Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:NRM Riverina NSW   Date: October 2006

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 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.

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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)


Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12
- 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
- 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
- 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
- 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
- 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
- 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
- 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
- 11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
- 12 Production native forests and plantation forests
- 13 Other uses

Proportion of each land class in area
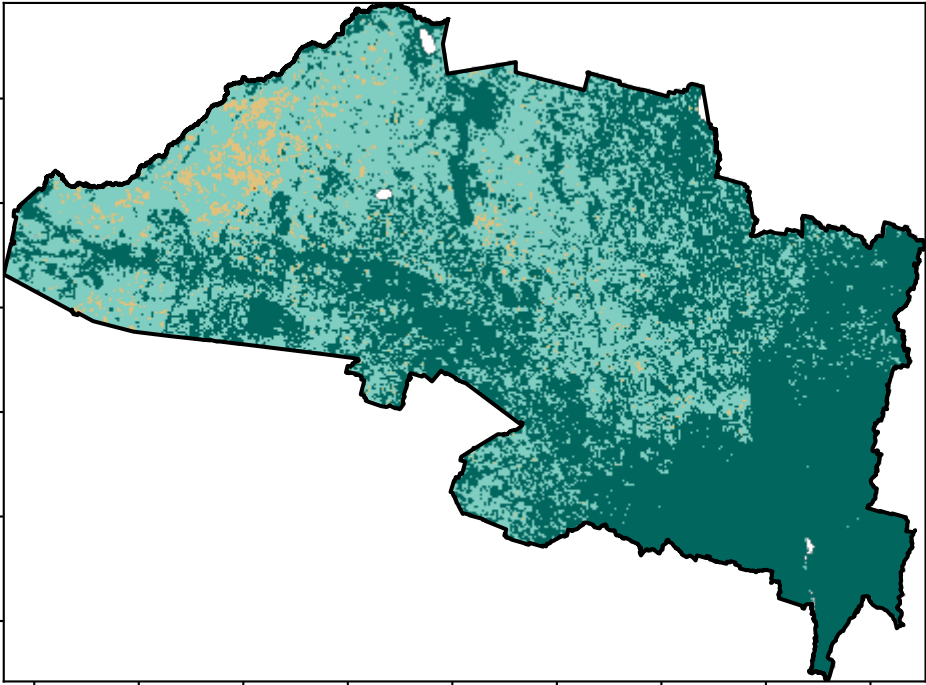
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Legend: 71%-100%, 51%-70%, 31%-50%, 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area
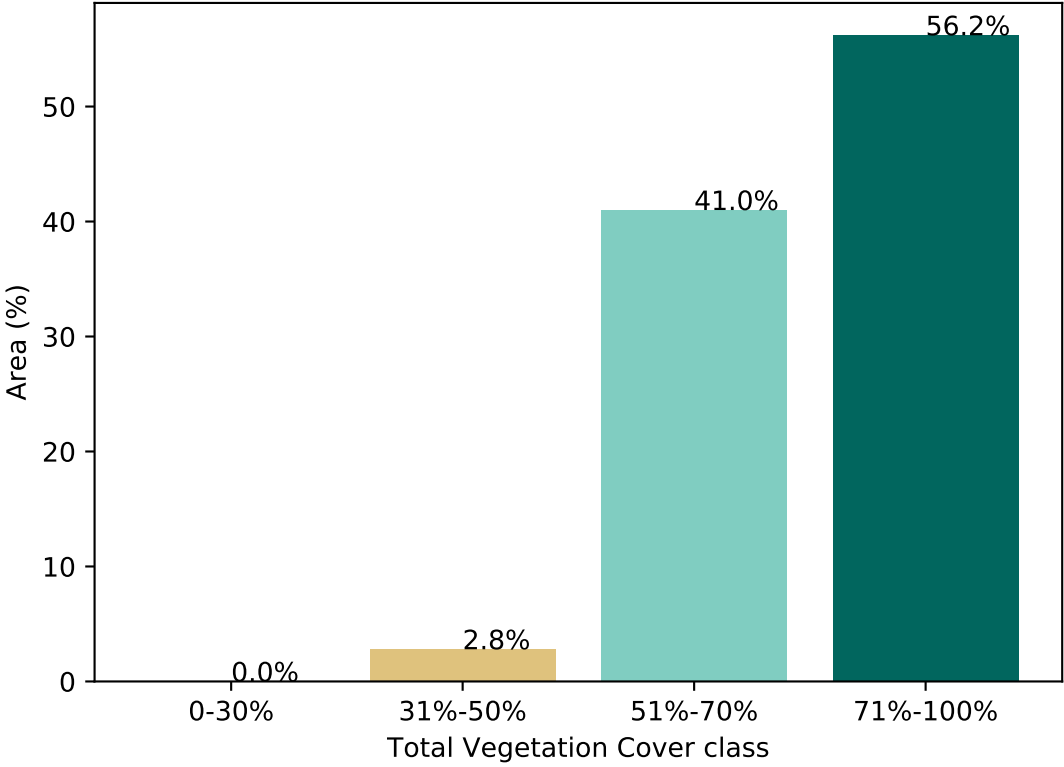
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
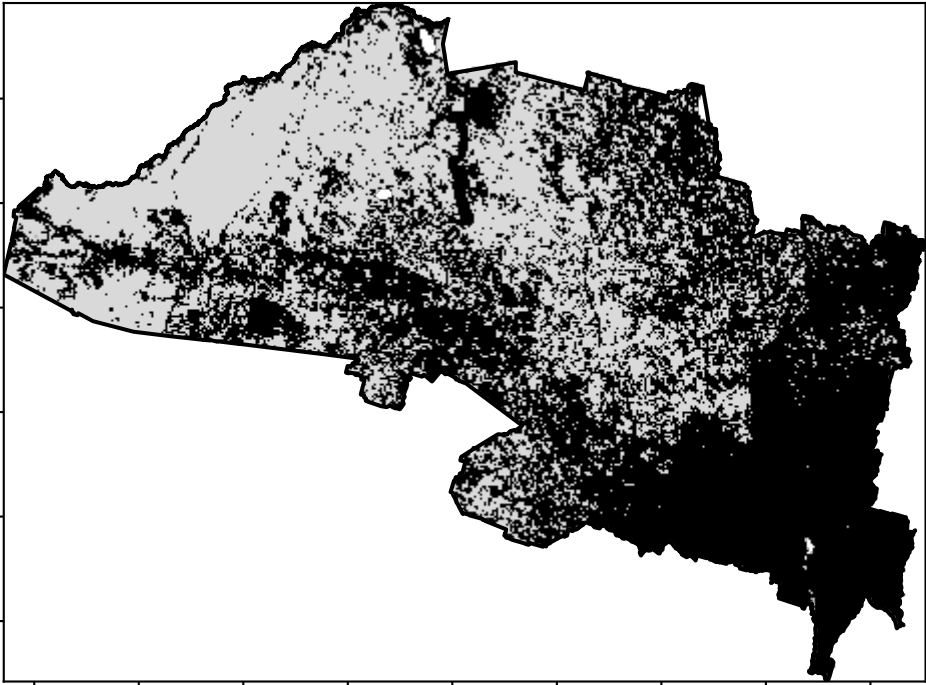
Area not protected 43.8% of region (2,931,972 ha)

Area protected 56.2% of region (3,762,028 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 3.0% of region (200,820 ha)

Area protected 97.0% of region (6,493,180 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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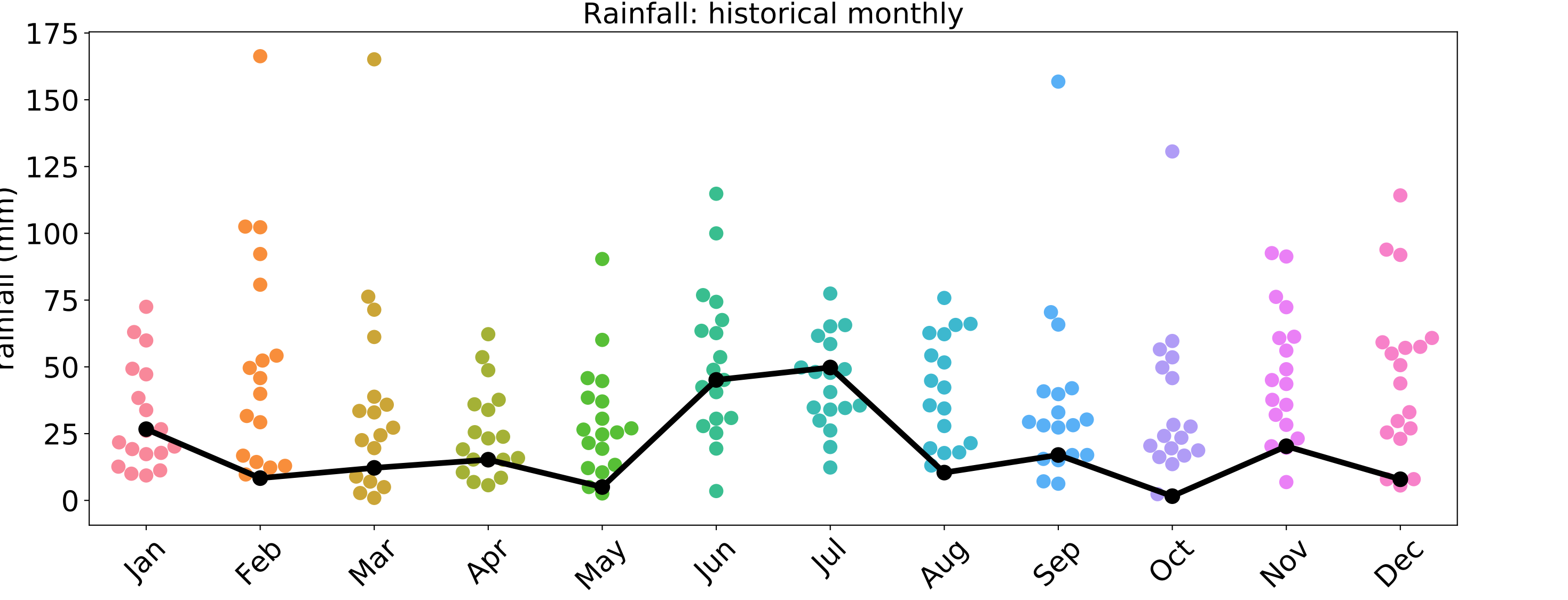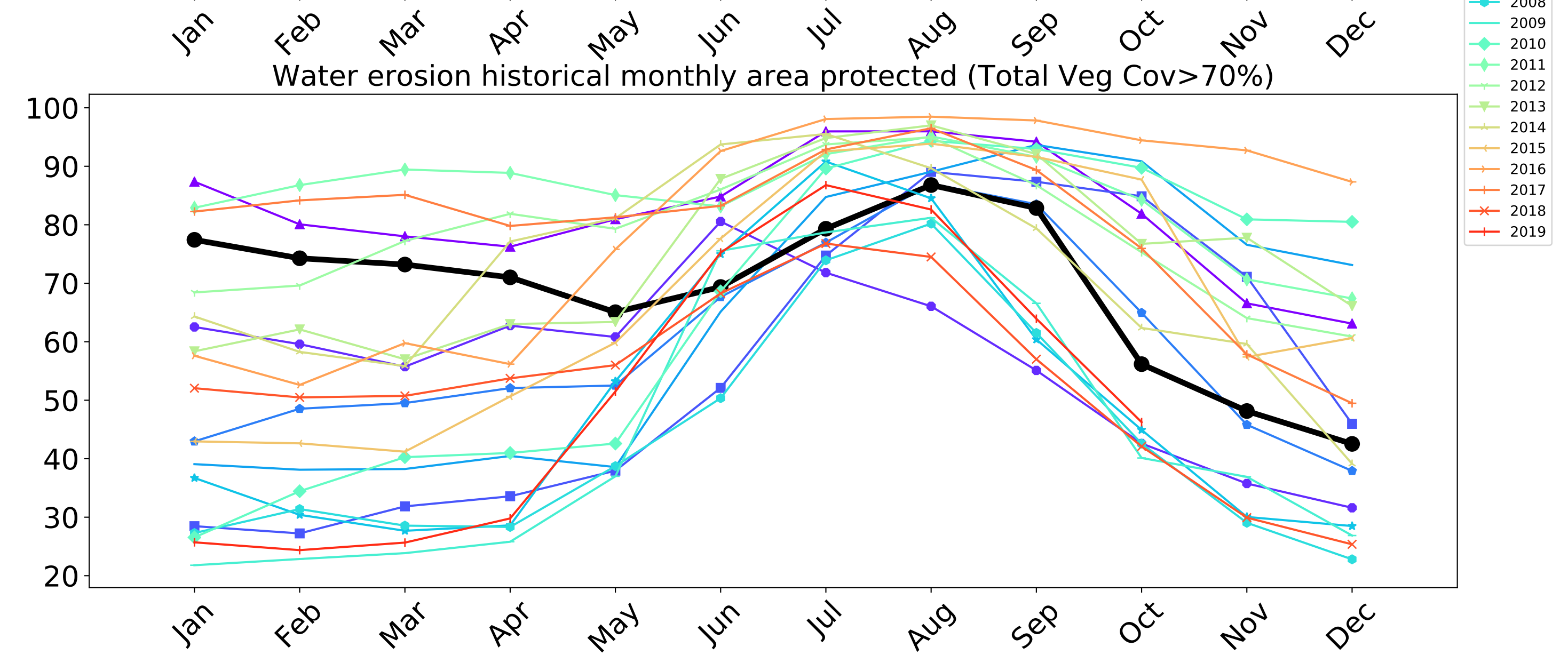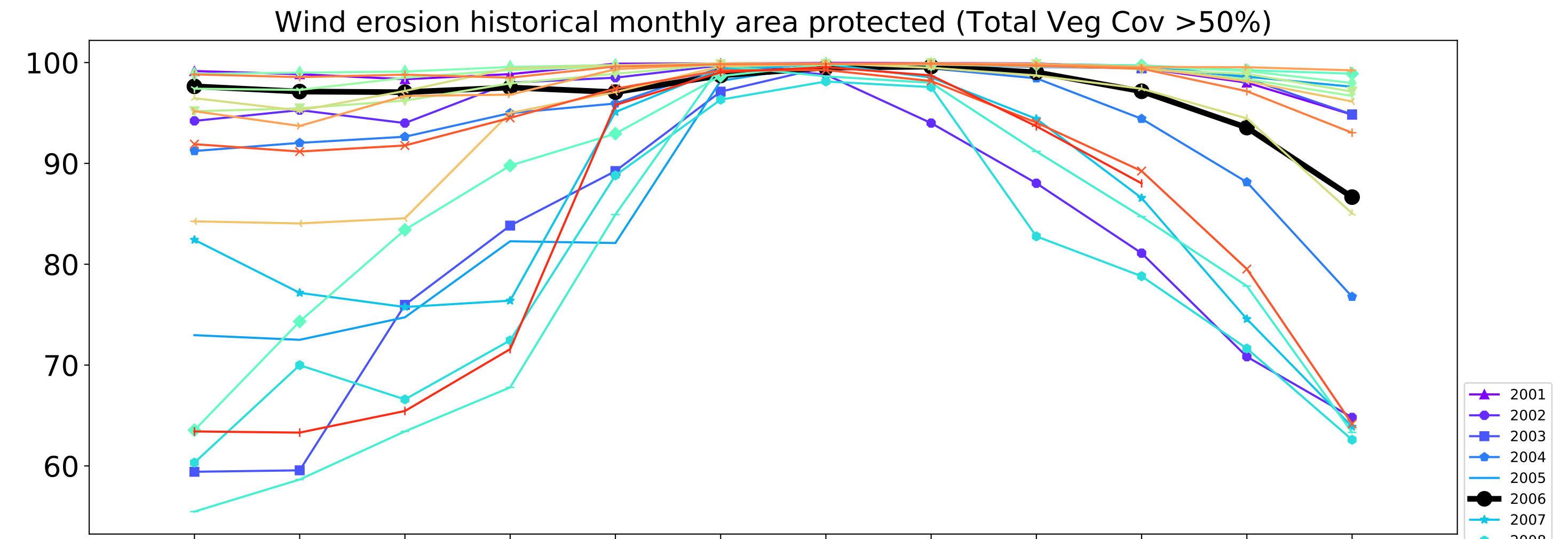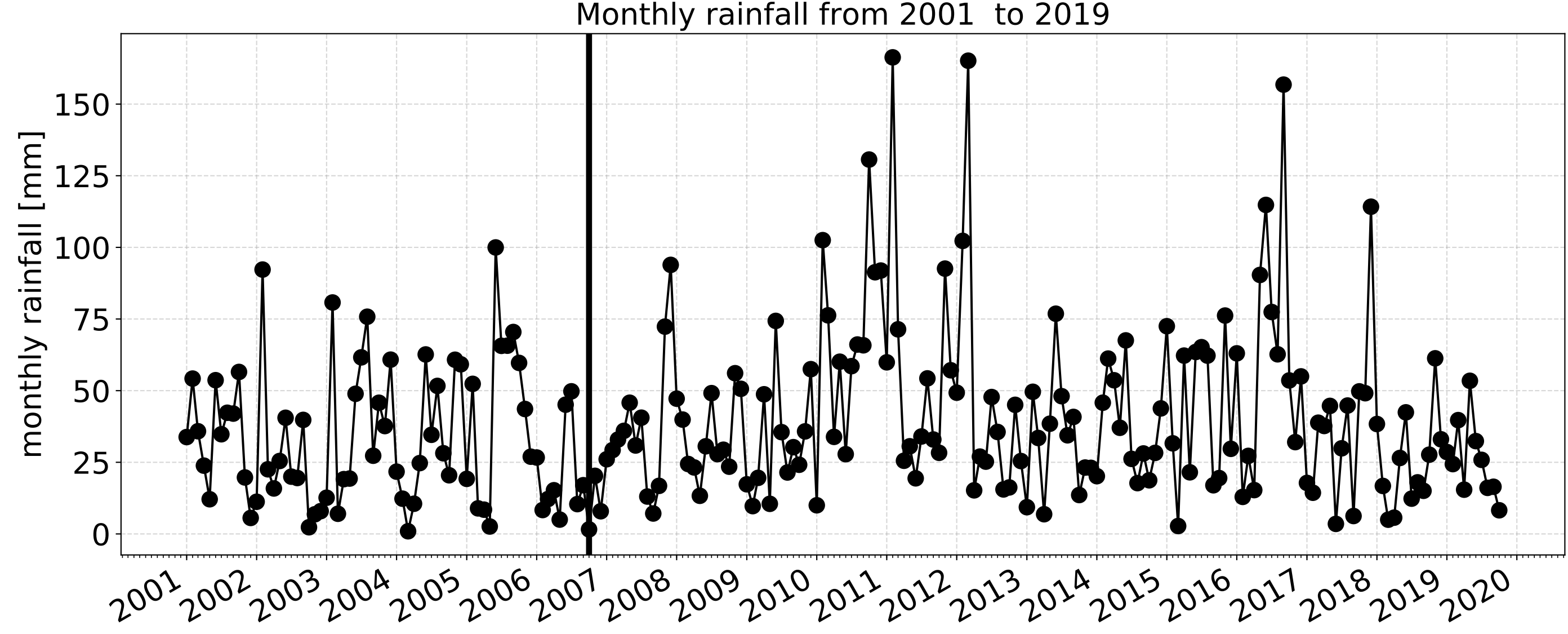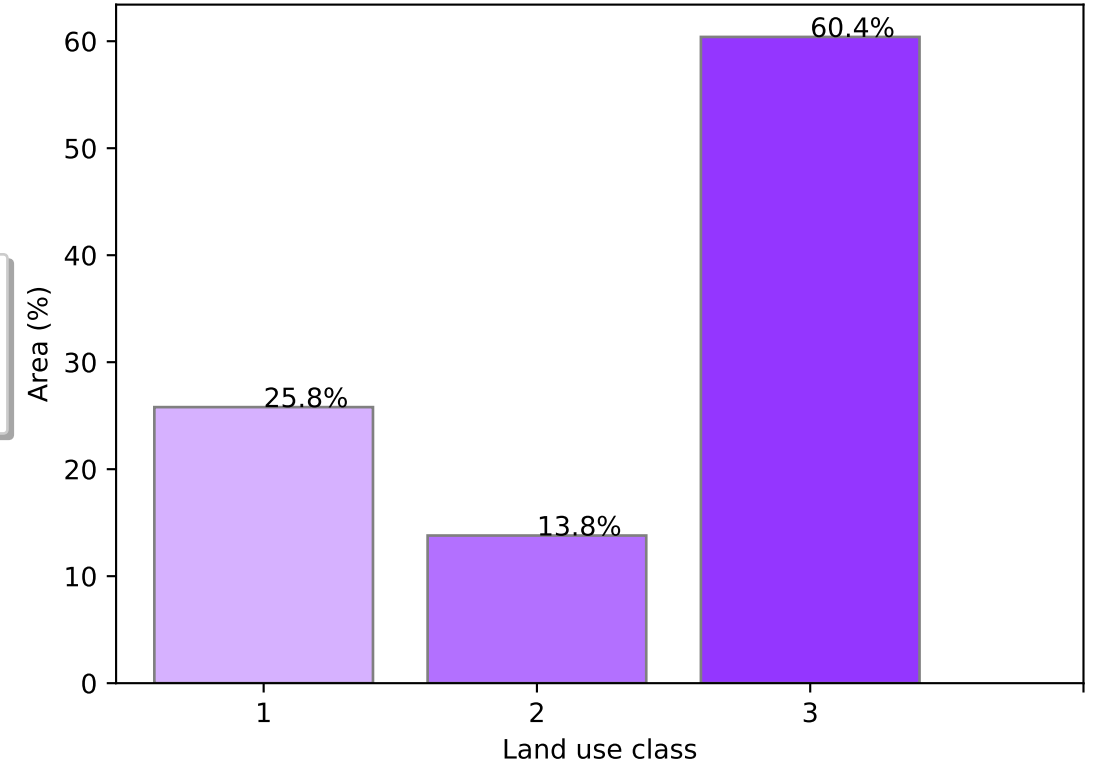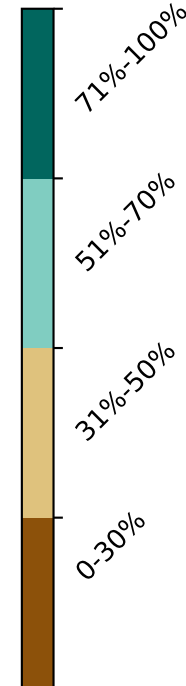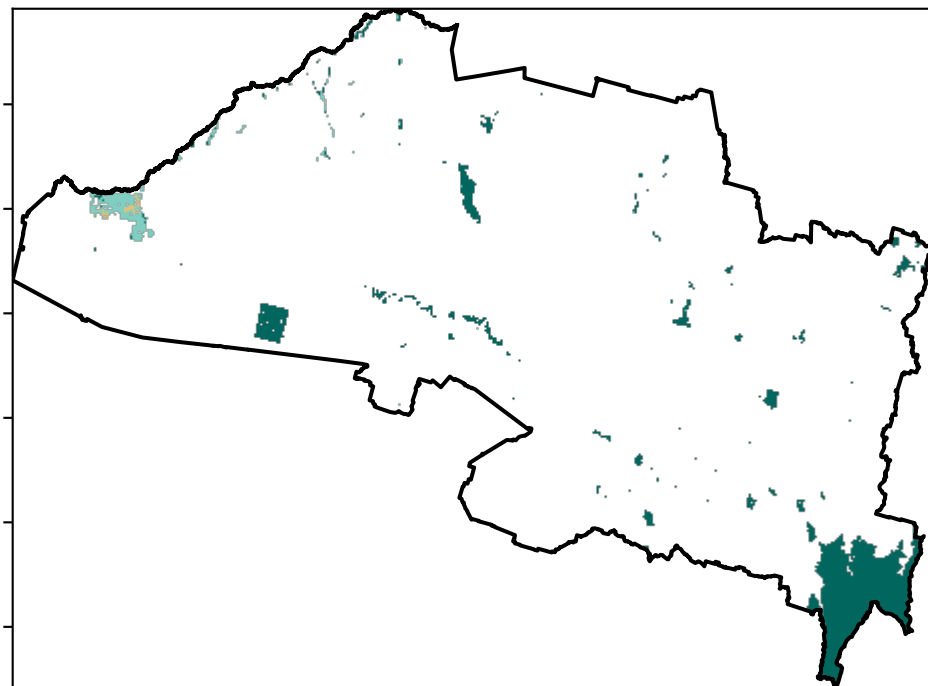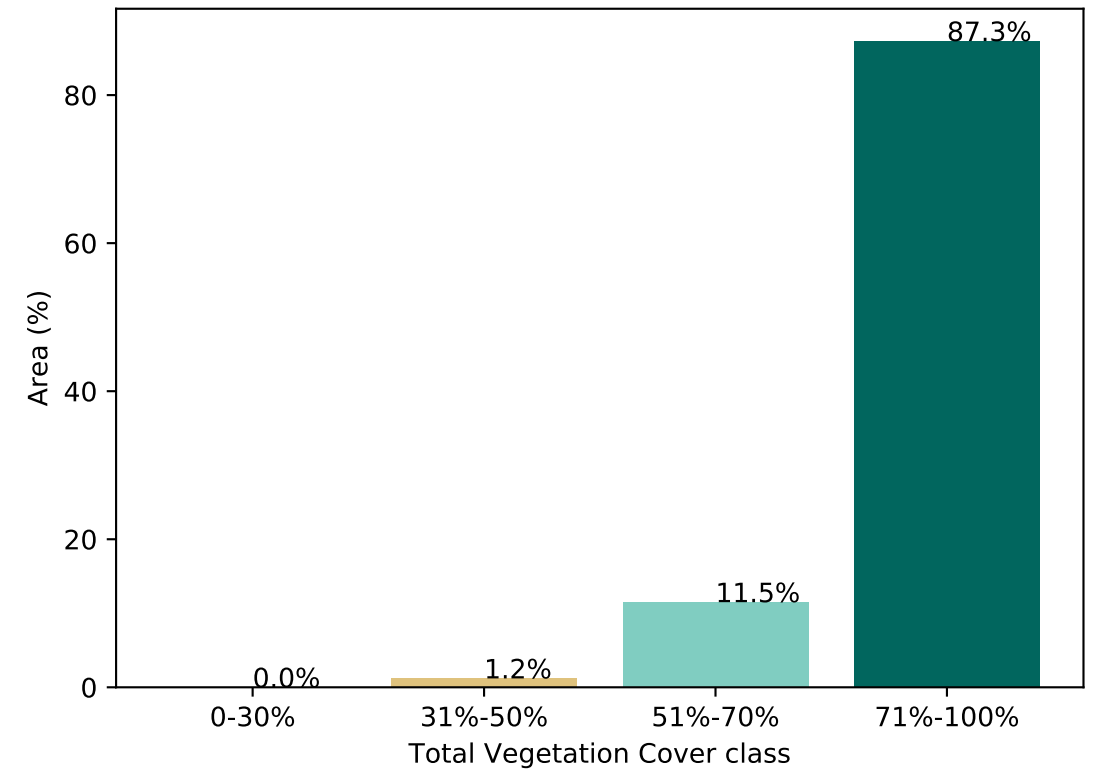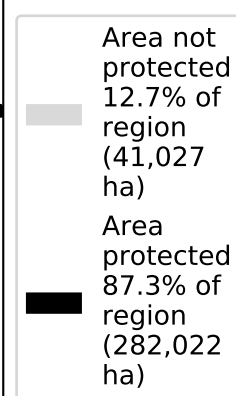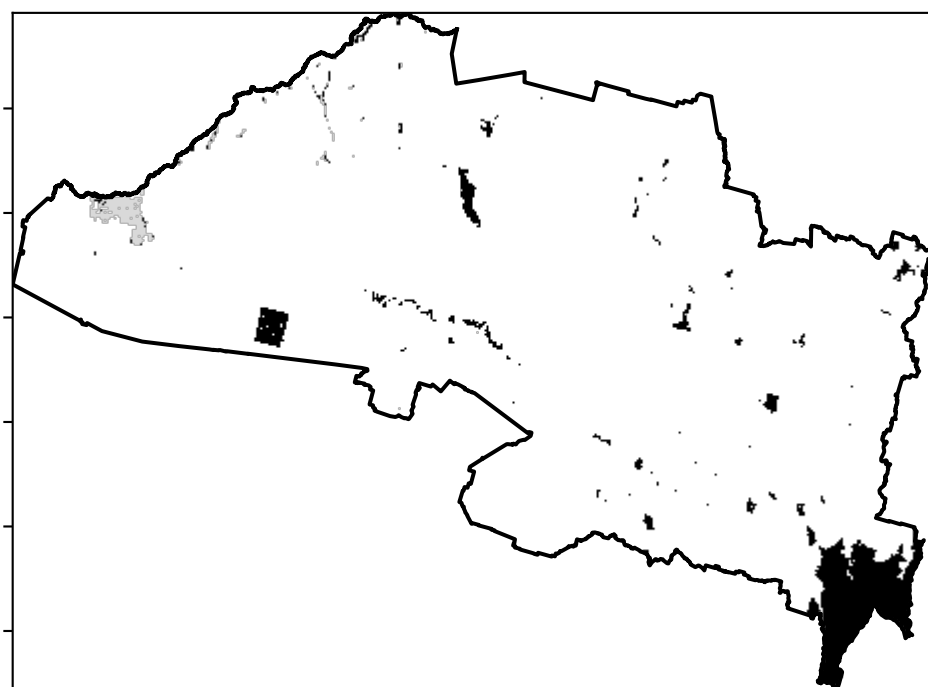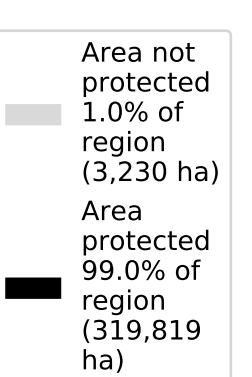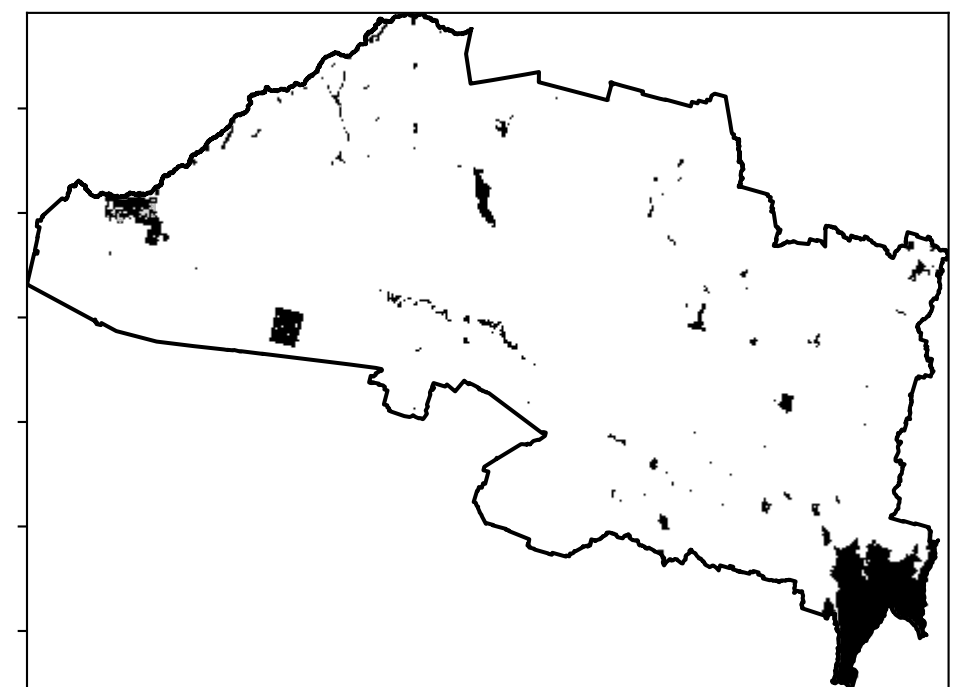

Legend: 10, 8-9, 4-7, 2-3, 1

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

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

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

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

Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2019

Rainfall: historical monthly

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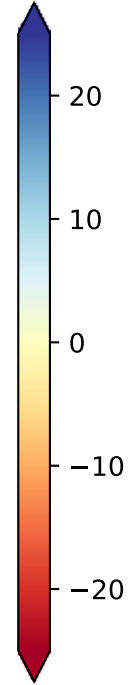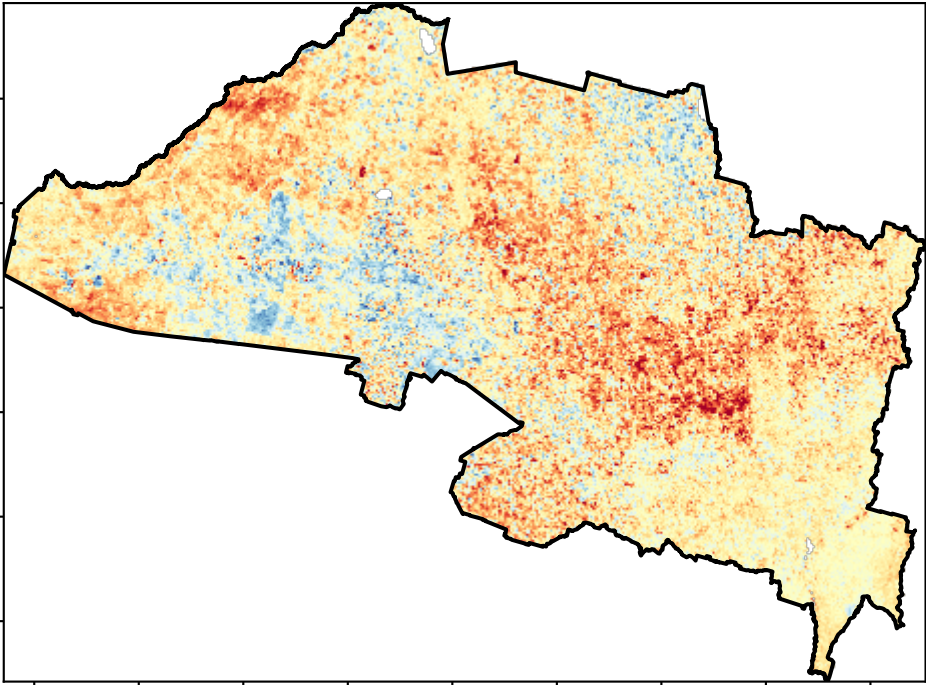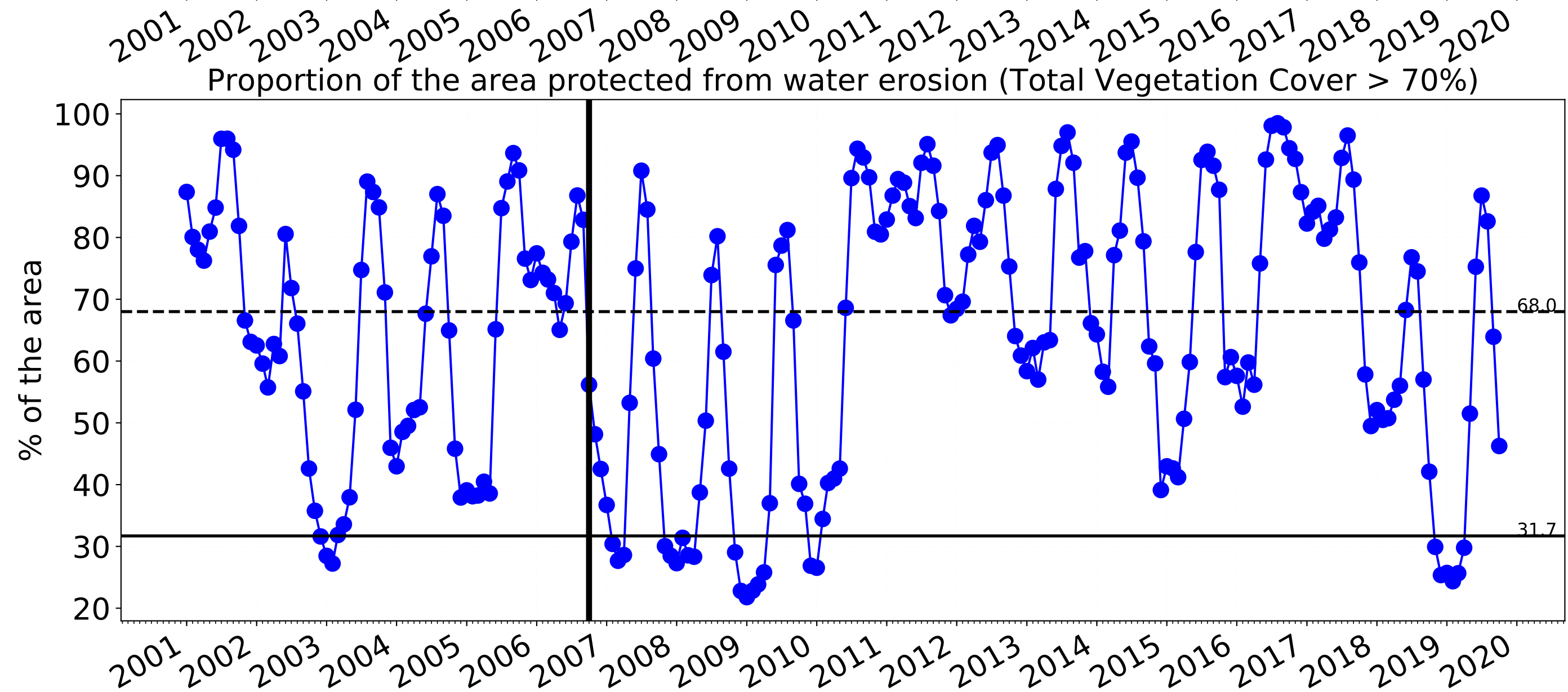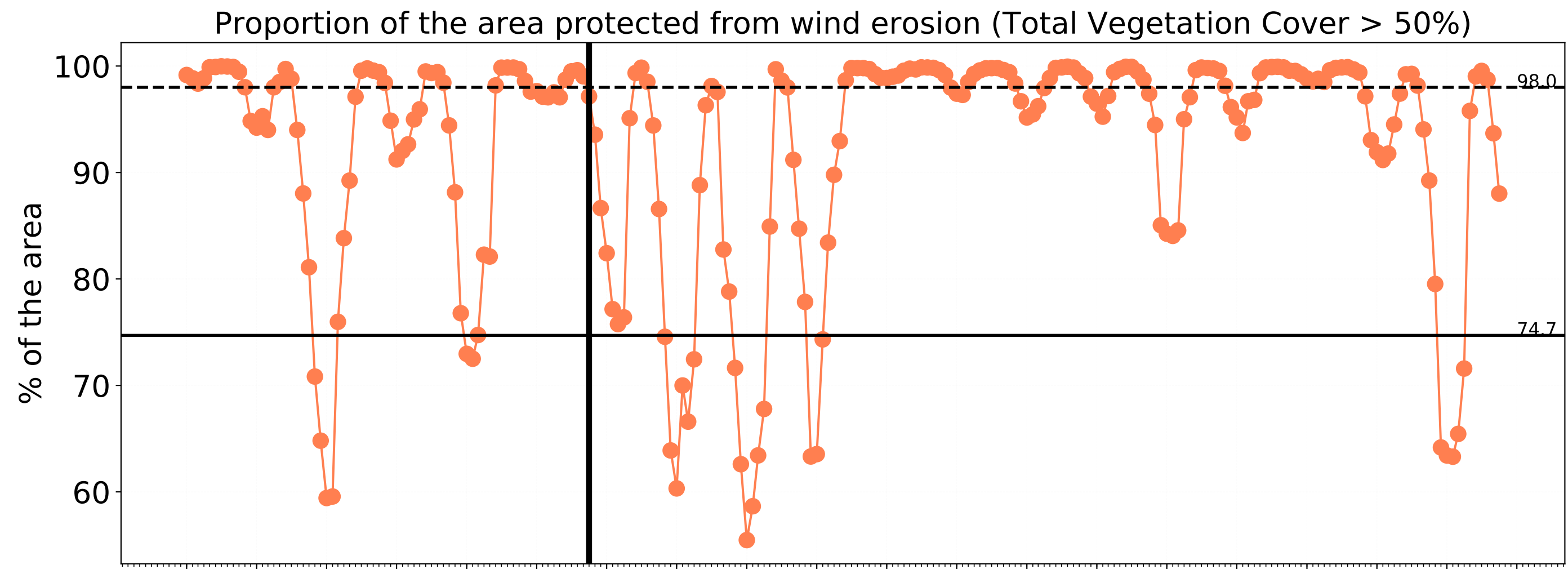
Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

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Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
12.7% of
region
(41,027
ha)
Area
protected
87.3% of
region
(282,022
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
1.0% of
region
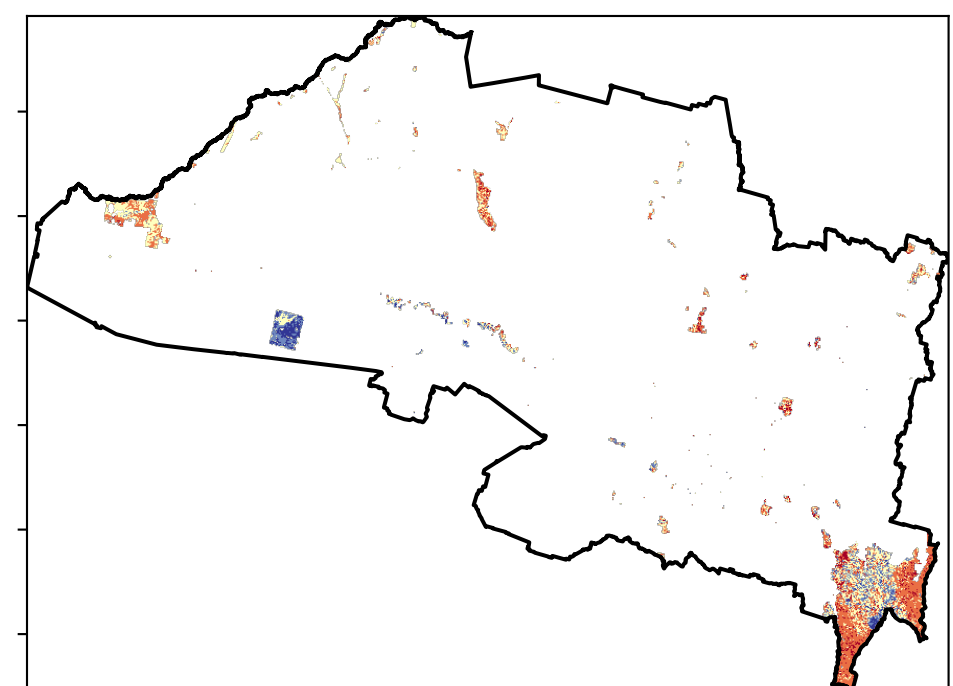(3,230 ha)
Area
protected
99.0% of
region
(319,819
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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.

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

Deciles show where the
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record, from highest to
lowest, for that month.
That is, red pixels are
in the lowest 10% of
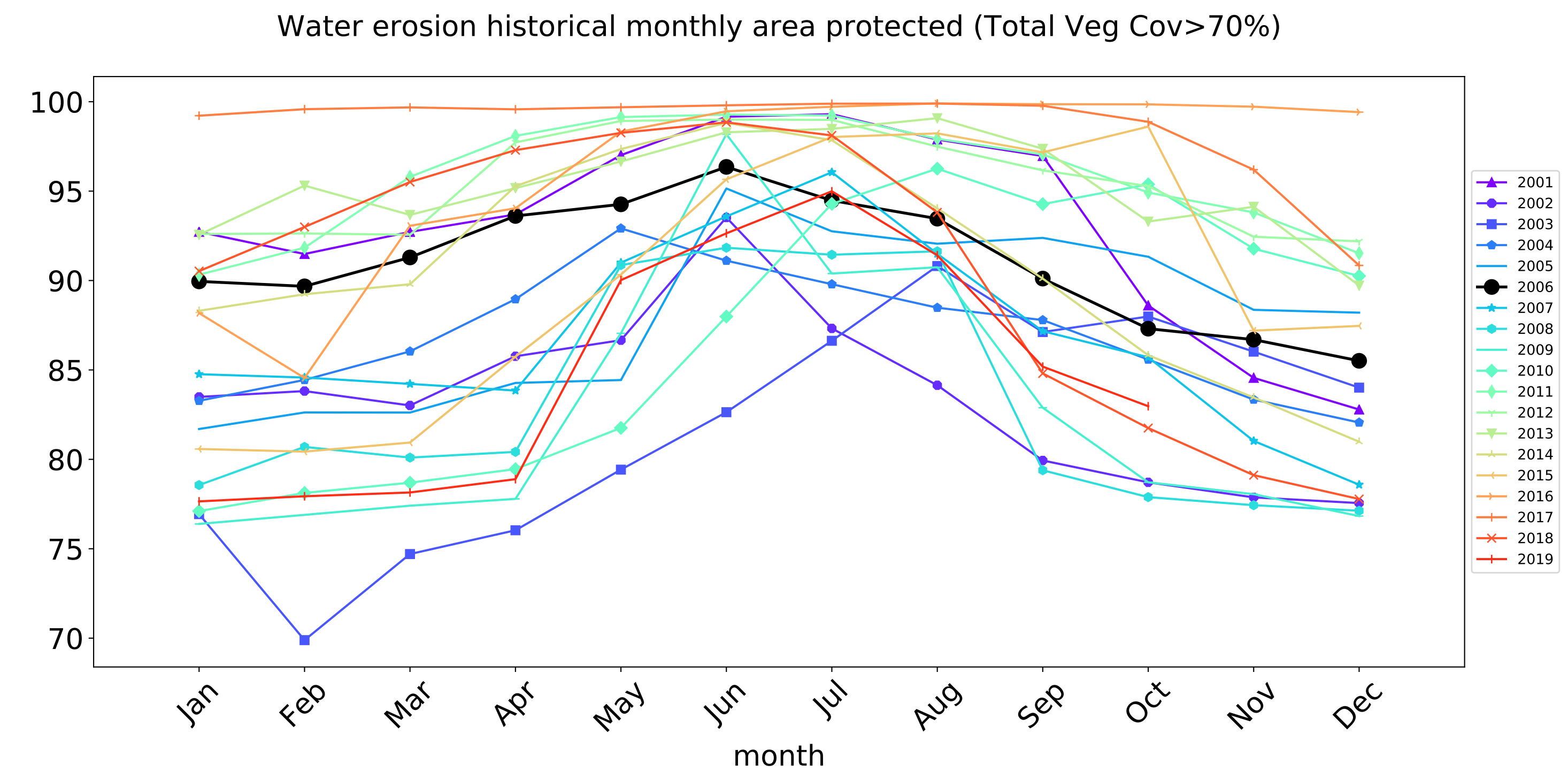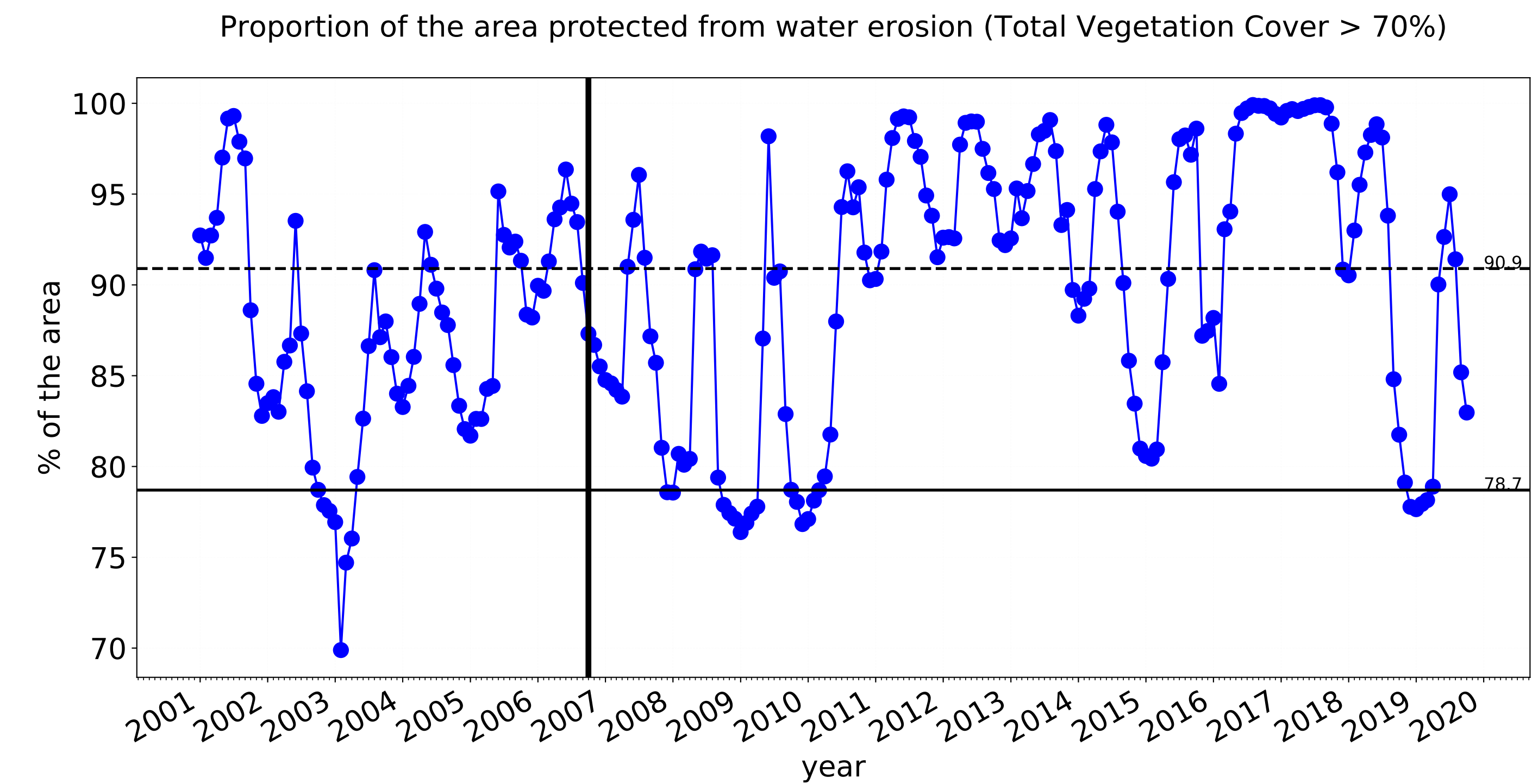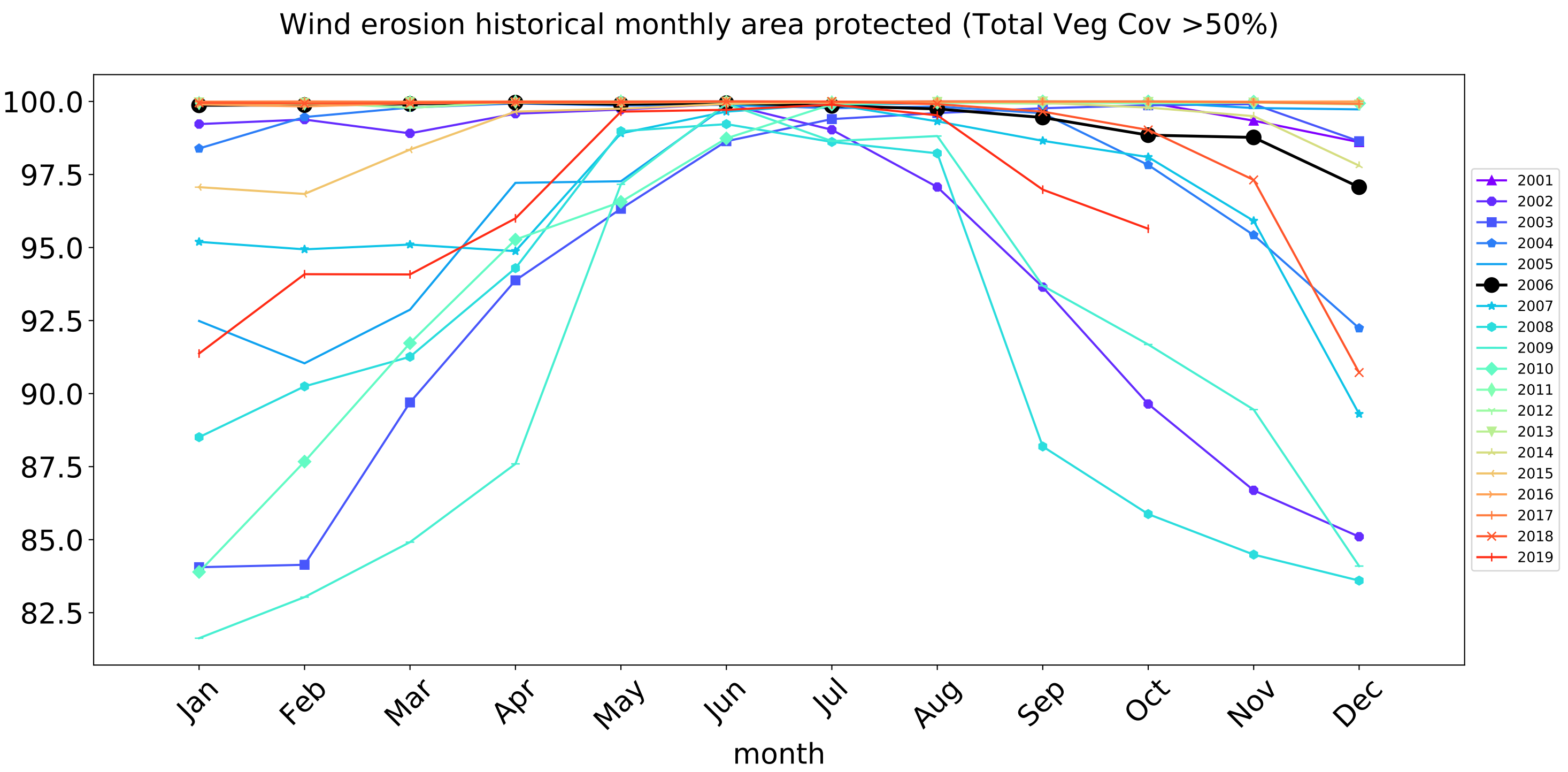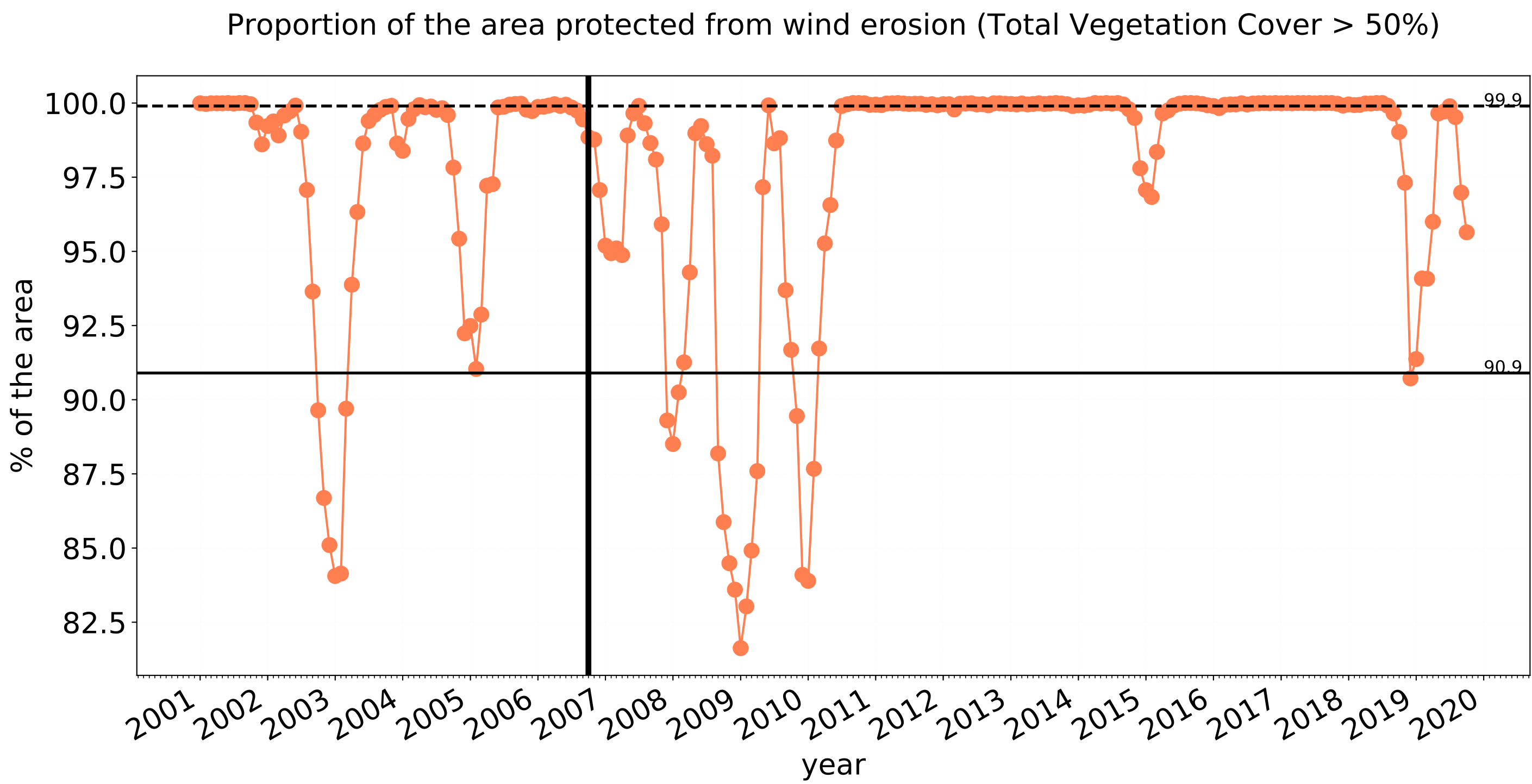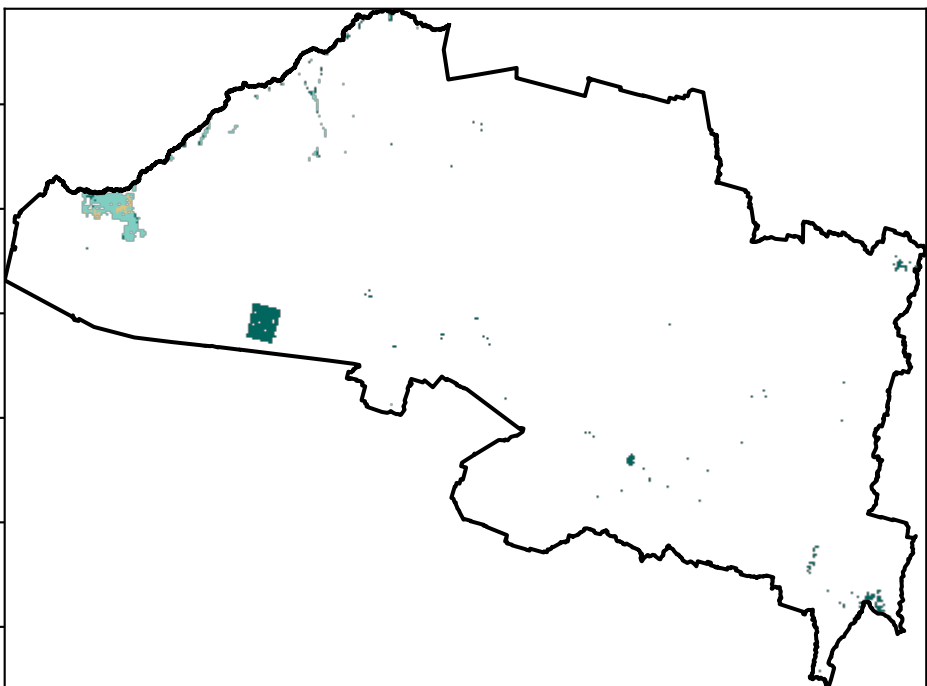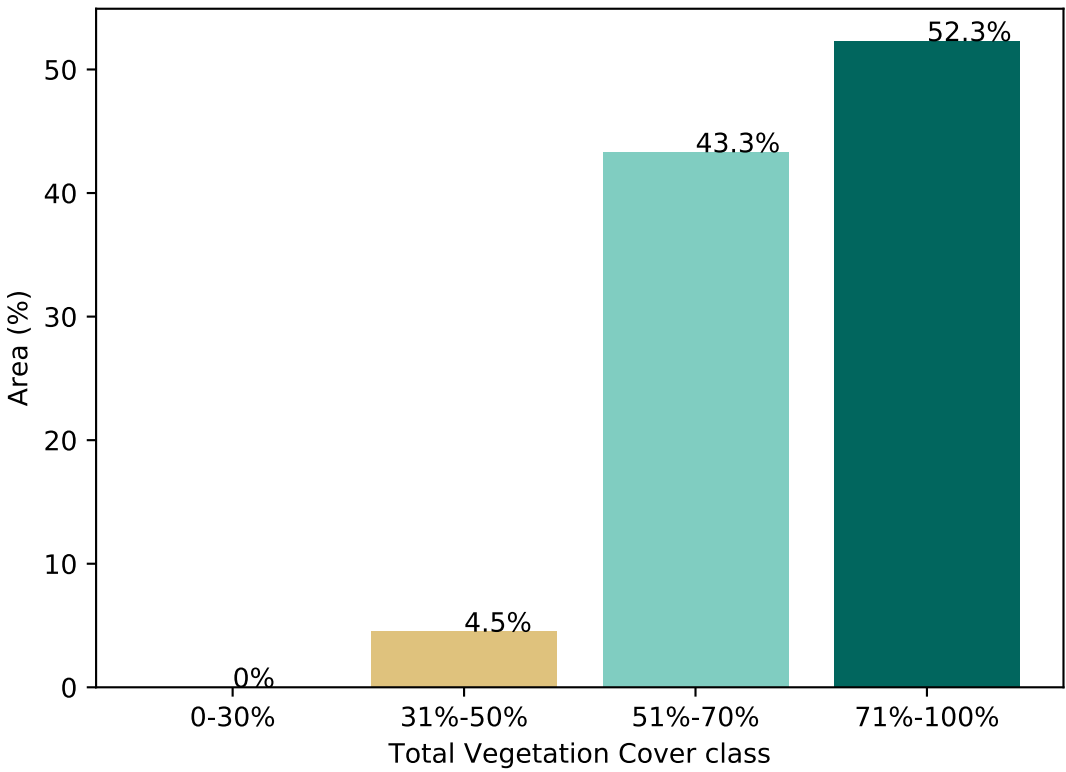records for that month of
the map using baseline
from 2001 to 2019.

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Conservation and natural environments timeseries

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

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

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

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

Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

52.3%

43.3%

4.5%

0%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
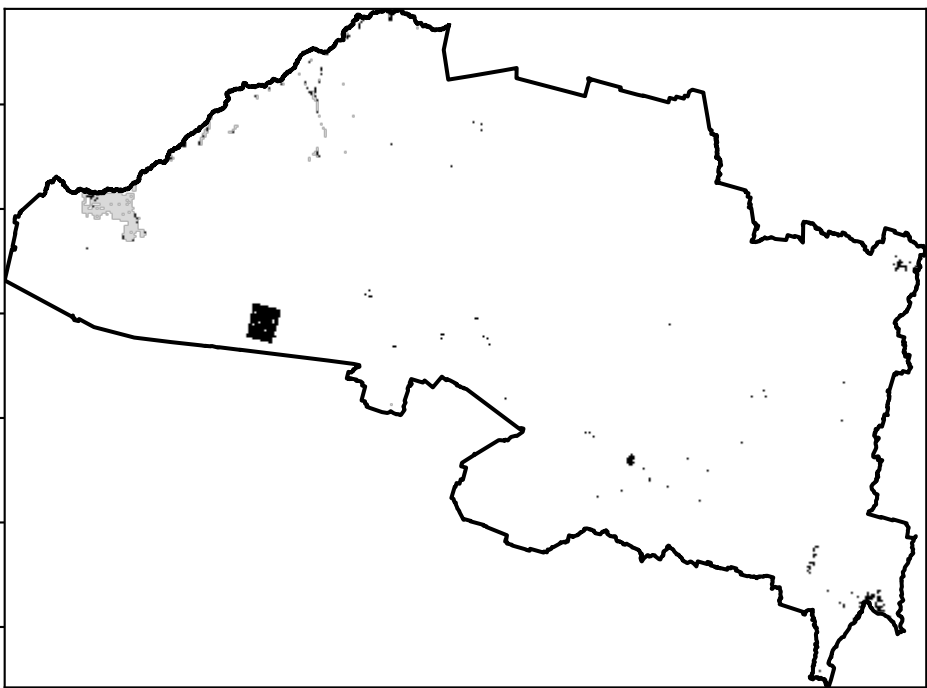
Area not protected 47.7% of region (39,757 ha)

Area protected 52.3% of region (43,592 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
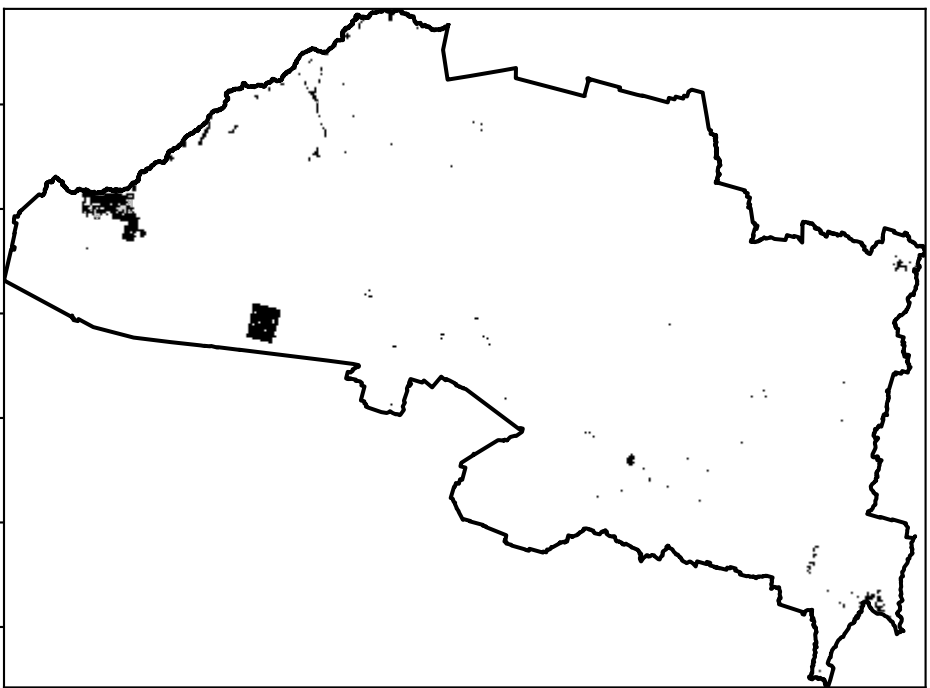
Area not protected 4.0% of region (3,334 ha)

Area protected 96.0% of region (80,016 ha)

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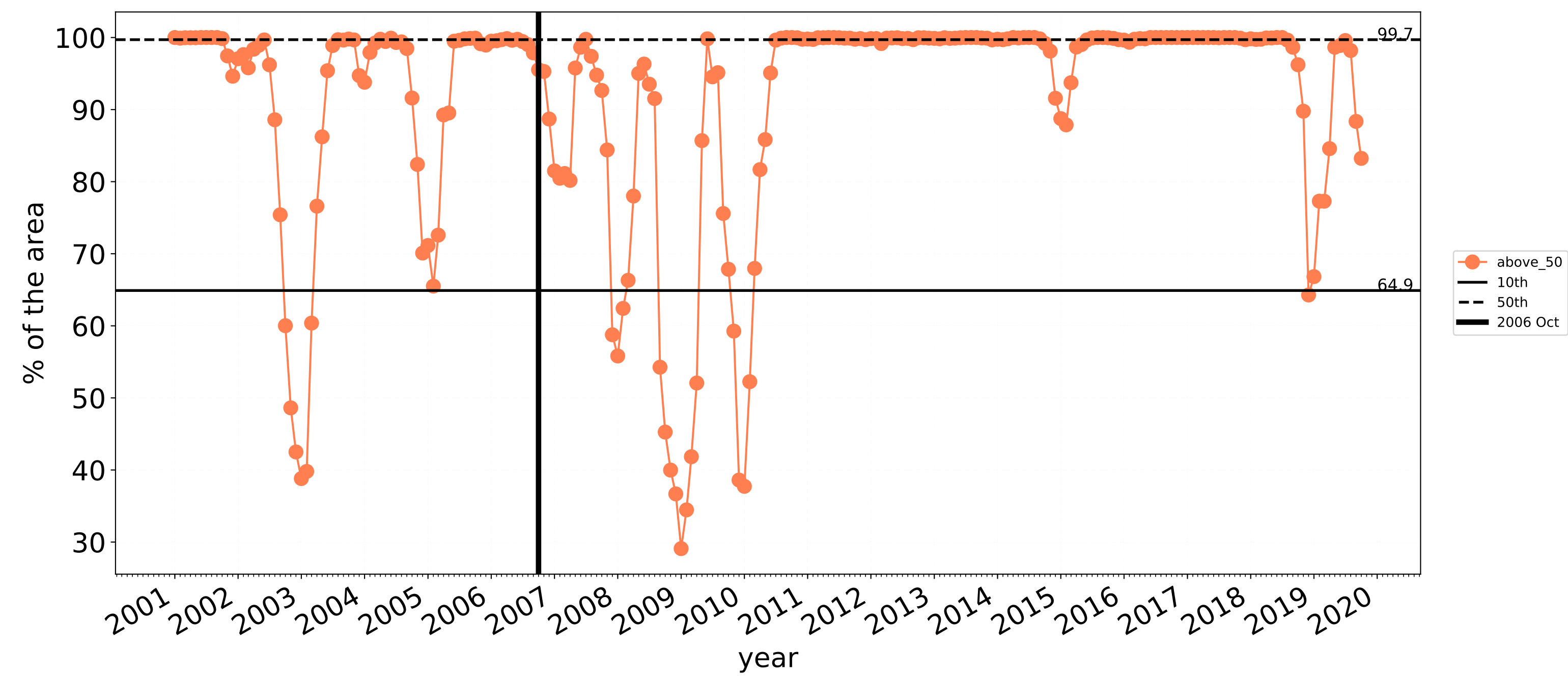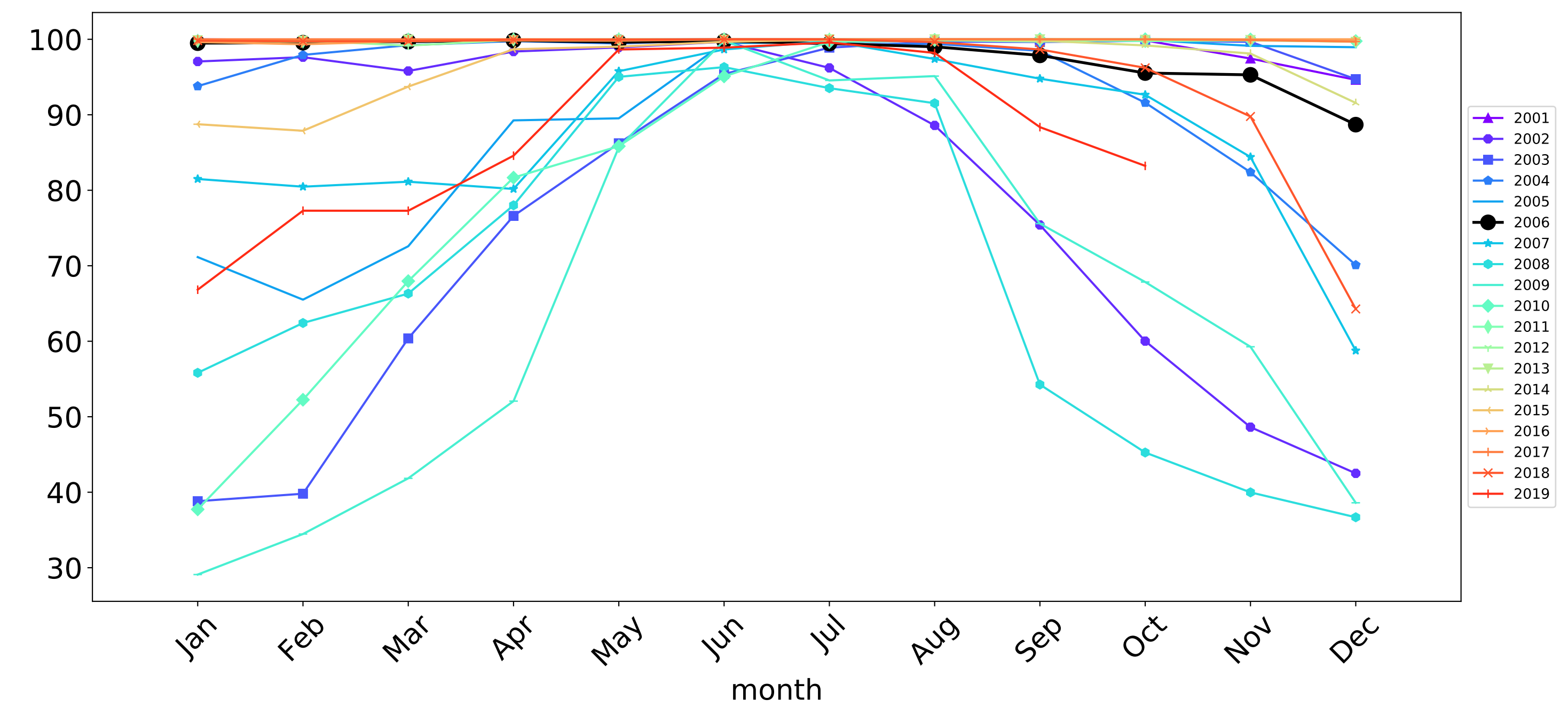
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Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

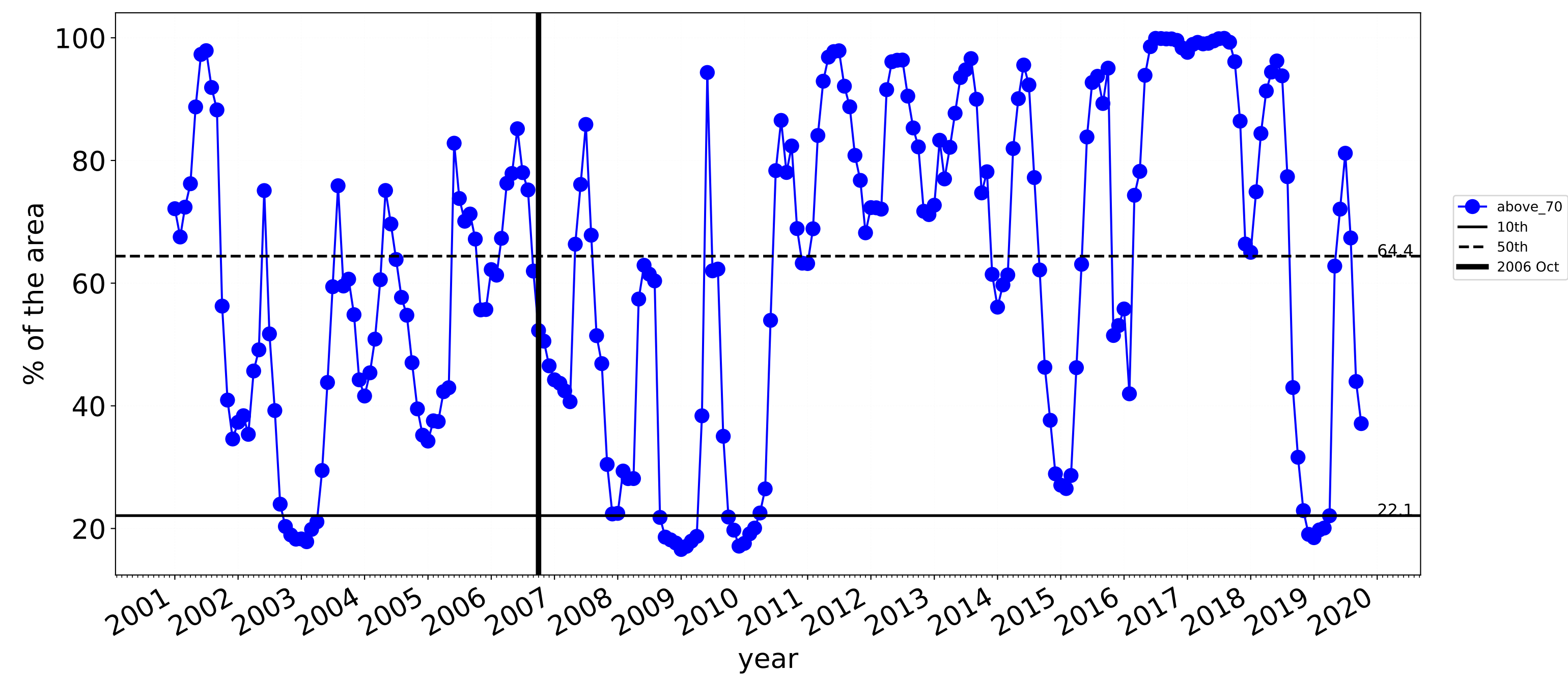

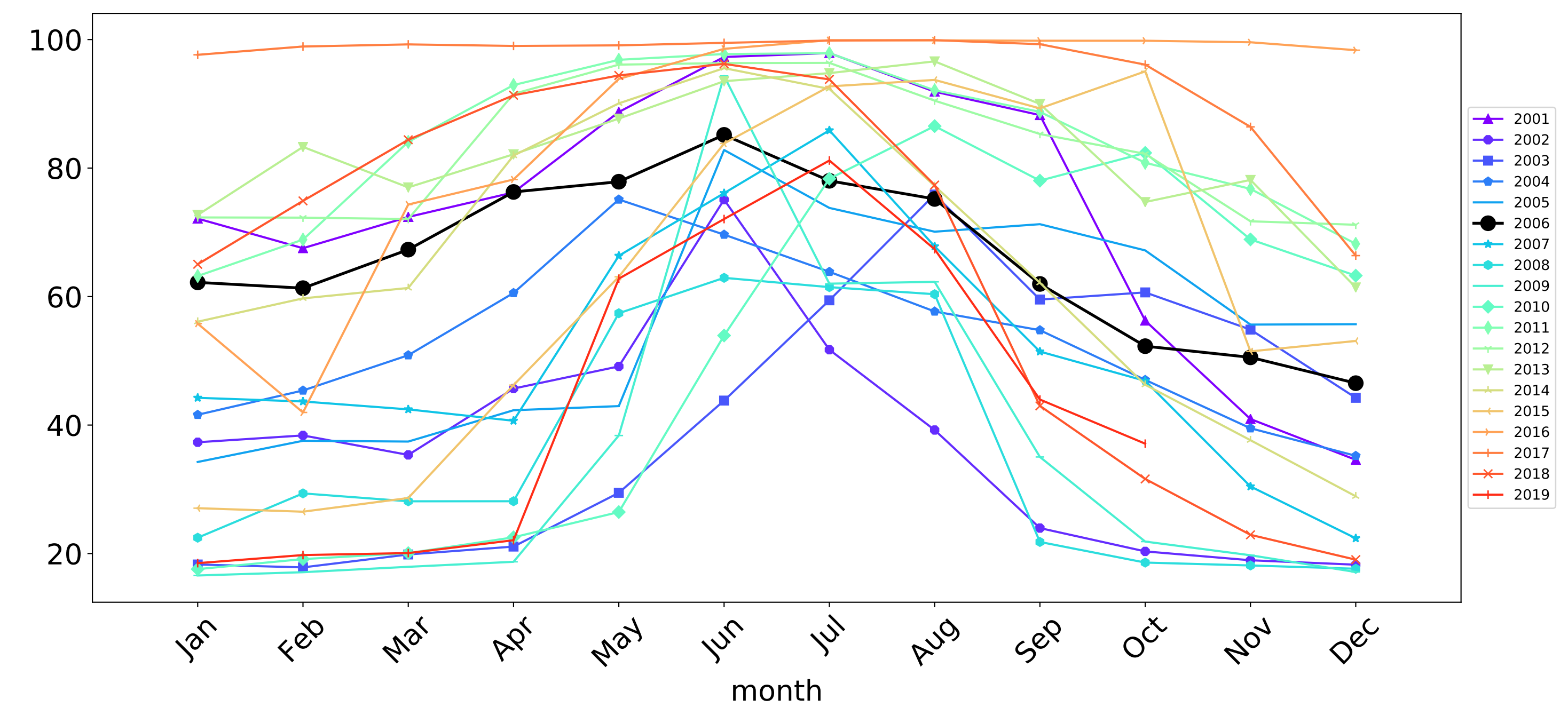Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

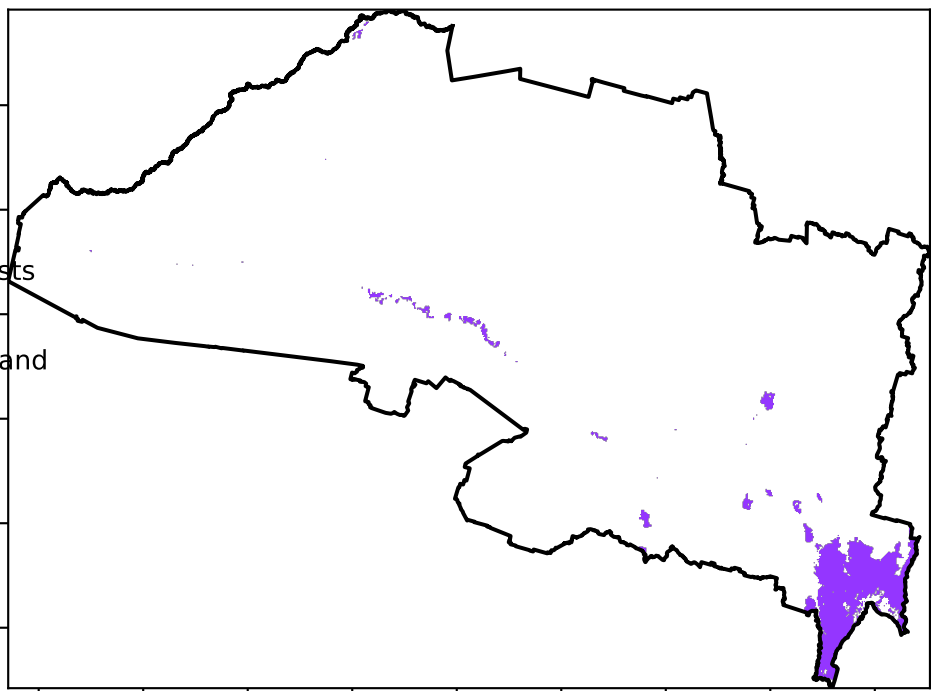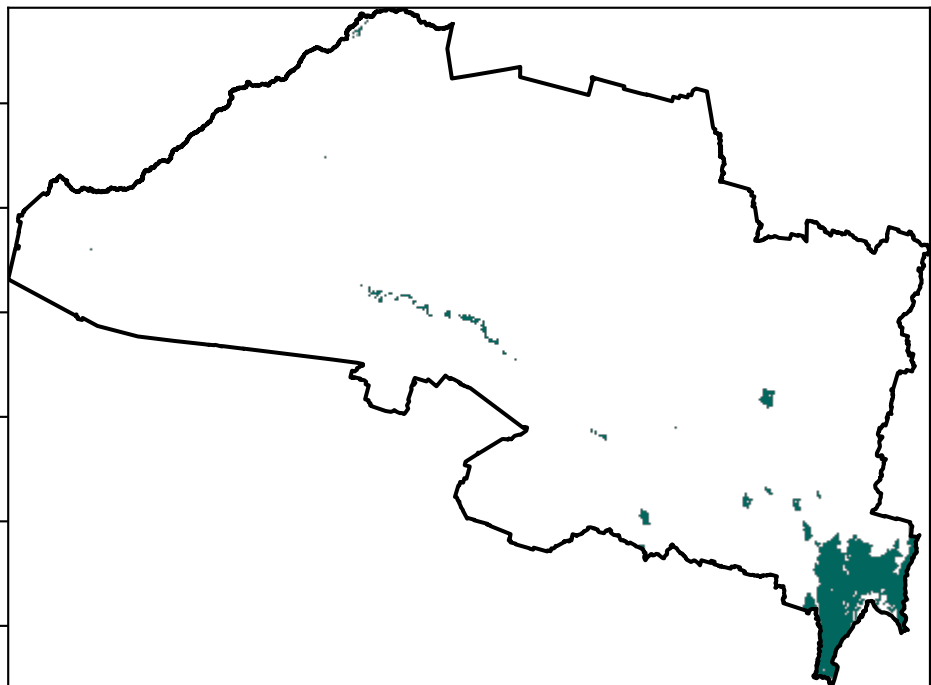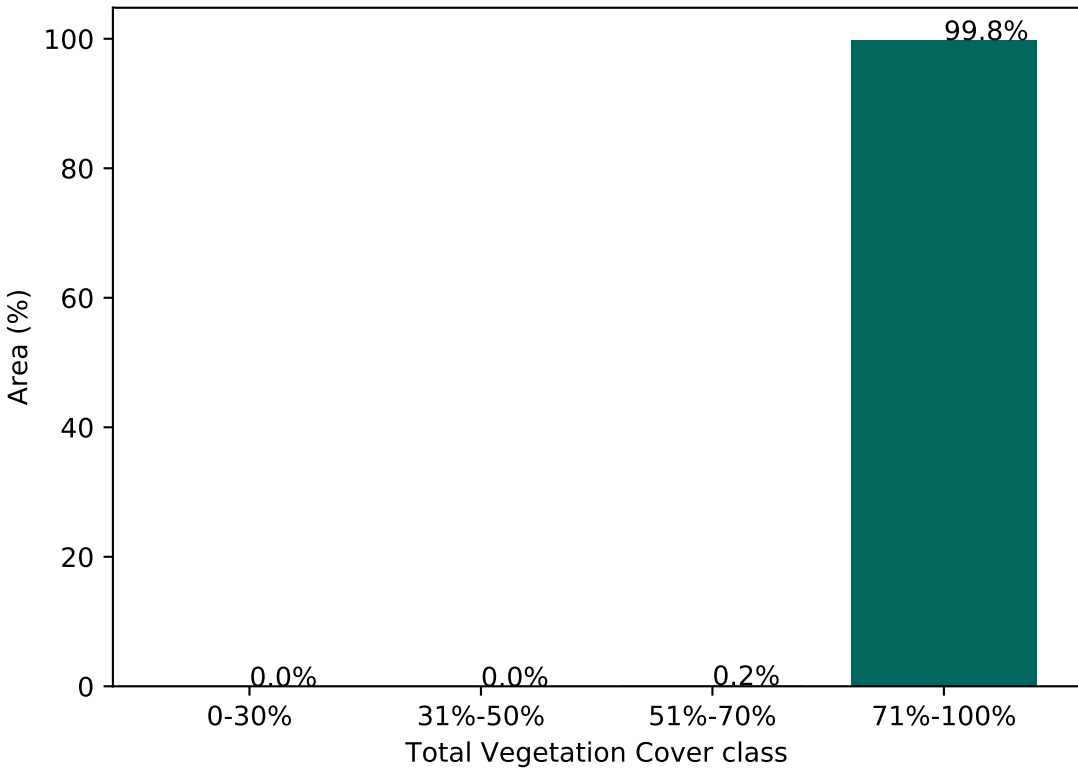Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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

Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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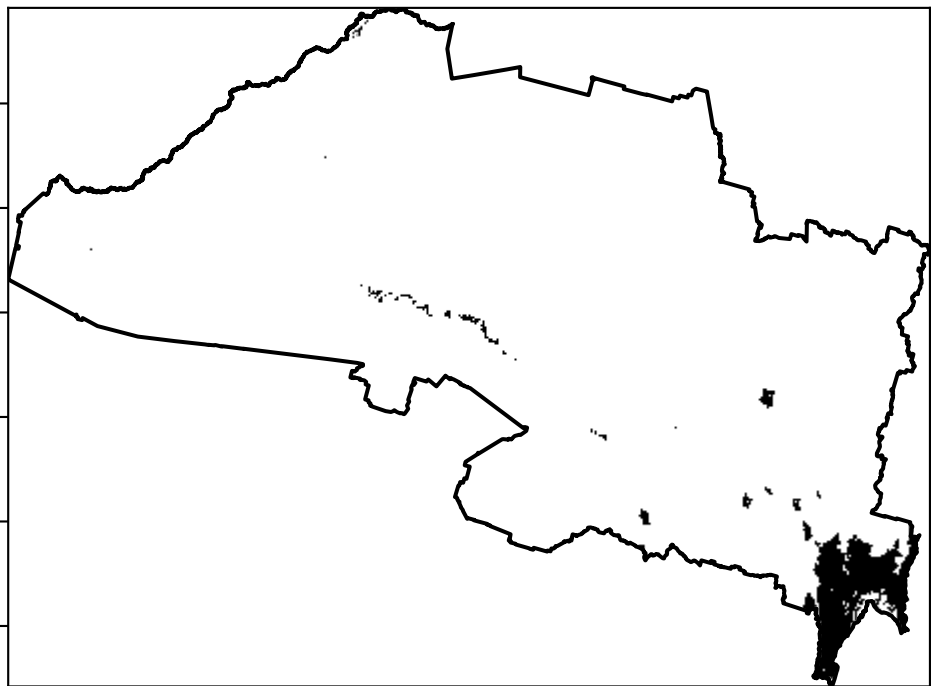1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 0.2% of region (390 ha)

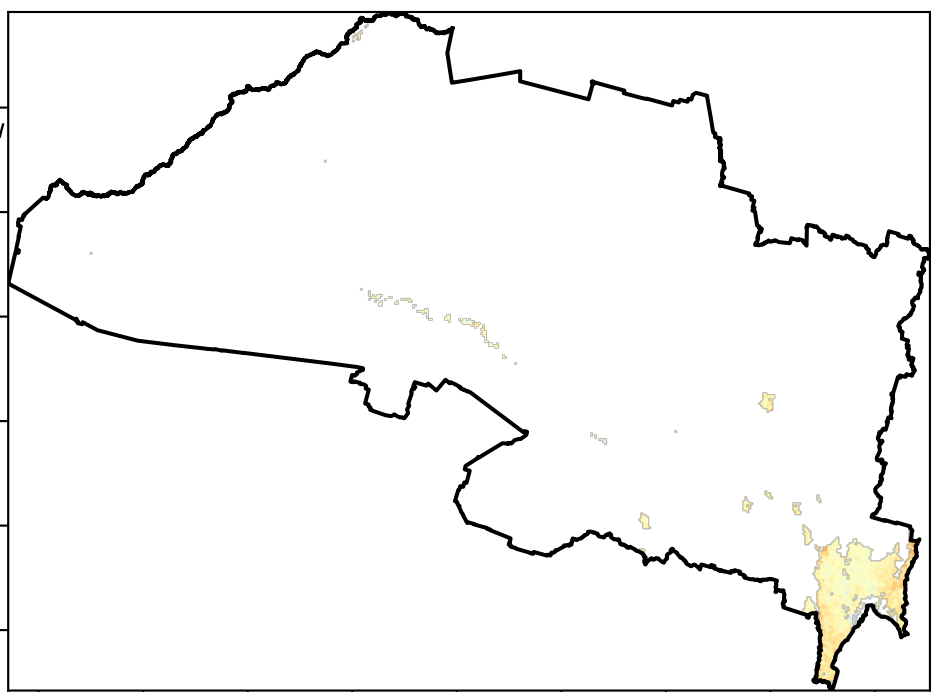Area protected 99.8% of region (194,809 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
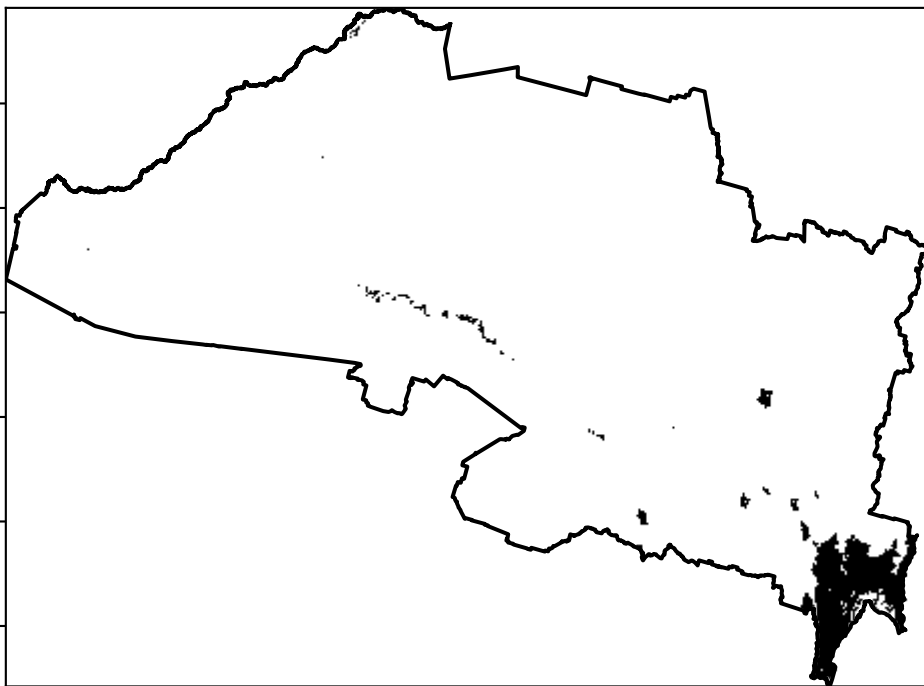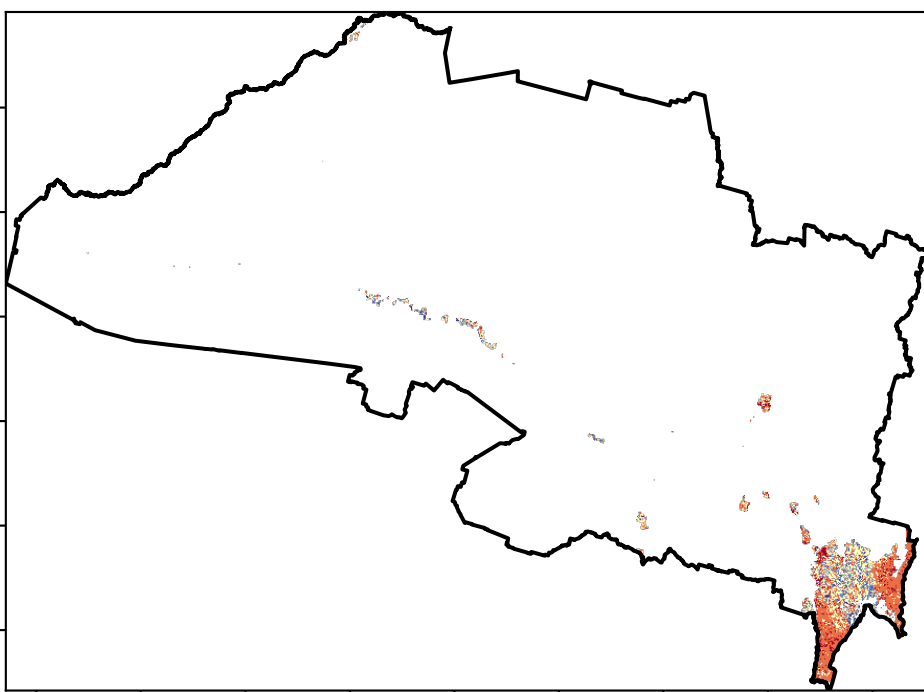

Area protected 100.0% of region (195,200 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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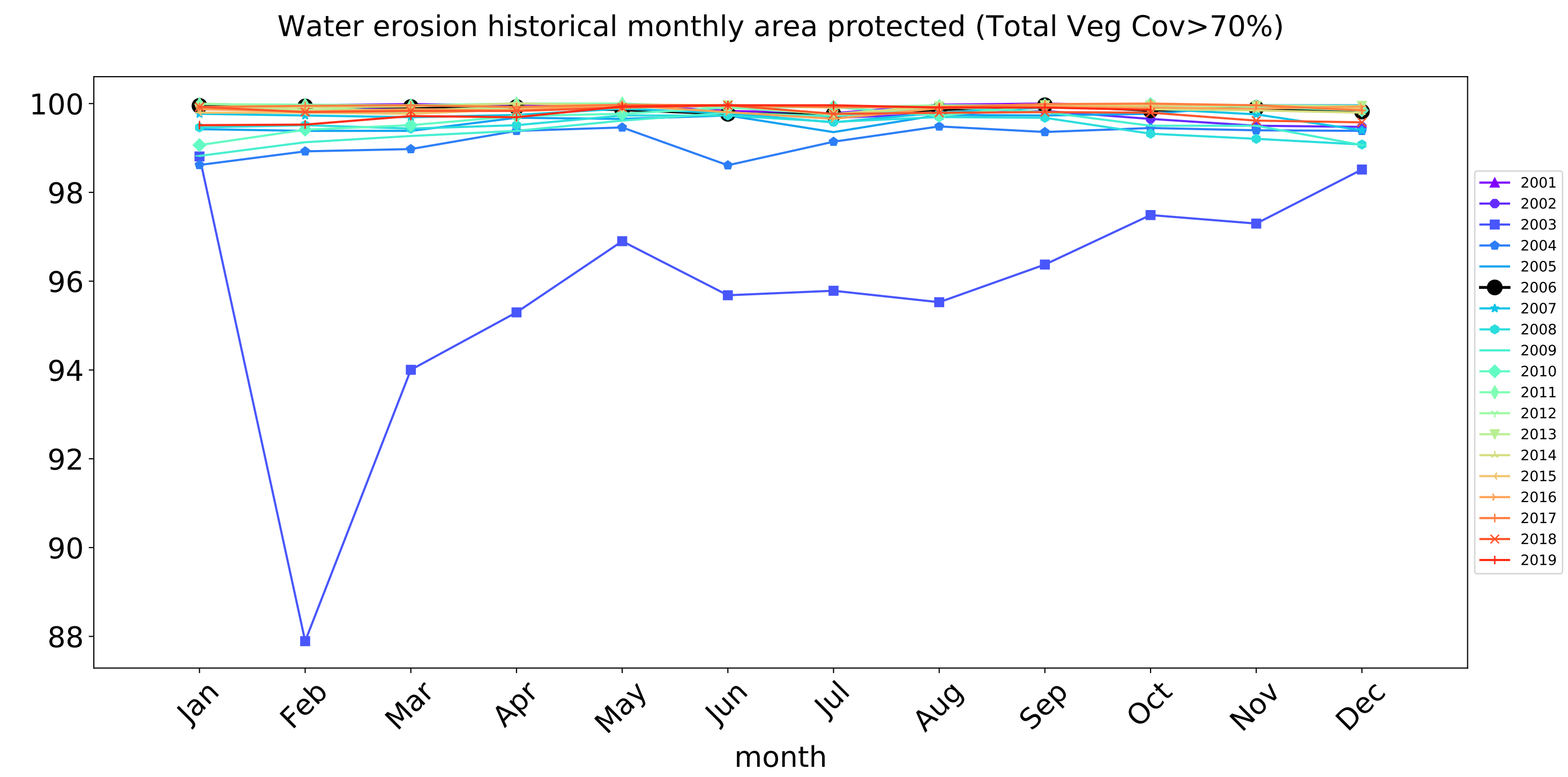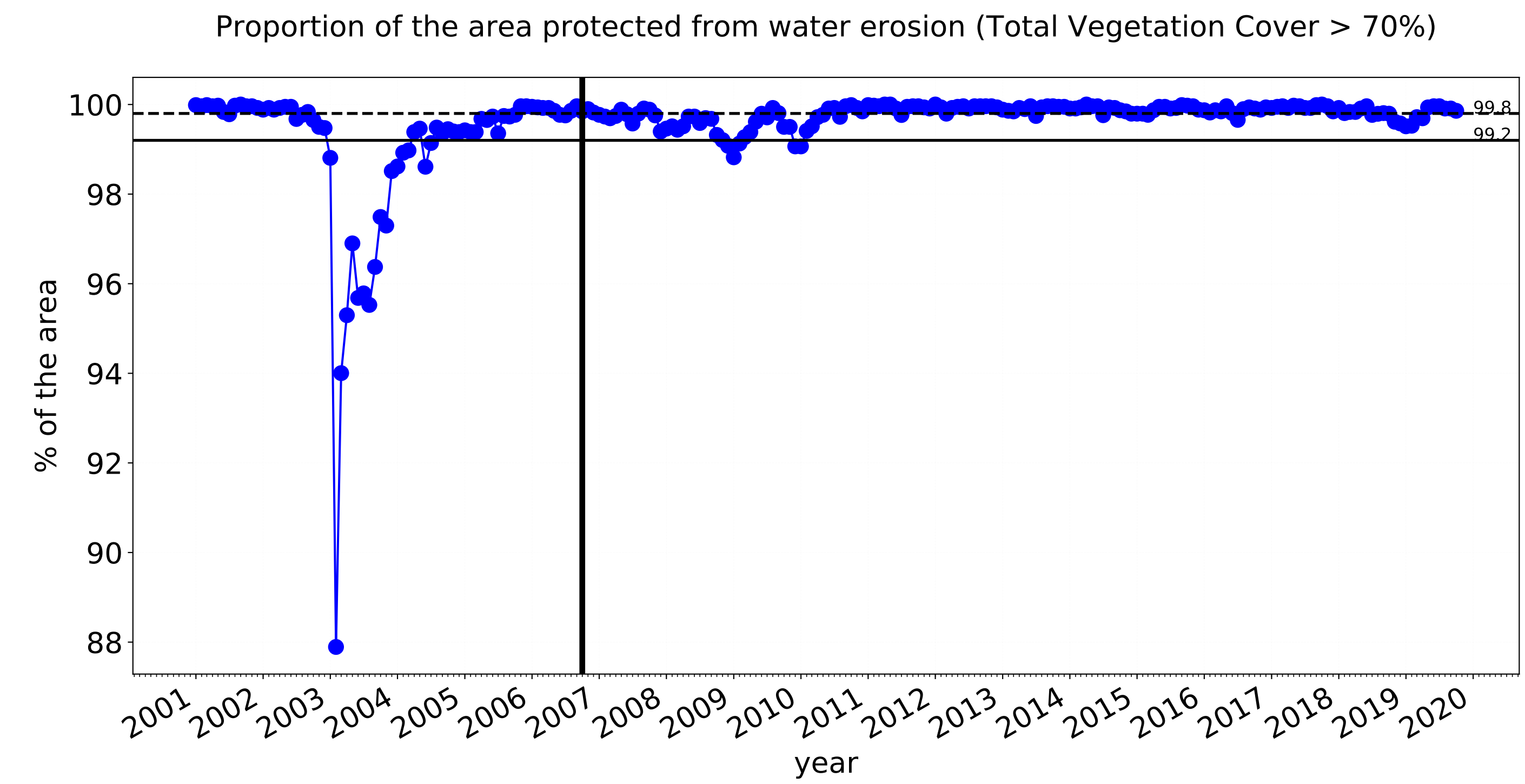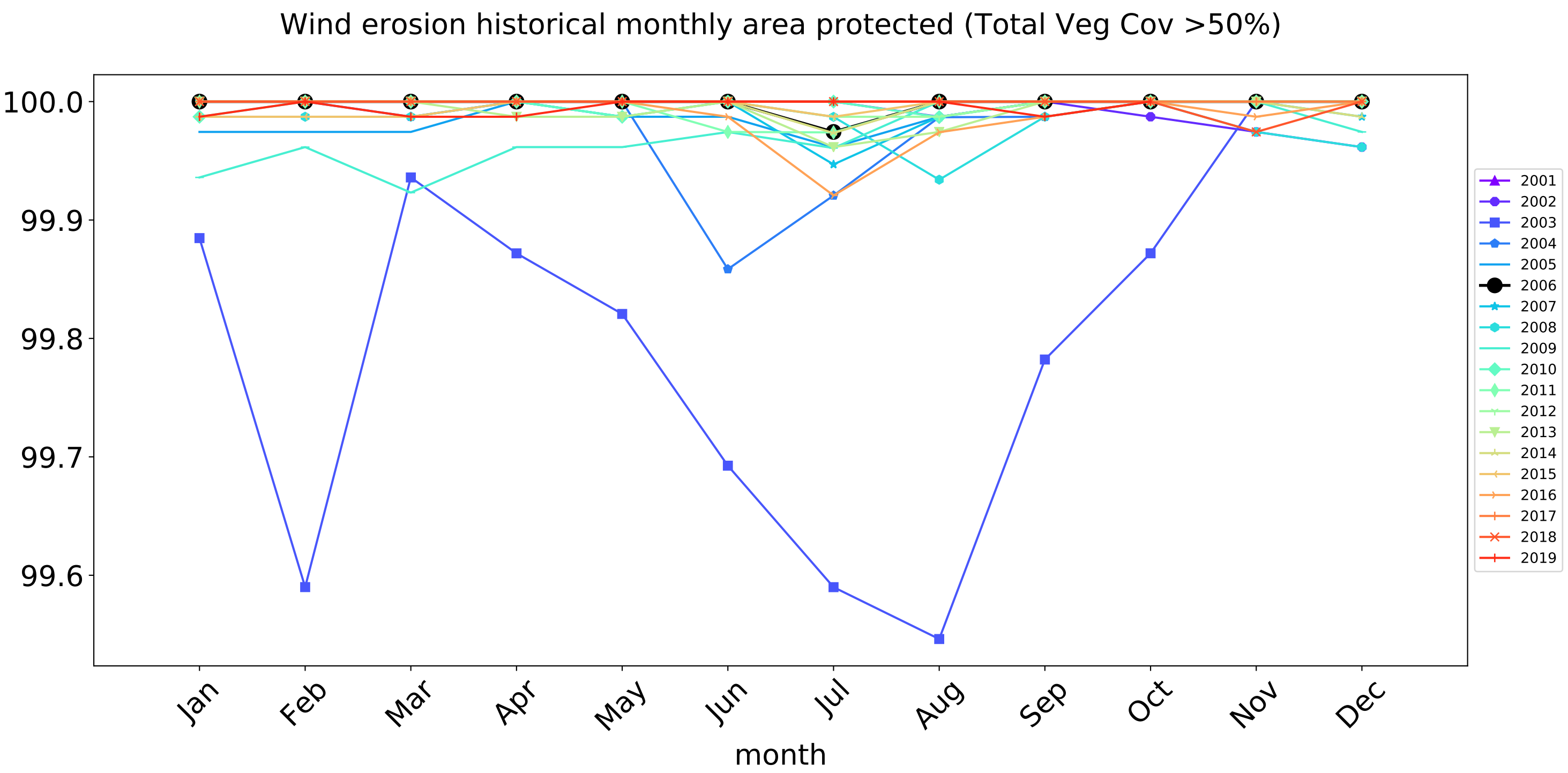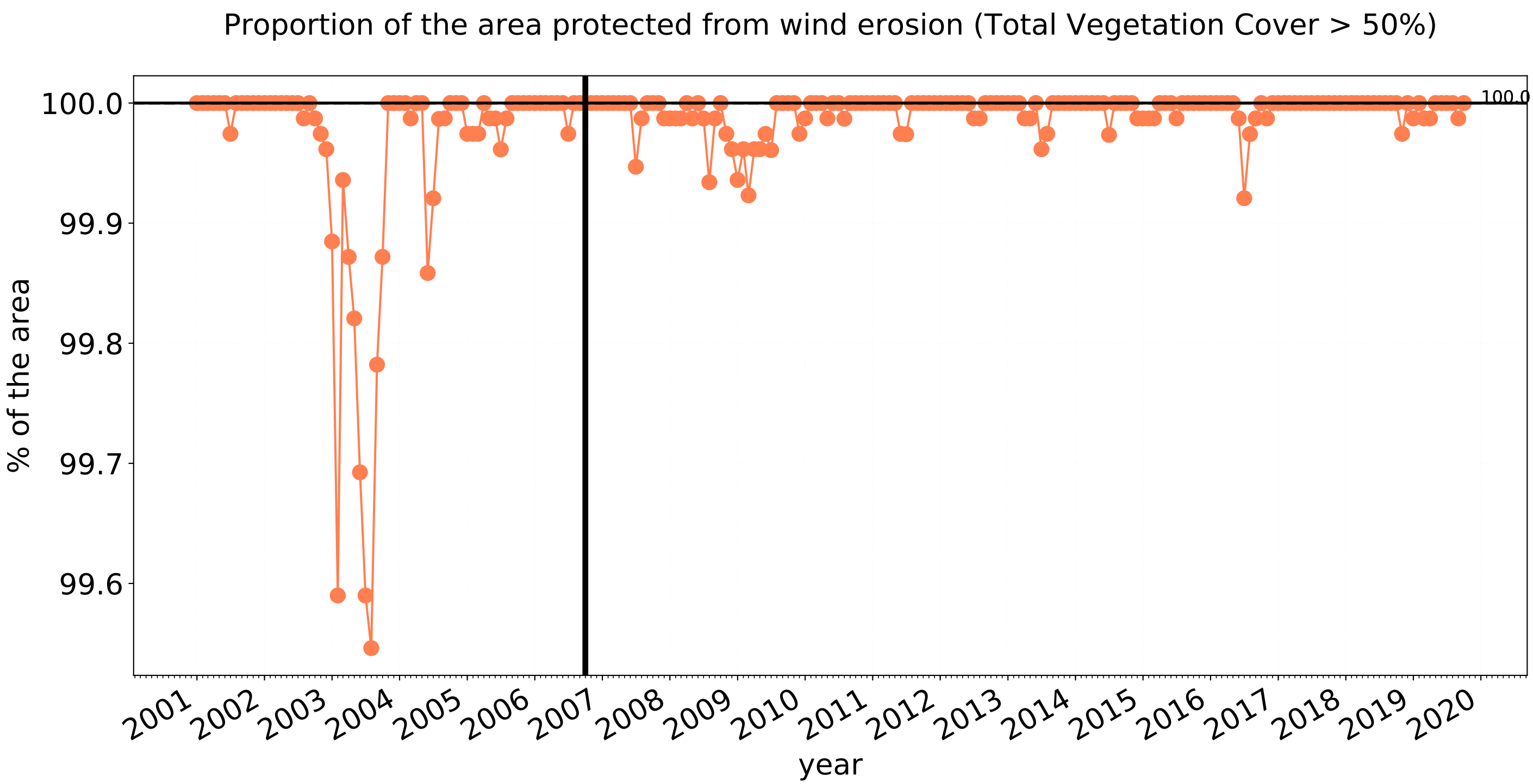
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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

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

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

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

Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

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Legend:
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Proportion of each land class in area
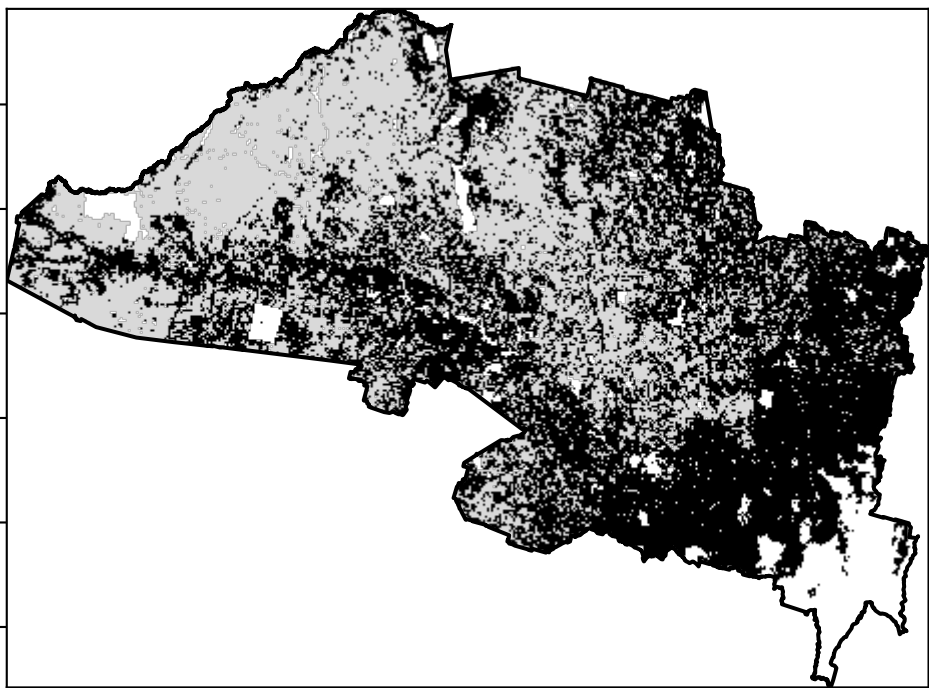

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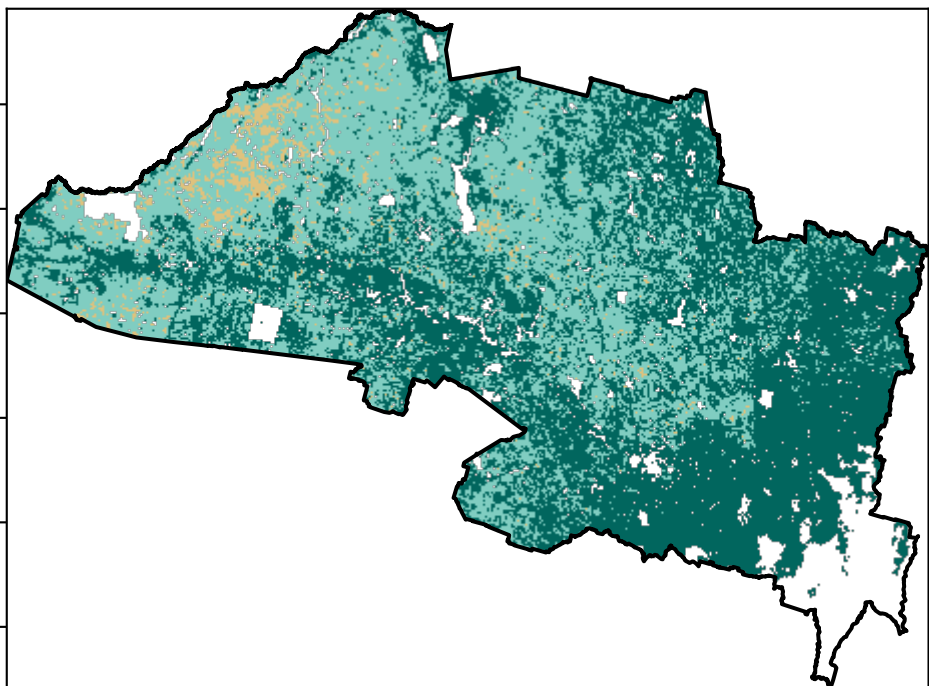
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area
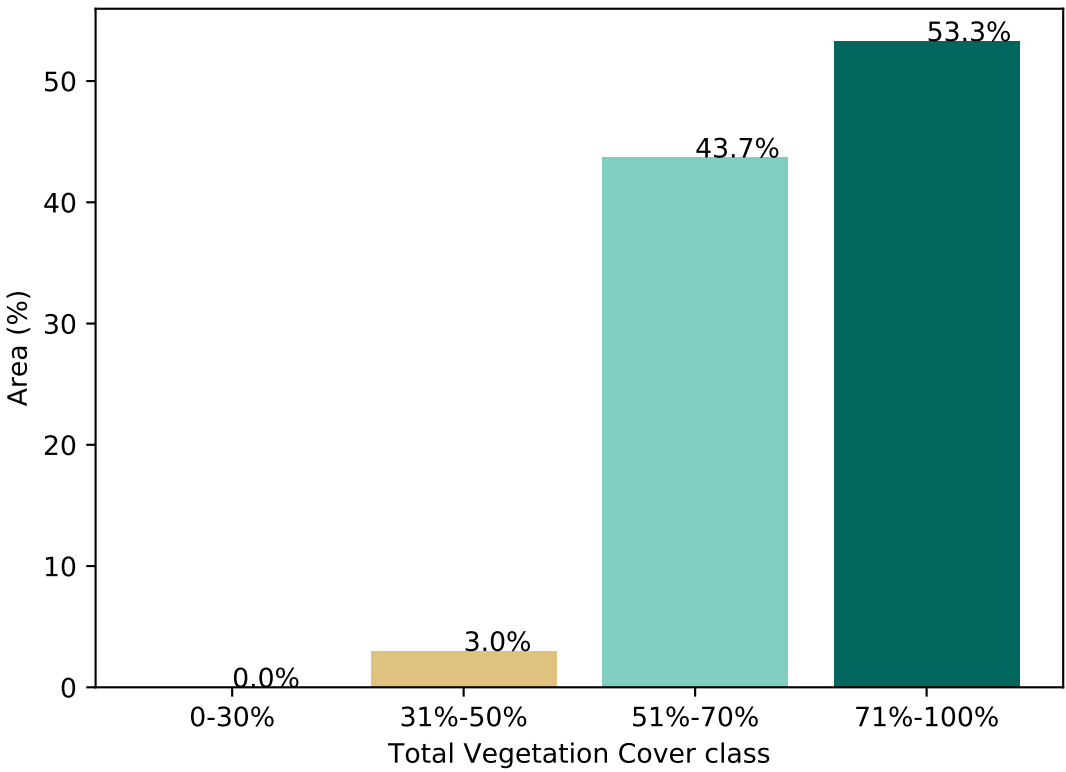
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 46.7% of region (2,833,650 ha)
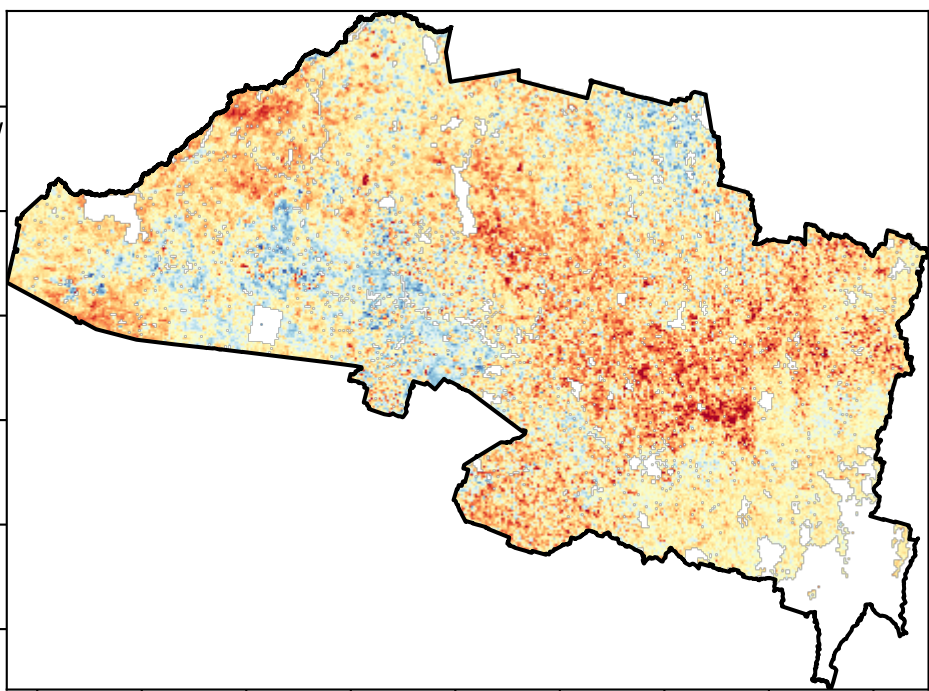
Area protected 53.3% of region (3,234,124 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 3.0% of region (182,033 ha)

Area protected 97.0% of region (5,885,741 ha)
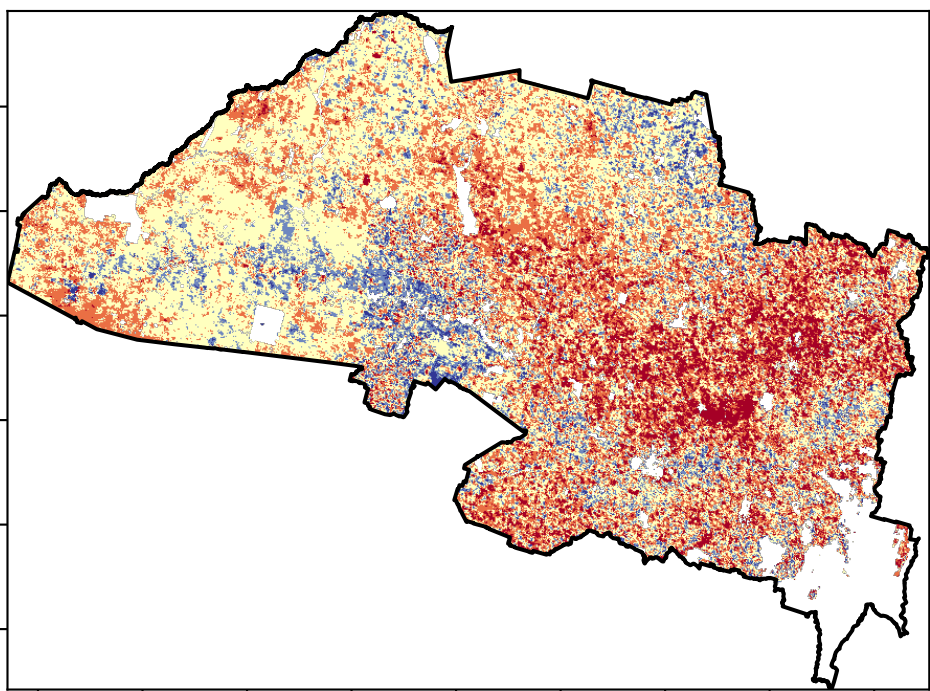
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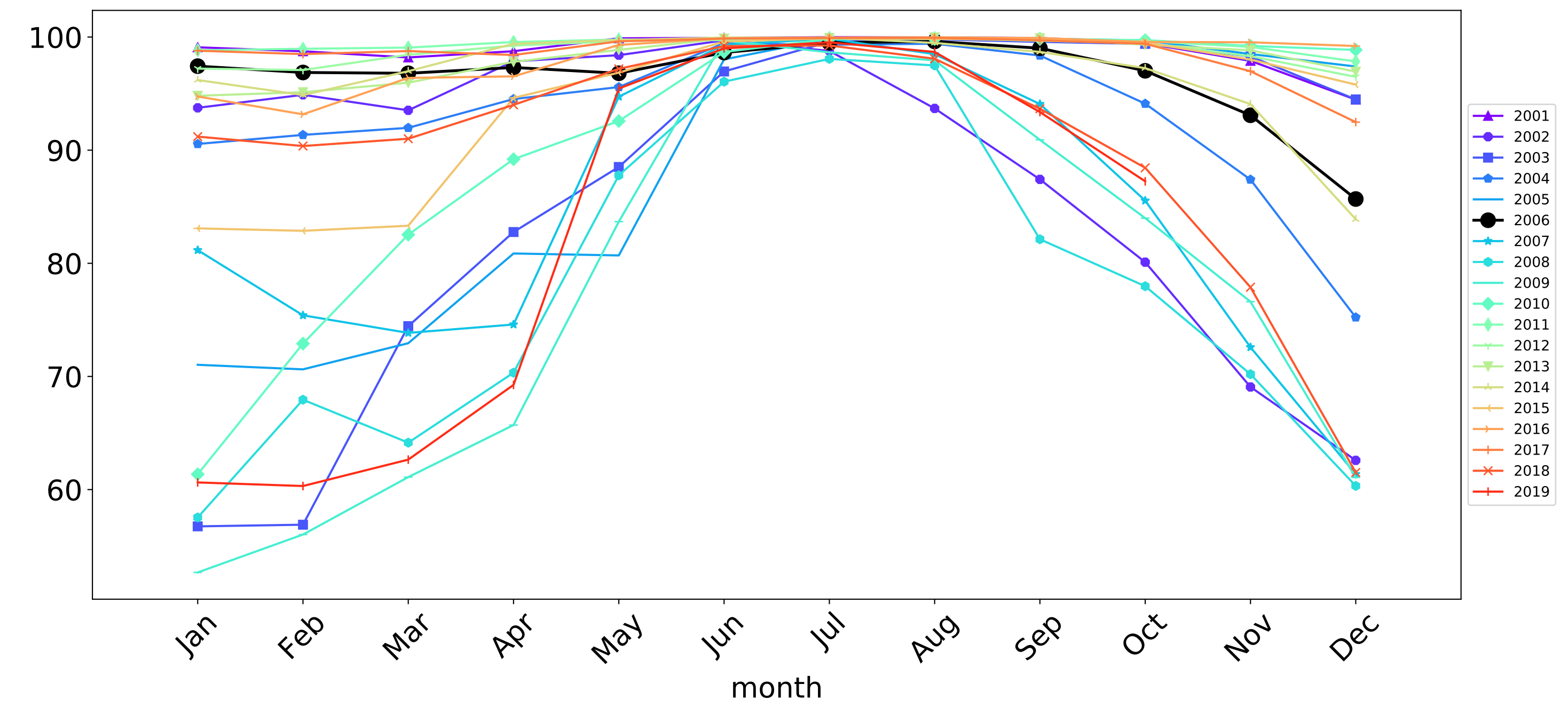

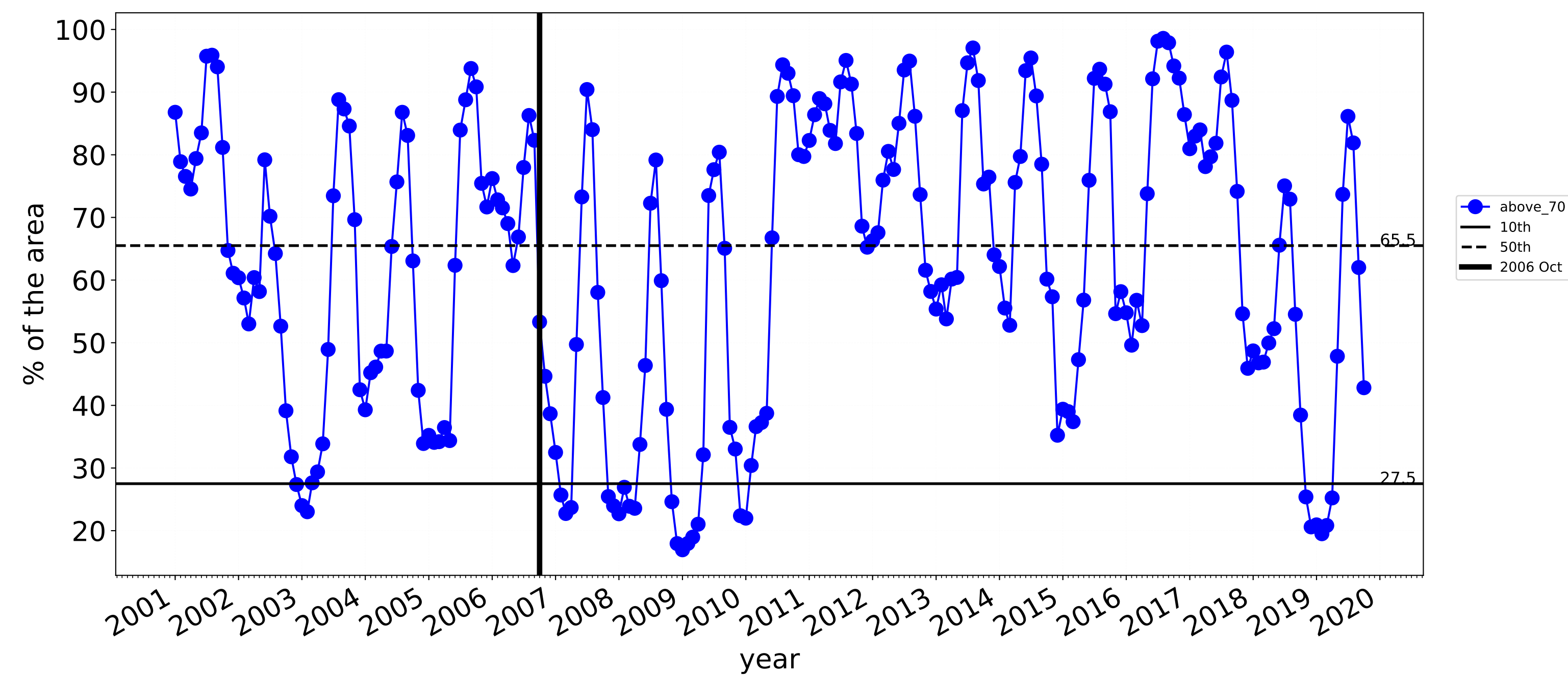Legend:
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Agriculture timeseries

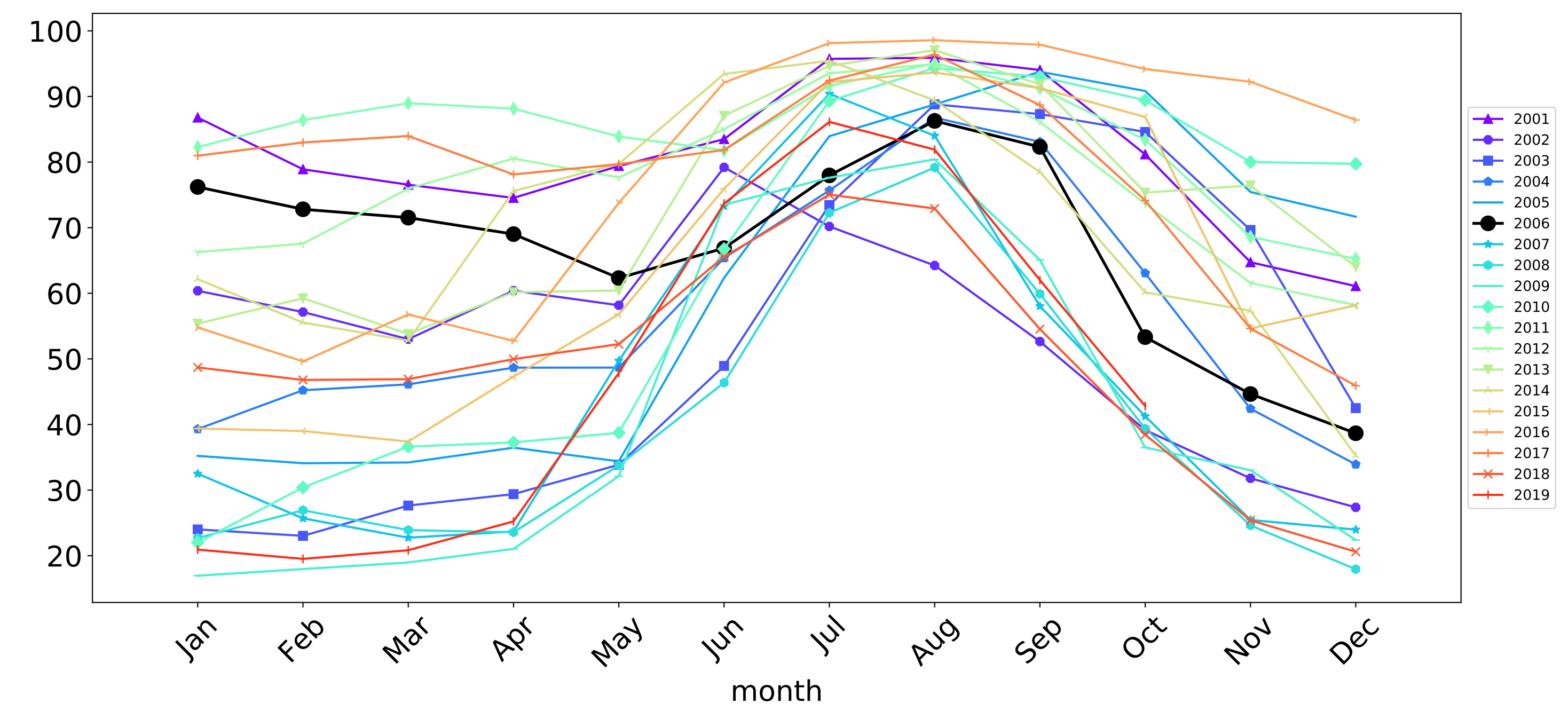Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
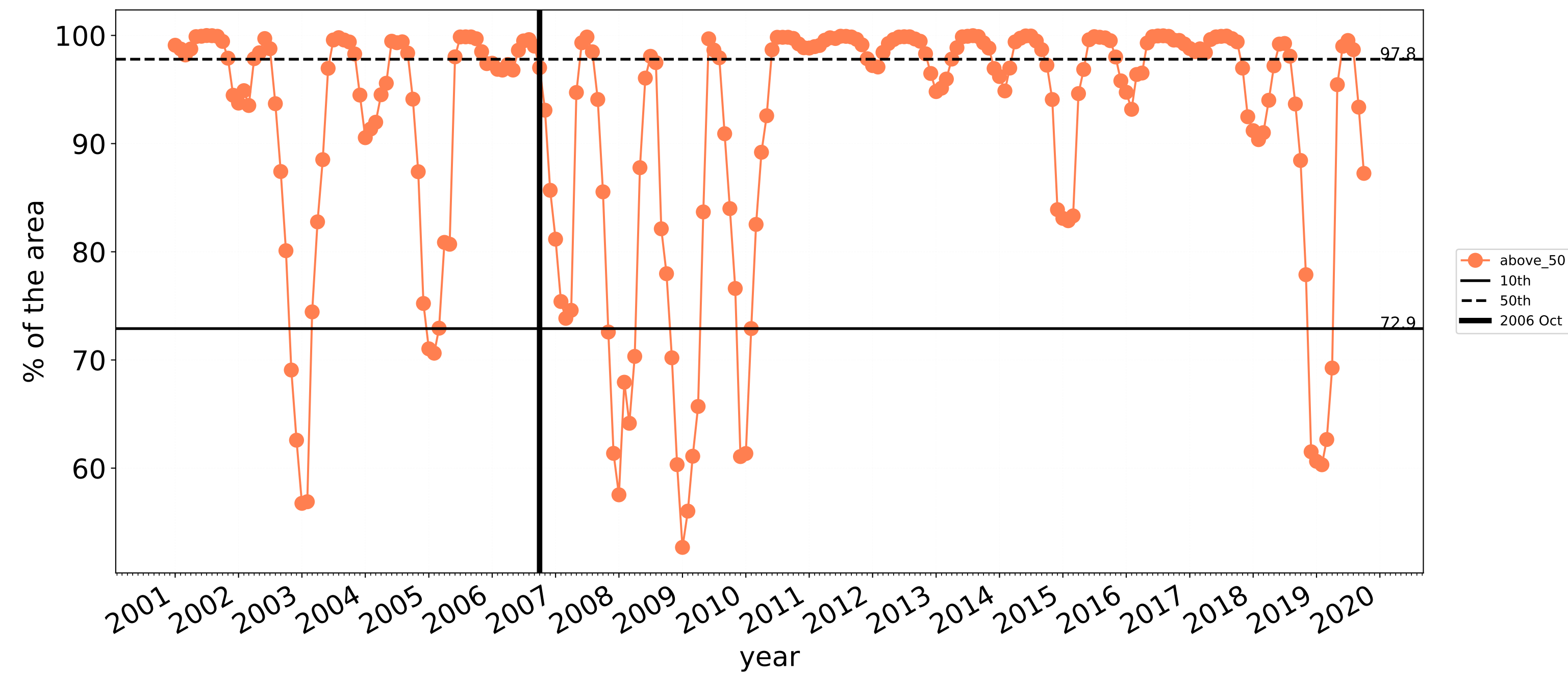
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

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

Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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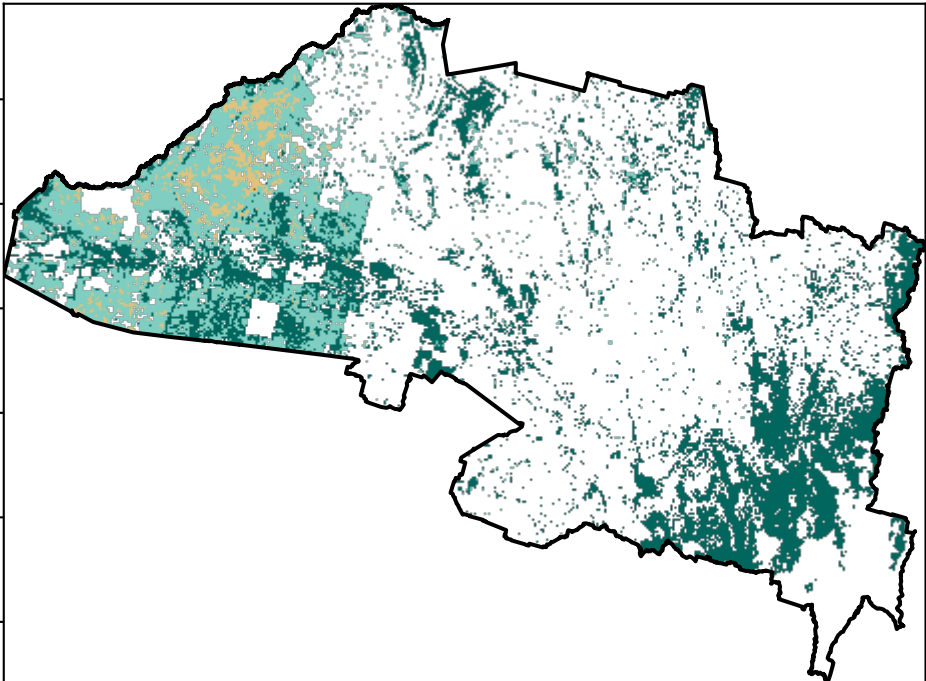
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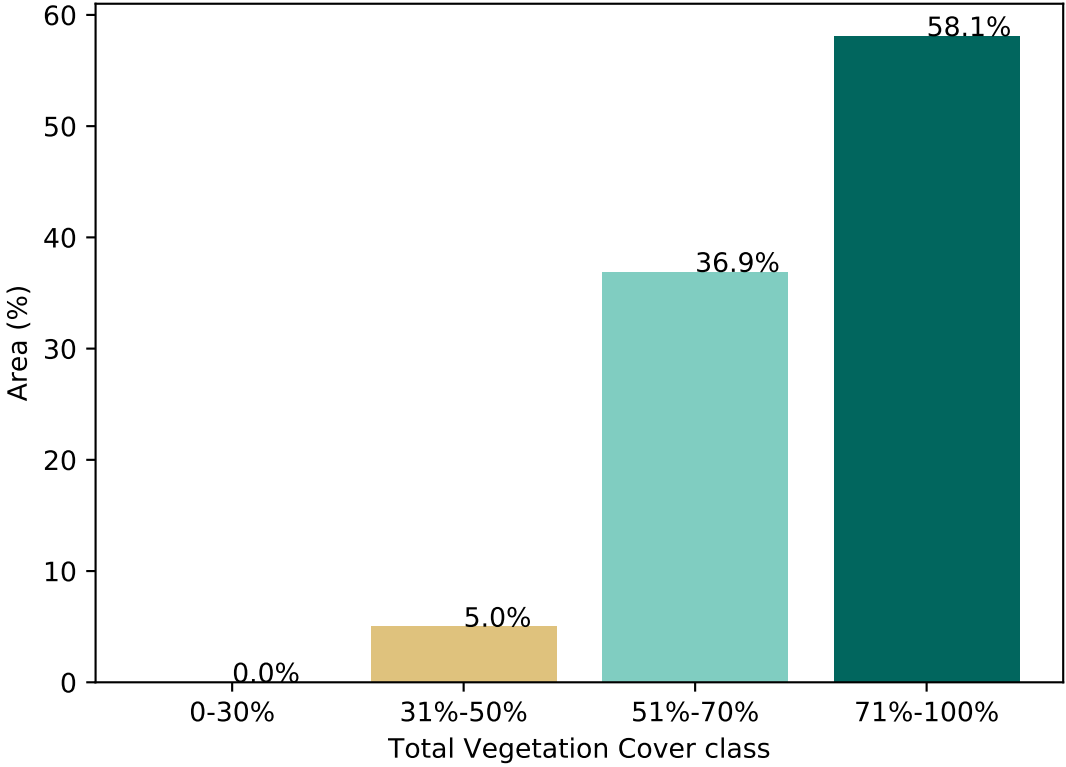3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
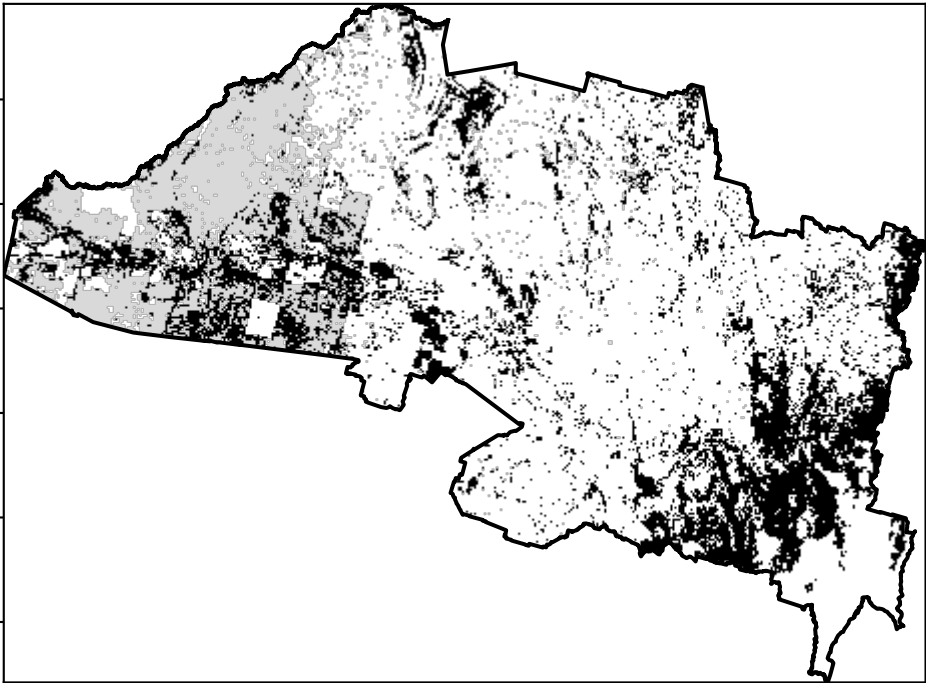
Proportion of each land class in area

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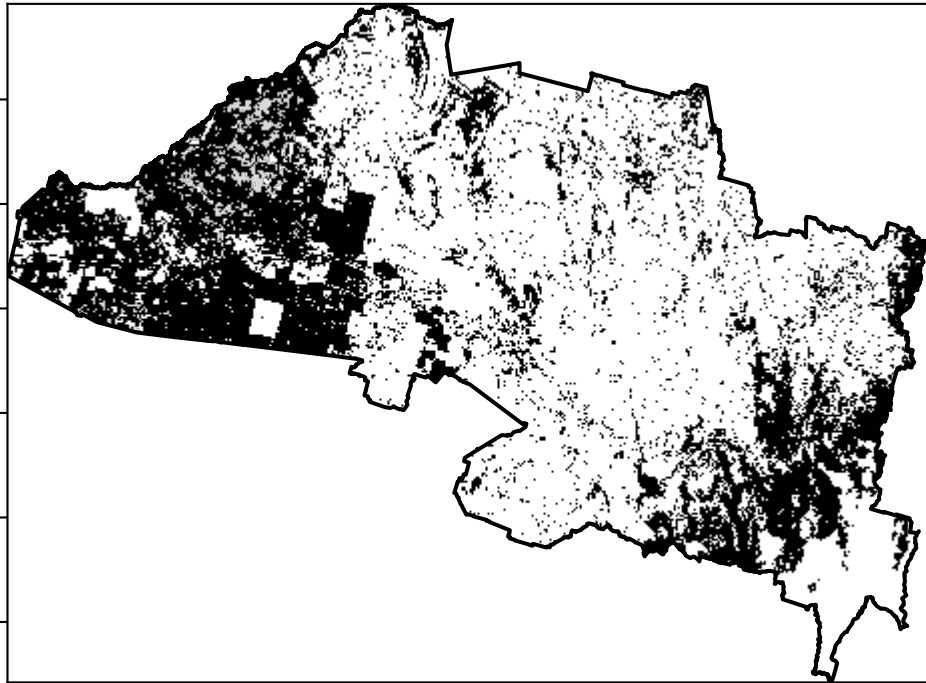
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 41.9% of region (968,518 ha)
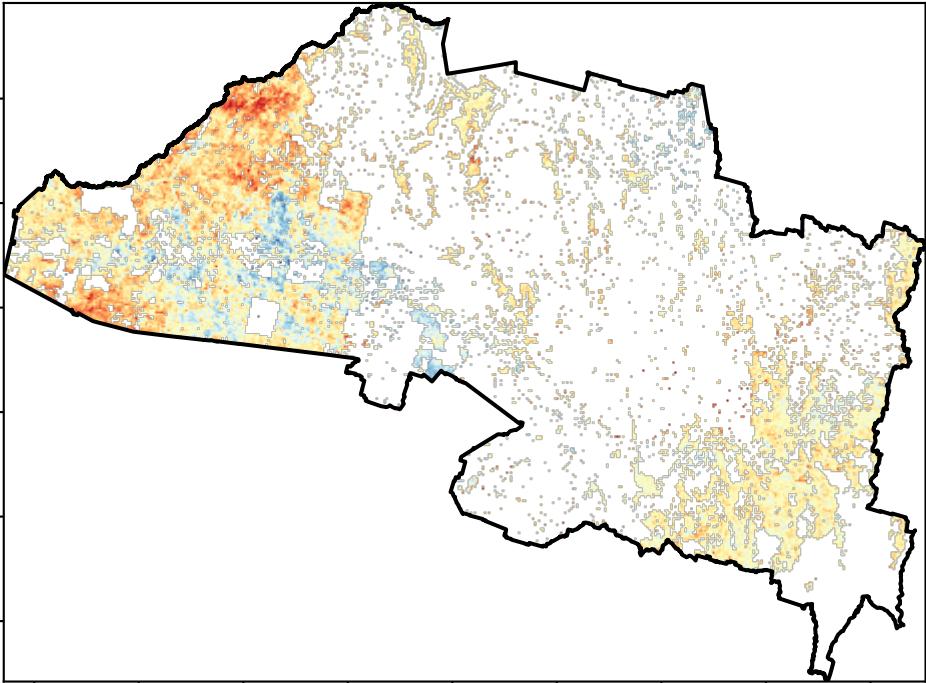
Area protected 58.1% of region (1,342,981 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 5.0% of region (115,575 ha)
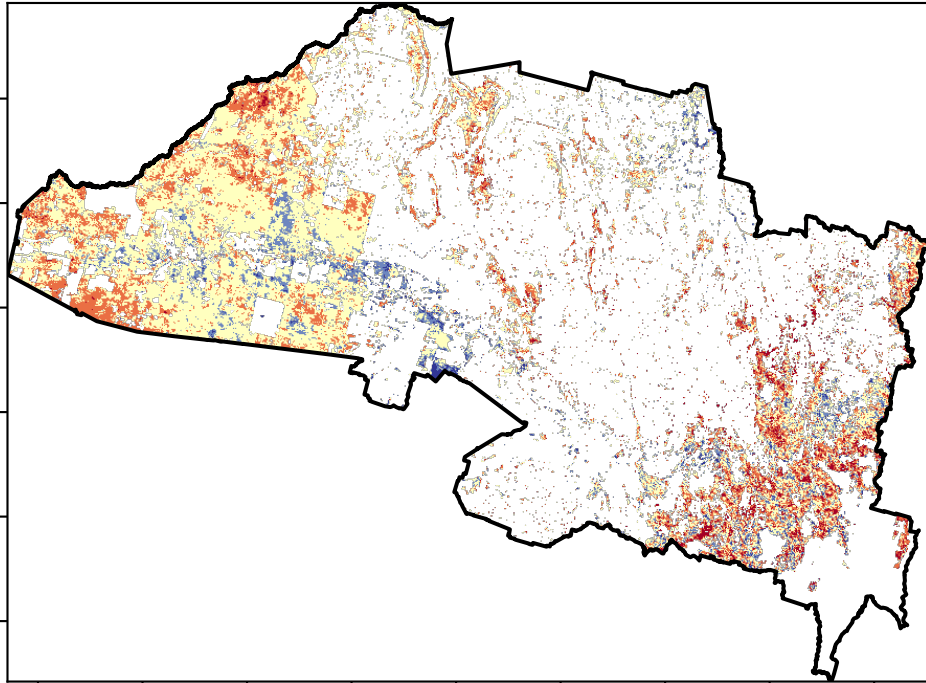
Area protected 95.0% of region (2,195,925 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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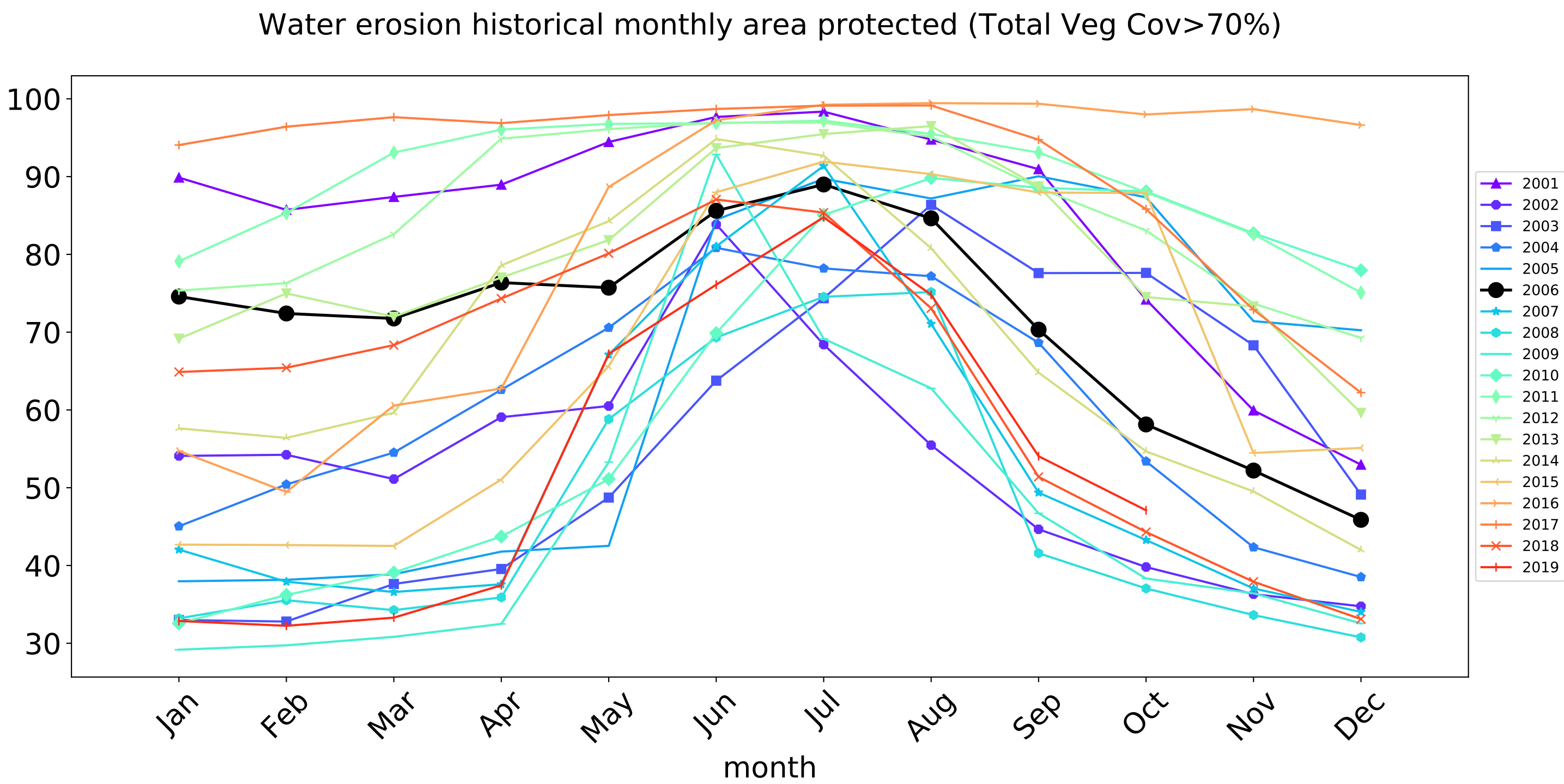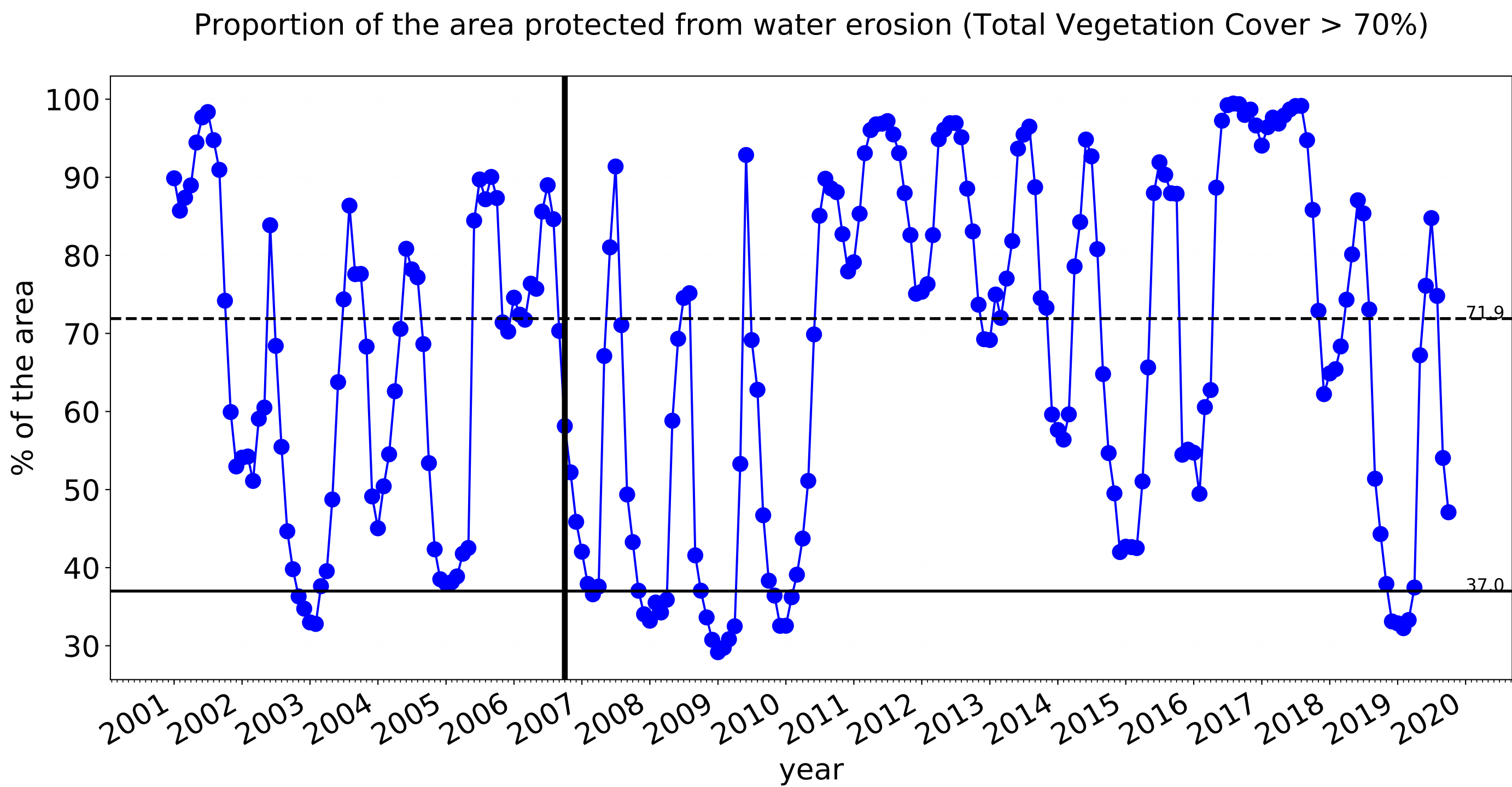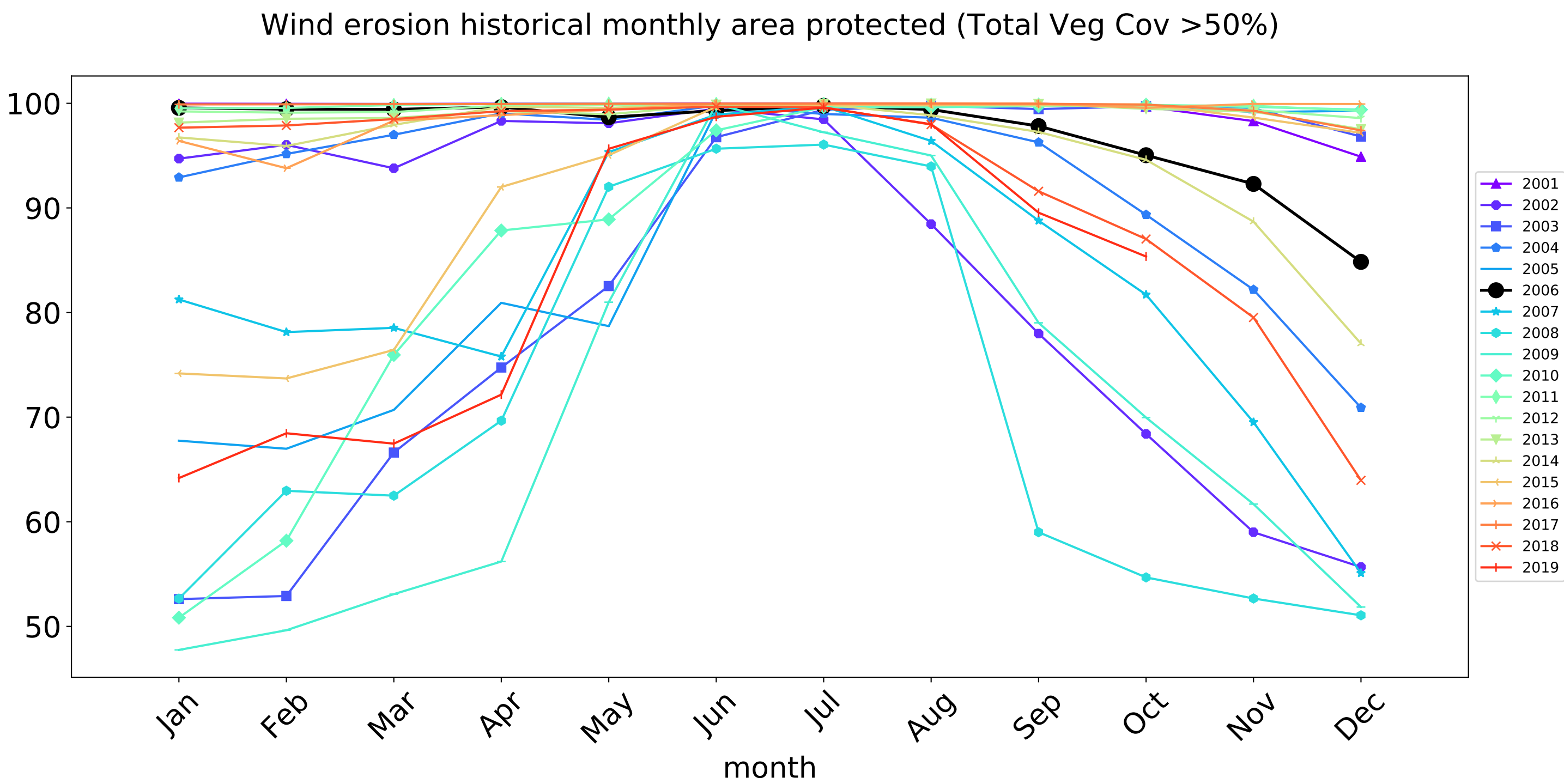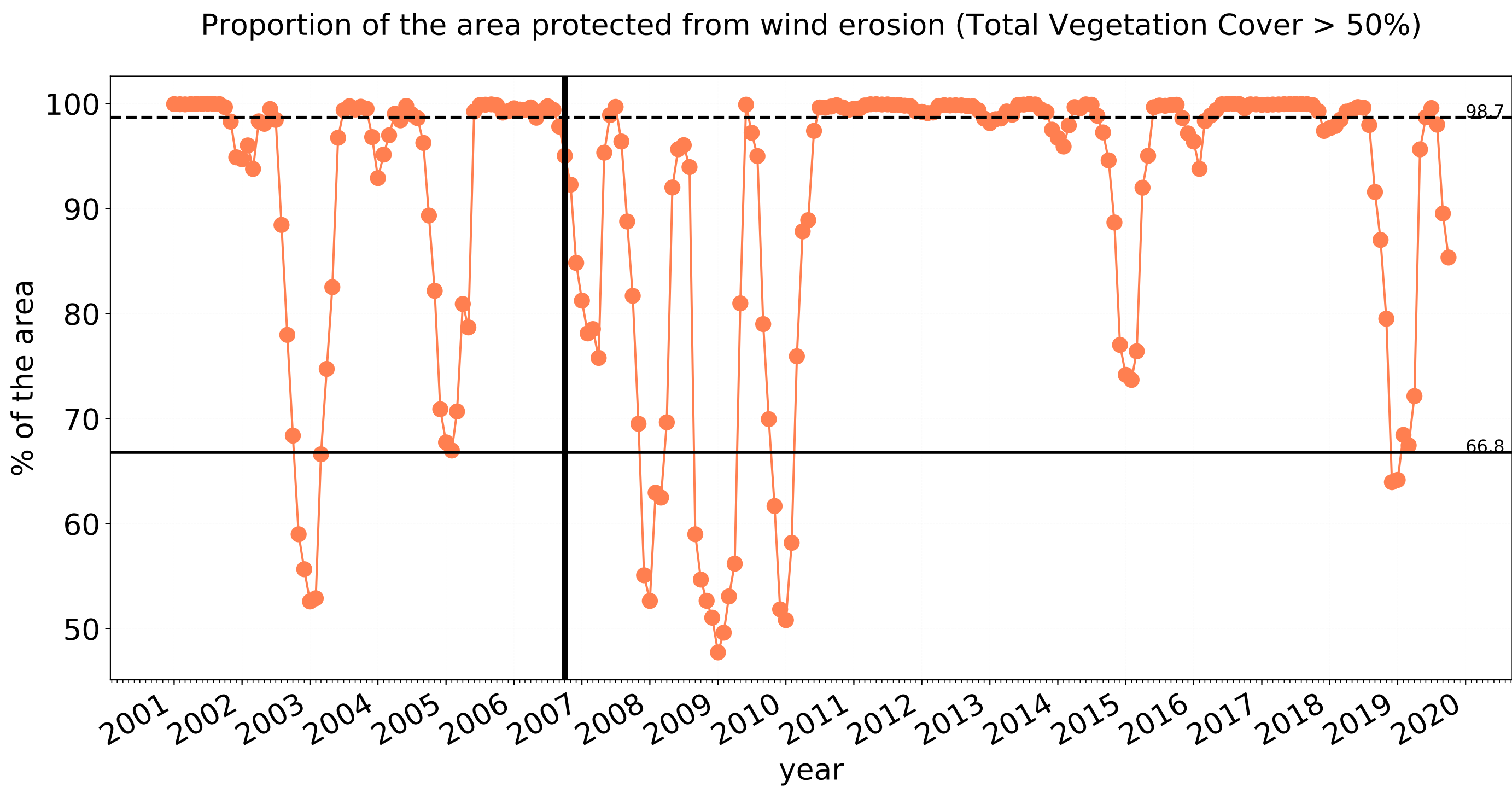
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Grazing timeseries

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

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

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

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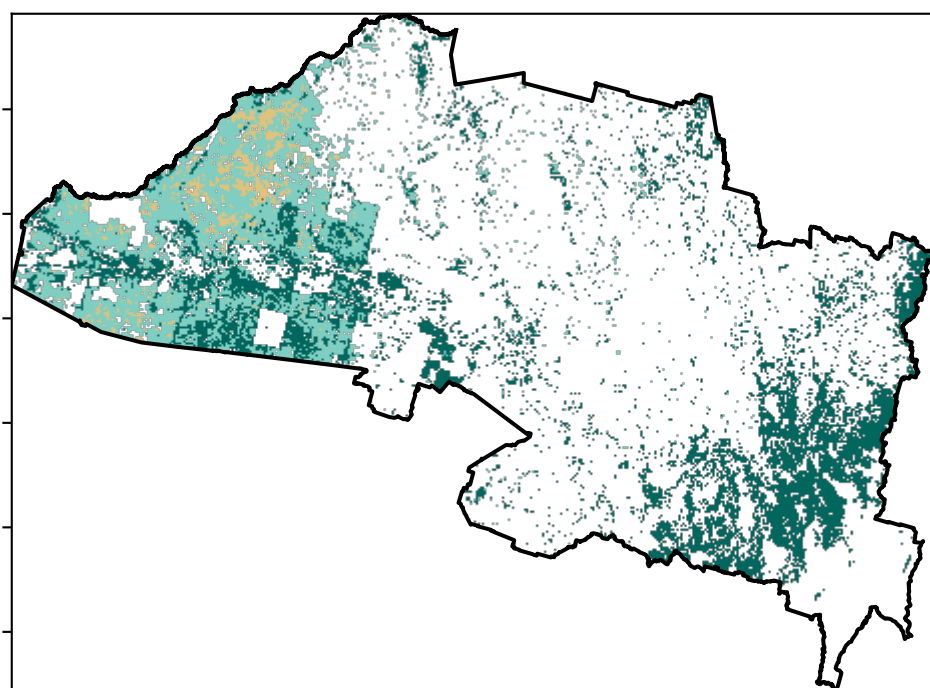
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

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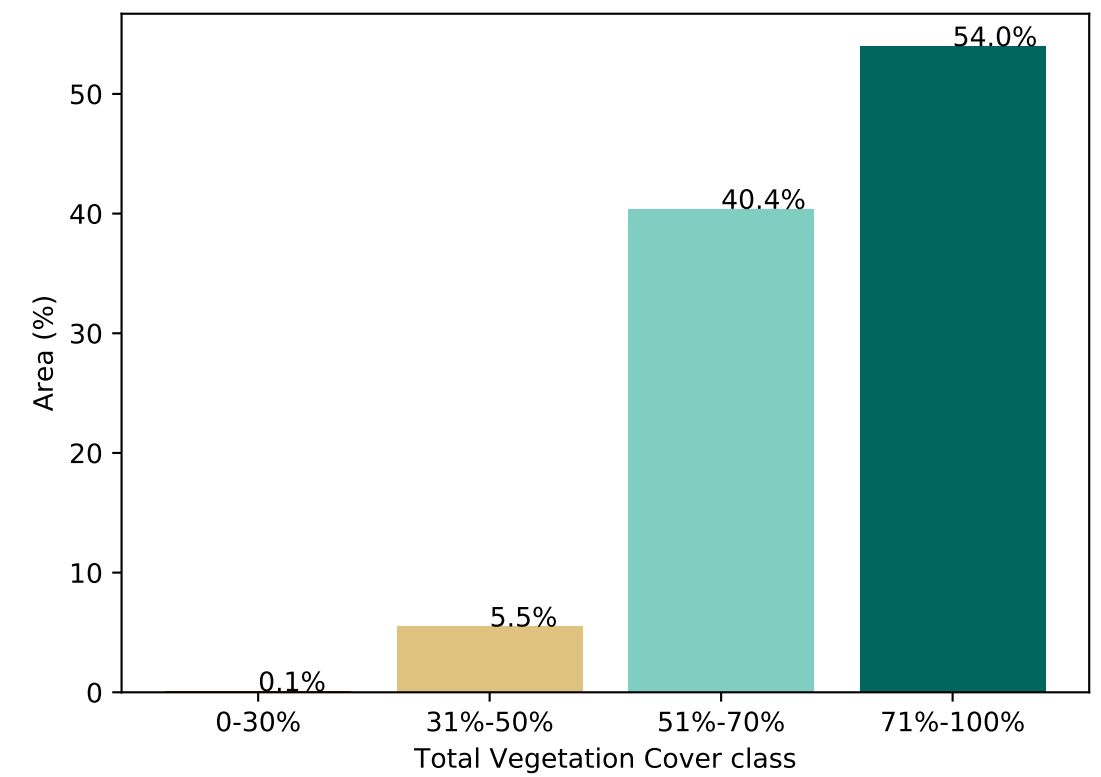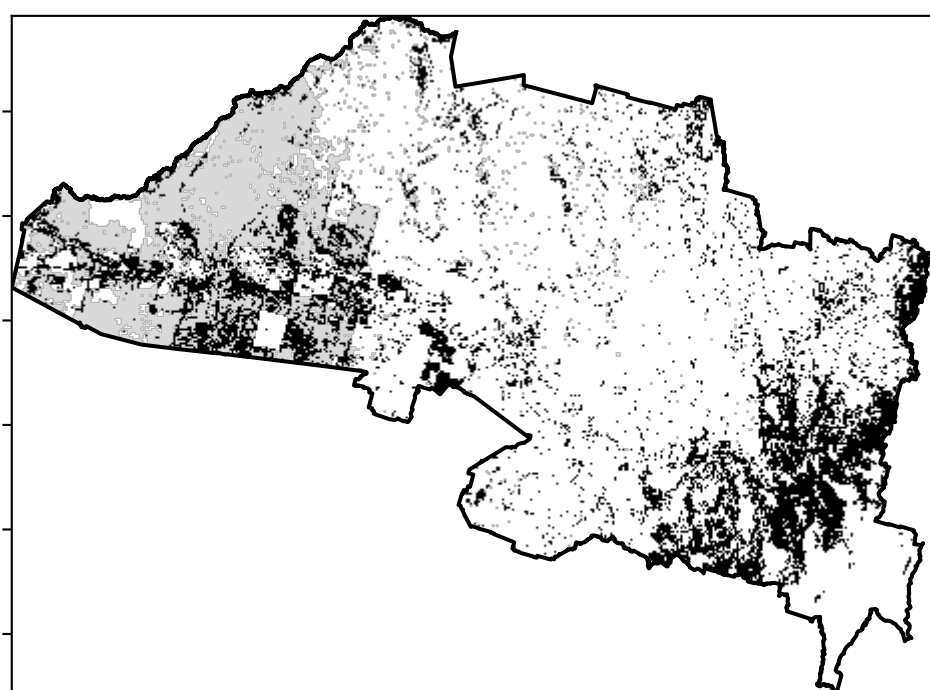
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

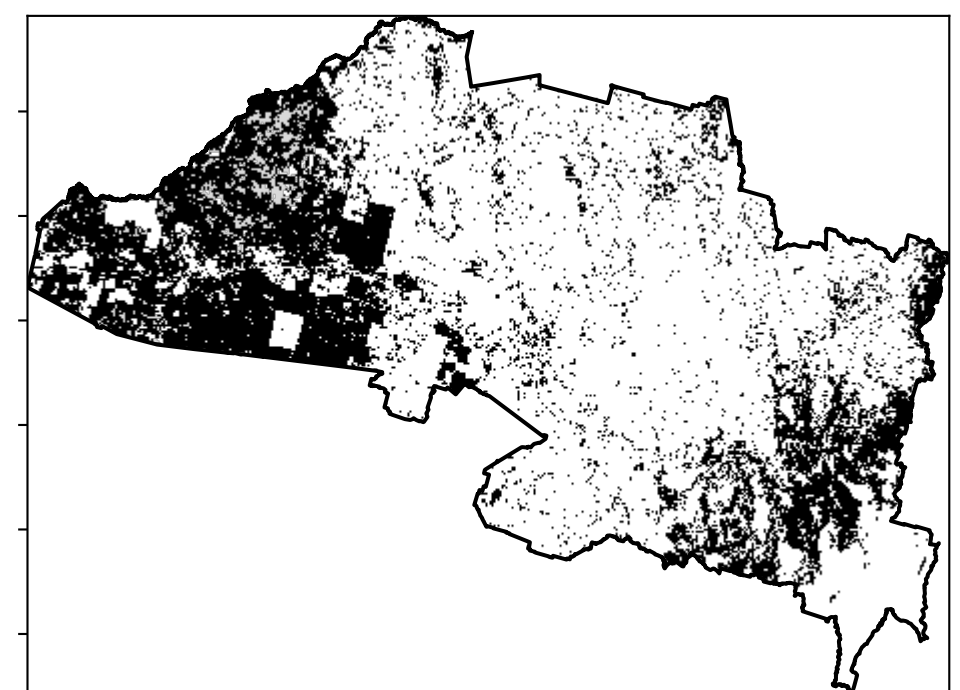## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 46.0% of region (950,590 ha)

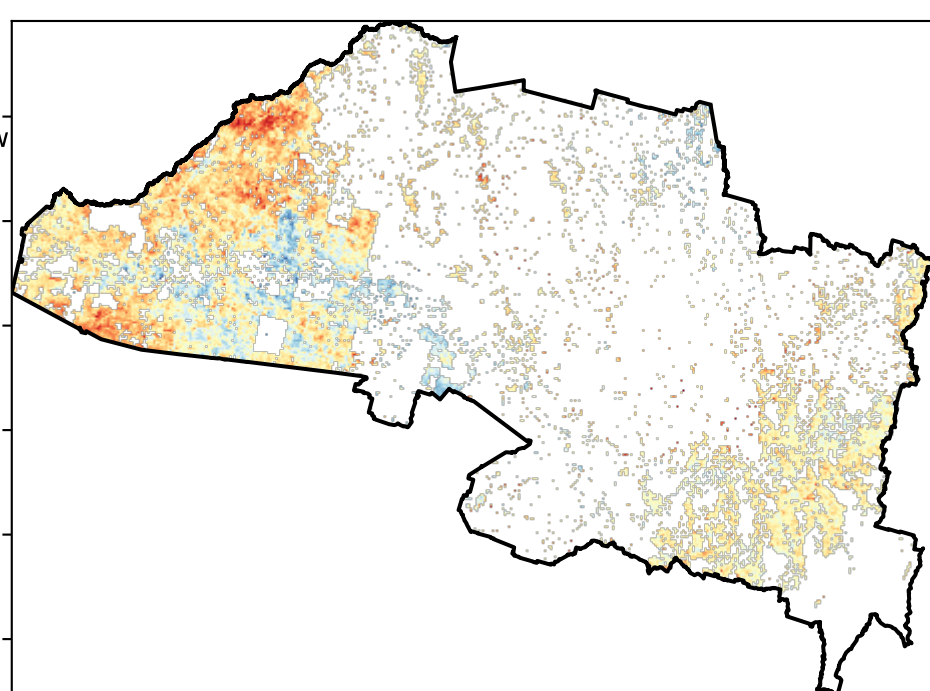Area protected 54.0% of region (1,115,910 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 6.0% of region (123,990 ha)

Area protected 94.0% of region (1,942,510 ha)

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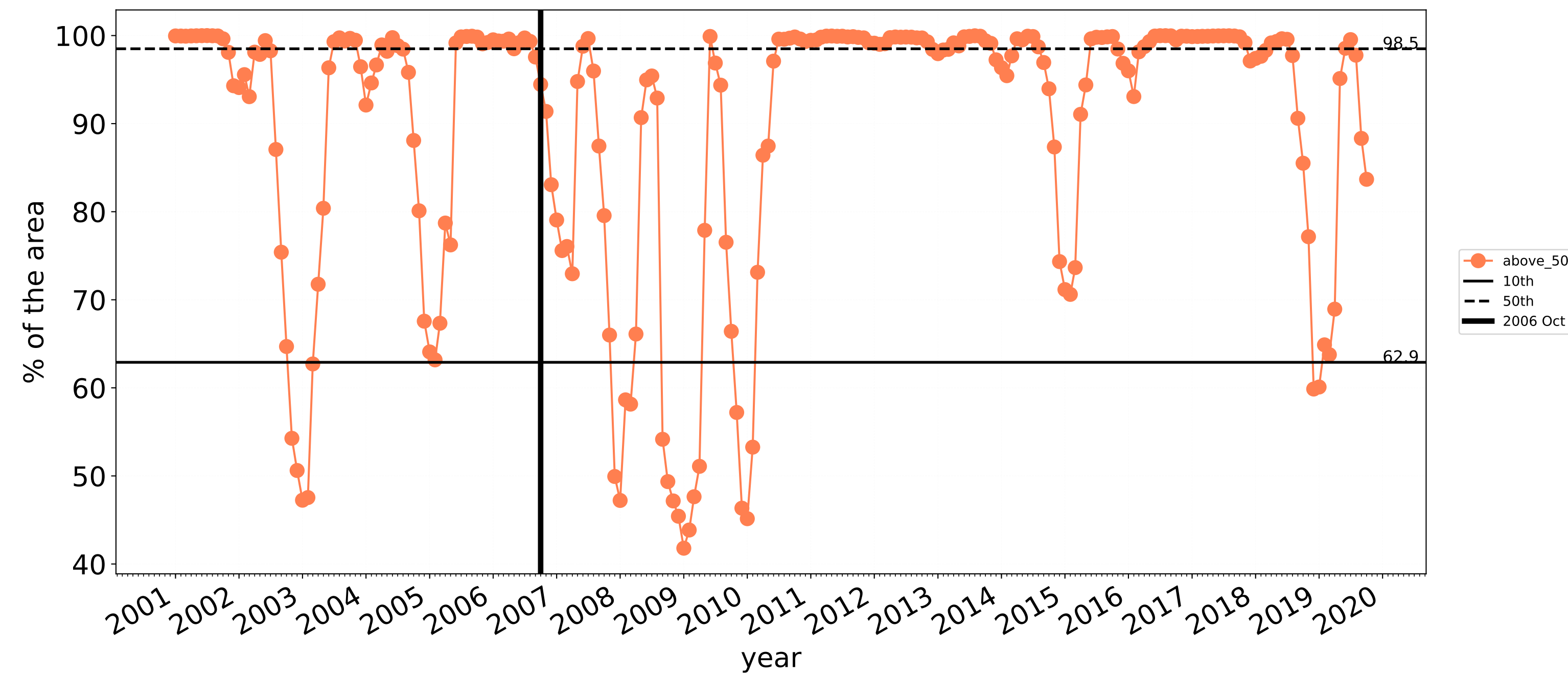
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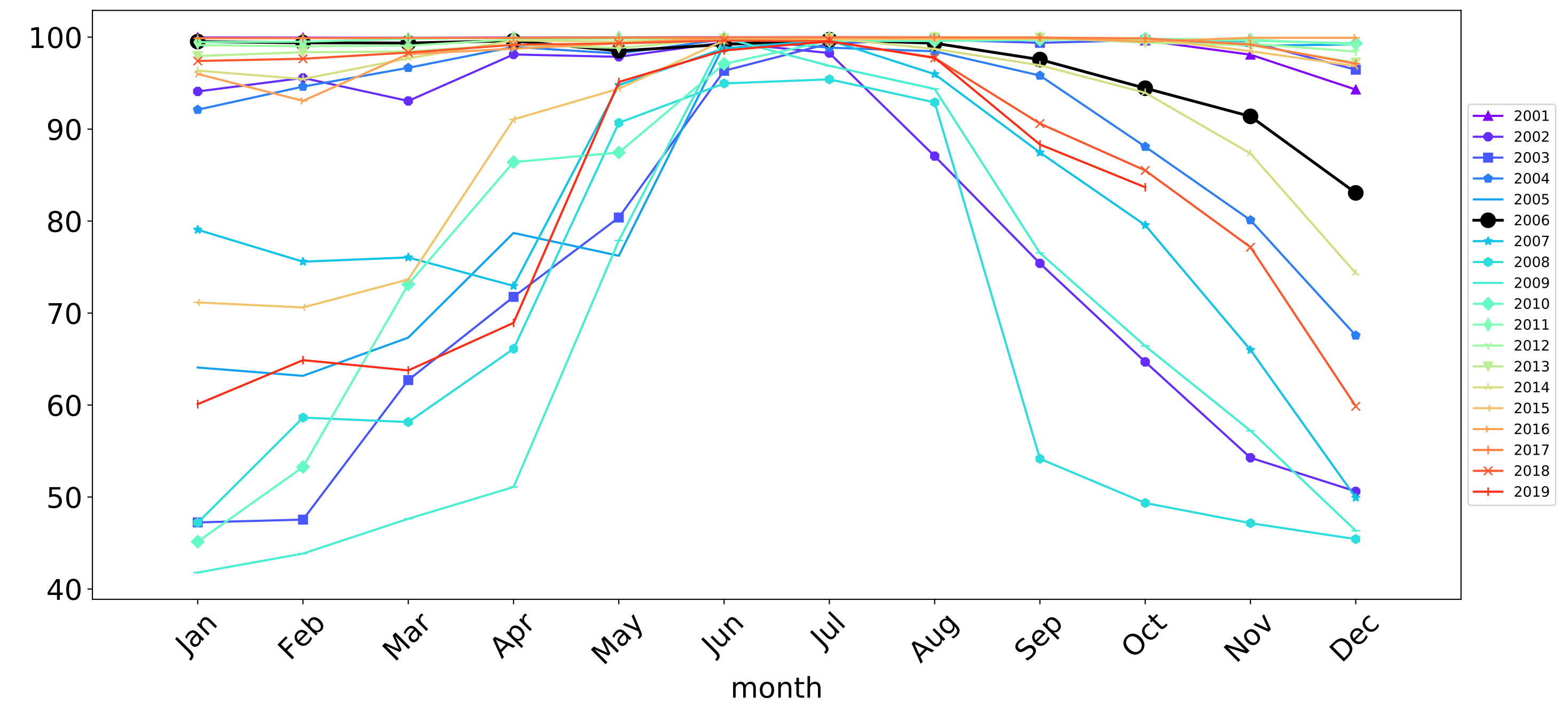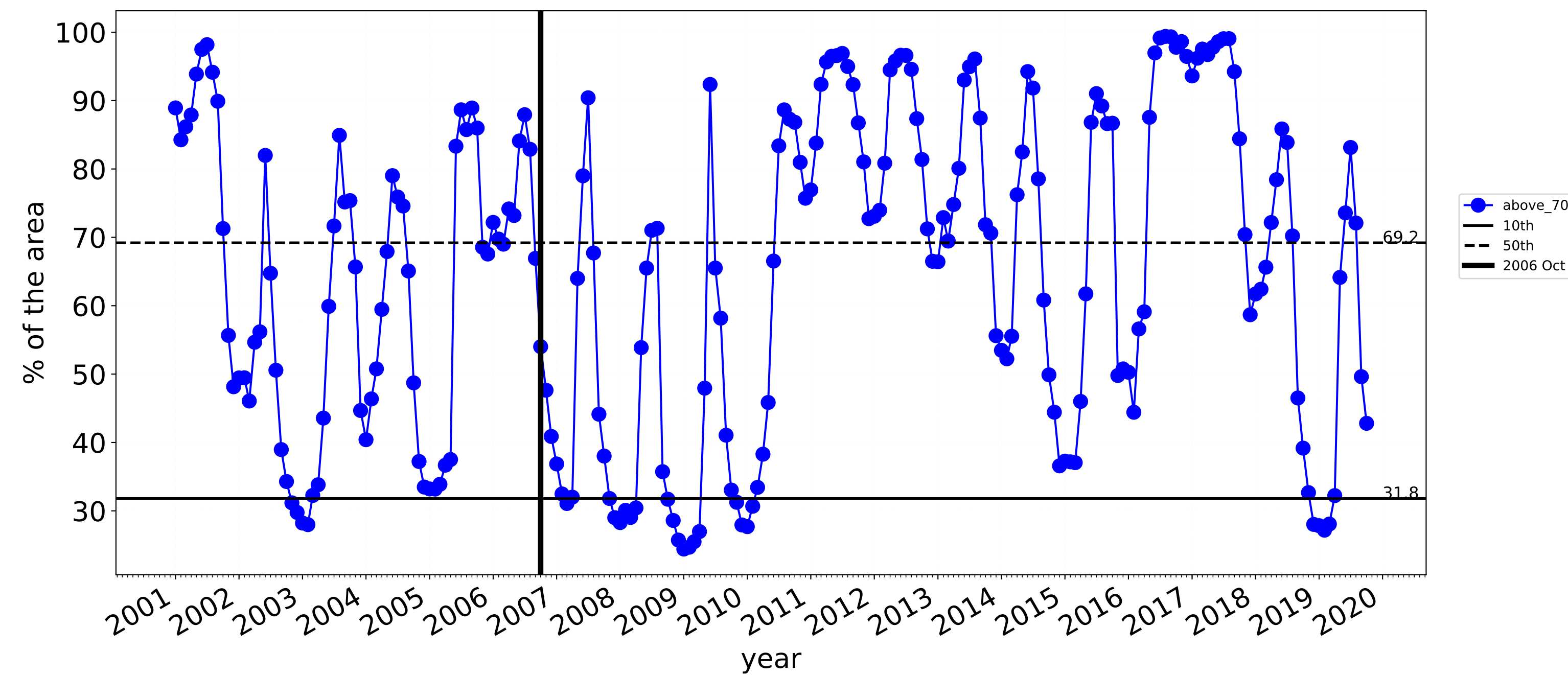1
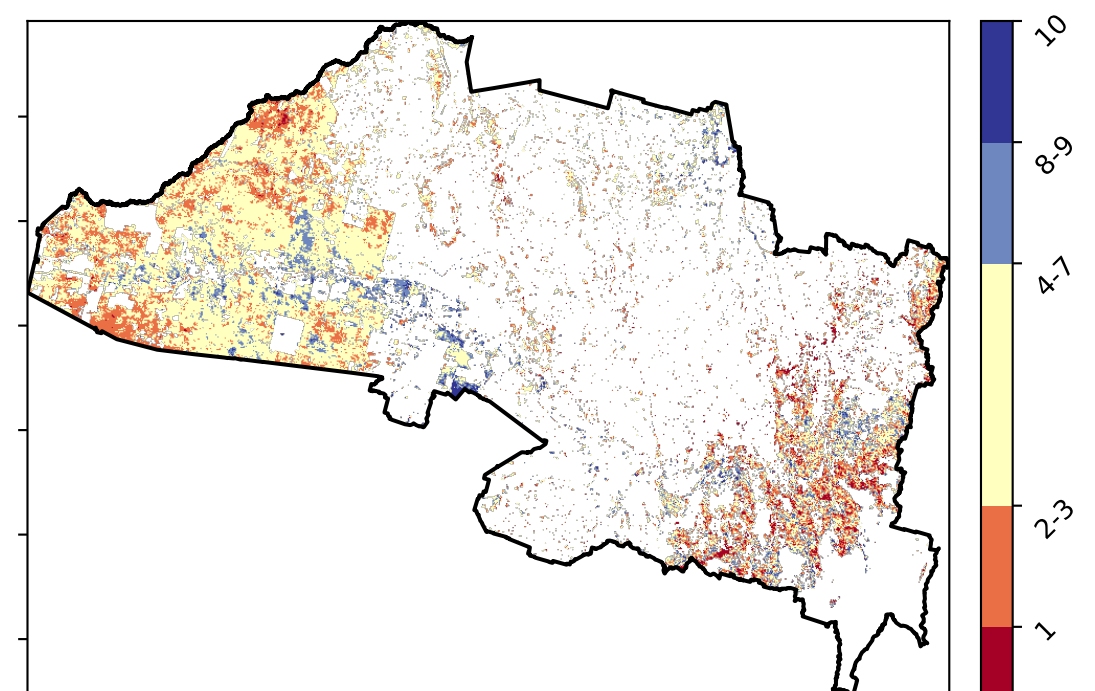
Grazing non forest timeseries

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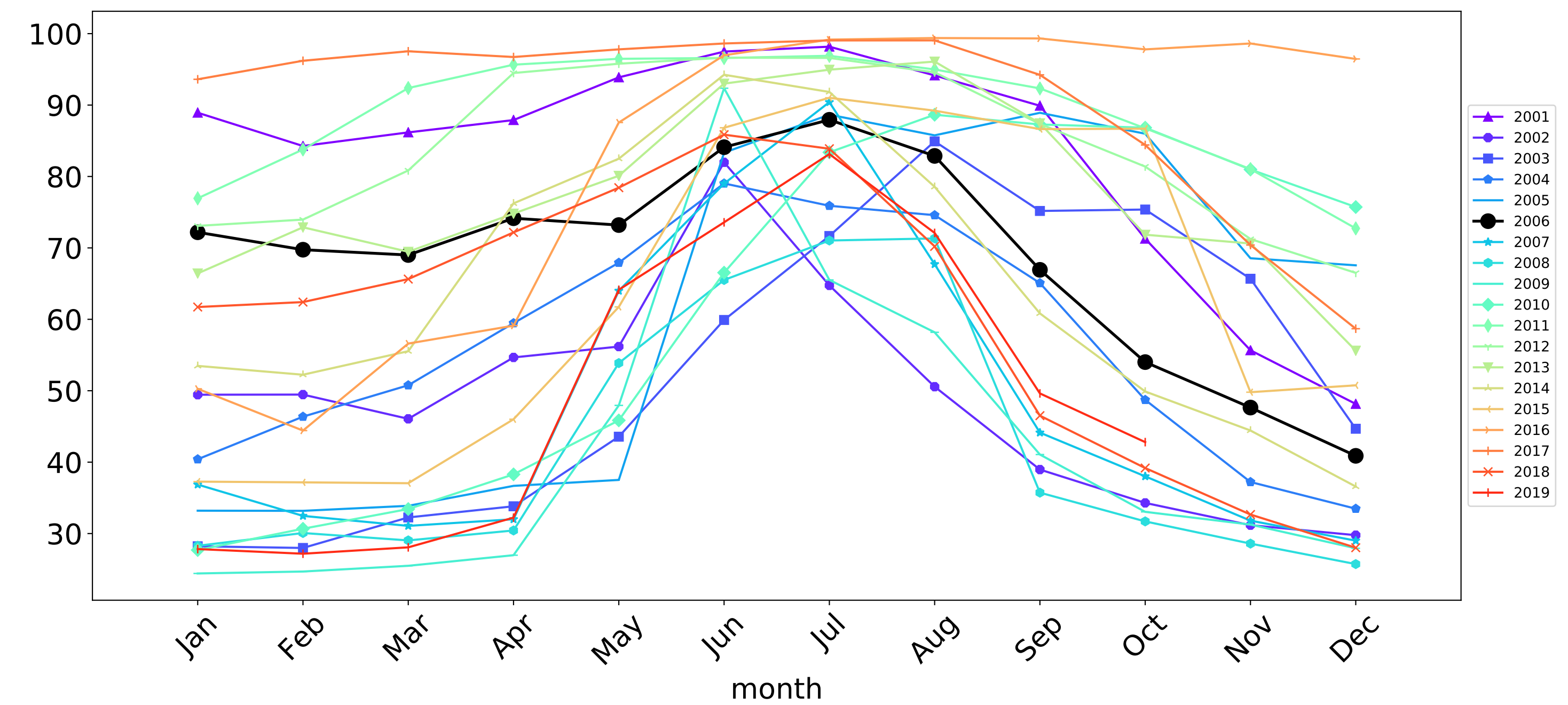

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

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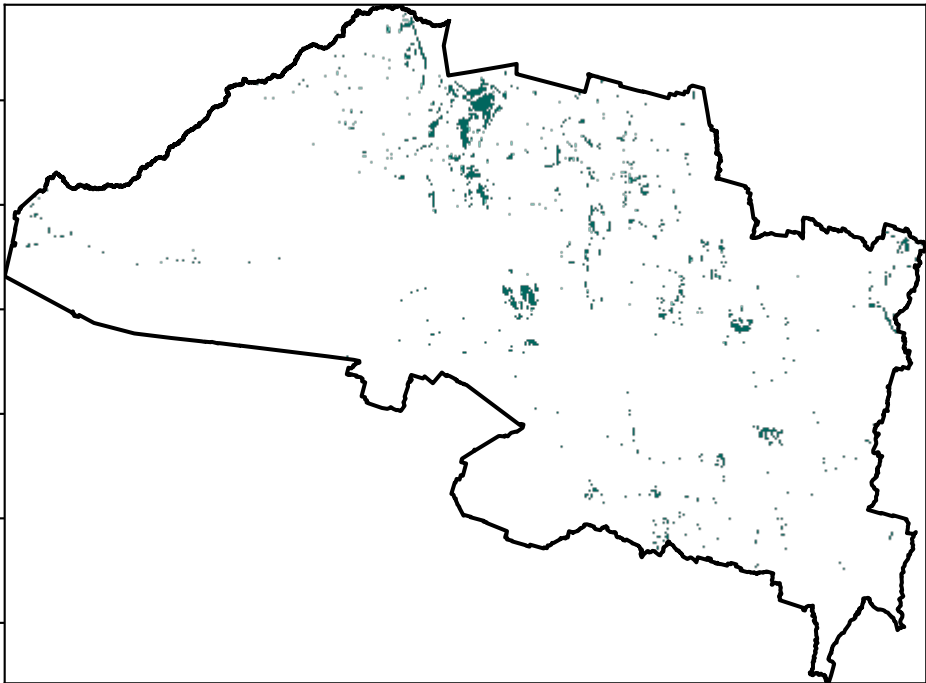
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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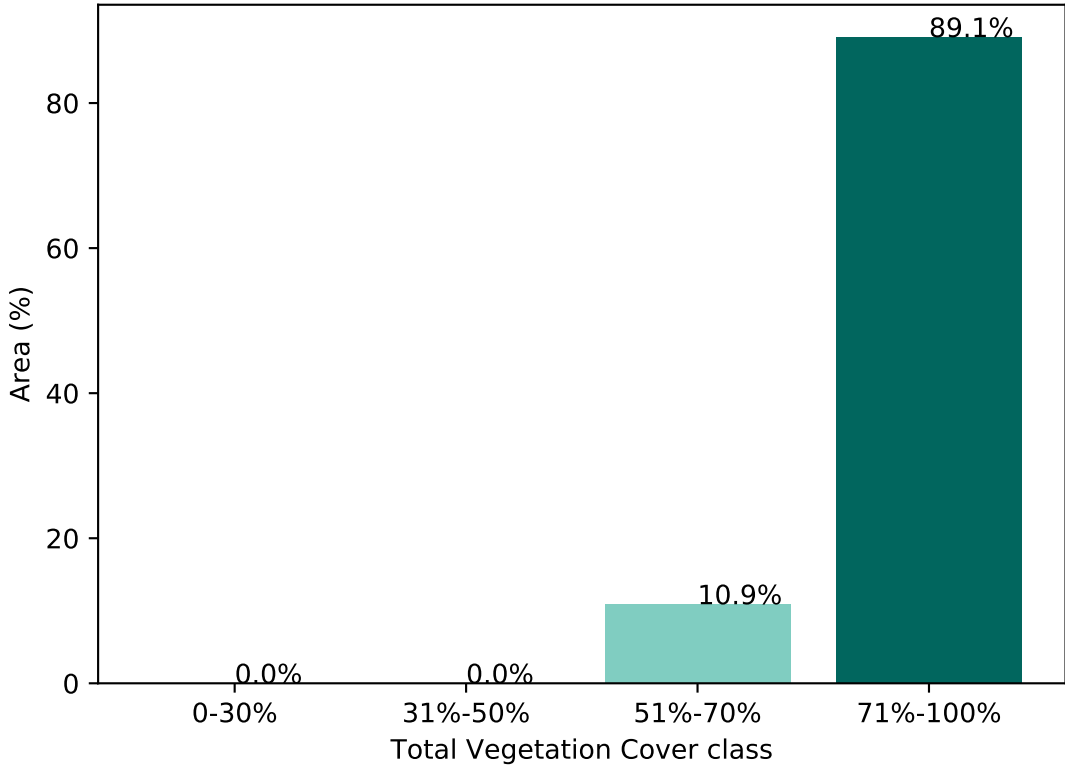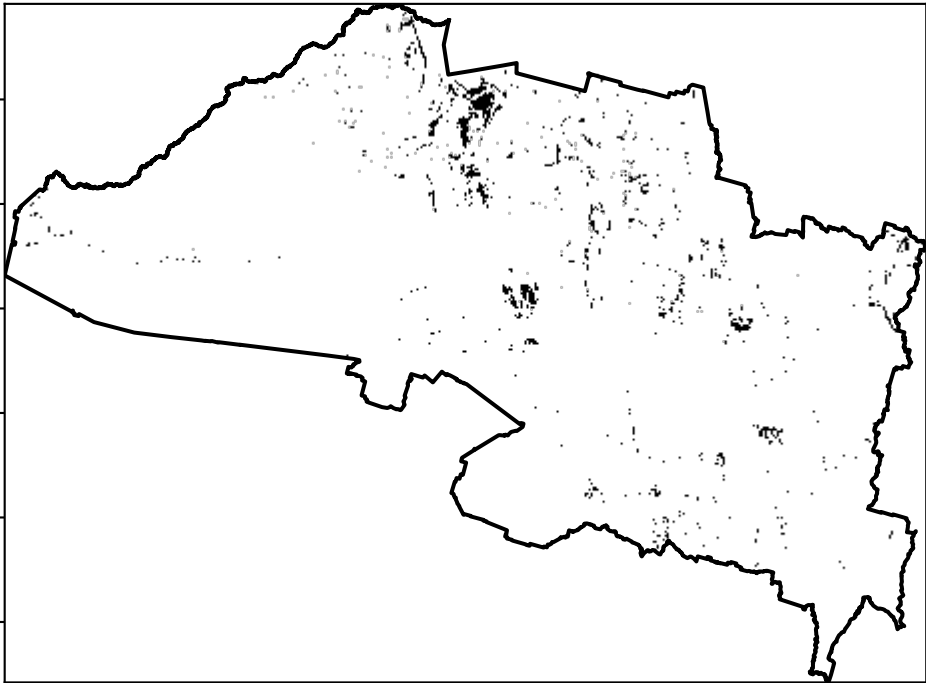
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

89.1%

10.9%

0.0%   0.0%

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

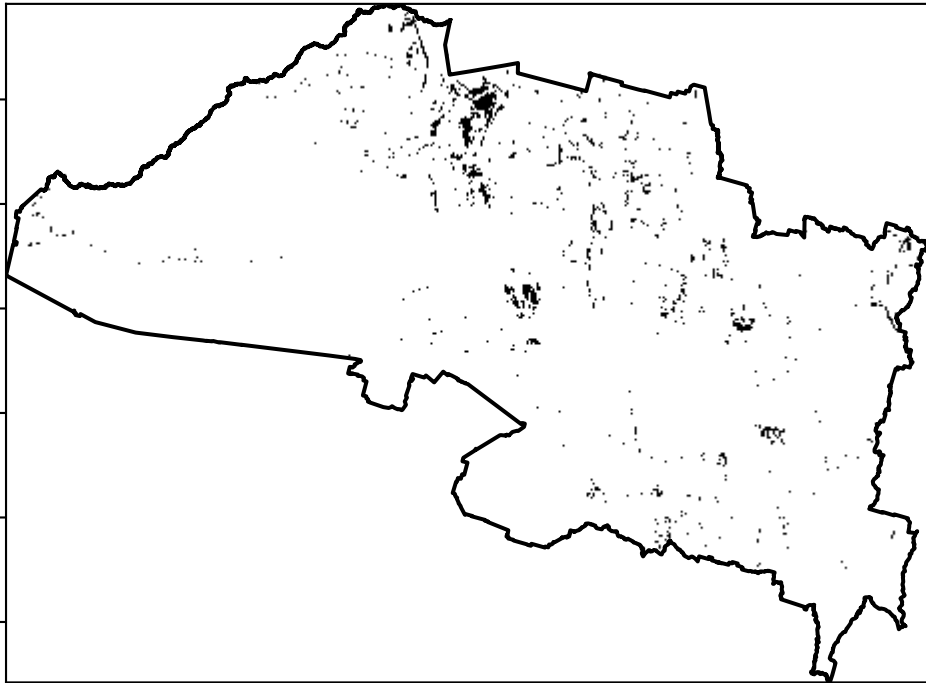Total Vegetation Cover class

Area (%)

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 10.9% of region (15,439 ha)

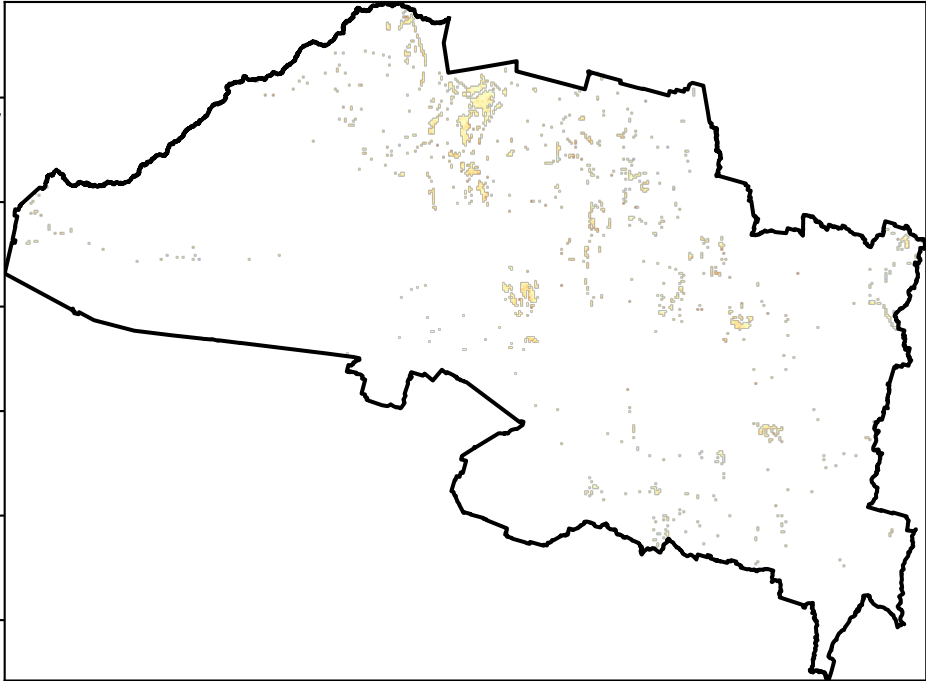Area protected 89.1% of region (126,210 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
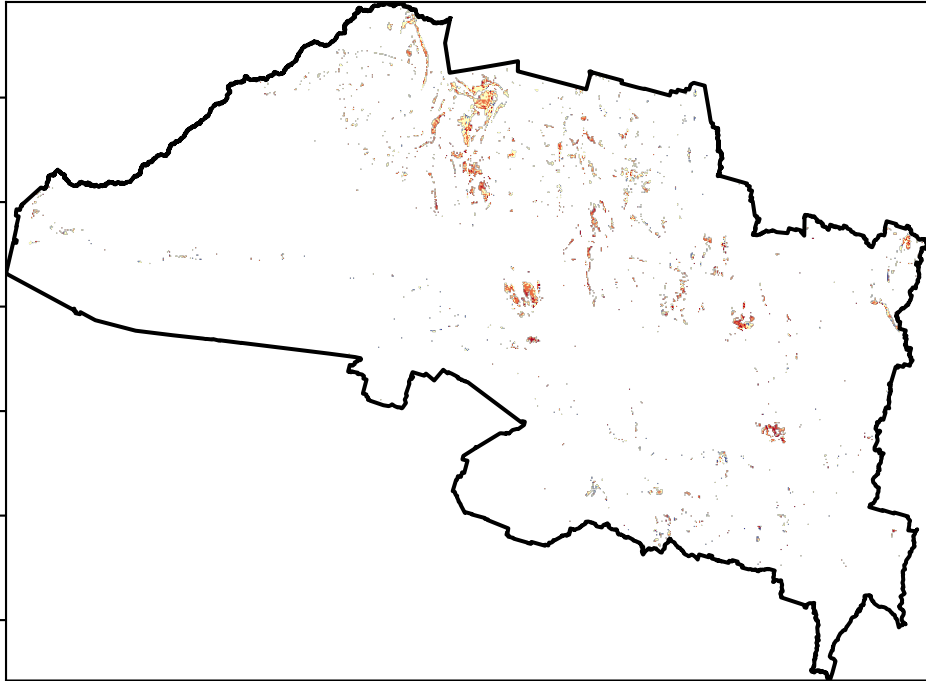
Area protected 100.0% of region (141,650 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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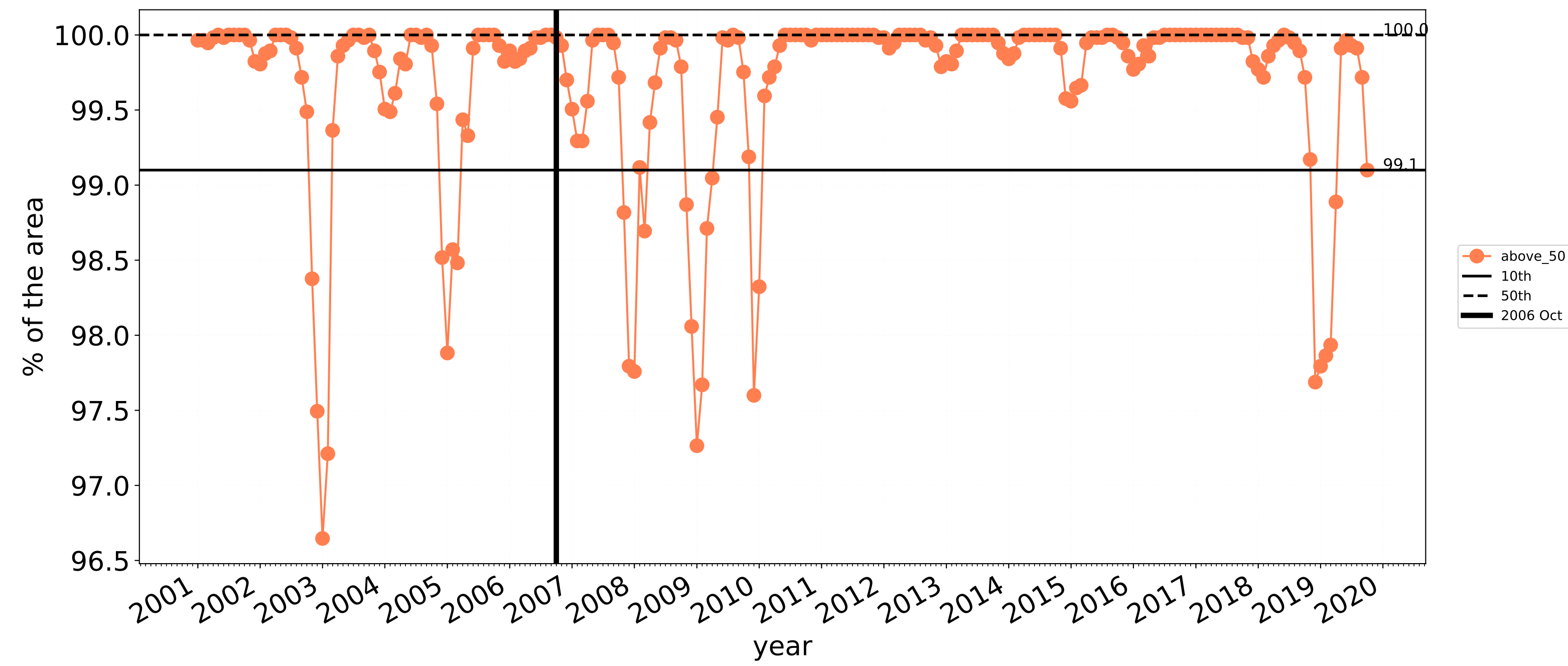
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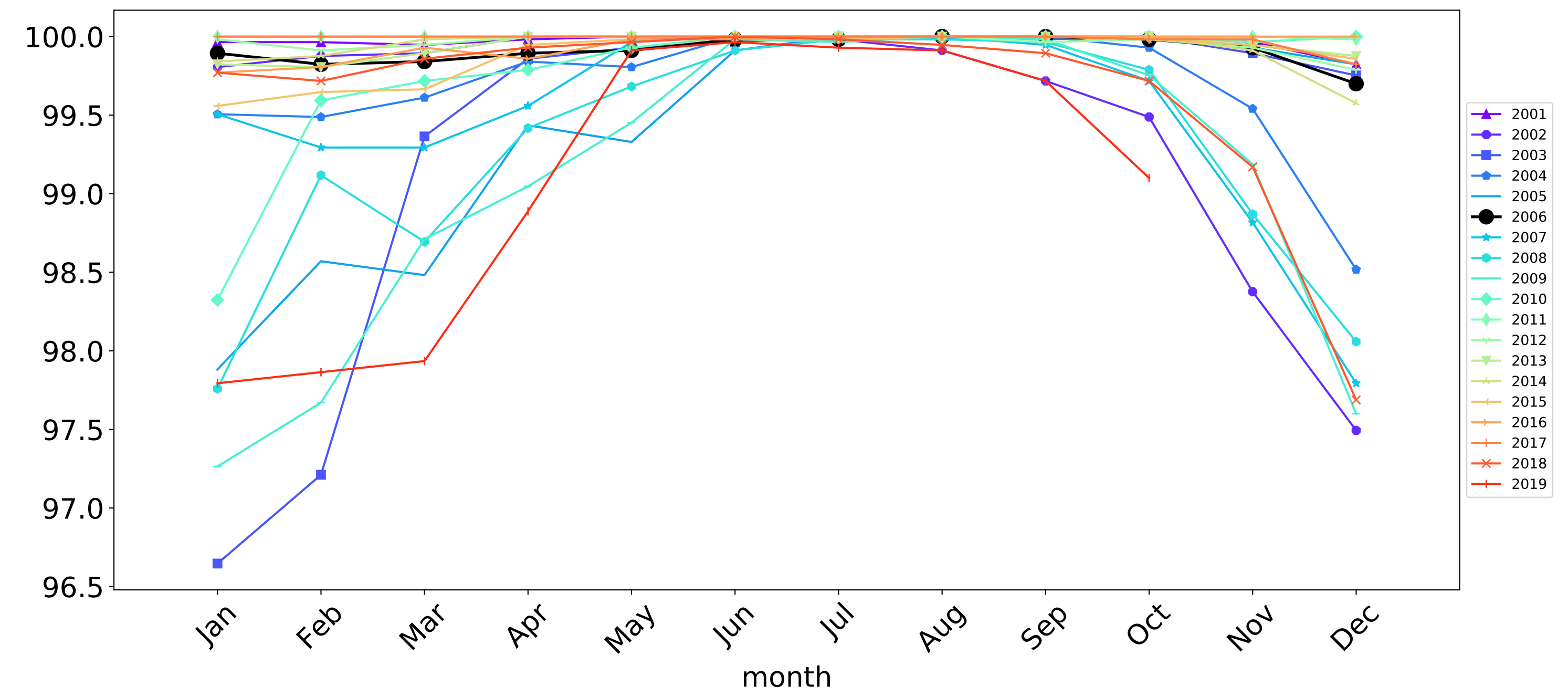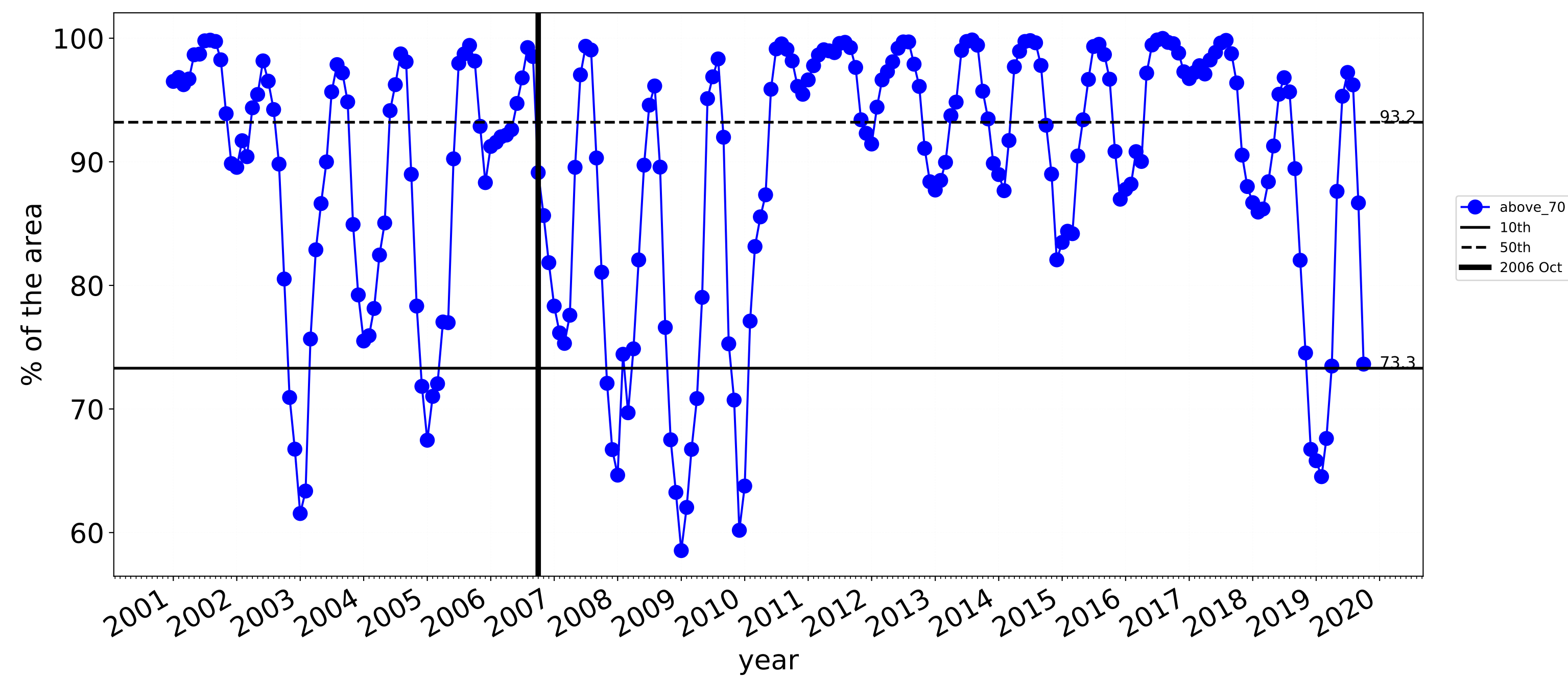
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Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

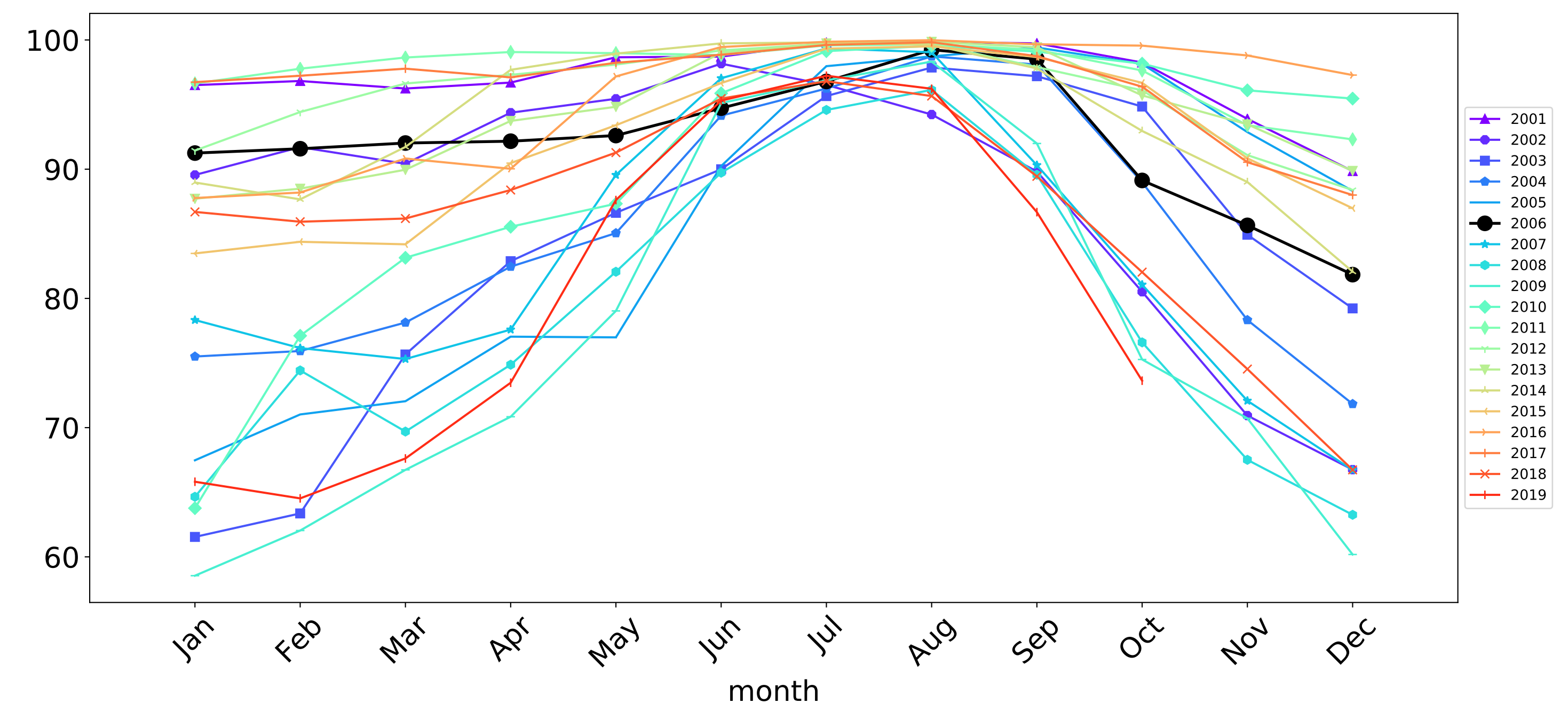### Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

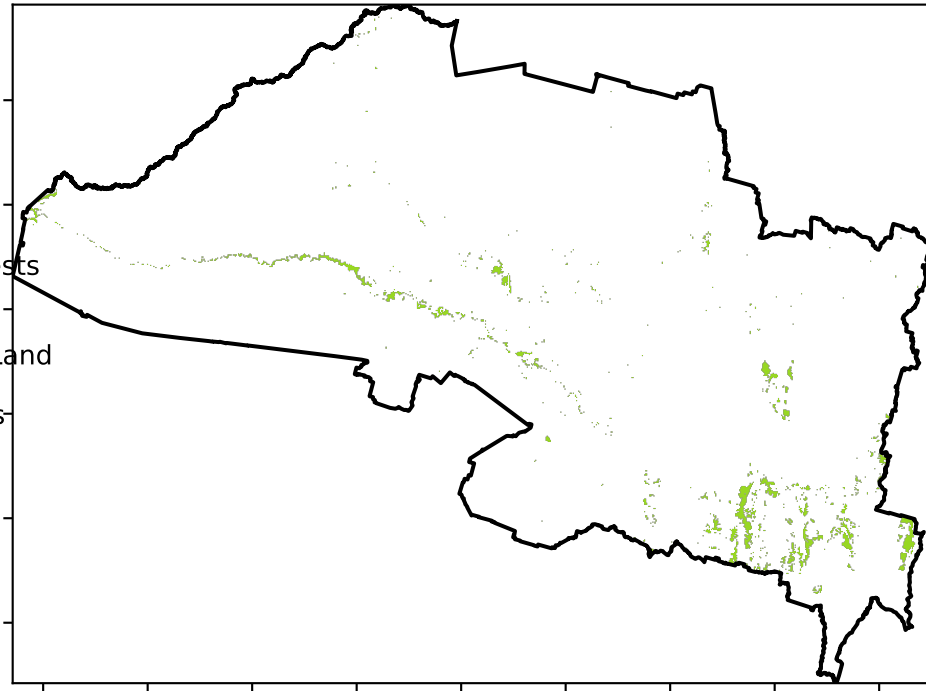### Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
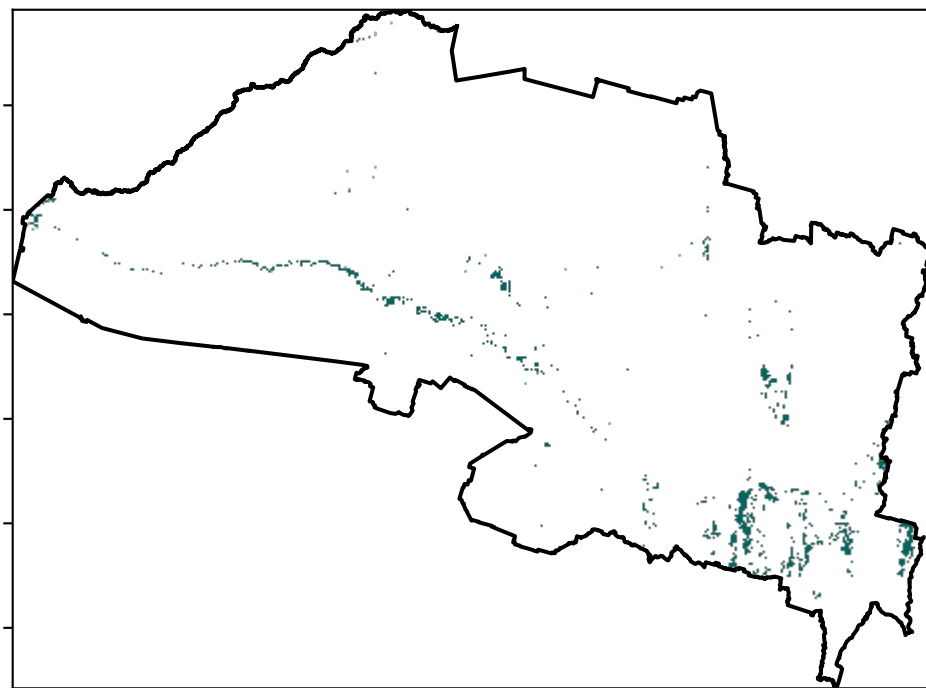
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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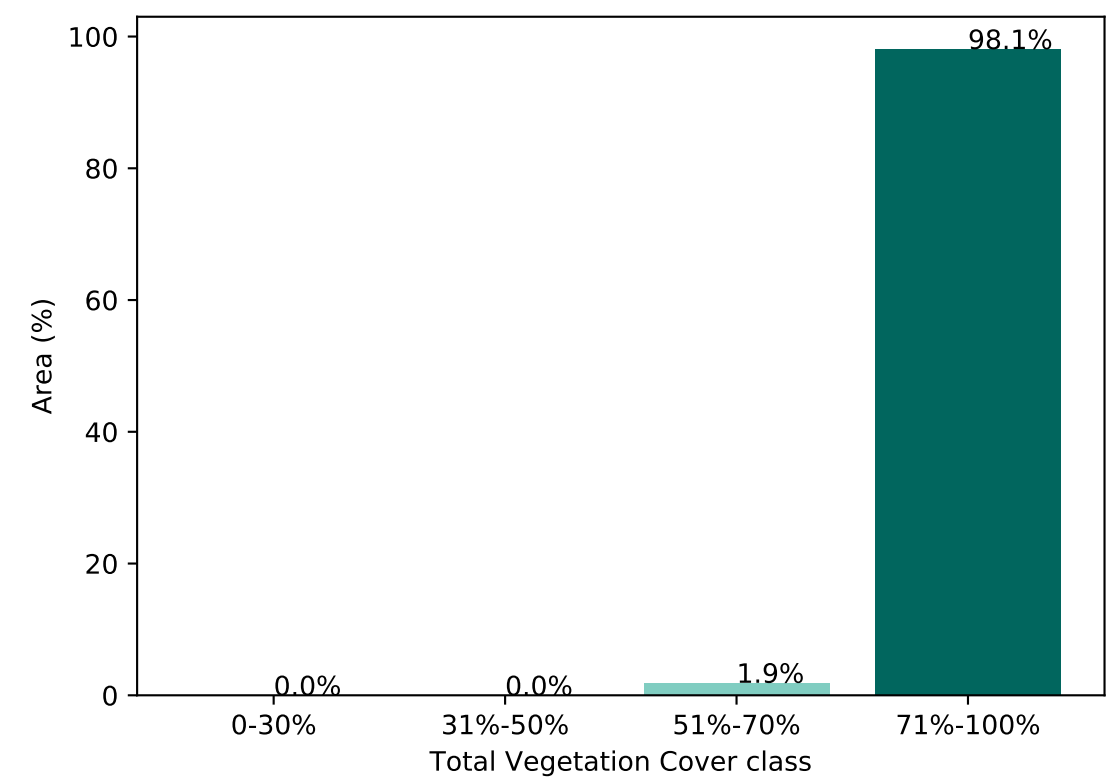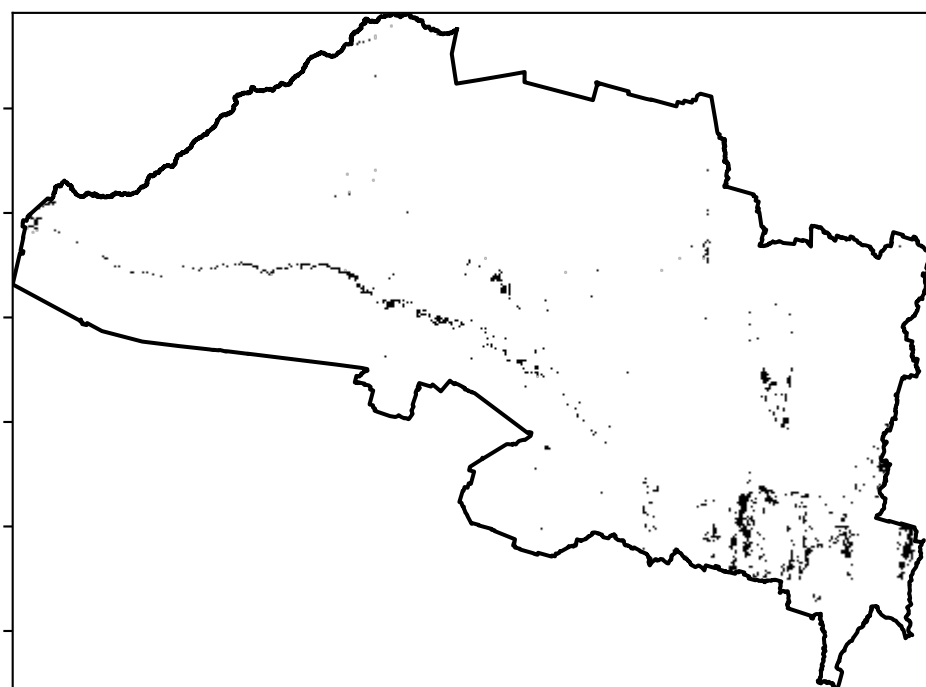
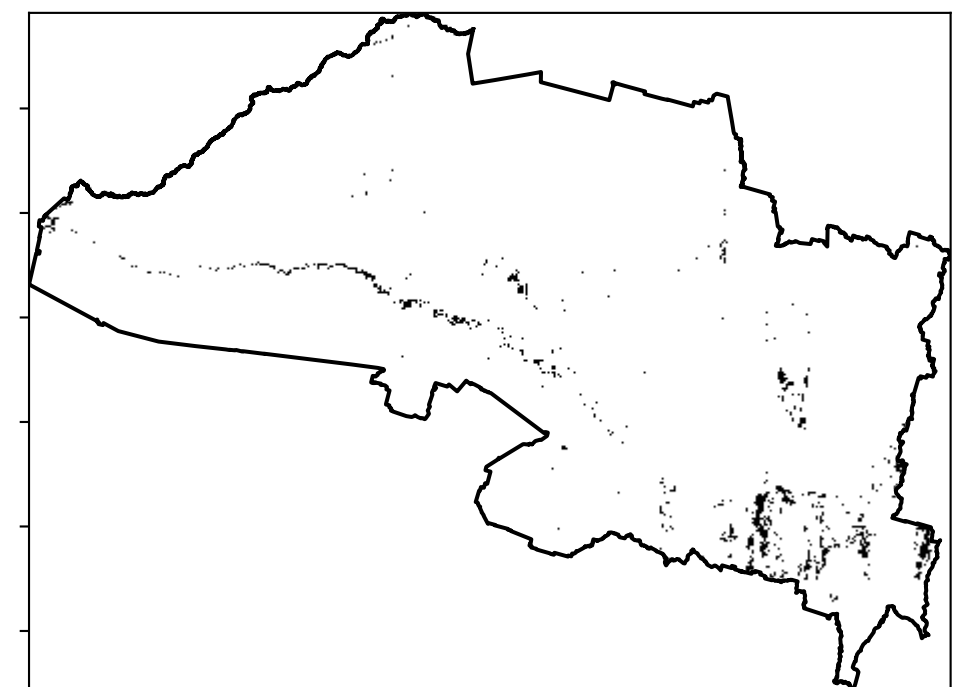1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

98.1%

1.9%

0.0%   0.0%

Total Vegetation Cover class

Area (%)

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 1.9% of region (1,963 ha)

Area protected 98.1% of region (101,386 ha)
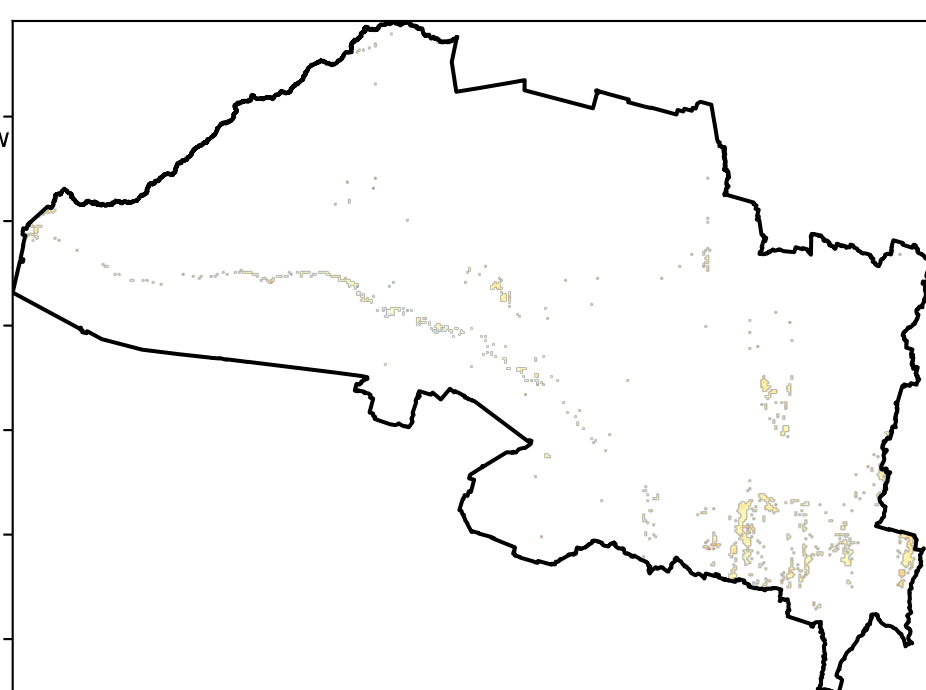
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

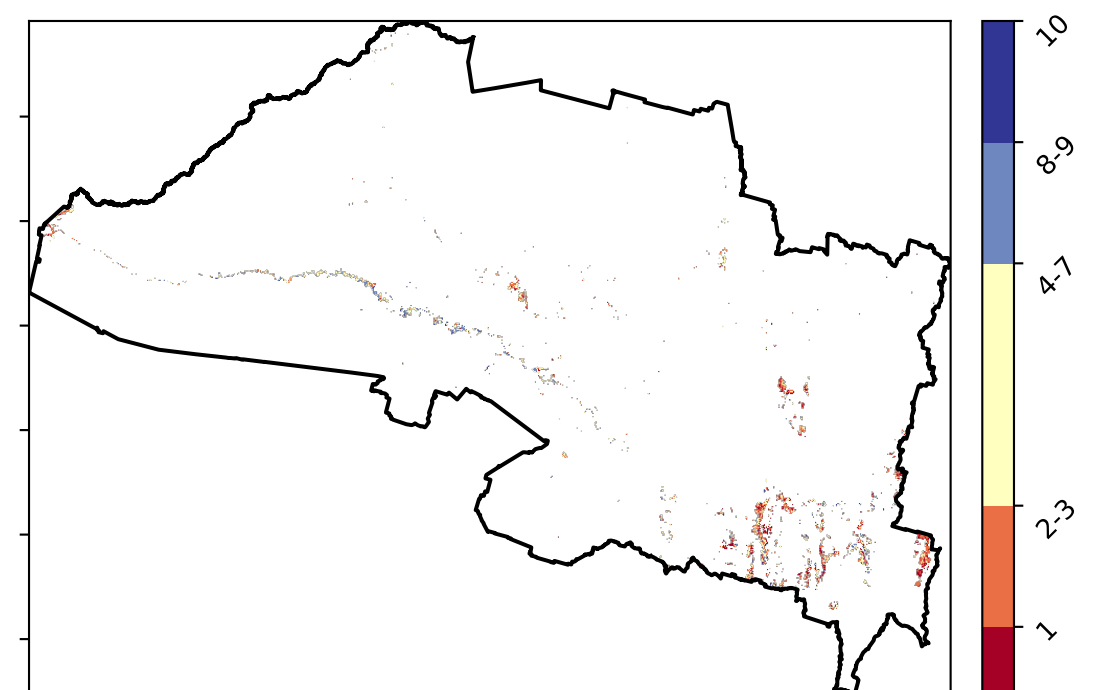Area protected 100.0% of region (103,350 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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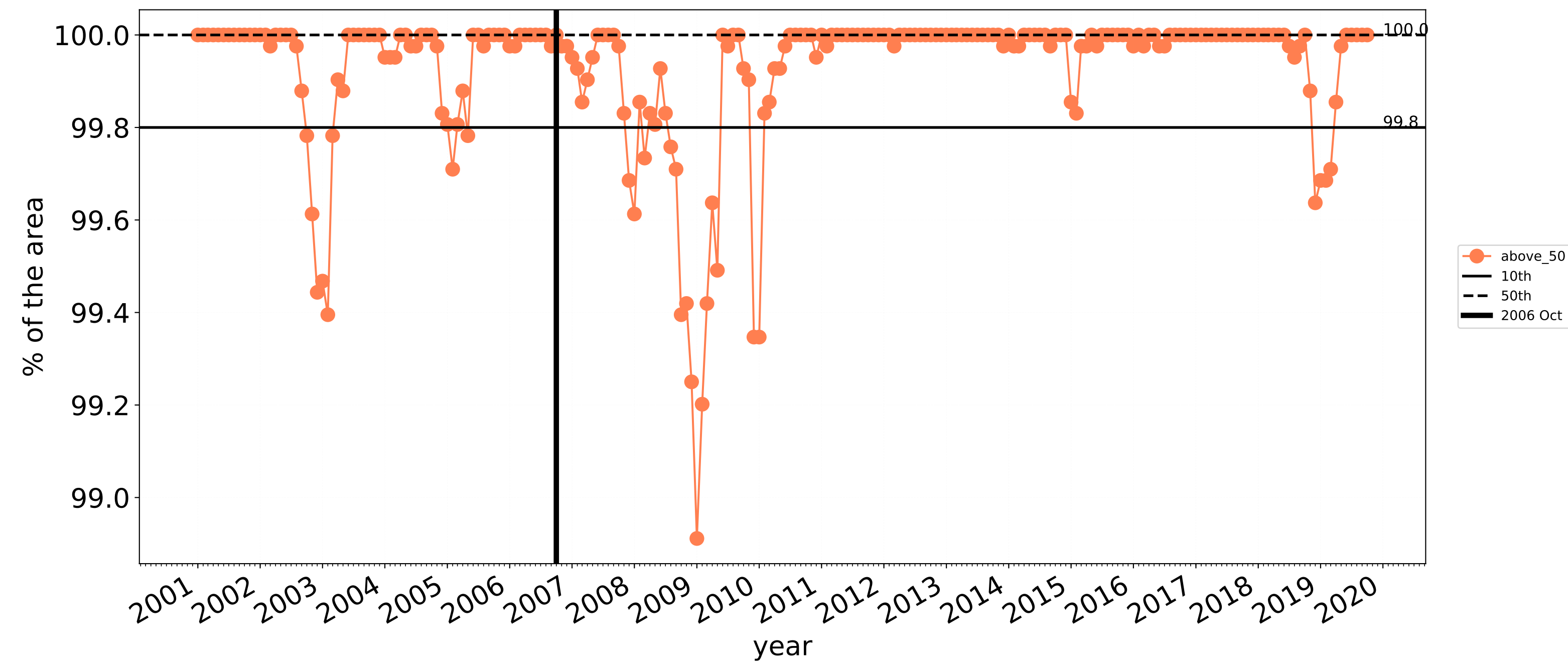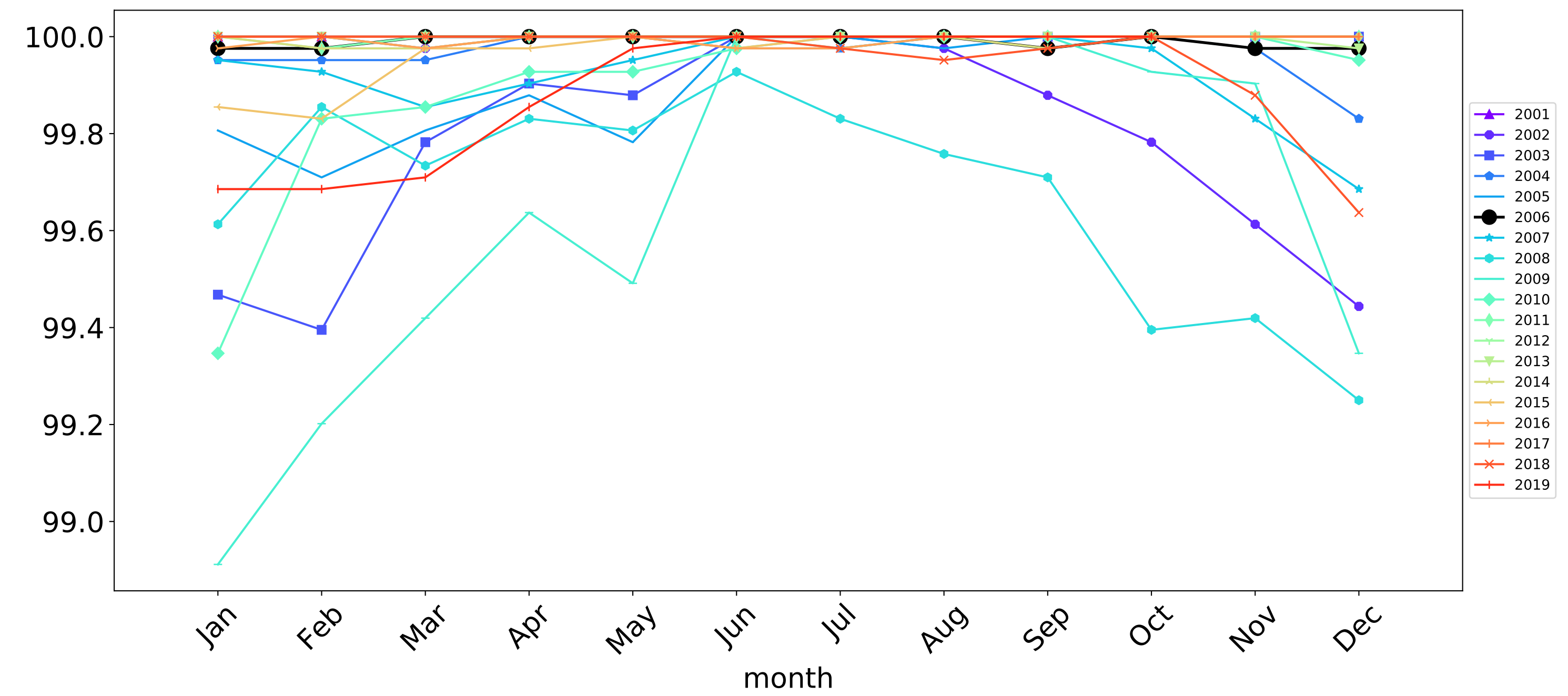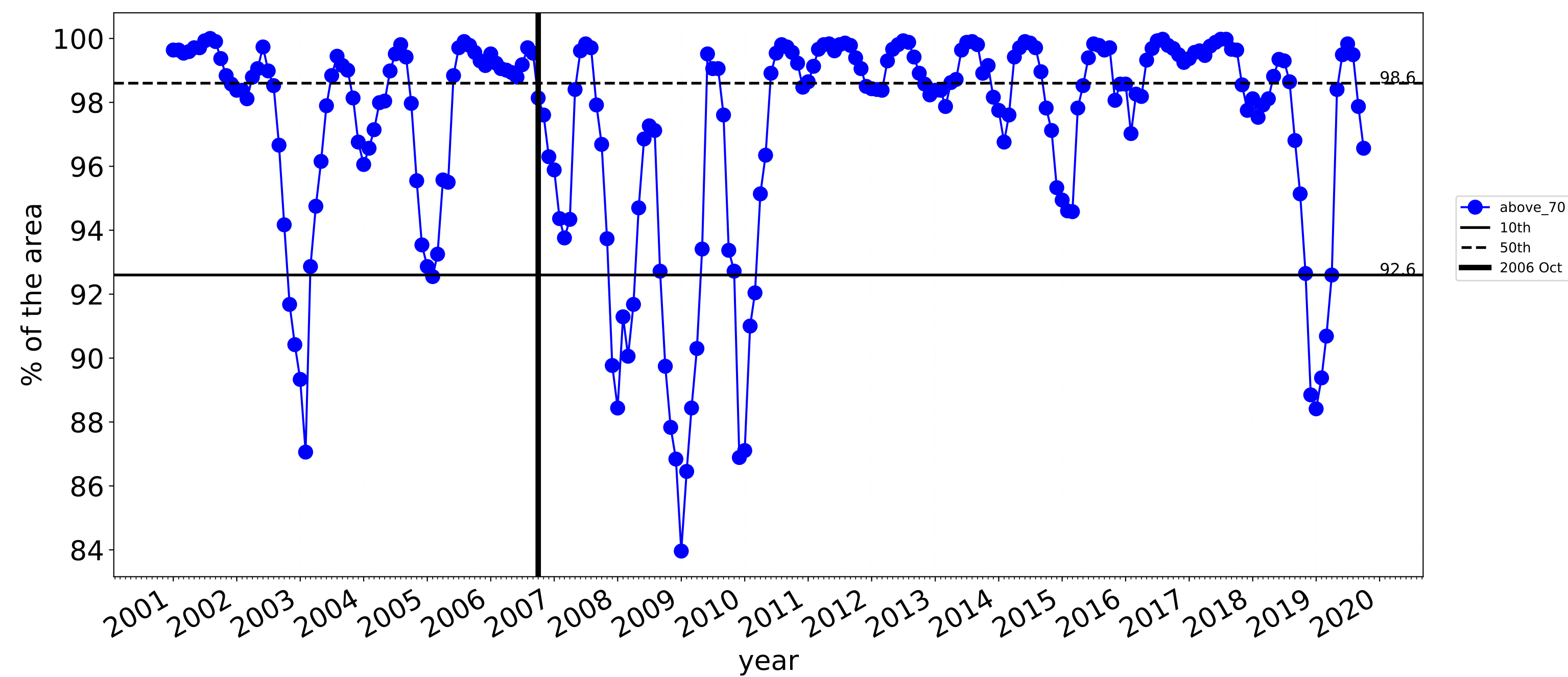# Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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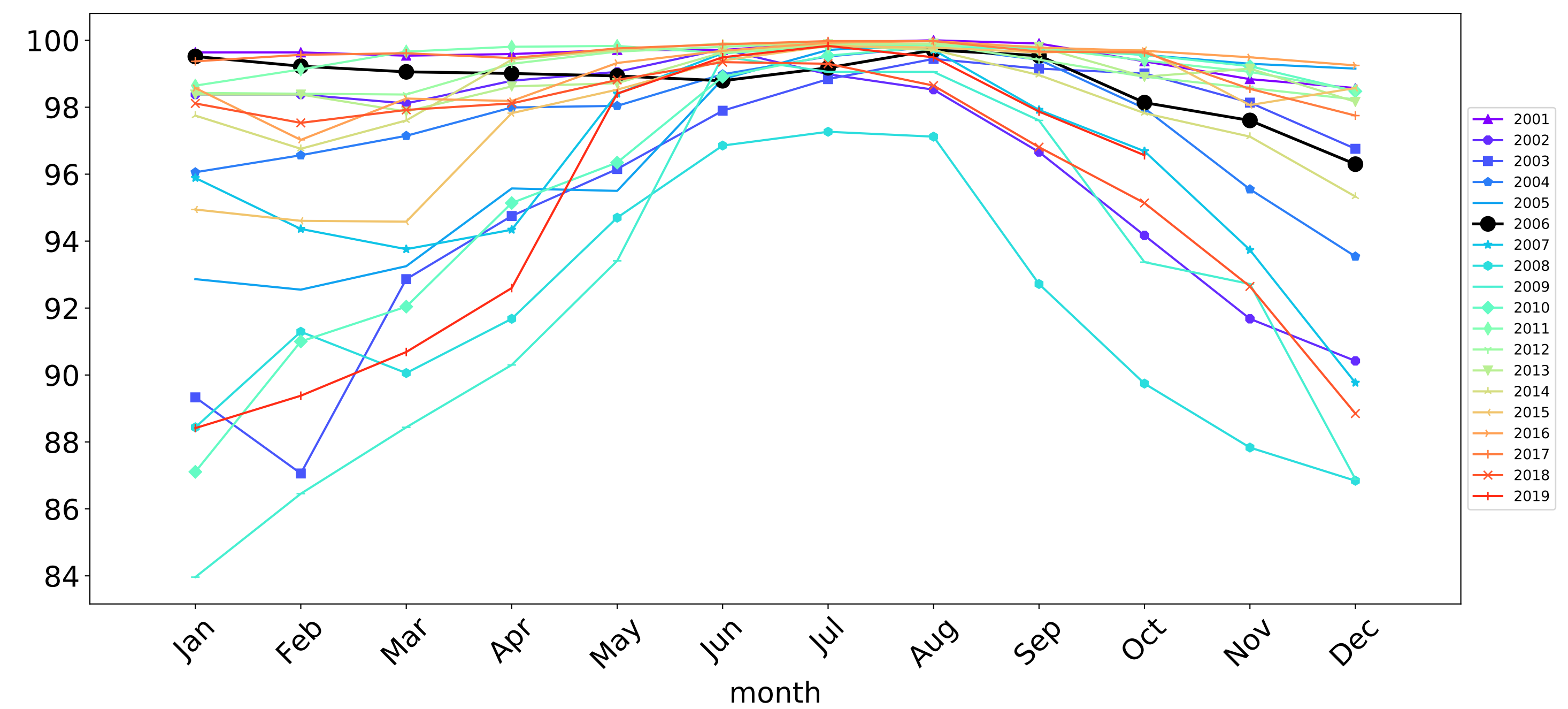

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

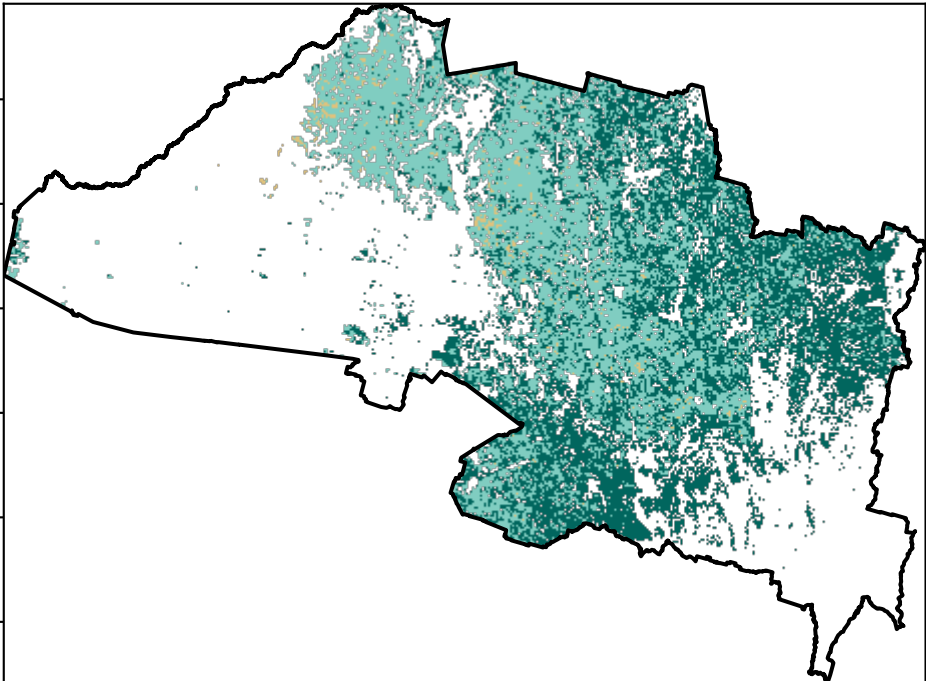### Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Cropping

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale
Land Use and Forests
of Australia (2018)
Derived from
Catchment Scale Land
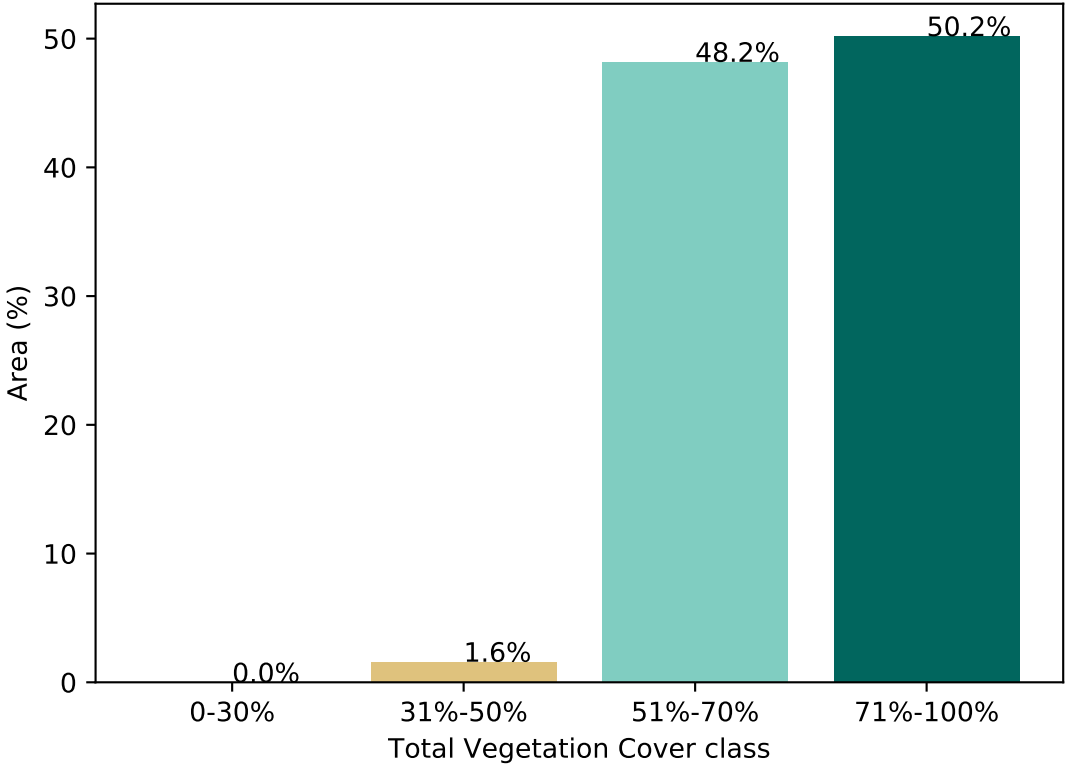Use of Australia
(2018) and Forests
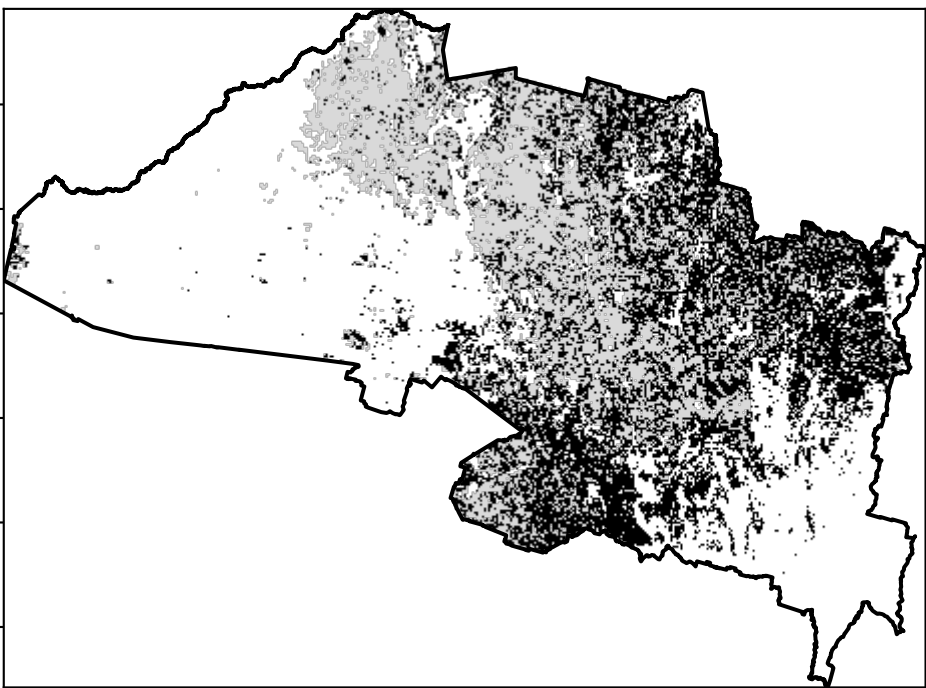of Australia (2018)

1 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

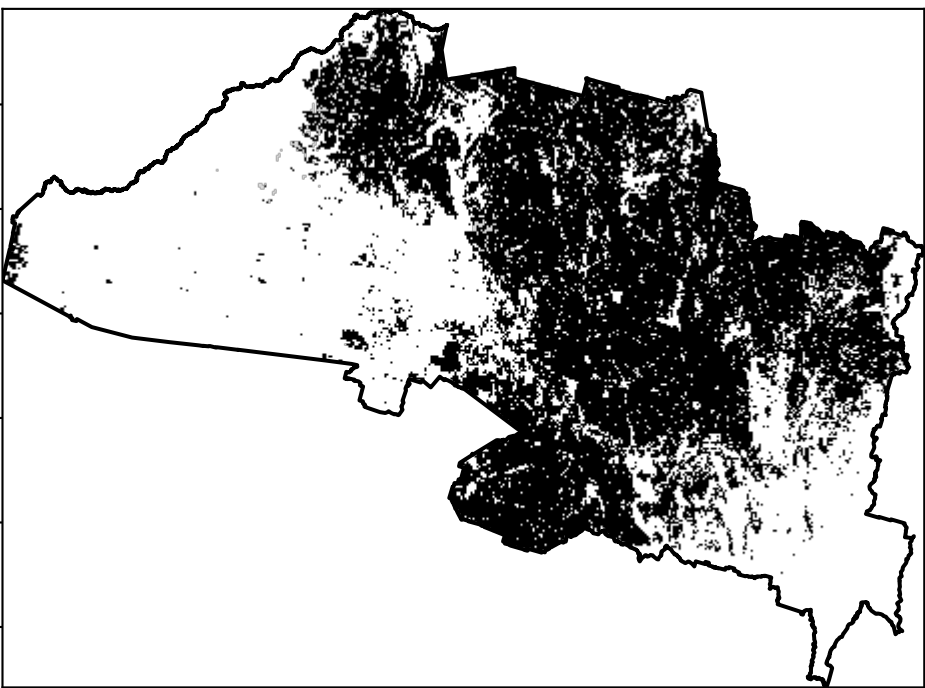## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
49.8% of
region
(1,587,088
ha)

Area
protected
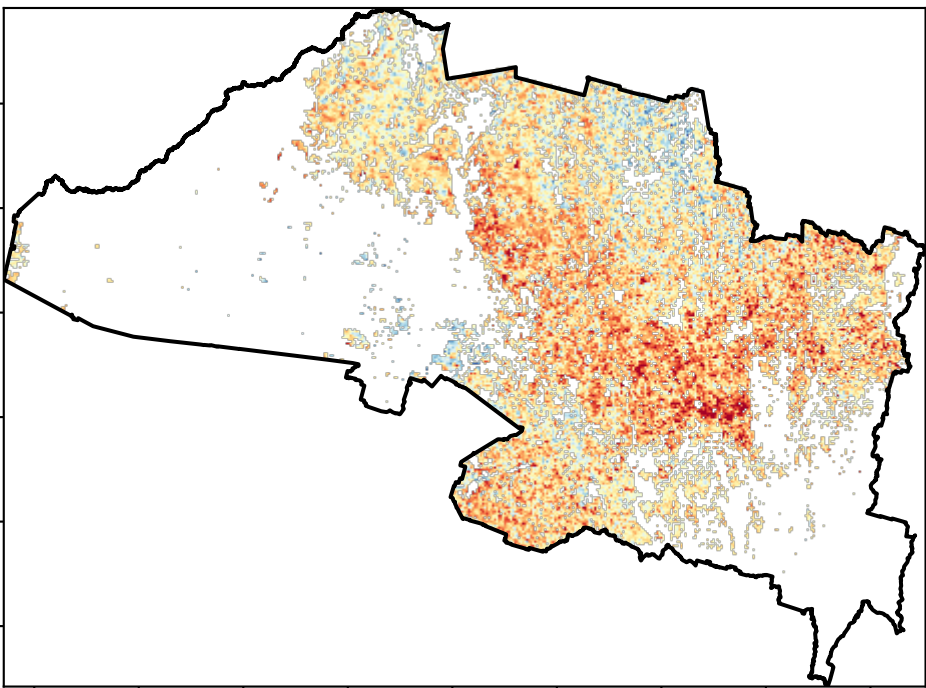50.2% of
region
(1,599,836
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
2.0% of
region
(63,738
ha)

Area
protected
98.0% of
region
(3,123,186
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how
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pixel. The mean
is only for the
month of the map
using baseline
from 2001 to
2019.

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

Deciles show where the
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lowest, for that month.
That is, red pixels are
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of the map using baseline
from 2001 to 2019.

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Cropping timeseries

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

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

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

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

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)

Legend:
- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Legend:
- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%
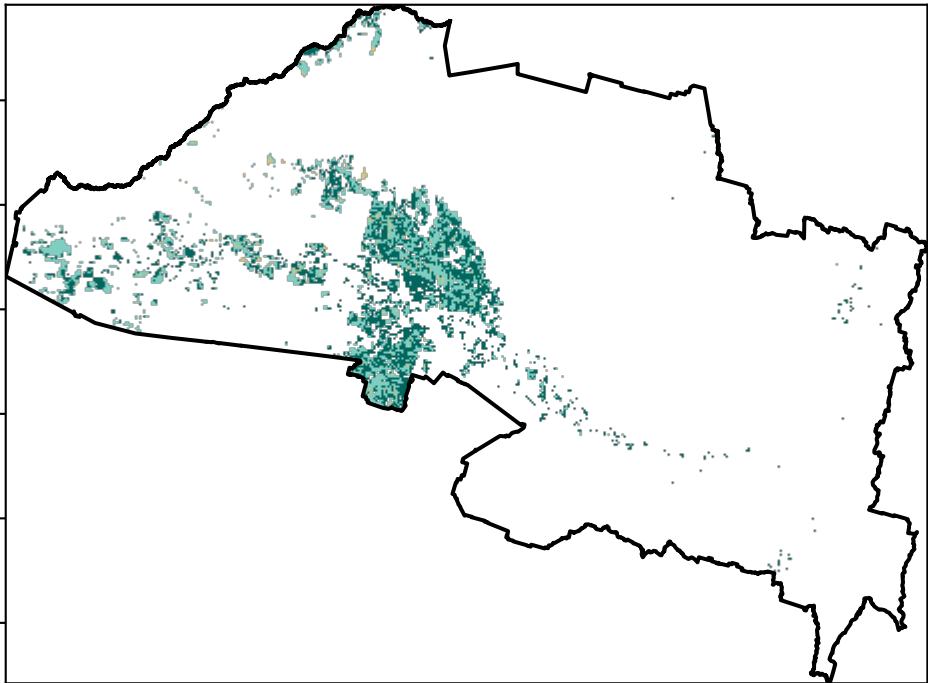
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area
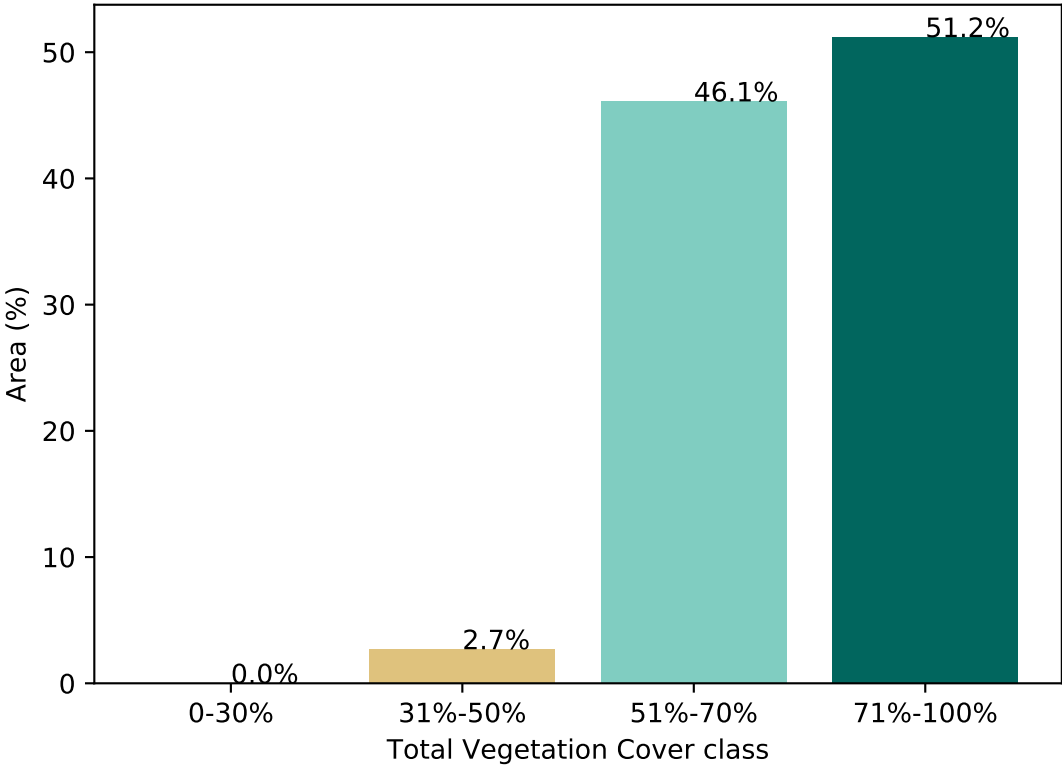
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
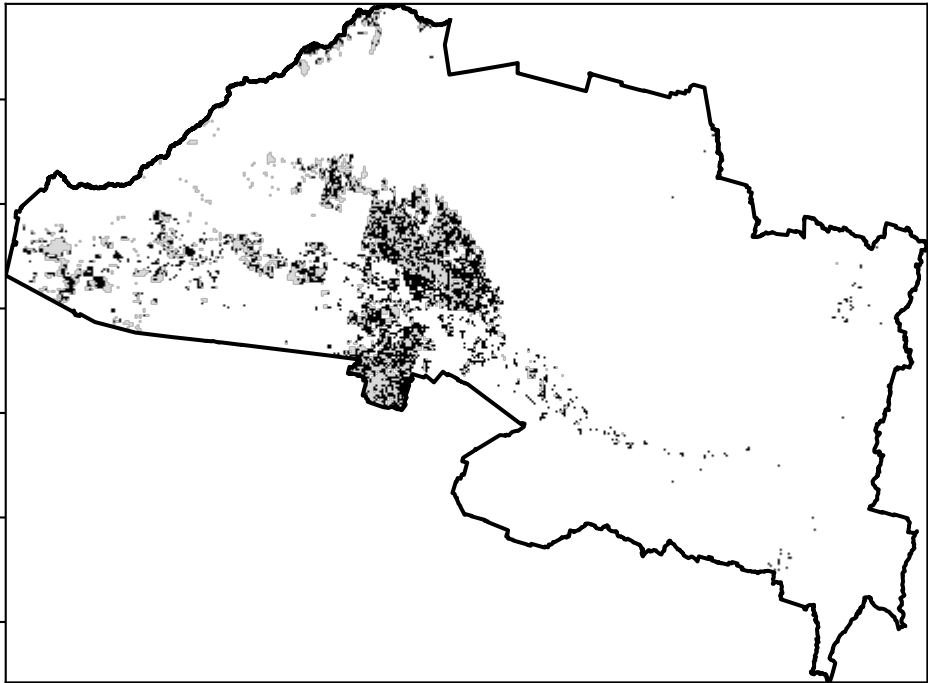
Area not protected 48.8% of region (276,952 ha)

Area protected 51.2% of region (290,572 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)
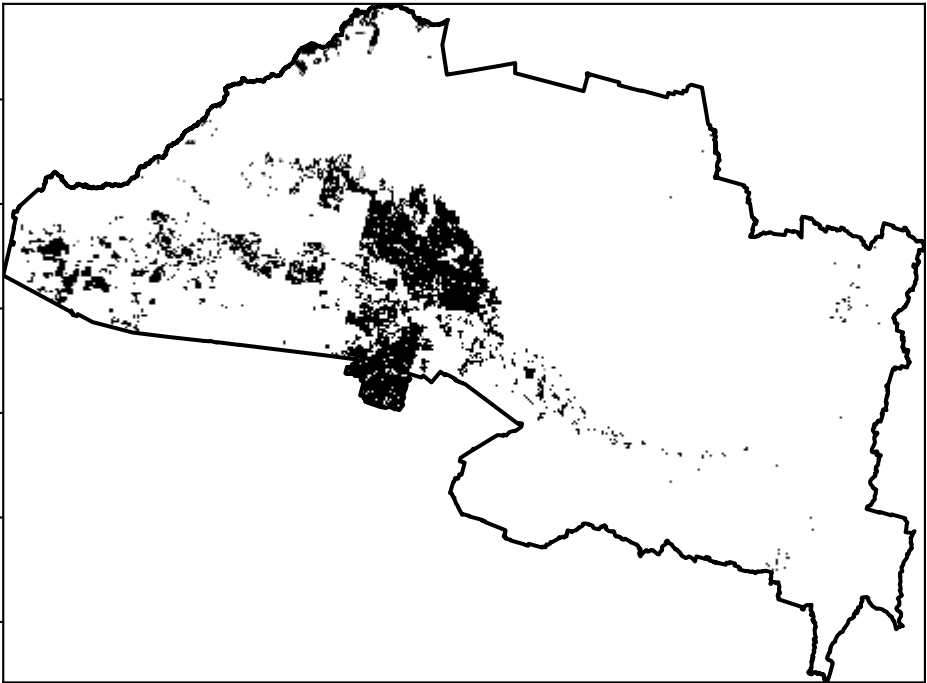
Area not protected 3.0% of region (17,025 ha)

Area protected 97.0% of region (550,499 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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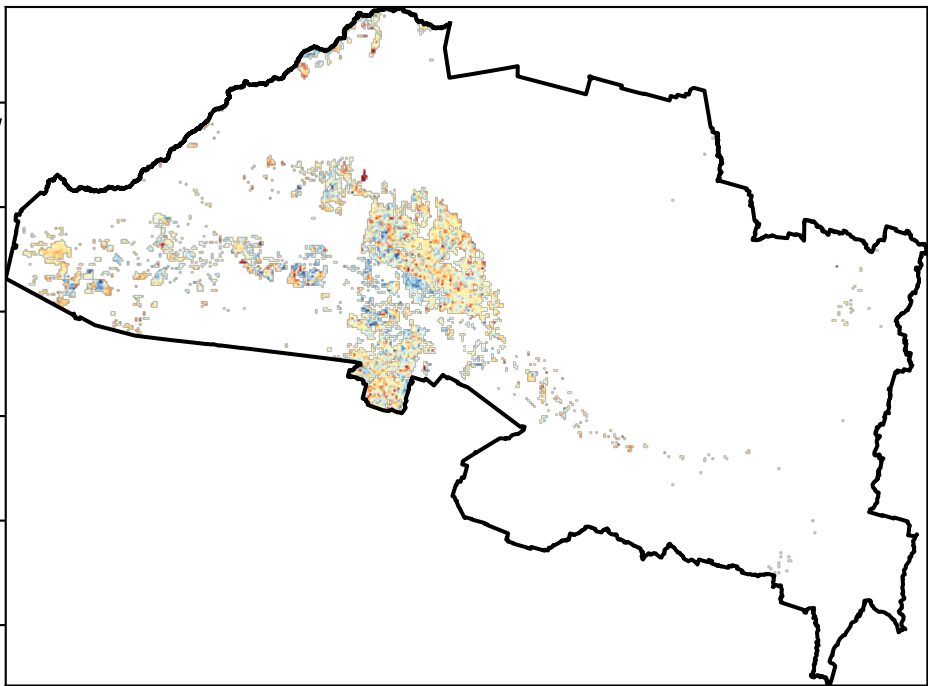
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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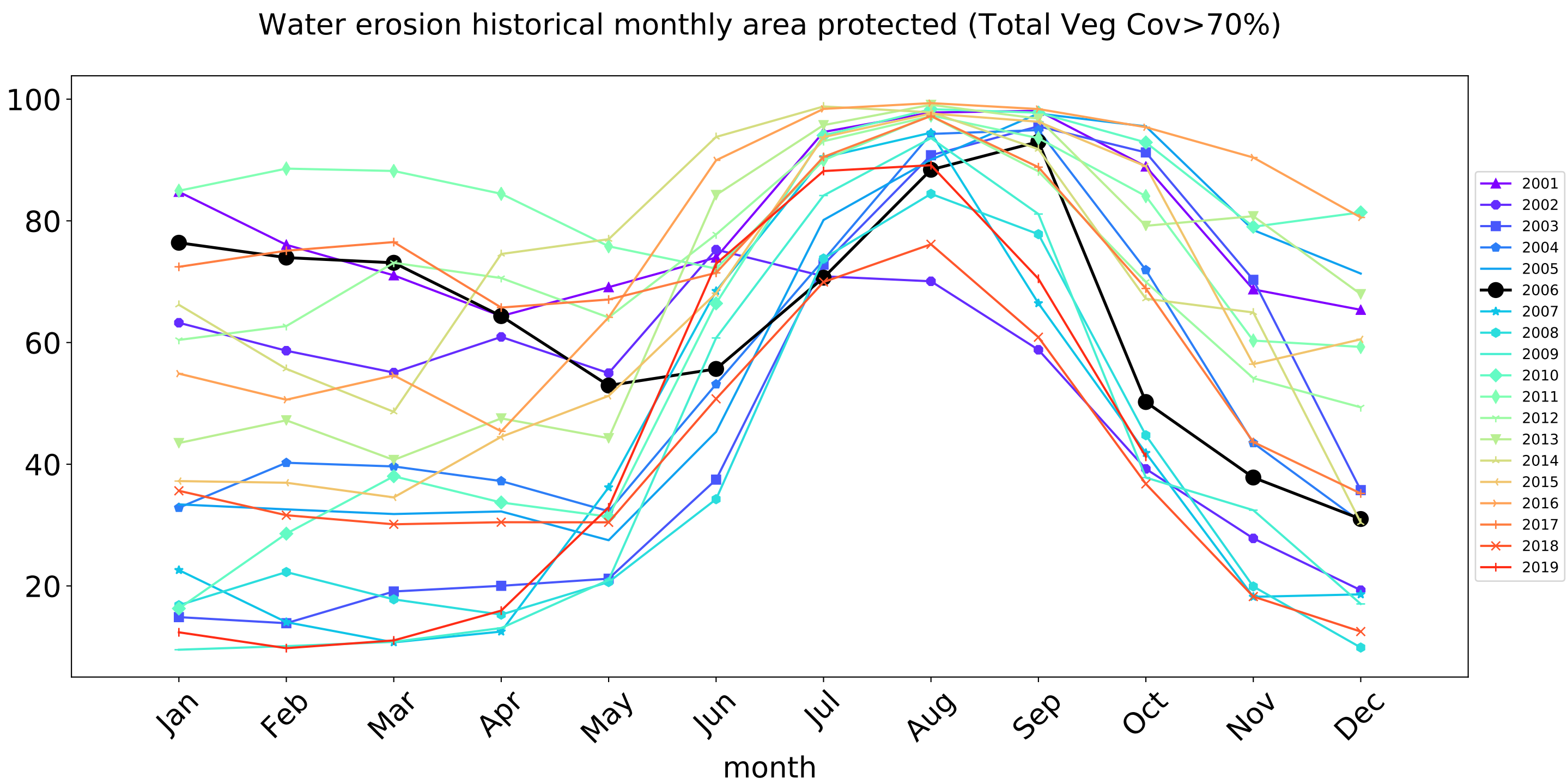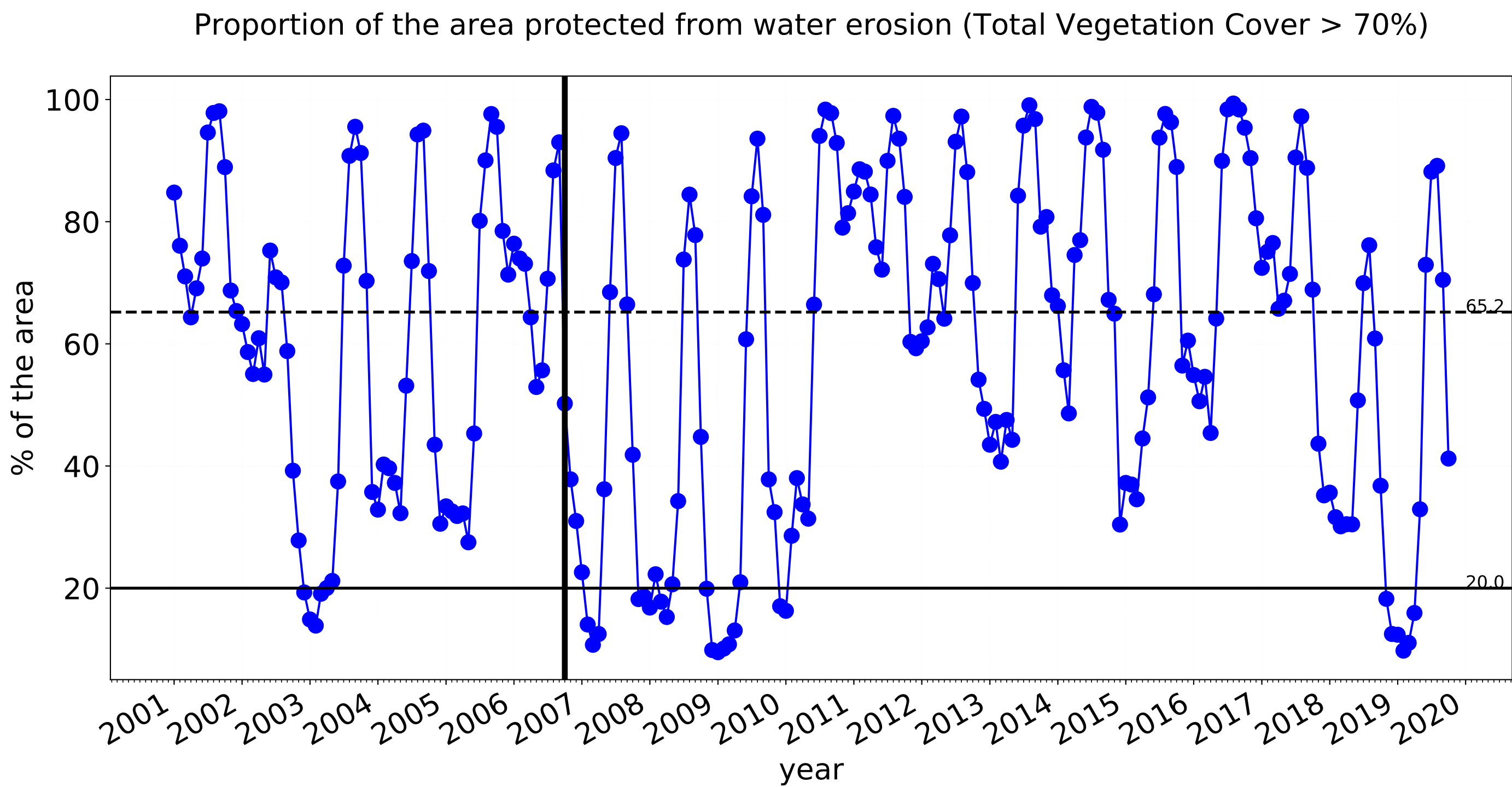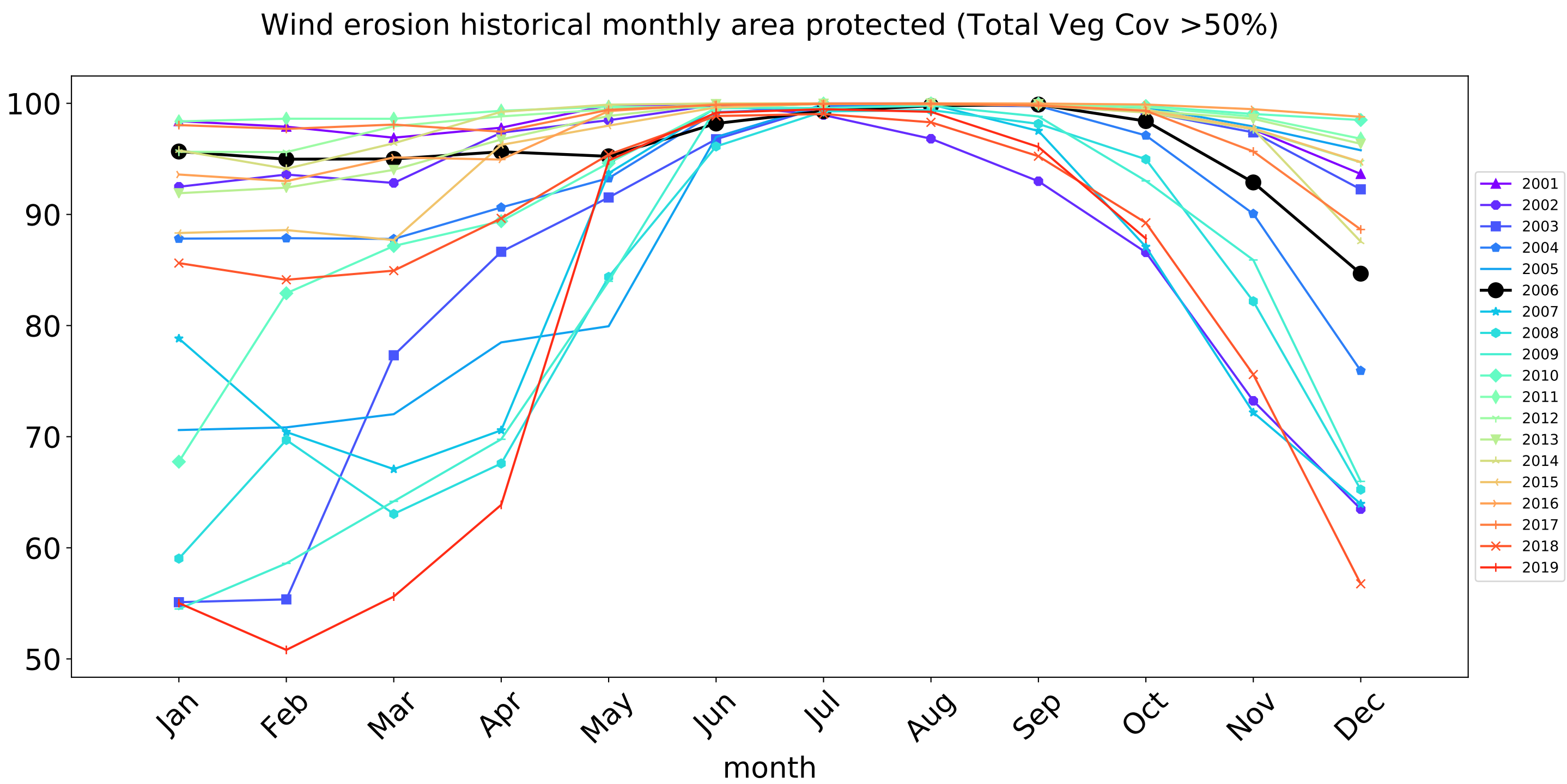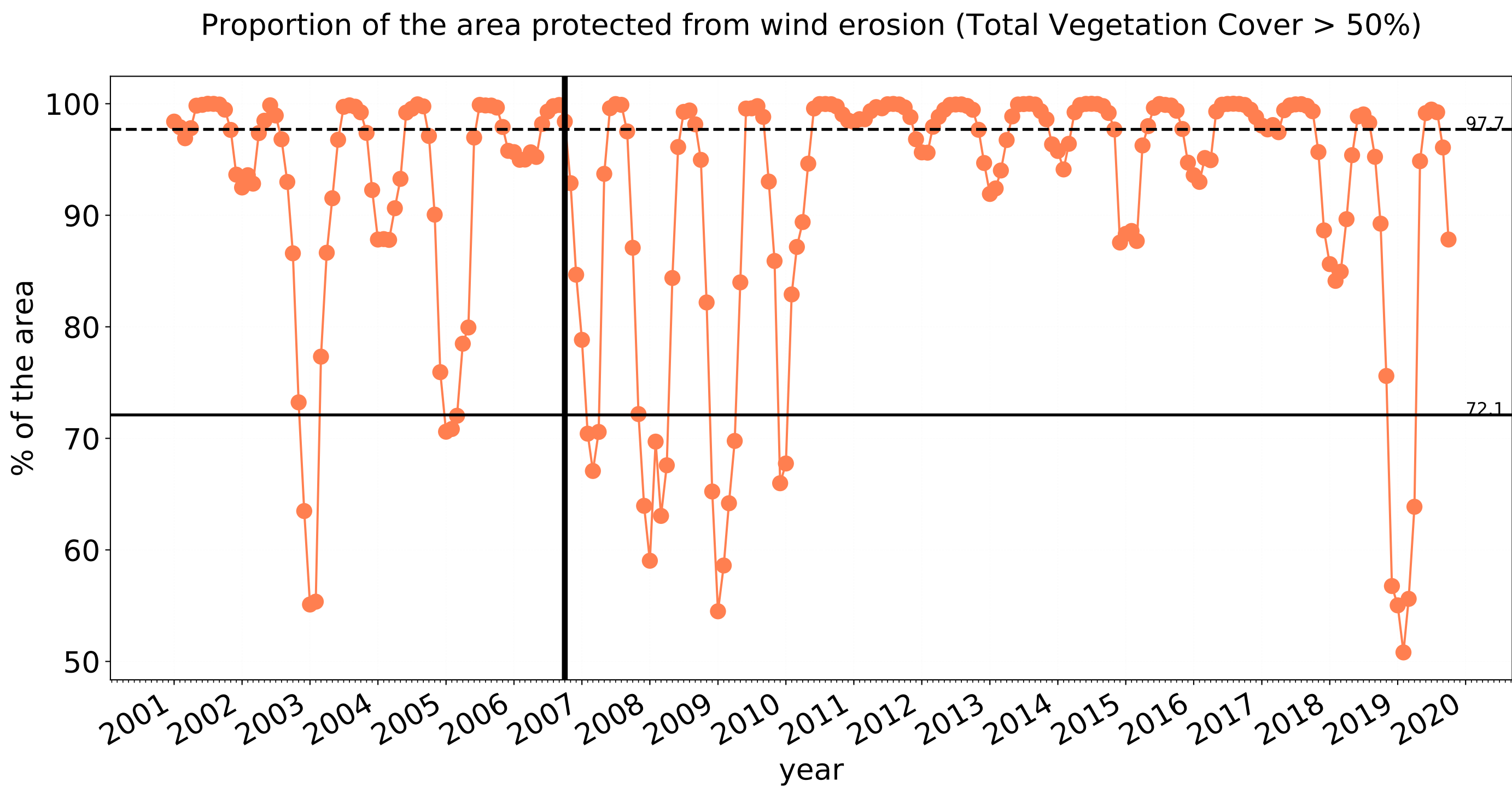
Irrigation timeseries

Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
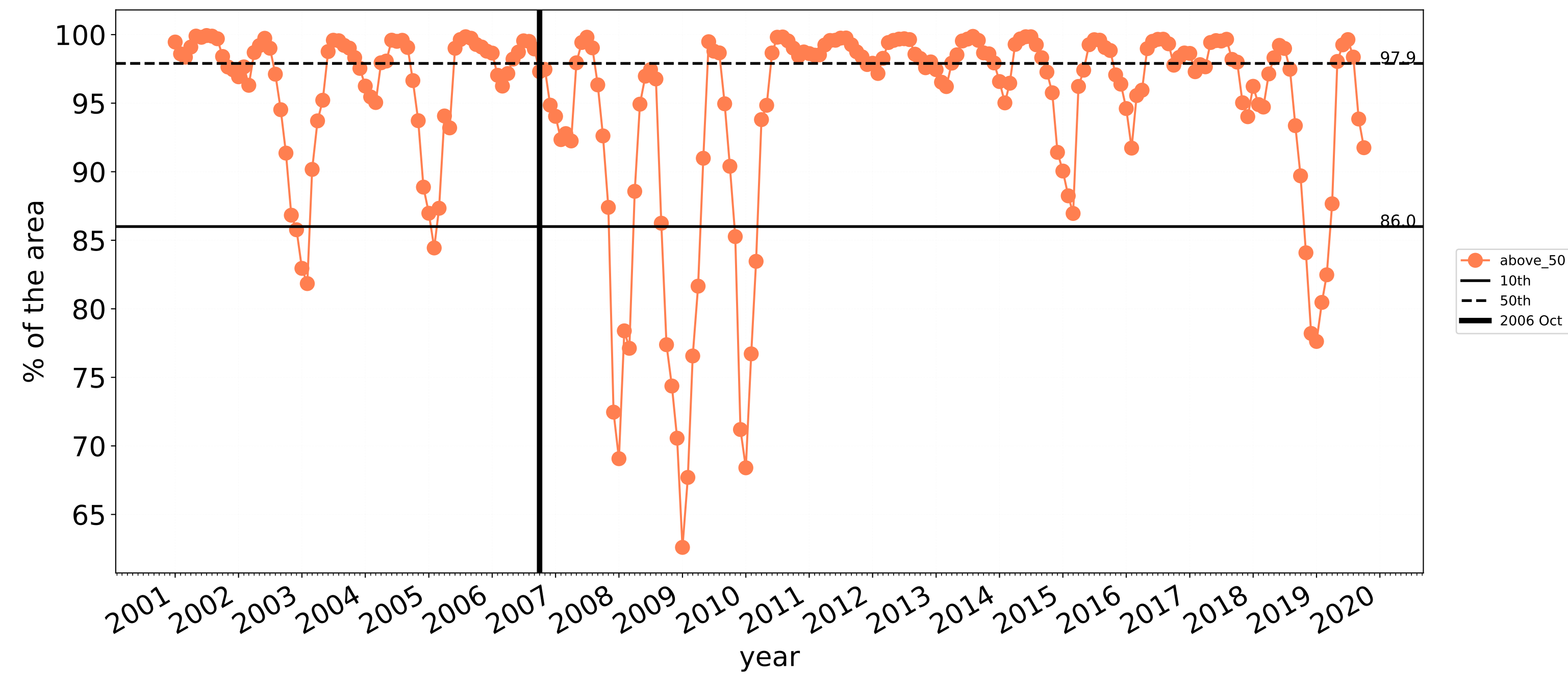
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
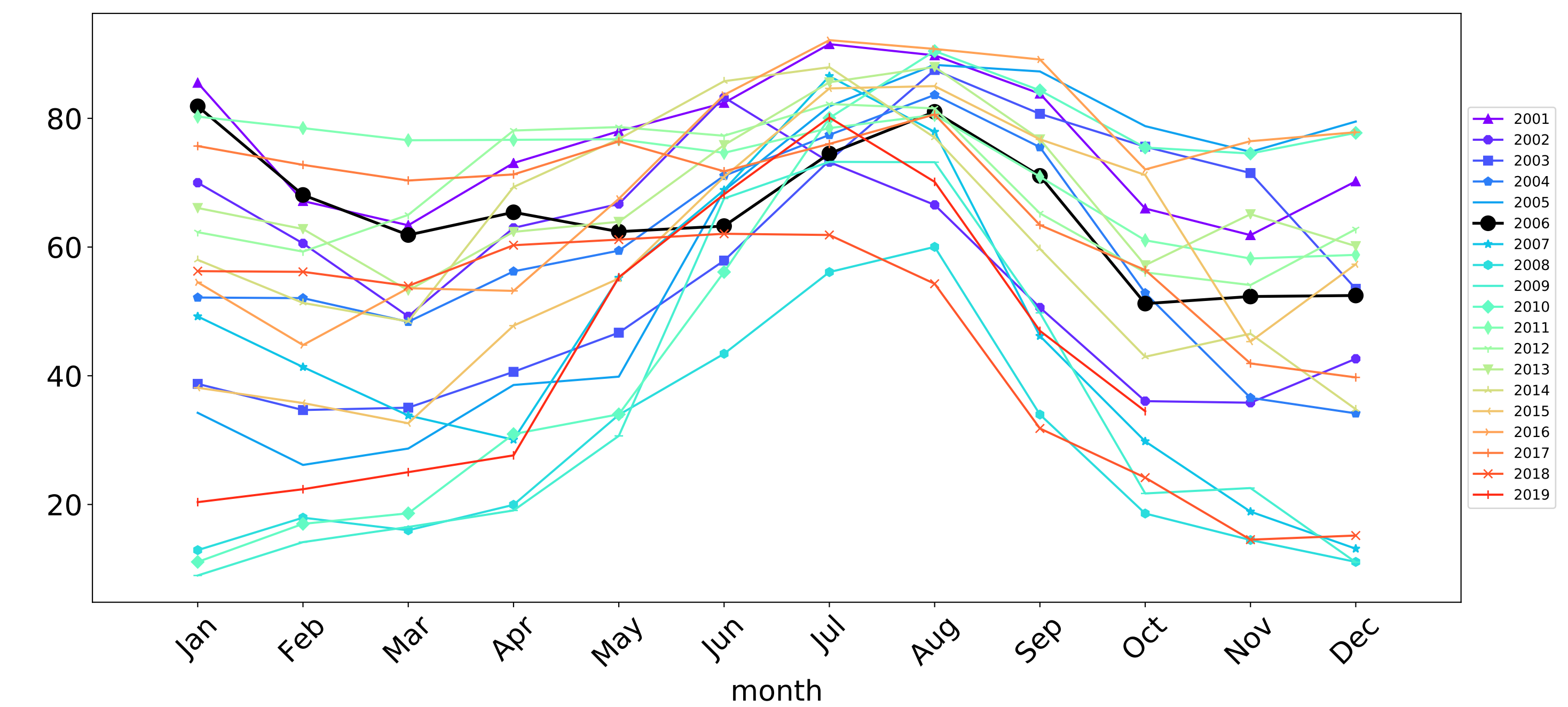
Production native forests and plantation forests

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 Production native forests and plantation forests

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 3.9% of region (6,740 ha)

Area protected 96.1% of region (166,084 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (172,825 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries
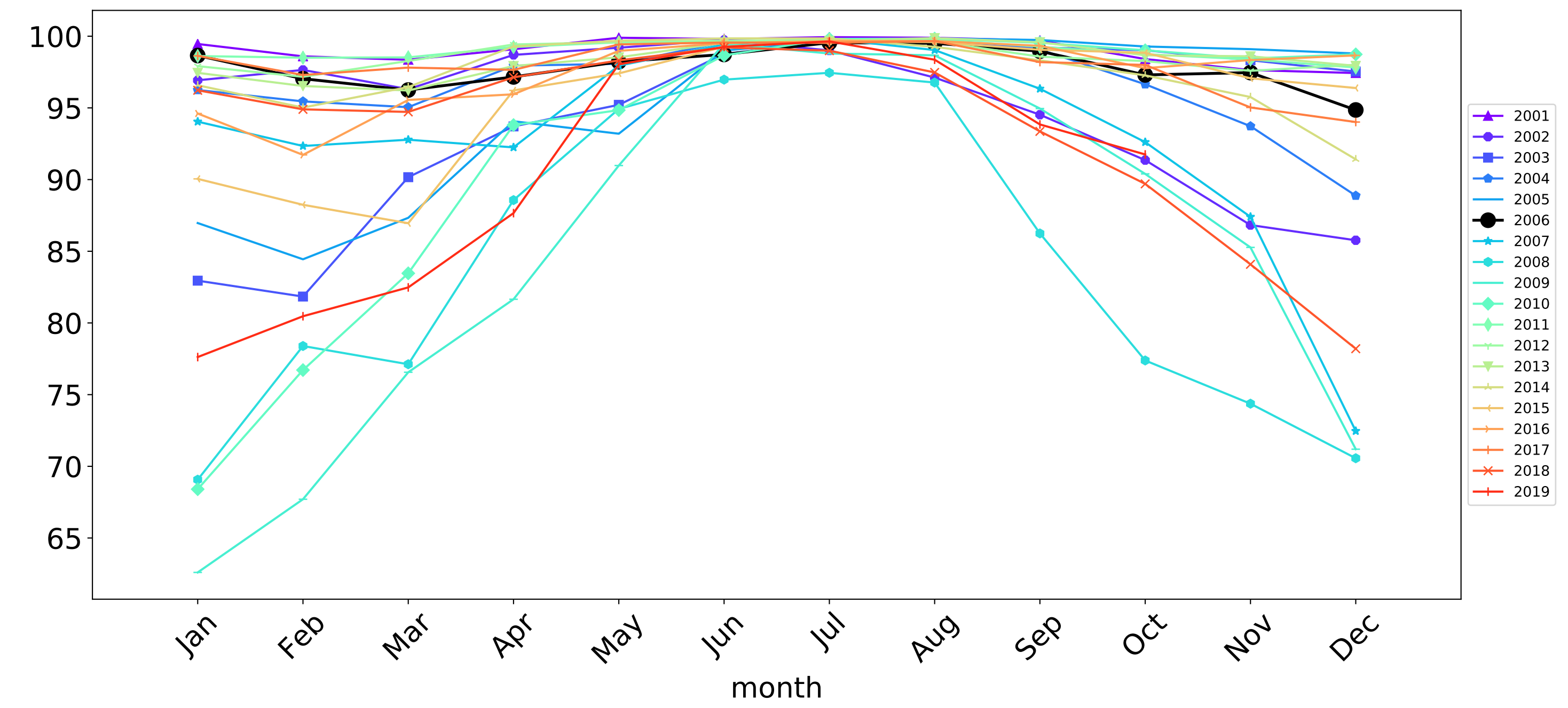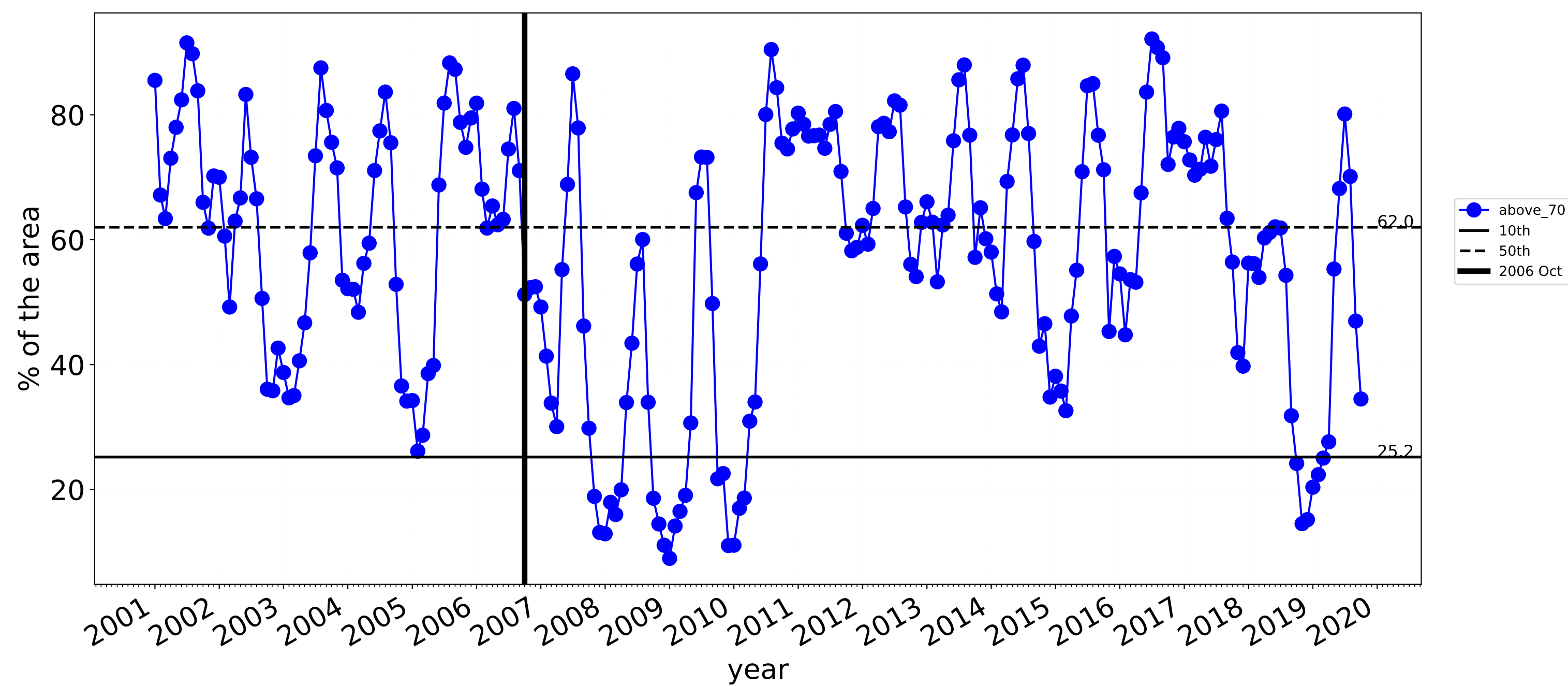

Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
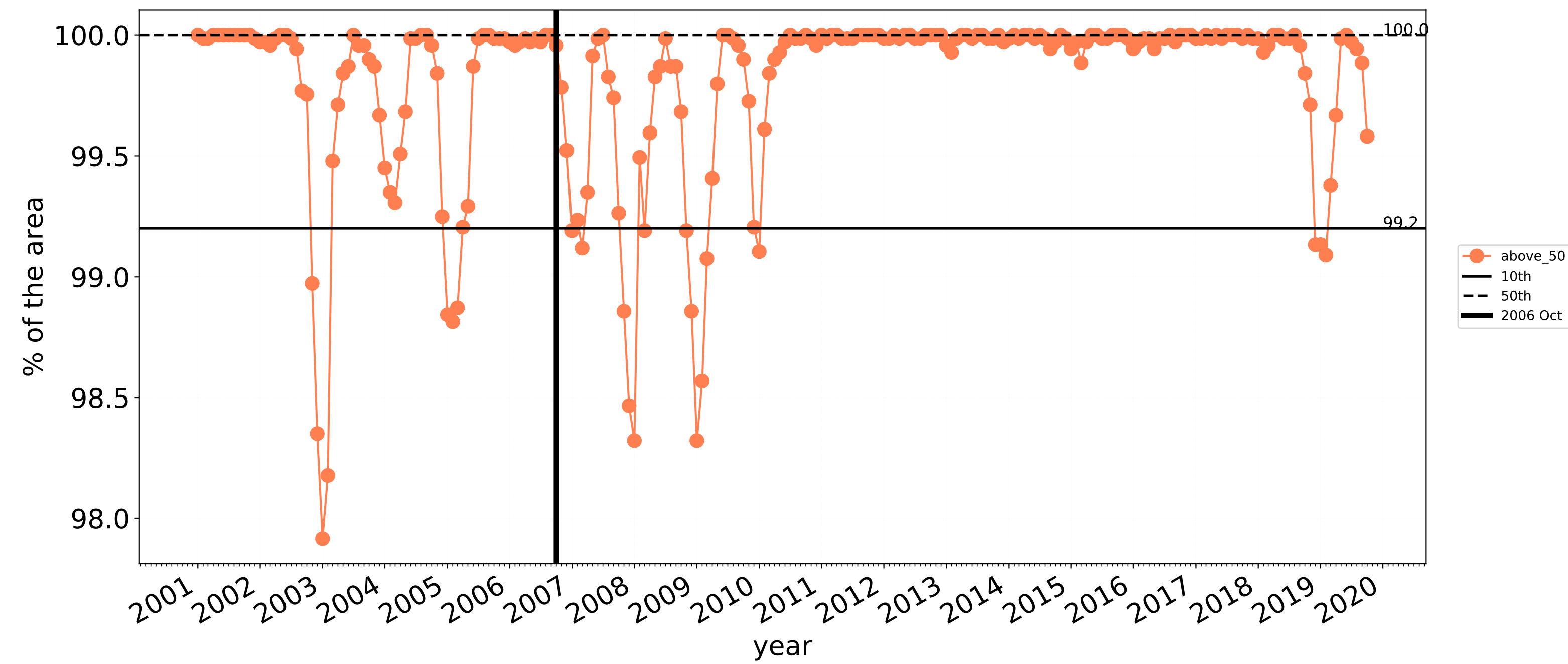
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
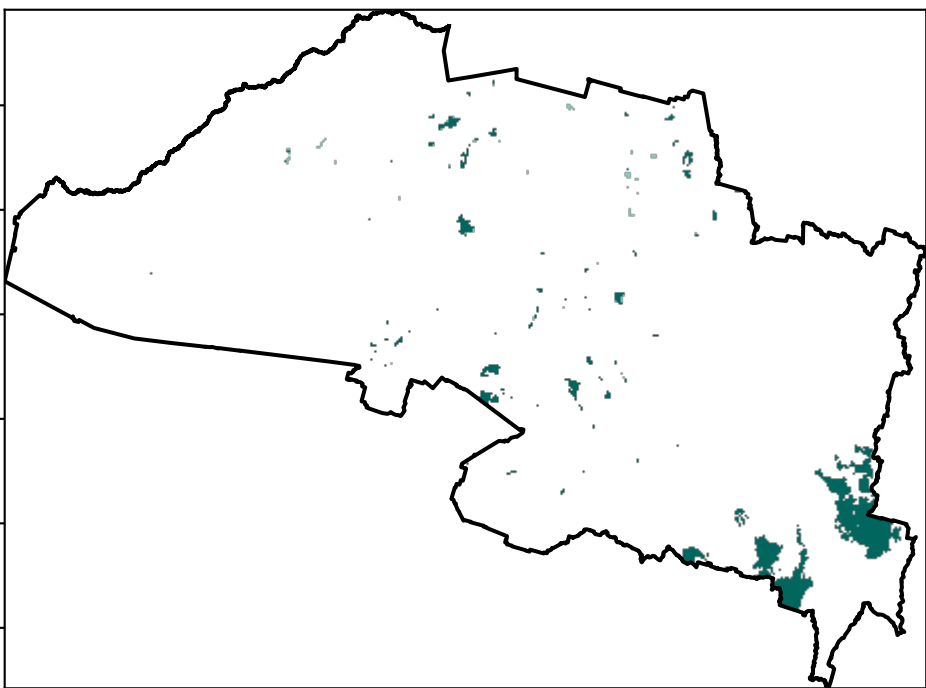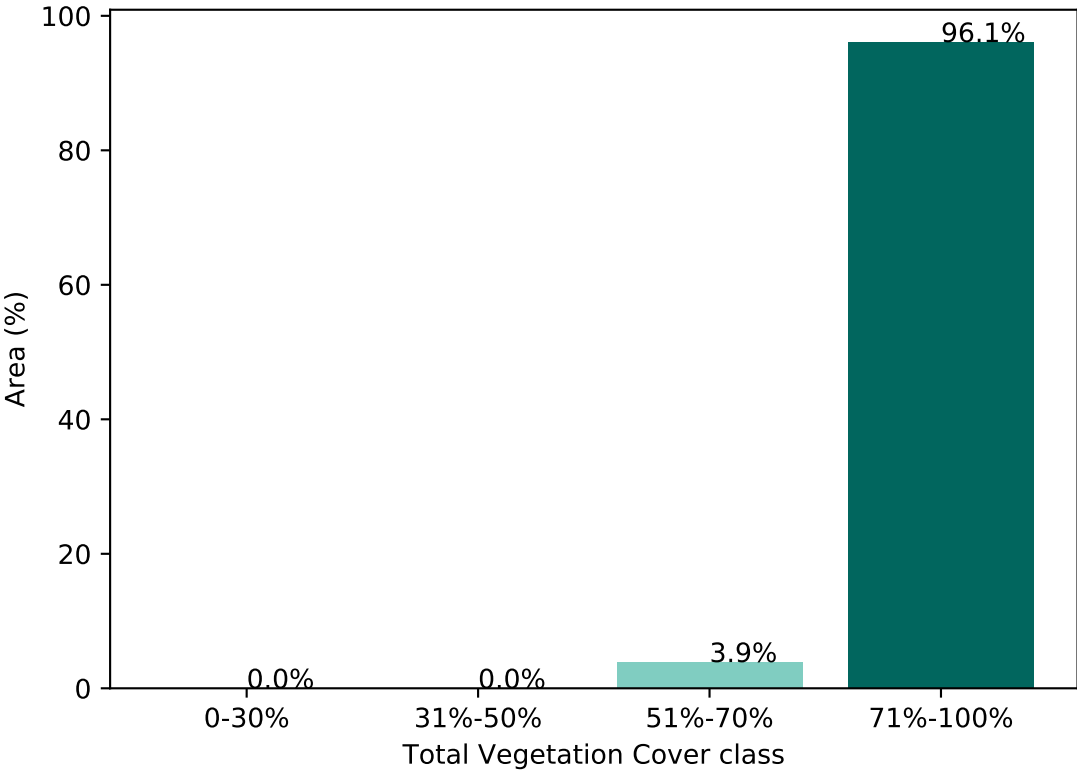
Riverina (6,694,000 ha and no data 14,335 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%
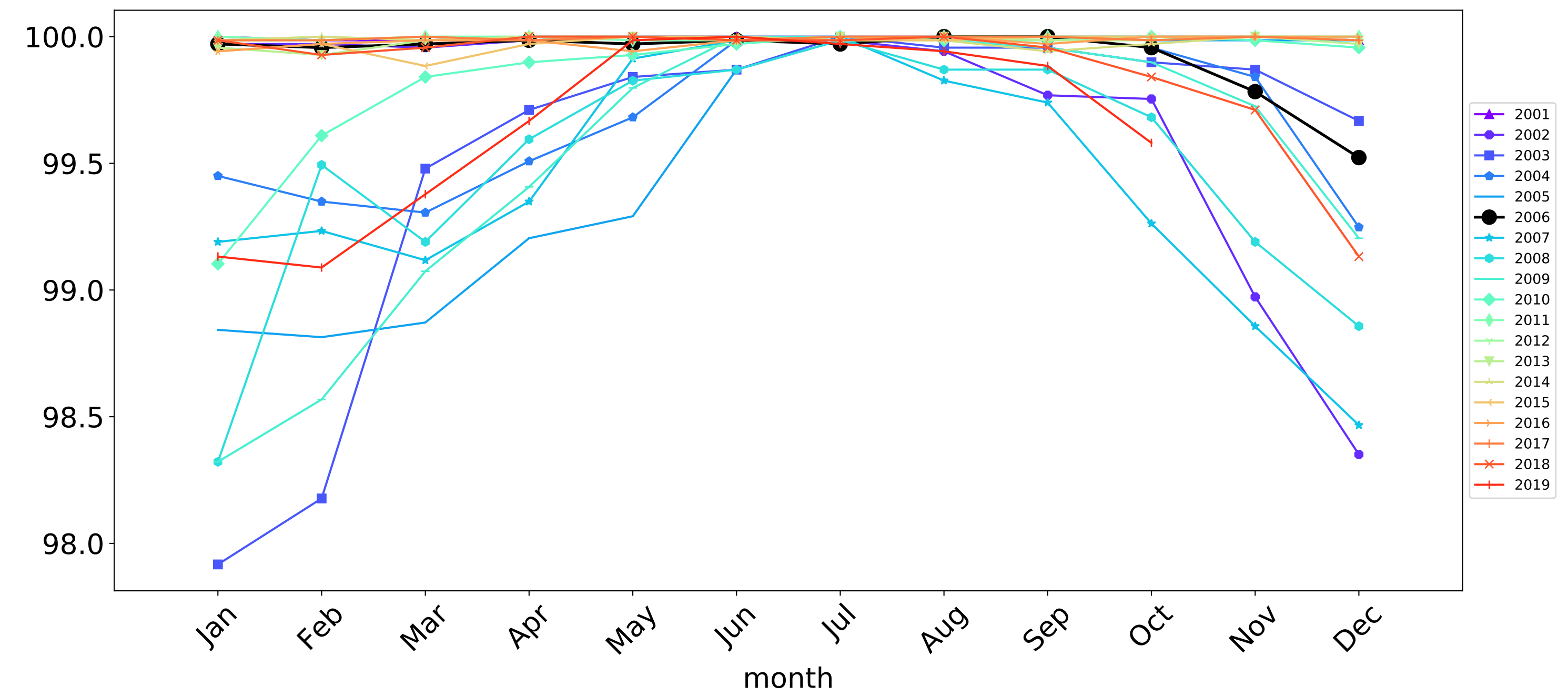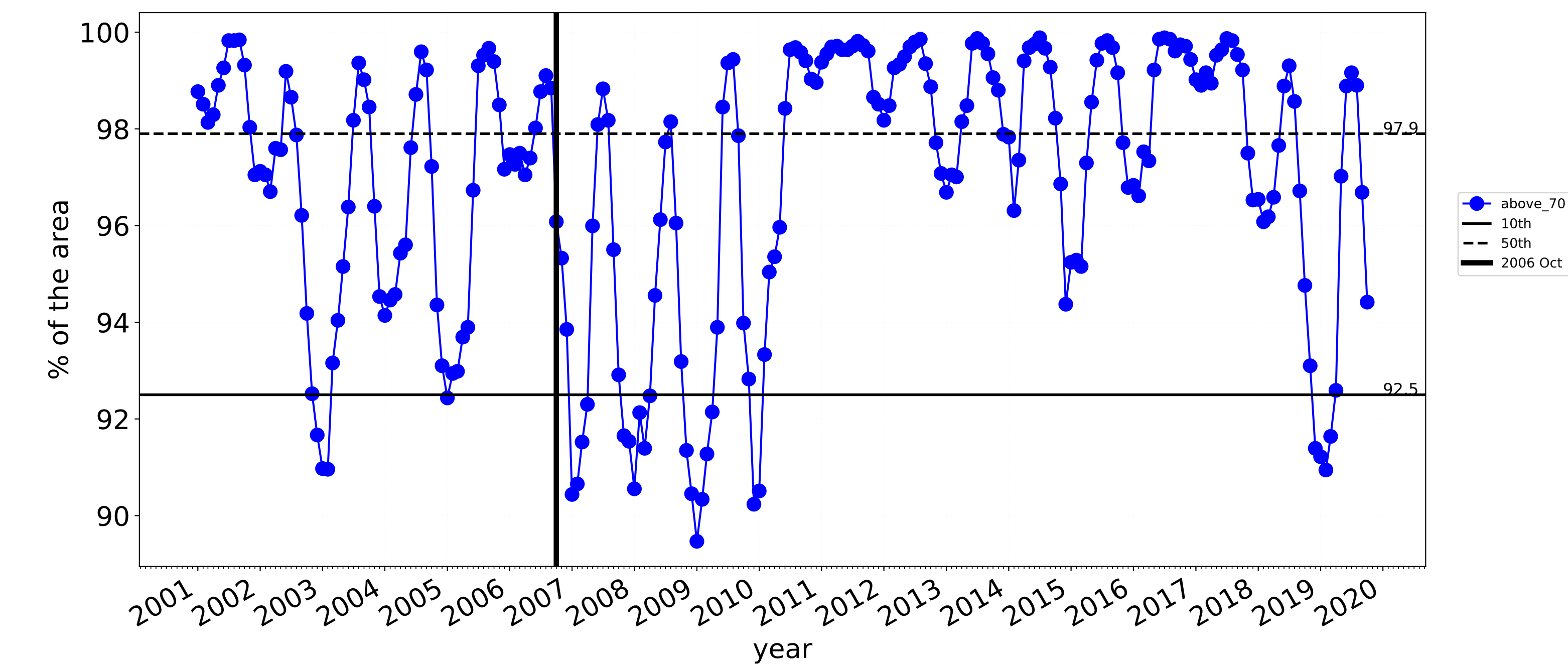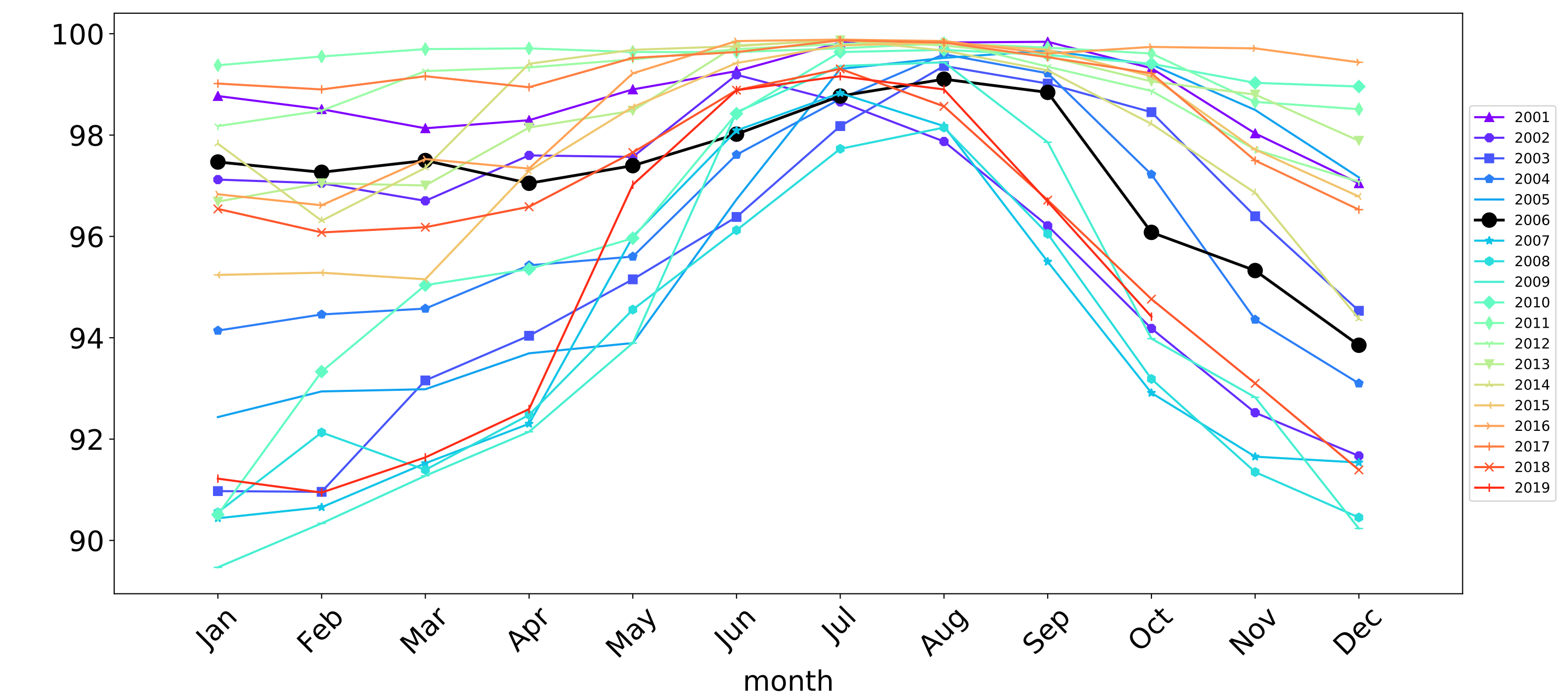
Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	6,694,000	100.0% 6,693,649	97.2% 6,503,386	56.2% 3,760,016	30.6% 2,049,645	9.4% 628,119	2.3% 153,085
Conservation and natural environments	323,050	100.0% 323,050	98.8% 319,325	87.3% 282,050	81.1% 261,875	43.5% 140,400	18.0% 58,125
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	95.5% 79,625	52.3% 43,575	39.9% 33,225	17.7% 14,750	5.5% 4,600
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,200	100.0% 195,200	100.0% 195,200	99.8% 194,900	97.7% 190,750	60.5% 118,150	26.2% 51,100
Agriculture	6,067,775	100.0% 6,067,450	97.0% 5,886,800	53.3% 3,235,350	26.3% 1,598,300	6.3% 381,725	0.9% 53,925
Grazing	2,311,500	100.0% 2,311,325	95.0% 2,196,775	58.1% 1,343,775	36.7% 848,250	11.7% 270,350	1.7% 38,475
Grazing non forest	2,066,500	100.0% 2,066,325	94.4% 1,951,800	54.0% 1,116,100	33.2% 686,675	11.2% 232,350	1.7% 34,250
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	100.0% 141,625	89.1% 126,250	51.9% 73,475	5.6% 7,900	0.3% 375
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	98.1% 101,425	85.2% 88,100	29.1% 30,100	3.7% 3,850
Cropping	3,186,925	100.0% 3,186,800	98.4% 3,136,000	50.2% 1,600,675	20.6% 656,075	3.0% 96,925	0.4% 12,775
Irrigation	567,525	100.0% 567,500	97.3% 552,200	51.2% 290,650	16.5% 93,875	2.5% 14,450	0.5% 2,675
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,825	100.0% 172,825	100.0% 172,750	96.1% 166,050	88.5% 152,975	58.6% 101,350	23.3% 40,325