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

# Date: July 2023

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

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

#### **Erosion protection**

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

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

### Acknowledgment of data:

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

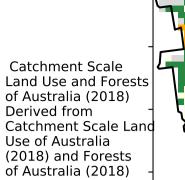
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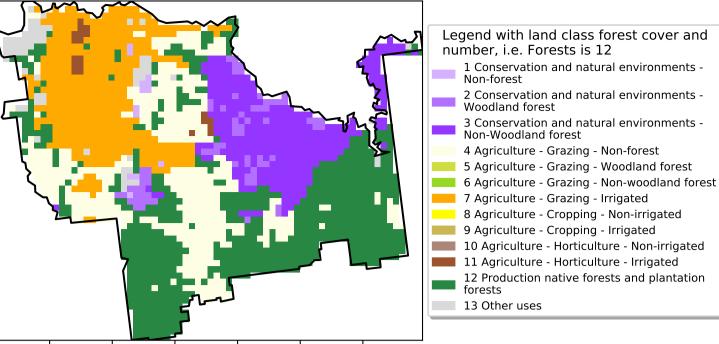


# **Vegetation Cover Jul 2023**

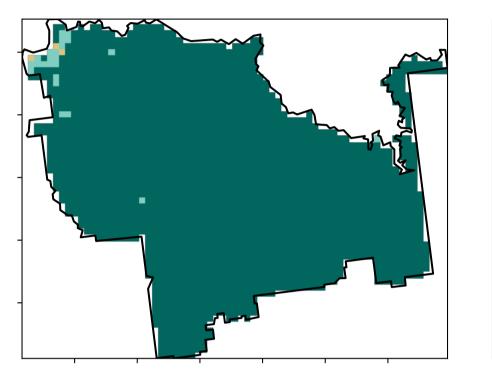
#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area





**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

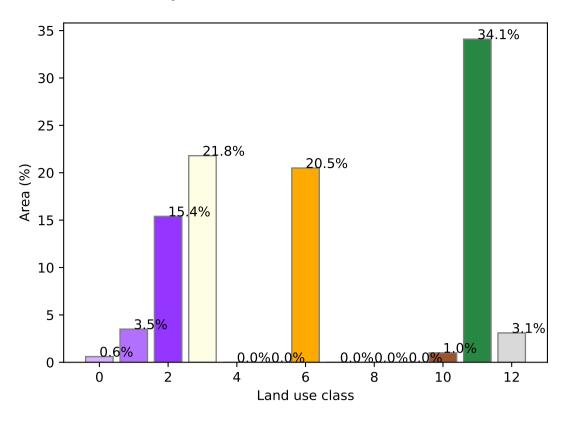


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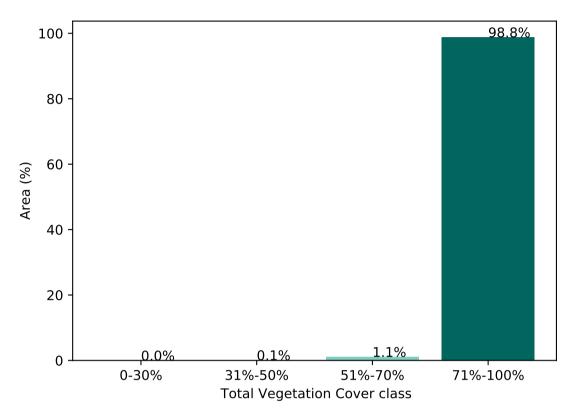
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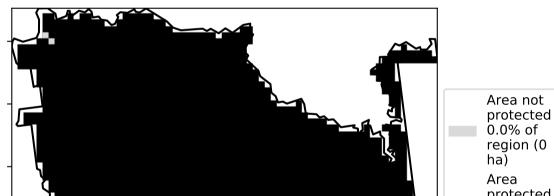
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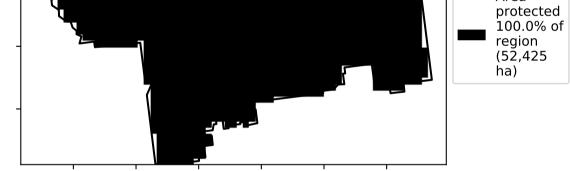
#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

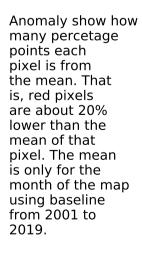


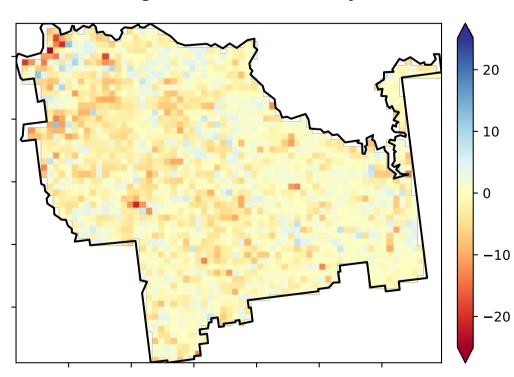
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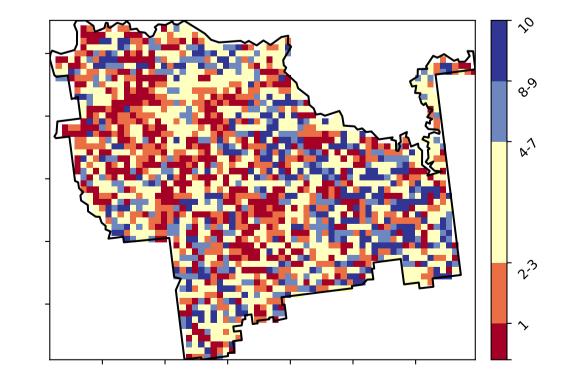




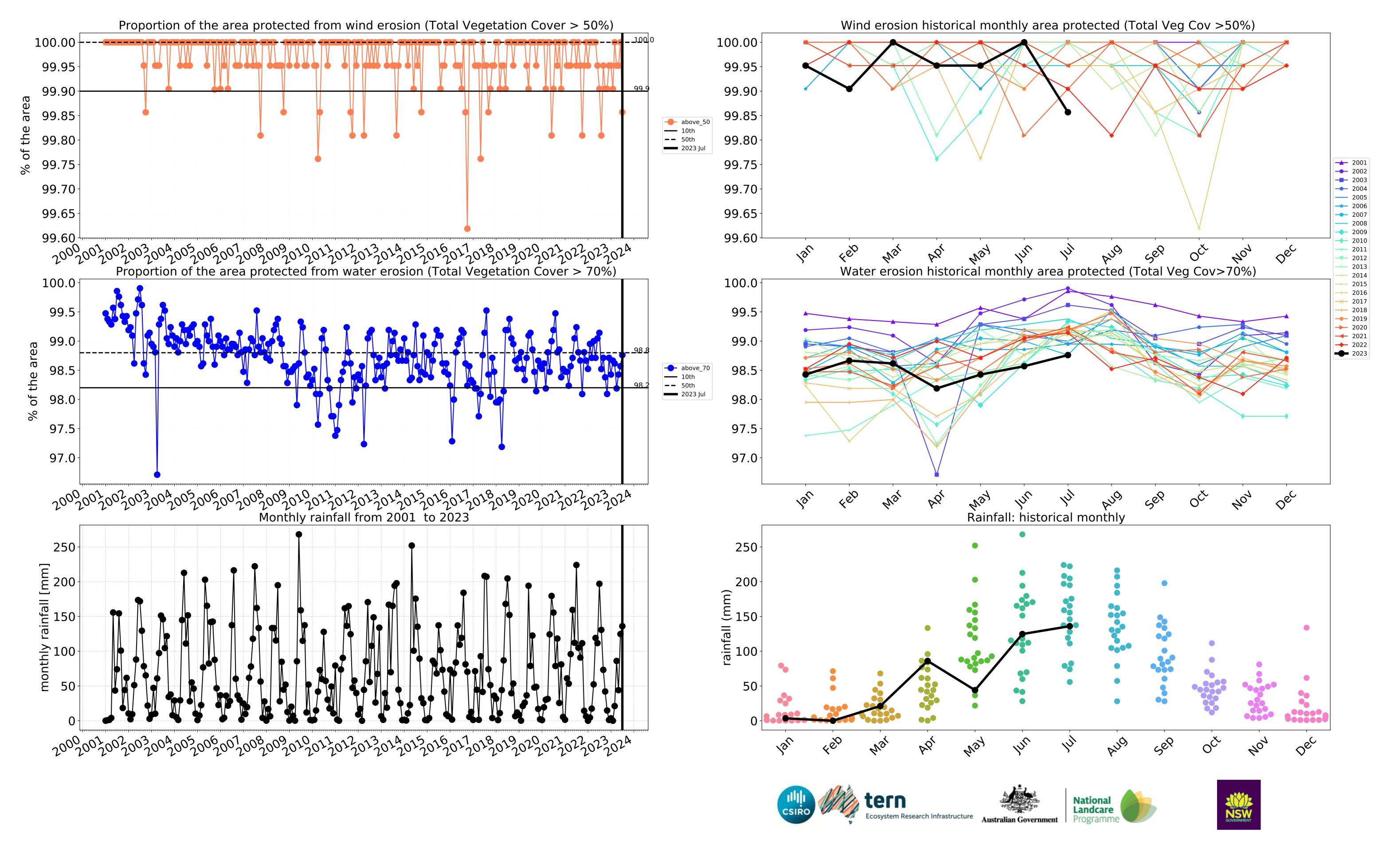




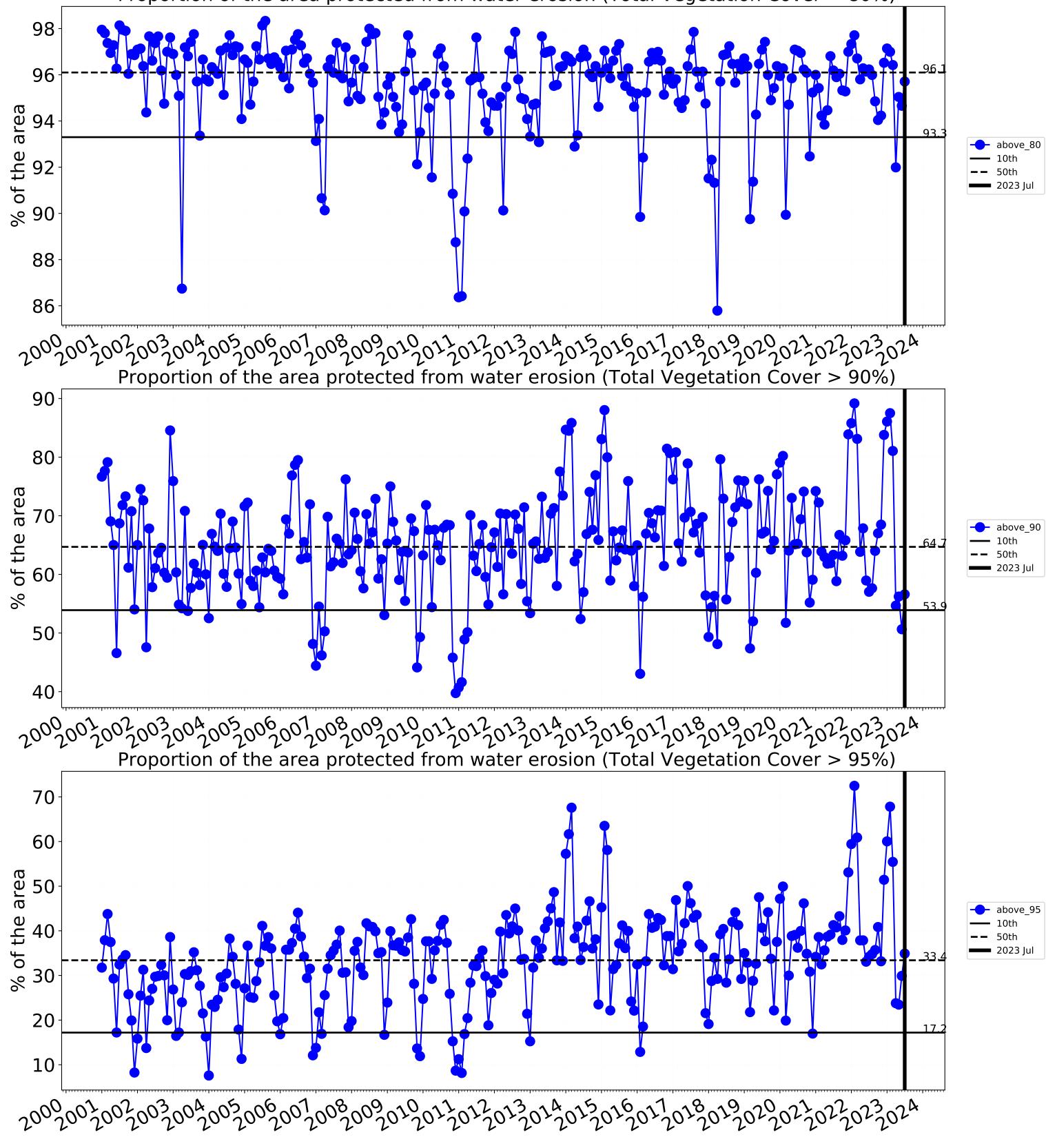
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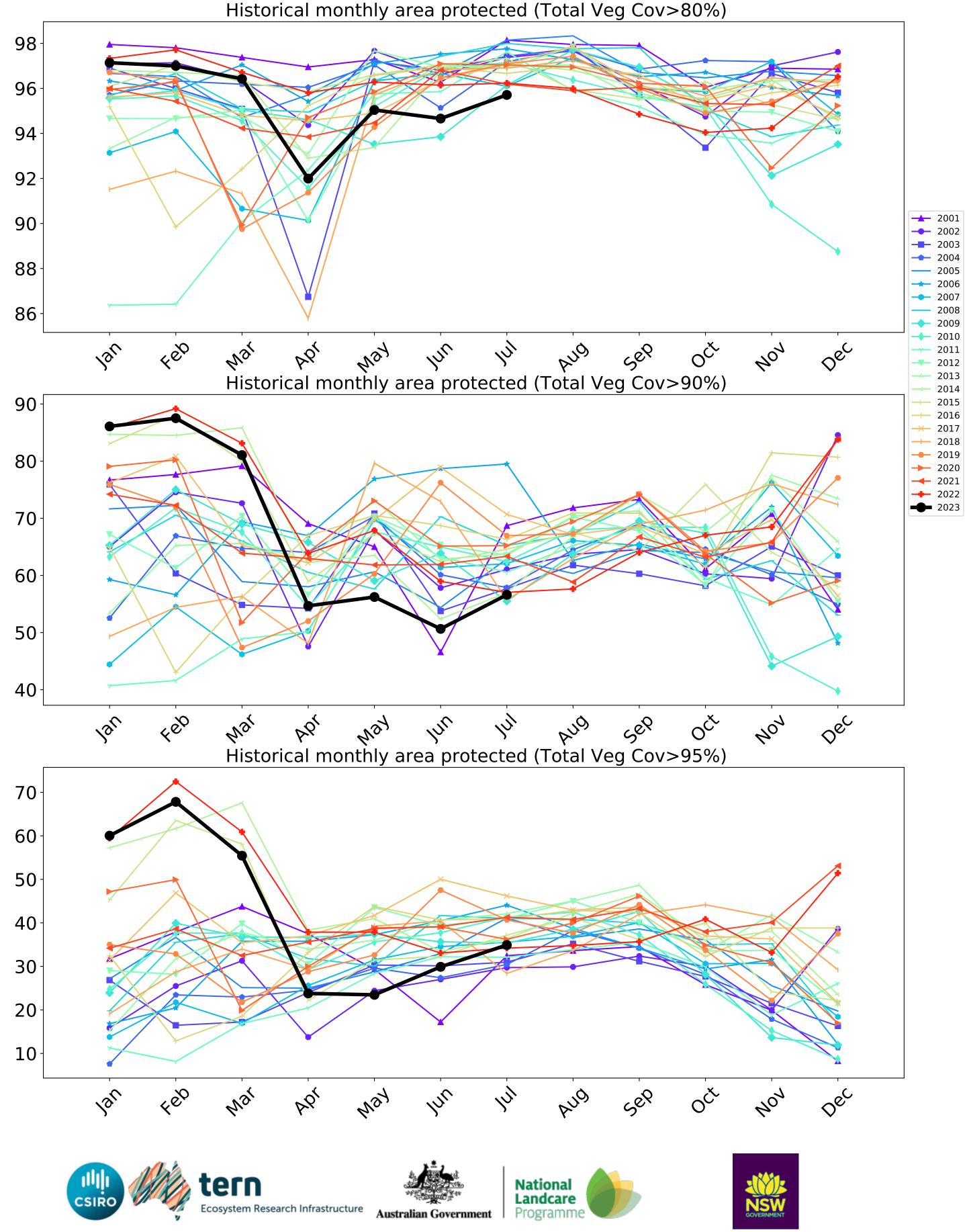




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)





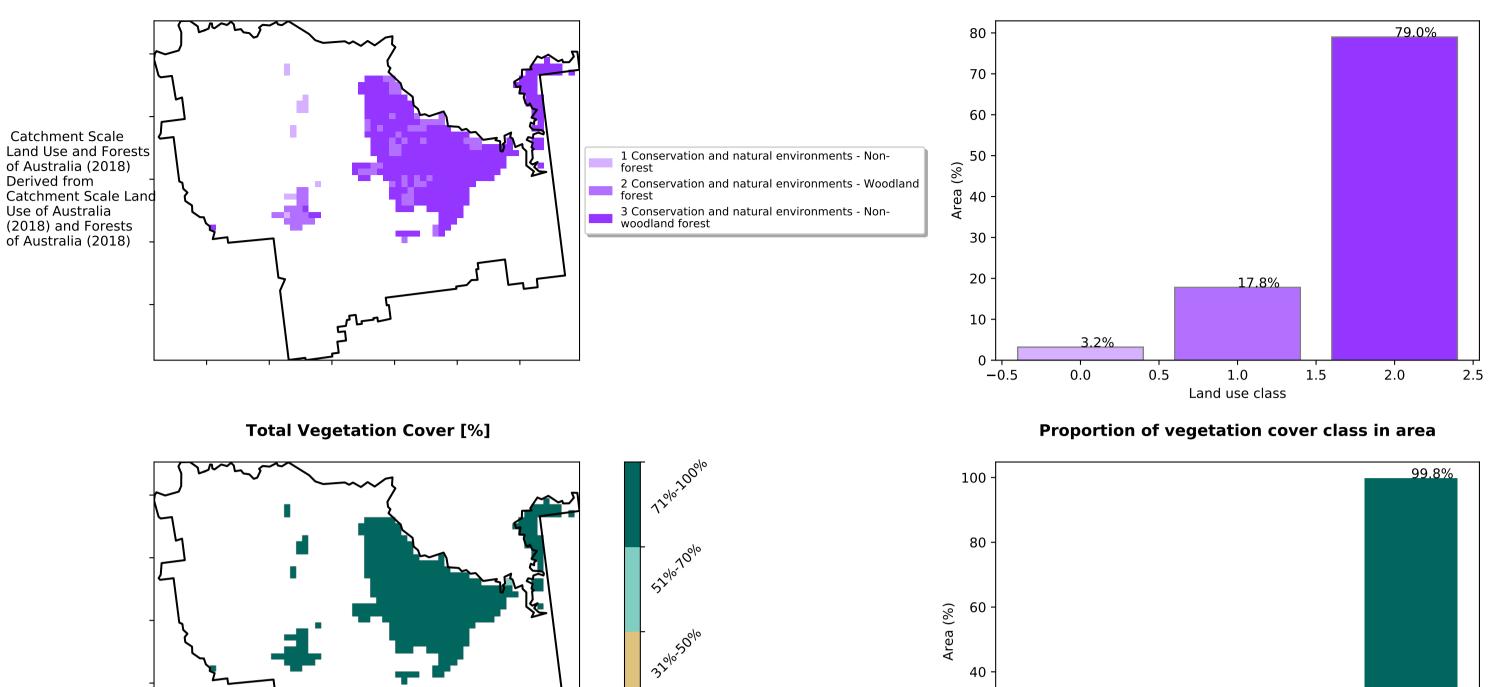




#### **Conservation and natural environments**

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



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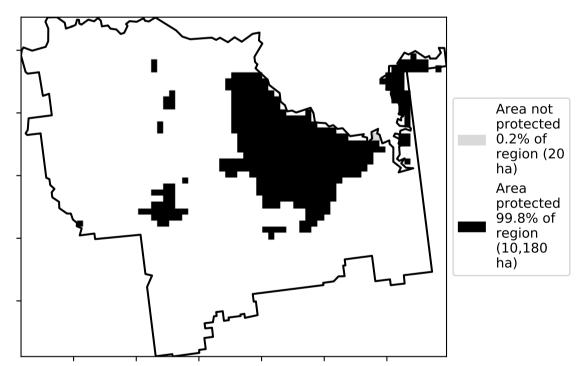
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





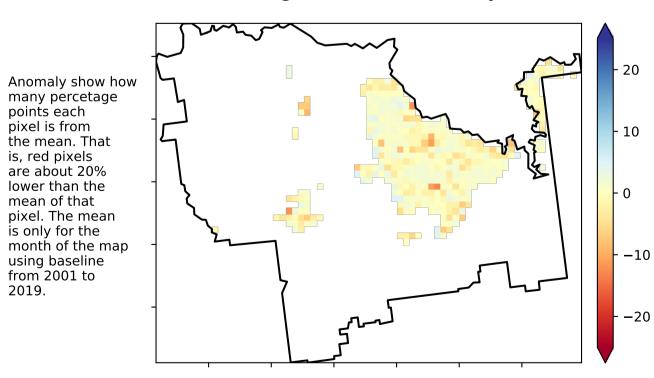
Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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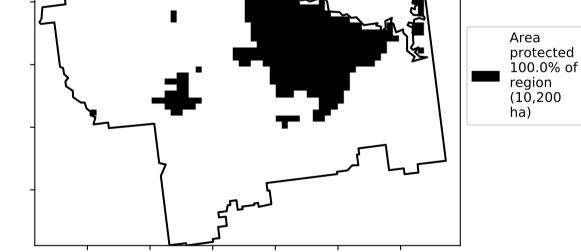
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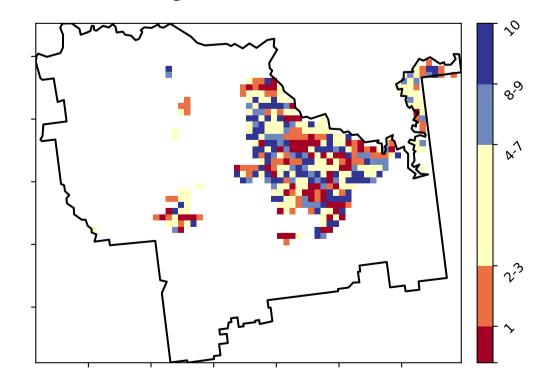


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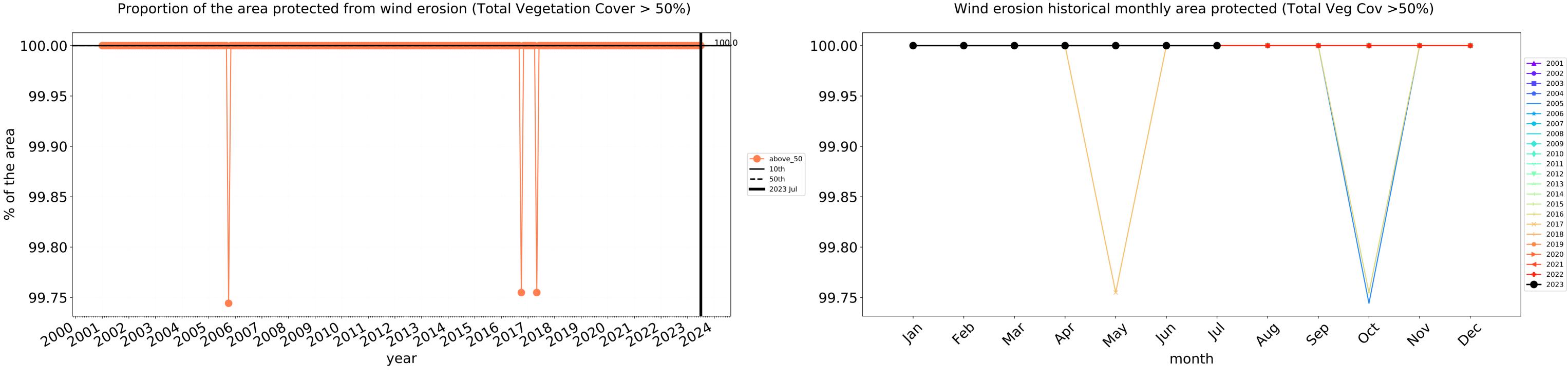
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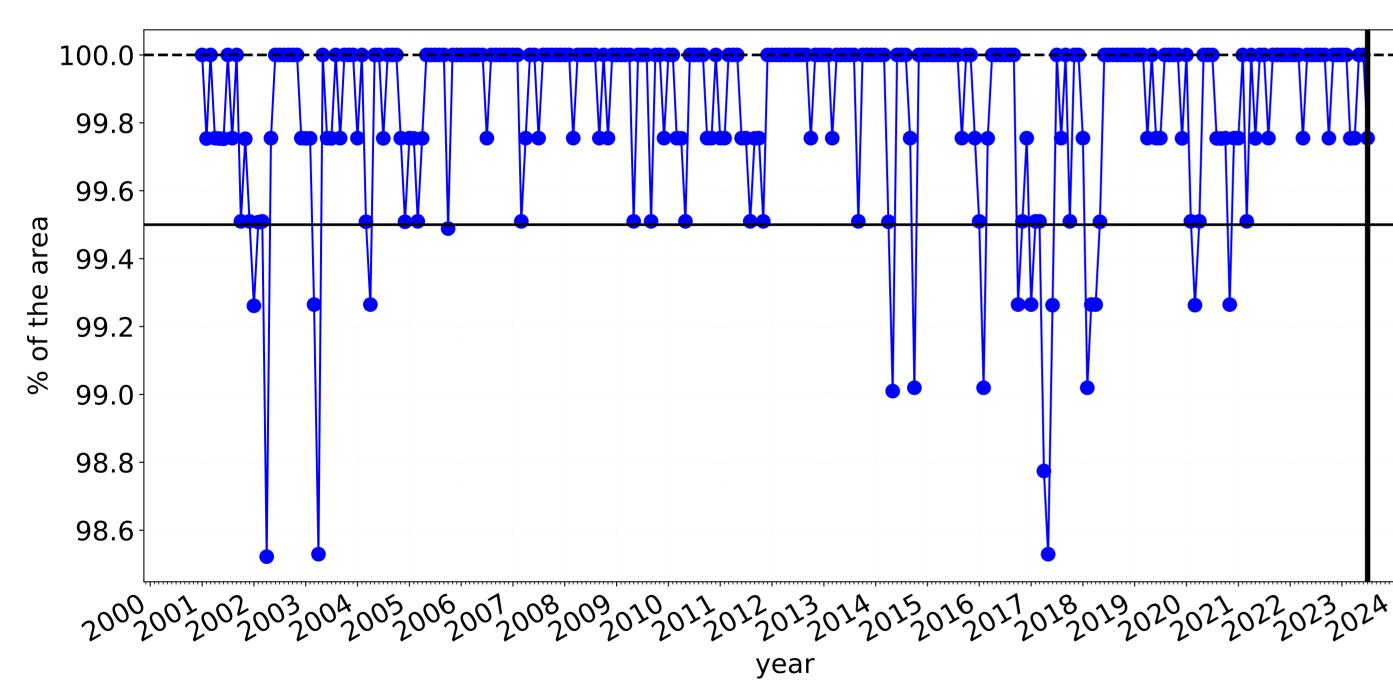






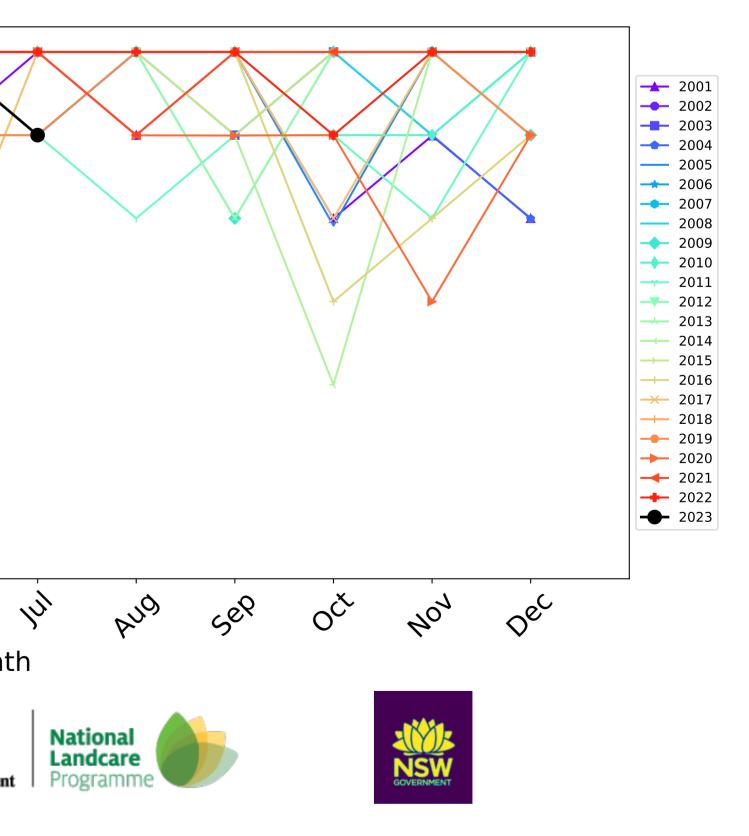
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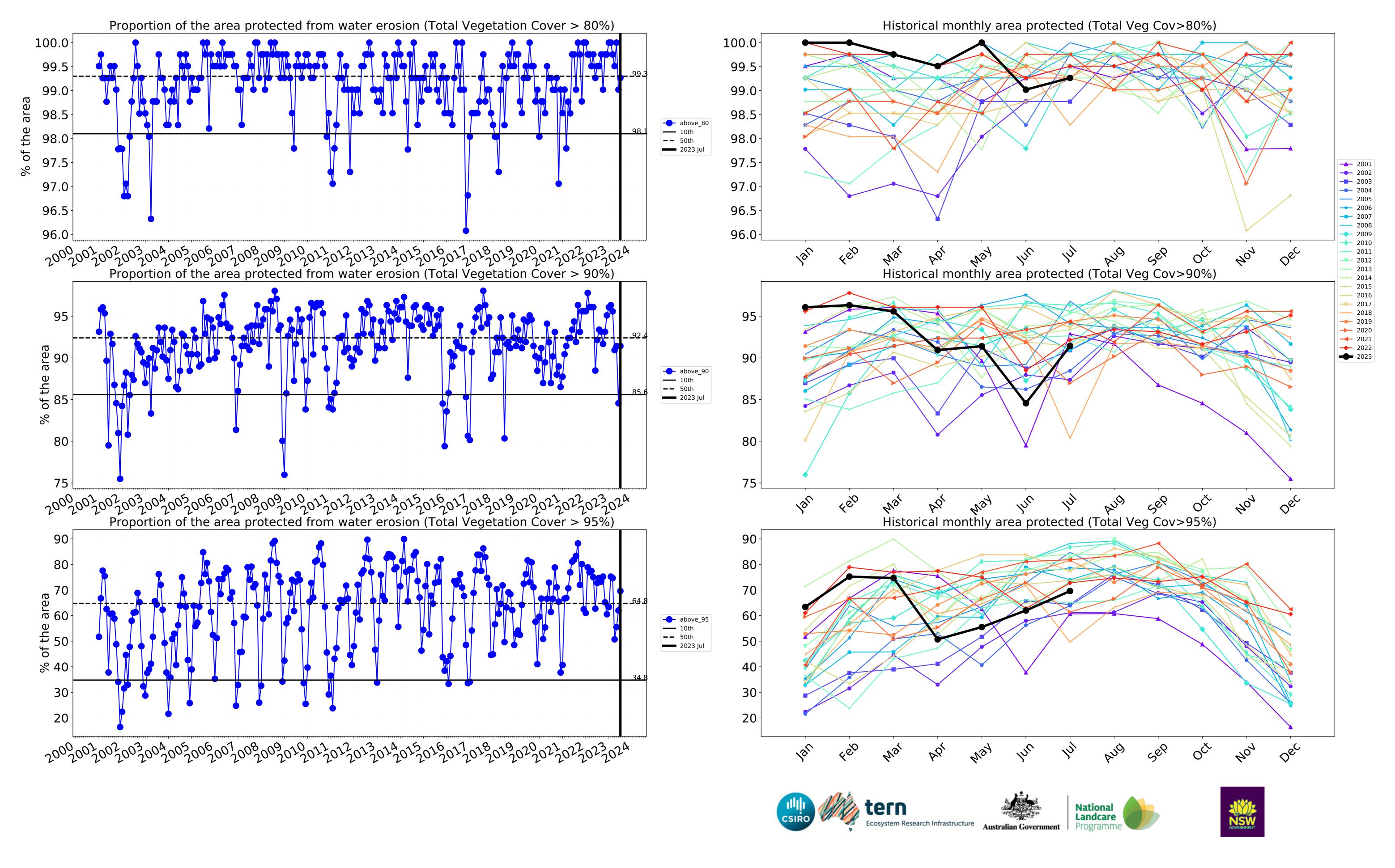




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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





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

Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from 1 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland Catchment Scale Land forest Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

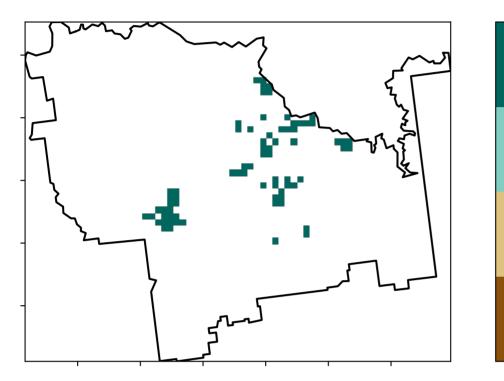
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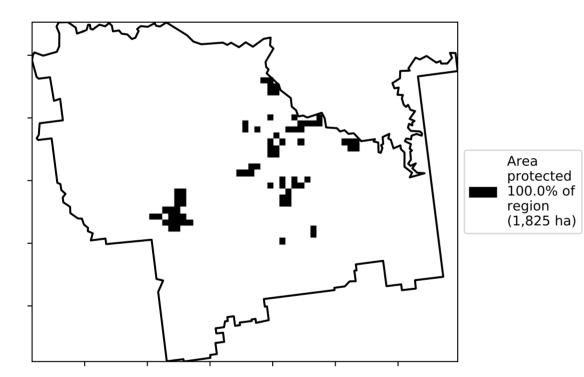
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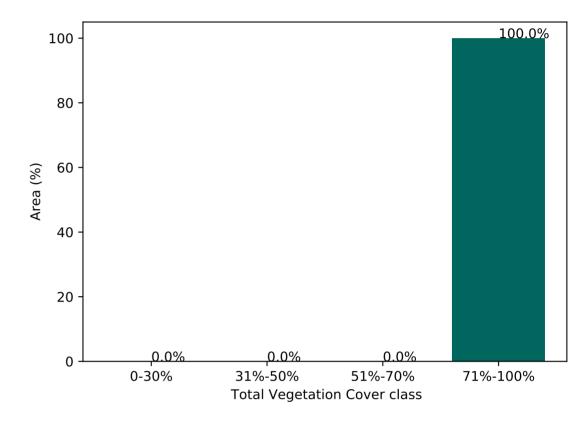
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



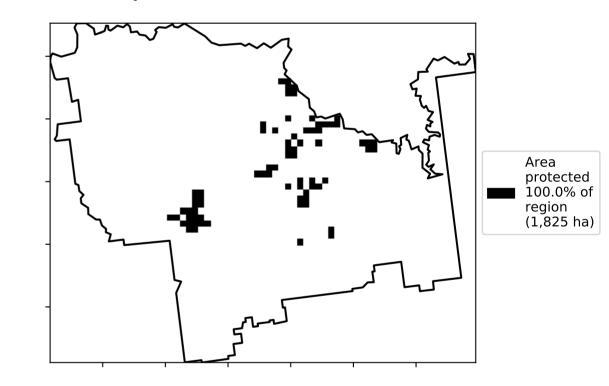
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



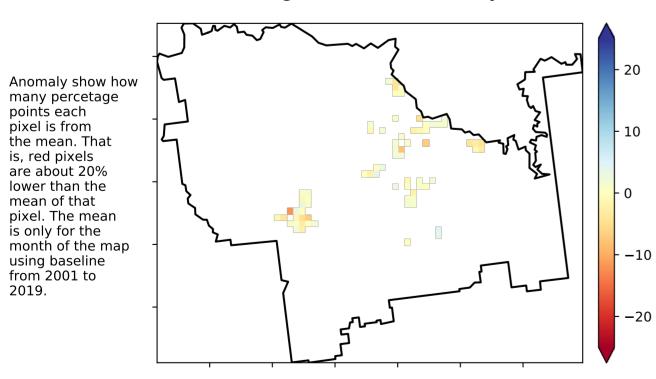
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

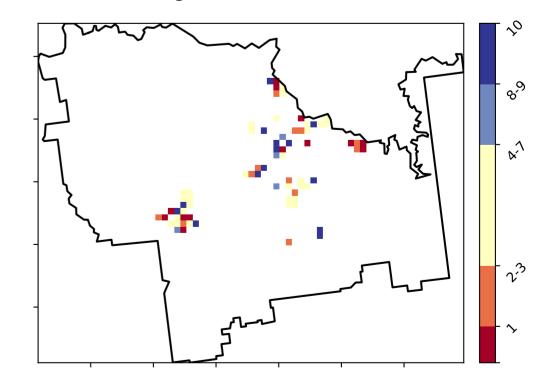


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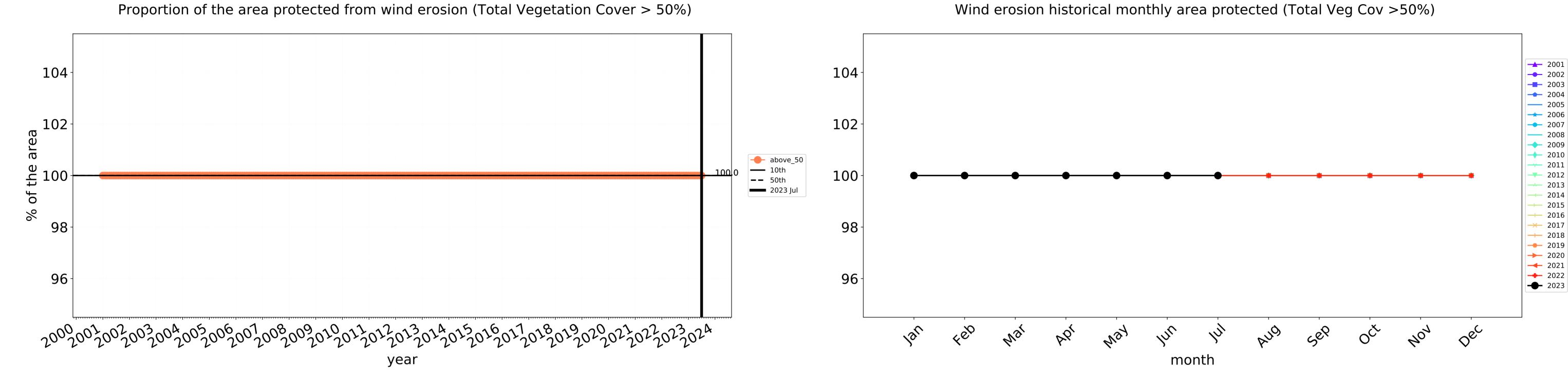
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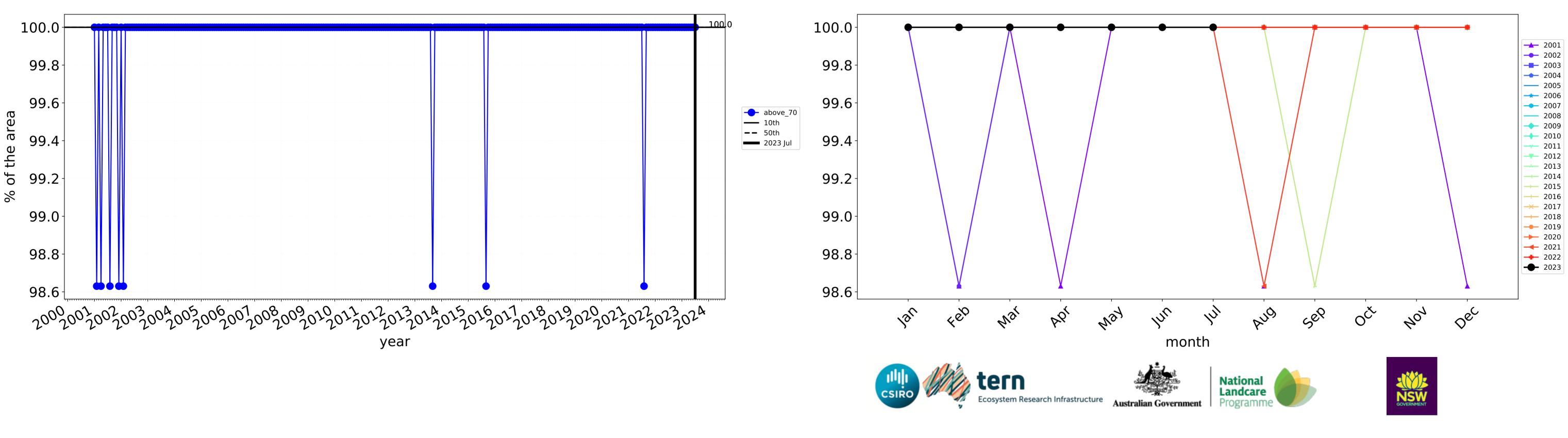
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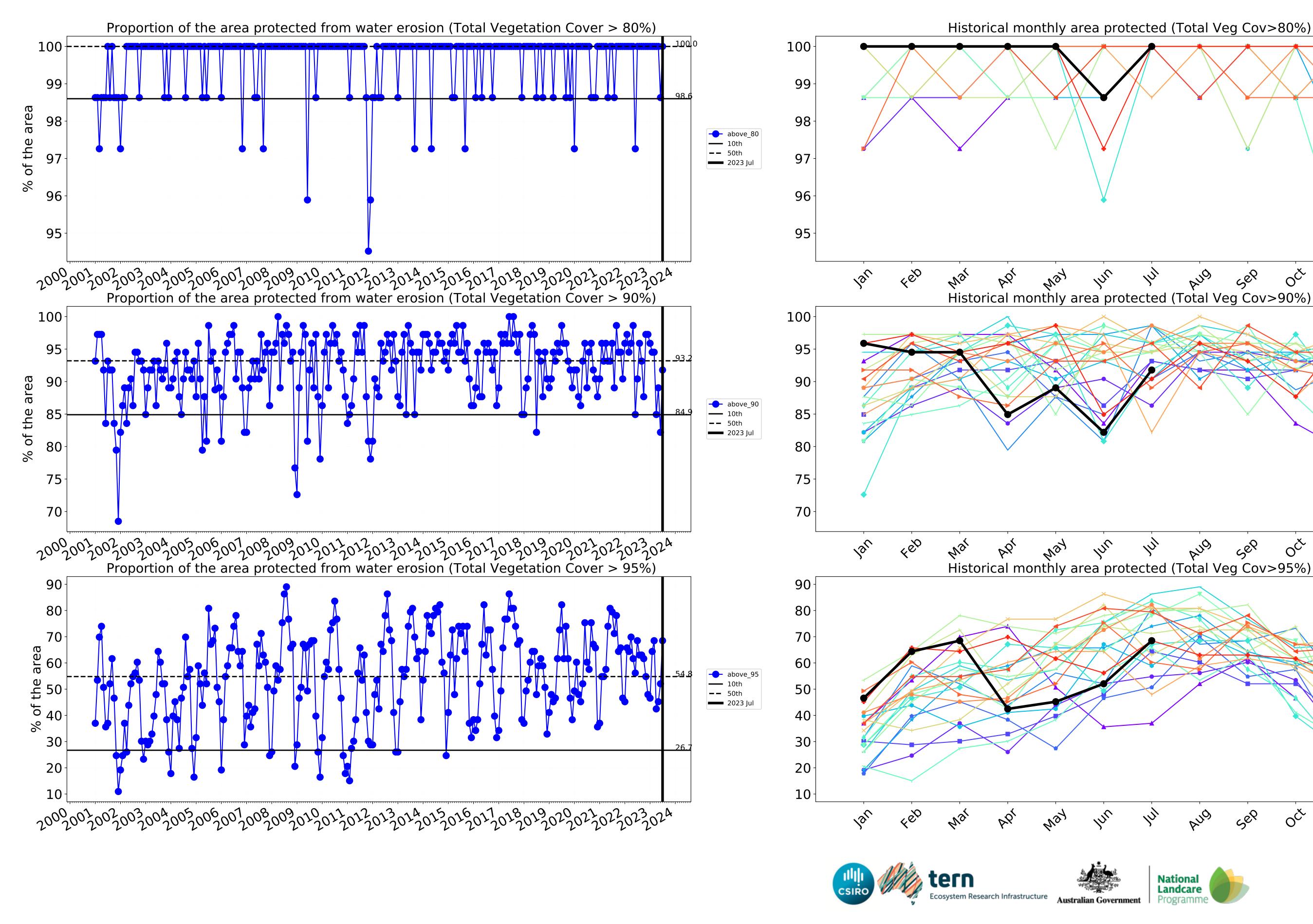


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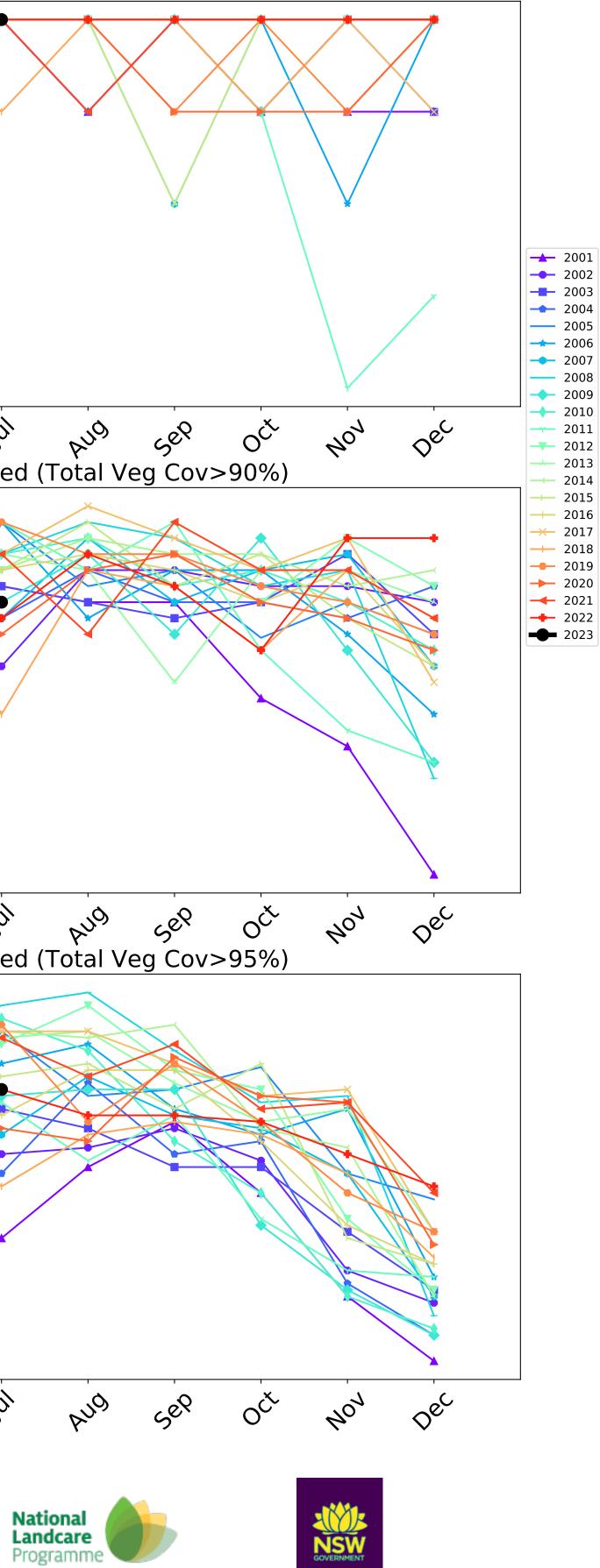
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



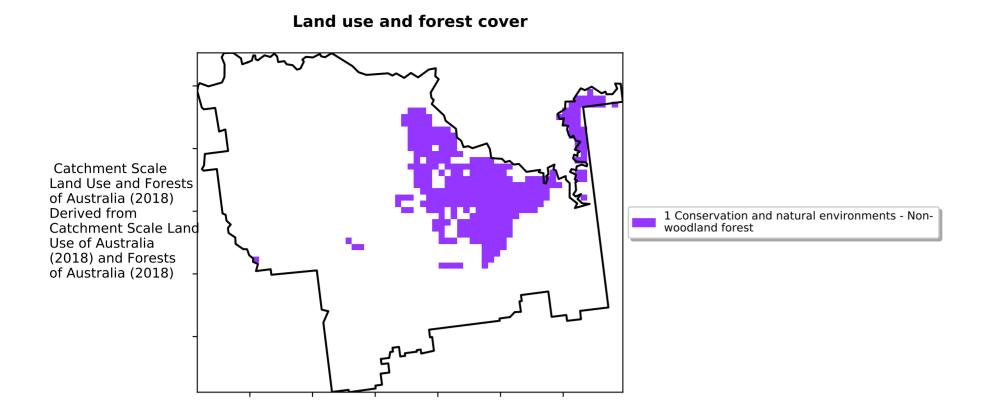
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#### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**



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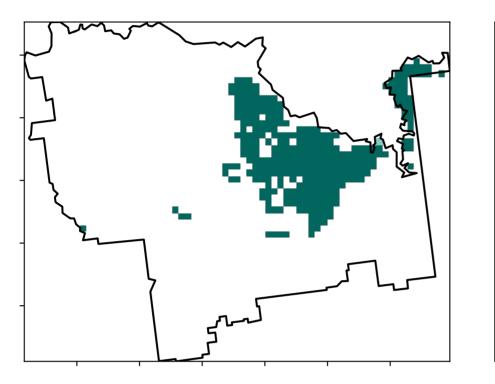
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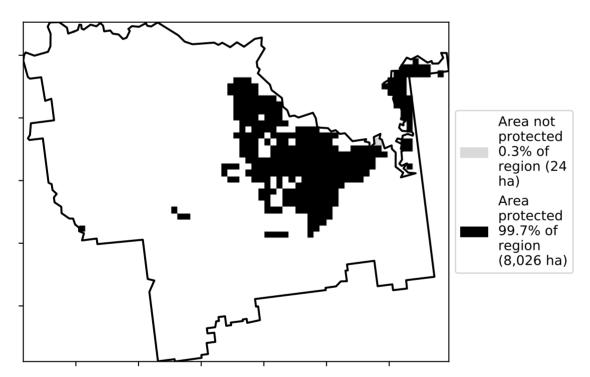
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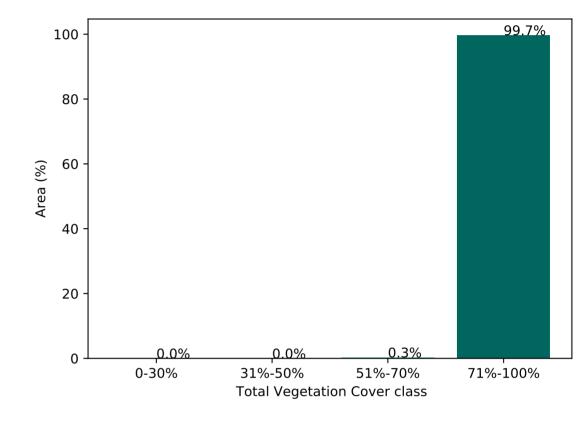
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



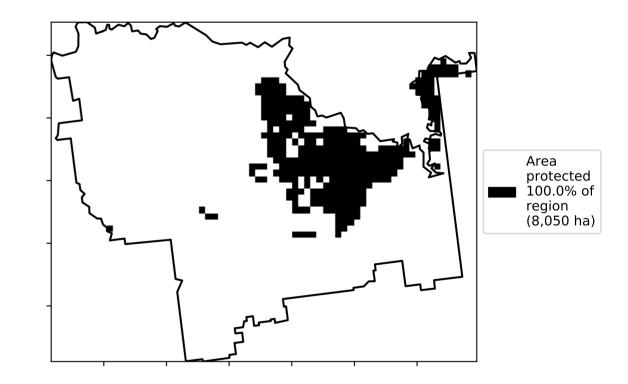
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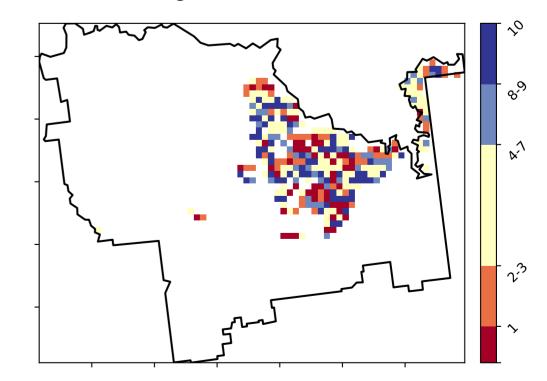
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



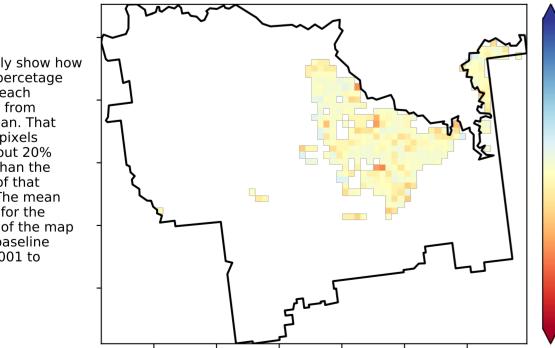
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



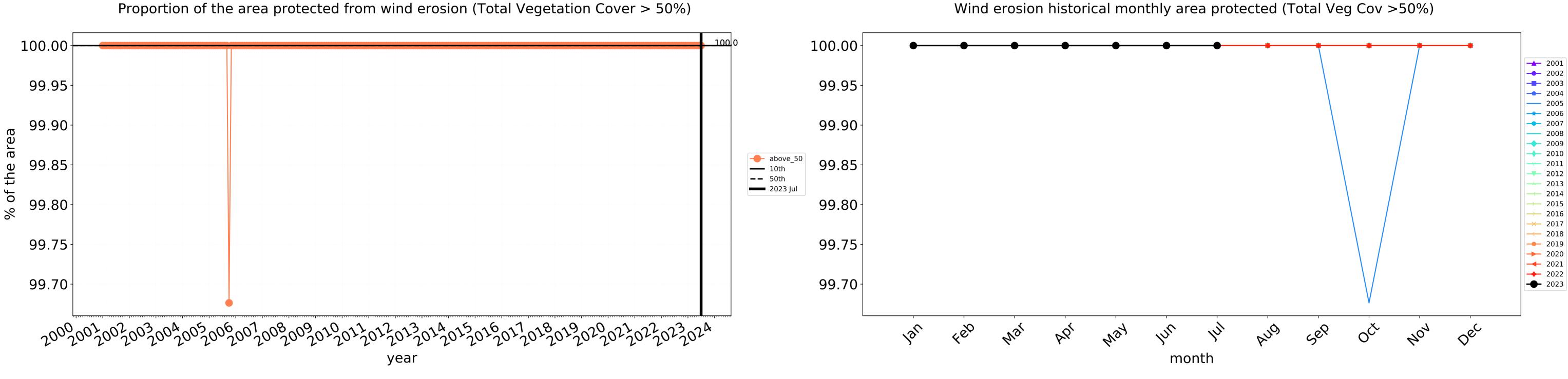
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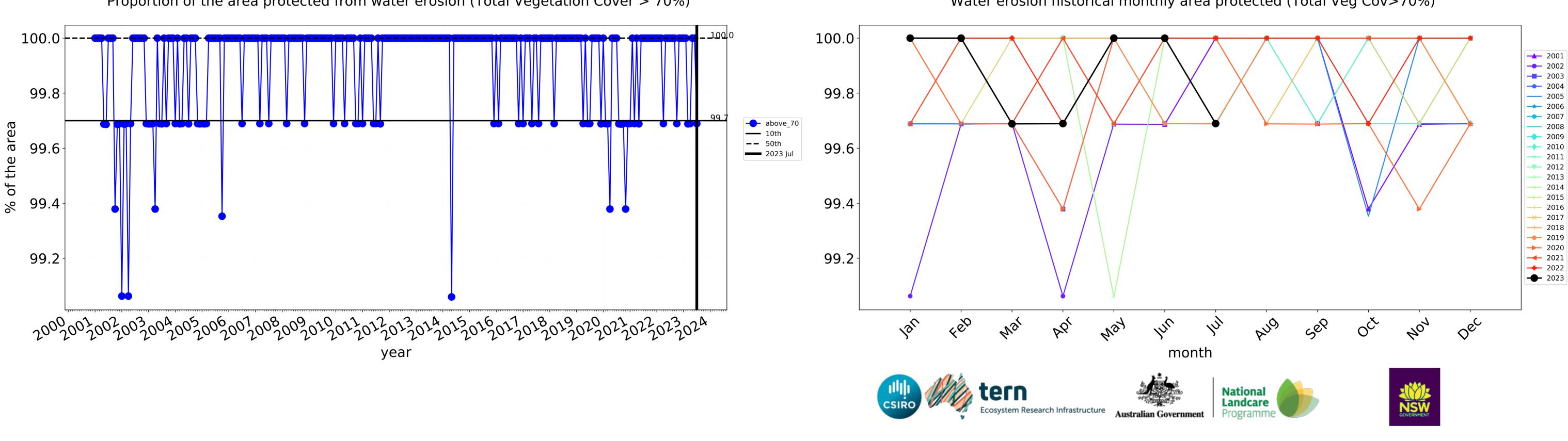
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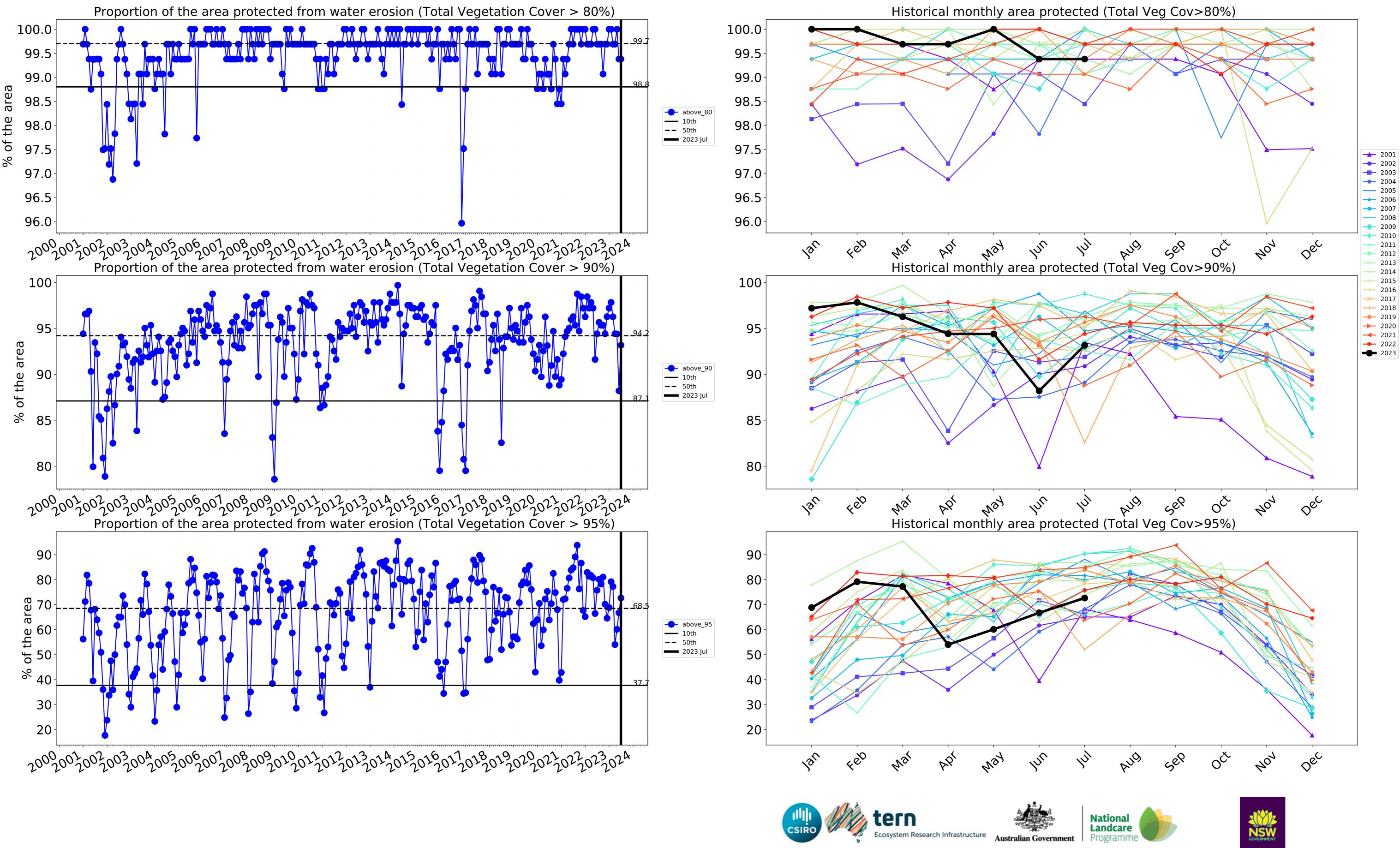
## Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries



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



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



### Agriculture

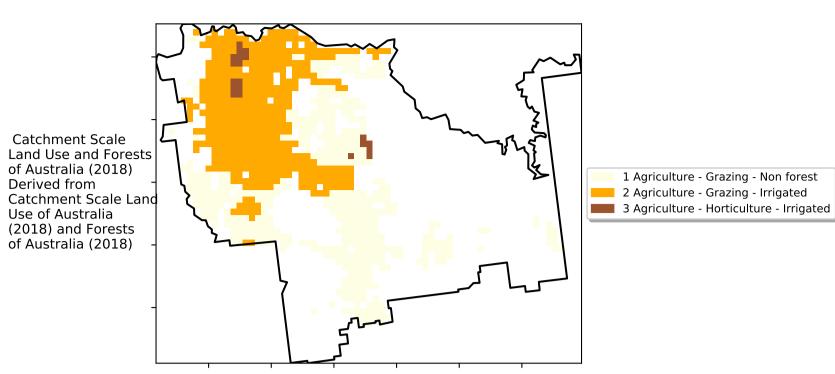
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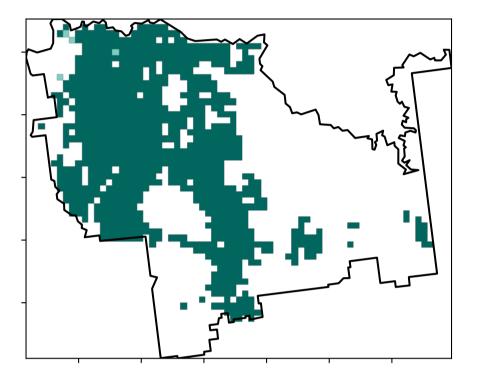
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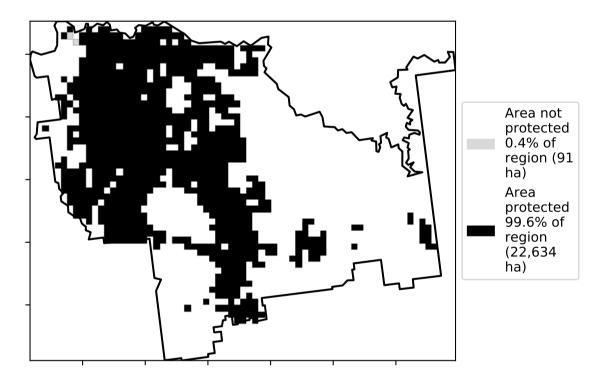
Land use and forest cover

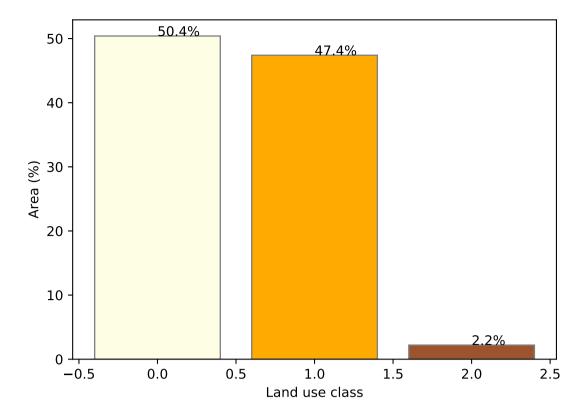


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



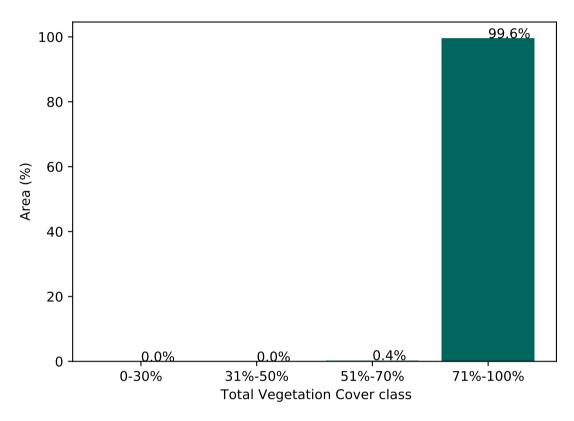
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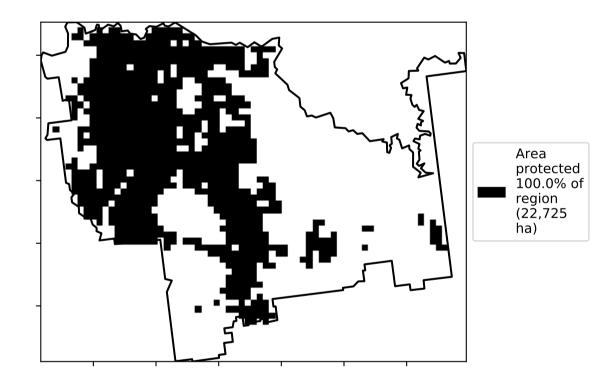


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

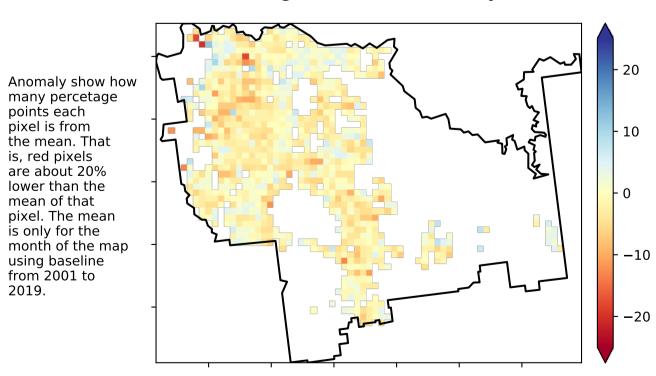
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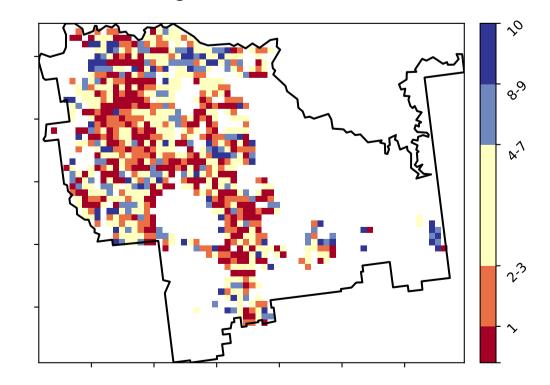
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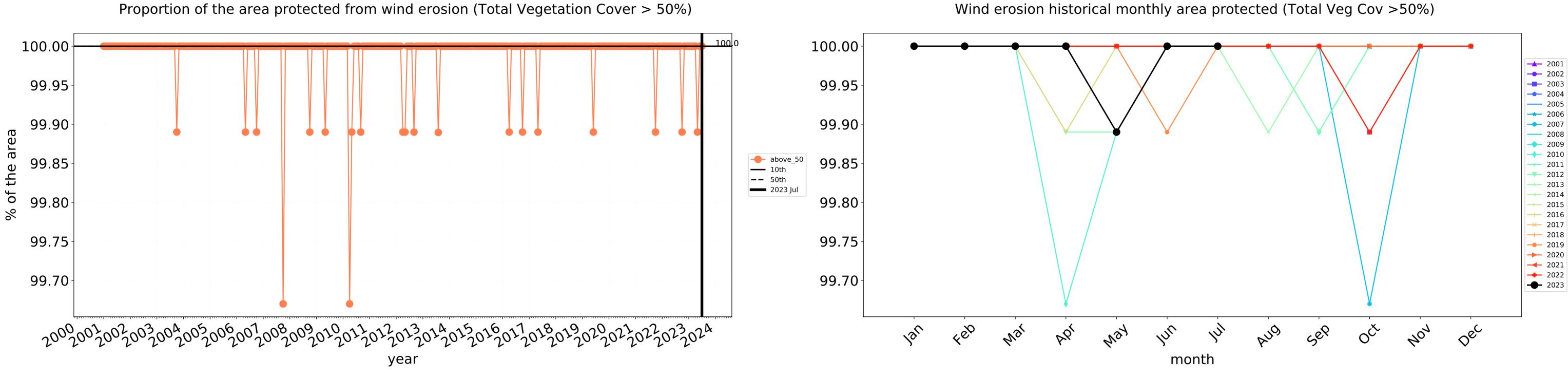
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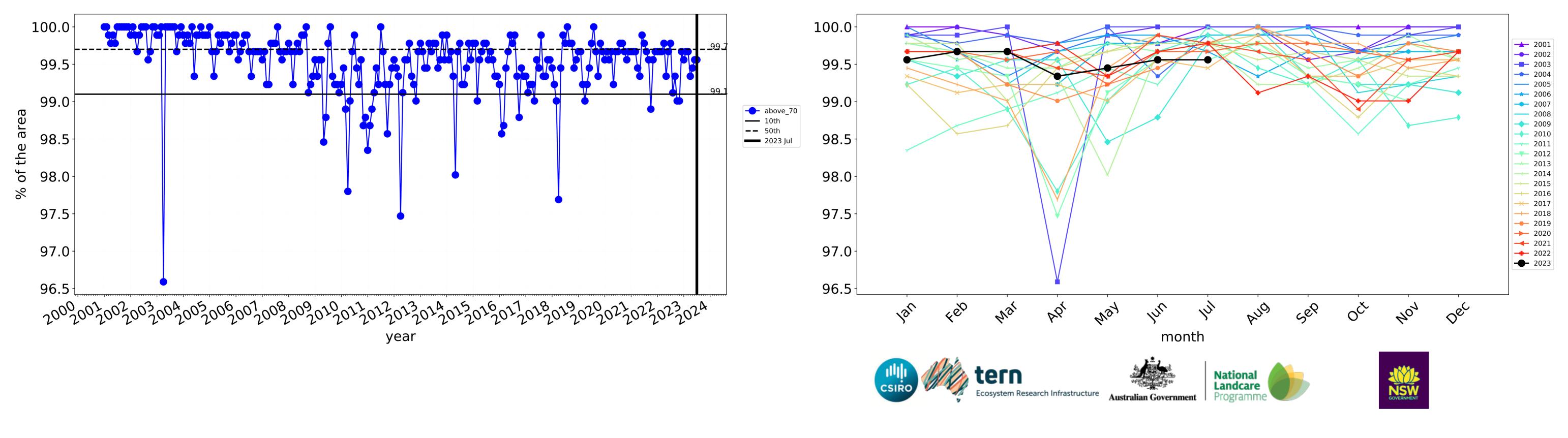
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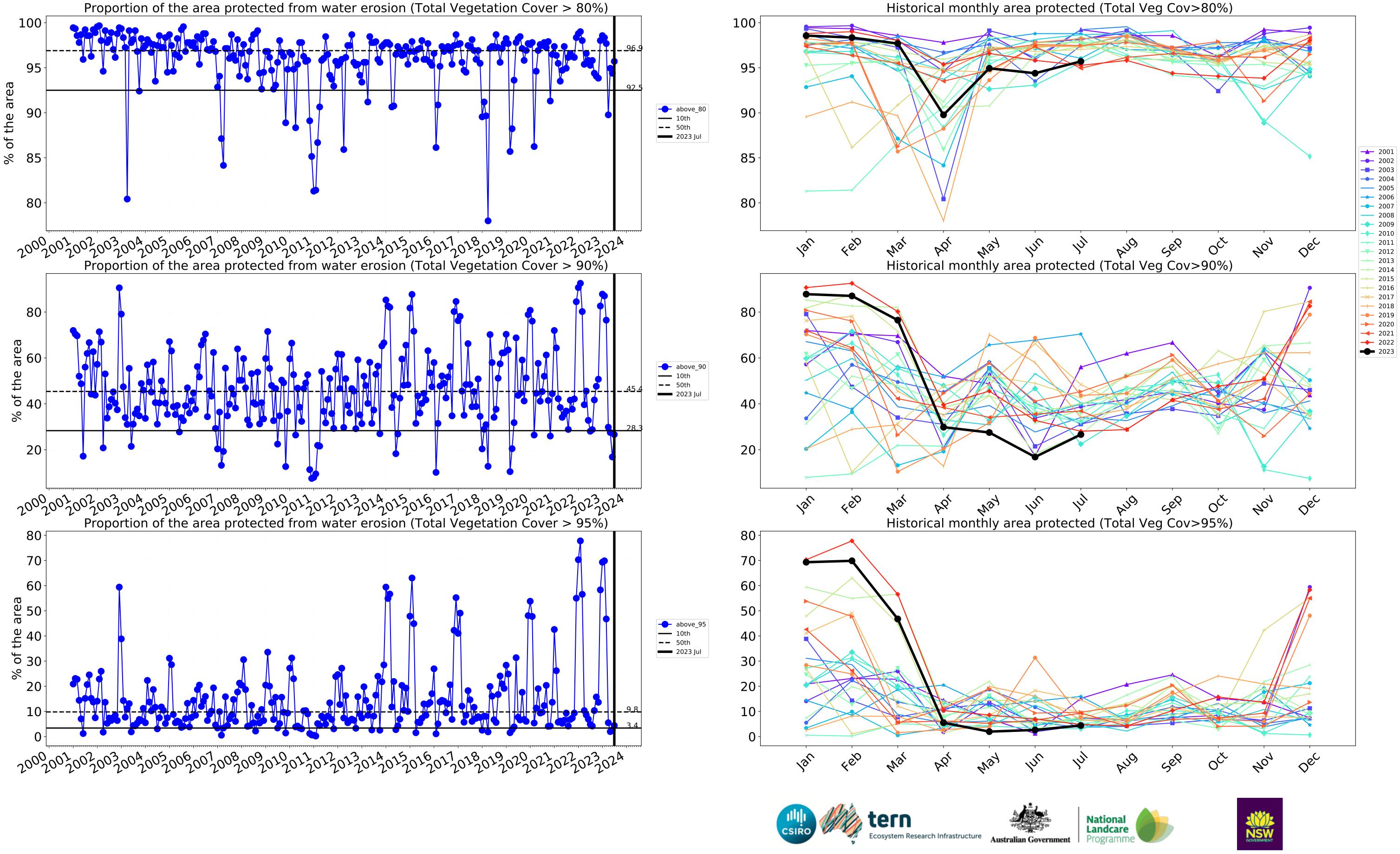


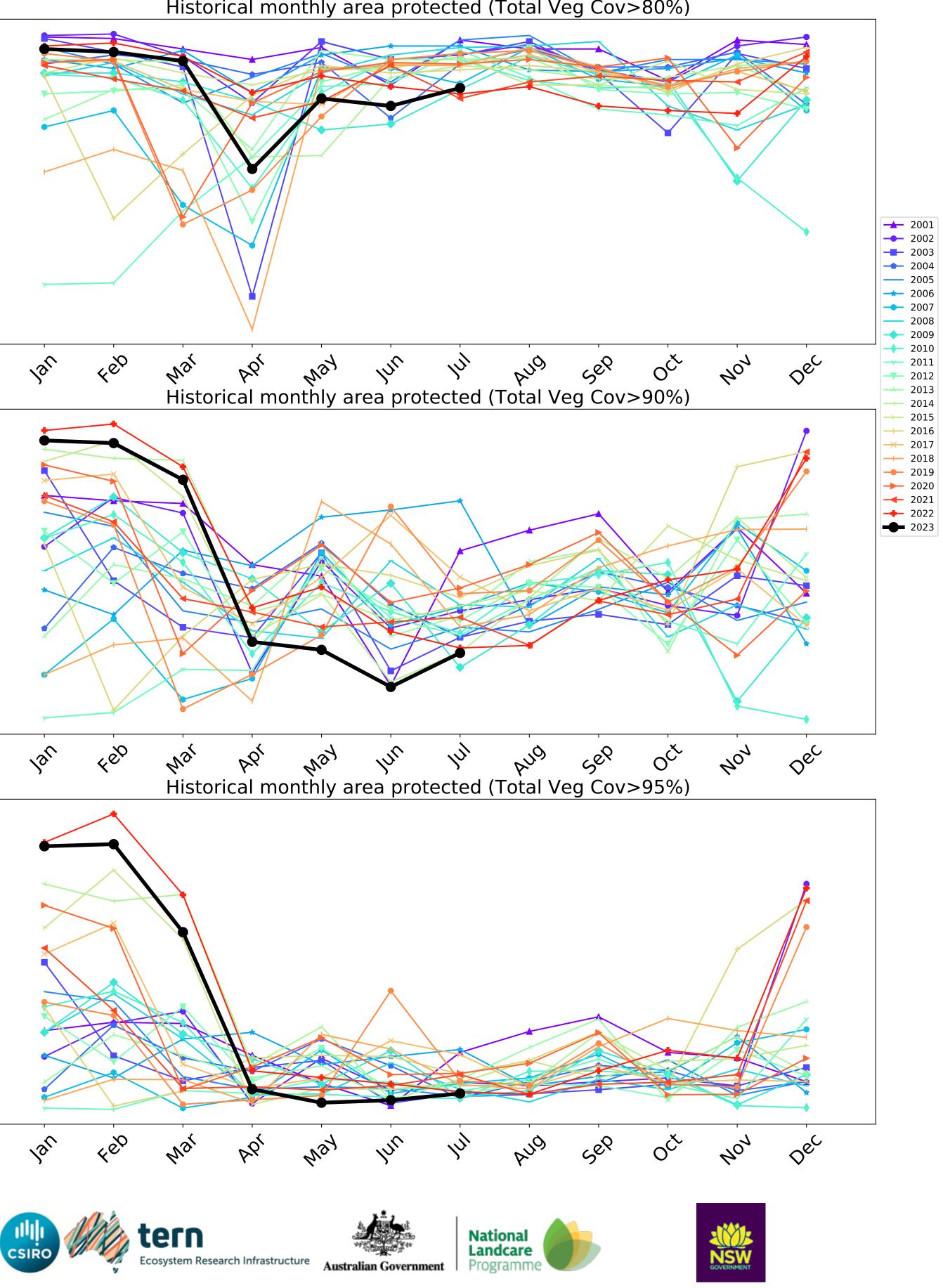
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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





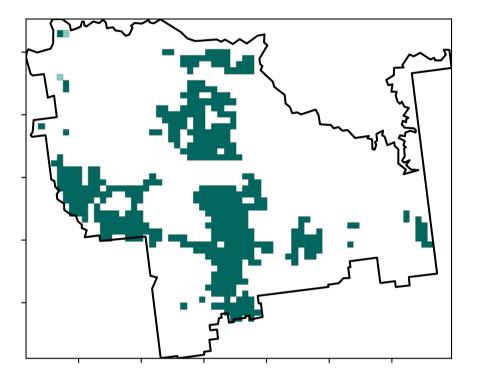




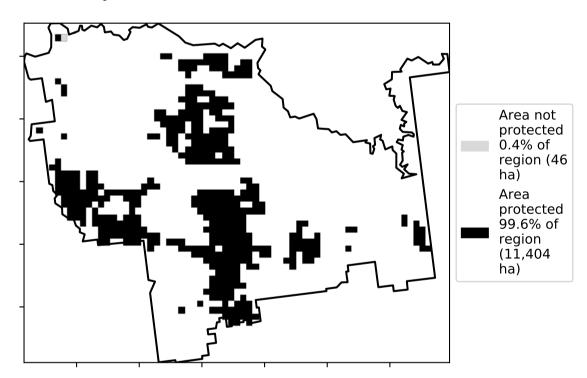
## Grazing

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

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



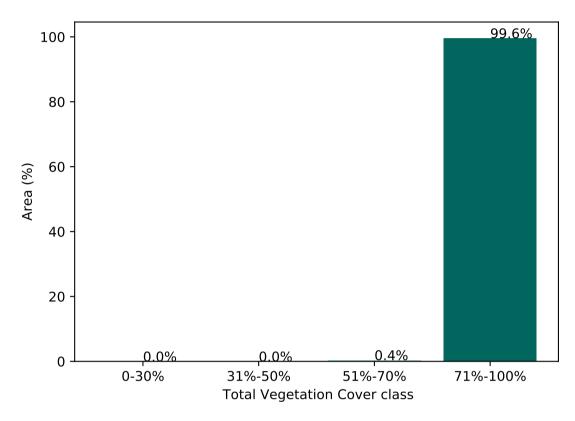
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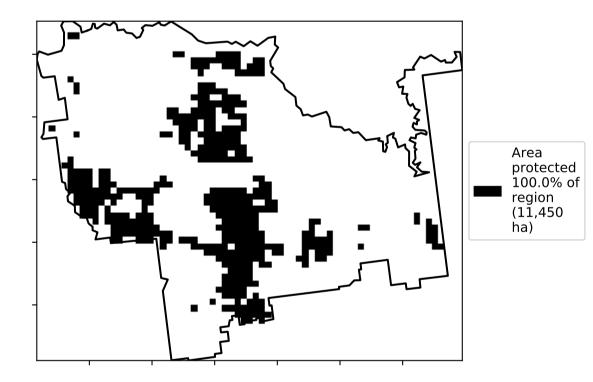
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#### Proportion of each land class in area

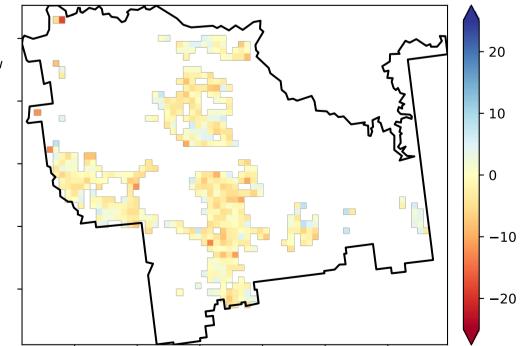
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



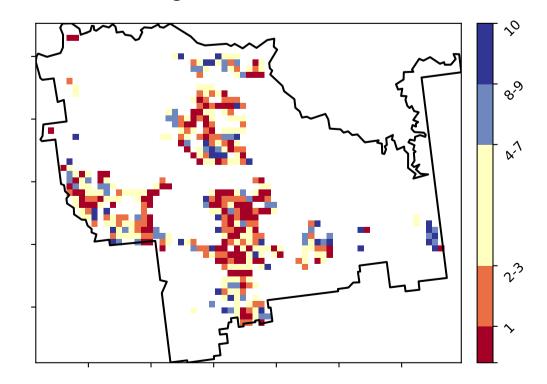
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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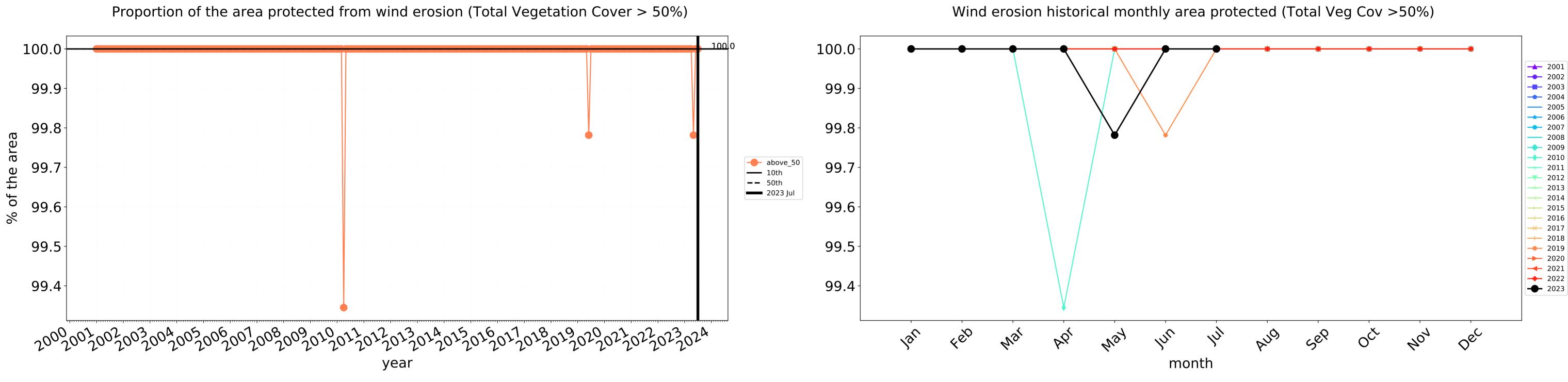
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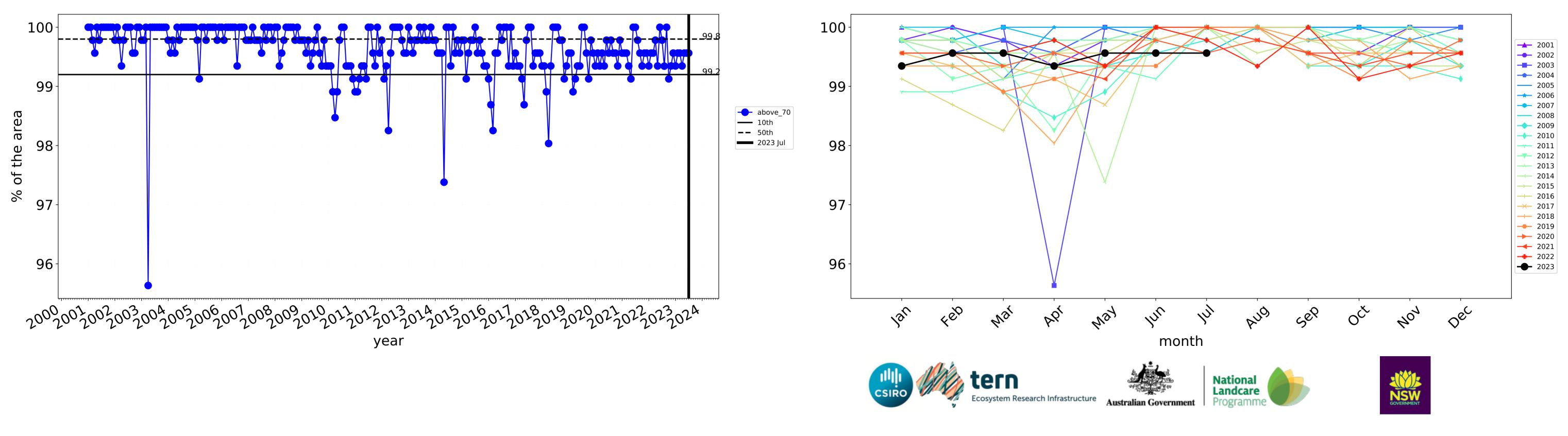
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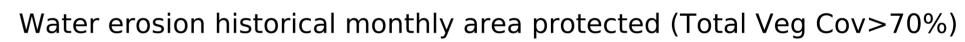
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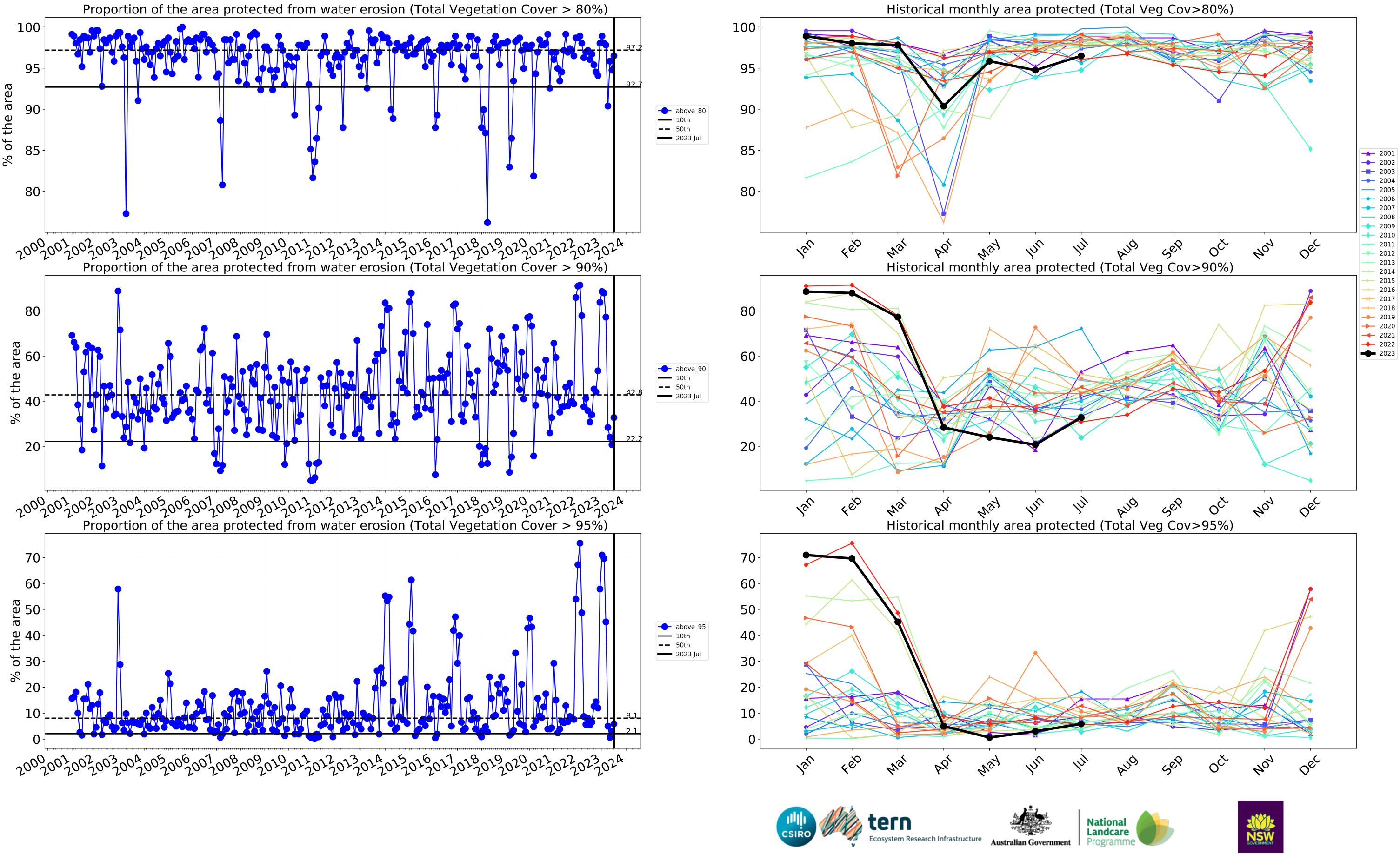


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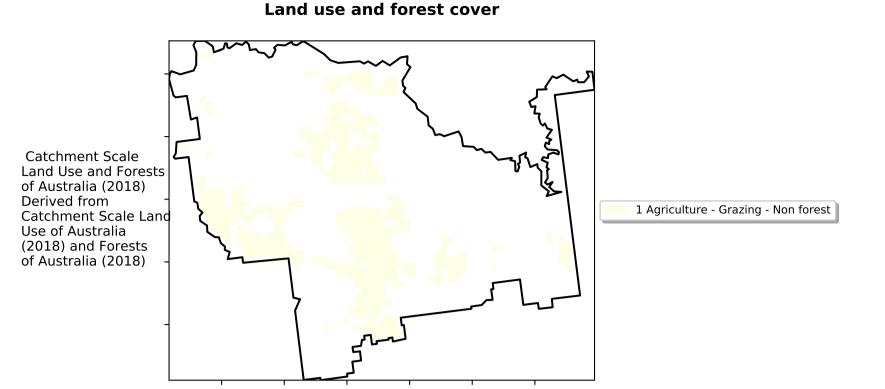
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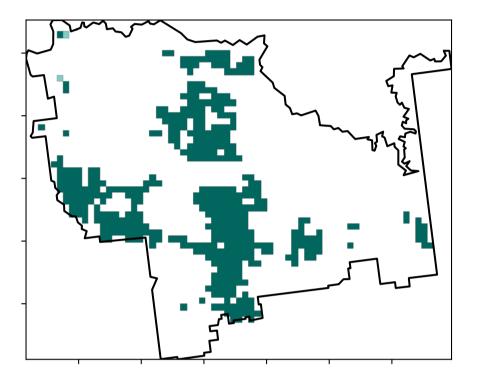
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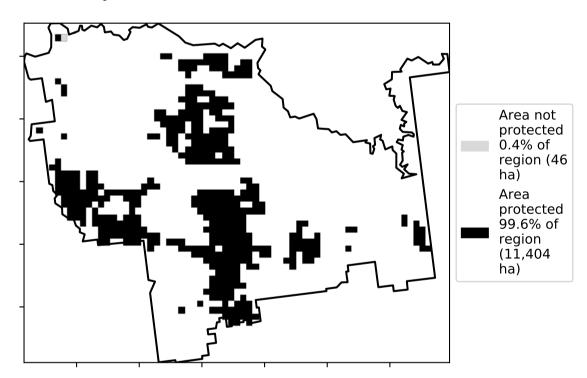
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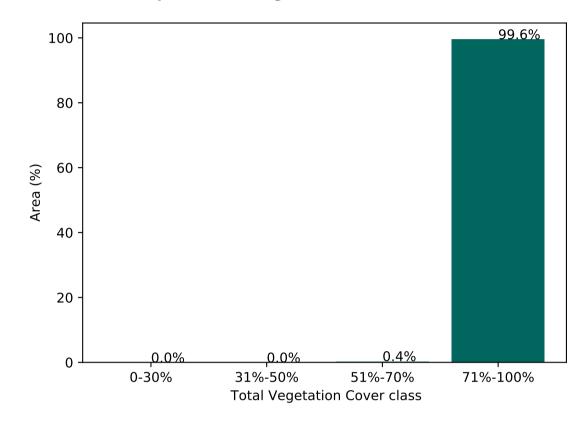
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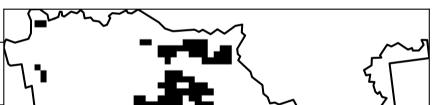
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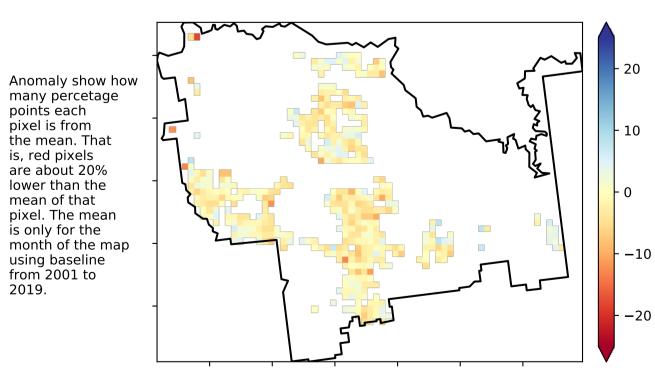
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



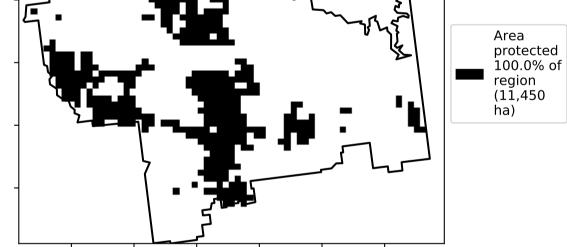
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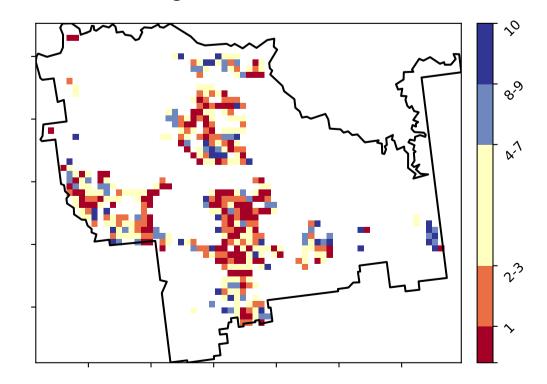


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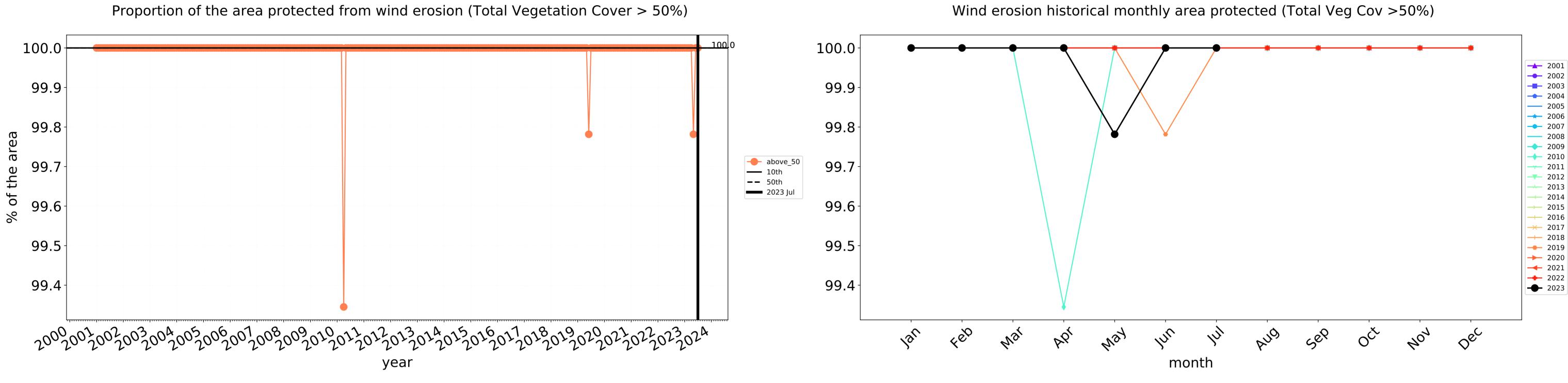
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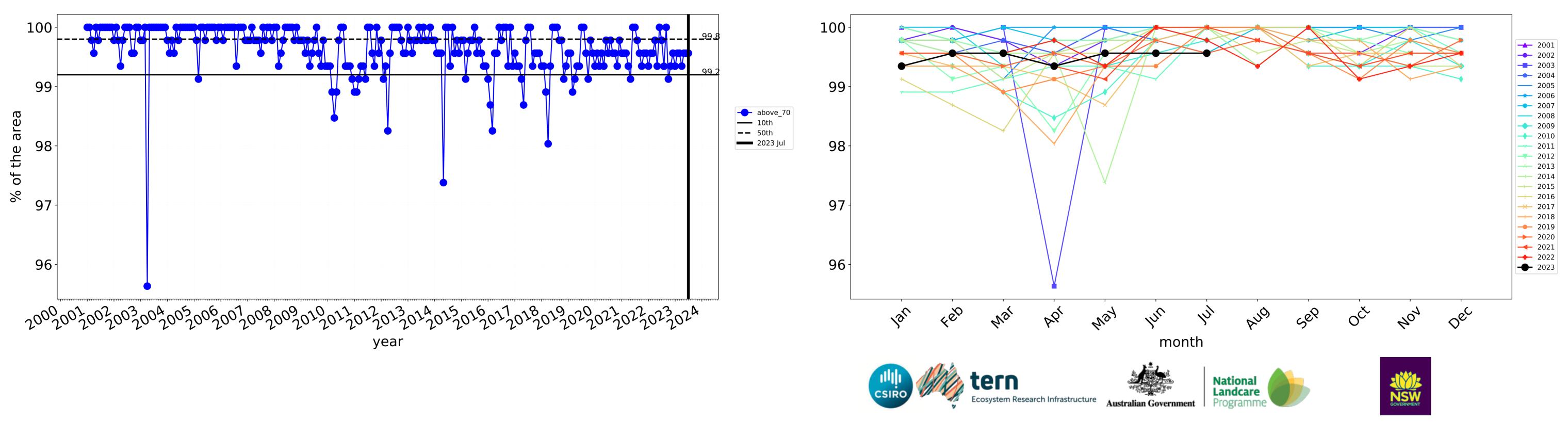




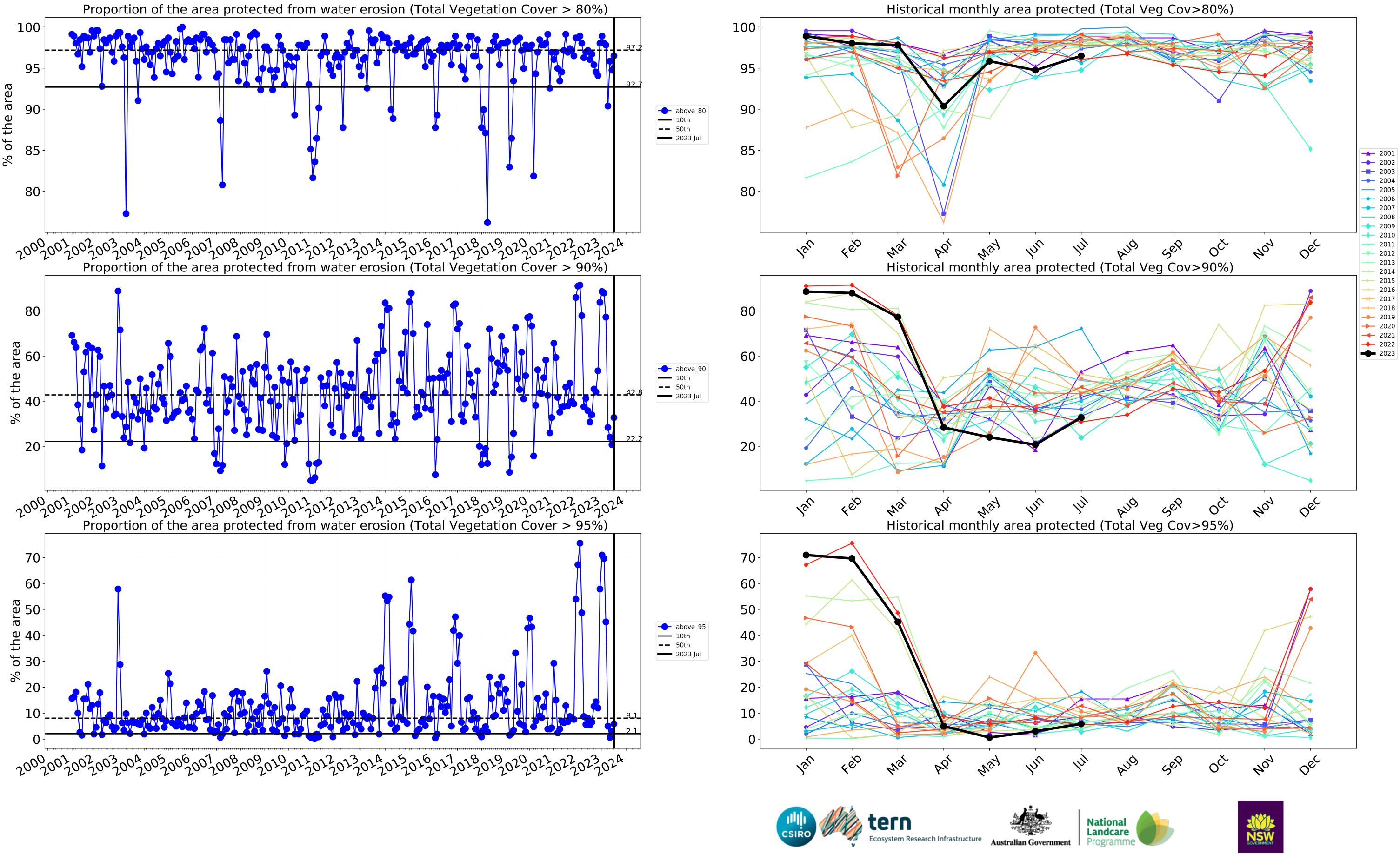












## Irrigation

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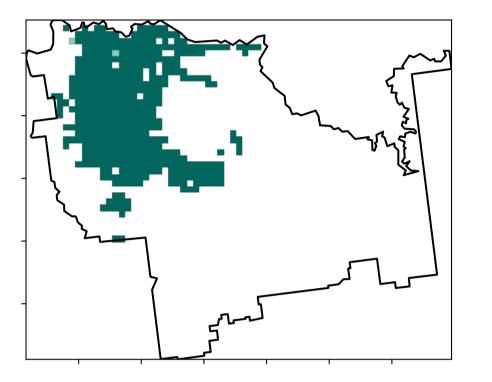
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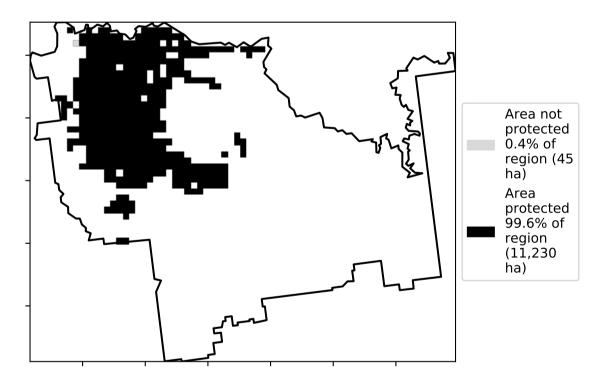
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

Land use and forest cover



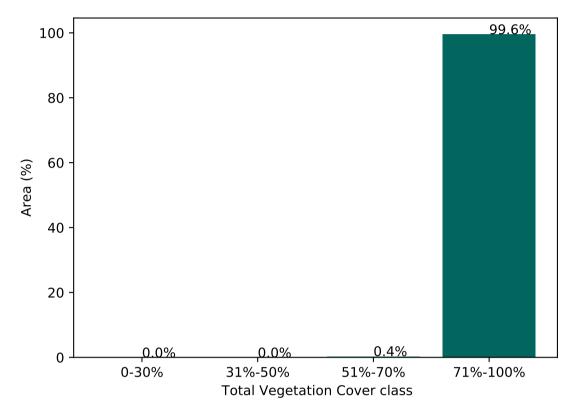
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



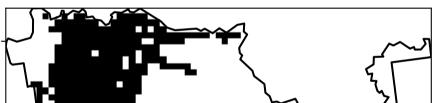
100 95.6% 80 60 Area (%) 40 20 4.4% 0 0.50 0.75 1.00 -0.25 0.00 0.25 1.25 Land use class



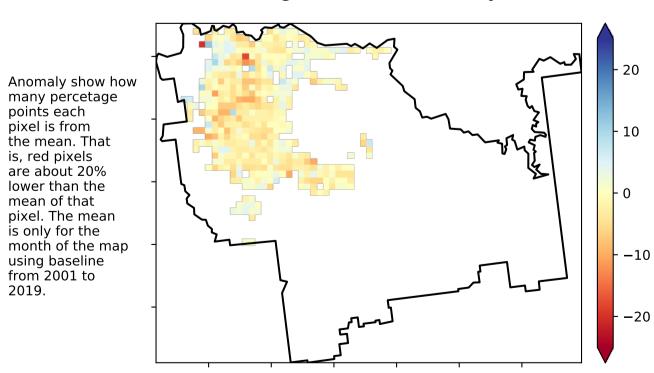
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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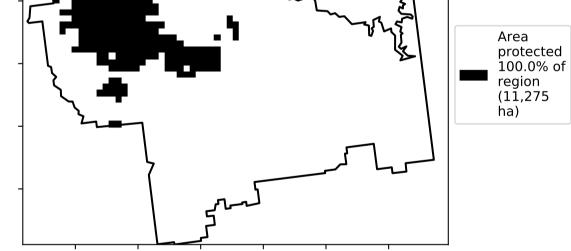
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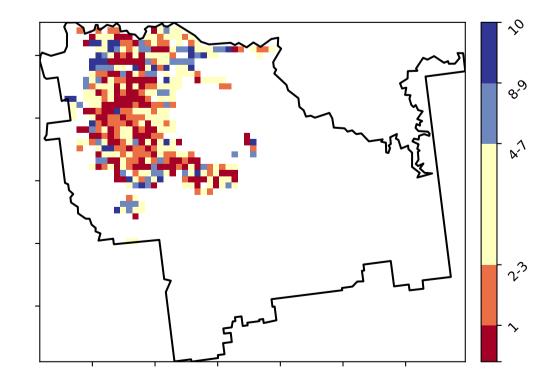
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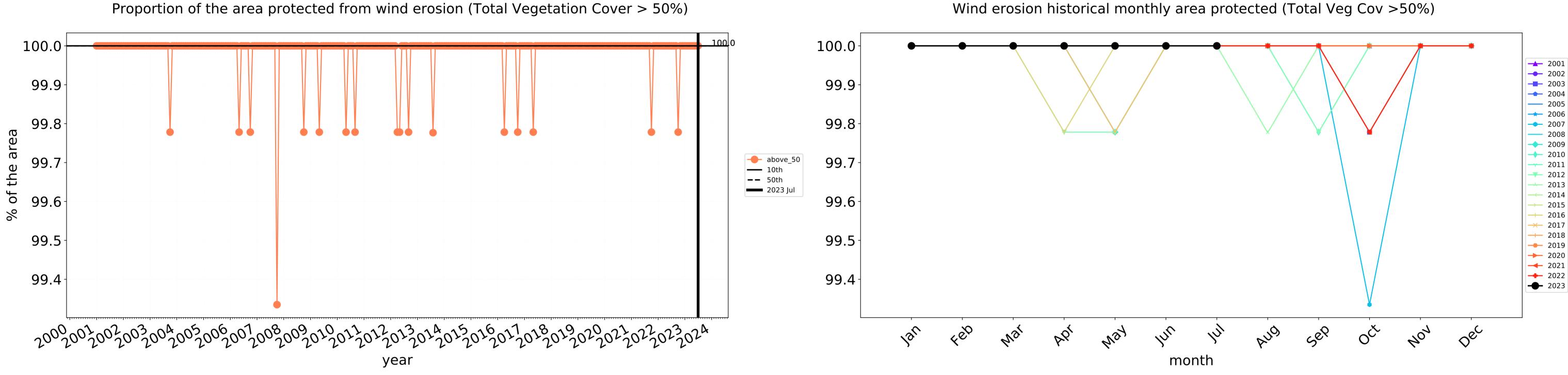
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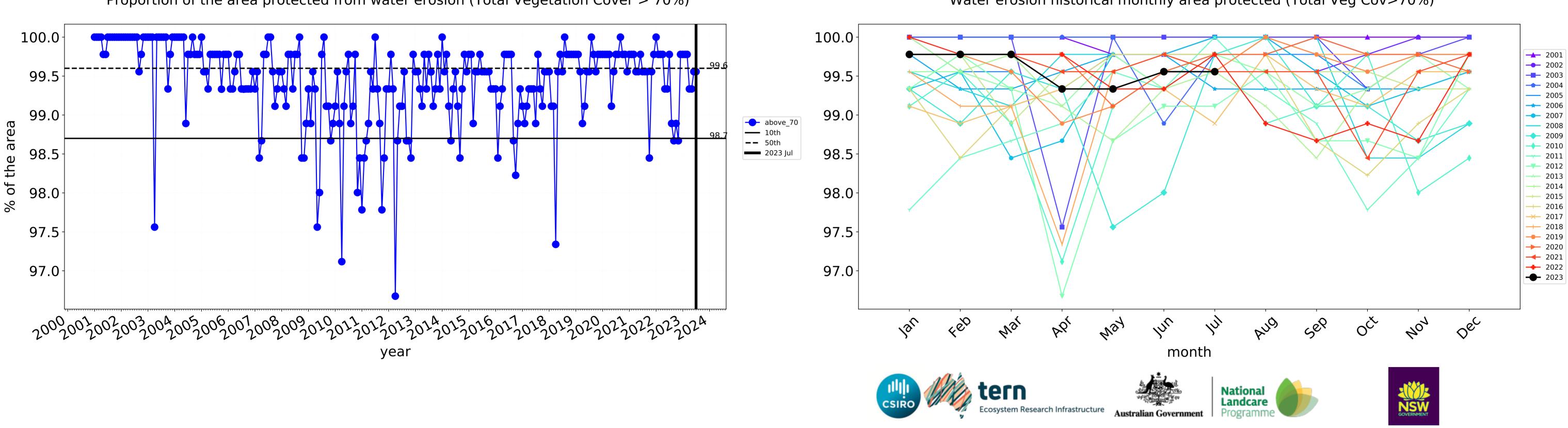
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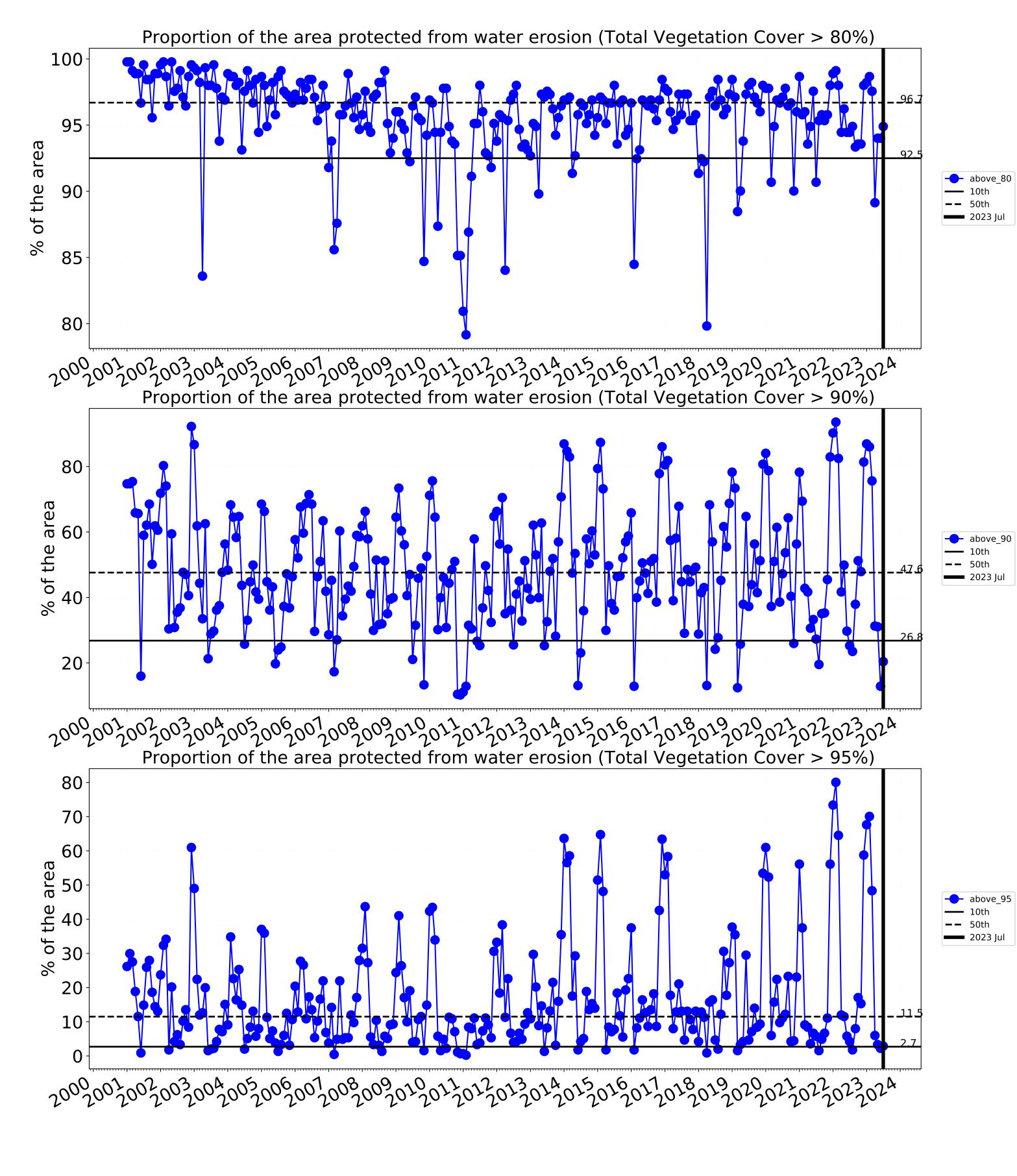


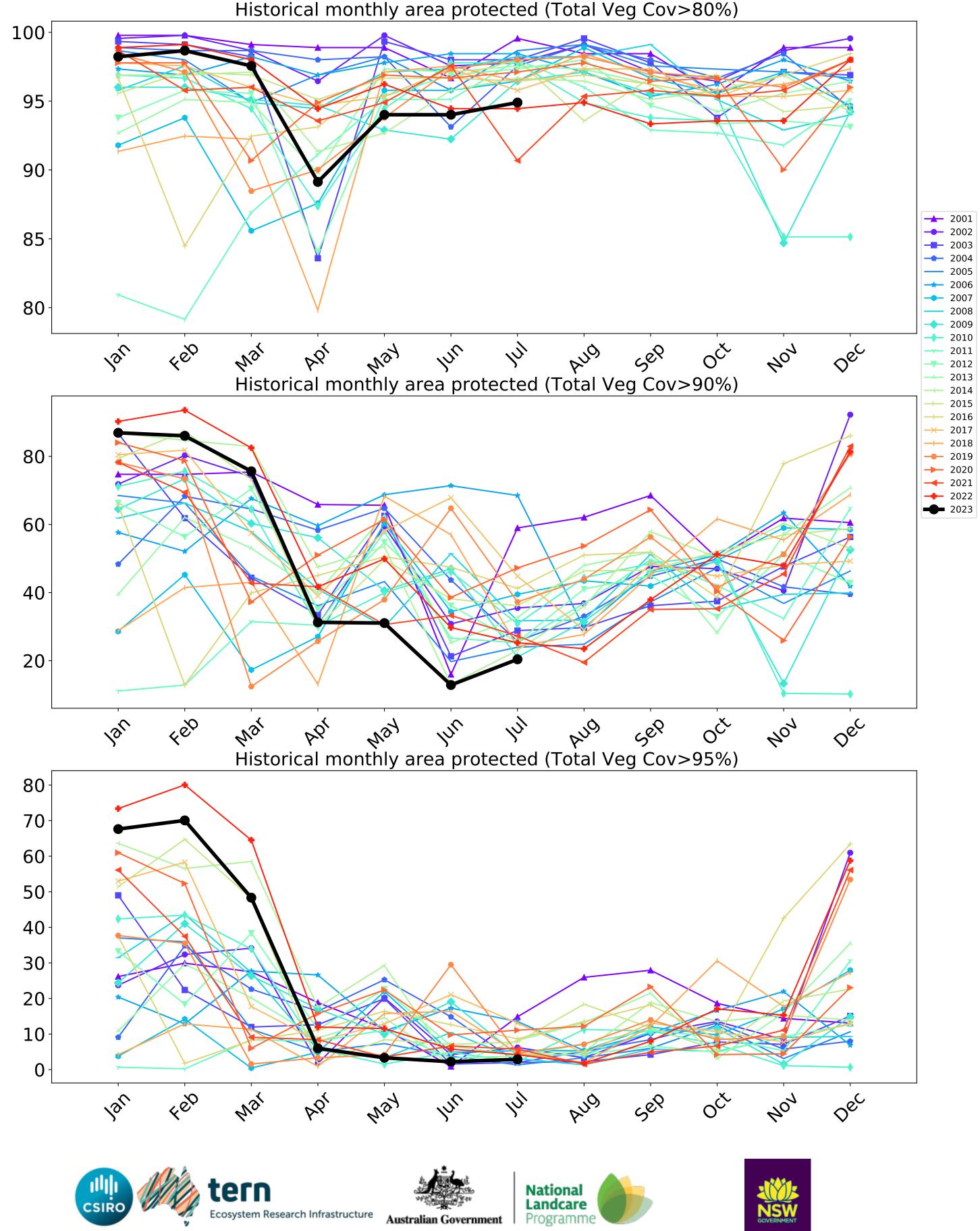


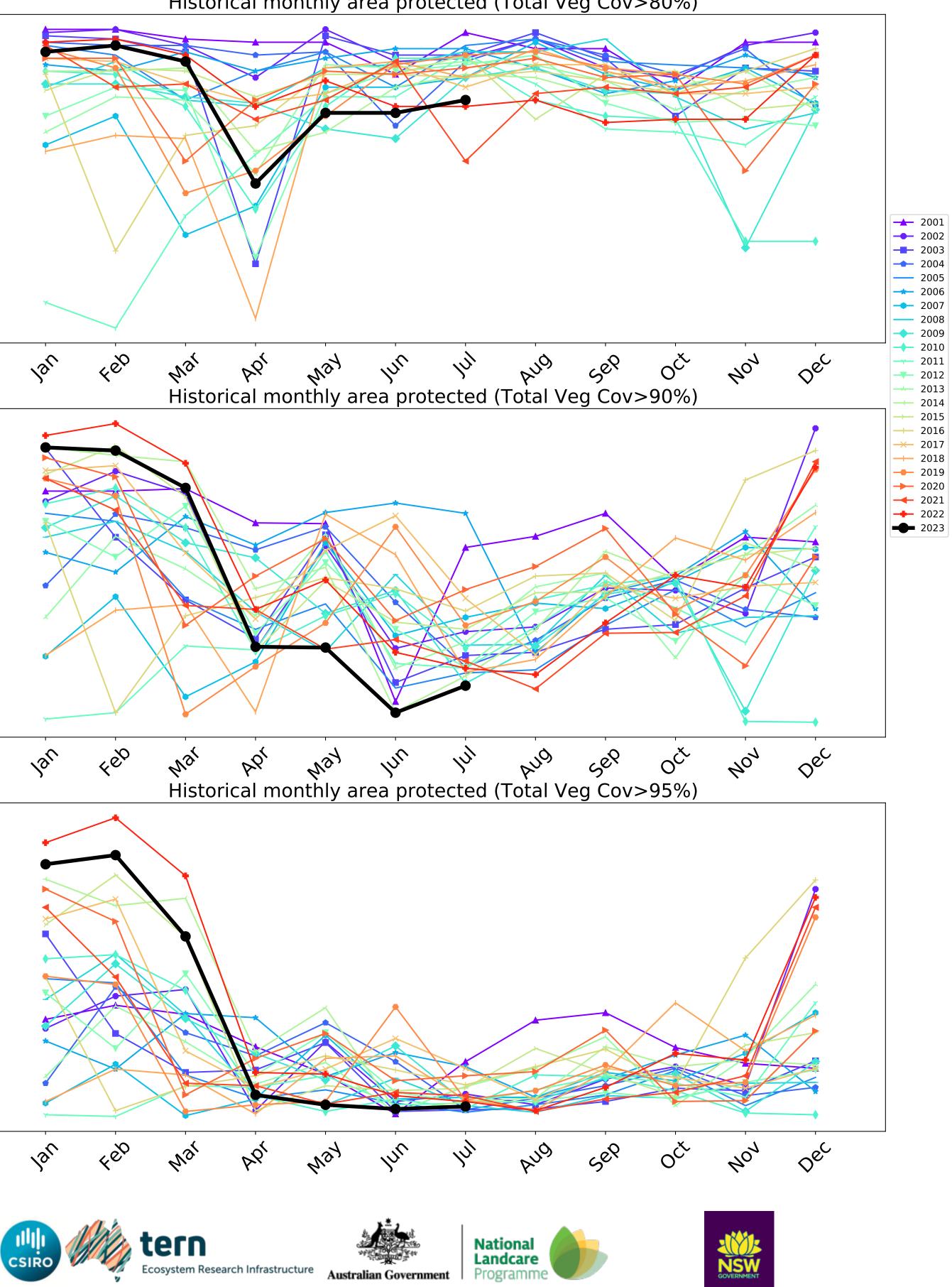


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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







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

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

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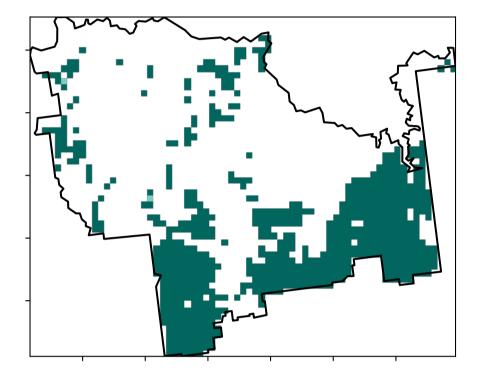
52% 70%

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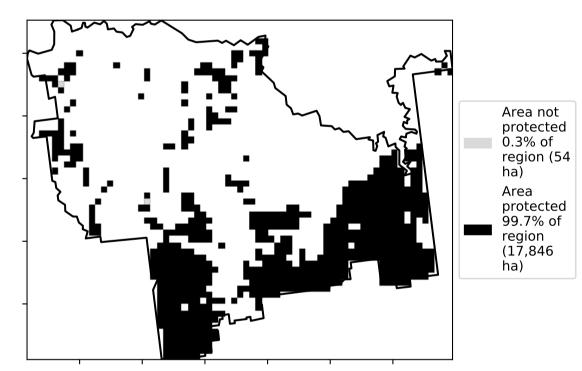
· 0.30%

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

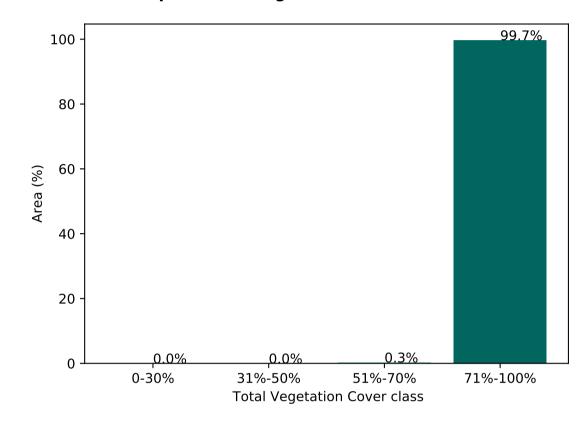
Land use and forest cover



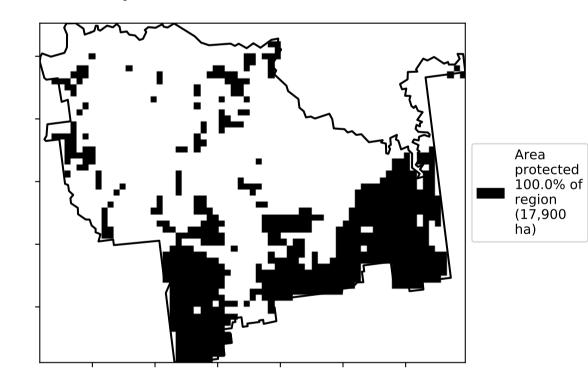
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



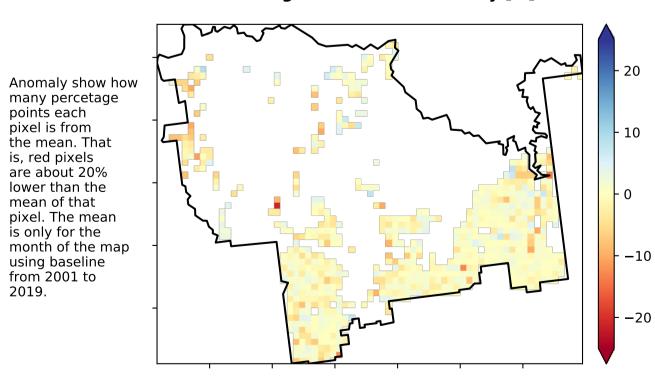
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



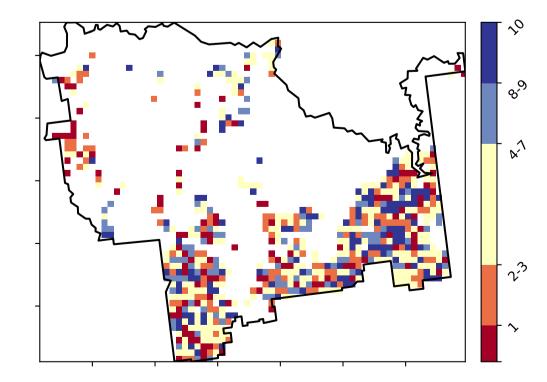
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

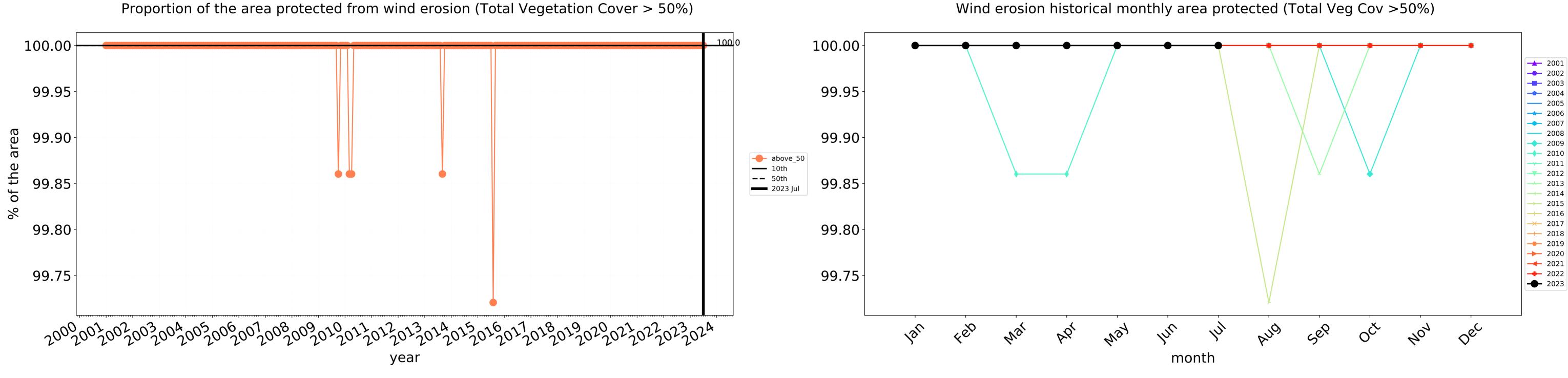


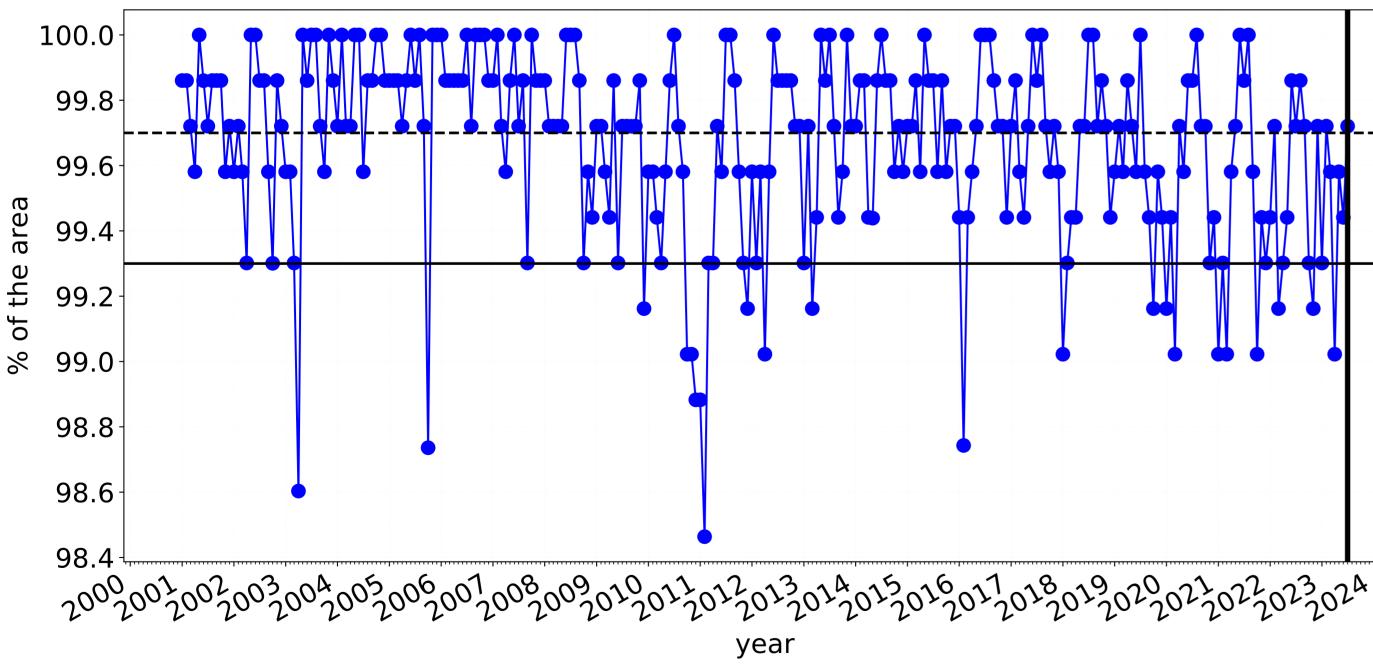
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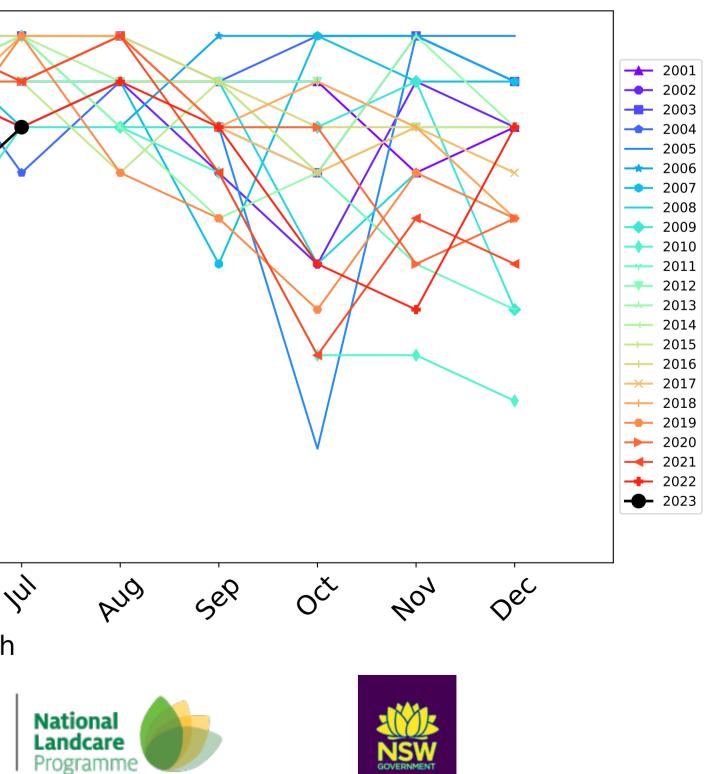
## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

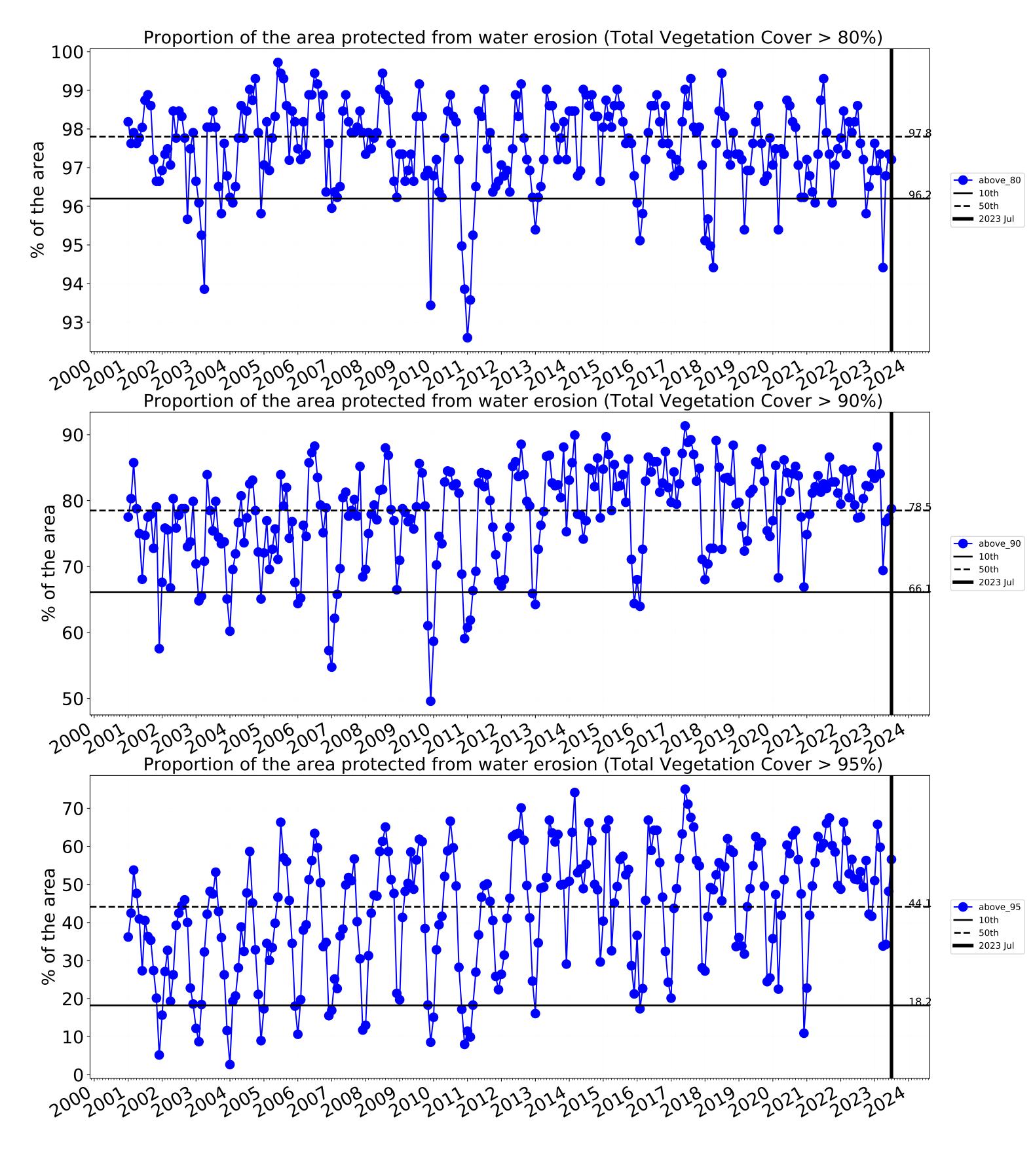


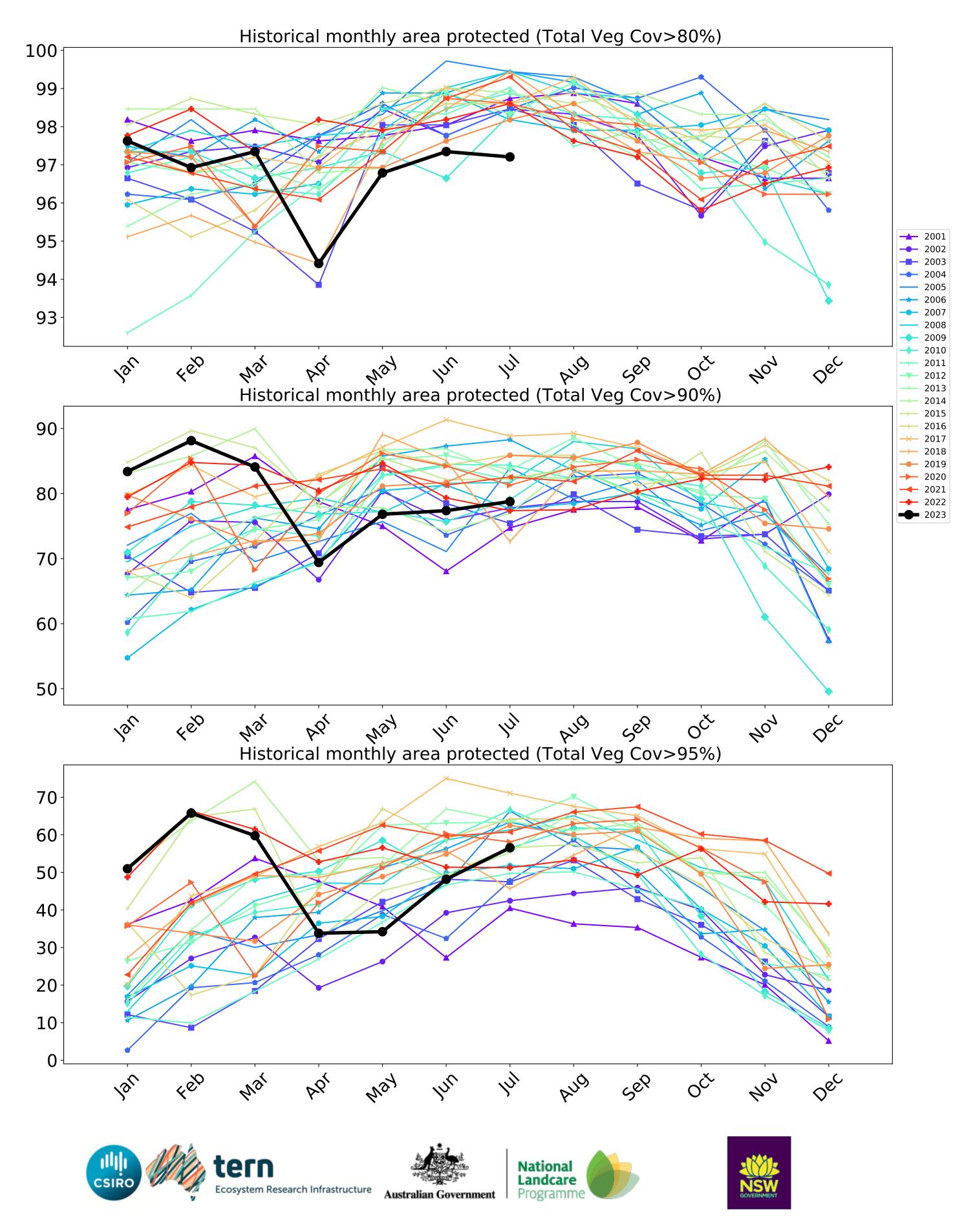


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







## Dardanup\_(S) (52,425 ha and no data 113 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	52,425	100.0% 52,425	99.9% 52,350	98.8% 51,775	95.7% 50,175	56.6% 29,675	34.9% 18,300
Conservation and natural environments	10,200	100.0% 10,200	100.0% 10,200	99.8% 10,175	99.3% 10,125	91.4% 9,325	69.6% 7,100
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,825	100.0% 1,825	100.0% 1,825	100.0% 1,825	100.0% 1,825	91.8% 1,675	68.5% 1,250
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	8,050	100.0% 8,050	100.0% 8,050	99.7% 8,025	99.4% 8,000	93.2% 7,500	72.7% 5,850
Agriculture	22,725	100.0% 22,725	100.0% 22,725	99.6% 22,625	95.7% 21,750	26.6% 6,050	4.4% 1,000
Grazing	11,450	100.0% 11,450	100.0% 11,450	99.6% 11,400	96.5% 11,050	32.8% 3,750	5.9% 675
Grazing non forest	11,450	100.0% 11,450	100.0% 11,450	99.6% 11,400	96.5% 11,050	32.8% 3,750	5.9% 675
Irrigation	11,275	100.0% 11,275	100.0% 11,275	99.6% 11,225	94.9% 10,700	20.4% 2,300	2.9% 325
Production native forests and plantation forests	17,900	100.0% 17,900	100.0% 17,900	99.7% 17,850	97.2% 17,400	78.8% 14,100	56.6% 10,125

