This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind (>=50% total vegetation cover) and water/hillslope (>=70% total vegetation cover) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and forest cover class. This is because different land use / forest cover classes are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. [Cue\_(S)]

The six maps and two graphs provide a report for the month with:

- Land use and forest cover information for the area:
  - o Map: Land use and forest cover
  - o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
- Total vegetation cover for this month:
  - o Map: total vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
  - o Chart: total vegetation cover percentage area classified into 4 classes
- Areas protected from erosion for the month:
  - o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares
  - o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares
- 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 from January 2001 to current:
  - o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month since January 2001 (orange line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
  - o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month since January 2001 (blue line): Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles. Vertical line is month of report.
  - o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black line). Vertical line is month of report.
- Time series for each month stacked by year
  - o Same data as time series from January 2001 to current month, grouped by month. Black line is current year of data.
- 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

The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class if 1% or more of area makes up a land use and forest cover class. Four land uses are reported: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests, and other. Agriculture is further divided into grazing,

crops and horticulture are then divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. Land use is further divided by forest class if present: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest.

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 pixel data on monthly time steps. Report uses baseline from January 2001 to September 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. Post September 2019 all similar months are used to calculate anomalies and deciles.

### **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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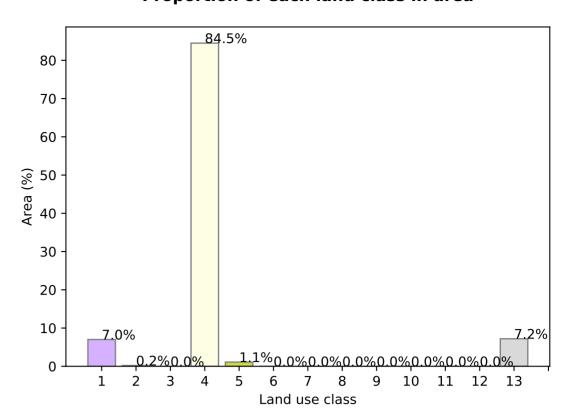


# **Vegetation Cover Sep 2019**

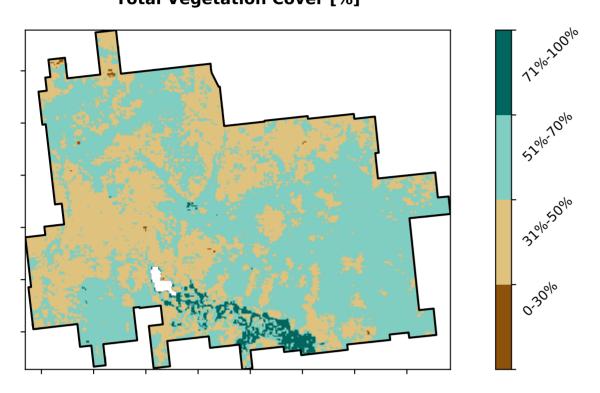
#### Land use and forest cover

#### Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest Landuse map of area based on 2015 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest catchment scale landuse and 3 Conservation and natural environments -Australia's National Non-Woodland forest Forest Inventory, 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest where no forest is < 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 20% tree cover, 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest sparse is 20 to 50% 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated and dense > 50% tree 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated cover. 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 12 Production native forests and plantation forests 13 Other uses

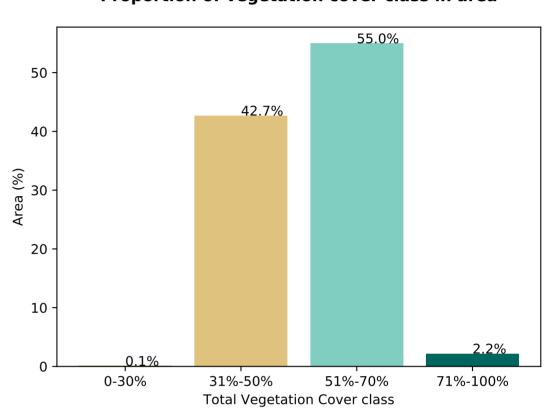
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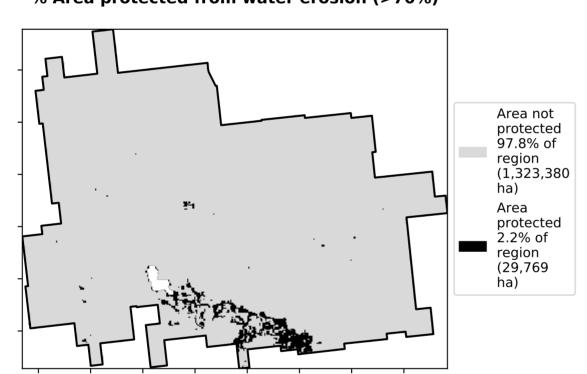
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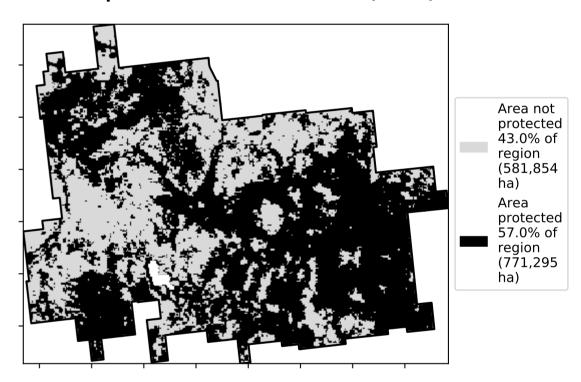
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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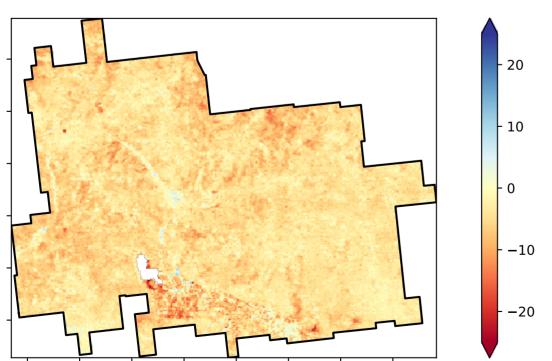
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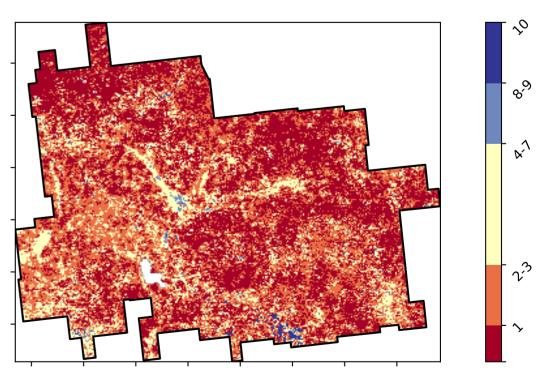
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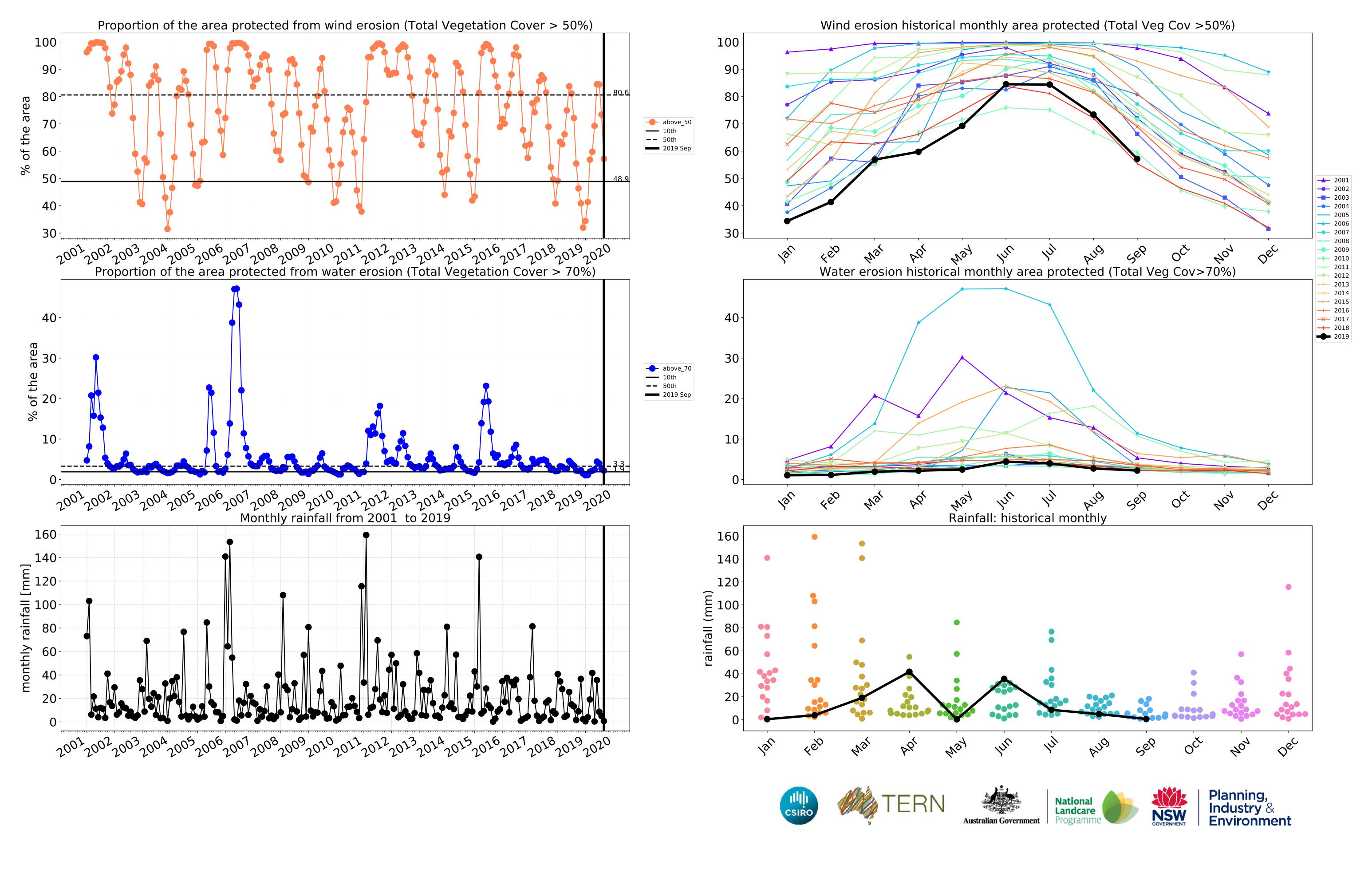






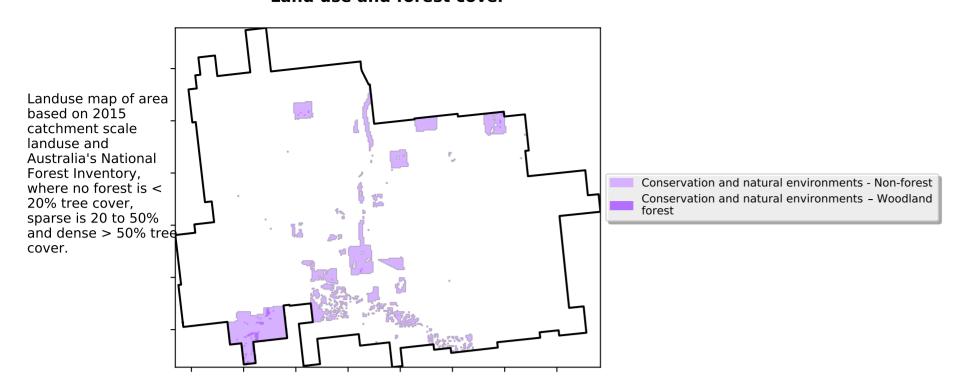




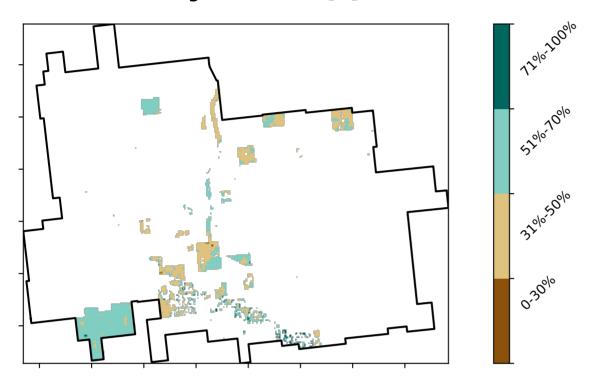


### **Conservation and natural environments**

#### Land use and forest cover



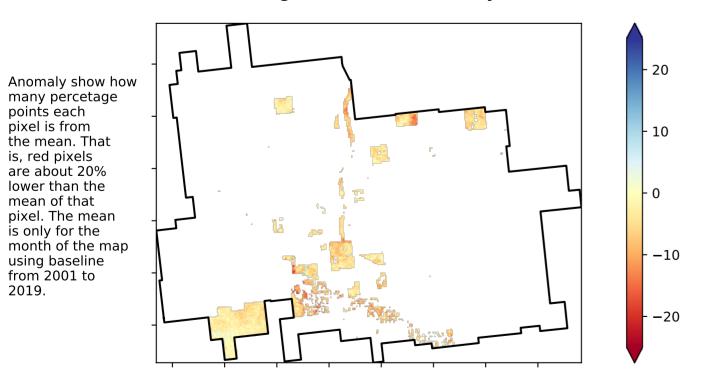
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

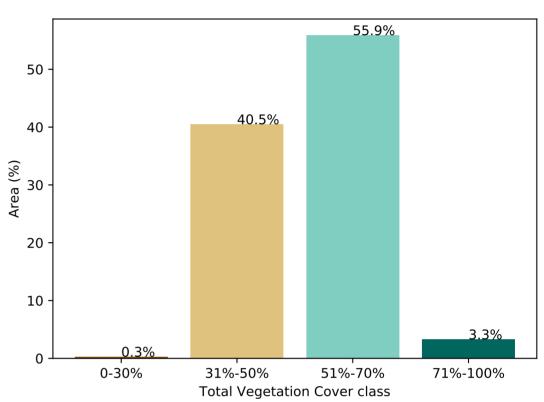


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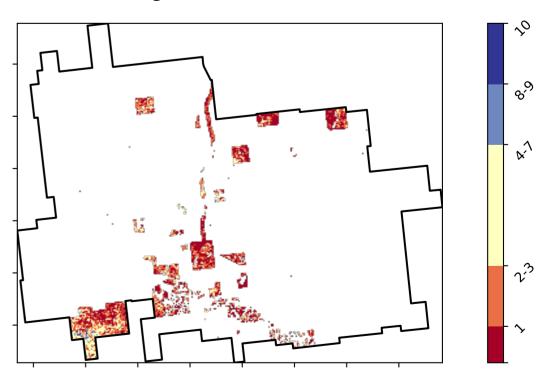
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



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





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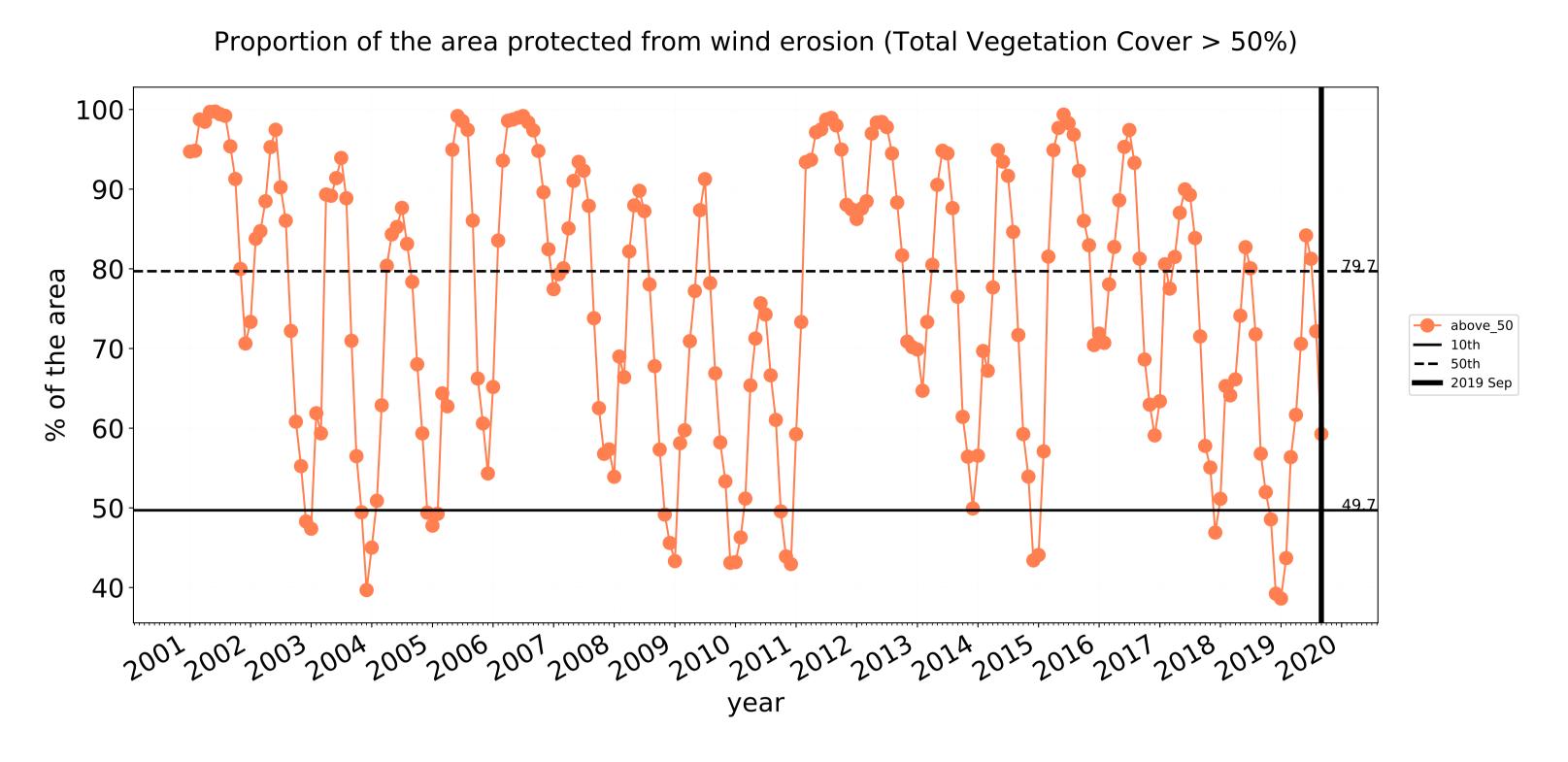


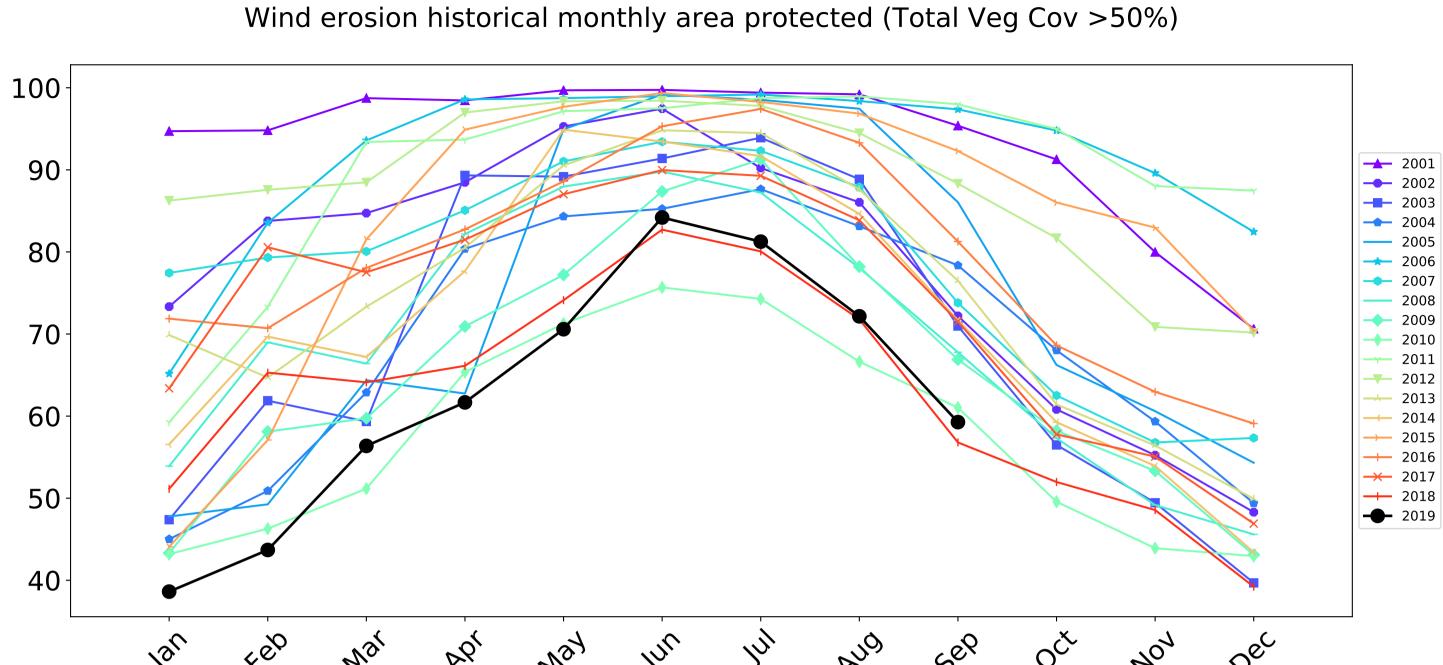


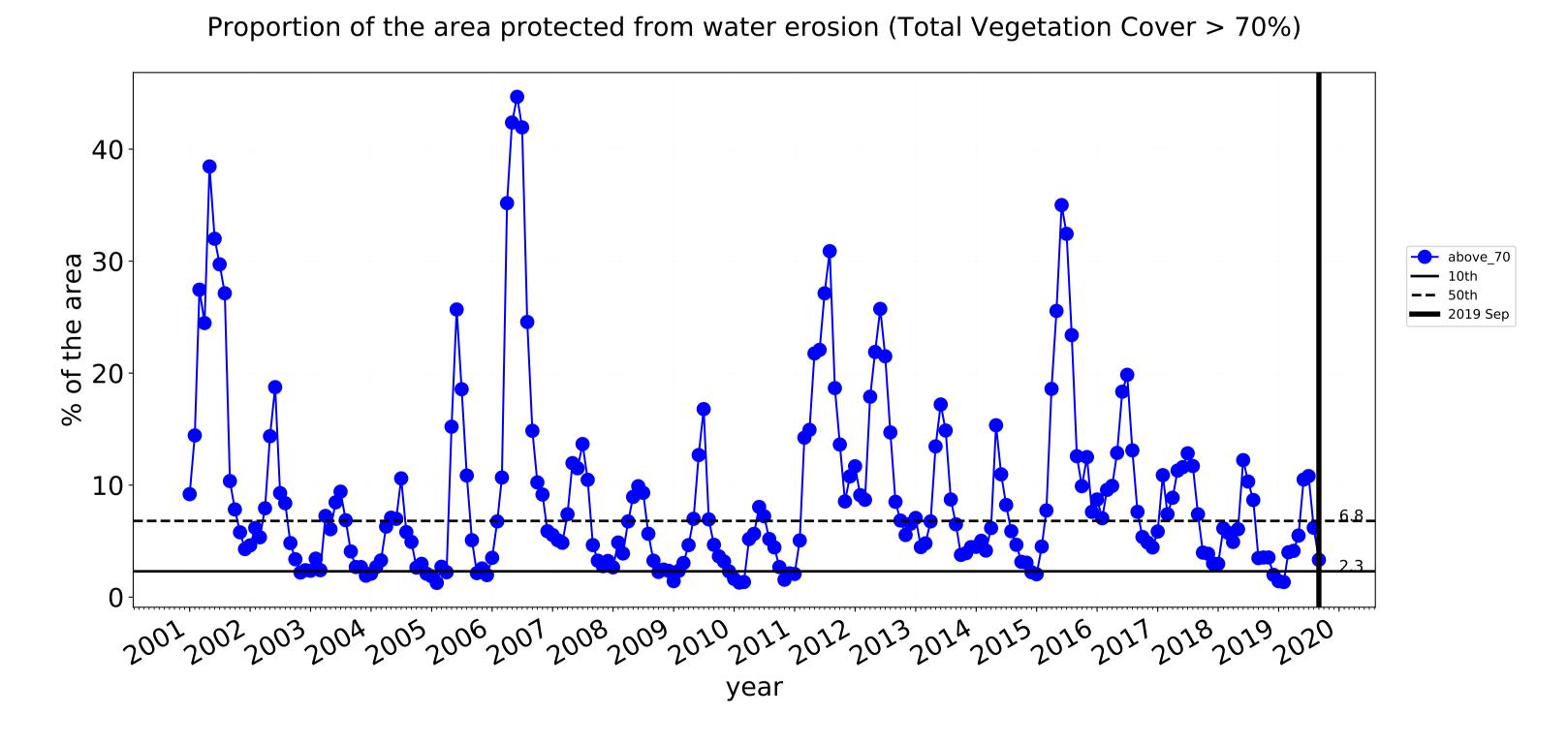


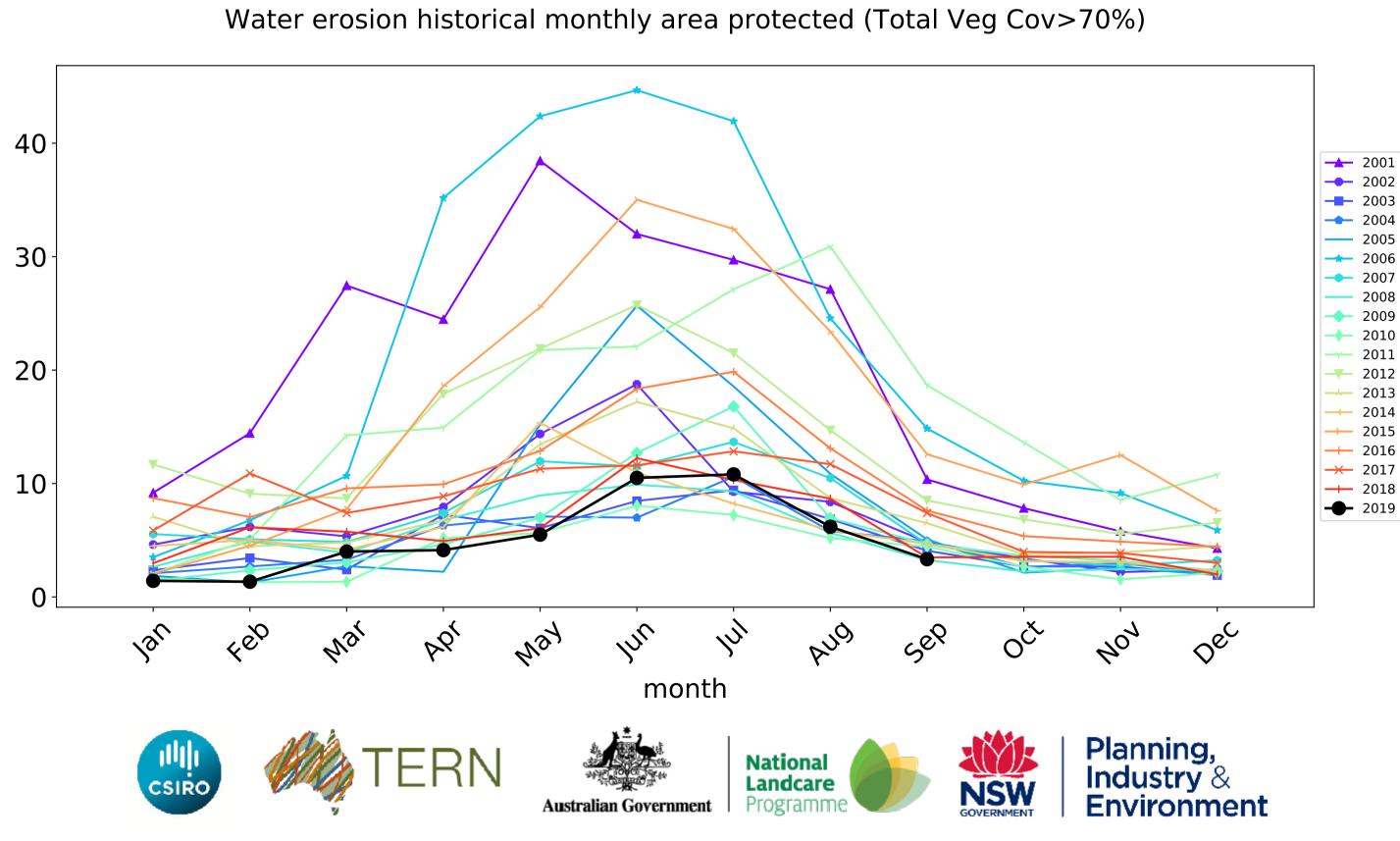


### **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







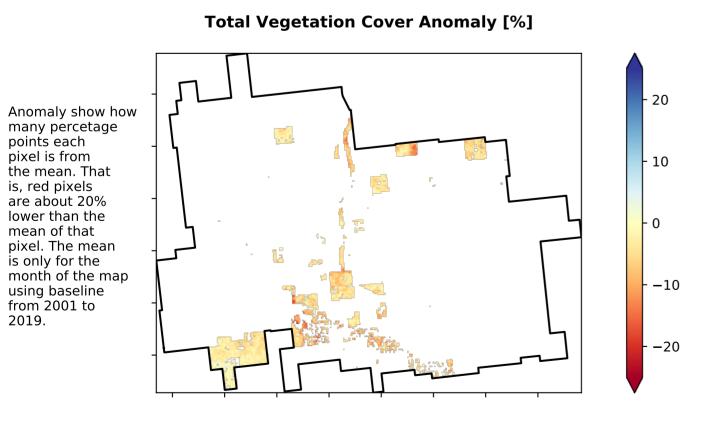


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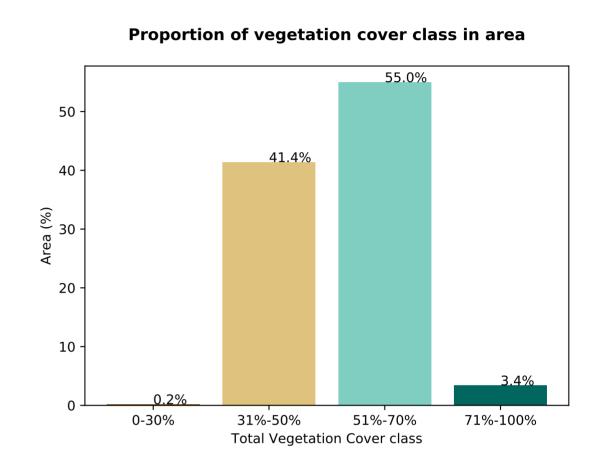
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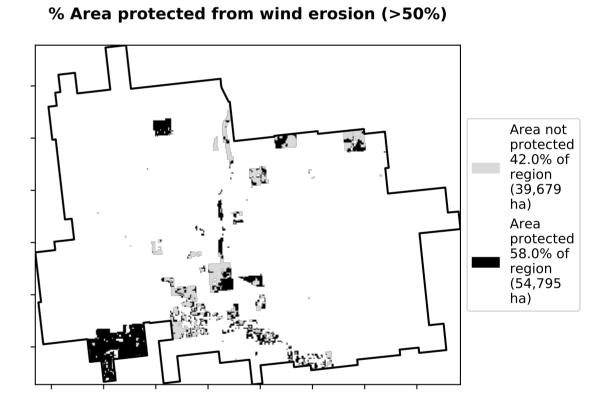
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

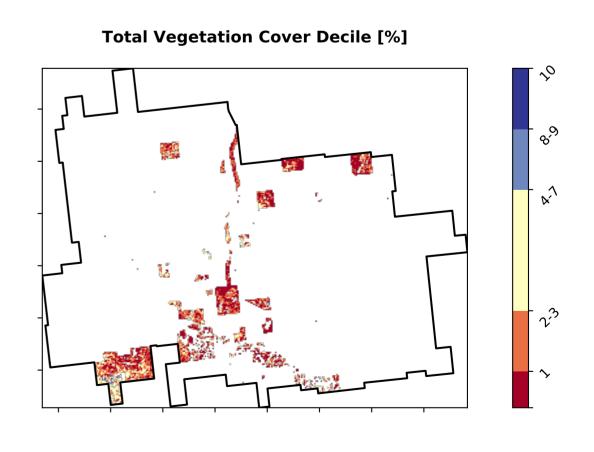
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 96.6% of region (91,262 ha) Area protected 3.4% of region (3,212 ha)



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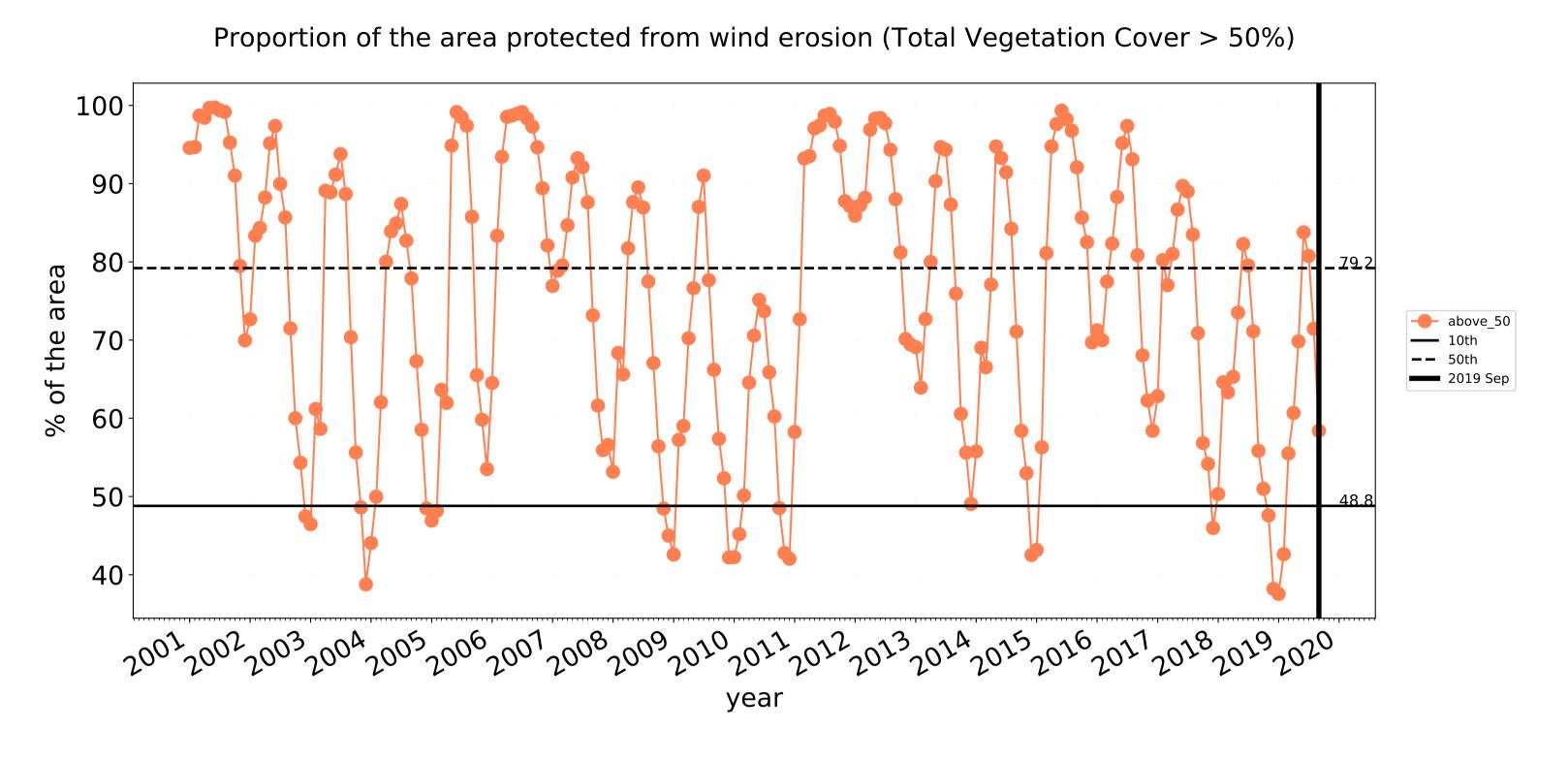


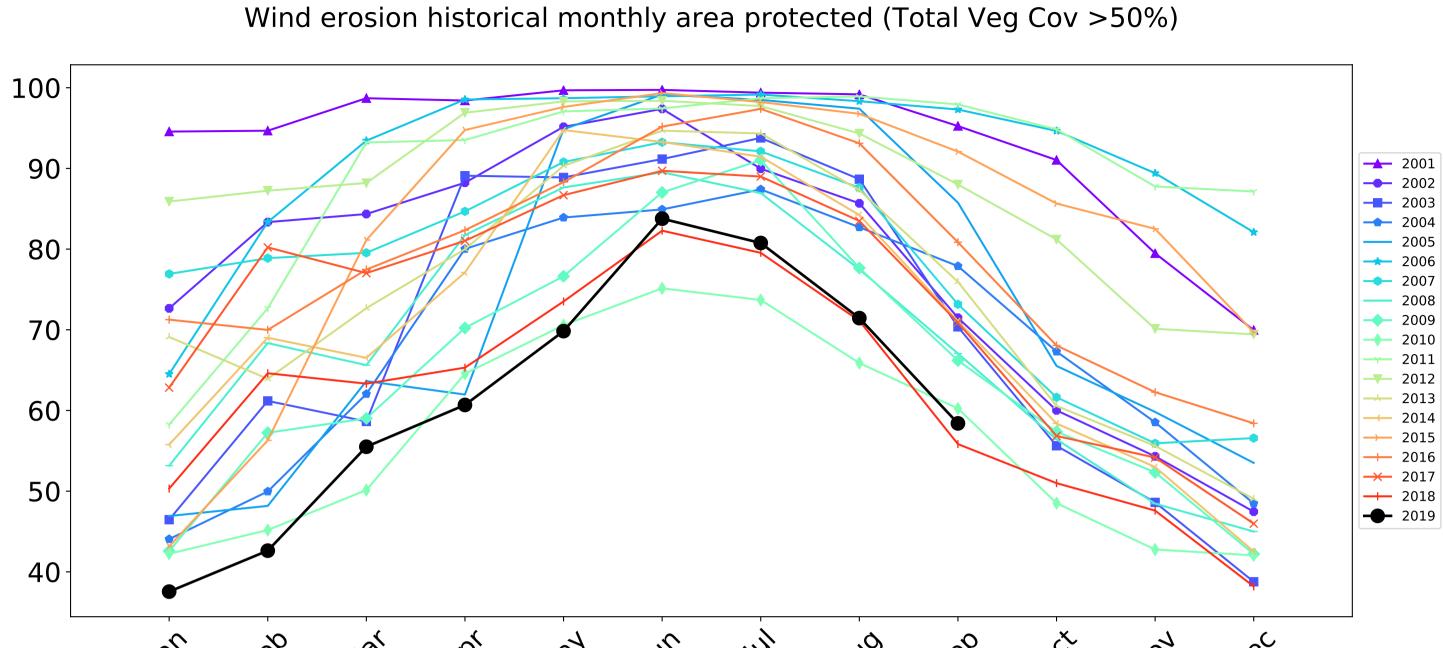




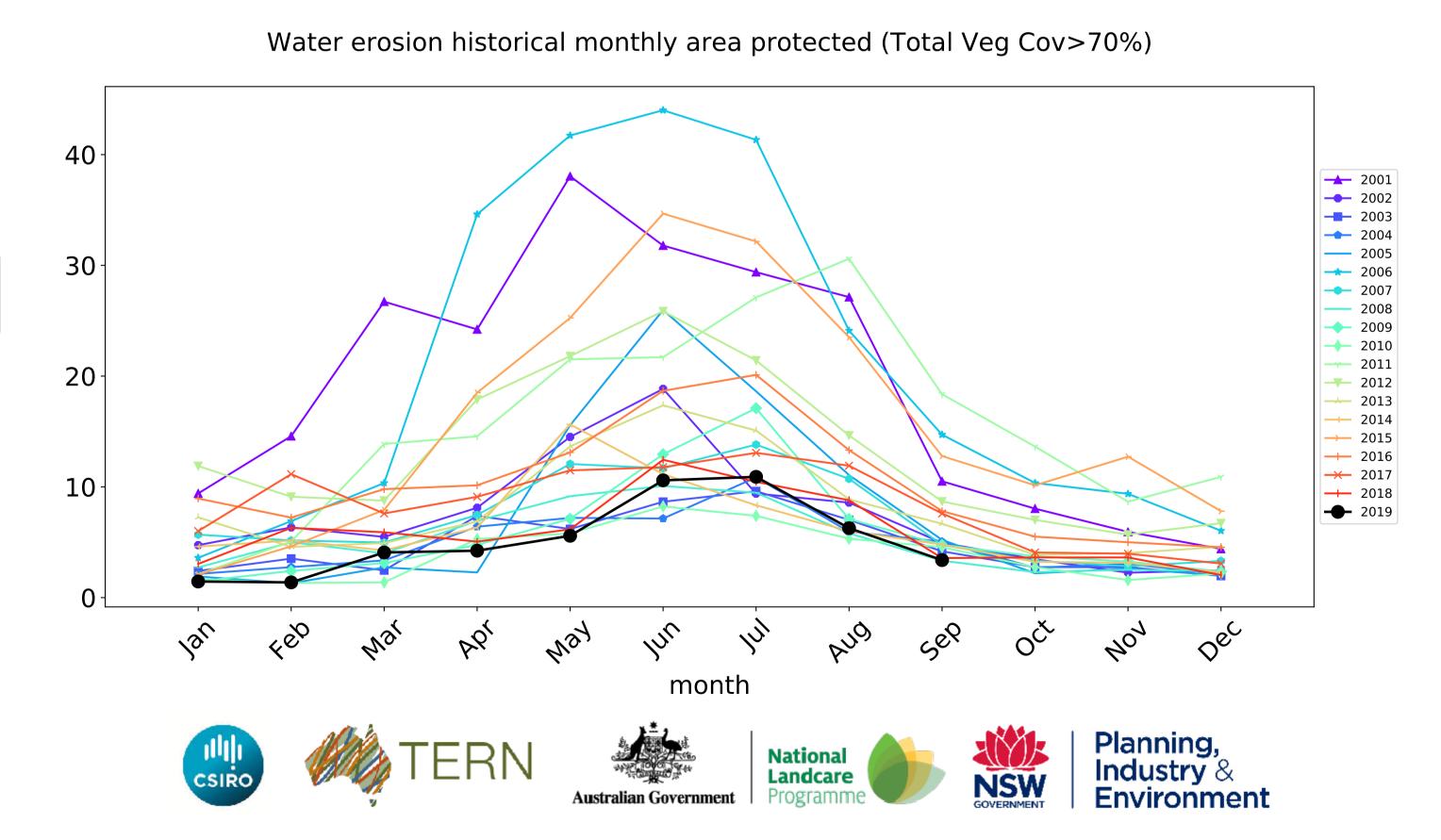


### **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**



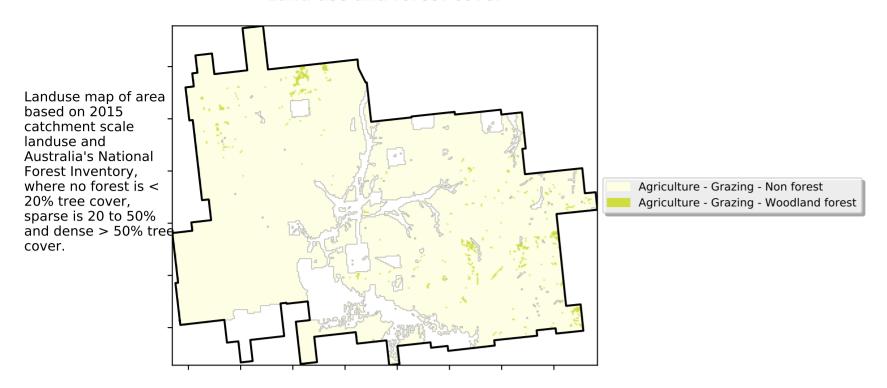


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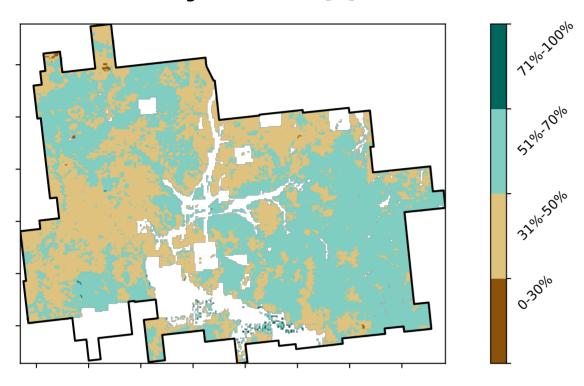


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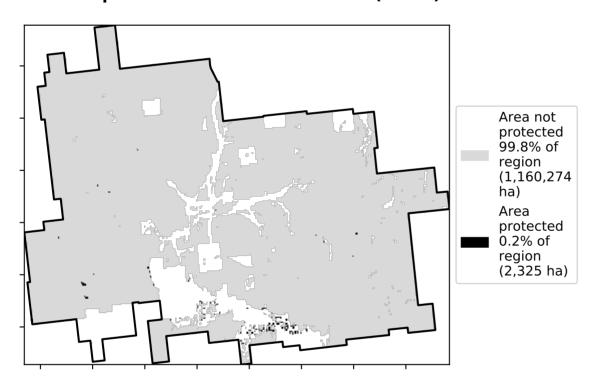
#### Land use and forest cover



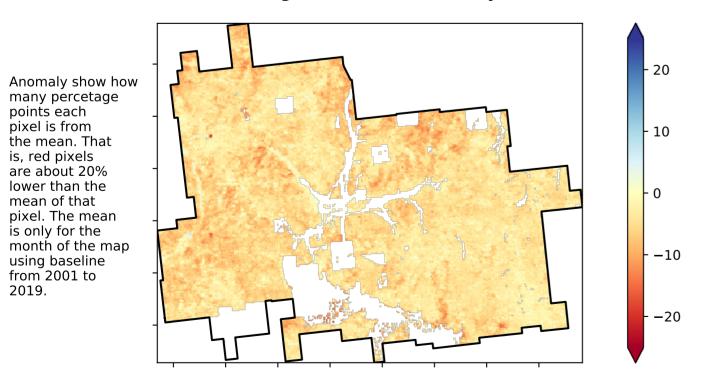
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

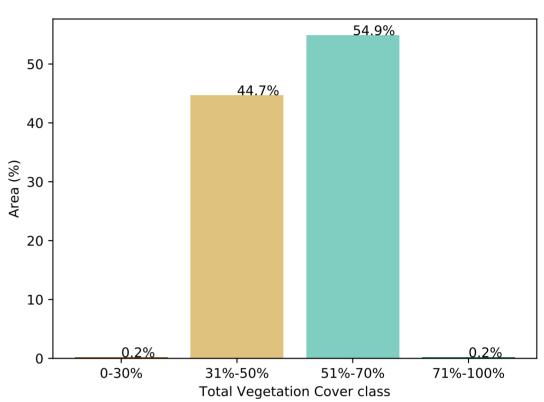


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

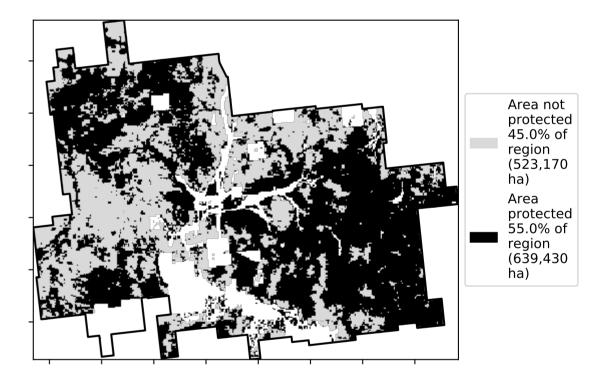


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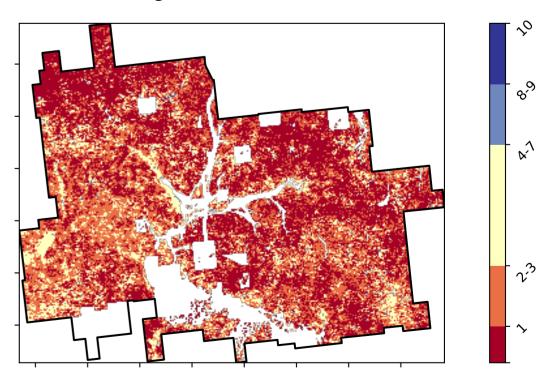
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



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





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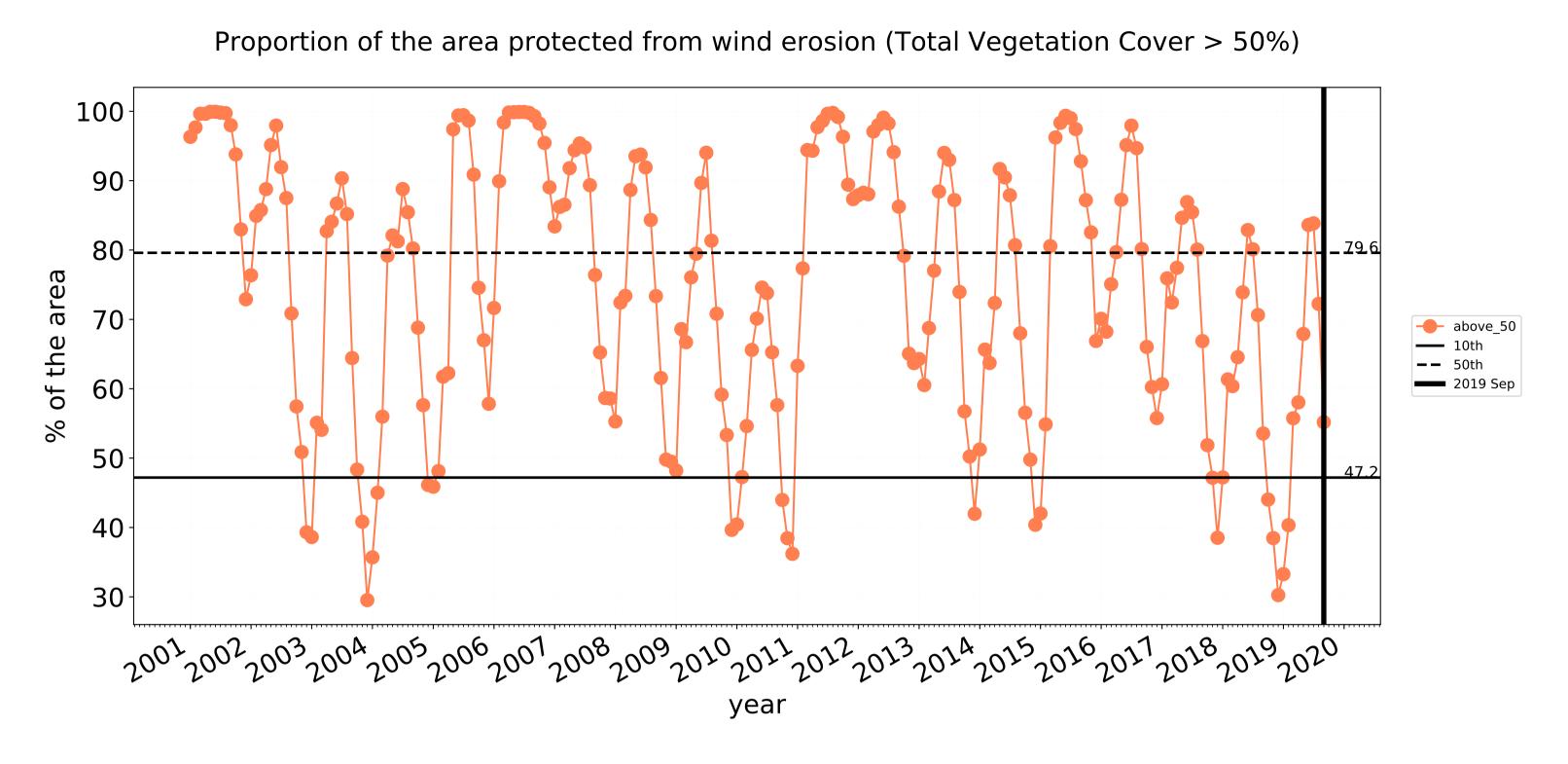


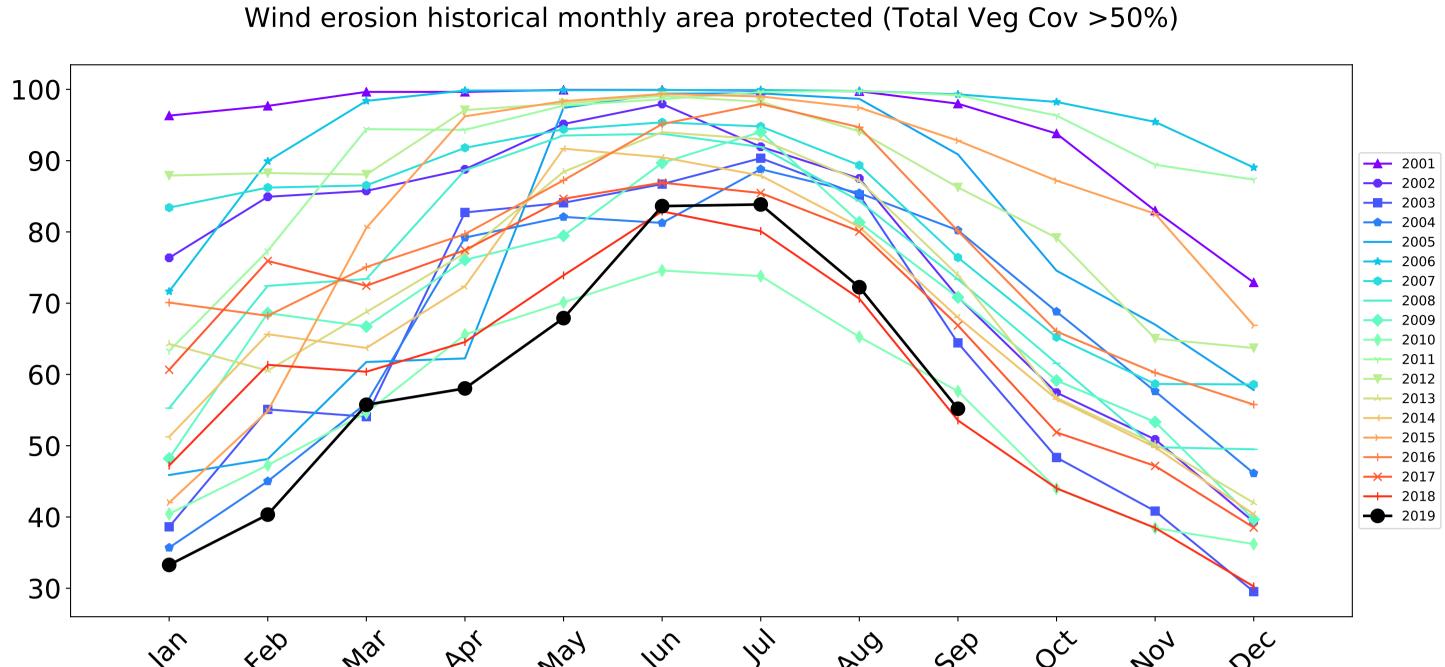




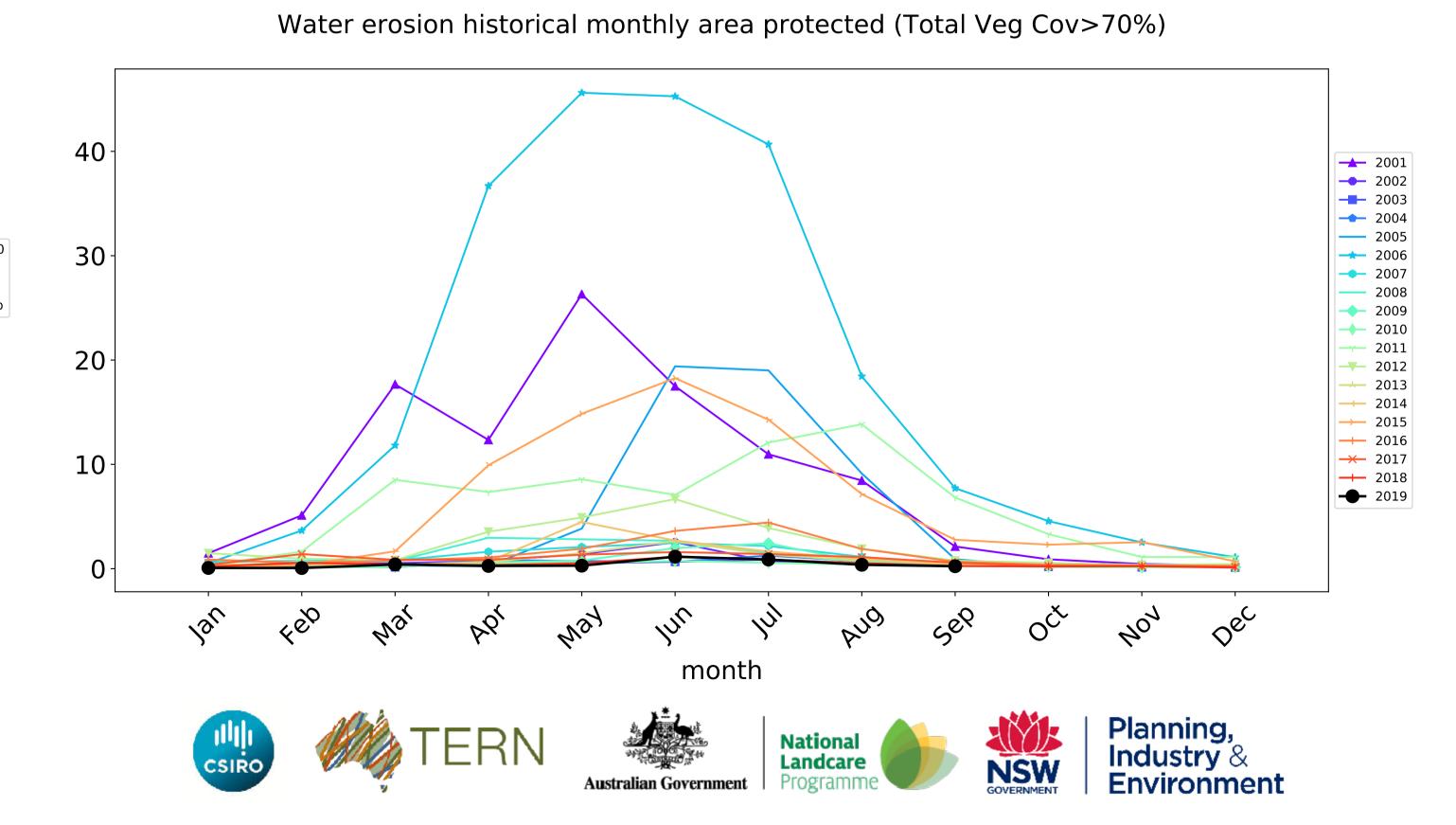


### **Agriculture timeseries**



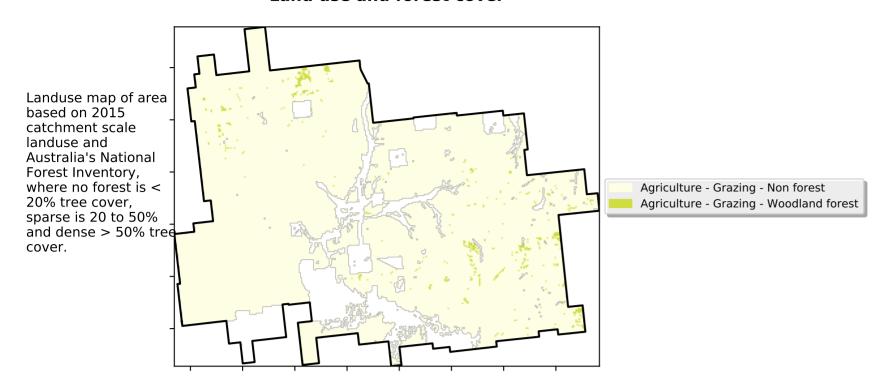


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### **Grazing**

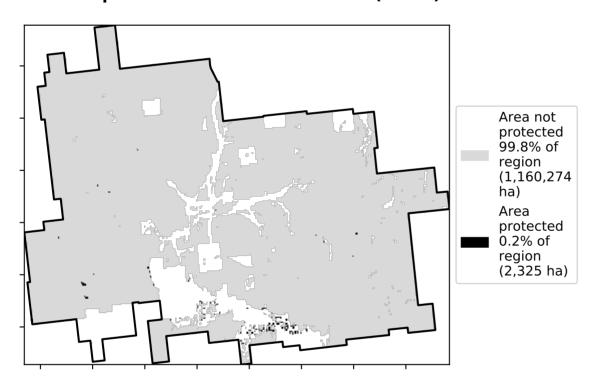
#### Land use and forest cover



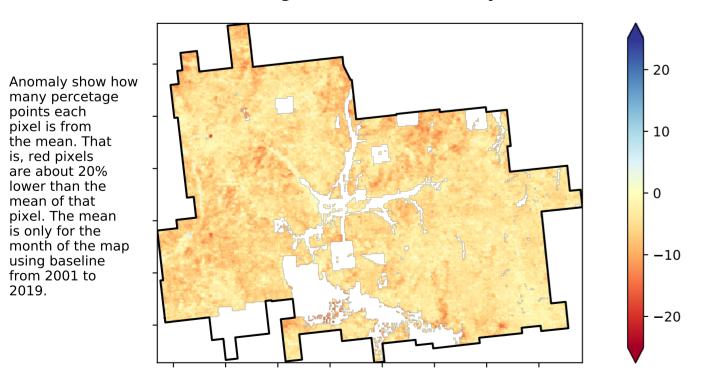
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

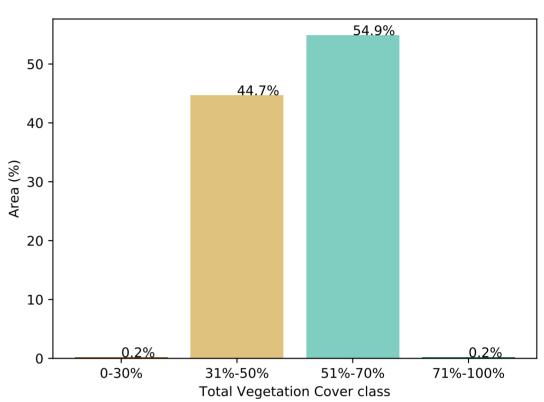


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

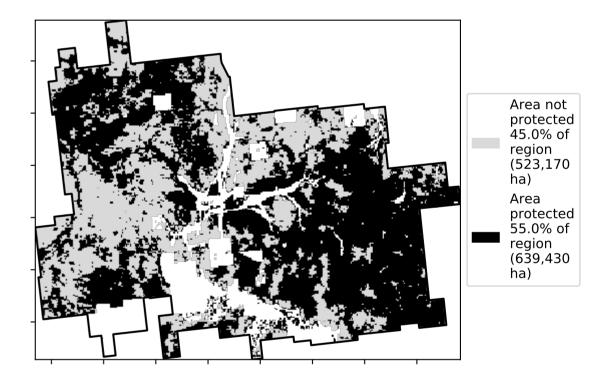


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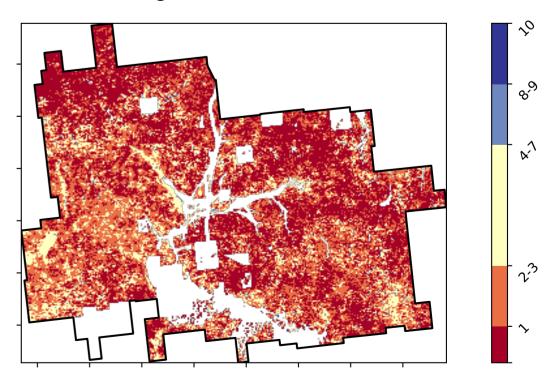
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



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





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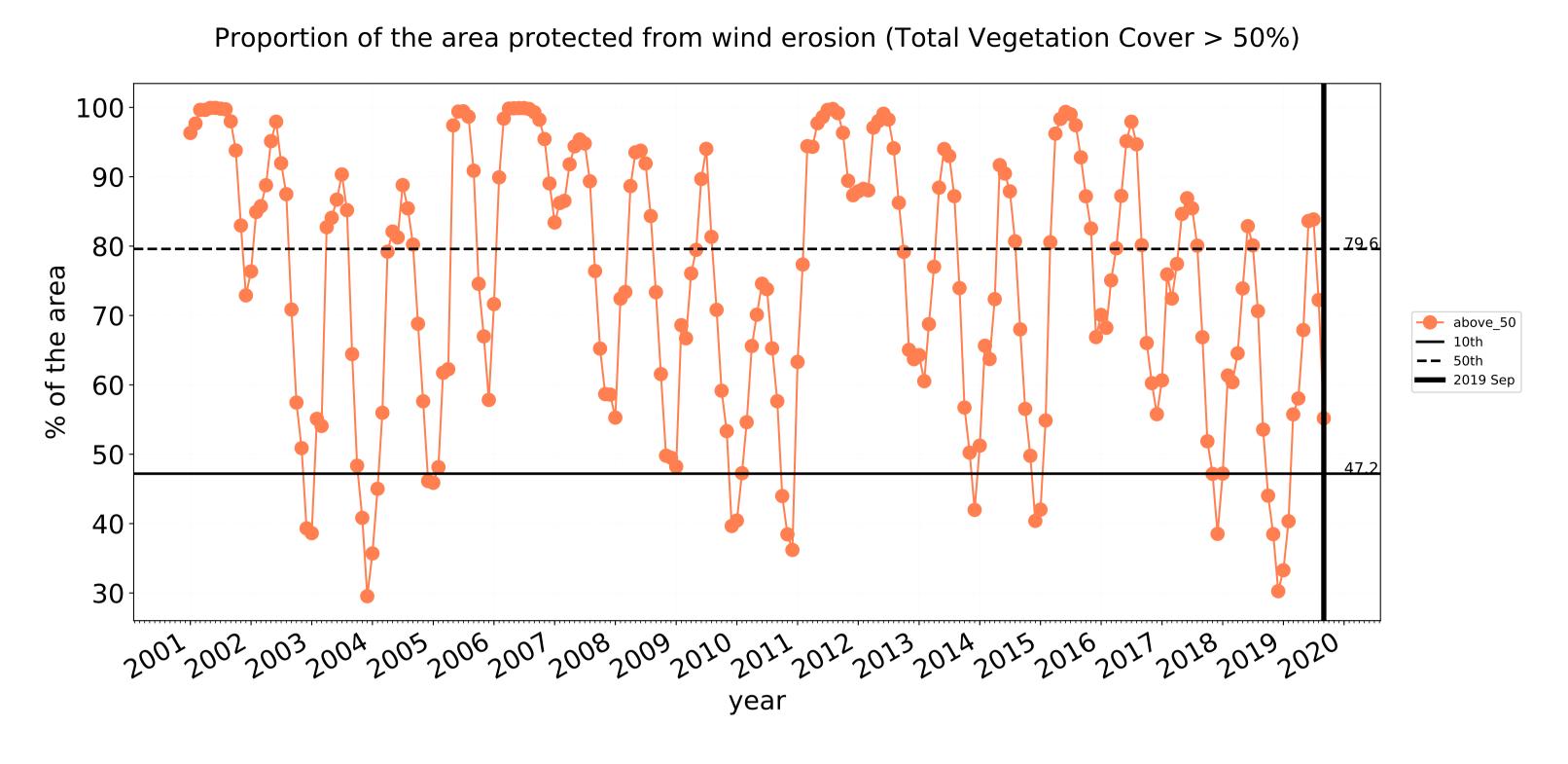


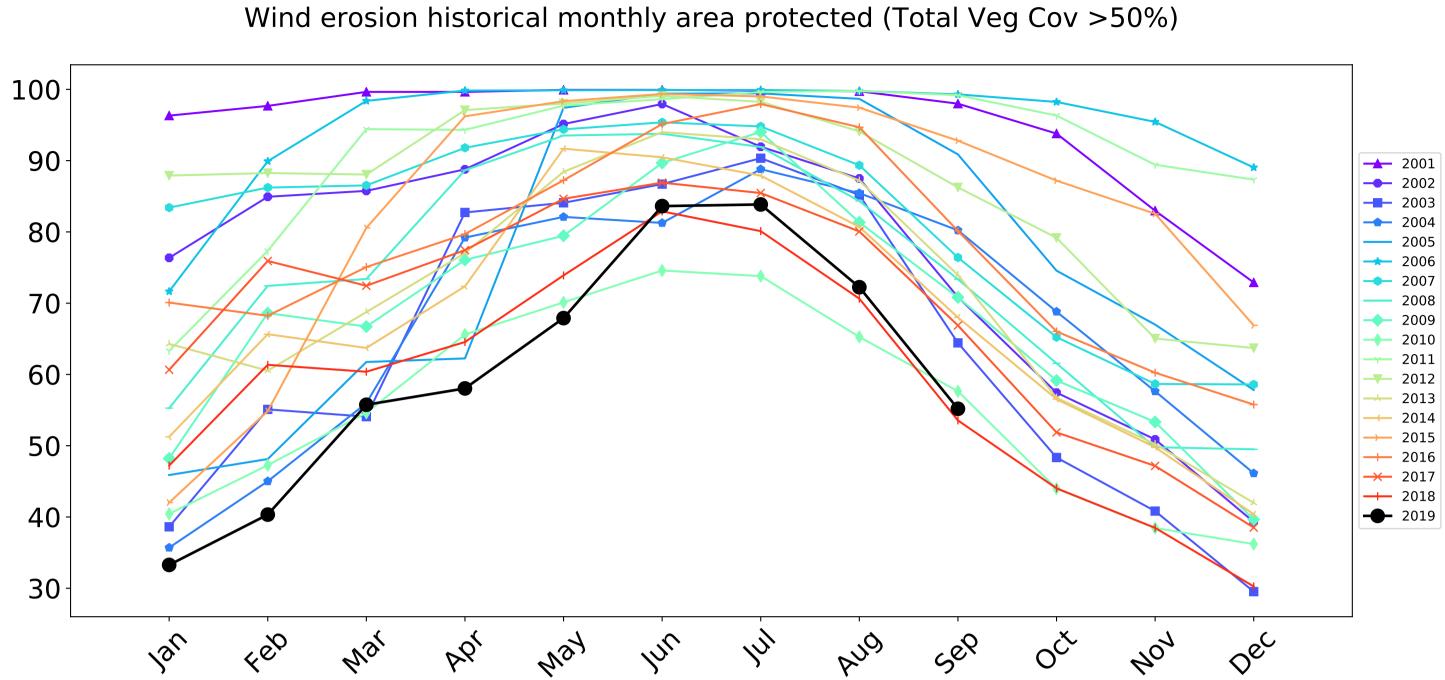


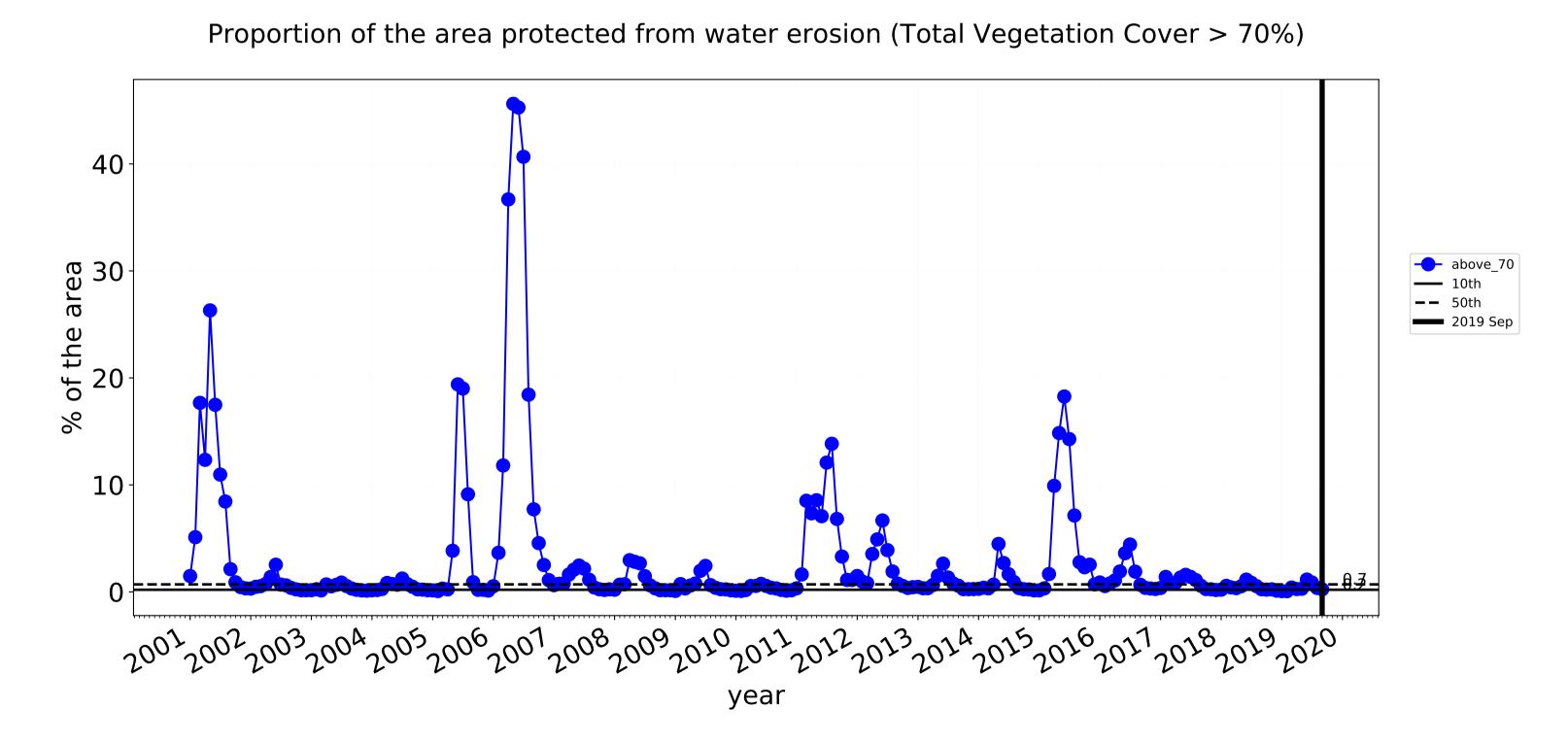


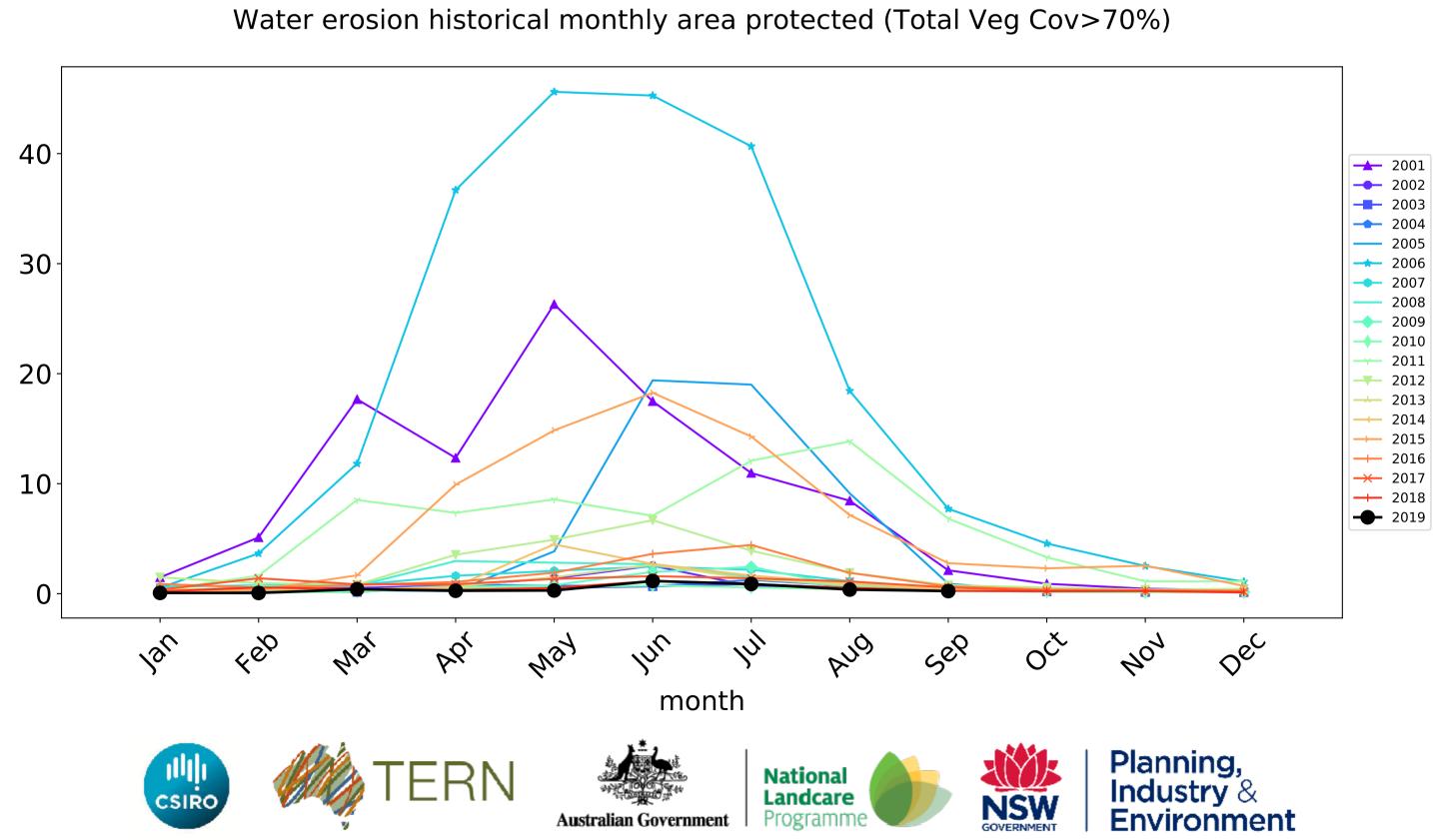


### **Grazing timeseries**



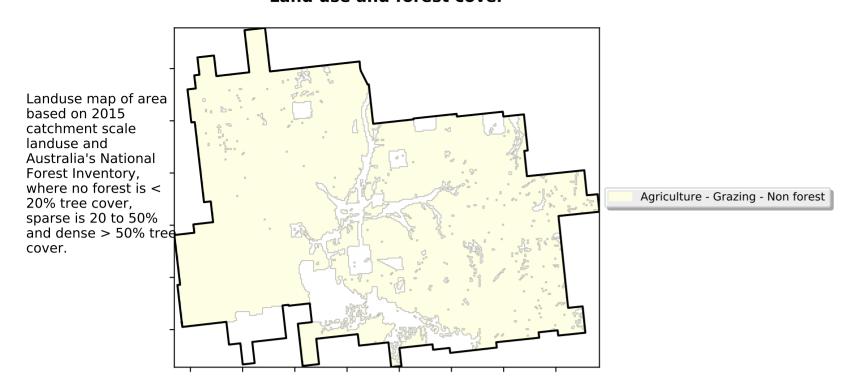




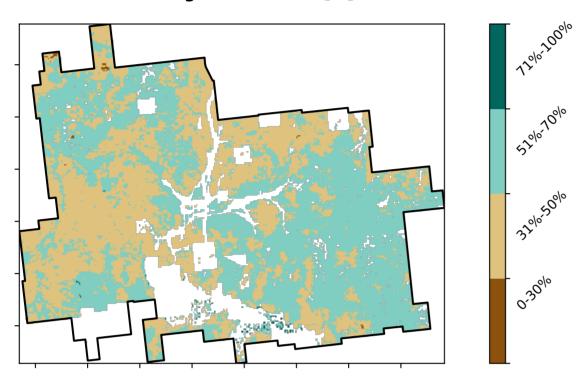


### **Grazing non forest**

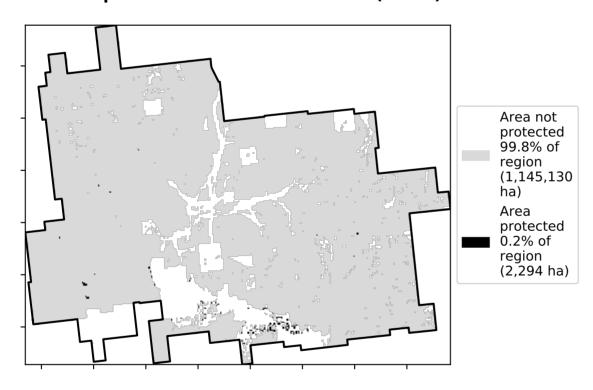
#### Land use and forest cover



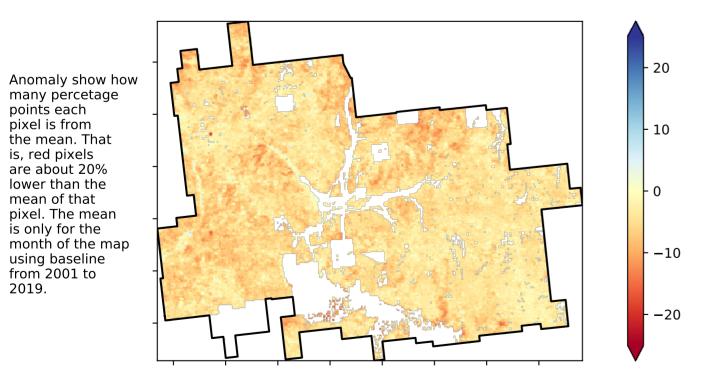
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

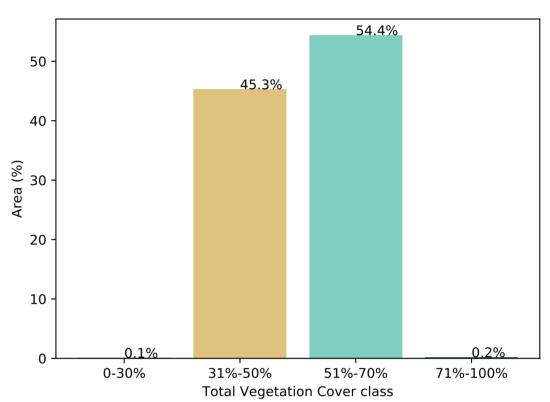


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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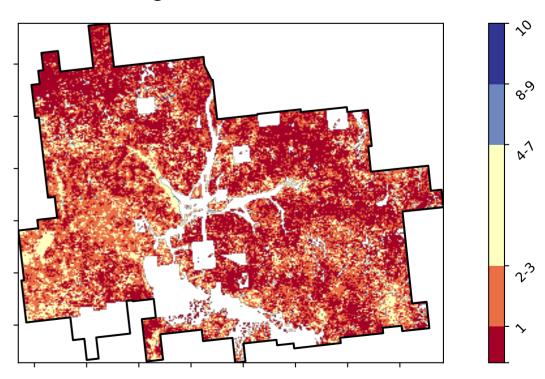
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



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





is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean

using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



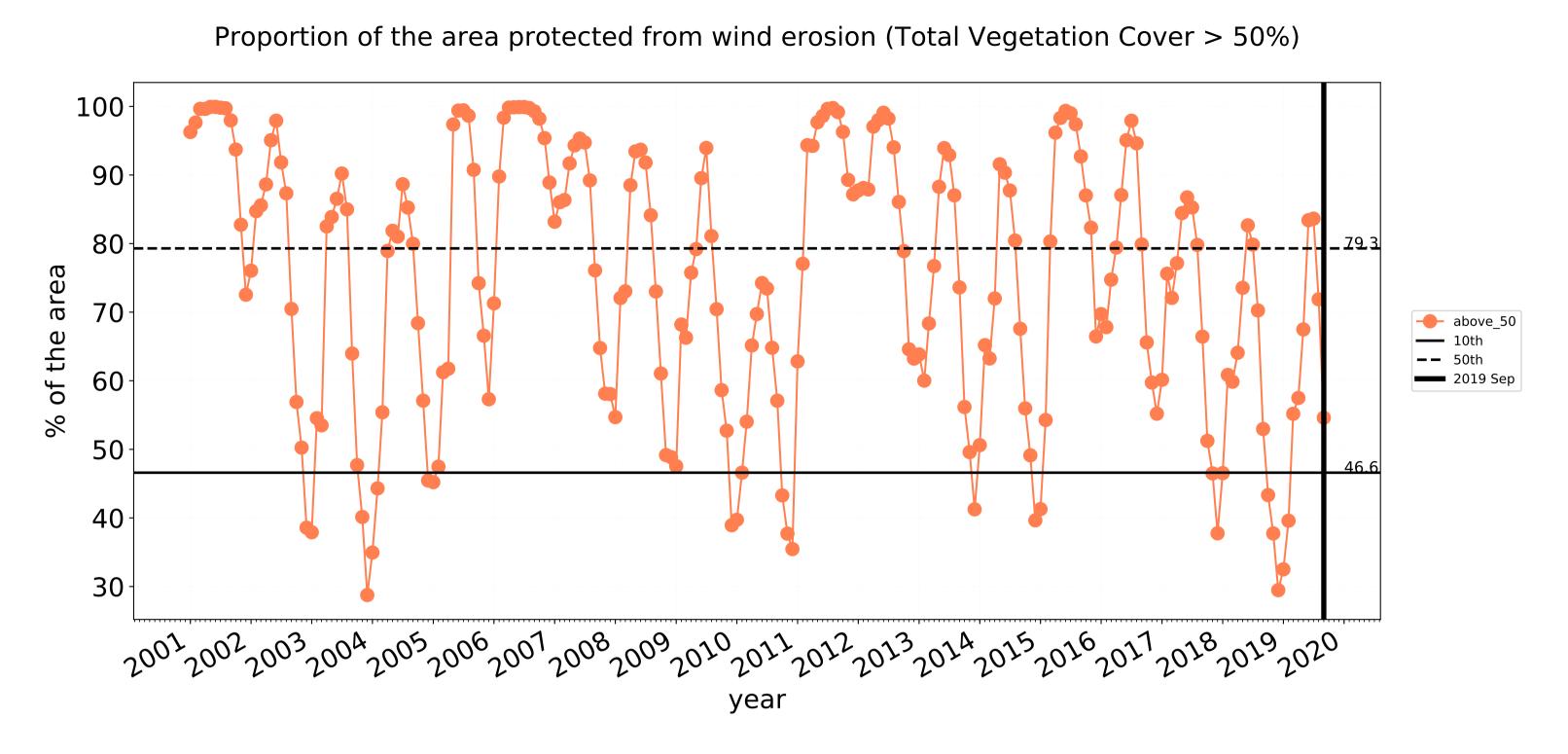


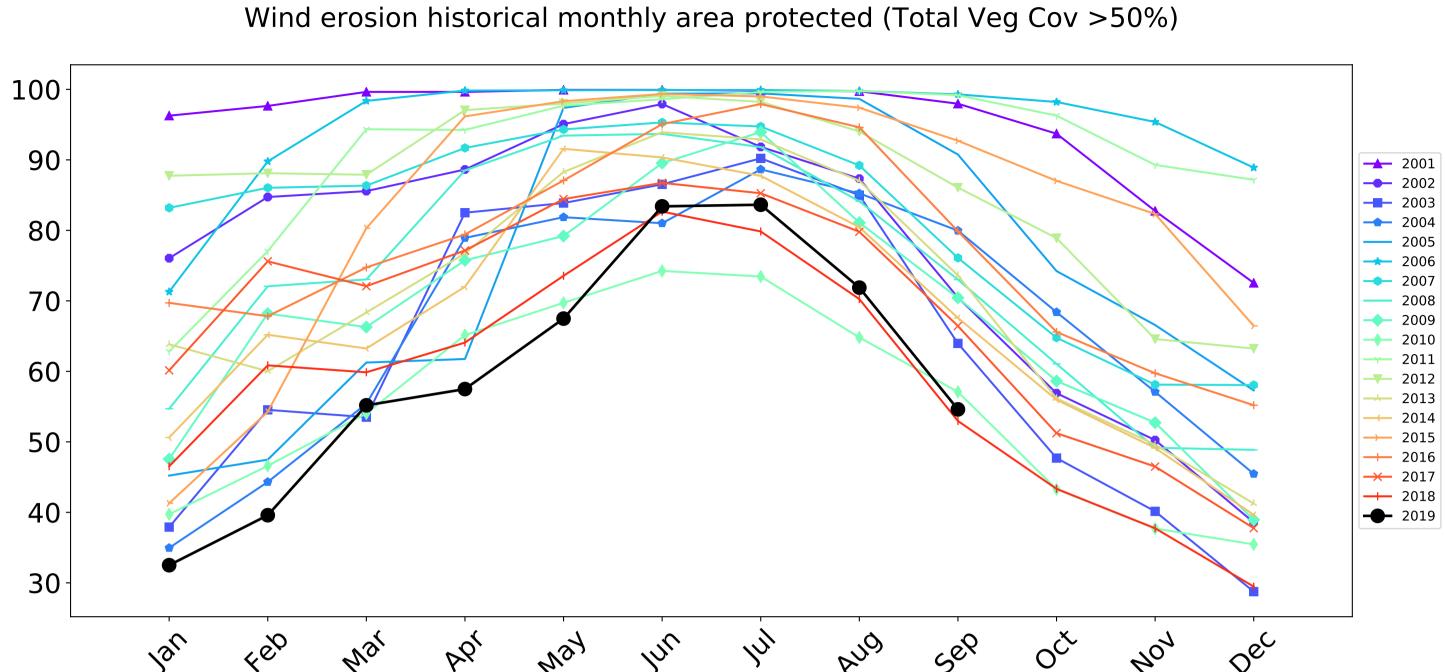


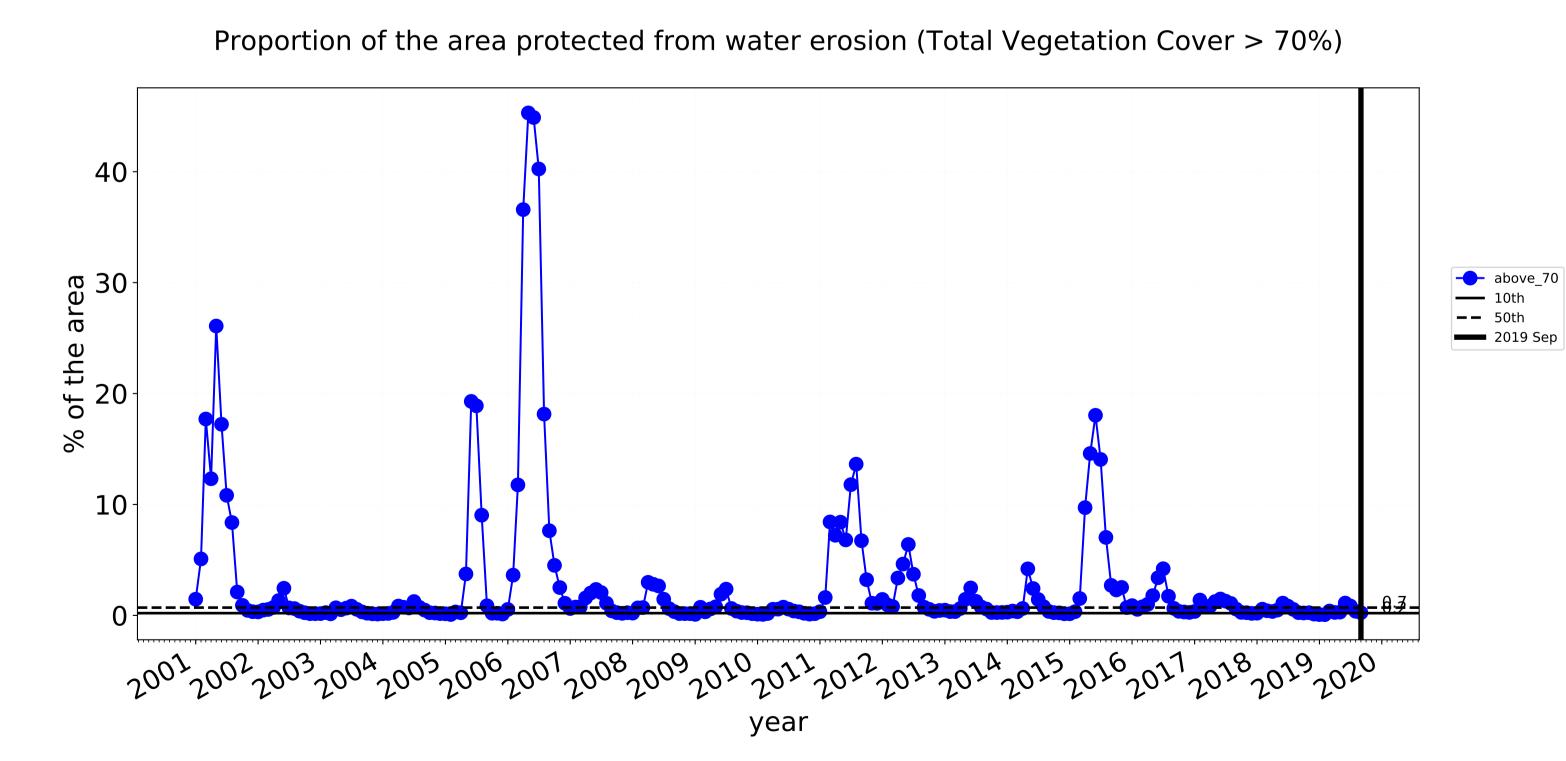


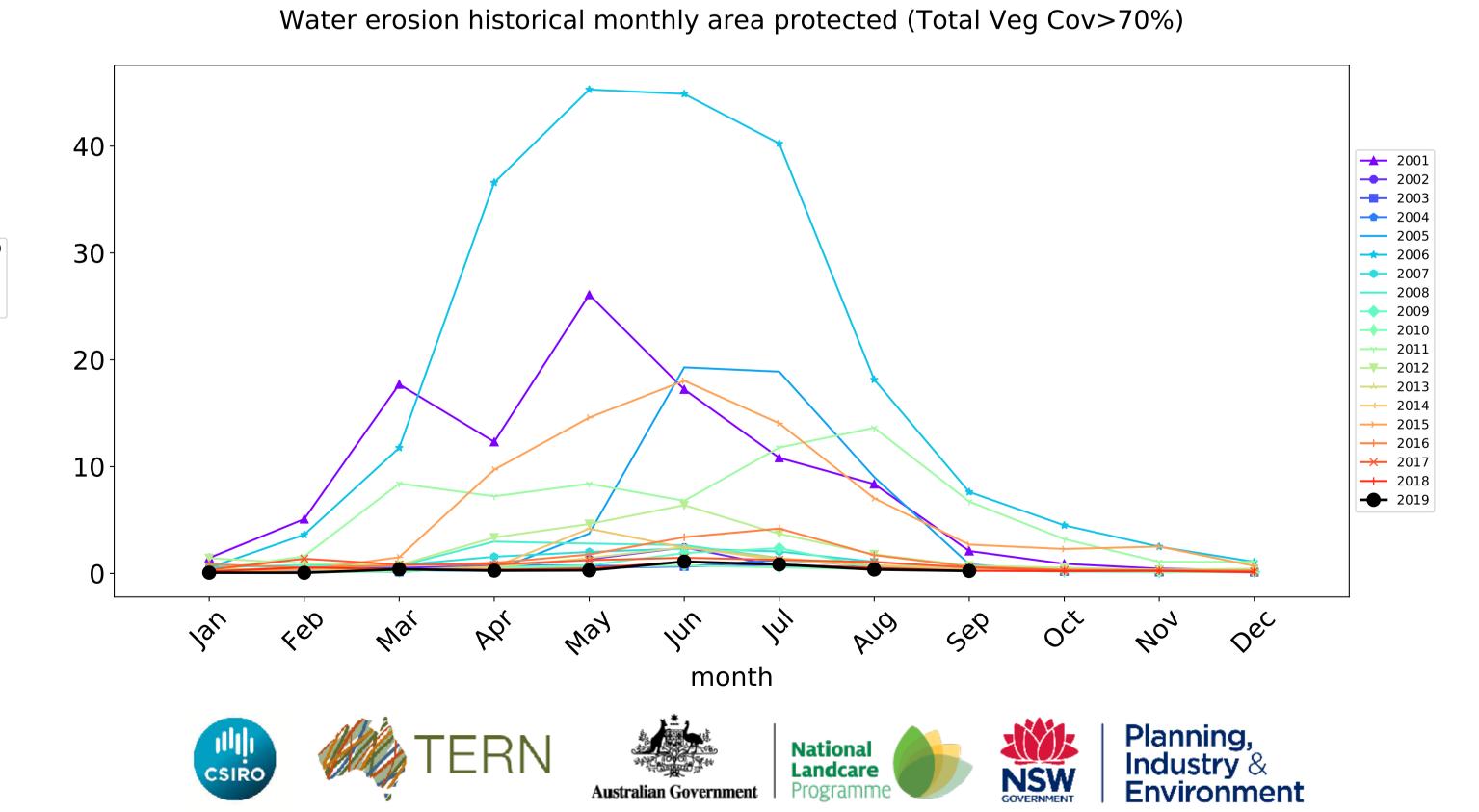


### **Grazing non forest timeseries**



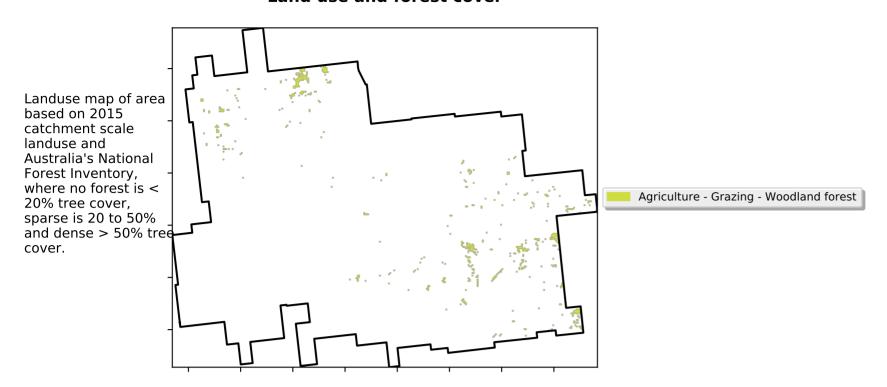




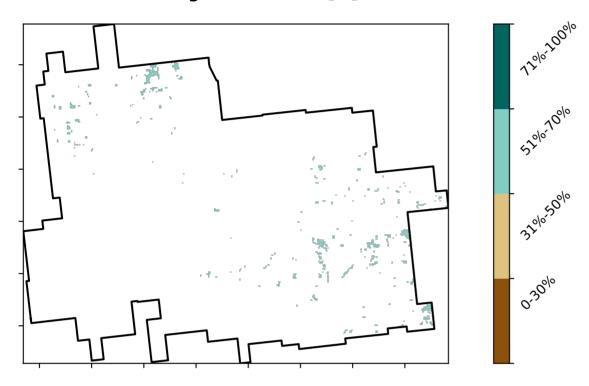


### **Grazing Woodland forest**

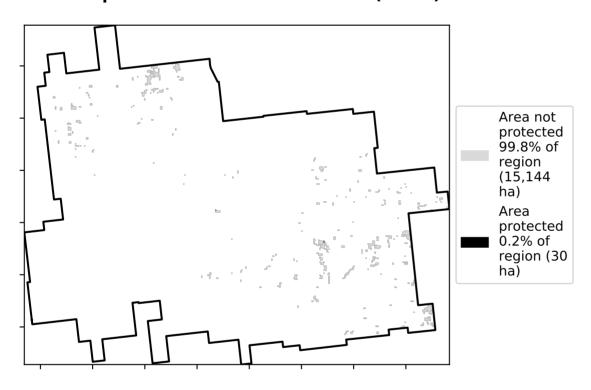
#### Land use and forest cover



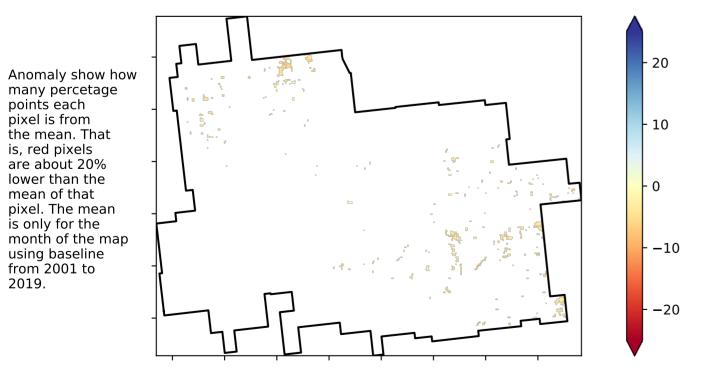
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

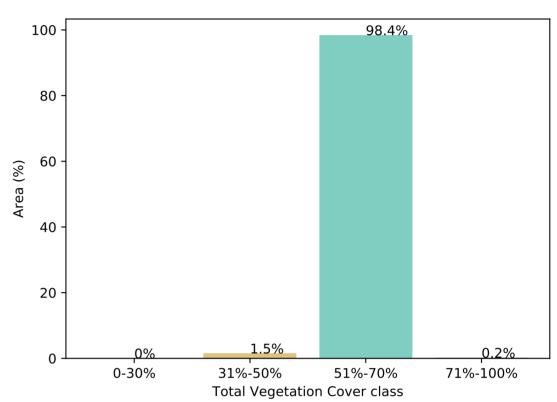


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

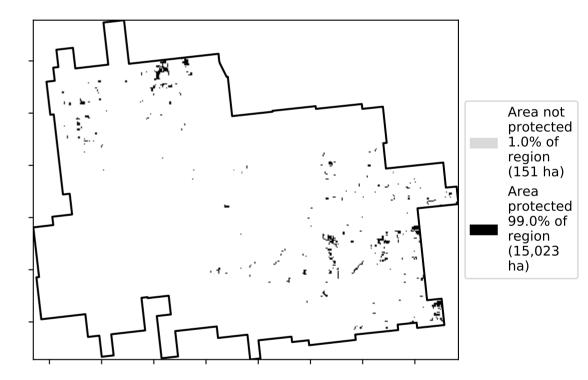


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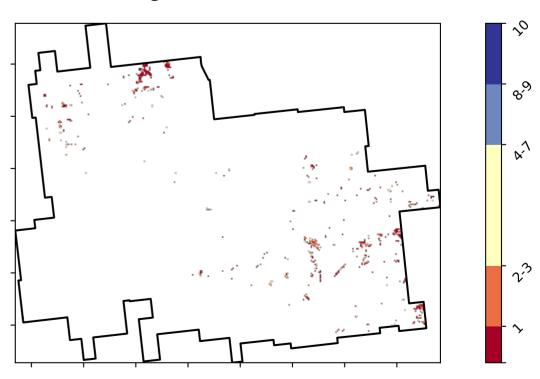
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







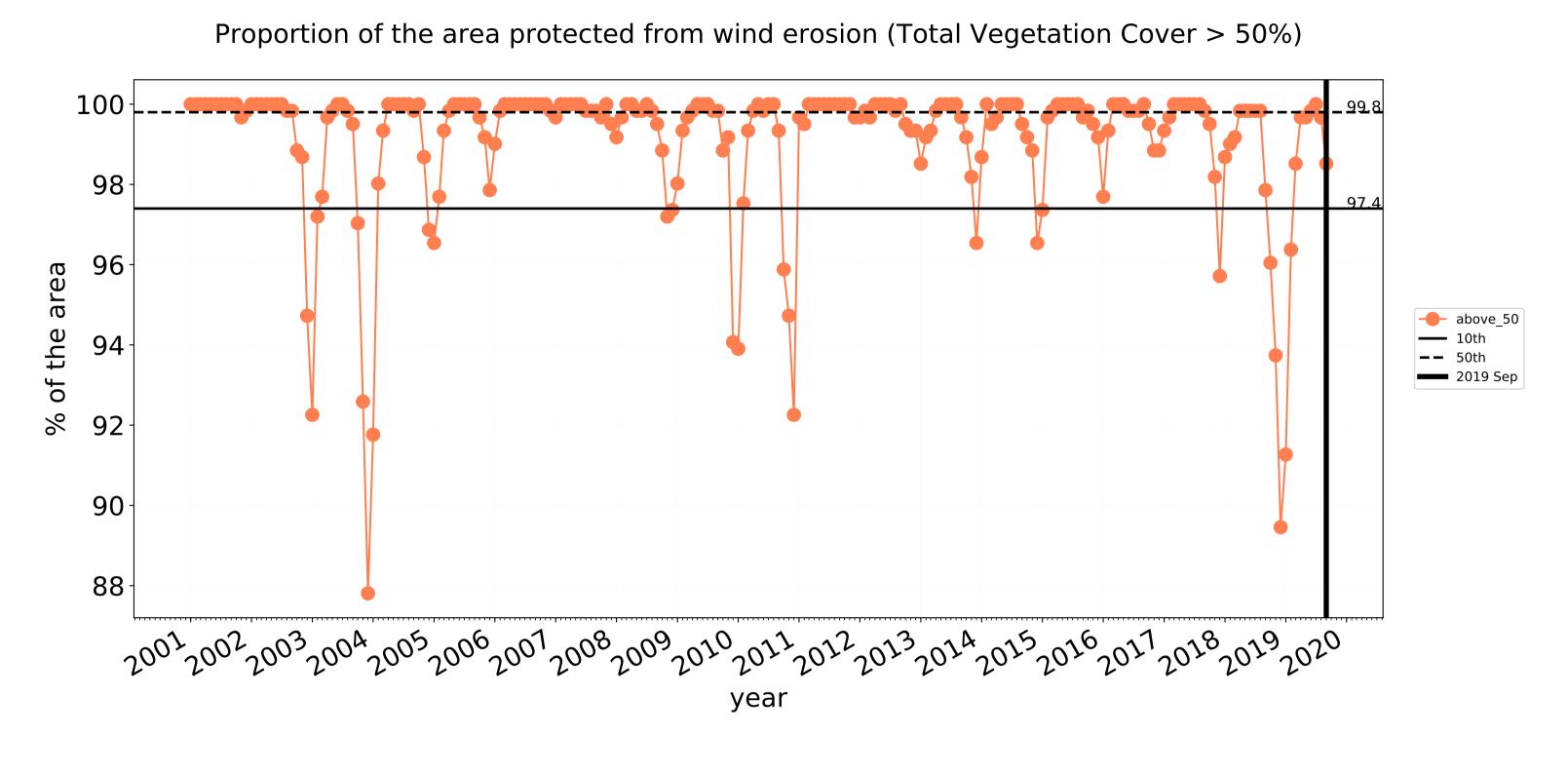


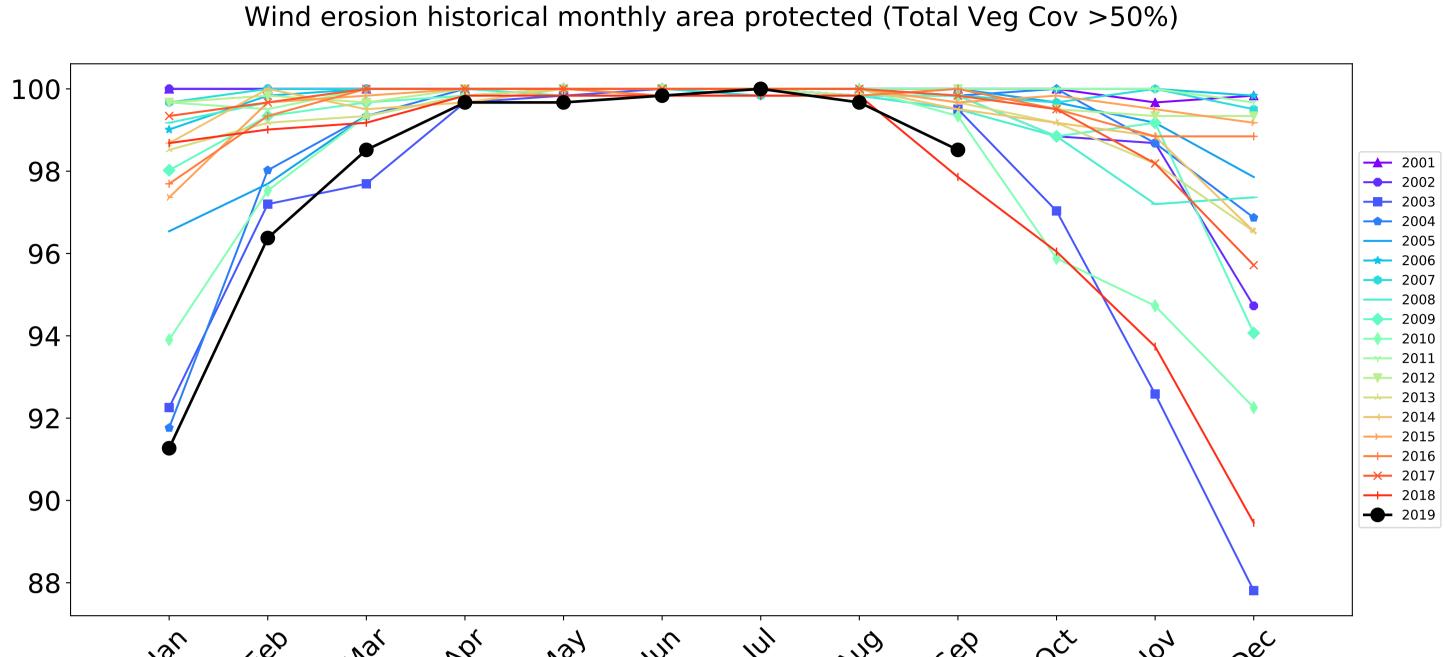


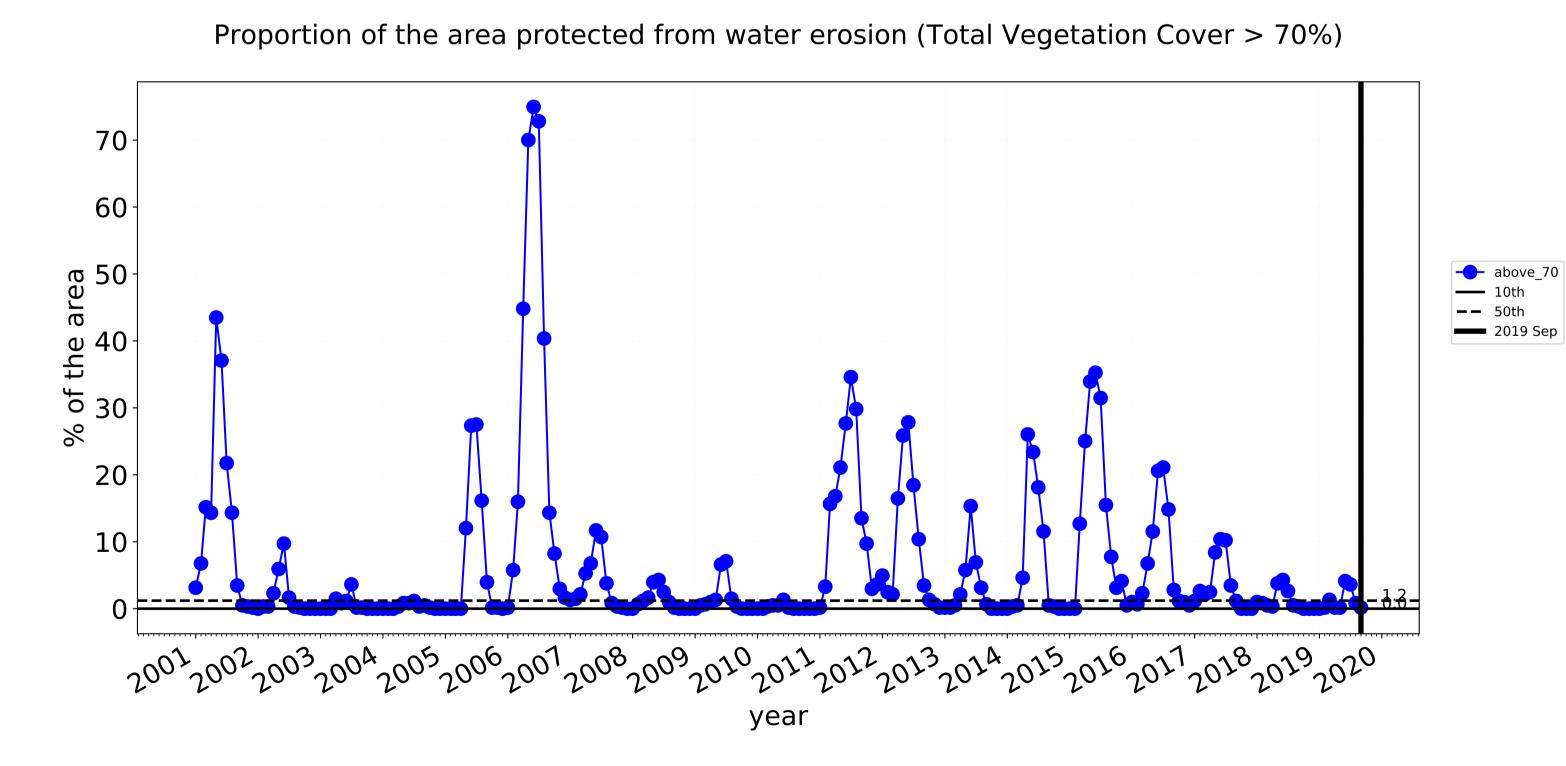


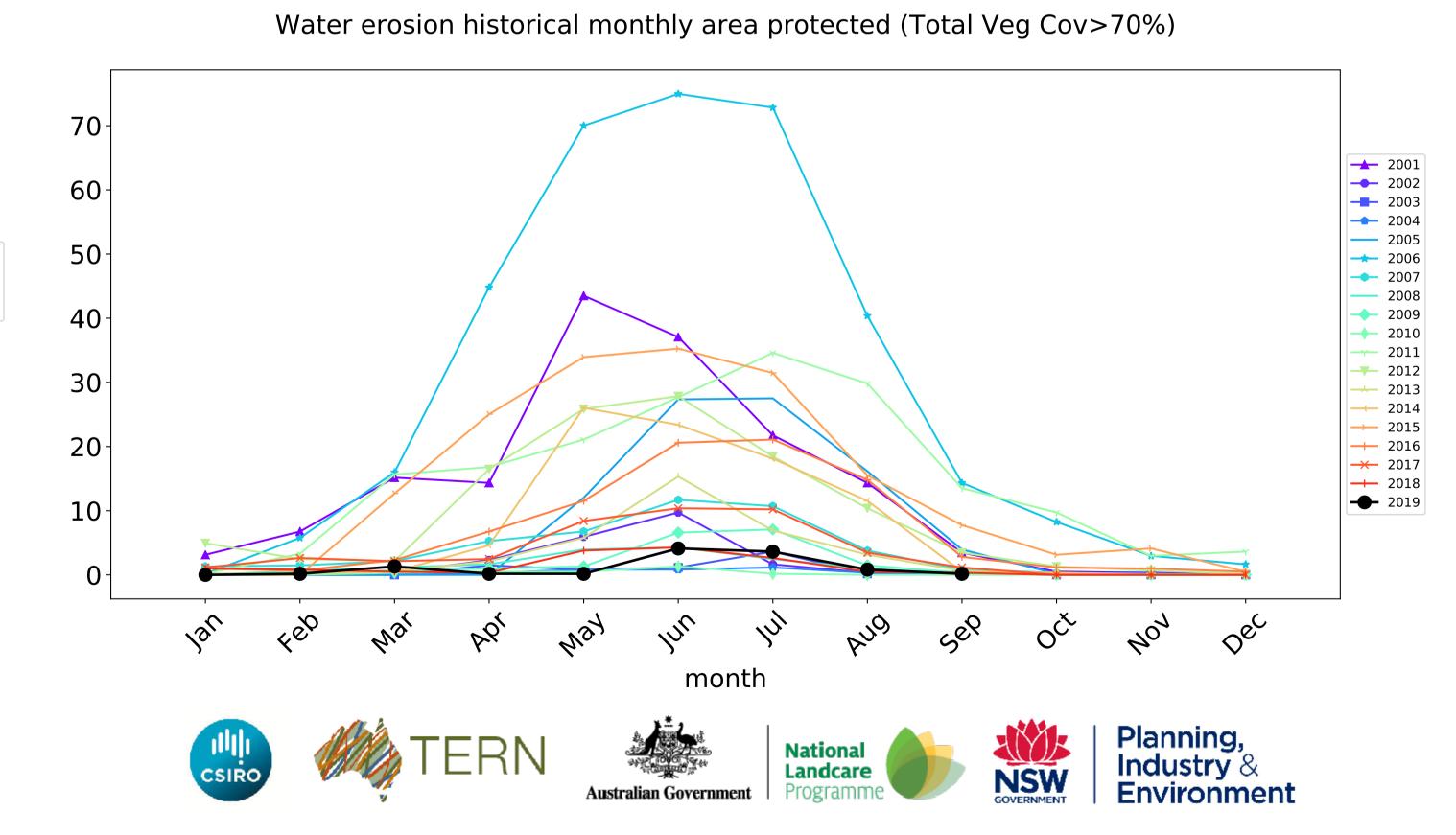


### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**









# Cue\_(S) (1,353,150 ha and no data 5,049 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

| Land use and<br>forest cover<br>Class                     | area(ha)  | above_30           | above_50         | above_70       | above_80       | above_90      | above_95      |
|---|-----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Entire region   | 1,353,150 | 99.9%<br>1,351,650 | 57.2%<br>774,025 | 2.2%<br>29,950 | 1.3%<br>16,925 | 0.7%<br>8,950 | 0.5%<br>6,175 |
| Conservation and natural environments                     | 97,426    | 99.8%<br>97,225    | 59.3%<br>57,742  | 3.3%<br>3,240  | 1.2%<br>1,205  | 0.4%<br>426   | 0.3%<br>301   |
| Conservation and<br>natural<br>environments non<br>forest | 94,720    | 99.8%<br>94,519    | 58.4%<br>55,318  | 3.4%<br>3,208  | 1.3%<br>1,203  | 0.4%<br>426   | 0.3%<br>300   |
| Agriculture   | 1,158,296 | 99.9%<br>1,157,150 | 55.2%<br>639,175 | 0.2%<br>2,739  | 0.1%<br>896    | 0.0%<br>273   | 0.0%<br>99    |
| Grazing   | 1,158,296 | 99.9%<br>1,157,150 | 55.2%<br>639,175 | 0.2%<br>2,739  | 0.1%<br>896    | 0.0%<br>273   | 0.0%<br>99    |
| Grazing non<br>forest                                     | 1,143,411 | 99.9%<br>1,142,265 | 54.6%<br>624,408 | 0.2%<br>2,715  | 0.1%<br>896    | 0.0%<br>274   | 0.0%<br>99    |
| Grazing Woodland<br>forest                                | 14,884    | 100.0%<br>14,884   | 98.5%<br>14,663  | 0.2%<br>24     | 0.0%<br>0      | 0.0%<br>0     | 0.0%          |











