### 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: November 2025** 

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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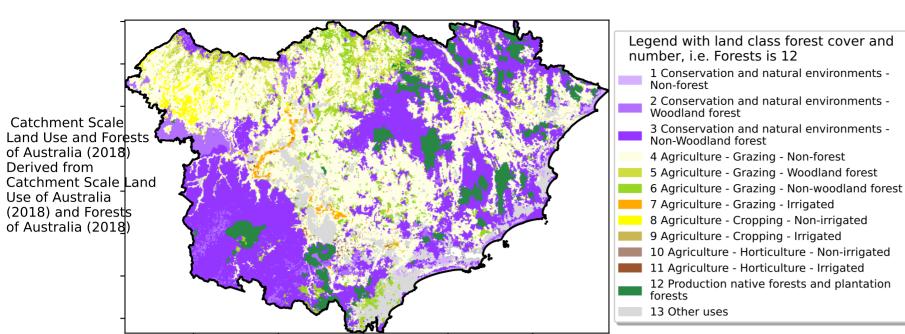




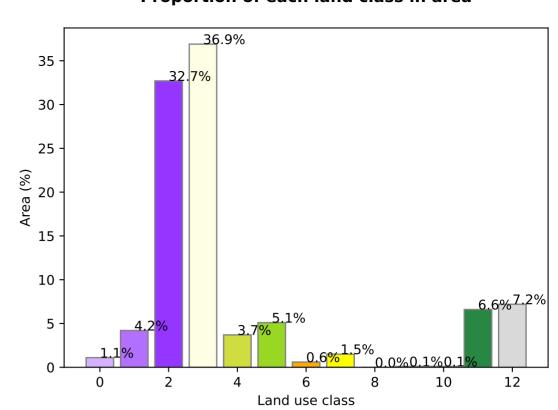


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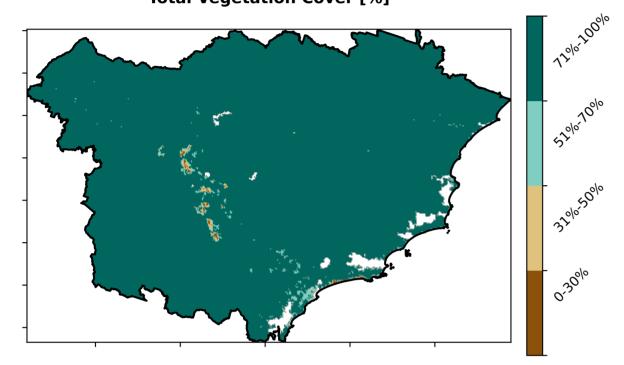
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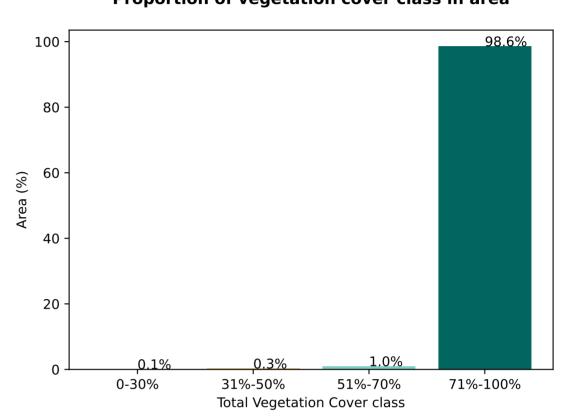
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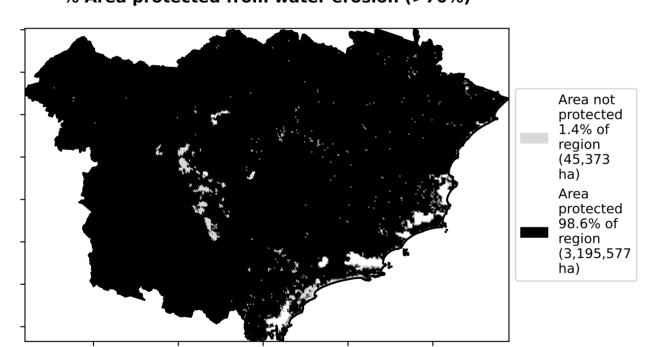
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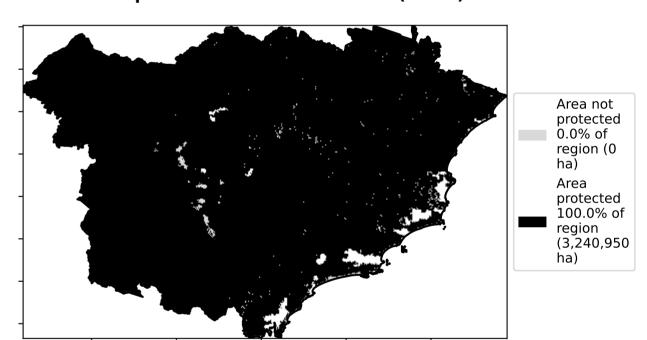
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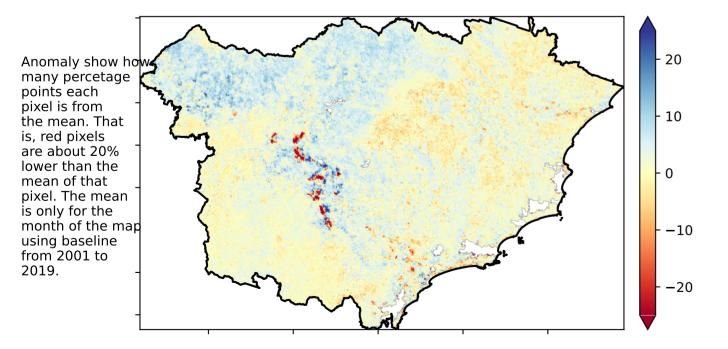
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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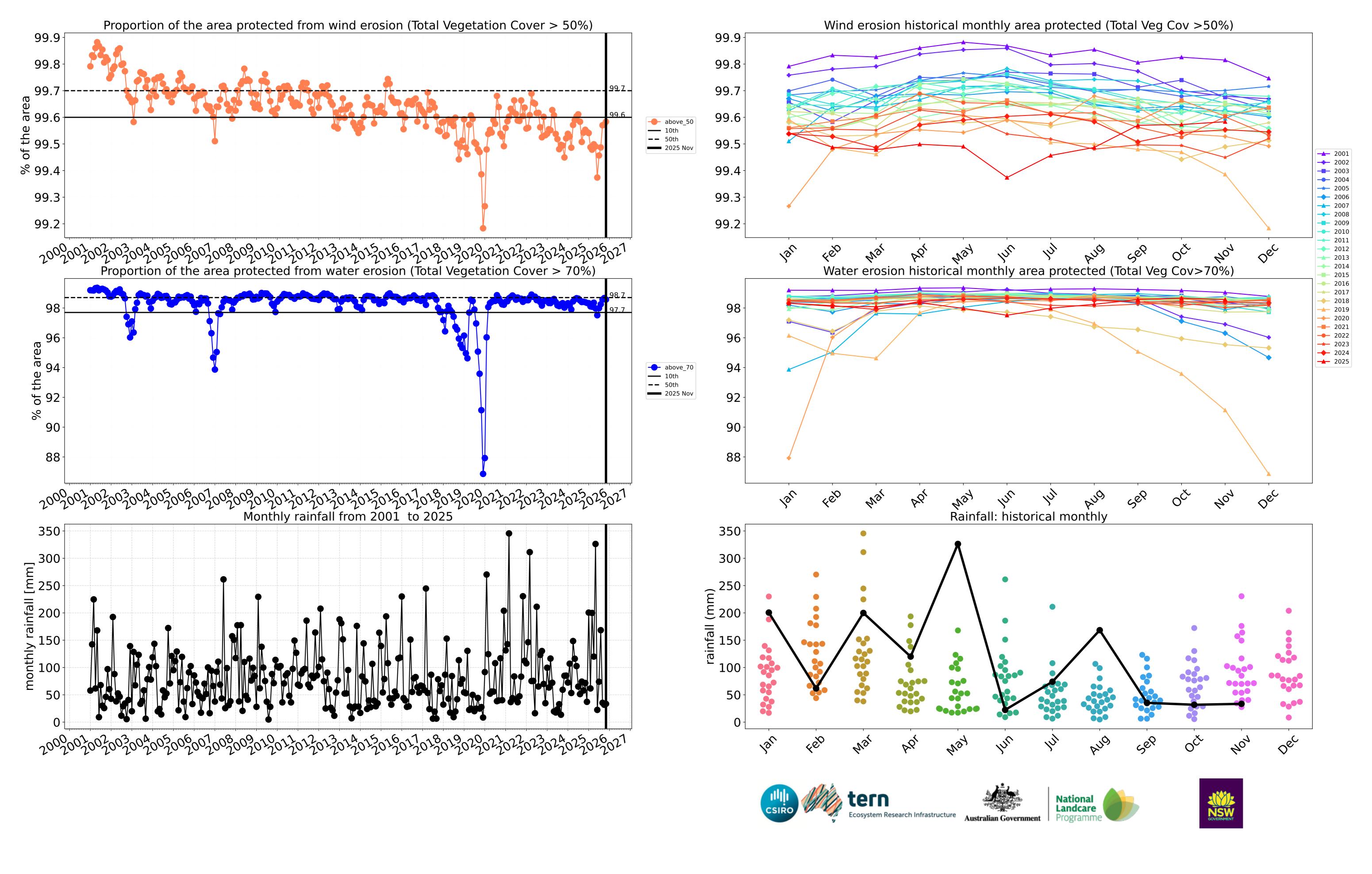
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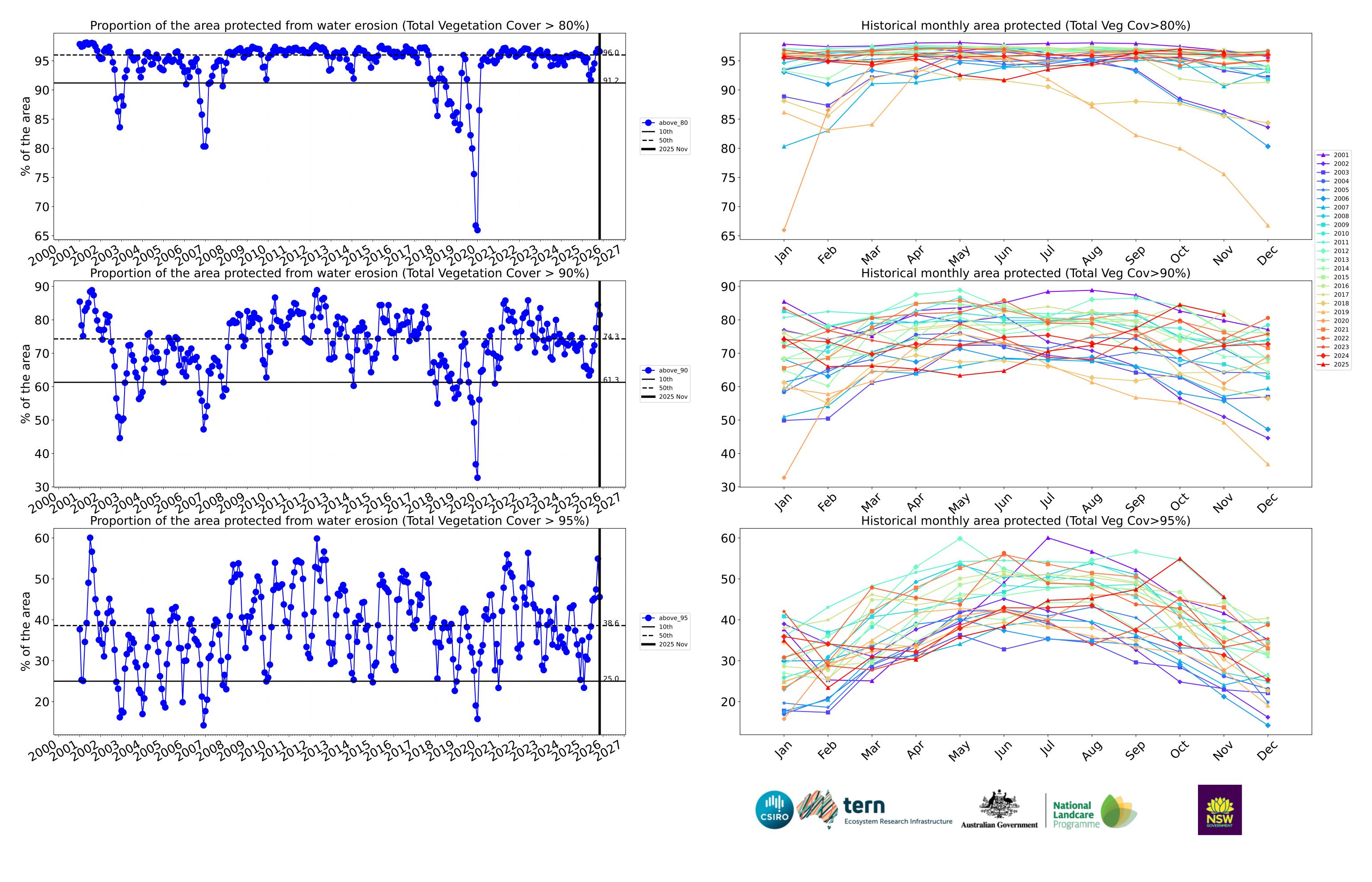




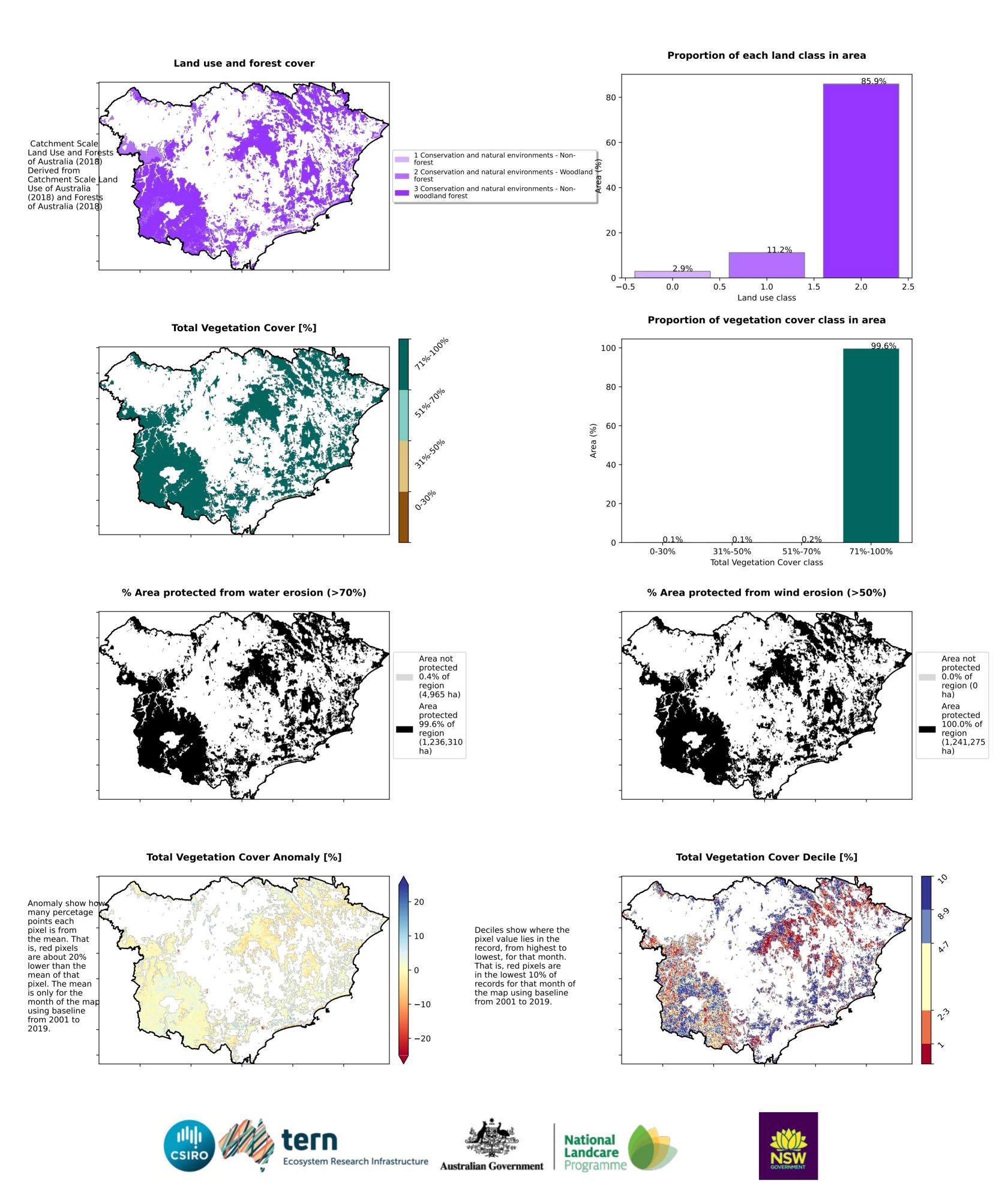




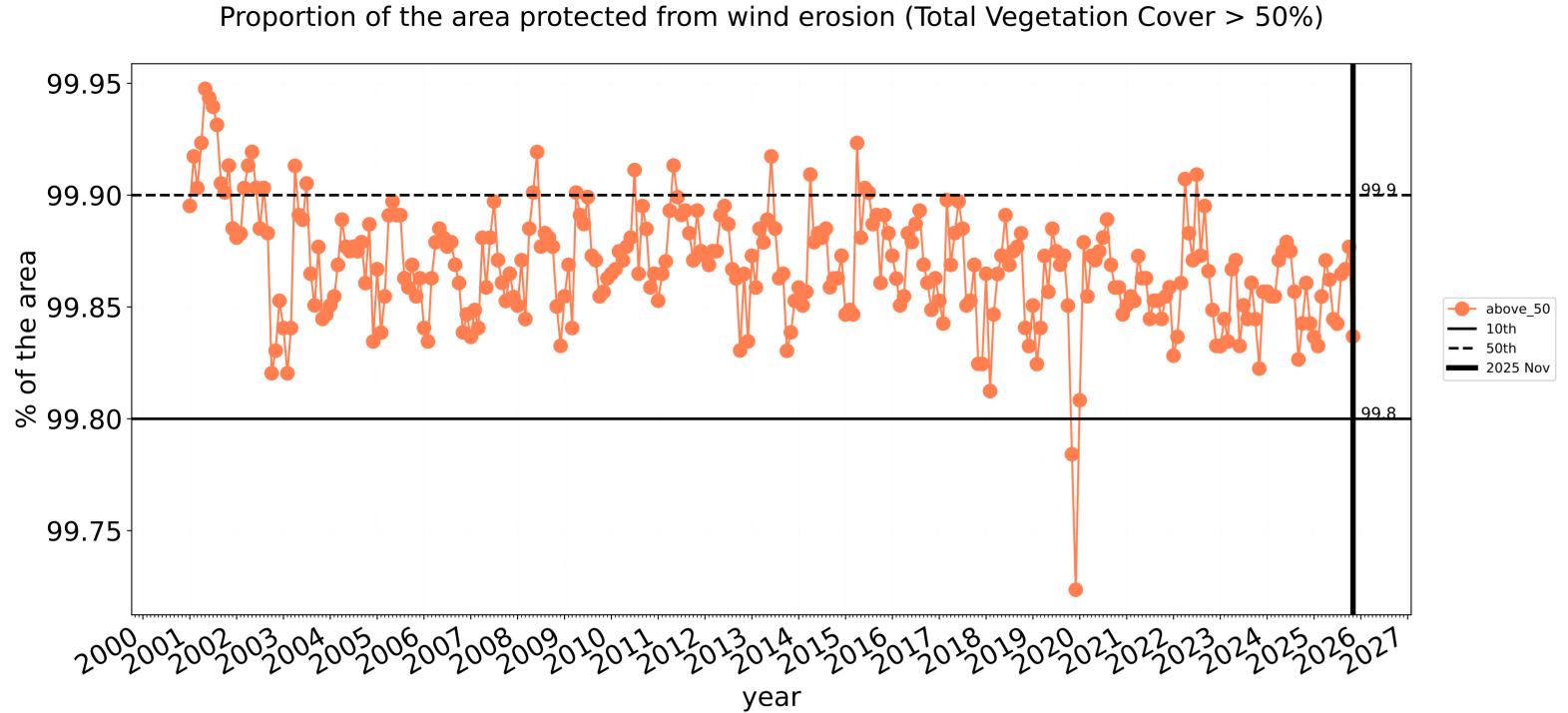
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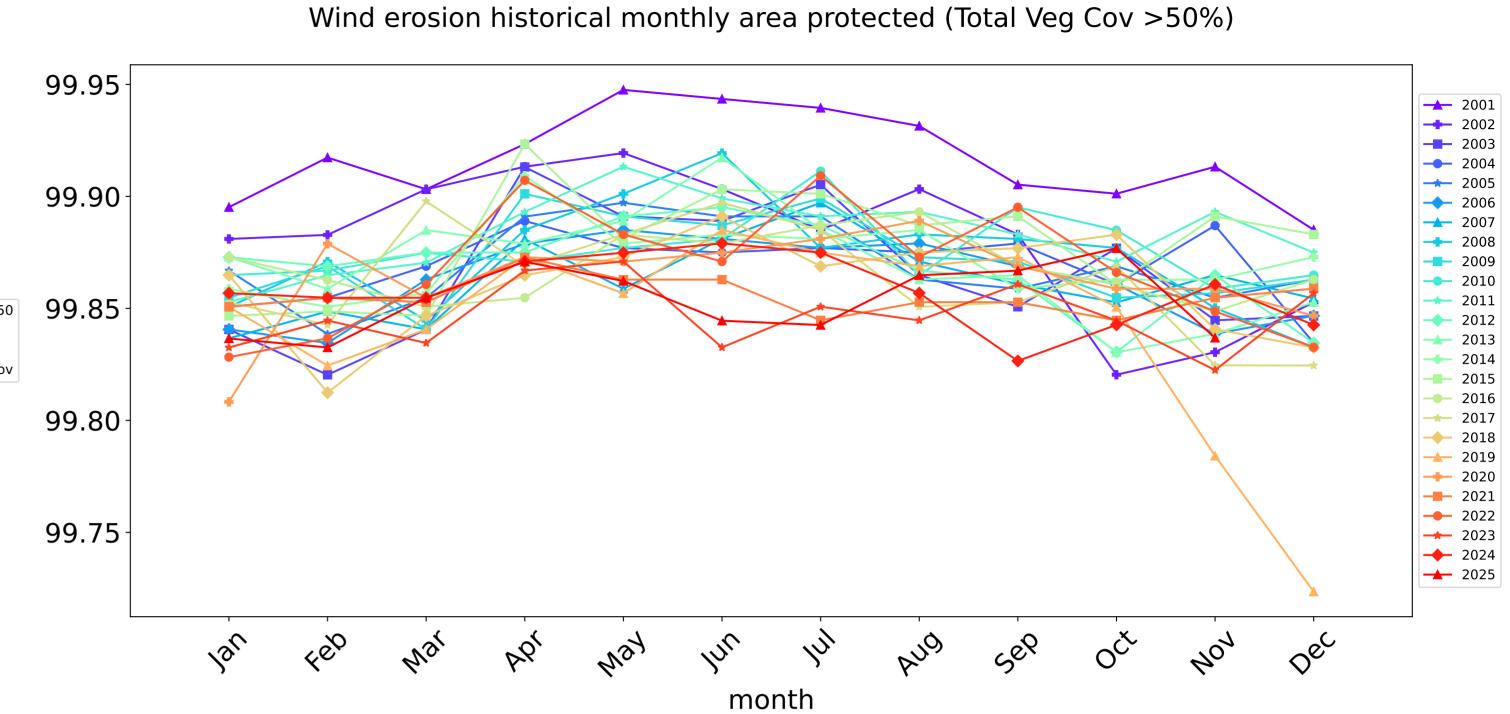


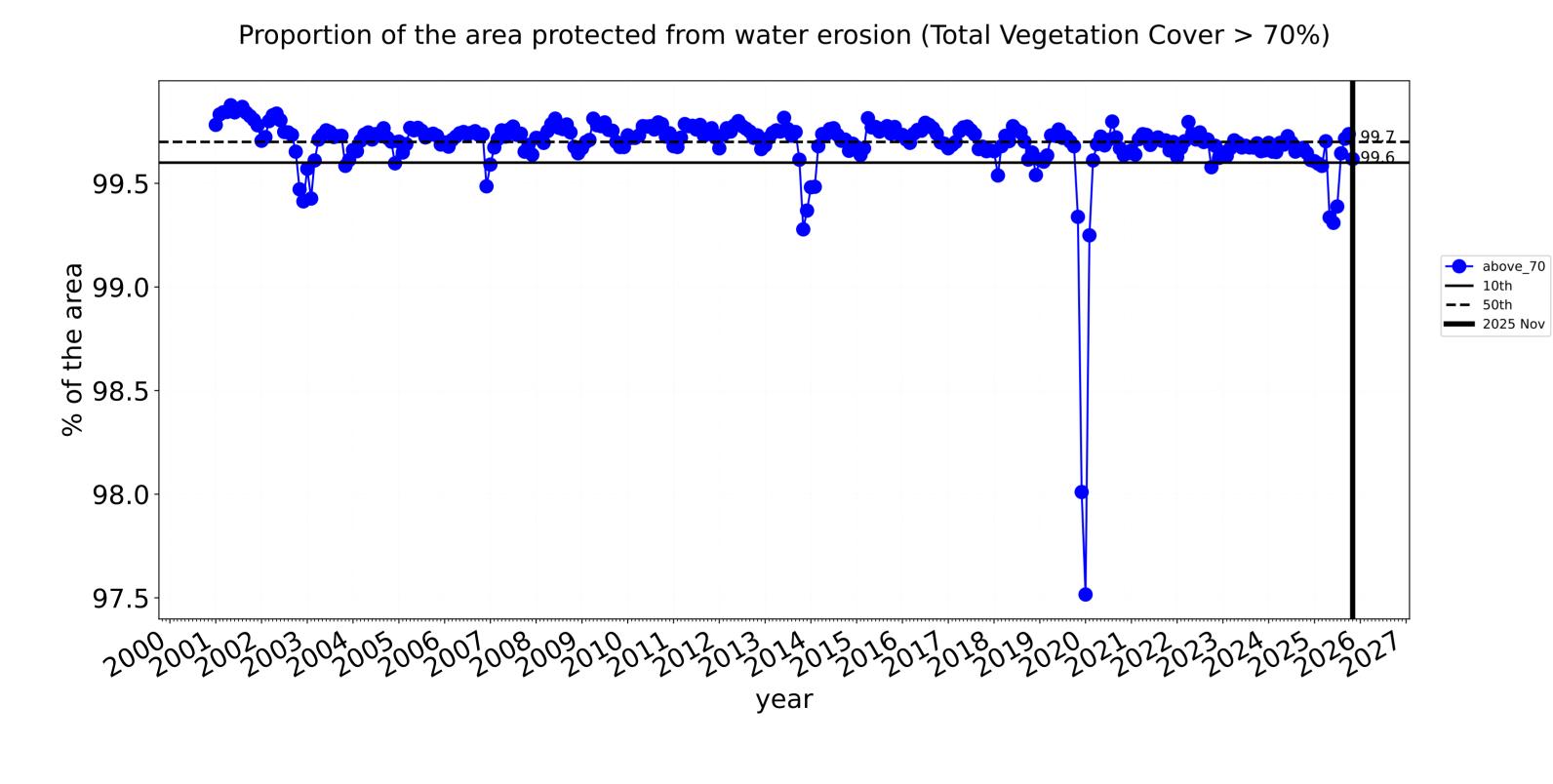
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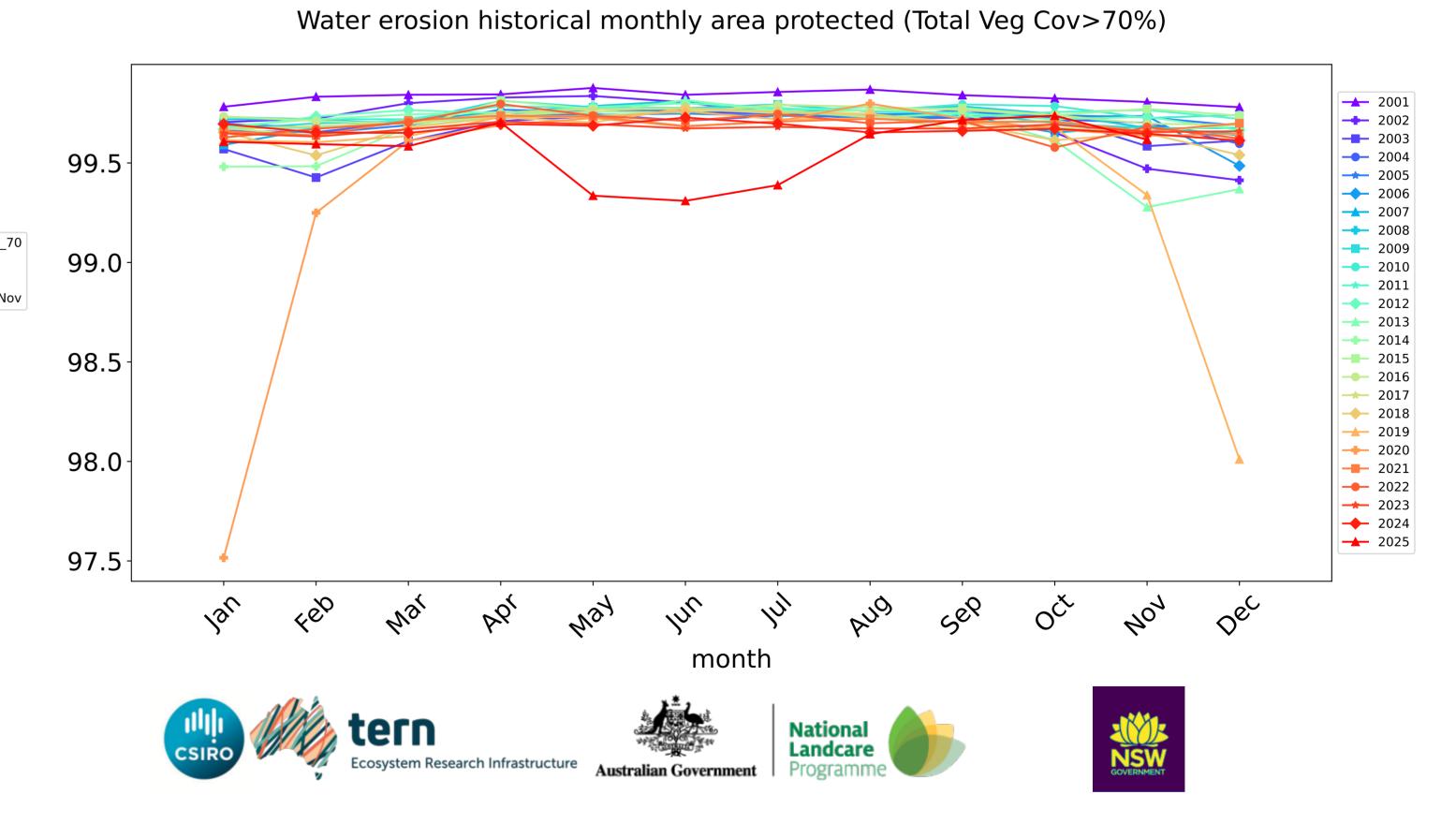


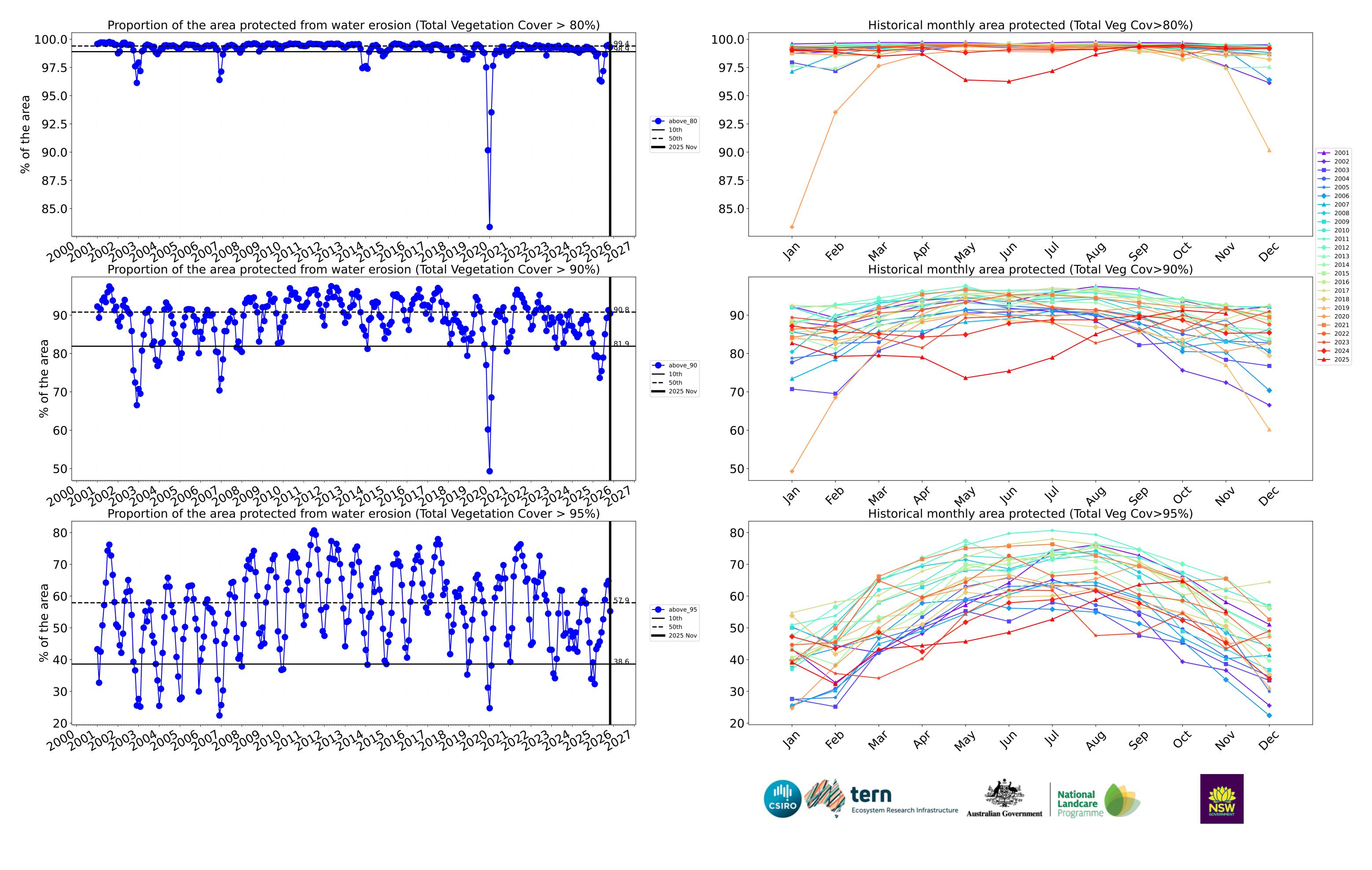
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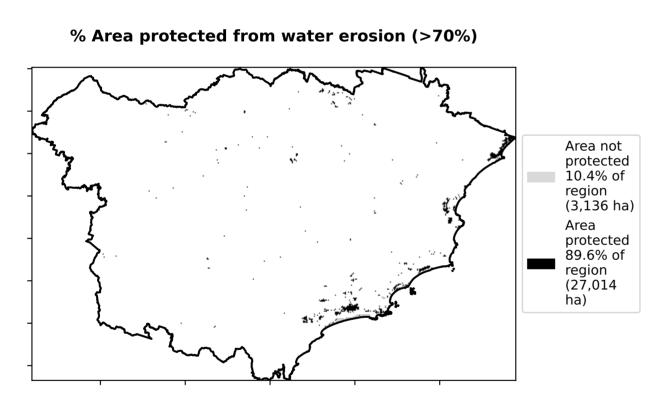


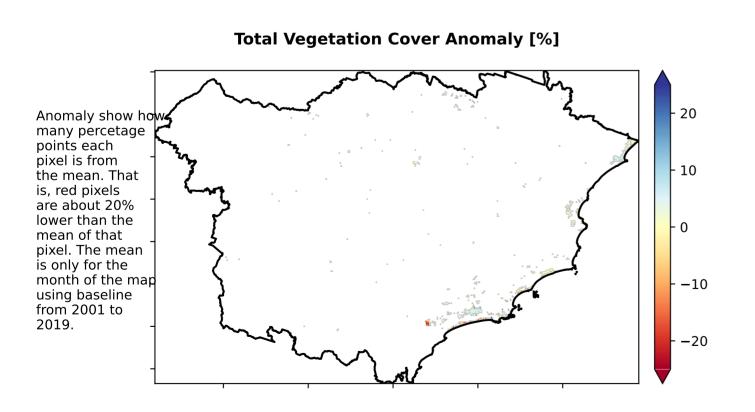


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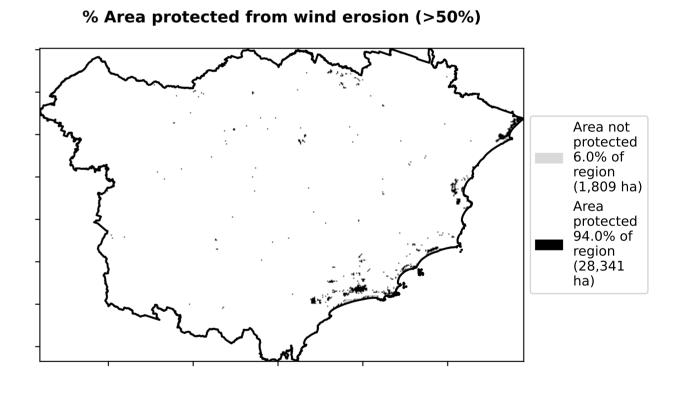
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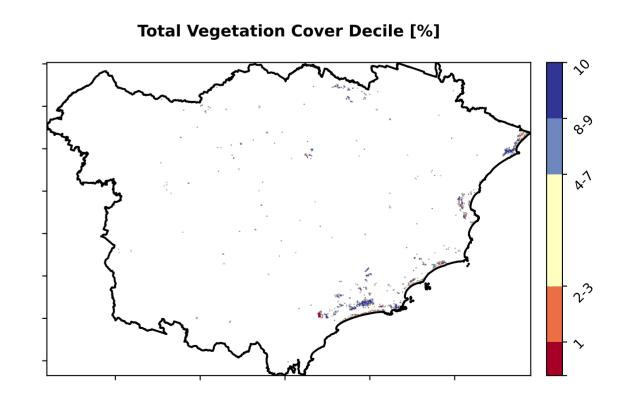




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# 80 - 89.6% 80 - 60 - 60 - 20 - 3.6% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class







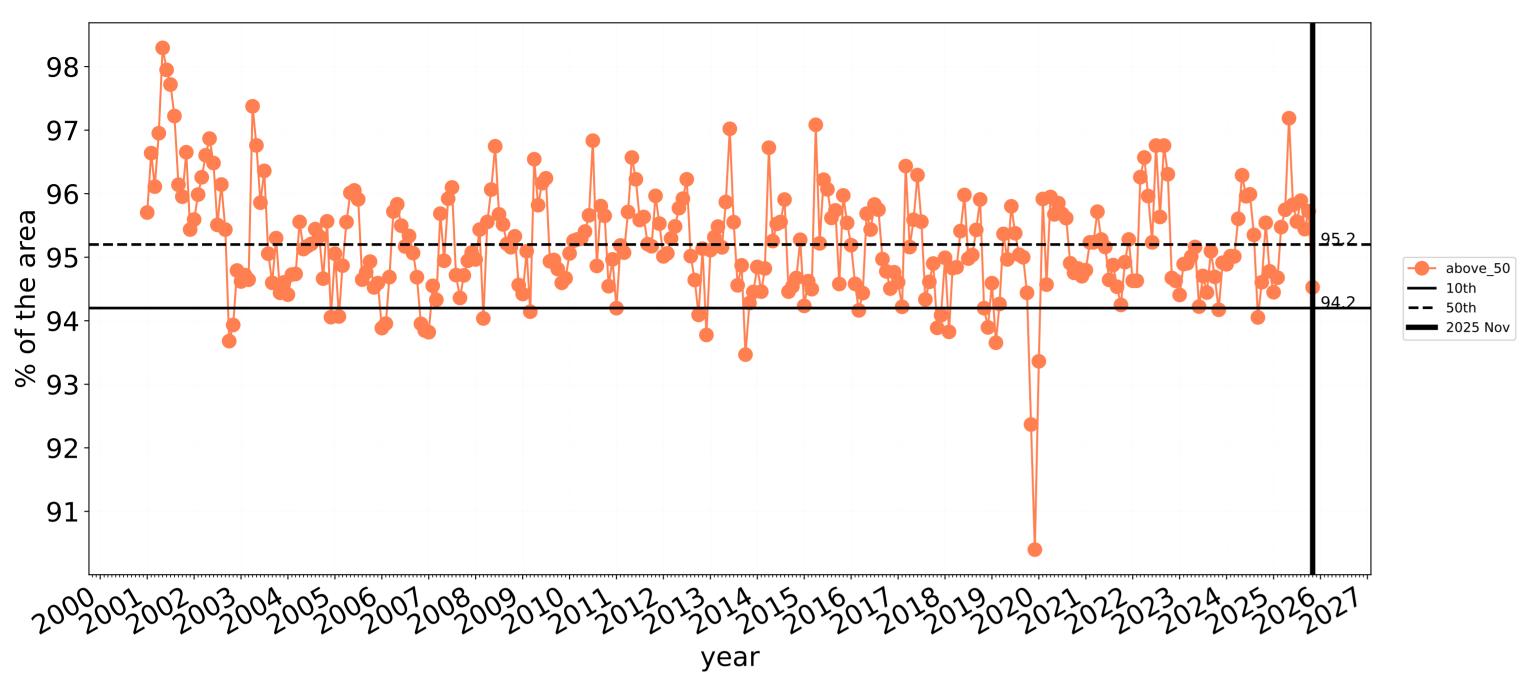




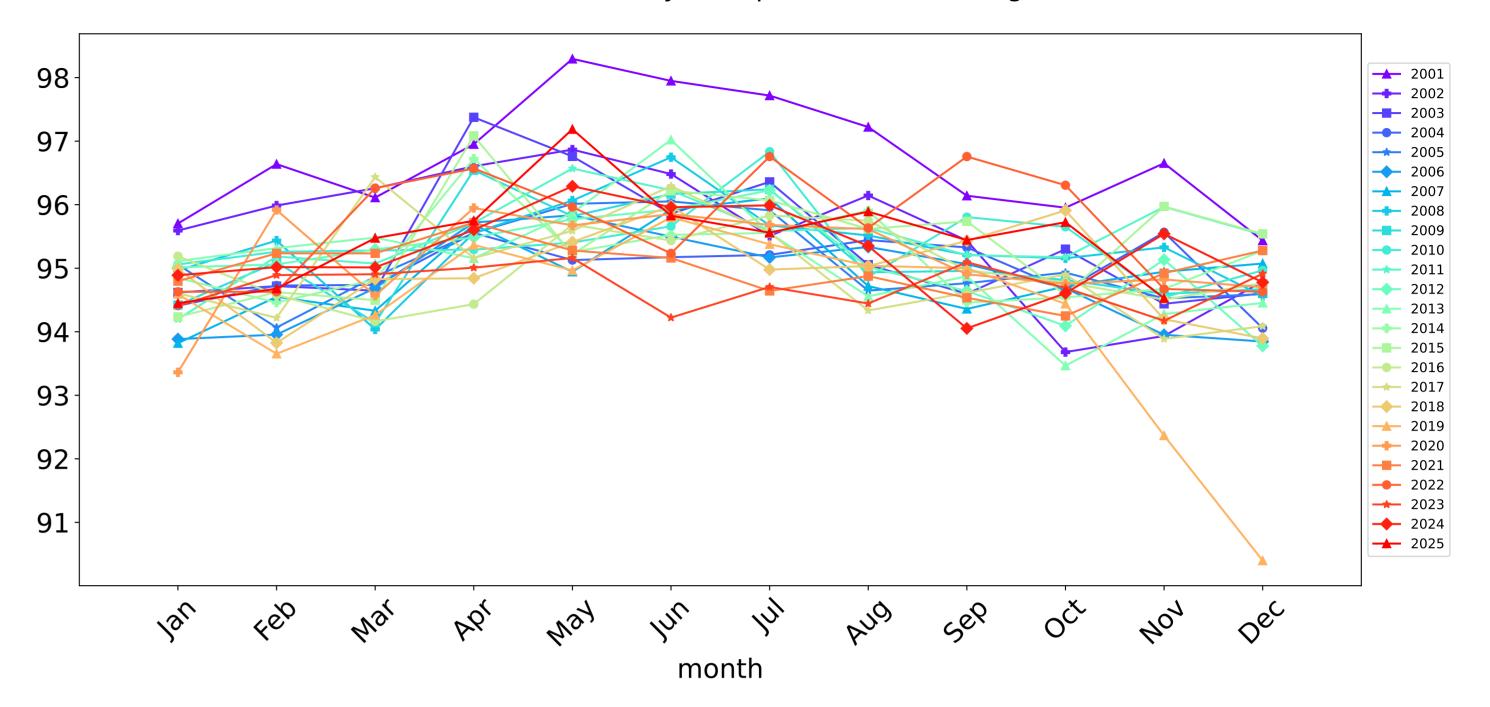


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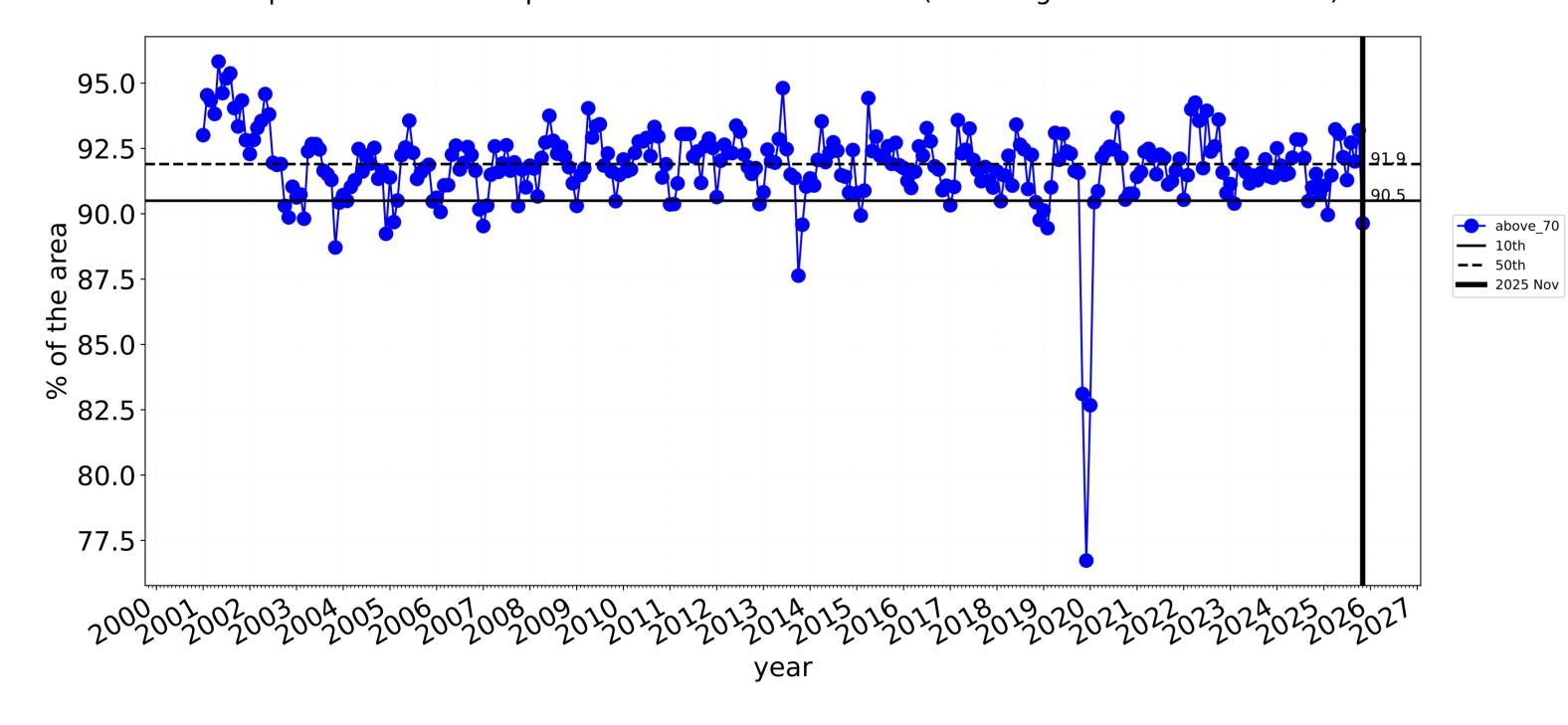




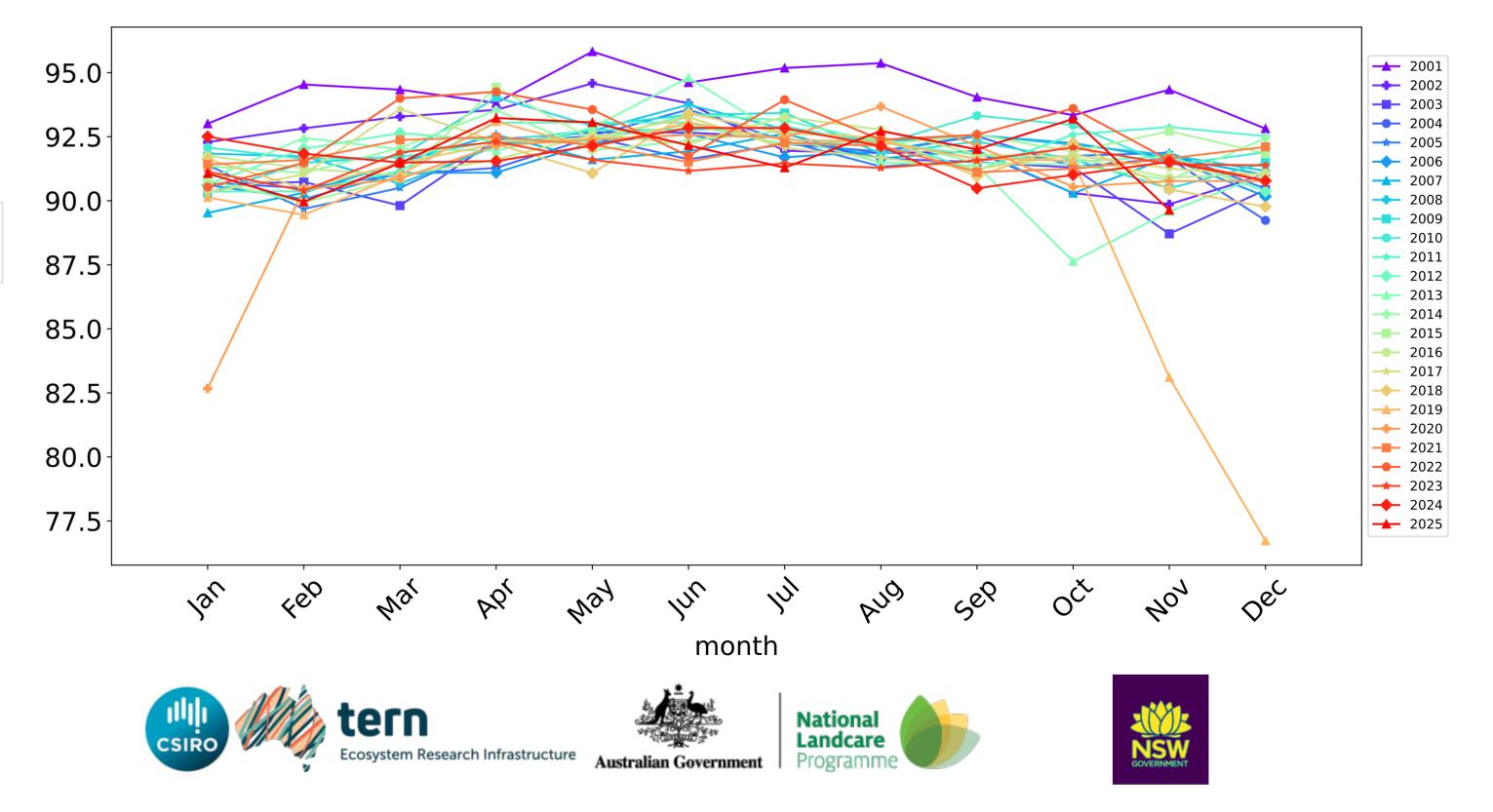
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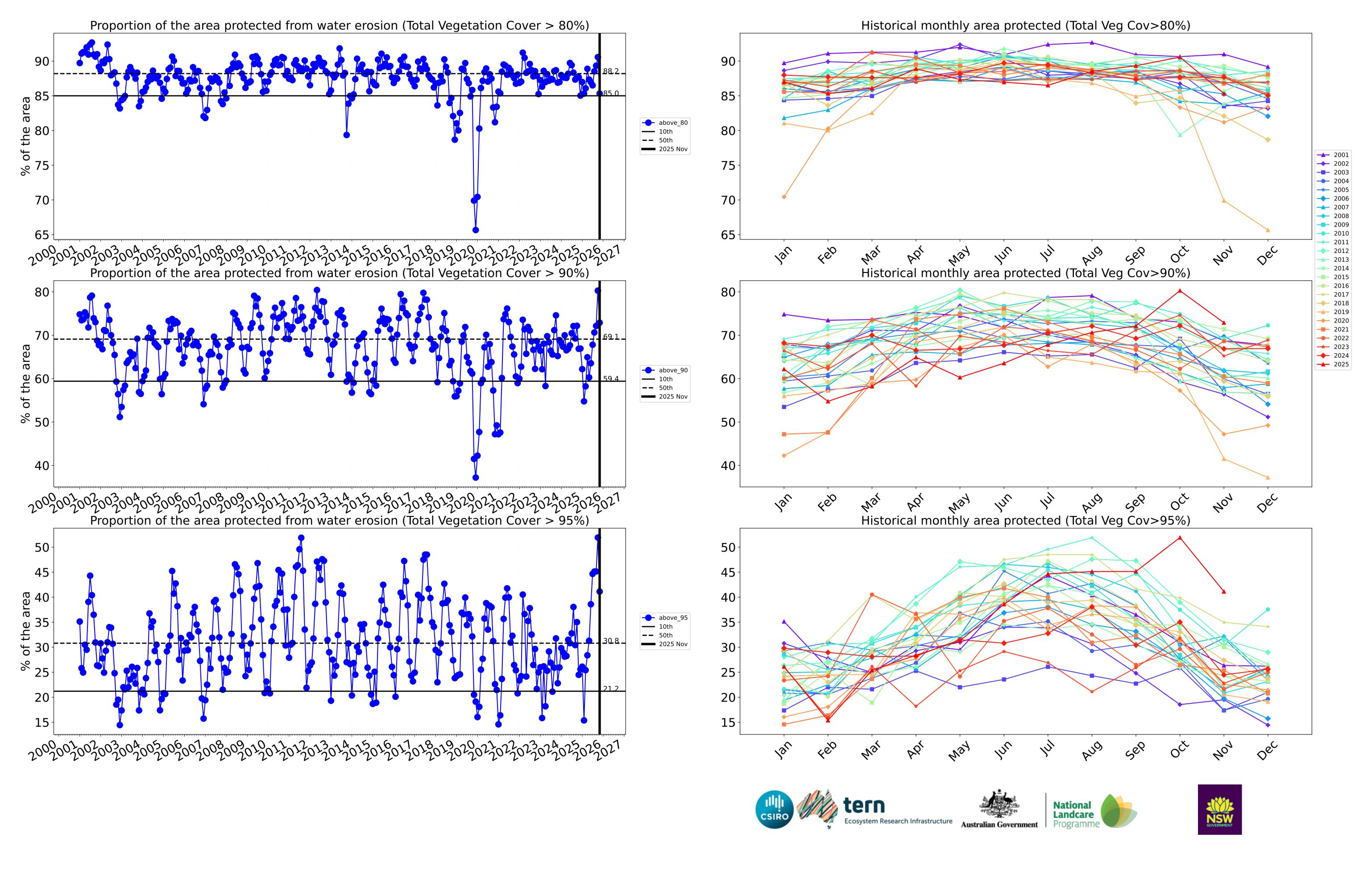


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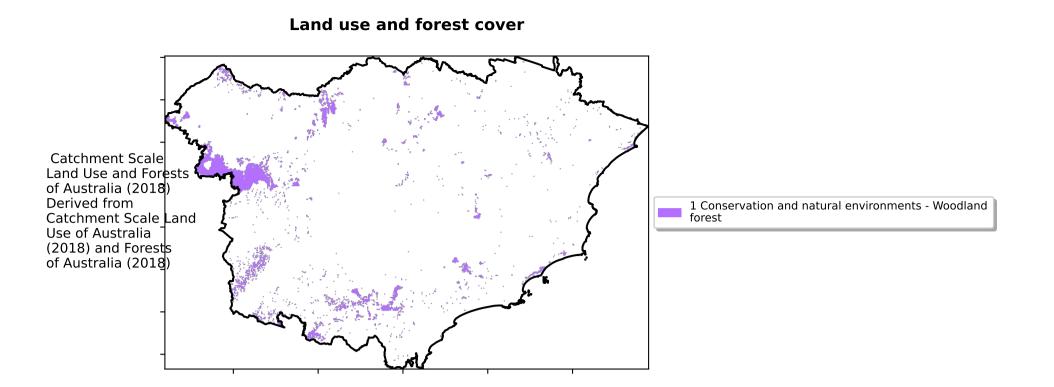


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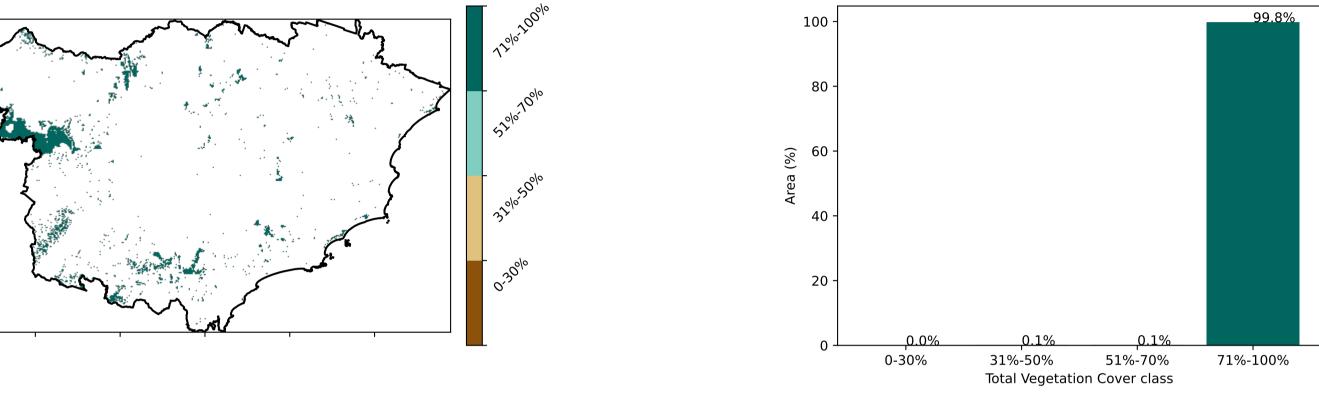


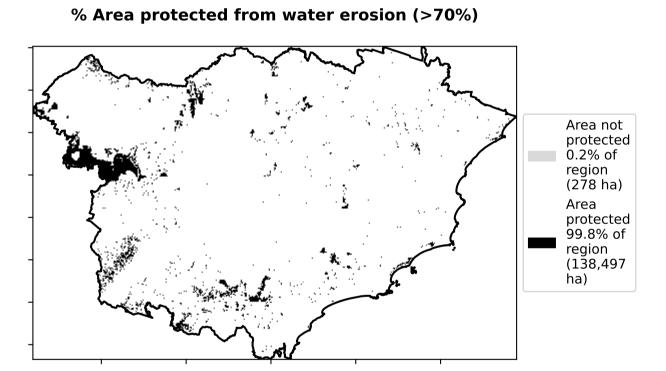


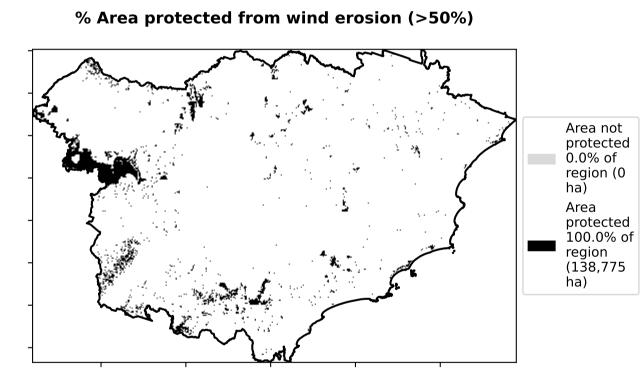
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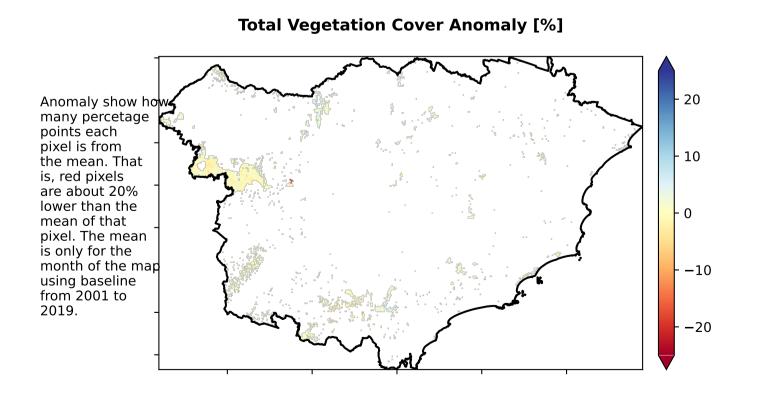
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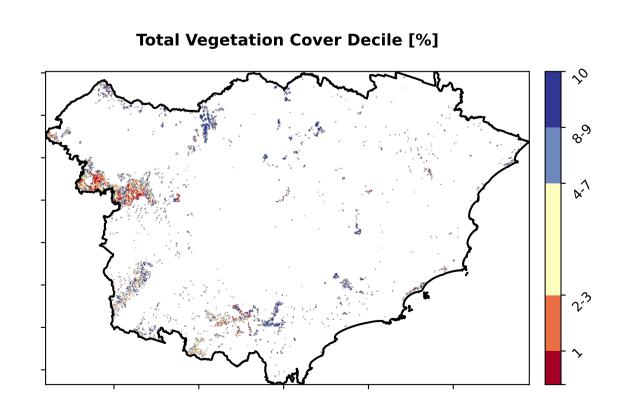




**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



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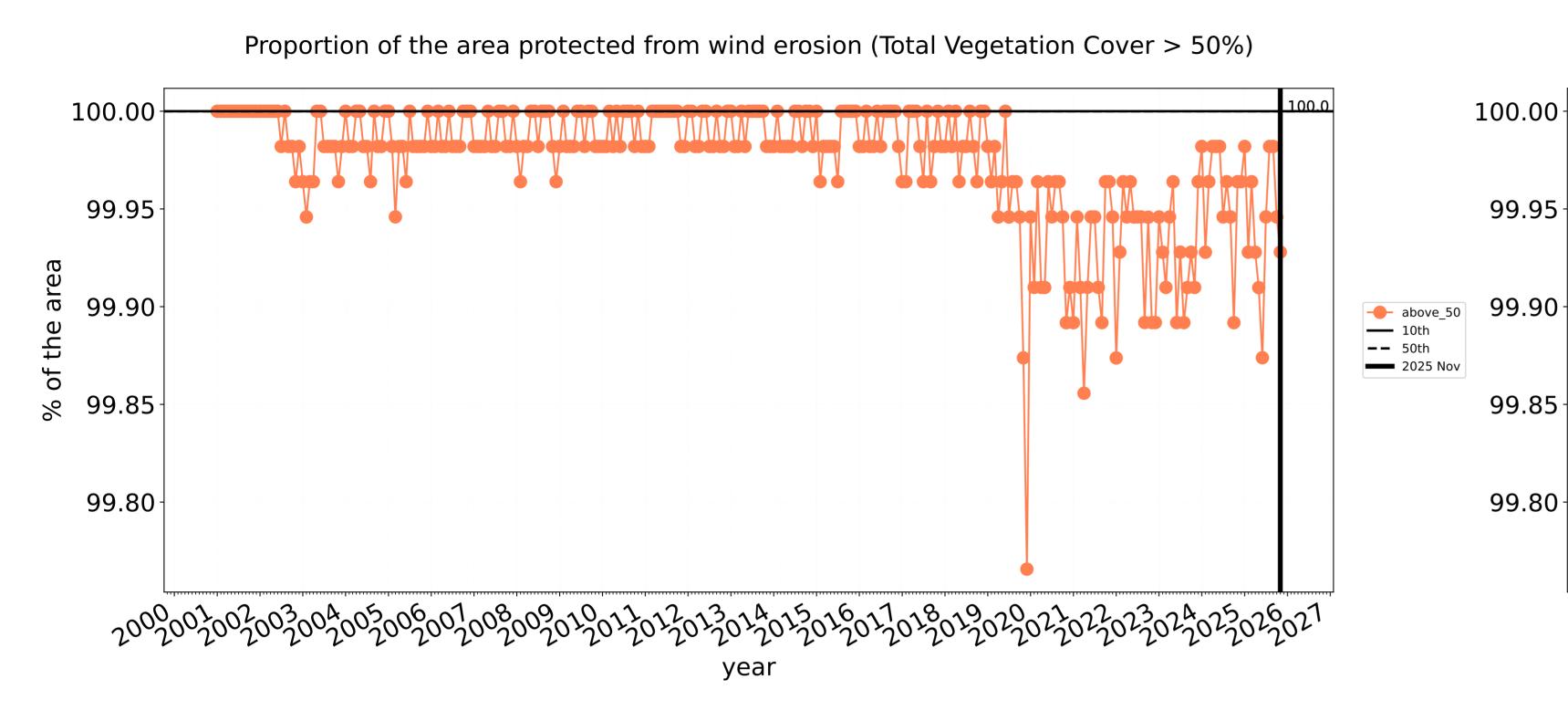


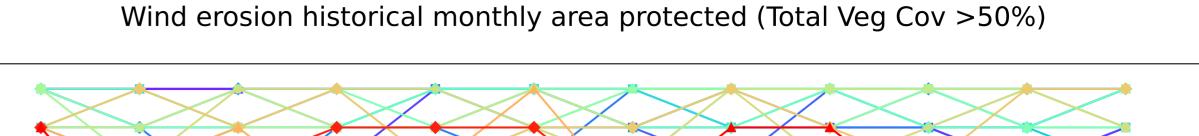






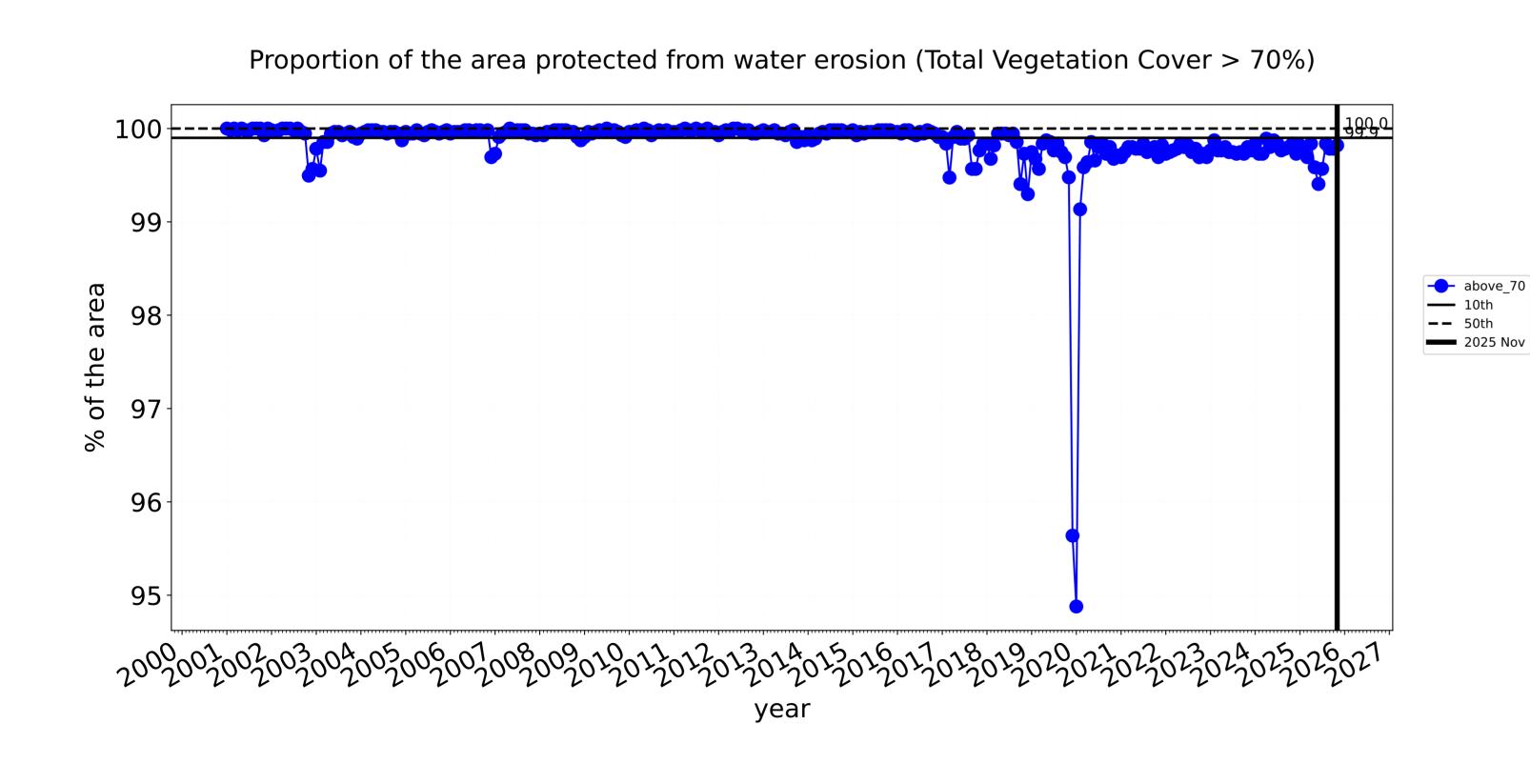
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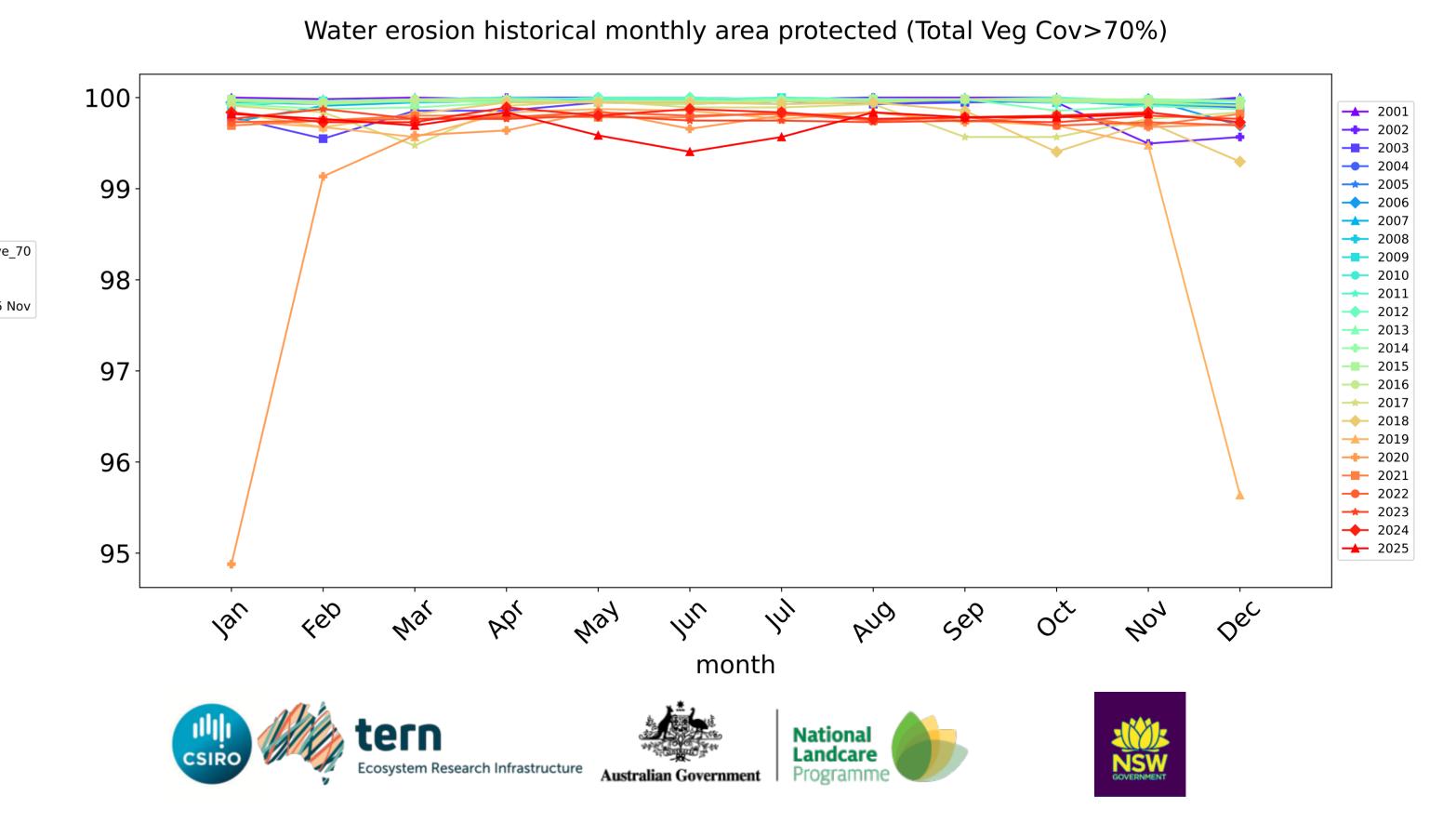


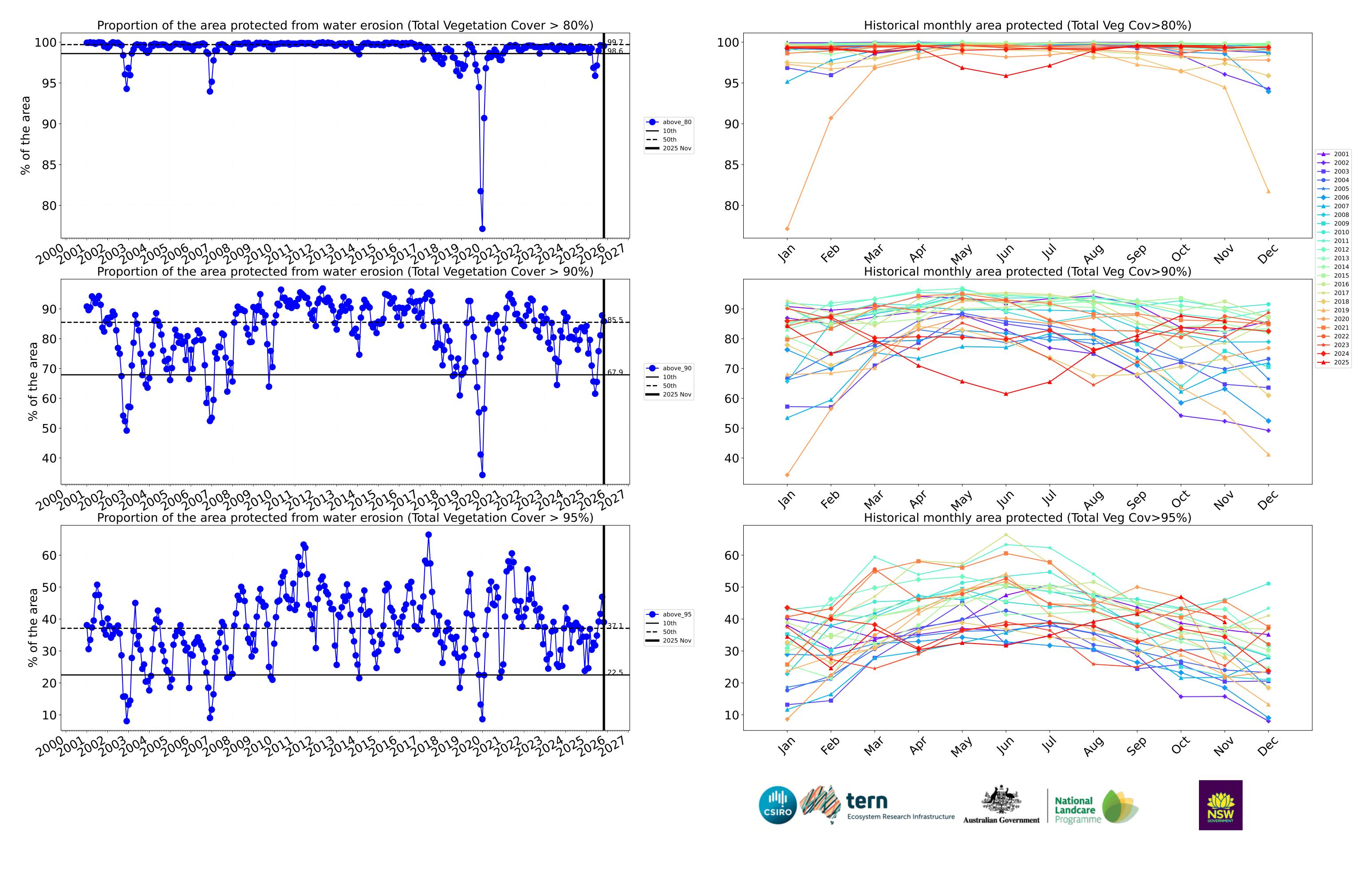


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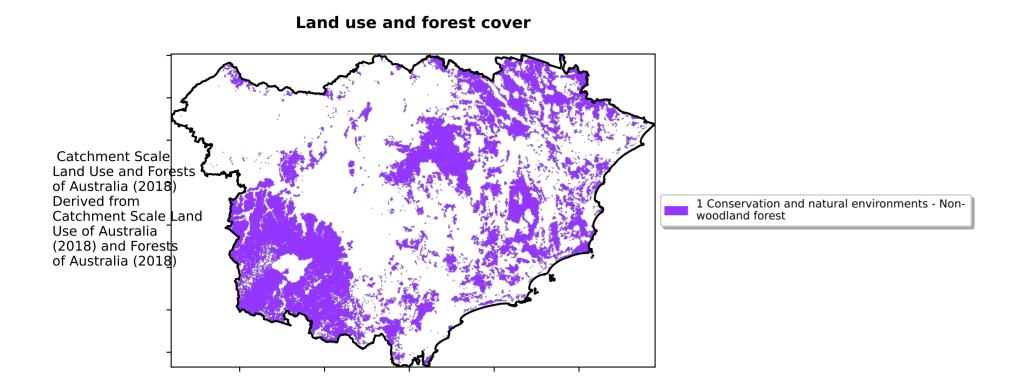
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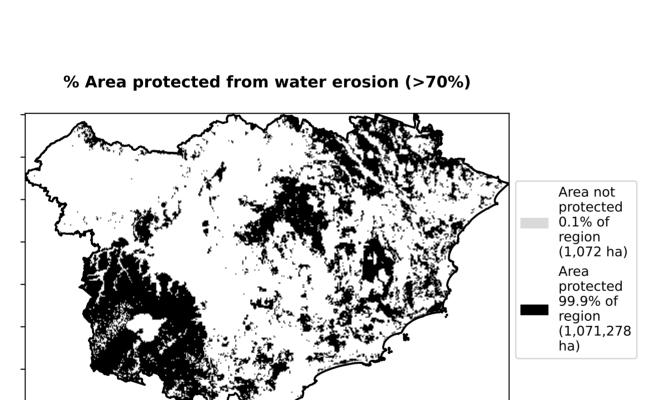


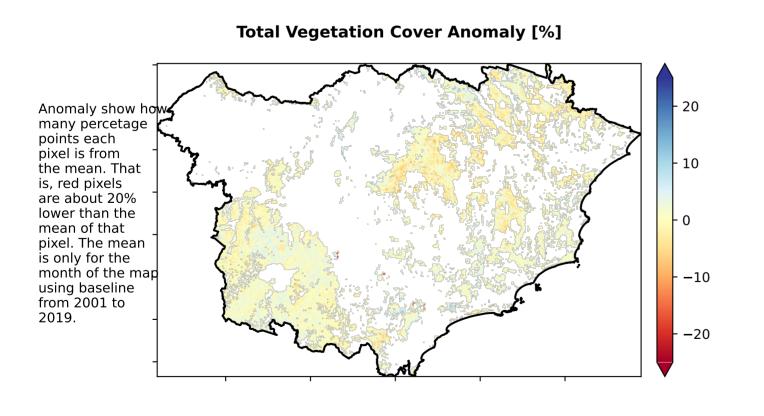


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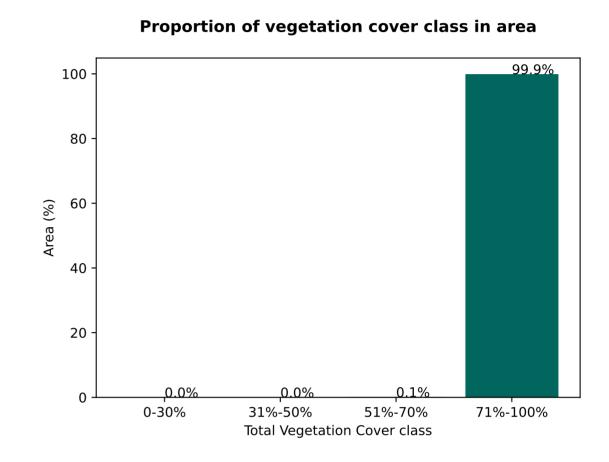


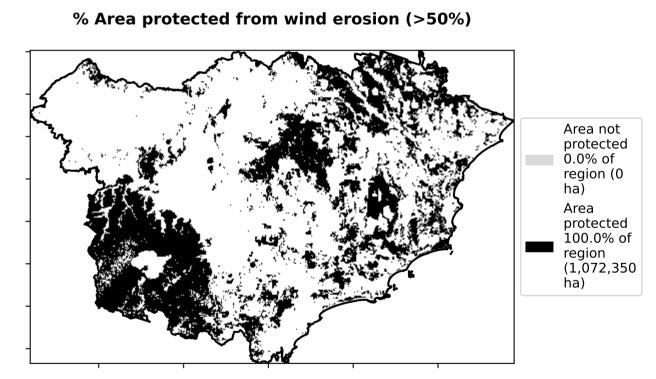
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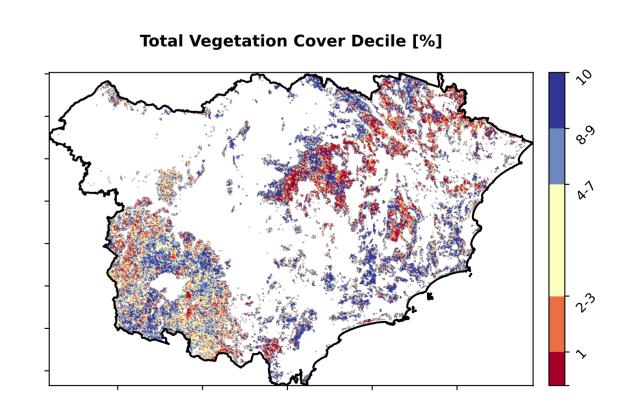




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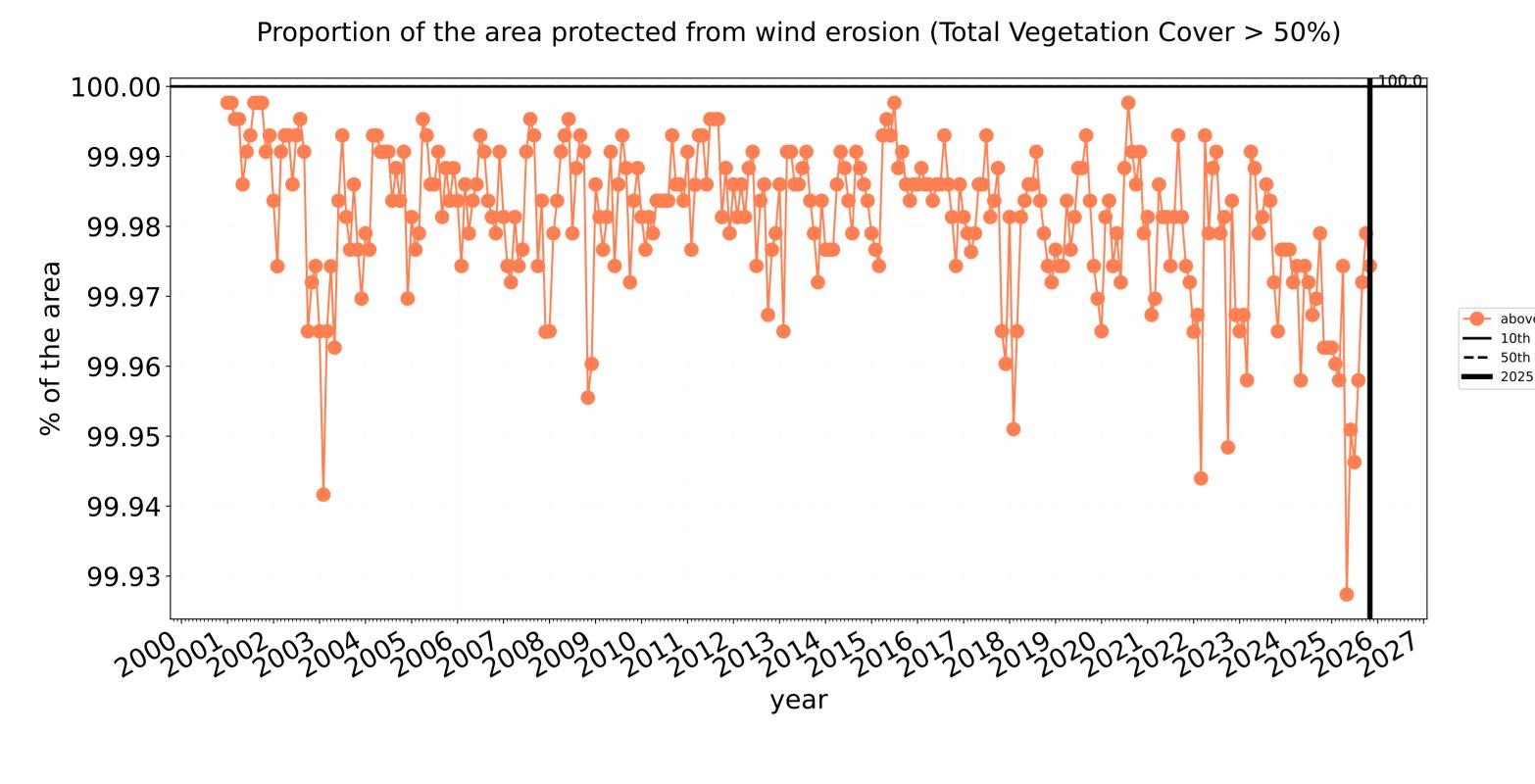


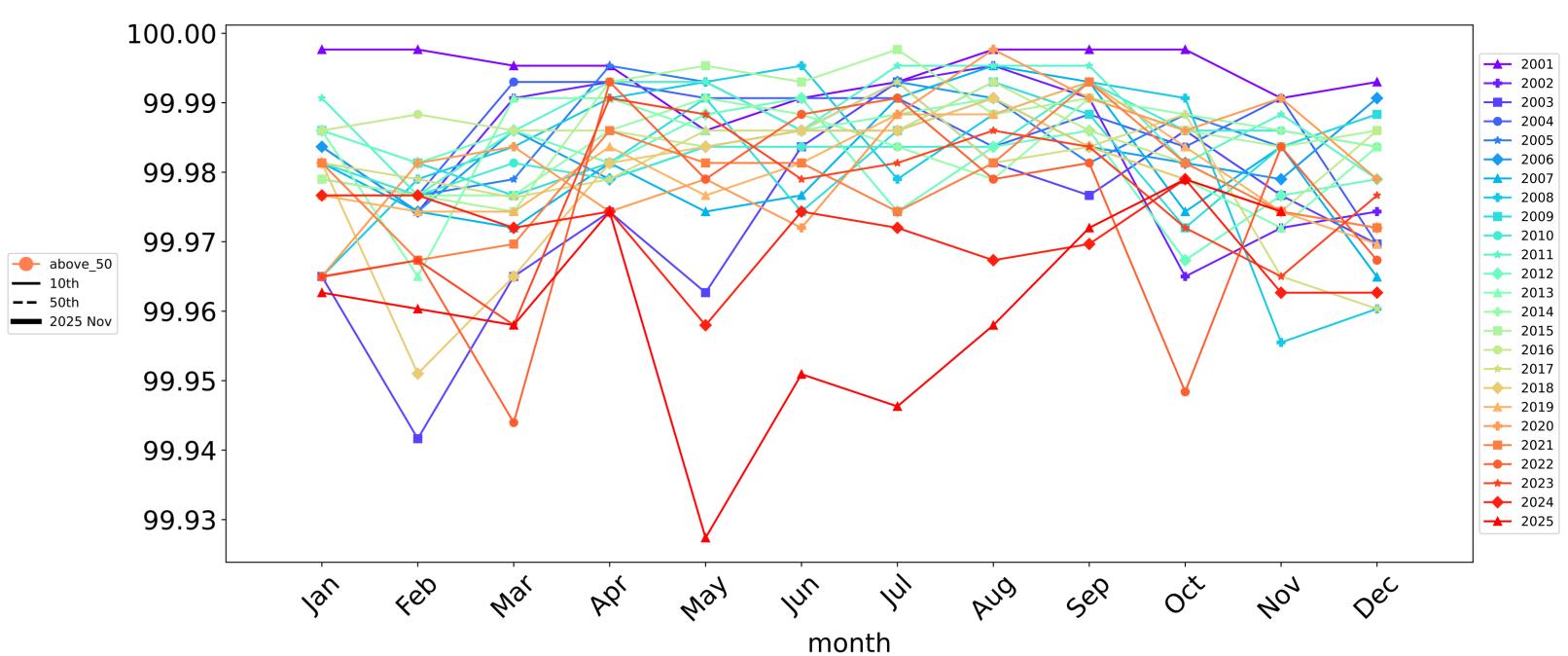




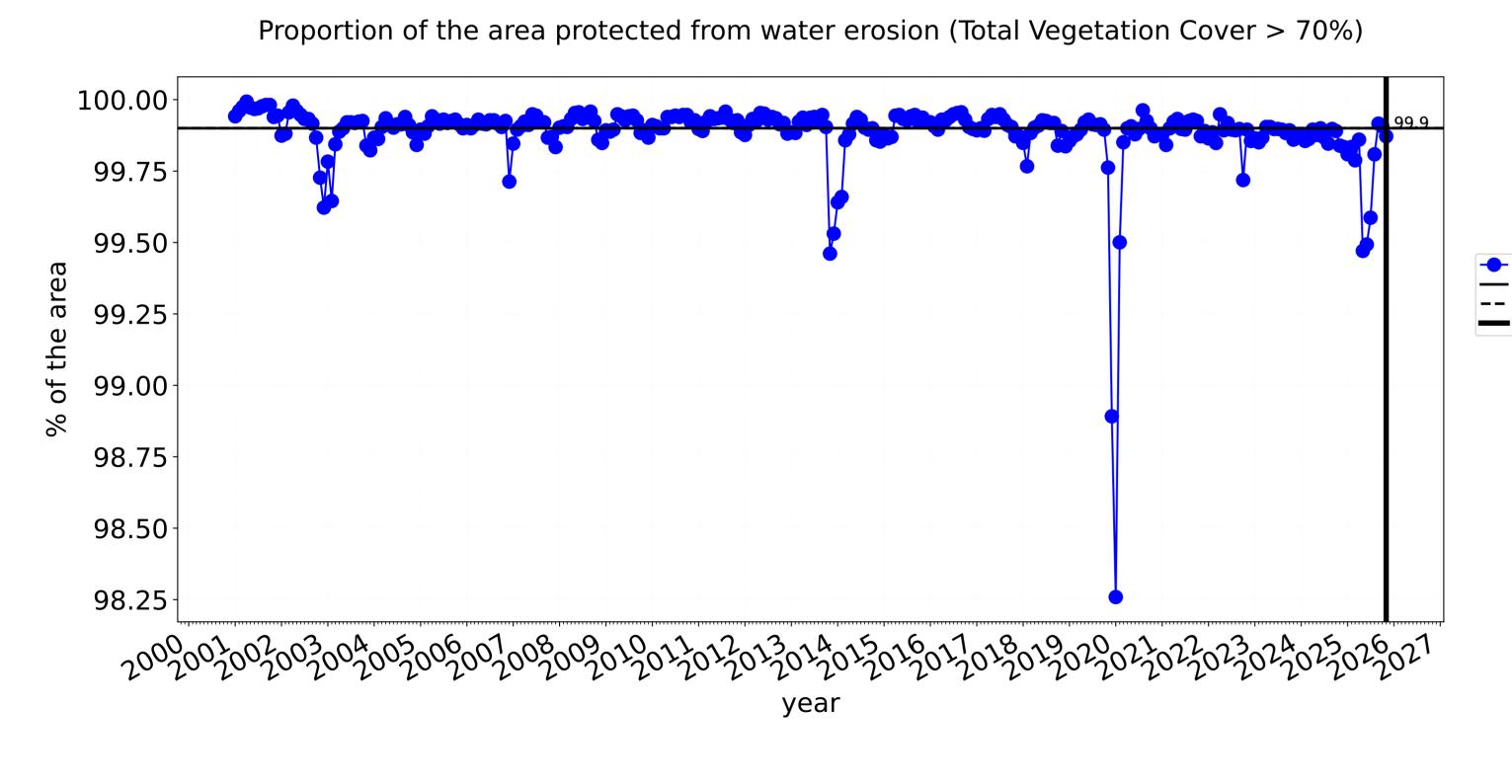


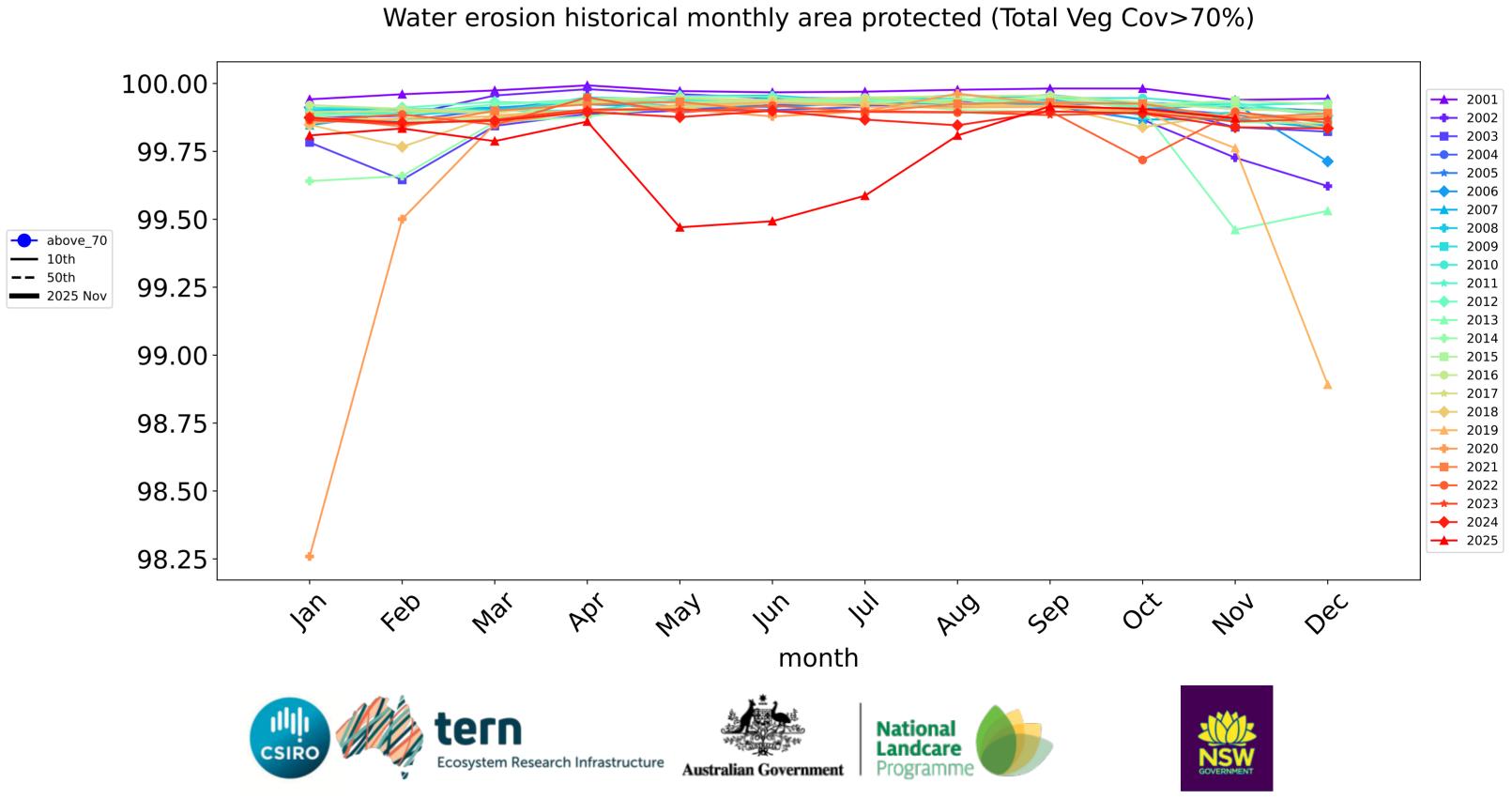
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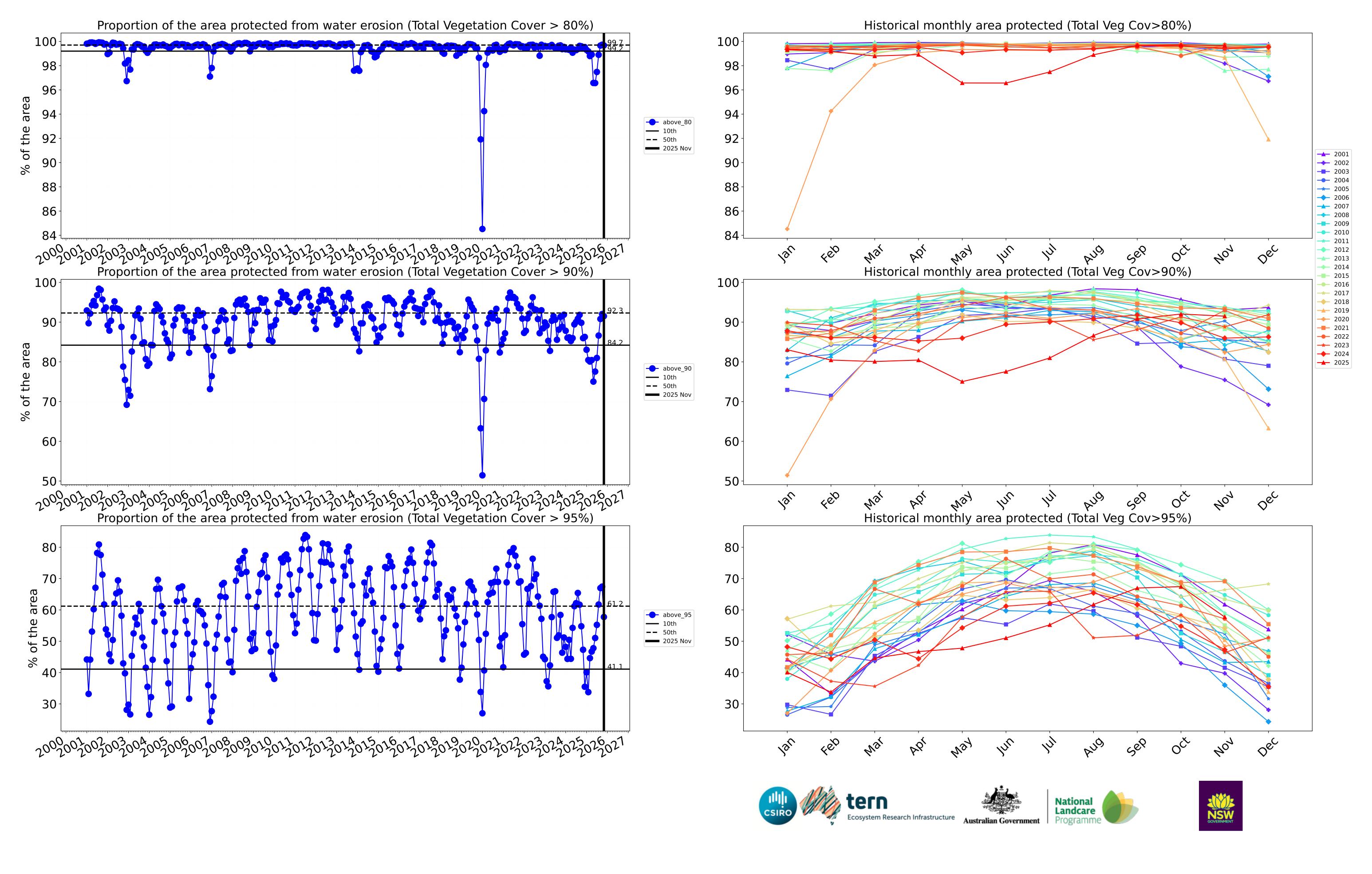




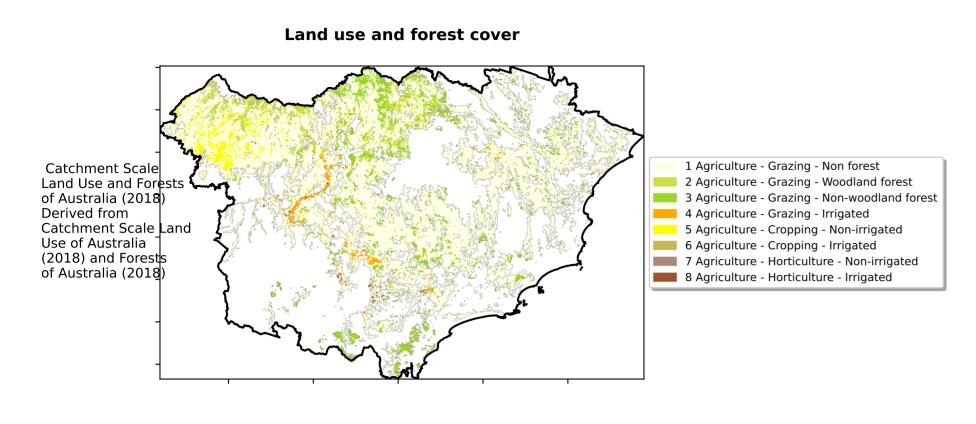
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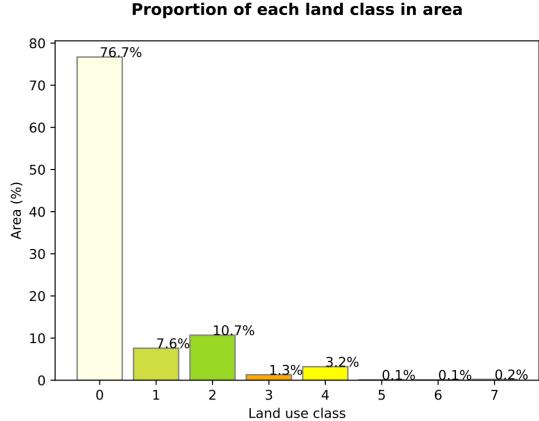


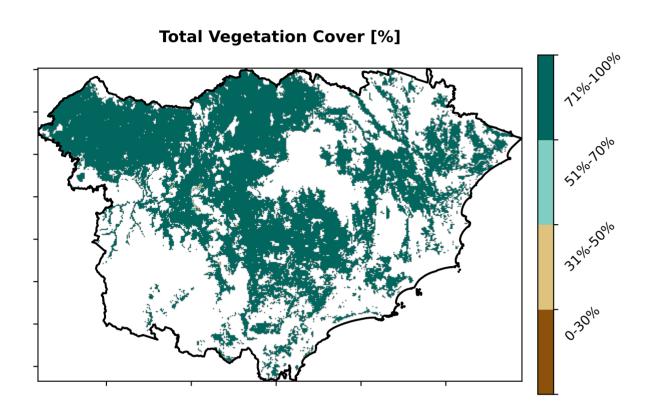


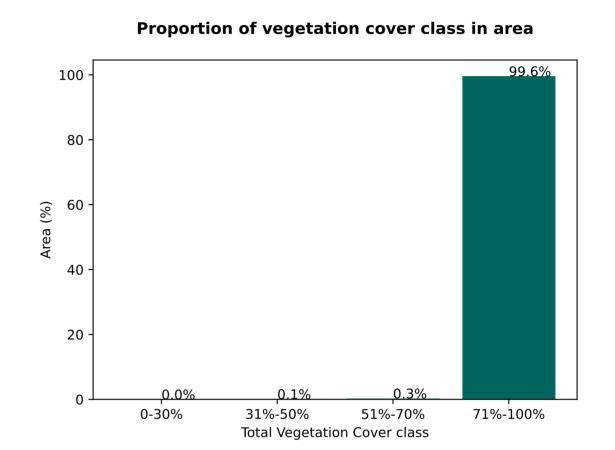


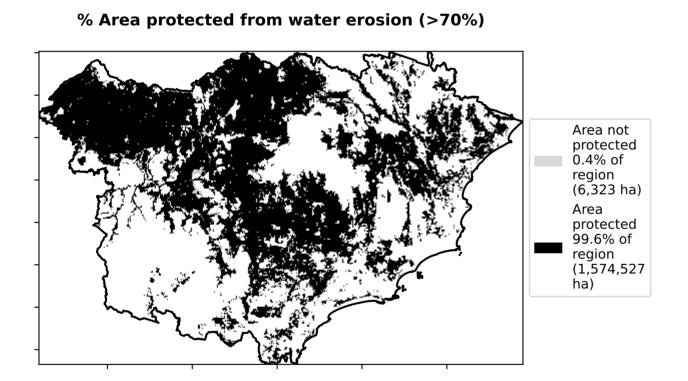
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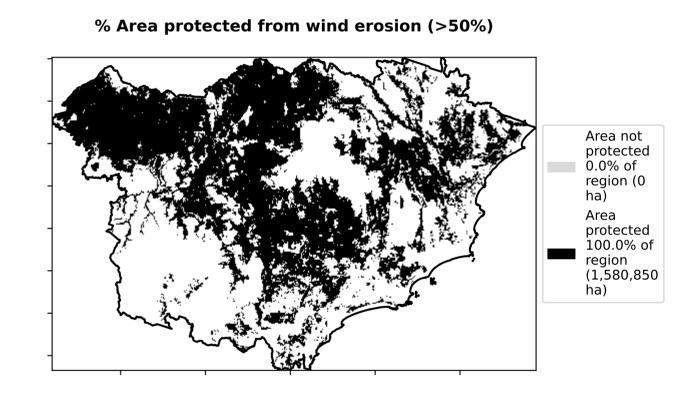


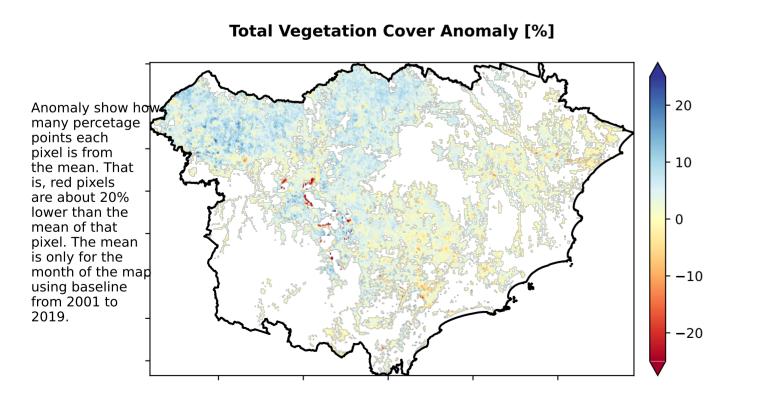




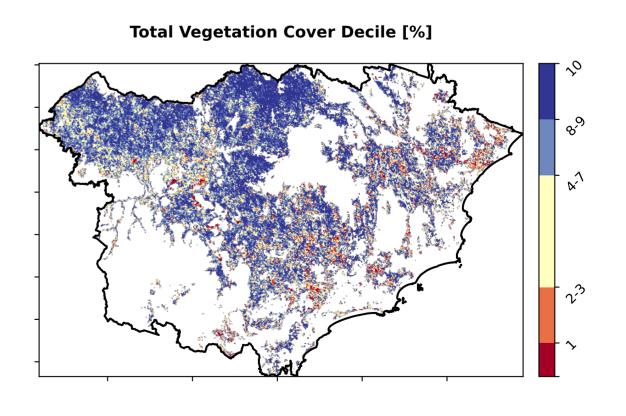








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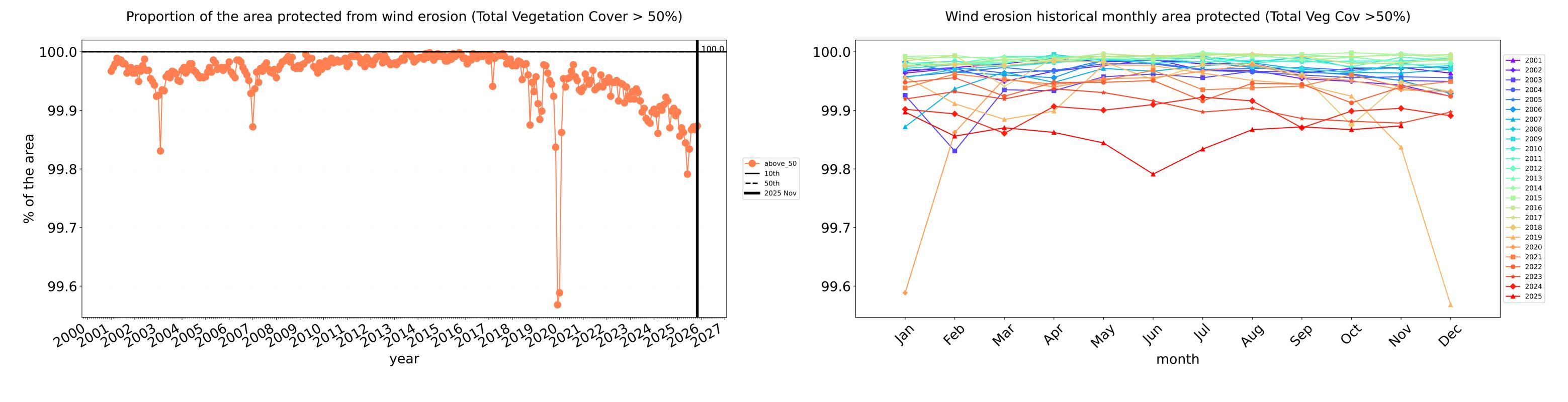


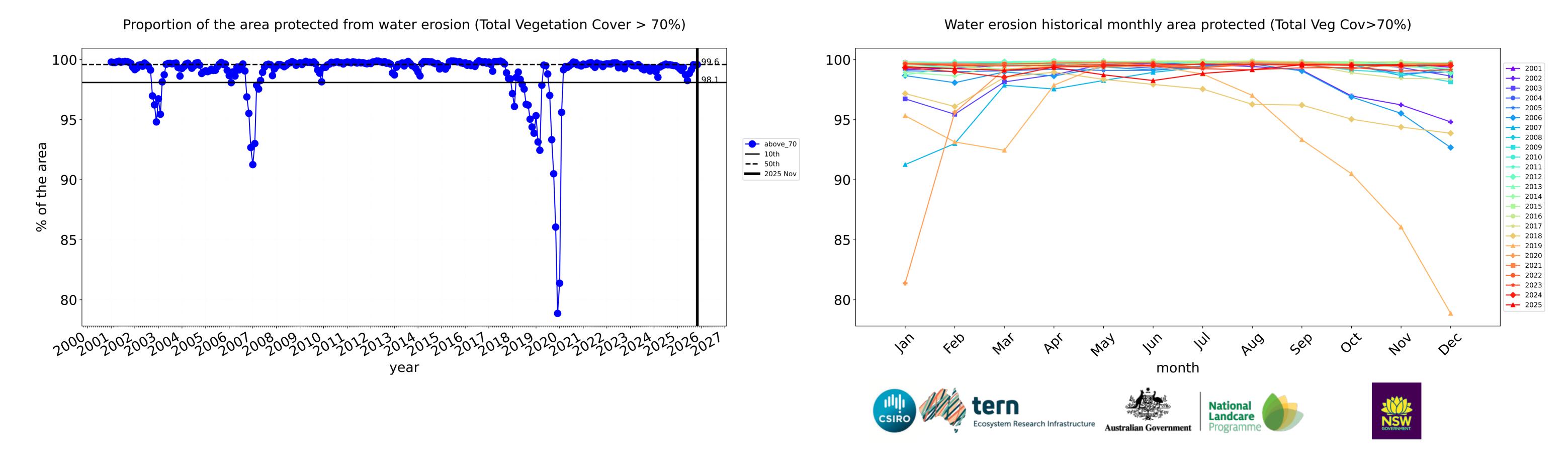


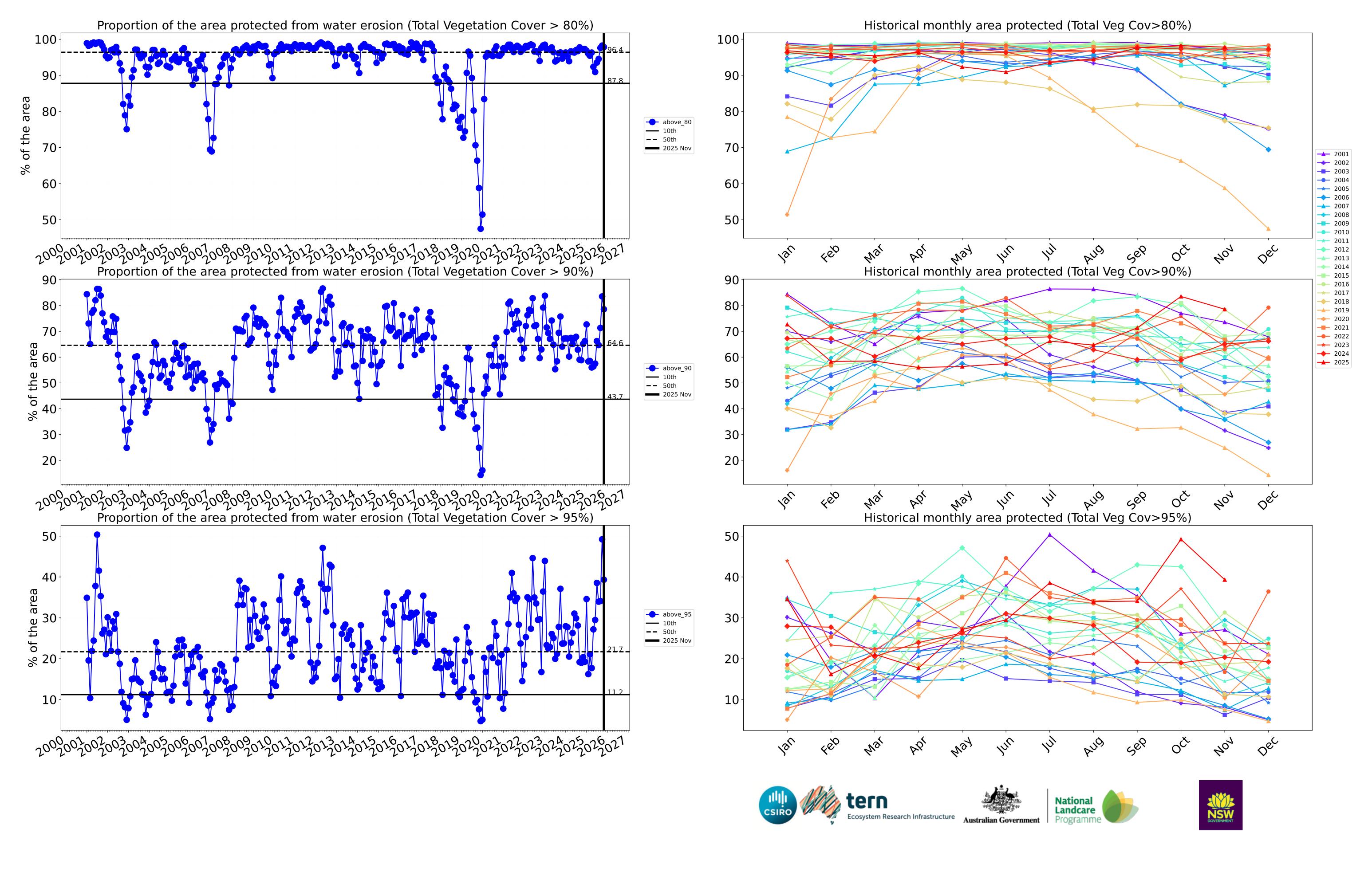




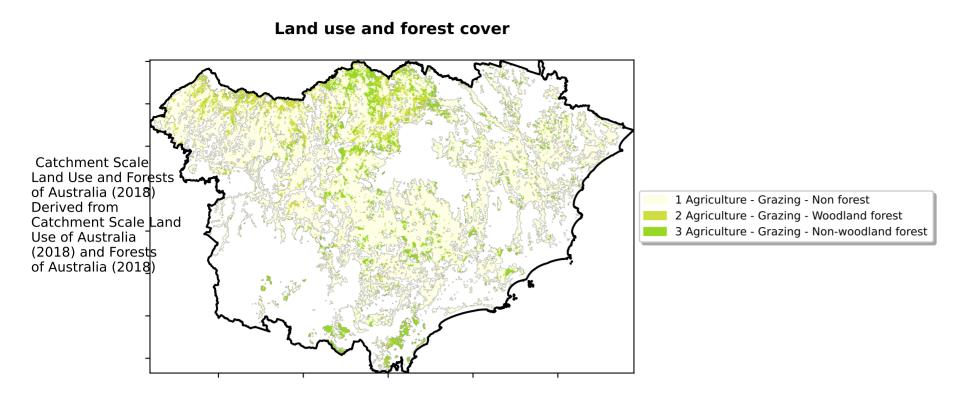
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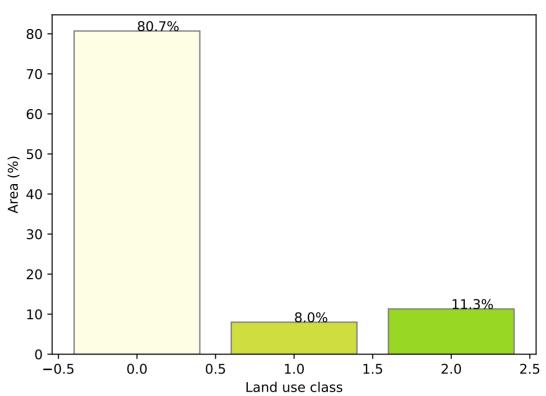




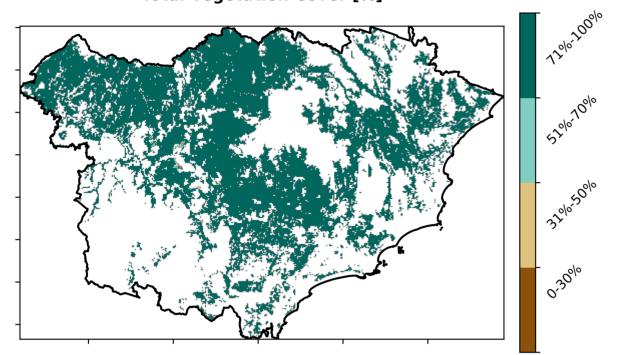
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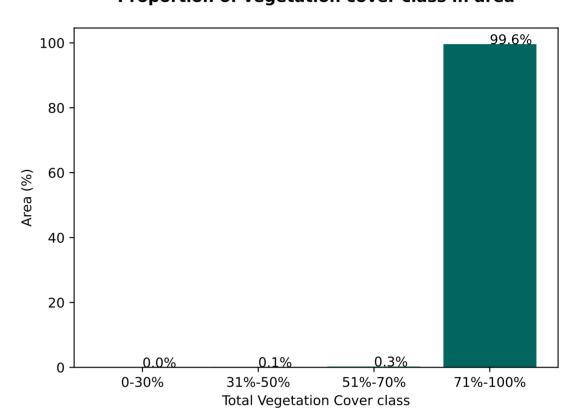
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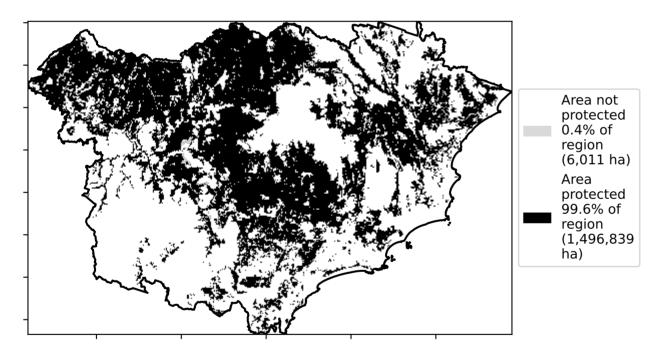




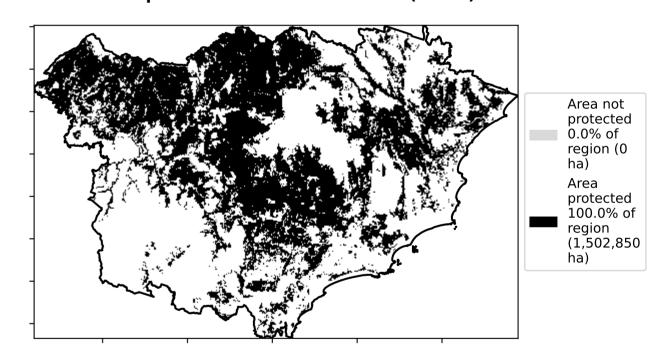
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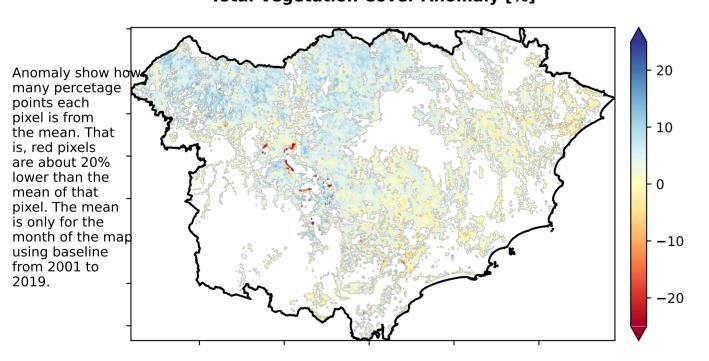
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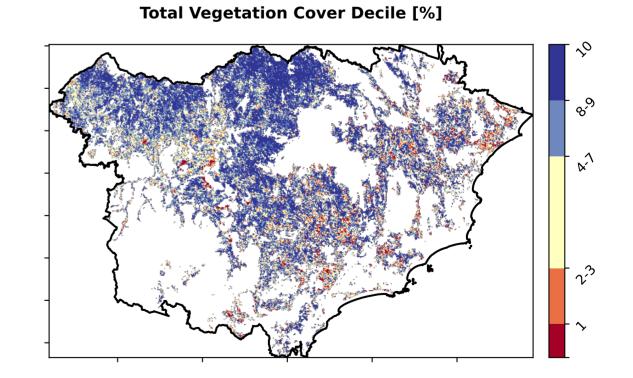
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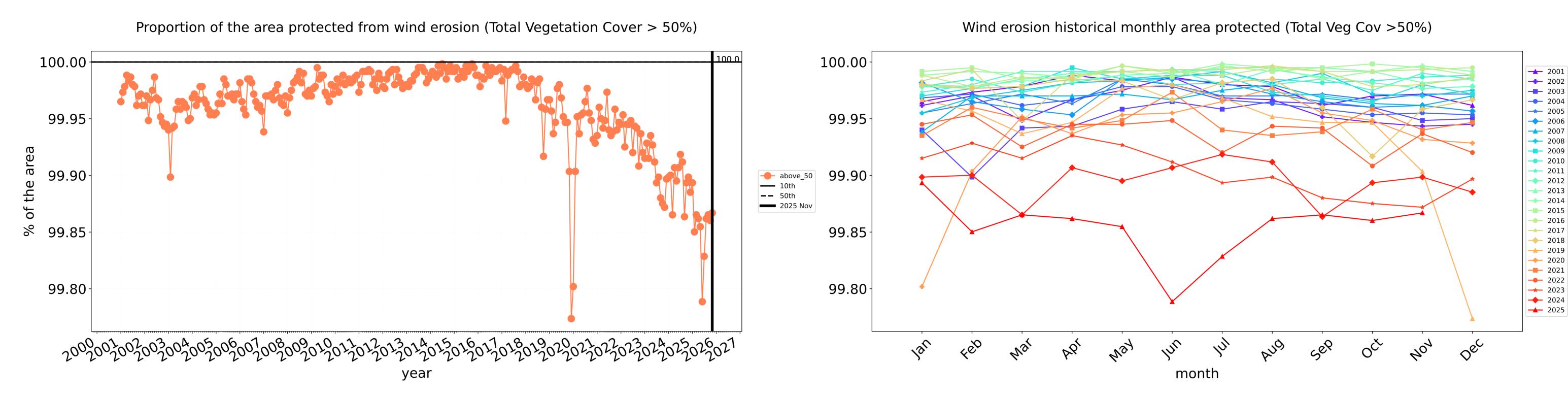


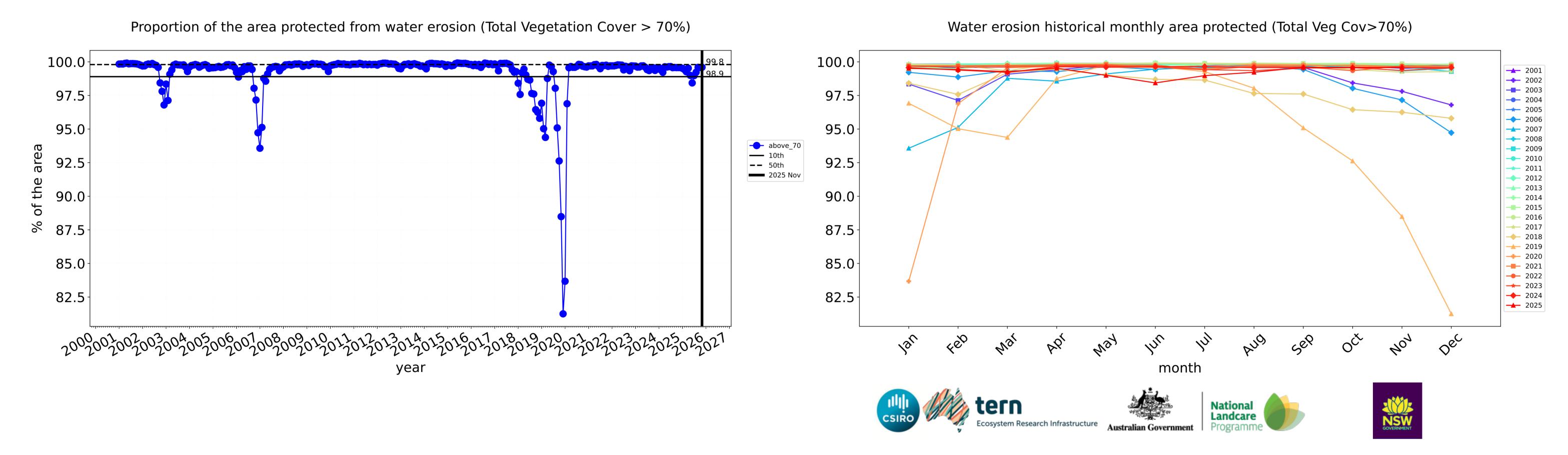


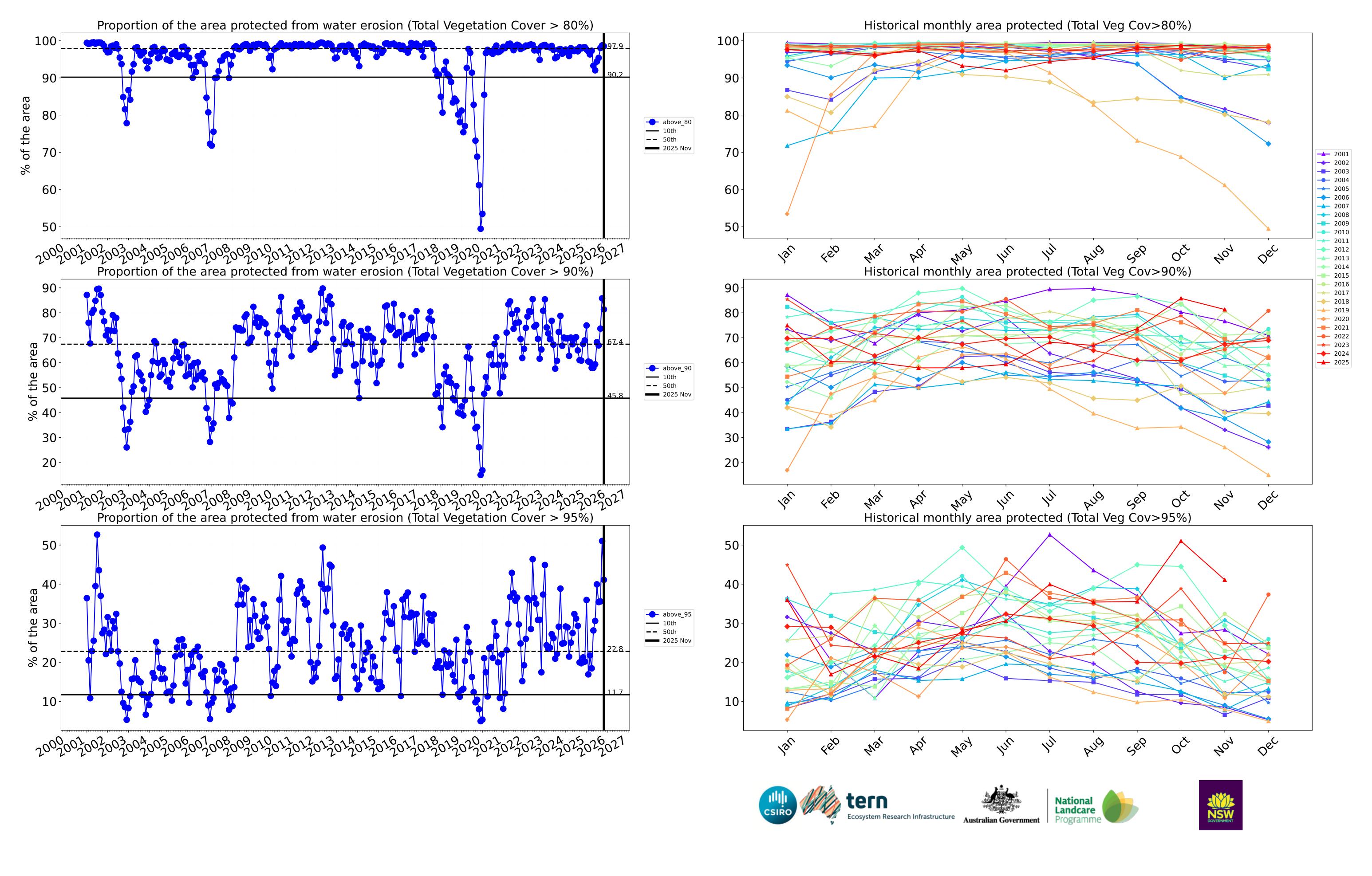




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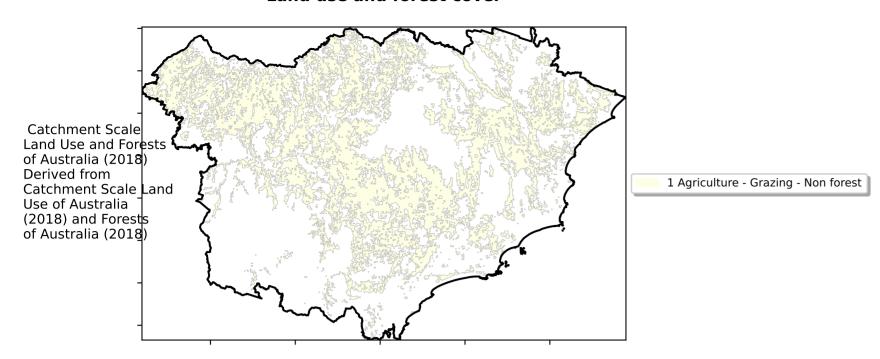




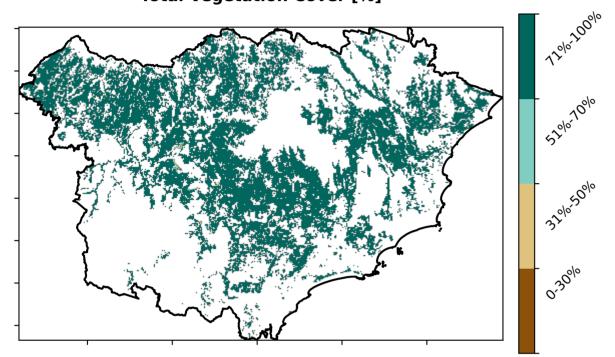


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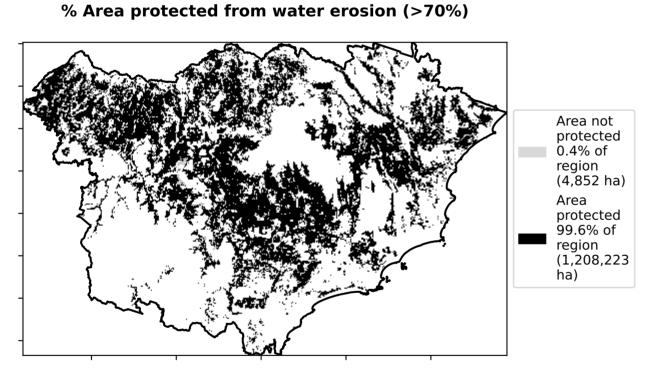
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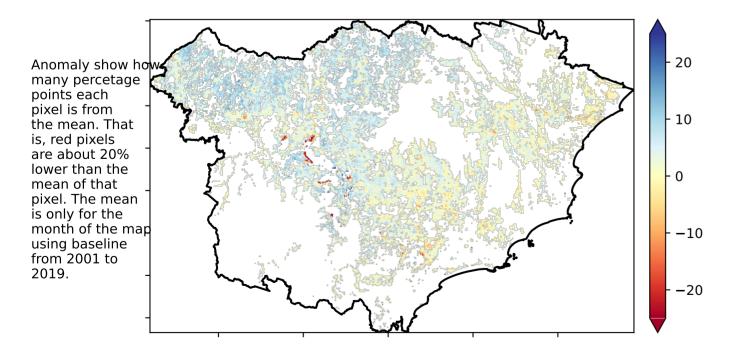
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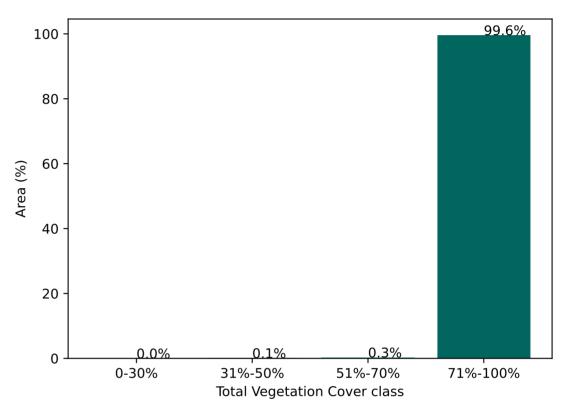


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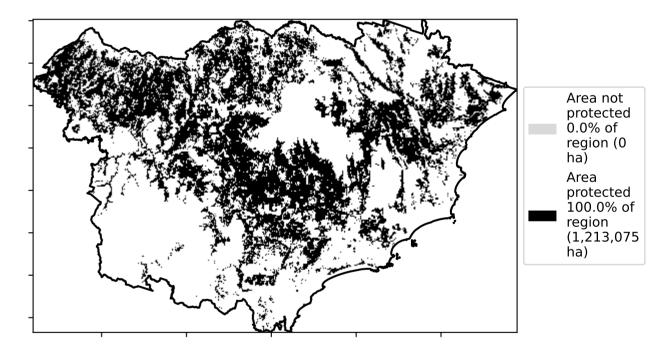


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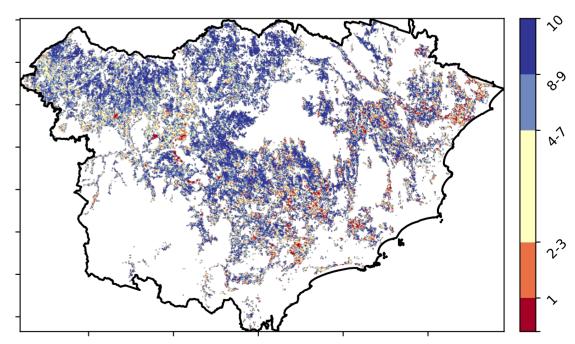
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



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



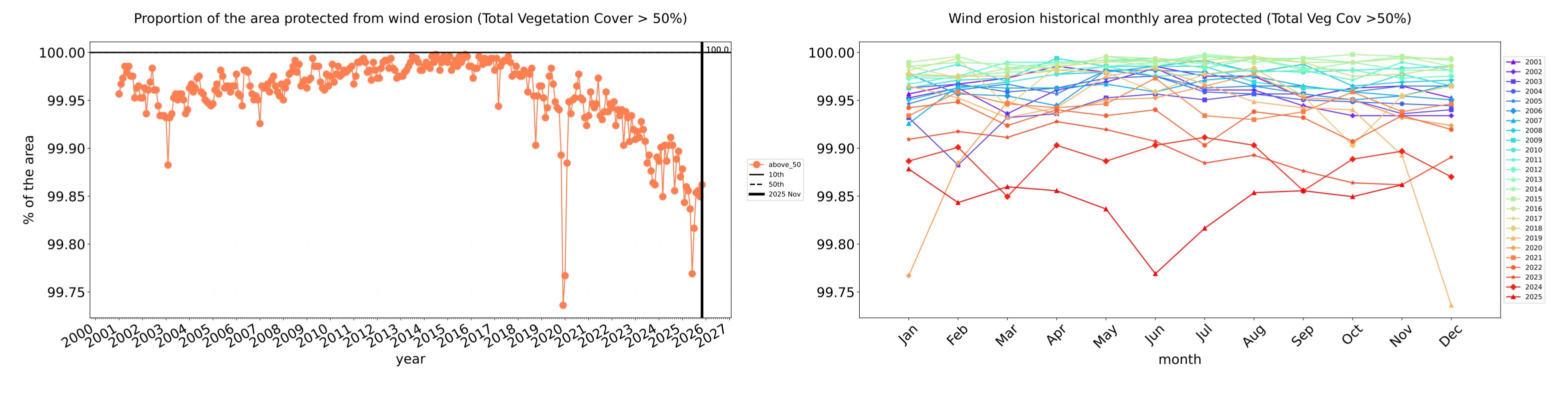


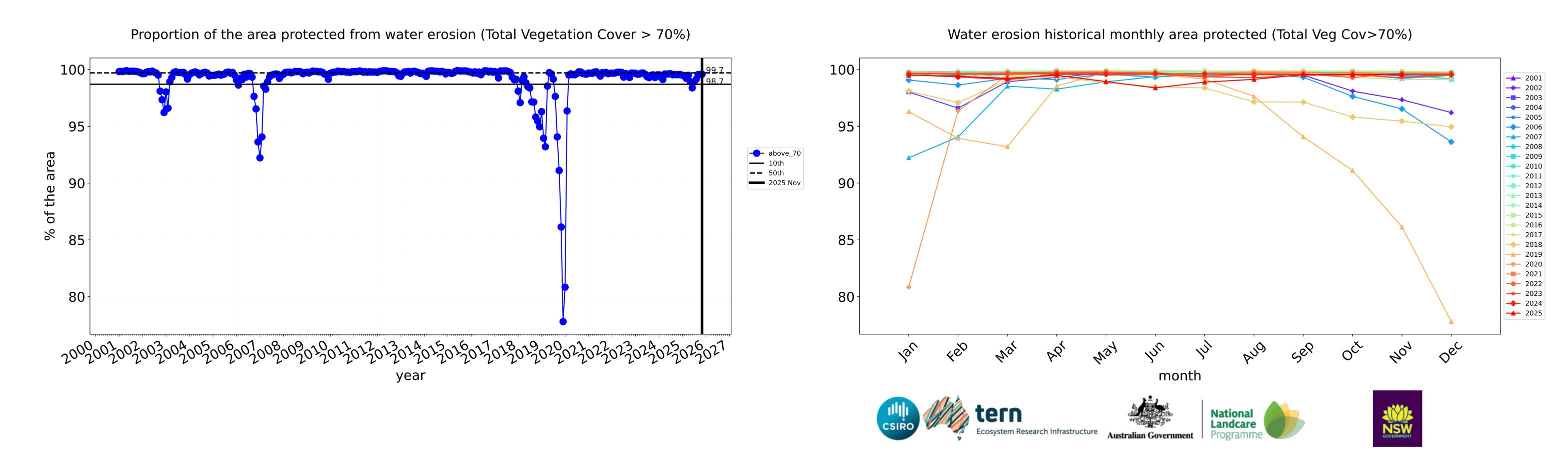


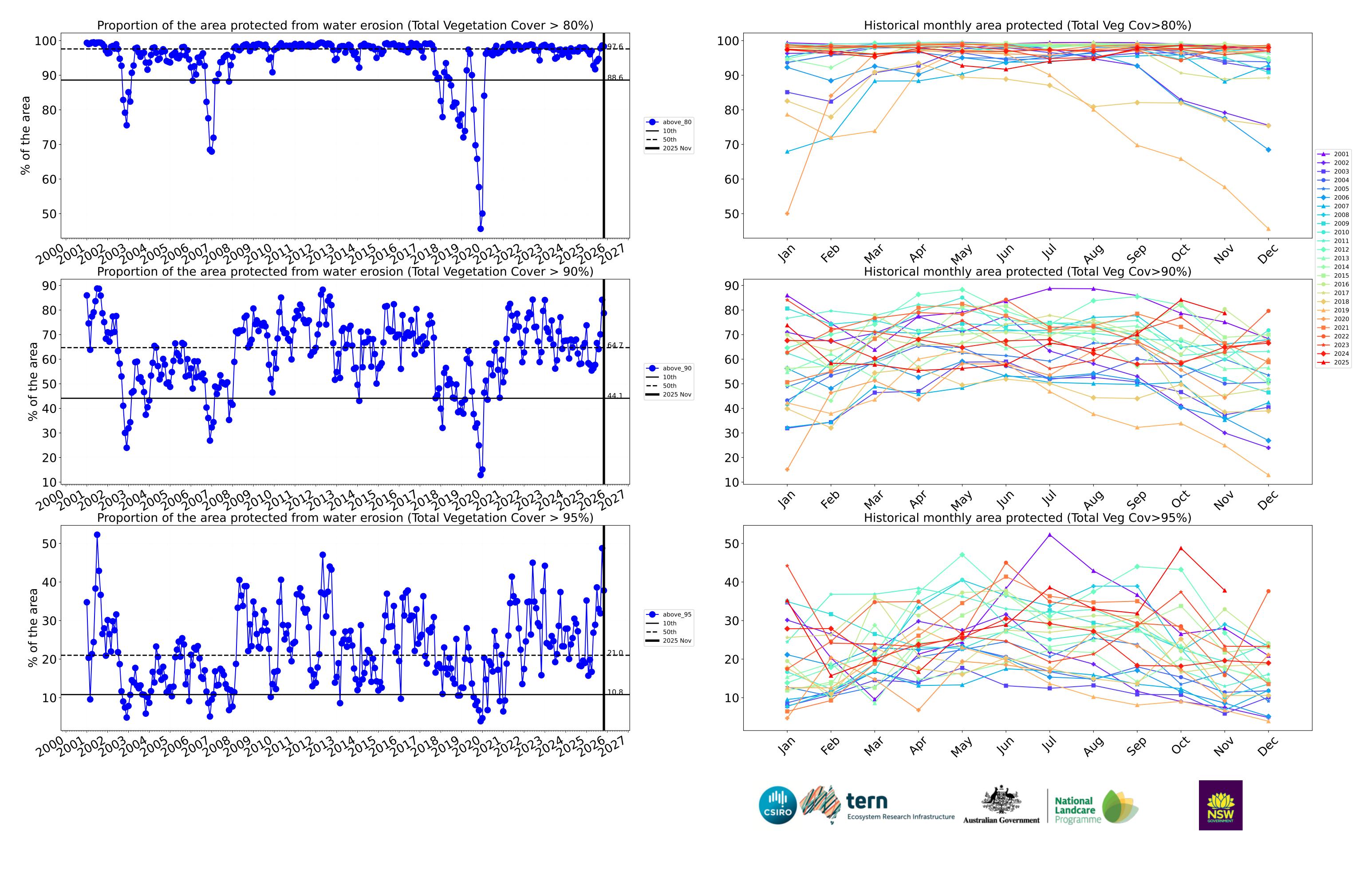




### **Grazing non forest timeseries**





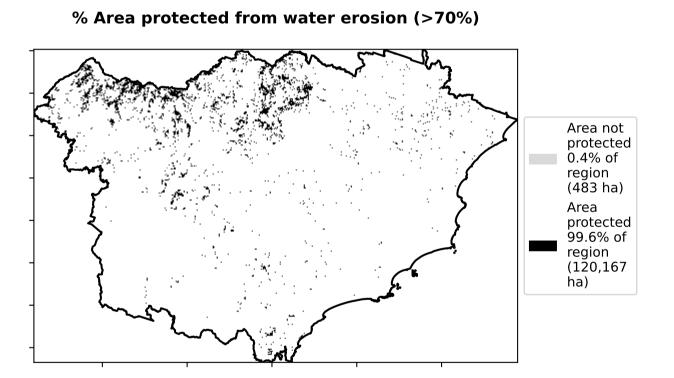


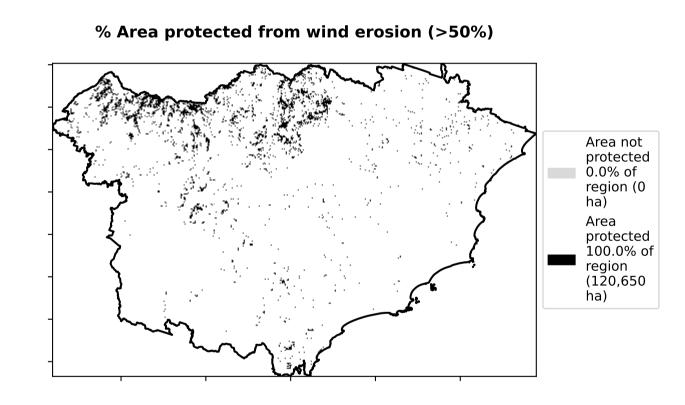
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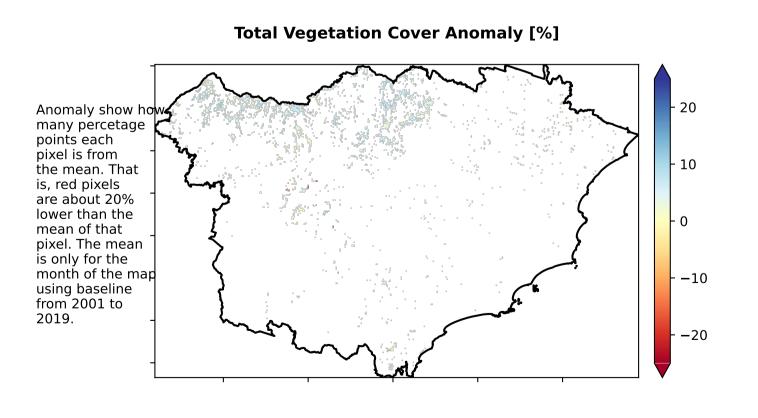
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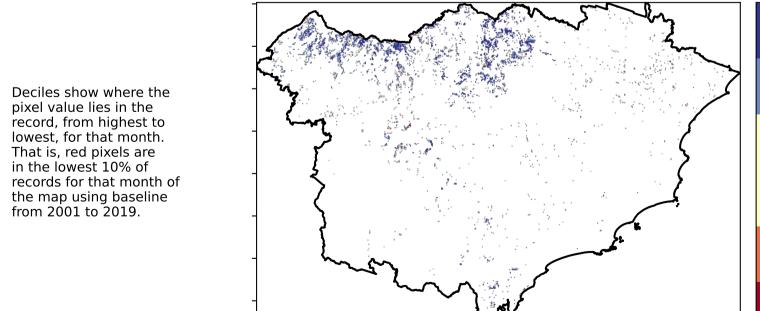




**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



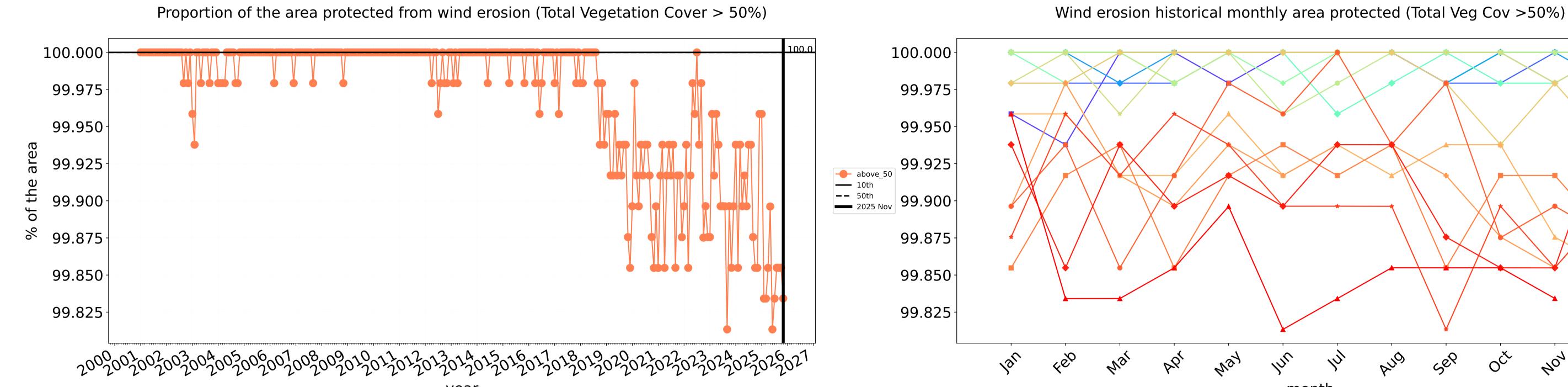


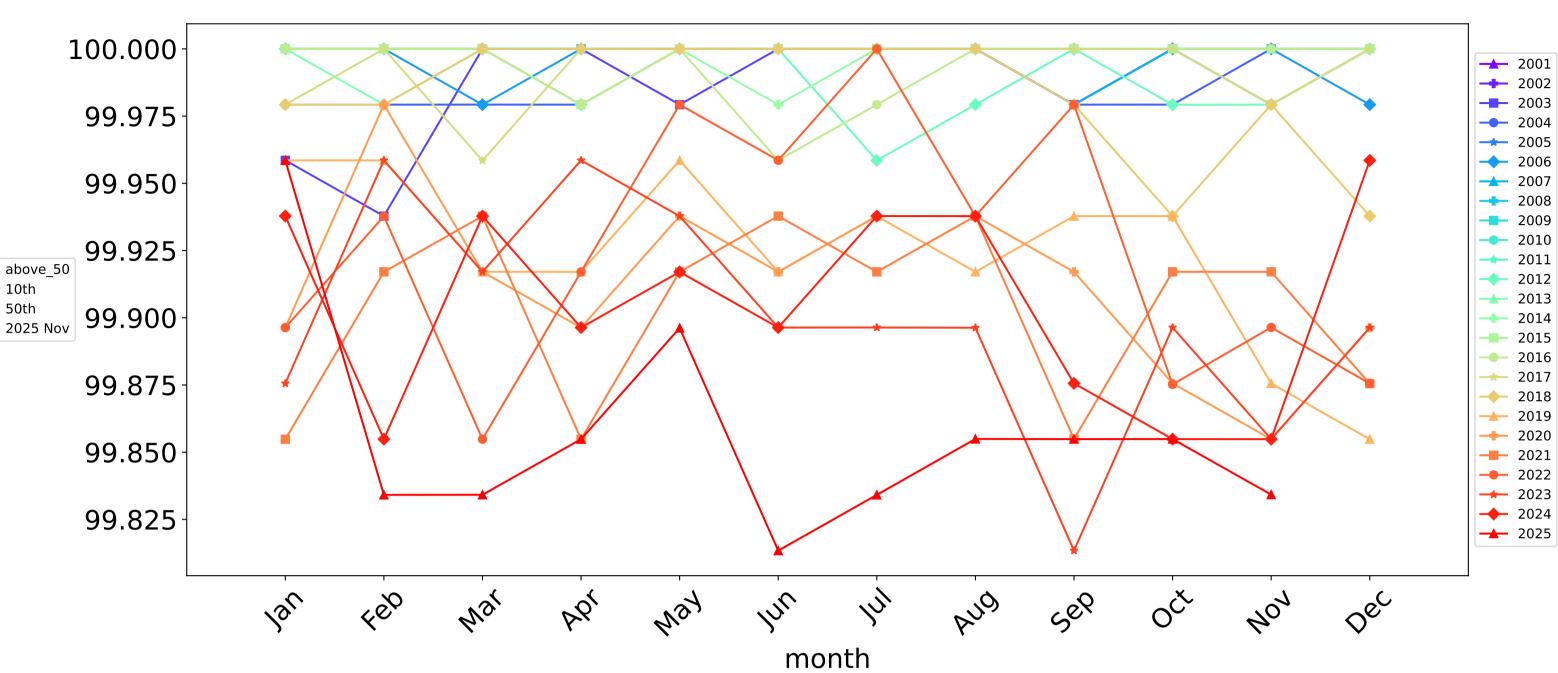


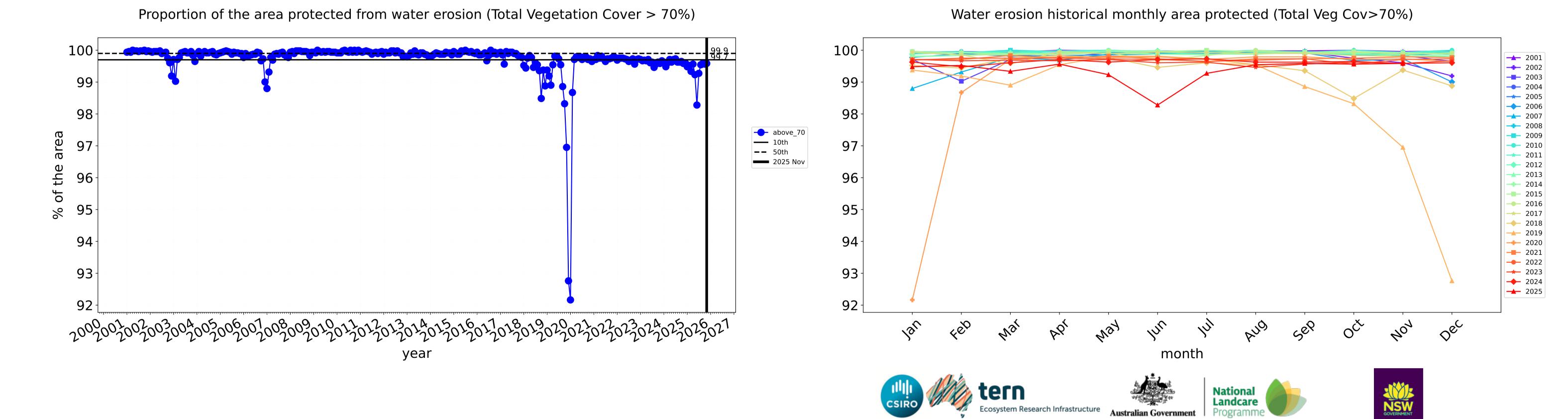


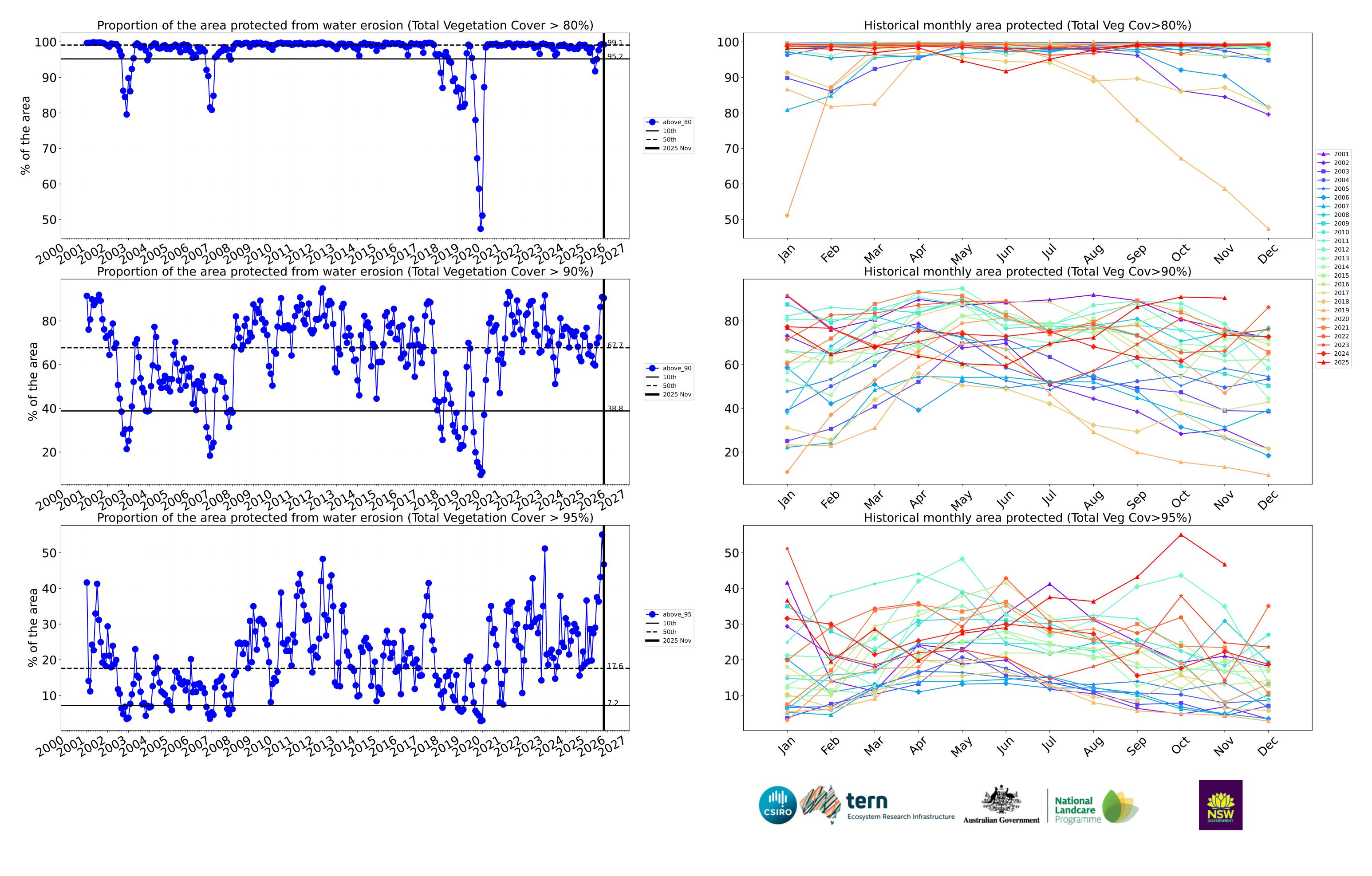


### **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**





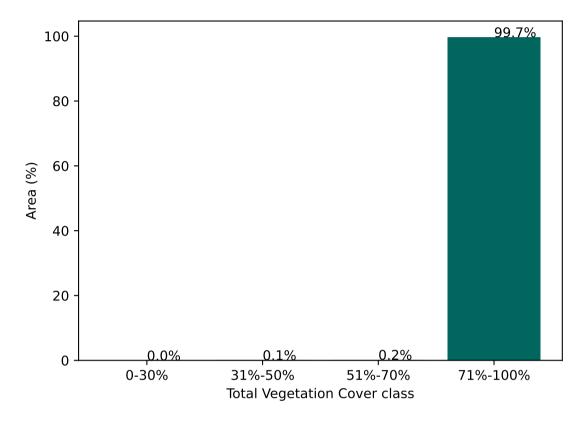




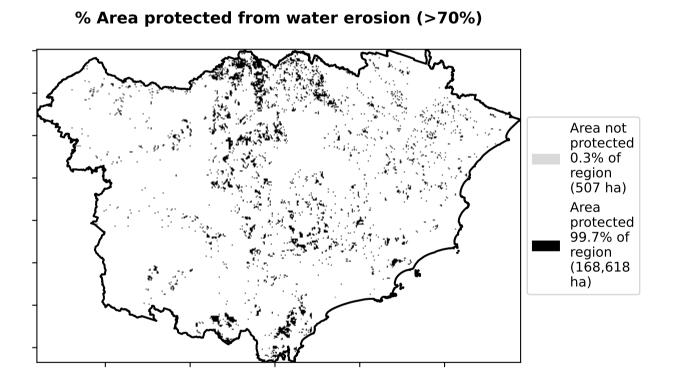
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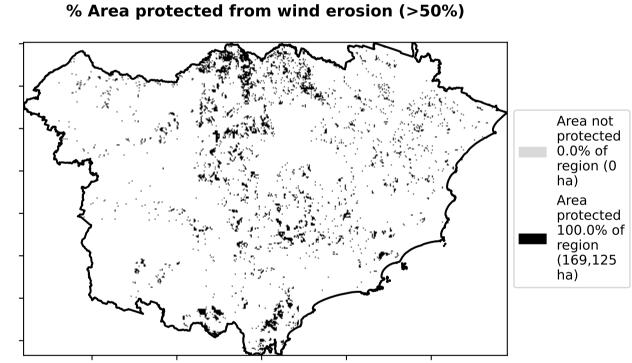
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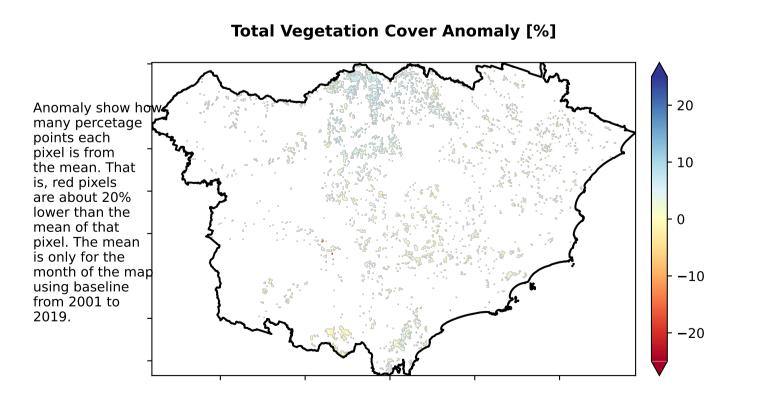
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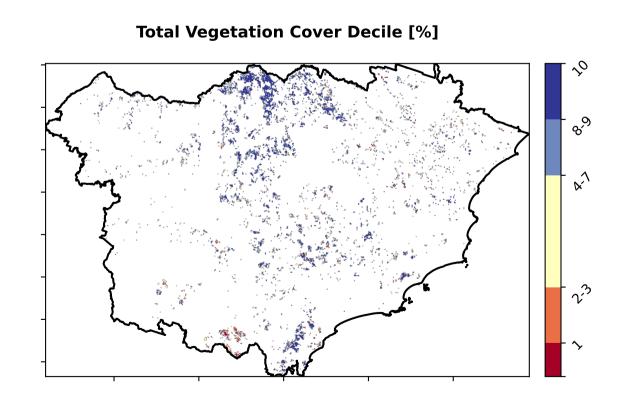
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 







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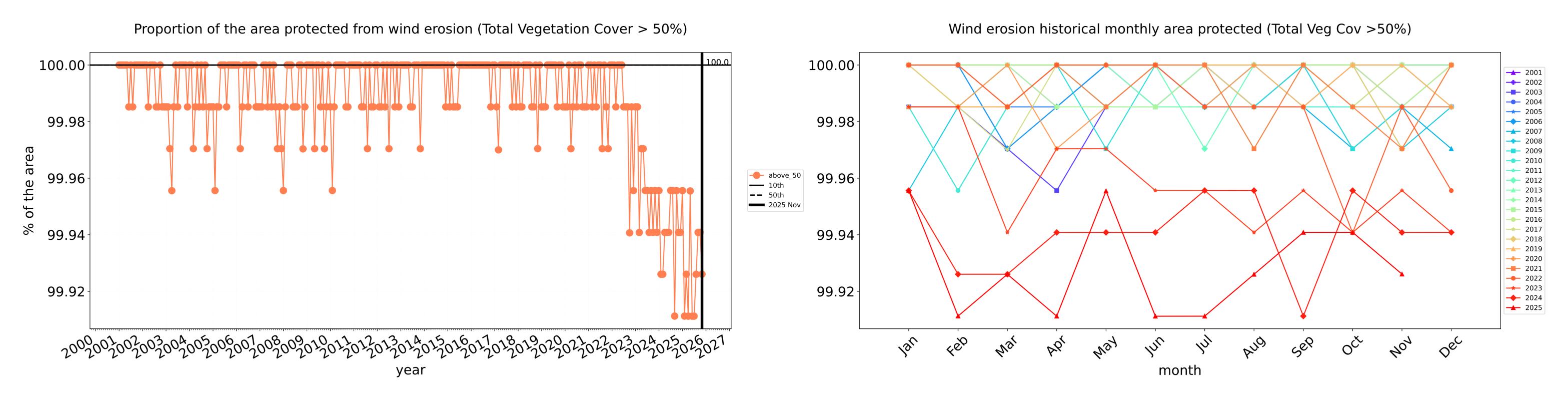


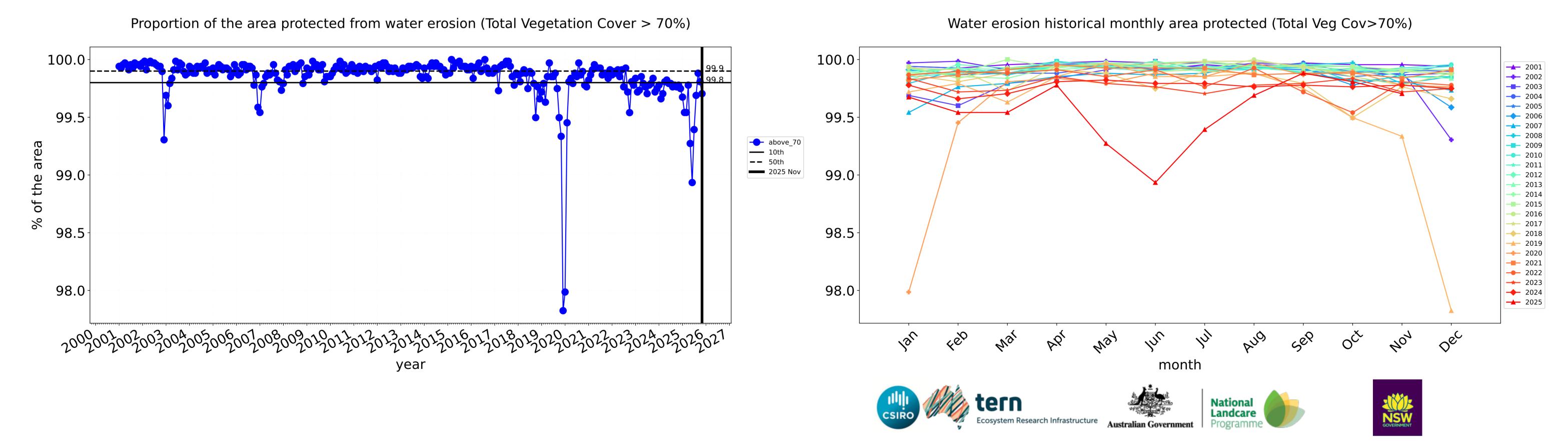


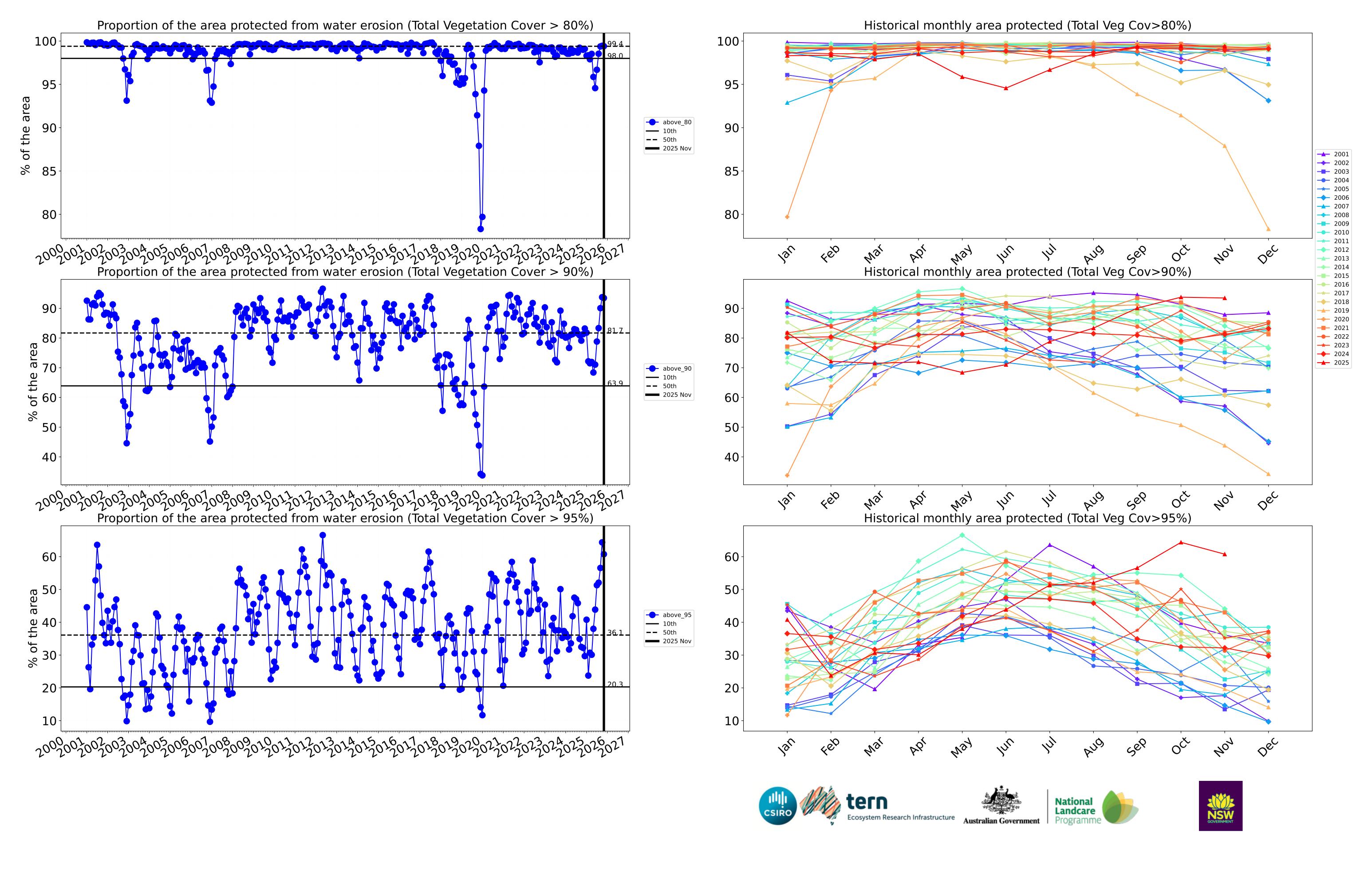






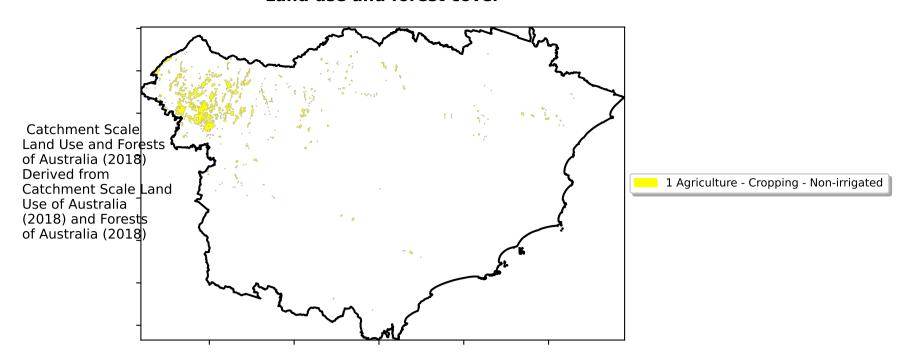




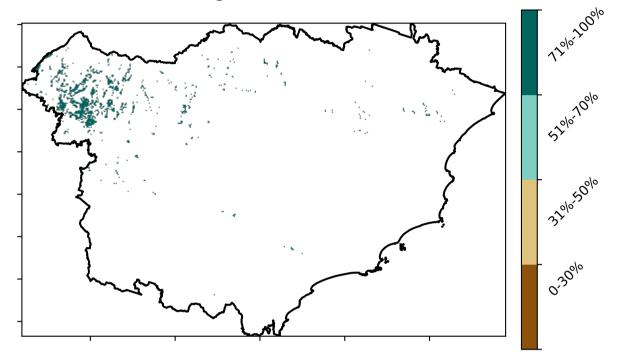


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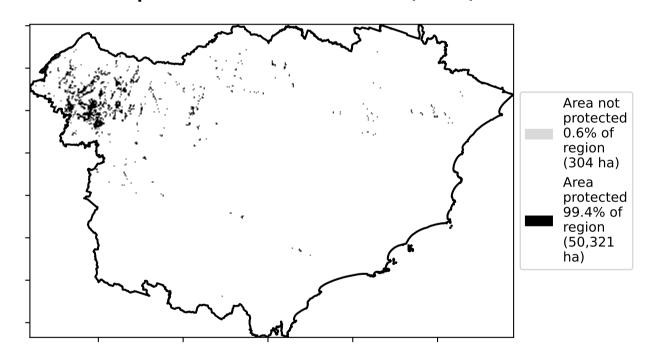
### Land use and forest cover



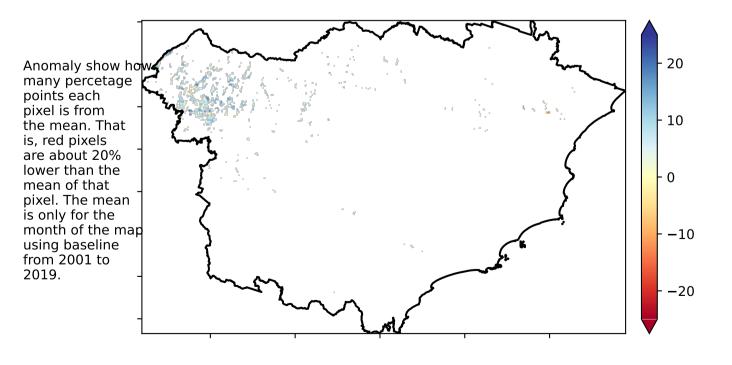
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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

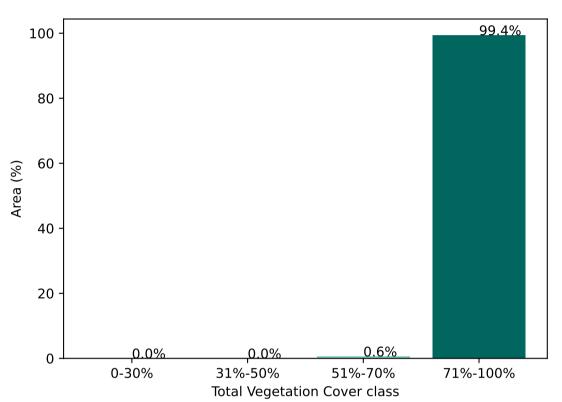


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

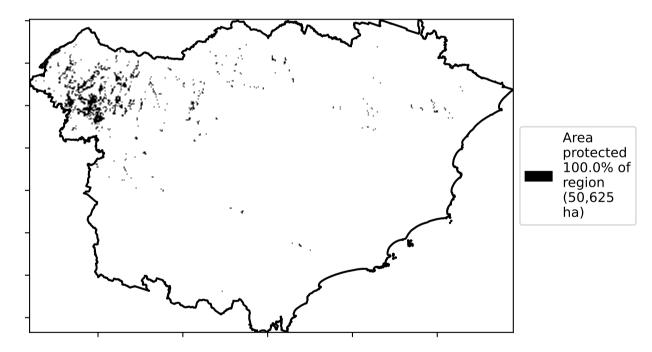


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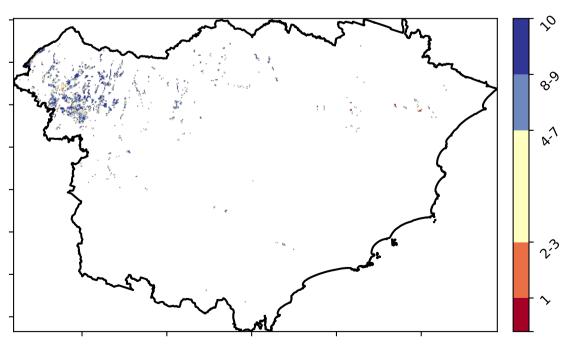
### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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



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





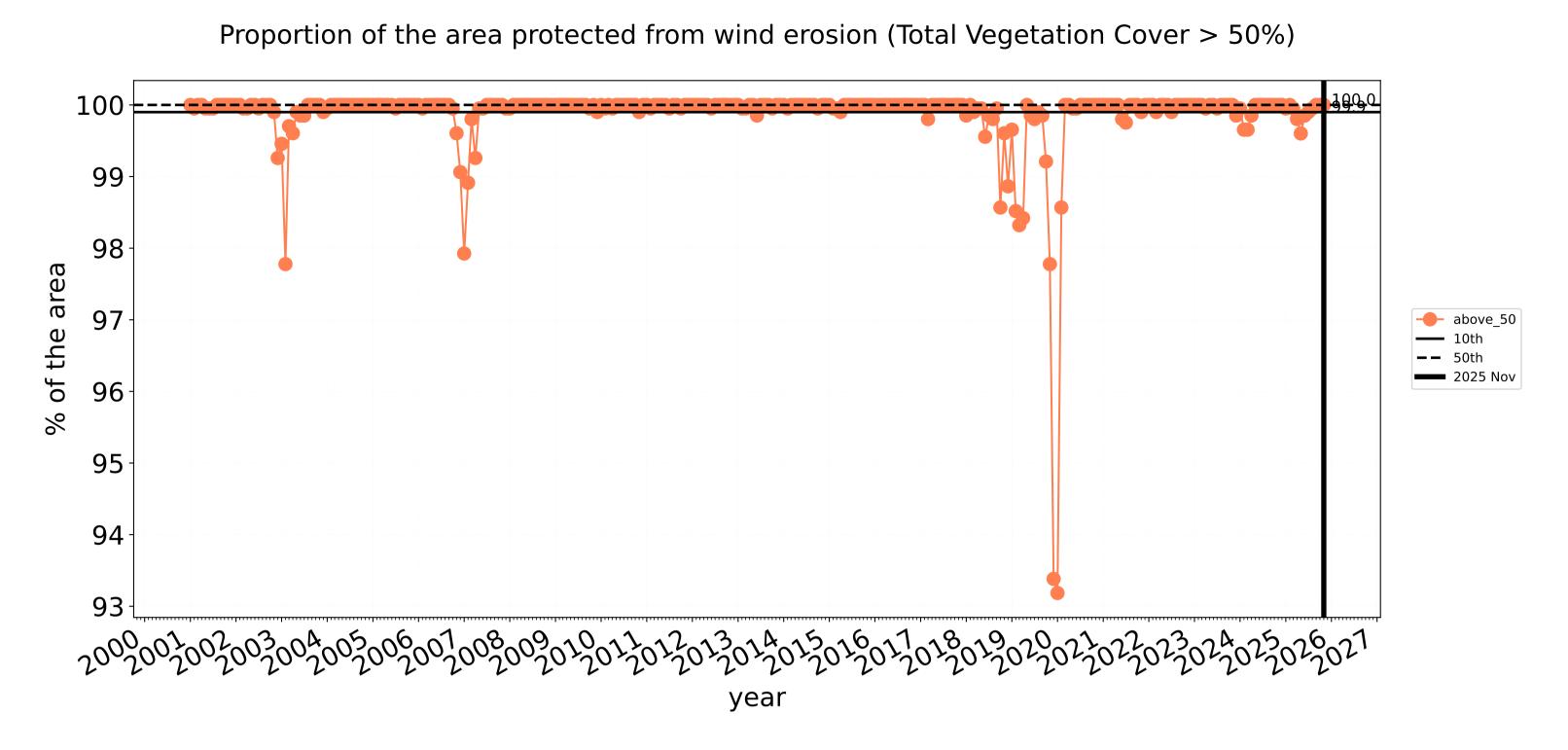


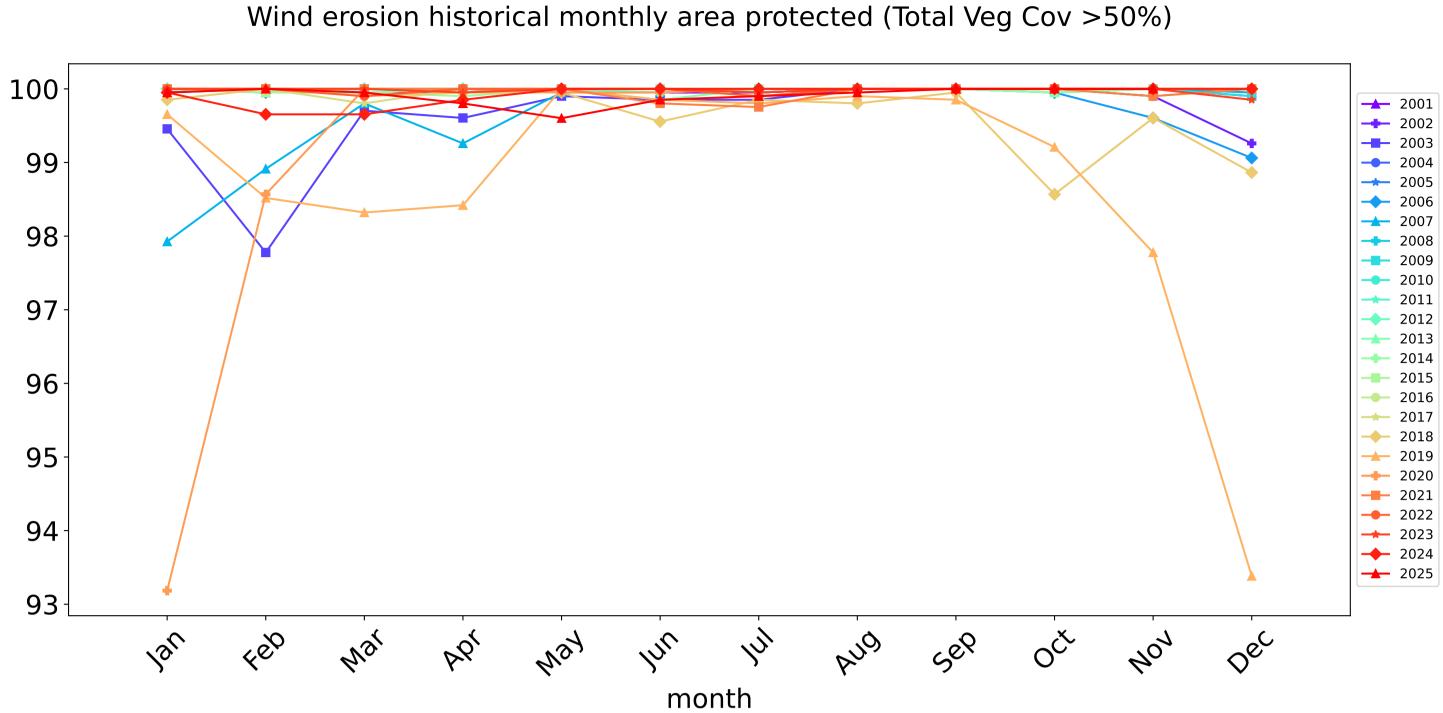


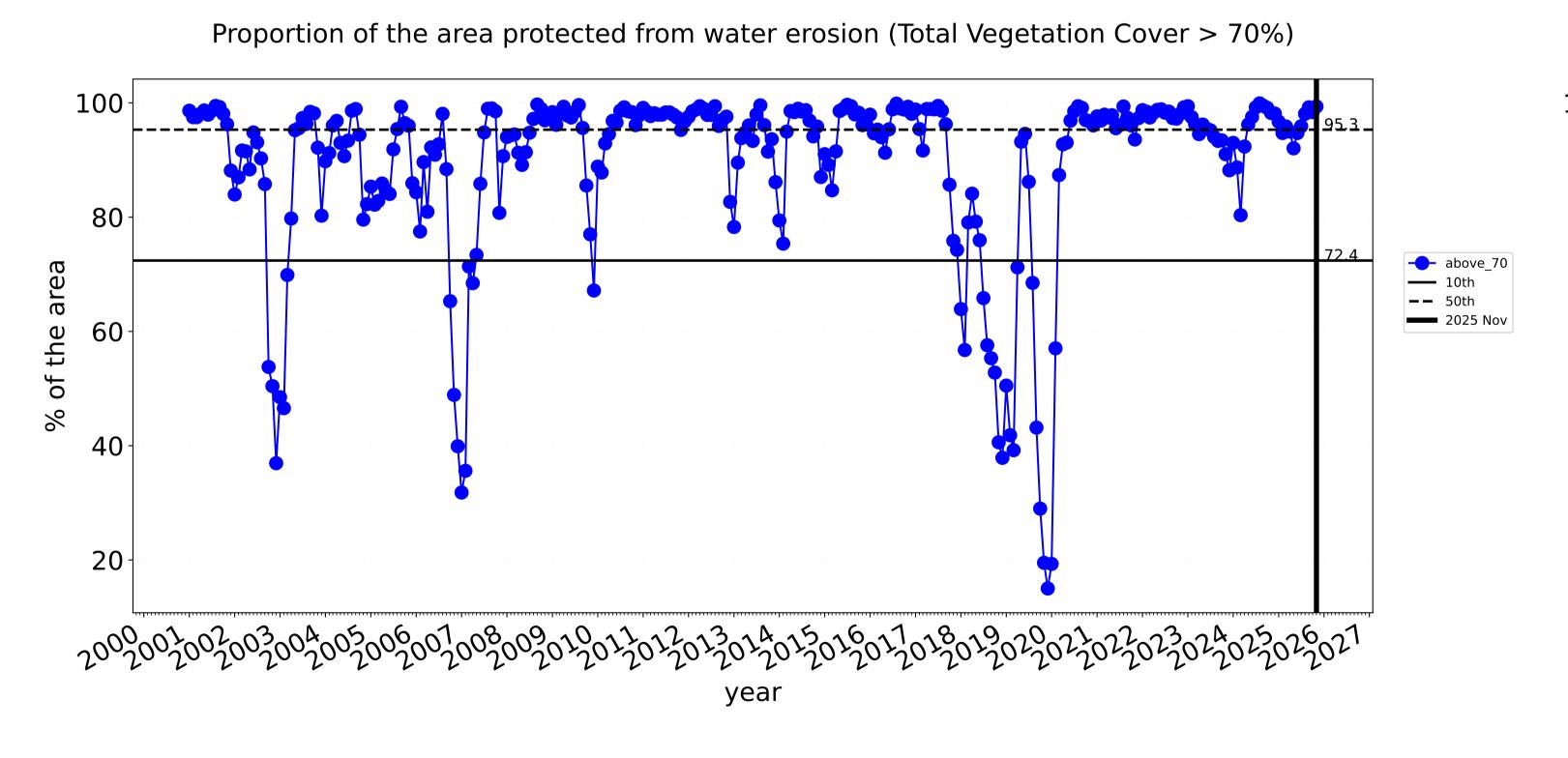


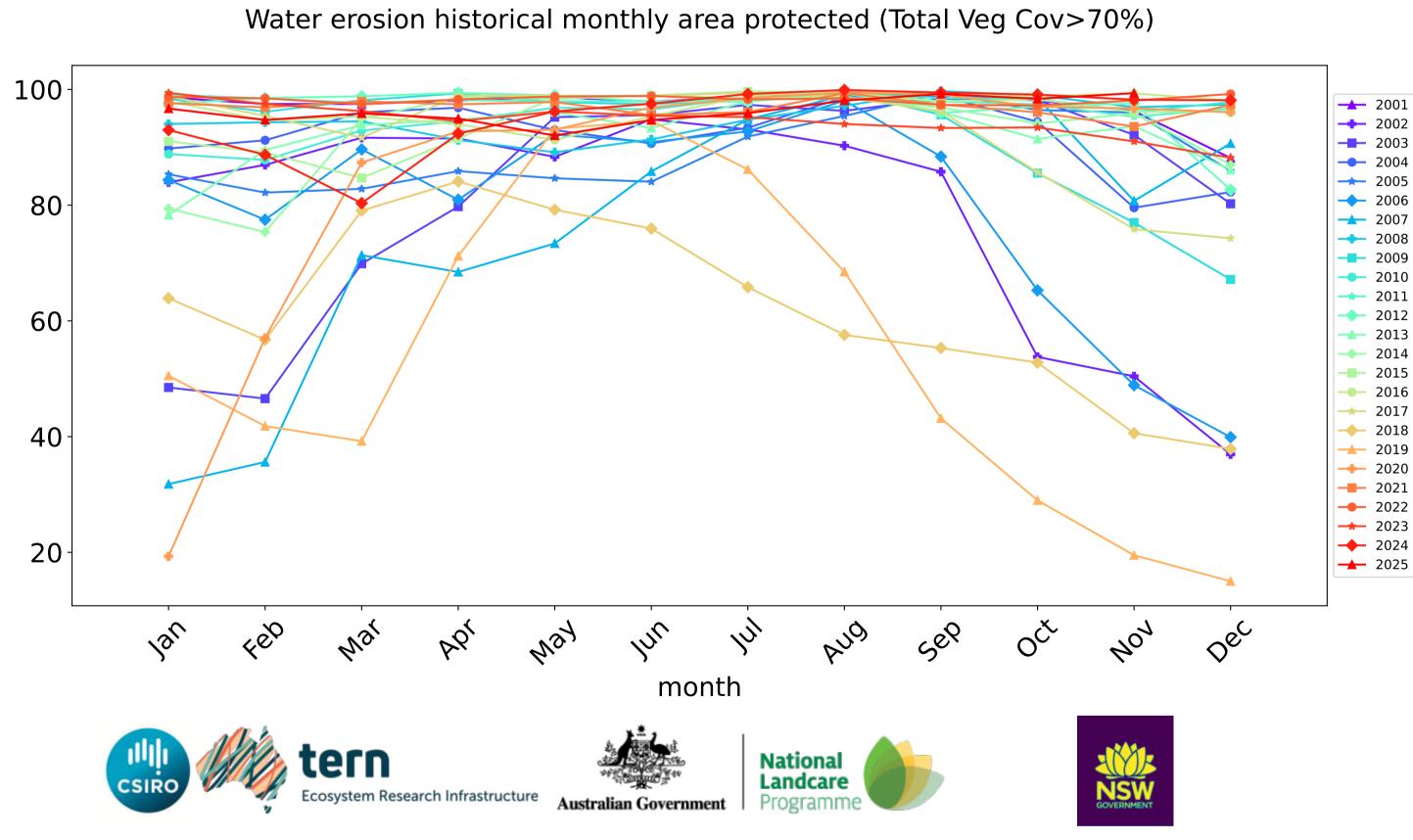


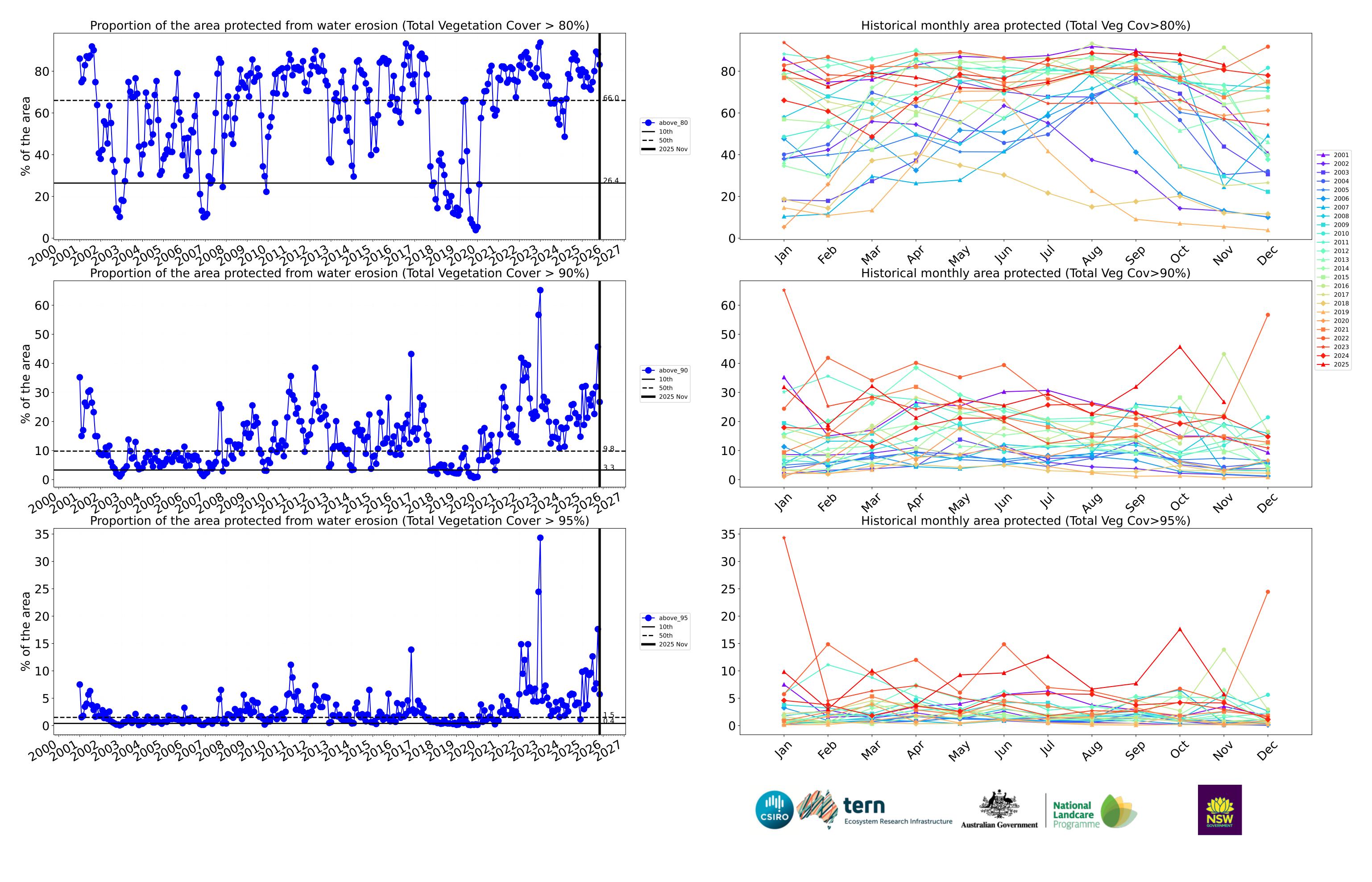
### **Cropping timeseries**









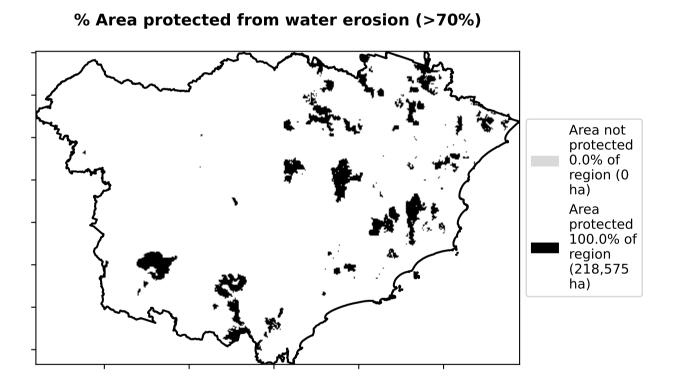


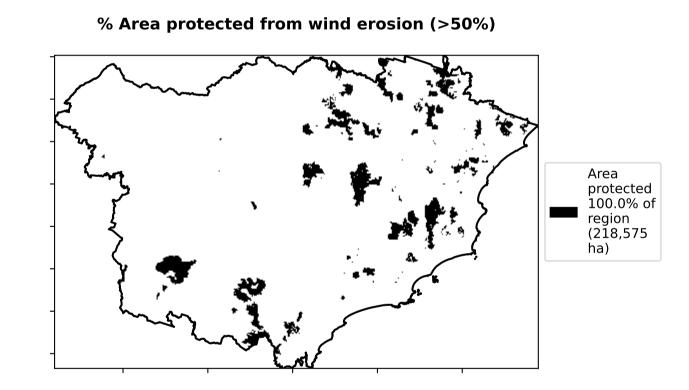
### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

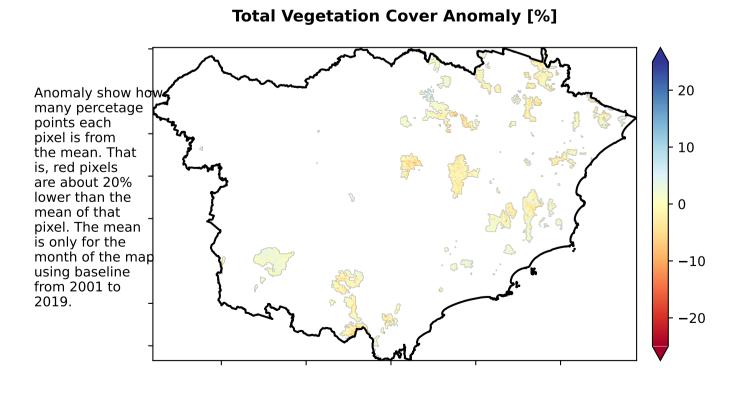
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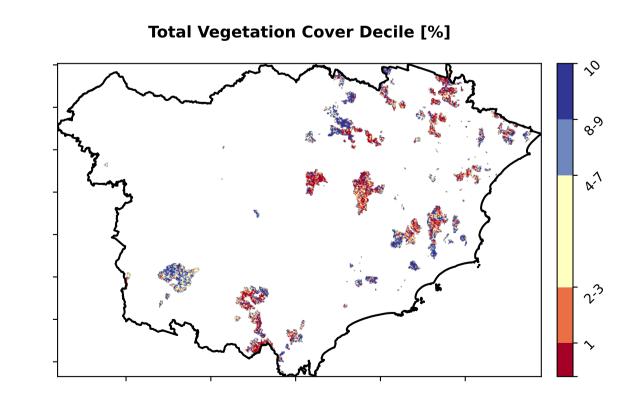
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]

# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 100 - 100.0% 80 - 100.0% 40 - 20 - 100.0% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class











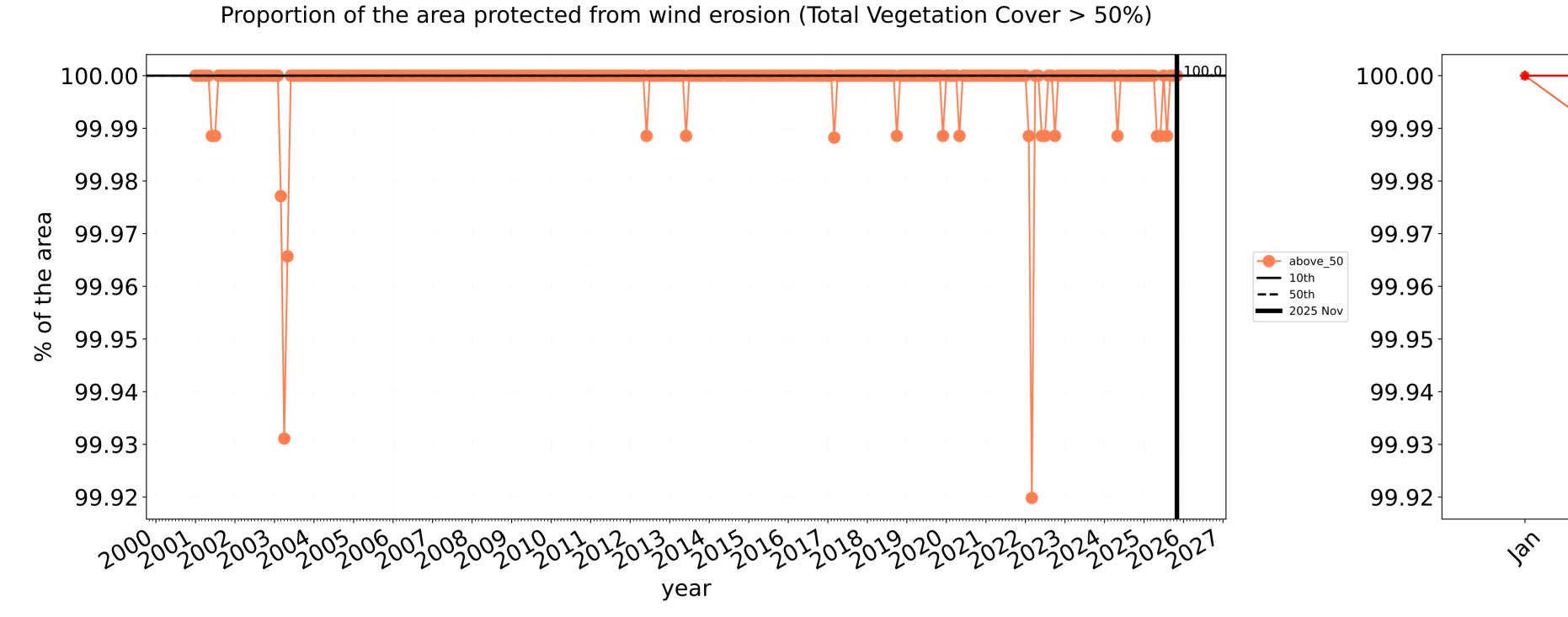
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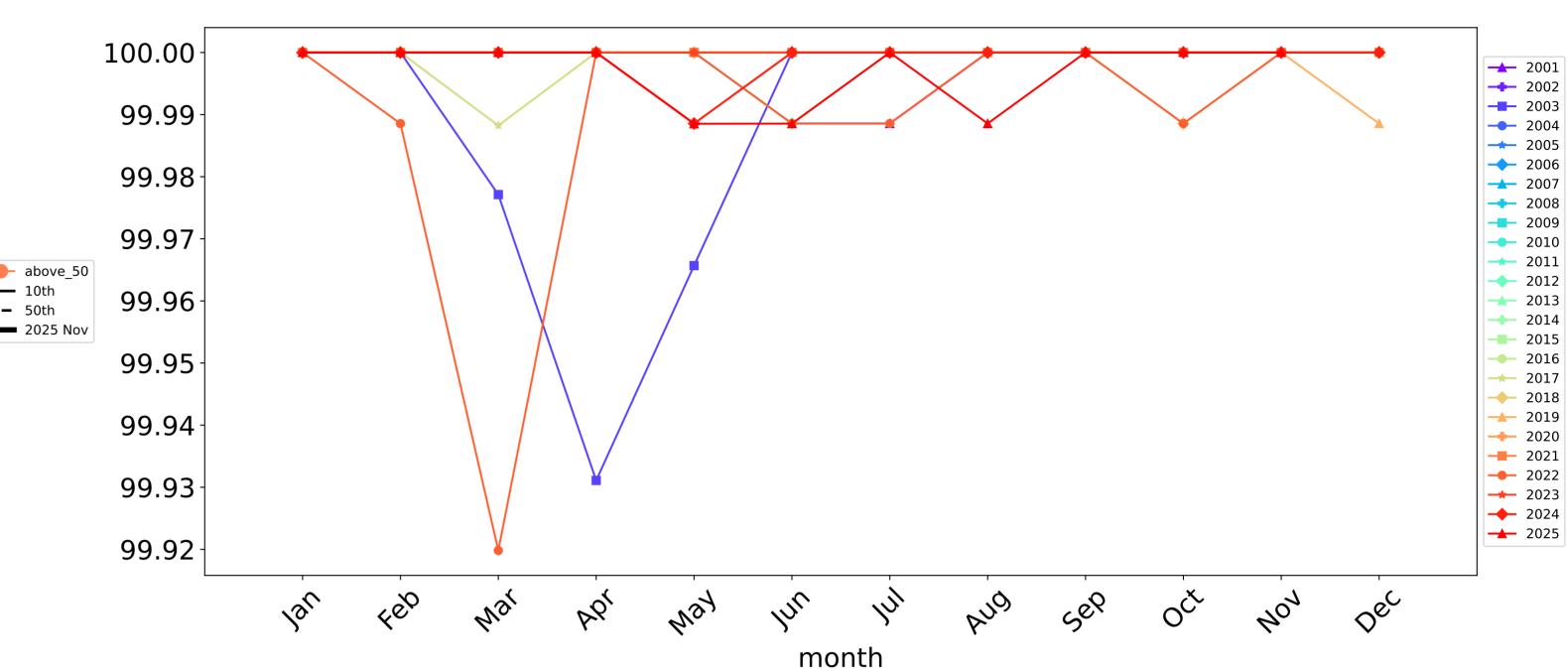
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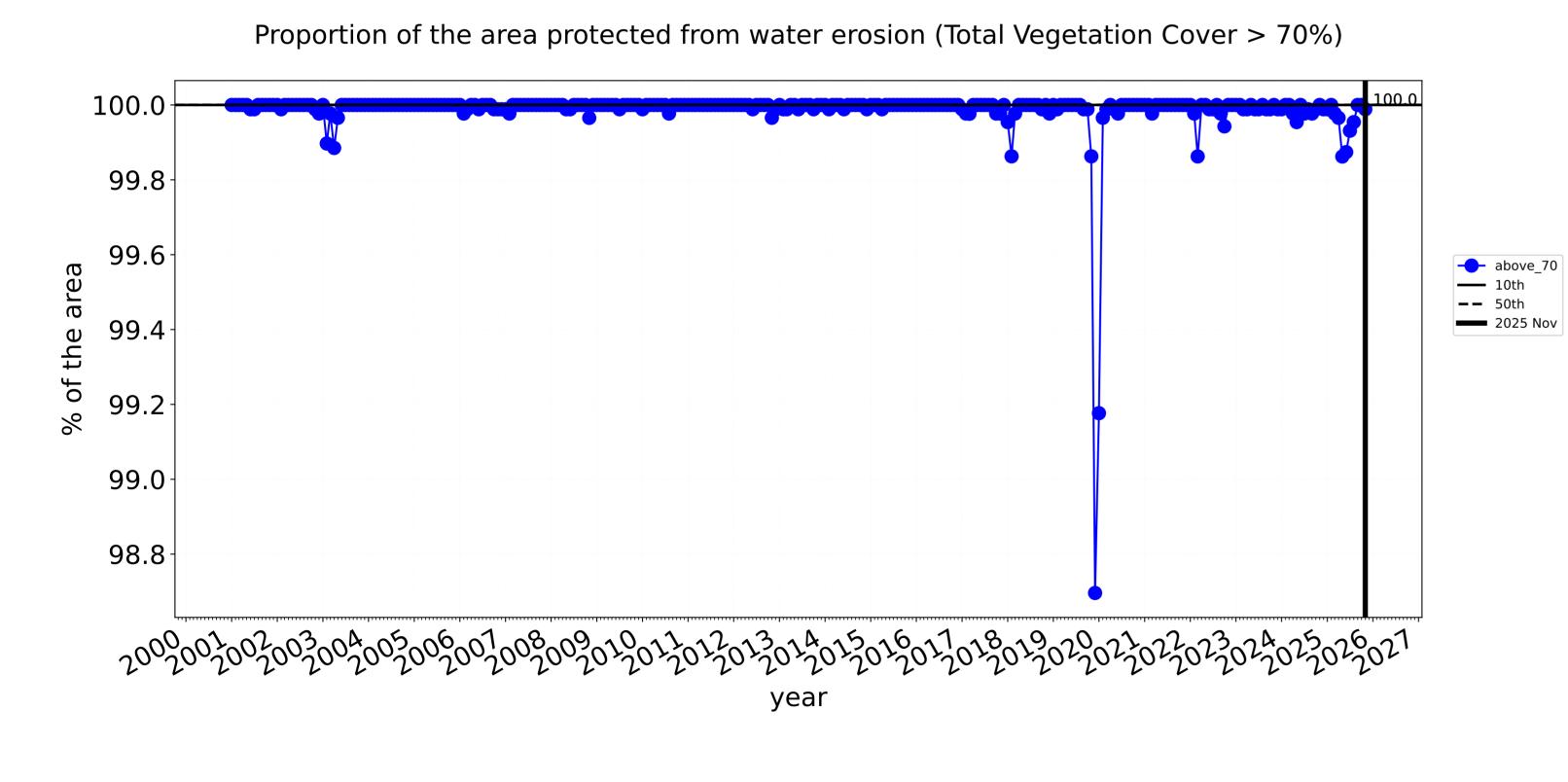


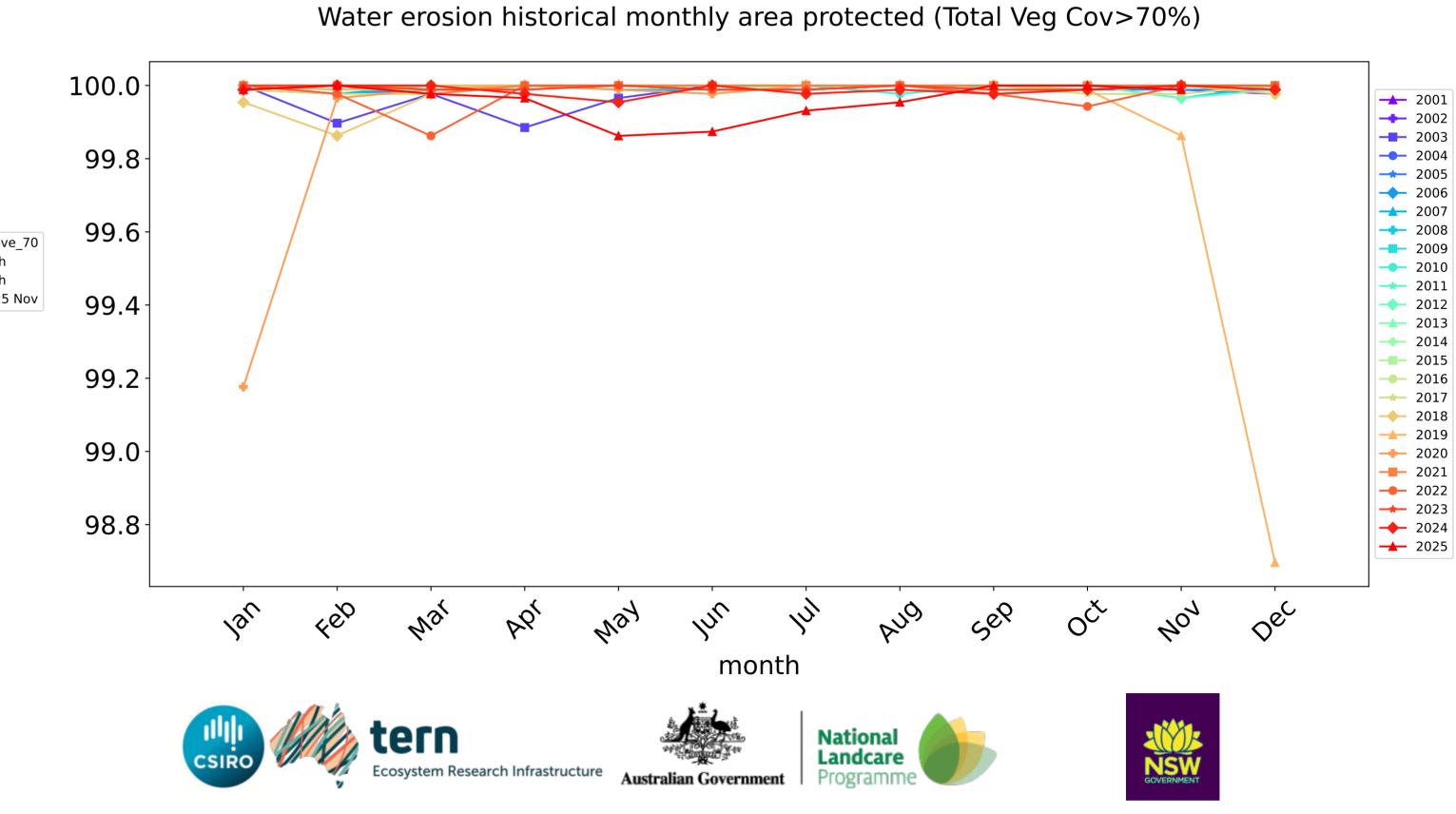
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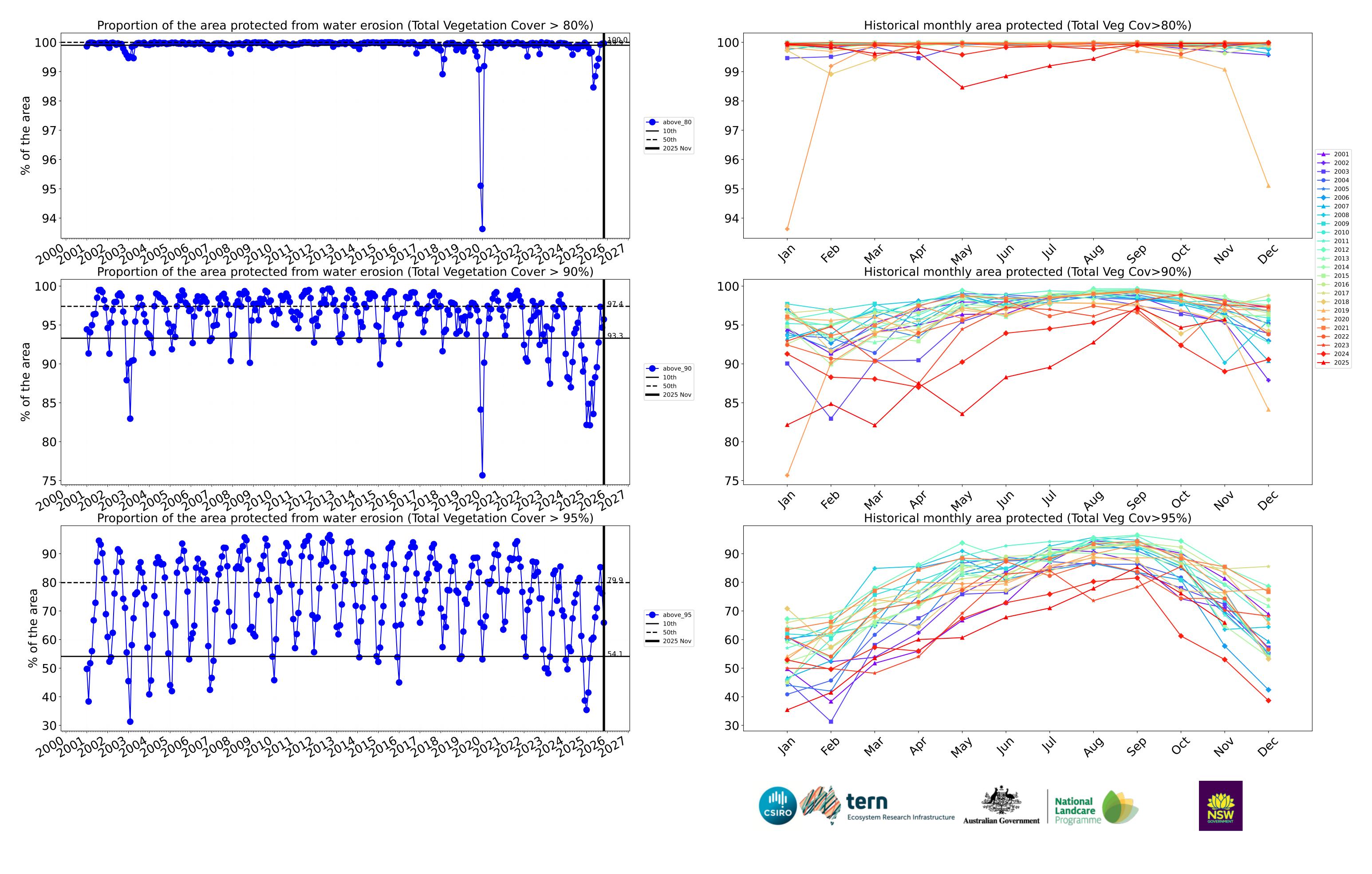




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







### Hunter (3,240,950 ha and no data 59,475 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	3,240,950	99.9% 3,236,125	99.6% 3,227,450	98.6% 3,194,475	96.6% 3,130,275	81.5% 2,642,825	45.6% 1,476,975
Conservation and natural environments	1,241,275	99.9% 1,240,200	99.8% 1,239,250	99.6% 1,236,525	99.3% 1,232,675	90.4% 1,122,450	55.2% 685,775
Conservation and natural environments non forest	30,150	96.4% 29,075	94.5% 28,500	89.6% 27,025	85.3% 25,725	72.9% 21,975	41.1% 12,400
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	138,775	100.0% 138,775	99.9% 138,675	99.8% 138,525	99.5% 138,125	85.9% 119,200	39.0% 54,175
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,072,350	100.0% 1,072,350	100.0% 1,072,075	99.9% 1,070,975	99.7% 1,068,825	91.5% 981,275	57.7% 619,200
Agriculture	1,580,850	100.0% 1,580,300	99.9% 1,578,850	99.6% 1,574,375	97.8% 1,546,500	78.6% 1,242,175	39.3% 621,675
Grazing	1,502,850	100.0% 1,502,300	99.9% 1,500,850	99.6% 1,496,800	98.5% 1,480,525	81.3% 1,222,175	41.1% 617,650
Grazing non forest	1,213,075	100.0% 1,212,575	99.9% 1,211,400	99.6% 1,208,025	98.3% 1,192,675	78.7% 955,000	37.8% 458,550
Grazing Woodland forest	120,650	100.0% 120,625	99.8% 120,450	99.6% 120,150	99.2% 119,725	90.4% 109,100	46.7% 56,350
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	169,125	100.0% 169,100	99.9% 169,000	99.7% 168,625	99.4% 168,125	93.5% 158,075	60.8% 102,750
Cropping	50,625	100.0% 50,625	100.0% 50,625	99.4% 50,300	83.2% 42,100	26.7% 13,525	5.7% 2,900
Production native forests and plantation forests	218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,550	100.0% 218,500	95.7% 209,225	65.9% 144,000







