# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Hunter NSW

# **Date: September 2024**

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available. Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

#### **Erosion protection**

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

### Acknowledgment of data:

- 1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification
- 2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
- 4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3

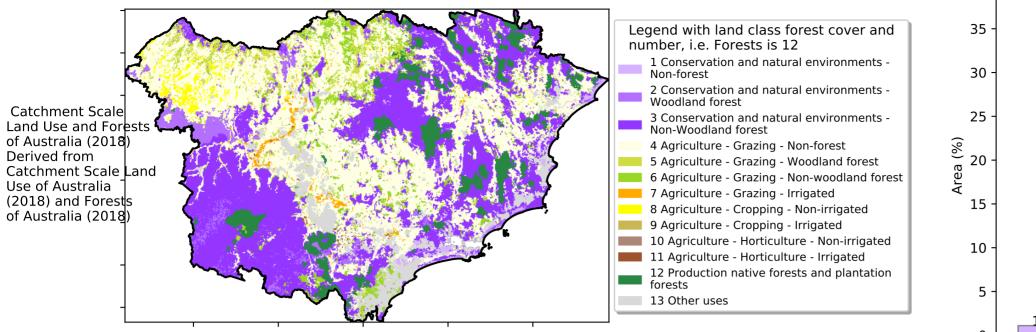


# **Vegetation Cover Sep 2024**

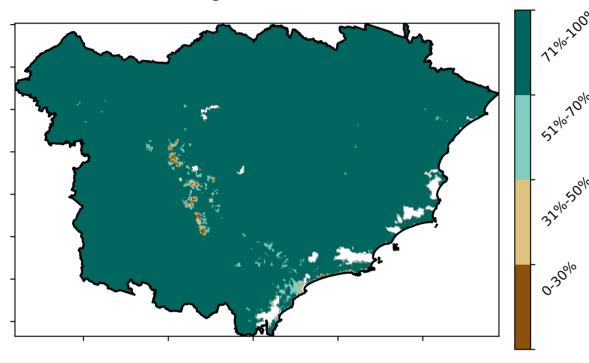
#### Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

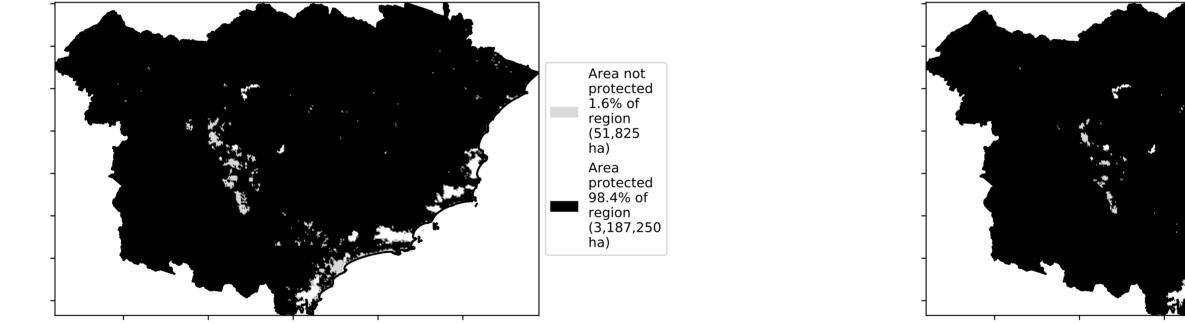
36.9%







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



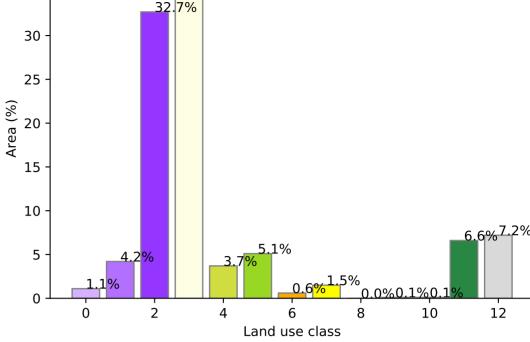
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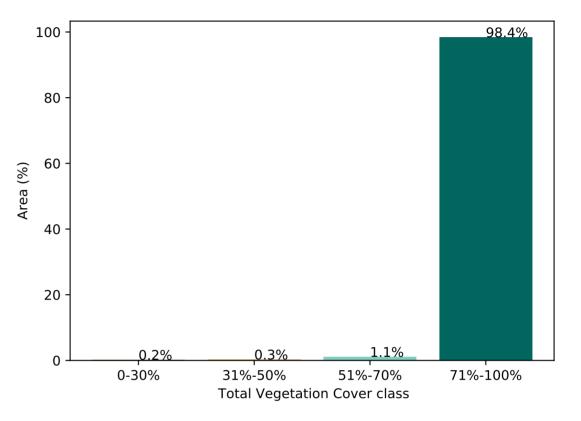
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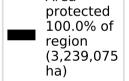


#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

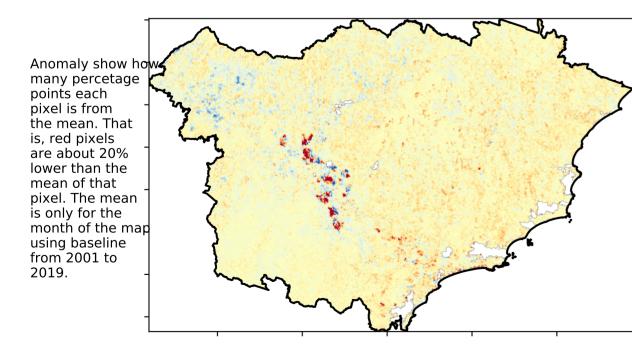


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



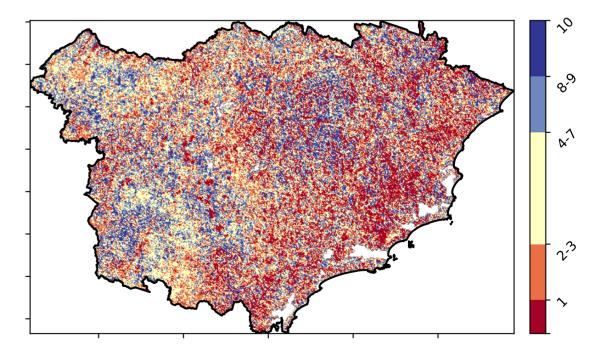


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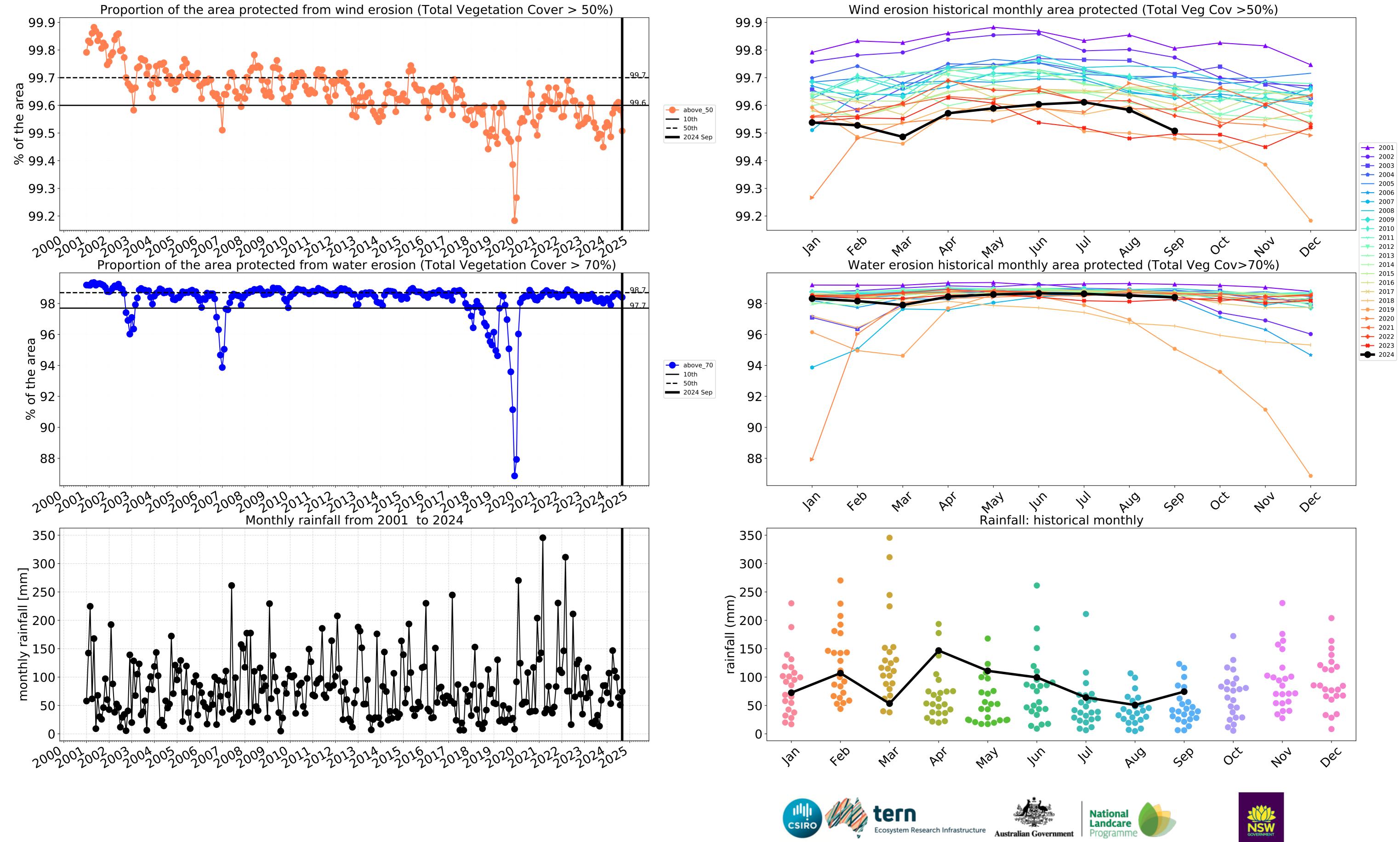
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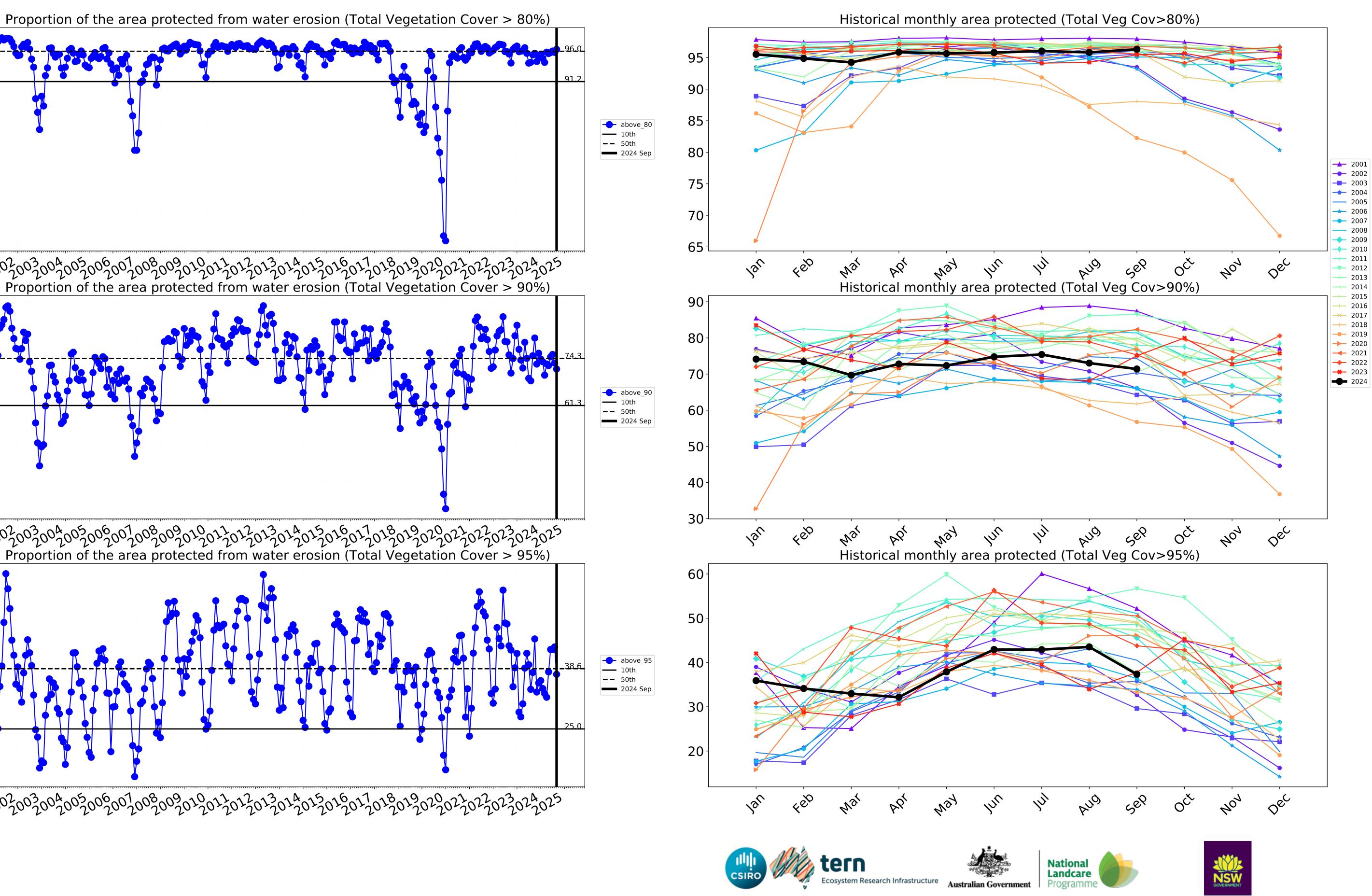
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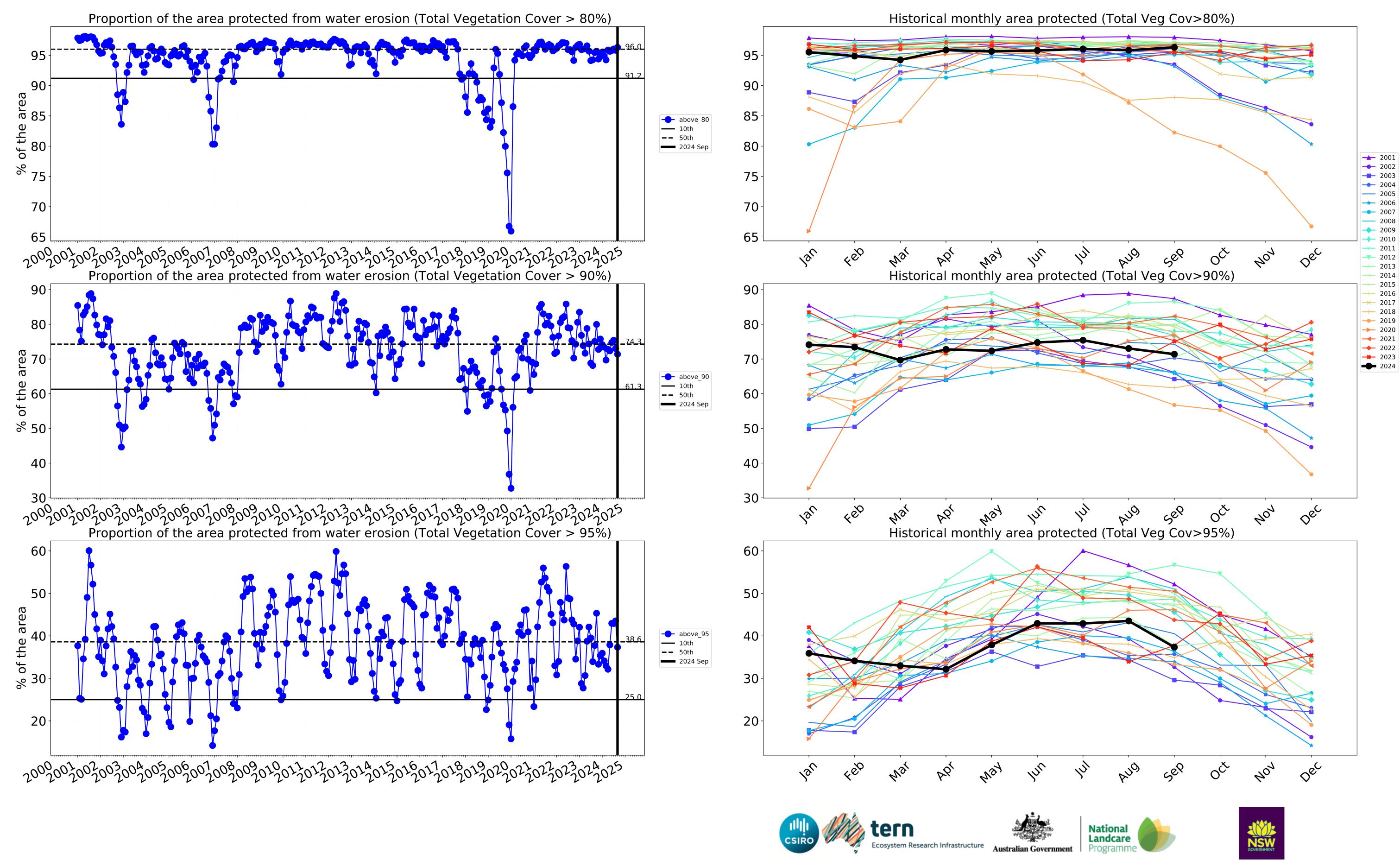


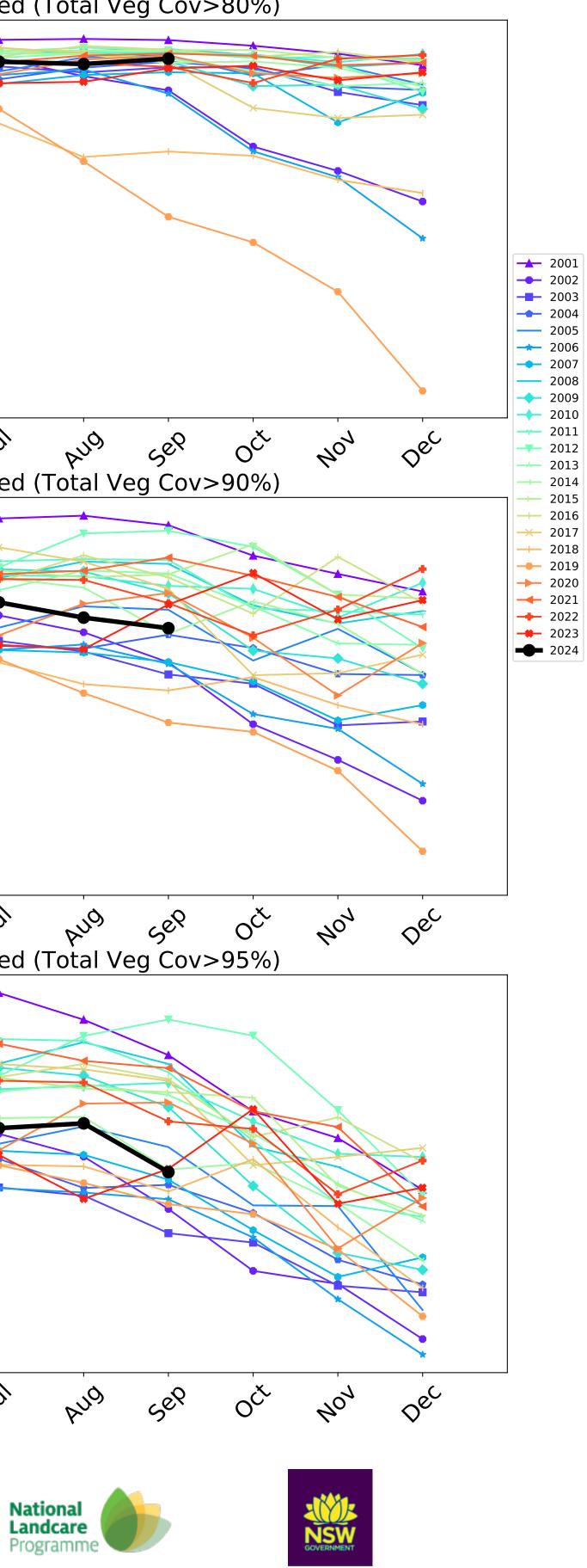


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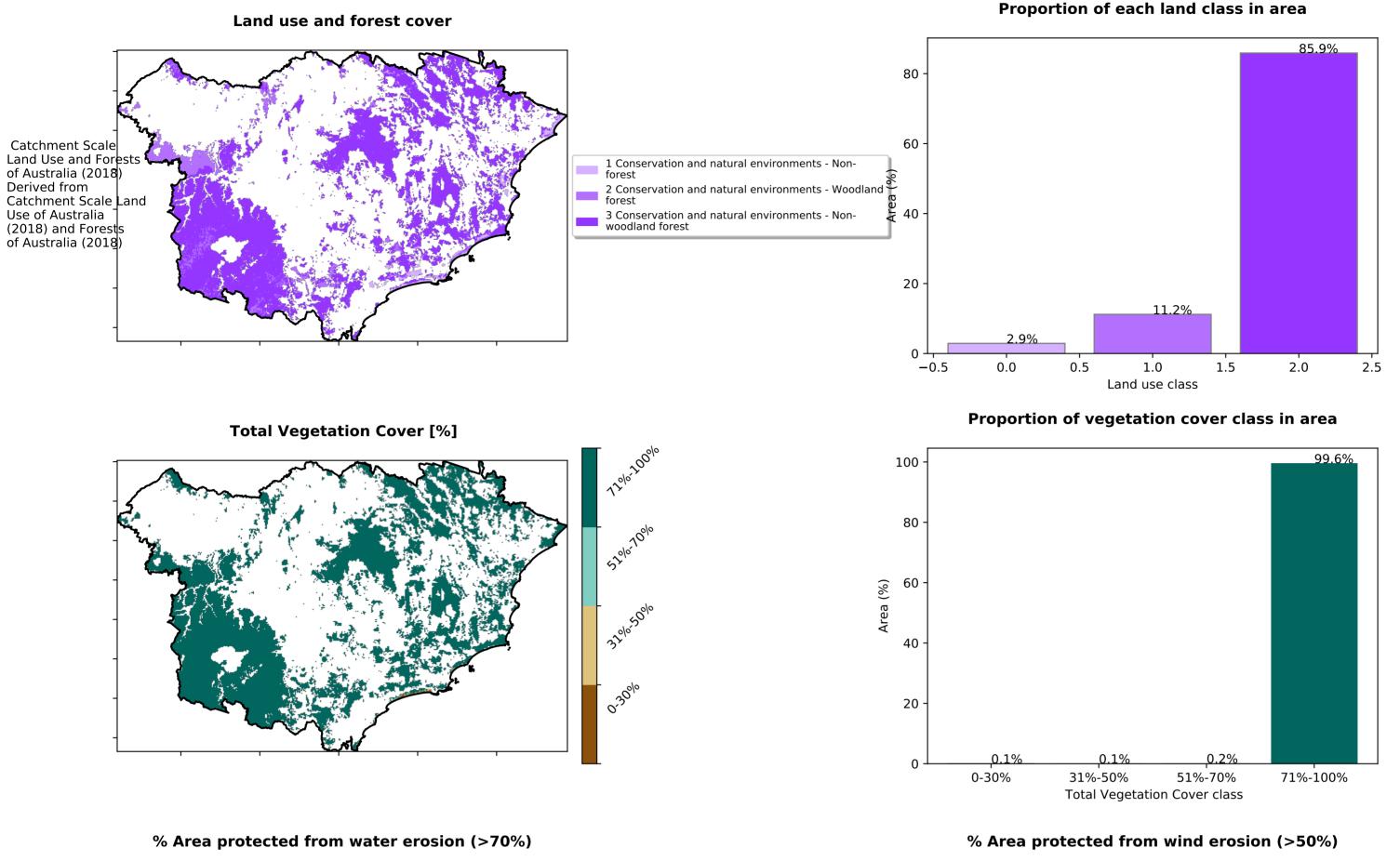


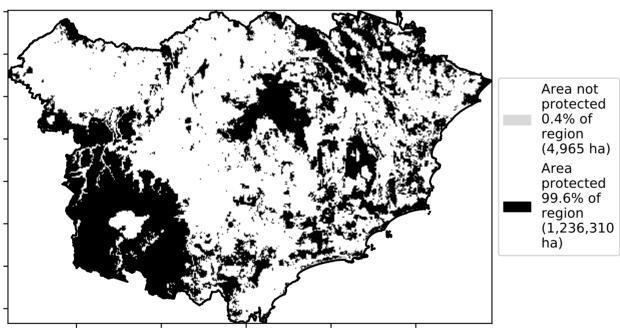


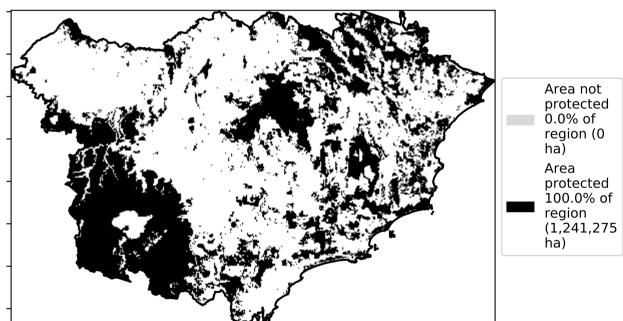




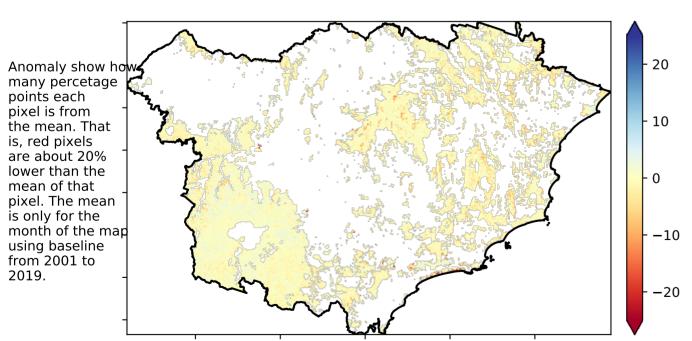
#### **Conservation and natural environments**





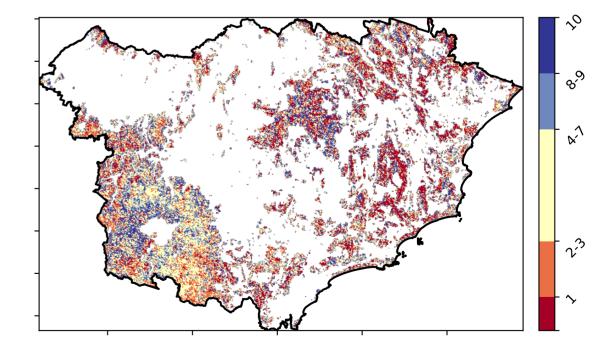


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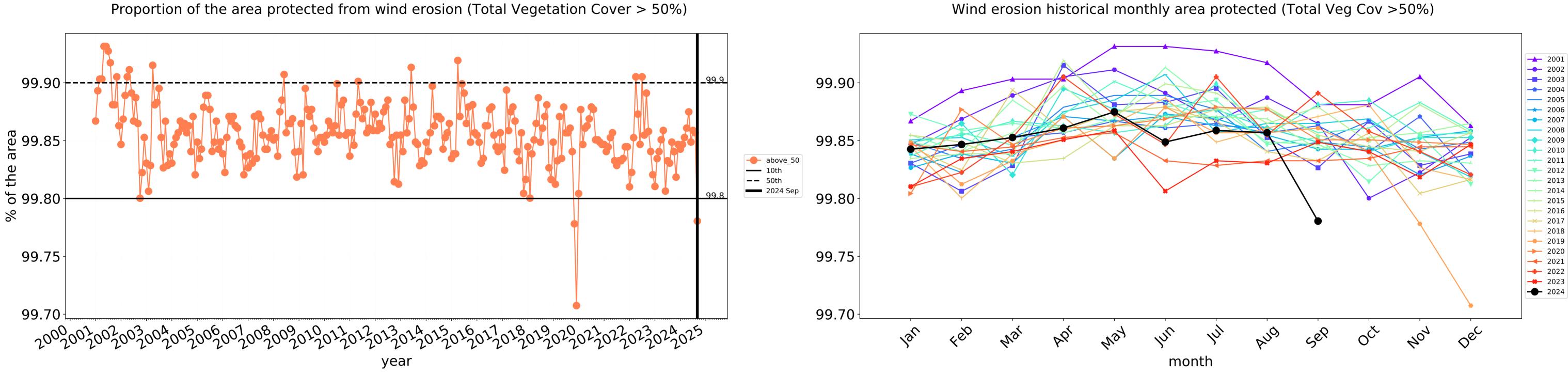
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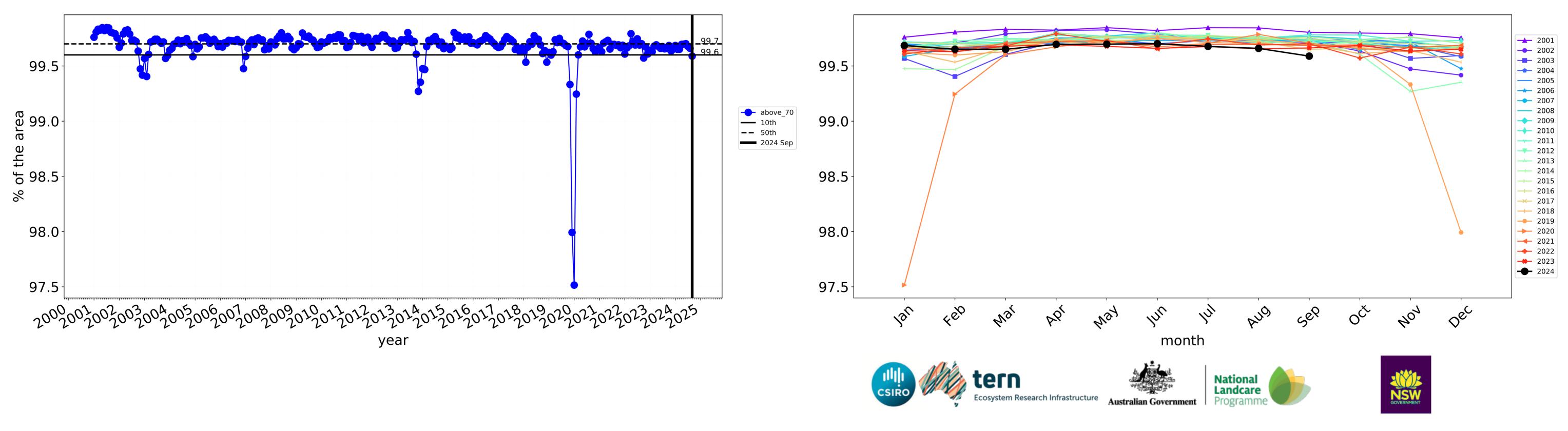
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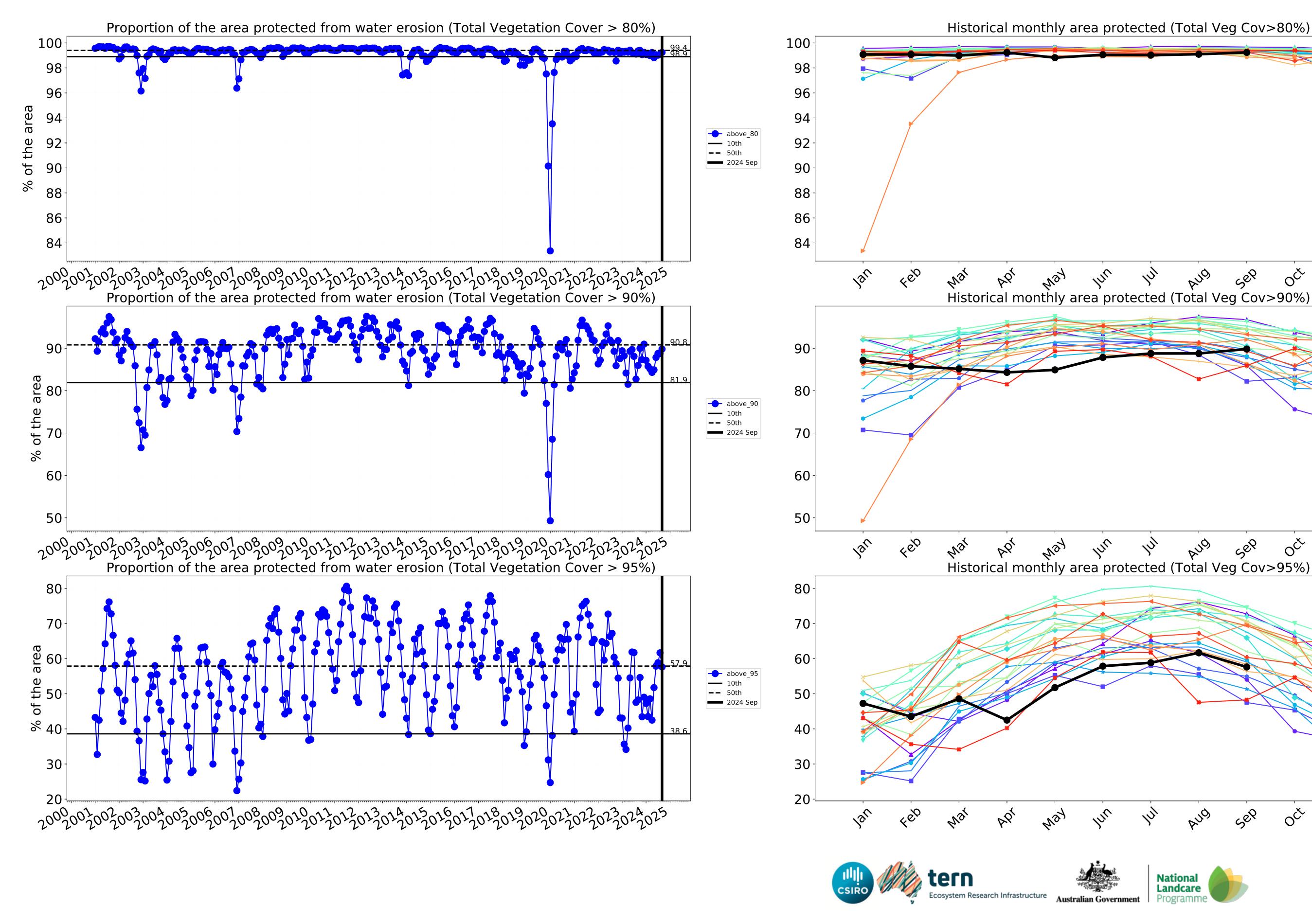


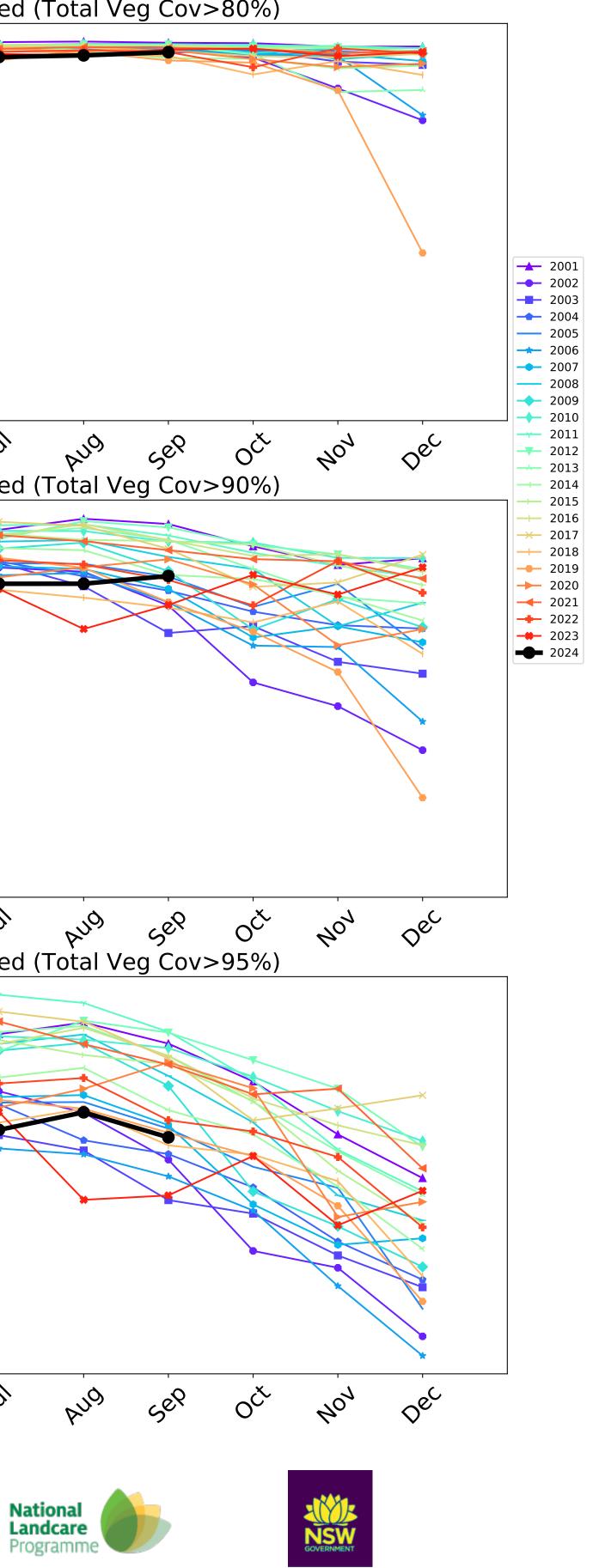
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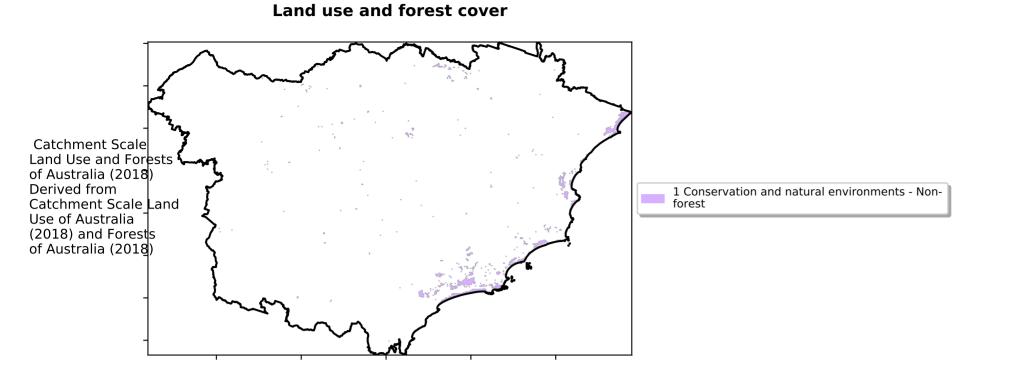


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

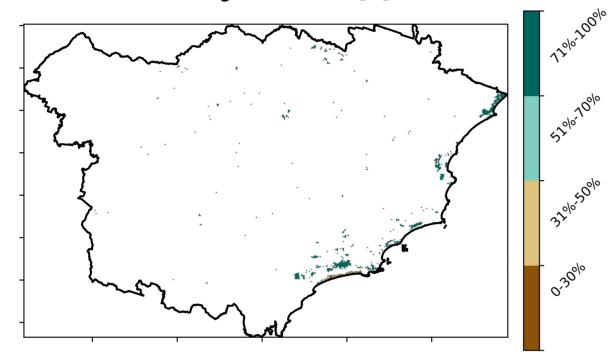




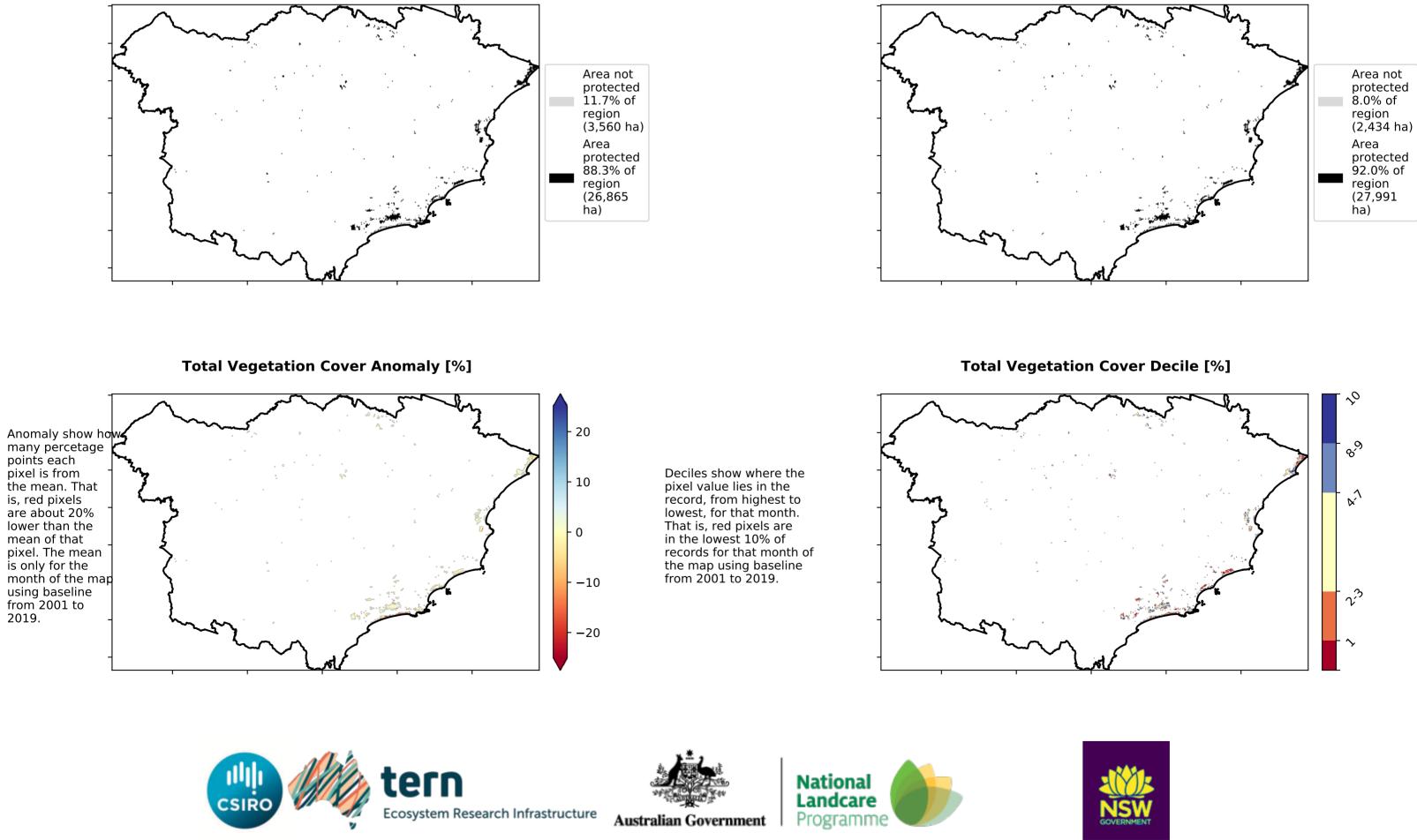
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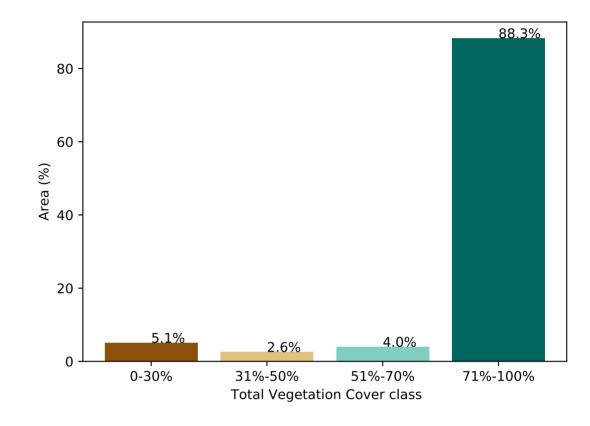
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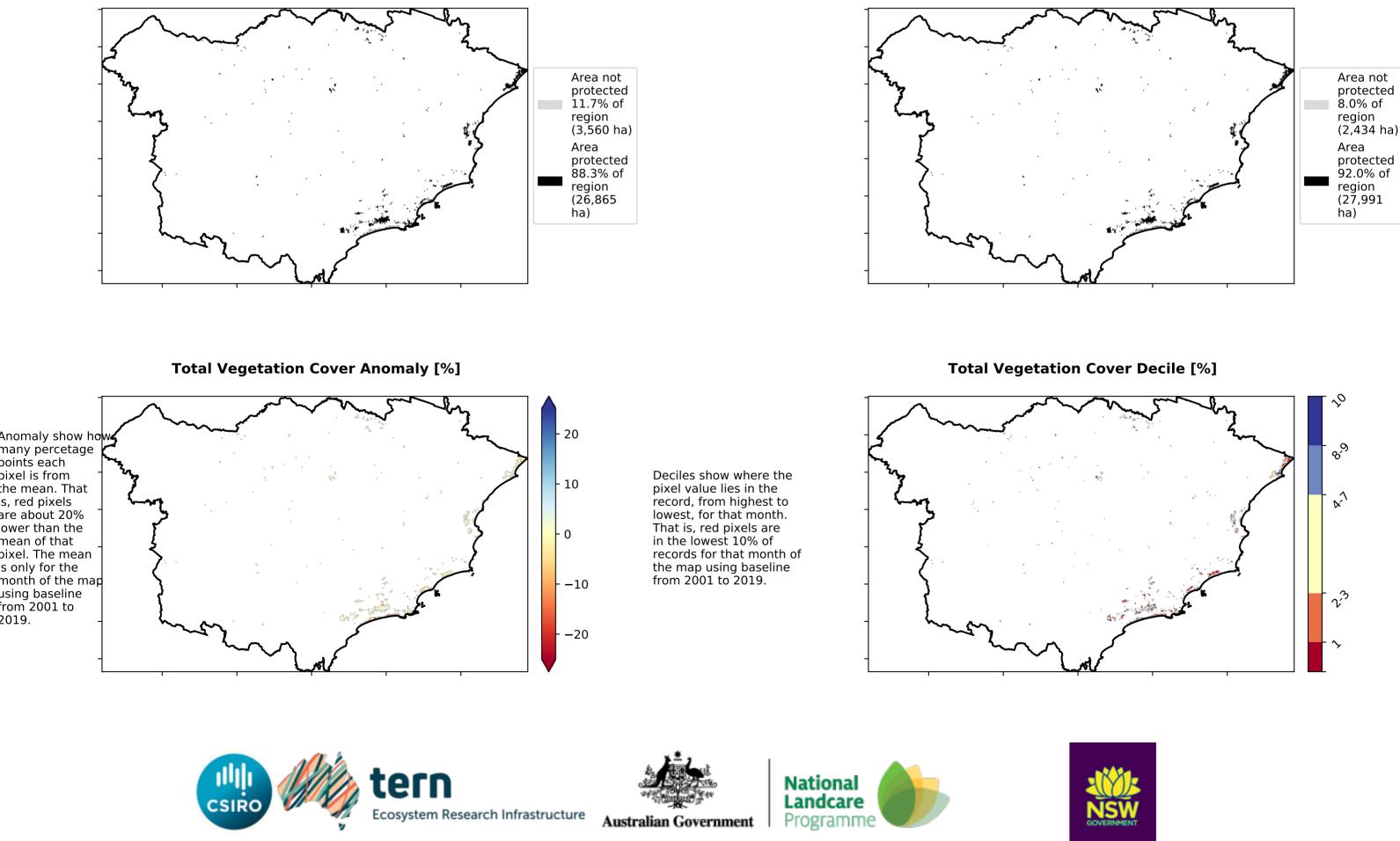
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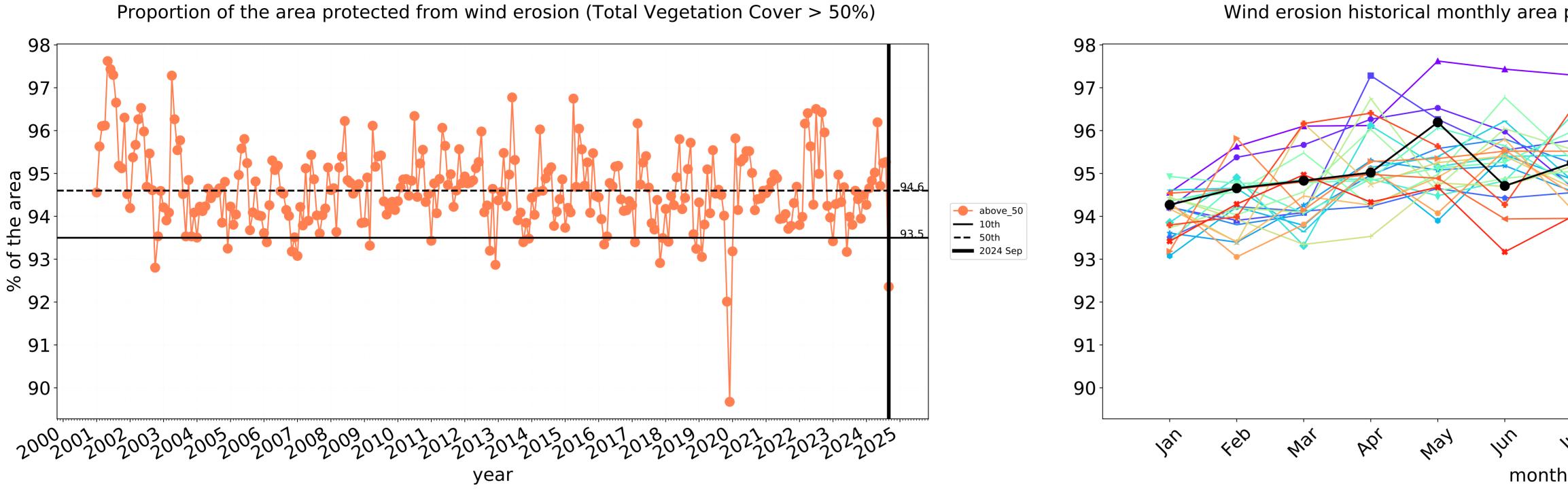


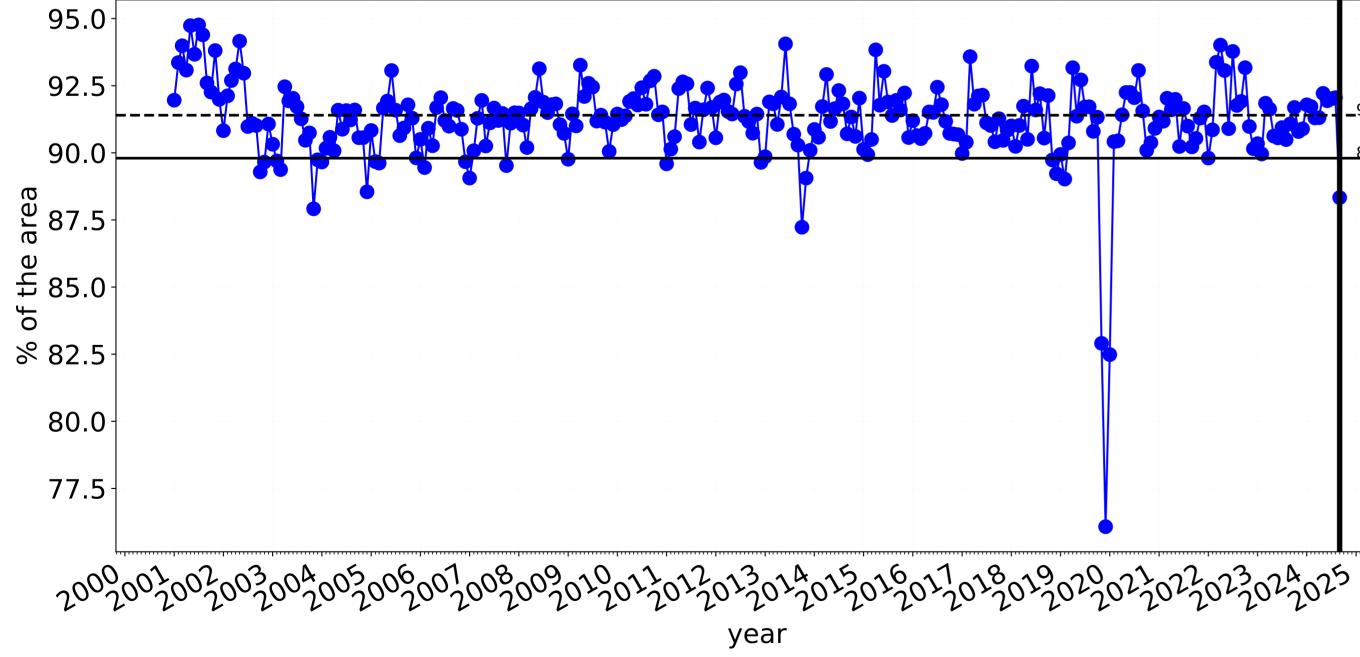
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

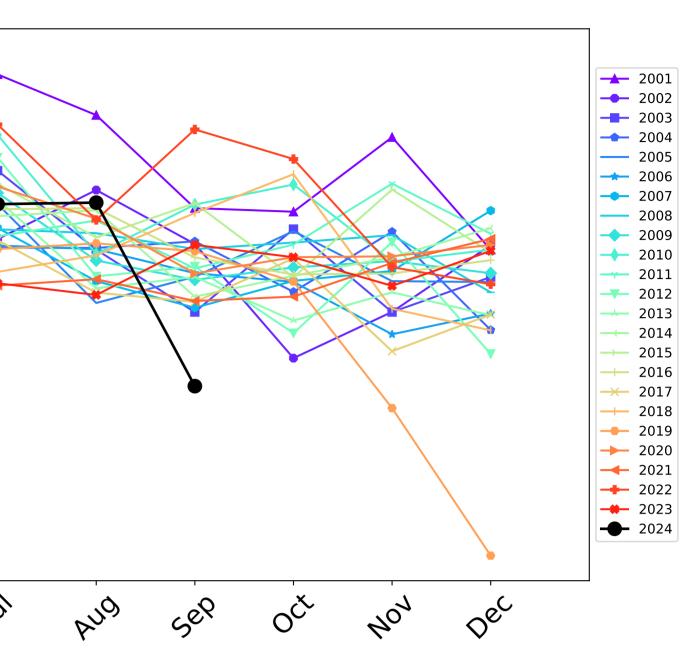




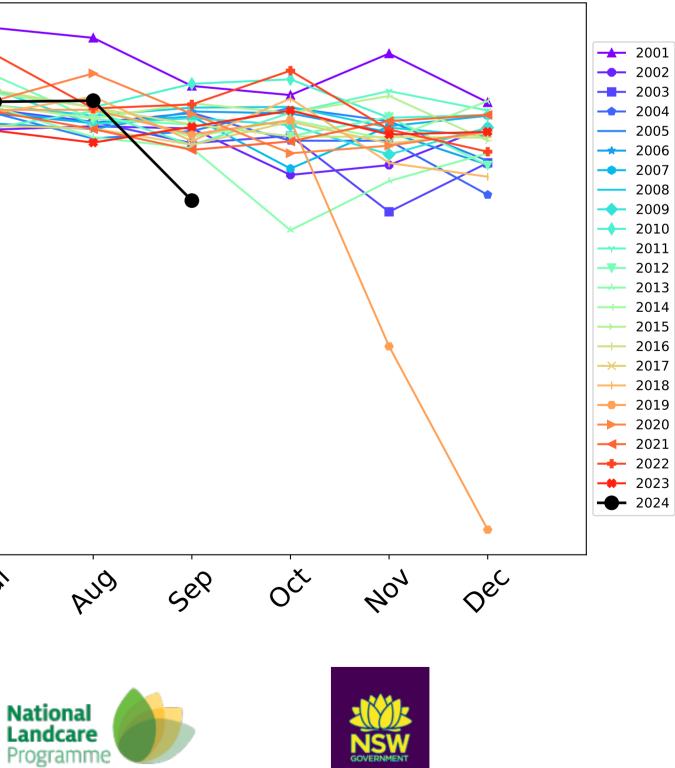


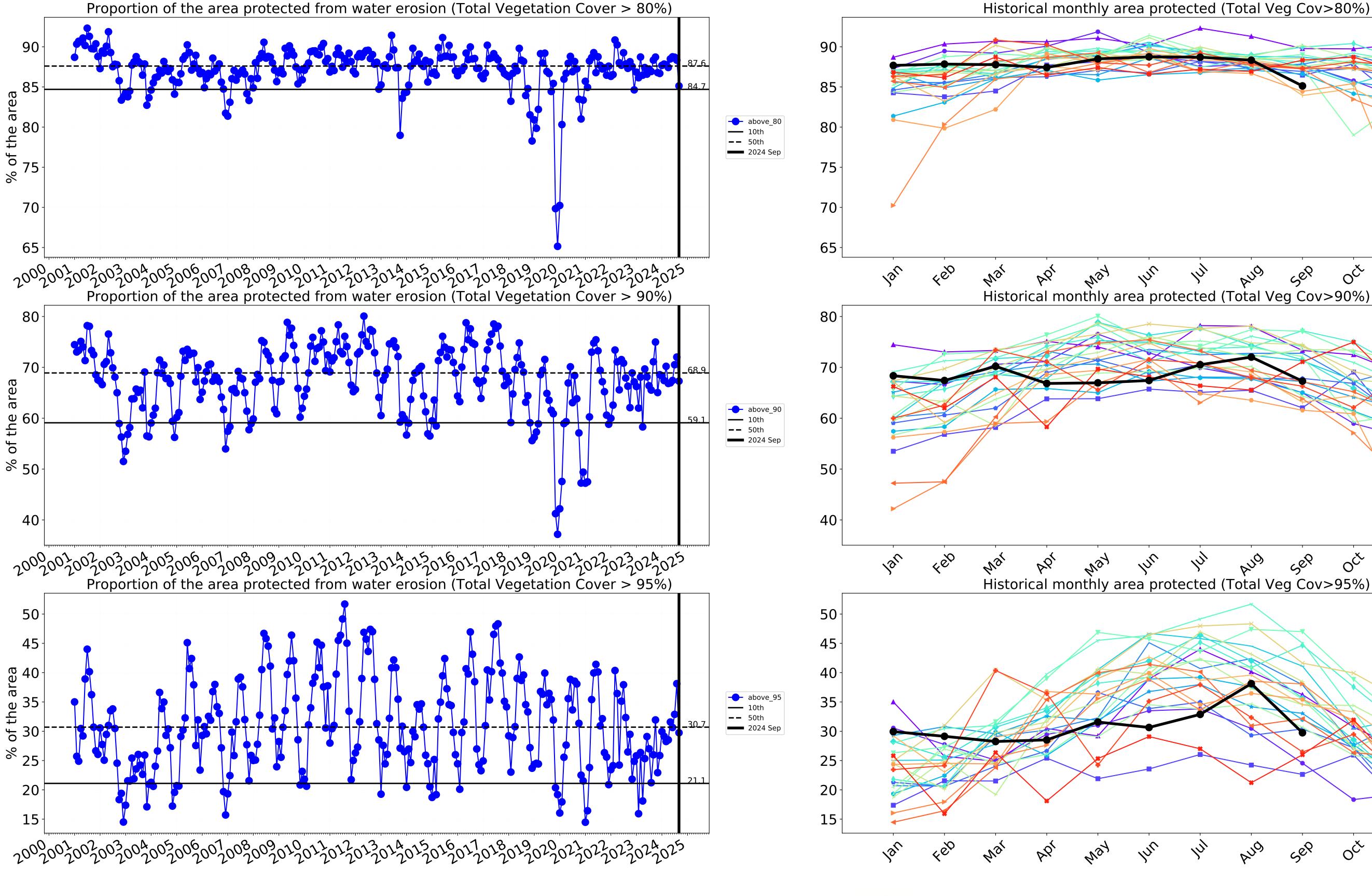
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

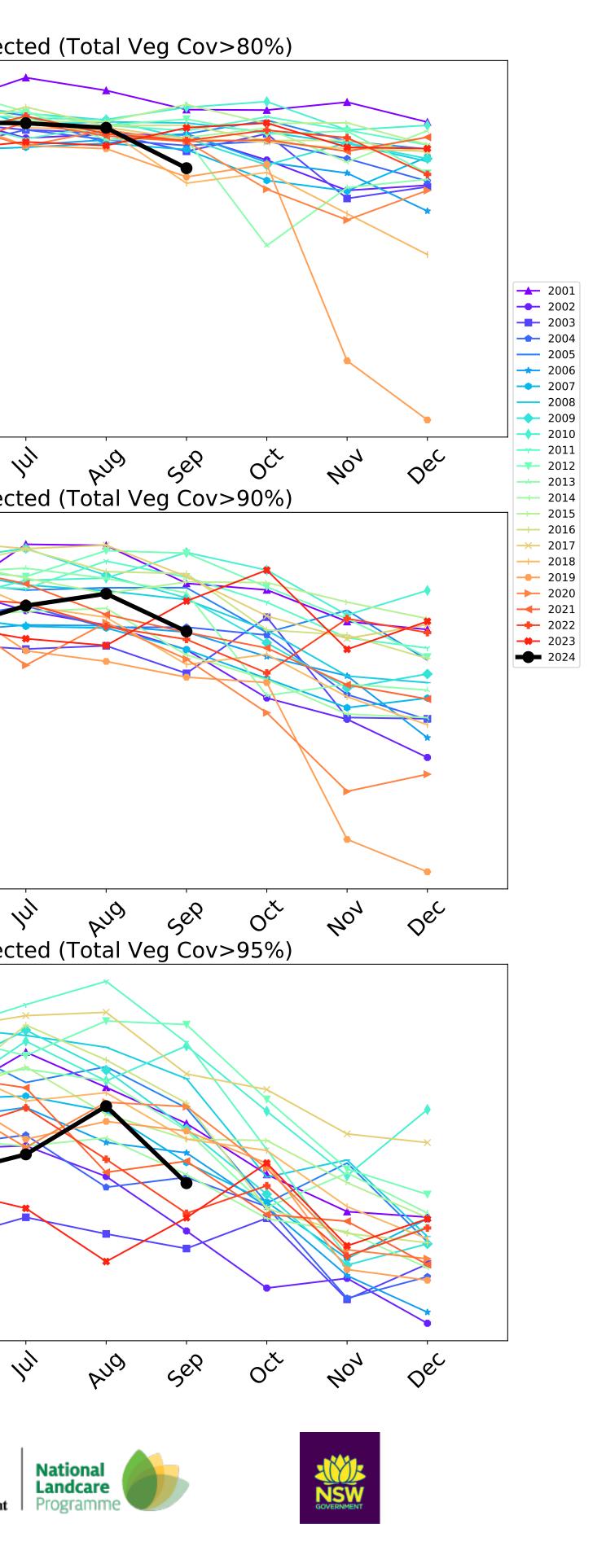


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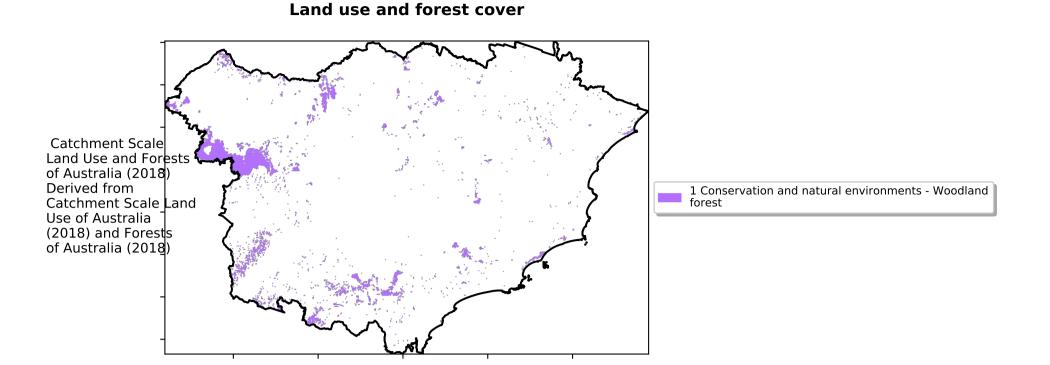




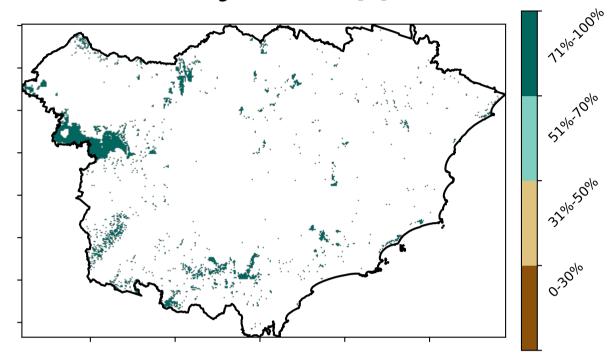


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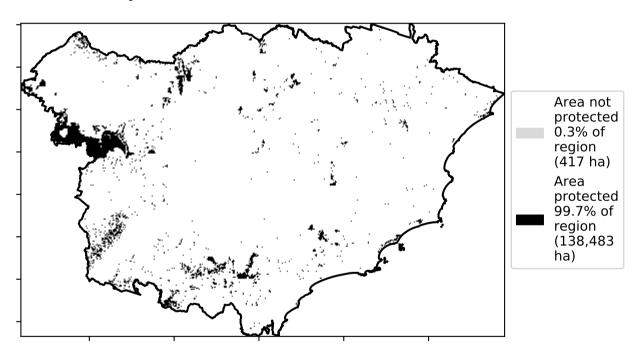
#### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**



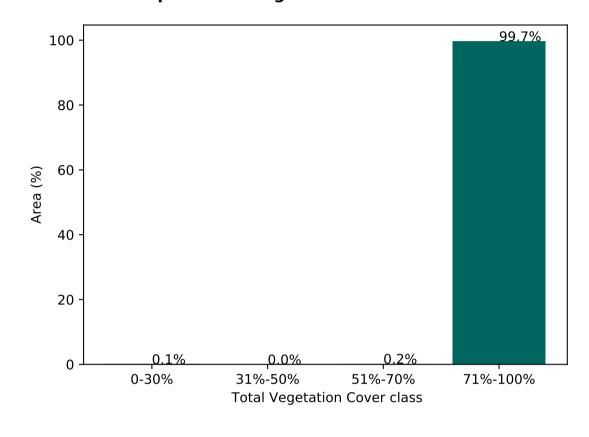
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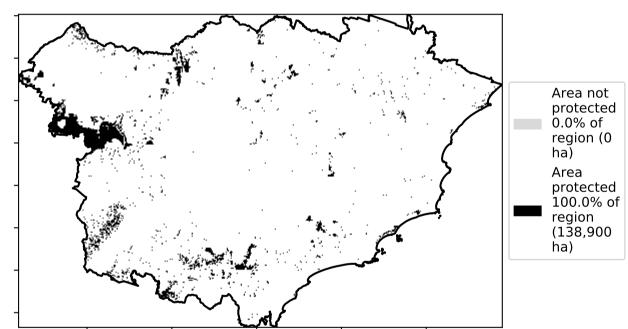
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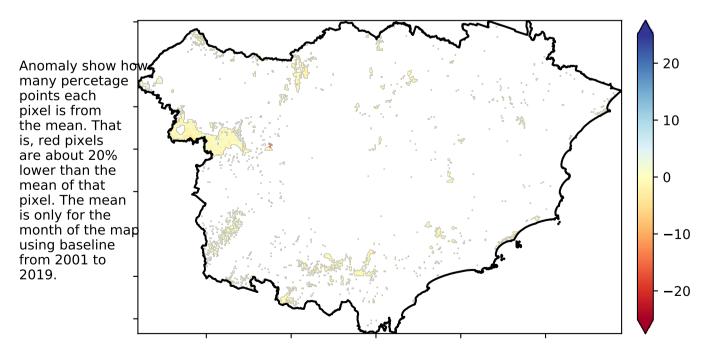
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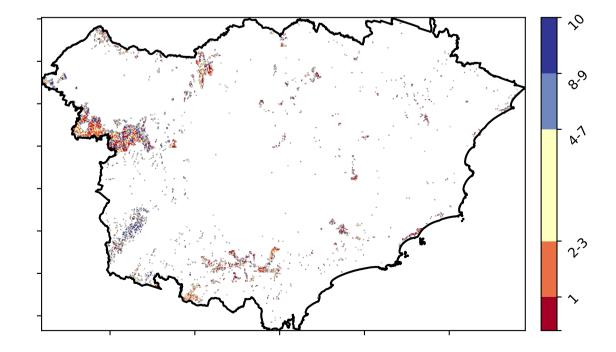


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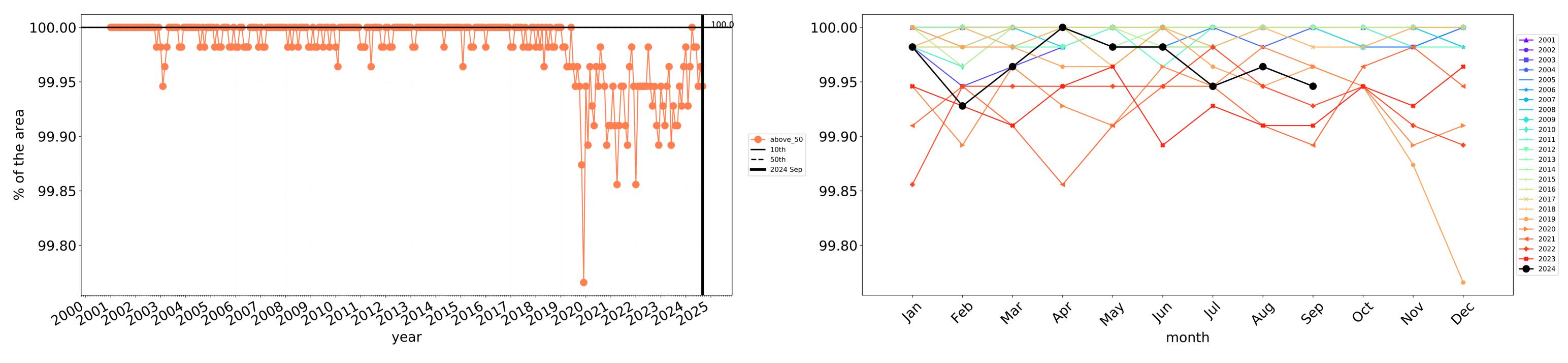
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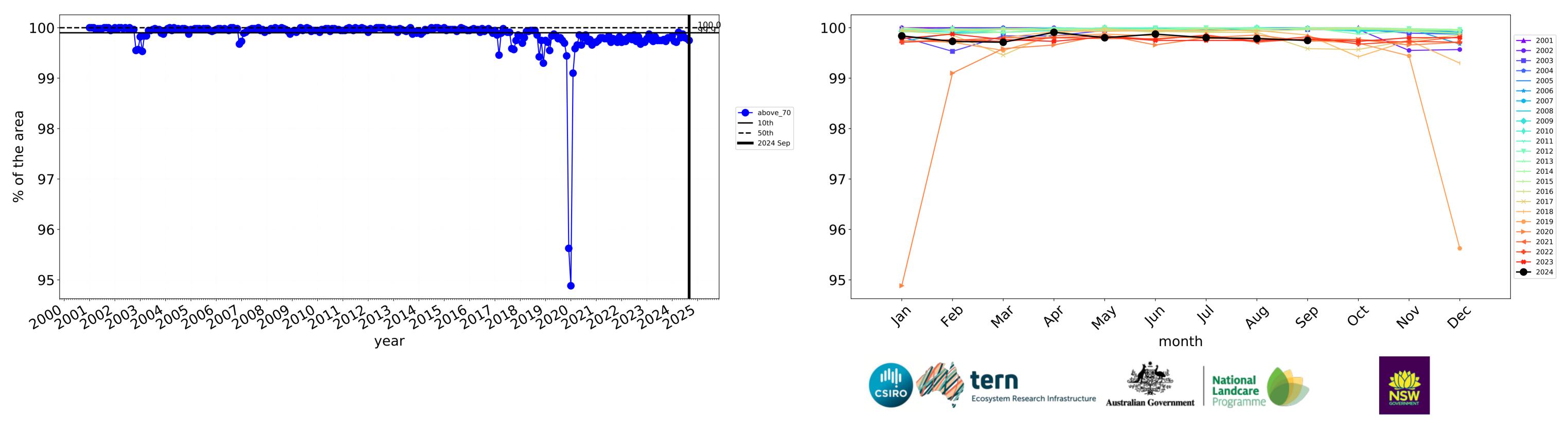




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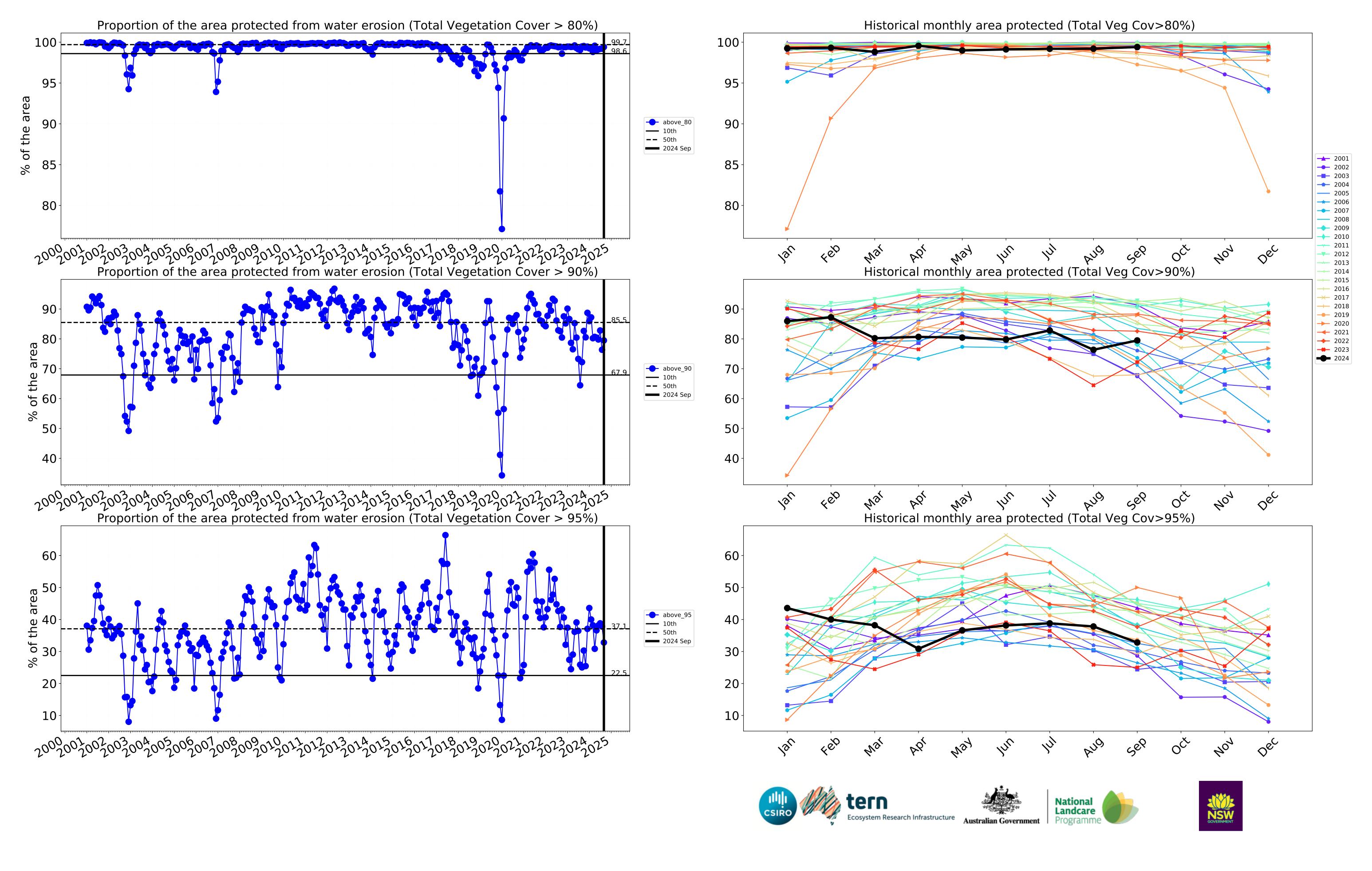


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

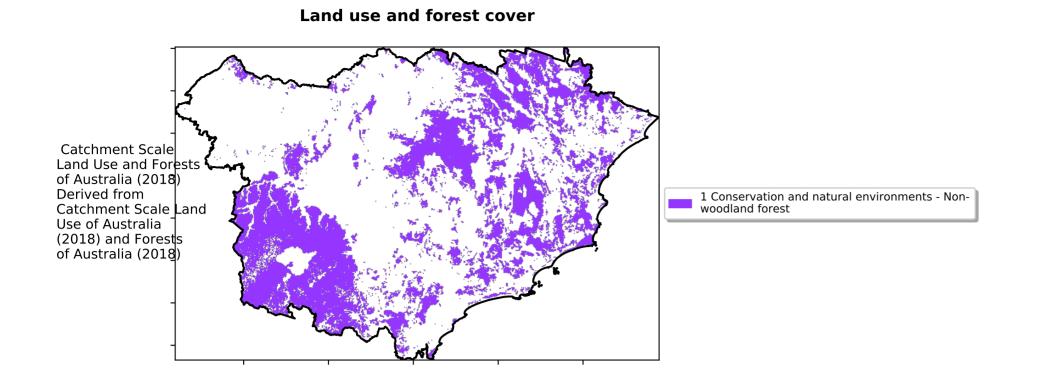


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

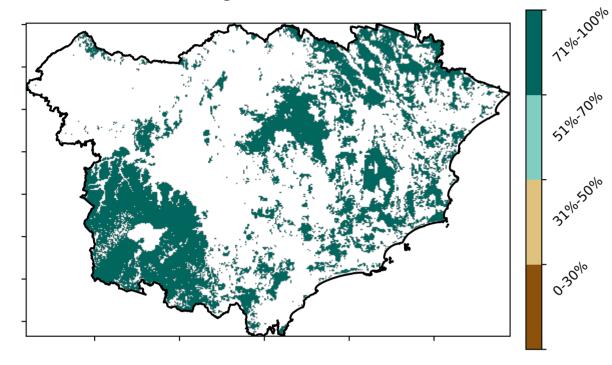
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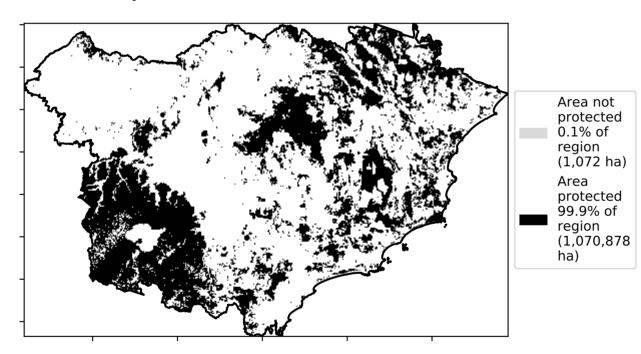
#### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**



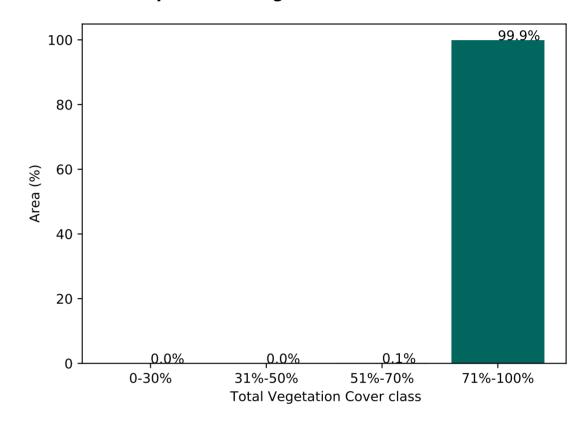
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



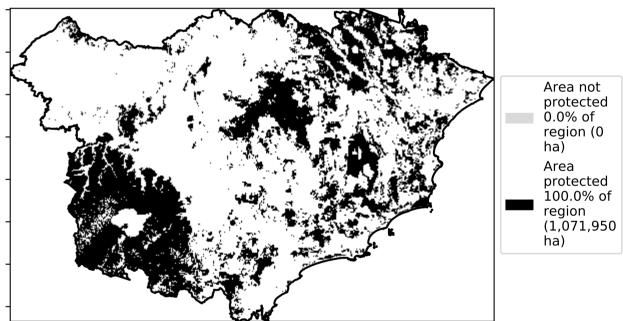
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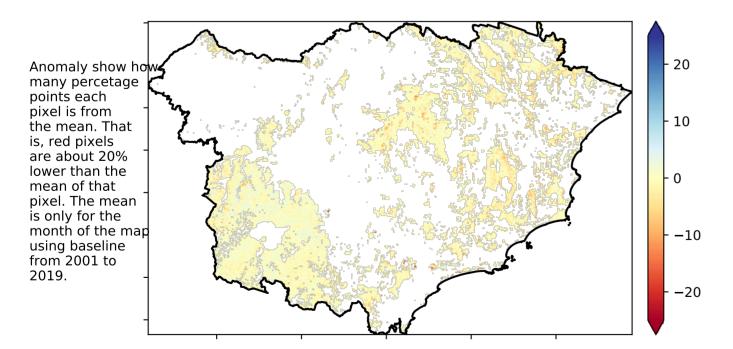
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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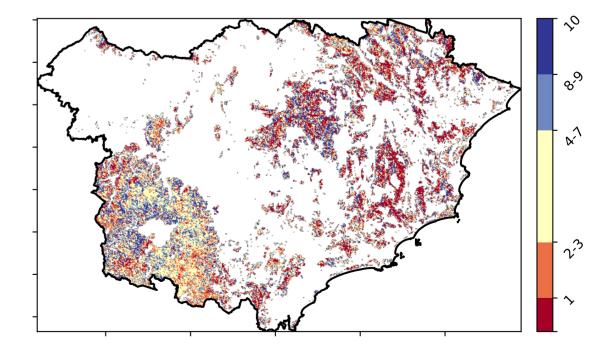


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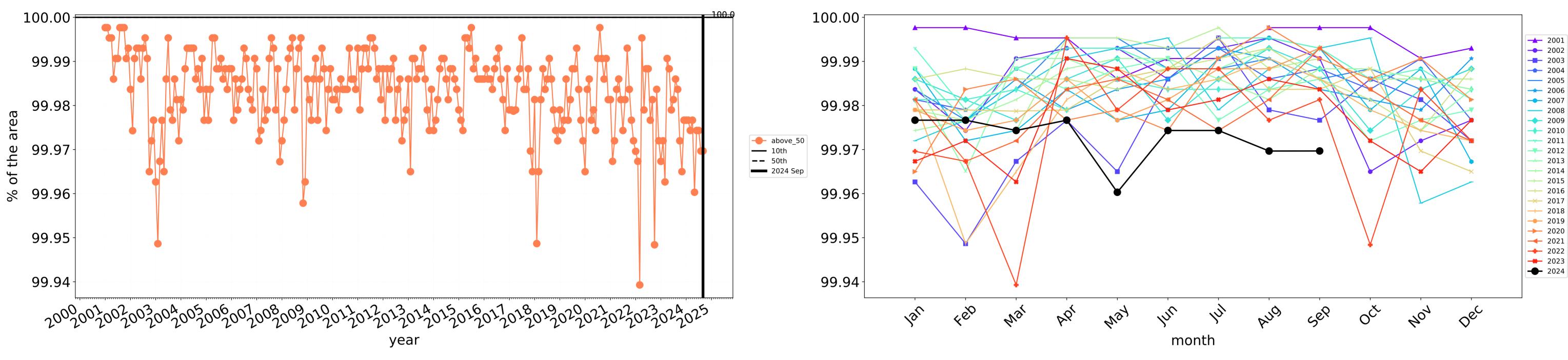


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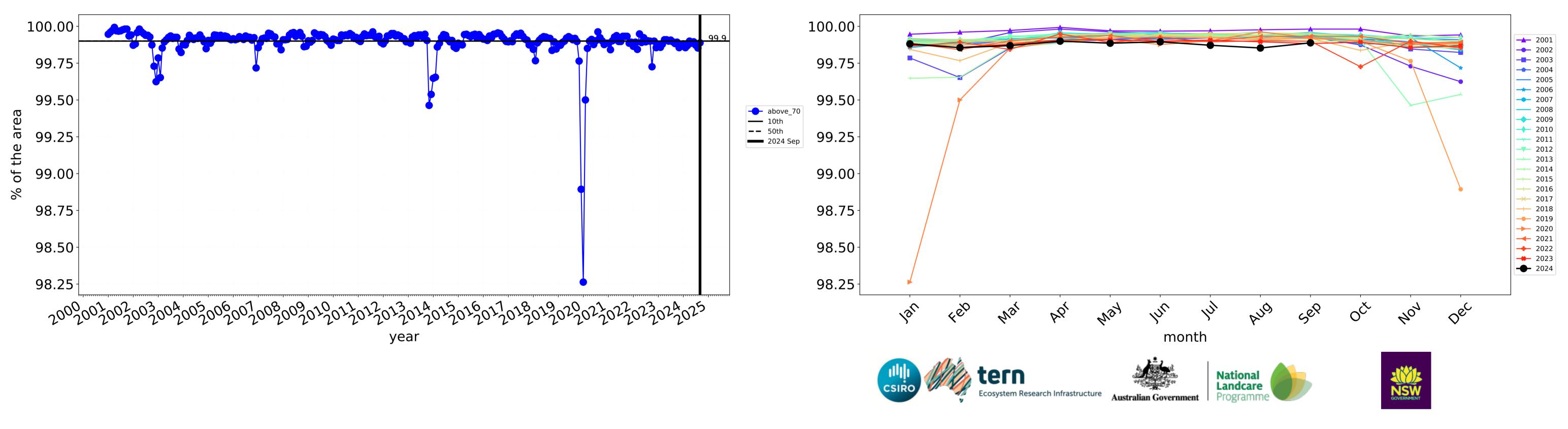
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





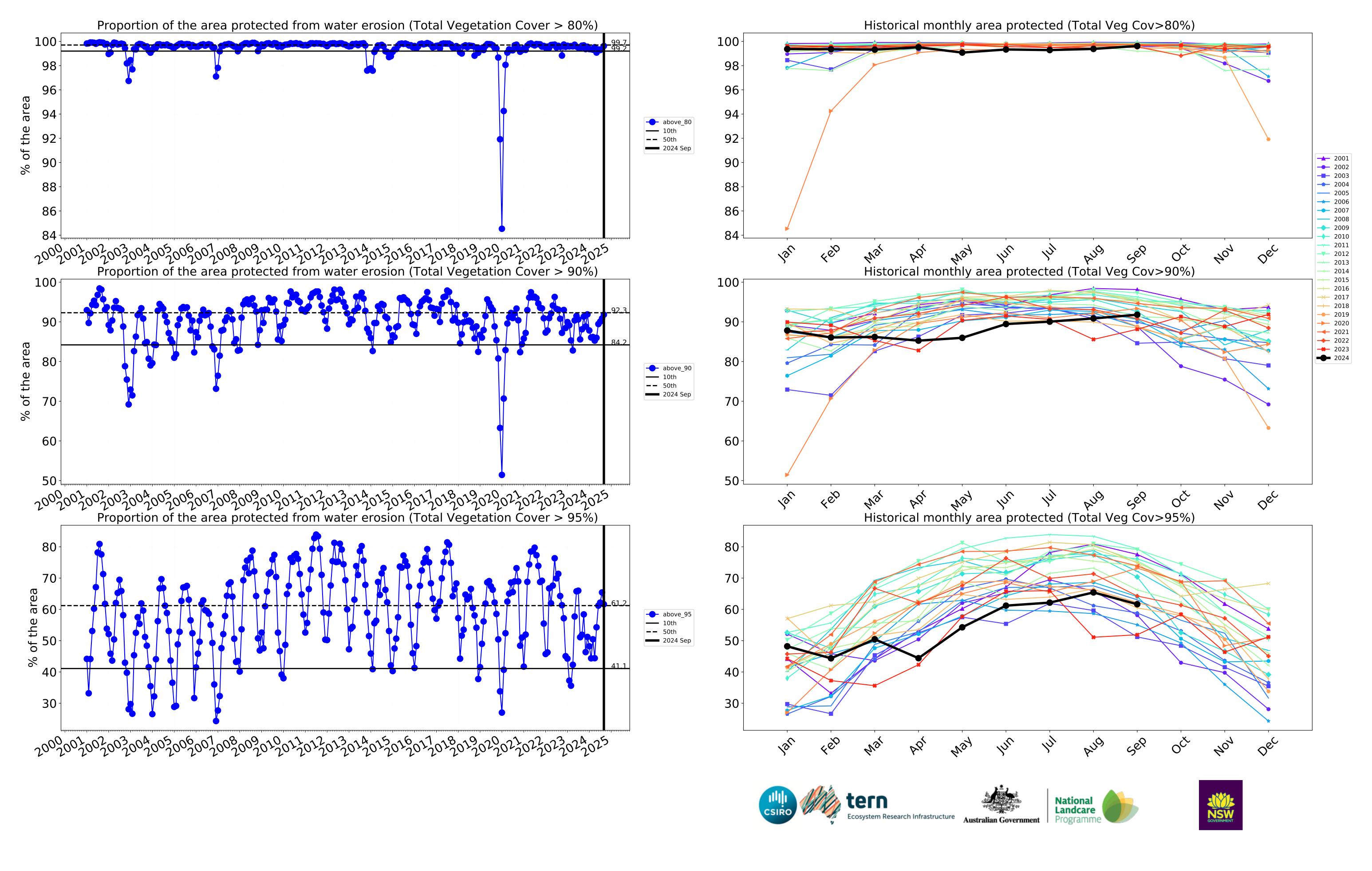


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



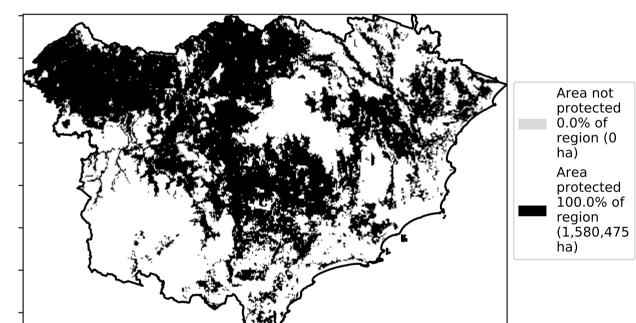
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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



#### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover 80 -<u>76.</u>7% 70 -60 Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 50 Area (%) 05 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest Derived from 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated Catchment Scale Land 5 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 6 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 7 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 30 8 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 20 10.7% 10 7.6% 0 0 1 2 3 Land use class Proportion of vegetation cover class in area **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 1200,100, 100 80 52°10'10°1 60 Area (%) 32010 40 0.30% 20 0.1% 0.0% 0 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% Total Vegetation Cover class % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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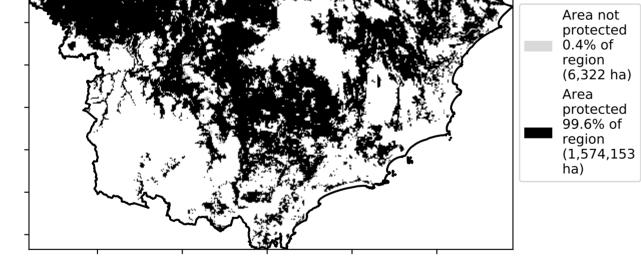
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71%-100%

Proportion of each land class in area

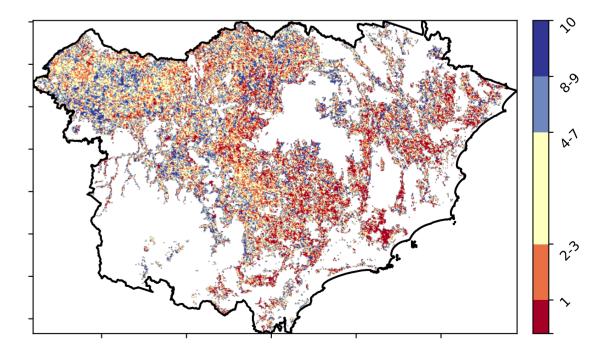


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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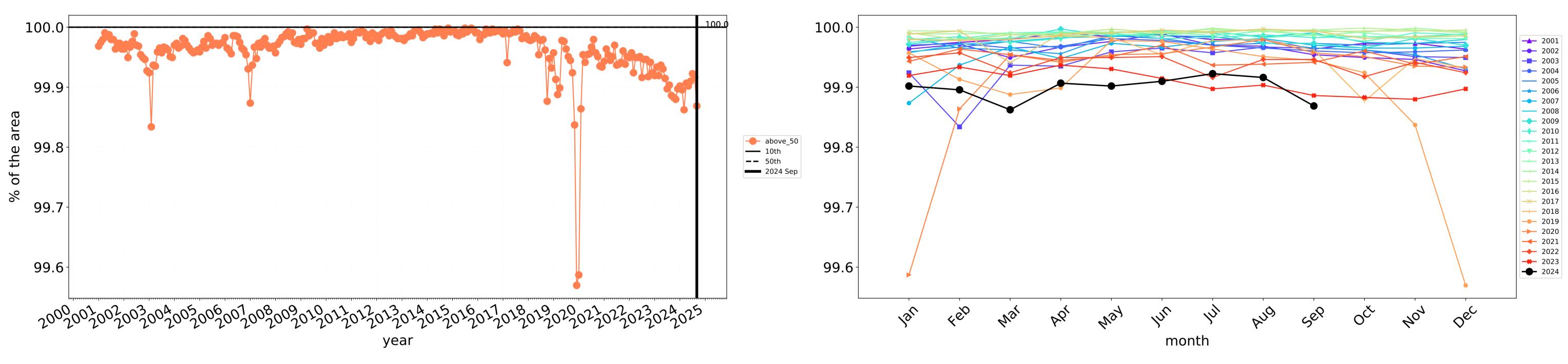
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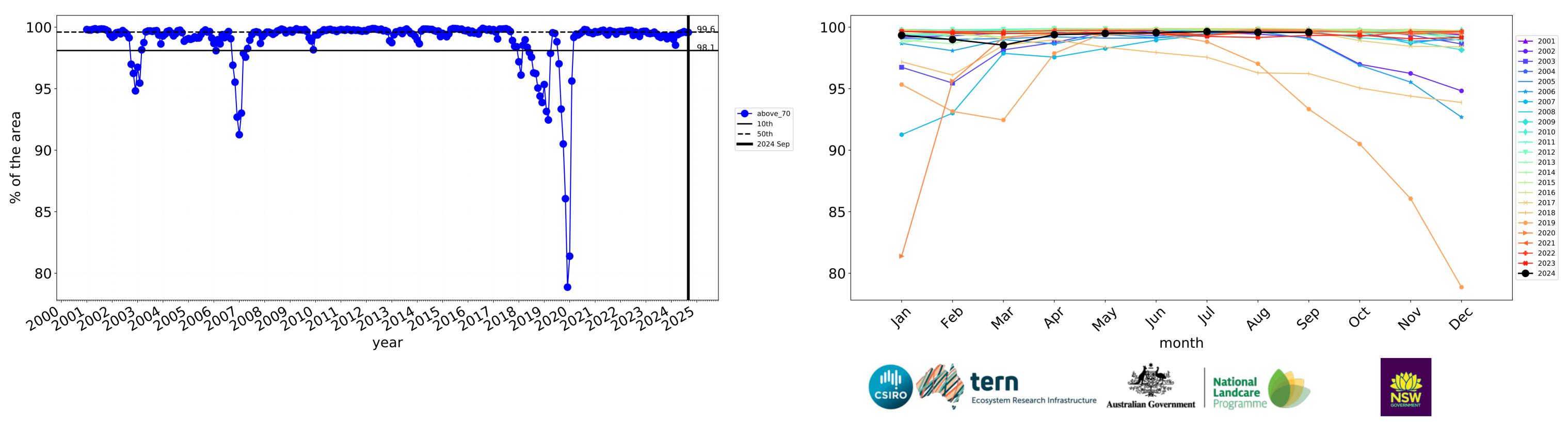
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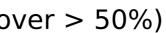
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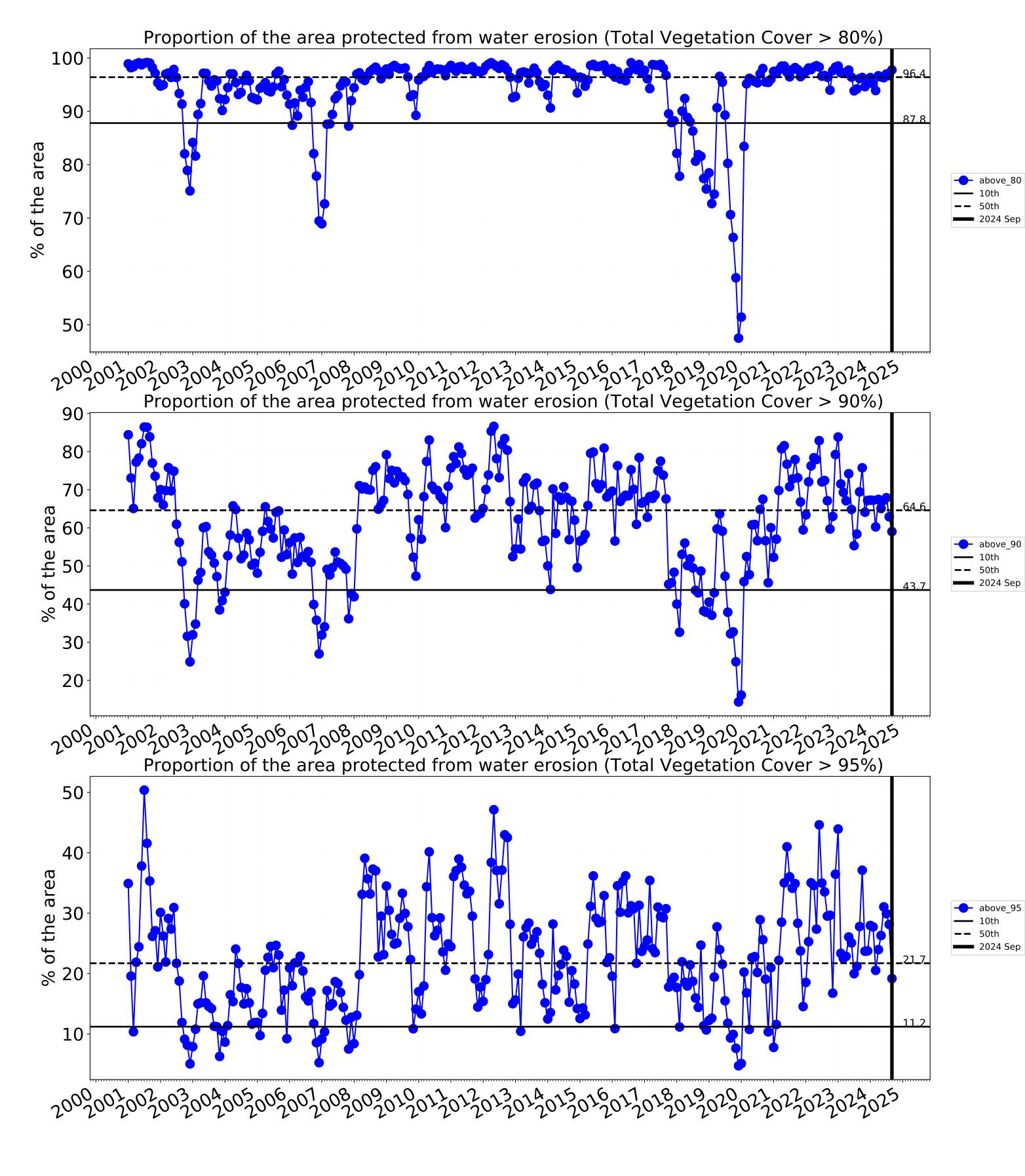
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

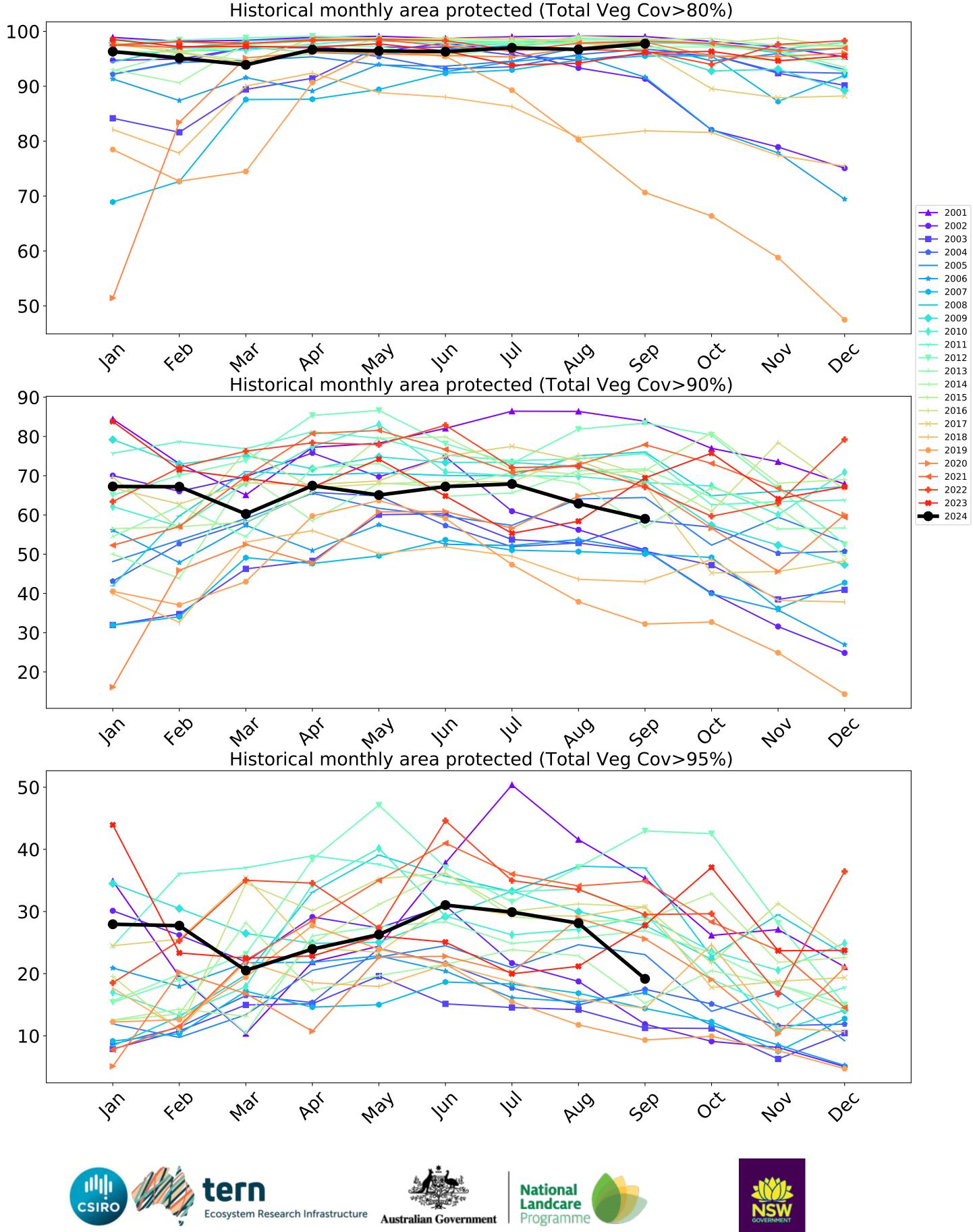


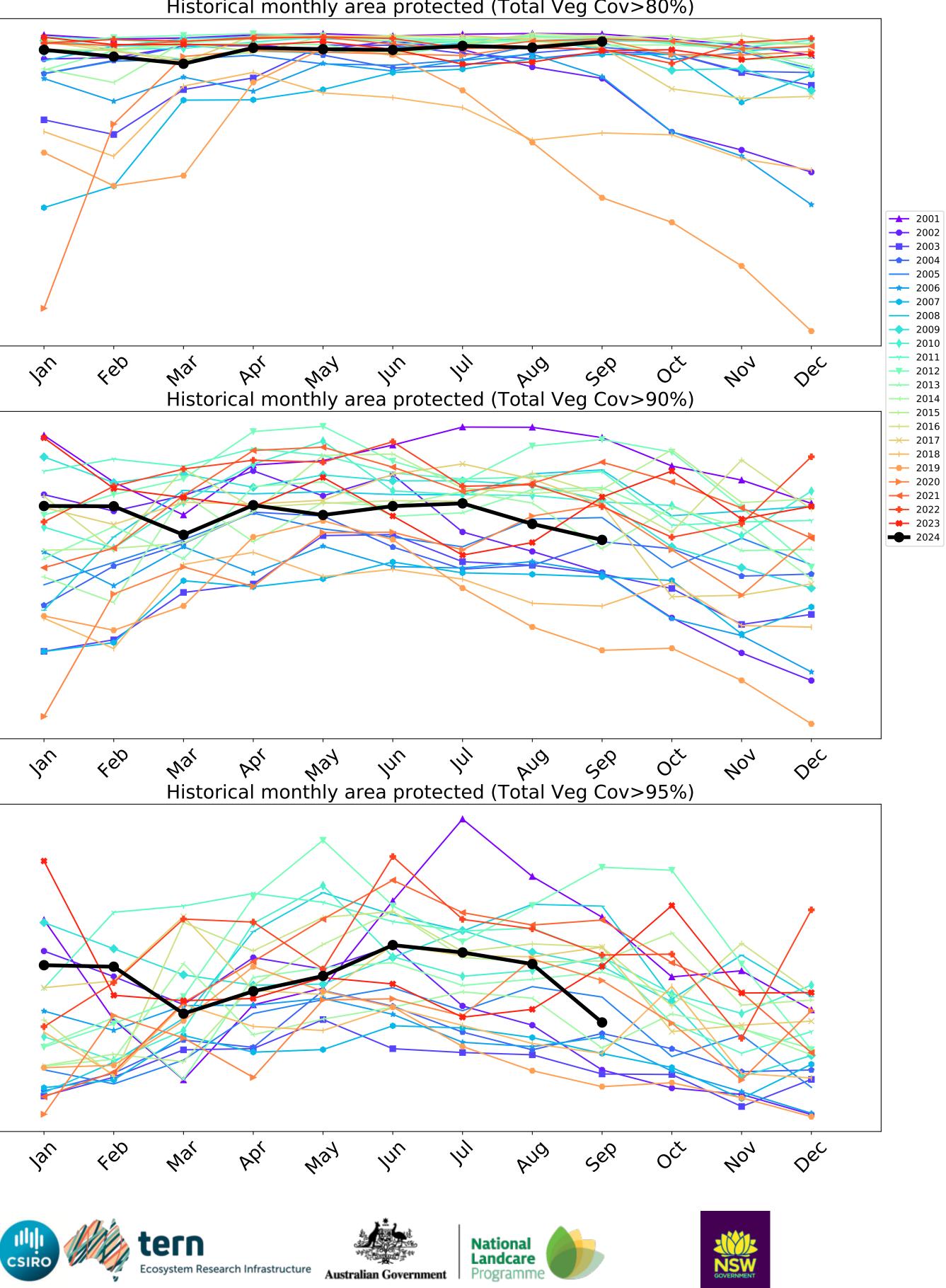


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

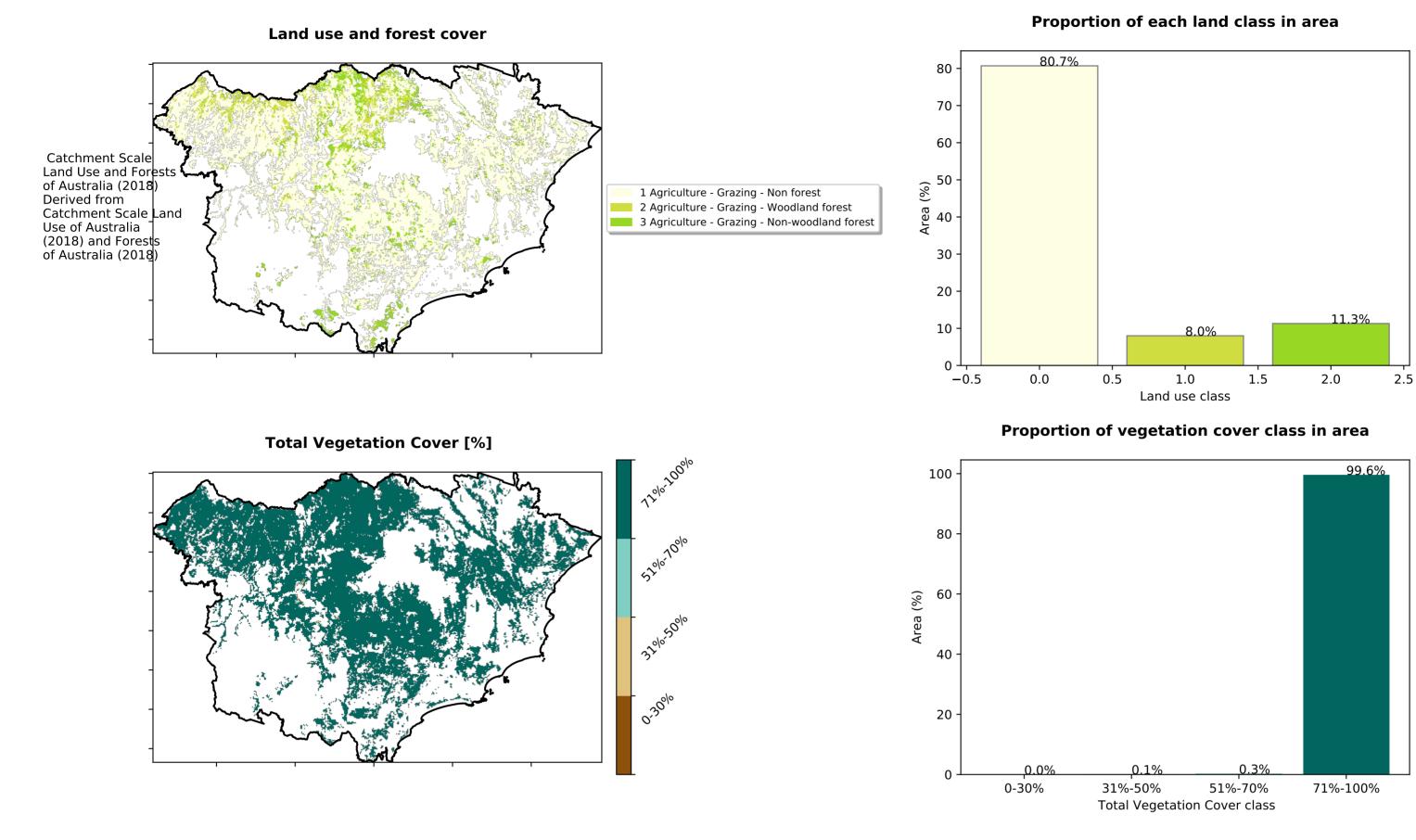




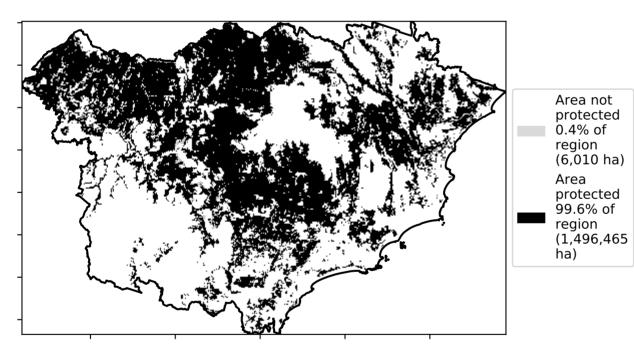


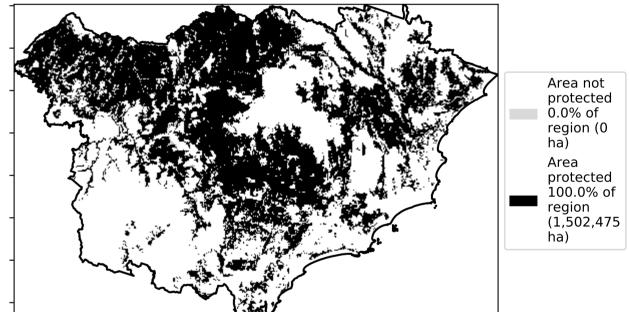


### Grazing



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

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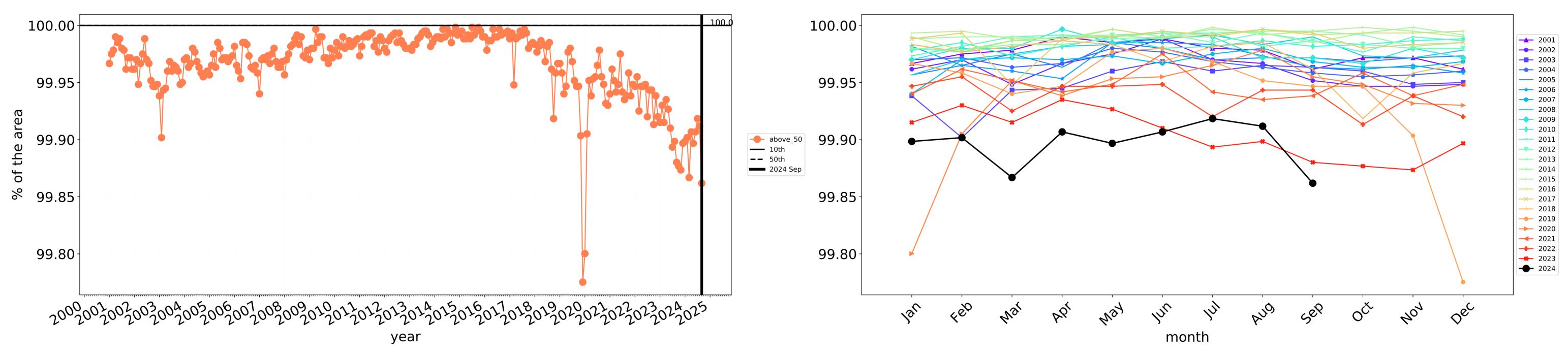
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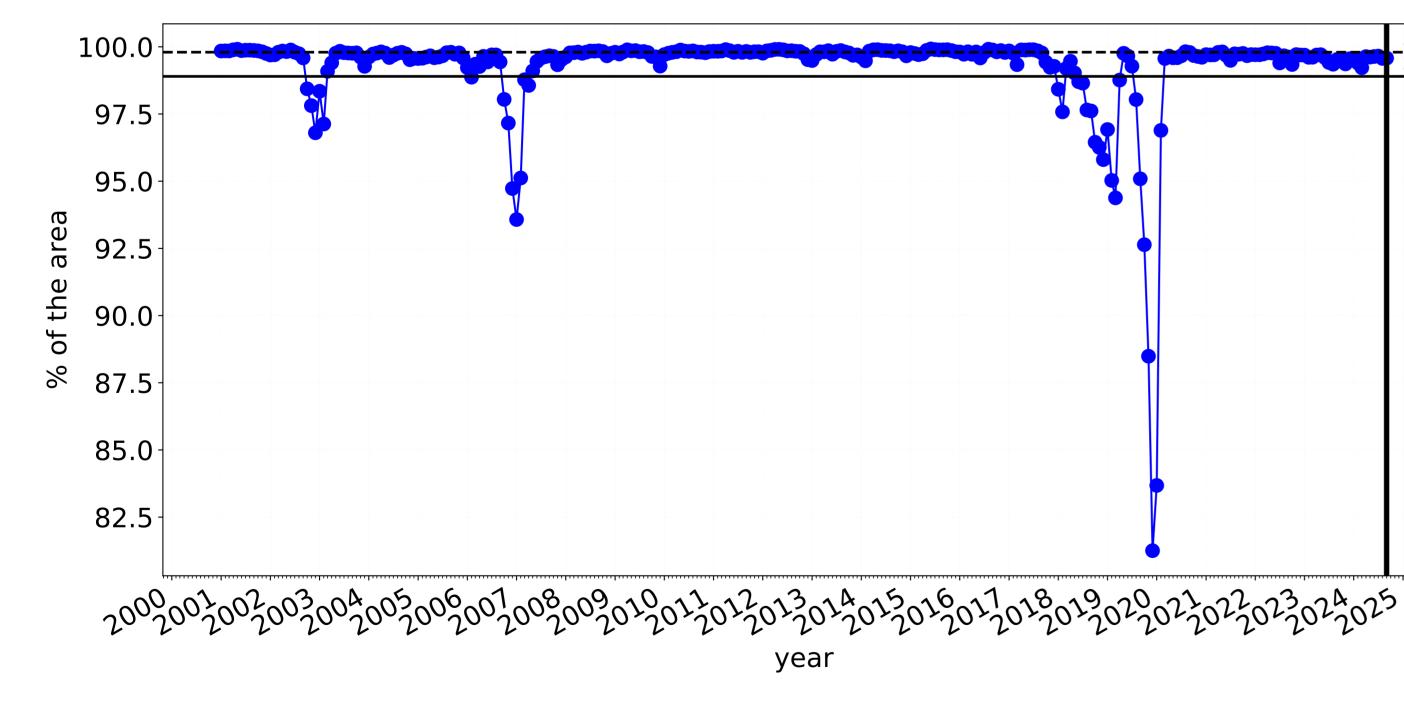
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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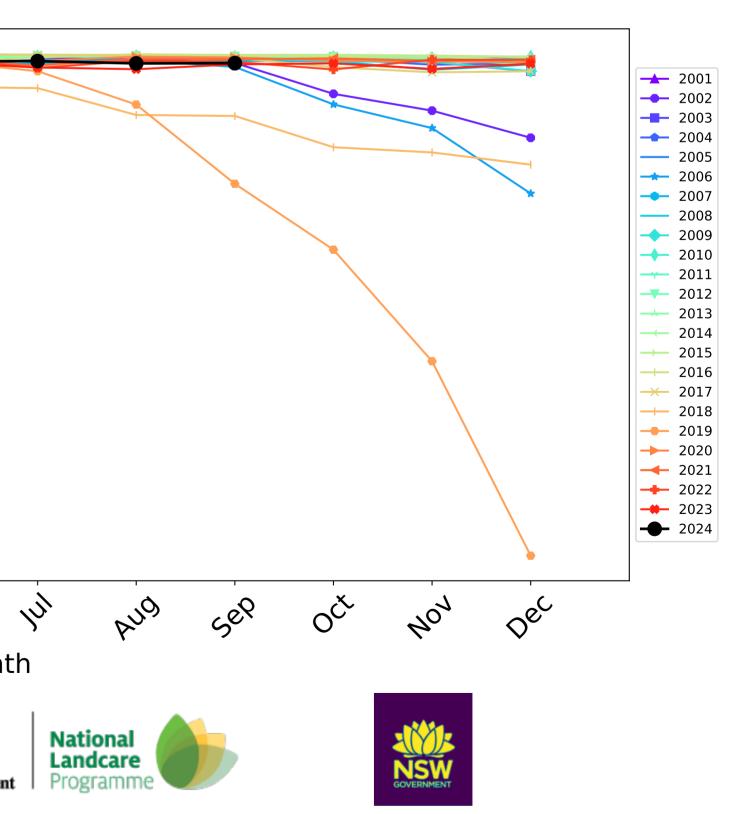


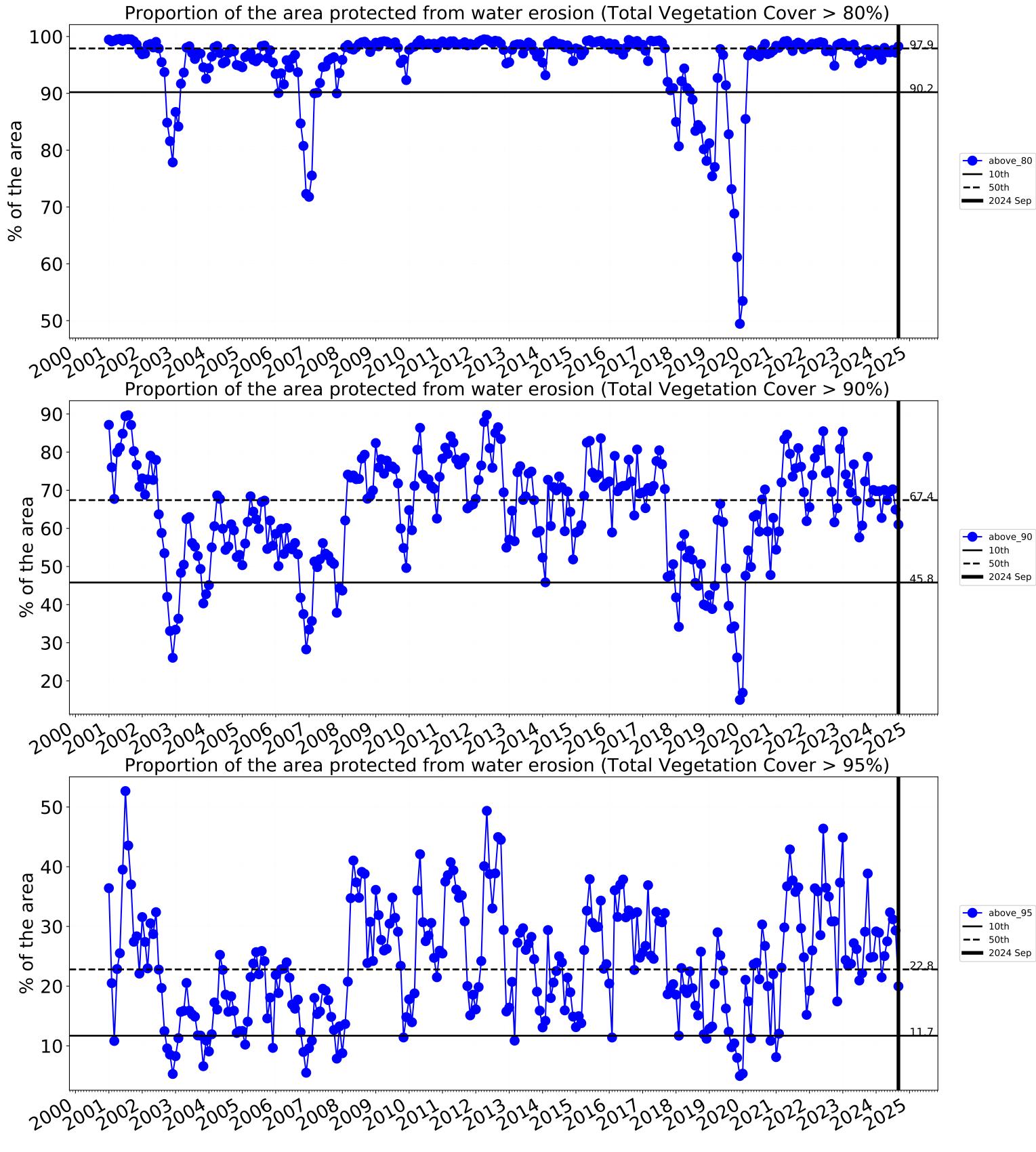


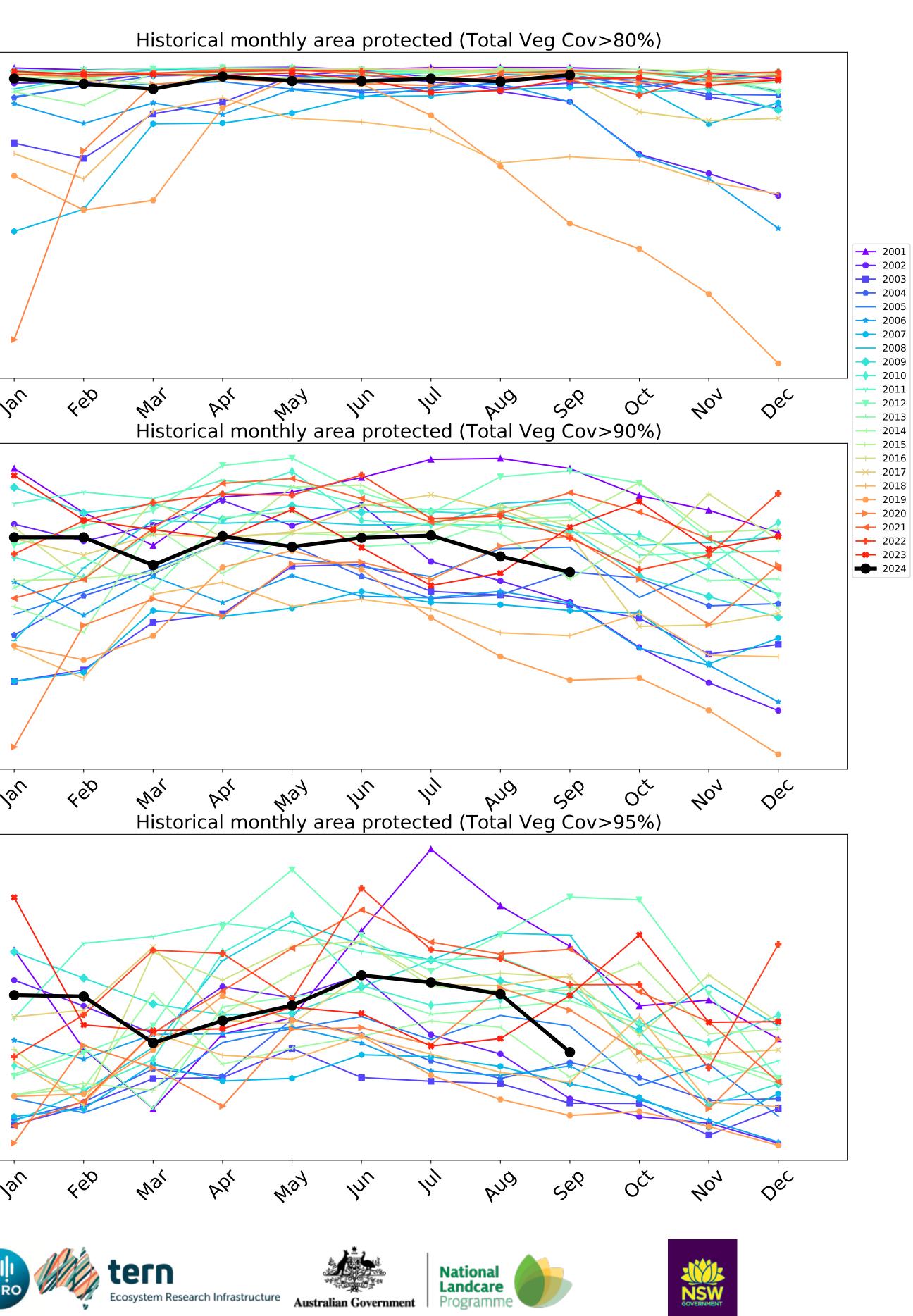
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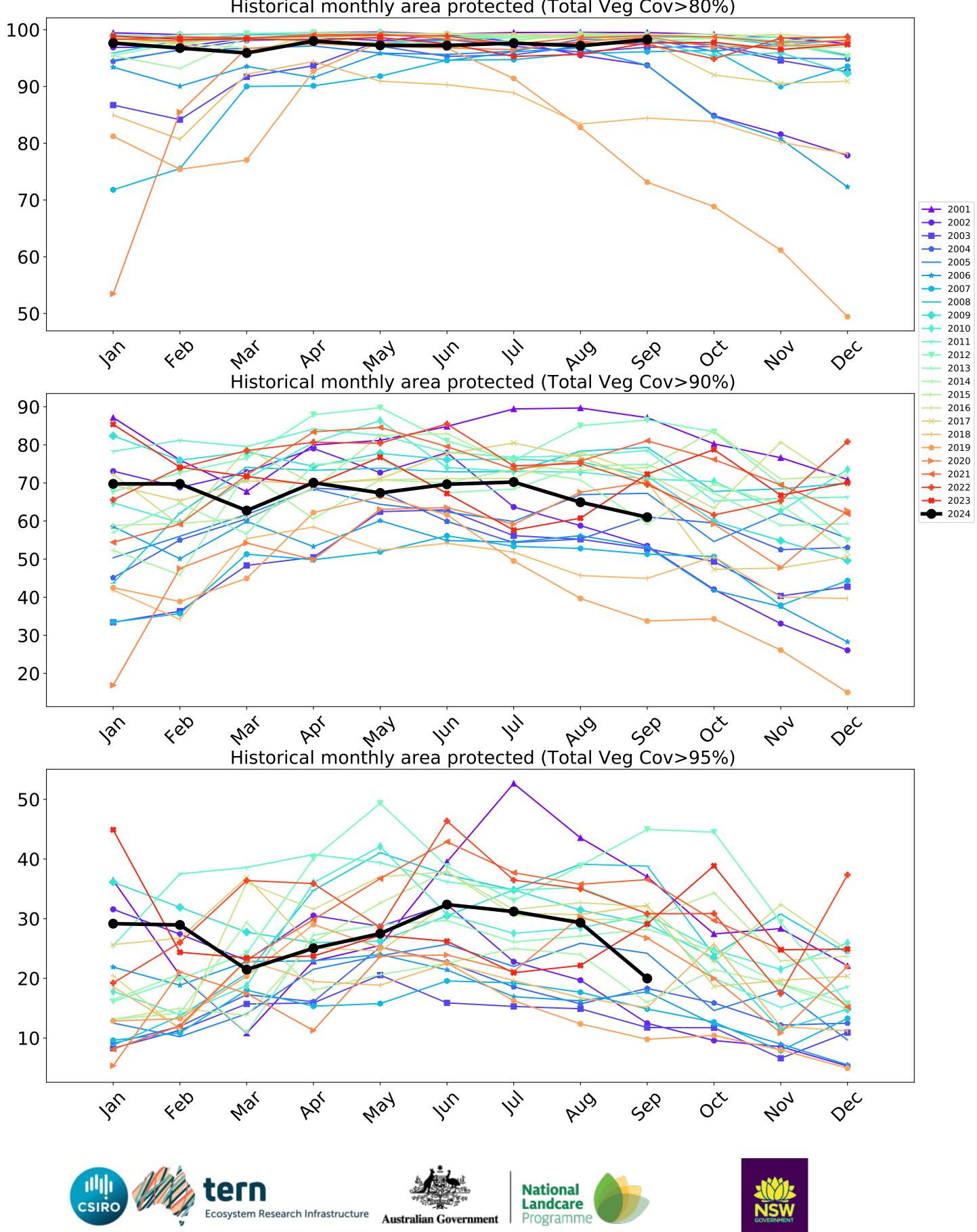
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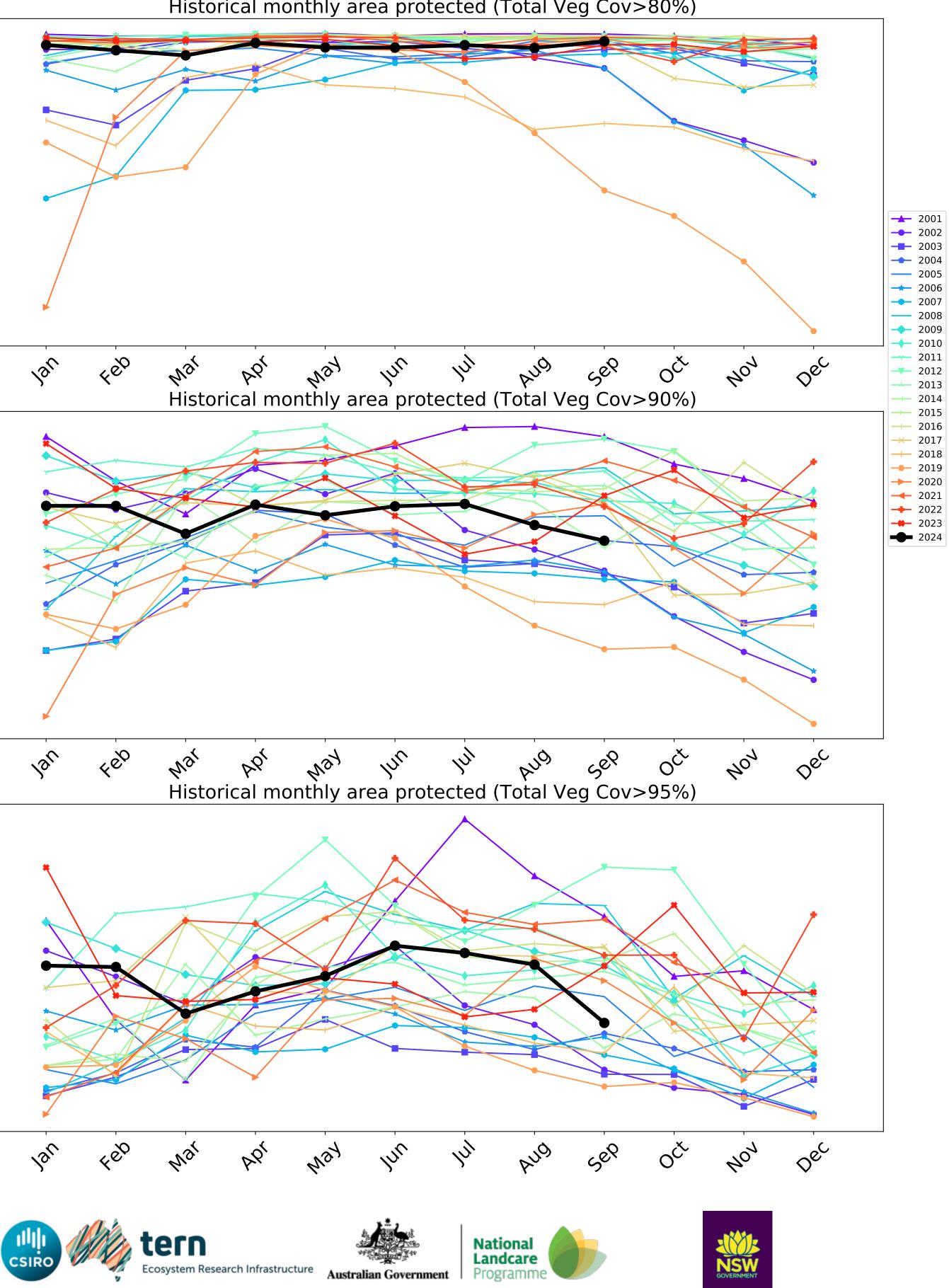
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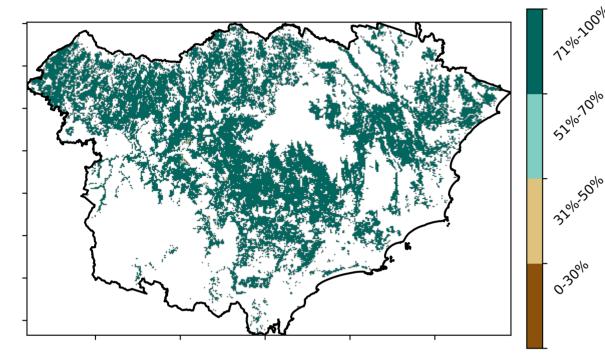




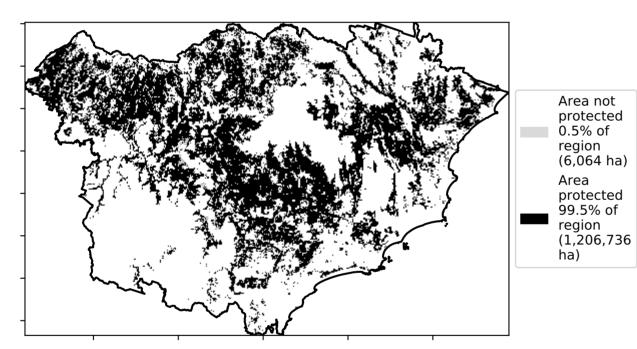
#### **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

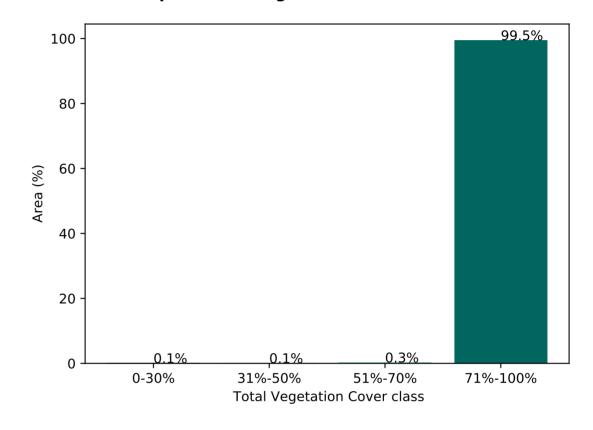
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



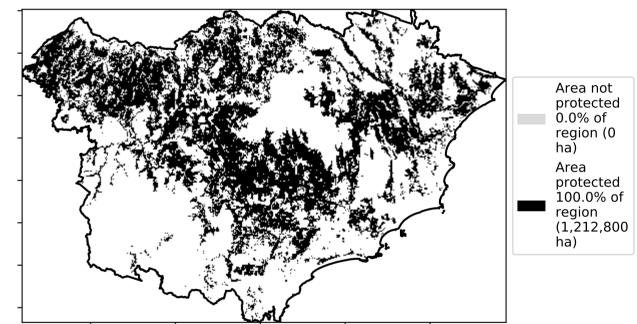
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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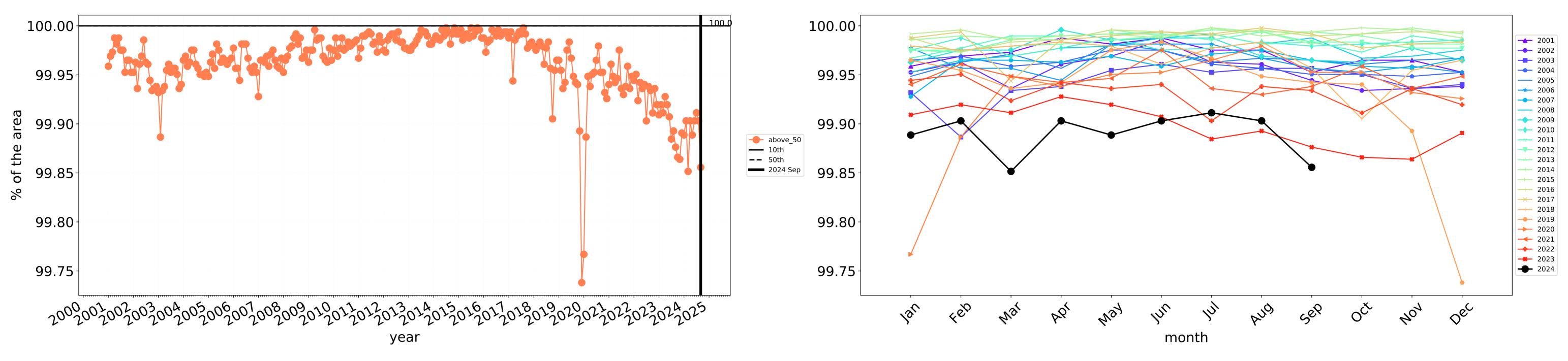
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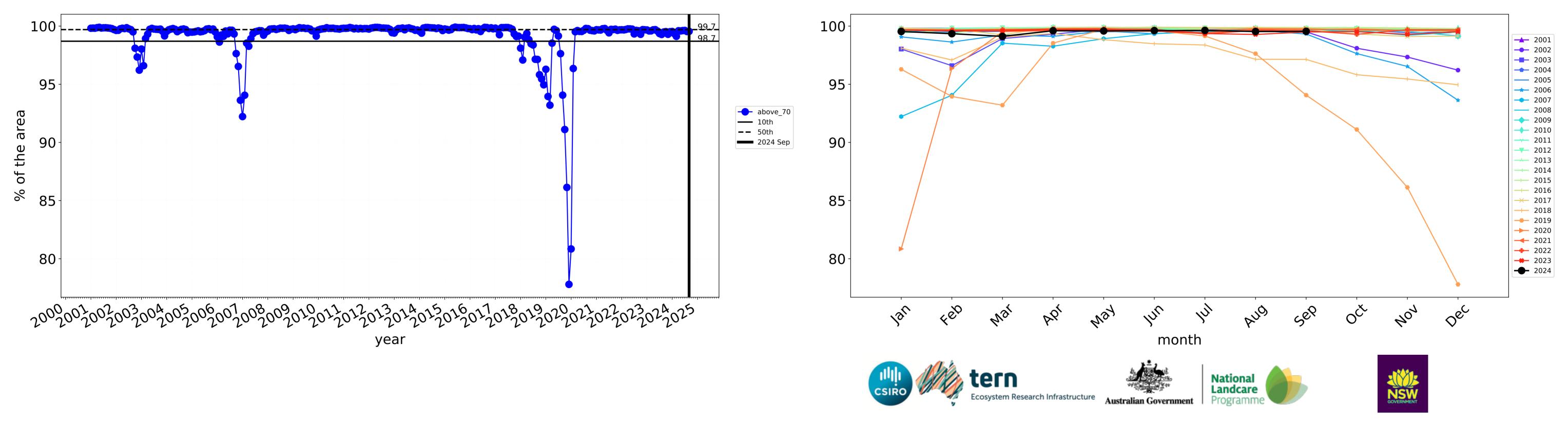
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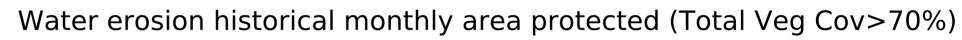
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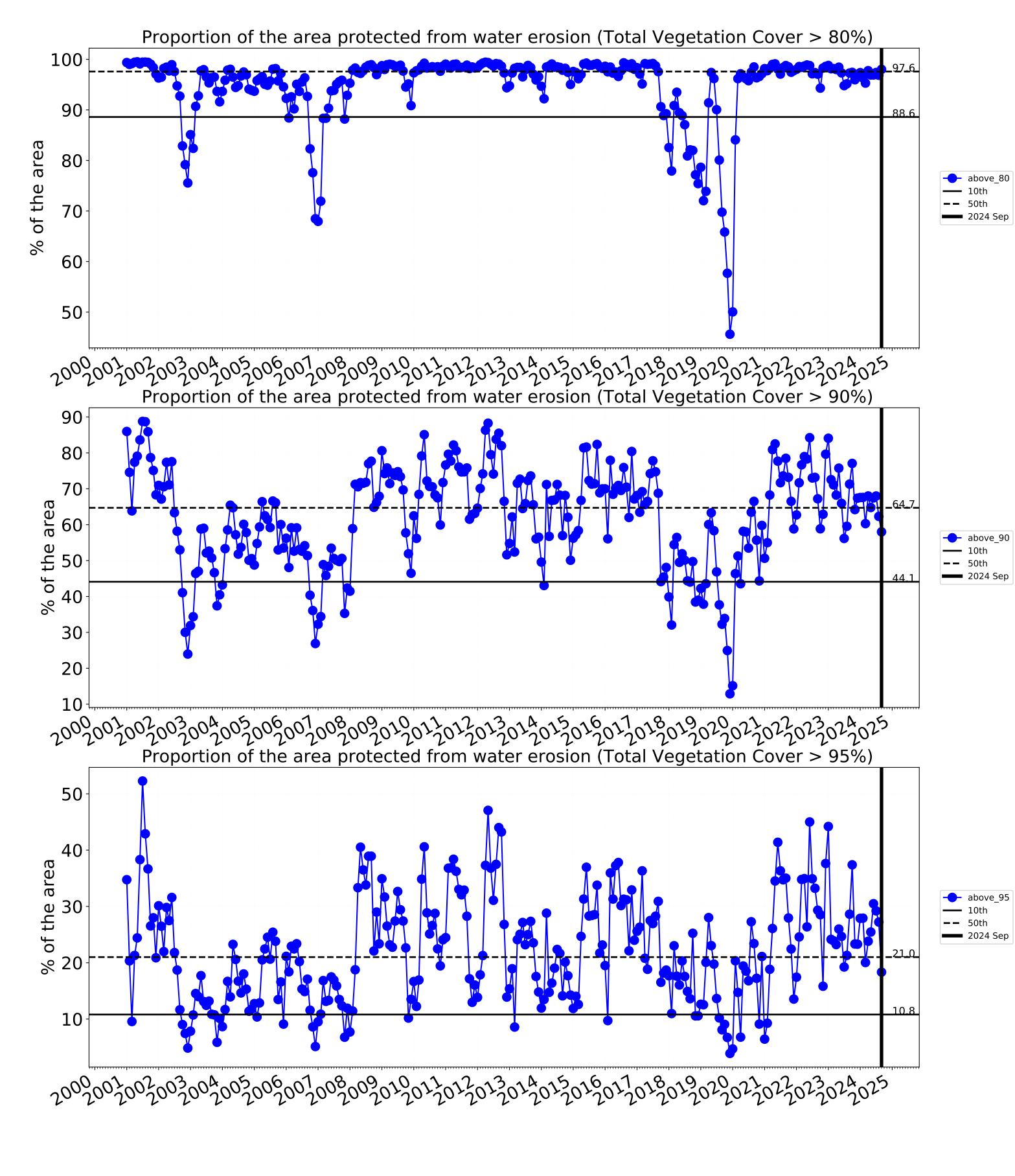


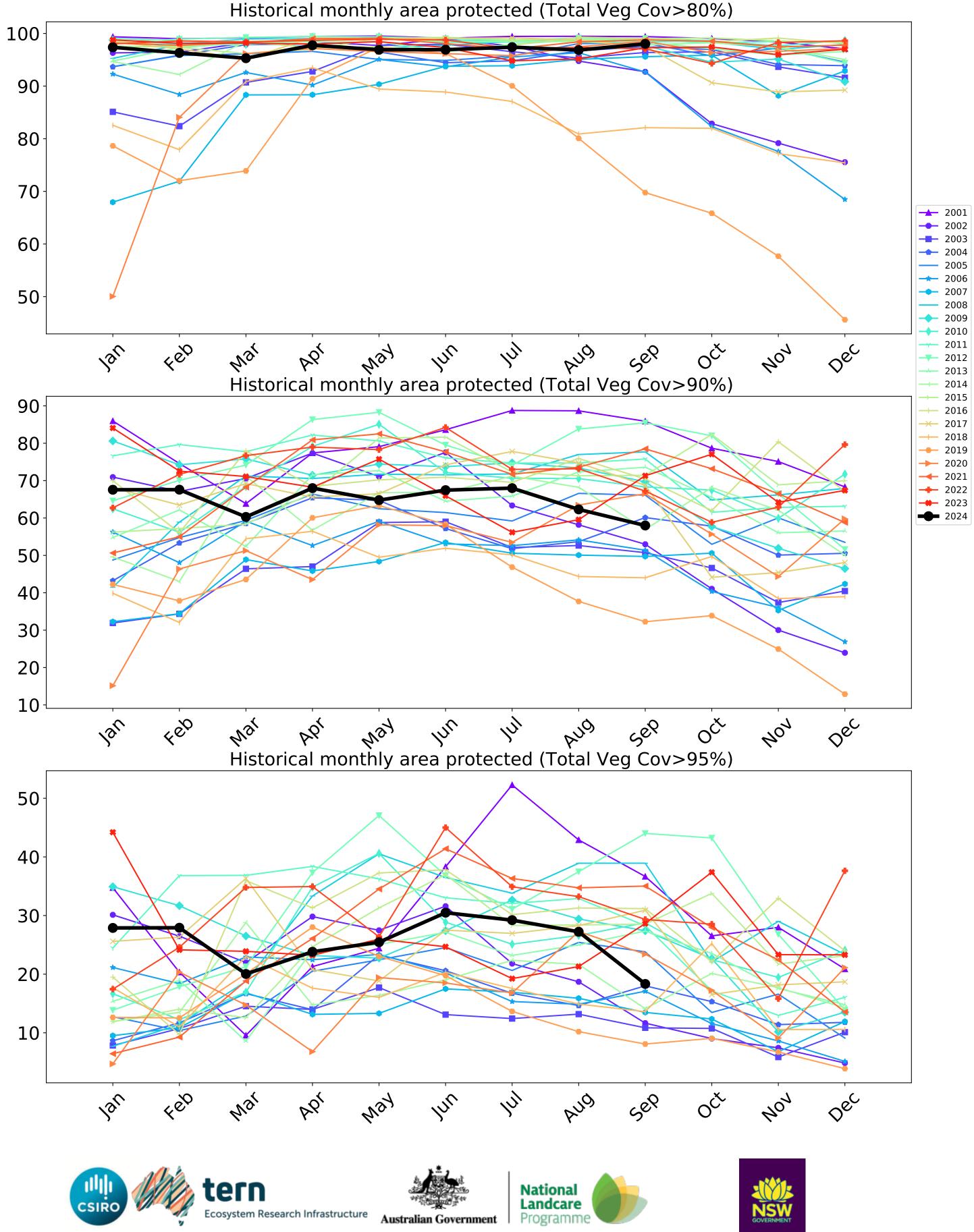
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



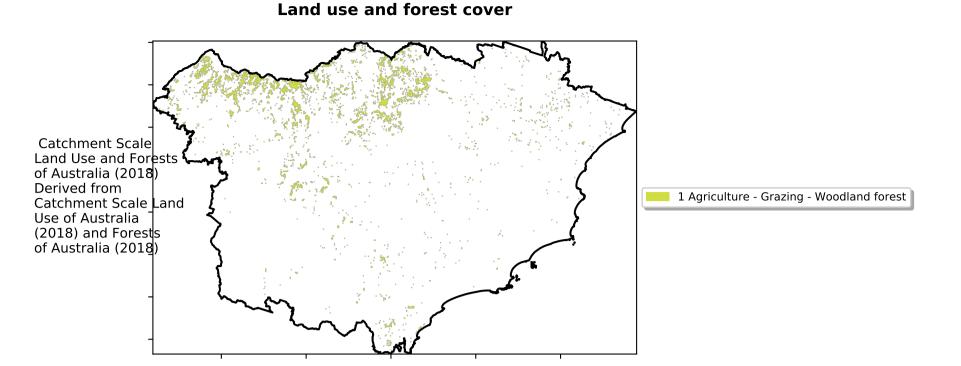
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



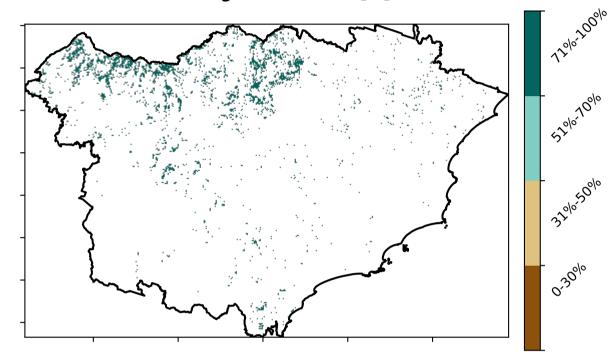




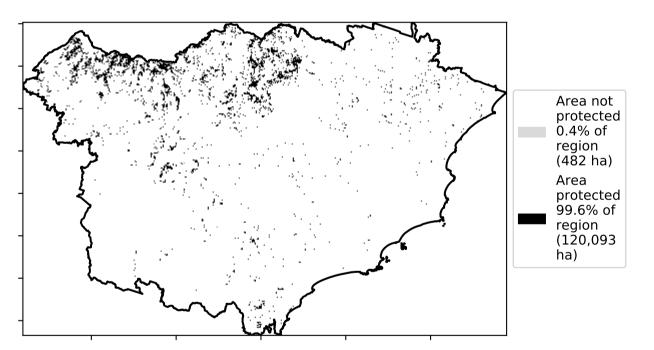
#### **Grazing Woodland forest**



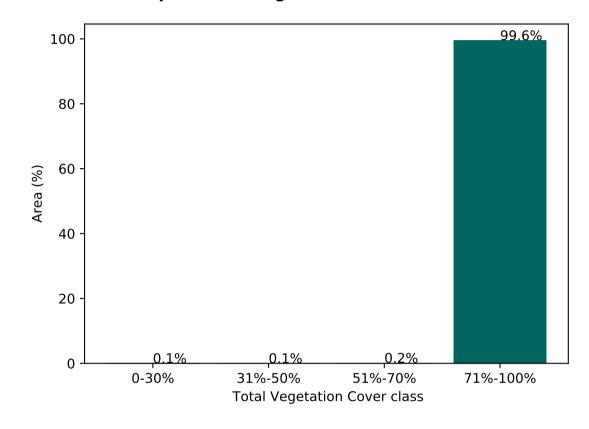
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



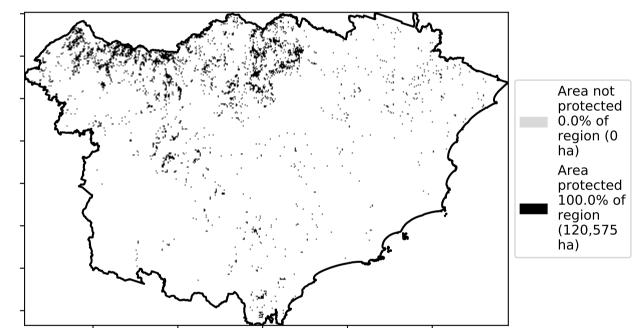
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



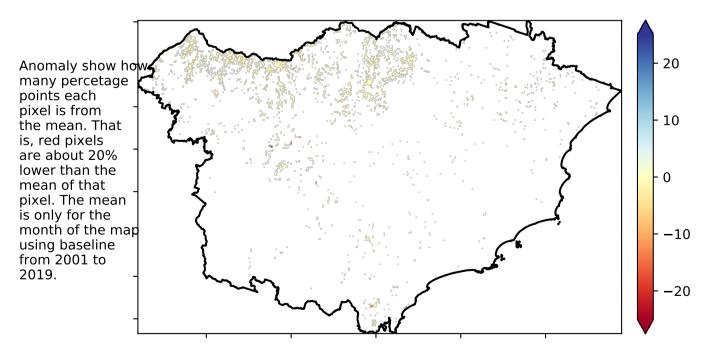
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

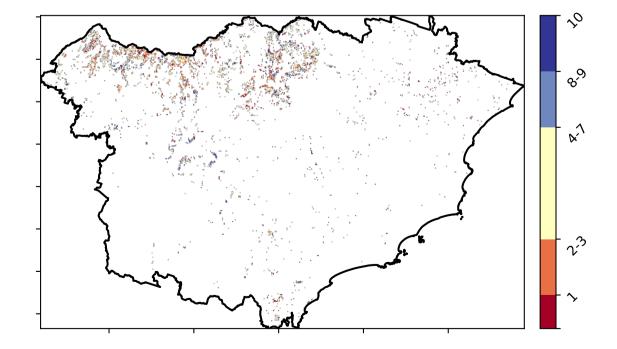


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

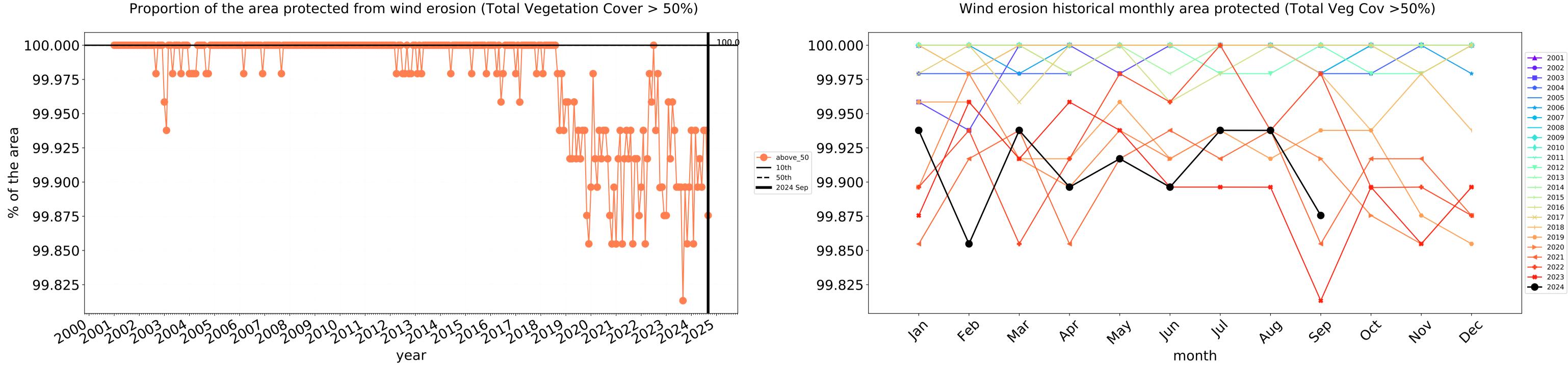


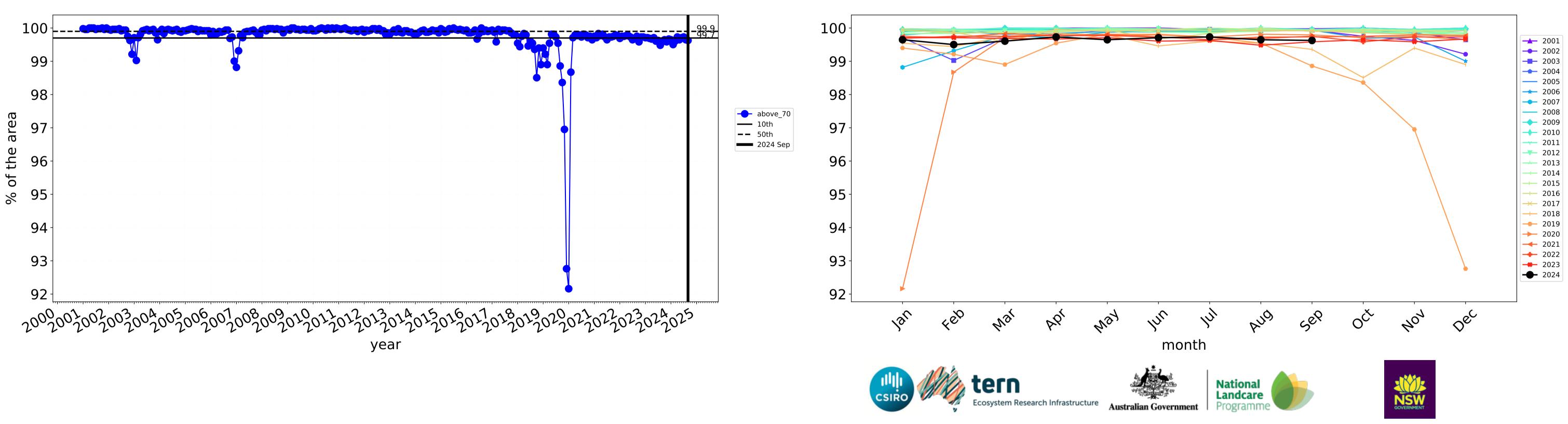
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

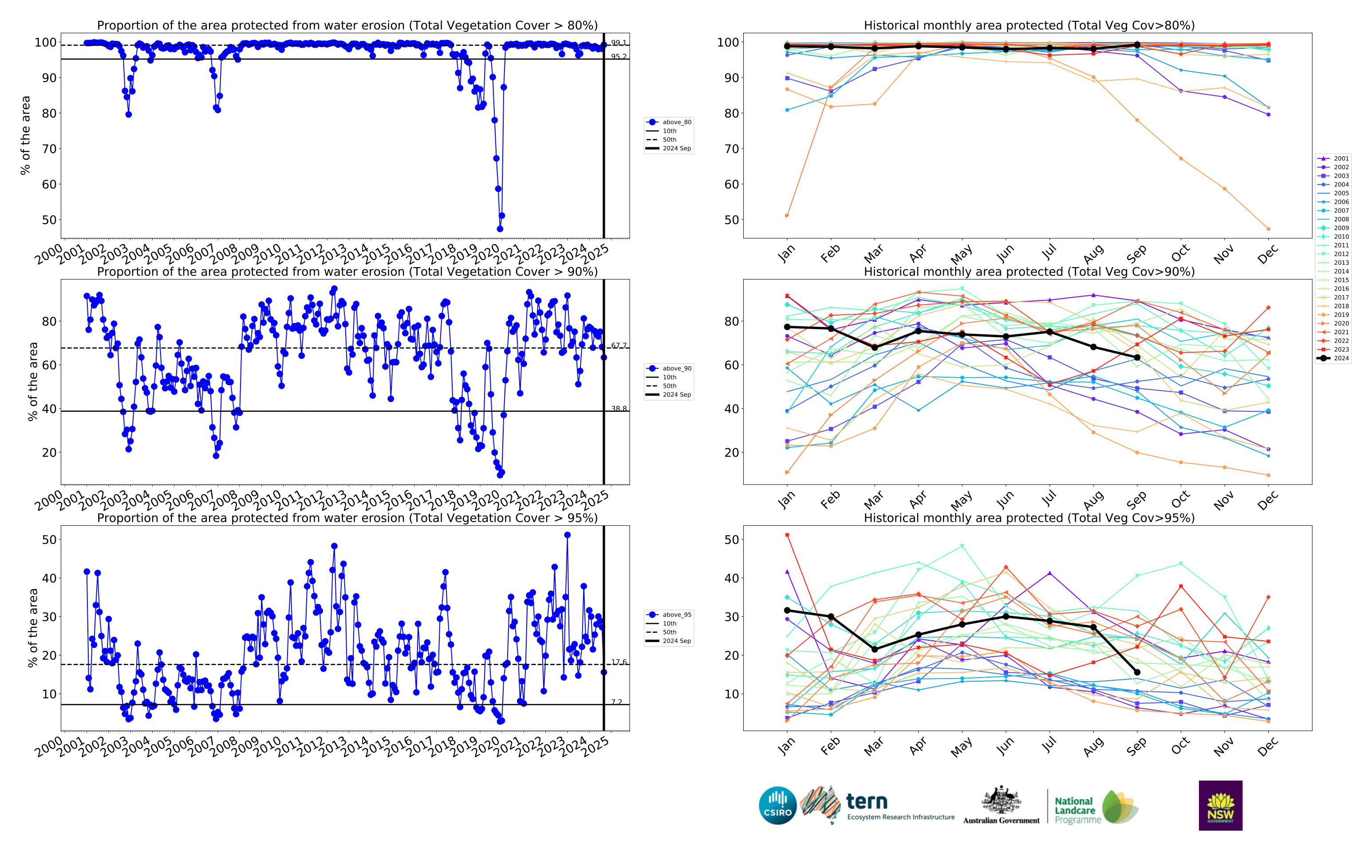




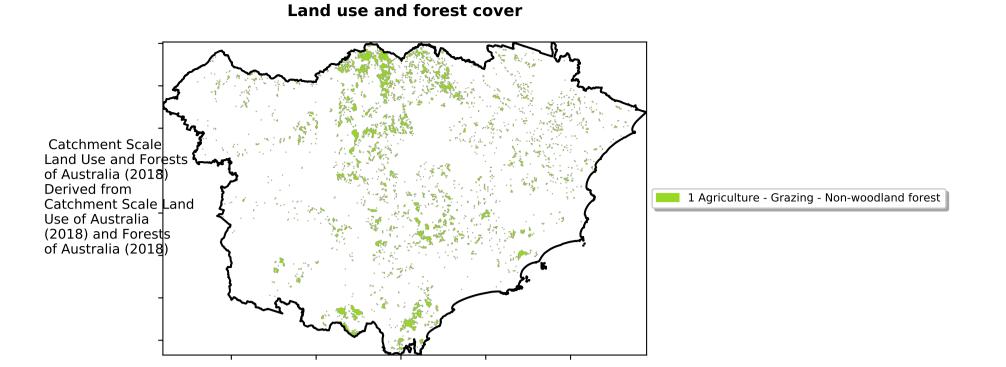




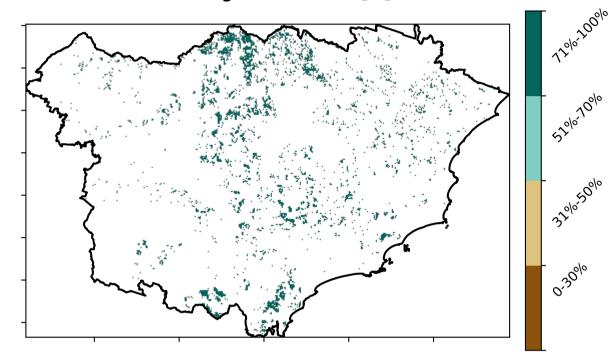
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



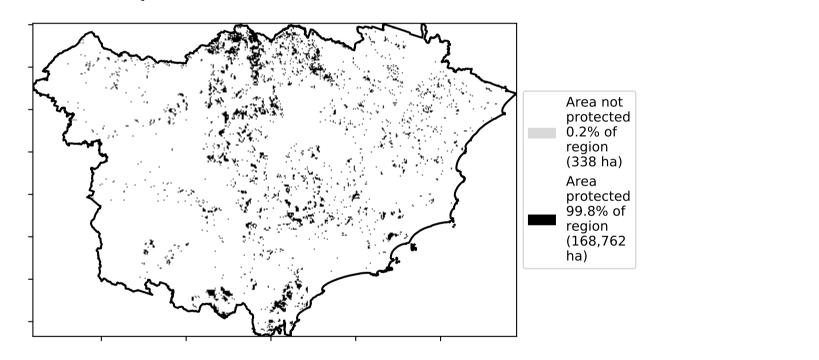
#### Grazing - Forest (non woodland)



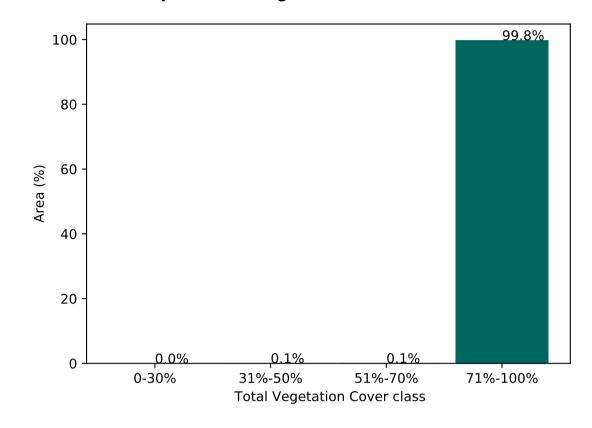
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



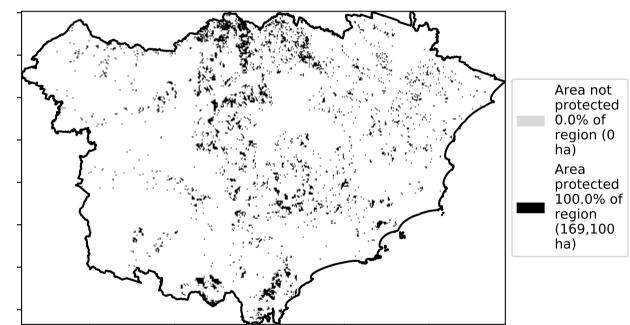
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



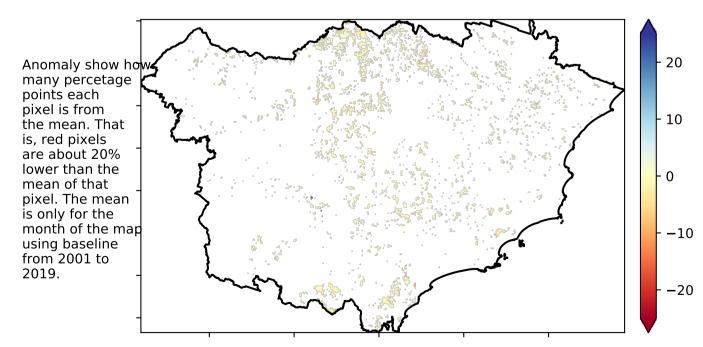
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

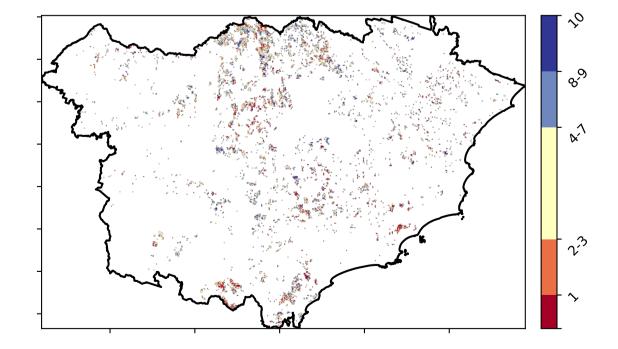


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

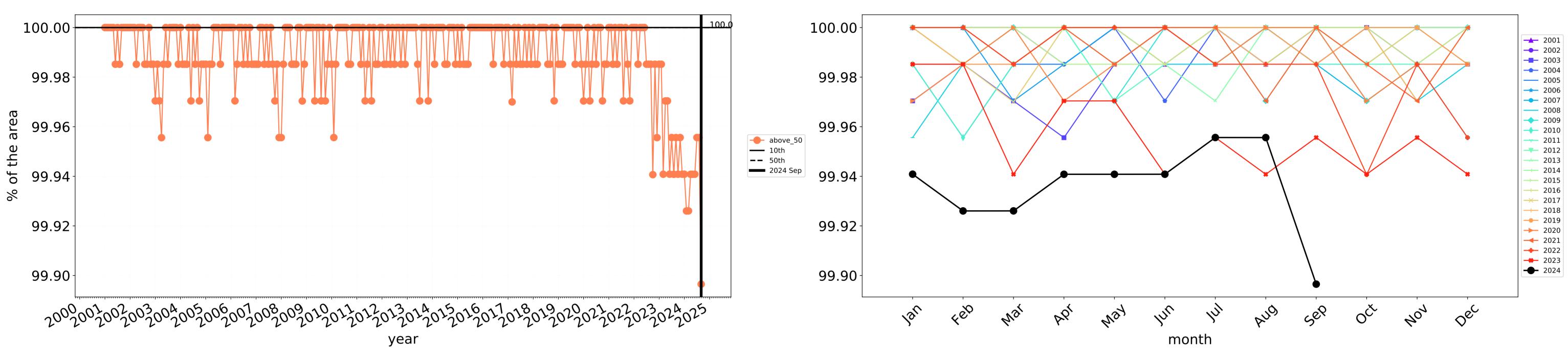


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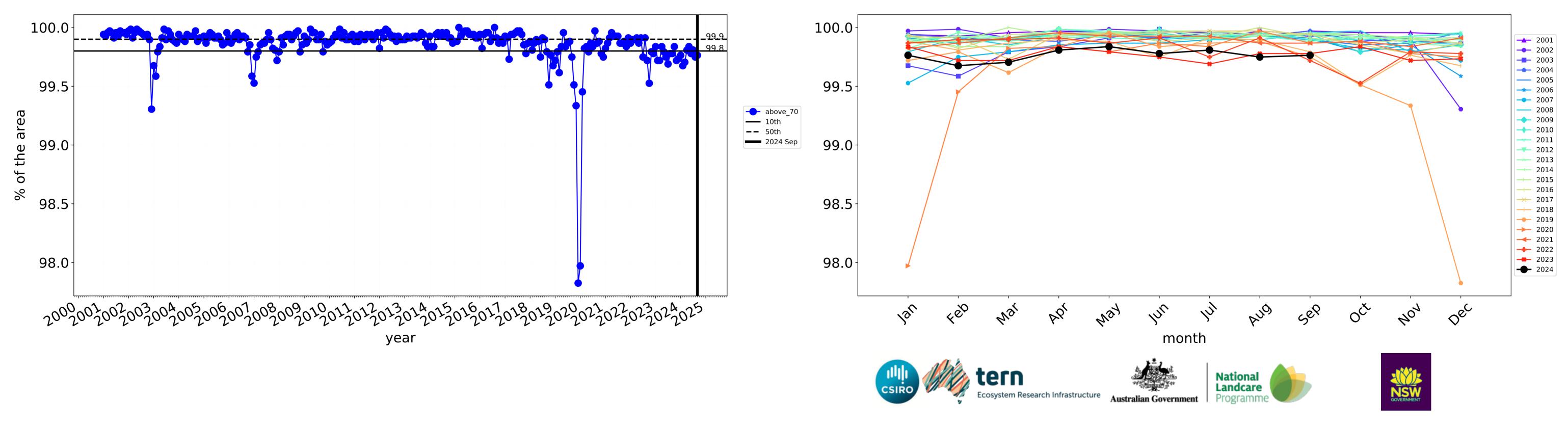
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





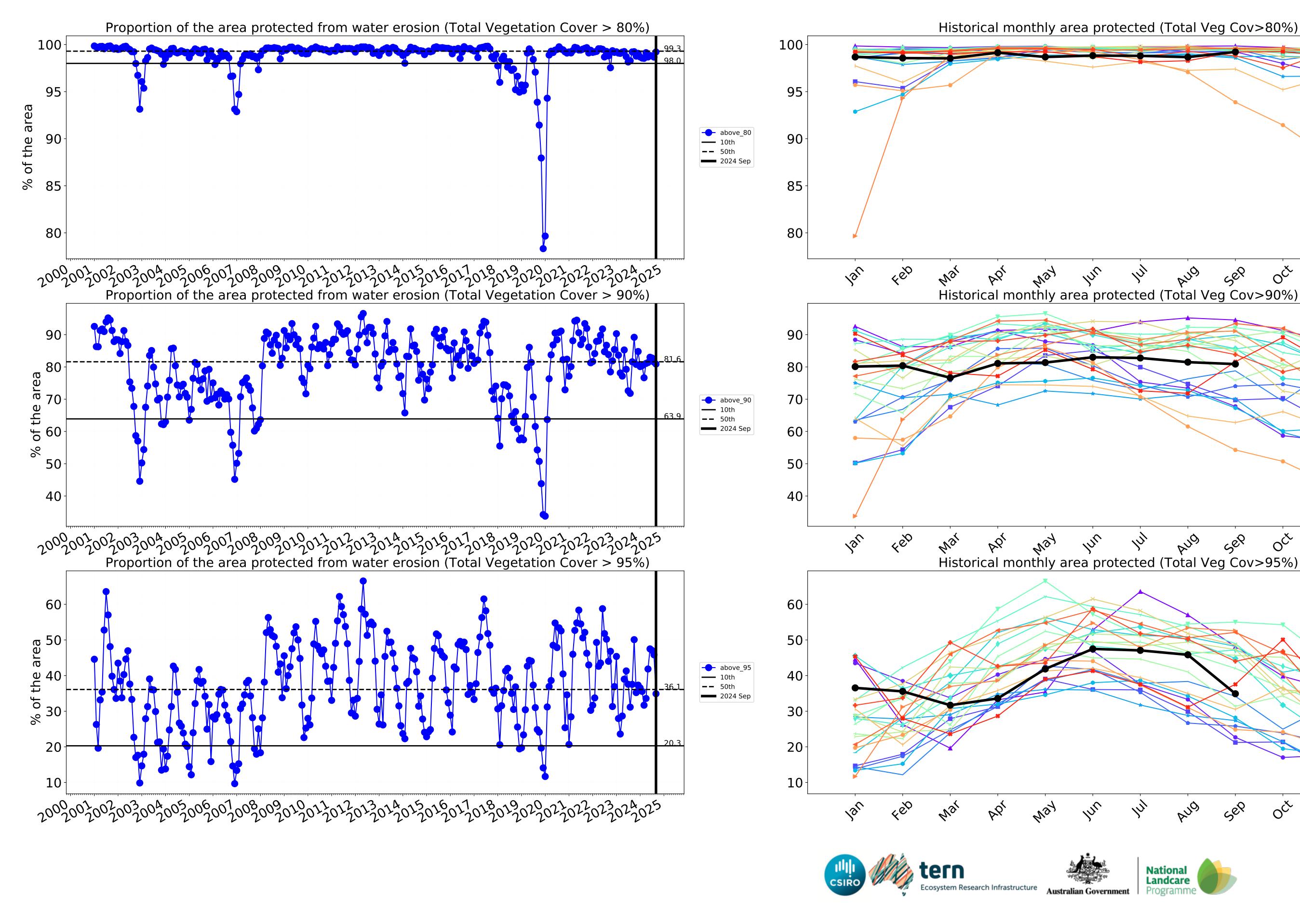


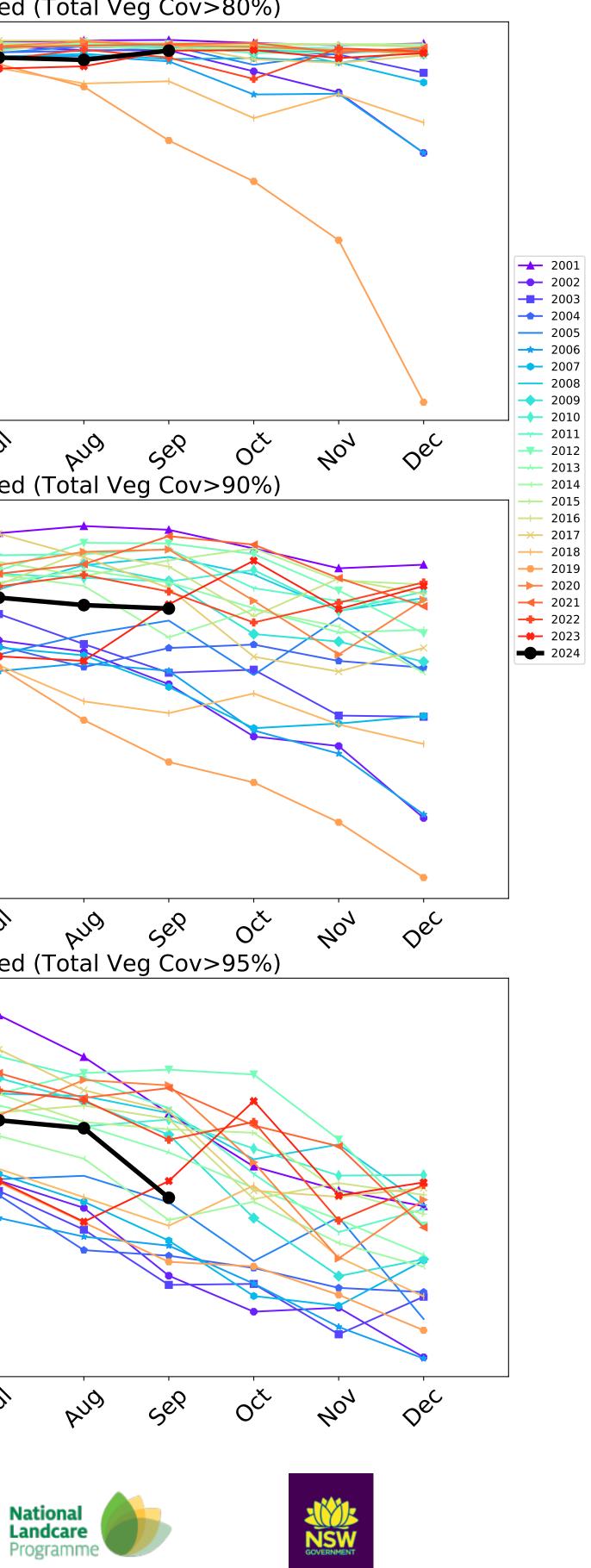
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

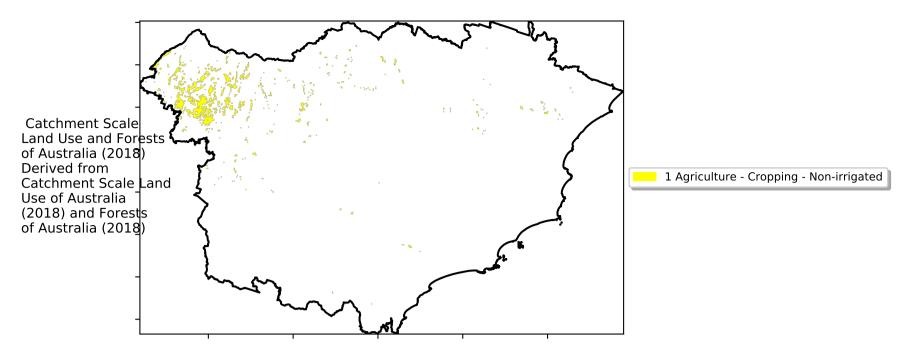
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



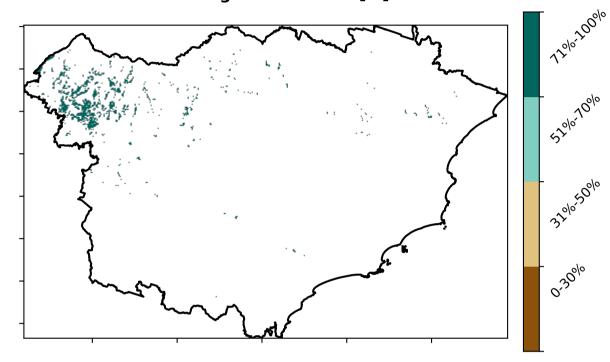


# Cropping

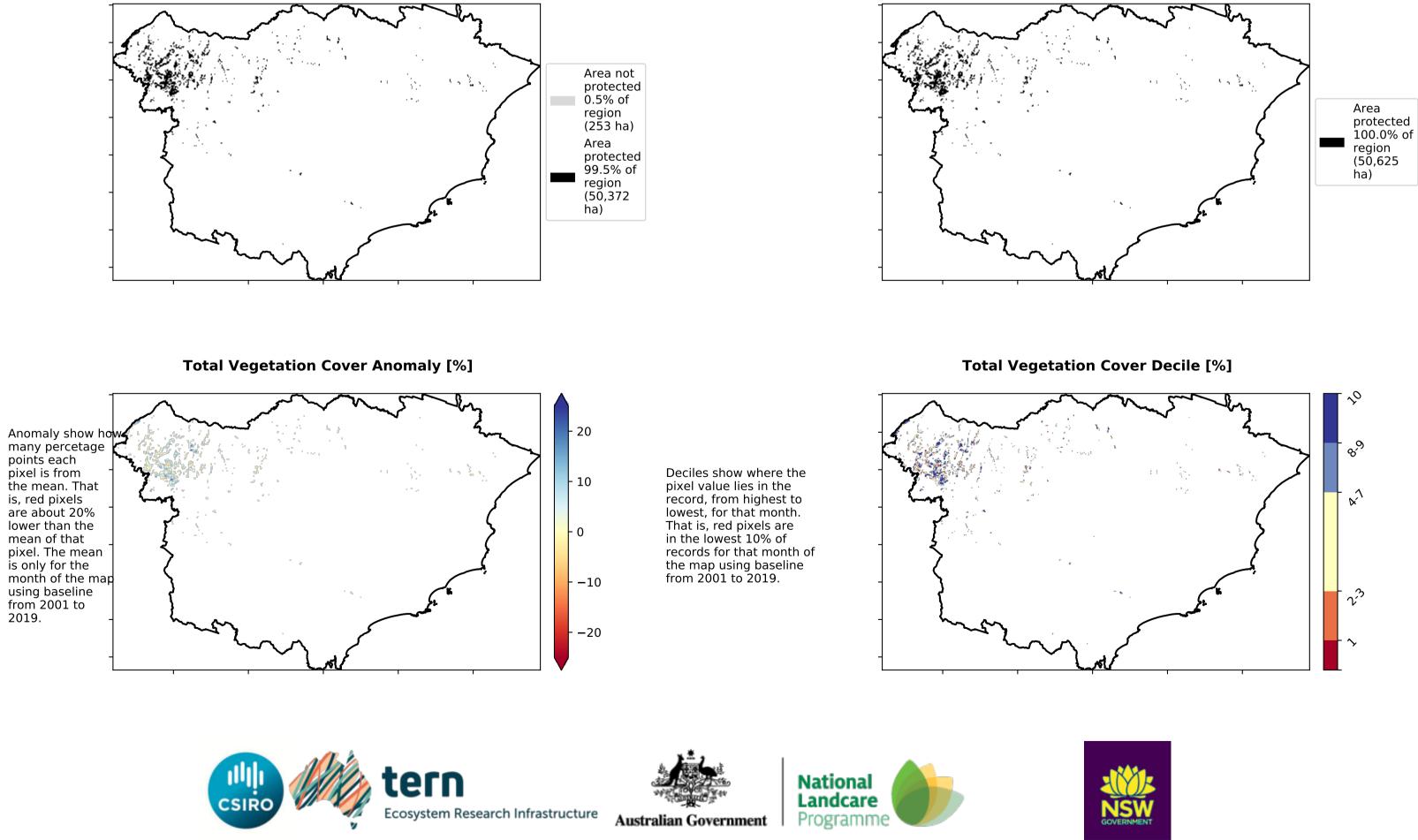
Land use and forest cover



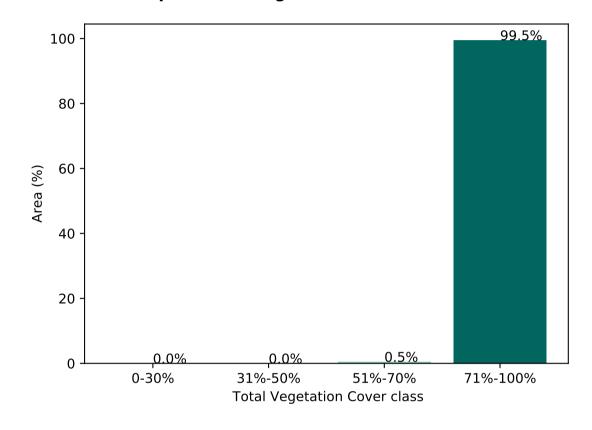
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



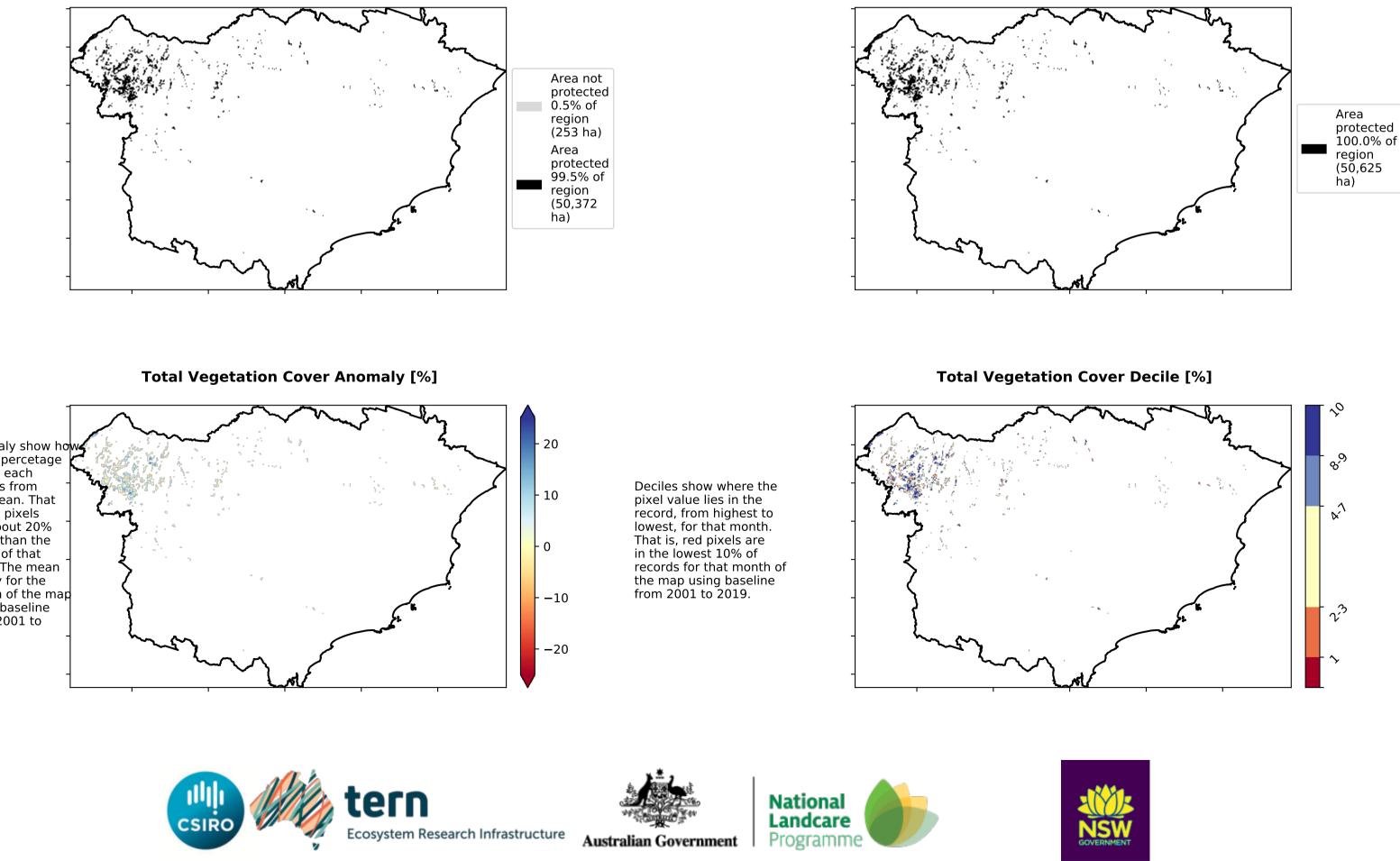
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

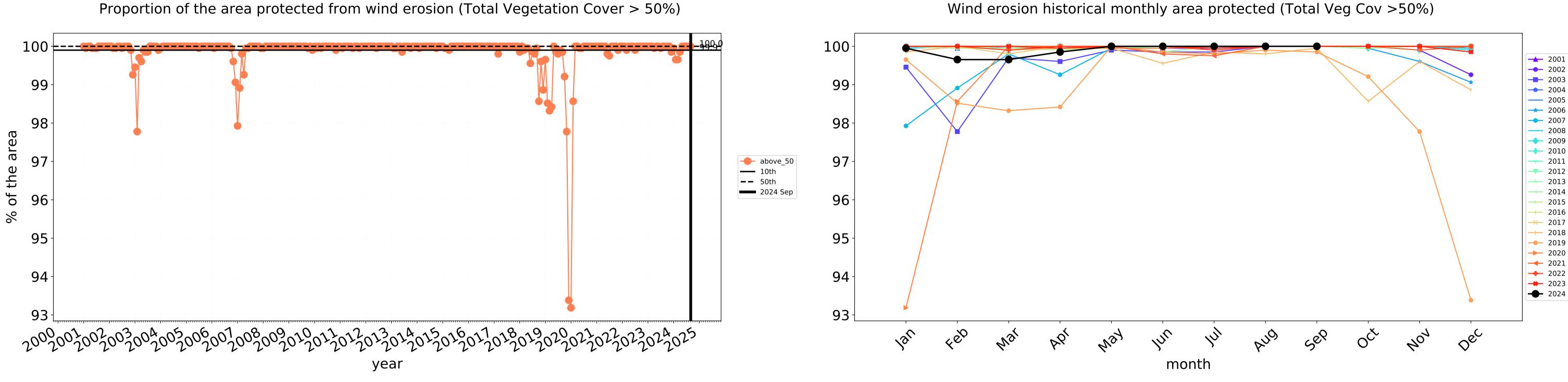


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

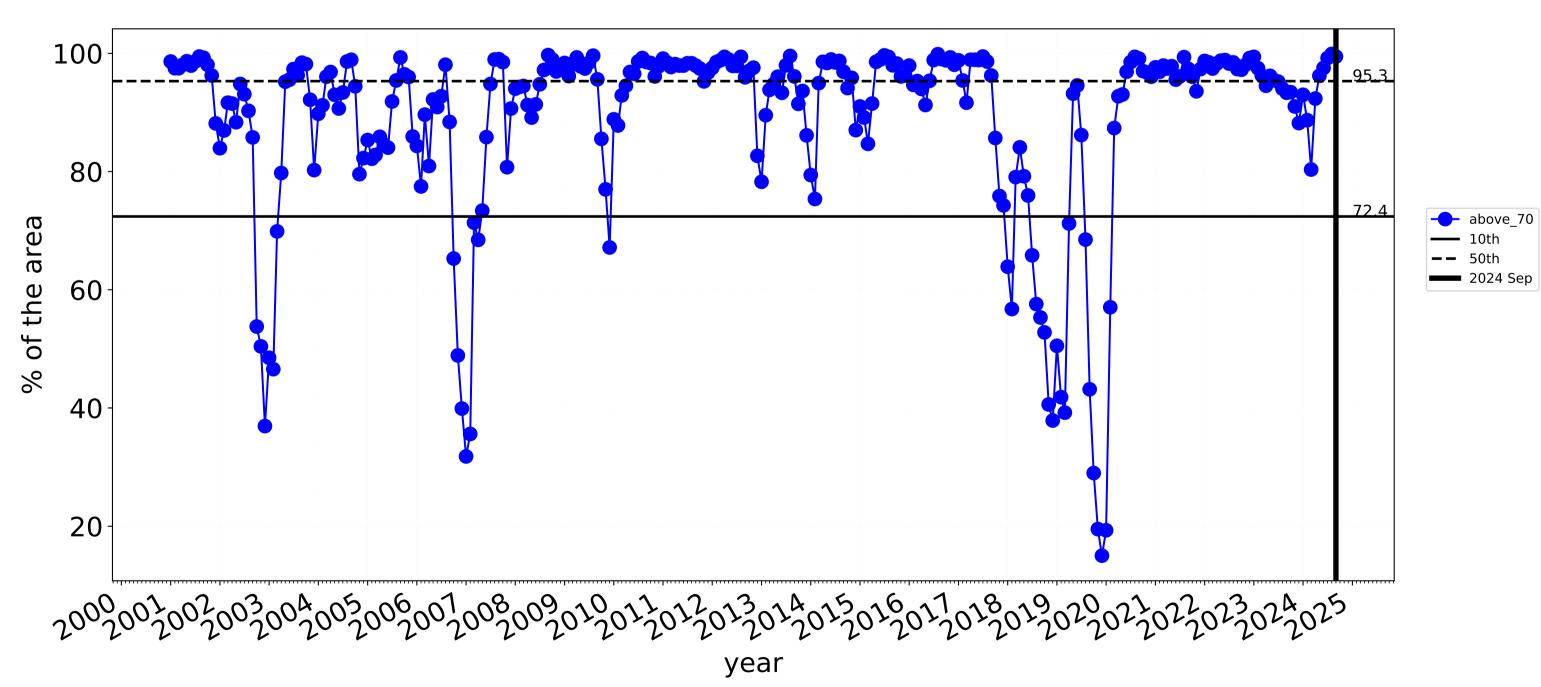


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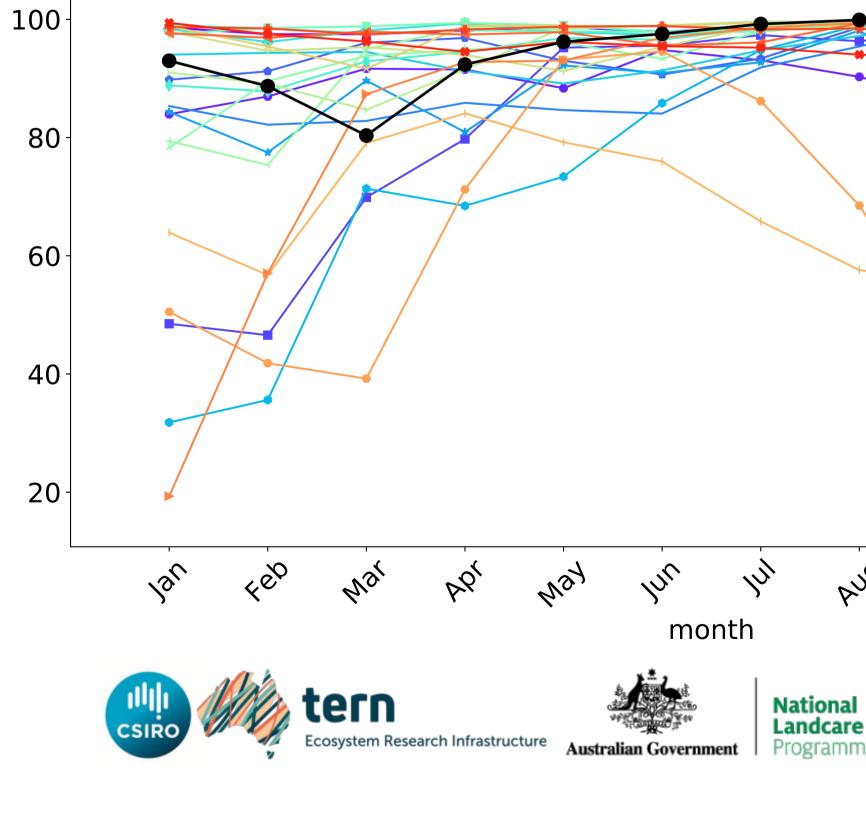




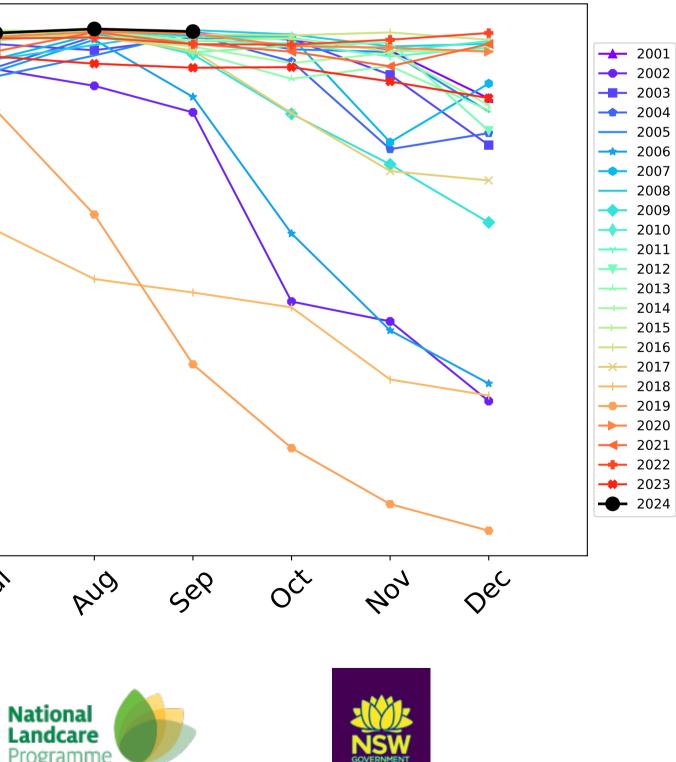
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

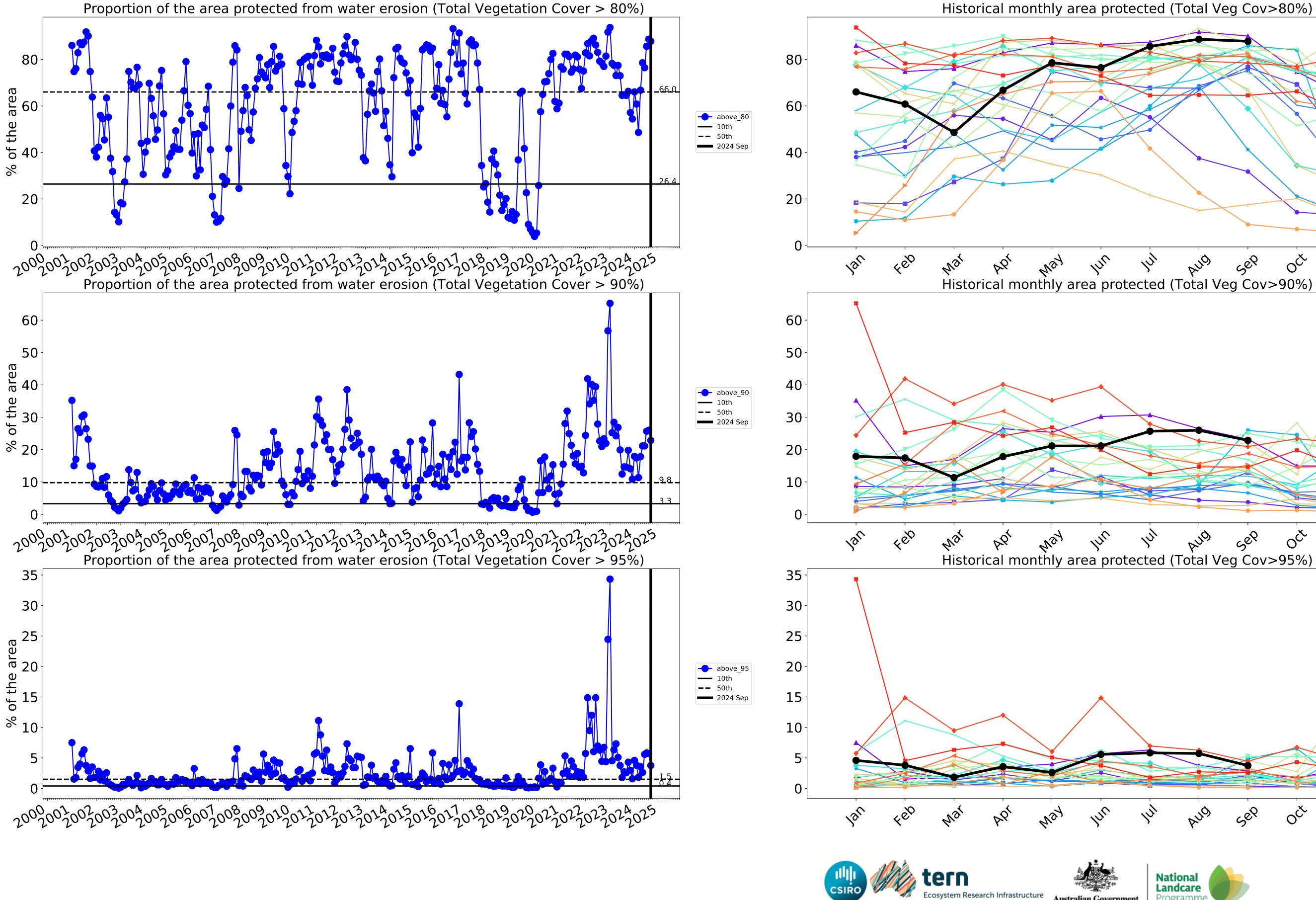


# **Cropping timeseries**



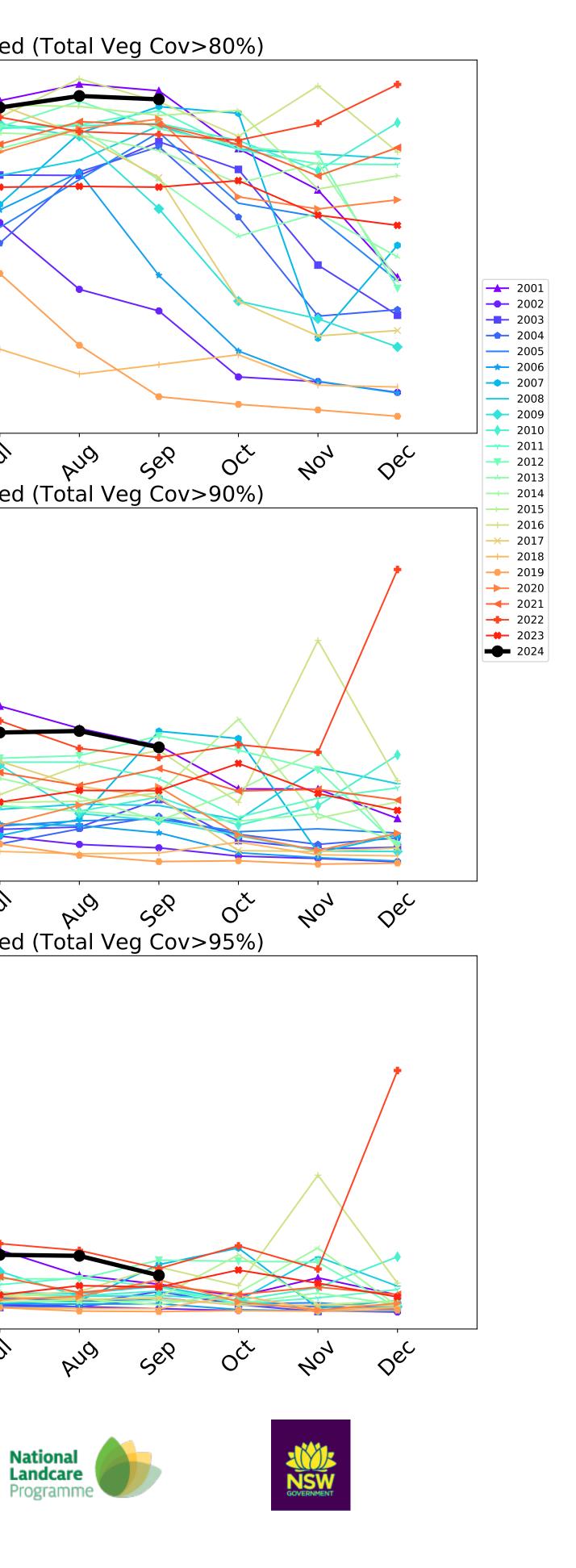
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





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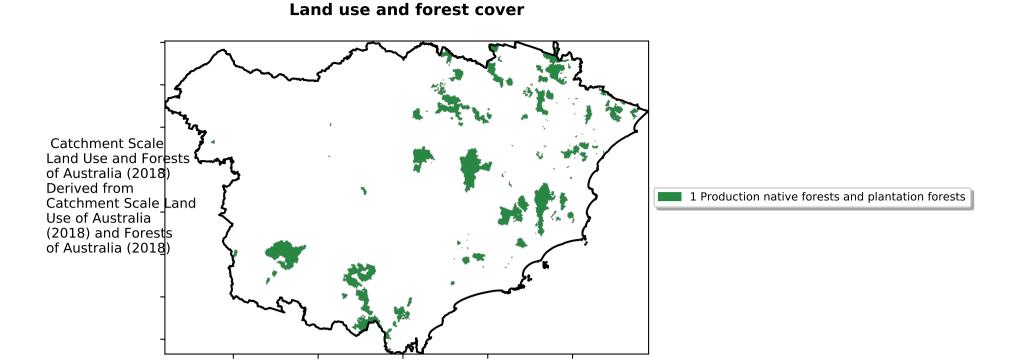
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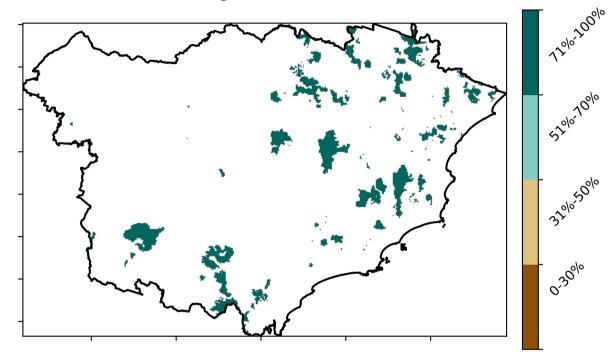
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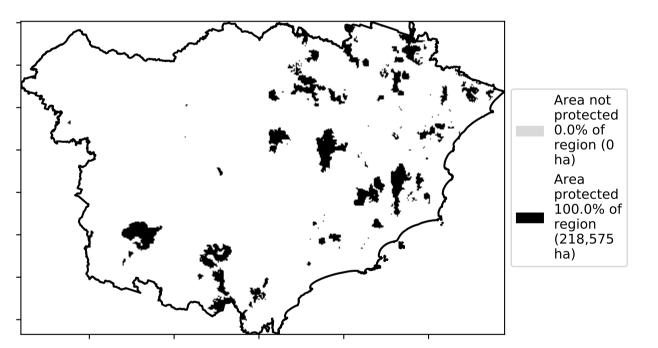
#### **Production native forests and plantation forests**



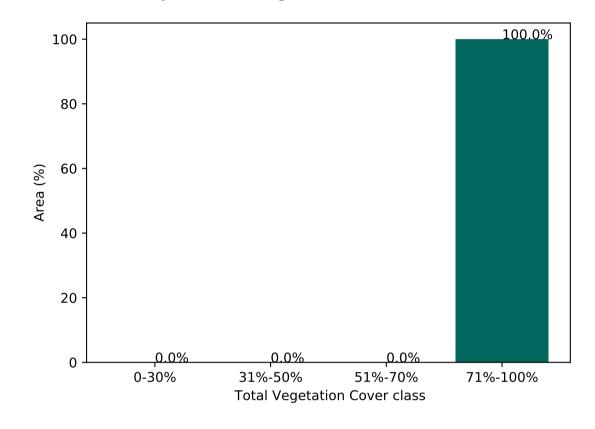
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



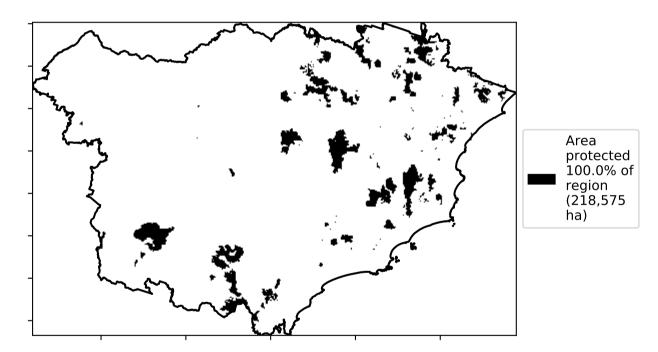
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



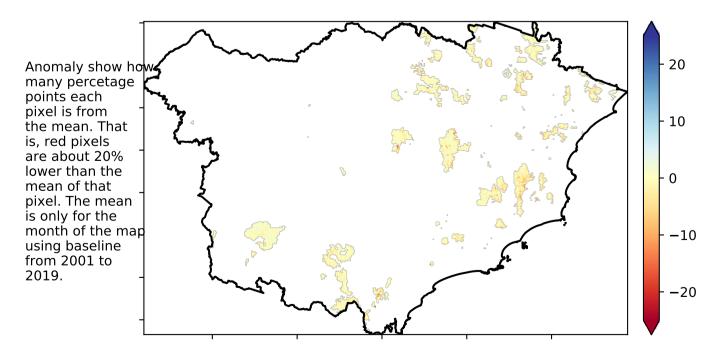
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

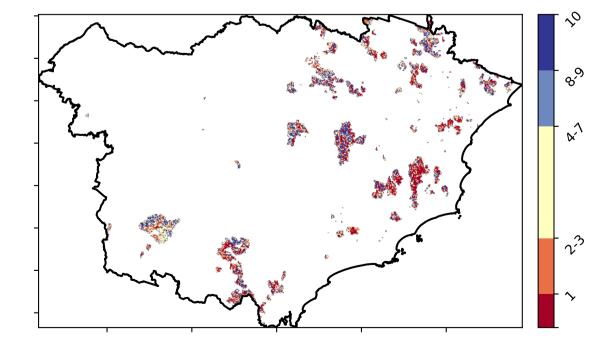


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

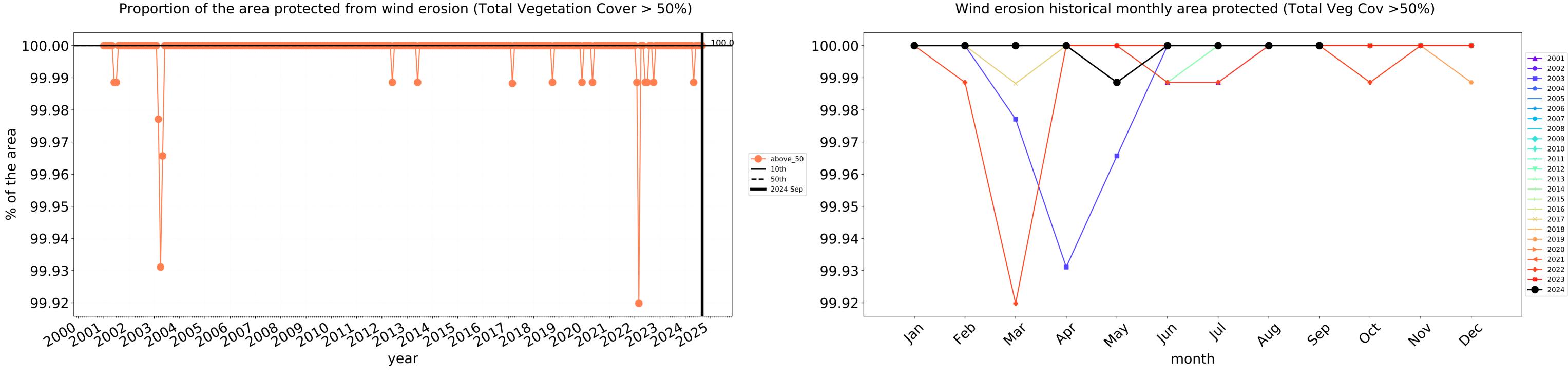


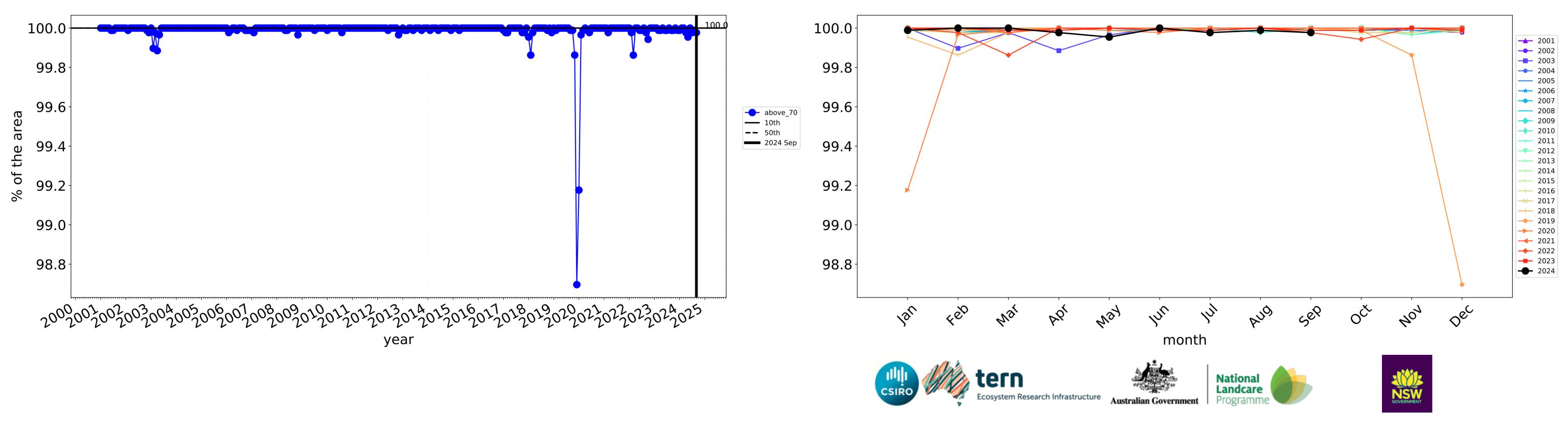
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

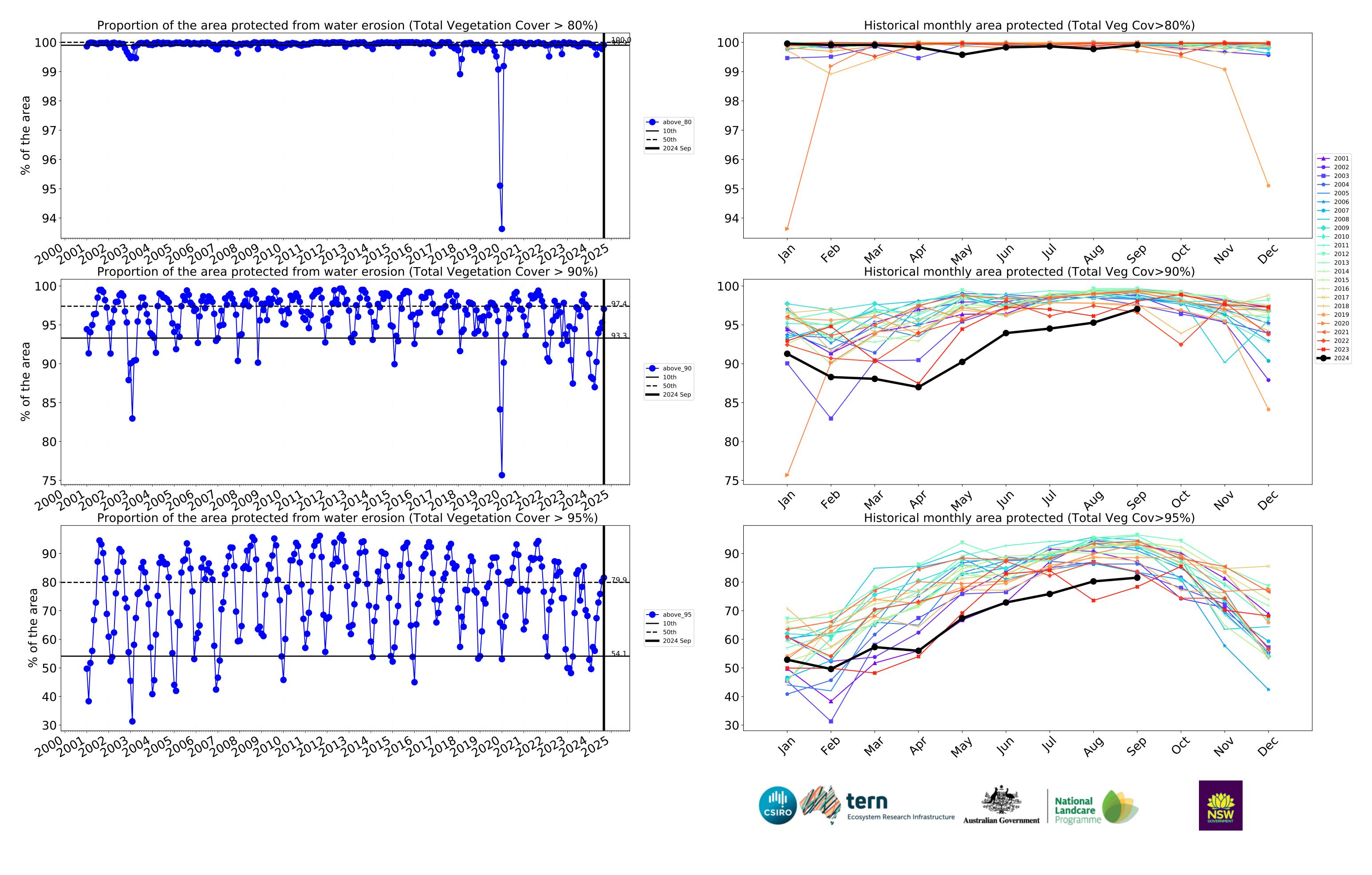








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# Hunter (3,239,075 ha and no data 61,350 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	3,239,075	99.8% 3,232,750	99.5% 3,223,125	98.4% 3,187,275	96.3% 3,119,500	71.4% 2,312,775	37.3% 1,209,425
Conservation and natural environments	1,241,275	99.9% 1,239,675	99.8% 1,238,550	99.6% 1,236,175	99.2% 1,231,850	89.8% 1,114,950	57.6% 715,475
Conservation and natural environments non forest	30,425	95.0% 28,900	92.4% 28,100	88.3% 26,875	85.1% 25,900	67.3% 20,475	29.7% 9,050
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	138,900	100.0% 138,875	99.9% 138,825	99.7% 138,550	99.4% 138,075	79.5% 110,400	32.8% 45,575
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,071,950	100.0% 1,071,900	100.0% 1,071,625	99.9% 1,070,750	99.6% 1,067,875	91.8% 984,075	61.6% 660,850
Agriculture	1,580,475	100.0% 1,579,925	99.9% 1,578,400	99.6% 1,573,750	97.8% 1,545,050	59.0% 932,775	19.2% 302,975
Grazing	1,502,475	100.0% 1,501,925	99.9% 1,500,400	99.6% 1,496,150	98.3% 1,476,275	61.0% 916,600	20.0% 300,150
Grazing non forest	1,212,800	100.0% 1,212,325	99.9% 1,211,050	99.5% 1,207,325	98.0% 1,188,850	58.0% 703,425	18.3% 222,350
Grazing Woodland forest	120,575	100.0% 120,525	99.9% 120,425	99.6% 120,125	99.2% 119,650	63.4% 76,400	15.6% 18,775
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	169,100	100.0% 169,075	99.9% 168,925	99.8% 168,700	99.2% 167,775	80.9% 136,775	34.9% 59,025
Cropping	50,625	100.0% 50,625	100.0% 50,625	99.5% 50,350	87.8% 44,450	22.9% 11,575	3.8% 1,900
Production native forests and plantation forests	218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,525	99.9% 218,375	97.0% 212,125	81.6% 178,250

