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

# Date: March 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:

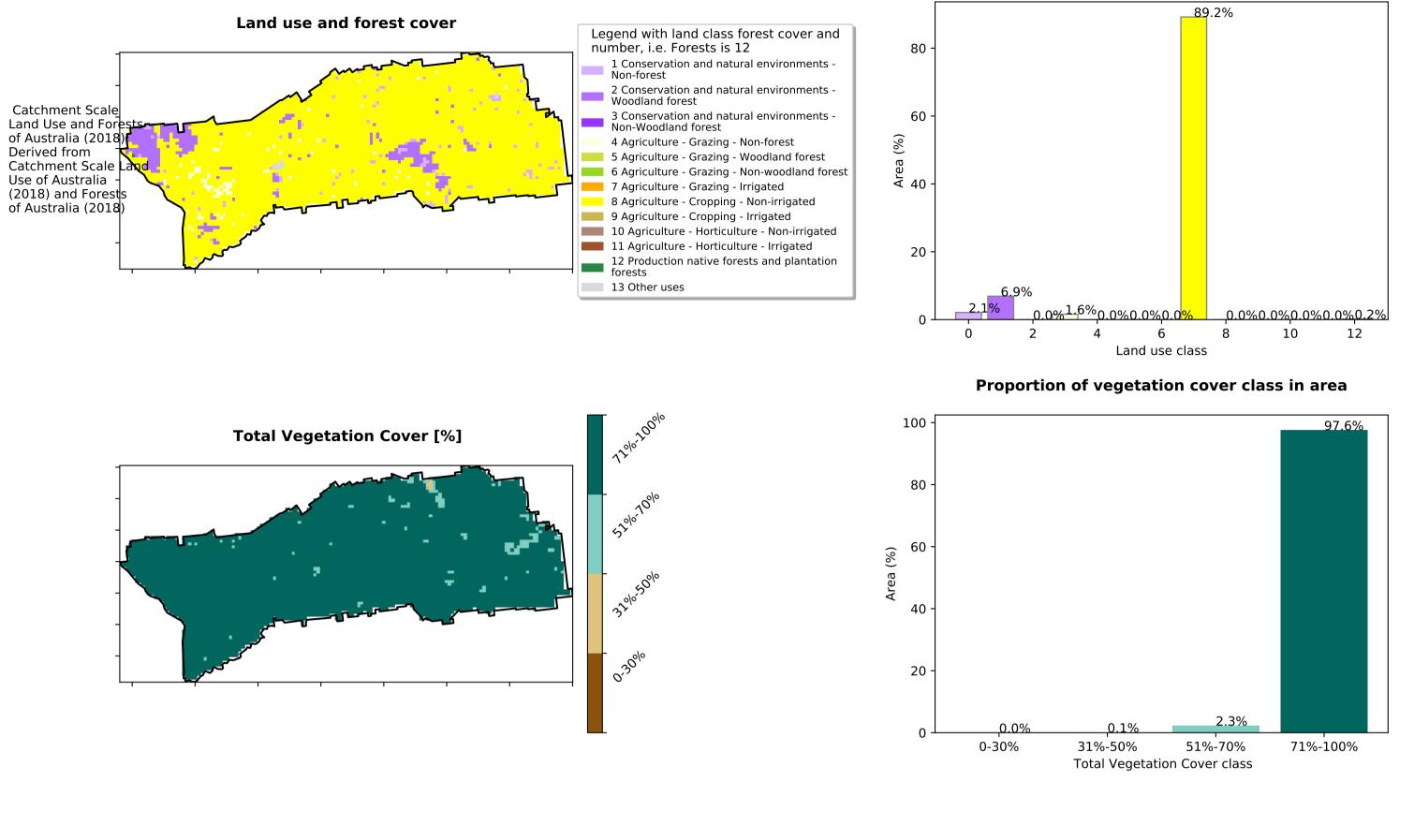
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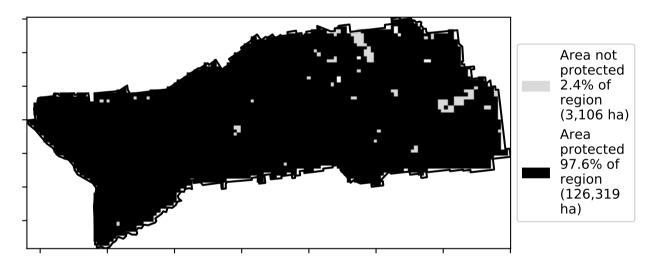


# **Vegetation Cover Mar 2023**

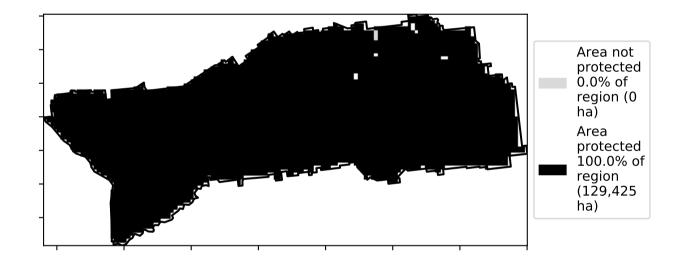
Proportion of each land class in area



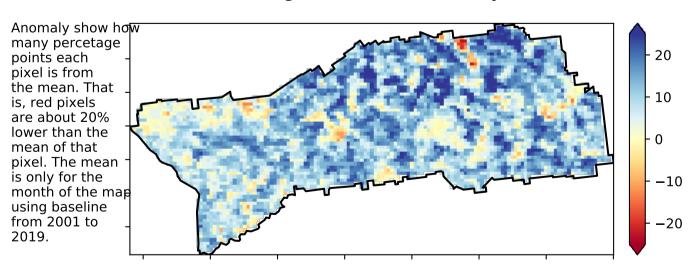
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

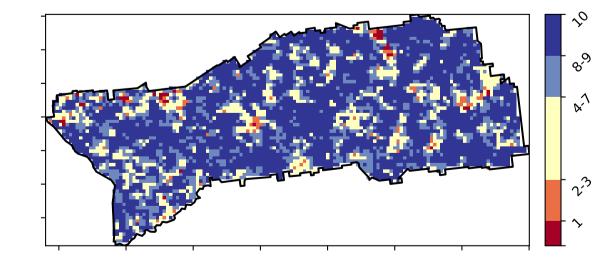


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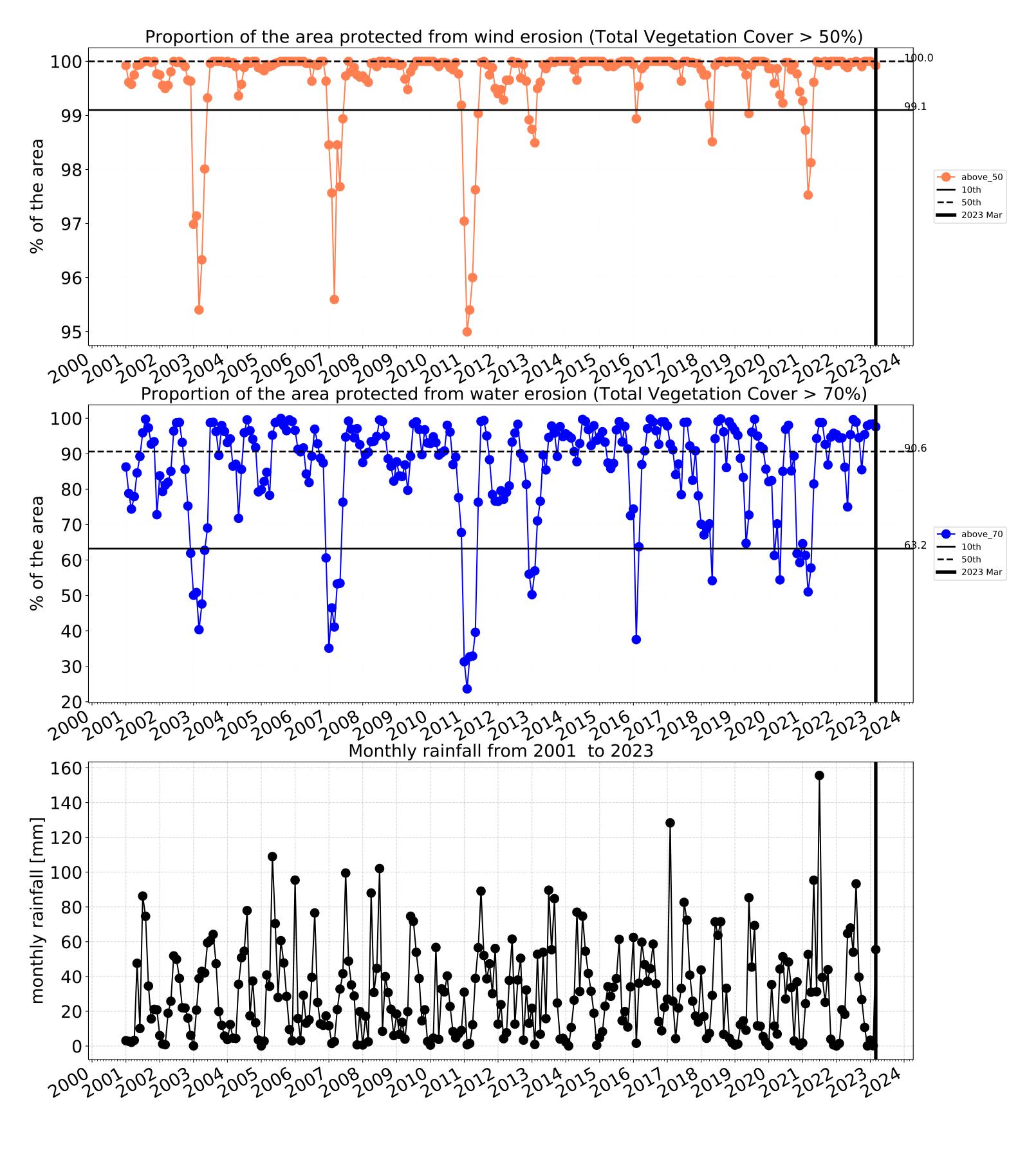


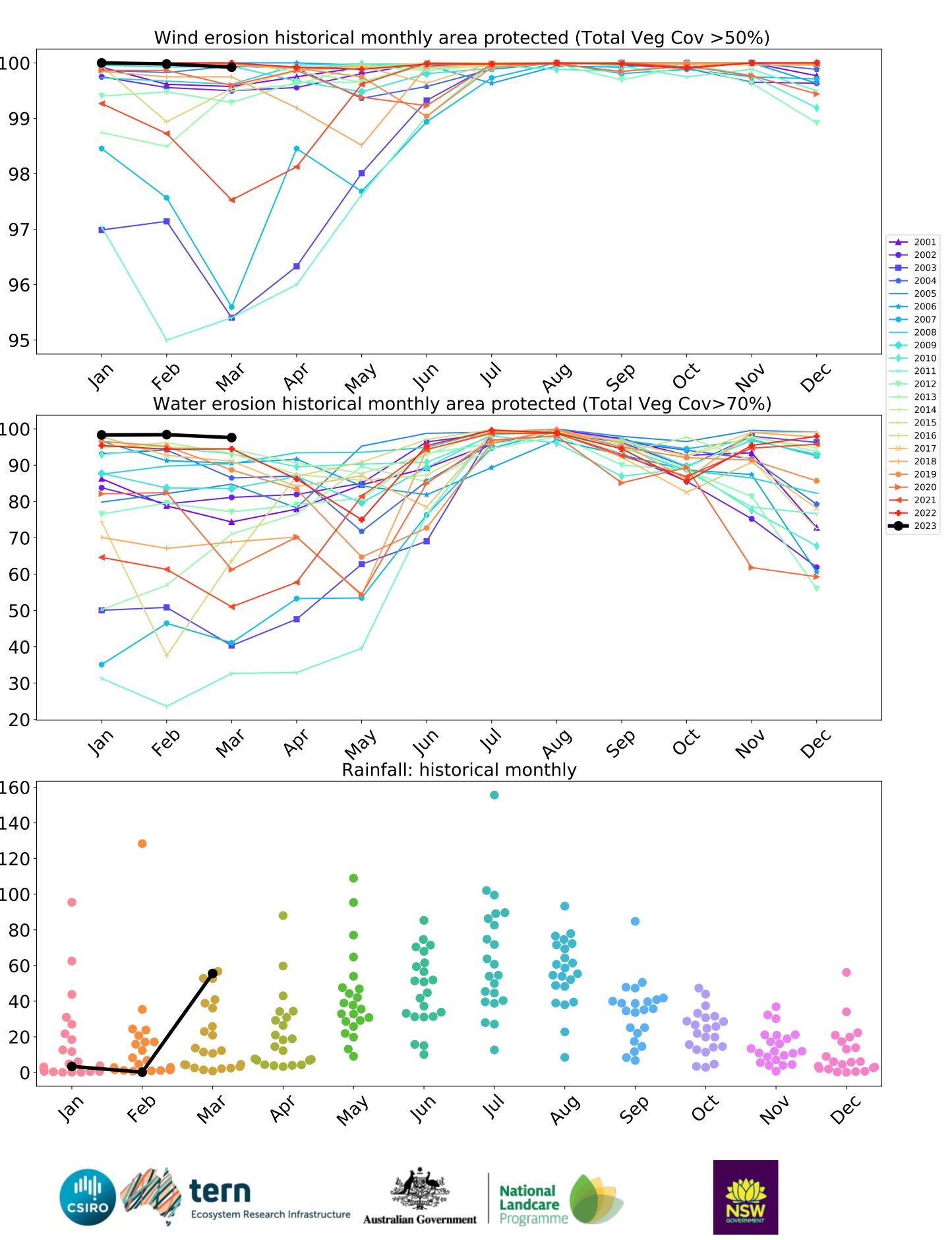
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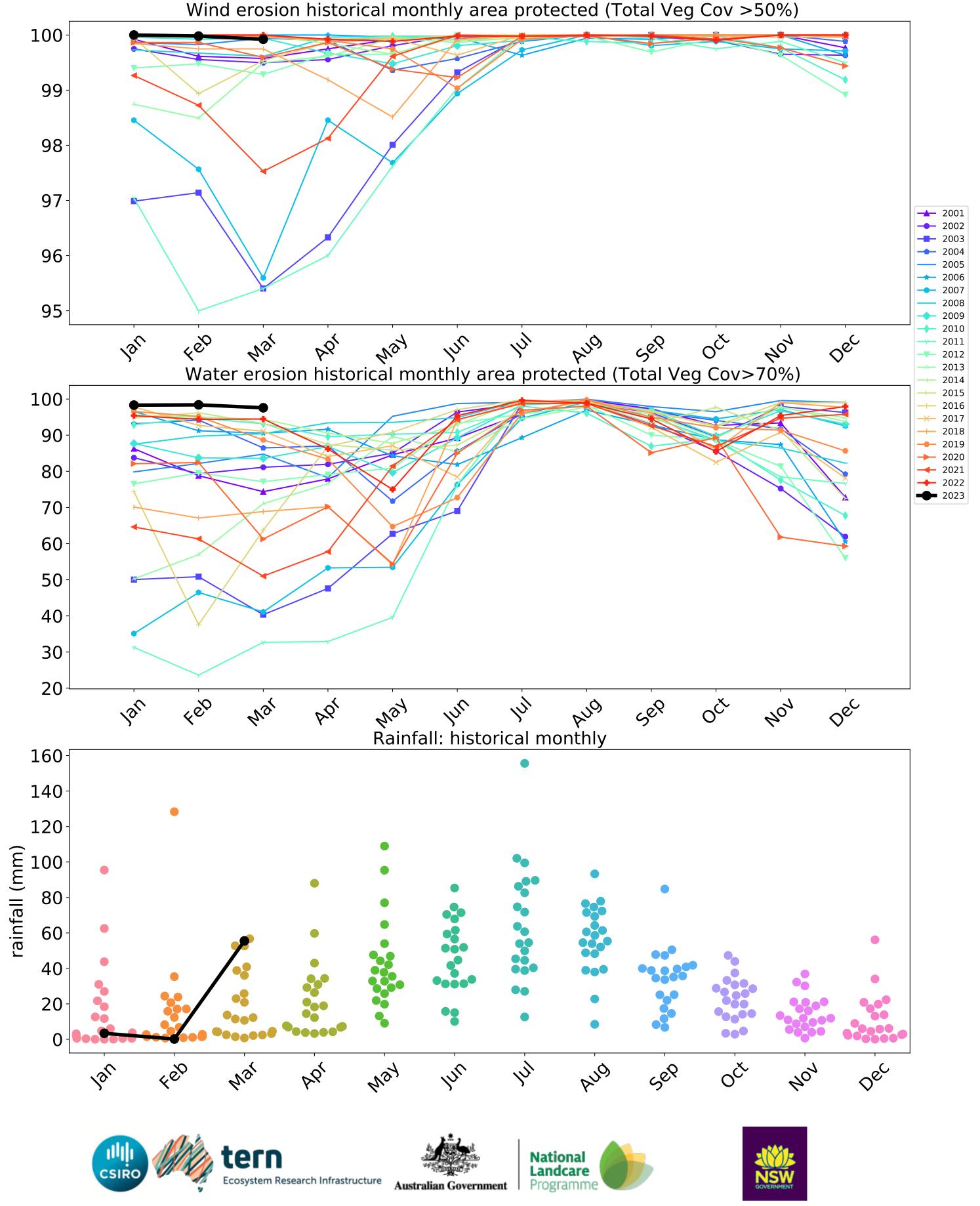
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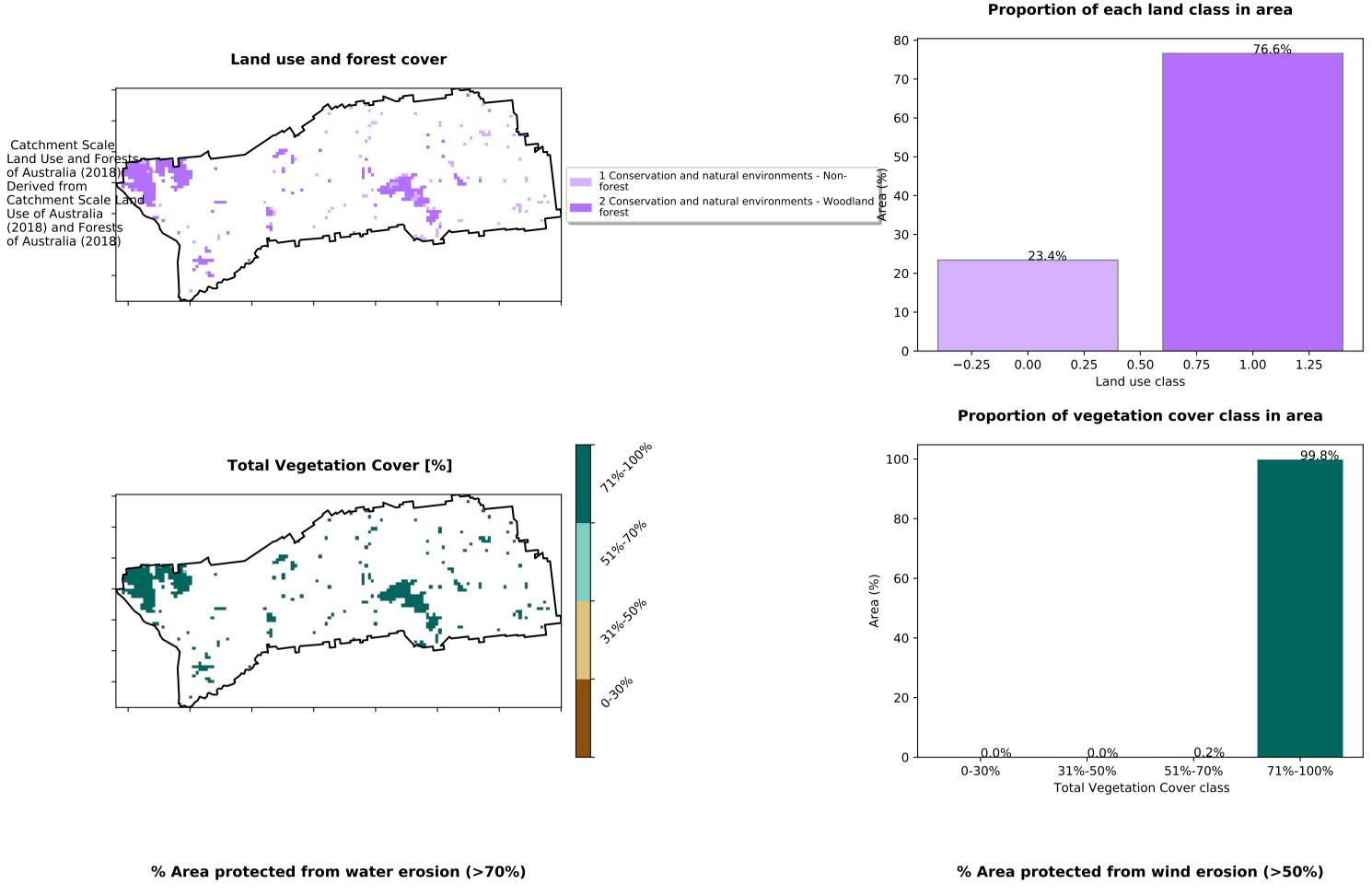




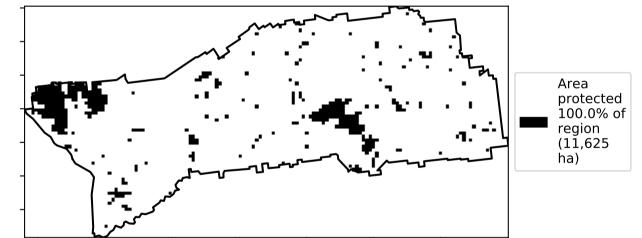


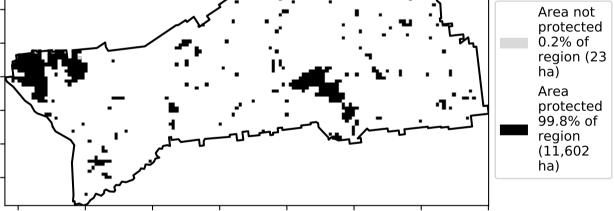


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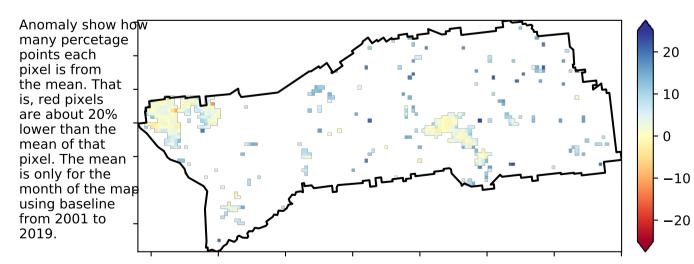


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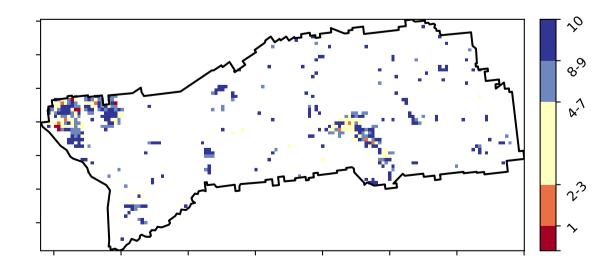


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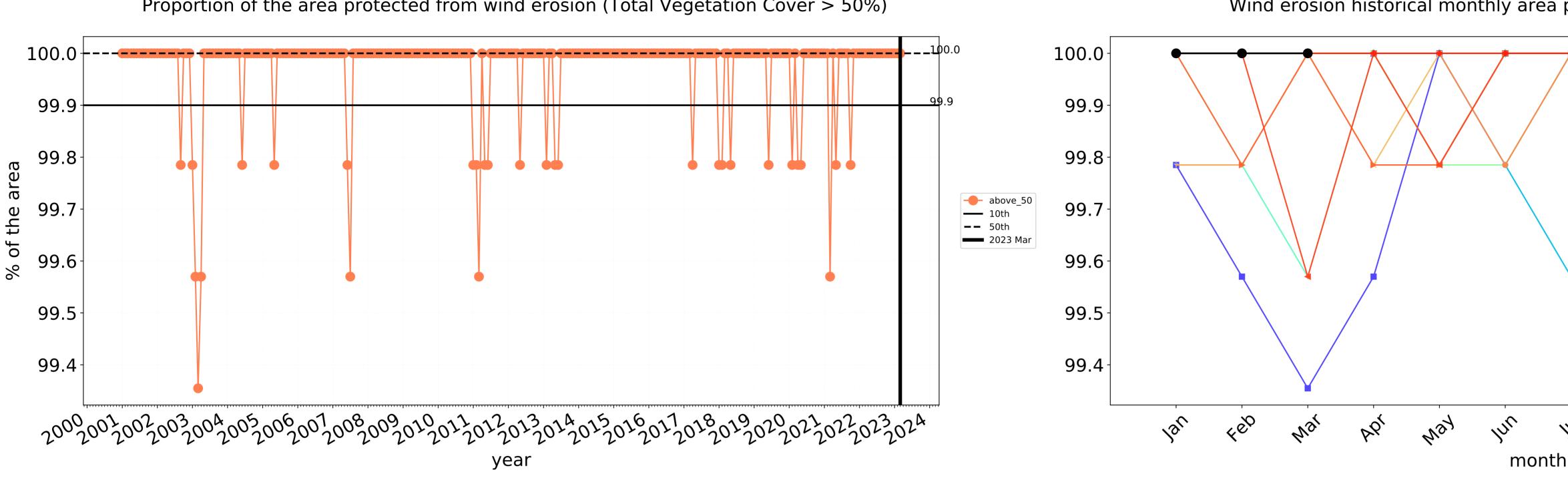


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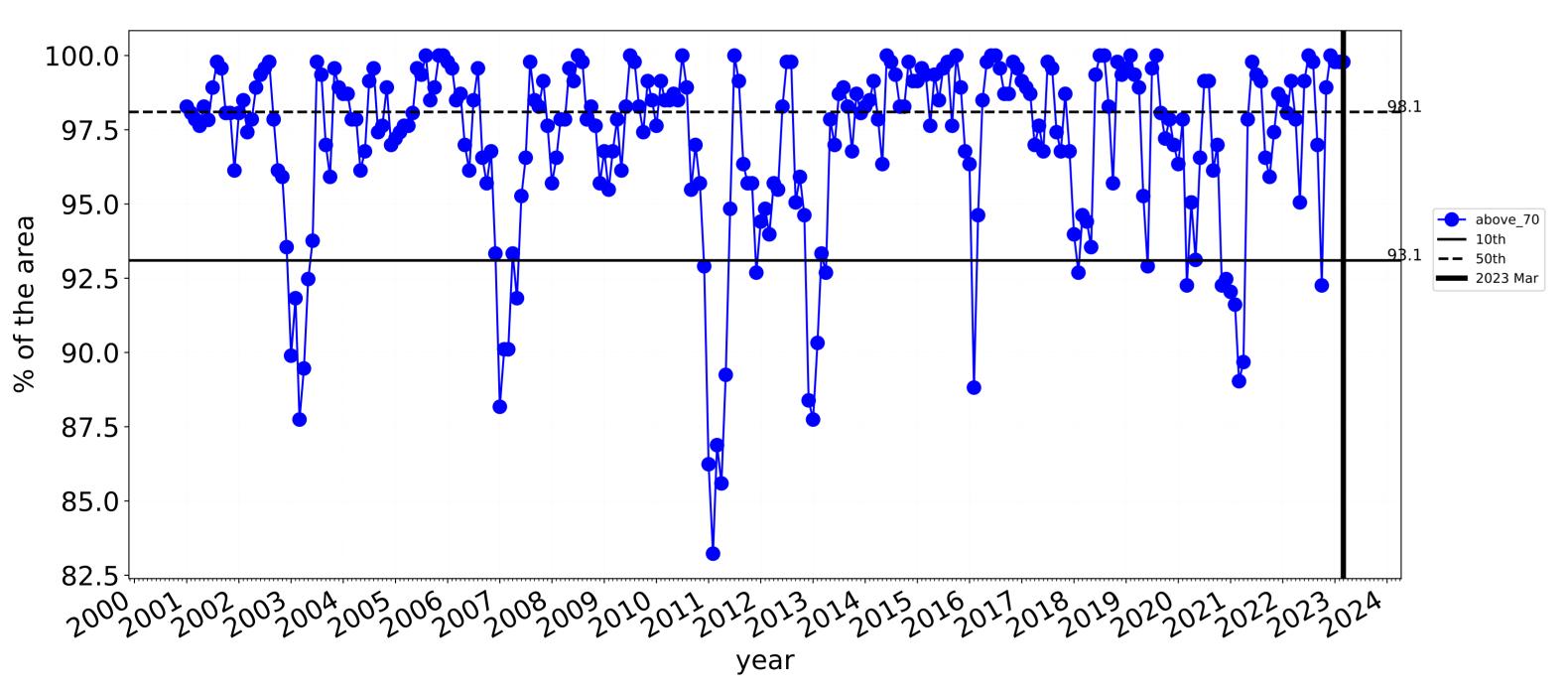
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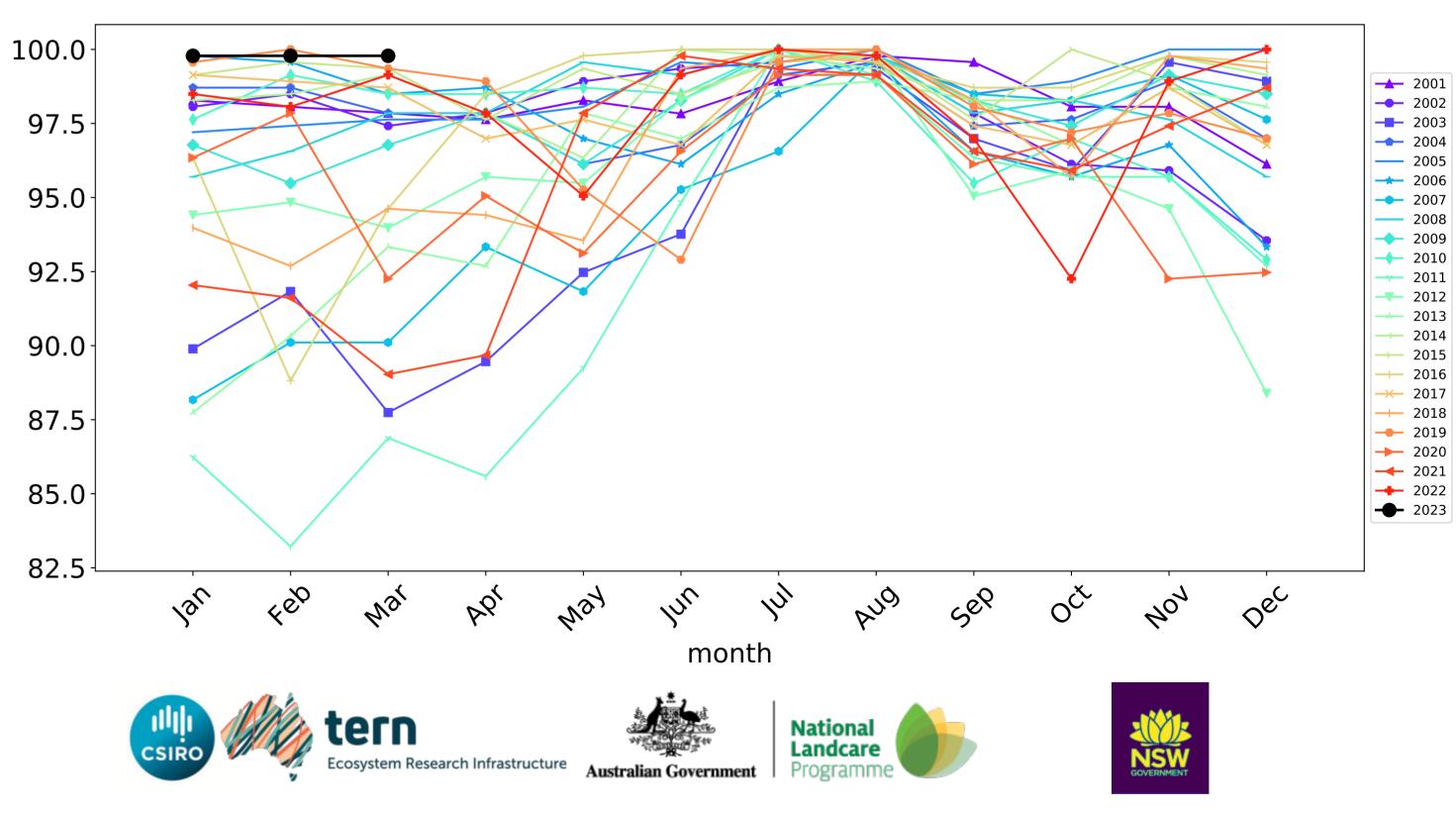


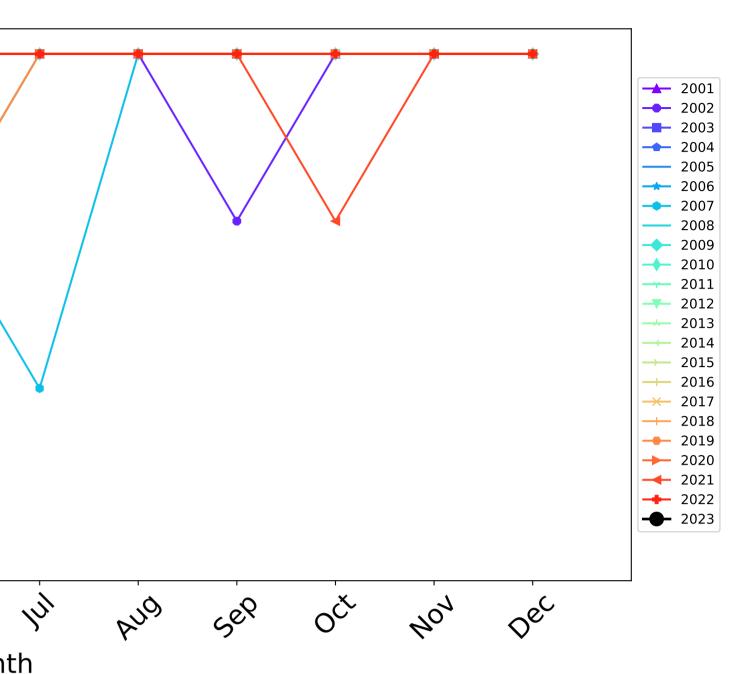


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

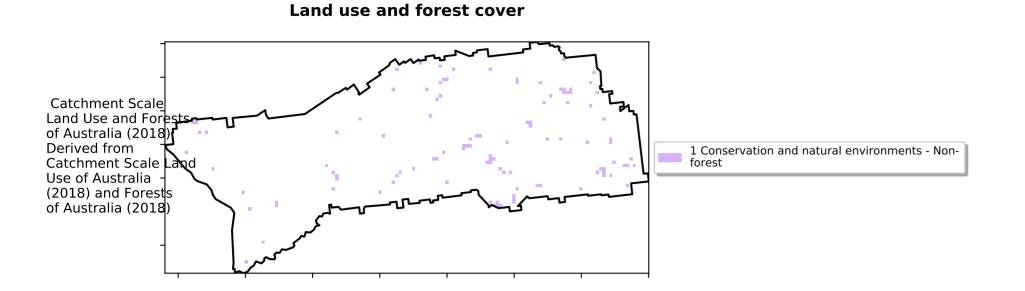


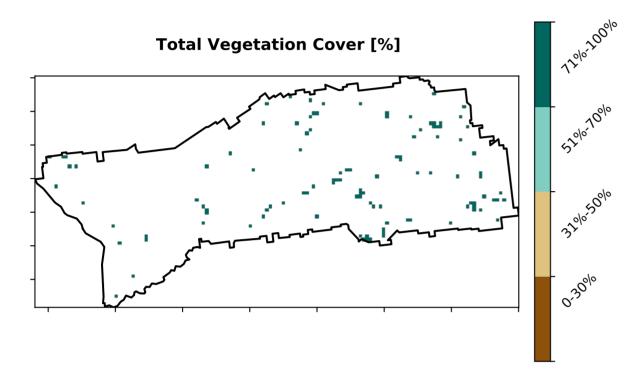
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



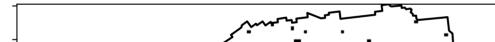


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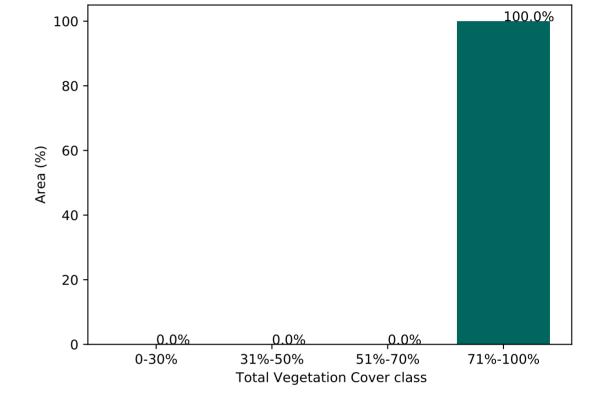


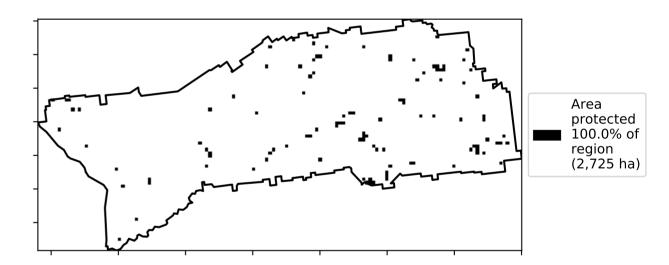


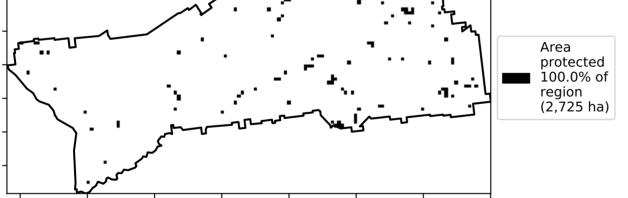
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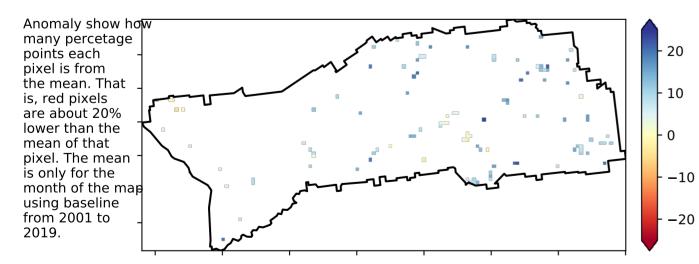






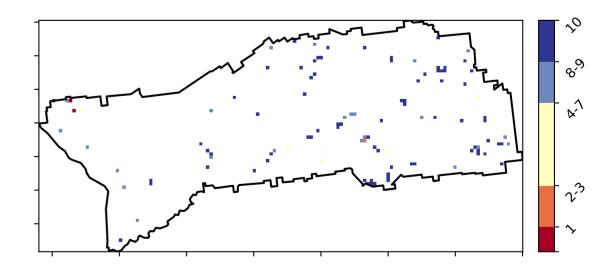


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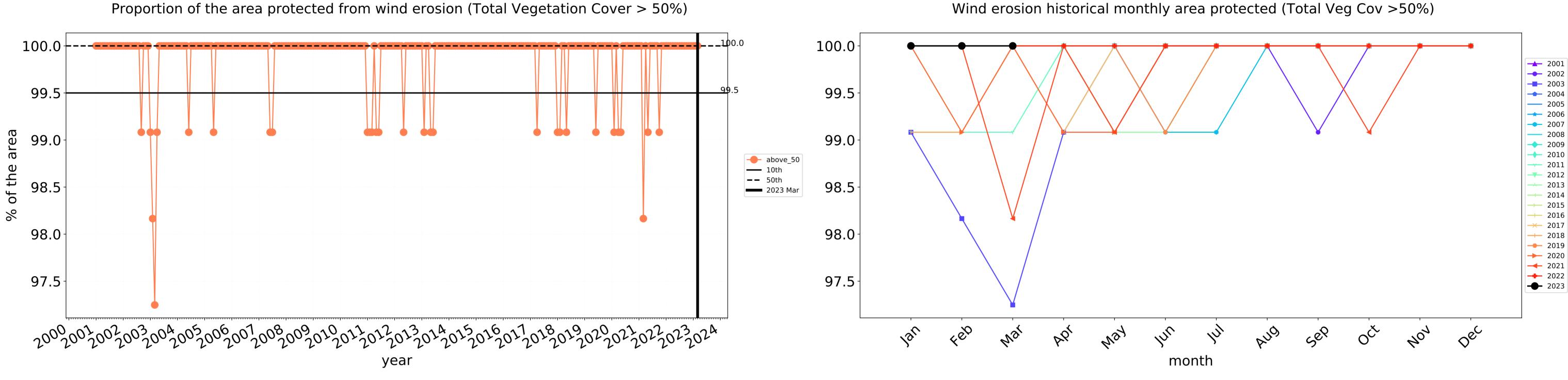


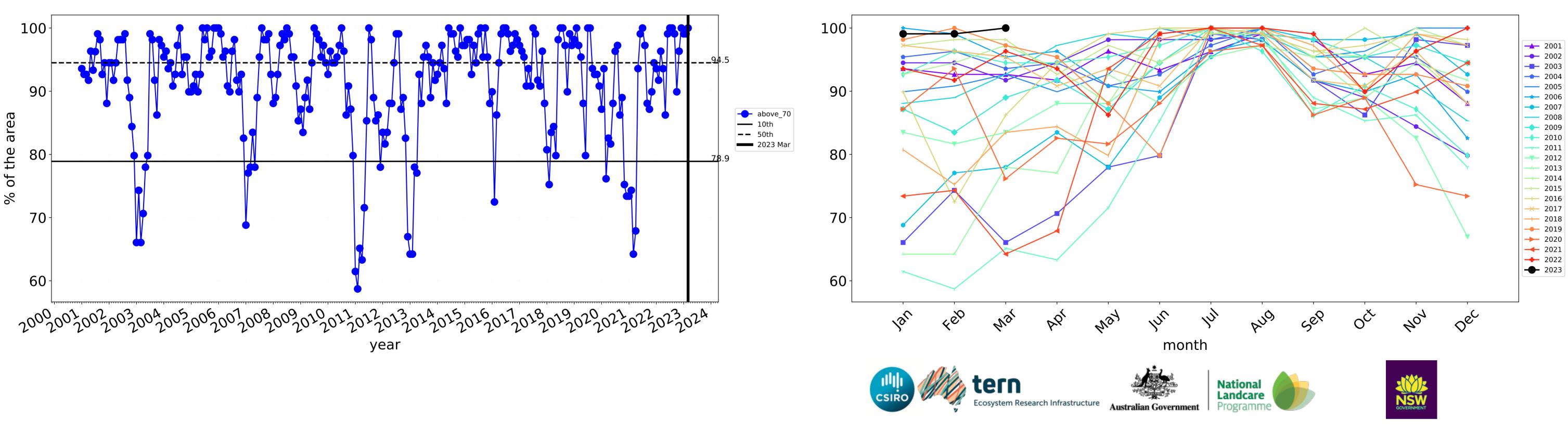
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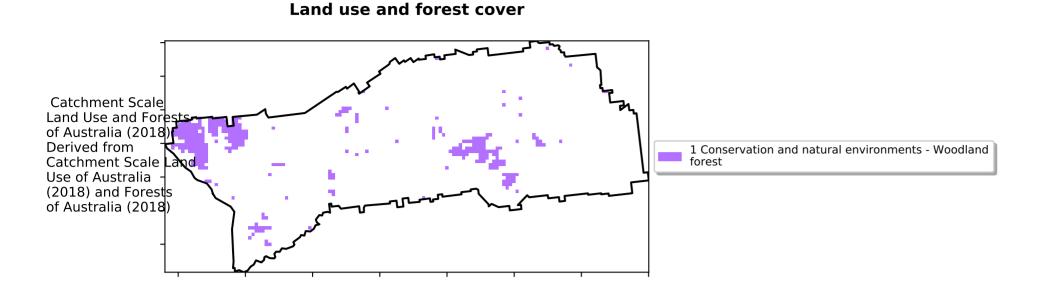


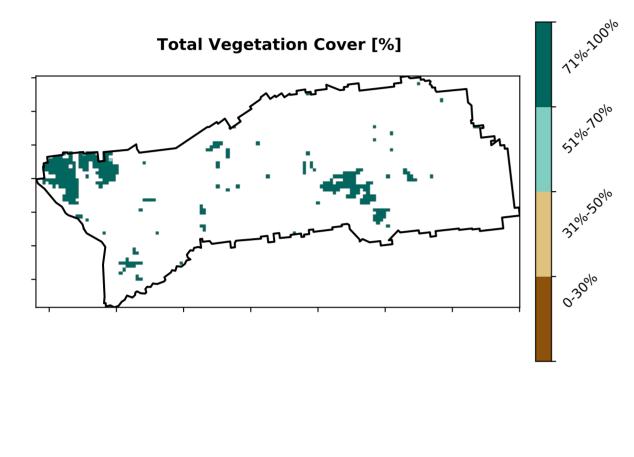




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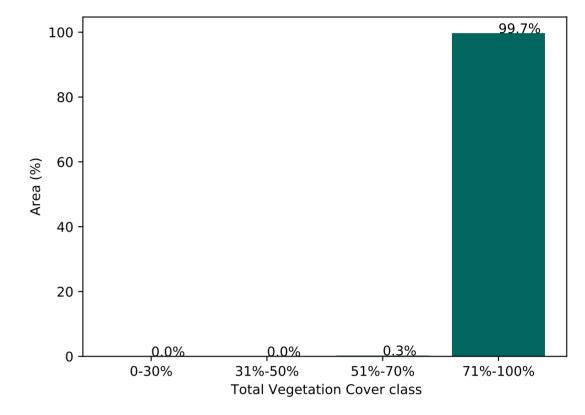
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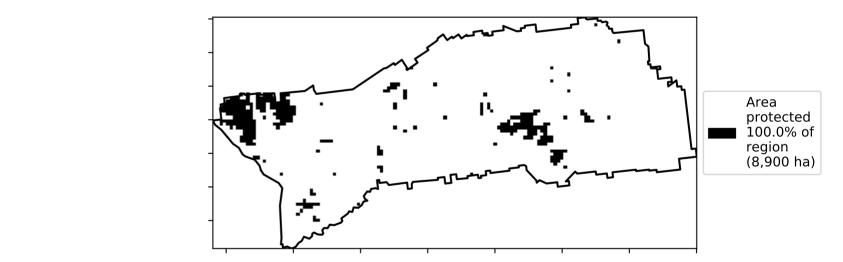


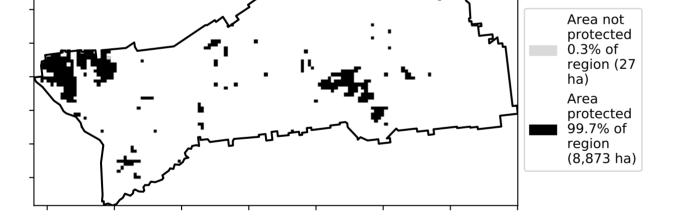


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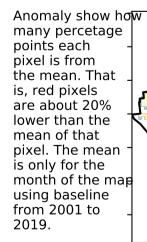


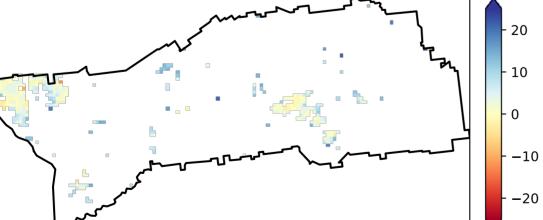






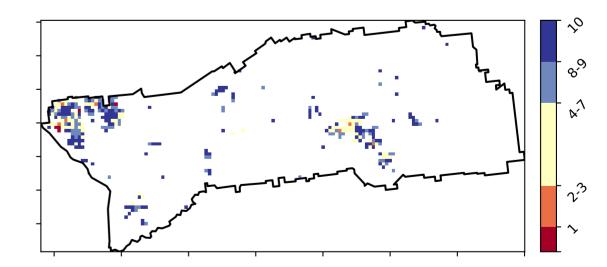
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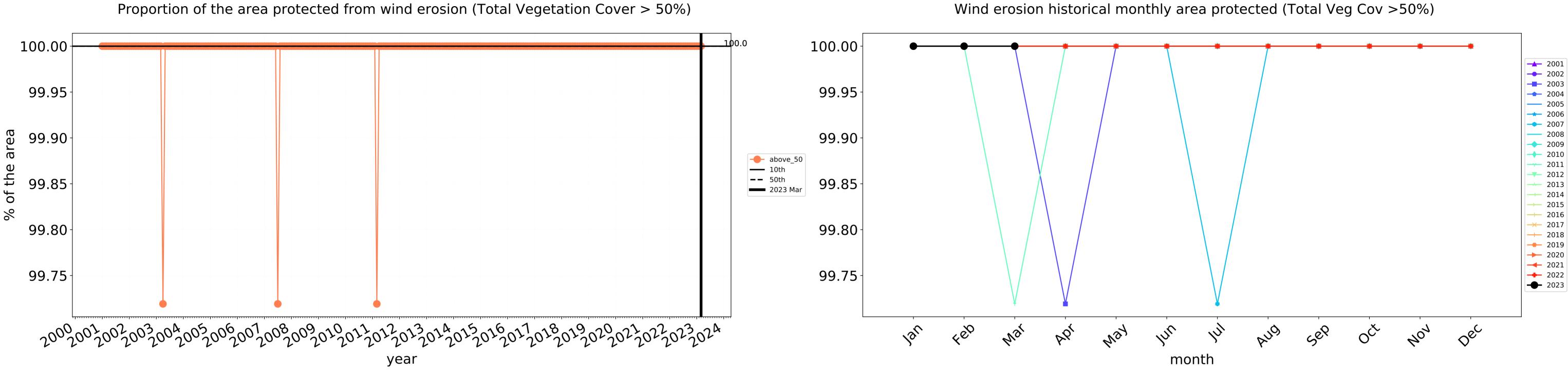
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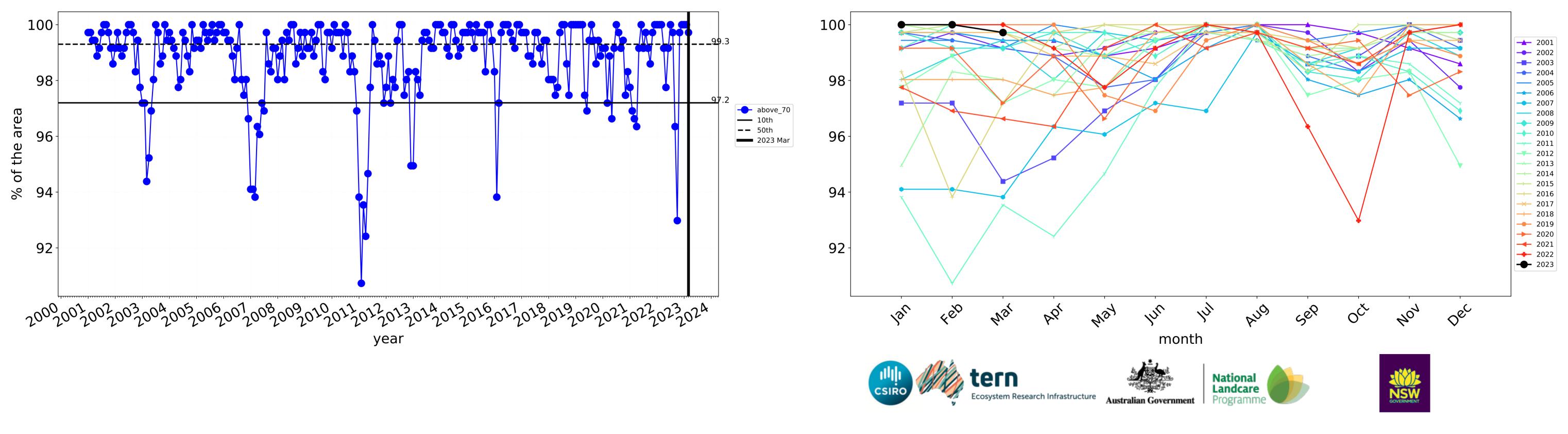




## **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**



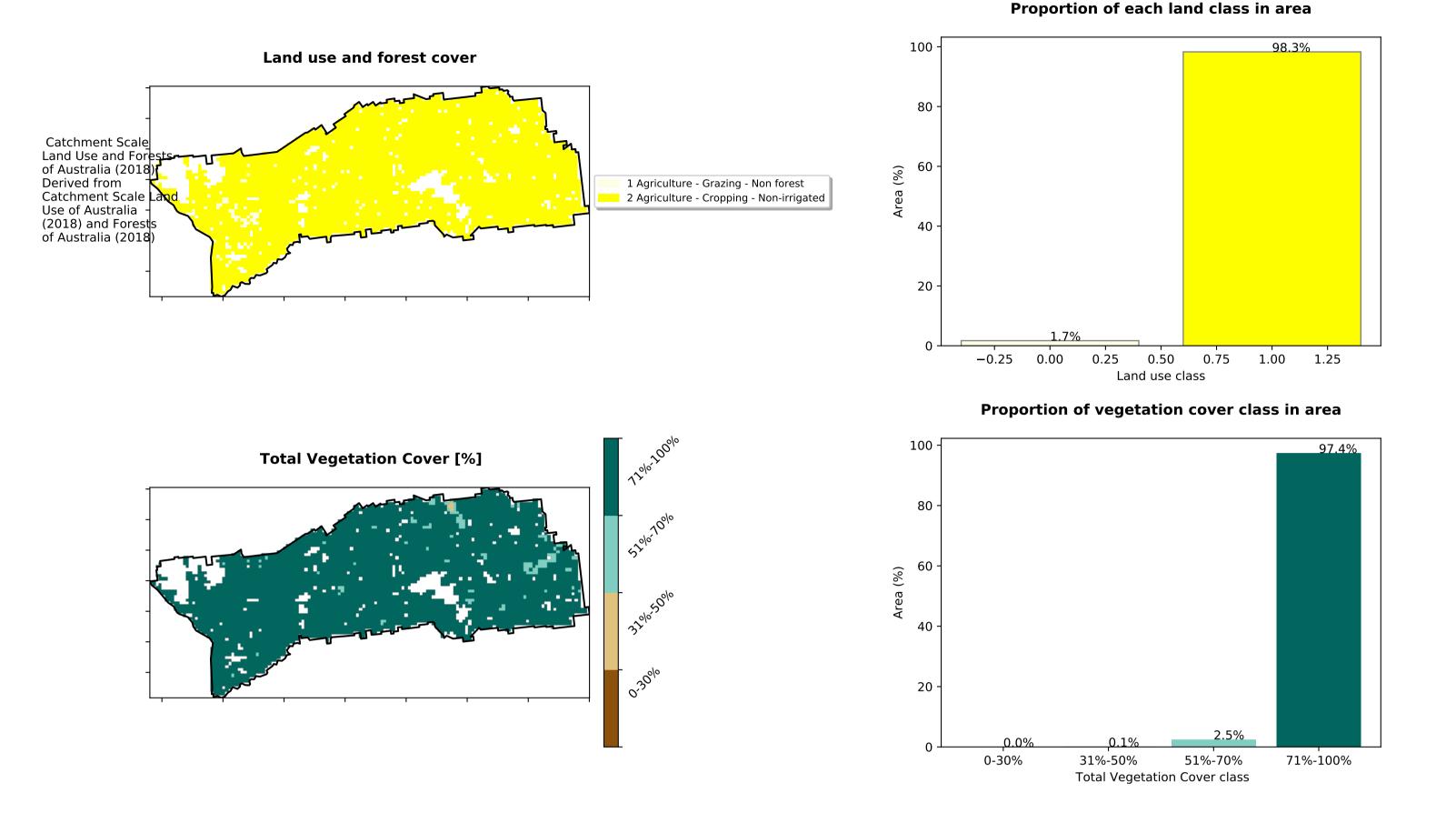
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



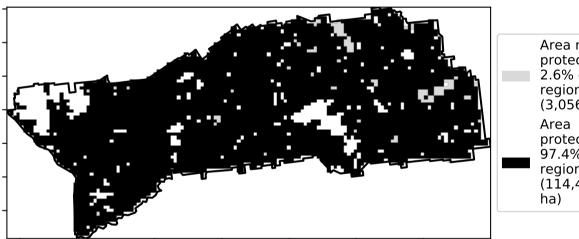


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## Agriculture



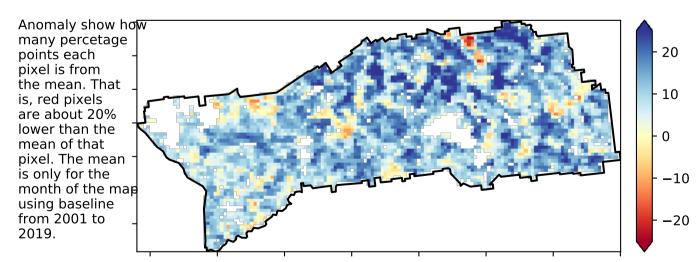
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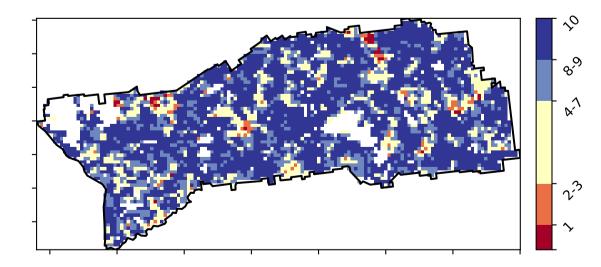
Area not protected 2.6% of region (3,056 ha) protected 97.4% of region (114,469

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

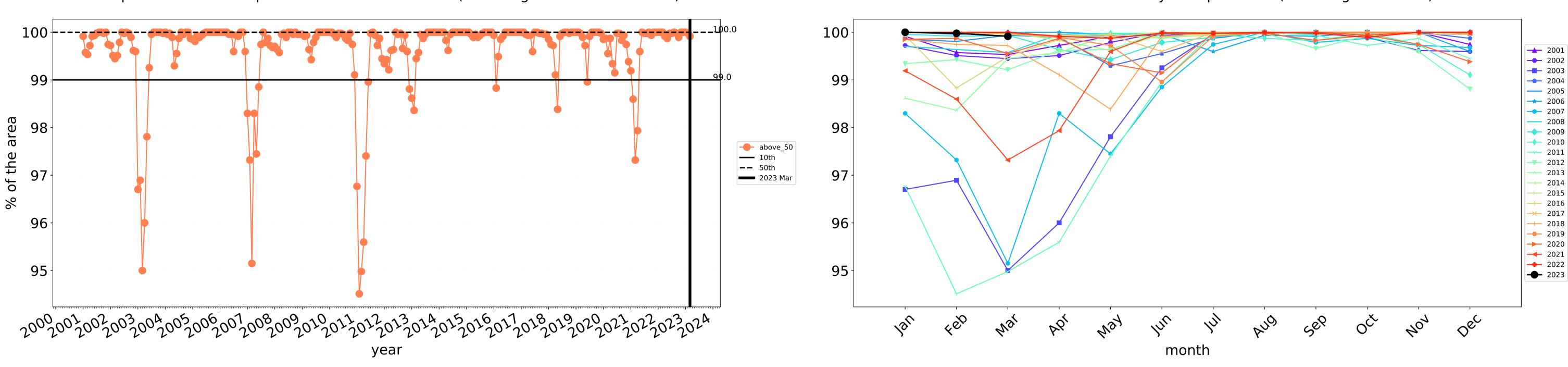


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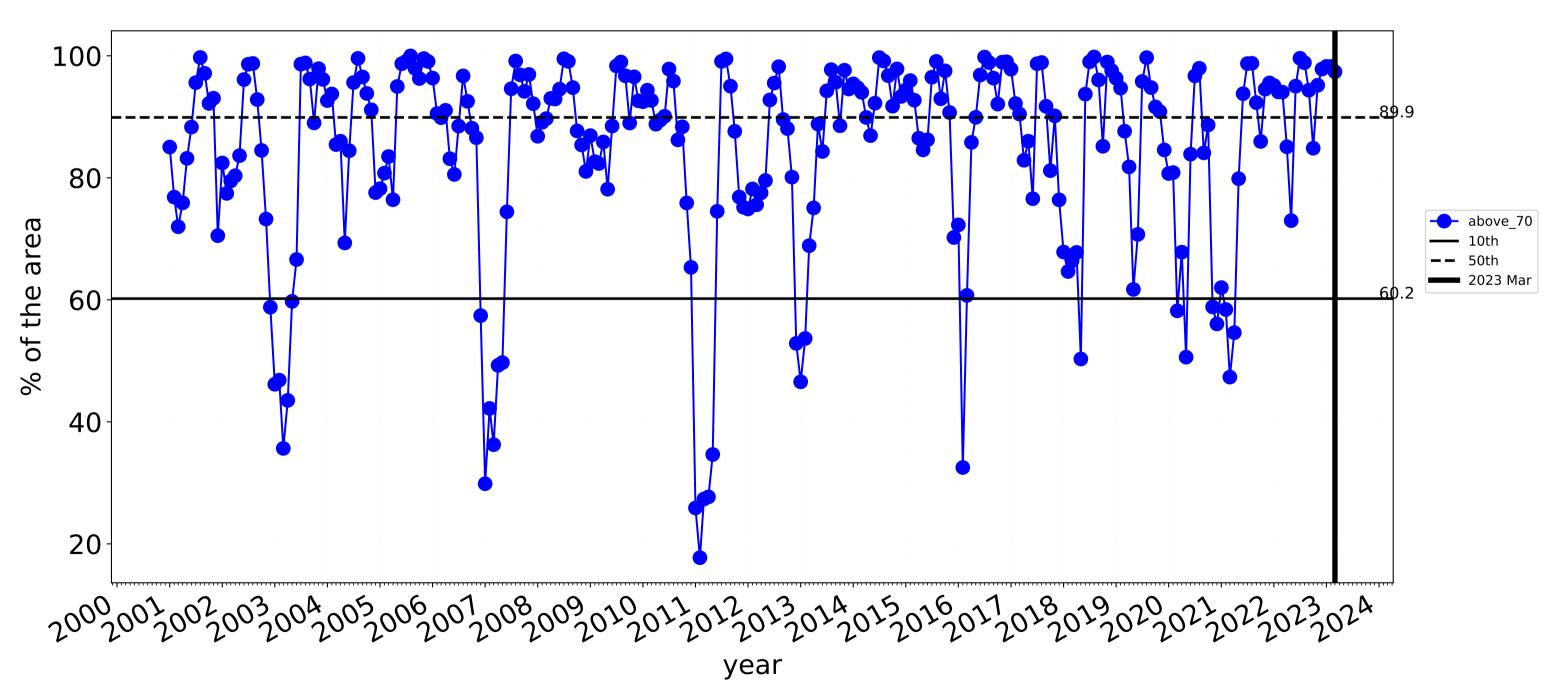






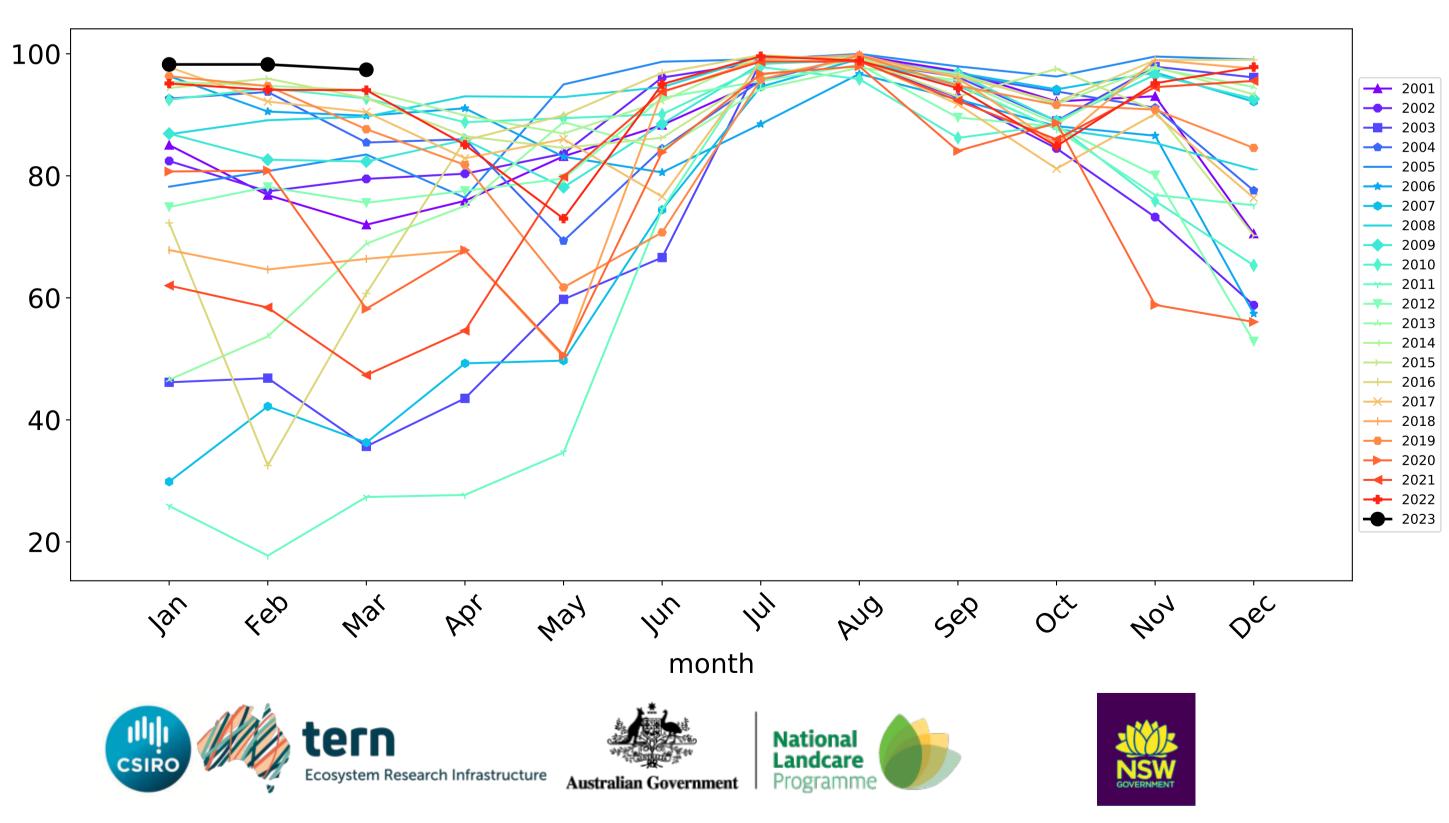
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





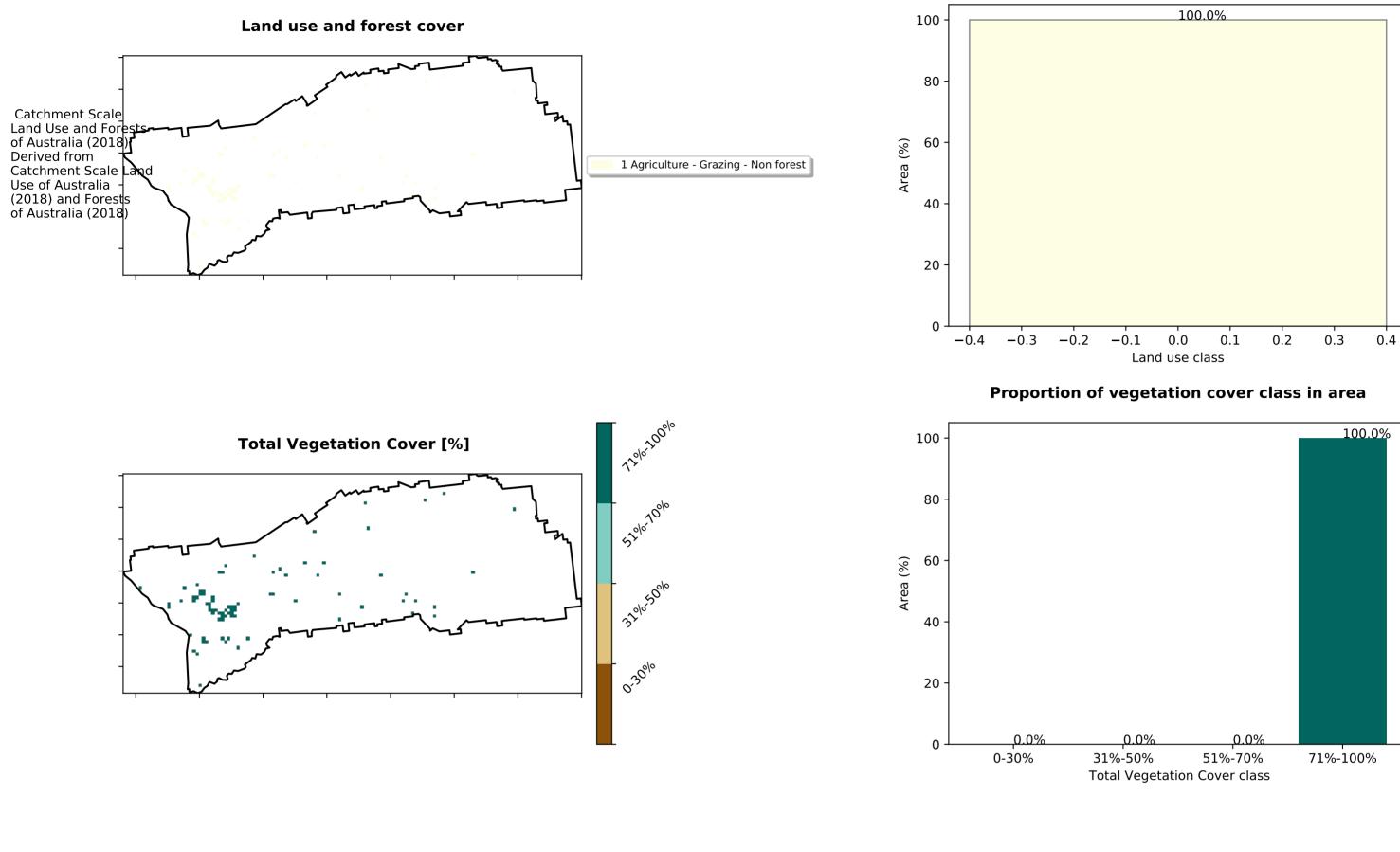
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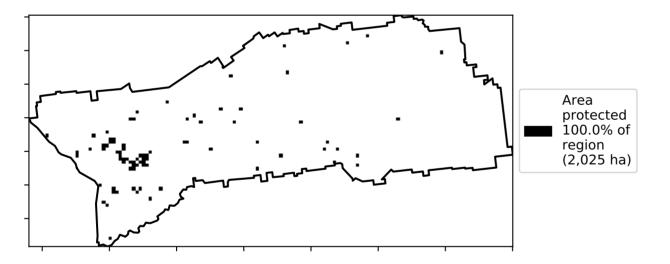
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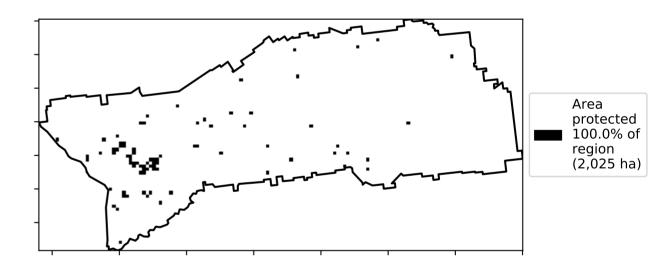
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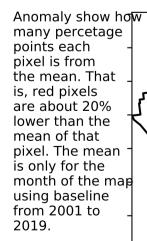
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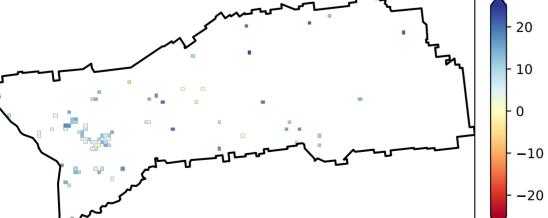
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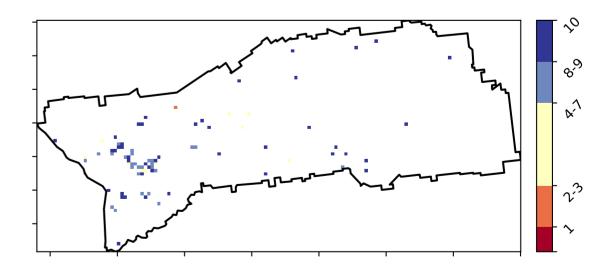
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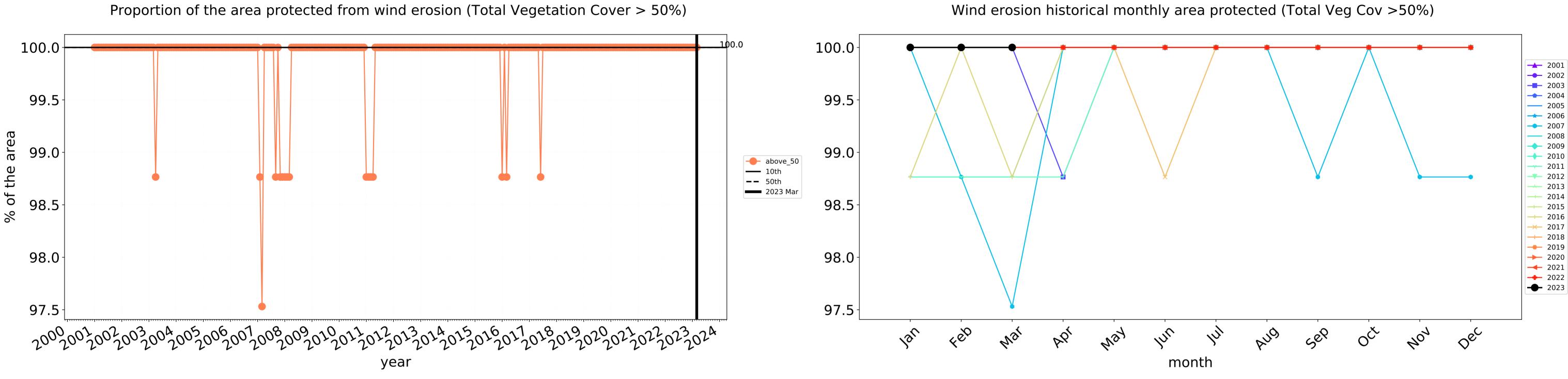


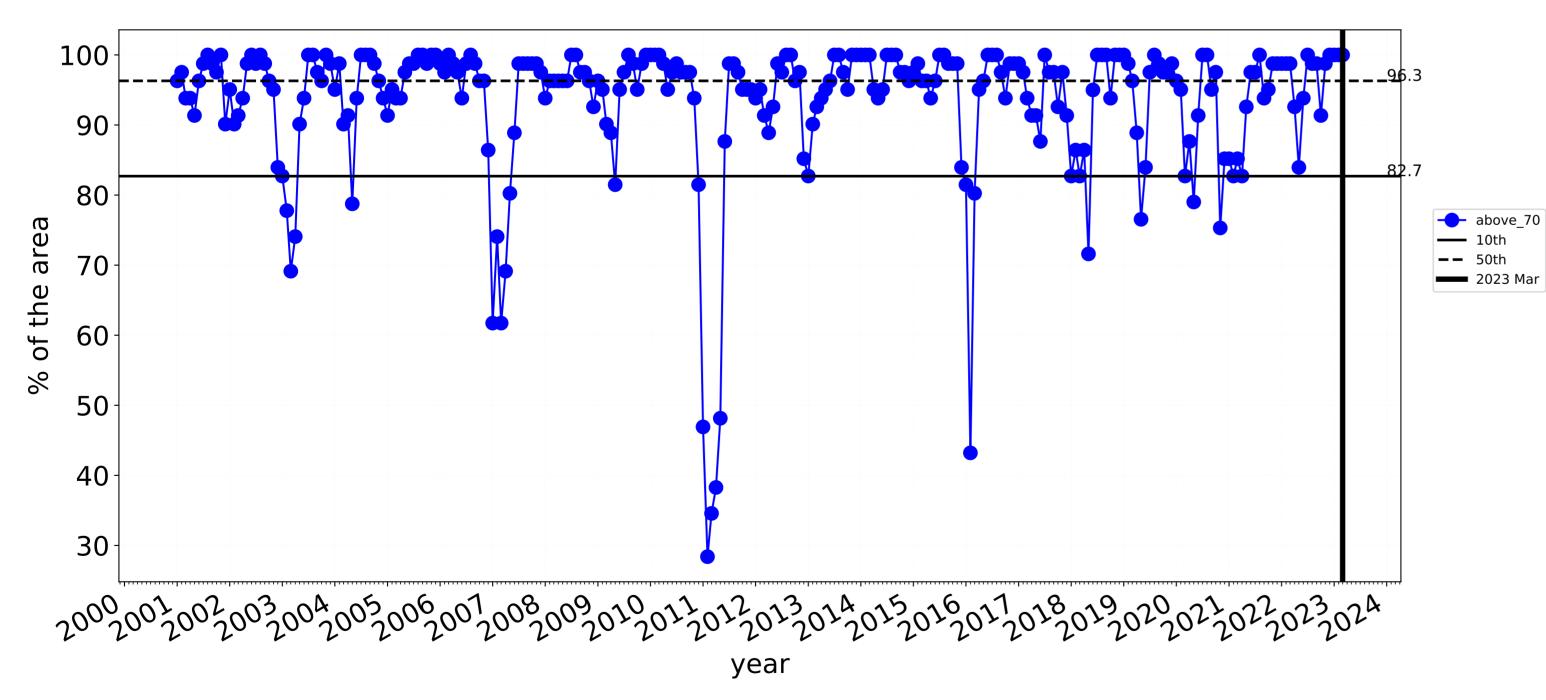
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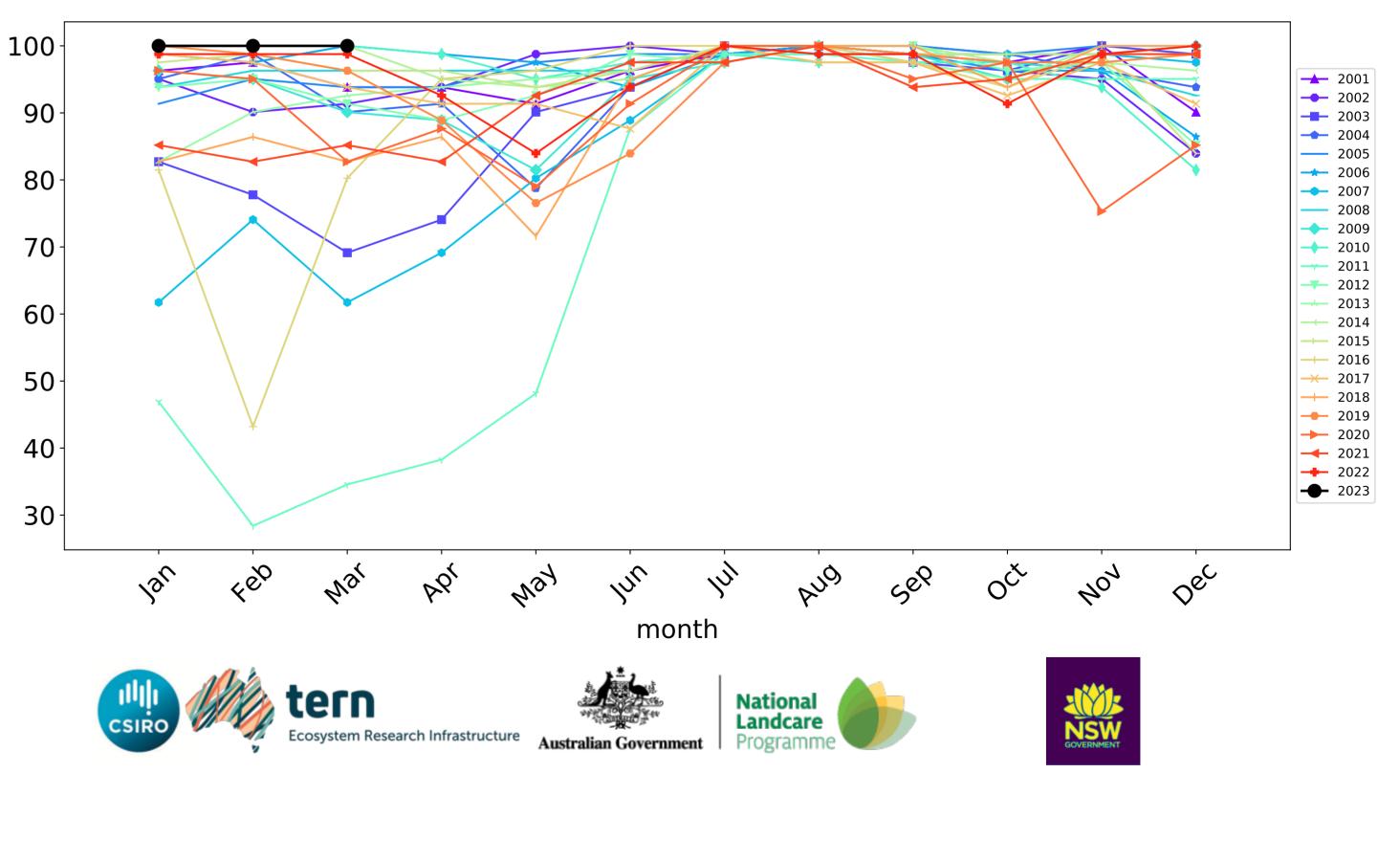
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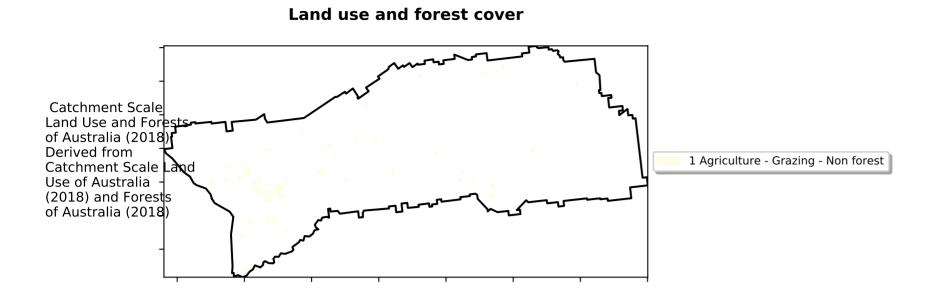


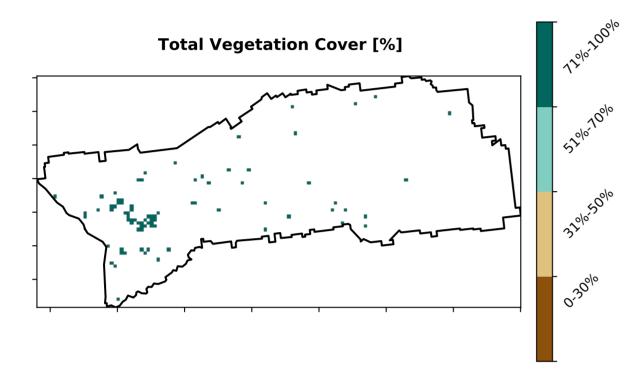




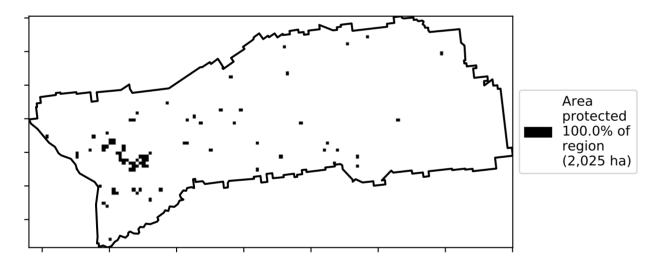
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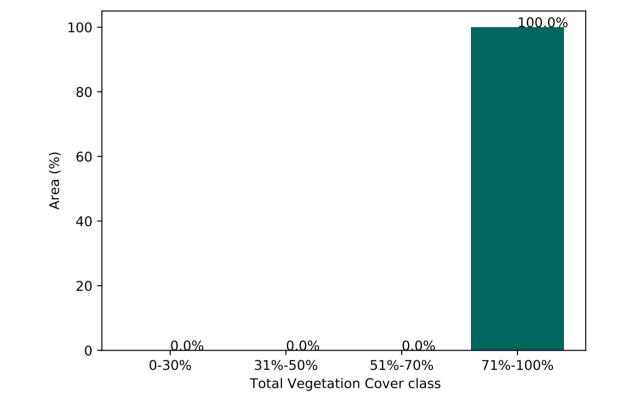
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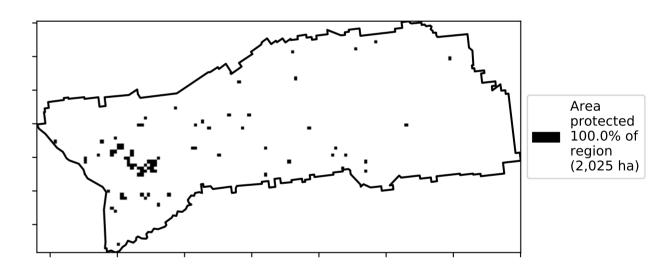


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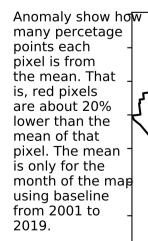


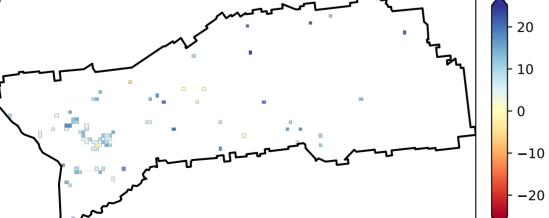


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



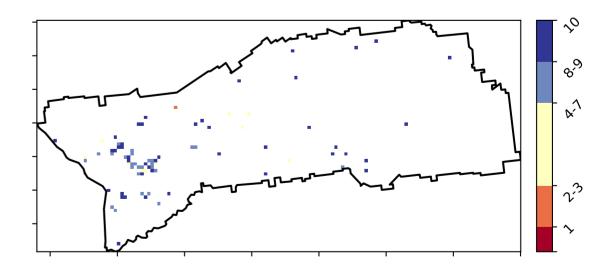
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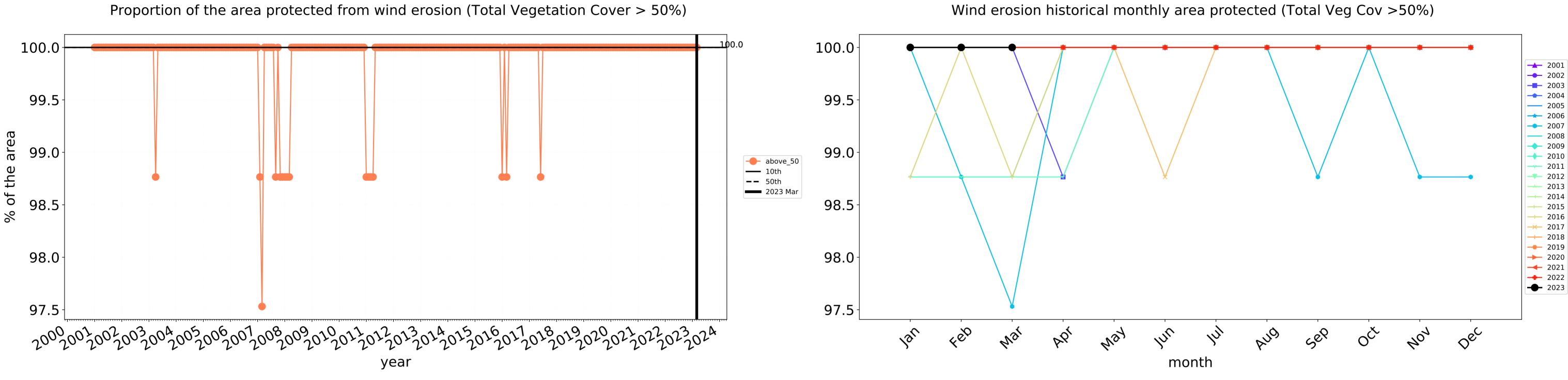


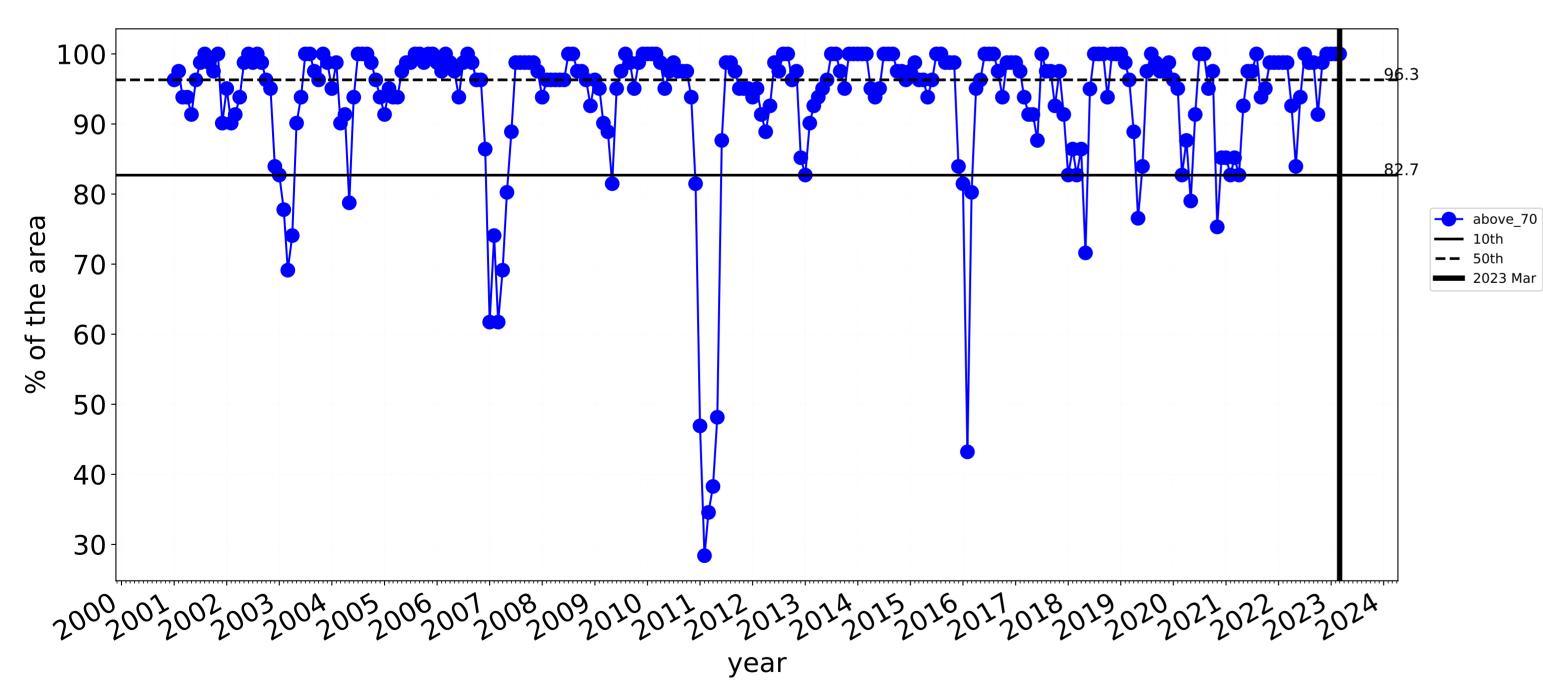
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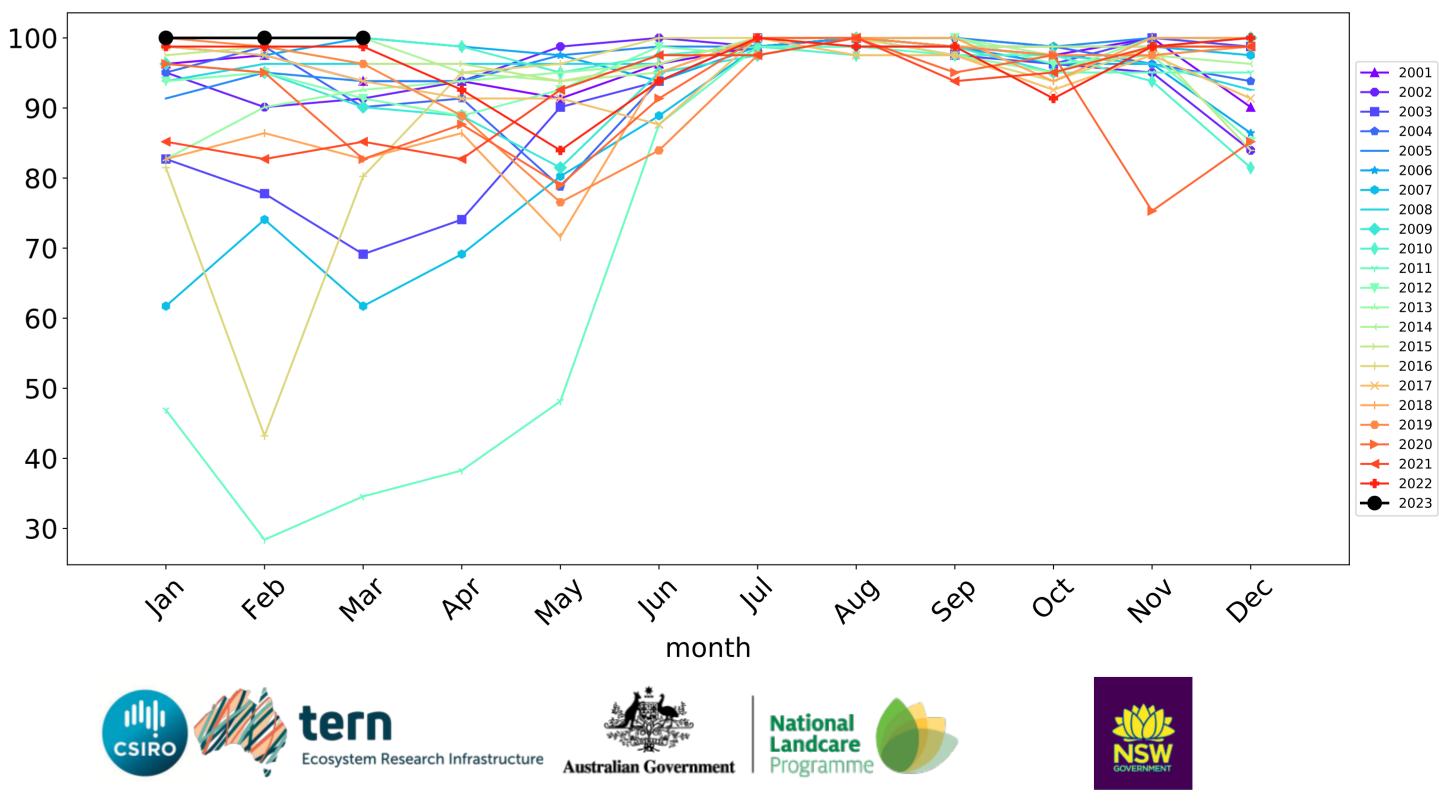
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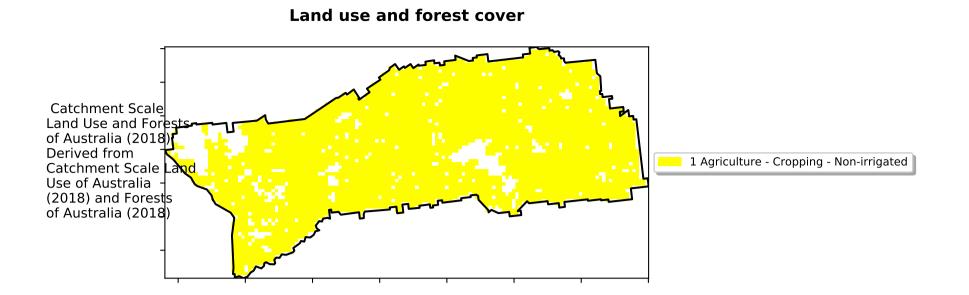


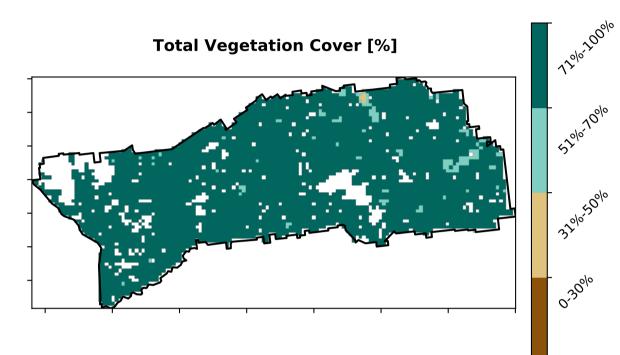




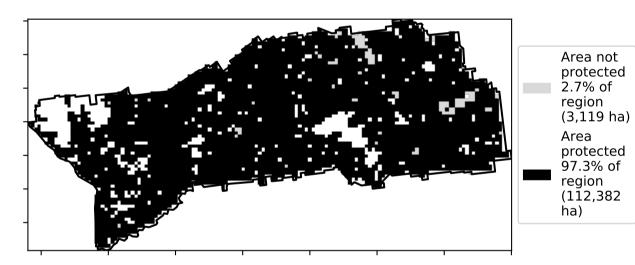
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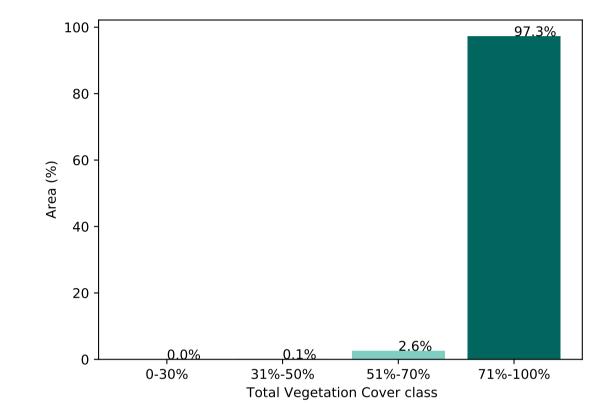
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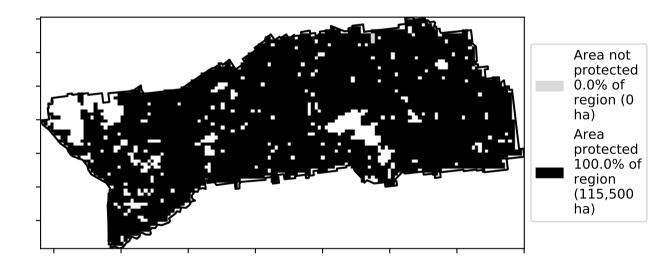


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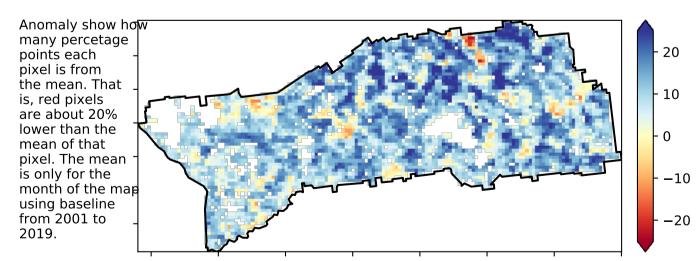




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

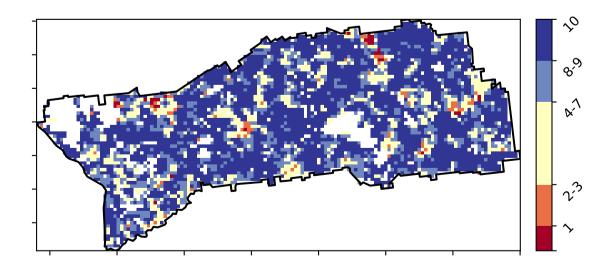


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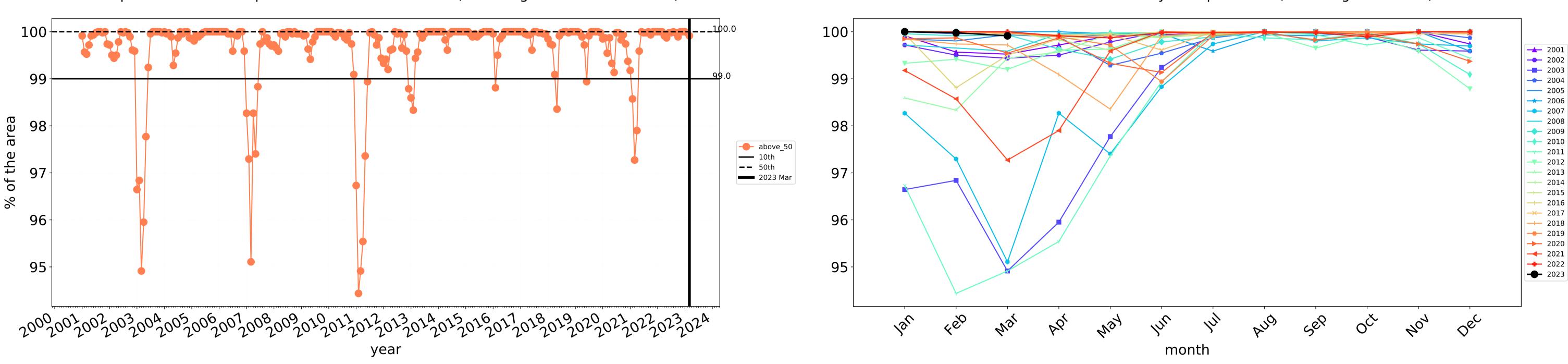


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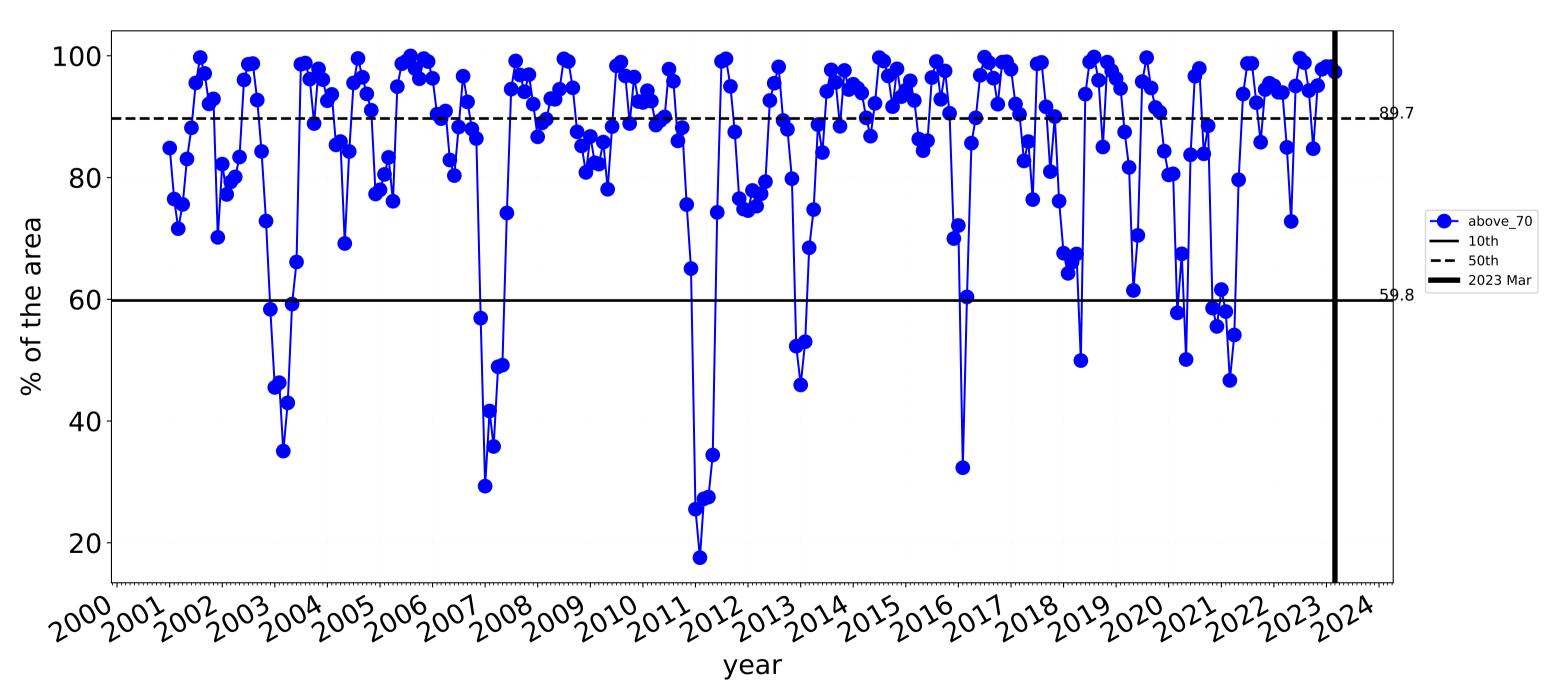






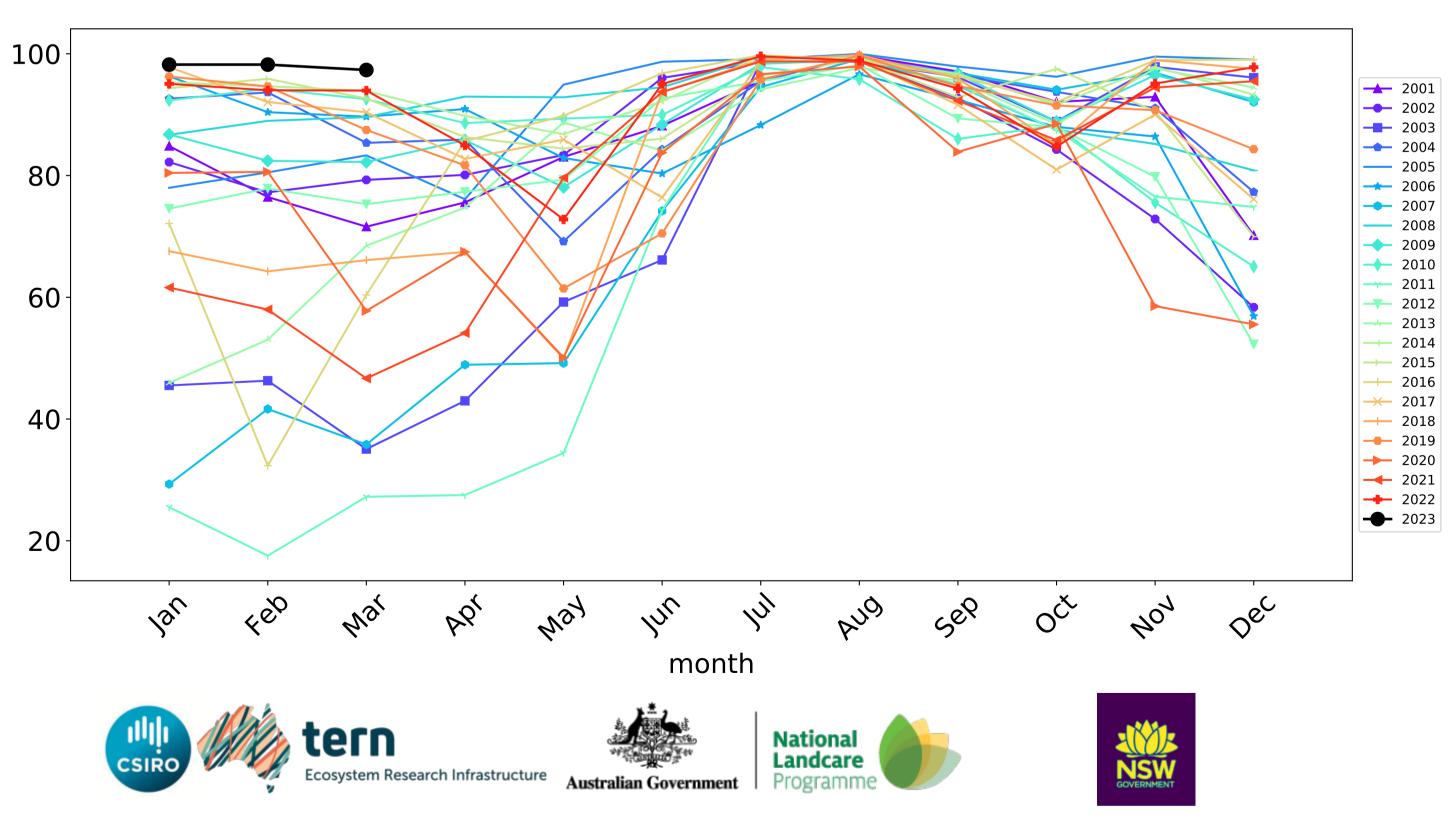
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





# **Cropping timeseries**

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



## Pingelly\_(S) (total 129,425 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	129,425	100.0% 129,425	99.9% 129,325	97.6% 126,300	83.5% 108,025	43.1% 55,725	20.6% 26,675
Conservation and natural environments	11,625	100.0% 11,625	100.0% 11,625	99.8% 11,600	96.6% 11,225	42.6% 4,950	11.8% 1,375
Conservation and natural environments non forest	2,725	100.0% 2,725	100.0% 2,725	100.0% 2,725	91.7% 2,500	51.4% 1,400	23.9% 650
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	8,900	100.0% 8,900	100.0% 8,900	99.7% 8,875	98.0% 8,725	39.9% 3,550	8.1% 725
Agriculture	117,525	100.0% 117,525	99.9% 117,425	97.4% 114,450	82.2% 96,625	43.1% 50,700	21.5% 25,250
Grazing	2,025	100.0% 2,025	100.0% 2,025	100.0% 2,025	93.8% 1,900	56.8% 1,150	30.9% 625
Grazing non forest	2,025	100.0% 2,025	100.0% 2,025	100.0% 2,025	93.8% 1,900	56.8% 1,150	30.9% 625
Cropping	115,500	100.0% 115,500	99.9% 115,400	97.3% 112,425	82.0% 94,725	42.9% 49,550	21.3% 24,625

