### **Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Riverina 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: January 2002

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

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

- 71-100% High cover protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
  - 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
  - 31-50% Low cover not protected
  - 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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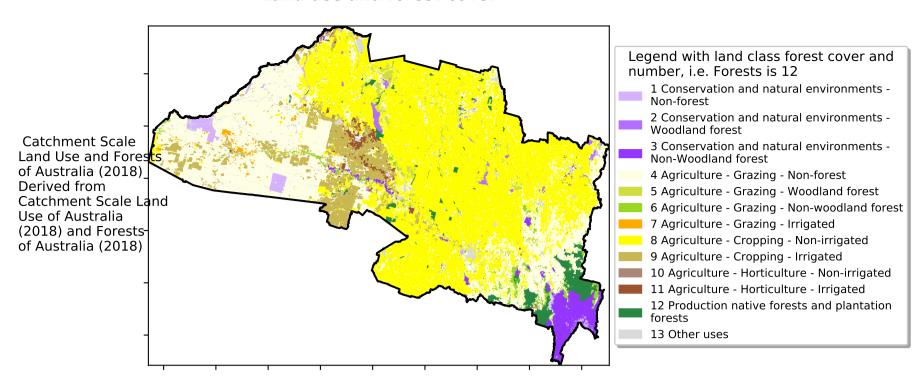




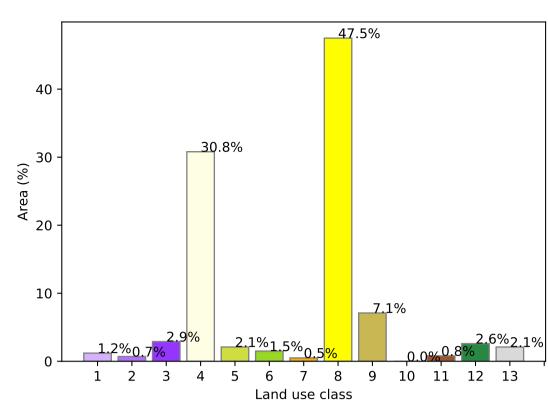


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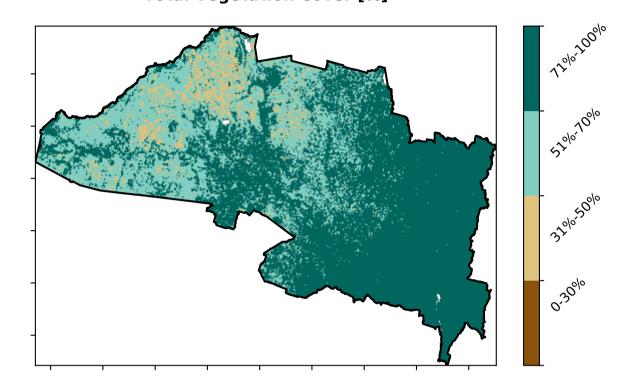
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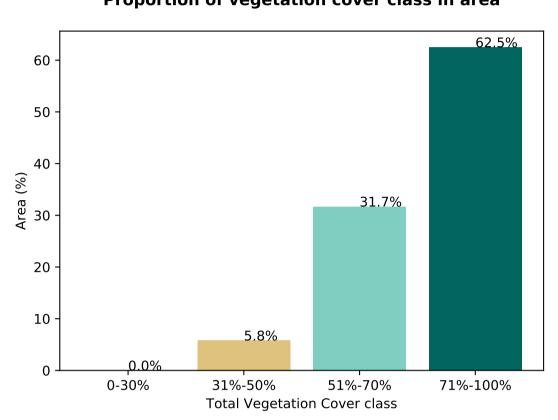
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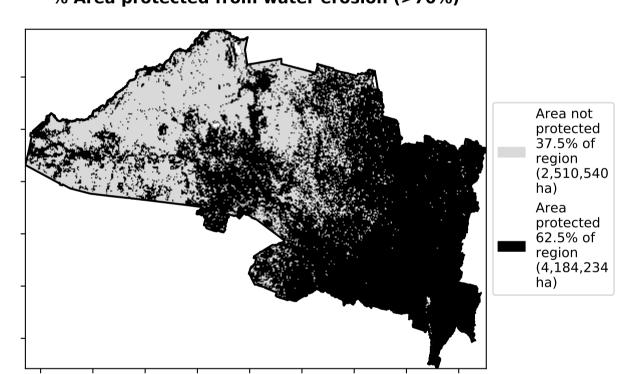
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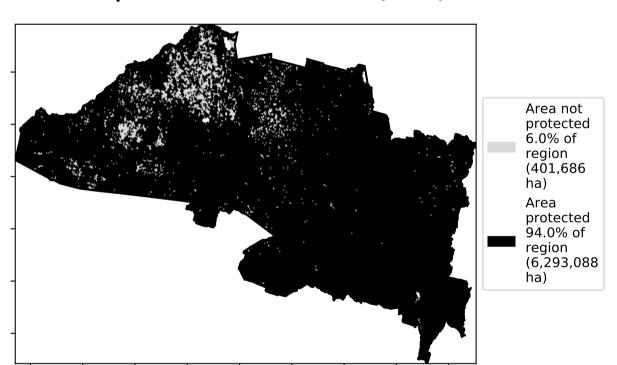
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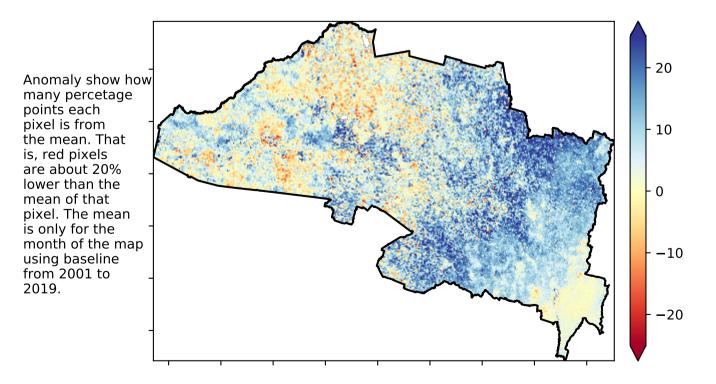
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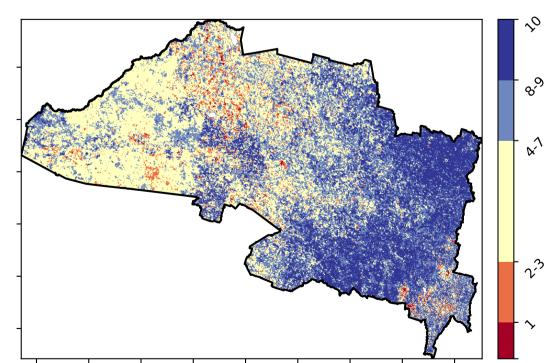
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### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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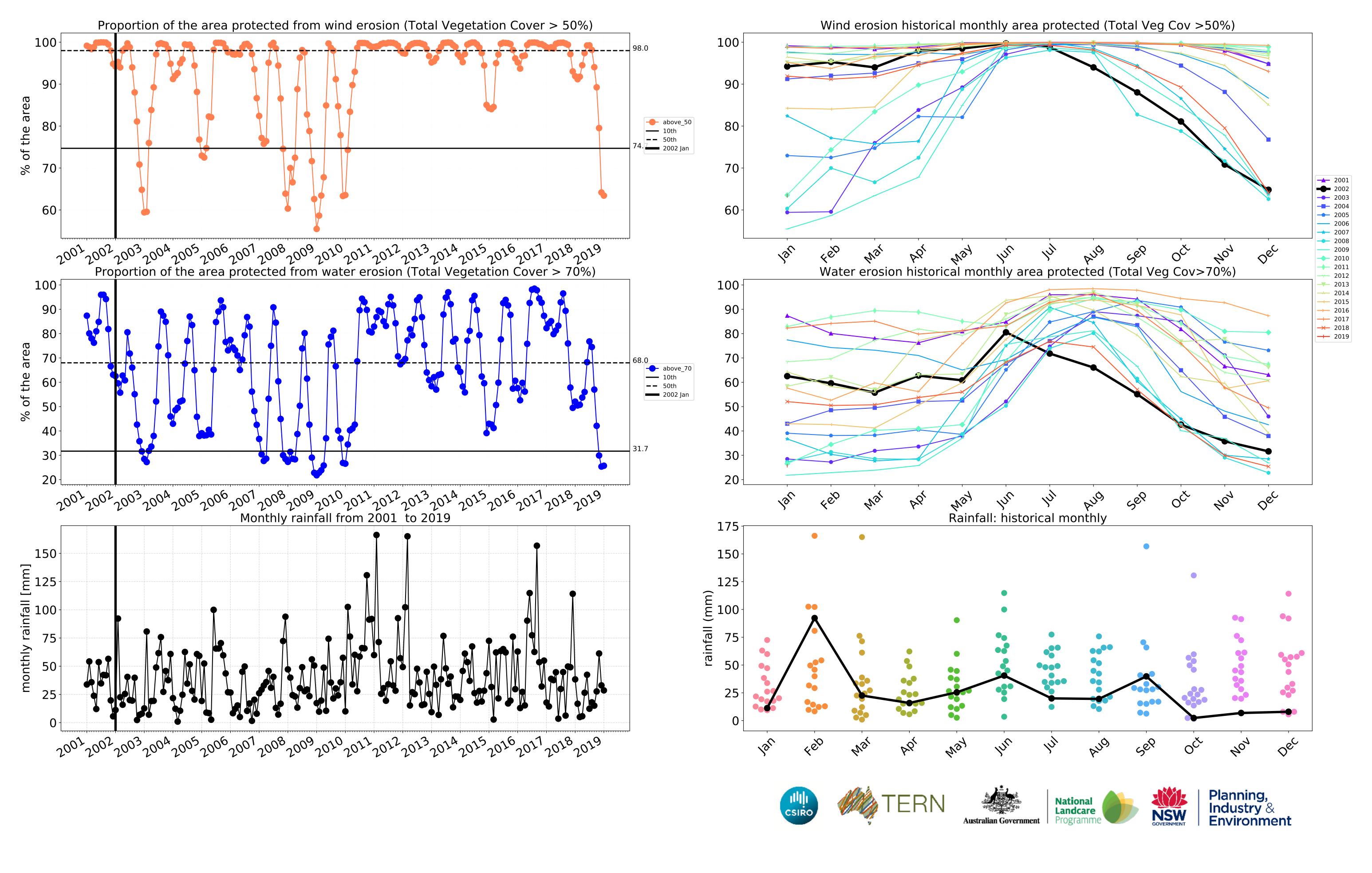




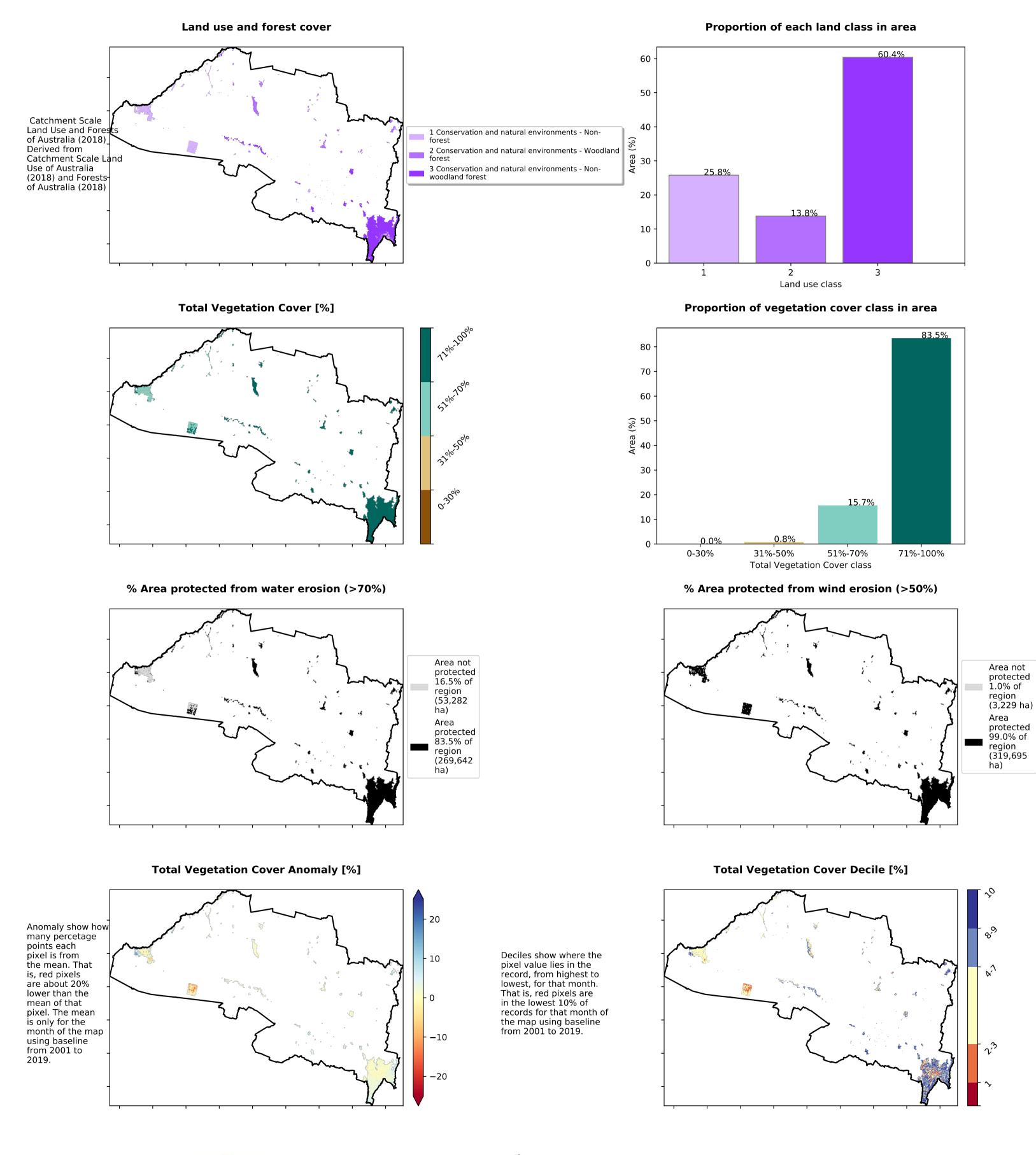








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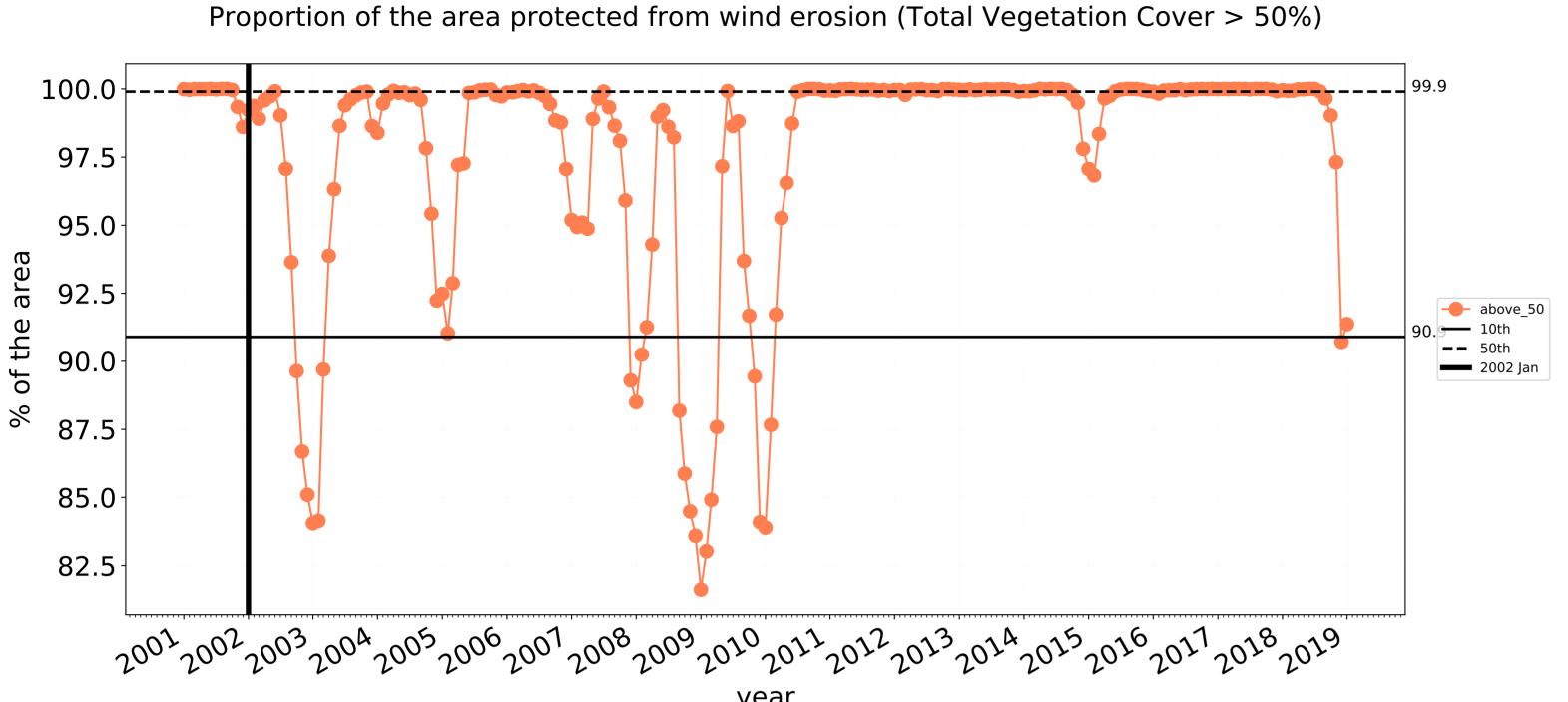


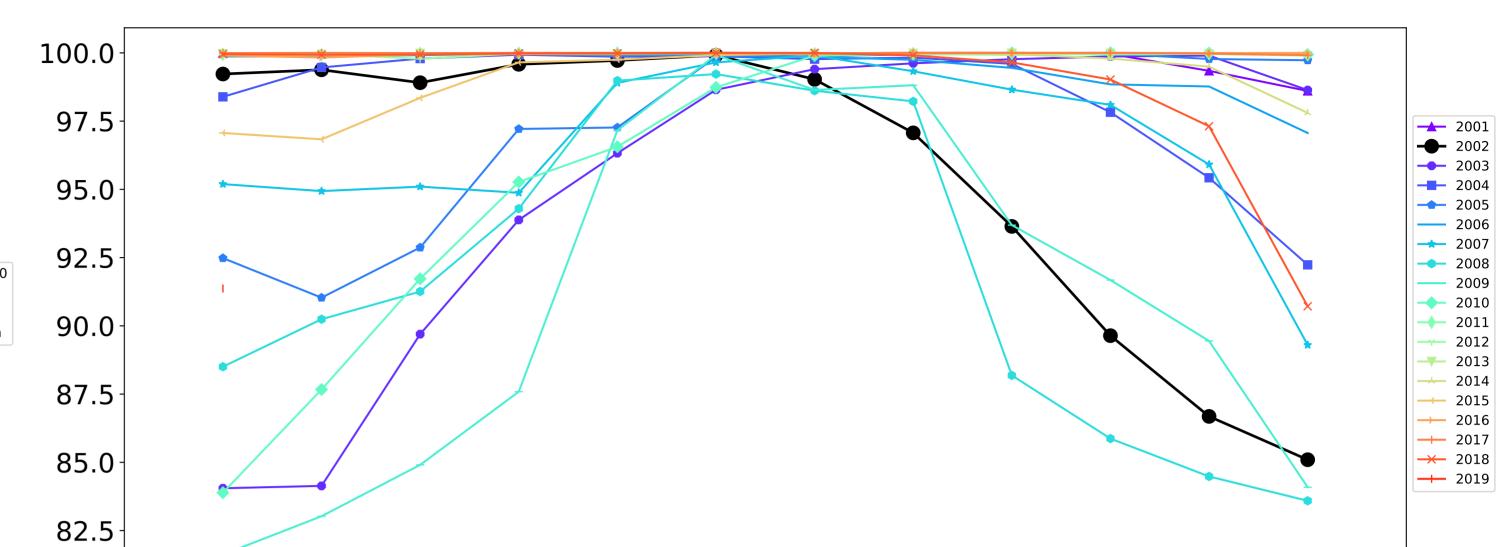






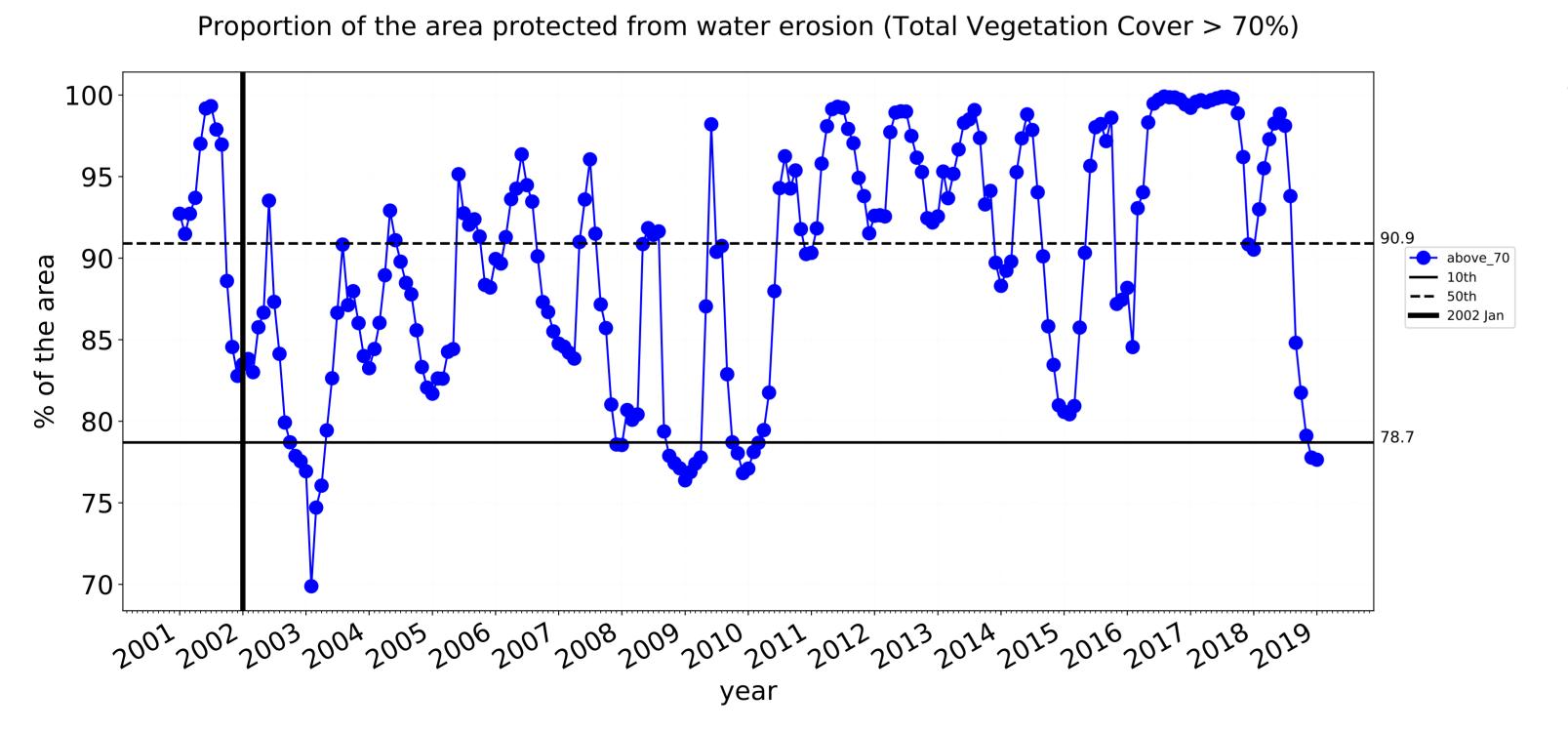
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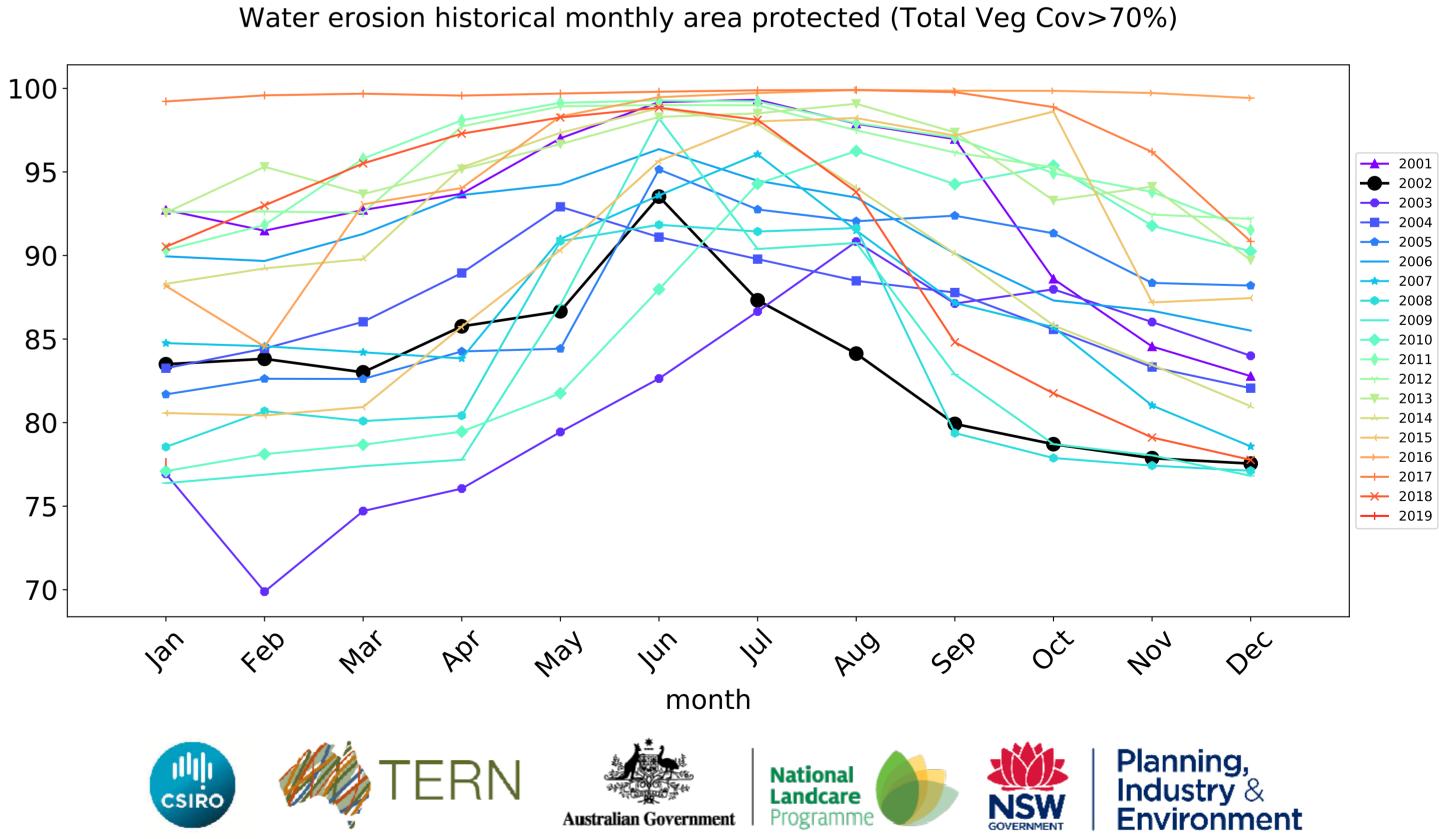




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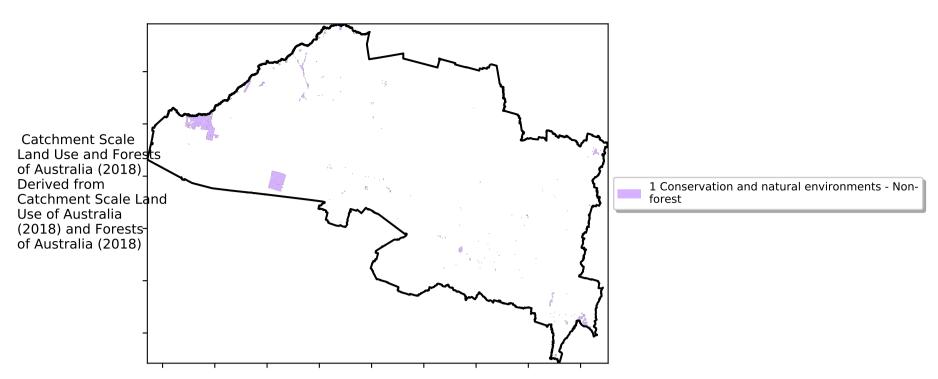
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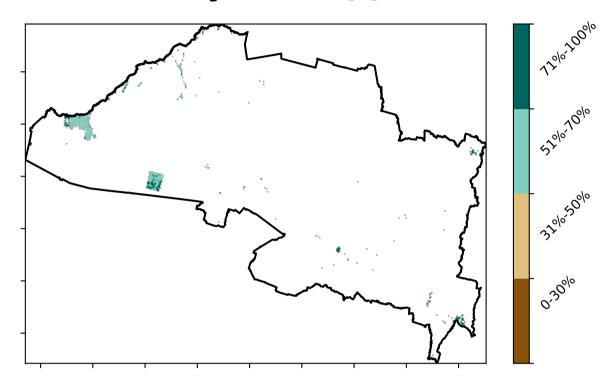


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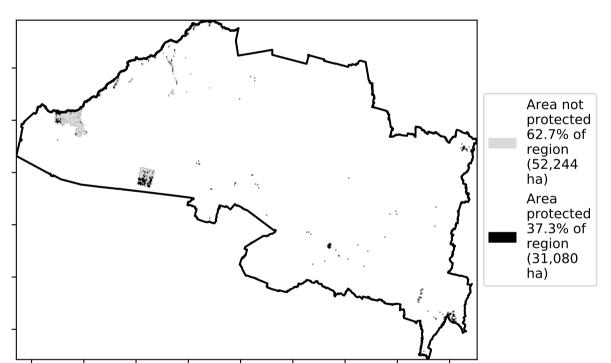
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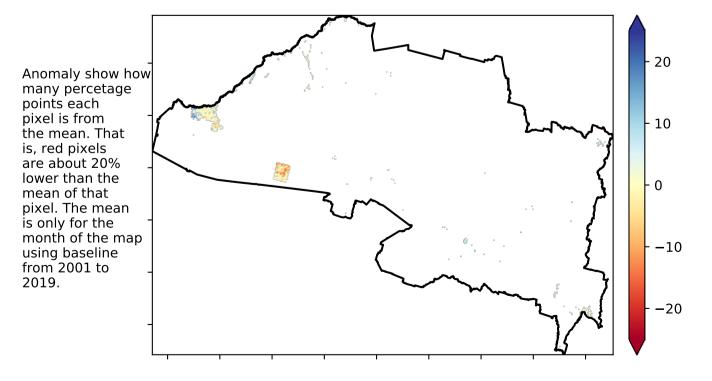
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

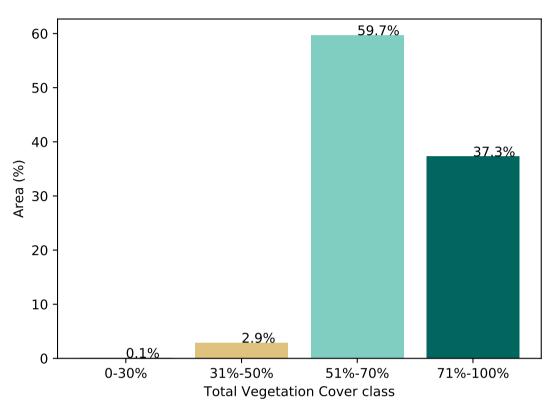


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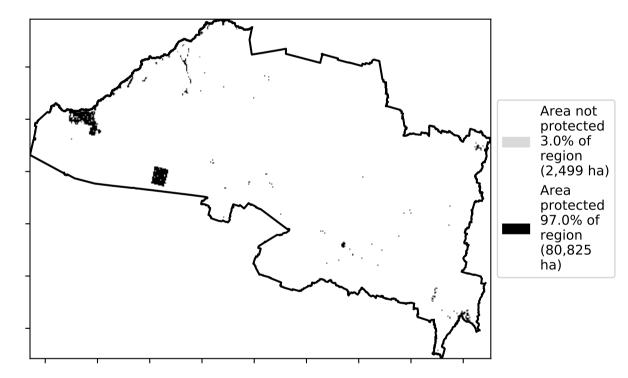


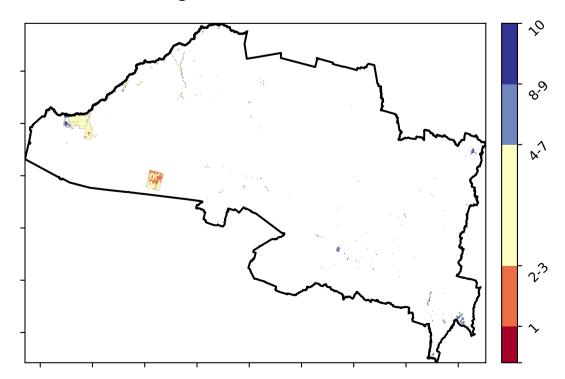
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









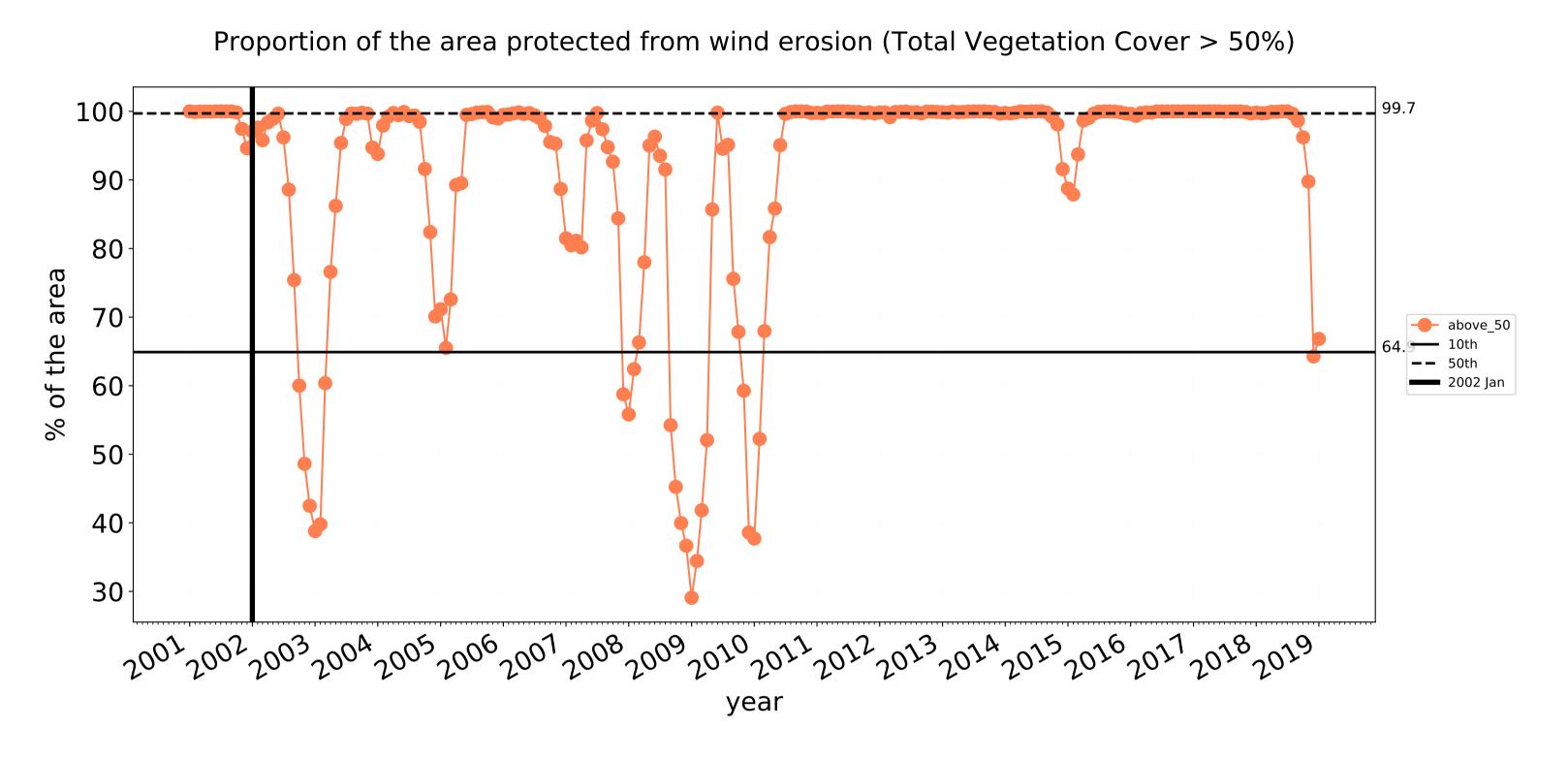


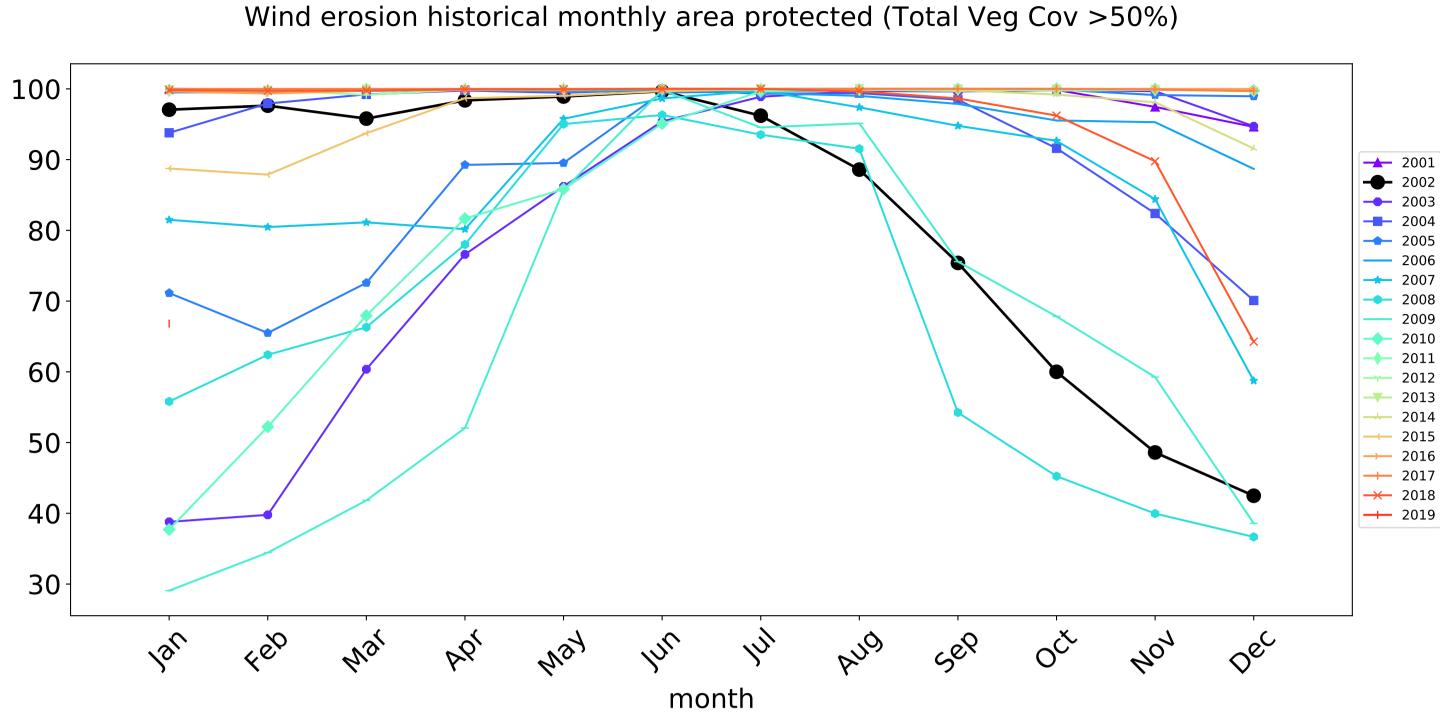


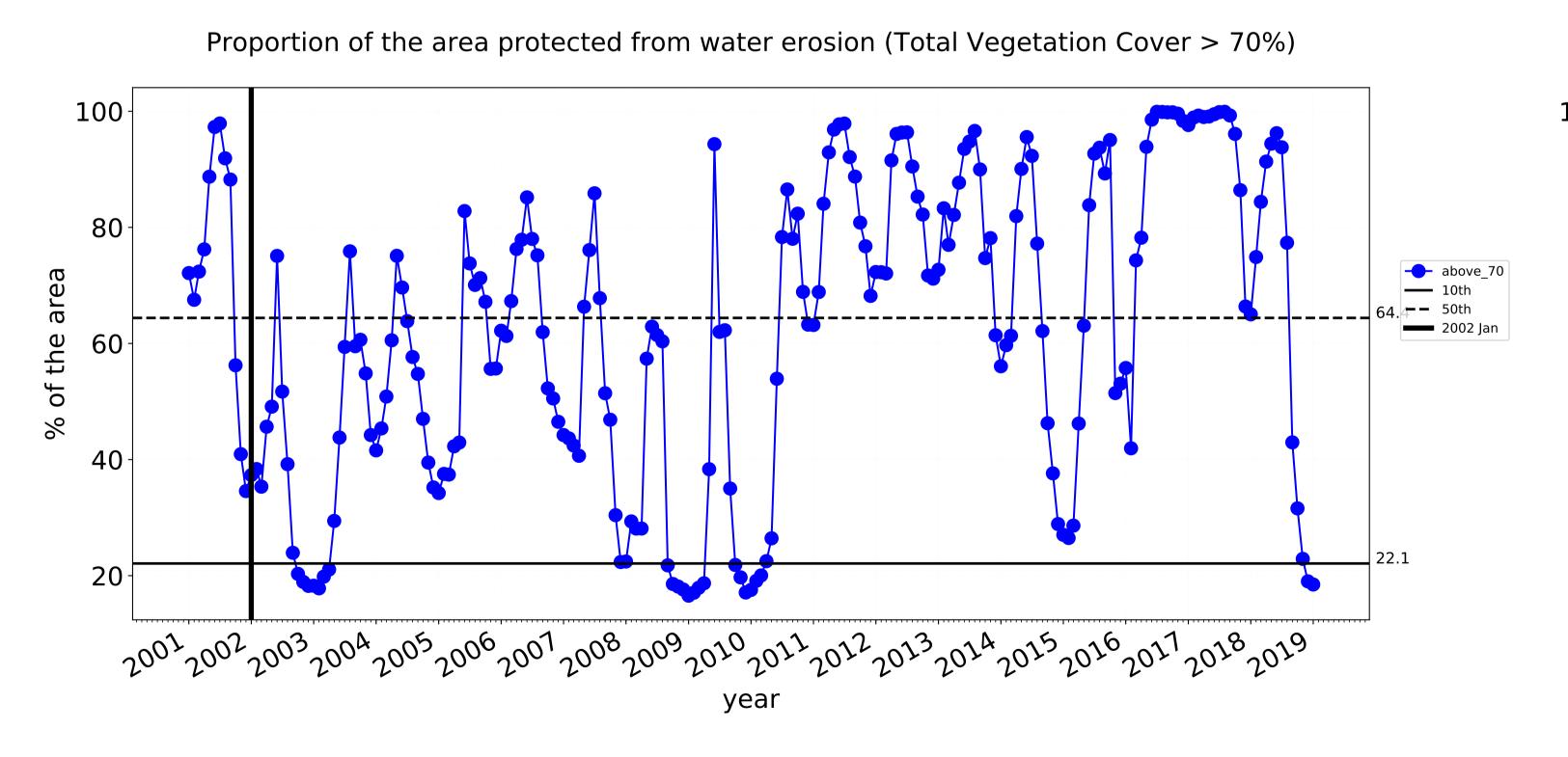


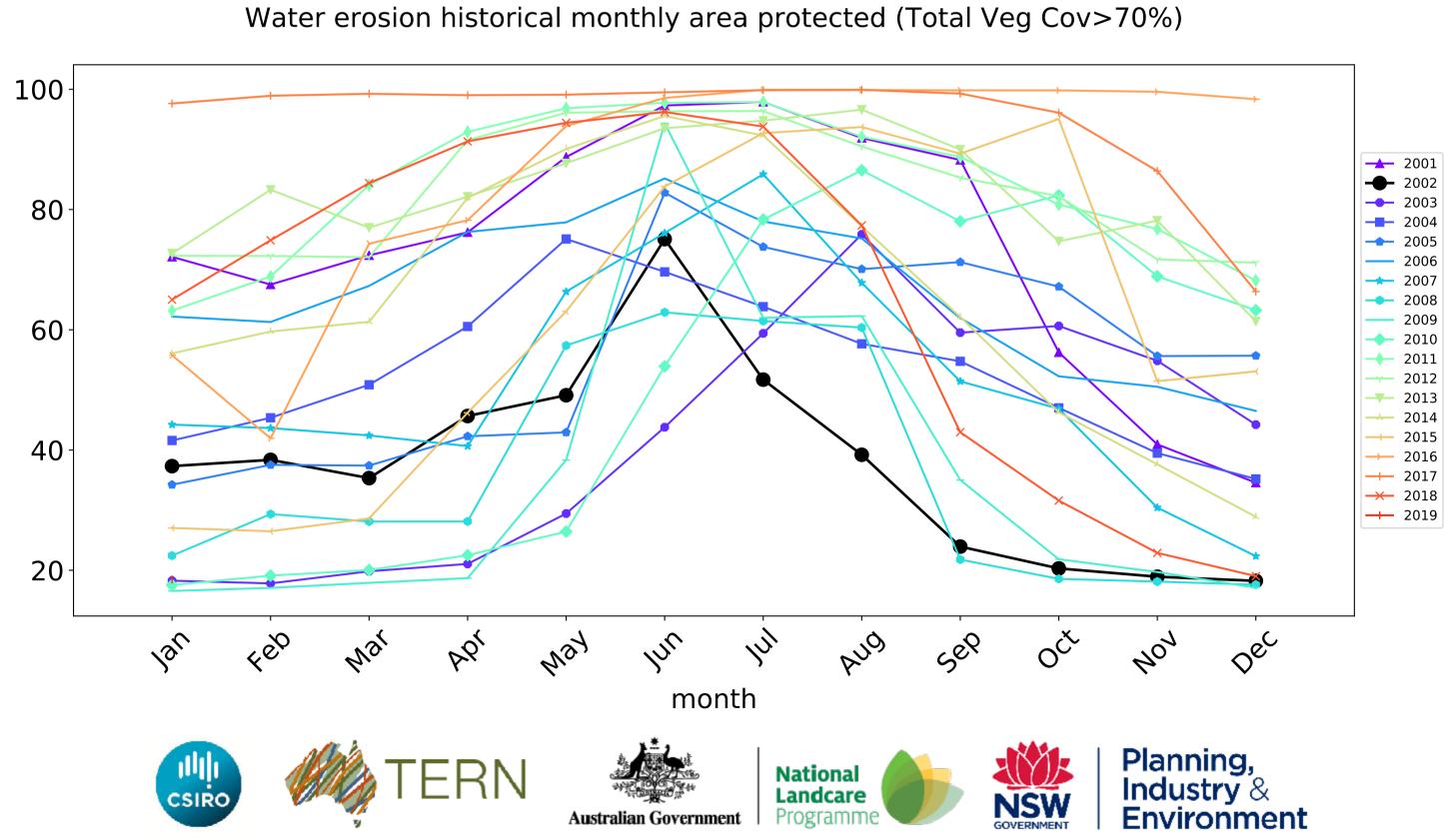


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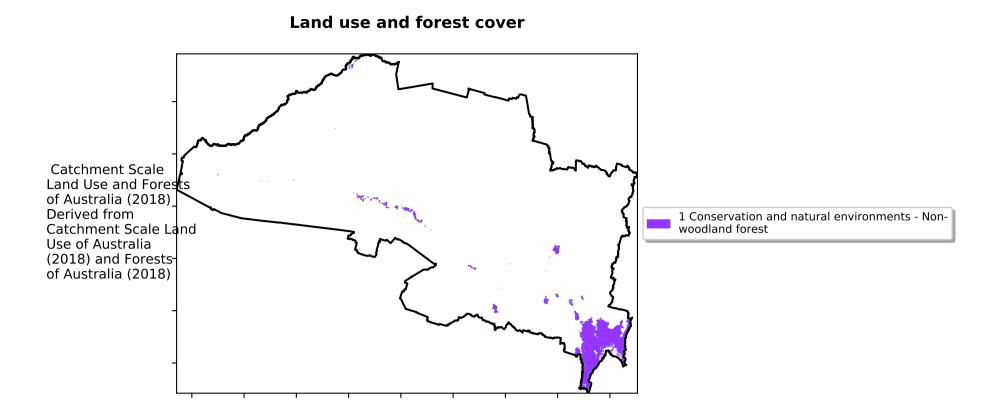




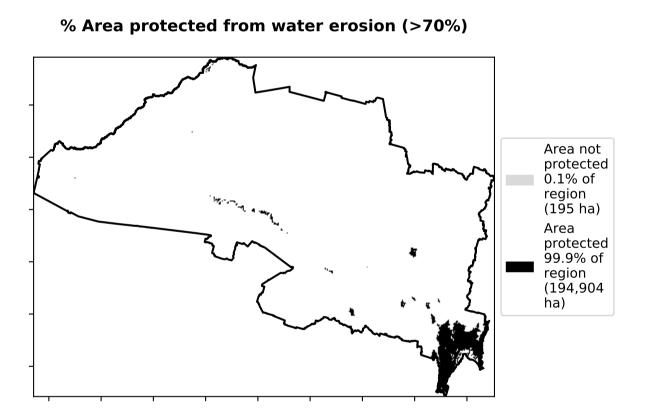


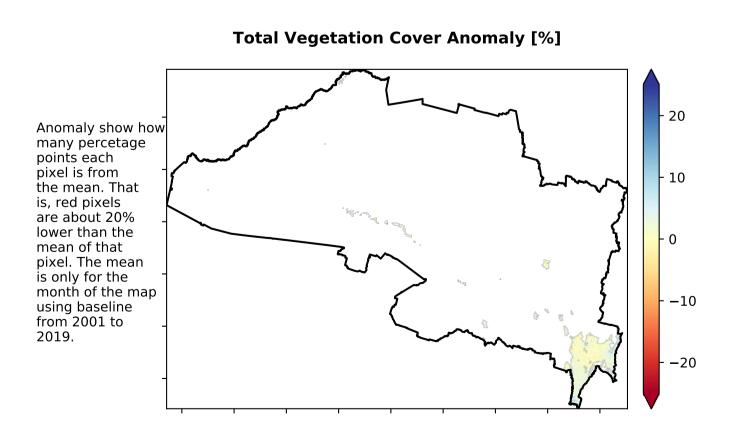


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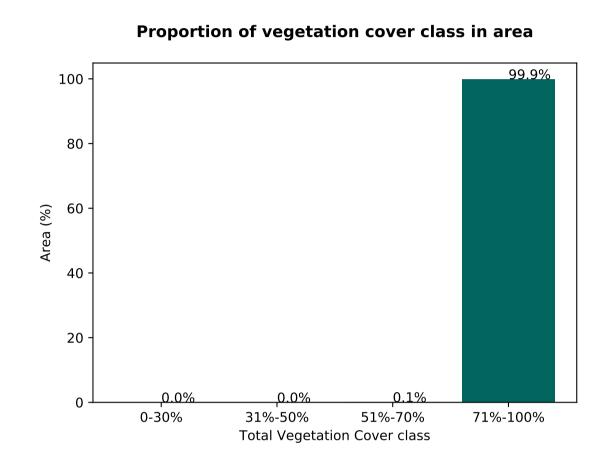


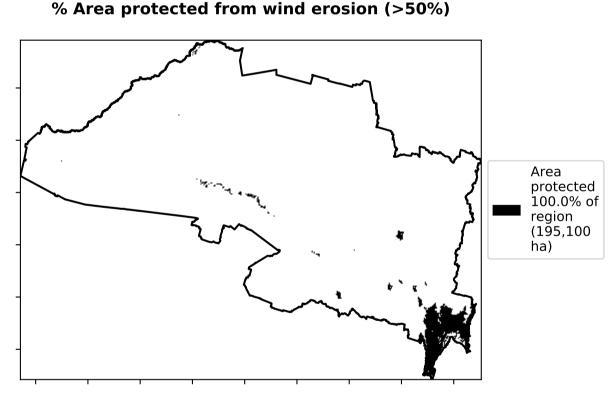
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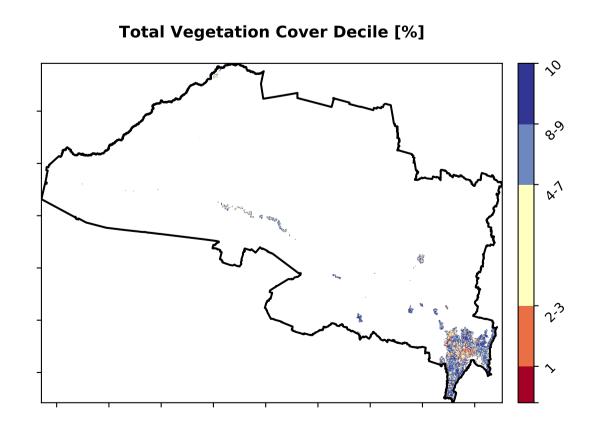




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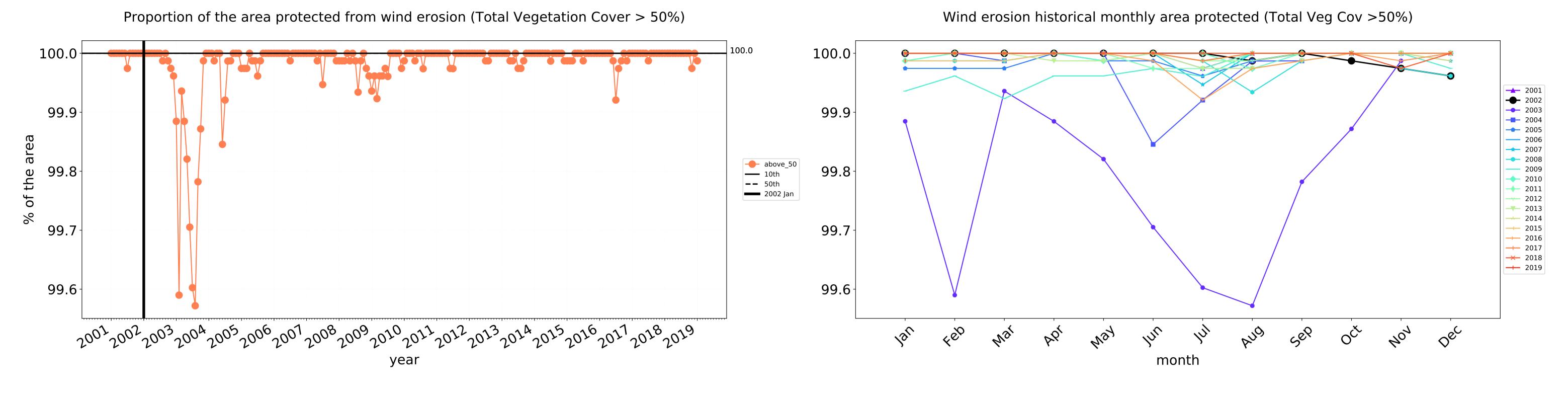


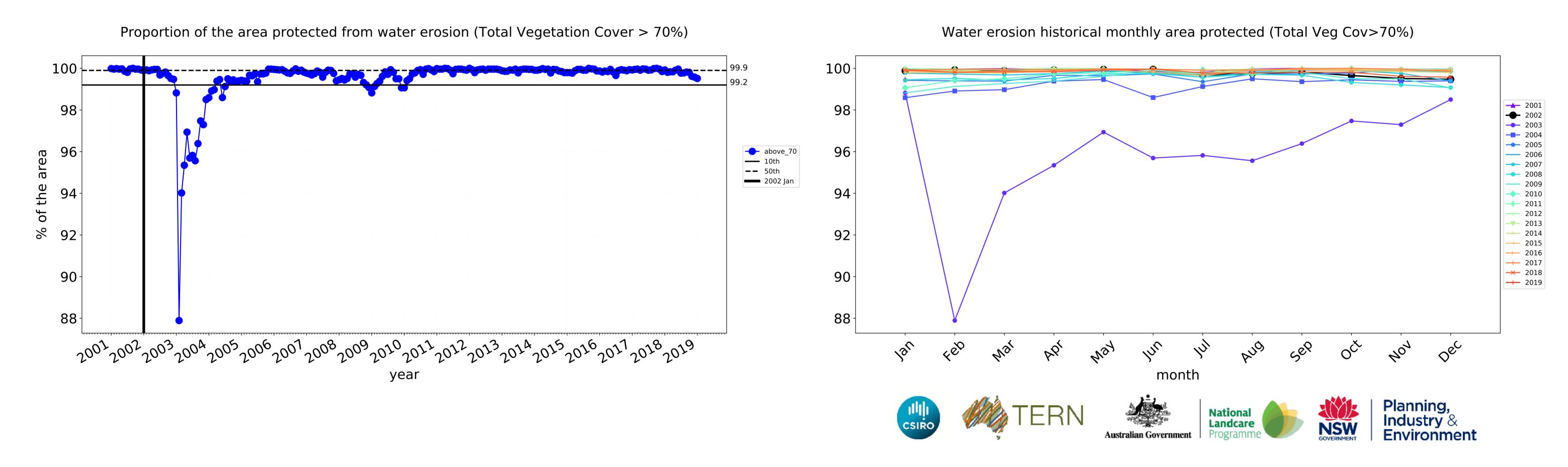








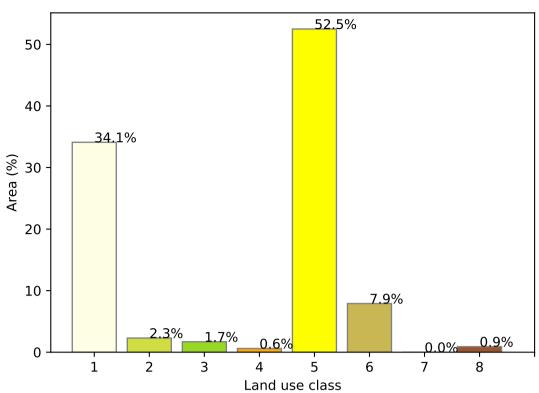




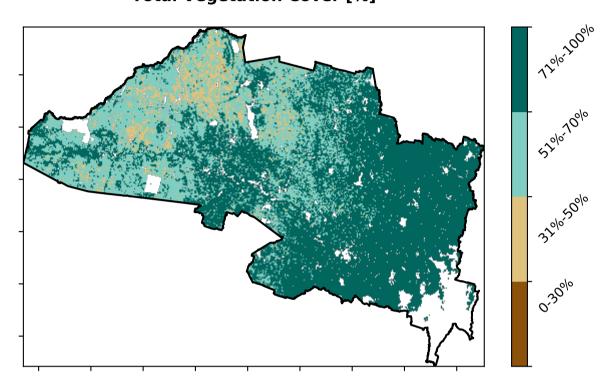
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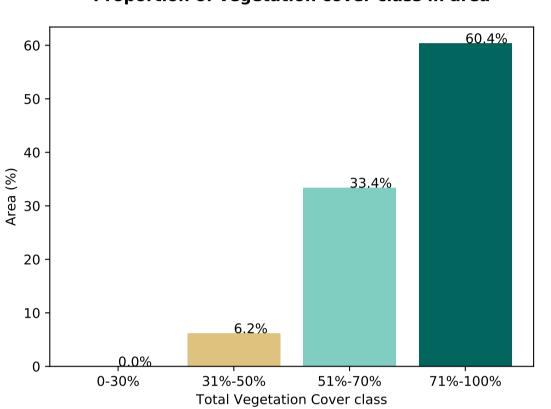
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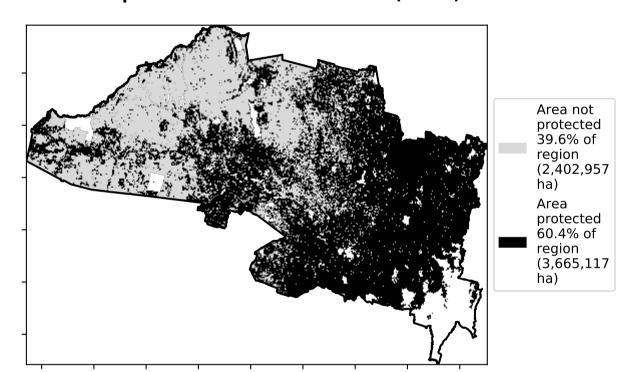




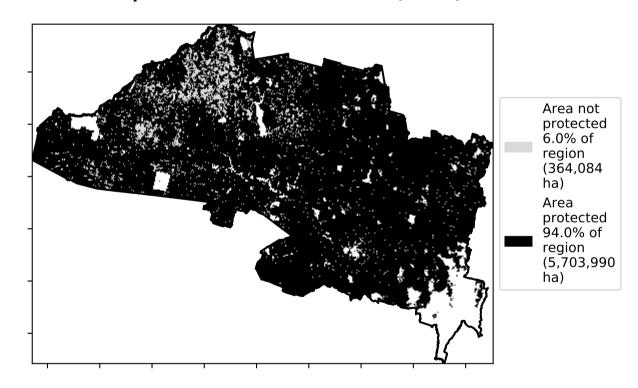
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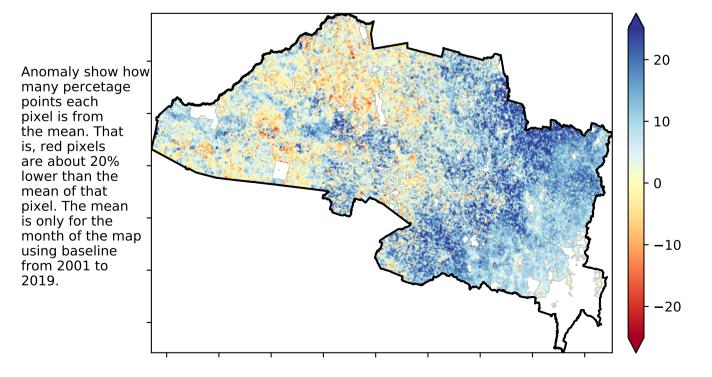
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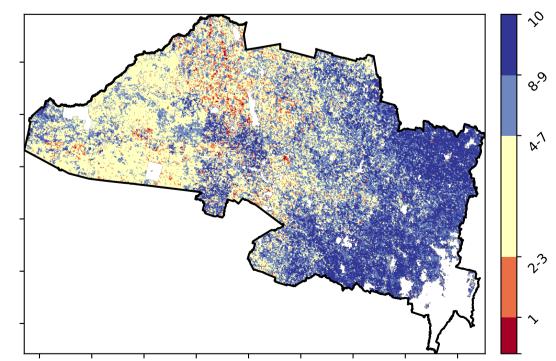
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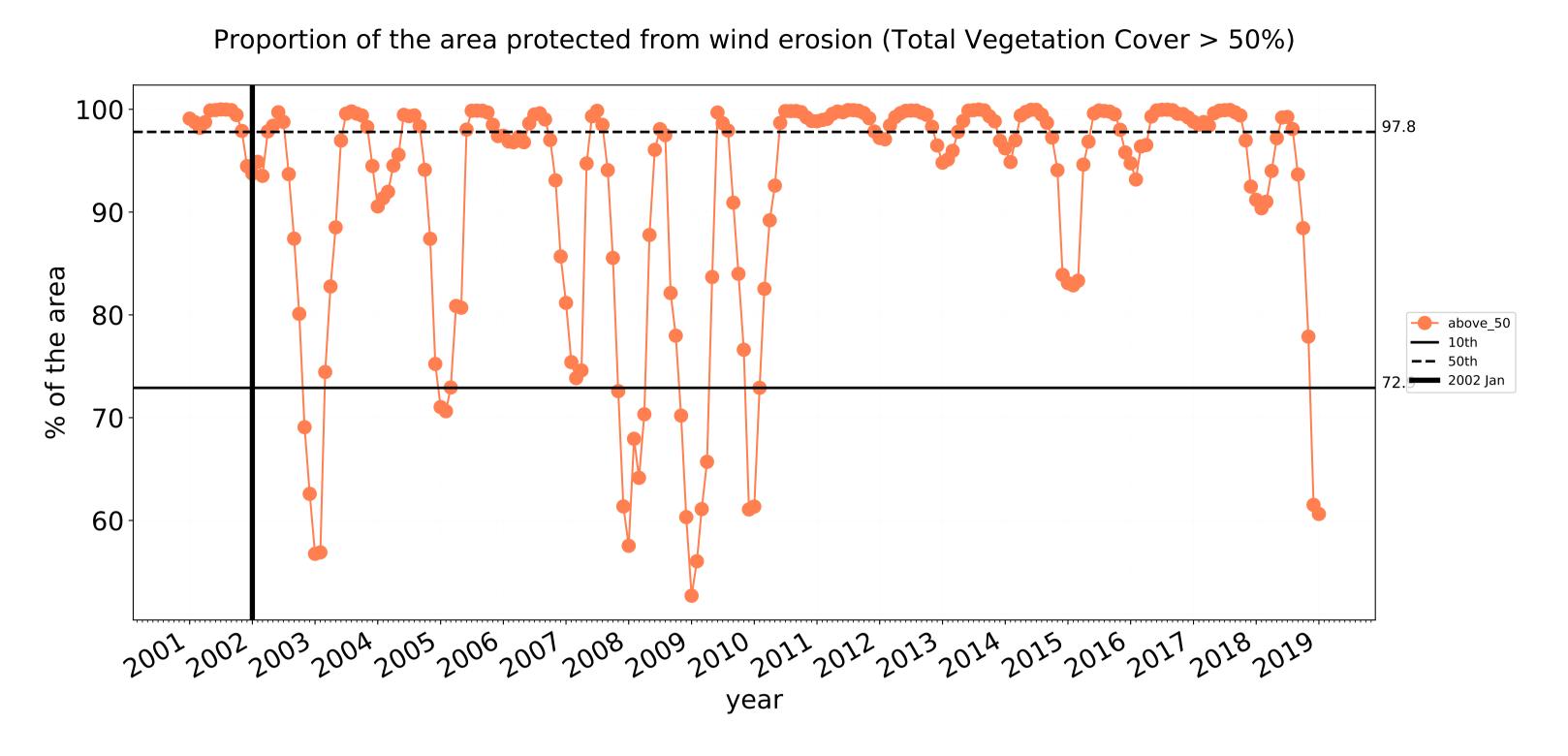


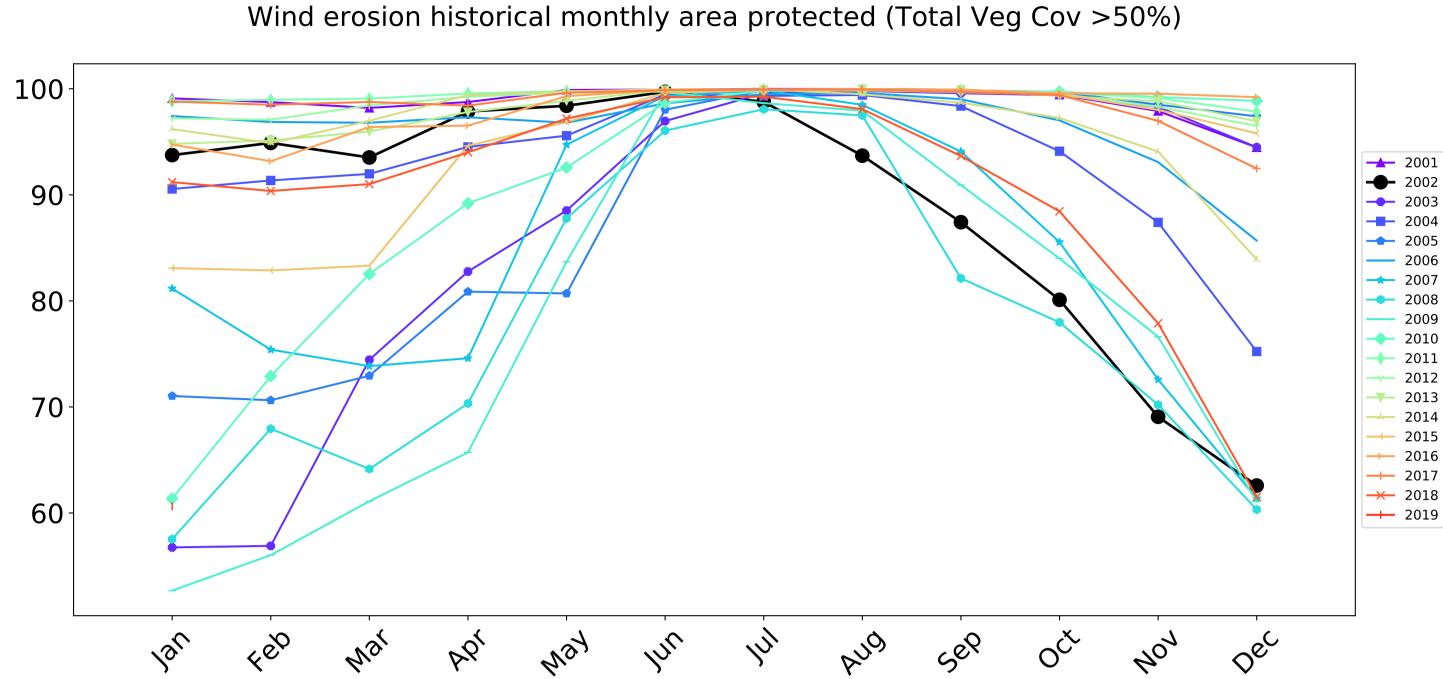




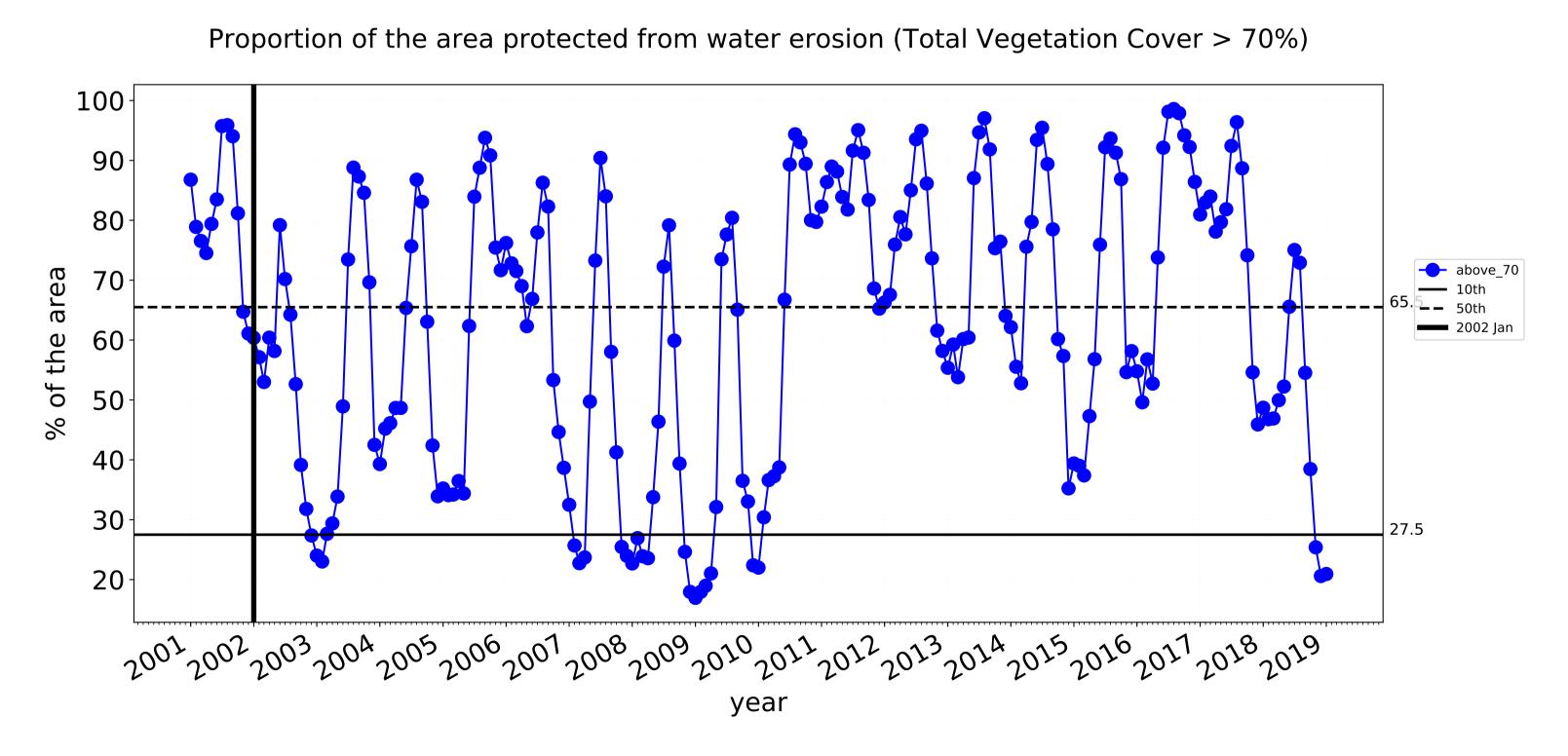


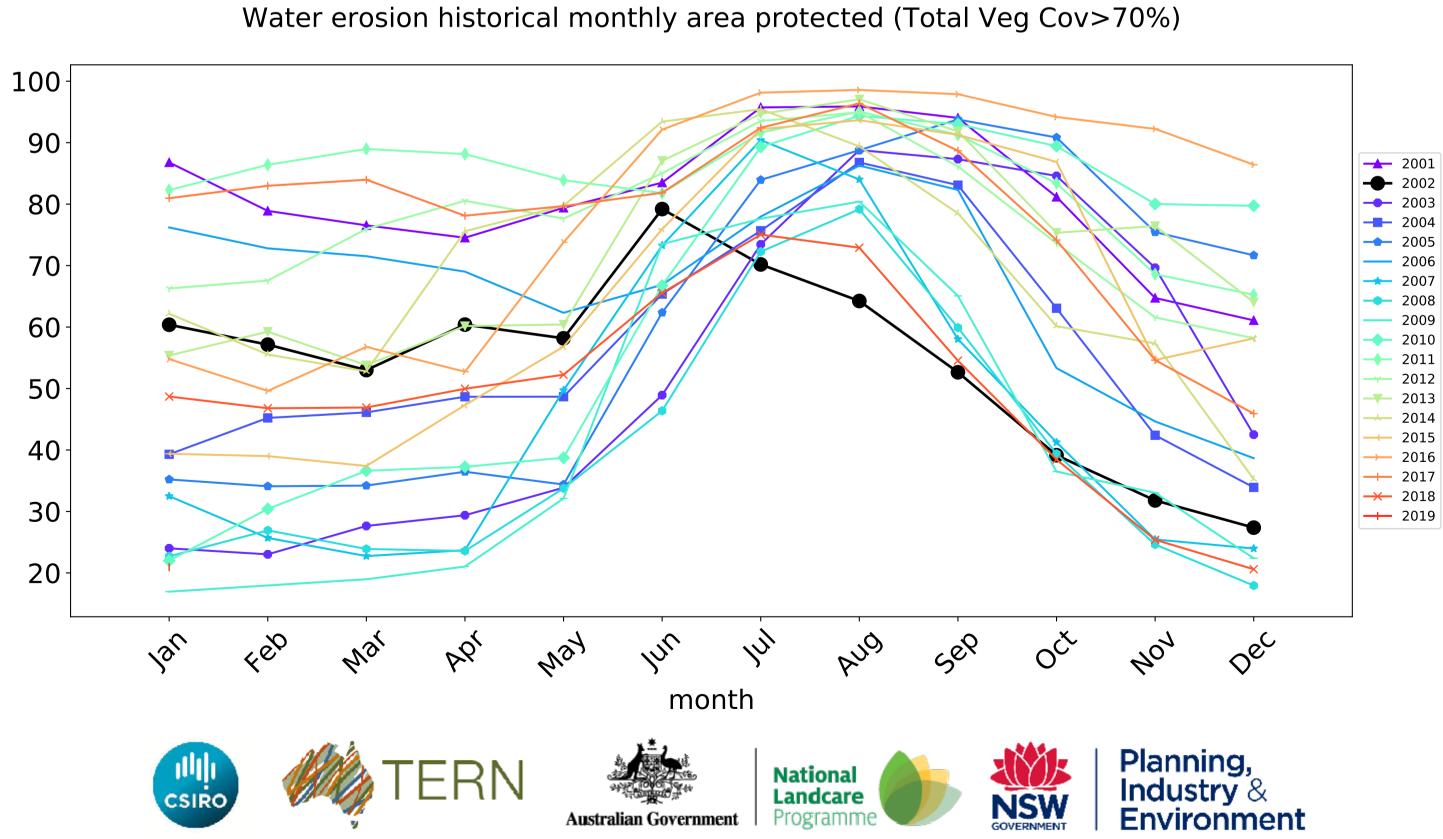
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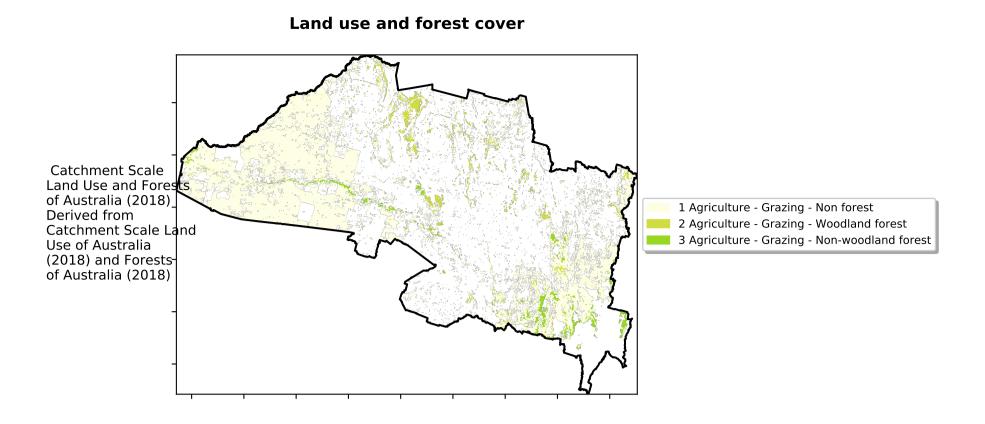


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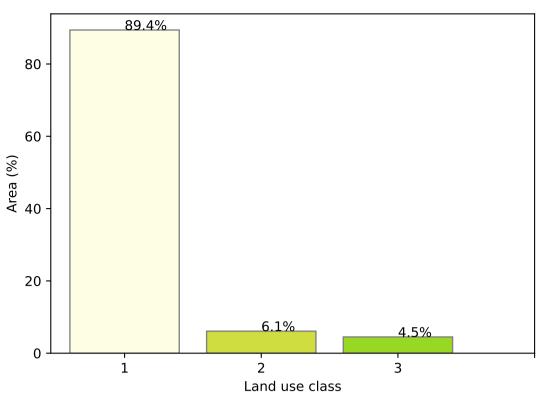




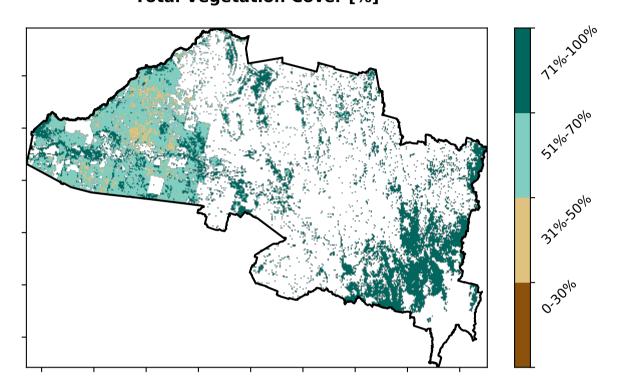
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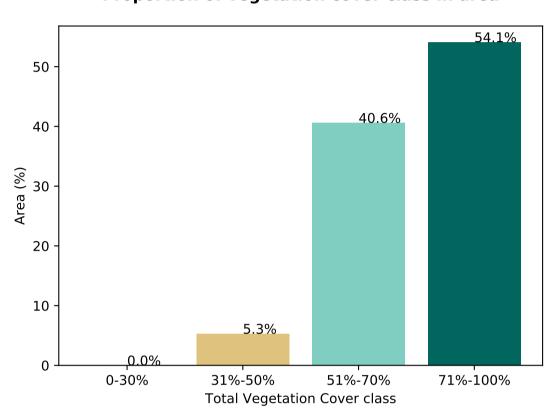
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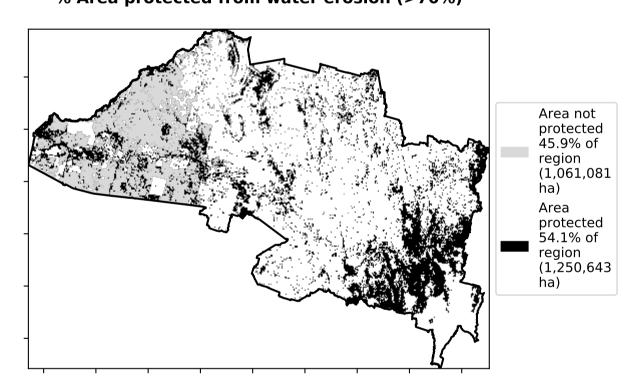
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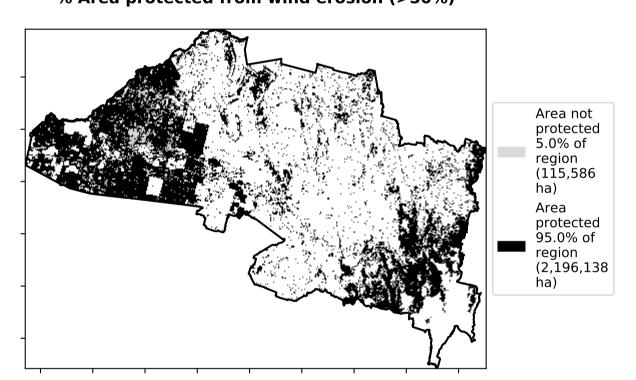
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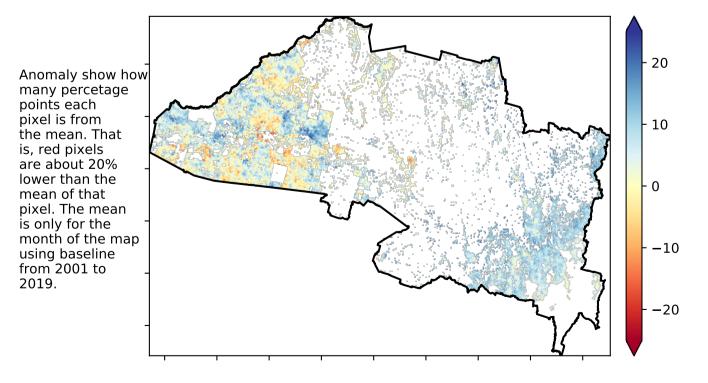
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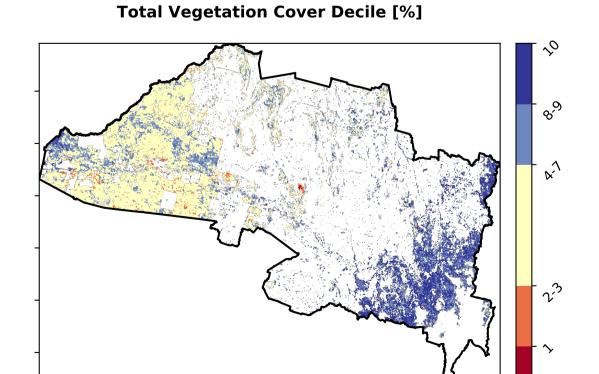
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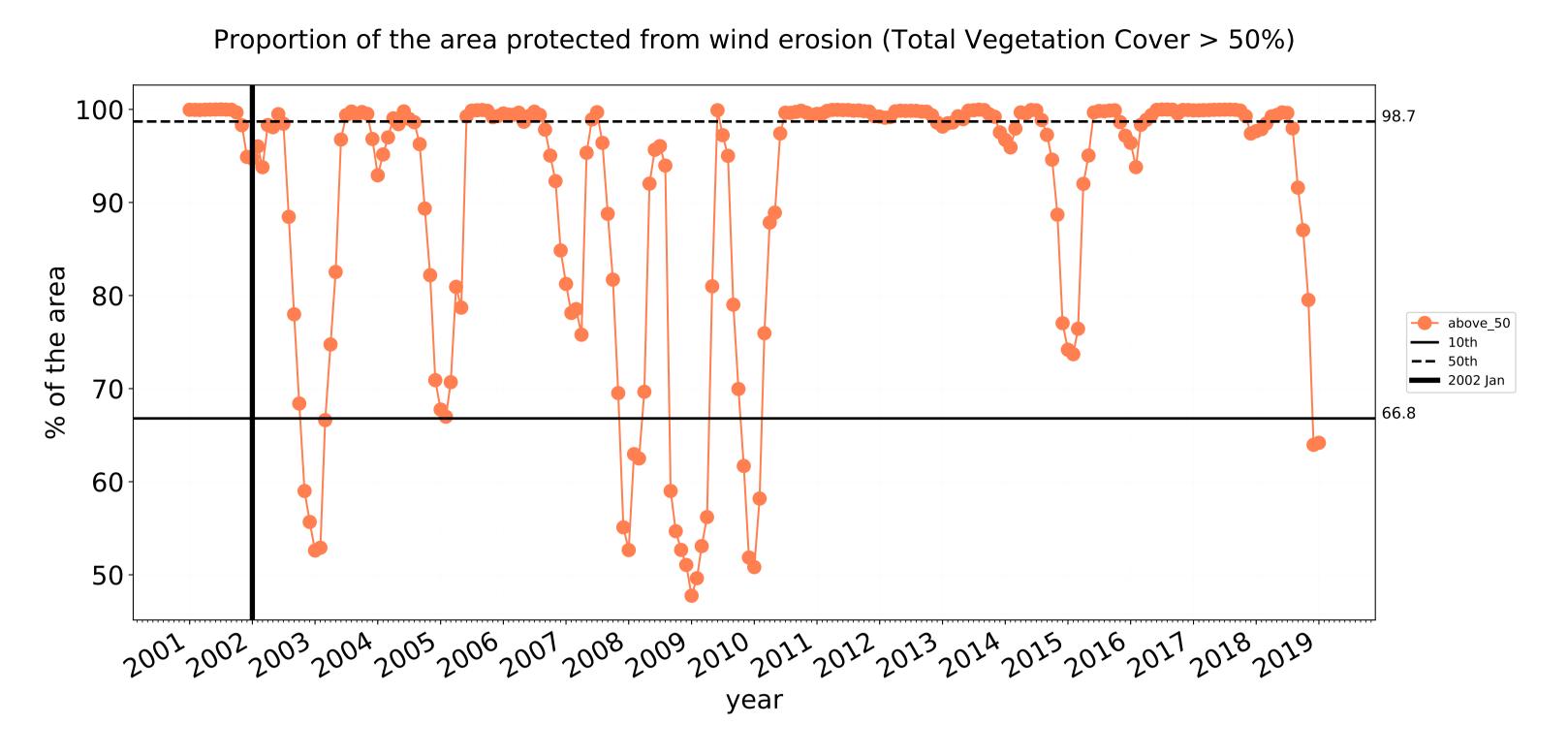


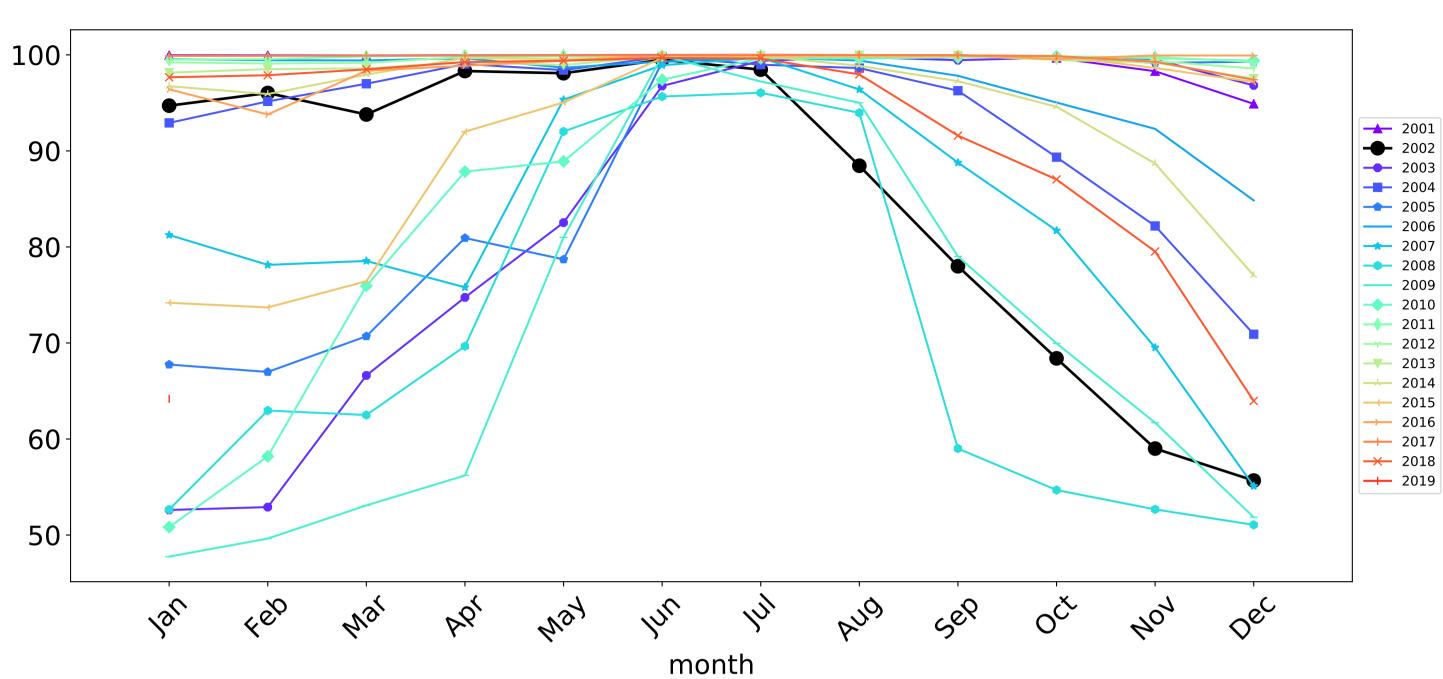




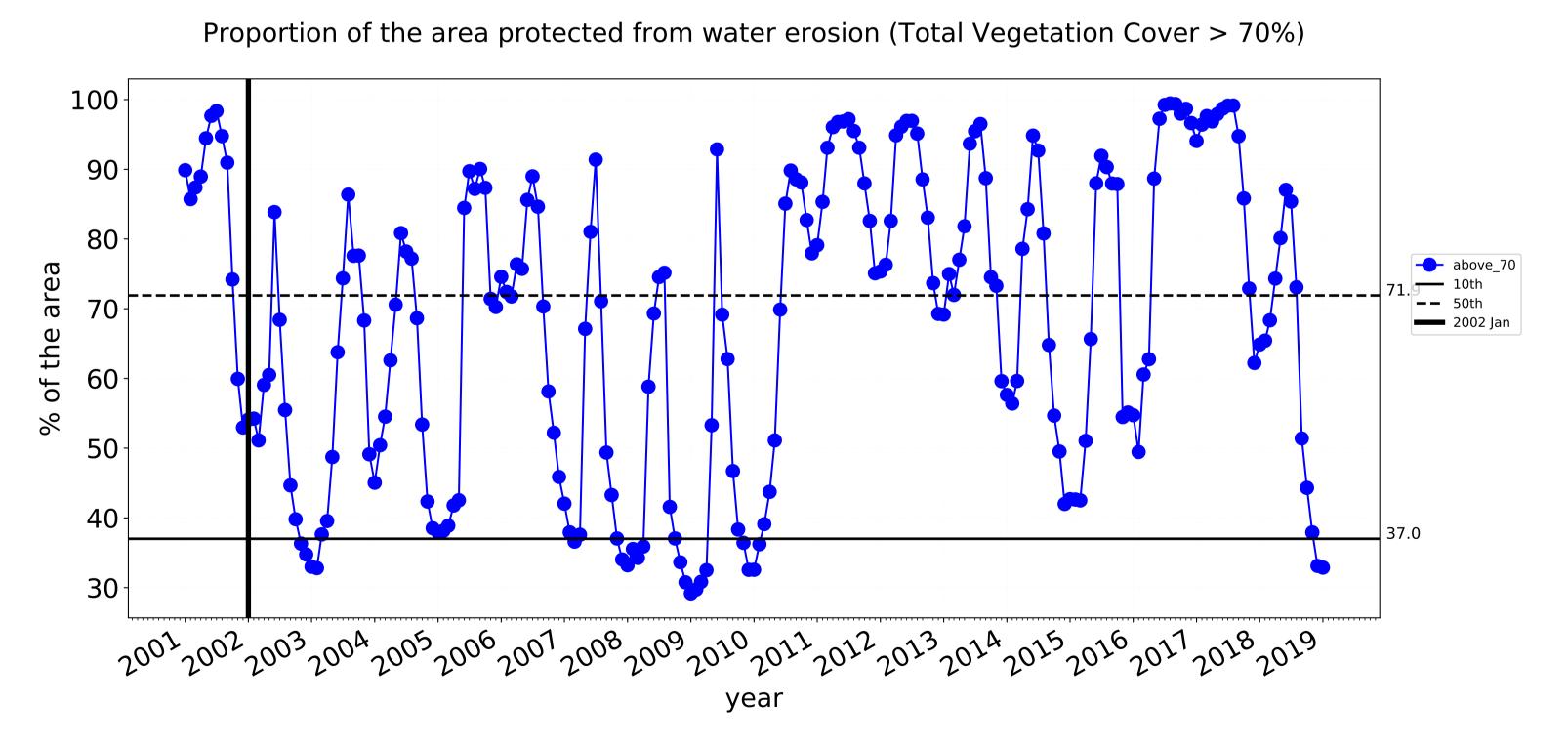


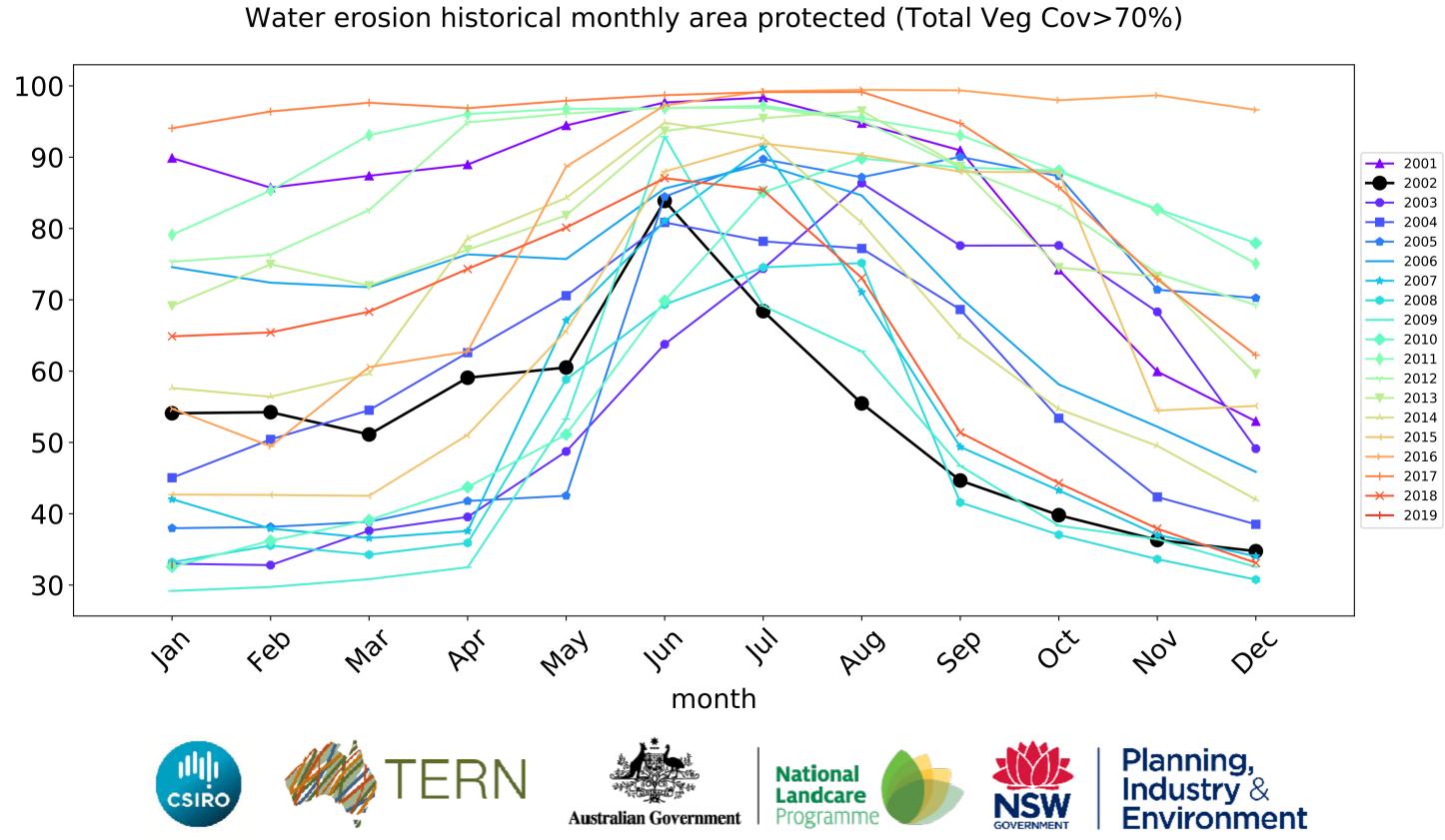
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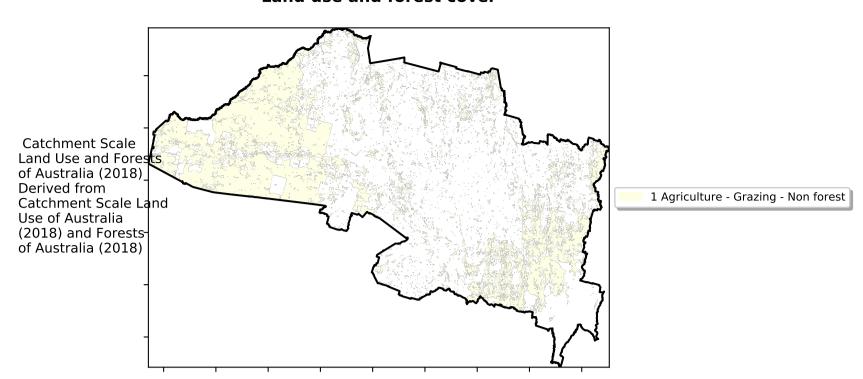
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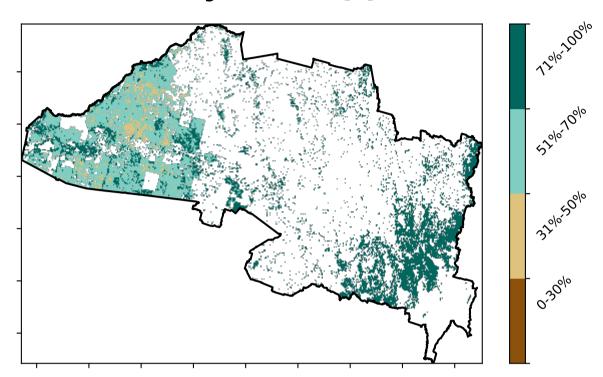


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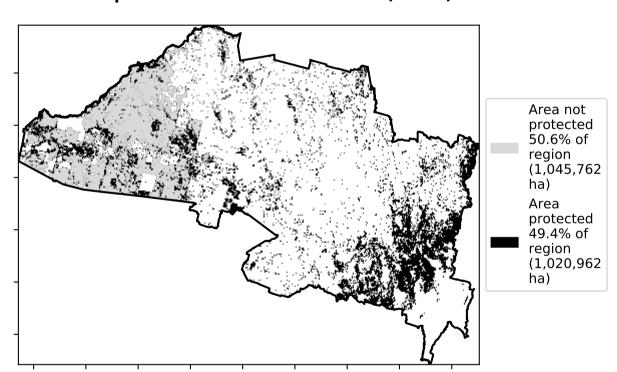
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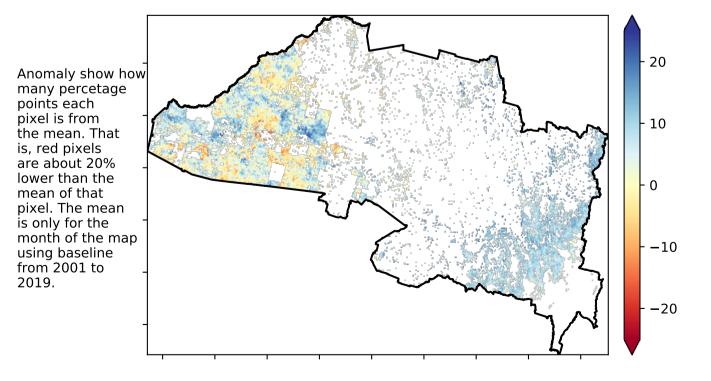
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

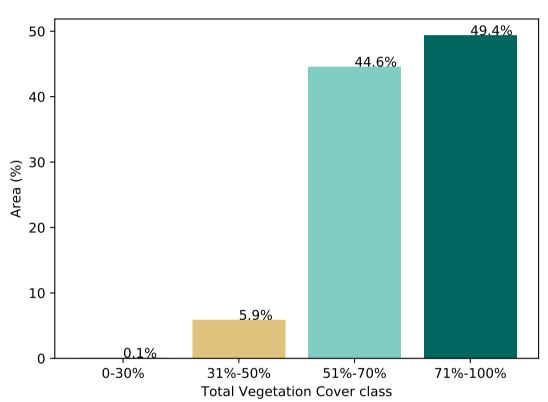


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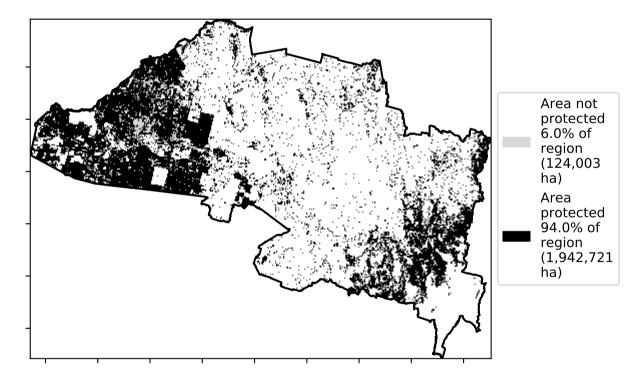


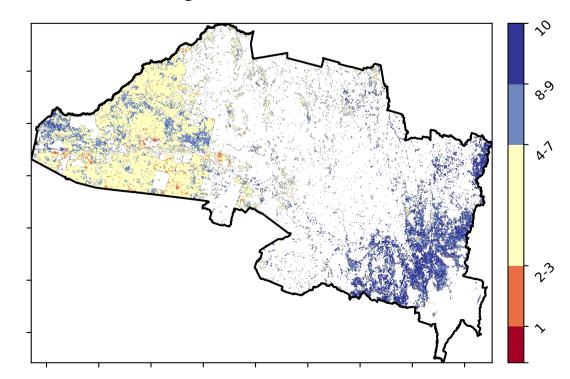
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









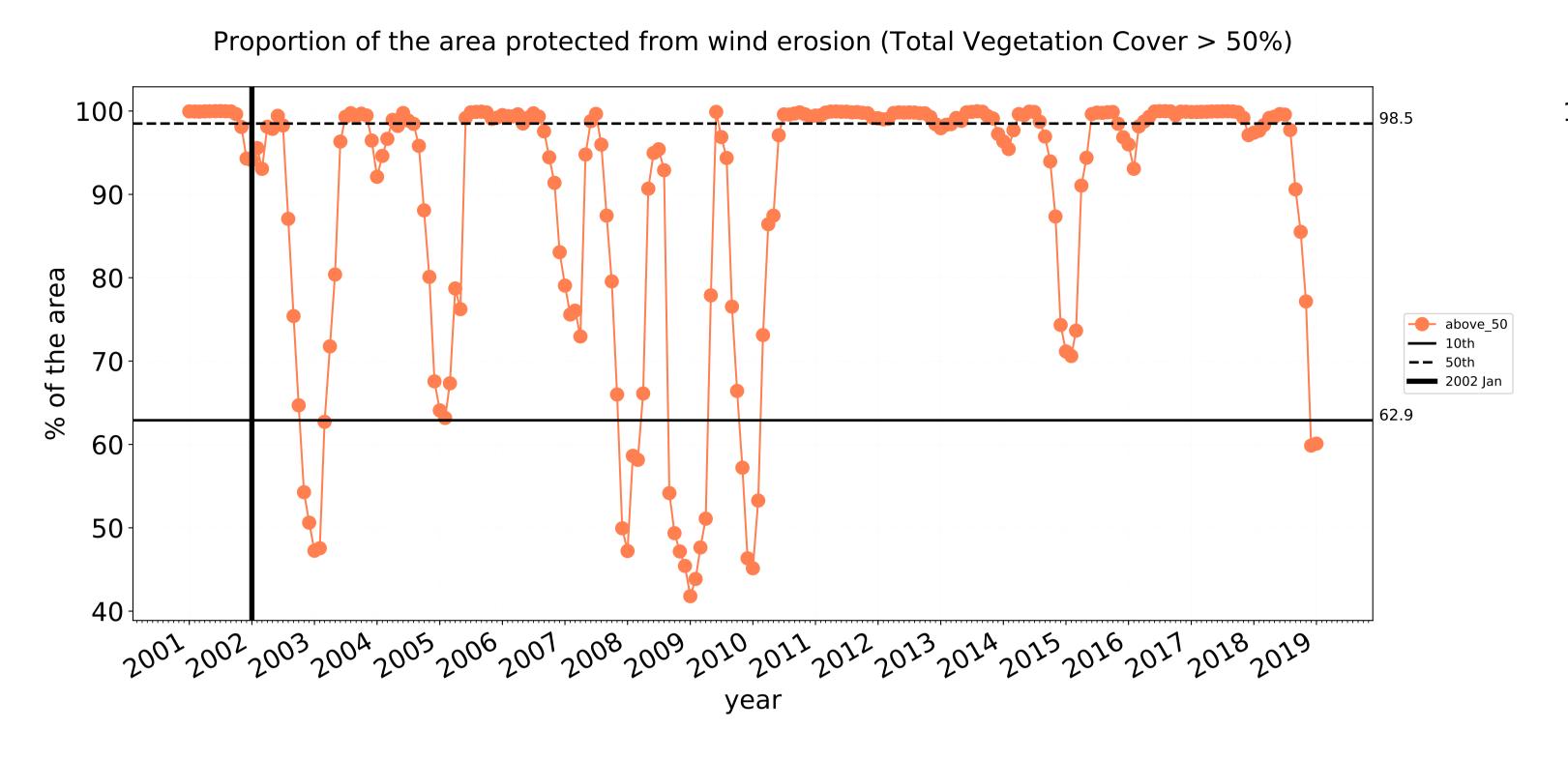


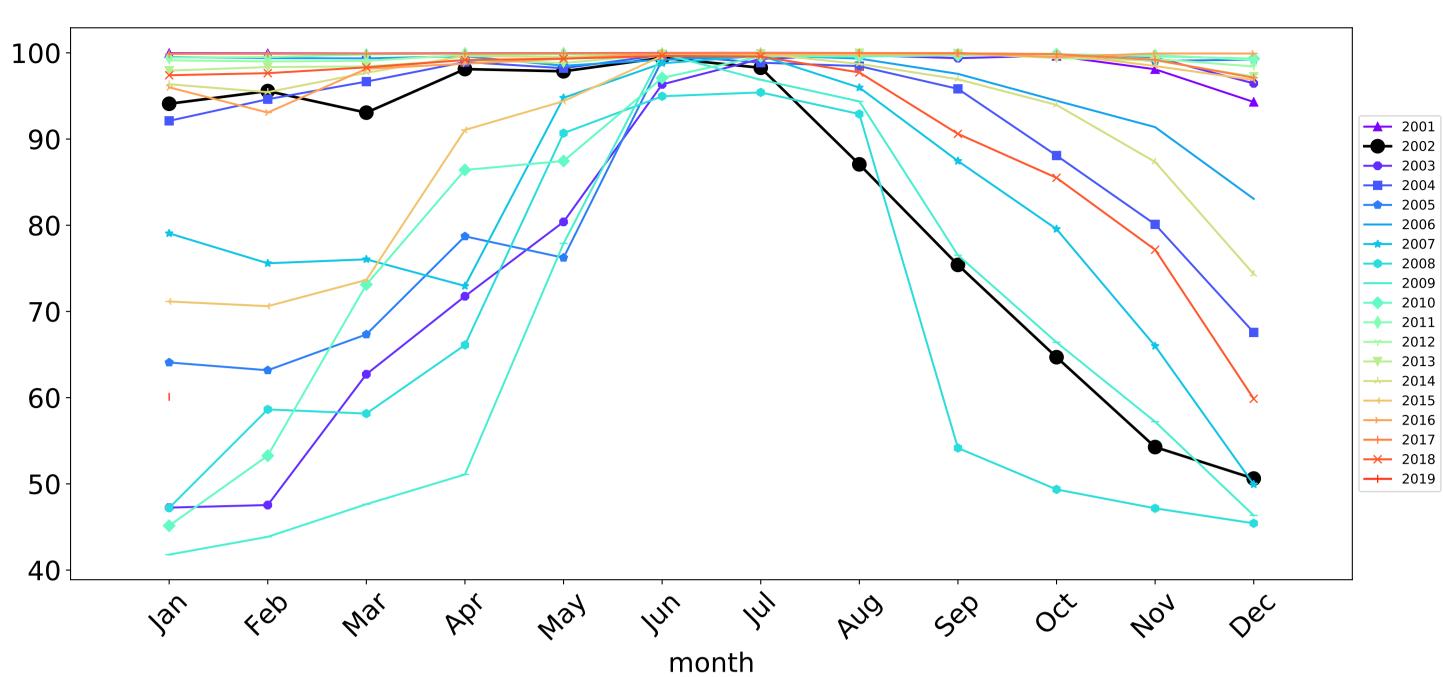




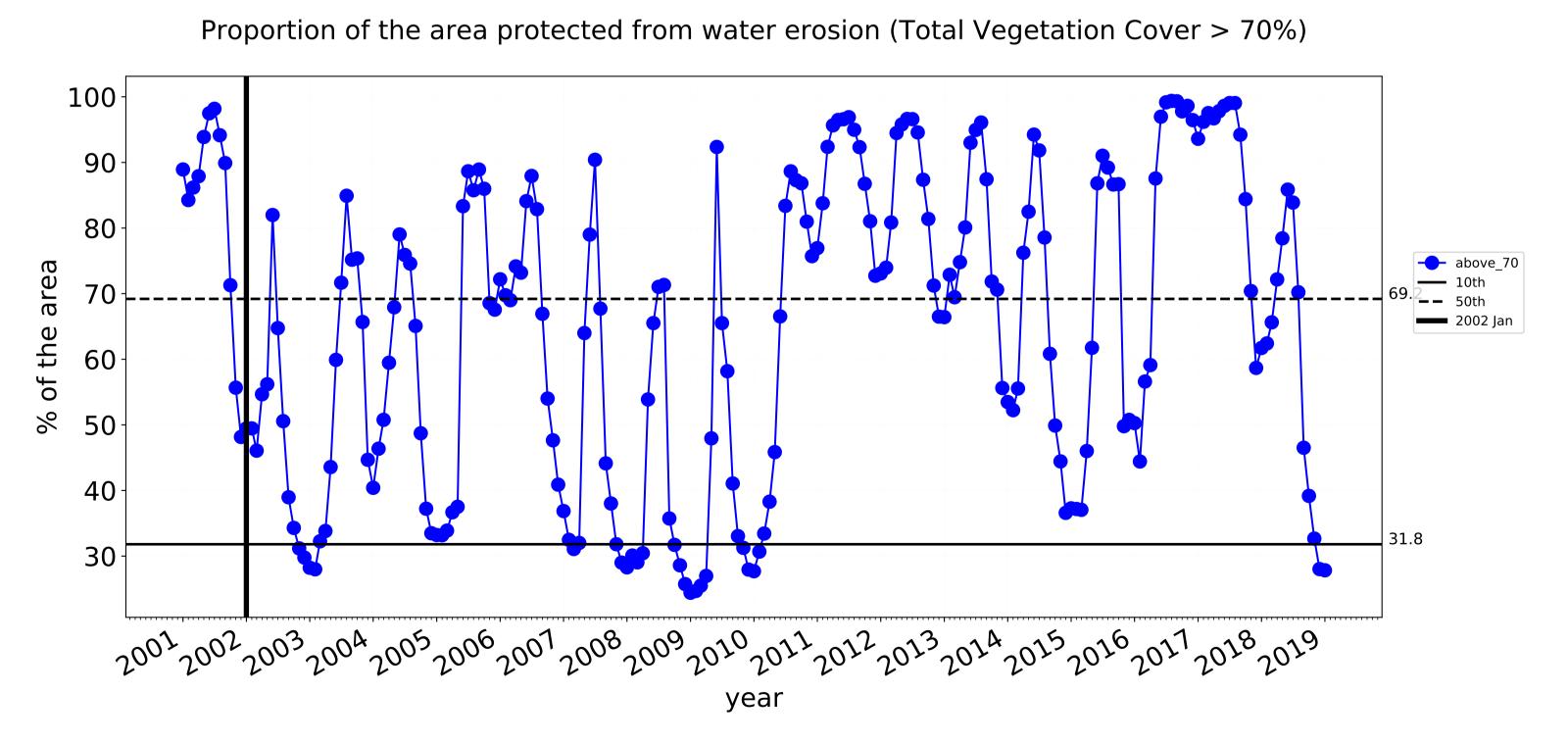


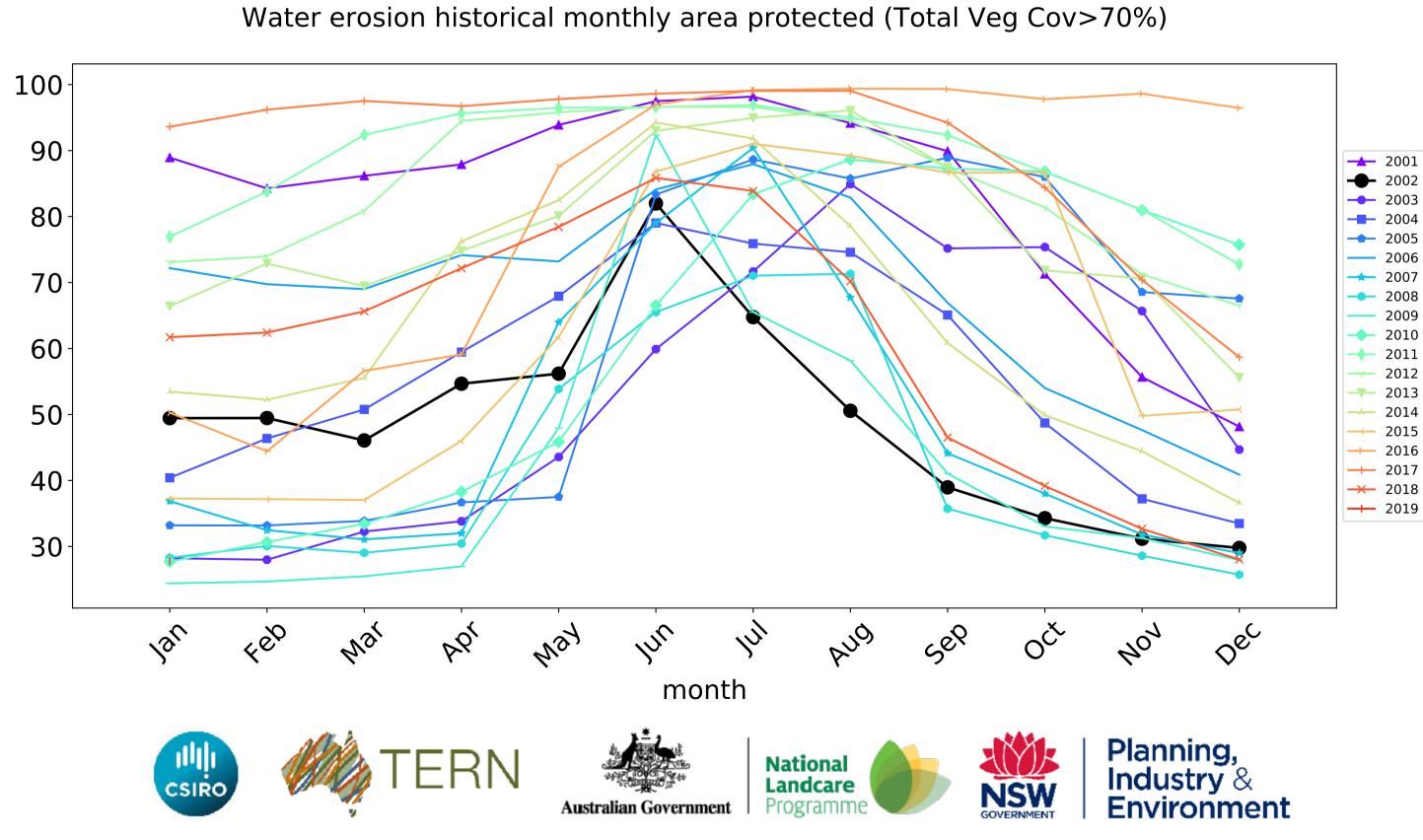
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### **Grazing Woodland forest**

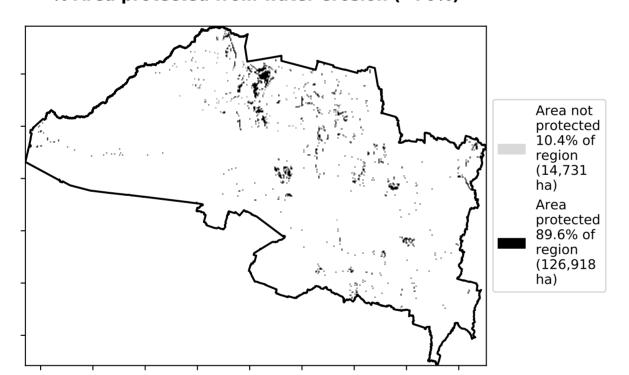
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### Total Vegetation Cover [%]

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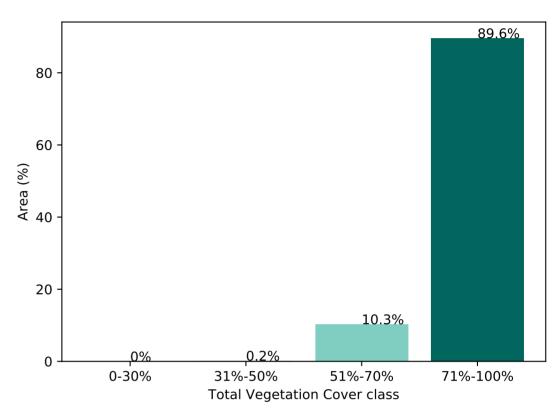


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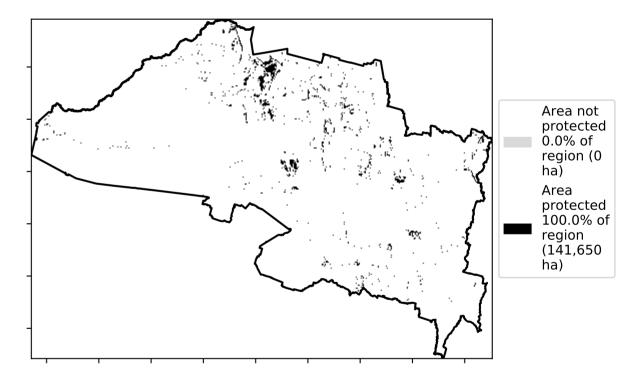
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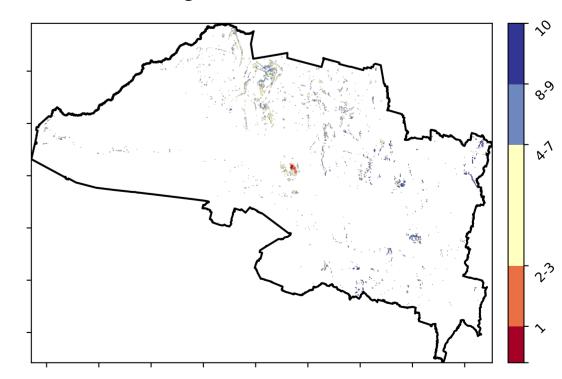
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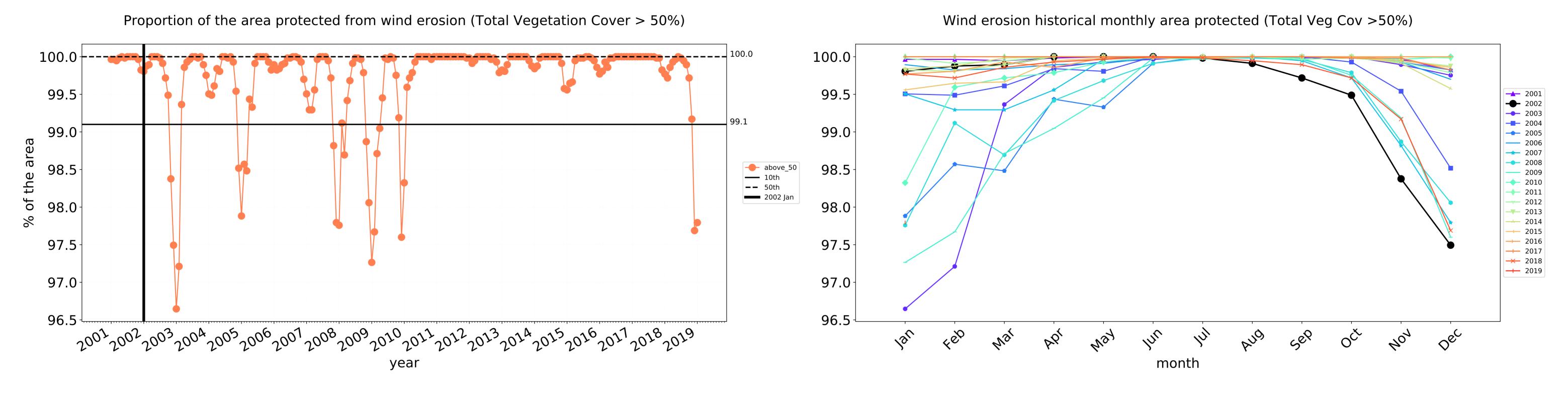


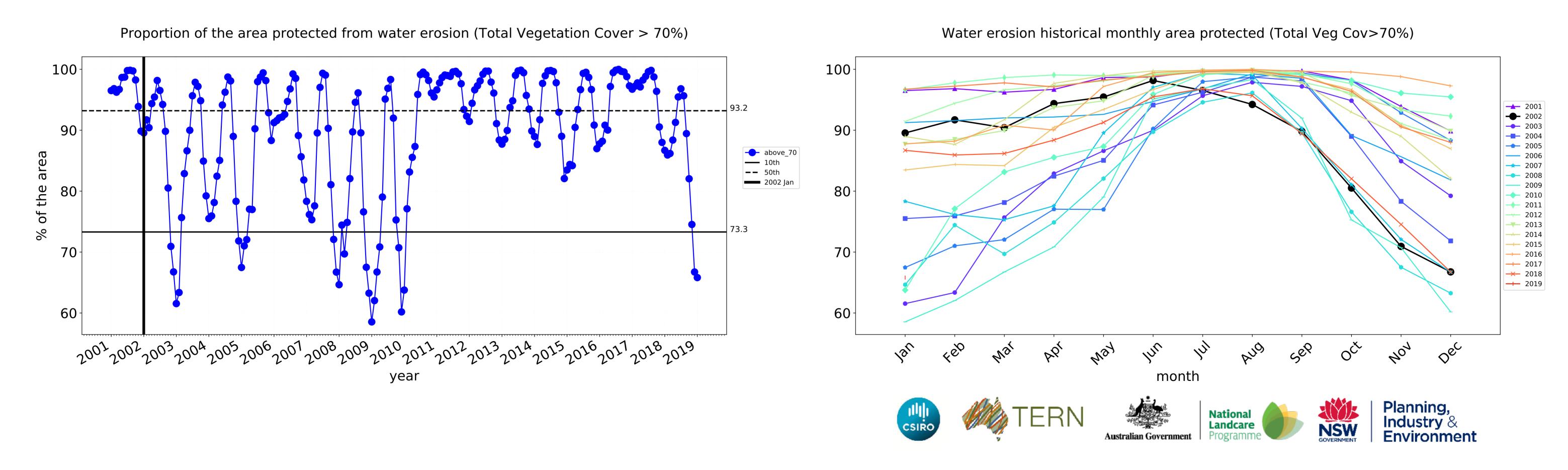






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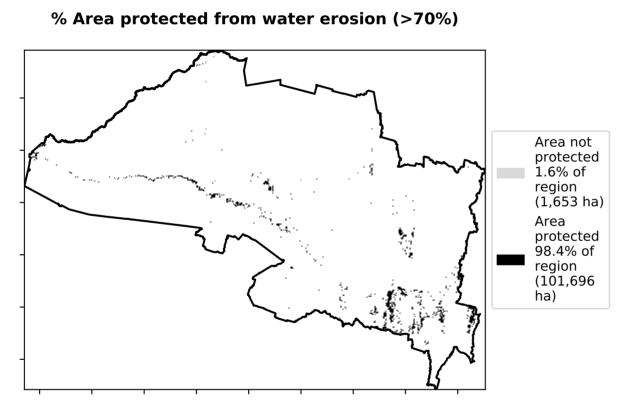


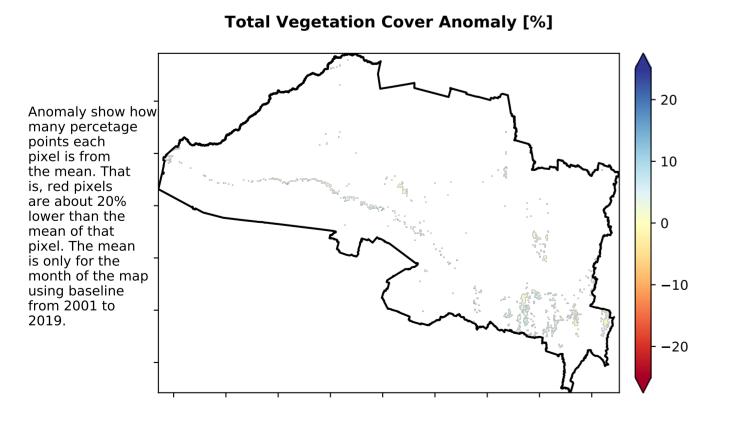


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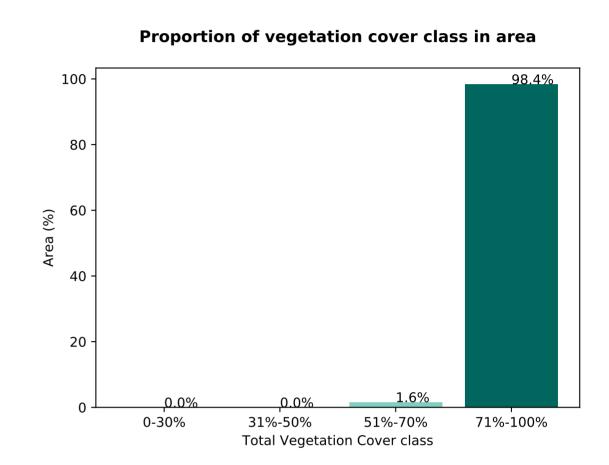
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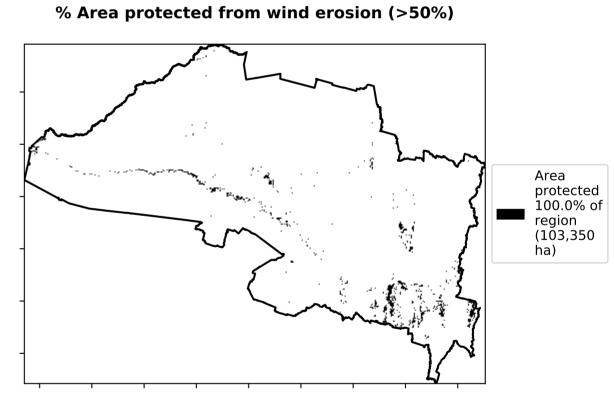
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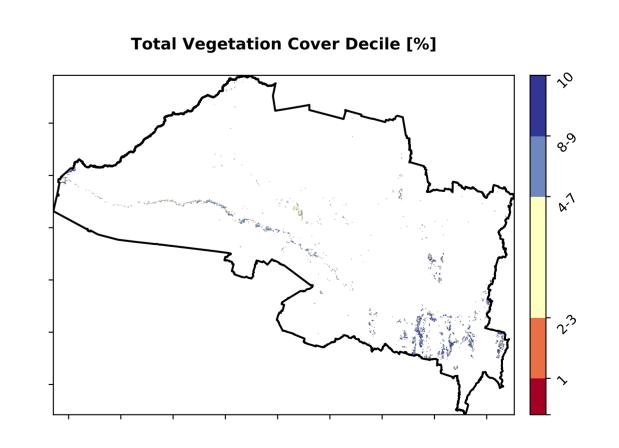




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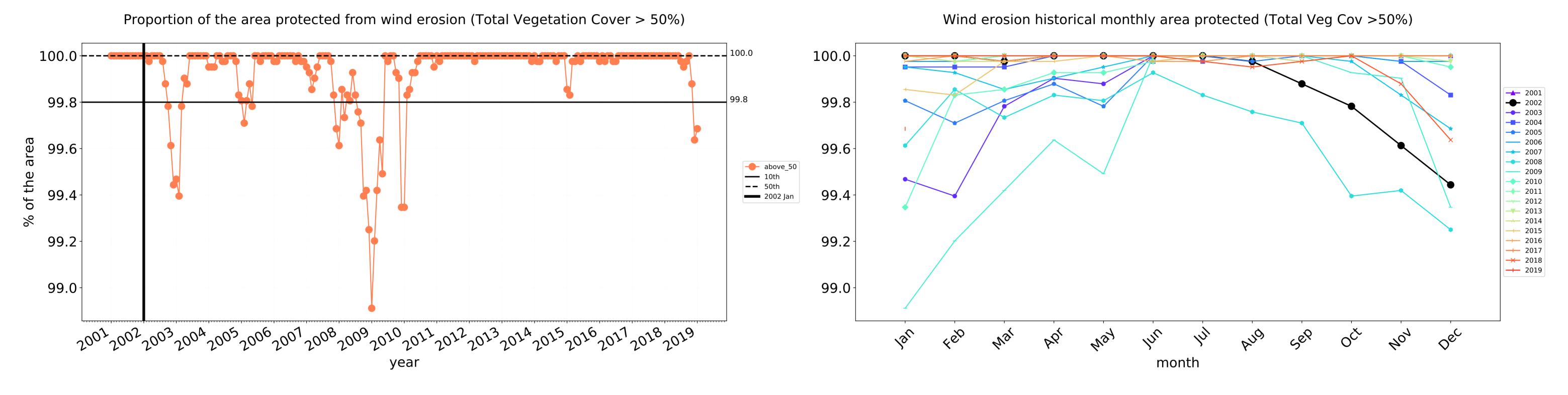


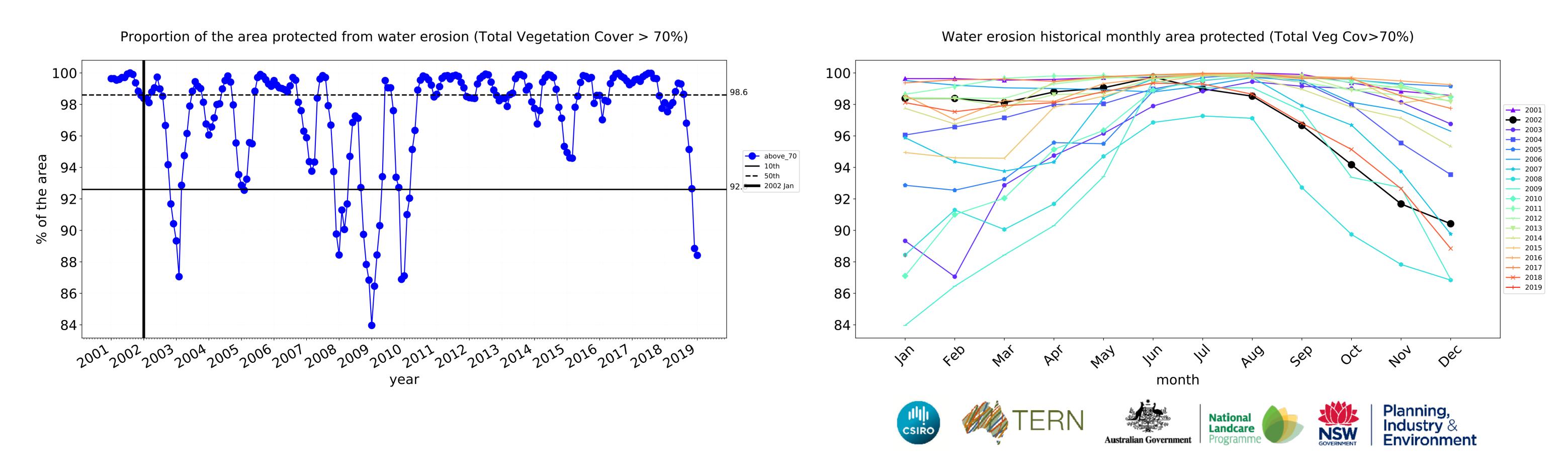






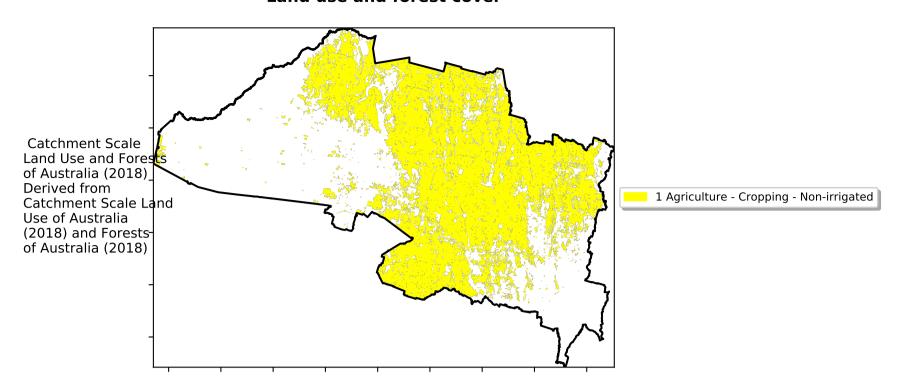




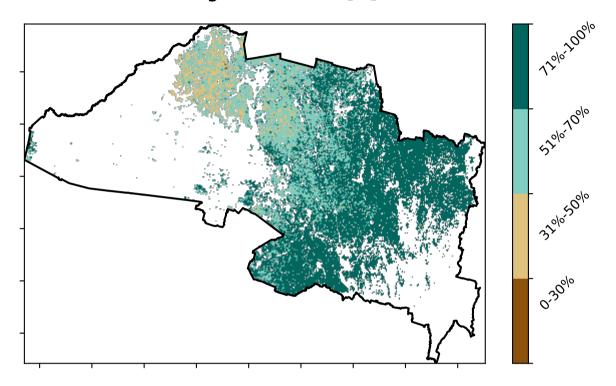


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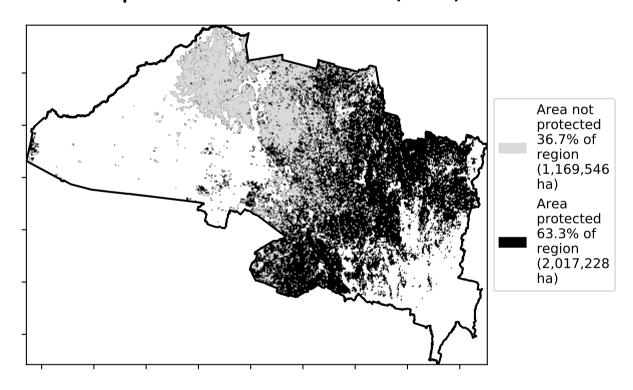
### Land use and forest cover



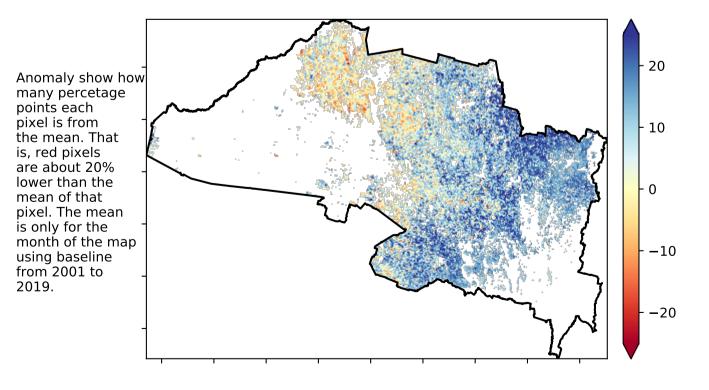
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

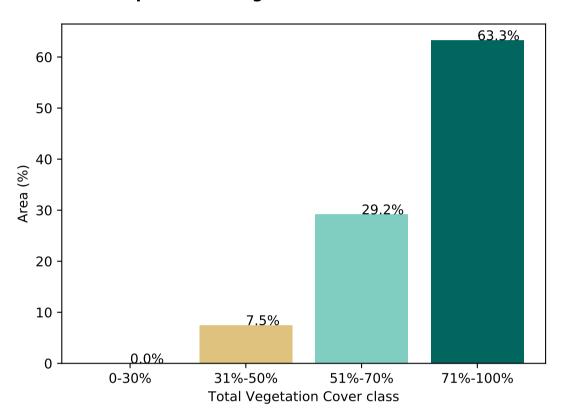


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

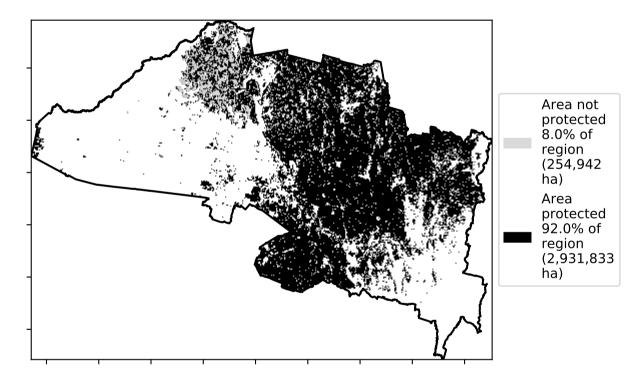


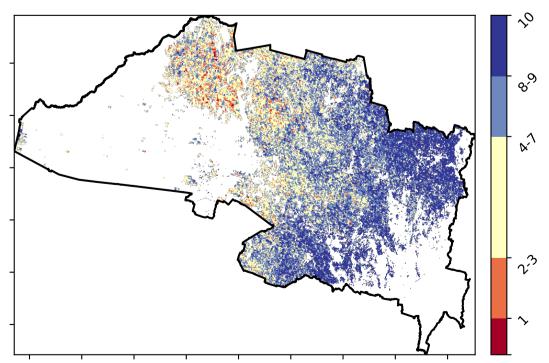
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









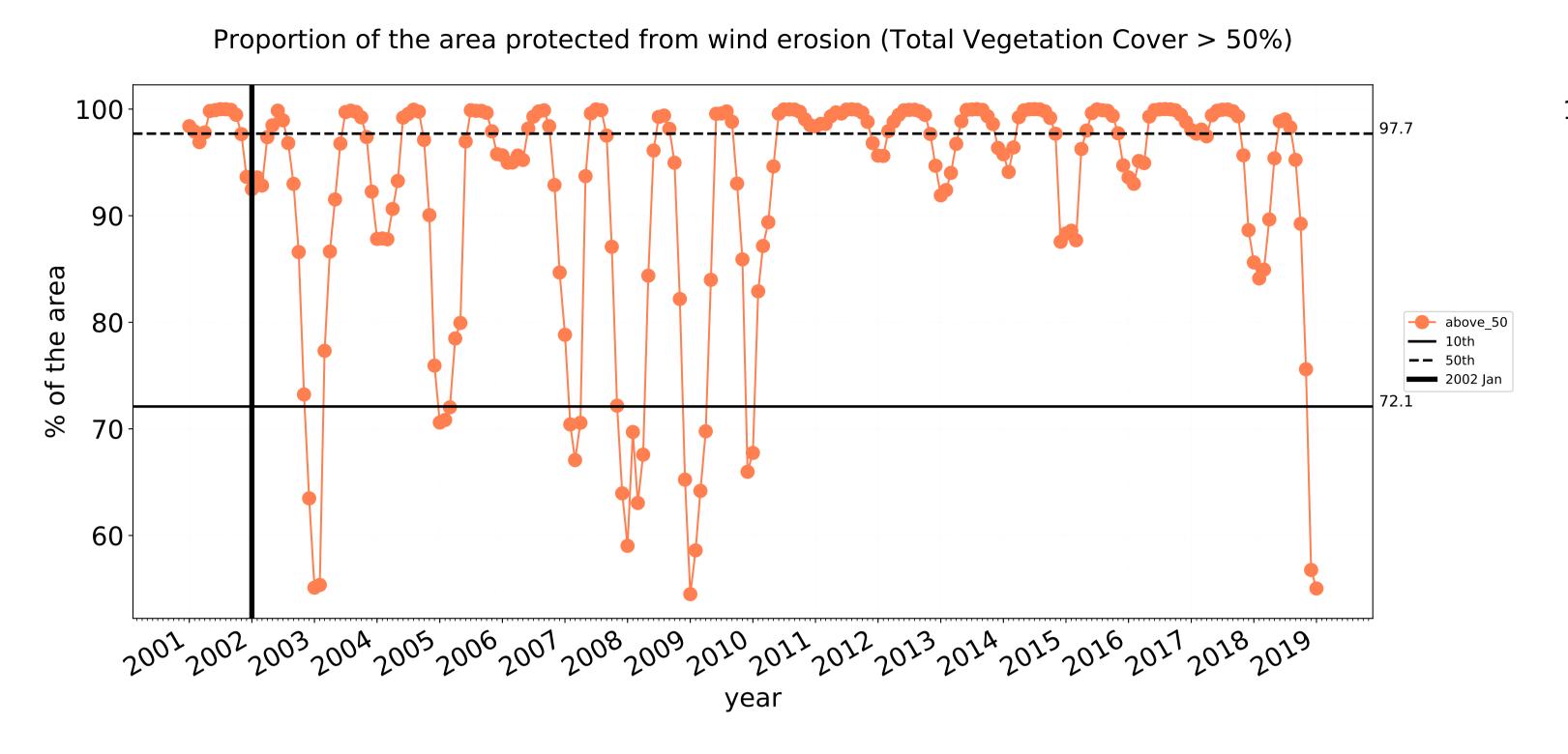


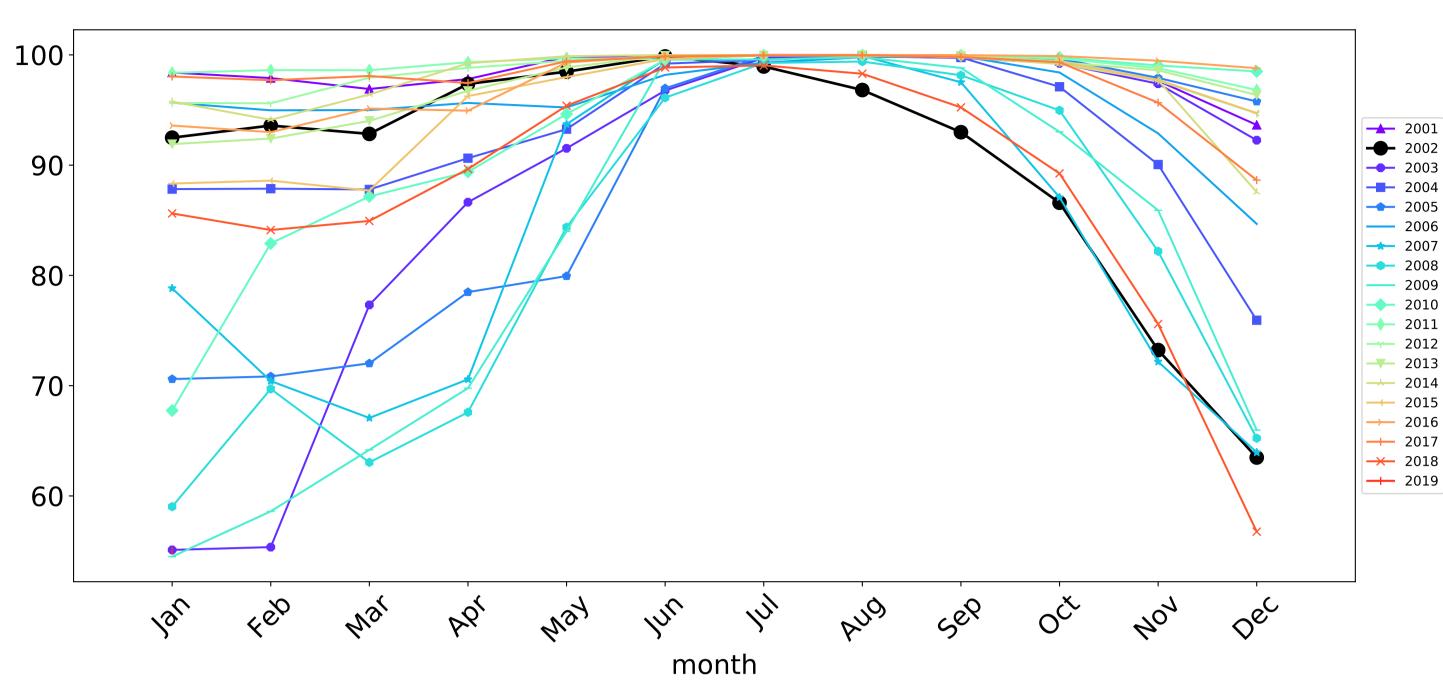




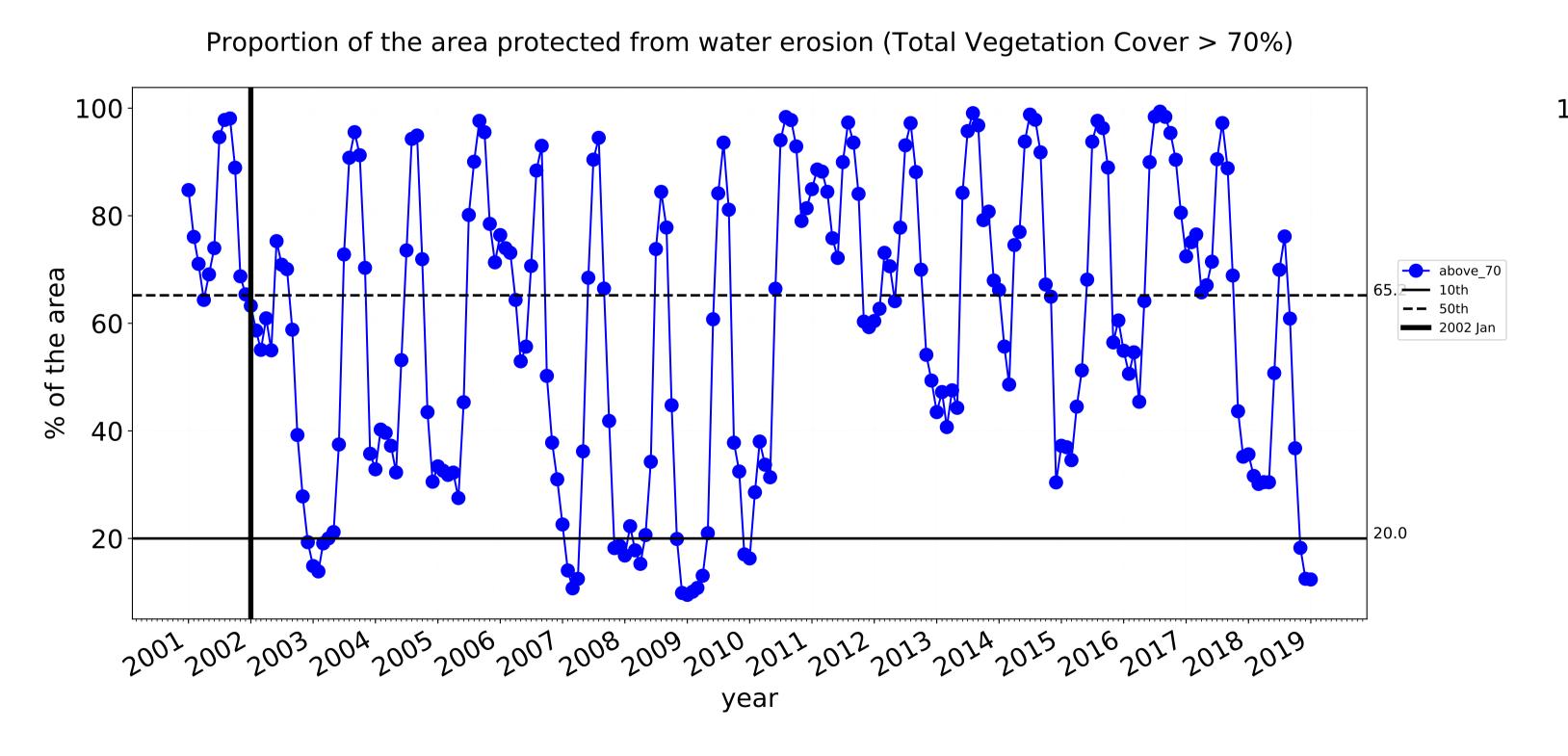


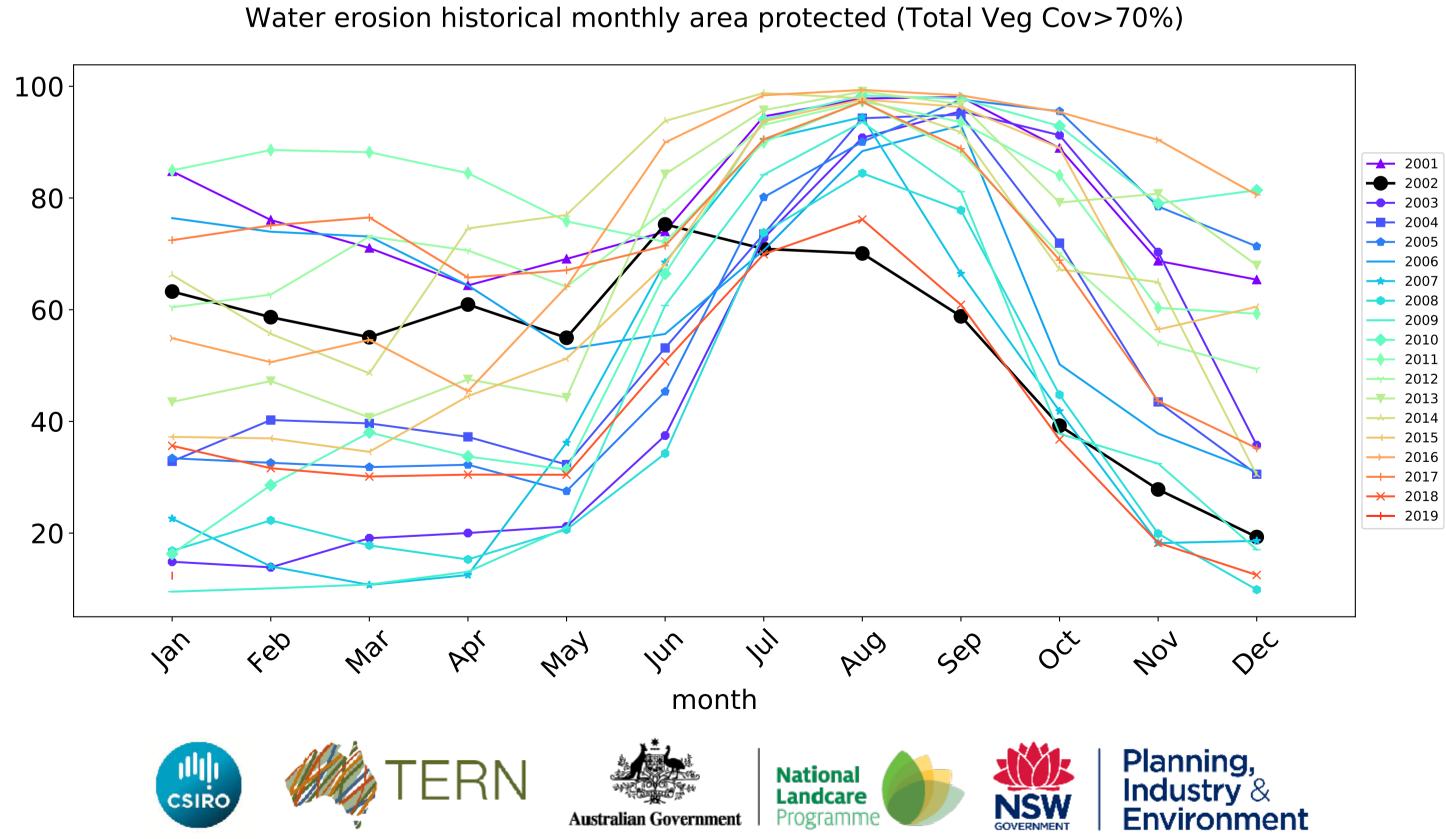
### **Cropping timeseries**





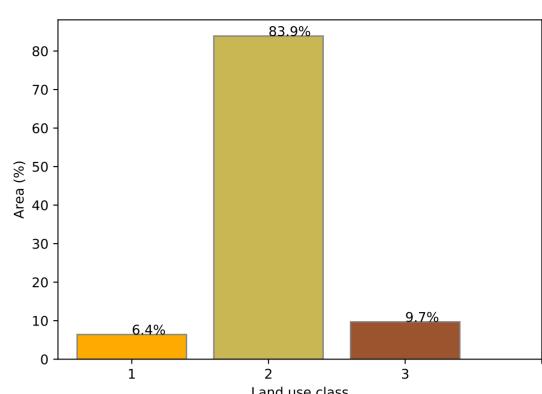
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

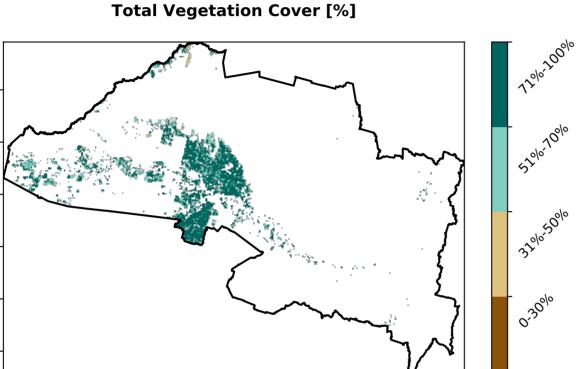


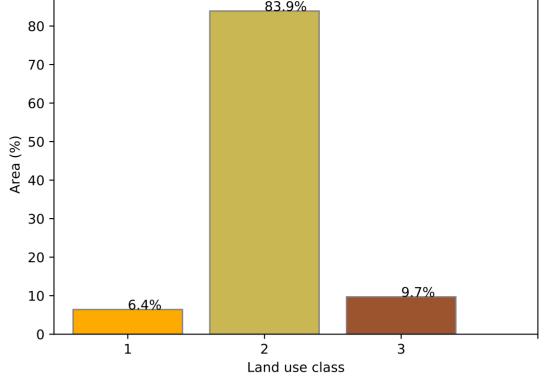


### Irrigation

### 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 - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated



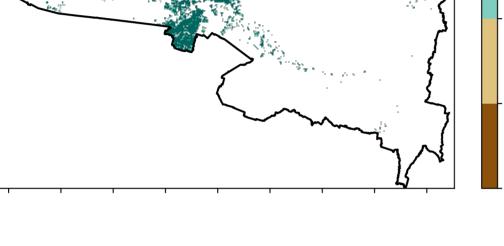




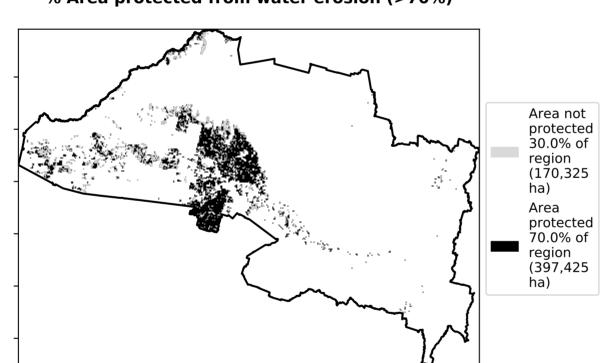
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

**Proportion of each land class in area** 

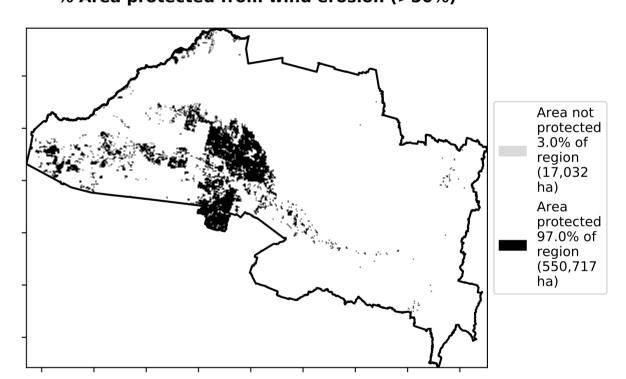
### 70.0% 70 60 50 Area (%) 26.9% 20 10 3.1% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% 0-30% **Total Vegetation Cover class**

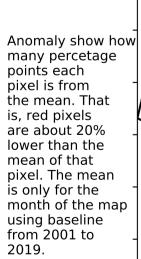


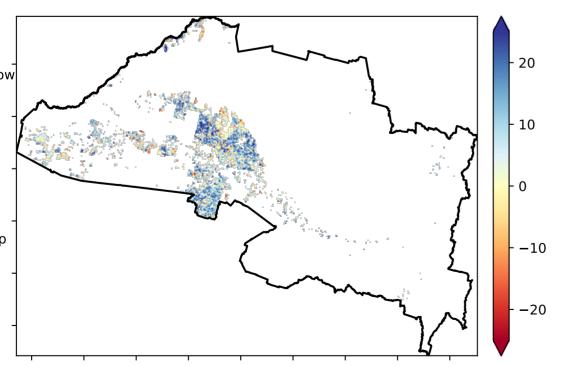
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

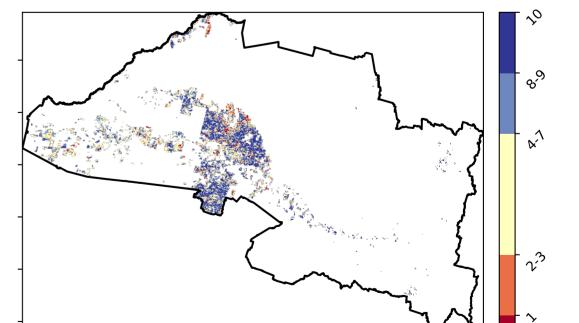






**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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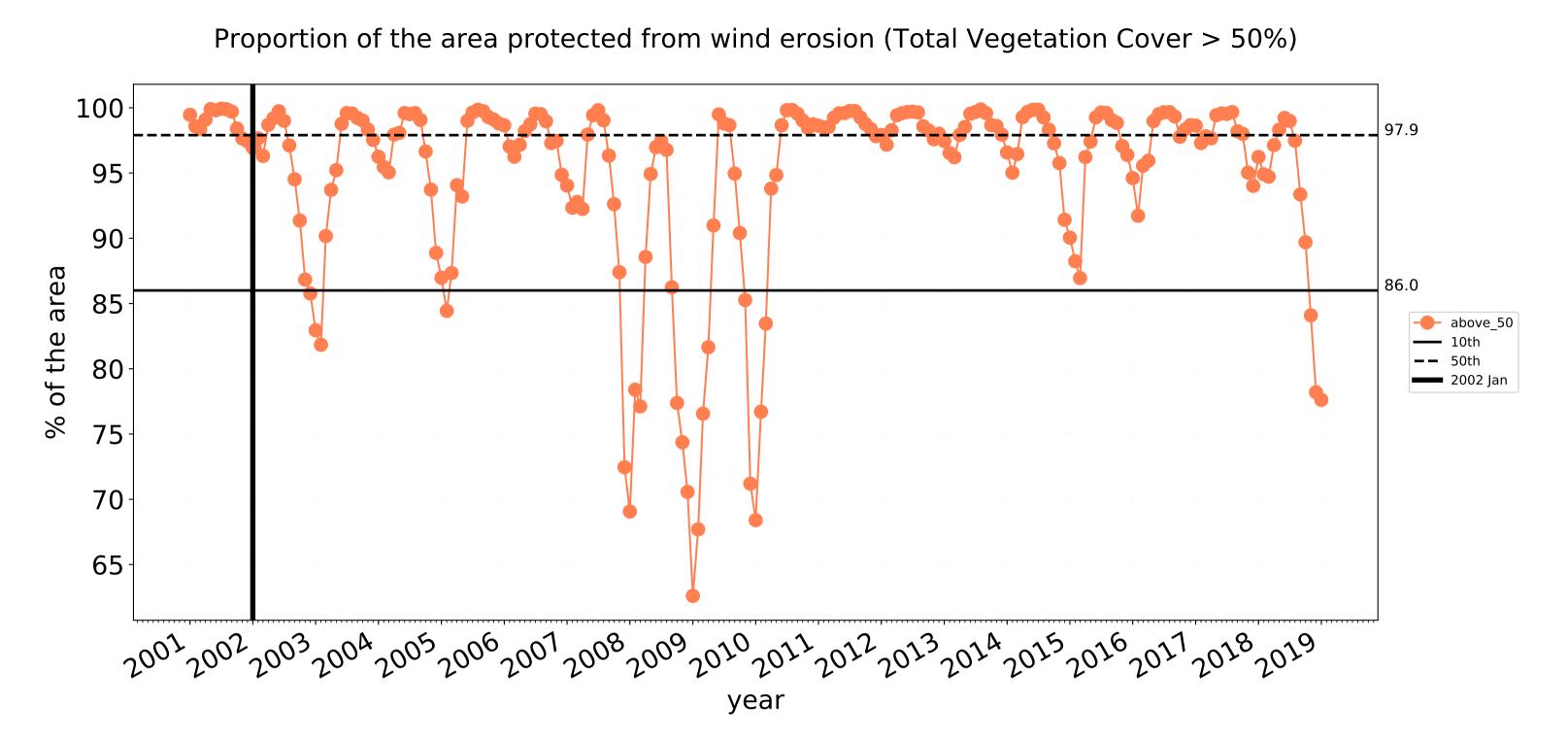


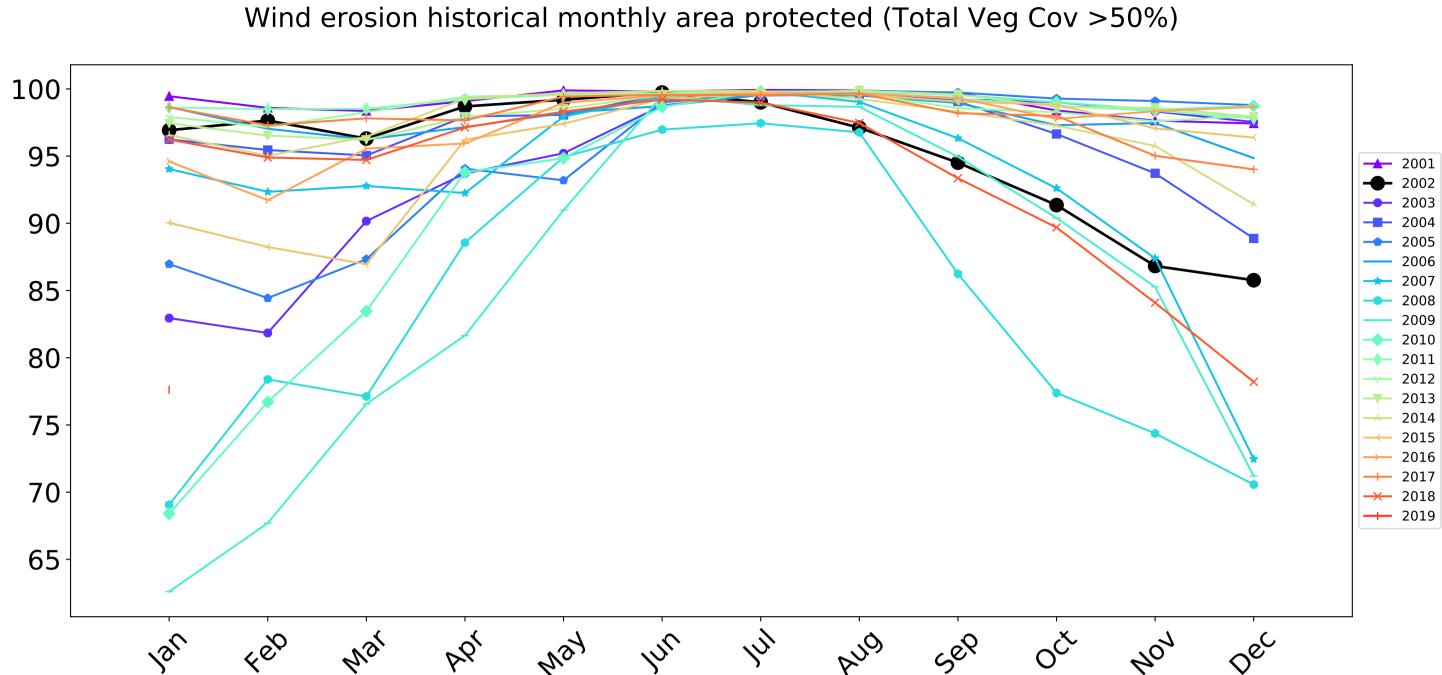




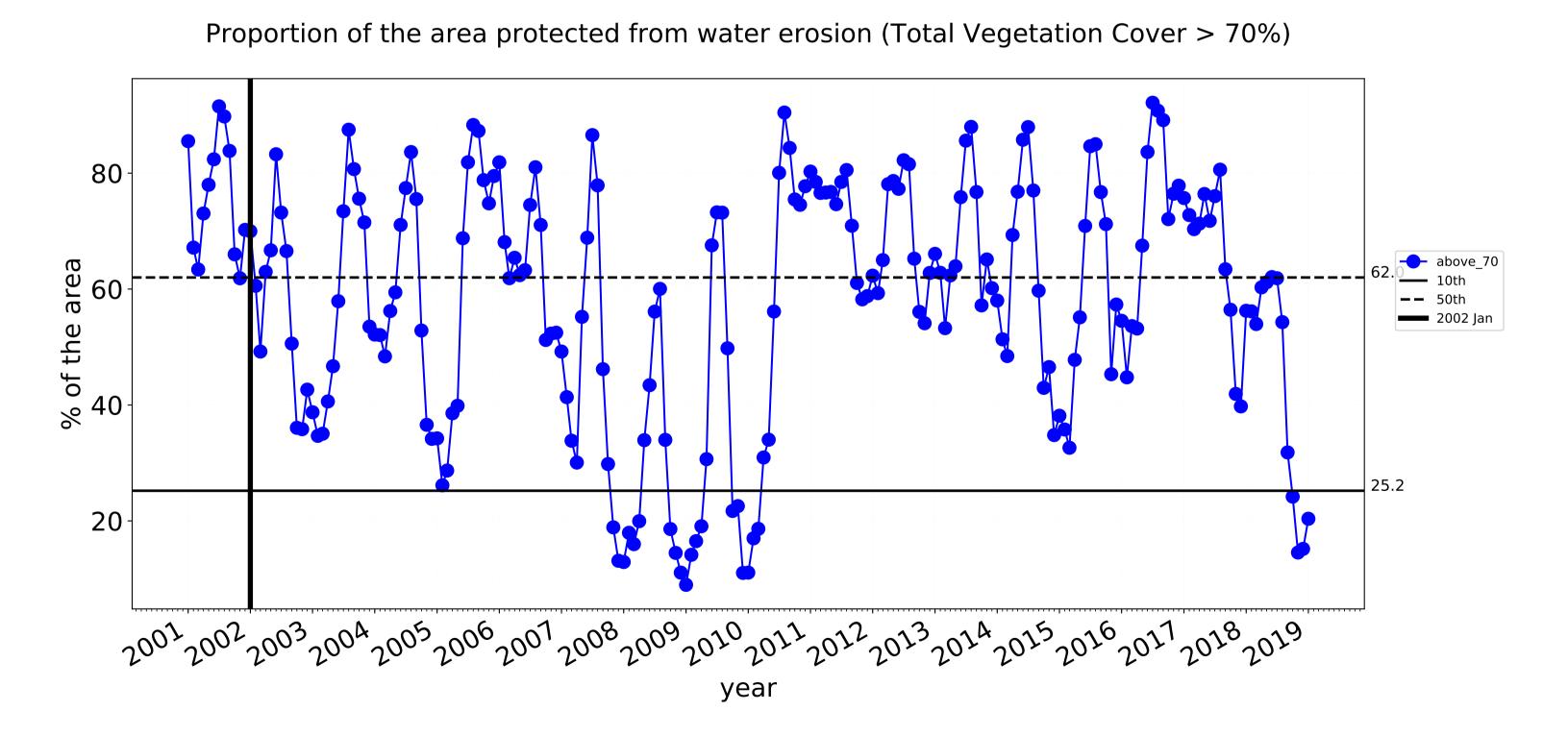


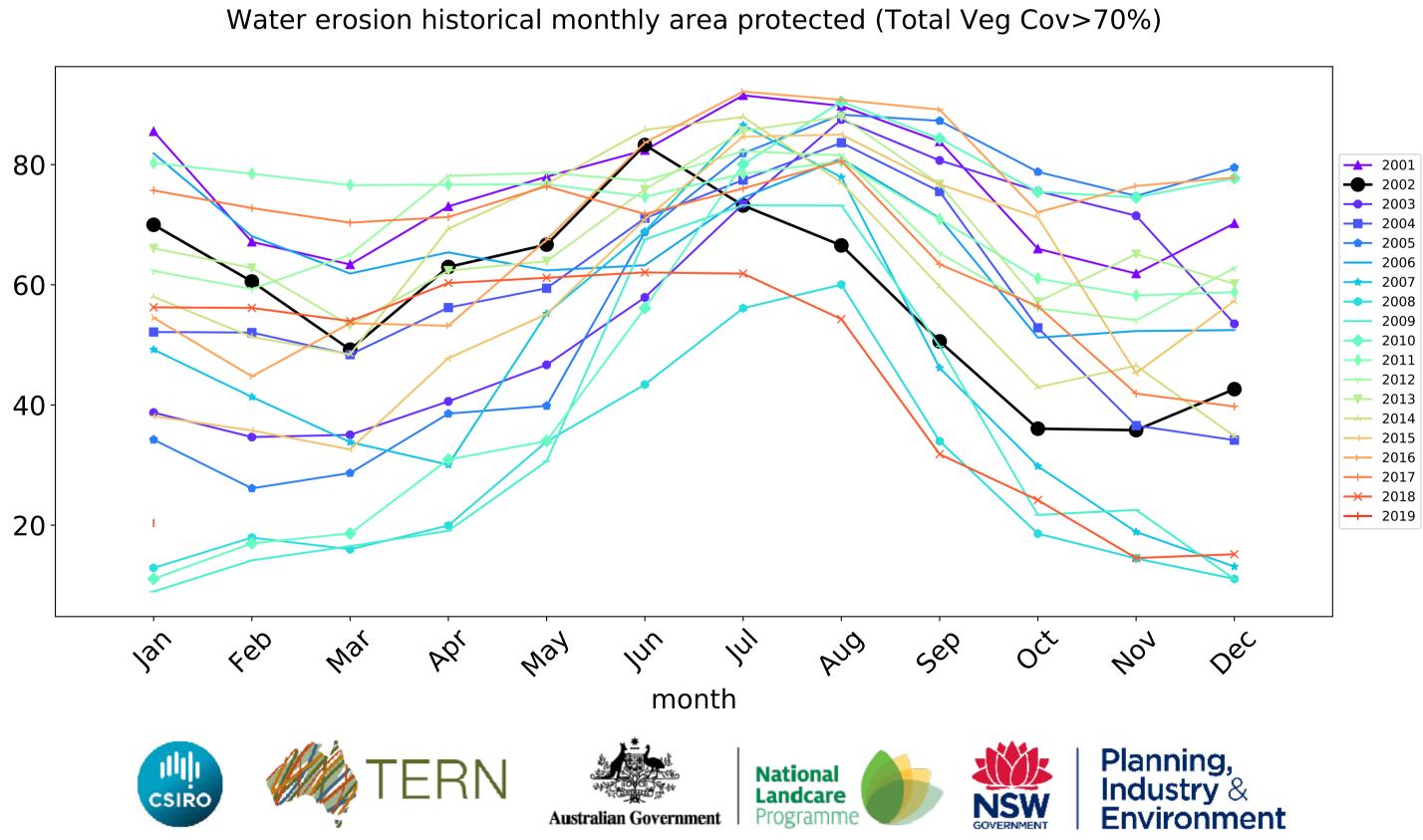






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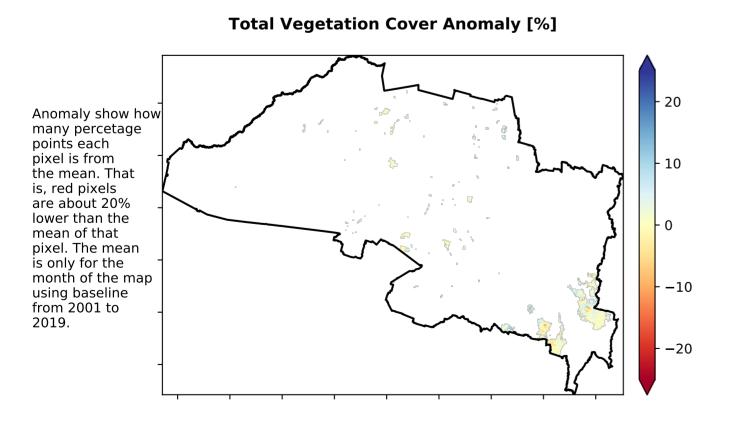


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

## Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) 1 Production native forests and plantation forests of Australia (2018)

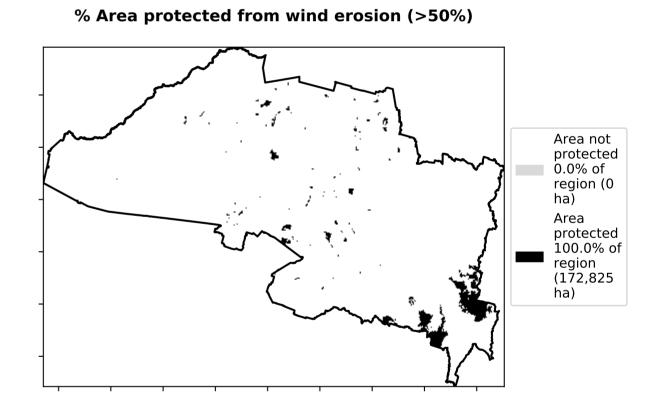
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]

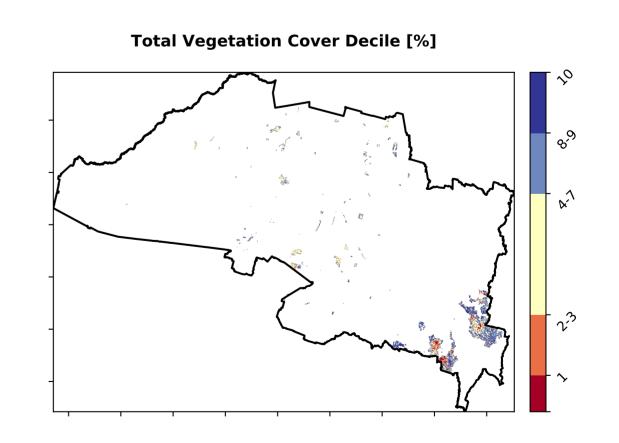
# Area not protected 2.9% of region (5,011 ha) Area protected 97.1% of region (167,813 ha)



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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 97.1% 97.1% 97.1% 40 20 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% Total Vegetation Cover class









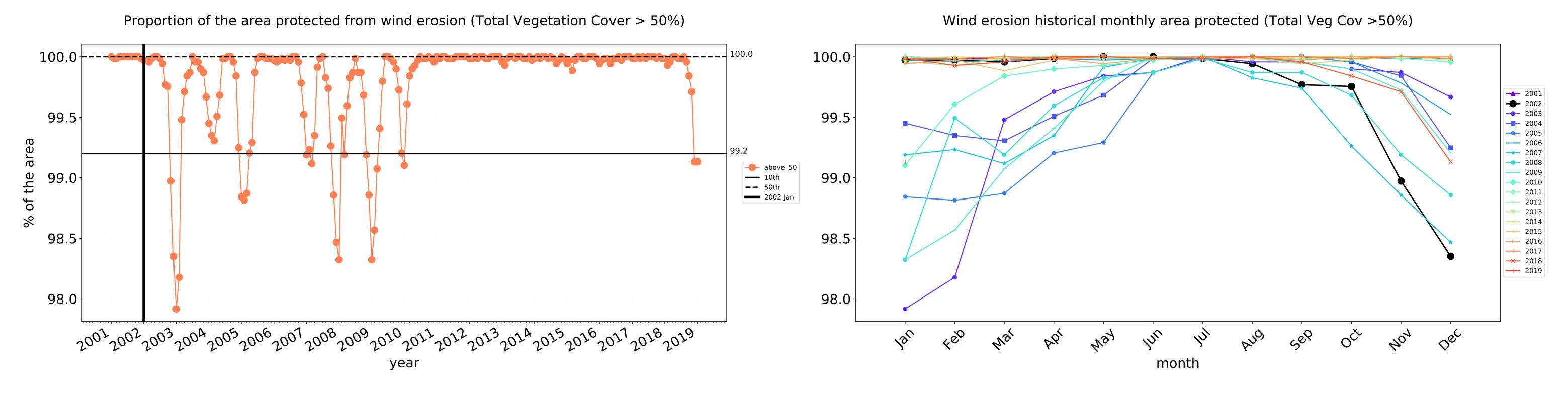


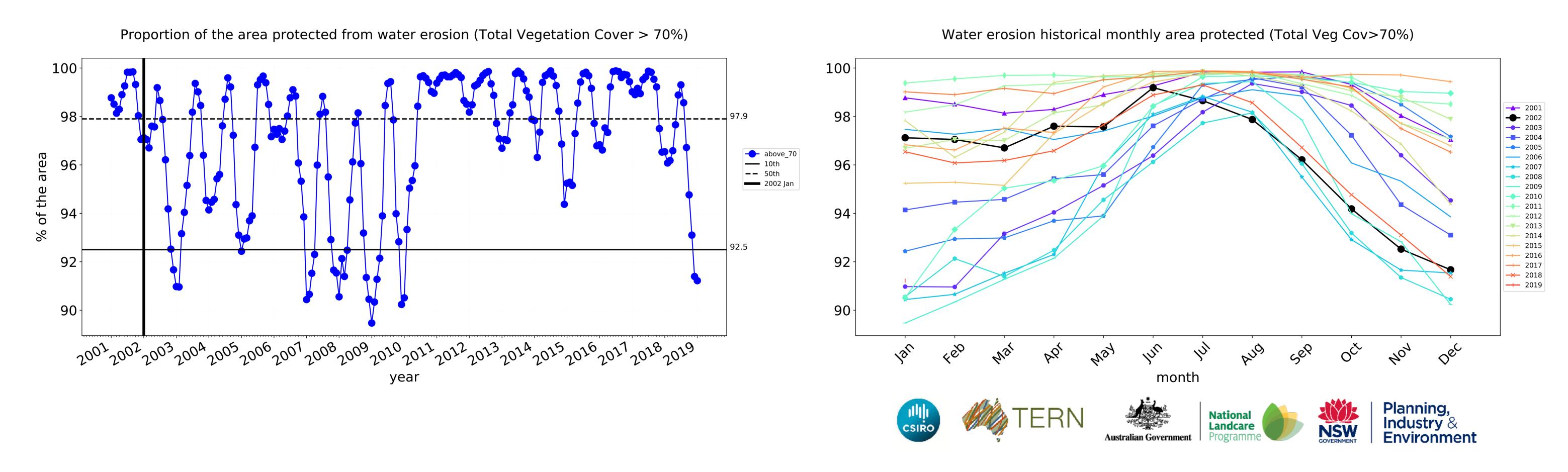






### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**





### Riverina (6,694,775 ha and no data 13,560 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	6,694,775	100.0% 6,693,725	94.2% 6,307,505	62.5% 4,185,912	44.4% 2,974,305	29.0% 1,943,695	20.5% 1,372,754
Conservation and natural environments	322,925	100.0% 322,925	99.2% 320,425	83.5% 269,625	77.7% 250,900	66.4% 214,325	47.1% 152,025
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,325	100.0% 83,325	97.1% 80,875	37.3% 31,100	19.9% 16,575	14.9% 12,400	11.4% 9,500
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,100	100.0% 195,100	100.0% 195,100	99.9% 194,875	99.4% 193,875	95.1% 185,475	69.1% 134,825
Agriculture	6,068,075	100.0% 6,067,225	93.7% 5,688,550	60.4% 3,663,800	41.4% 2,511,475	26.0% 1,580,150	18.6% 1,129,675
Grazing	2,311,725	100.0% 2,311,650	94.7% 2,189,425	54.1% 1,250,450	38.2% 881,925	28.1% 650,425	21.9% 505,750
Grazing non forest	2,066,725	100.0% 2,066,650	94.1% 1,944,700	49.4% 1,021,925	33.8% 698,550	26.8% 553,225	22.0% 453,700
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.8% 141,375	89.6% 126,850	62.7% 88,850	20.2% 28,600	9.8% 13,825
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	98.4% 101,675	91.5% 94,525	66.4% 68,600	37.0% 38,225
Cropping	3,186,775	100.0% 3,186,050	92.5% 2,947,450	63.3% 2,015,675	44.3% 1,410,650	26.7% 850,750	18.4% 586,425
Irrigation	567,750	100.0% 567,700	96.9% 550,300	70.0% 397,325	38.5% 218,750	13.9% 78,875	6.6% 37,425
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,825	100.0% 172,825	100.0% 172,775	97.1% 167,850	92.2% 159,275	69.5% 120,175	42.3% 73,050











