## Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Riverina NSW

## **Date: September 2002**

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

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

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

#### **Erosion protection**

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

#### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

#### Acknowledgment of data:

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

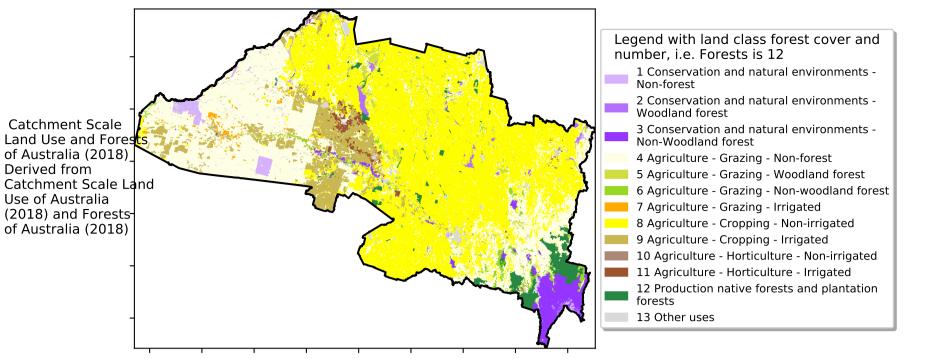
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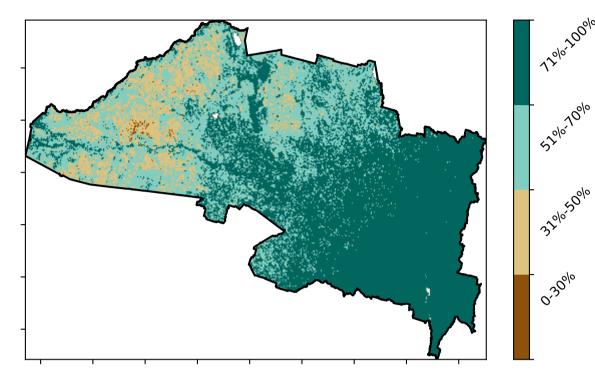
## **Vegetation Cover Sep 2002**

#### Land use and forest cover

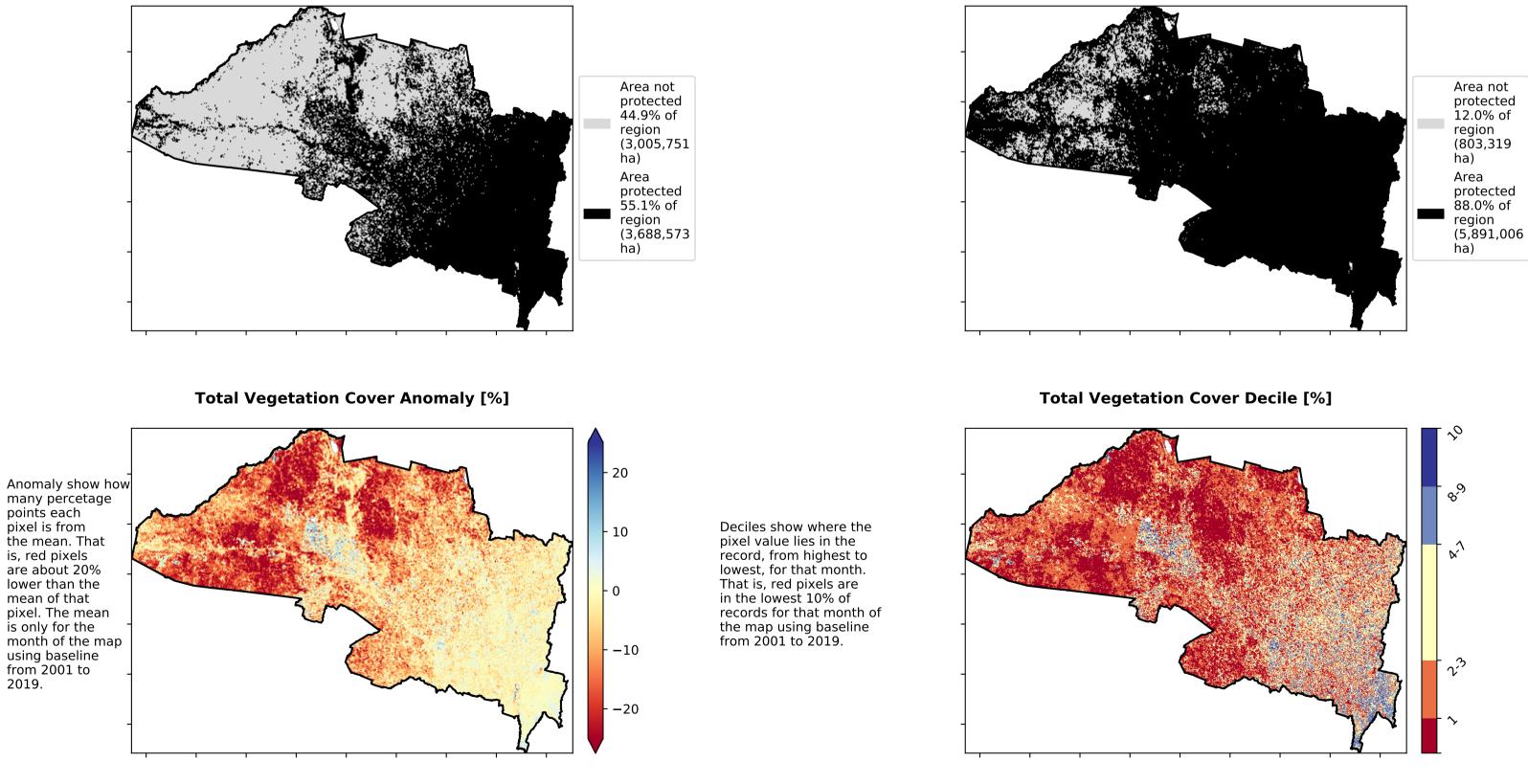
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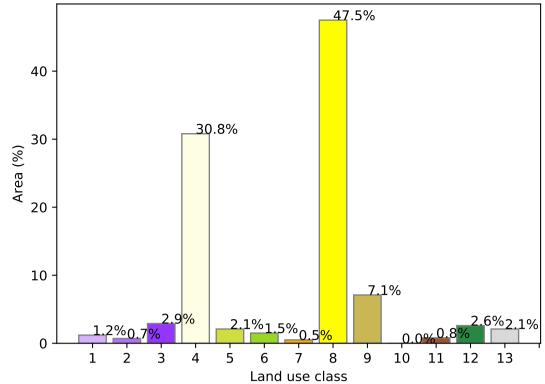


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

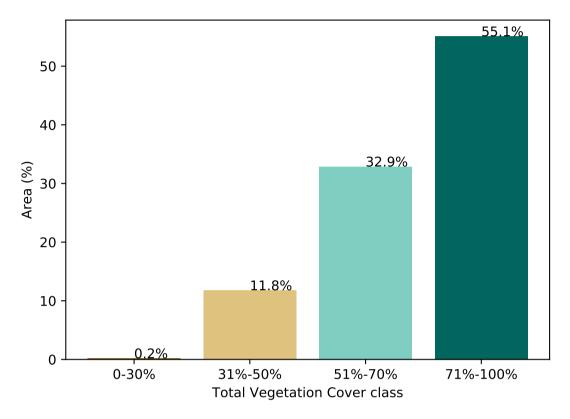


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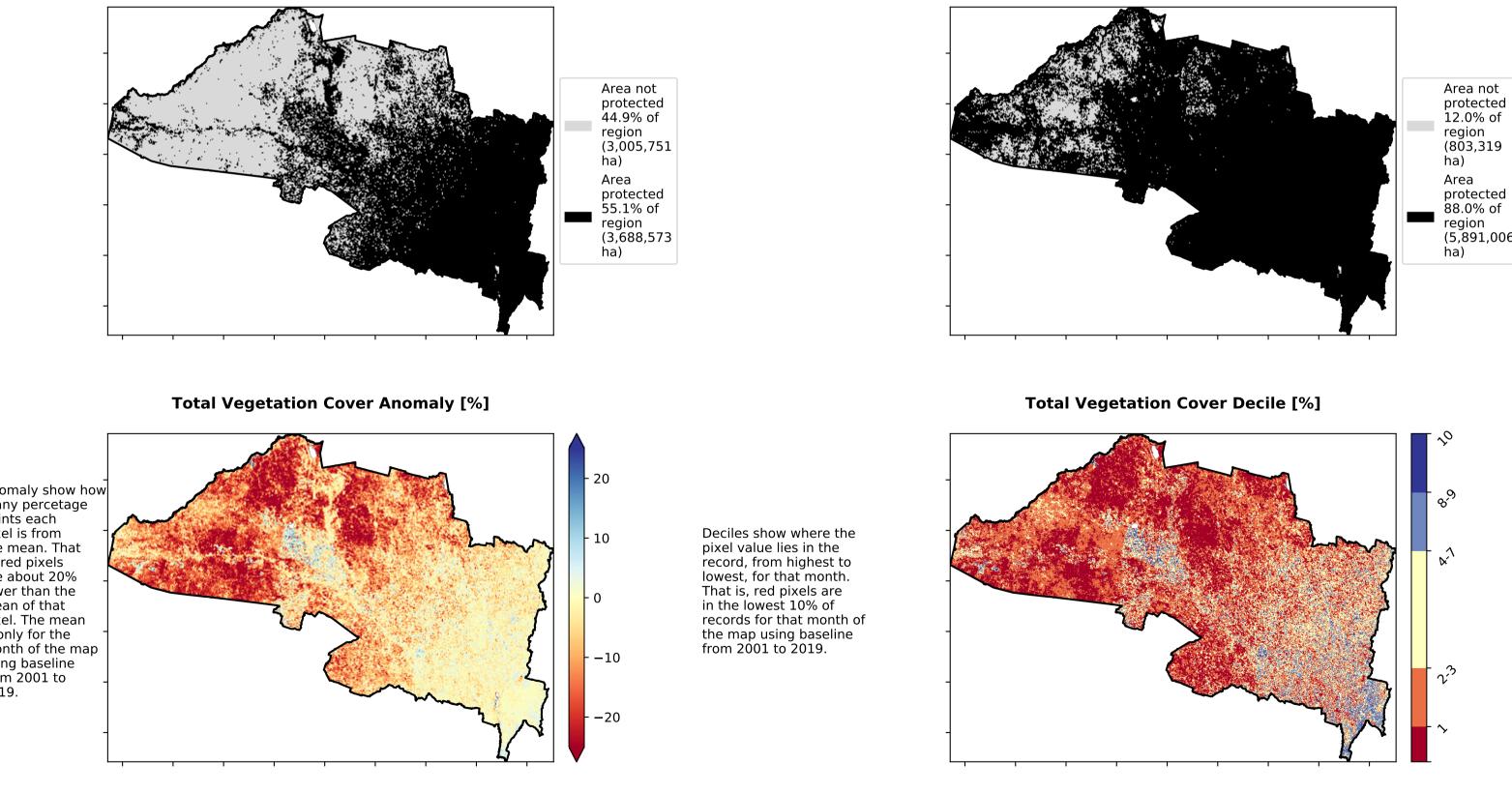




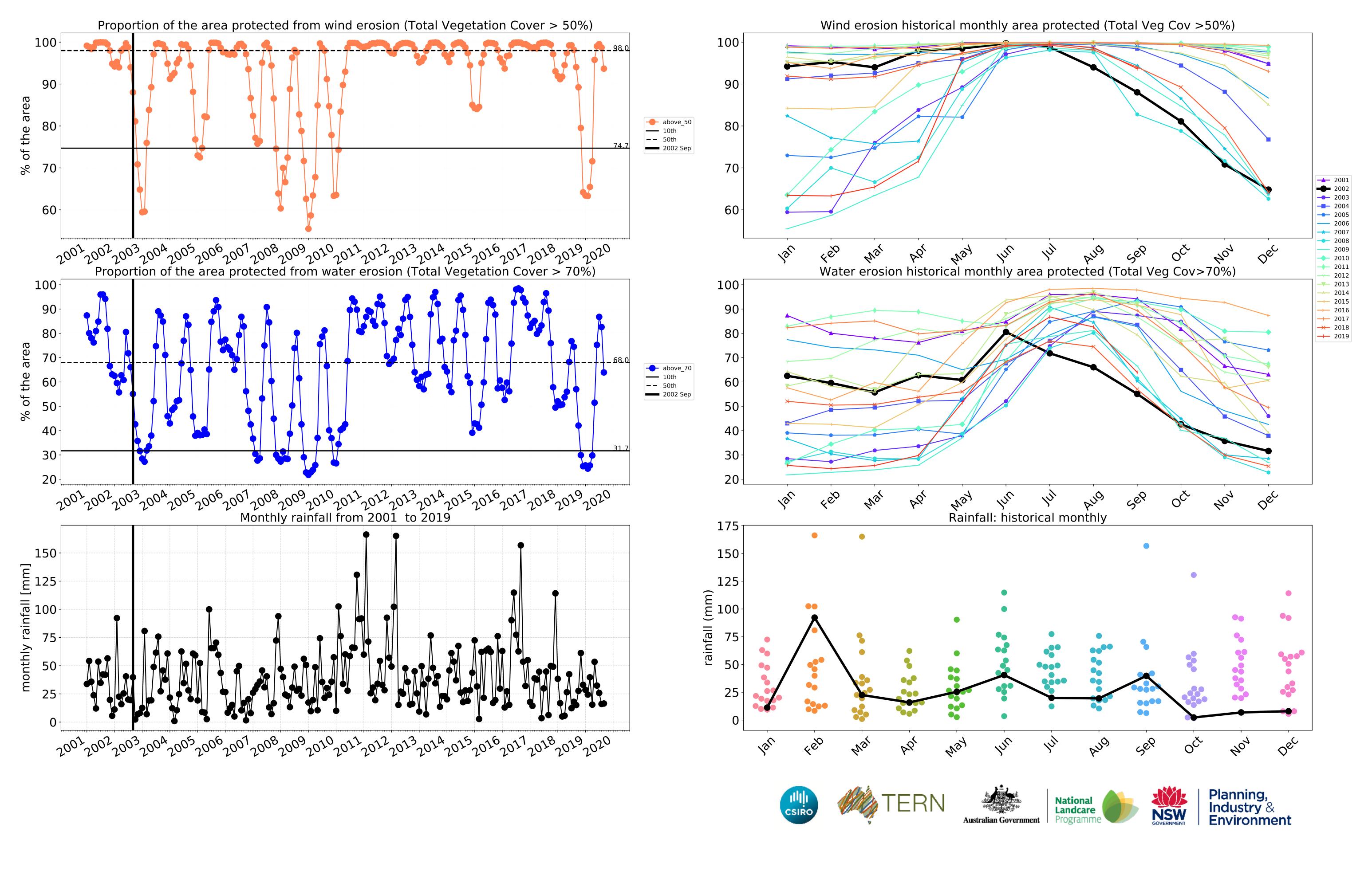
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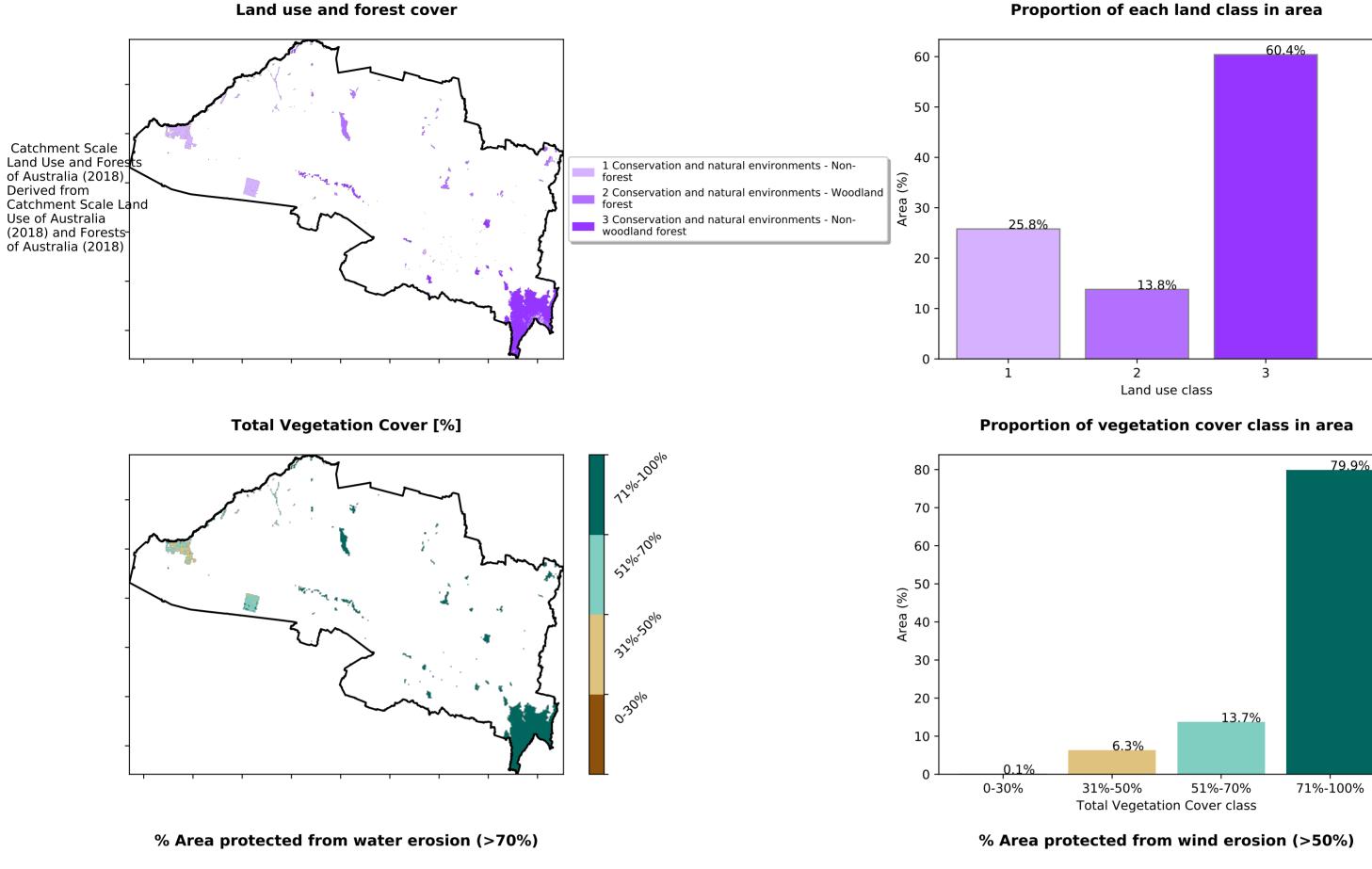
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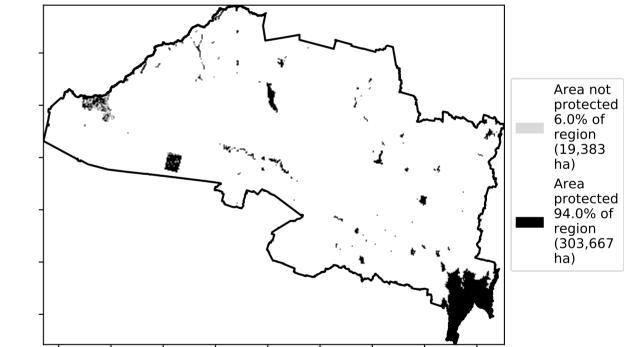


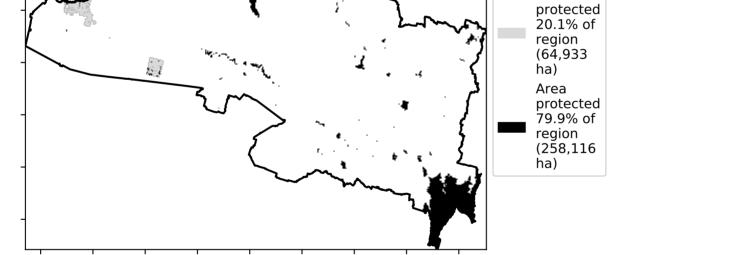
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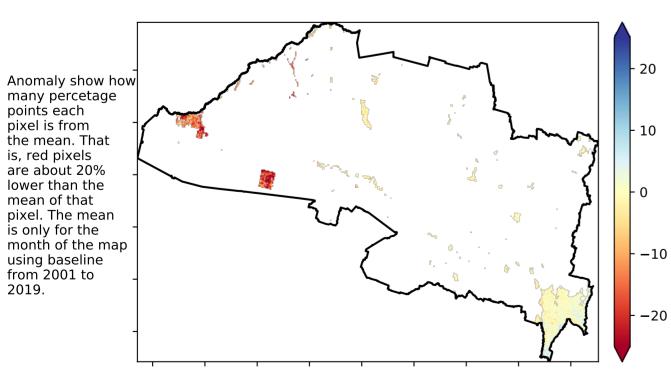


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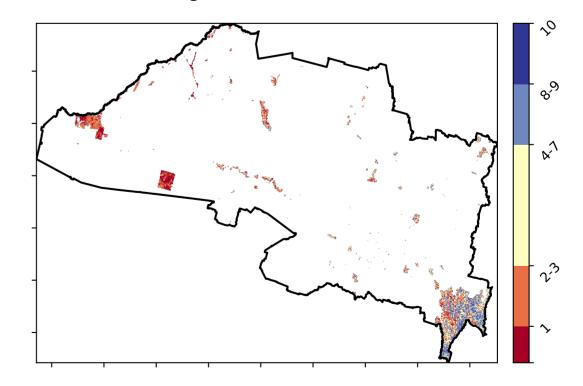


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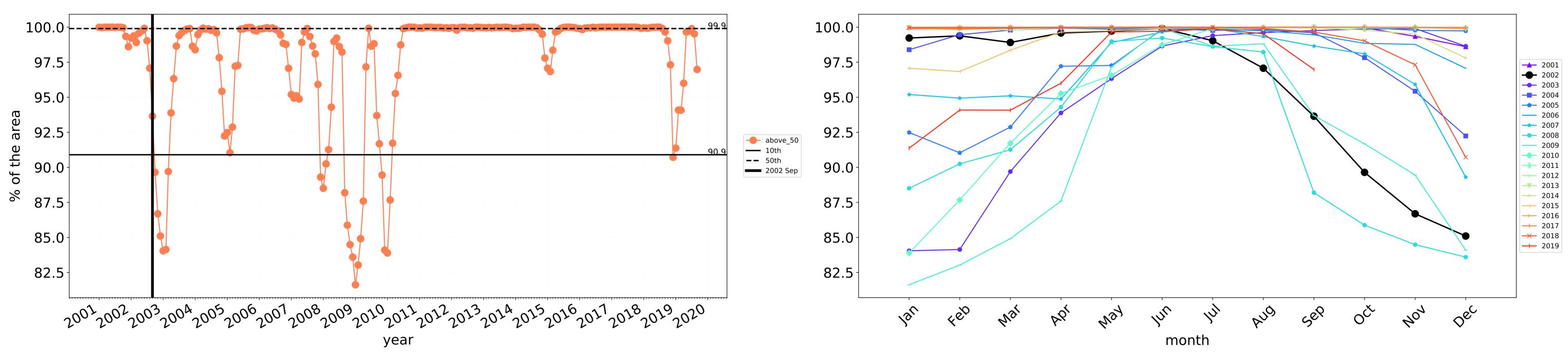
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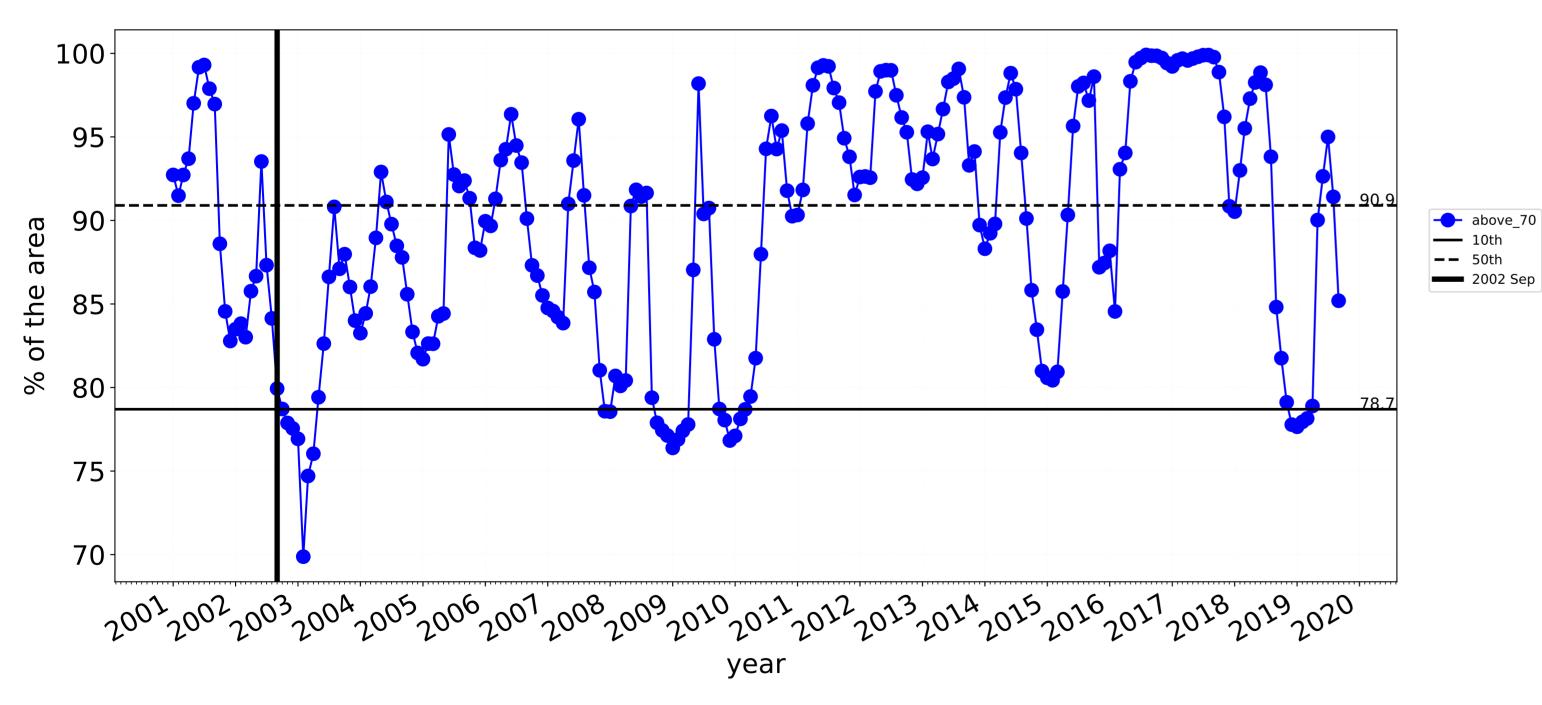
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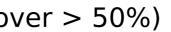
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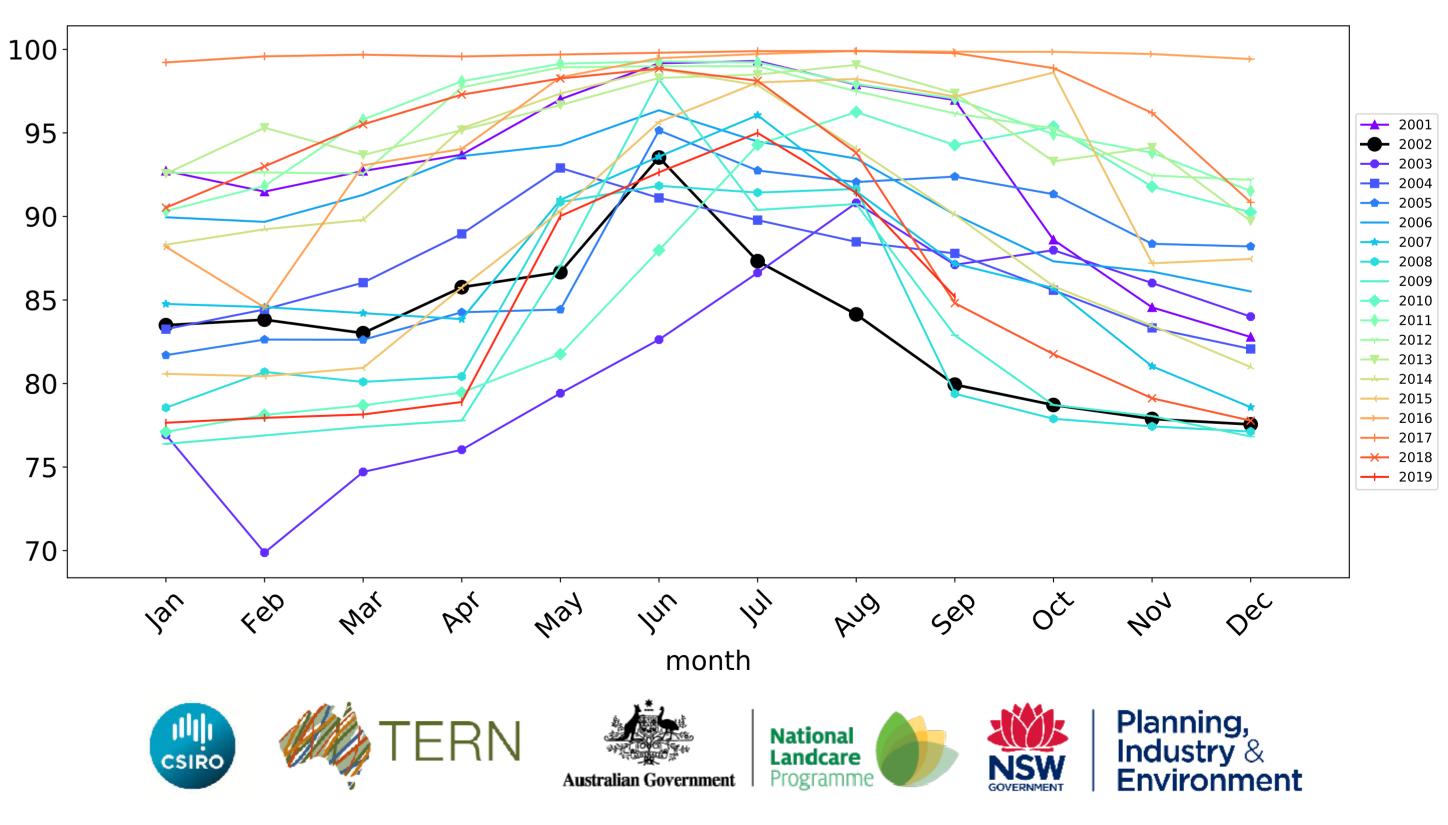
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

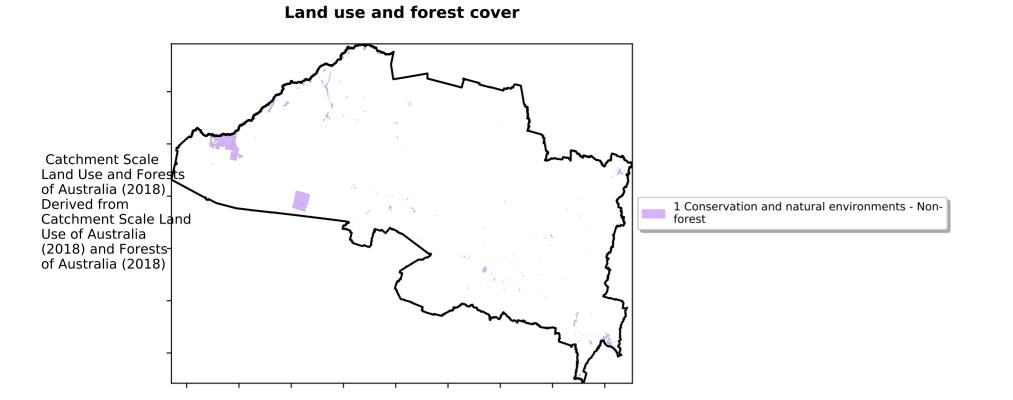




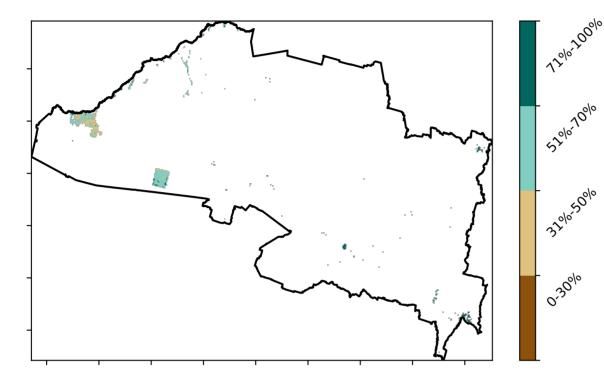
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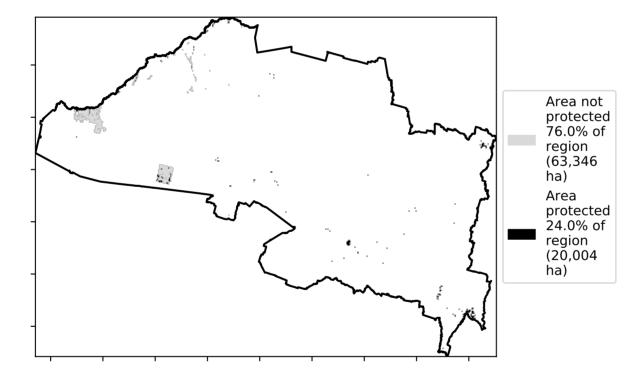
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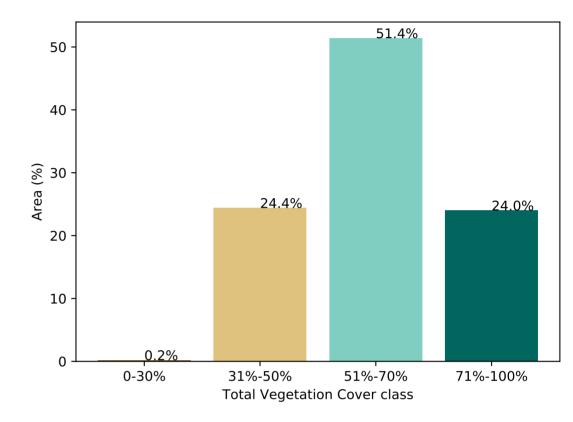
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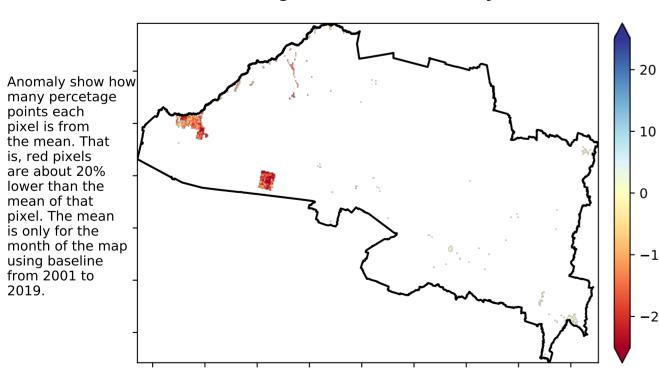
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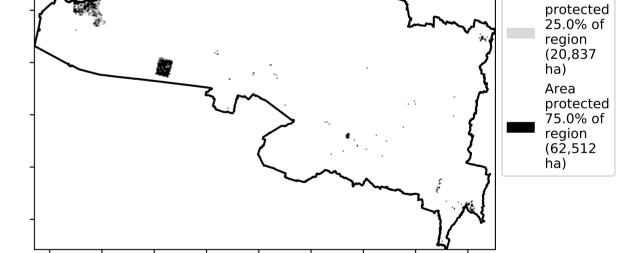
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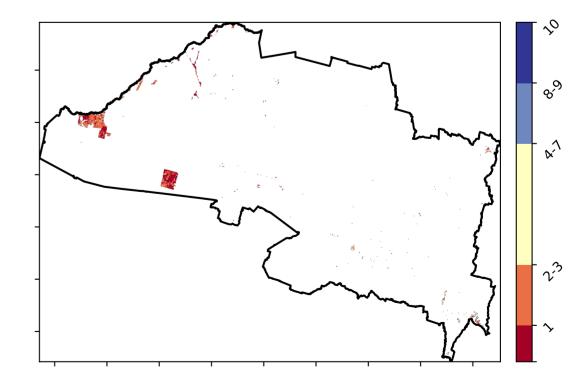
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





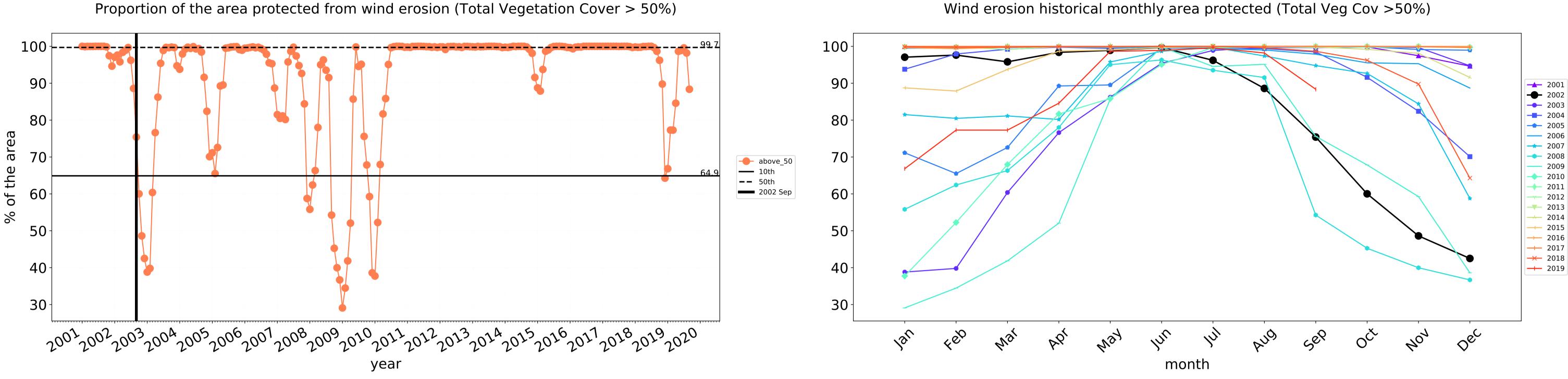
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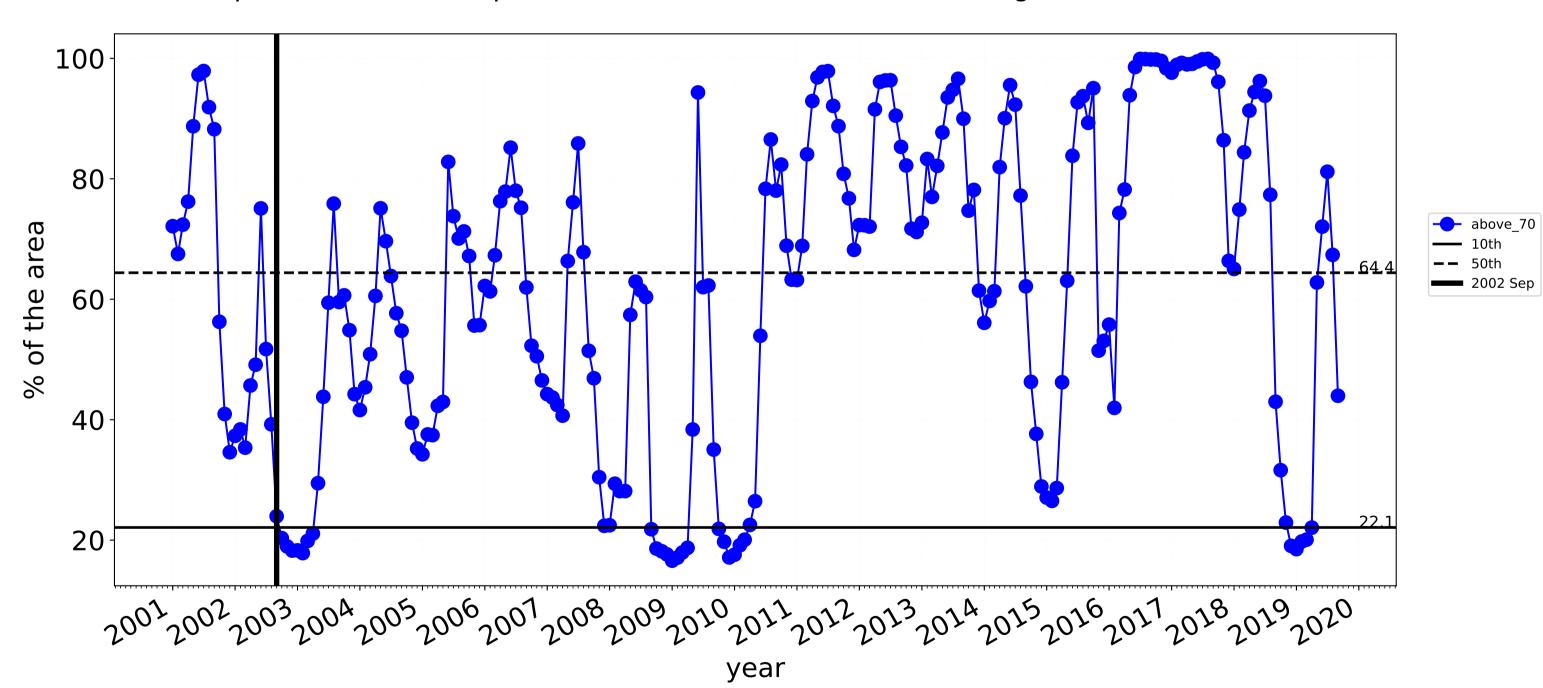
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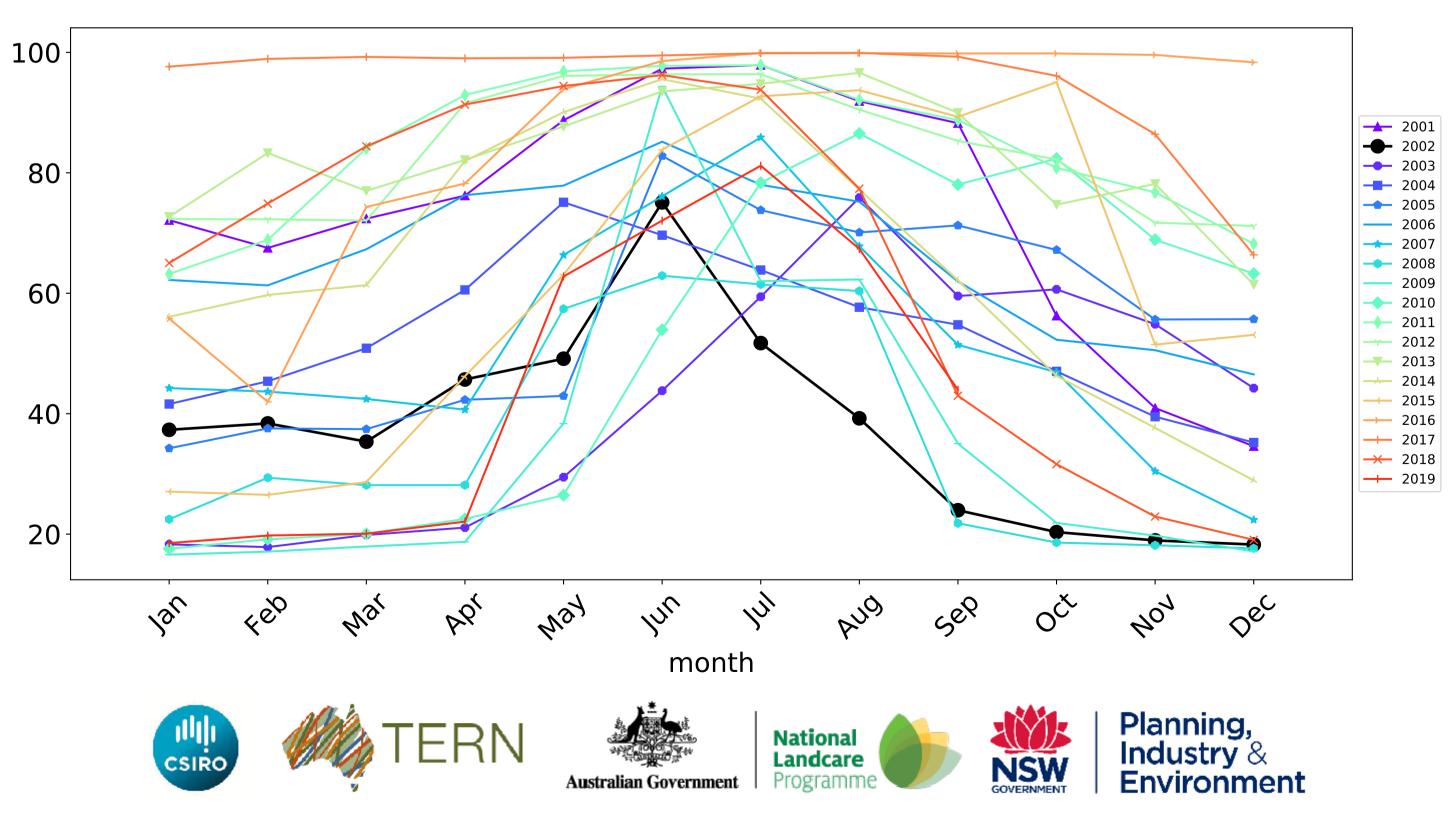
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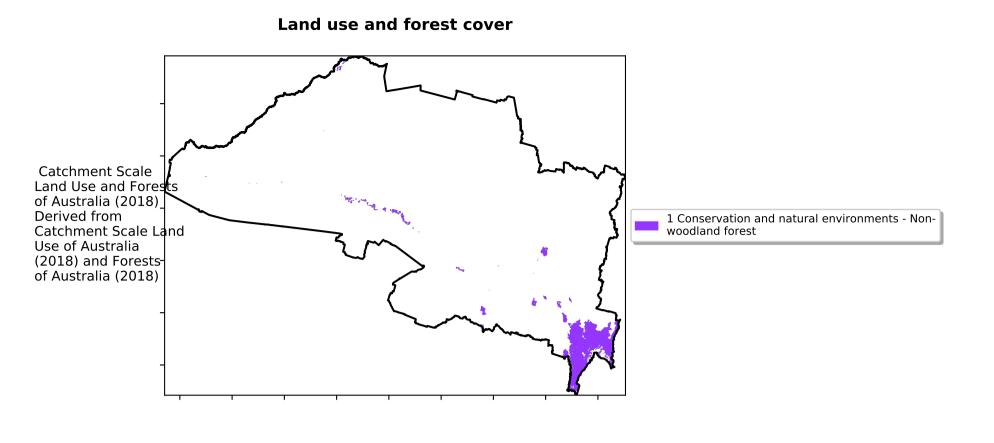
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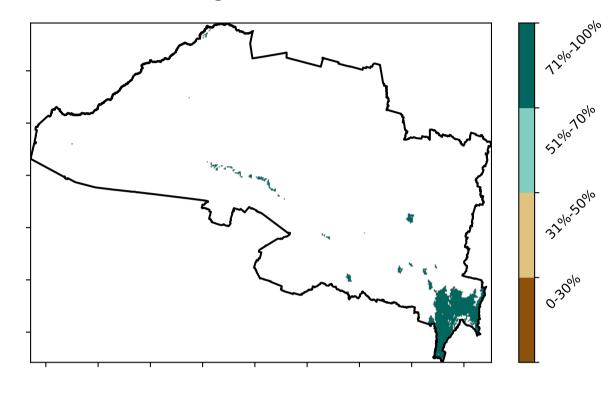




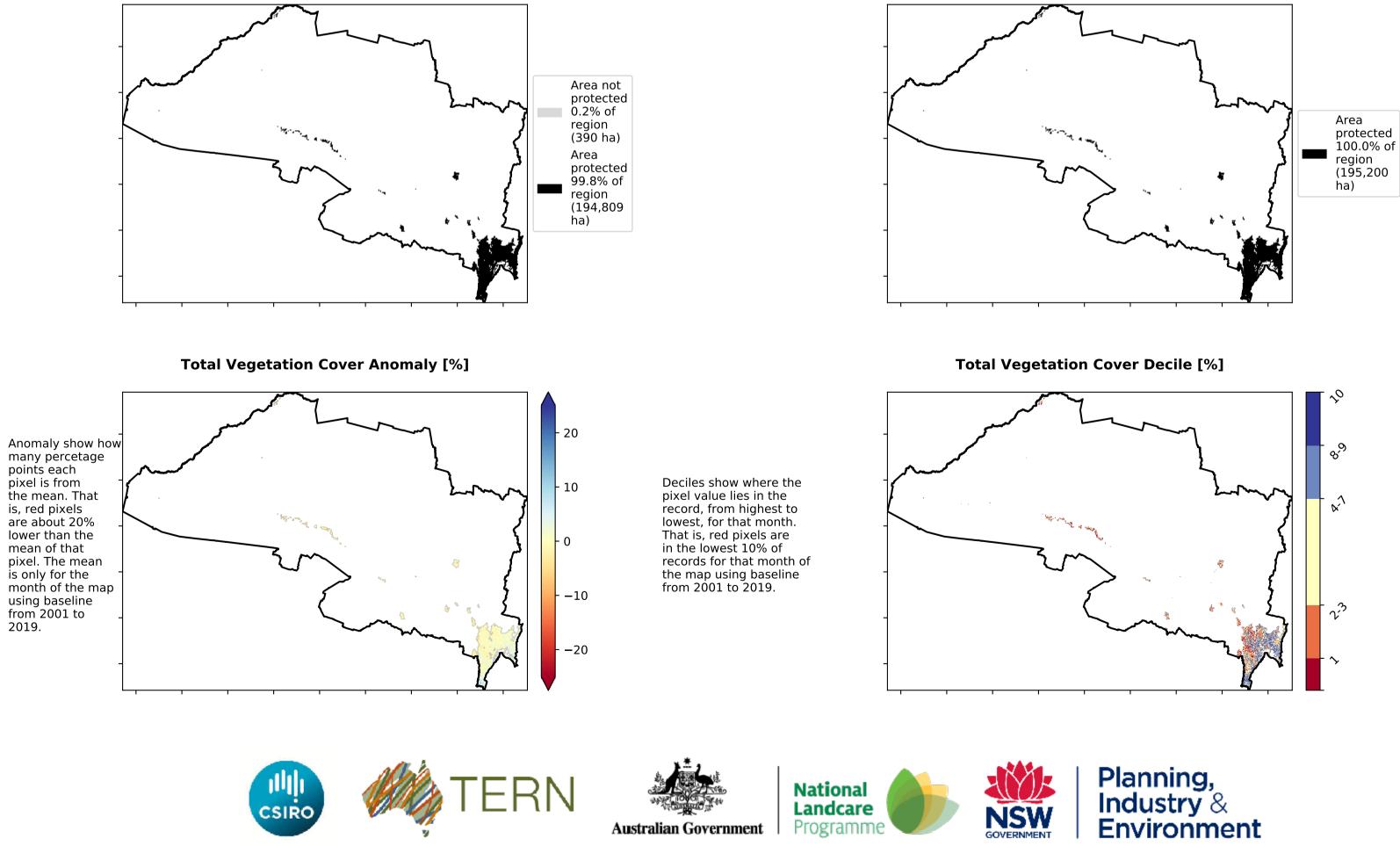
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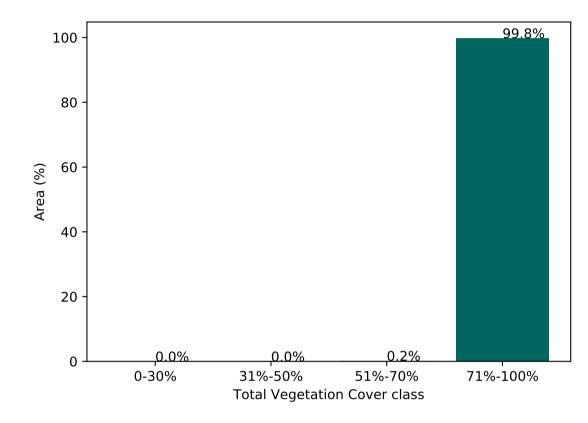
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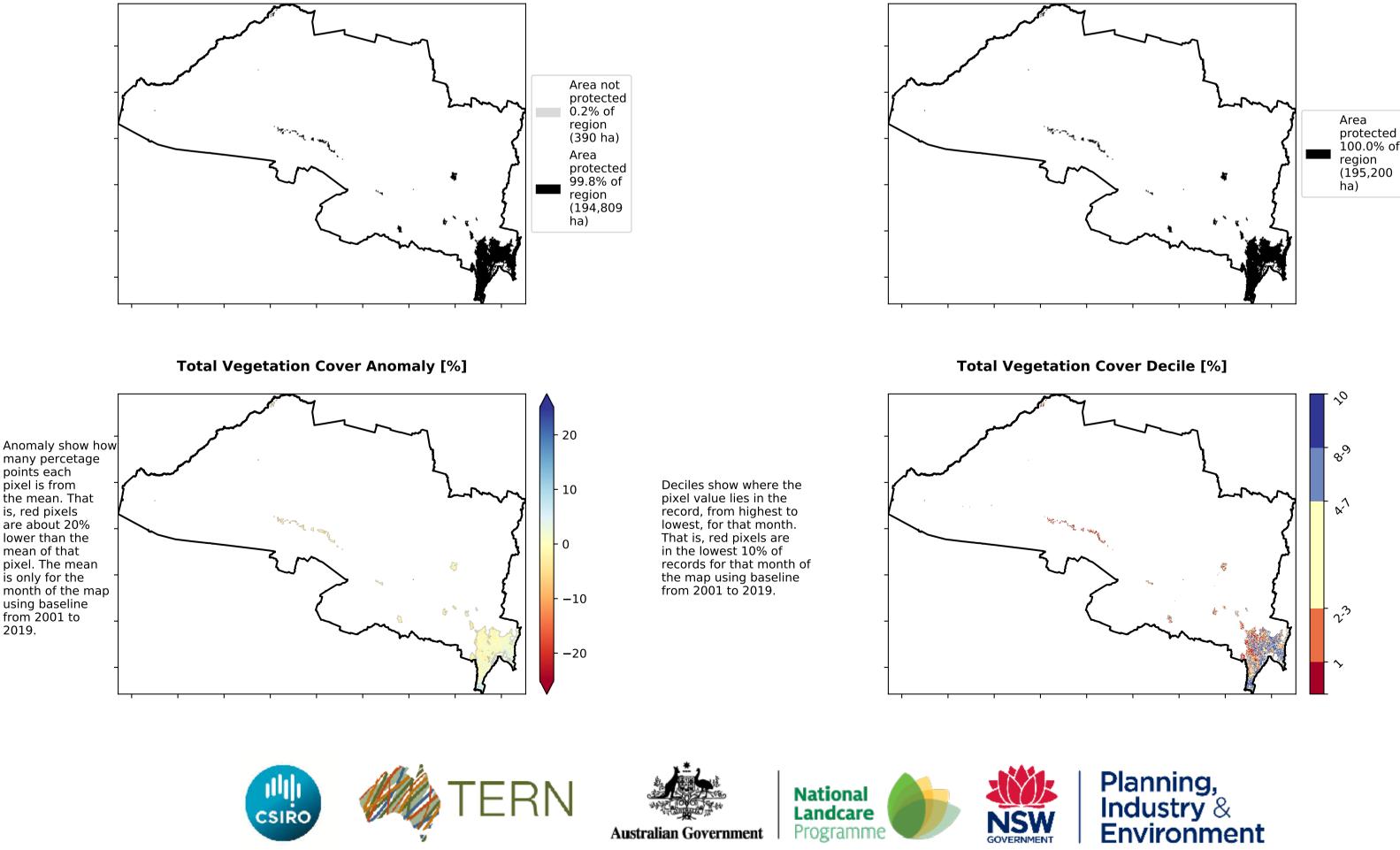
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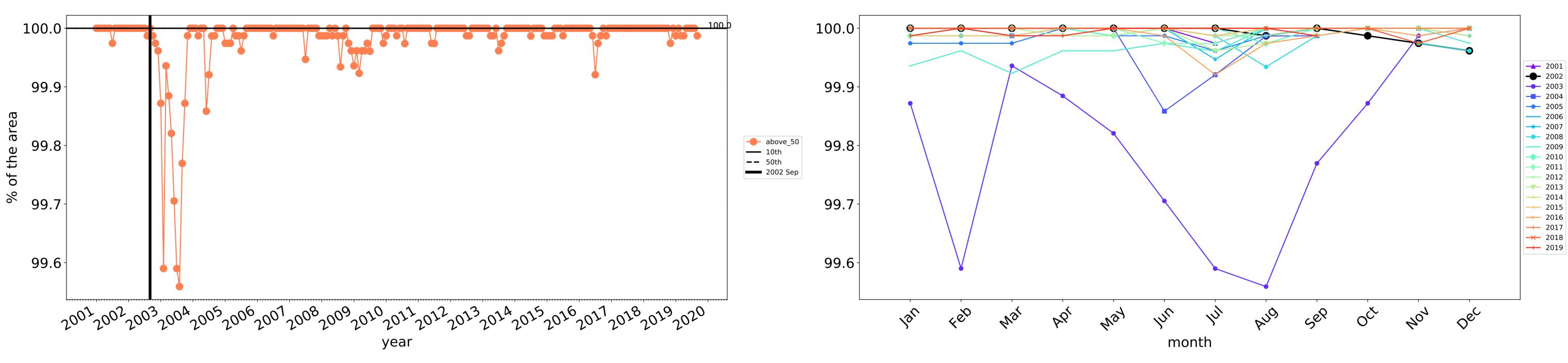
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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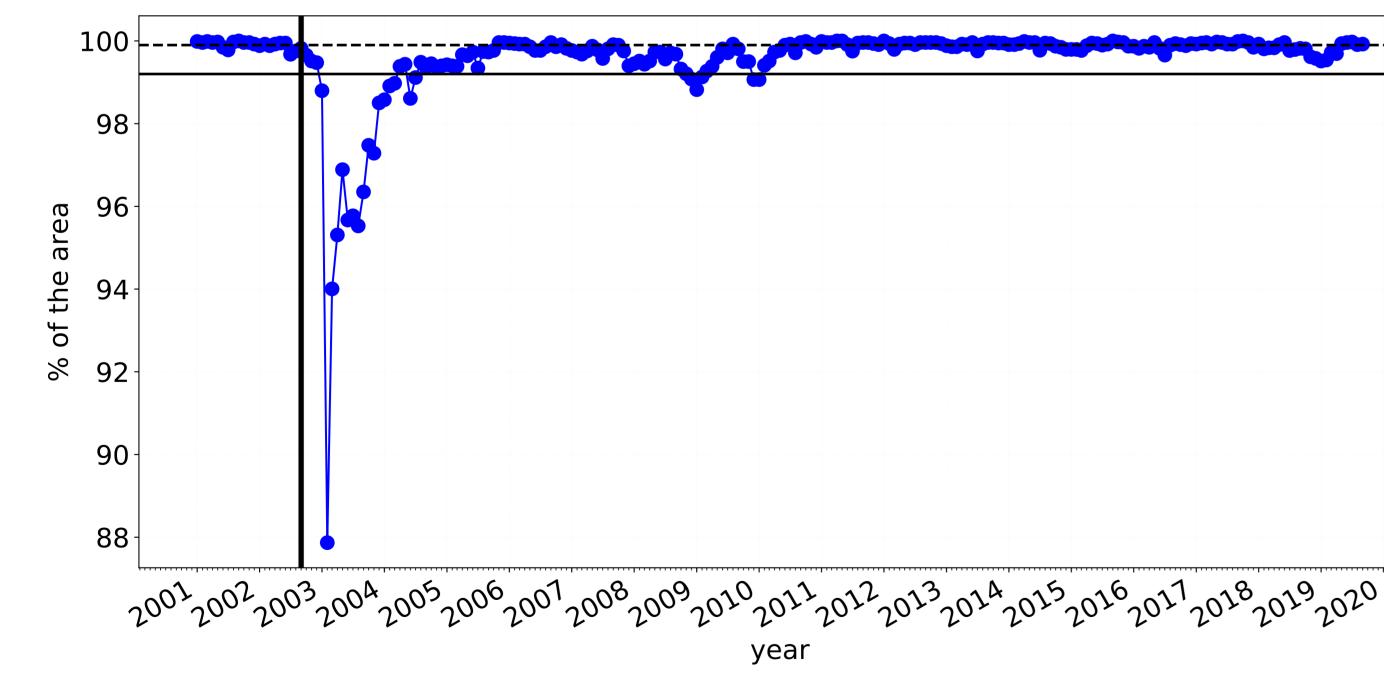


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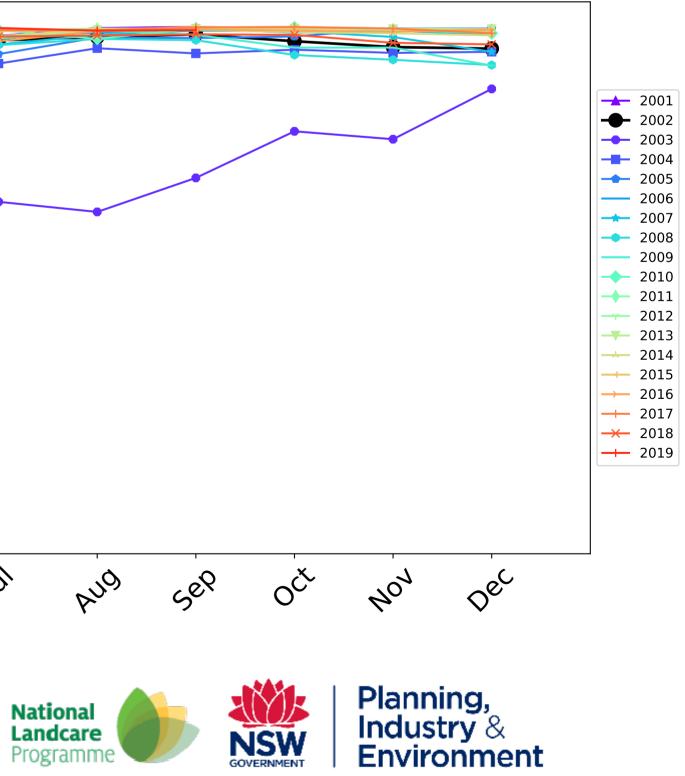
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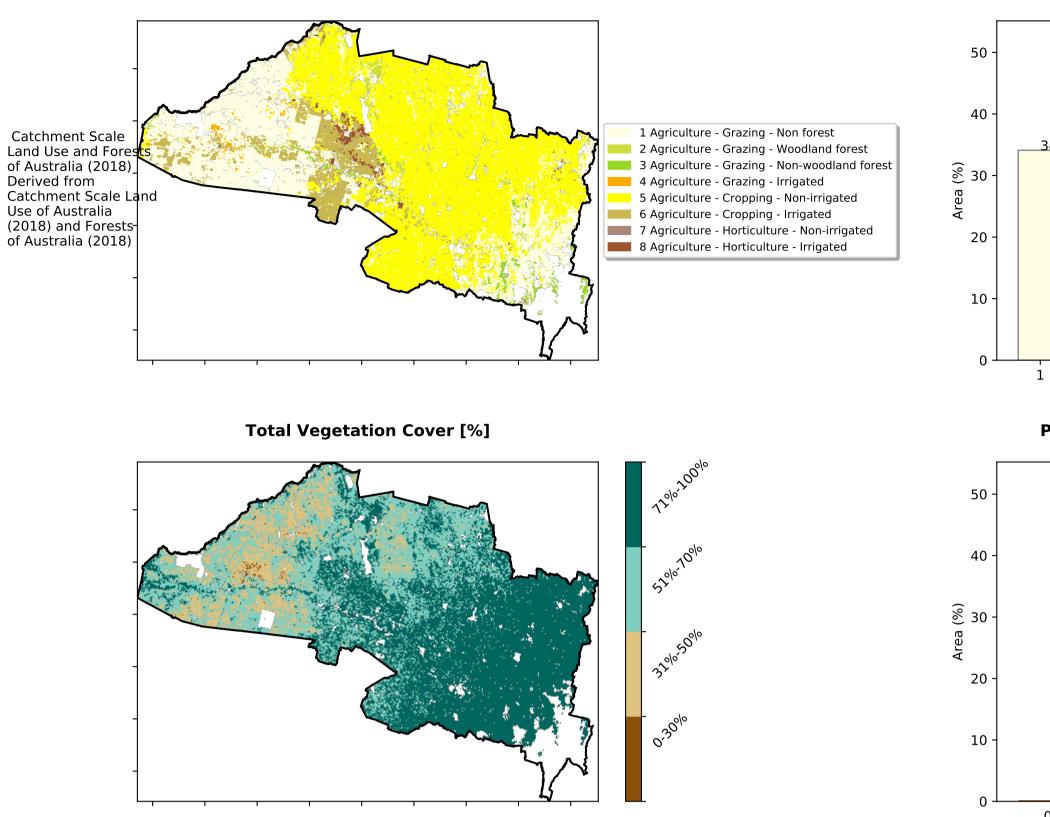
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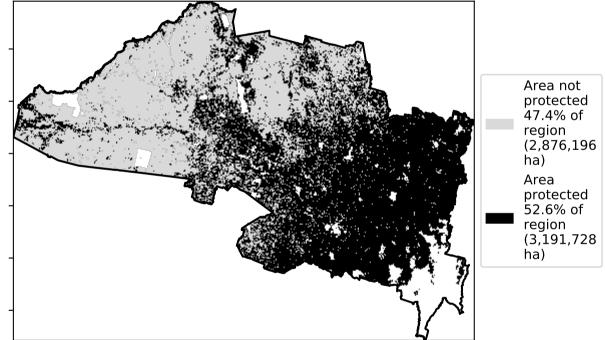
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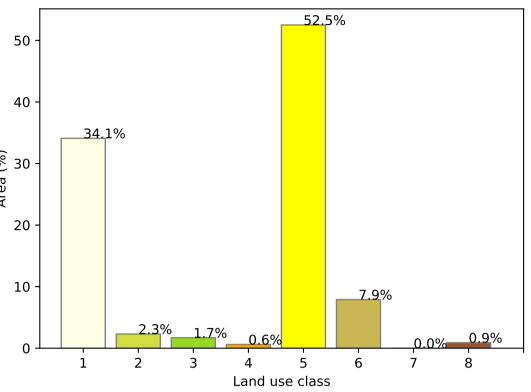
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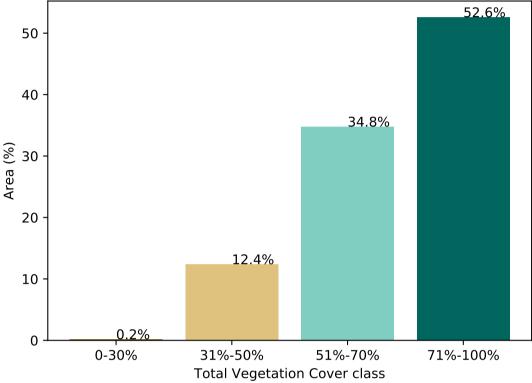


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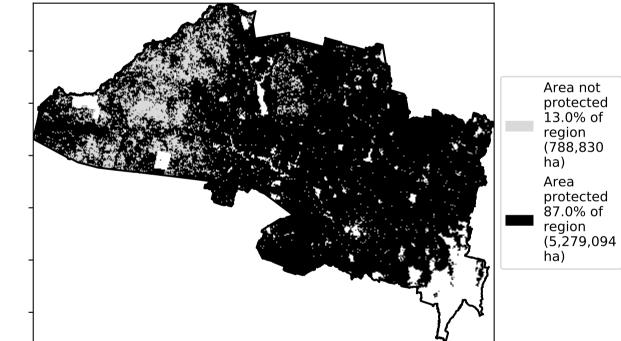




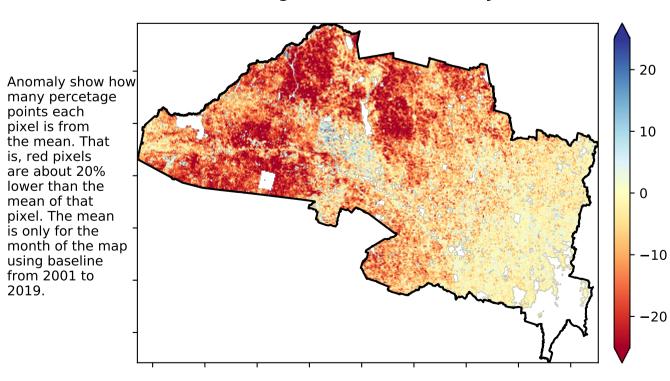
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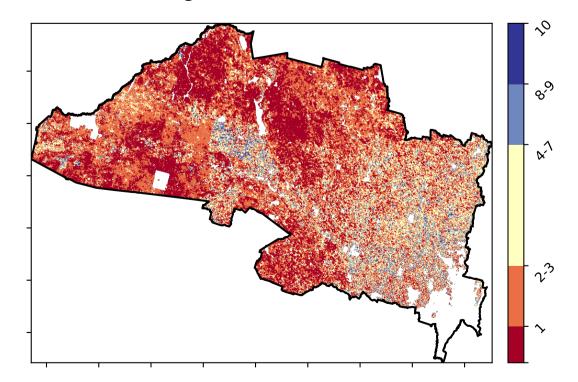
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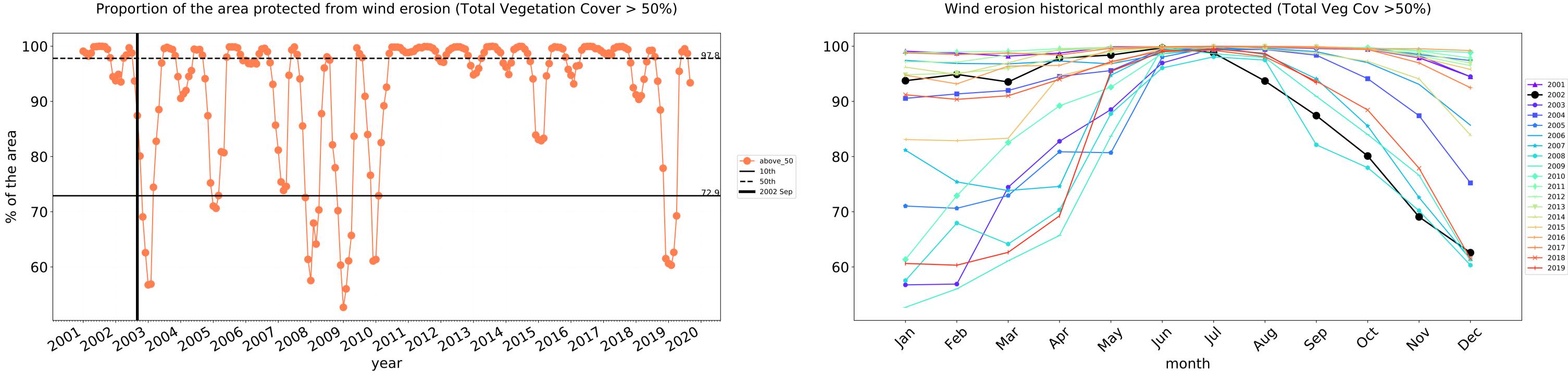
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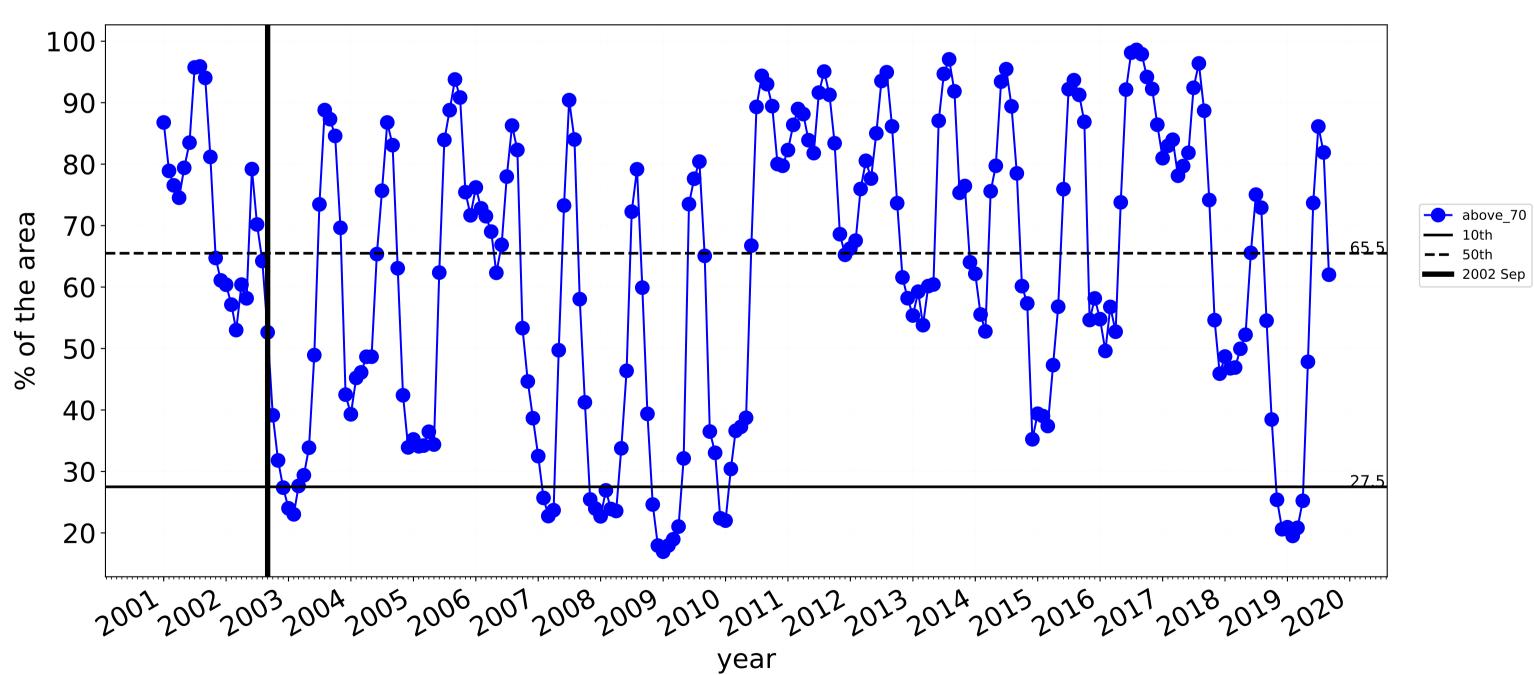






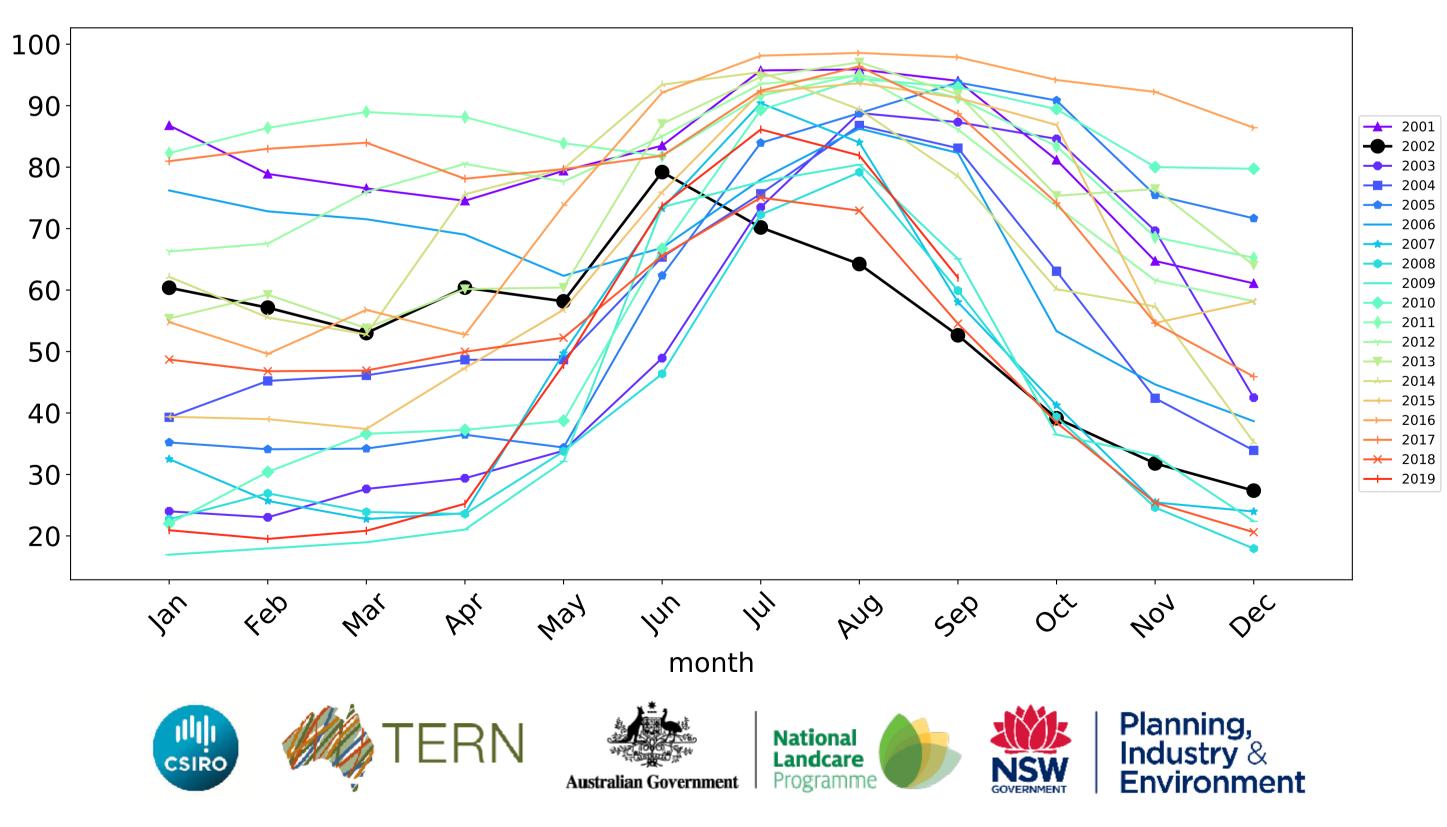
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## **Agriculture timeseries**

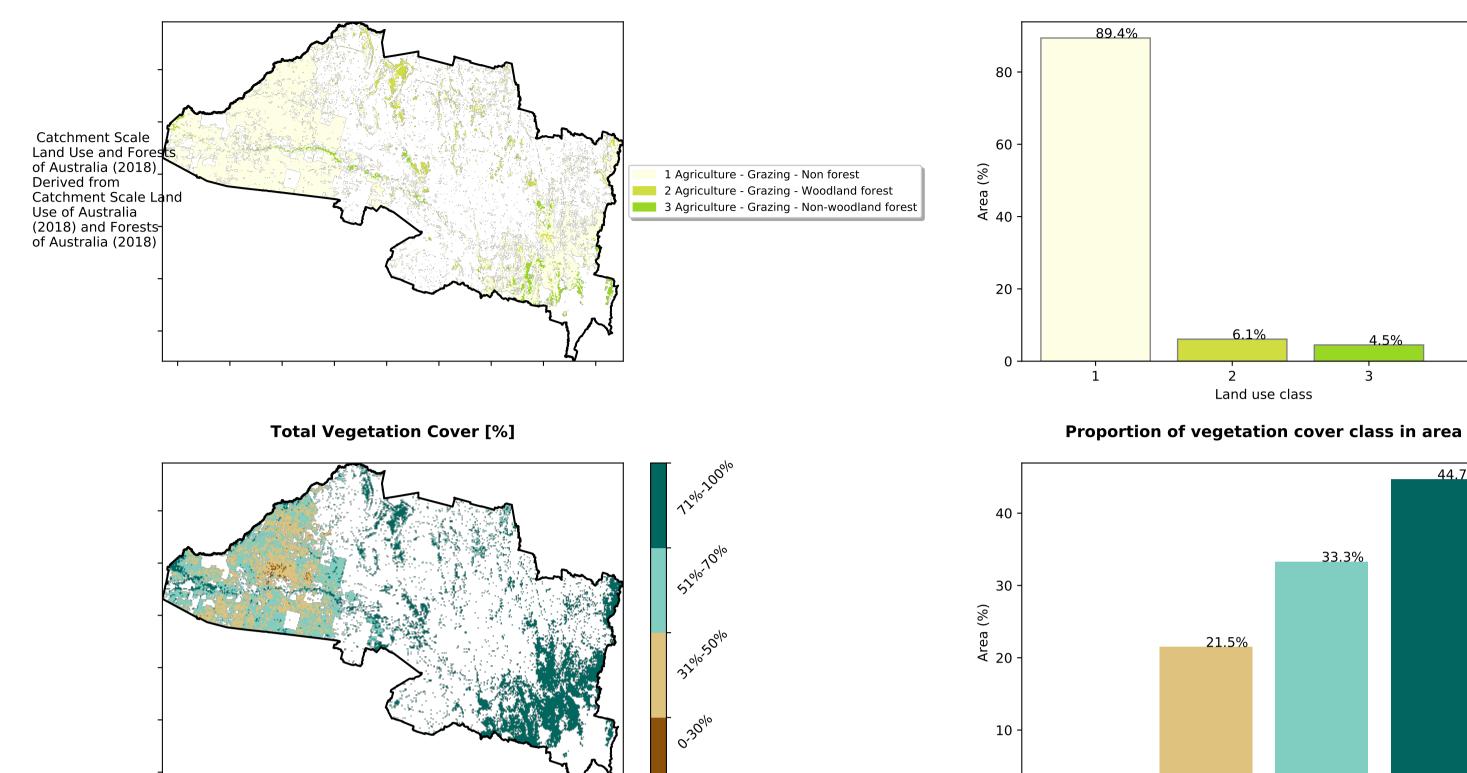
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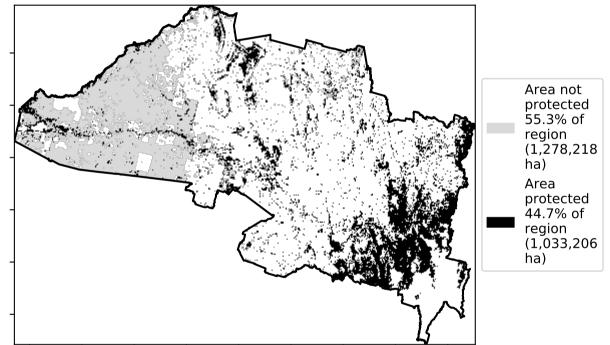
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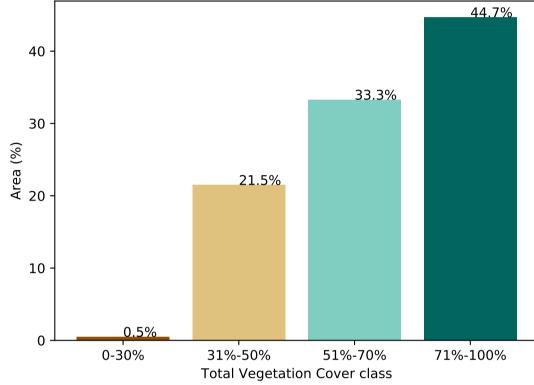
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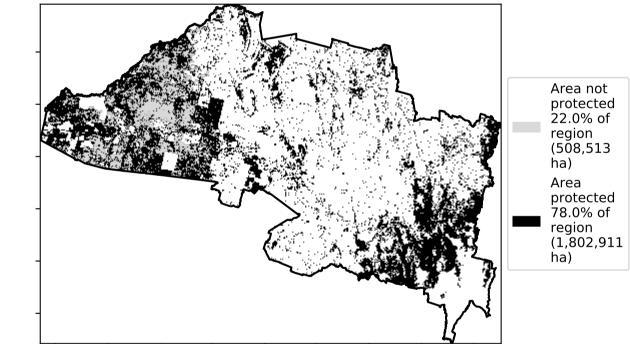


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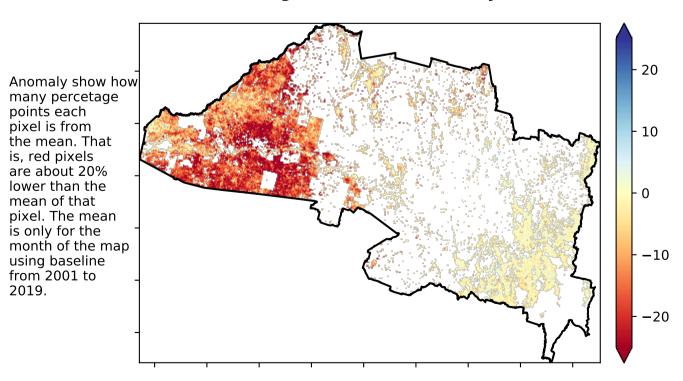




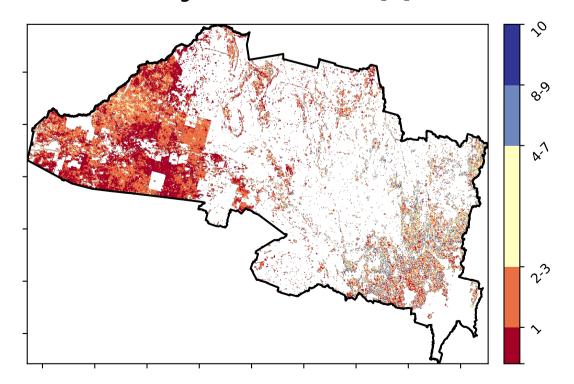
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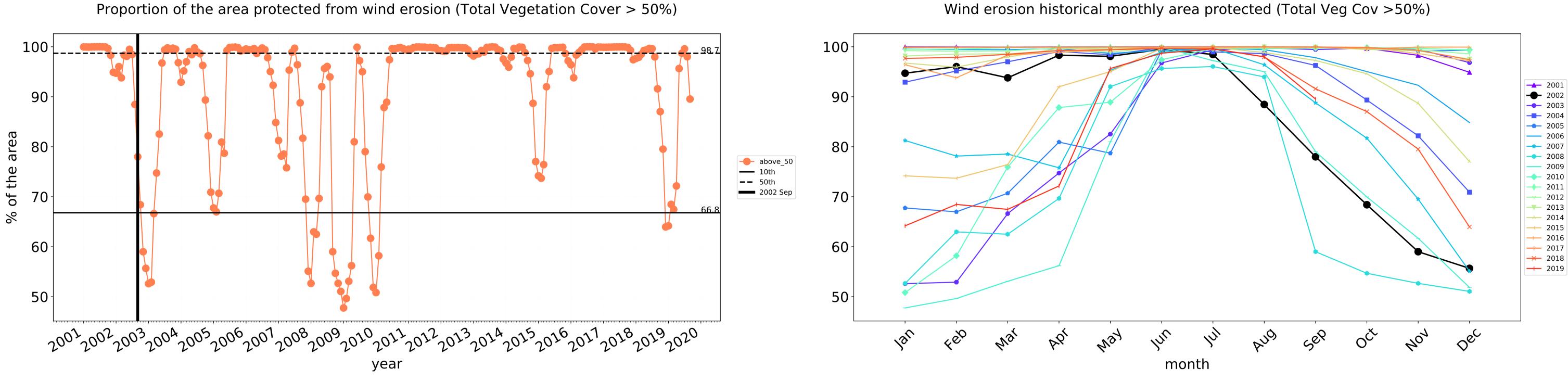
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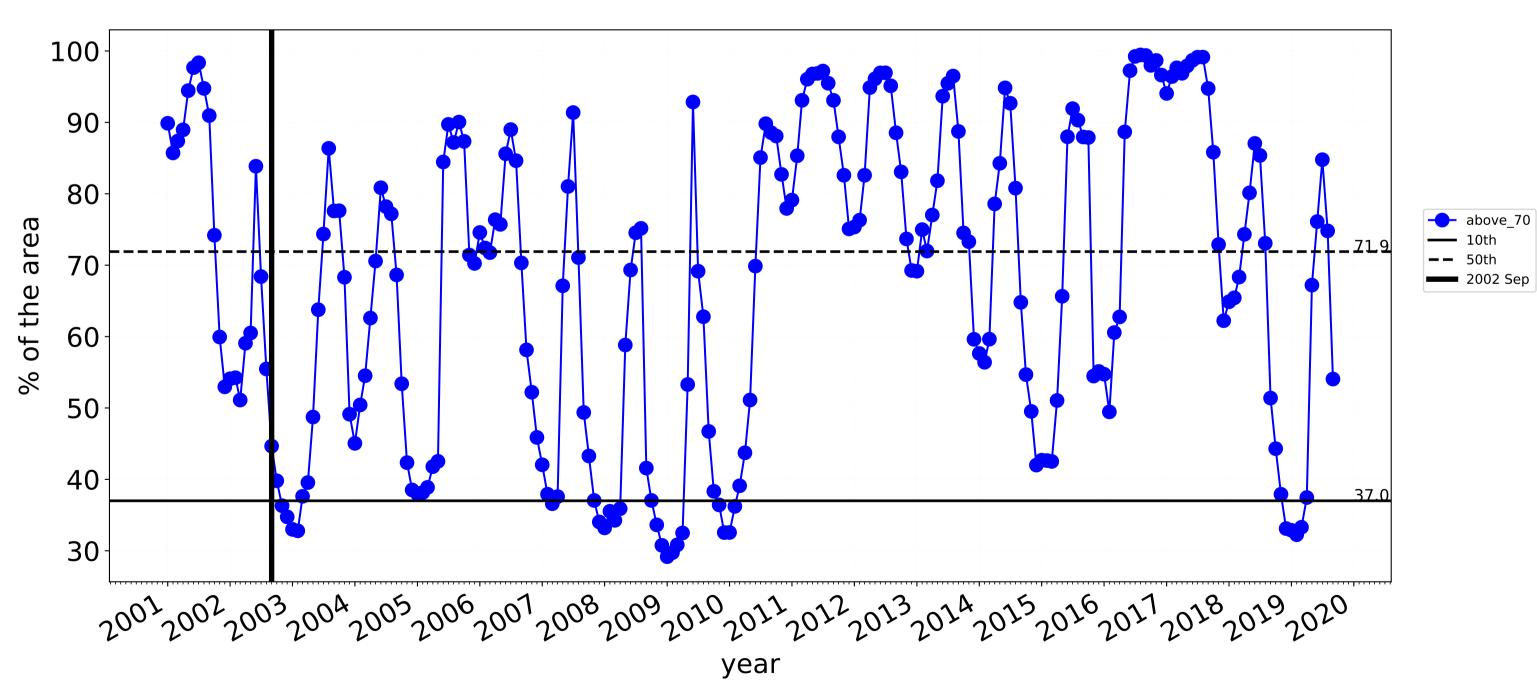




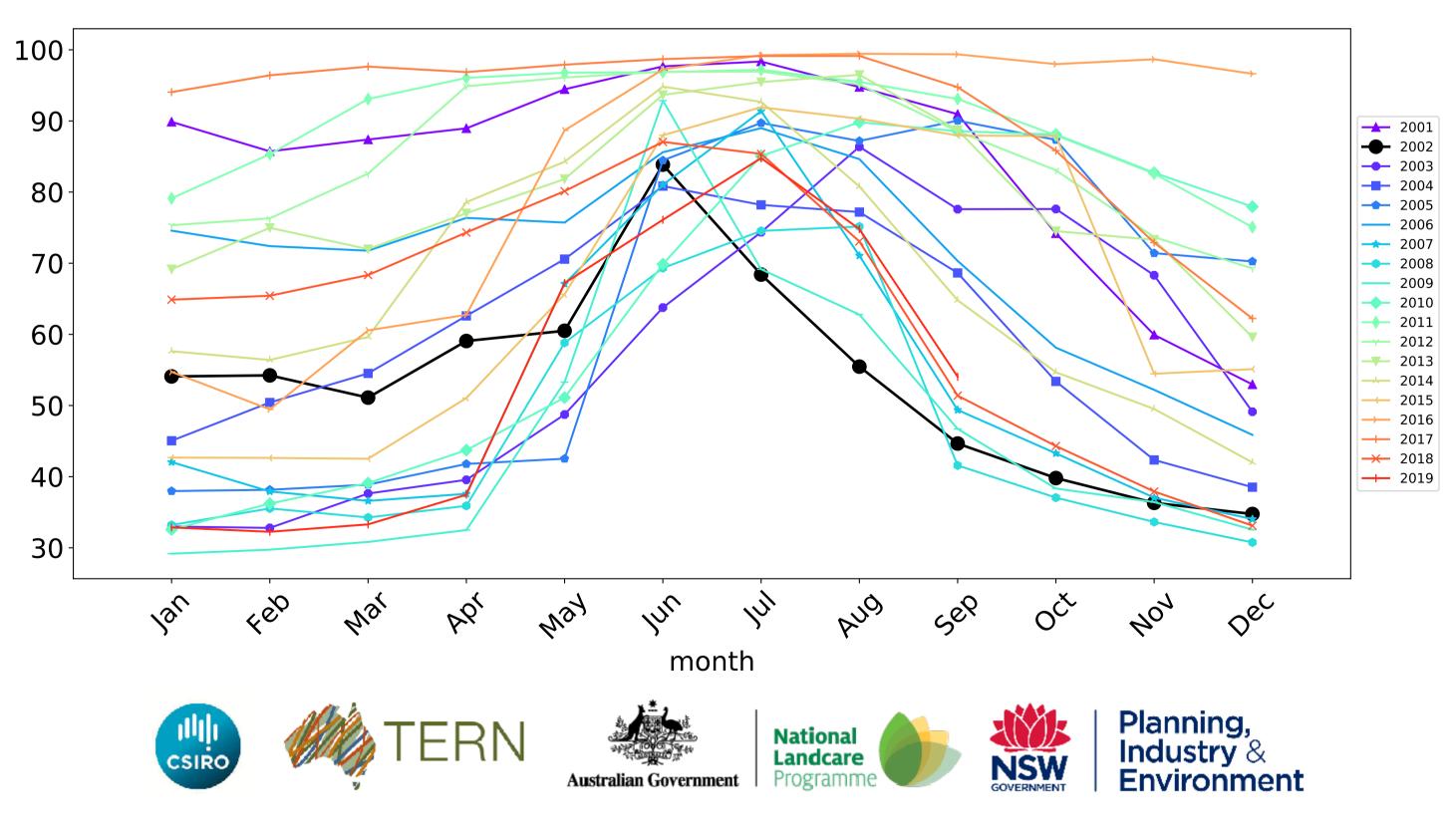


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

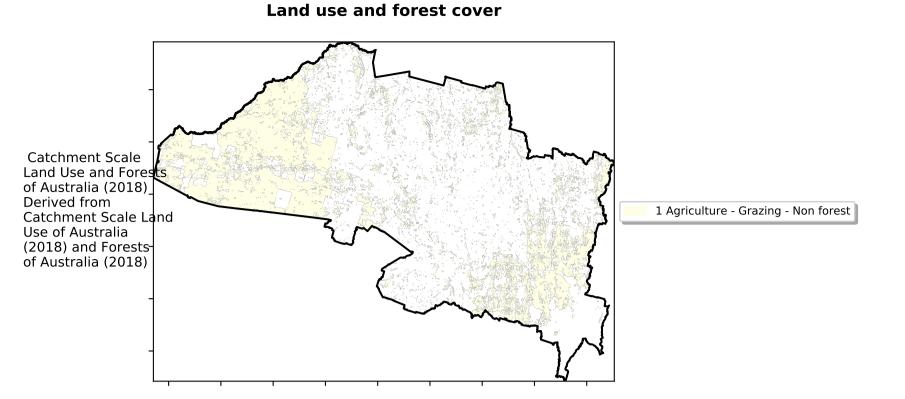
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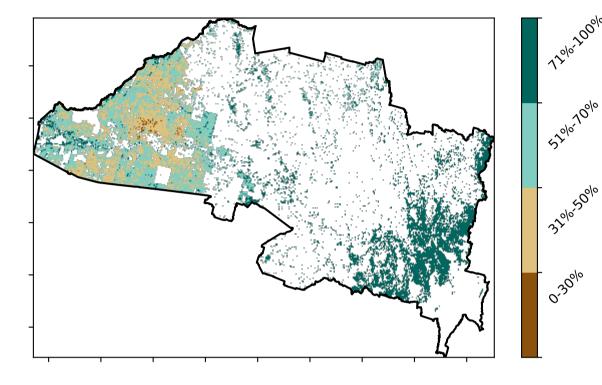
#### Grazing timeseries



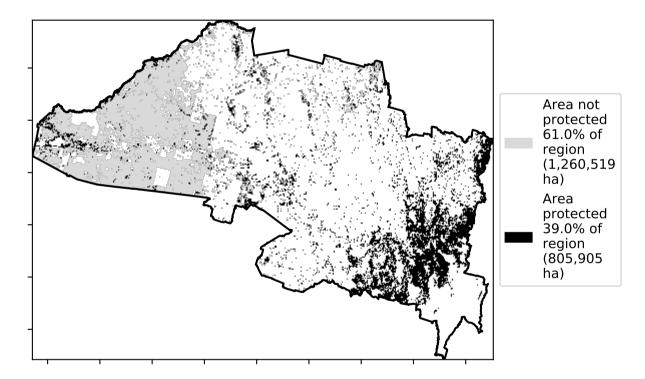
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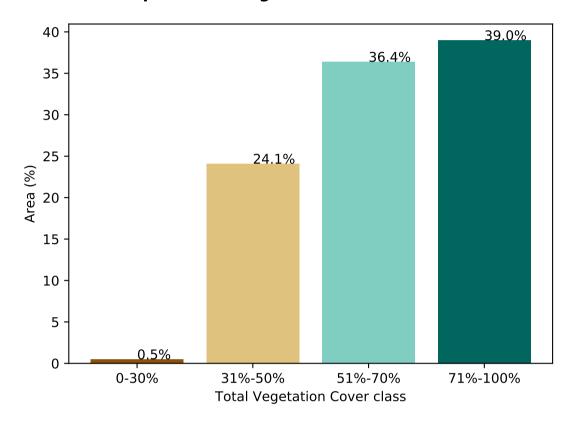
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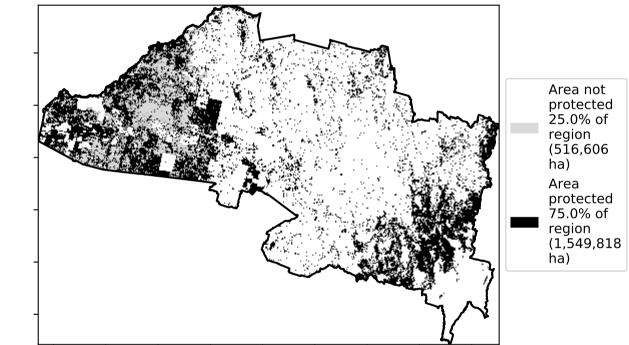
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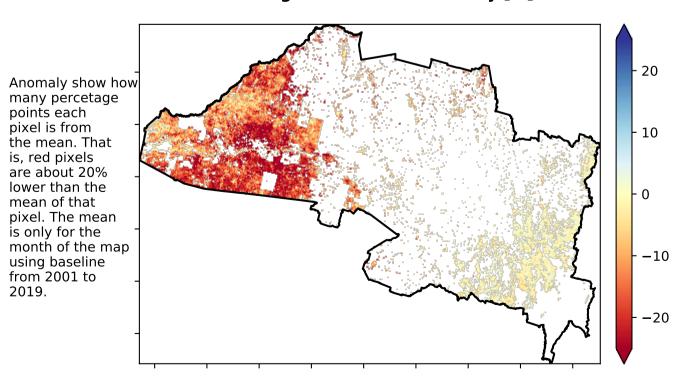
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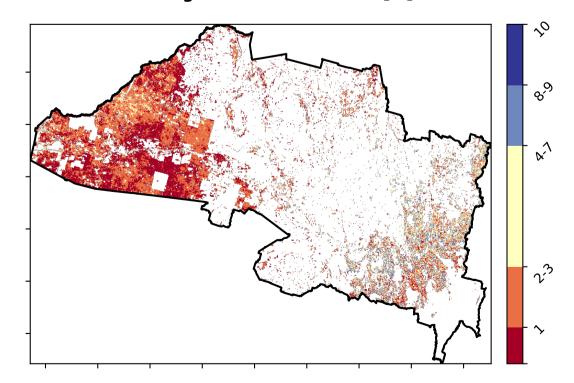
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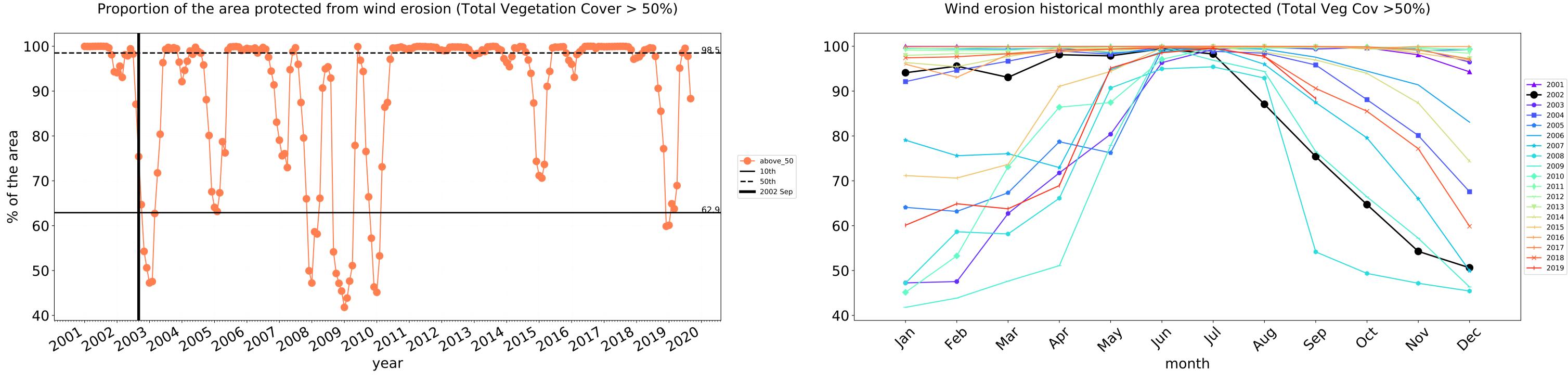
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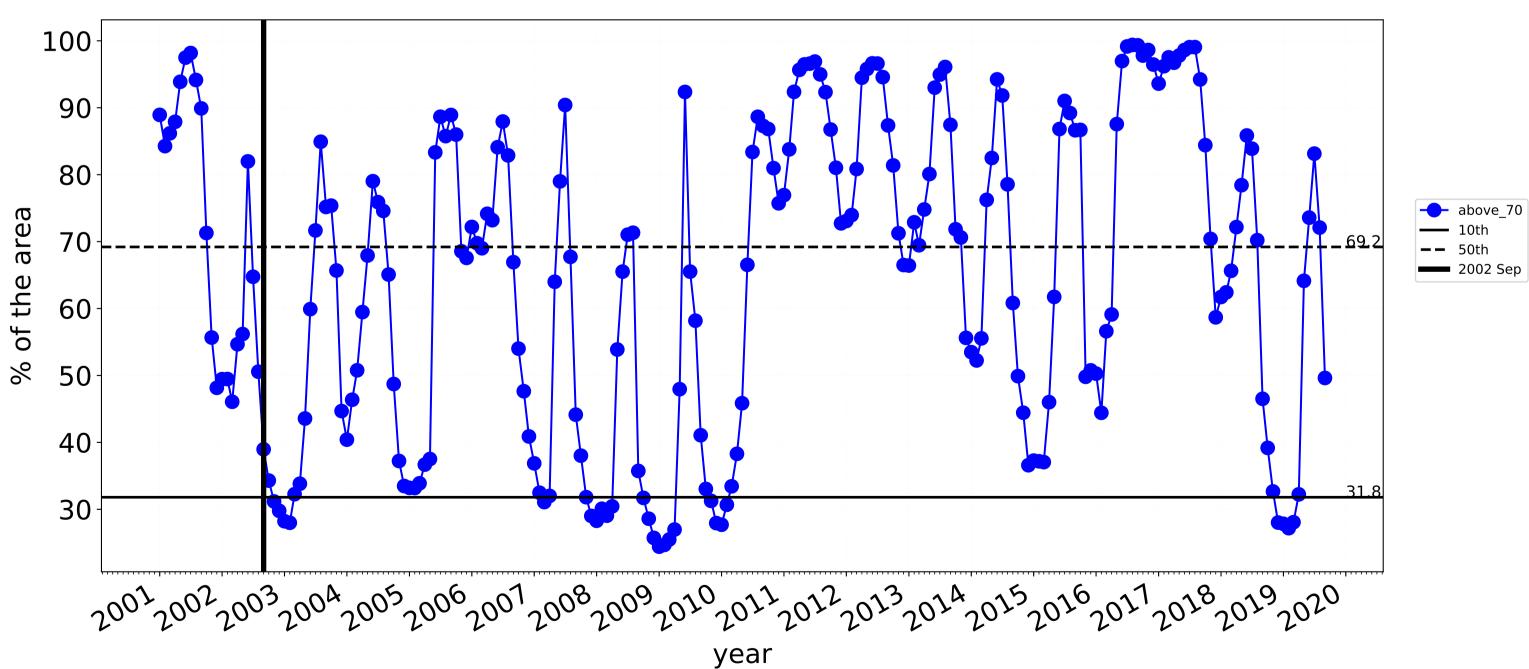






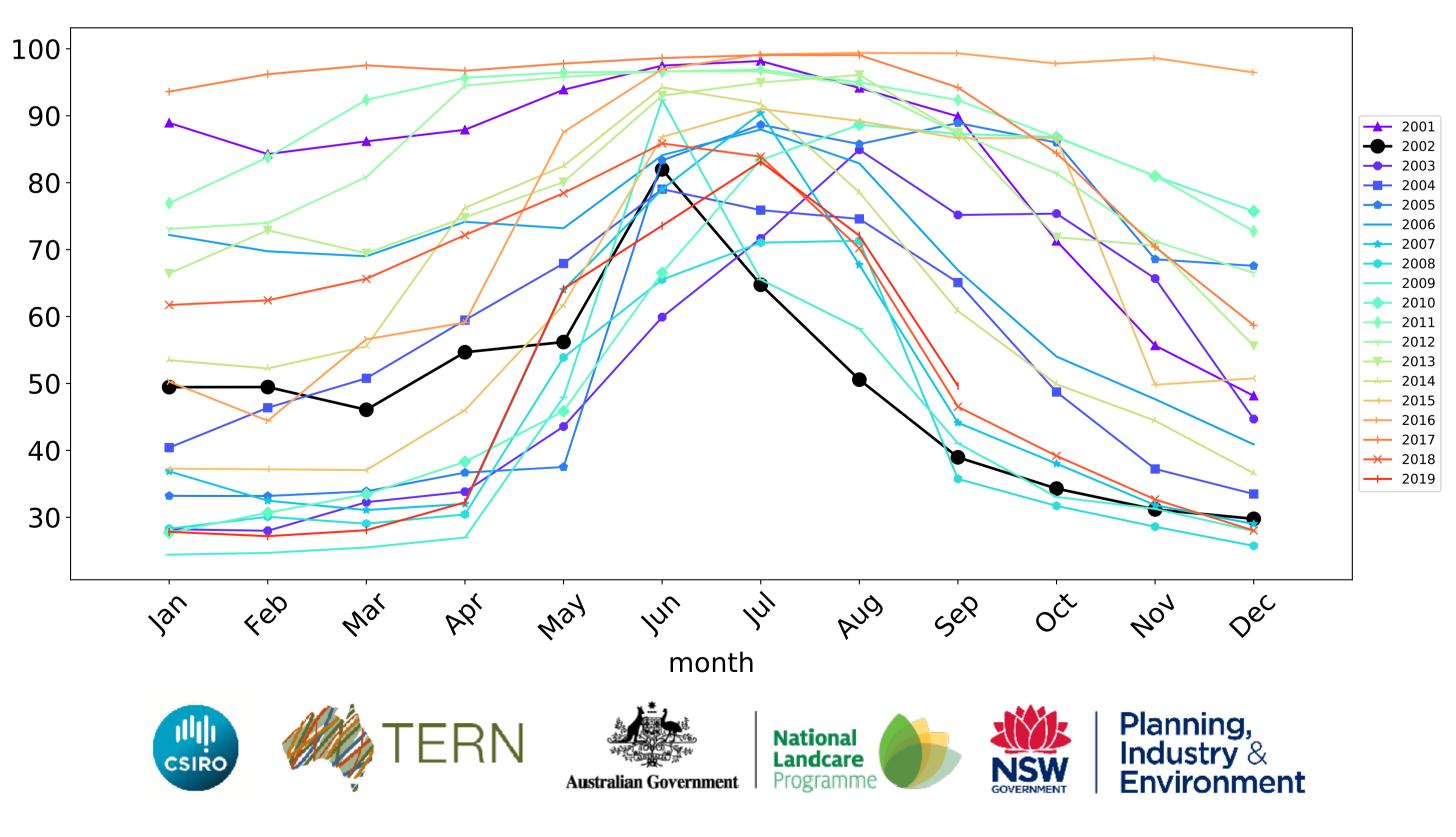
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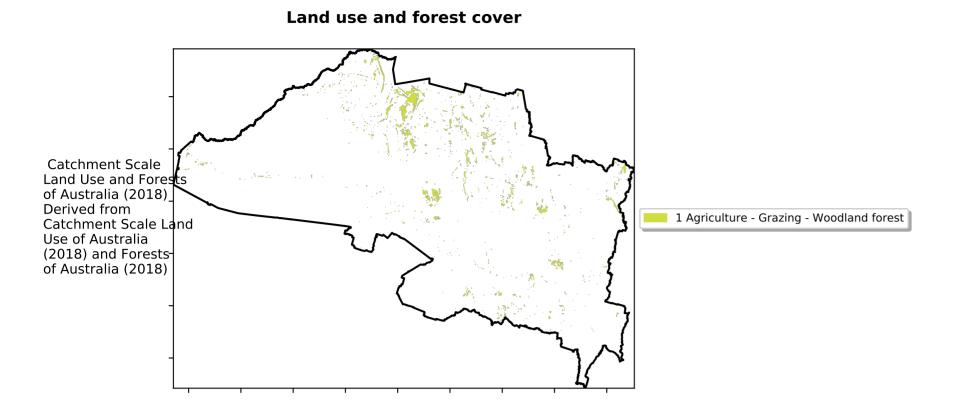


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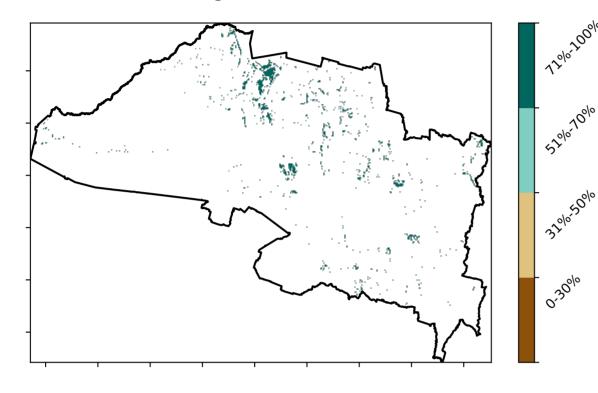
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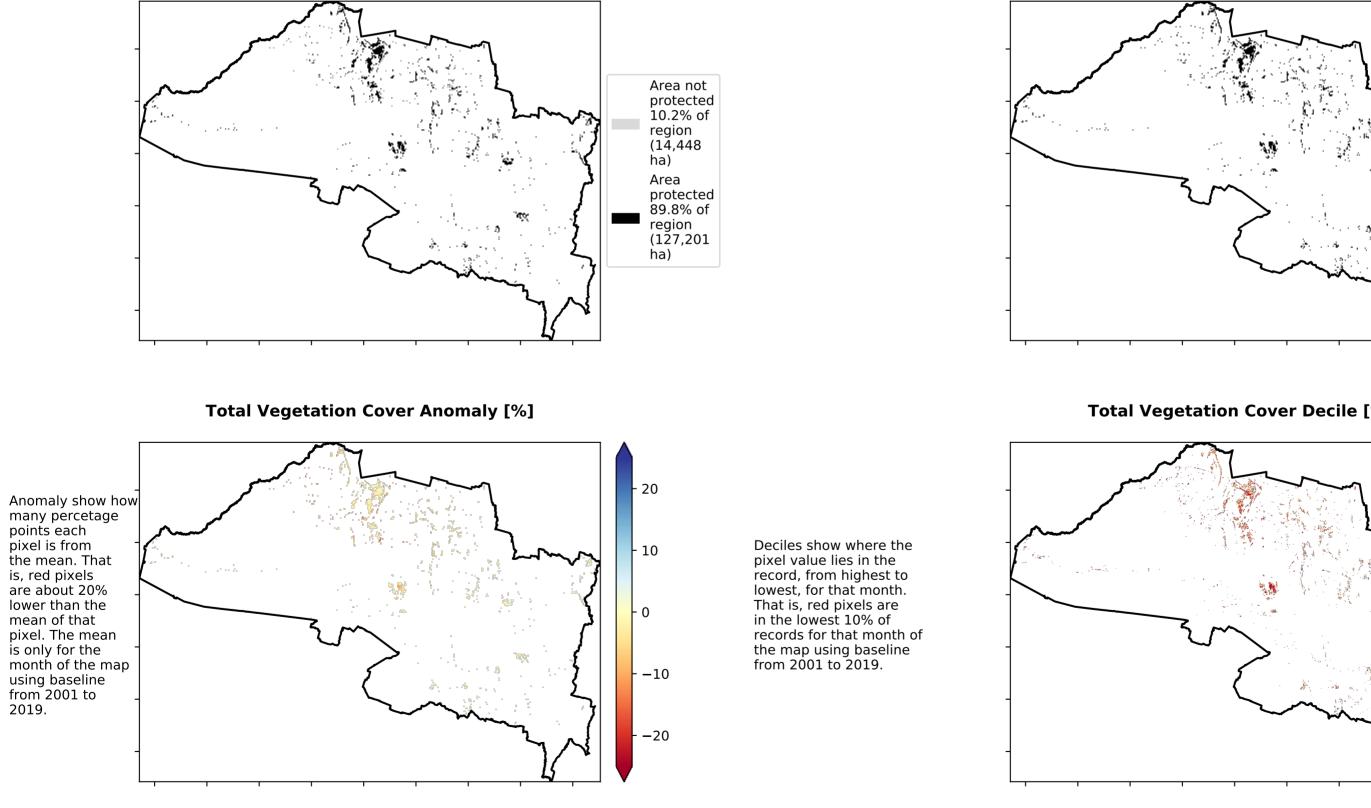
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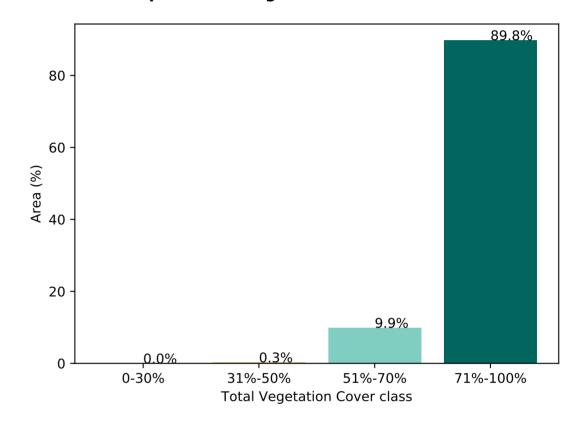
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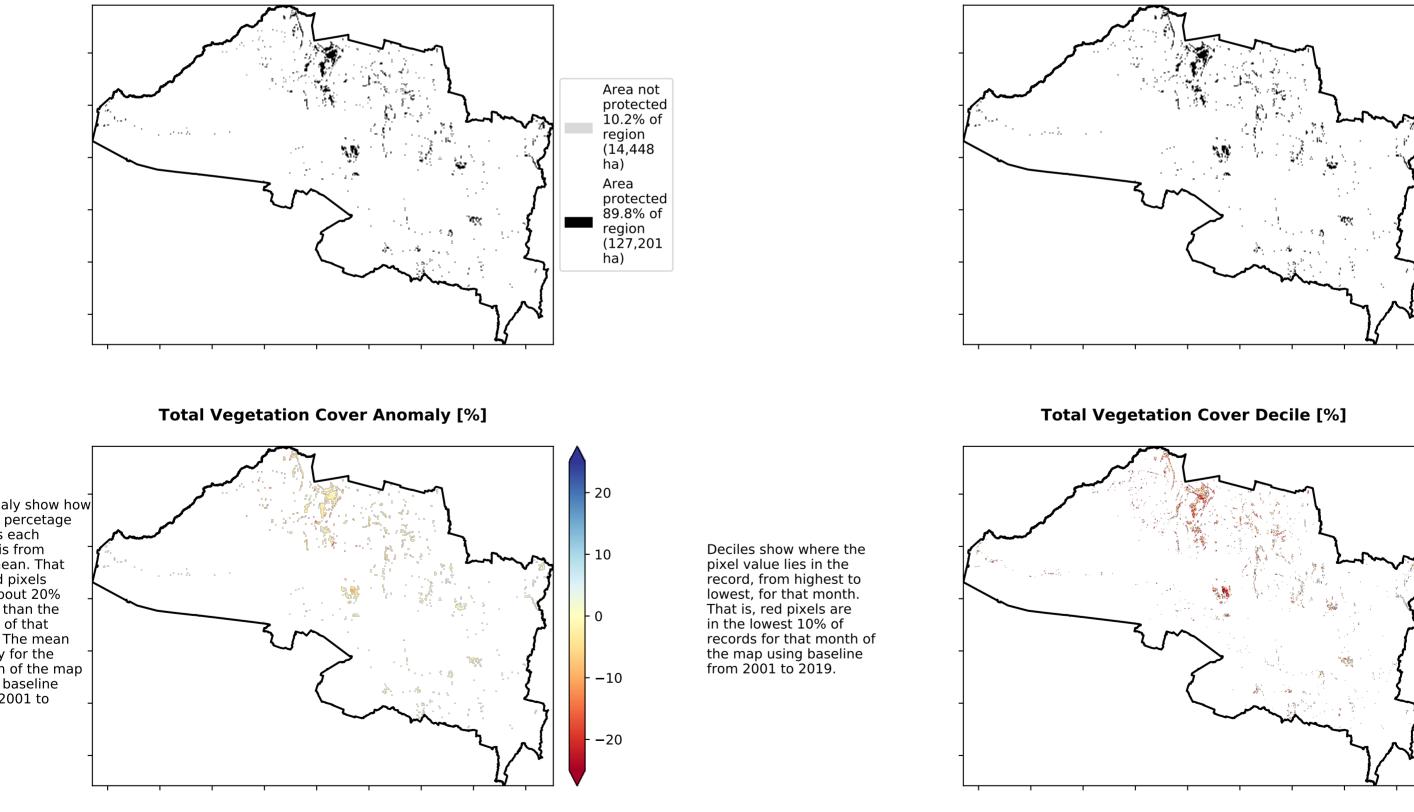
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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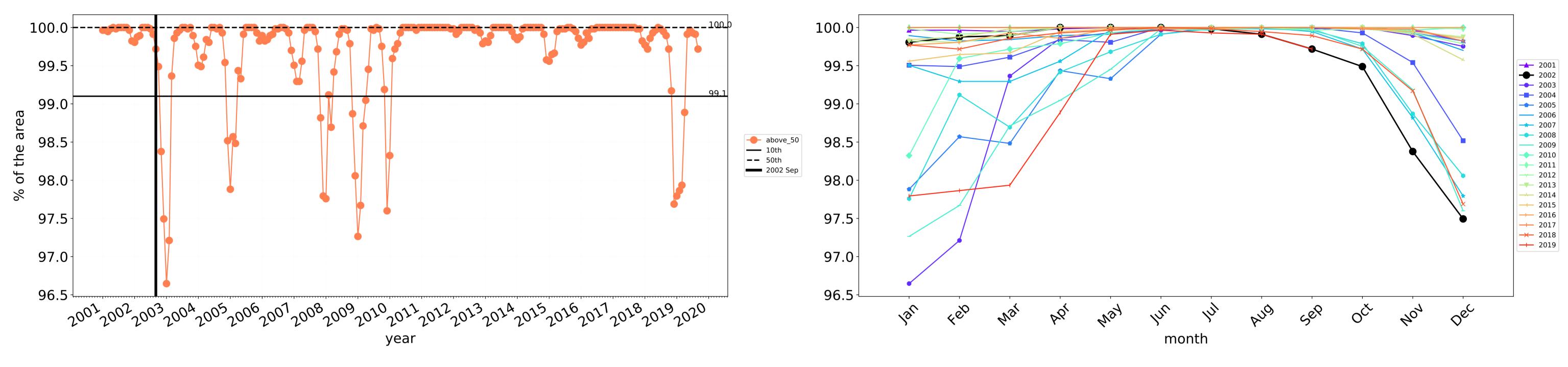
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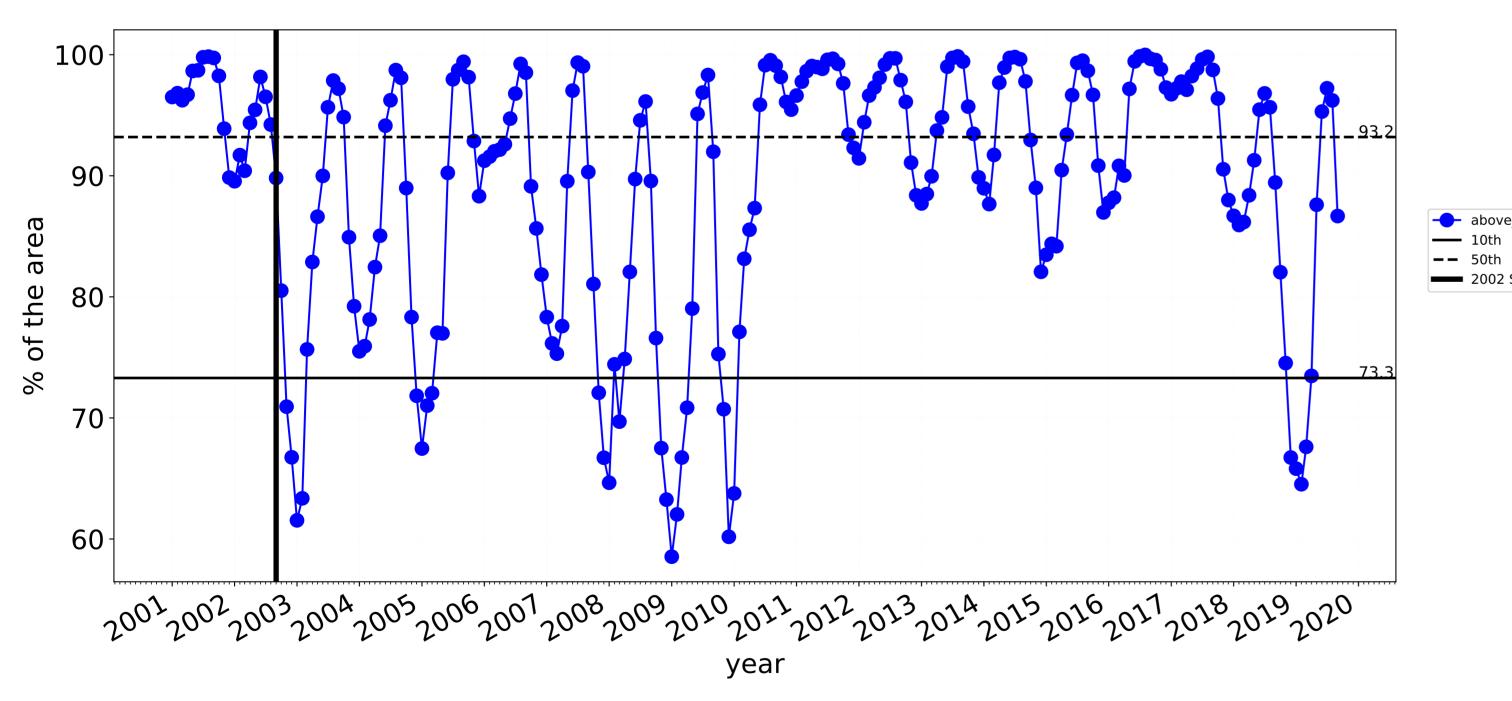
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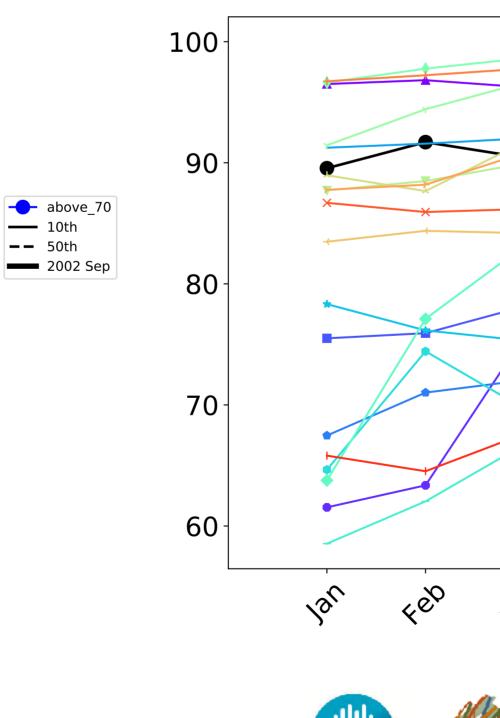
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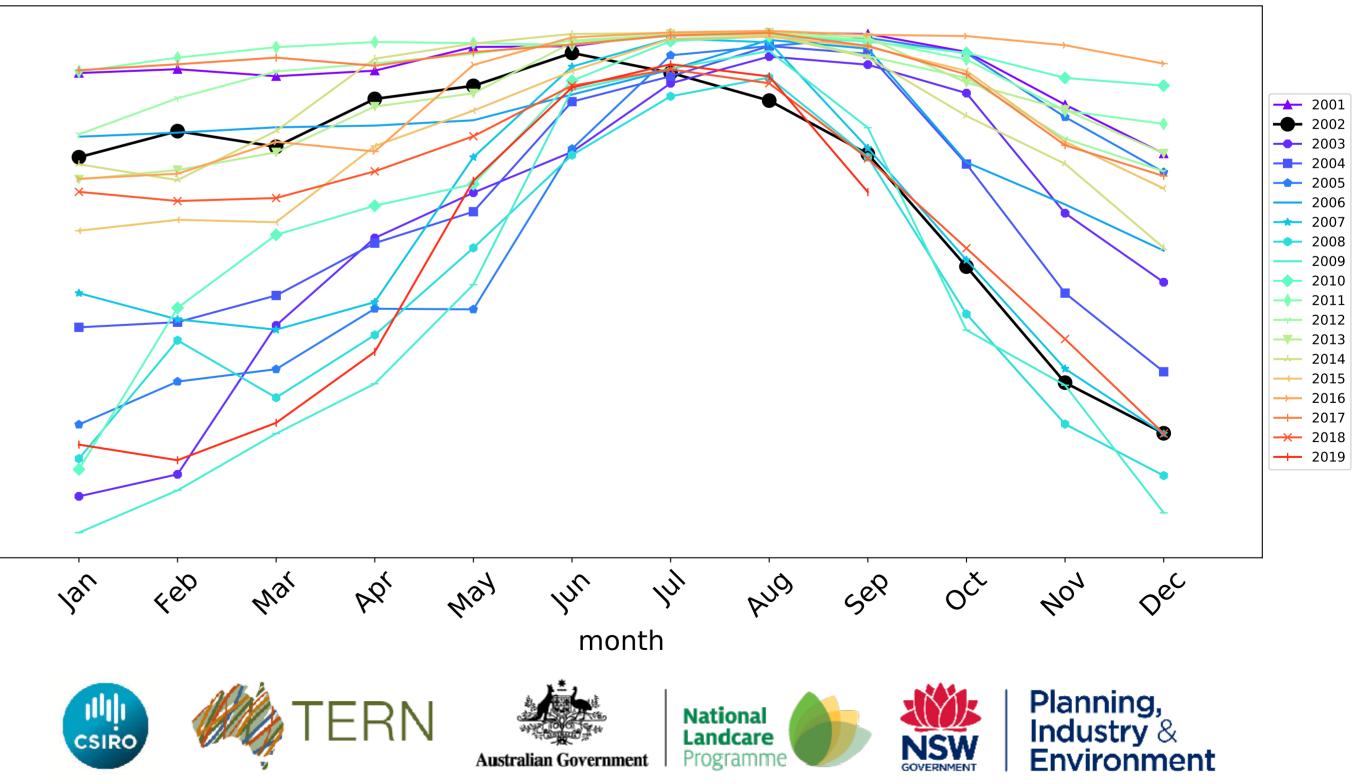
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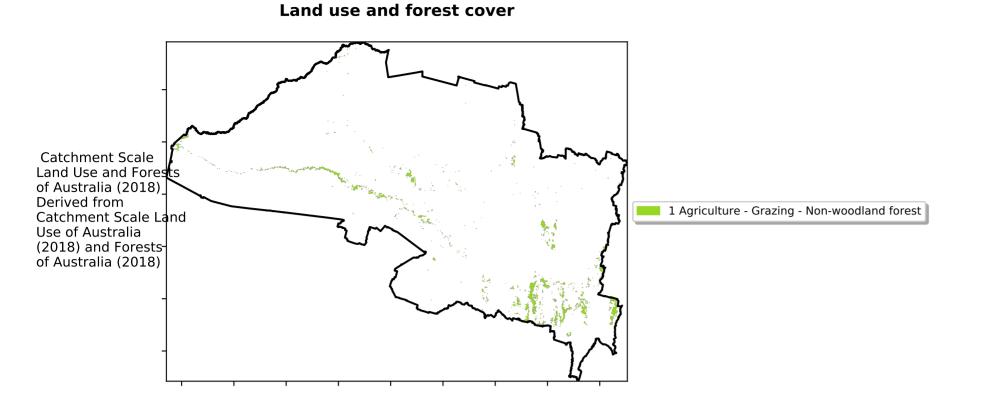


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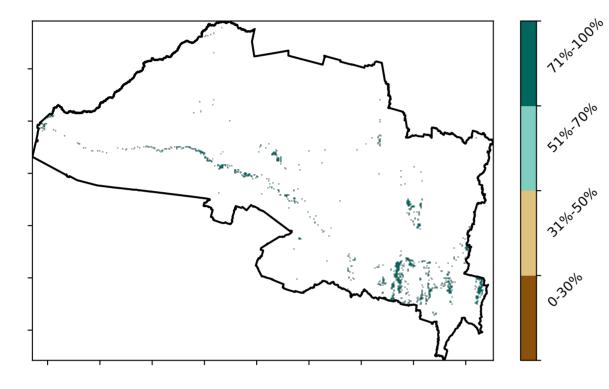




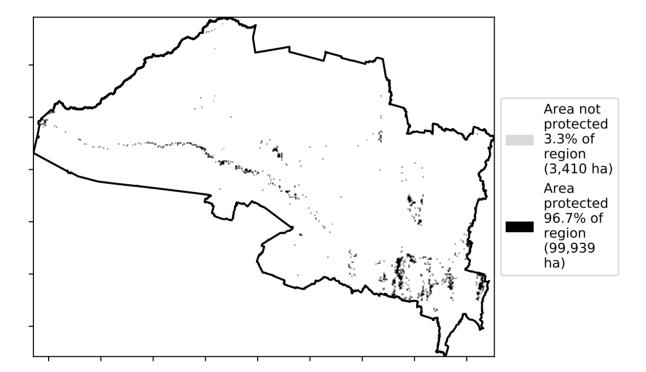
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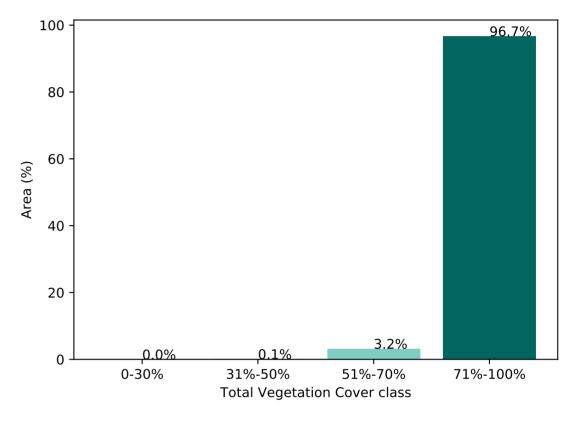
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



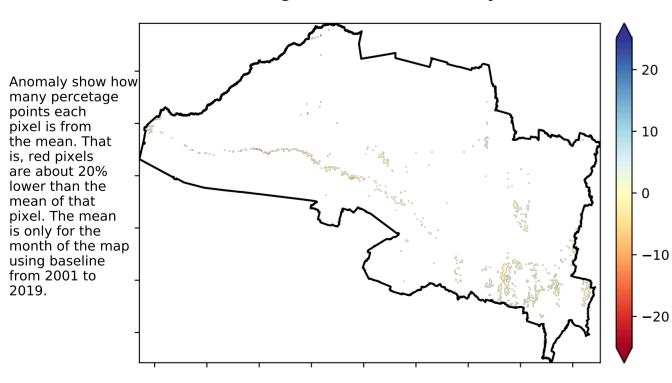
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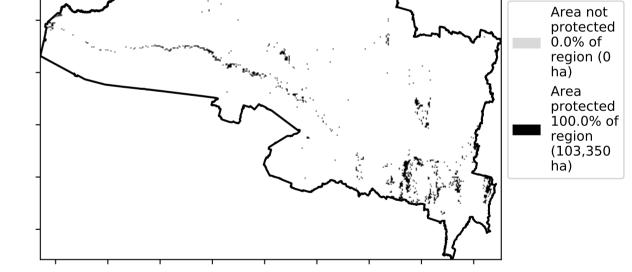
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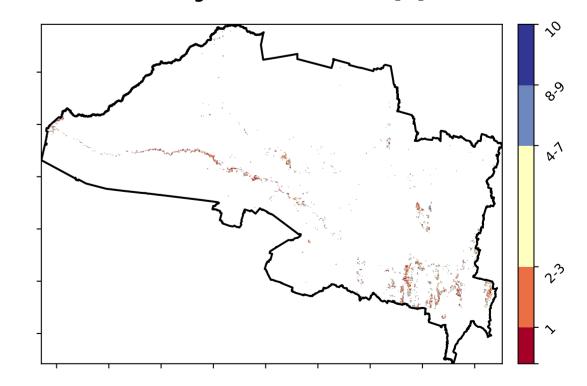
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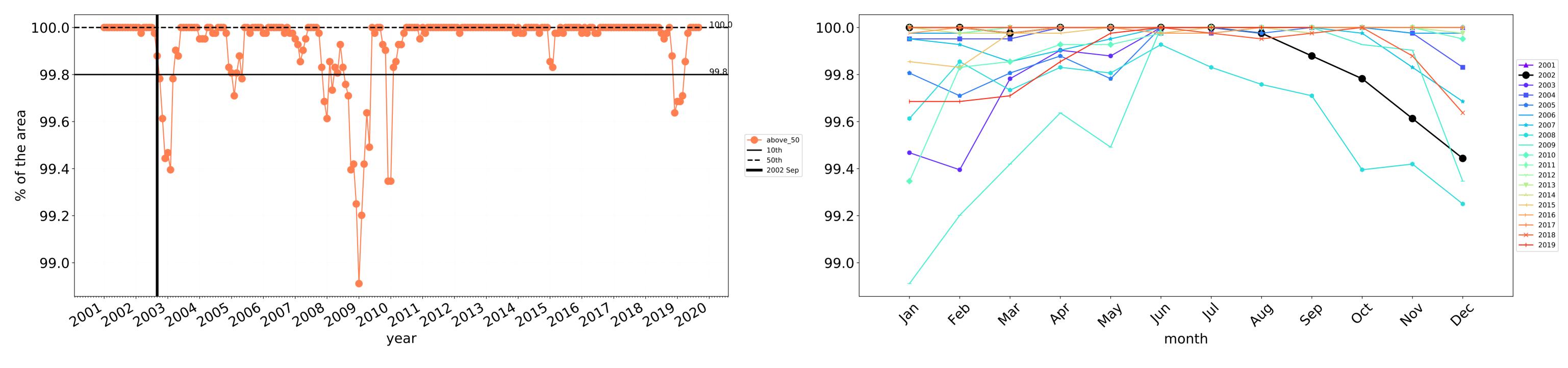


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



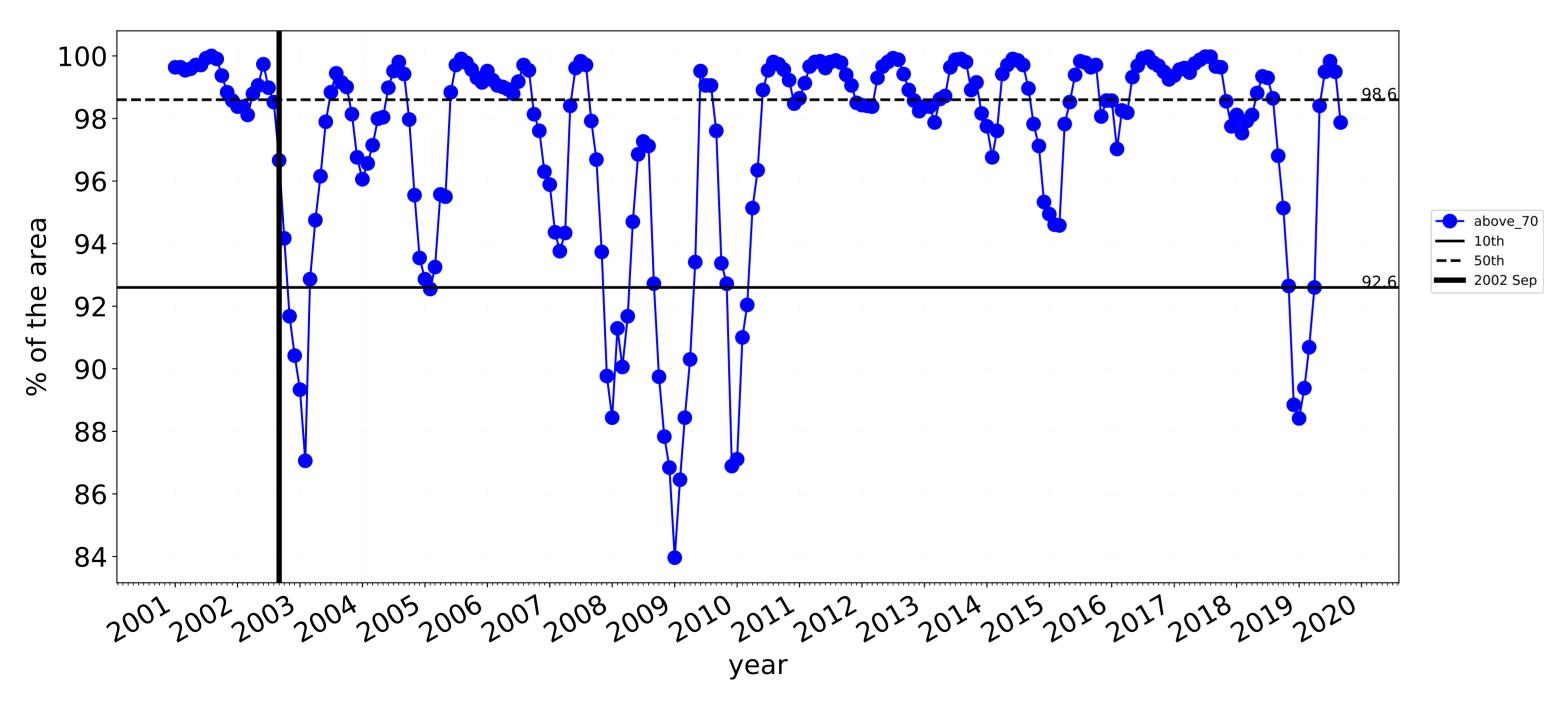


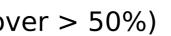
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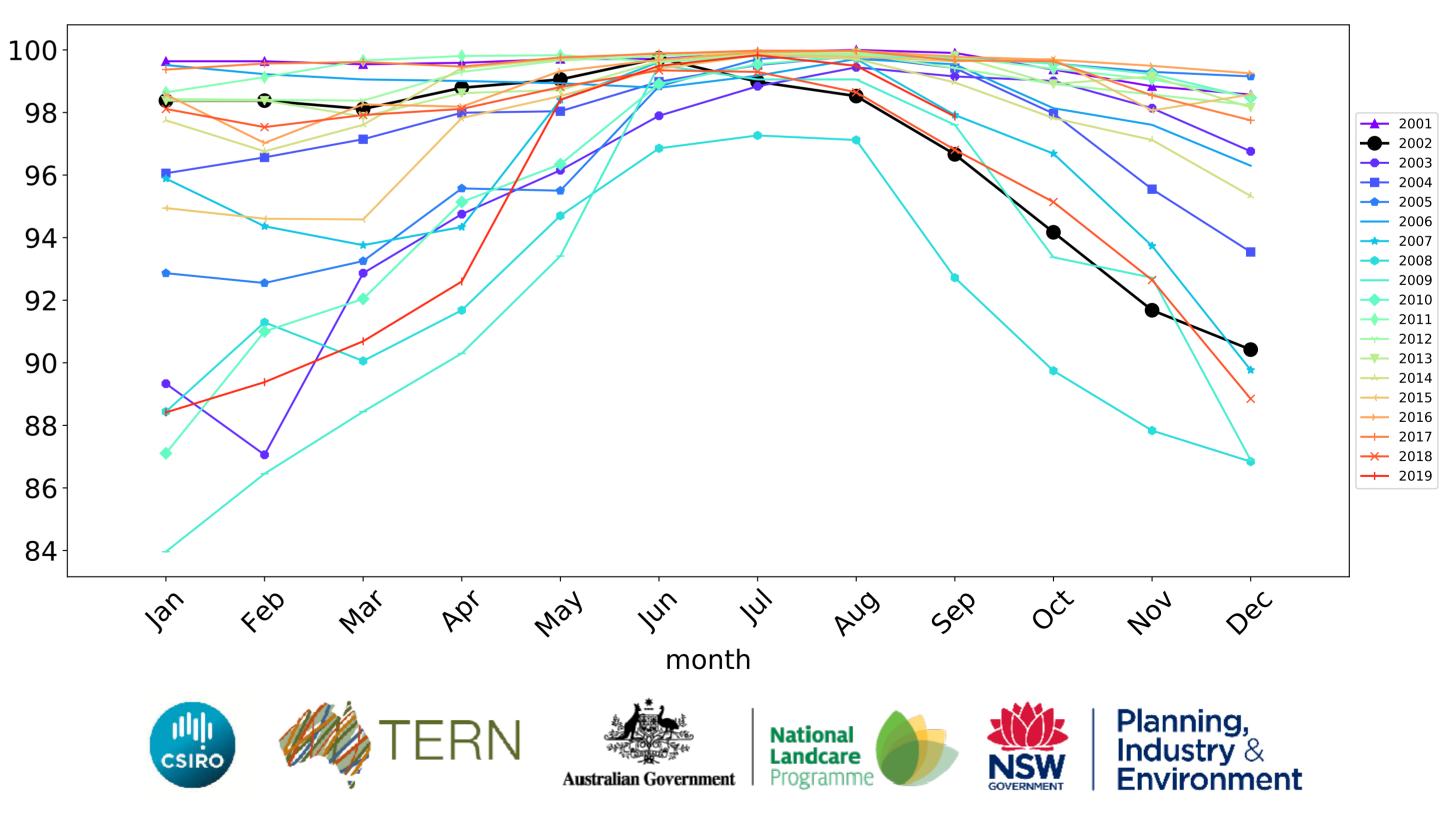
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

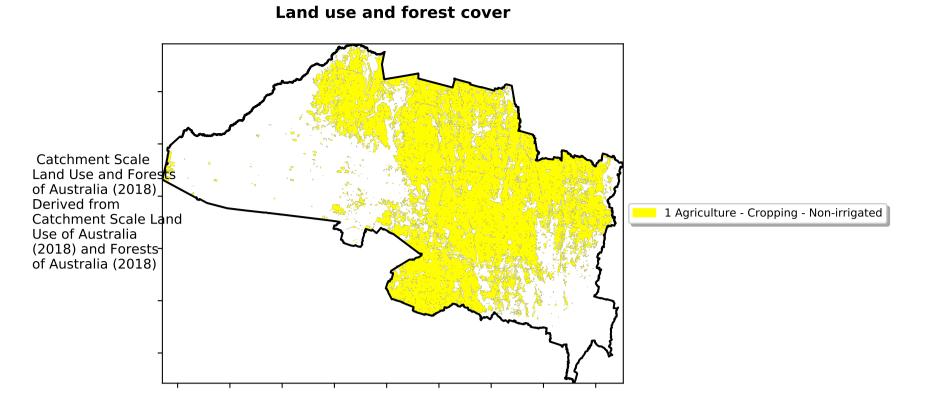




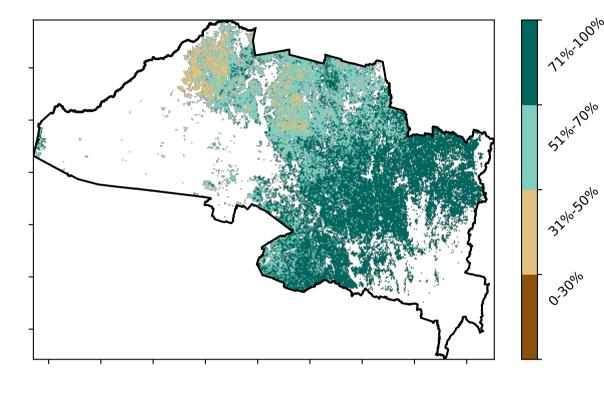
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



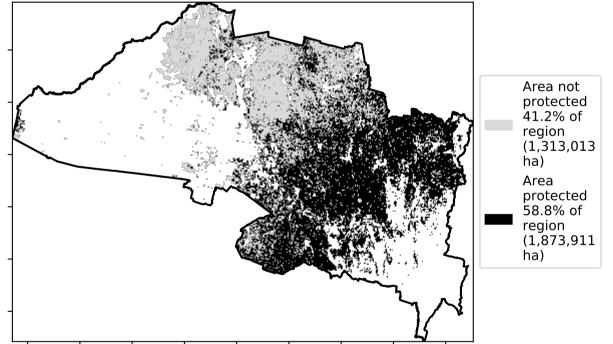
#### Cropping



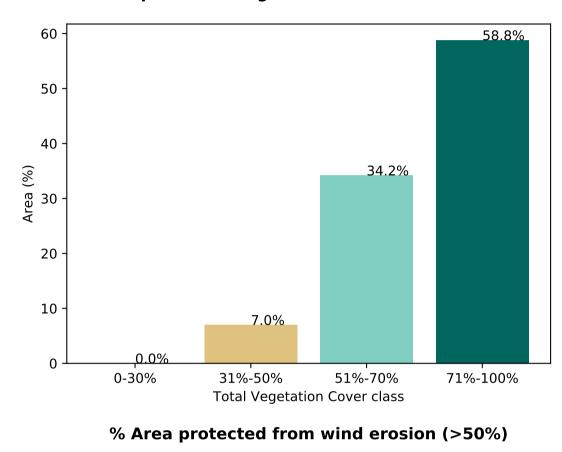
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

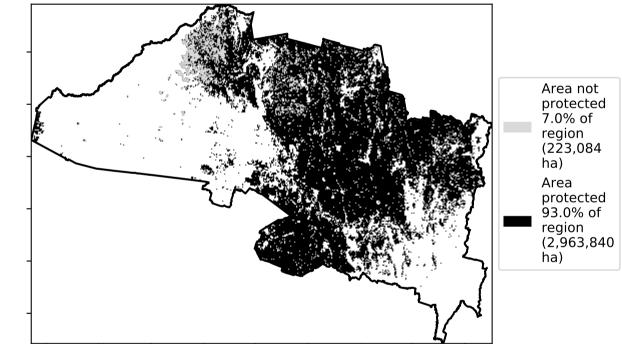


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

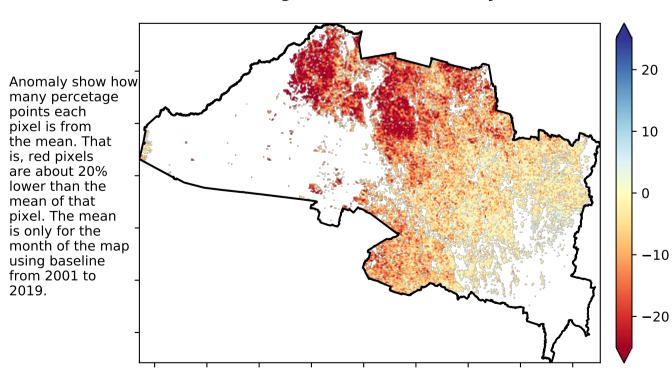


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

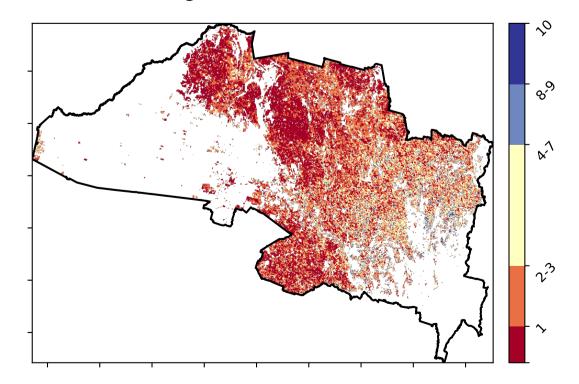




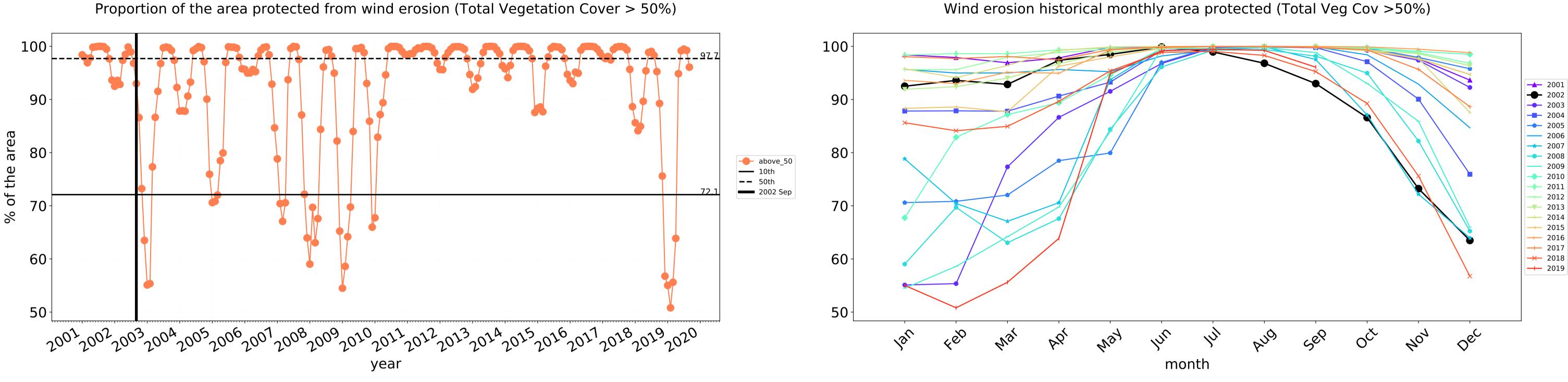
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



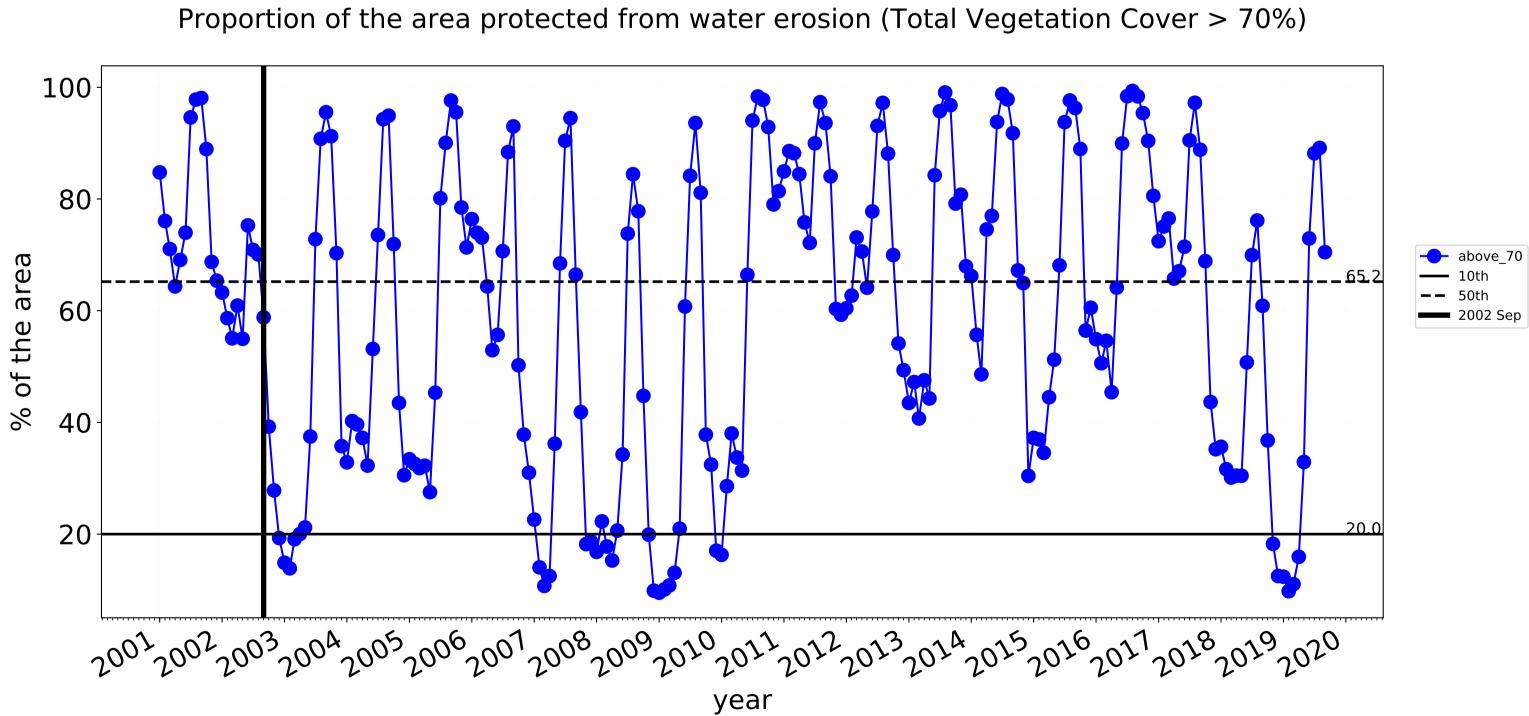
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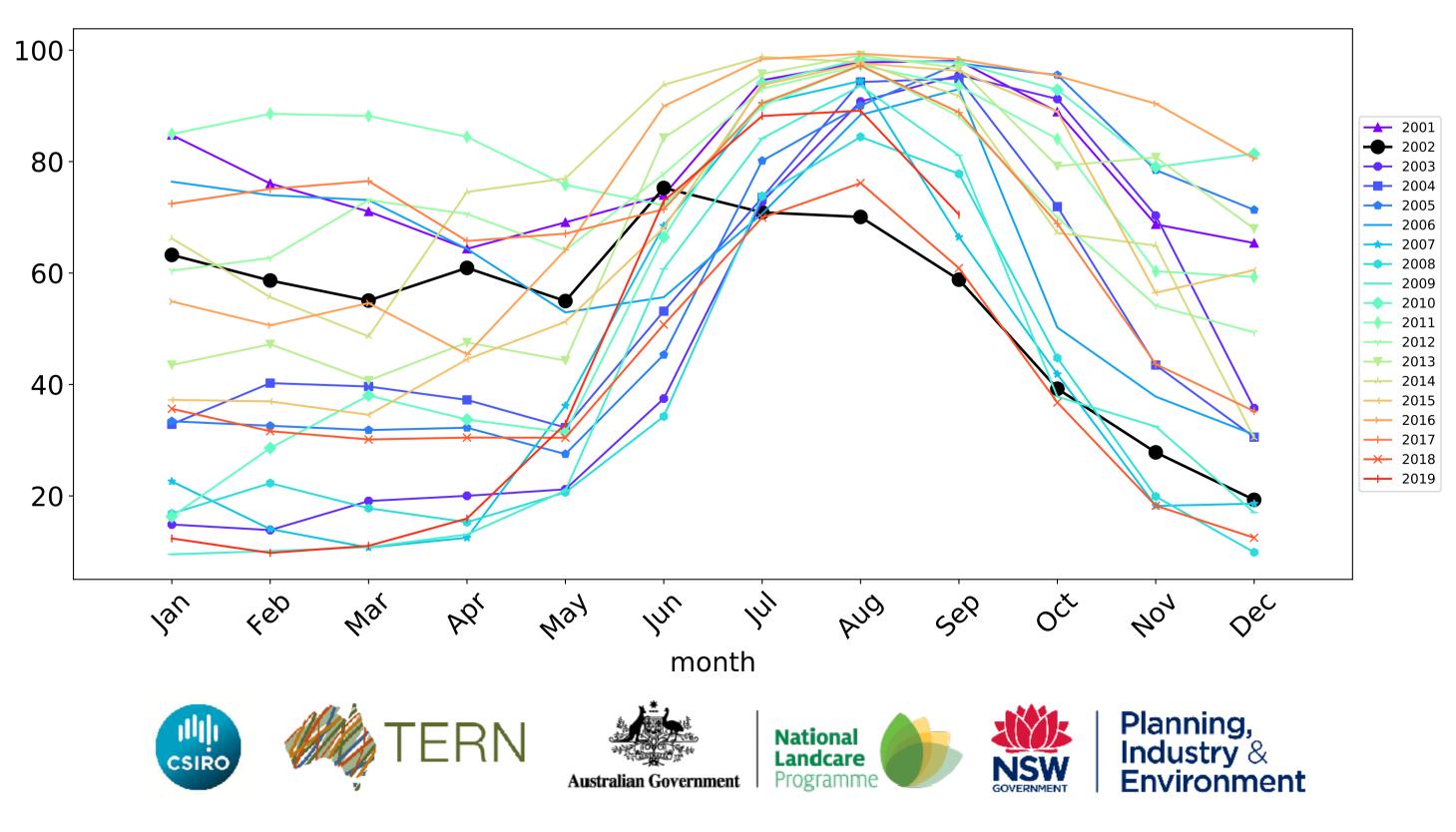




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

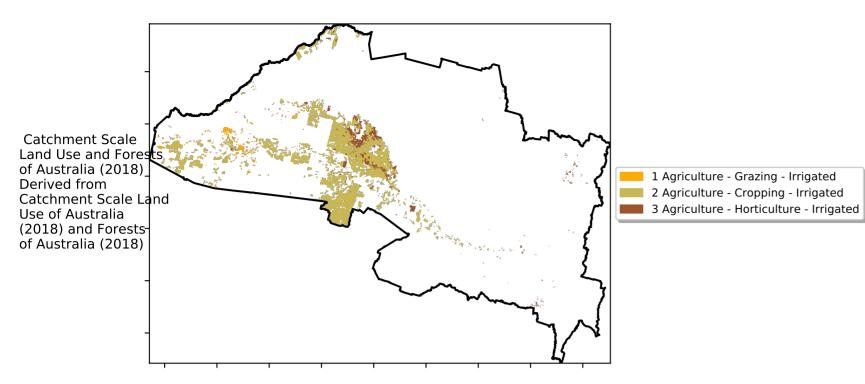


## **Cropping timeseries**

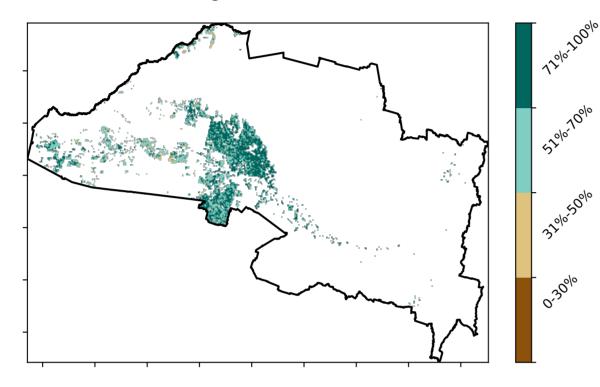


#### Irrigation

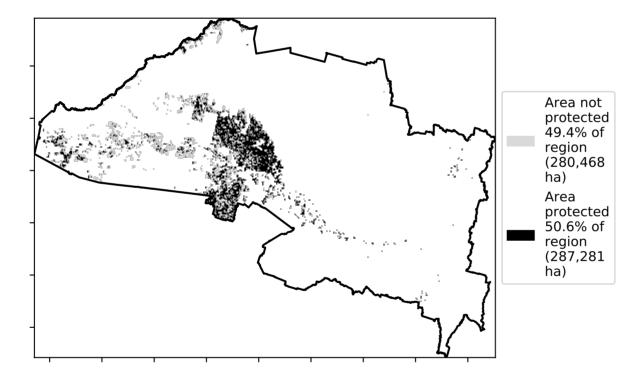
Land use and forest cover

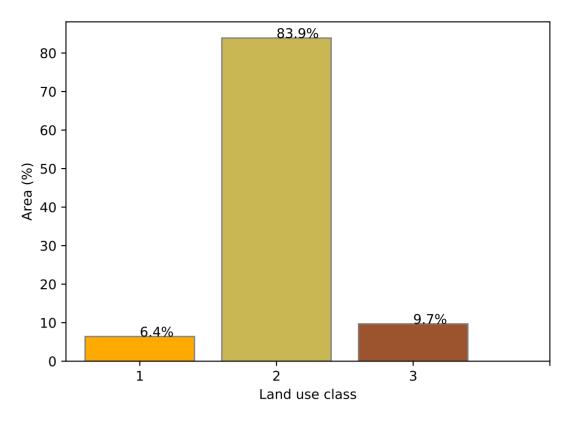


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



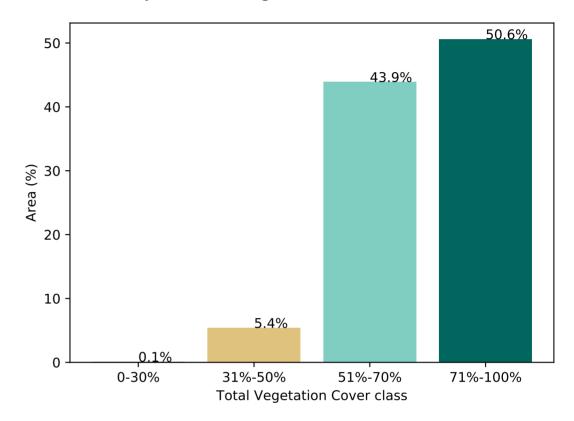
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



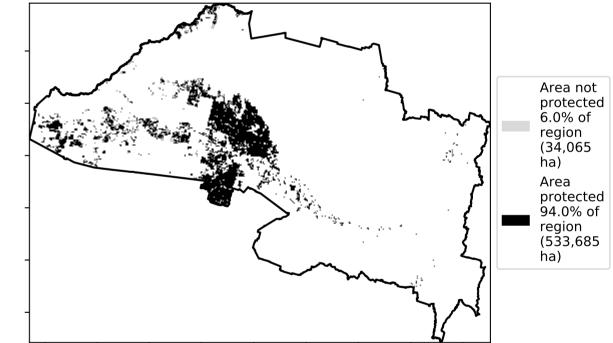


#### Proportion of each land class in area

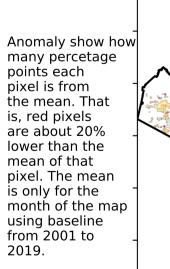
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

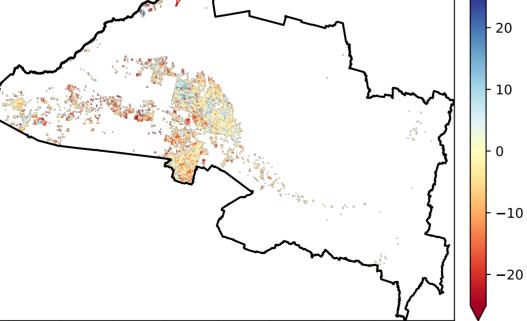


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

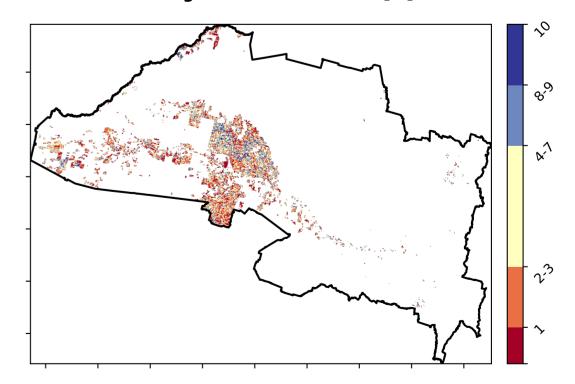


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

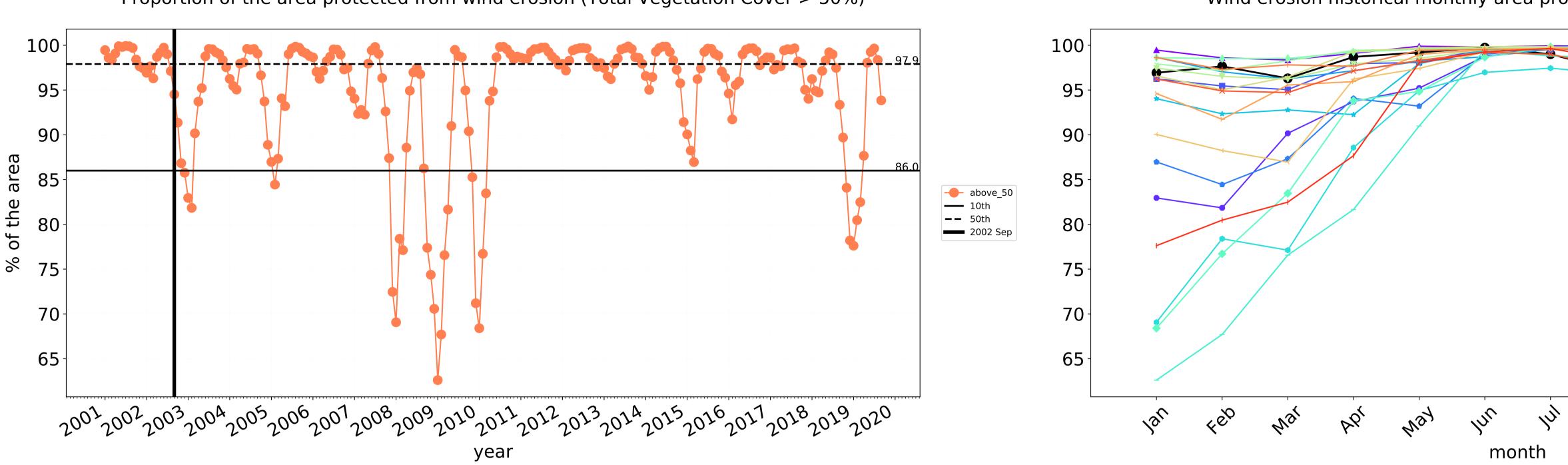




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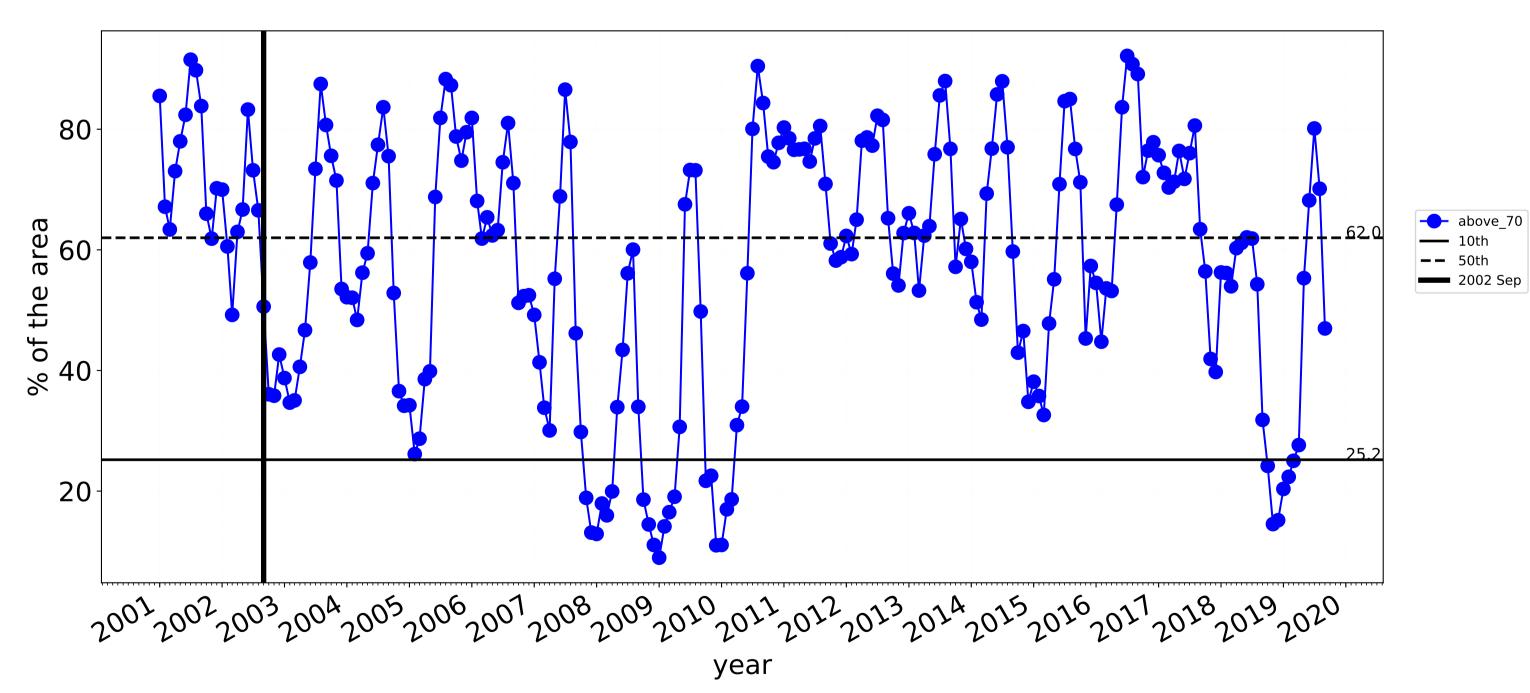




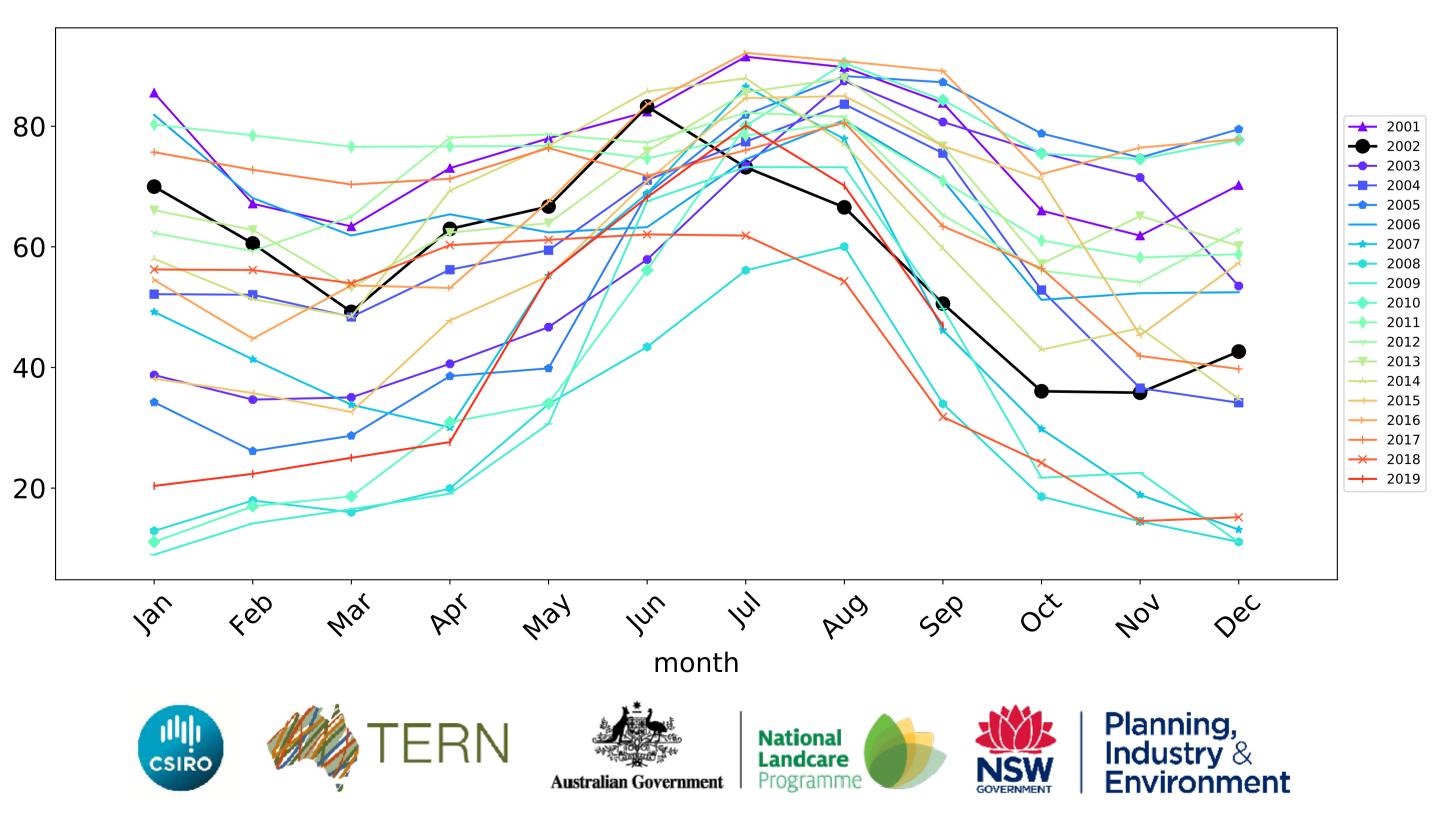


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



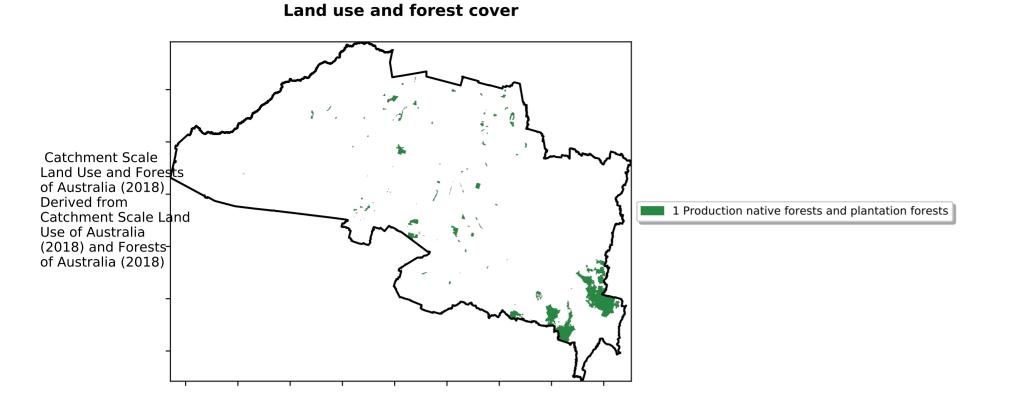
## Irrigation timeseries



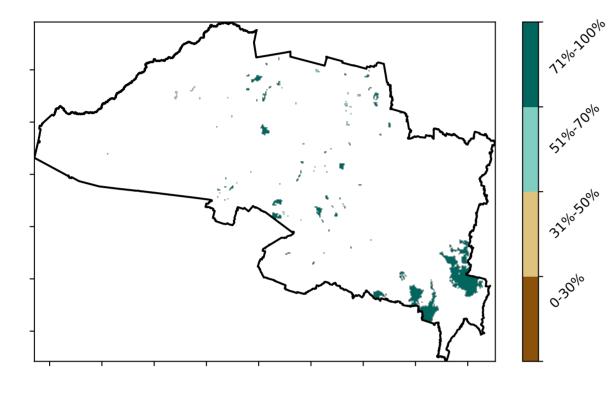
**\_\_\_** 2001 --- 2002 --- 2003 ---- 2004 **---** 2005 \_\_\_\_ 2006 **----** 2007 --- 2008 \_\_\_\_ 2009 **---** 2010 2011 2012 ---- 2013 --- 2014 **→** 2015 **→** 2016 <del>---</del> 2017 <mark>→</mark> 2018 **→** 2019 AUG Sel 404 Dec OČ

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

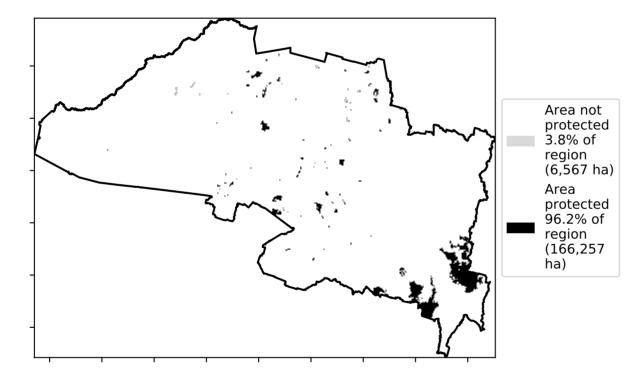
#### **Production native forests and plantation forests**



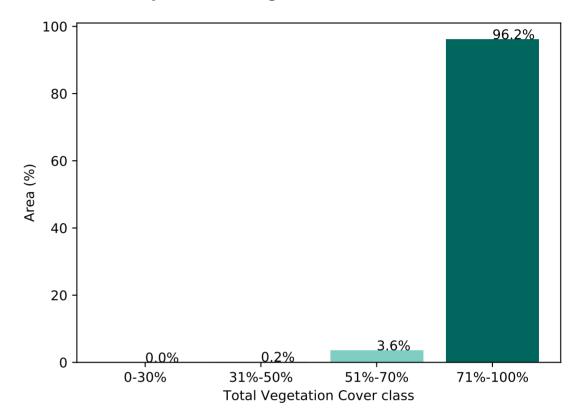
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



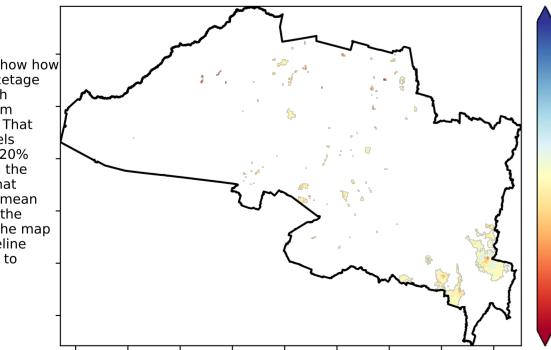




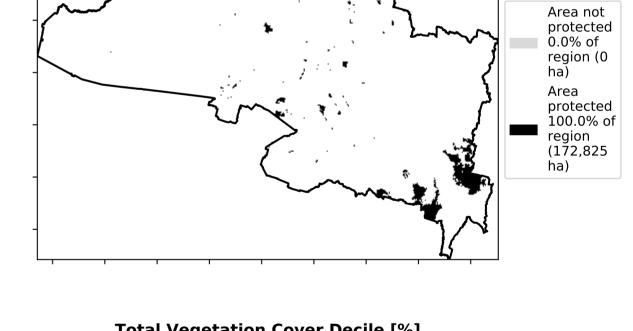
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



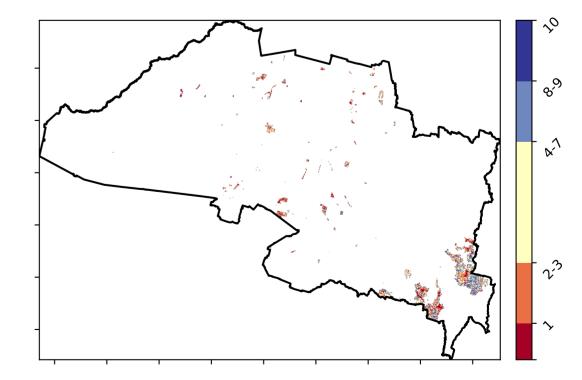
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2019.



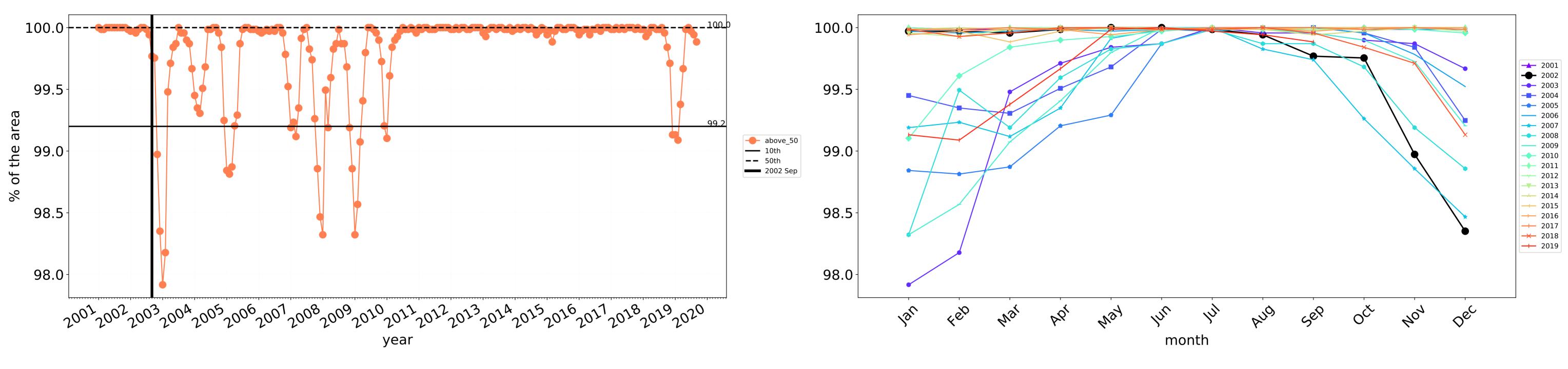
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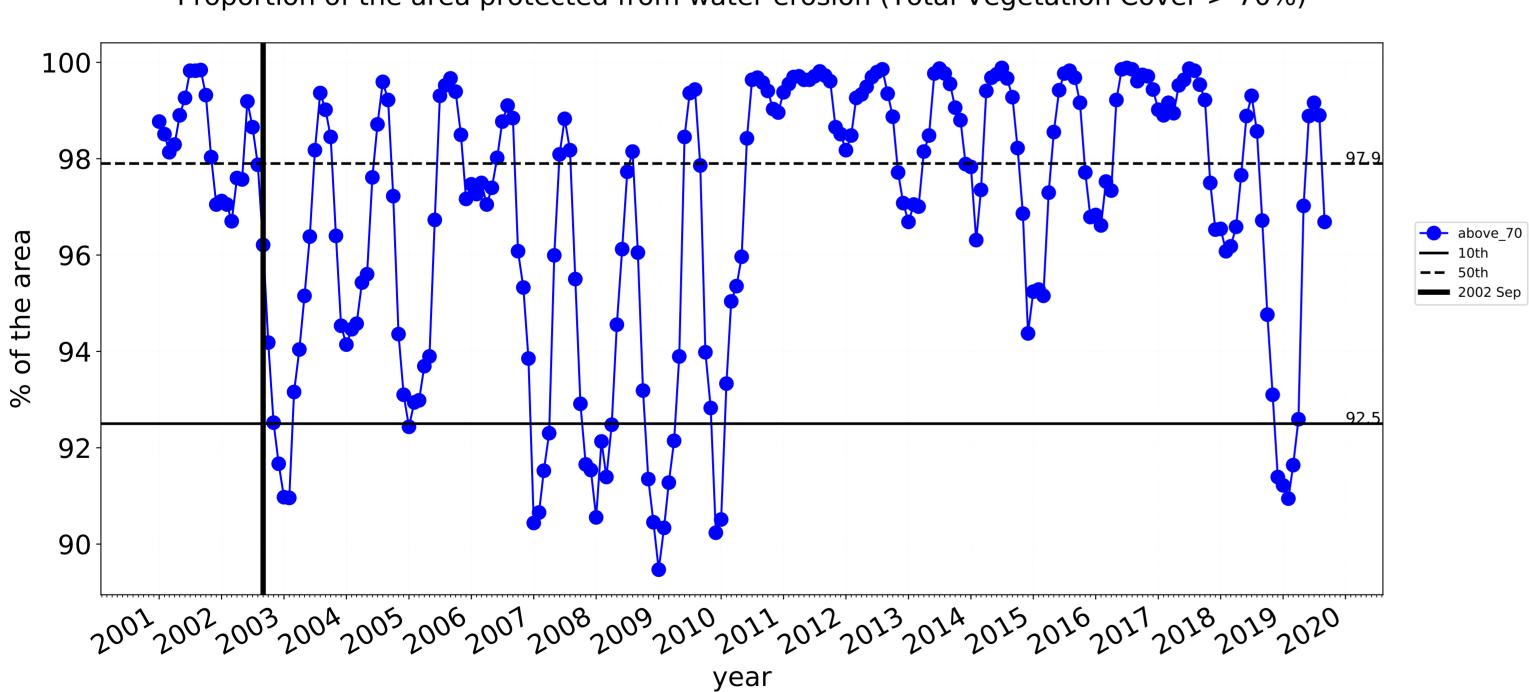


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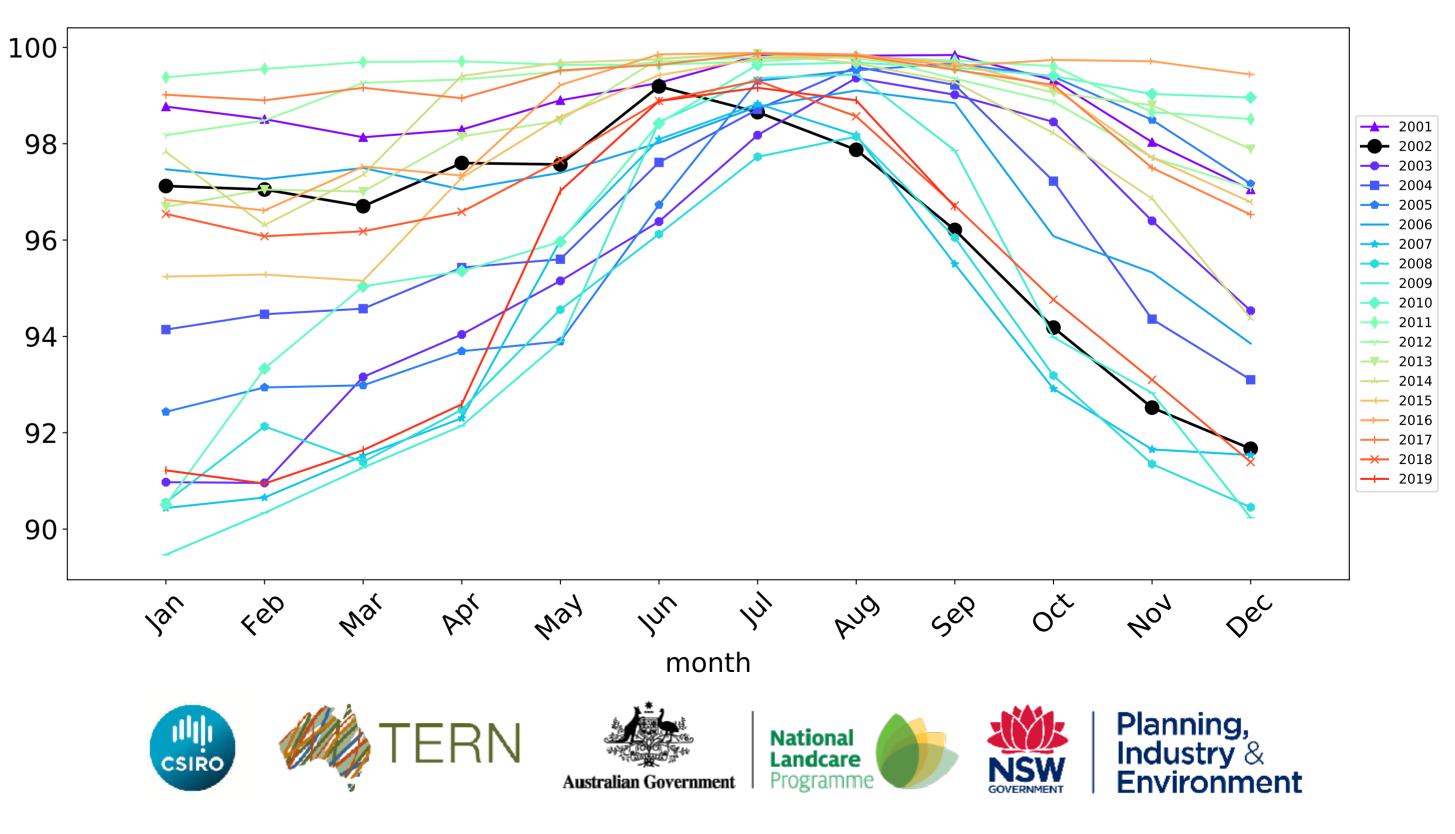
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



# Riverina (6,694,325 ha and no data 14,010 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	6,694,325	99.8% 6,681,576	88.0% 5,893,130	55.1% 3,688,578	34.3% 2,297,043	11.8% 786,820	3.5% 235,726
Conservation and natural environments	323,050	100.0% 322,900	93.6% 302,525	79.9% 258,225	76.6% 247,450	58.4% 188,550	33.6% 108,550
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	99.8% 83,200	75.4% 62,850	24.0% 19,975	17.5% 14,575	10.0% 8,375	4.5% 3,750
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,200	100.0% 195,200	100.0% 195,200	99.8% 194,850	98.8% 192,875	83.8% 163,600	51.5% 100,550
Agriculture	6,067,925	99.8% 6,056,325	87.4% 5,304,525	52.6% 3,194,175	30.5% 1,853,150	7.9% 481,450	1.1% 66,900
Grazing	2,311,425	99.5% 2,300,500	78.0% 1,802,625	44.7% 1,032,225	34.2% 791,525	14.4% 333,700	2.0% 47,100
Grazing non forest	2,066,425	99.5% 2,055,500	75.4% 1,558,150	39.0% 805,100	29.7% 613,450	12.9% 265,975	1.8% 37,375
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.7% 141,250	89.8% 127,225	63.2% 89,550	16.5% 23,325	1.6% 2,250
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	99.9% 103,225	96.7% 99,900	85.7% 88,525	43.0% 44,400	7.2% 7,475
Cropping	3,186,925	100.0% 3,186,575	93.0% 2,963,450	58.8% 1,874,225	30.3% 967,125	4.4% 140,000	0.6% 18,025
Irrigation	567,750	99.9% 567,425	94.5% 536,625	50.6% 287,225	16.6% 94,375	1.4% 7,750	0.3% 1,775
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,825	100.0% 172,825	99.8% 172,425	96.2% 166,275	91.0% 157,250	64.6% 111,675	34.5% 59,625

