### 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: February 2022** 

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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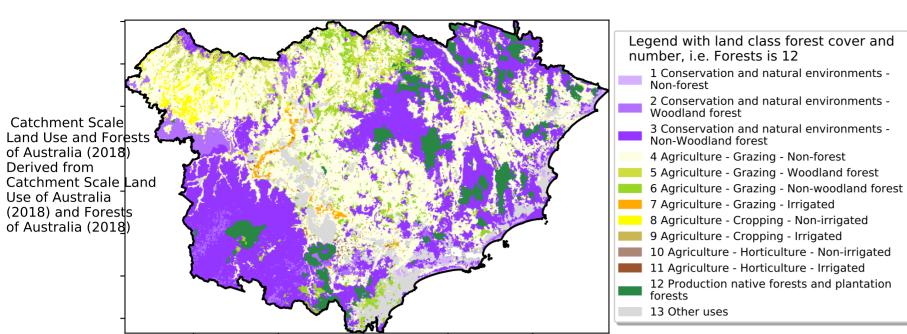




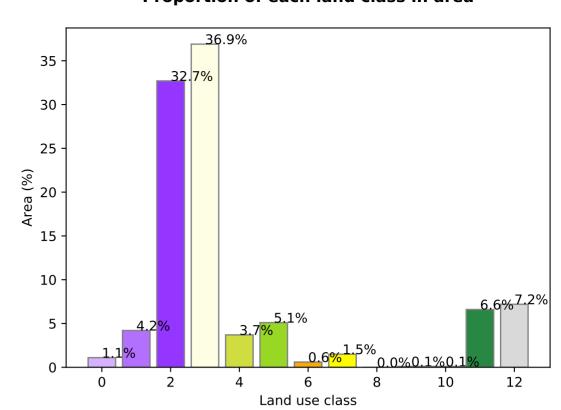


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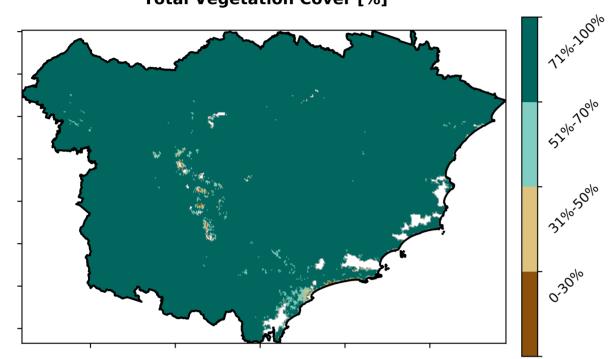
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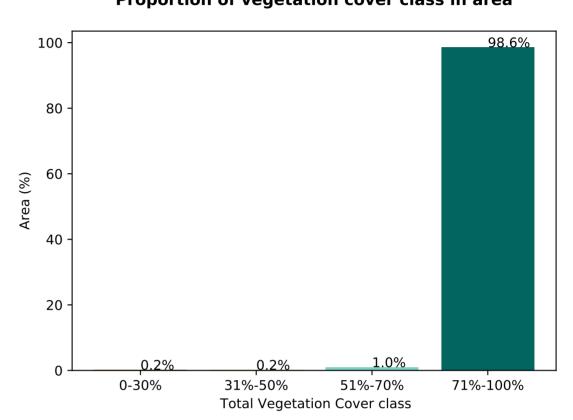
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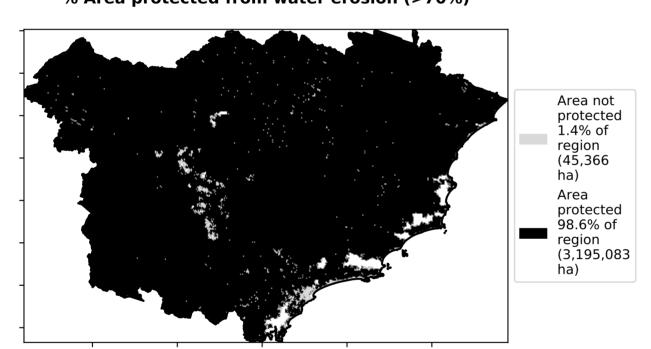
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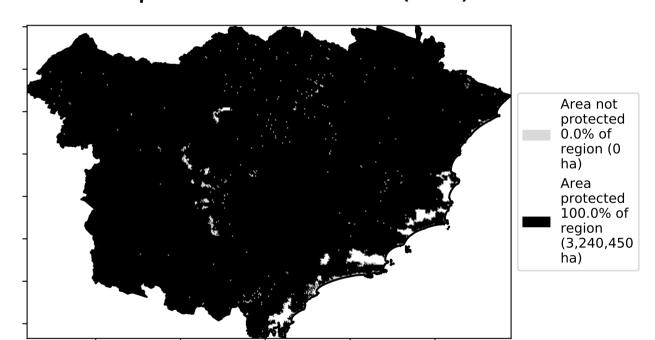
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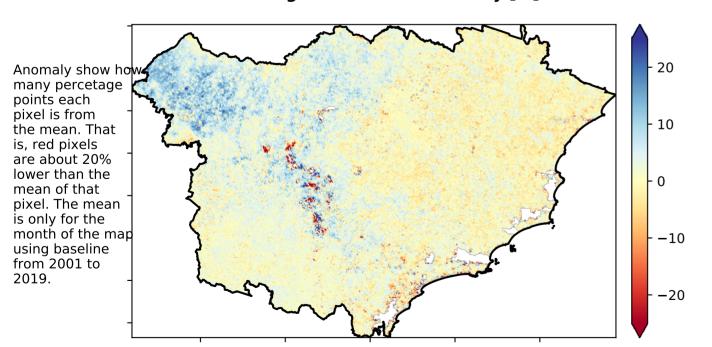
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

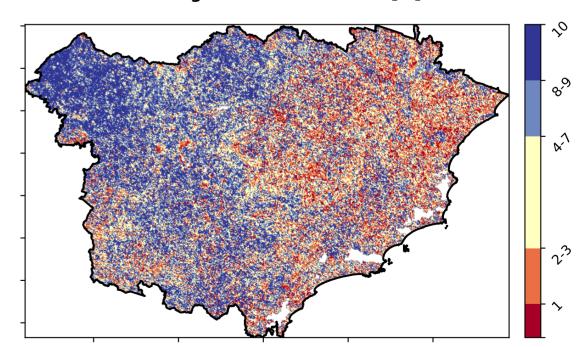


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

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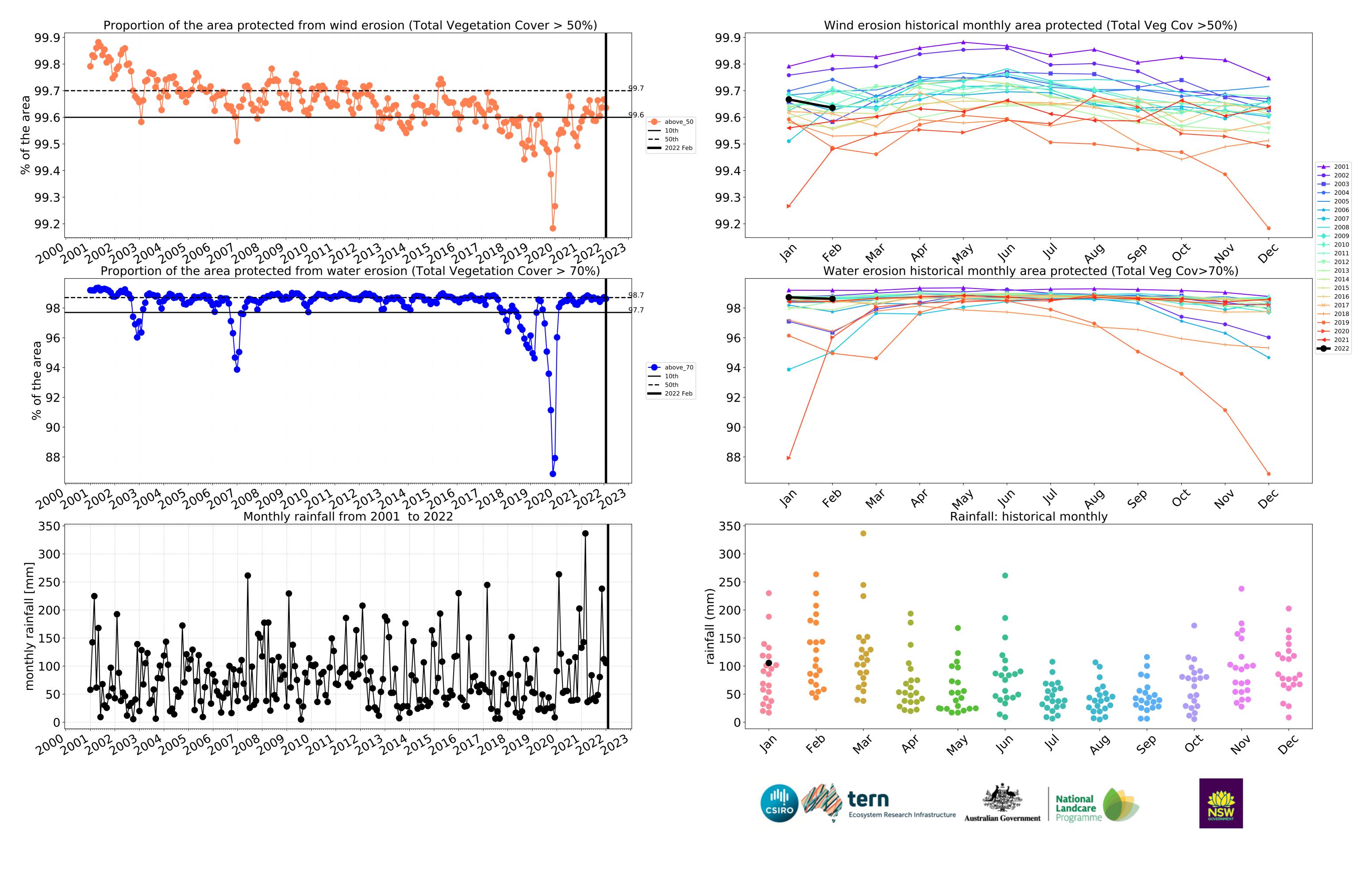




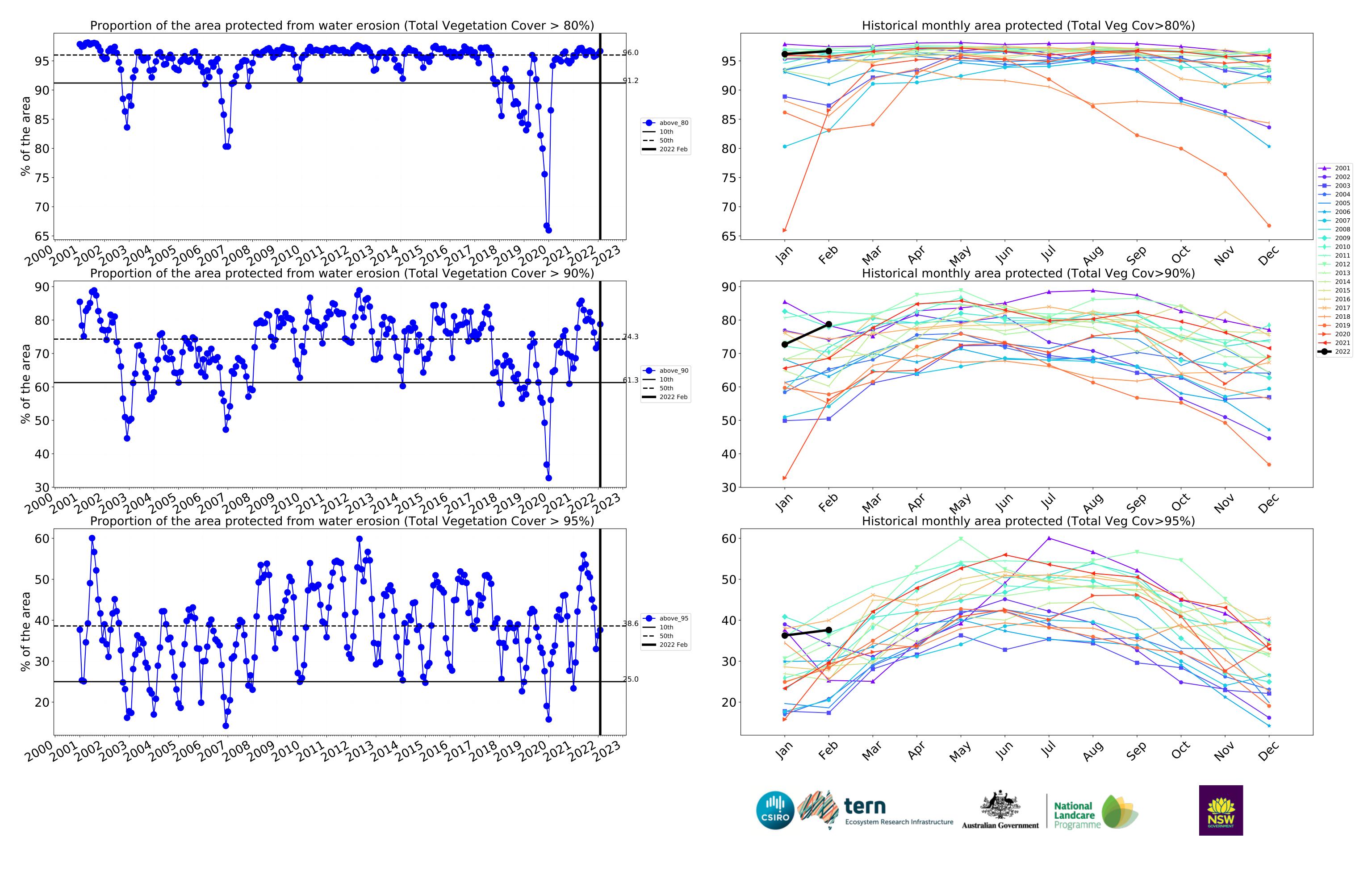




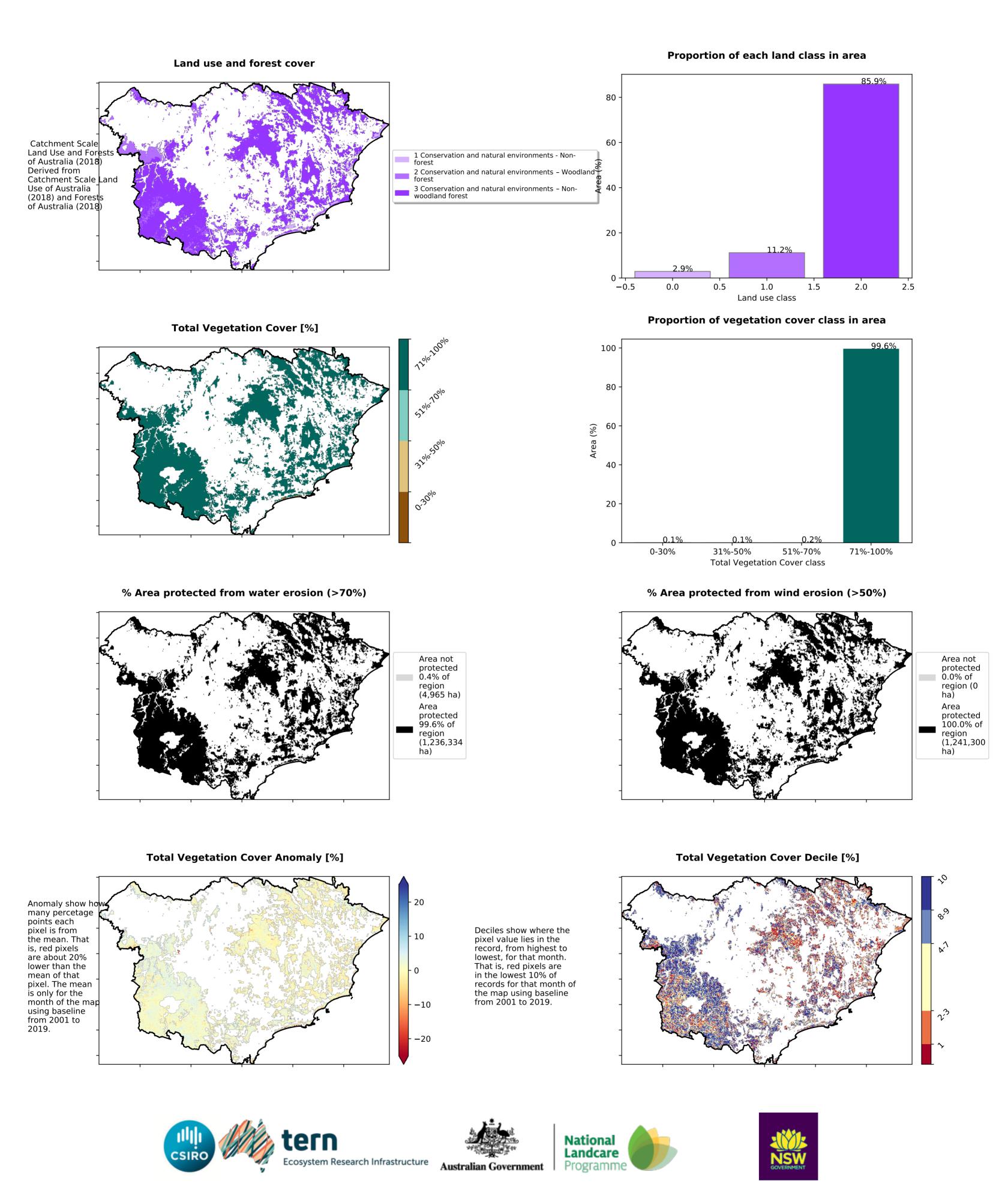




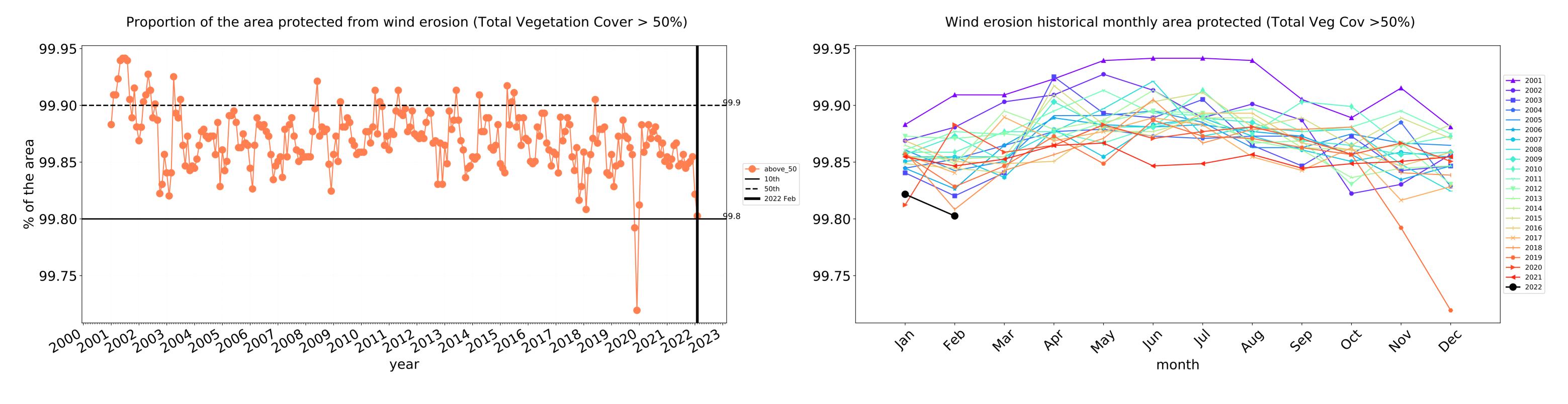
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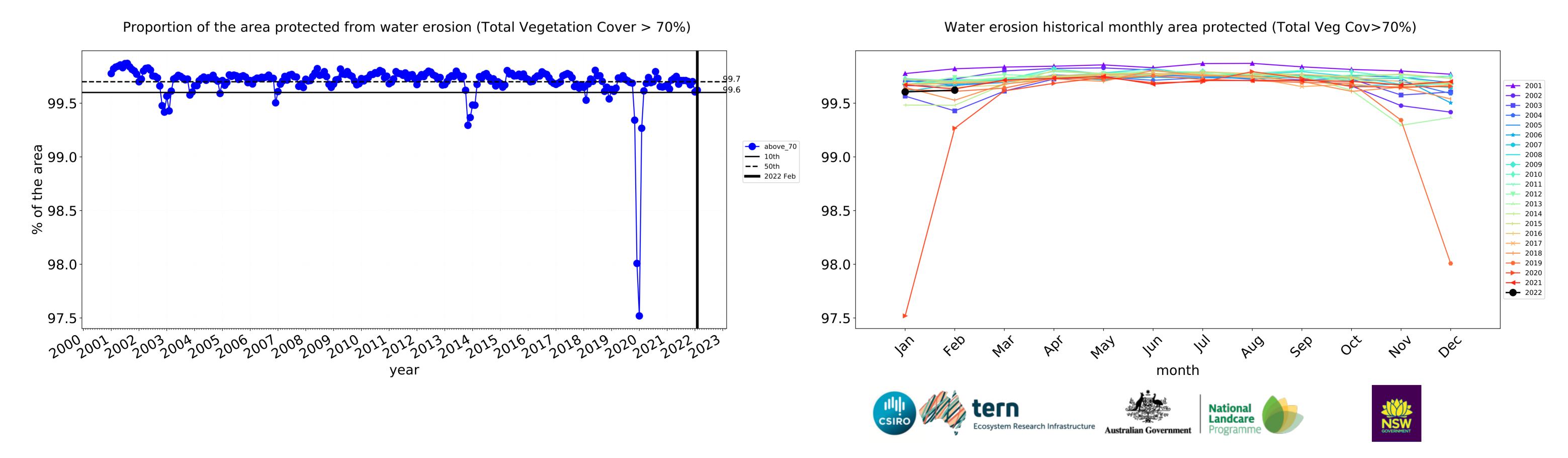


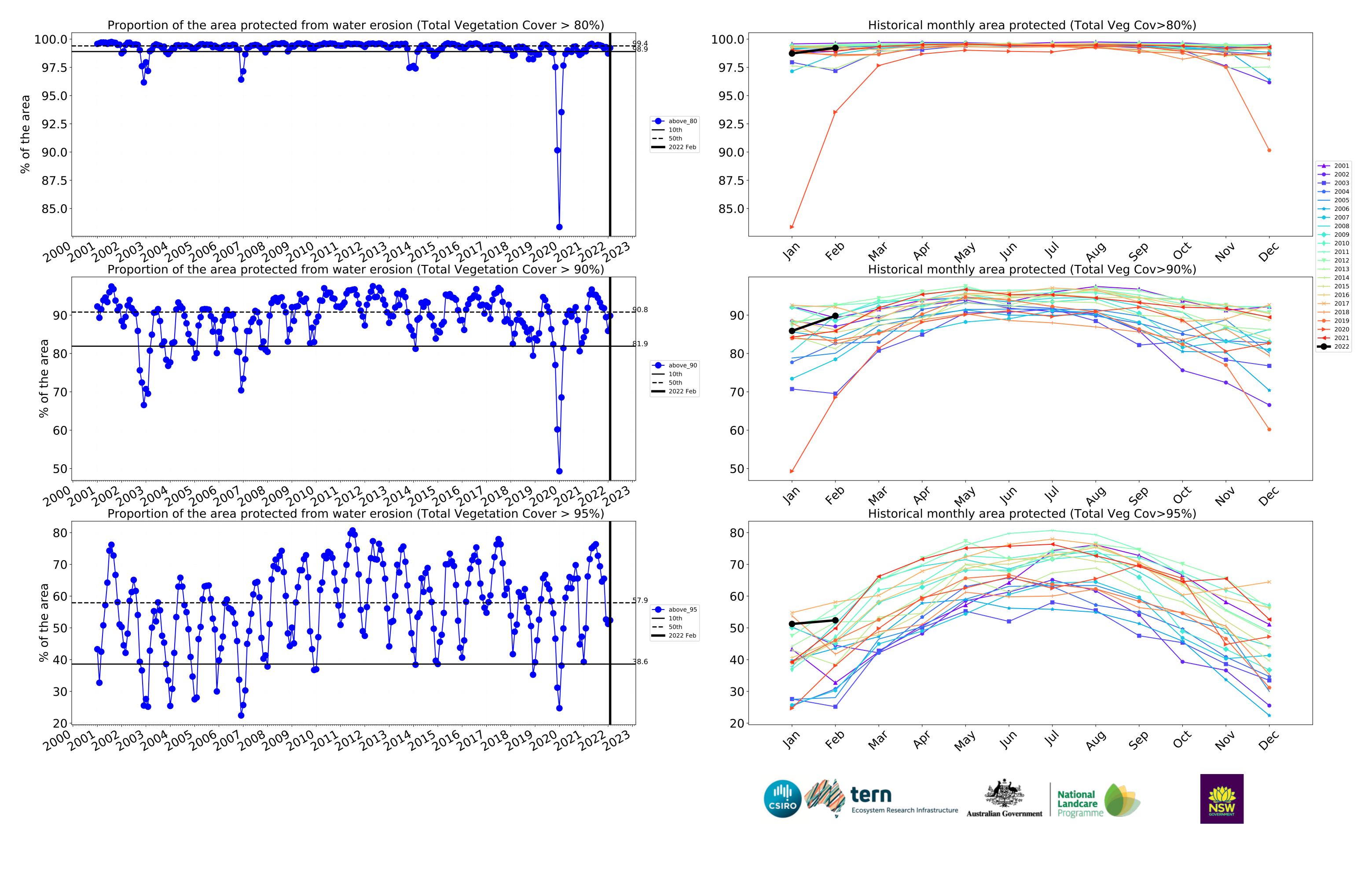
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### **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**





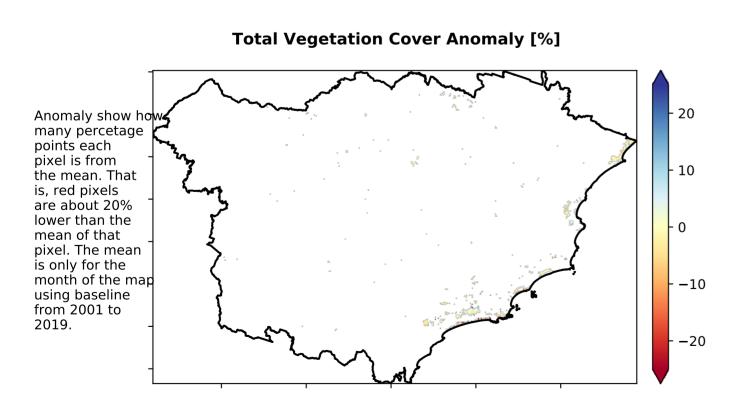


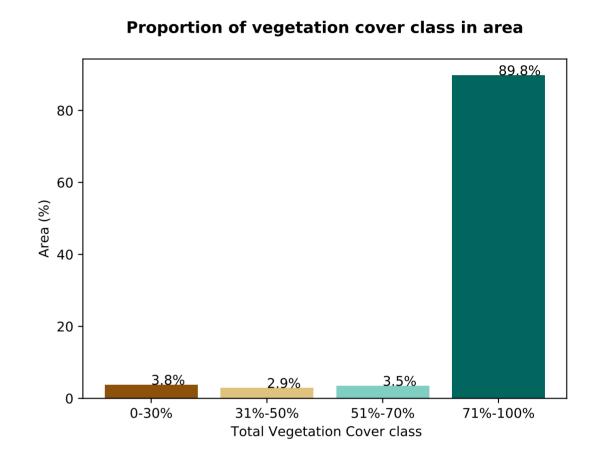
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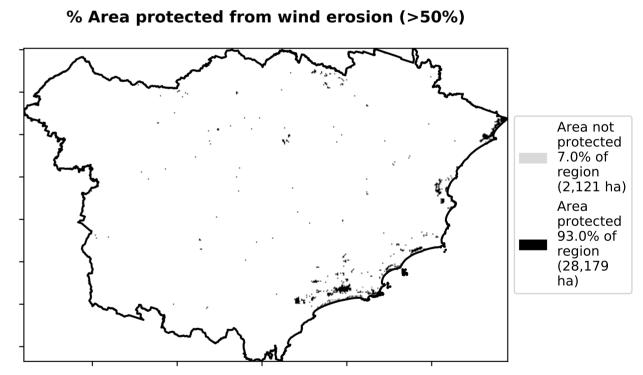
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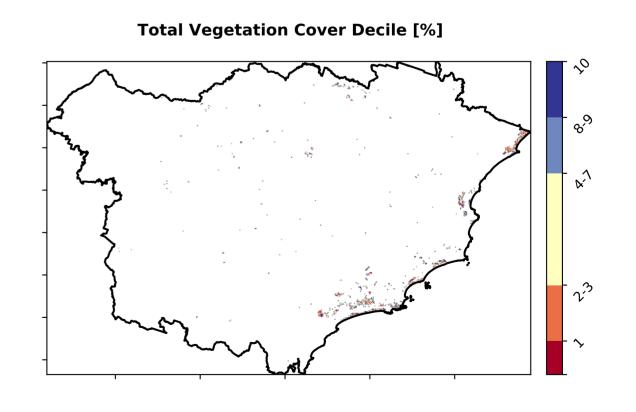
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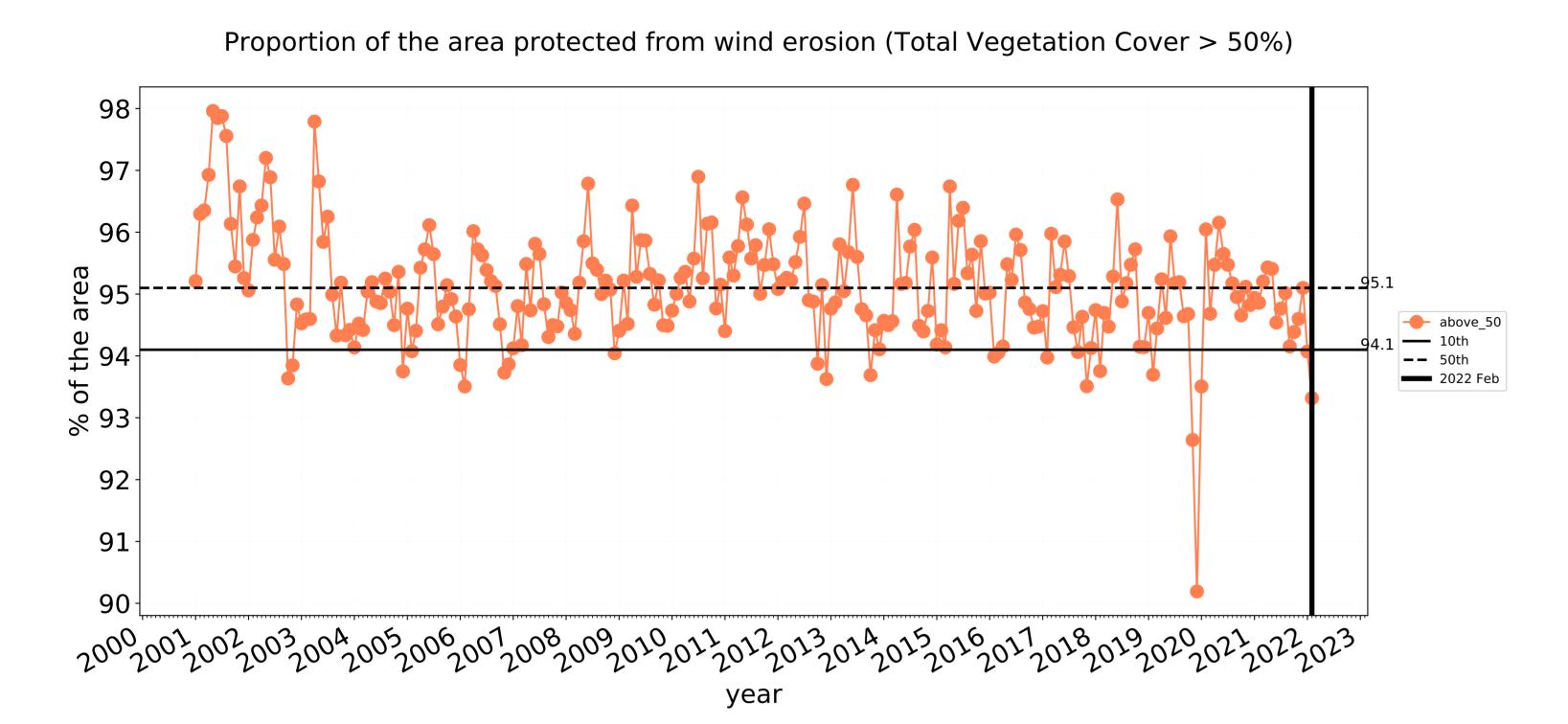


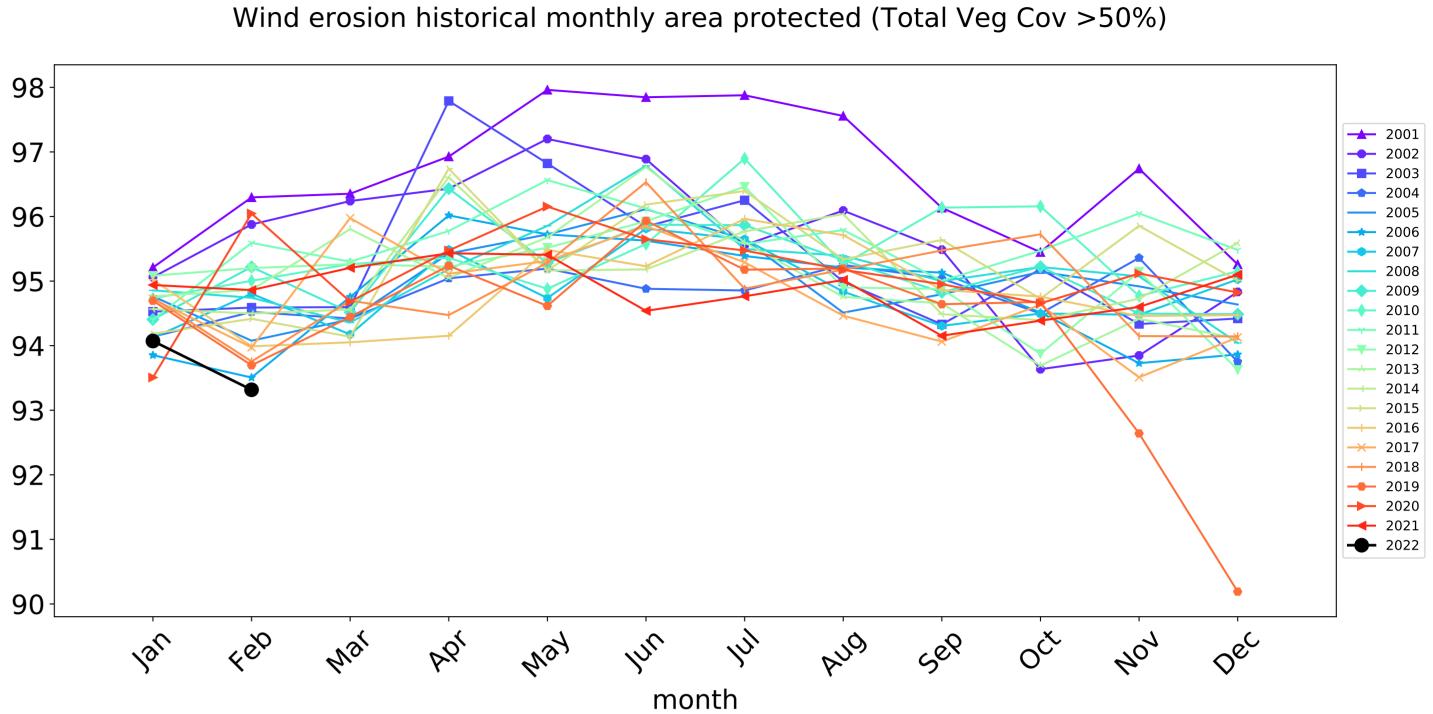


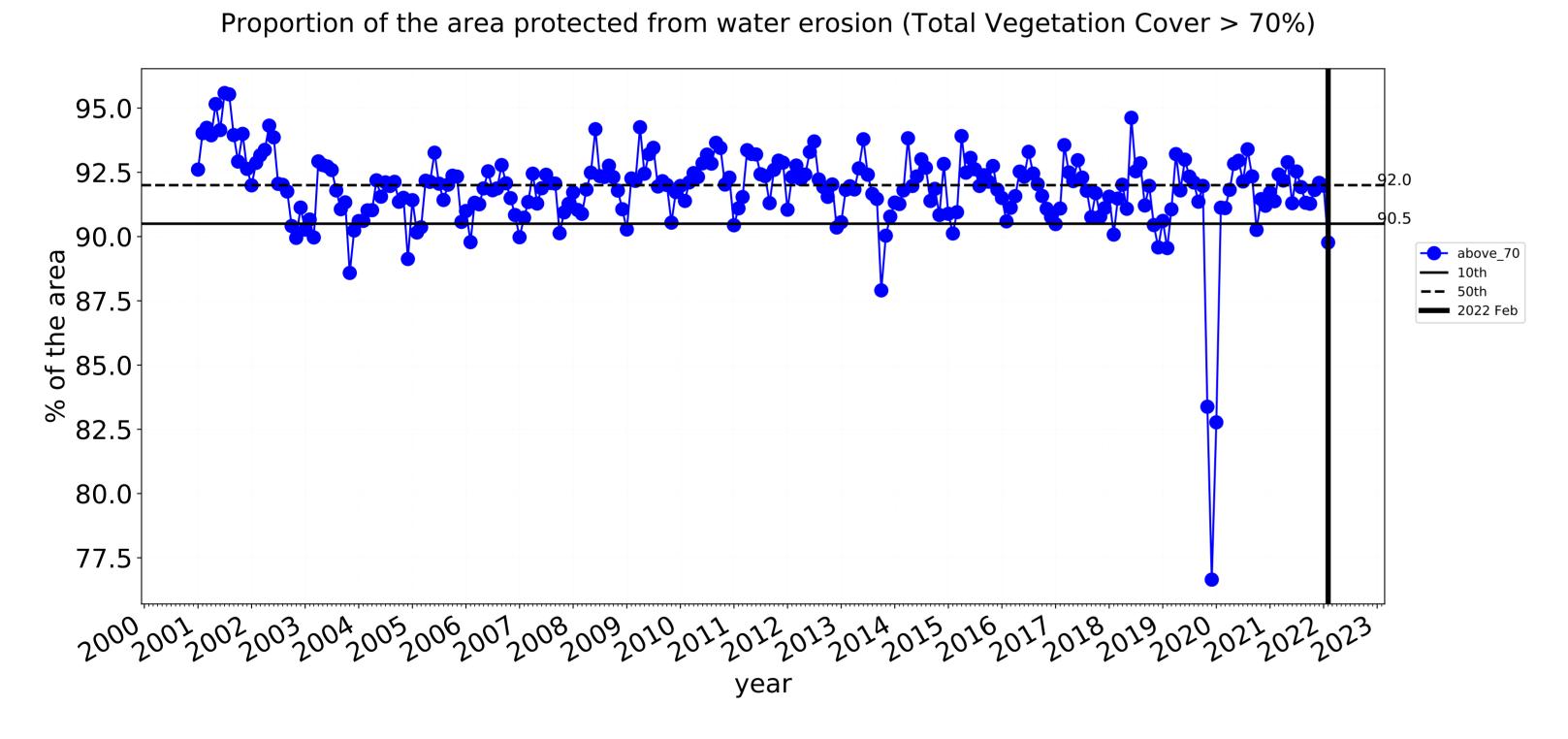


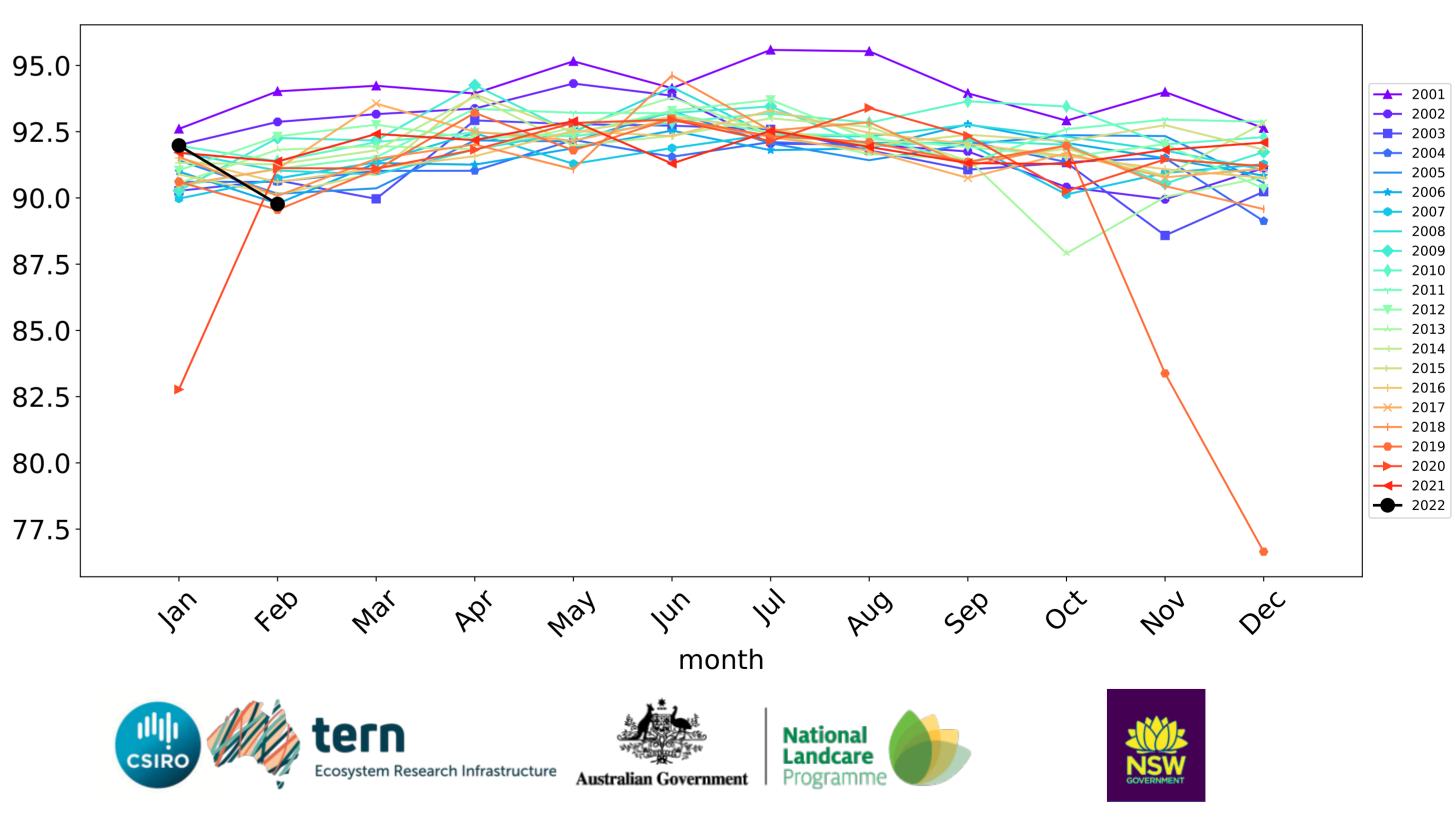


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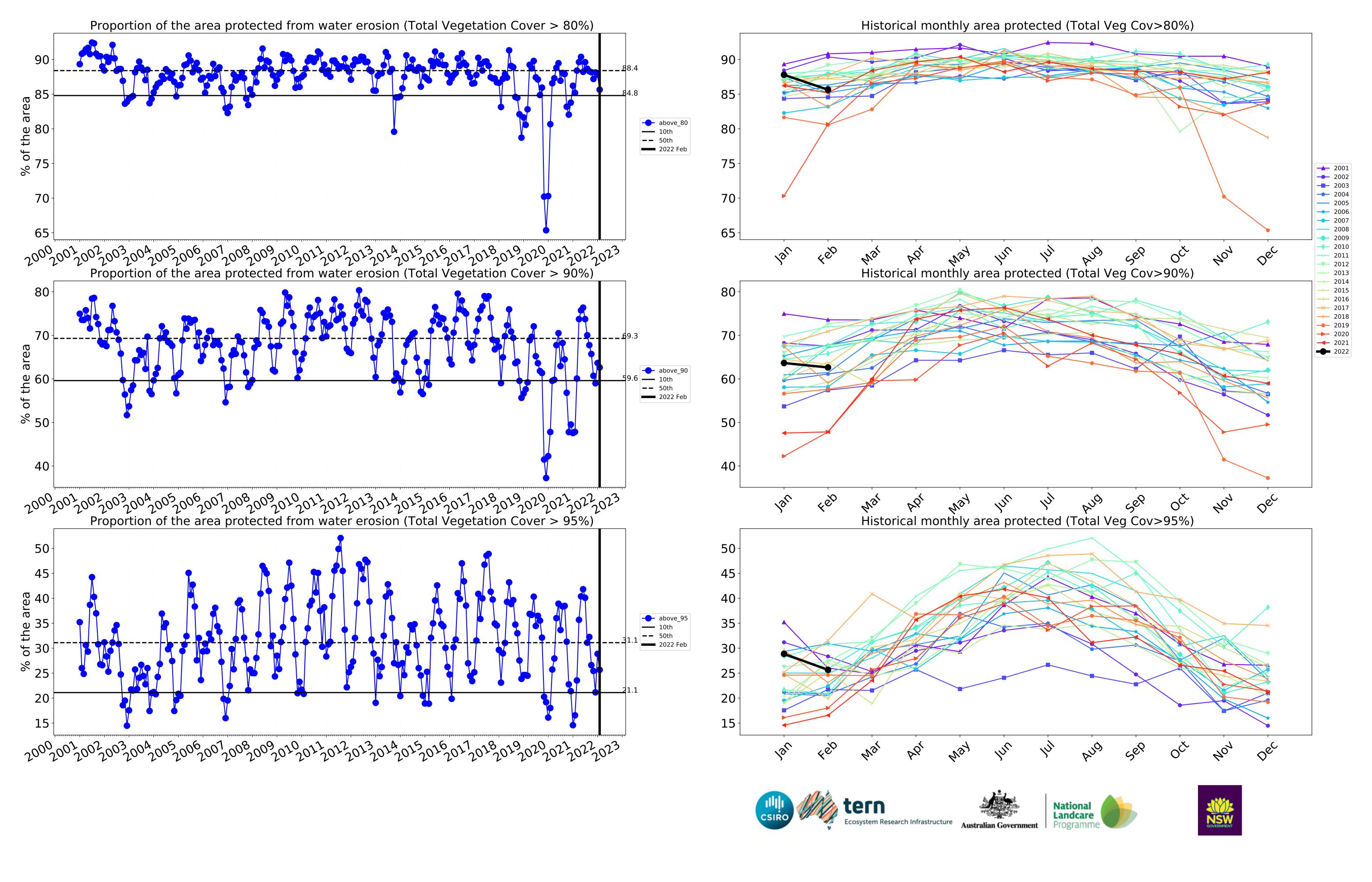




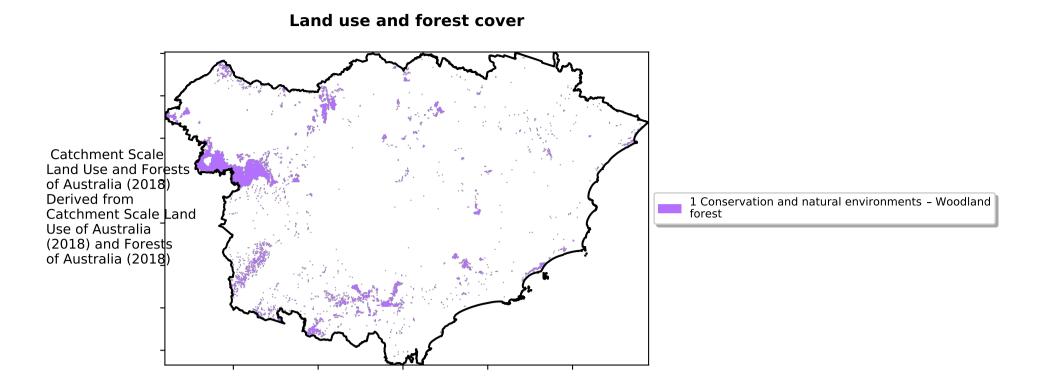


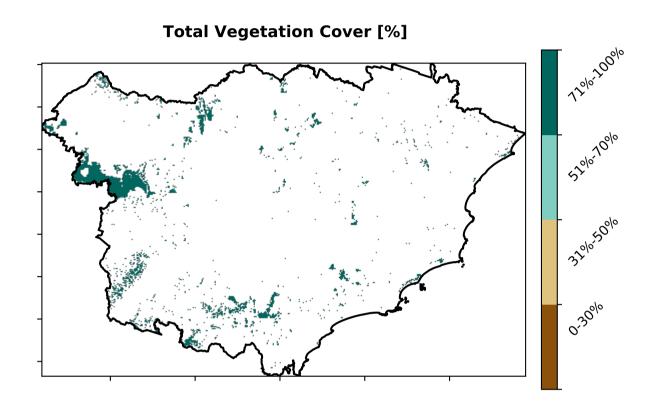


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

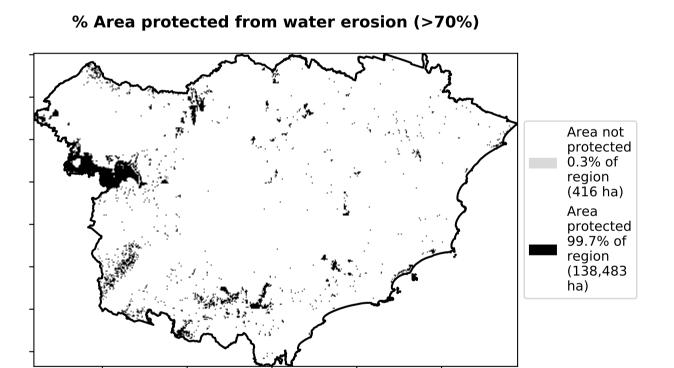


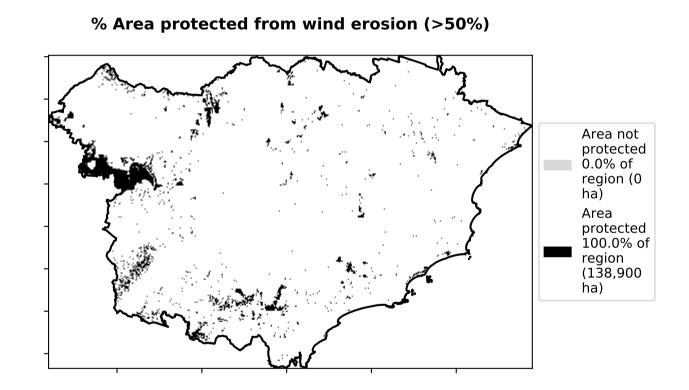
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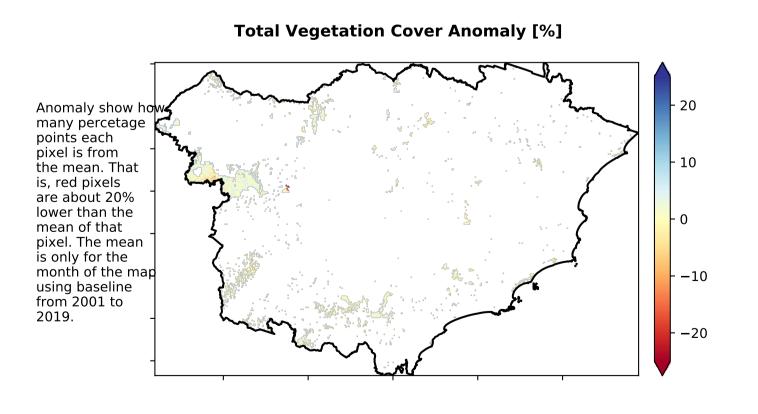


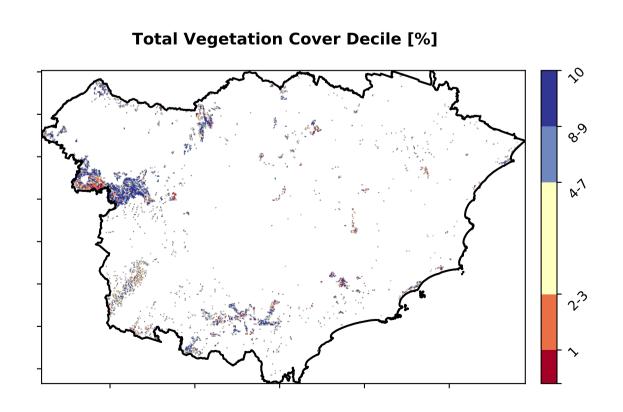


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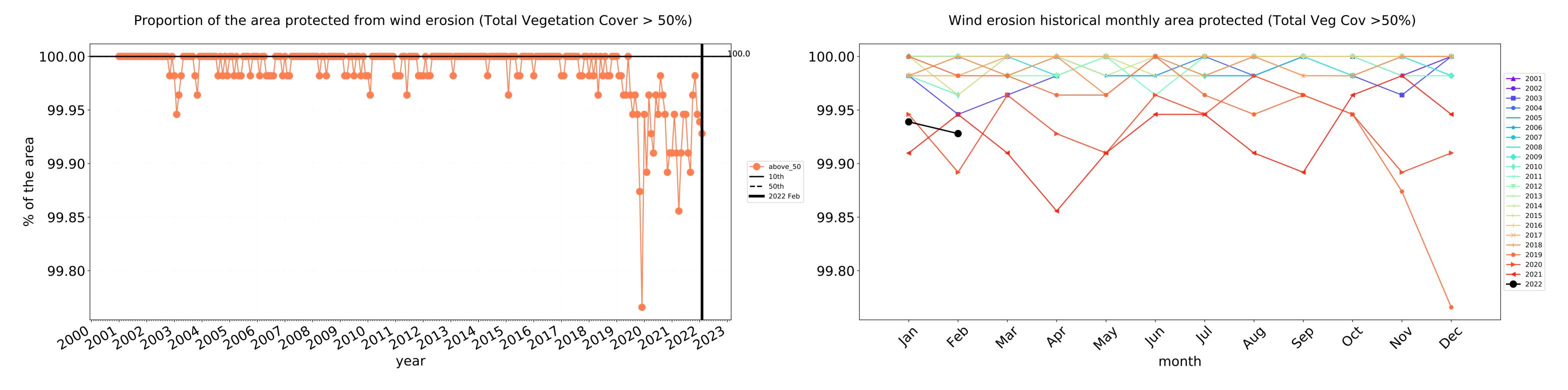


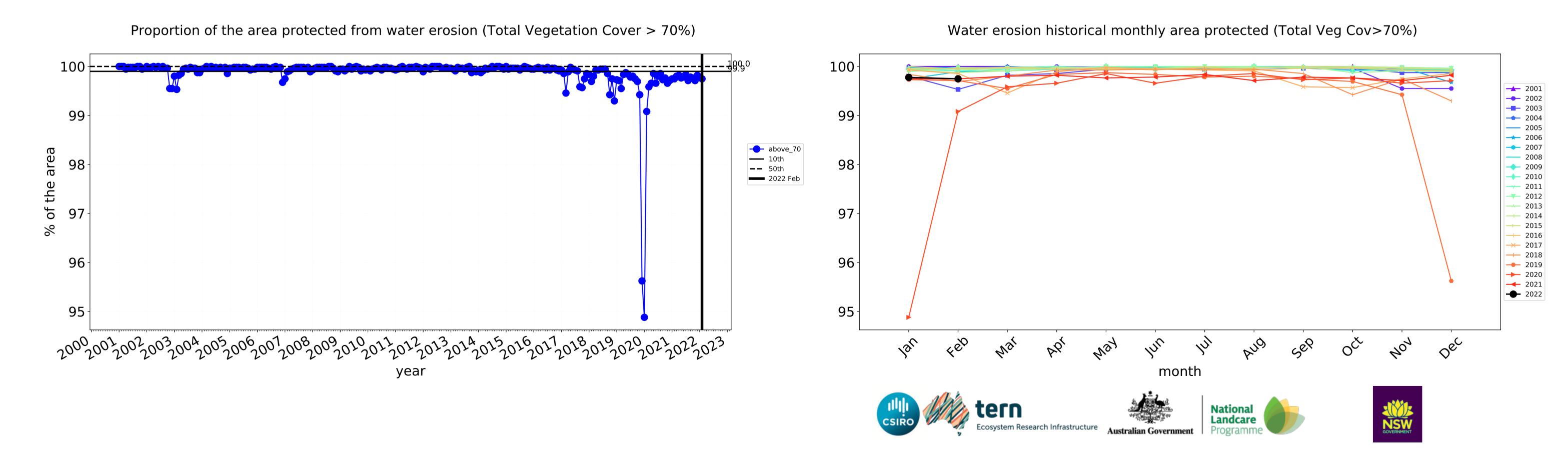


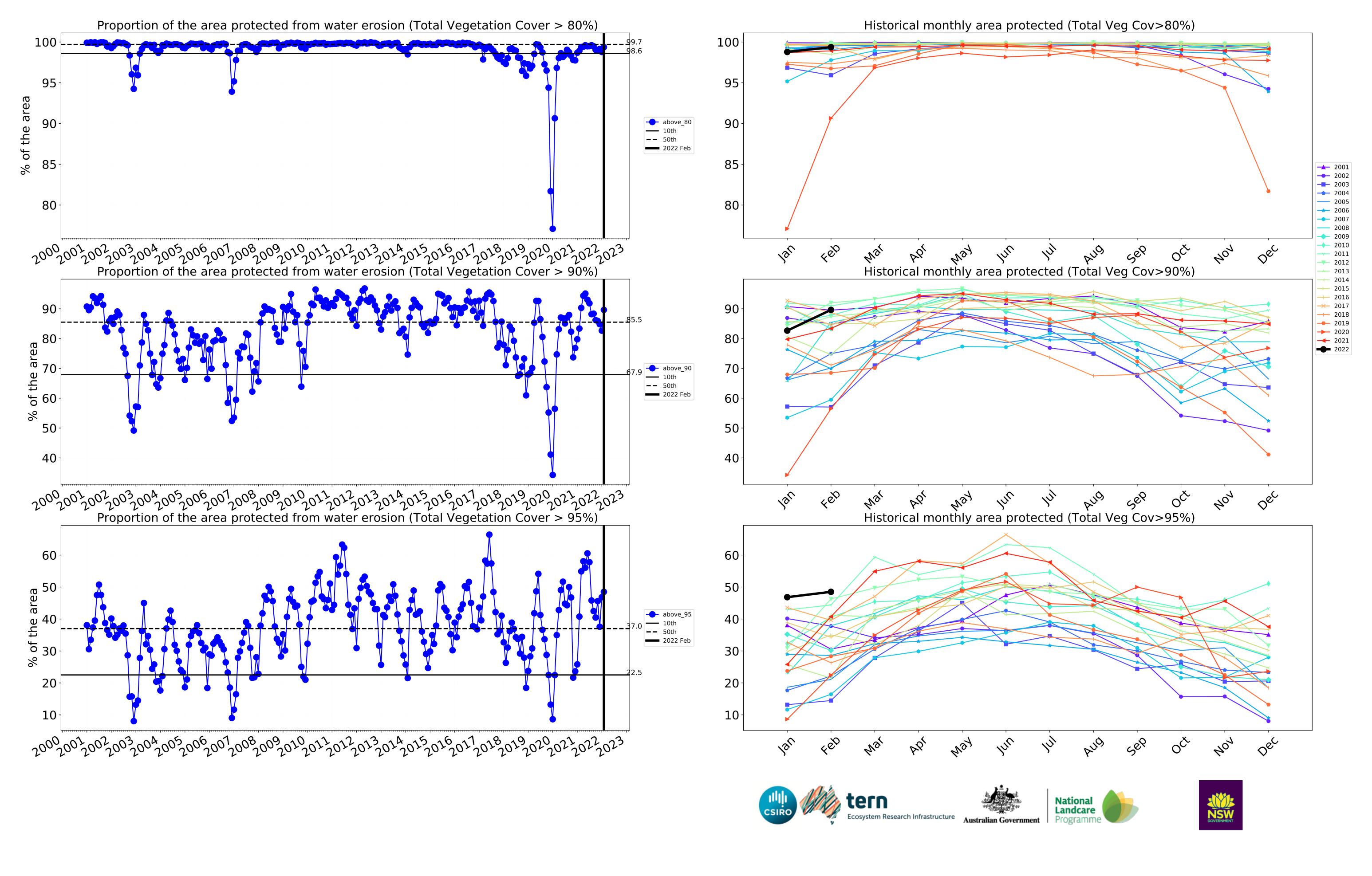




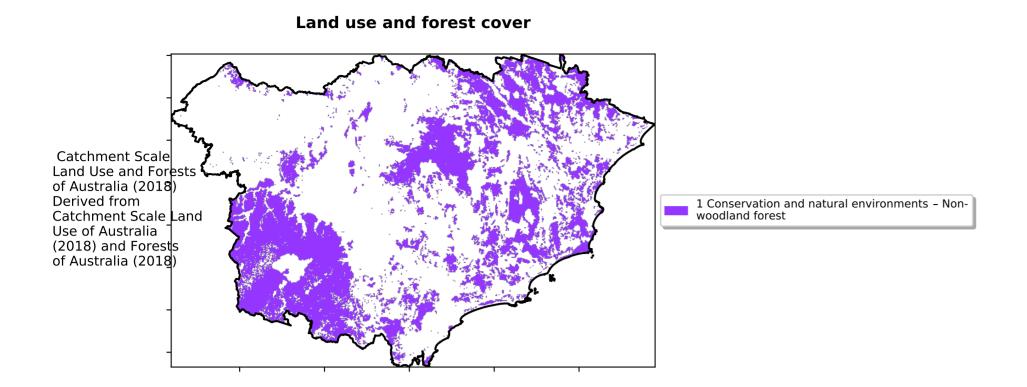




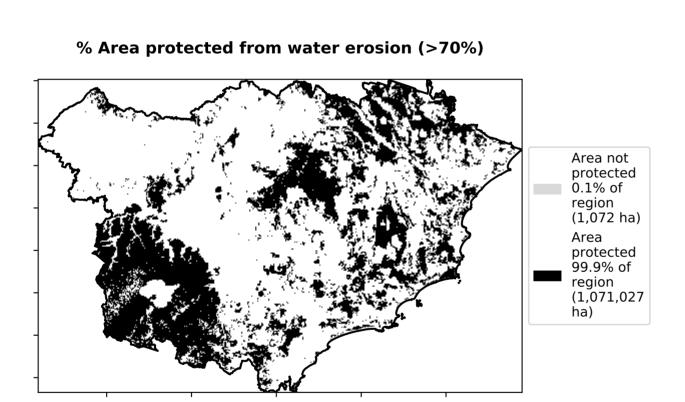


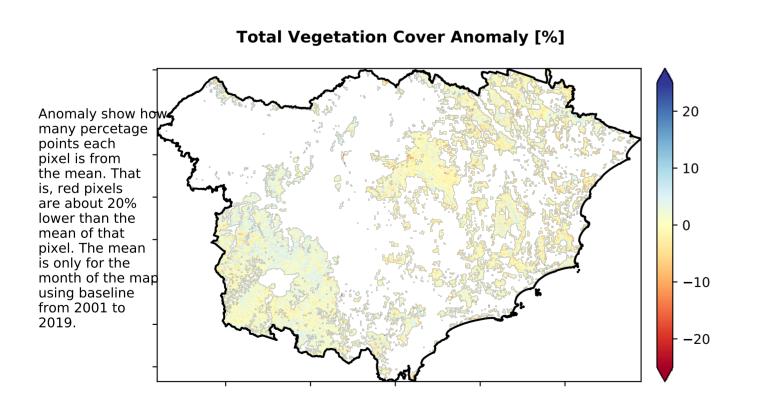


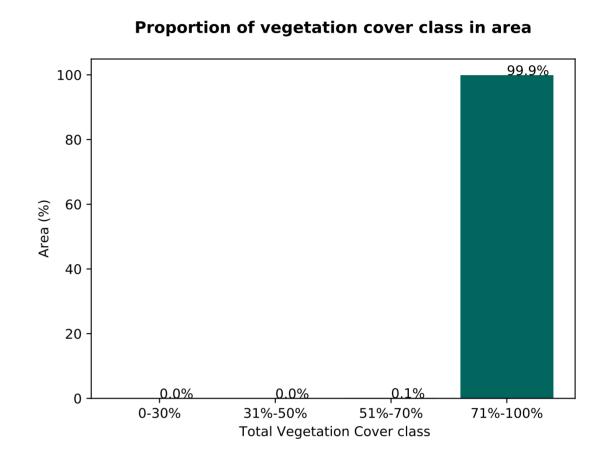
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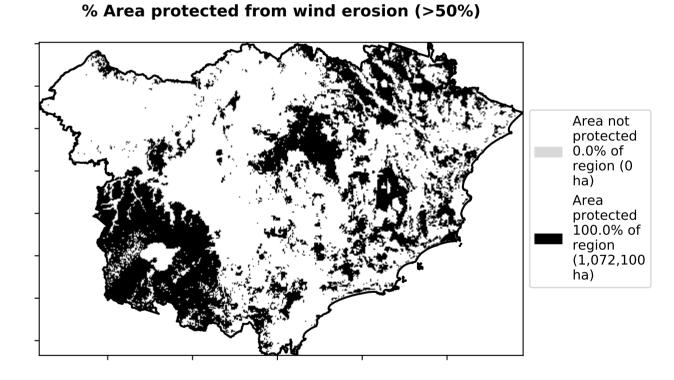


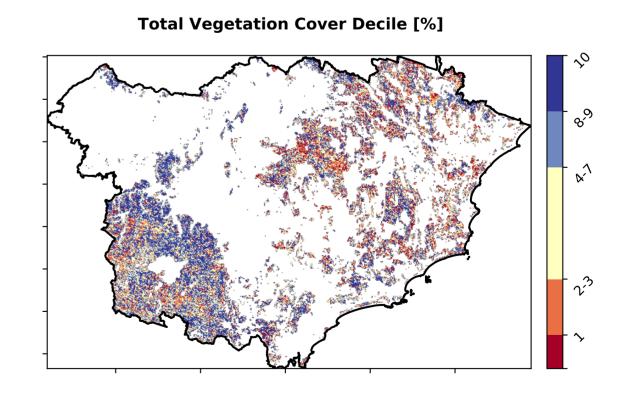
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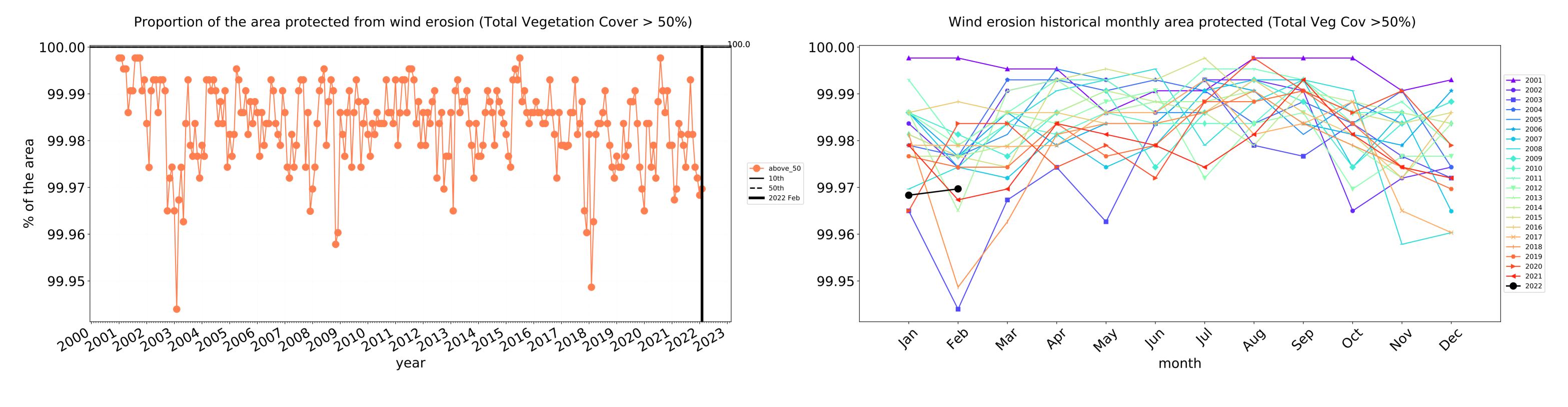


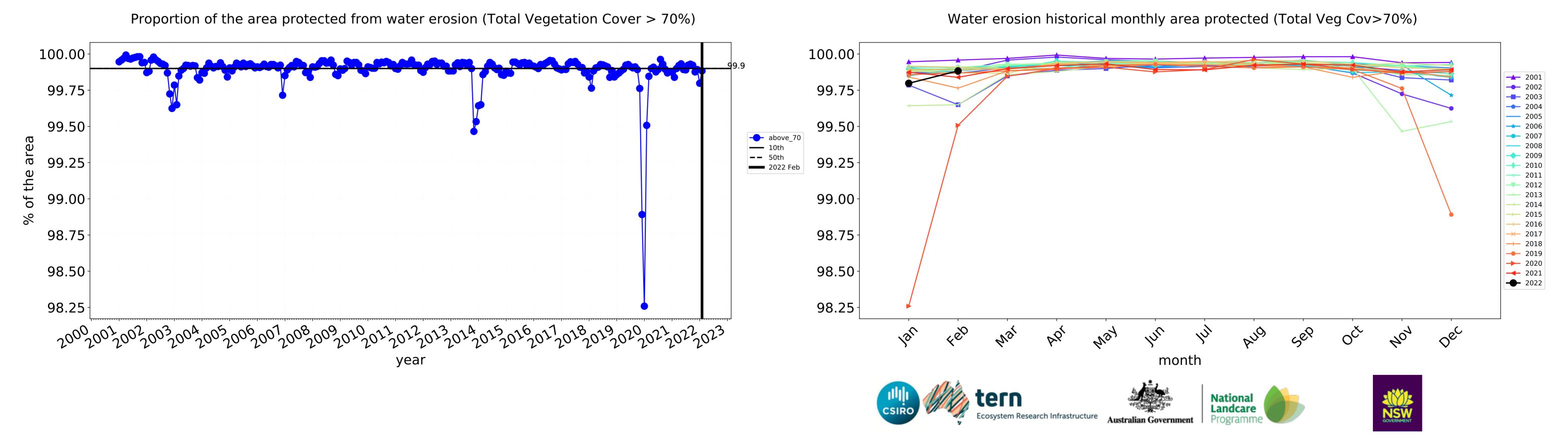


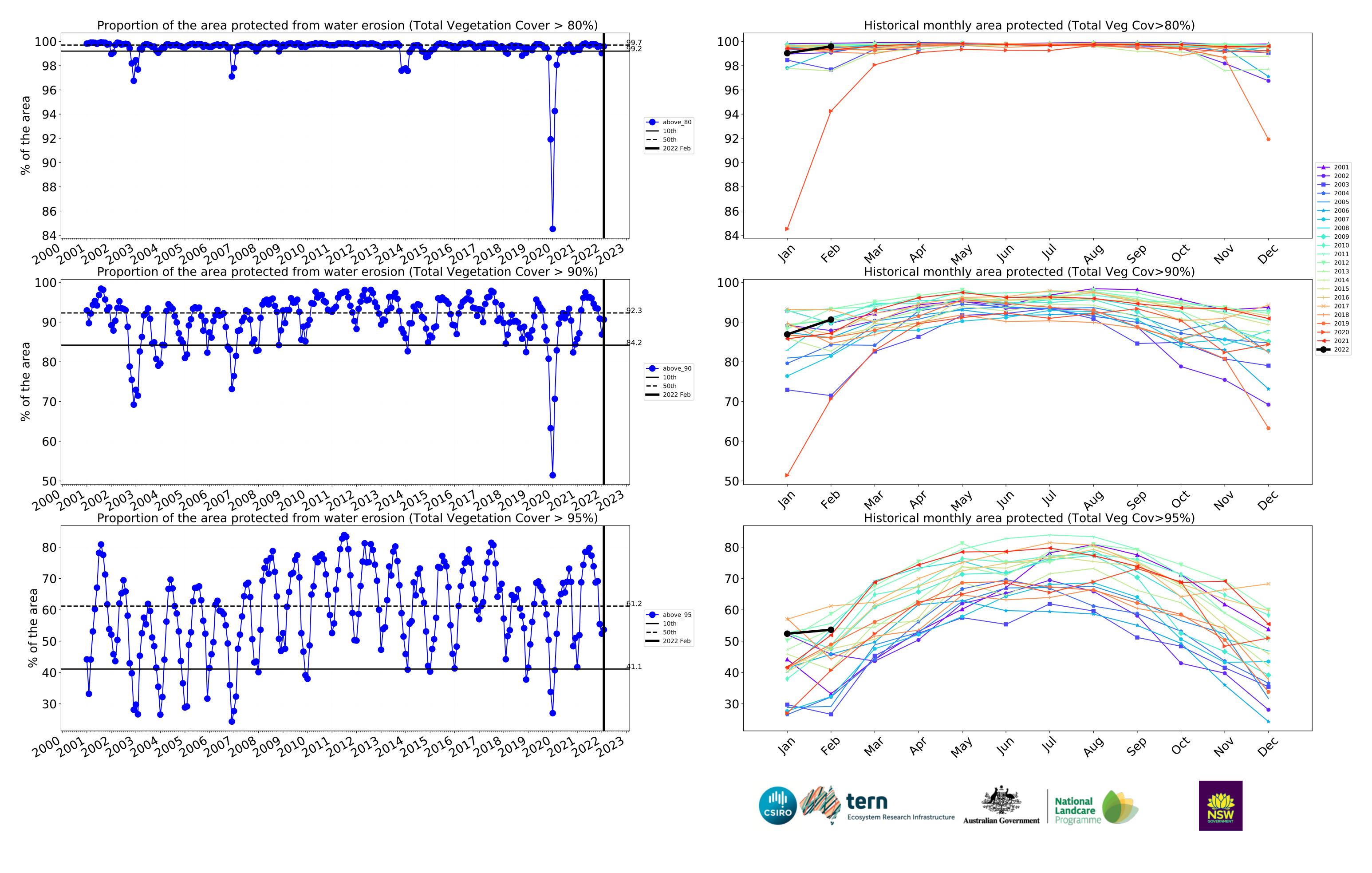




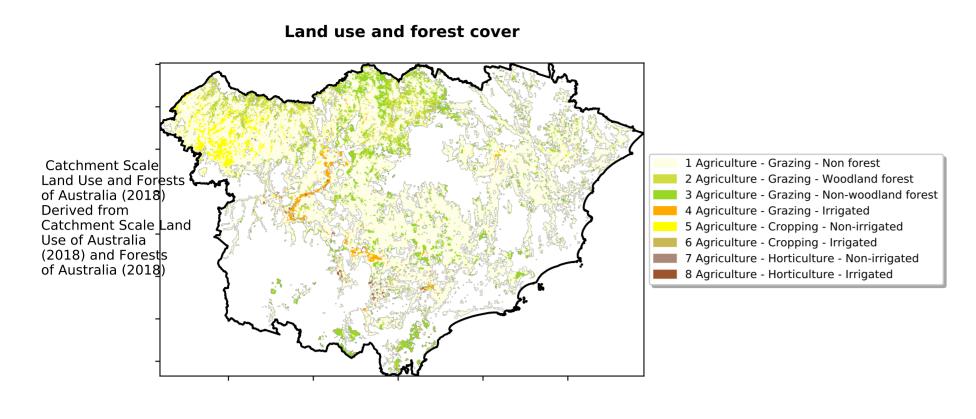
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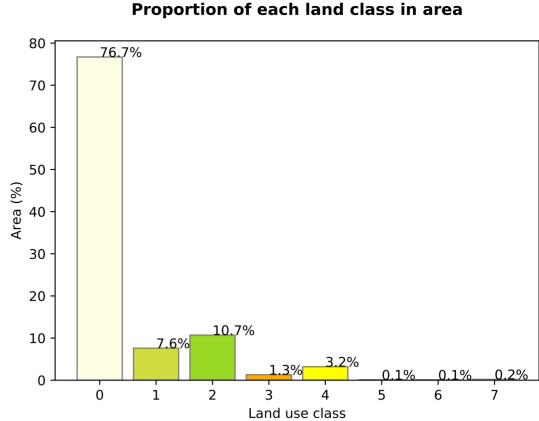


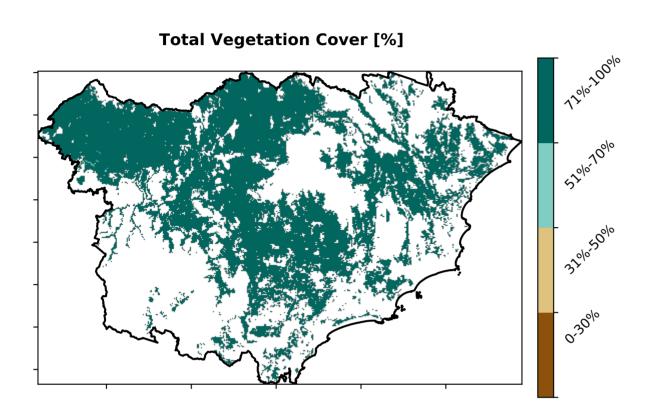


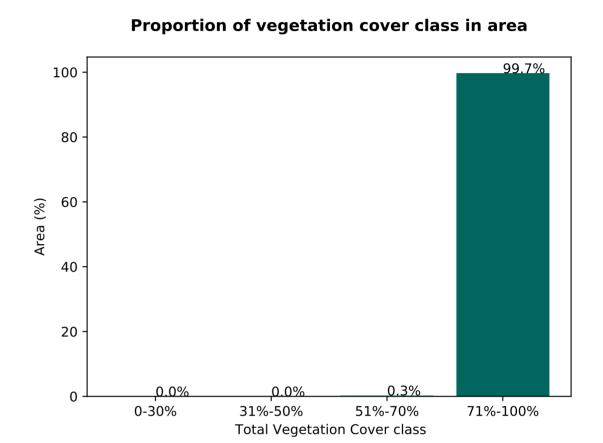


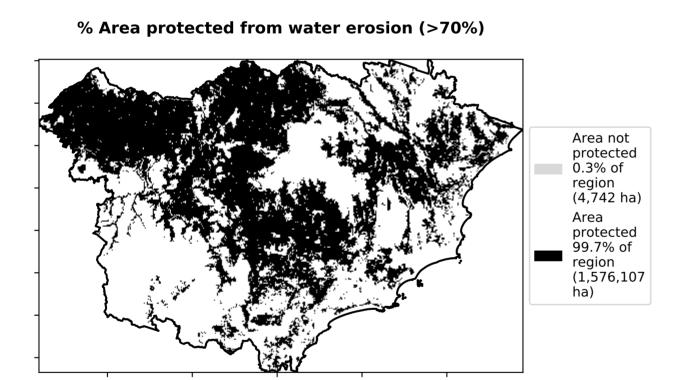
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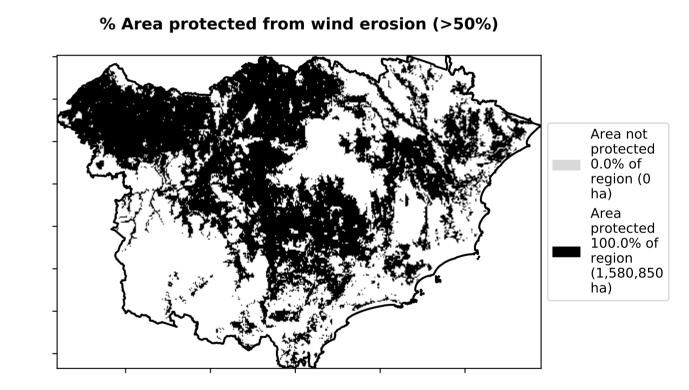


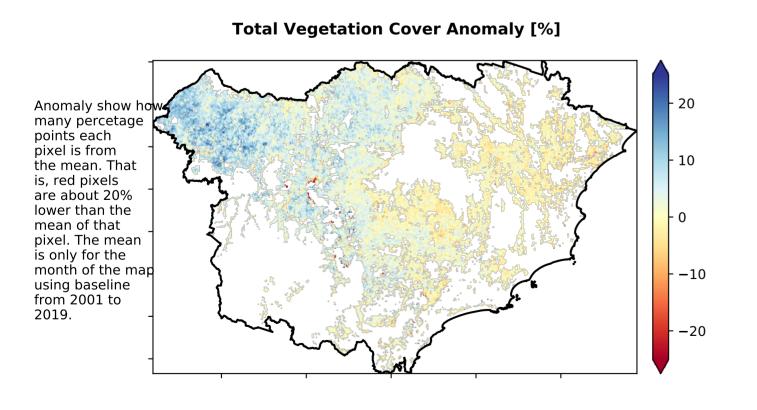


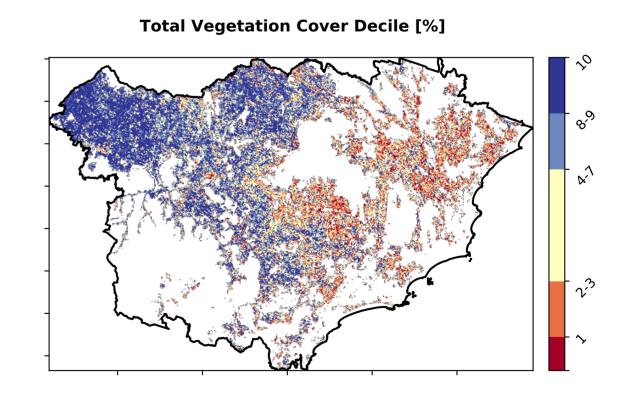












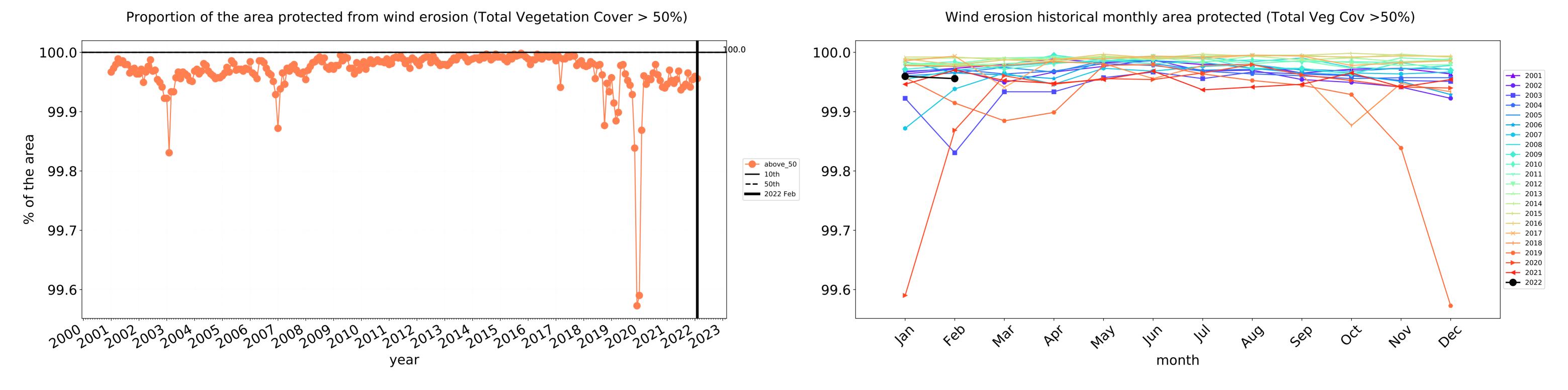


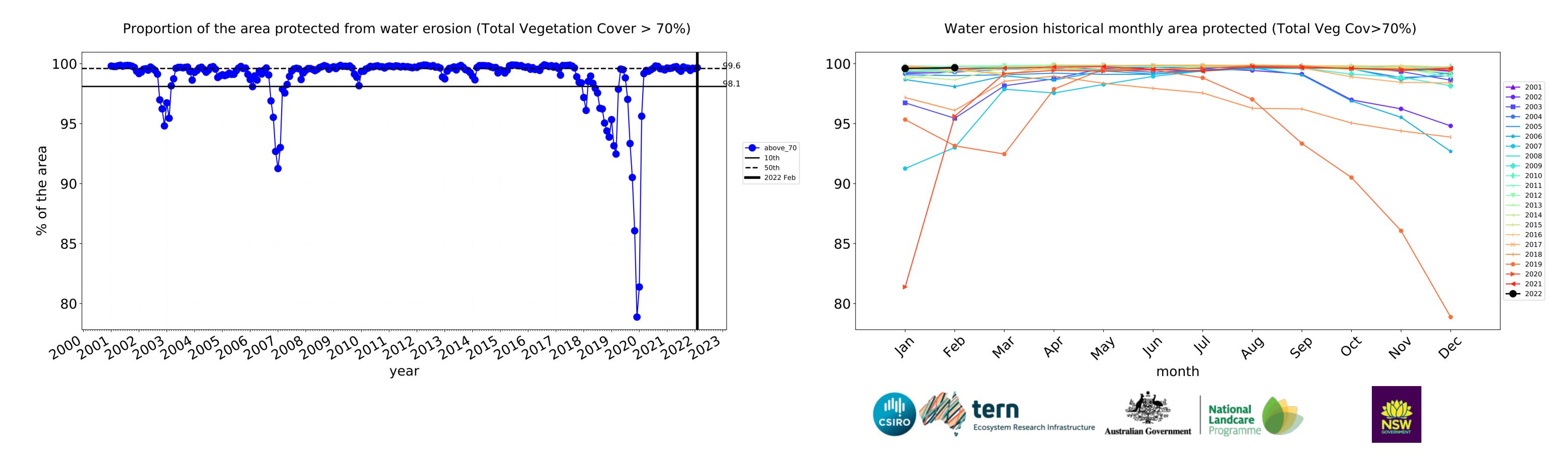


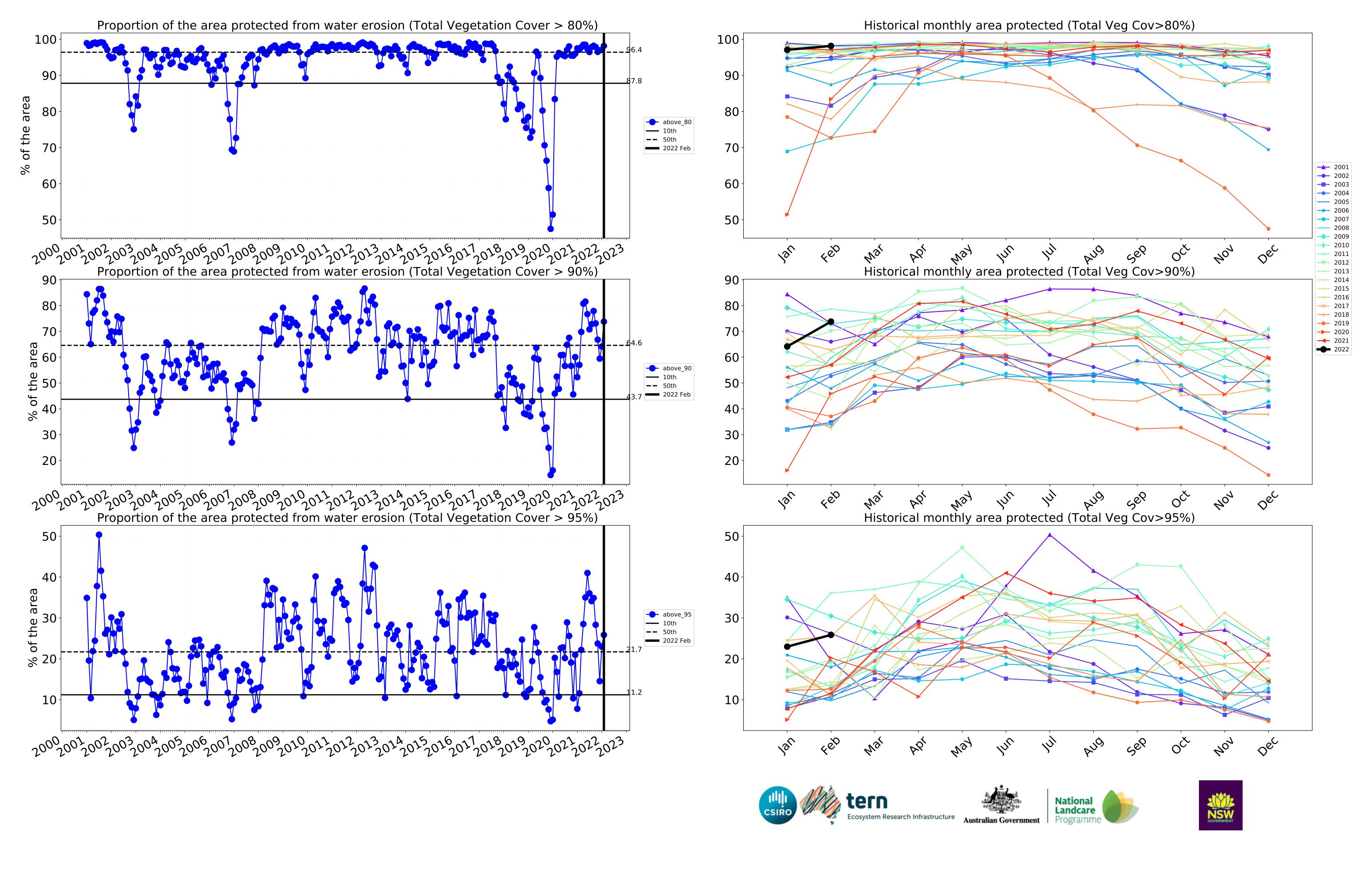




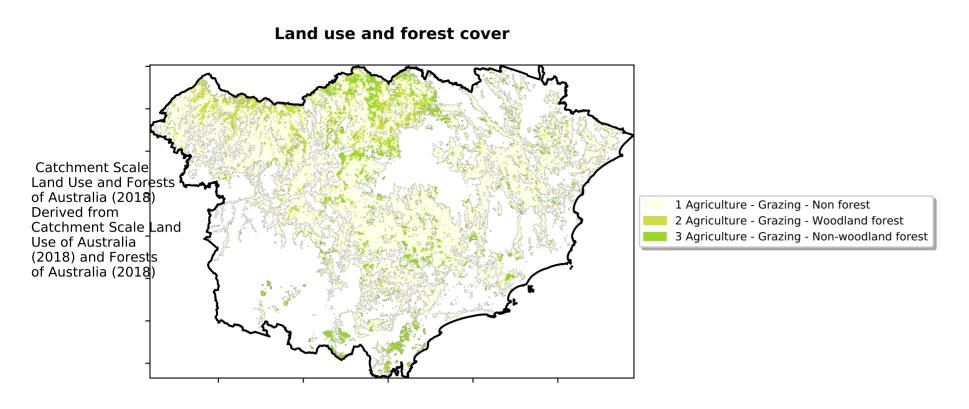
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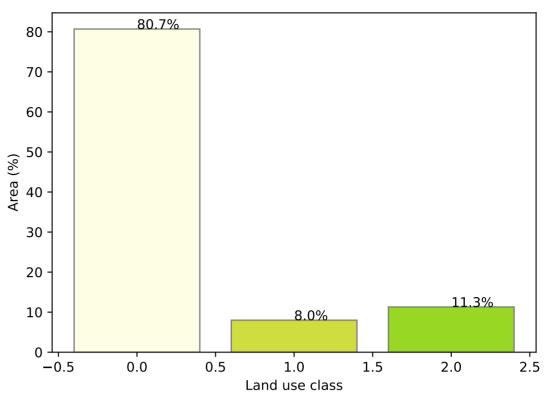




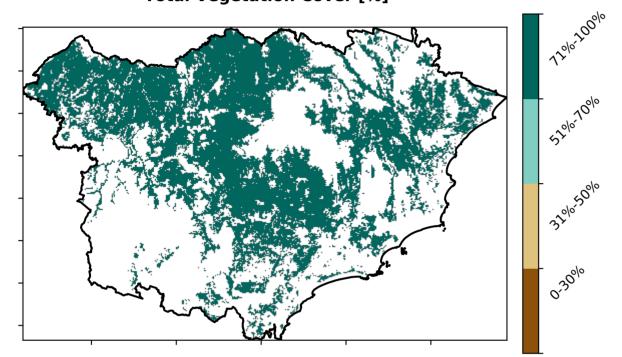
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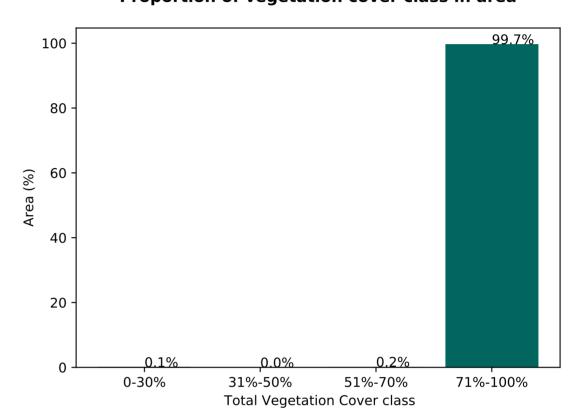
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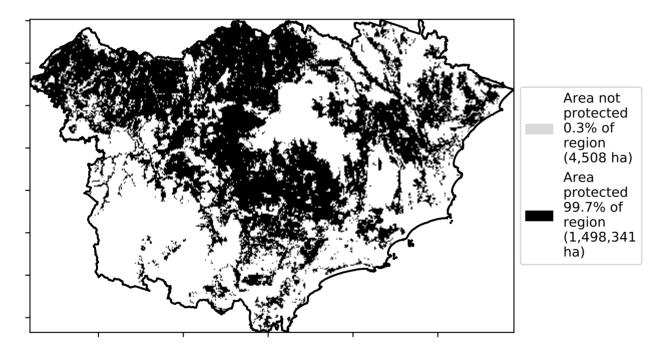




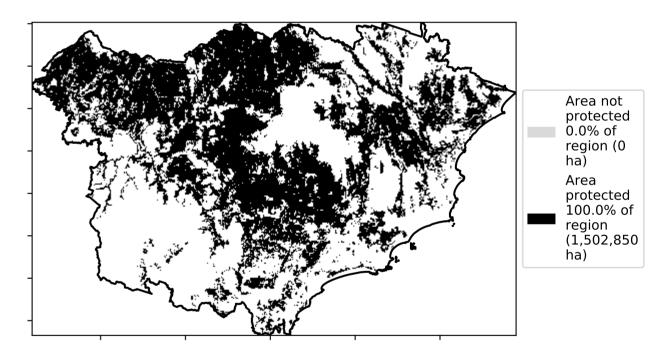
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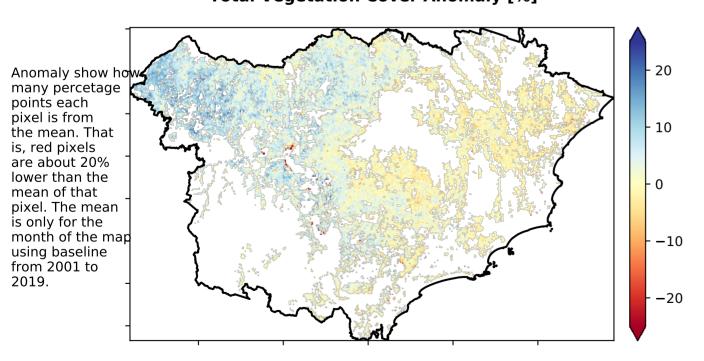
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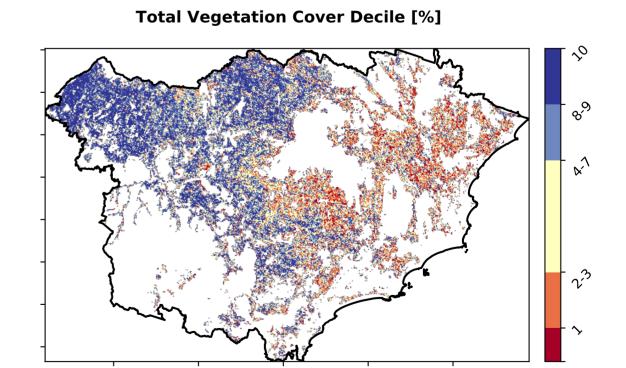


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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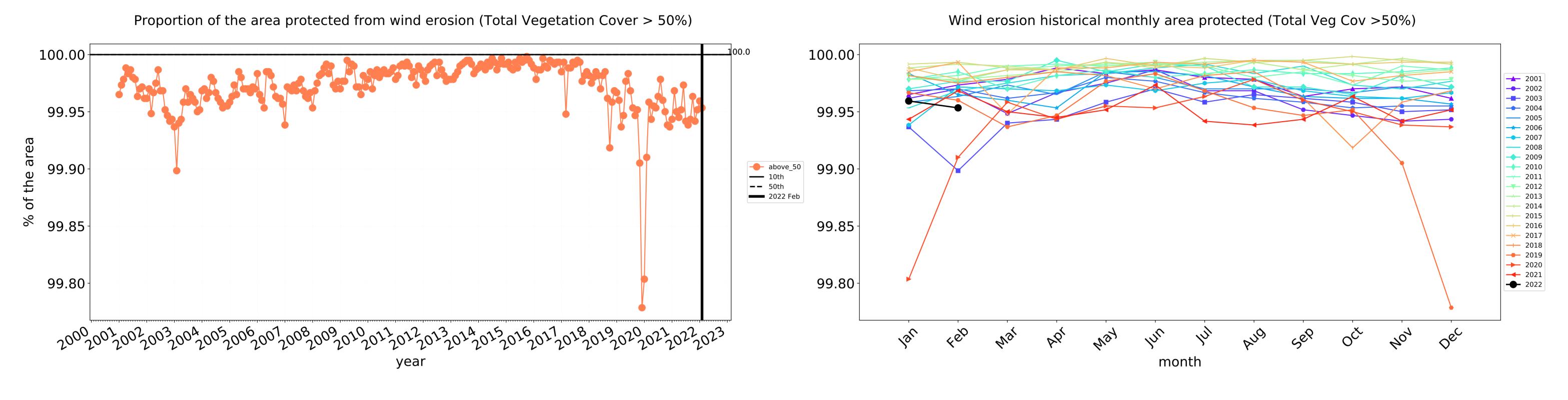


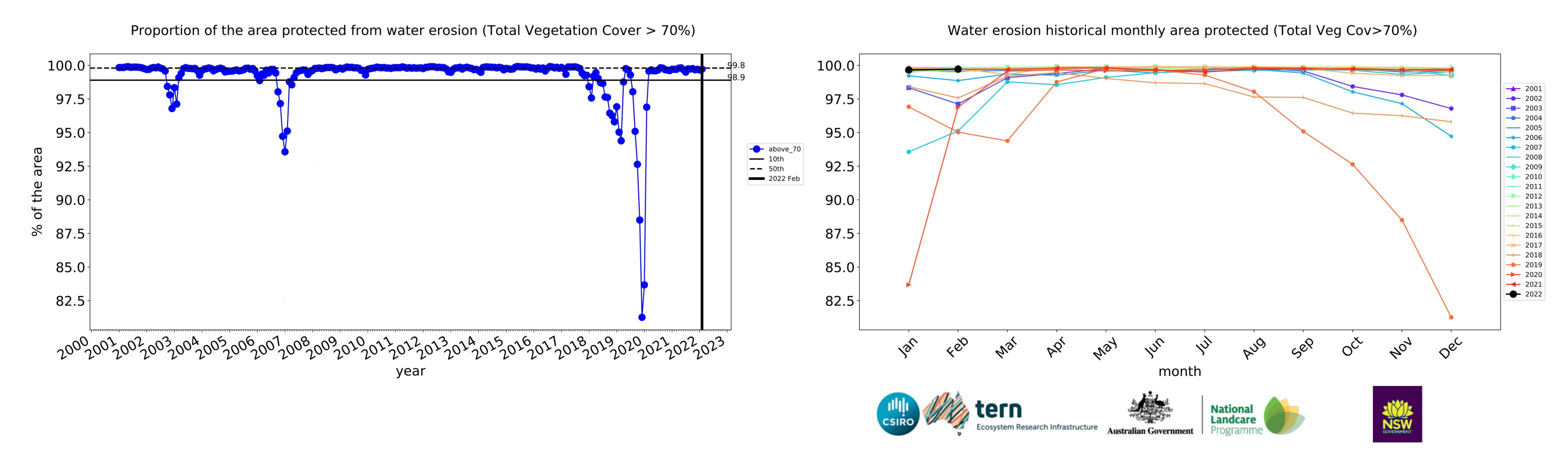


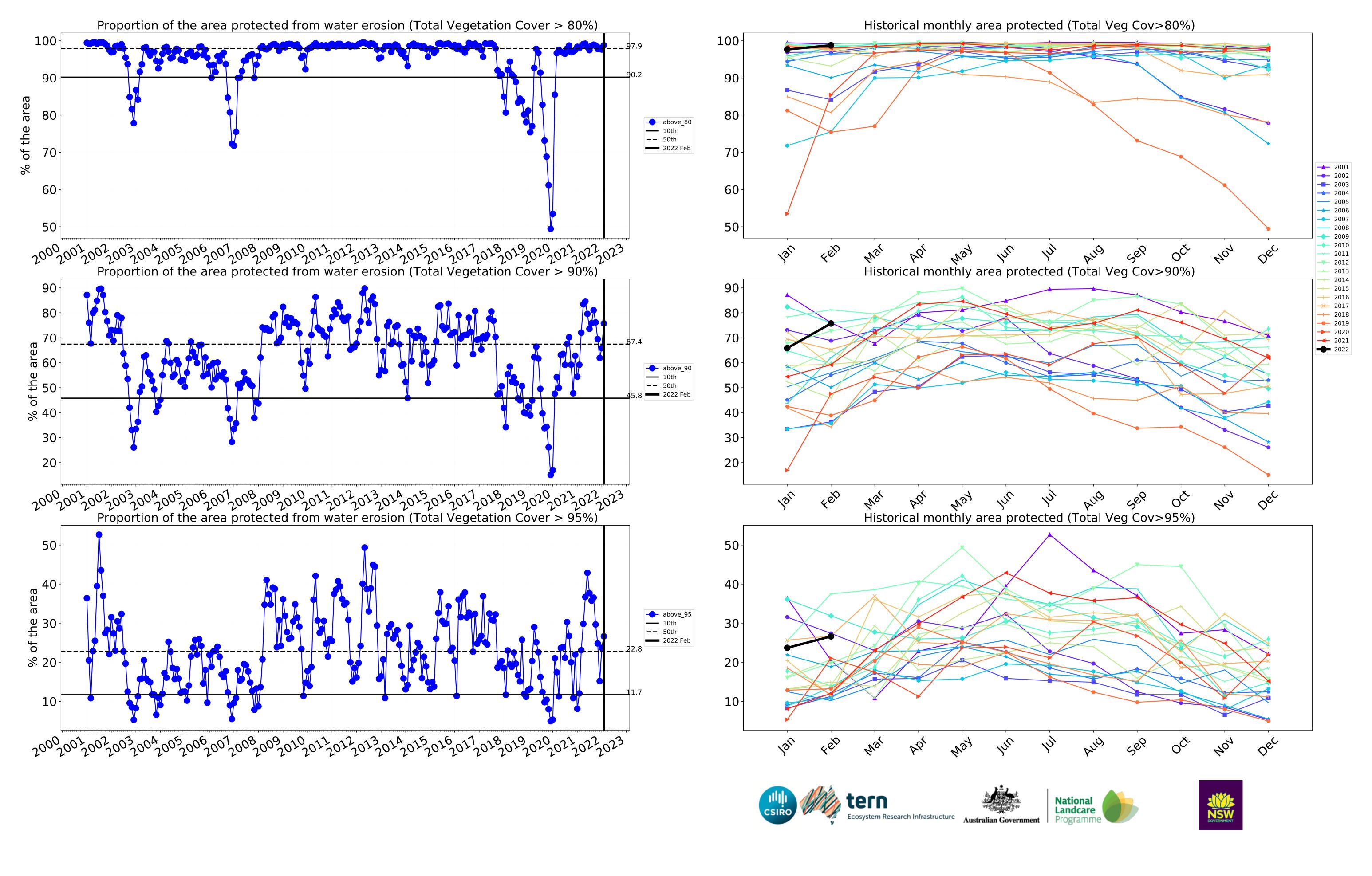




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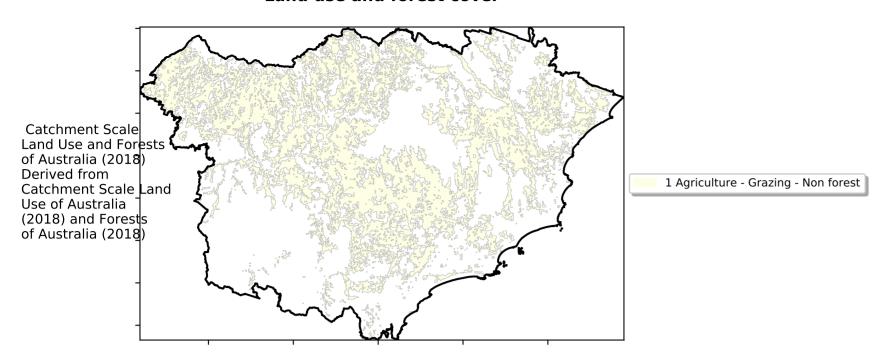




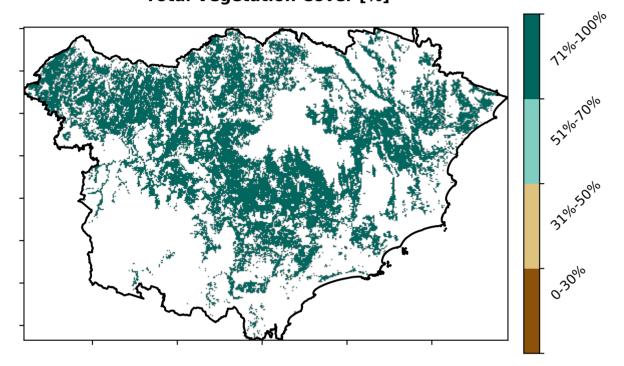


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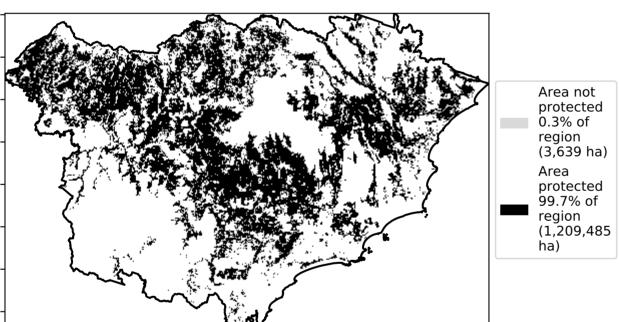
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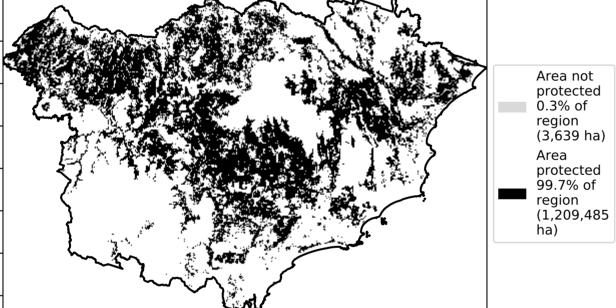


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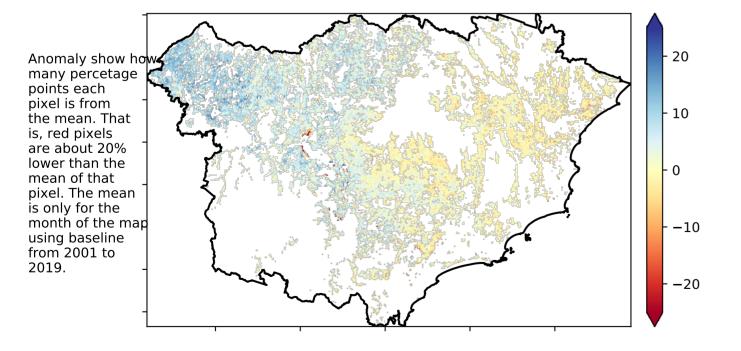


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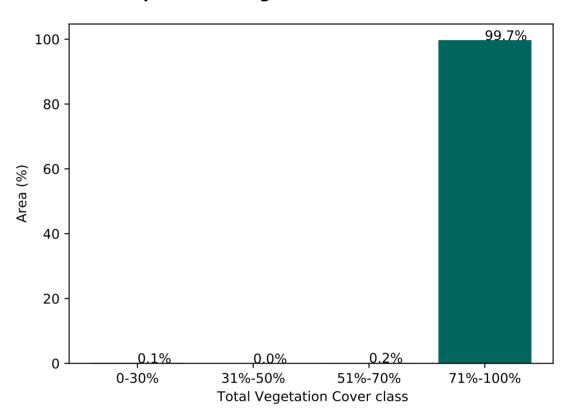


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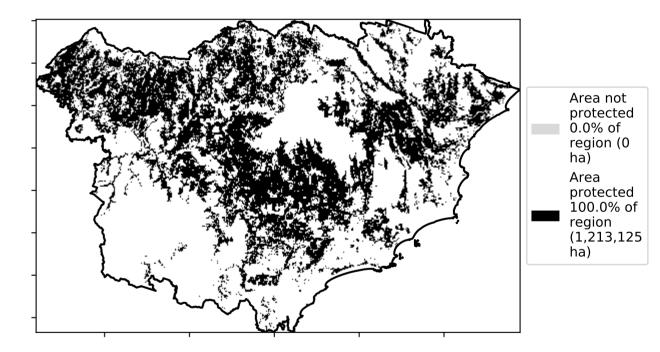


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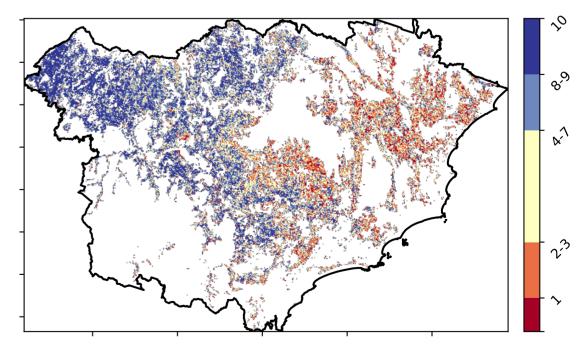
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### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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







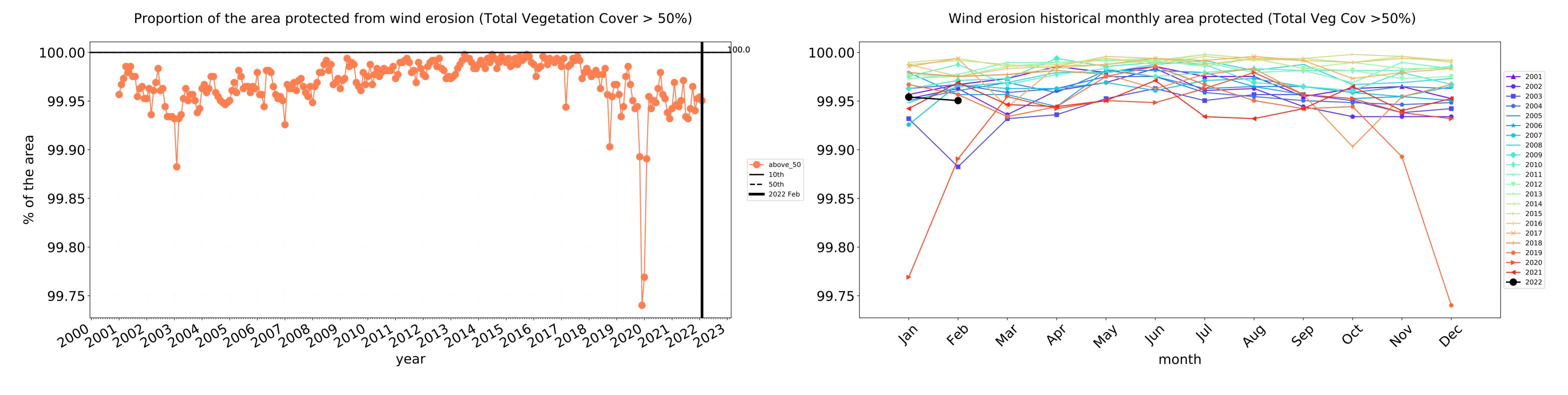


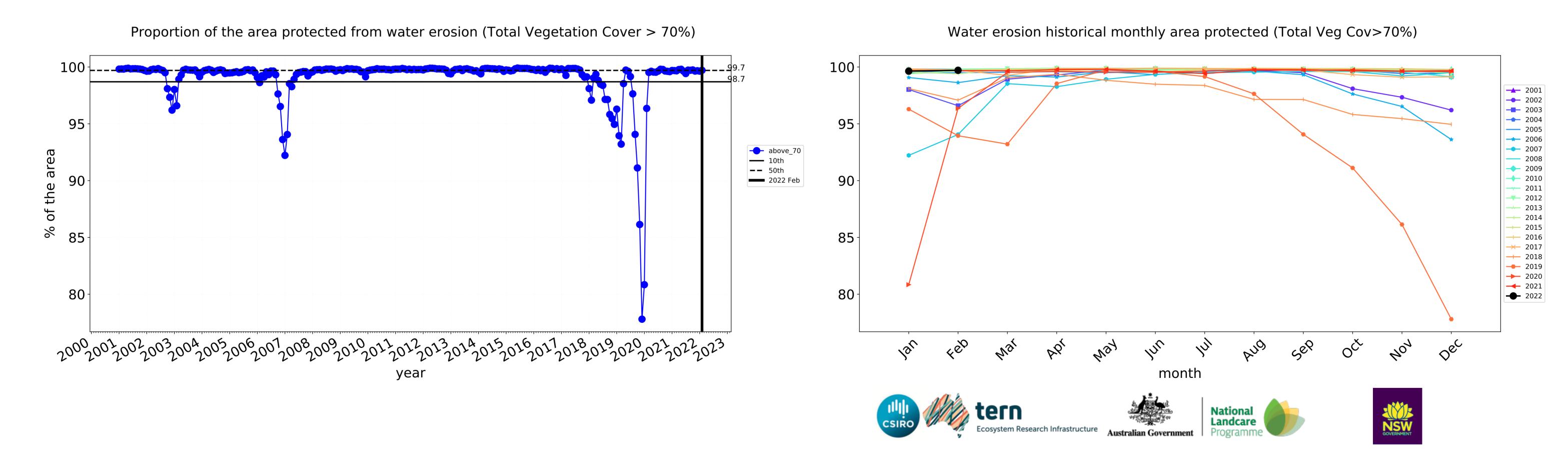


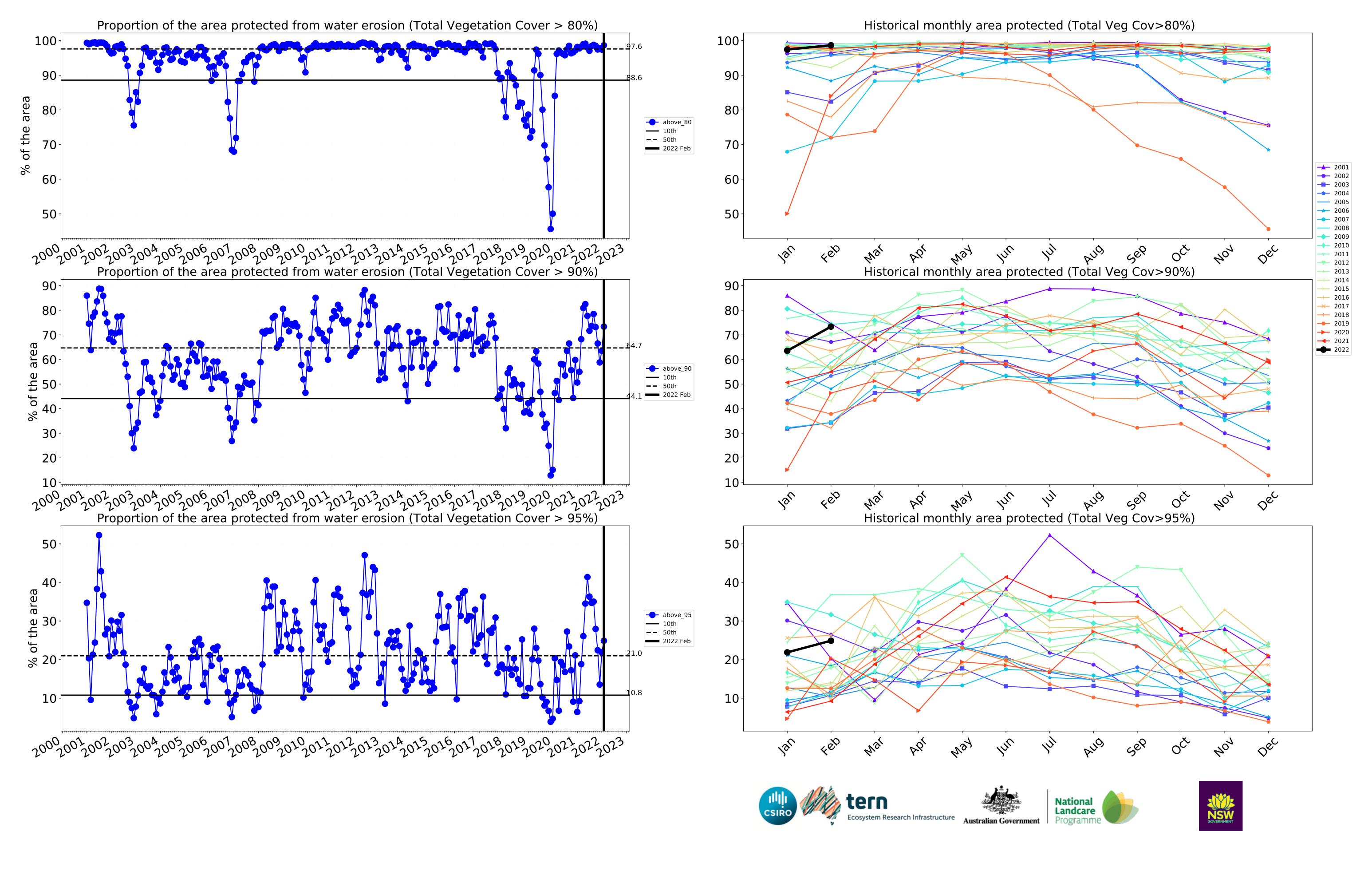




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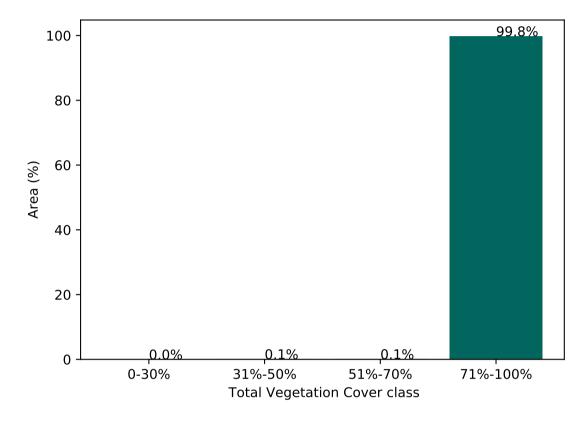




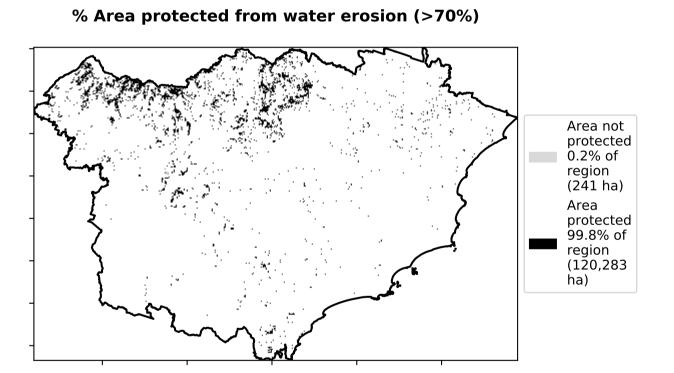
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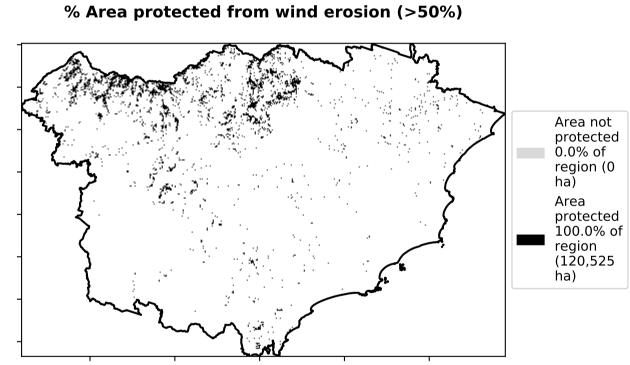
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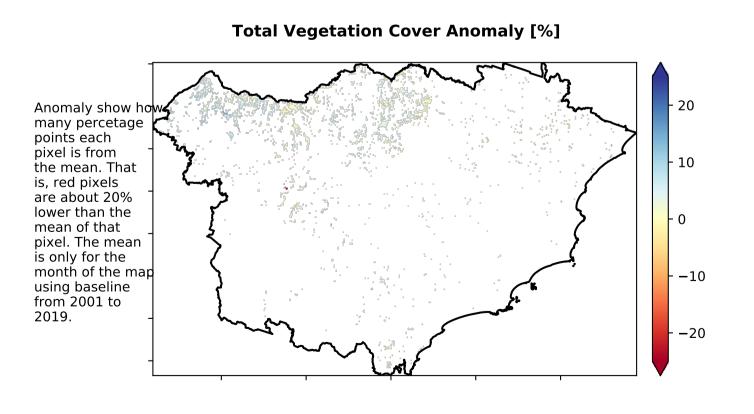
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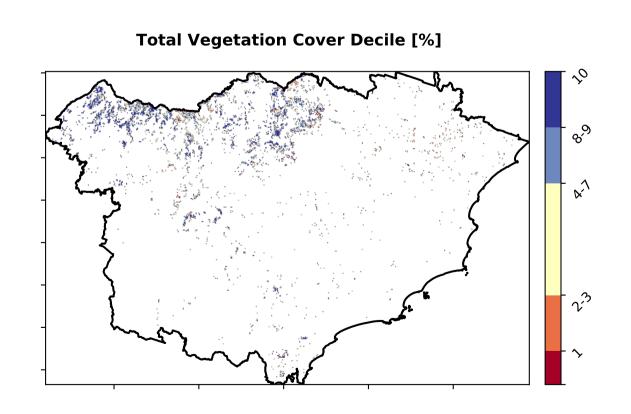


**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 









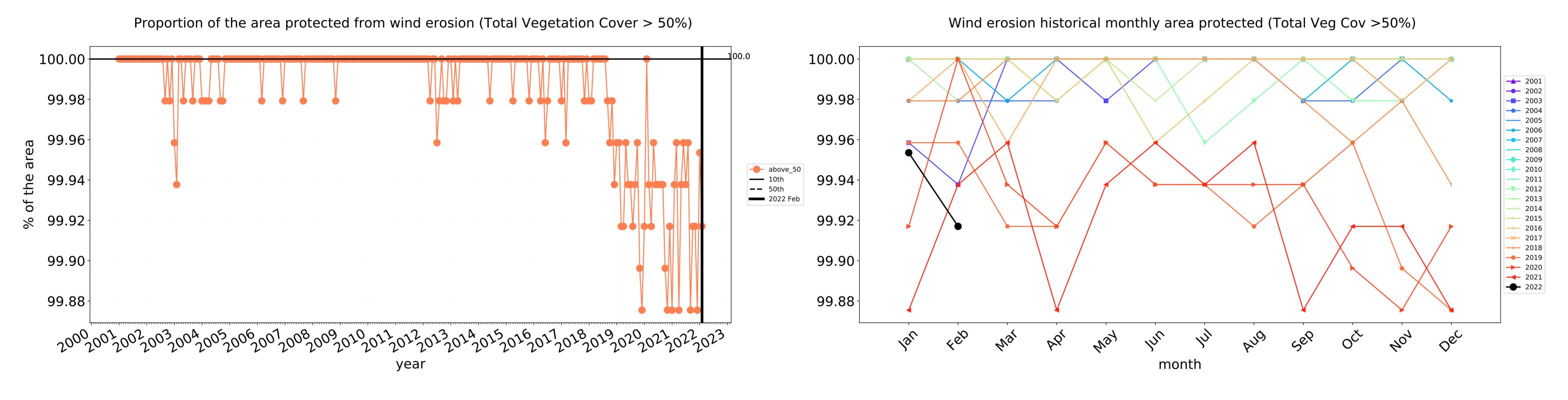


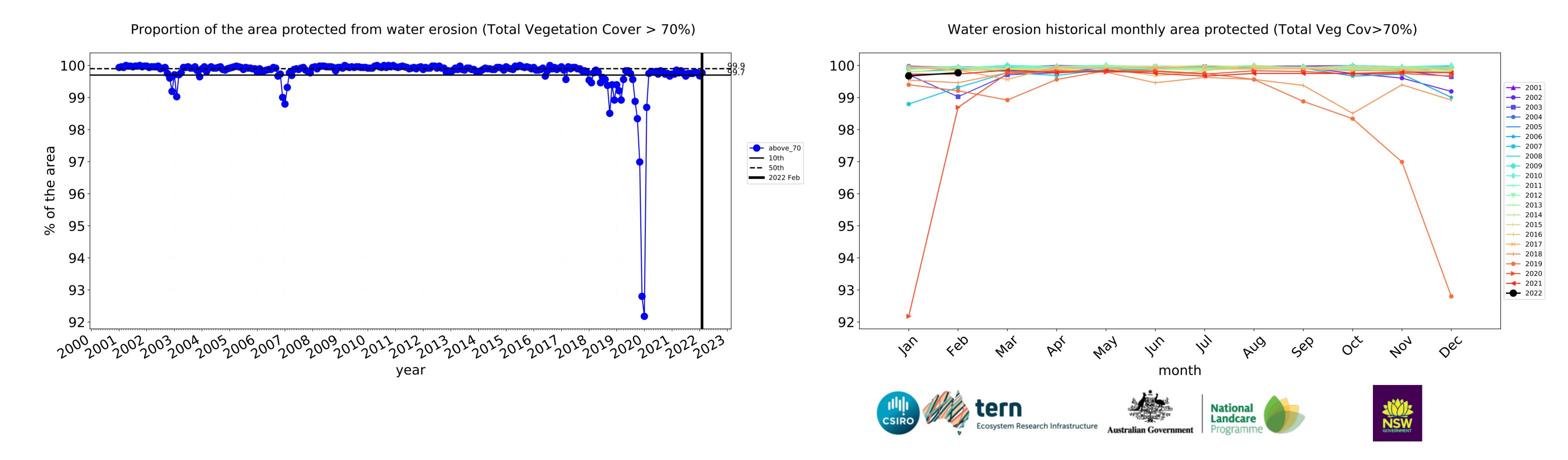


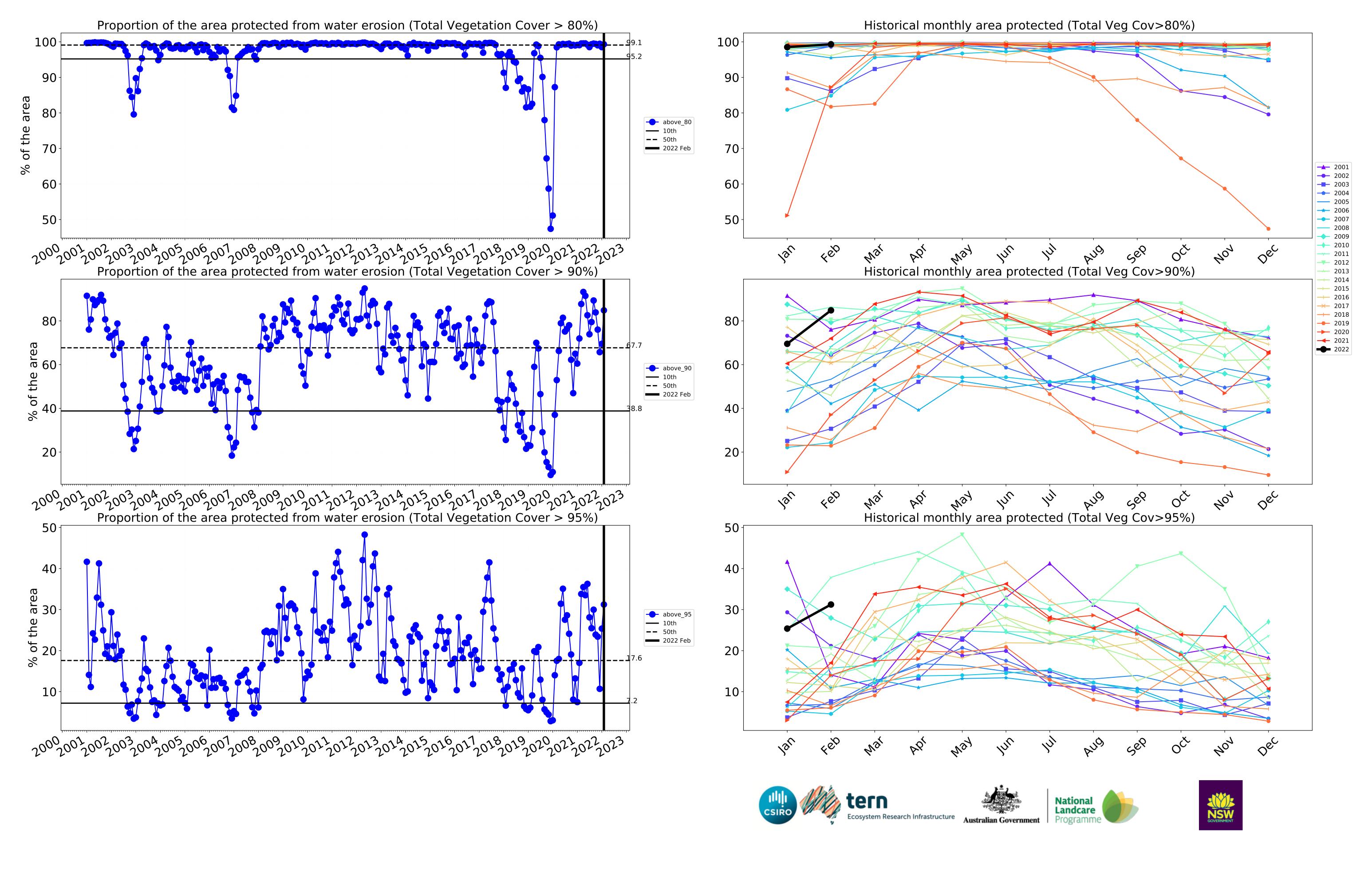




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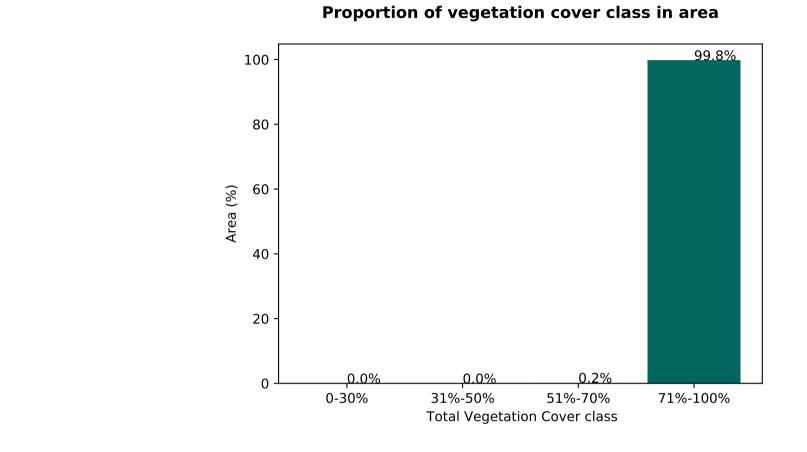


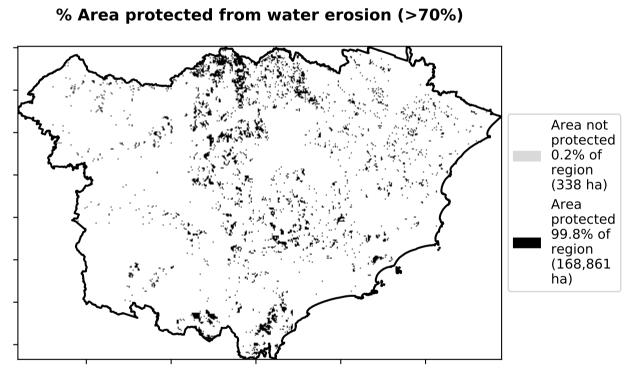


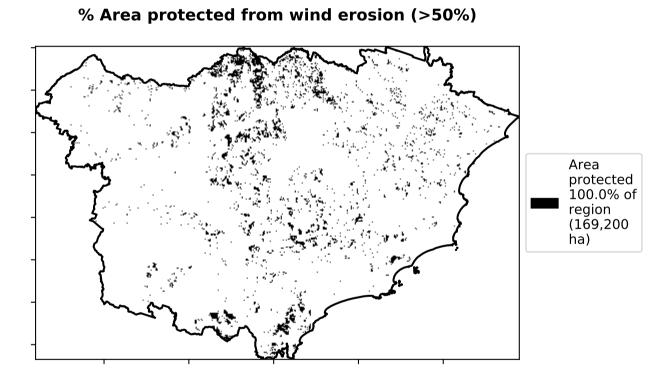
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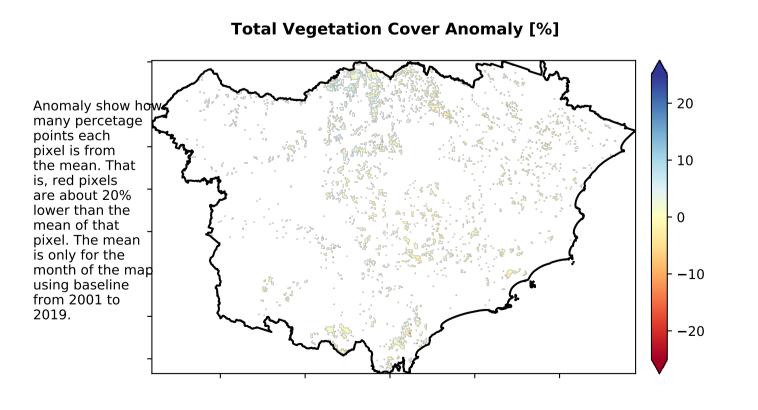
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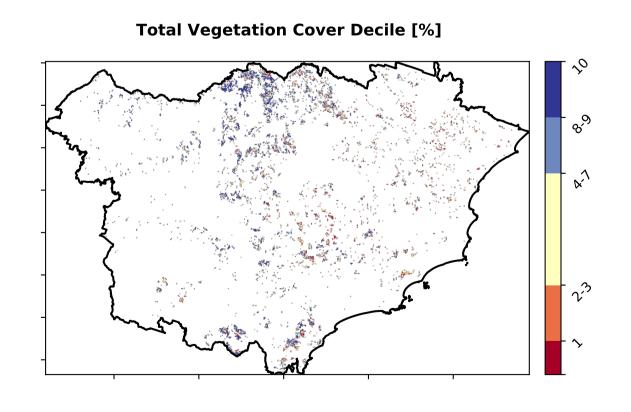
## Total Vegetation Cover [%]









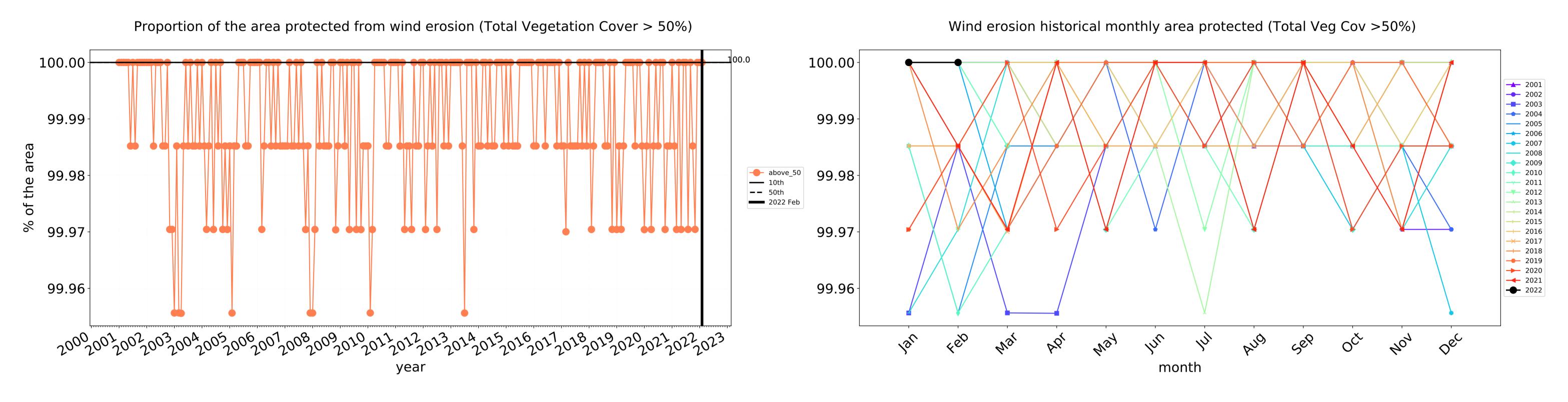


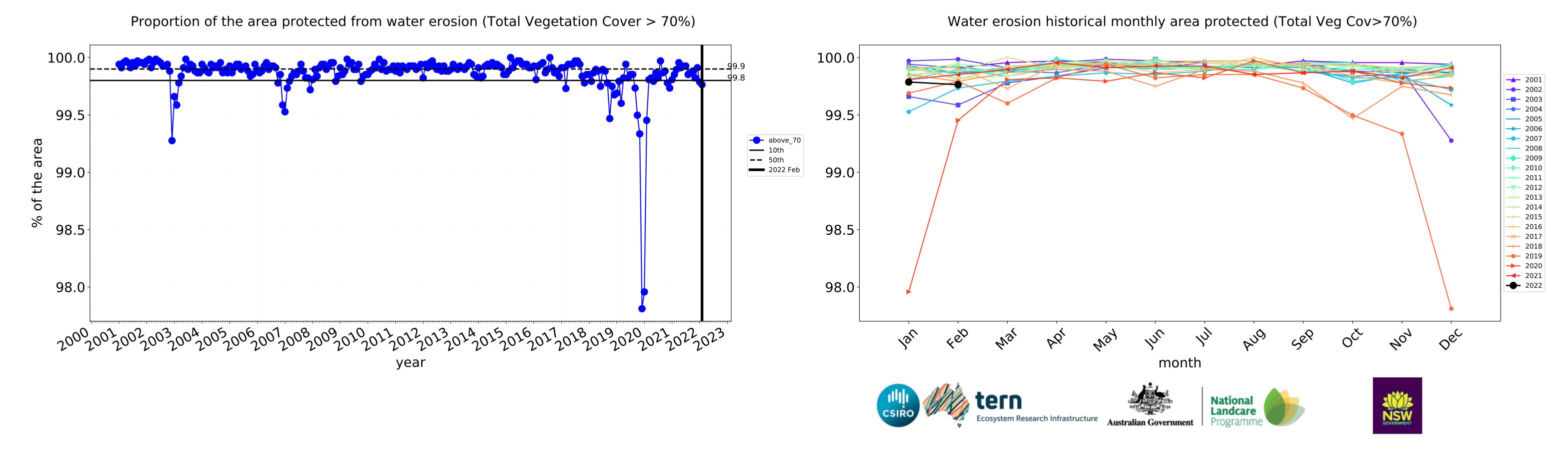


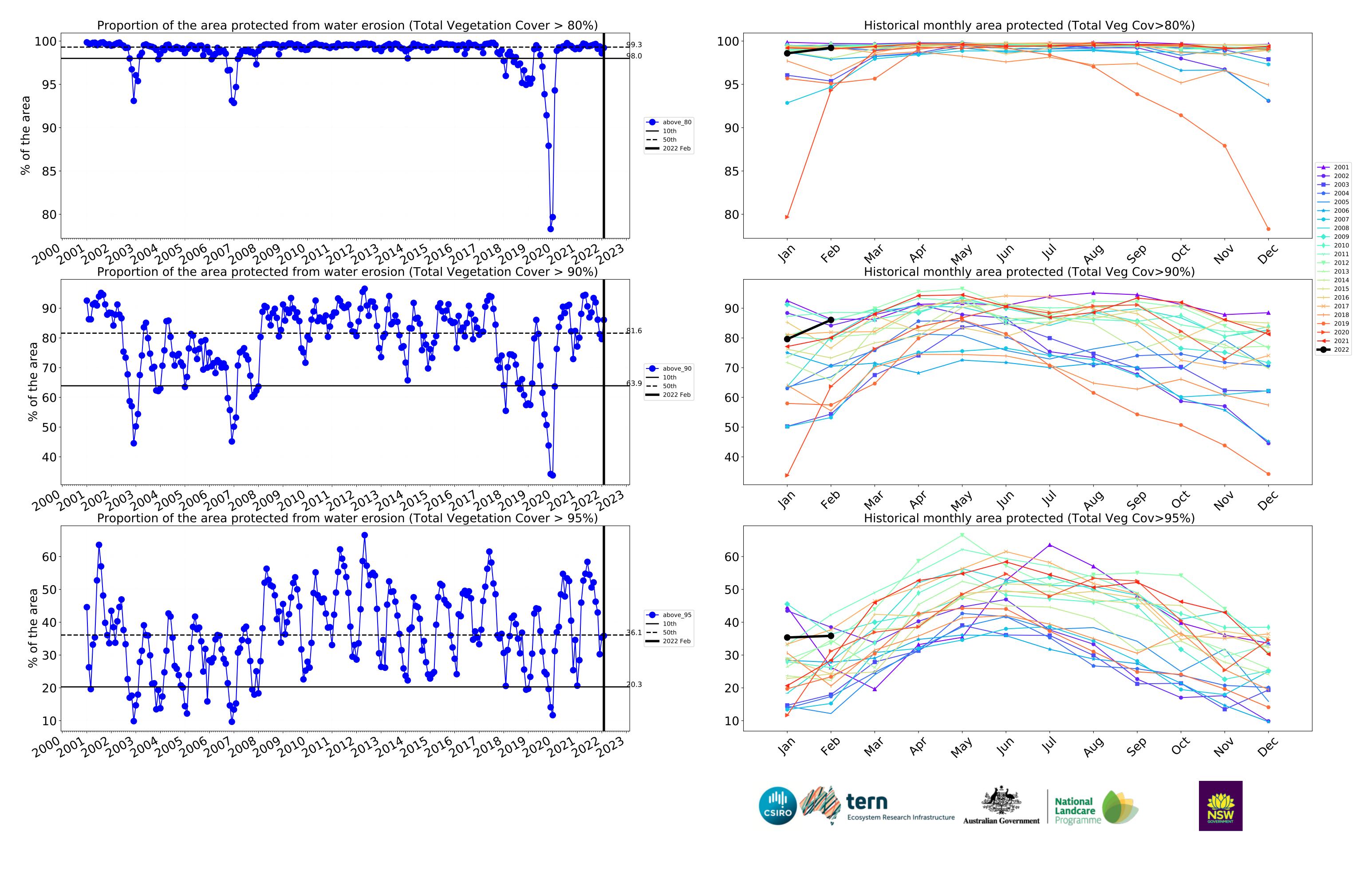






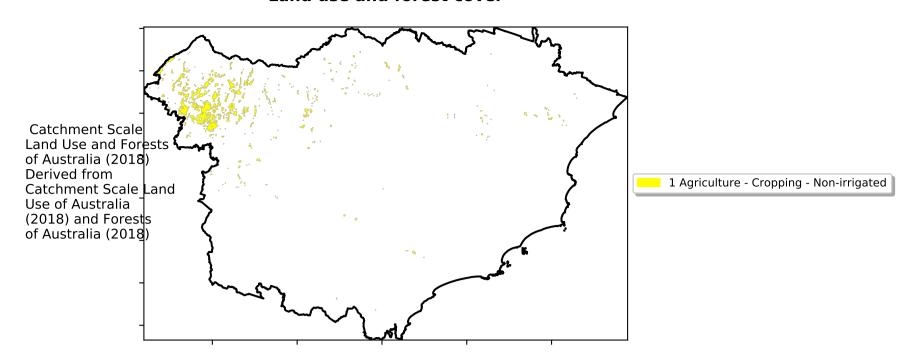




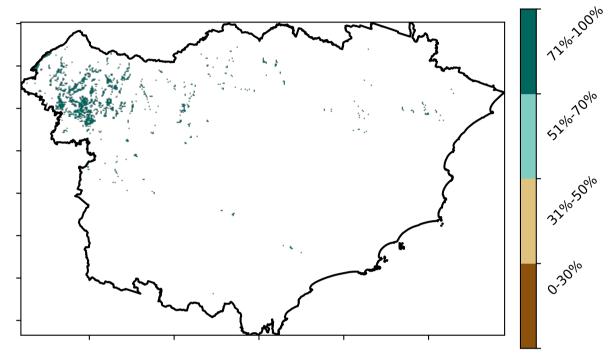


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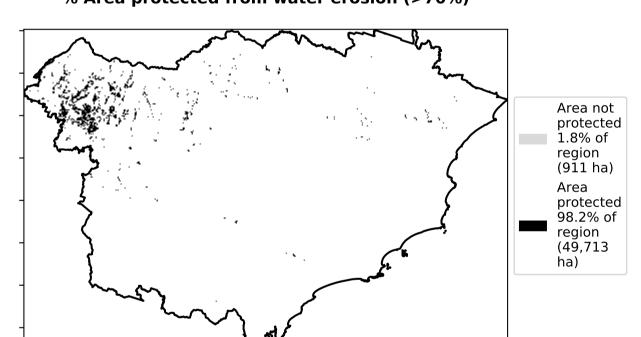
### Land use and forest cover



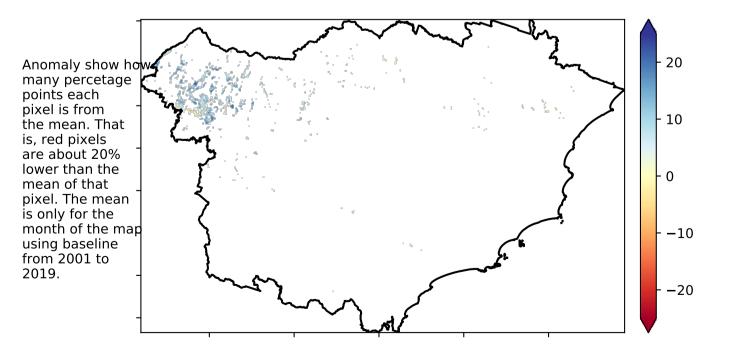
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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

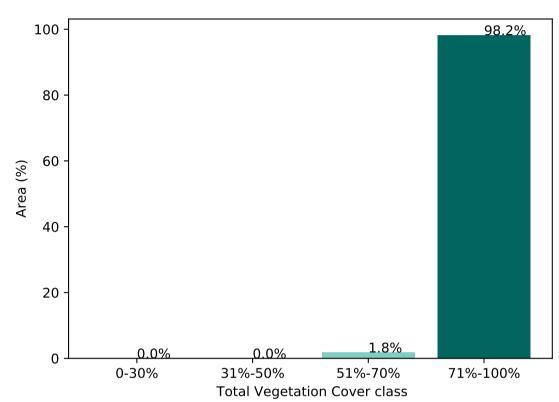


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

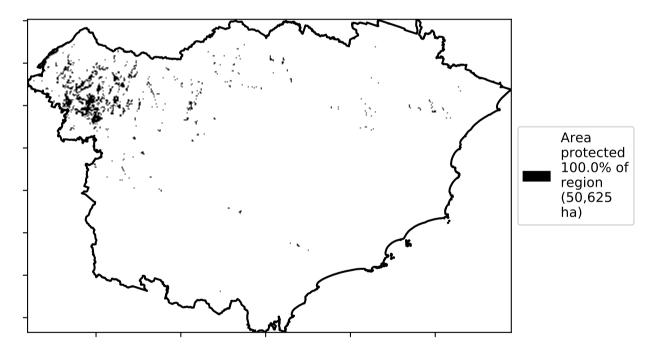


Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

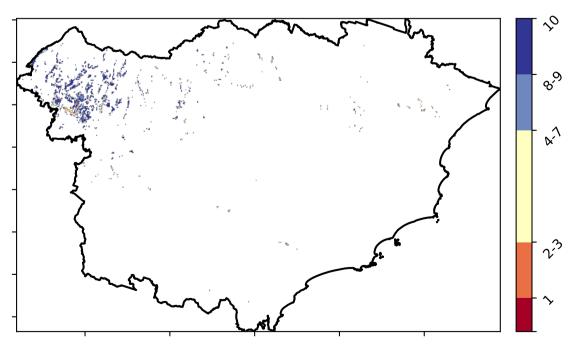
### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



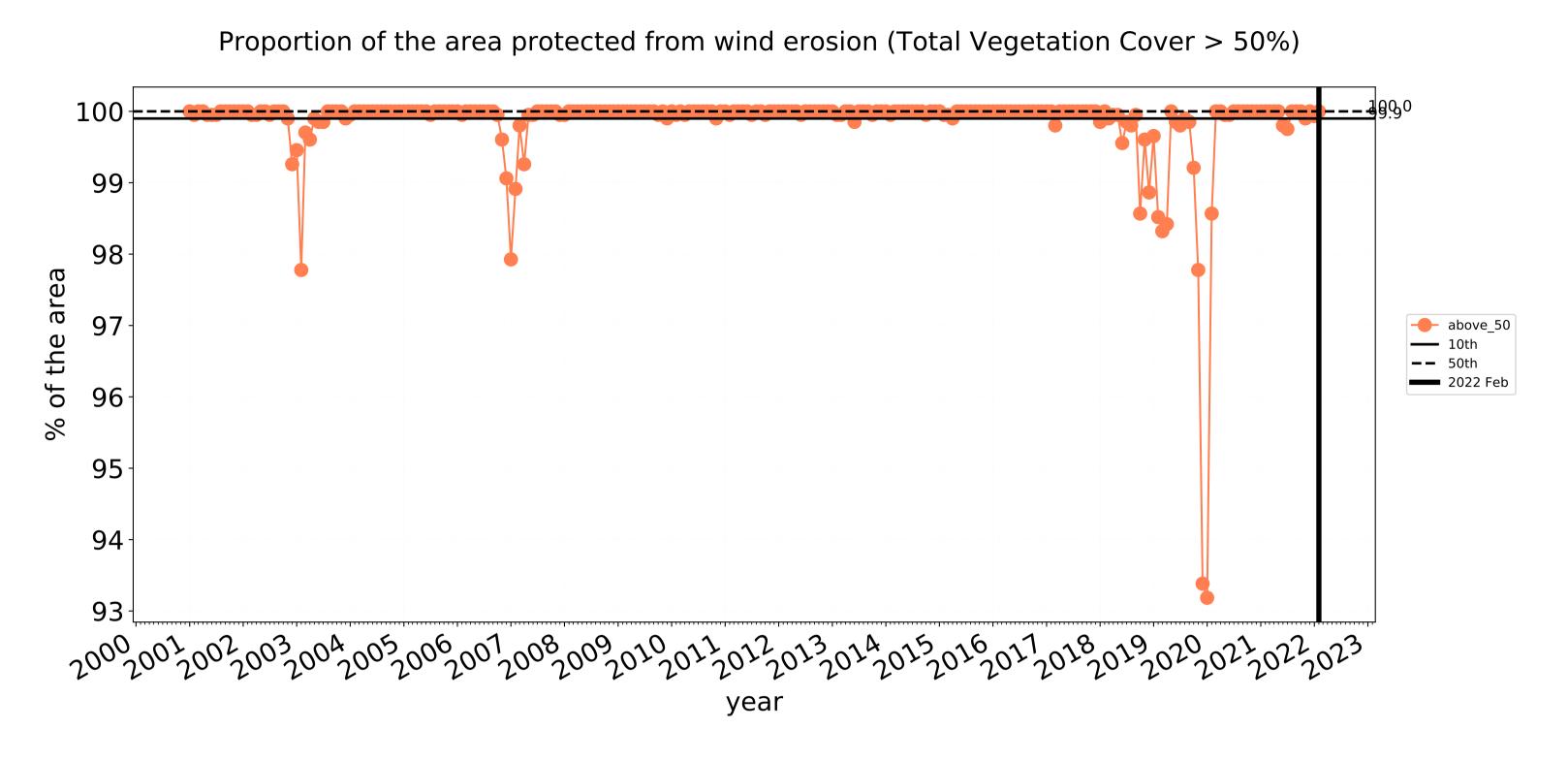


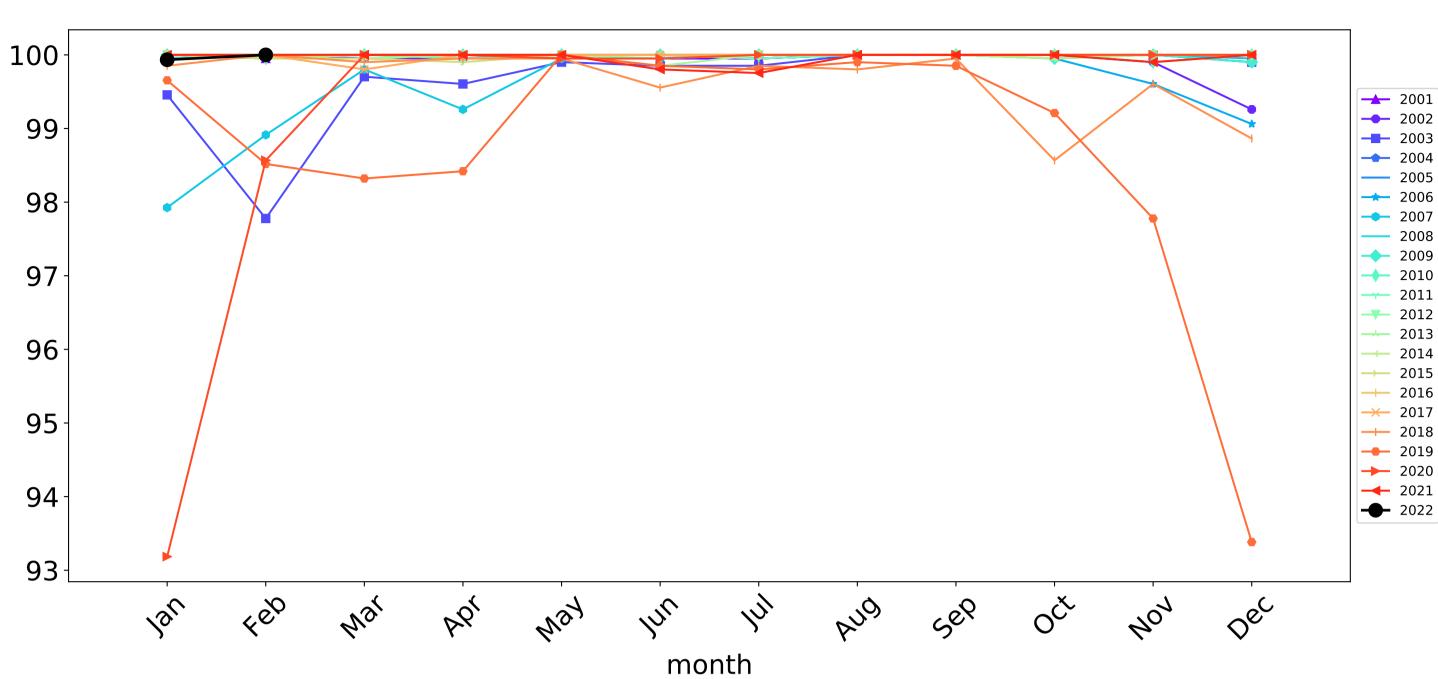




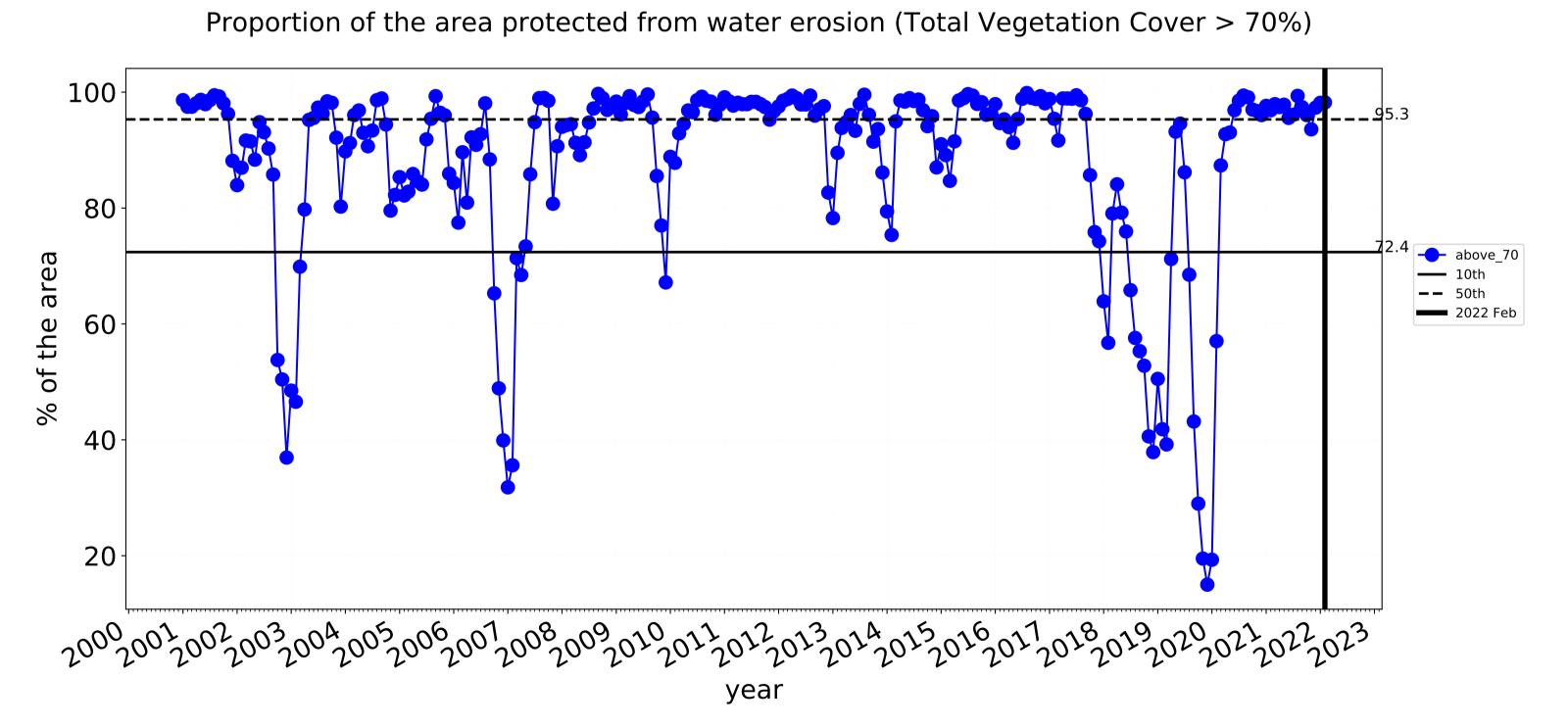


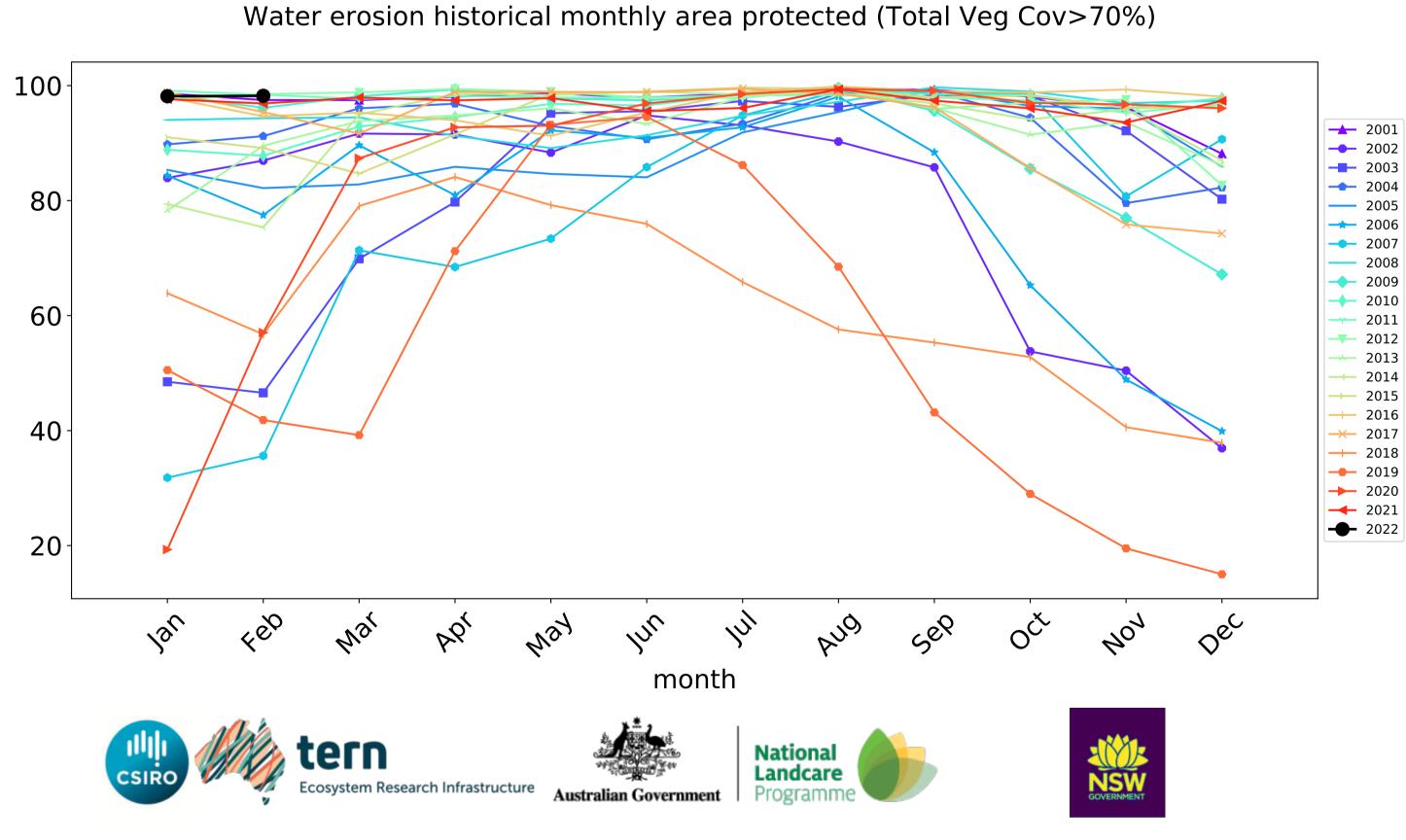
### **Cropping timeseries**

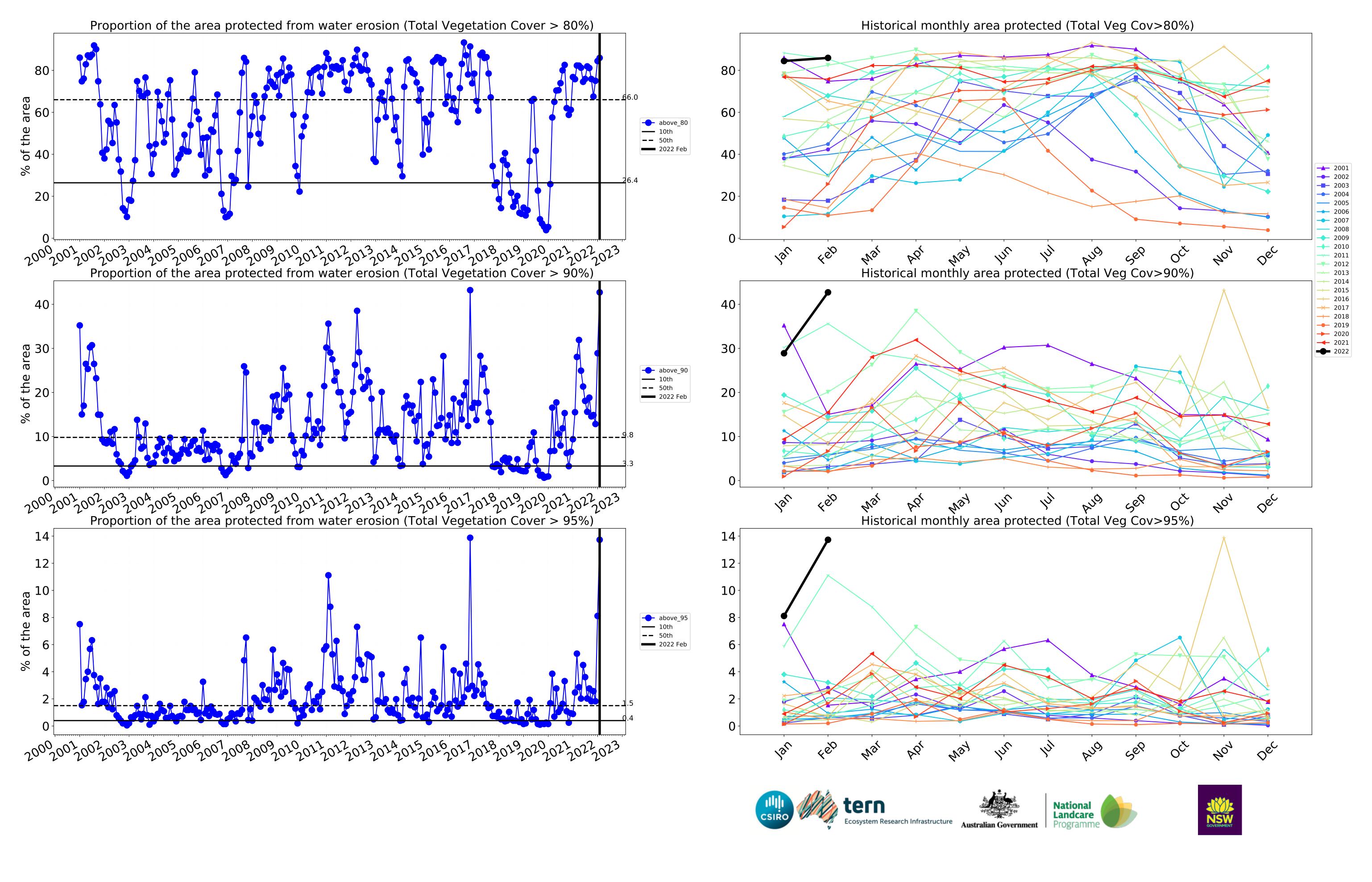




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





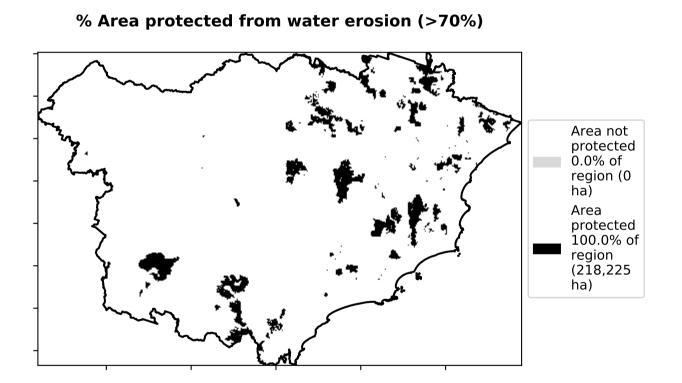


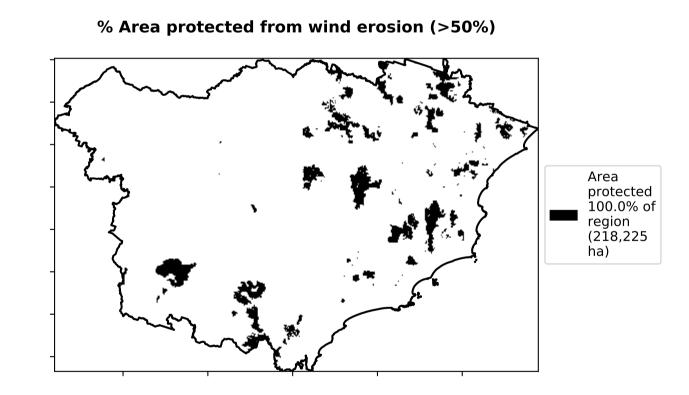
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

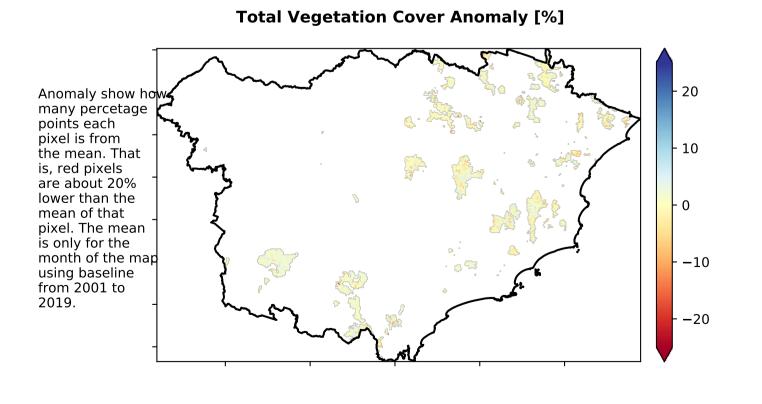
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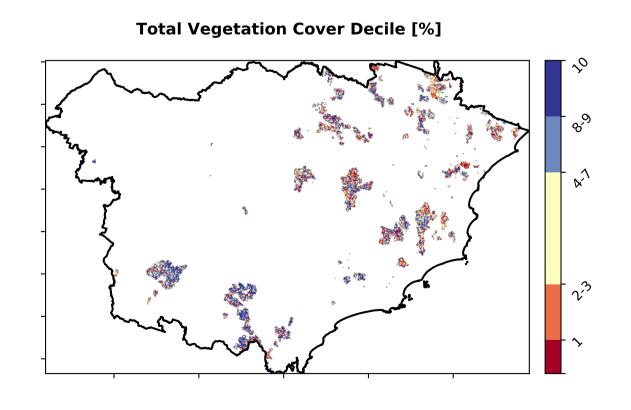
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]

# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 100 - 100.0% 80 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 0.0% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class









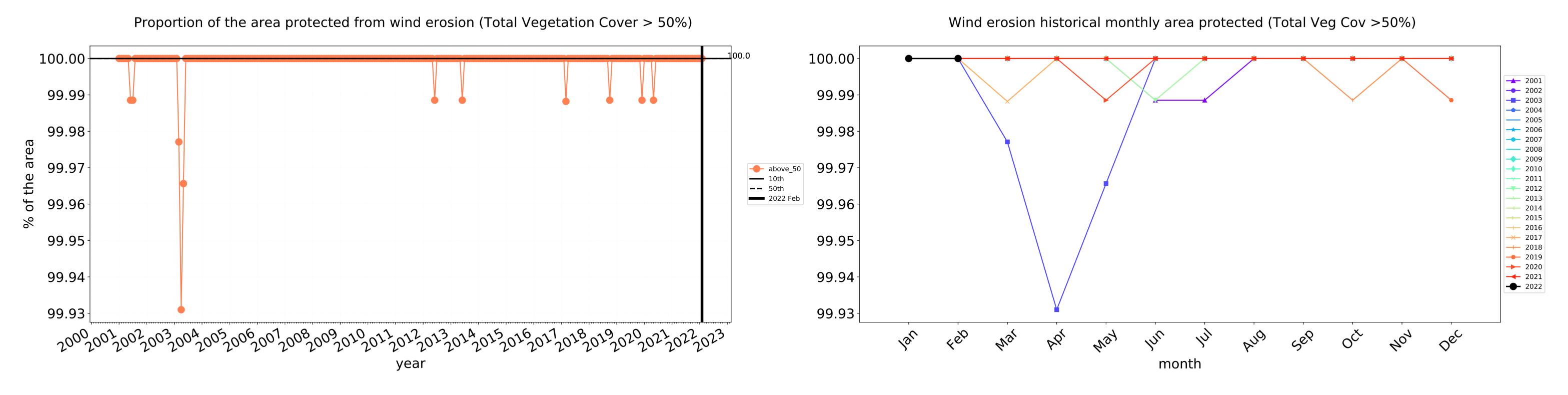


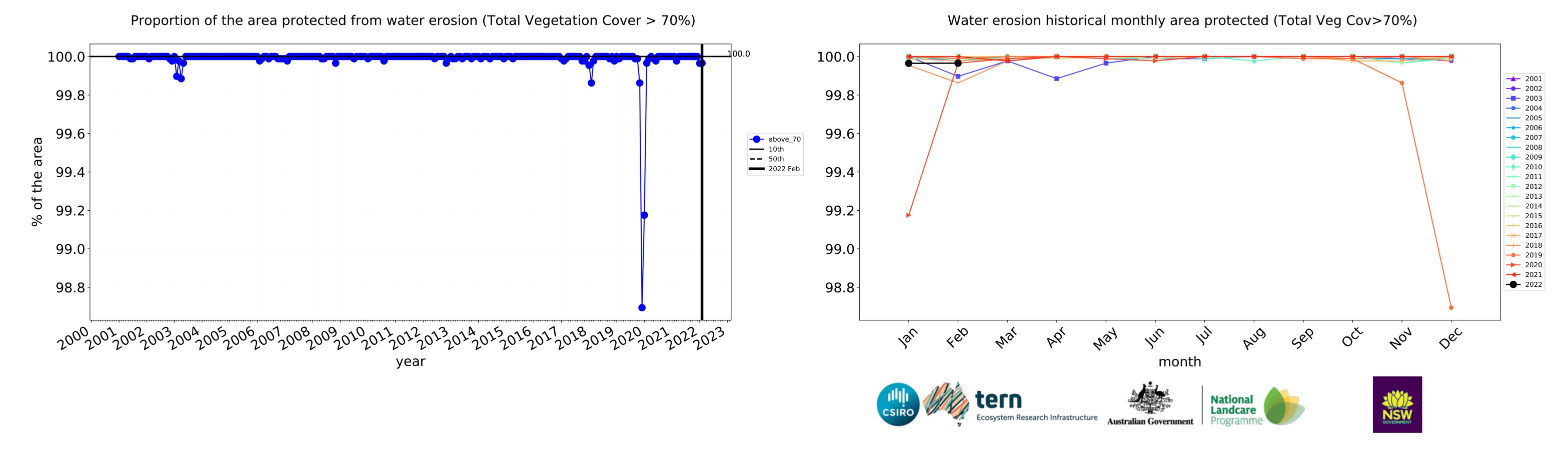


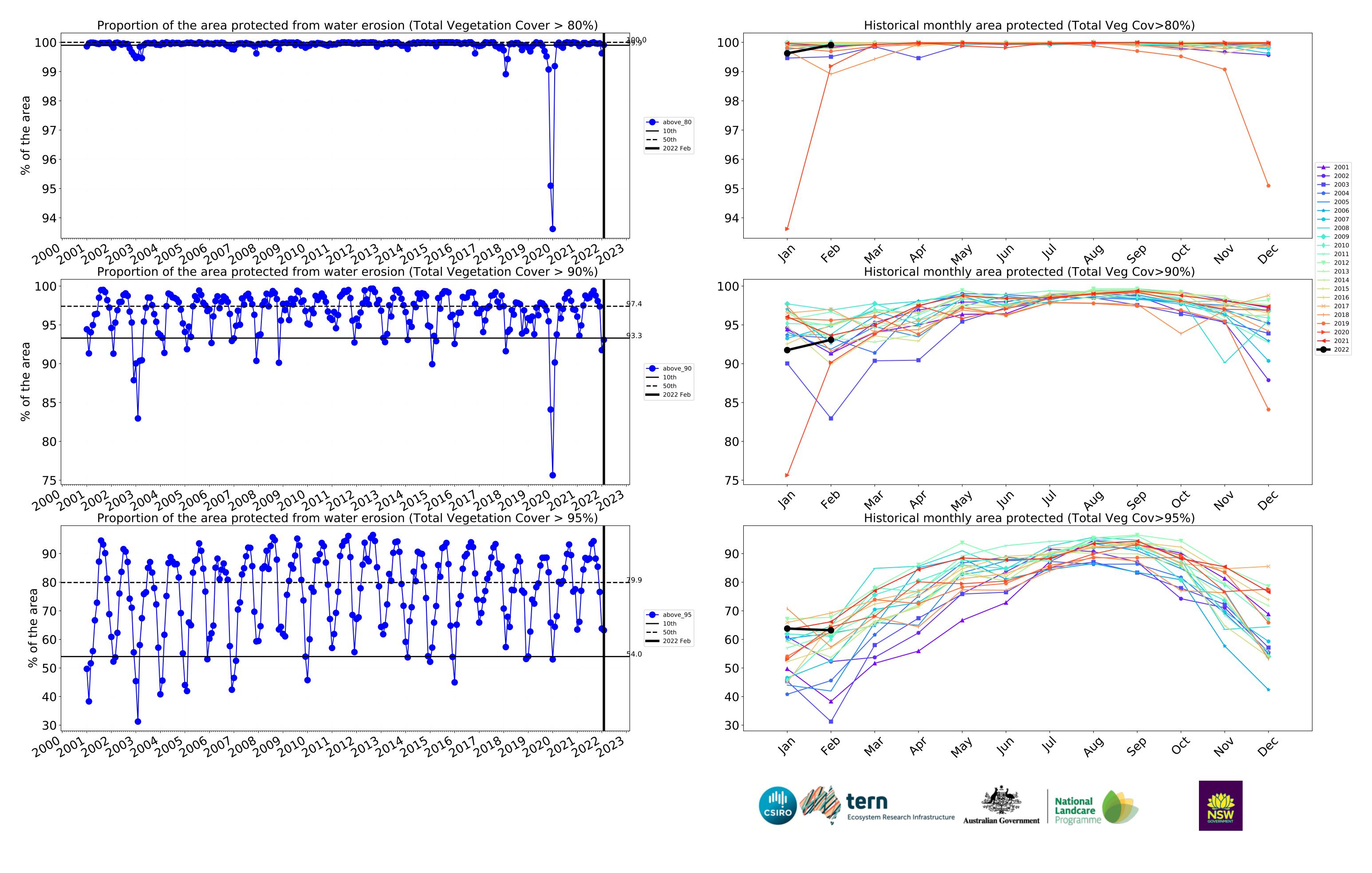




### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







### Hunter (3,240,450 ha and no data 59,975 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	3,240,450	99.9% 3,236,600	99.6% 3,228,650	98.6% 3,195,625	96.7% 3,132,525	78.8% 2,552,125	37.6% 1,218,975
Conservation and natural environments	1,241,300	99.9% 1,240,100	99.8% 1,238,850	99.6% 1,236,600	99.2% 1,231,675	89.8% 1,115,075	52.4% 650,325
Conservation and natural environments non forest	30,300	96.2% 29,150	93.3% 28,275	89.8% 27,200	85.6% 25,950	62.6% 18,975	25.7% 7,775
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	138,900	100.0% 138,900	99.9% 138,800	99.7% 138,550	99.4% 138,025	89.6% 124,475	48.5% 67,375
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,072,100	100.0% 1,072,050	100.0% 1,071,775	99.9% 1,070,850	99.6% 1,067,700	90.6% 971,625	53.6% 575,175
Agriculture	1,580,850	100.0% 1,580,825	100.0% 1,580,150	99.7% 1,575,525	98.1% 1,551,500	73.8% 1,166,650	25.9% 408,700
Grazing	1,502,850	100.0% 1,502,825	100.0% 1,502,150	99.7% 1,498,650	98.8% 1,484,425	75.7% 1,137,825	26.6% 400,375
Grazing non forest	1,213,125	100.0% 1,213,100	100.0% 1,212,525	99.7% 1,209,600	98.7% 1,196,850	73.4% 889,950	24.9% 302,075
Grazing Woodland forest	120,525	100.0% 120,525	99.9% 120,425	99.8% 120,250	99.3% 119,700	84.8% 102,250	31.2% 37,650
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	169,200	100.0% 169,200	100.0% 169,200	99.8% 168,800	99.2% 167,875	86.1% 145,625	35.8% 60,650
Cropping	50,625	100.0% 50,625	100.0% 50,625	98.2% 49,725	85.9% 43,500	42.7% 21,625	13.7% 6,950
Production native forests and plantation forests	218,225	100.0% 218,225	100.0% 218,225	100.0% 218,150	99.9% 218,025	93.1% 203,125	63.2% 137,900







