### Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Hunter 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:

**Date: May 2017** 

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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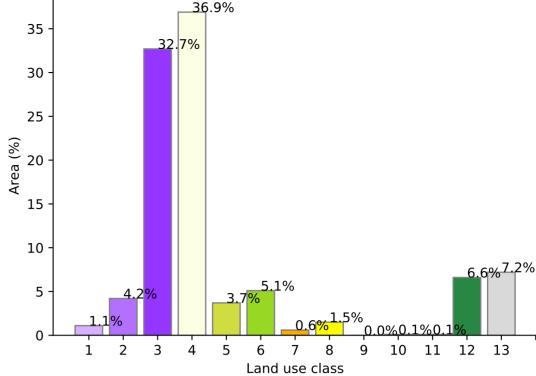


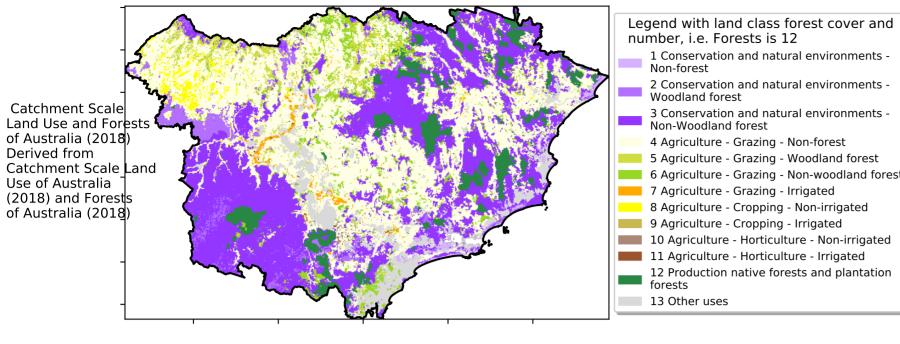
### **Vegetation Cover May 2017**

### Land use and forest cover Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments -2 Conservation and natural environments -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

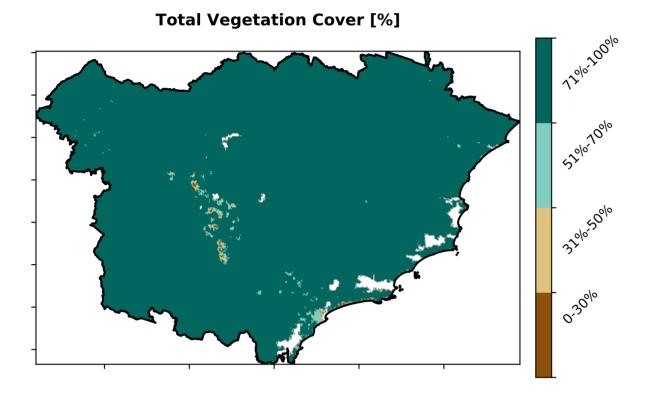
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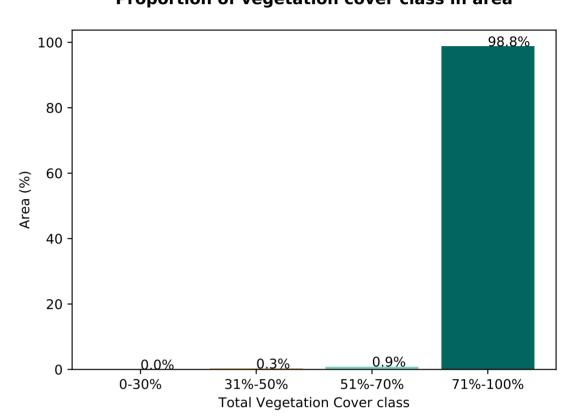
Proportion of each land class in area





Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

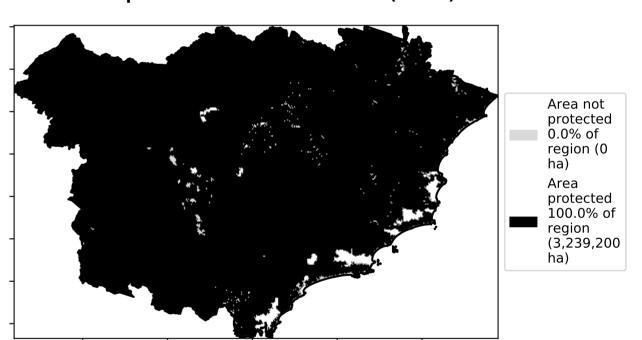




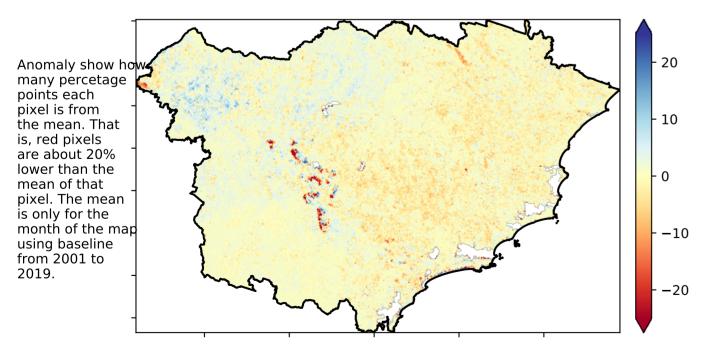
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

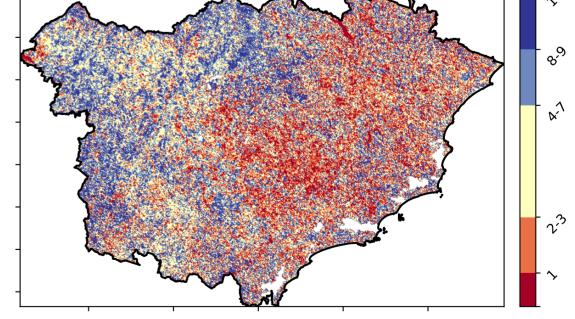






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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





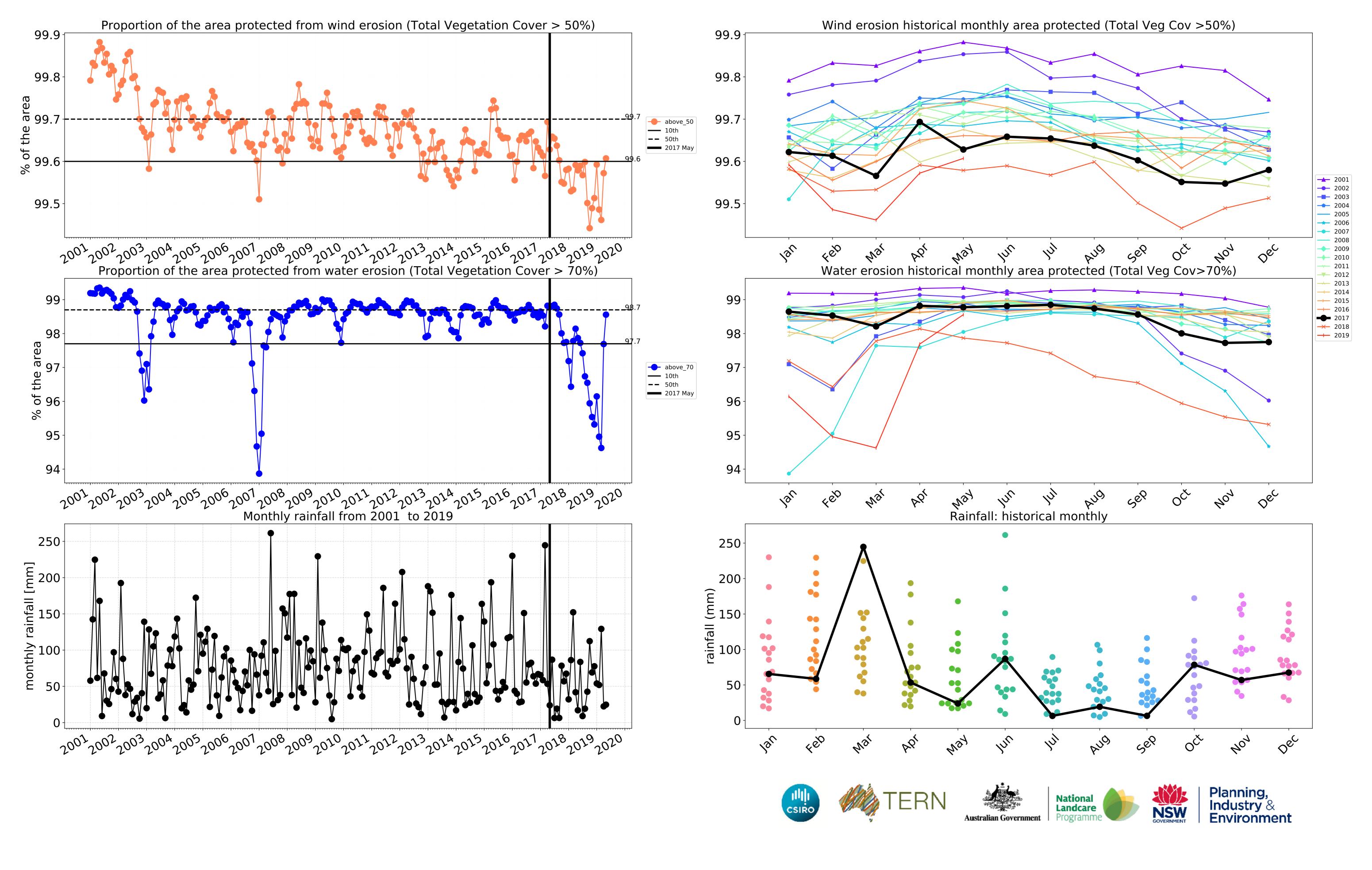


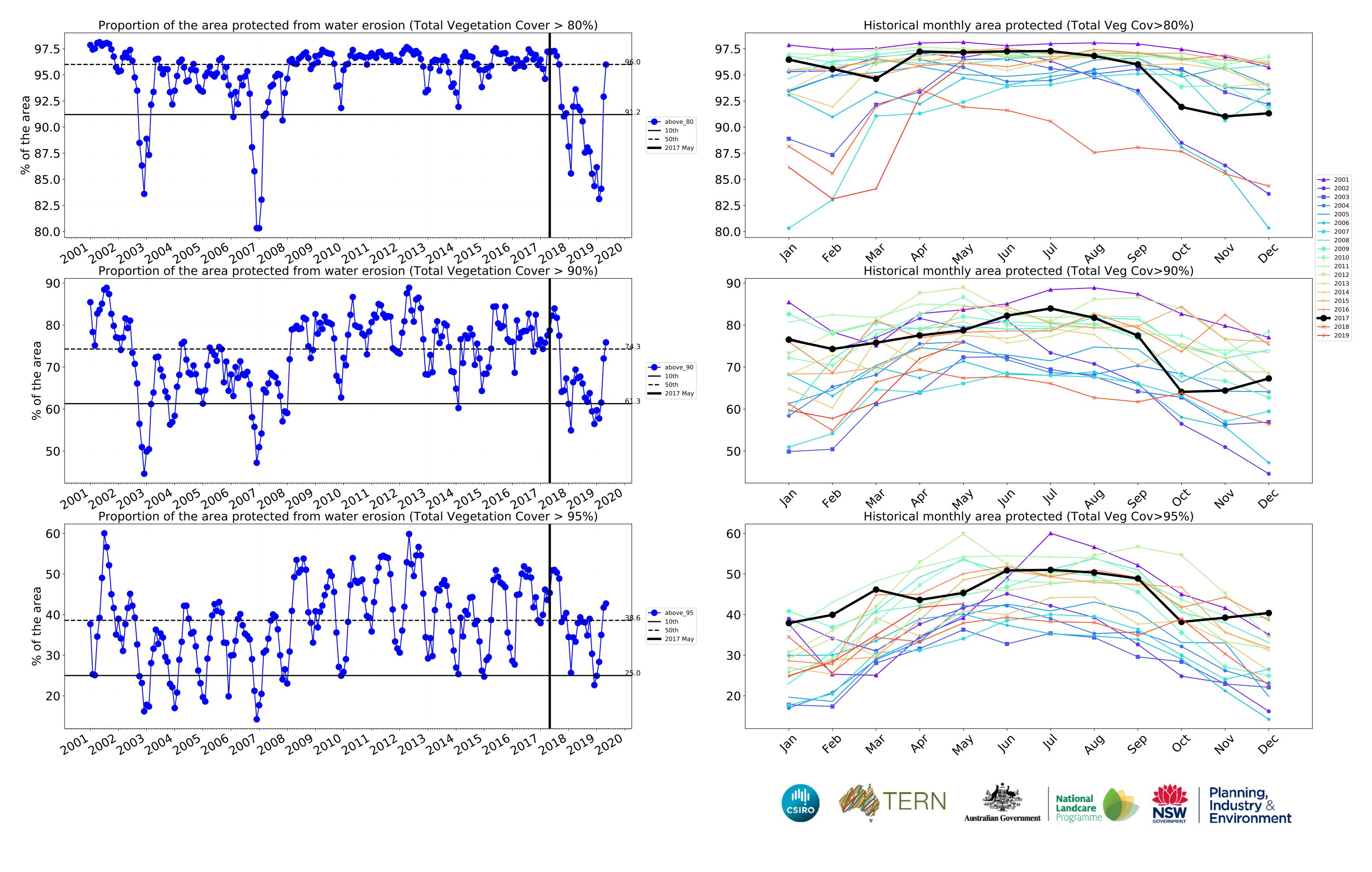






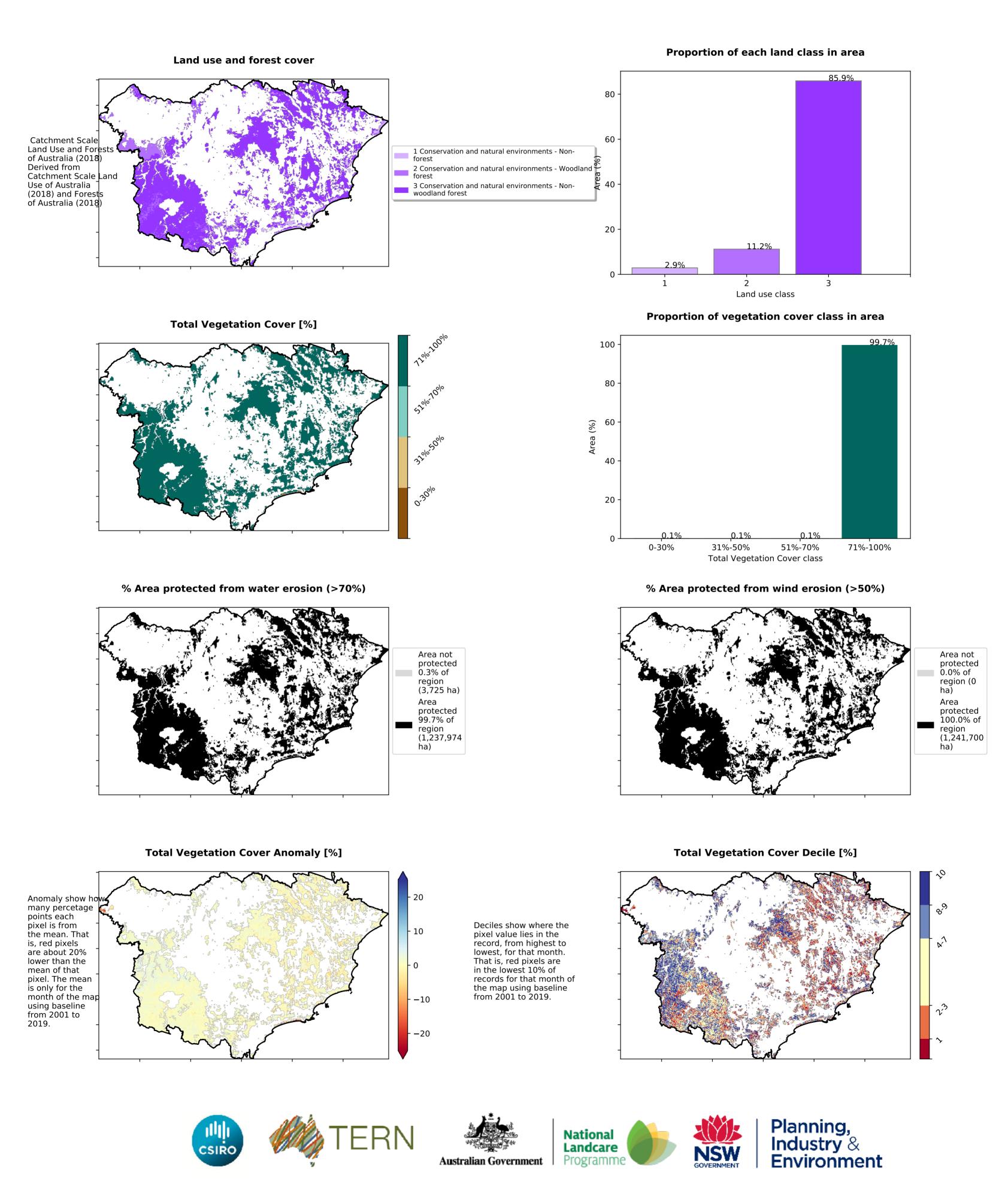




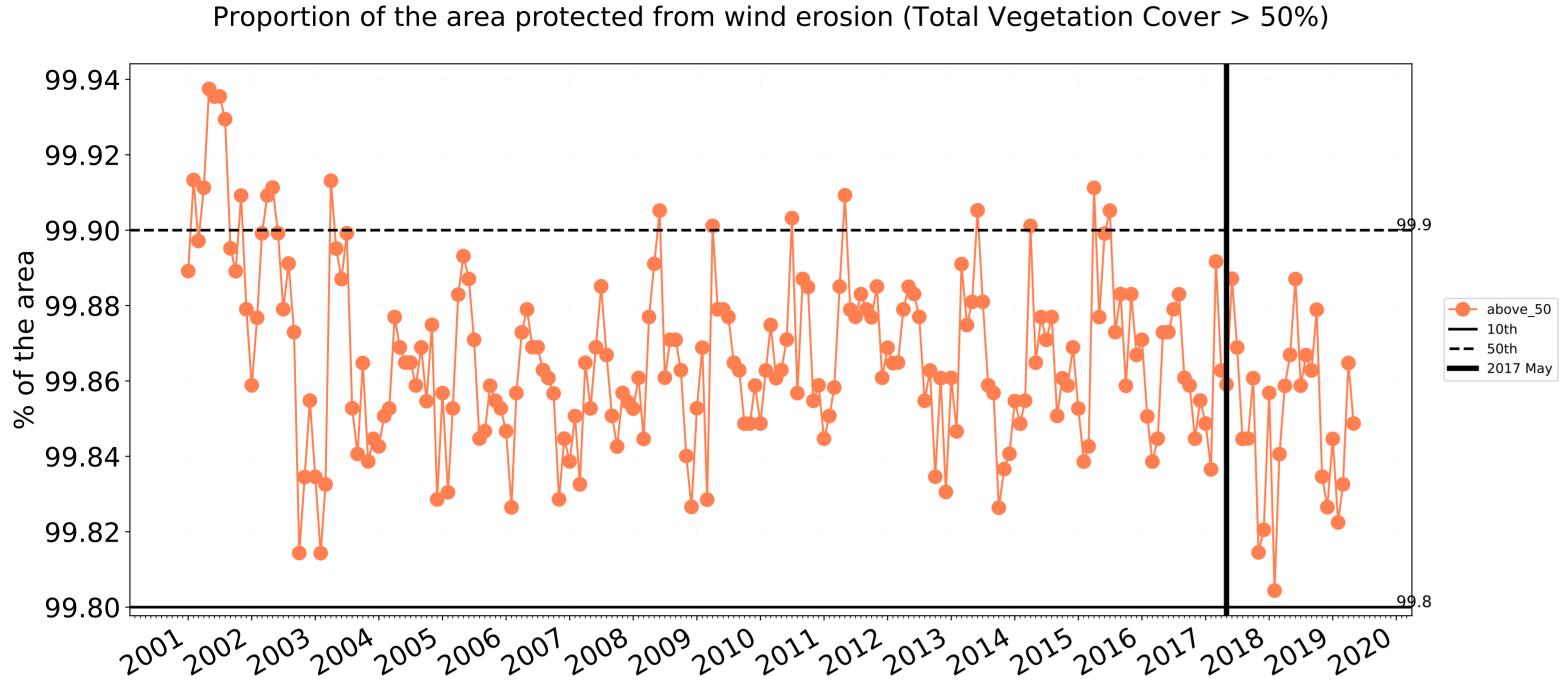


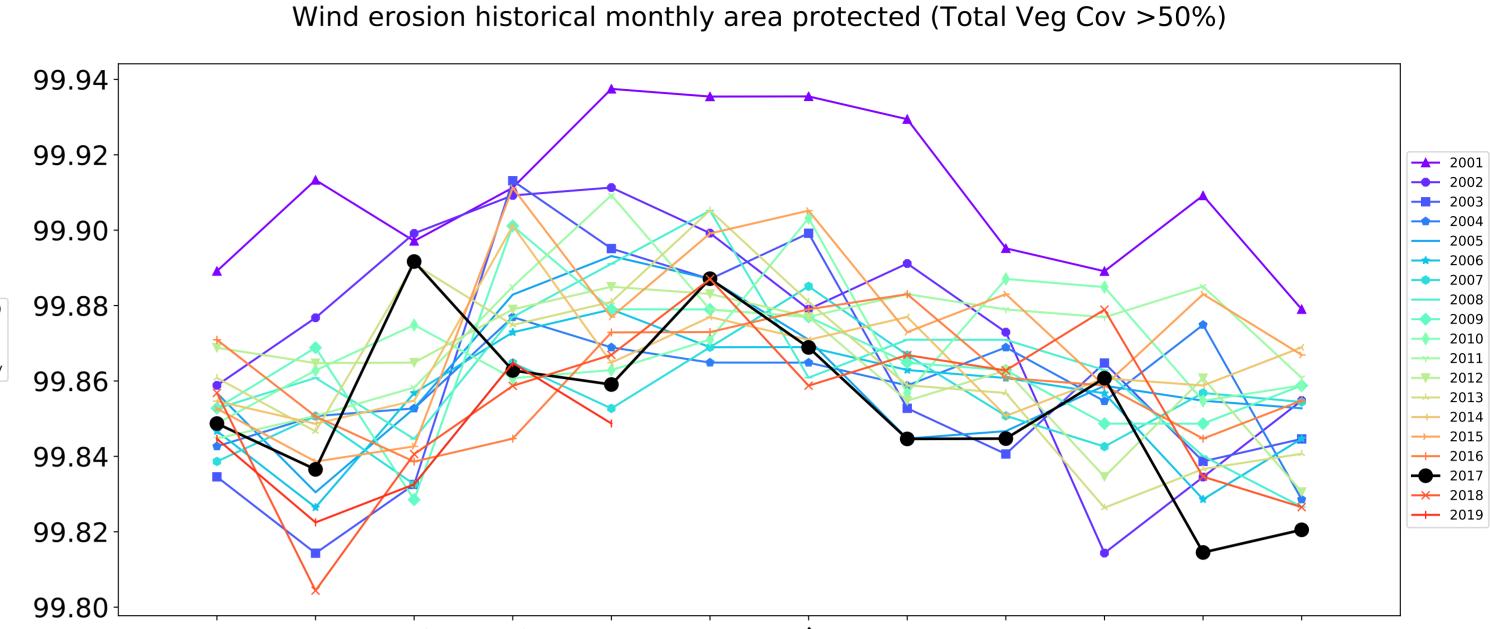
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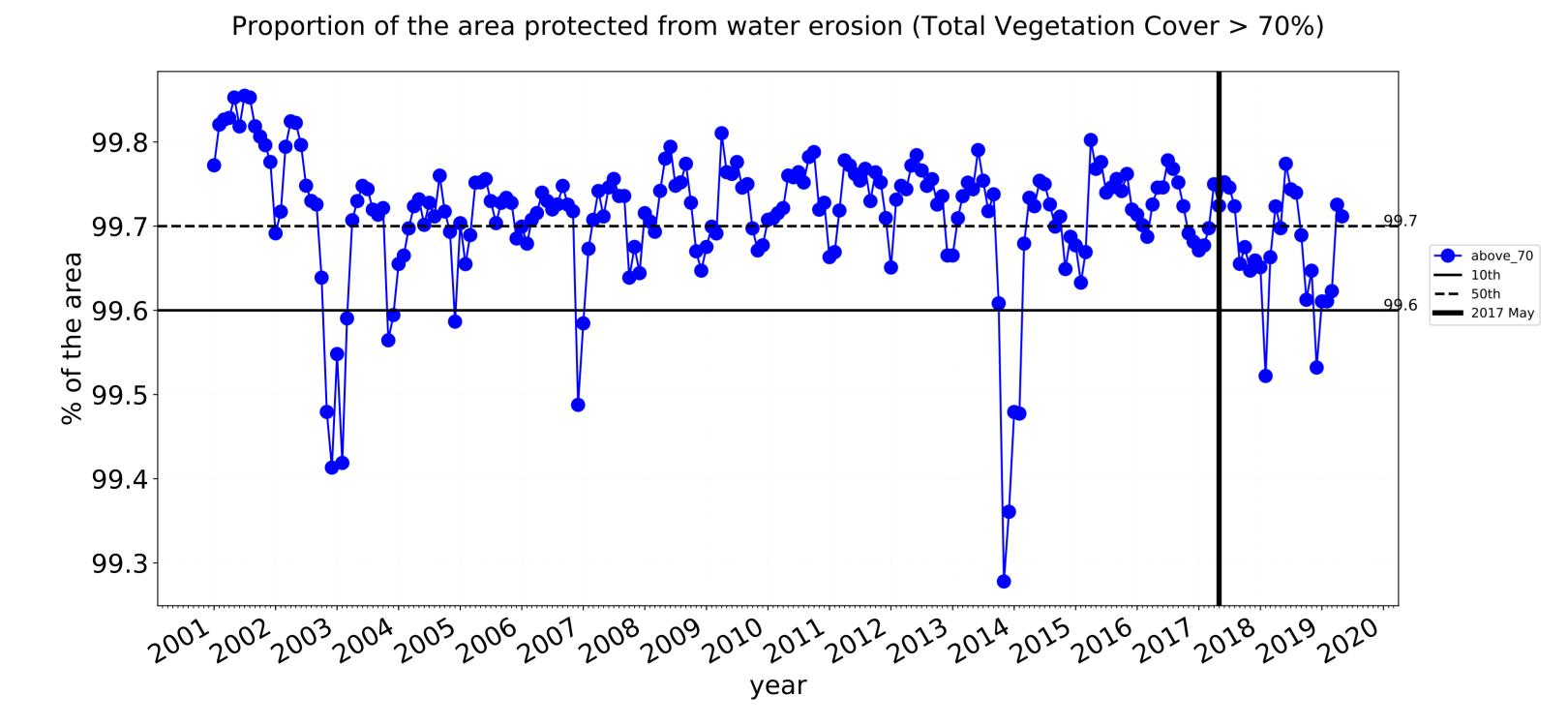


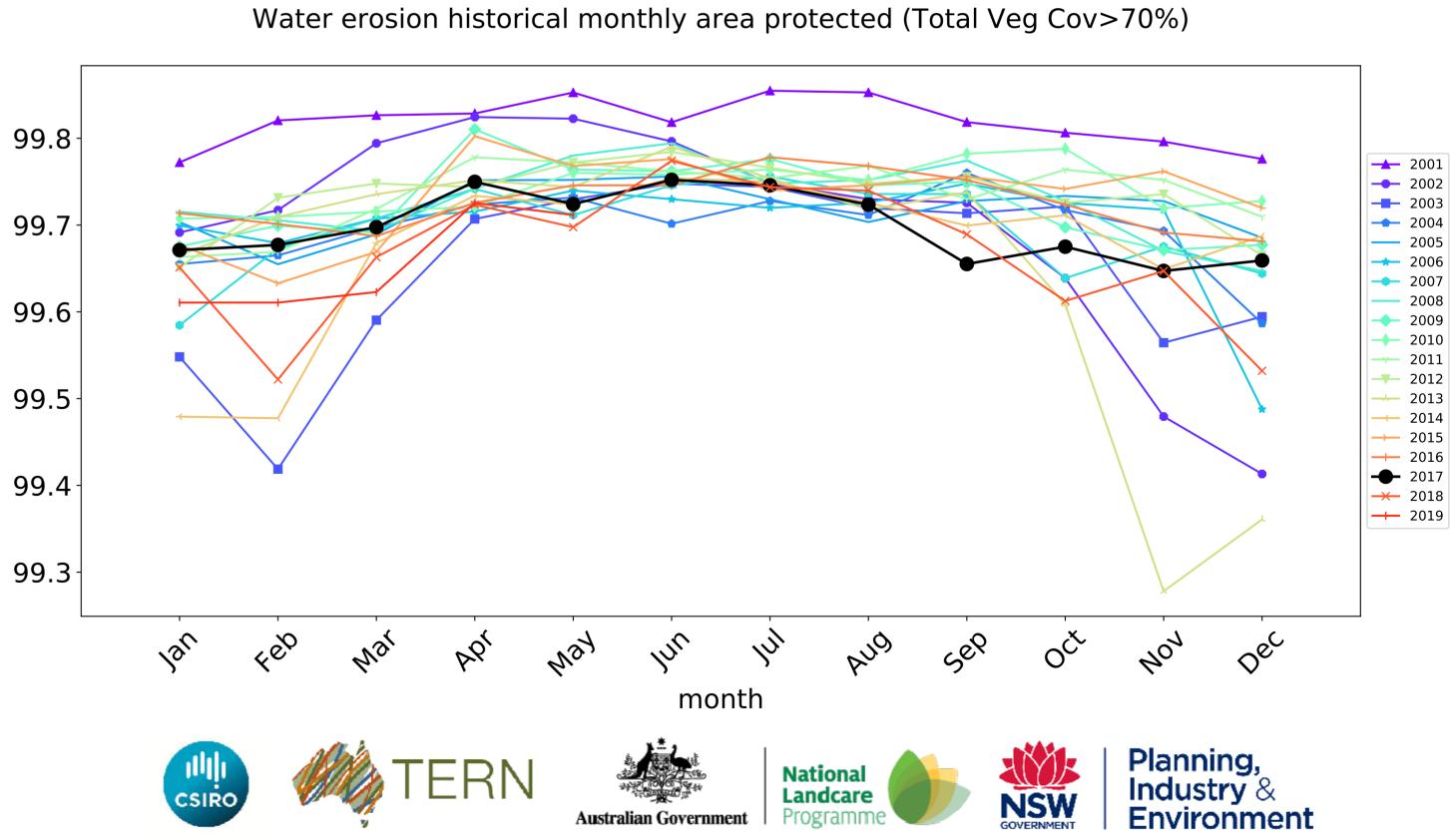
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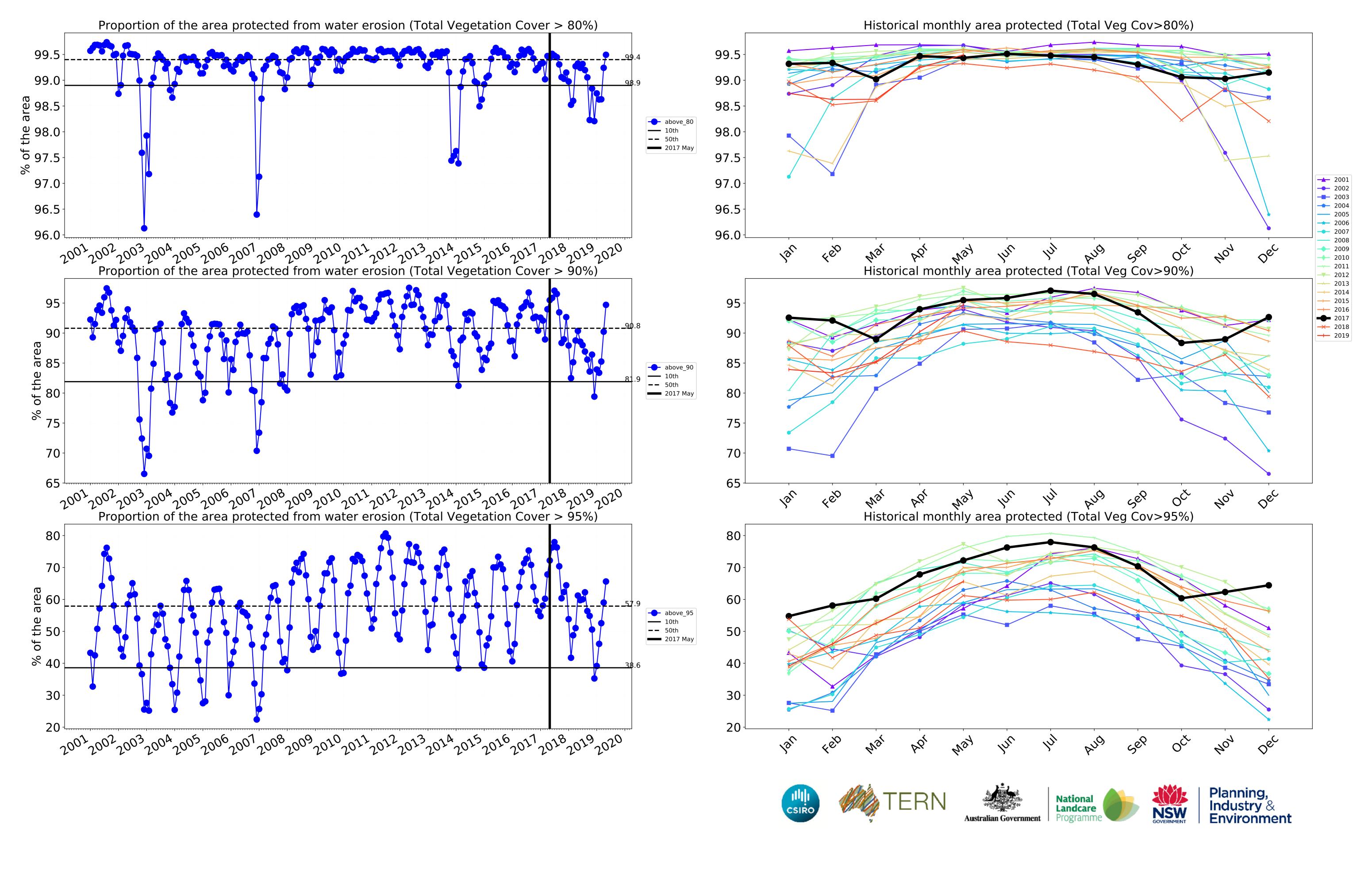




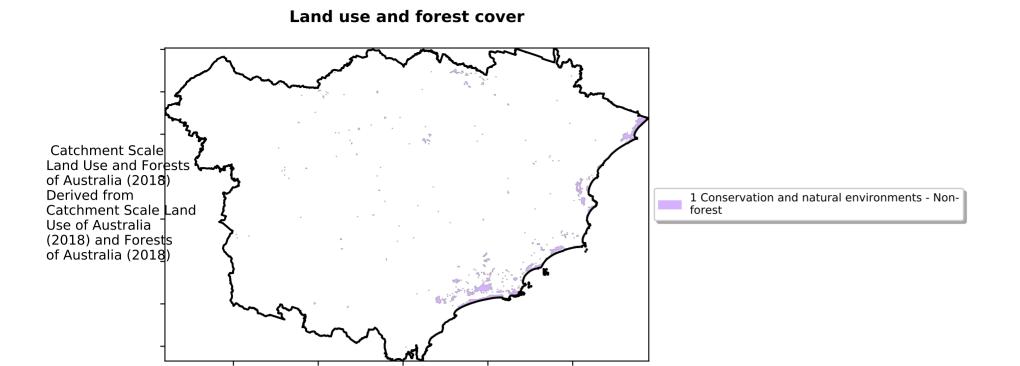
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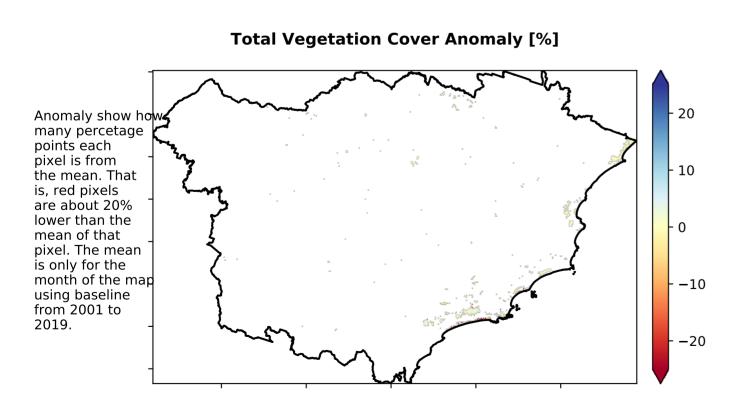


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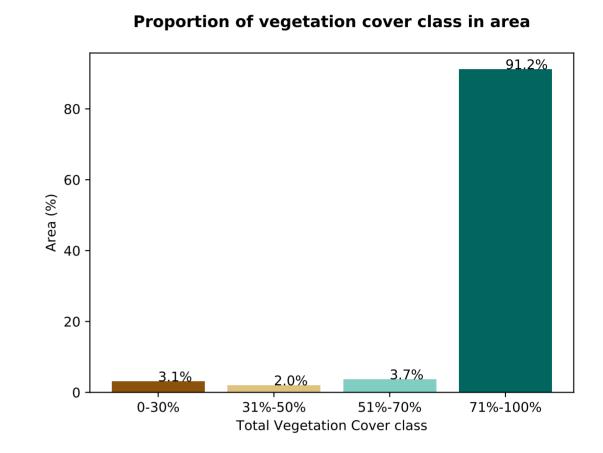


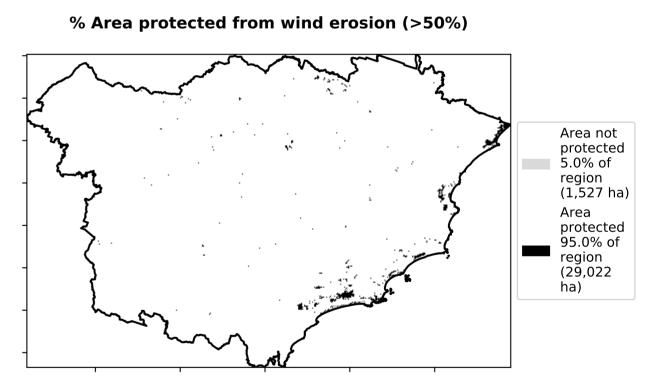
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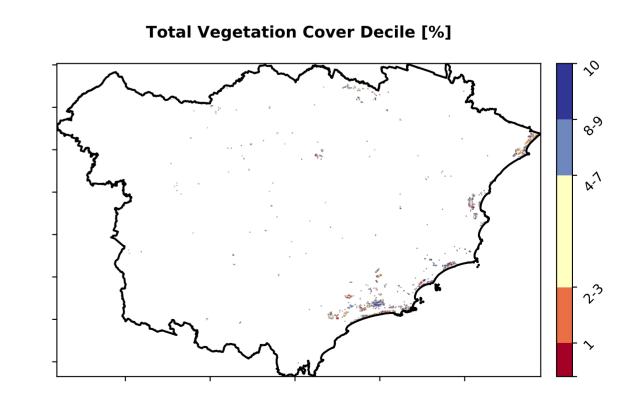
### Area not protected 8.8% of region (2,688 ha) Area protected 91.2% of region (27,861 ha)



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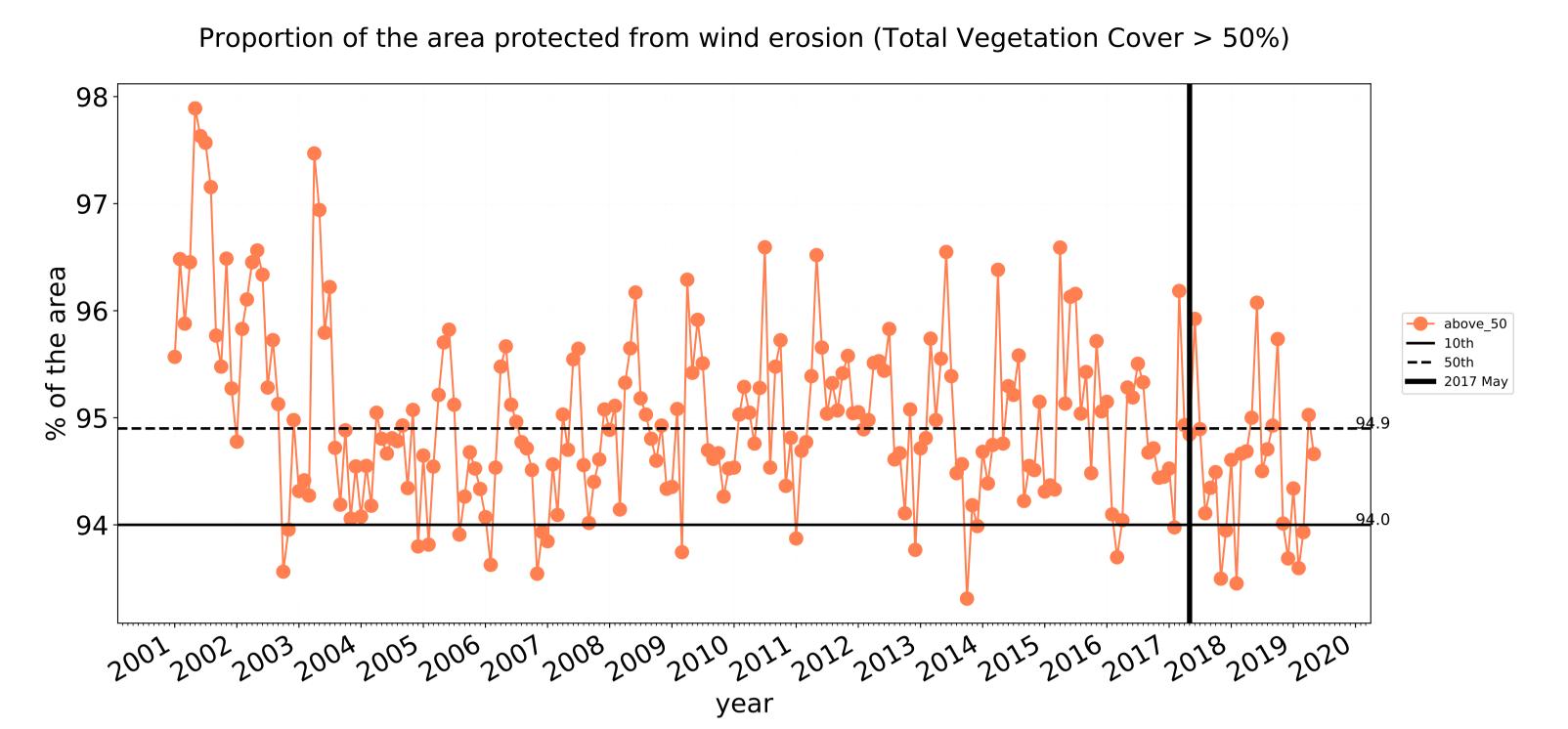




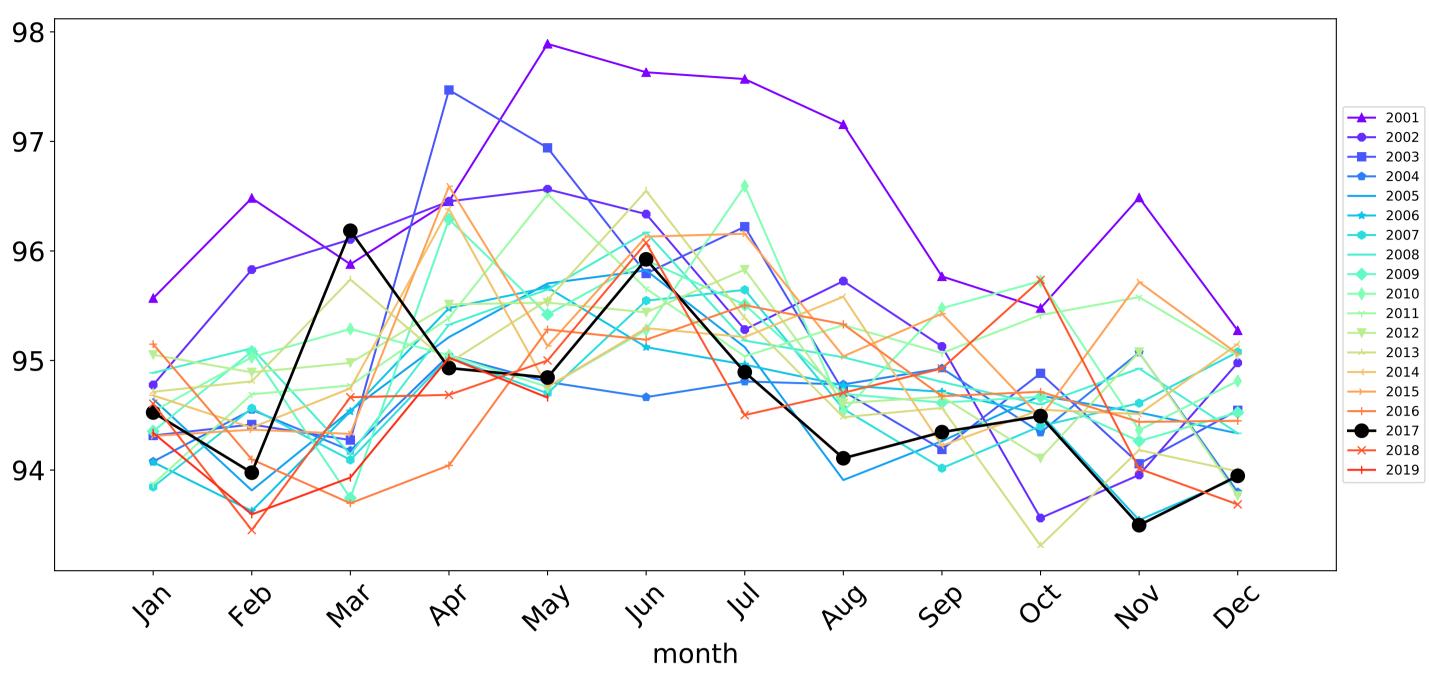




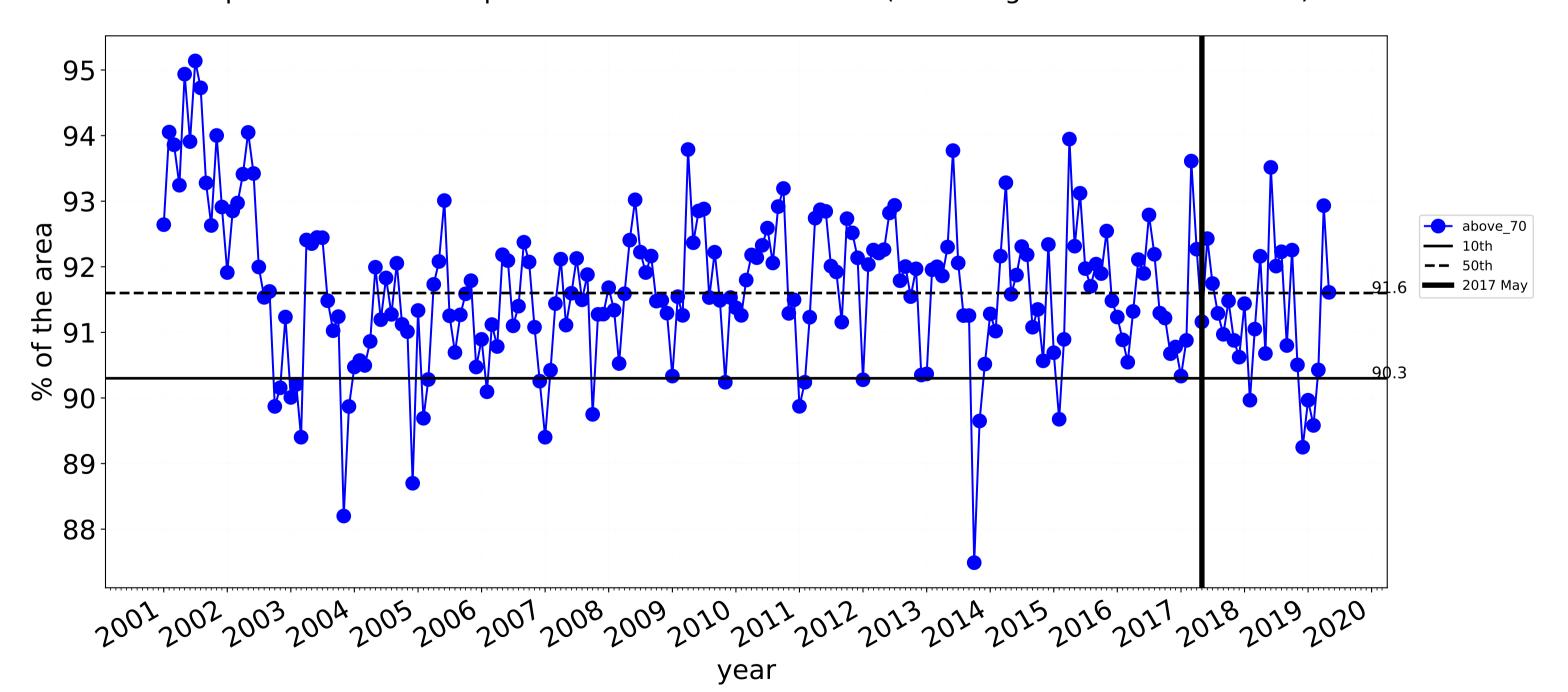
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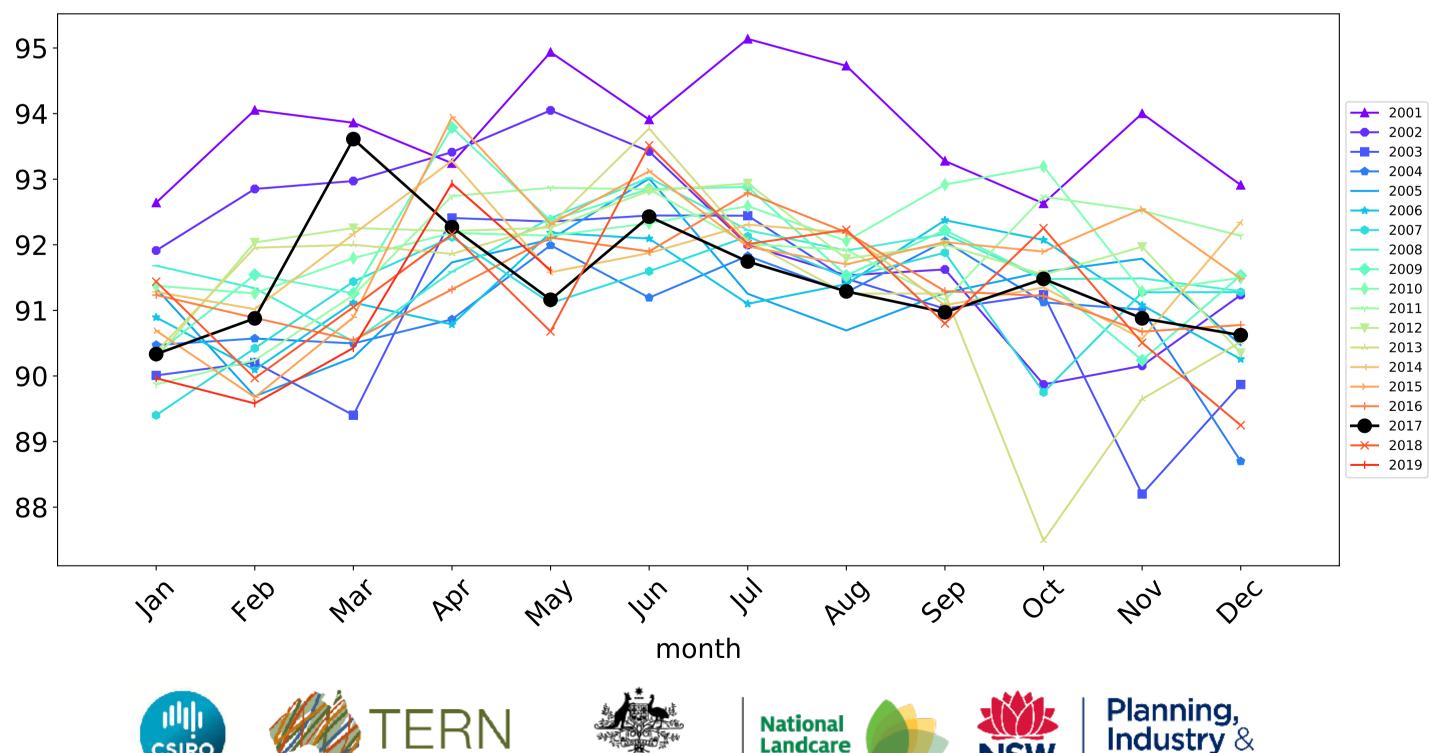








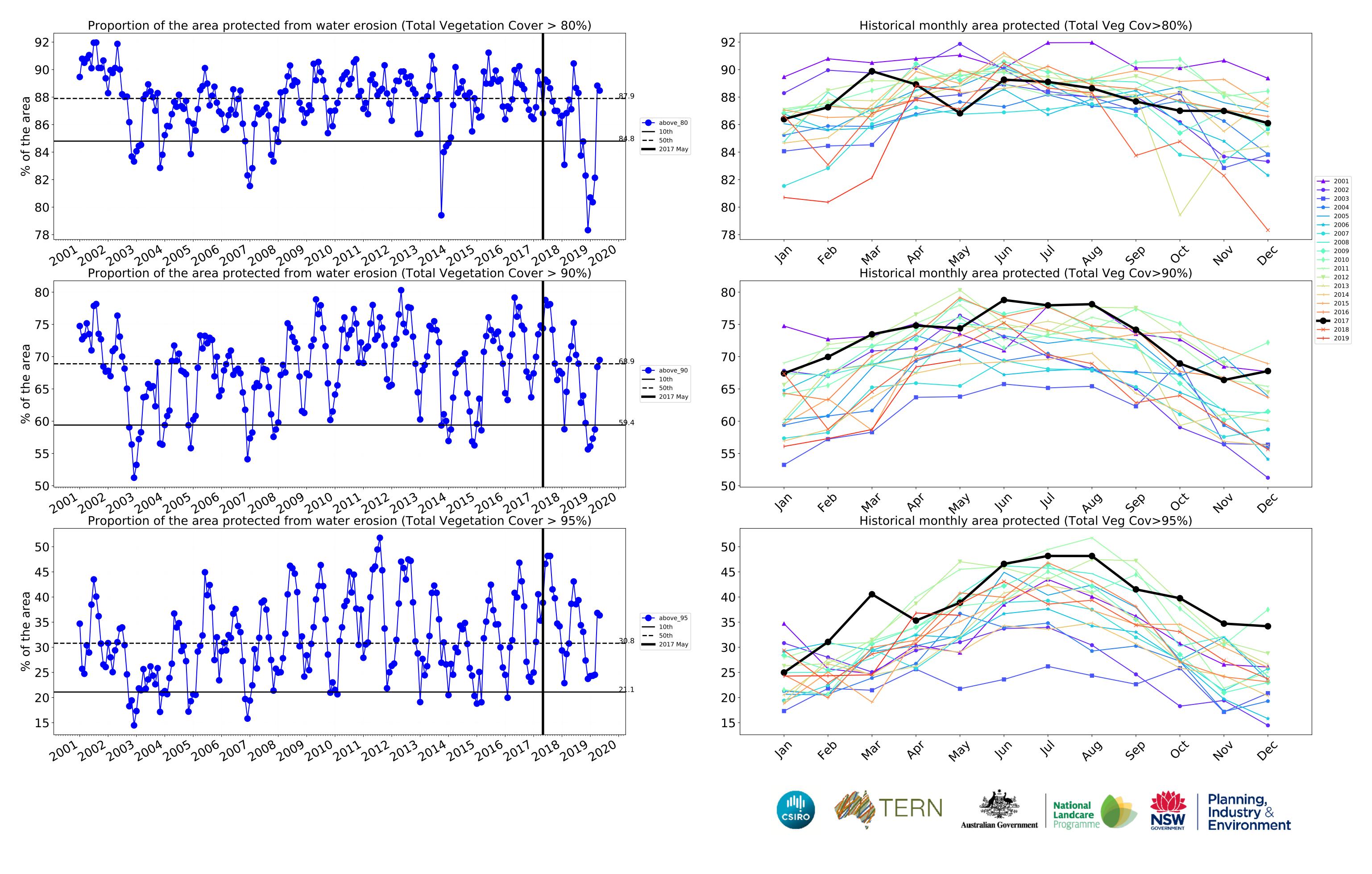
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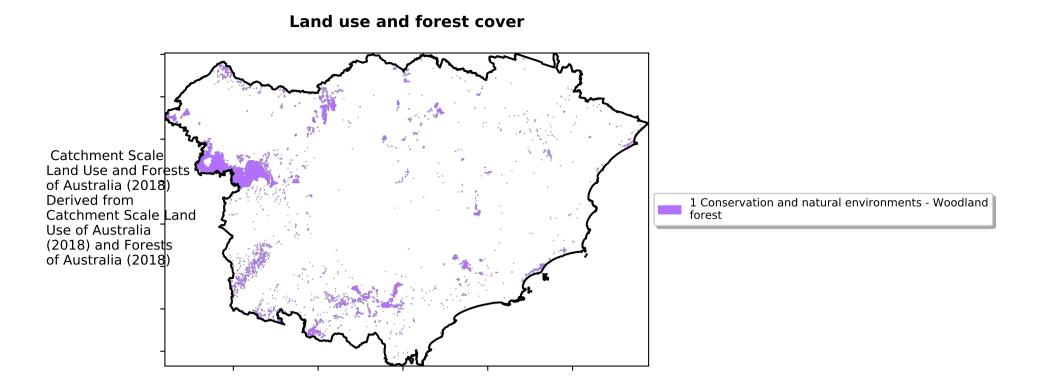


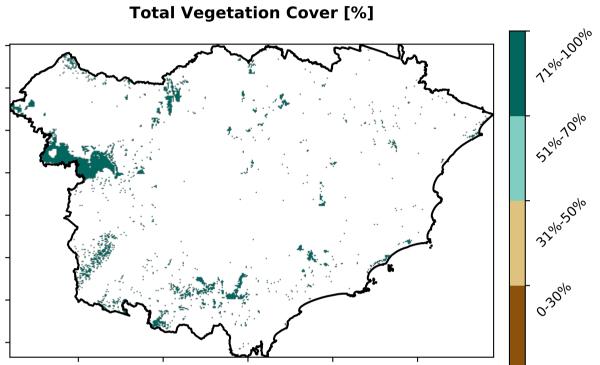


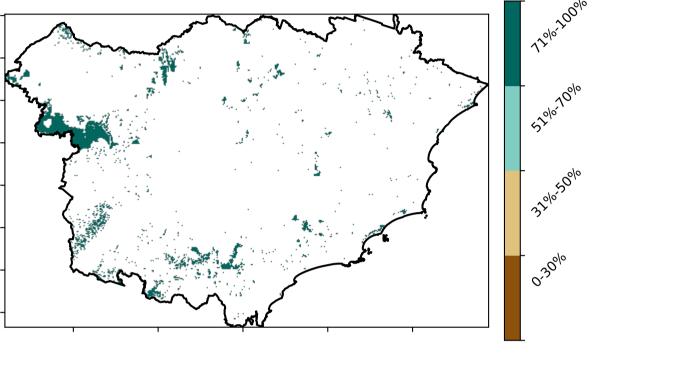


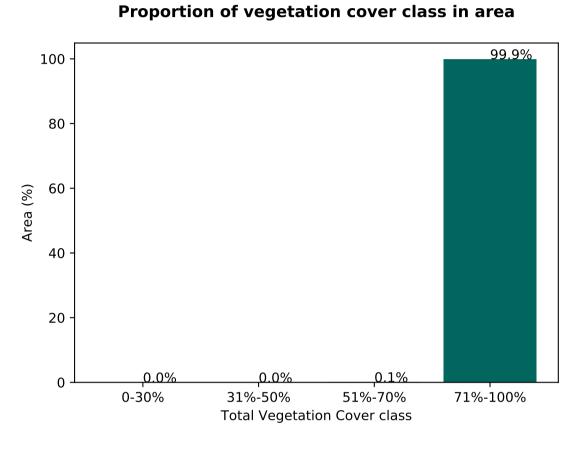


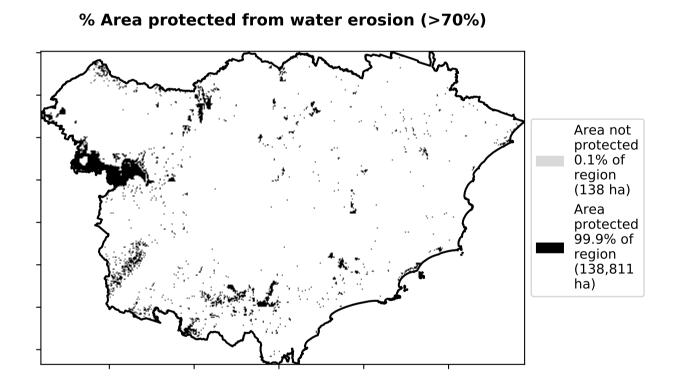
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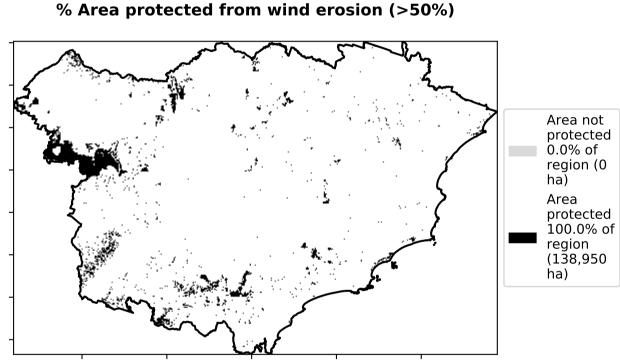


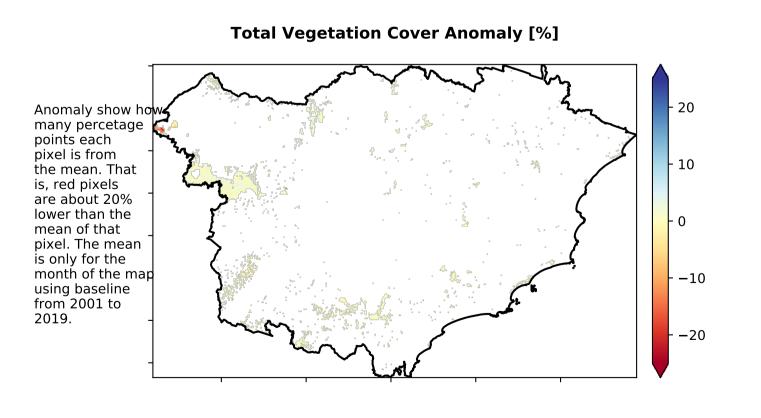




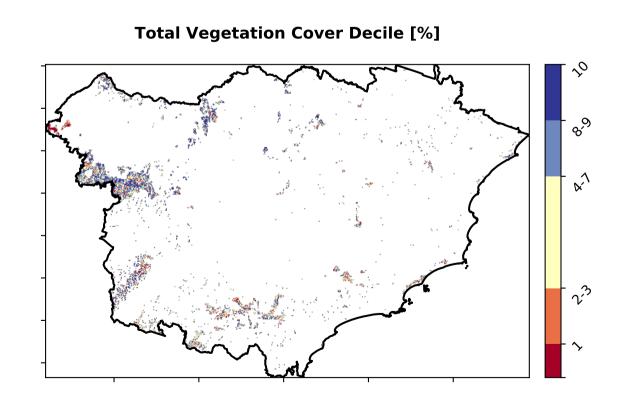








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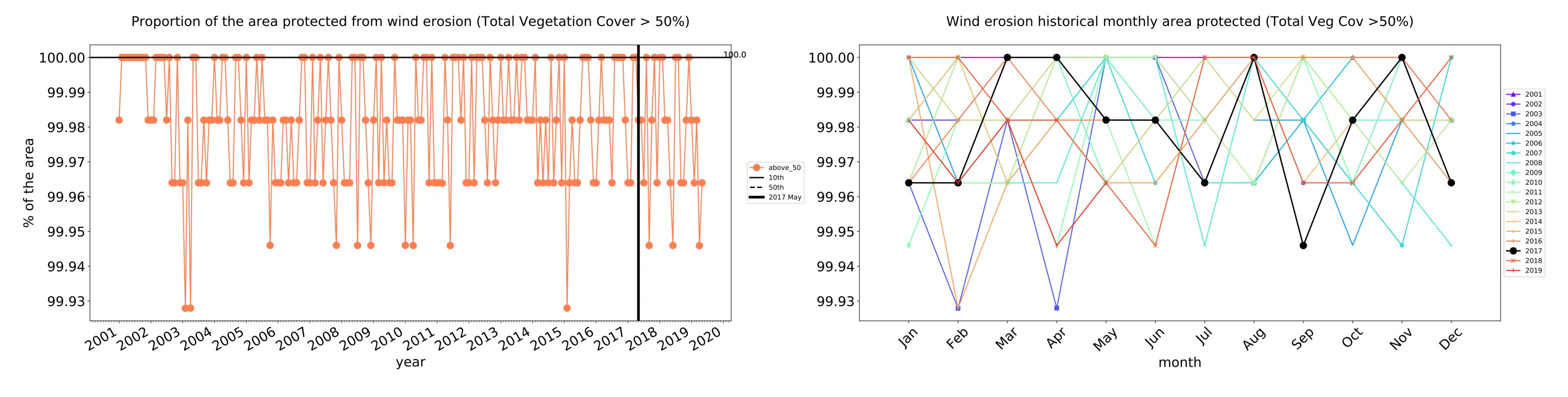


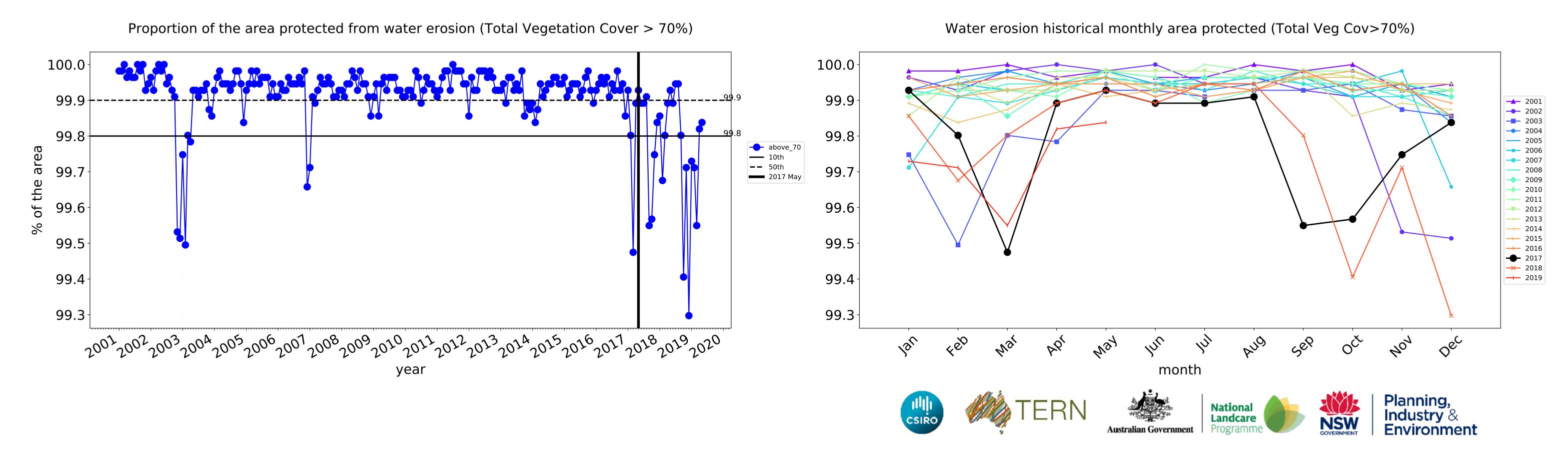


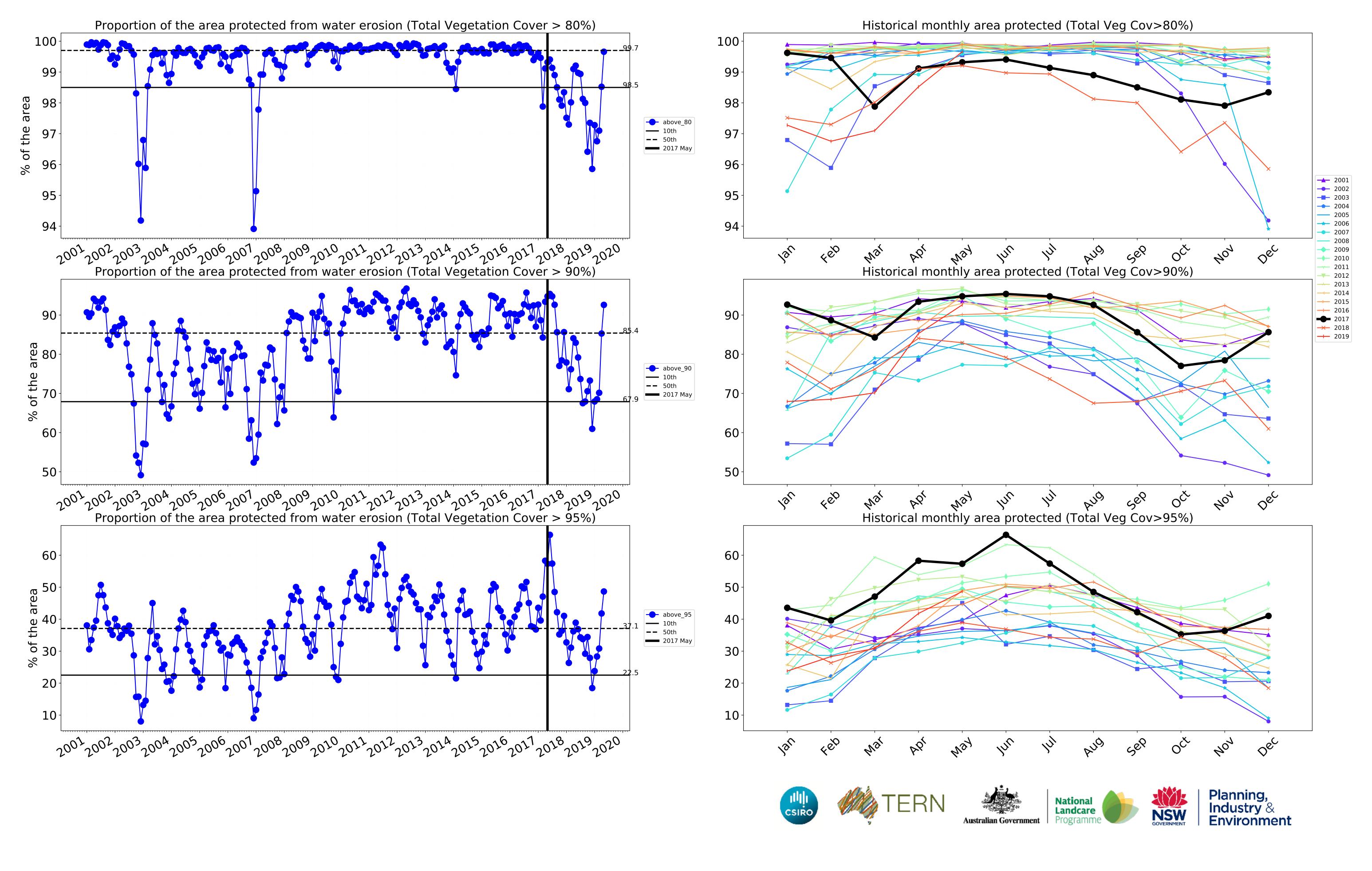




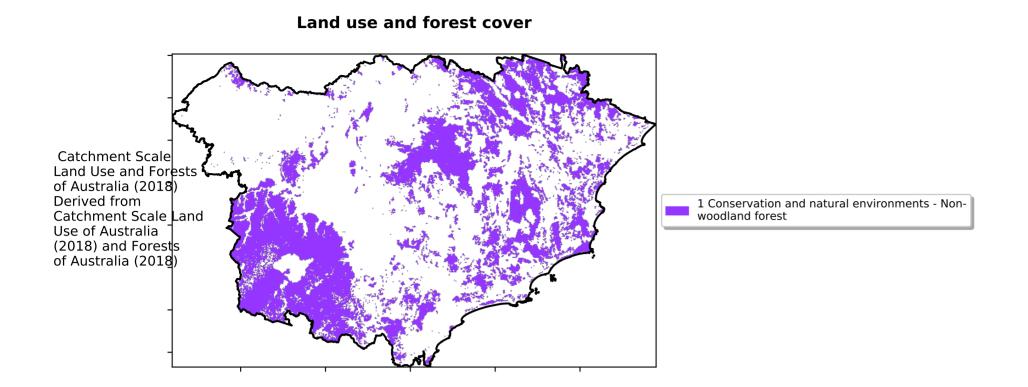
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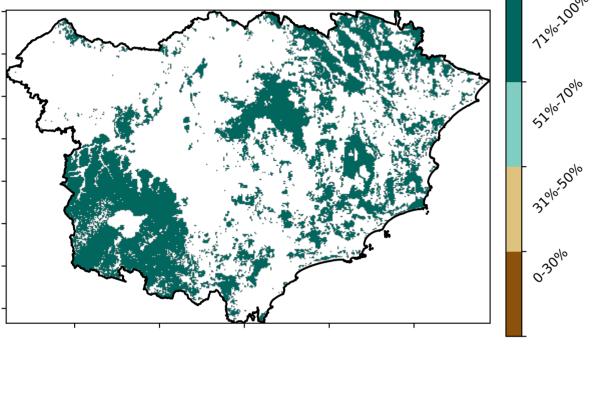


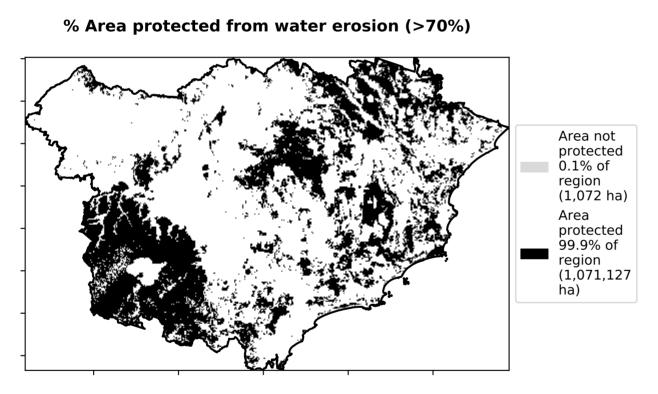


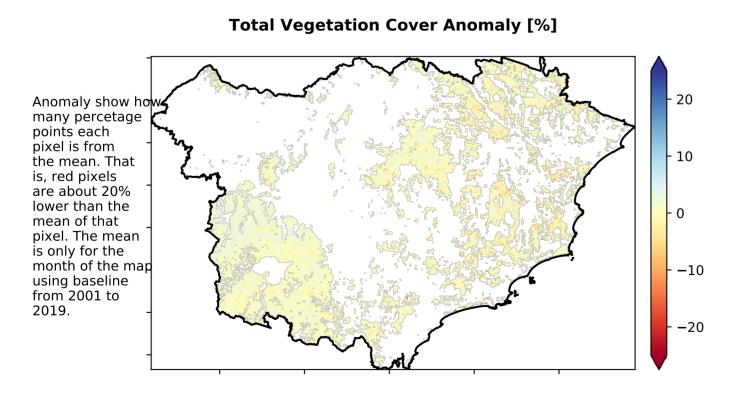
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## **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**







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31%-50%

**Total Vegetation Cover class** 

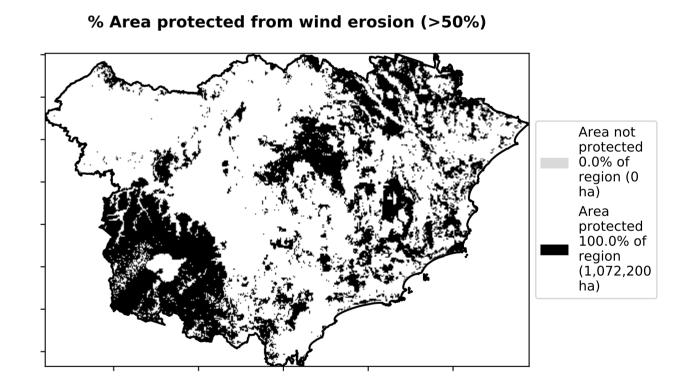
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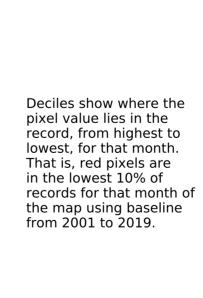
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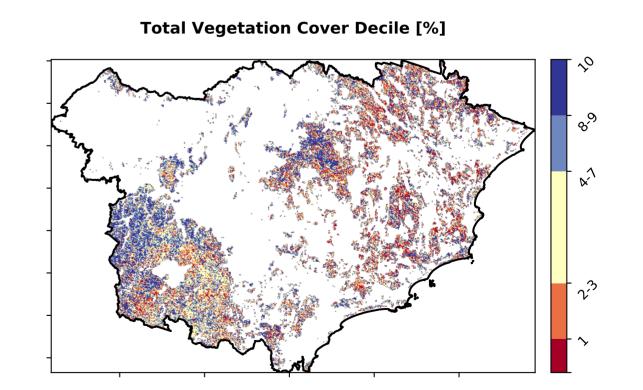
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71%-100%



51%-70%







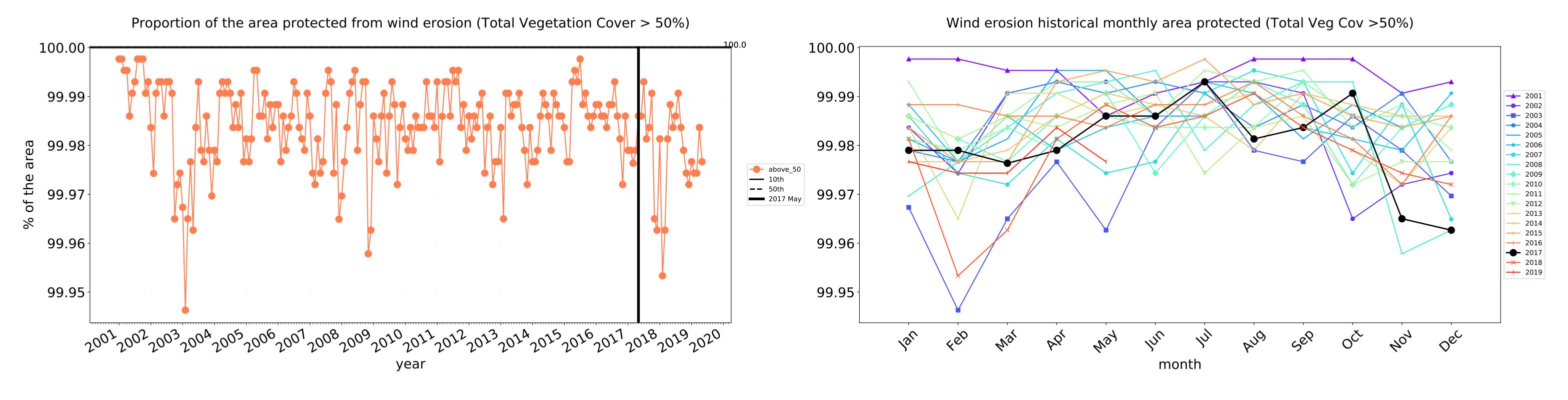


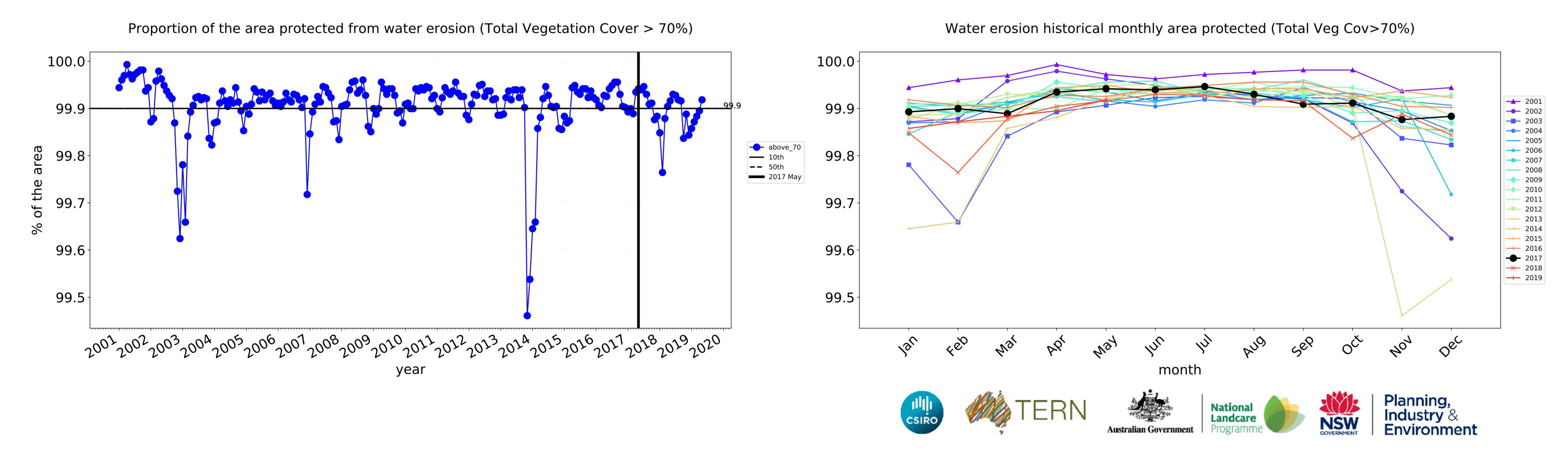


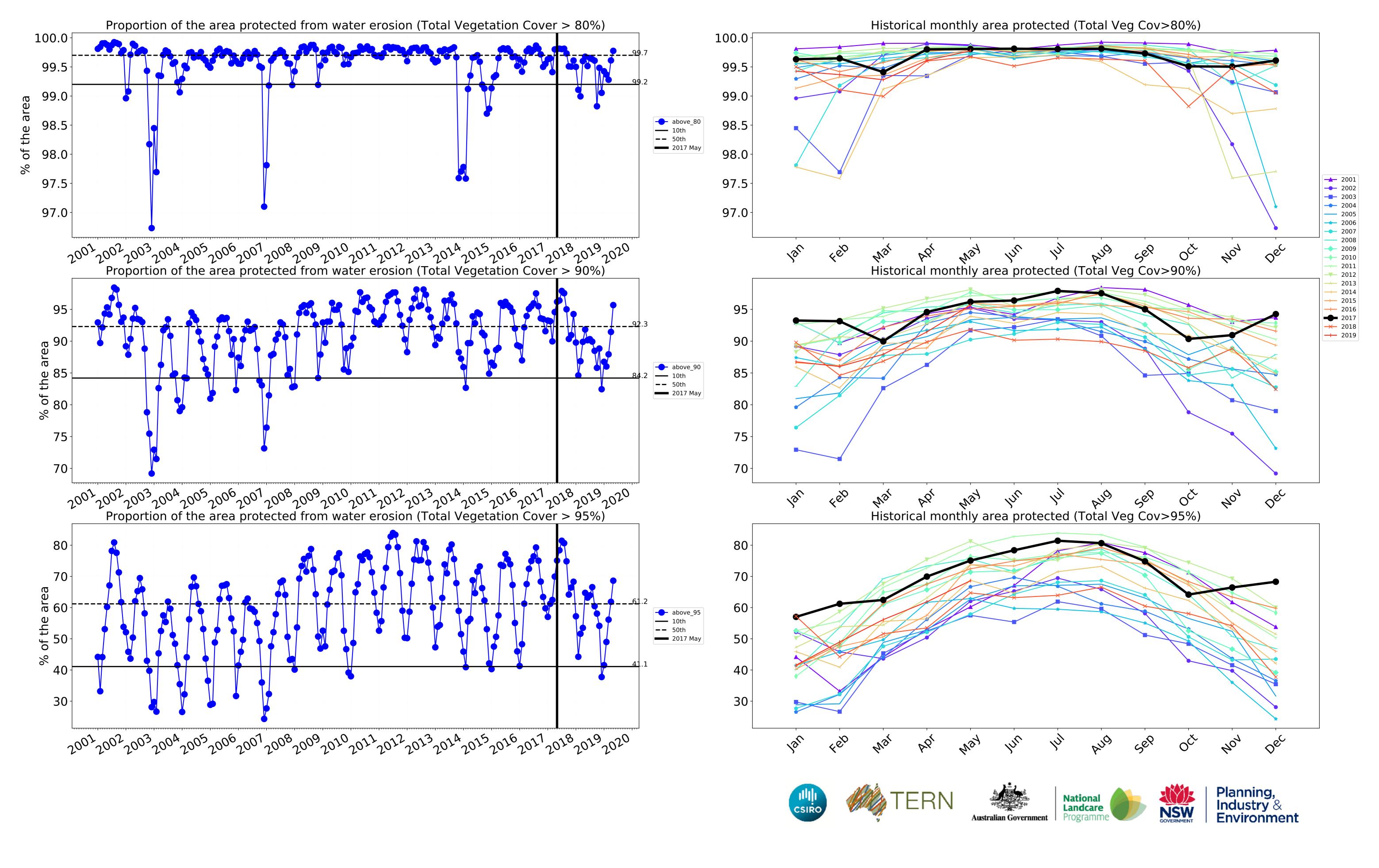






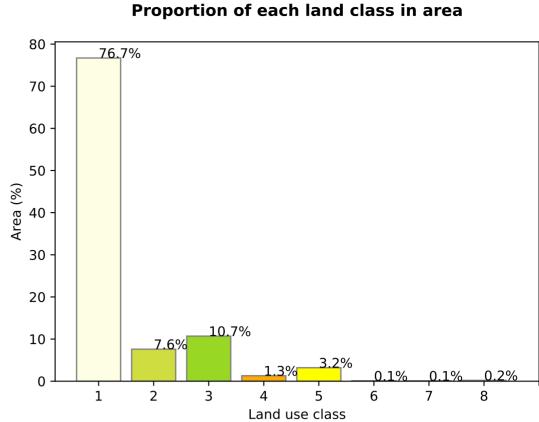


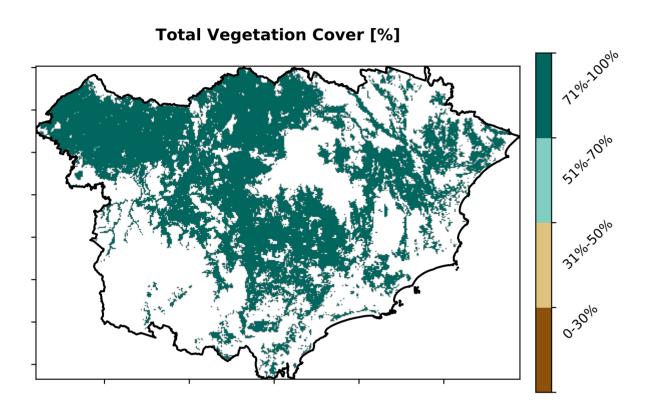


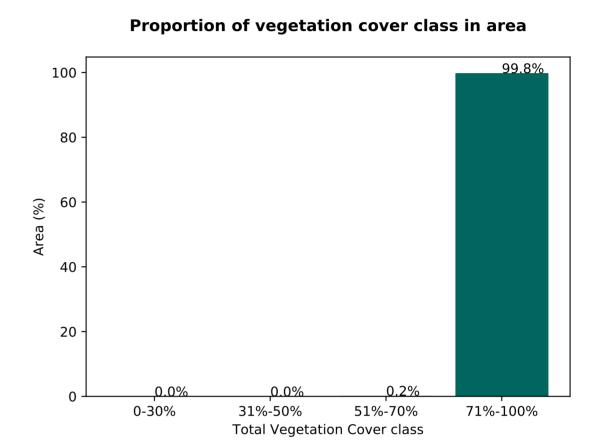


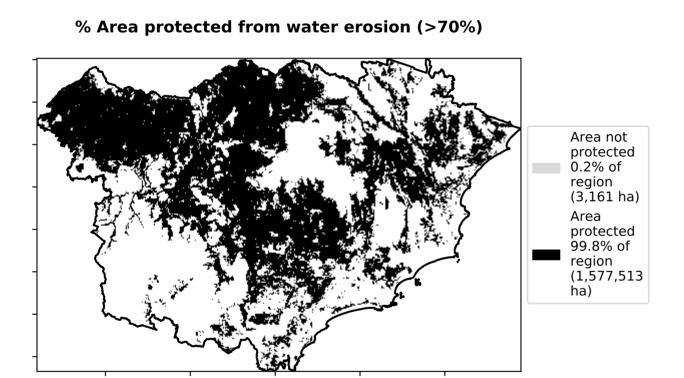
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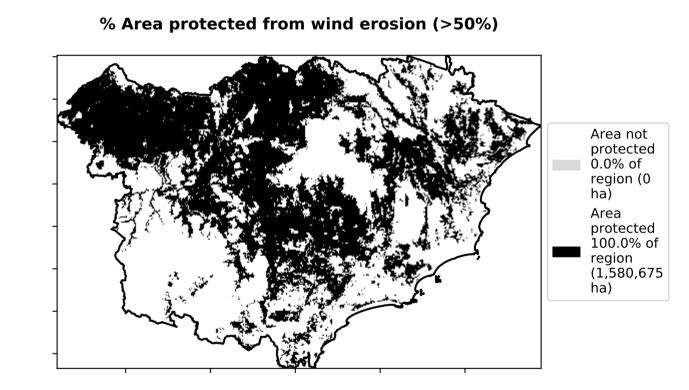


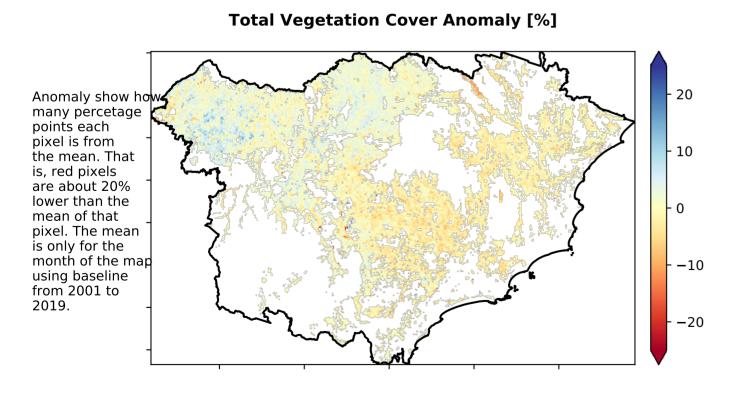




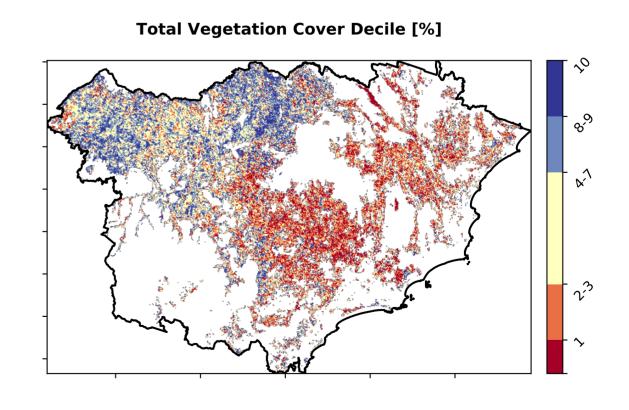








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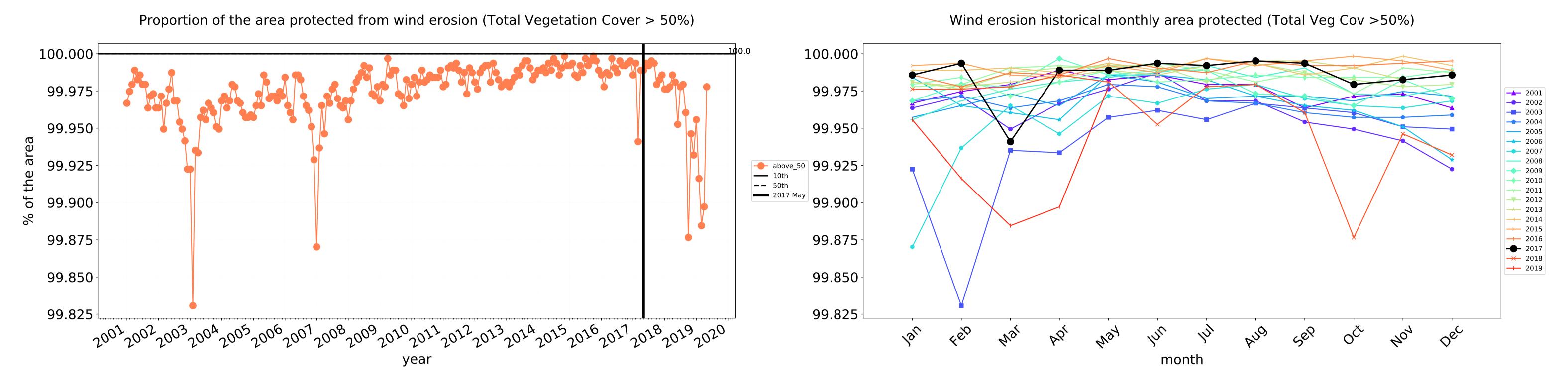


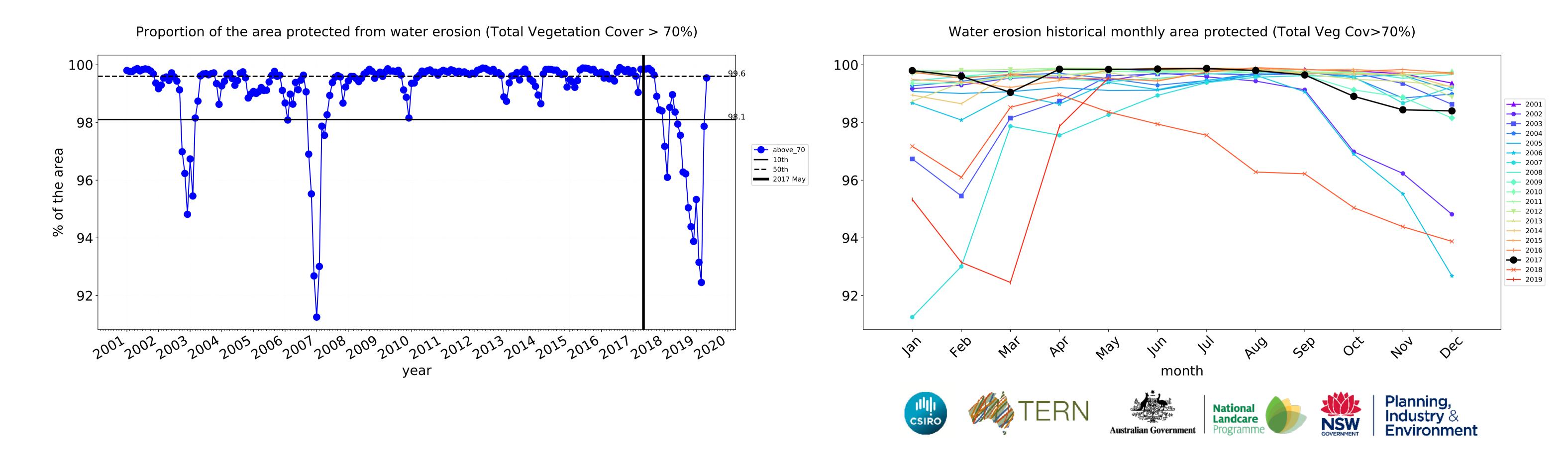


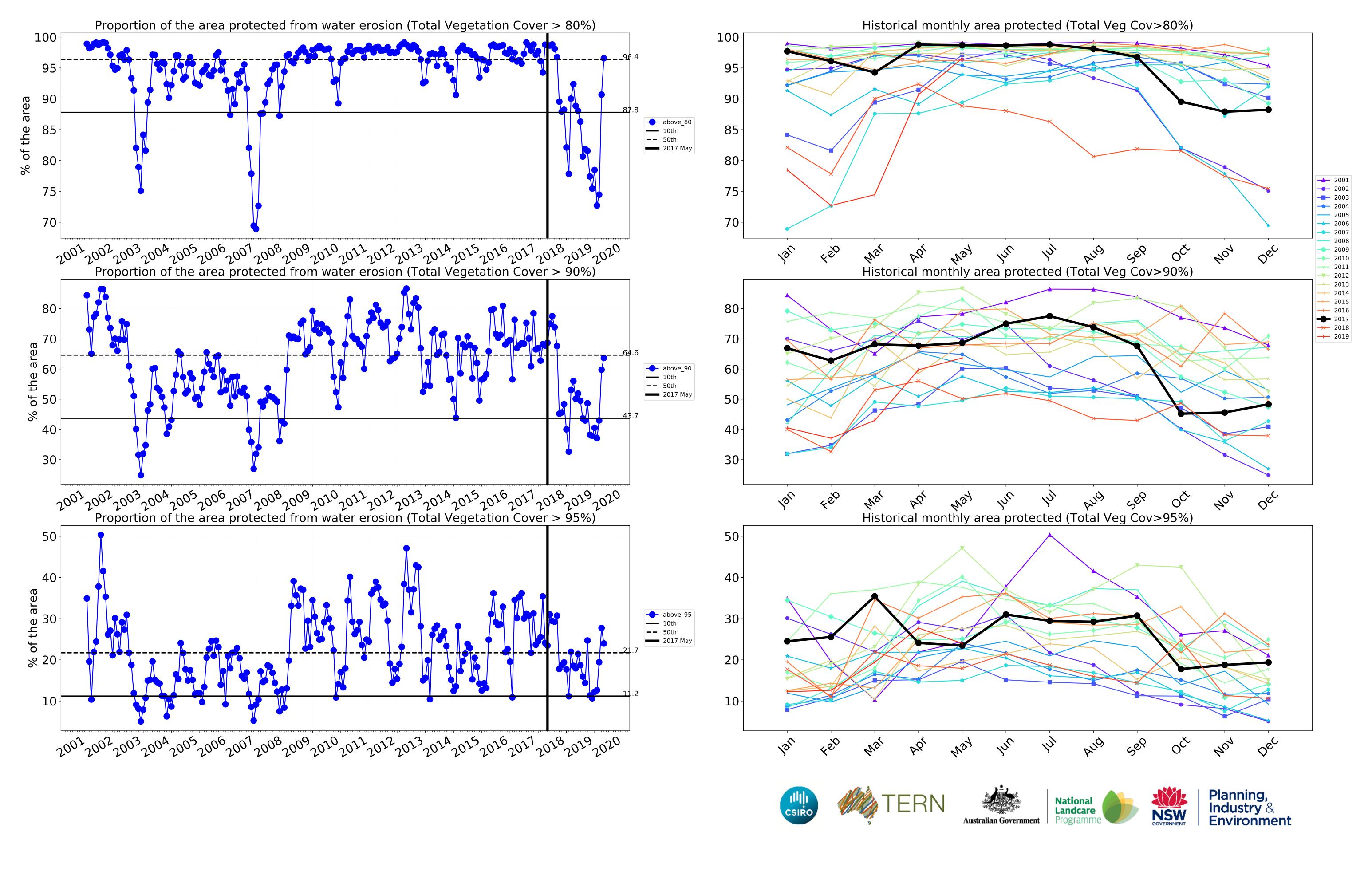




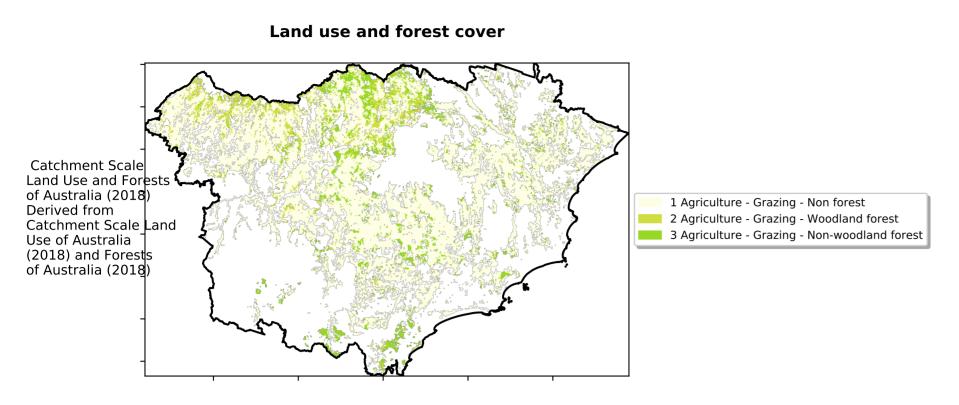
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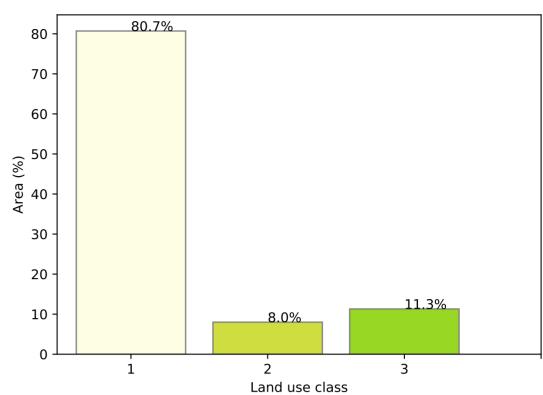




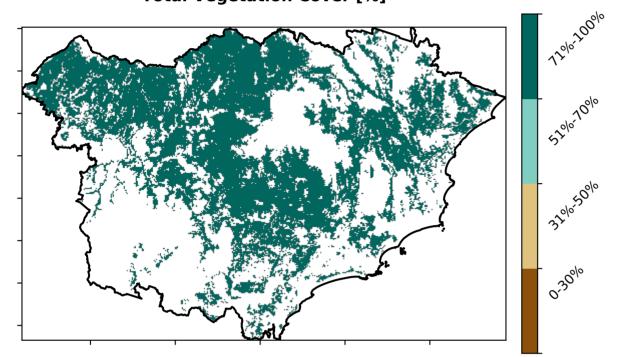
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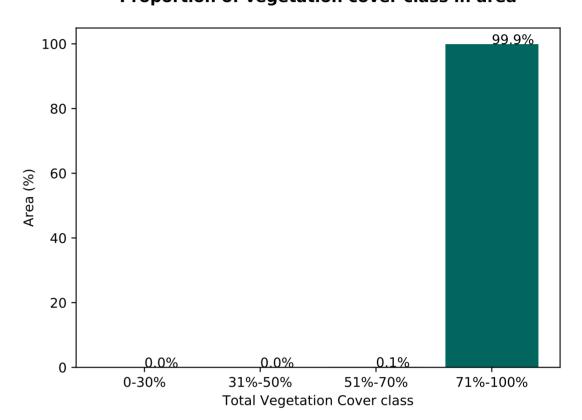
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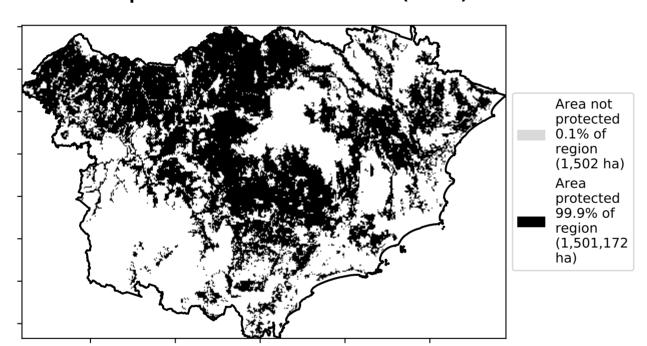
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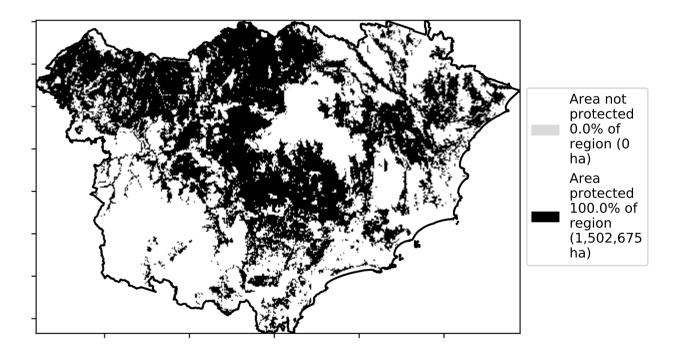
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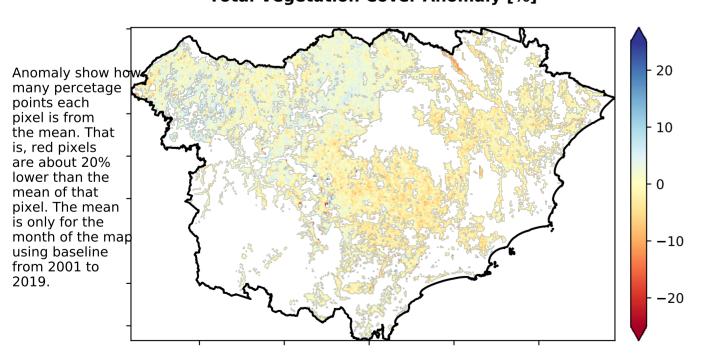
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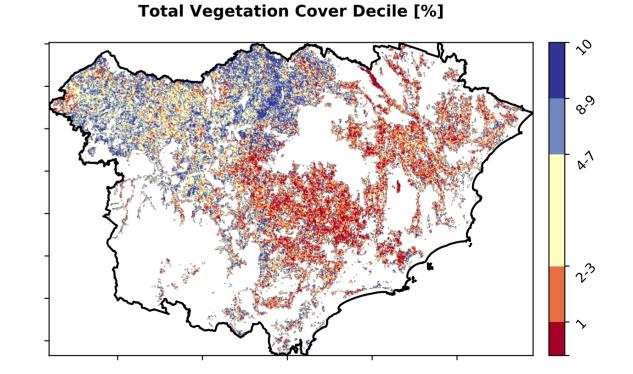
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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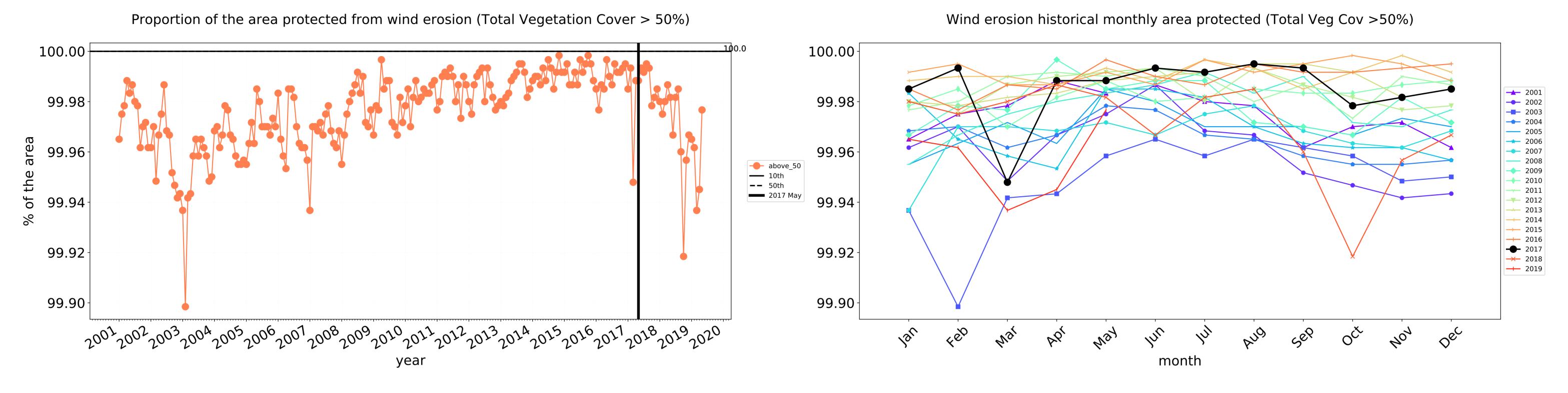


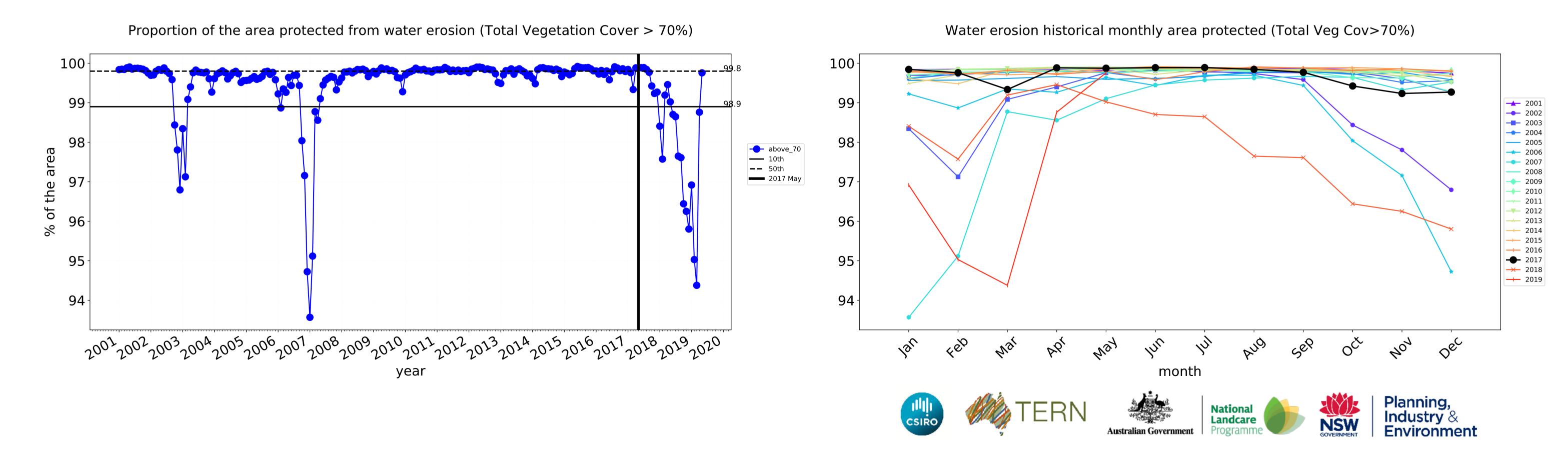


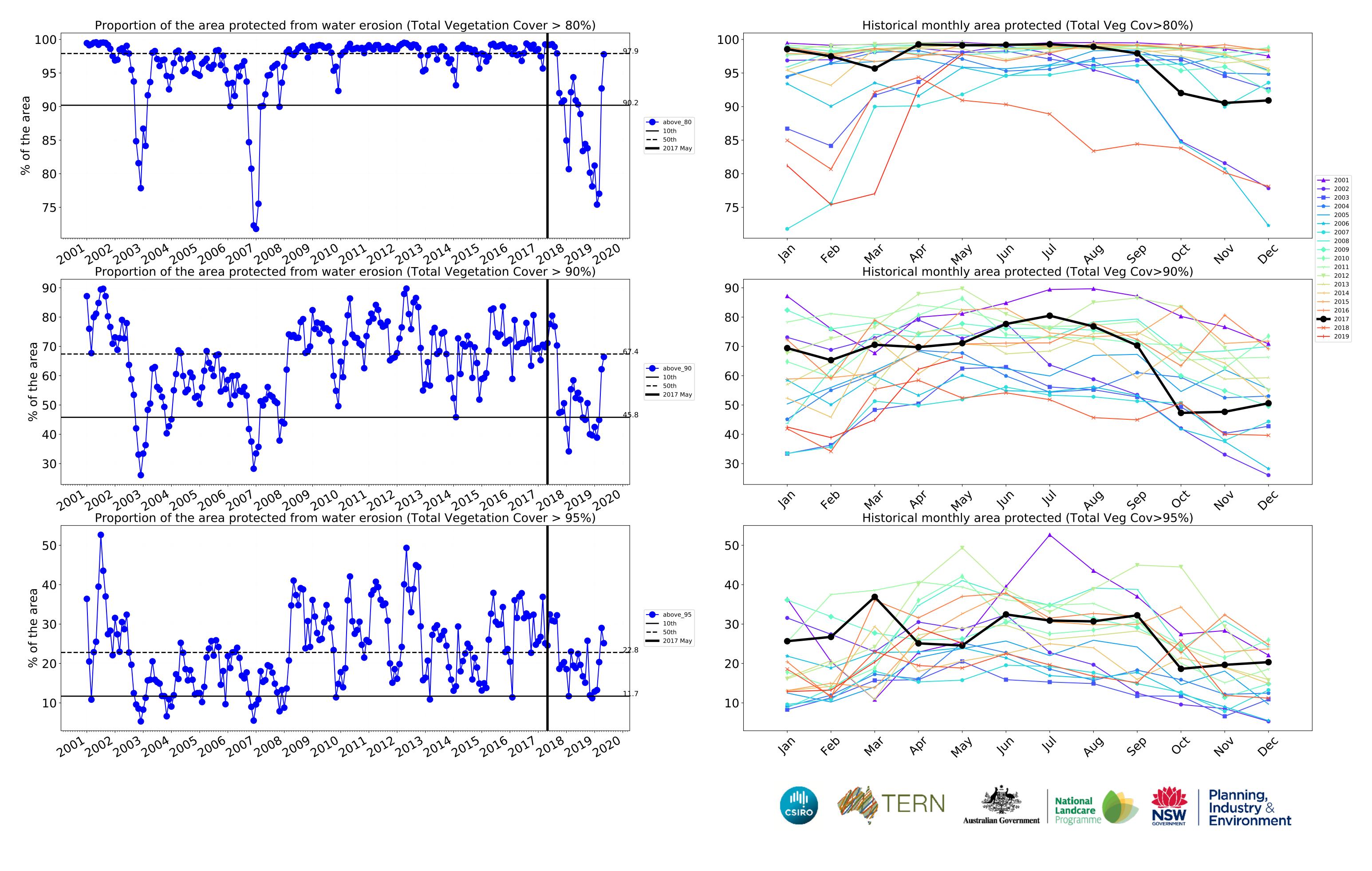




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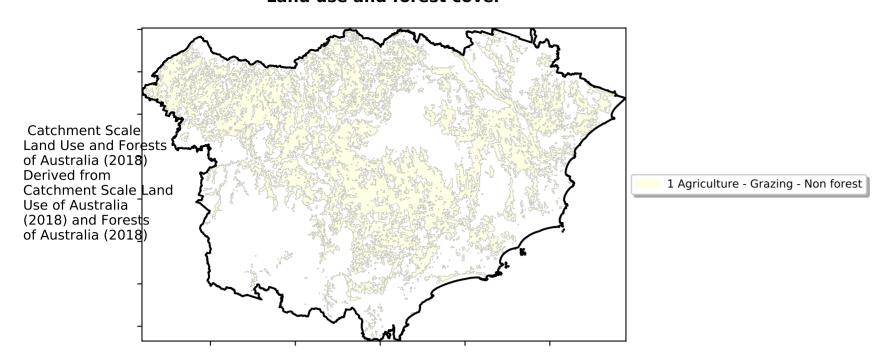




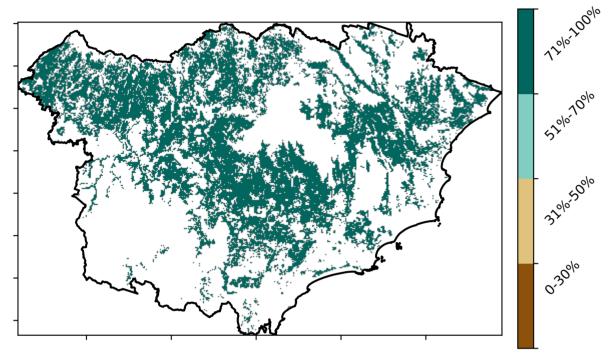


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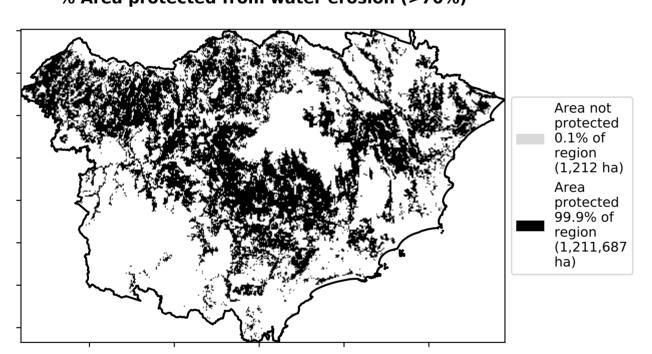
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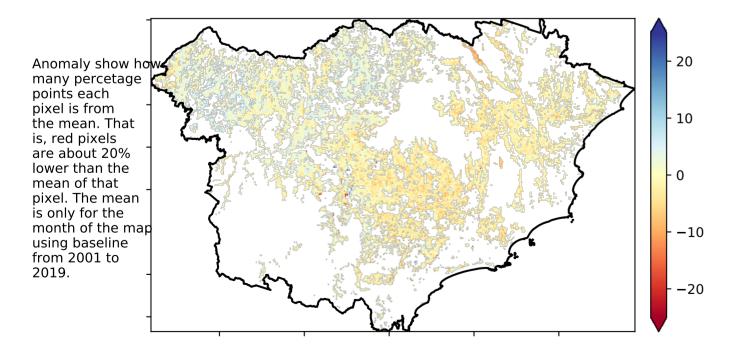
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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

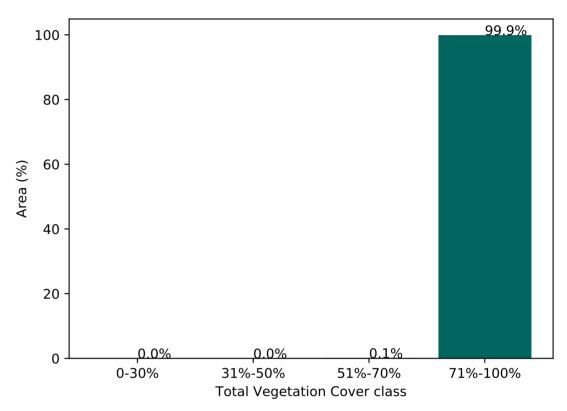


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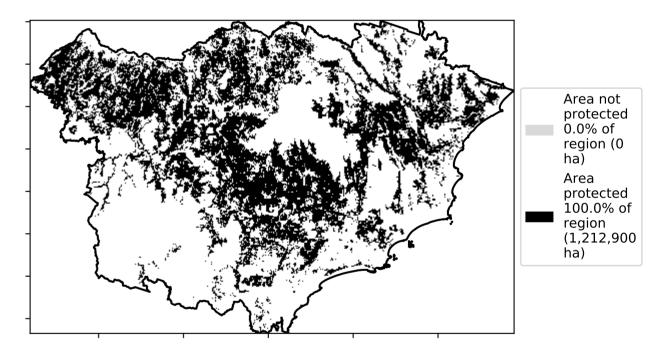


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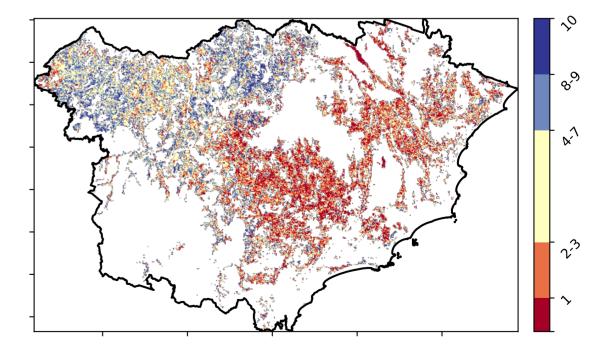
### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







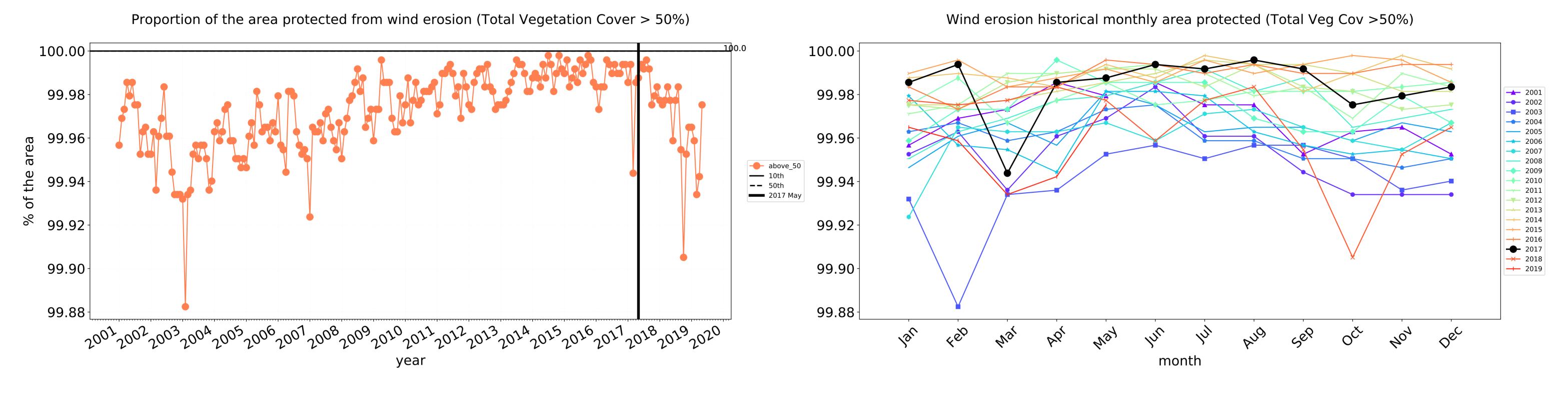


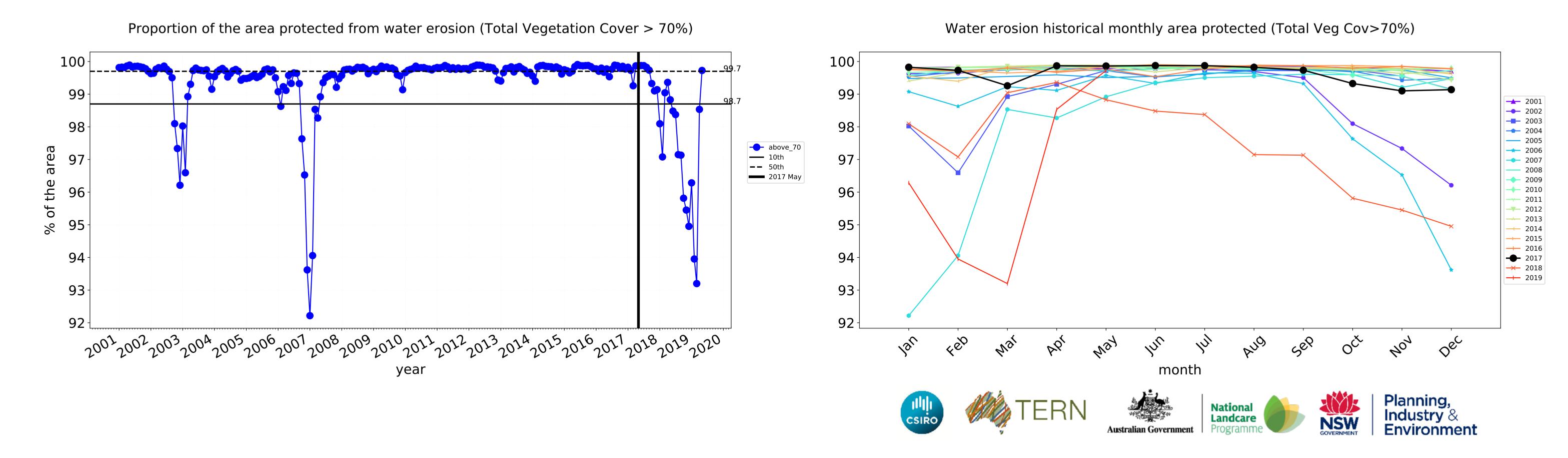


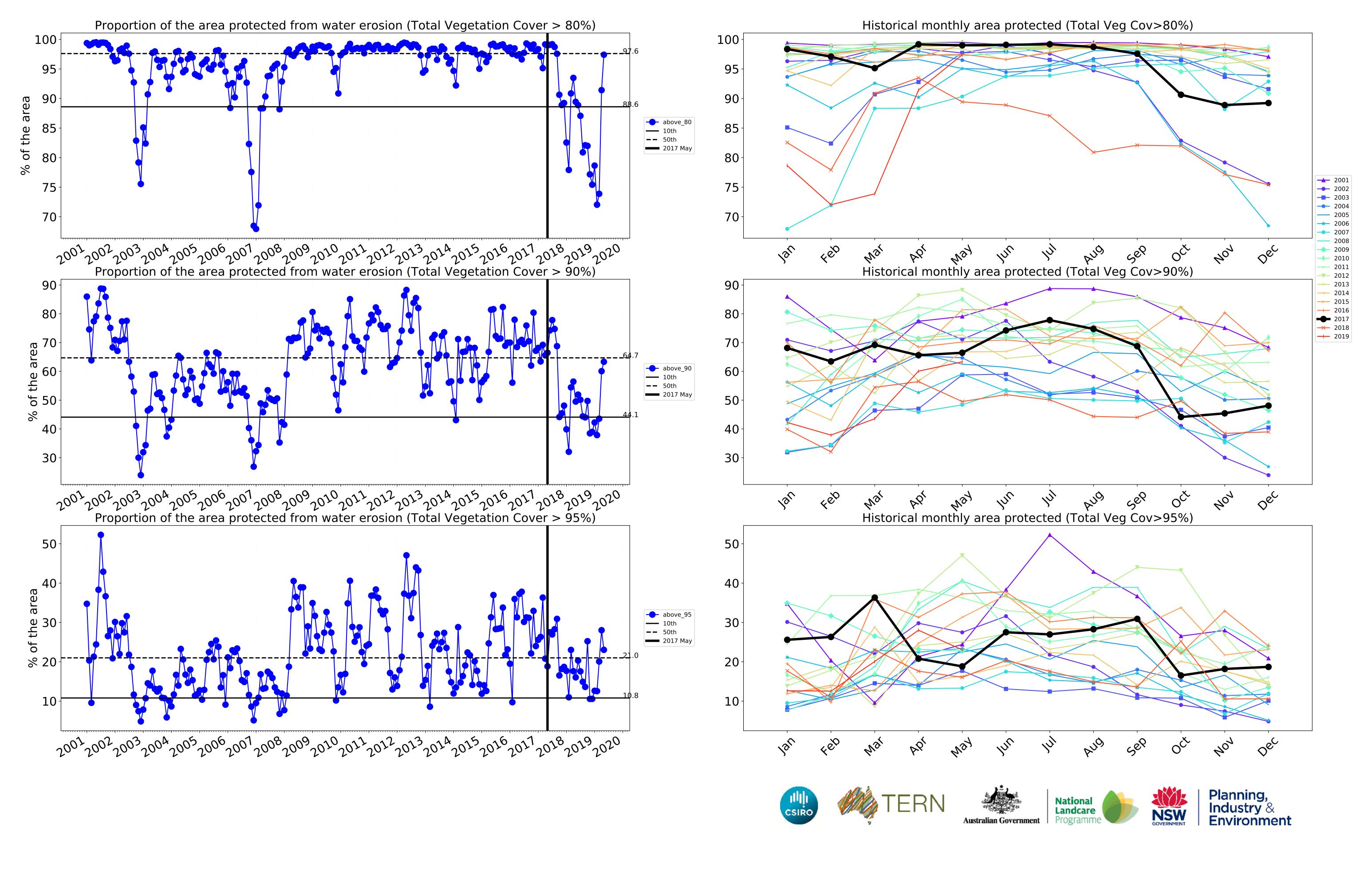




### **Grazing non forest timeseries**





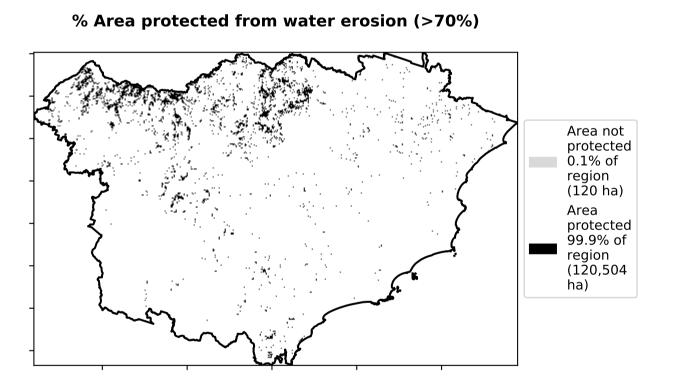


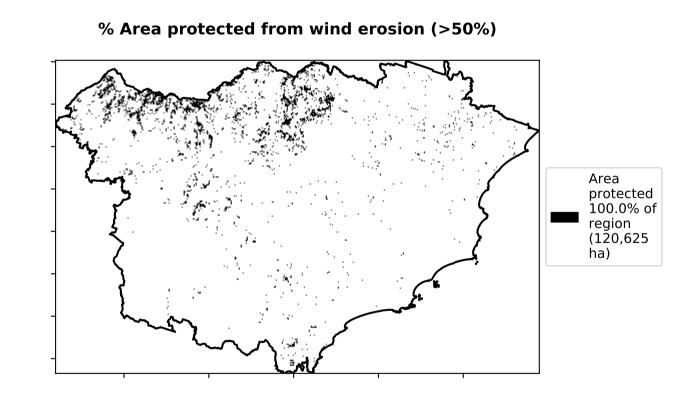
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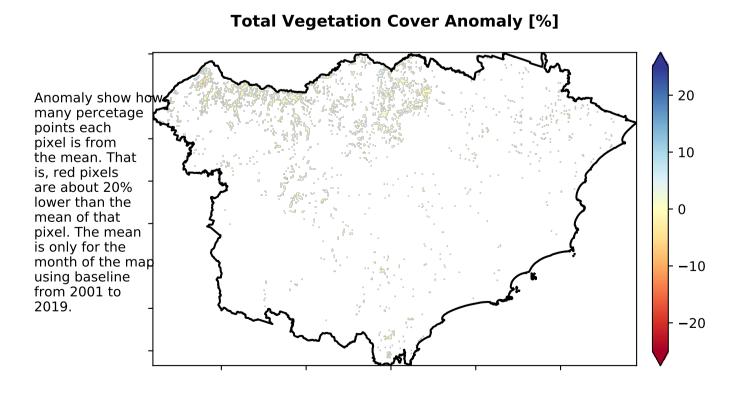
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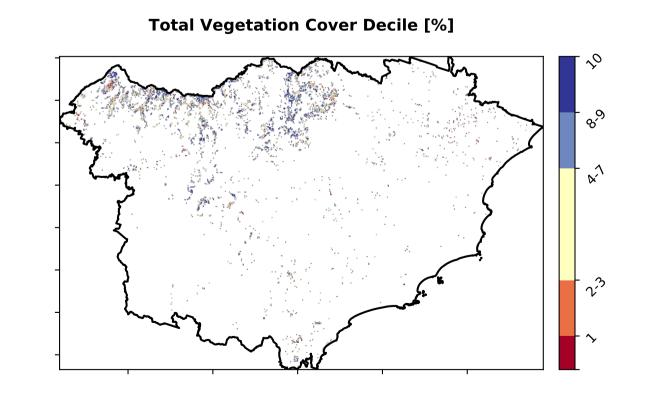
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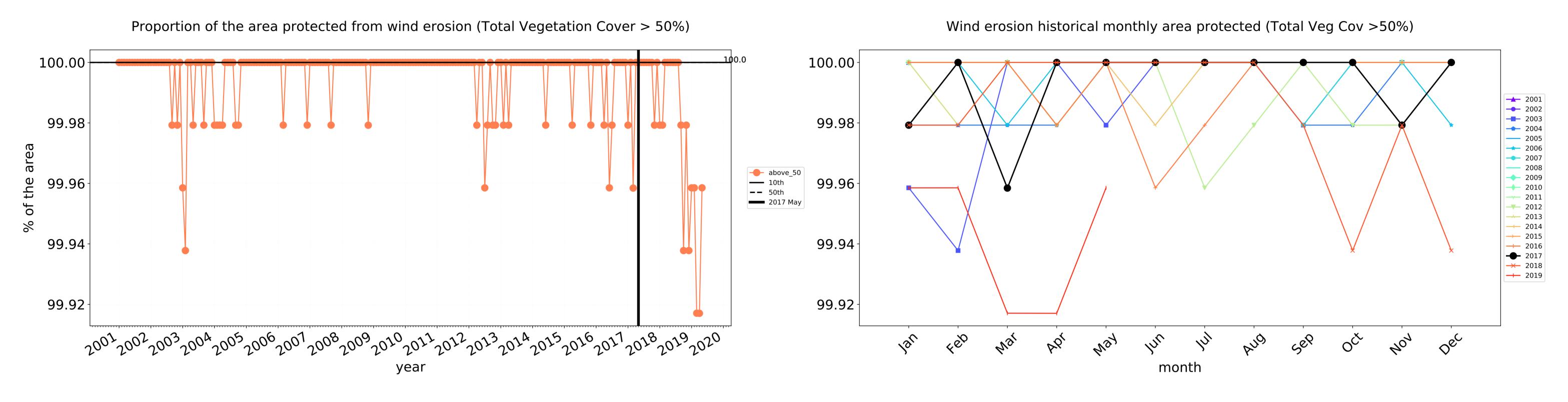
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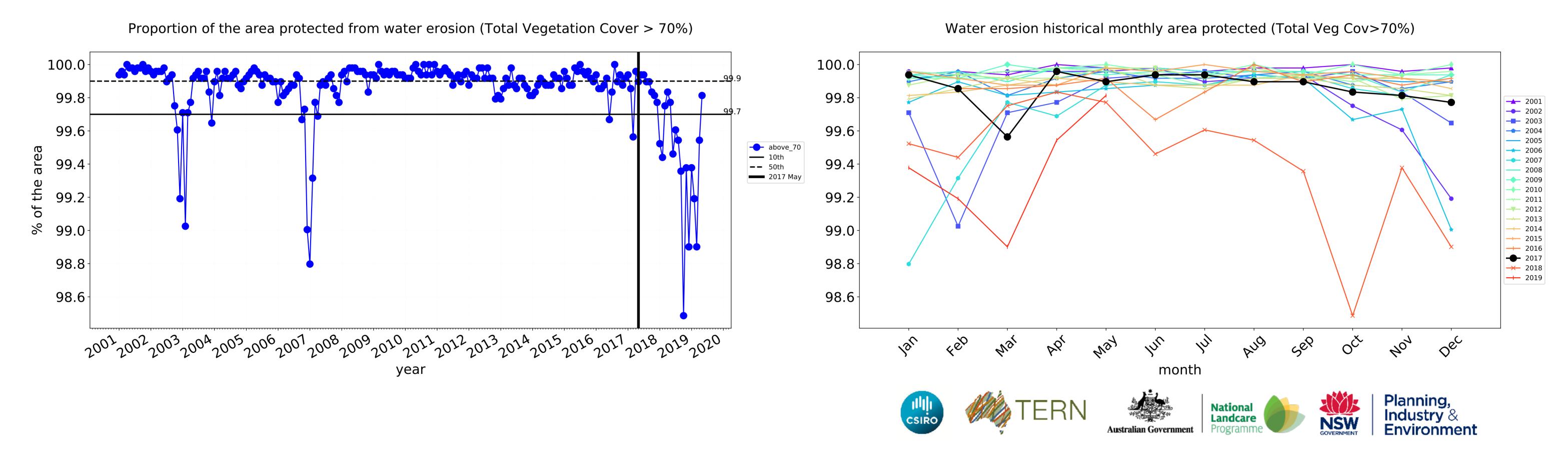


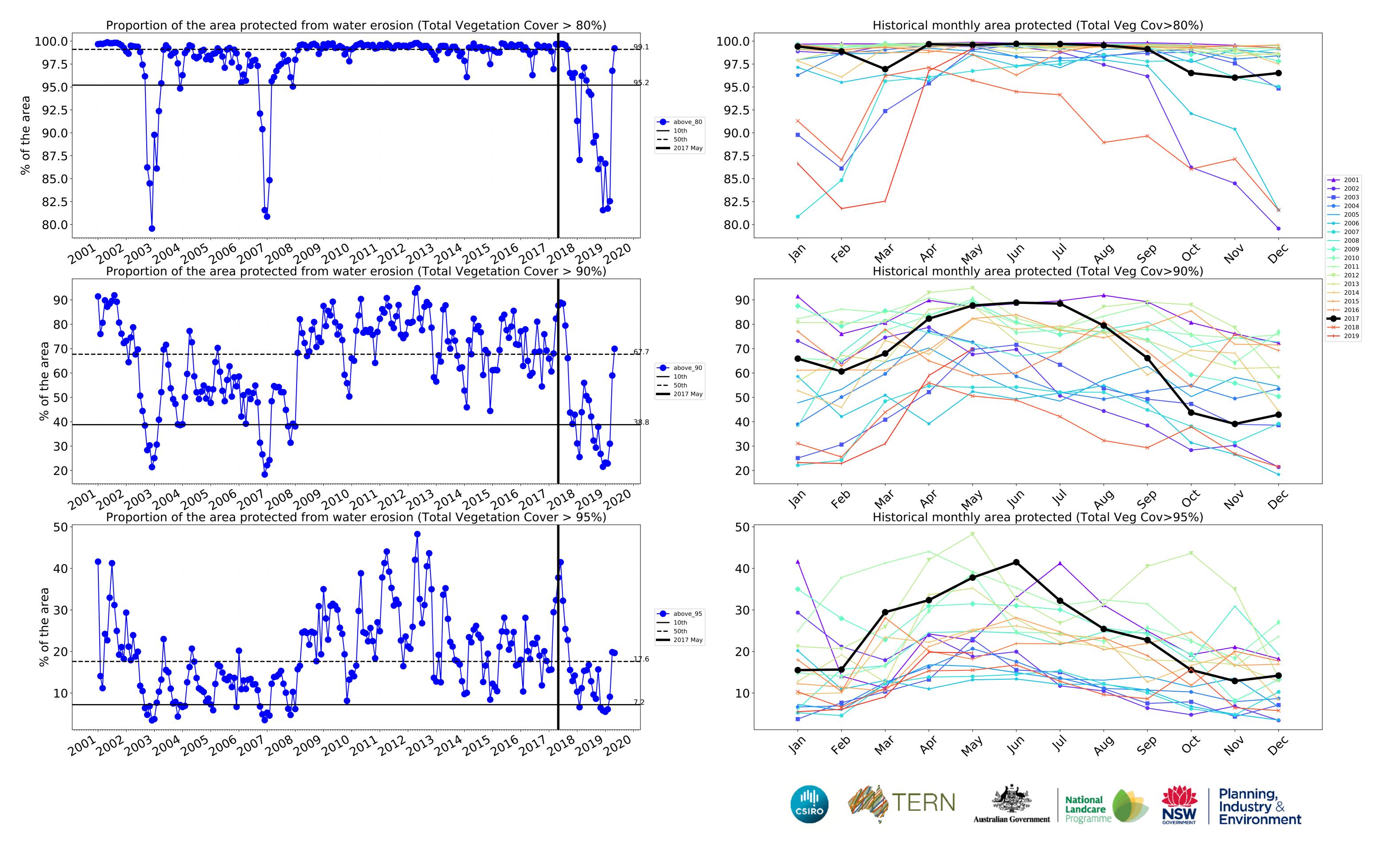




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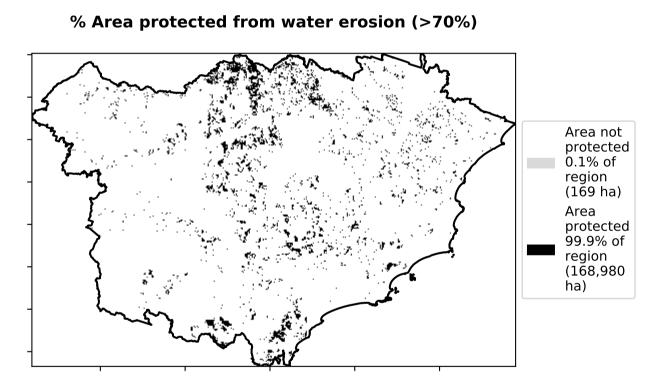


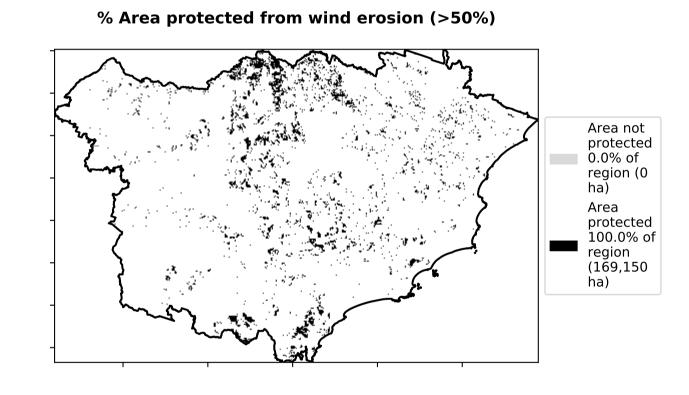
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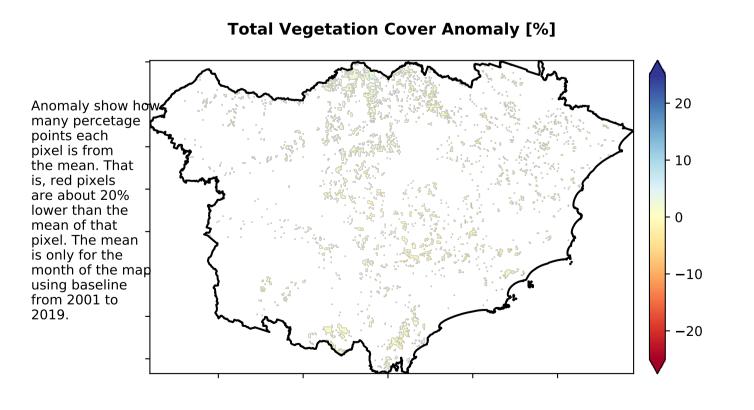
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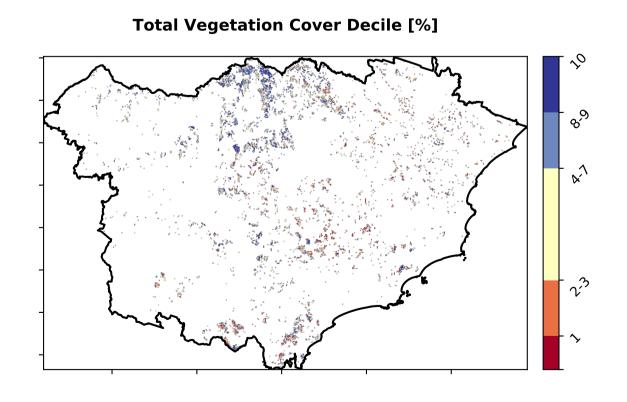
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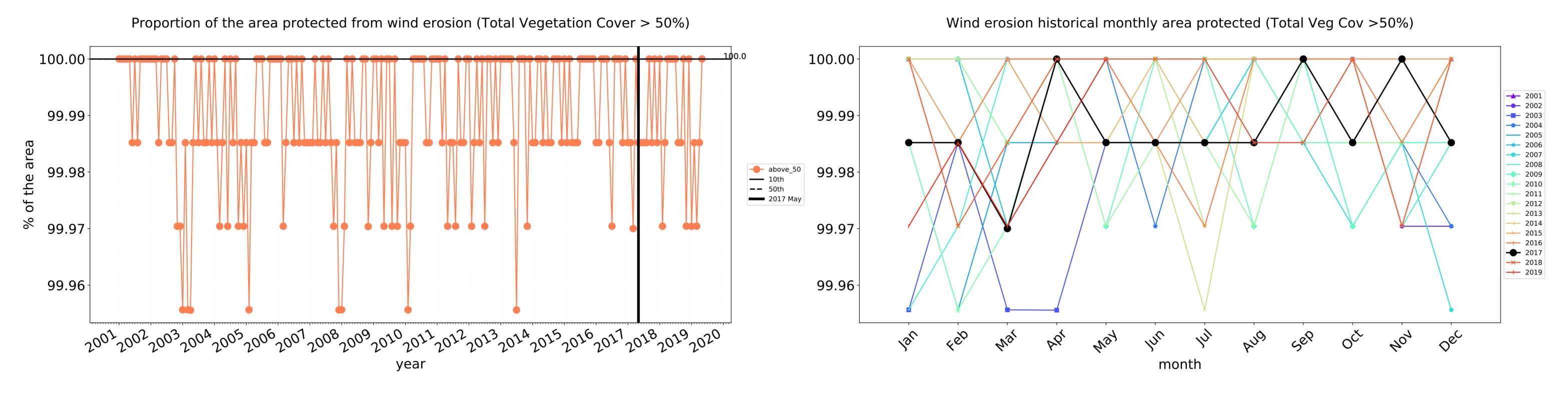


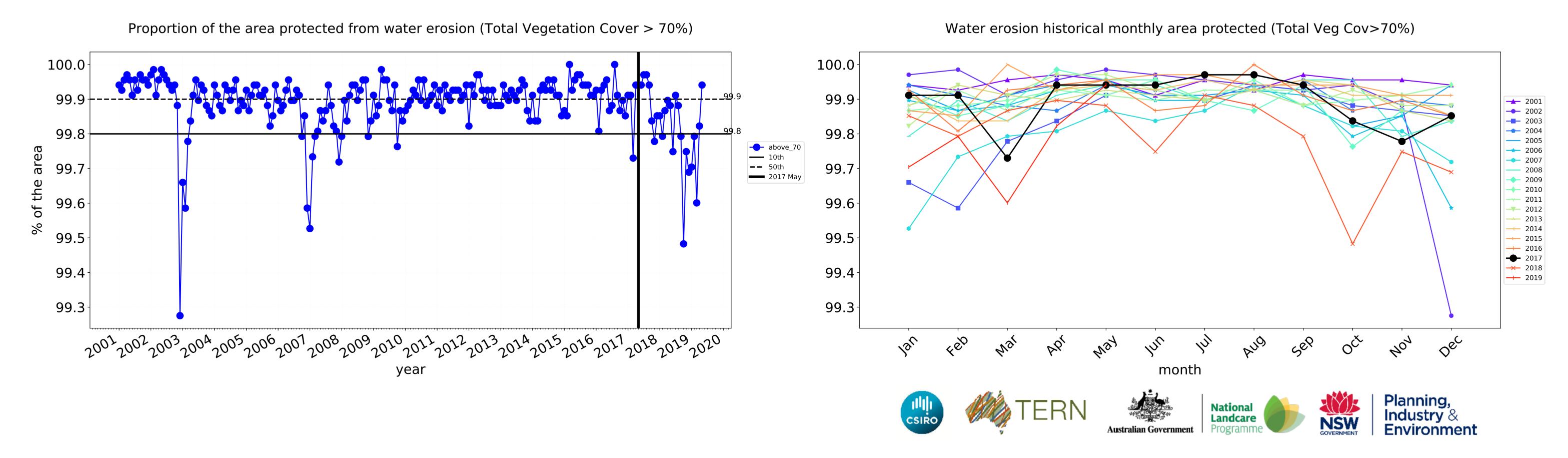


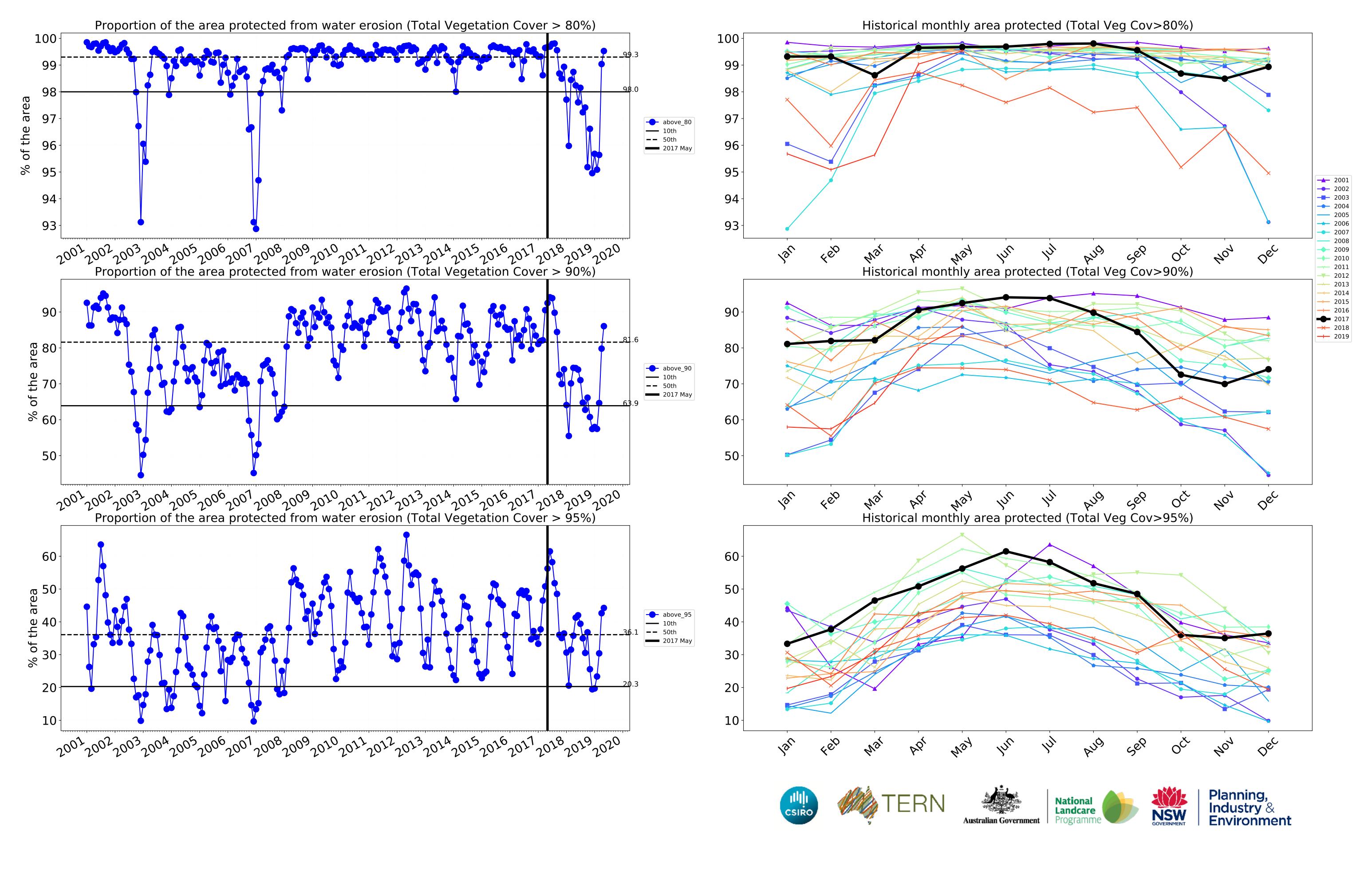






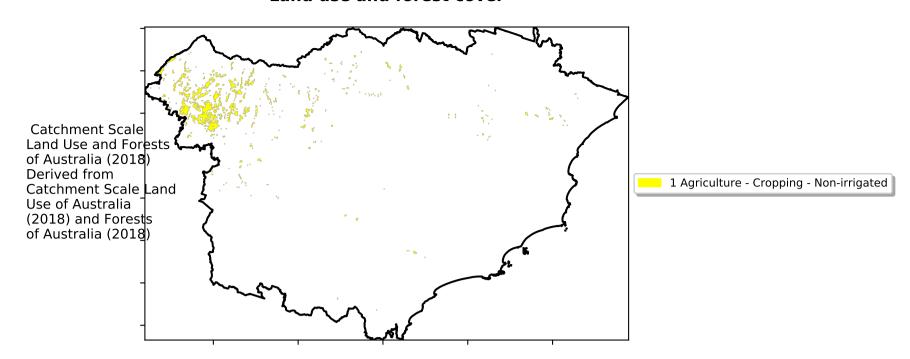




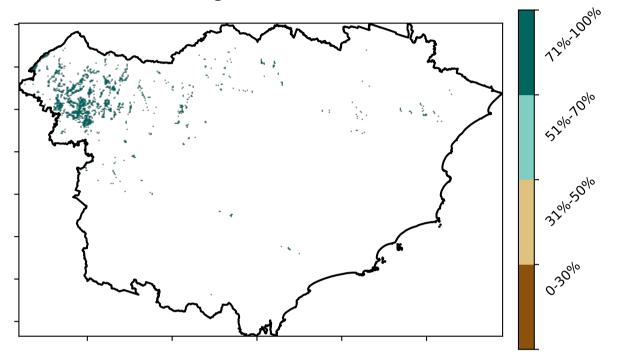


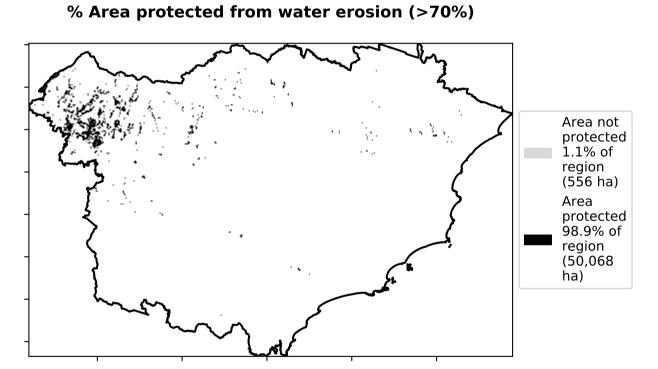
### **Cropping**

### Land use and forest cover

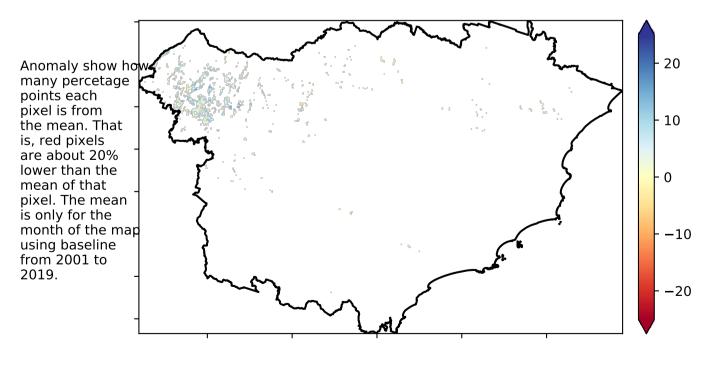


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



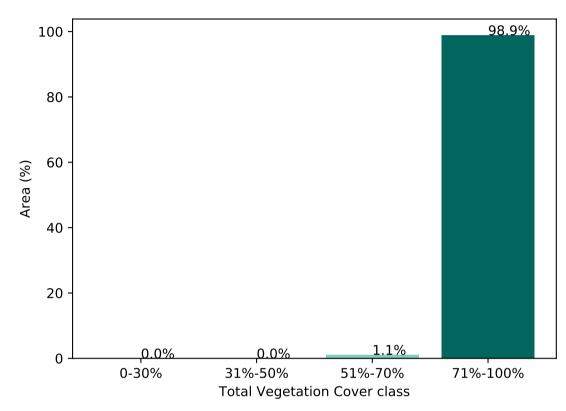


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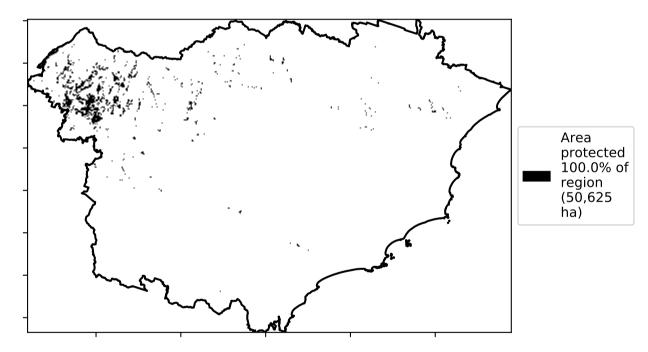


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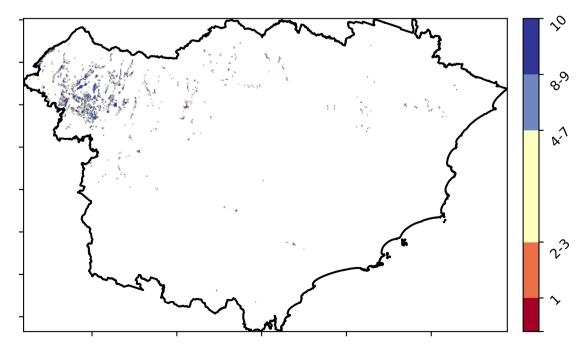
### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



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







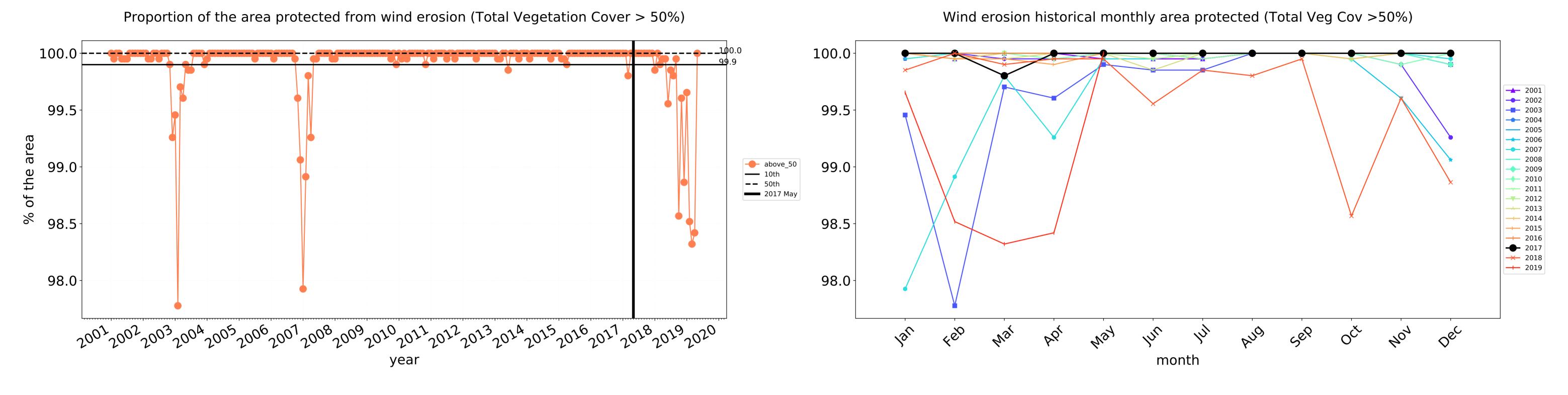


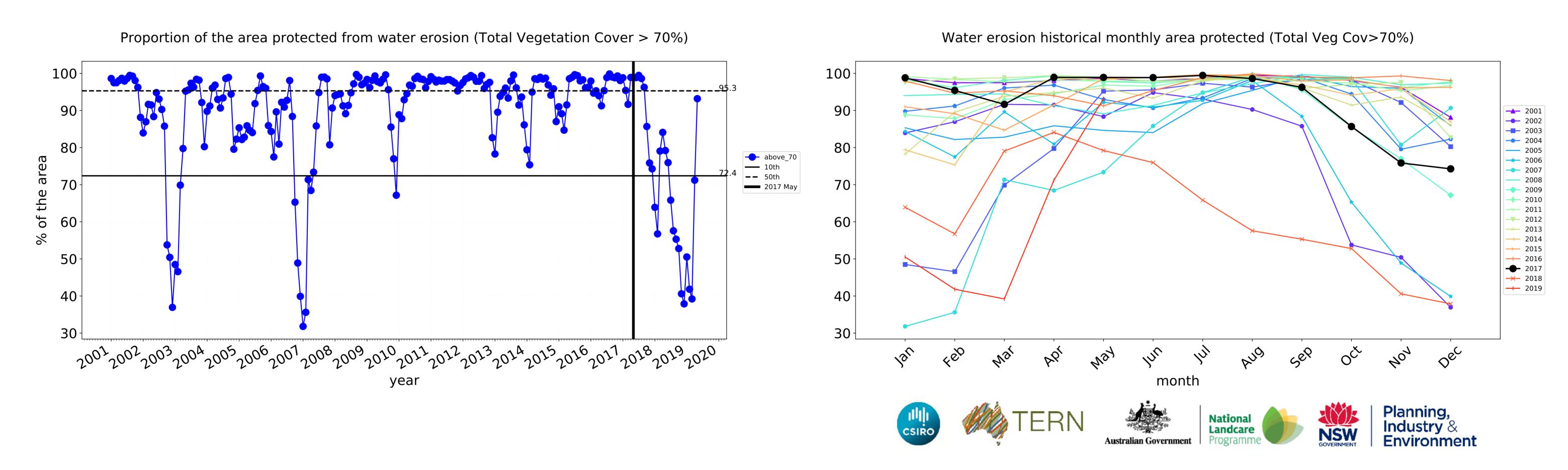


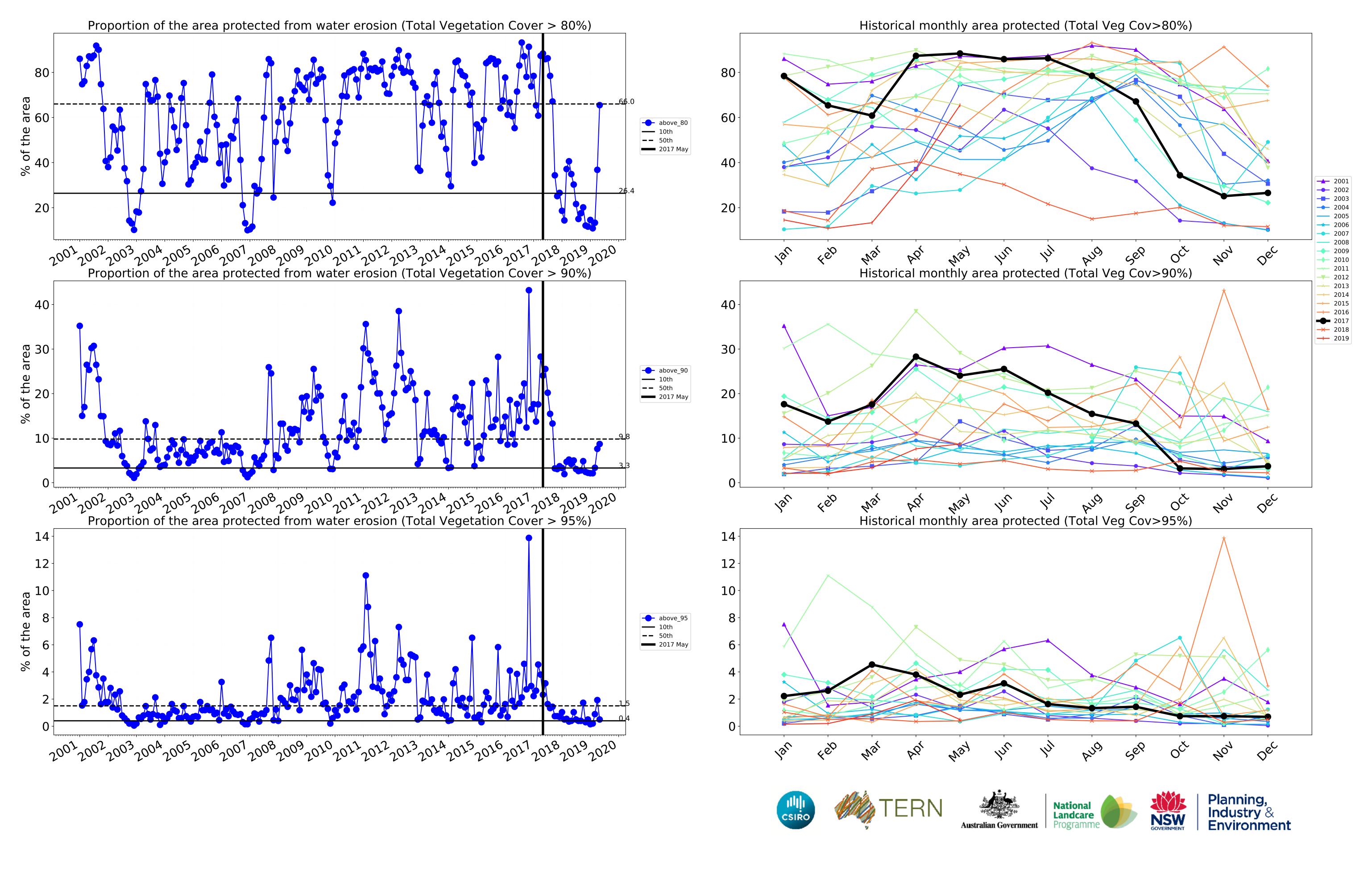




### **Cropping timeseries**





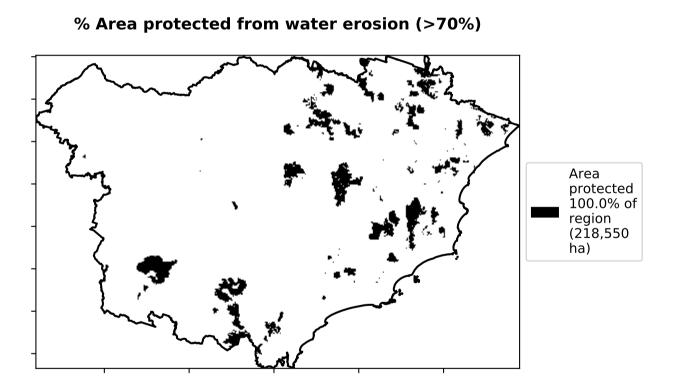


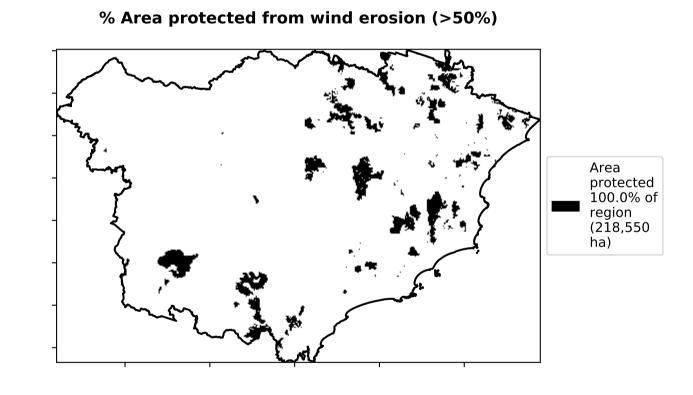
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

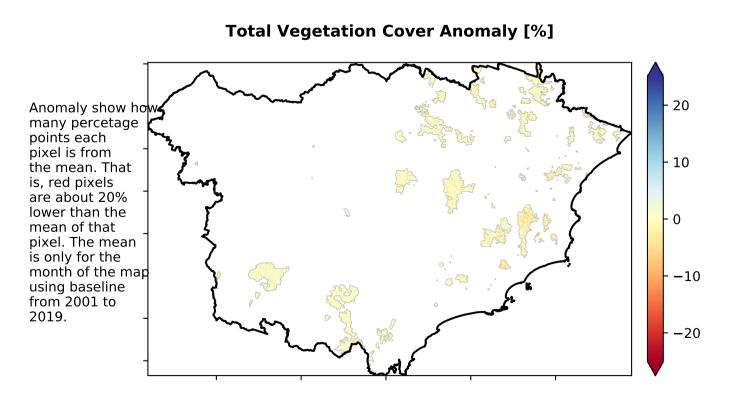
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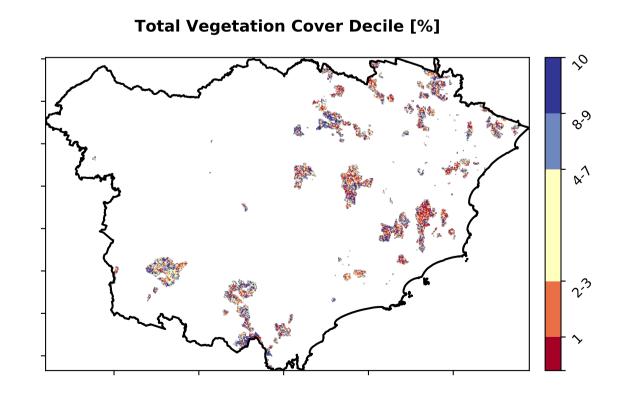
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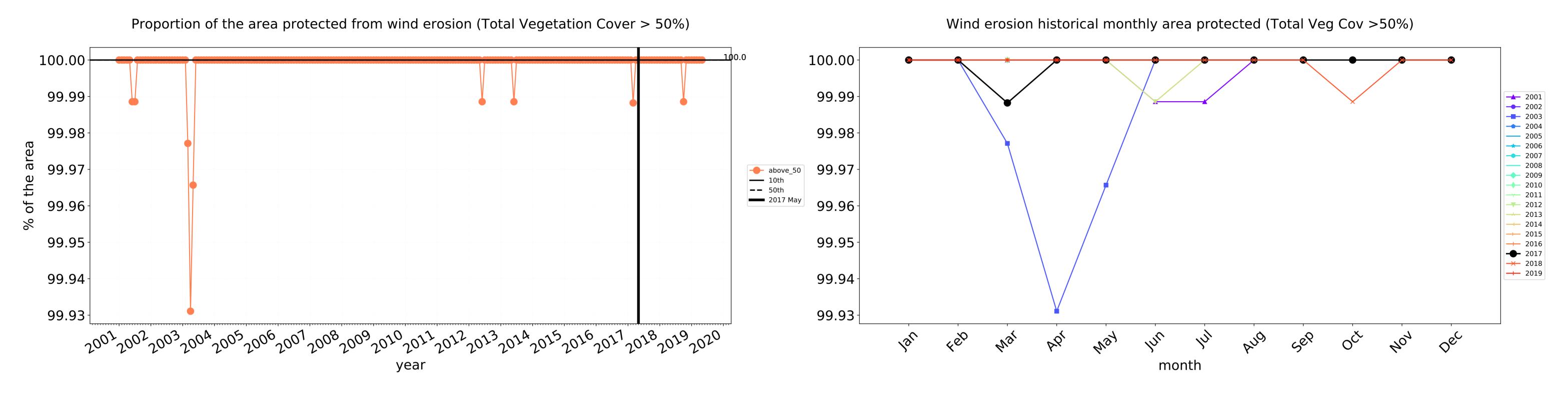


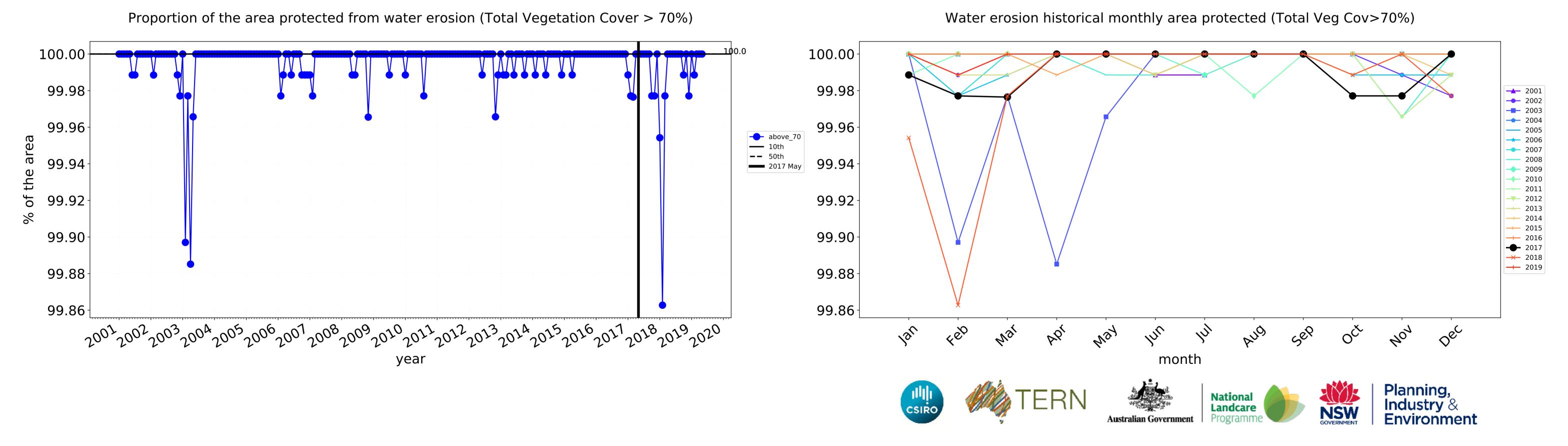


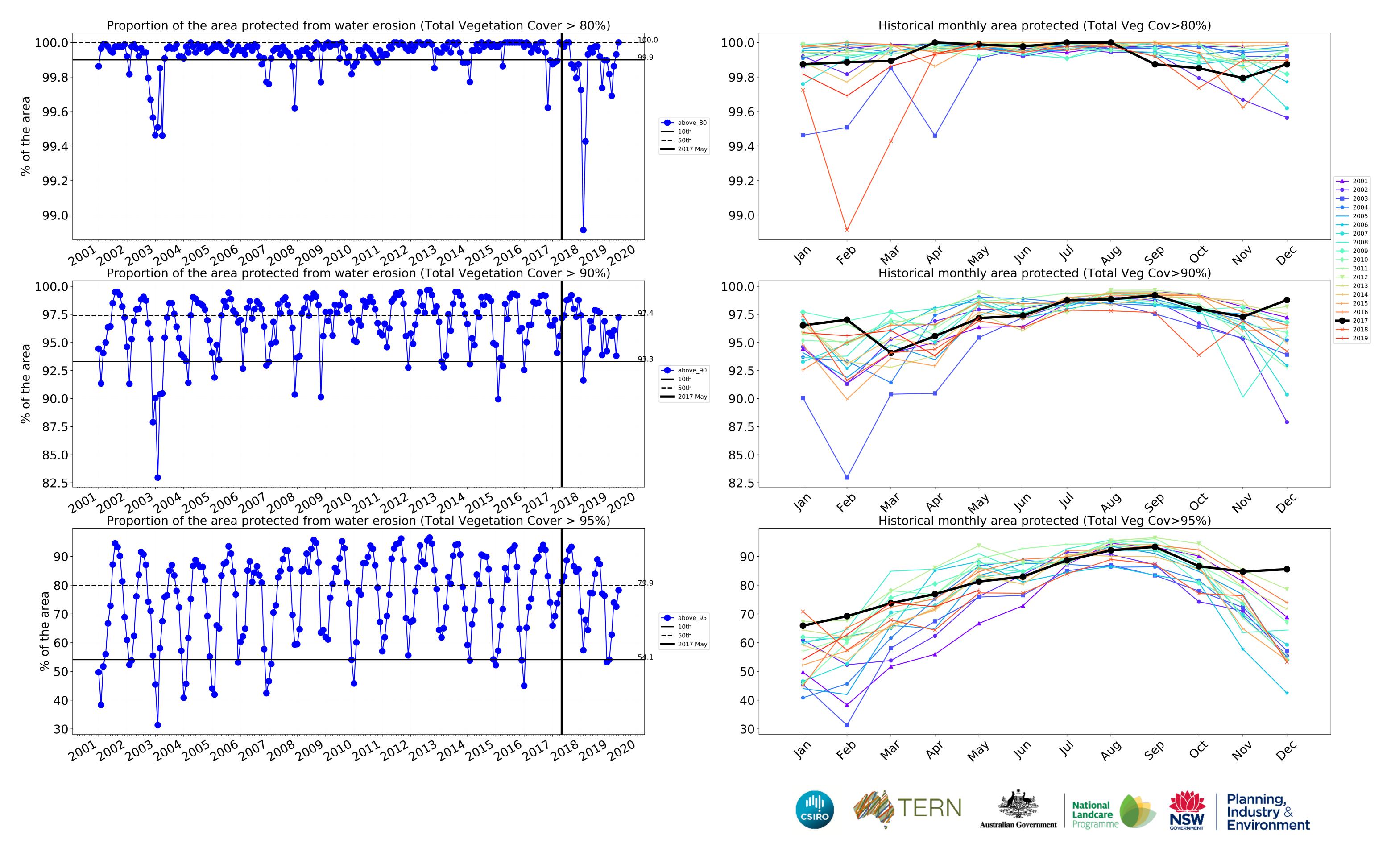




### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







### Hunter (3,239,200 ha and no data 61,225 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	3,239,200	99.9% 3,235,526	99.6% 3,227,154	98.8% 3,199,564	97.2% 3,146,959	78.7% 2,550,610	45.4% 1,469,244
Conservation and natural environments	1,241,700	99.9% 1,240,725	99.9% 1,239,950	99.7% 1,238,275	99.4% 1,234,675	95.5% 1,185,700	72.2% 896,525
Conservation and natural environments non forest	30,550	96.9% 29,600	94.8% 28,975	91.2% 27,850	86.8% 26,525	74.4% 22,725	38.9% 11,875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	138,950	100.0% 138,950	100.0% 138,925	99.9% 138,850	99.3% 138,000	94.8% 131,700	57.3% 79,650
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,072,200	100.0% 1,072,175	100.0% 1,072,050	99.9% 1,071,575	99.8% 1,070,150	96.2% 1,031,275	75.1% 805,000
Agriculture	1,580,675	100.0% 1,580,675	100.0% 1,580,500	99.8% 1,578,125	98.7% 1,559,675	68.7% 1,085,150	23.5% 370,750
Grazing	1,502,675	100.0% 1,502,675	100.0% 1,502,500	99.9% 1,500,775	99.1% 1,489,475	71.1% 1,068,475	24.6% 369,100
Grazing non forest	1,212,900	100.0% 1,212,900	100.0% 1,212,750	99.9% 1,211,225	99.0% 1,200,750	66.5% 806,250	18.8% 228,375
Grazing Woodland forest	120,625	100.0% 120,625	100.0% 120,625	99.9% 120,500	99.6% 120,125	87.7% 105,775	37.8% 45,575
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	169,150	100.0% 169,150	100.0% 169,125	99.9% 169,050	99.7% 168,600	92.5% 156,450	56.3% 95,150
Cropping	50,625	100.0% 50,625	100.0% 50,625	98.9% 50,075	88.4% 44,750	24.0% 12,175	2.3% 1,175
Production native forests and plantation forests	218,550	100.0% 218,550	100.0% 218,550	100.0% 218,550	100.0% 218,525	97.2% 212,350	81.2% 177,550











