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. [Kondinin (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:**

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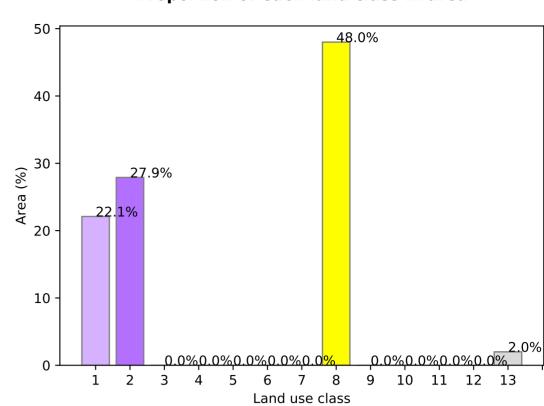
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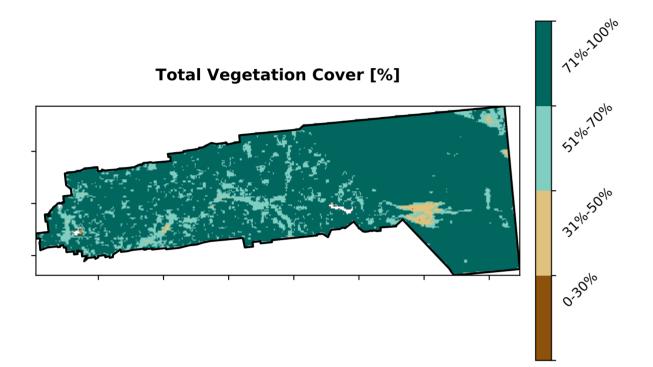
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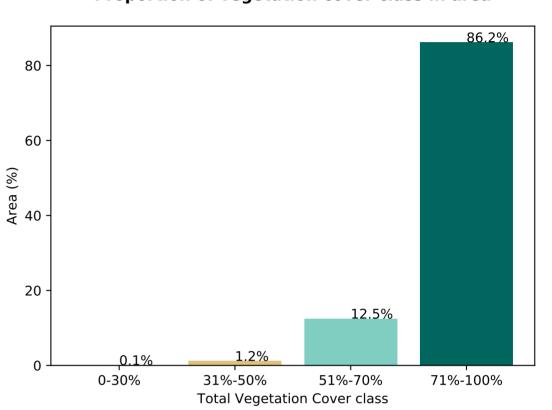
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### Proportion of each land class in area

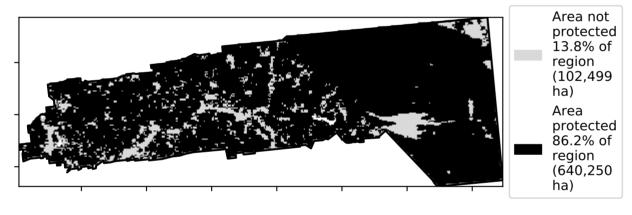




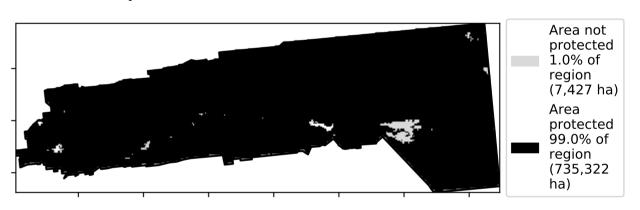
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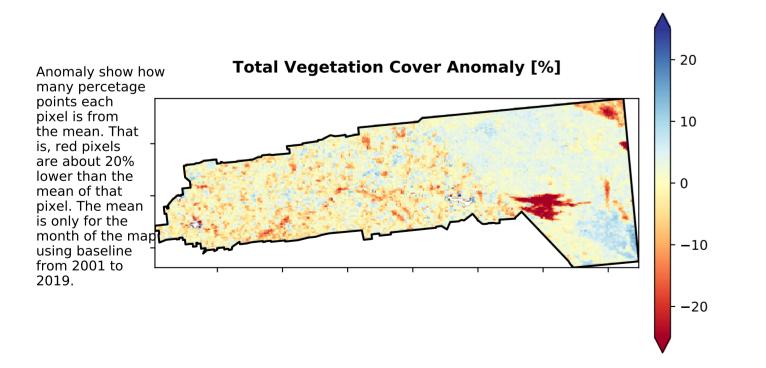


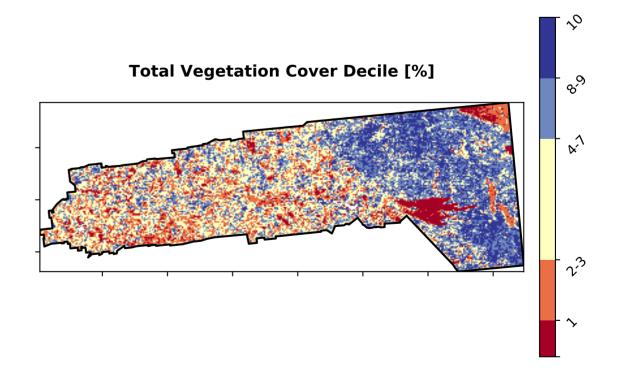




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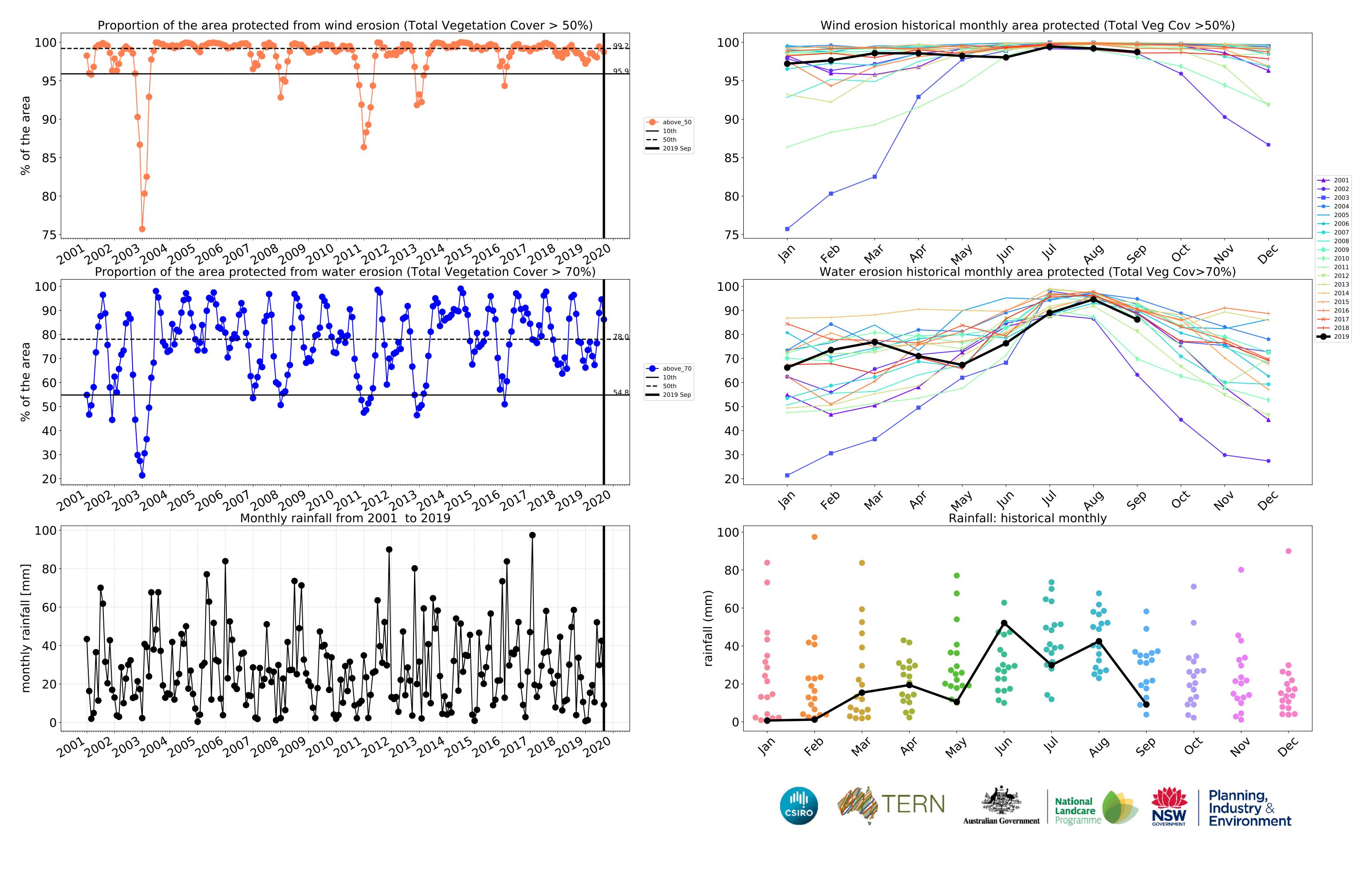










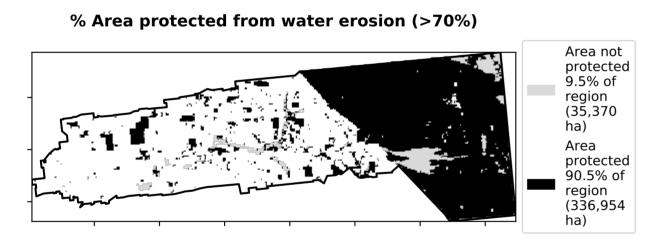


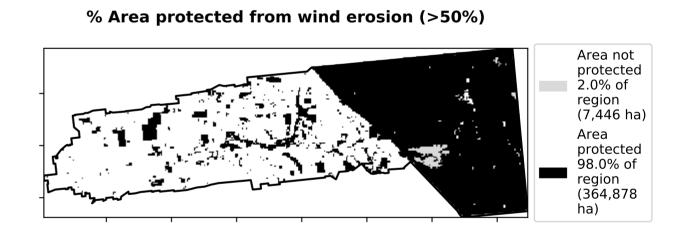
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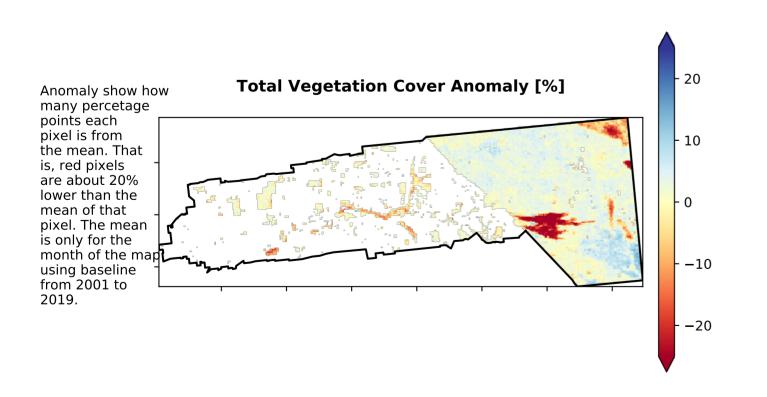
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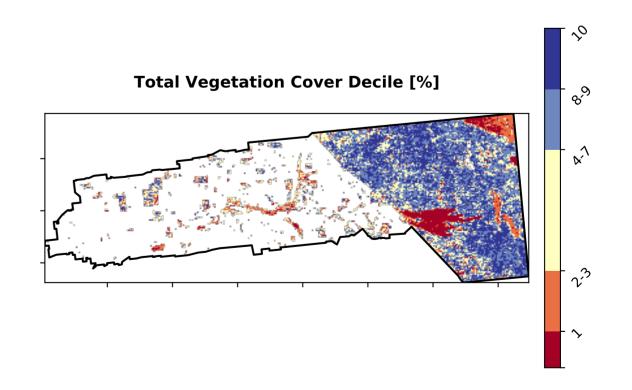
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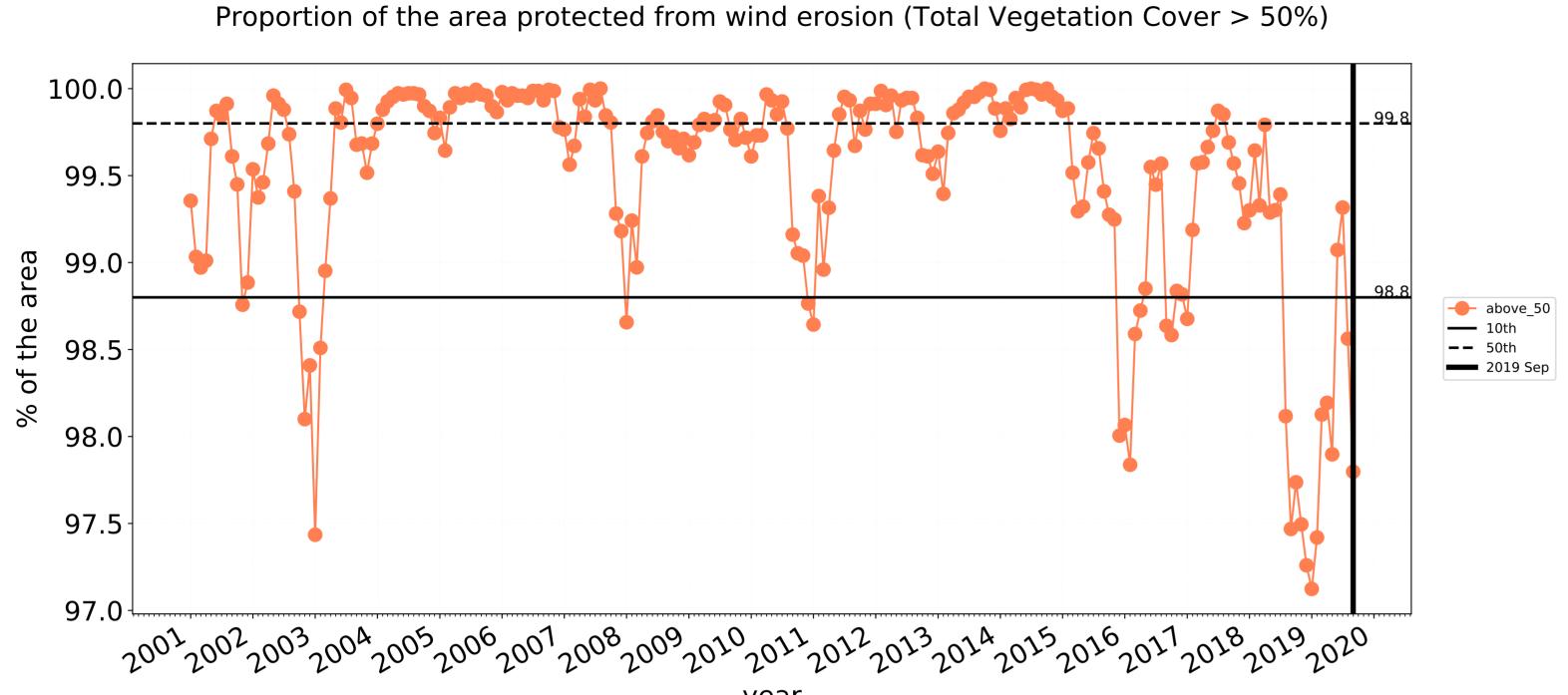


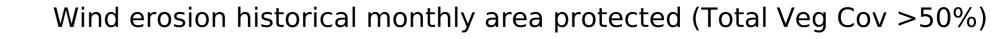


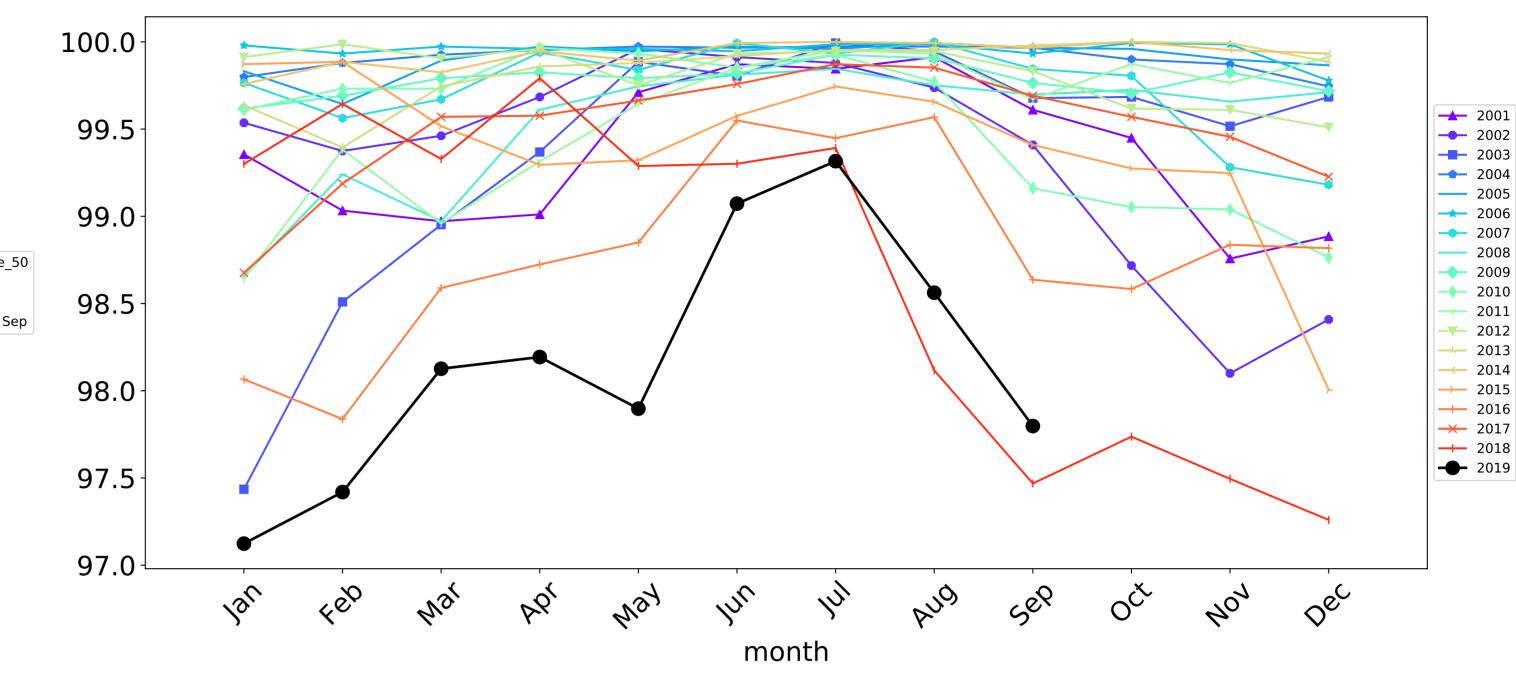


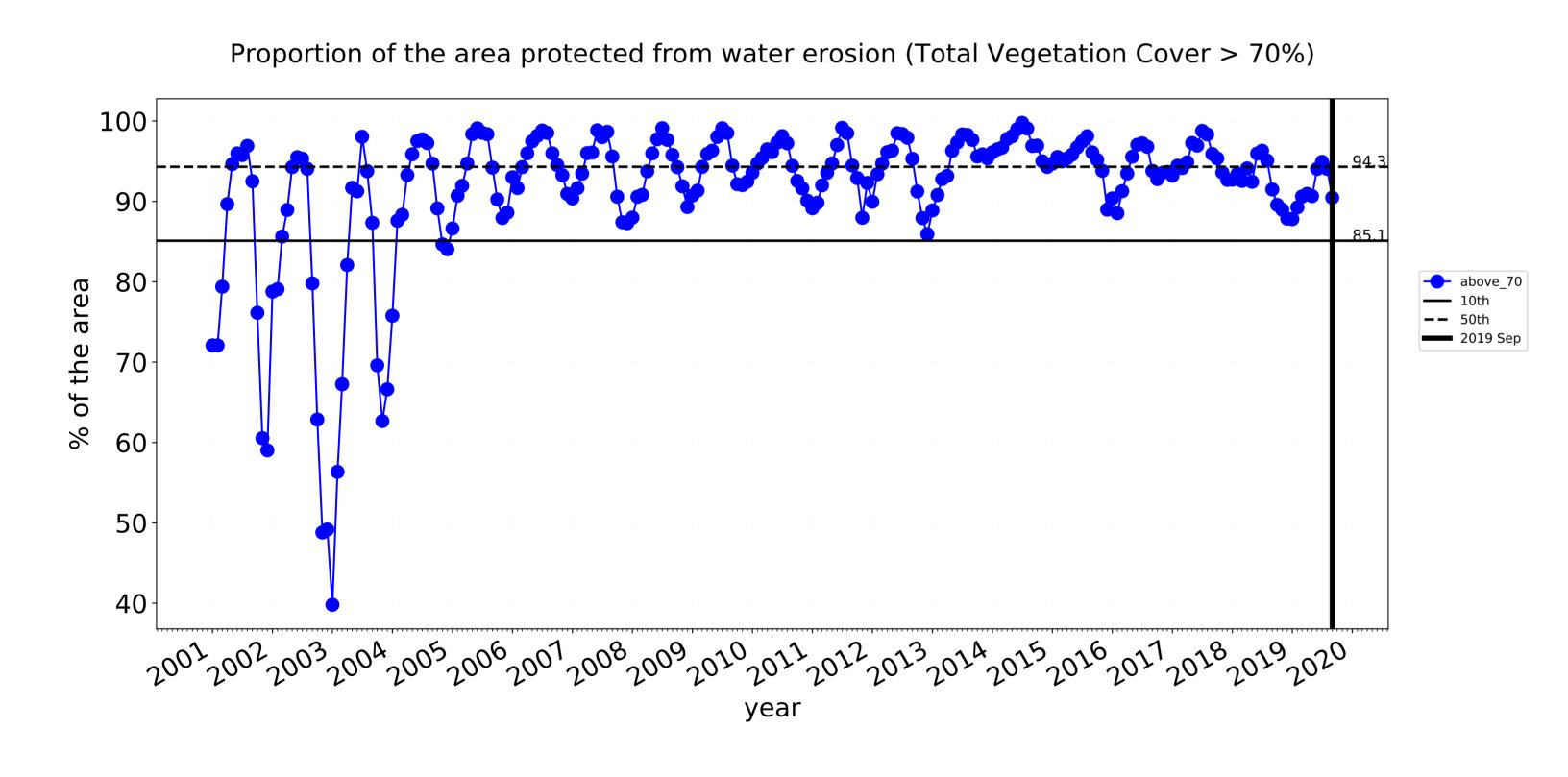


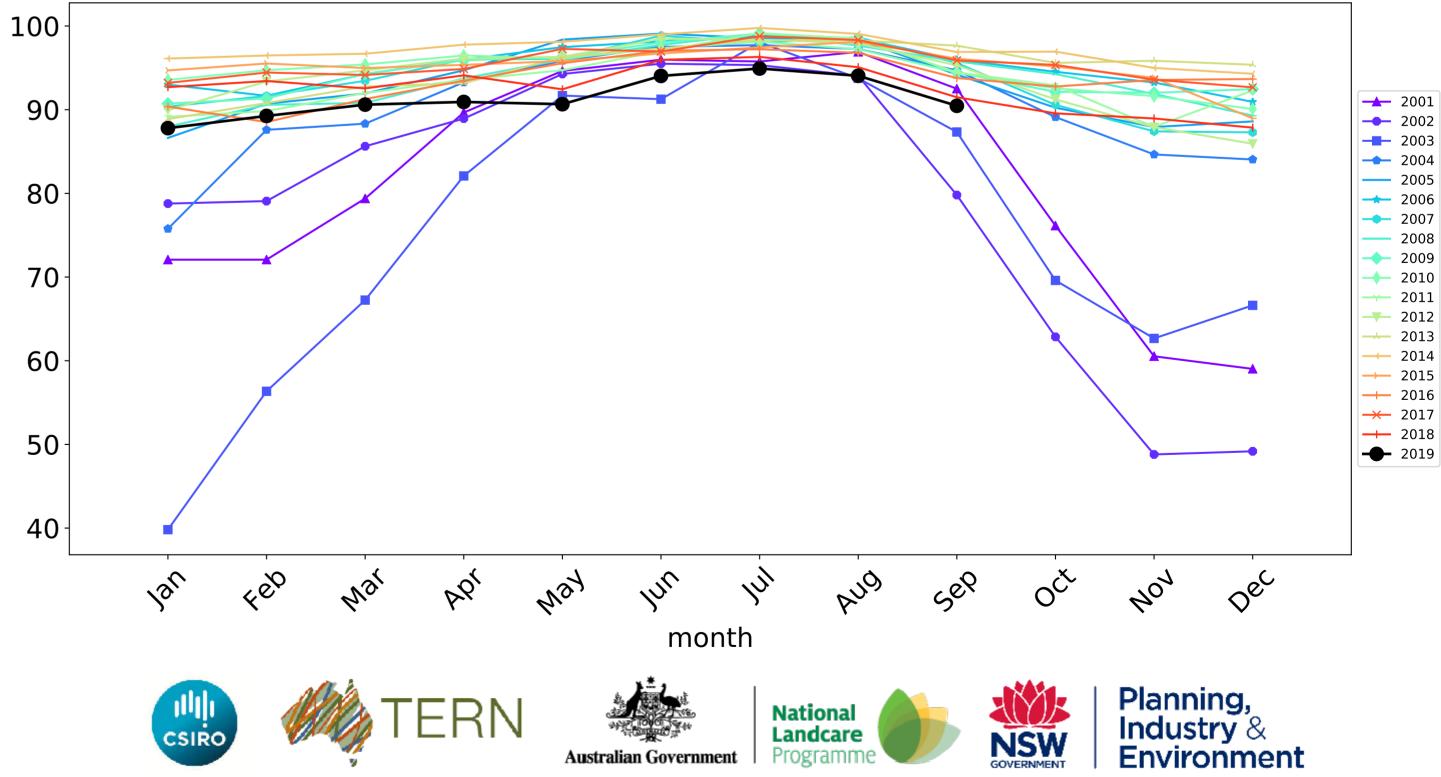
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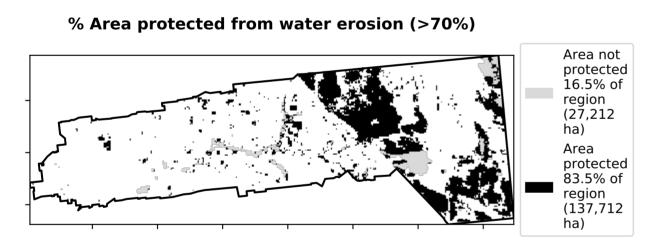
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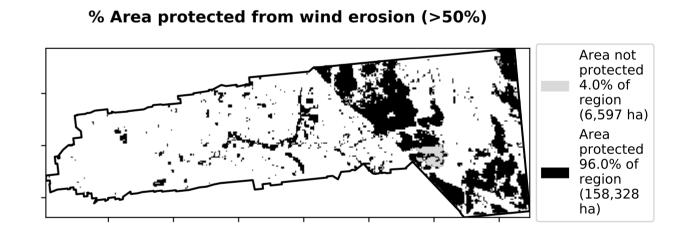
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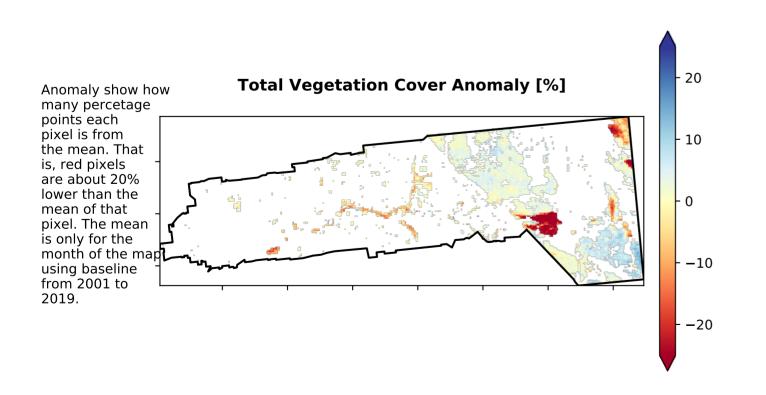
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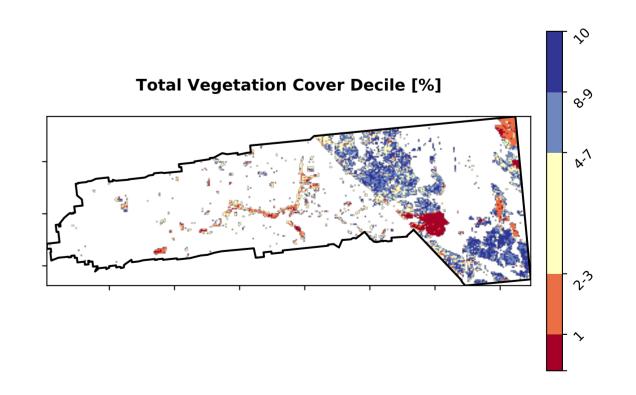
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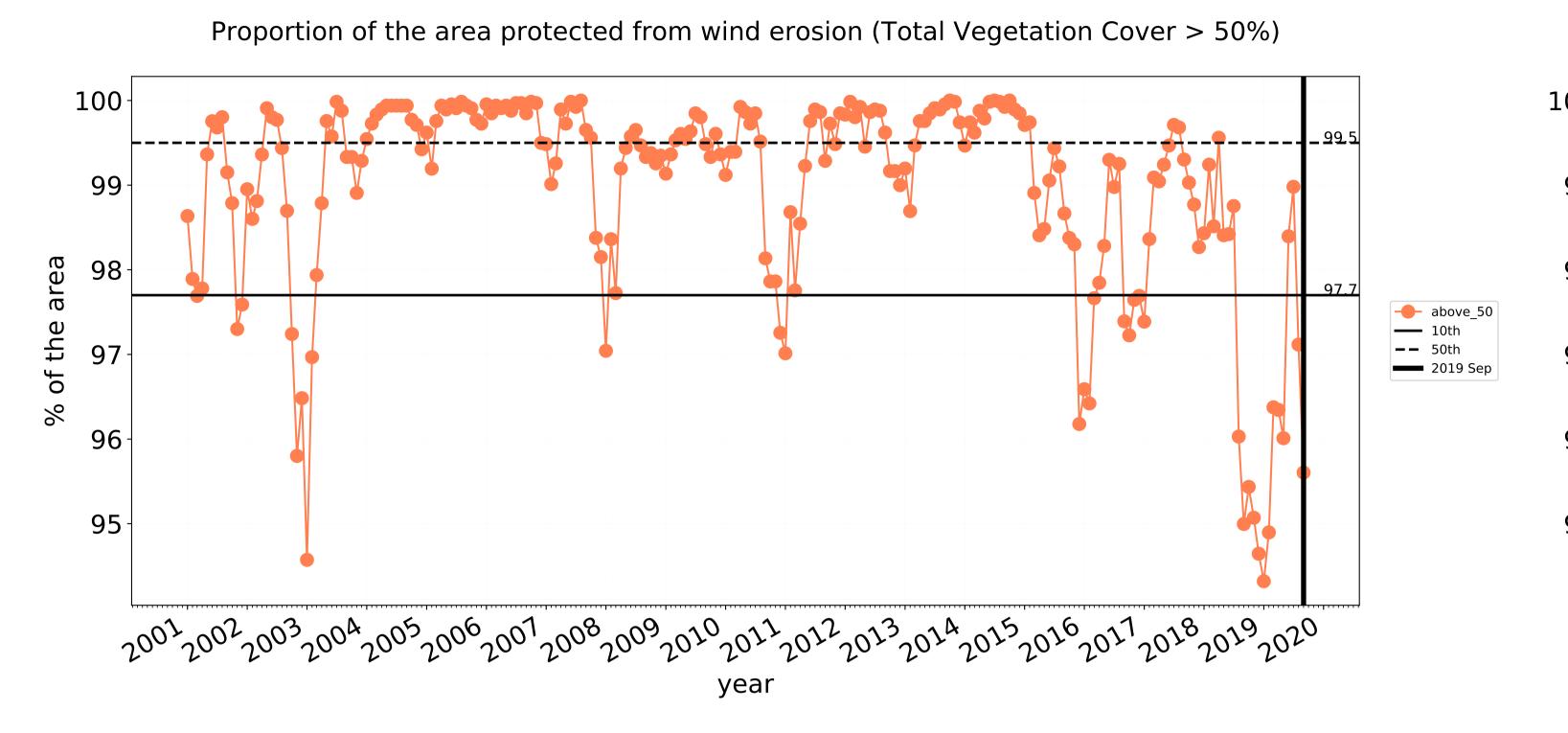


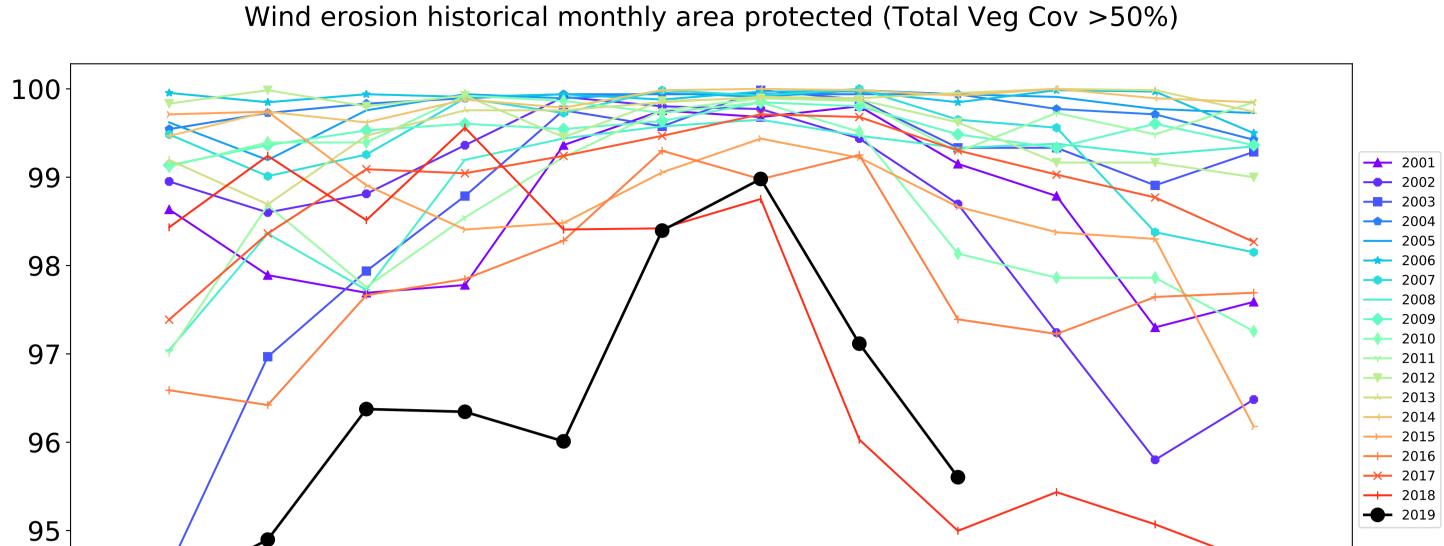




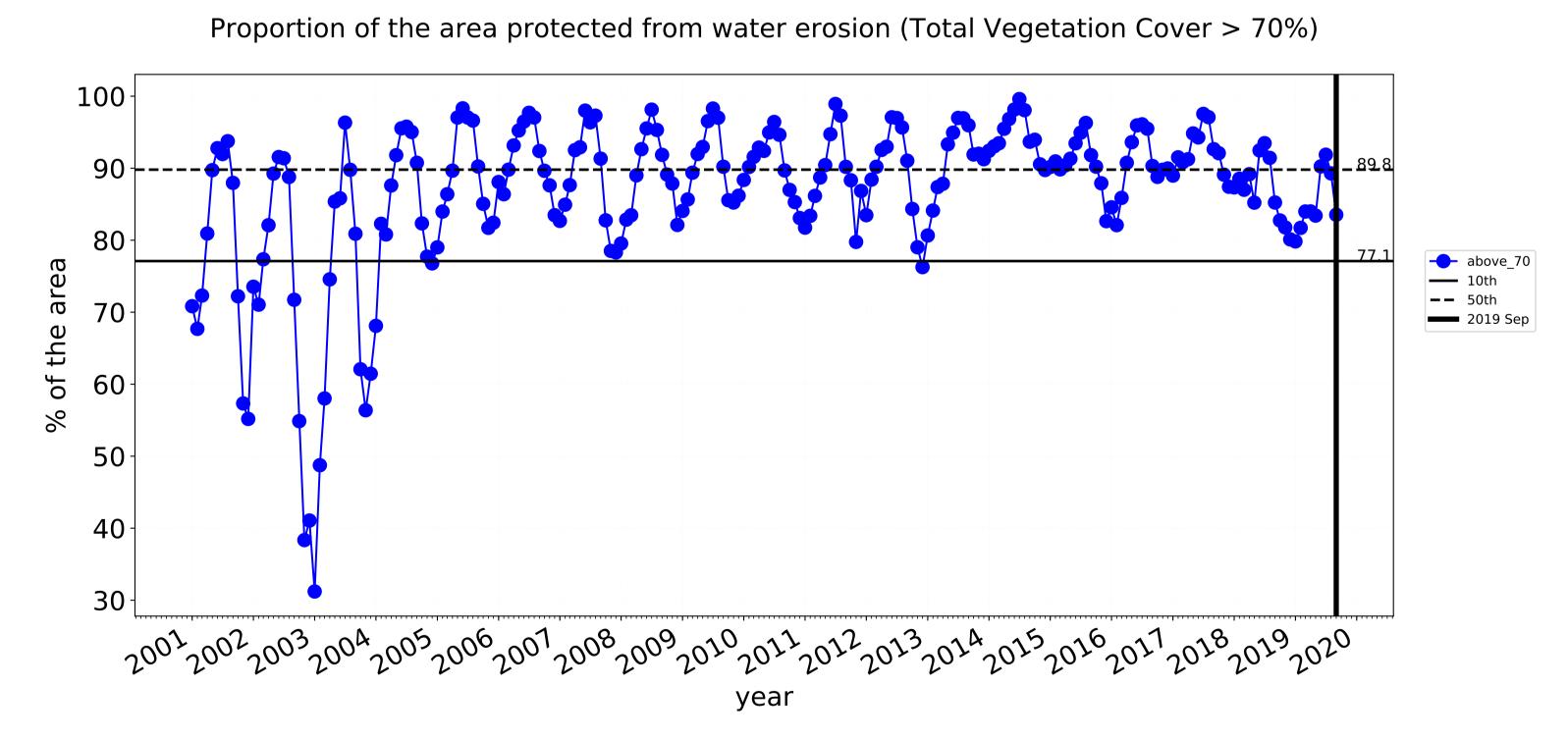


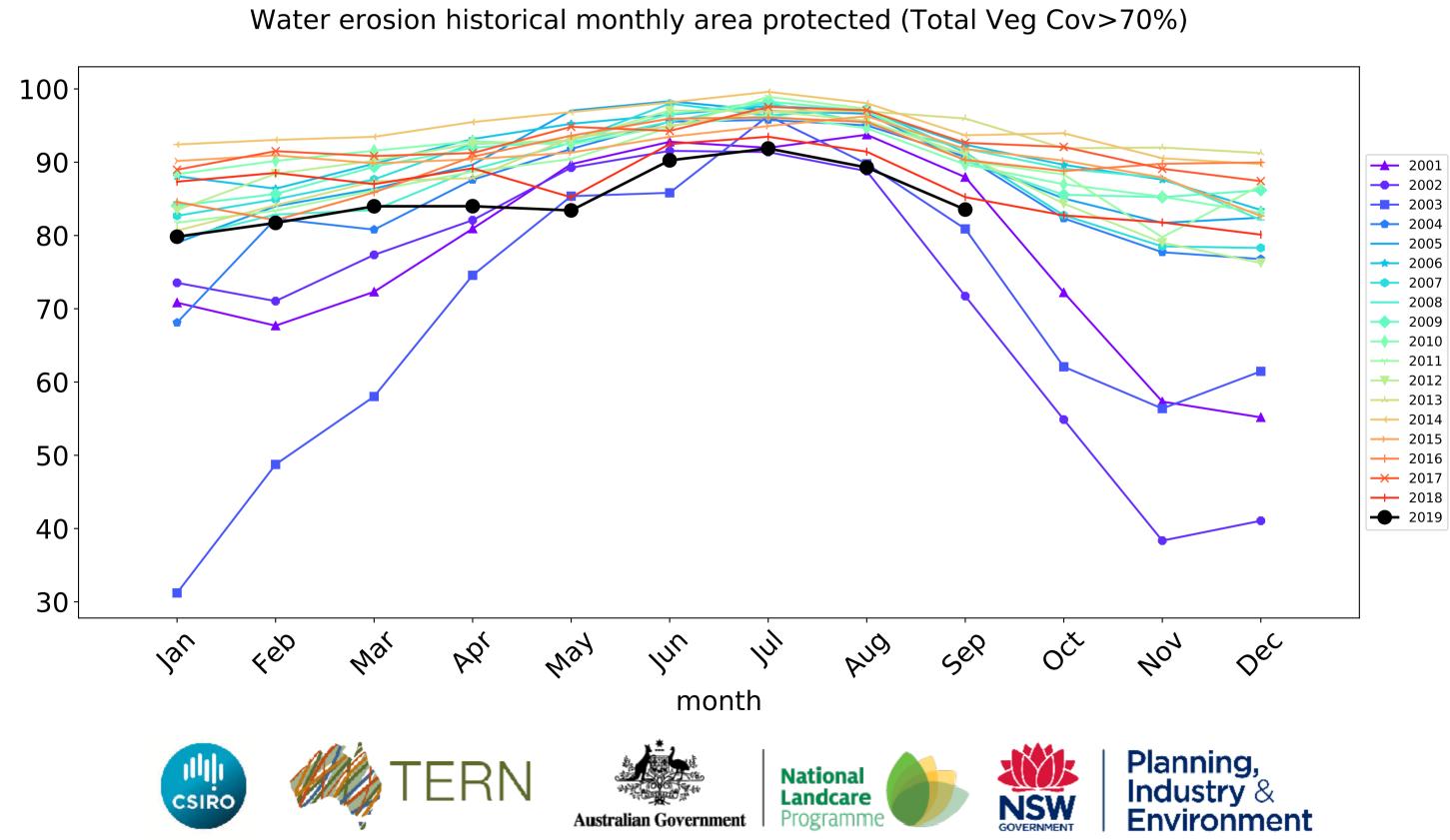
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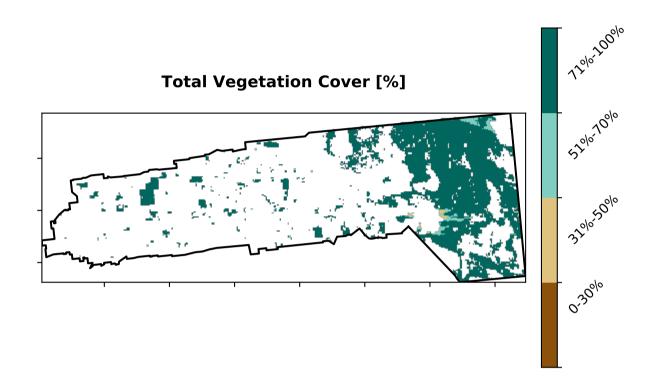
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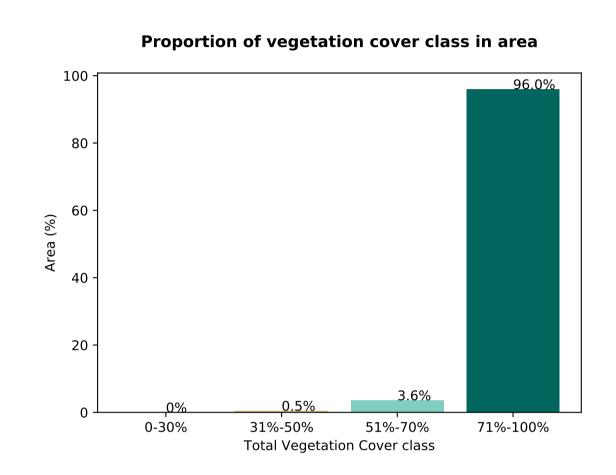




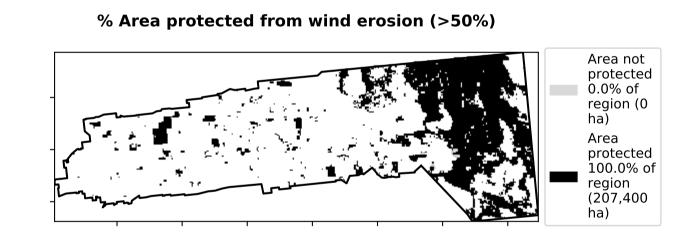
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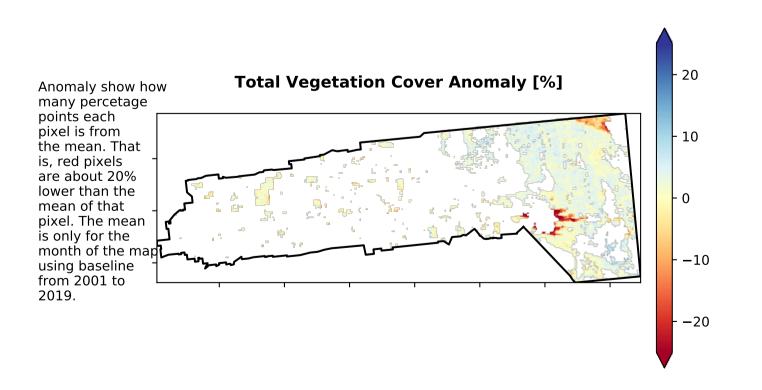
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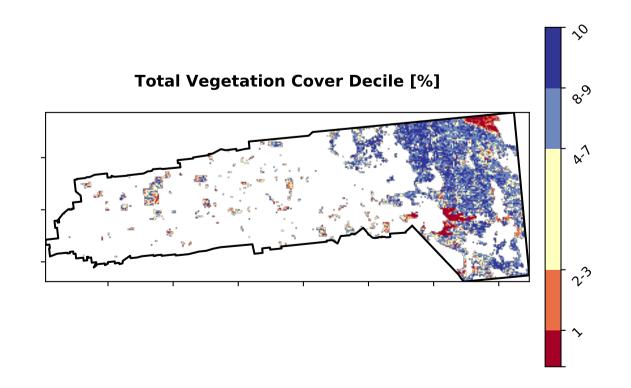




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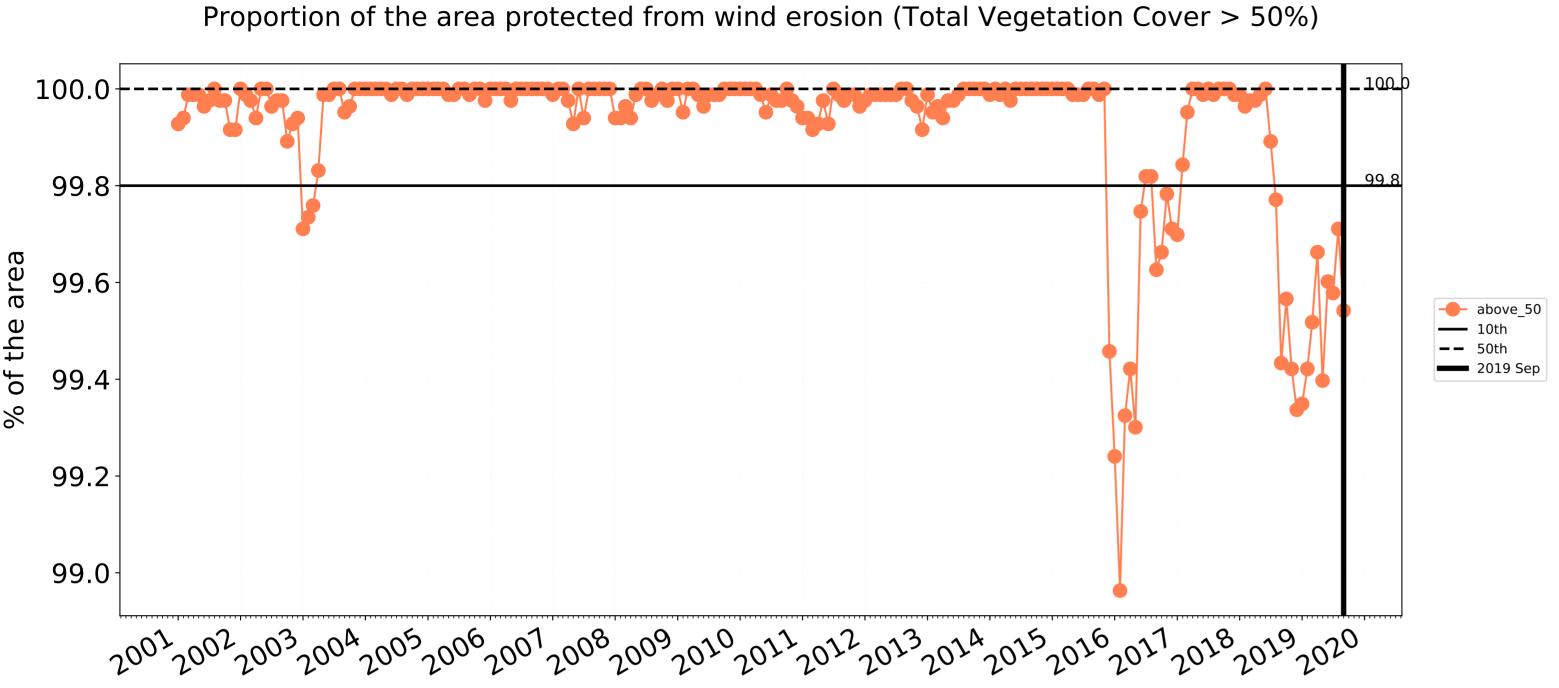


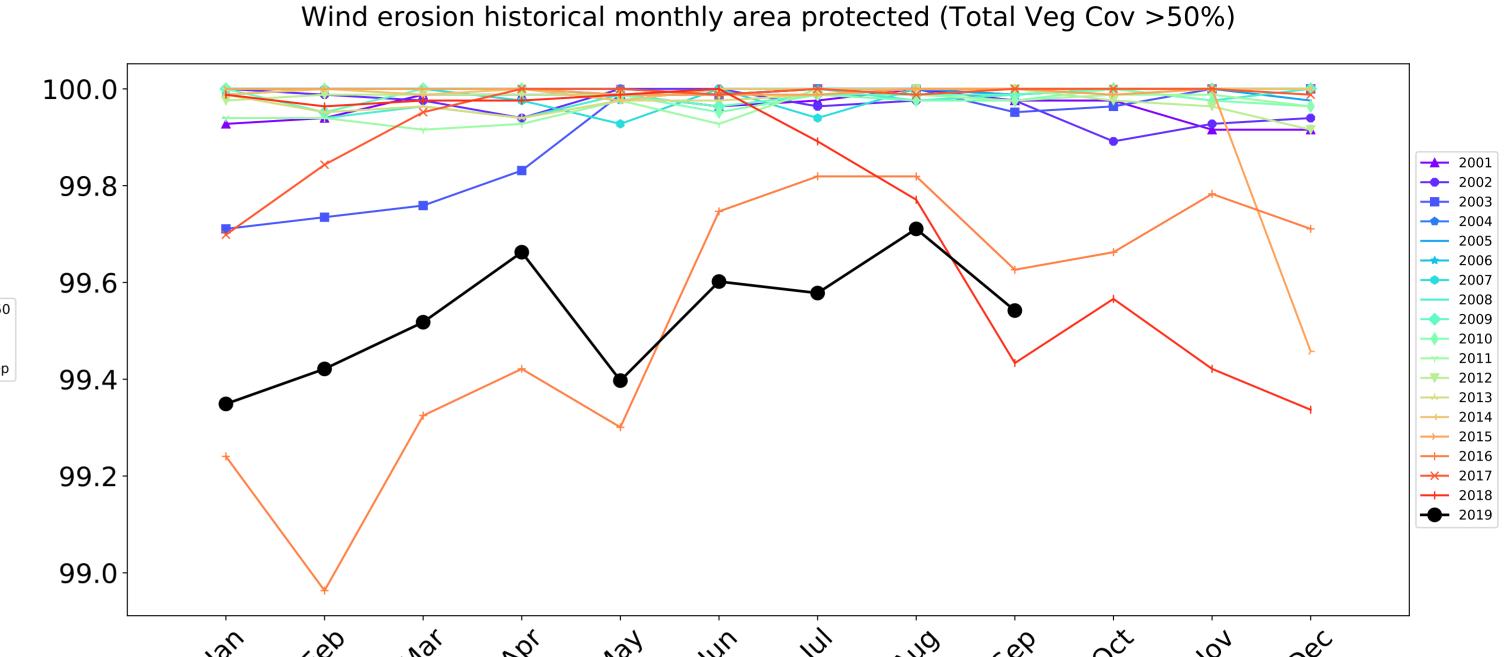




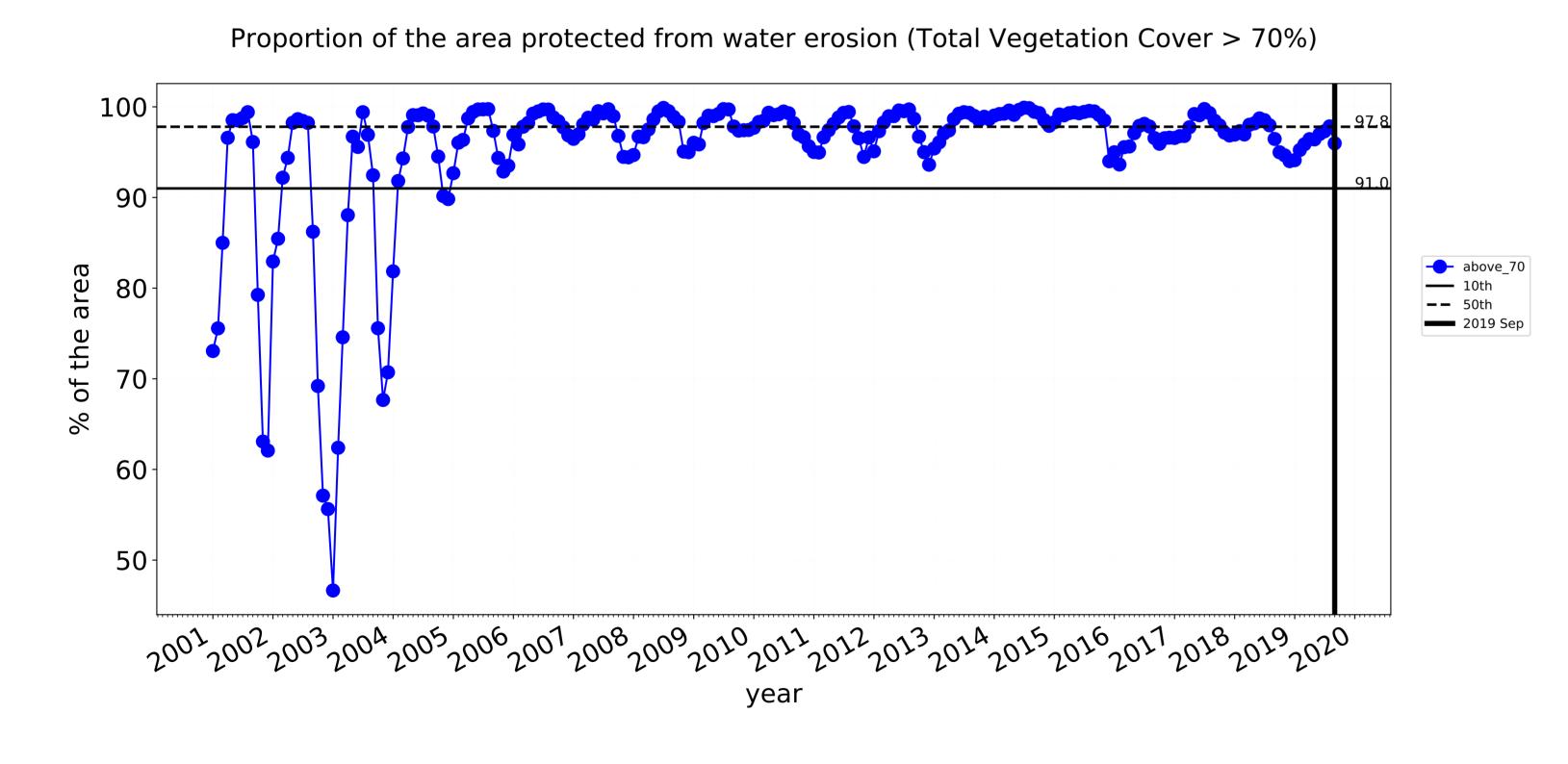


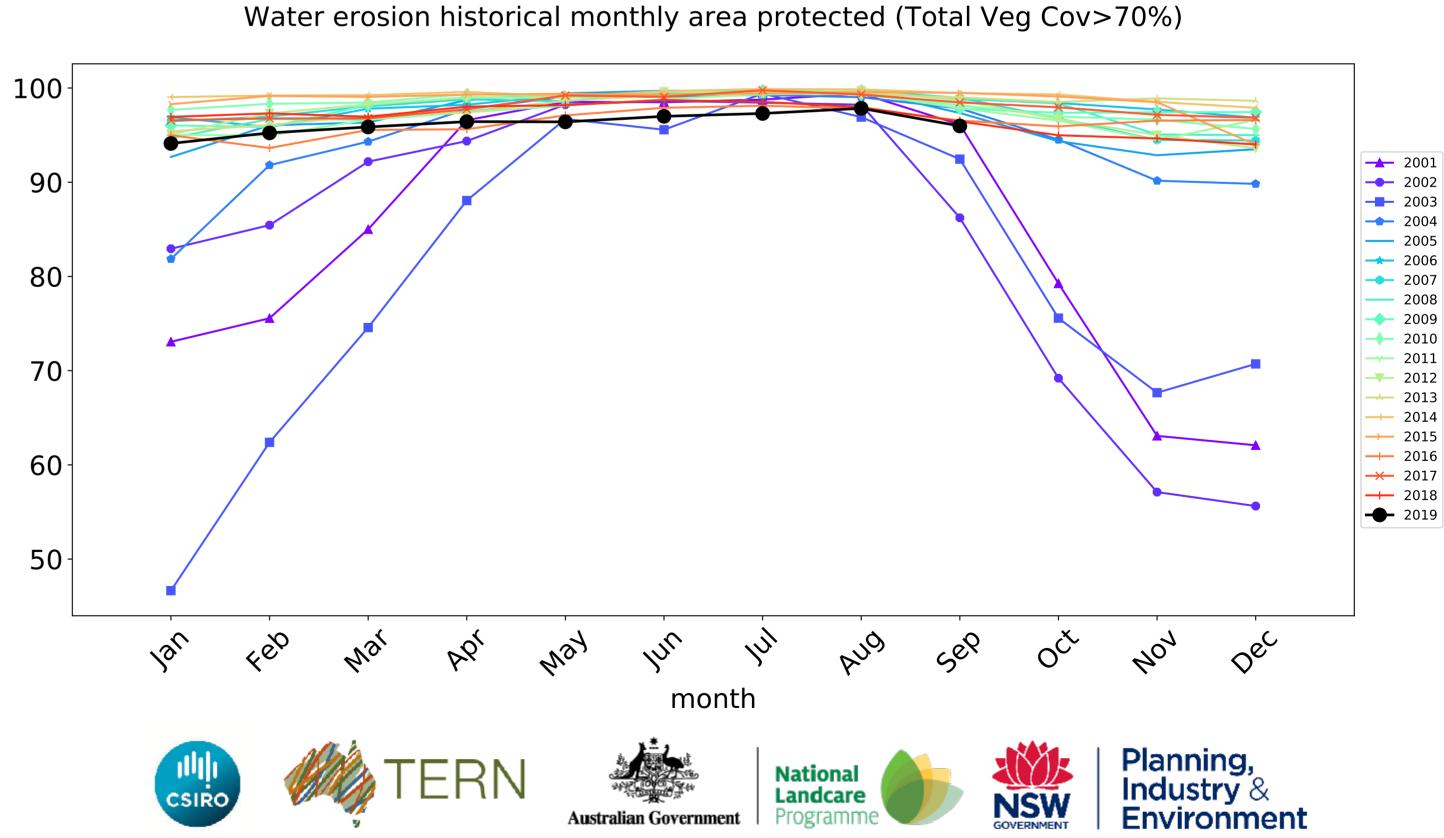






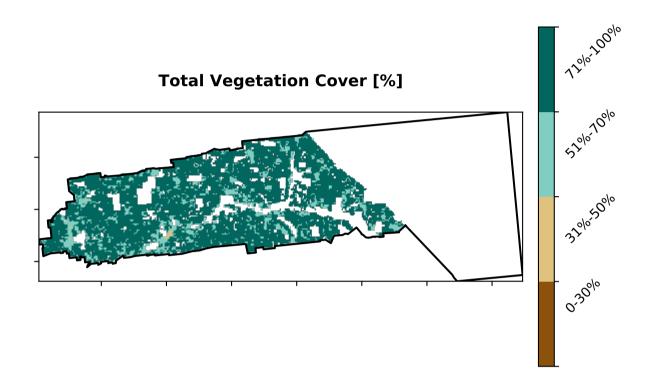
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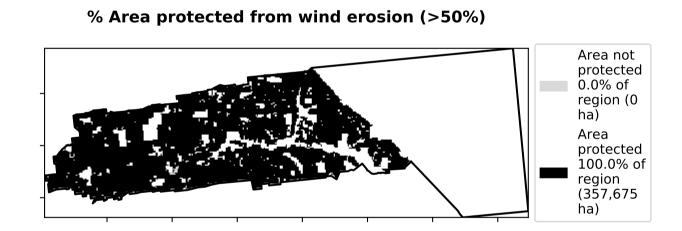
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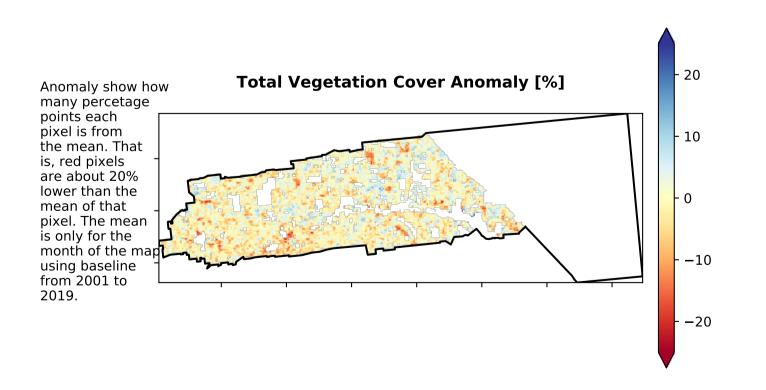
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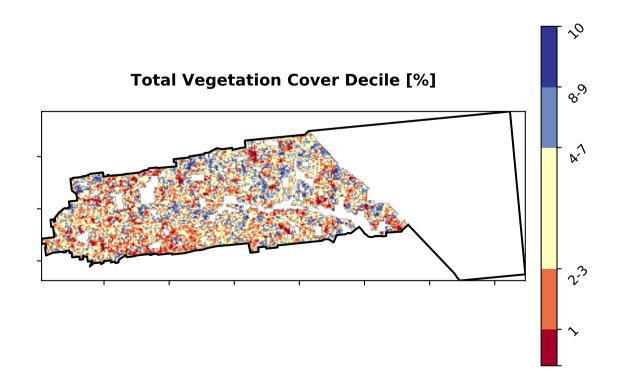


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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 17.9% of region (64,023 ha) Area protected 82.1% of region (293,651 ha)











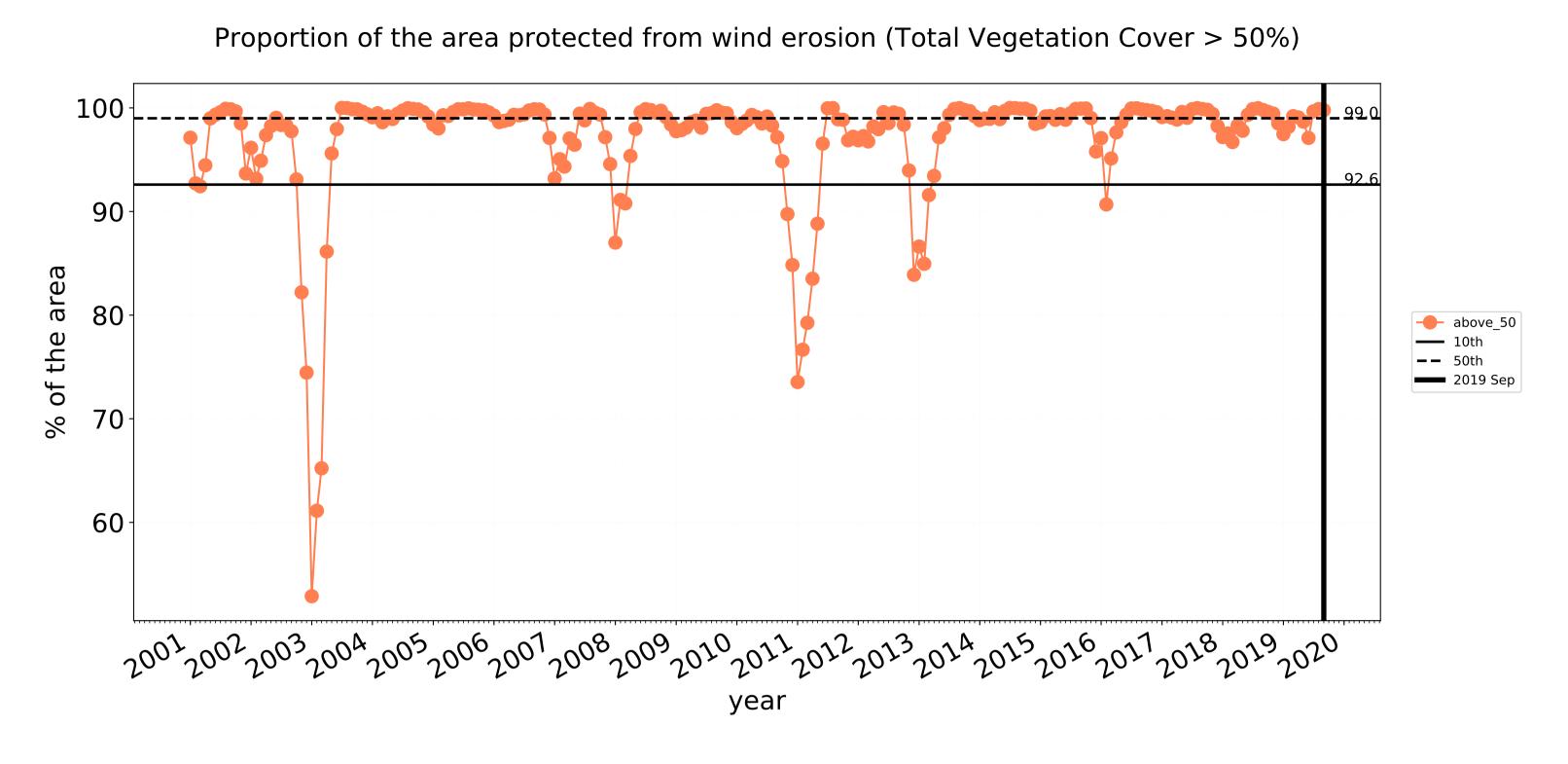


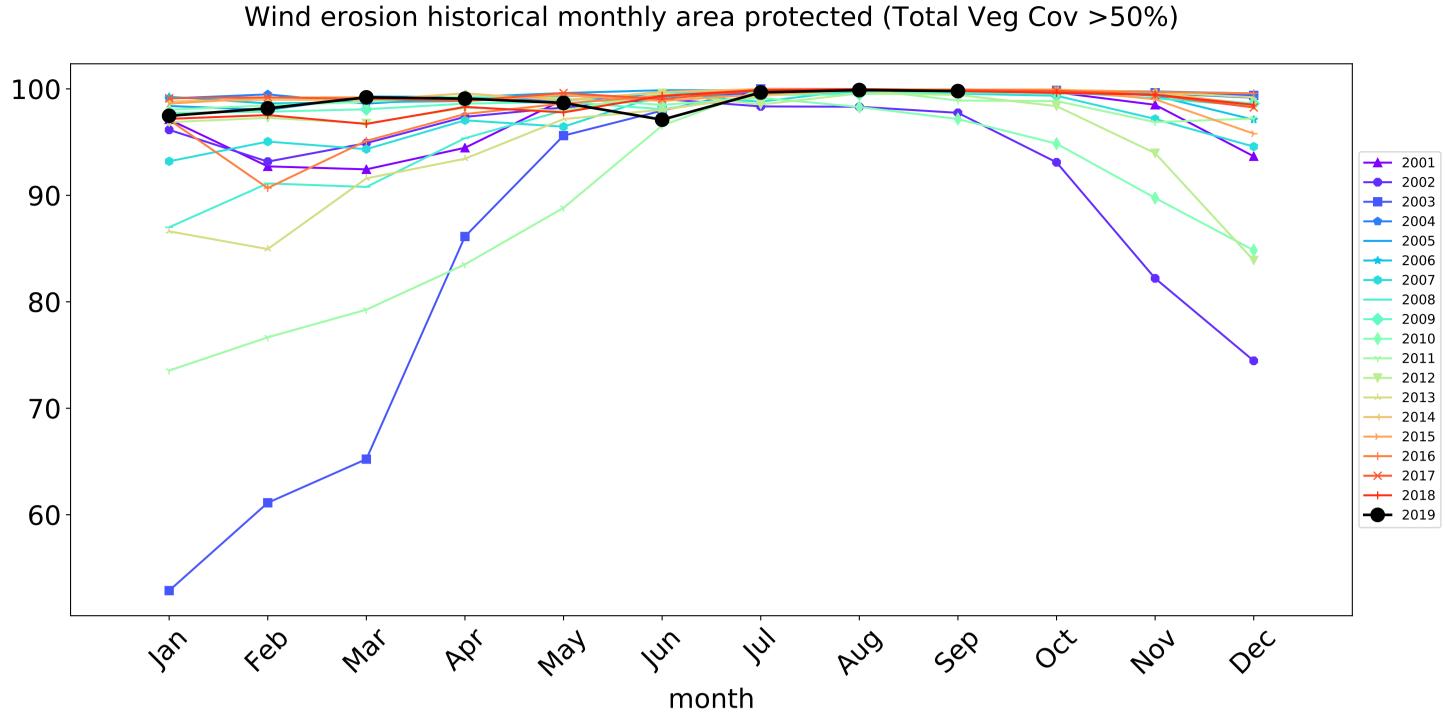


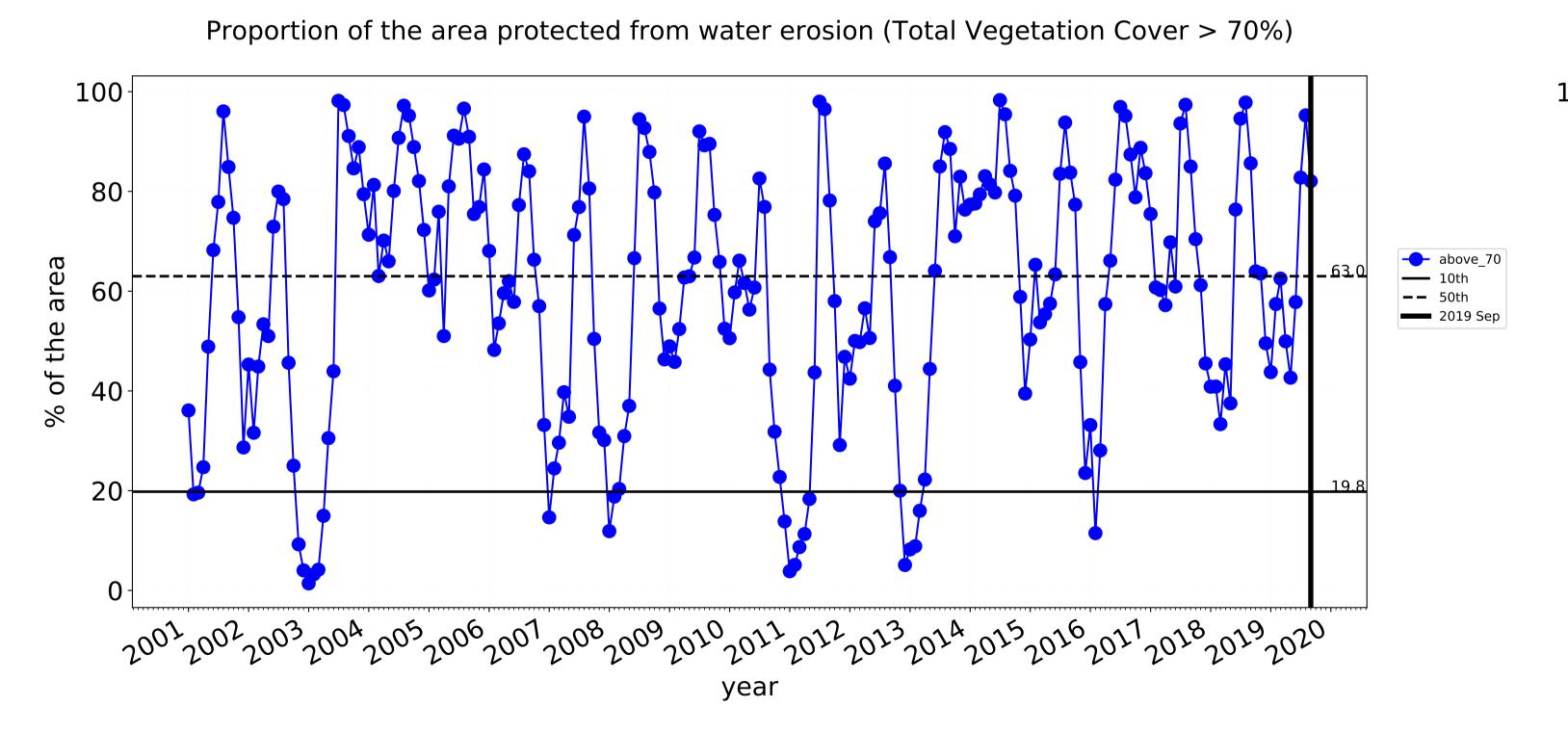


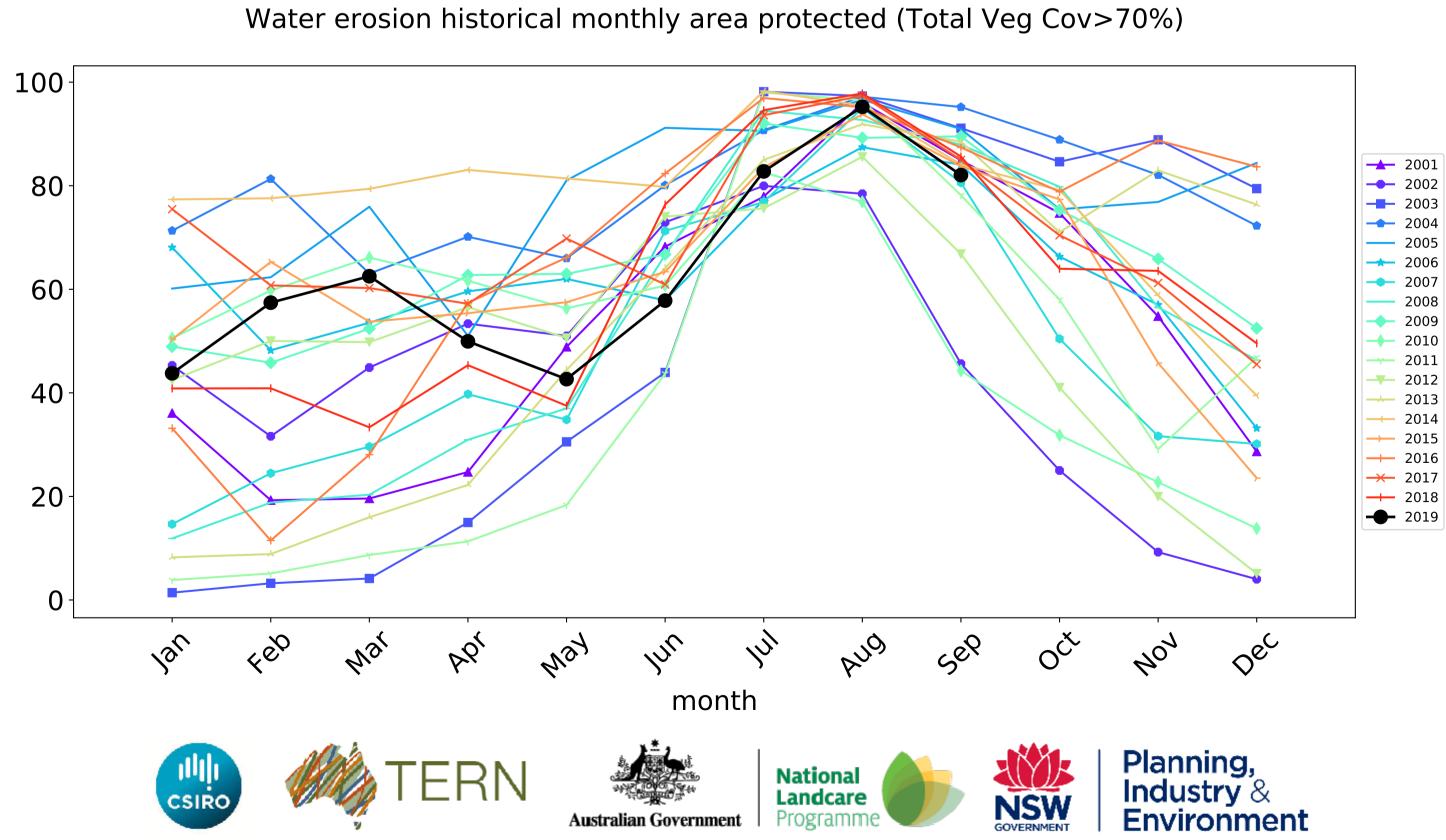


### **Agriculture timeseries**



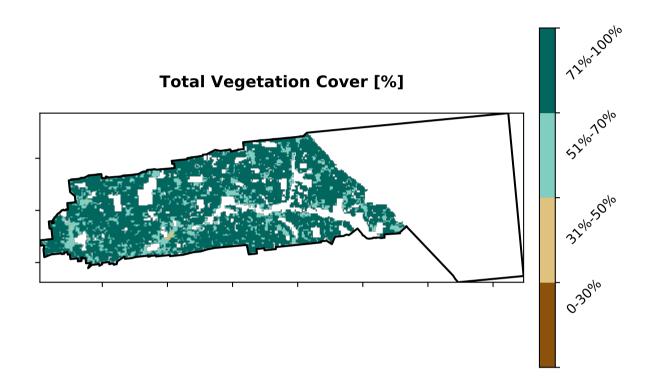




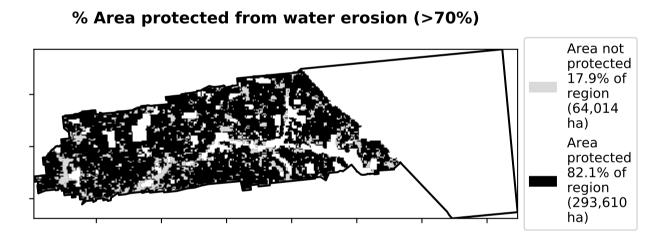


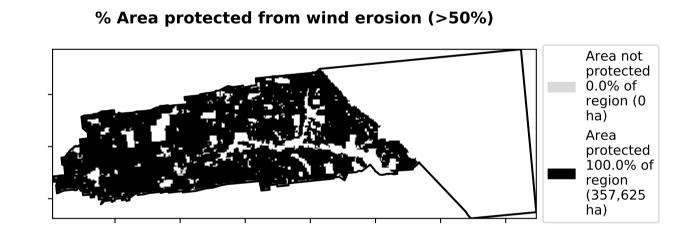
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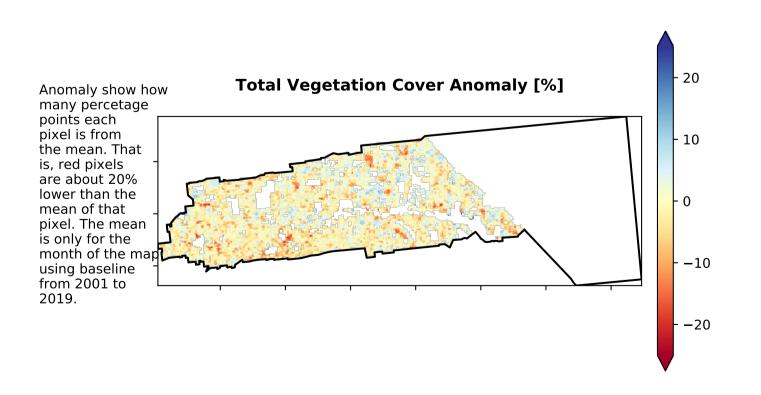
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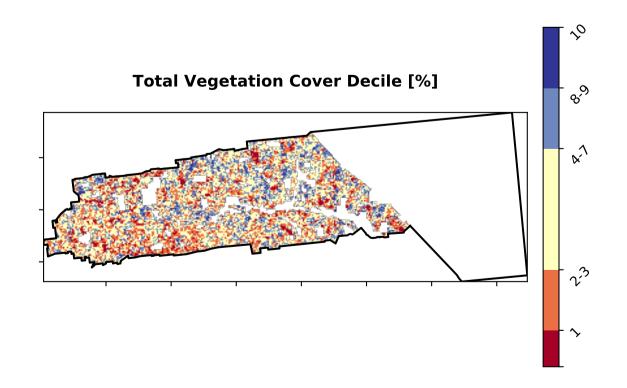


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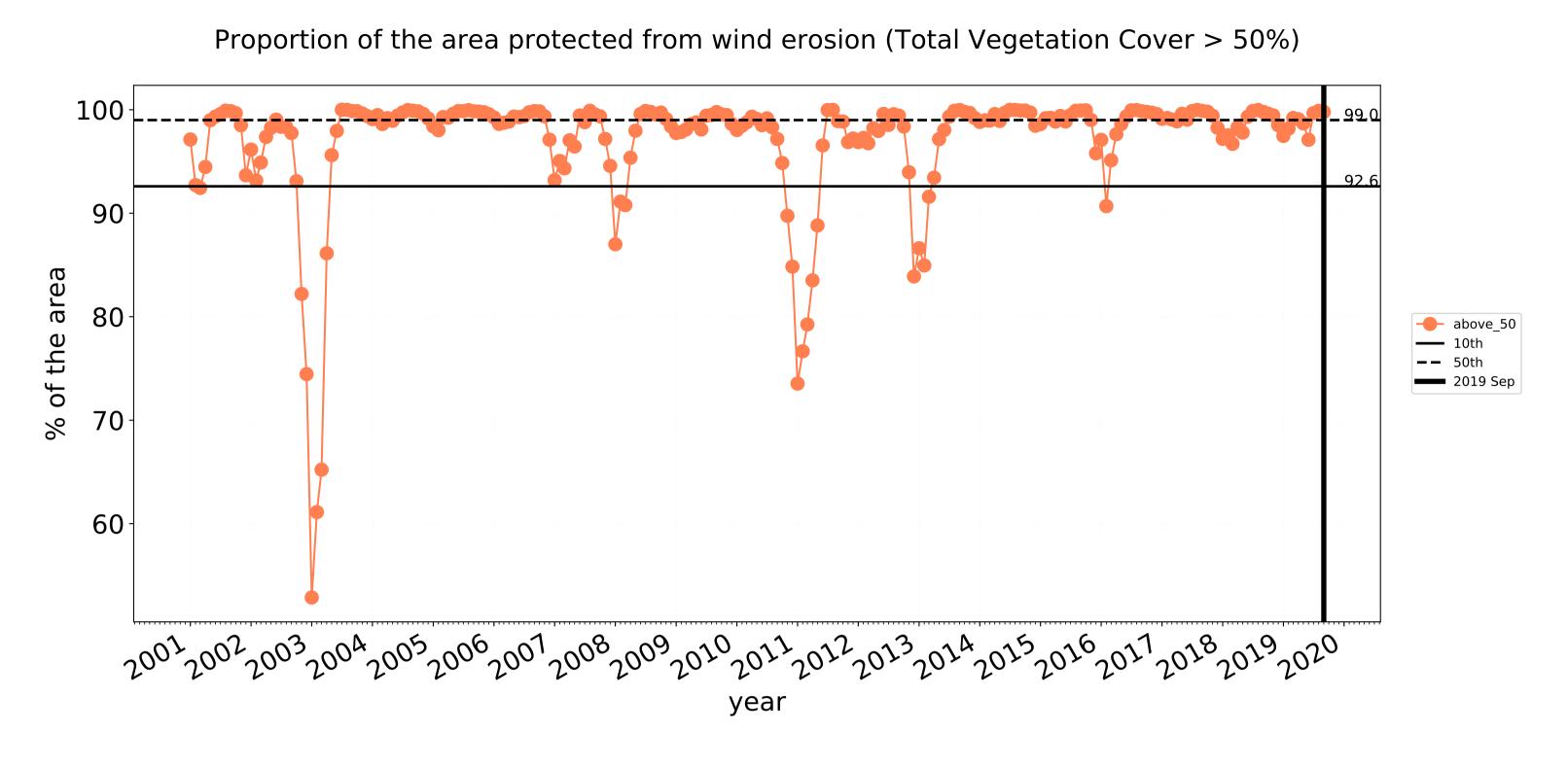


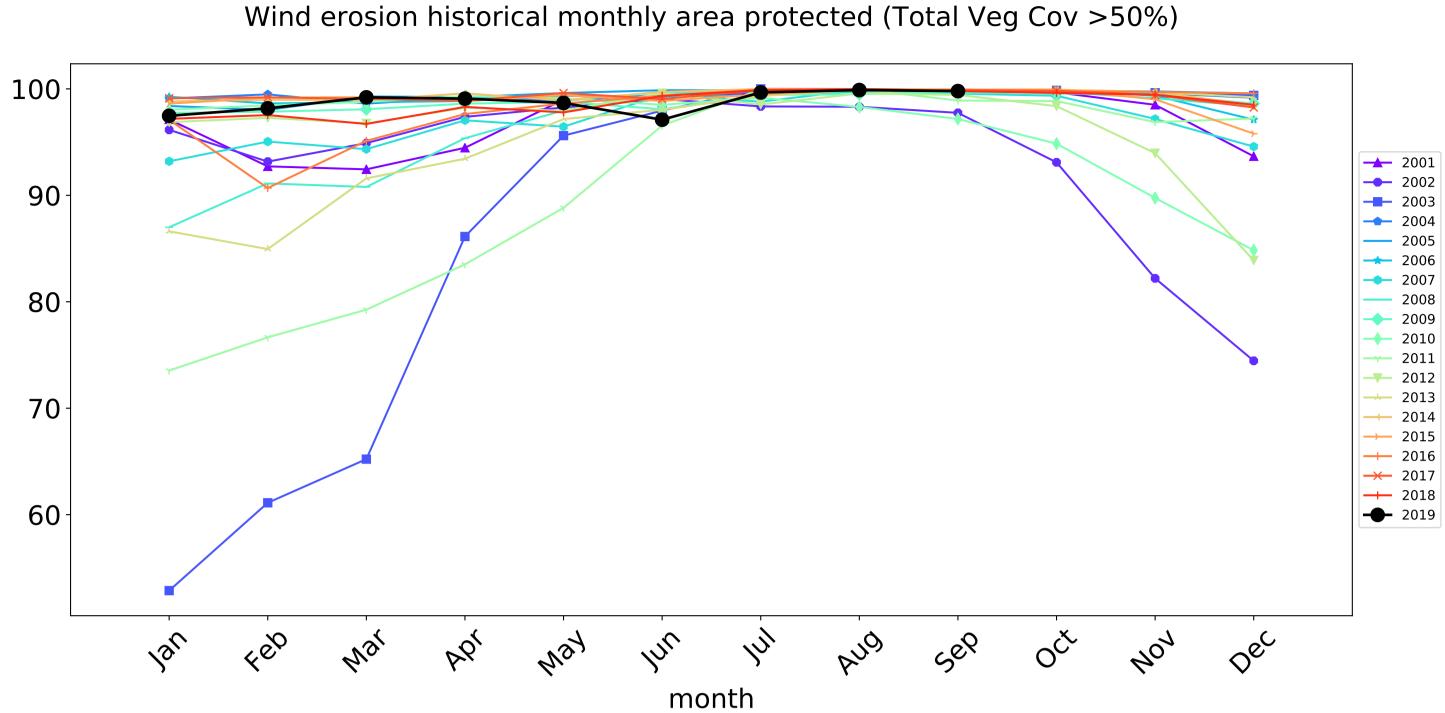


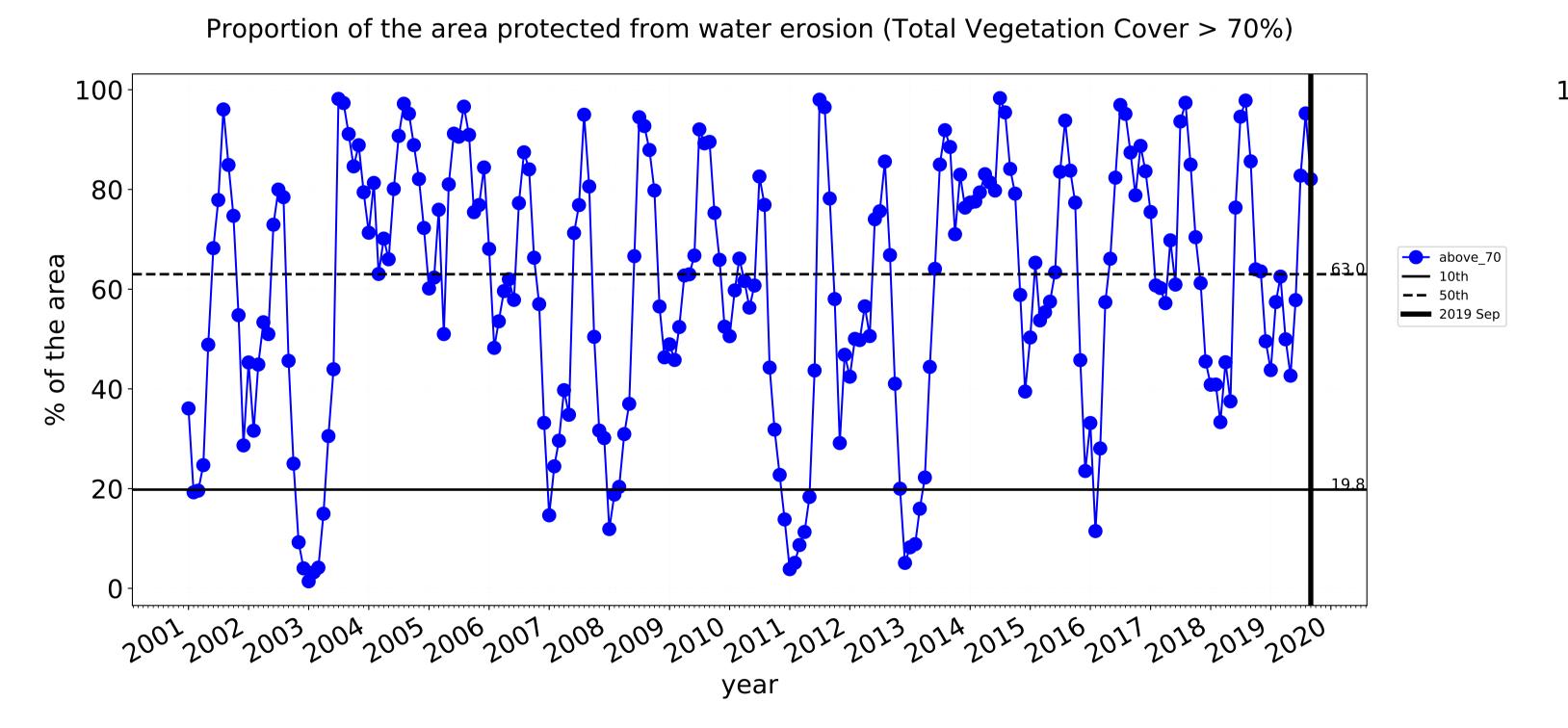


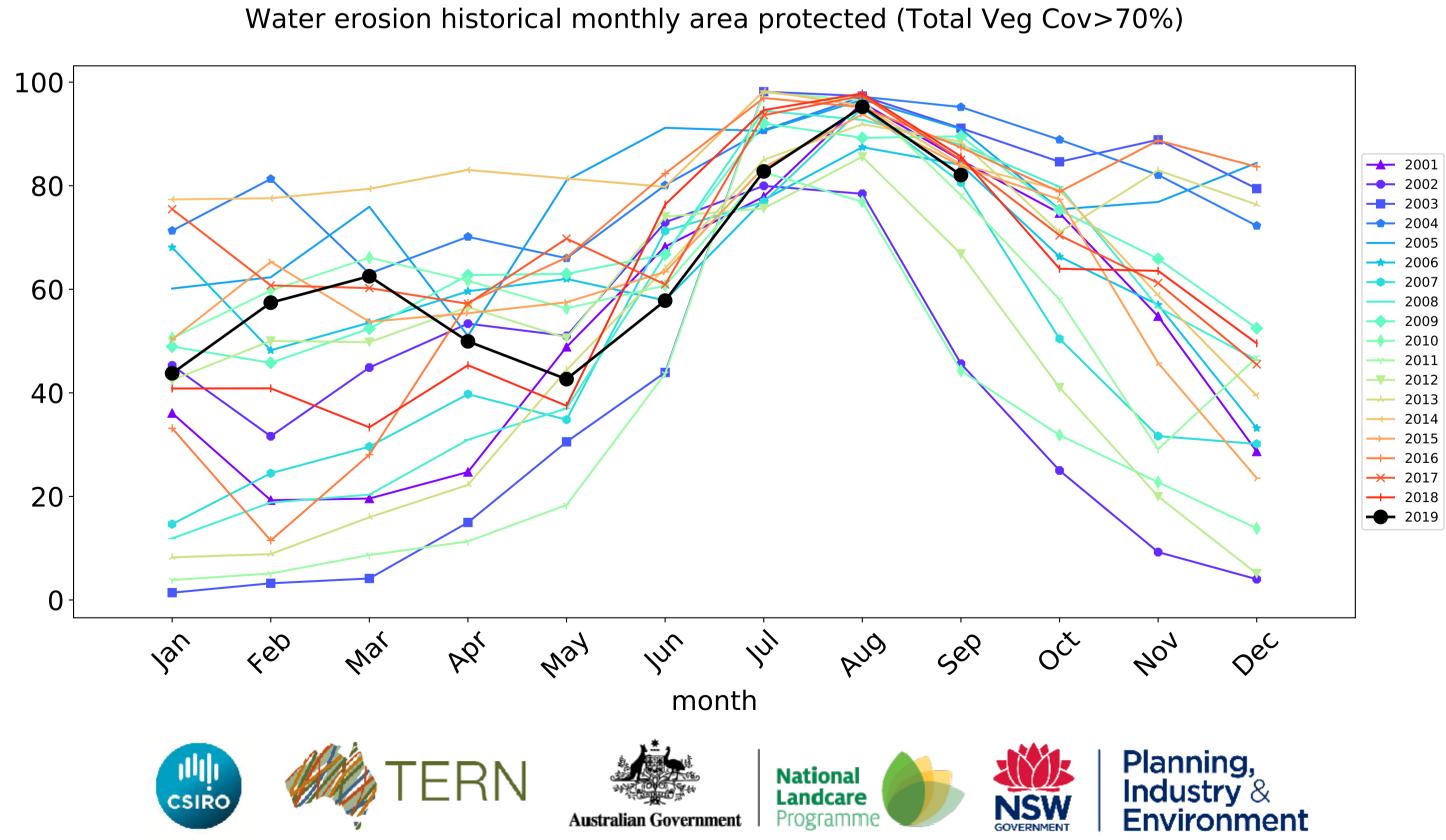


### **Cropping timeseries**









### Kondinin\_(S) (742,750 ha and no data 1,503 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	742,750	100.0% 742,600	98.7% 733,400	86.2% 640,400	47.3% 351,275	1.1% 8,400	0.5% 3,850
Conservation and natural environments	371,375	100.0% 371,325	97.8% 363,195	90.5% 335,965	73.7% 273,874	0.9% 3,416	0.1% 274
Conservation and natural environments non forest	164,147	100.0% 164,097	95.6% 156,931	83.5% 137,125	65.1% 106,844	0.7% 1,094	0.2% 273
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	207,227	100.0% 207,227	99.5% 206,278	96.0% 198,884	80.6% 167,085	1.1% 2,323	0.0%
Agriculture	356,520	100.0% 356,520	99.8% 355,772	82.1% 292,552	19.7% 70,197	0.2% 747	0.0% 99
Cropping	356,520	100.0% 356,520	99.8% 355,772	82.1% 292,543	19.7% 70,207	0.2% 747	0.0% 99











