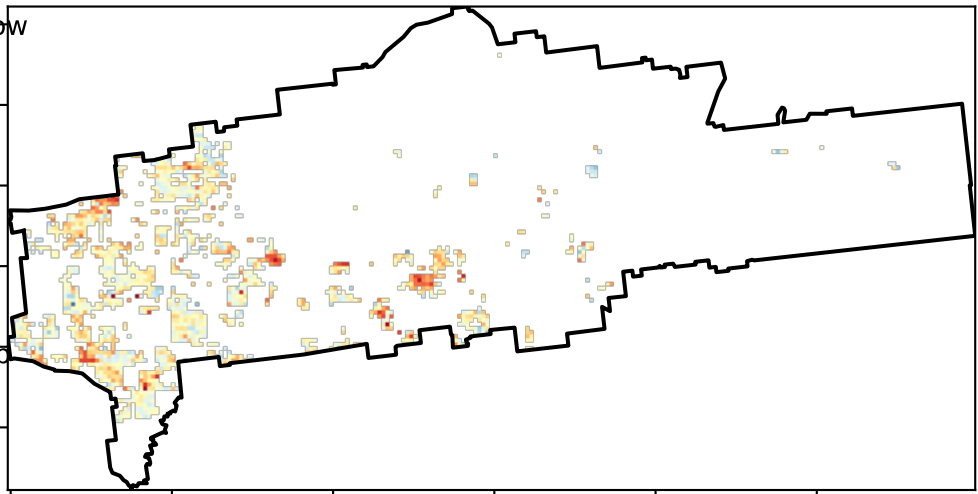
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area protected
100.0% of region
(38,750 ha)

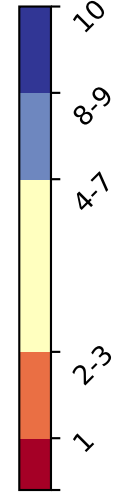
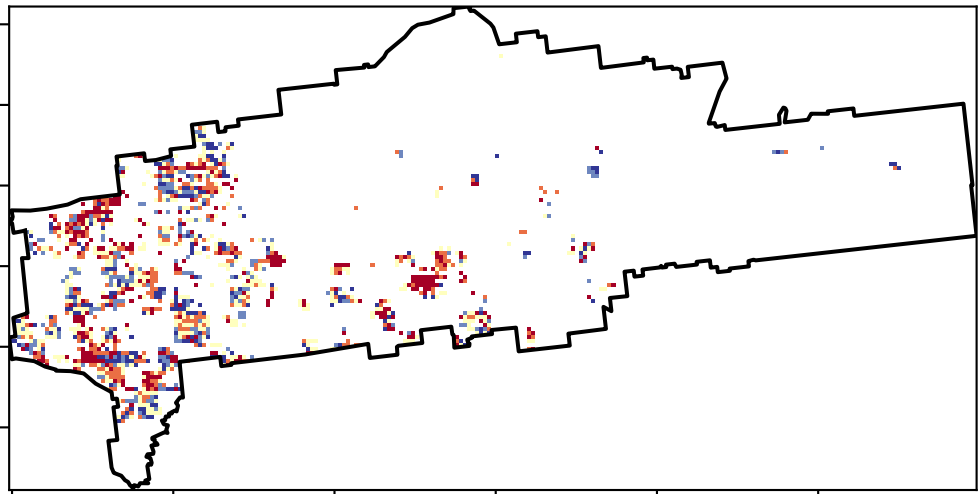
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how many percentage 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.



Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



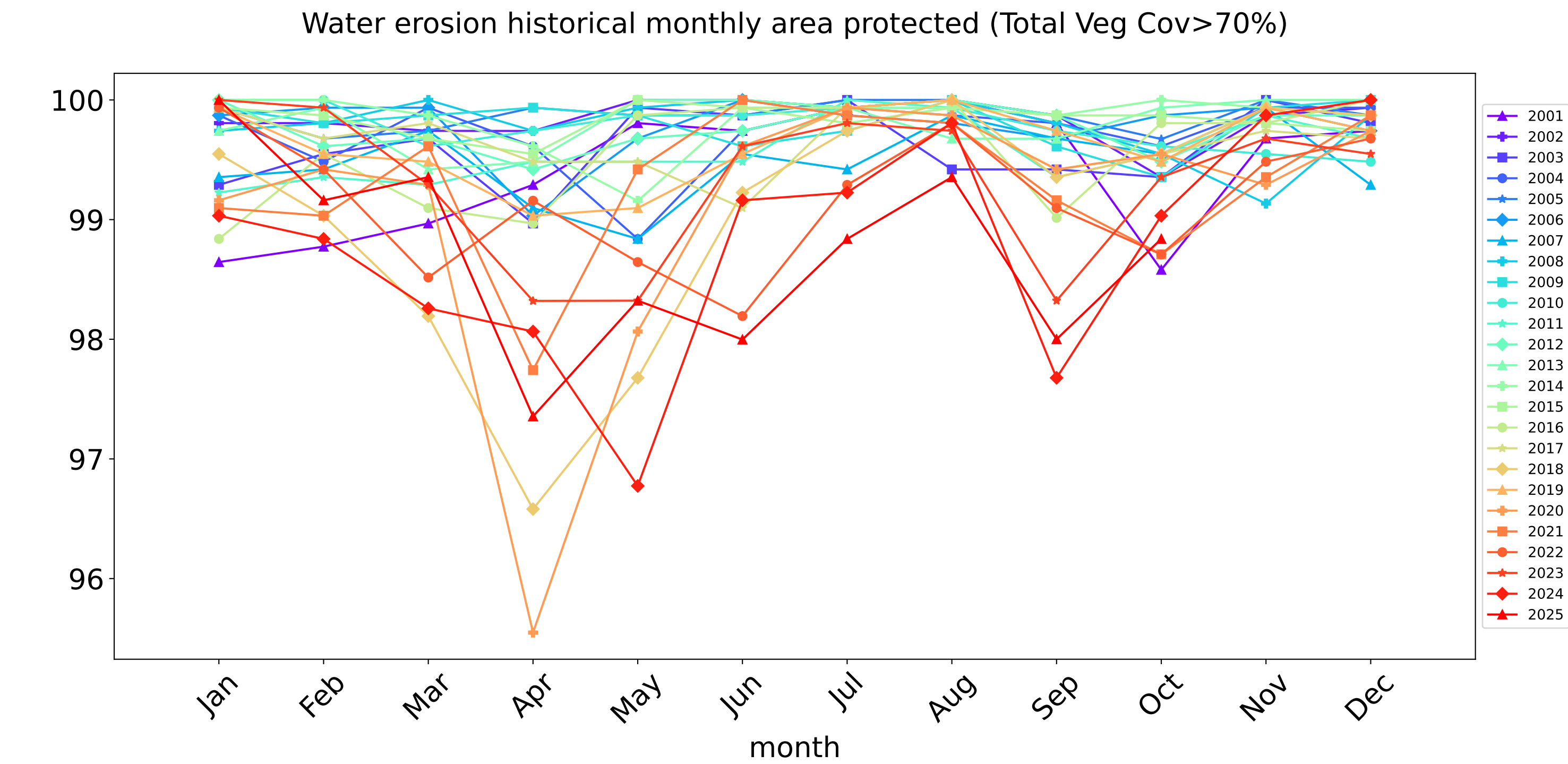
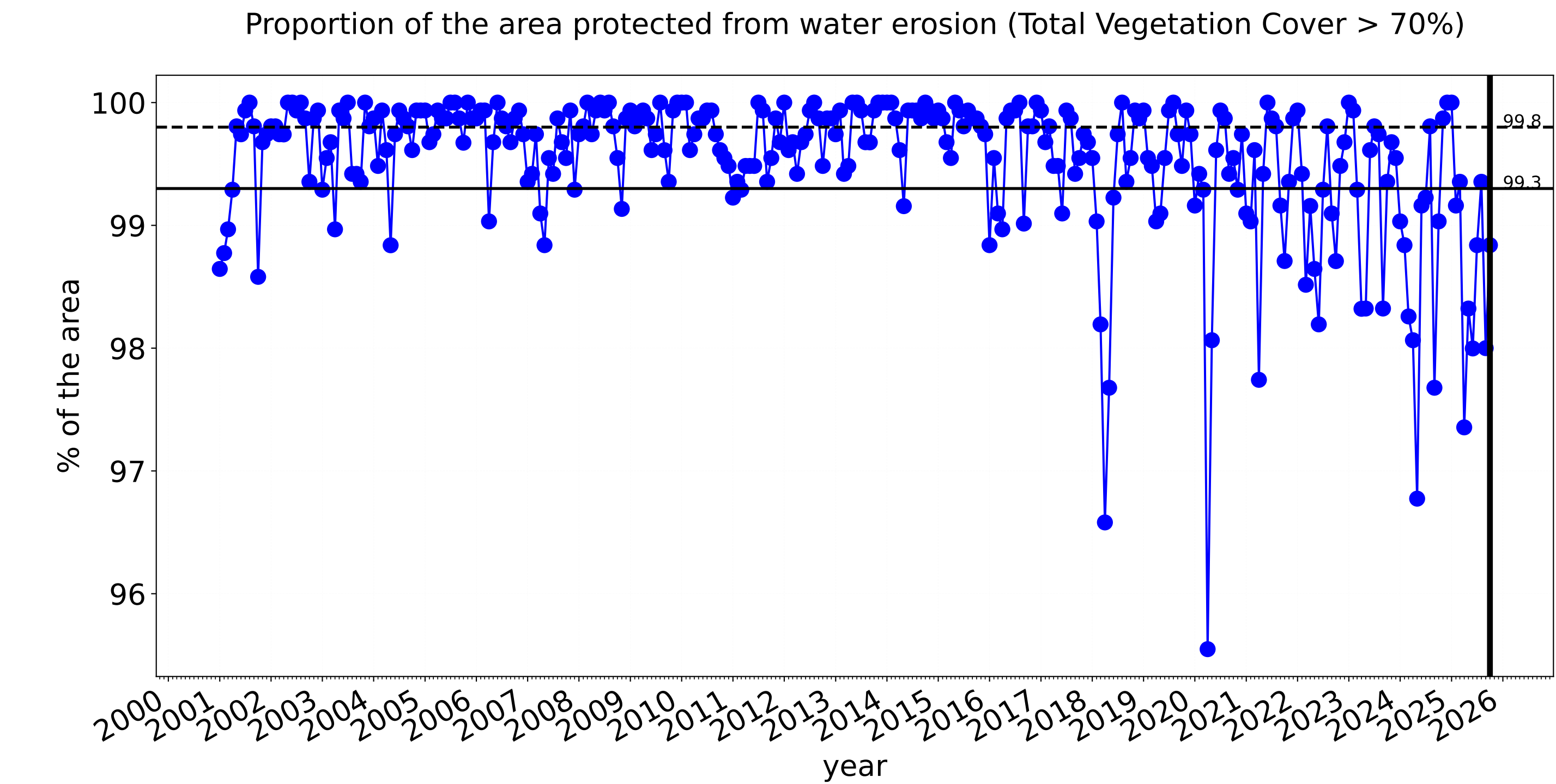
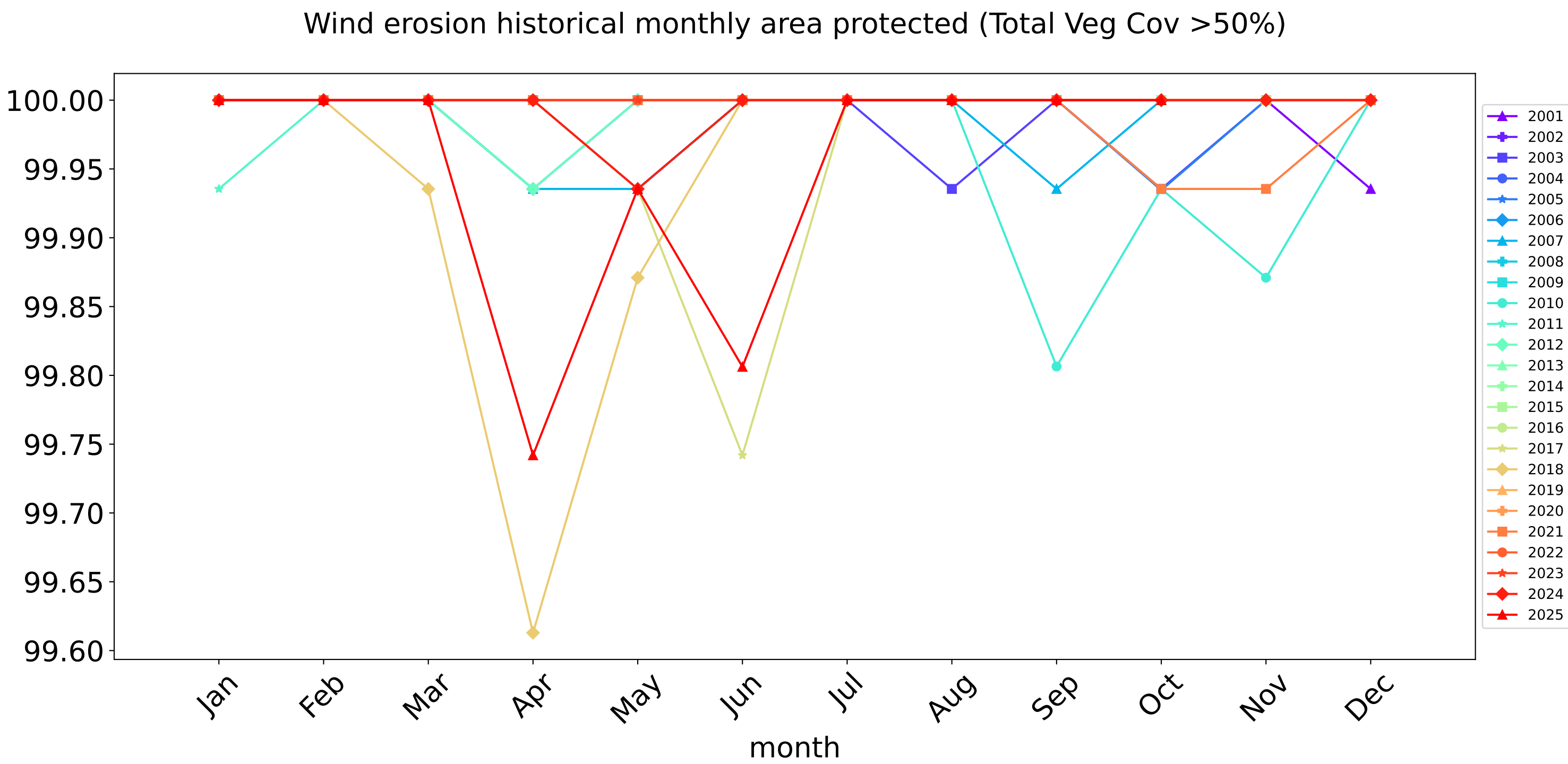
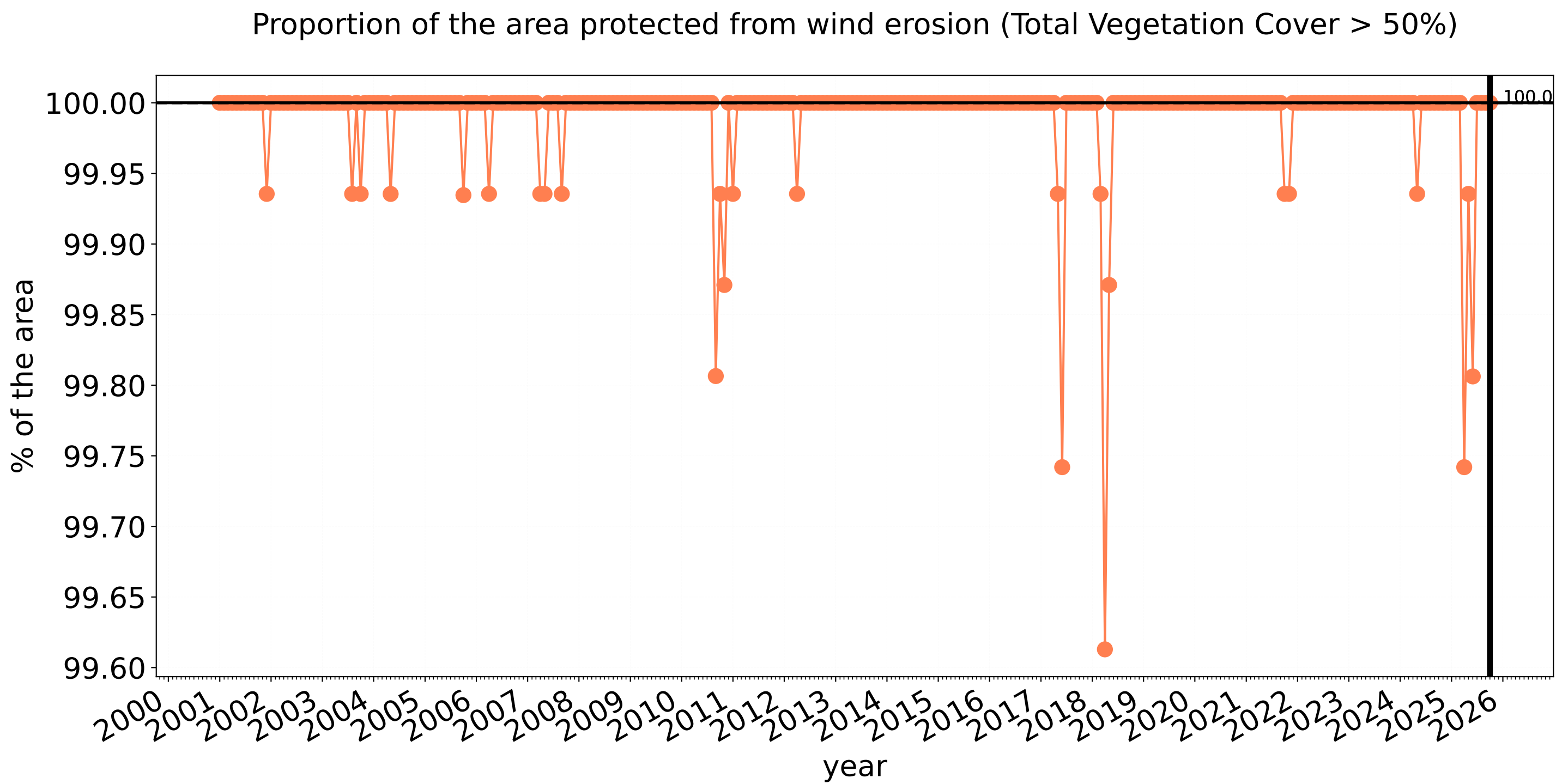
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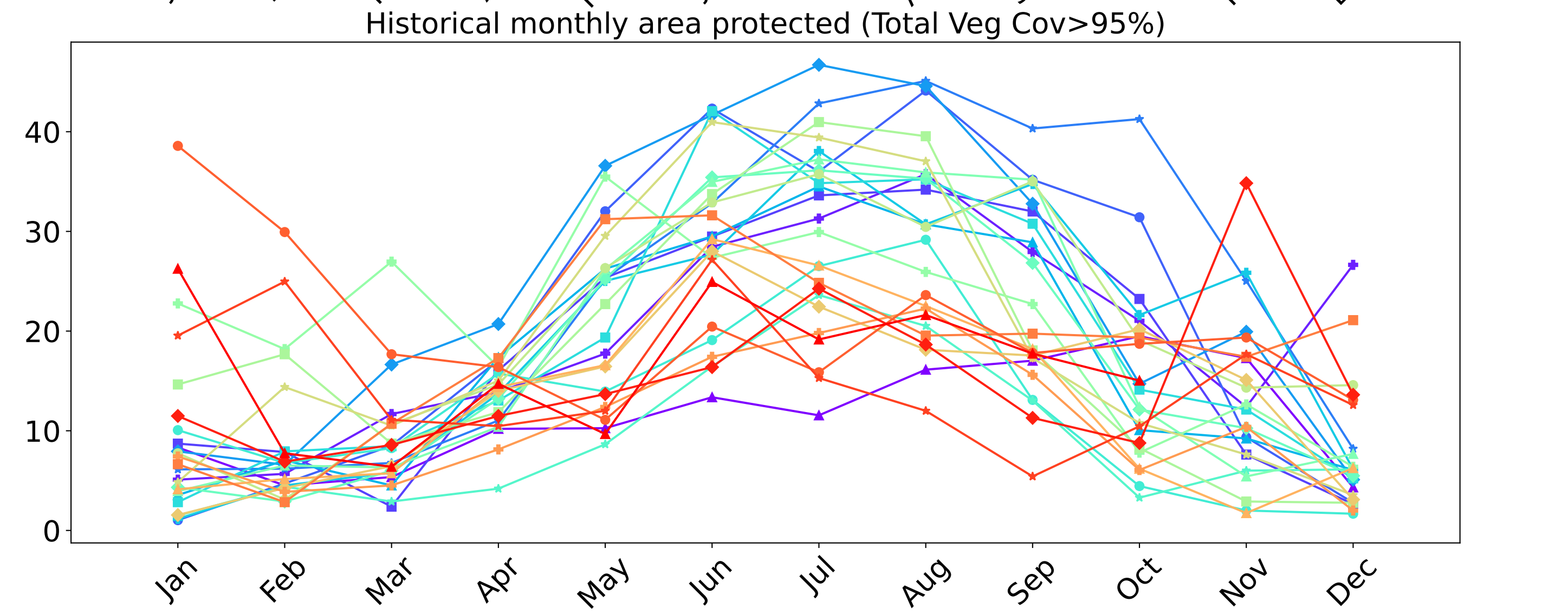
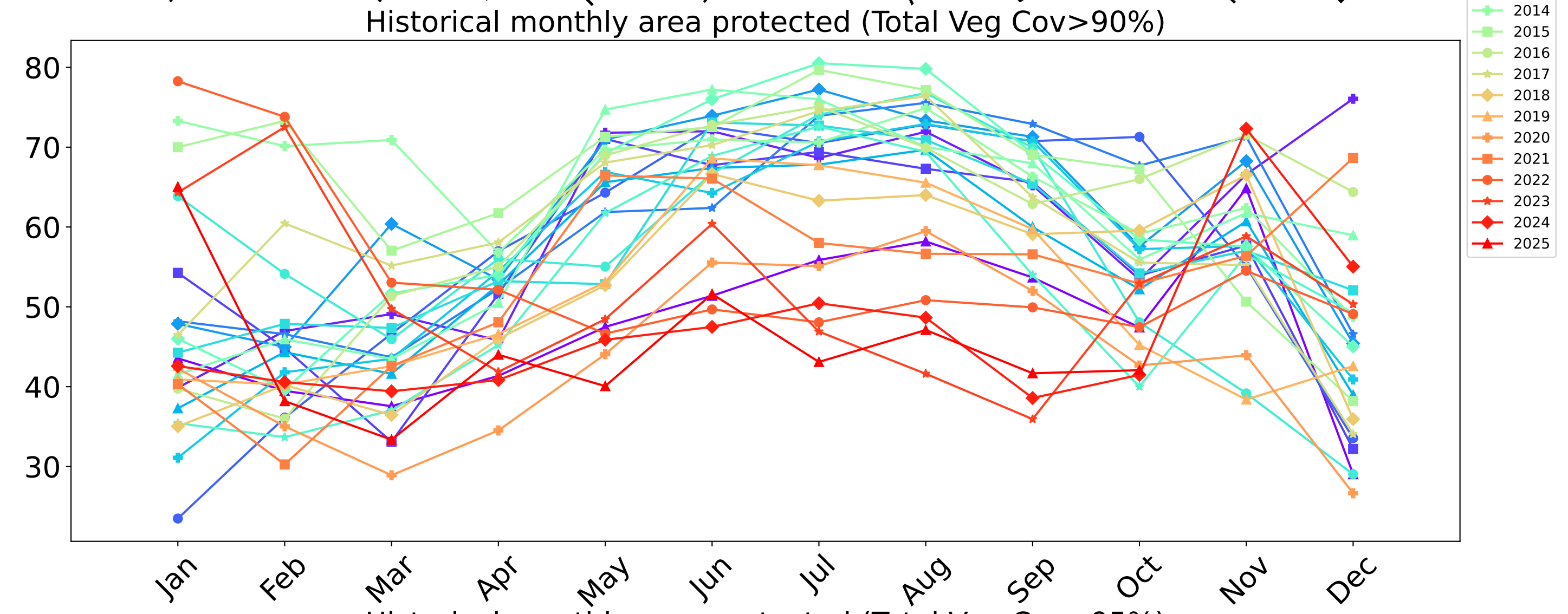
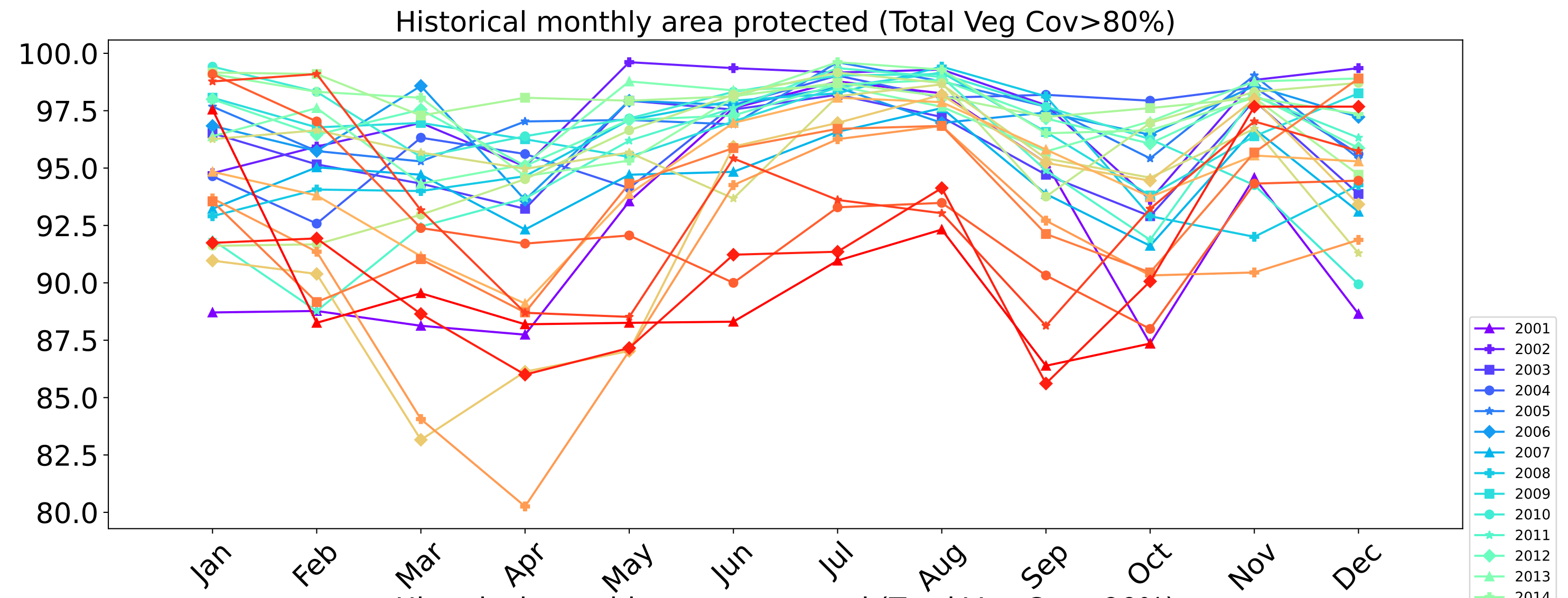
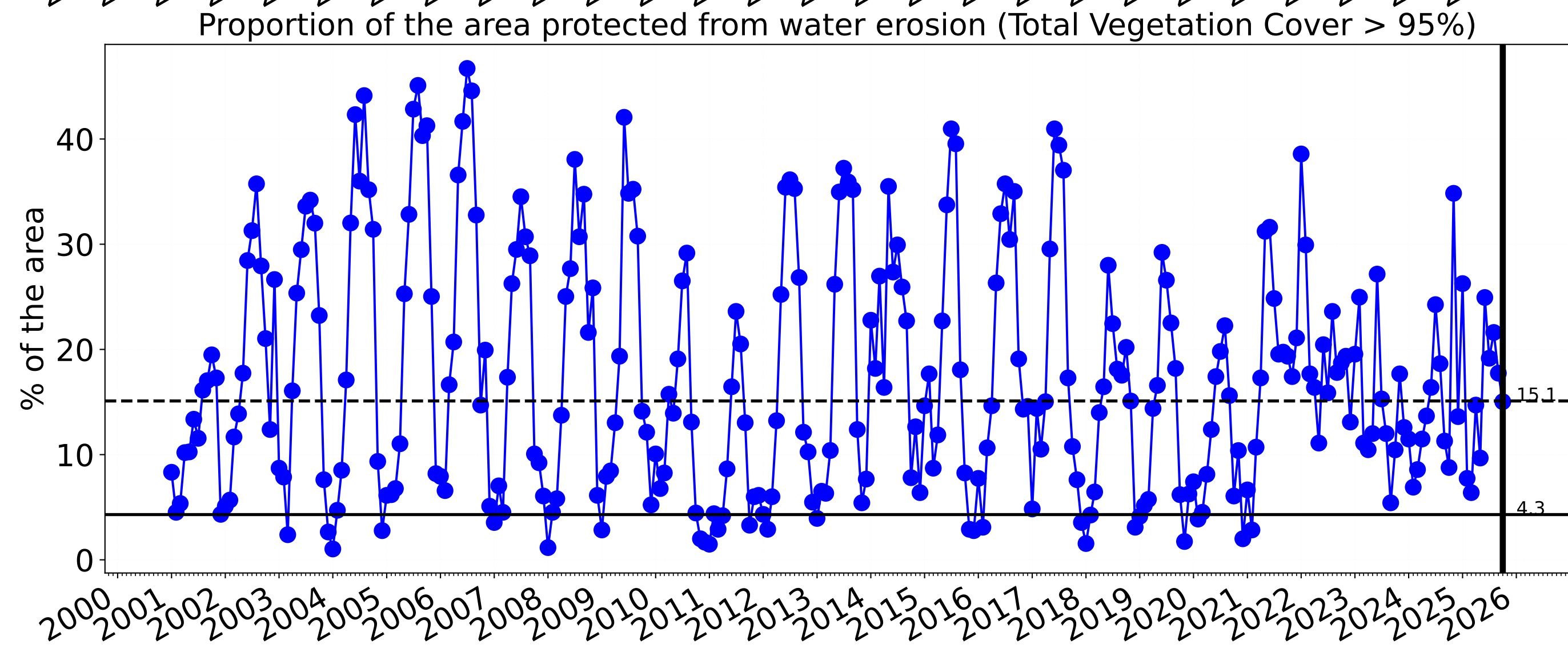
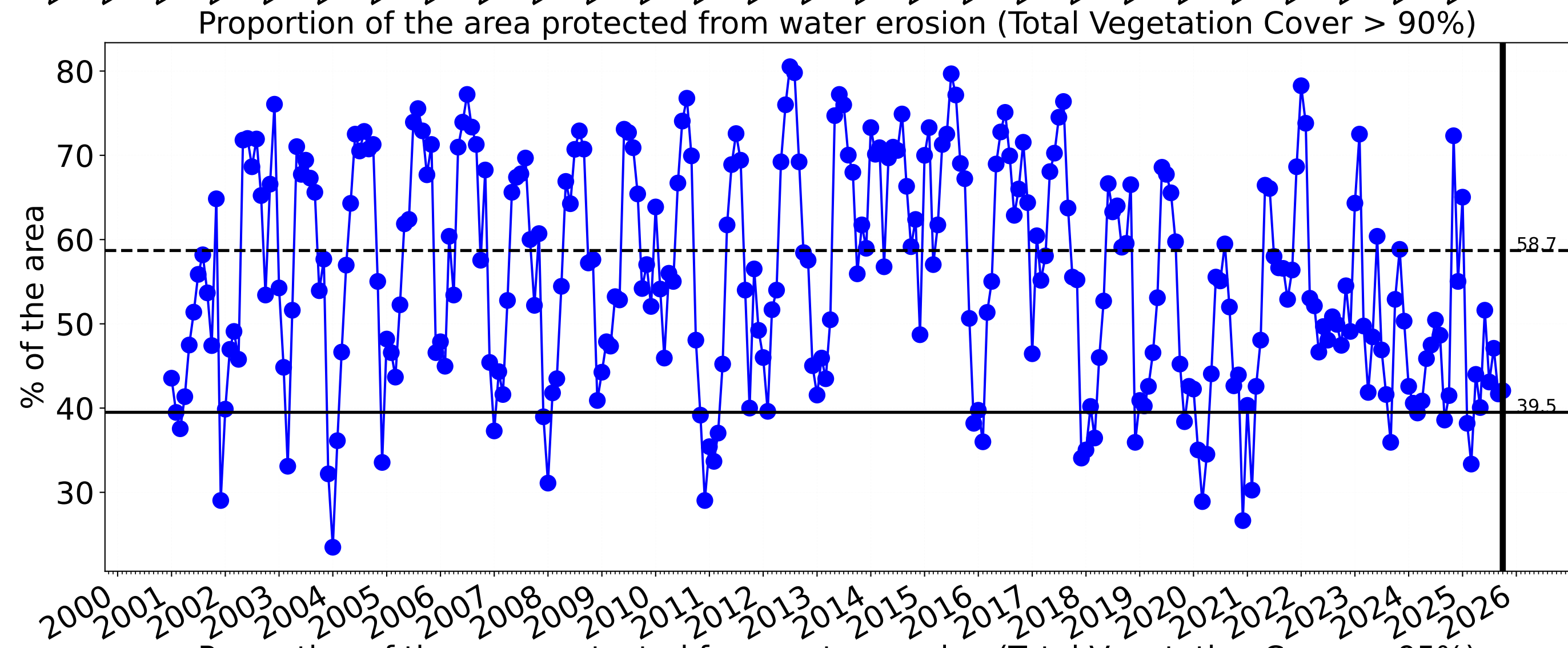
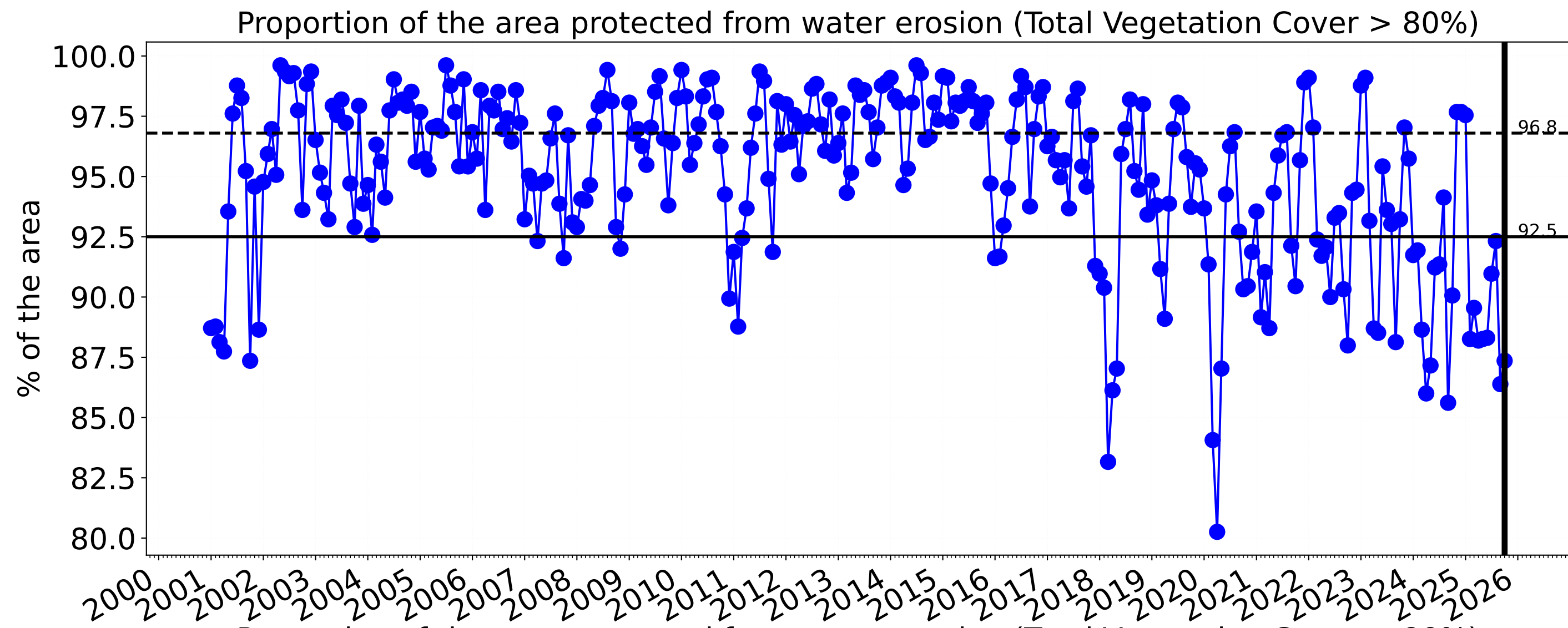


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Cranbrook_(S) (326,625 ha and no data 1,092 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	326,625	100.0% 326,525	99.9% 326,350	98.3% 320,925	84.7% 276,525	36.6% 119,600	12.0% 39,225
Conservation and natural environments	82,675	100.0% 82,675	100.0% 82,675	99.1% 81,950	93.3% 77,125	54.2% 44,825	16.9% 13,950
Conservation and natural environments non forest	16,500	100.0% 16,500	100.0% 16,500	97.7% 16,125	87.3% 14,400	41.4% 6,825	10.6% 1,750
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	50,375	100.0% 50,375	100.0% 50,375	99.5% 50,100	94.6% 47,650	56.4% 28,425	15.6% 7,875
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	15,800	100.0% 15,800	100.0% 15,800	99.5% 15,725	95.4% 15,075	60.6% 9,575	27.4% 4,325
Agriculture	199,800	100.0% 199,800	100.0% 199,725	98.1% 195,925	80.8% 161,400	28.2% 56,250	9.3% 18,600
Grazing	71,800	100.0% 71,800	100.0% 71,800	98.2% 70,475	79.7% 57,250	26.6% 19,075	9.4% 6,725
Grazing non forest	71,025	100.0% 71,025	100.0% 71,025	98.1% 69,700	79.7% 56,625	26.5% 18,850	9.4% 6,650
Cropping	125,650	100.0% 125,650	99.9% 125,575	98.0% 123,100	81.3% 102,125	28.8% 36,250	9.2% 11,500
Production native forests and plantation forests	38,750	100.0% 38,750	100.0% 38,750	98.8% 38,300	87.4% 33,850	42.1% 16,300	15.0% 5,825