Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:LGA Wandering_(S) WA Date: January 2025

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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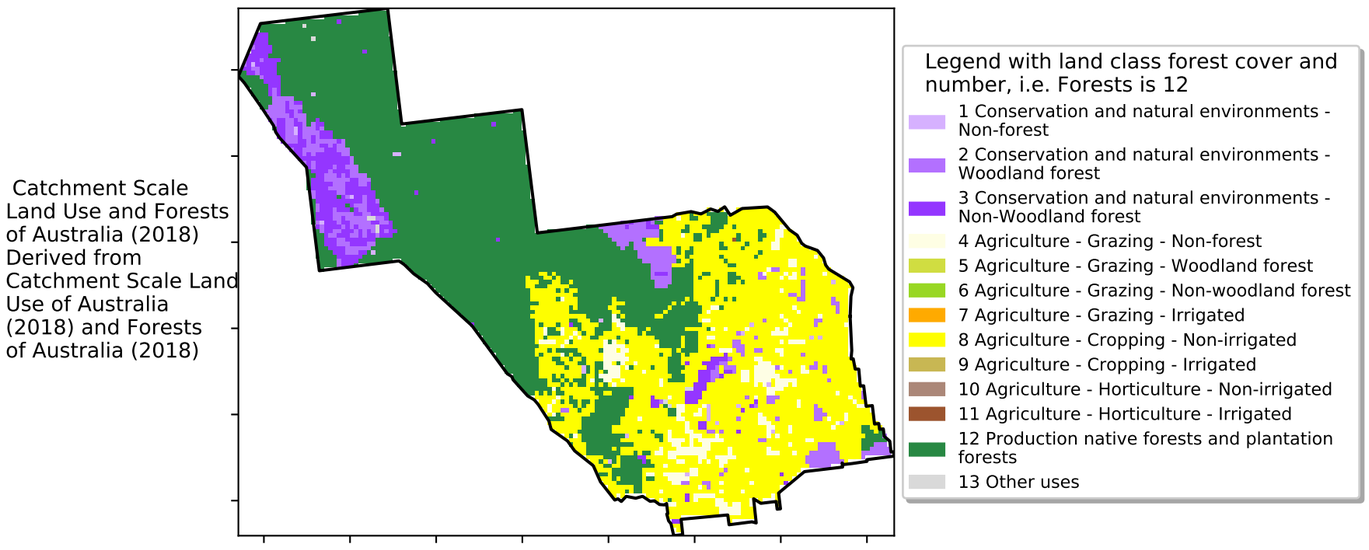
Vegetation Cover Jan 2025

Land use and forest cover



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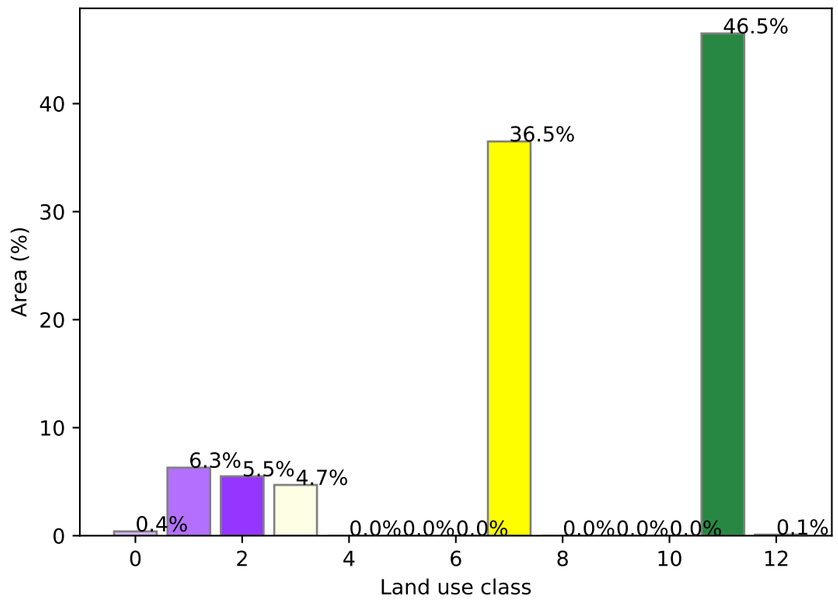

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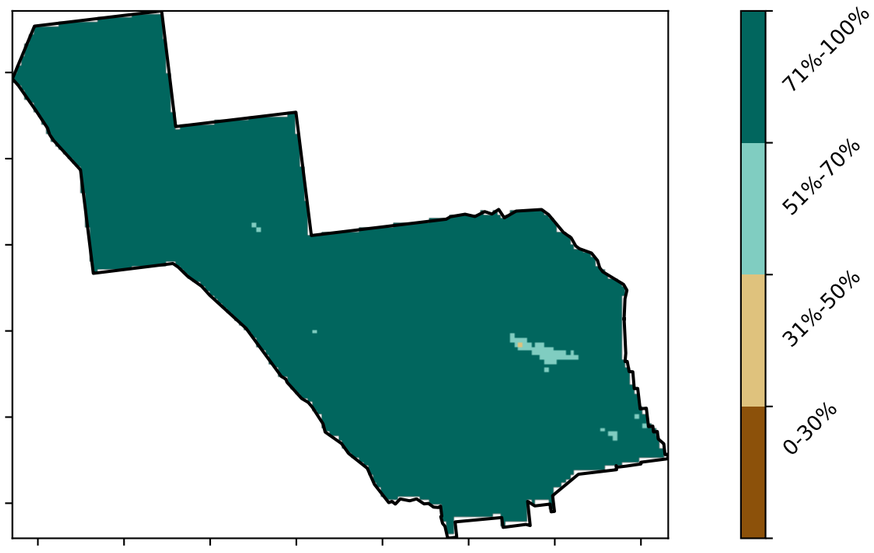

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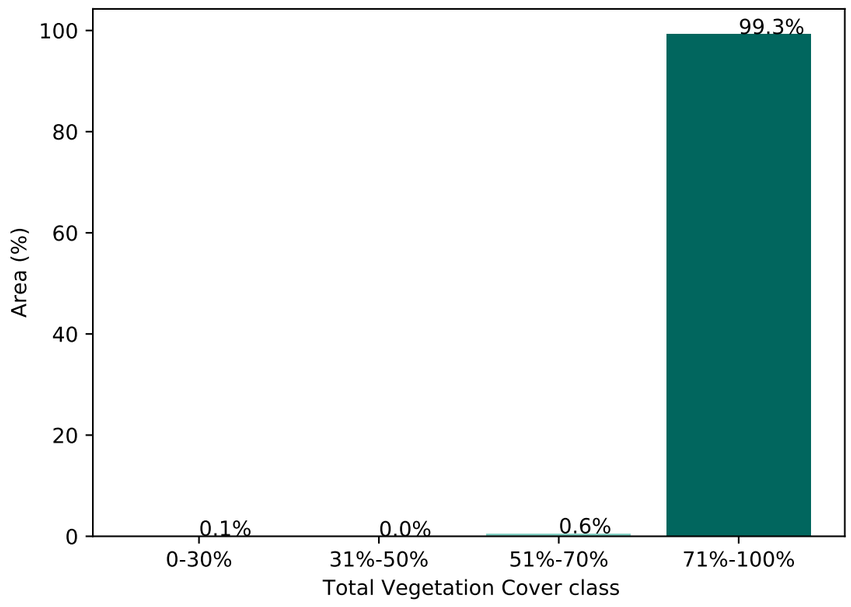

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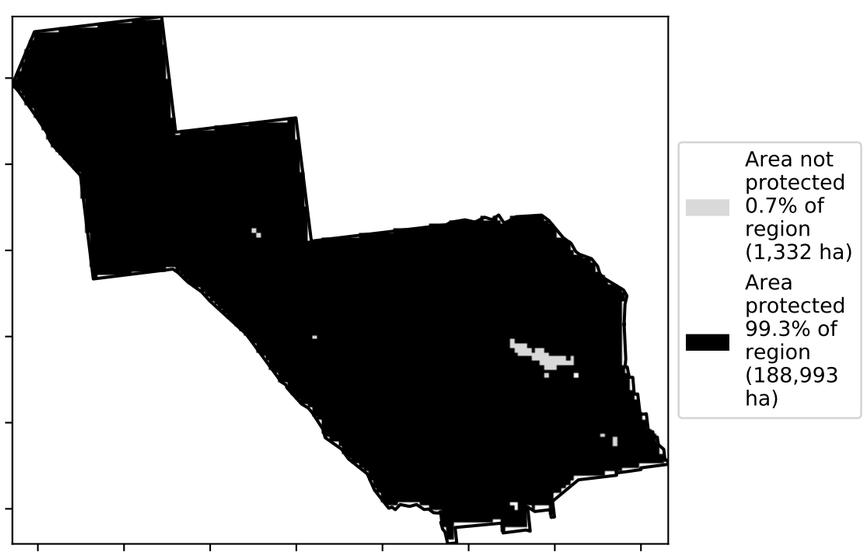

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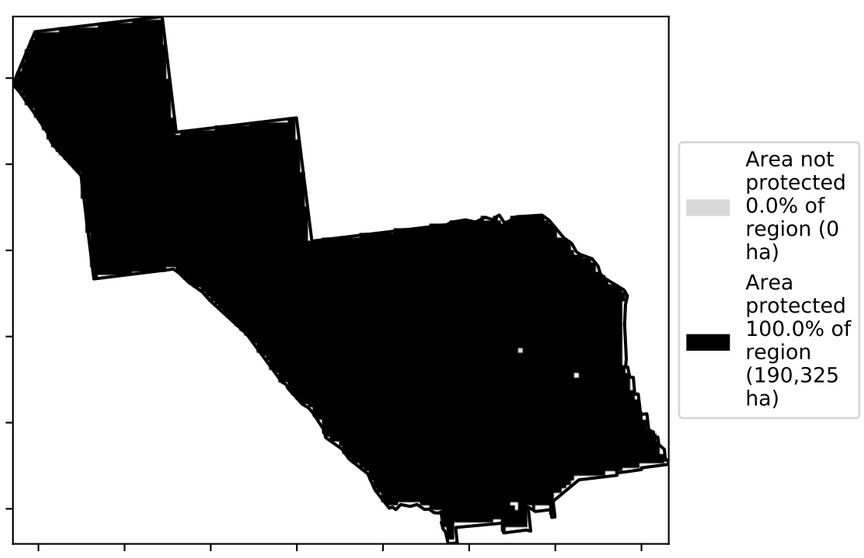

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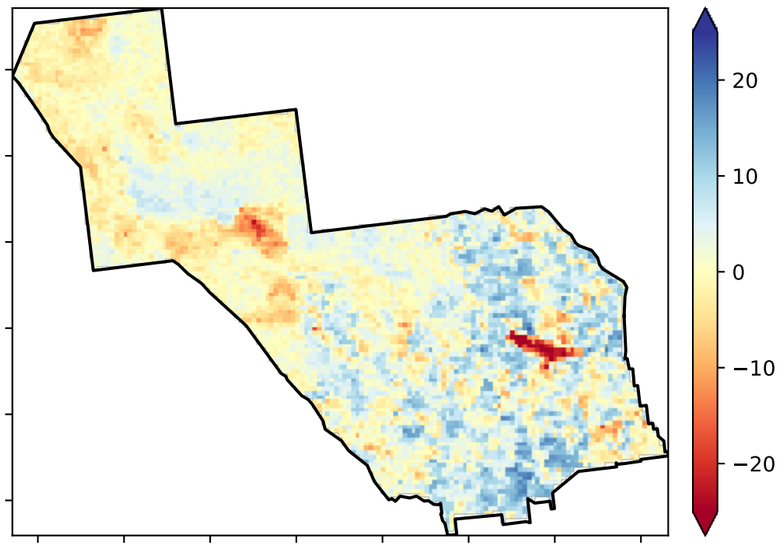

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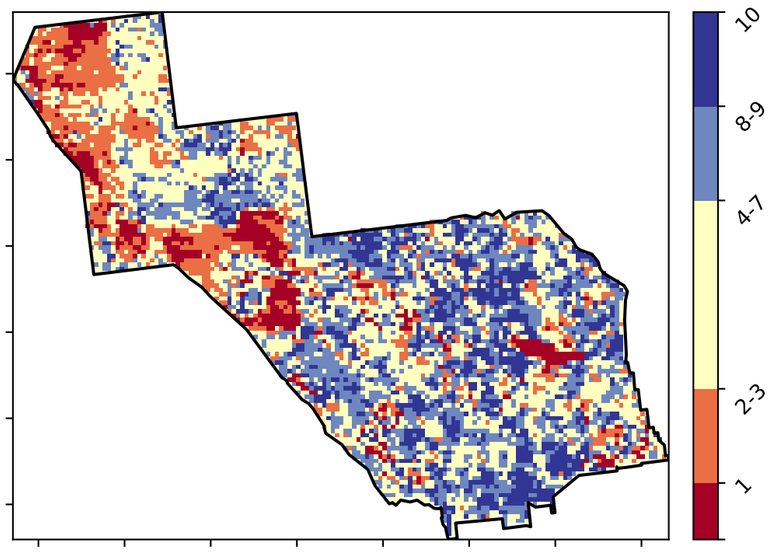

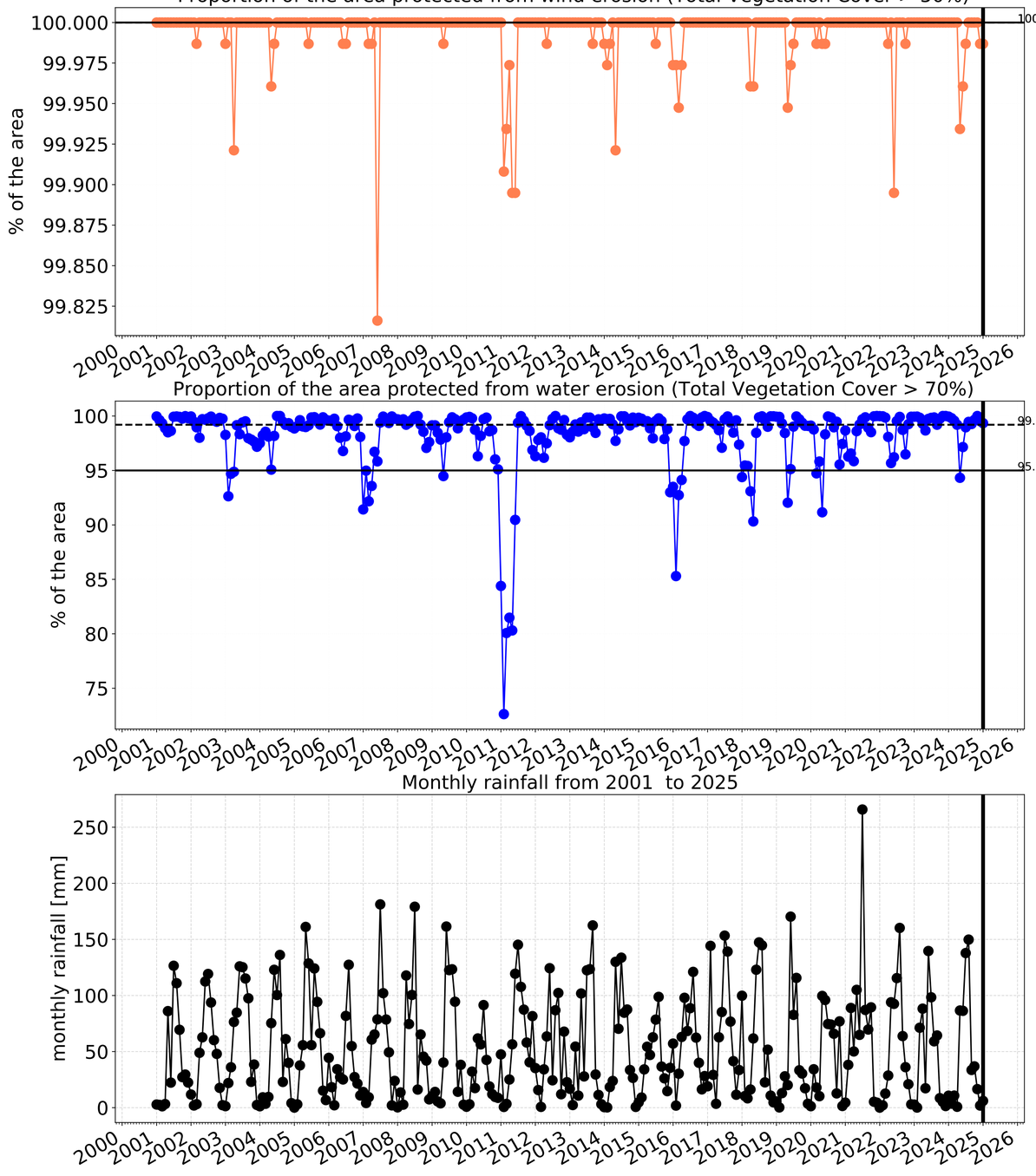
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% of the area
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)
% of the area
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Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2025
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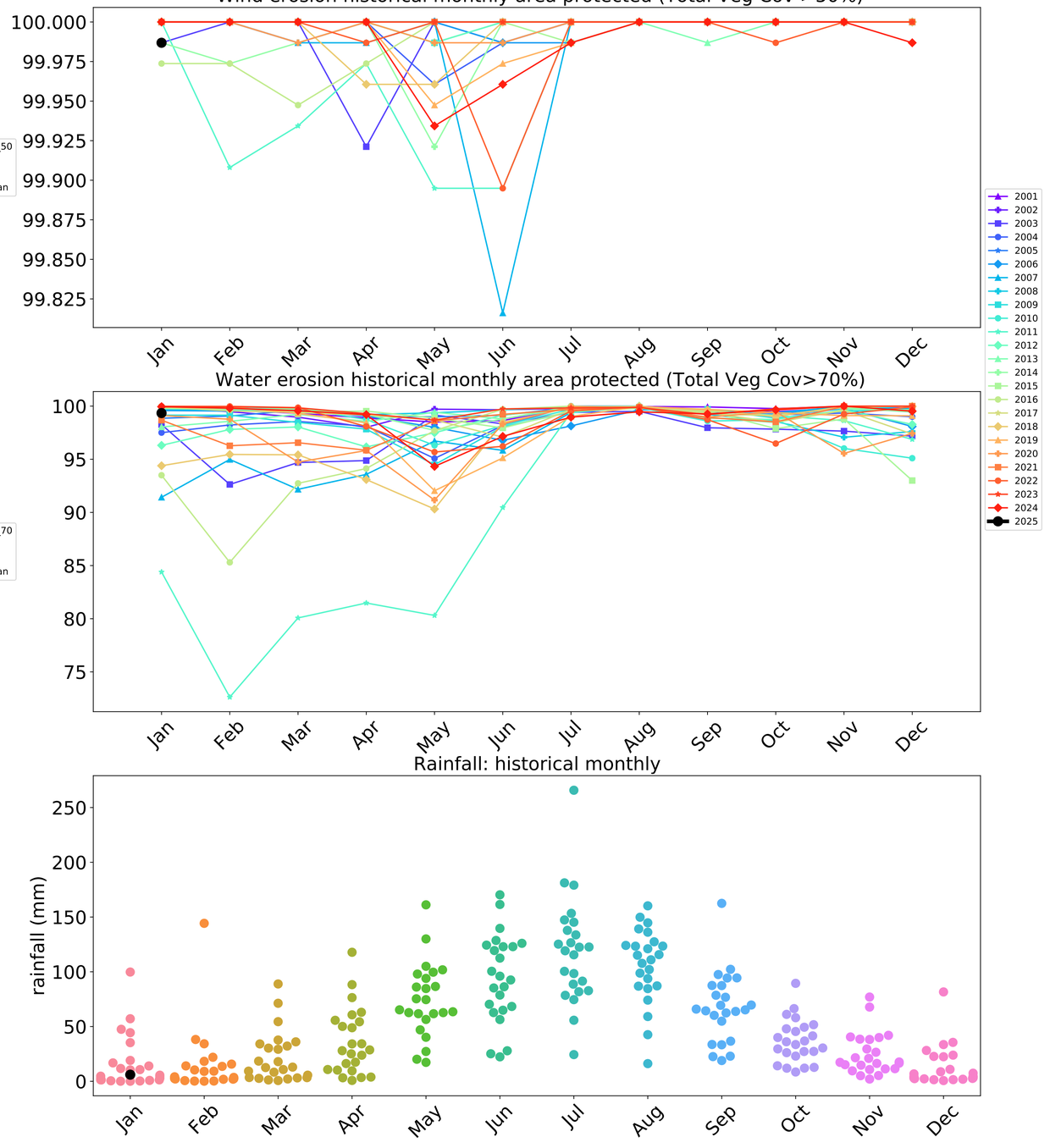
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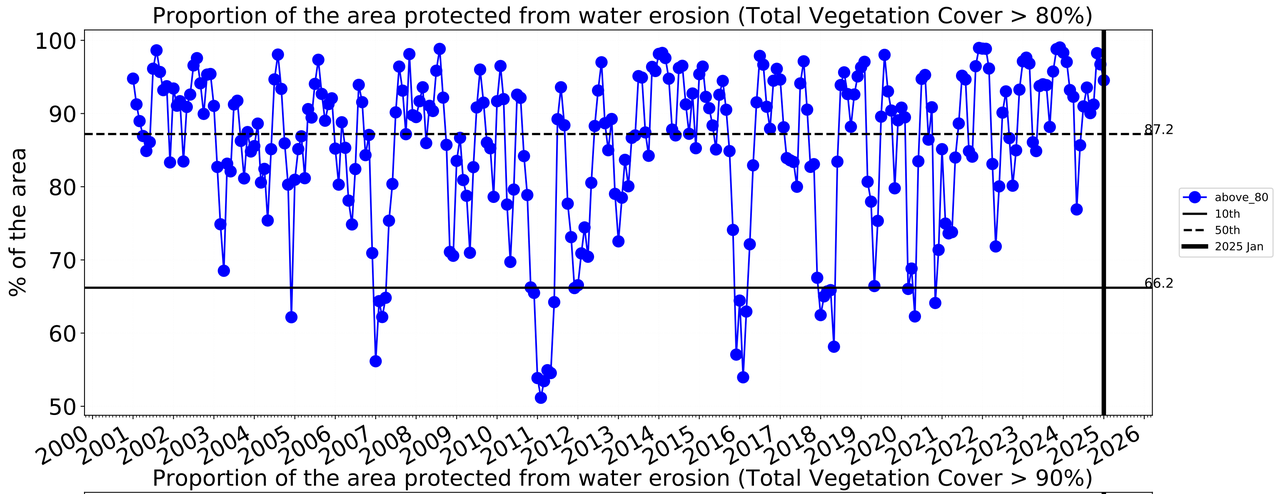
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% of the area
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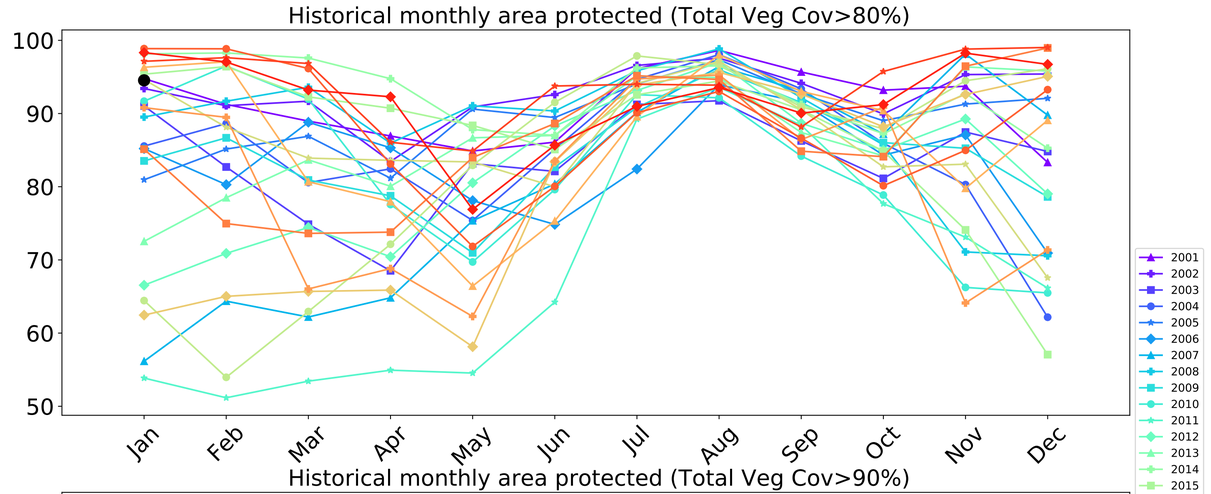
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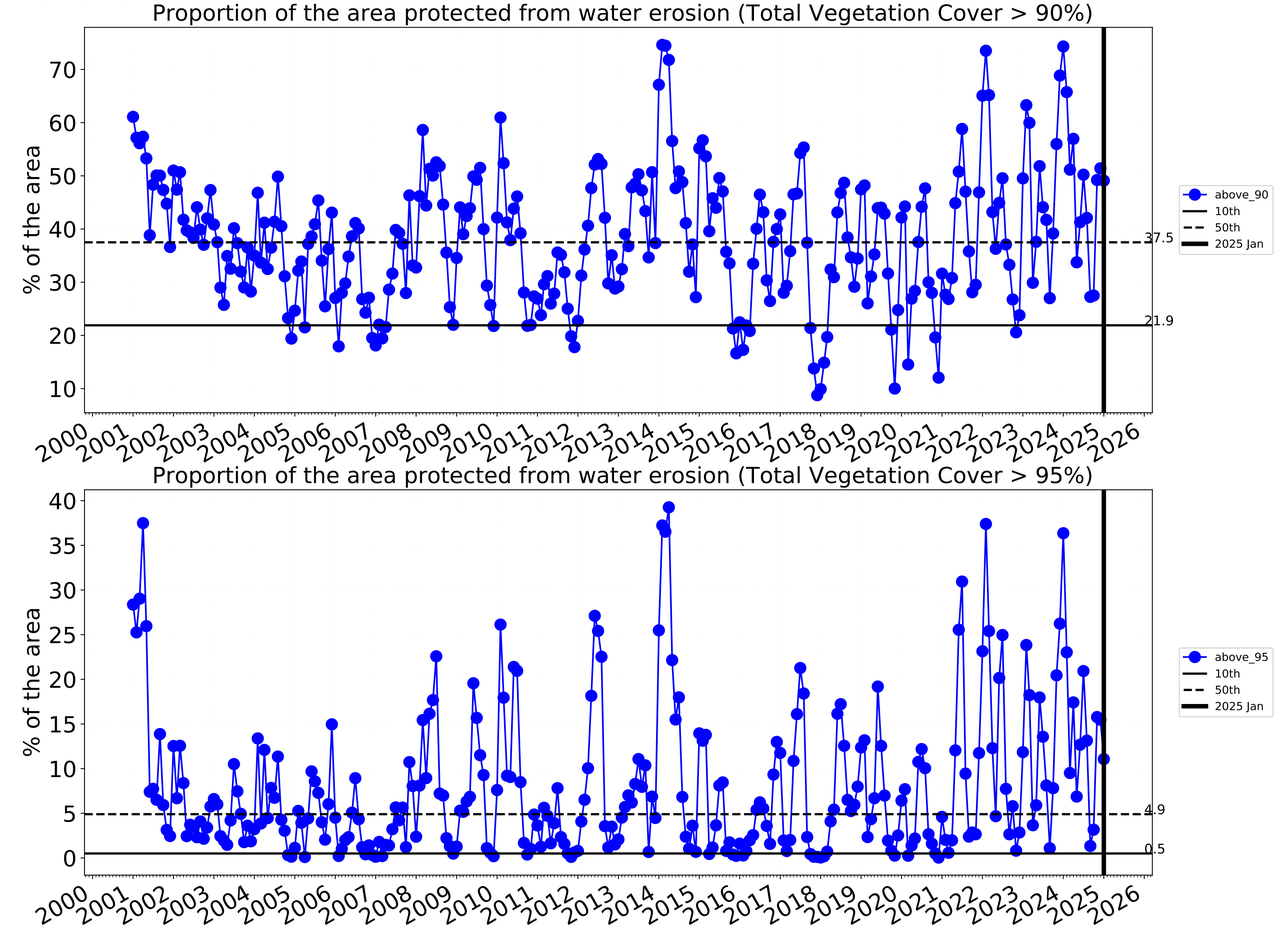
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% of the area
37.5
21.9
above_90
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50th
2025 Jan
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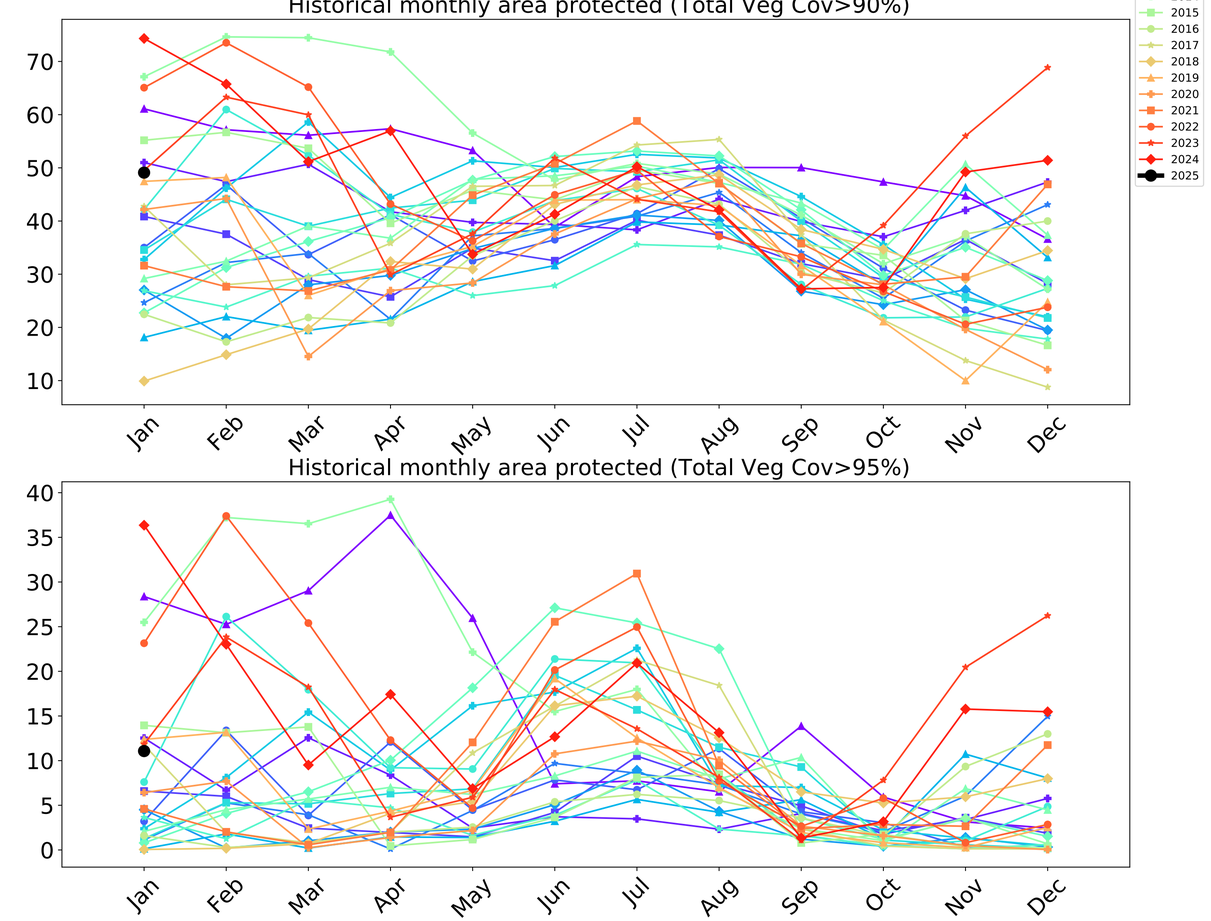
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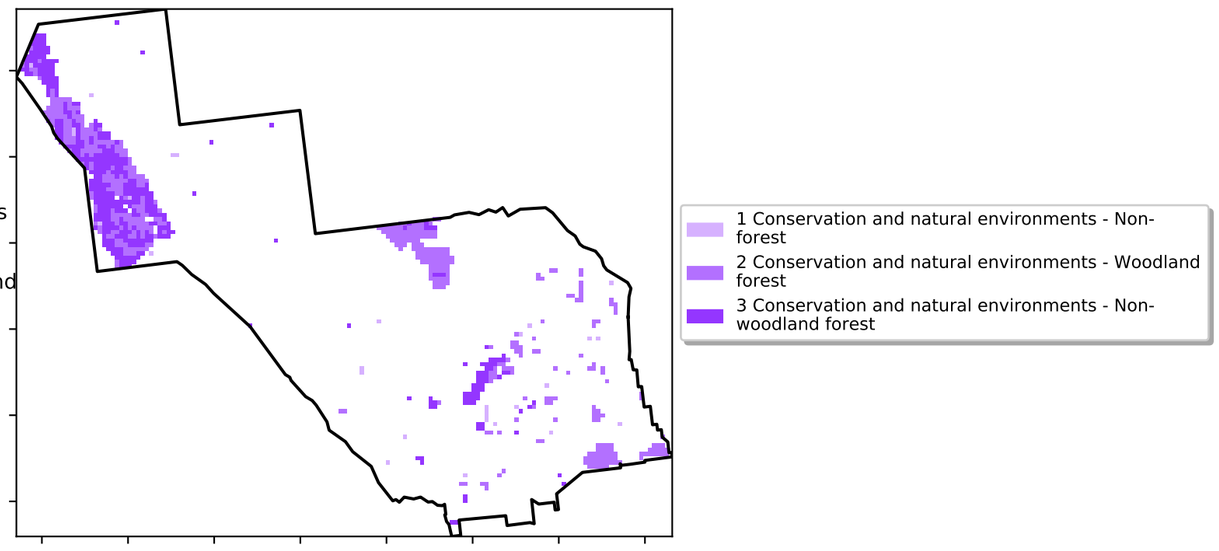
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover



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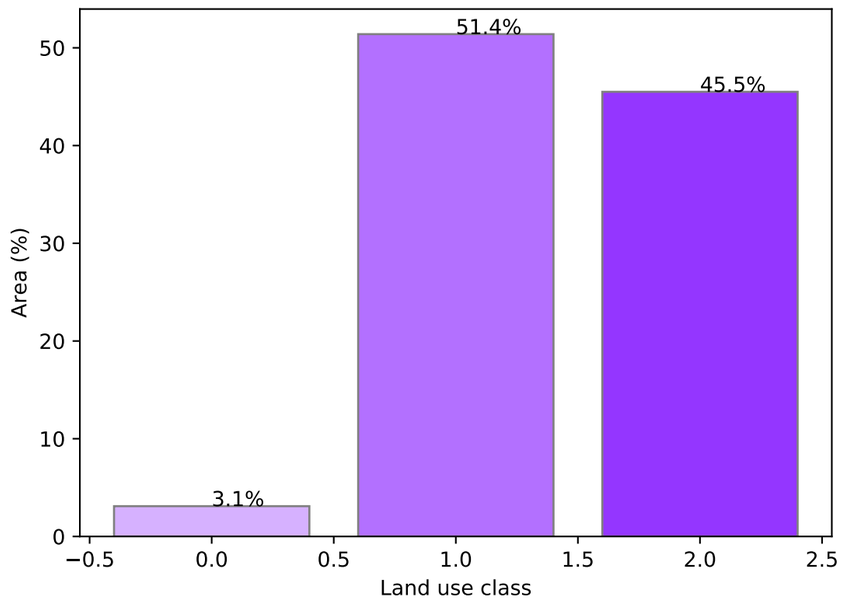

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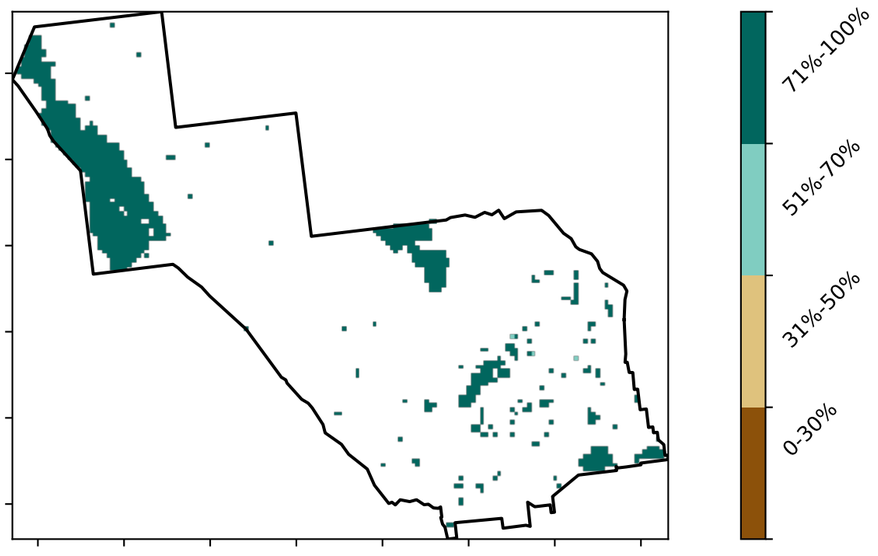

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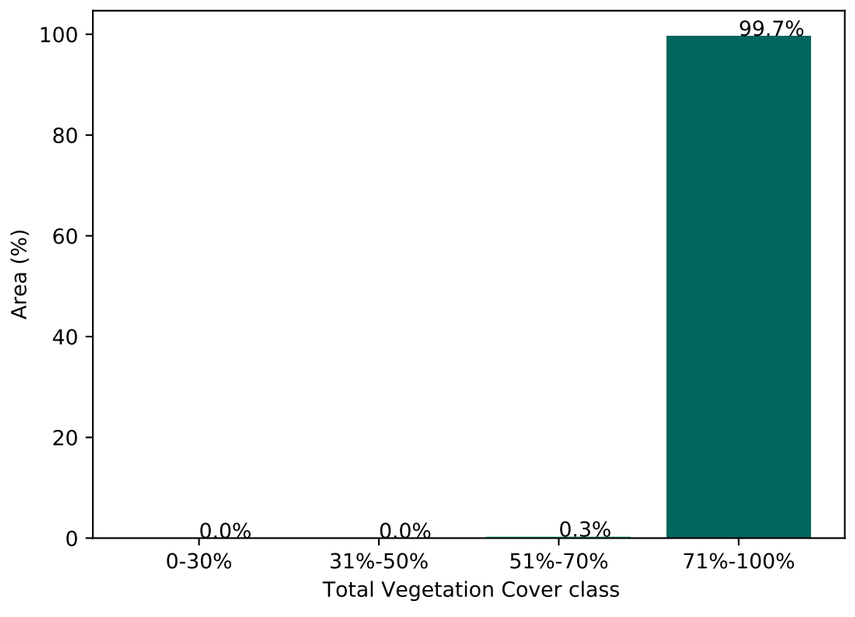

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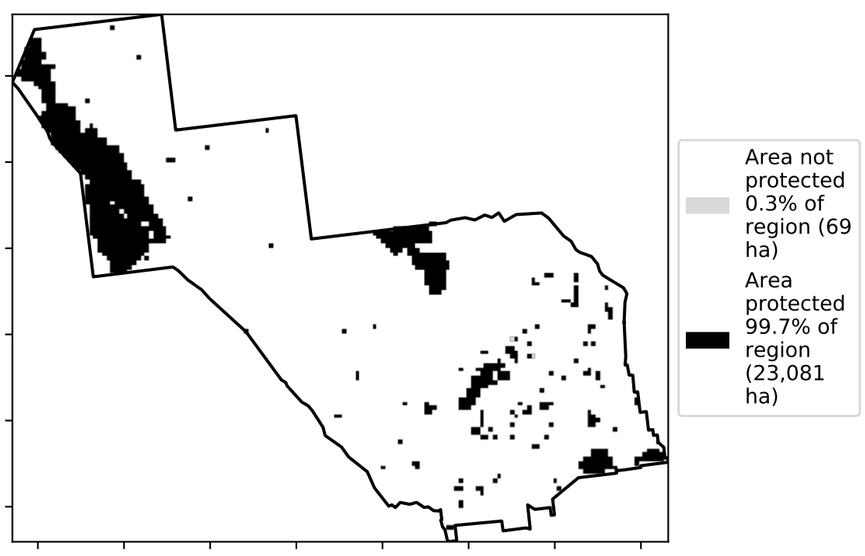

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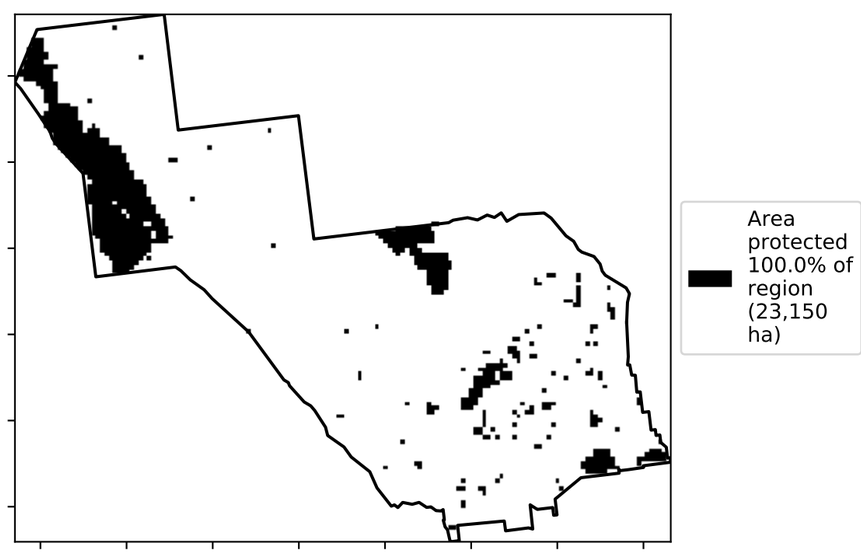

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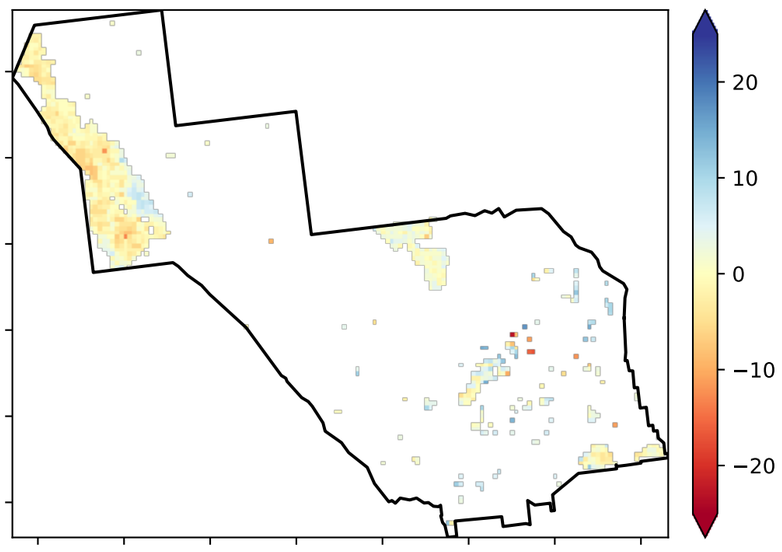

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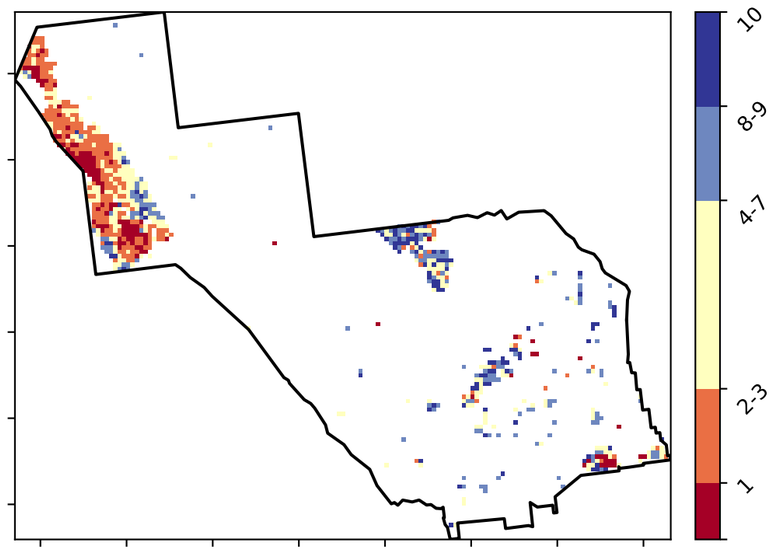

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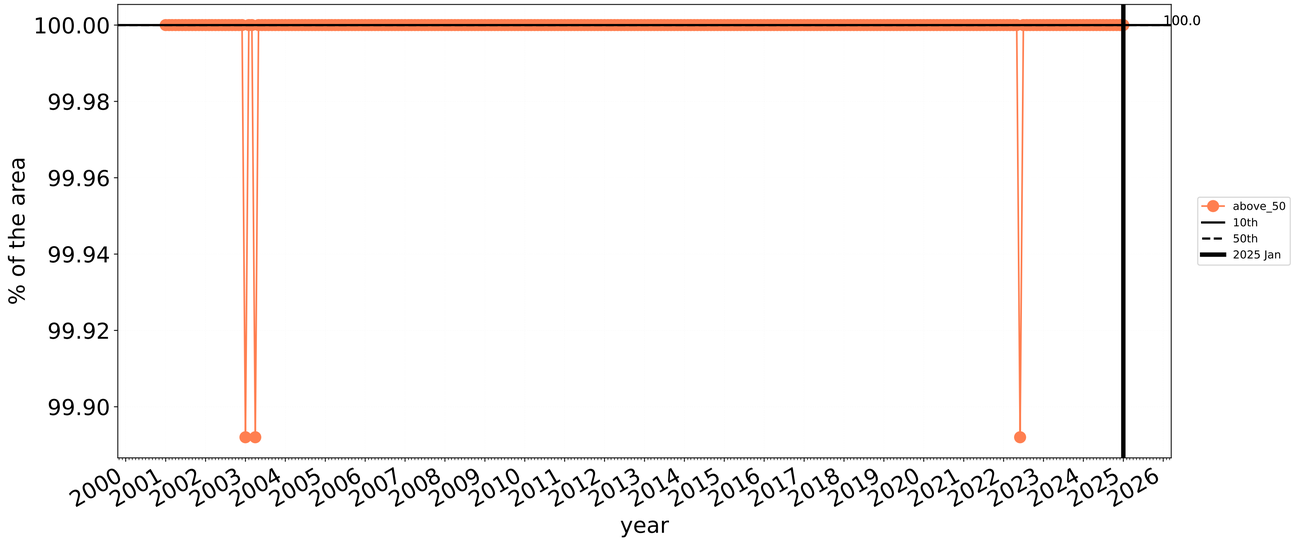

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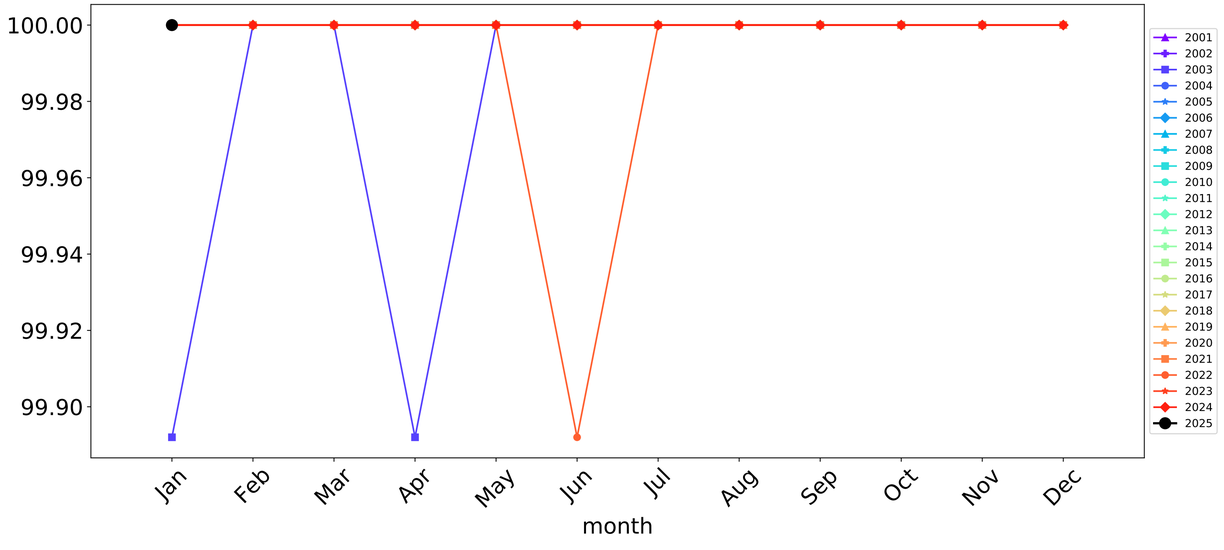

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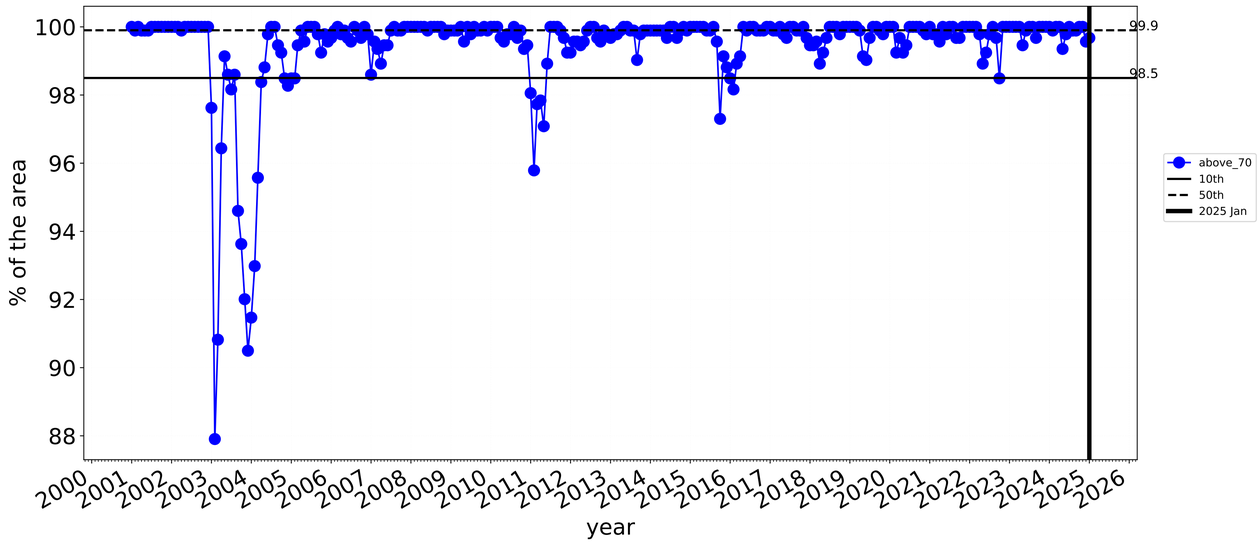

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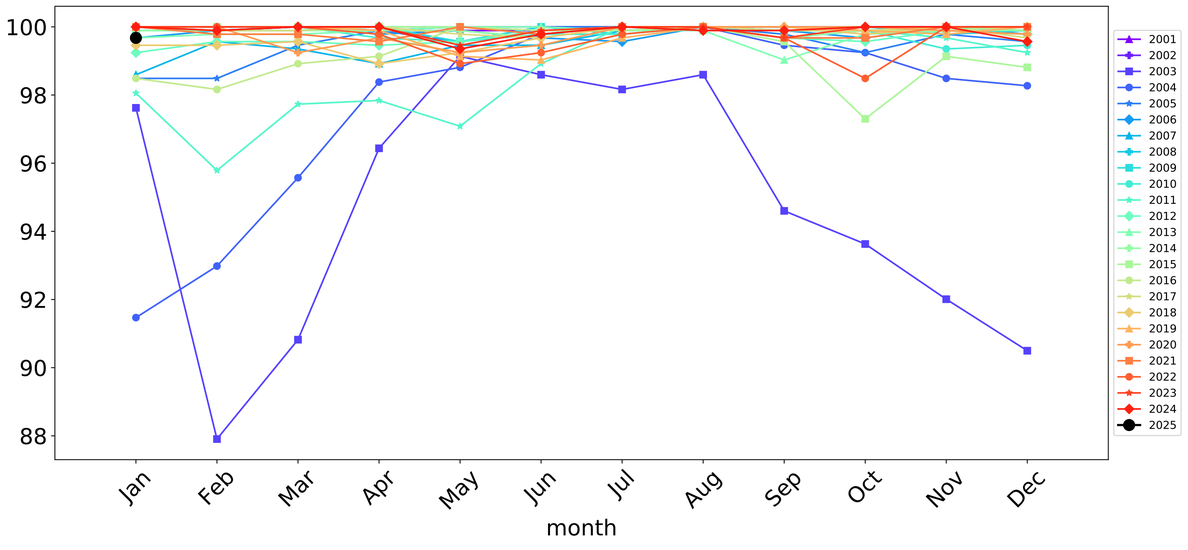

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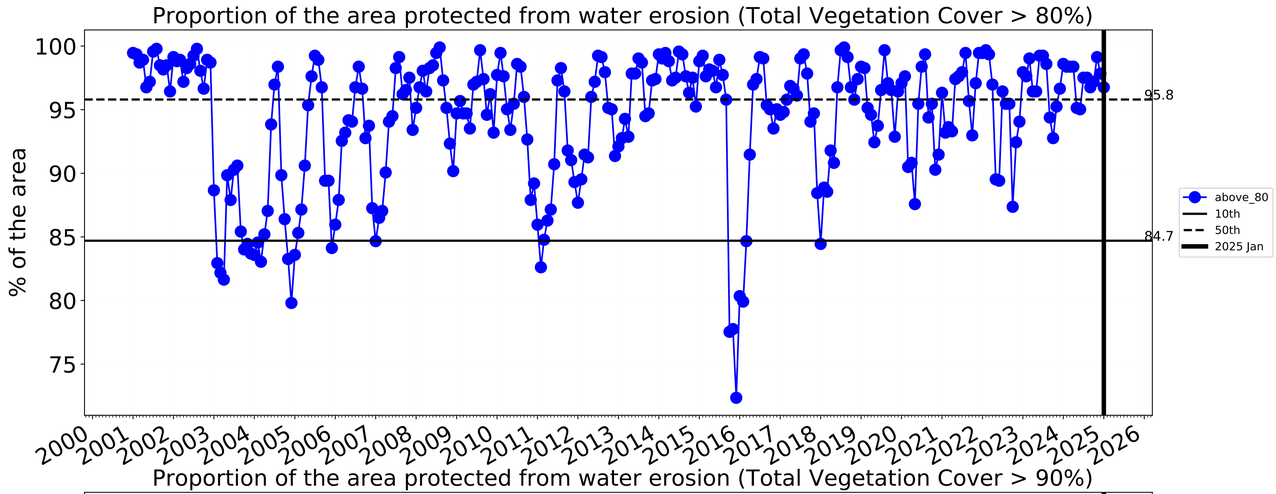
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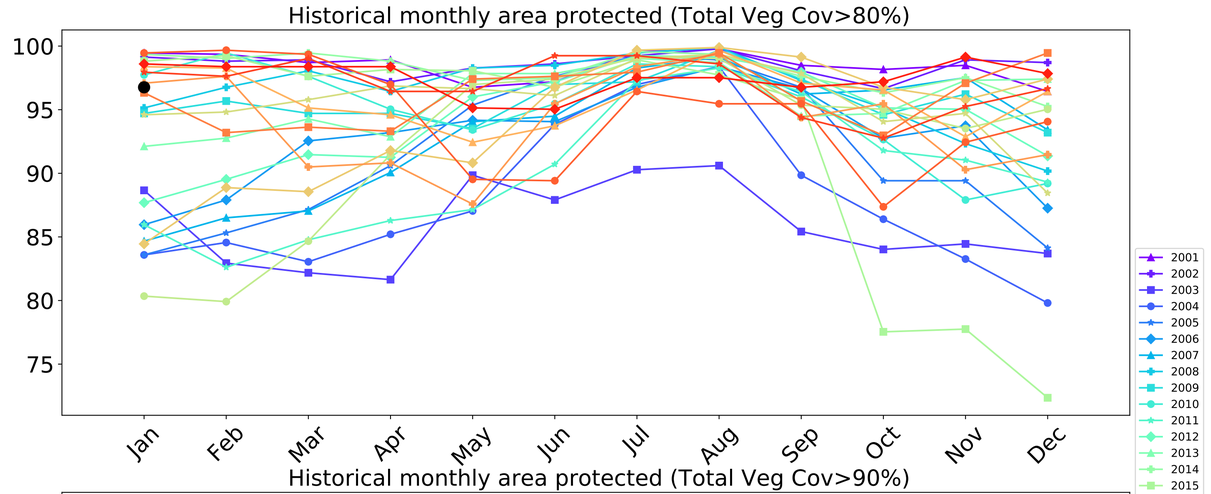
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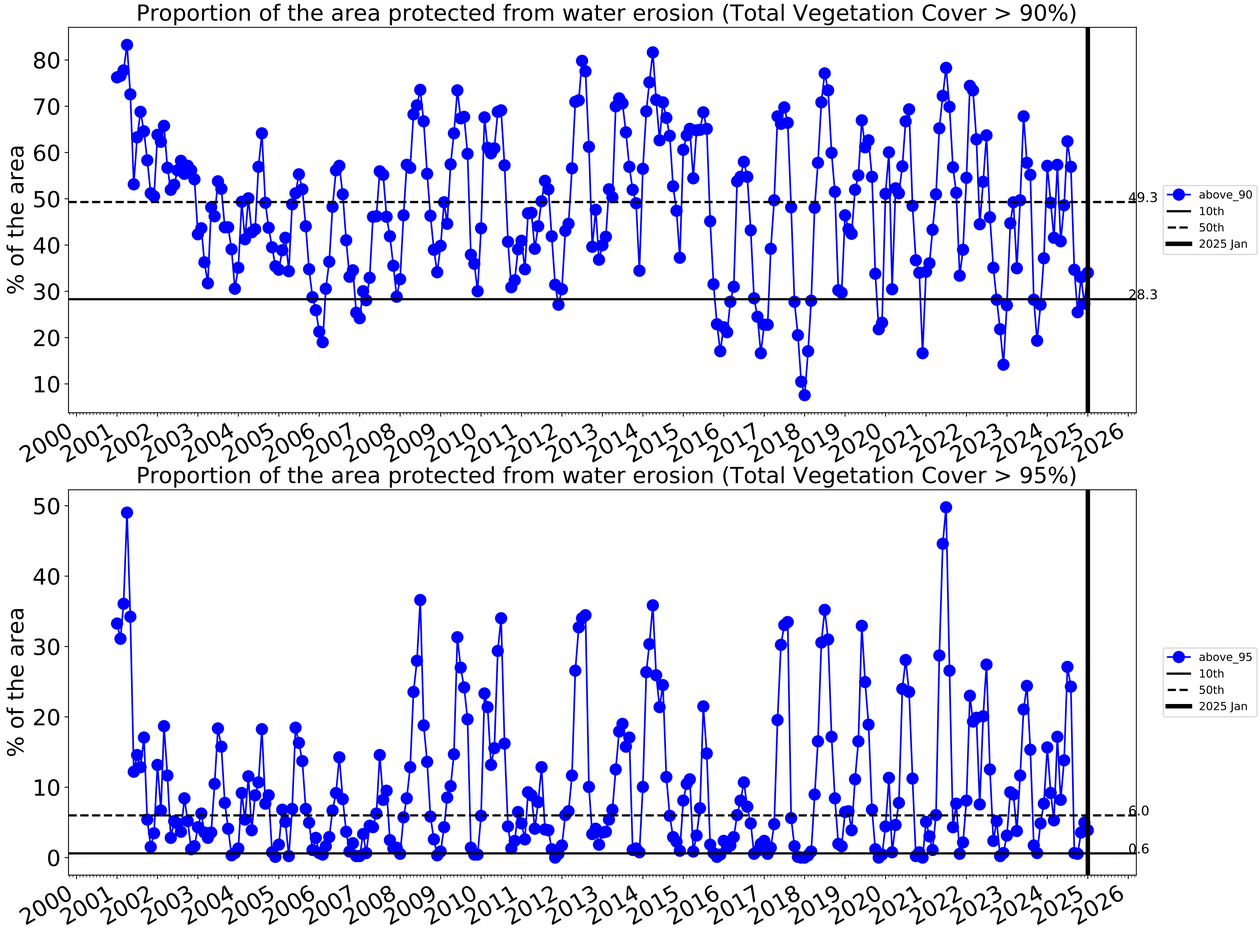
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% of the area
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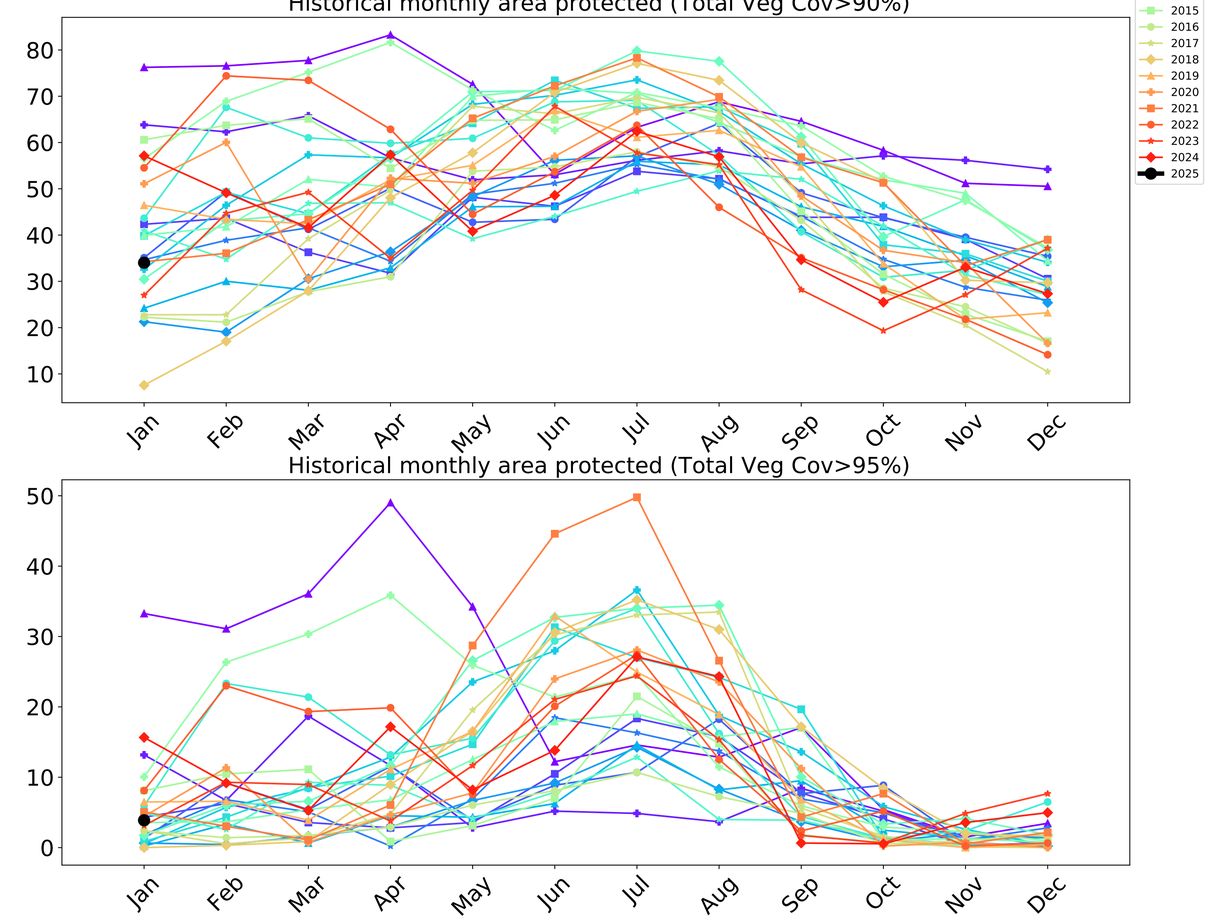
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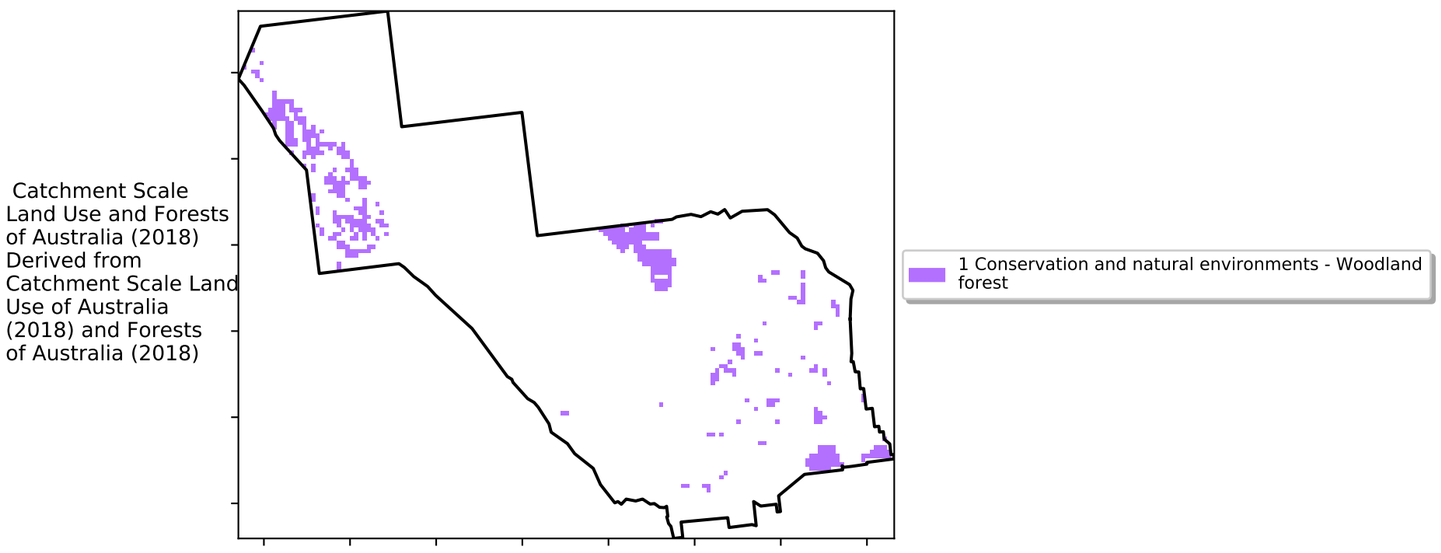

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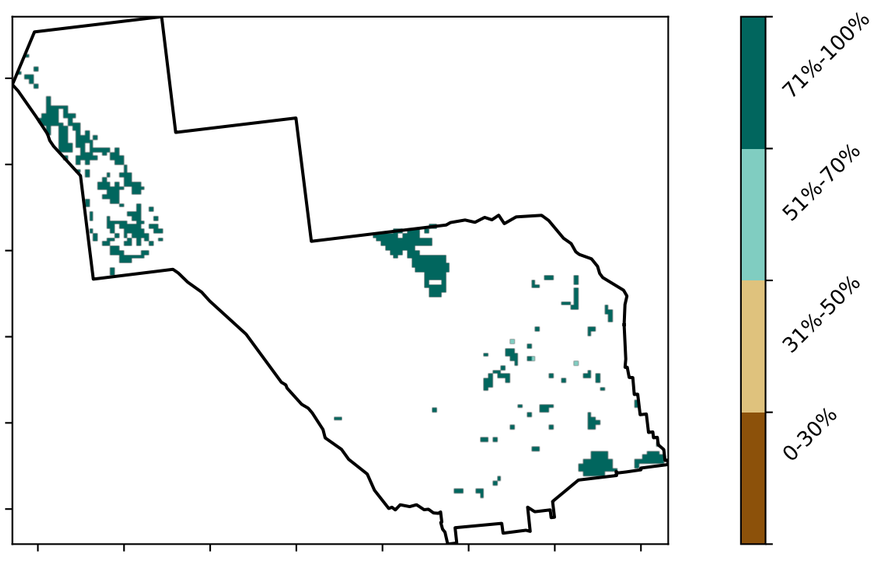

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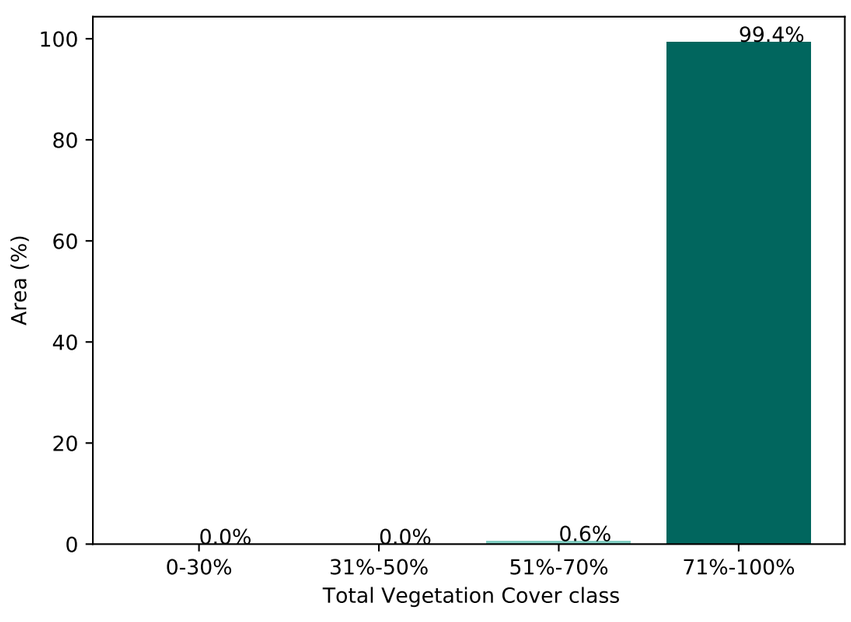

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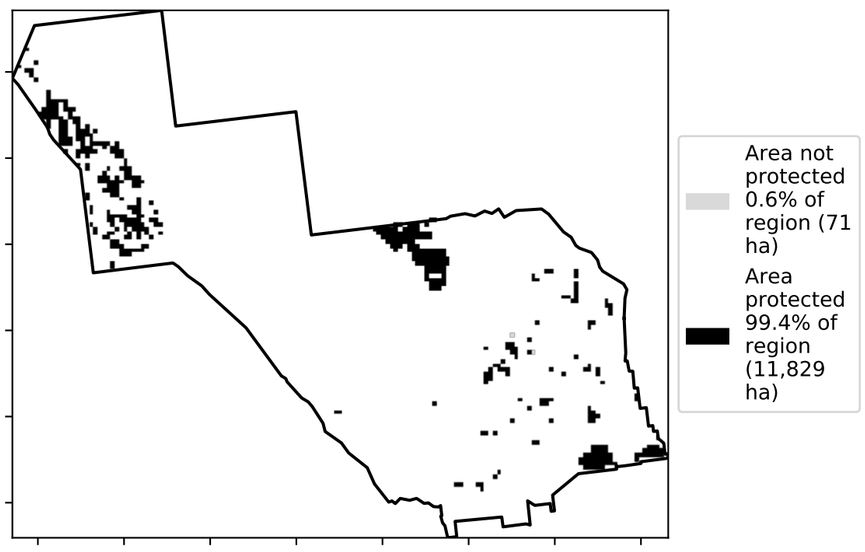

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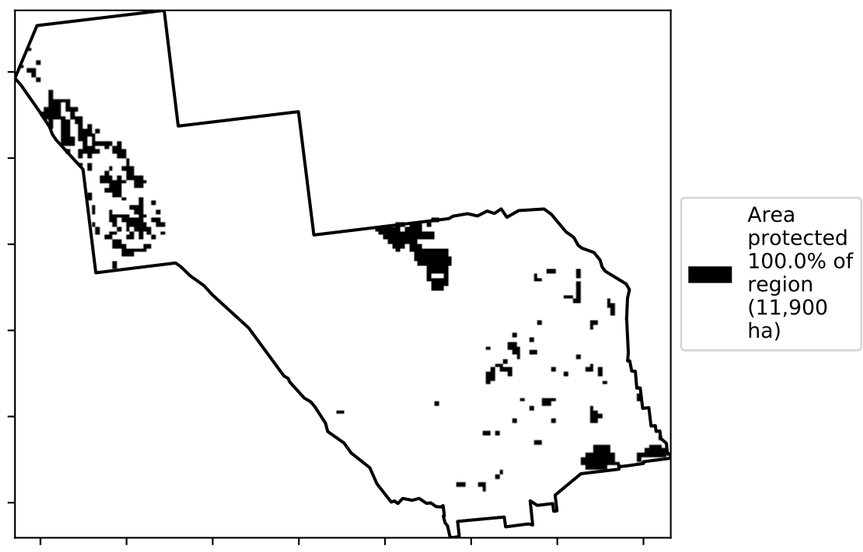

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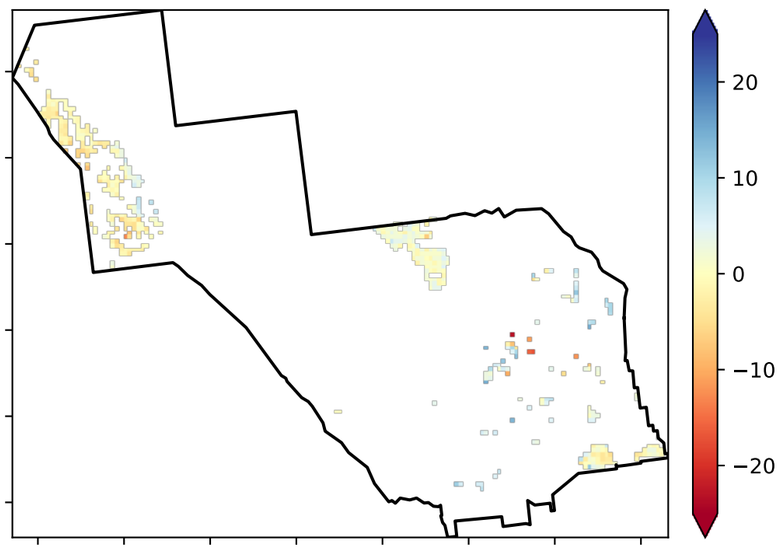

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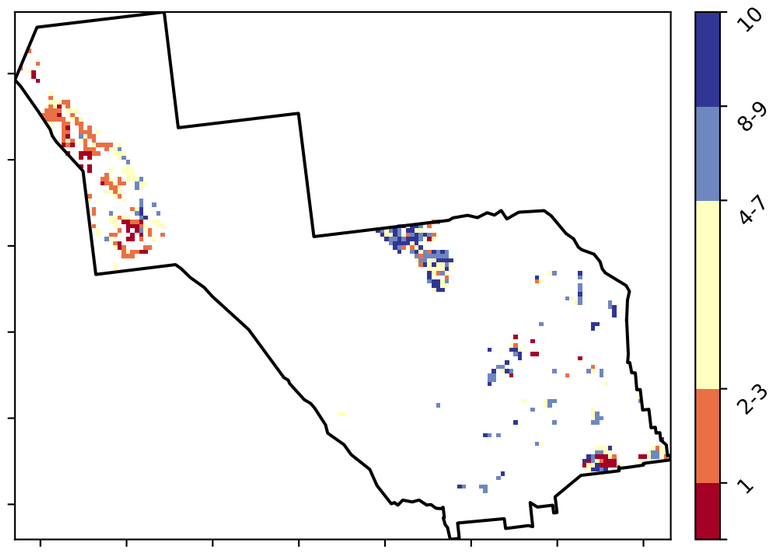
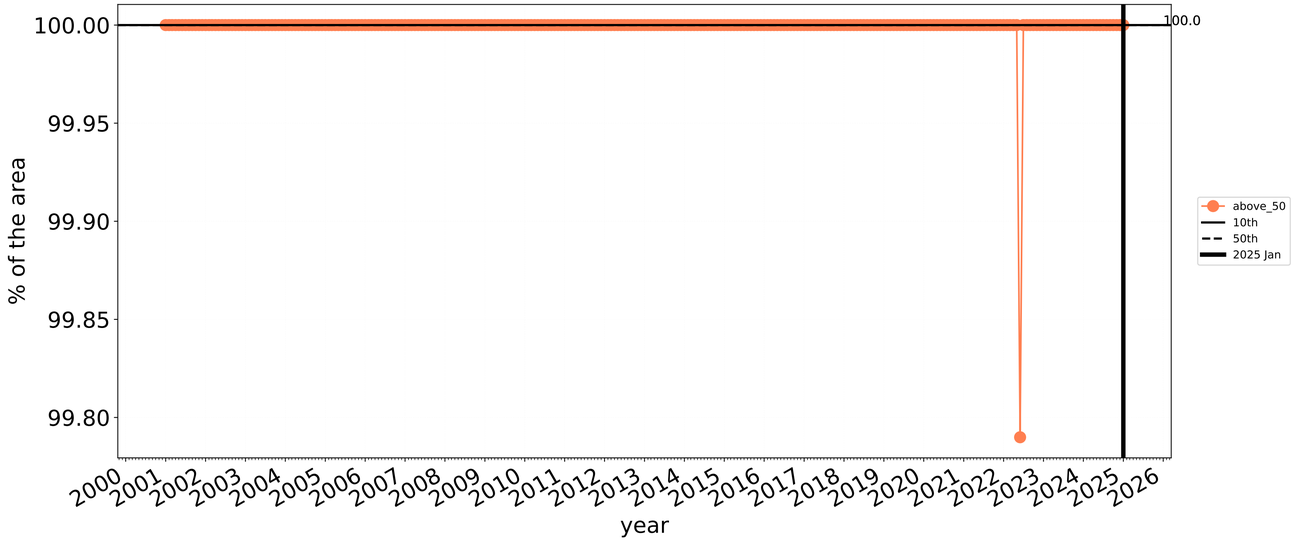


Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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



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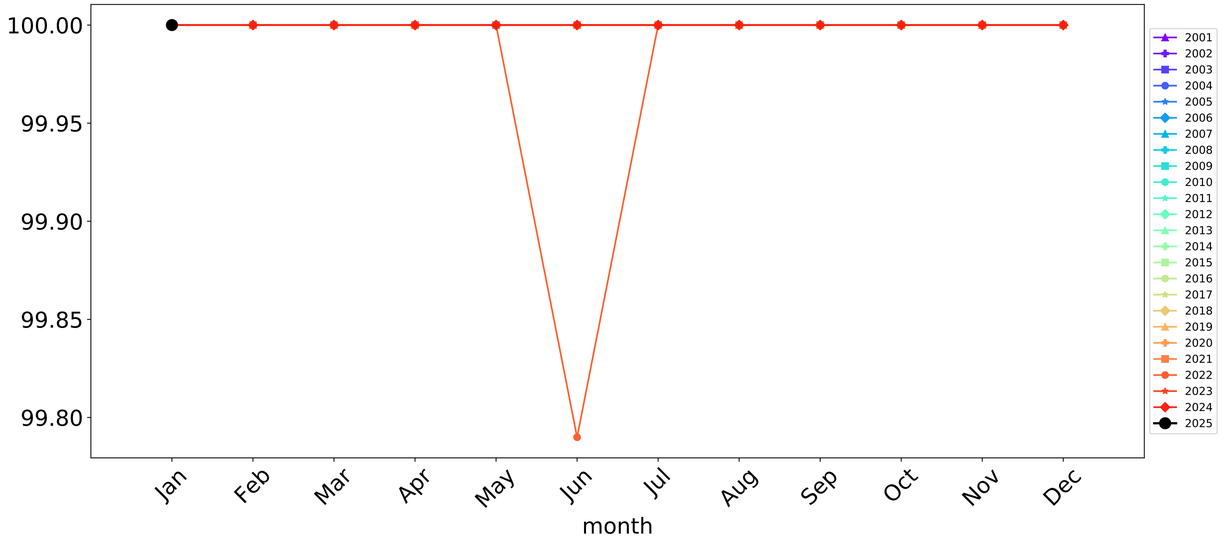

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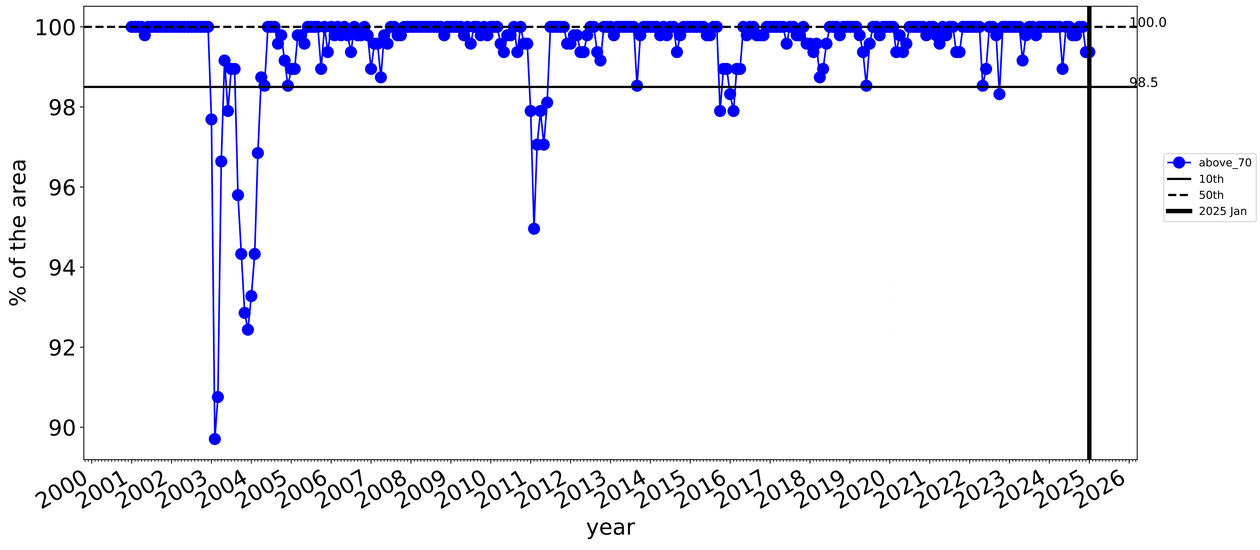

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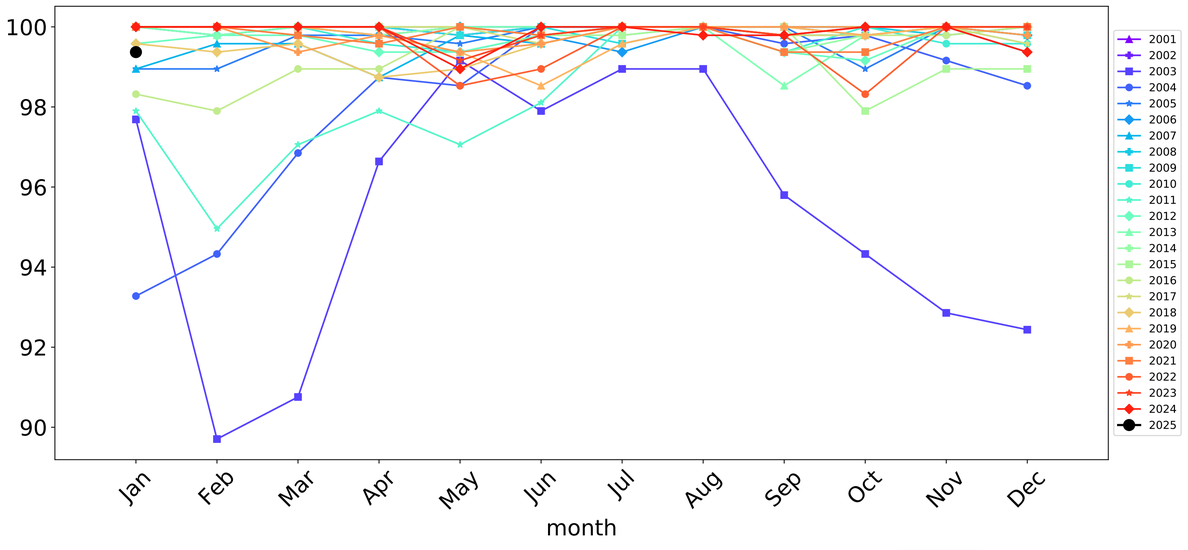

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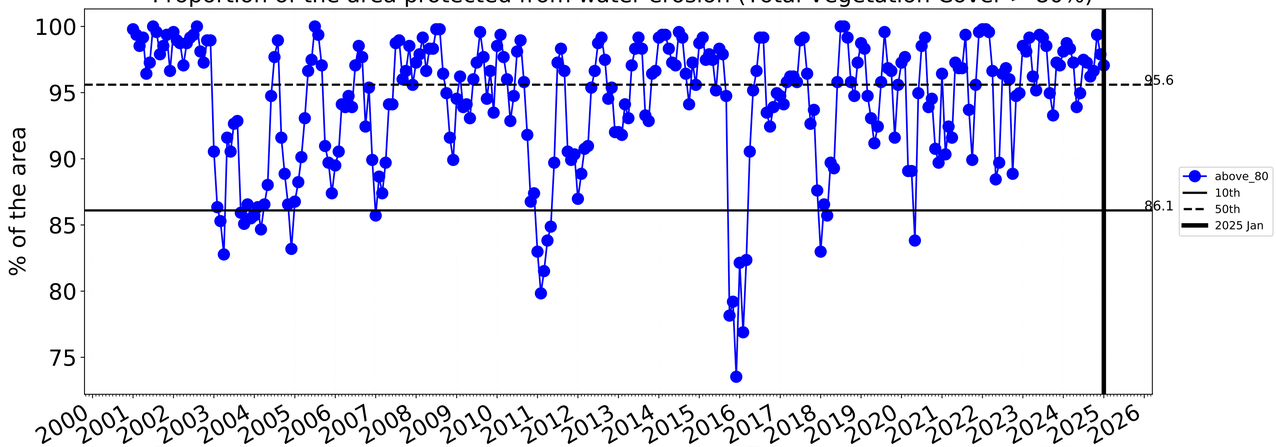
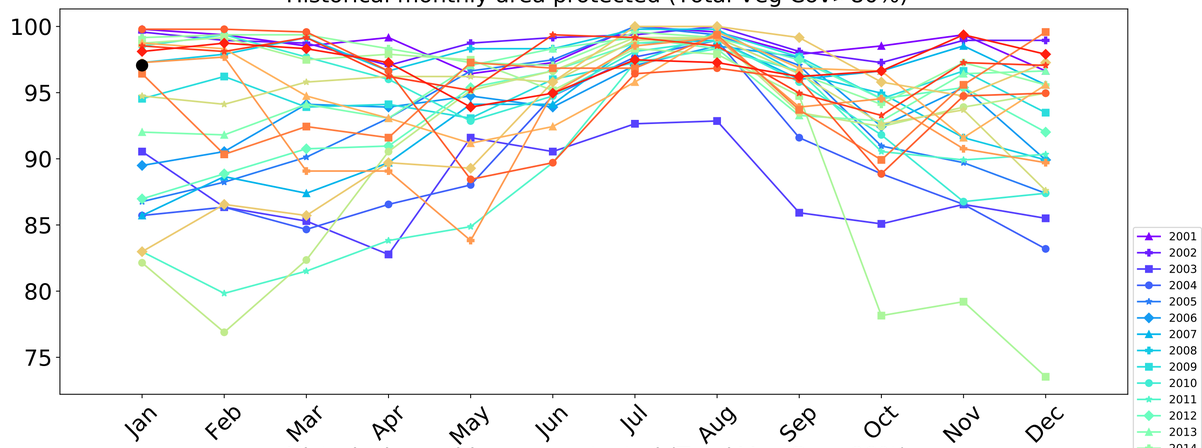


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



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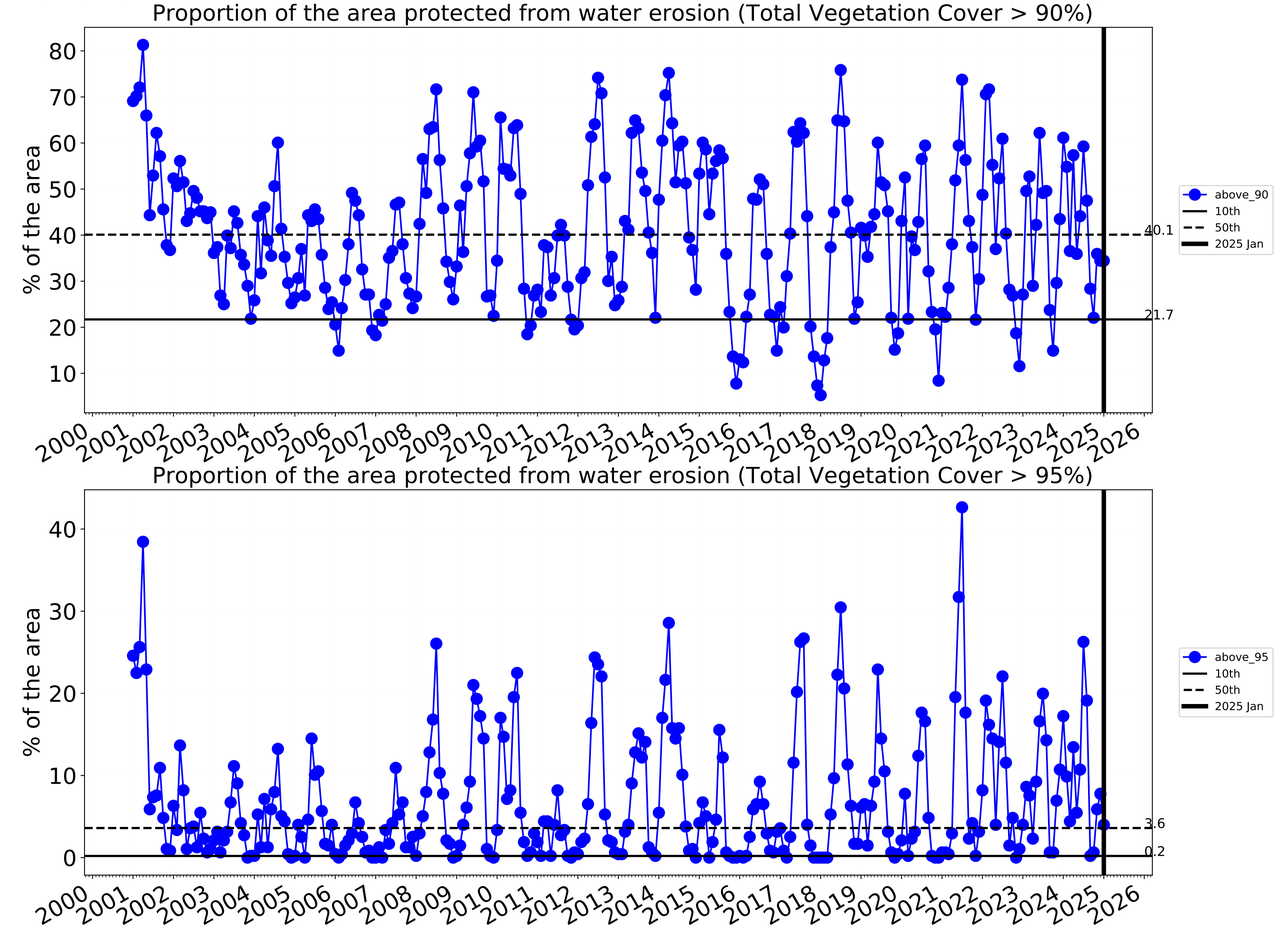

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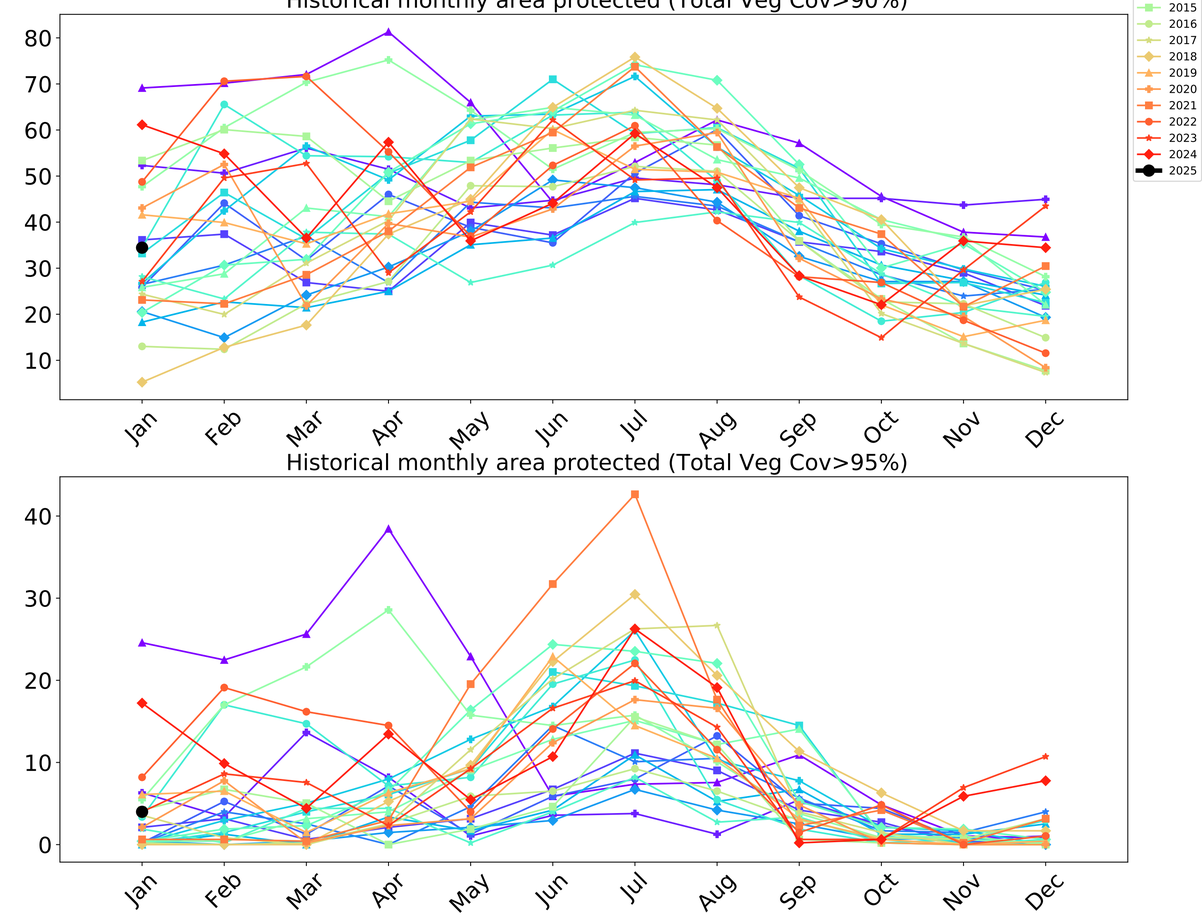

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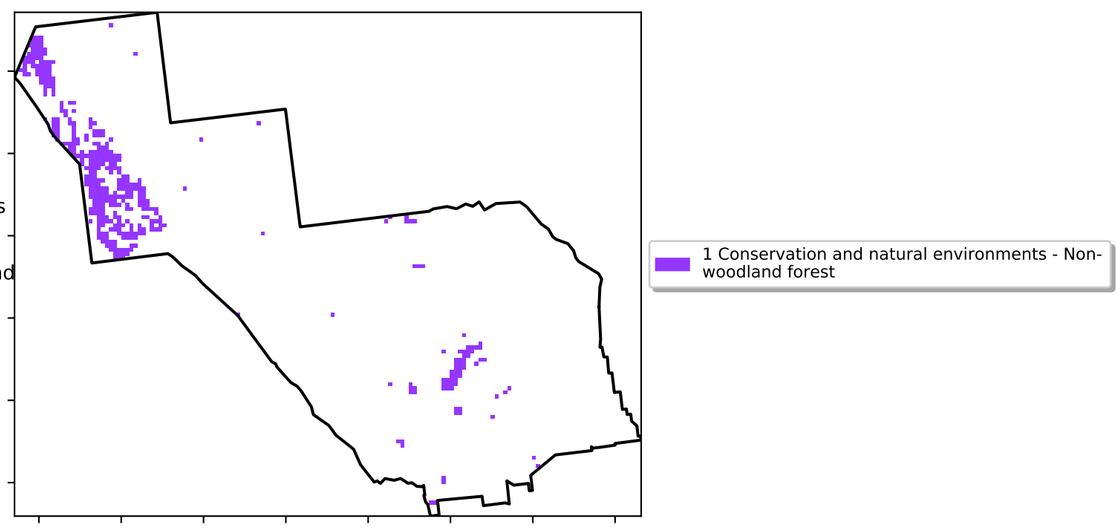
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)

Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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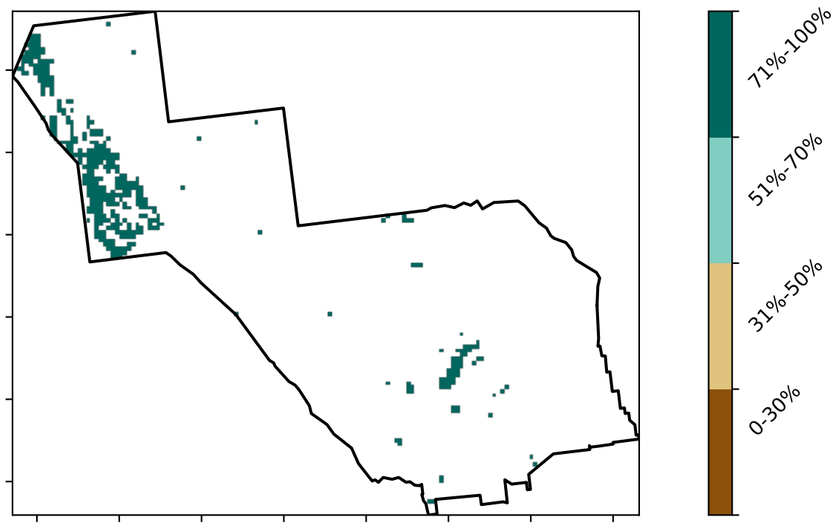
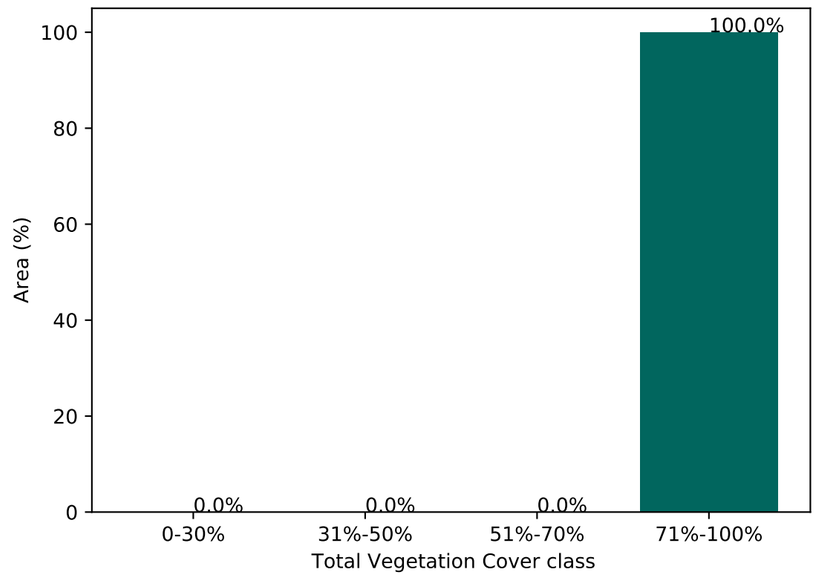
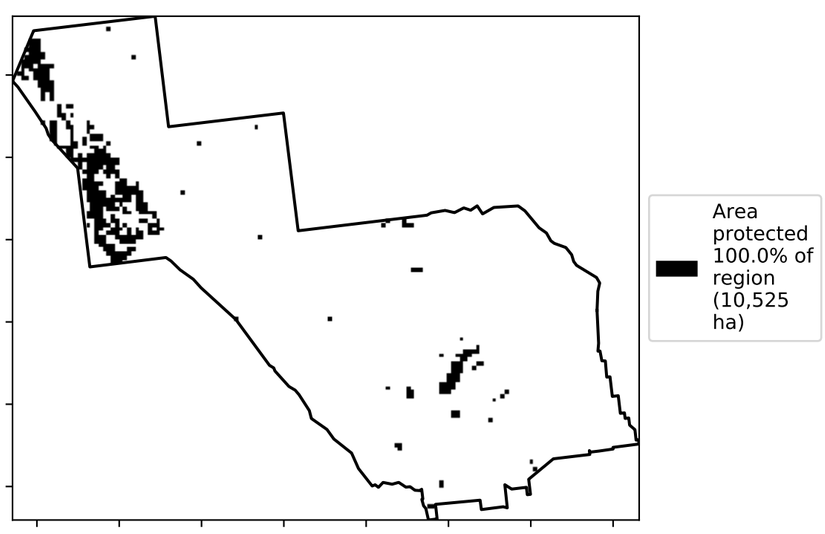
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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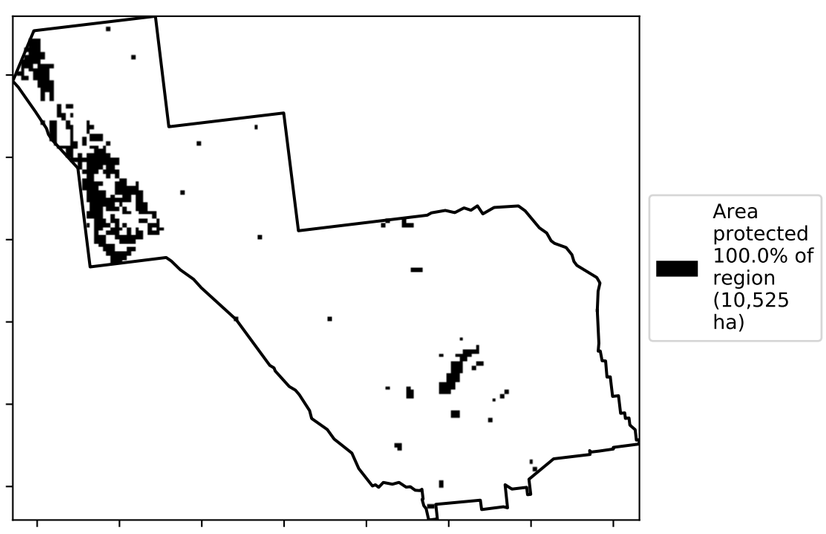

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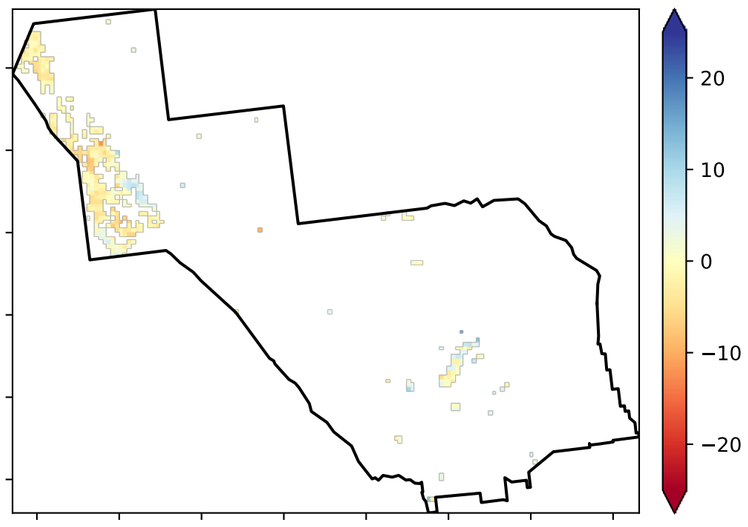

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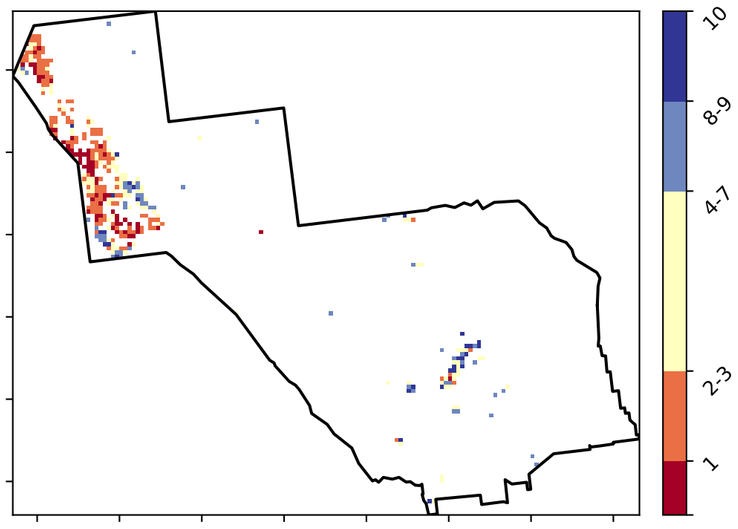
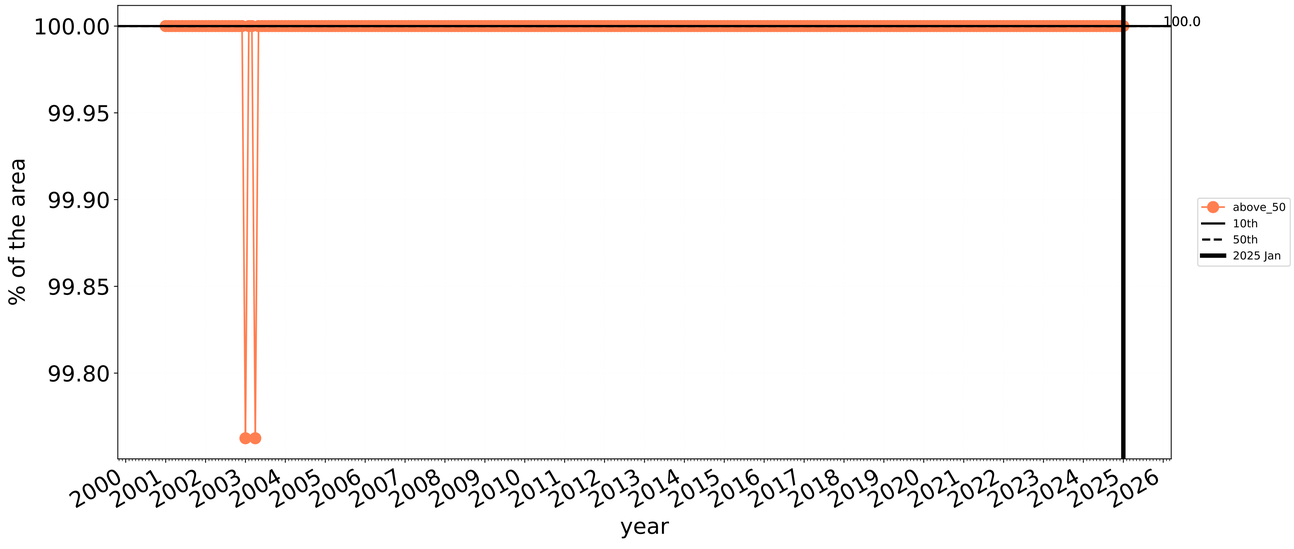
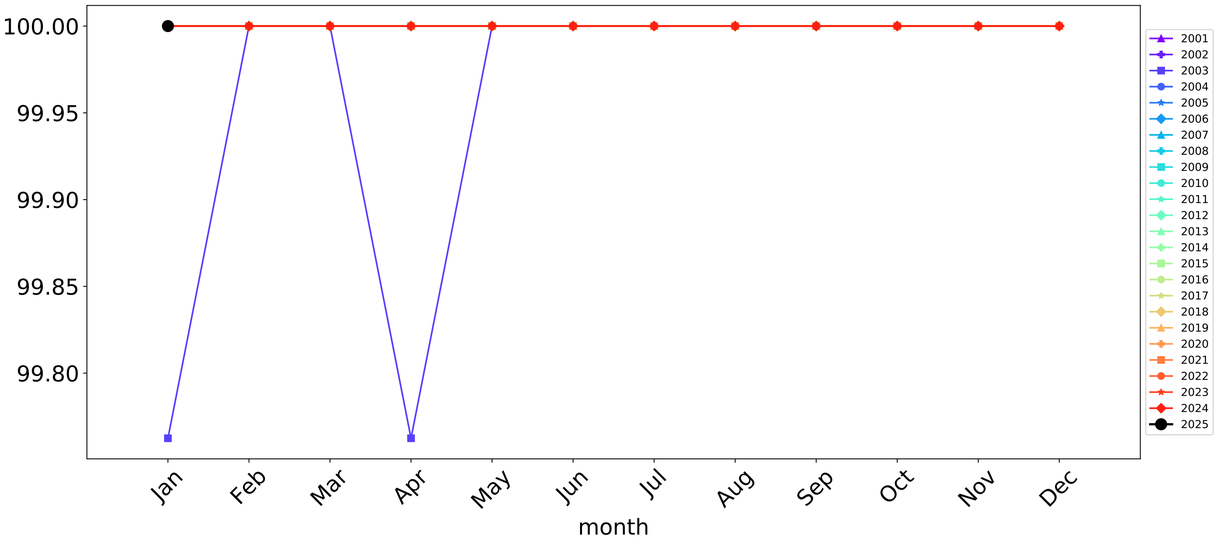


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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



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



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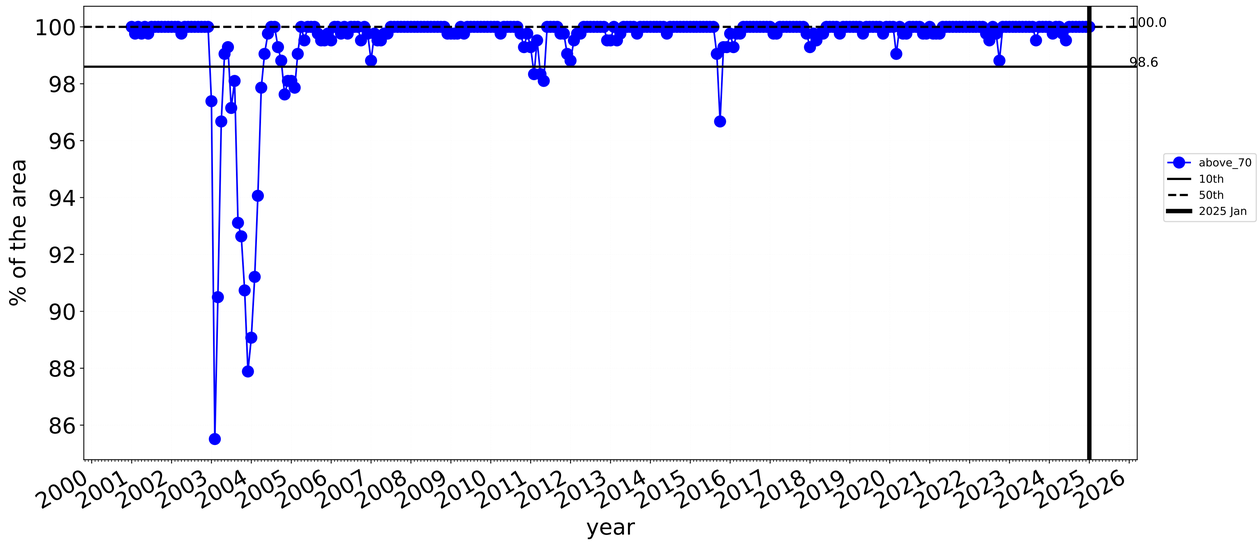

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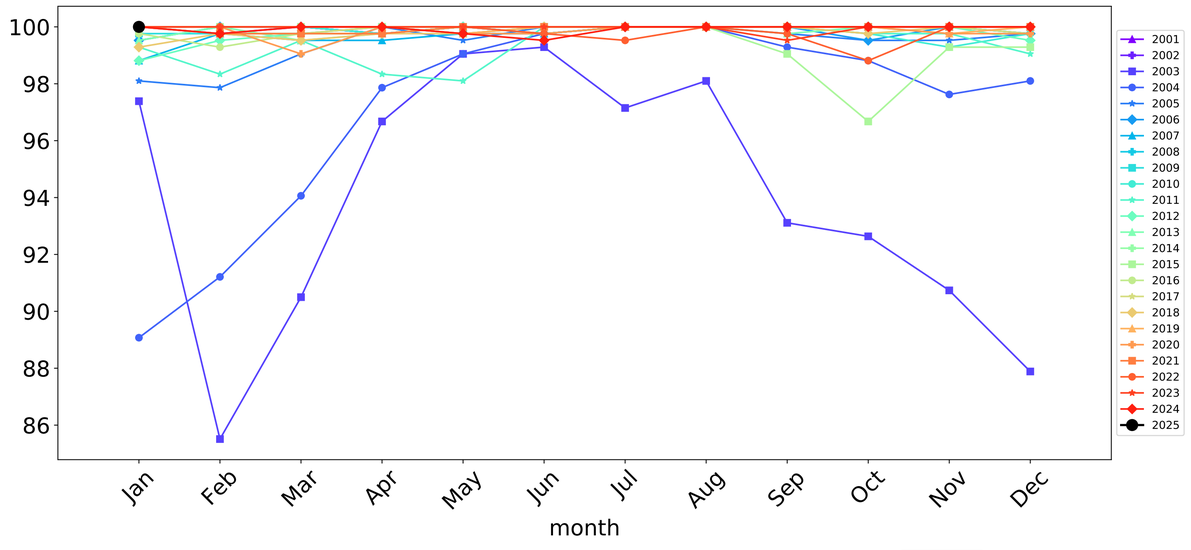

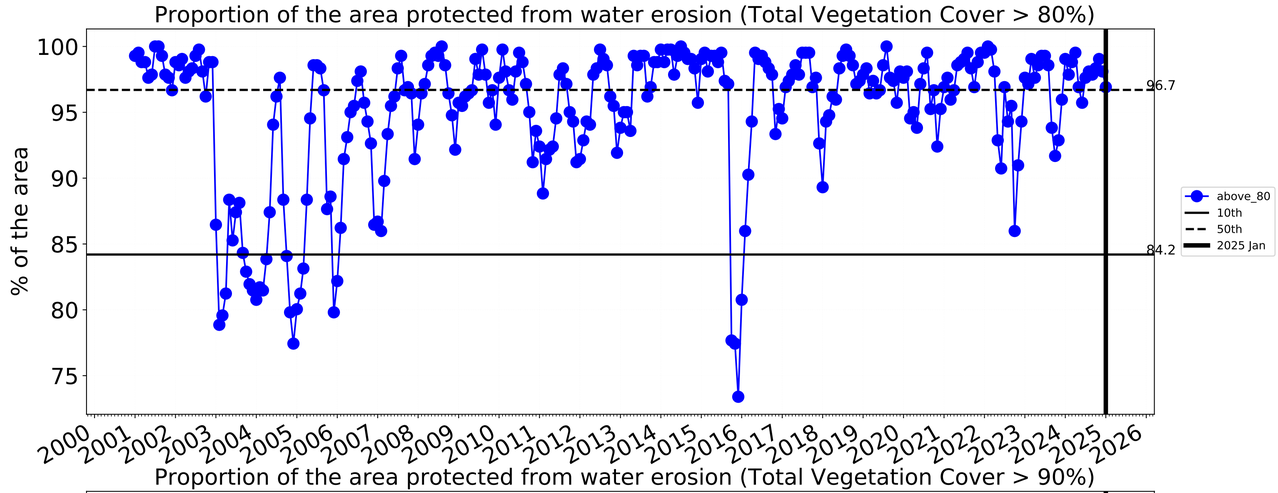
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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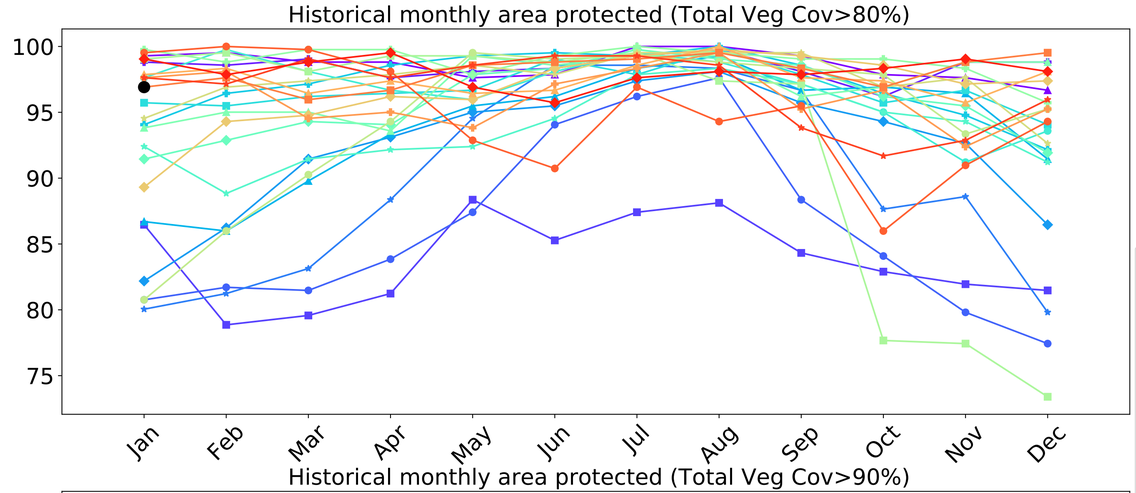
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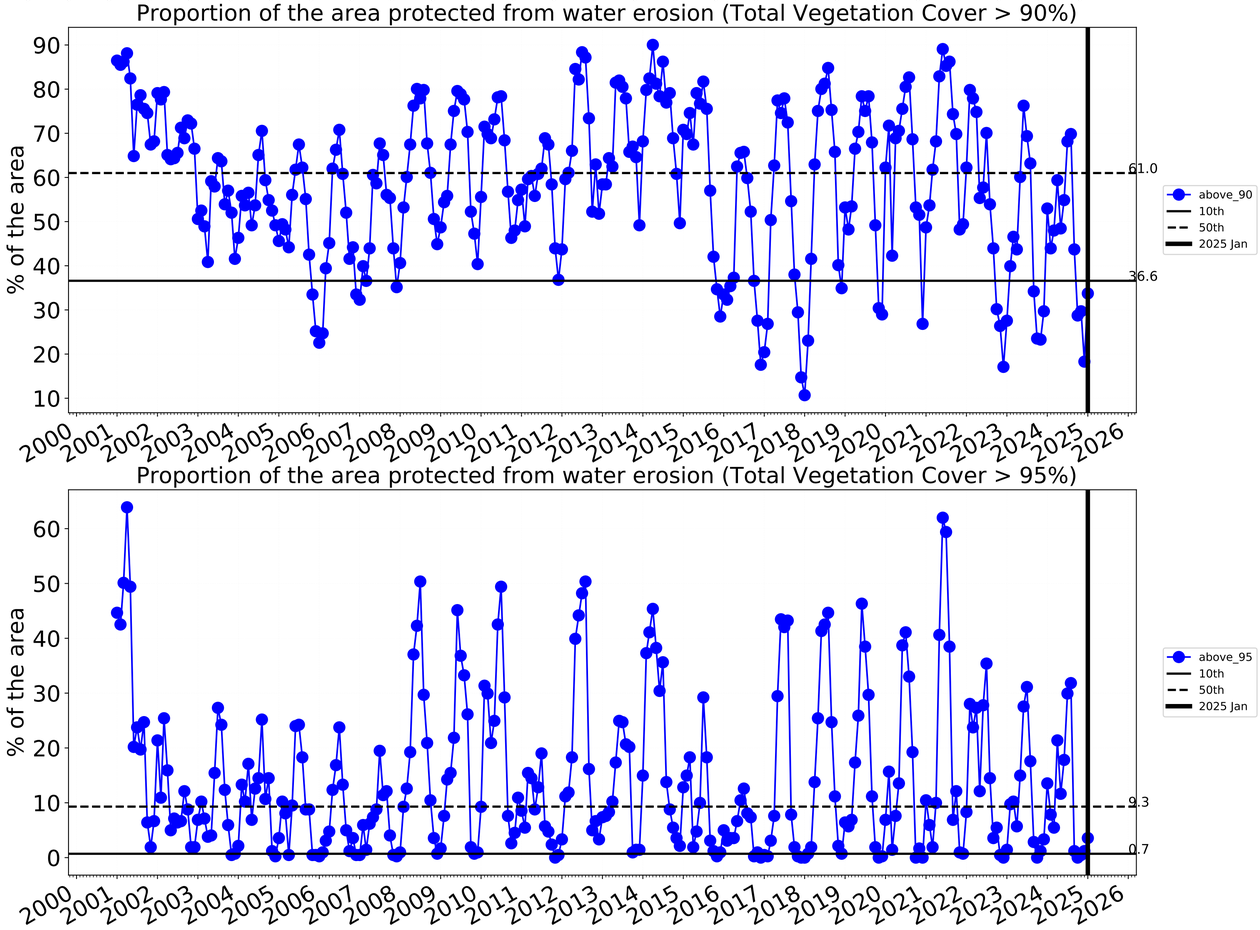
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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36.6
above_90
10th
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% of the area
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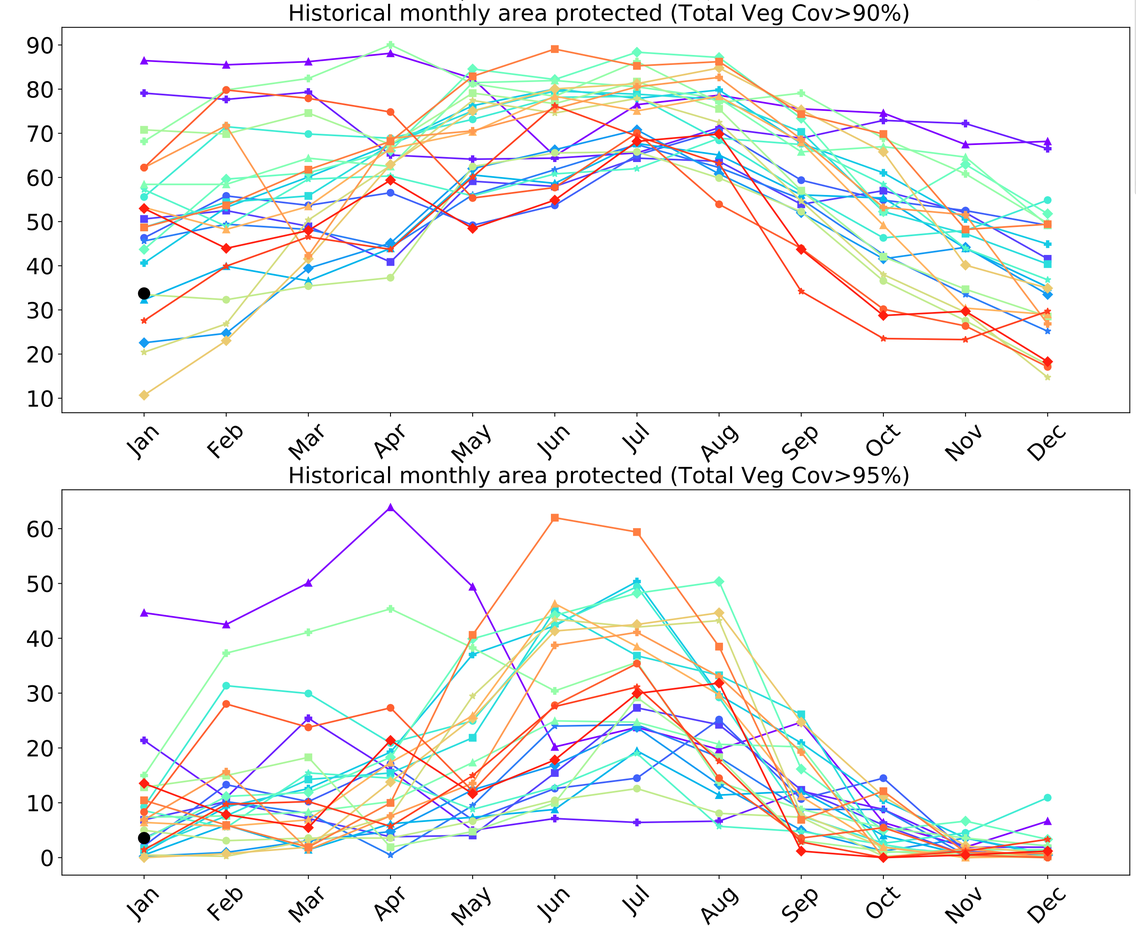
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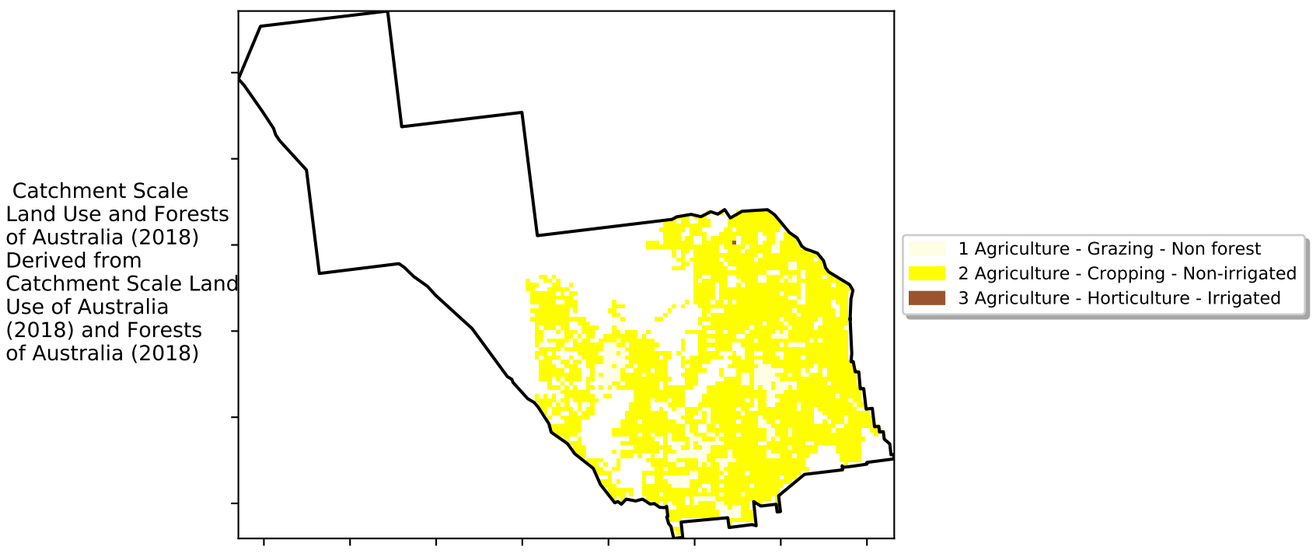
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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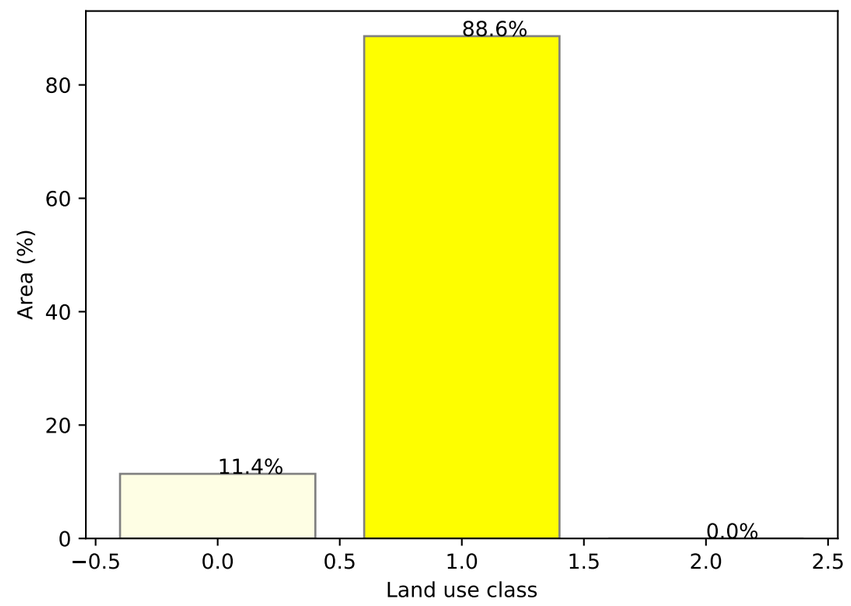
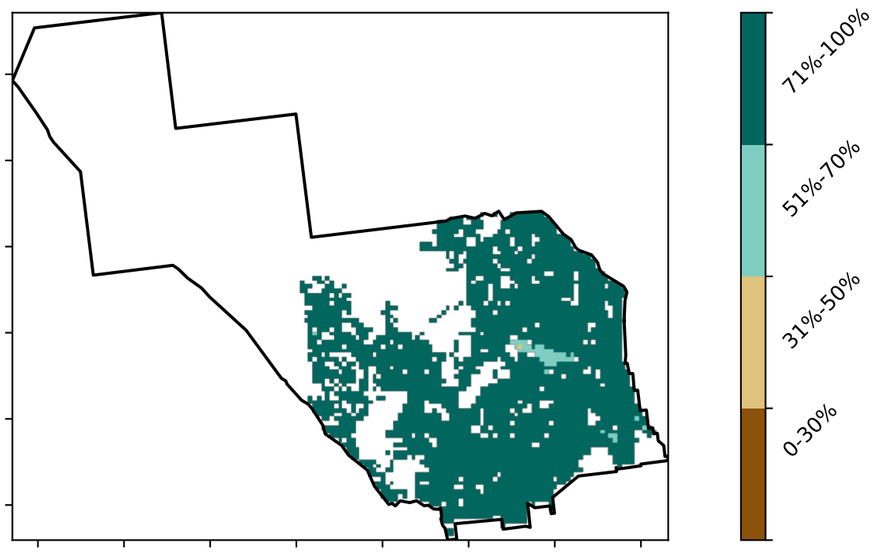
Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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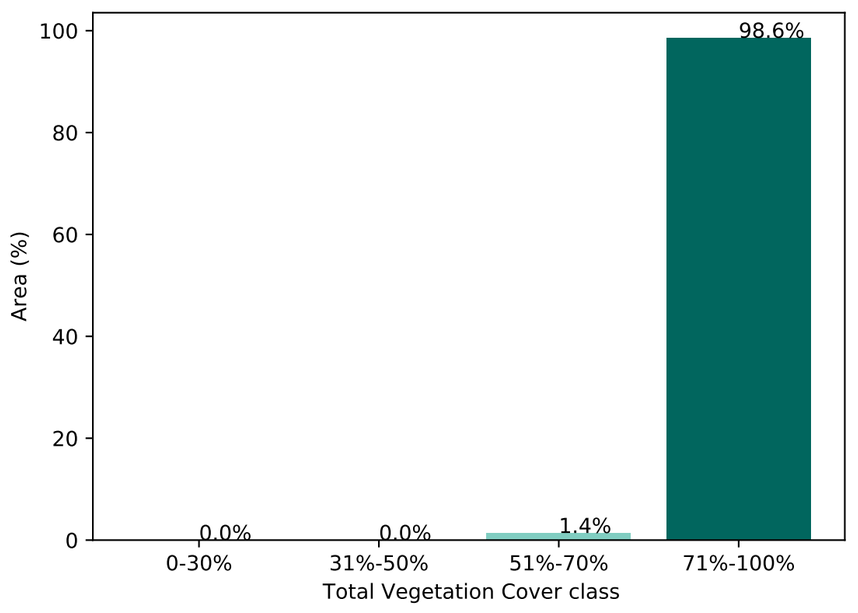

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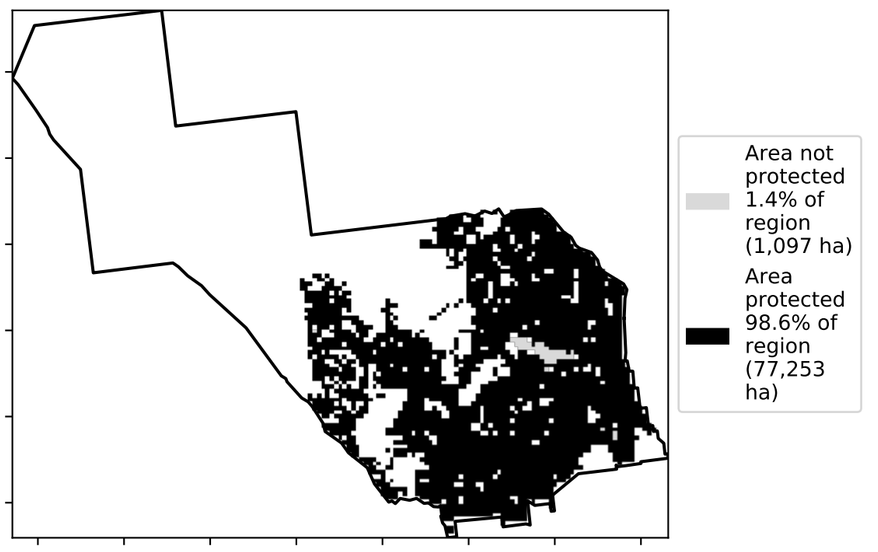

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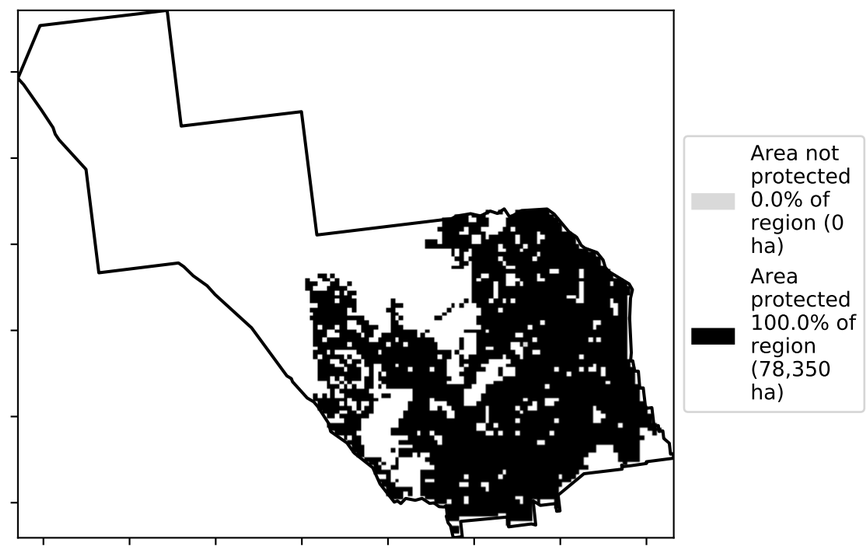

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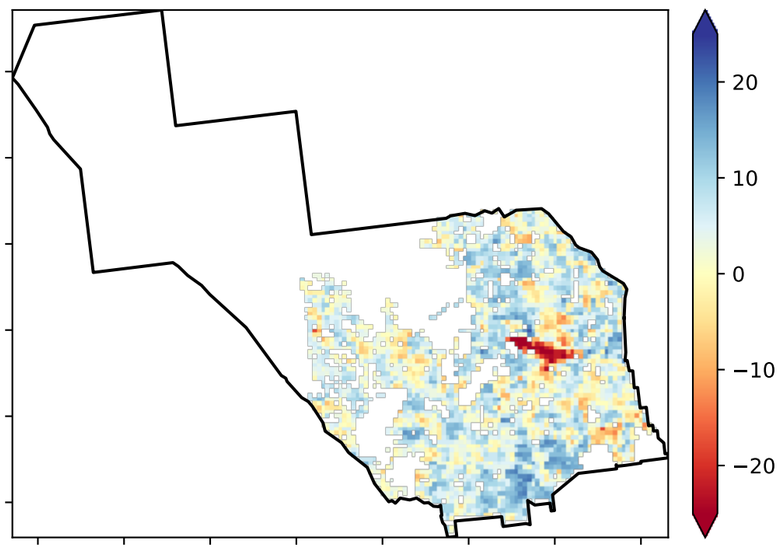

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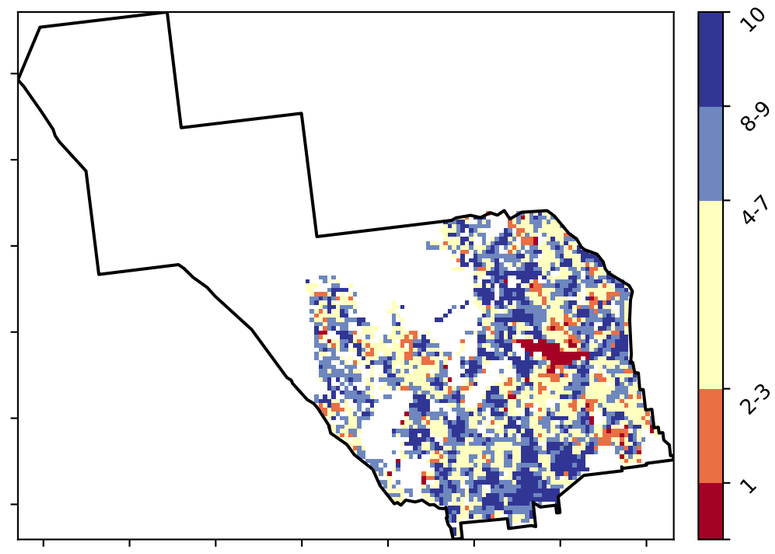
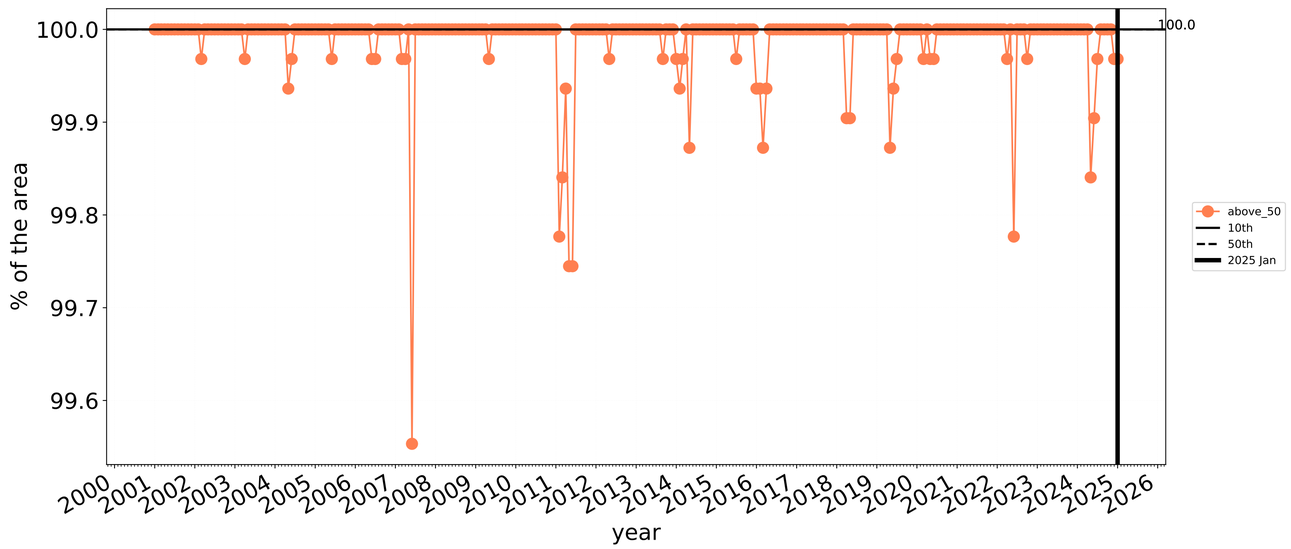
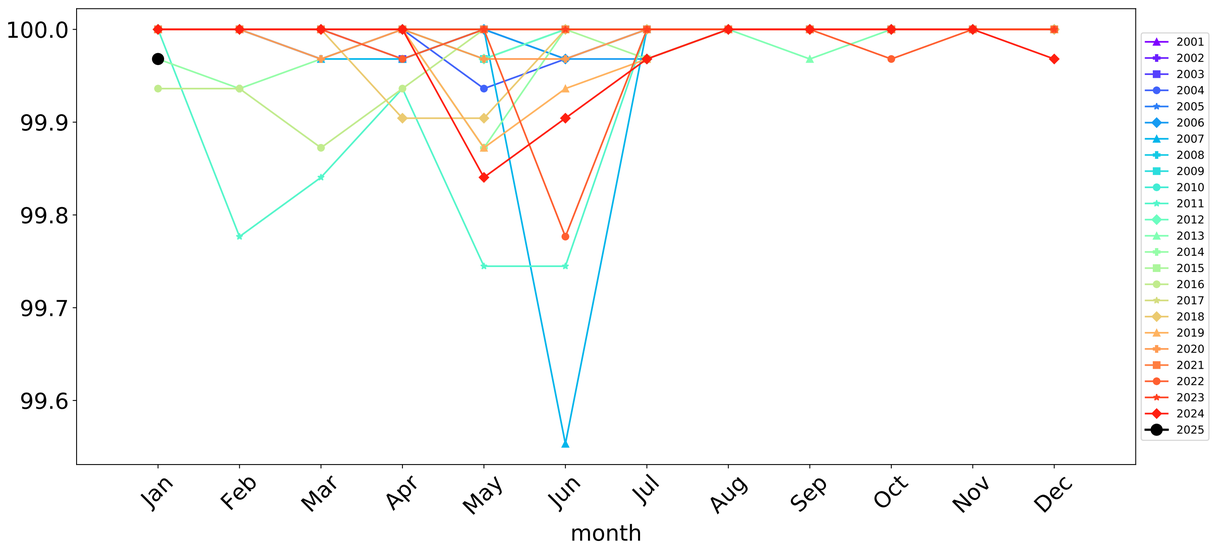


Agriculture timeseries

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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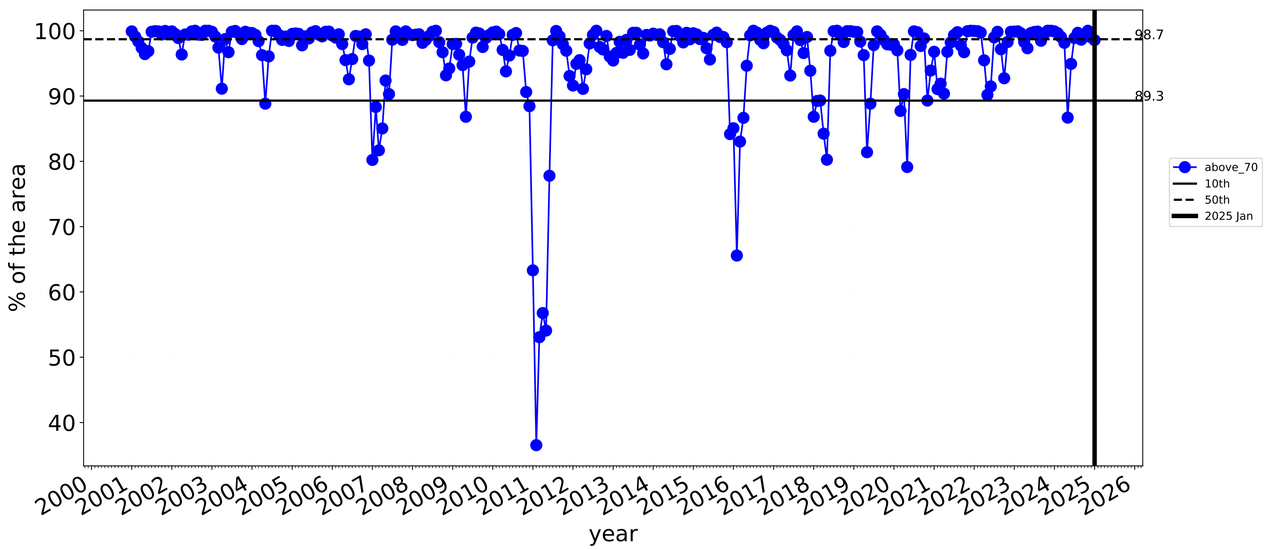

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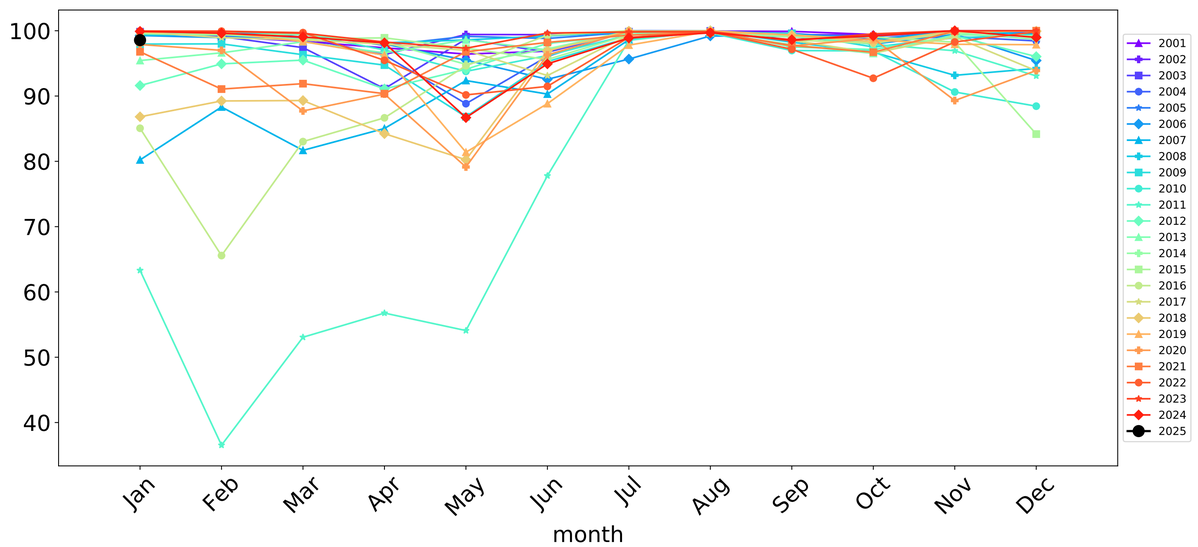

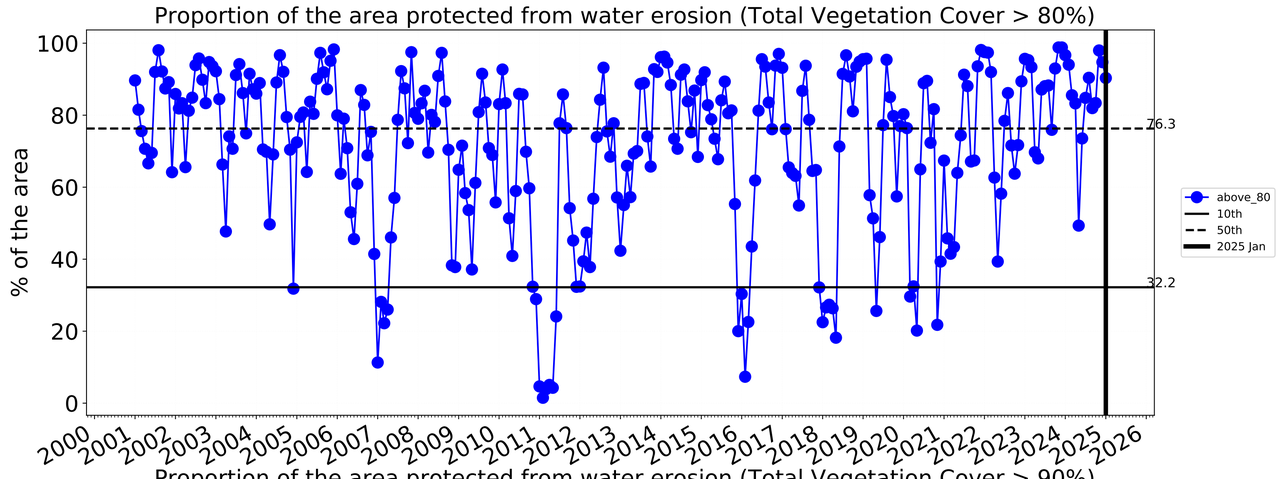
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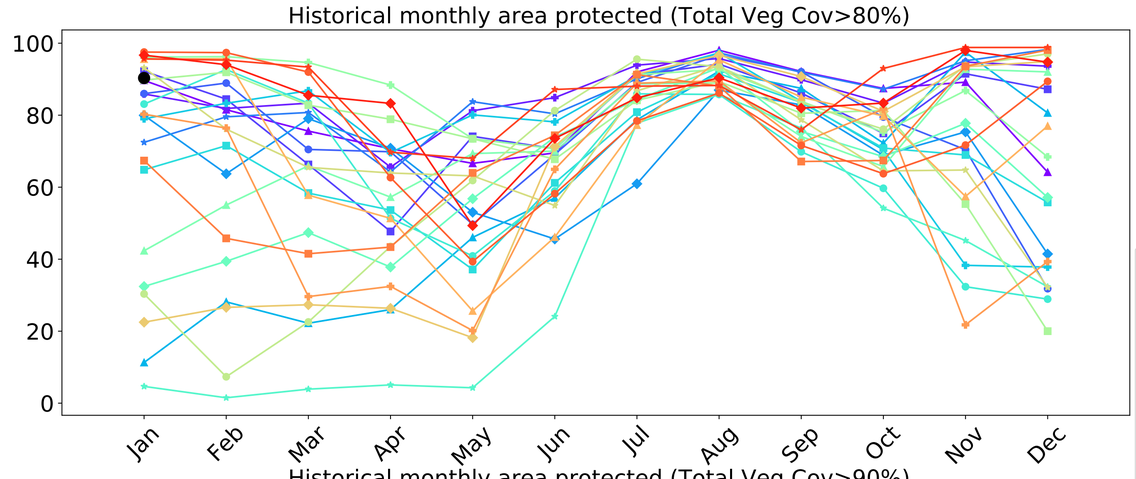
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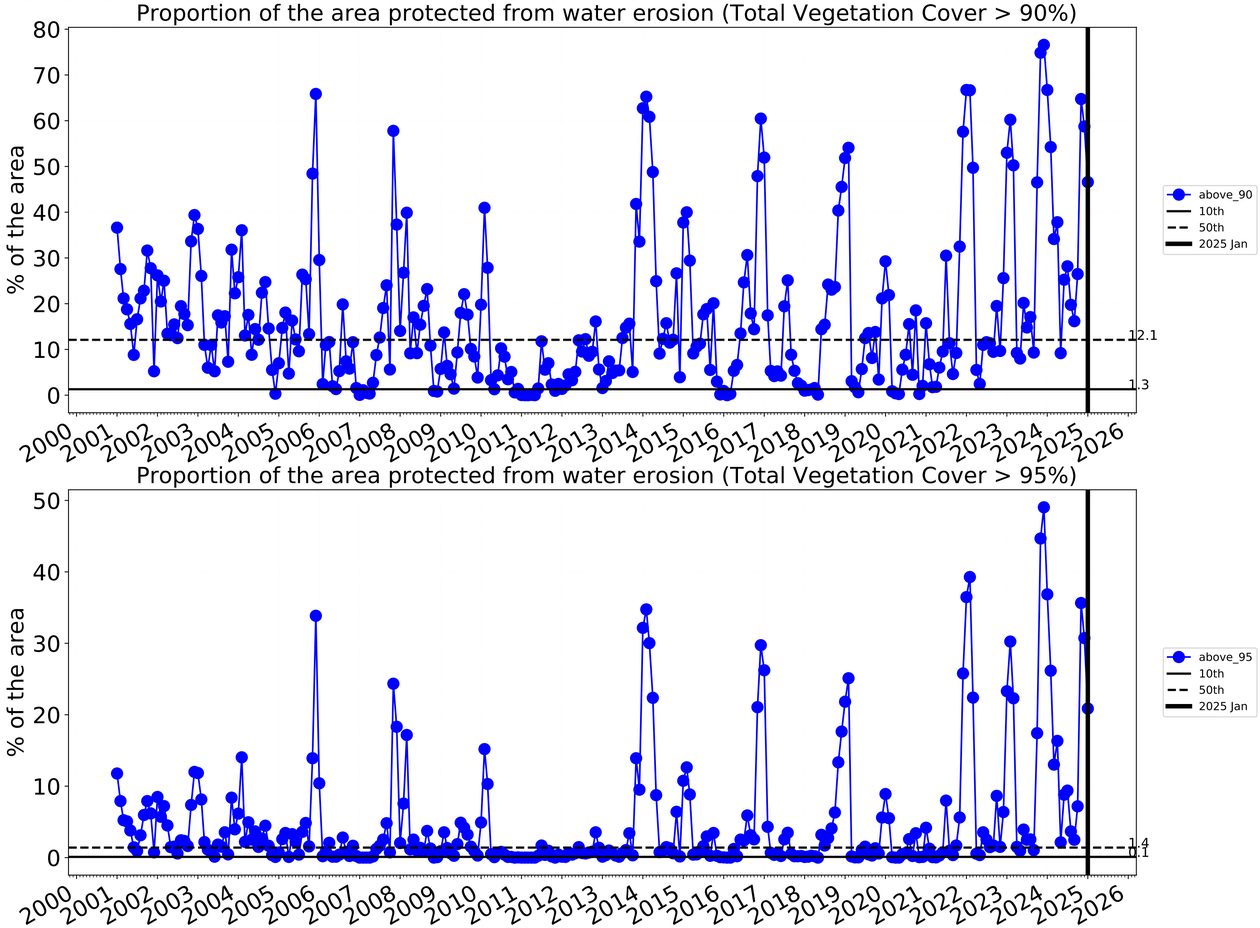
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
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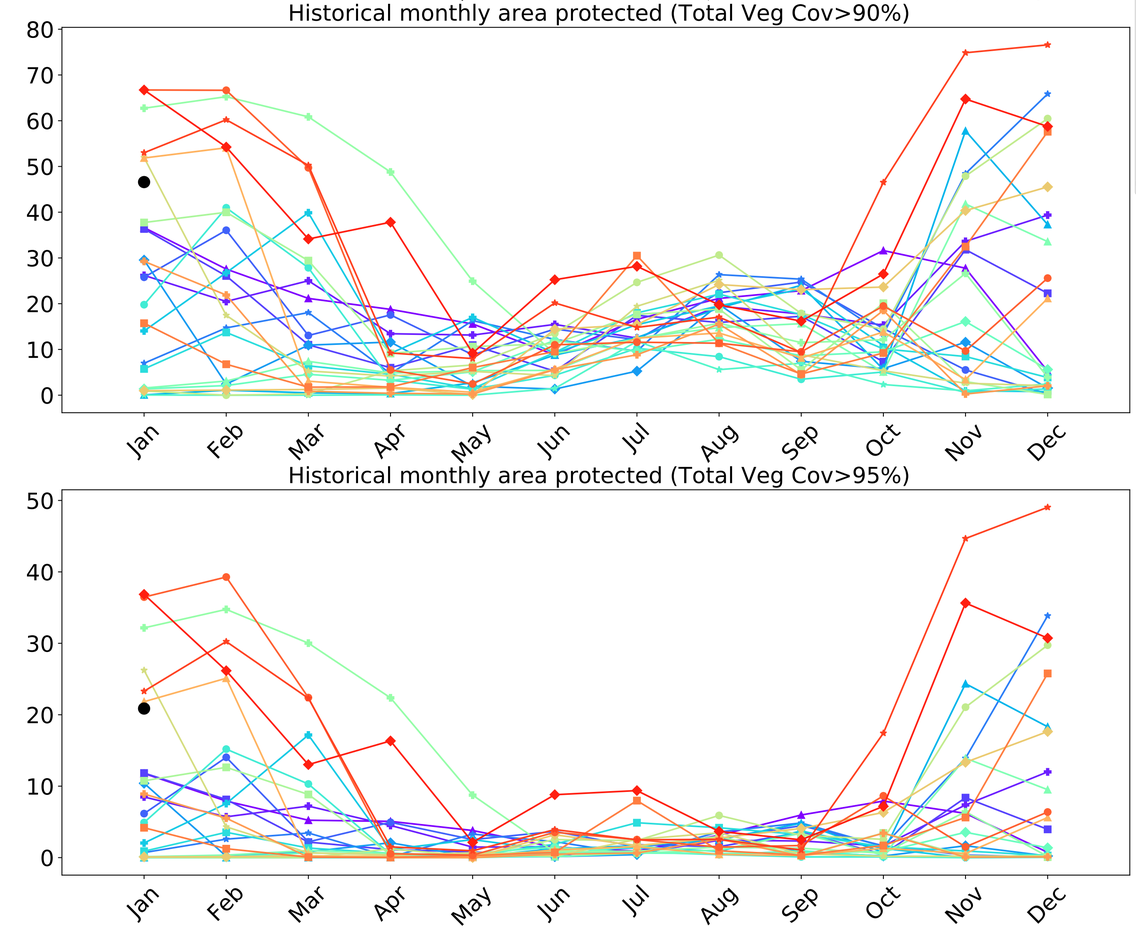
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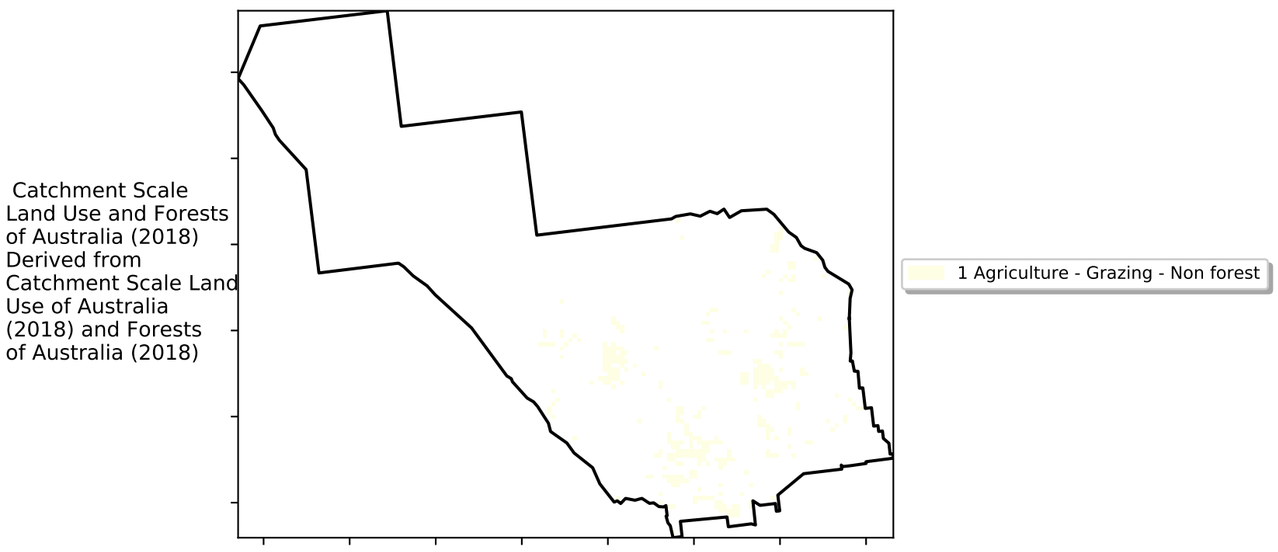
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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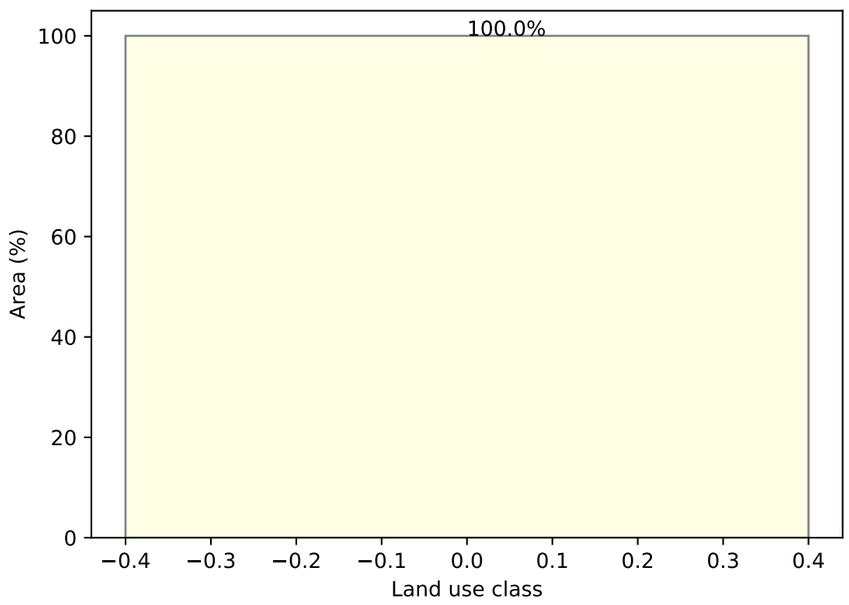

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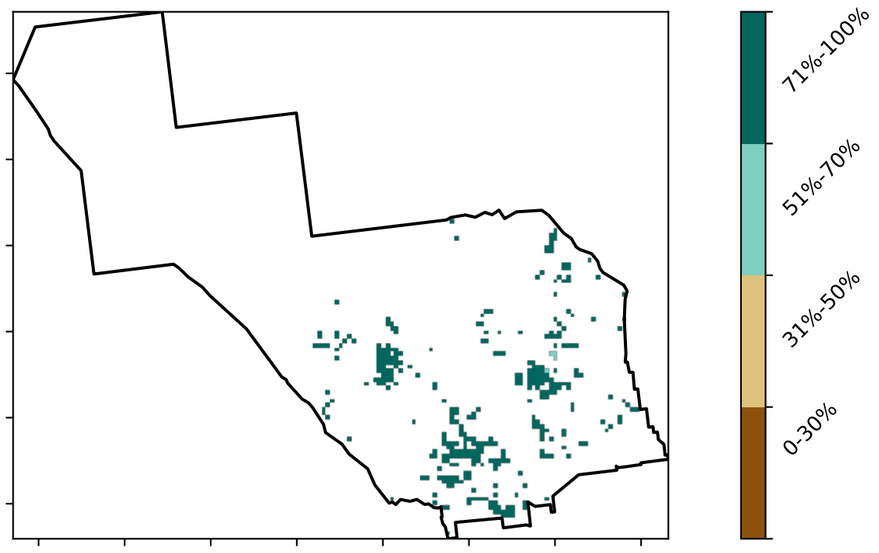

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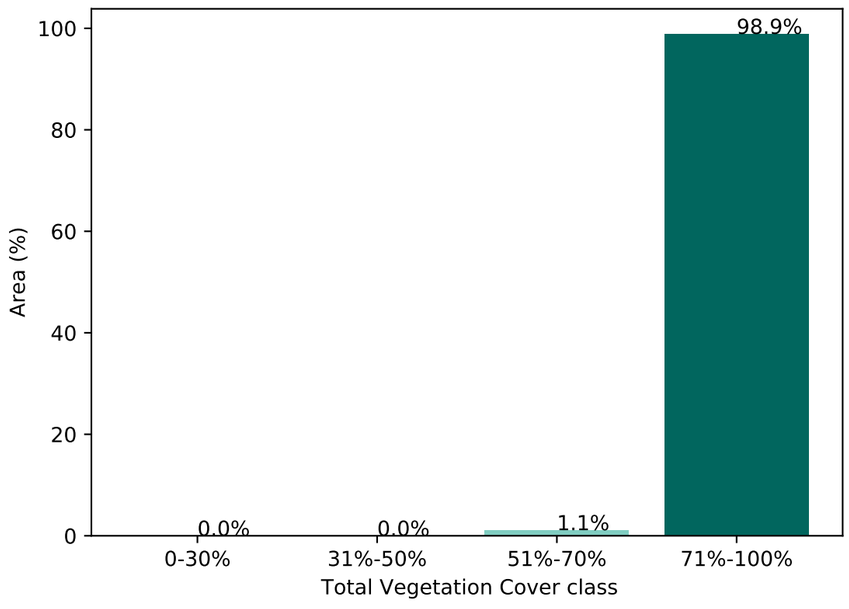

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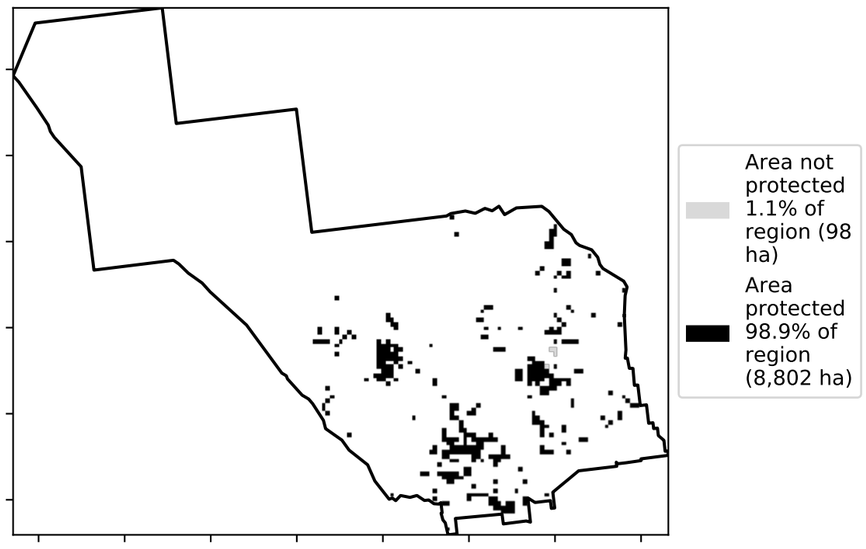

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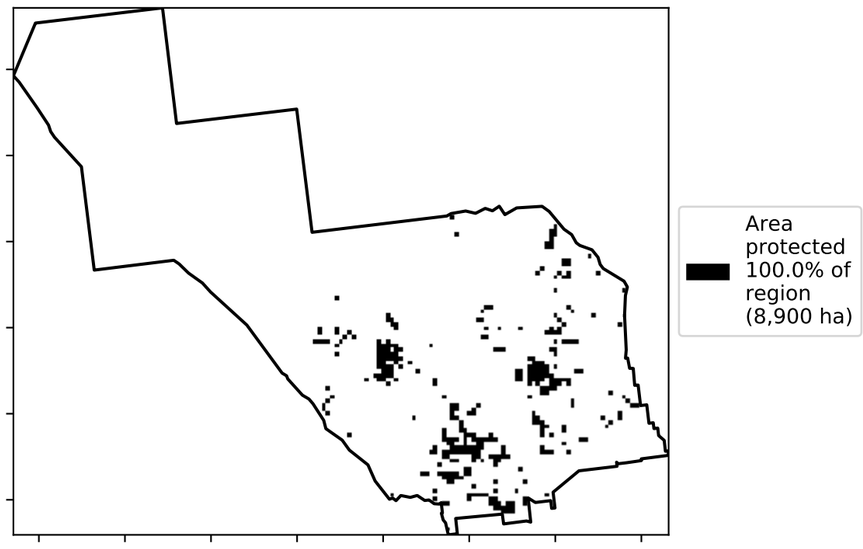

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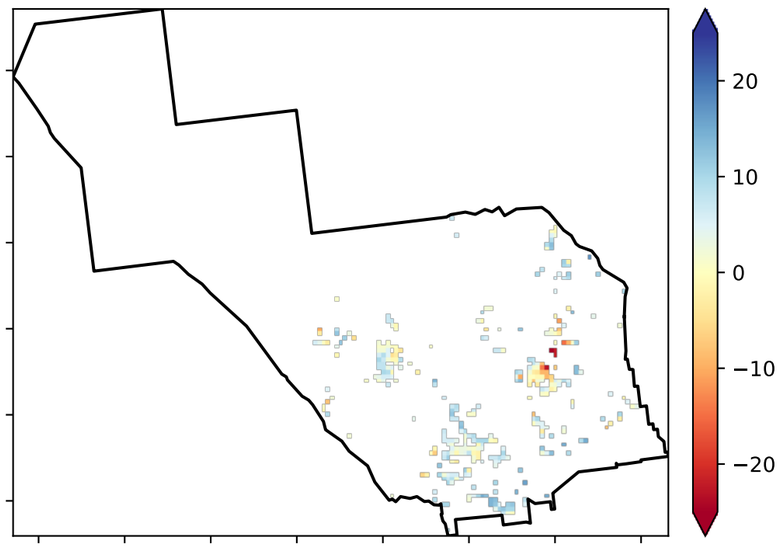

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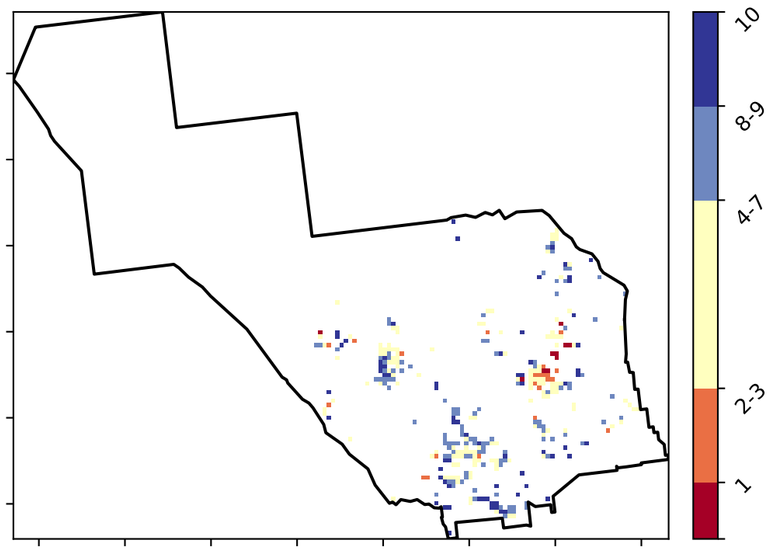

Grazing timeseries

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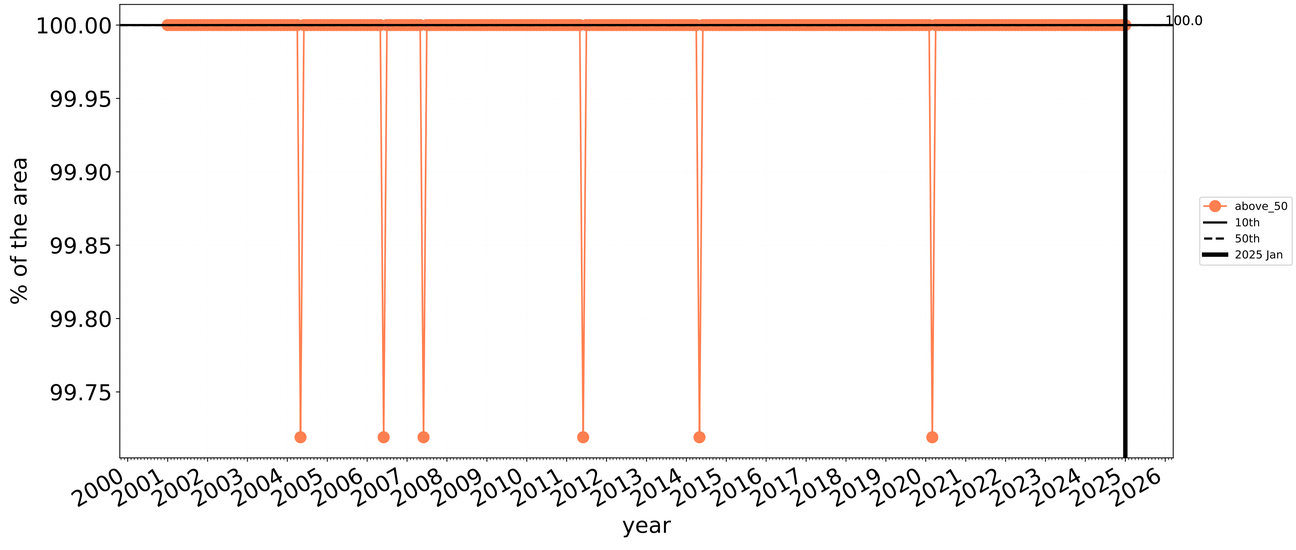
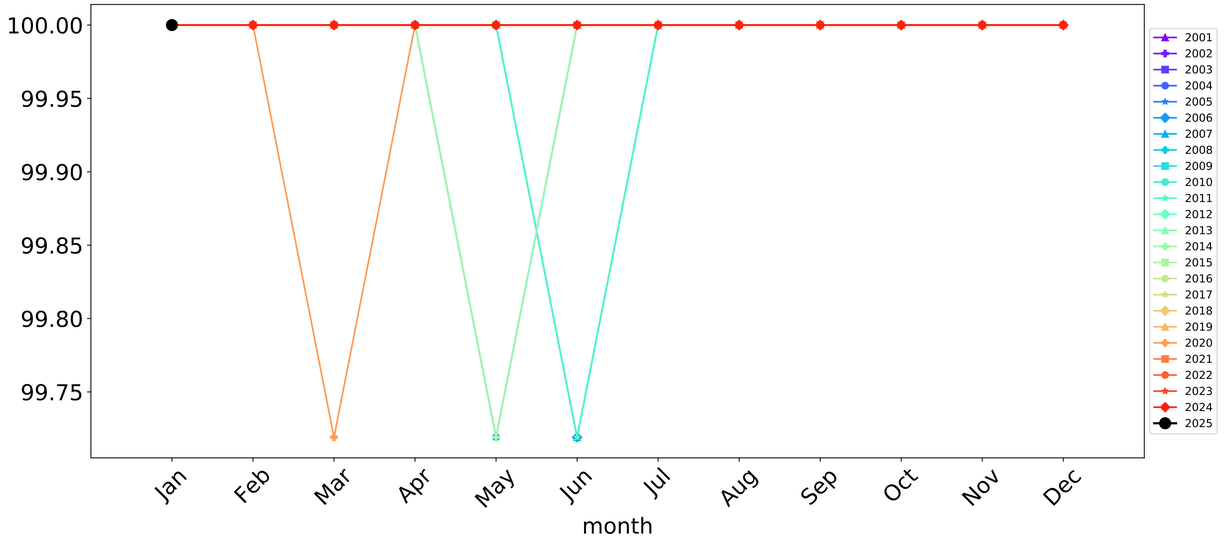


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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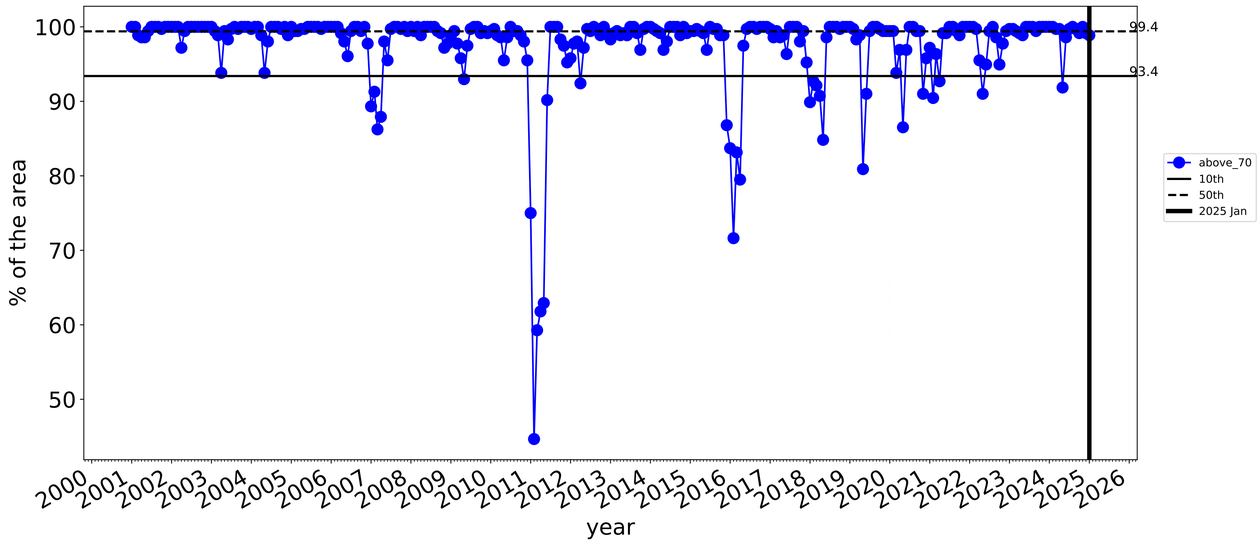

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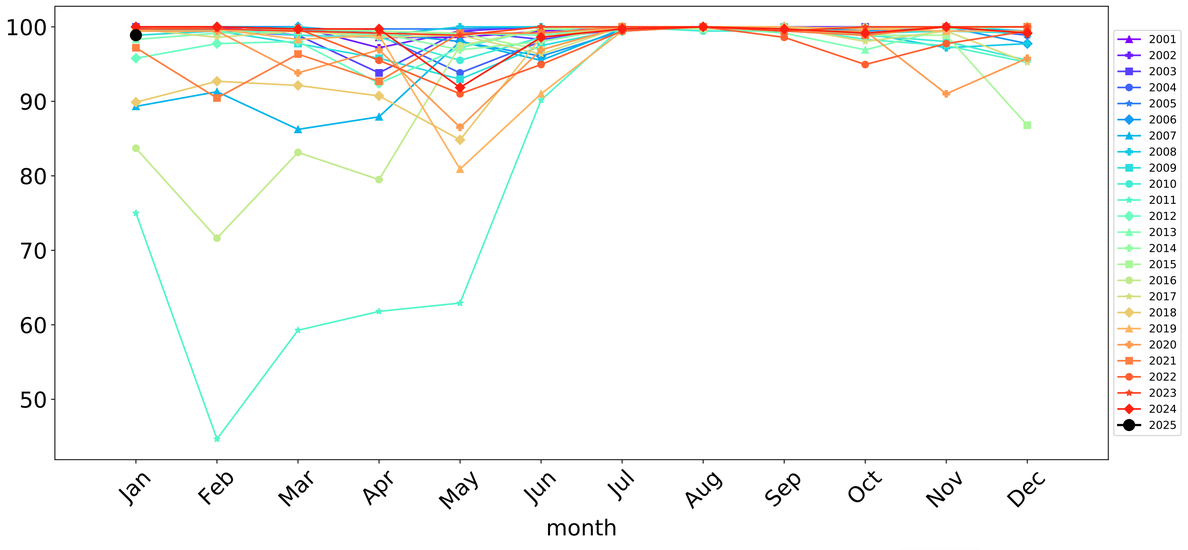

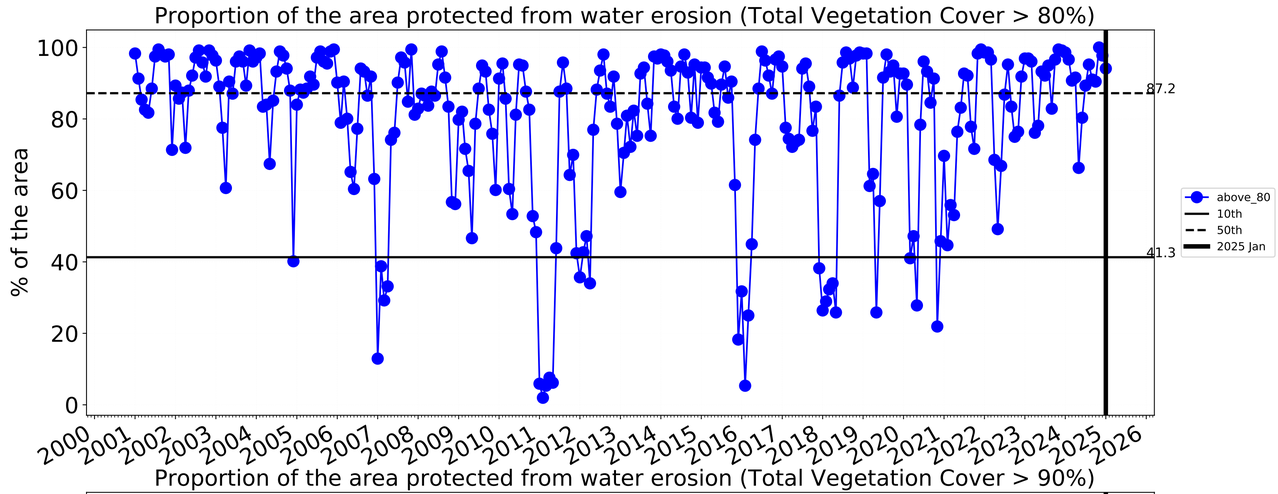
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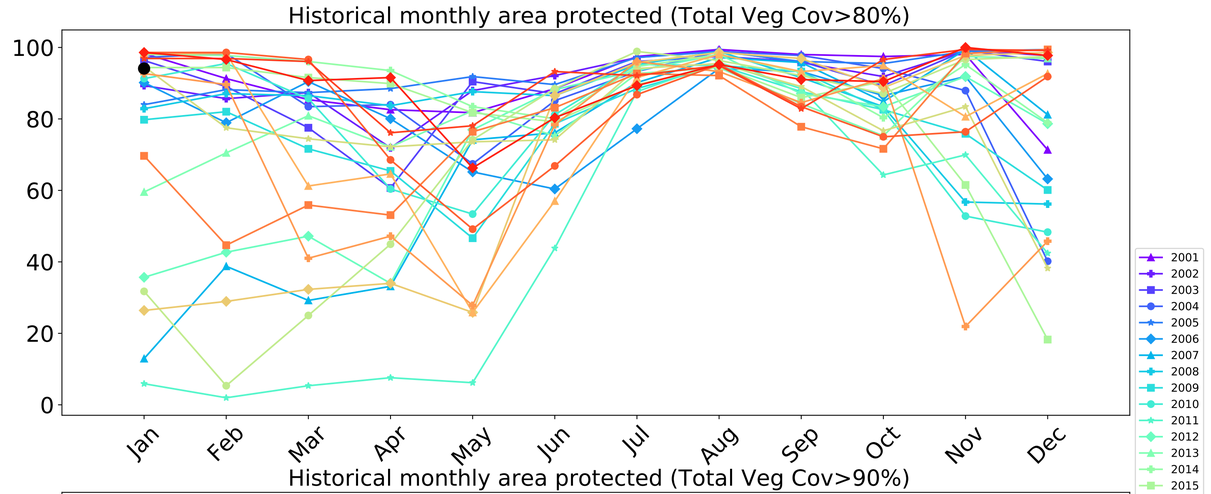
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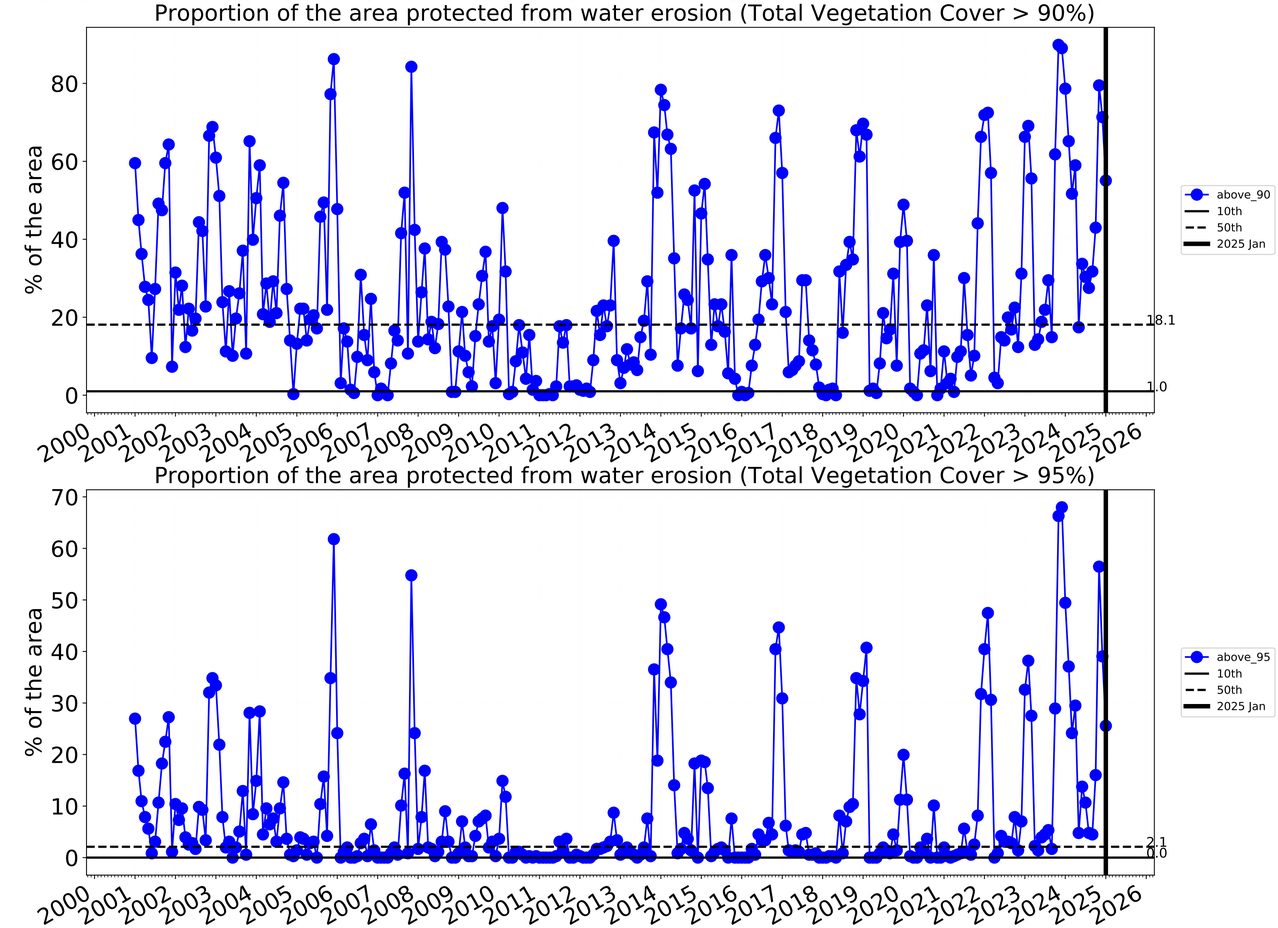
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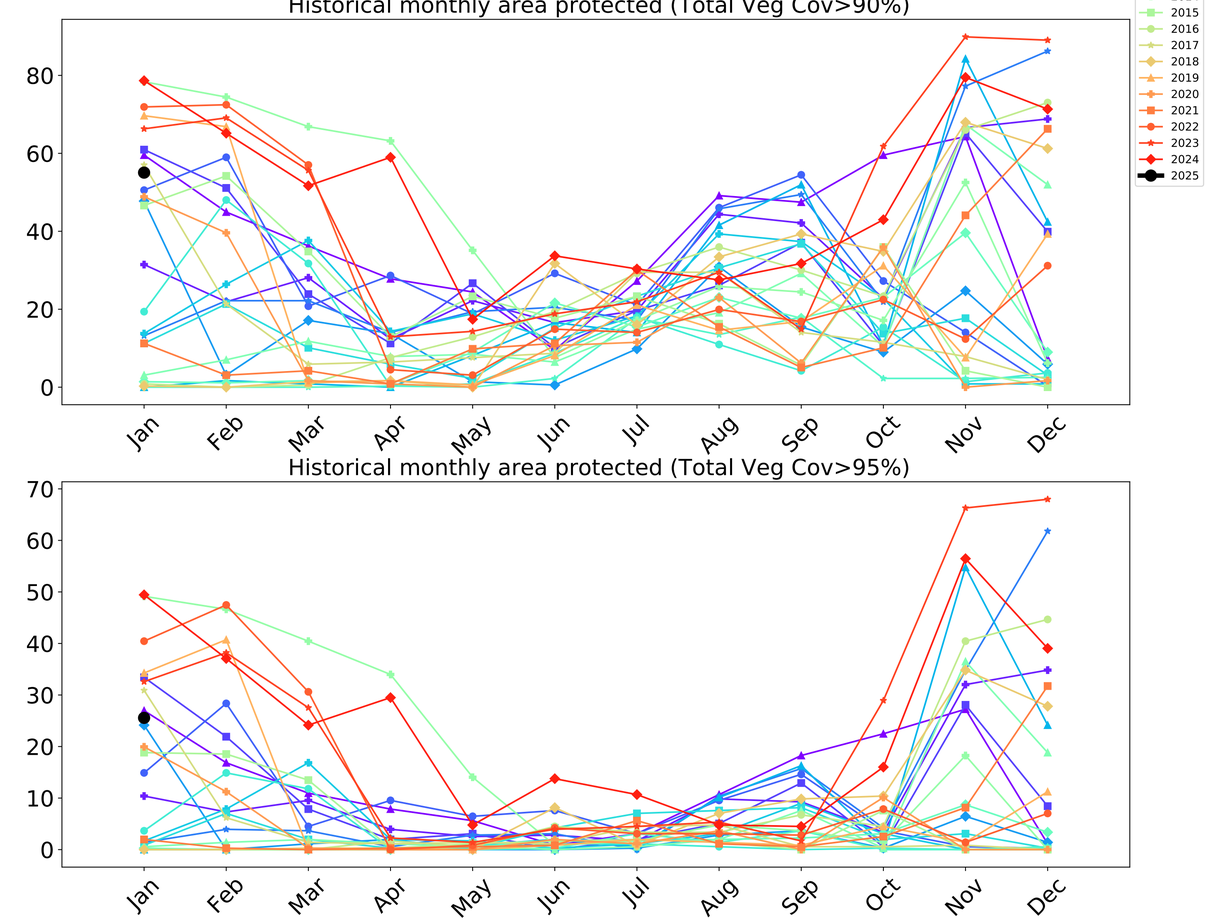
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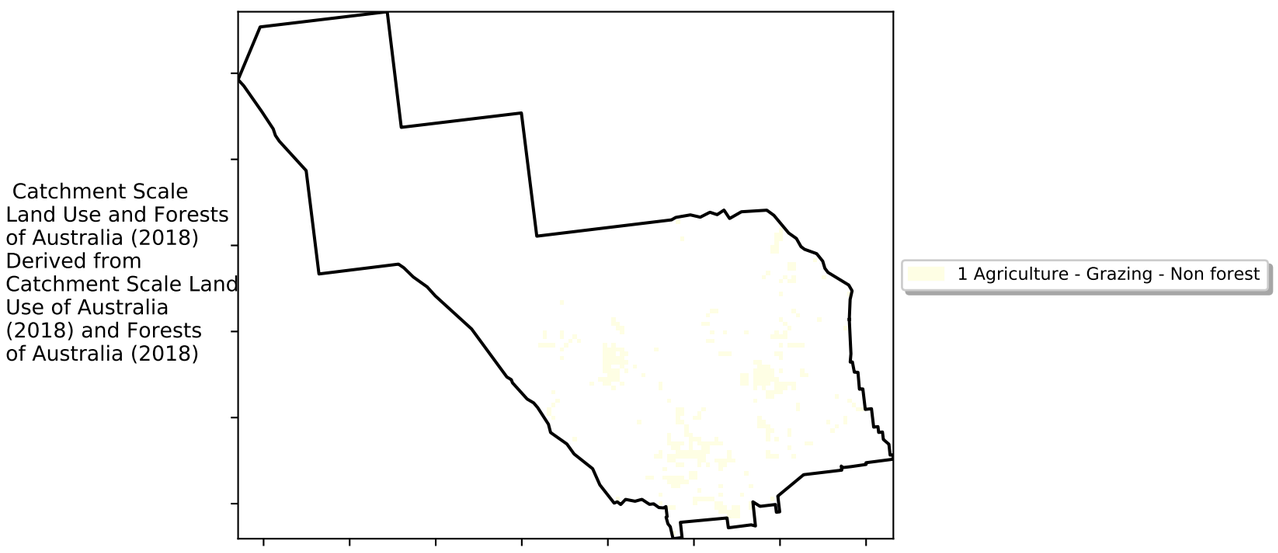
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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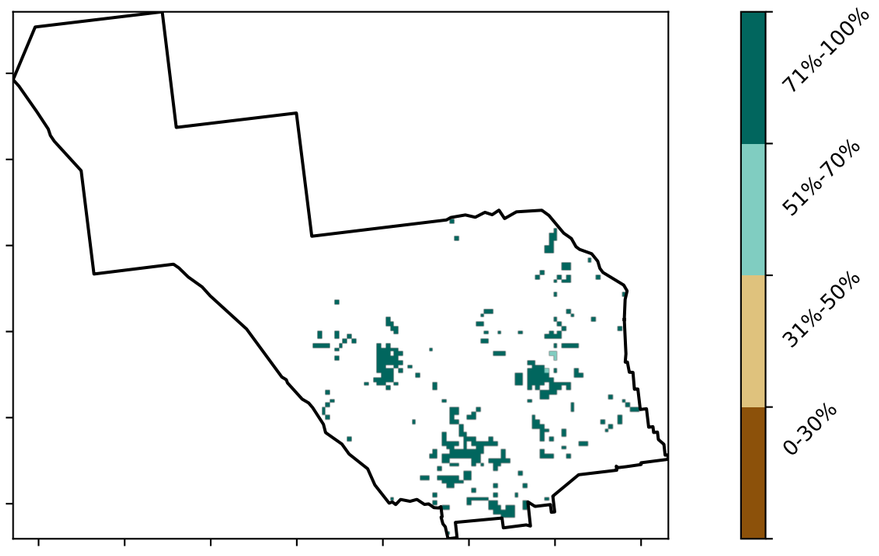

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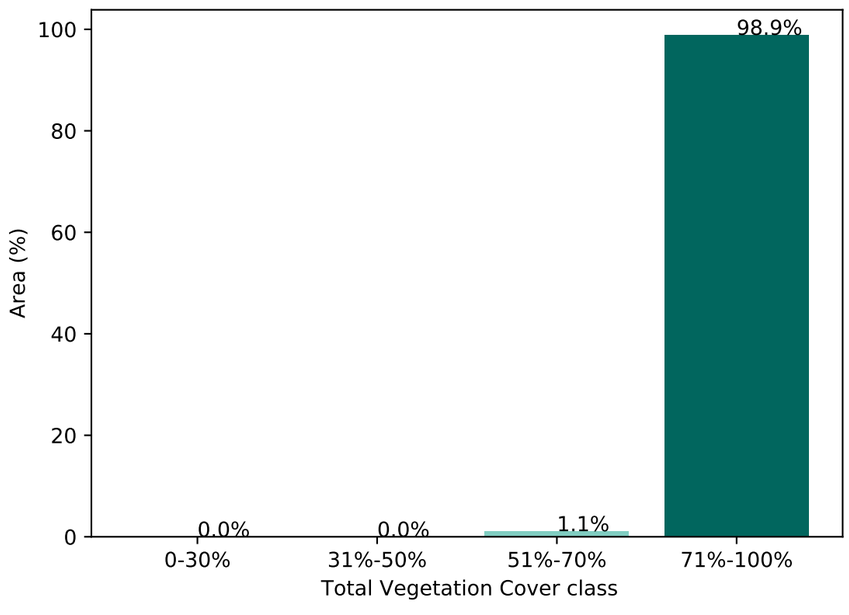

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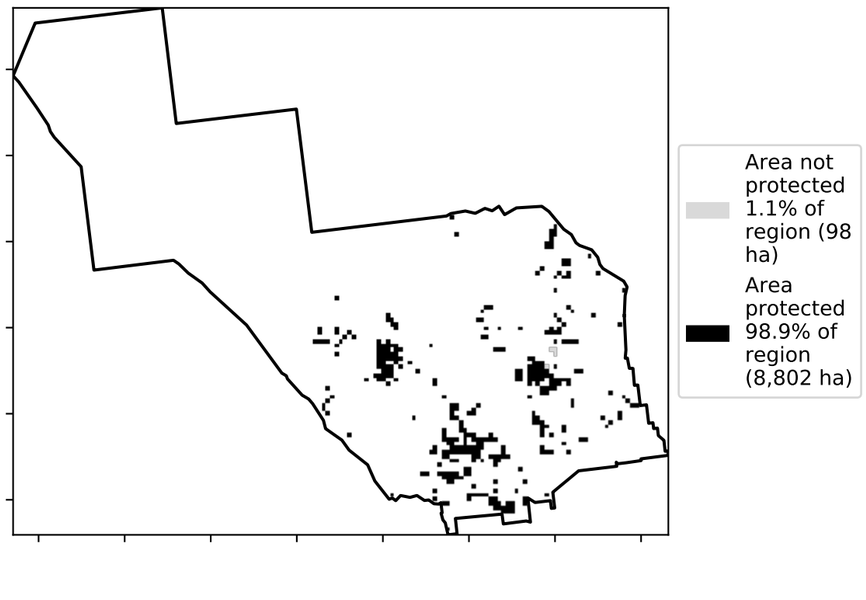

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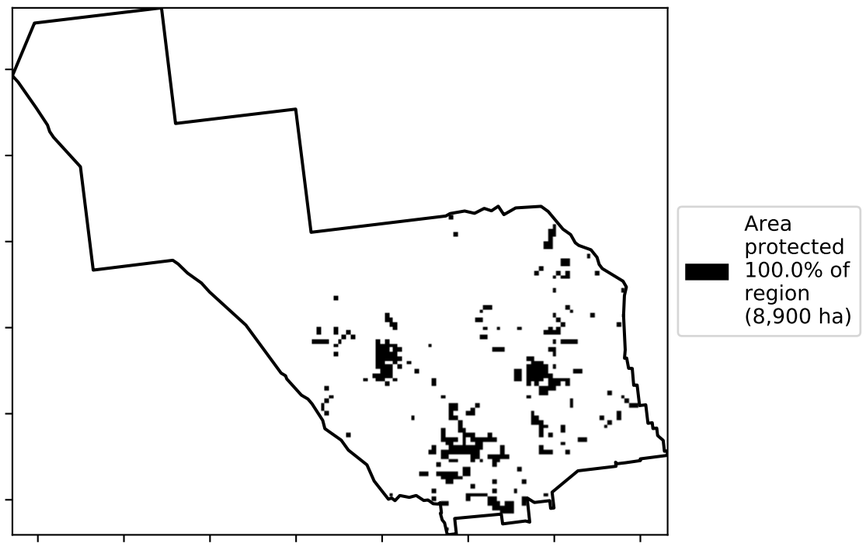

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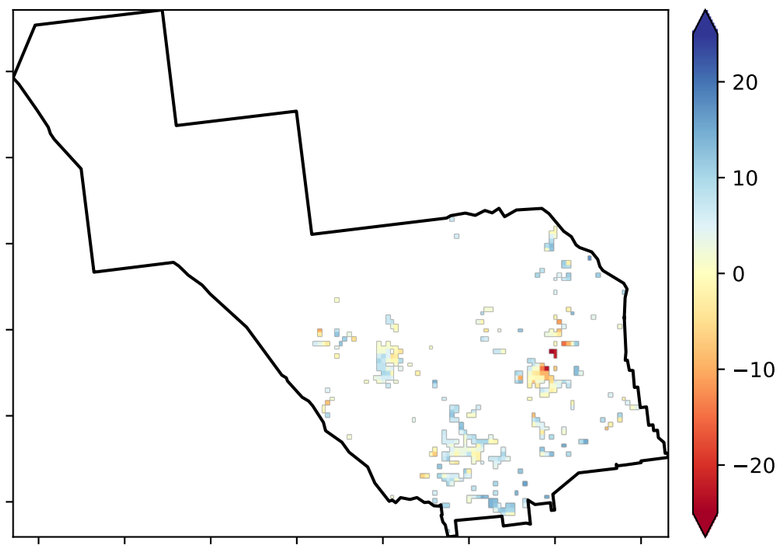

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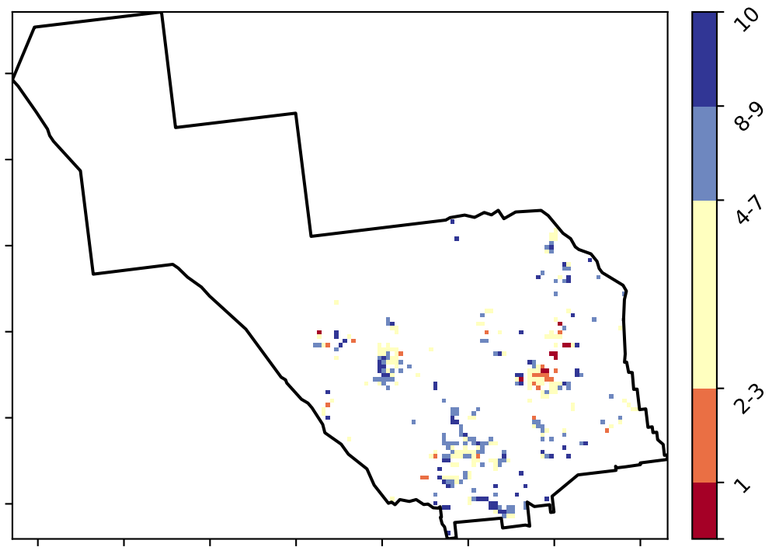

Grazing non forest timeseries

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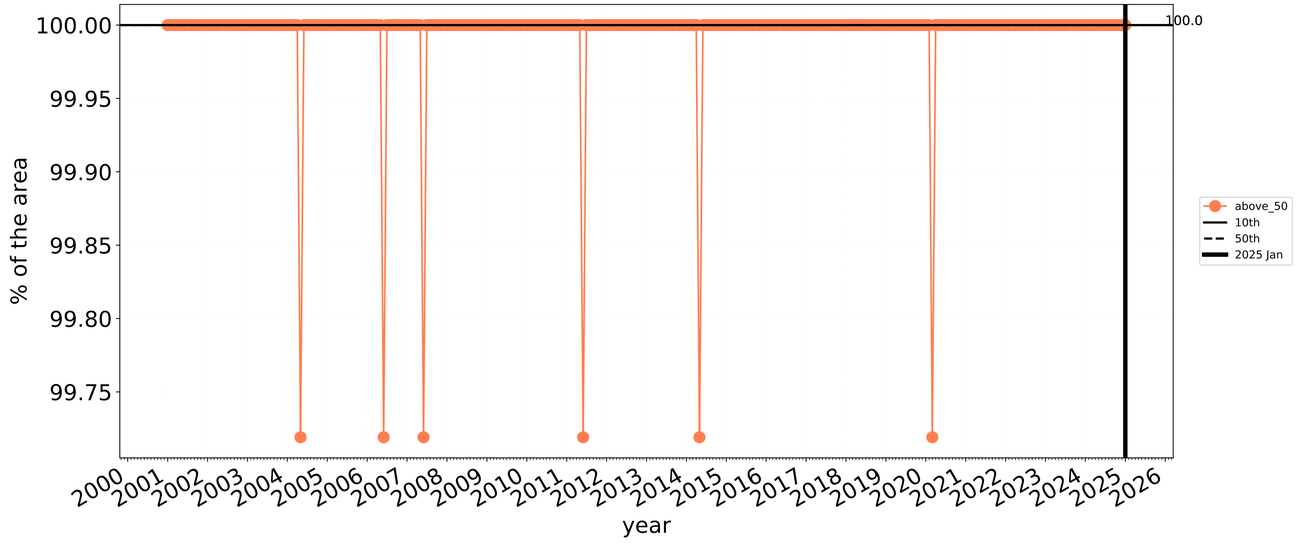

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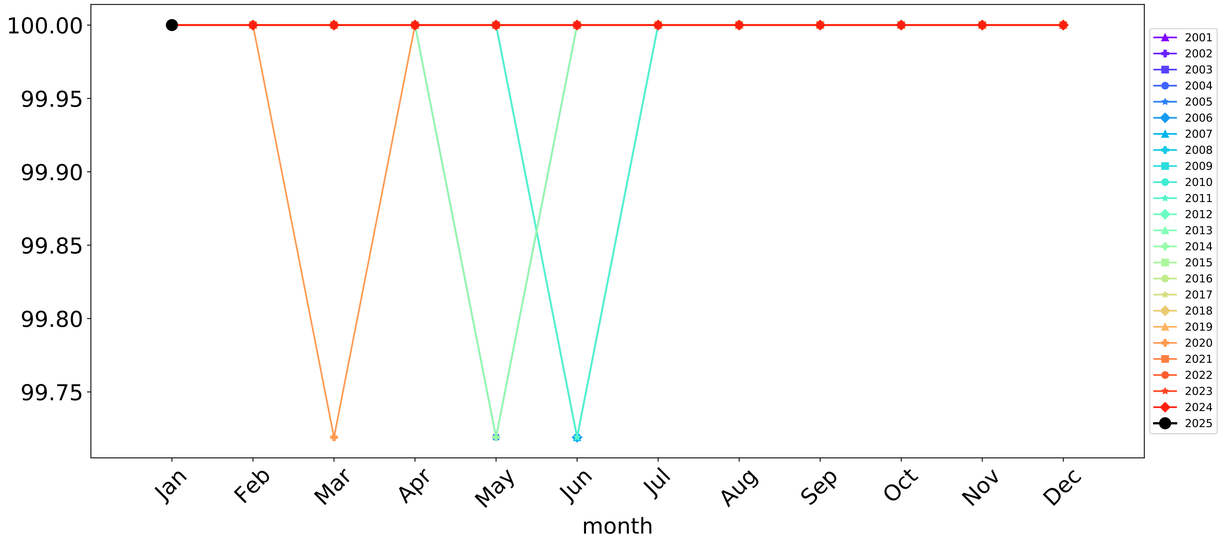

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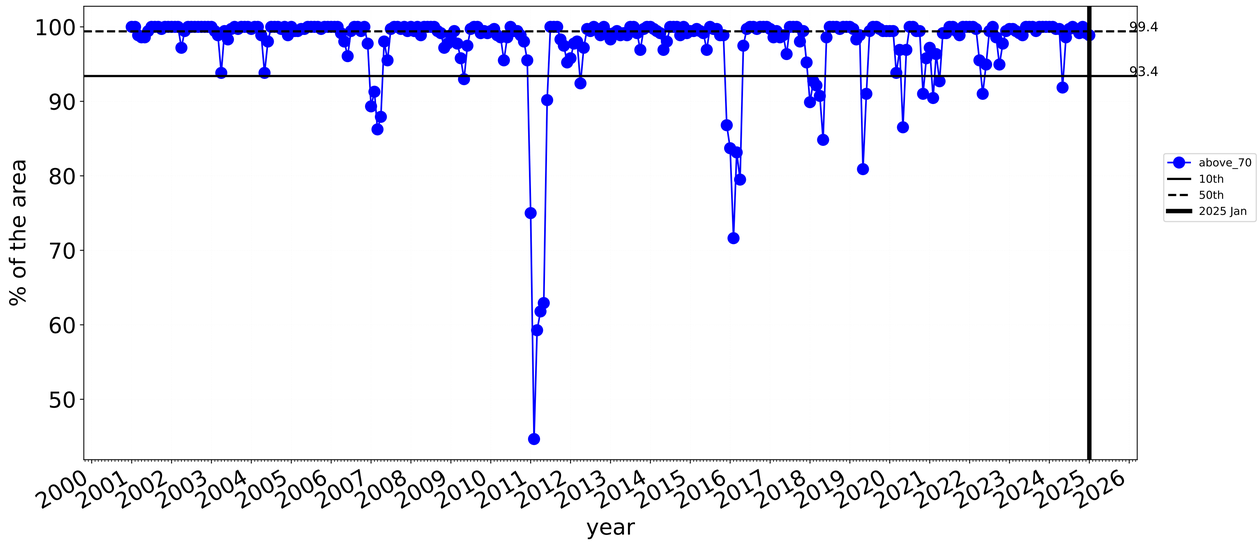

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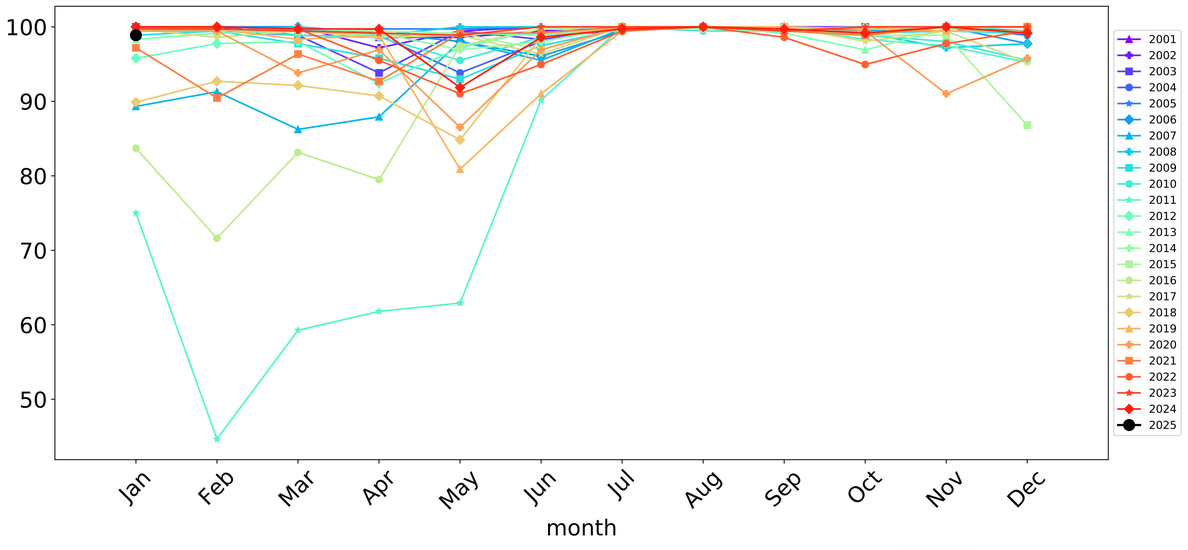

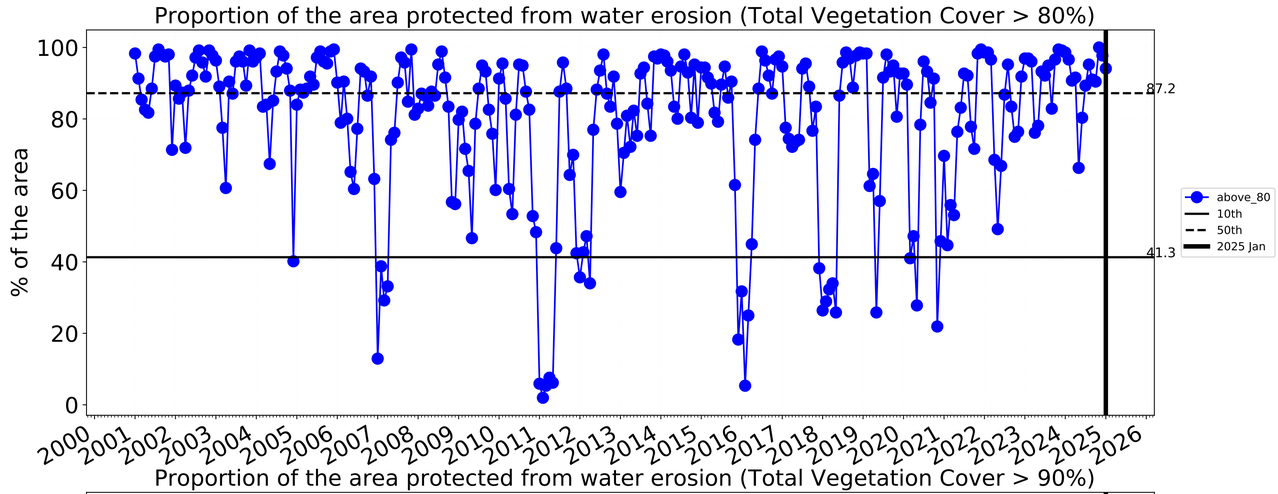
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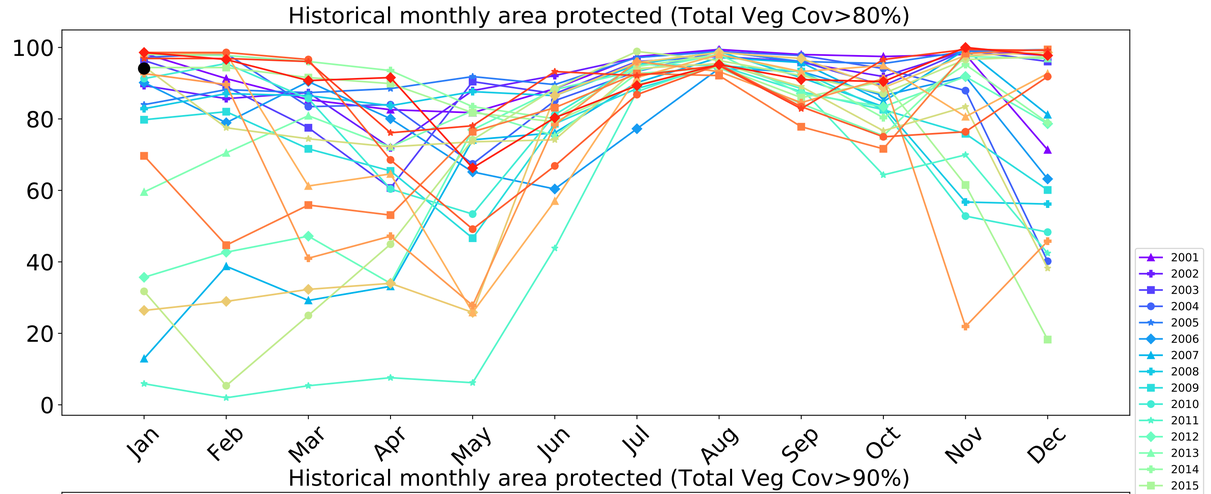
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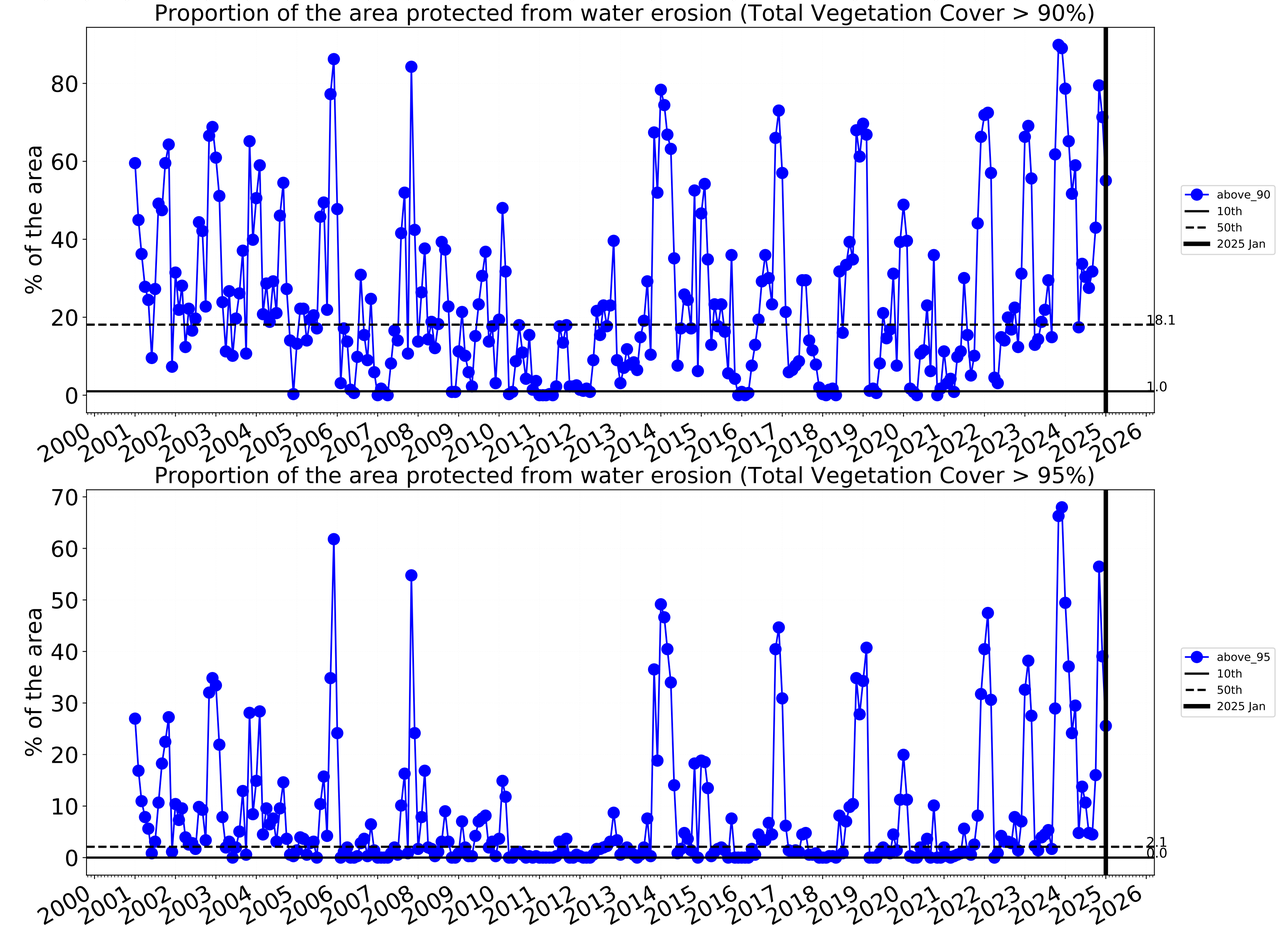
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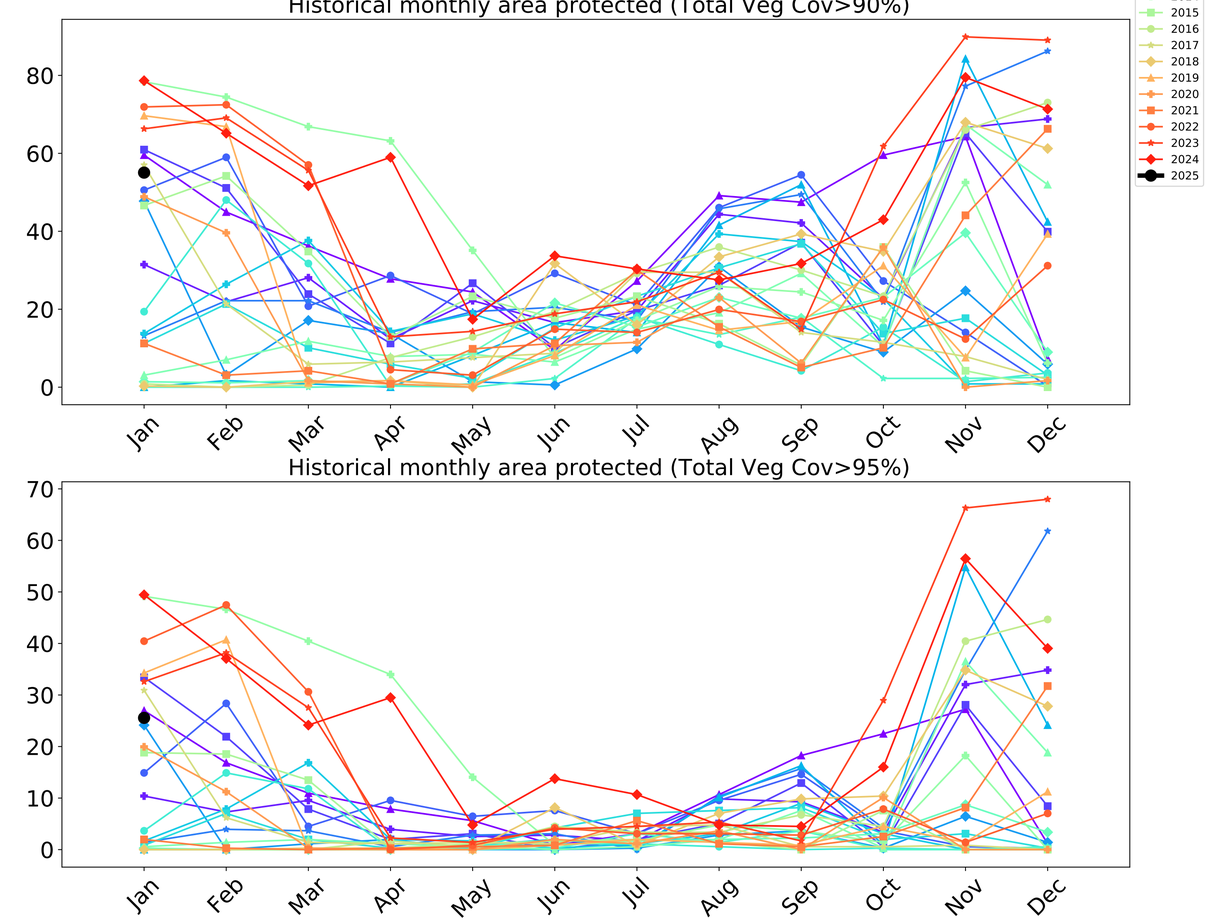
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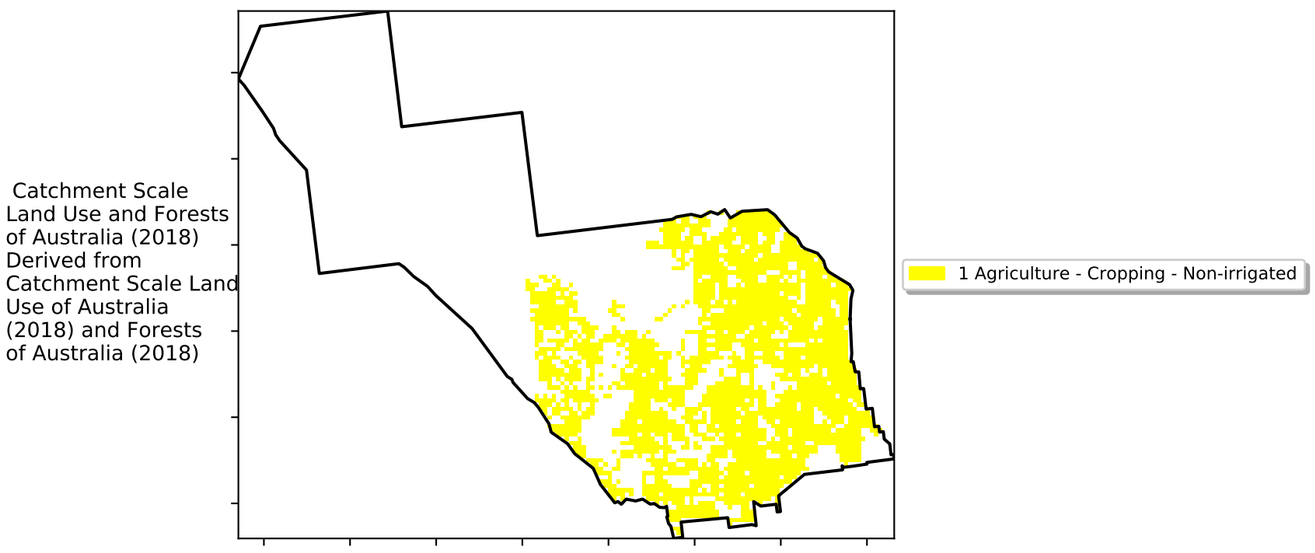
Cropping

Land use and forest cover



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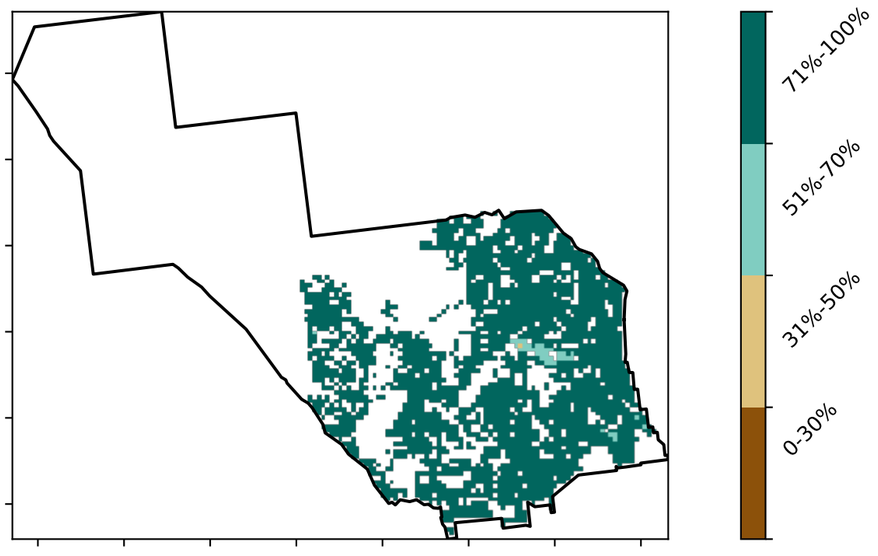

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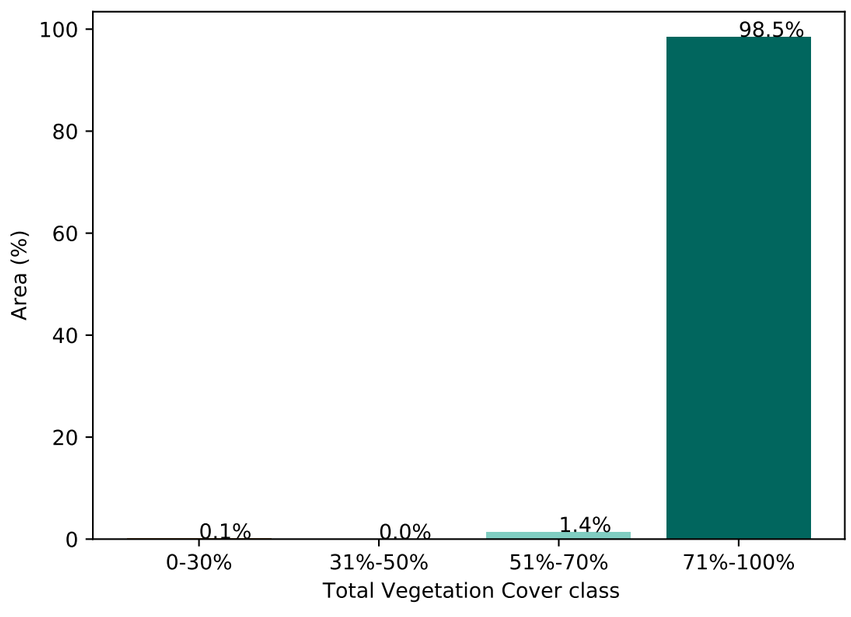

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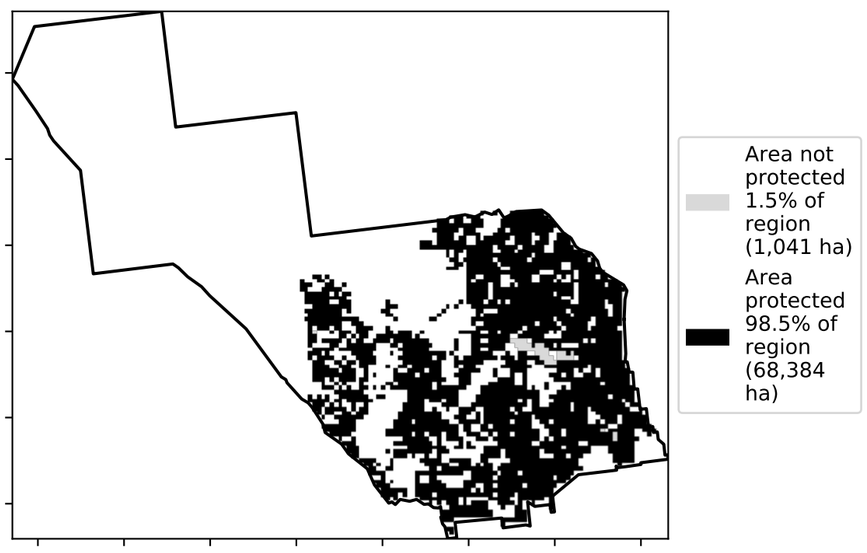

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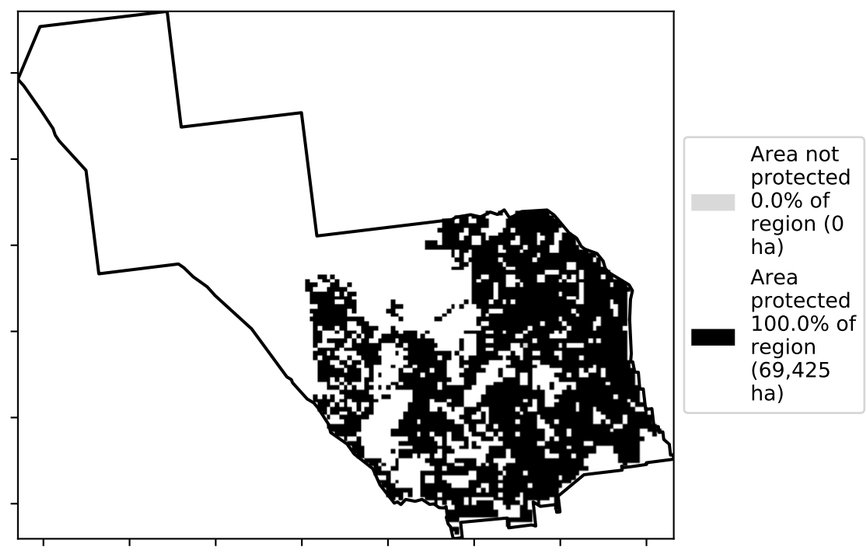

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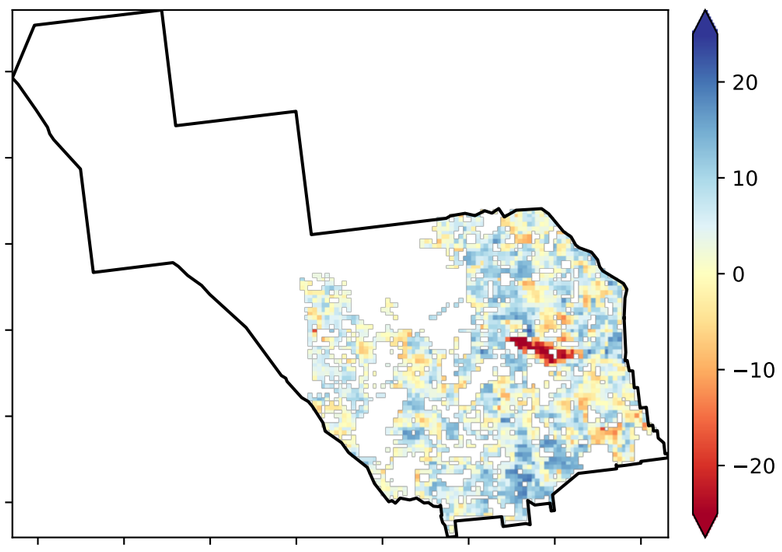

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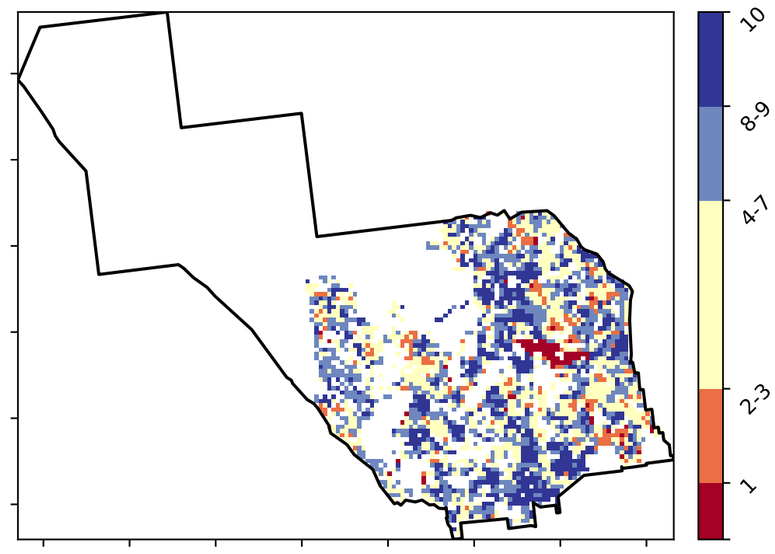

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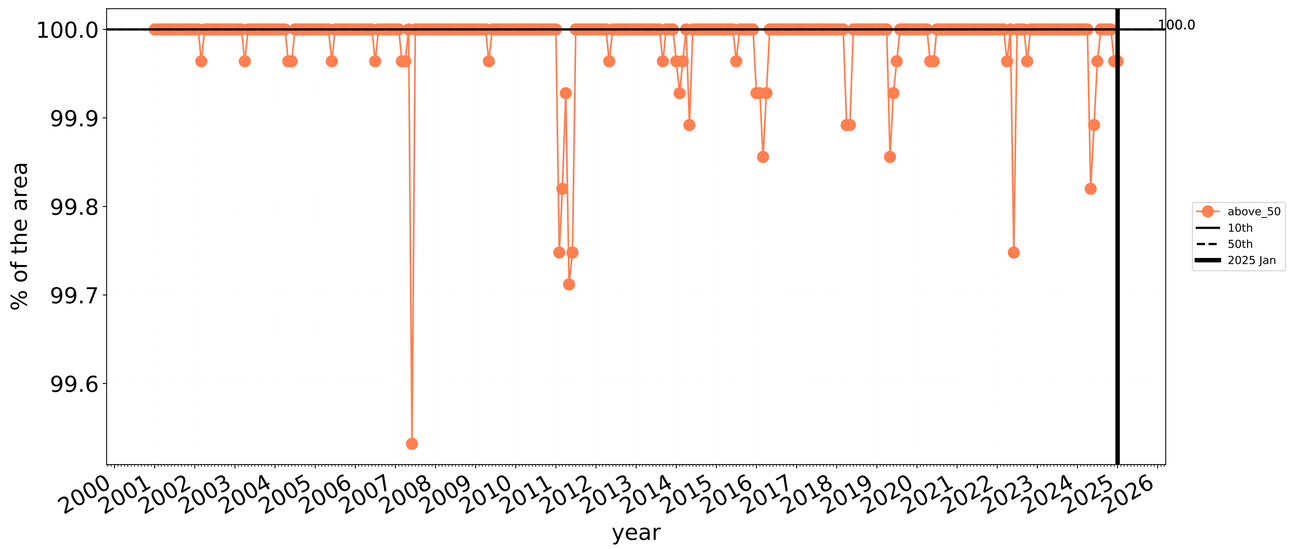

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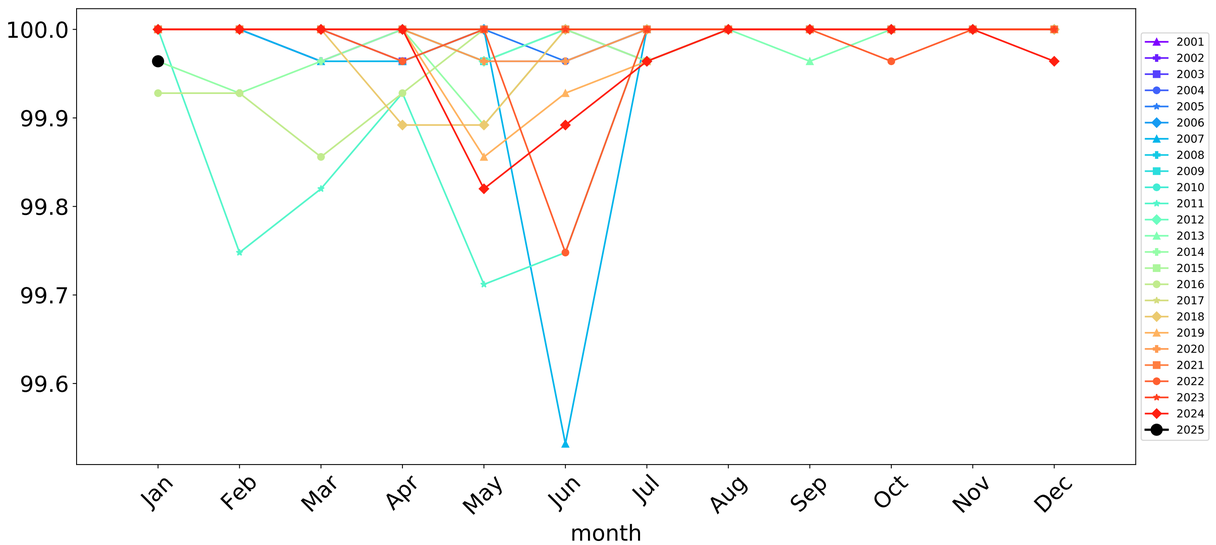

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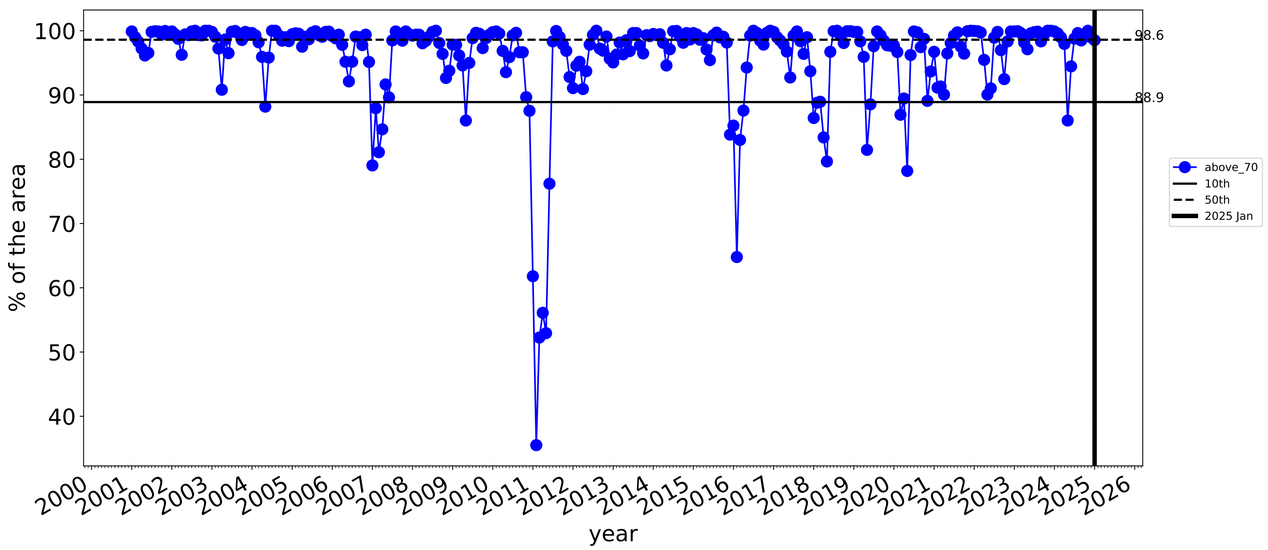

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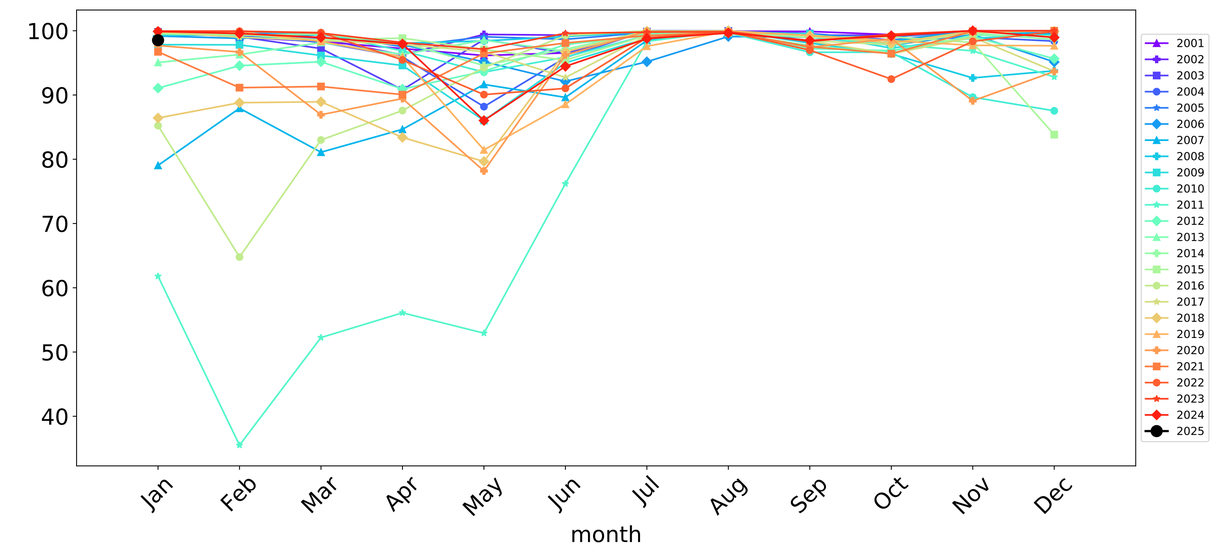

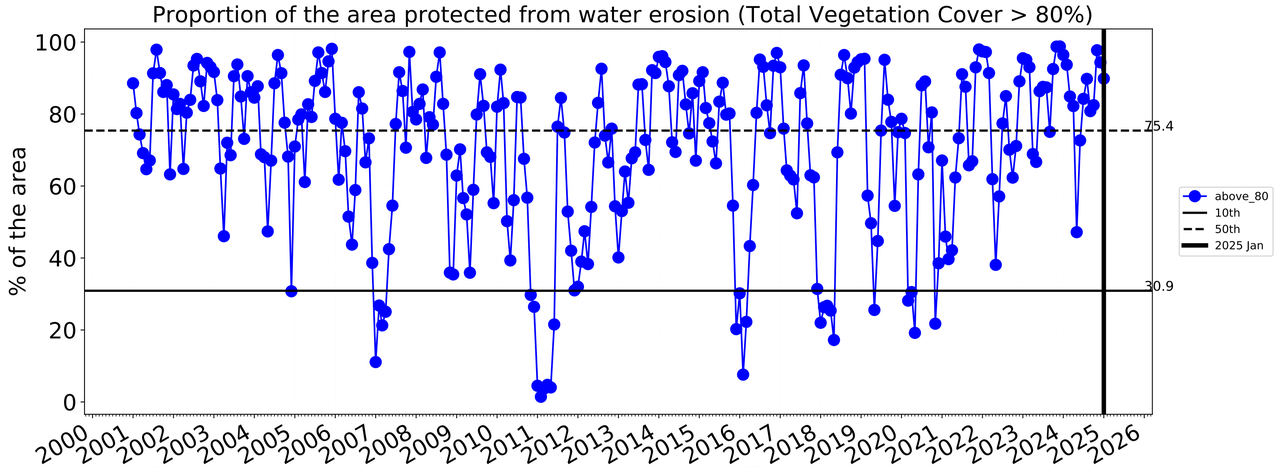
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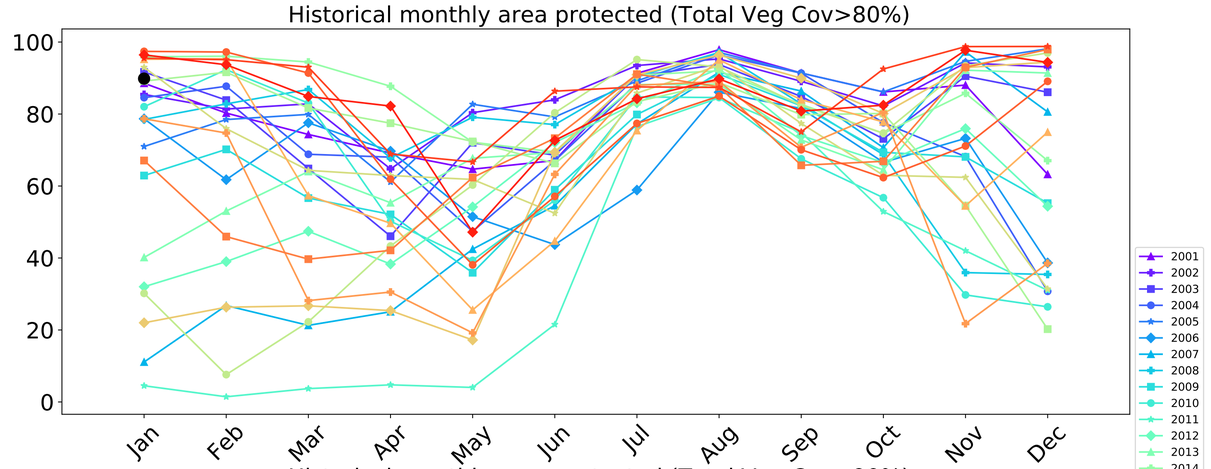
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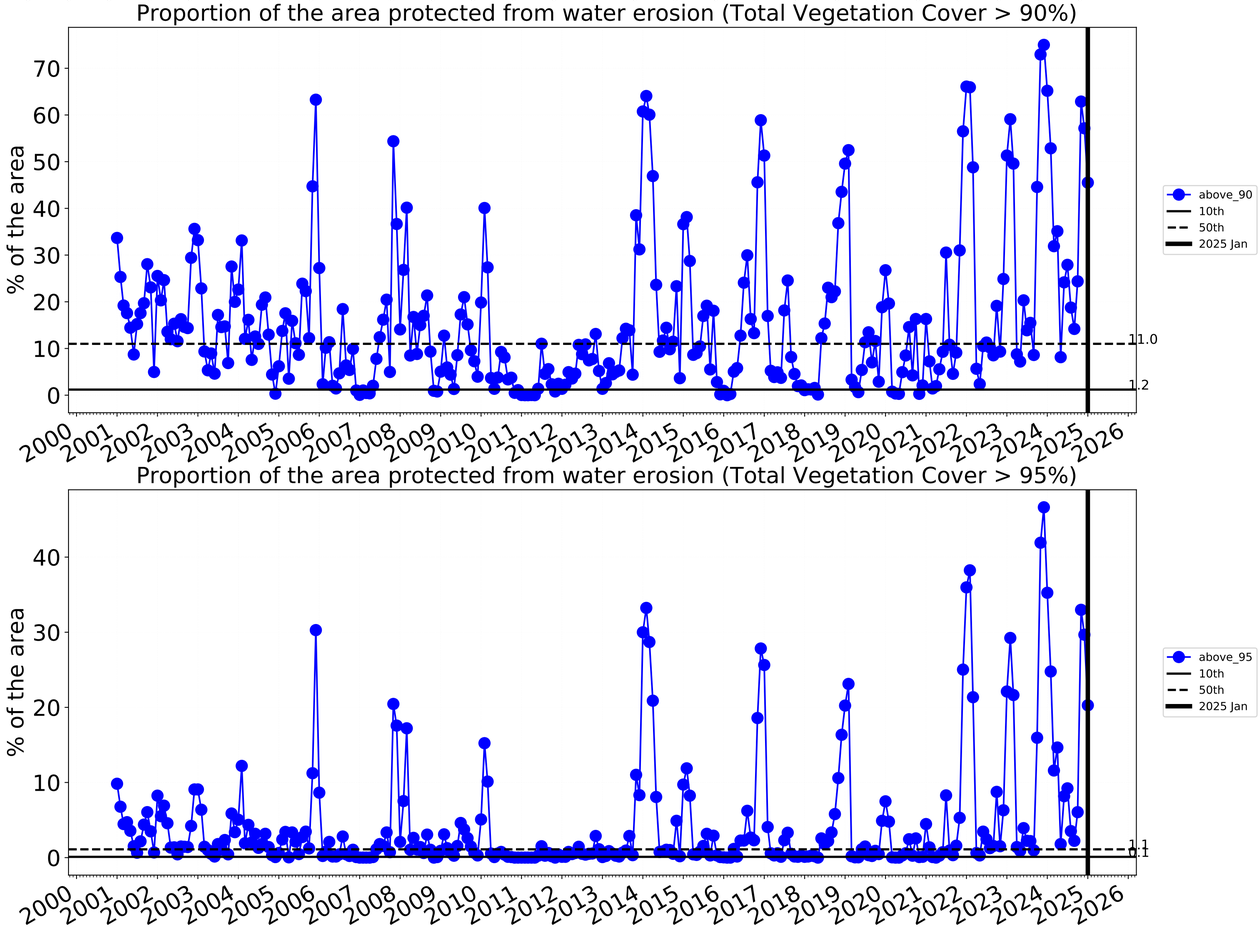
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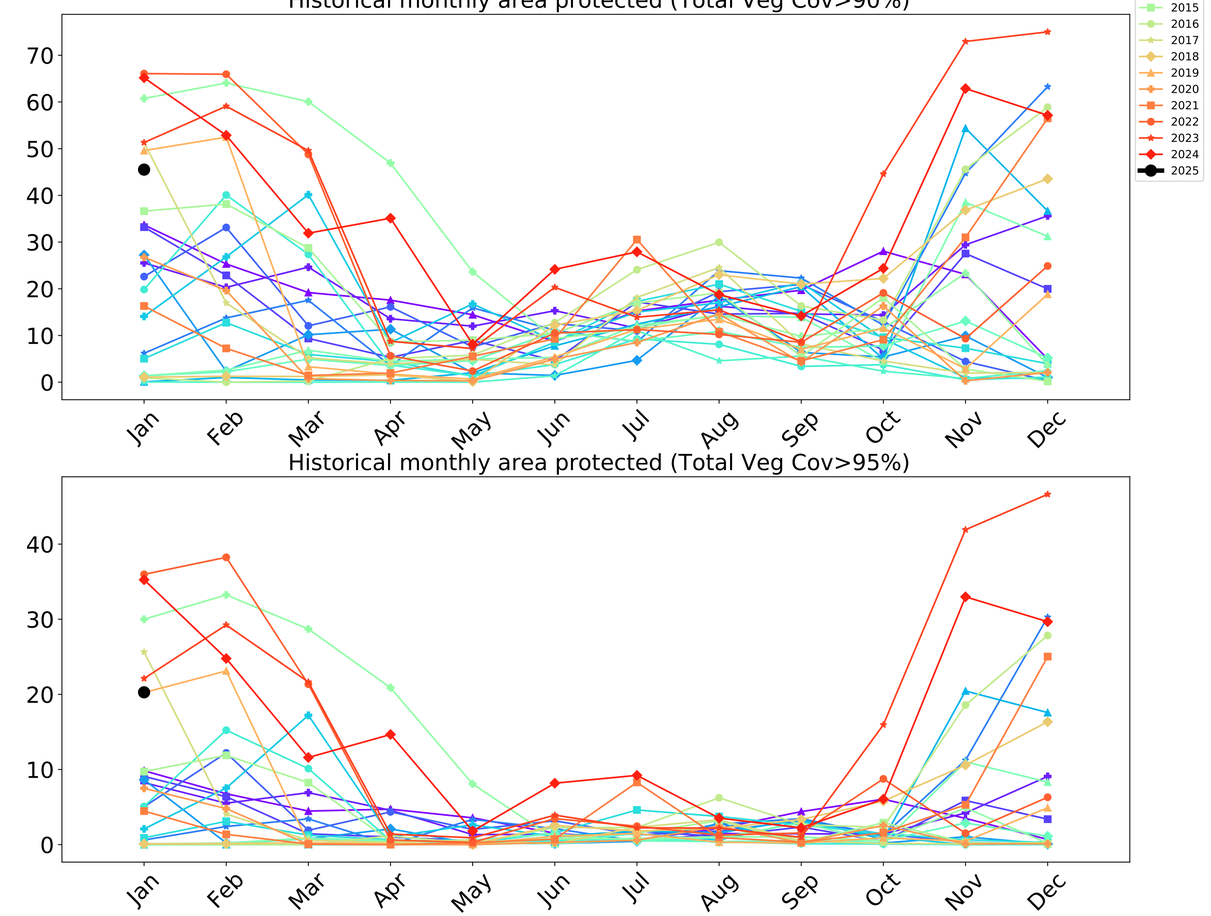
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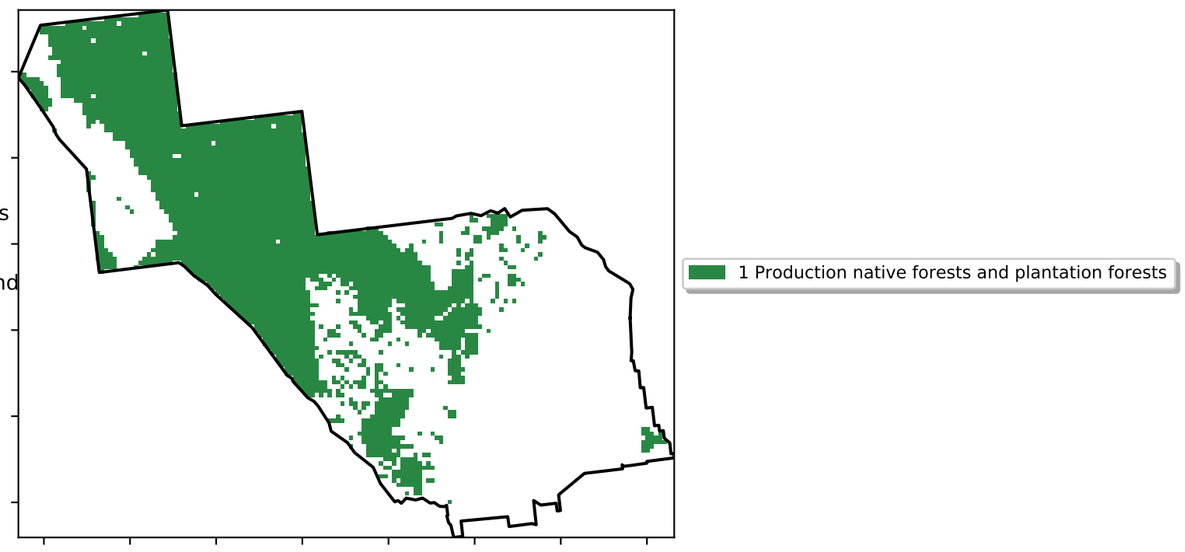

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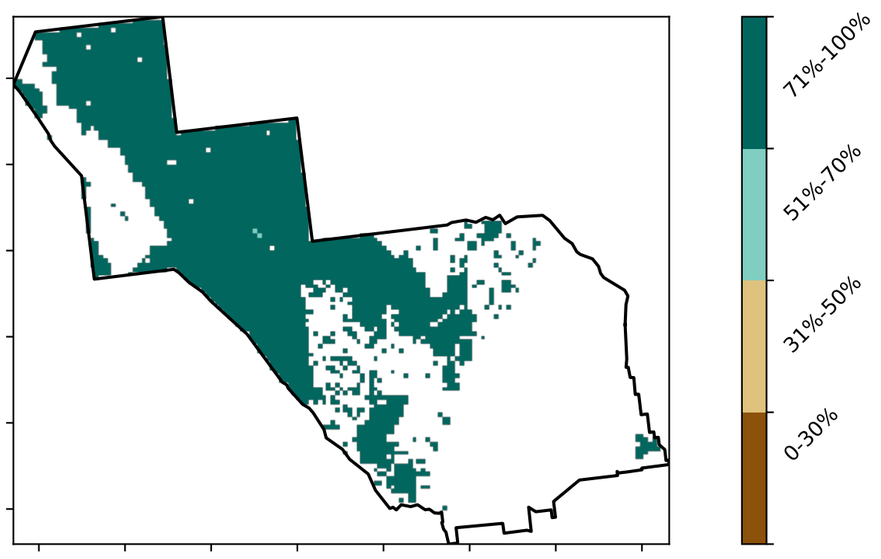

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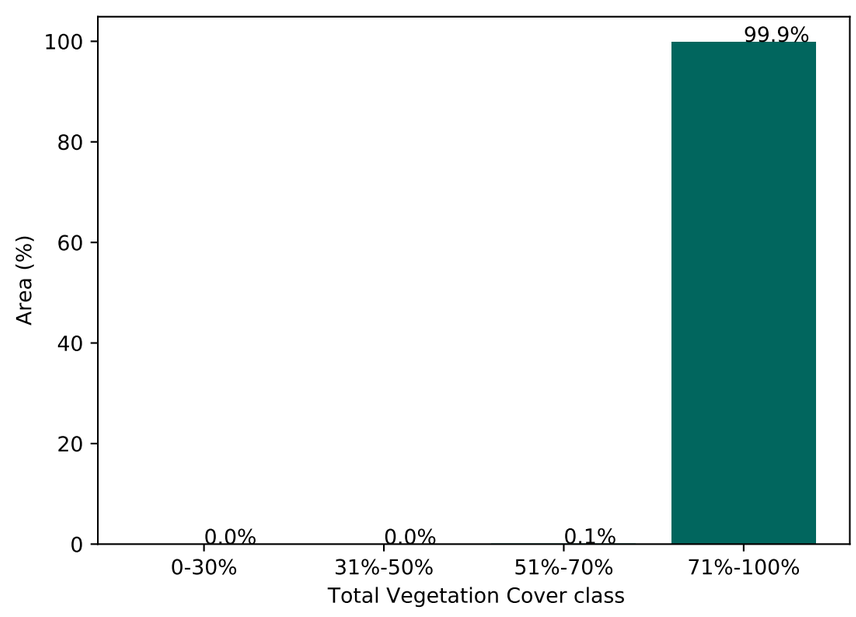

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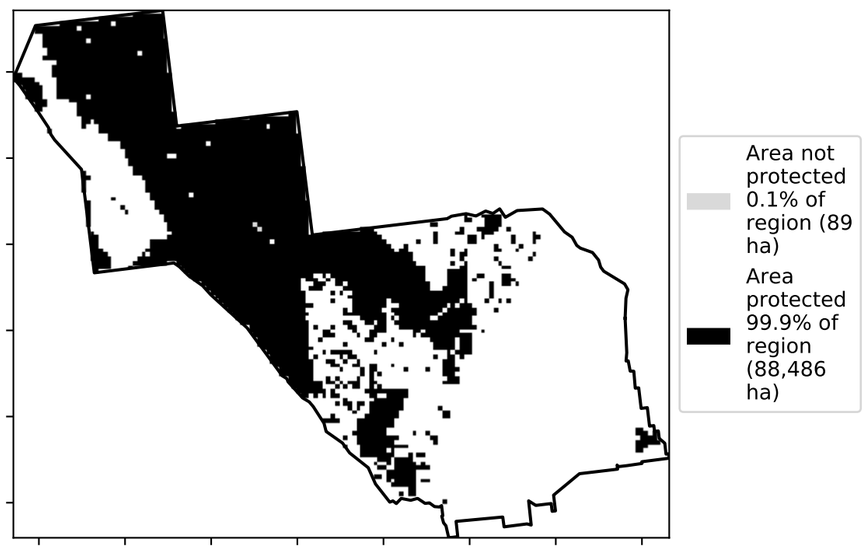
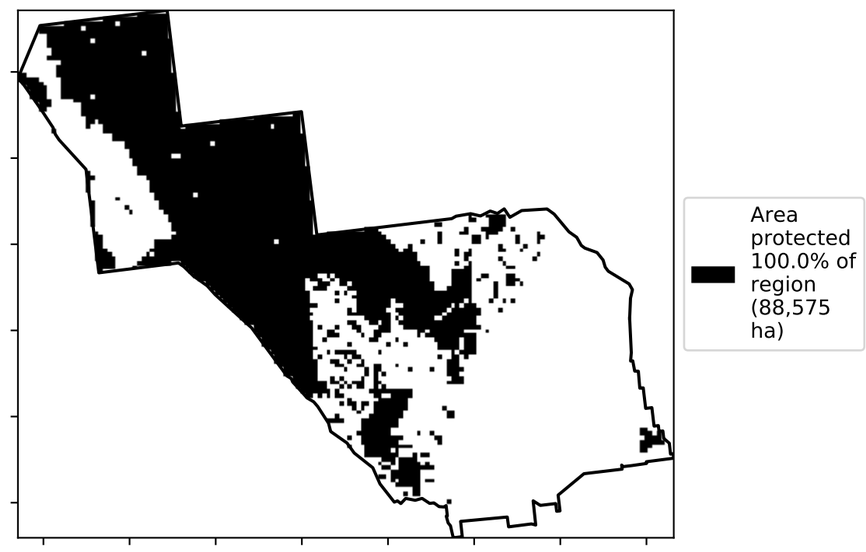
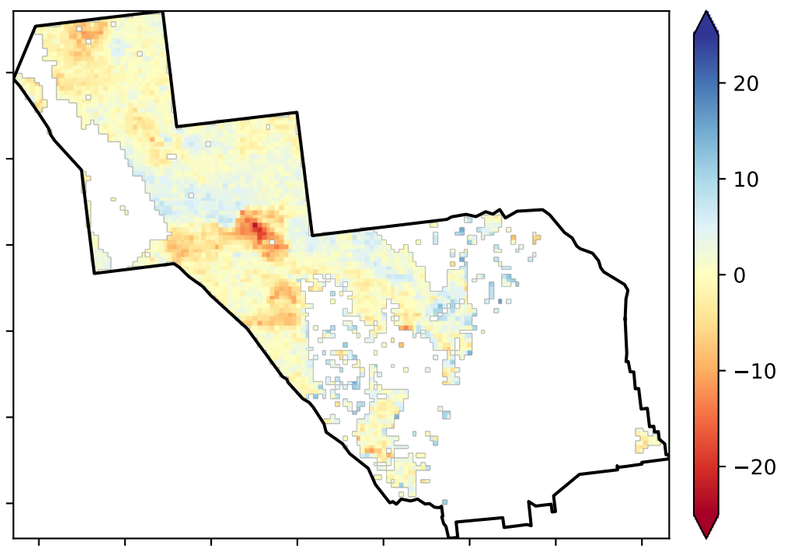


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



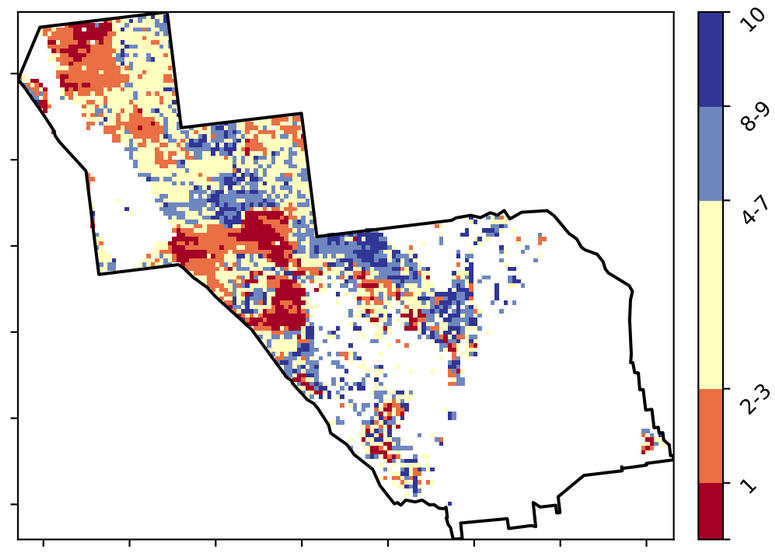
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



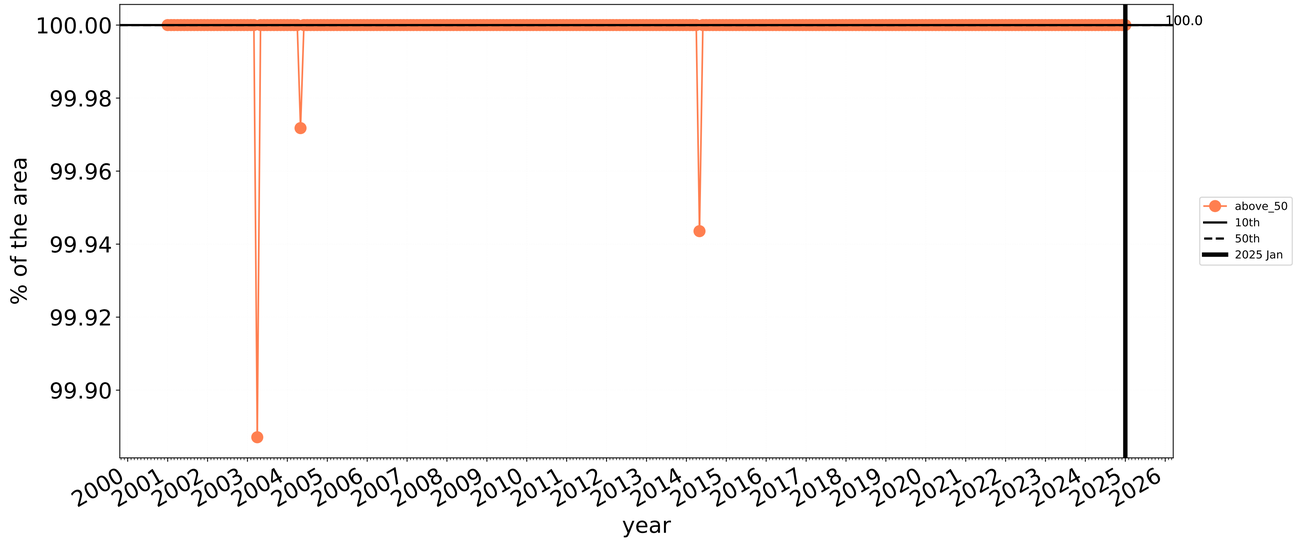
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

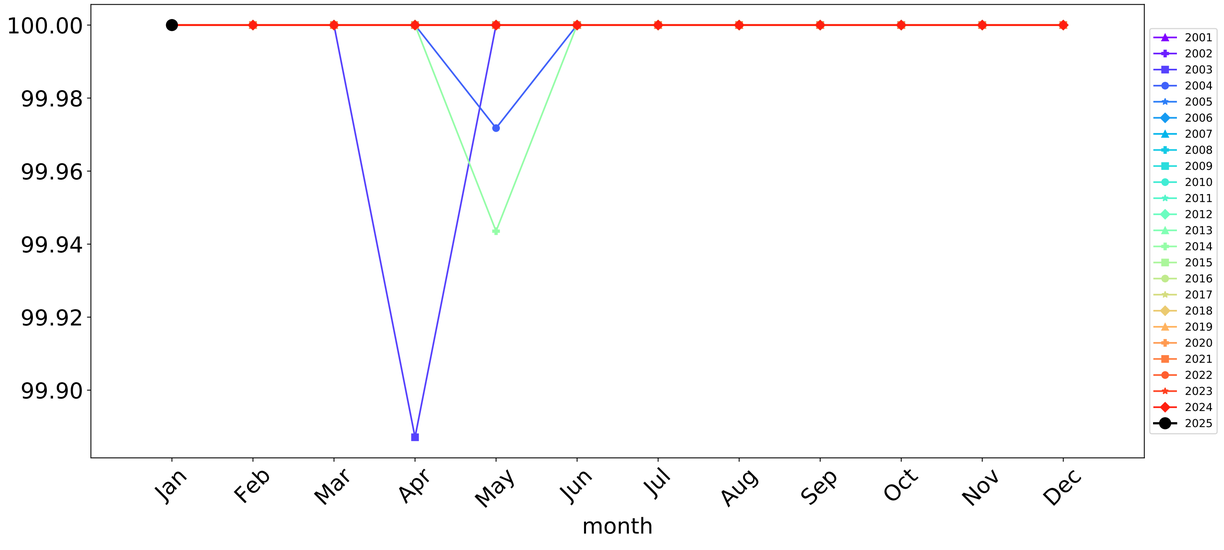


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

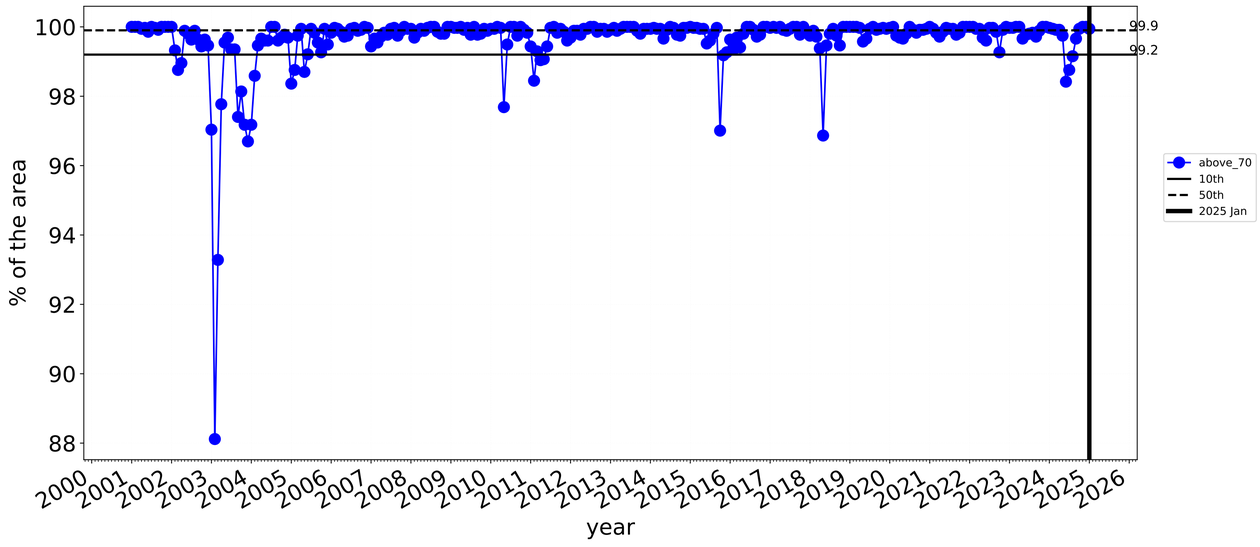
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



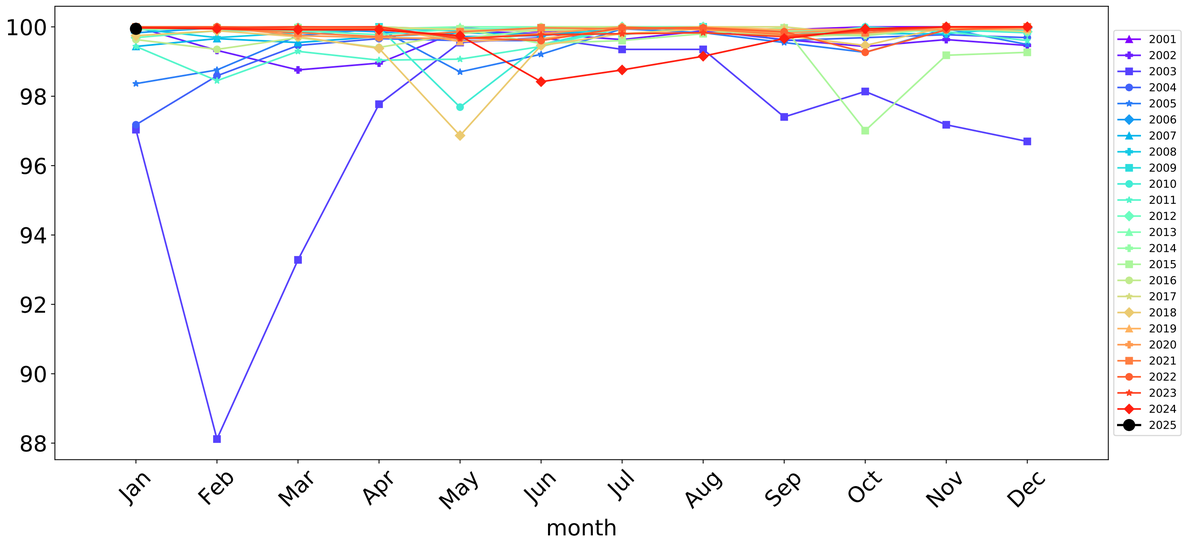
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



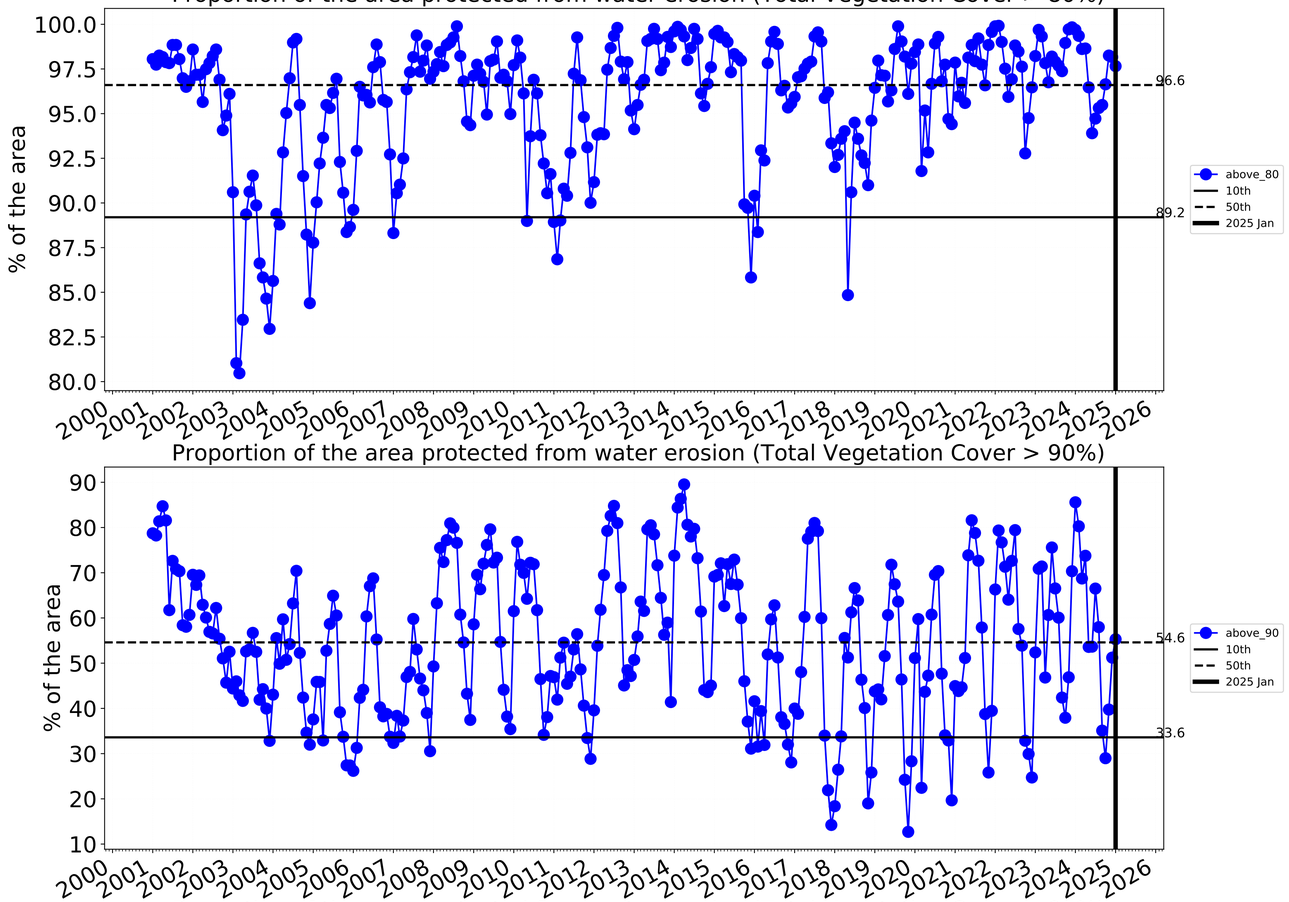
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



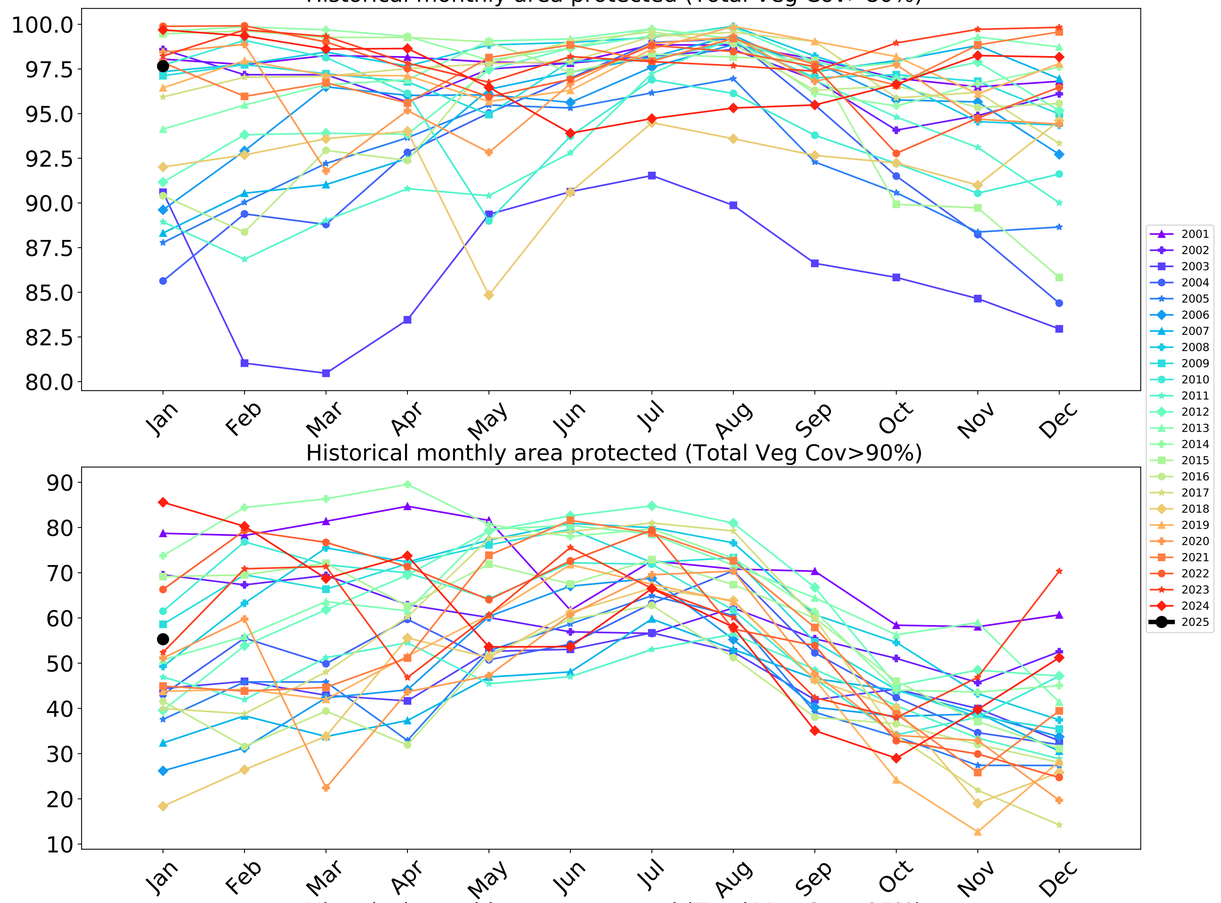
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



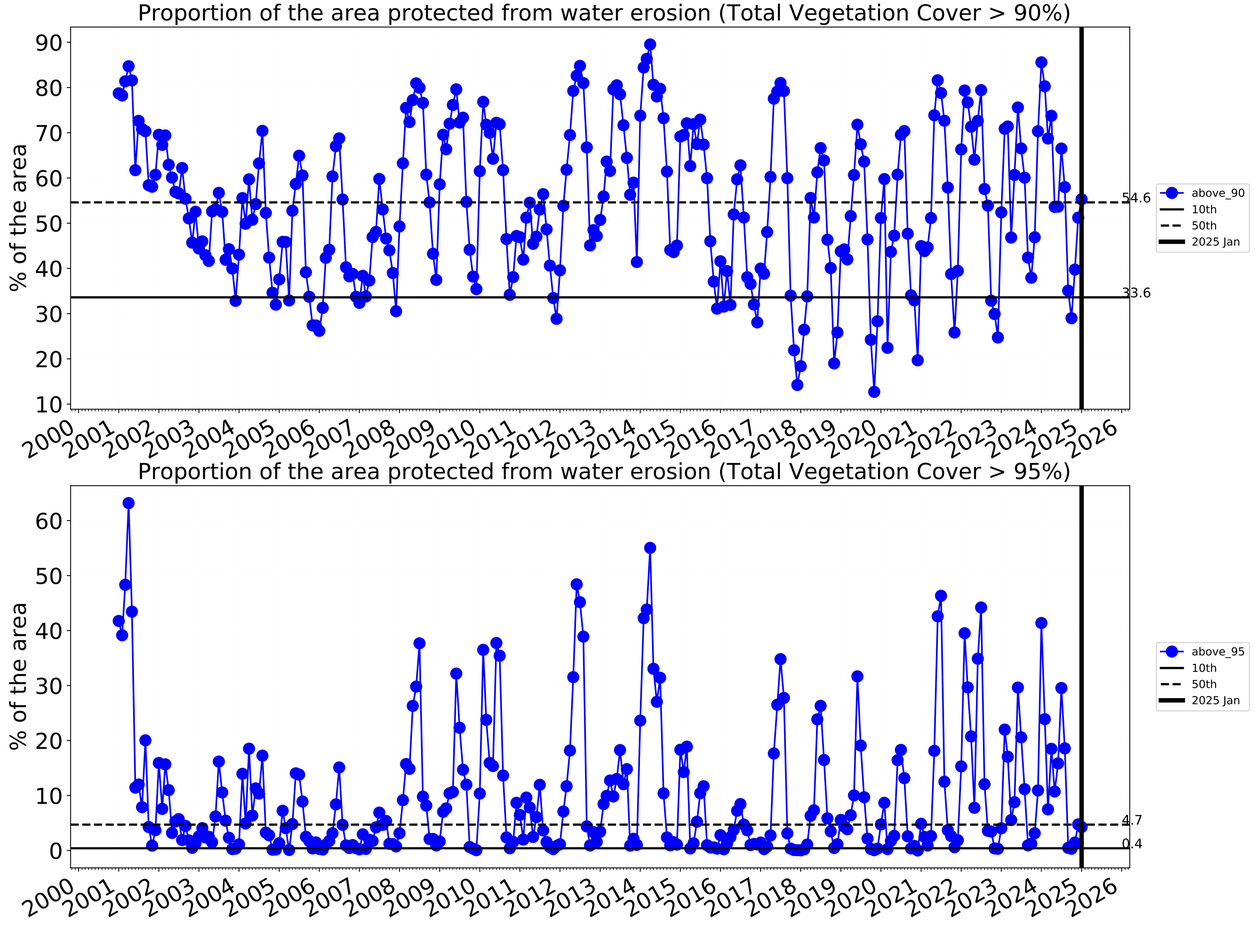
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



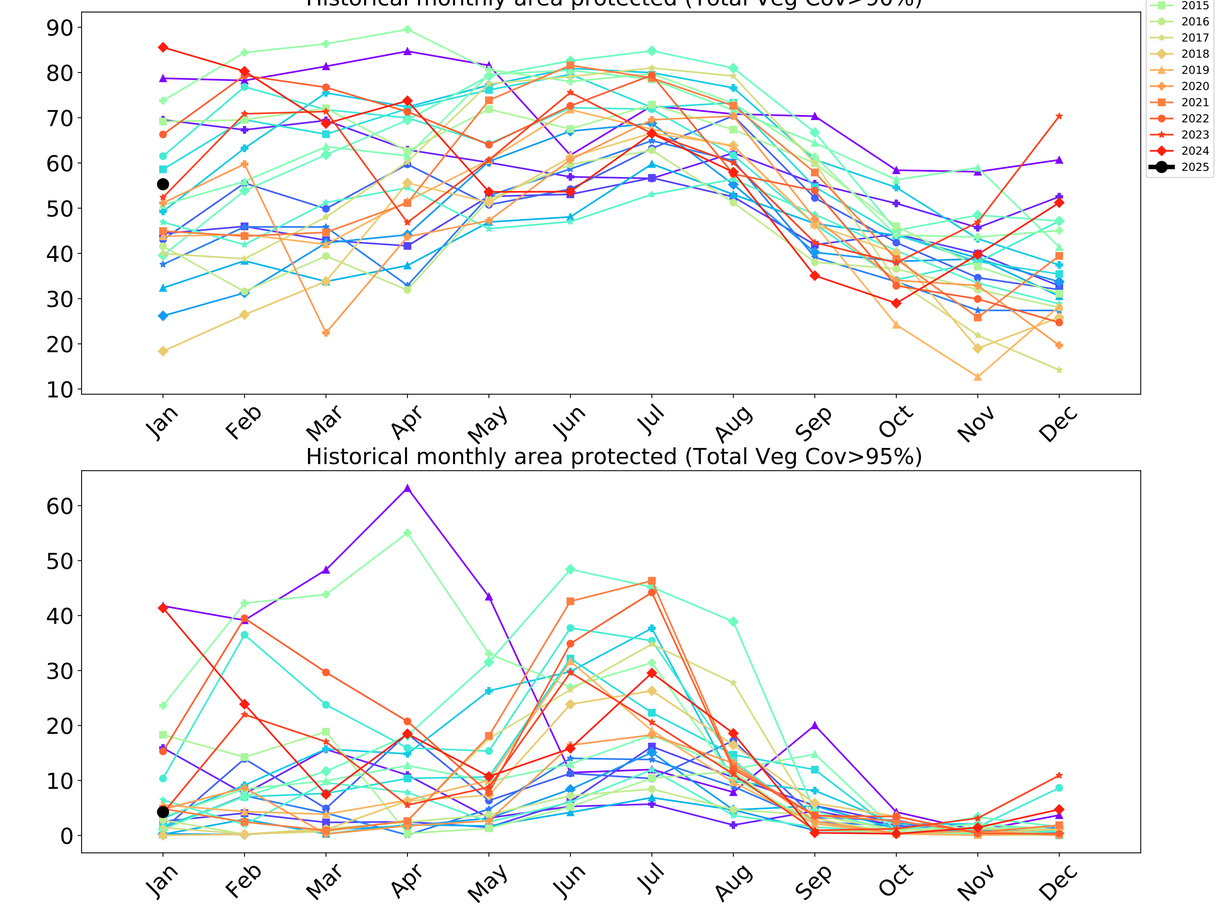
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)



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



Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 95%)

Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>95%)

Wandering_(S) (190,325 ha and no data 101 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	190,325	100.0% 190,325	100.0% 190,300	99.3% 189,075	94.5% 179,925	49.1% 93,450	11.1% 21,075
Conservation and natural environments	23,150	100.0% 23,150	100.0% 23,150	99.7% 23,075	96.8% 22,400	34.0% 7,875	3.9% 900
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	11,900	100.0% 11,900	100.0% 11,900	99.4% 11,825	97.1% 11,550	34.5% 4,100	4.0% 475
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	10,525	100.0% 10,525	100.0% 10,525	100.0% 10,525	96.9% 10,200	33.7% 3,550	3.6% 375
Agriculture	78,350	100.0% 78,350	100.0% 78,325	98.6% 77,225	90.3% 70,775	46.6% 36,500	20.9% 16,350
Grazing	8,900	100.0% 8,900	100.0% 8,900	98.9% 8,800	94.1% 8,375	55.1% 4,900	25.6% 2,275
Grazing non forest	8,900	100.0% 8,900	100.0% 8,900	98.9% 8,800	94.1% 8,375	55.1% 4,900	25.6% 2,275
Cropping	69,425	100.0% 69,425	100.0% 69,400	98.5% 68,400	89.8% 62,375	45.5% 31,600	20.3% 14,075
Production native forests and plantation forests	88,575	100.0% 88,575	100.0% 88,575	99.9% 88,525	97.7% 86,500	55.3% 48,975	4.3% 3,775