# **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 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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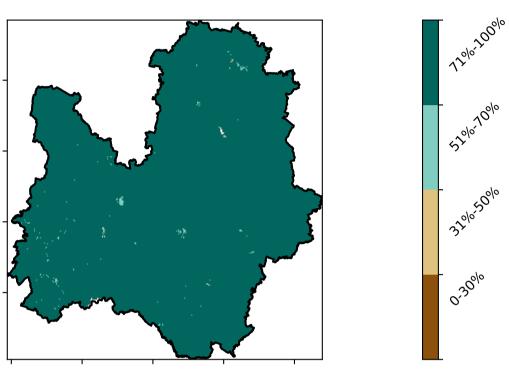
# **Vegetation Cover Aug 2022**

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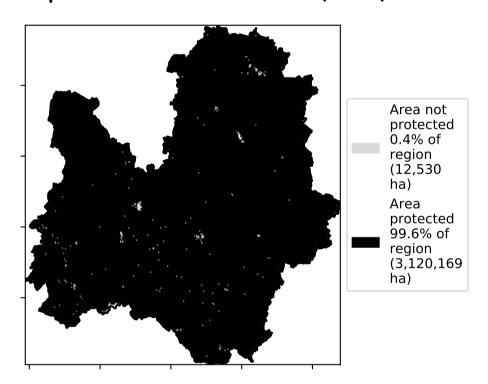
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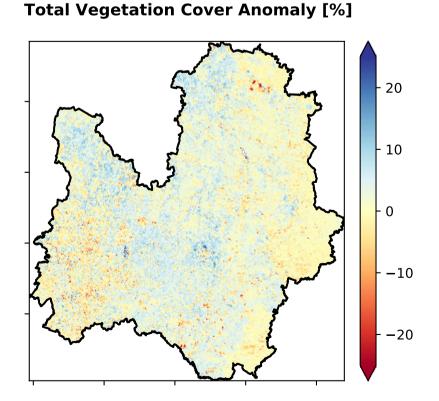
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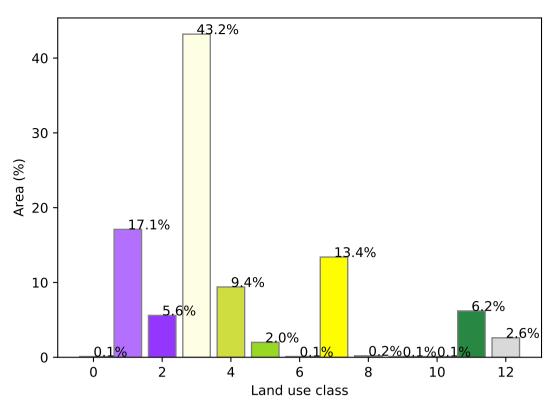


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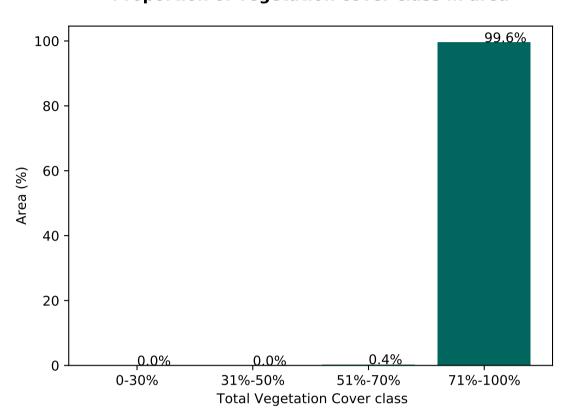


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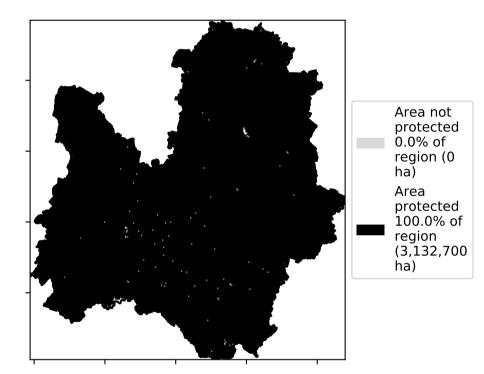
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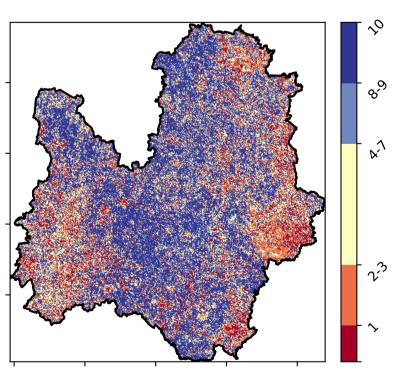
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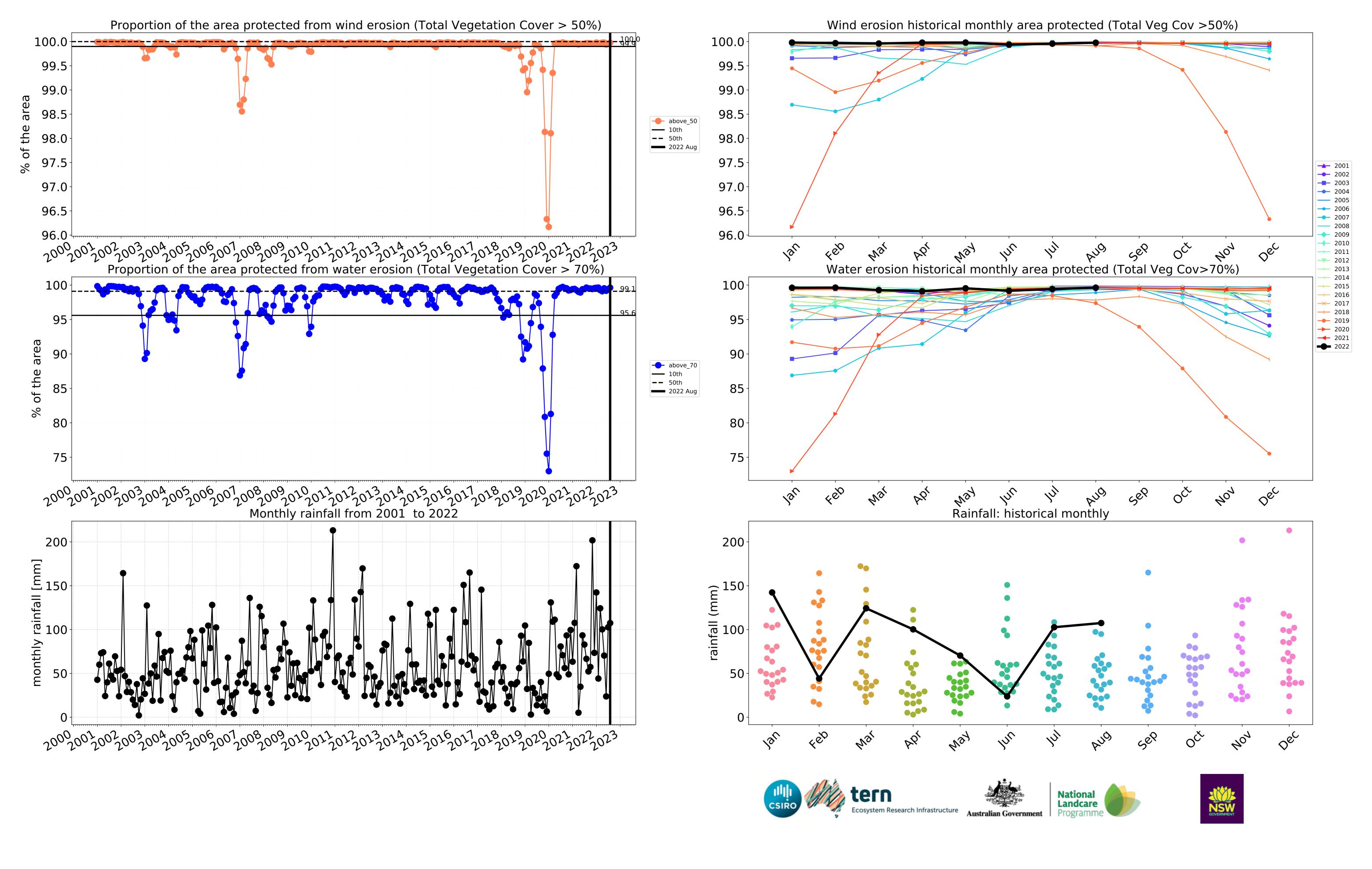


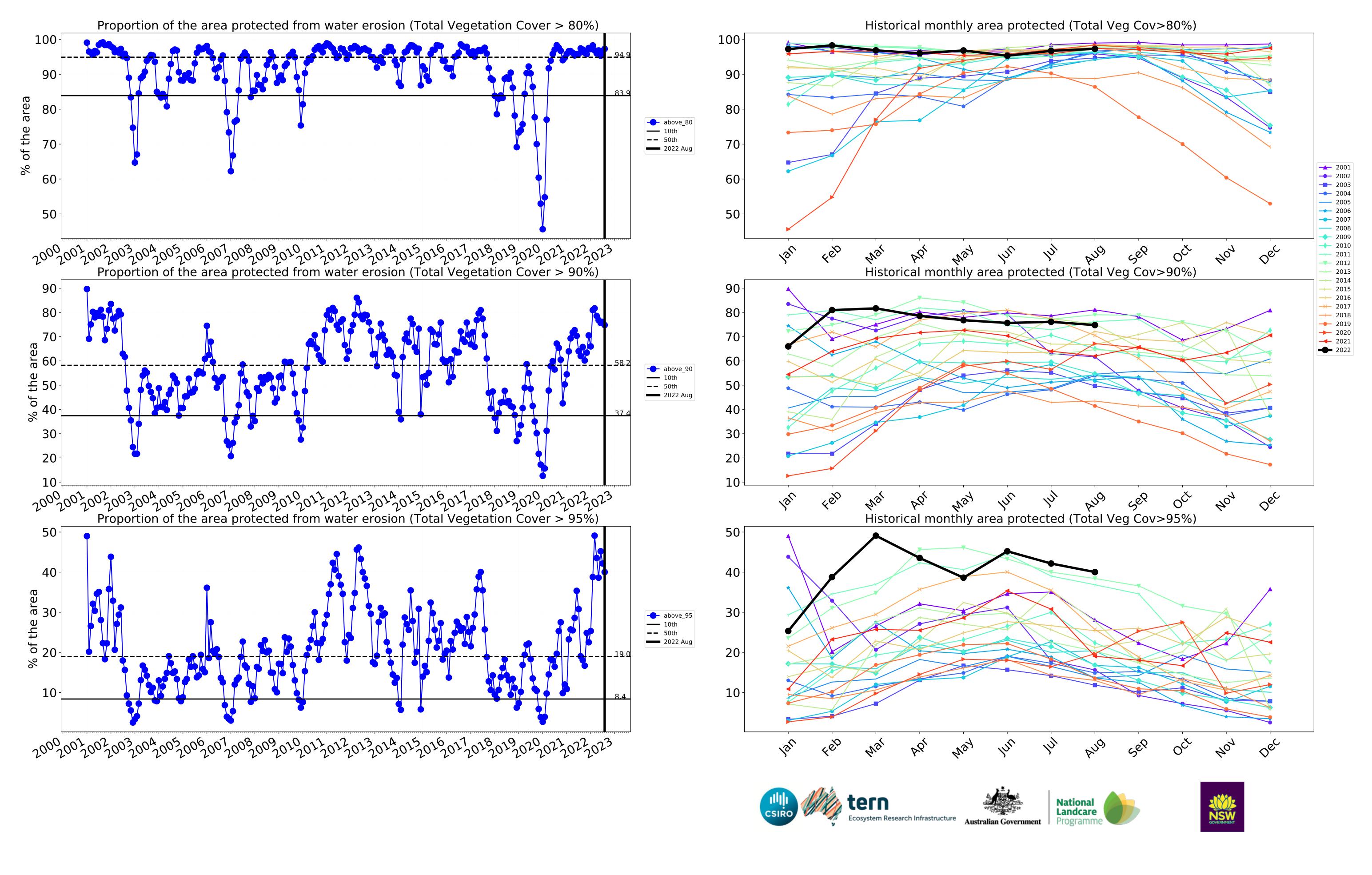








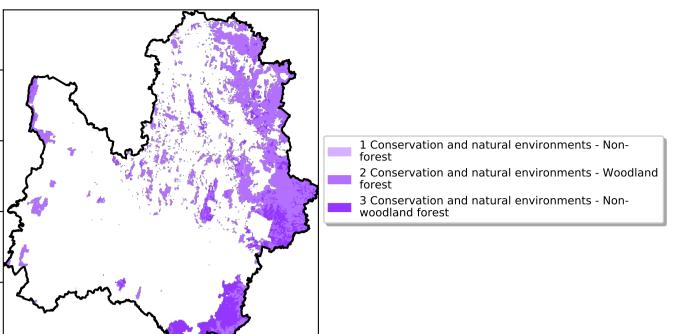




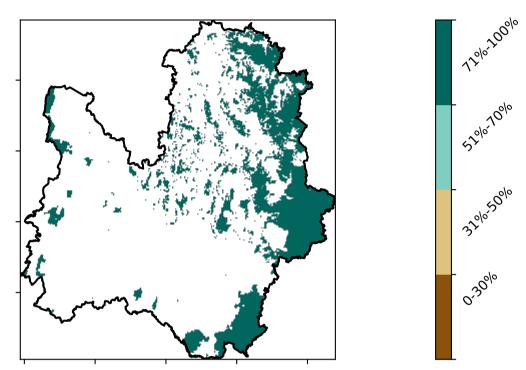
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### **Land use and forest cover**

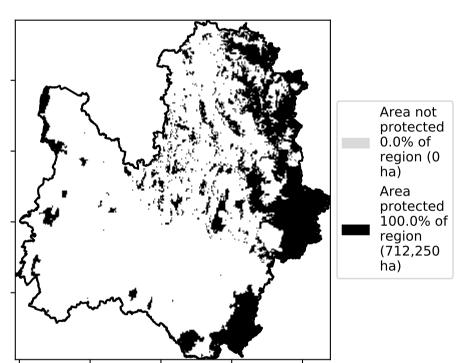
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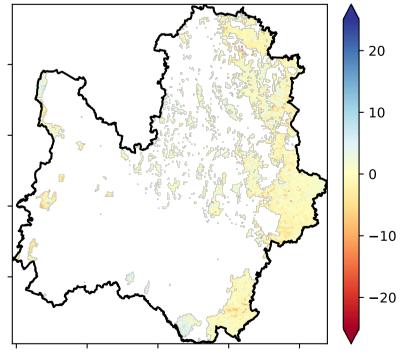
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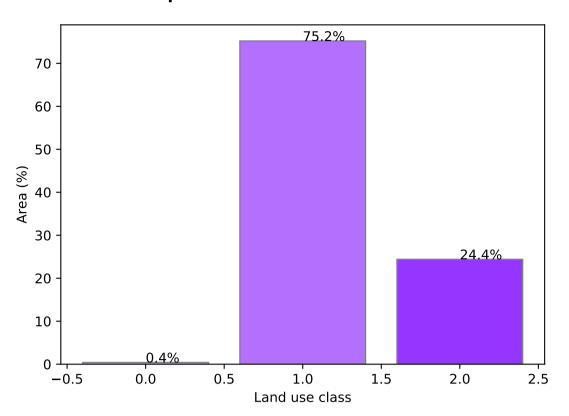
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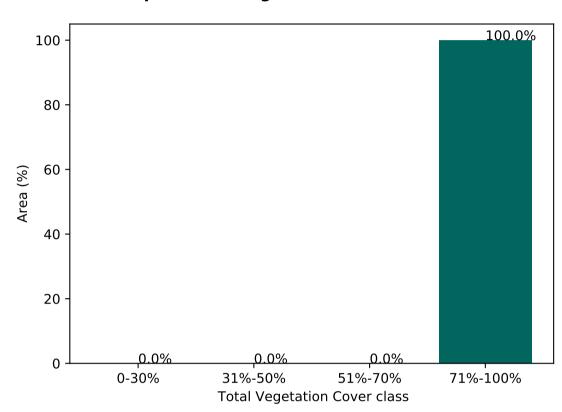


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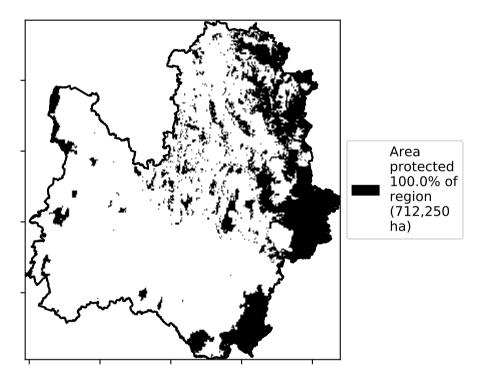
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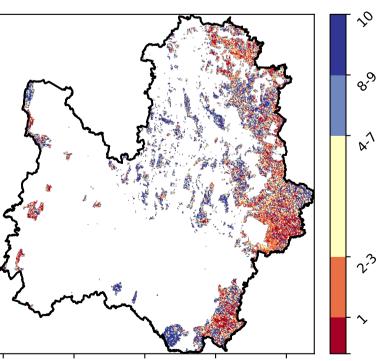
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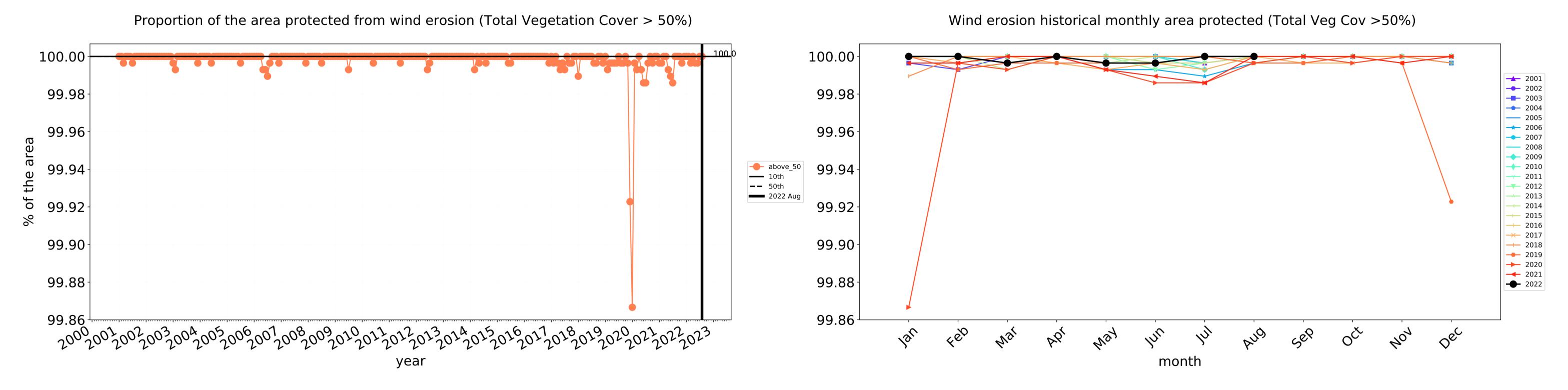


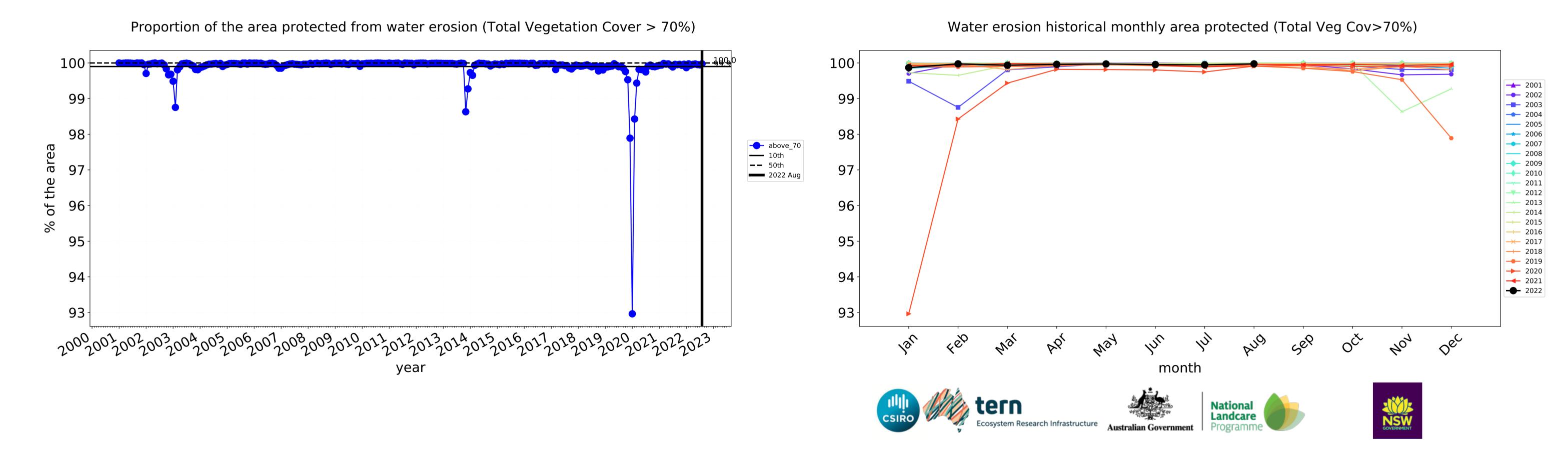


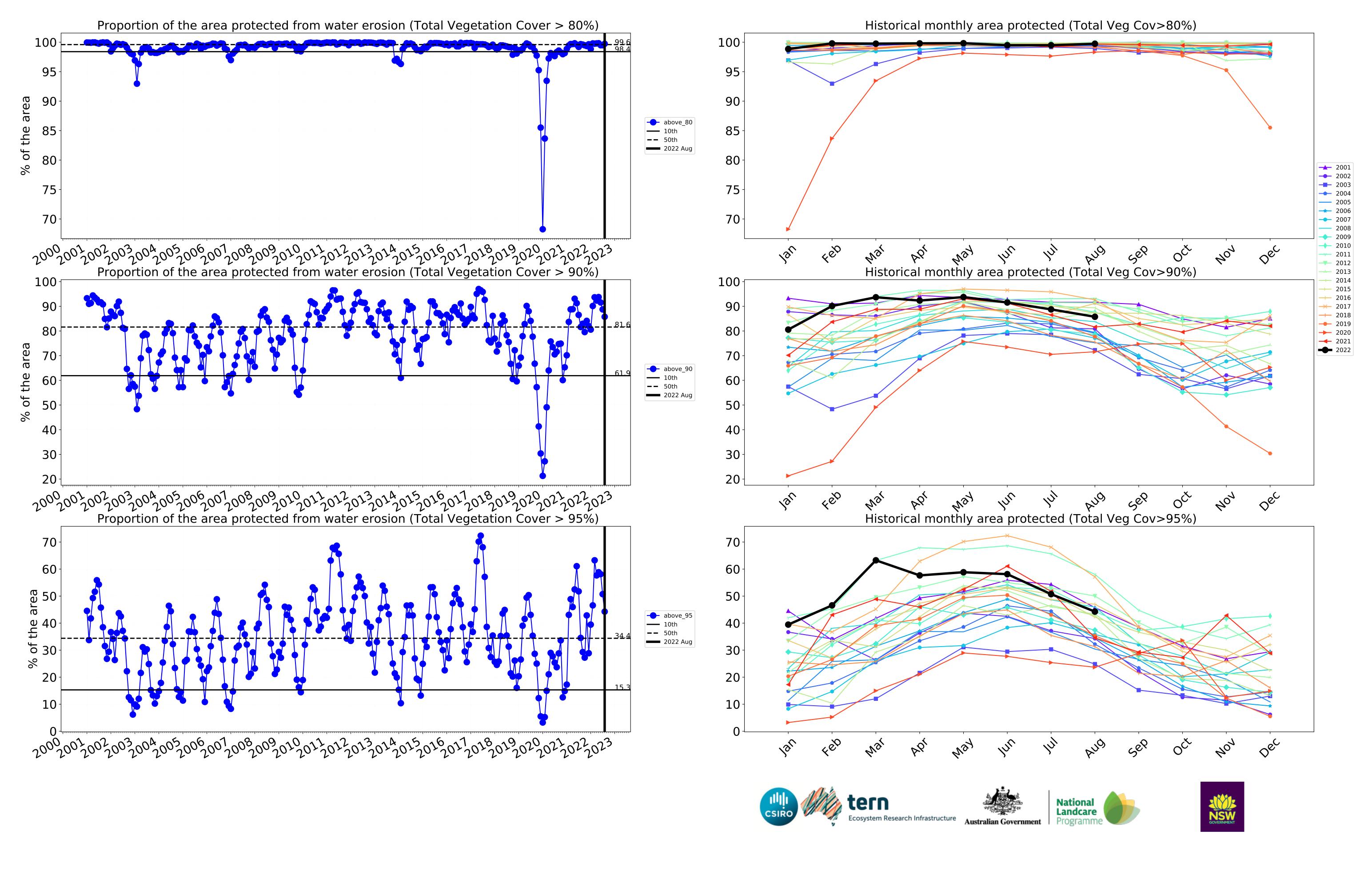




# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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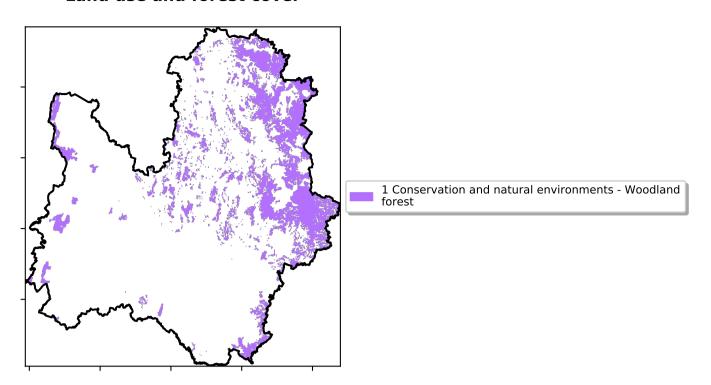
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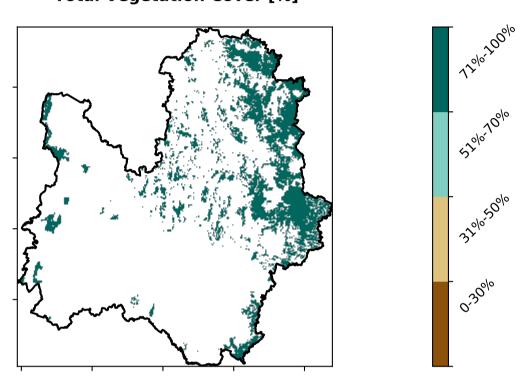
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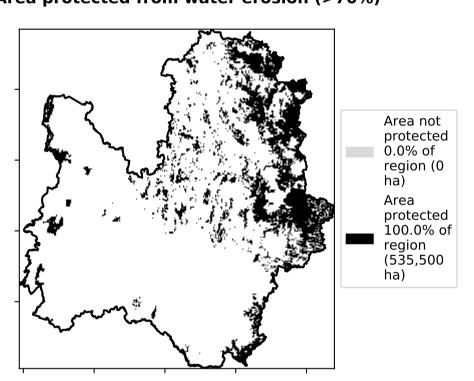
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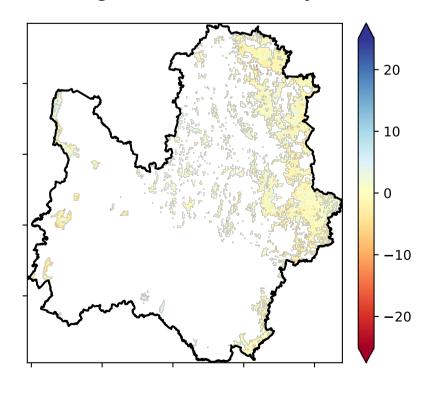
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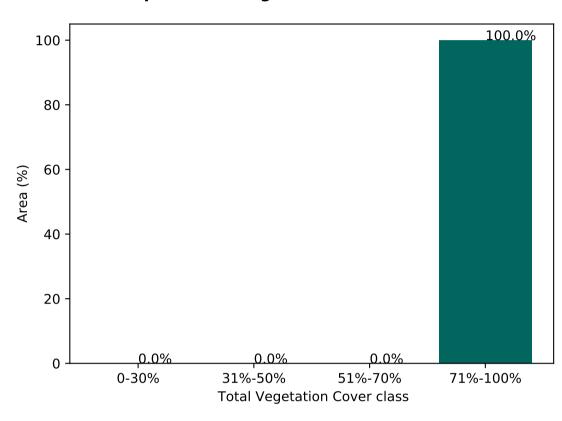


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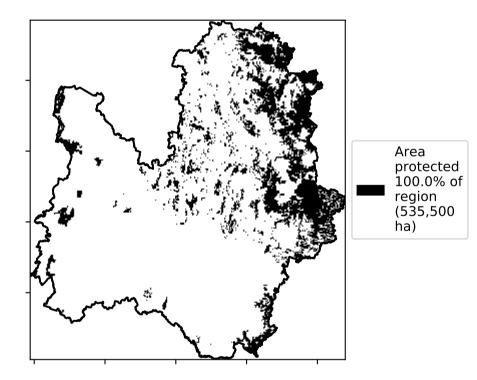


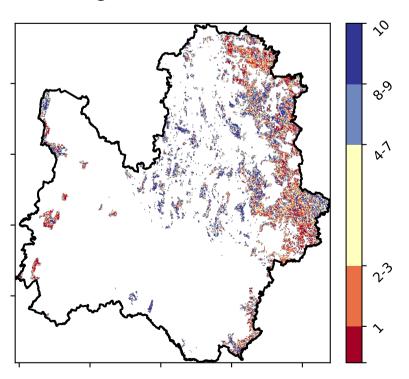
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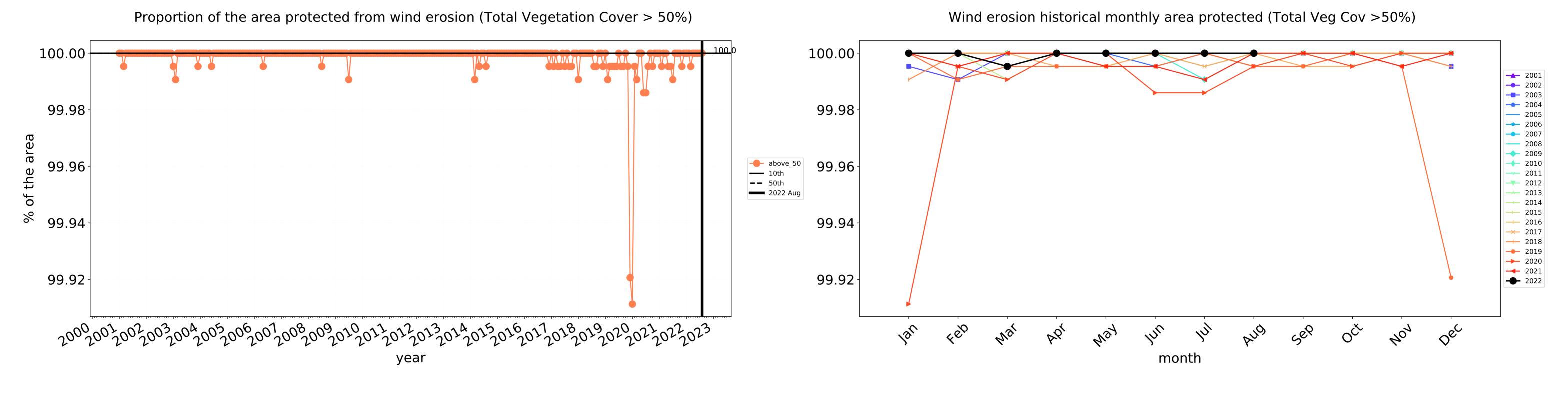


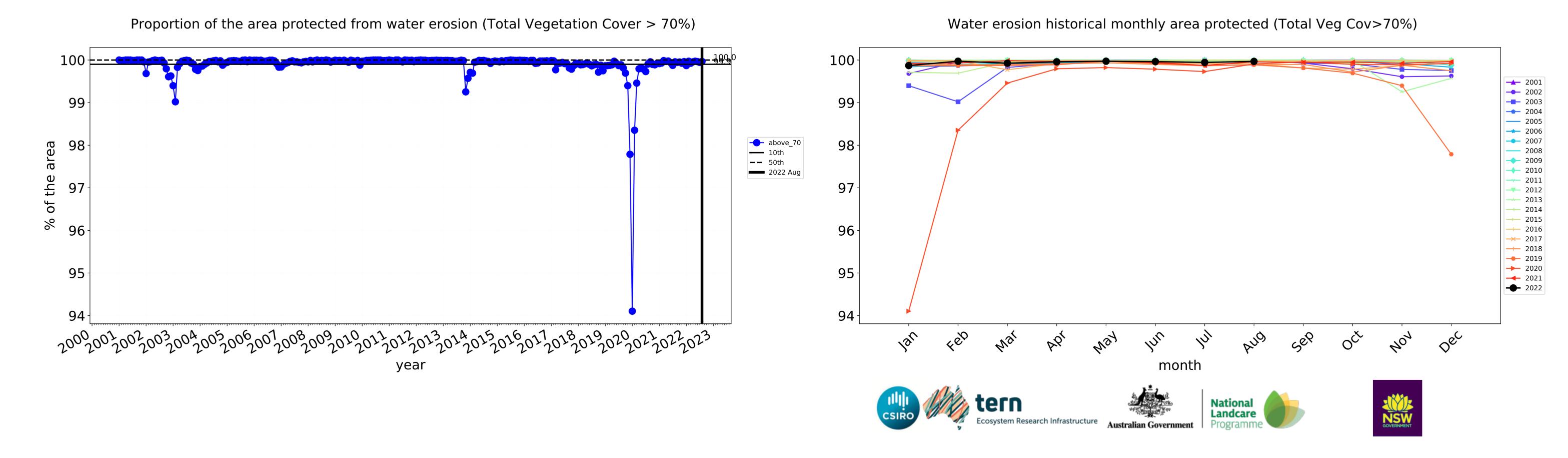


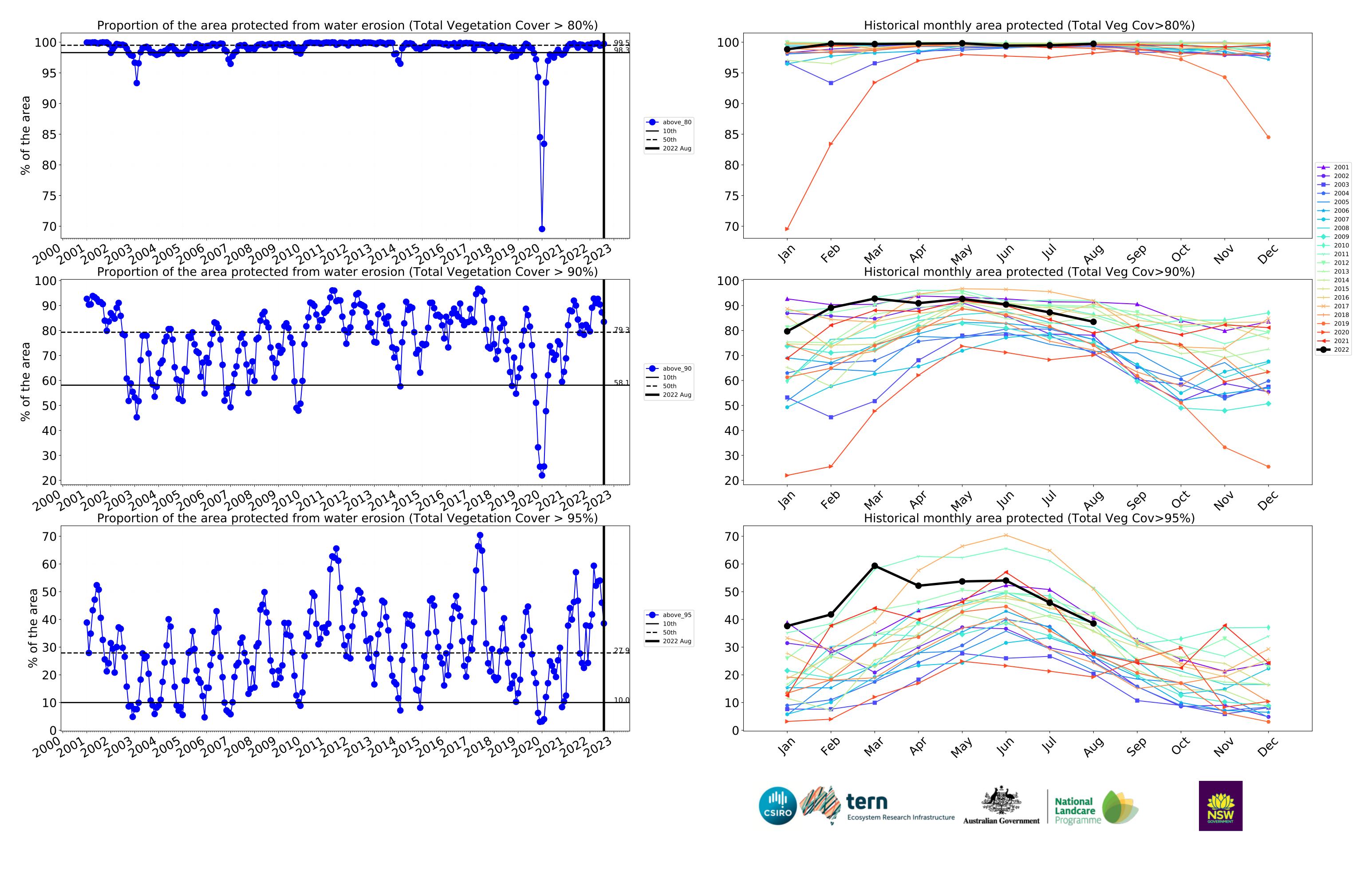








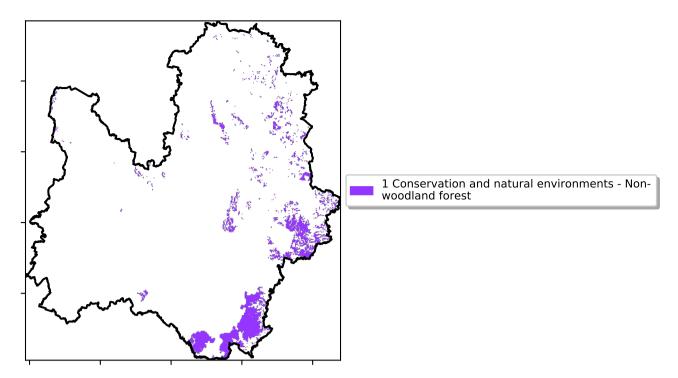




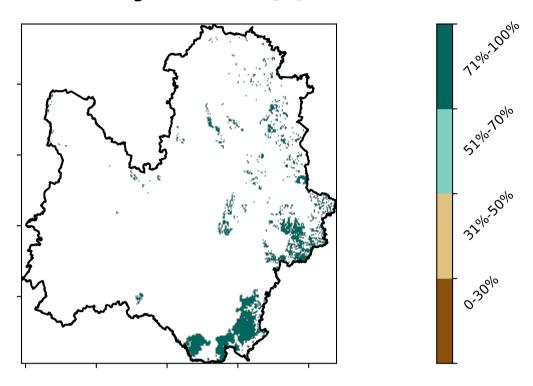
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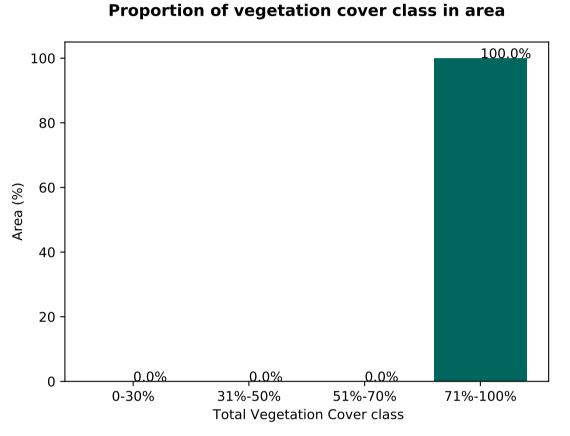
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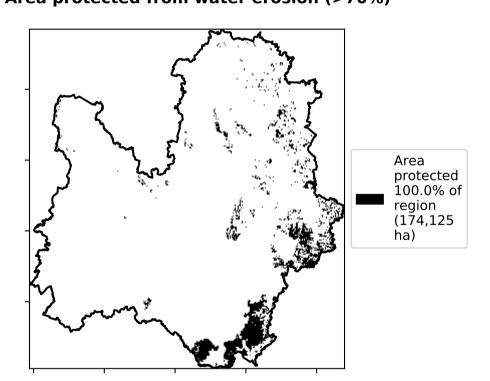


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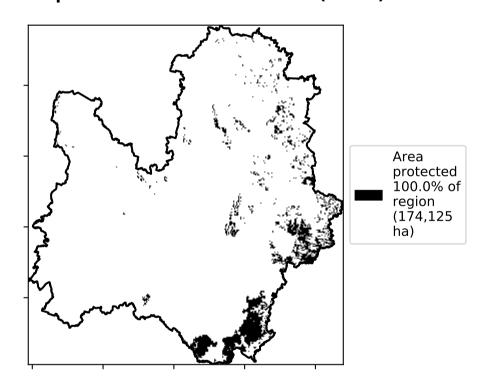




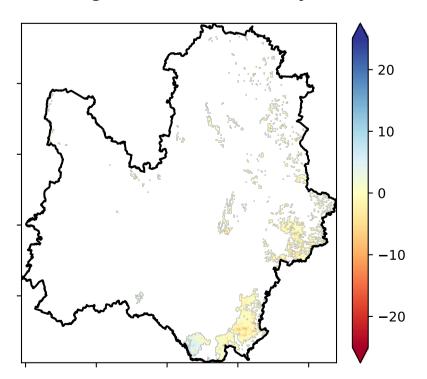
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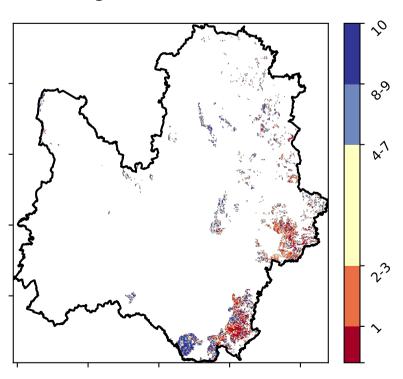


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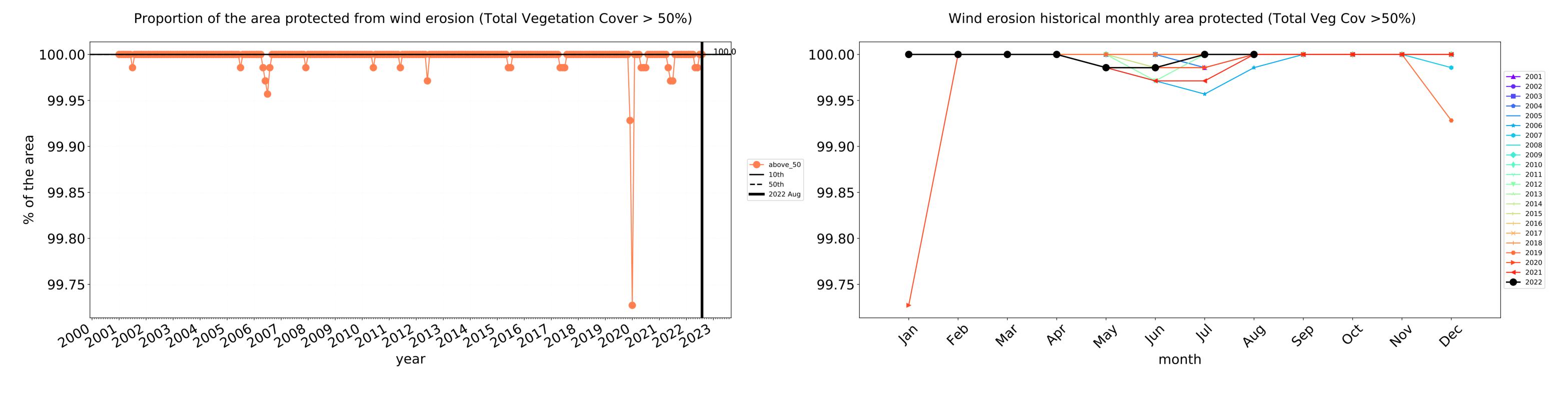
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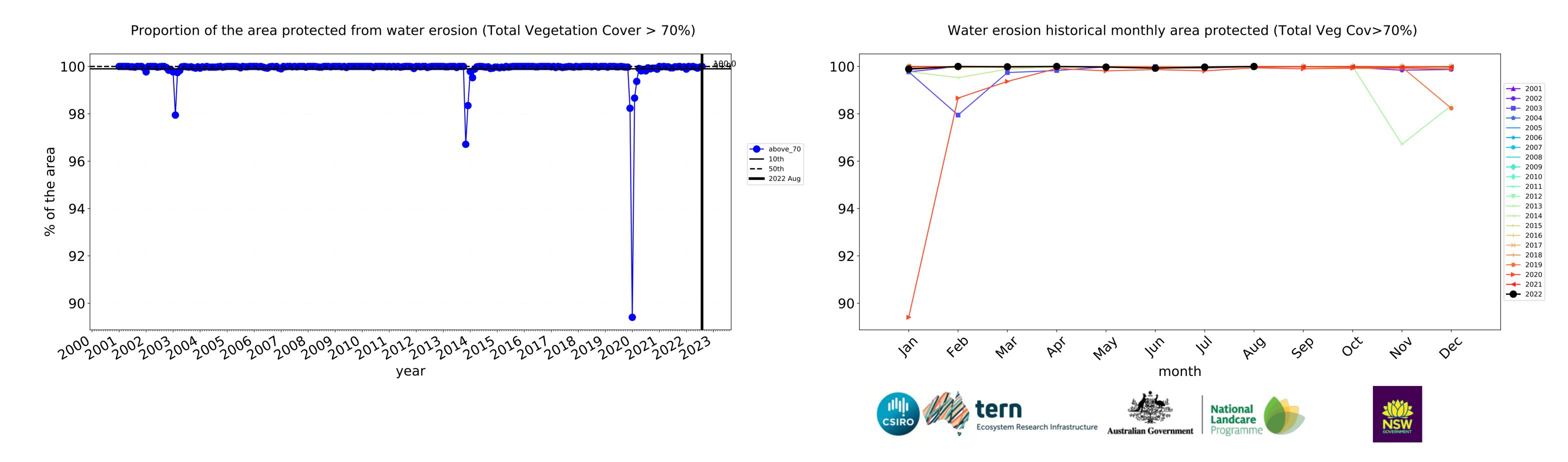


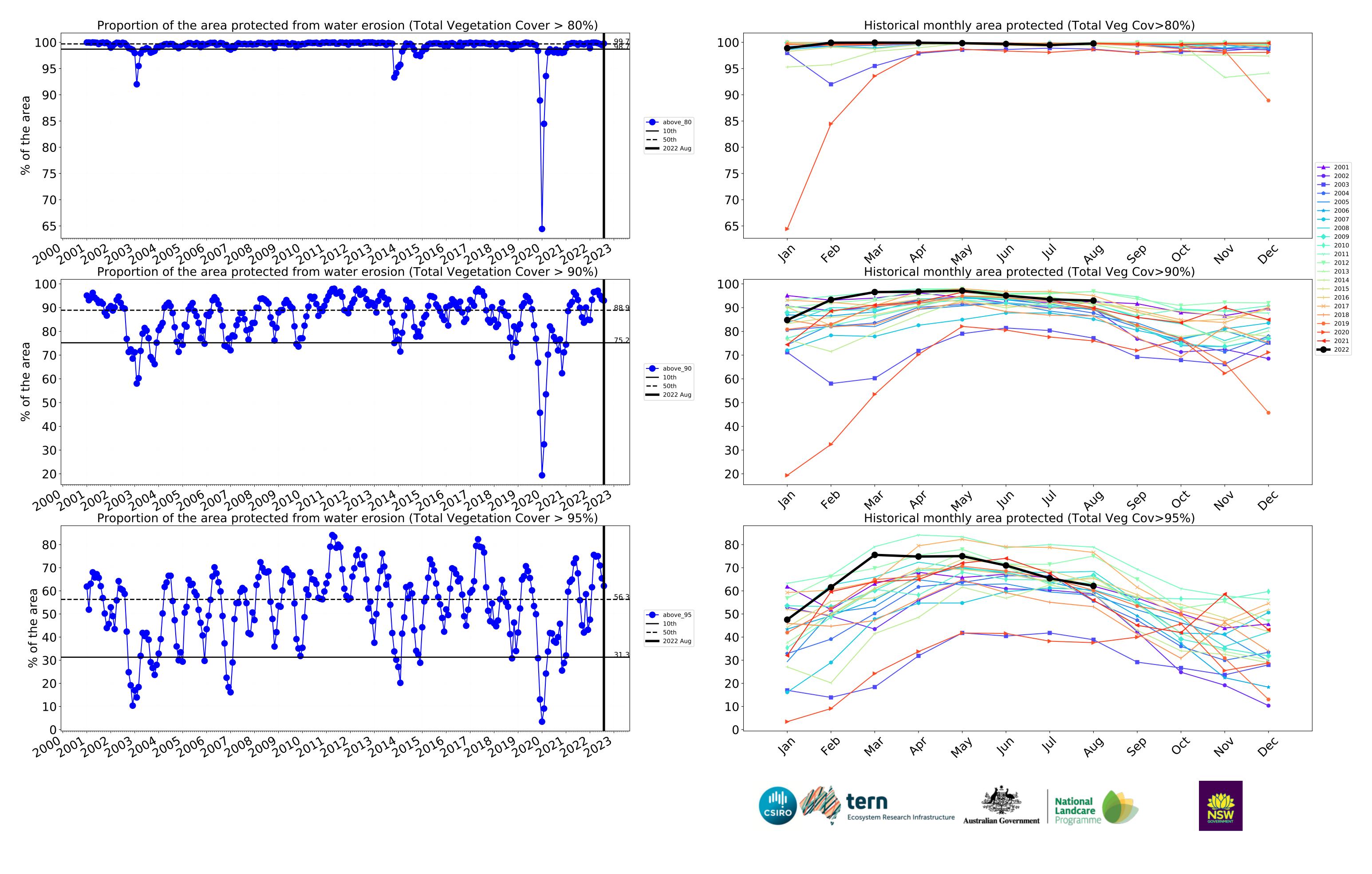












# **Agriculture**

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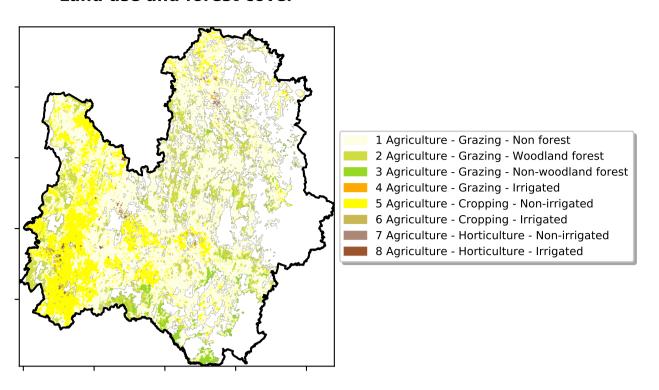
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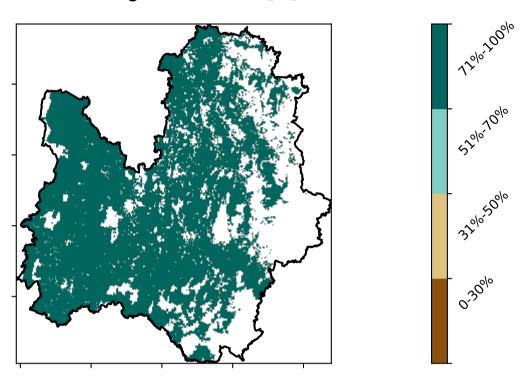
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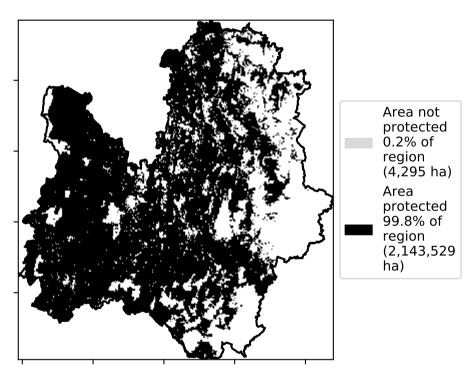
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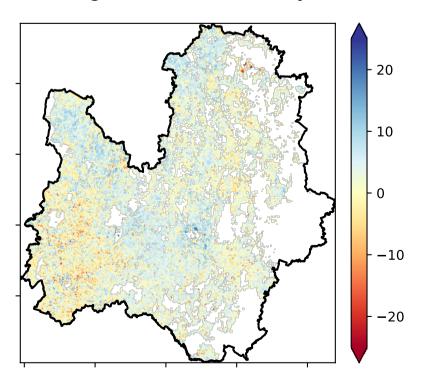
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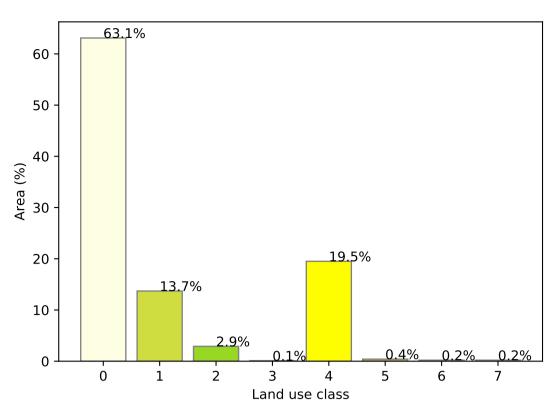


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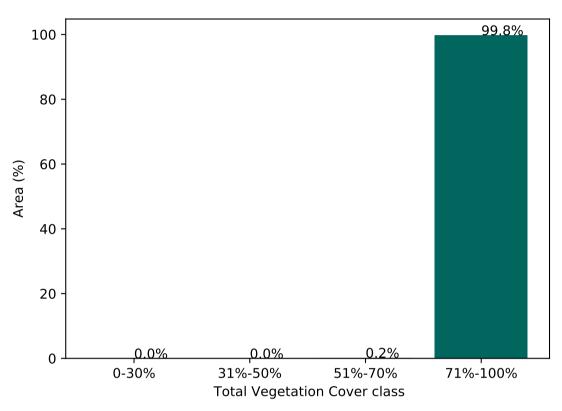


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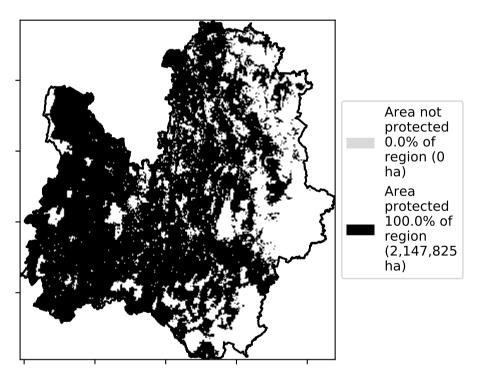
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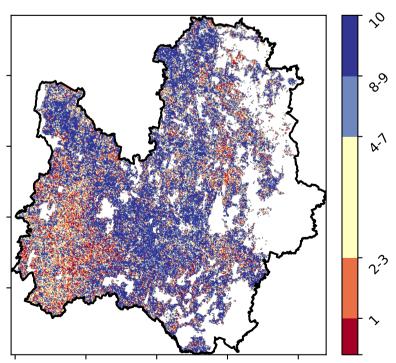


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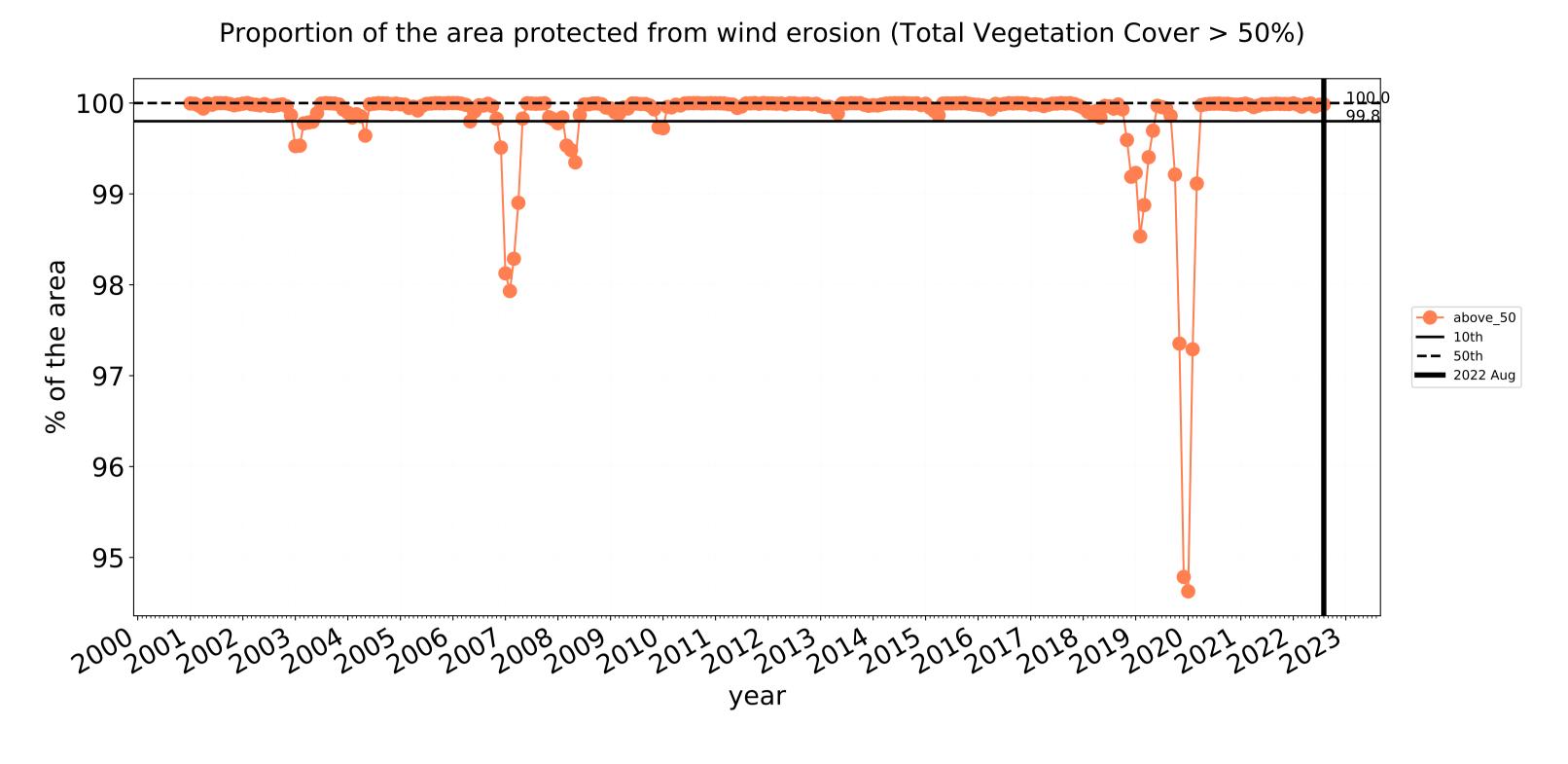


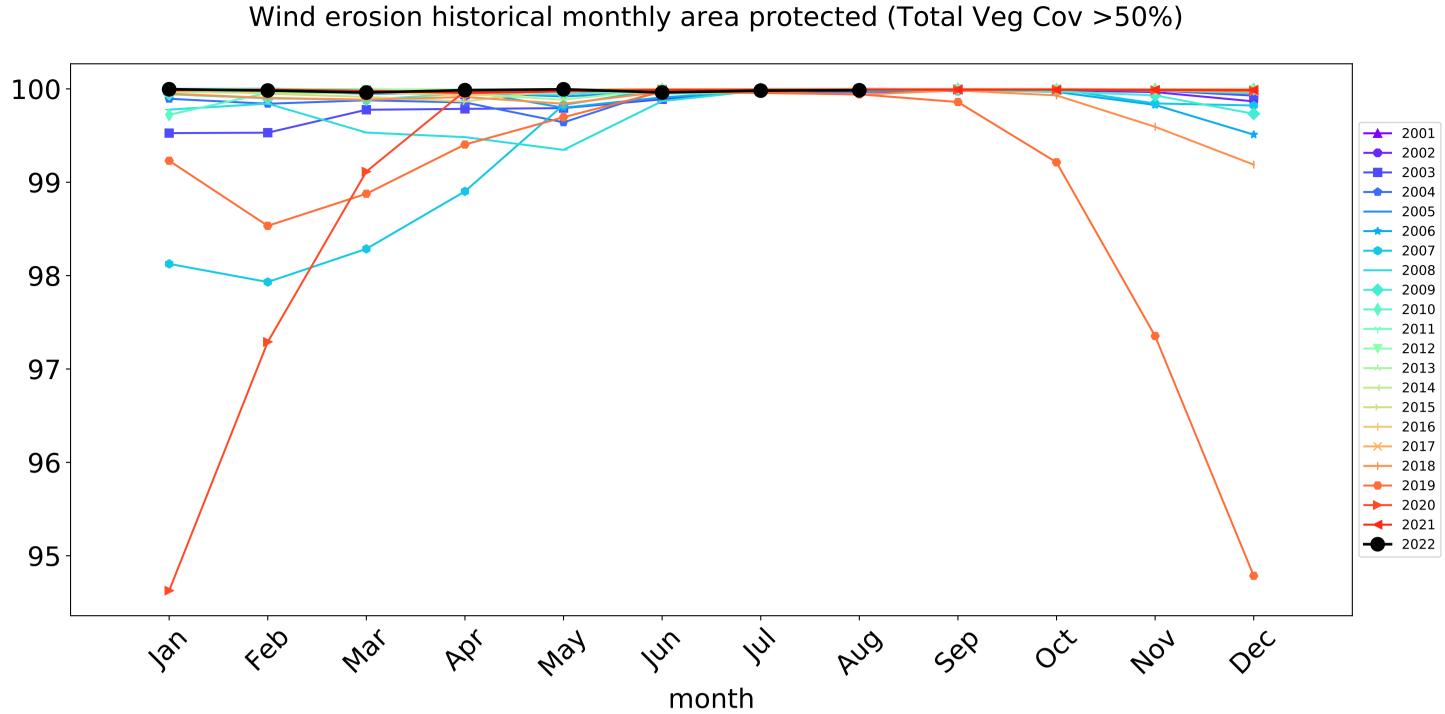


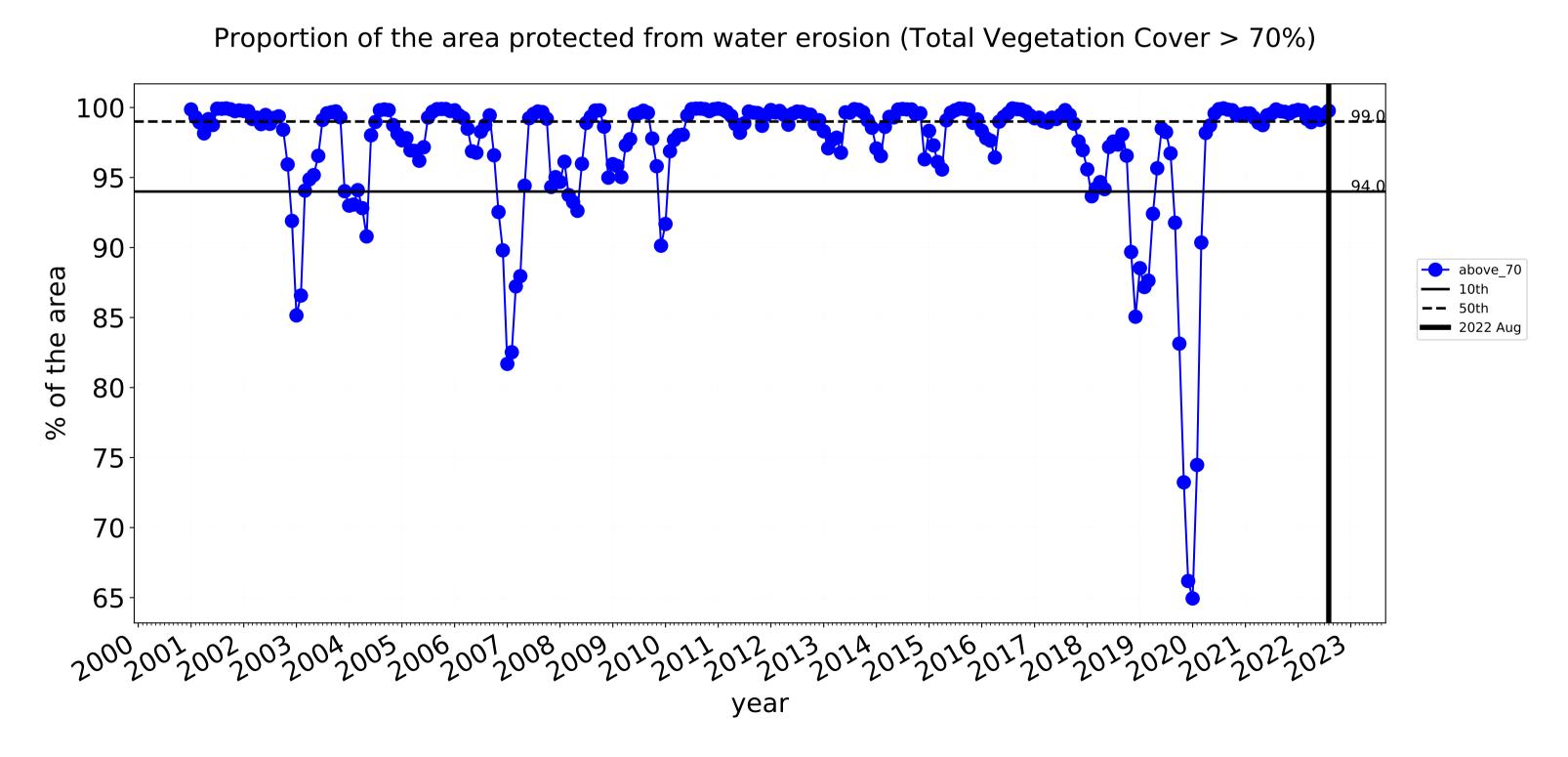


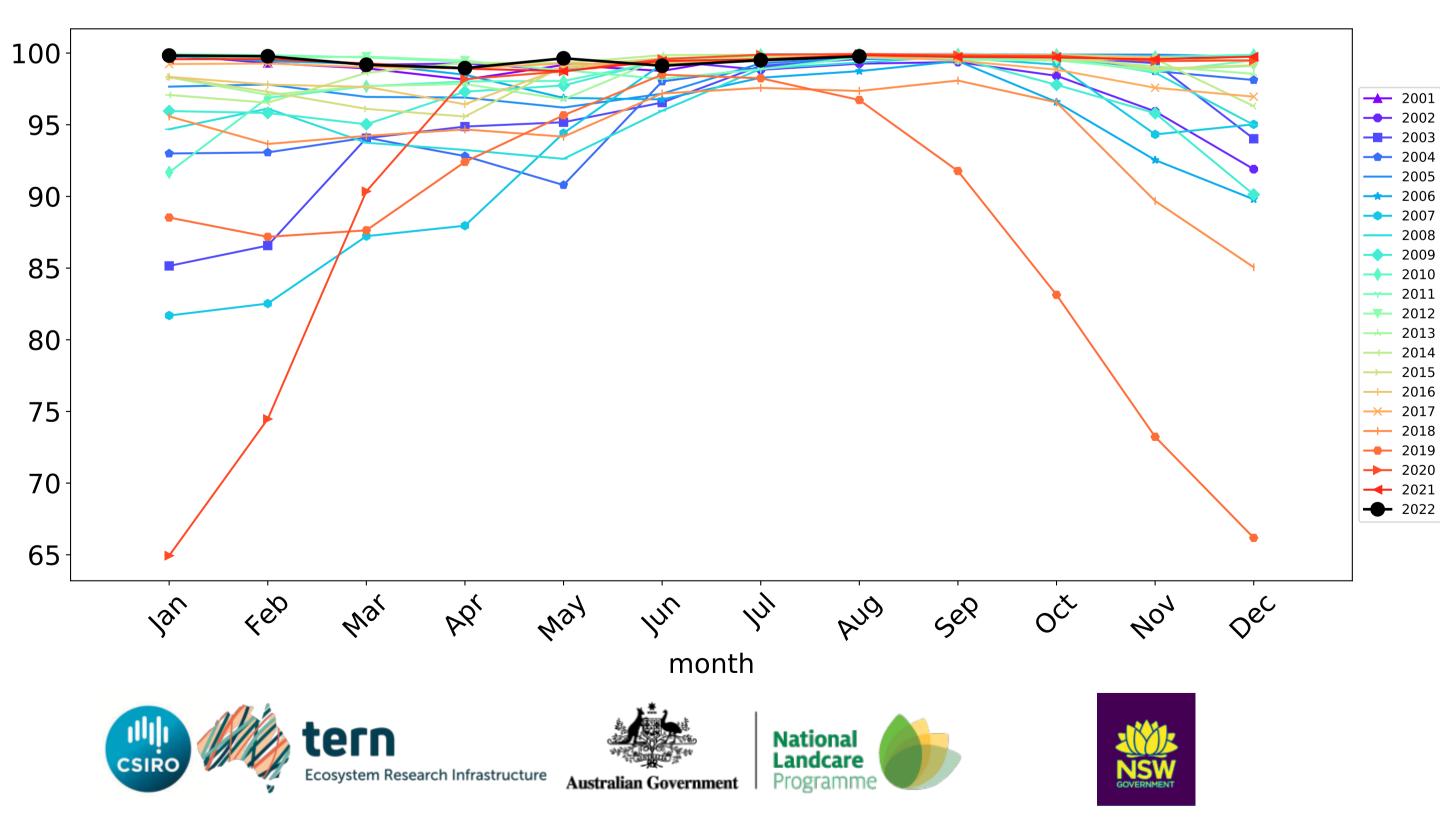


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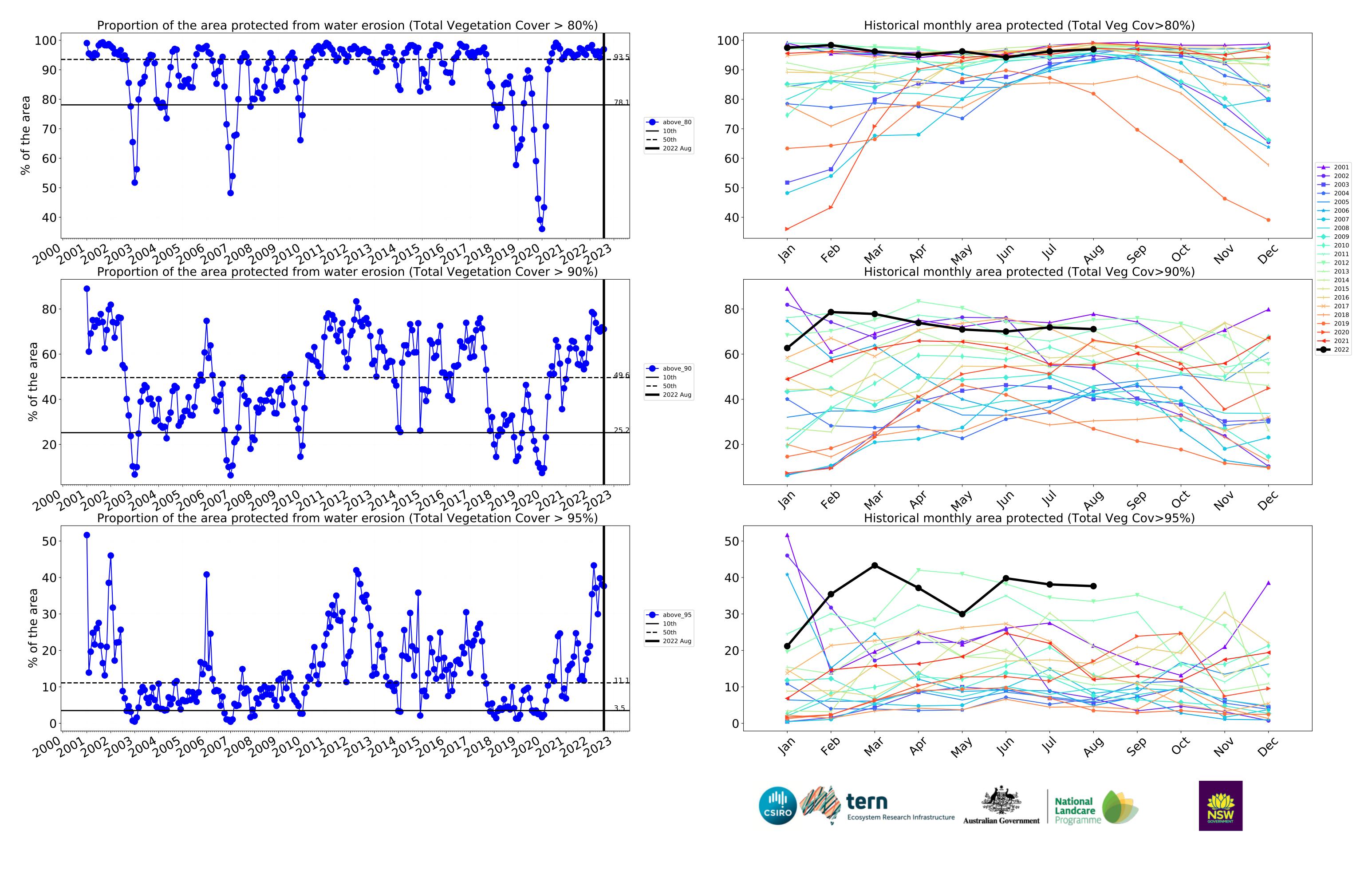








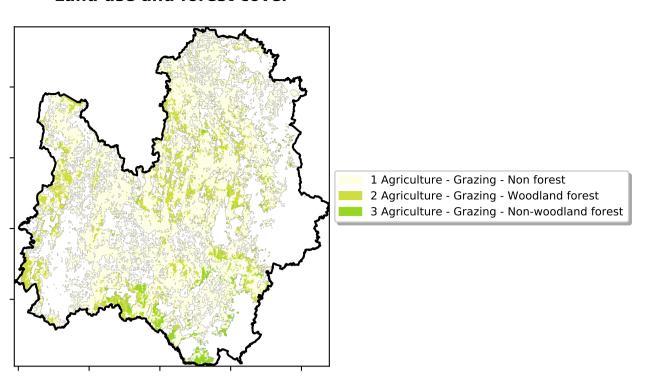
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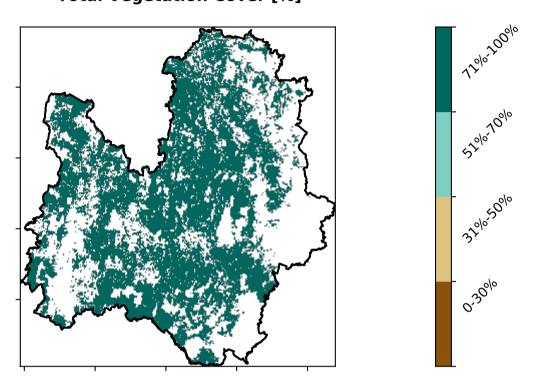
# **Grazing**

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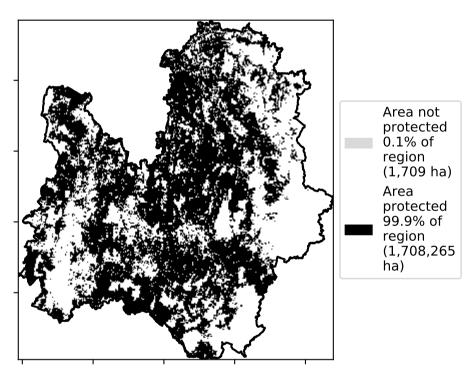
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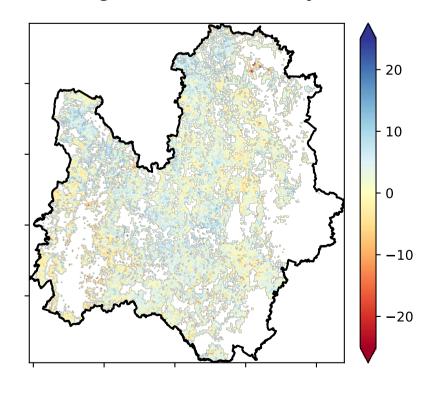
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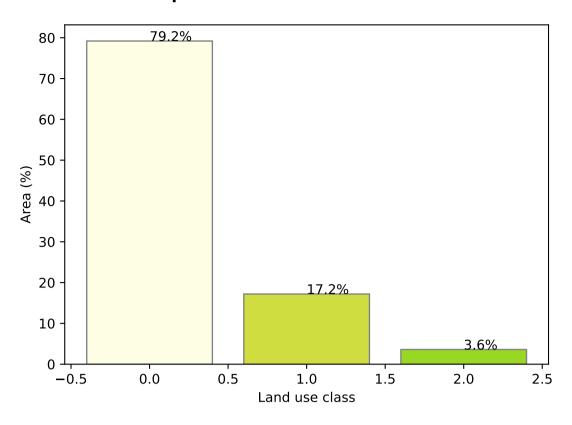


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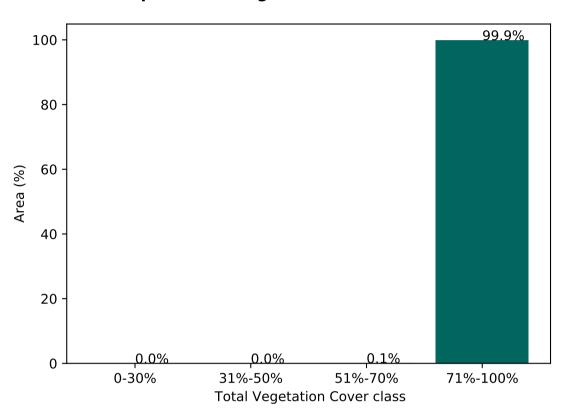


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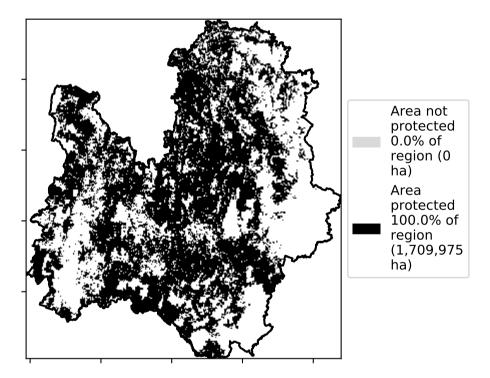
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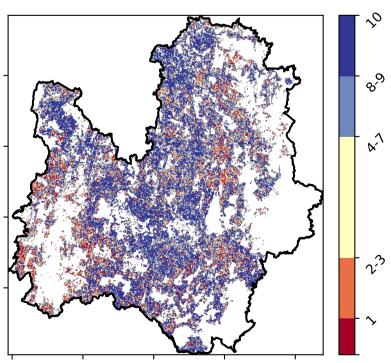
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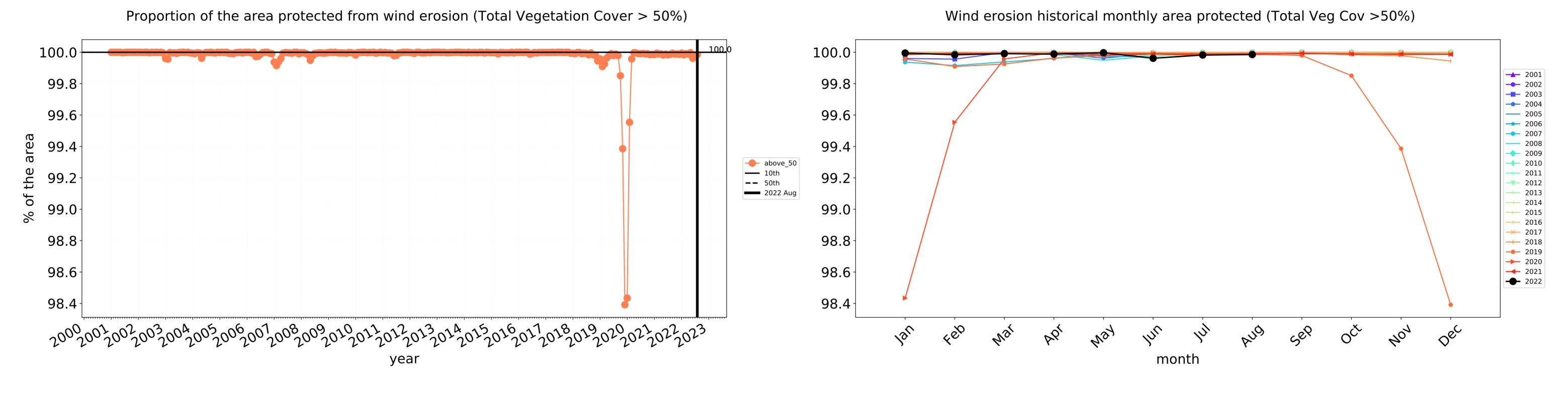


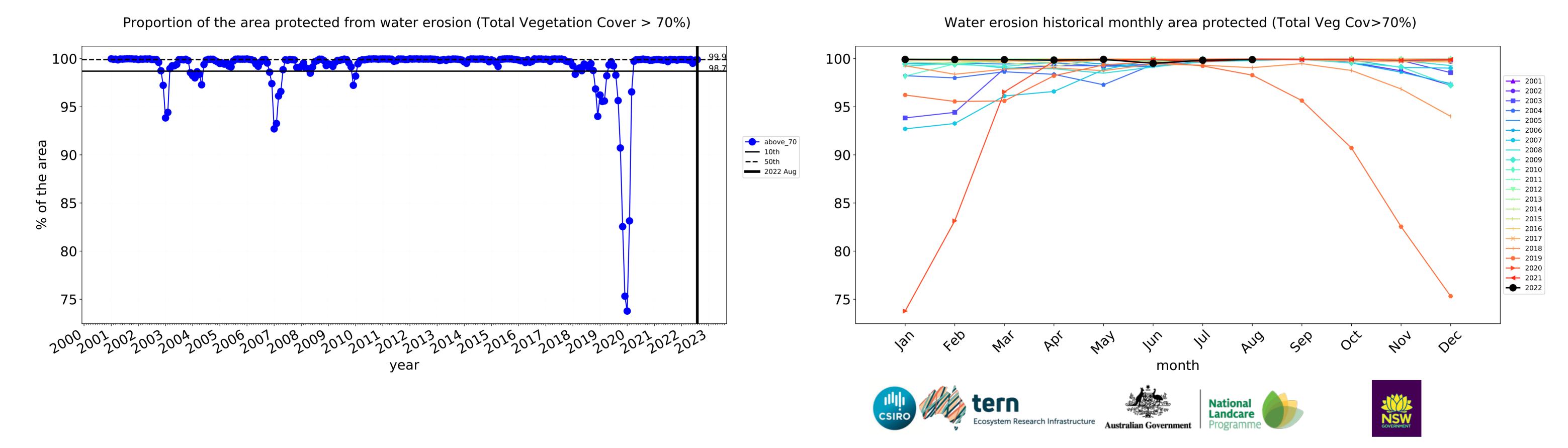


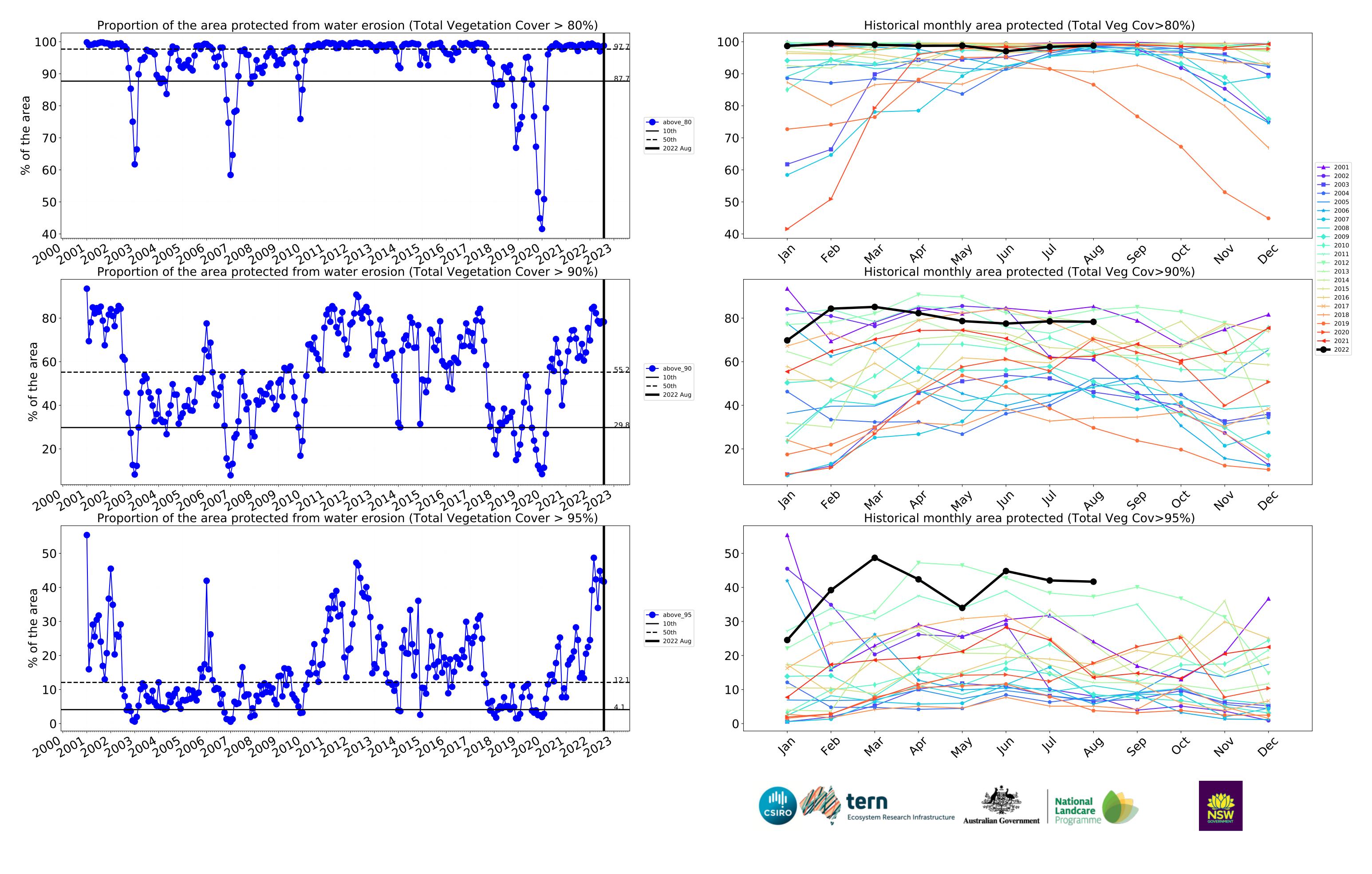




# **Grazing timeseries**







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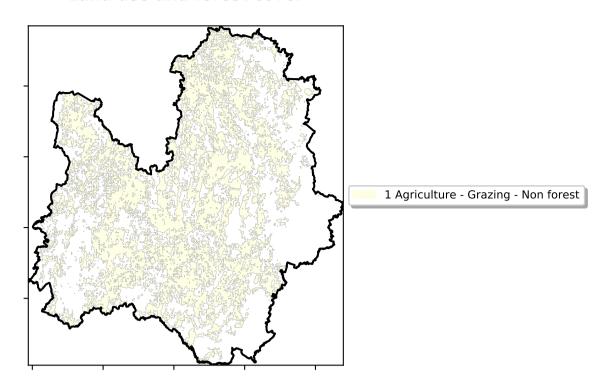
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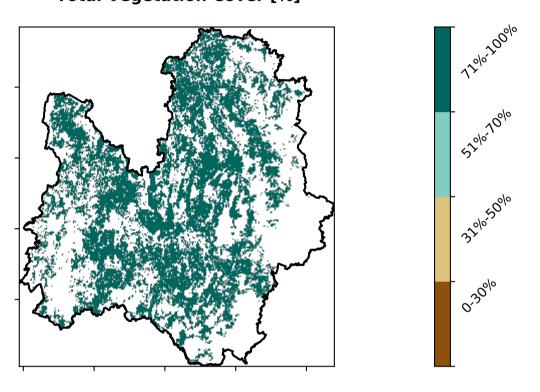
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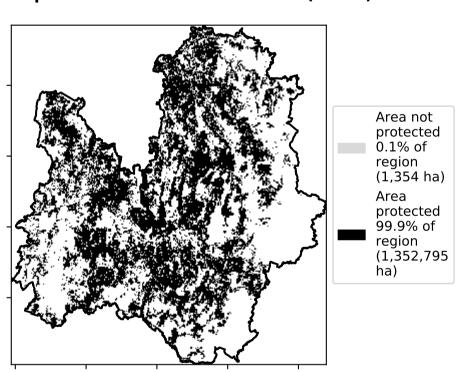
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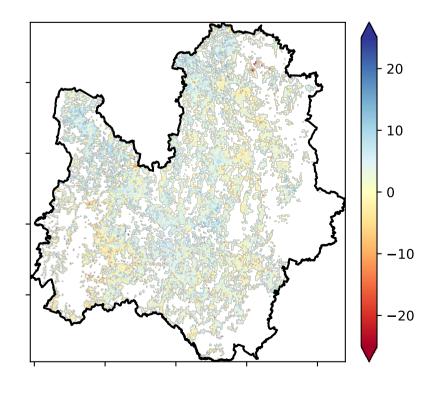
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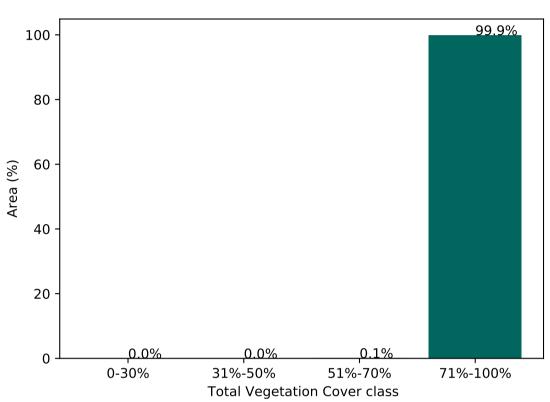


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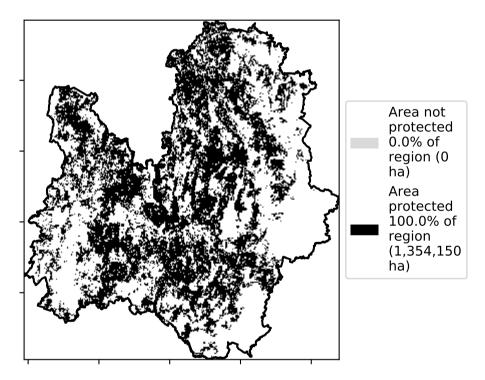


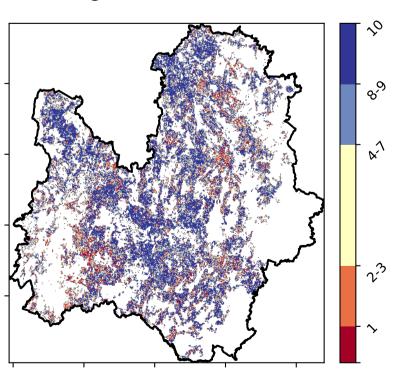
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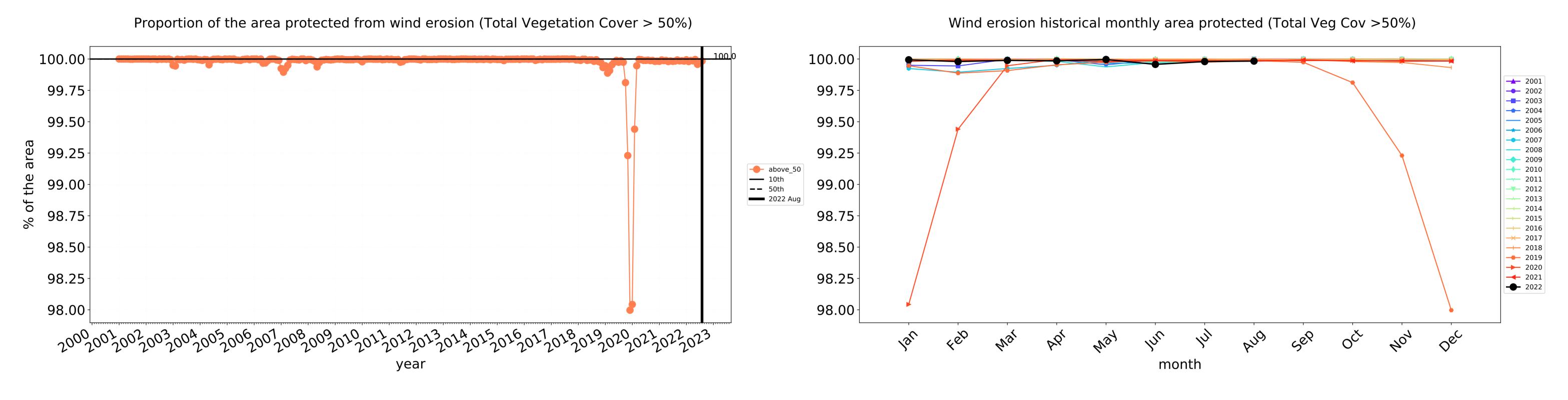


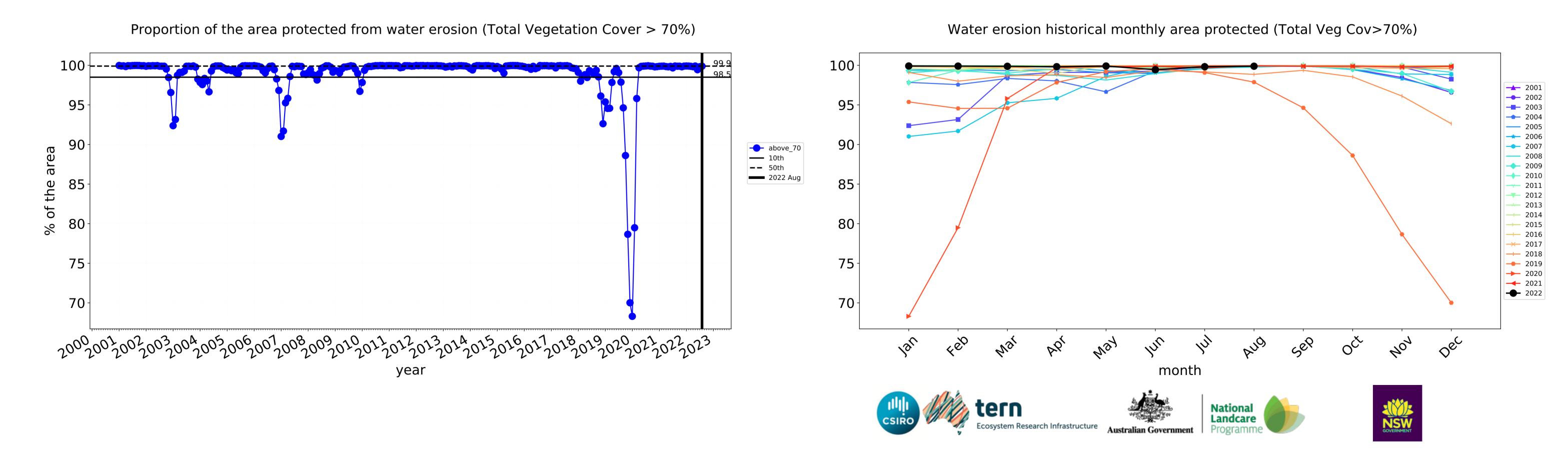


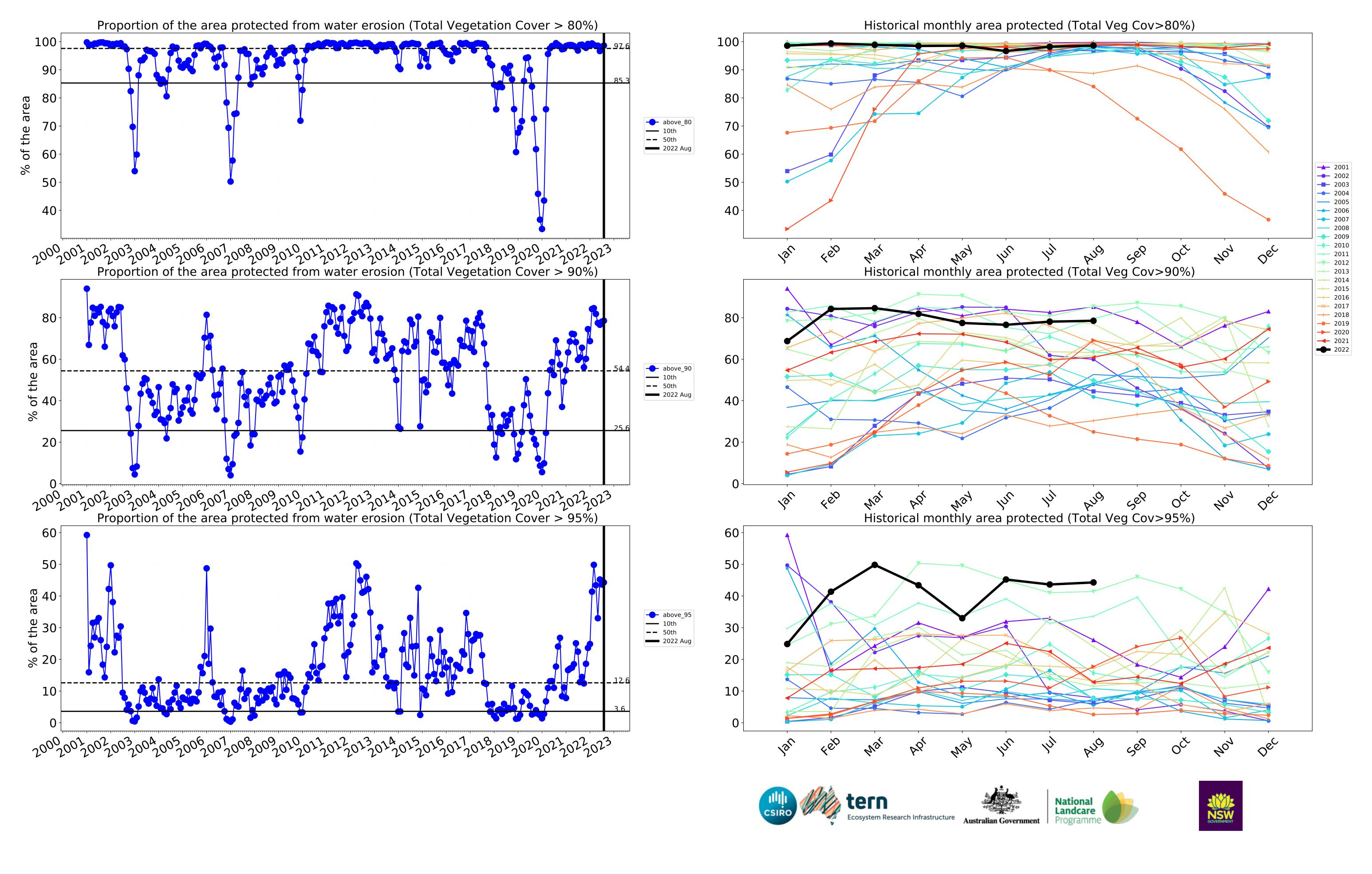




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

### Land use and forest cover

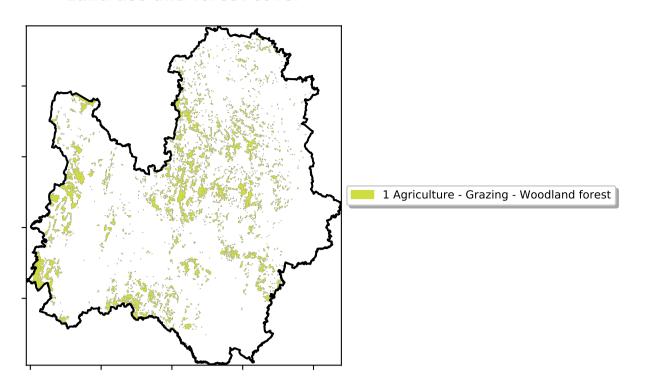
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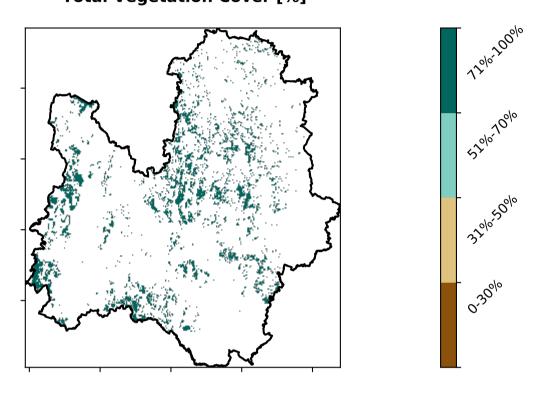
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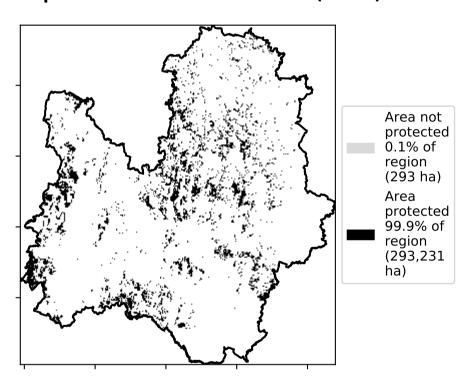
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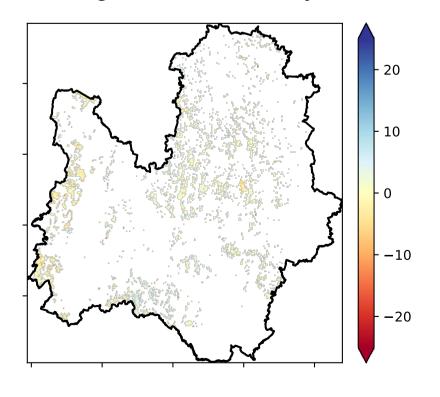
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

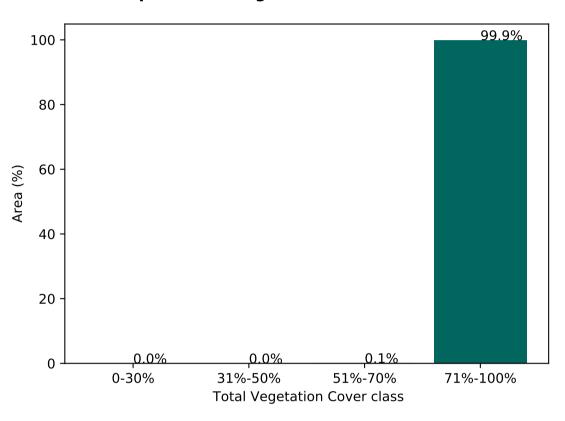


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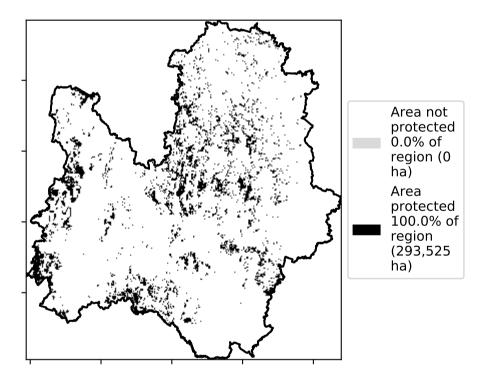


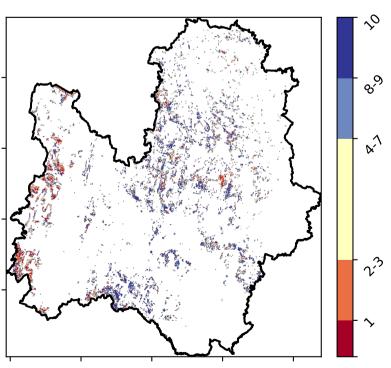
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





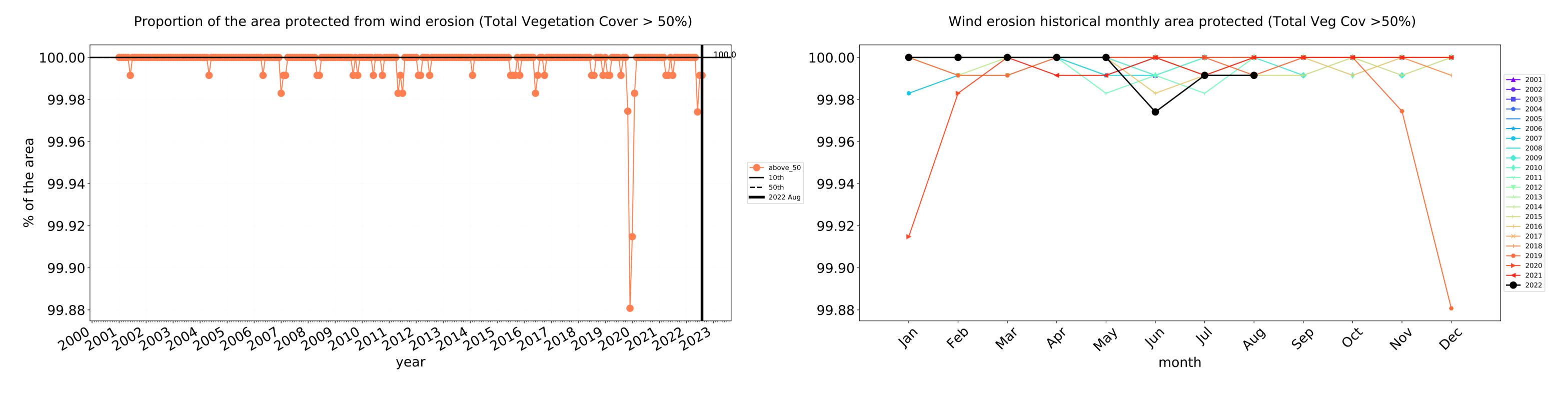


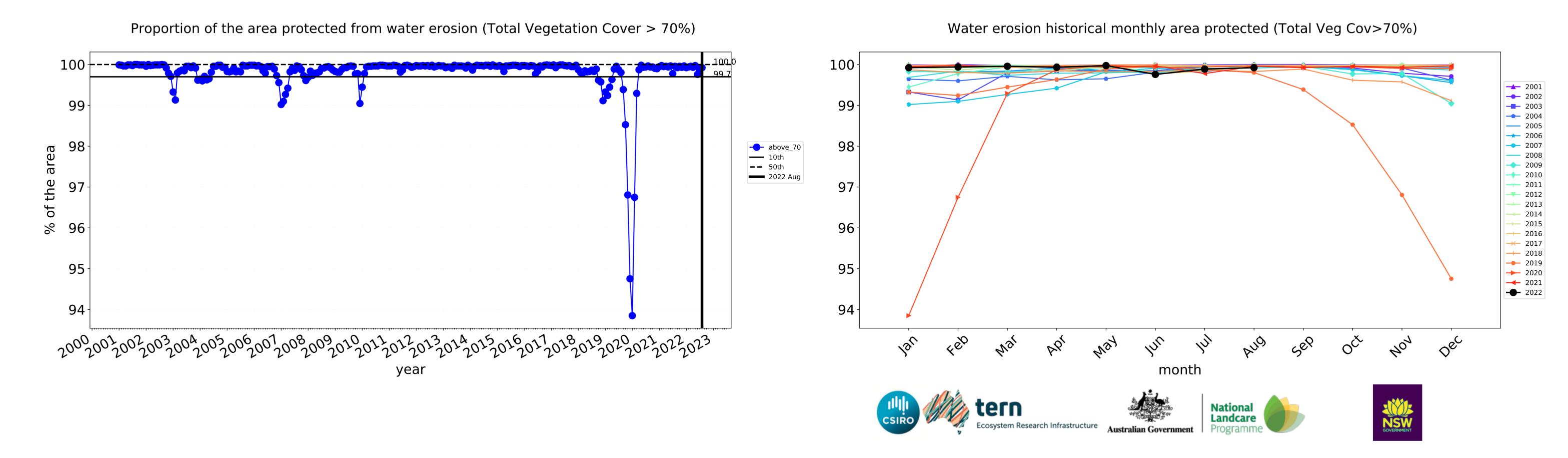


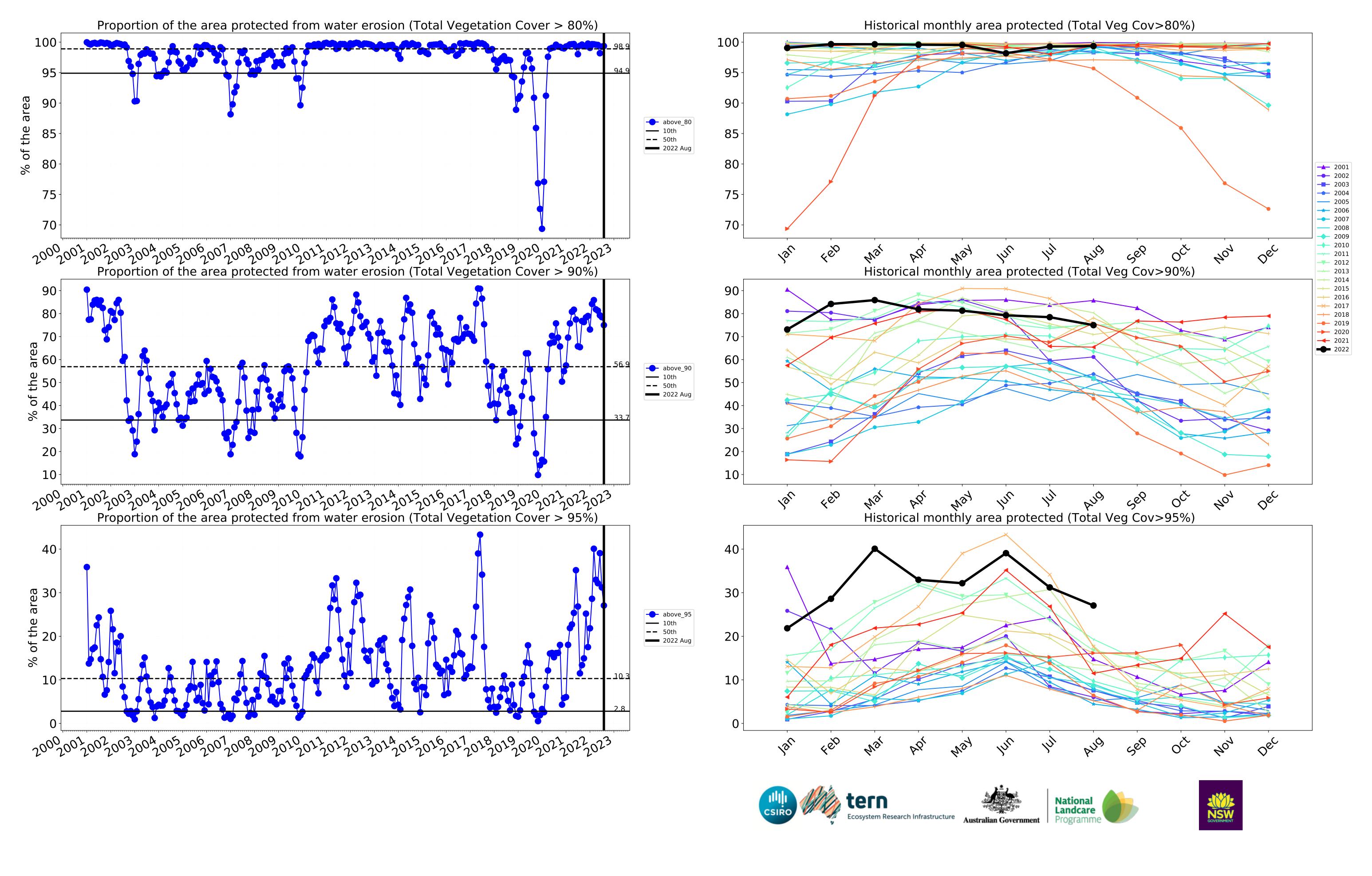




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







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

### Land use and forest cover

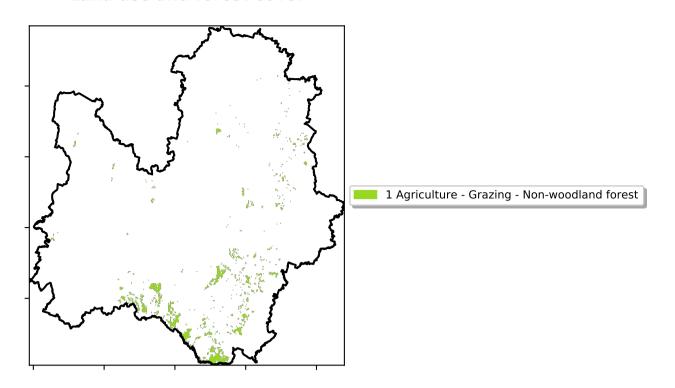
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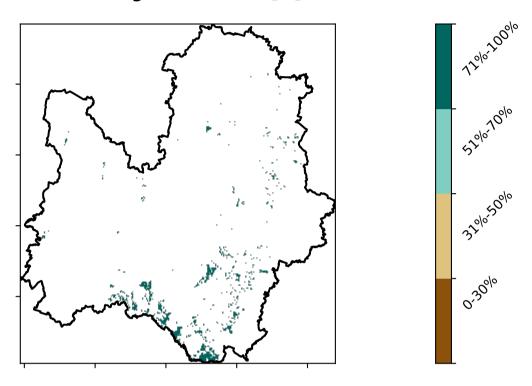
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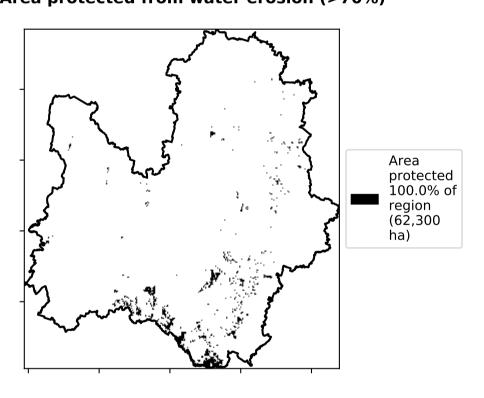
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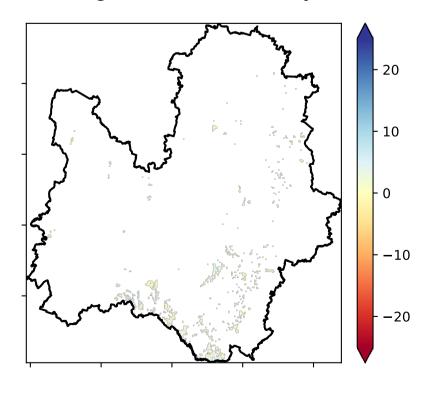
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

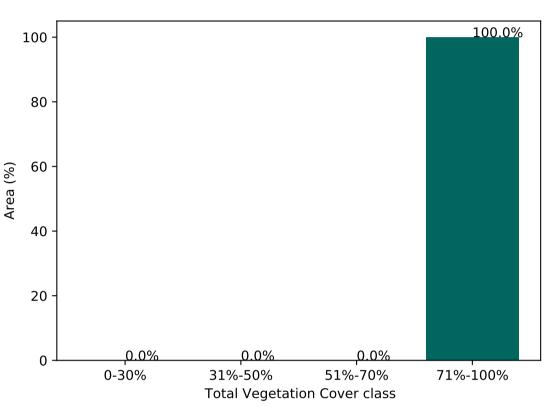


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

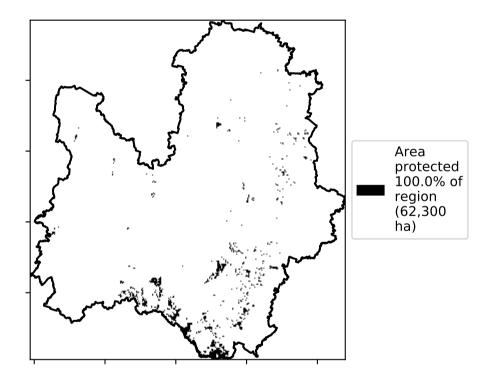


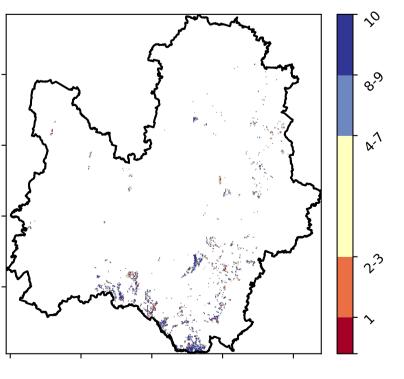
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



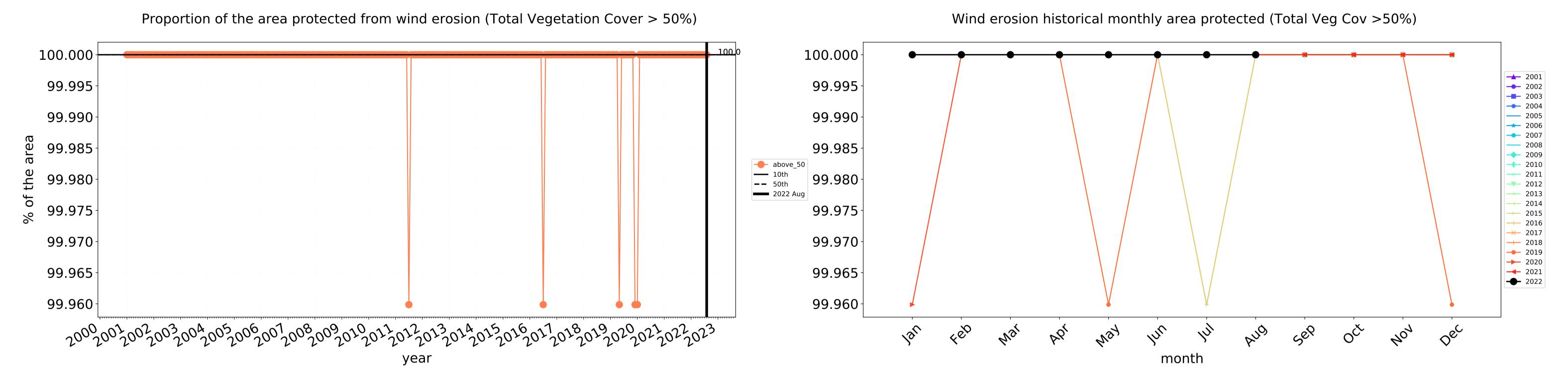


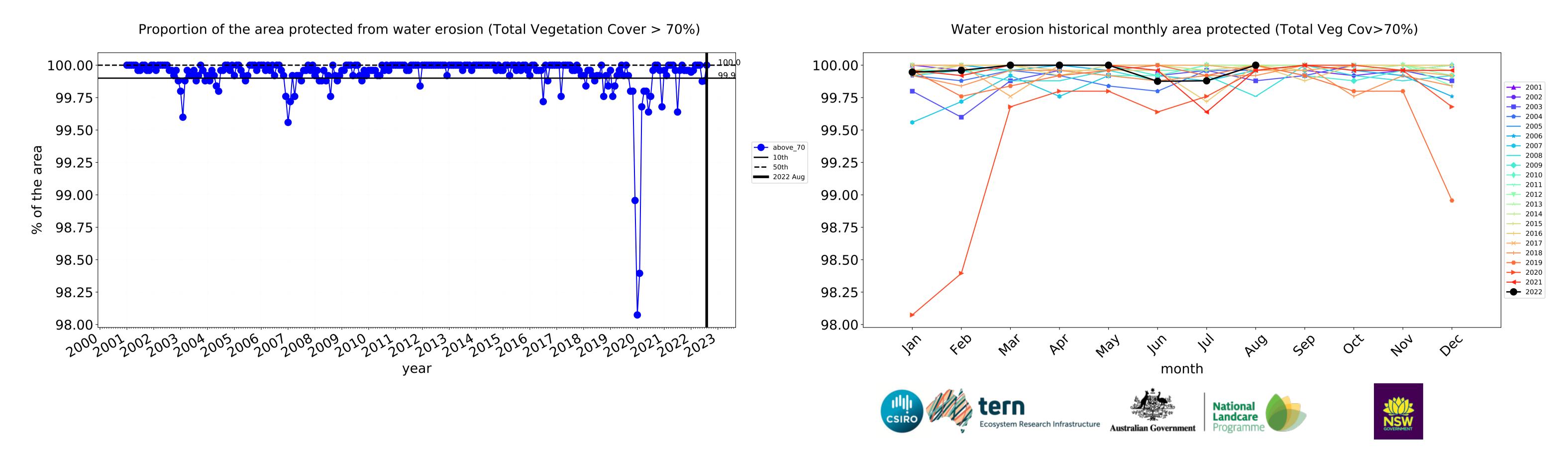


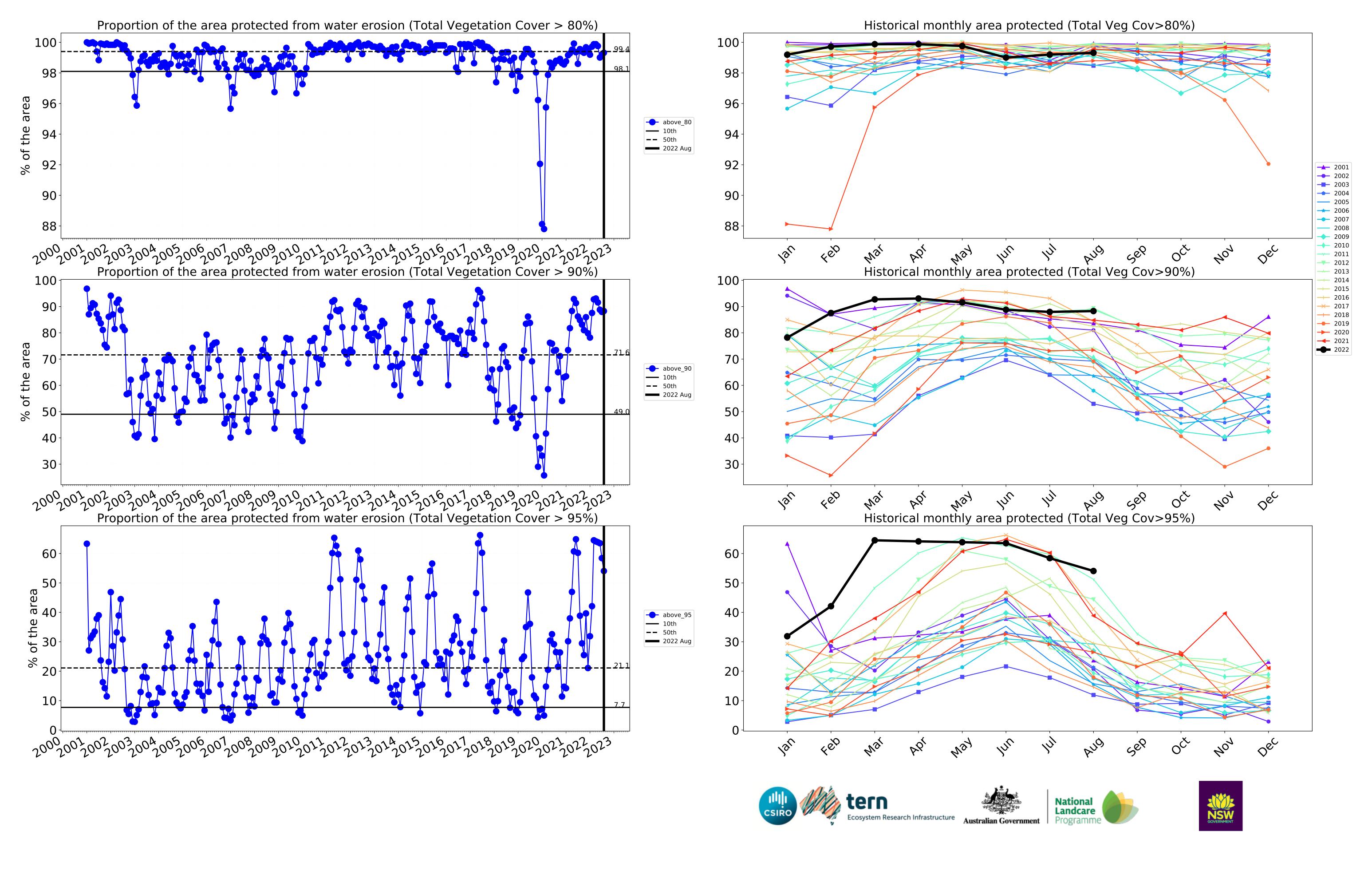












# **Cropping**

### Land use and forest cover

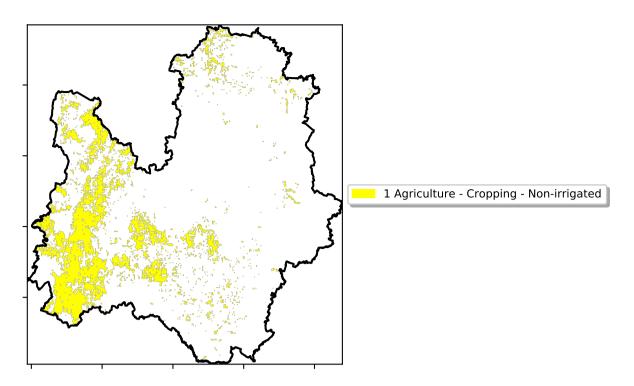
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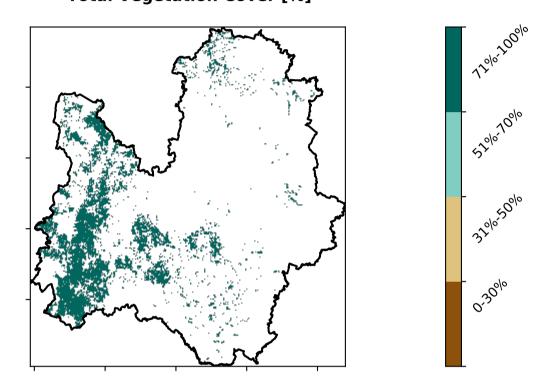
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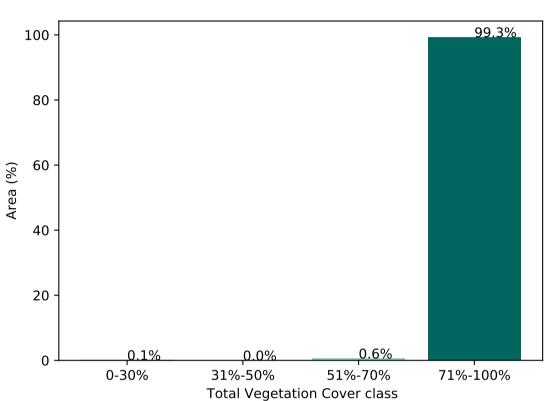
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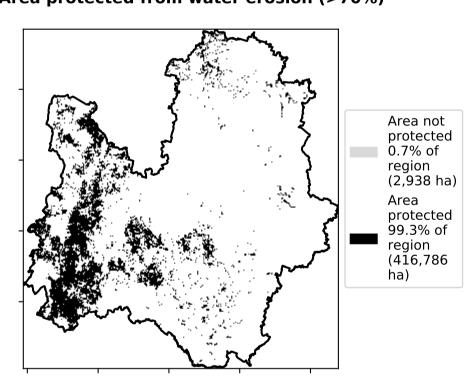
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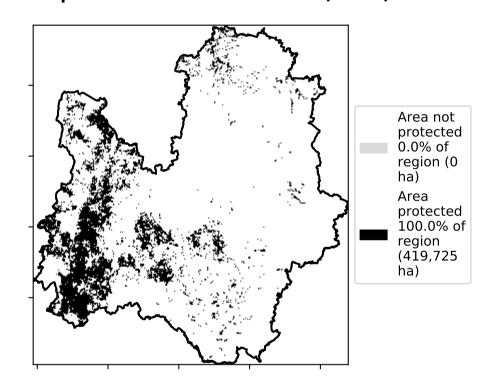
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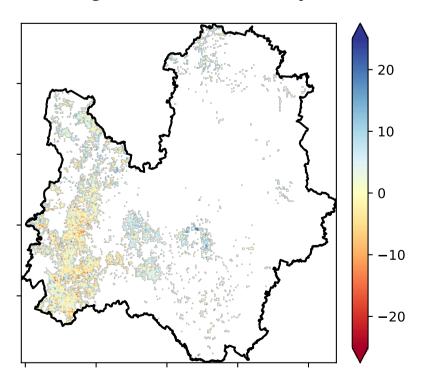
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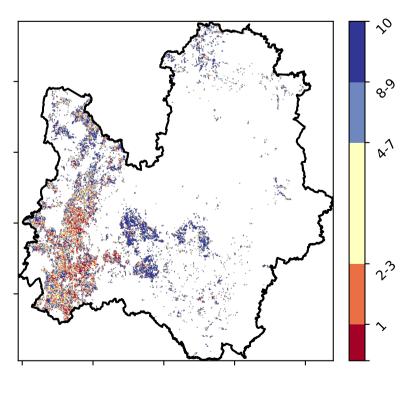
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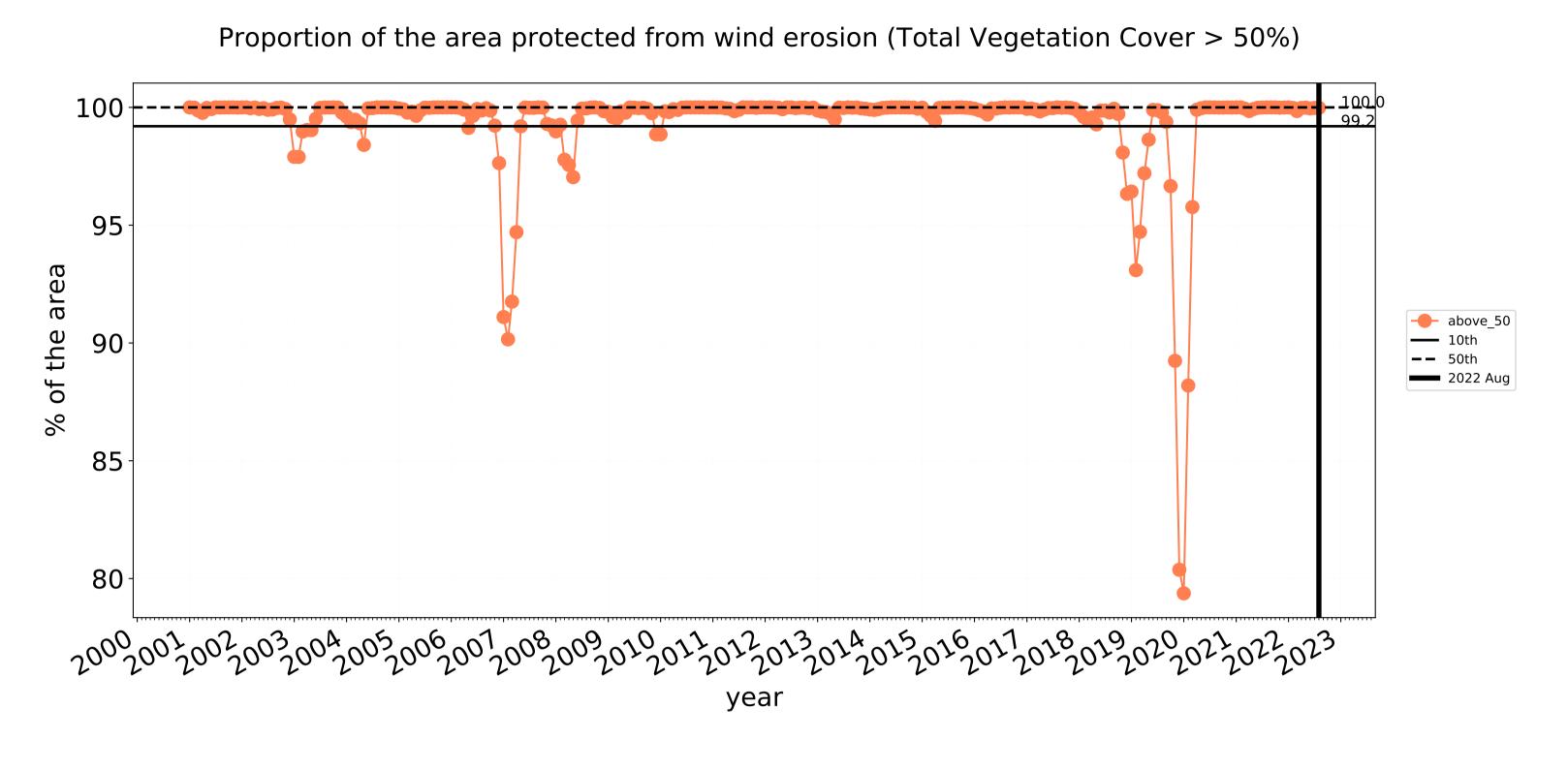


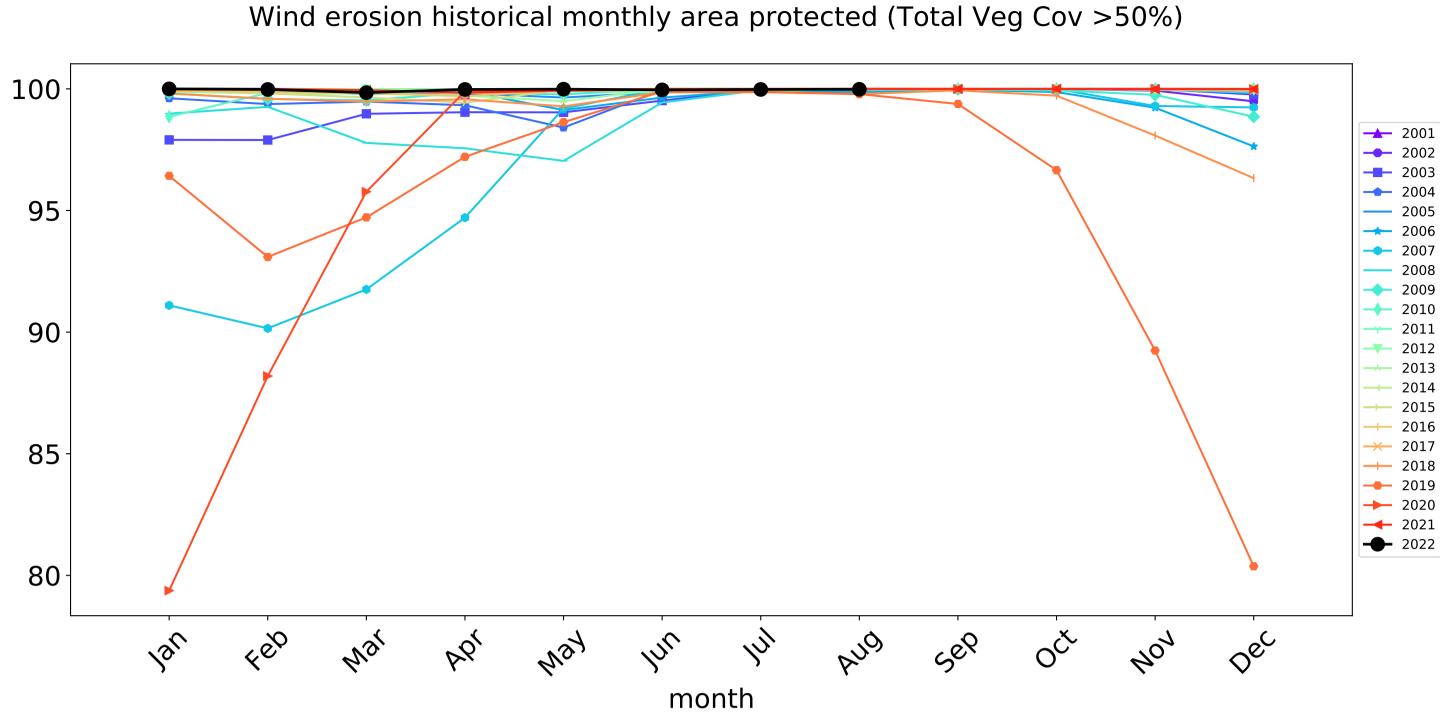


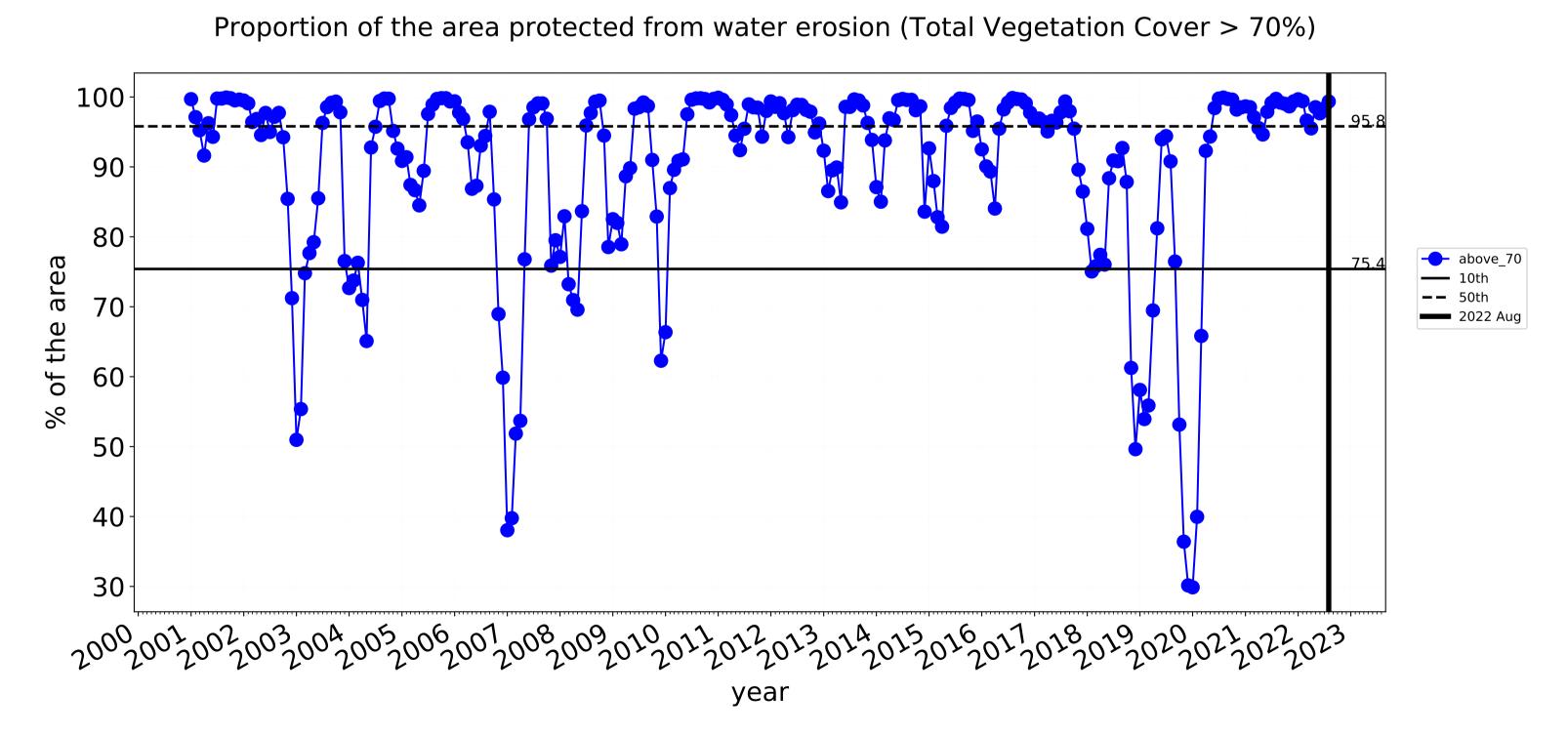


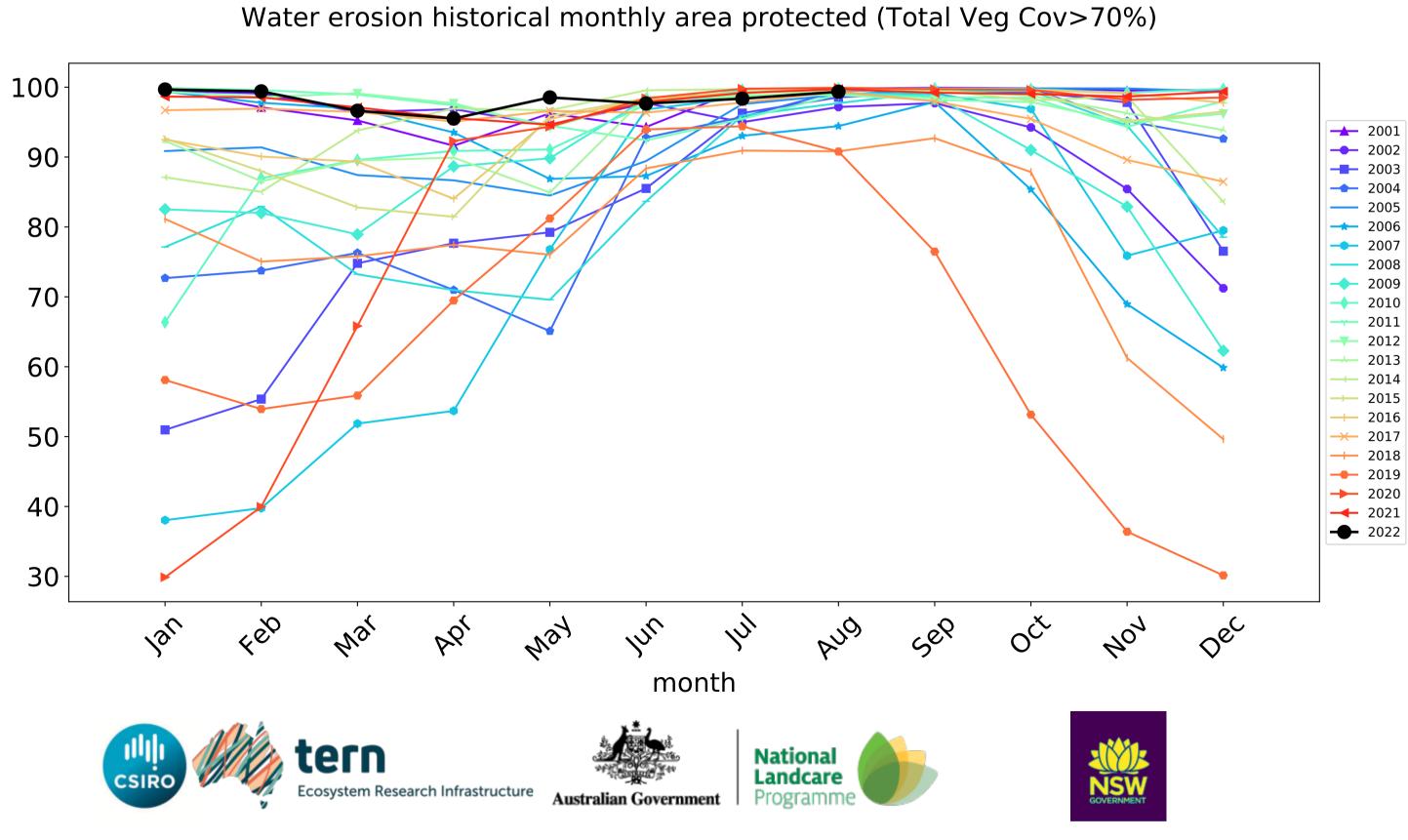


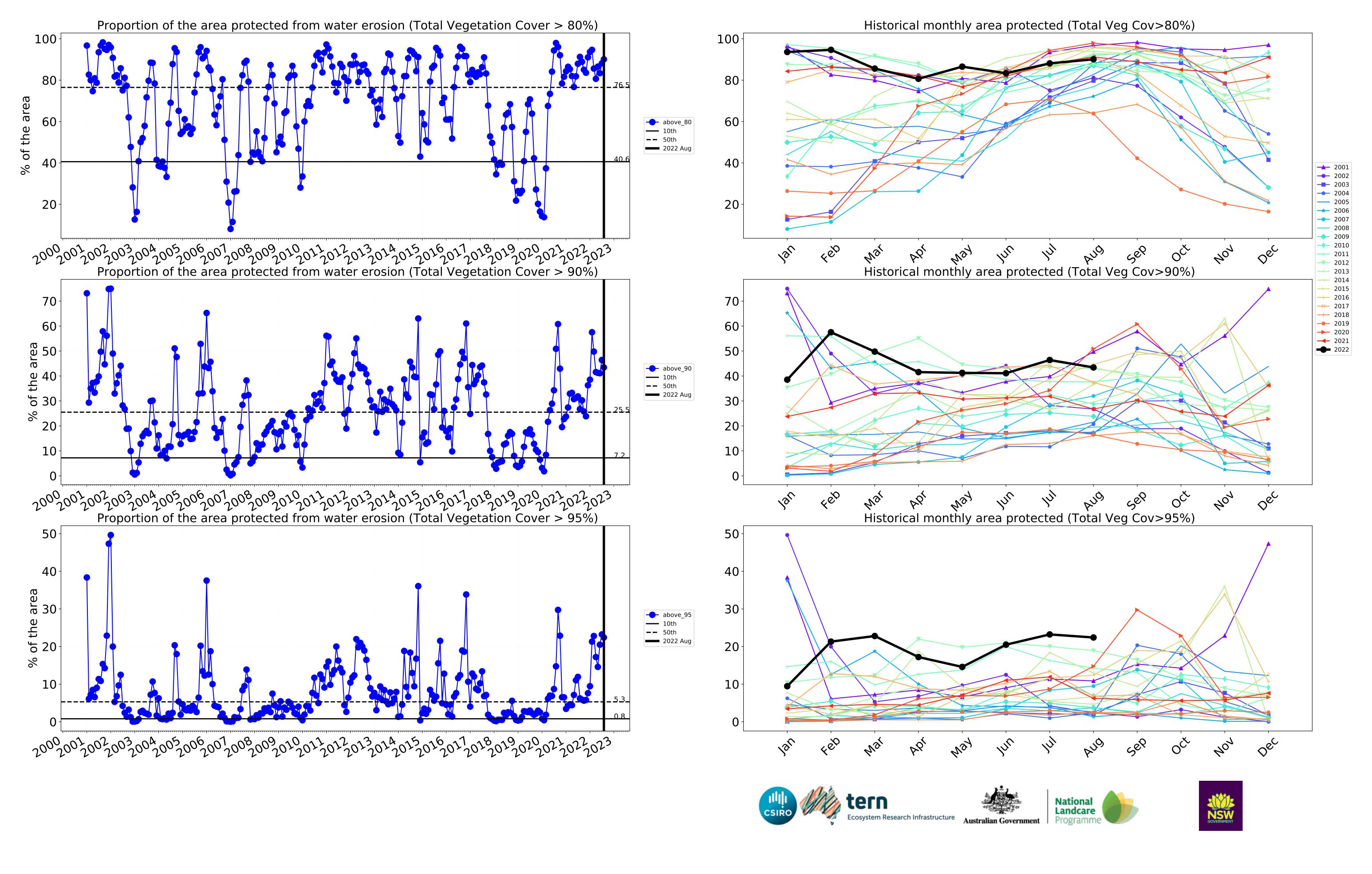
# **Cropping timeseries**











# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

### Land use and forest cover

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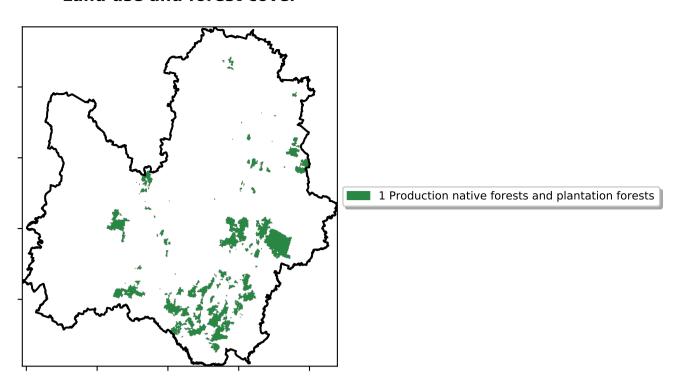
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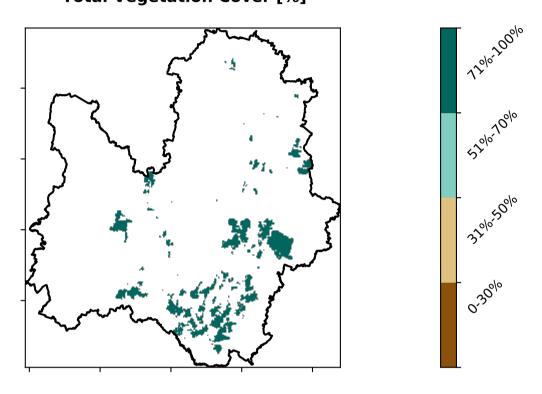
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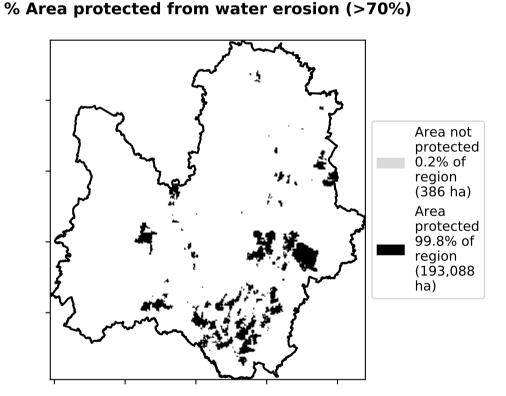
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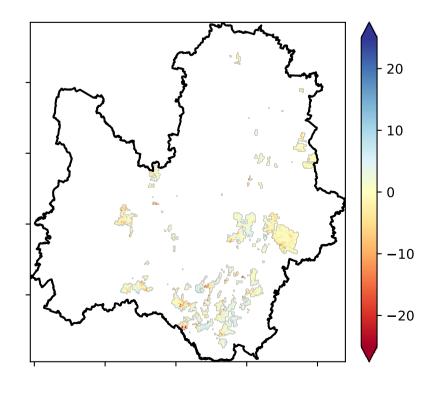
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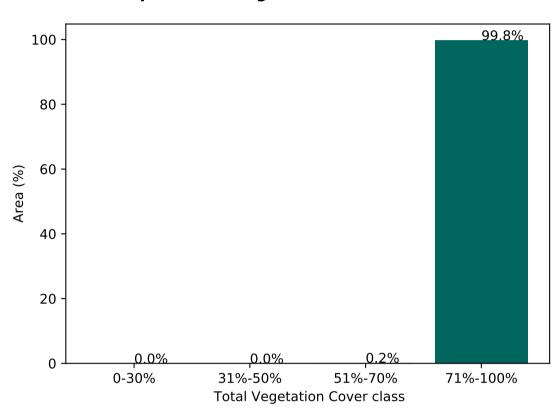


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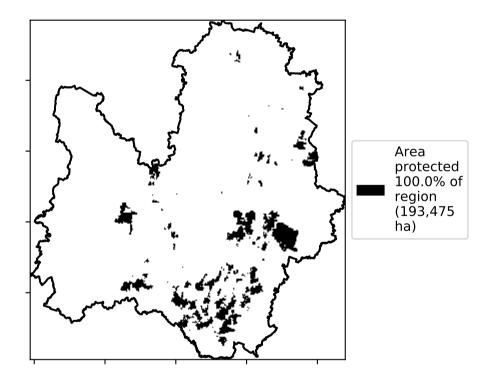


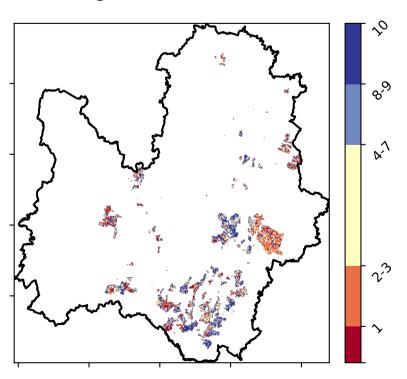
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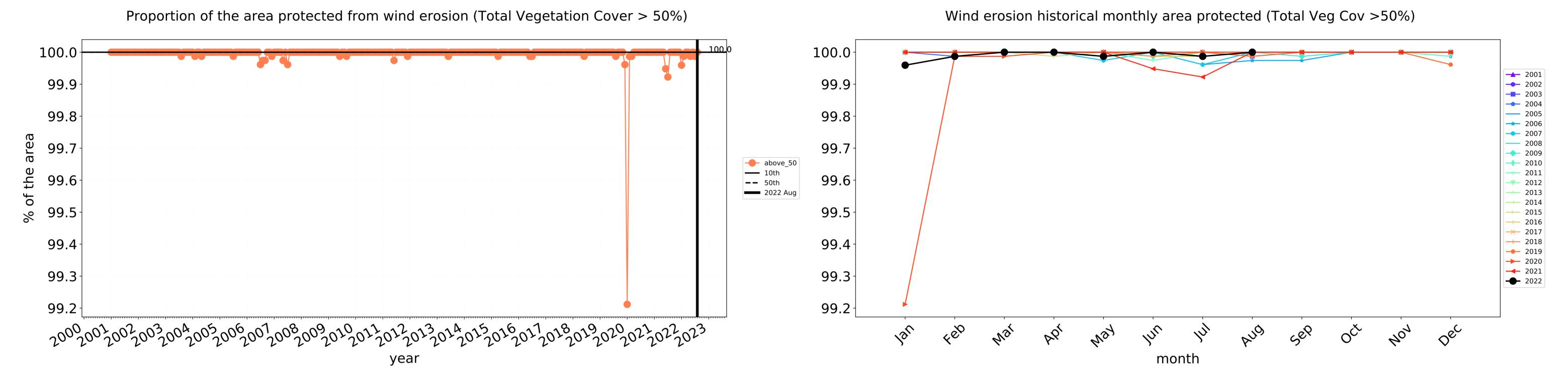


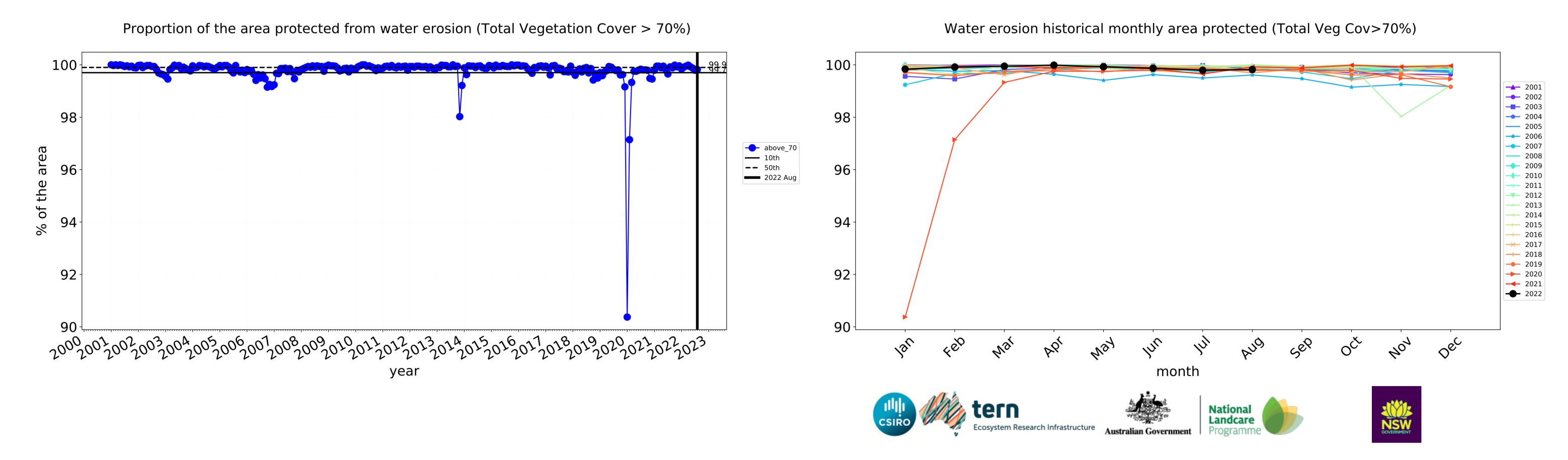


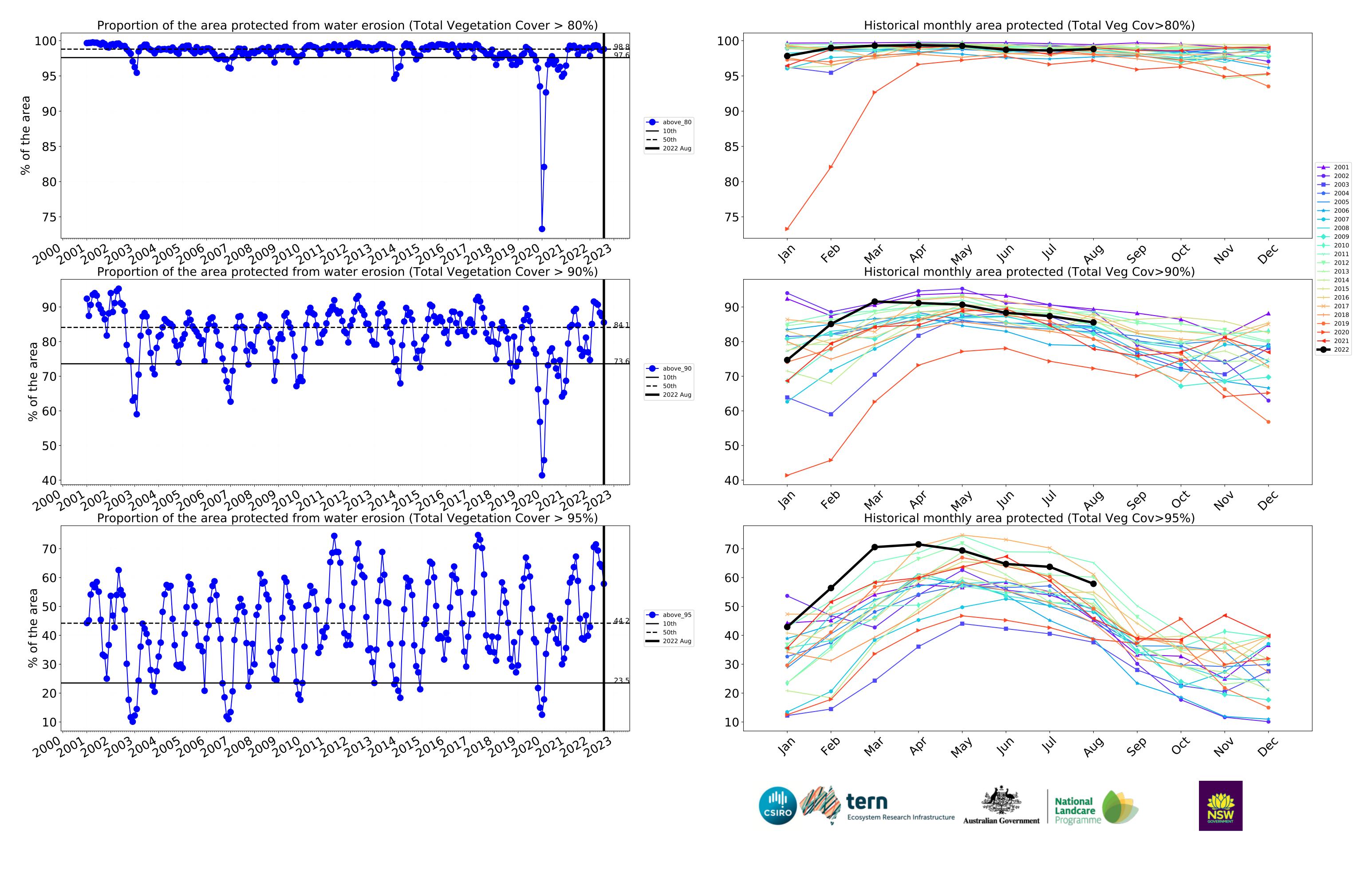




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Central Tablelands (3,132,700 ha and no data 1,965 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	3,132,700	100.0% 3,132,625	100.0% 3,132,000	99.6% 3,120,875	97.3% 3,047,900	74.8% 2,343,275	40.0% 1,254,025
Conservation and natural environments	712,250	100.0% 712,250	100.0% 712,250	100.0% 712,075	99.7% 710,350	85.8% 610,850	44.3% 315,275
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	535,500	100.0% 535,500	100.0% 535,500	100.0% 535,325	99.7% 534,075	83.5% 447,050	38.5% 206,400
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	174,125	100.0% 174,125	100.0% 174,125	100.0% 174,125	99.8% 173,725	93.0% 161,875	62.1% 108,175
Agriculture	2,147,825	100.0% 2,147,800	100.0% 2,147,500	99.8% 2,142,900	96.9% 2,082,000	71.1% 1,526,525	37.6% 808,275
Grazing	1,709,975	100.0% 1,709,950	100.0% 1,709,725	99.9% 1,708,175	98.8% 1,689,050	78.3% 1,338,875	41.7% 712,700
Grazing non forest	1,354,150	100.0% 1,354,125	100.0% 1,353,925	99.9% 1,352,575	98.6% 1,335,525	78.6% 1,063,775	44.3% 599,600
Grazing Woodland forest	293,525	100.0% 293,525	100.0% 293,500	99.9% 293,300	99.4% 291,650	75.0% 220,100	27.1% 79,425
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	62,300	100.0% 62,300	100.0% 62,300	100.0% 62,300	99.3% 61,875	88.3% 55,000	54.1% 33,675
Cropping	419,725	100.0% 419,725	100.0% 419,650	99.3% 416,975	90.1% 378,075	43.4% 182,250	22.4% 94,025
Production native forests and plantation forests	193,475	100.0% 193,475	100.0% 193,475	99.8% 193,125	98.8% 191,175	85.5% 165,500	57.8% 111,925







