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: September 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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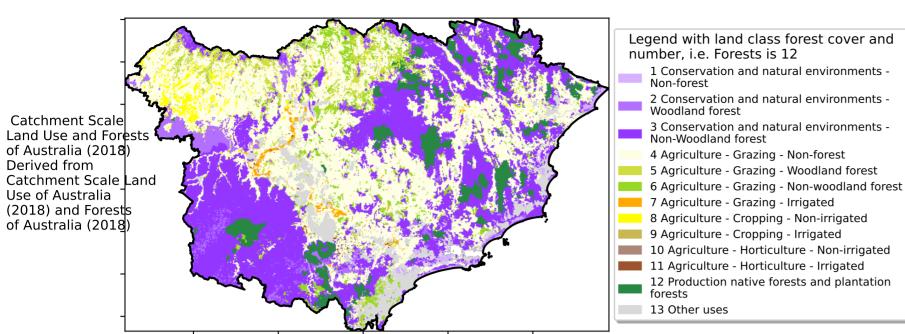




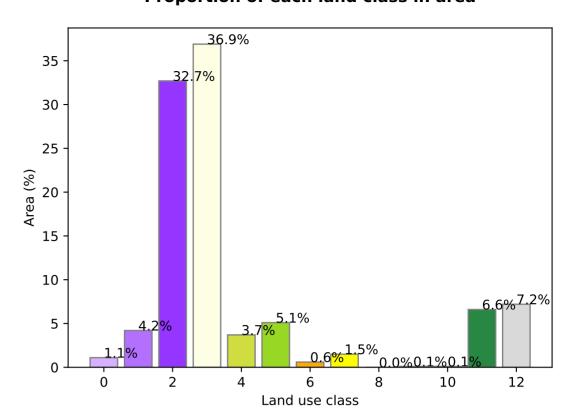


Vegetation Cover Sep 2025

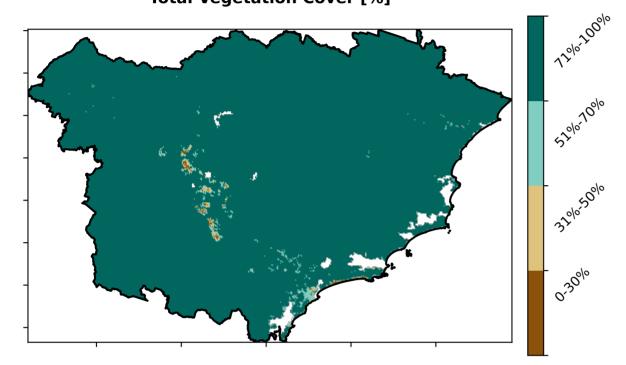
Land use and forest cover



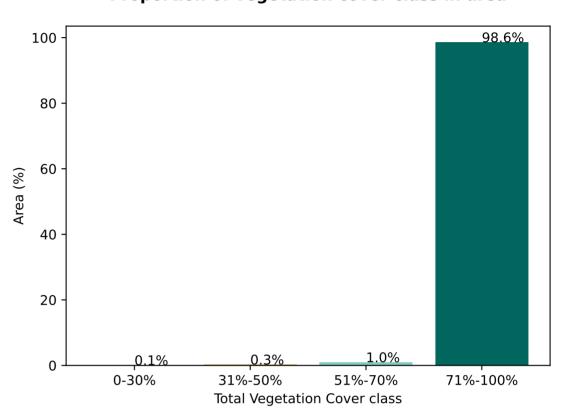
Proportion of each land class in area



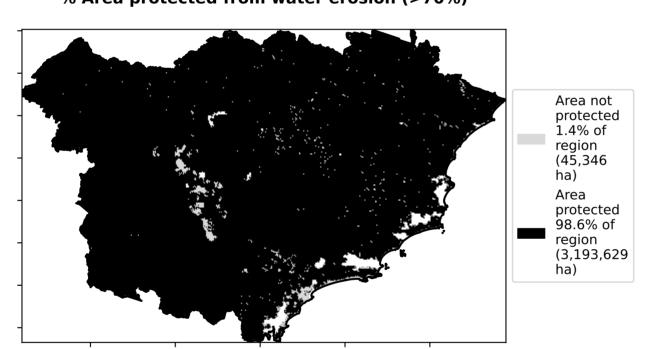
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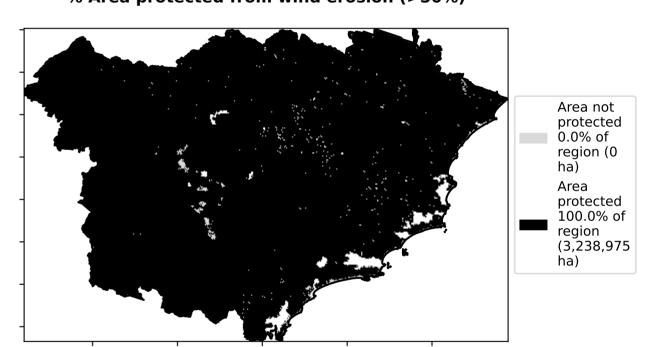
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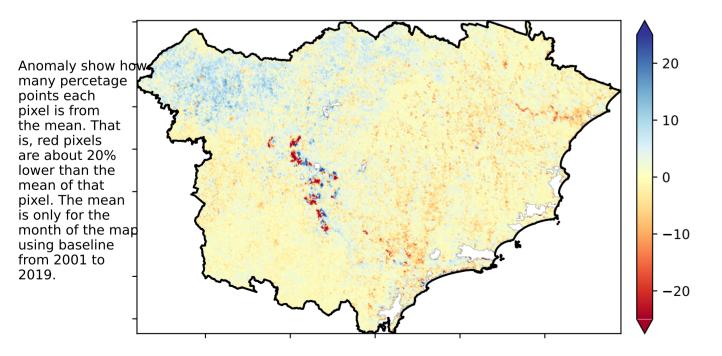
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

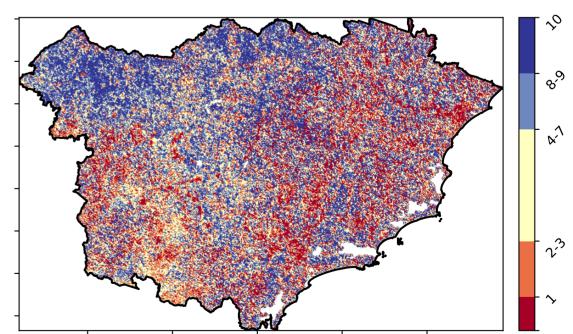


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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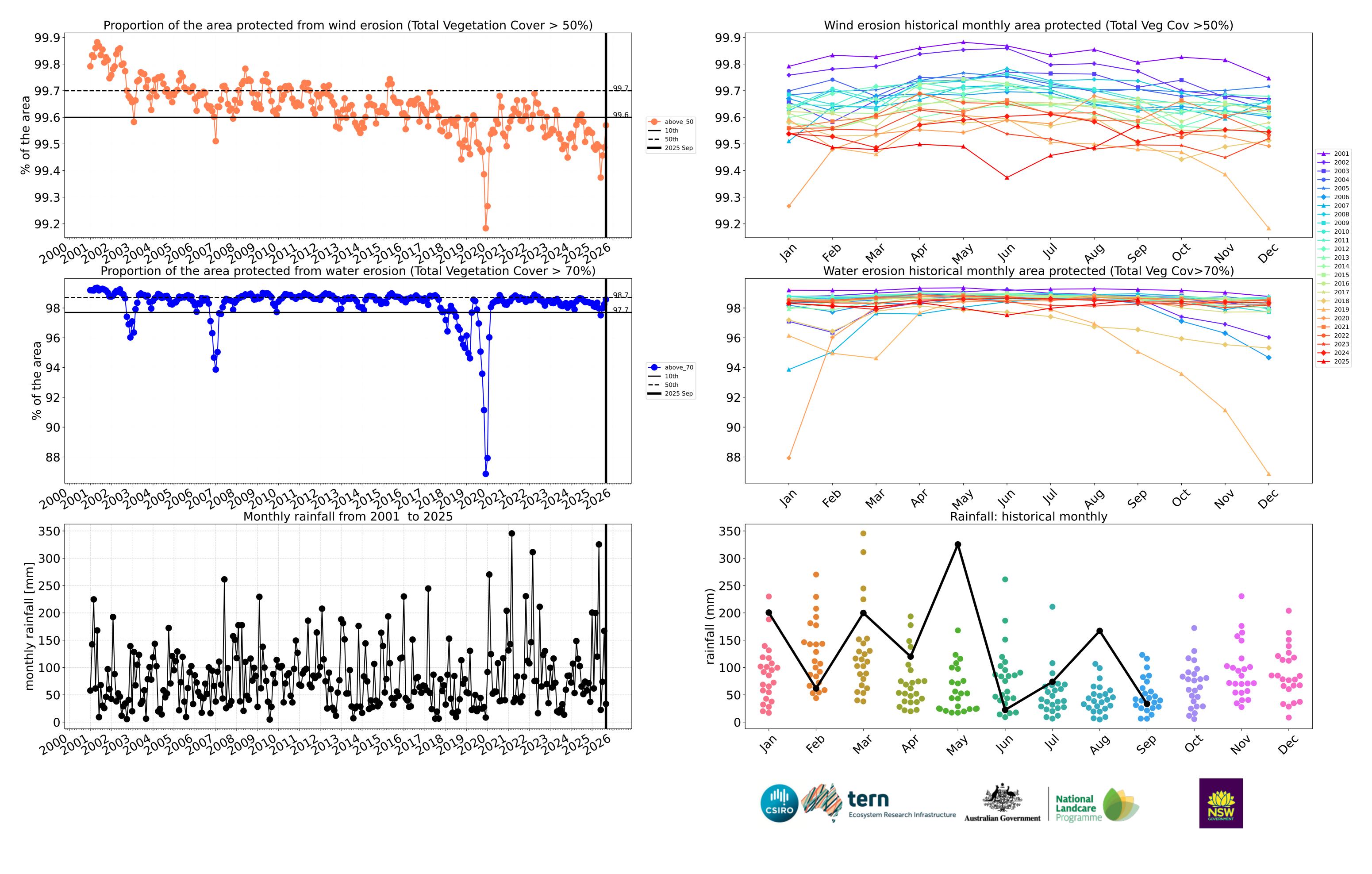




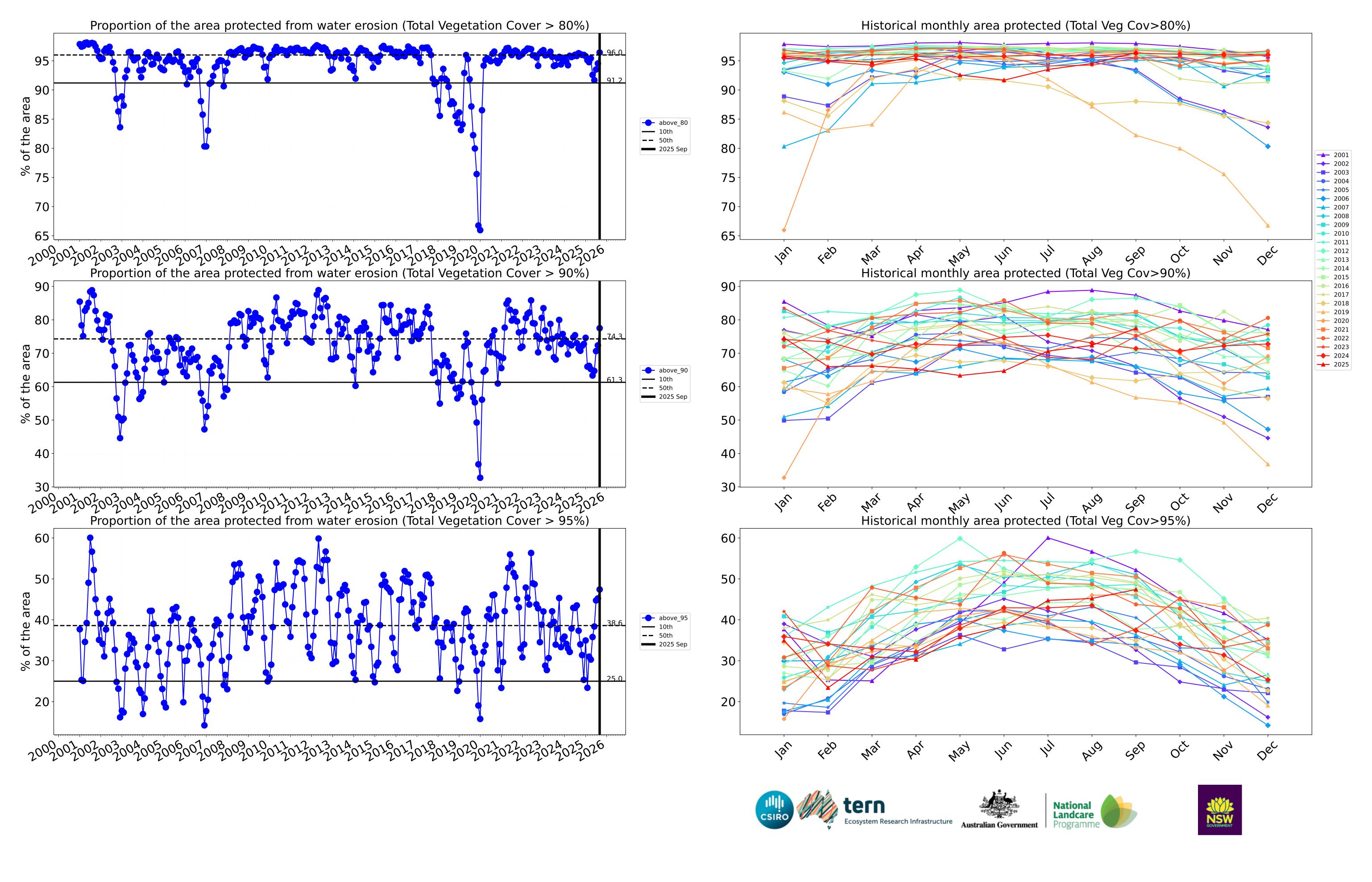




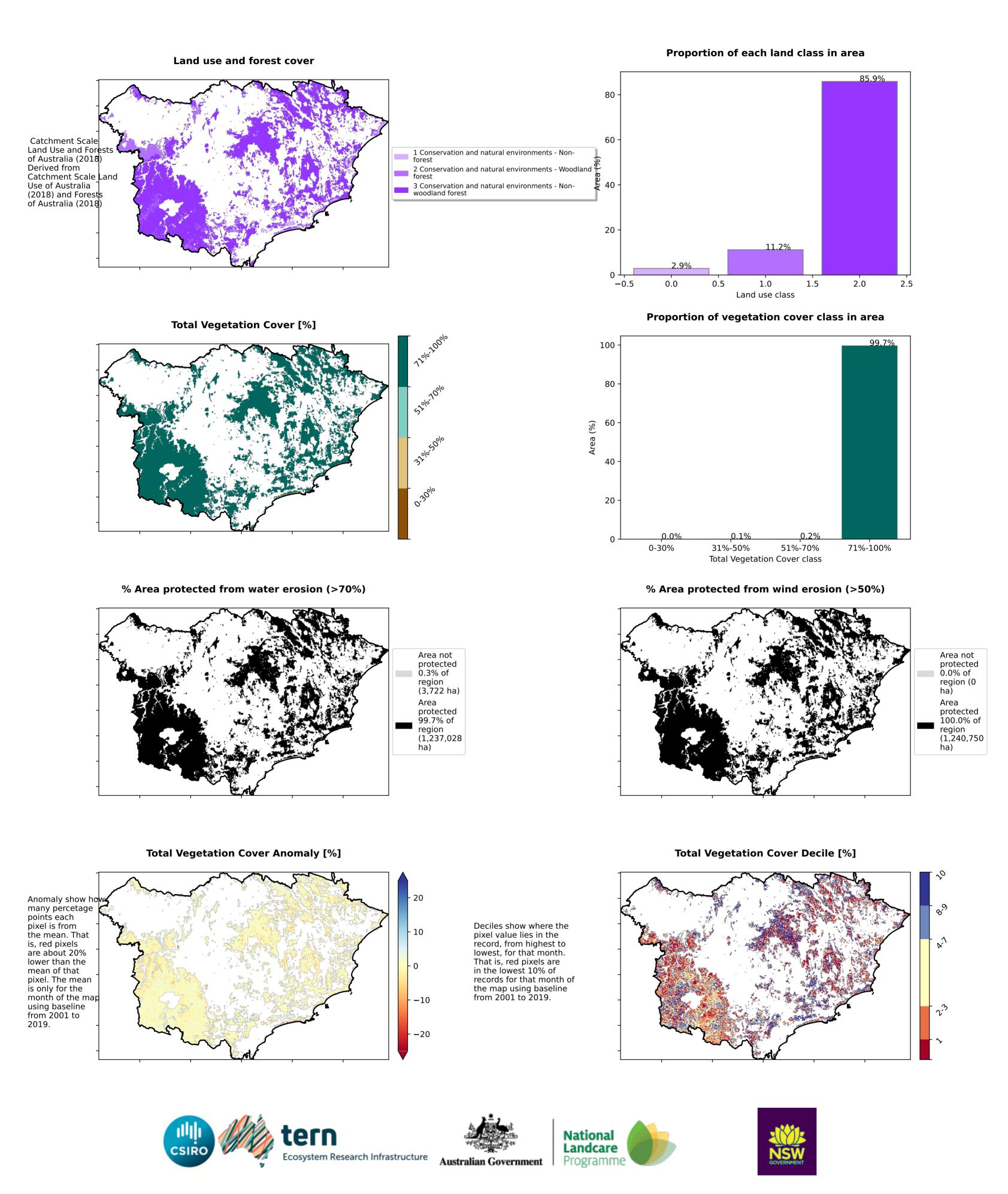




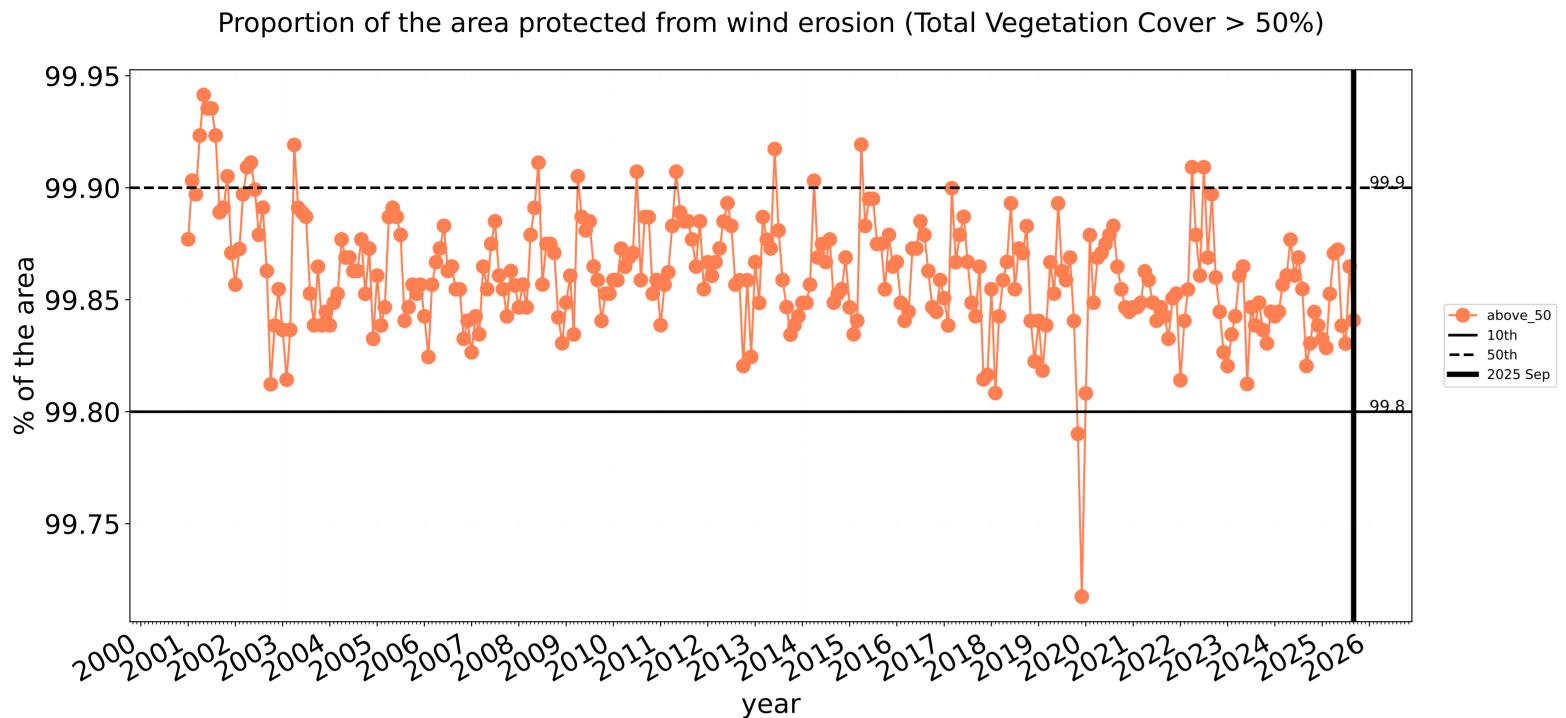
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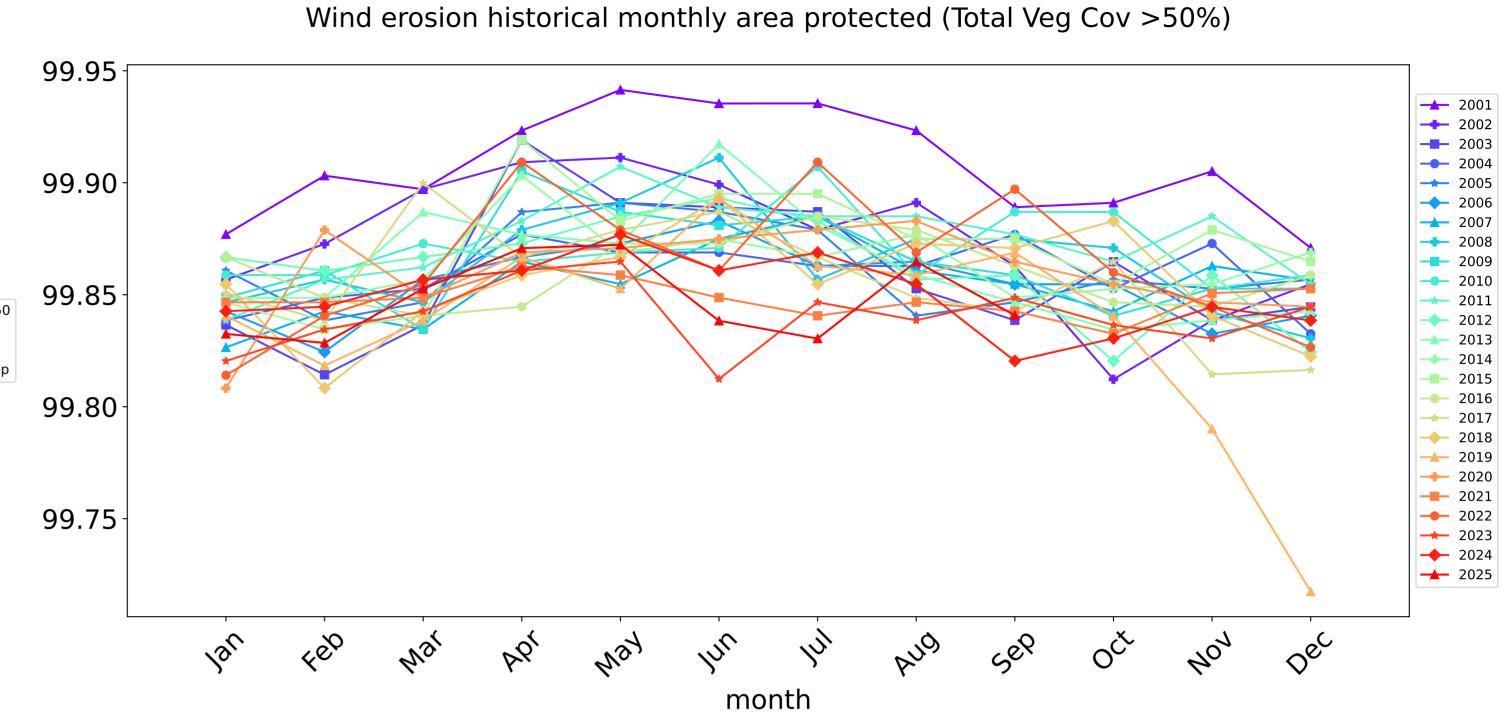


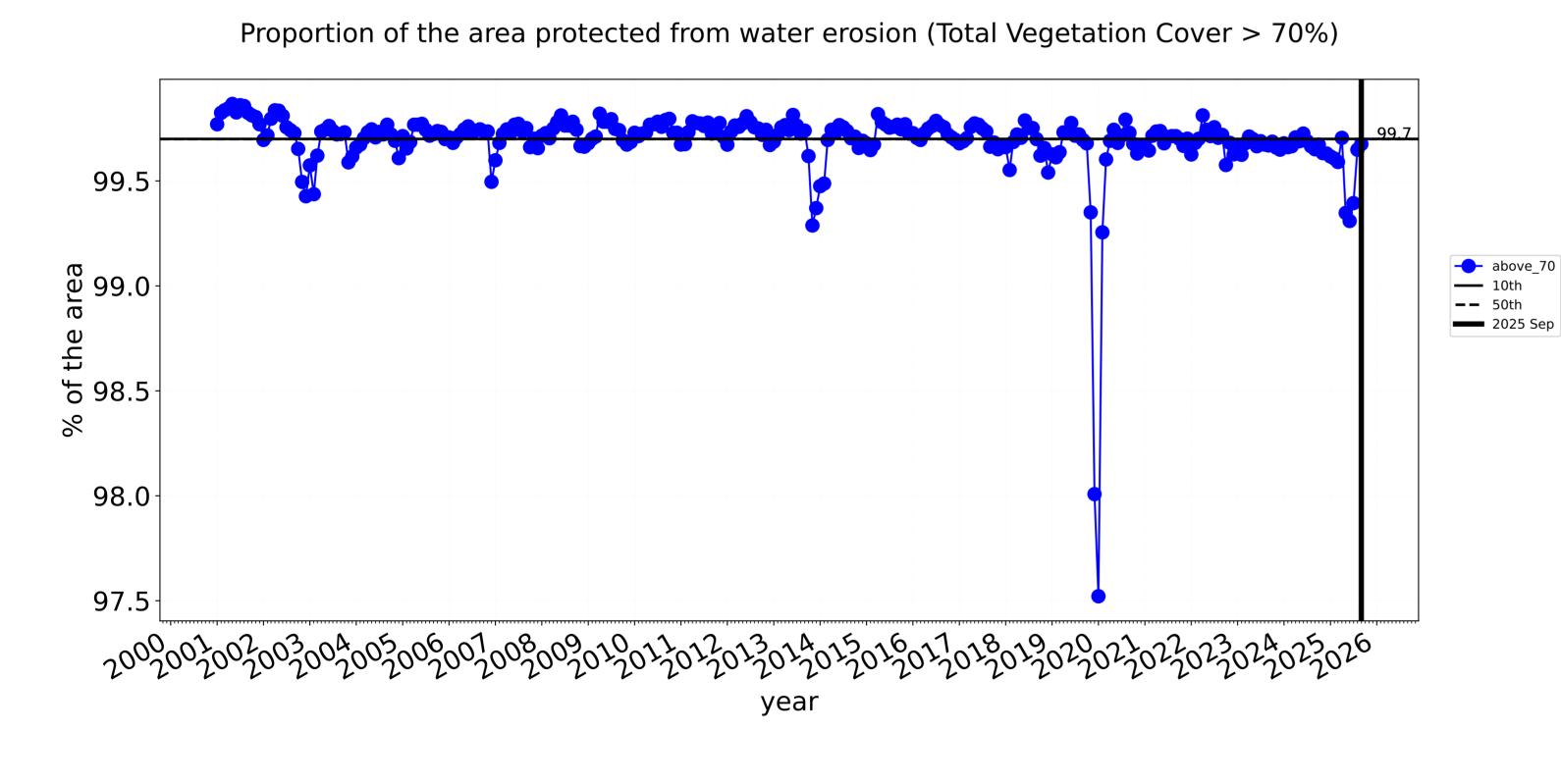
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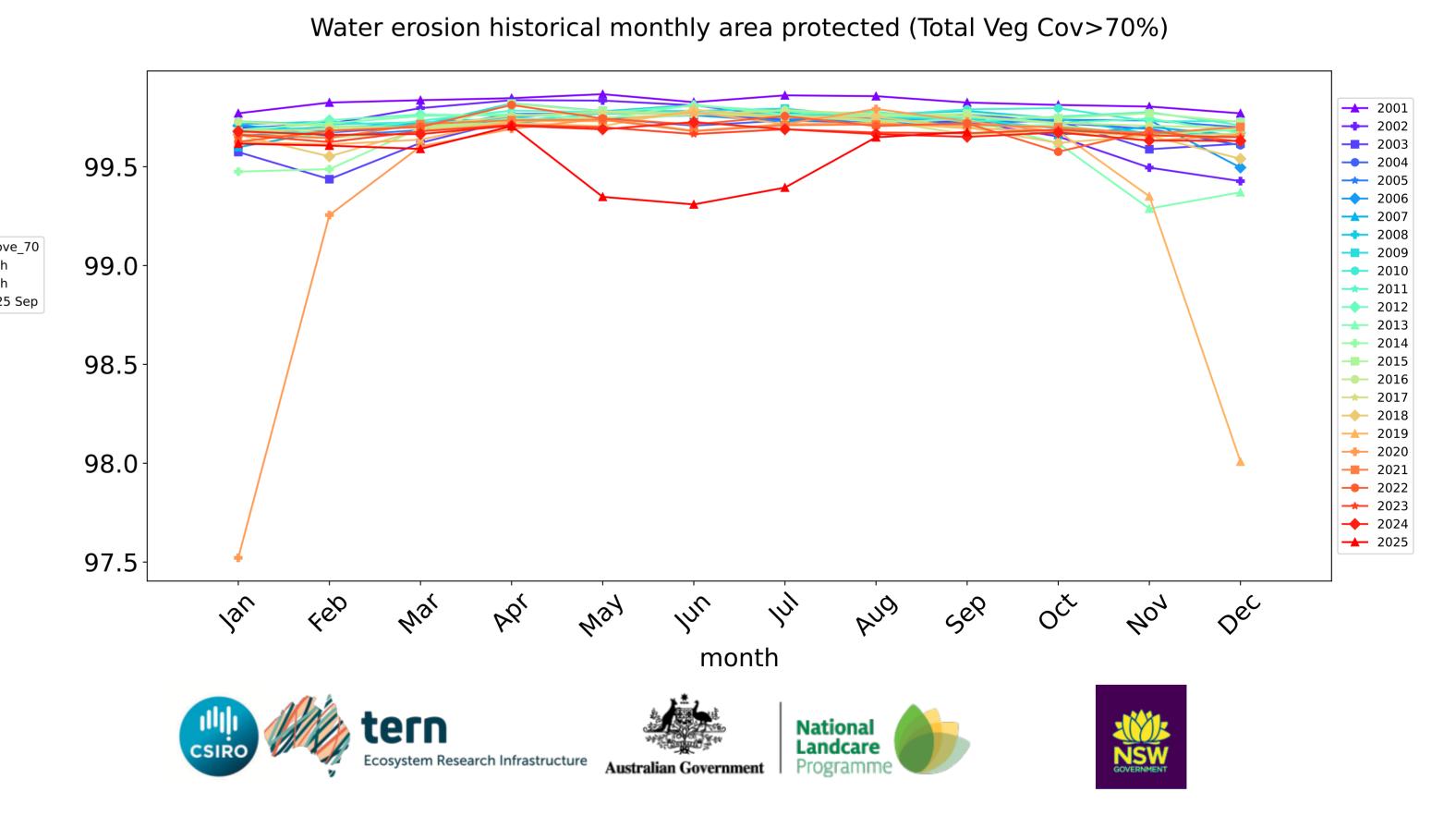


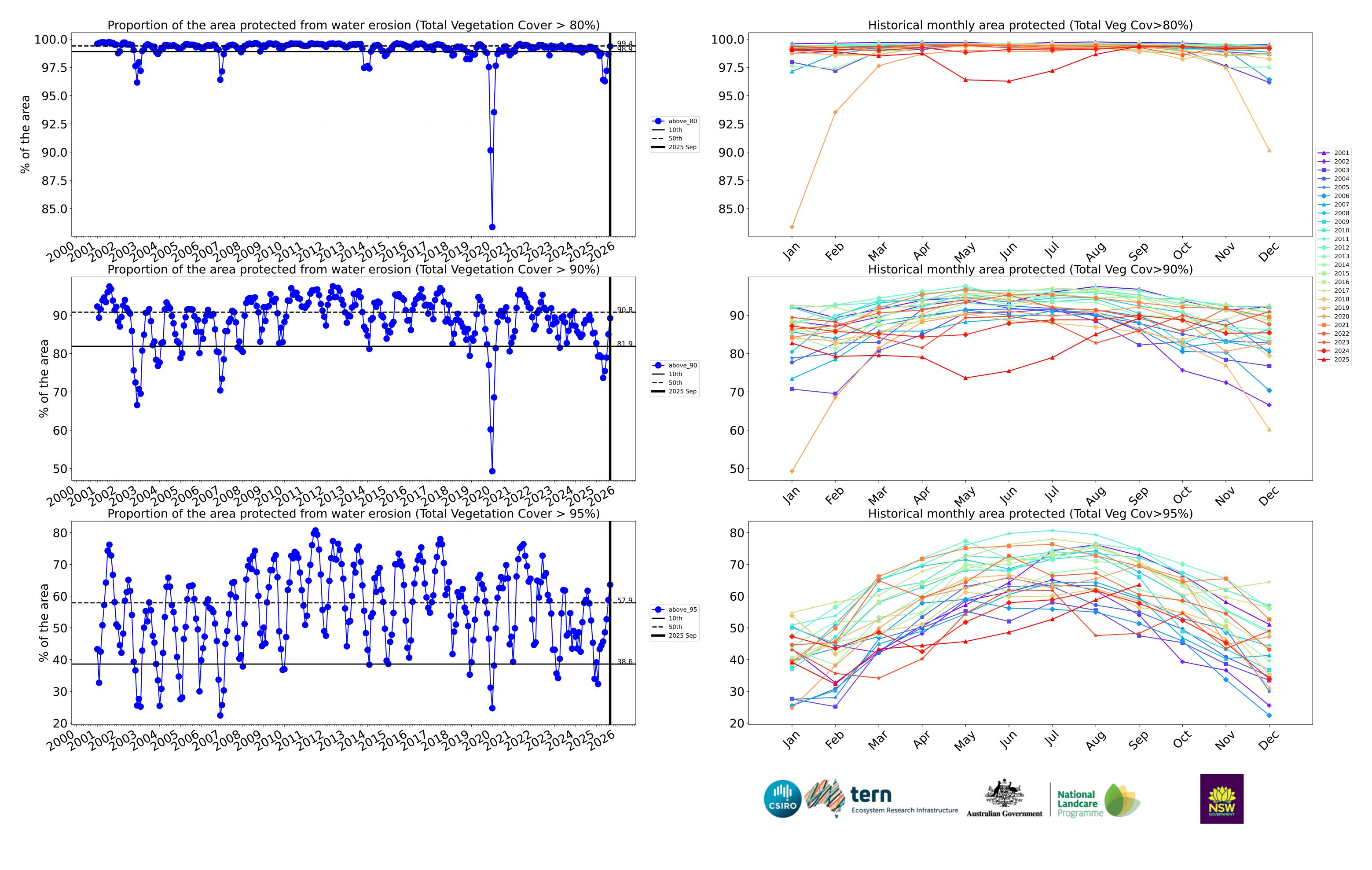
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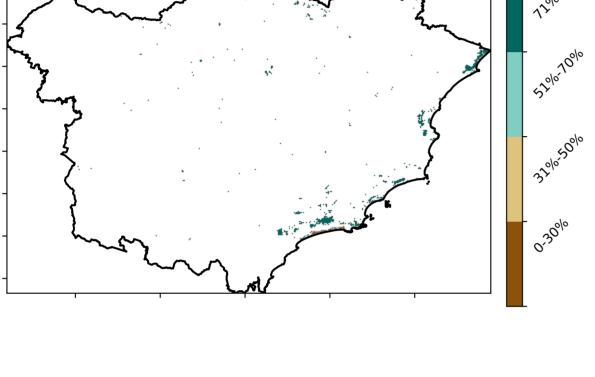


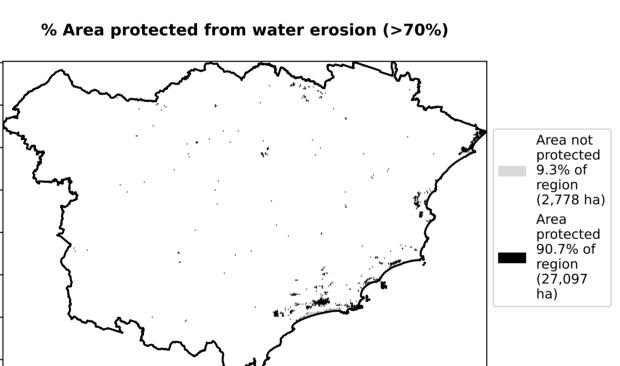


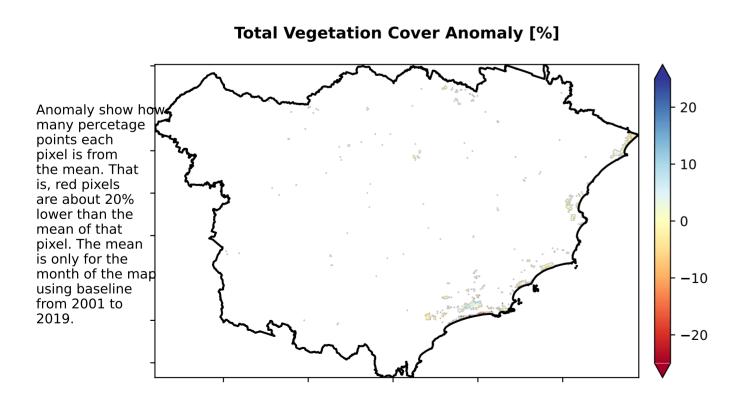
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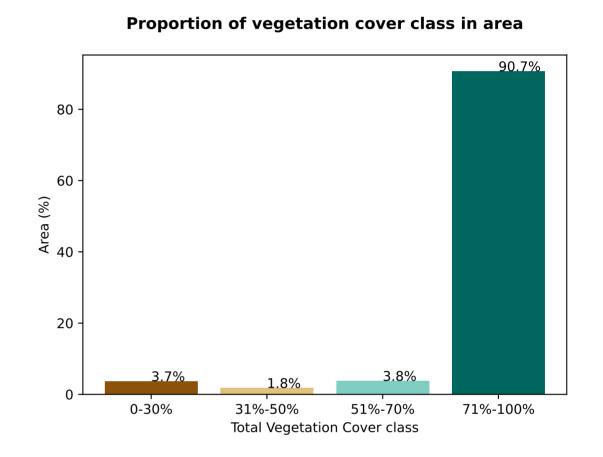
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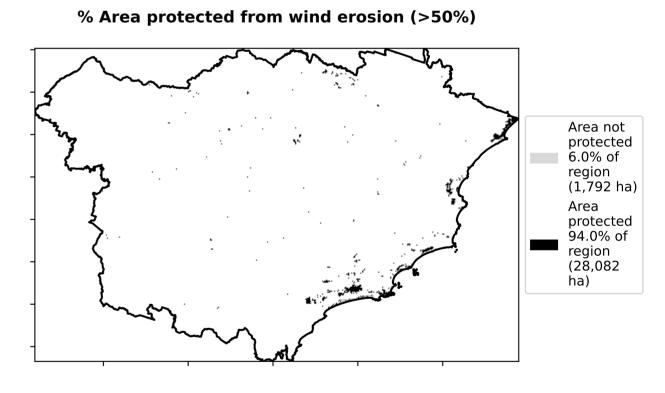


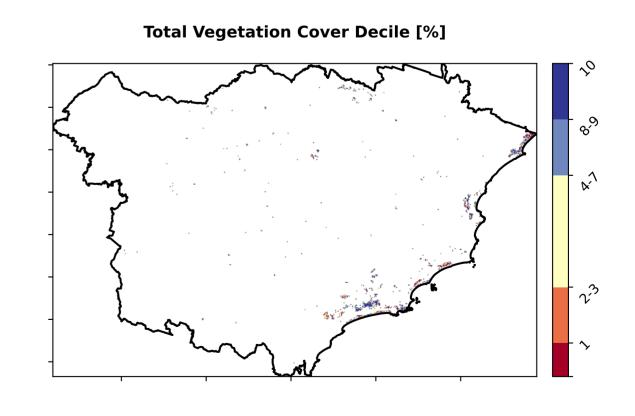




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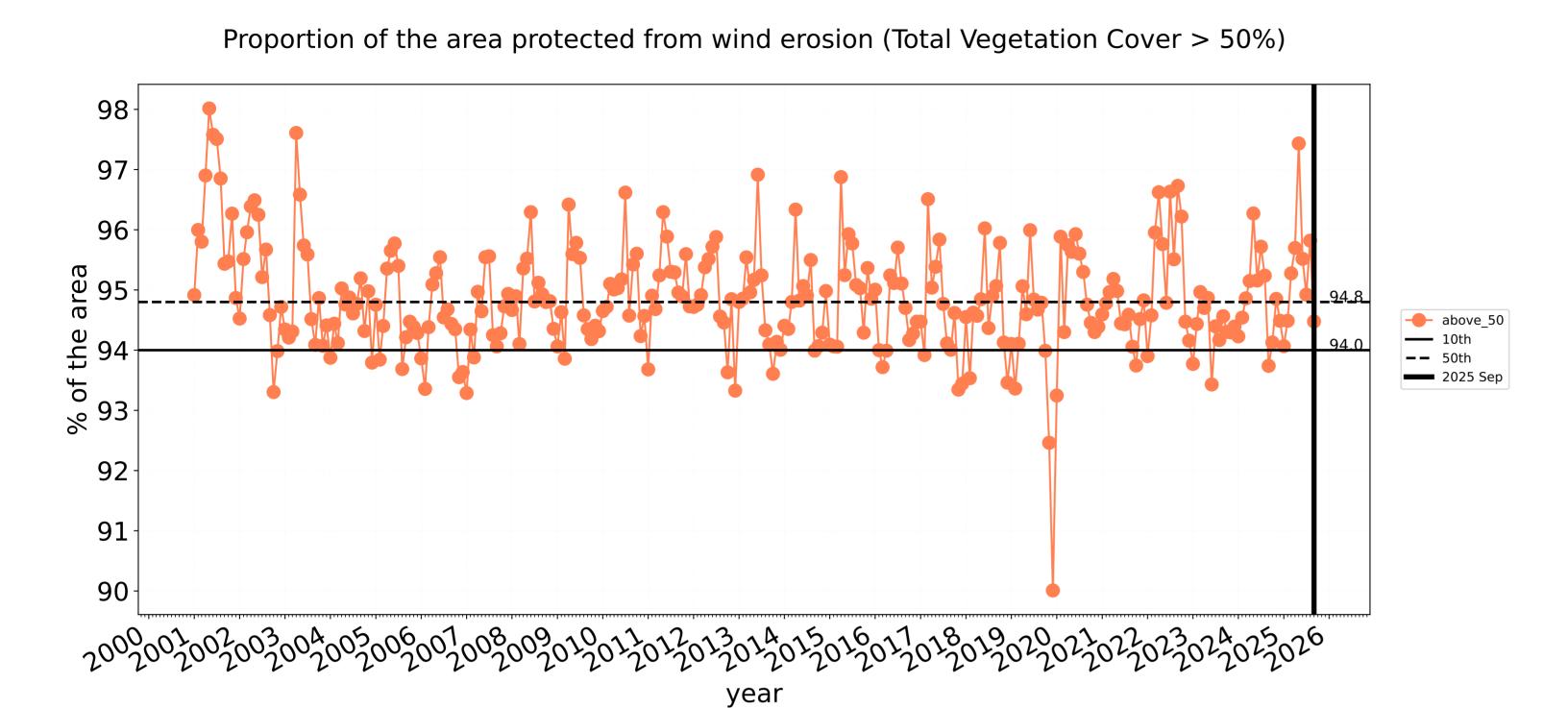


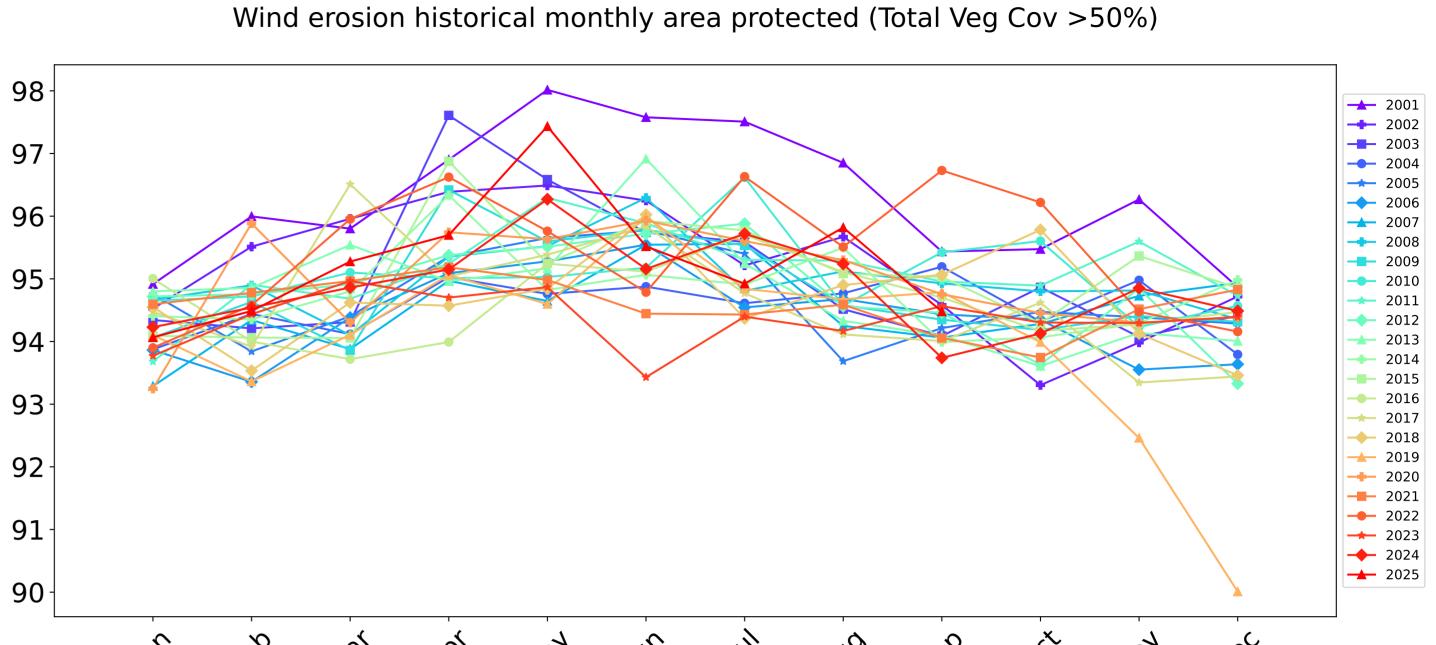






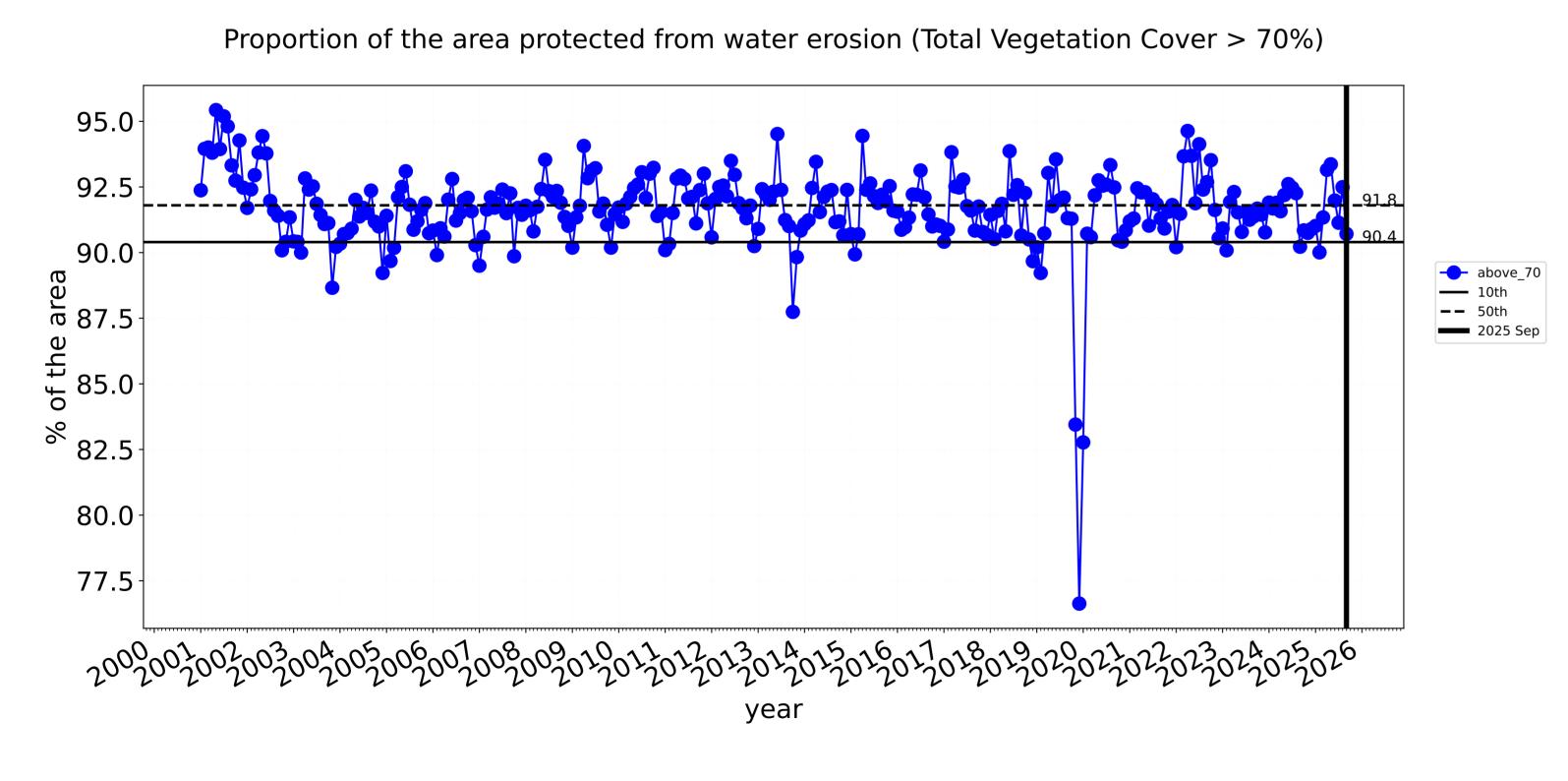
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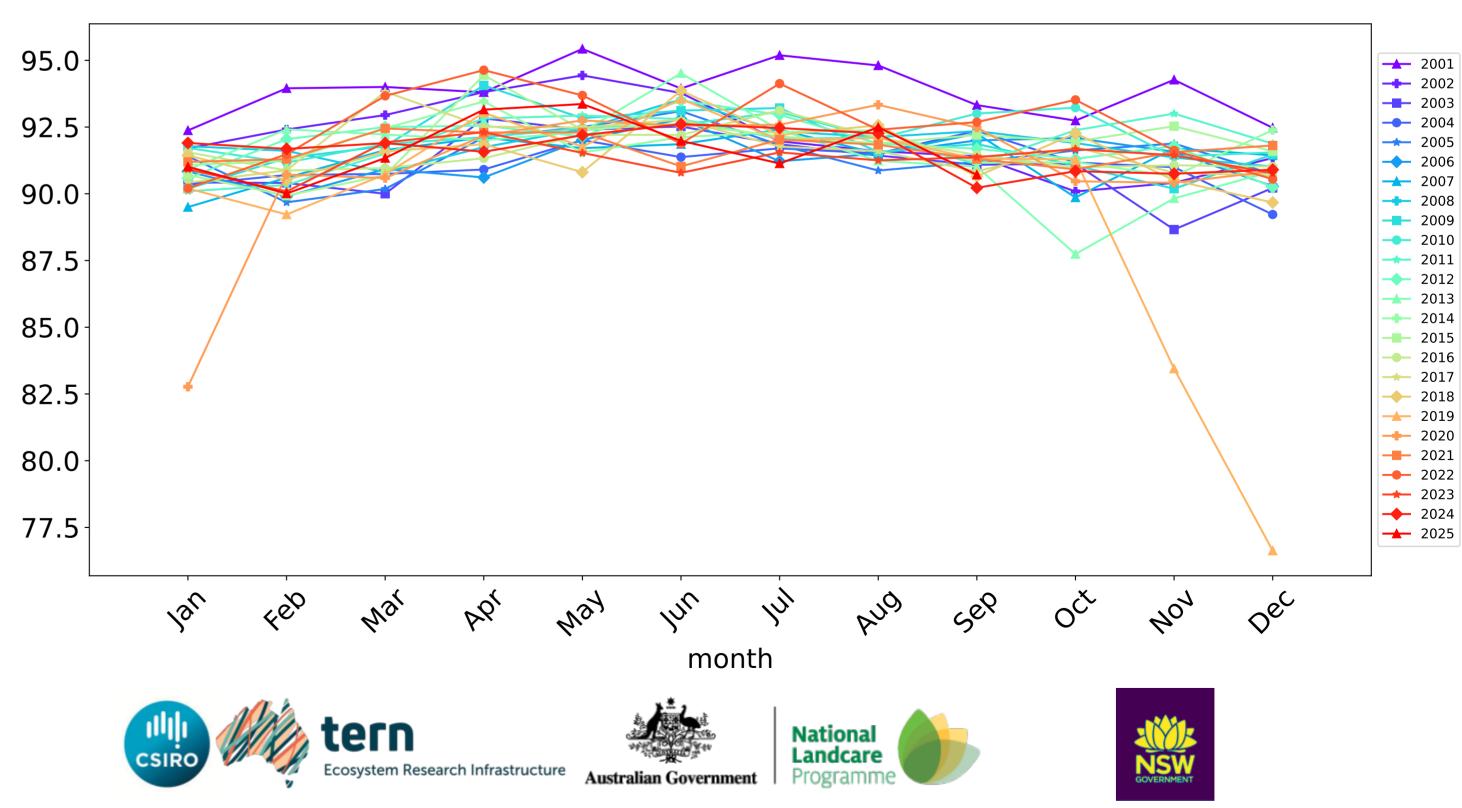


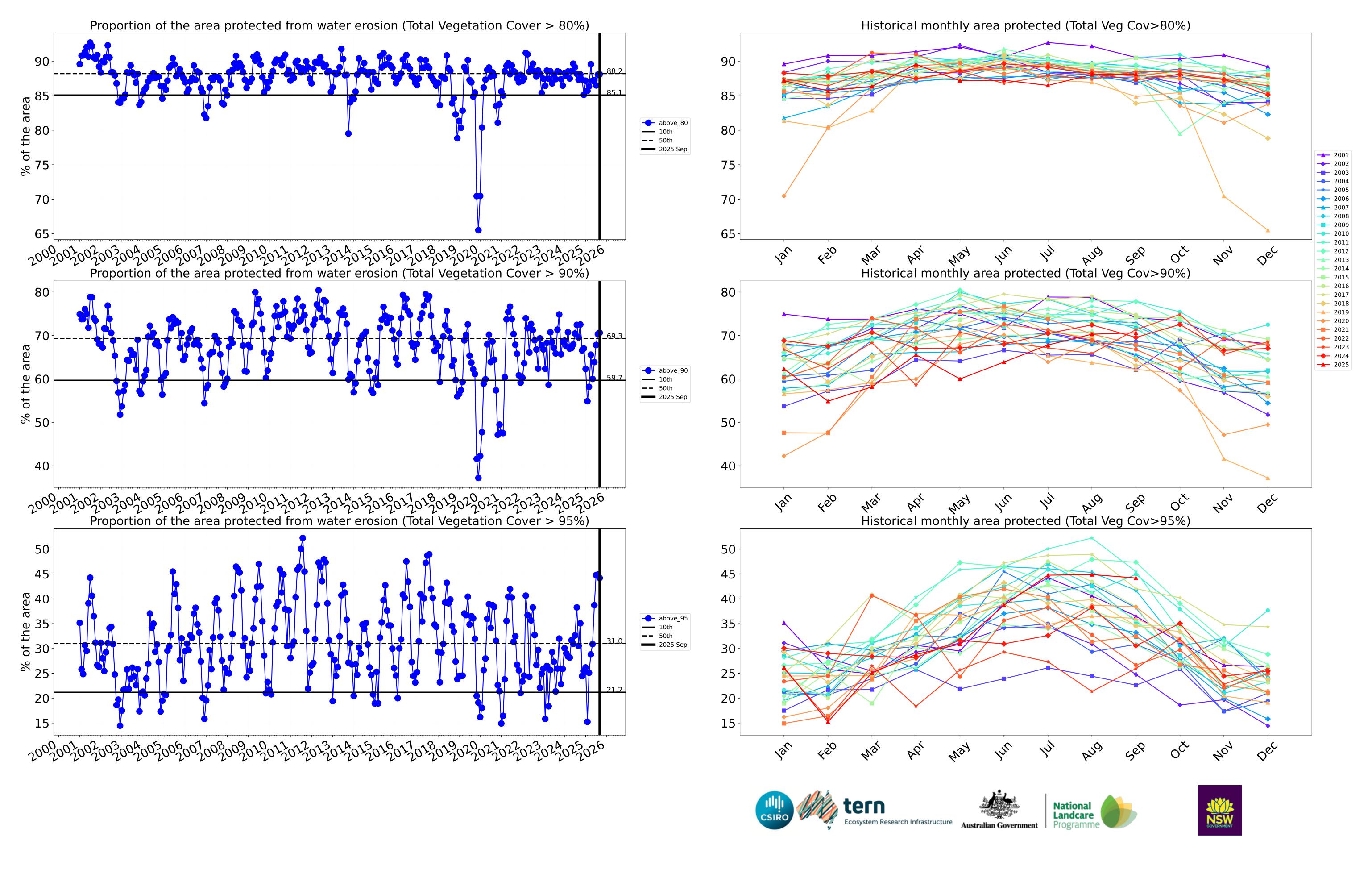


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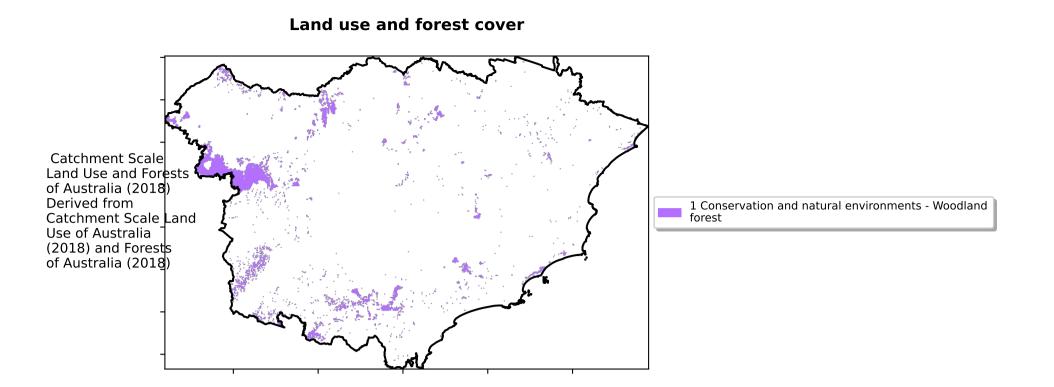
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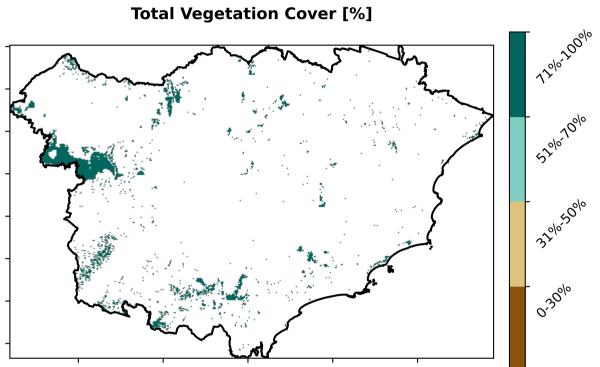


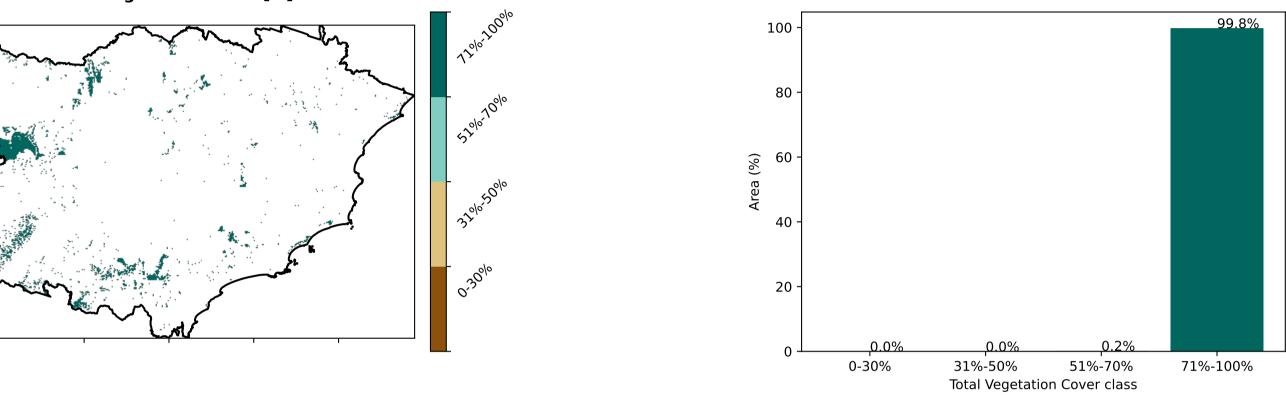


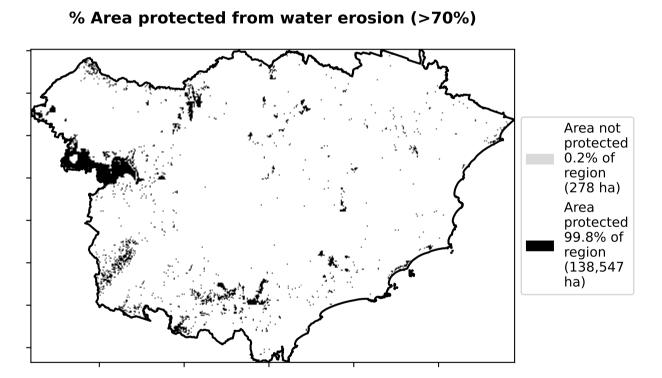


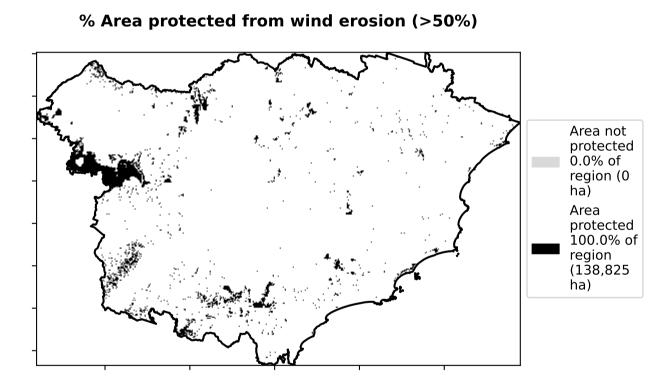
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest



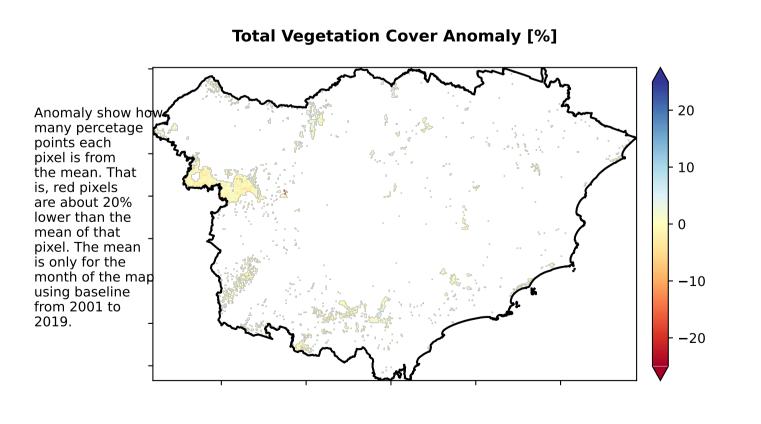




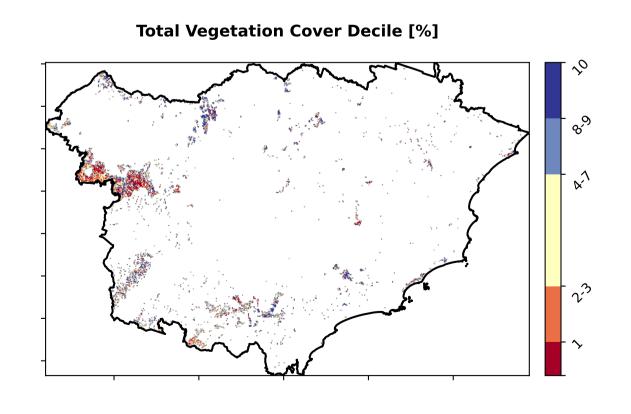




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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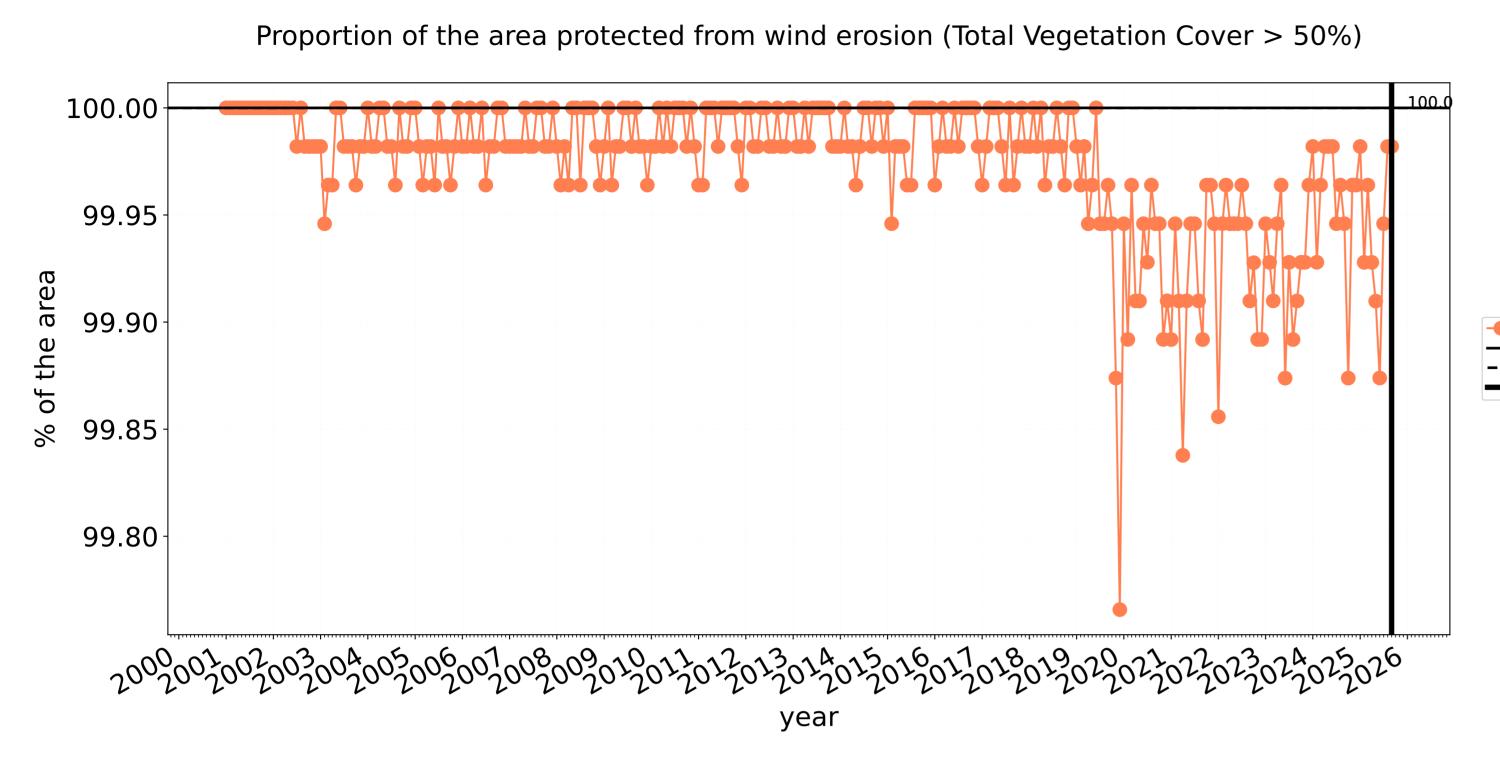


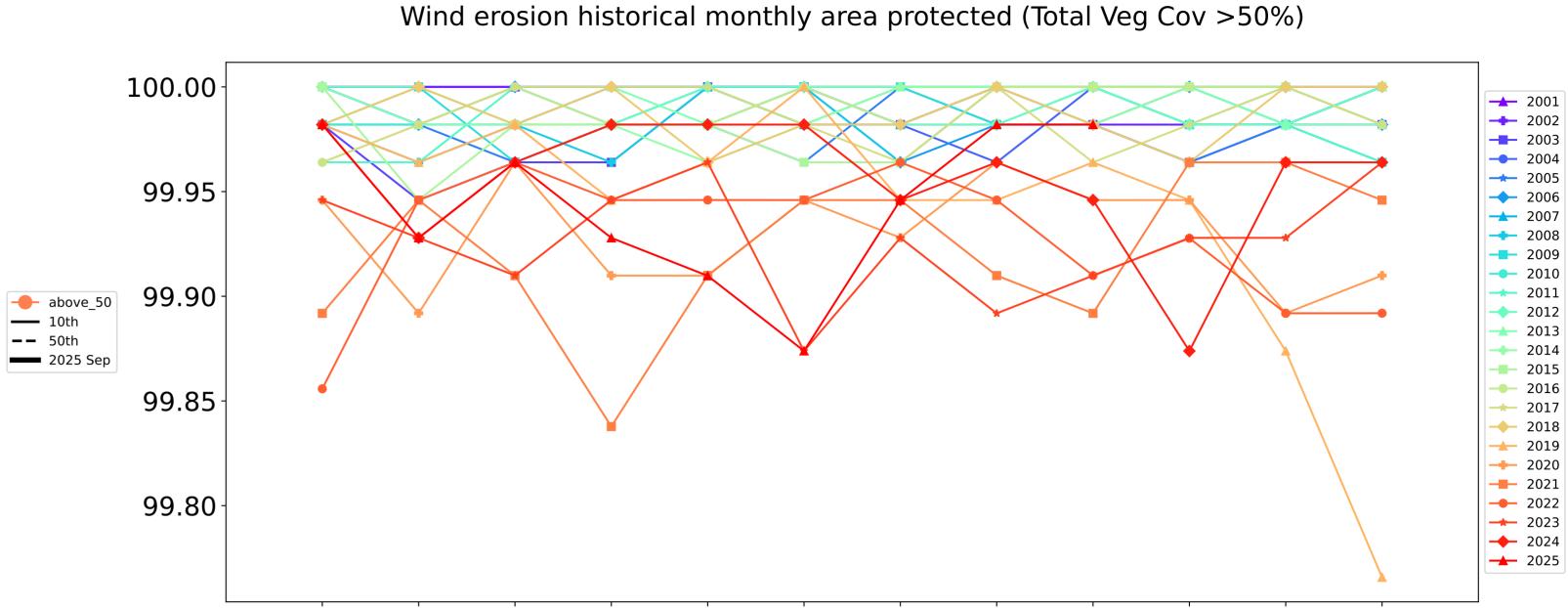




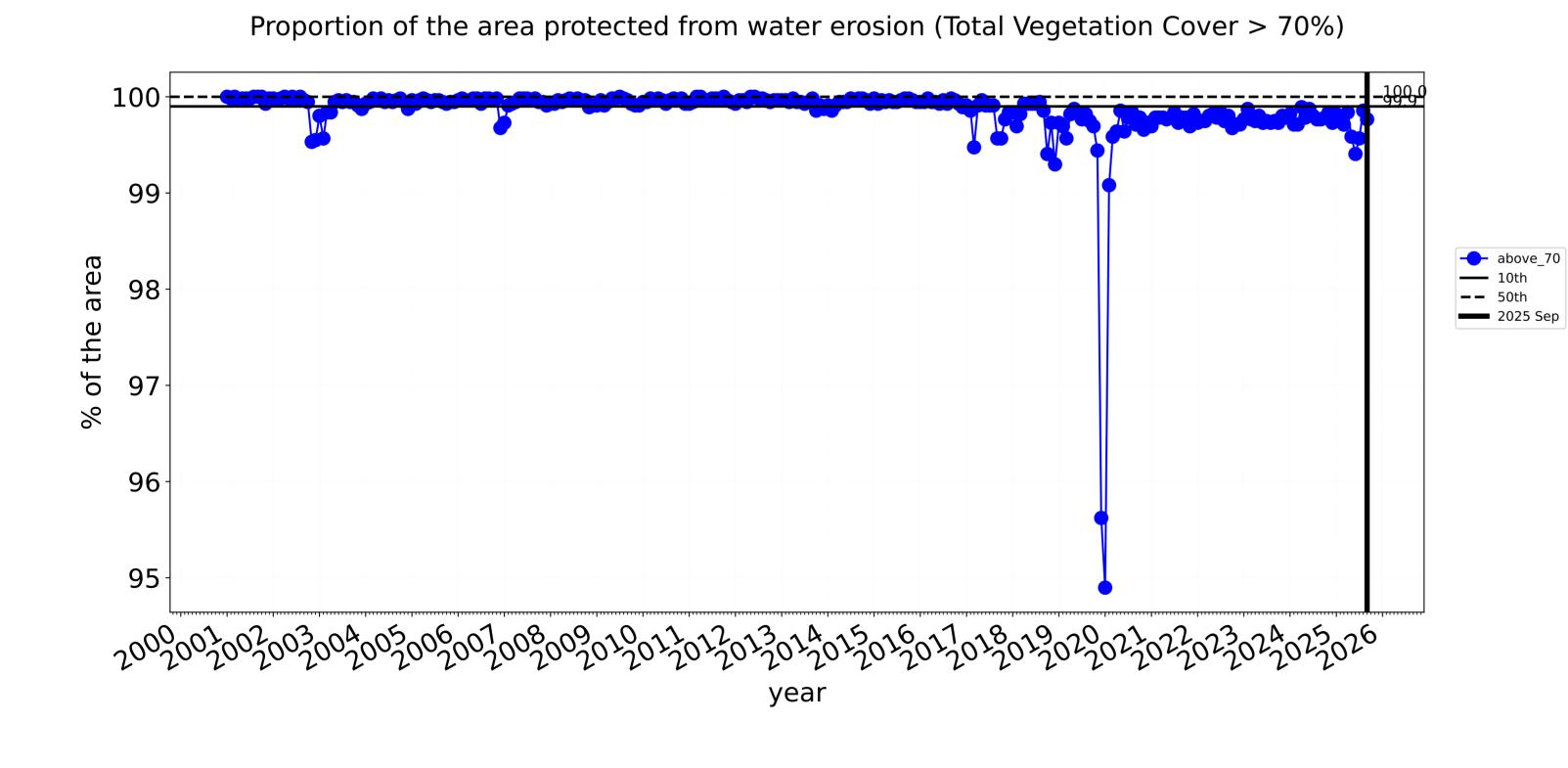


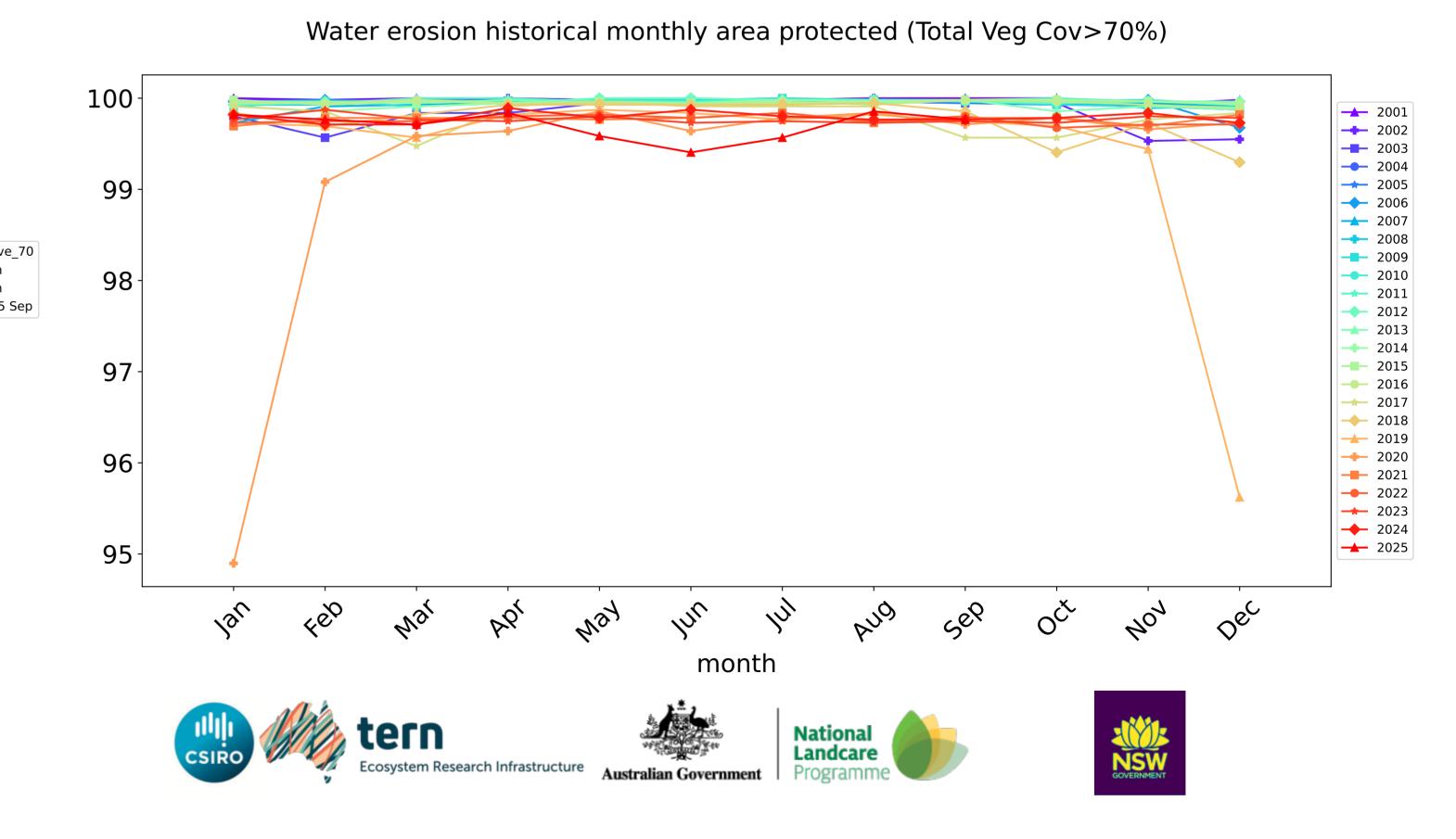


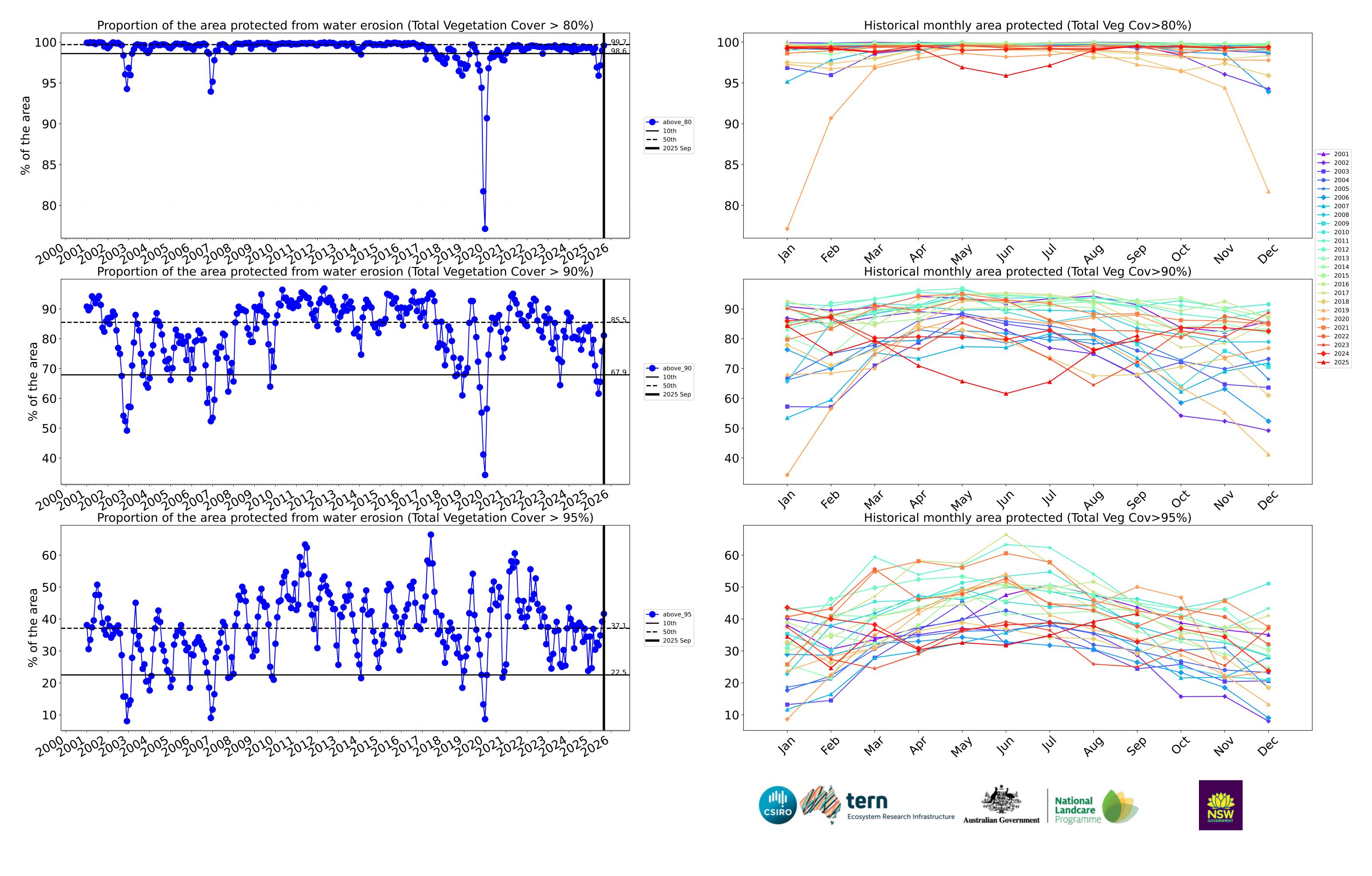




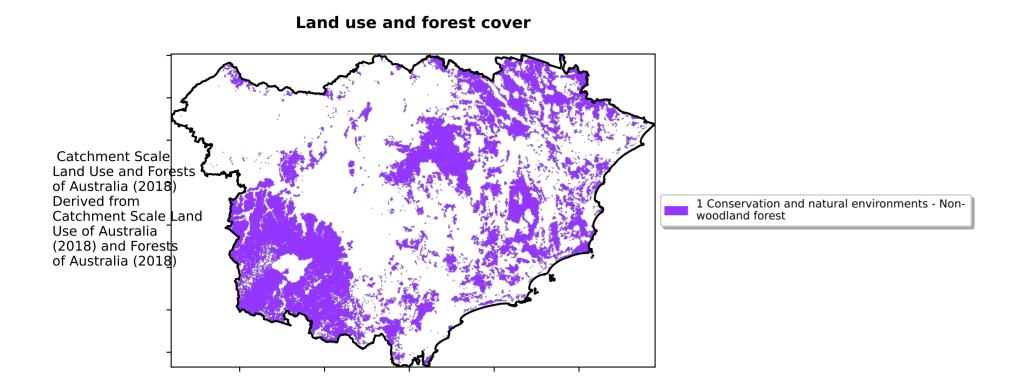
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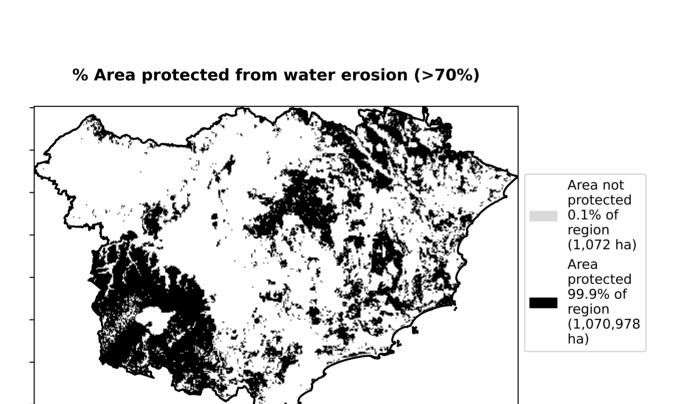


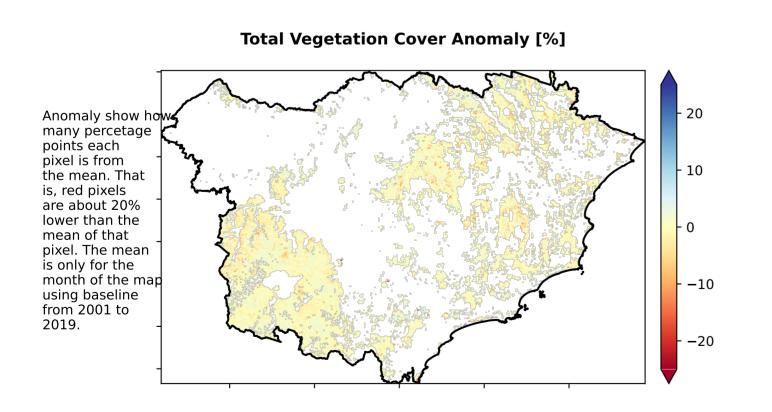


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

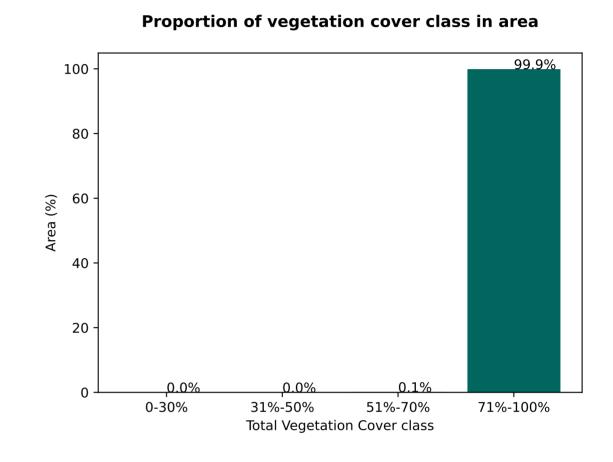


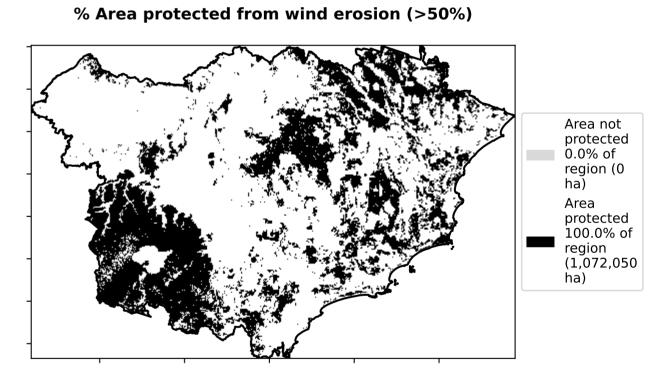
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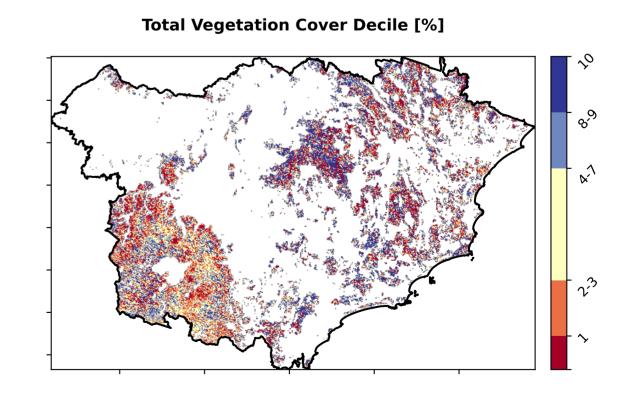




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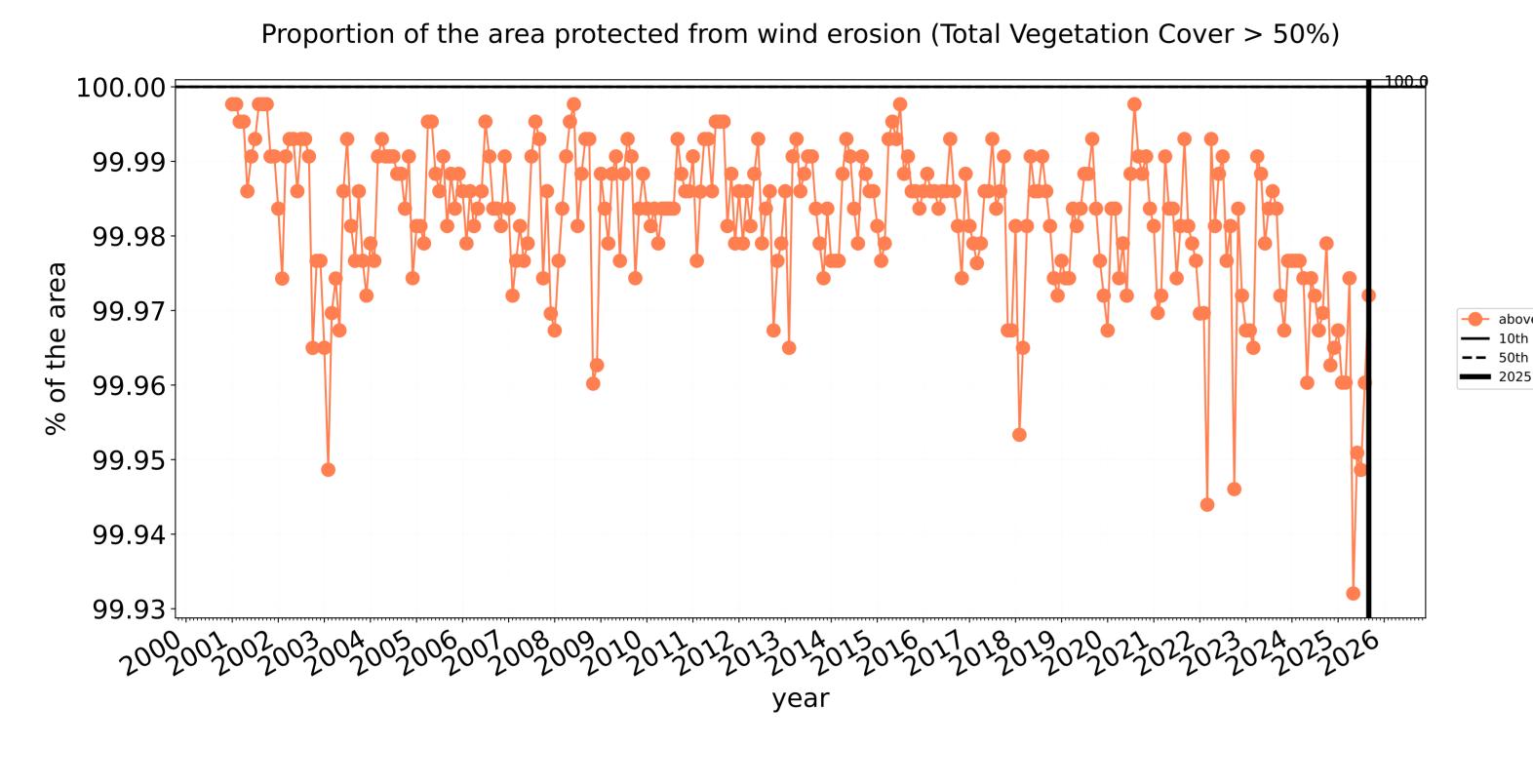


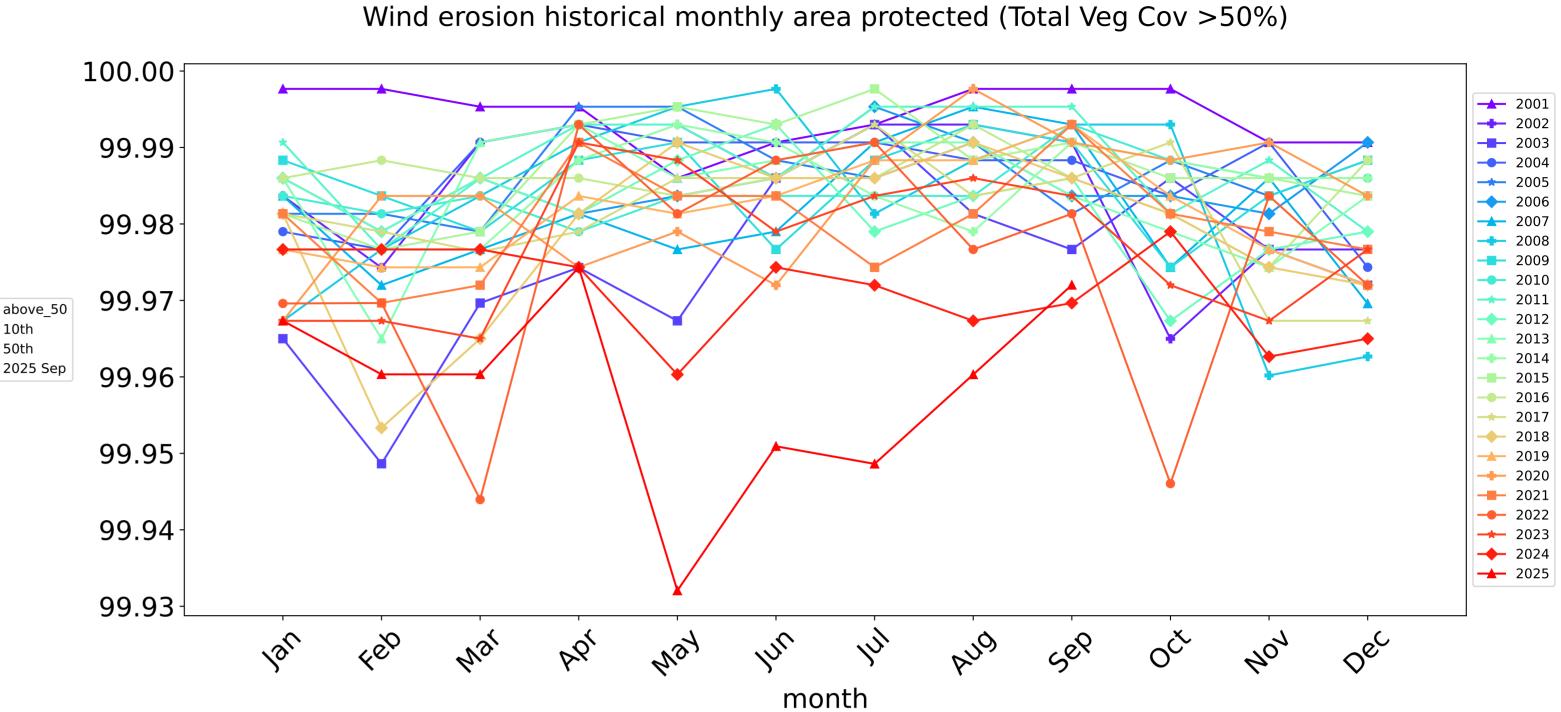


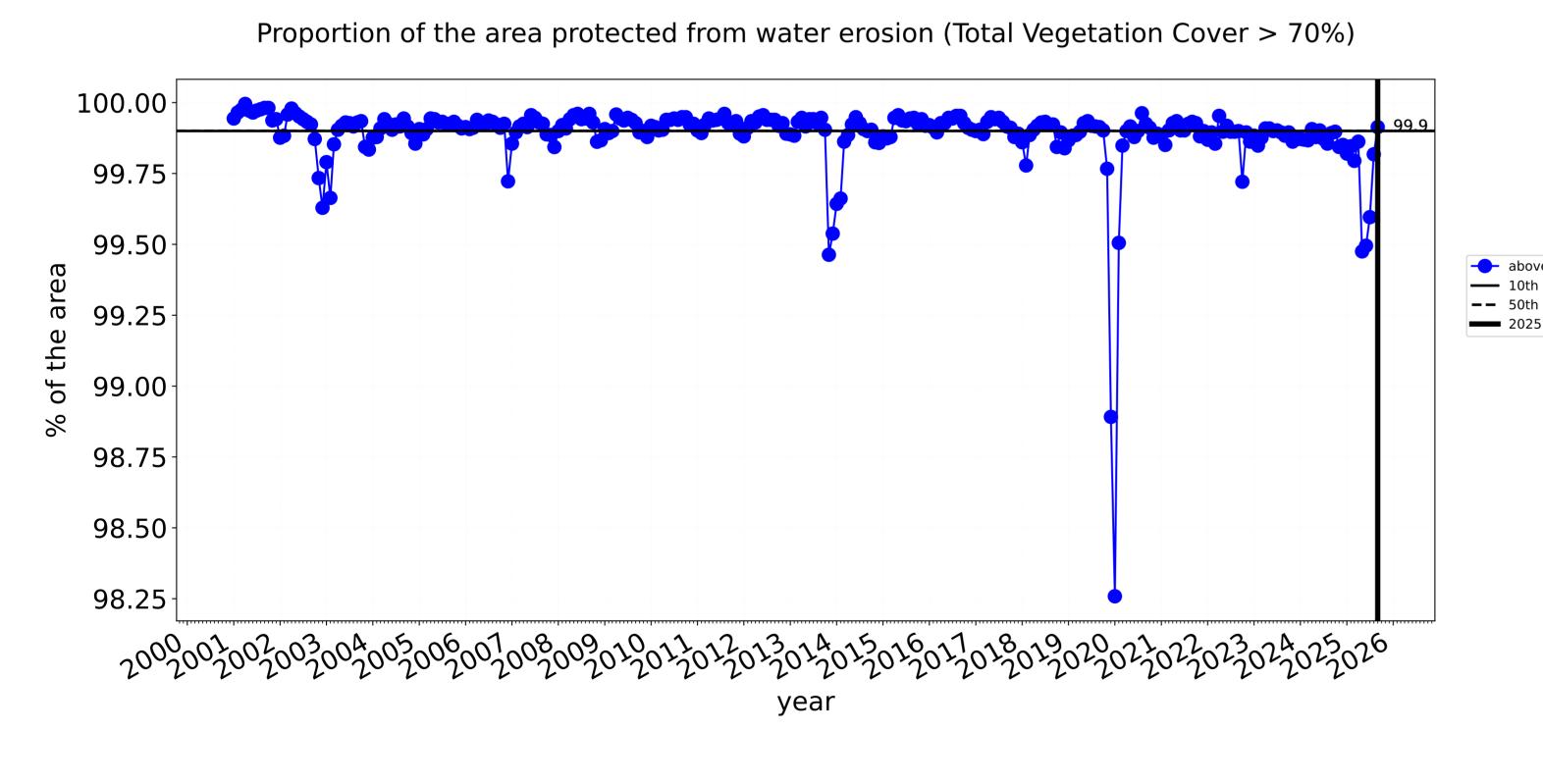


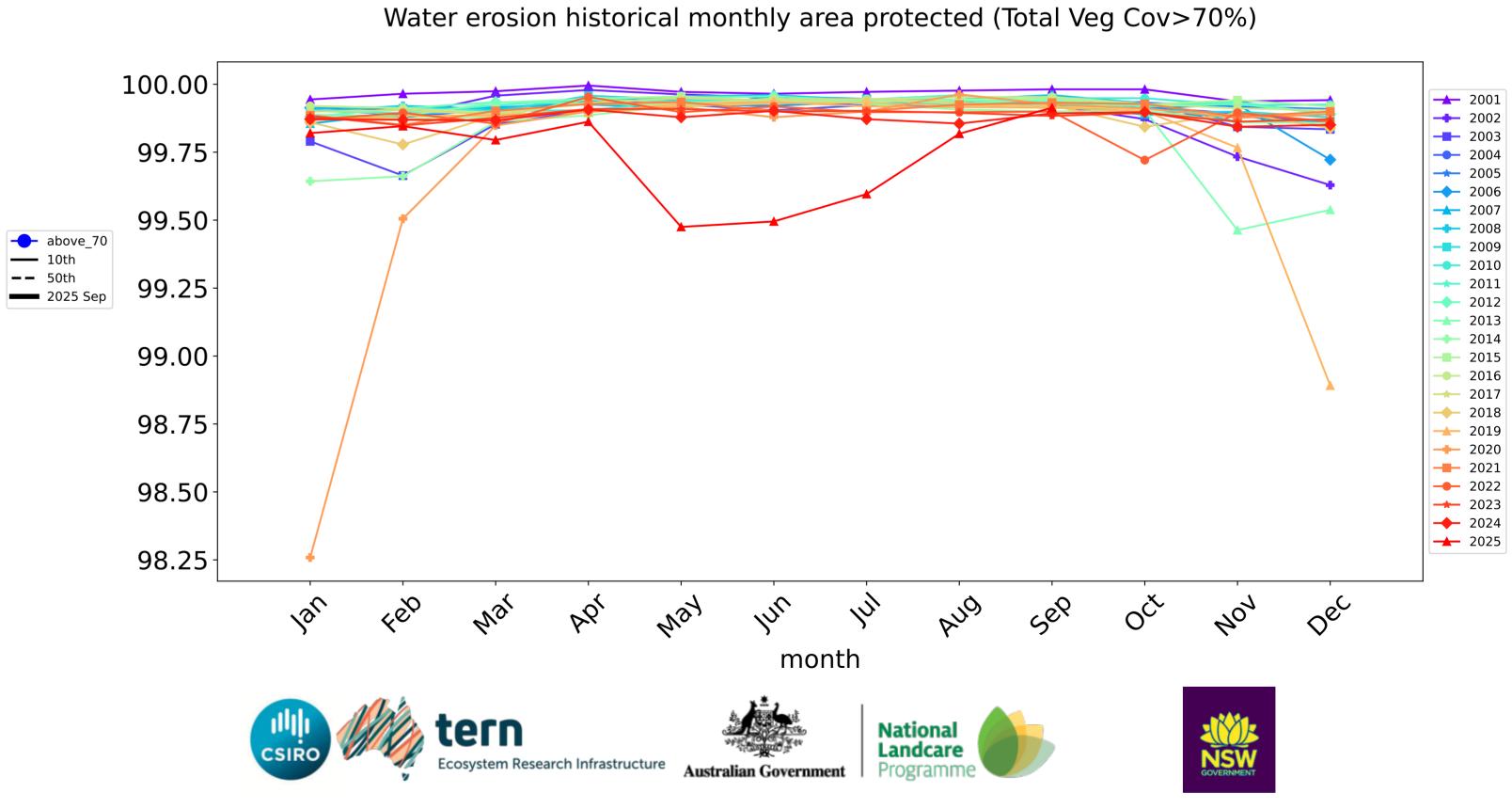


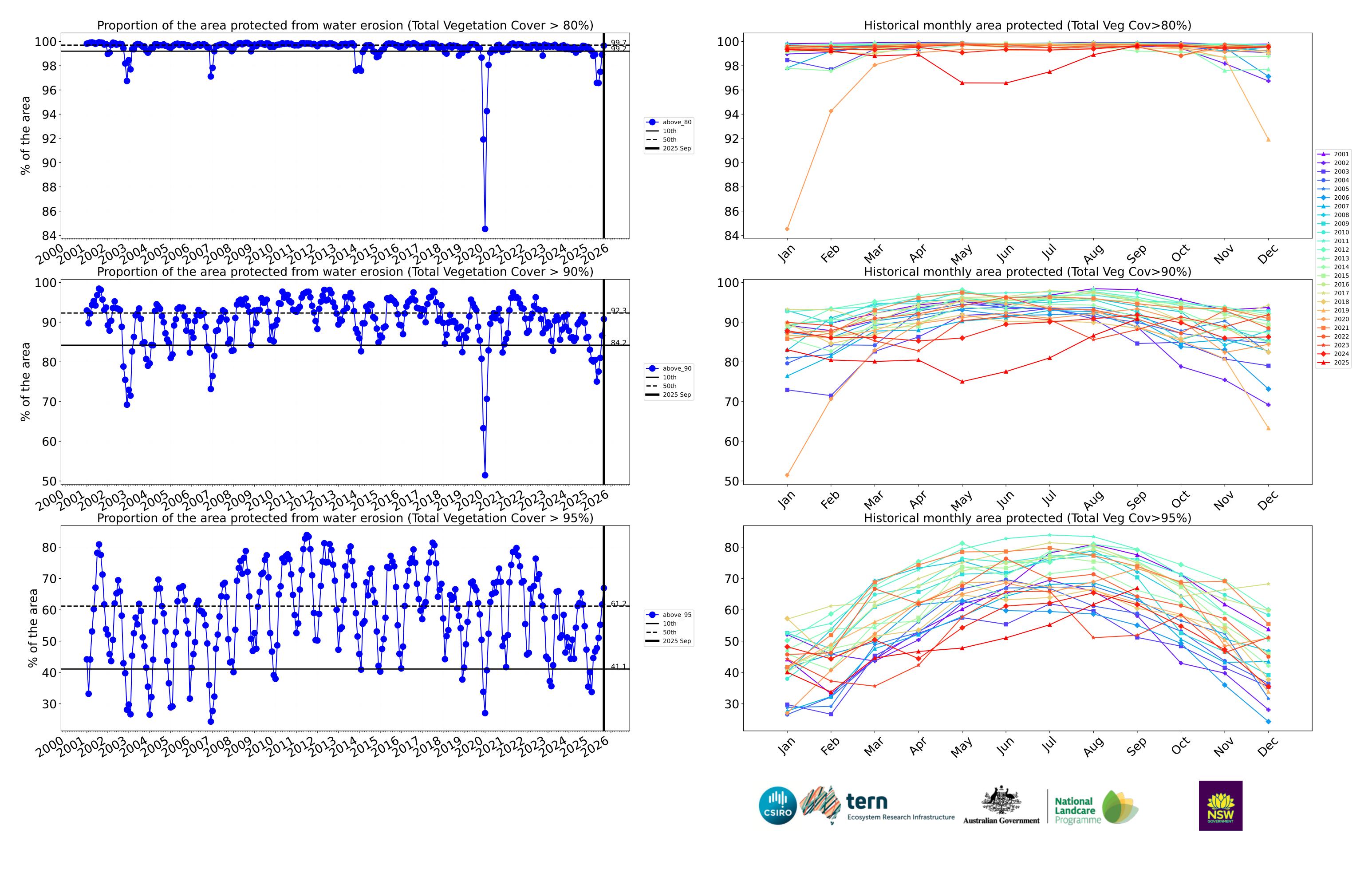
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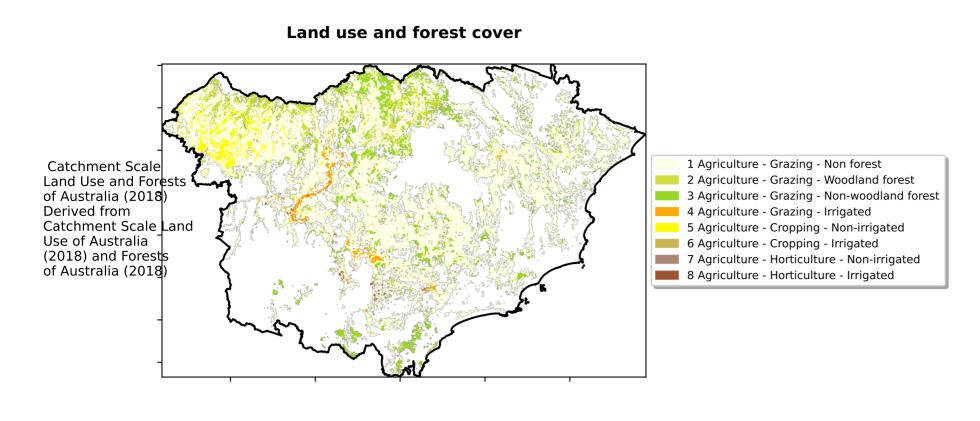


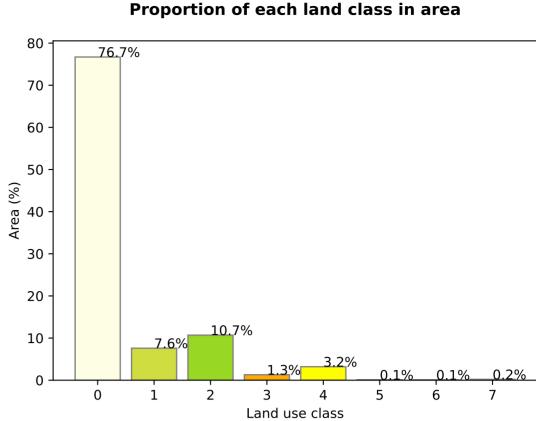




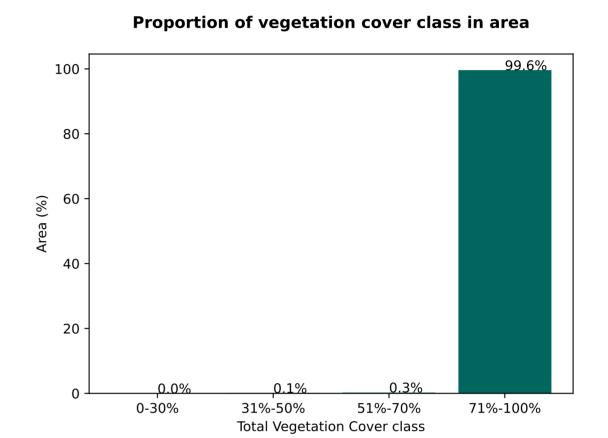


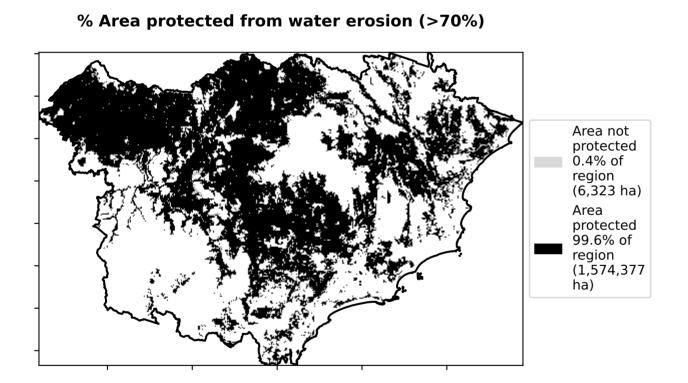
Agriculture

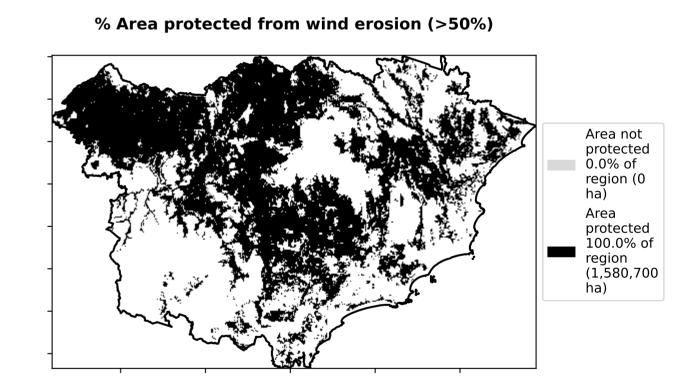


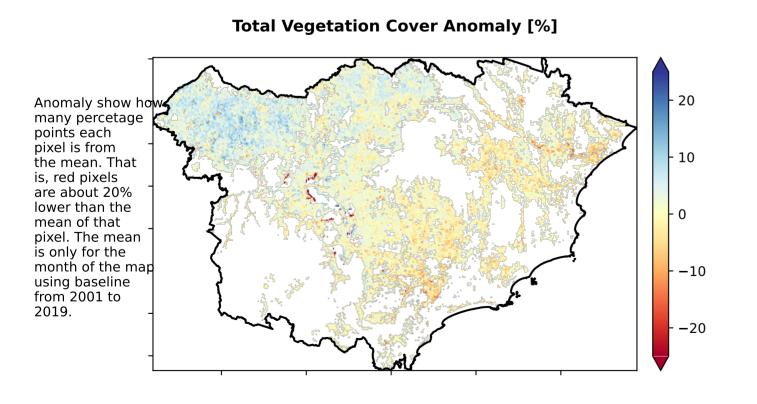


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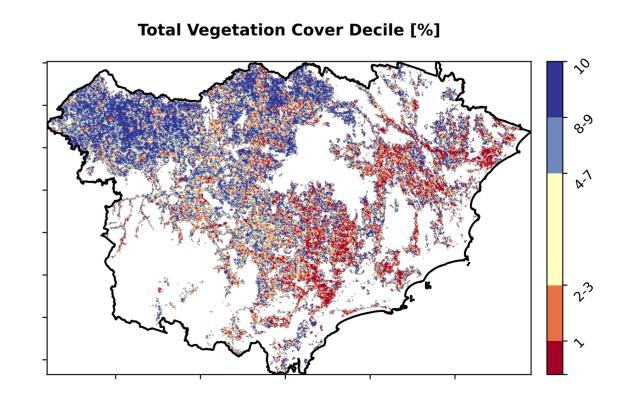








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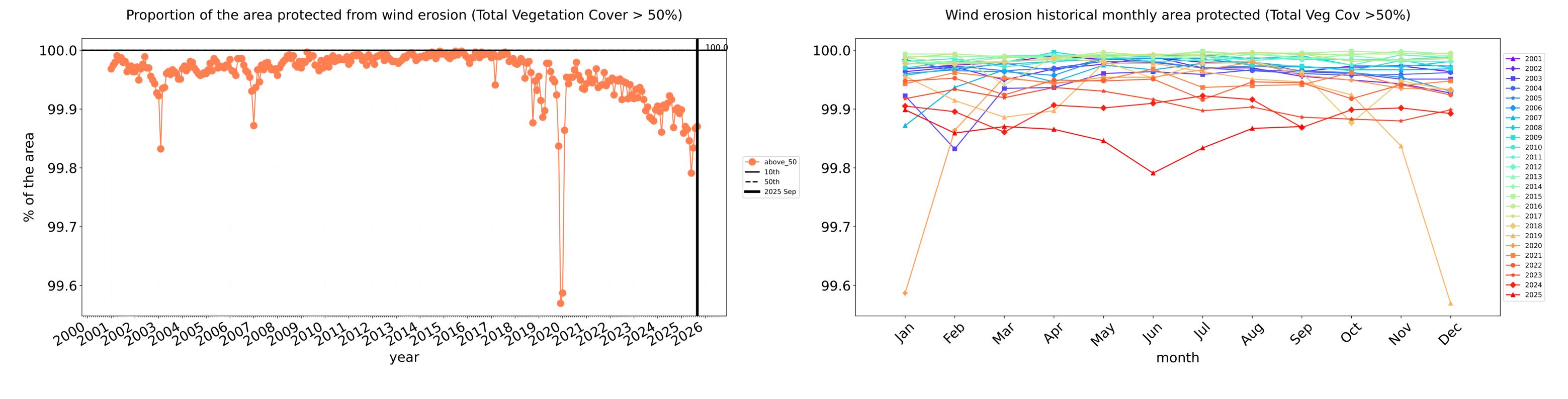


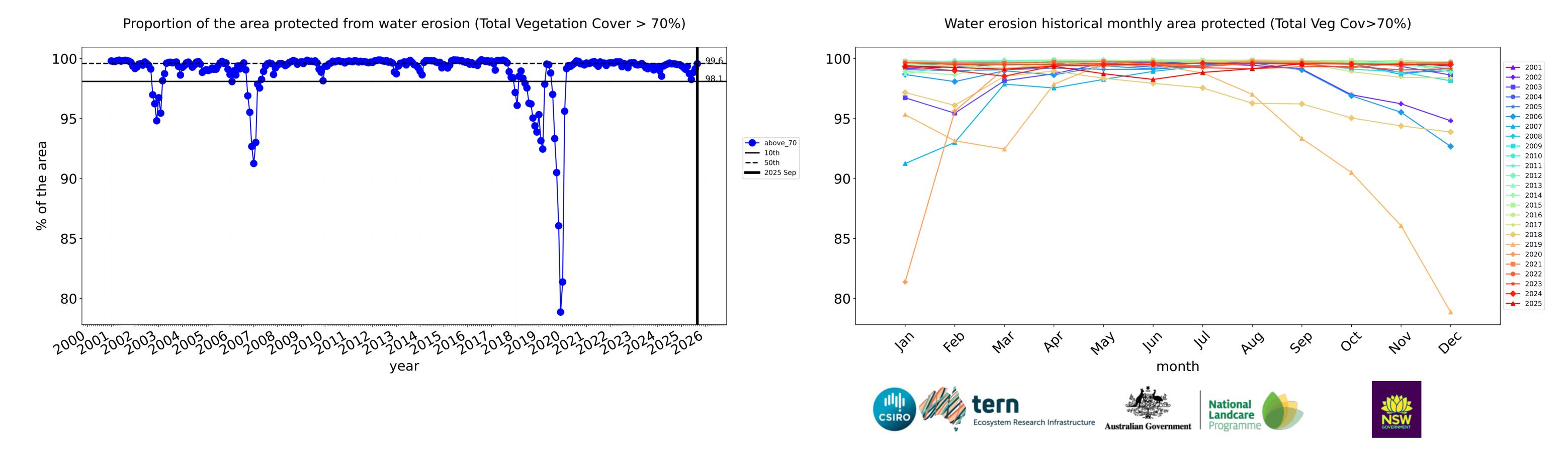


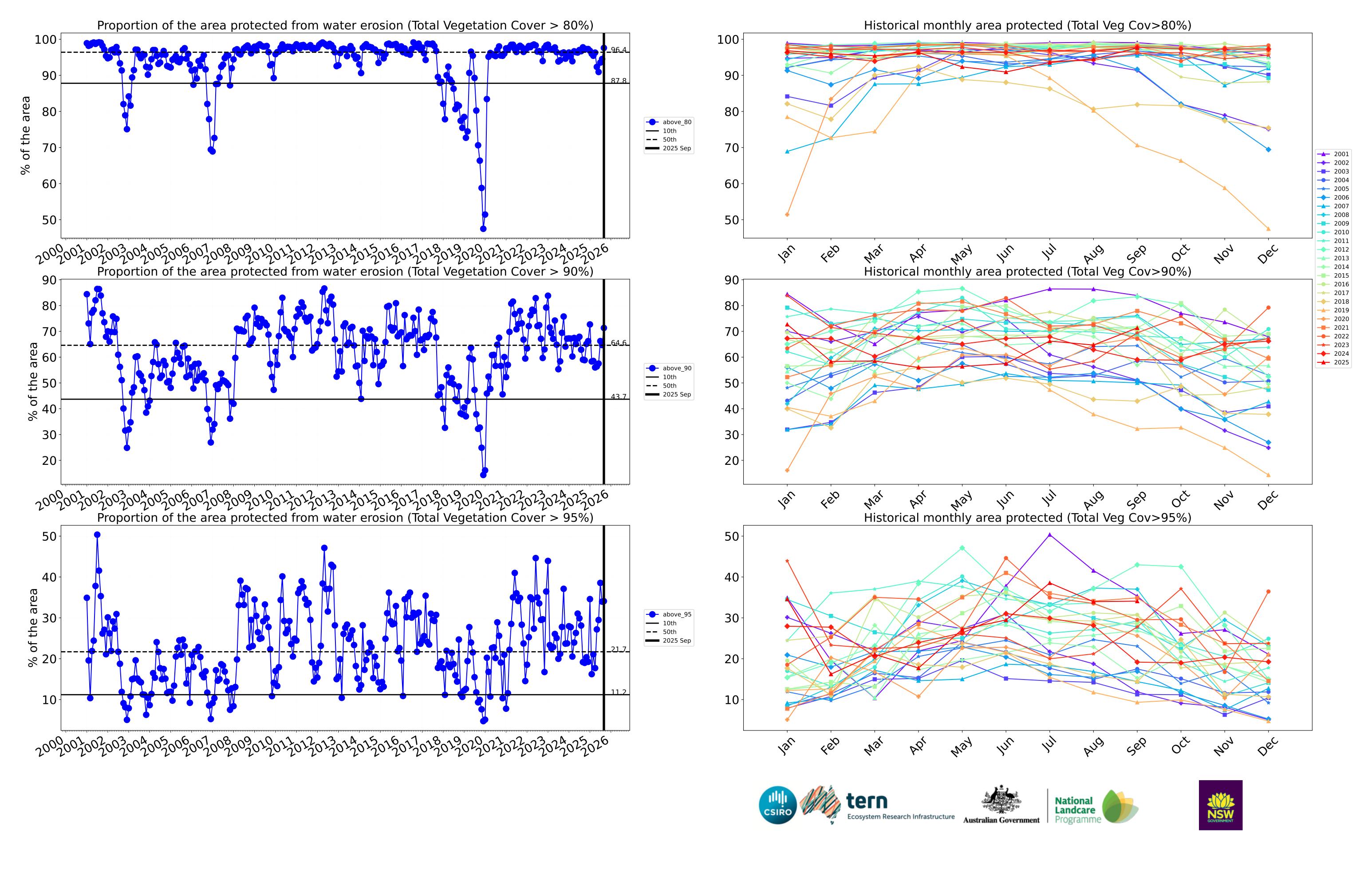




Agriculture timeseries







Grazing

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70 -

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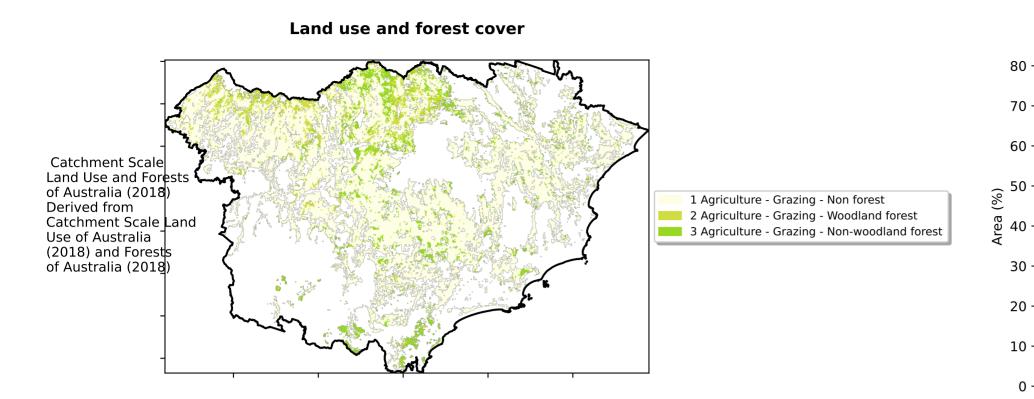
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Proportion of each land class in area 80.7%

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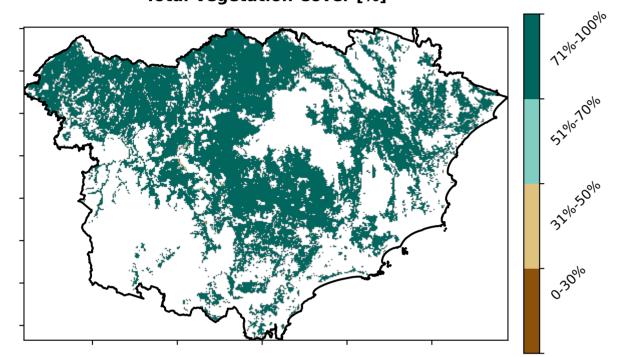
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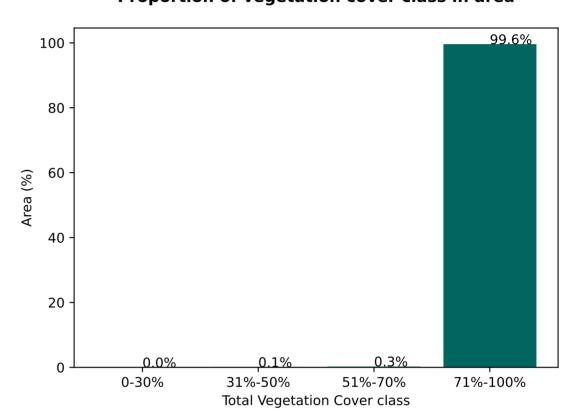
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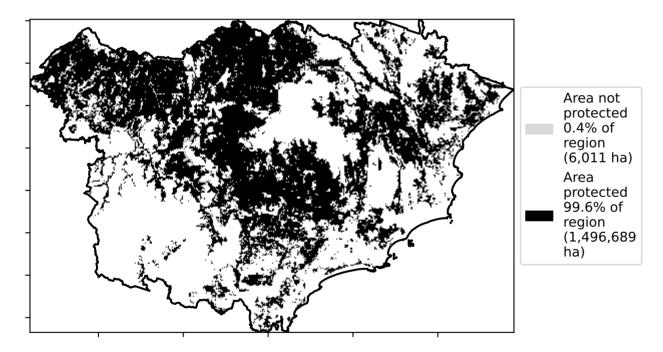
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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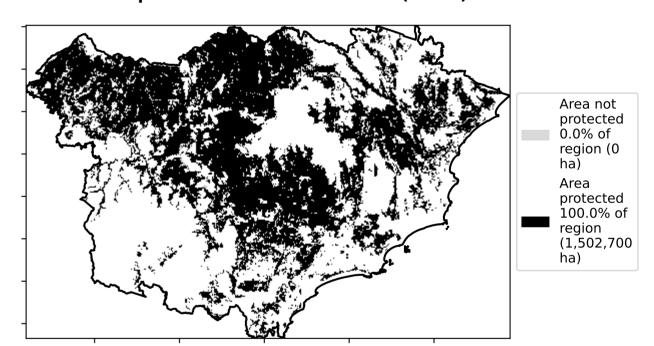
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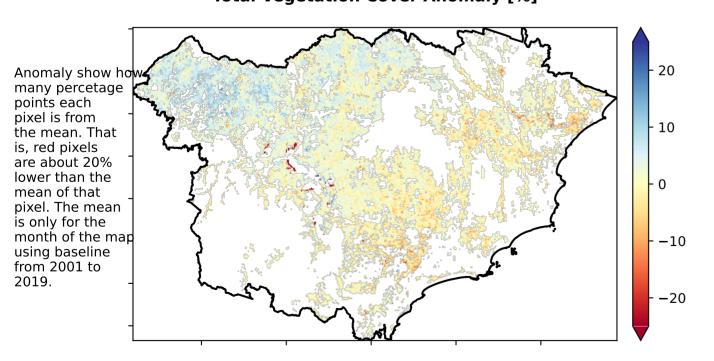
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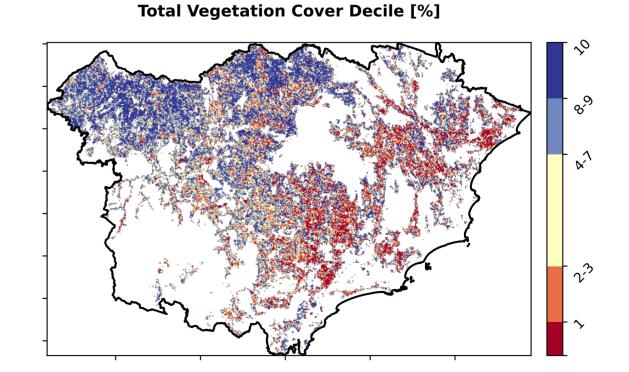
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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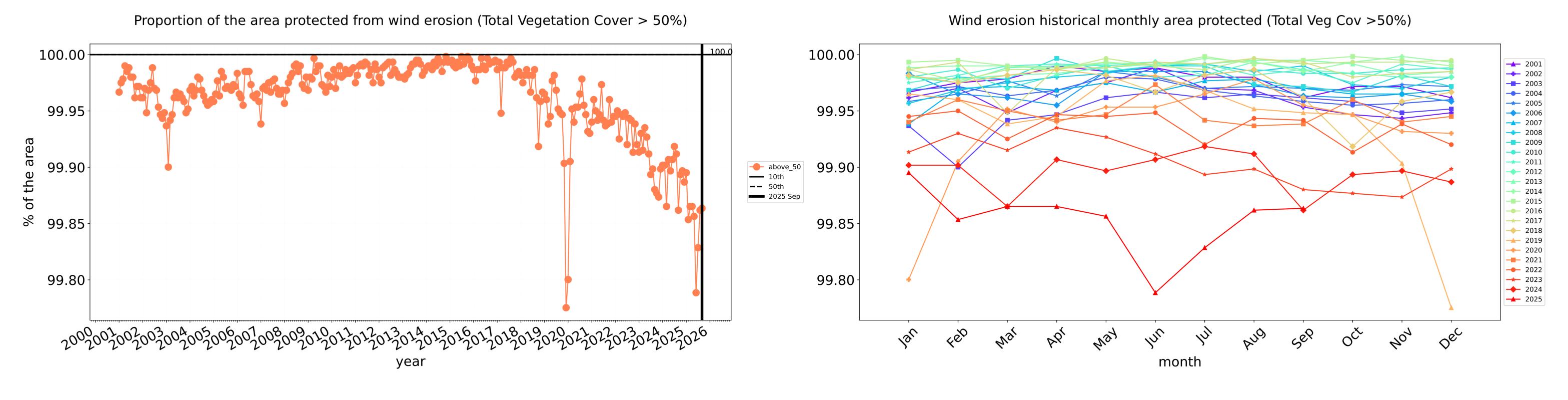


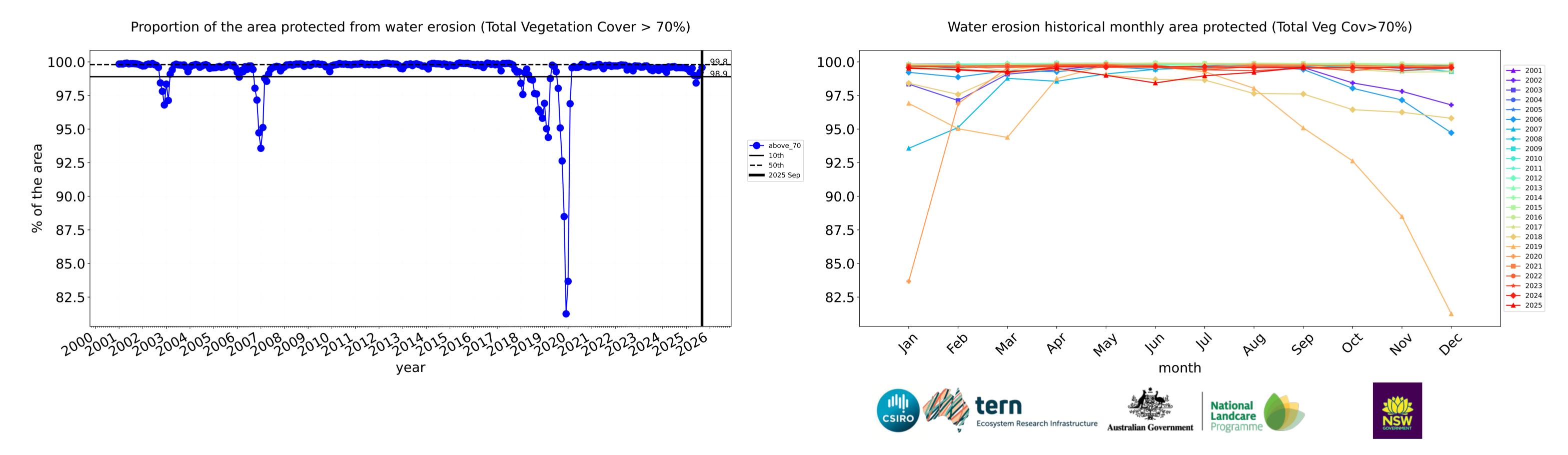


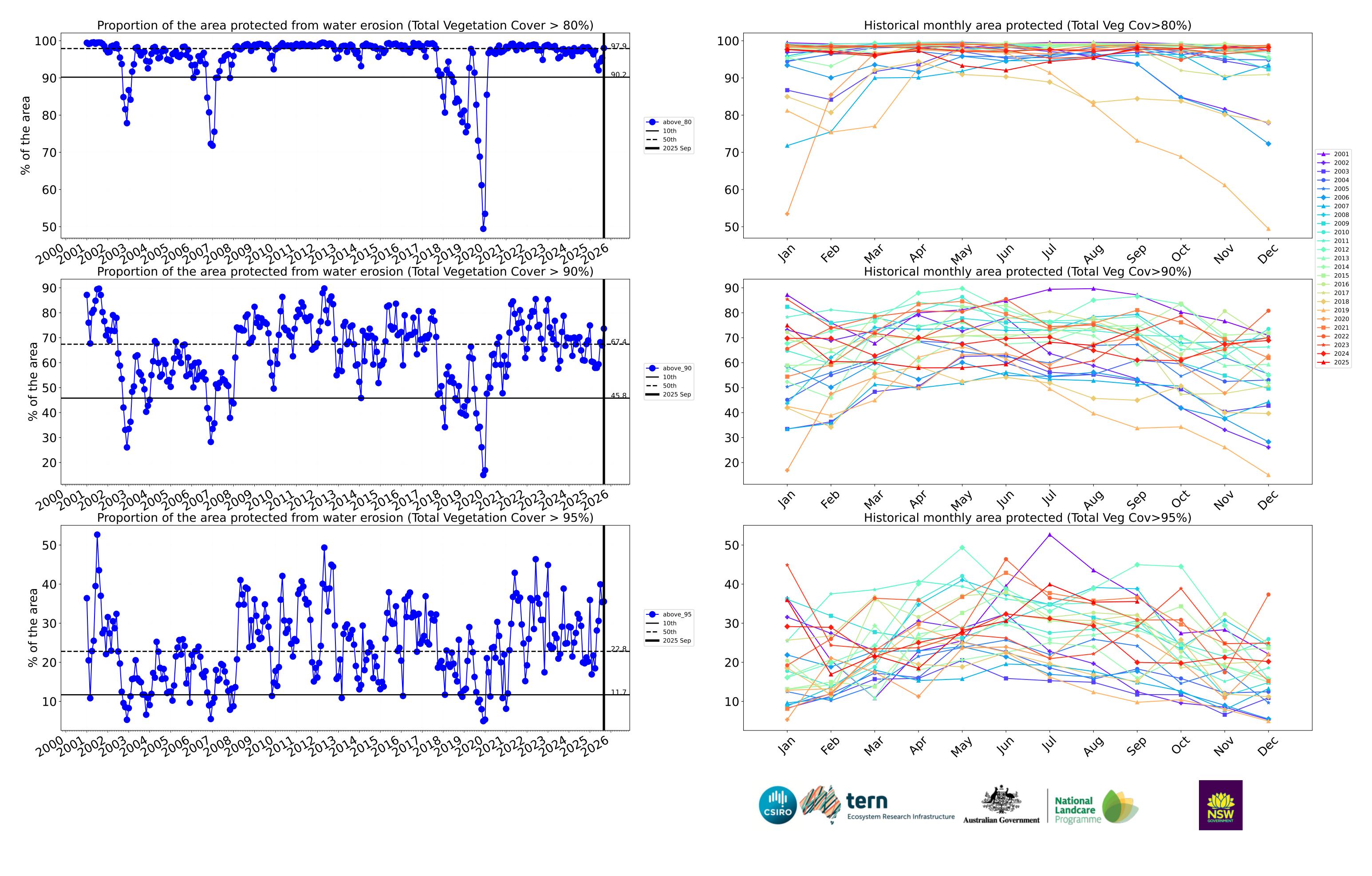




Grazing timeseries

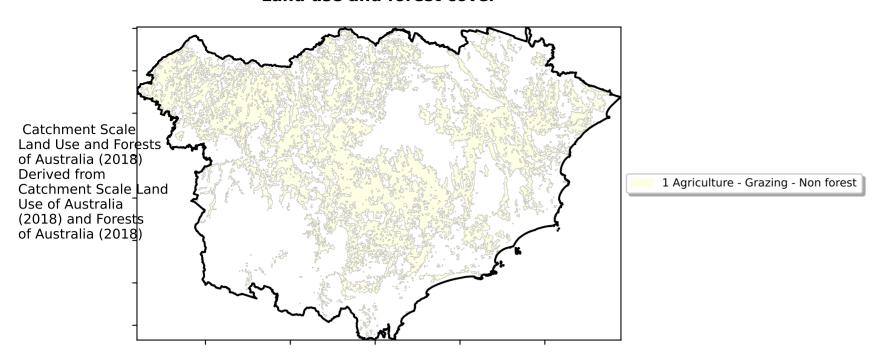




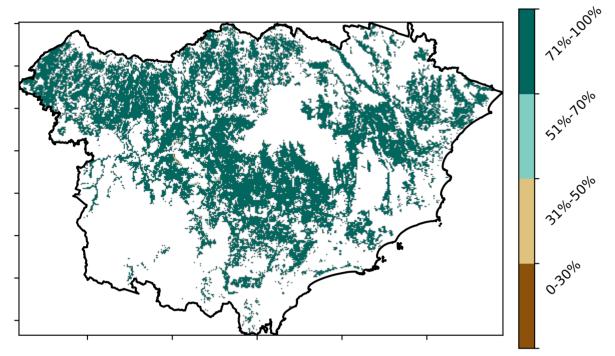


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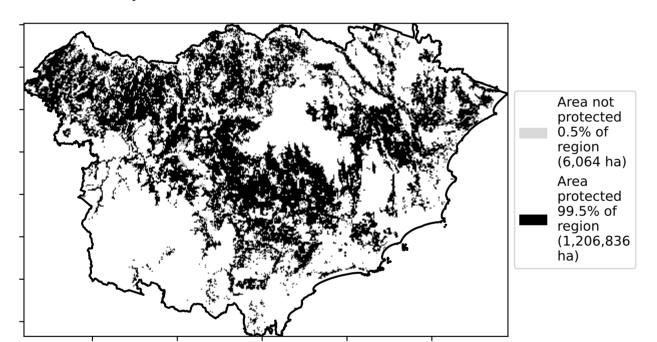
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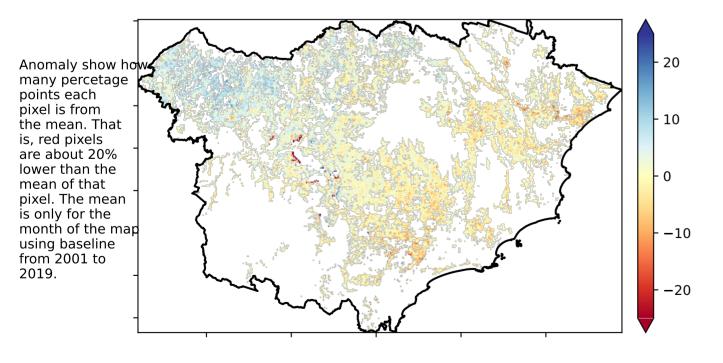
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

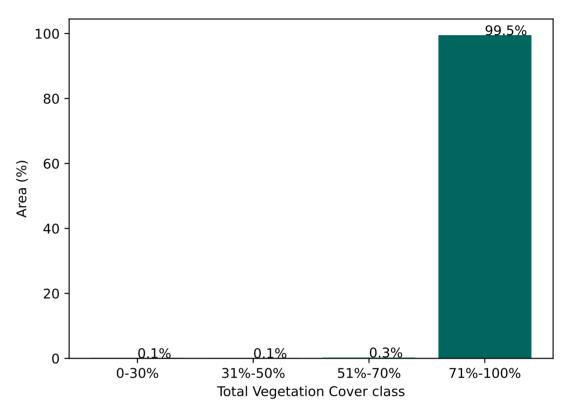


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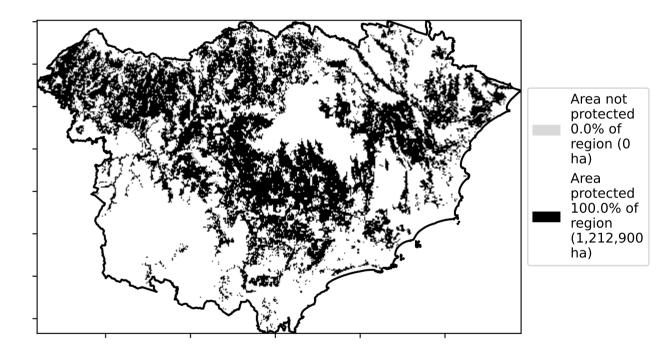


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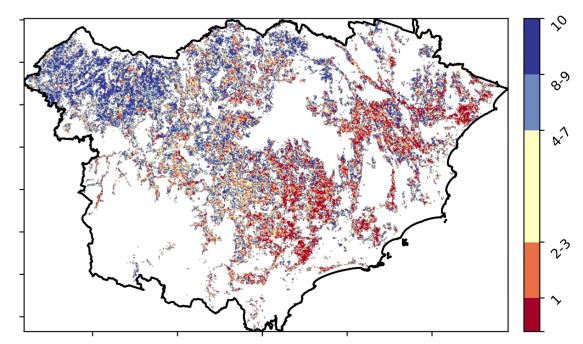
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





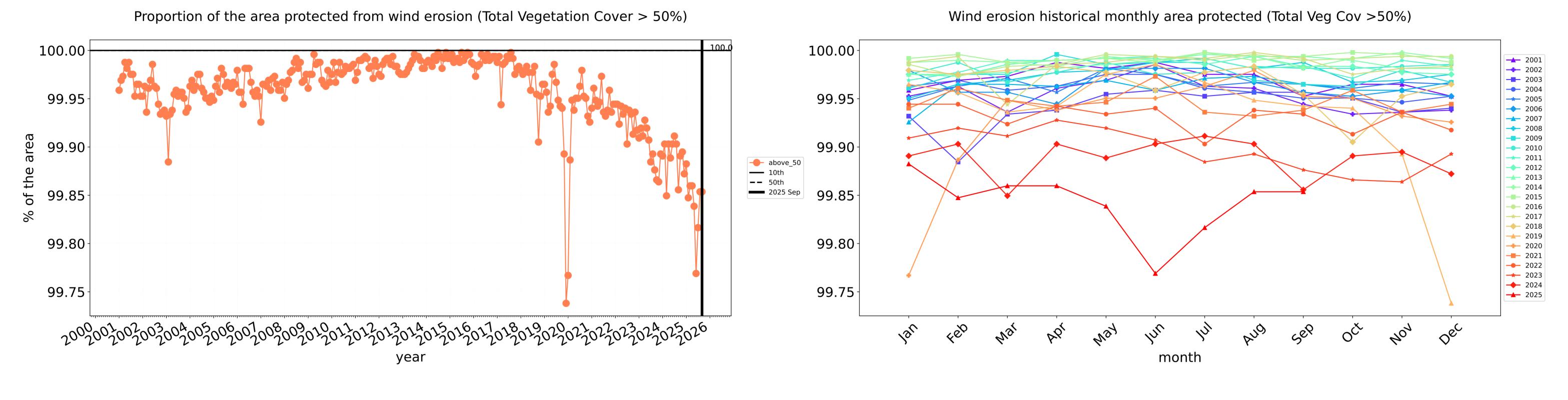


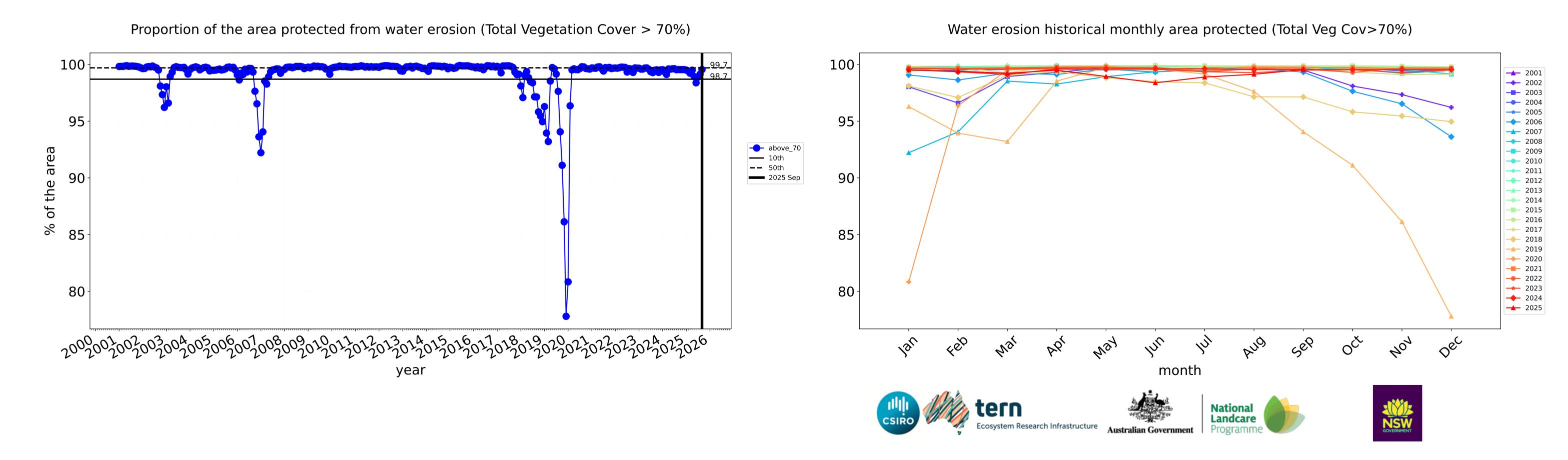


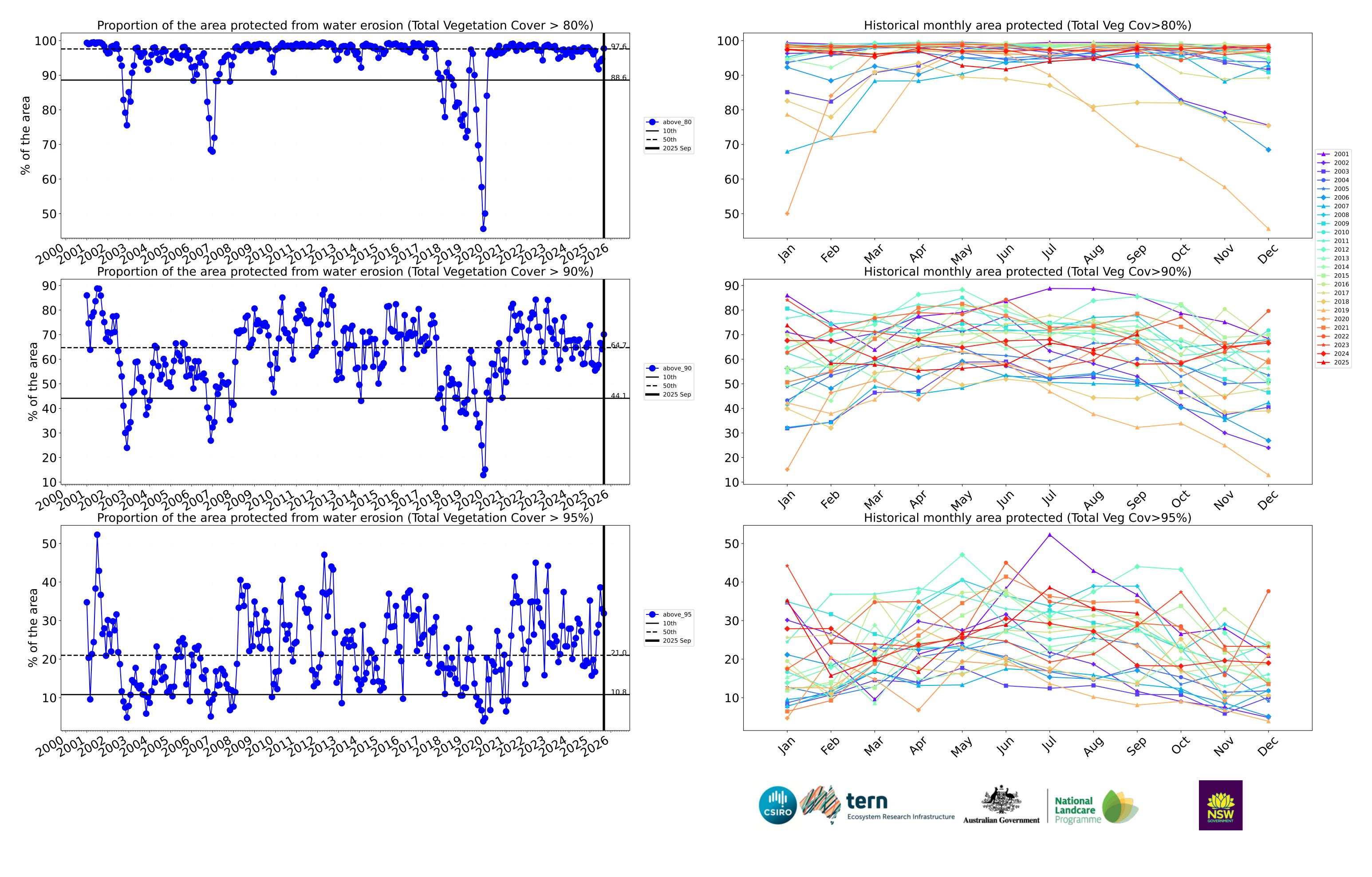




Grazing non forest timeseries



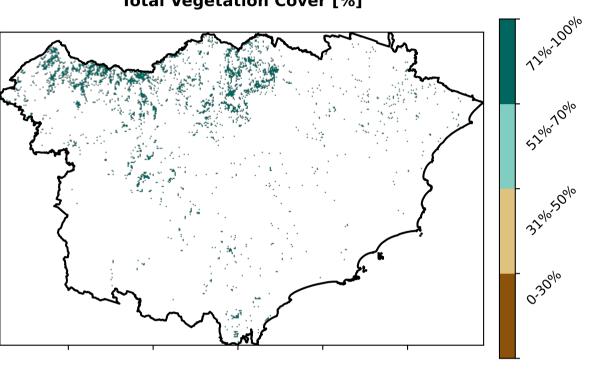


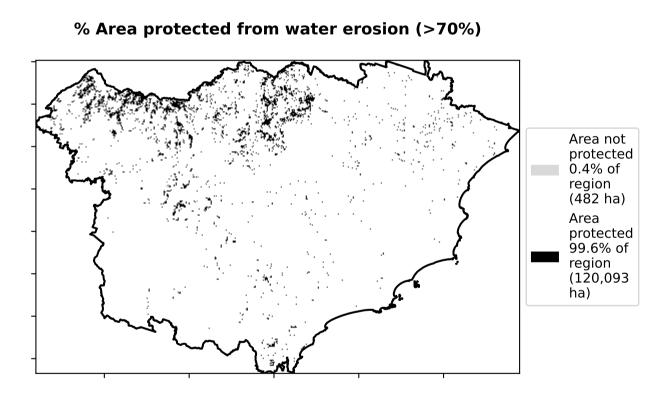


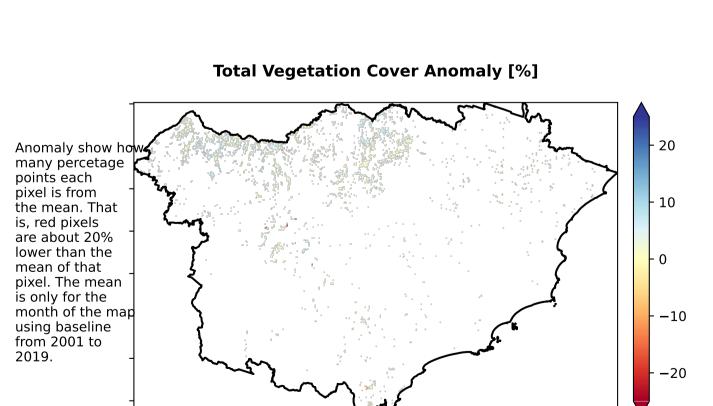
Grazing Woodland forest

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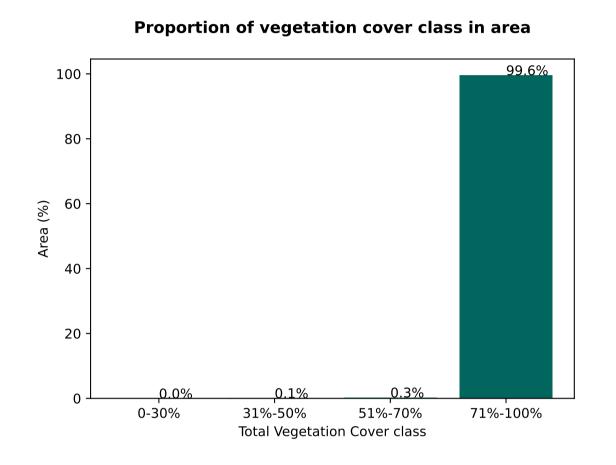
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

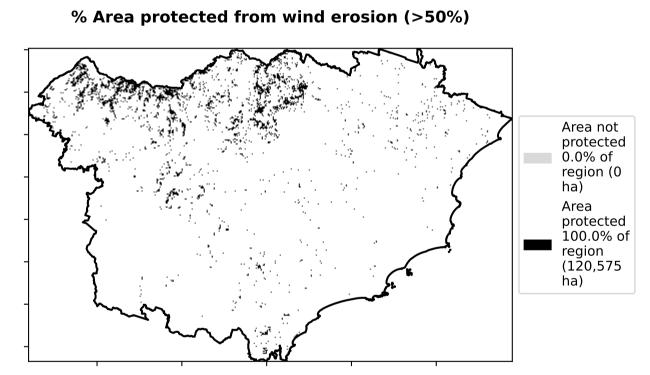


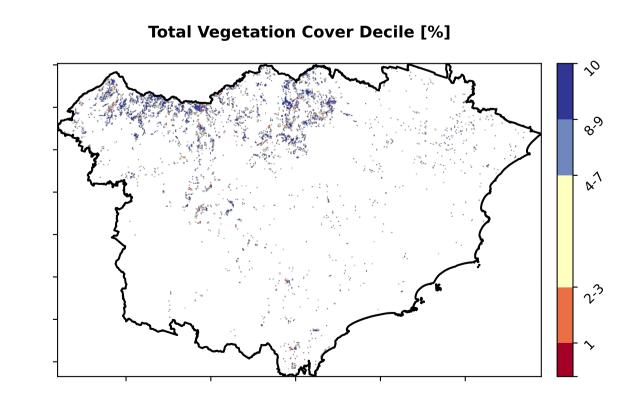




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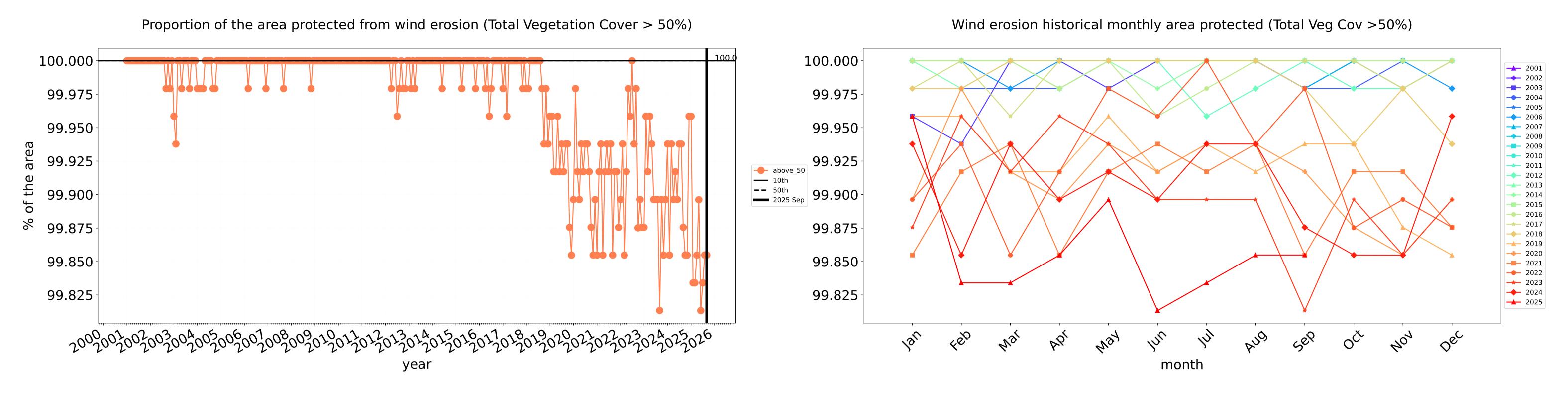


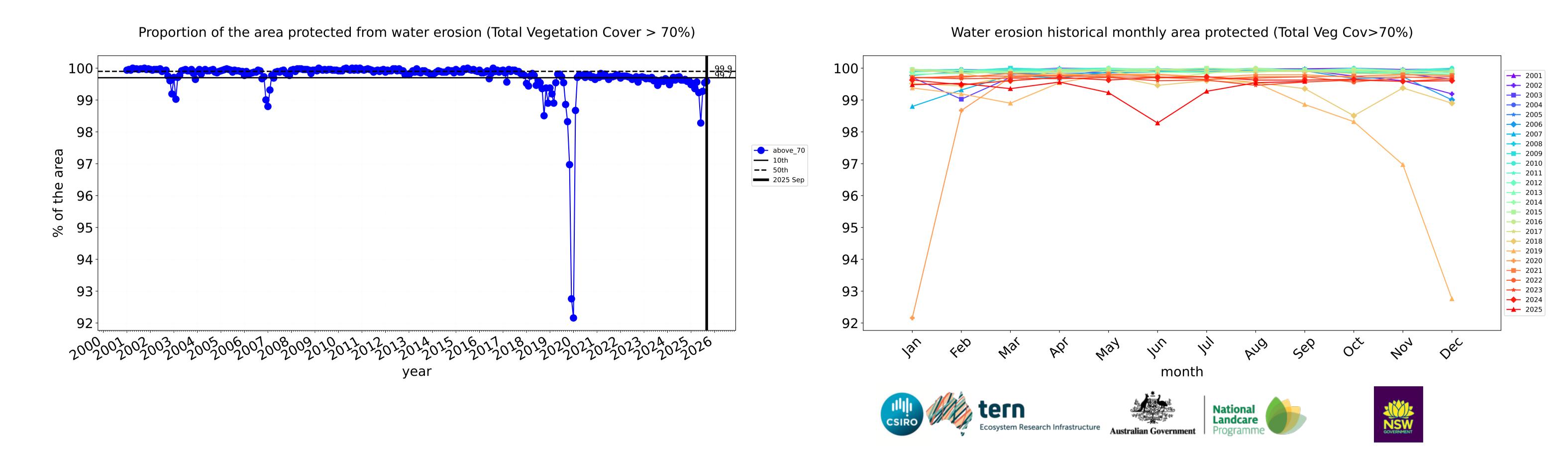


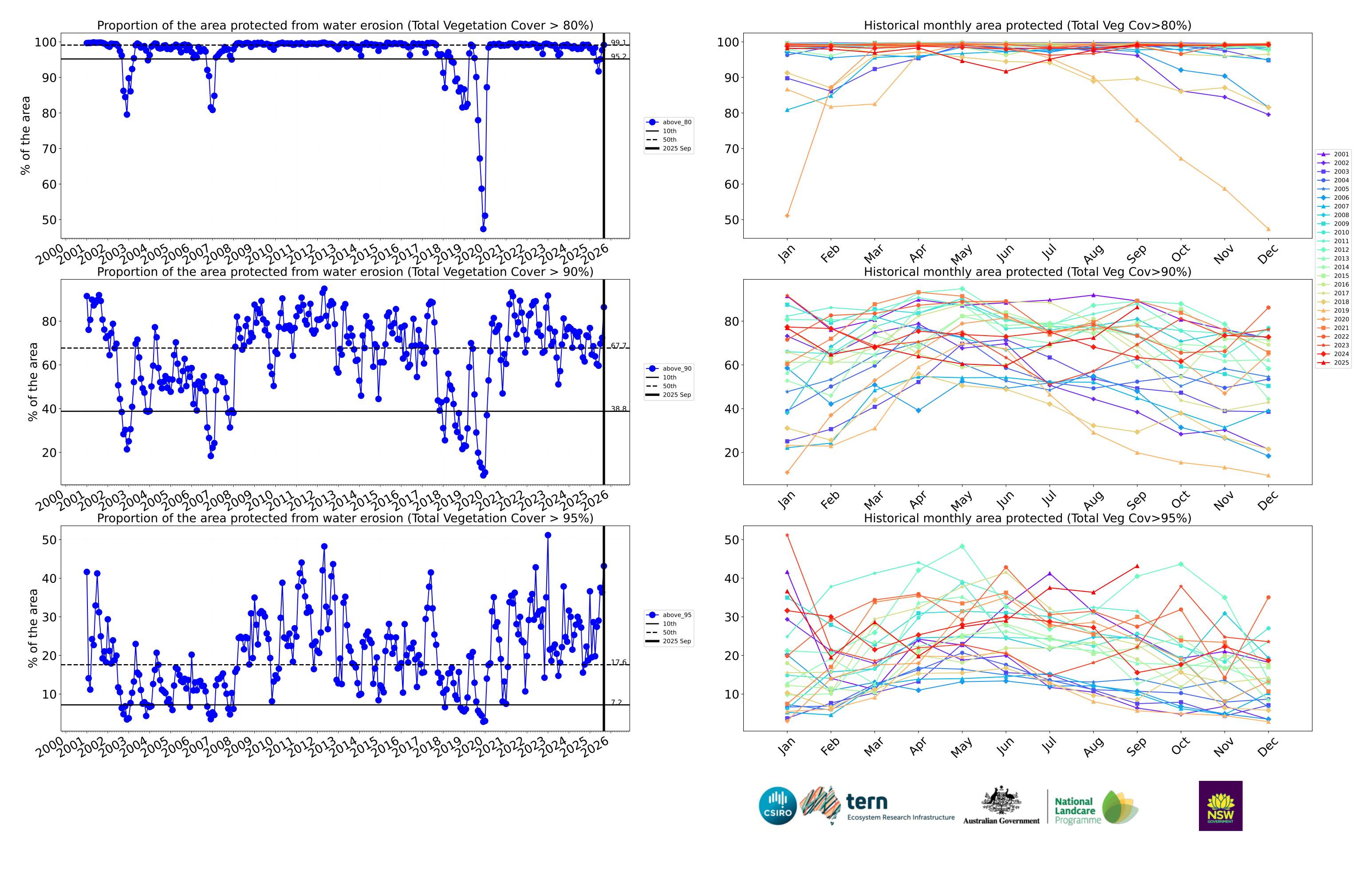




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



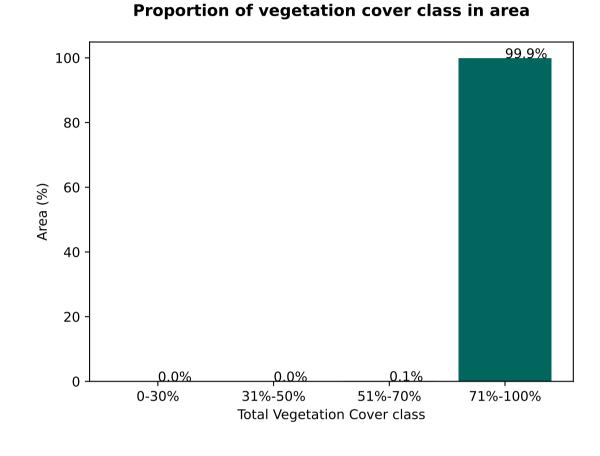


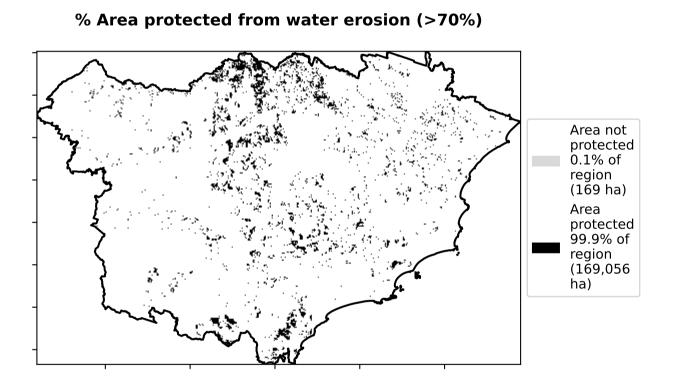


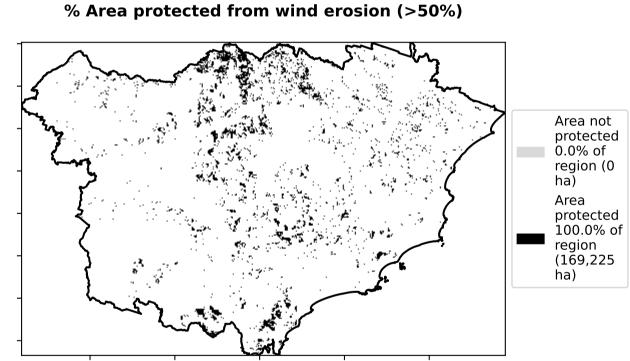
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

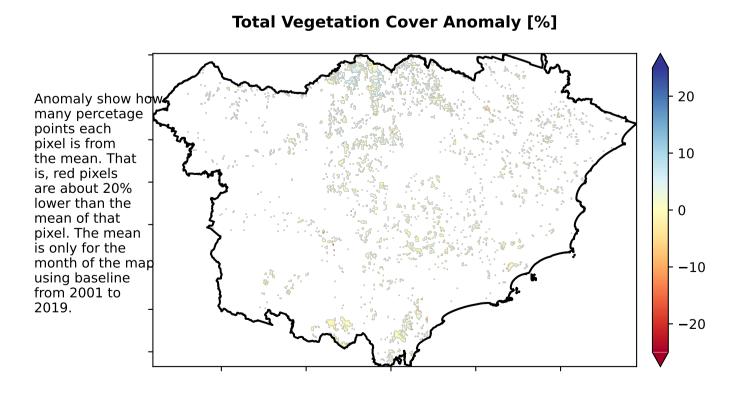
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

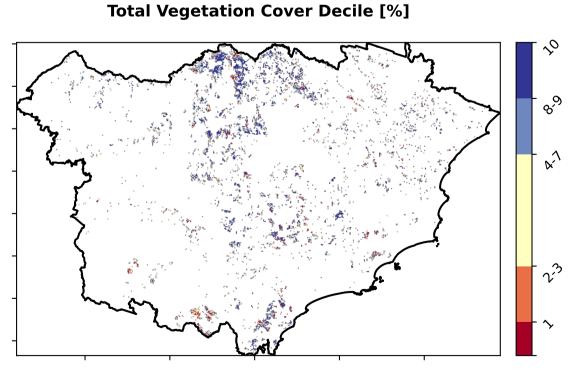








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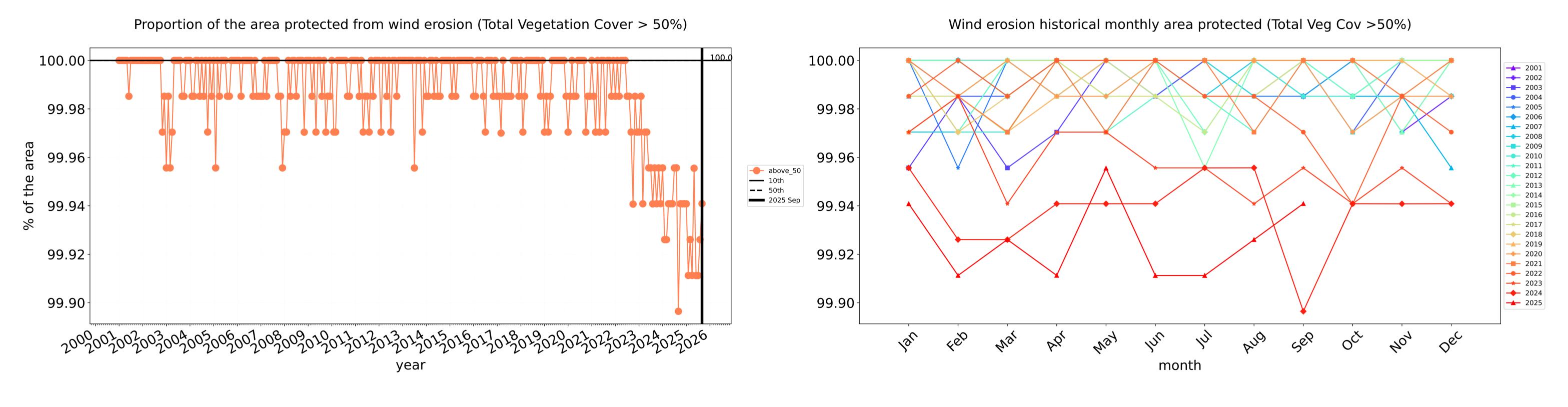


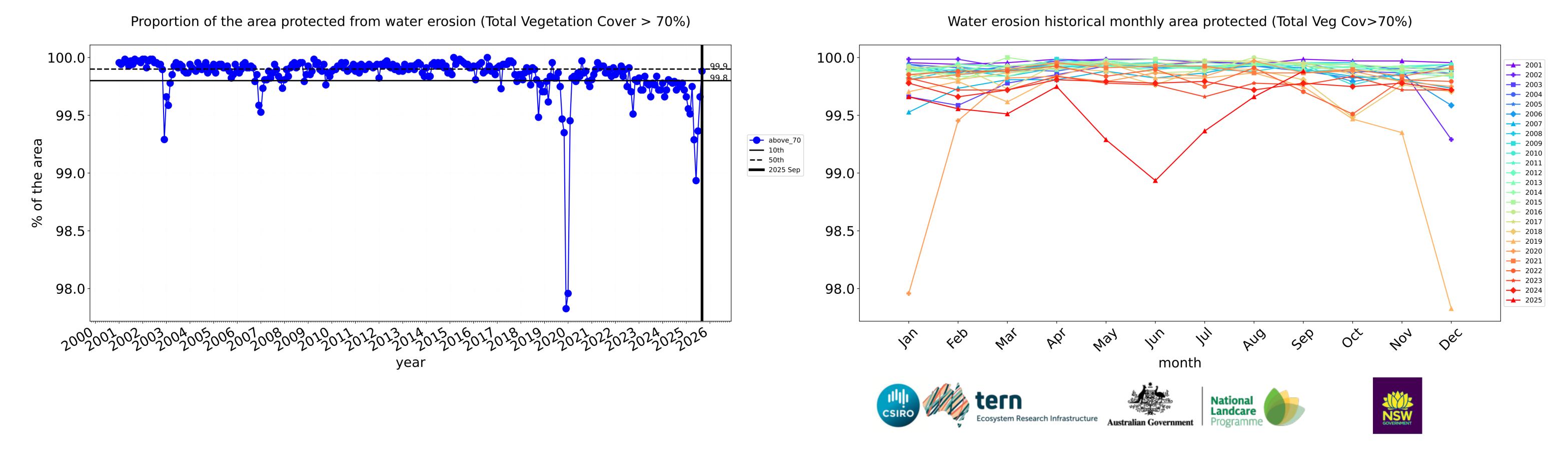


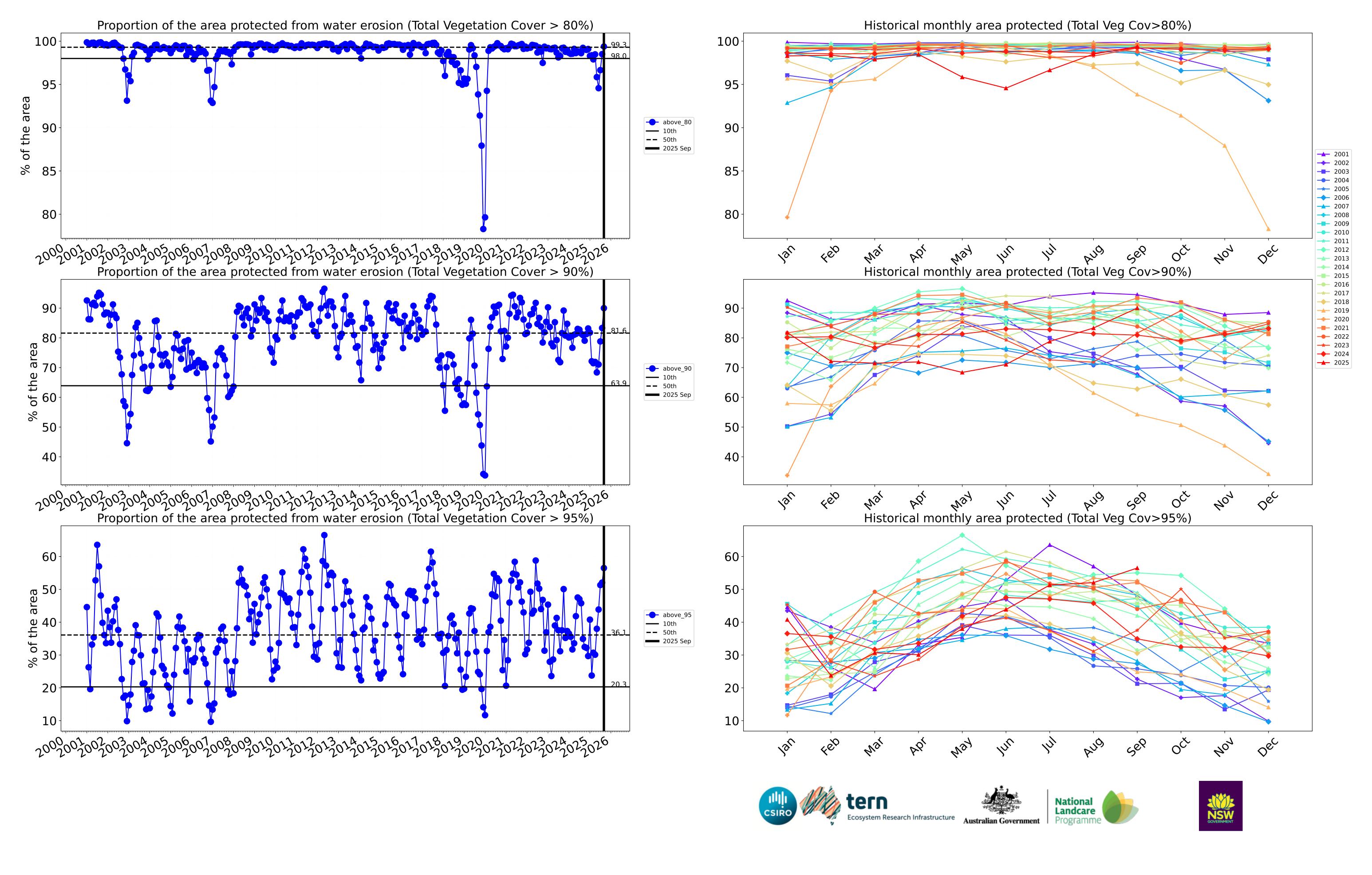






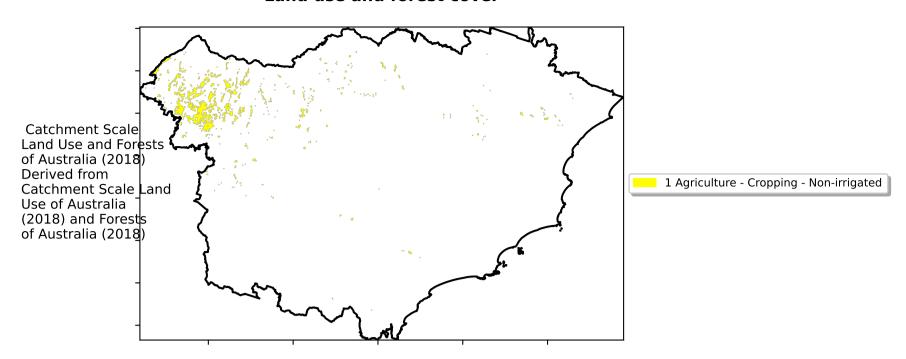




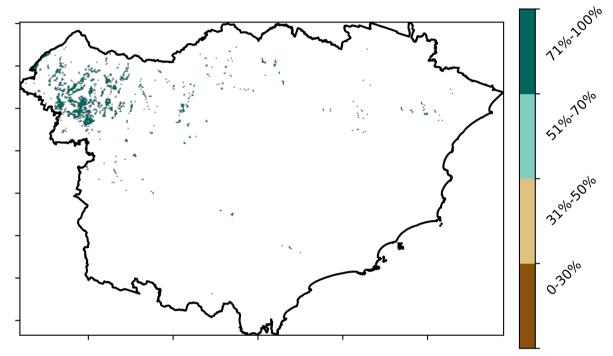


Cropping

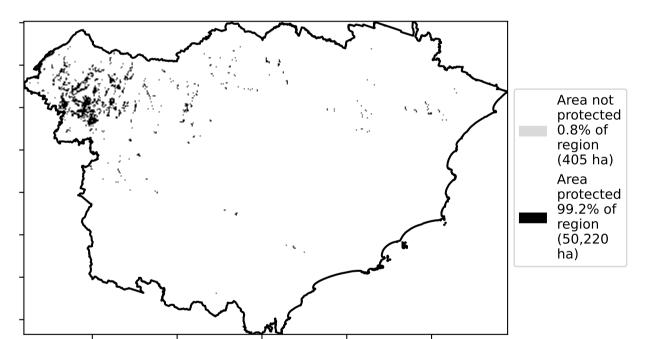
Land use and forest cover



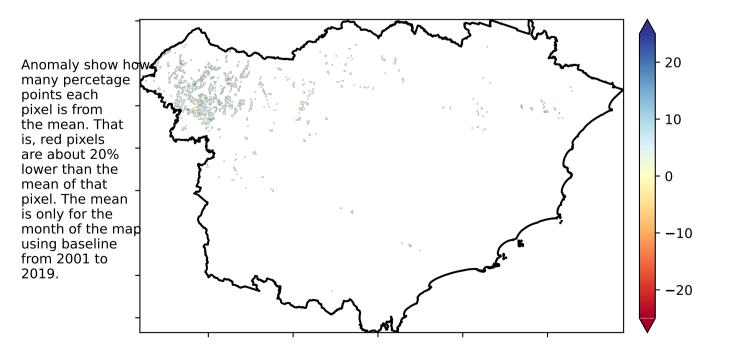
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

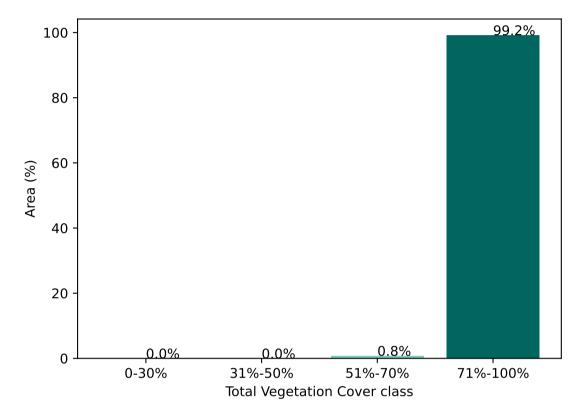


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

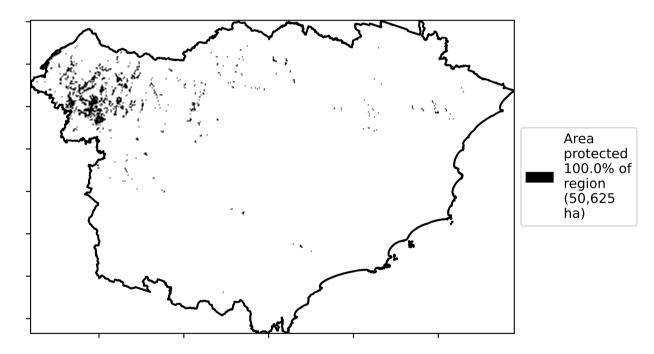


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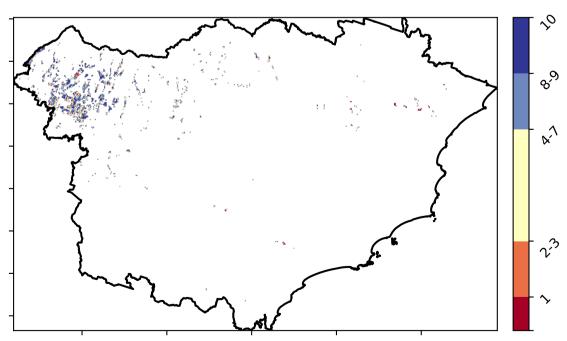
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





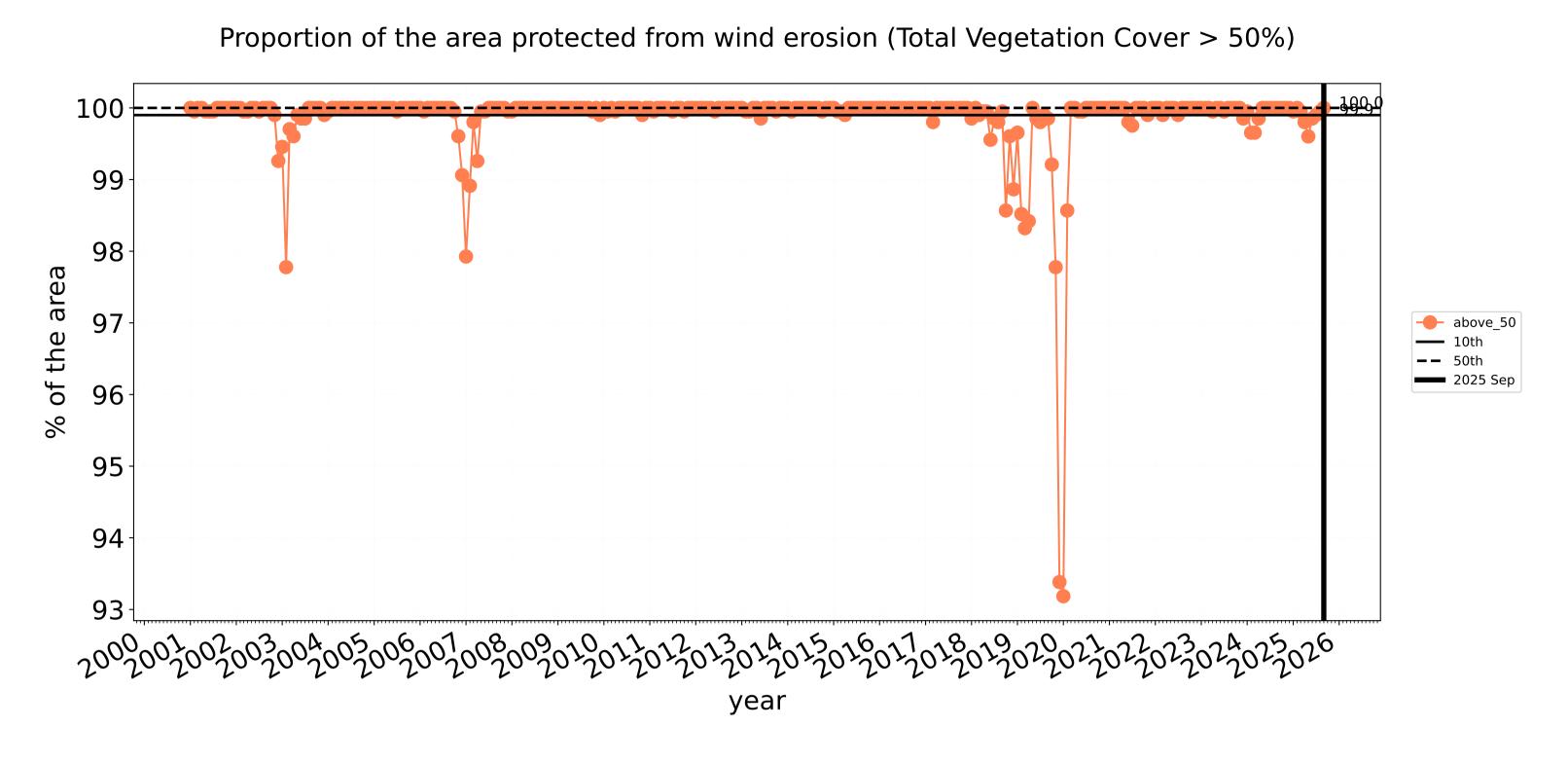


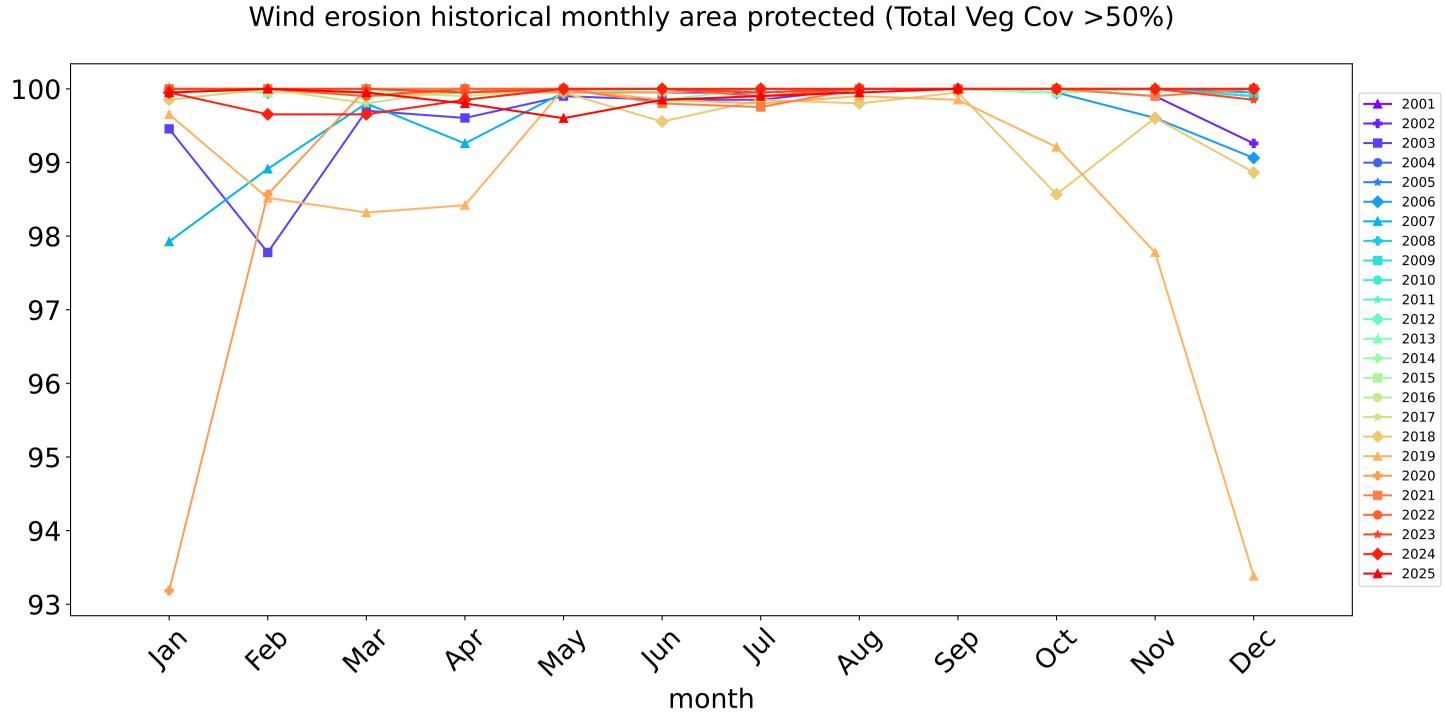


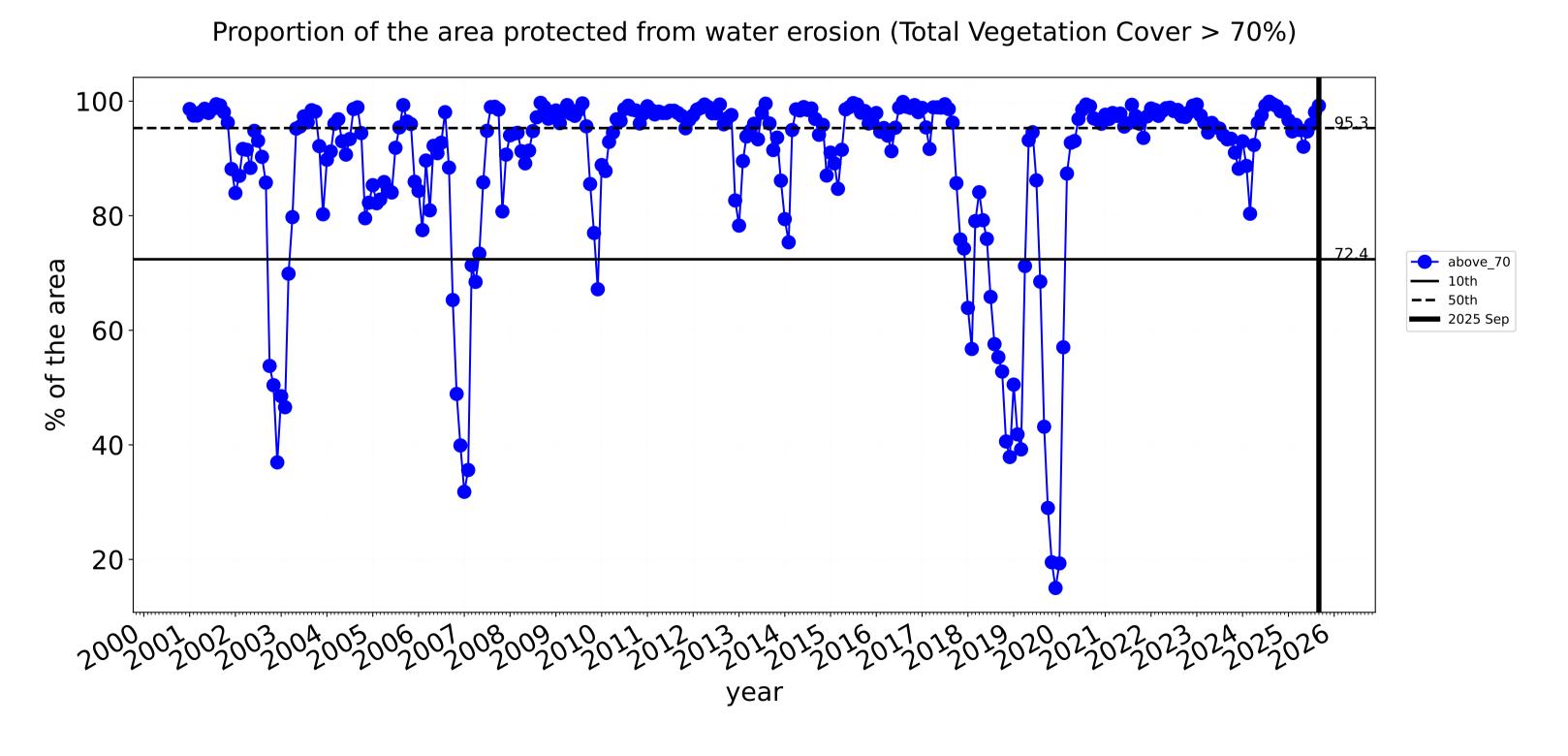


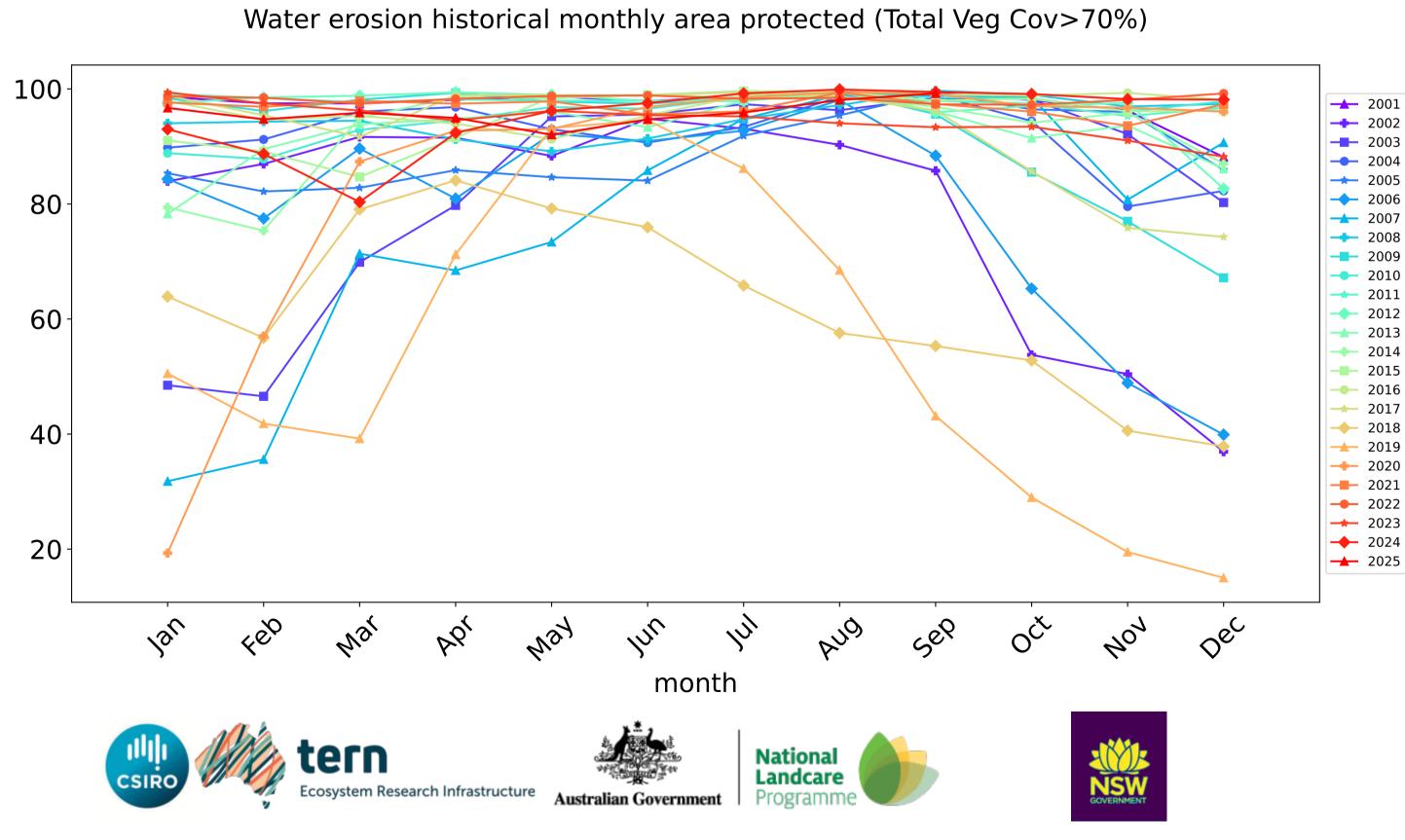


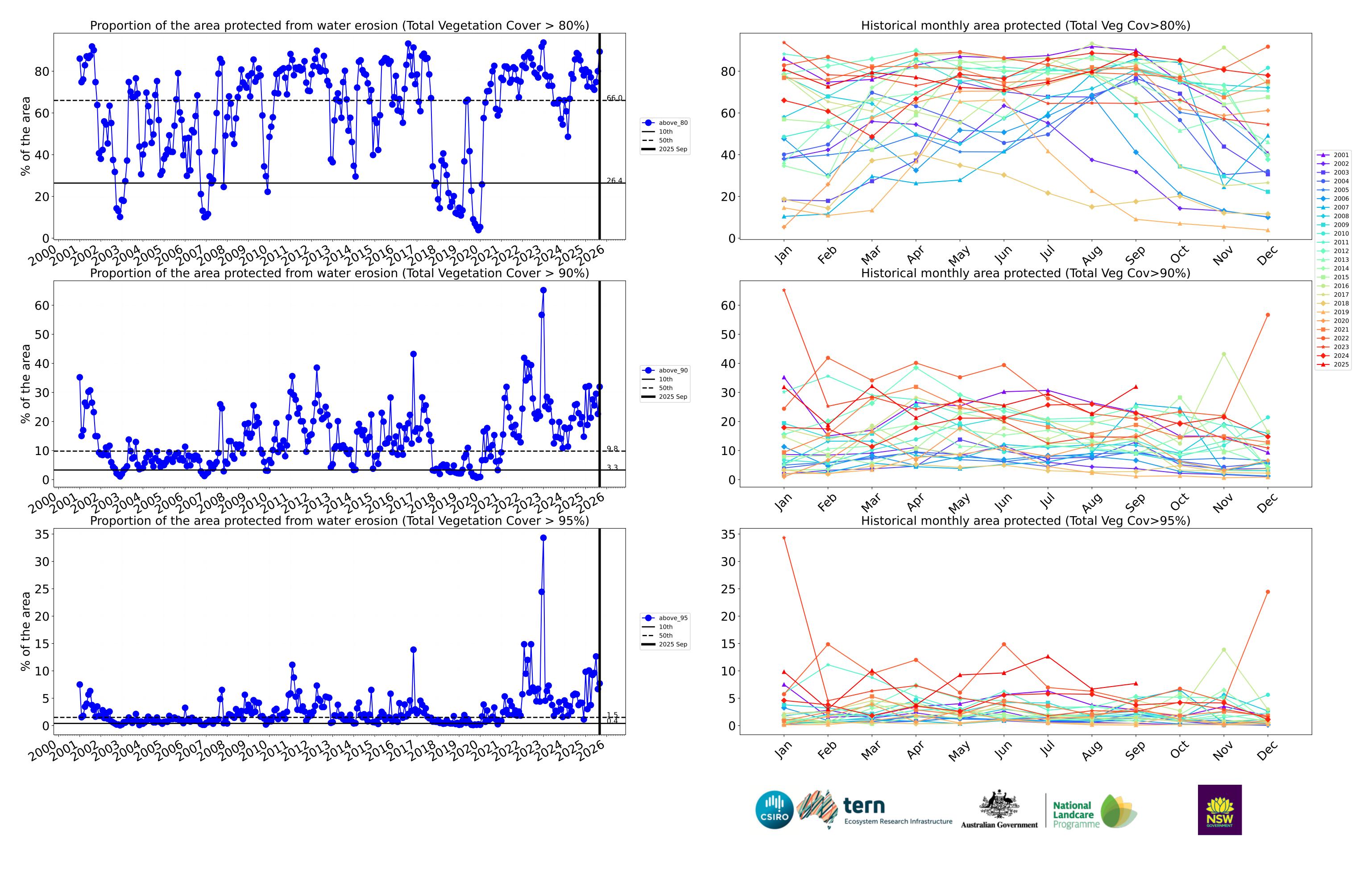
Cropping timeseries









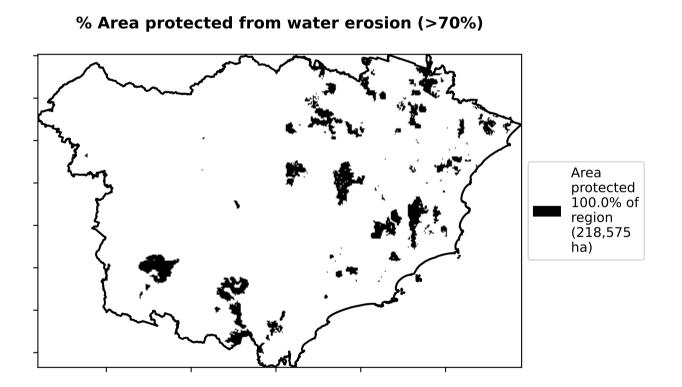


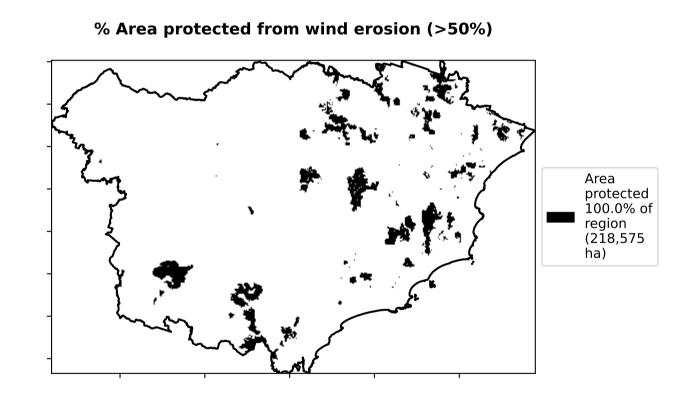
Production native forests and plantation forests

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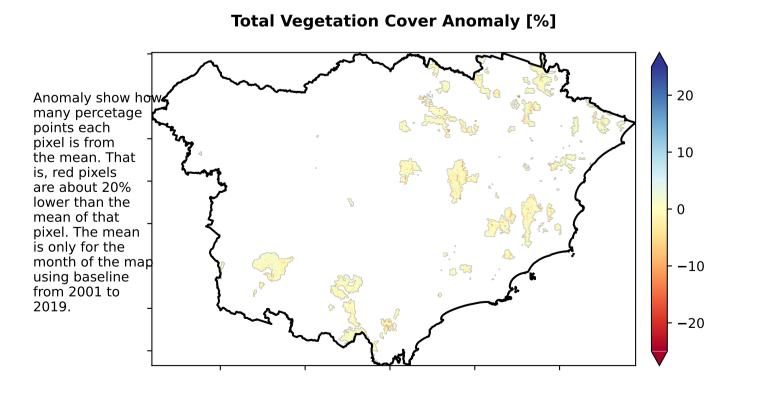
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

100.0% 100 Area (%) 60 40 20 -0.0% 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class

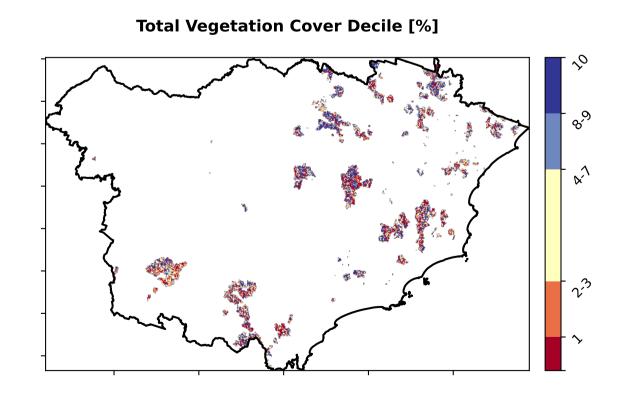




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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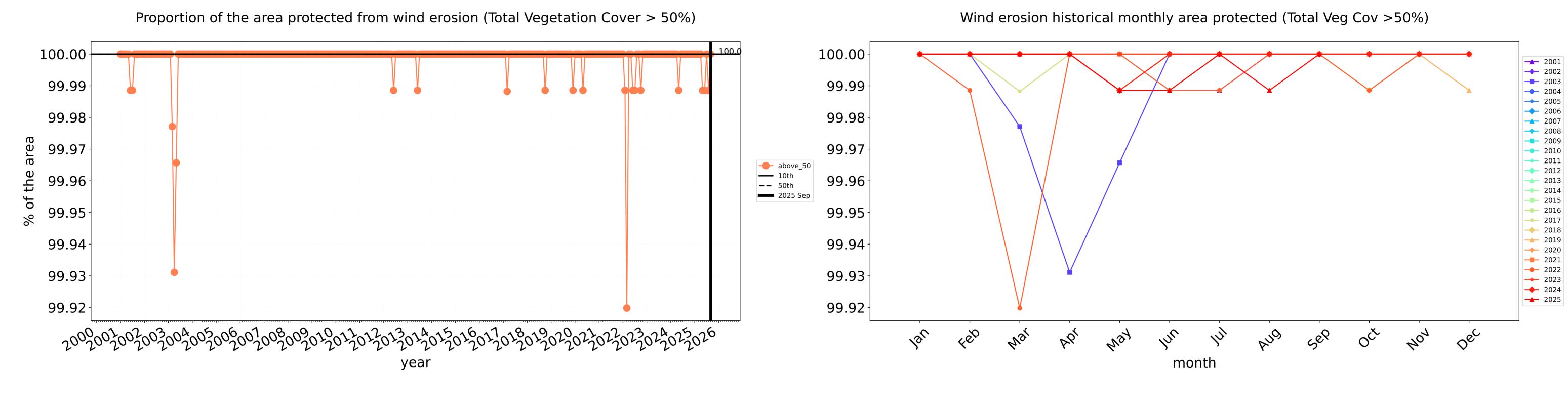


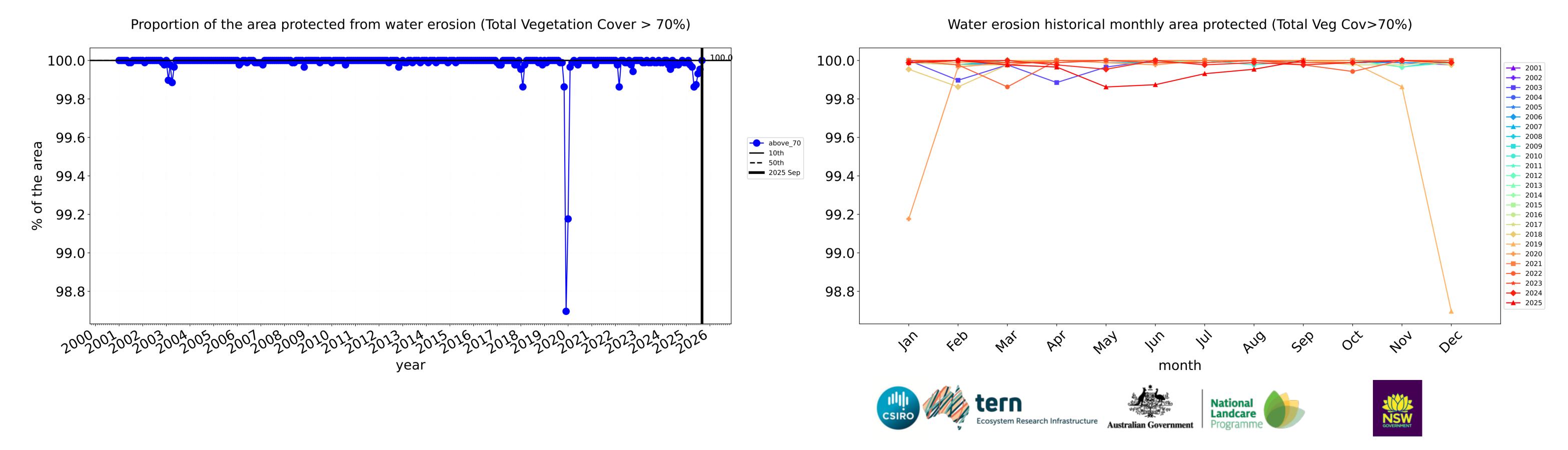


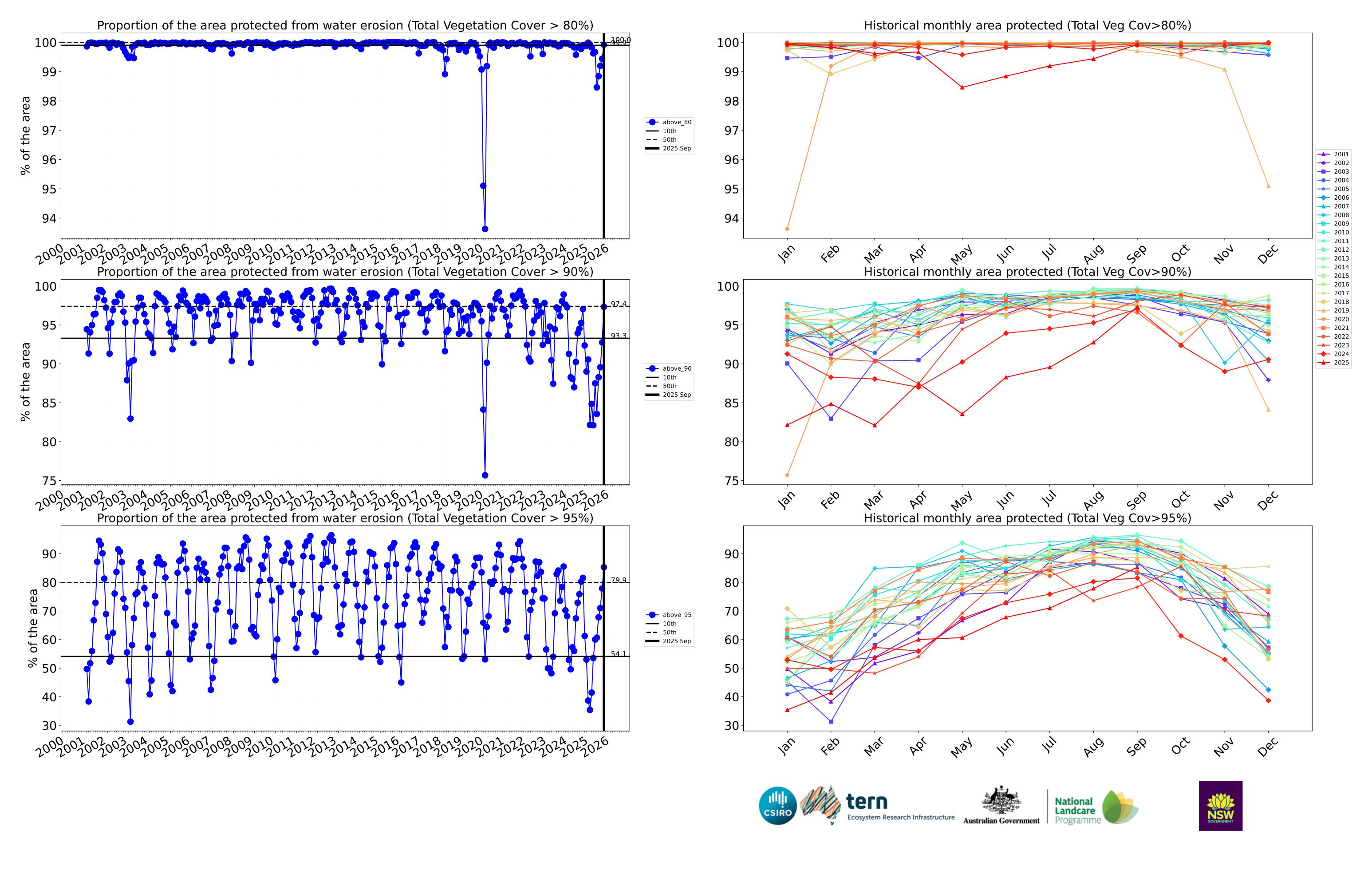




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







Hunter (3,238,975 ha and no data 61,450 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	3,238,975	99.9% 3,234,200	99.6% 3,225,050	98.6% 3,192,600	96.4% 3,123,025	77.5% 2,510,575	47.4% 1,535,650
Conservation and natural environments	1,240,750	99.9% 1,239,550	99.8% 1,238,775	99.7% 1,236,725	99.4% 1,232,900	89.2% 1,106,950	63.6% 788,925
Conservation and natural environments non forest	29,875	96.3% 28,775	94.5% 28,225	90.7% 27,100	88.1% 26,325	70.6% 21,100	44.2% 13,200
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	138,825	100.0% 138,825	100.0% 138,800	99.8% 138,500	99.6% 138,250	81.1% 112,575	41.6% 57,775
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	1,072,050	100.0% 1,071,950	100.0% 1,071,750	99.9% 1,071,125	99.7% 1,068,325	90.8% 973,275	67.0% 717,950
Agriculture	1,580,700	100.0% 1,580,075	99.9% 1,578,650	99.6% 1,573,975	97.6% 1,542,700	71.3% 1,127,500	34.1% 538,775
Grazing	1,502,700	100.0% 1,502,075	99.9% 1,500,650	99.6% 1,496,500	98.0% 1,473,375	73.6% 1,106,700	35.5% 534,200
Grazing non forest	1,212,900	100.0% 1,212,350	99.9% 1,211,125	99.5% 1,207,400	97.8% 1,185,650	70.1% 850,250	31.9% 386,550
Grazing Woodland forest	120,575	100.0% 120,550	99.9% 120,400	99.6% 120,075	99.1% 119,550	86.4% 104,150	43.2% 52,050
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	169,225	100.0% 169,175	99.9% 169,125	99.9% 169,025	99.4% 168,175	90.0% 152,300	56.5% 95,600
Cropping	50,625	100.0% 50,625	100.0% 50,625	99.2% 50,225	89.4% 45,250	32.0% 16,175	7.7% 3,900
Production native forests and plantation forests	218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,575	100.0% 218,575	99.9% 218,400	97.3% 212,750	85.3% 186,425







