LGA Wickepin_(S) (WA) - Vegetation cover soil protection report Aug 2019

This report provides information about vegetation covering the soil surface for a region during a single month with comparison to previous years. Vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water (hillslope) erosion. Results are shown for the whole region (polygon) and also separated by land use and tree cover. Different land uses are likely to have different cover patterns and targets. Reporting is most reliable with less than 20% tree cover.

Wickepin_(S)
• Context
    o Map: Land use and forest cover
    o Chart: Land use and forest cover area
• Total vegetation cover for this month
    o Map: vegetation cover classified into 4 classes
    o Chart: vegetation cover area classified into 4 classes
• Areas protected from erosion for the month
    o Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover)
    o Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover)
• Comparison with previous years
    o Map: anomaly – compare this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years
    o Map: deciles – rank this month against the same month in previous years
• Time series
    o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with
      greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)
    o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with
      greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
    o Rainfall: millimetres rainfall each month (black lines)
• Time series stacked by year
    o Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with
      greater than 50% cover for each month in the archive (orange lines)
      in case of 5th percentile is less than 80i
    o Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with
      greater than 70% cover for each month of the archive (blue lines).
      in case of 5th percentile is less than 80
• Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required
        to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
    o the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total clover
    o the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total clover
    o the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total clover
The following pages repeat the above sequence for each land use and forest cover class. For example
• All agricultural lands, that is grazing, cropping plus Horticulture (depending on what land use is present)
• Grazing lands by forest classes if present
• Cropping lands
• Irrigation lands
• Protected areas by forest classes if present
Explanatory notes:
This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool. The report is based on an analysis of 500 metre pixels. Pixels with greater than or equal to 50% vegetation cover are generally considered to be protected from or have reduced soil loss by wind erosion, and pixels with greater than or equal to 70% vegetation cover are generally considered to also be protected from or have reduced soil loss from water (hillslope) erosion. Report used baseline from 2001 to 2019 for each month to generate anomalies and deciles. And it used threshold of 1% to create land use forest cover reports. Higher cover thresholds may be required for erosion protection in some regions. This report will be less applicable in areas with sparse forest (20-50% tree cover) or dense forest (> 50% tree cover). Therefore land use classes are divided by tree cover: 1) No forest is when there is less than 20% tree cover 2) Sparse forest, is when there is less than 20 to 50 % tree cover 3) Dense forest is greater than 50% tree 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:

    https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3
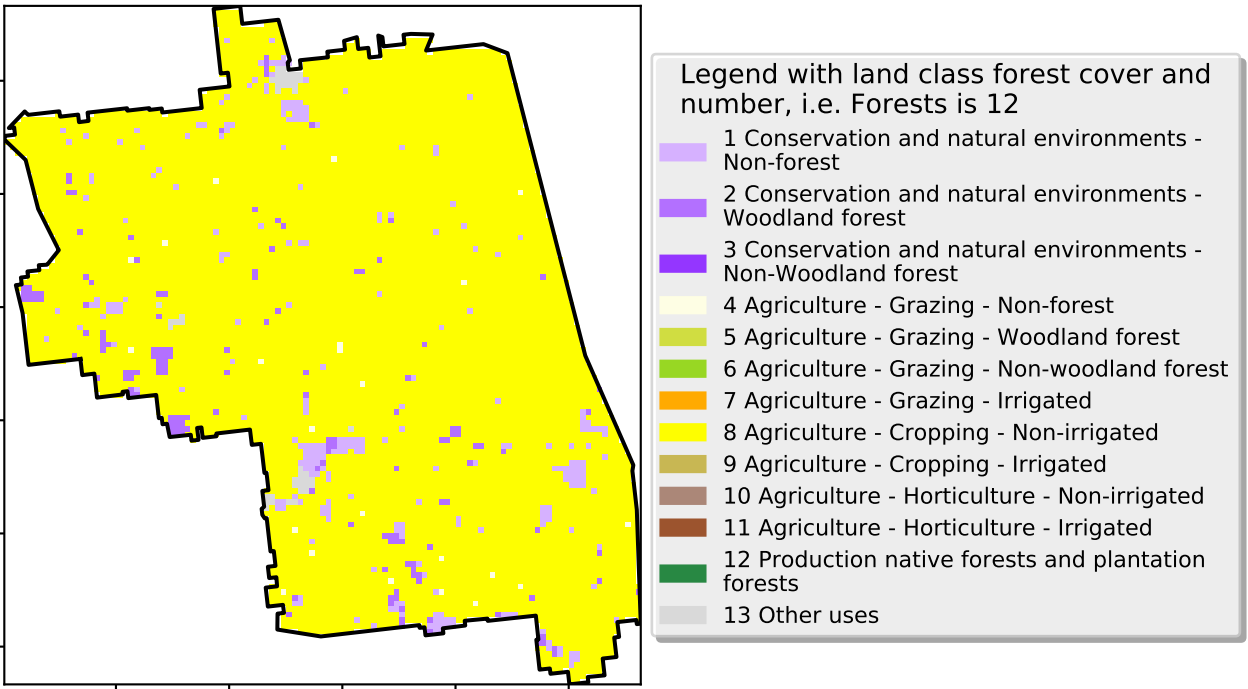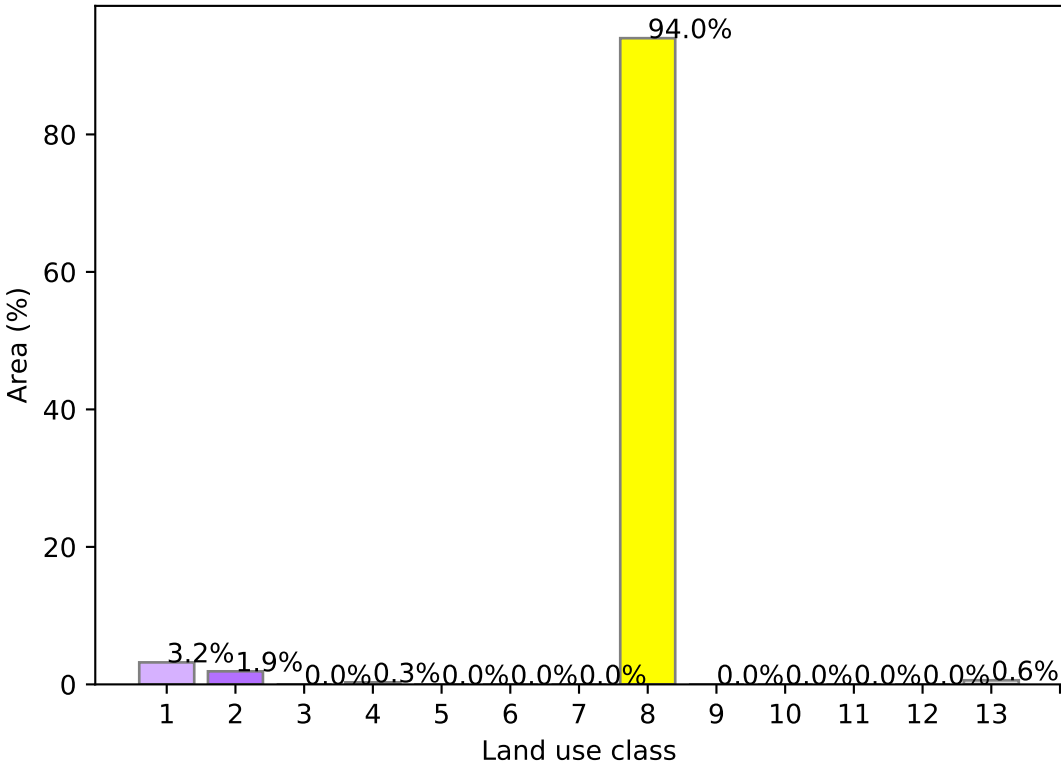
Vegetation Cover Aug 2019

Land use and forest cover
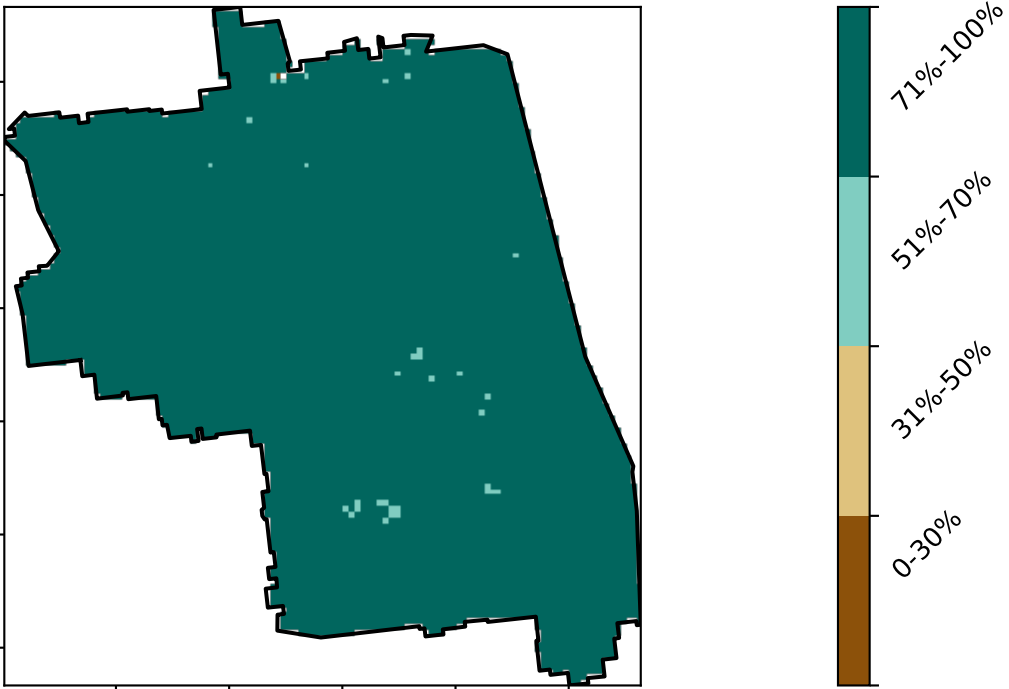
Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.
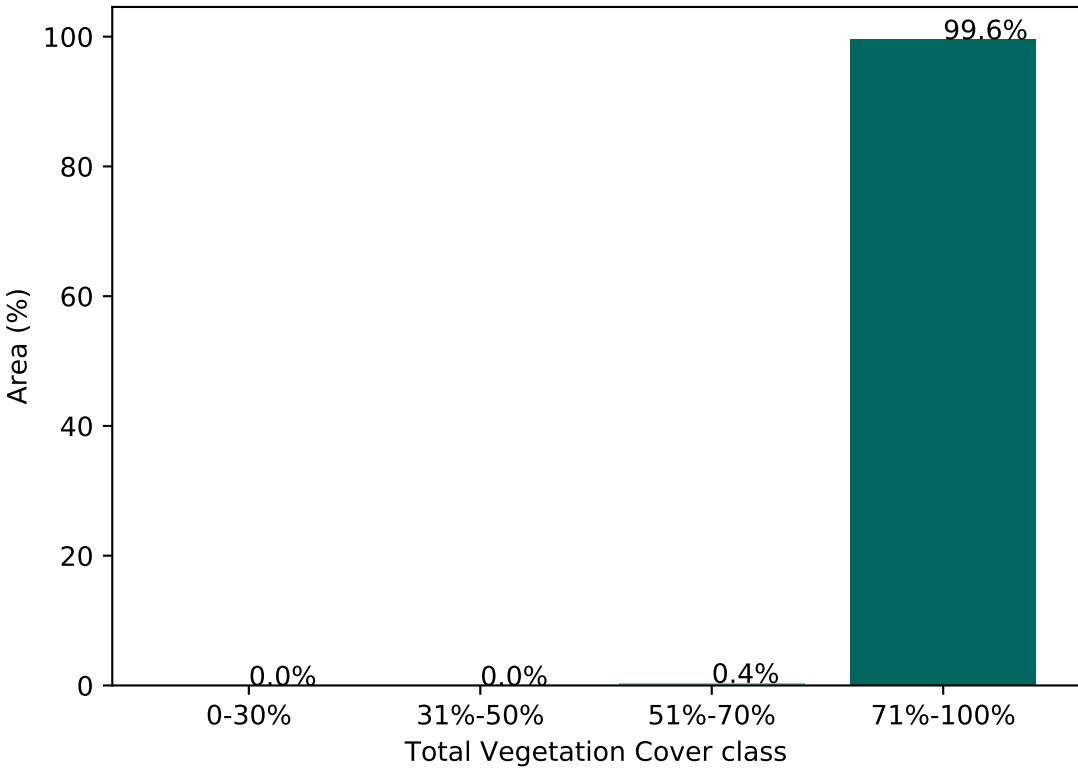

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12

1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
12 Production native forests and plantation forests
13 Other uses

Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.4% of region (816 ha)

Area protected 99.6% of region (203,308 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (204,125 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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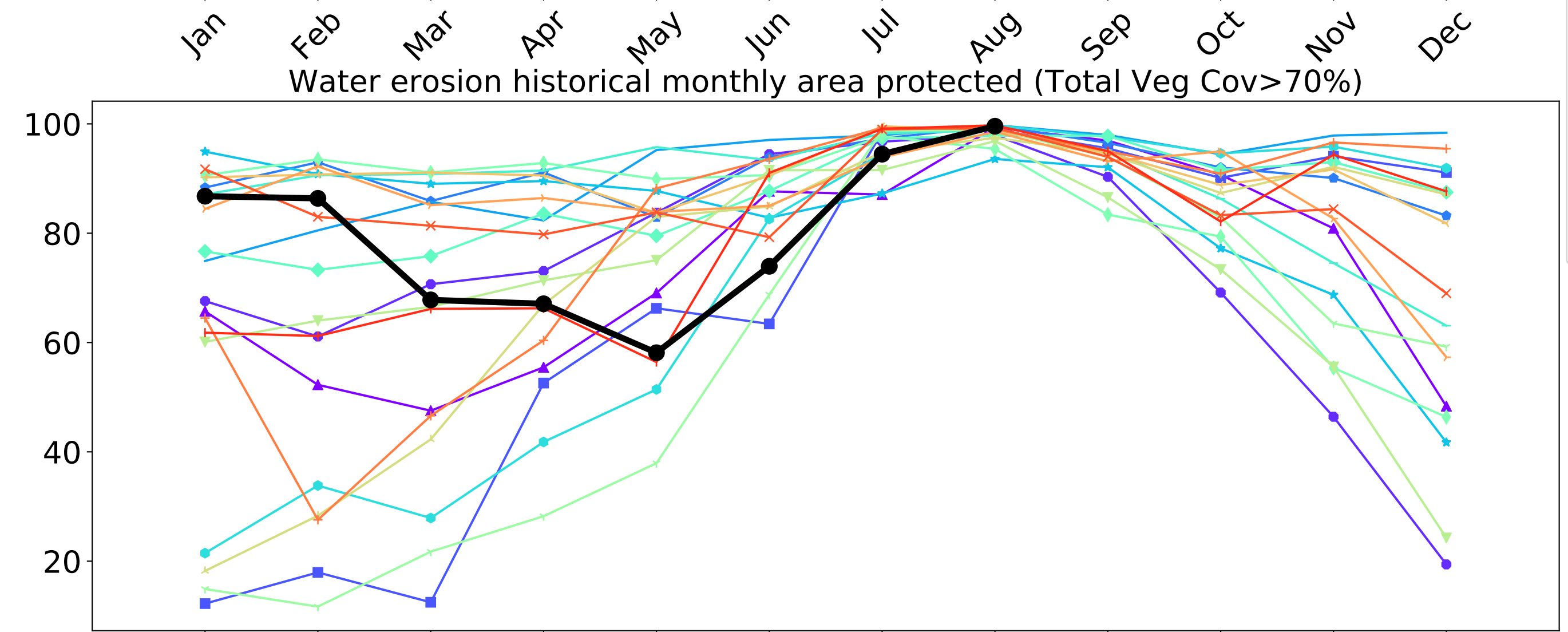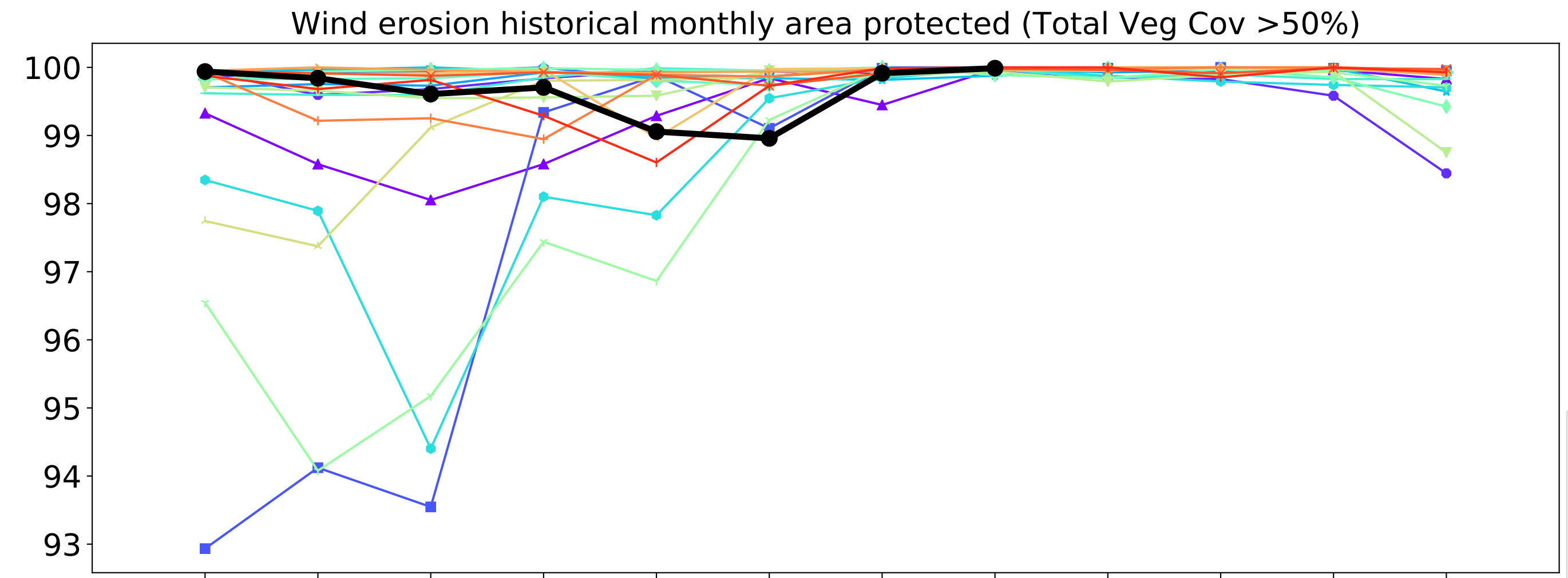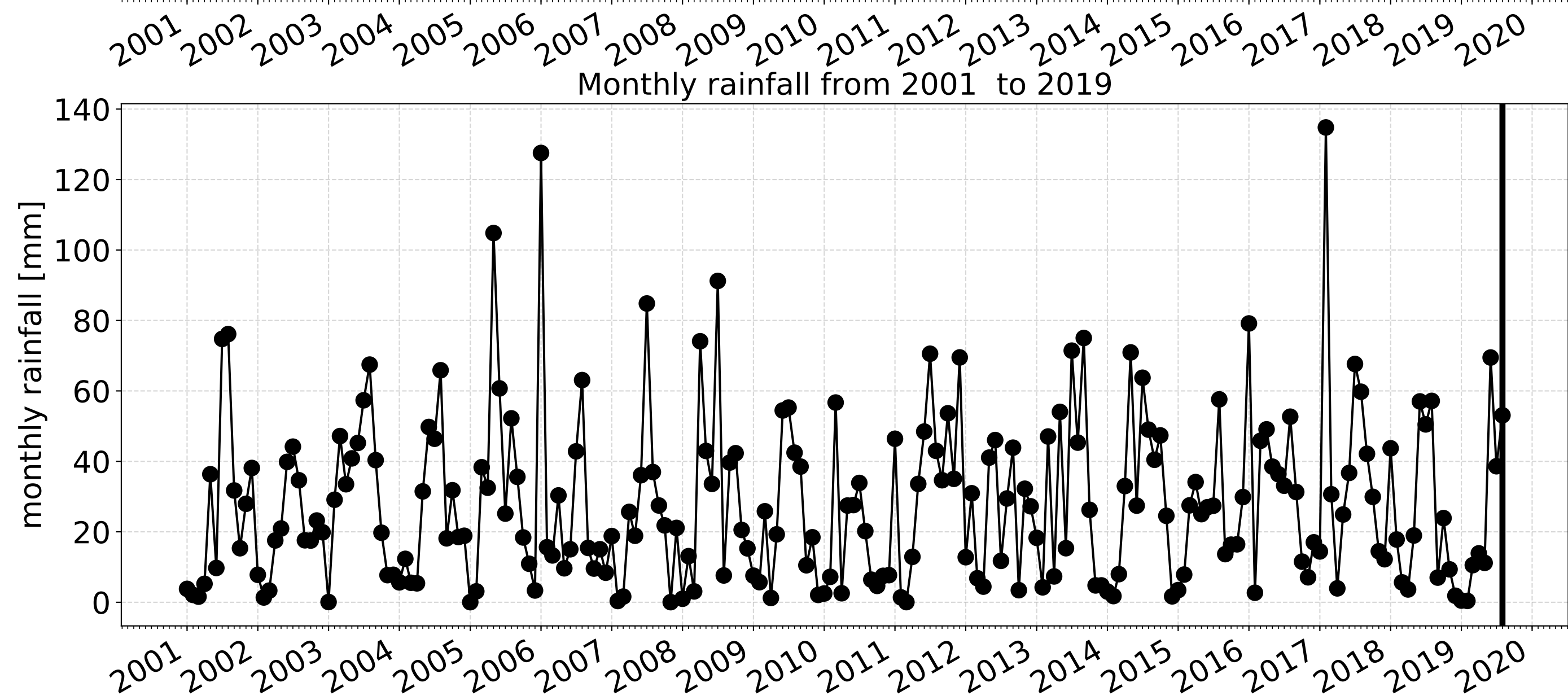
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

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

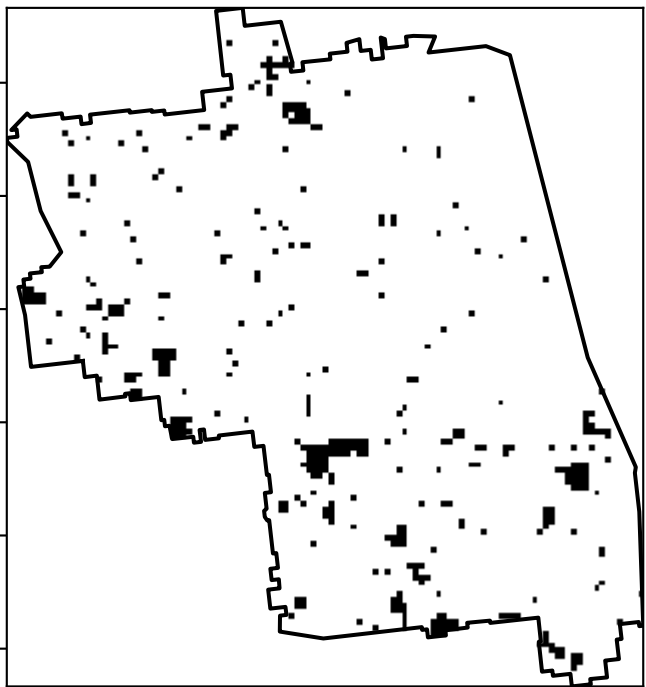Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2019

Rainfall: historical monthly

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Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.
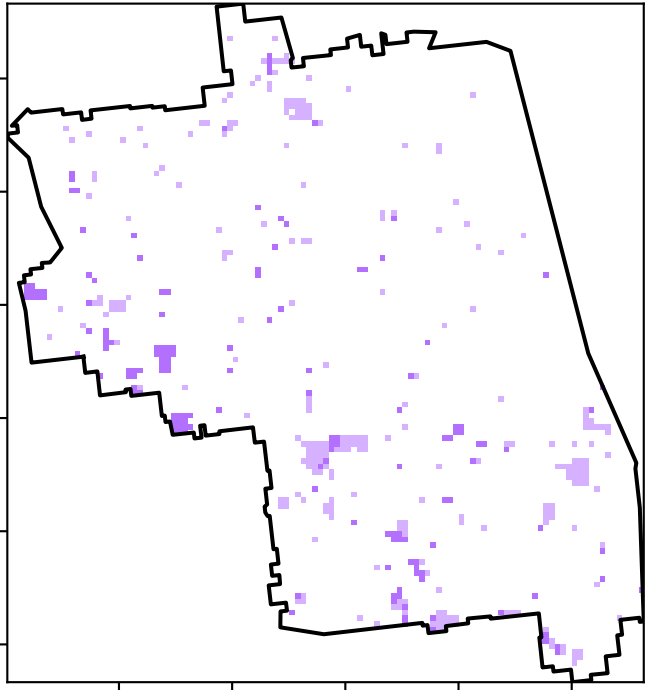
Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Conservation and natural environments – Woodland forest
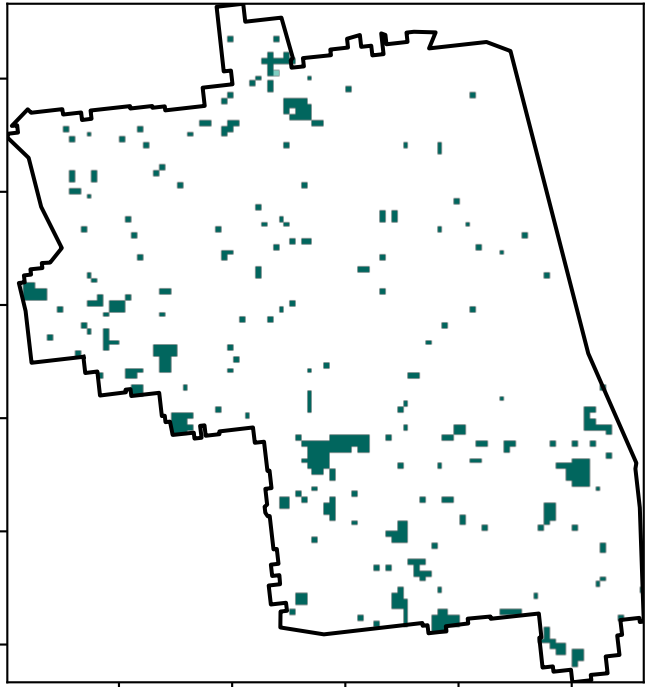
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

99.8%

0.0% 0.0% 0.2%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%
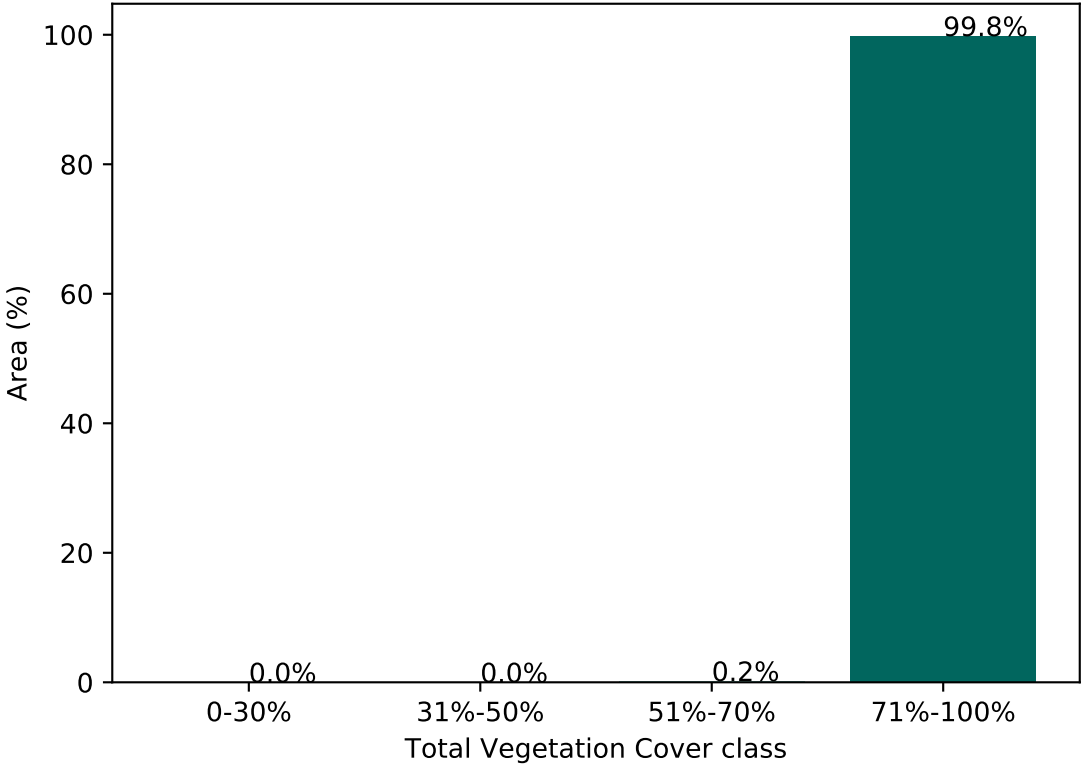
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
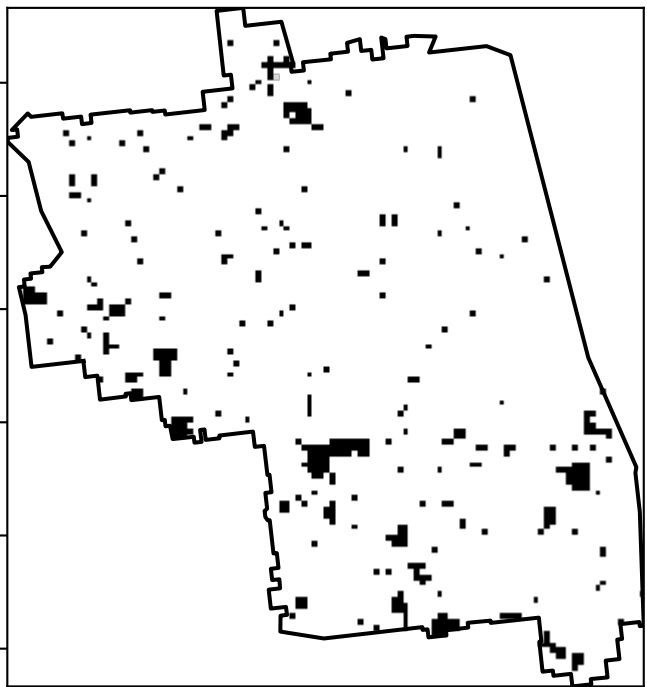
Area not protected
0.2% of region (20 ha)

Area protected
99.8% of region (10,429 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area protected
100.0% of region (10,450 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]
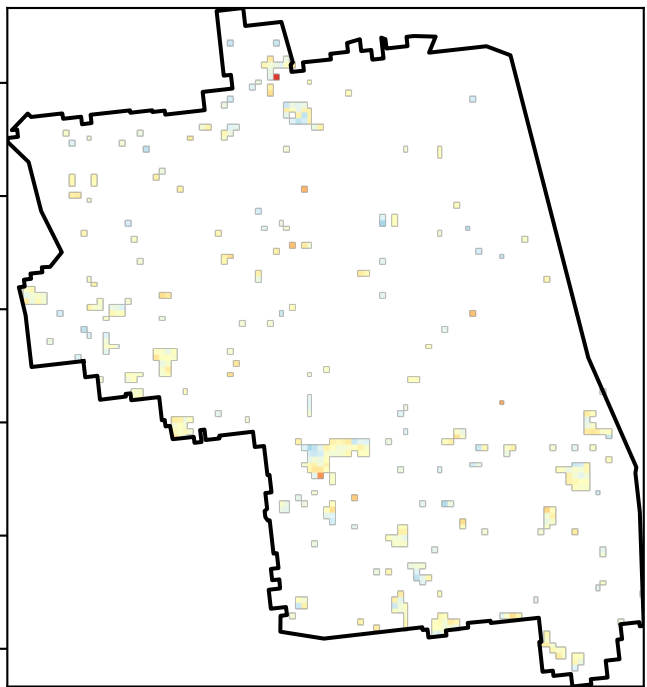
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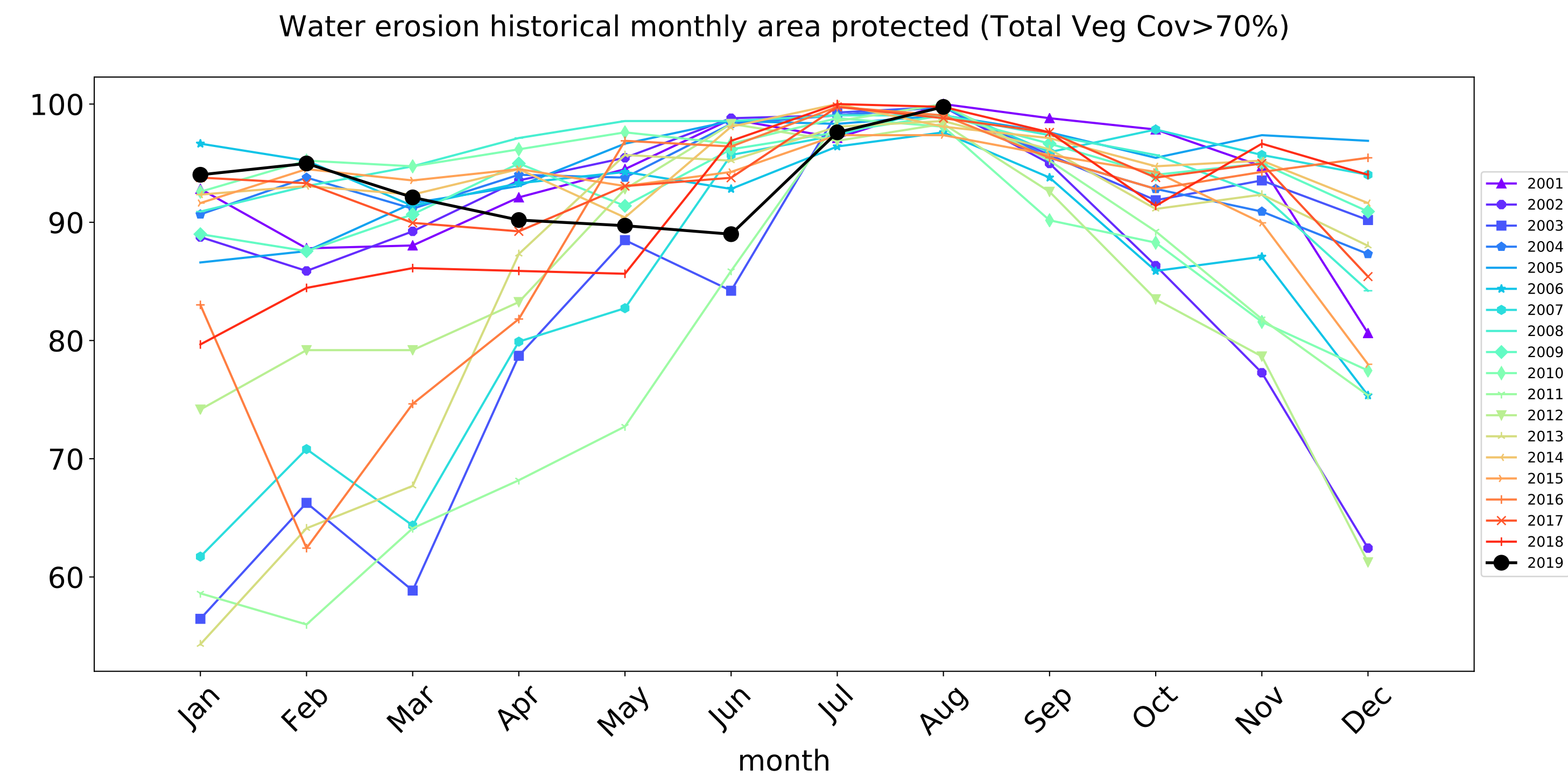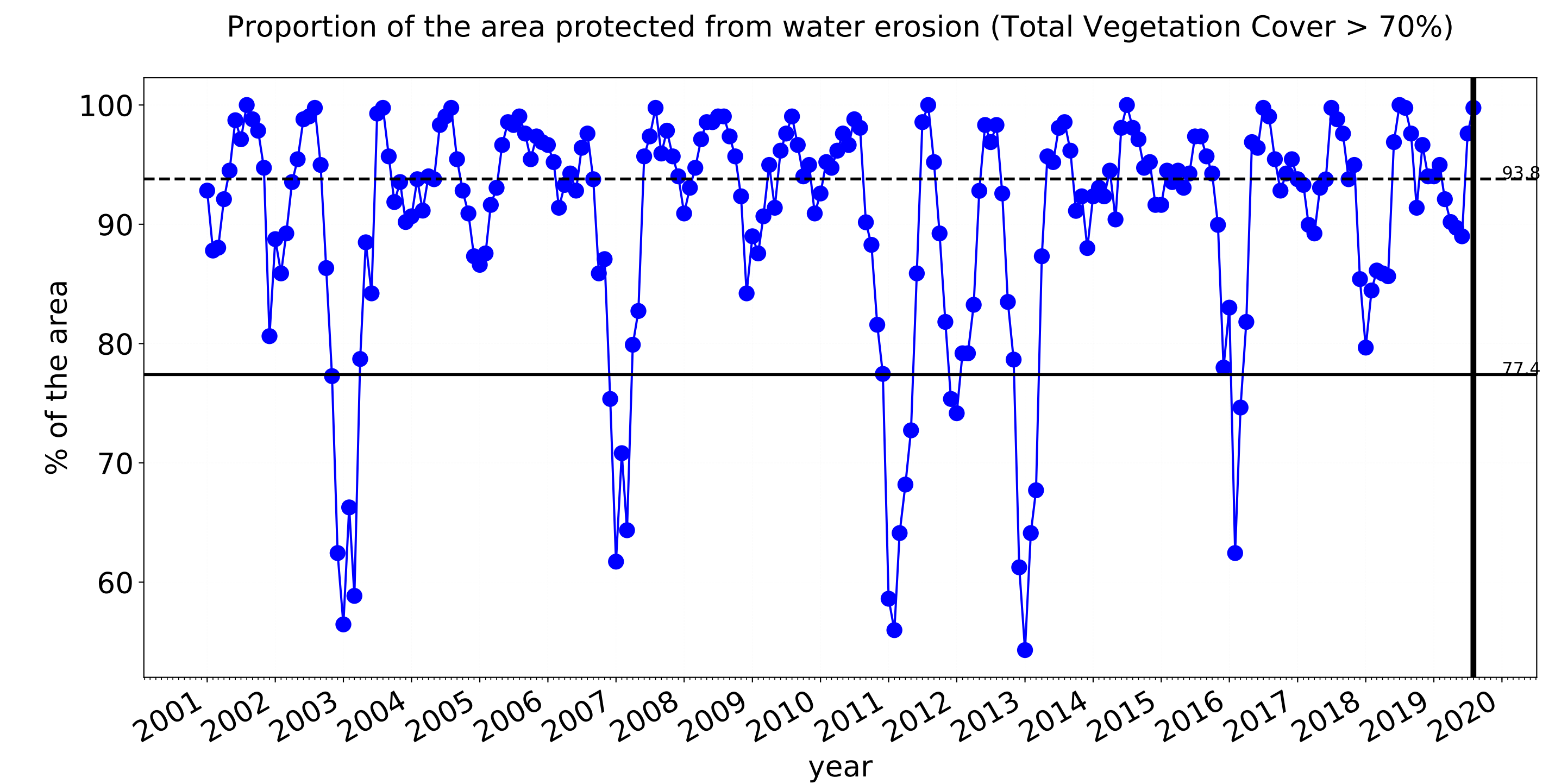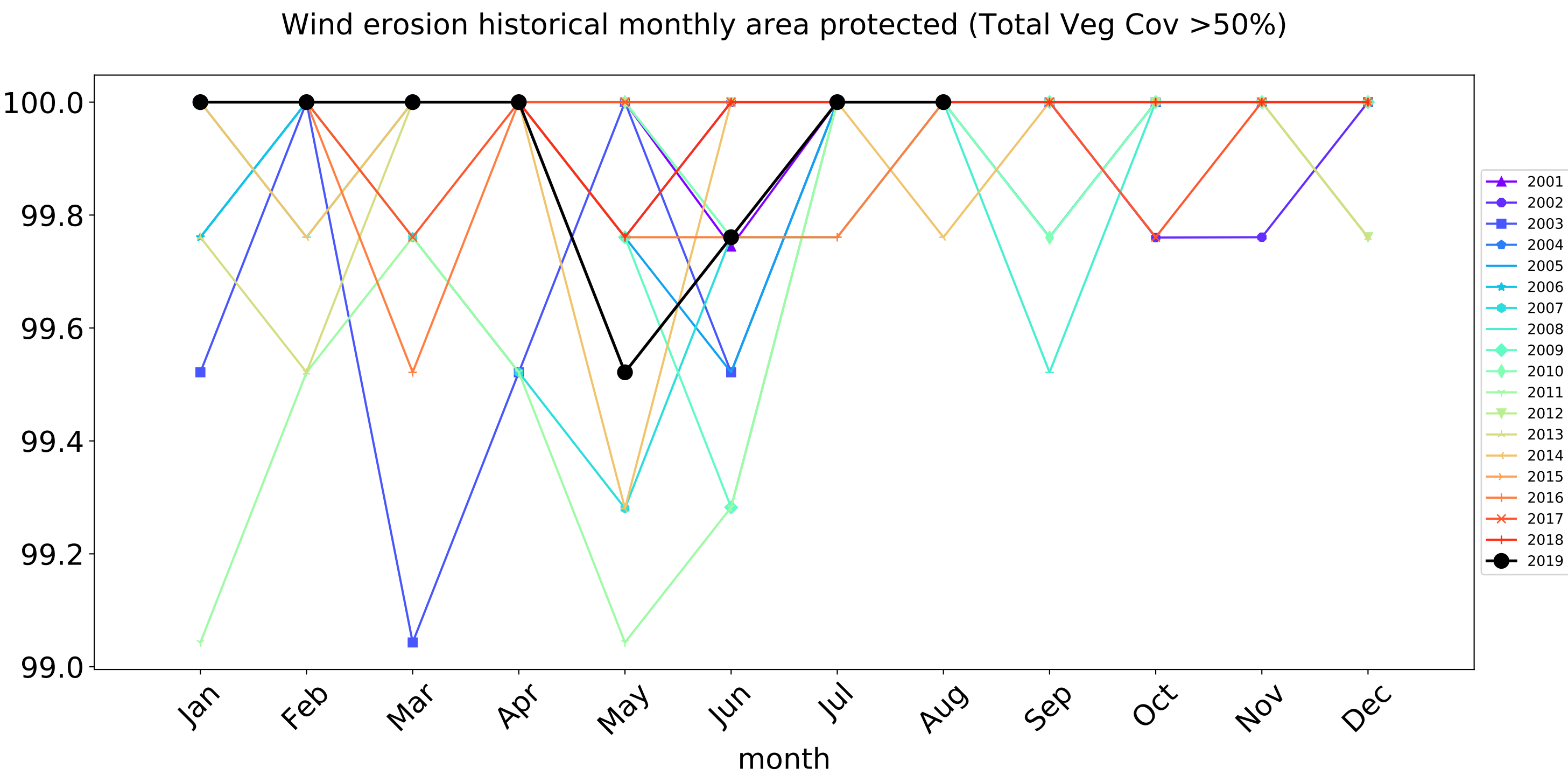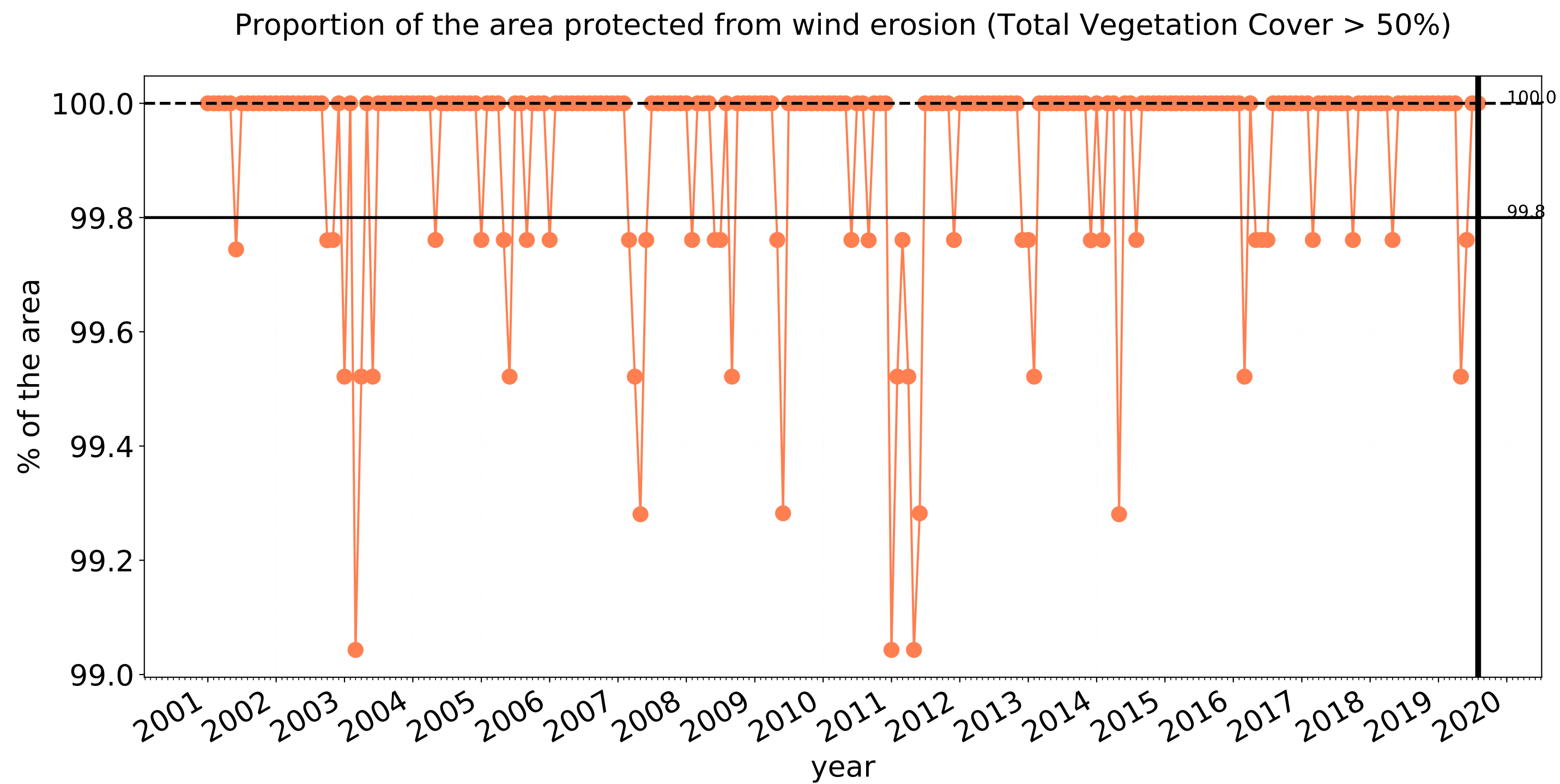
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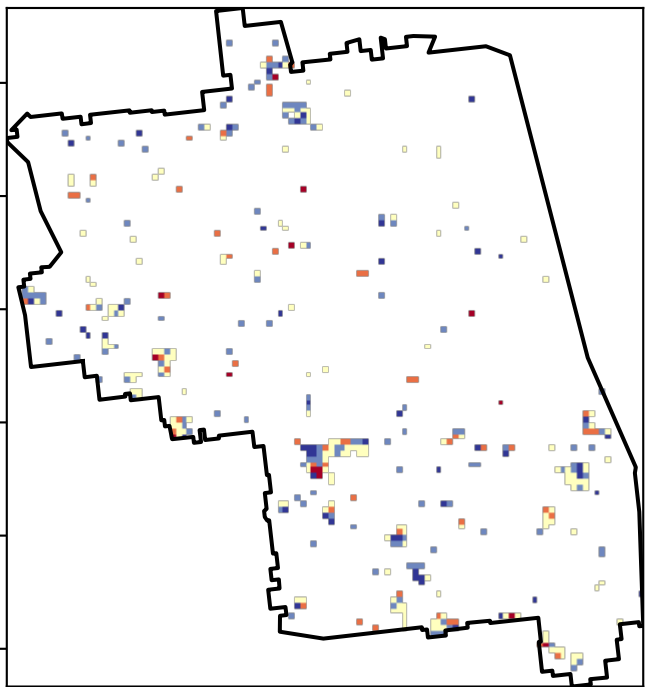
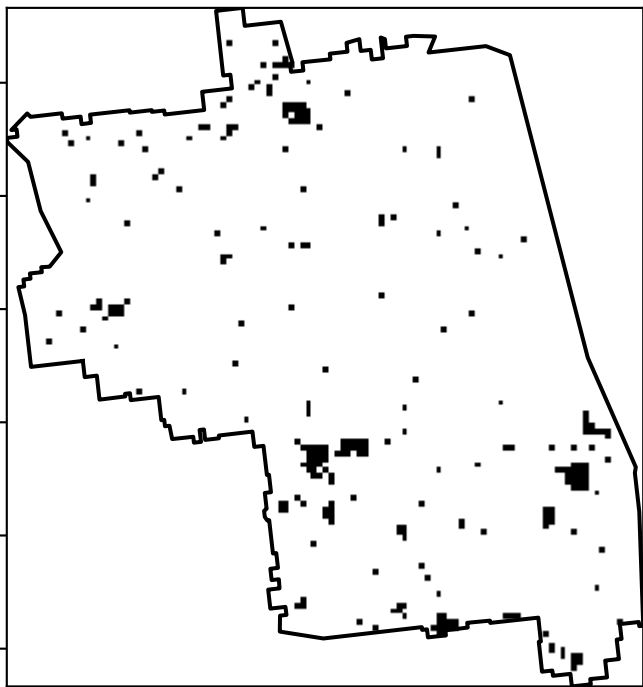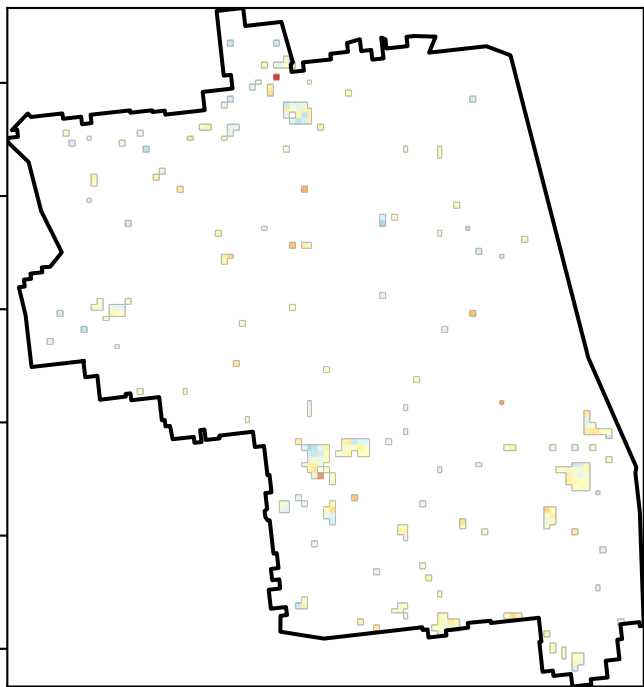CSIRO   TERN   Australian Government   National Landcare Programme   NSW GOVERNMENT   Planning, Industry & Environment

Conservation and natural environments 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%)

Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

Landuse map of area based on 2015 catchment scale landuse and Australia's National Forest Inventory, where no forest is < 20% tree cover, sparse is 20 to 50% and dense > 50% tree cover.
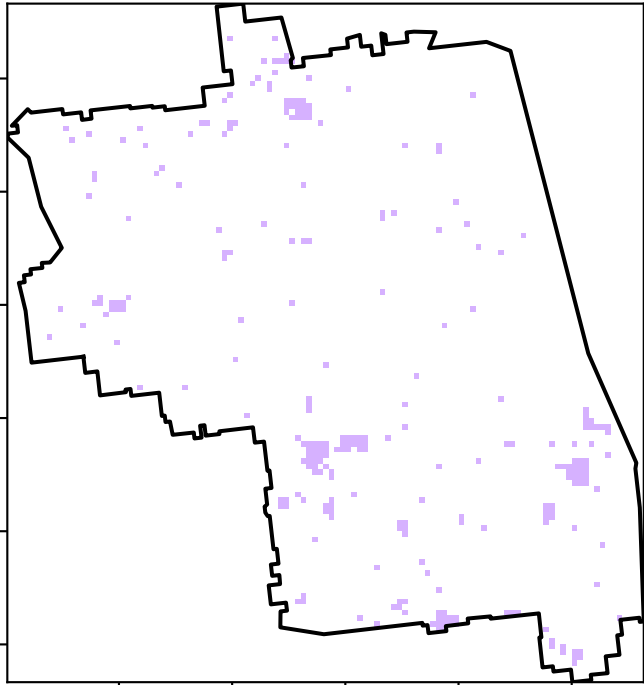
Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]
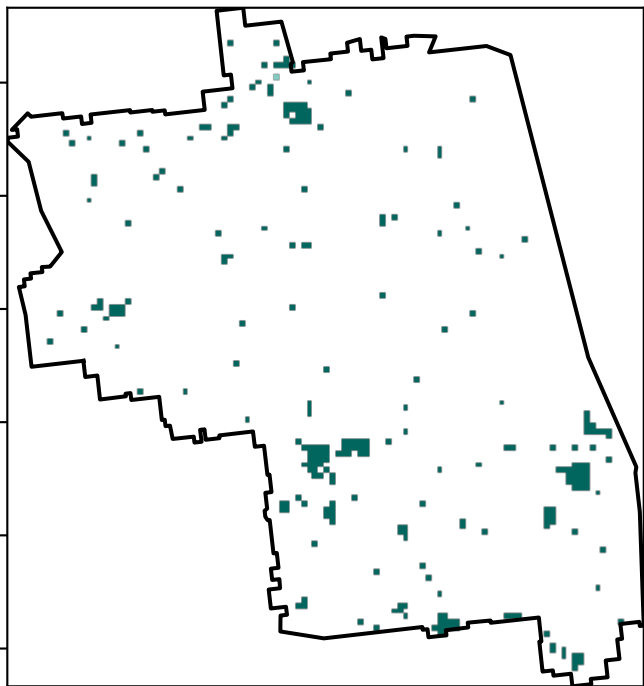
71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
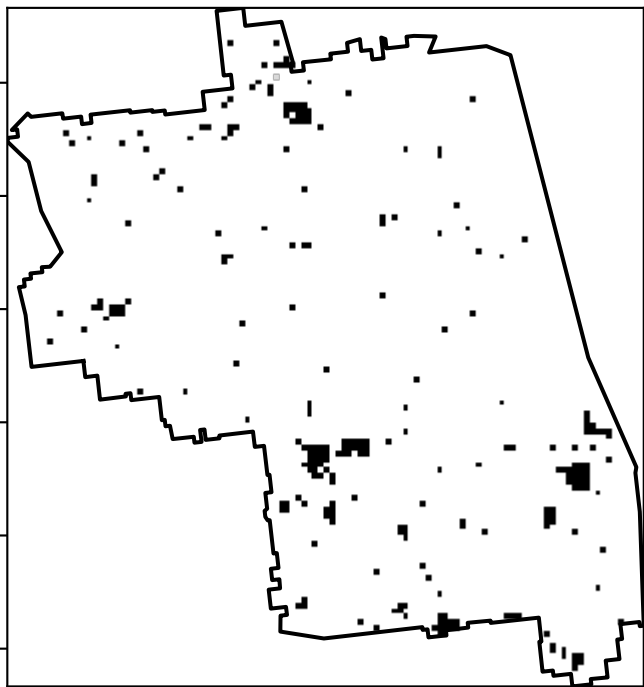
Area not protected 0.4% of region (26 ha)

Area protected 99.6% of region (6,573 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area protected 100.0% of region (6,600 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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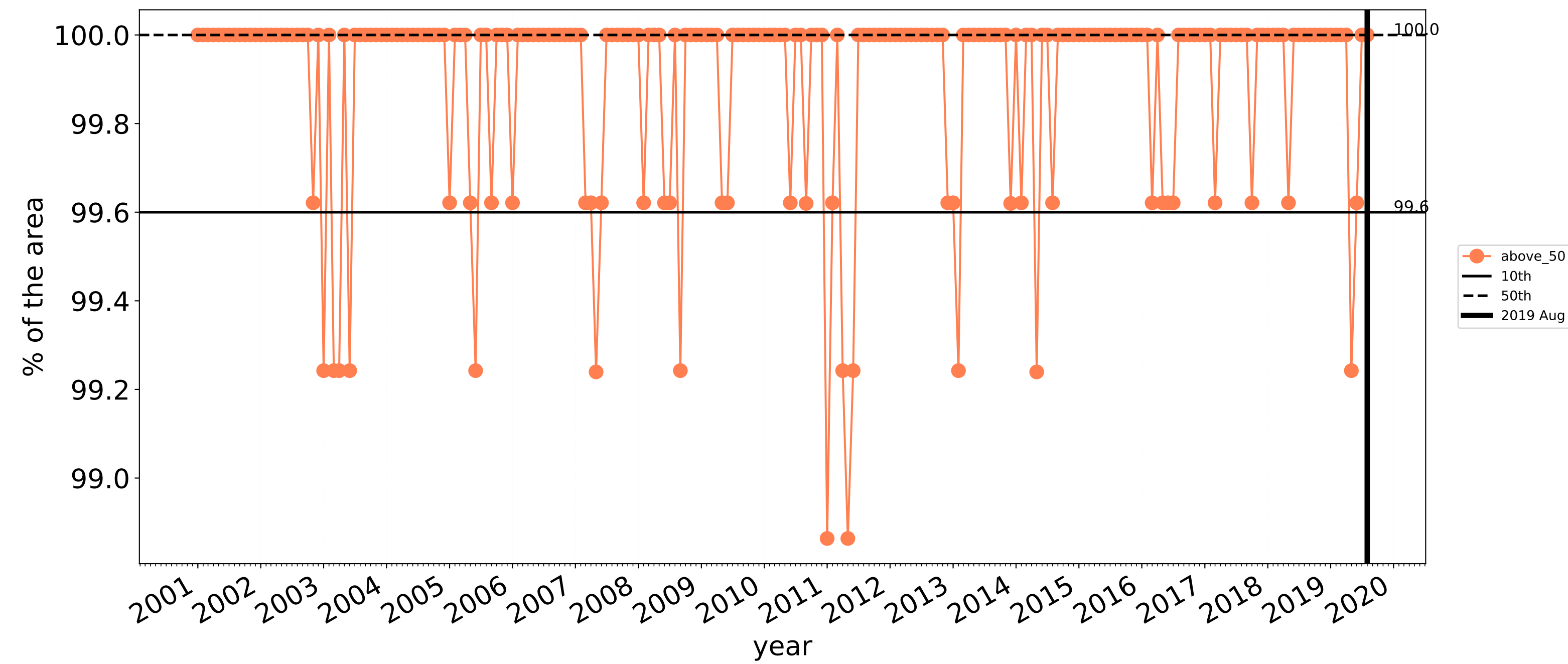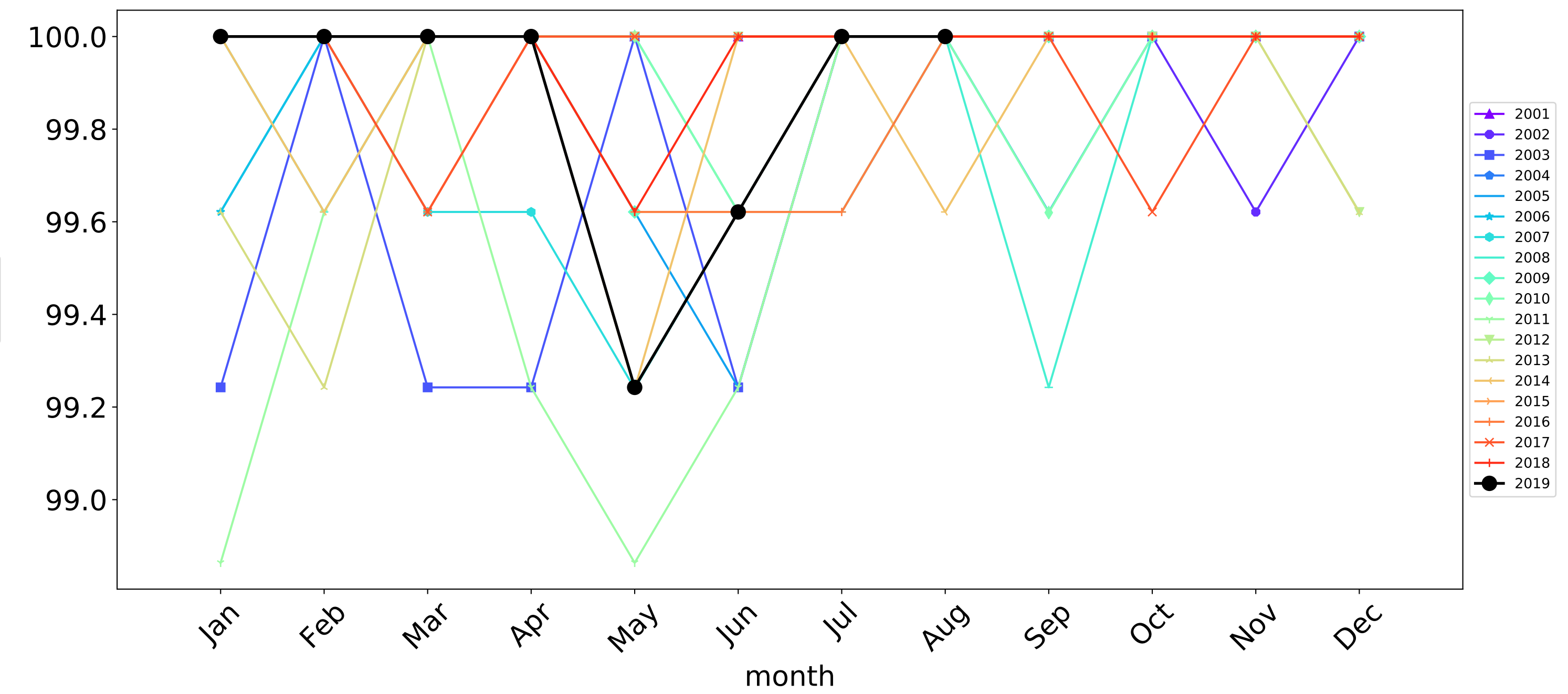
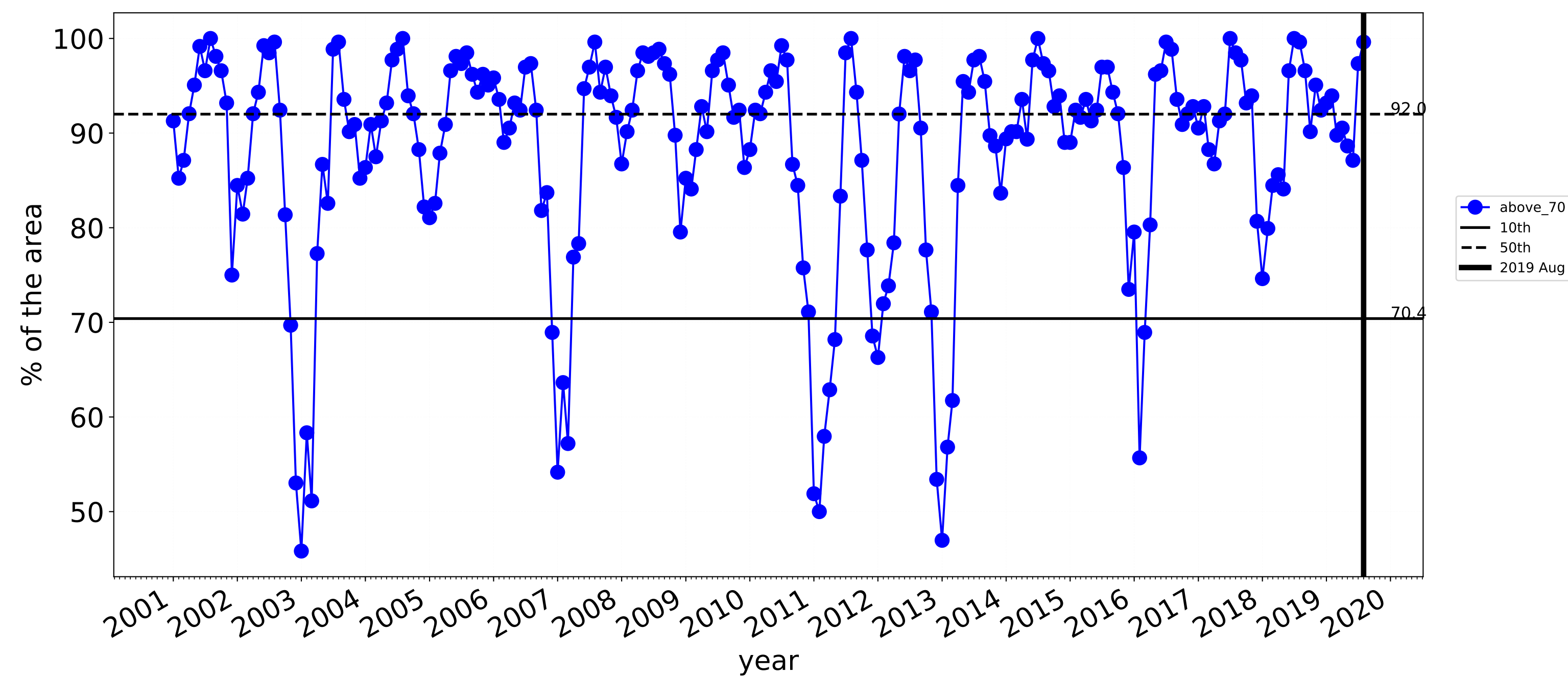# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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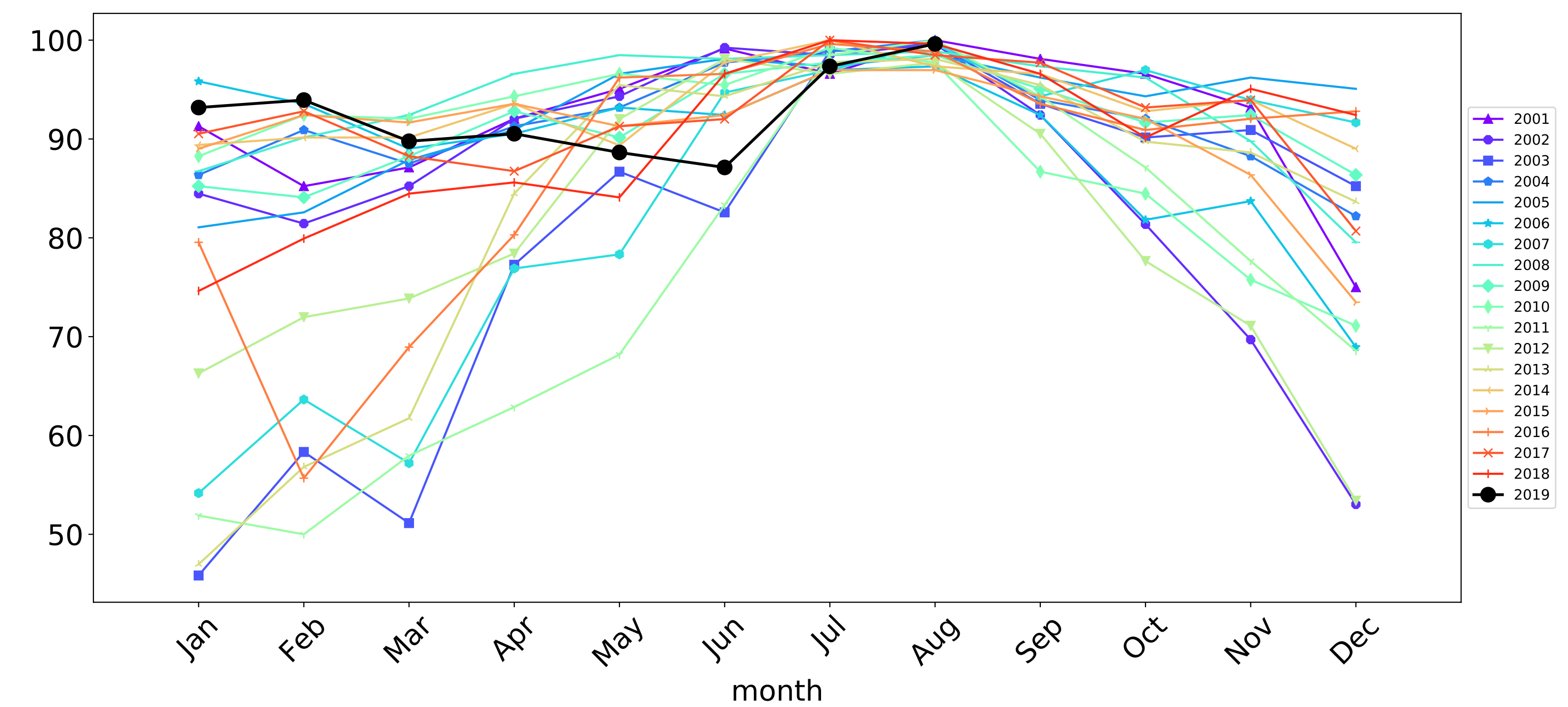
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)
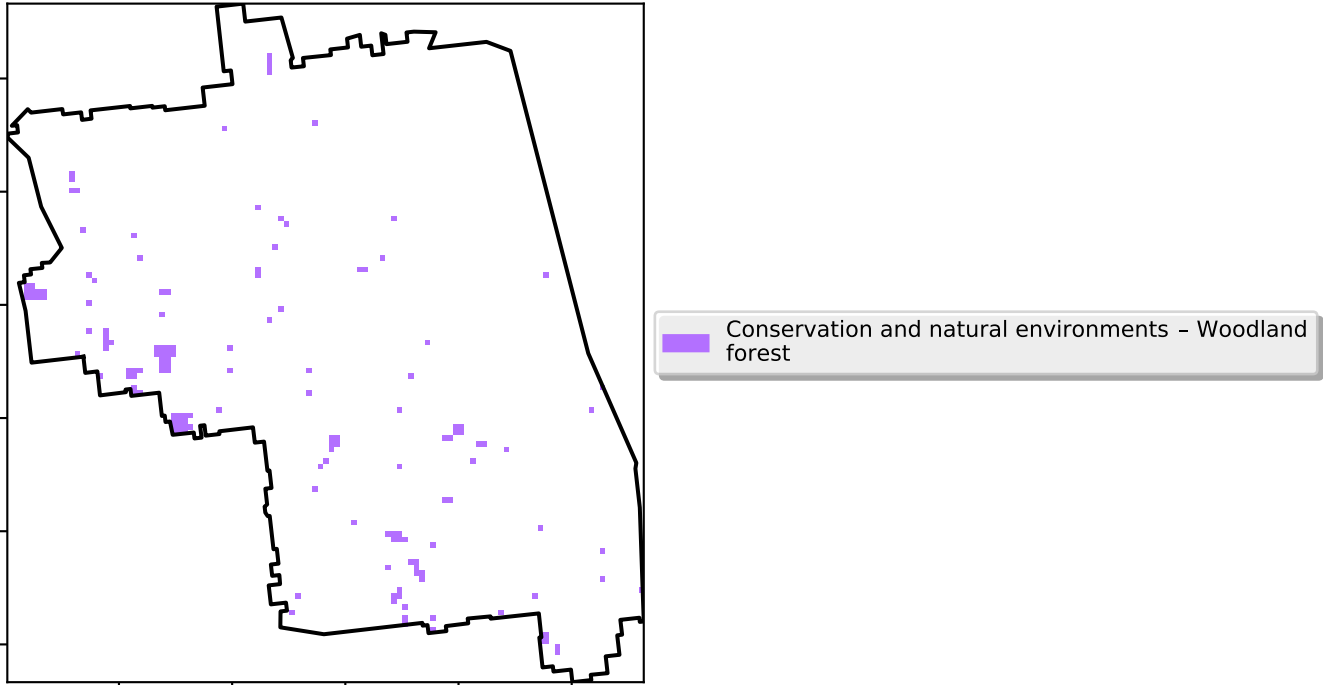
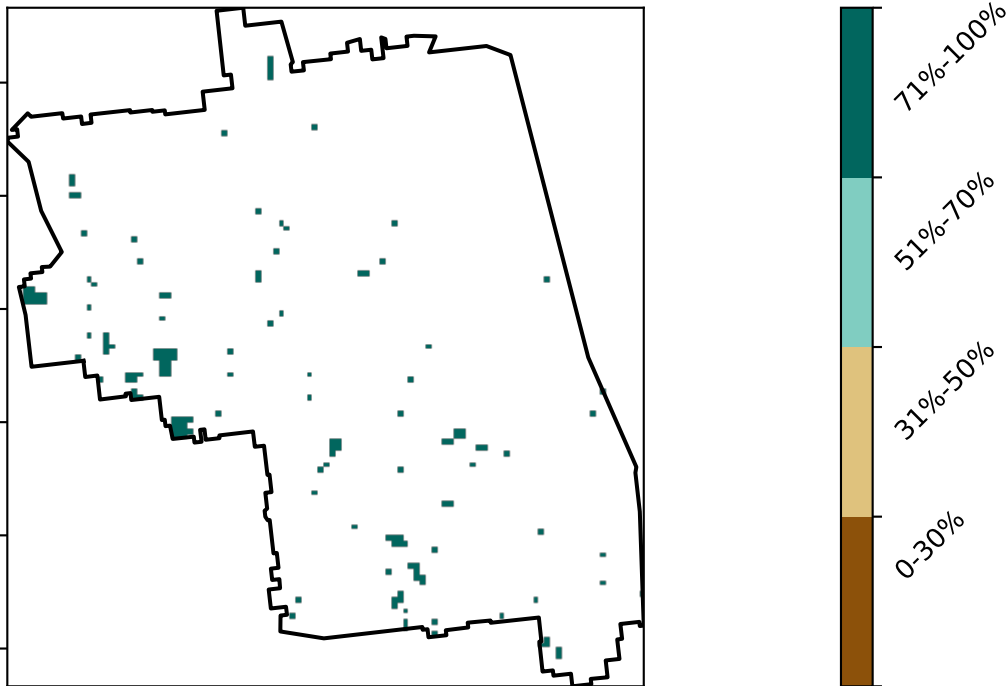Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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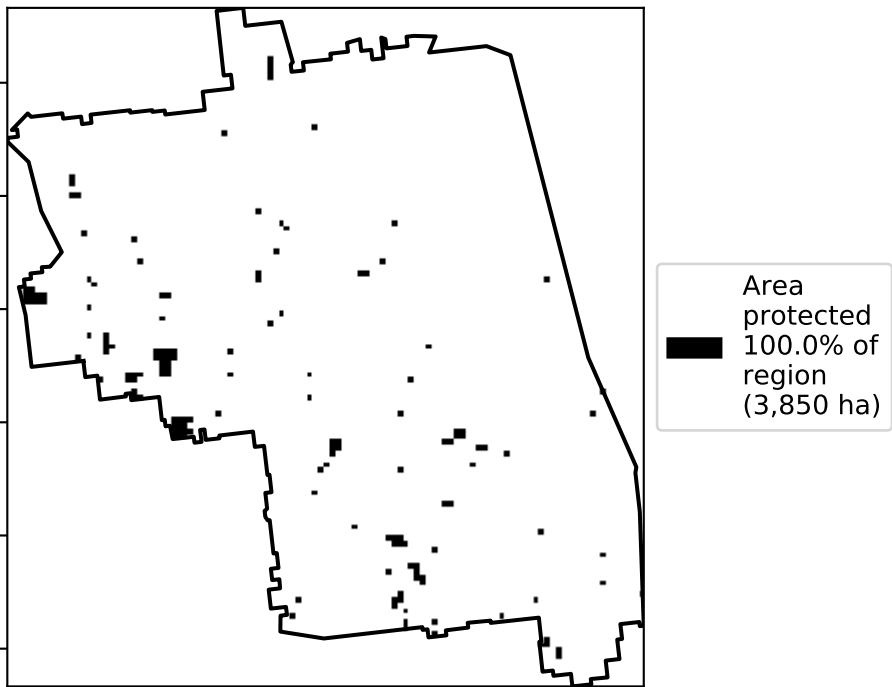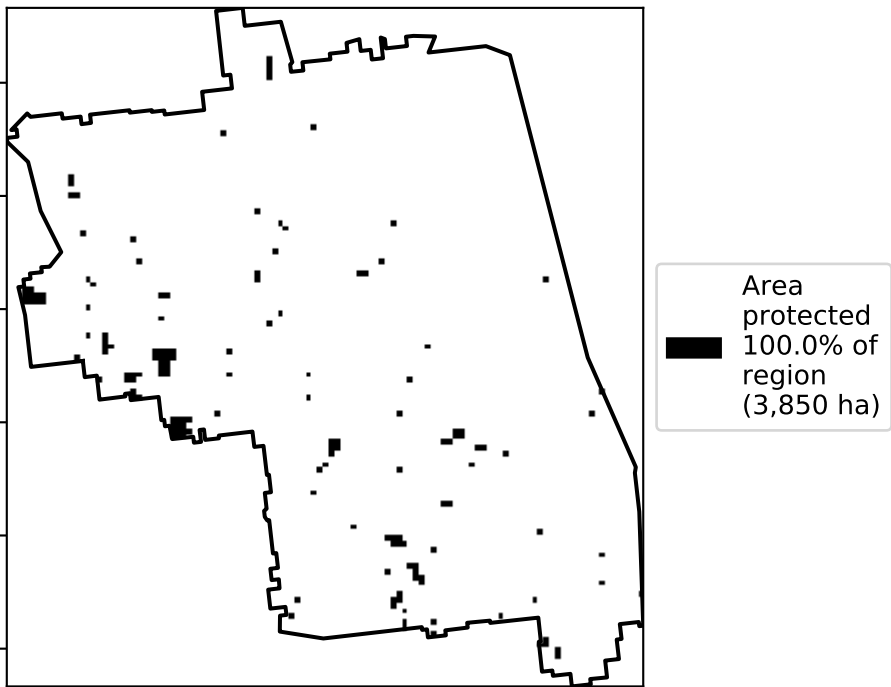
Conservation and natural environments – Woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Area (%)

100.0%

0.0%   0.0%   0.0%

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area protected 100.0% of region (3,850 ha)
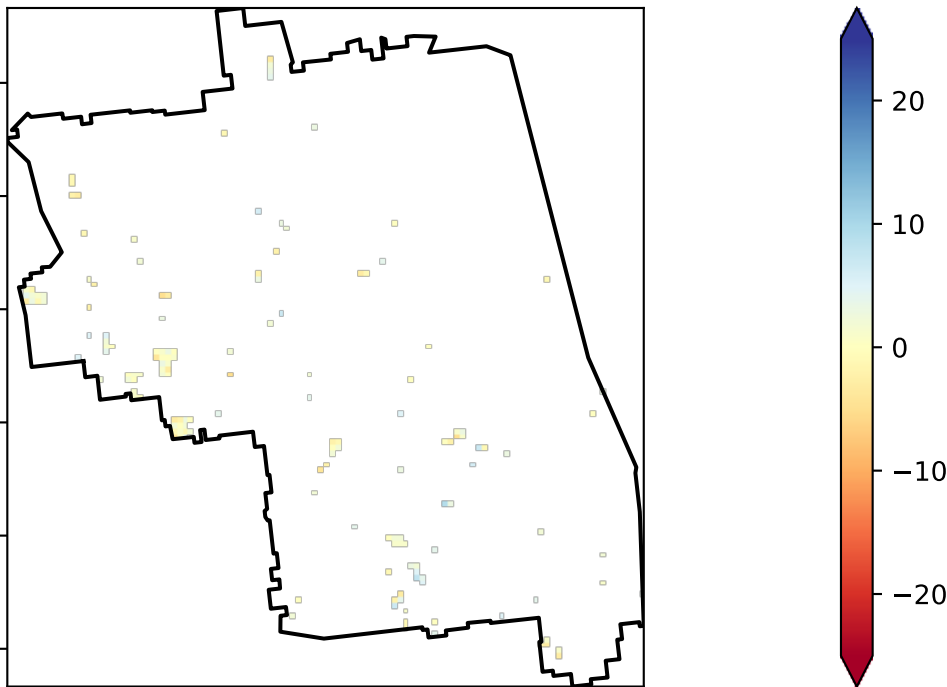
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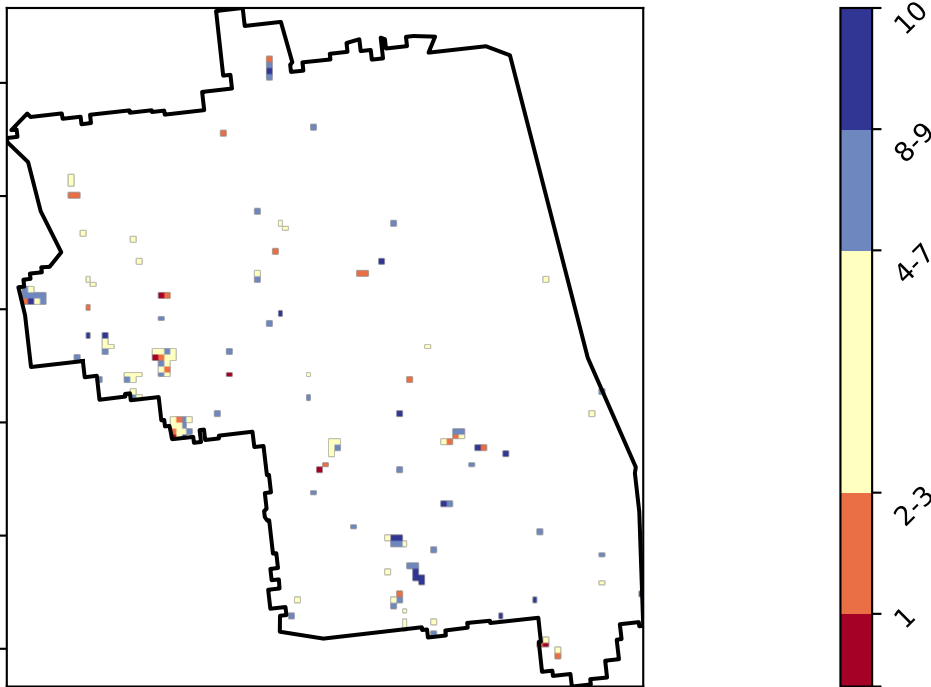
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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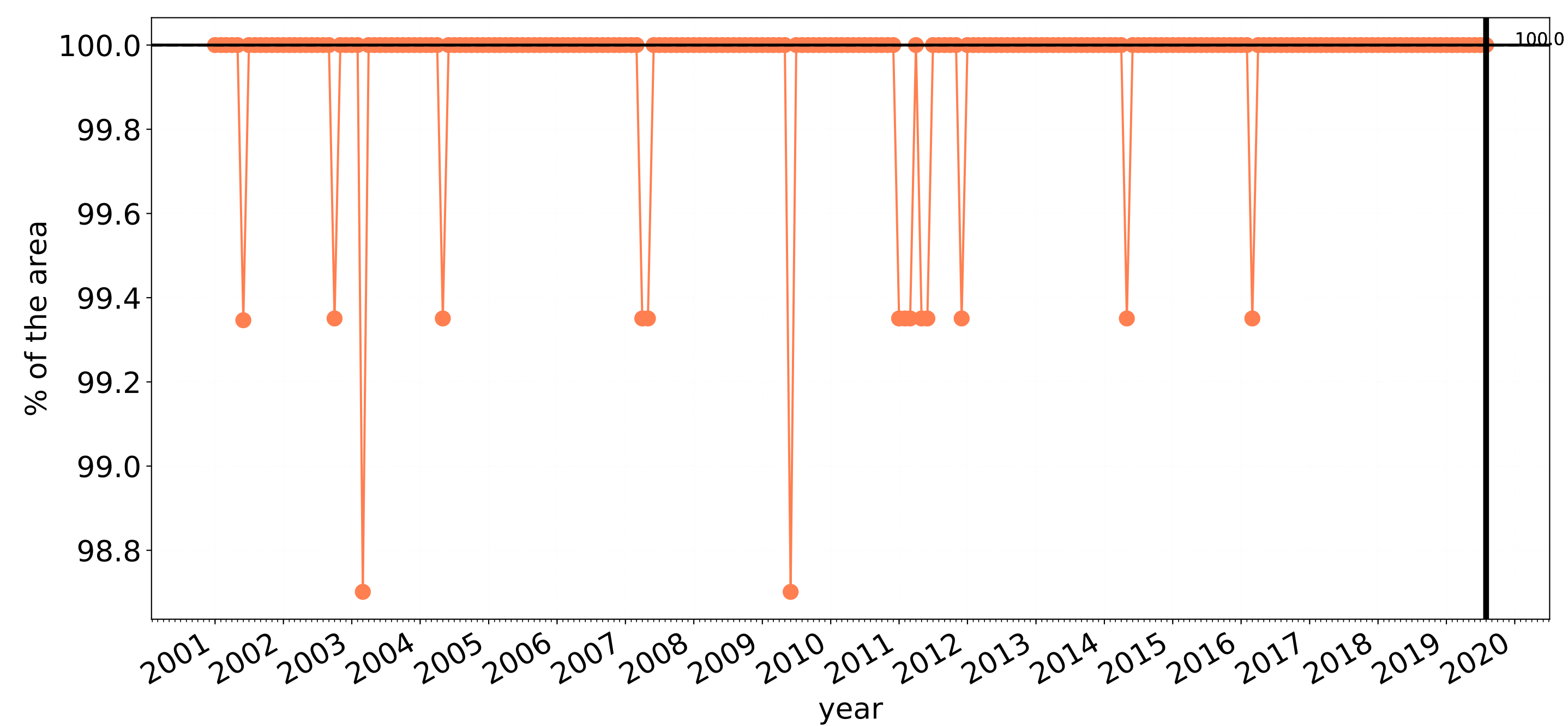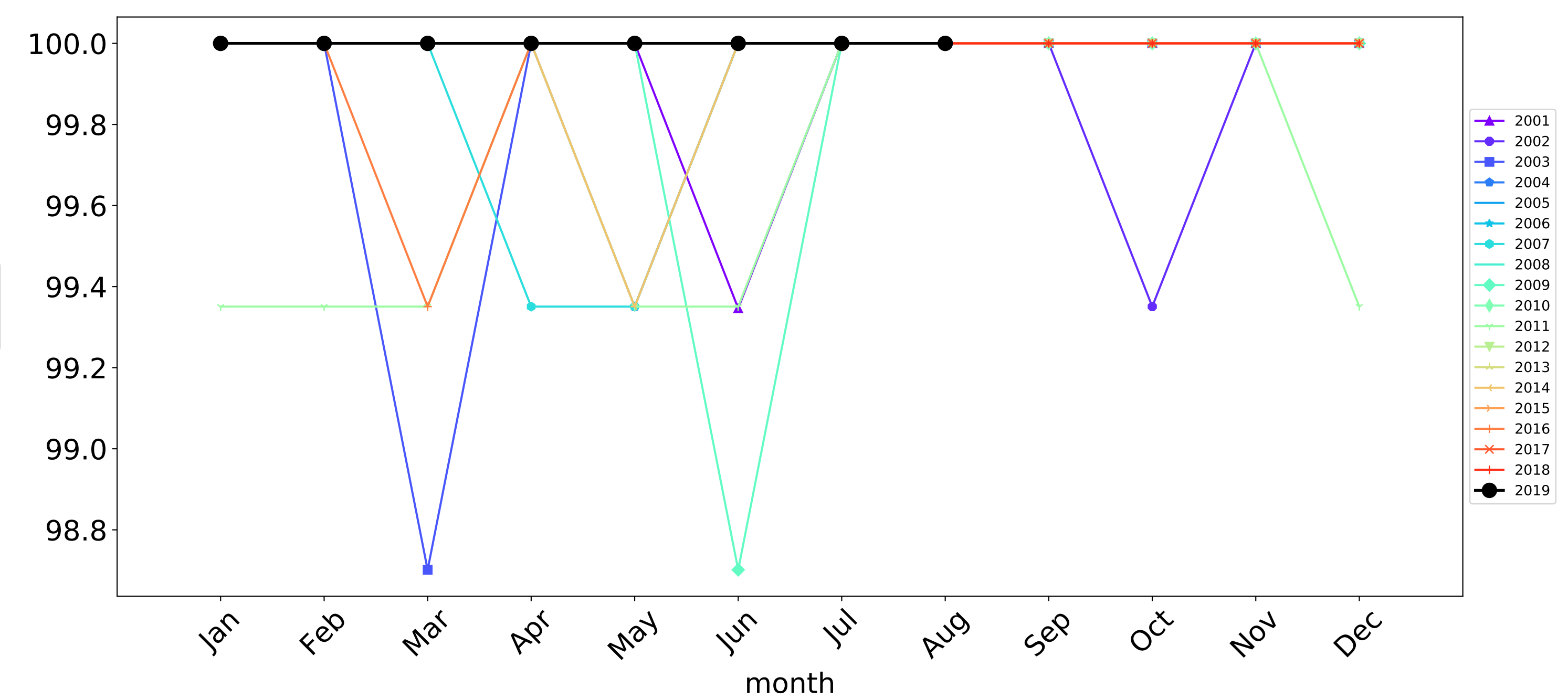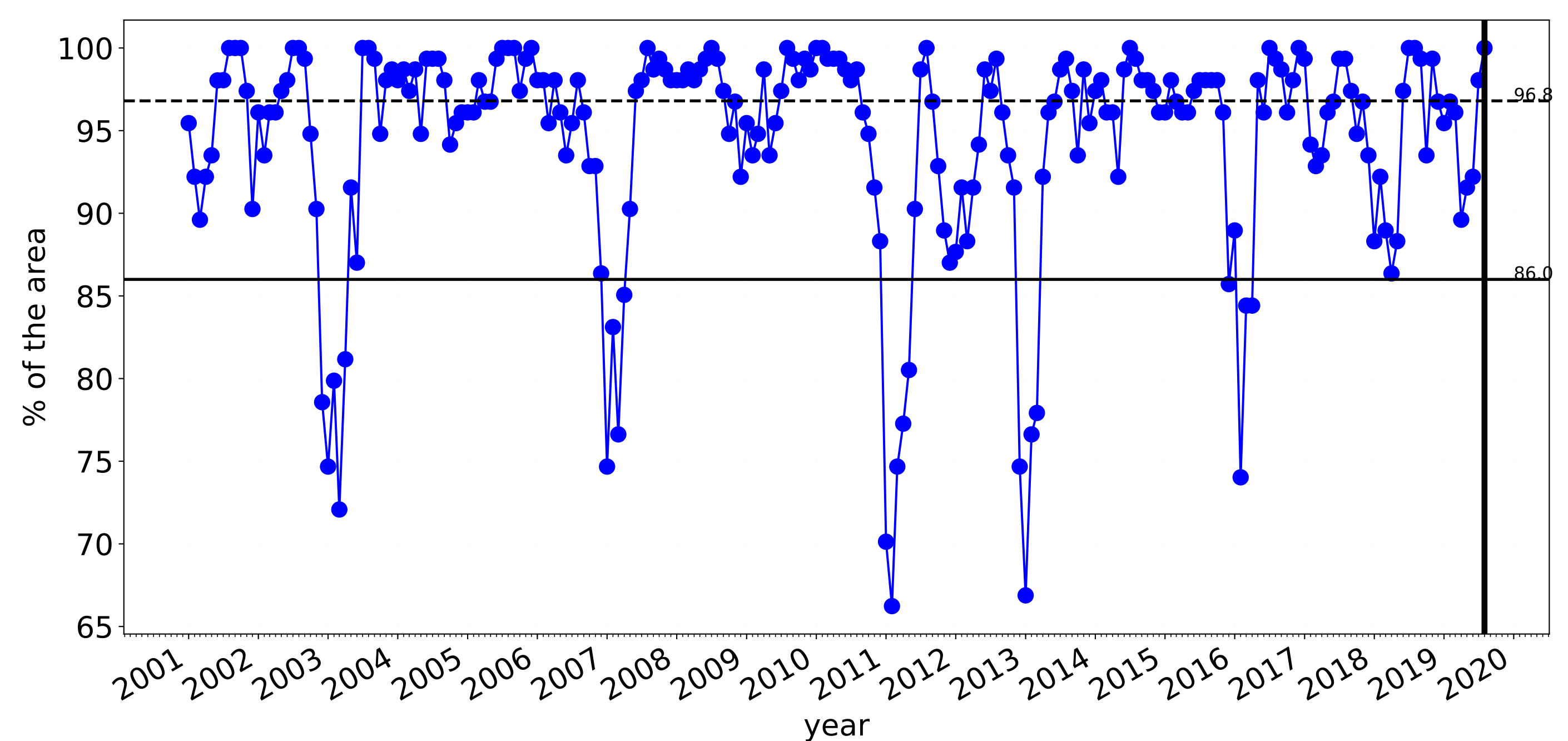# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
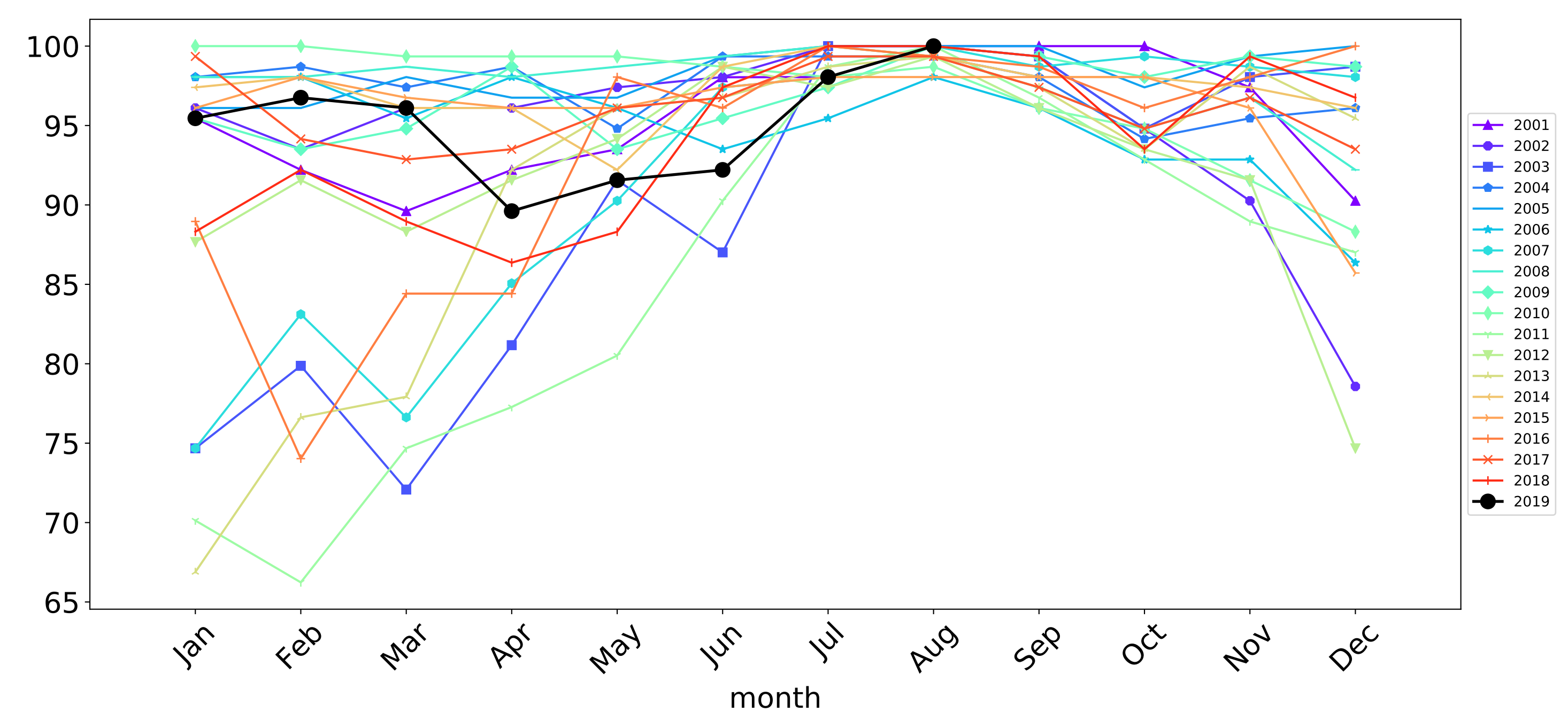
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

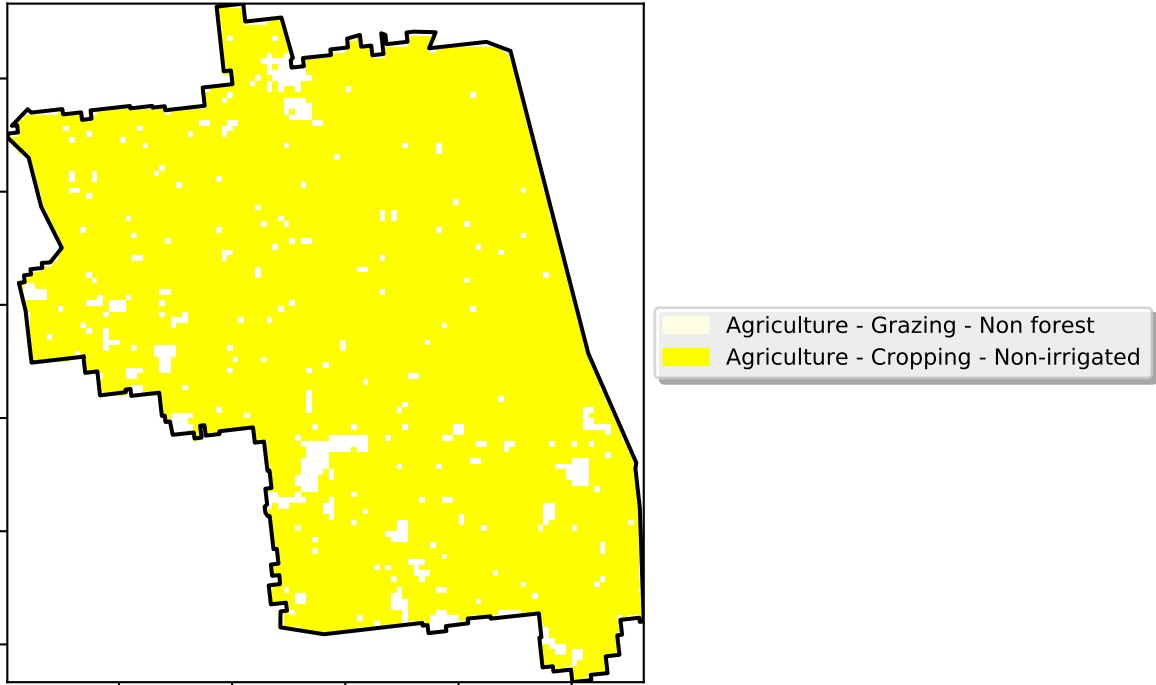Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

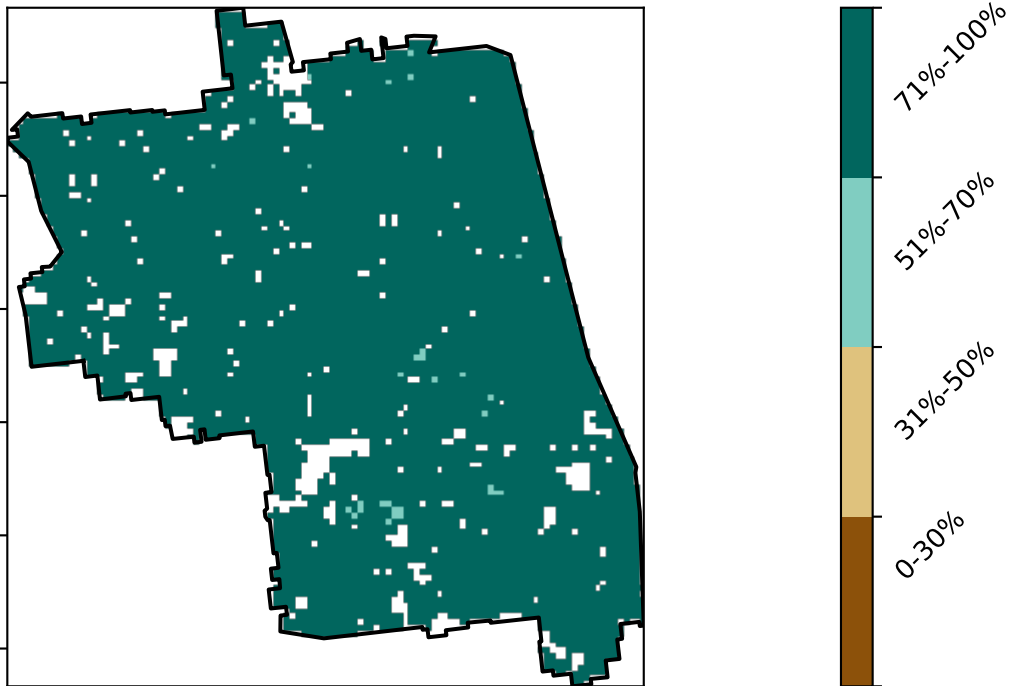Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
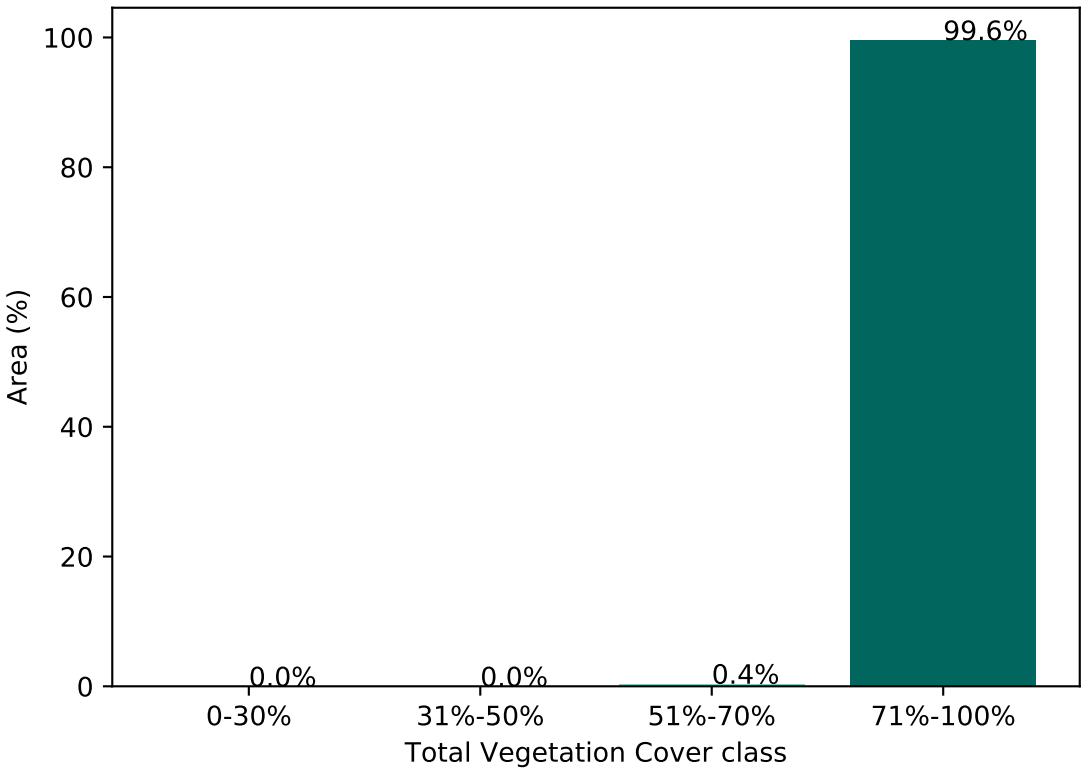
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

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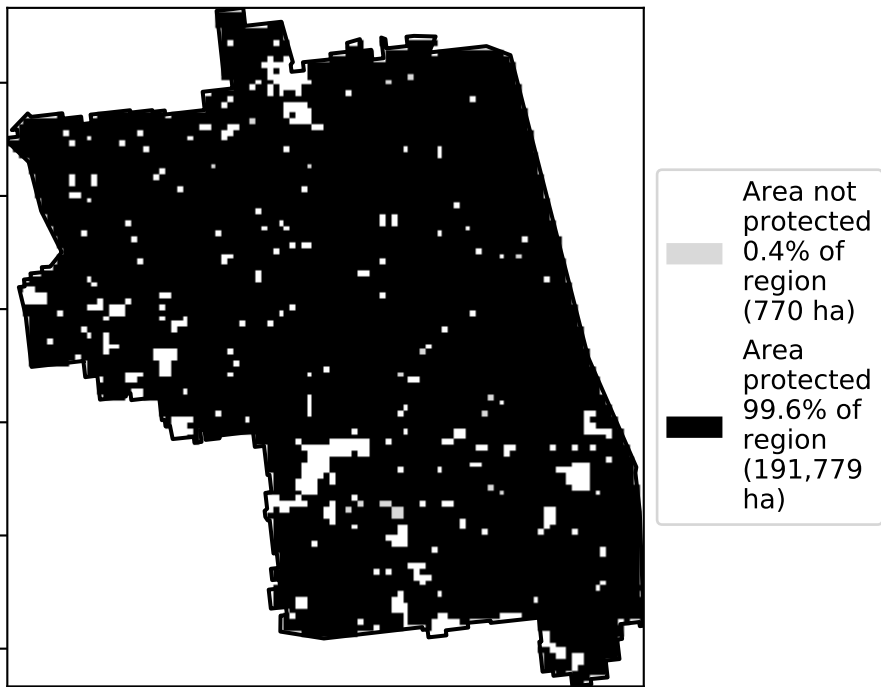
Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

0.0%   0.0%   0.4%   99.6%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class
0-30   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.4% of region (770 ha)

Area protected 99.6% of region (191,779 ha)

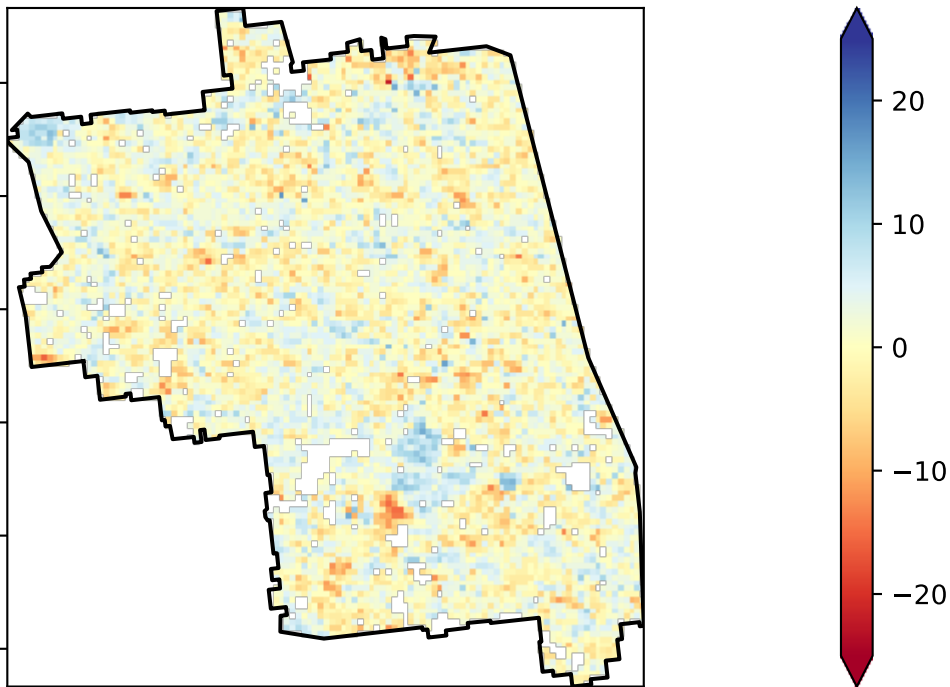## % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
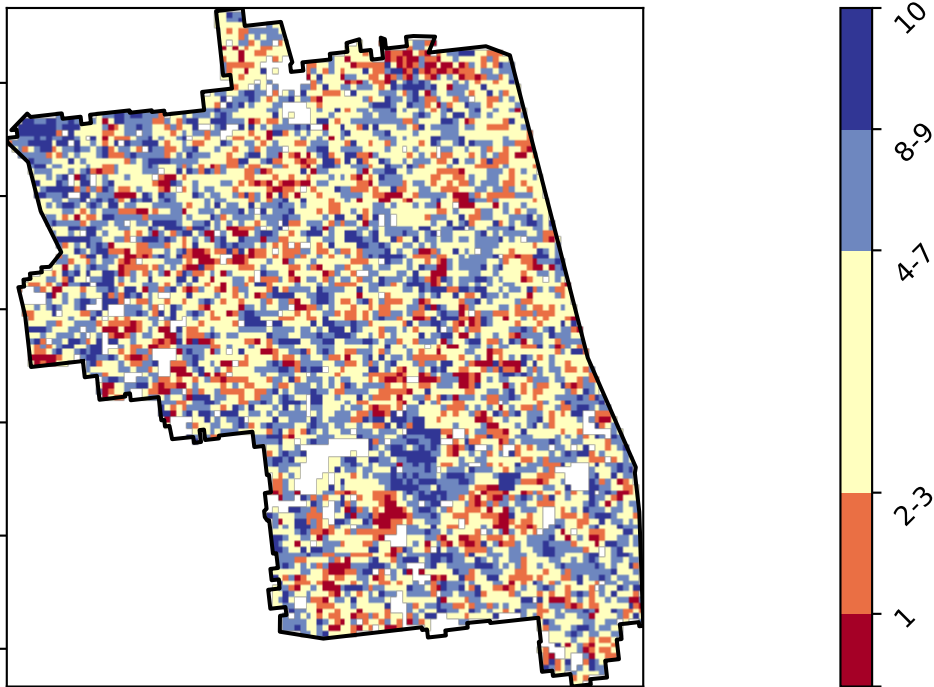
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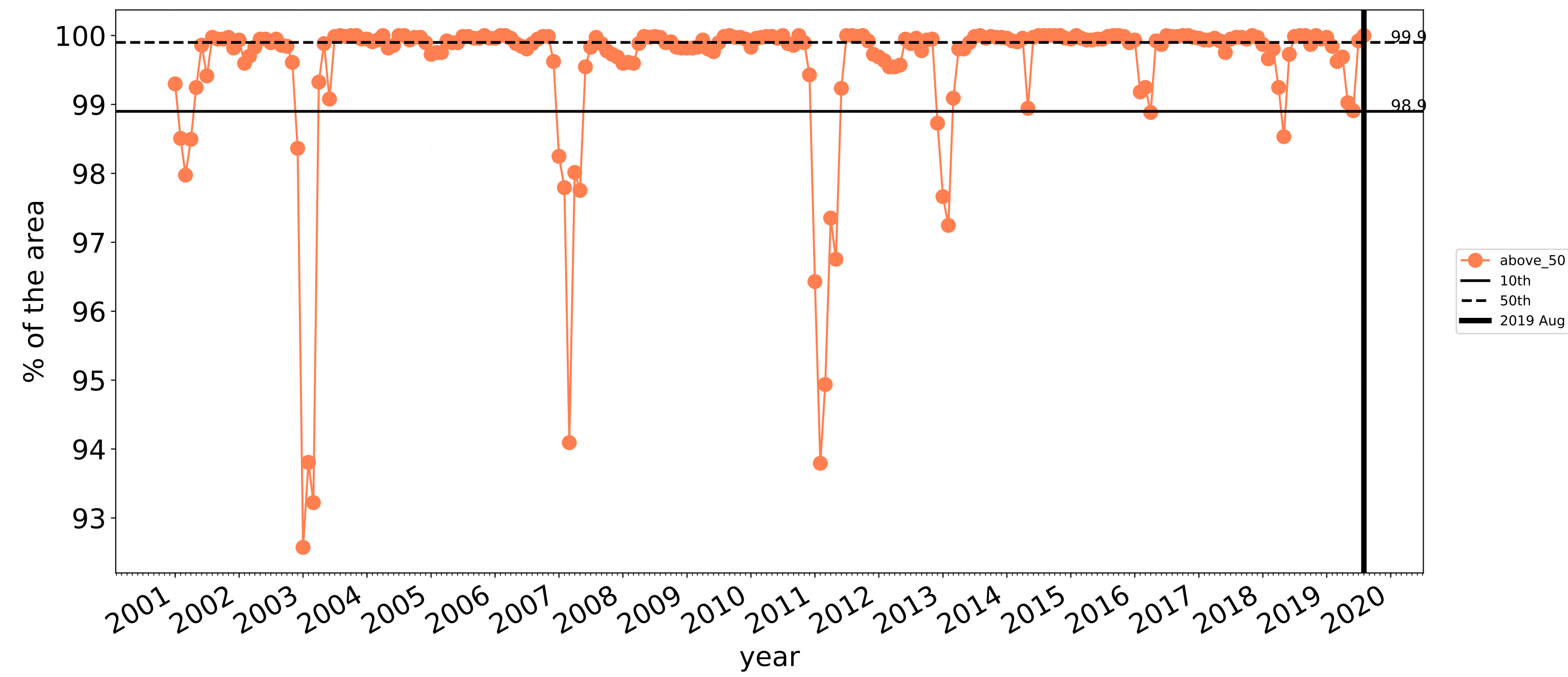
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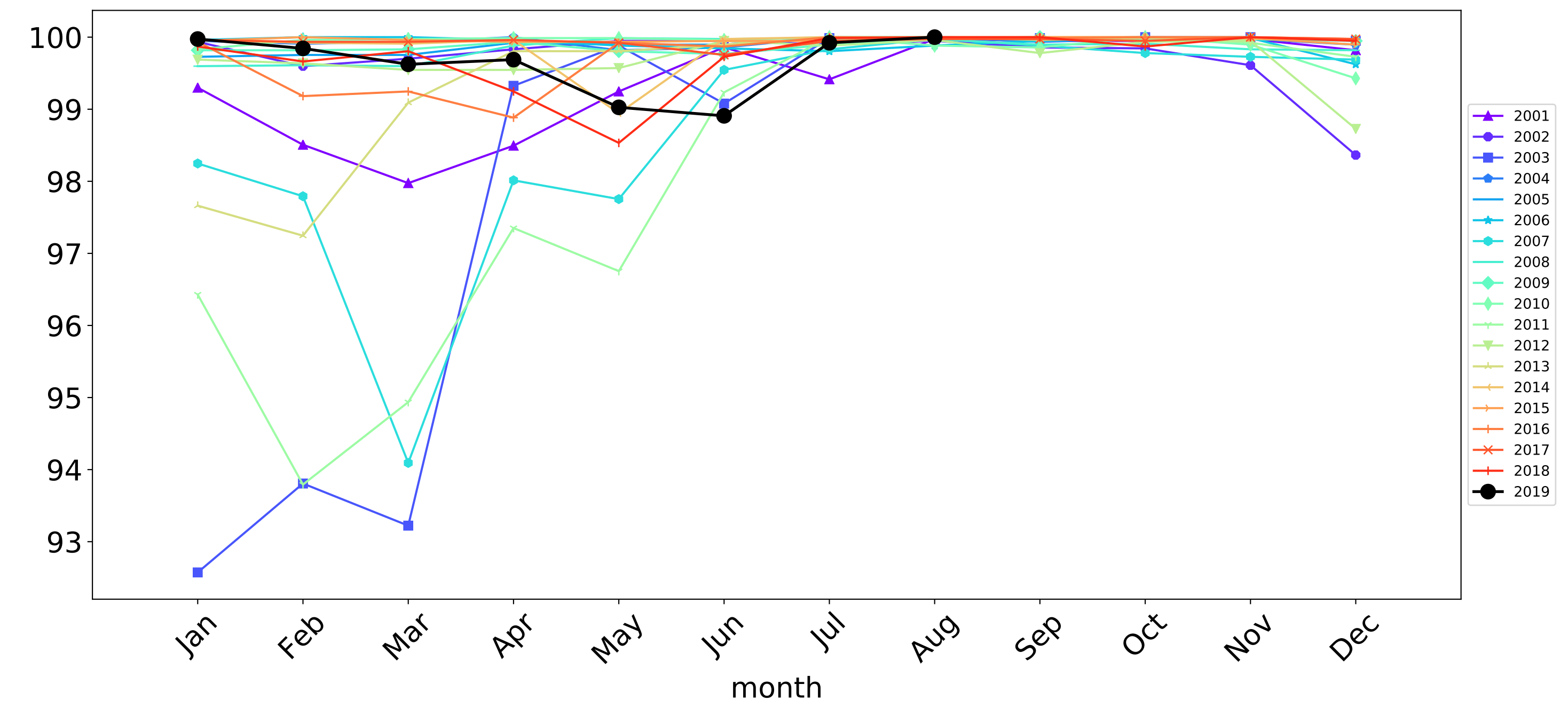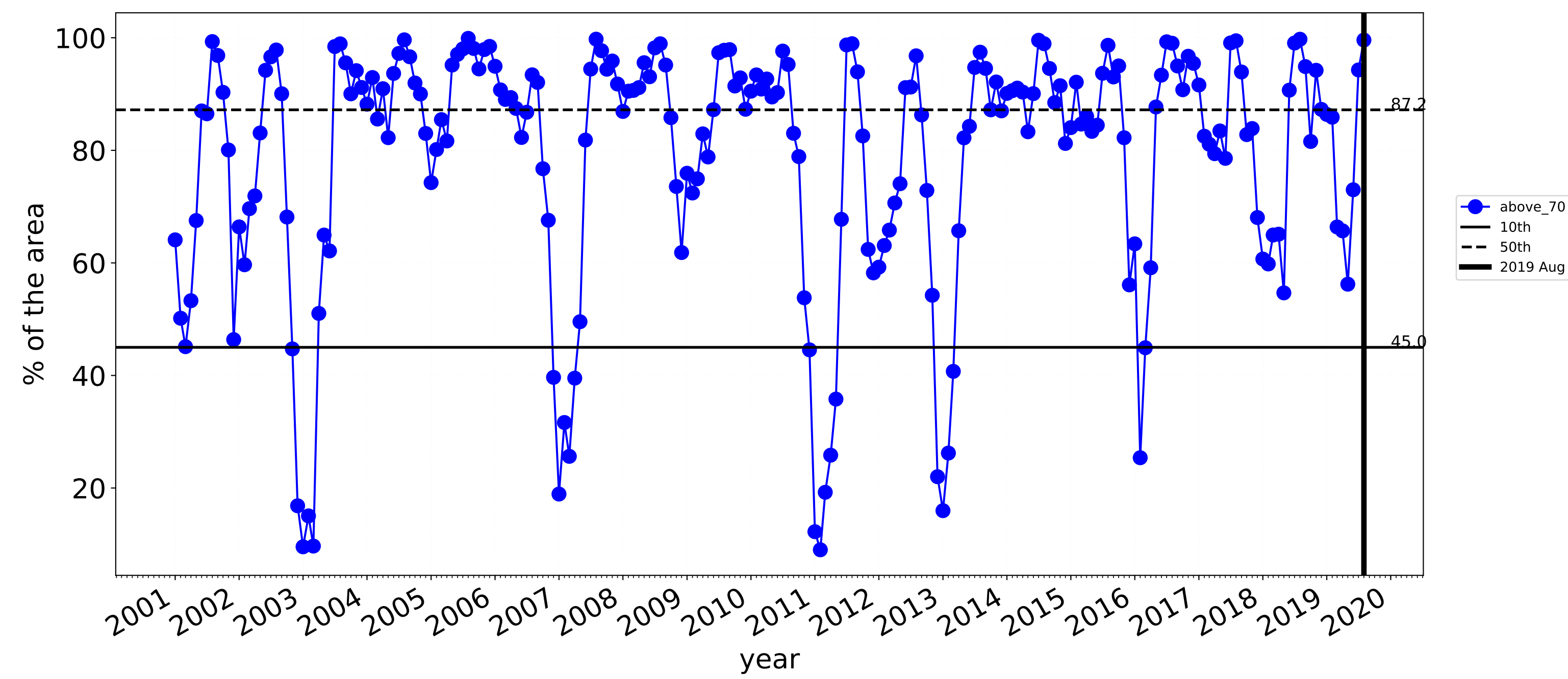1

Agriculture timeseries

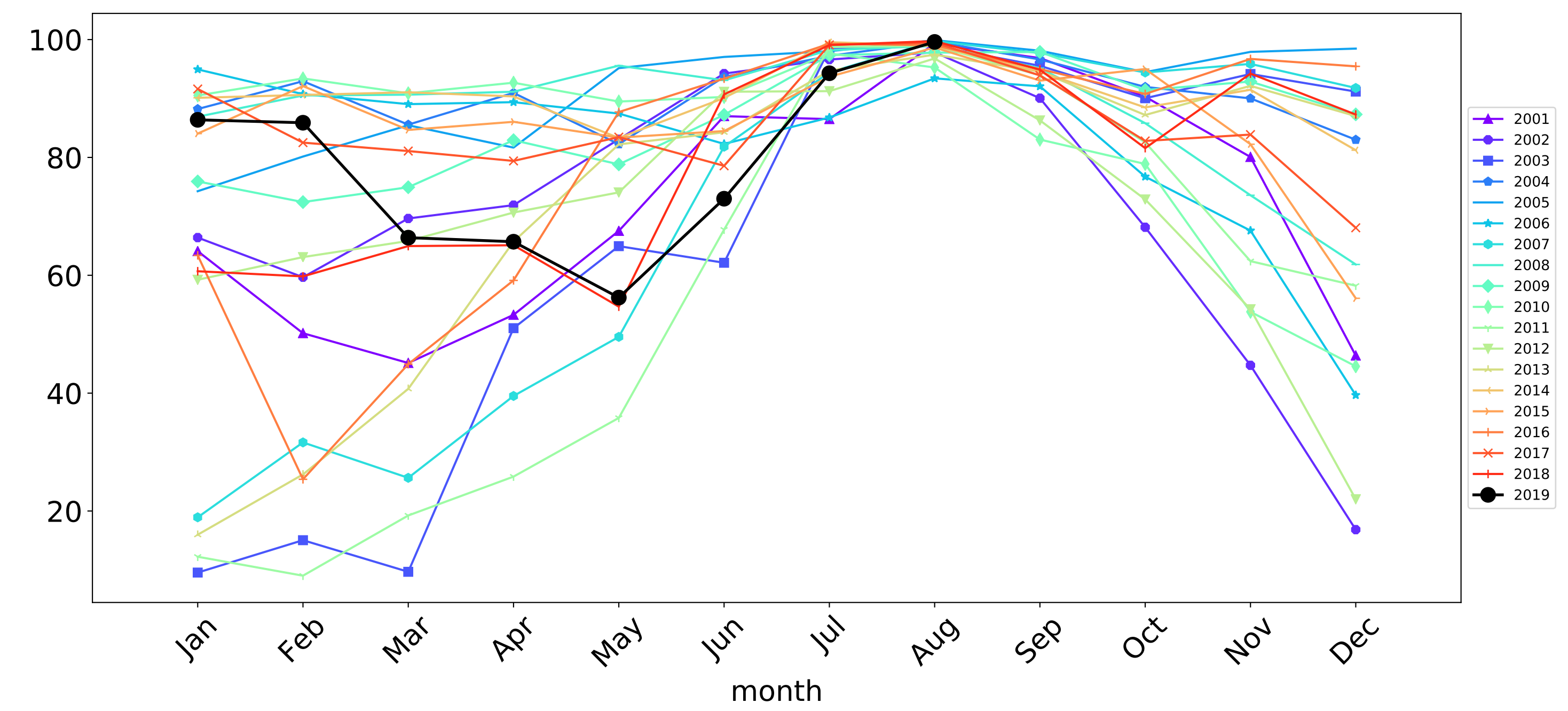Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

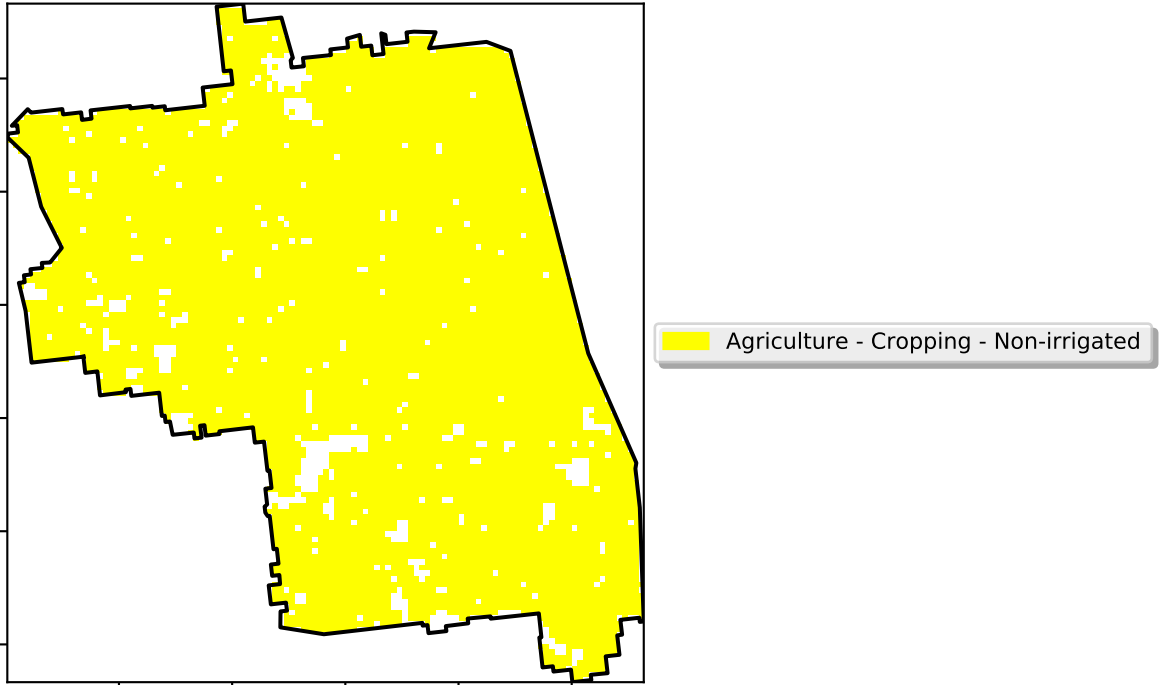Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

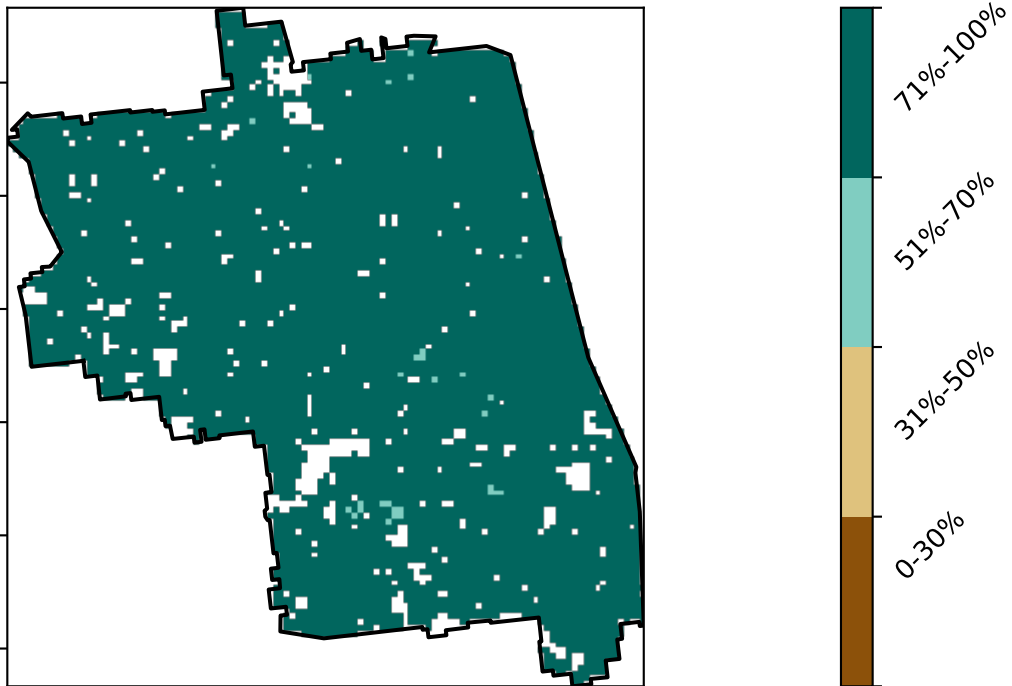Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
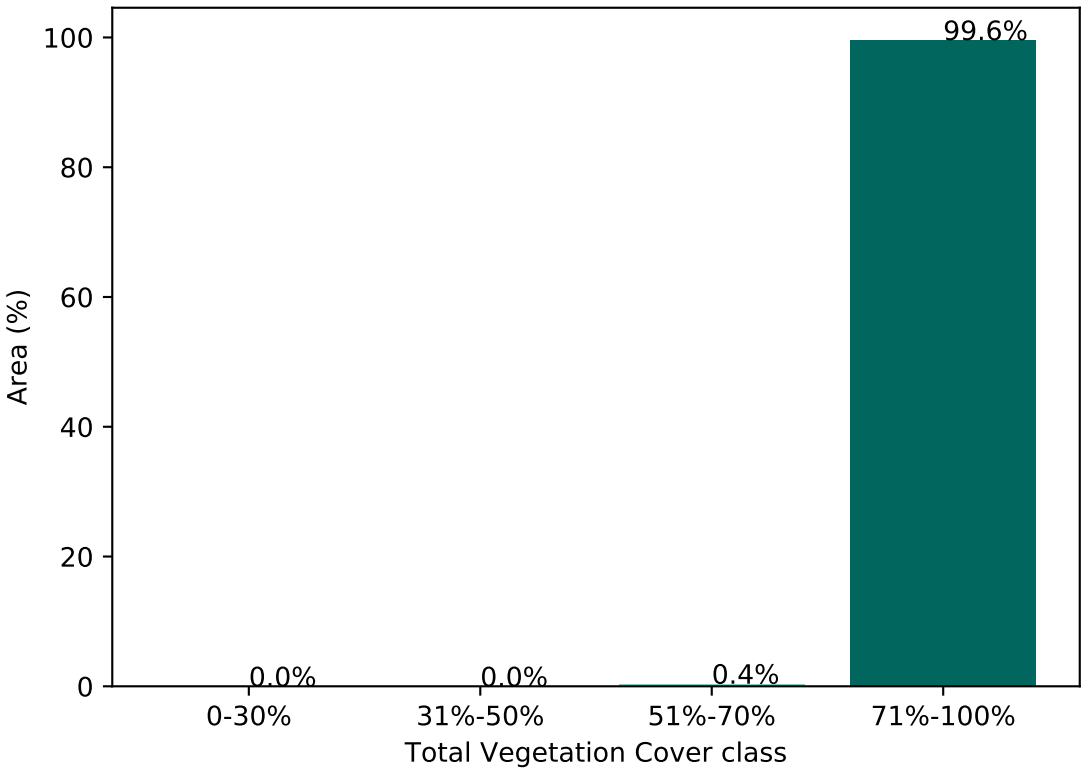
Cropping

Land use and forest cover

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Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.4% of region (767 ha)

Area protected 99.6% of region (191,182 ha)

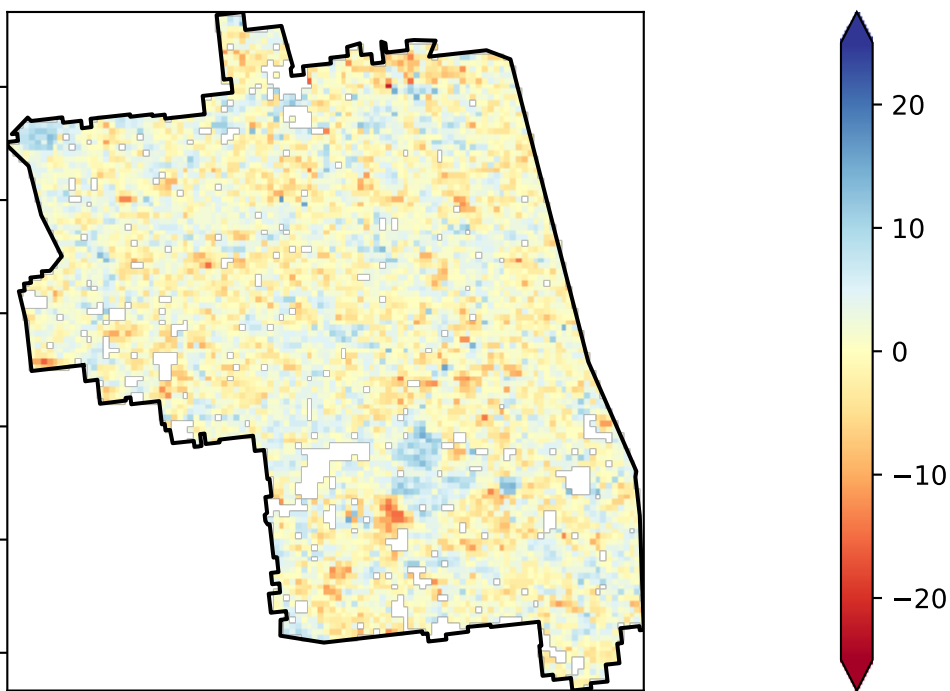## % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
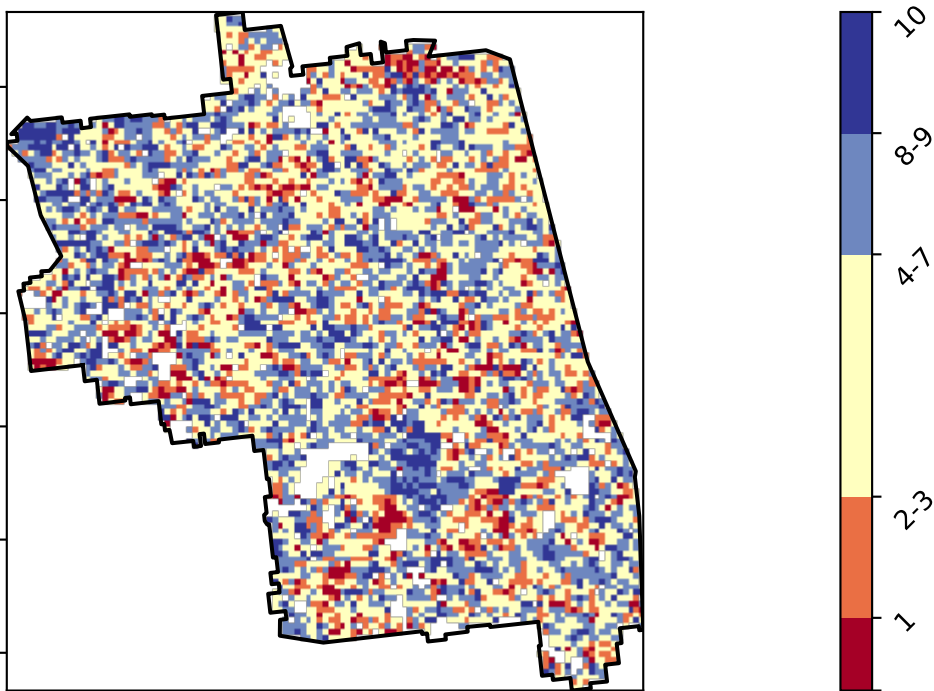

Area protected 100.0% of region (191,950 ha)

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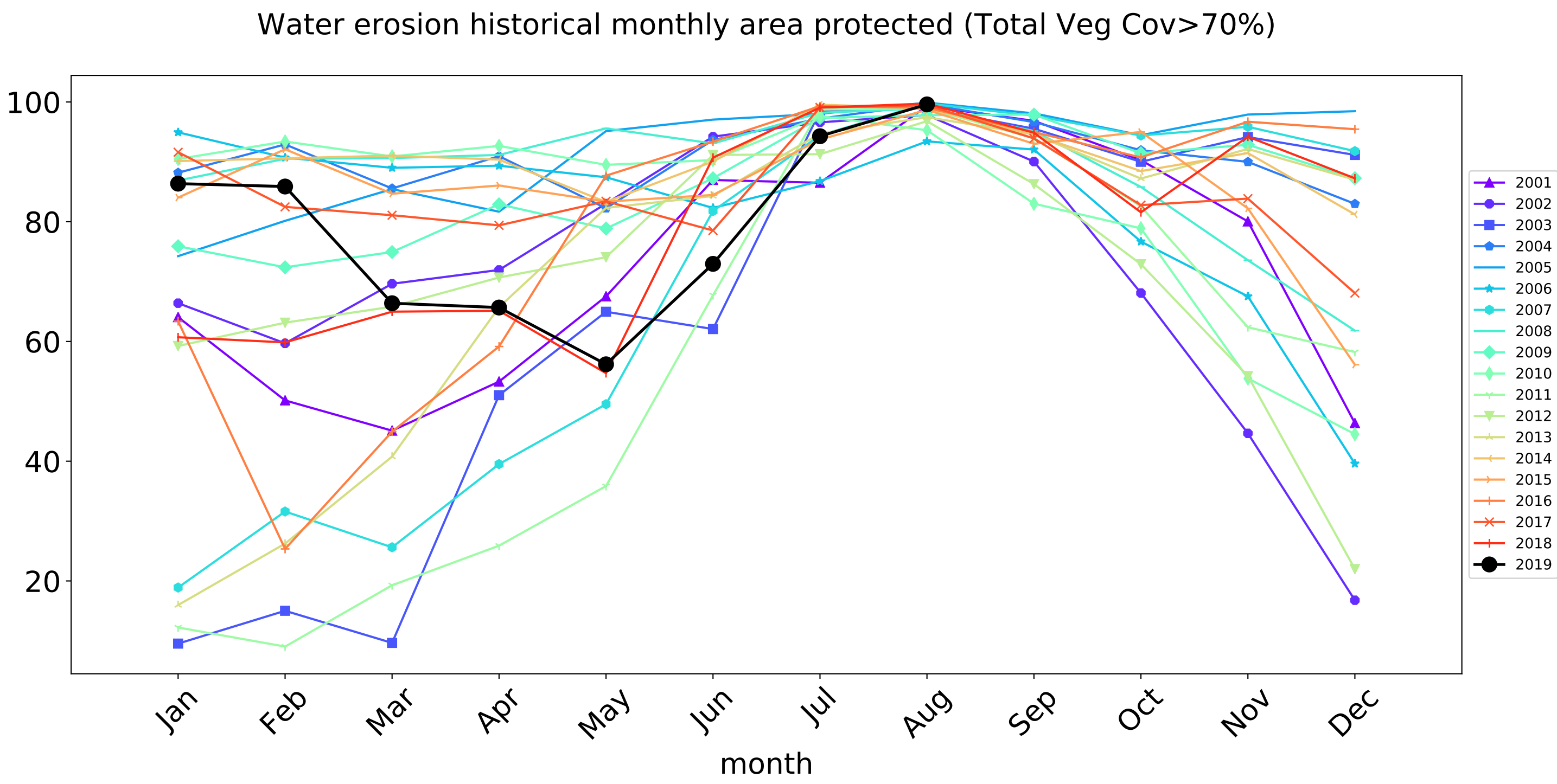
Cropping timeseries

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%)

Wickepin_(S) (204,125 ha and no data 33 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	204,125	100.0% 204,100	100.0% 204,100	99.6% 203,250	86.1% 175,700	10.1% 20,650	0.9% 1,750
Conservation and natural environments	10,410	100.0% 10,410	100.0% 10,410	99.8% 10,385	93.3% 9,713	20.8% 2,166	0.5% 49
Conservation and natural environments non forest	6,532	100.0% 6,532	100.0% 6,532	99.6% 6,507	91.7% 5,987	13.6% 890	0.0% 0
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	3,878	100.0% 3,878	100.0% 3,878	100.0% 3,878	96.1% 3,727	33.1% 1,284	1.3% 50
Agriculture	192,489	100.0% 192,489	100.0% 192,489	99.6% 191,715	85.7% 165,048	9.5% 18,269	0.8% 1,524
Cropping	191,877	100.0% 191,877	100.0% 191,877	99.6% 191,102	85.7% 164,437	9.5% 18,218	0.8% 1,524