Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Murray_(S) WA Date: April 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 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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Land use and forest cover

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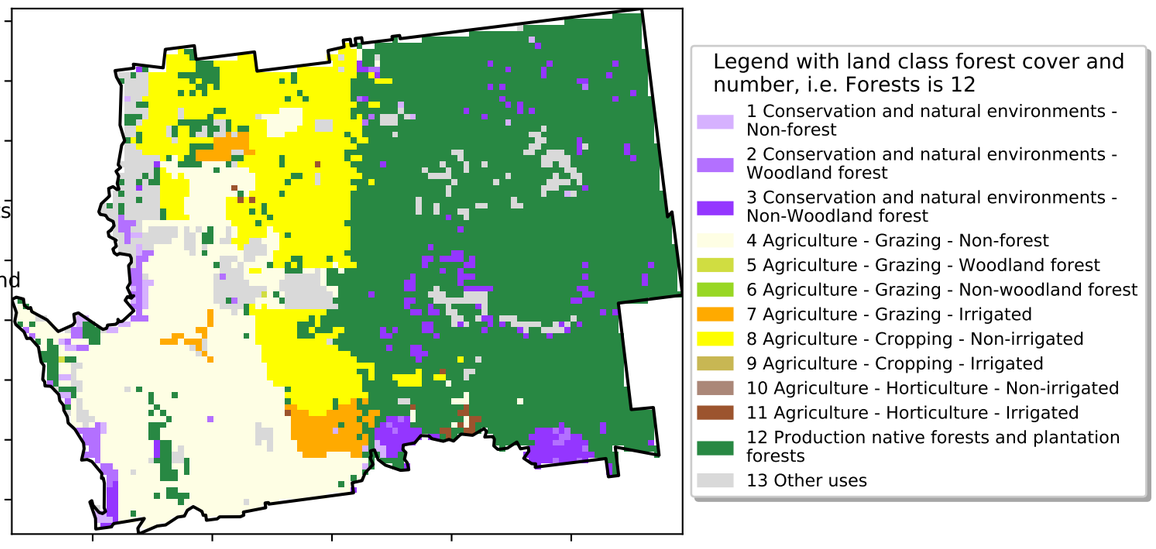

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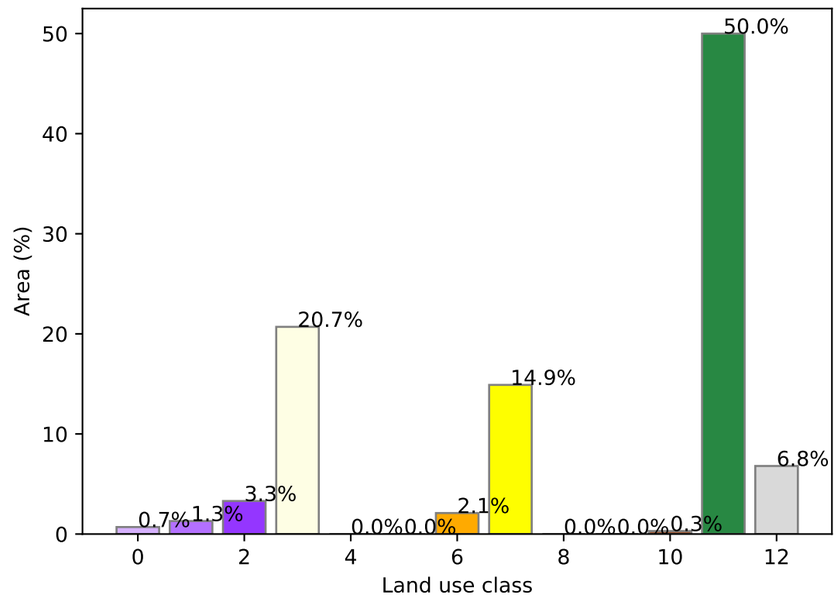

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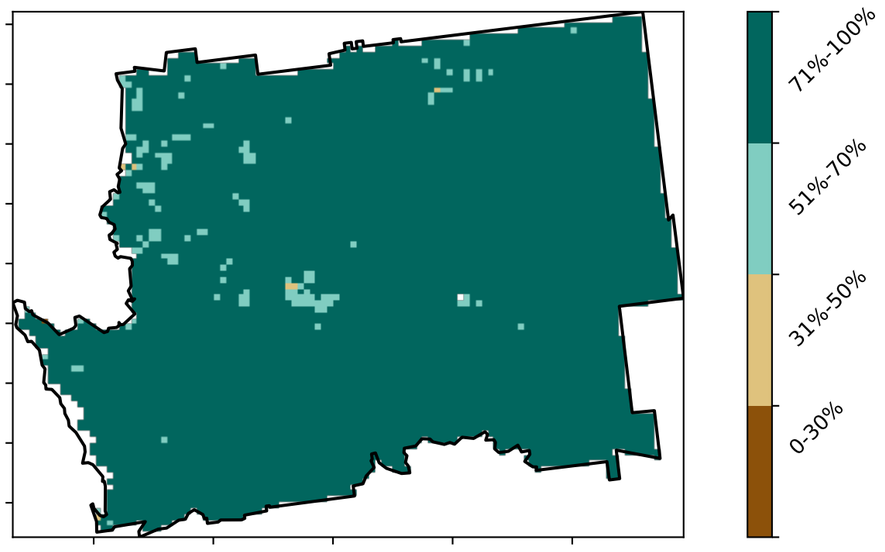

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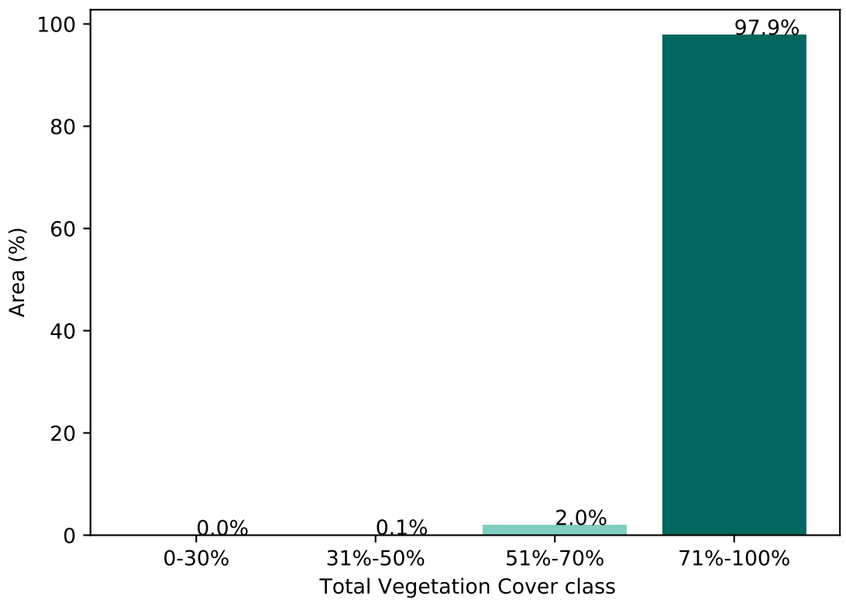

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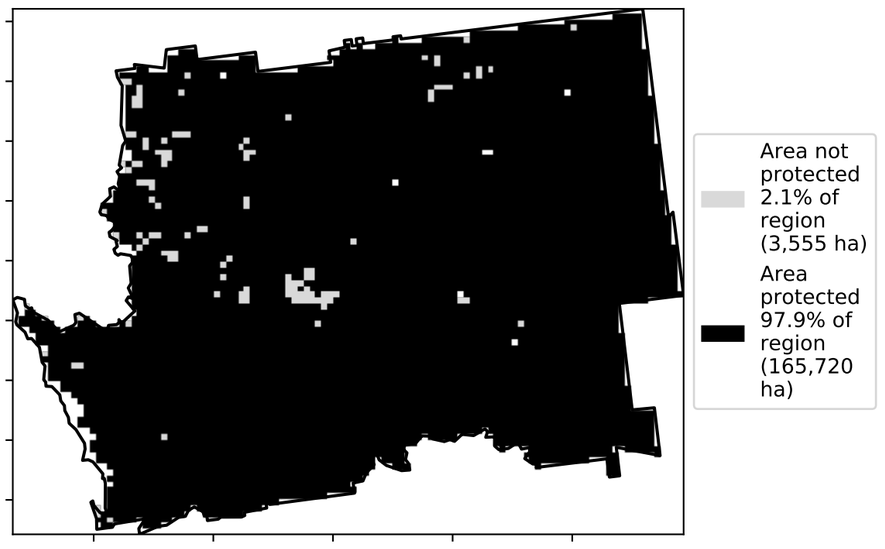

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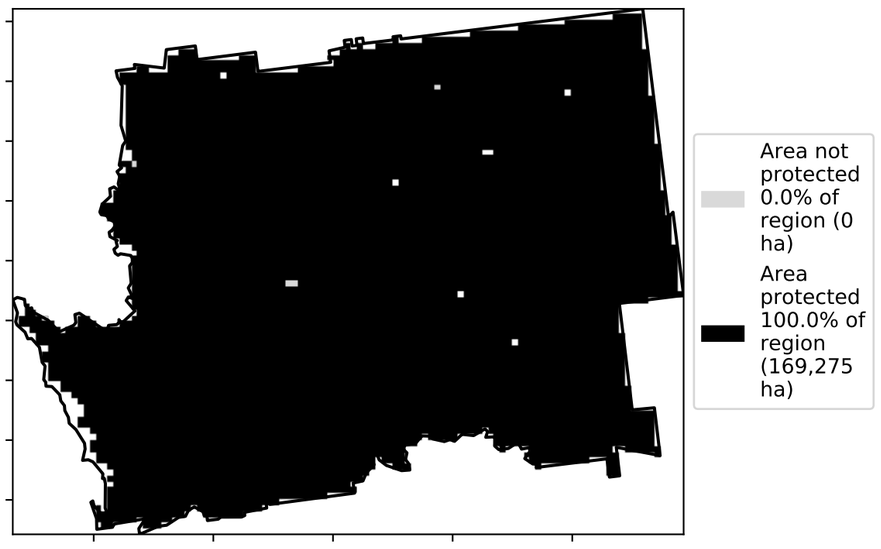

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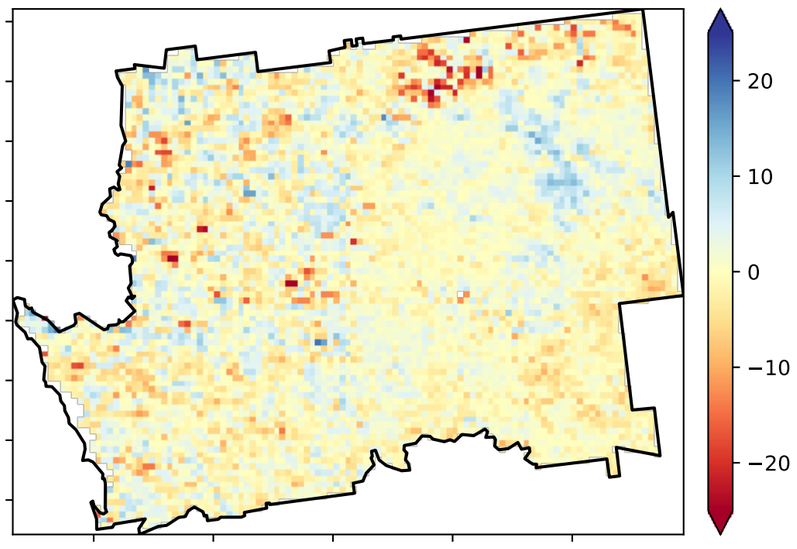

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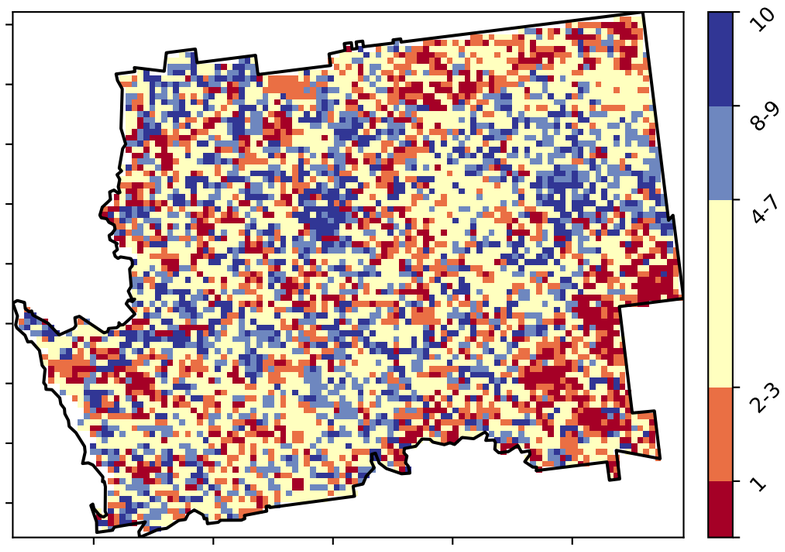

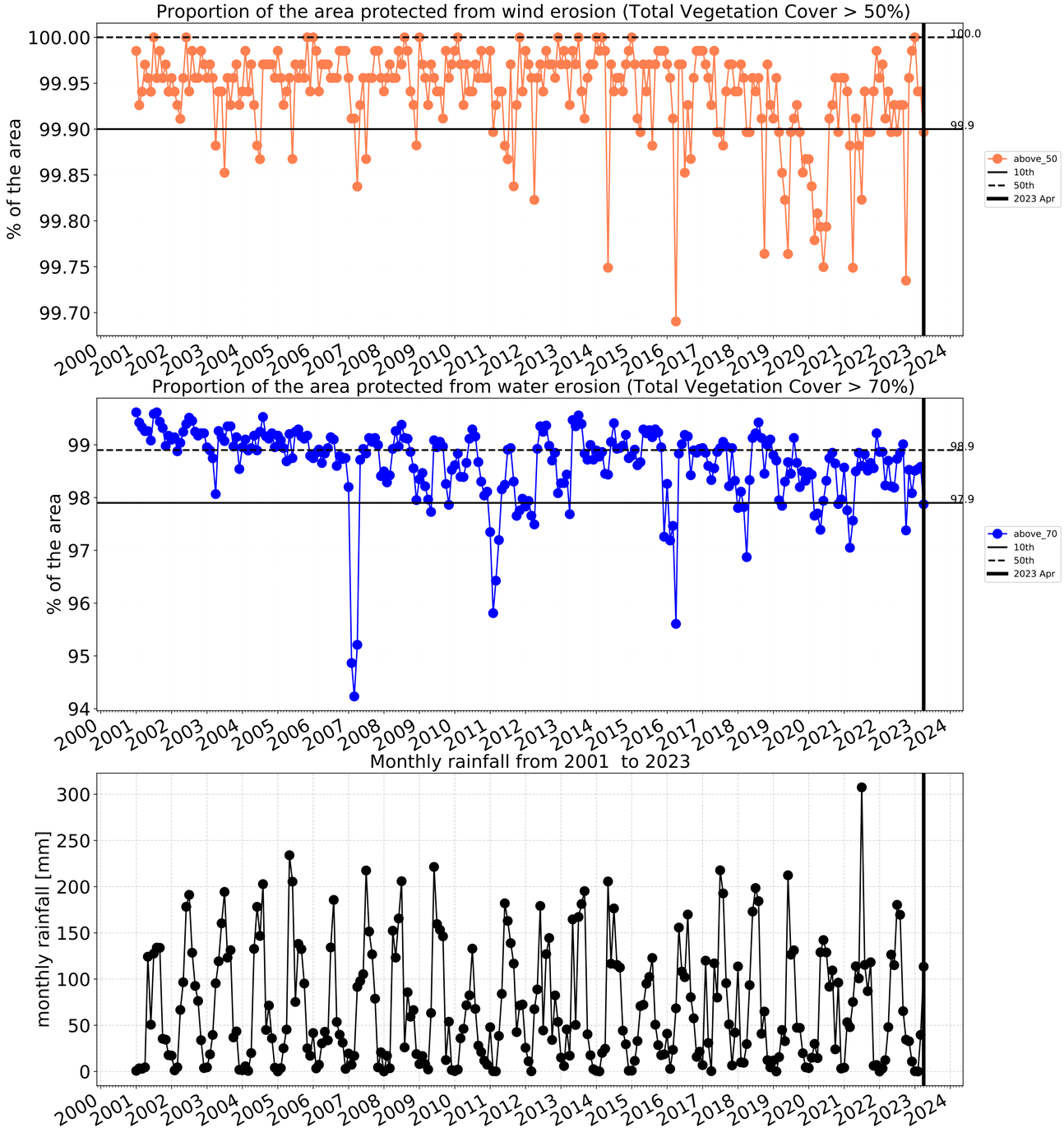
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)
% of the area
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Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2023
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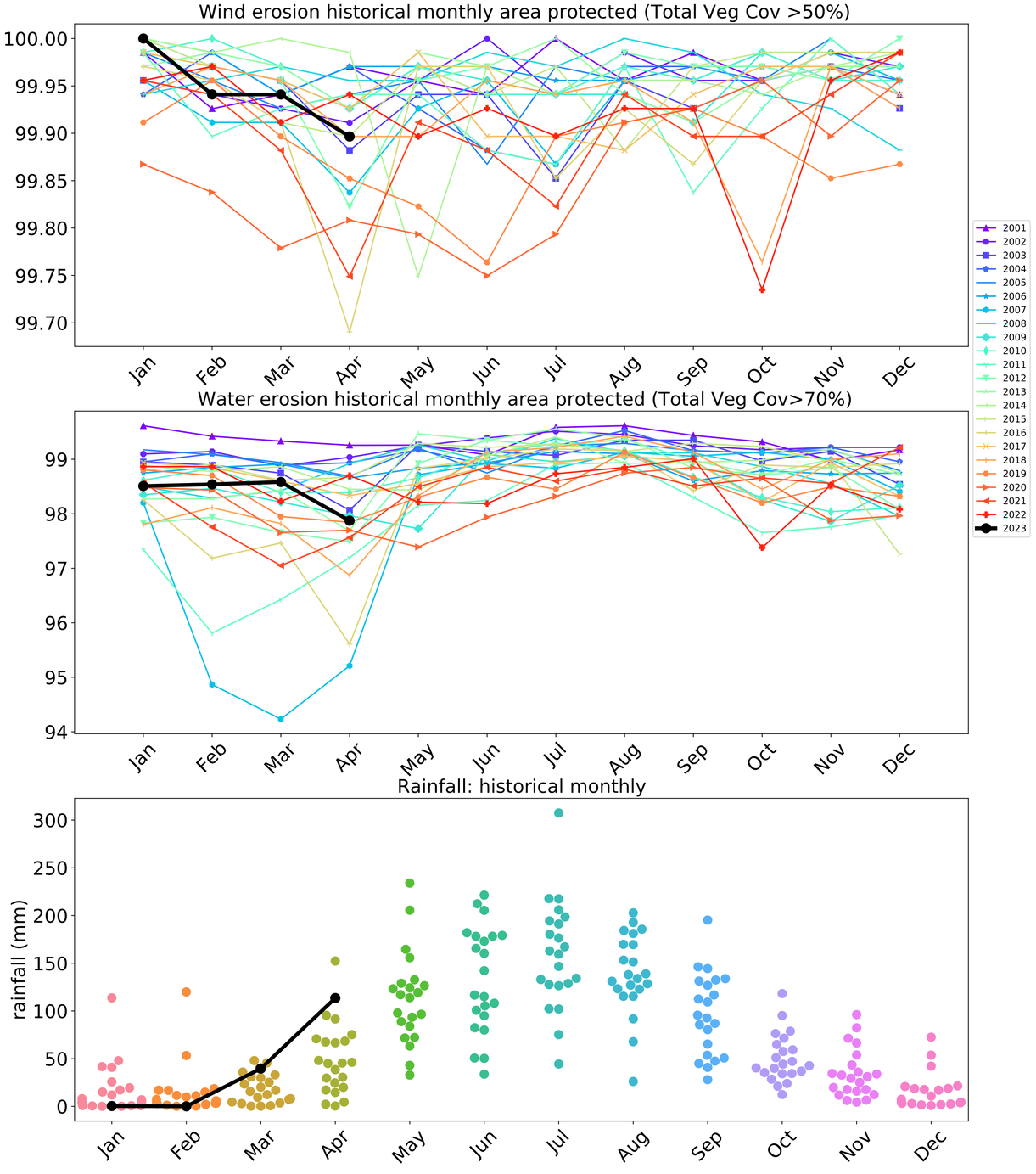
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)
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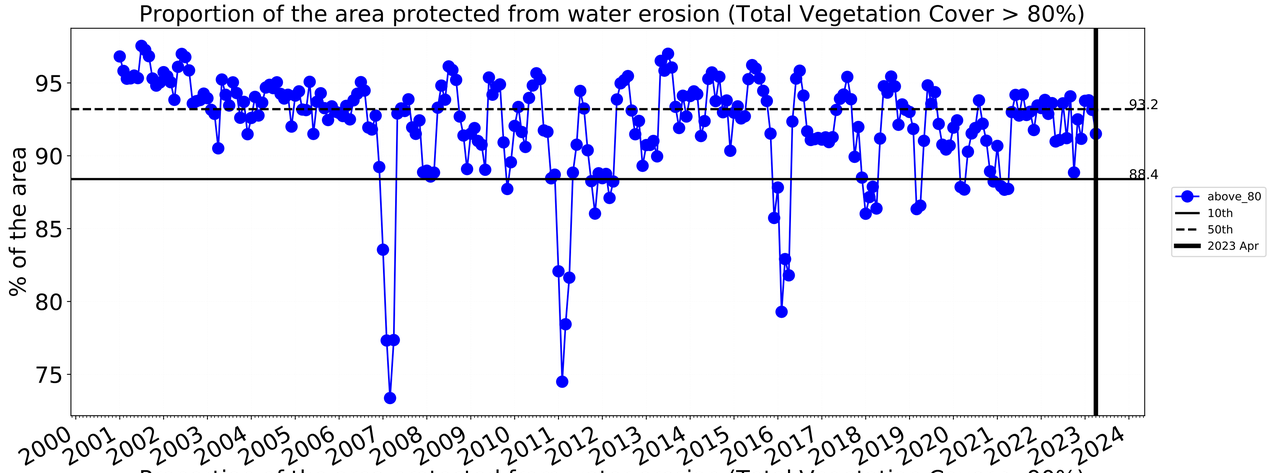
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% of the area
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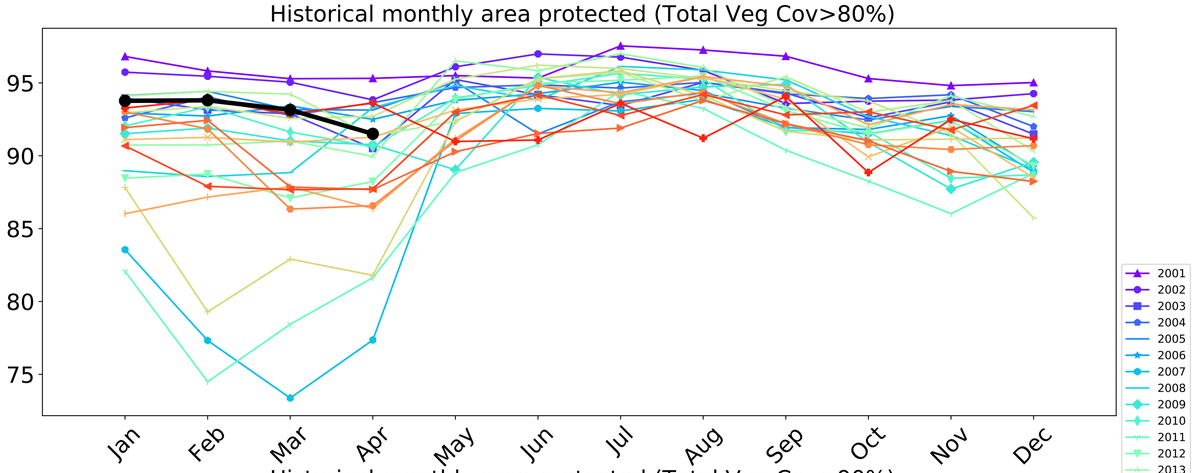
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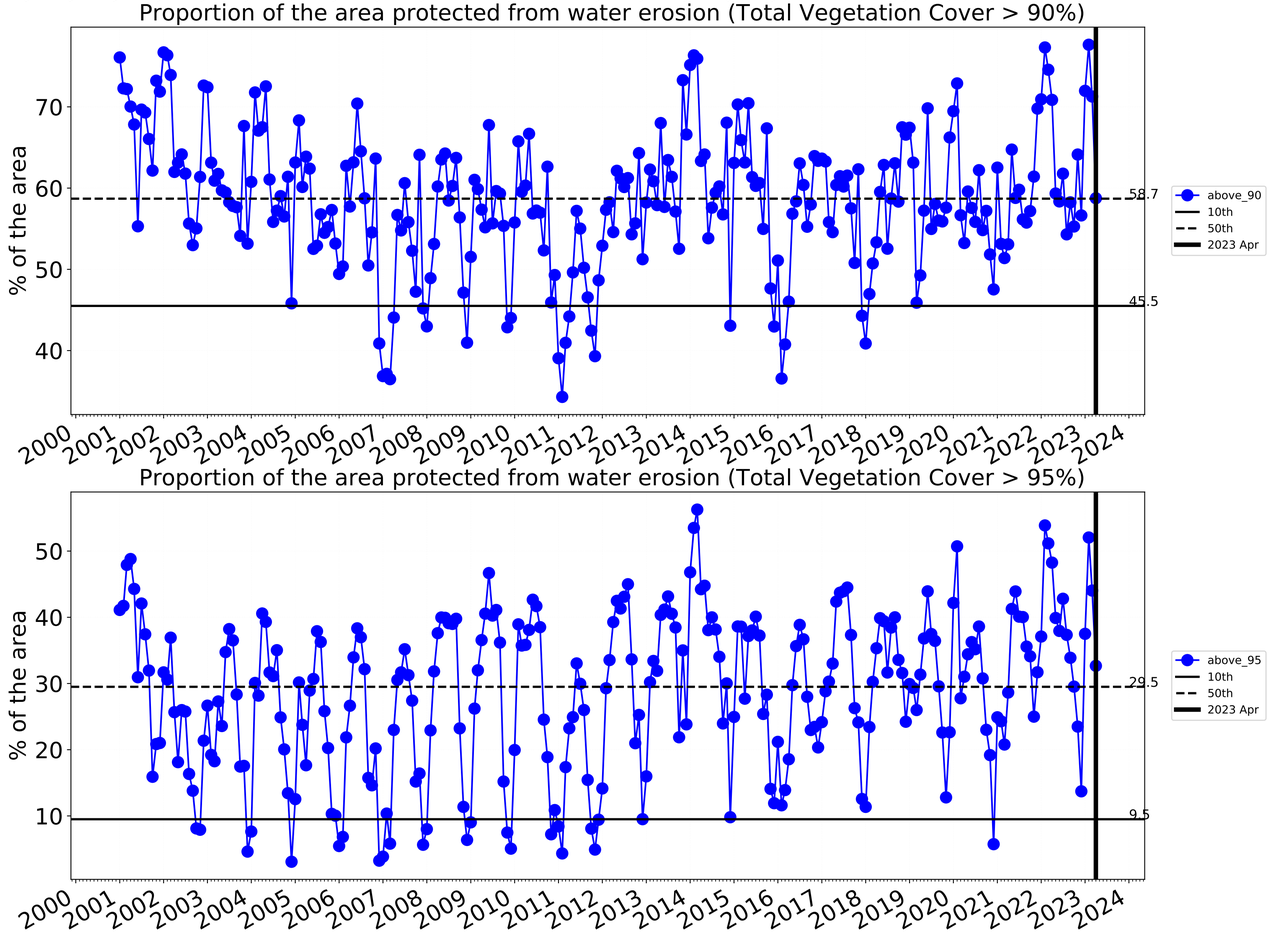
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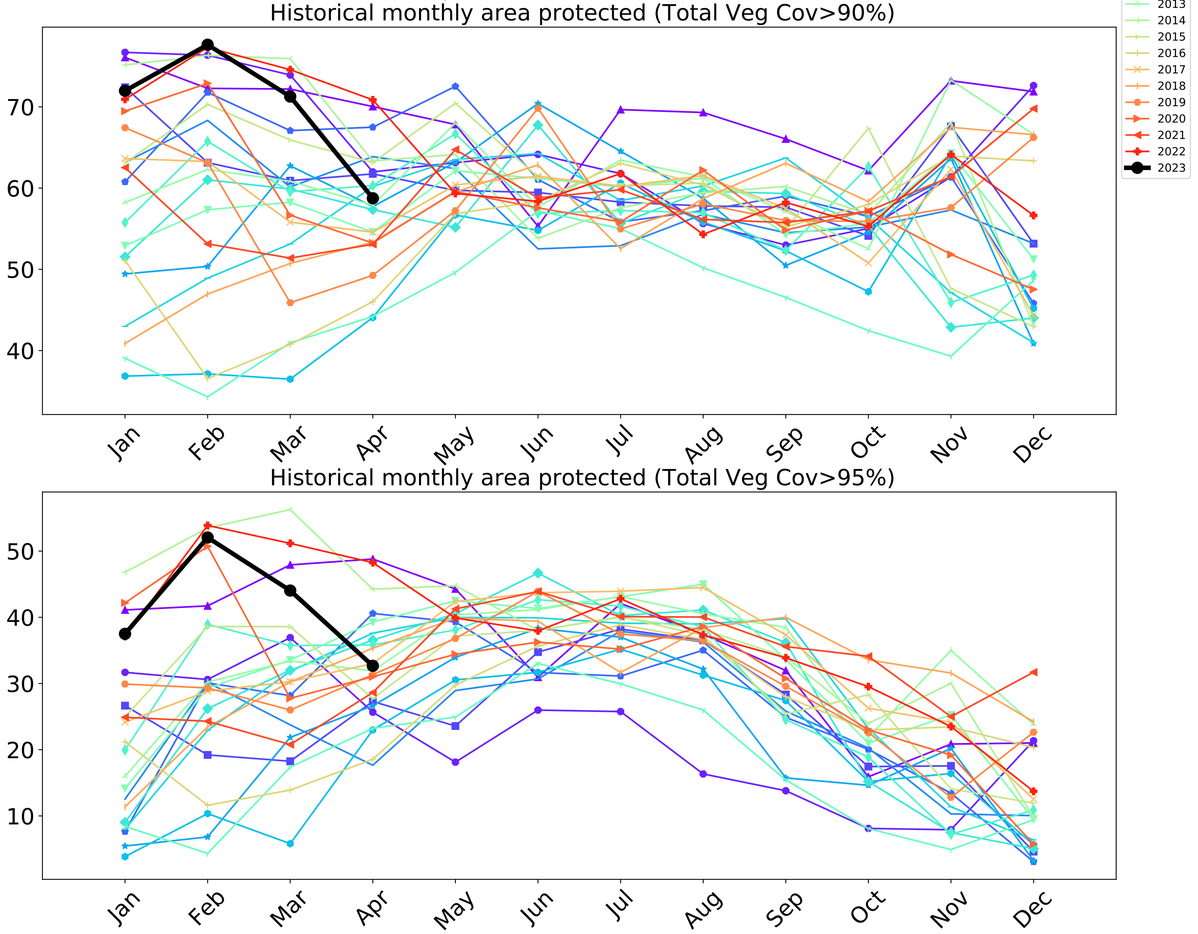
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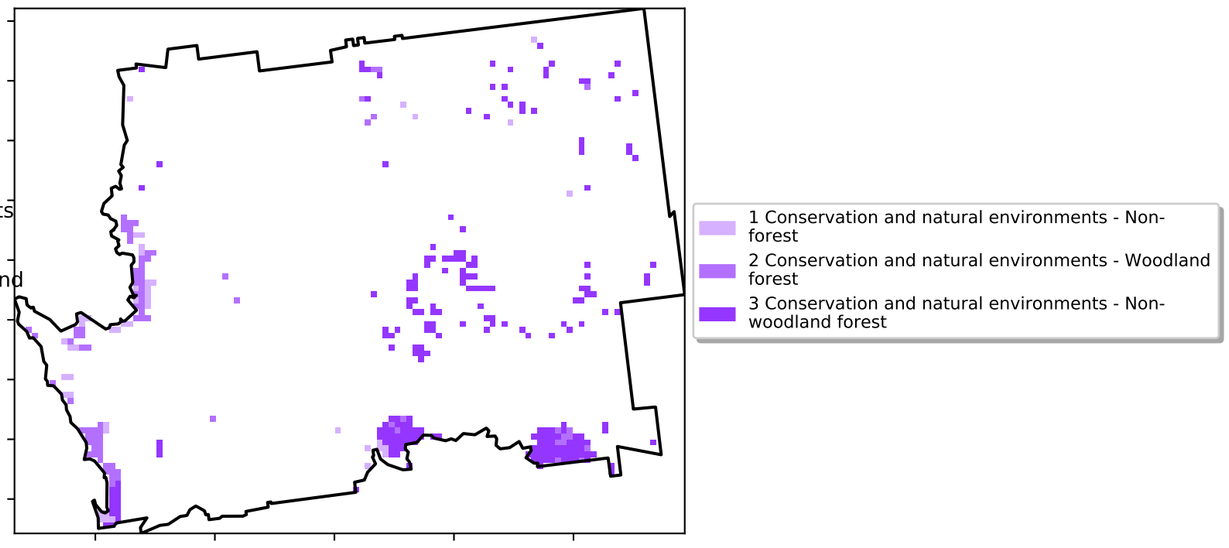
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover



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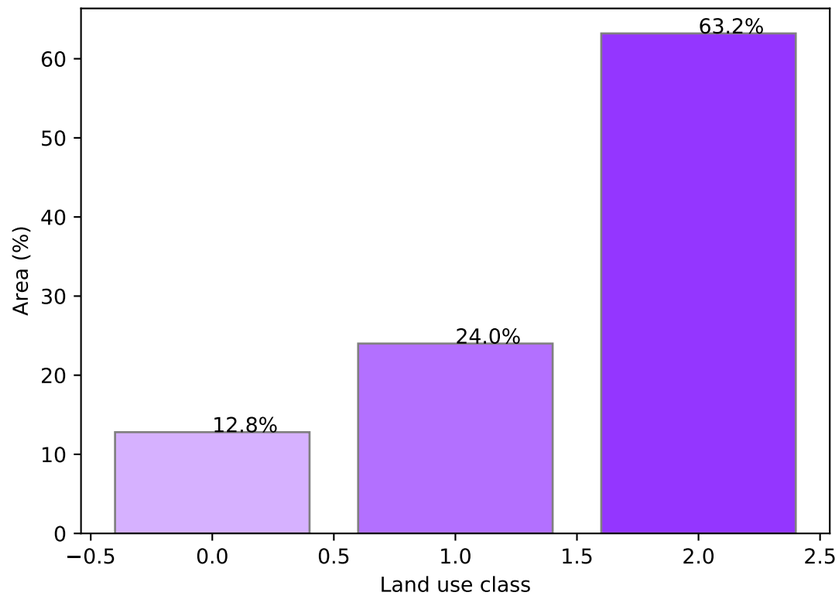

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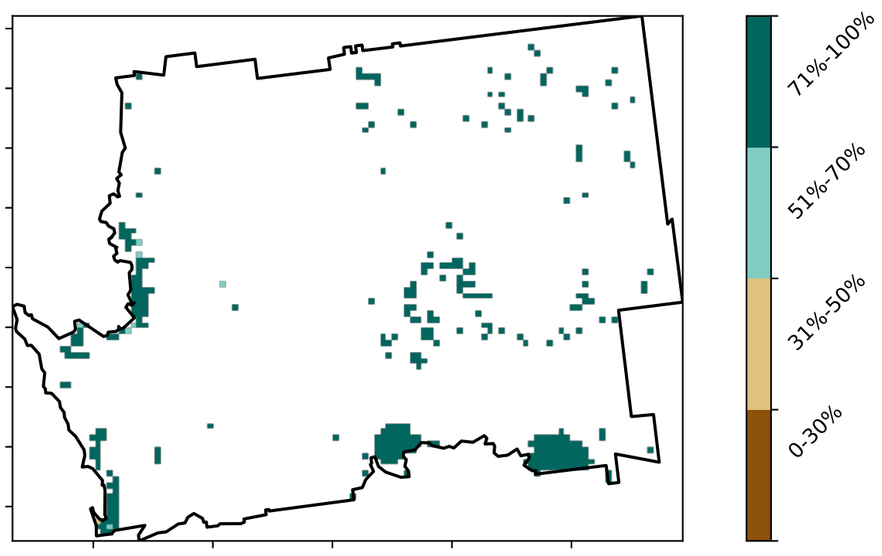

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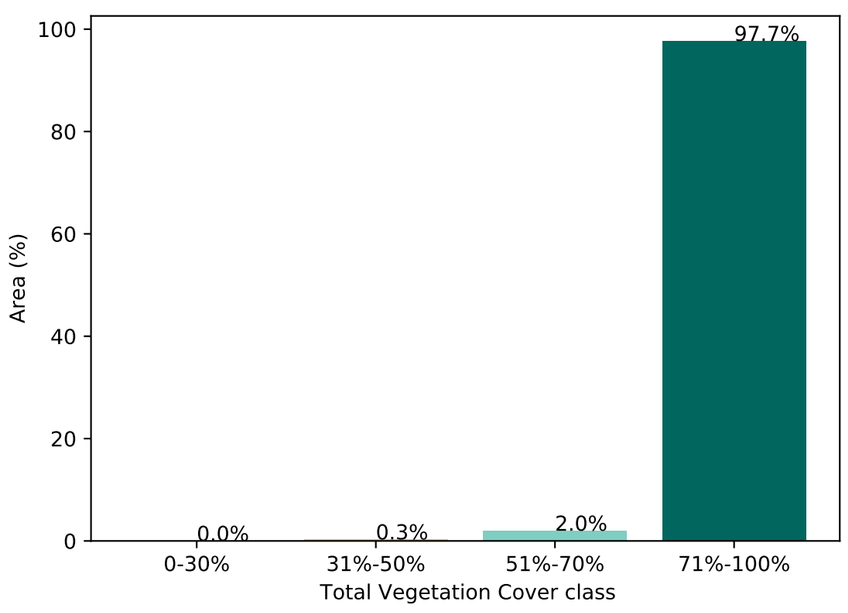

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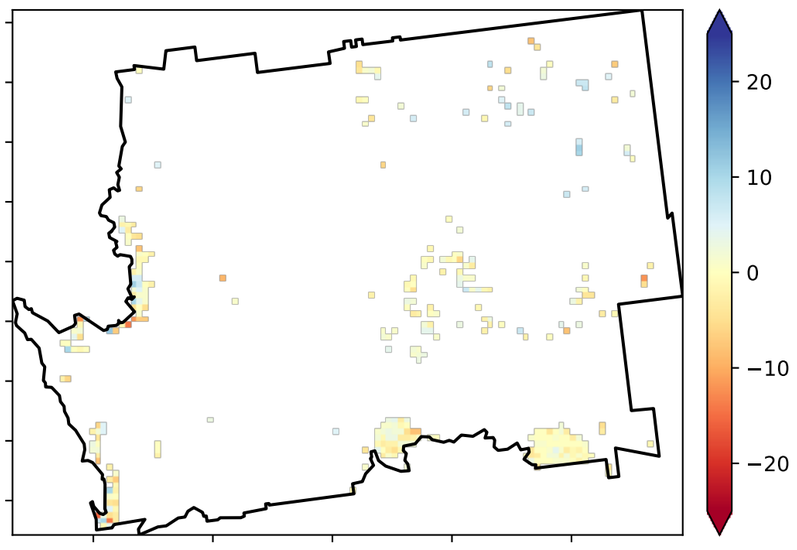

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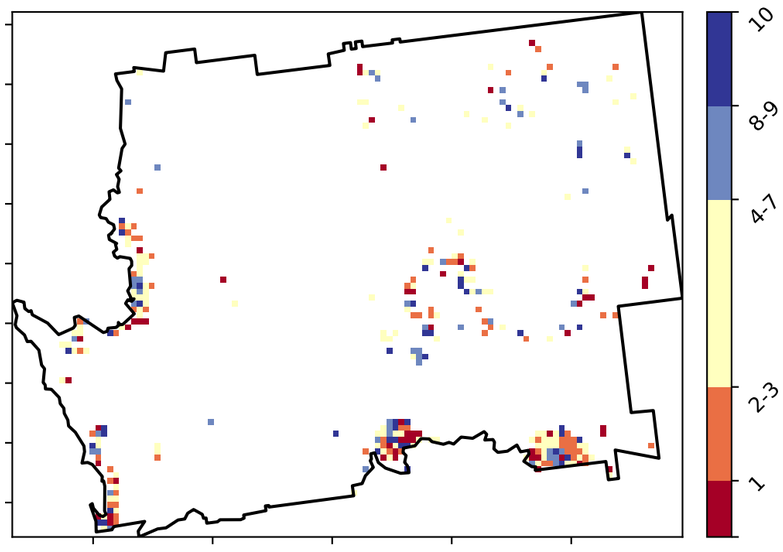

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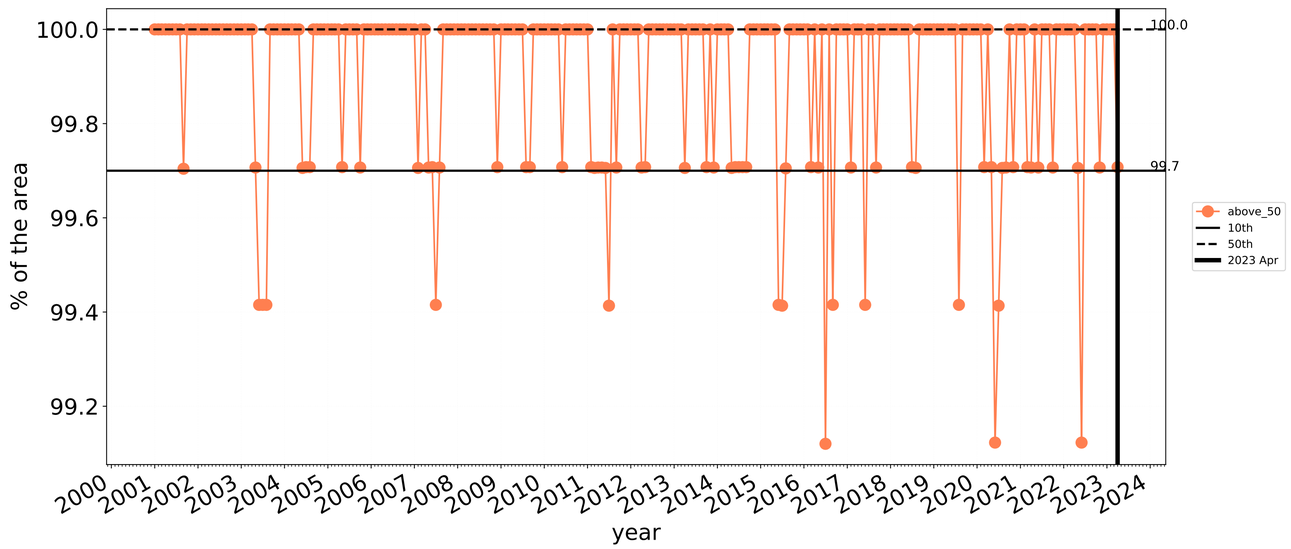

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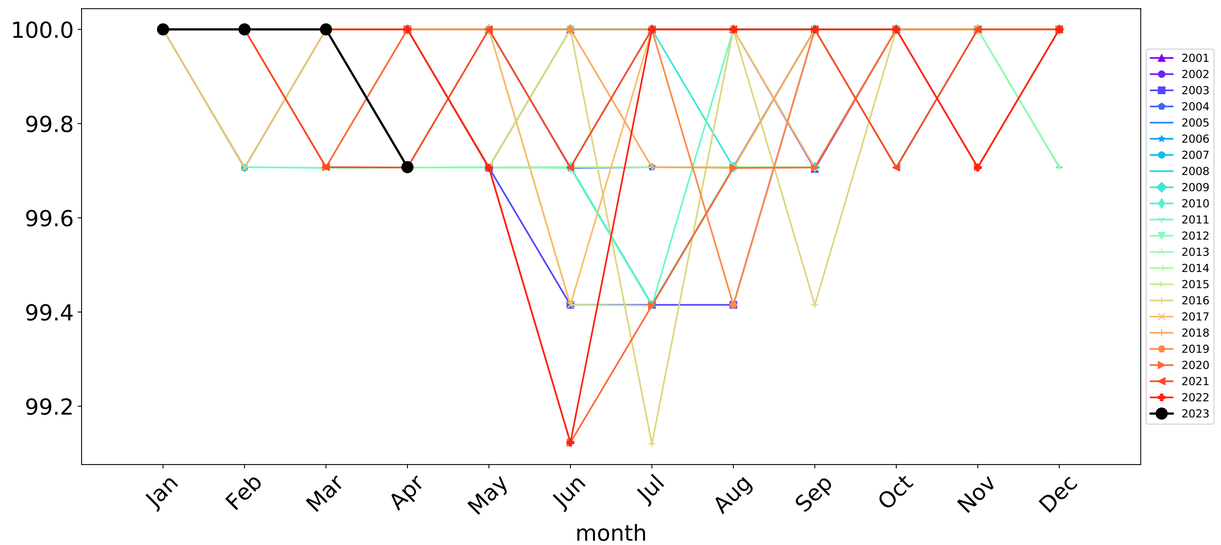

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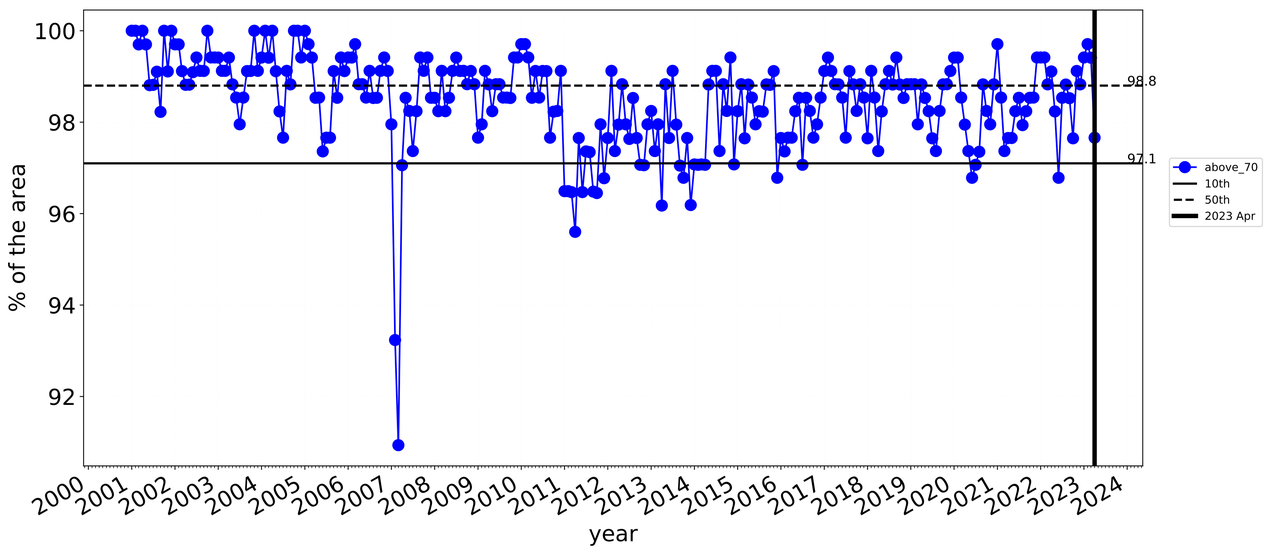

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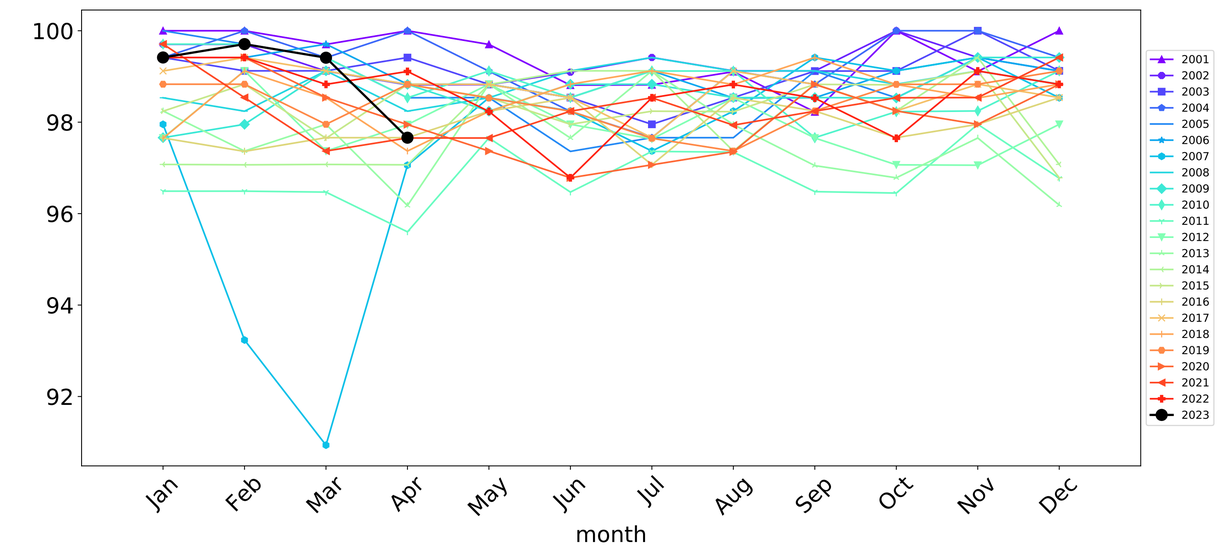

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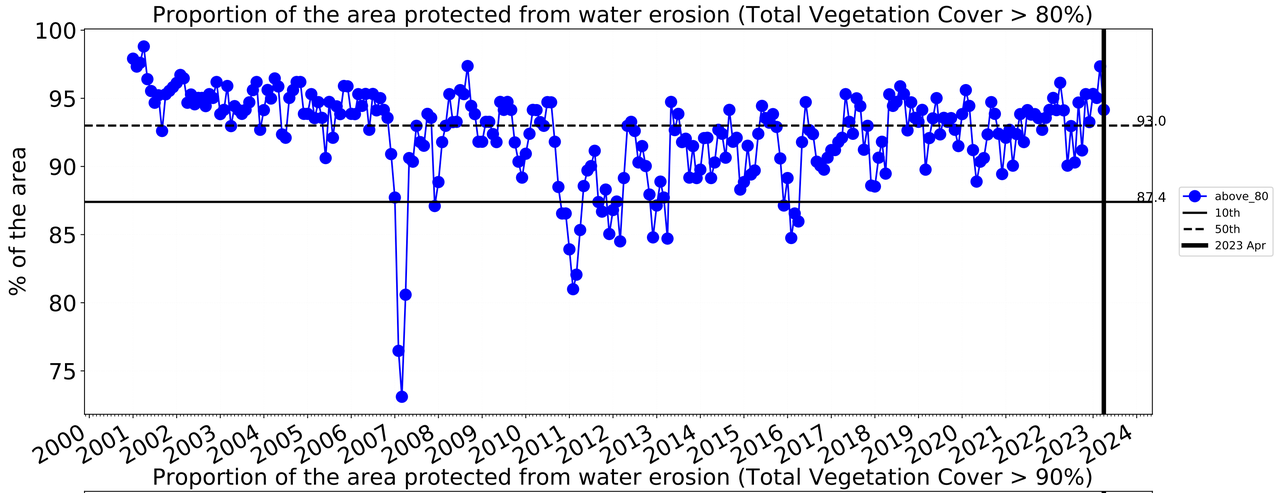
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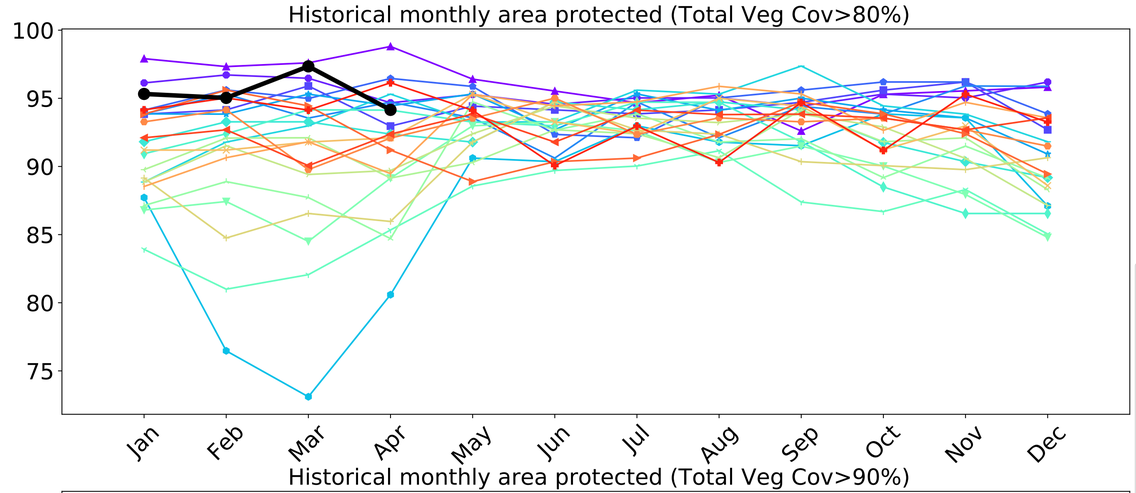
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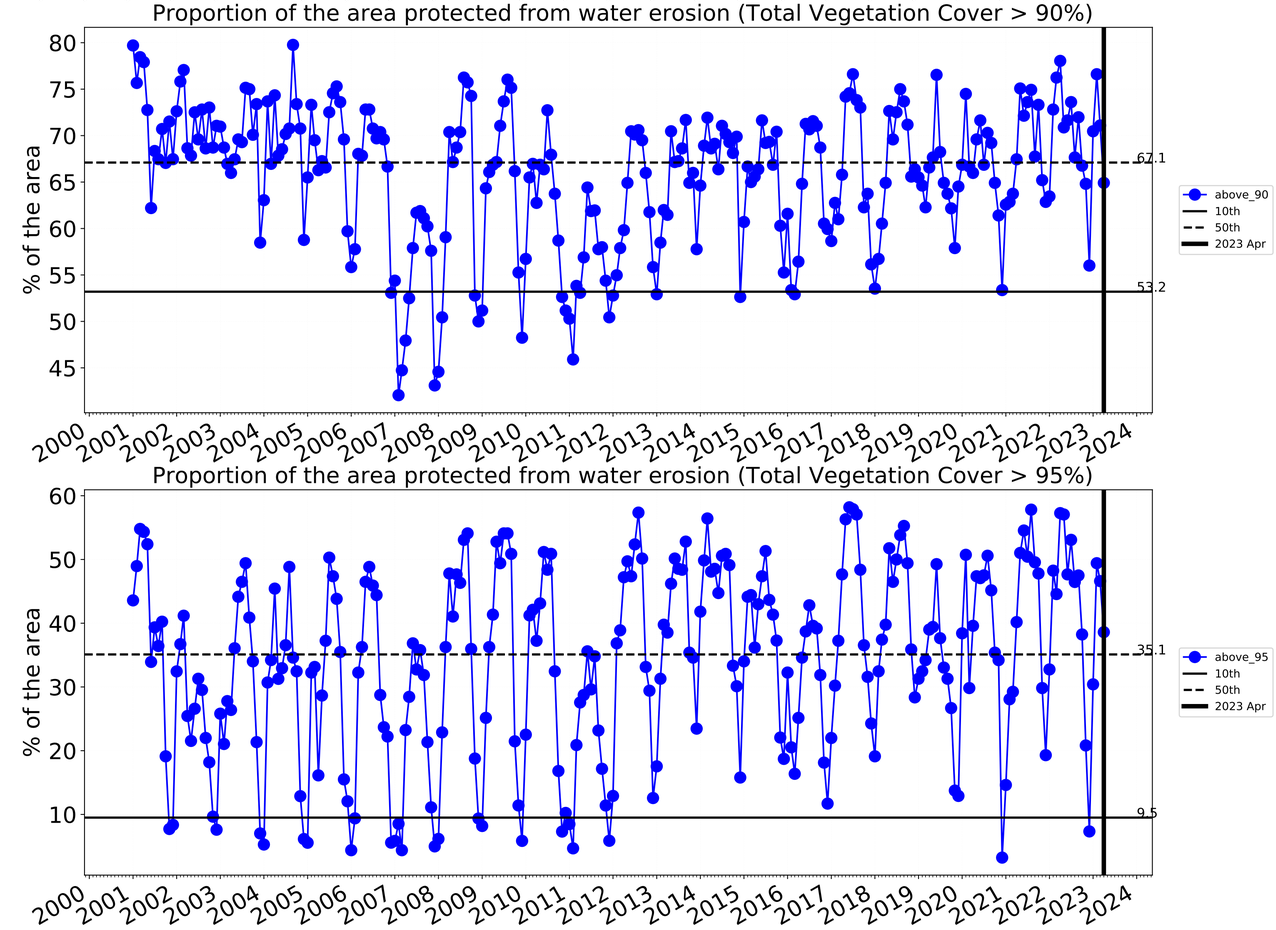
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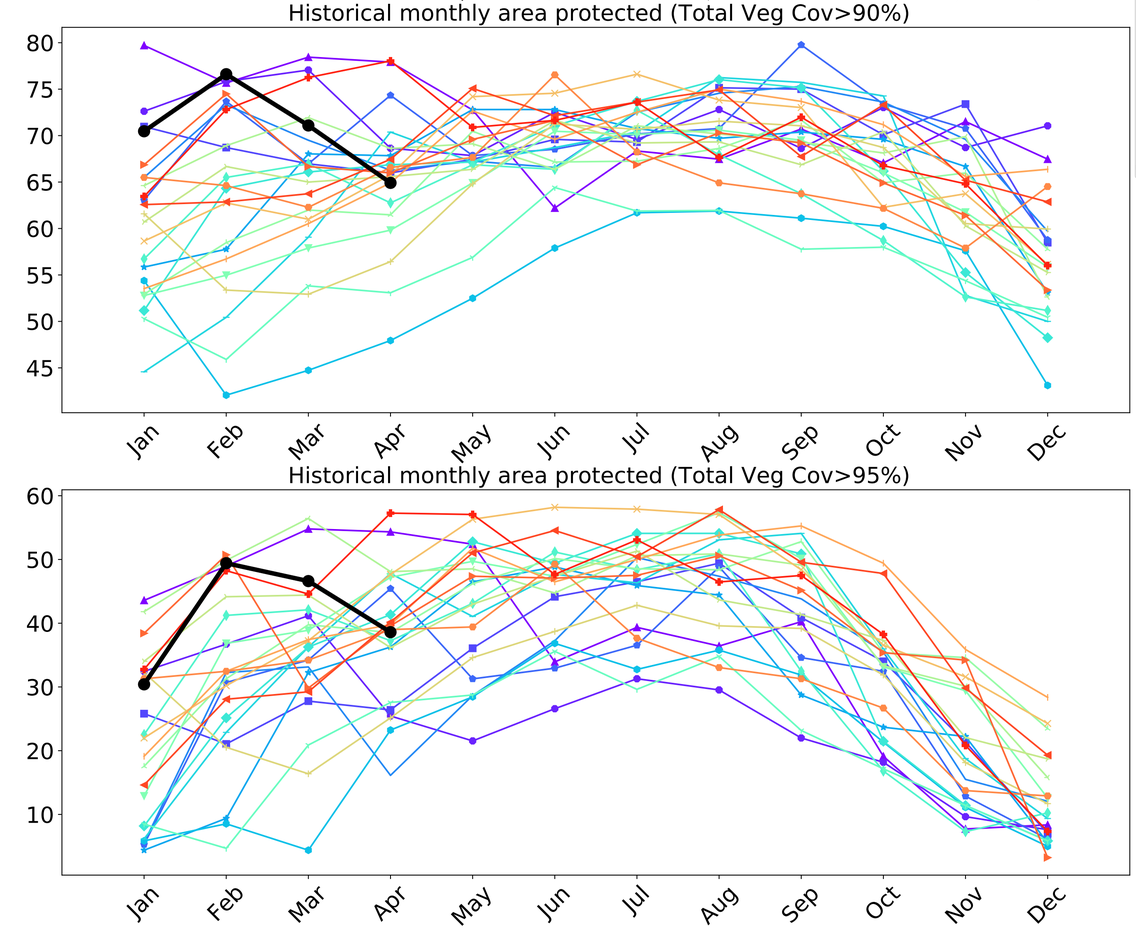
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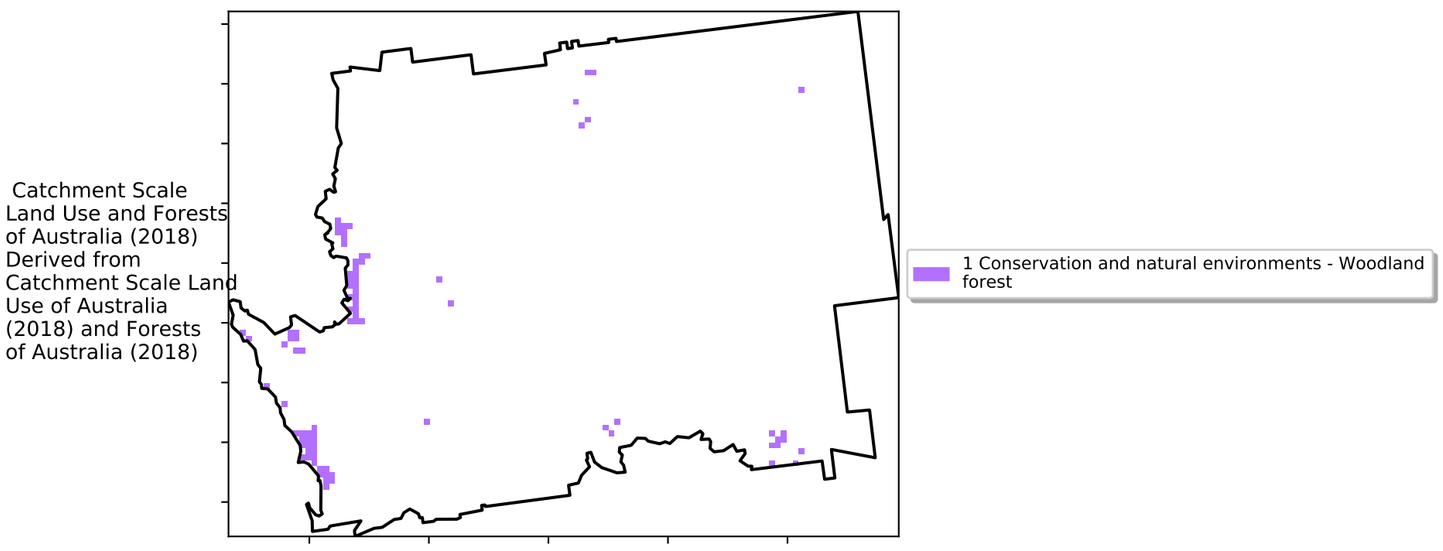

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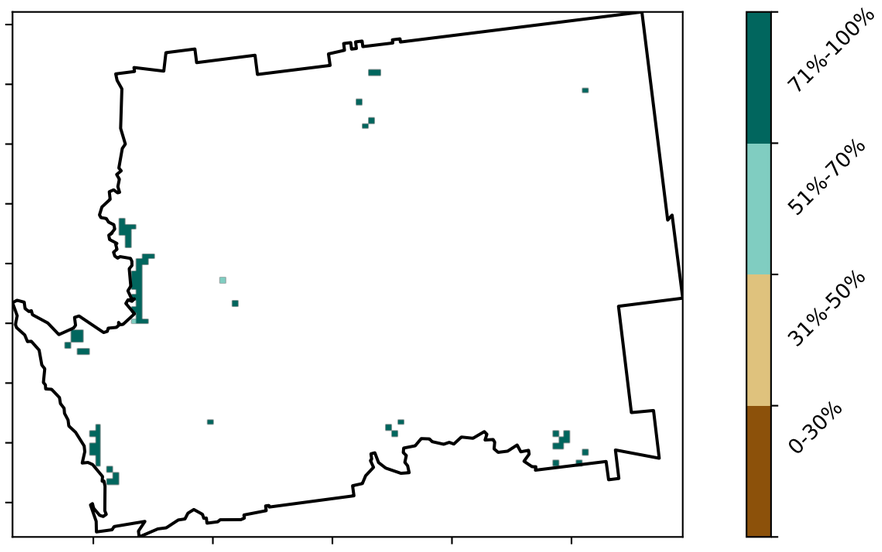

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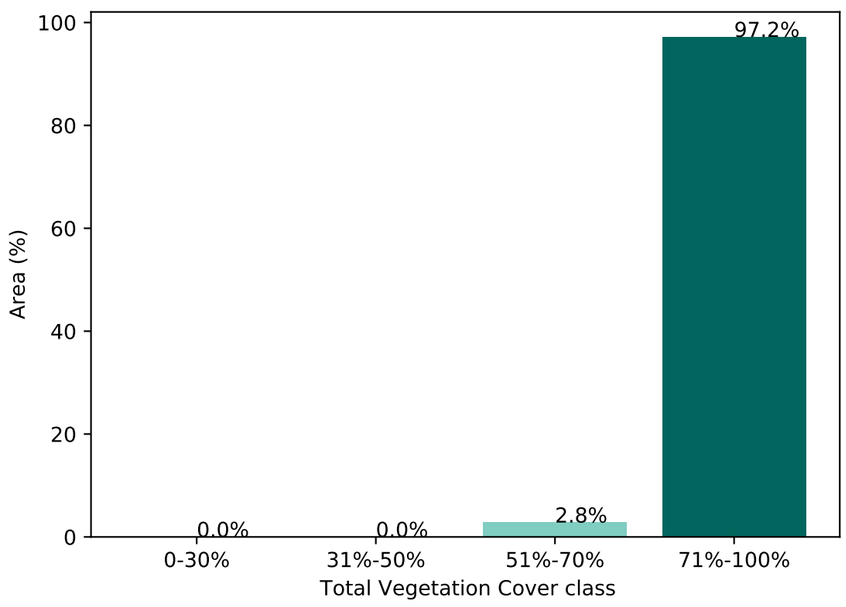

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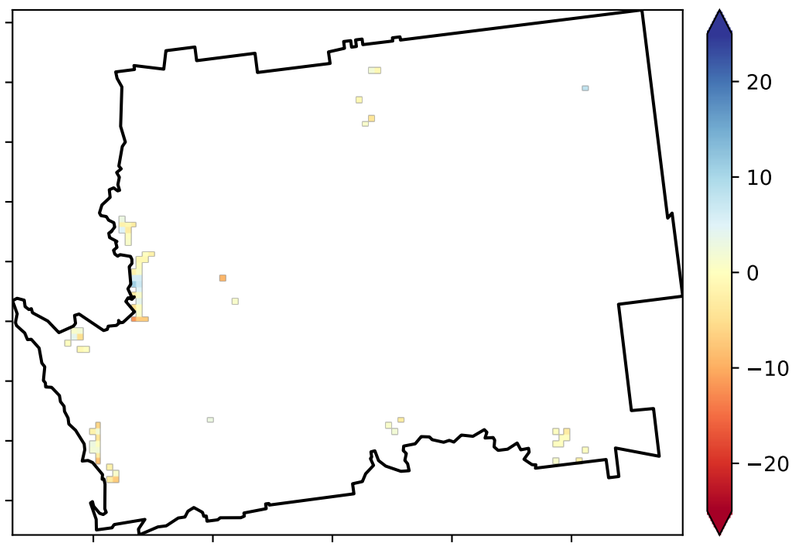

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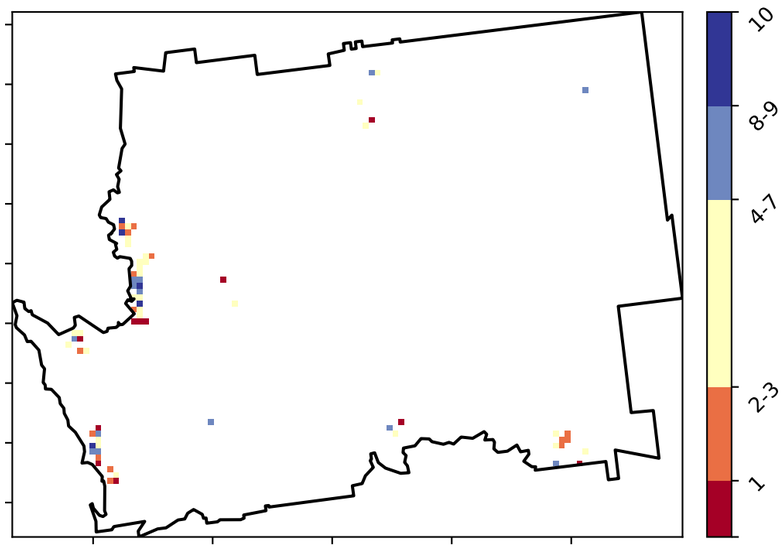

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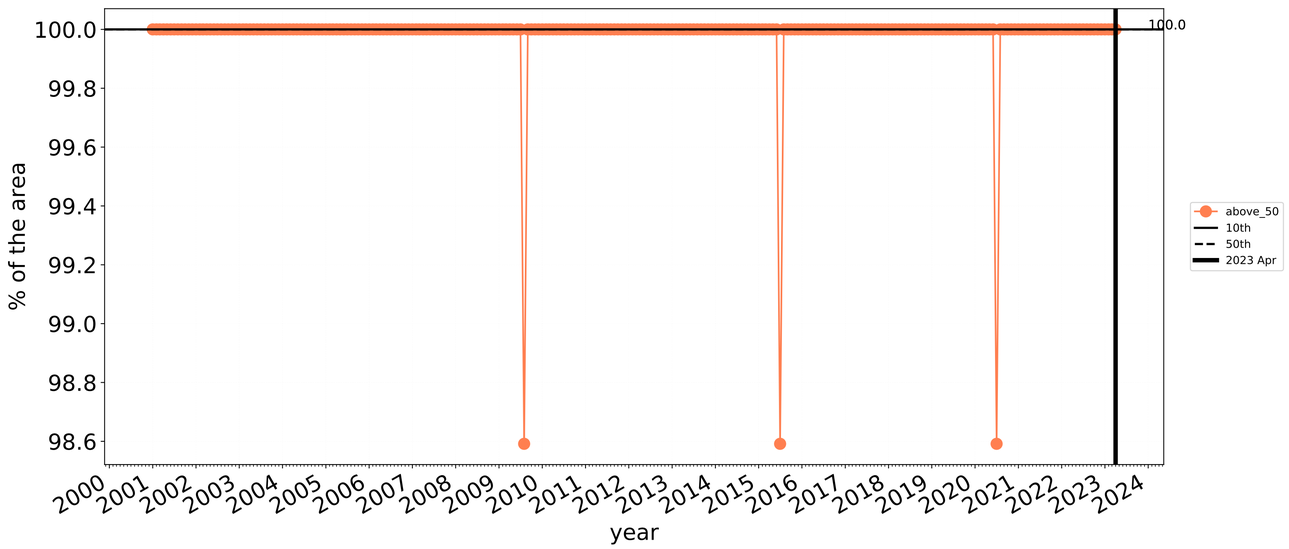

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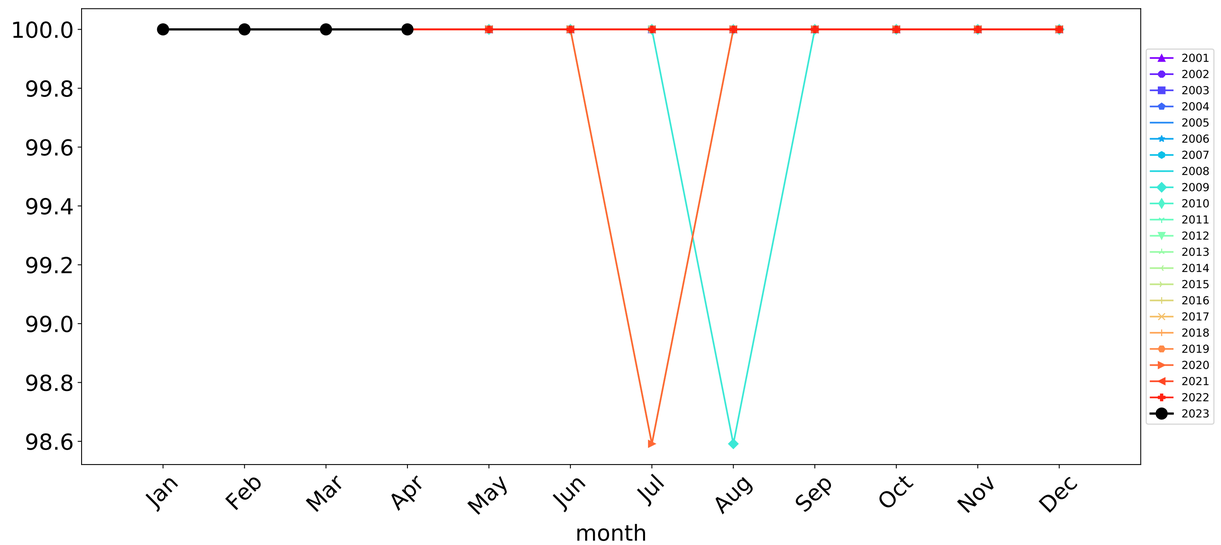

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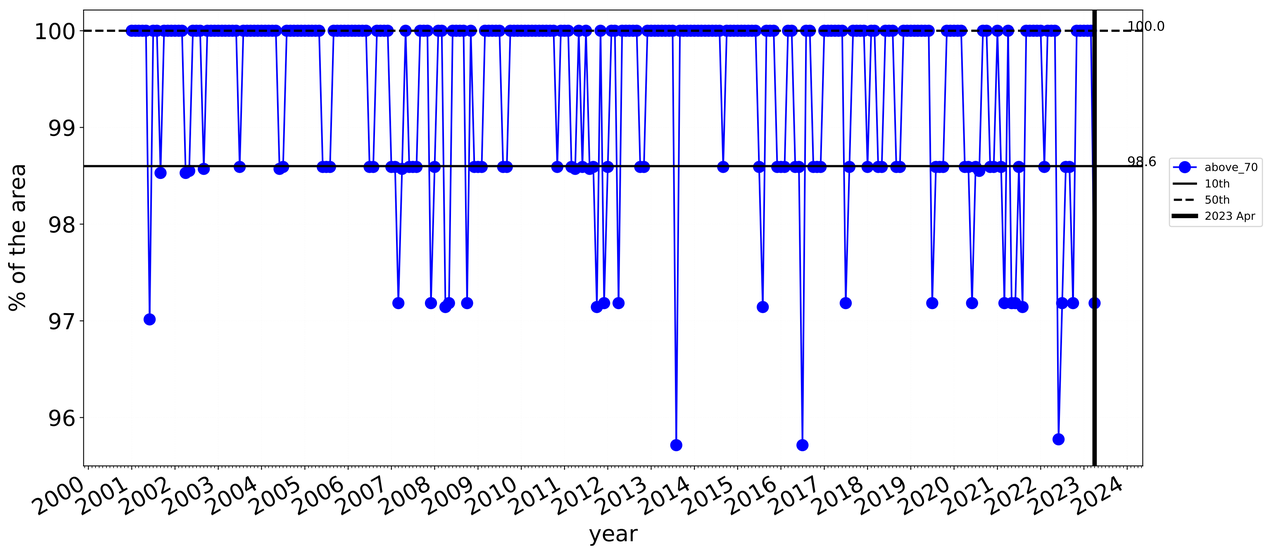

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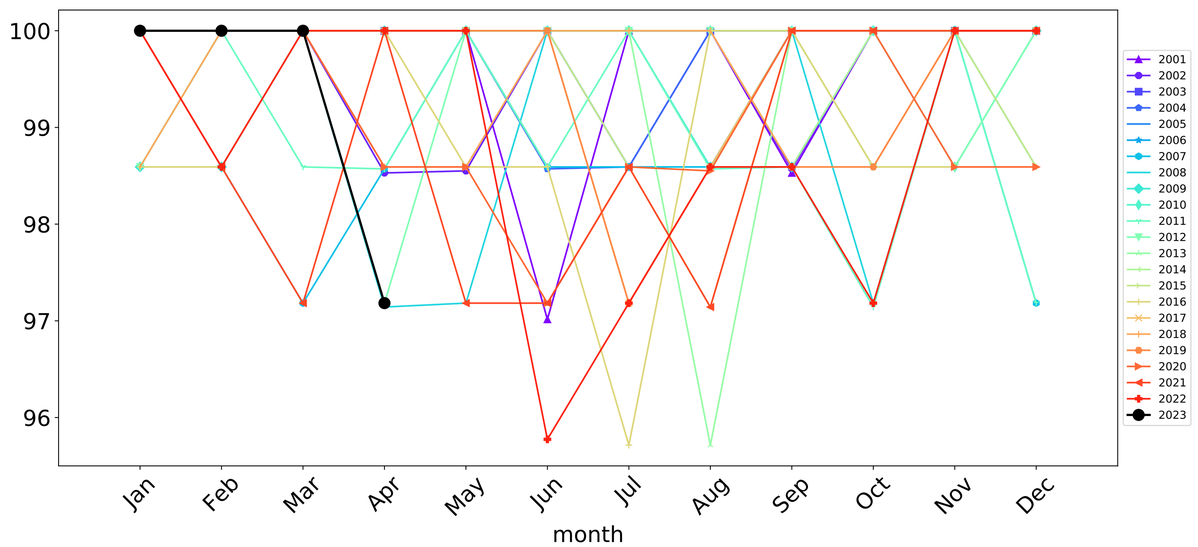

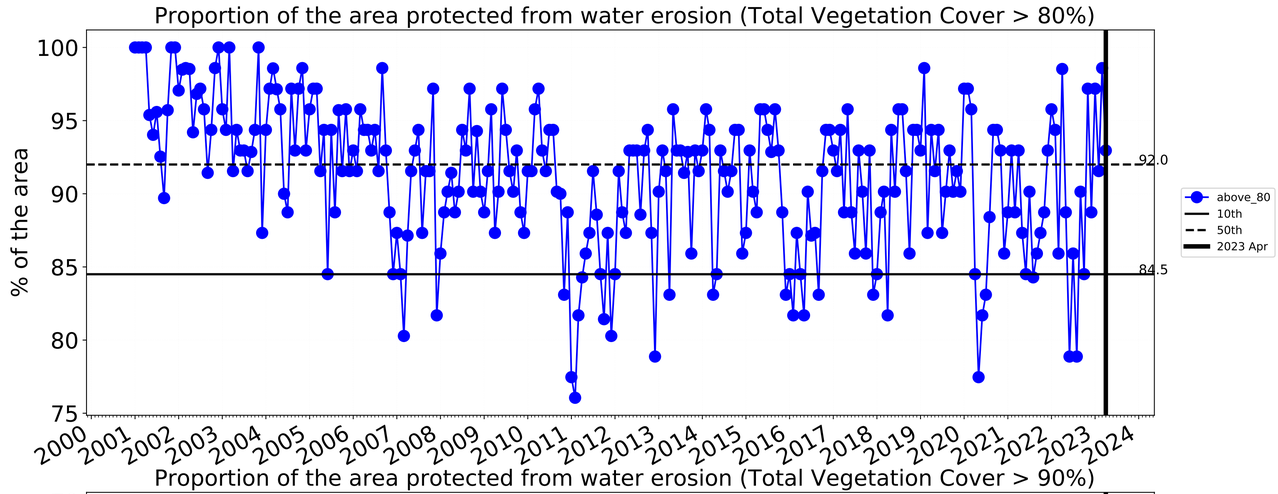
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
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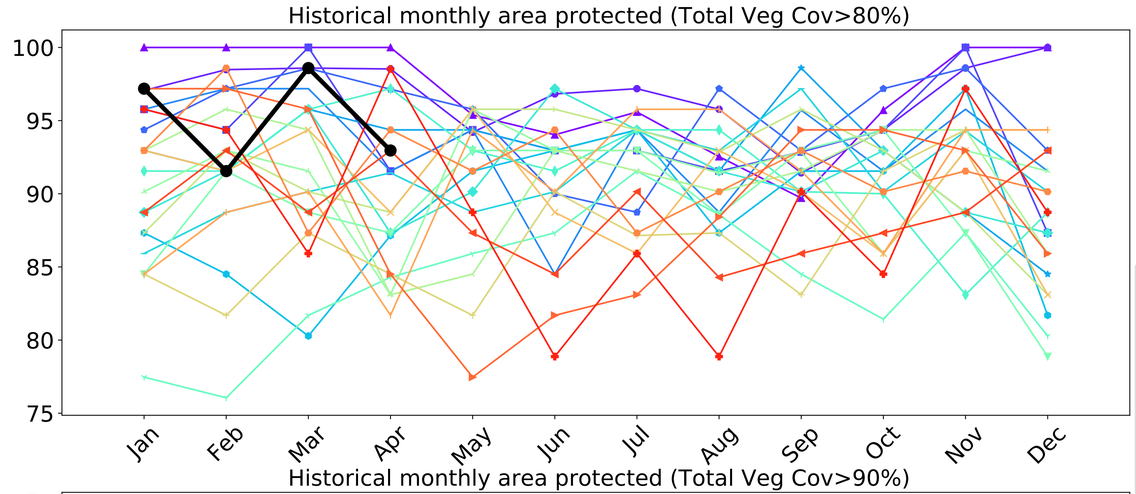
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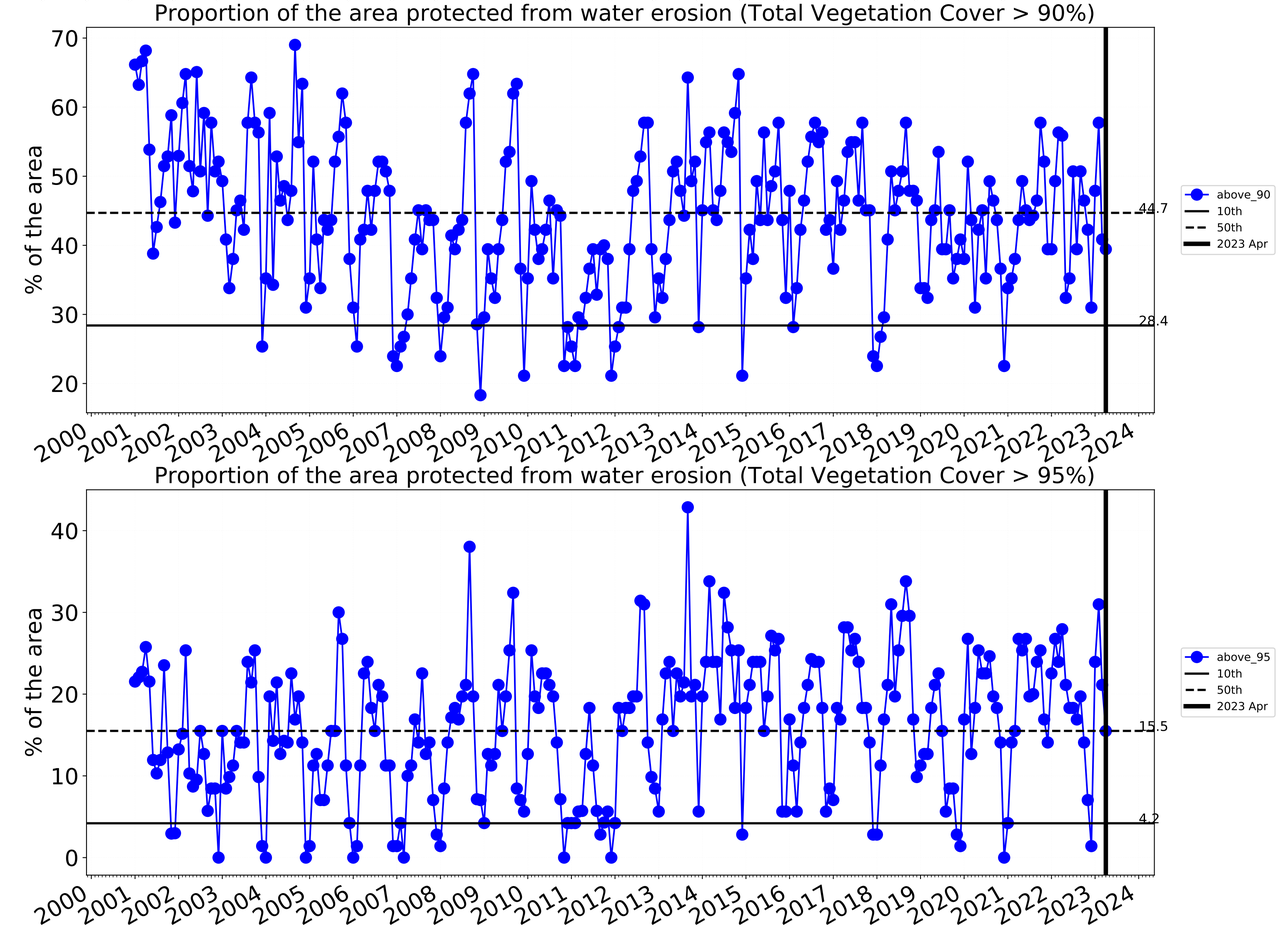
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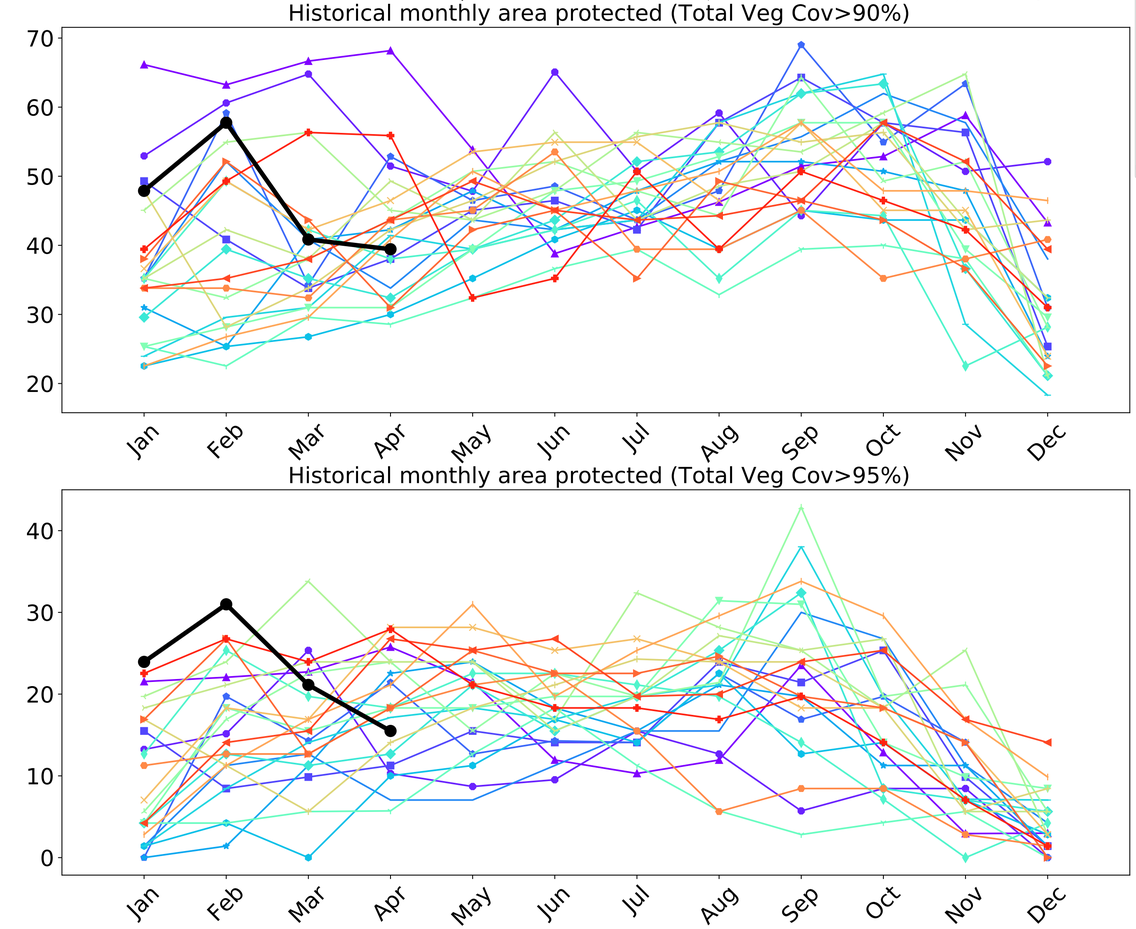
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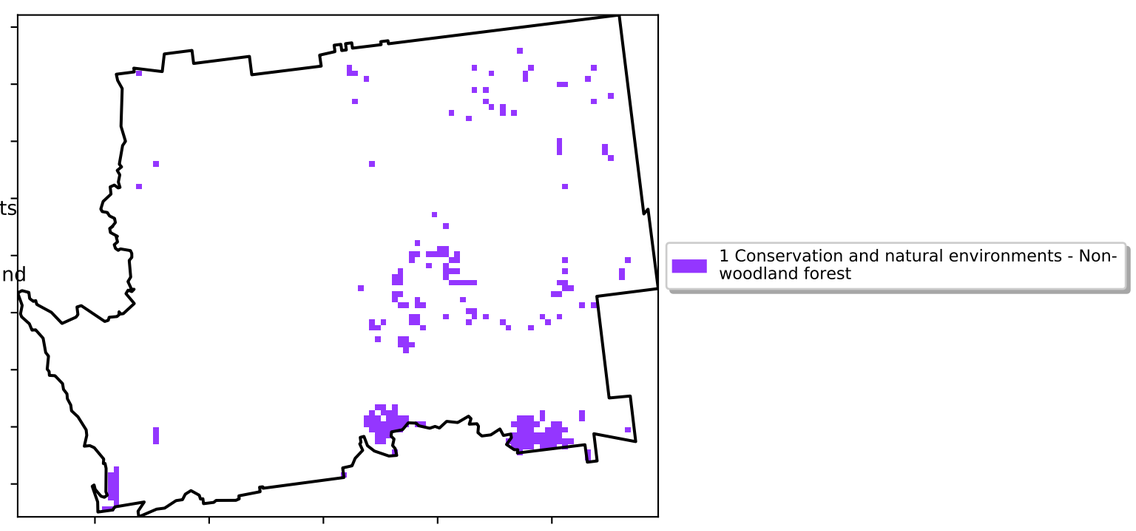
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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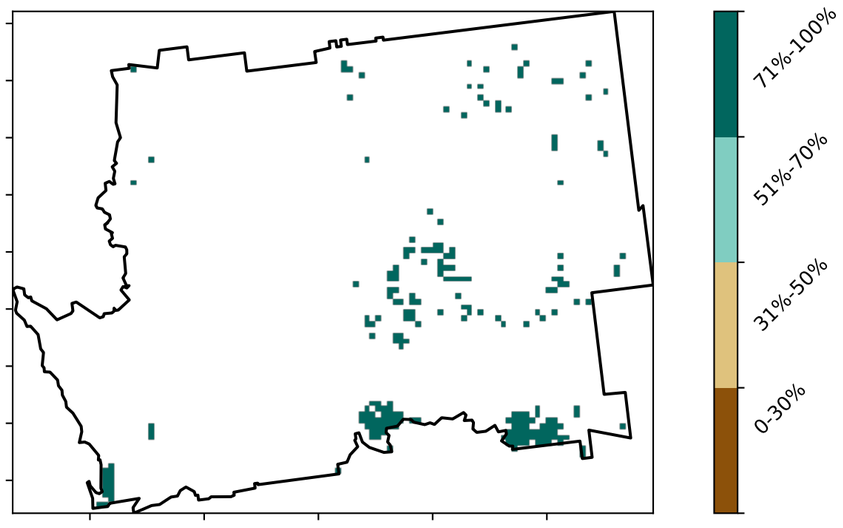
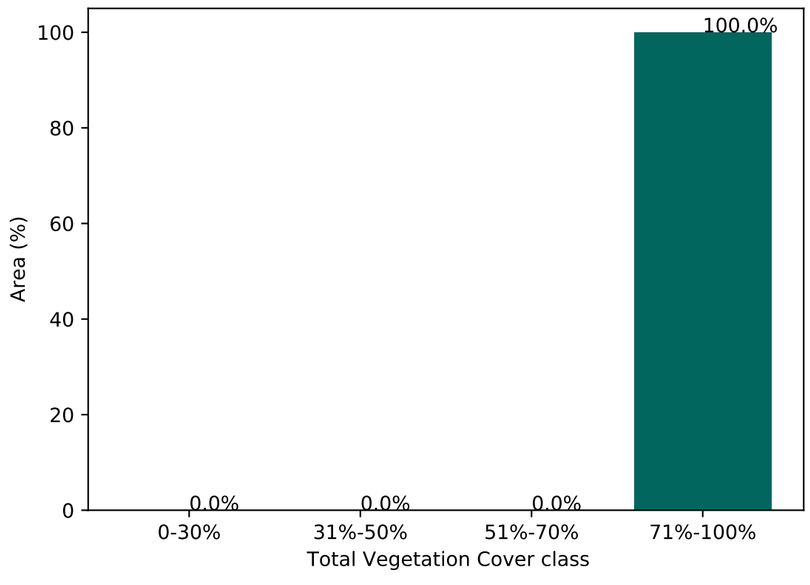
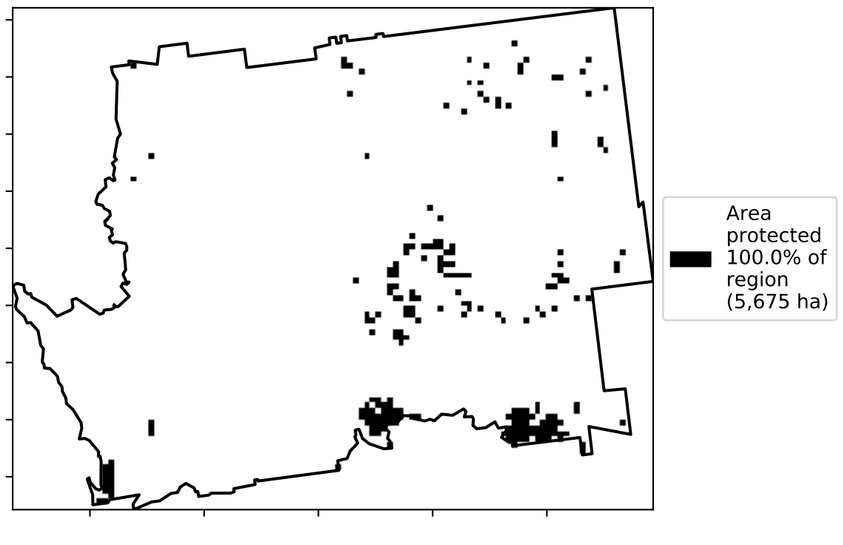
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



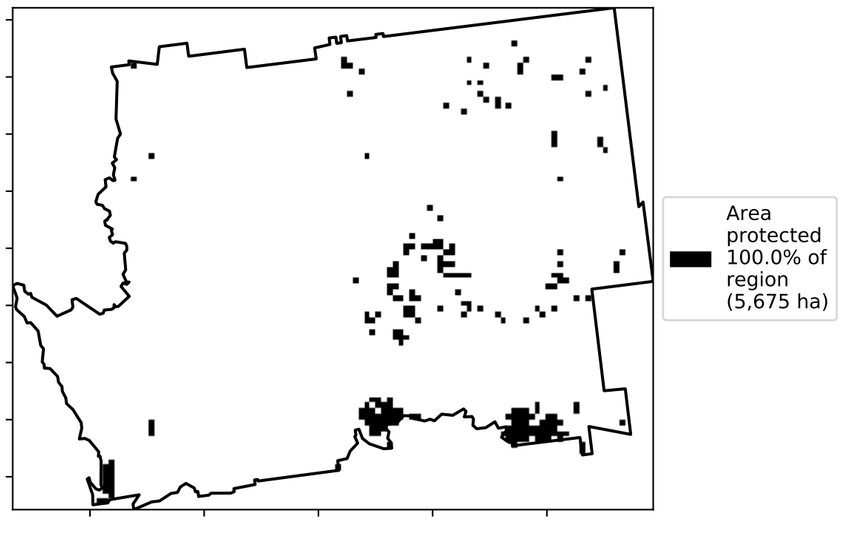
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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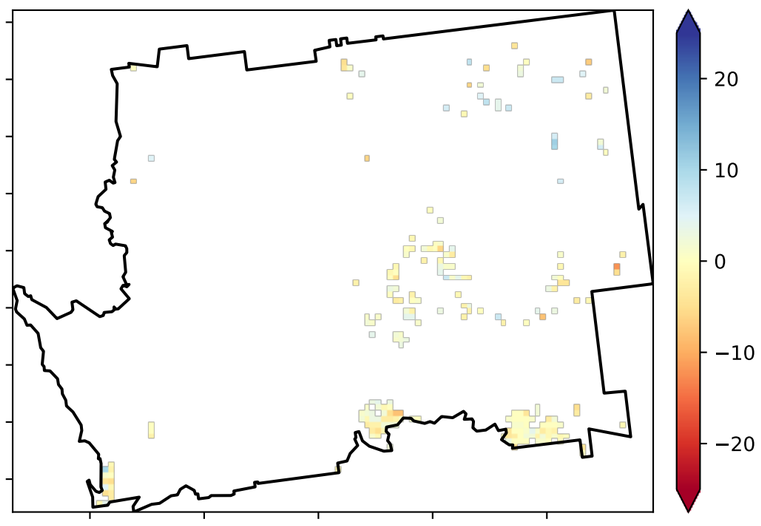

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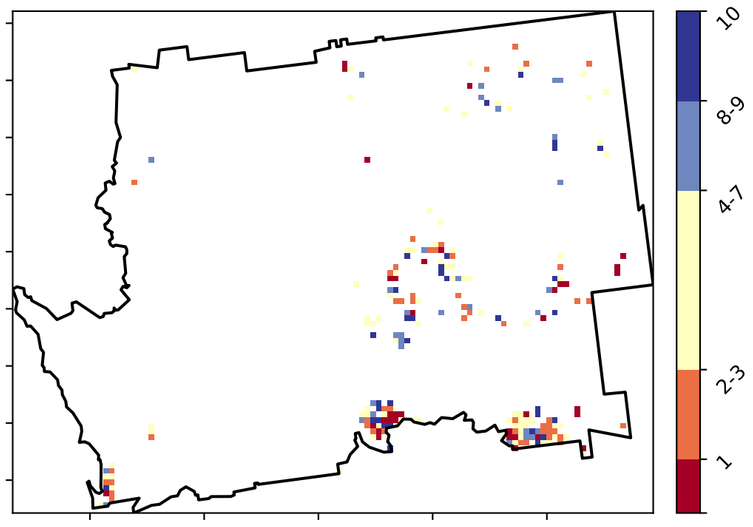
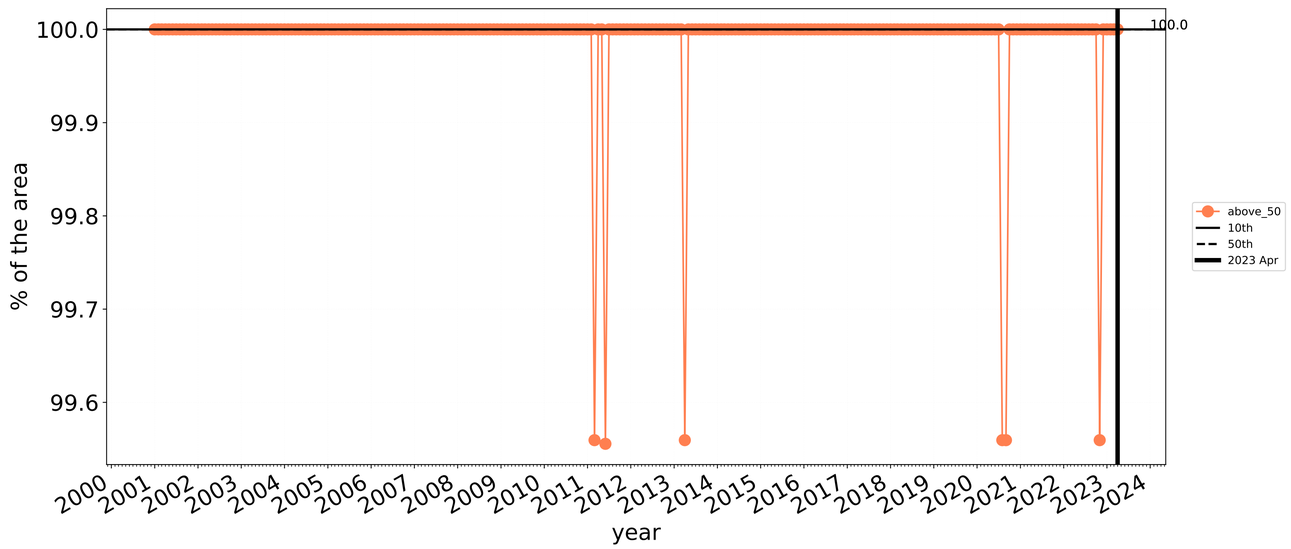
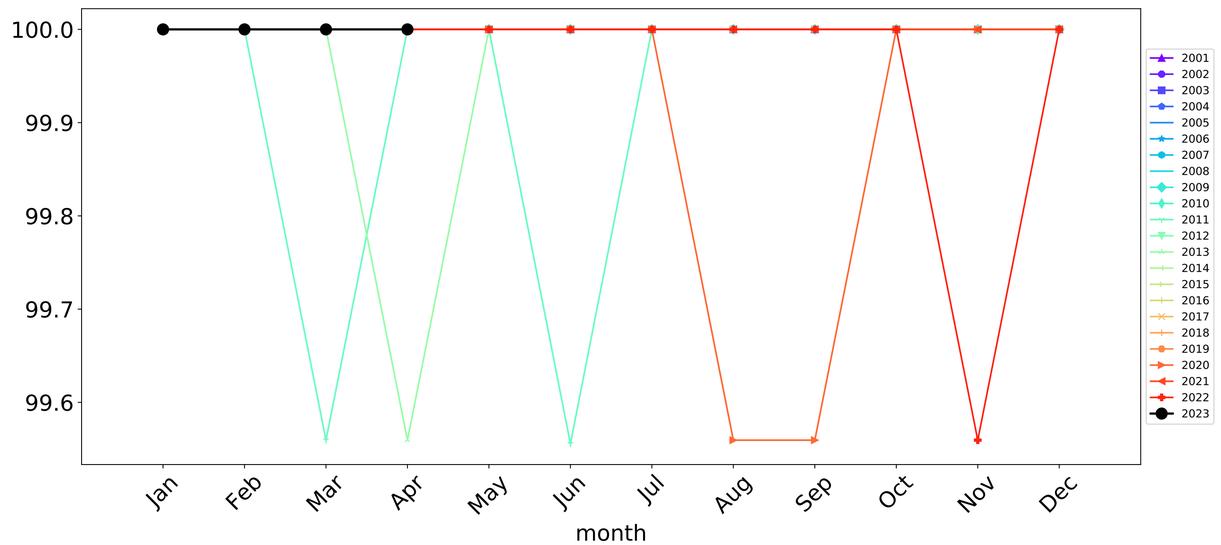


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

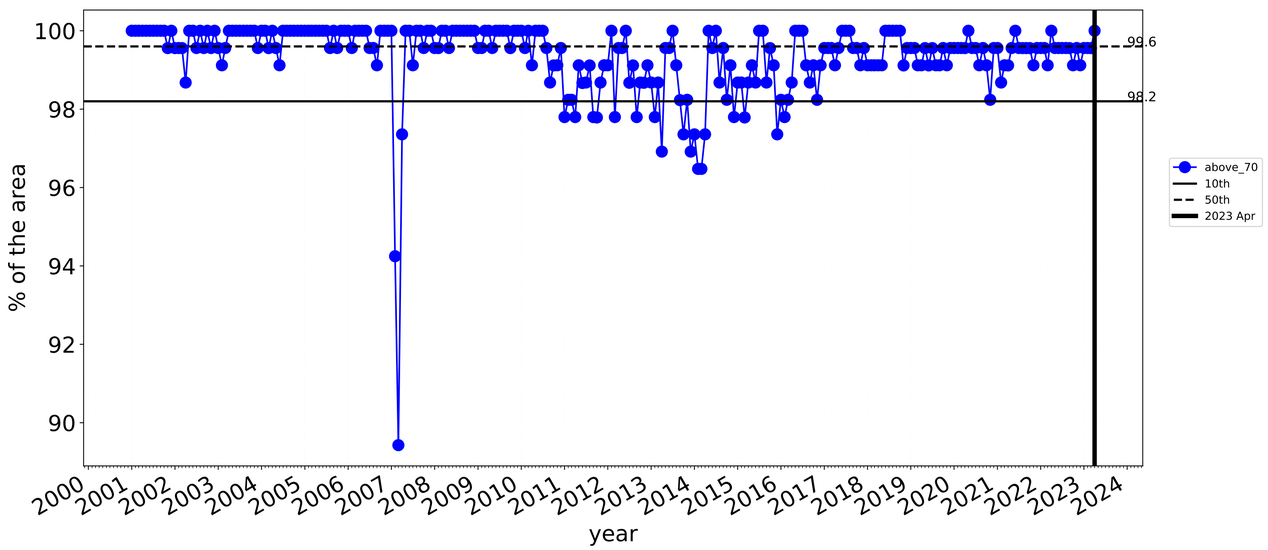
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



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



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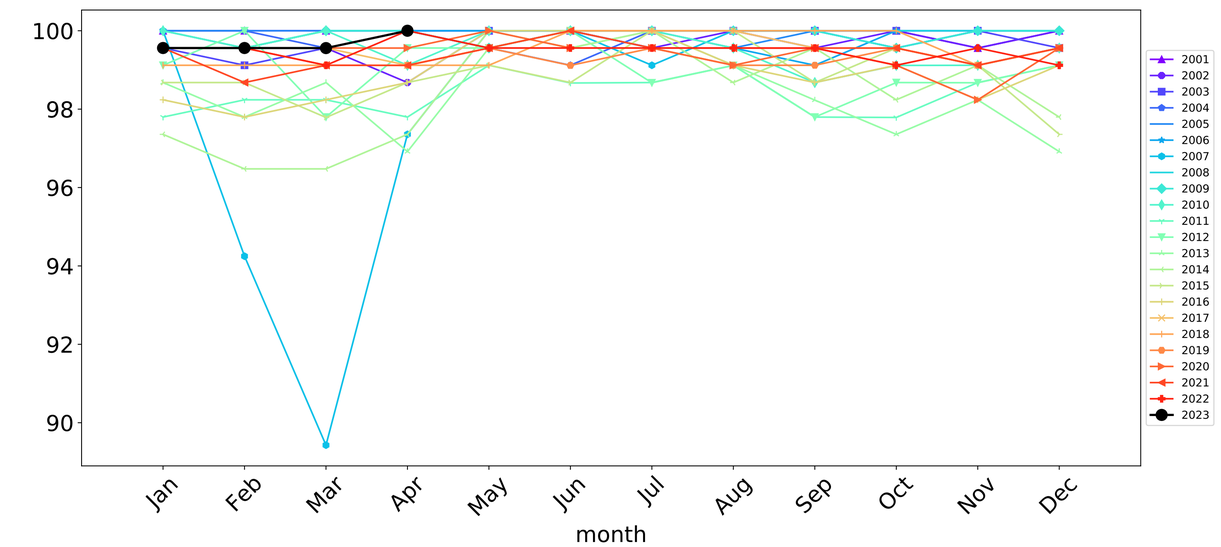

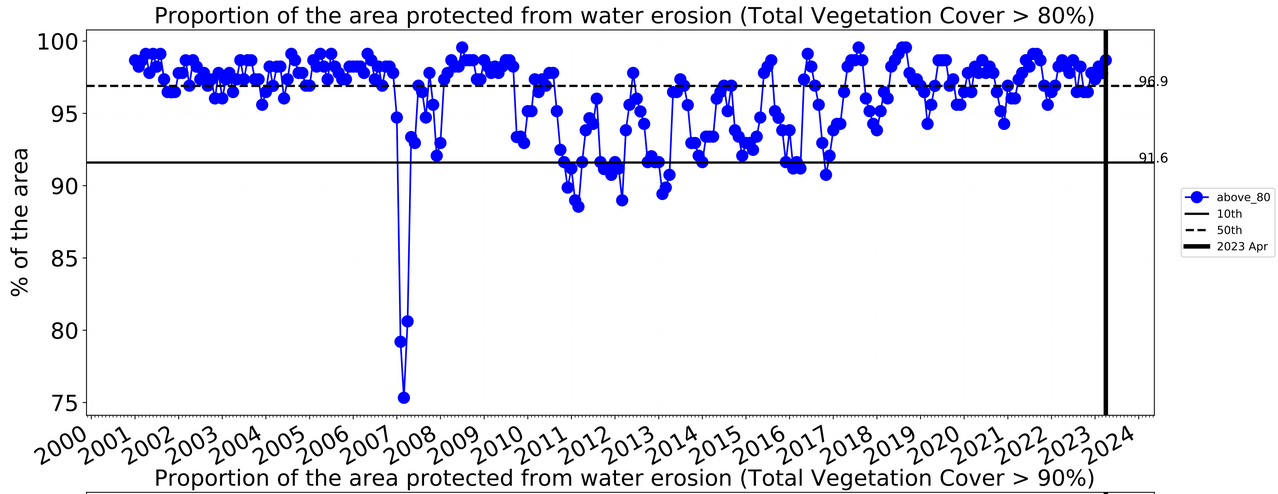
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50th
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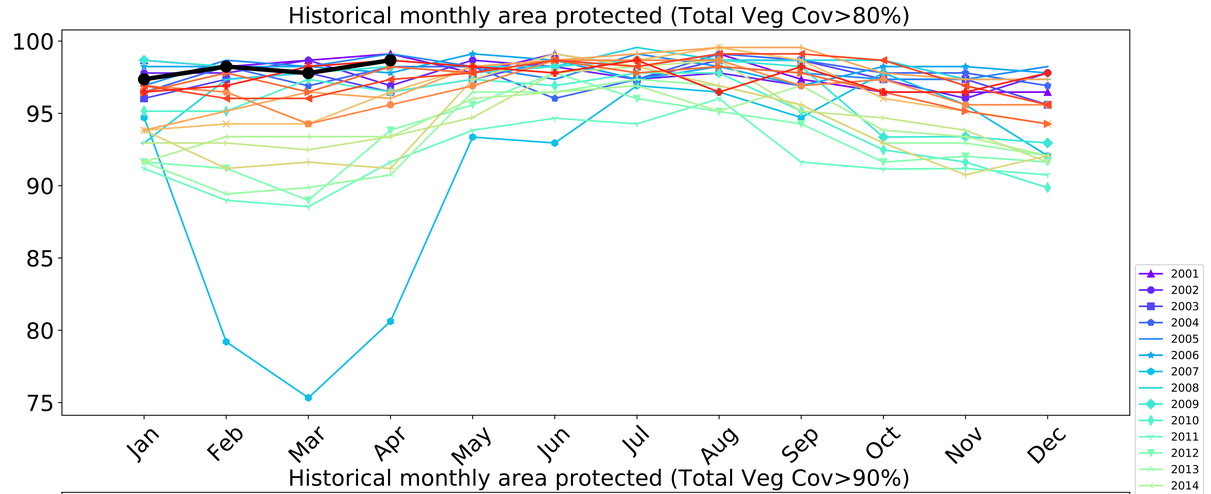
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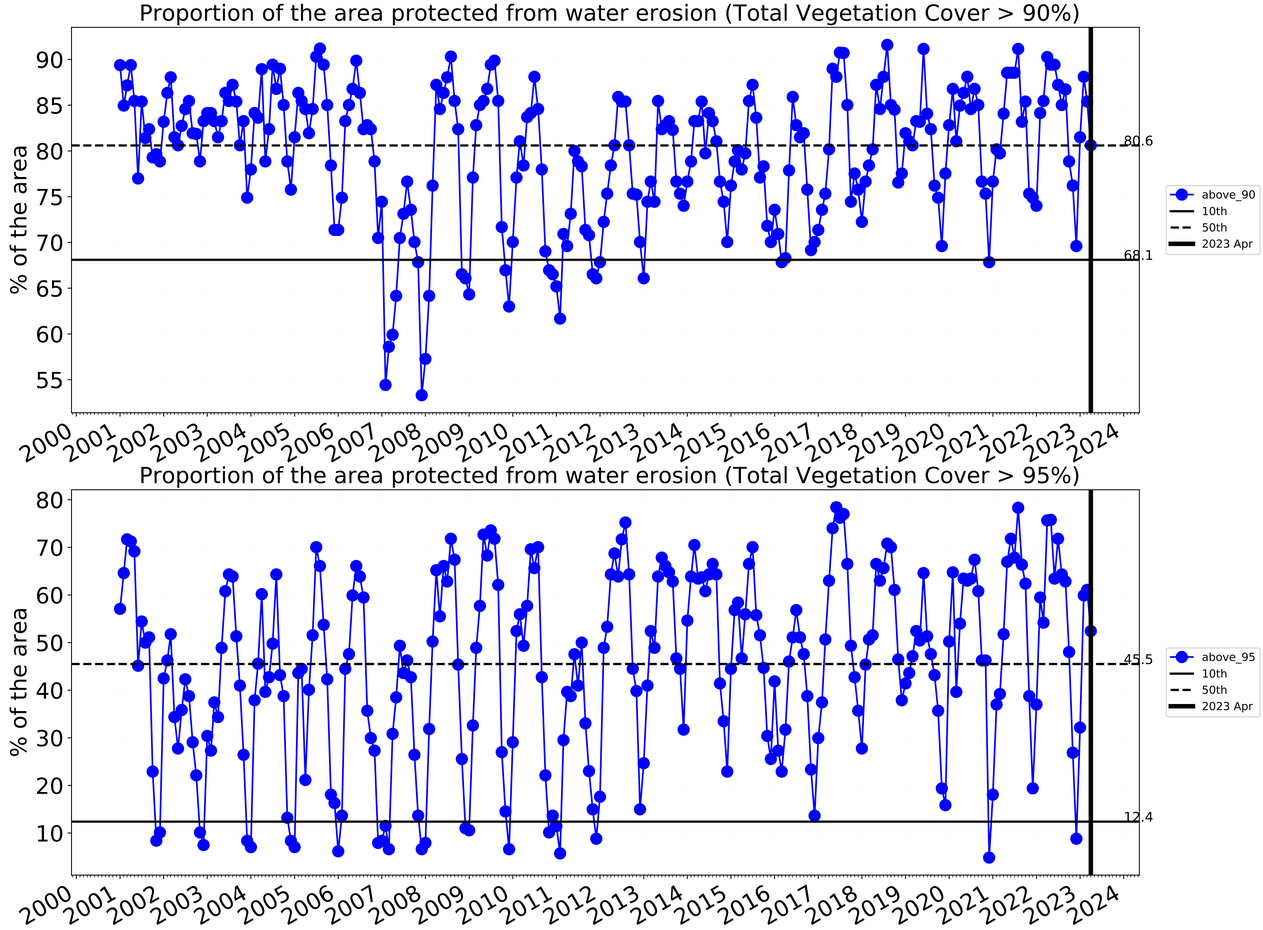
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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above_90
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% of the area
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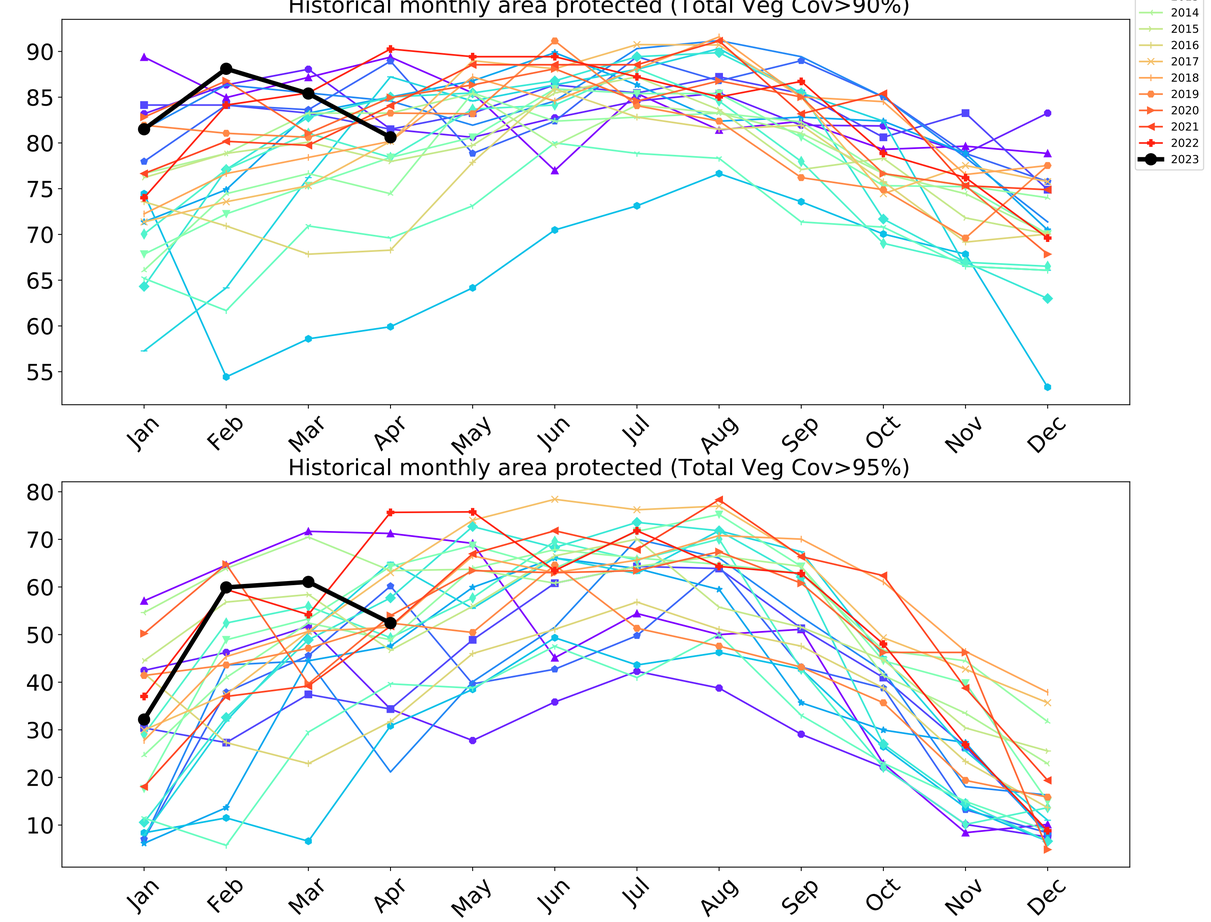
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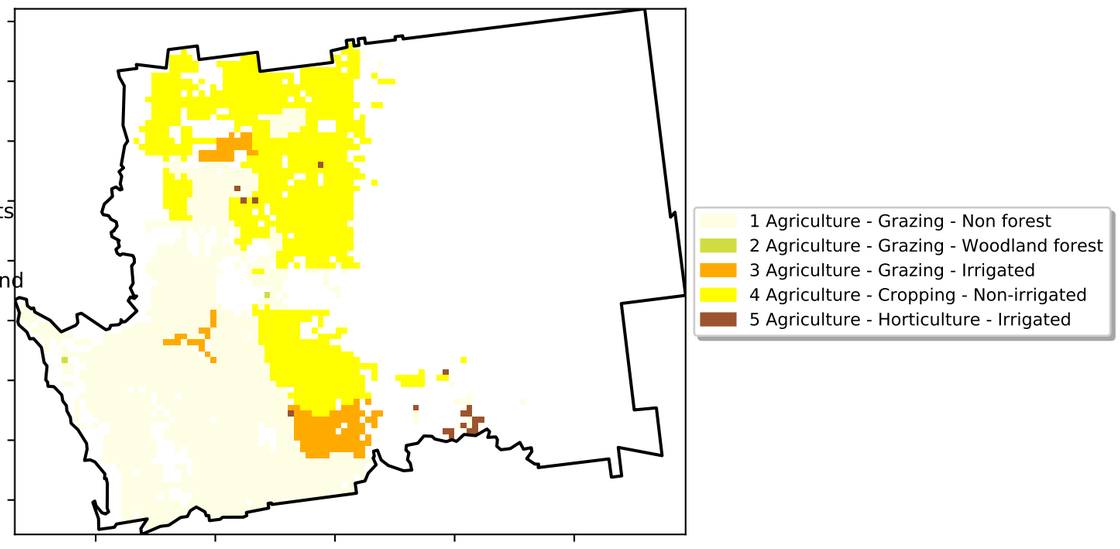
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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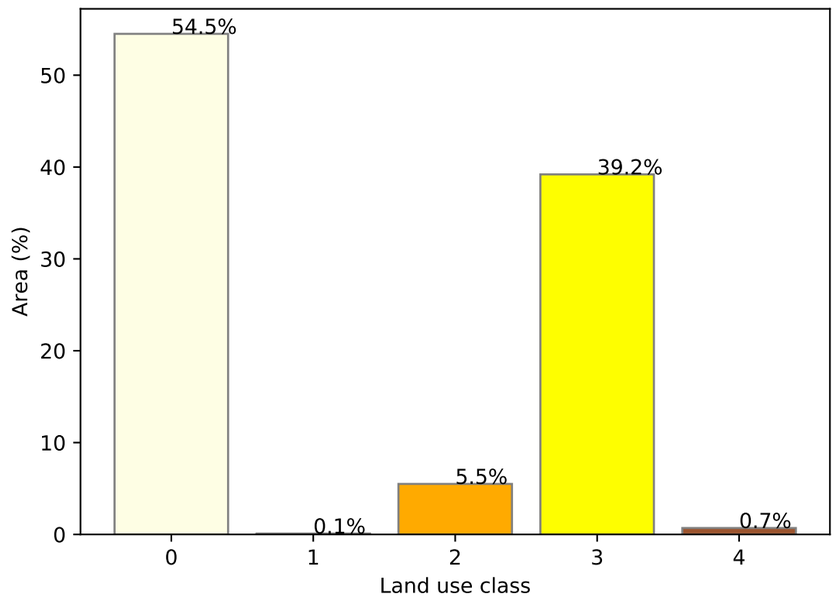
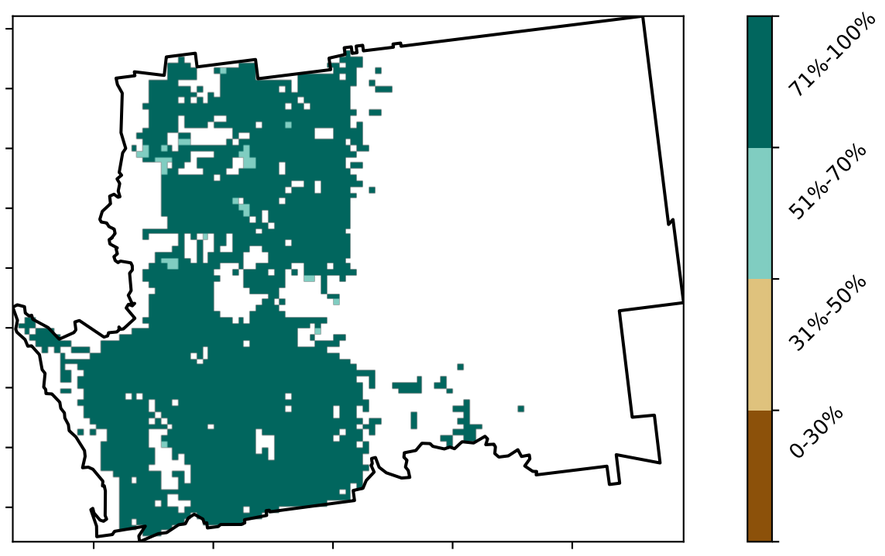
Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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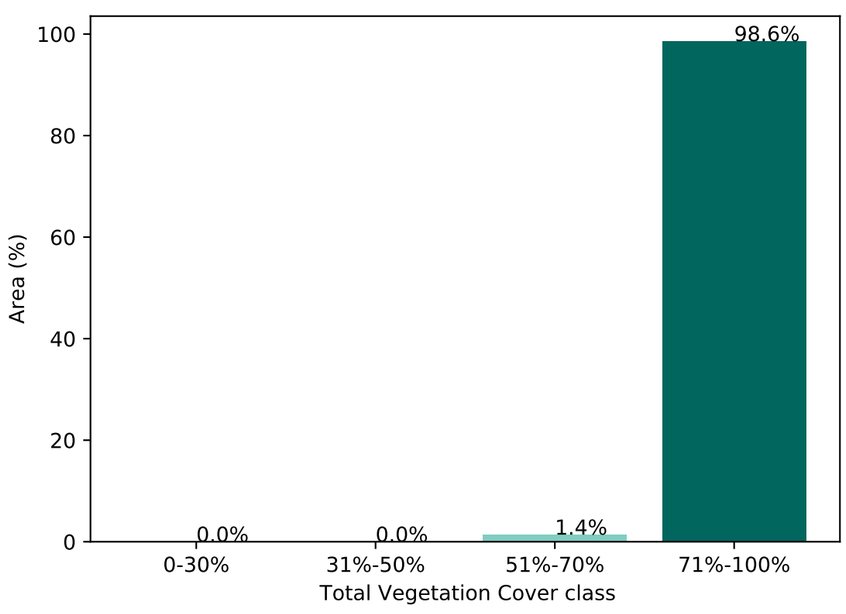

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

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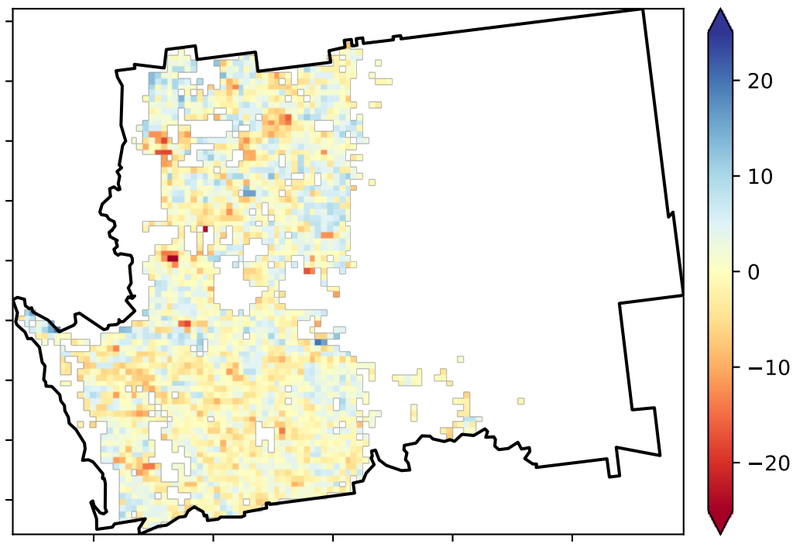

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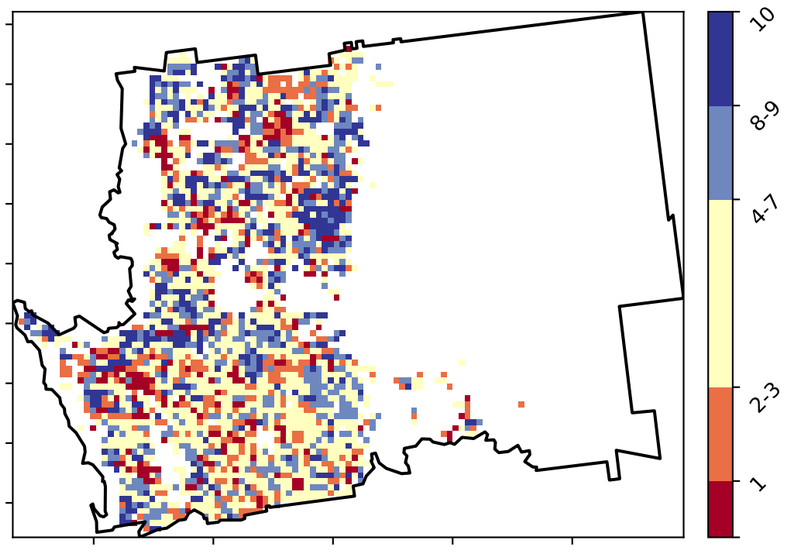
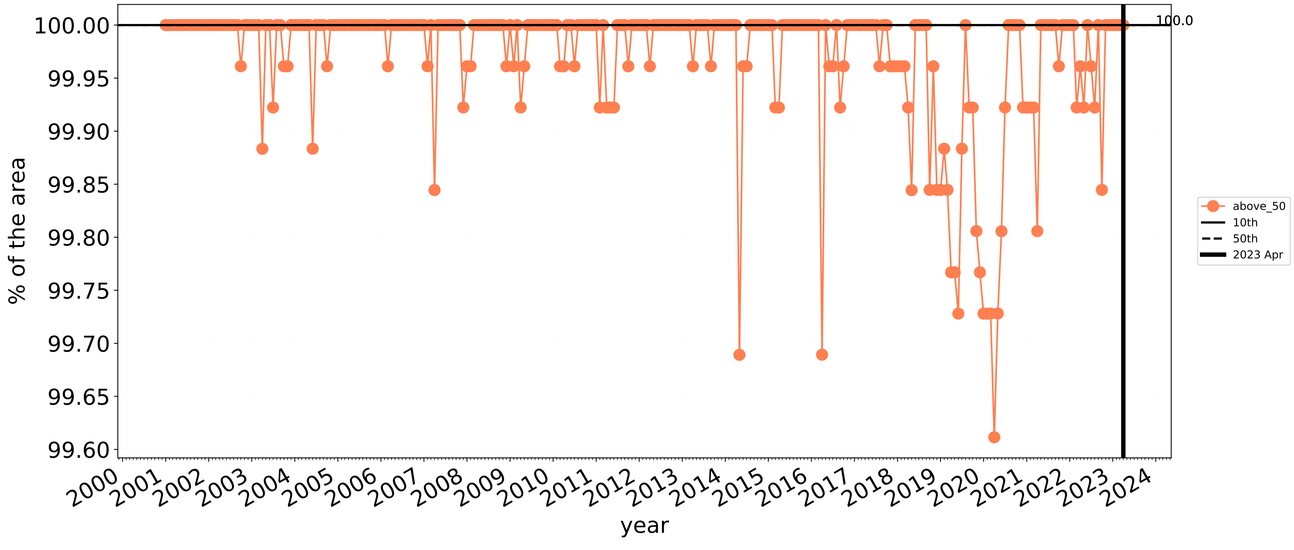


Agriculture timeseries

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



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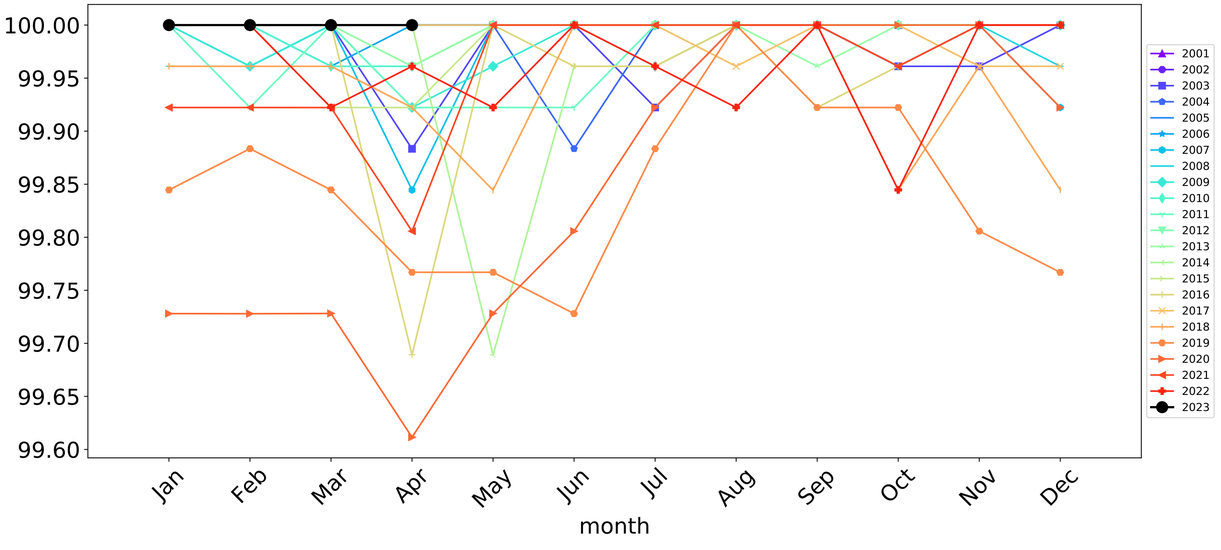

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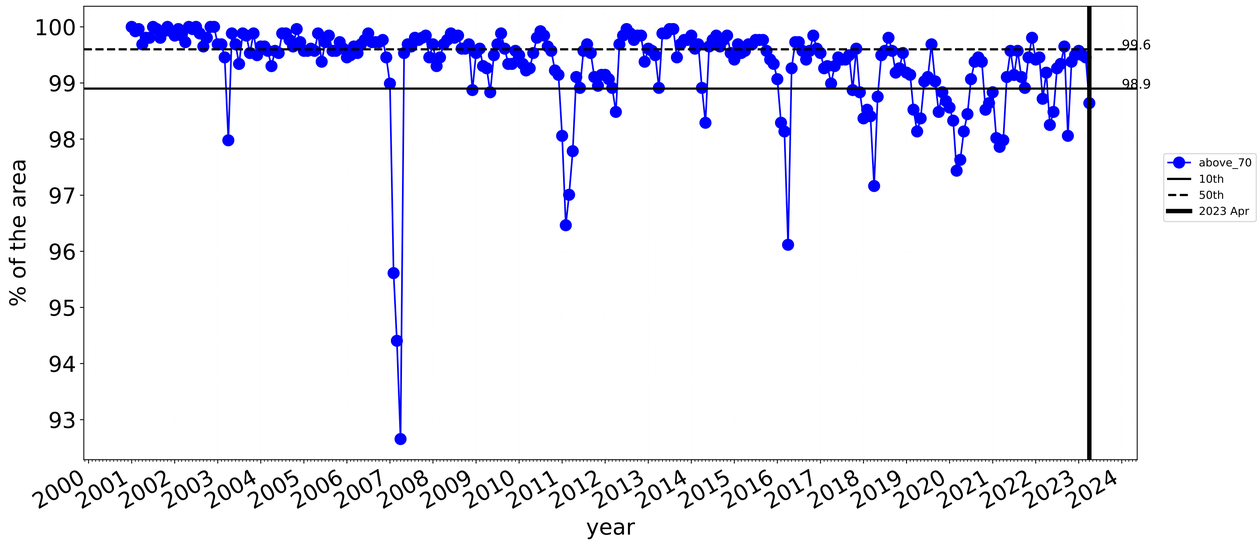

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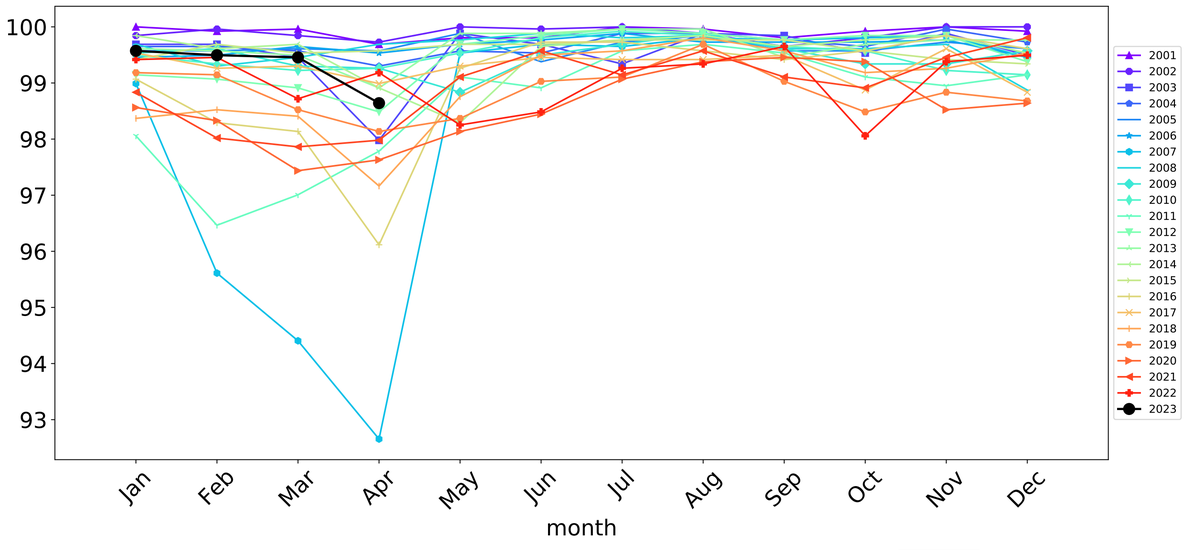

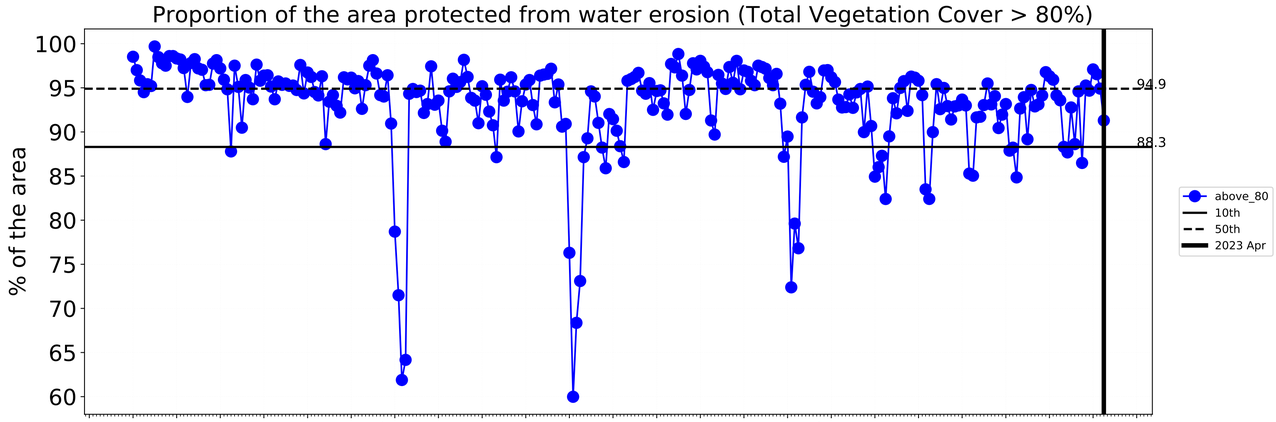
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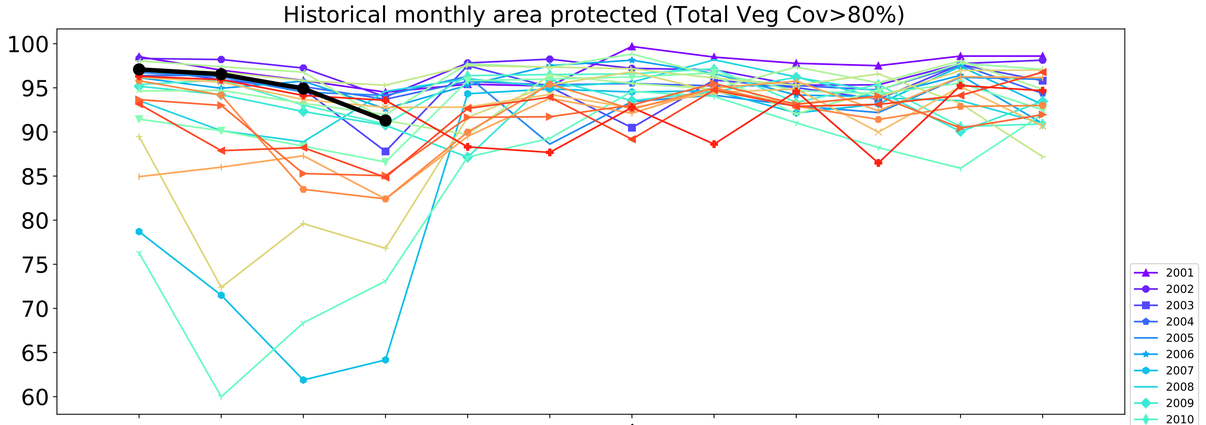
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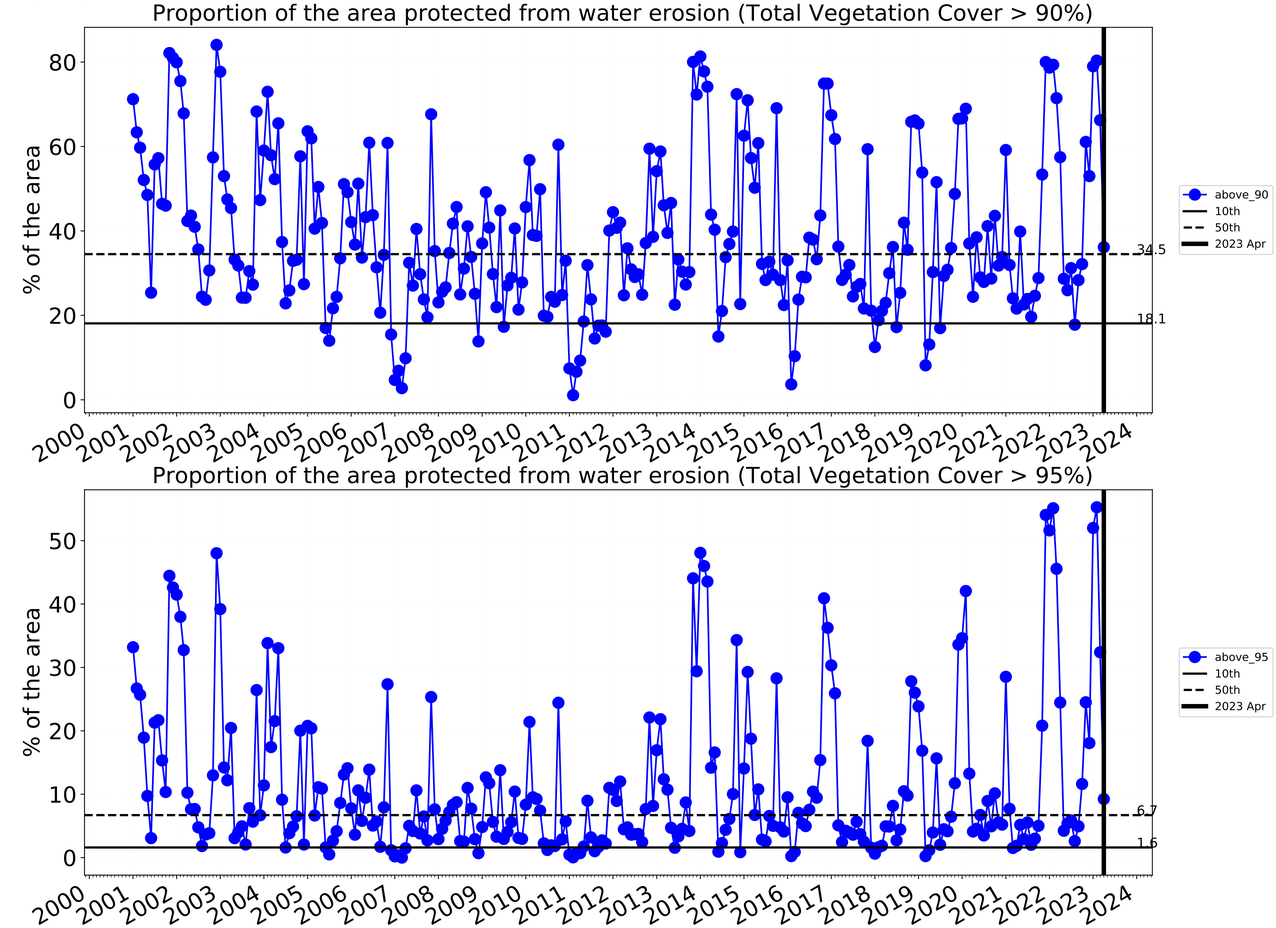
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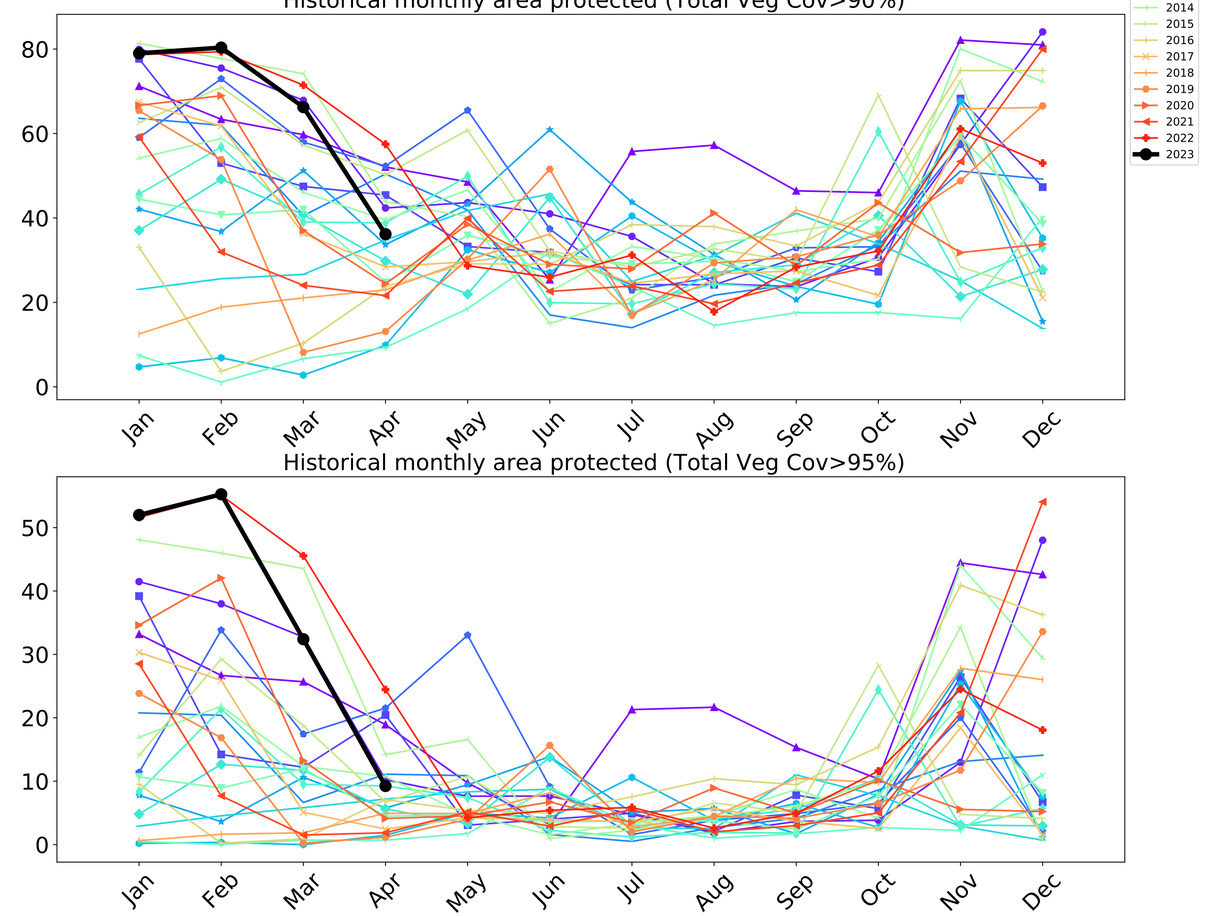
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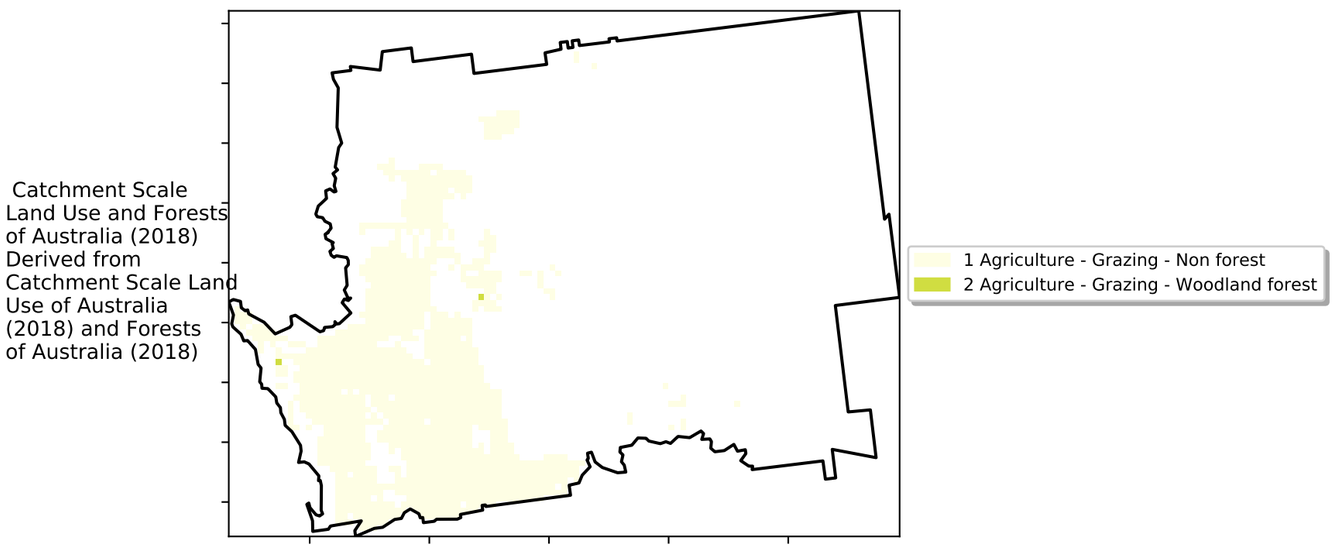
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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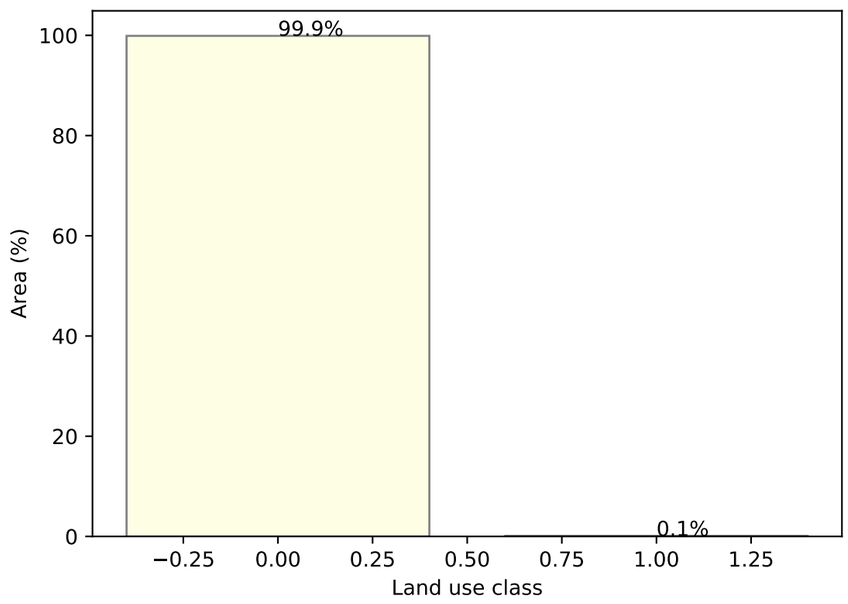

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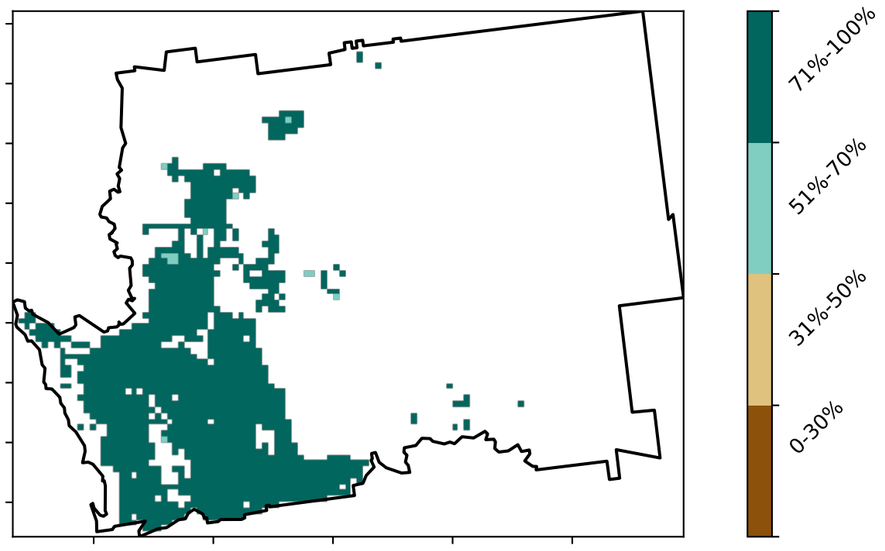

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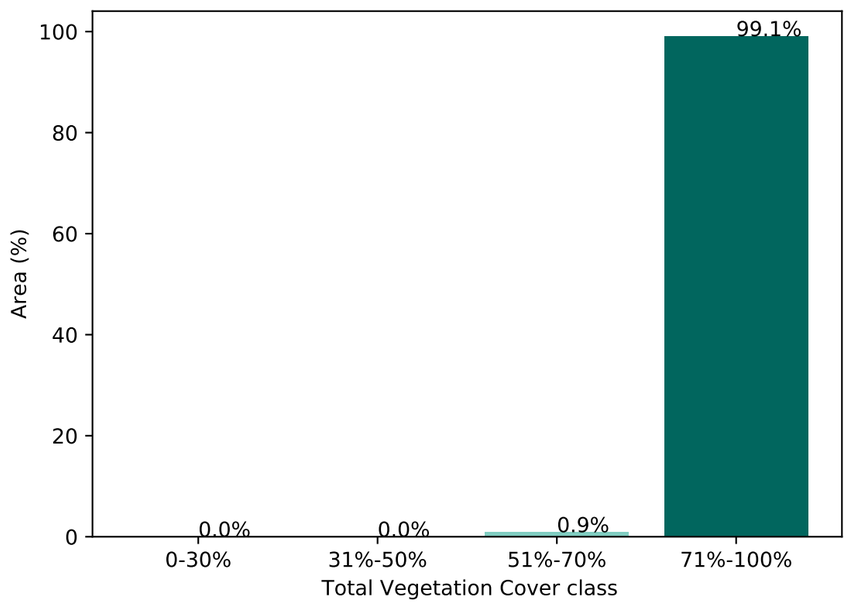

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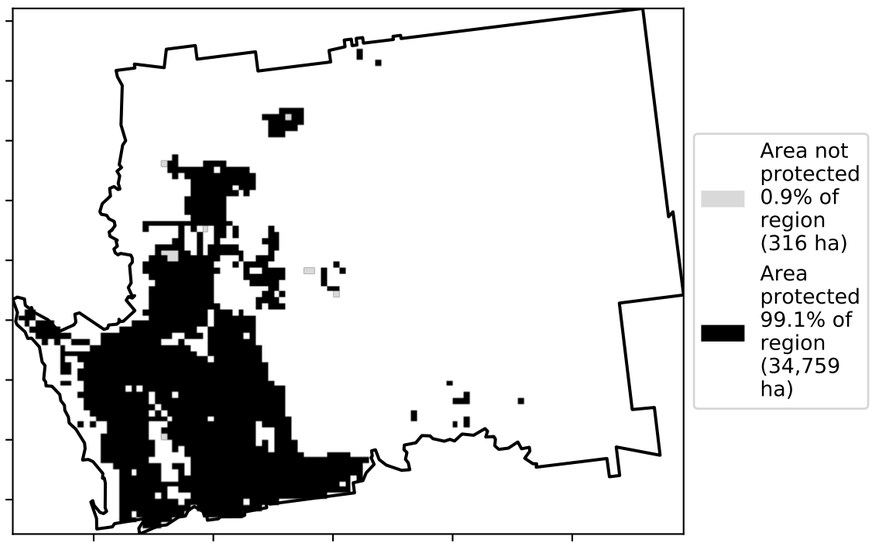

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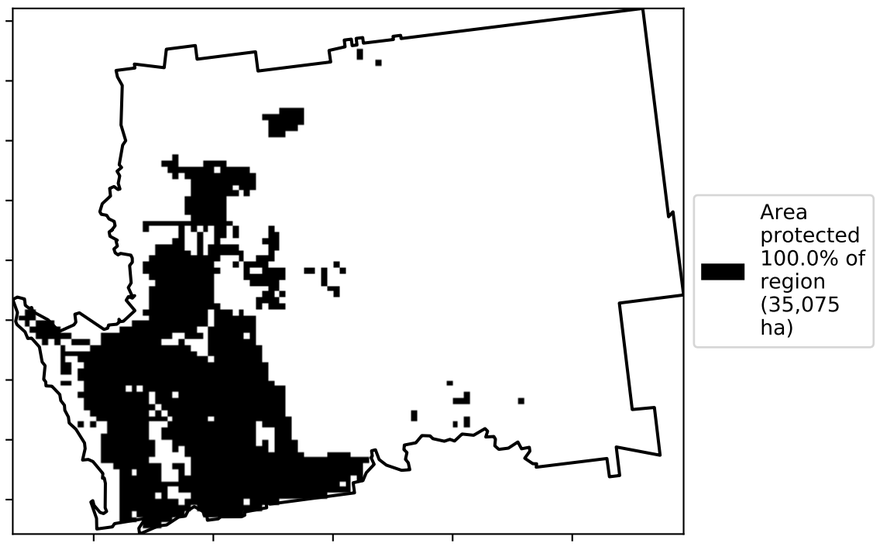

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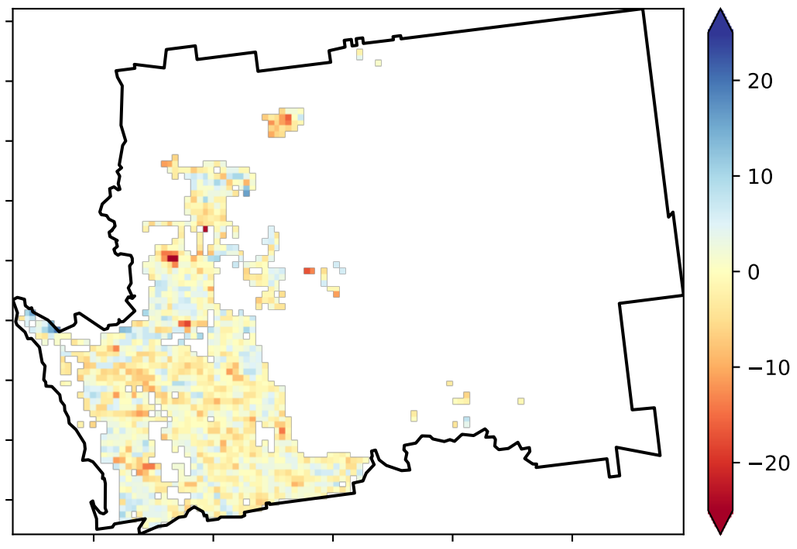

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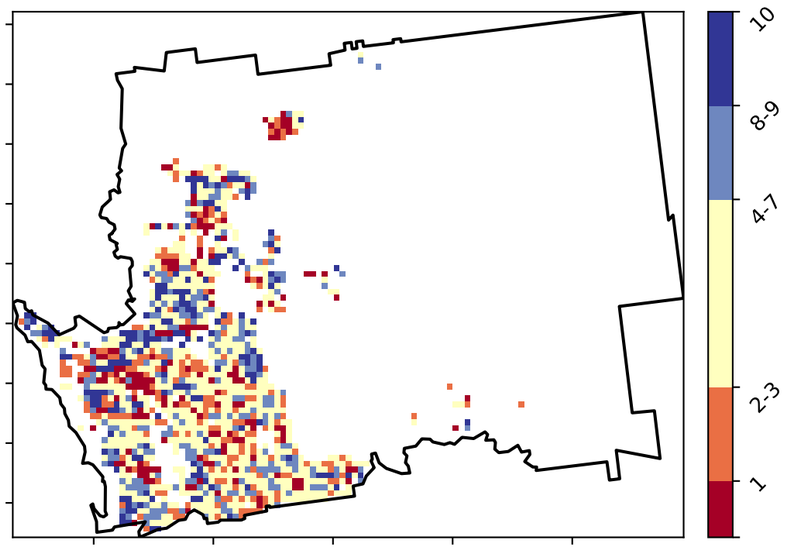
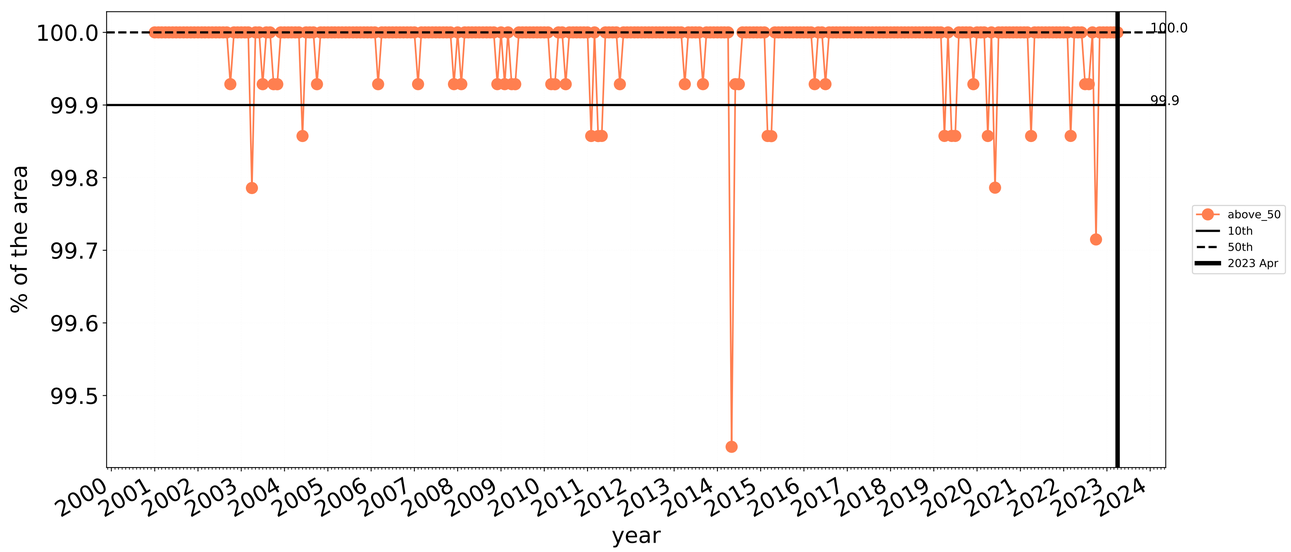


Grazing timeseries

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



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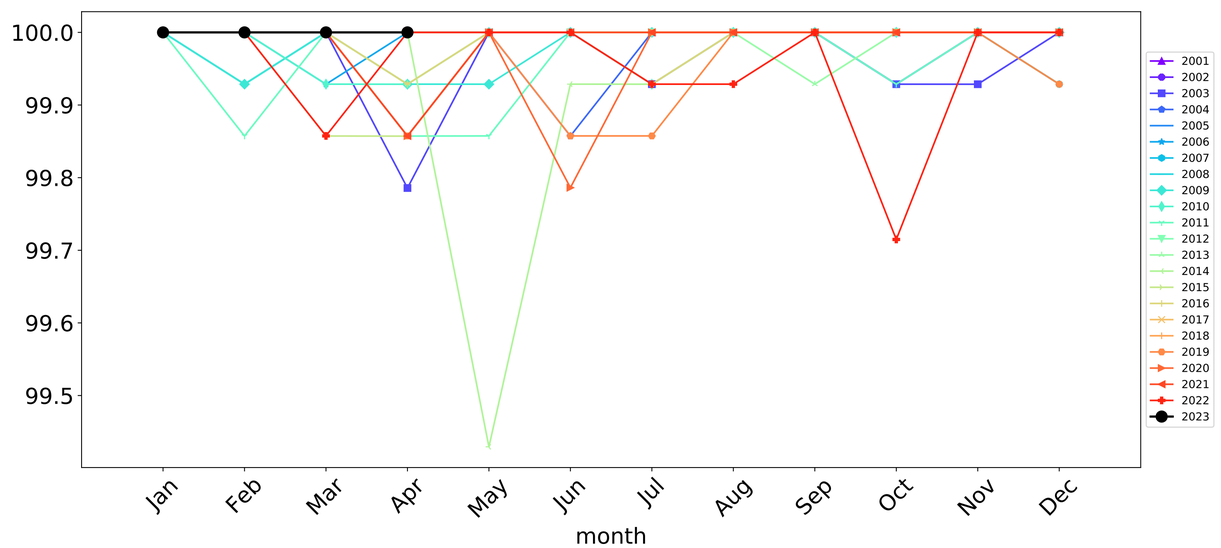

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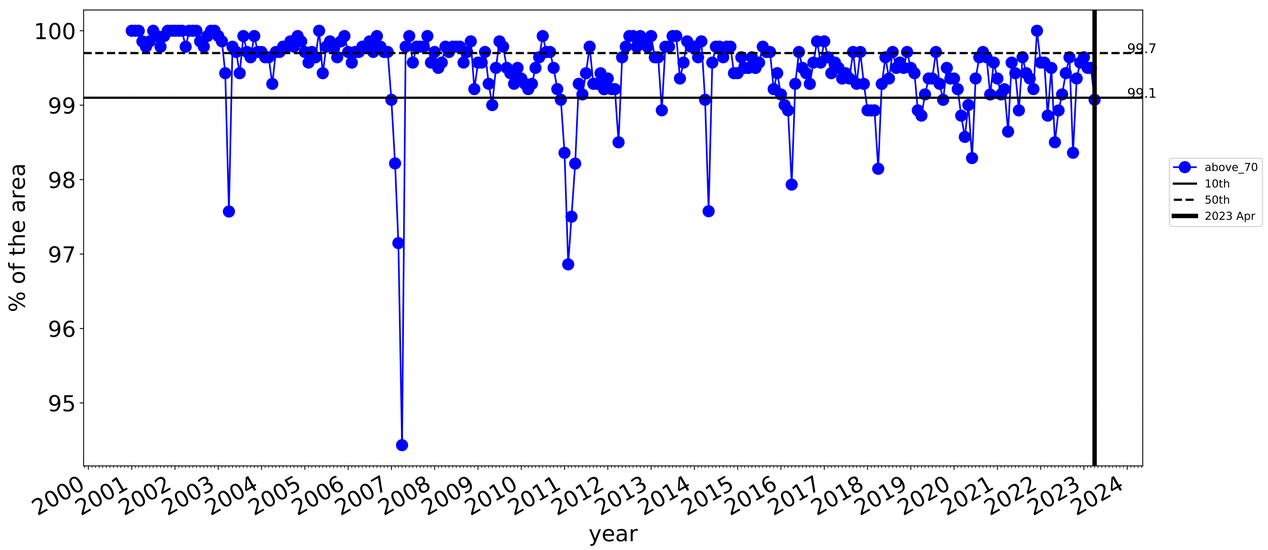

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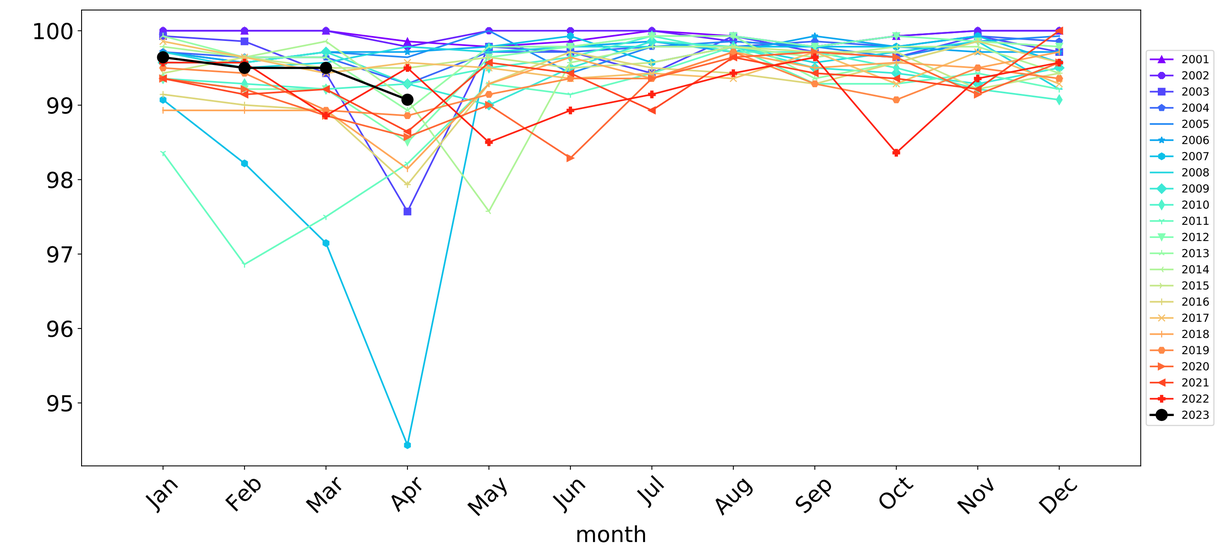

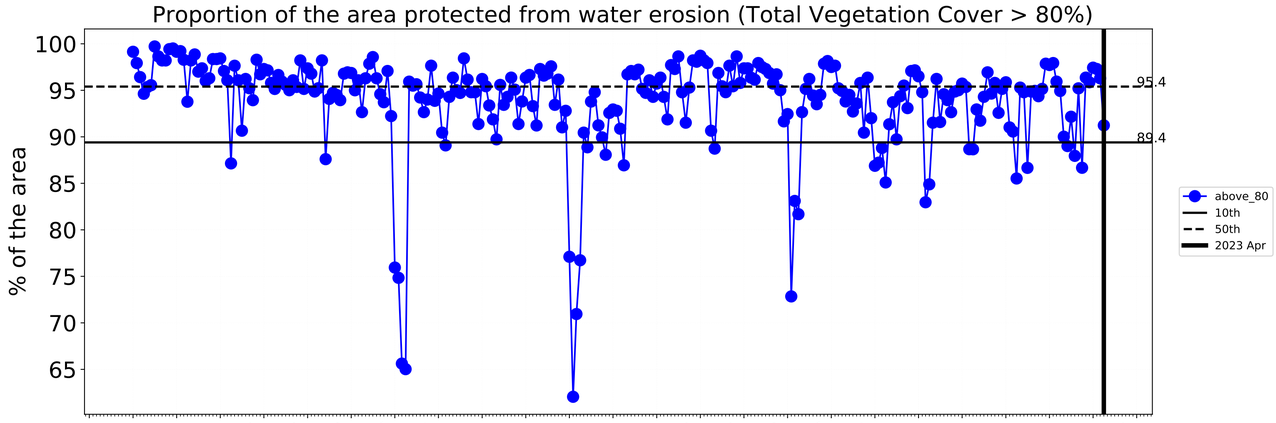
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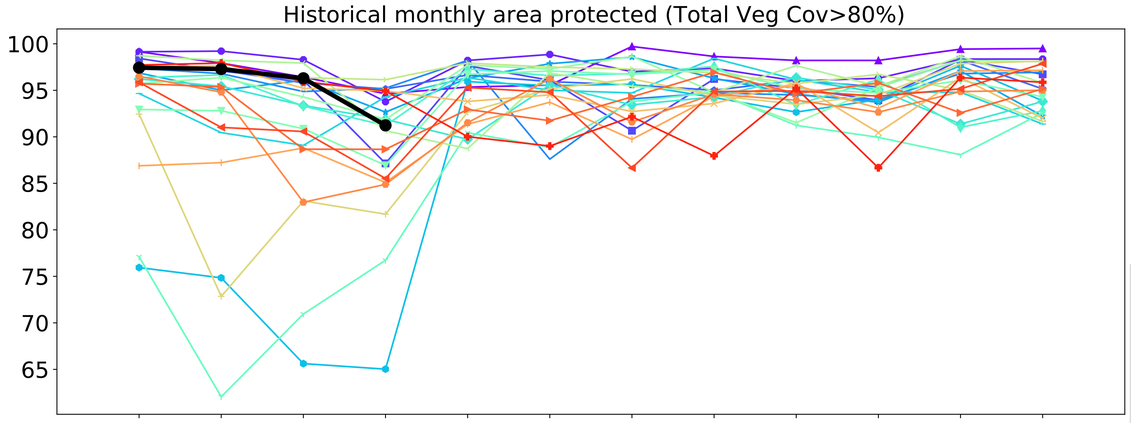
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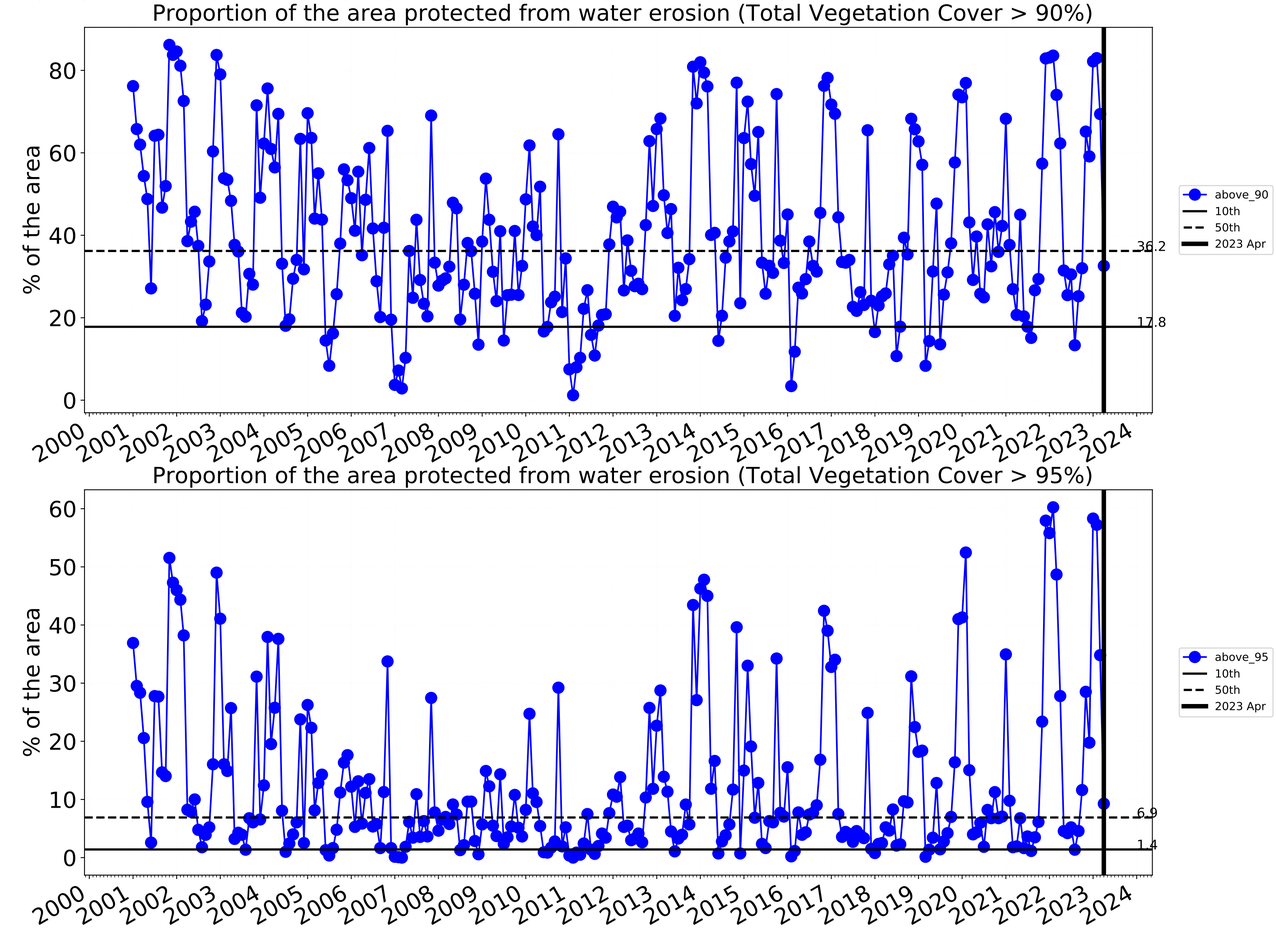
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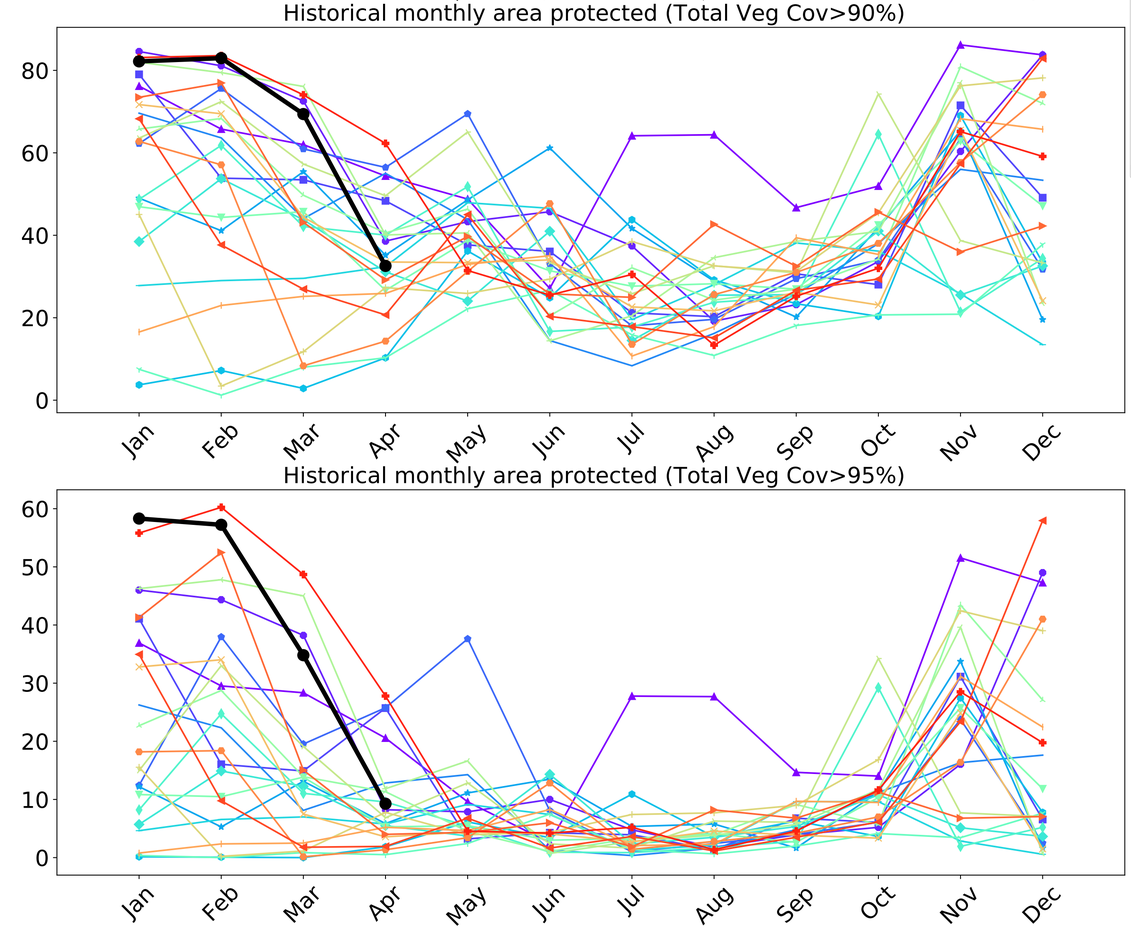
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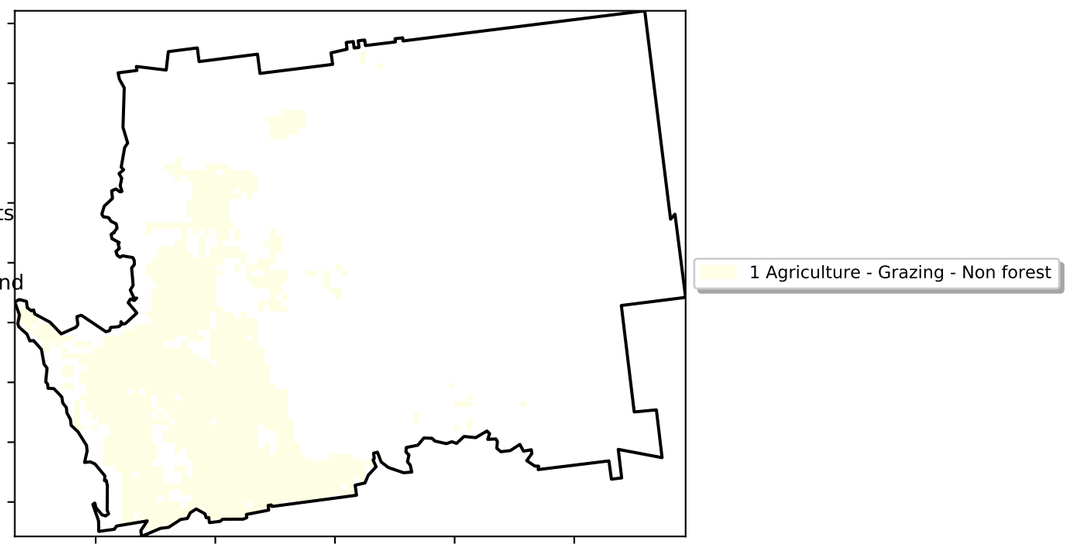
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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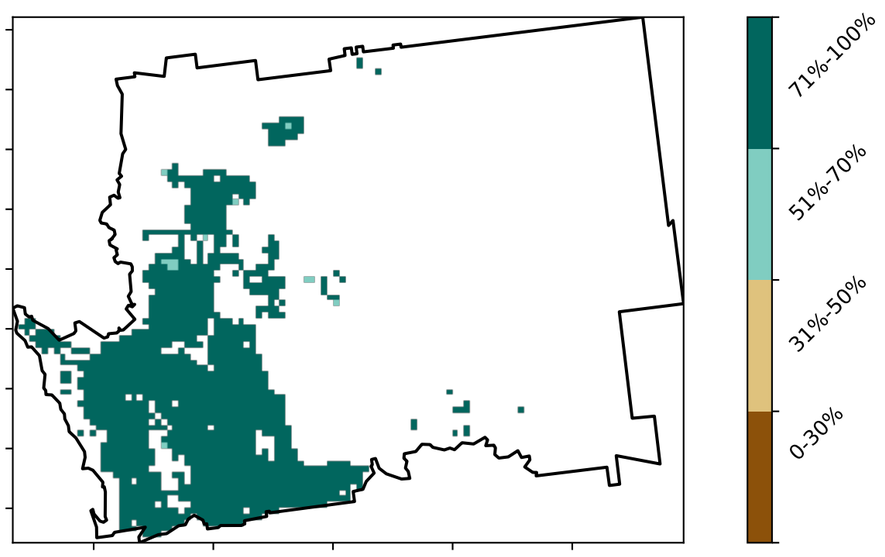
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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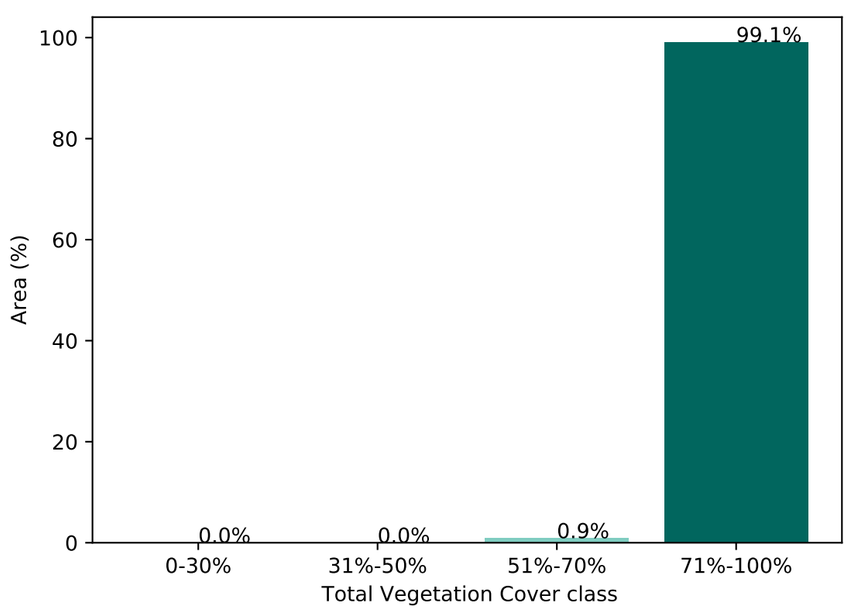

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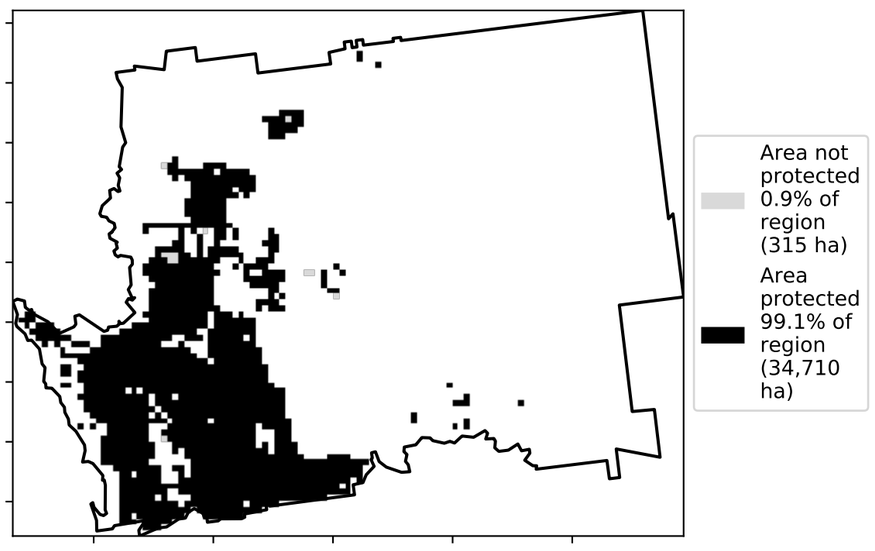

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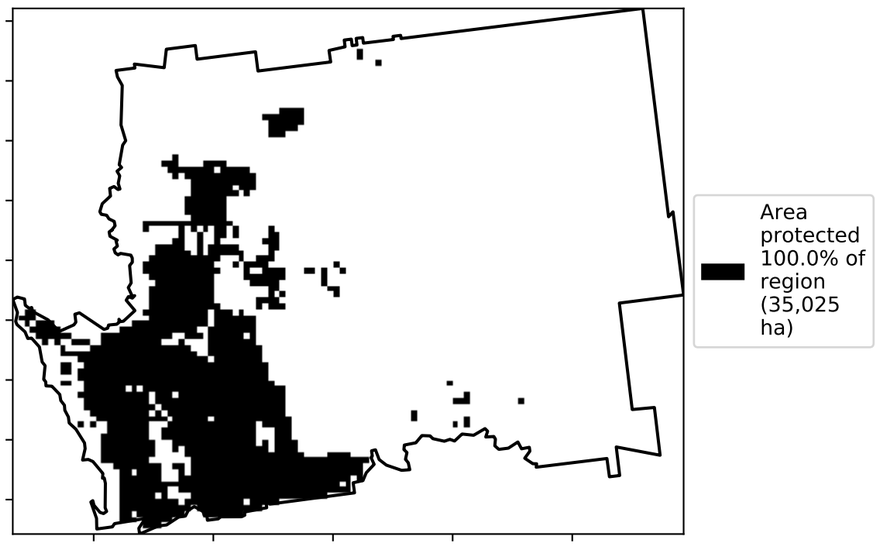

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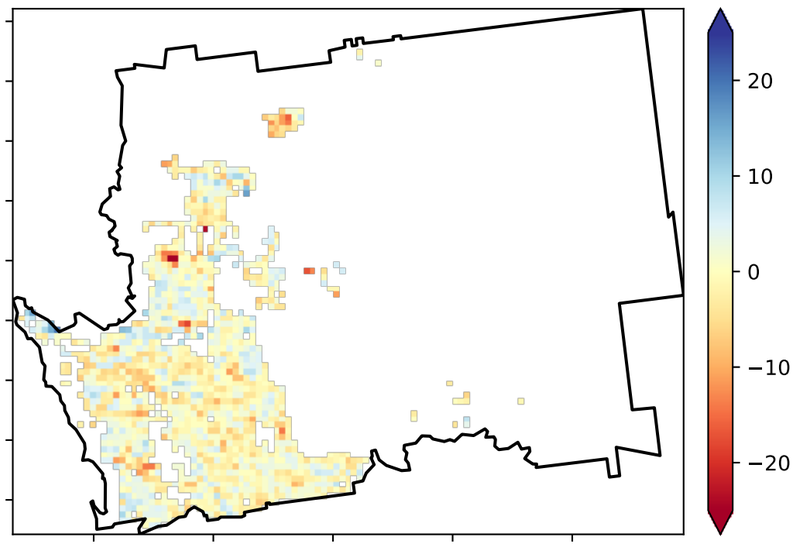

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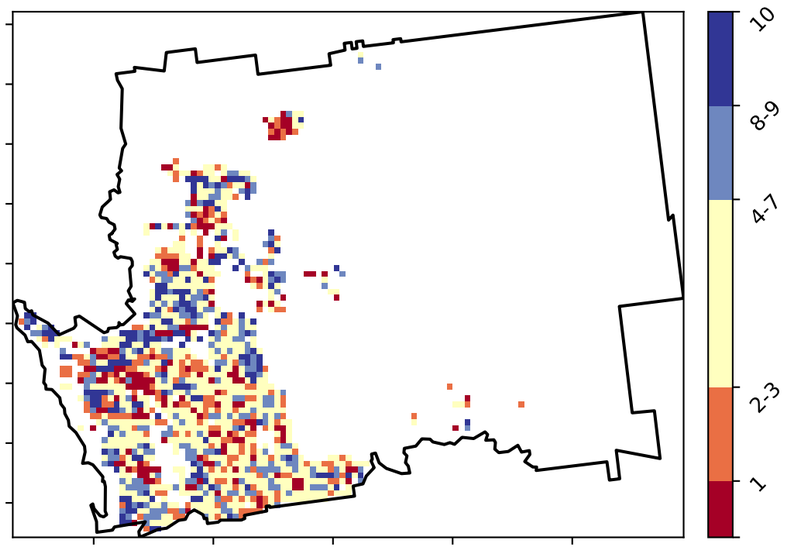

Grazing non forest timeseries

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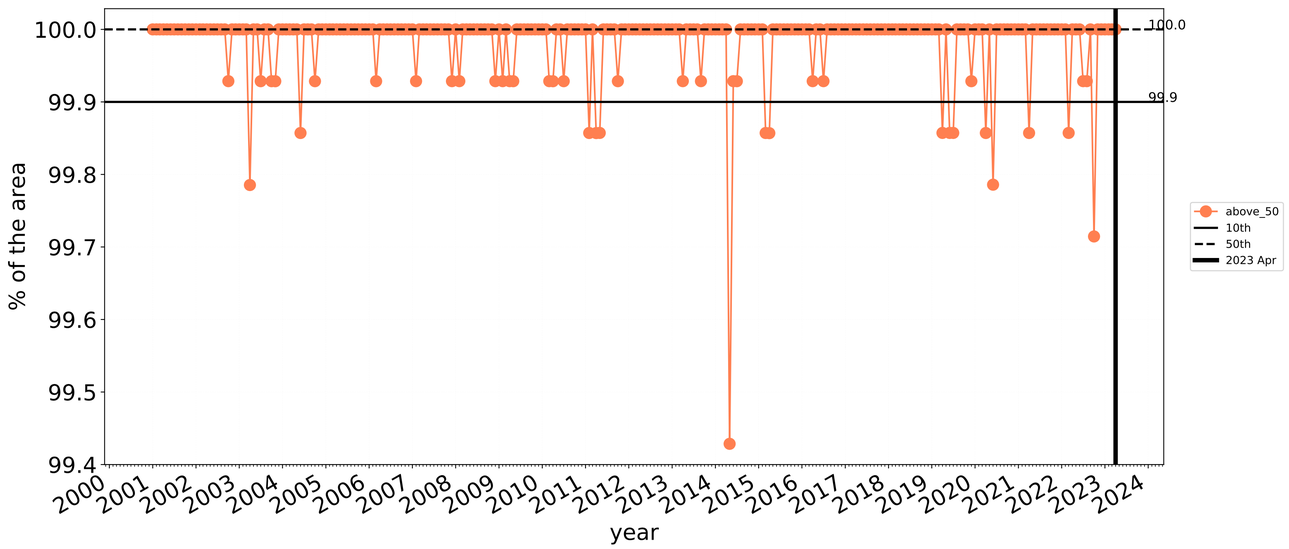
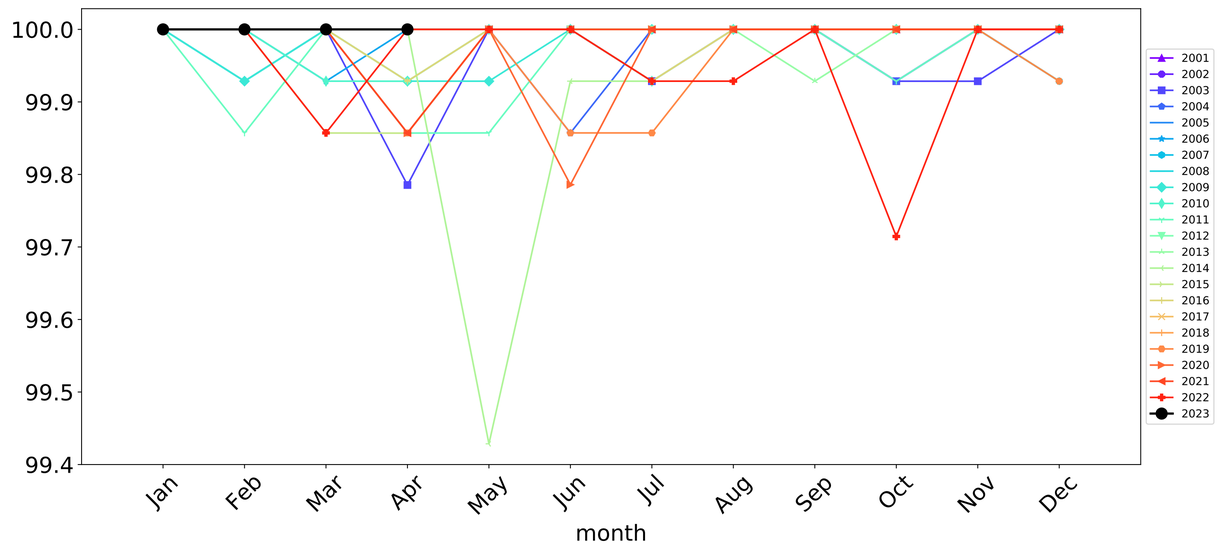


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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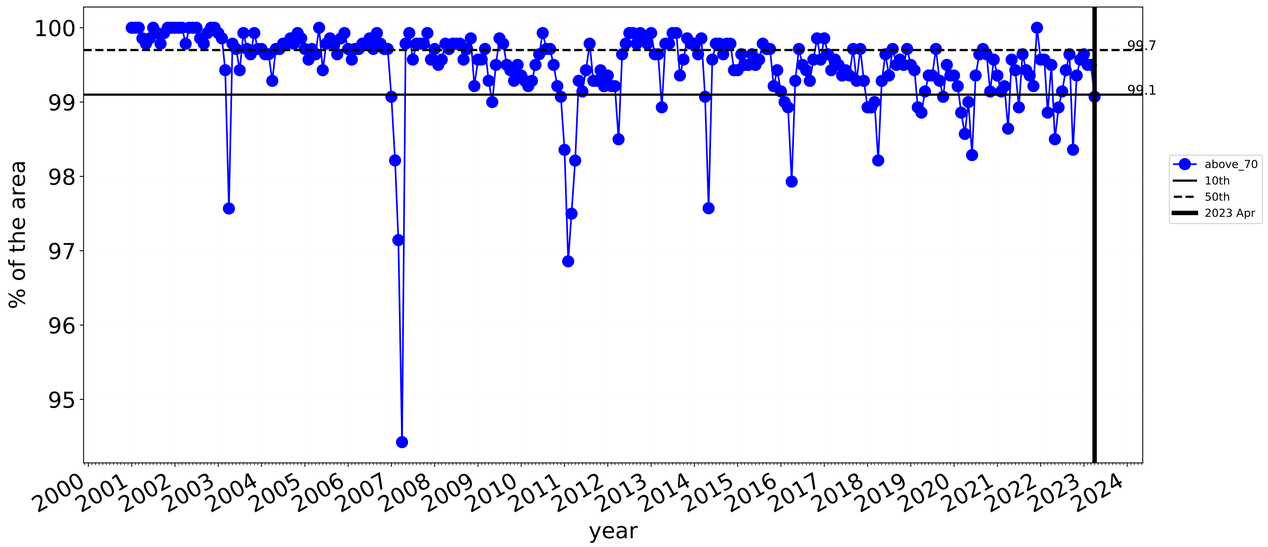

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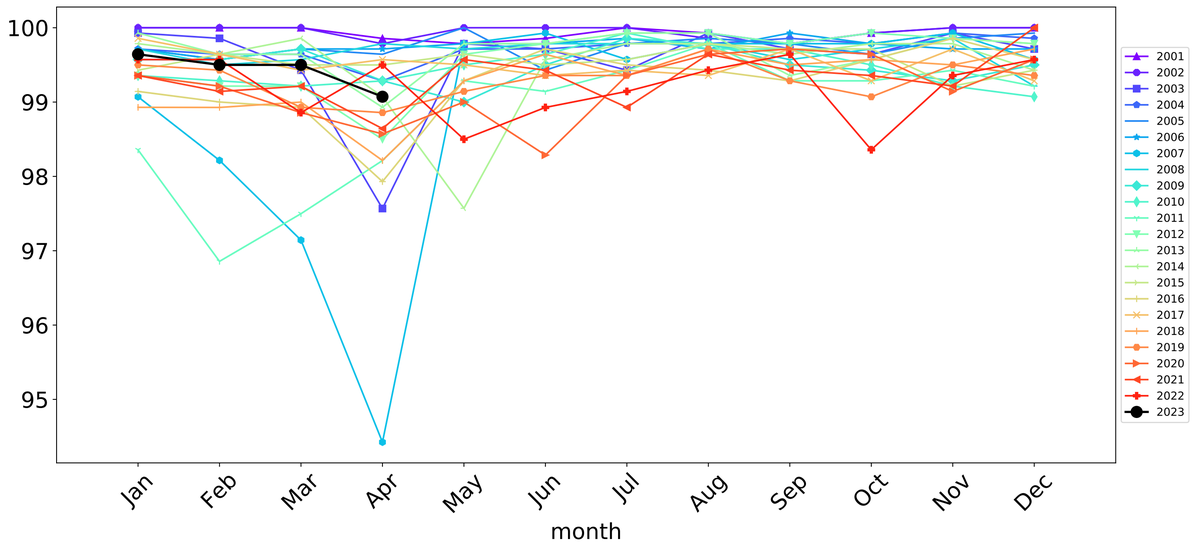

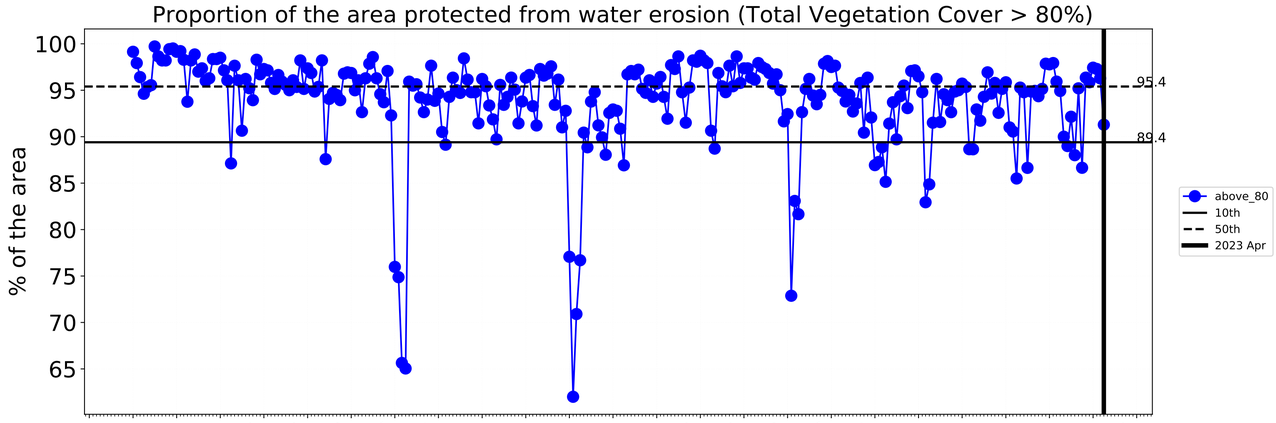
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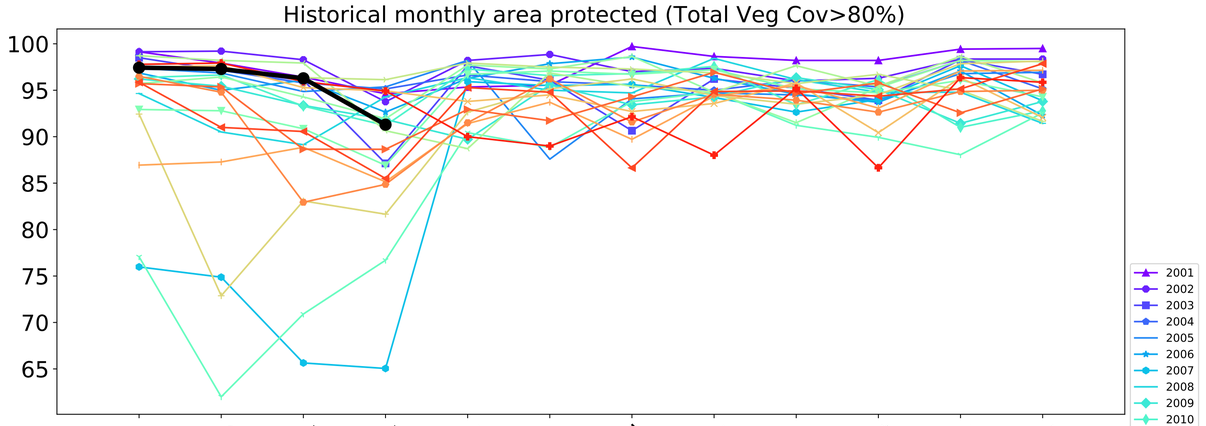
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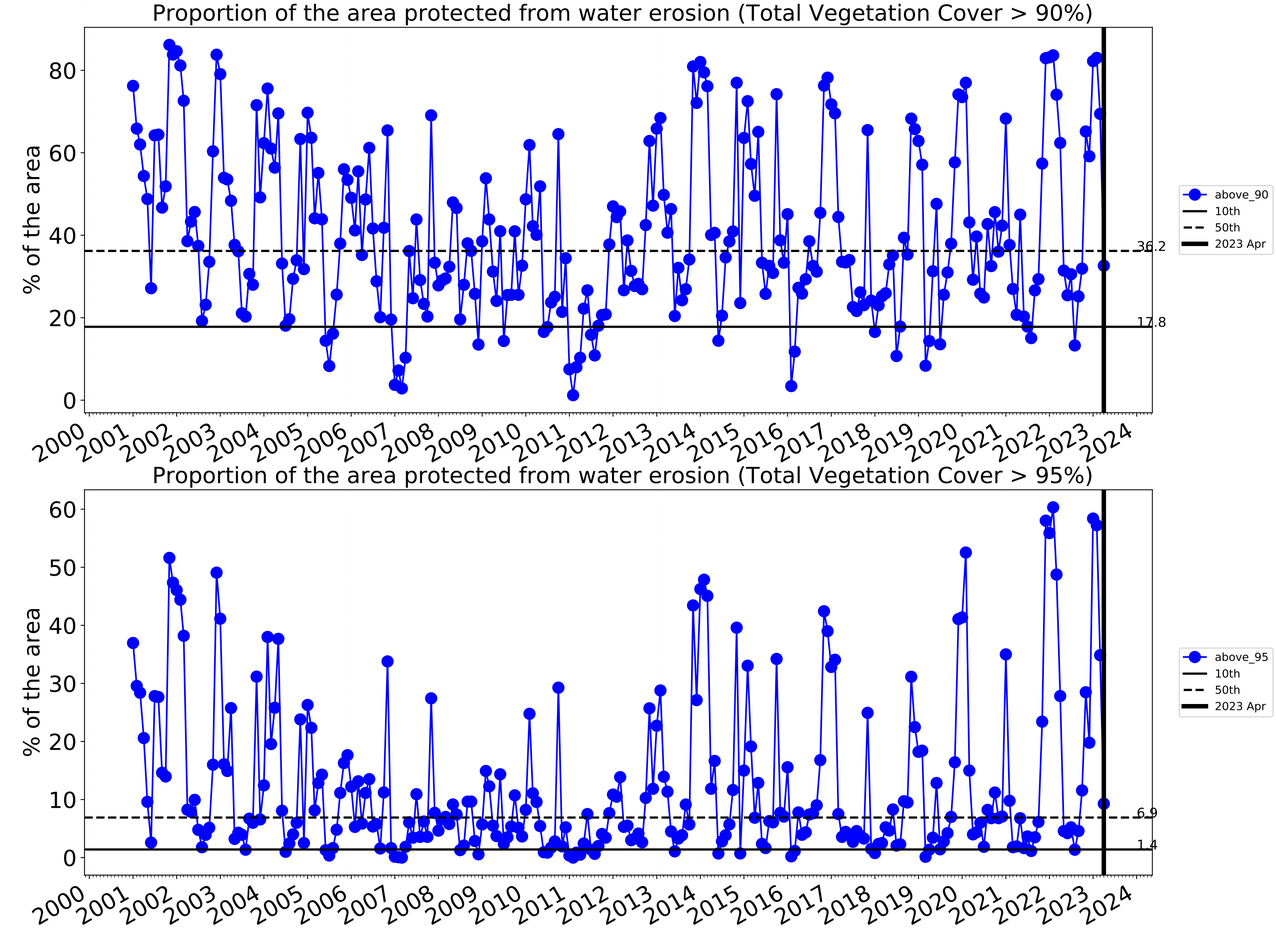
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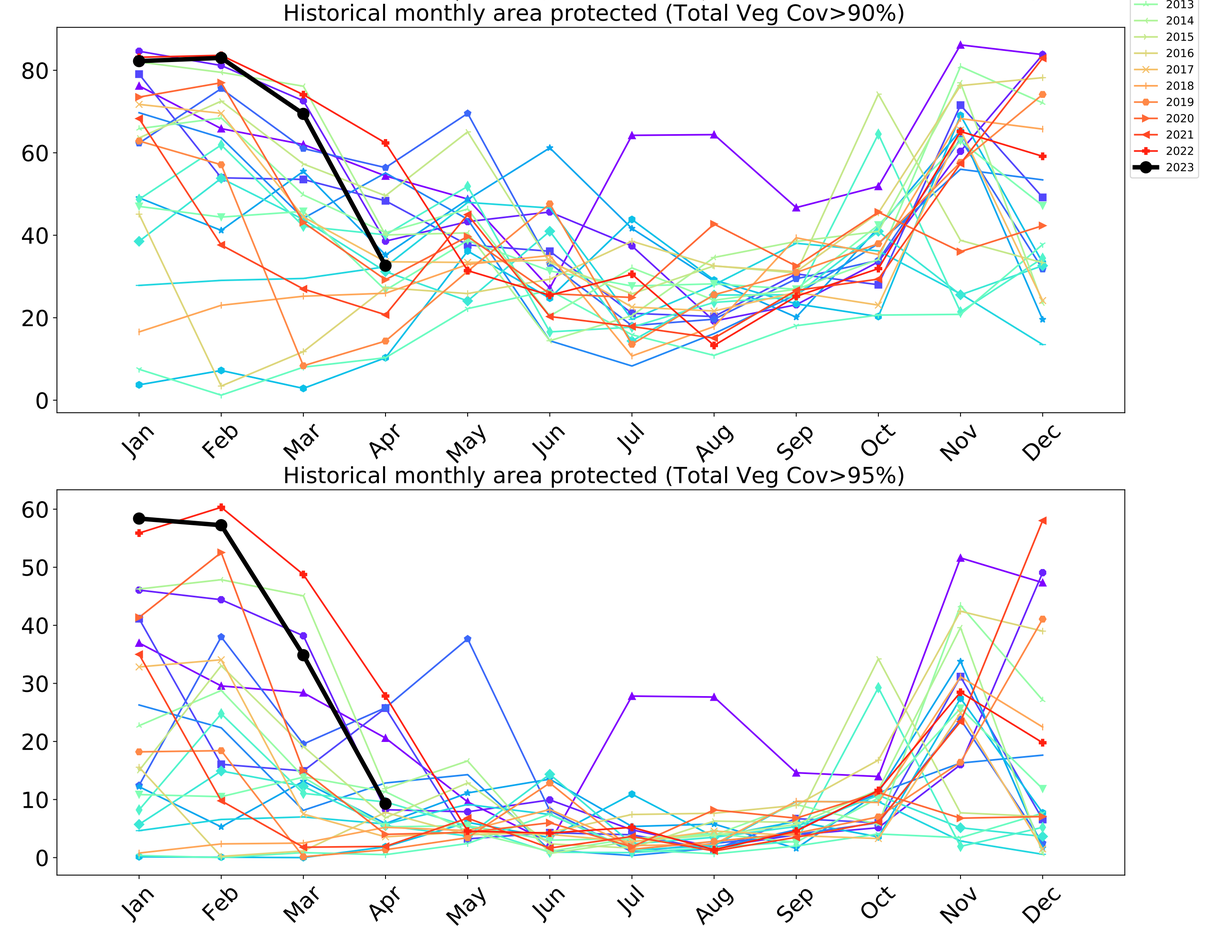
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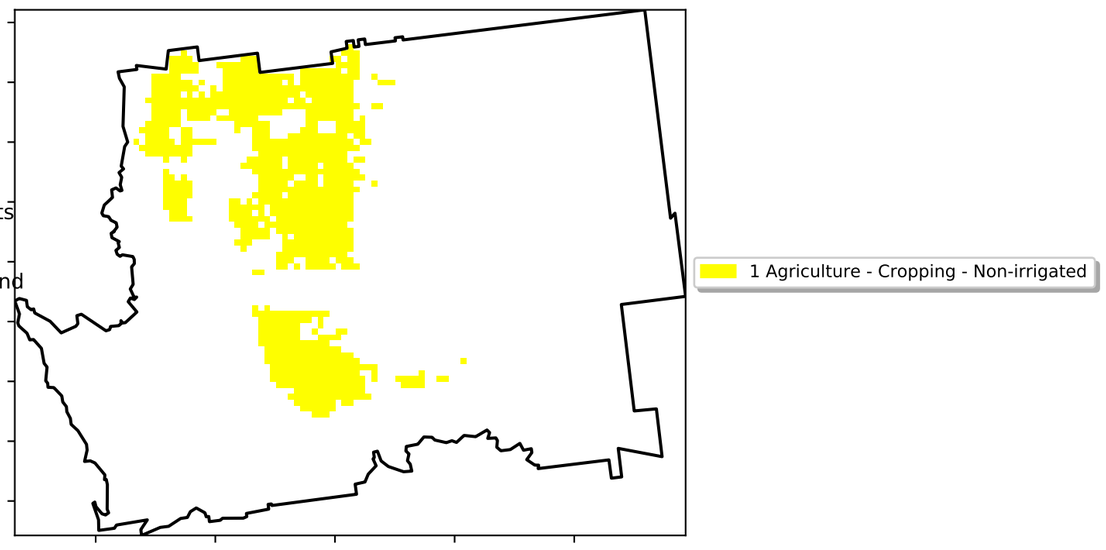
Cropping

Land use and forest cover



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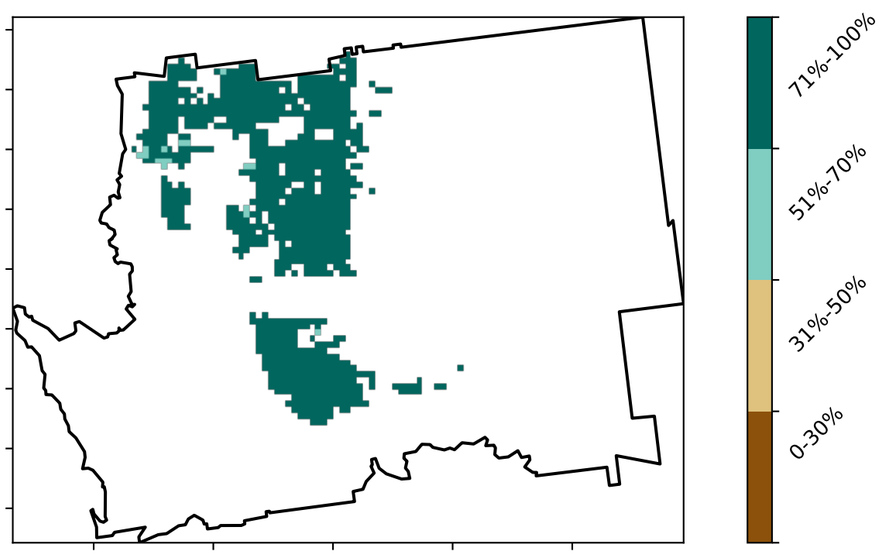

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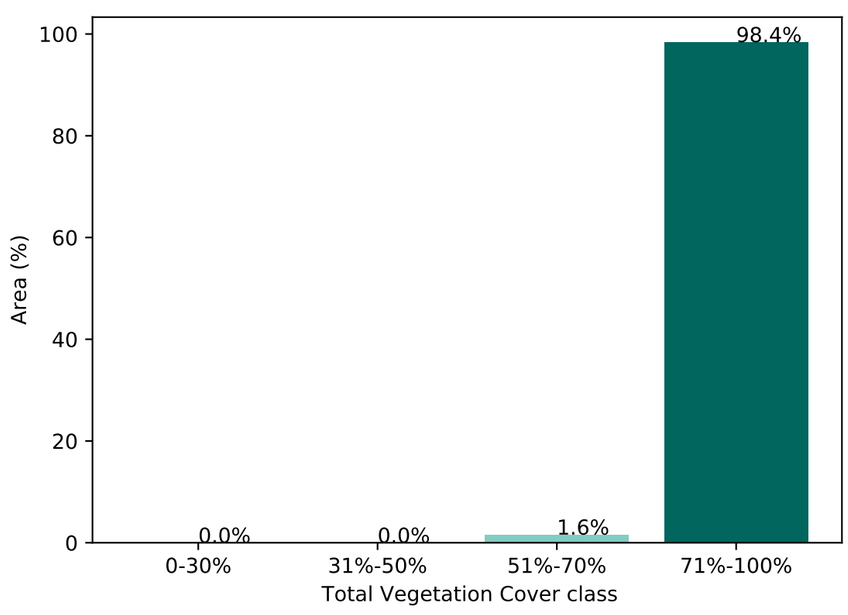

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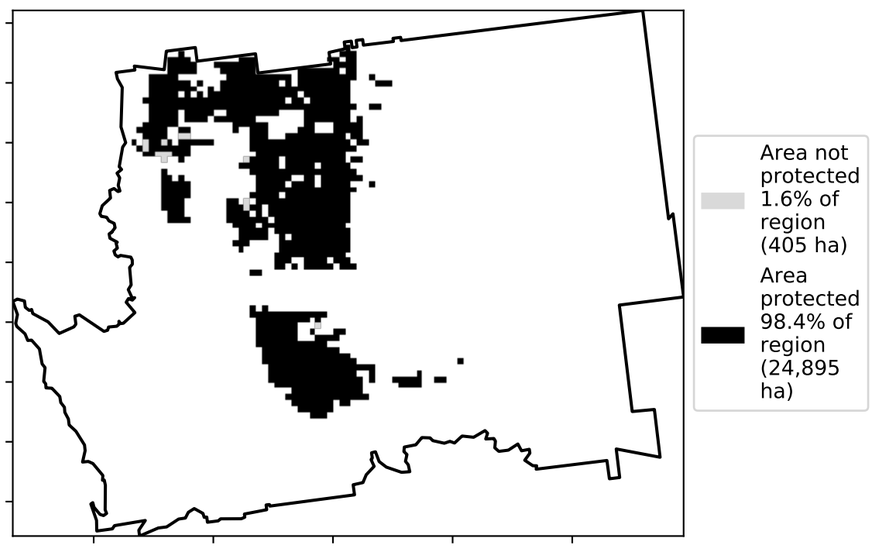

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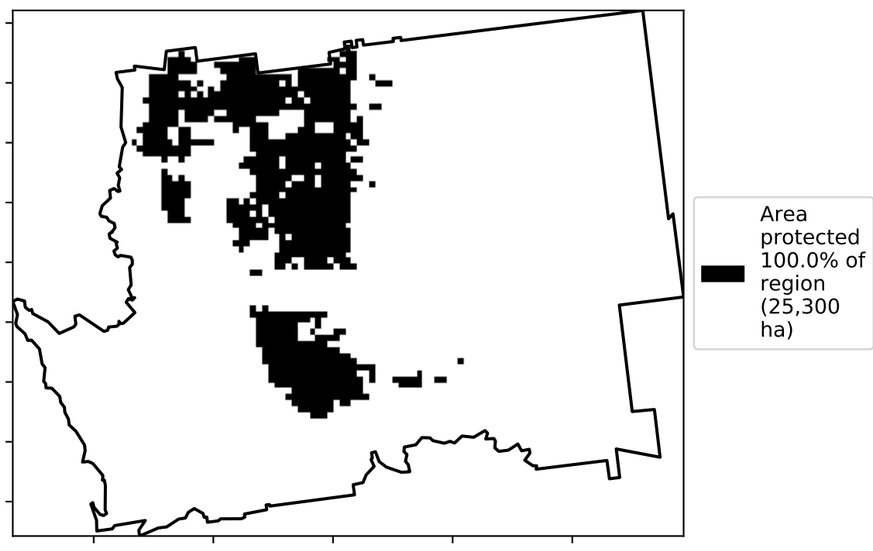

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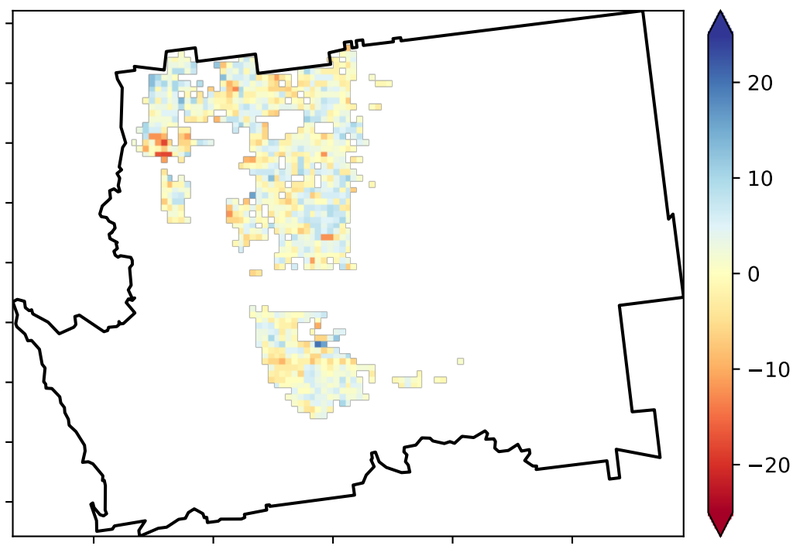

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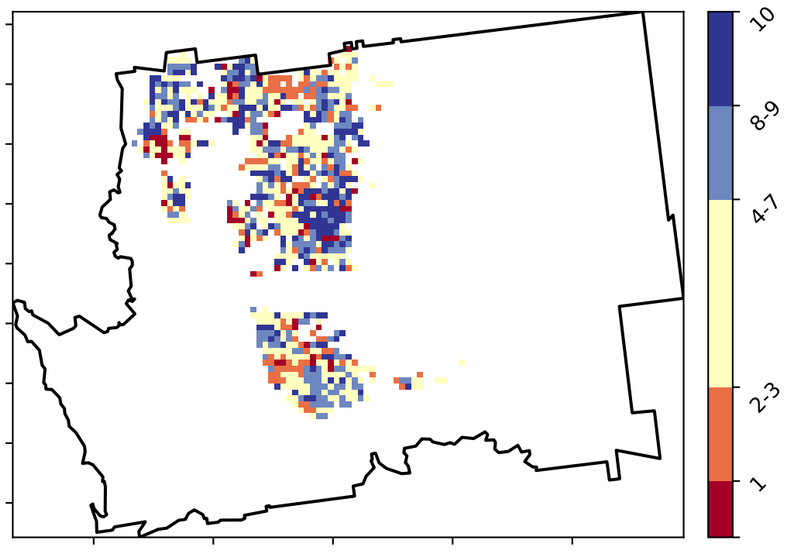
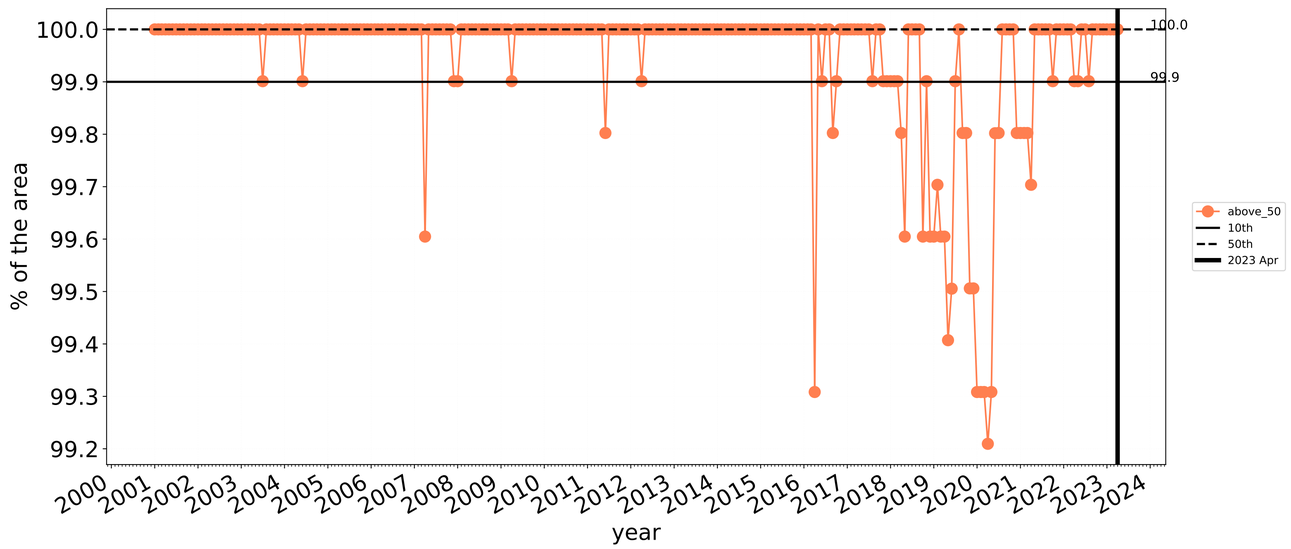


Cropping timeseries

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



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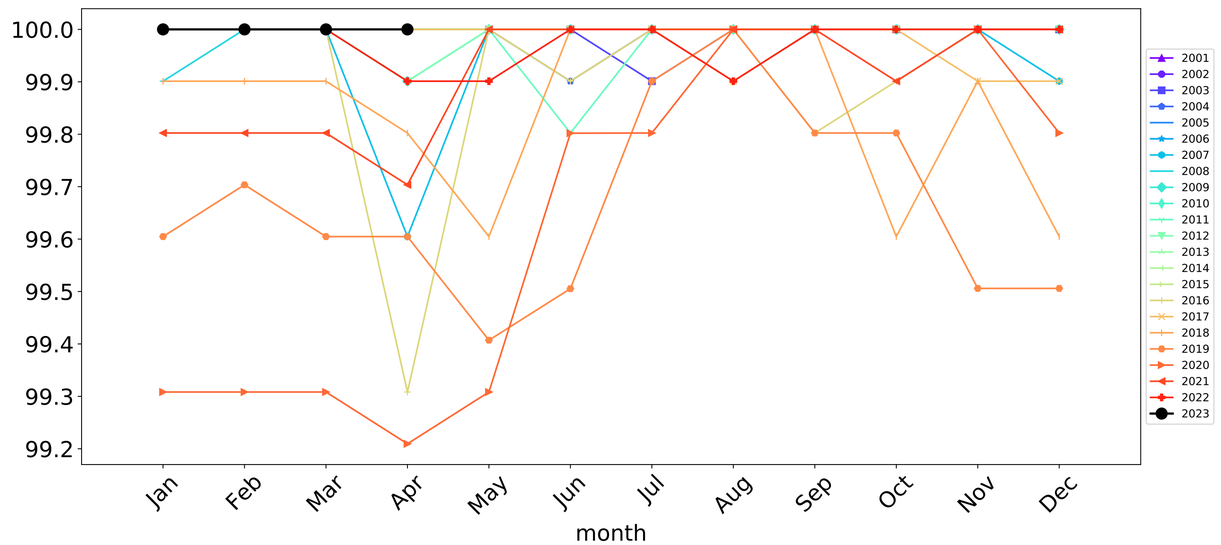

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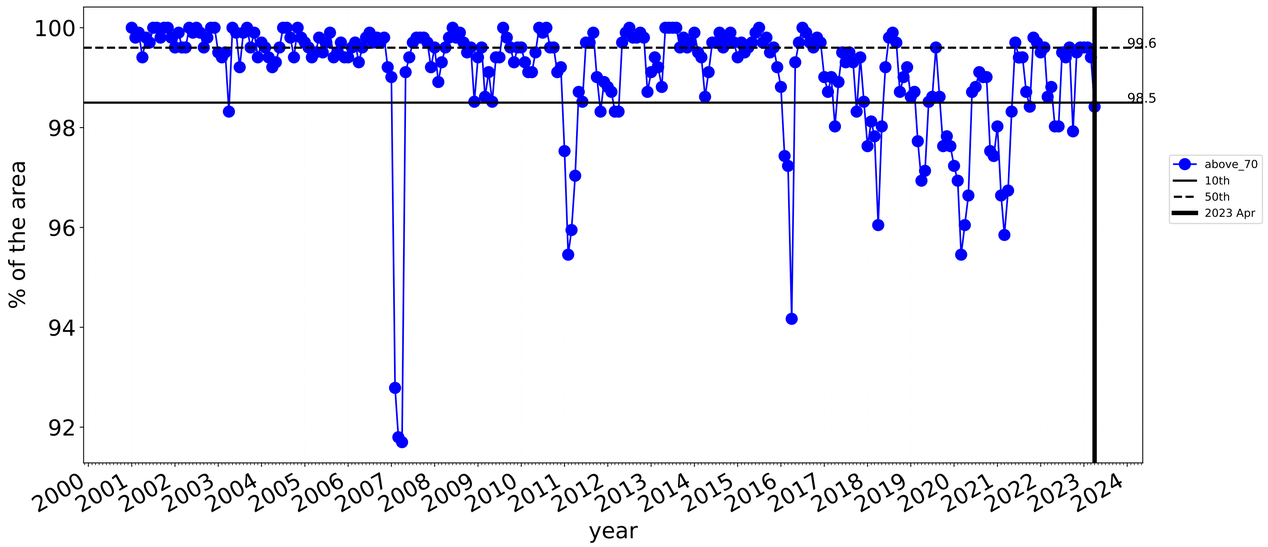

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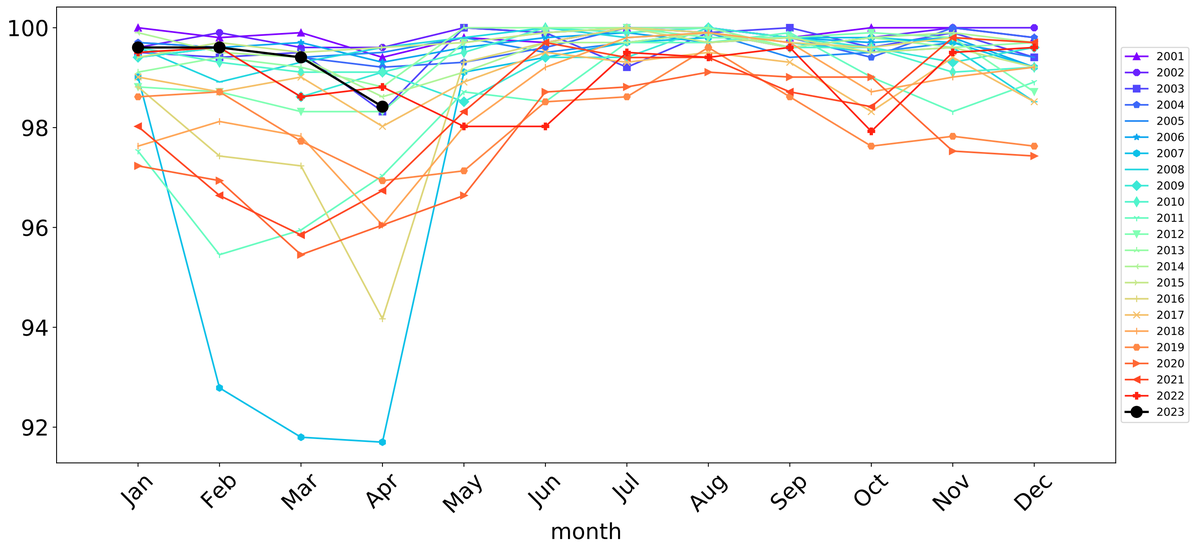

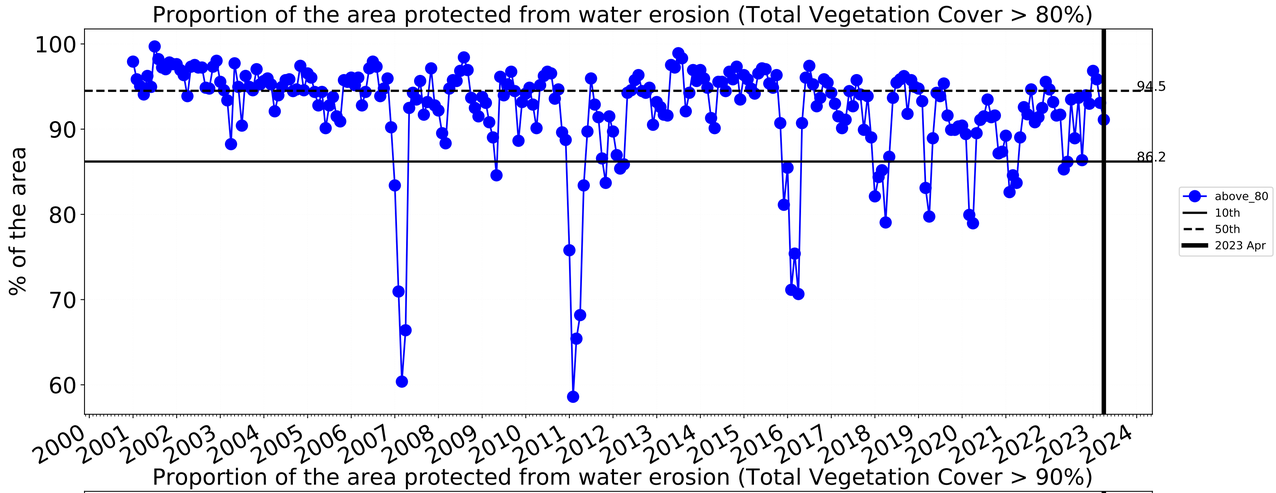
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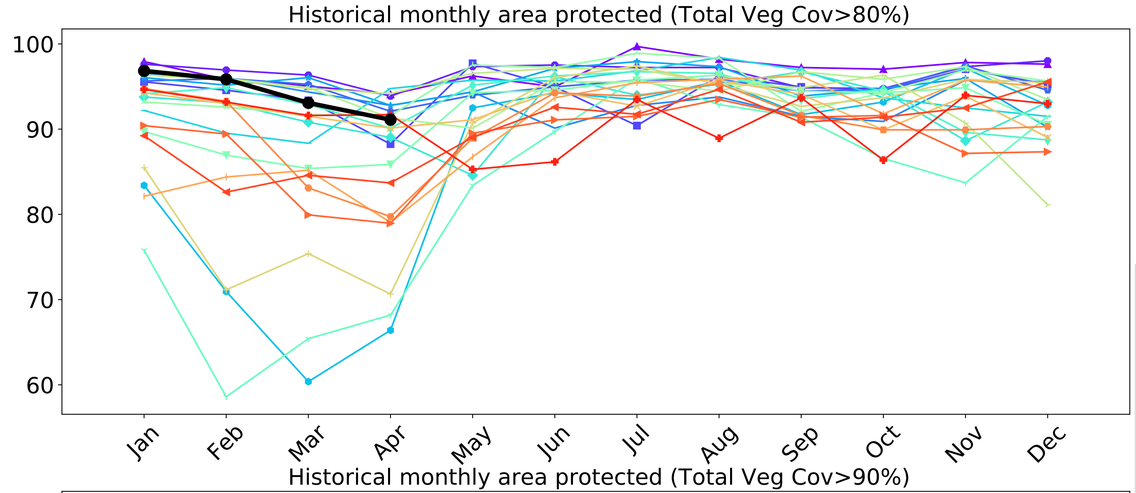
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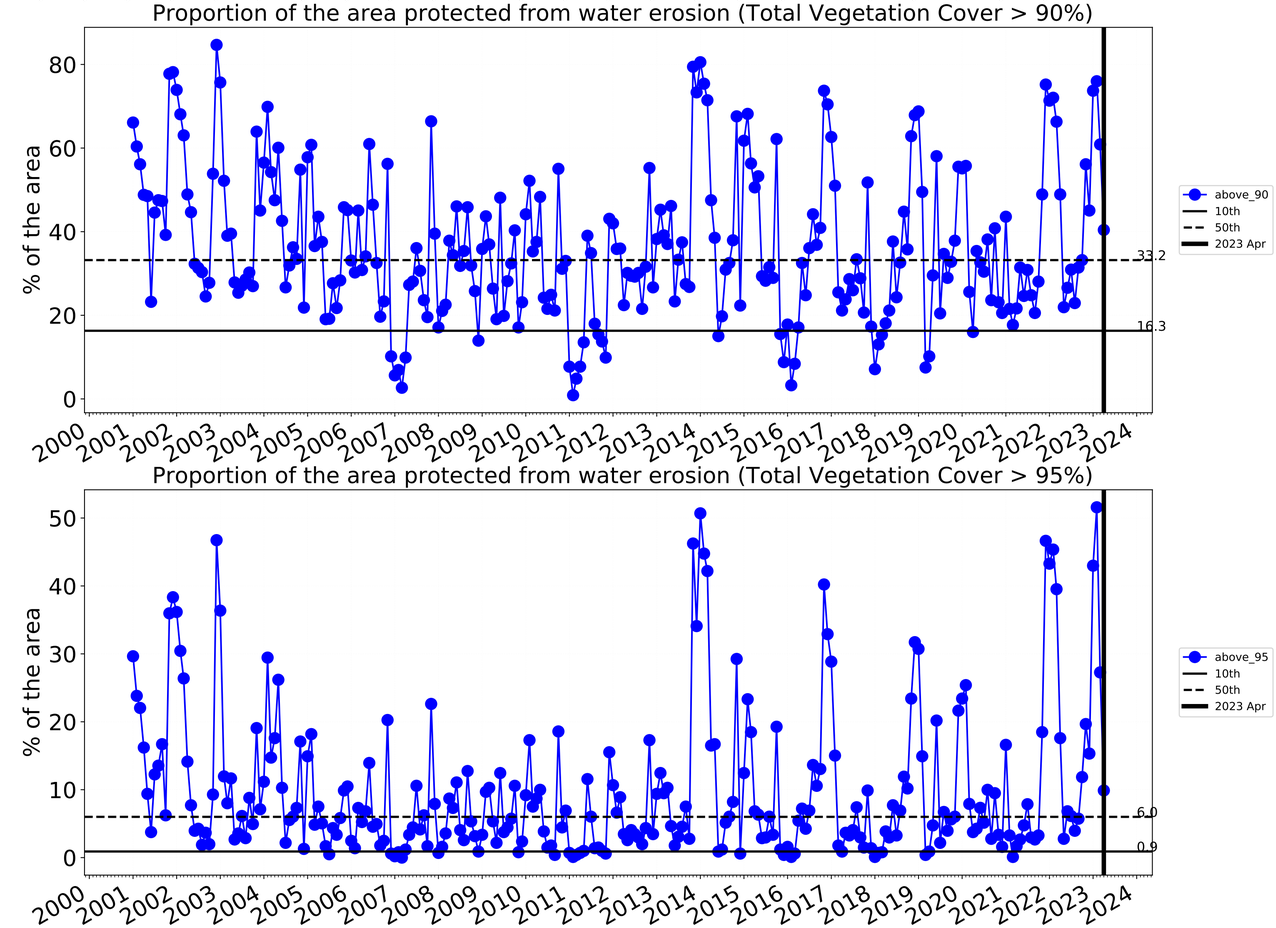
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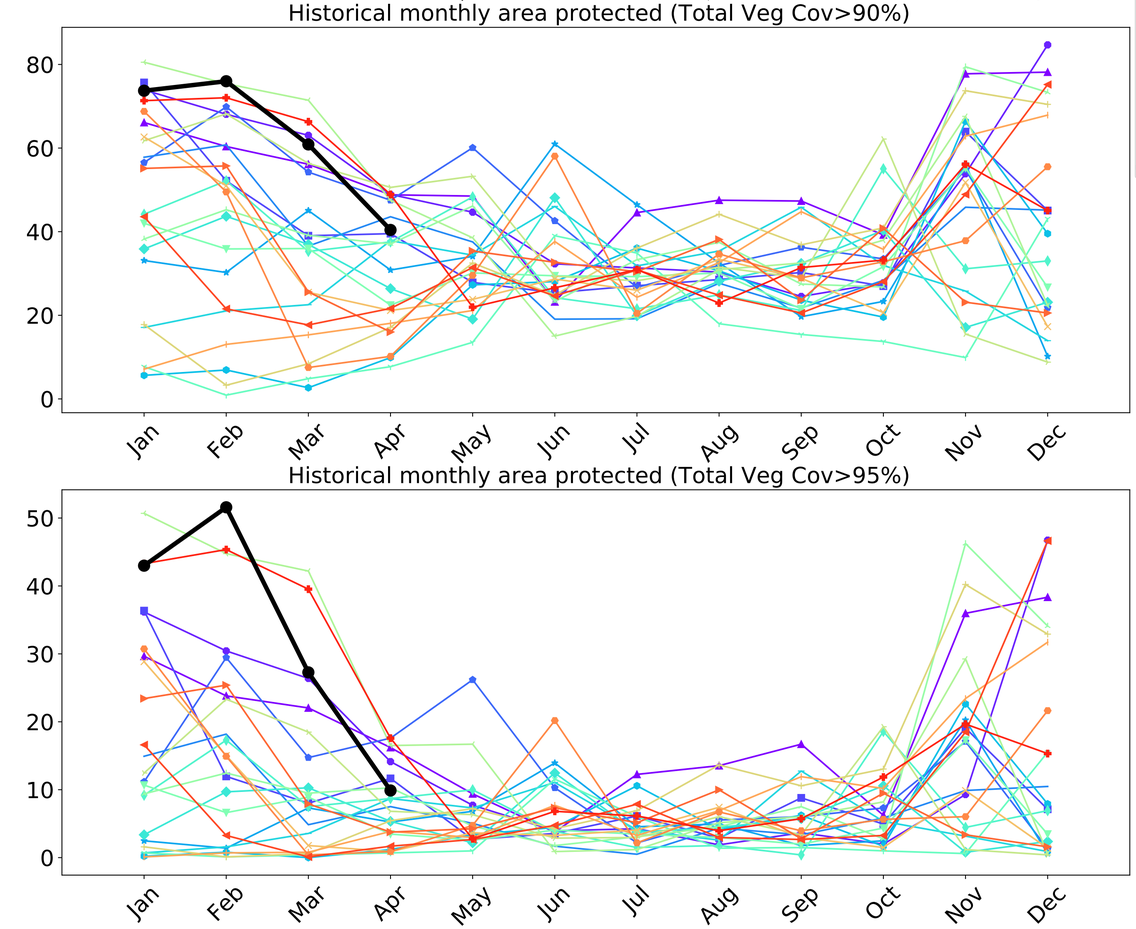
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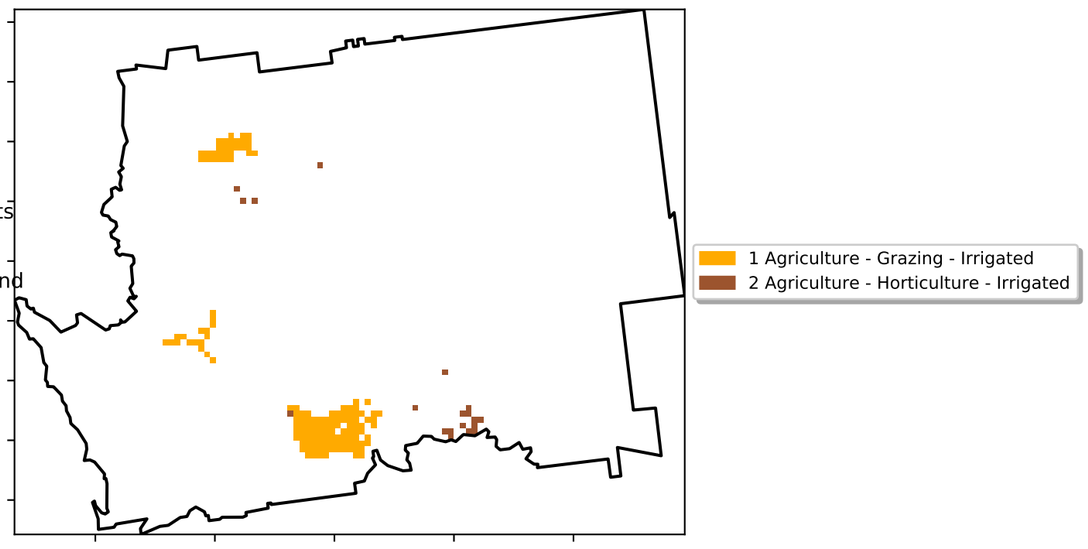
Land use and forest cover



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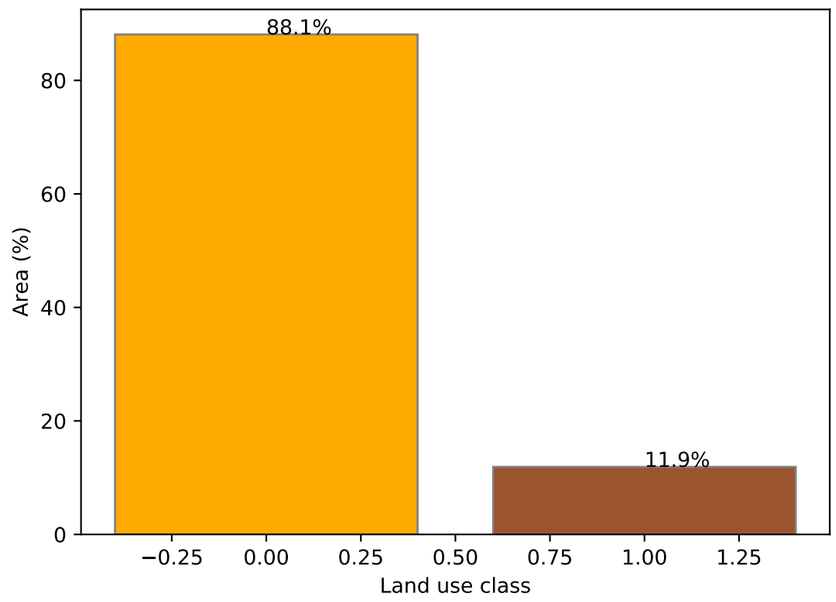

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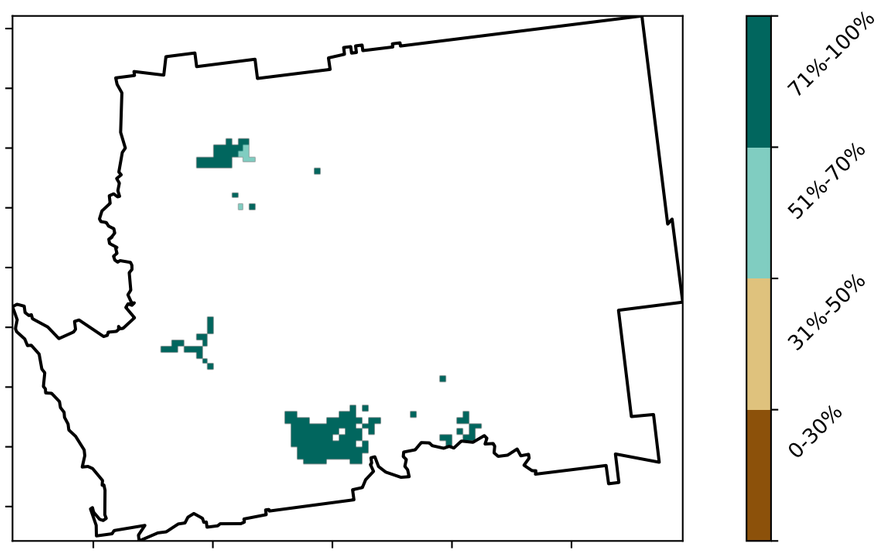

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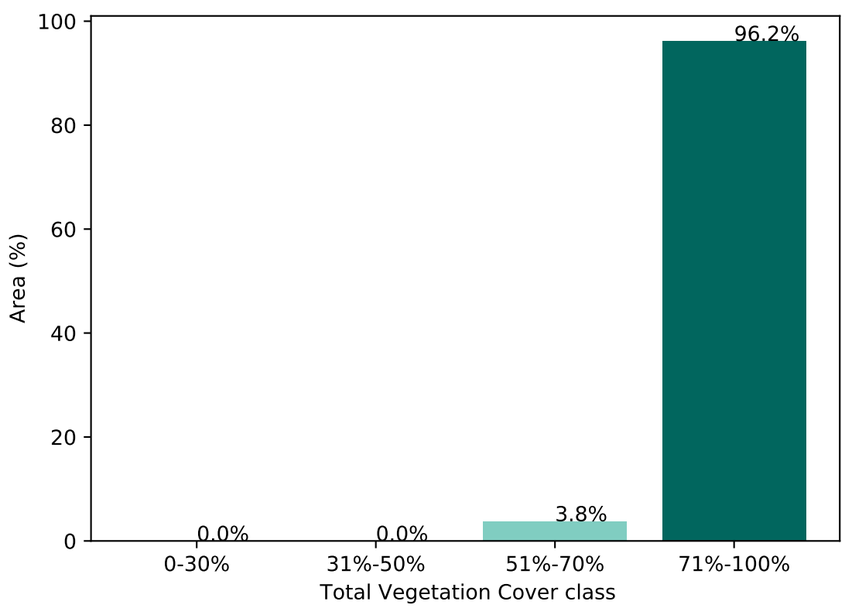

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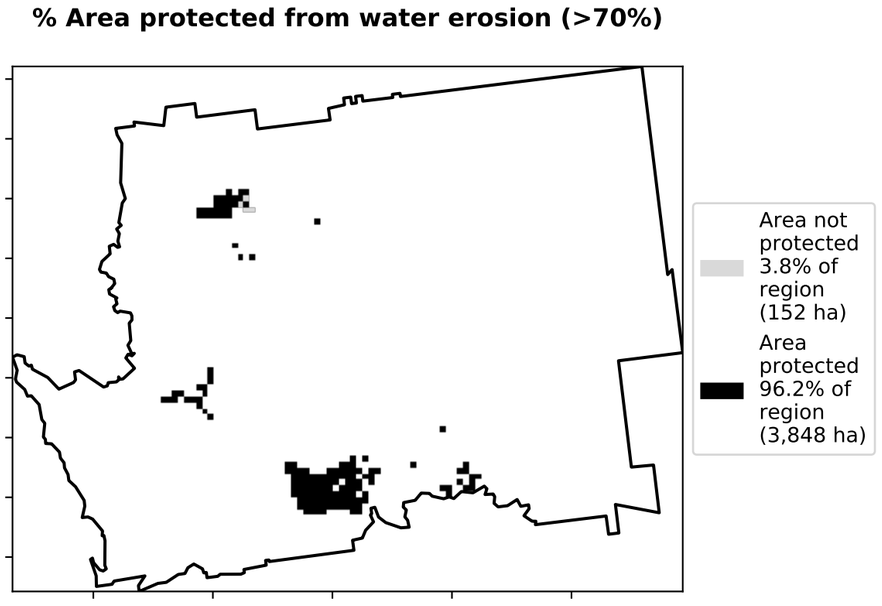

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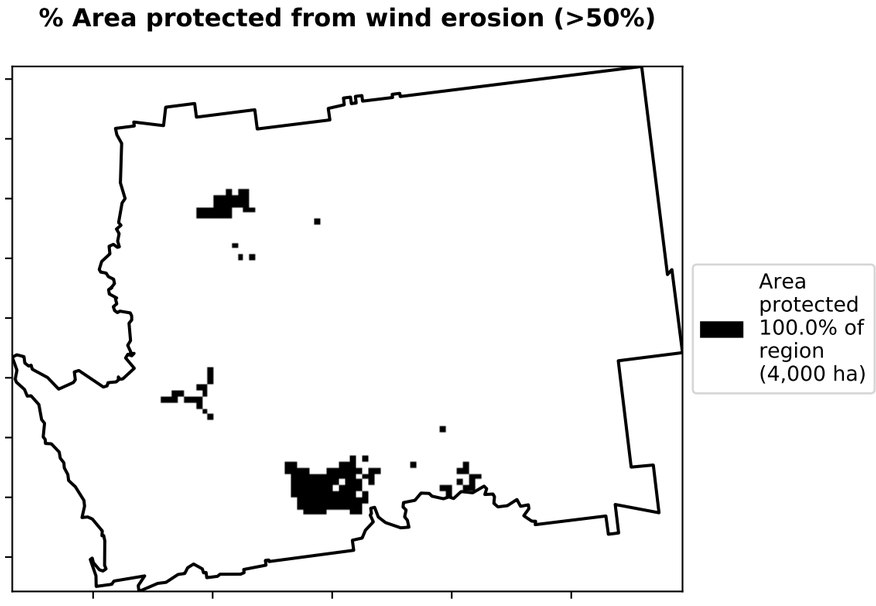

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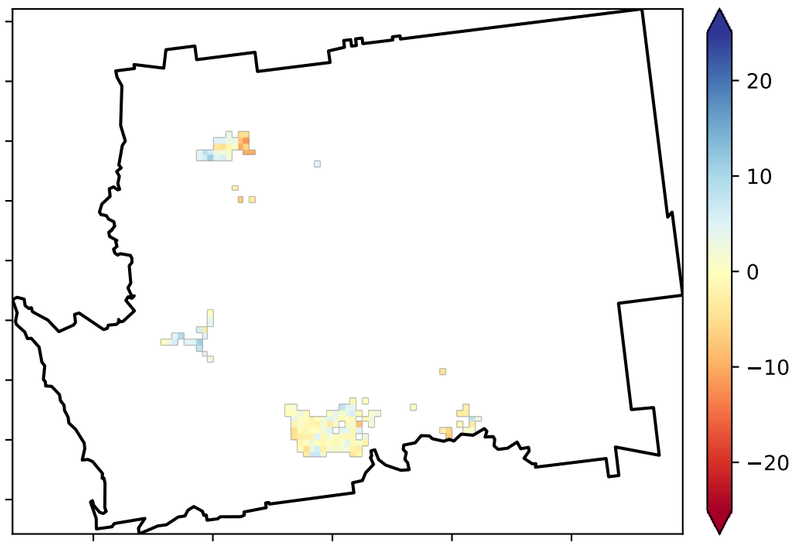

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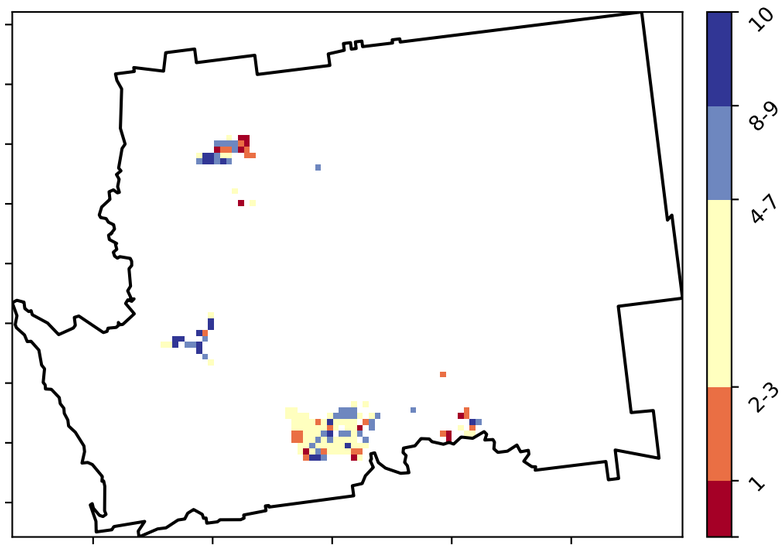
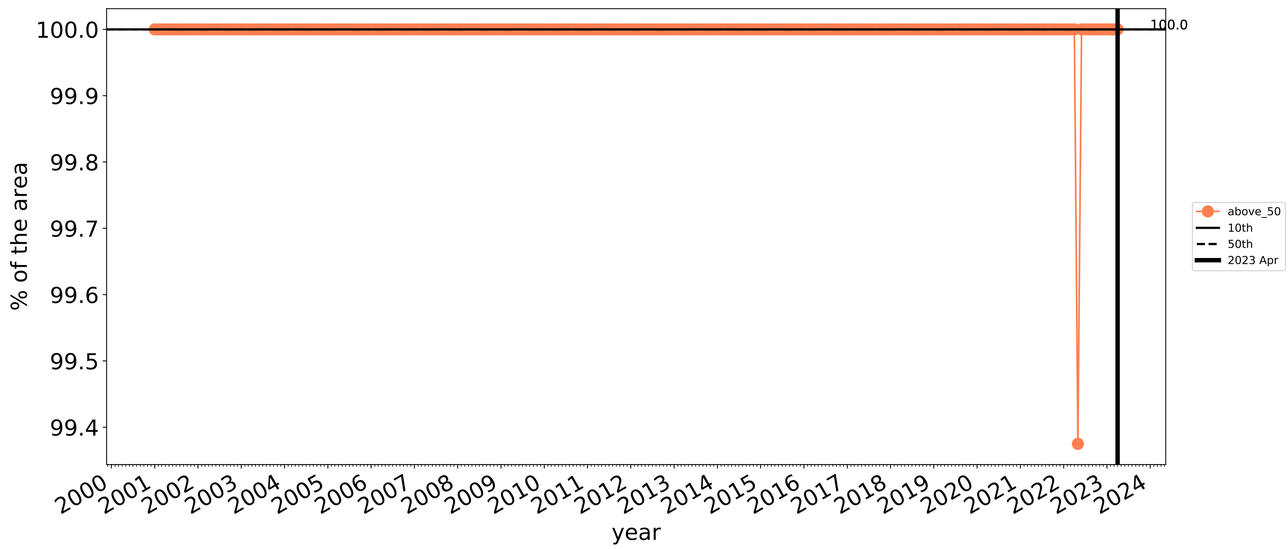
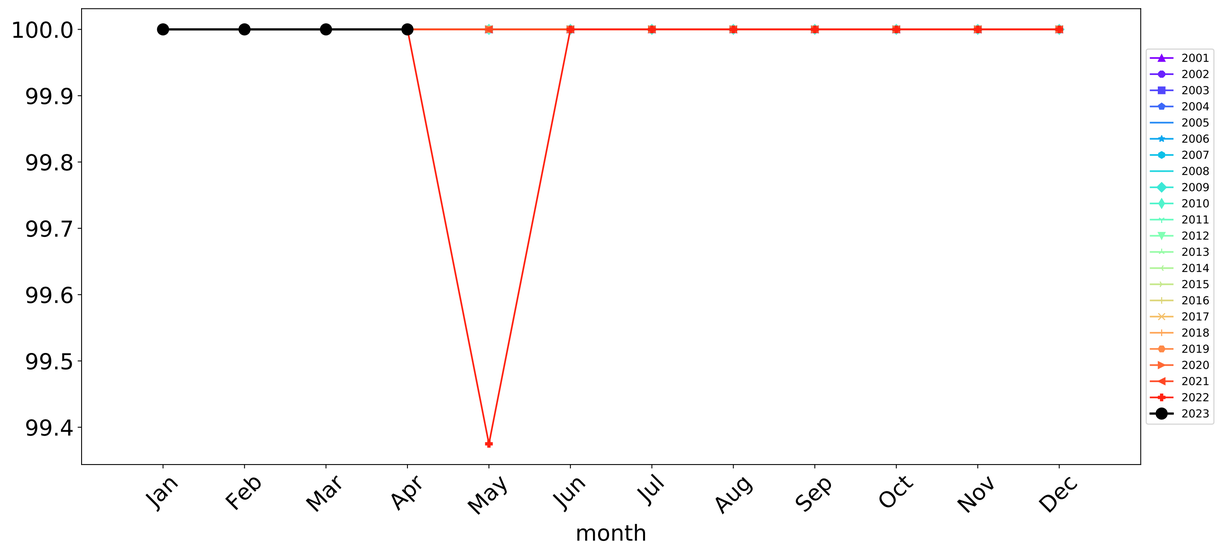


Irrigation timeseries

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



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



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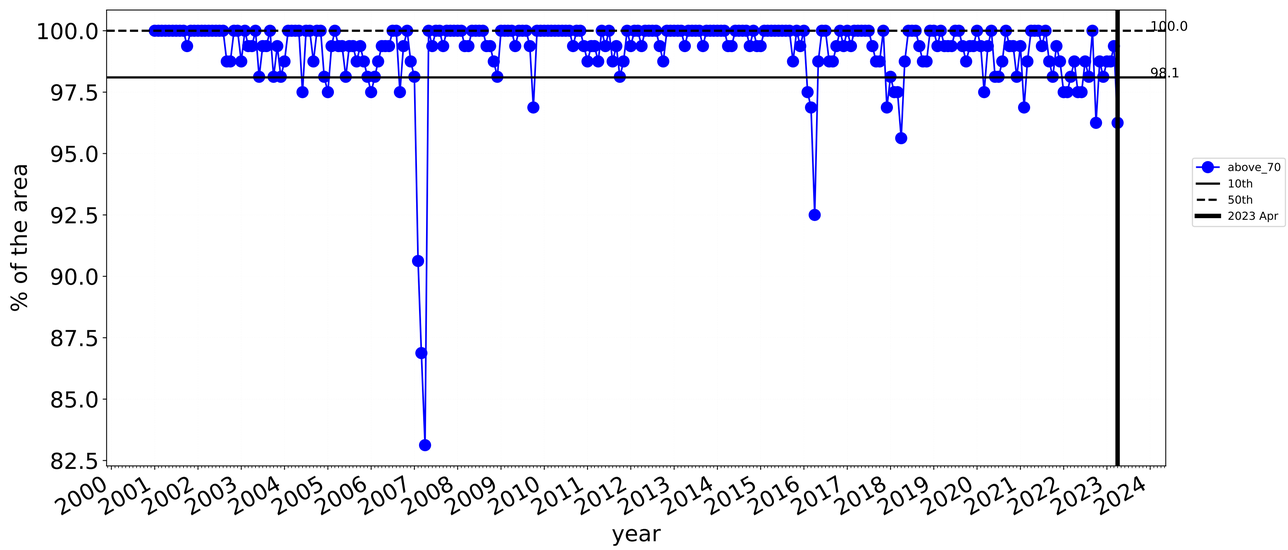

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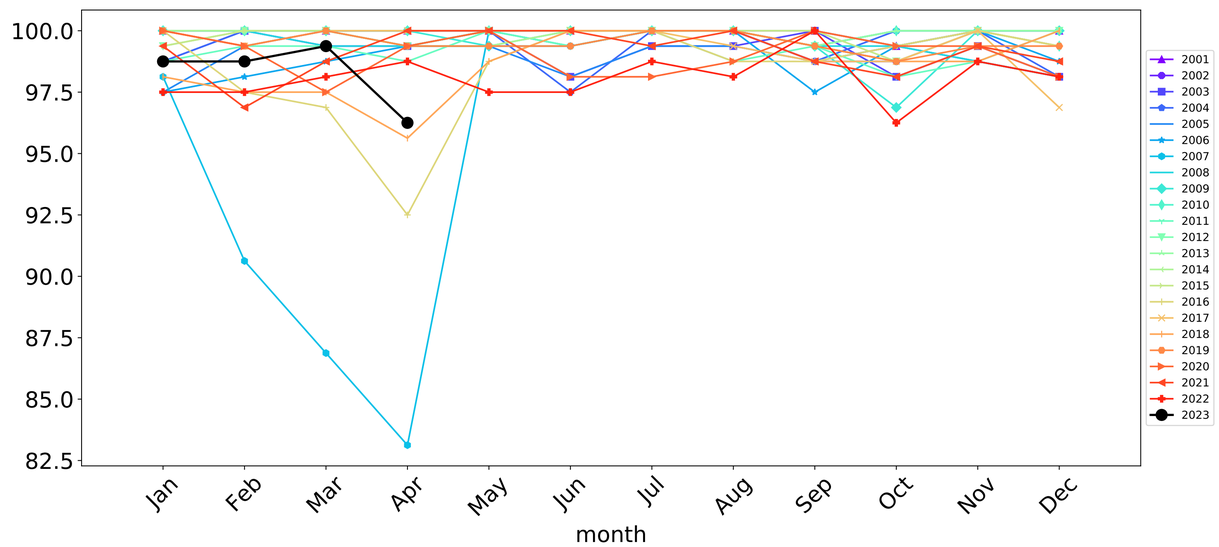

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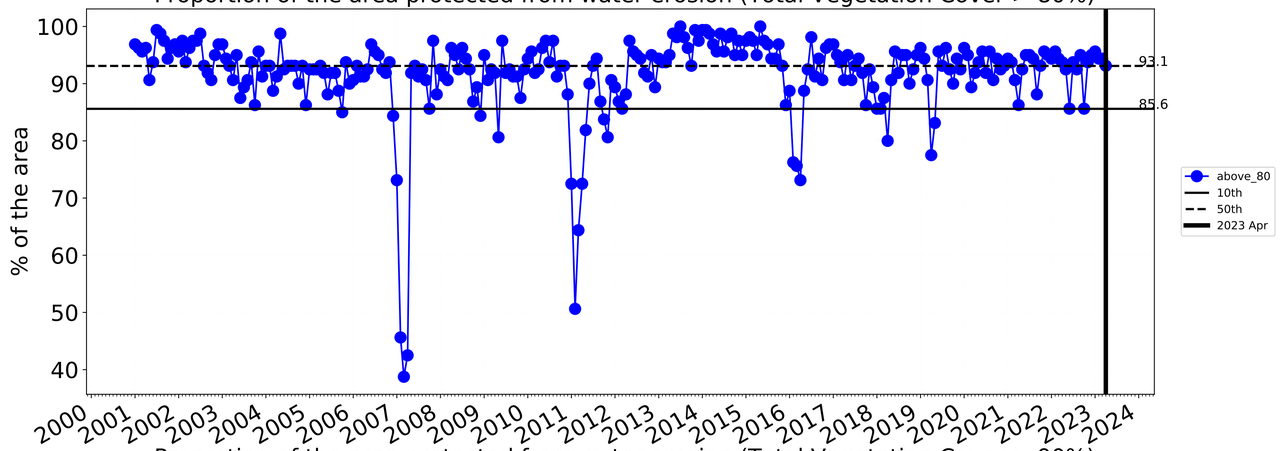

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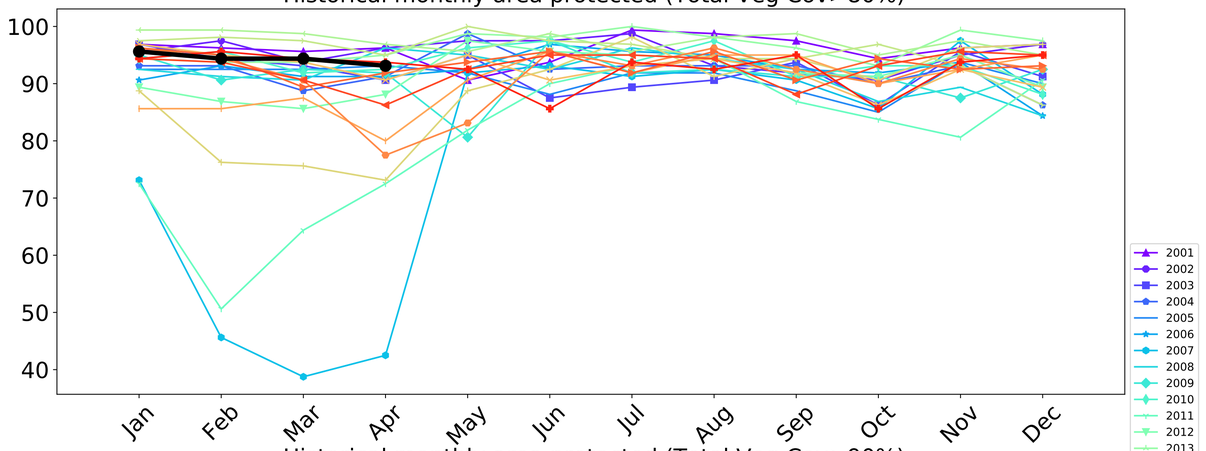

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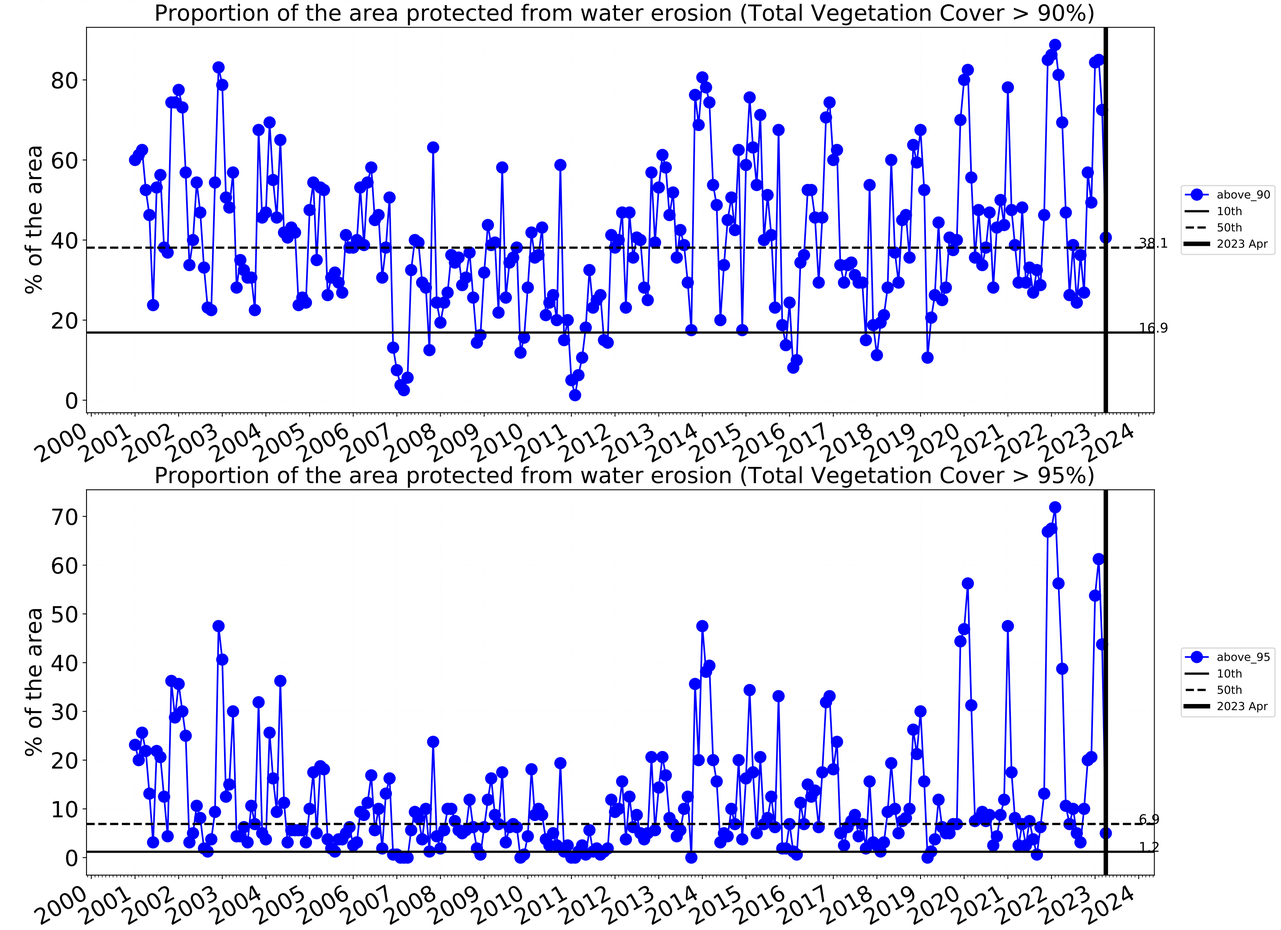

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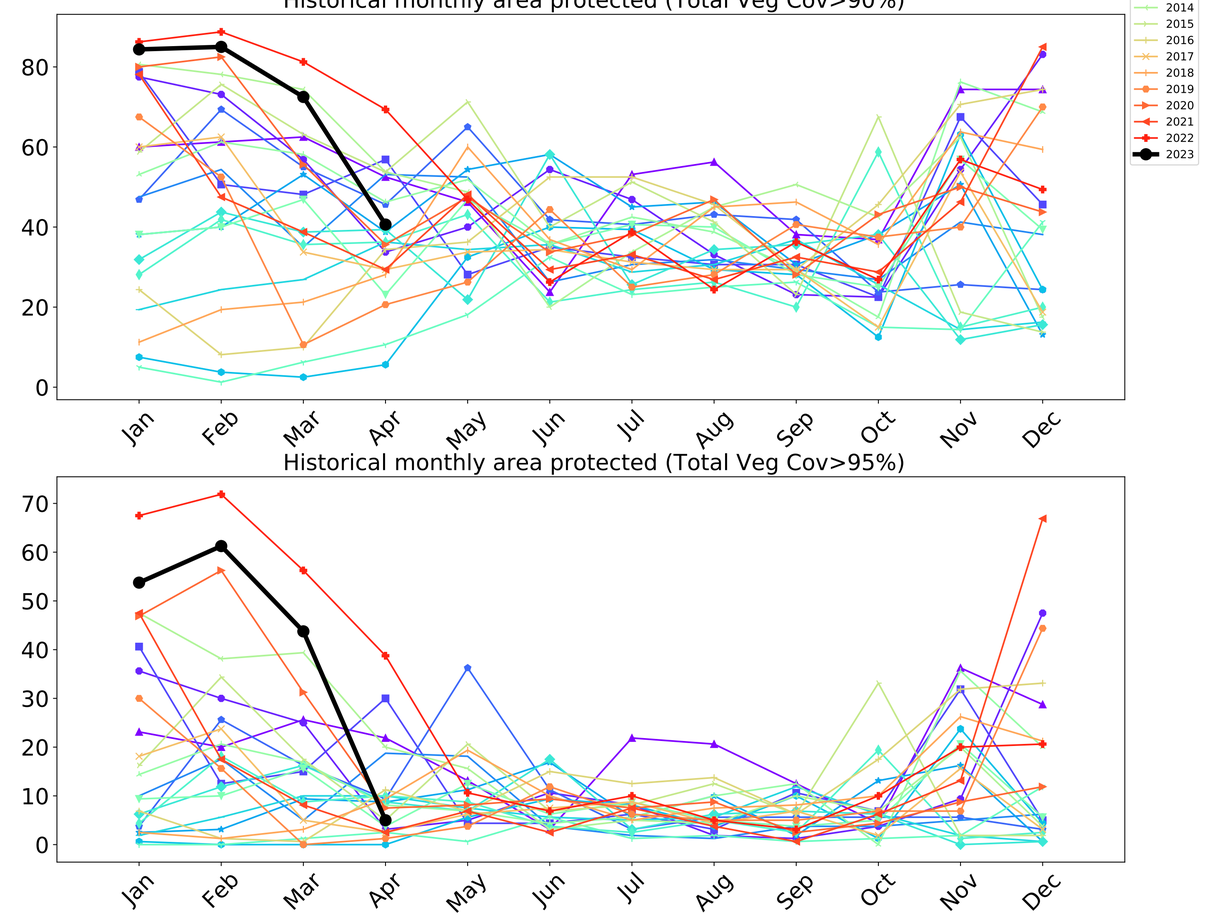

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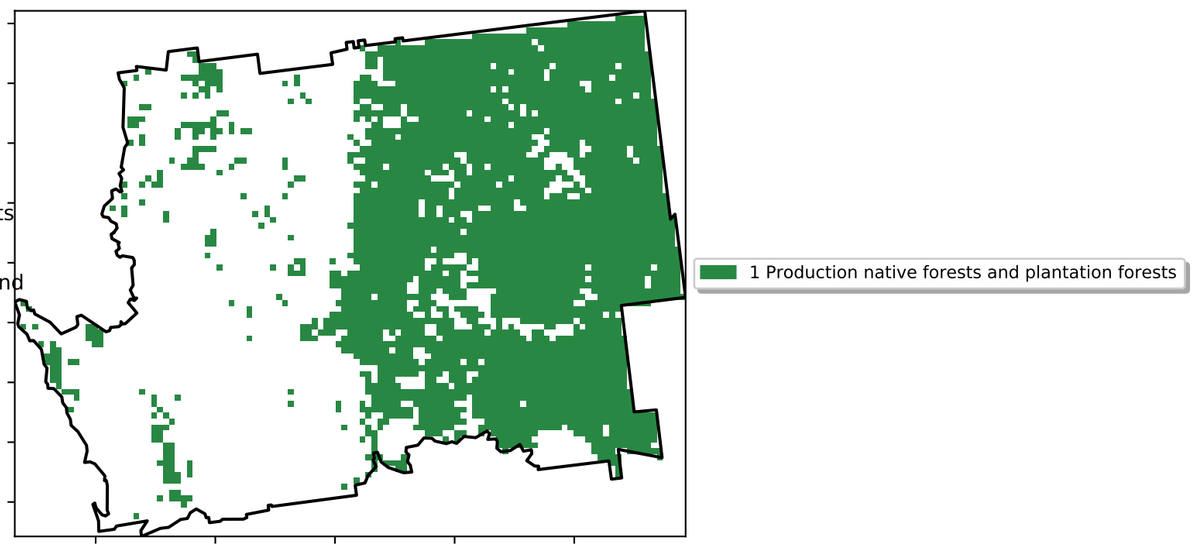
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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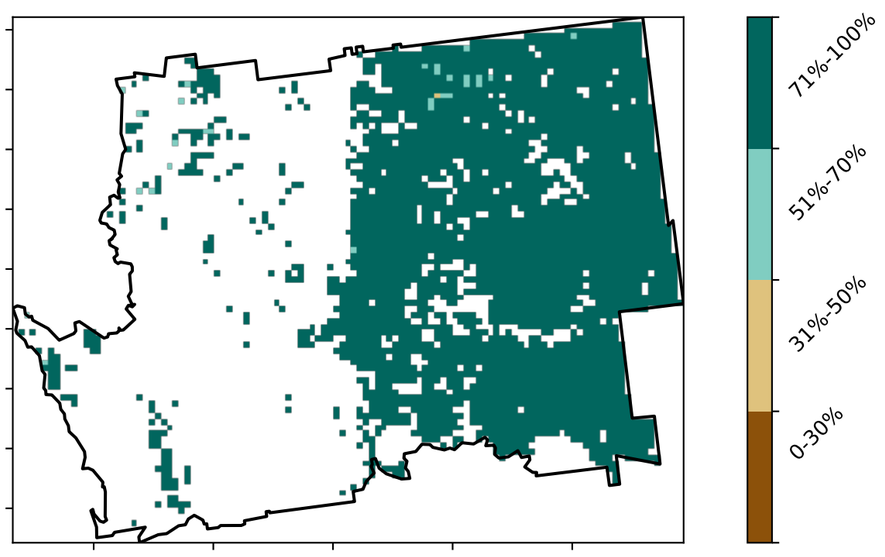

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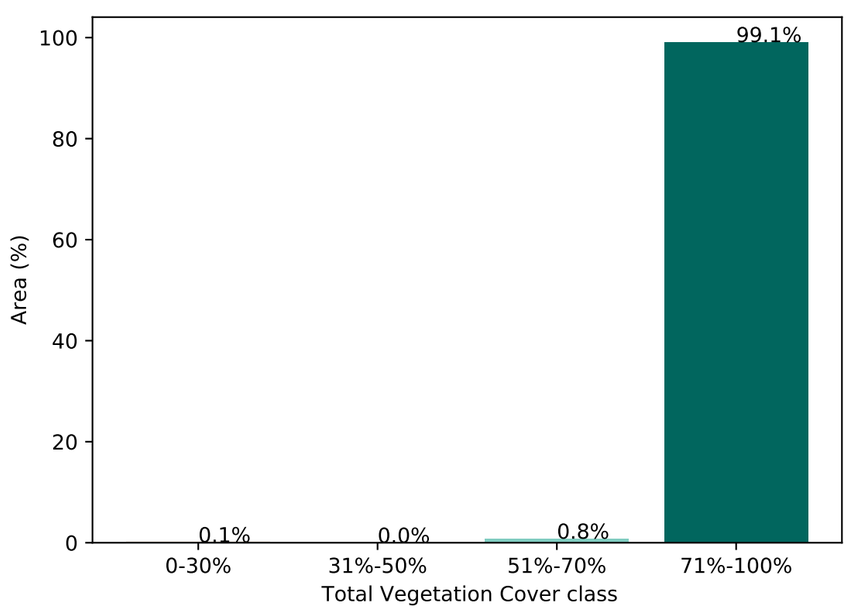
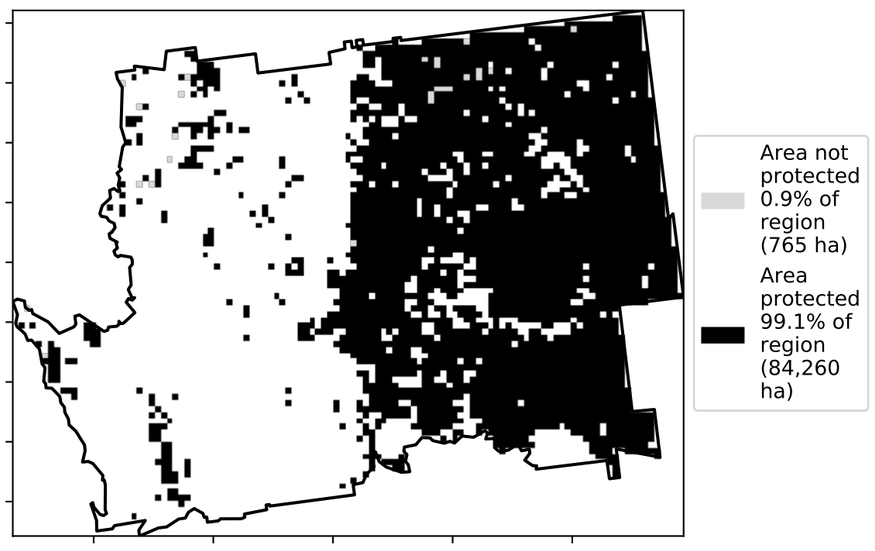


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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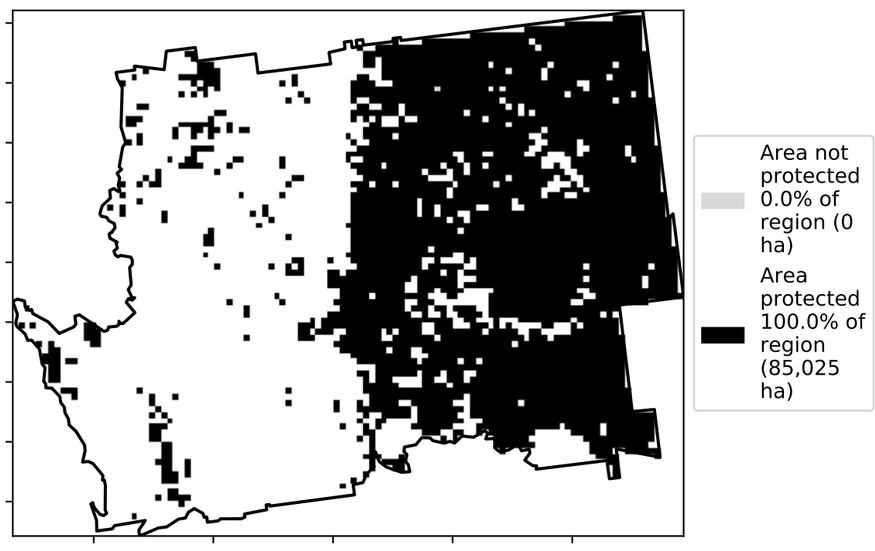

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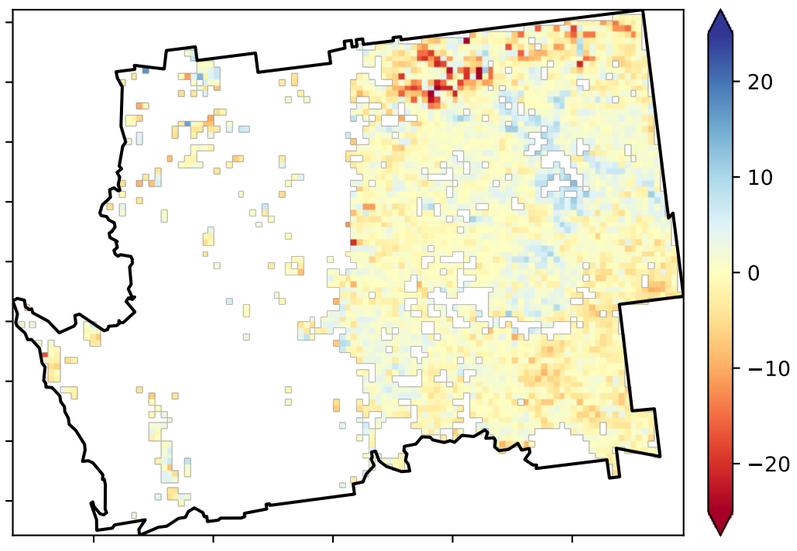

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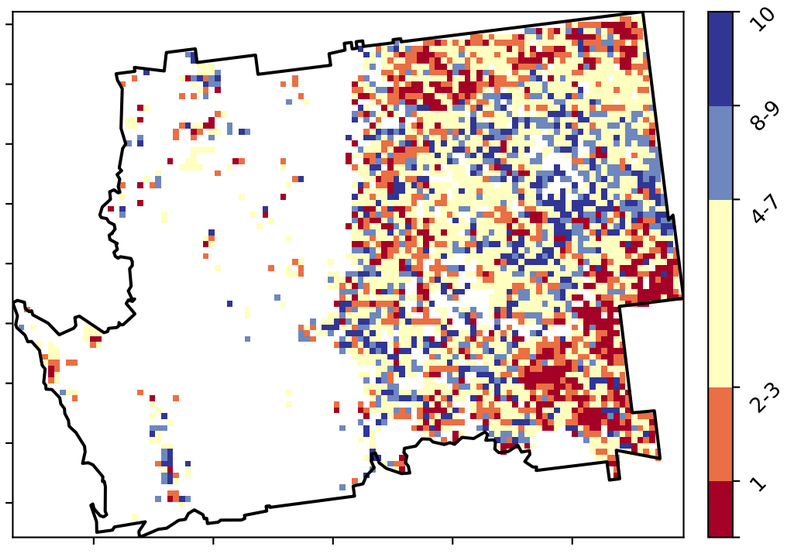

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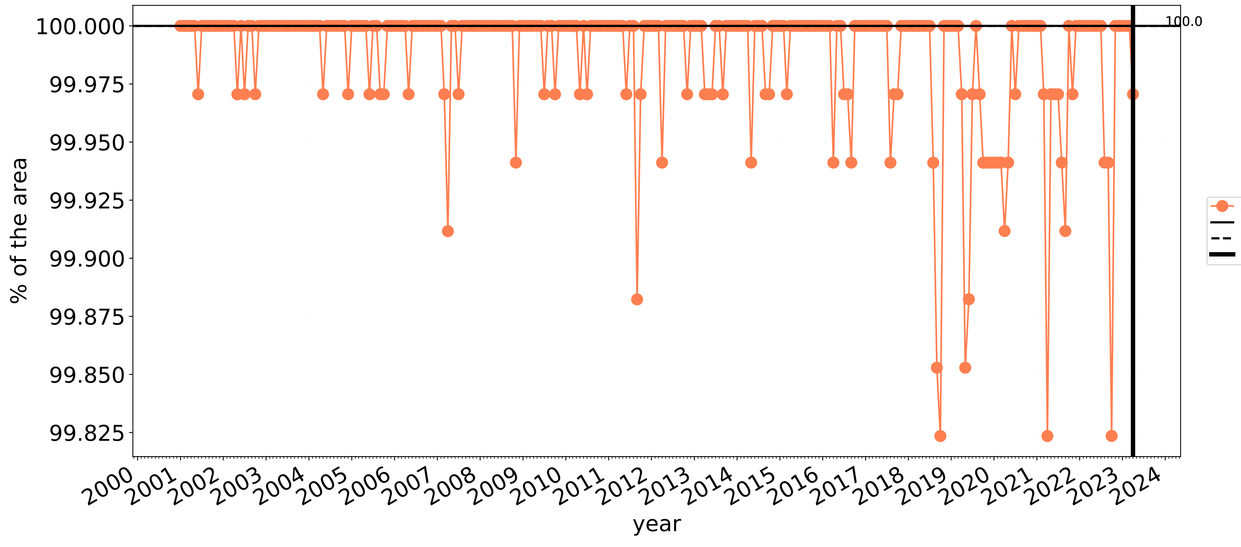

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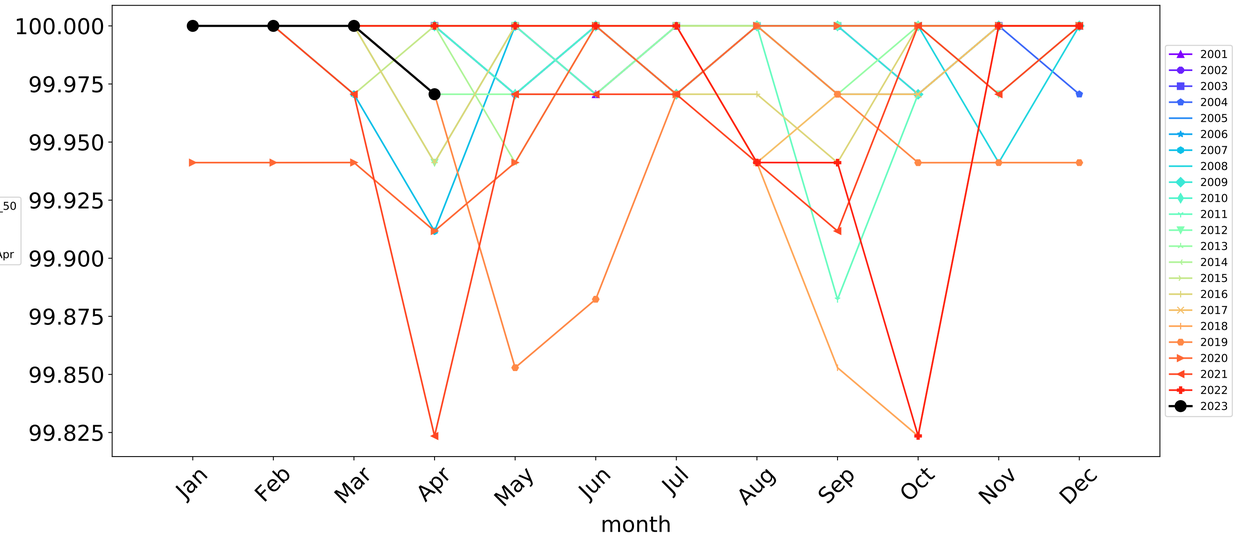

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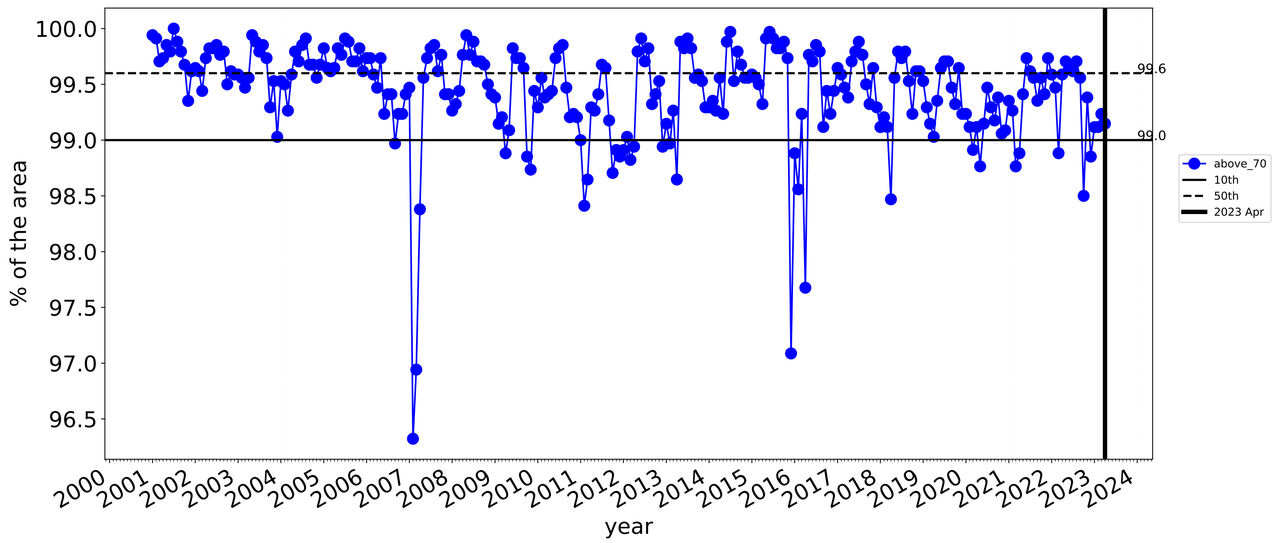

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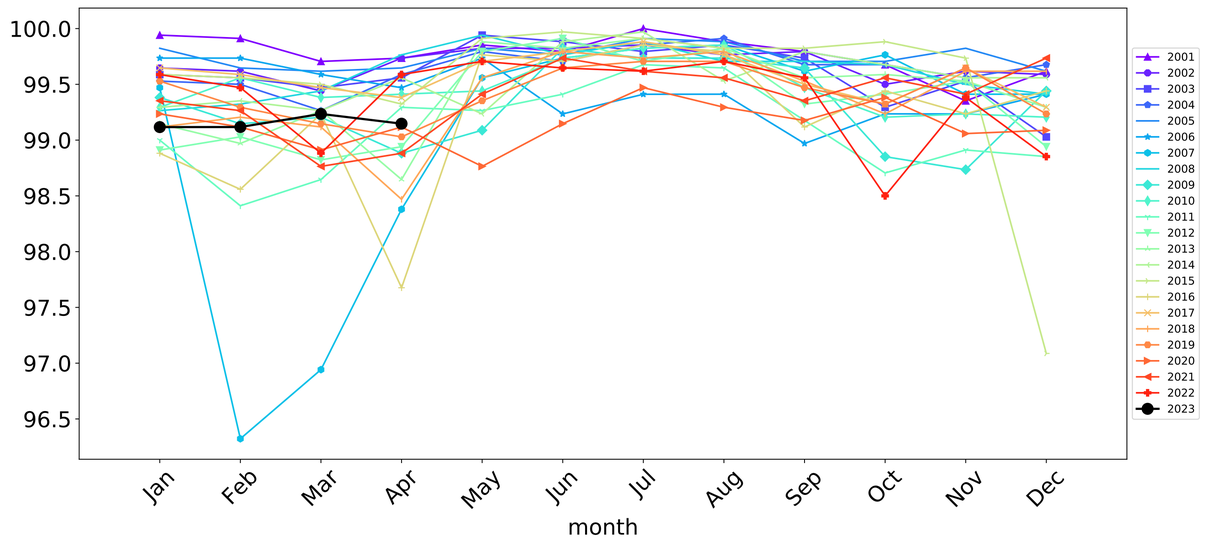

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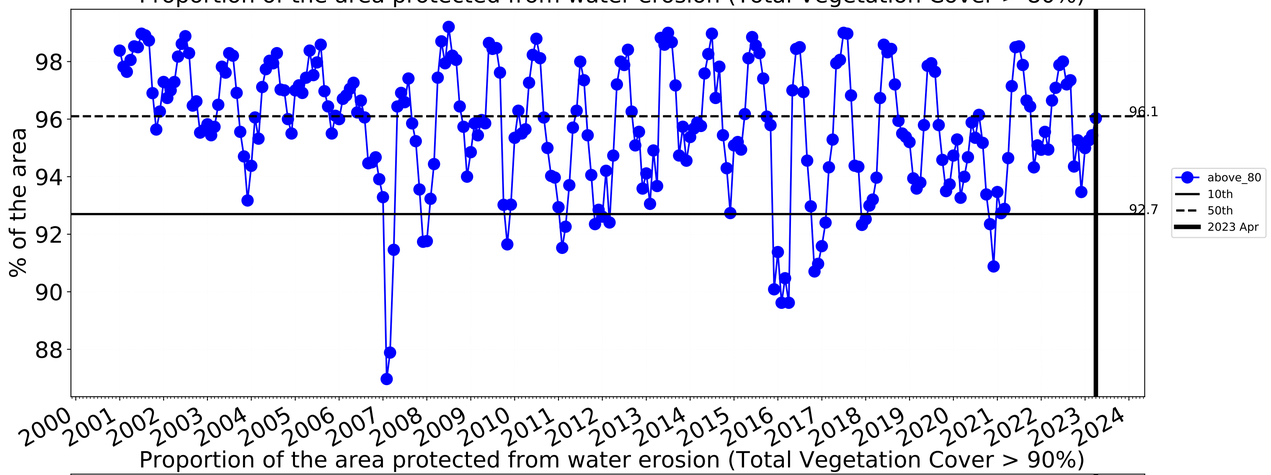

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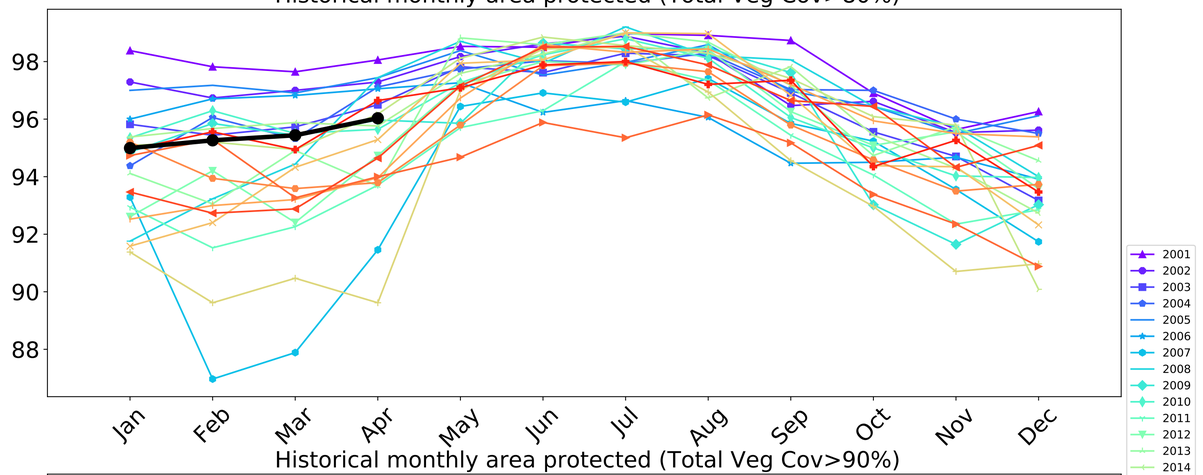

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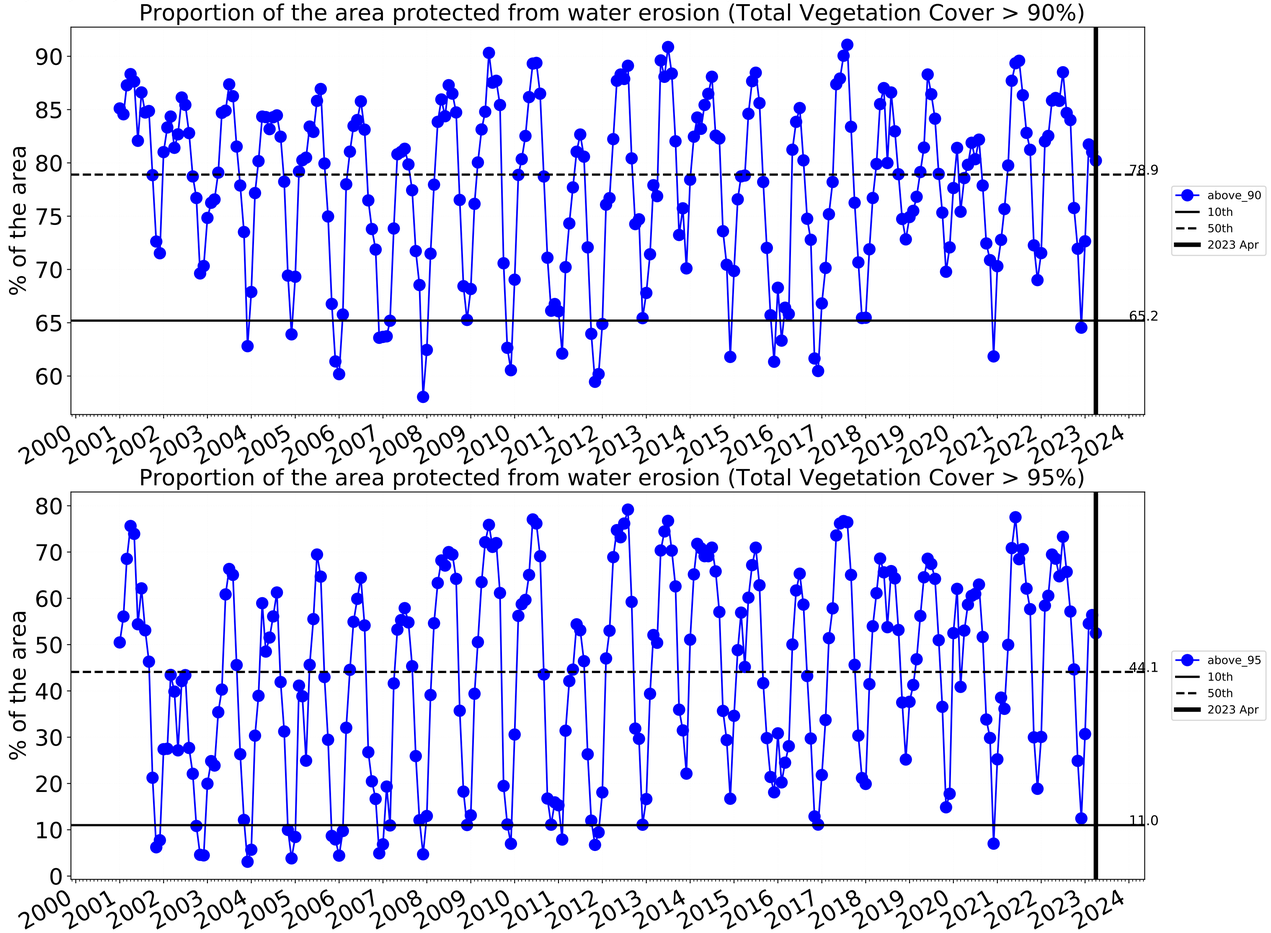

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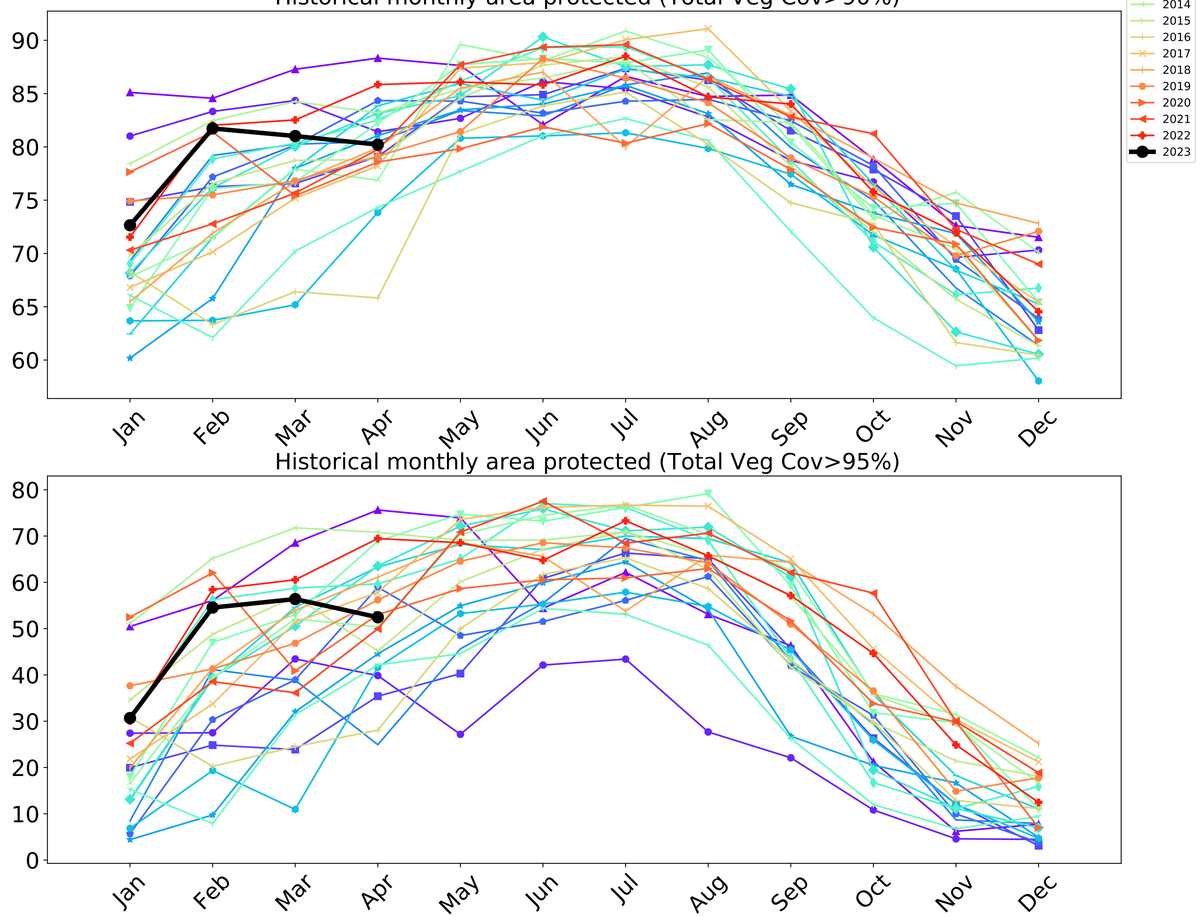

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Murray_(S) (169,275 ha and no data 1,089 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	169,275	100.0% 169,250	99.9% 169,100	97.9% 165,675	91.5% 154,900	58.8% 99,450	32.7% 55,300
Conservation and natural environments	8,550	100.0% 8,550	99.7% 8,525	97.7% 8,350	94.2% 8,050	64.9% 5,550	38.6% 3,300
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,775	100.0% 1,775	100.0% 1,775	97.2% 1,725	93.0% 1,650	39.4% 700	15.5% 275
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	5,675	100.0% 5,675	100.0% 5,675	100.0% 5,675	98.7% 5,600	80.6% 4,575	52.4% 2,975
Agriculture	64,375	100.0% 64,375	100.0% 64,375	98.6% 63,500	91.3% 58,775	36.2% 23,275	9.2% 5,950
Grazing	35,075	100.0% 35,075	100.0% 35,075	99.1% 34,750	91.2% 32,000	32.6% 11,425	9.3% 3,250
Grazing non forest	35,025	100.0% 35,025	100.0% 35,025	99.1% 34,700	91.3% 31,975	32.6% 11,425	9.3% 3,250
Cropping	25,300	100.0% 25,300	100.0% 25,300	98.4% 24,900	91.1% 23,050	40.4% 10,225	9.9% 2,500
Irrigation	4,000	100.0% 4,000	100.0% 4,000	96.2% 3,850	93.1% 3,725	40.6% 1,625	5.0% 200
Production native forests and plantation forests	85,025	100.0% 85,025	100.0% 85,000	99.1% 84,300	96.0% 81,650	80.2% 68,200	52.5% 44,600