# **Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Central Tablelands NSW**

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:

- 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:

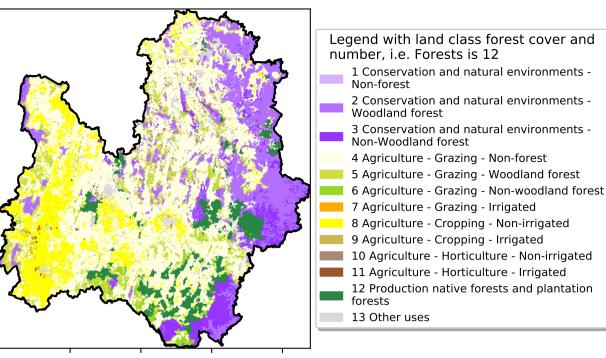
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# **Vegetation Cover Jun 2003**

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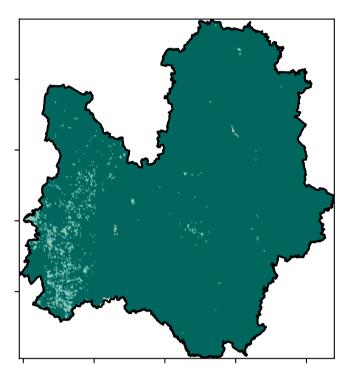
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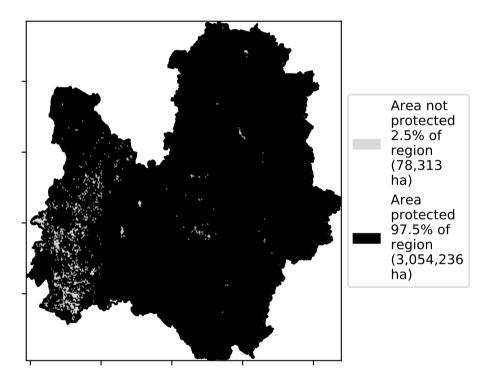
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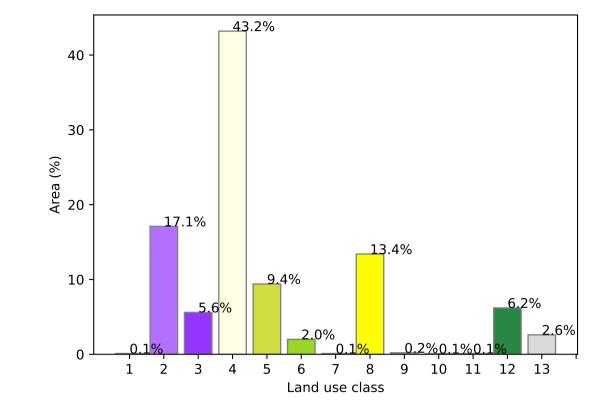
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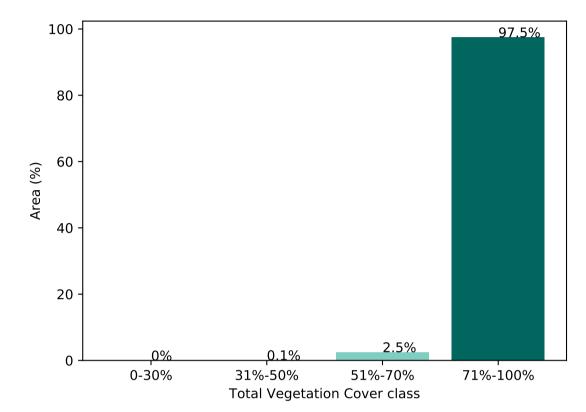


#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

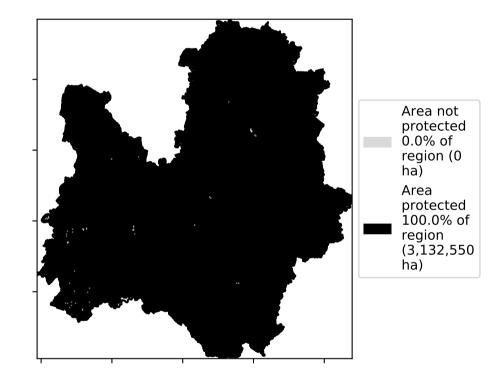




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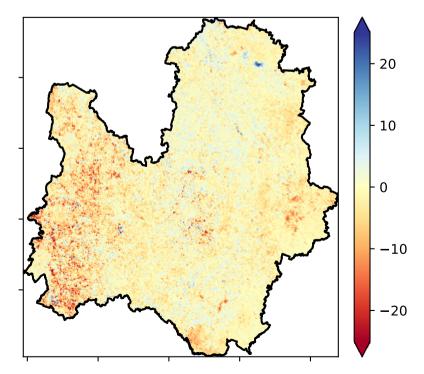
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



#### Proportion of each land class in area

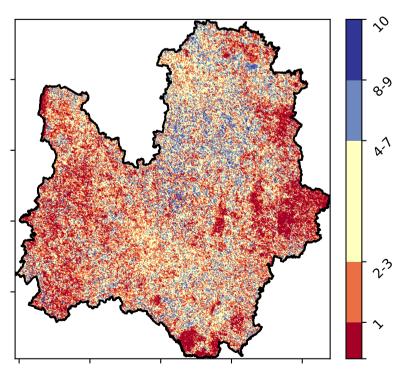
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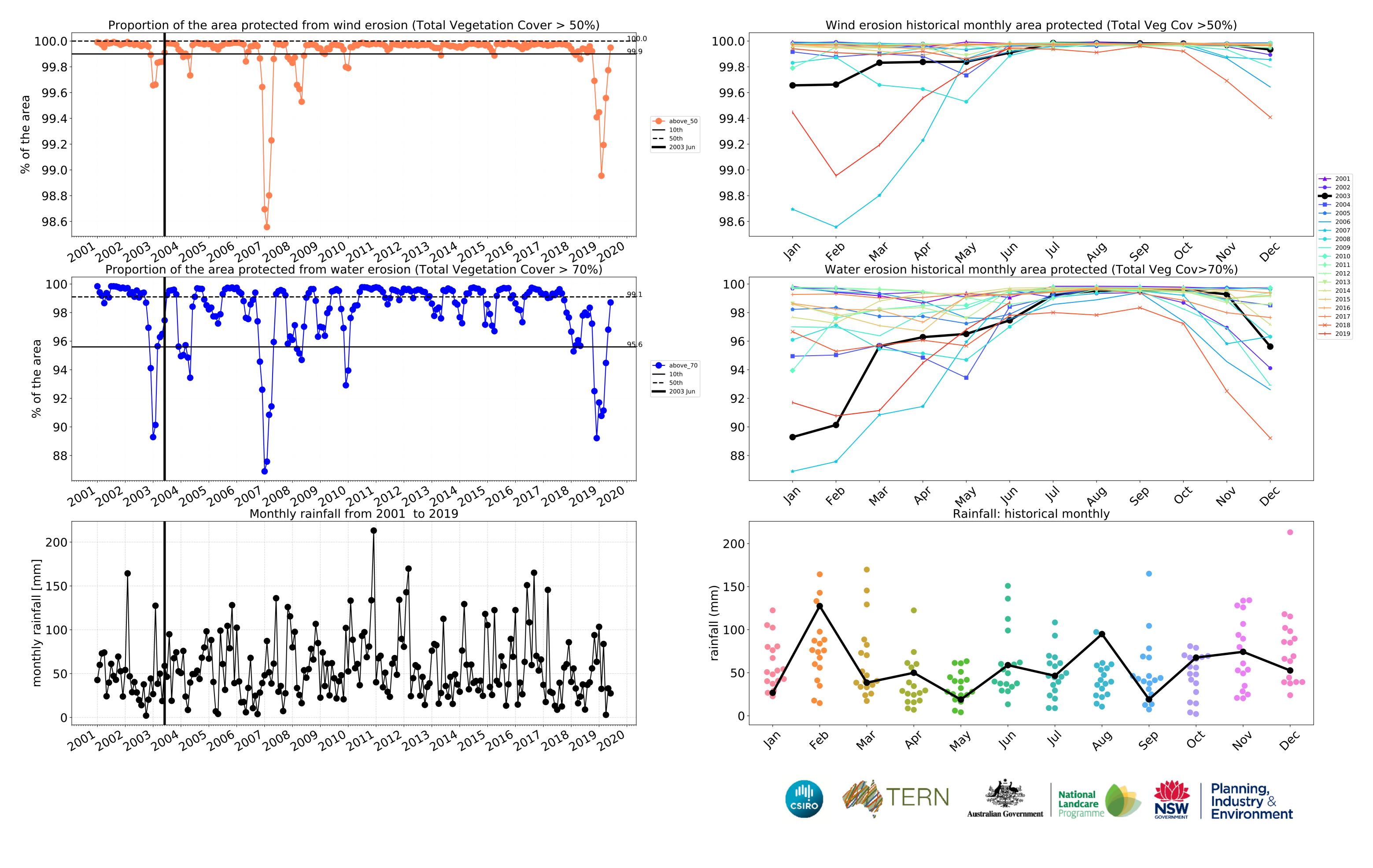


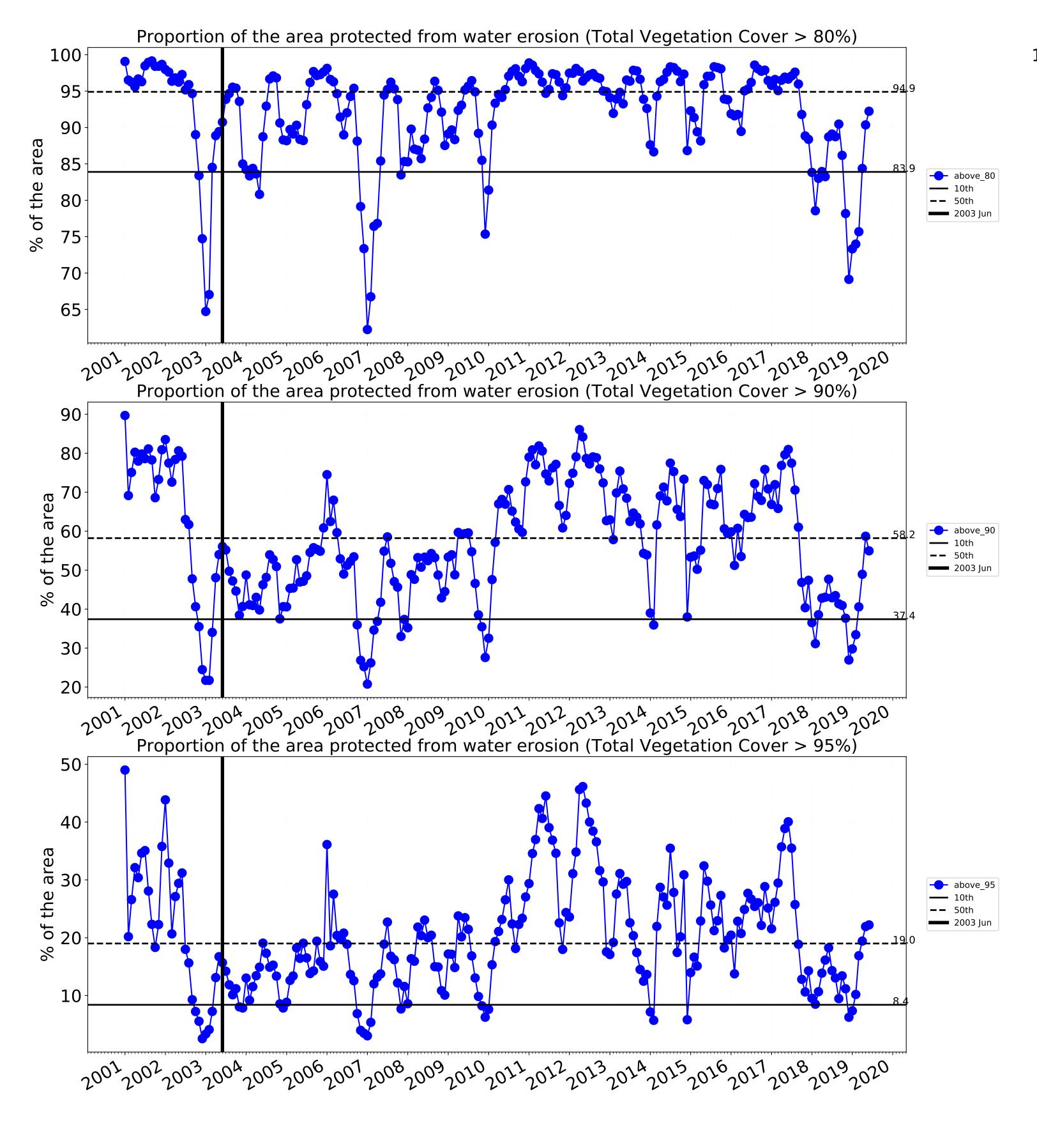
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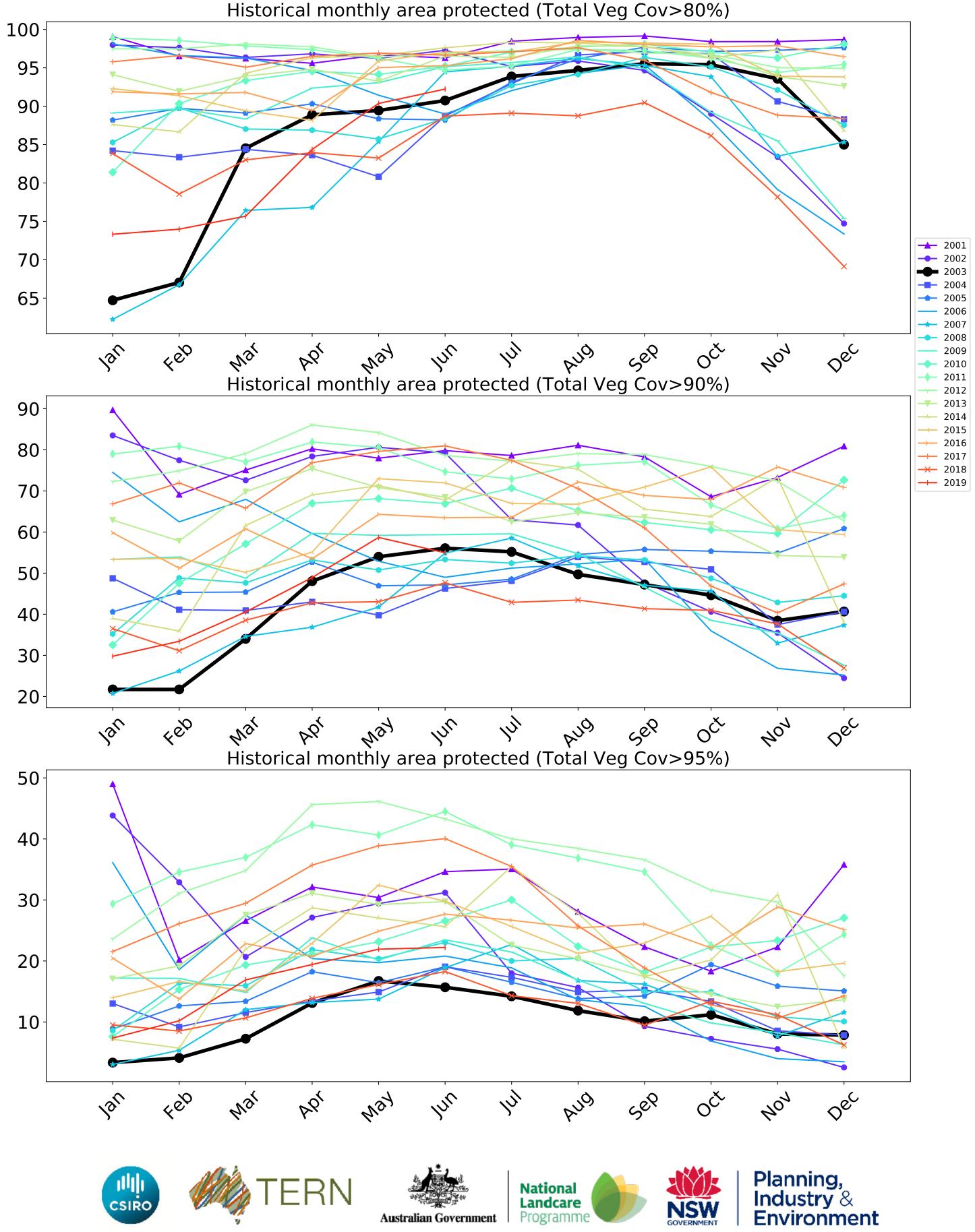
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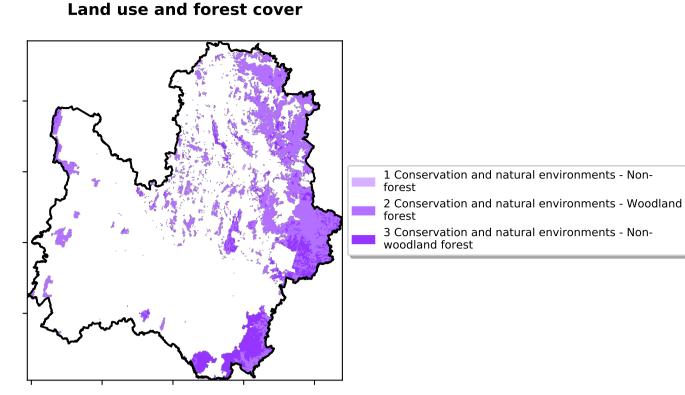




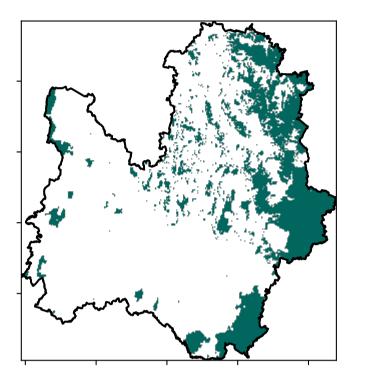
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### **Conservation and natural environments**

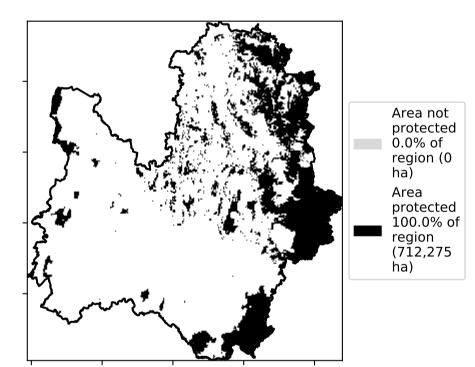
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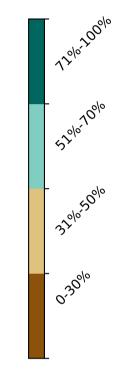


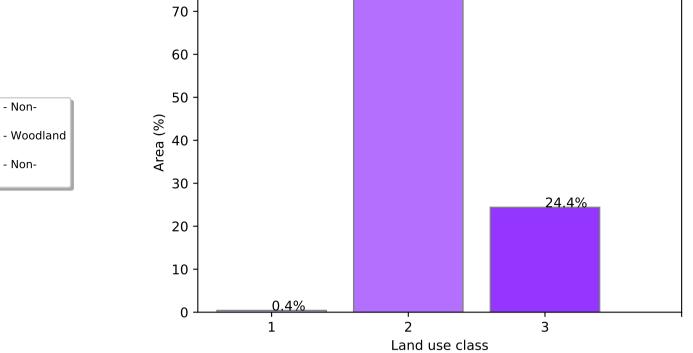
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



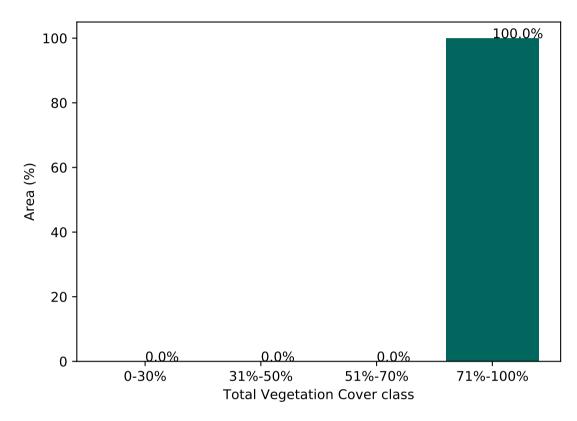




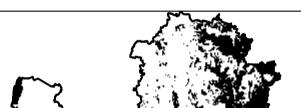
#### Proportion of each land class in area

75.2%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

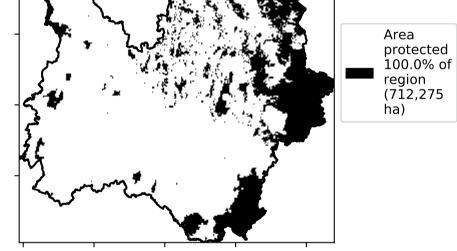


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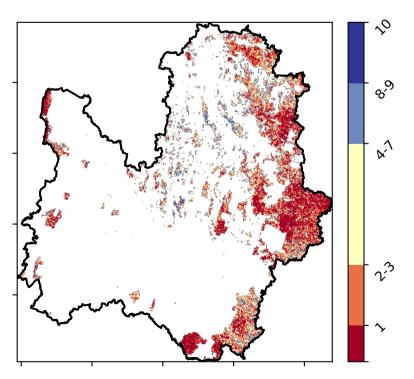


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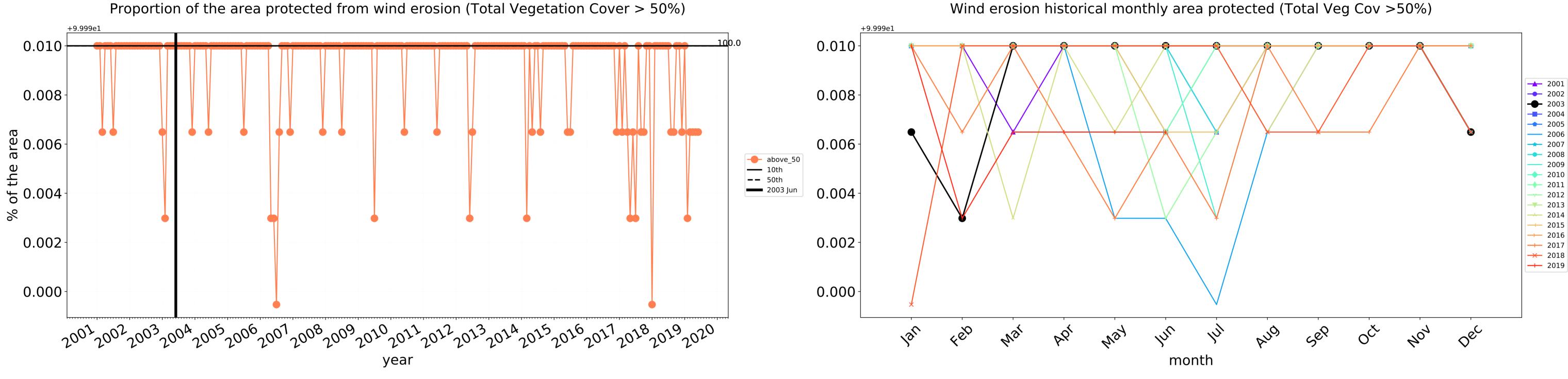
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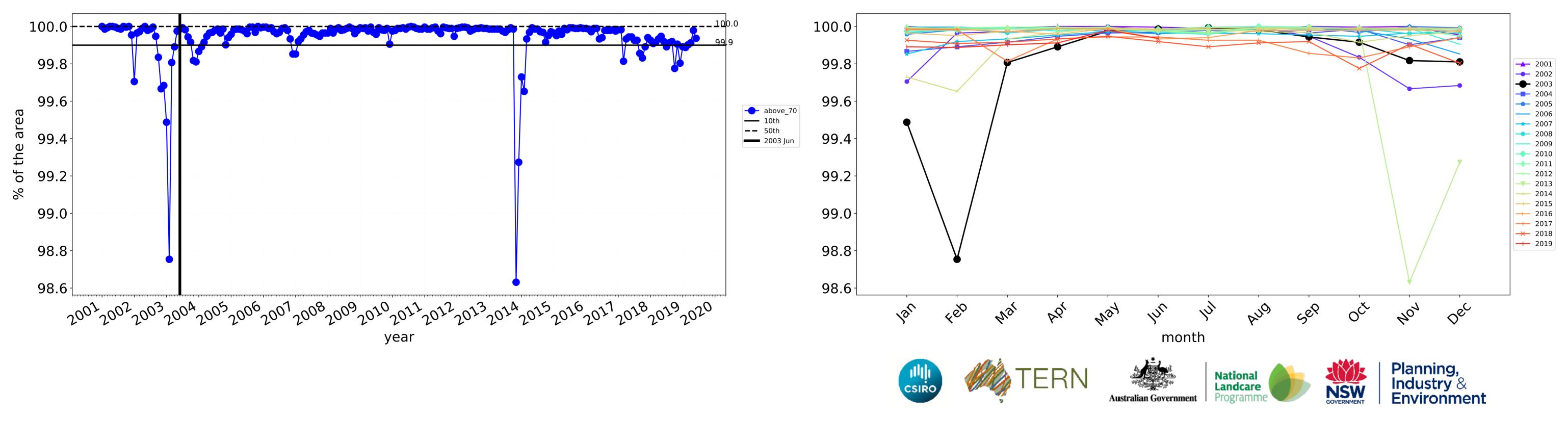




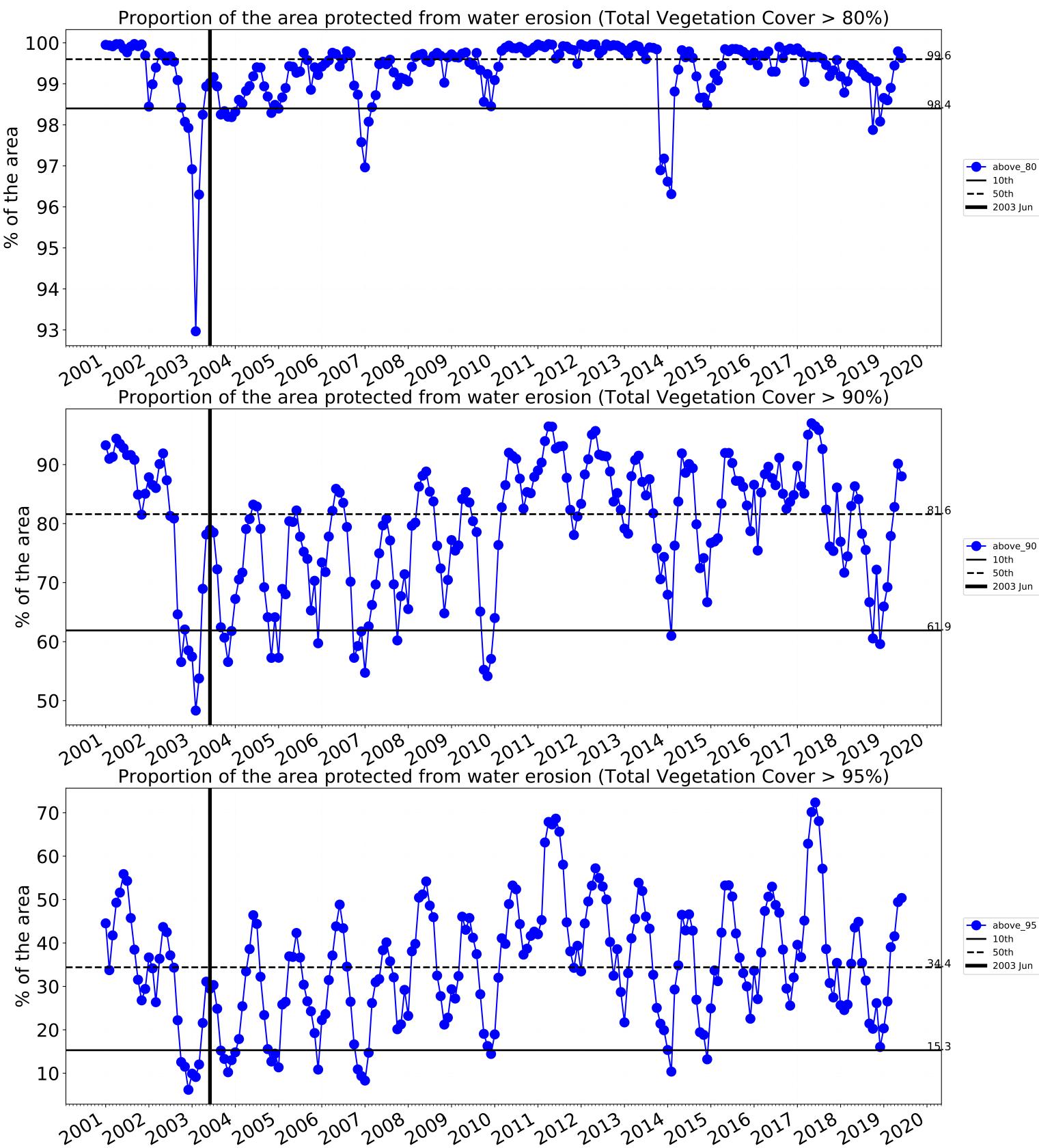
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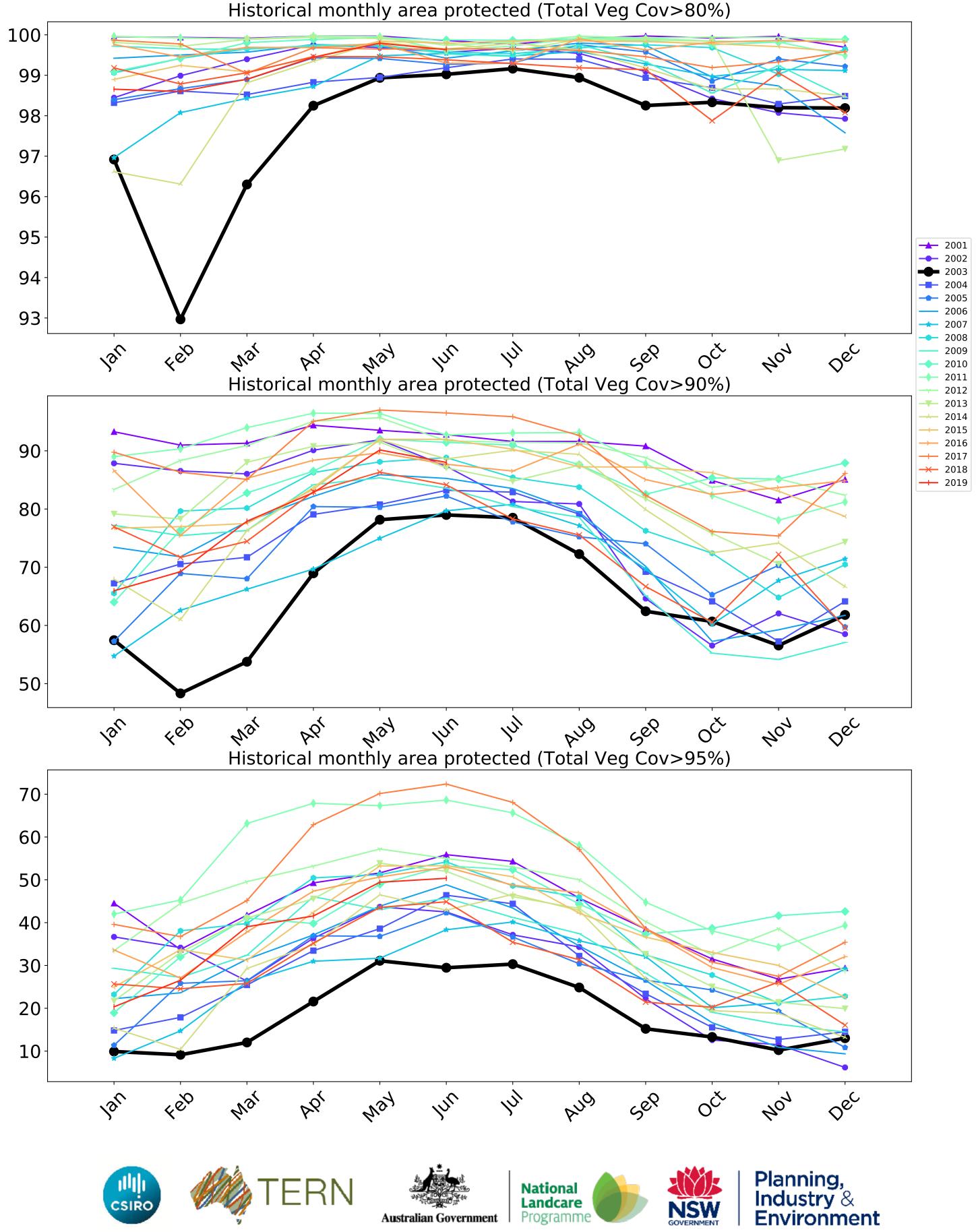






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

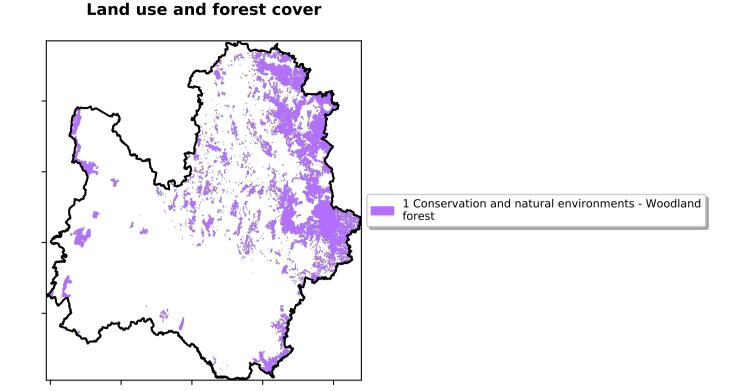




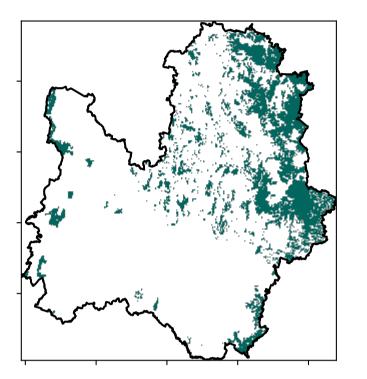


### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

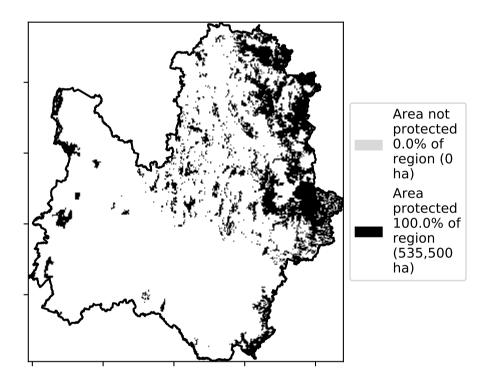
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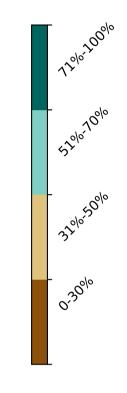


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

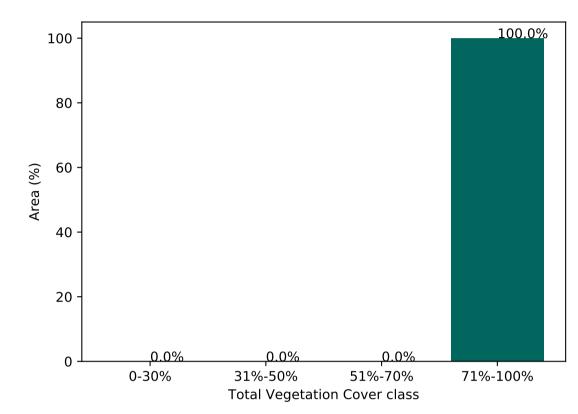


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

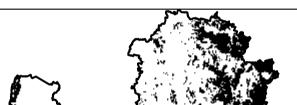




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



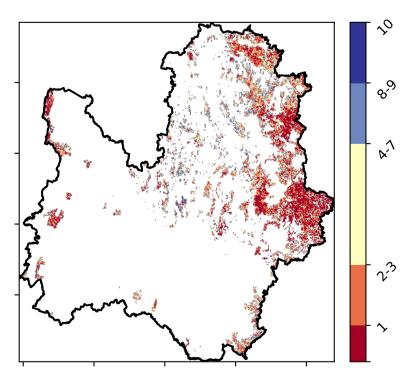
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Area protected 100.0% of region (535,500 ĥa)

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

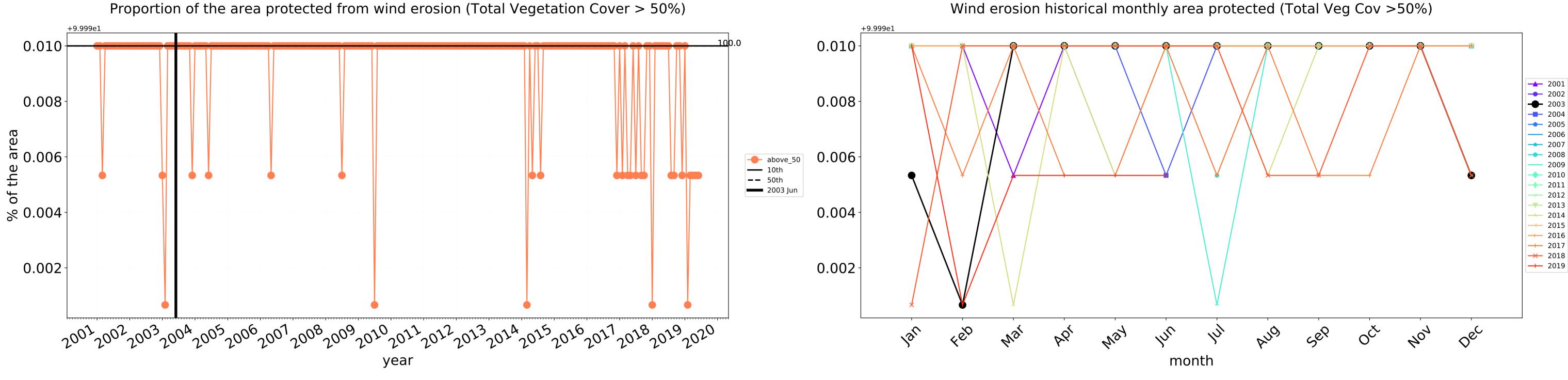




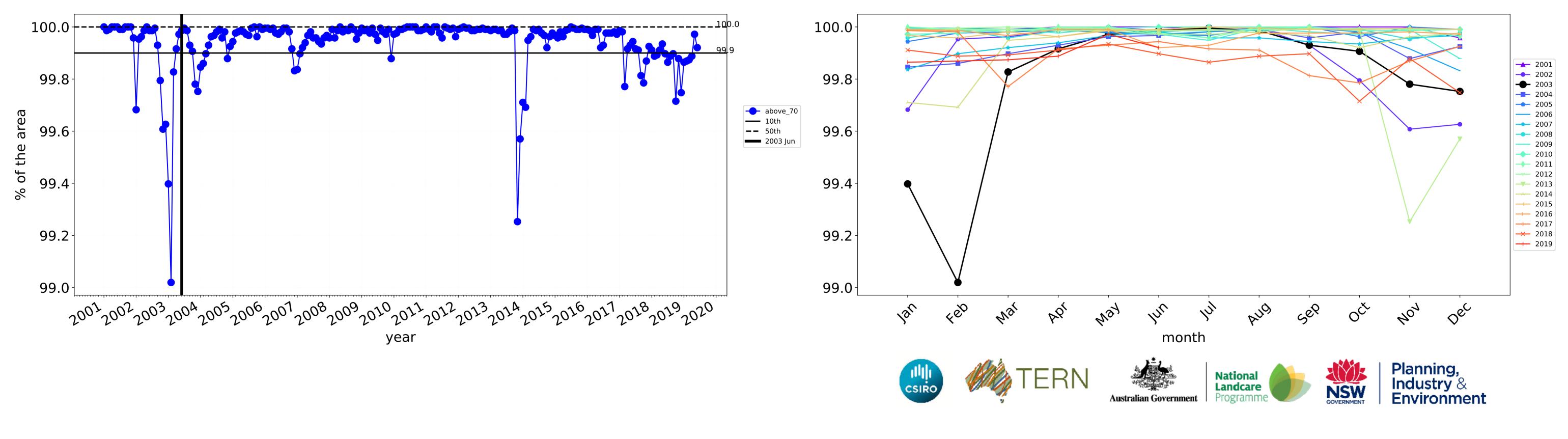
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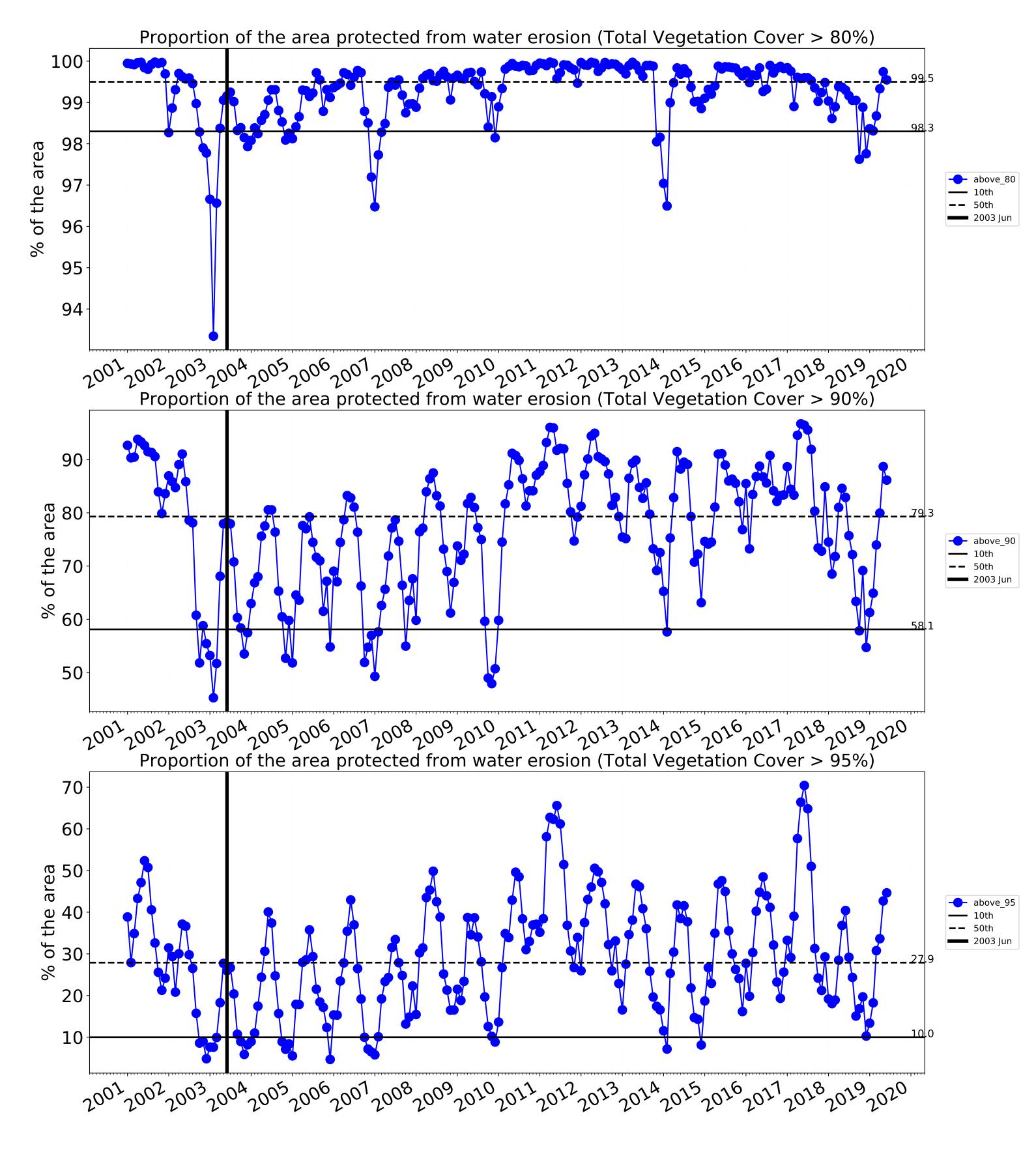


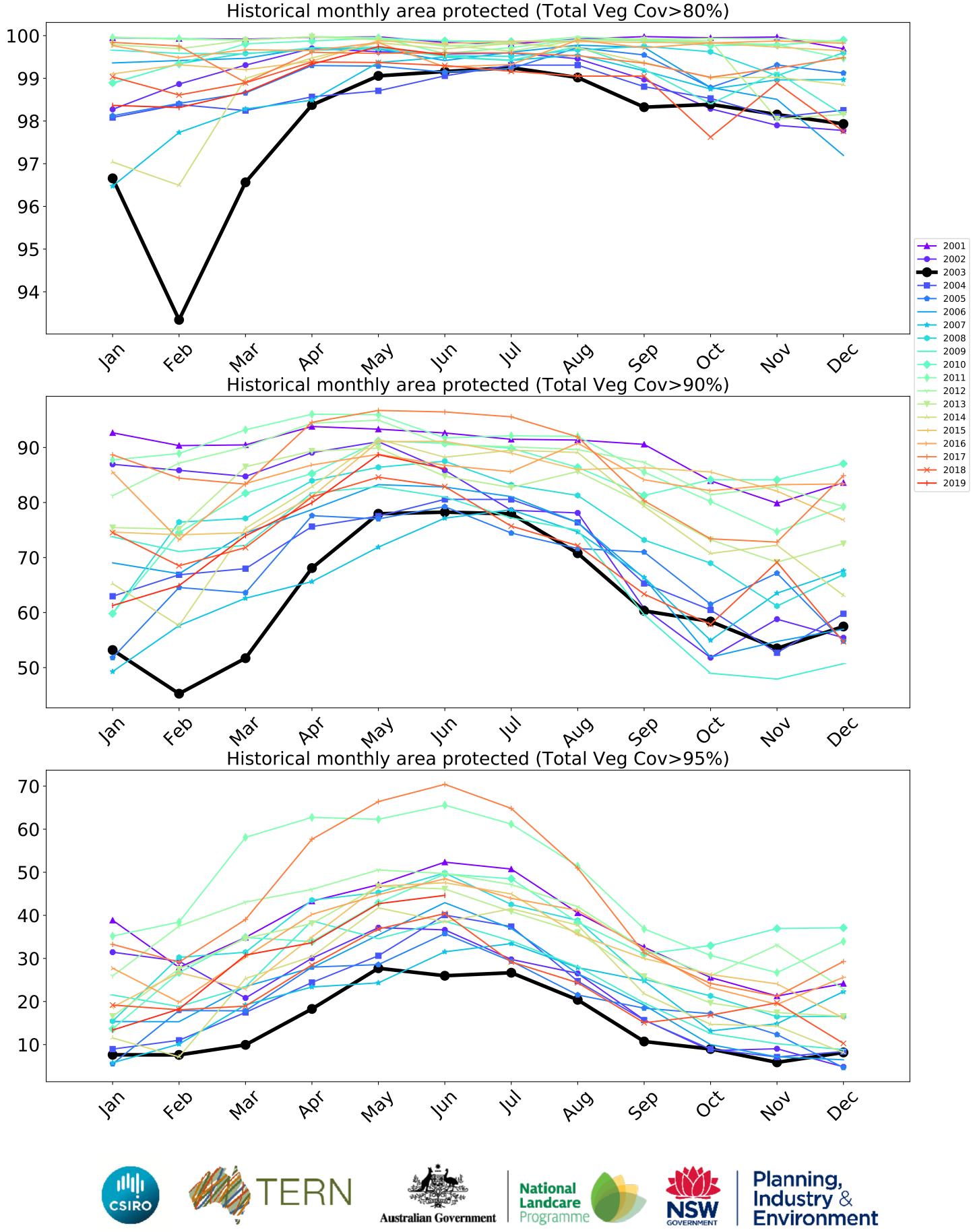
### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**



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







### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Catchment Scale Land woodland forest

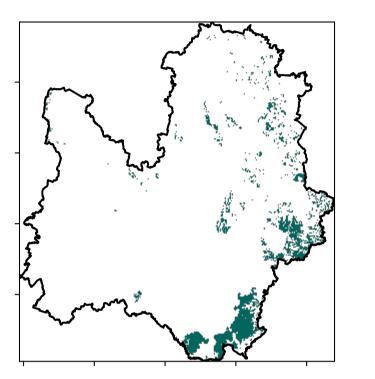
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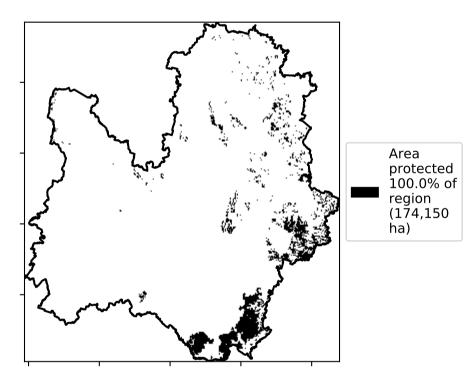
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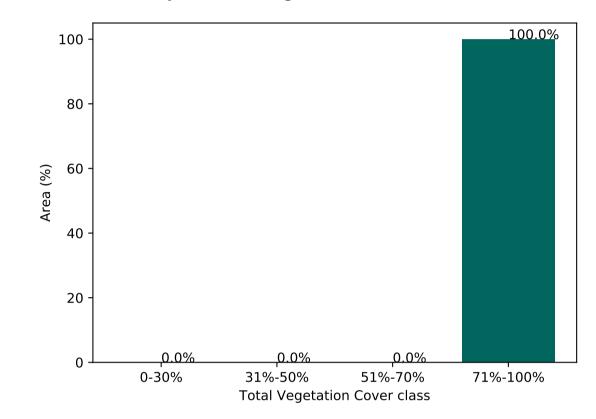
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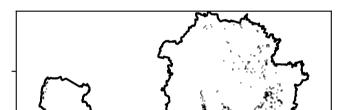
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area

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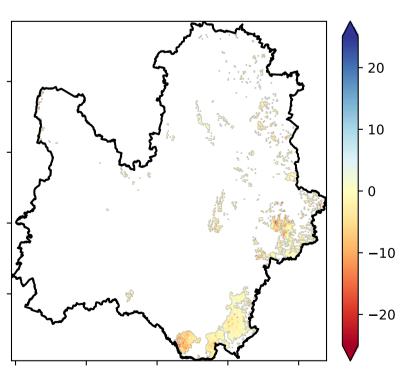
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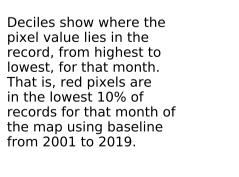
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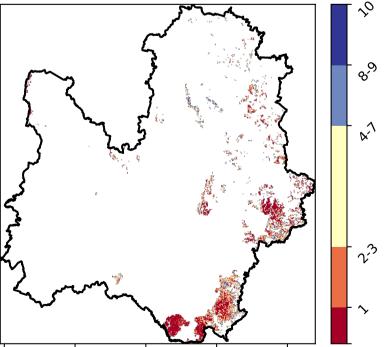
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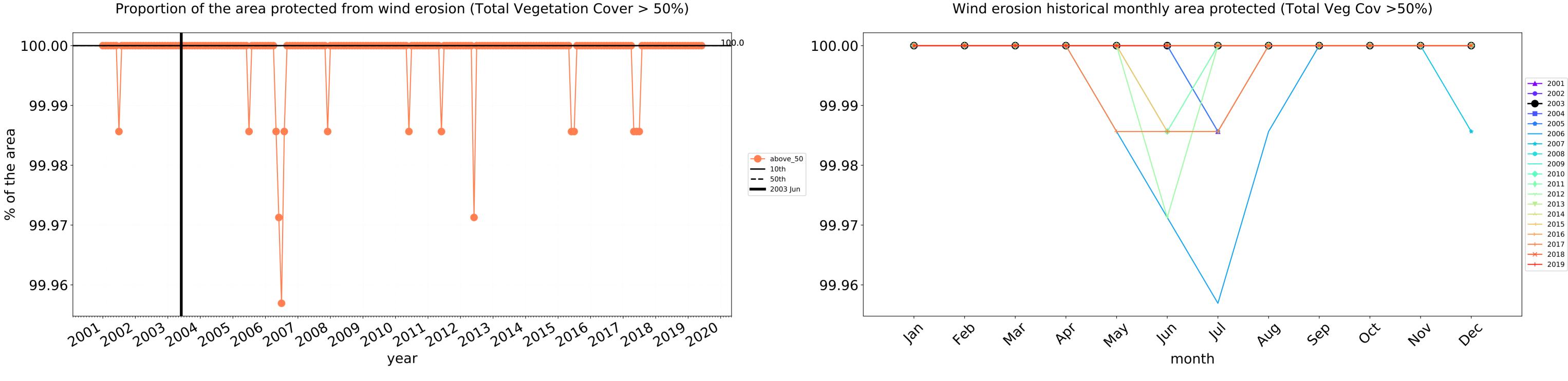
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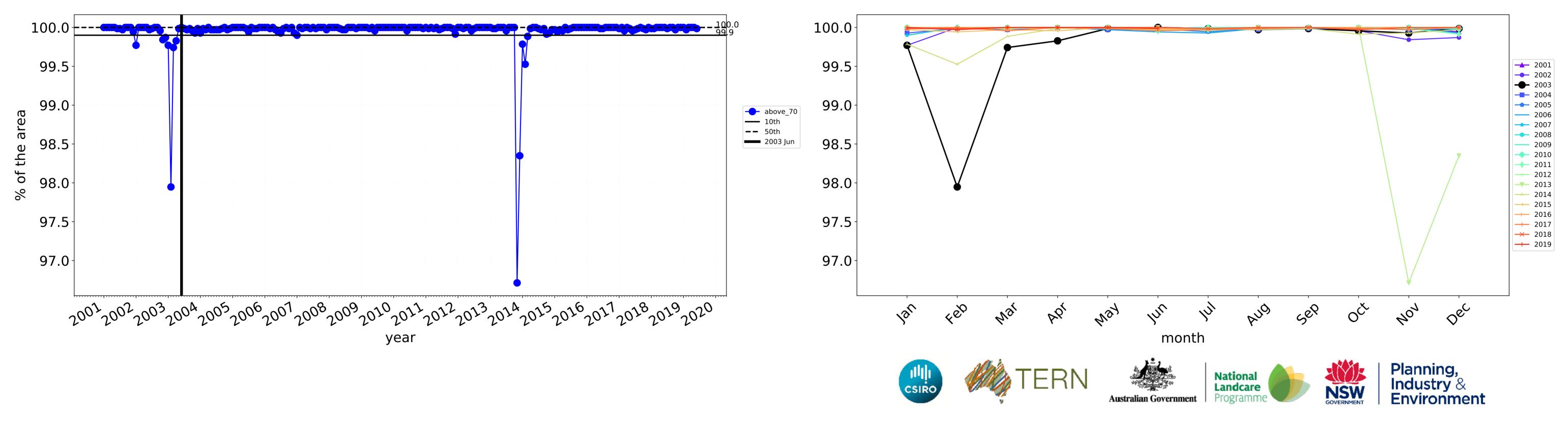


### Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

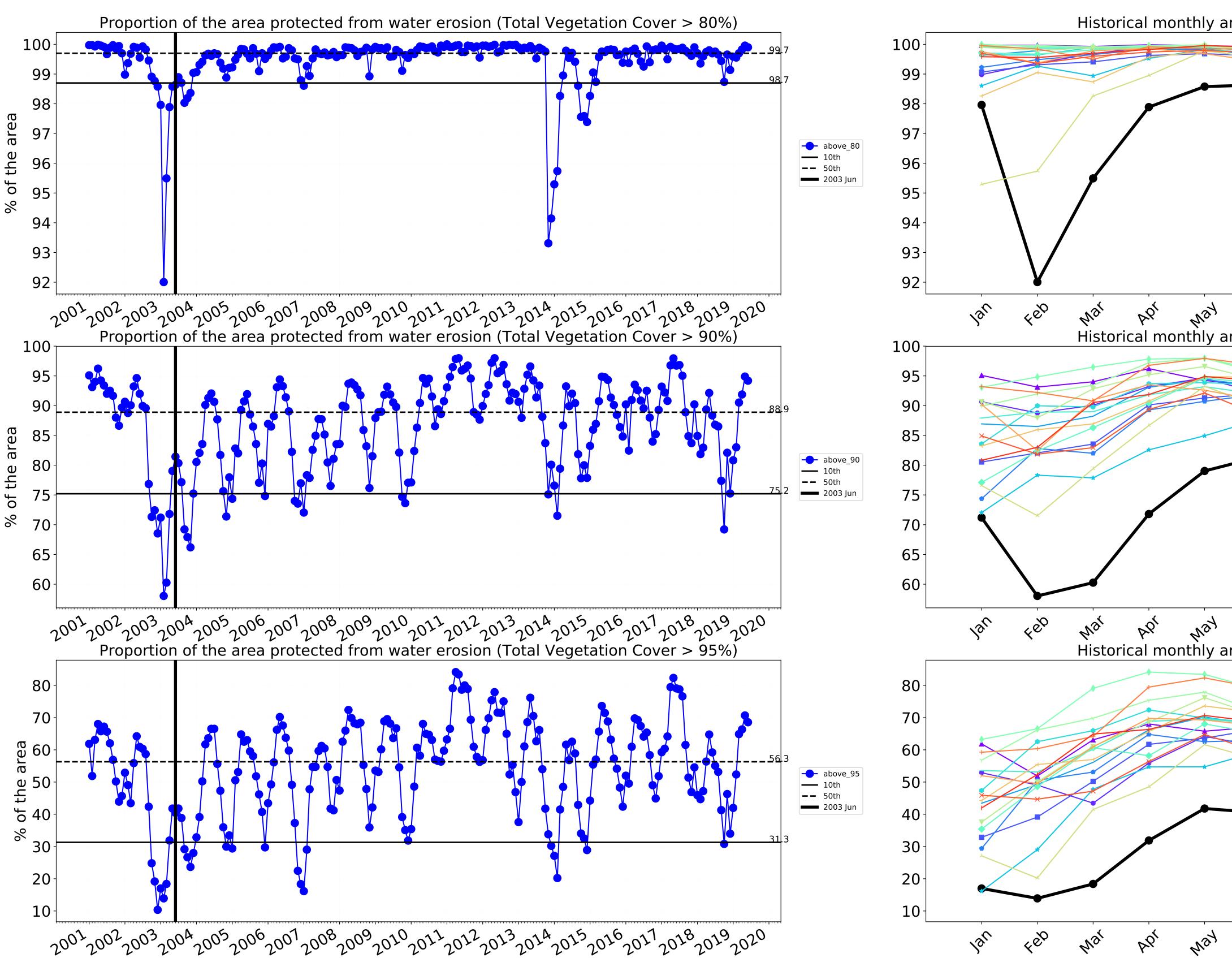


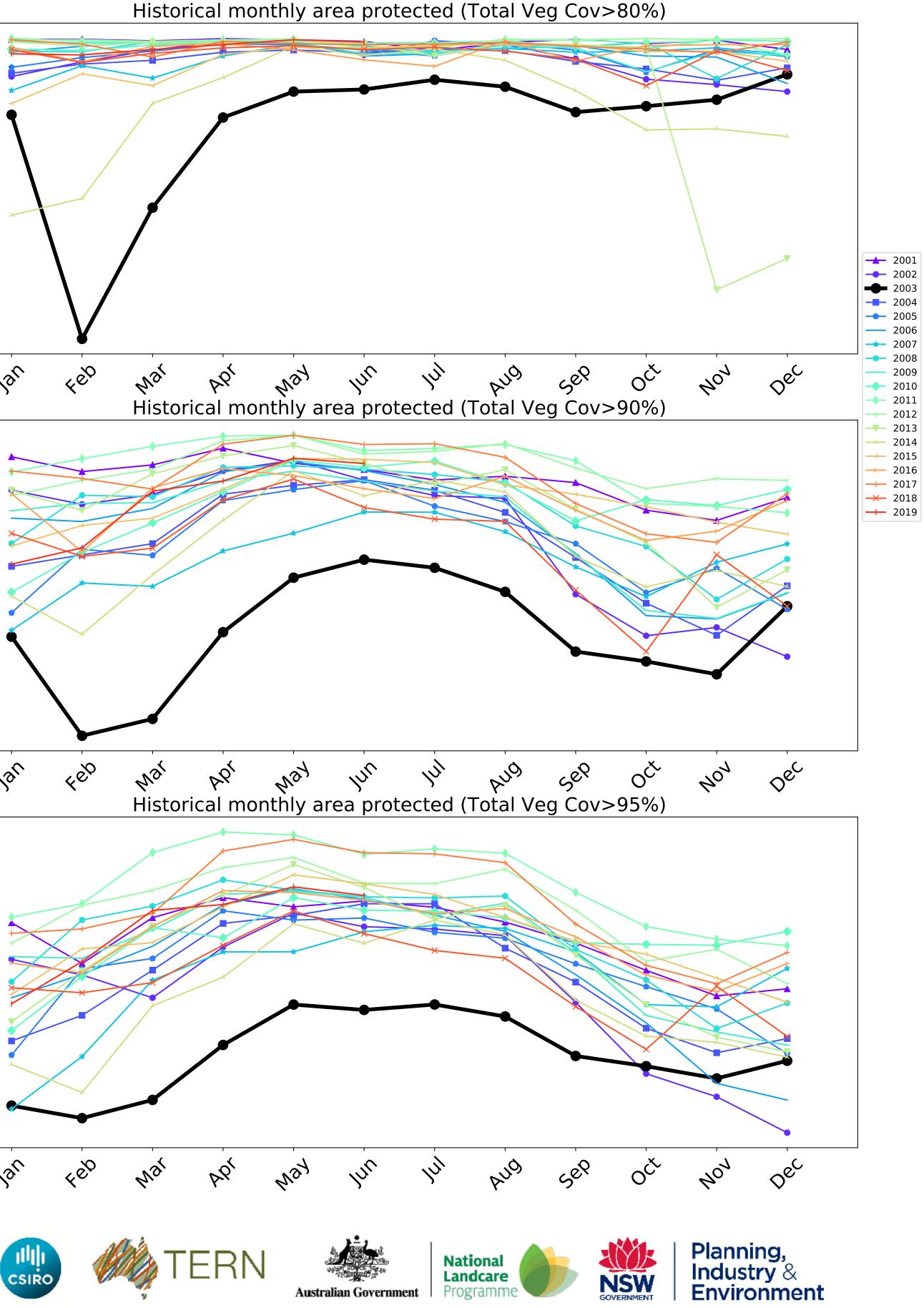
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



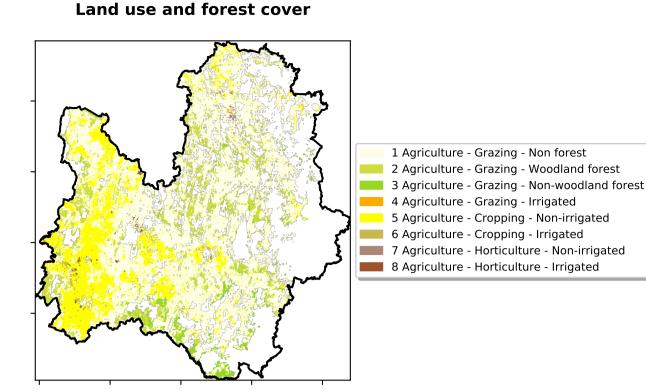
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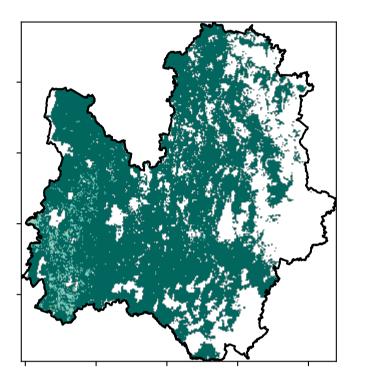


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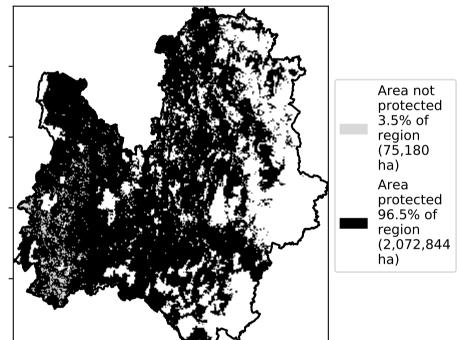
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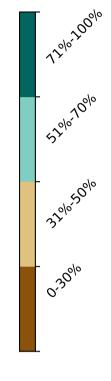


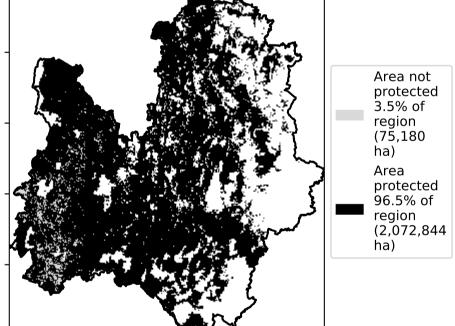
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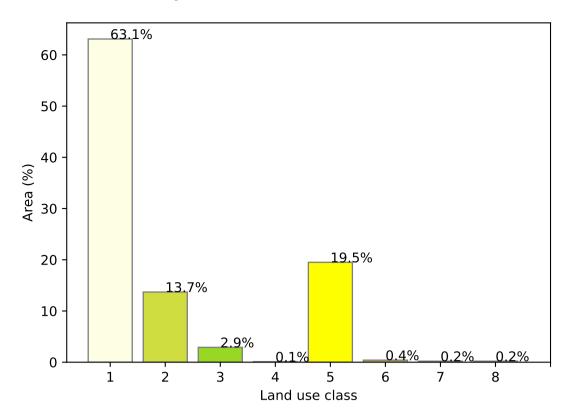
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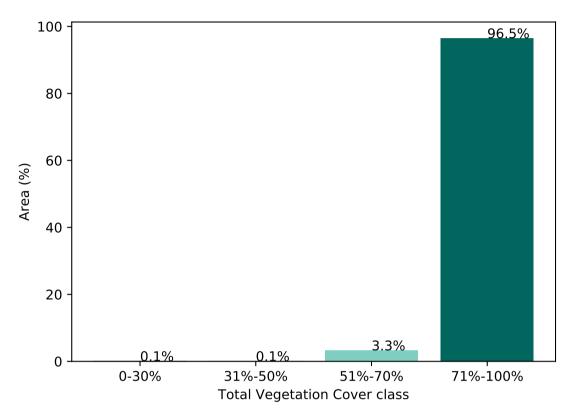




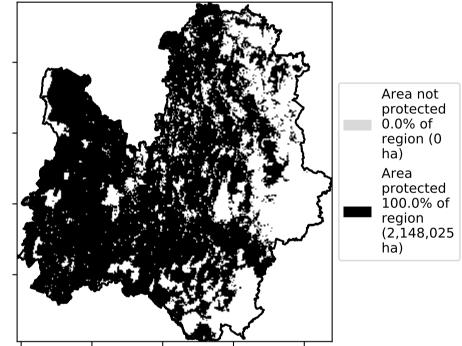
Proportion of each land class in area



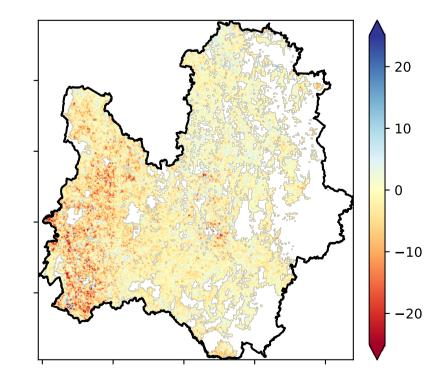
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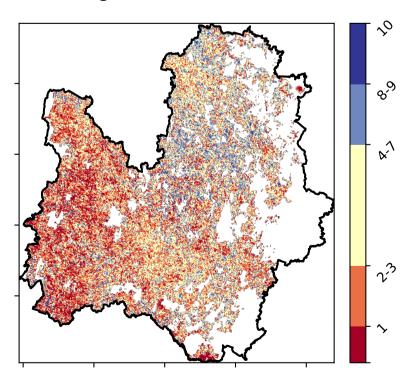


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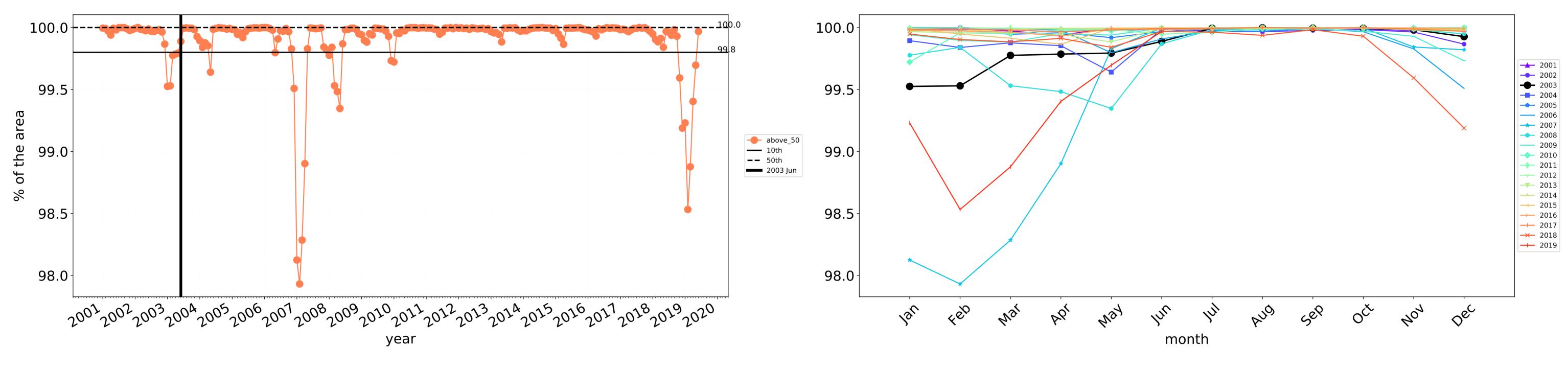
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

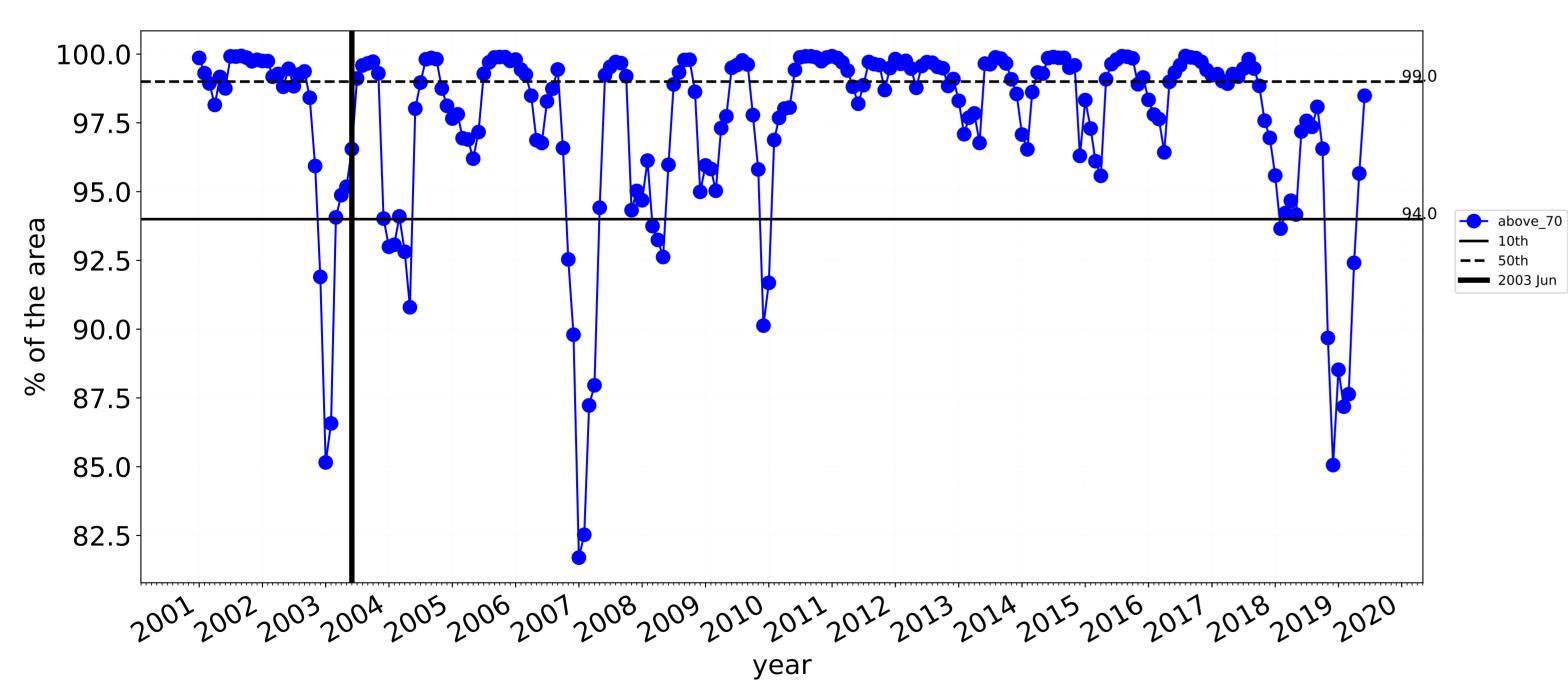




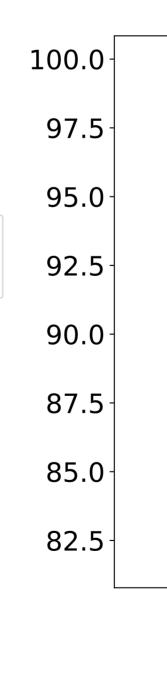
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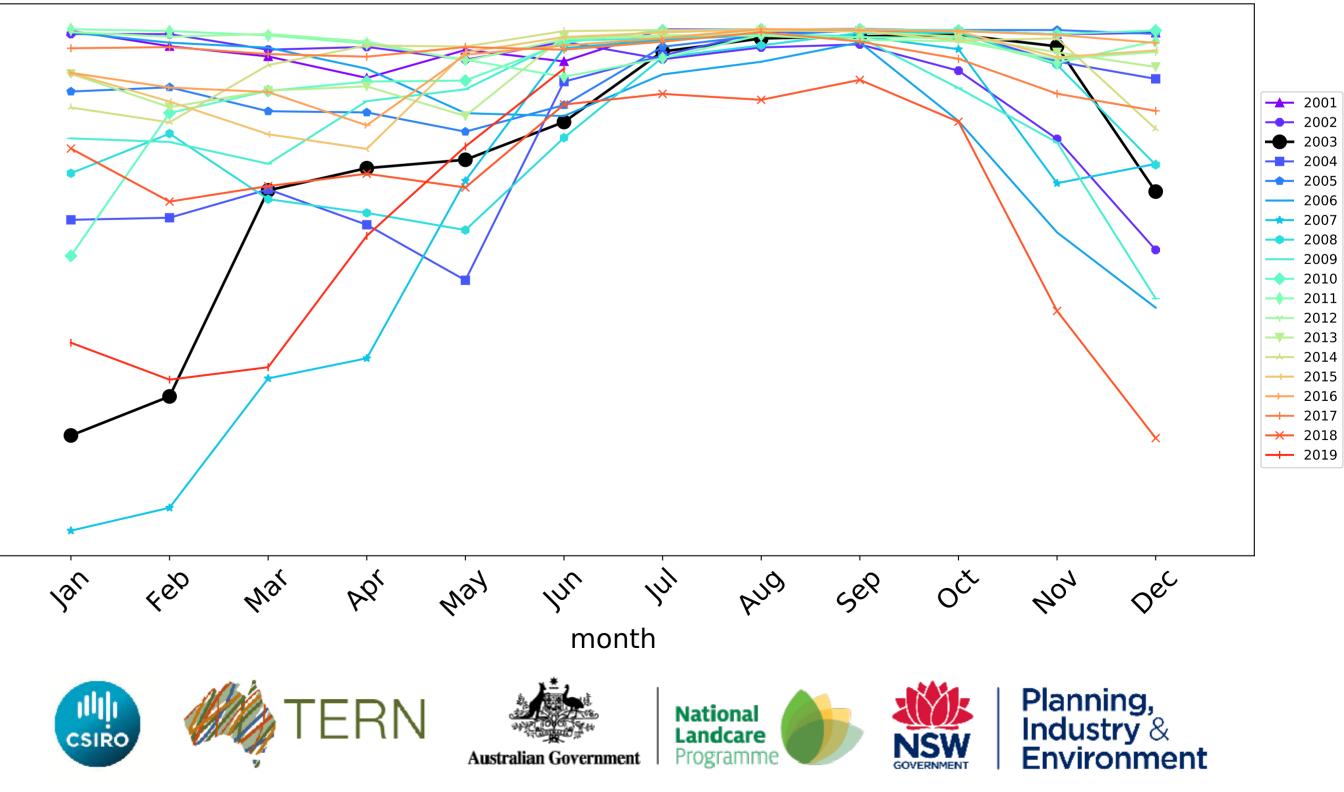


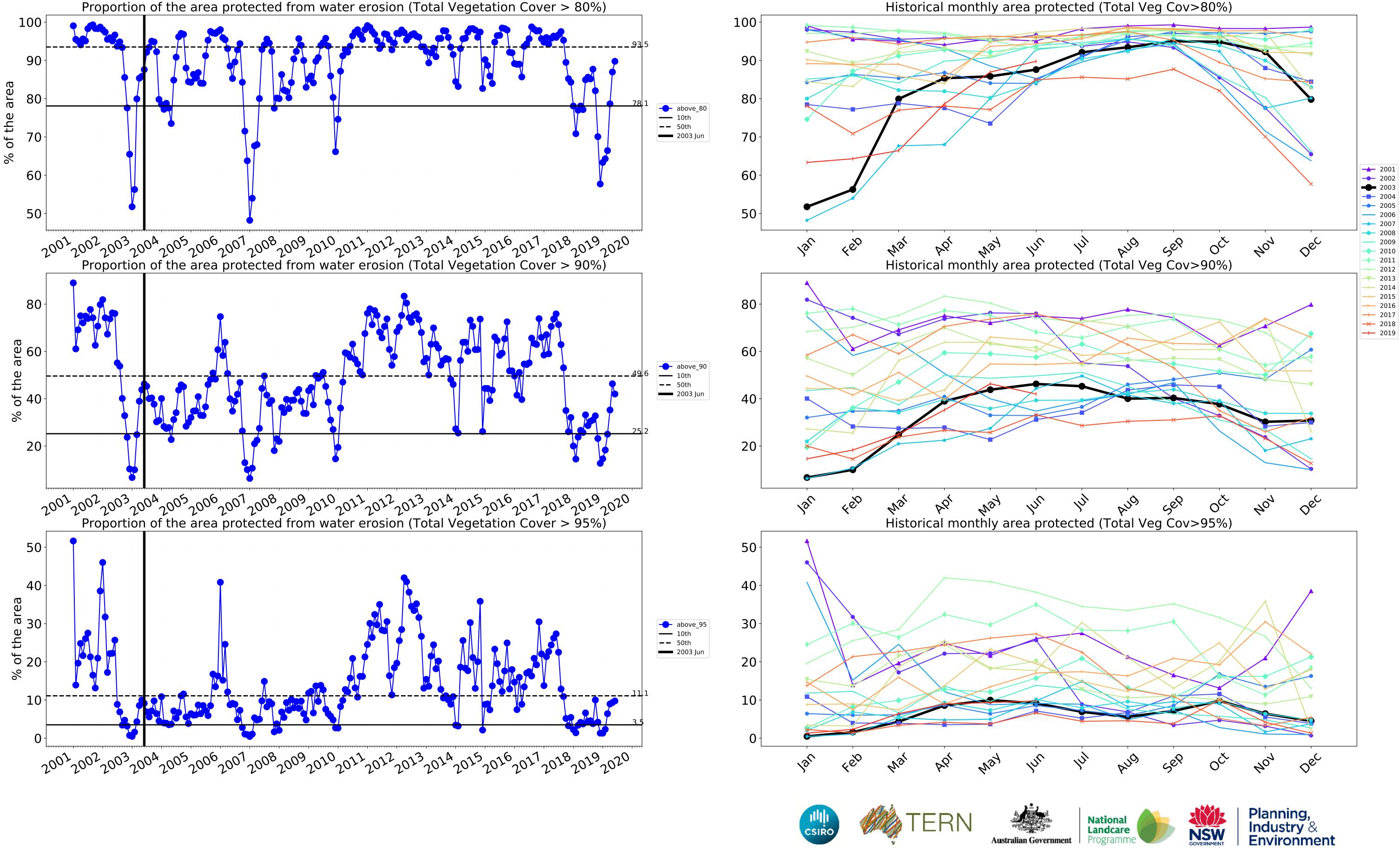
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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







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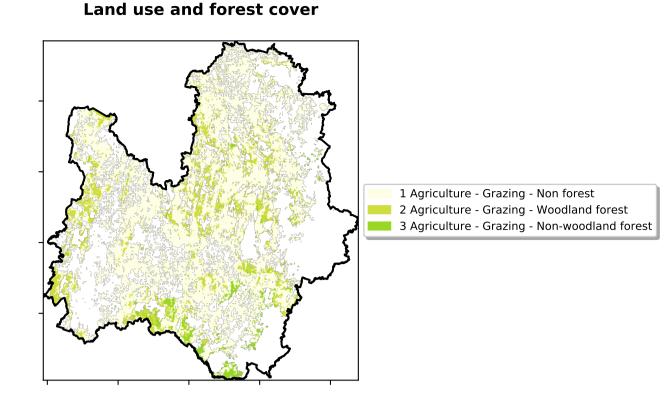
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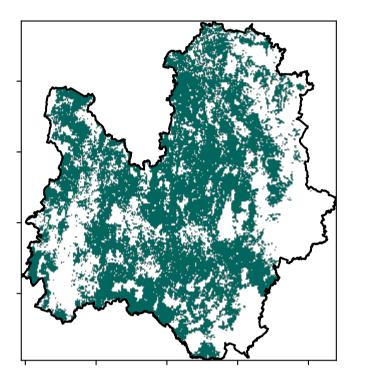
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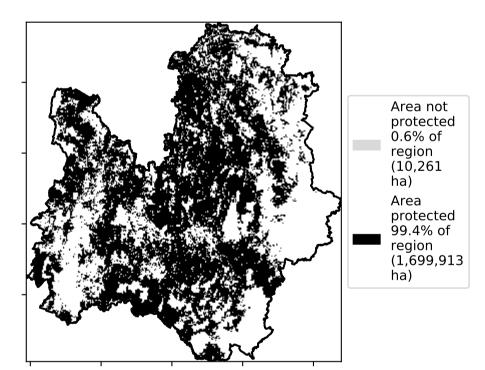
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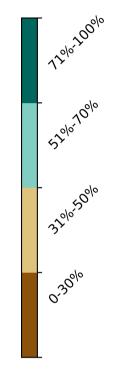


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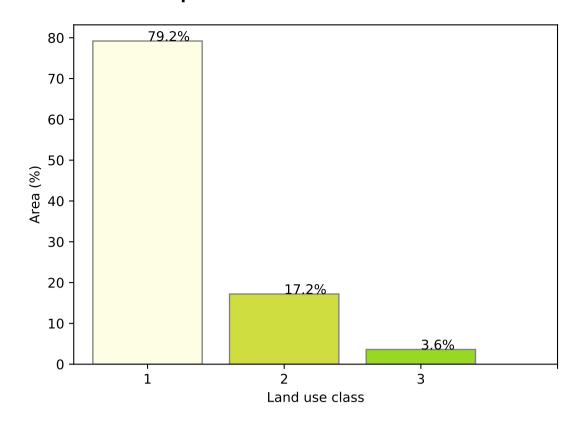


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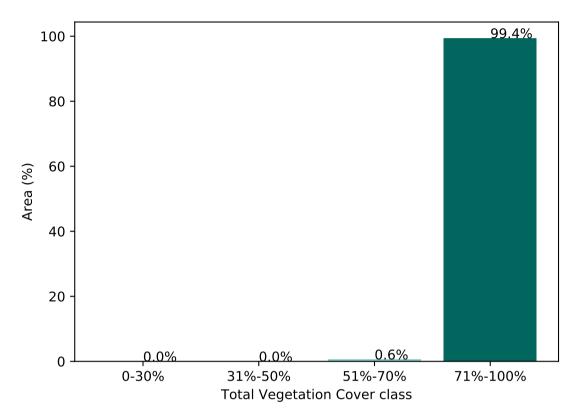




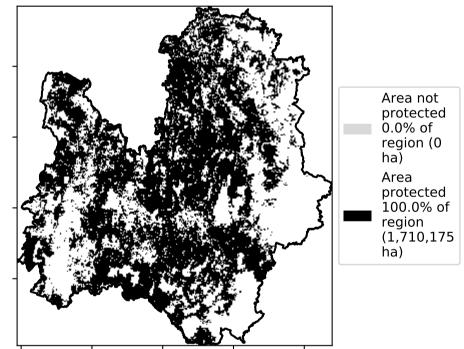
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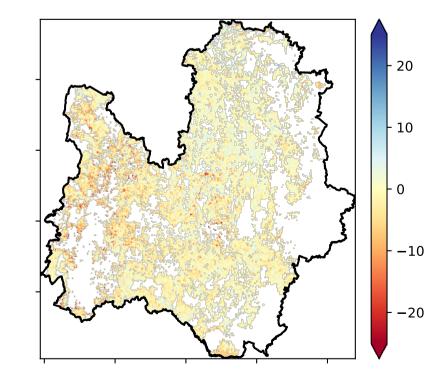
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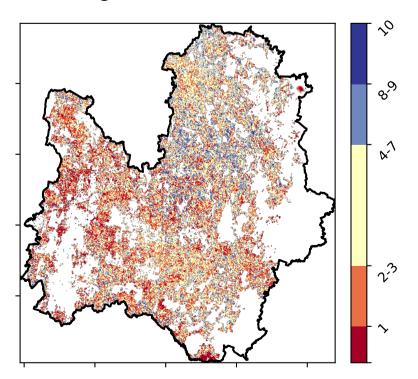


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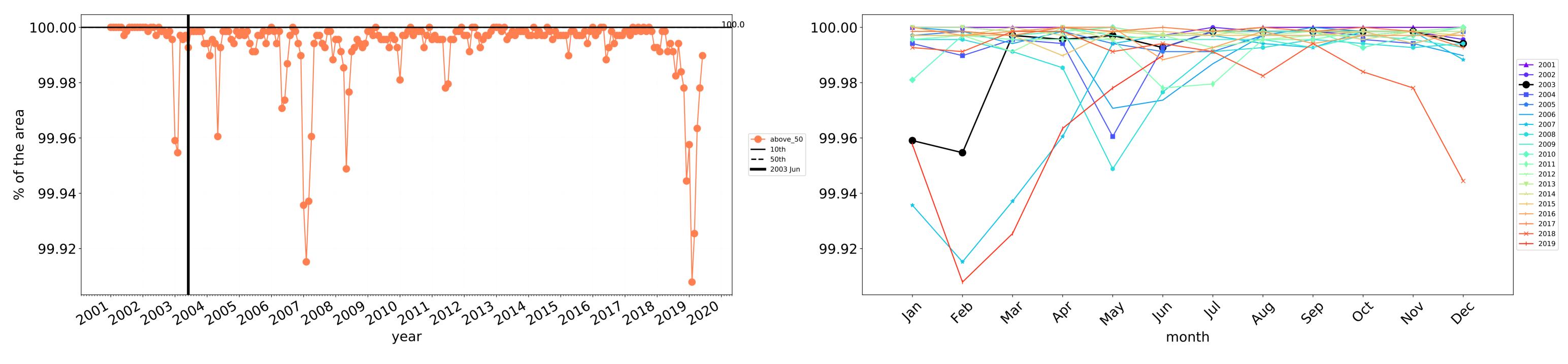


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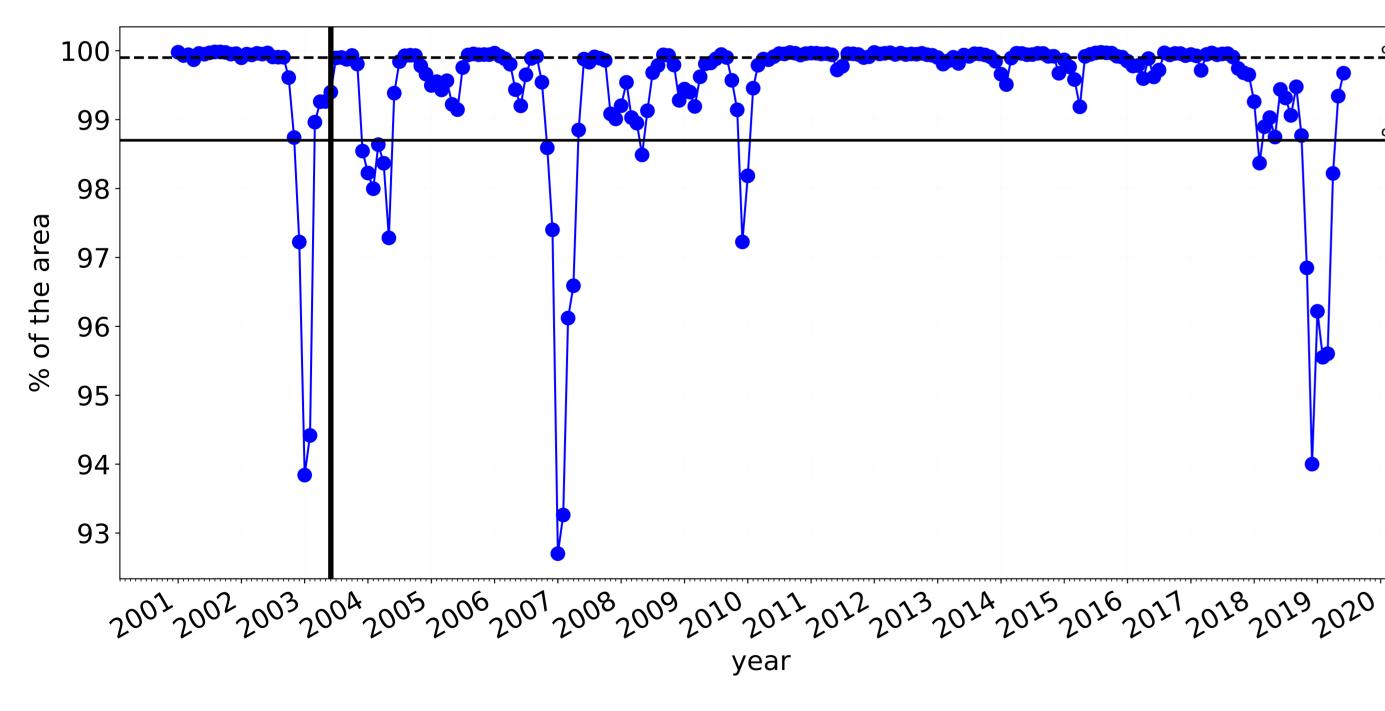
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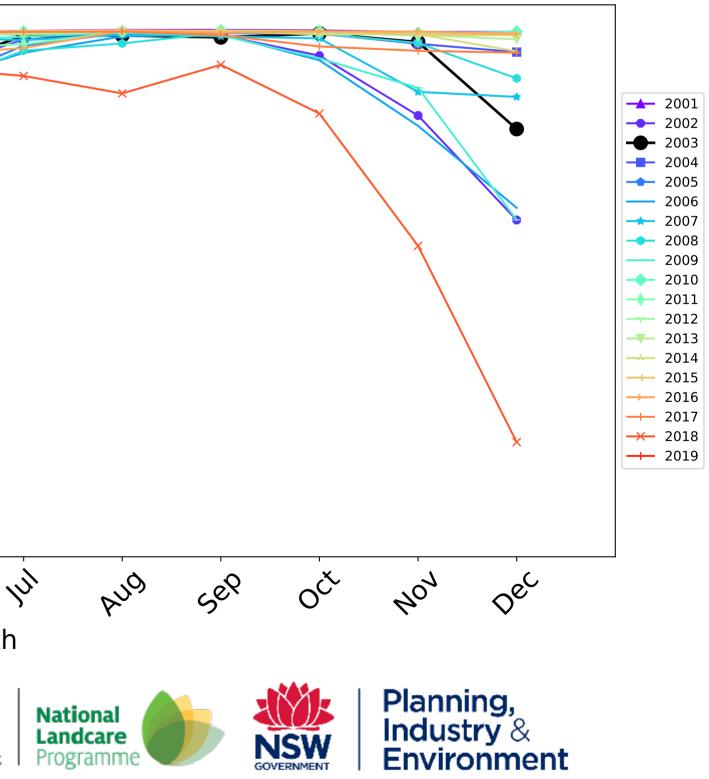
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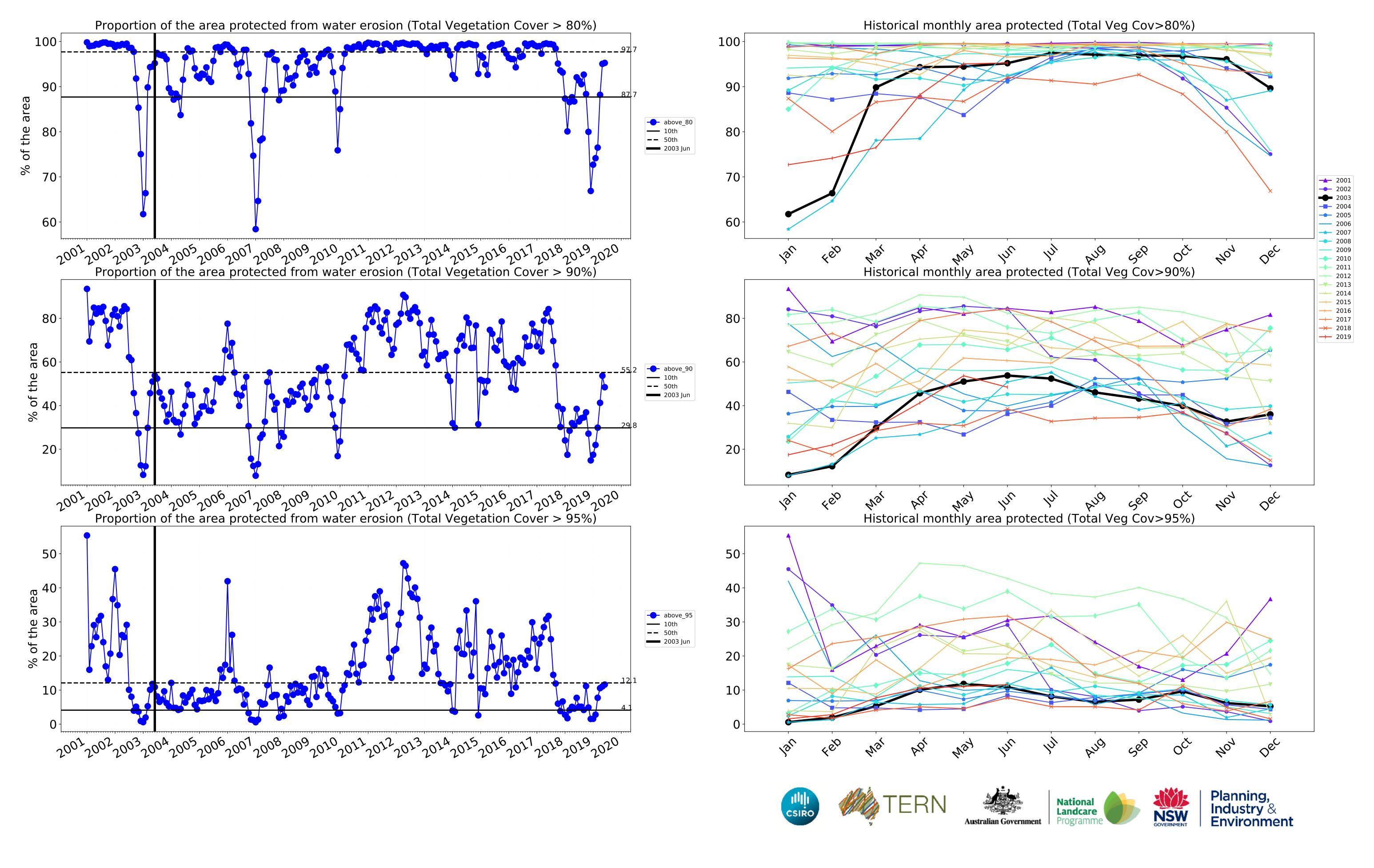


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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





### **Grazing non forest**

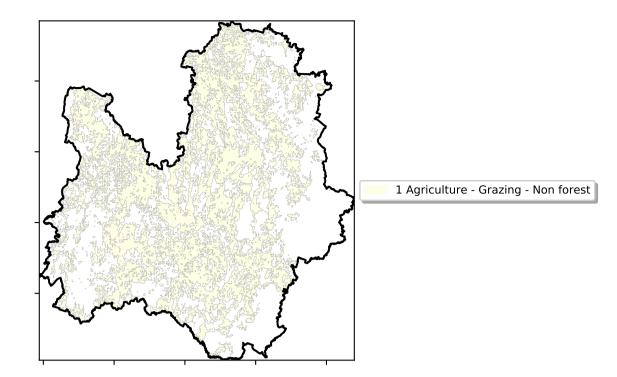
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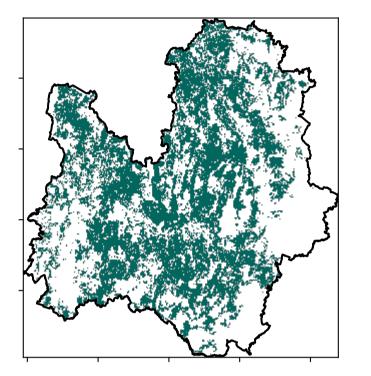
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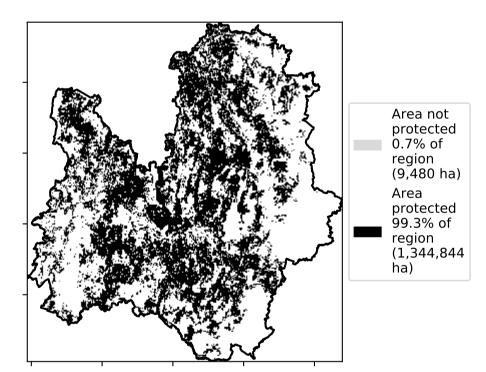
Land use and forest cover



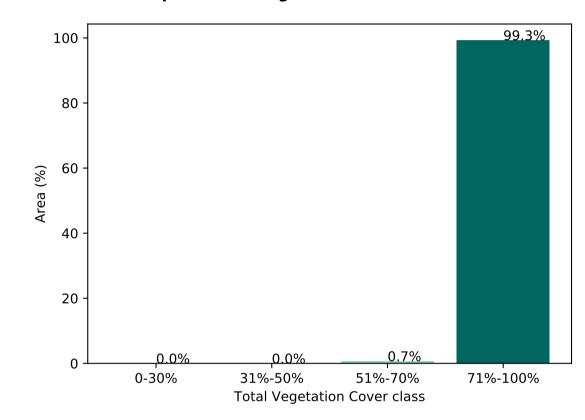
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



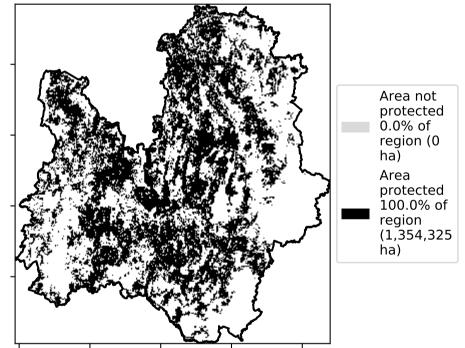
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

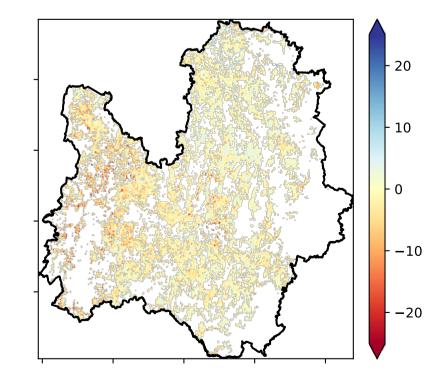


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



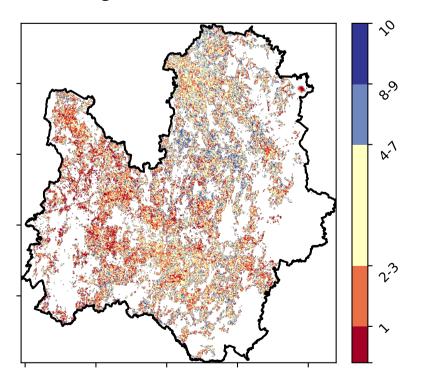
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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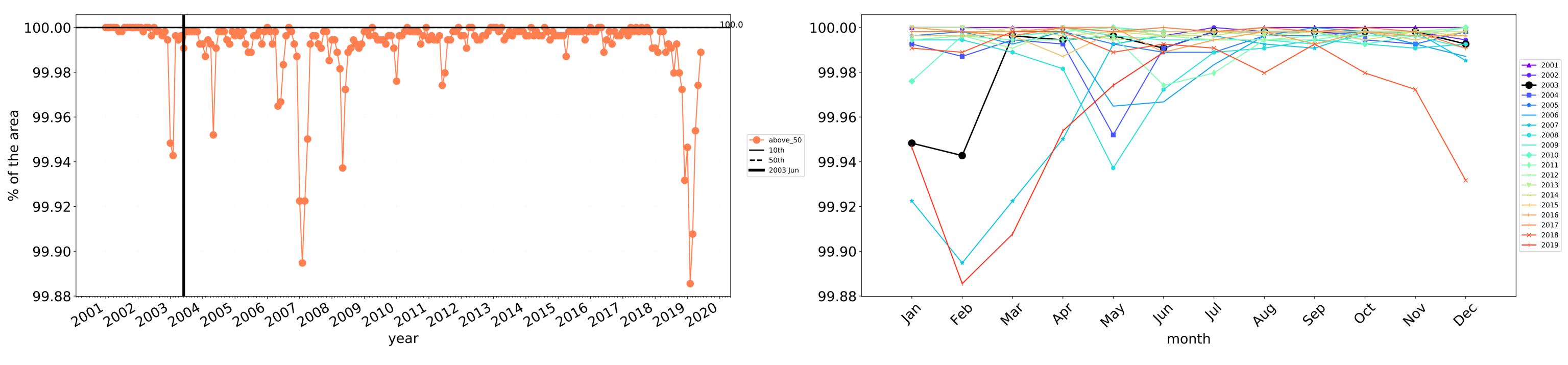
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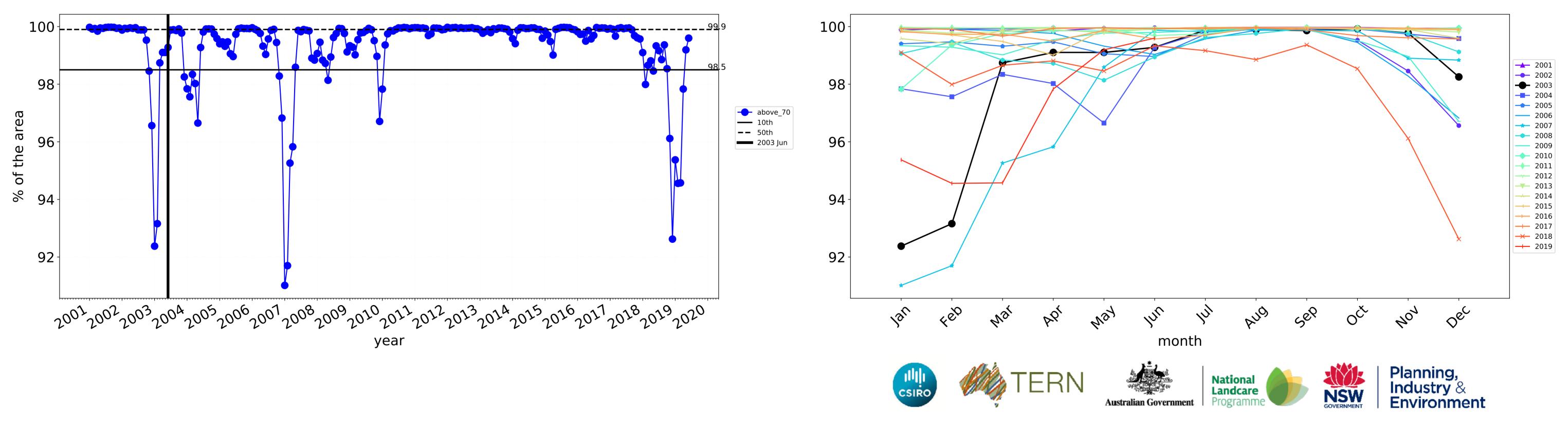


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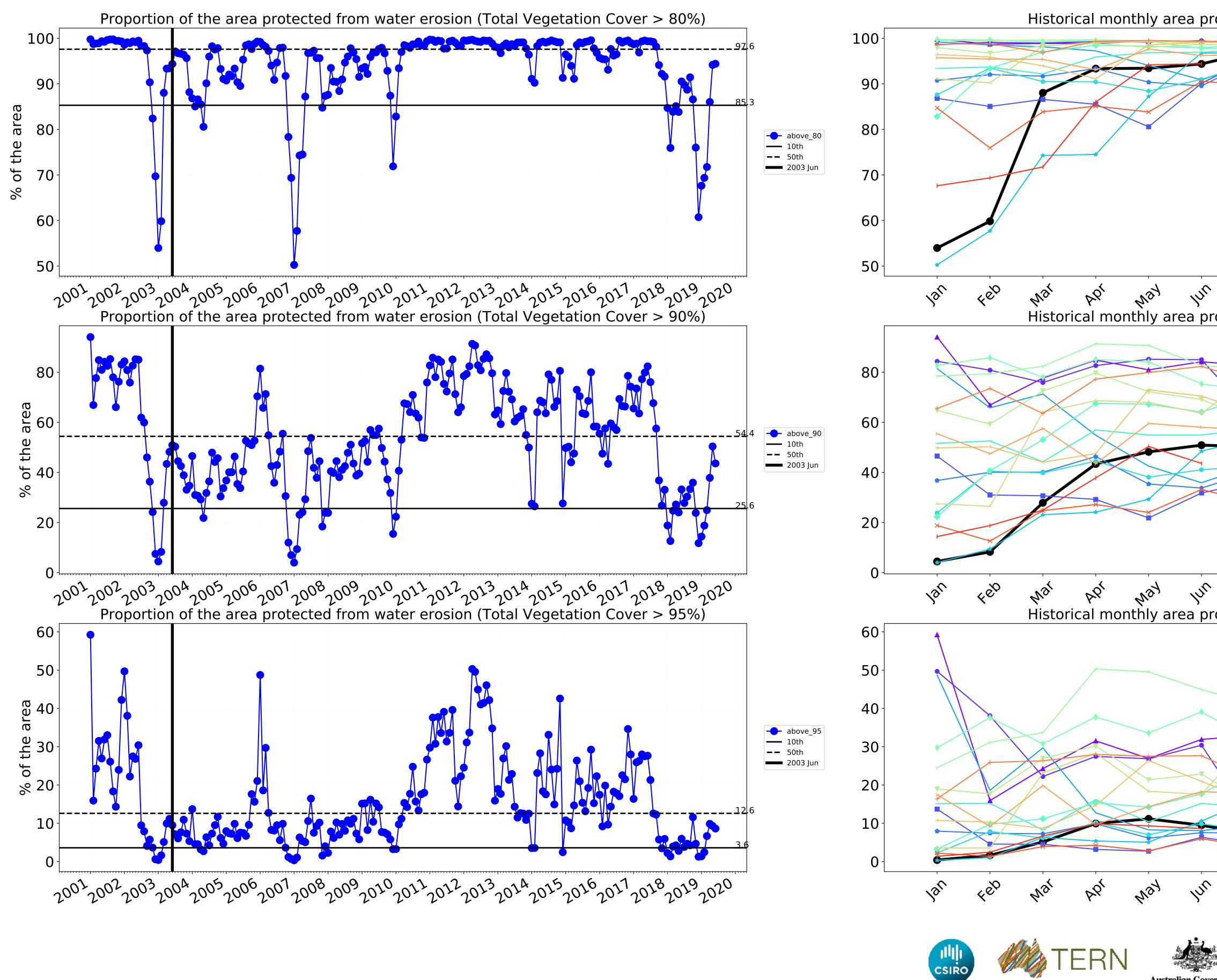


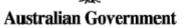
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

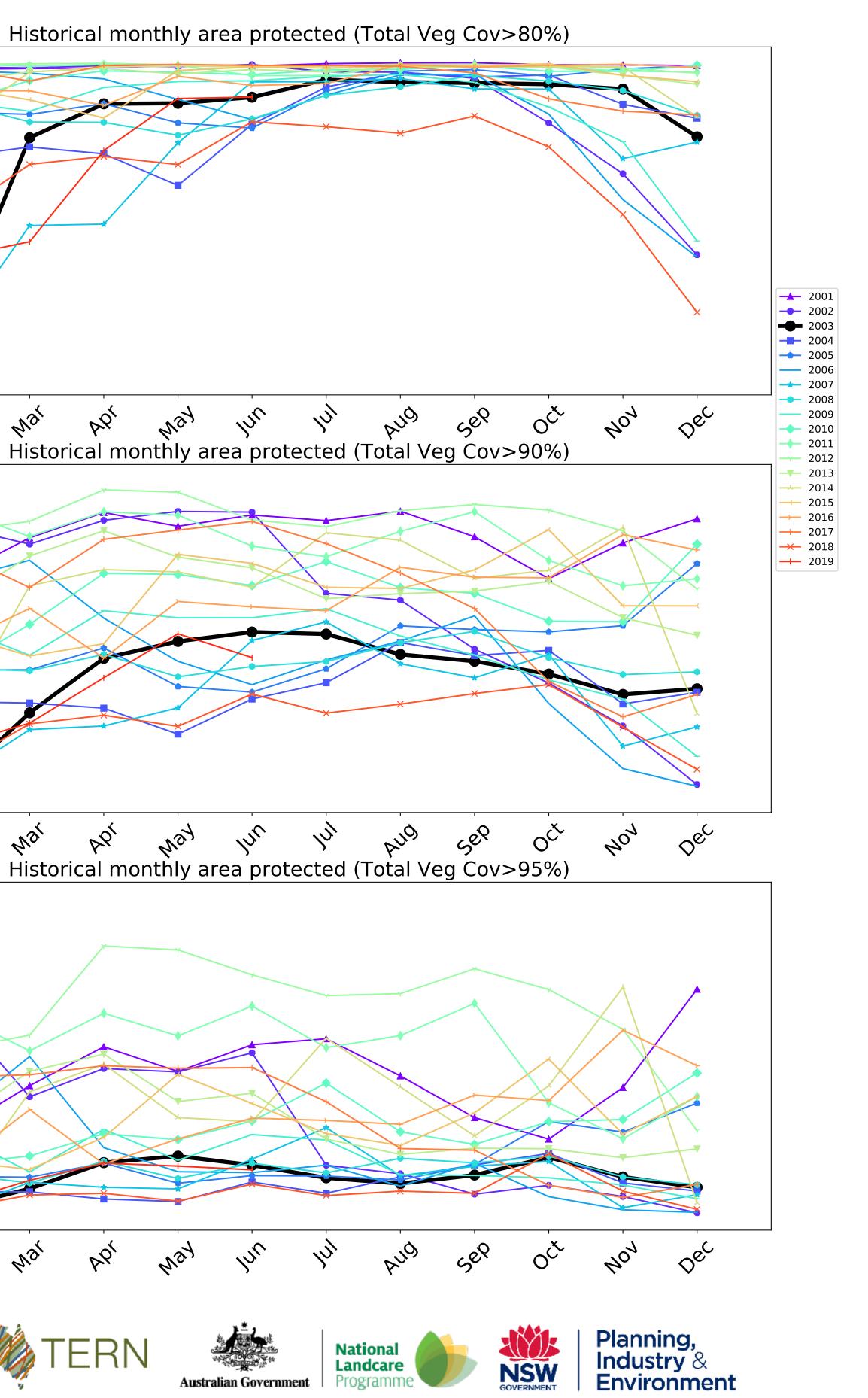


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







### **Grazing Woodland forest**

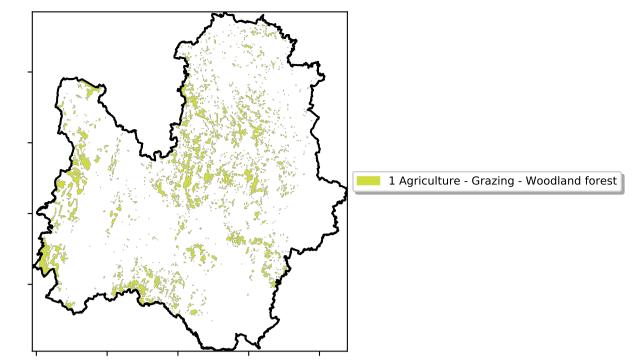
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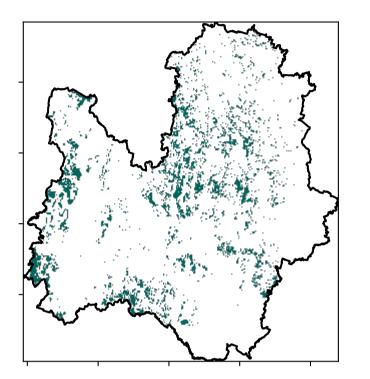
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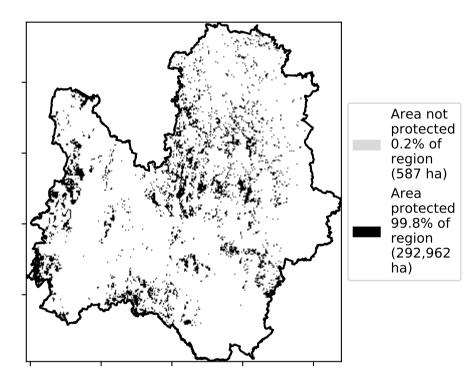
Land use and forest cover



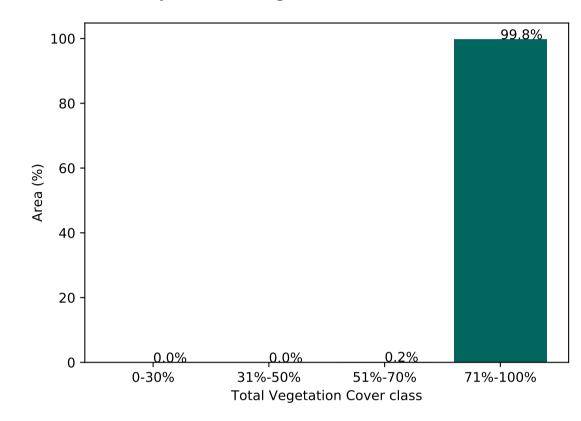
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



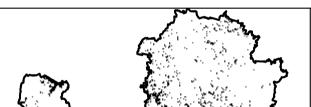
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

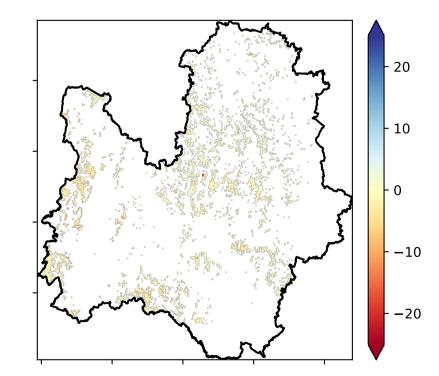


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

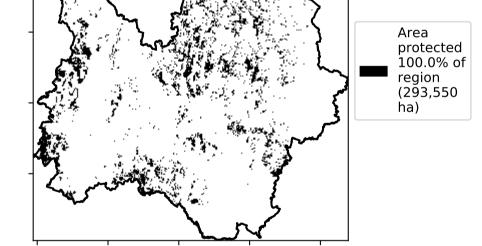




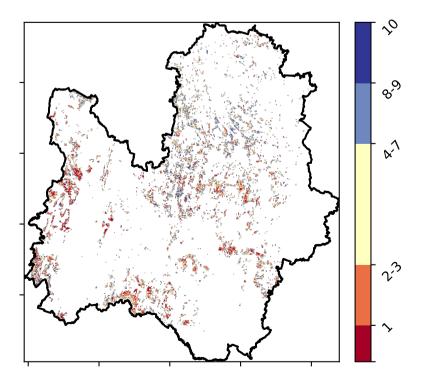
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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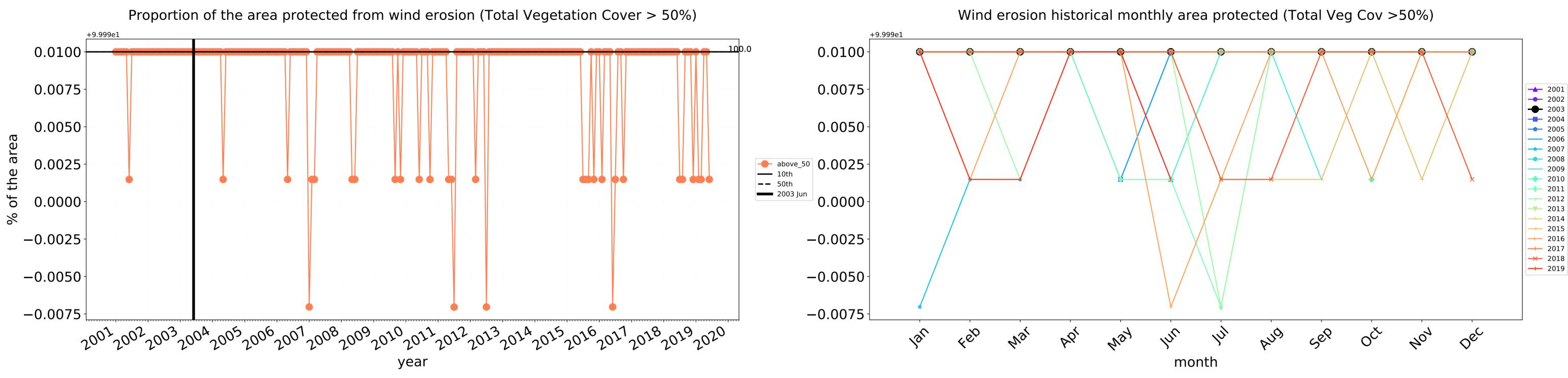
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

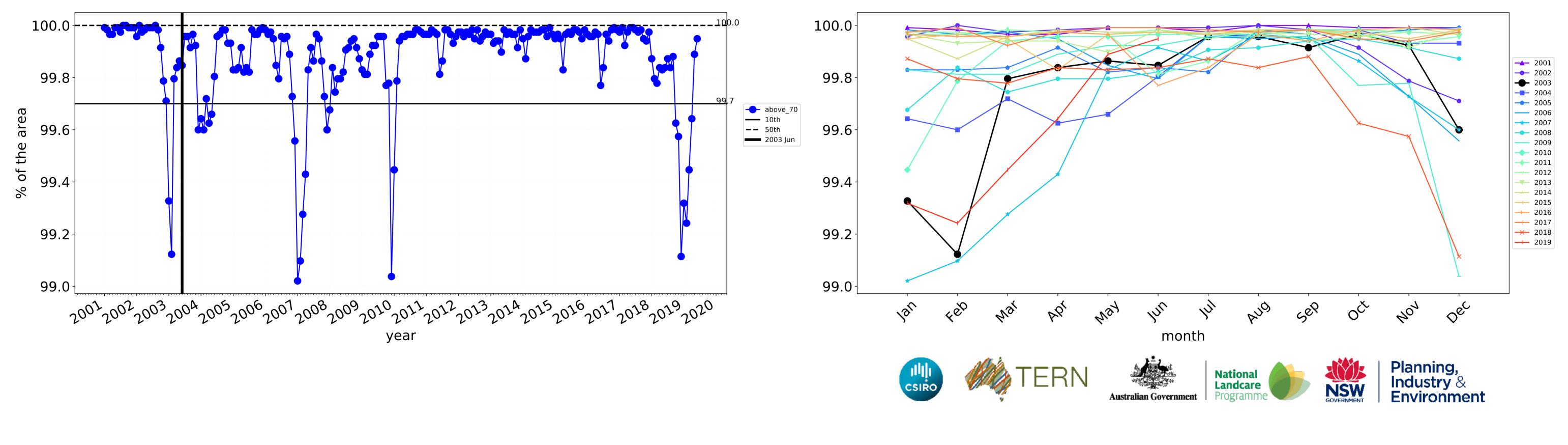




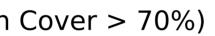
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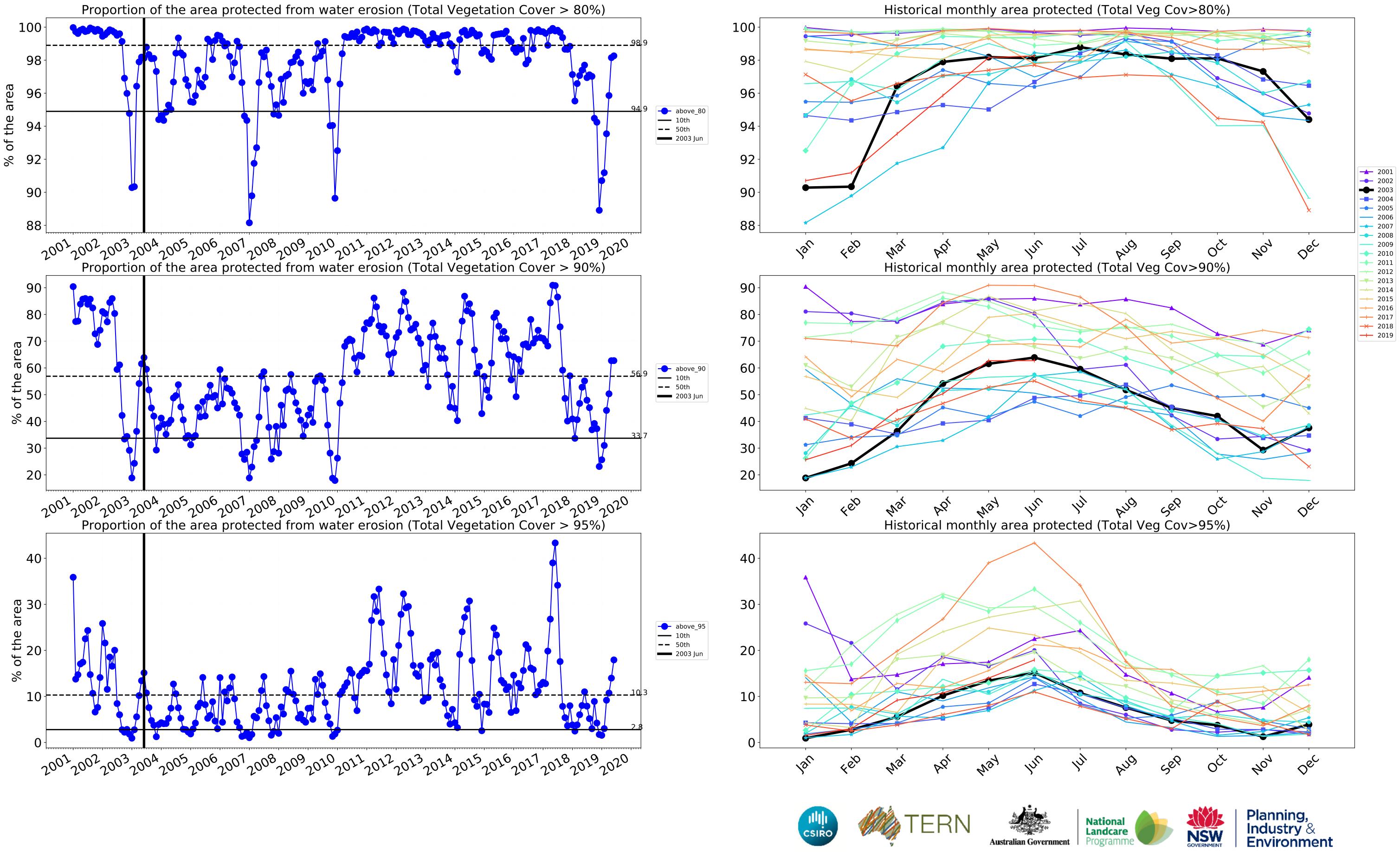


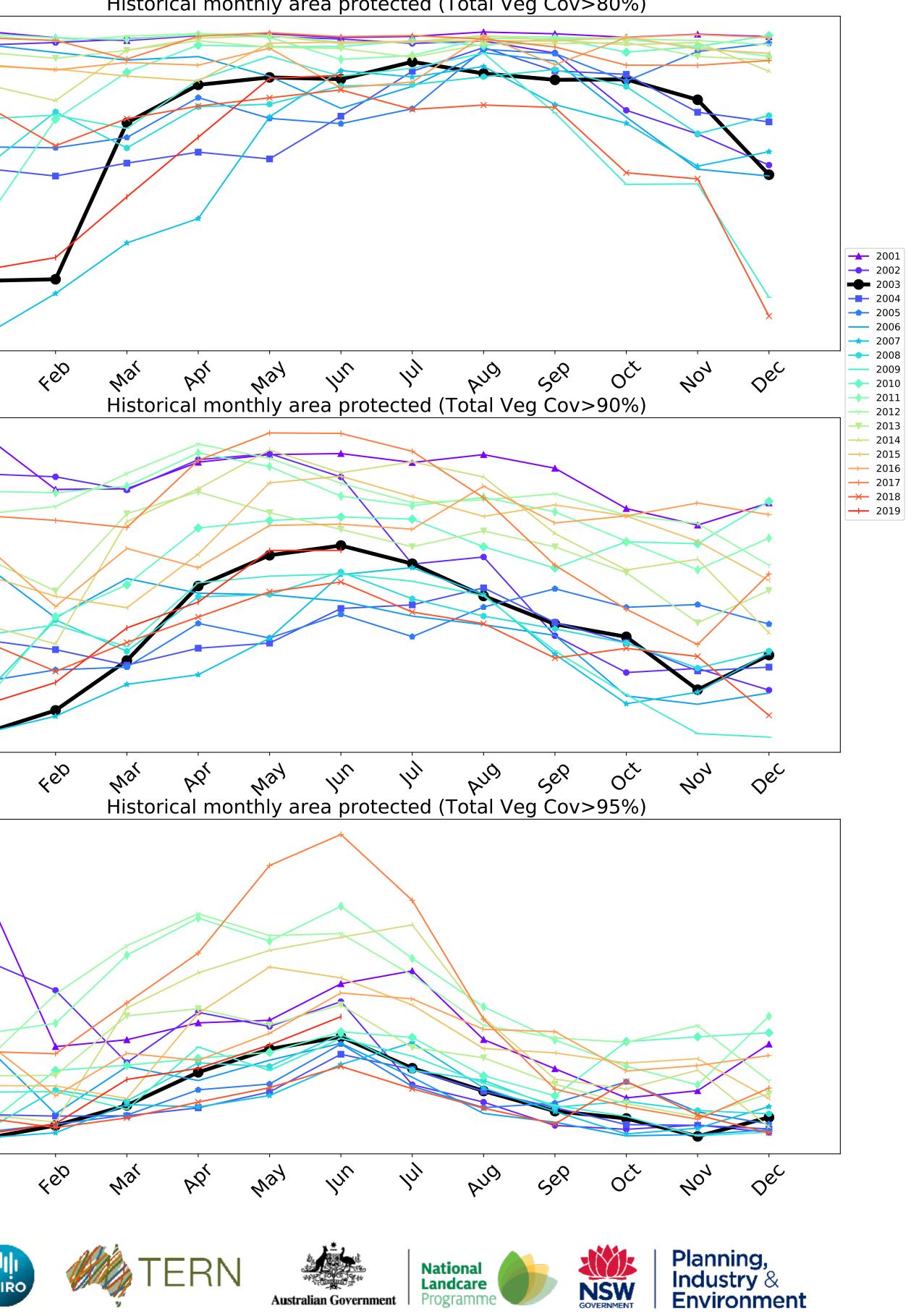


# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**









### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

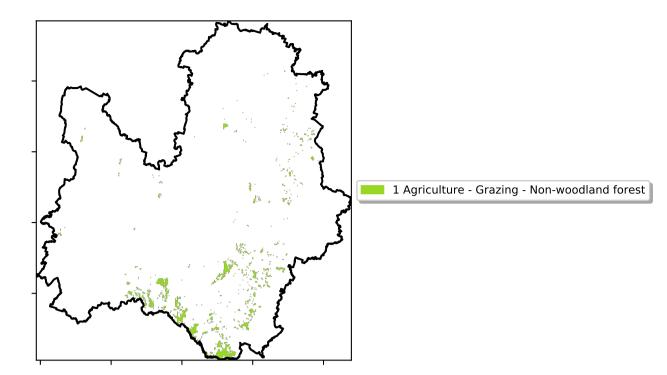
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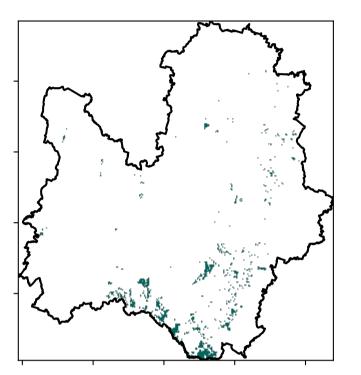
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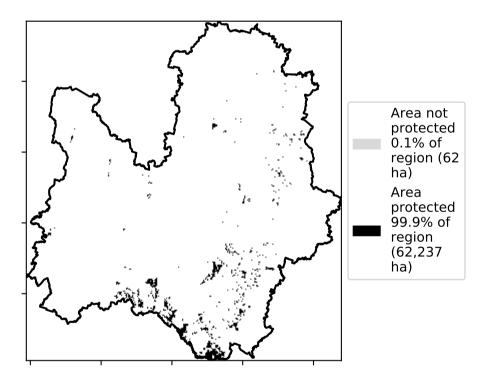
Land use and forest cover



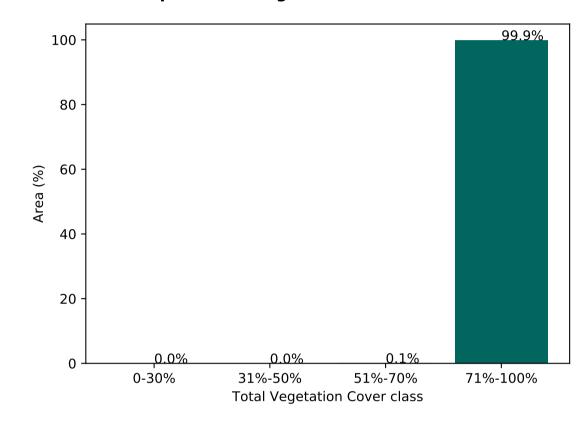
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



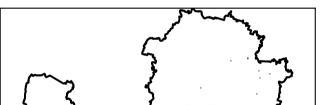




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

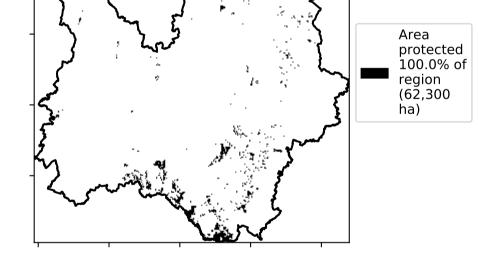


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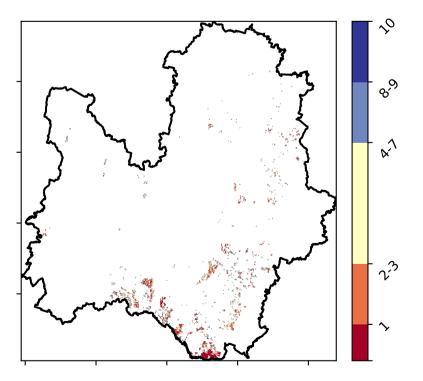
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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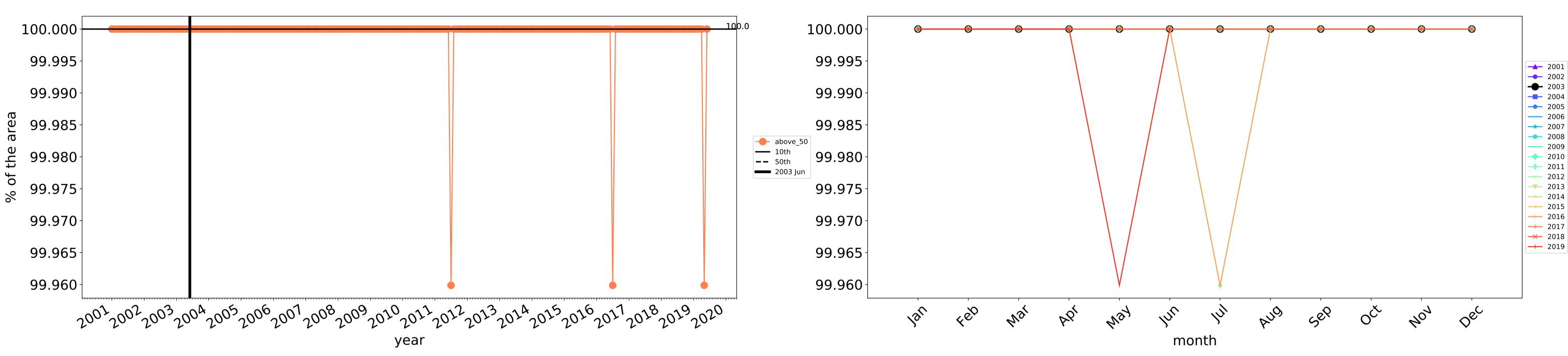
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





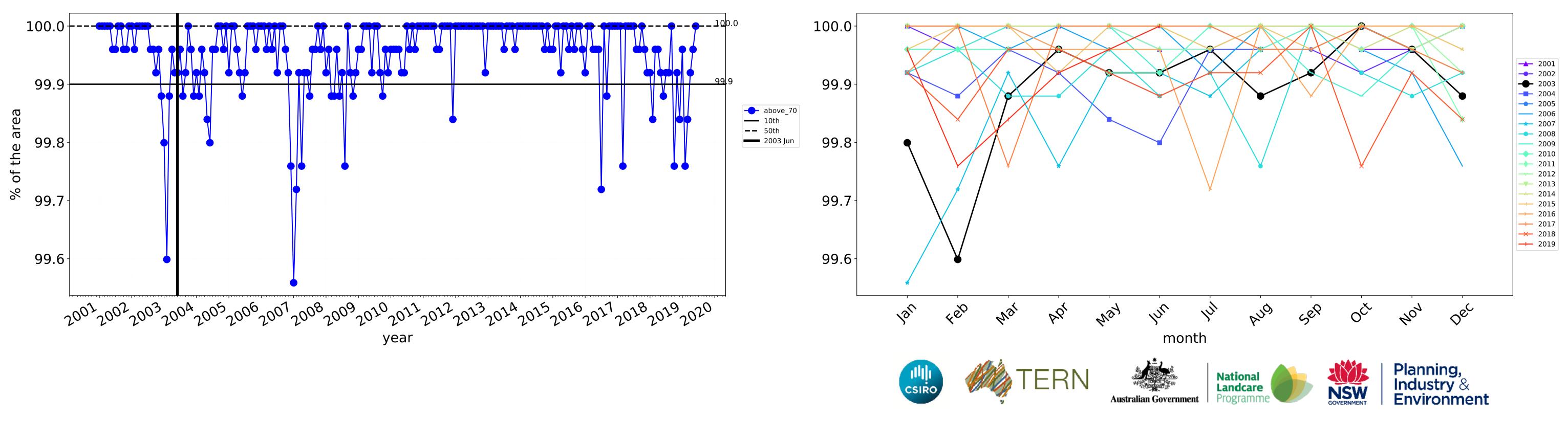
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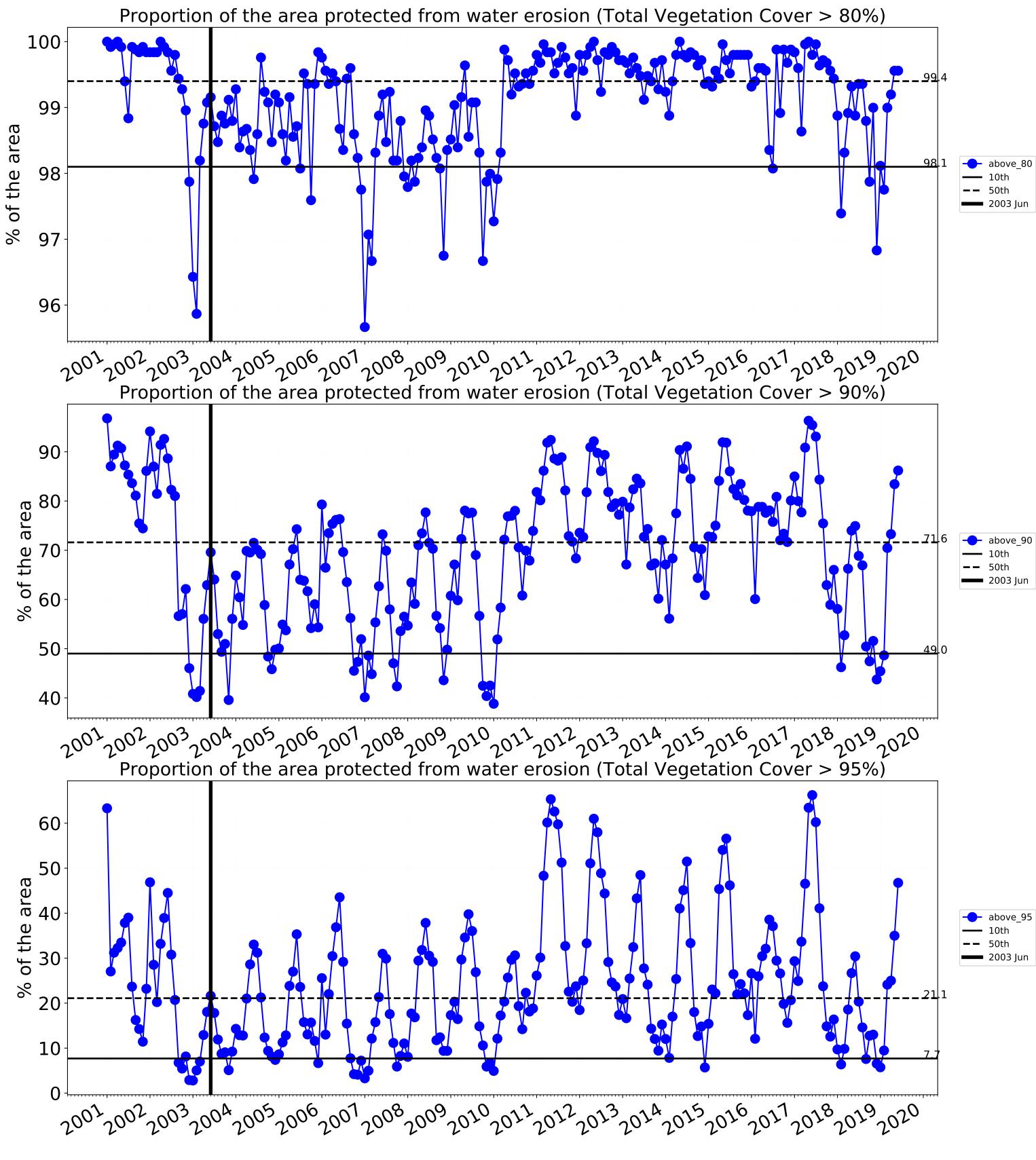
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

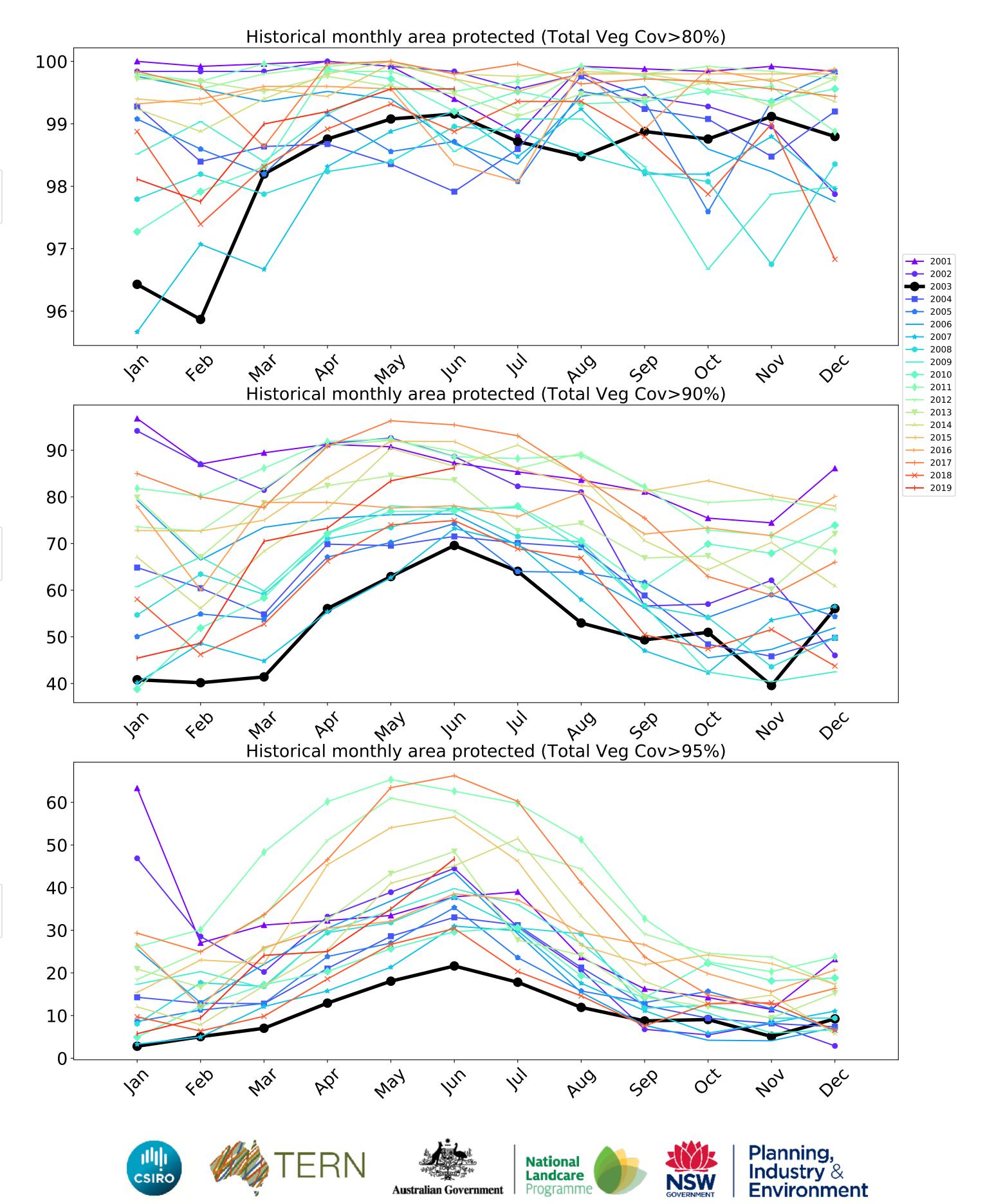
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

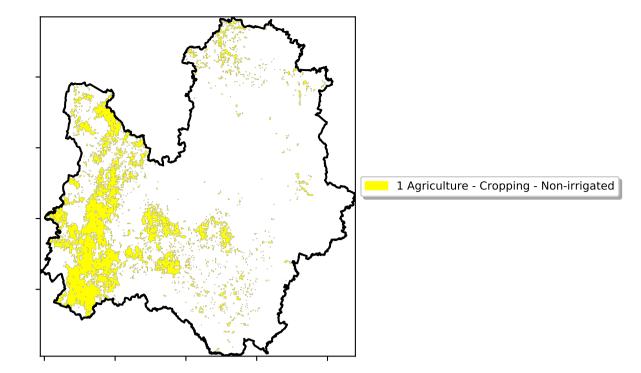
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





### Cropping

Land use and forest cover



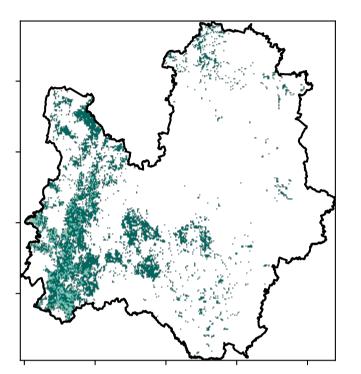
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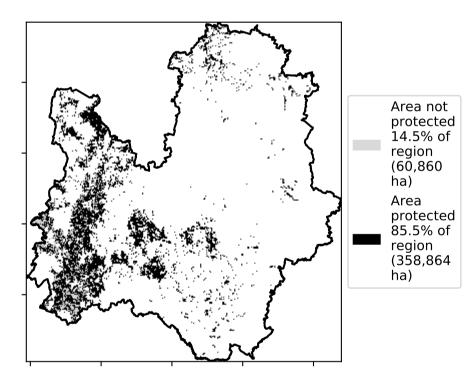
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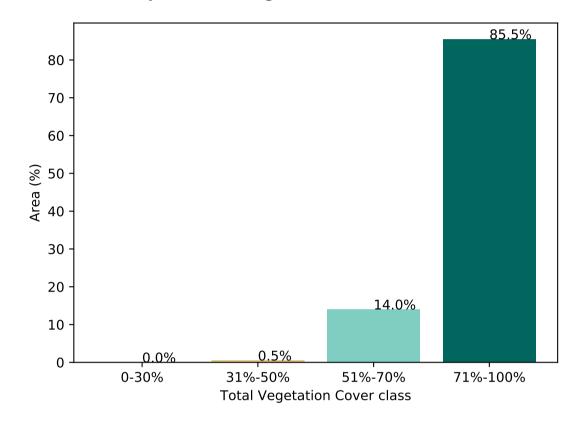
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



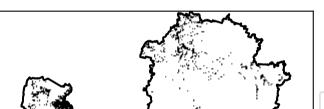
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

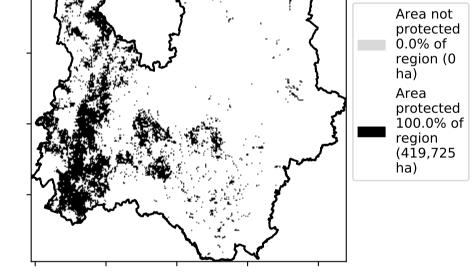


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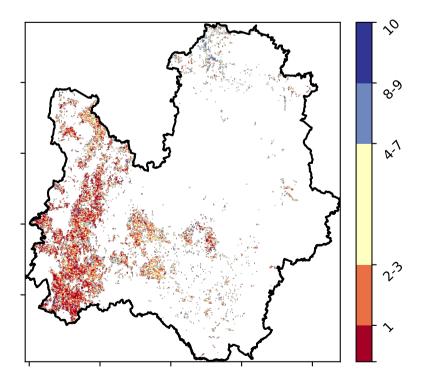
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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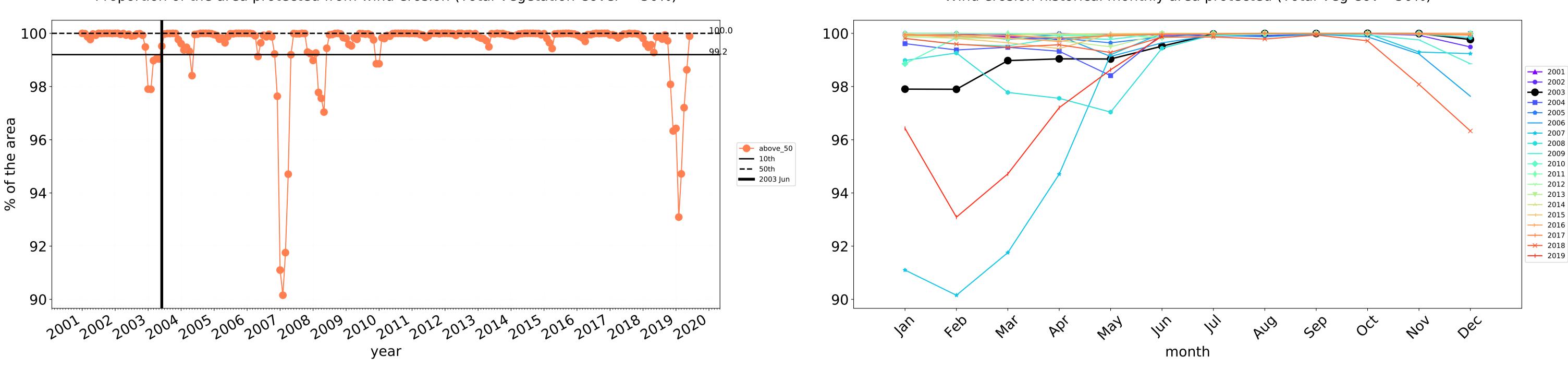
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



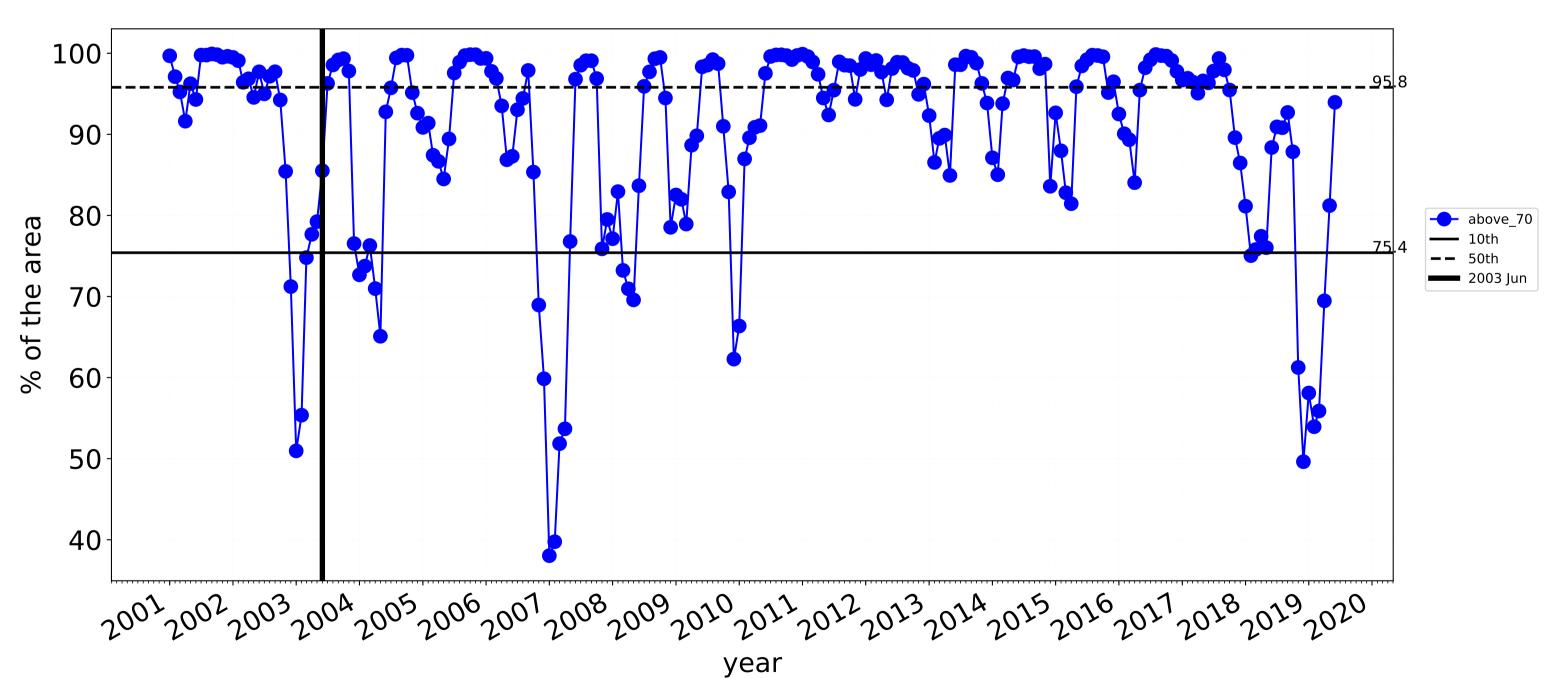


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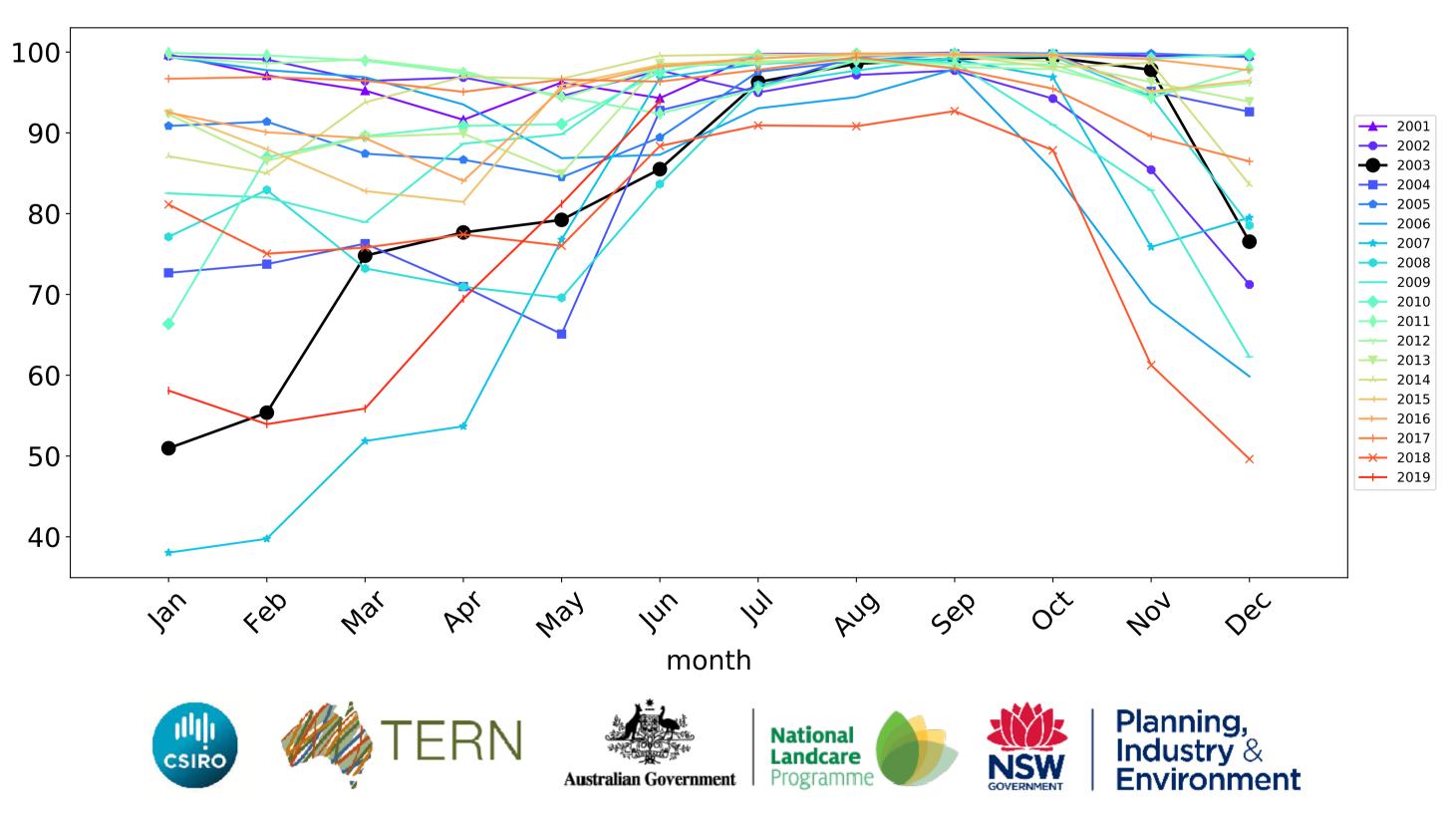


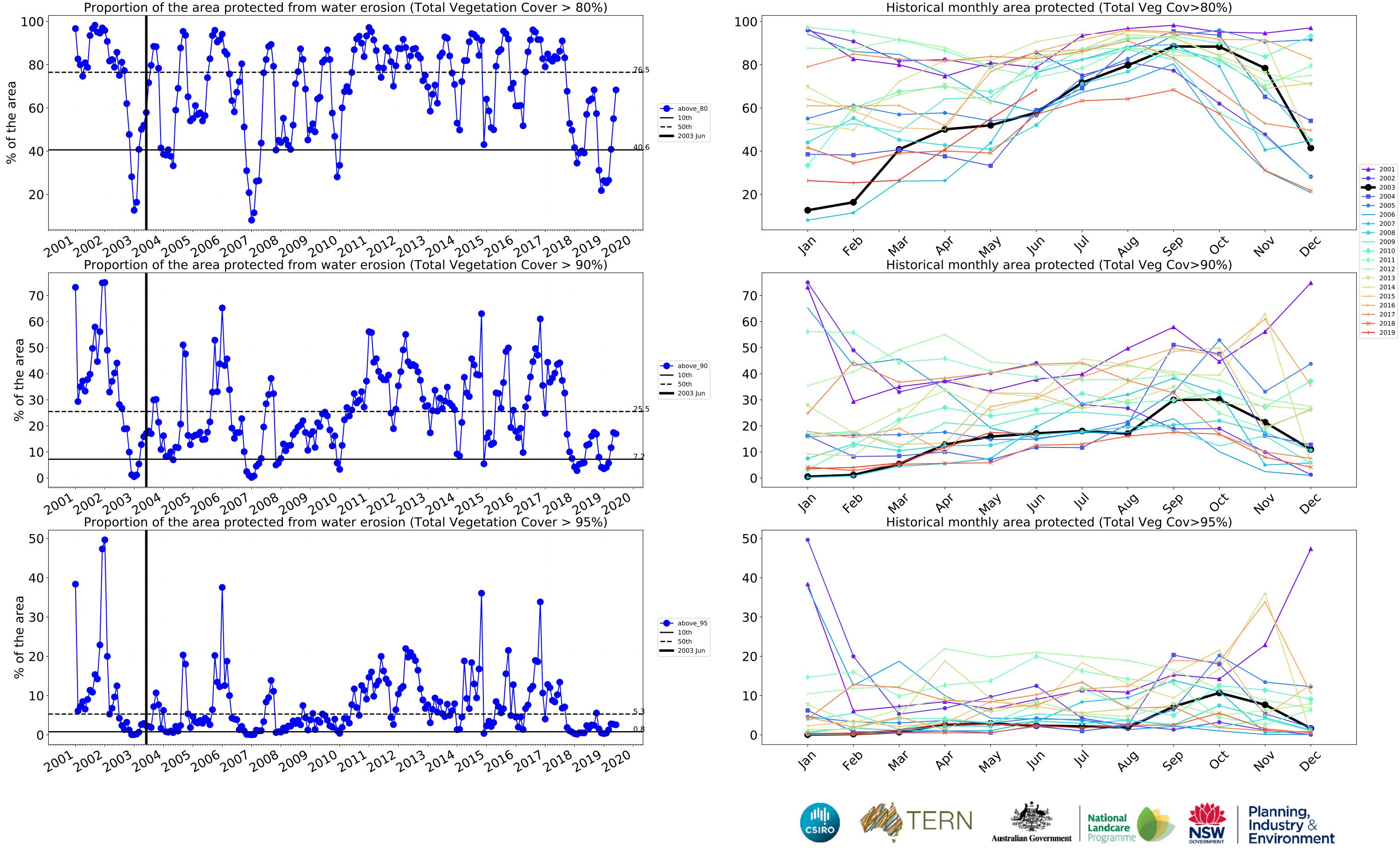
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



# **Cropping timeseries**

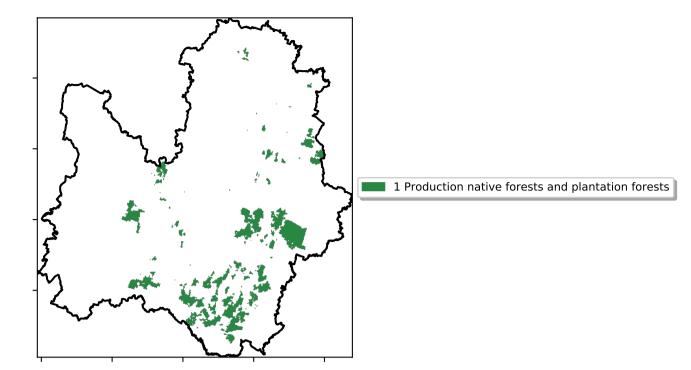
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover



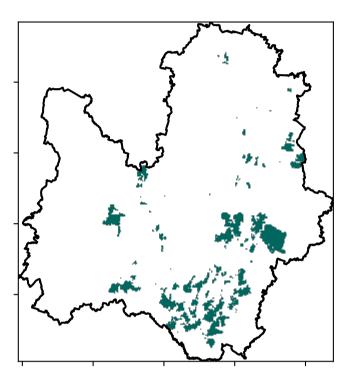
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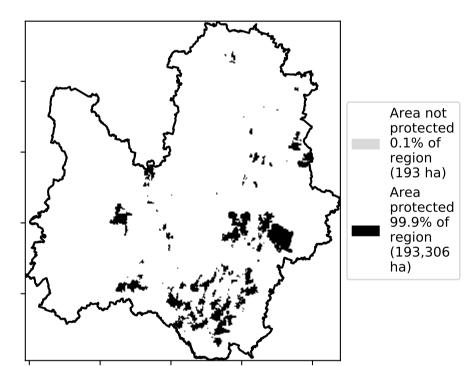
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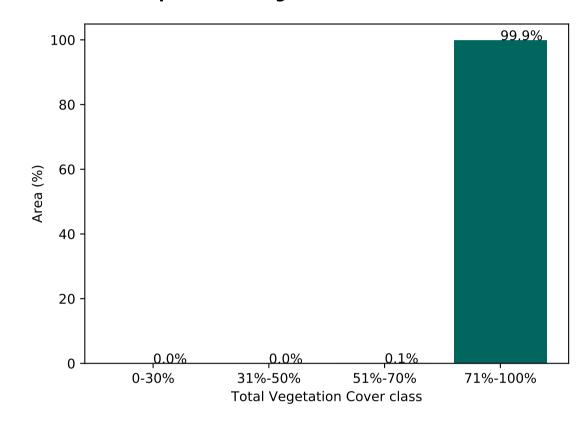
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



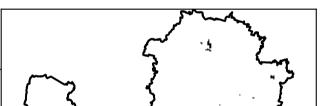




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



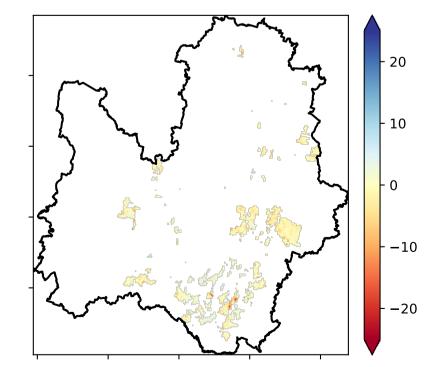
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



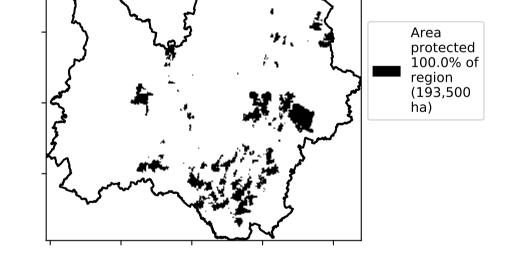
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

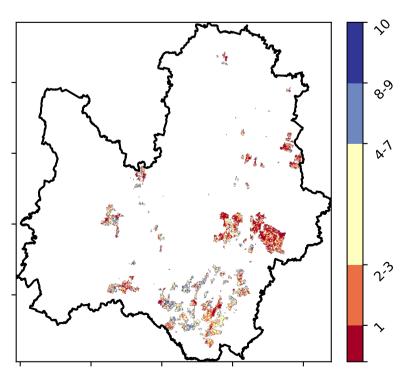
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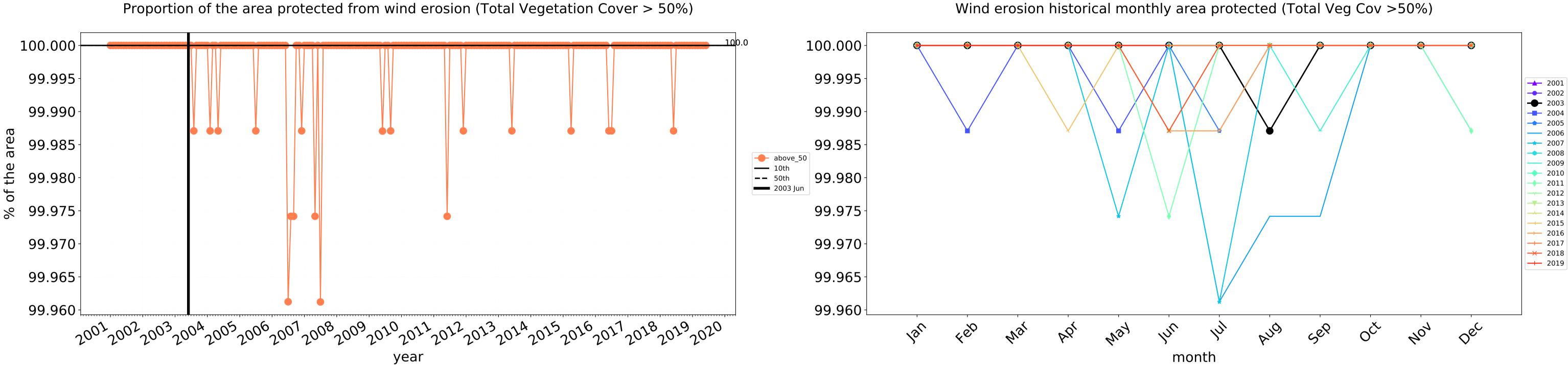
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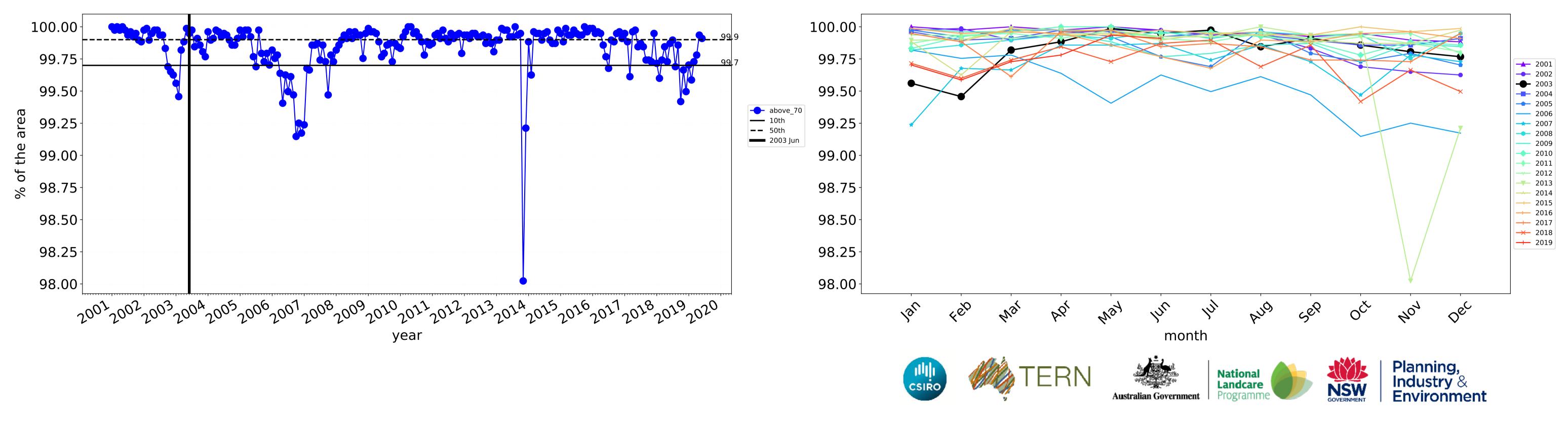
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

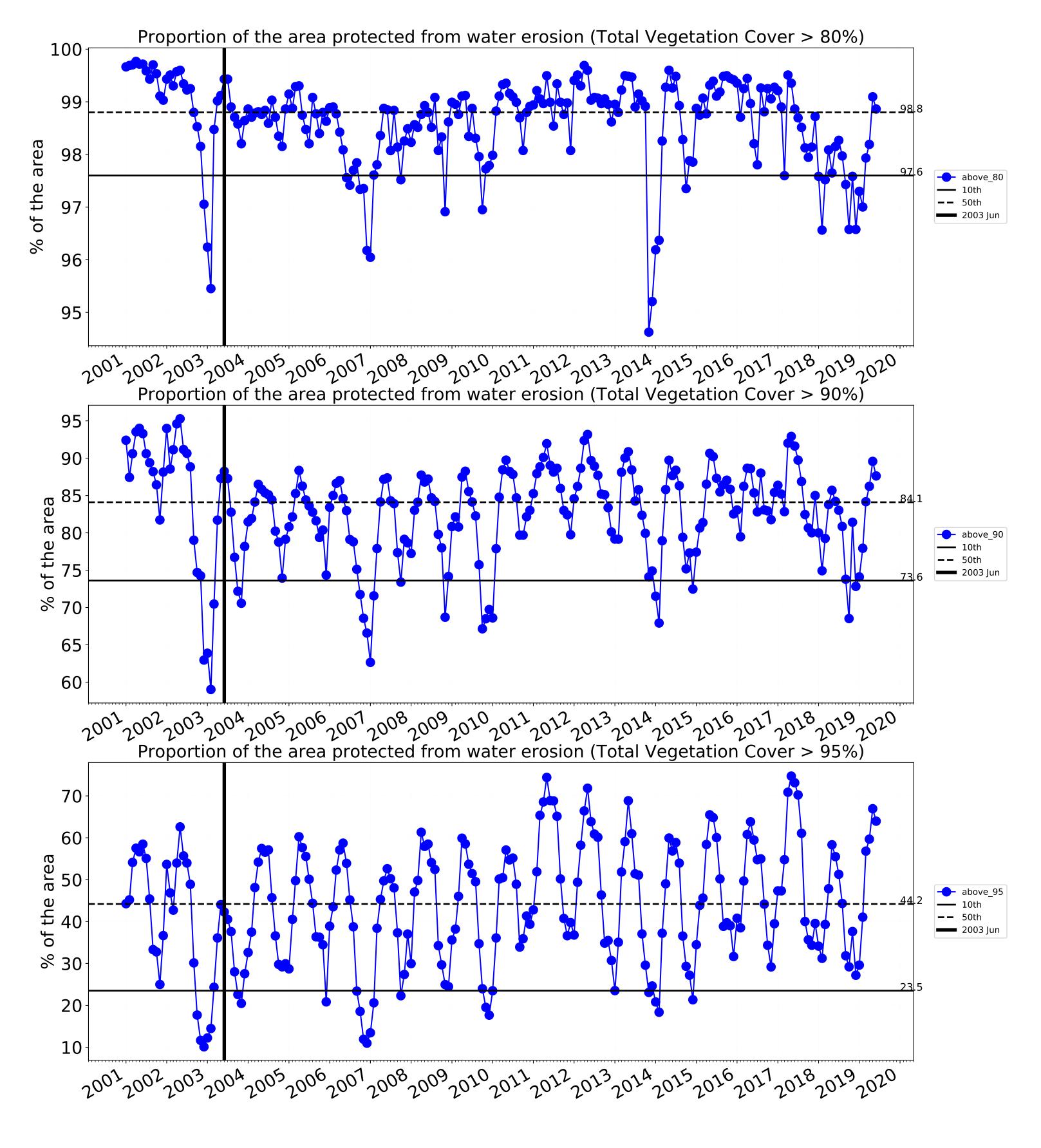


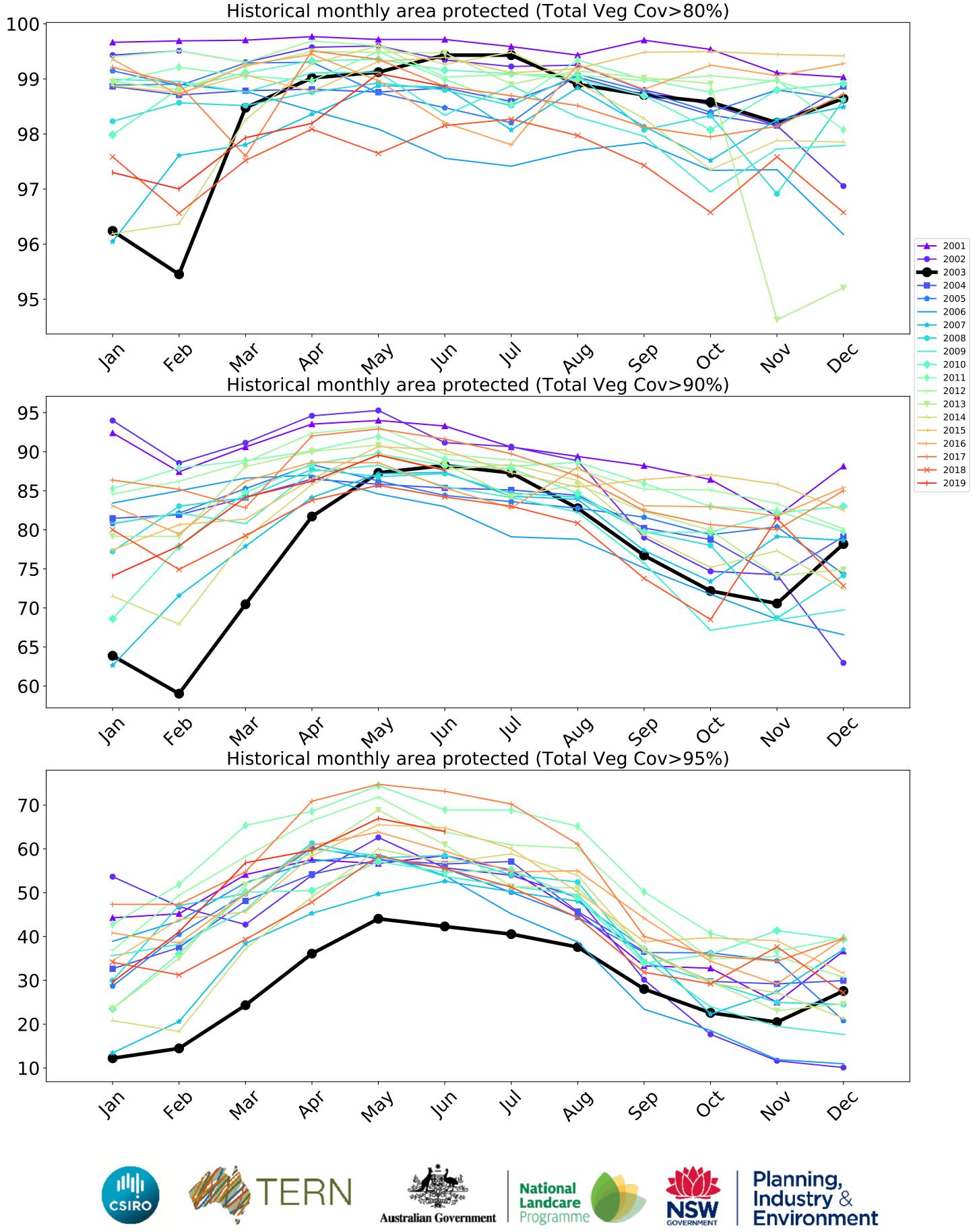




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)







## Central Tablelands (3,132,550 ha and no data 2,115 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	3,132,550	100.0% 3,132,350	99.9% 3,129,725	97.5% 3,052,967	90.7% 2,842,464	56.1% 1,756,282	15.7% 491,490
Conservation and natural environments	712,275	100.0% 712,275	100.0% 712,275	100.0% 712,175	99.0% 705,325	79.0% 562,575	29.5% 209,875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	535,500	100.0% 535,500	100.0% 535,500	100.0% 535,425	99.2% 531,000	78.2% 419,025	26.0% 139,125
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	174,150	100.0% 174,150	100.0% 174,150	100.0% 174,150	98.6% 171,775	81.4% 141,800	40.5% 70,475
Agriculture	2,148,025	100.0% 2,147,950	99.9% 2,145,625	96.5% 2,073,900	87.6% 1,881,650	46.2% 993,350	9.1% 196,325
Grazing	1,710,175	100.0% 1,710,150	100.0% 1,710,050	99.4% 1,699,900	95.2% 1,627,975	53.8% 919,950	10.9% 186,350
Grazing non forest	1,354,325	100.0% 1,354,300	100.0% 1,354,200	99.3% 1,344,550	94.4% 1,278,175	50.9% 689,050	9.5% 128,475
Grazing Woodland forest	293,550	100.0% 293,550	100.0% 293,550	99.8% 293,100	98.1% 288,025	63.9% 187,550	15.1% 44,400
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	62,300	100.0% 62,300	100.0% 62,300	99.9% 62,250	99.2% 61,775	69.6% 43,350	21.6% 13,475
Cropping	419,725	100.0% 419,675	99.5% 417,700	85.5% 358,900	57.9% 243,000	17.1% 71,850	2.3% 9,800
Production native forests and plantation forests	193,500	100.0% 193,500	100.0% 193,500	99.9% 193,400	99.4% 192,400	88.2% 170,750	42.3% 81,850

