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: October 2020

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 Oct 2020

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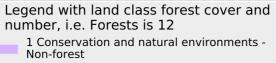
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Land use and forest cover number, i.e. Forests is 12





2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest

3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest

5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated

8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated

11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

12 Production native forests and plantation forests

13 Other uses

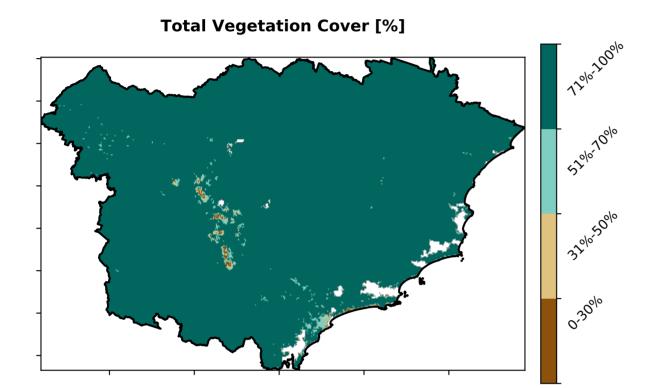
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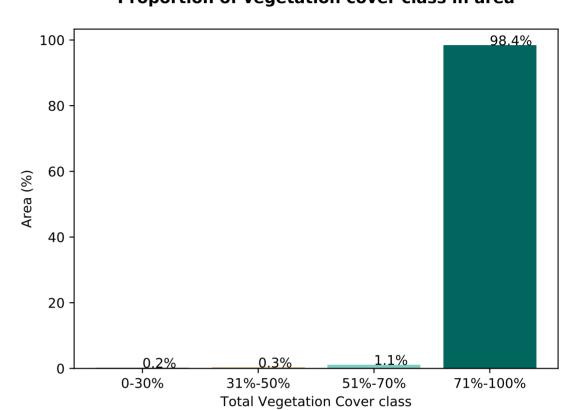
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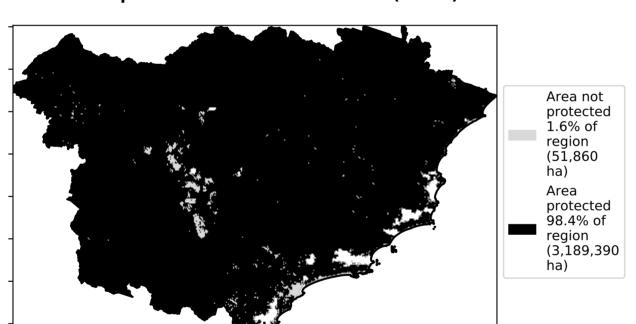
Proportion of each land class in area

36.9%





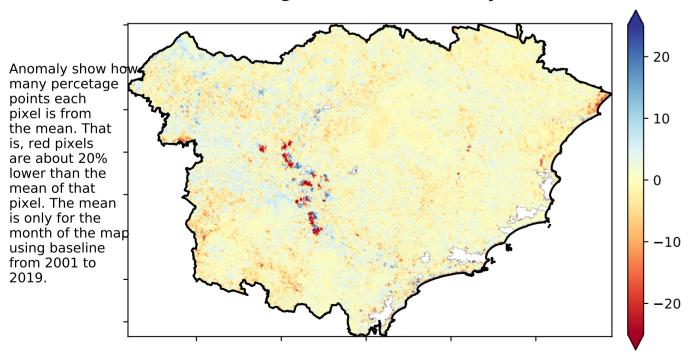
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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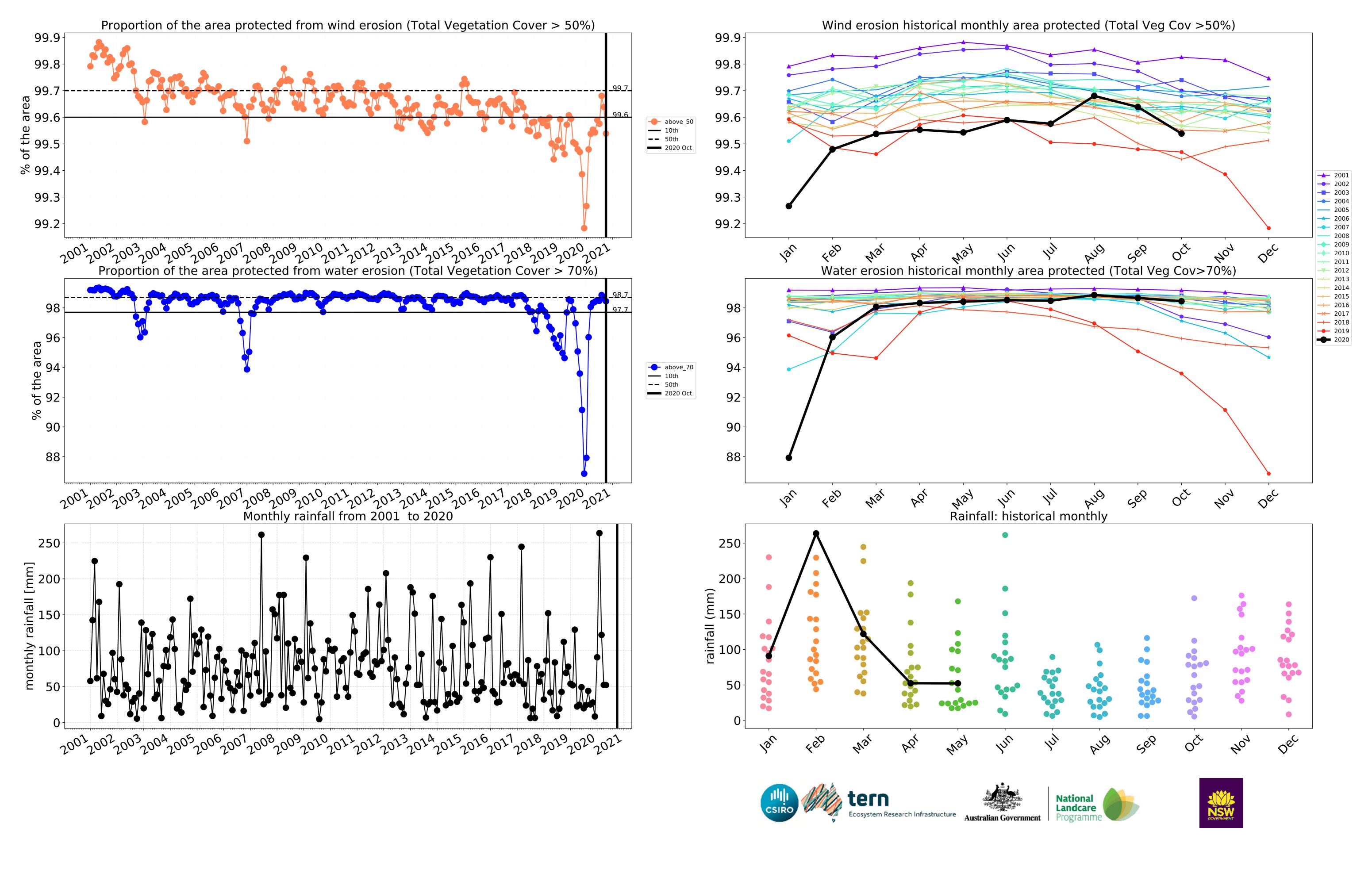
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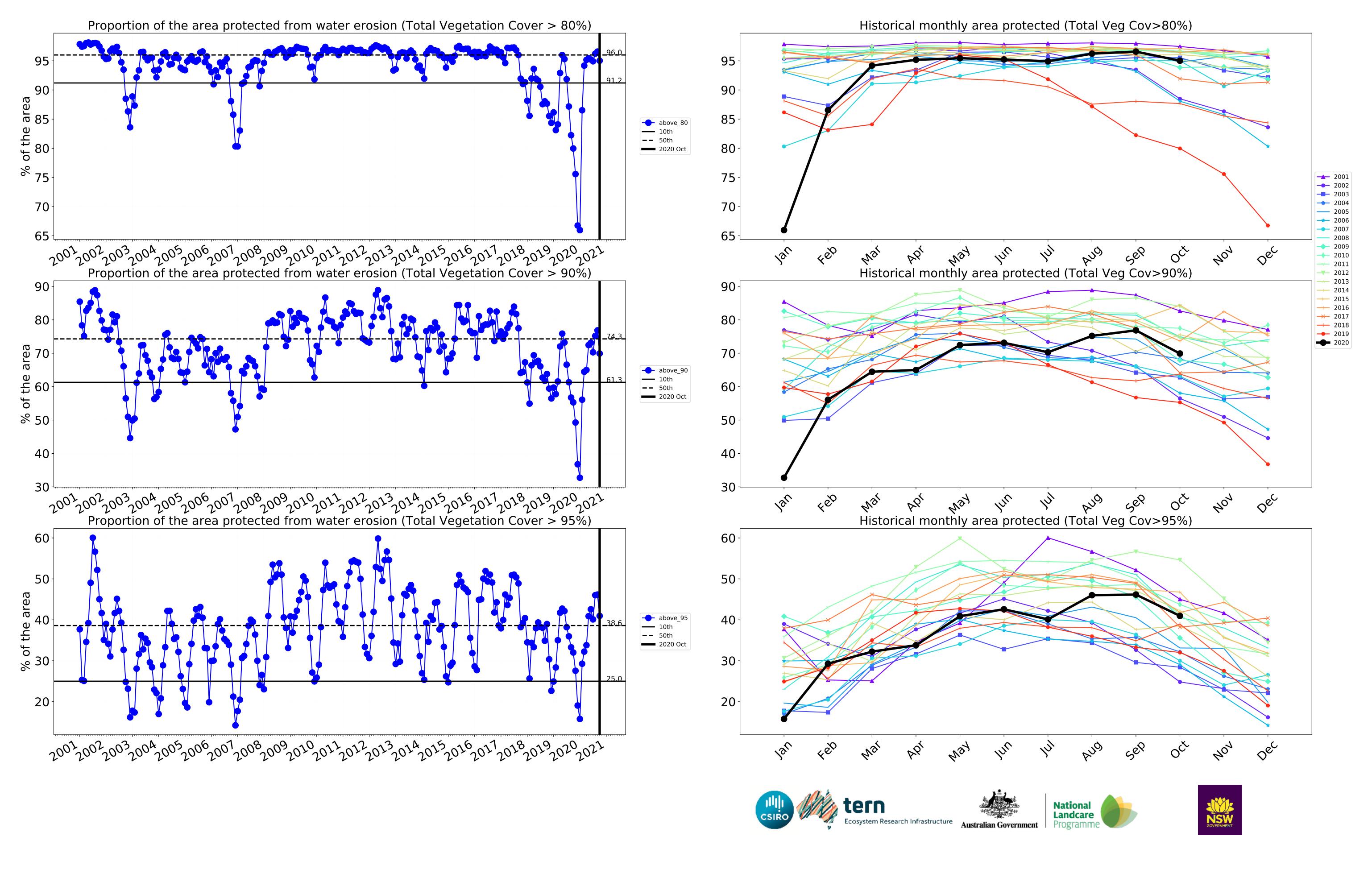




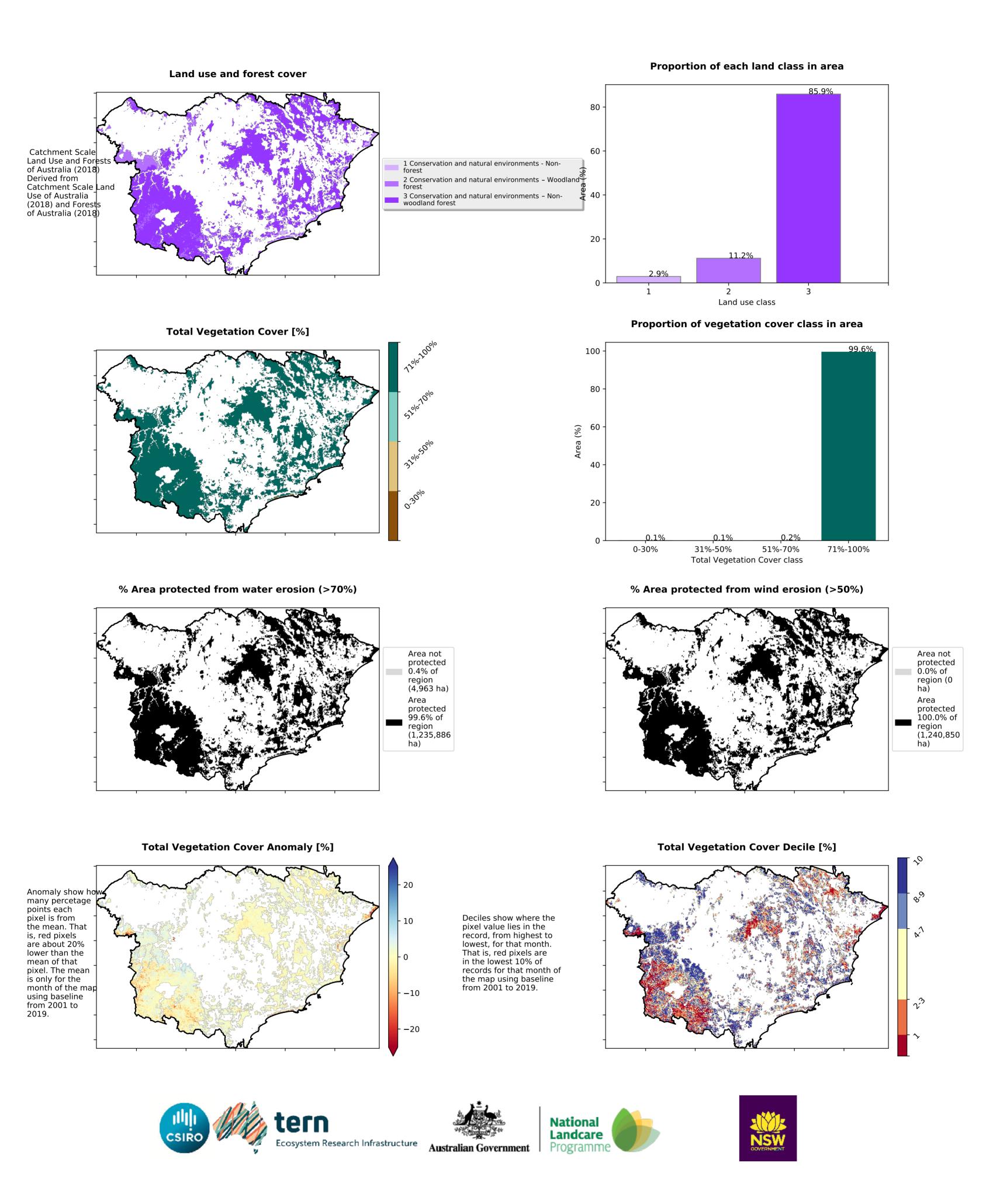




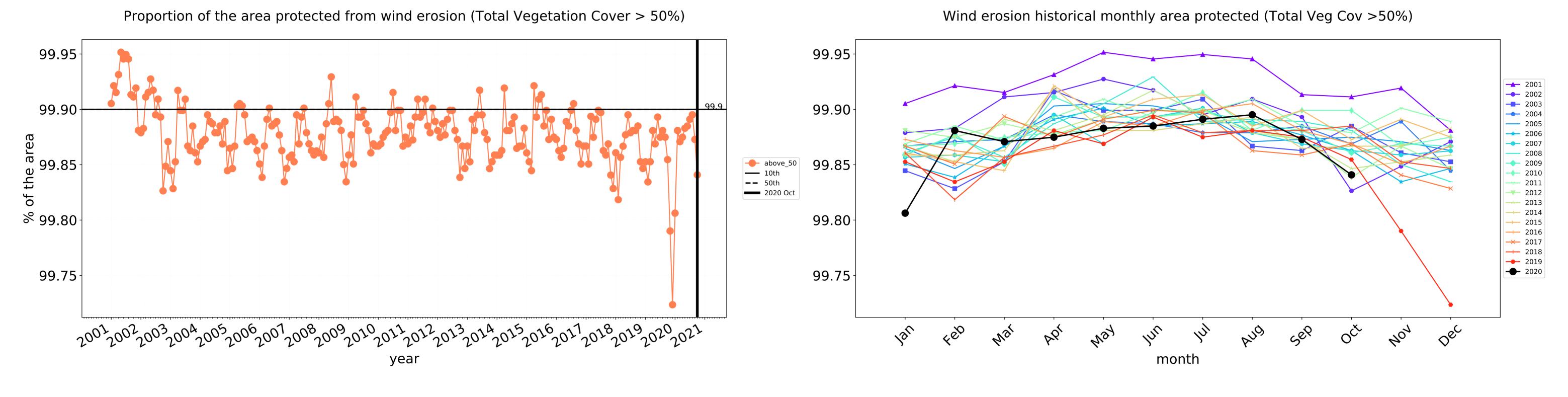
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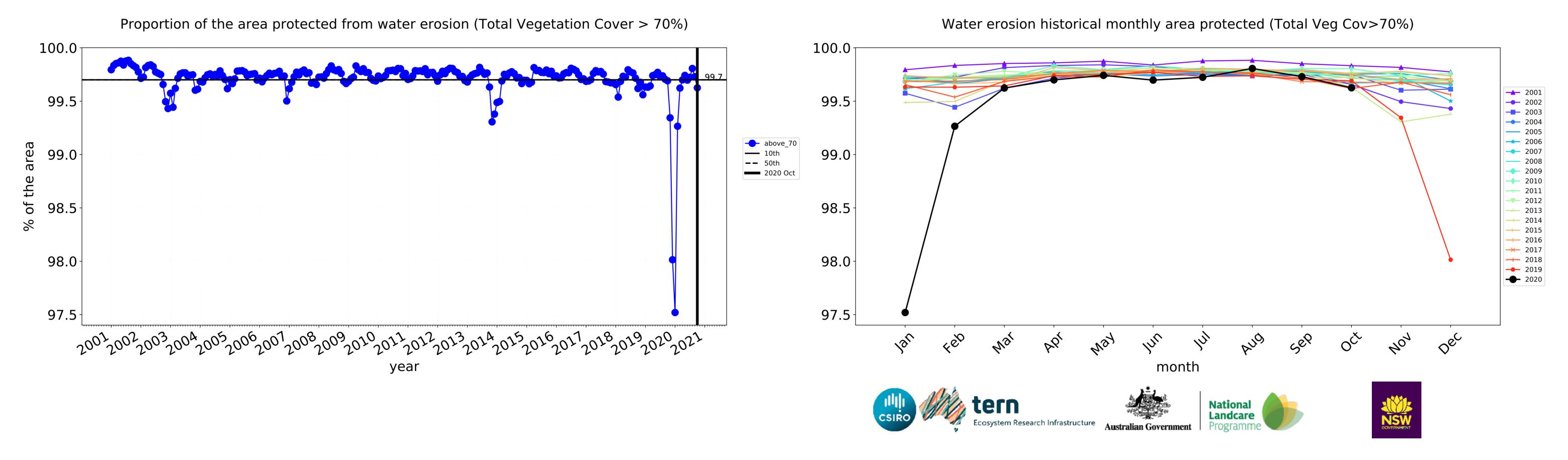


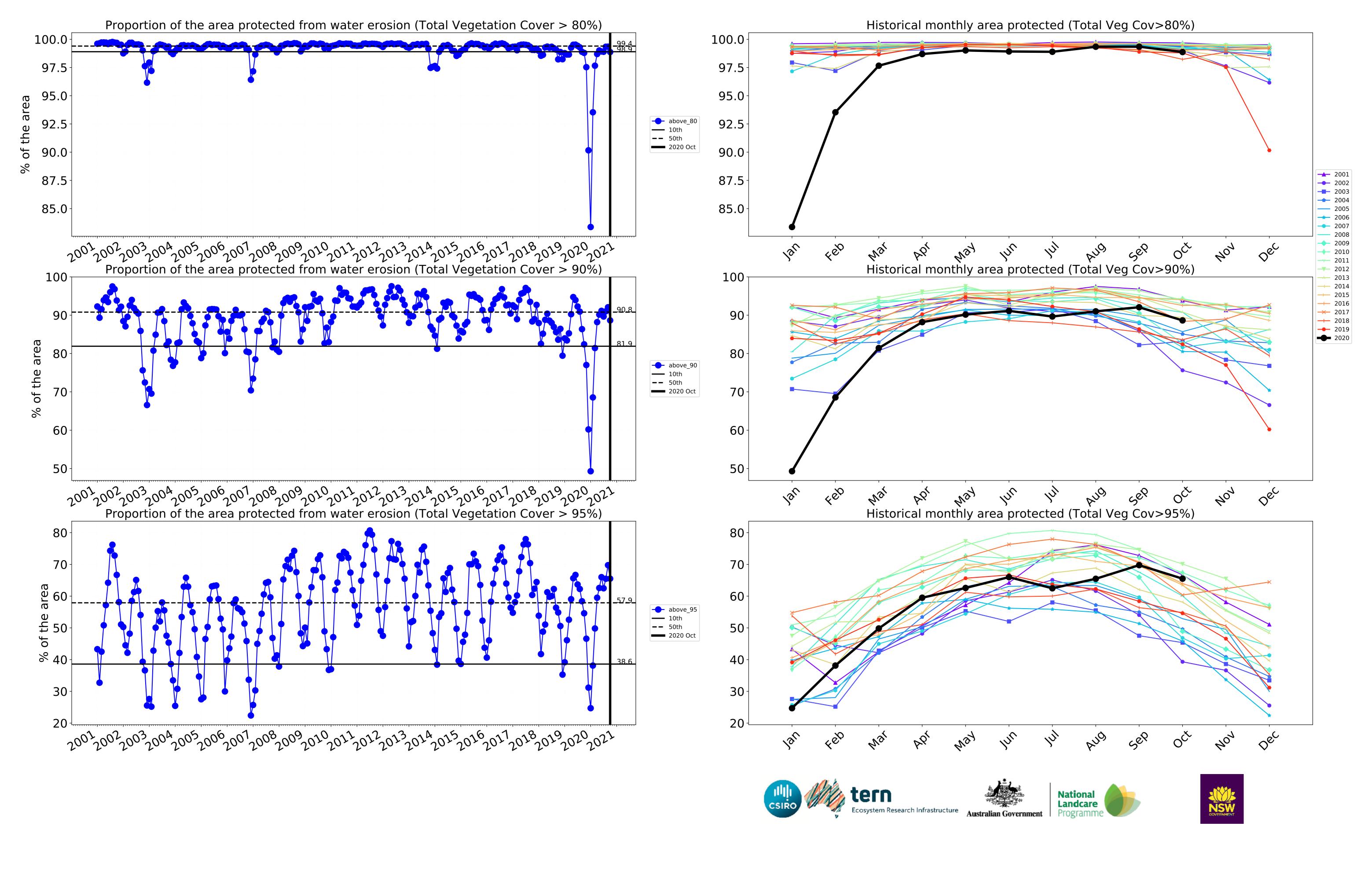
Conservation and natural environments



Conservation and natural environments timeseries



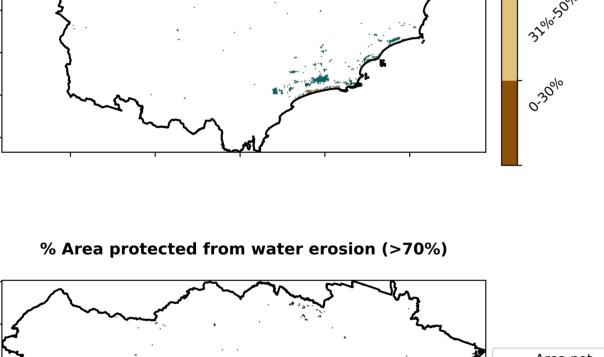


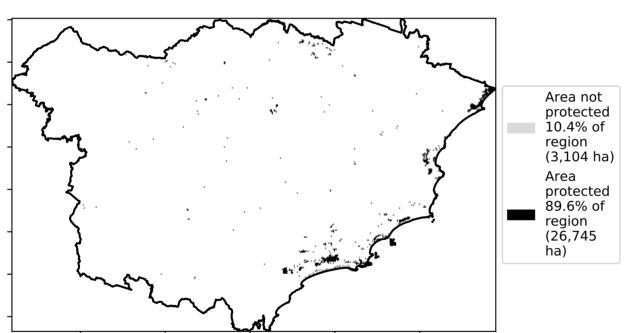


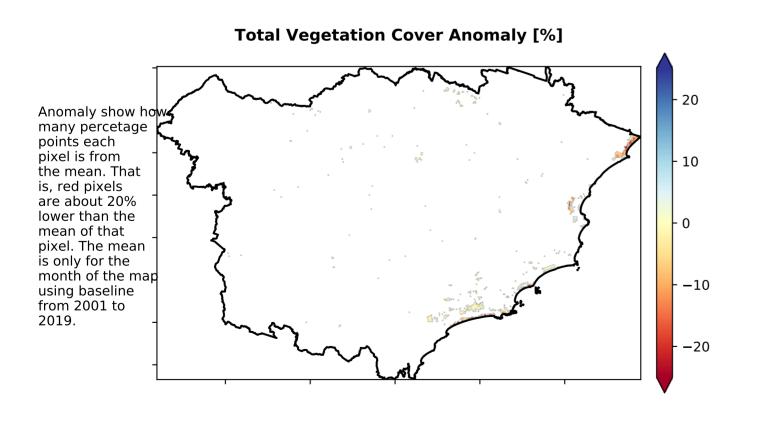
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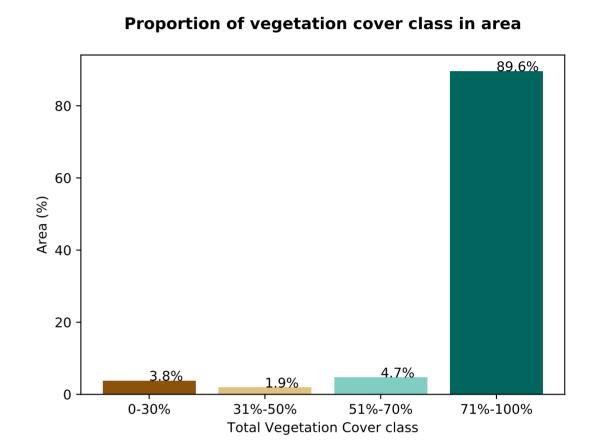
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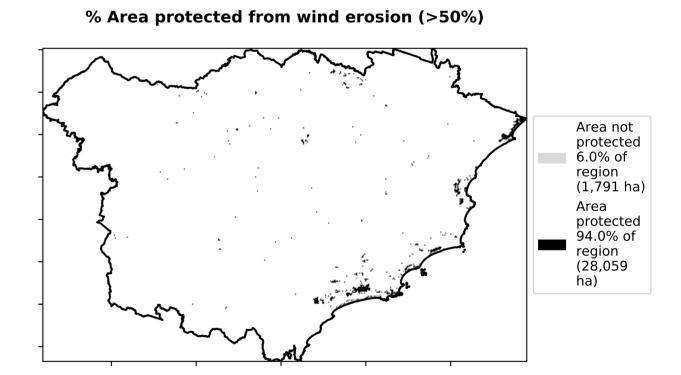
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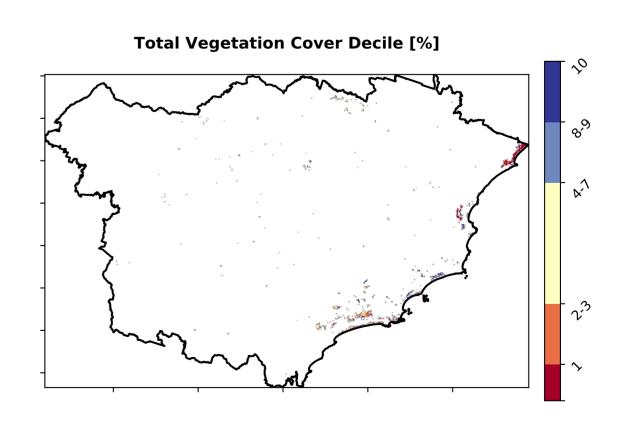












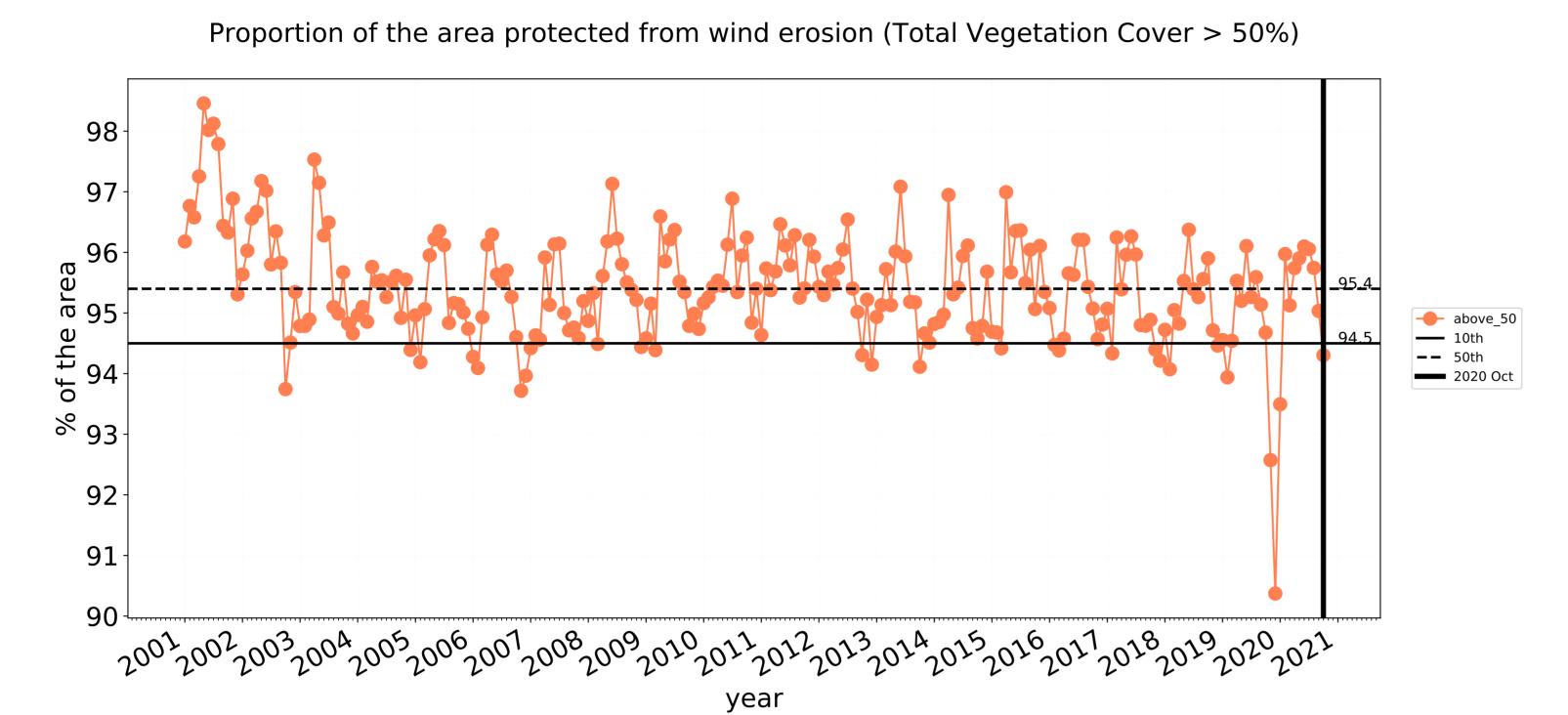




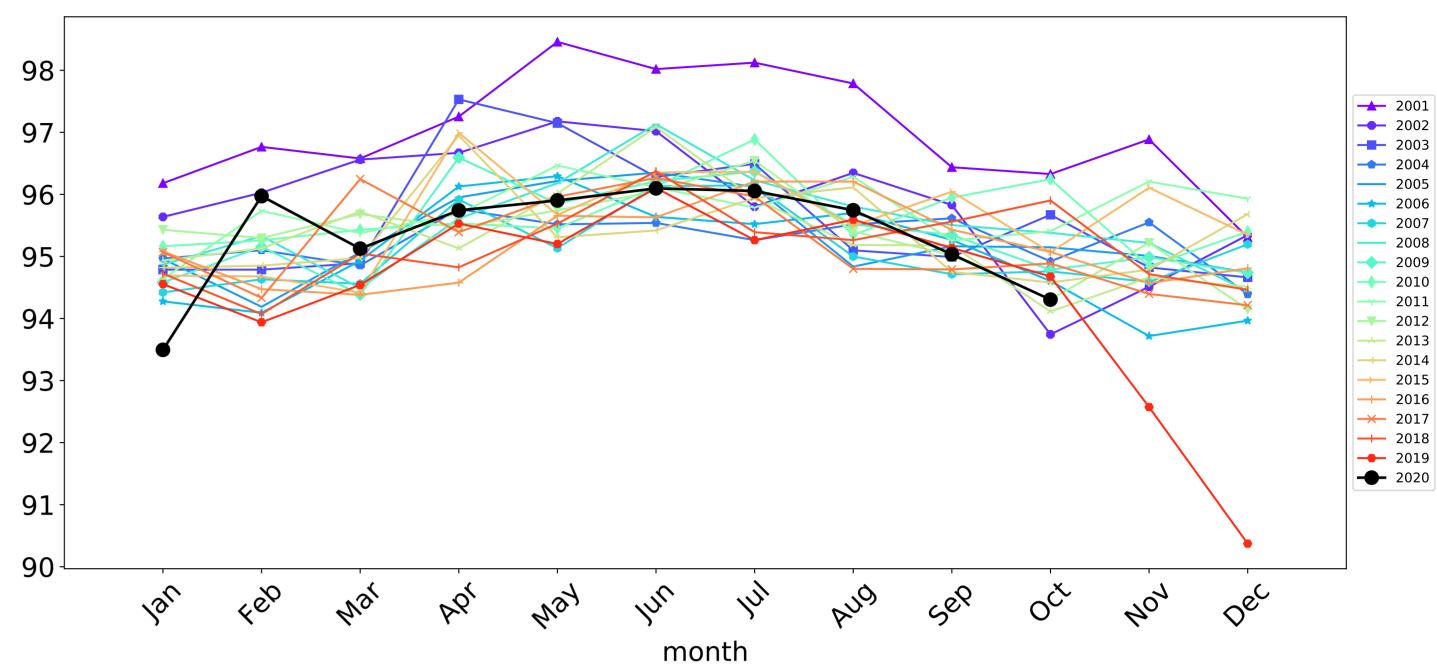




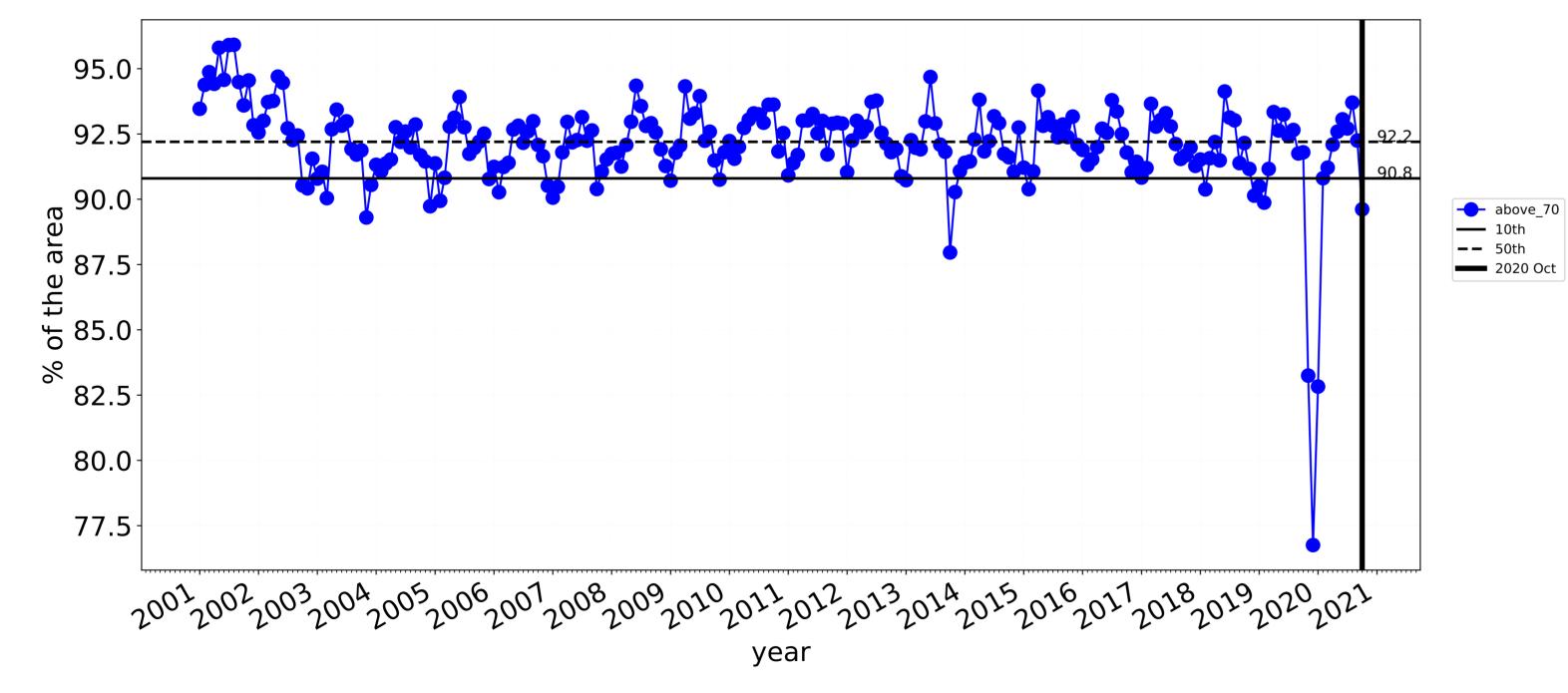
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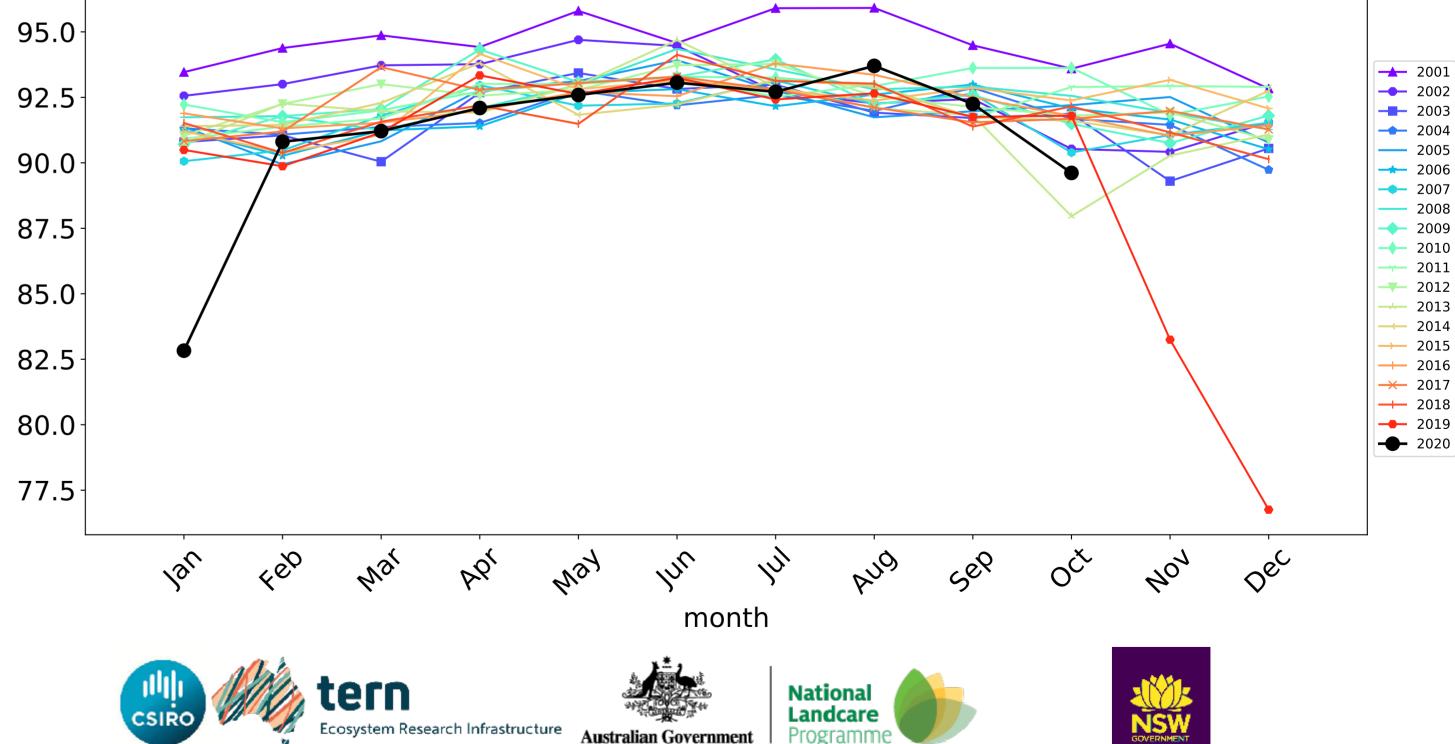




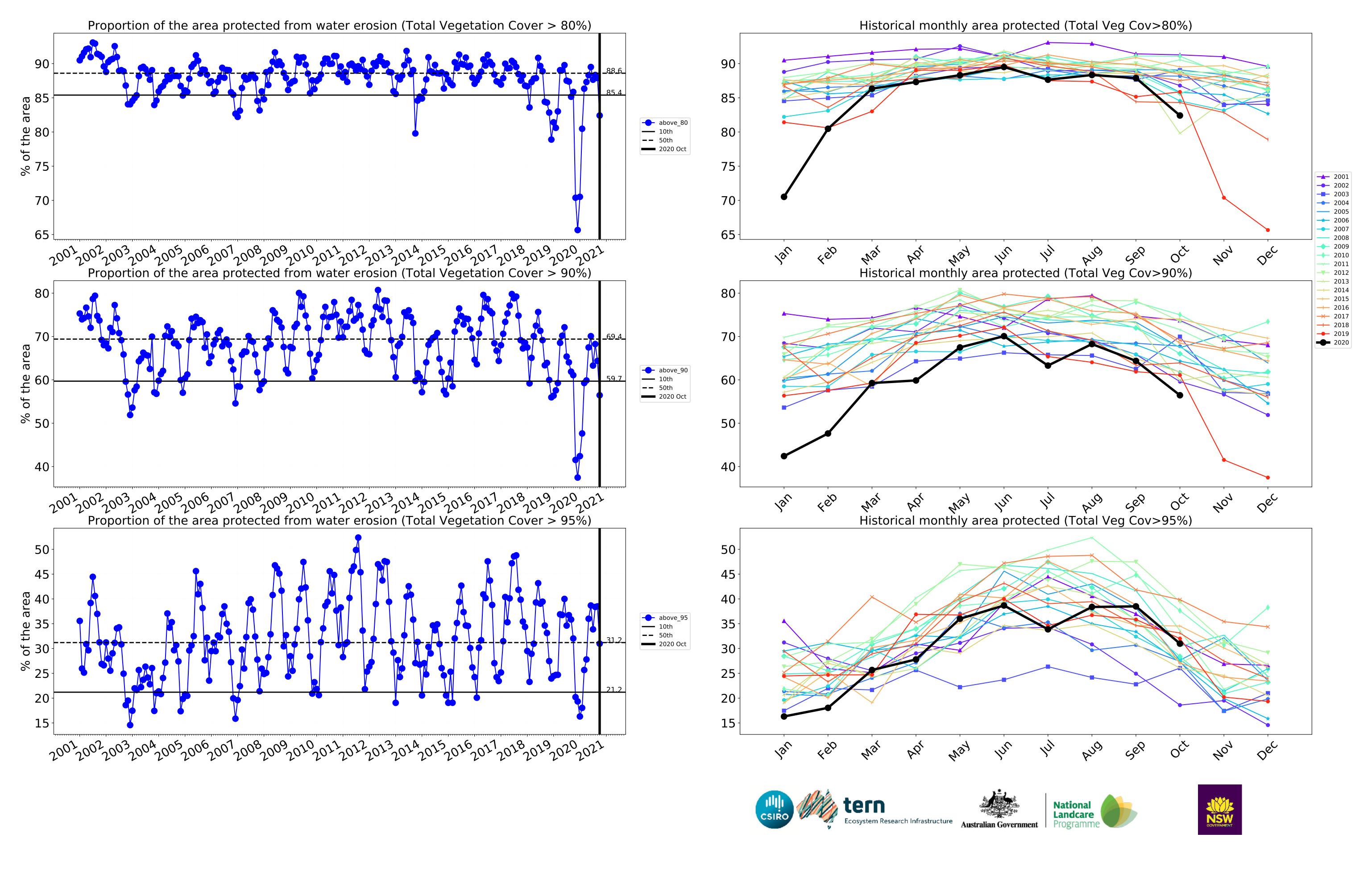




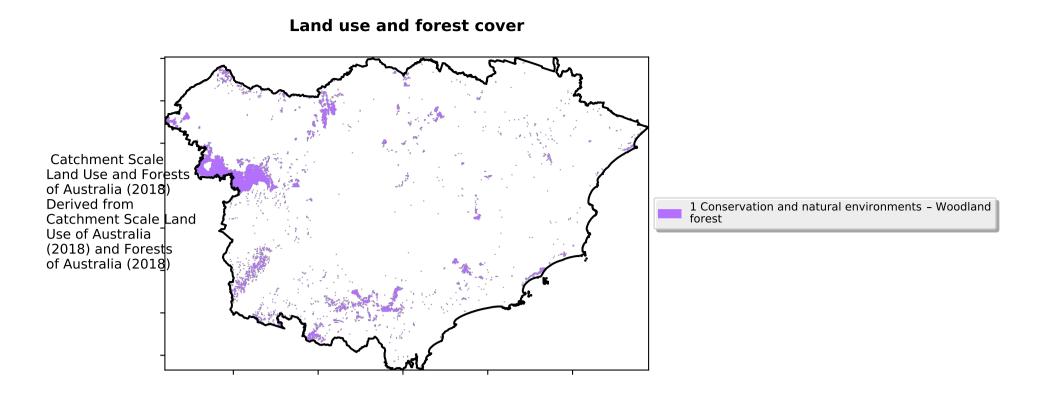
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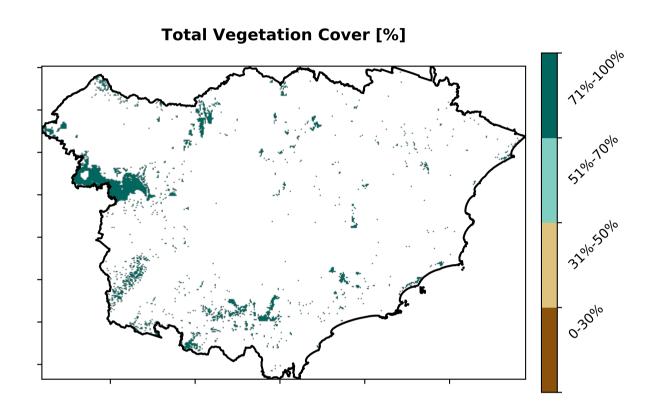


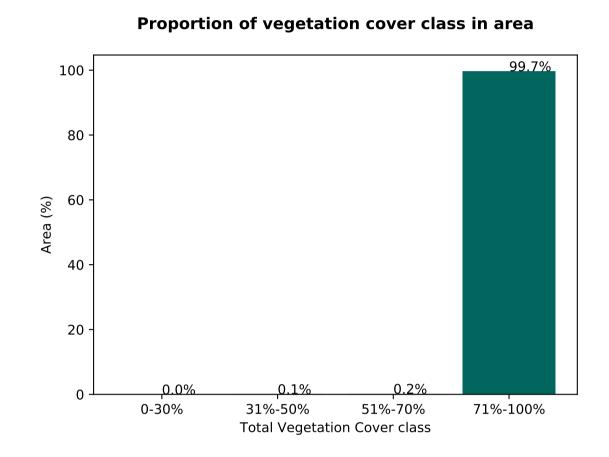


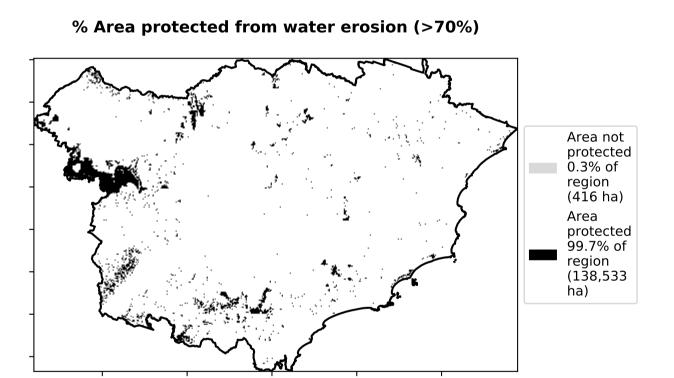


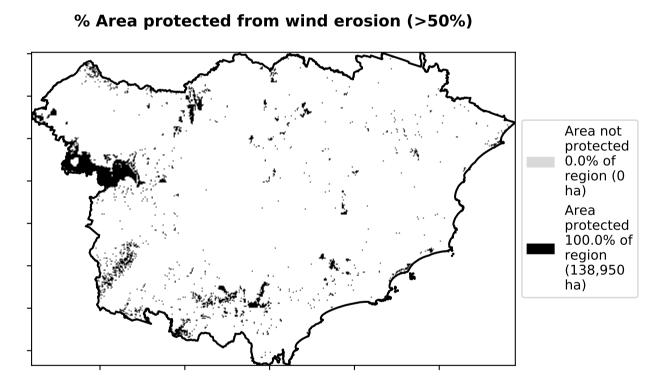
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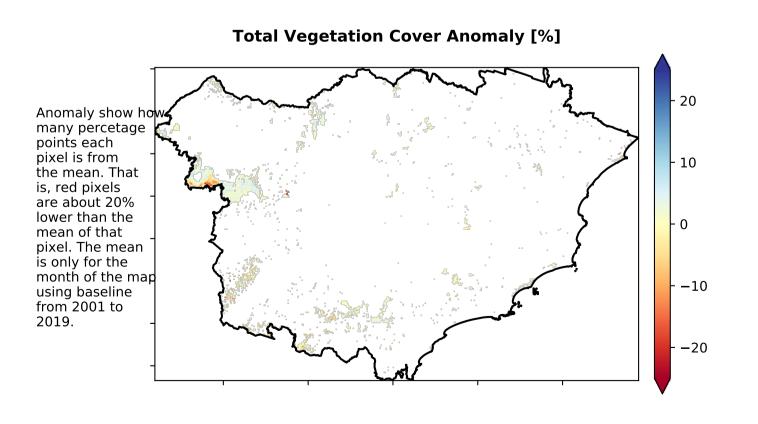


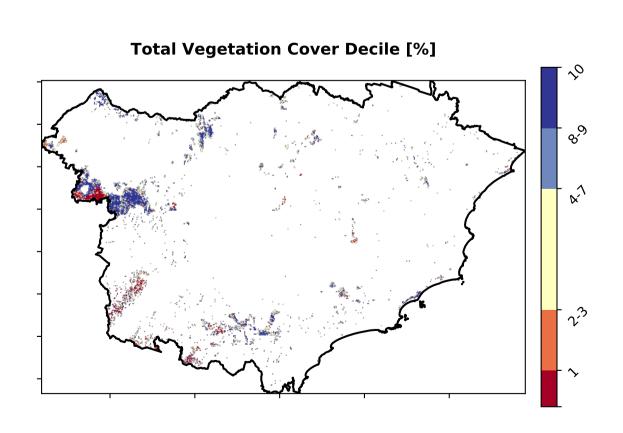












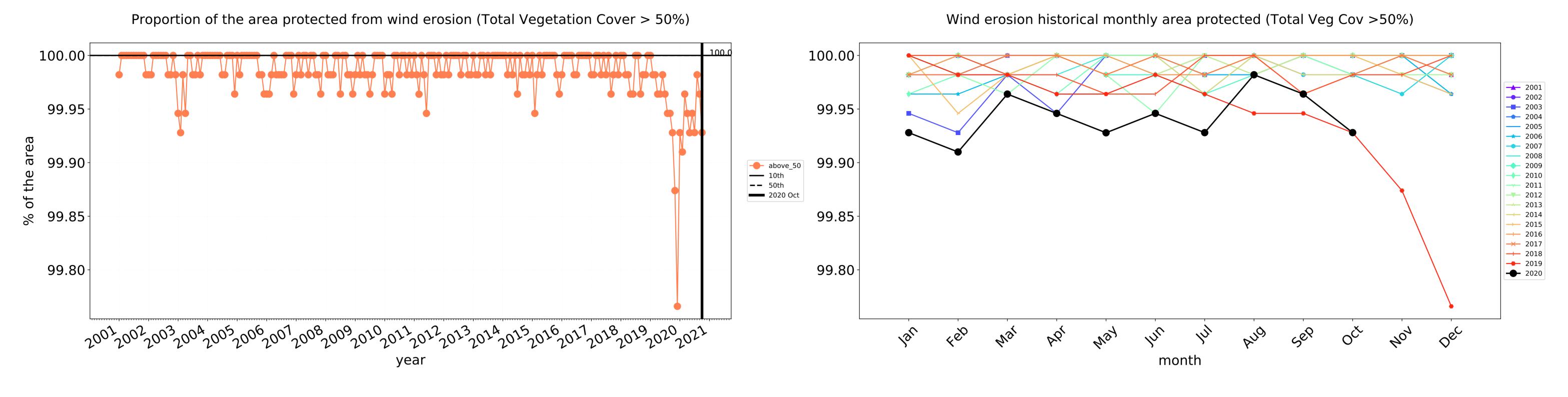


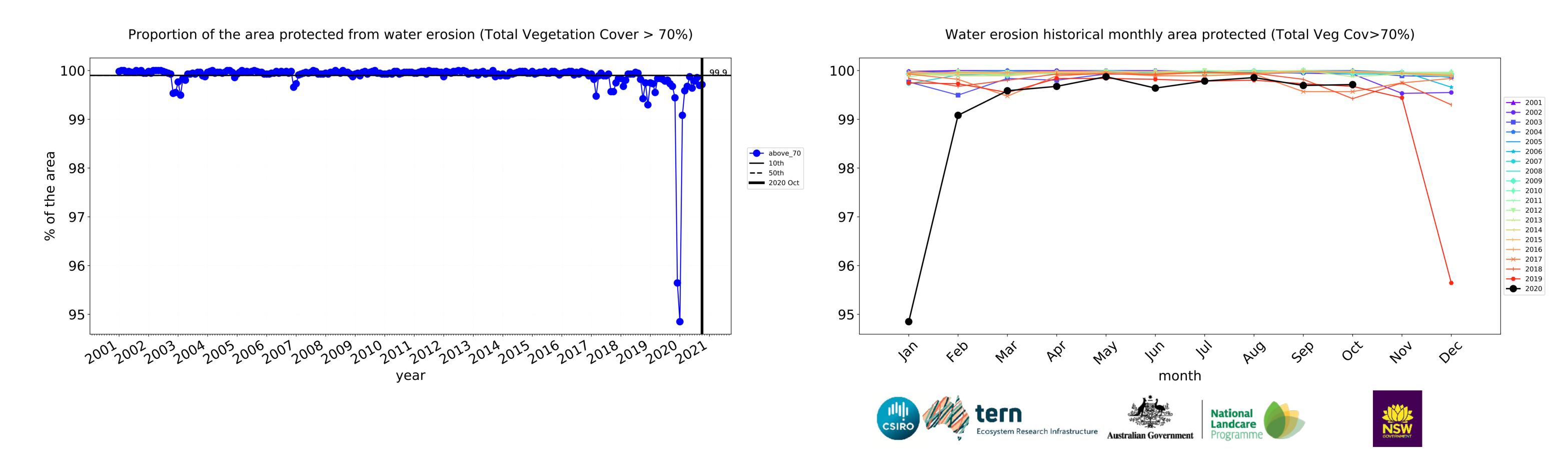


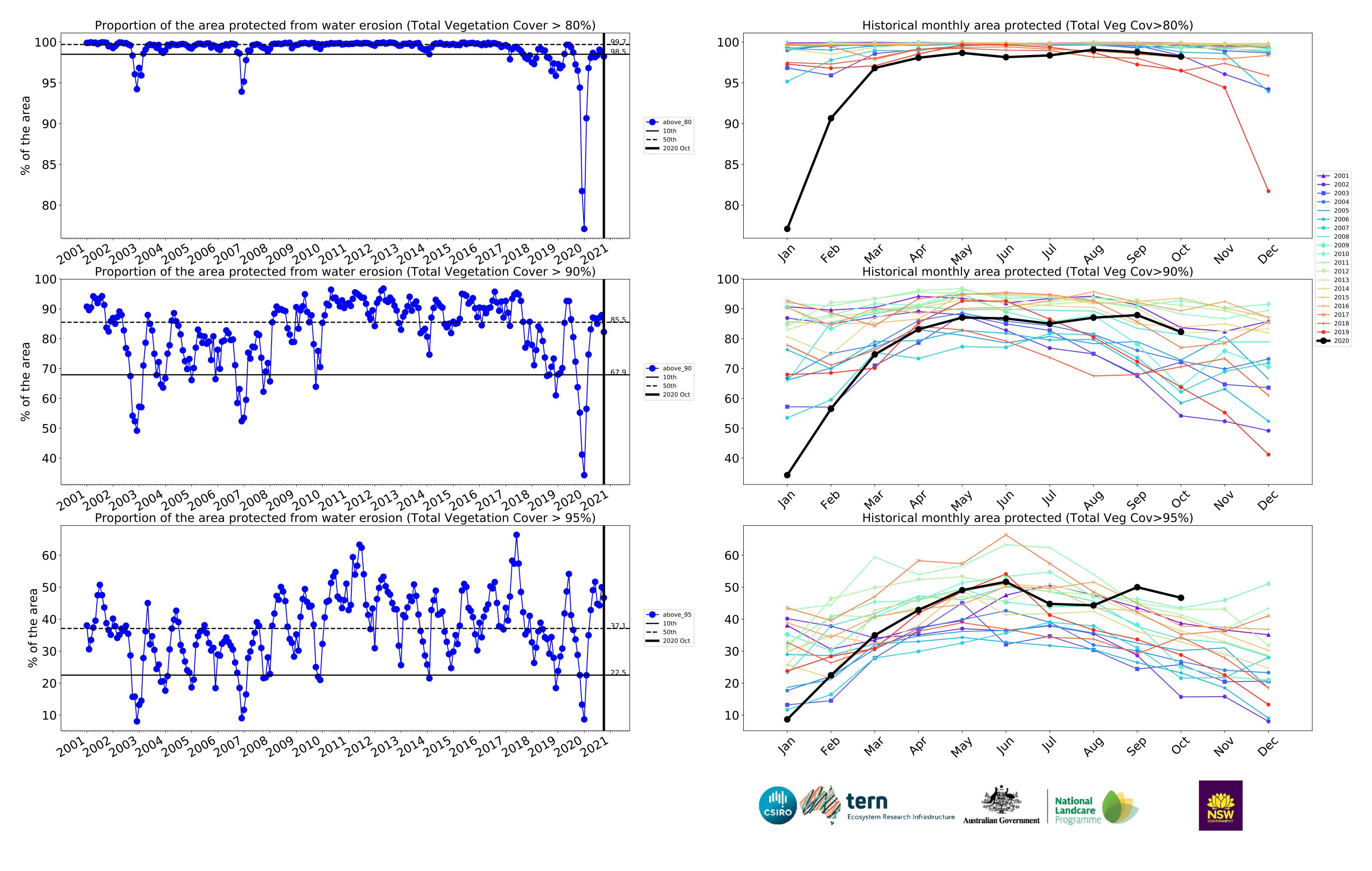




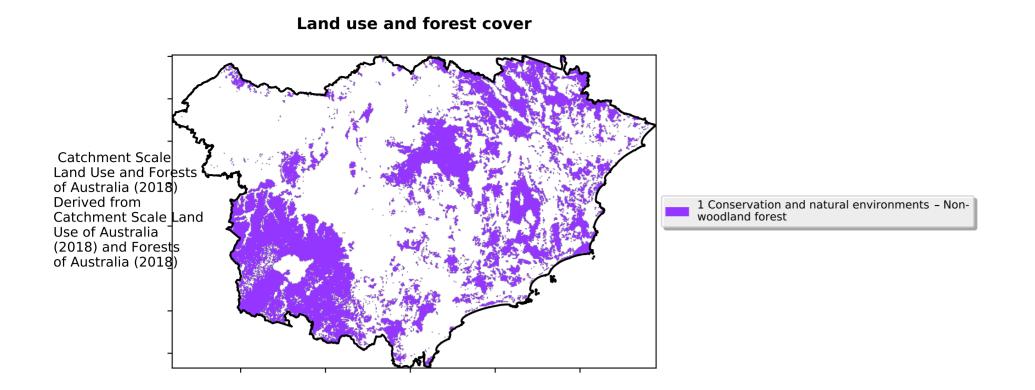
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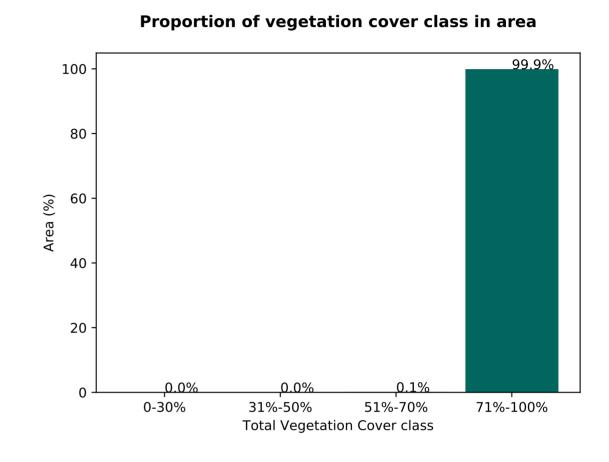


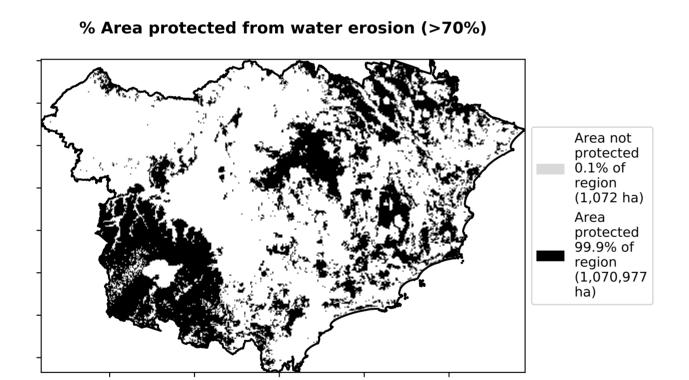


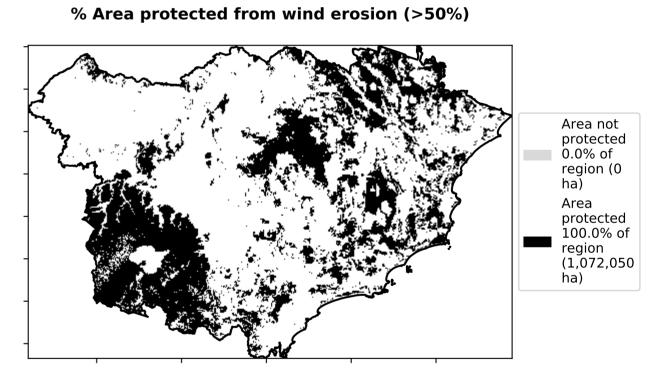
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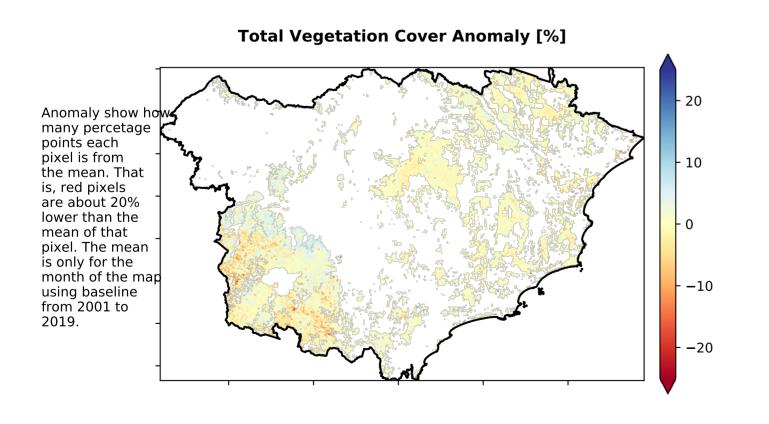


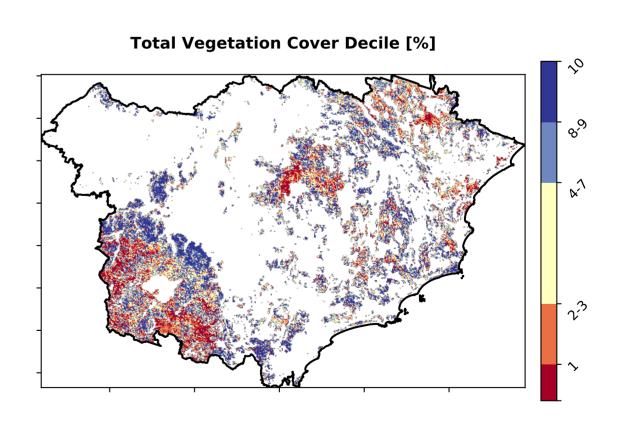
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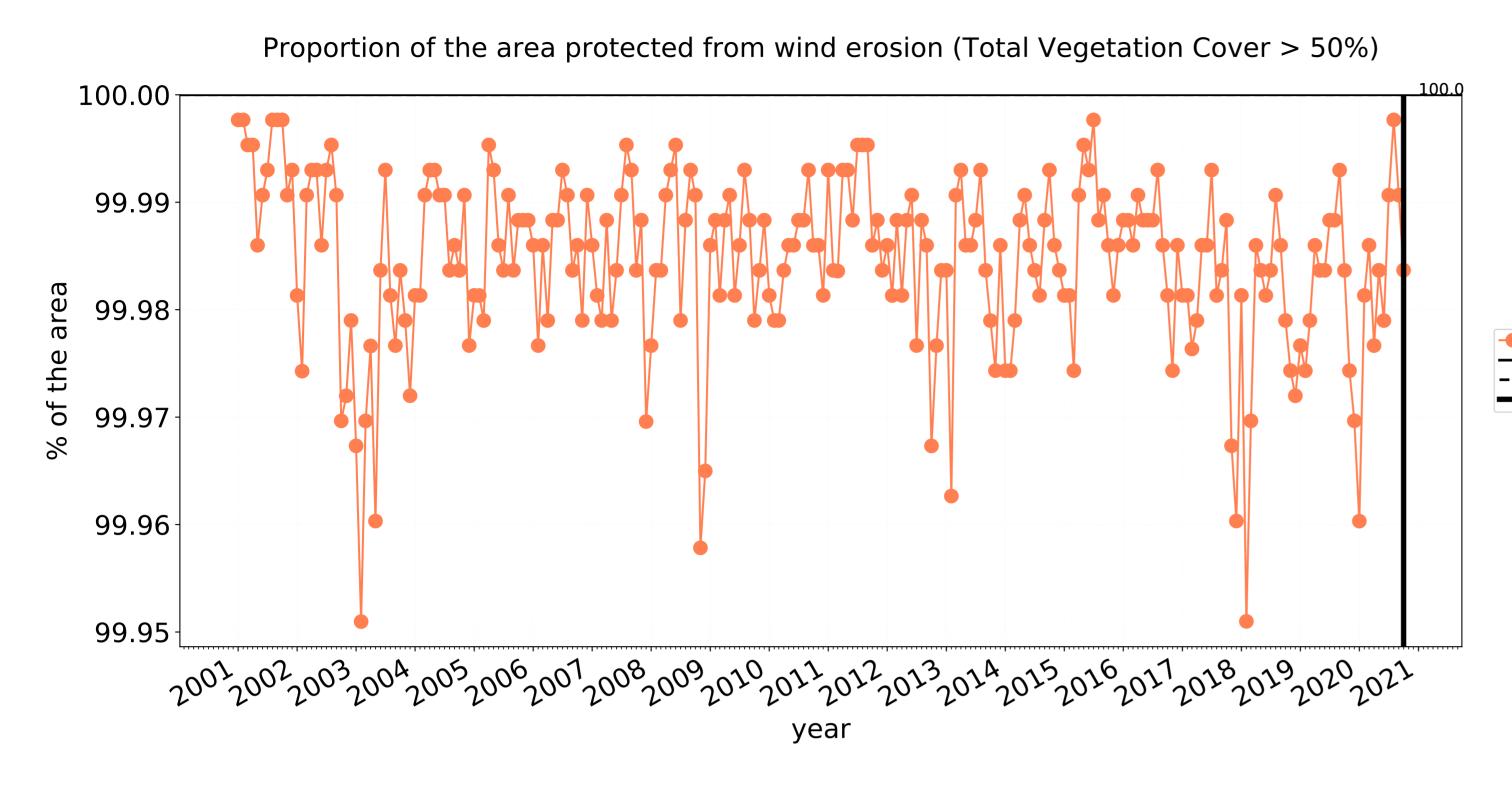


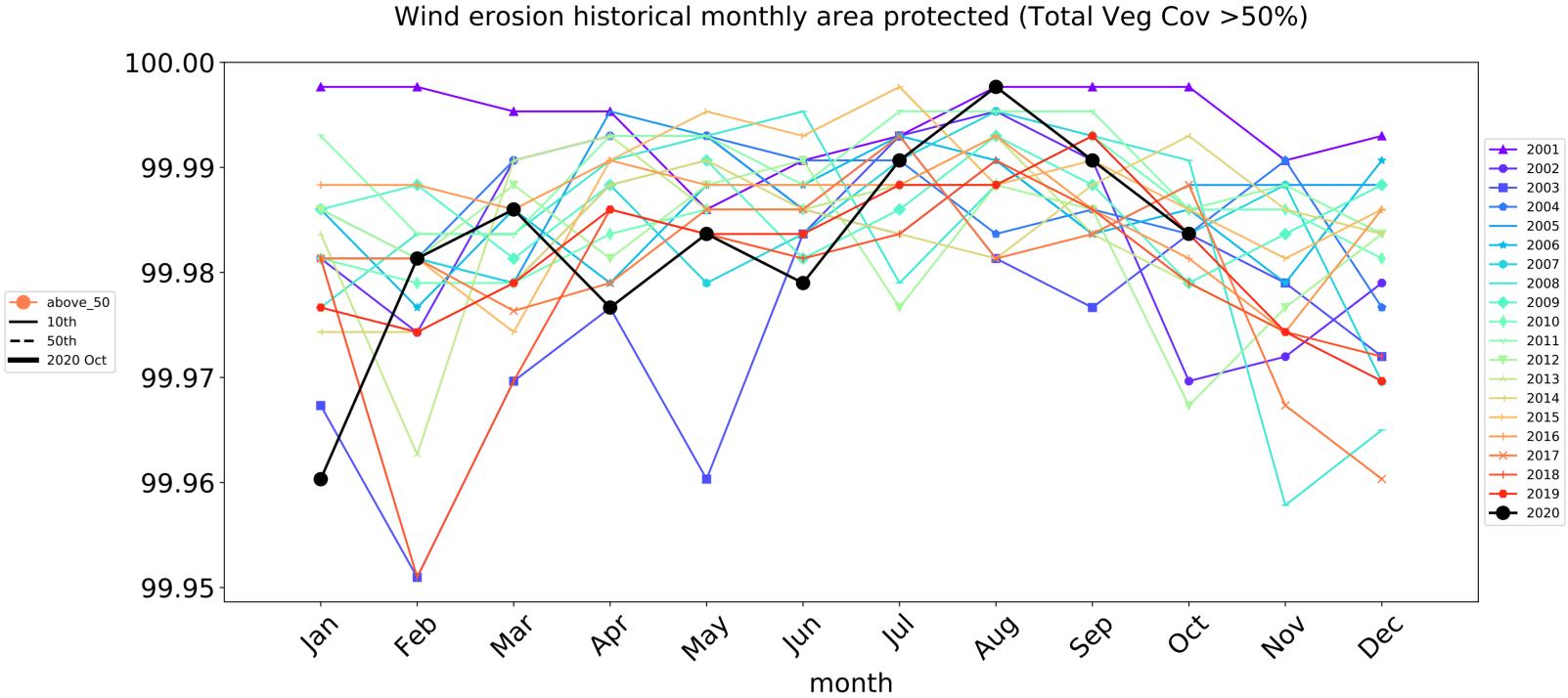


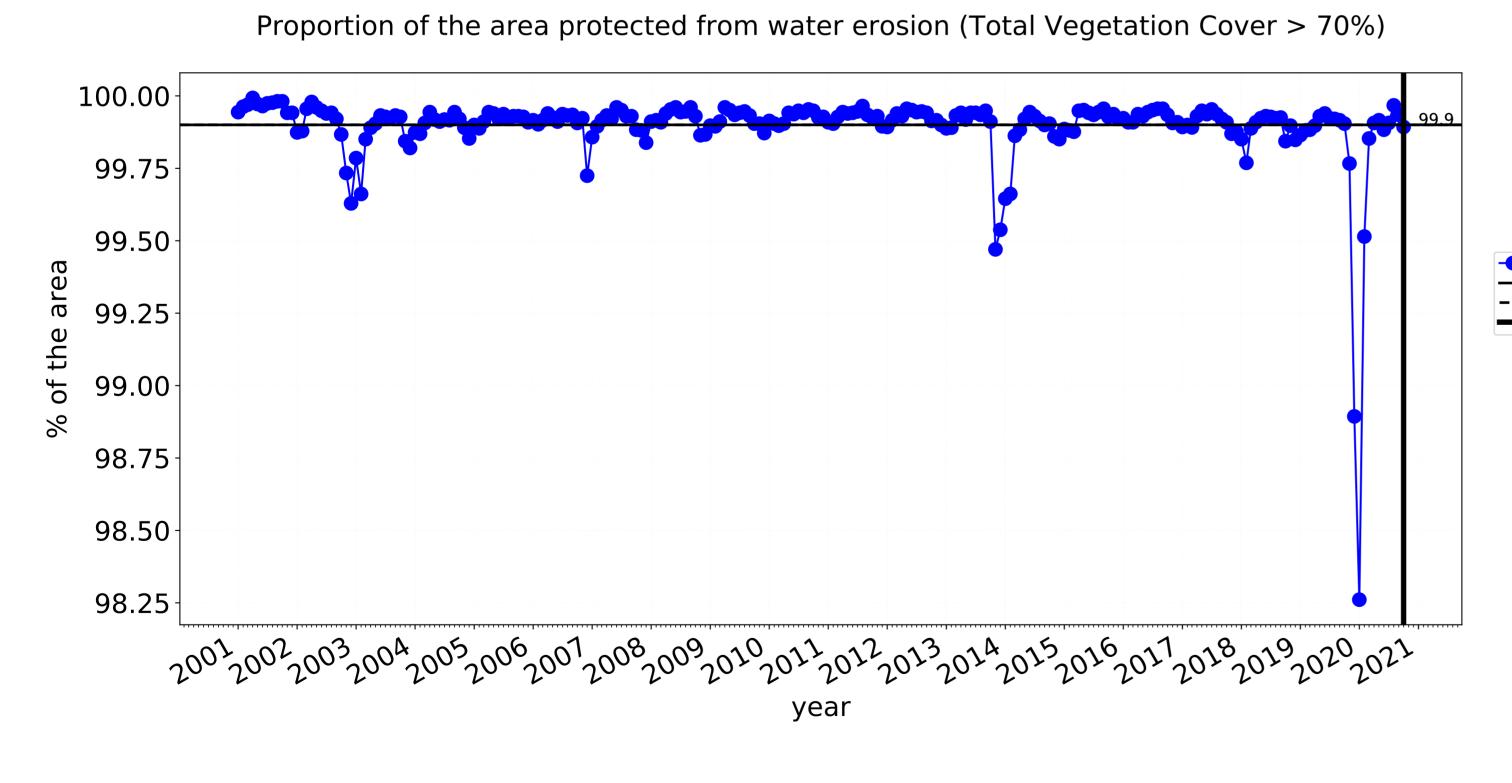


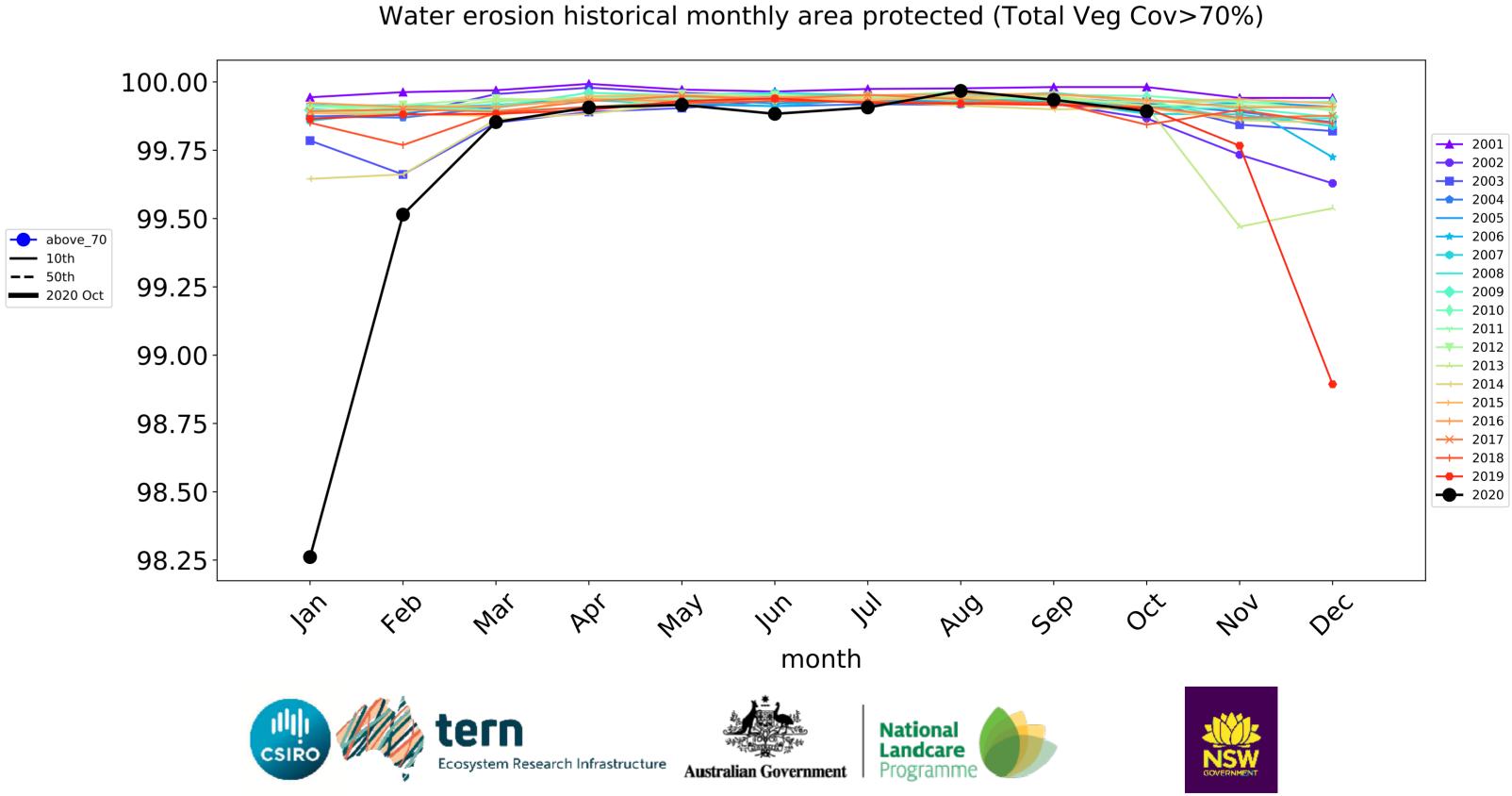


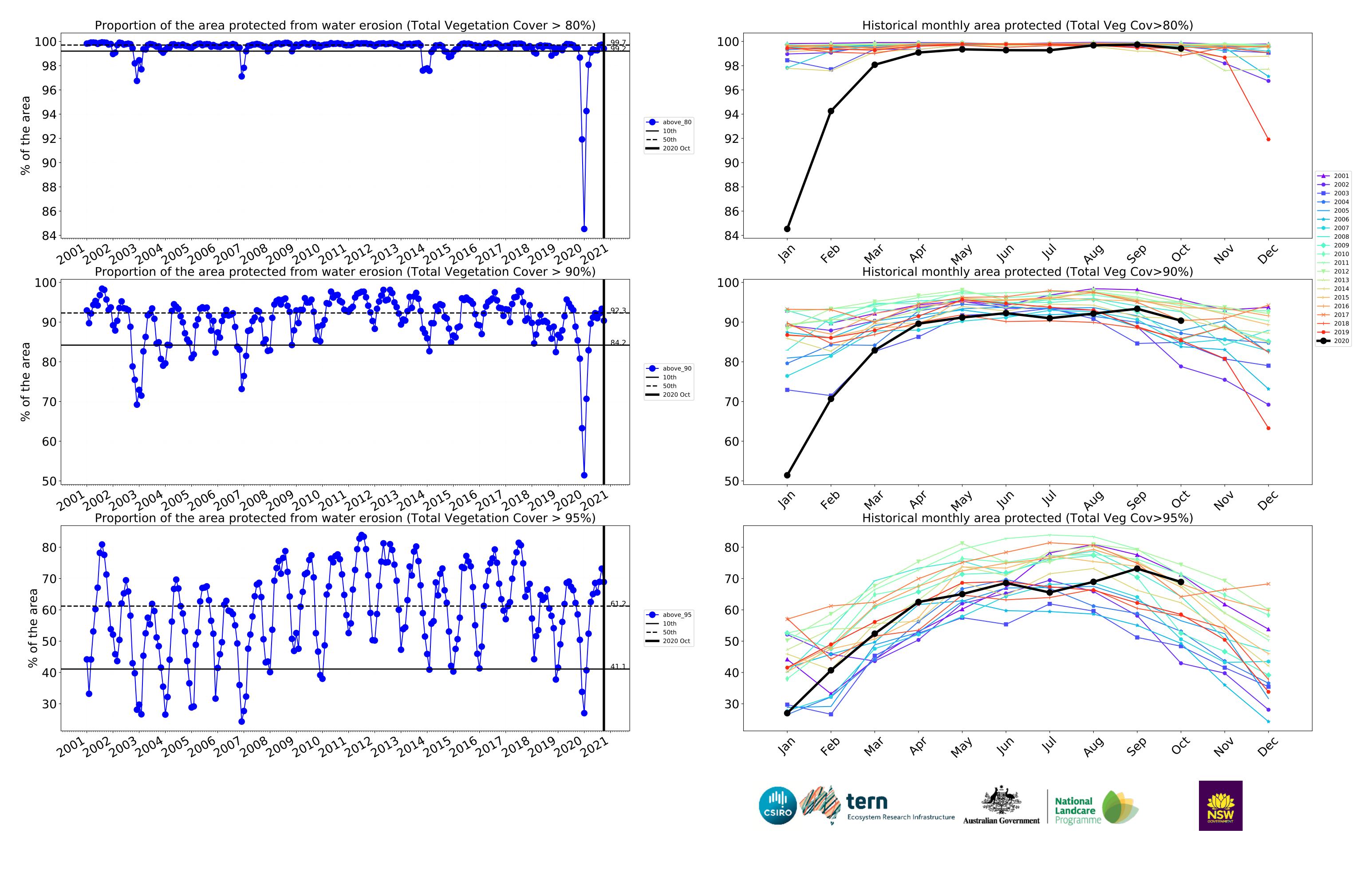
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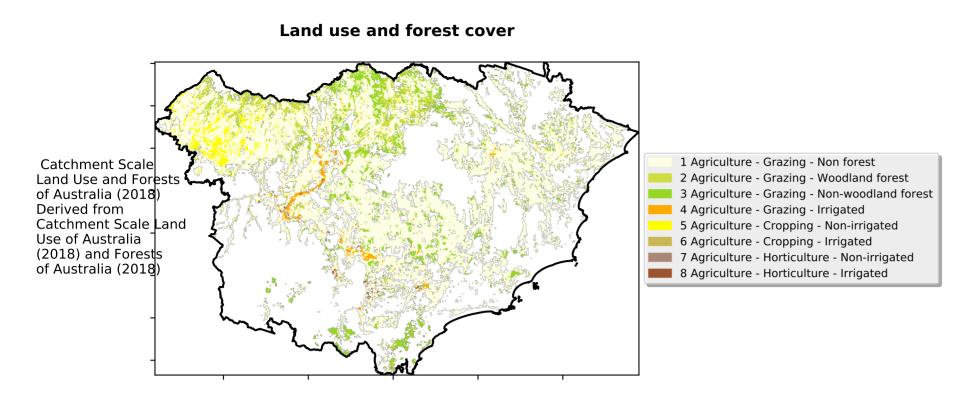


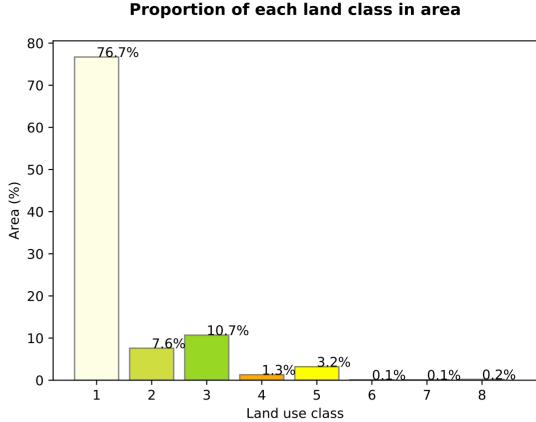


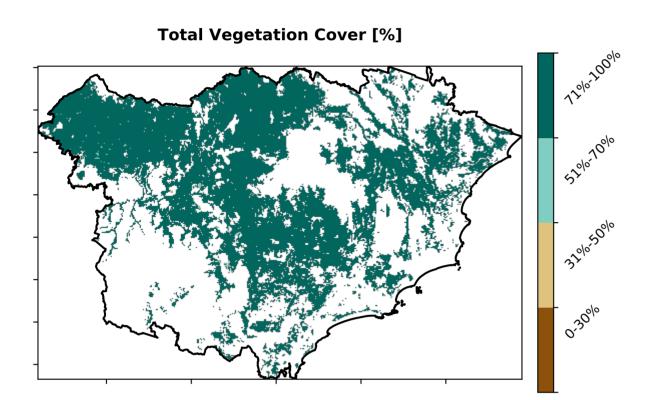


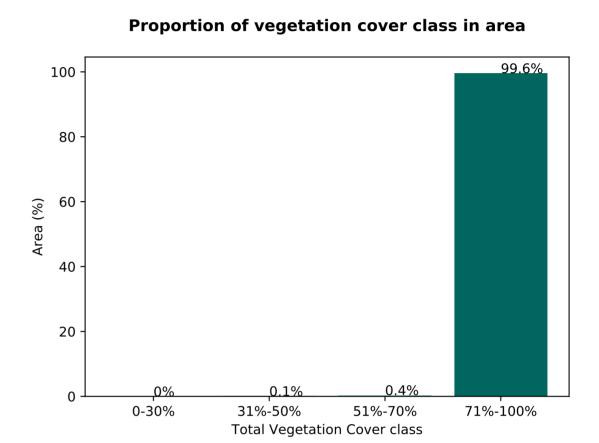


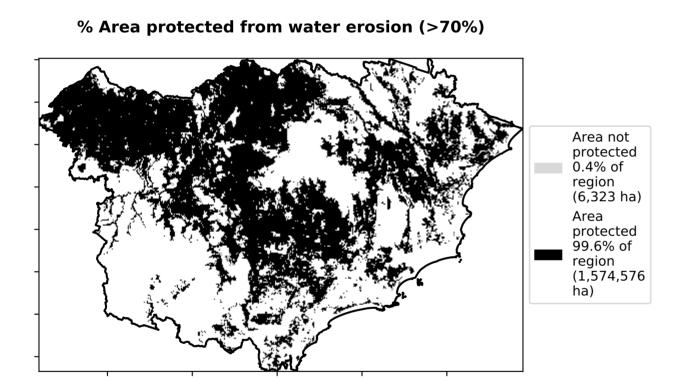
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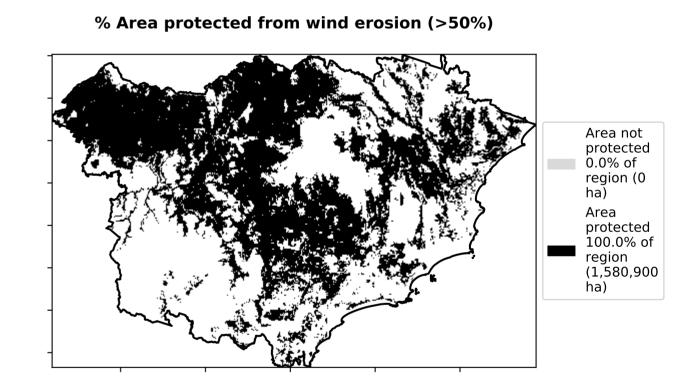


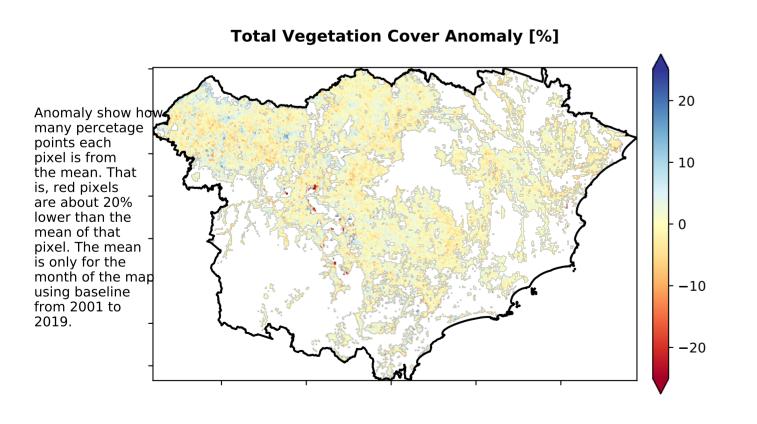


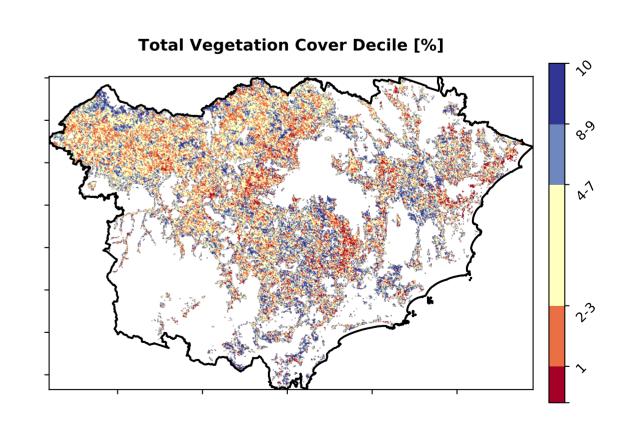












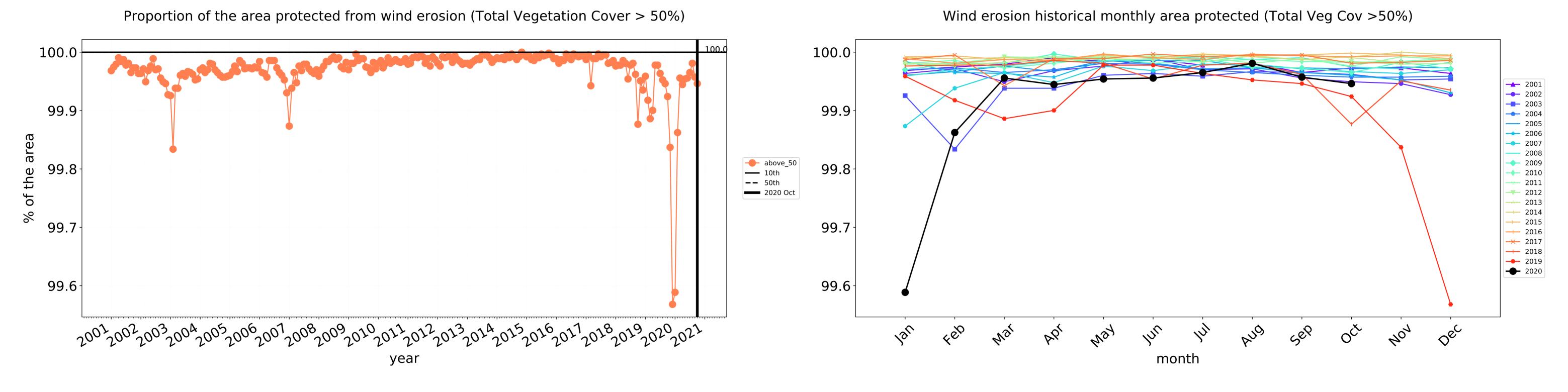


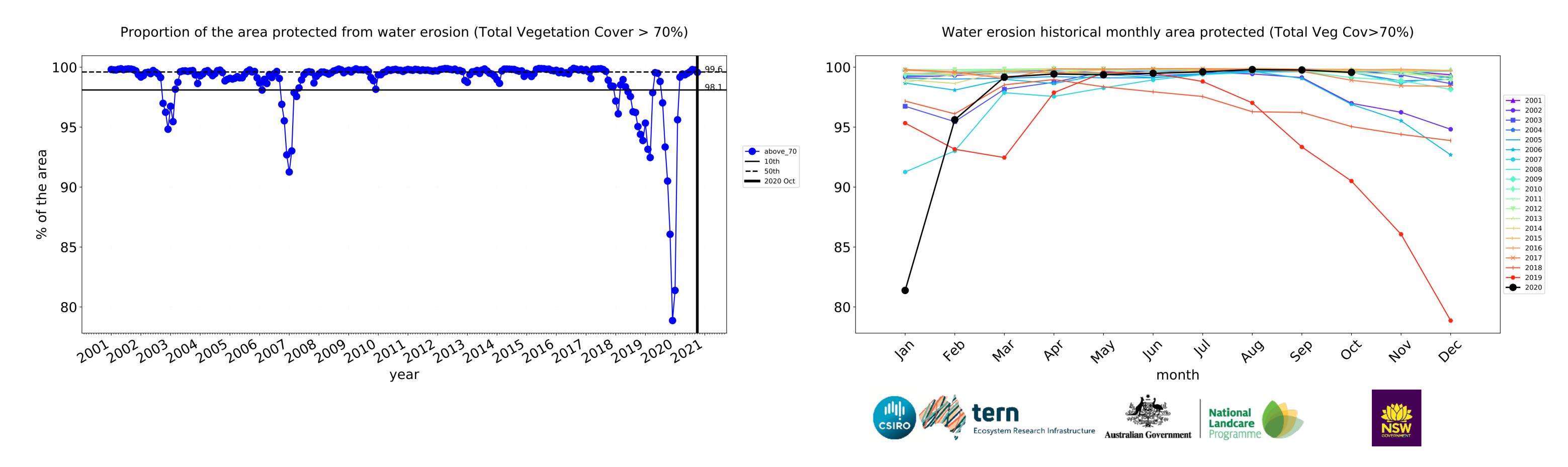


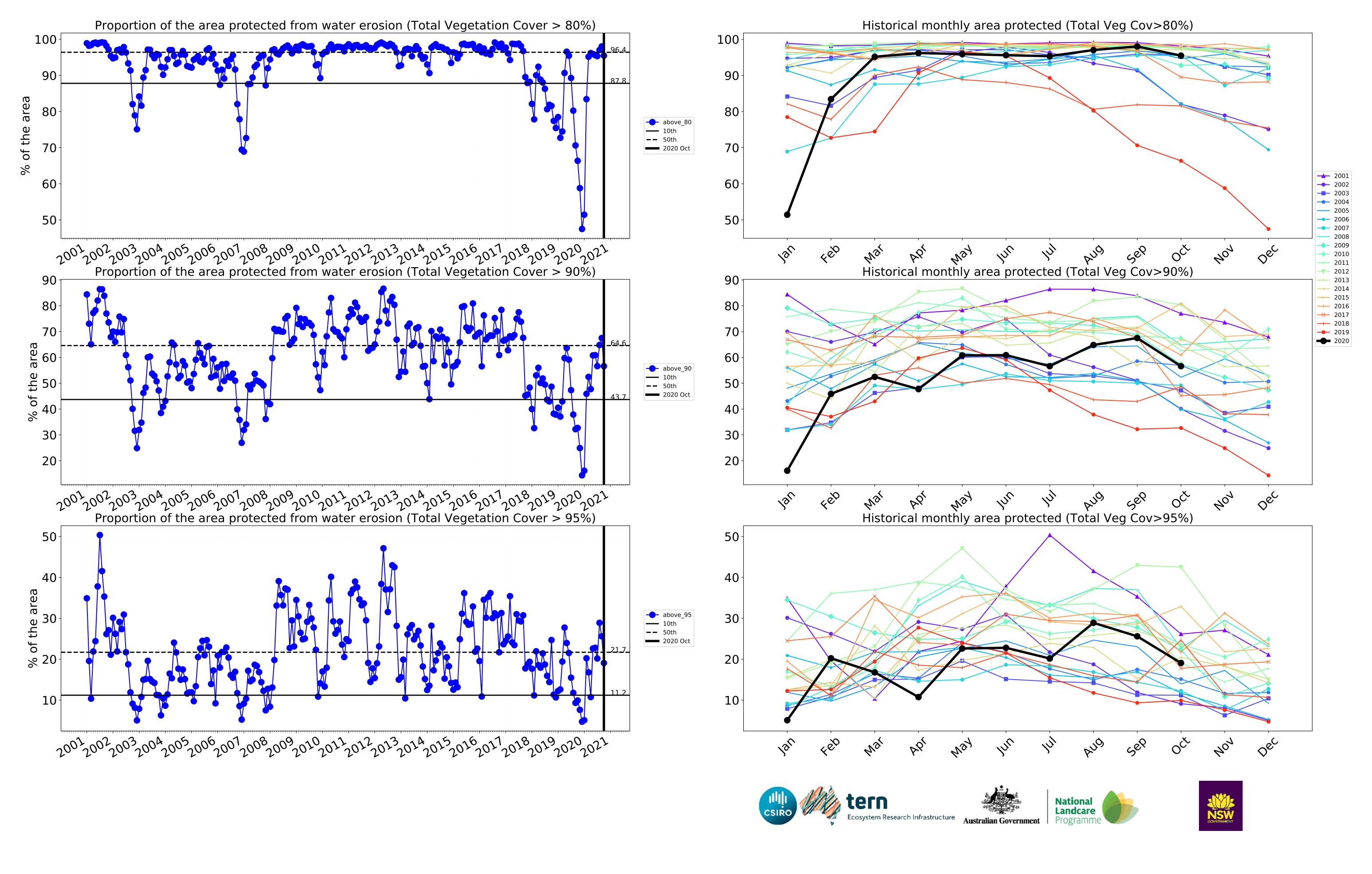




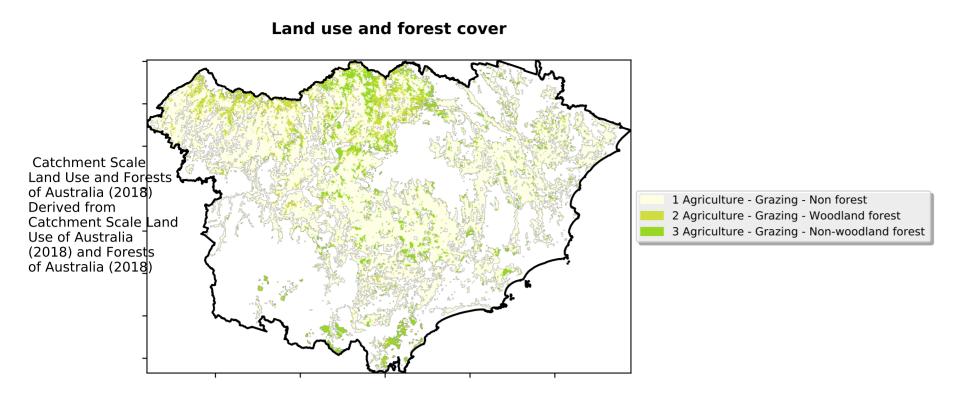
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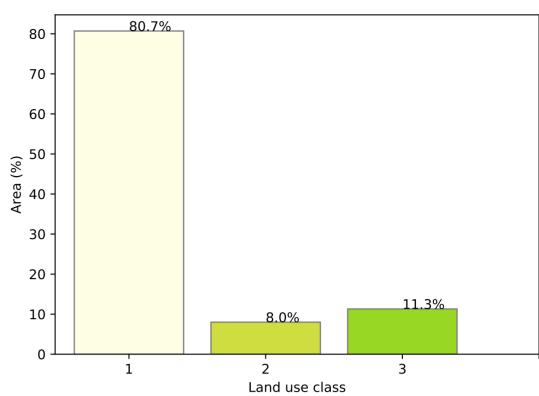




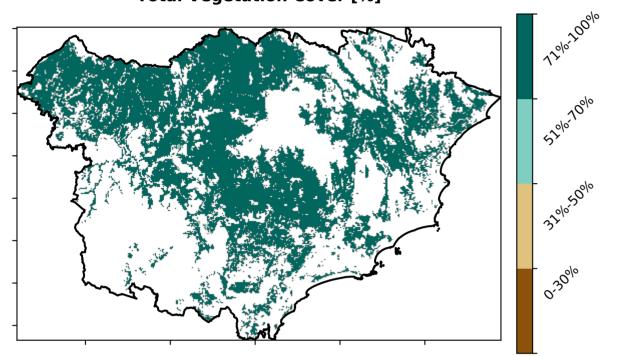
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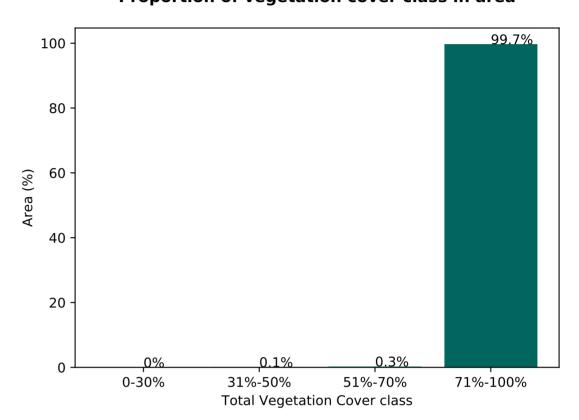
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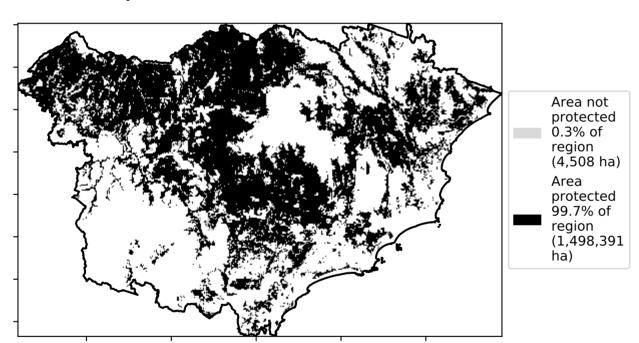
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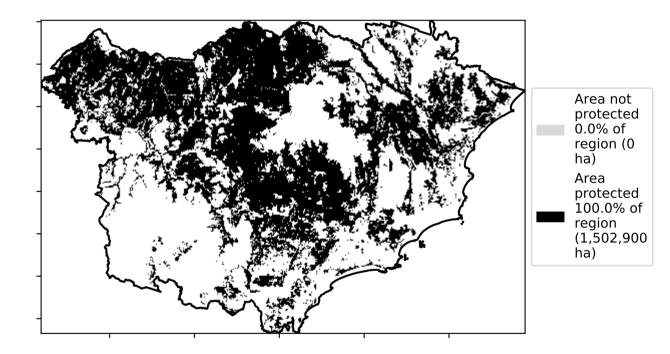
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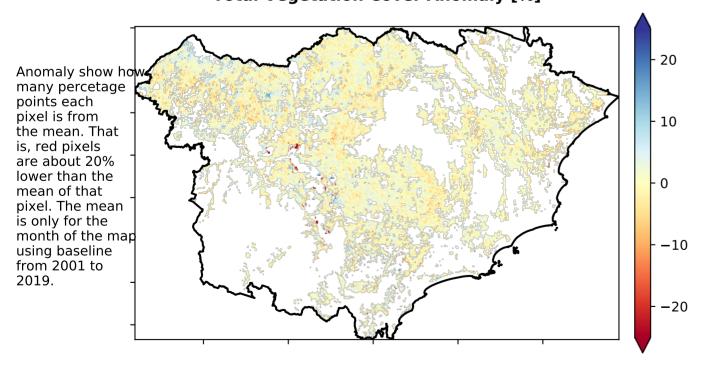
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



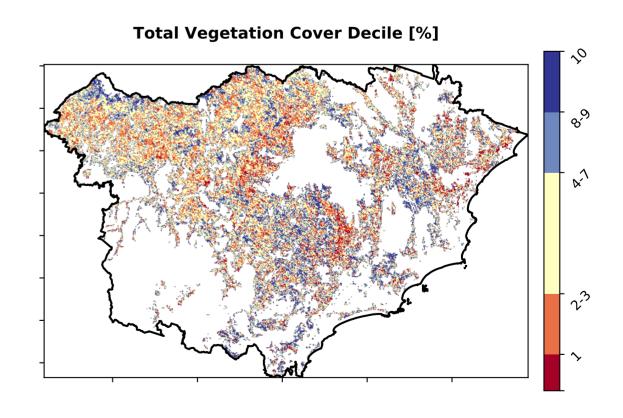
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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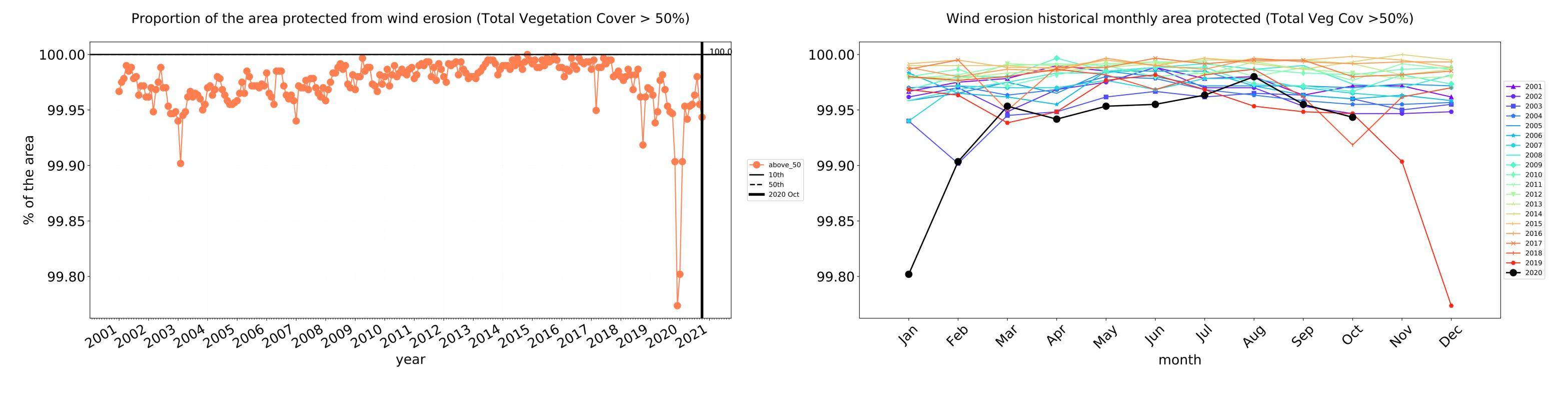


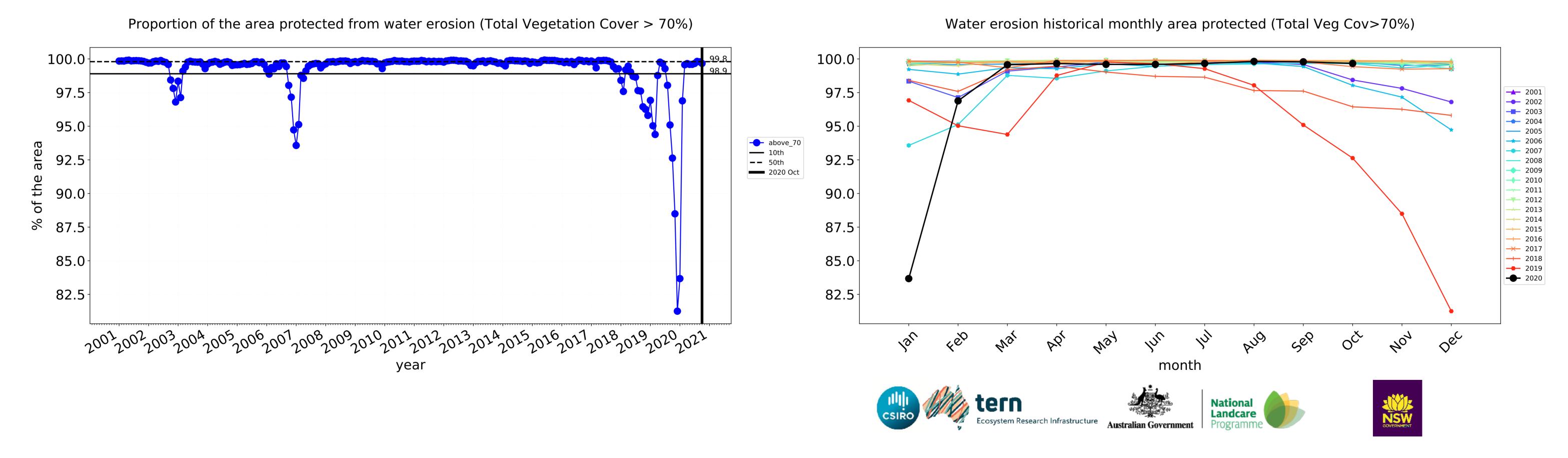


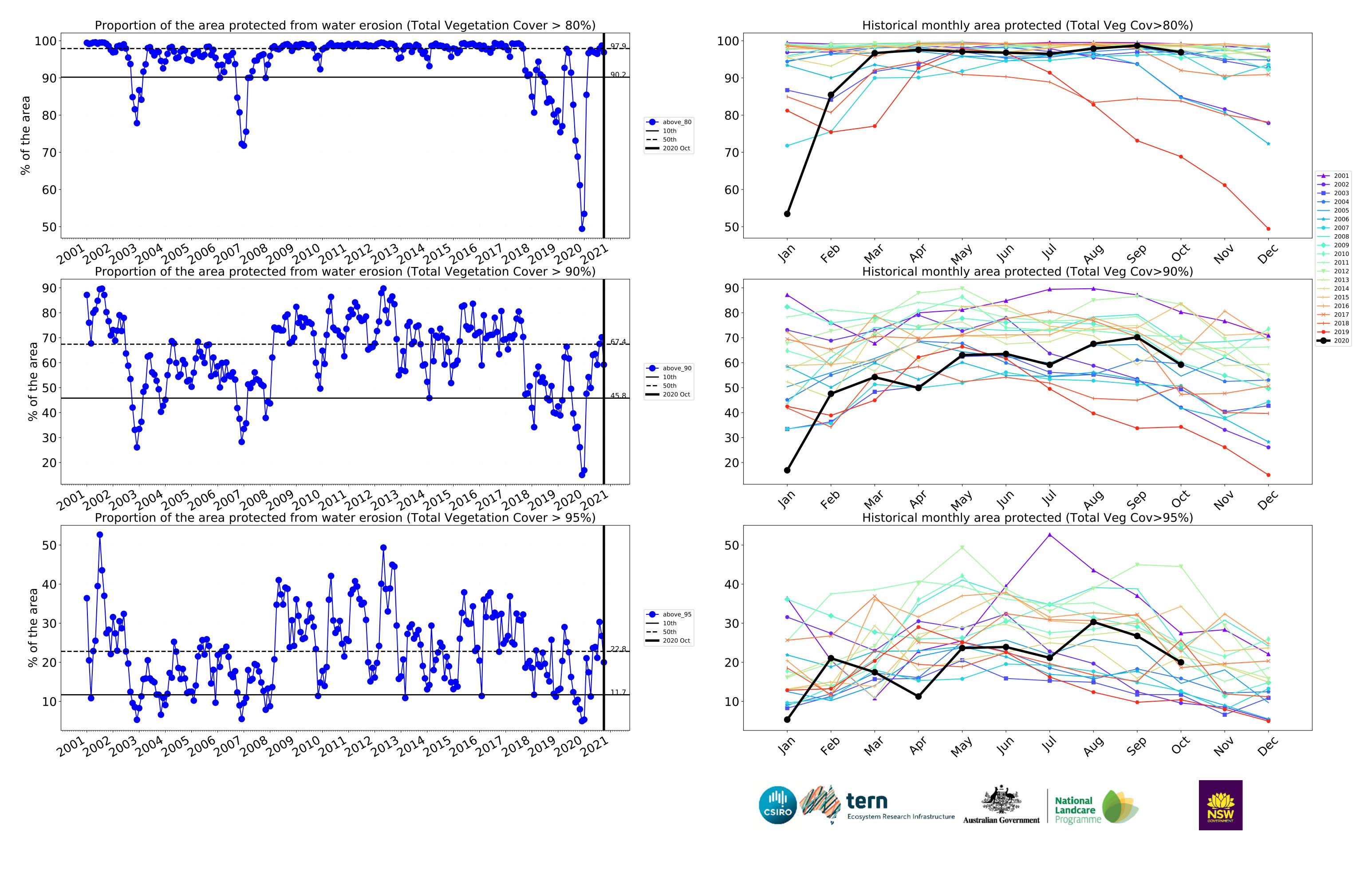




Grazing timeseries

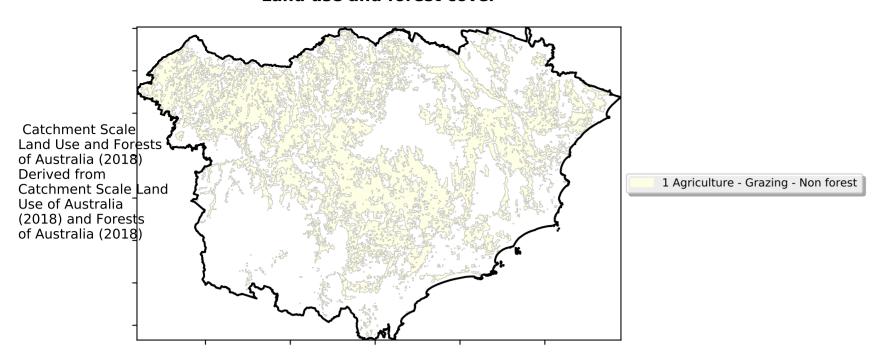




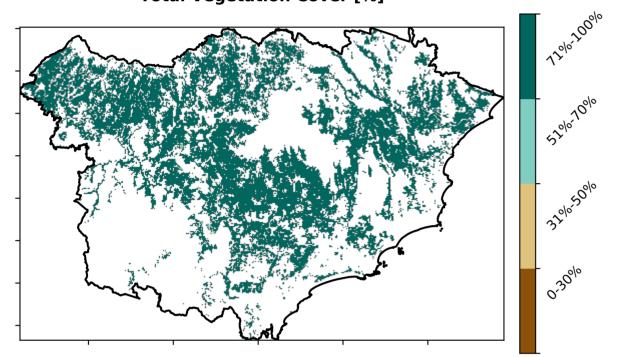


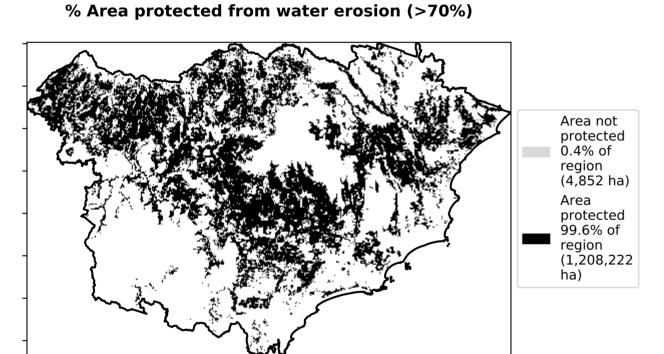
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

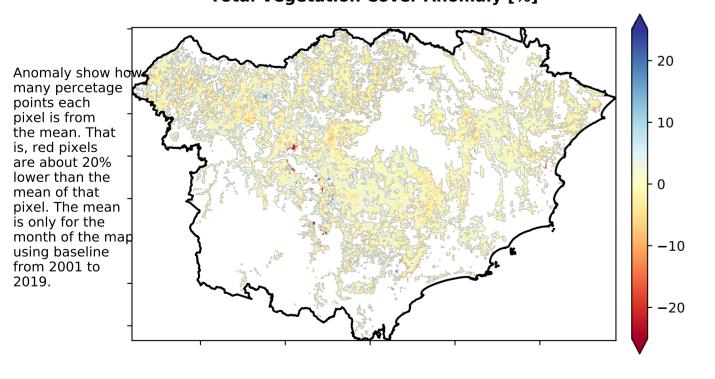


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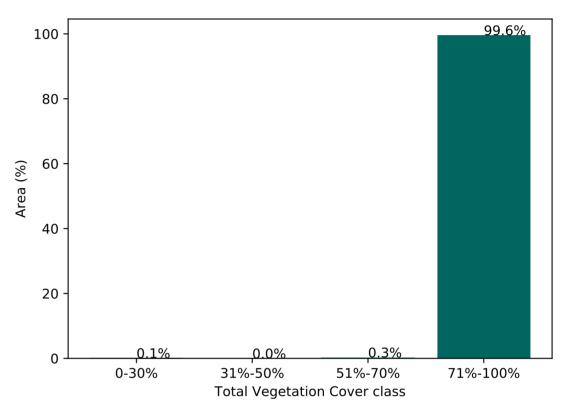


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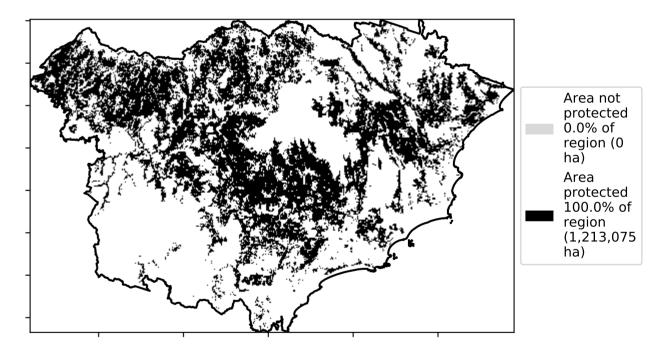


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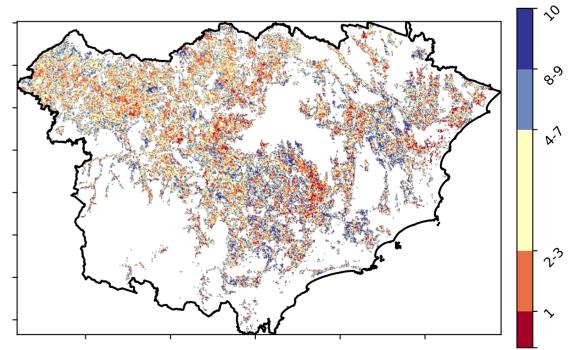
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





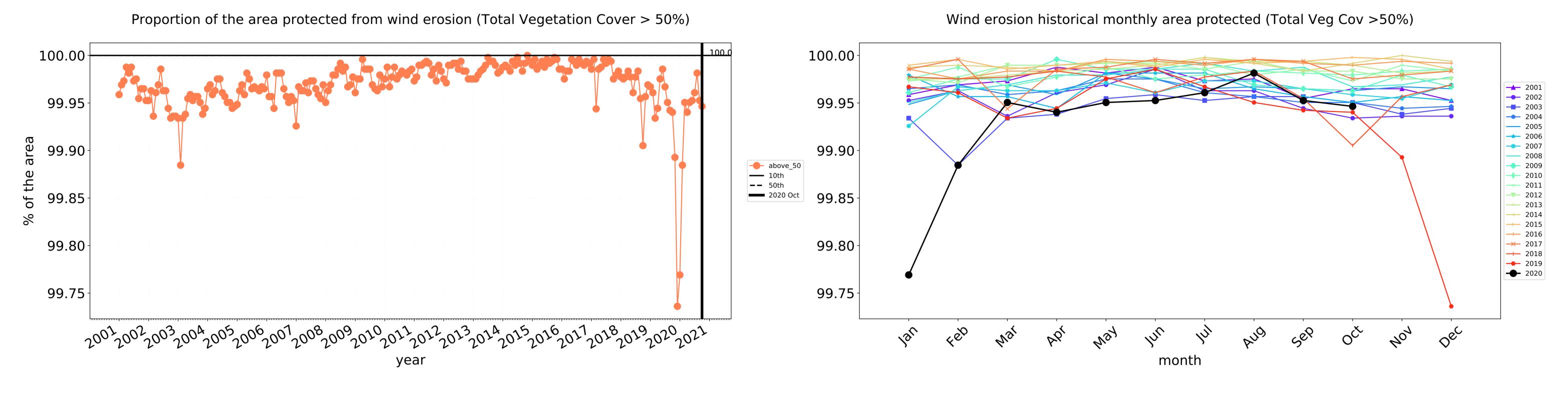


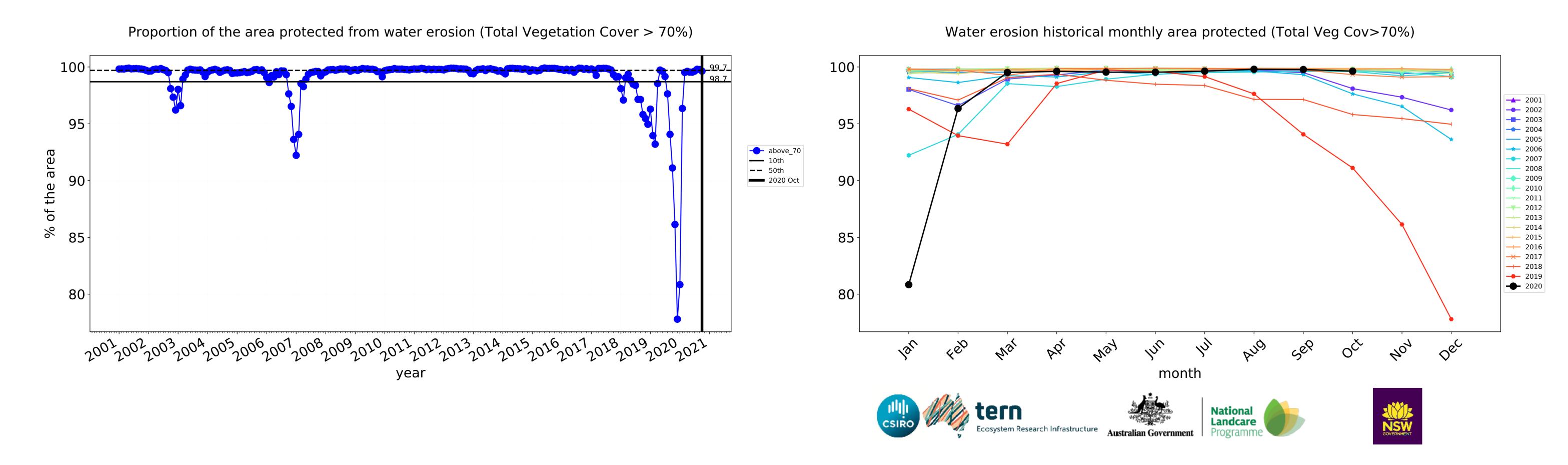


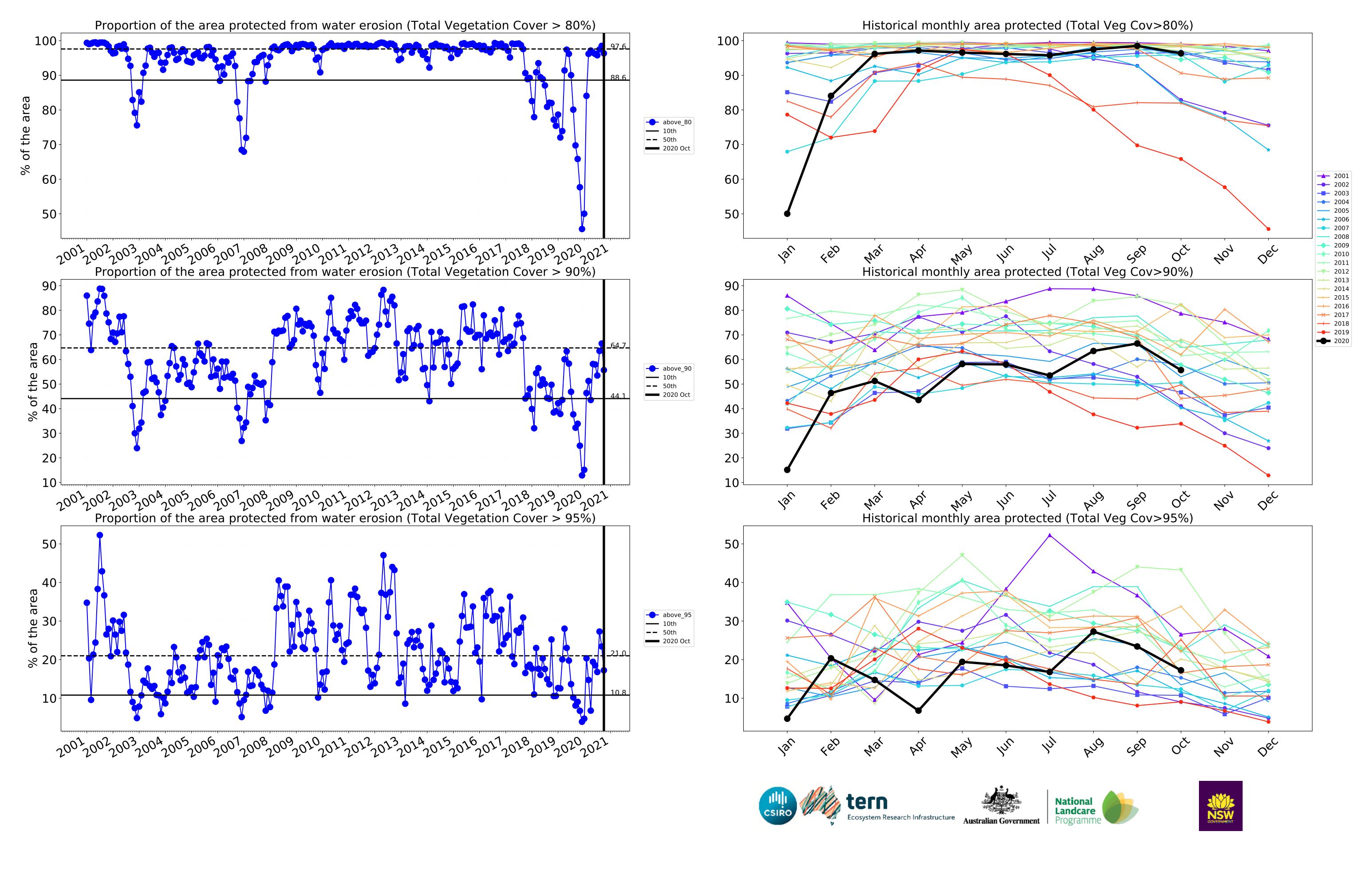




Grazing non forest timeseries





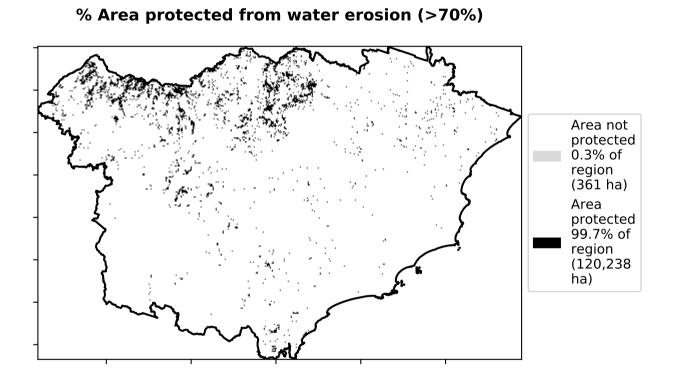


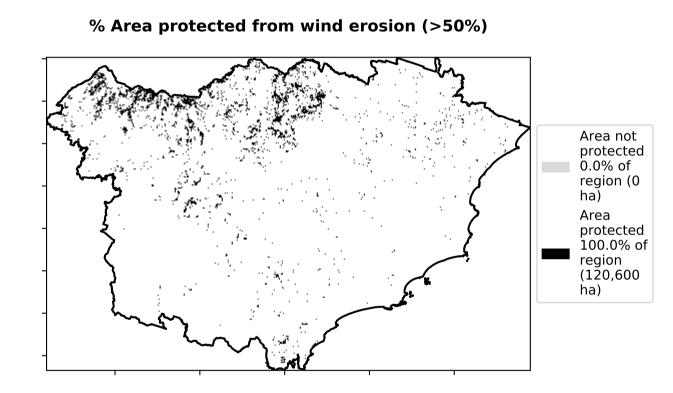
Grazing Woodland forest

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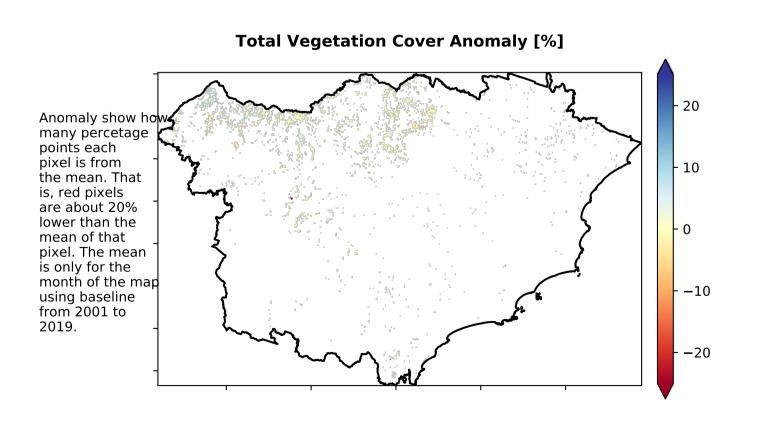
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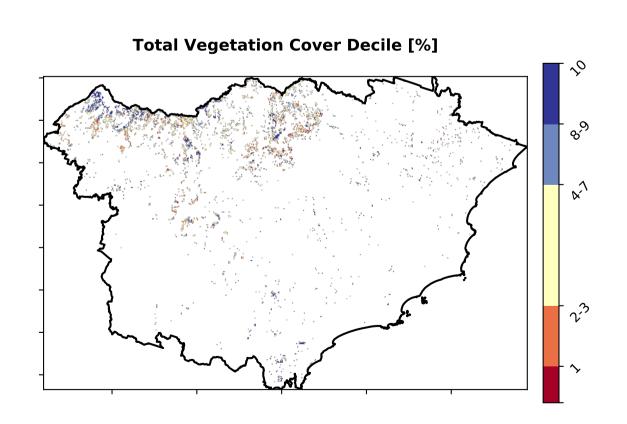
99.7% 100 80 Area (%) 40 20 · 0.2% 51%-70% 0-30% 31%-50% 71%-100% **Total Vegetation Cover class**





Proportion of vegetation cover class in area





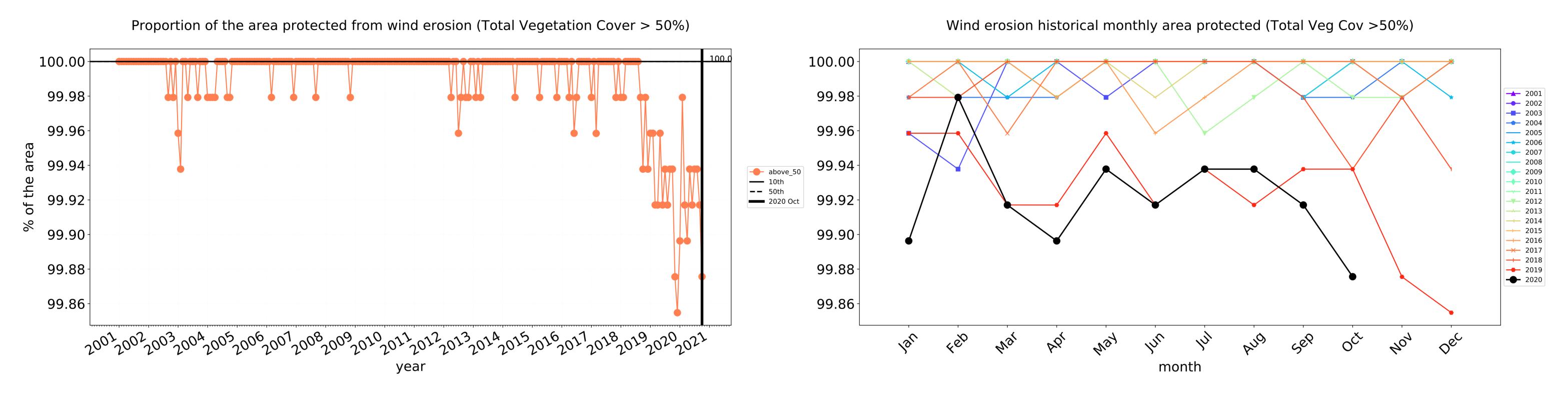


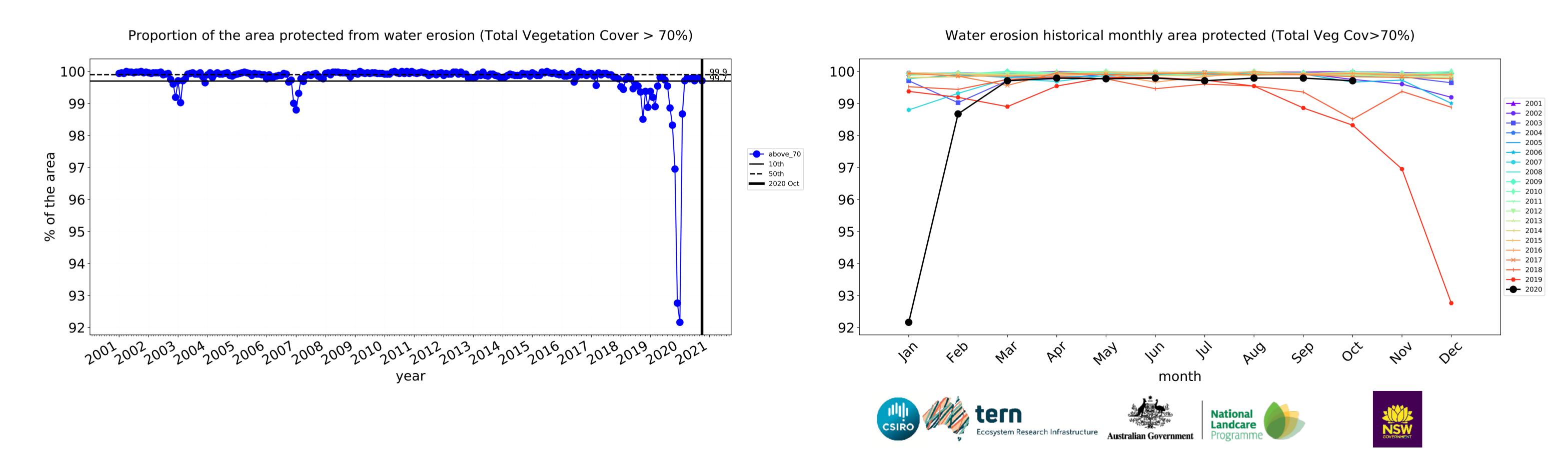


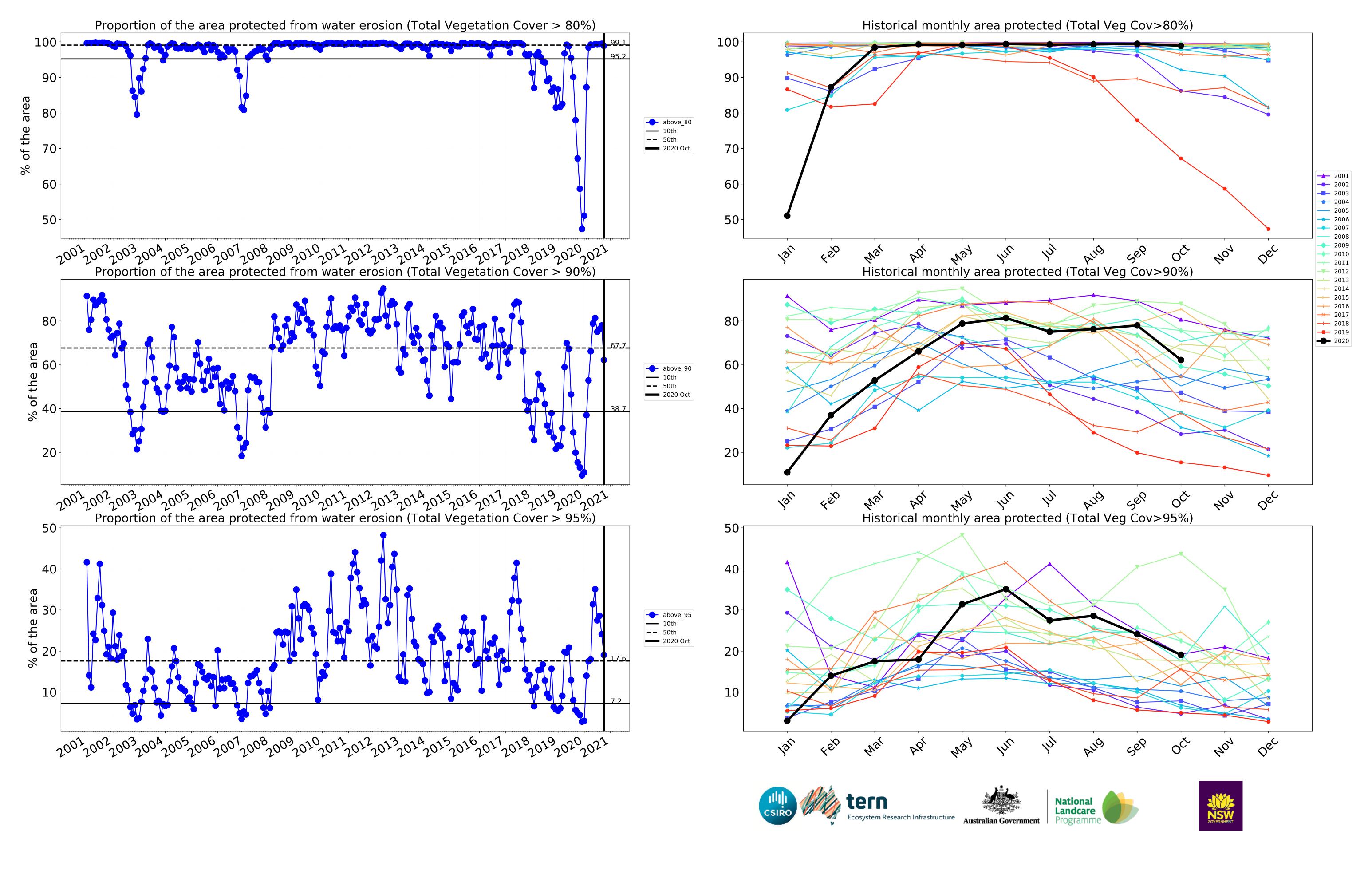




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries





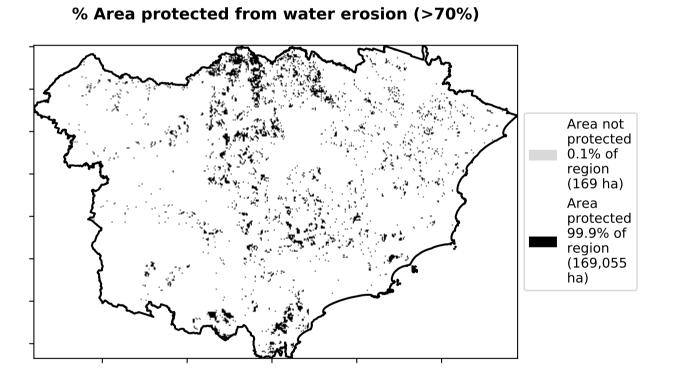


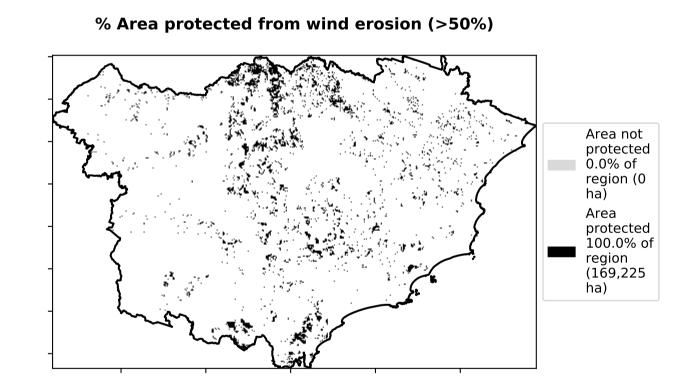
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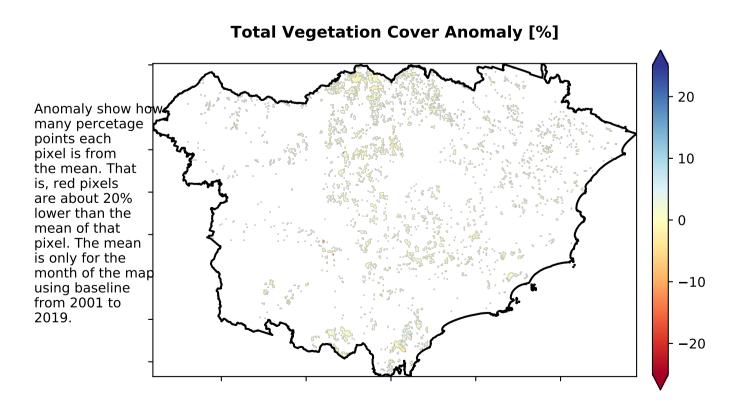
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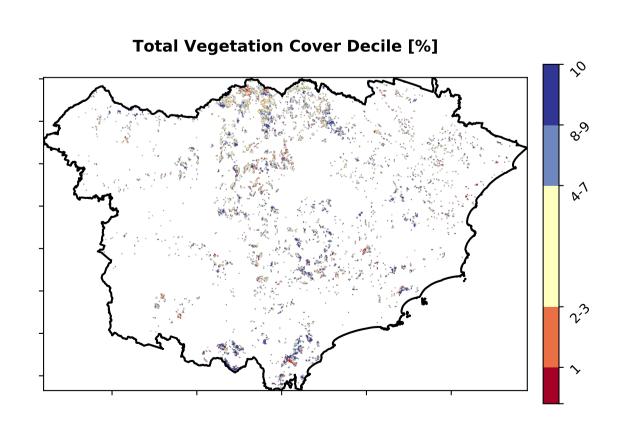
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 99.9% 80 - 99.9% 40 - 20 - 0.0% 0.0% 0.1% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class







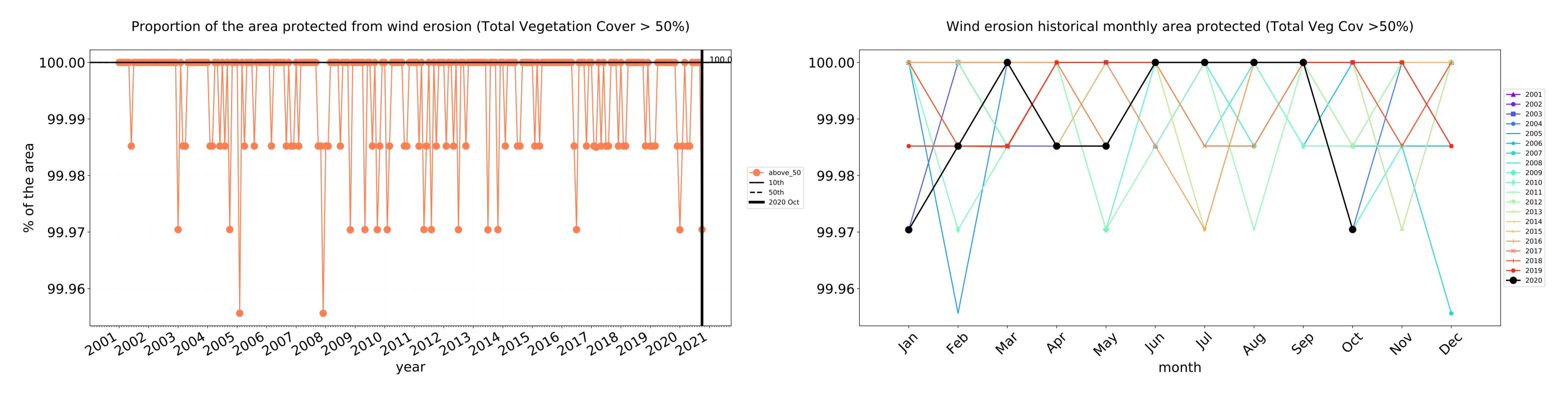


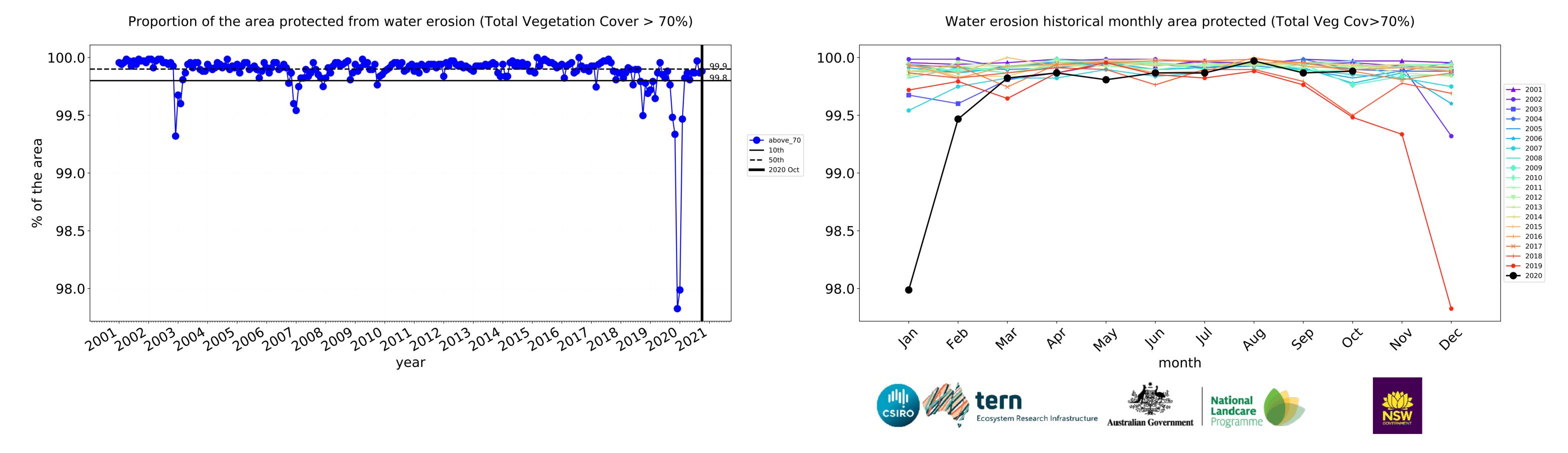


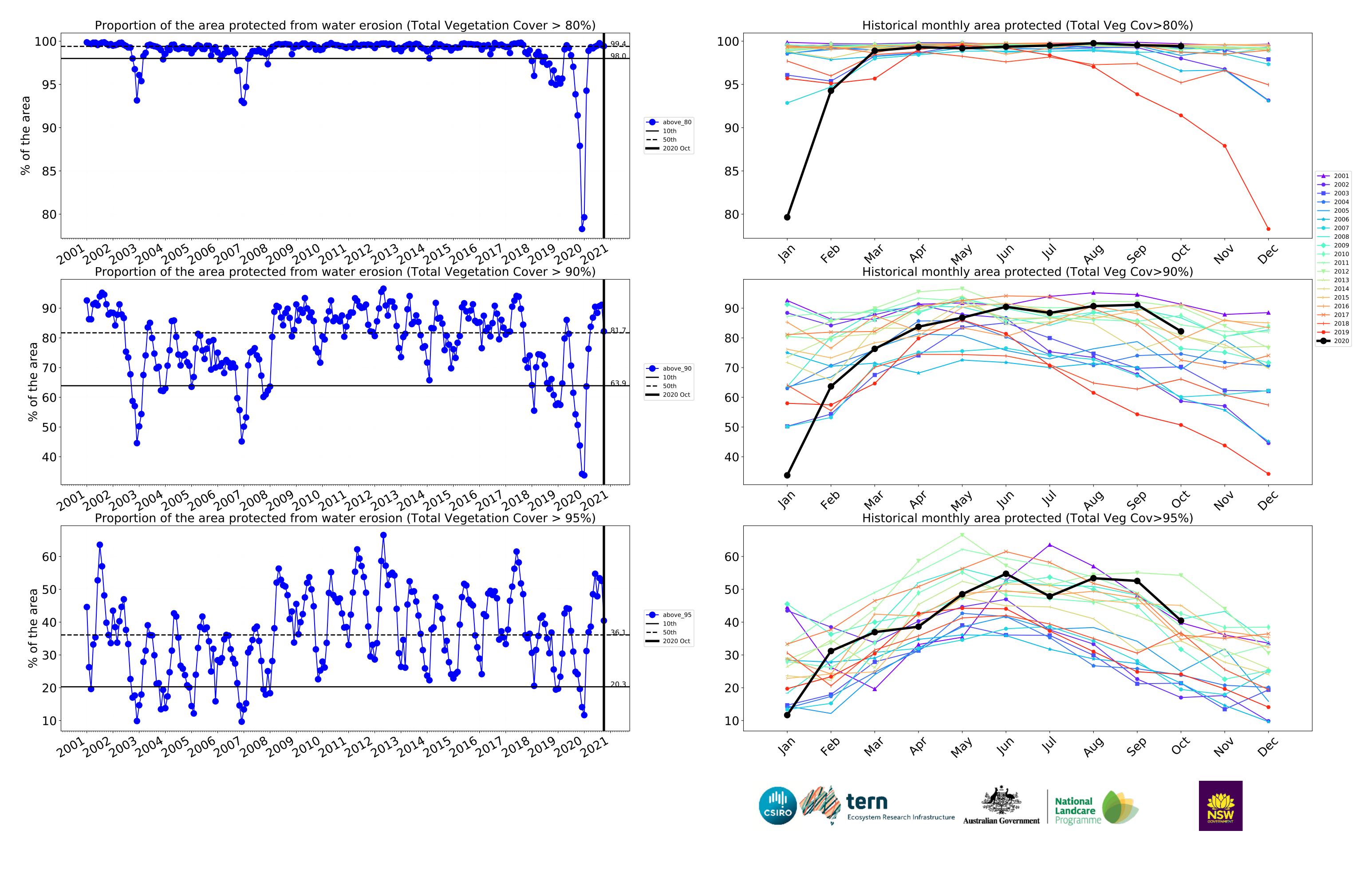






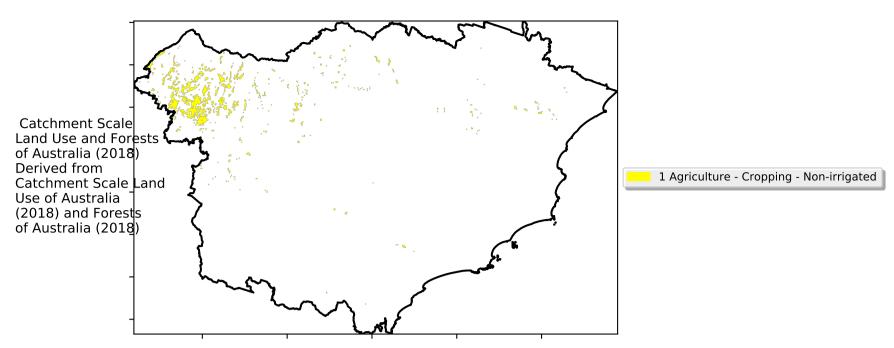




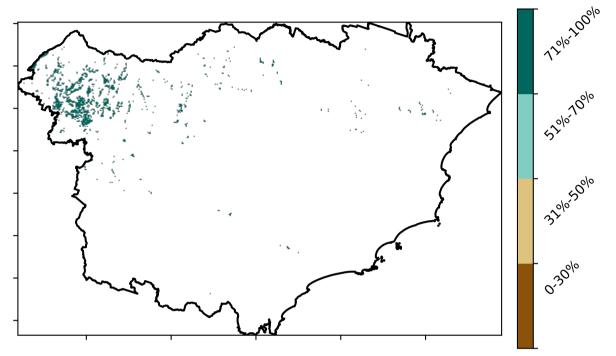


Cropping

Land use and forest cover



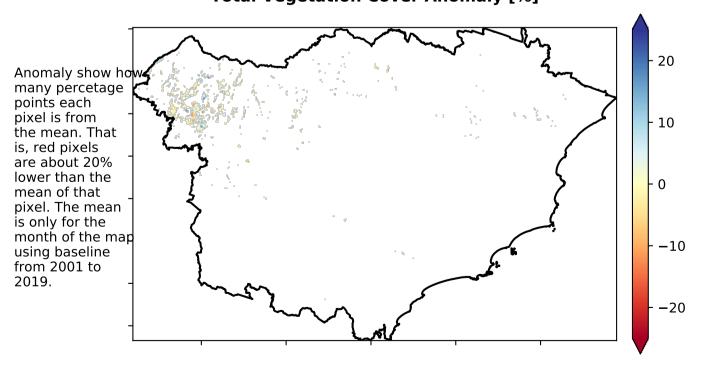
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

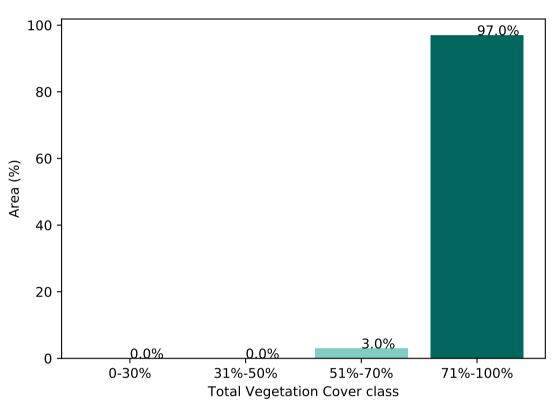
Area not protected 3.0% of region (1,518 ha) Area protected 97.0% of region (49,106 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

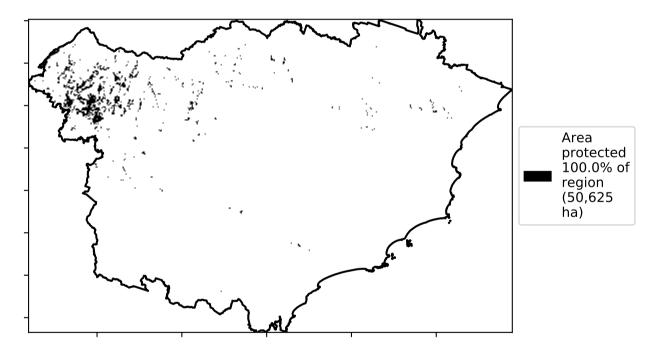


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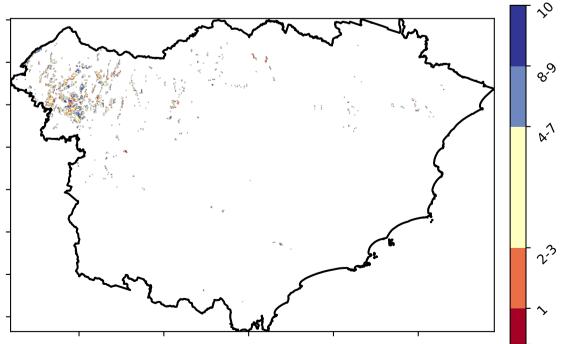
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





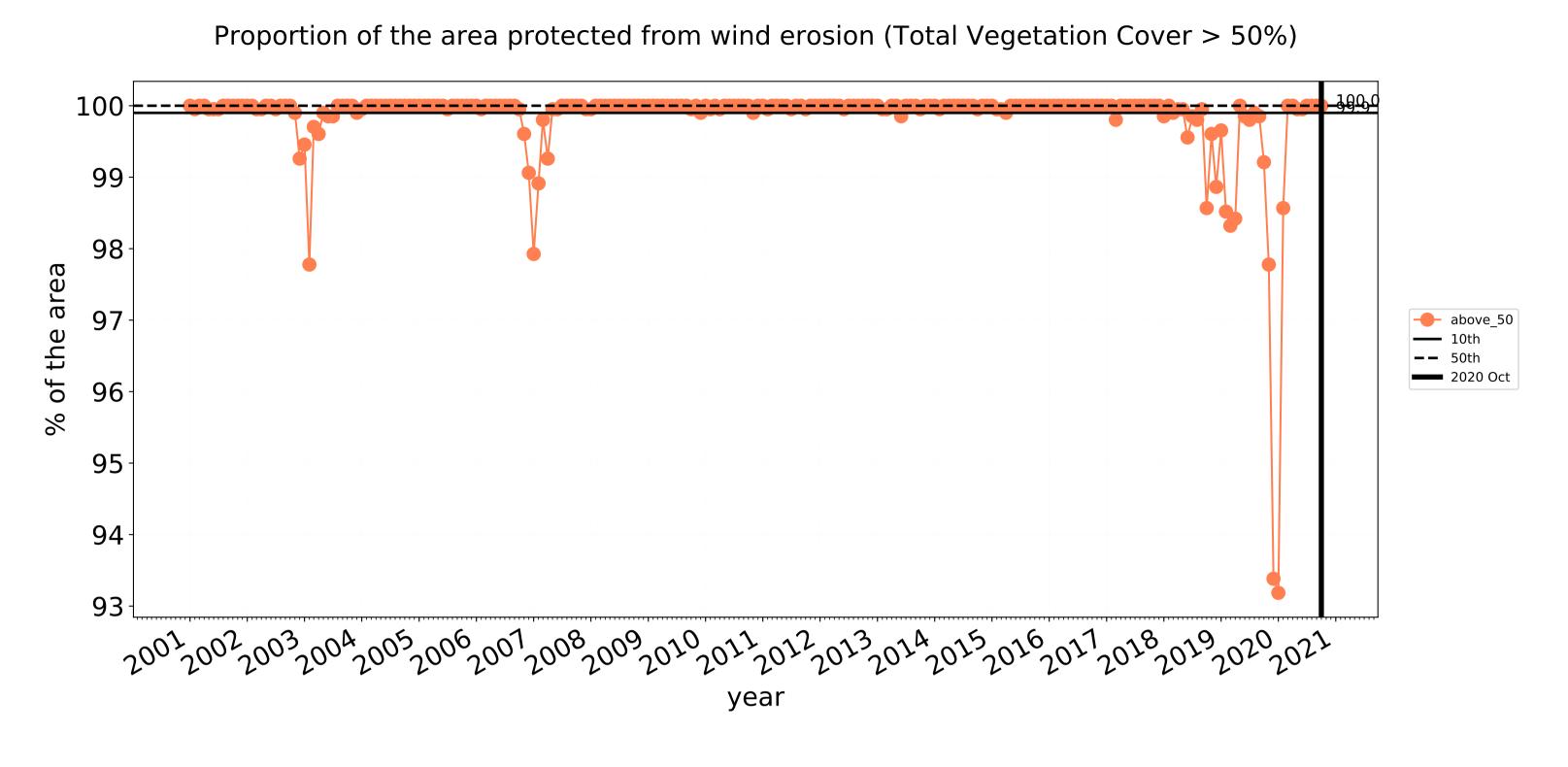


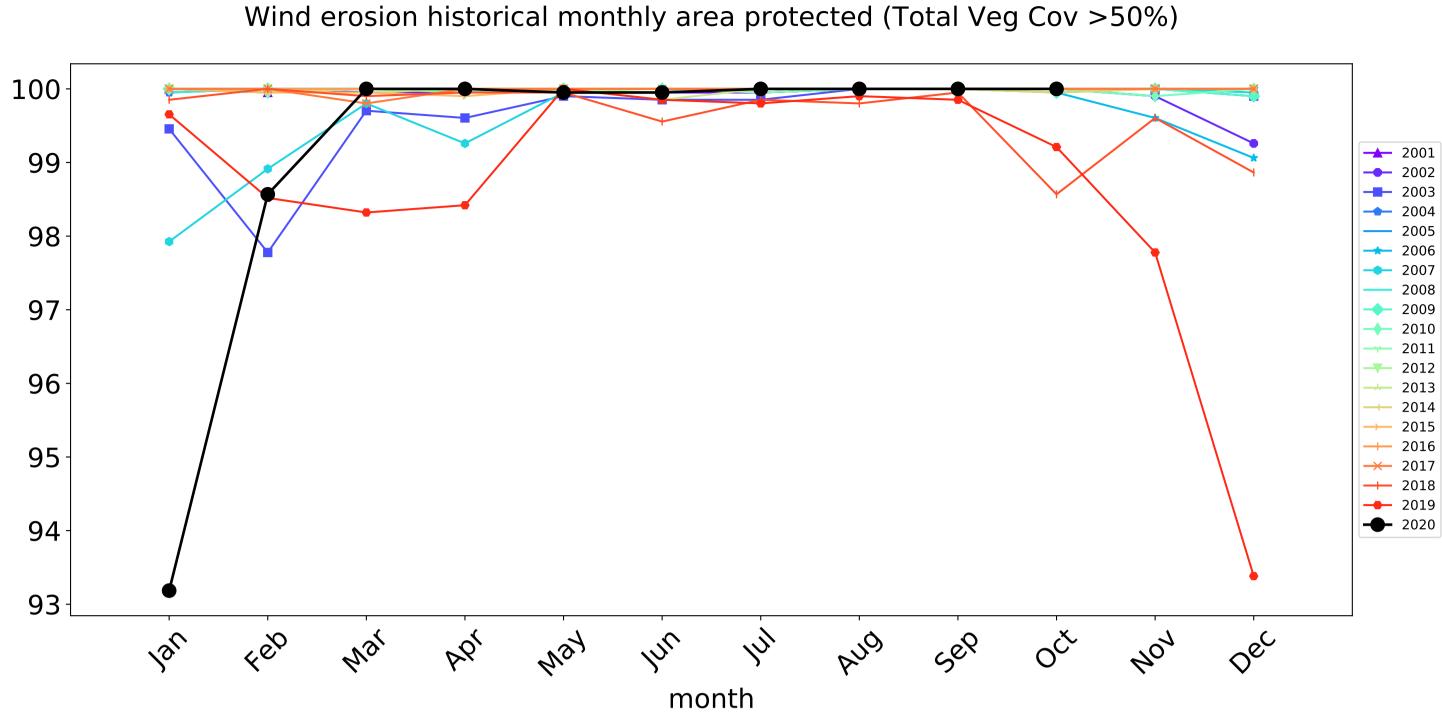


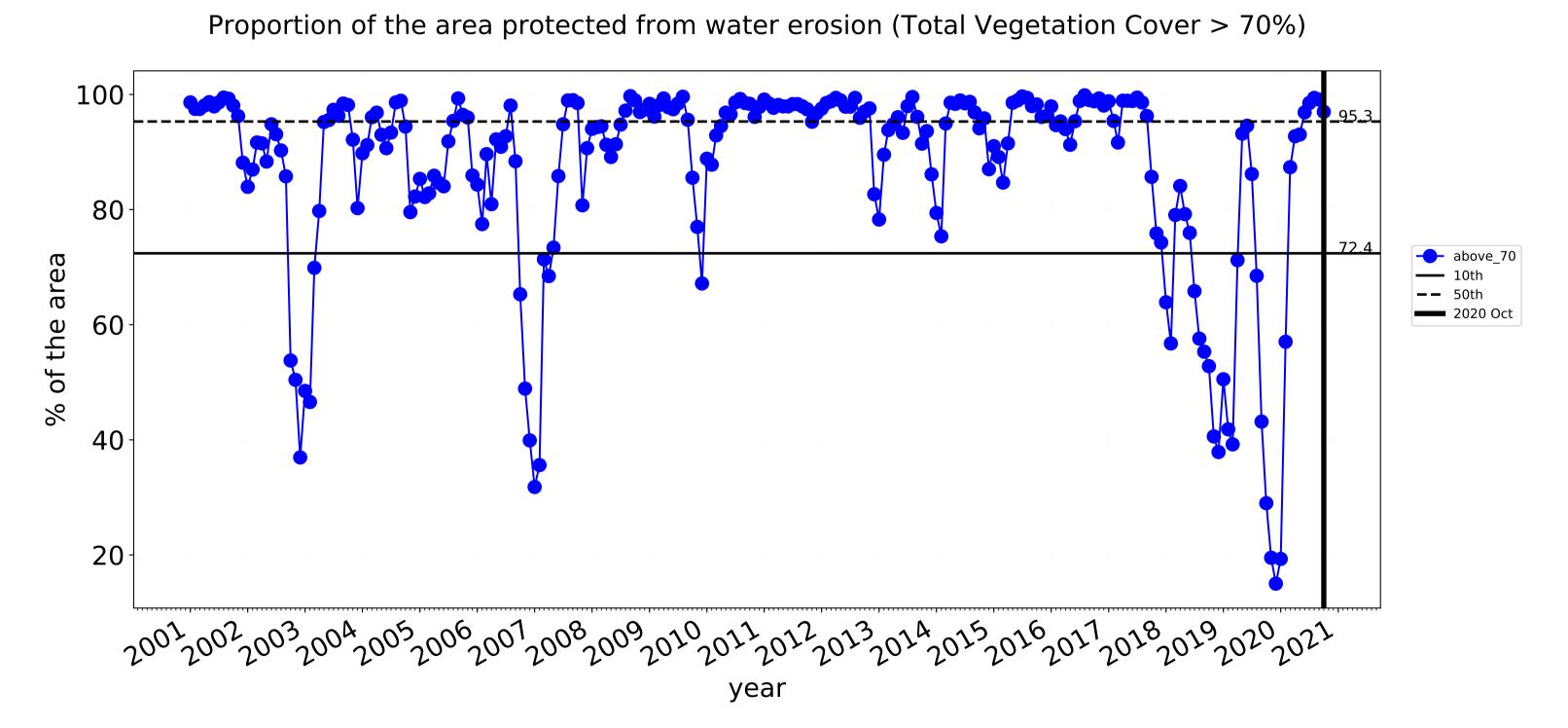


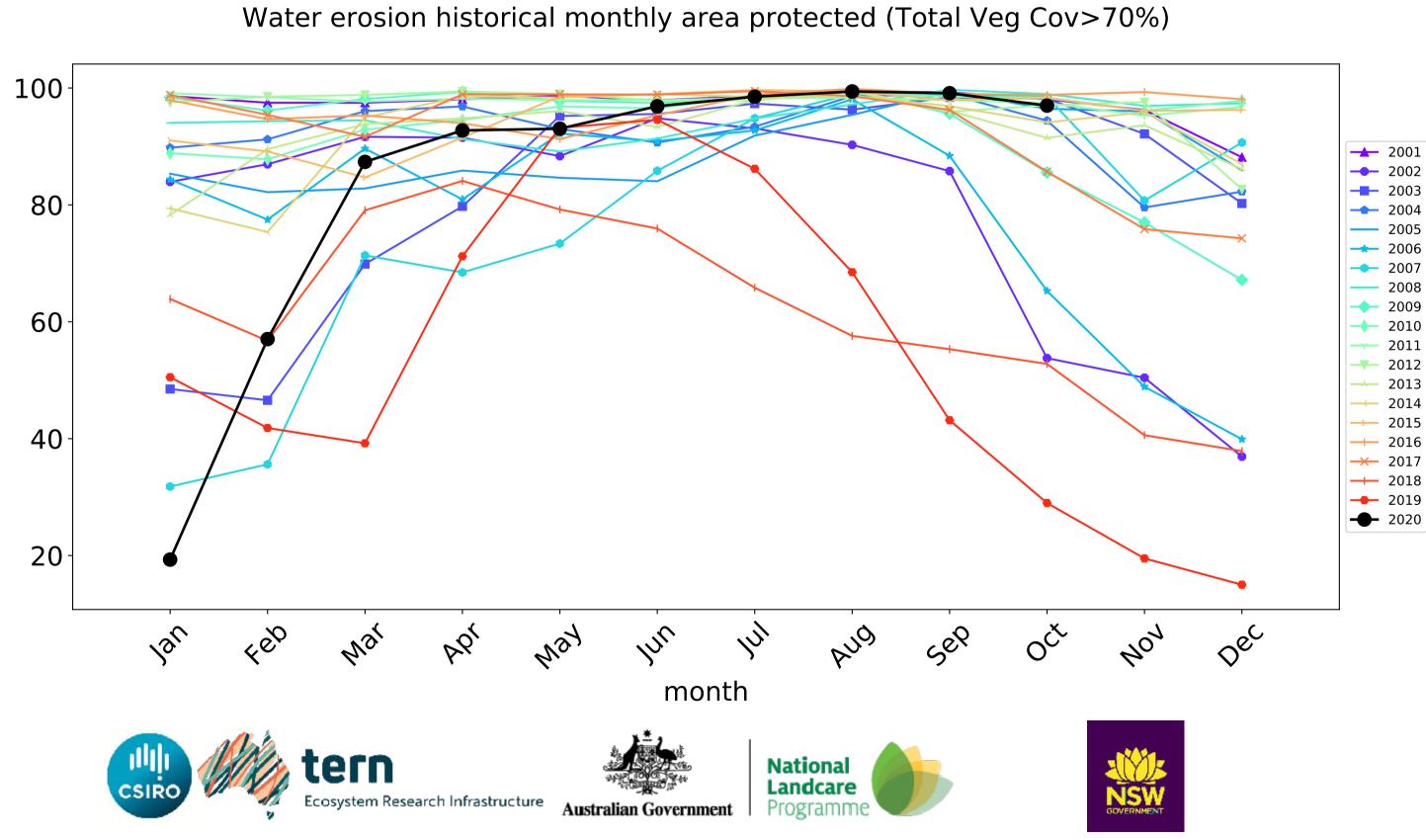


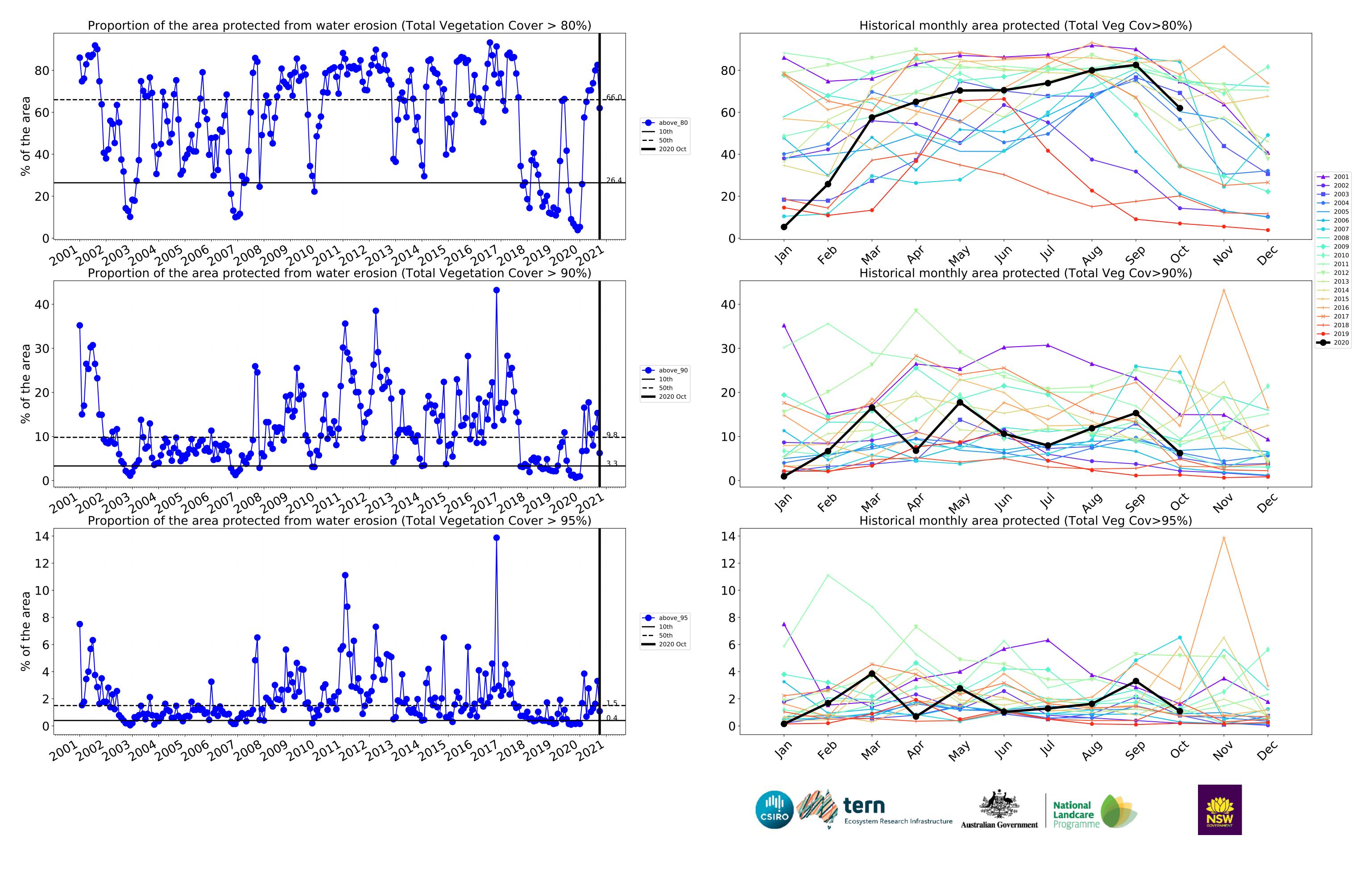
Cropping timeseries







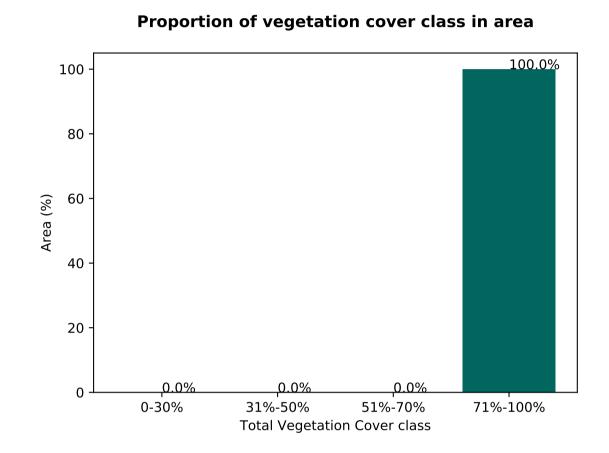


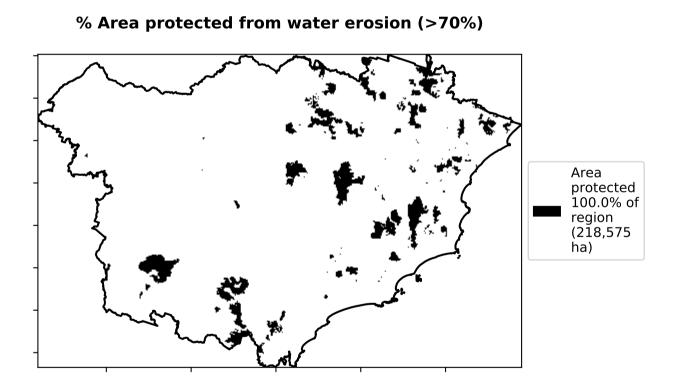


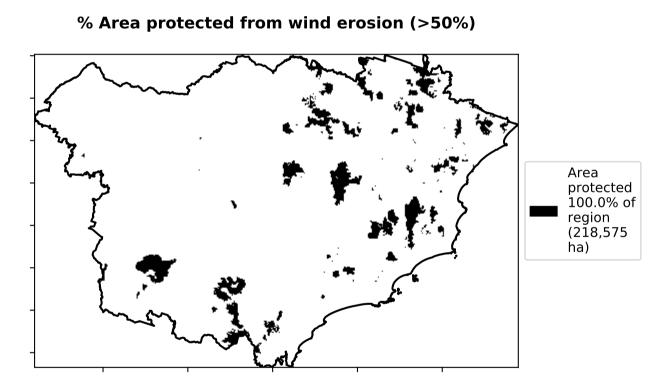
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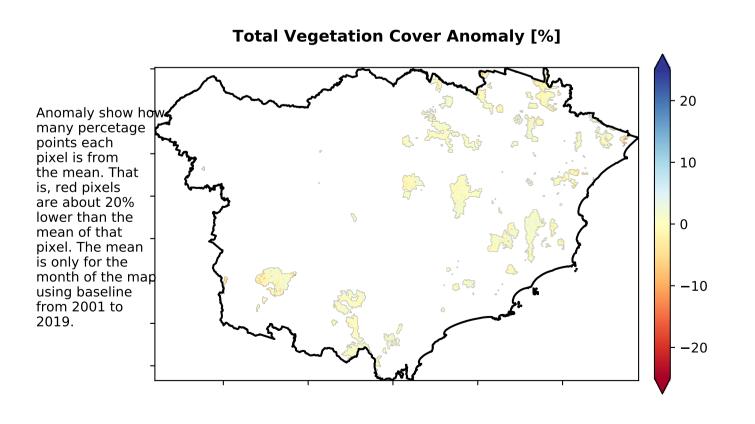
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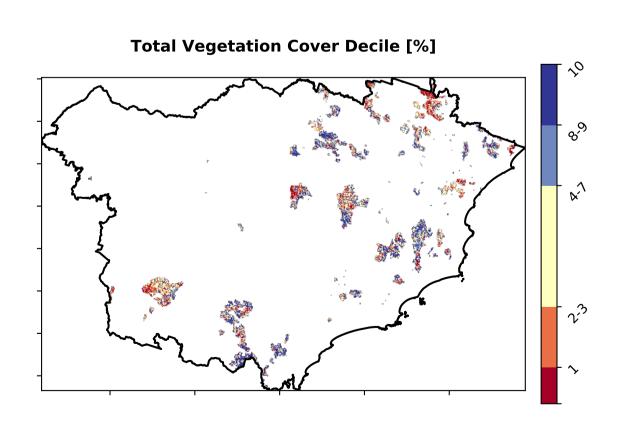
Total Vegetation Cover [%]











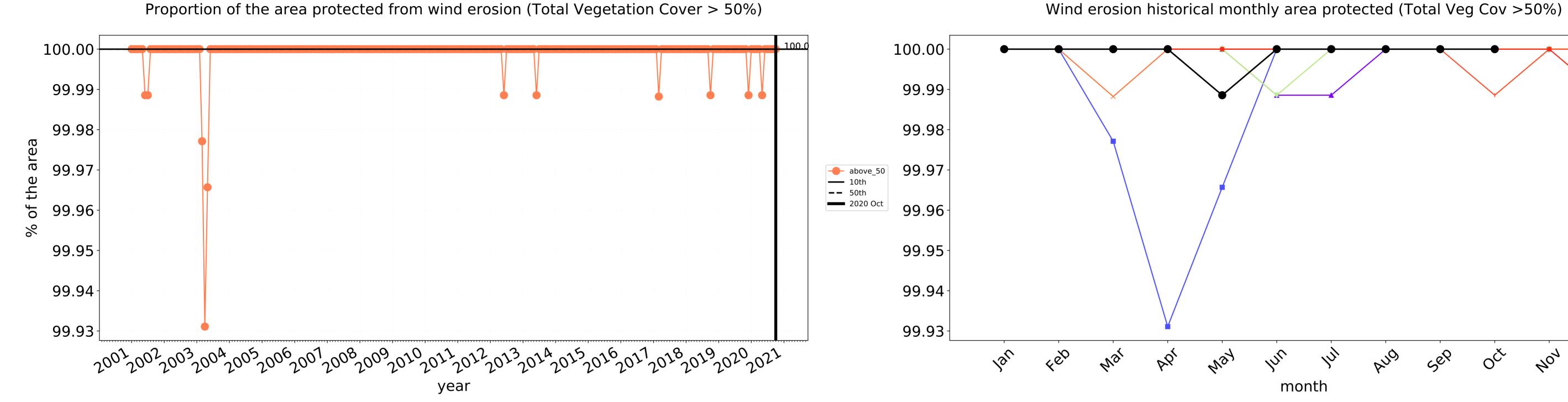


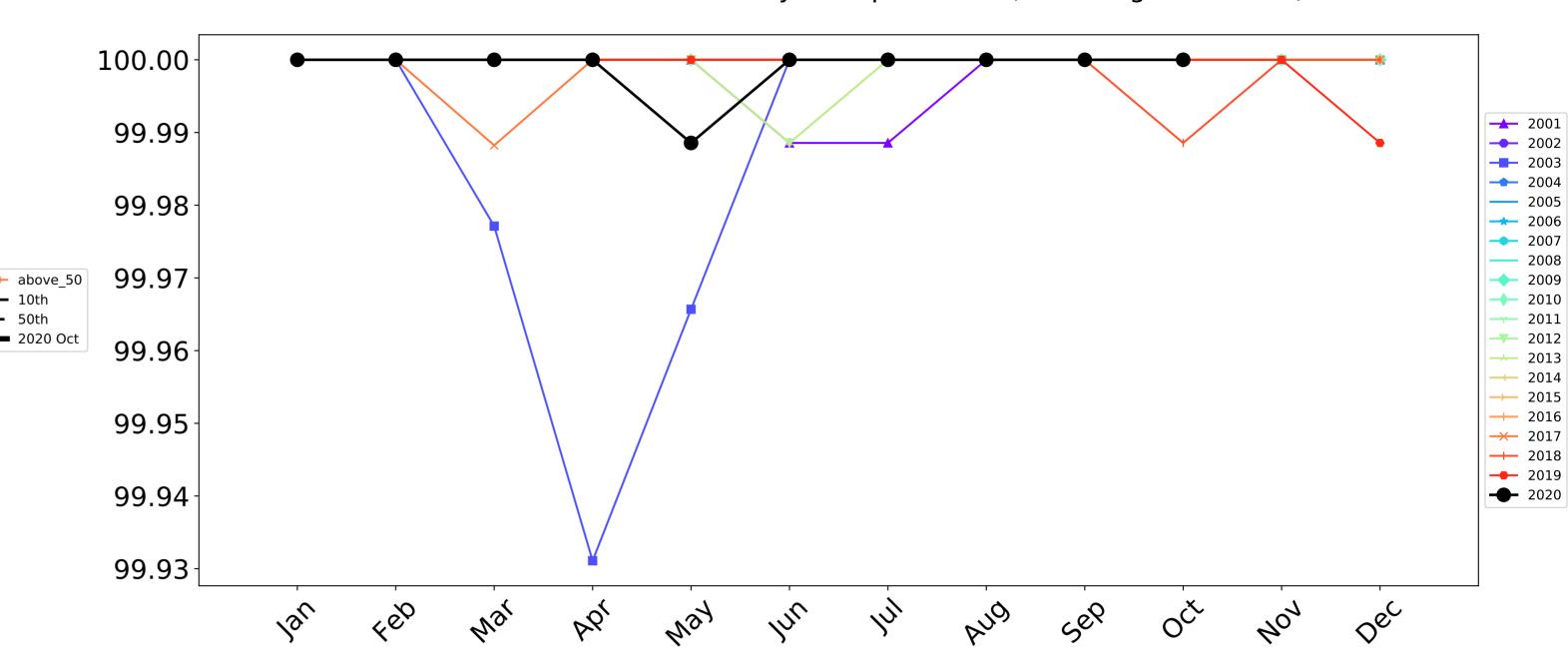




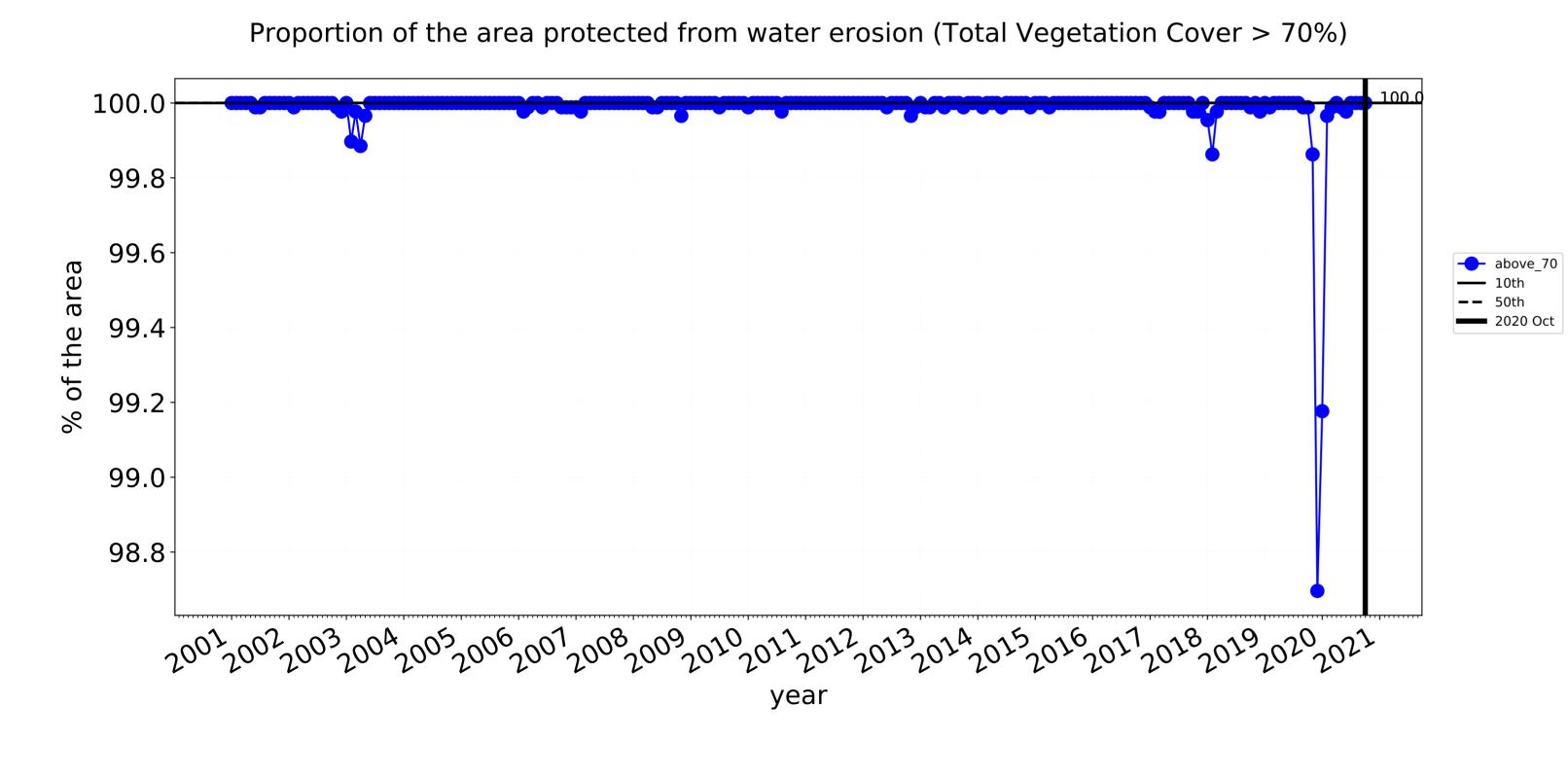


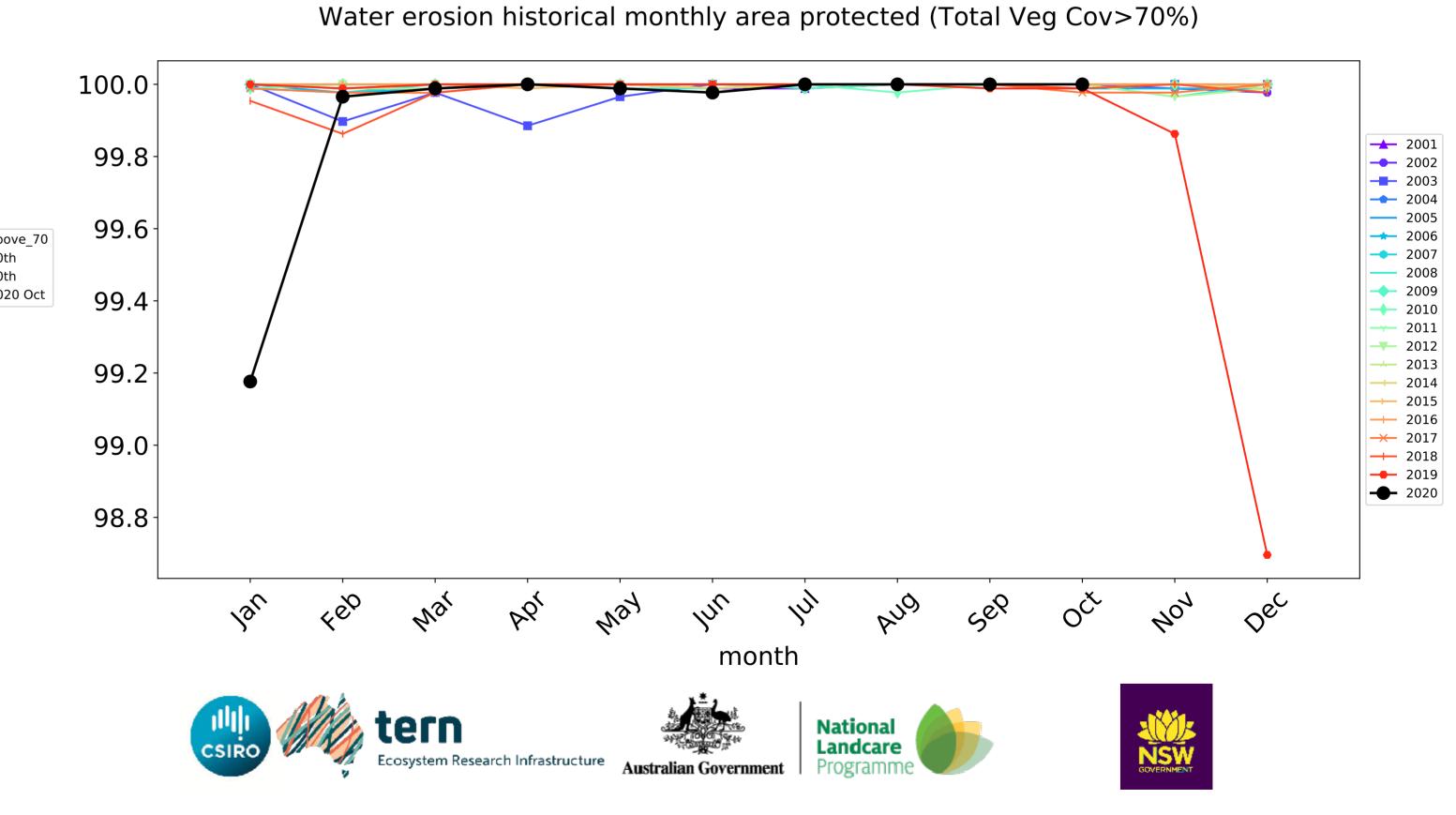
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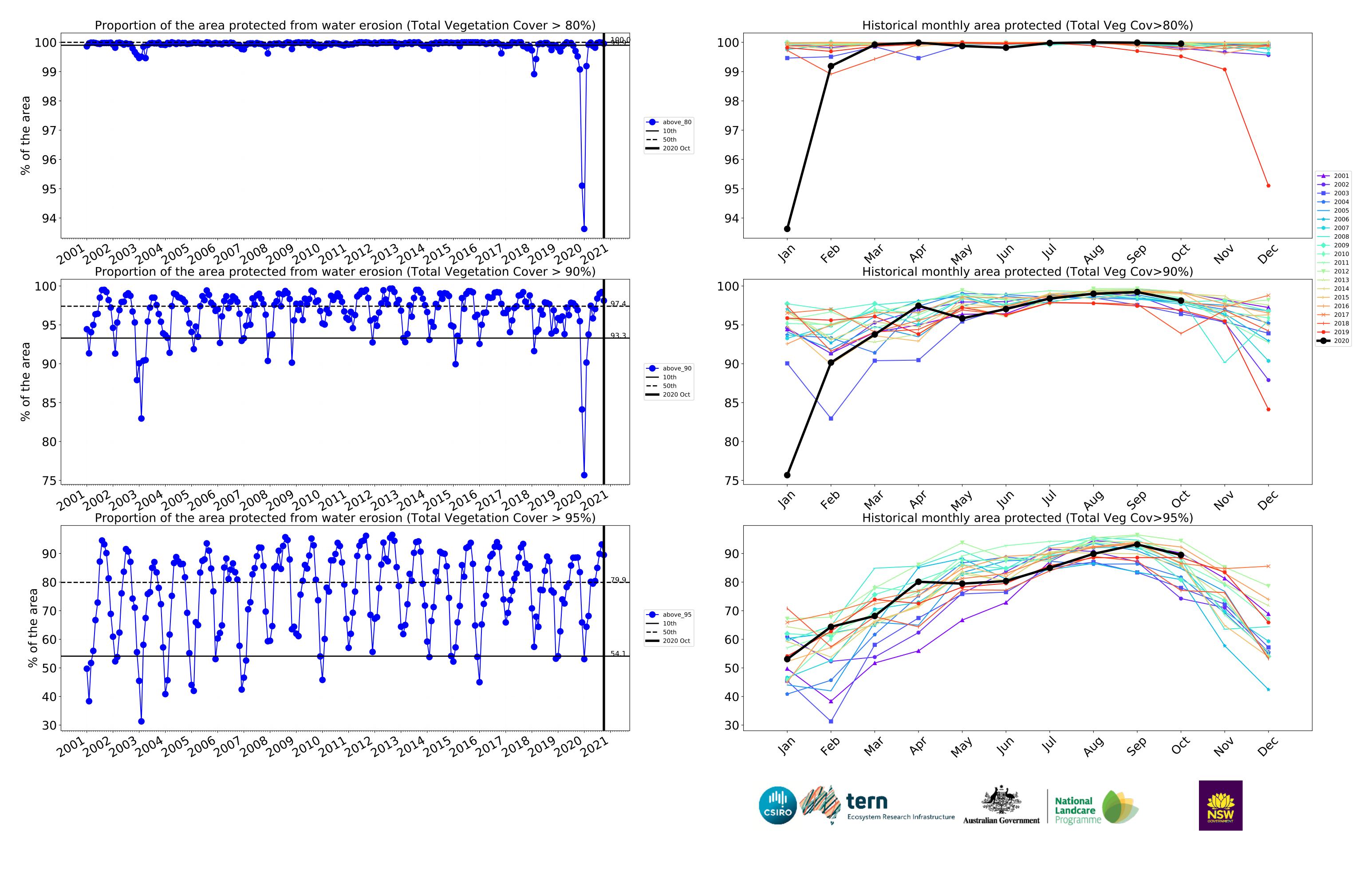




month







Hunter (3,241,250 ha and no data 59,175 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	3,241,250	99.8% 3,235,975	99.5% 3,226,300	98.4% 3,190,775	95.0% 3,079,675	69.9% 2,266,125	41.0% 1,327,600
Conservation and natural environments	1,240,850	99.9% 1,239,625	99.8% 1,238,875	99.6% 1,236,200	98.9% 1,226,850	88.6% 1,099,850	65.5% 812,850
Conservation and natural environments non forest	29,850	96.2% 28,725	94.3% 28,150	89.6% 26,750	82.4% 24,600	56.4% 16,850	31.0% 9,250
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	138,950	100.0% 138,925	99.9% 138,850	99.7% 138,550	98.2% 136,475	82.2% 114,275	46.7% 64,875
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,072,050	100.0% 1,071,975	100.0% 1,071,875	99.9% 1,070,900	99.4% 1,065,775	90.4% 968,725	68.9% 738,725
Agriculture	1,580,900	100.0% 1,580,850	99.9% 1,580,050	99.6% 1,574,075	95.5% 1,509,325	56.6% 895,100	19.1% 301,450
Grazing	1,502,900	100.0% 1,502,850	99.9% 1,502,050	99.7% 1,497,900	96.9% 1,456,125	59.2% 889,600	20.0% 300,550
Grazing non forest	1,213,075	100.0% 1,213,025	99.9% 1,212,425	99.6% 1,208,625	96.3% 1,168,600	55.7% 675,450	17.2% 209,100
Grazing Woodland forest	120,600	100.0% 120,600	99.9% 120,450	99.7% 120,250	98.9% 119,275	62.2% 75,050	19.1% 23,000
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	169,225	100.0% 169,225	100.0% 169,175	99.9% 169,025	99.4% 168,250	82.2% 139,100	40.4% 68,450
Cropping	50,625	100.0% 50,625	100.0% 50,625	97.0% 49,100	62.0% 31,375	6.2% 3,150	1.1% 550
Production native forests and plantation forests	218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,475	98.1% 214,450	89.5% 195,625







