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

# **Date: February 2011**

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:

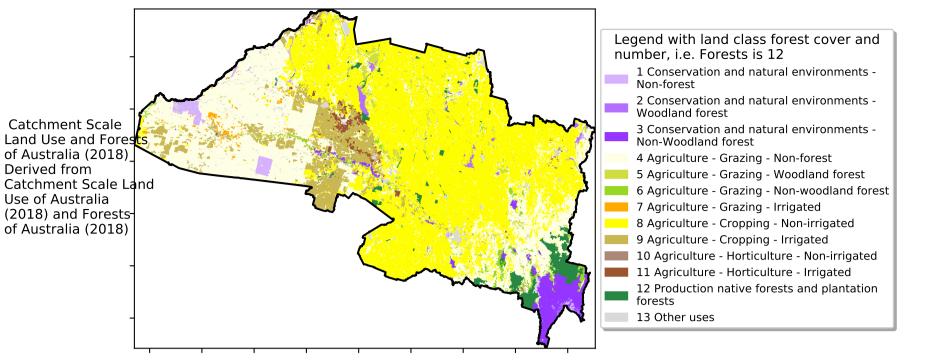
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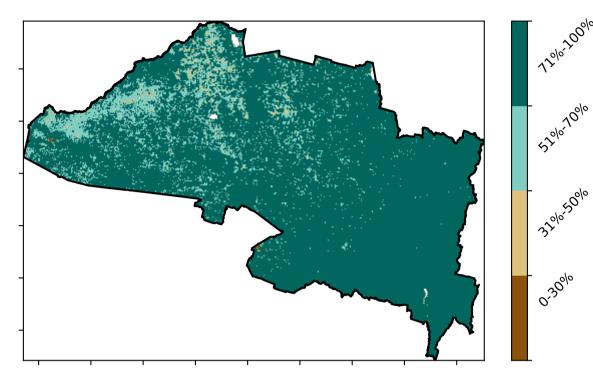
## **Vegetation Cover Feb 2011**

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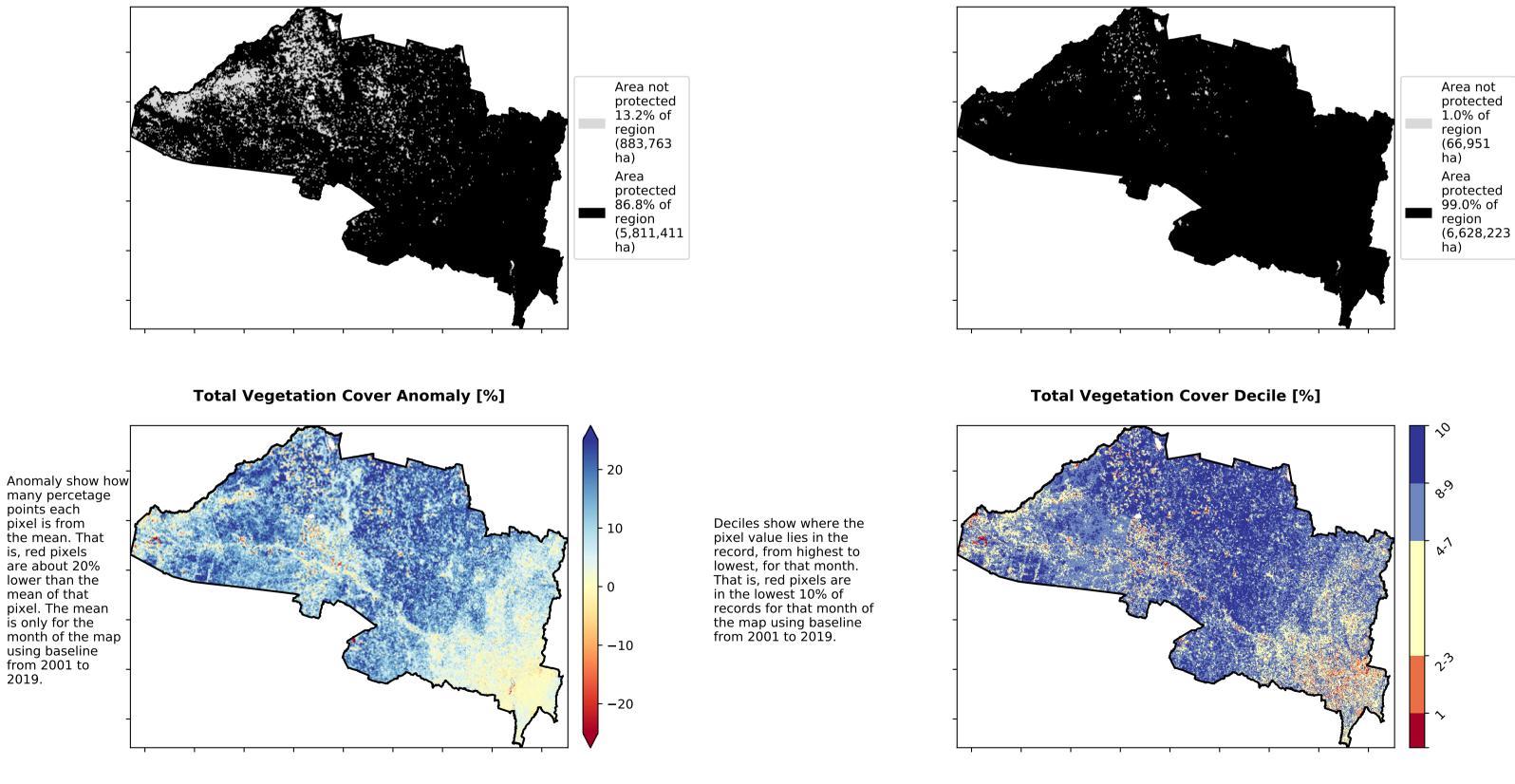
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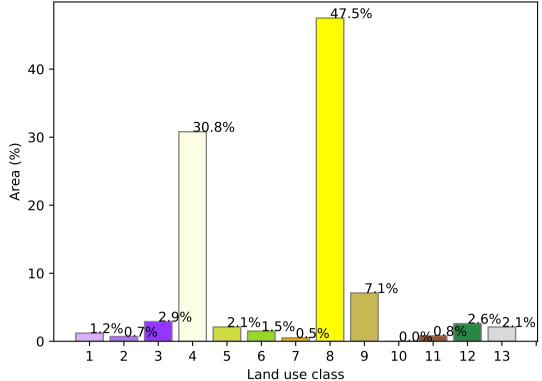


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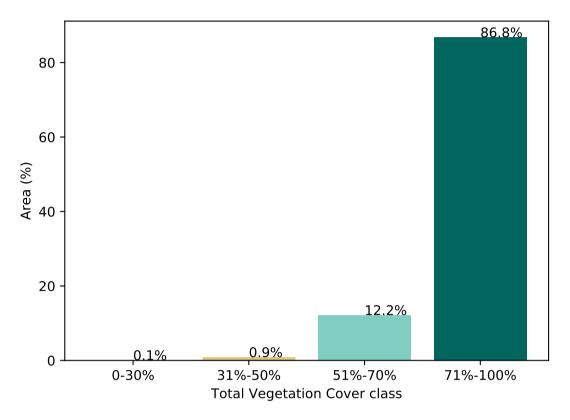


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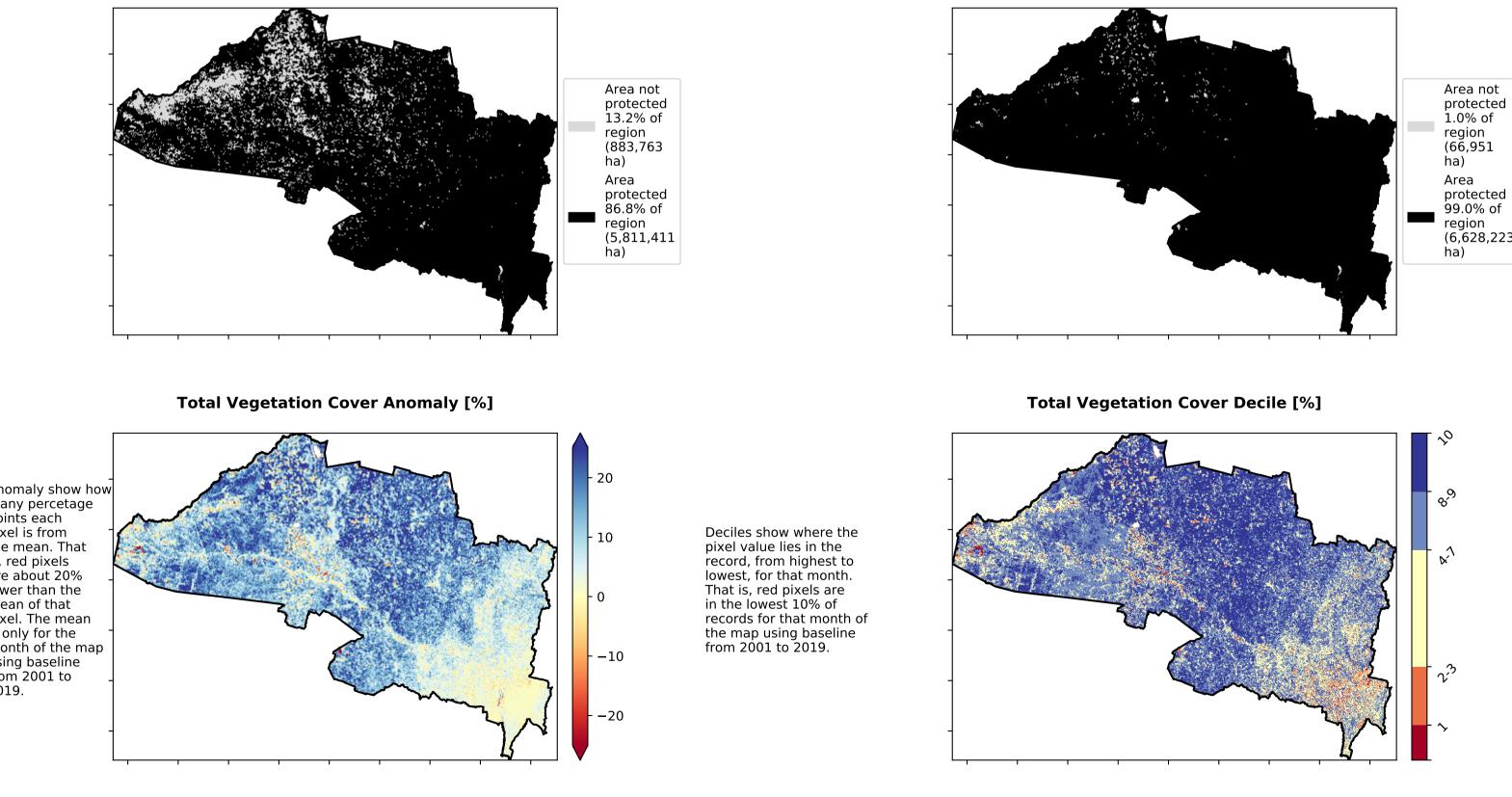




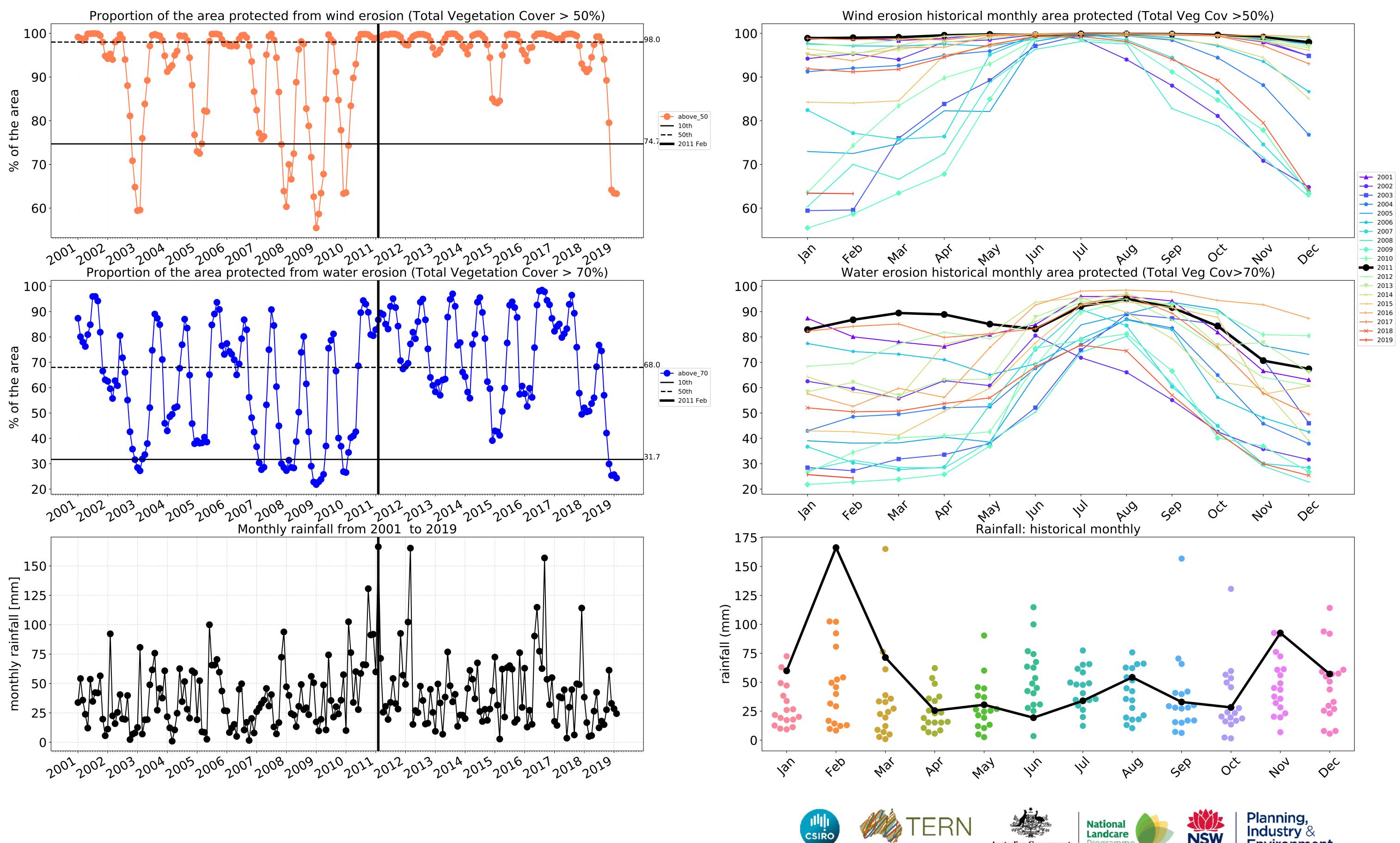
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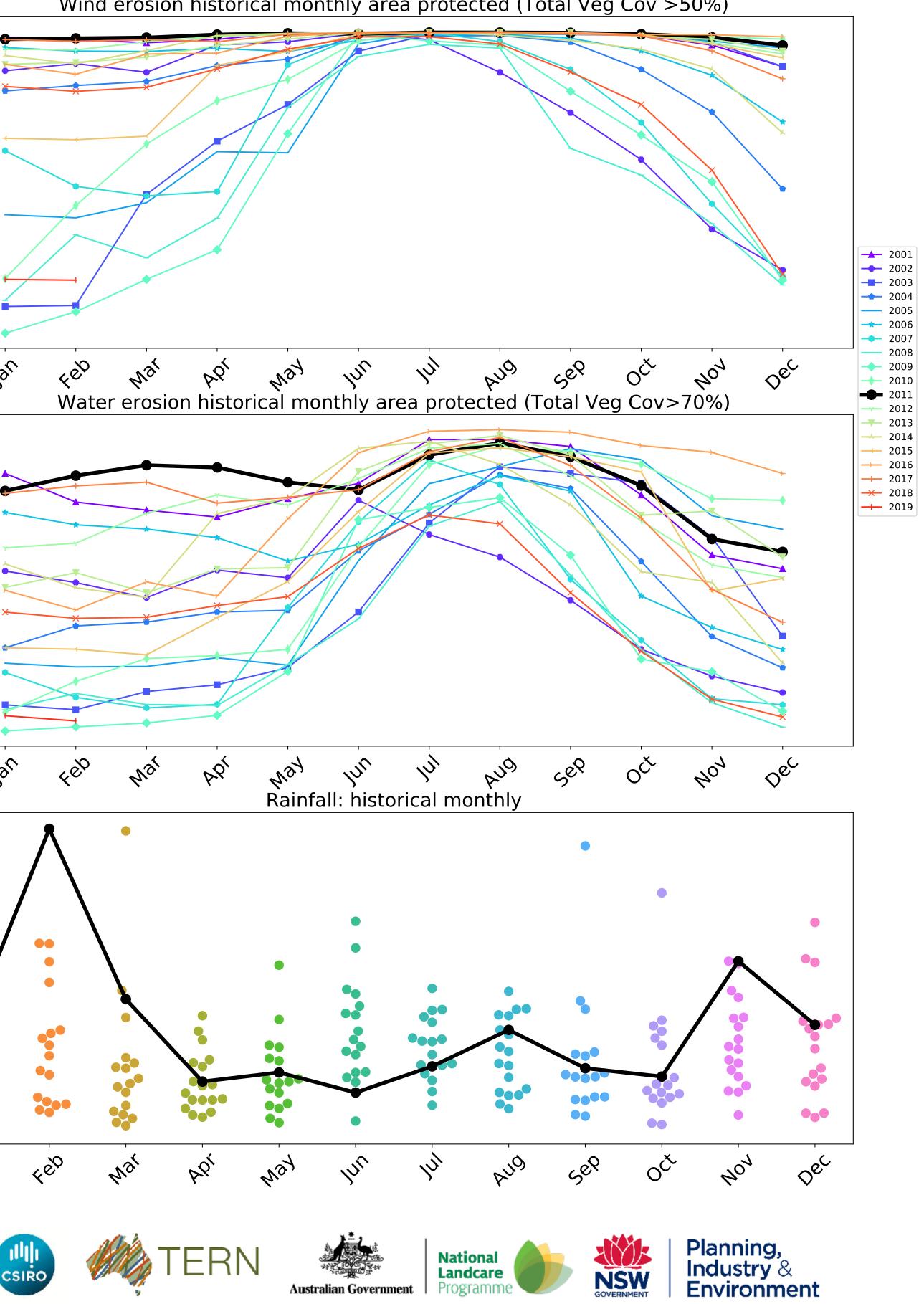


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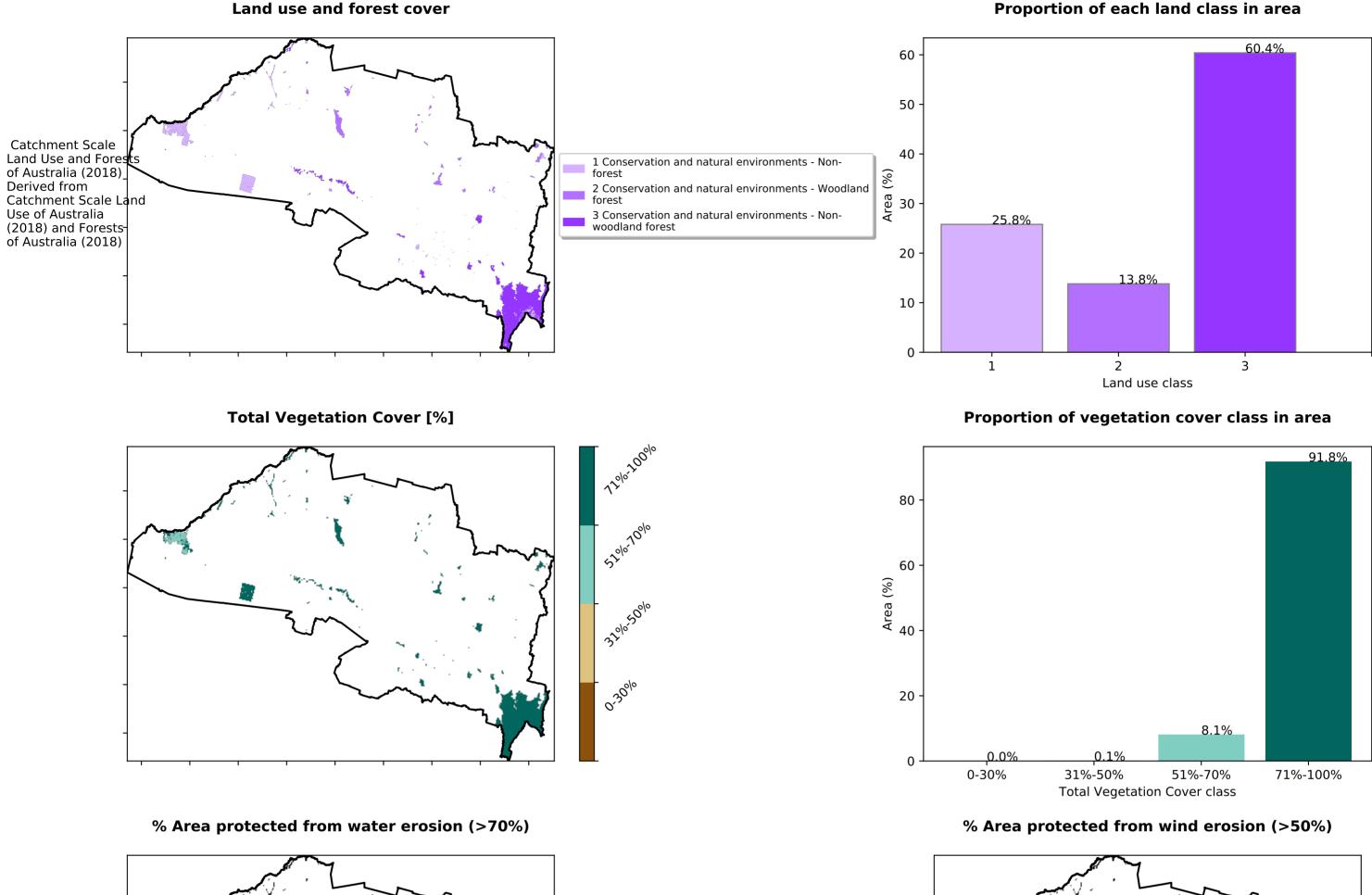






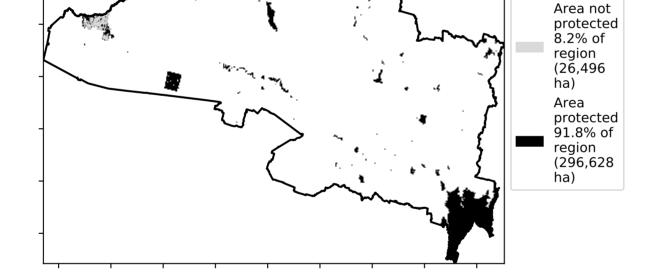


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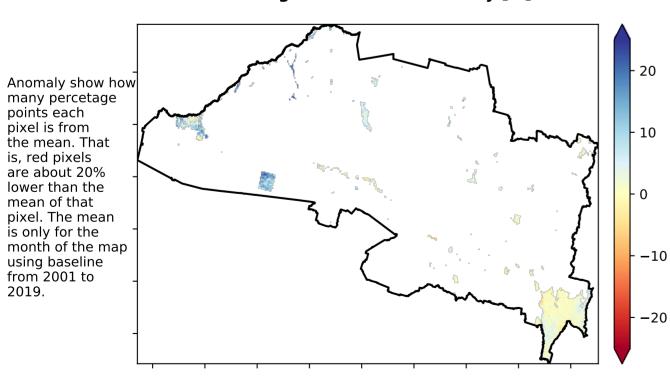


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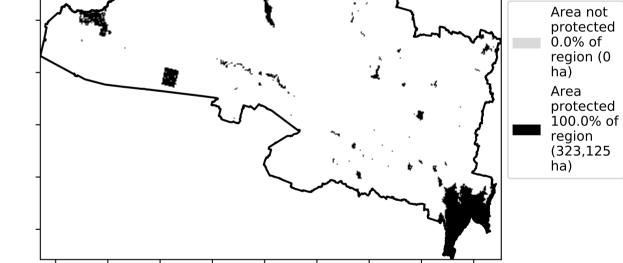




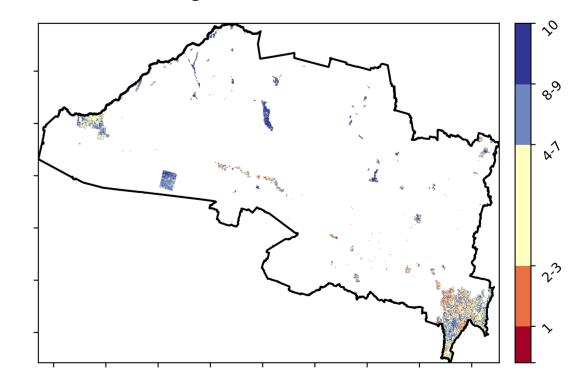
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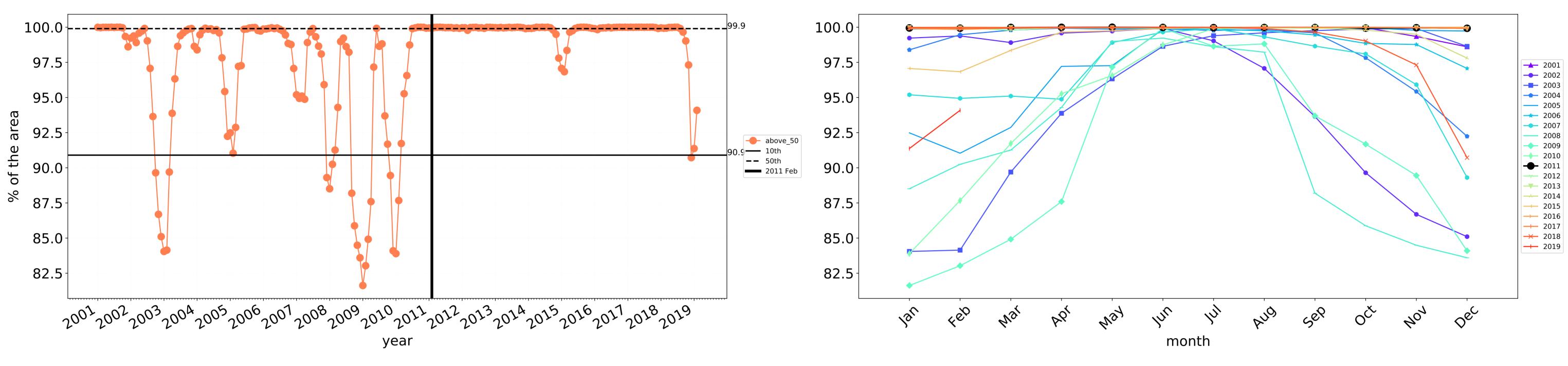


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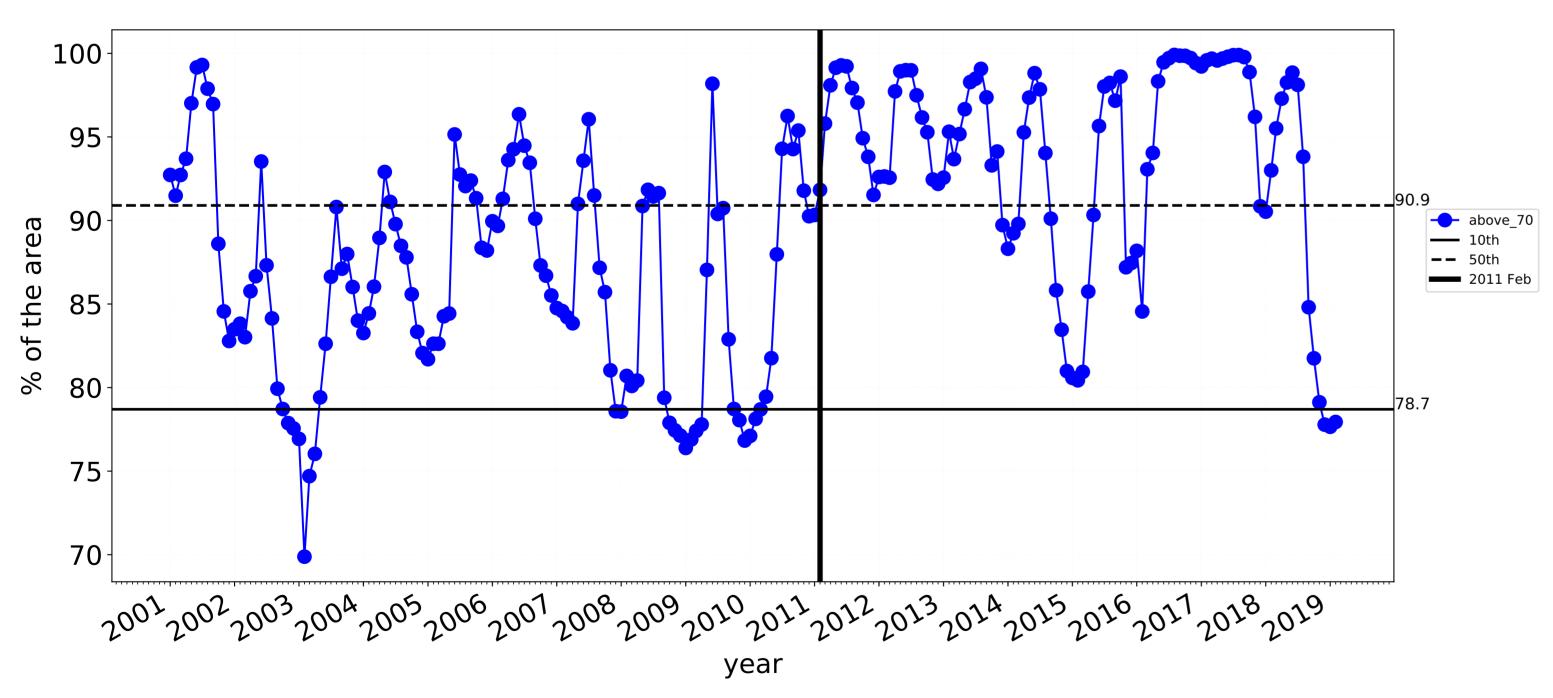


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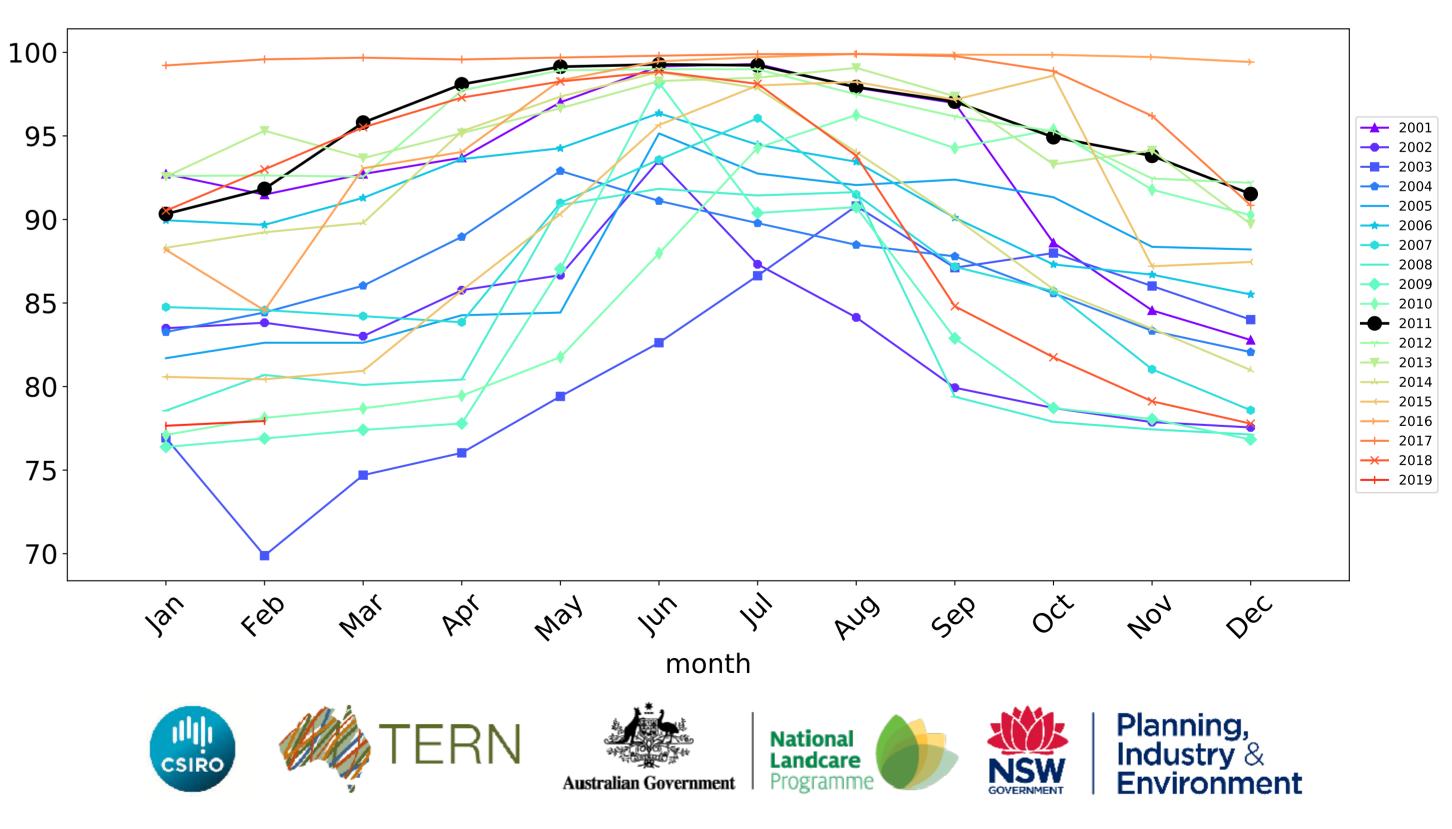


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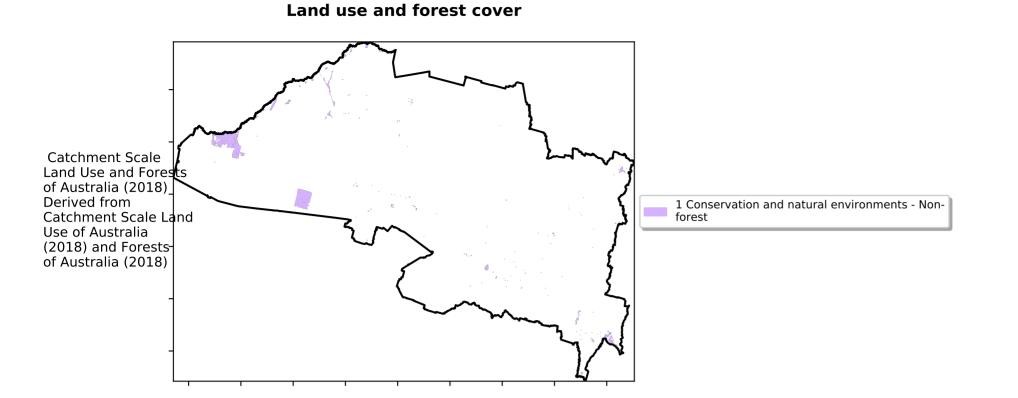
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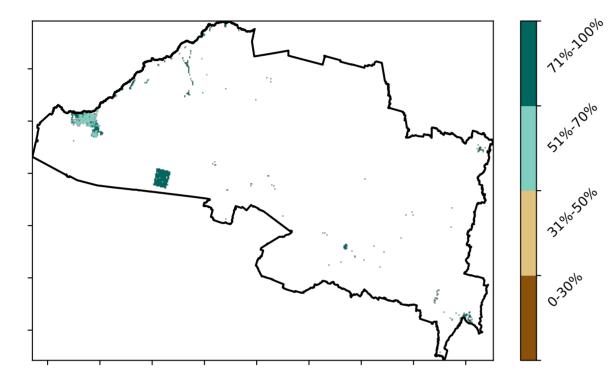
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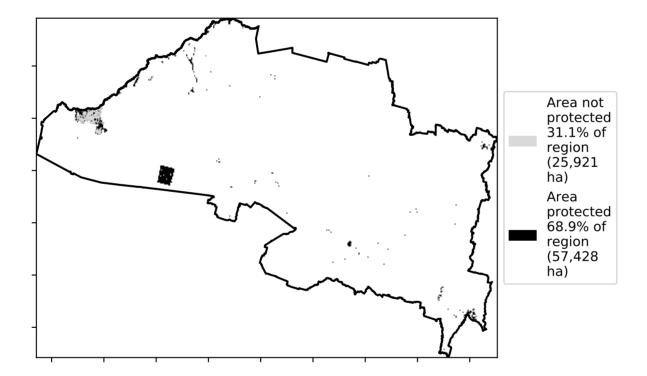
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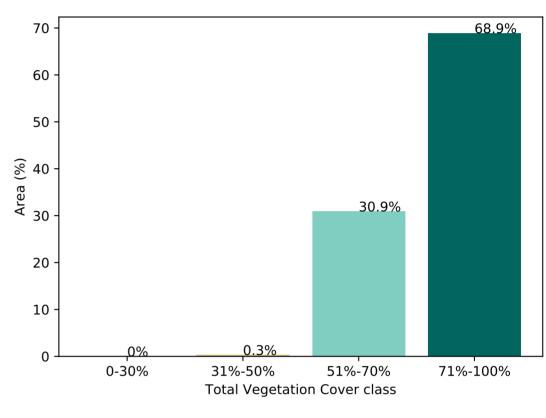
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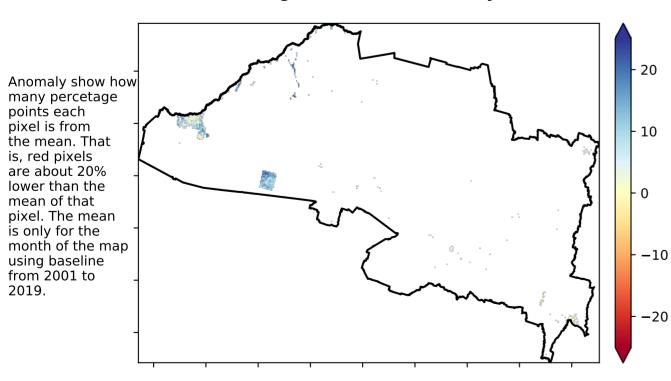




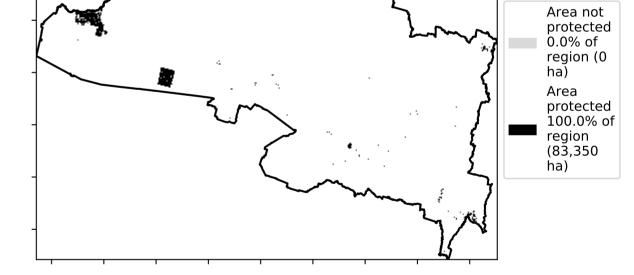
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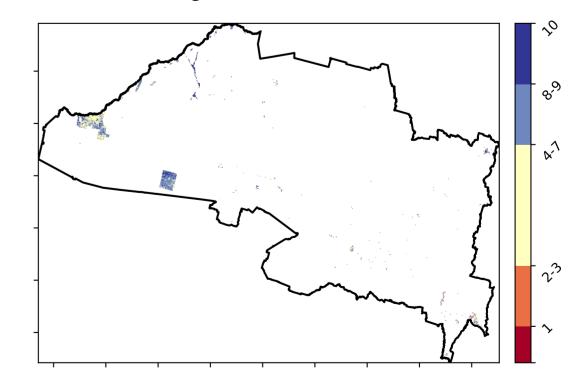


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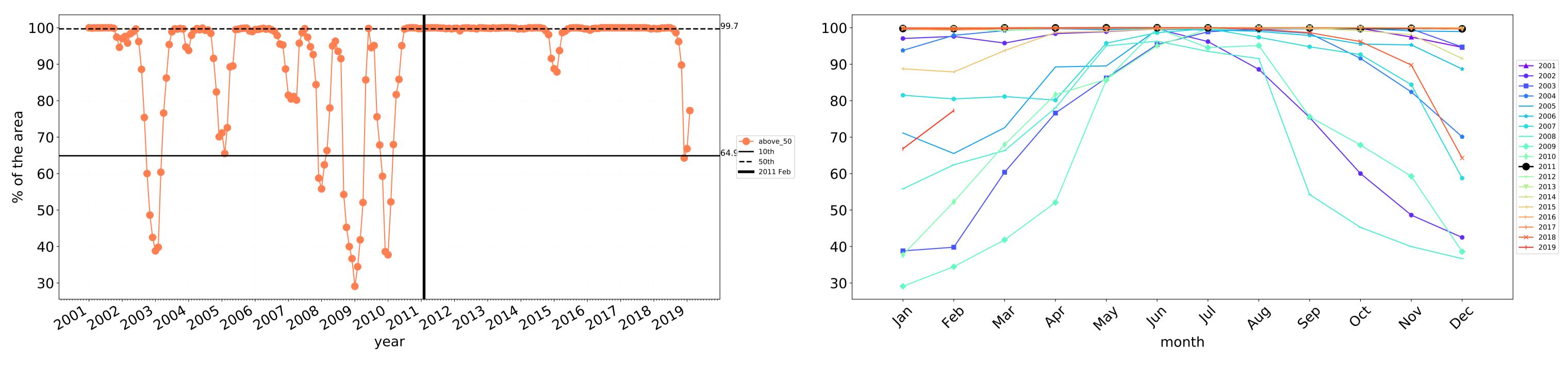
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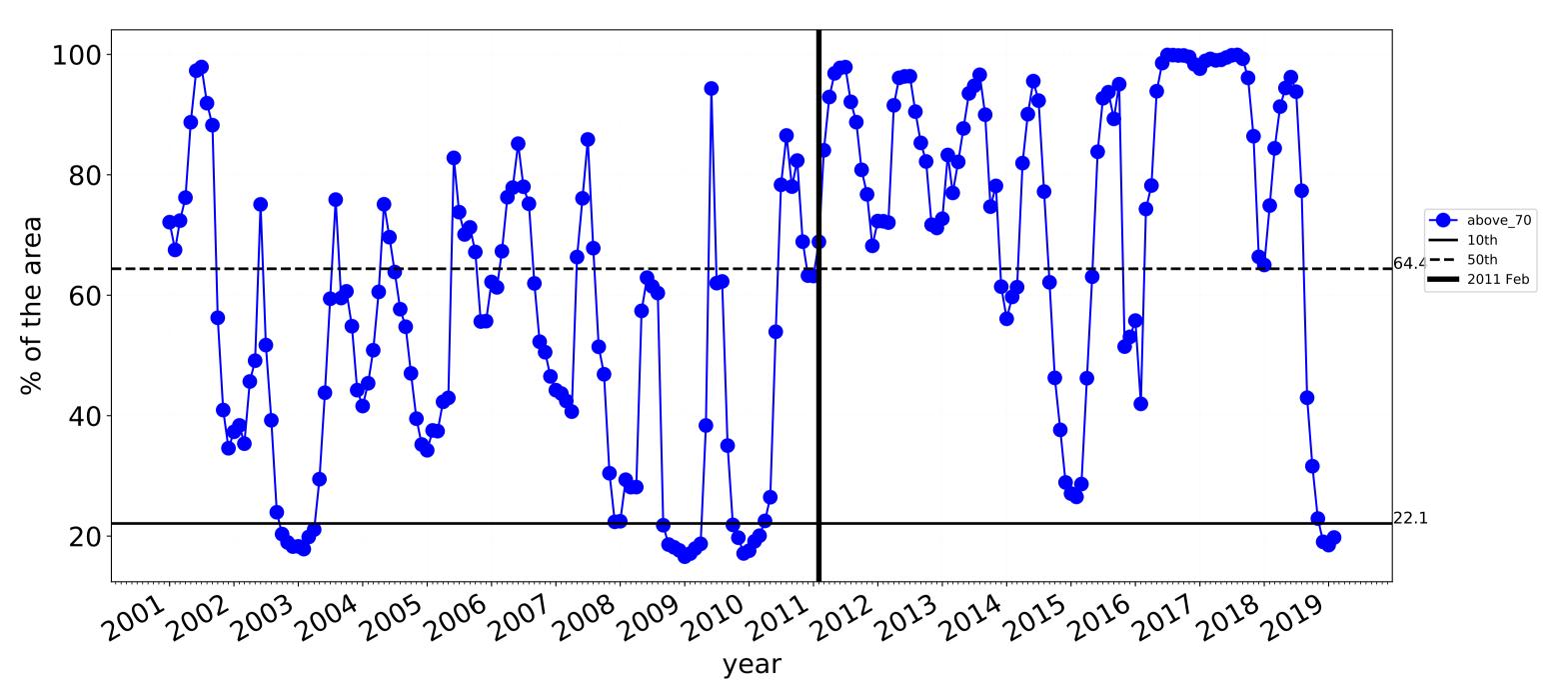


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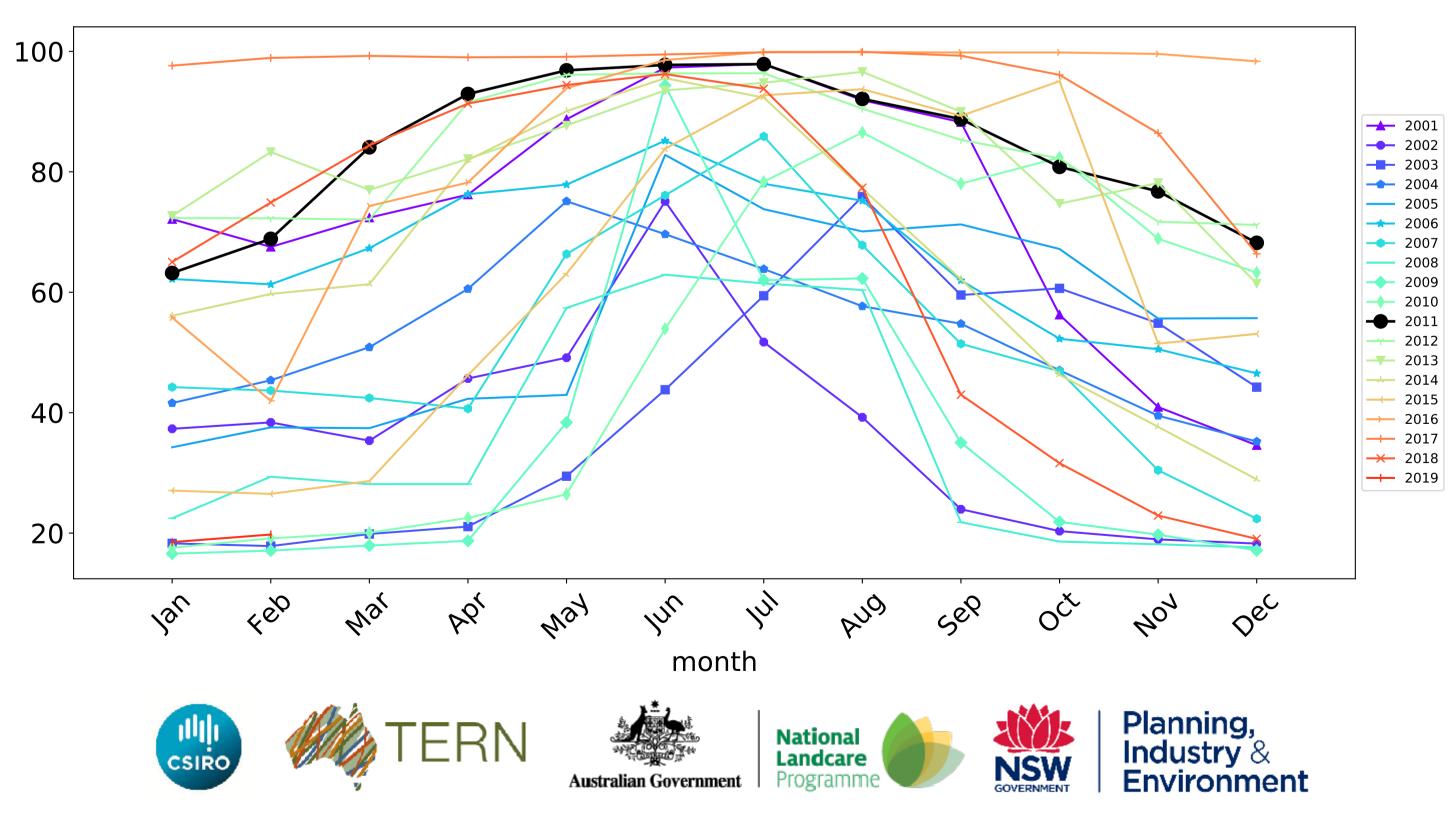
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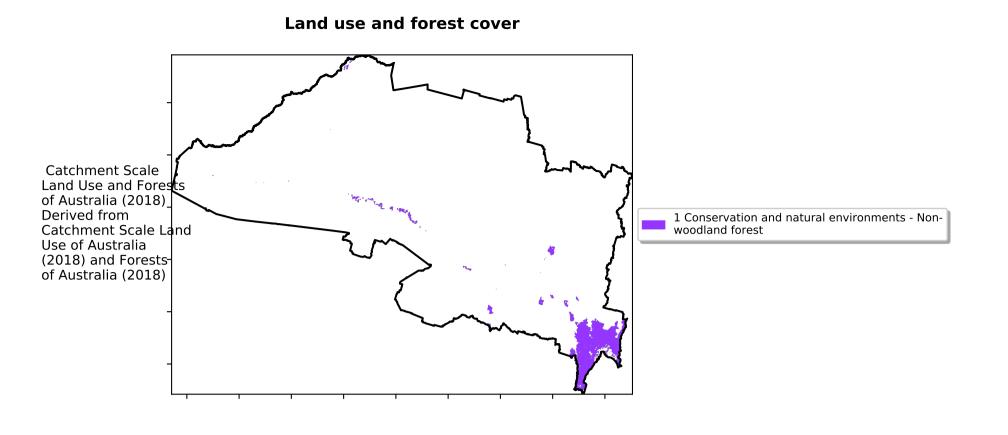




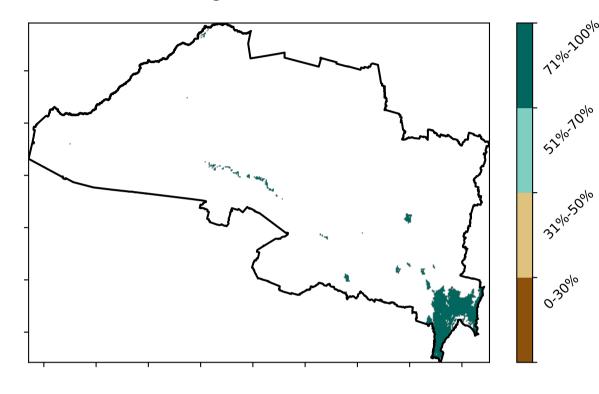
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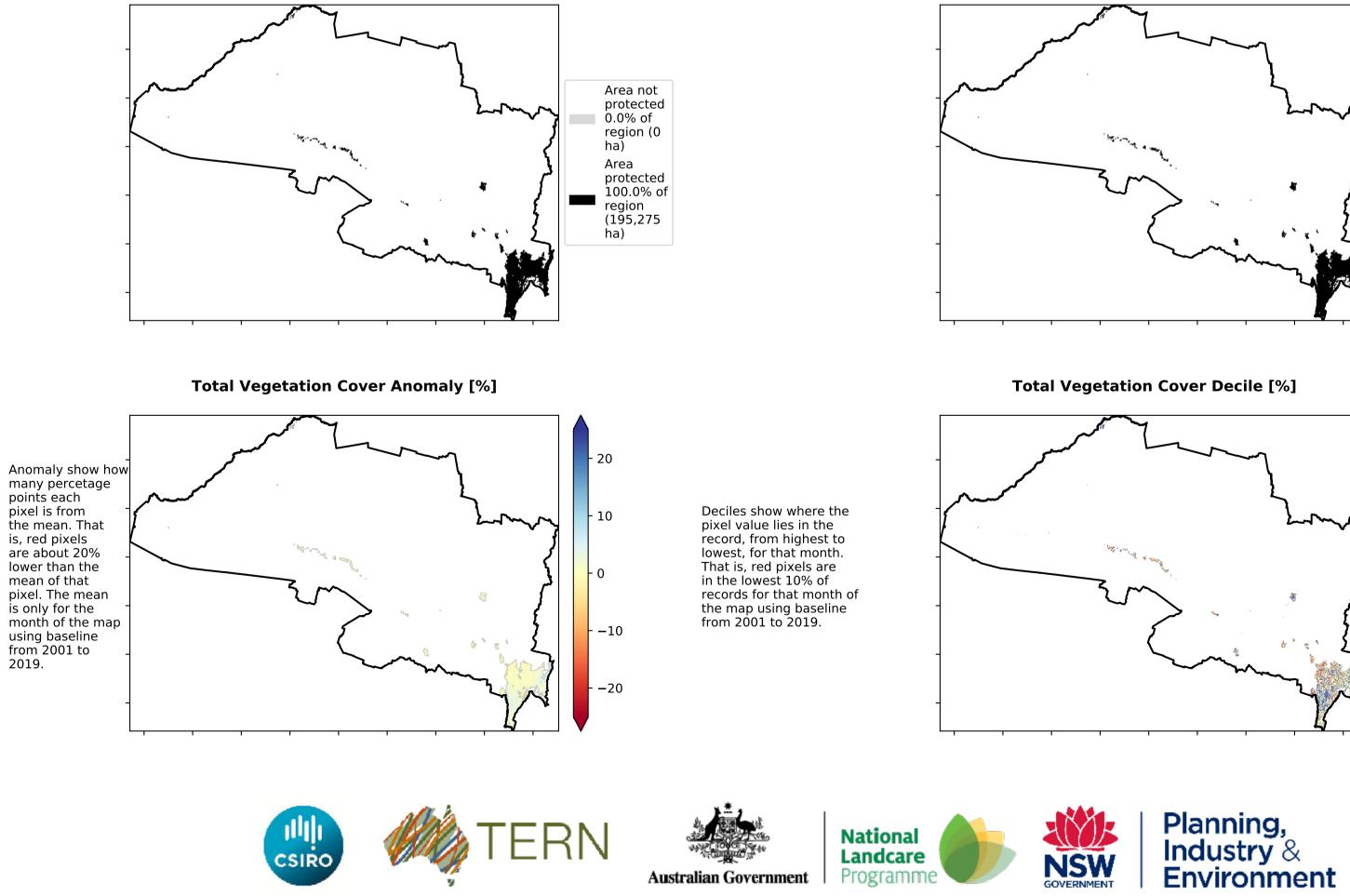
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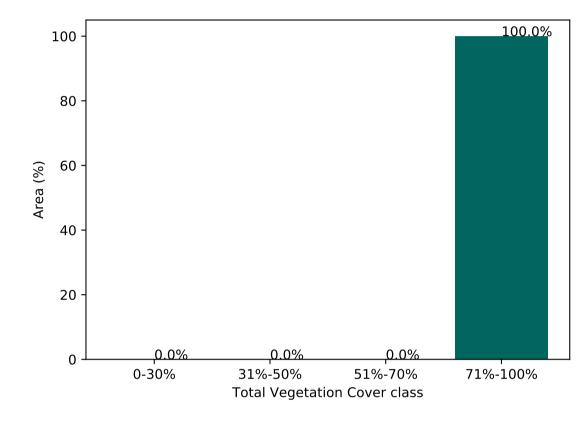
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

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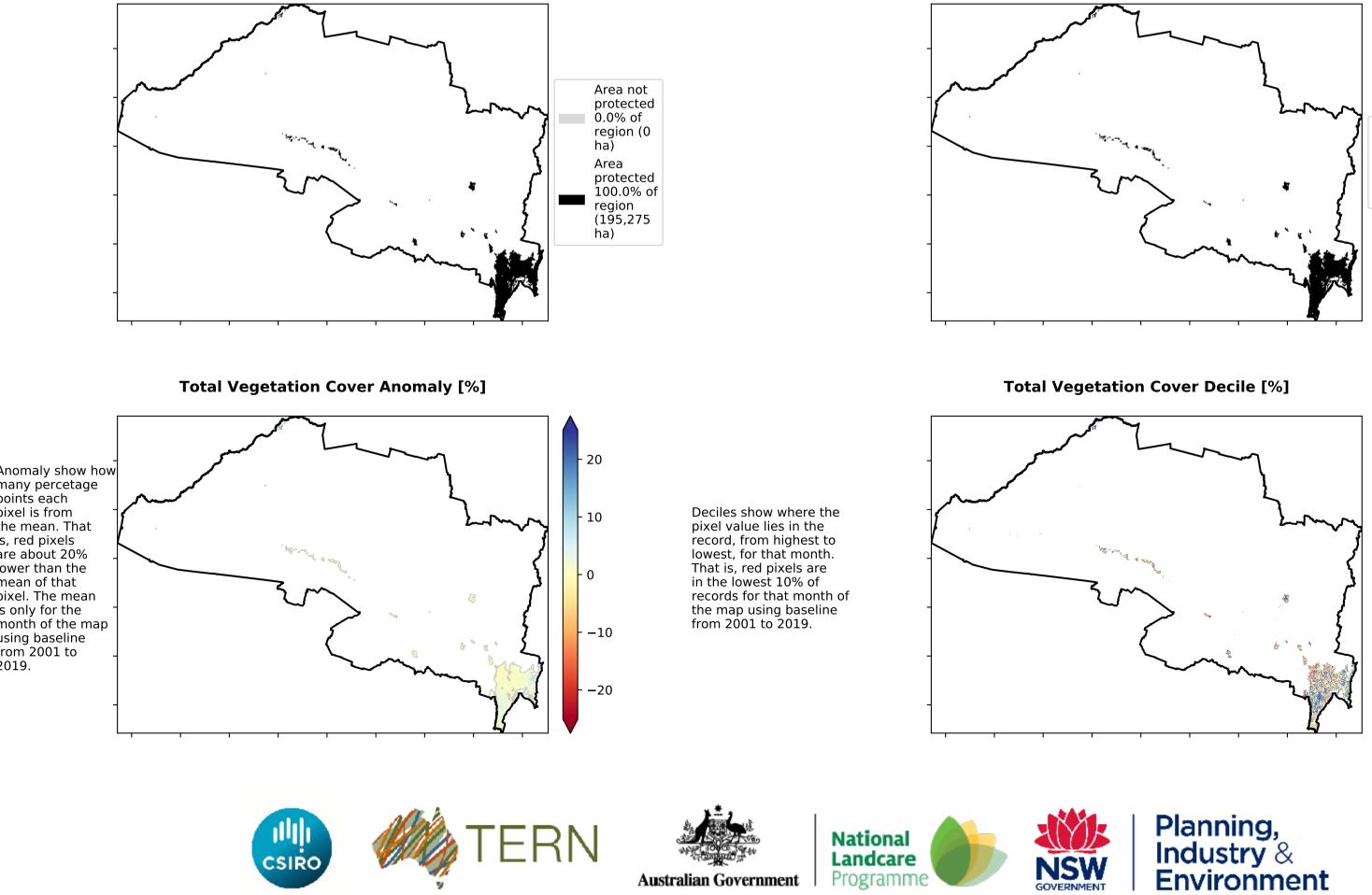
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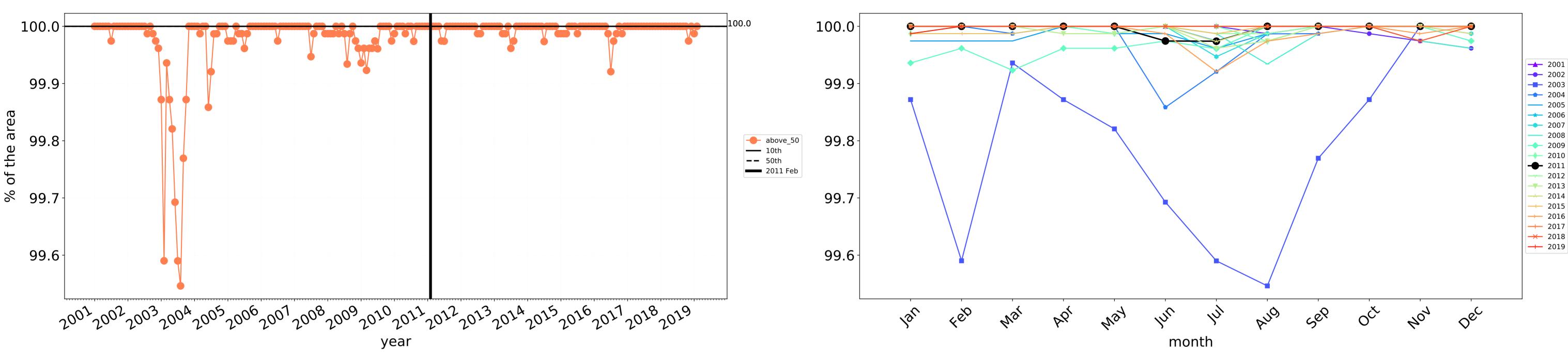
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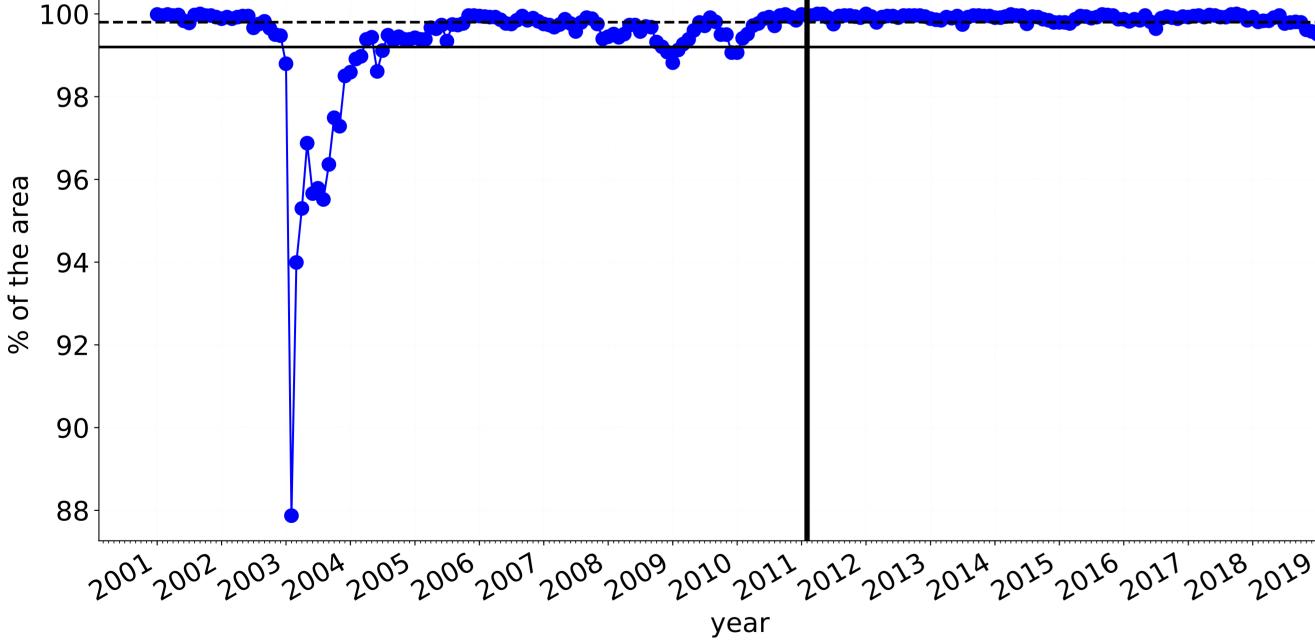


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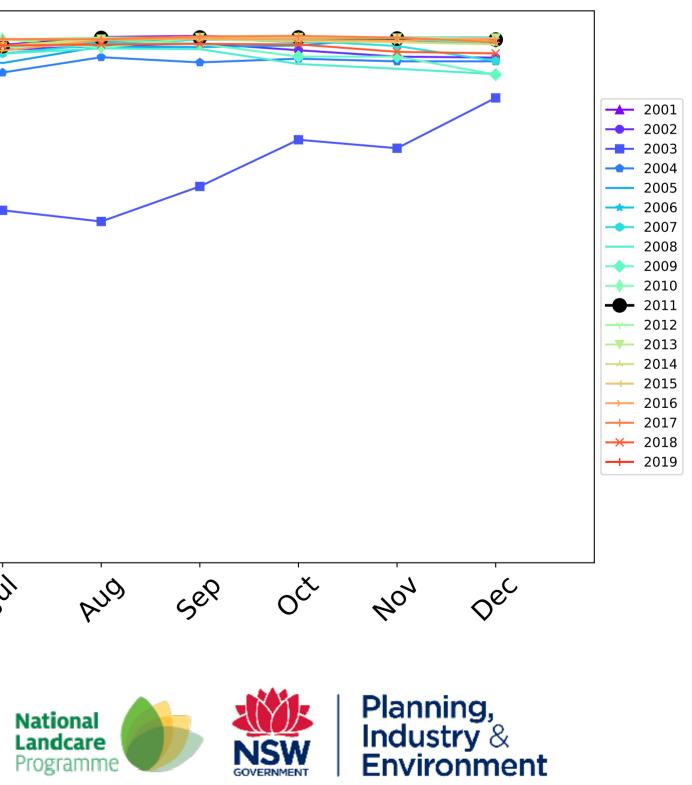
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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



#### Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

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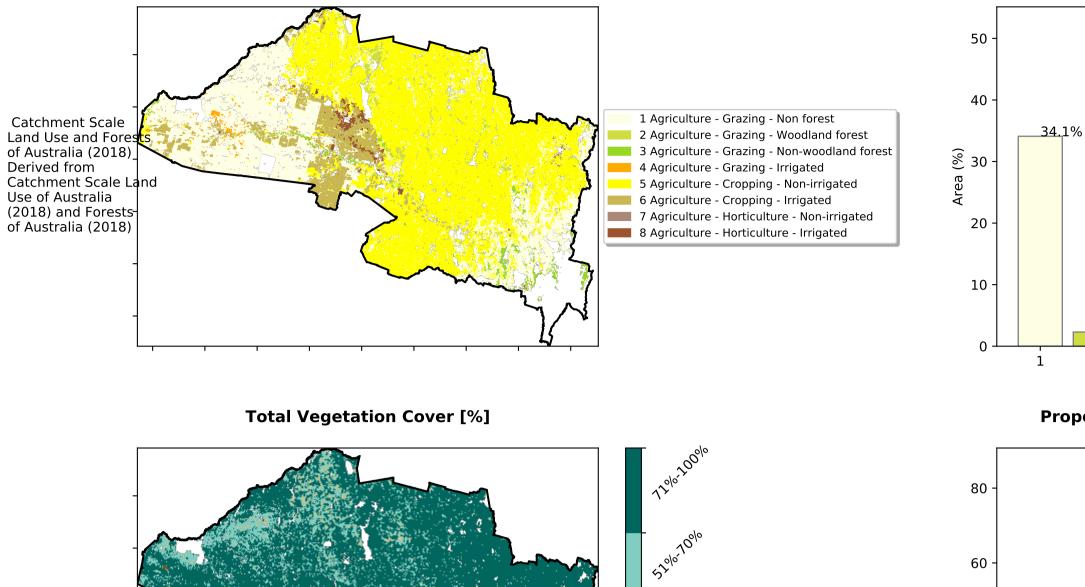
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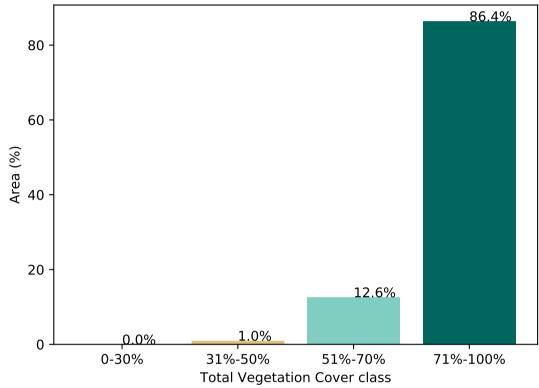
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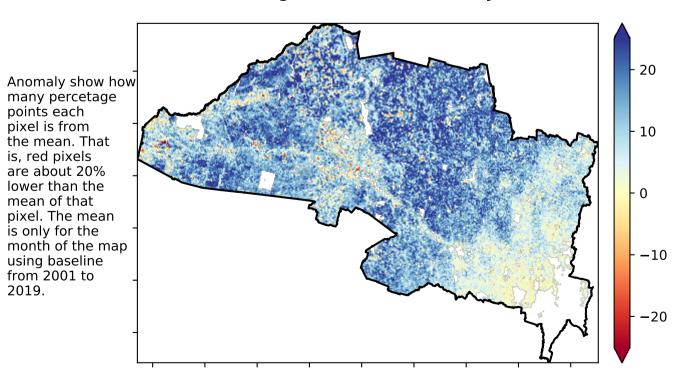
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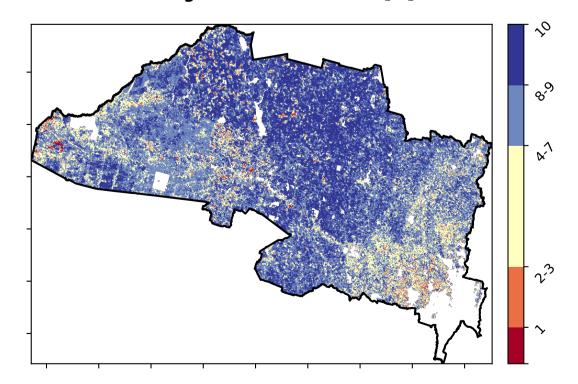
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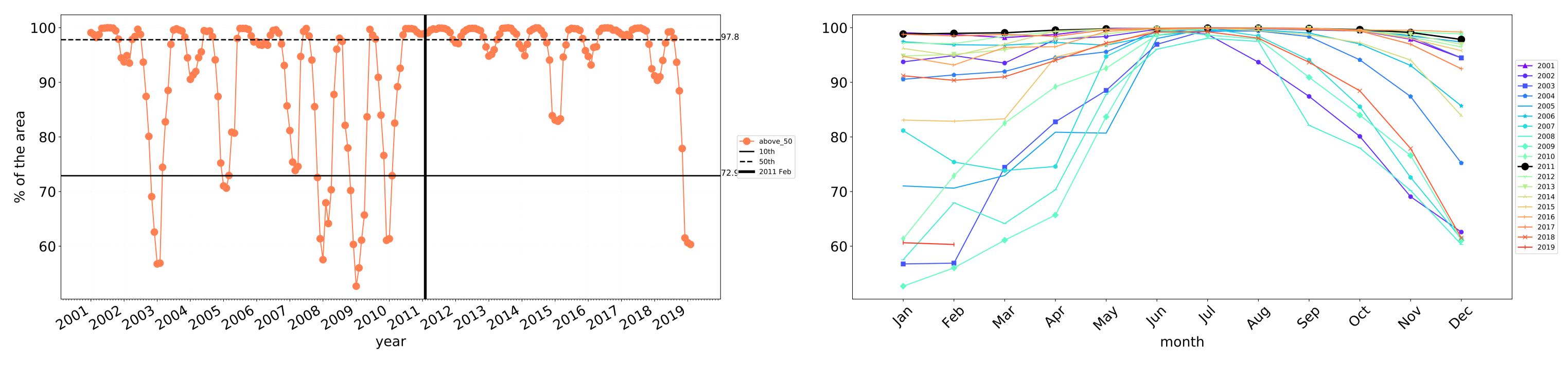
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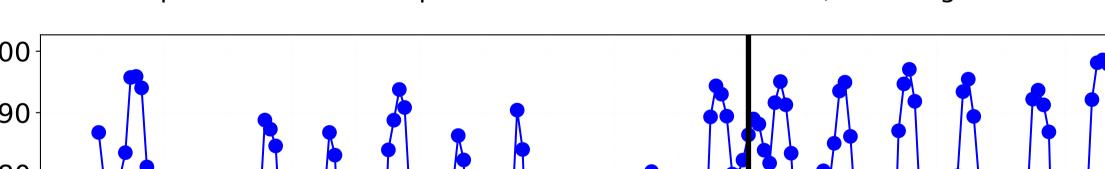
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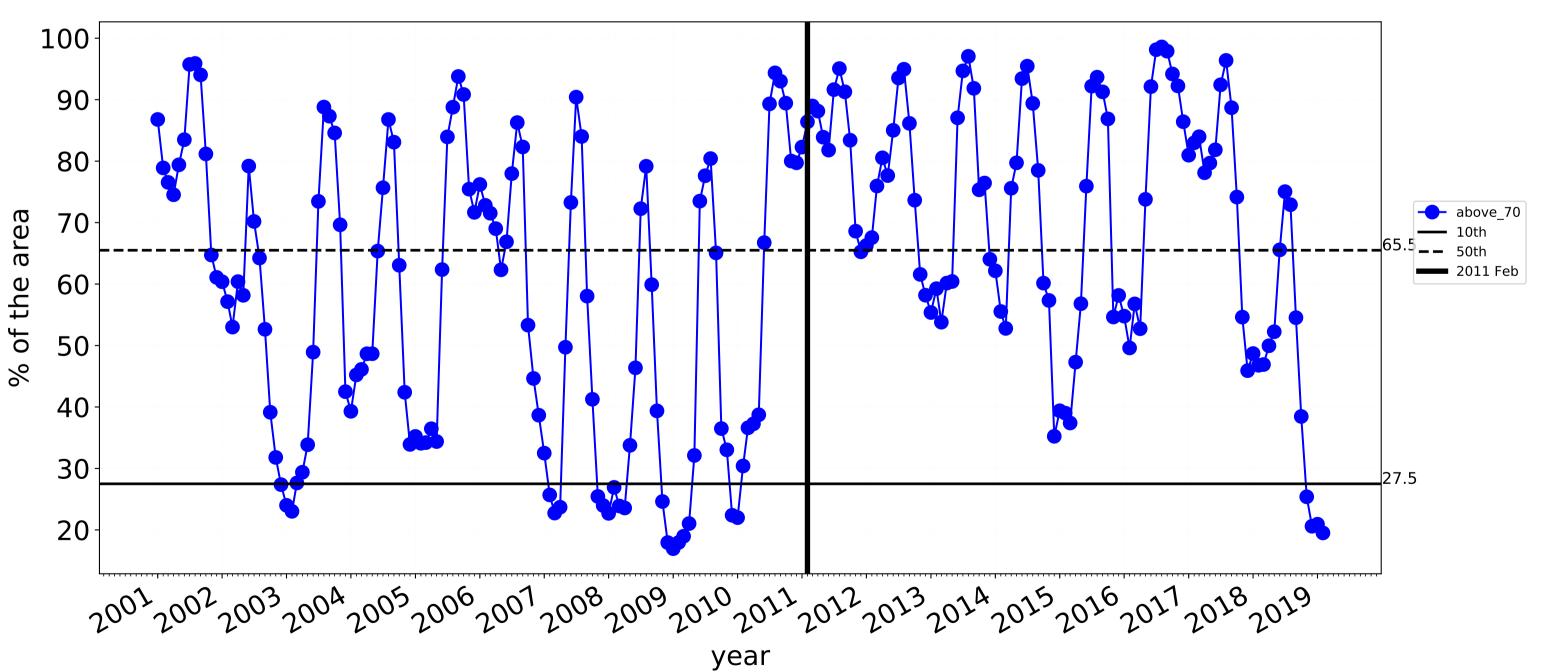




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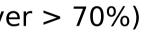
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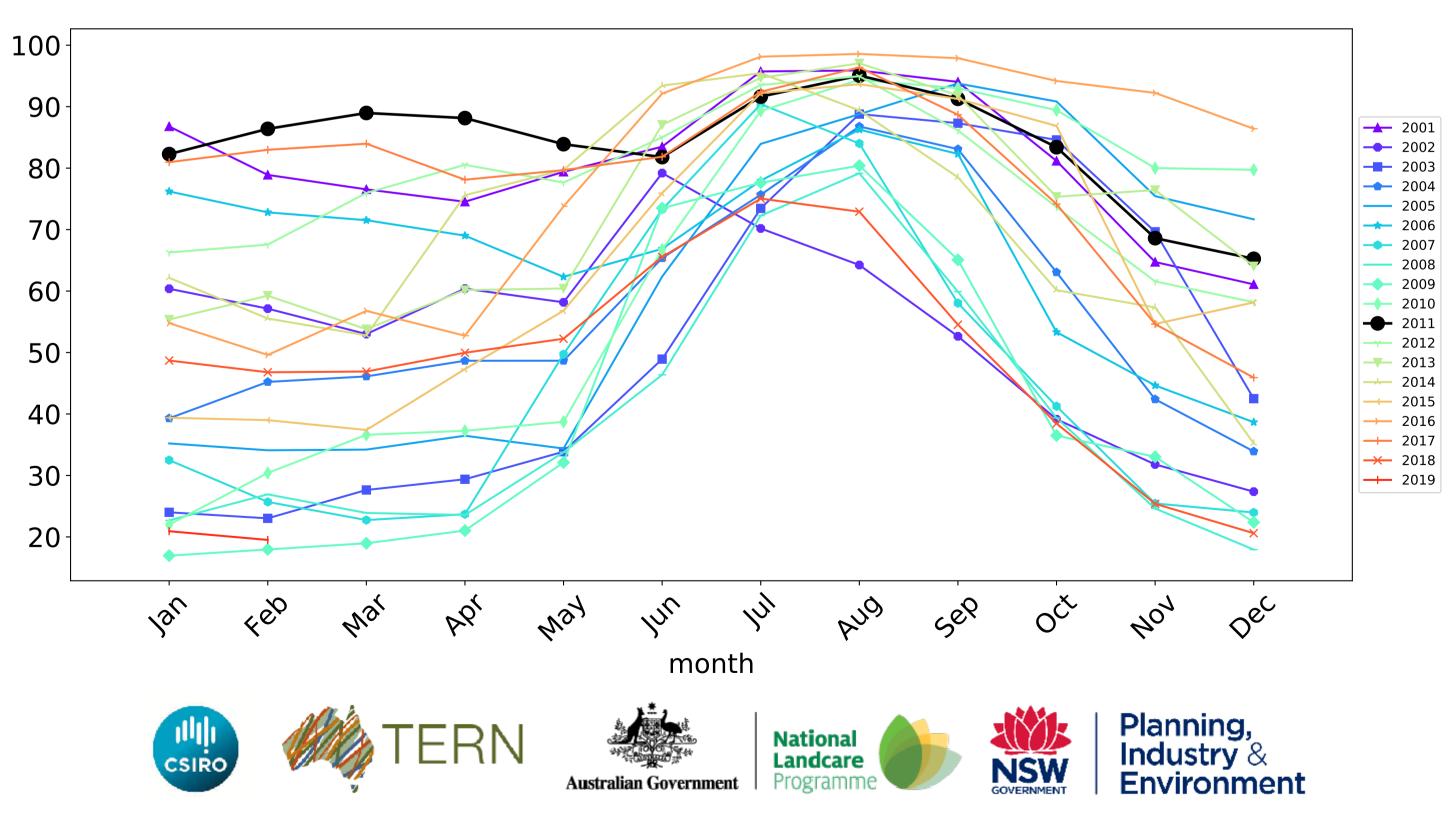
### **Agriculture timeseries**



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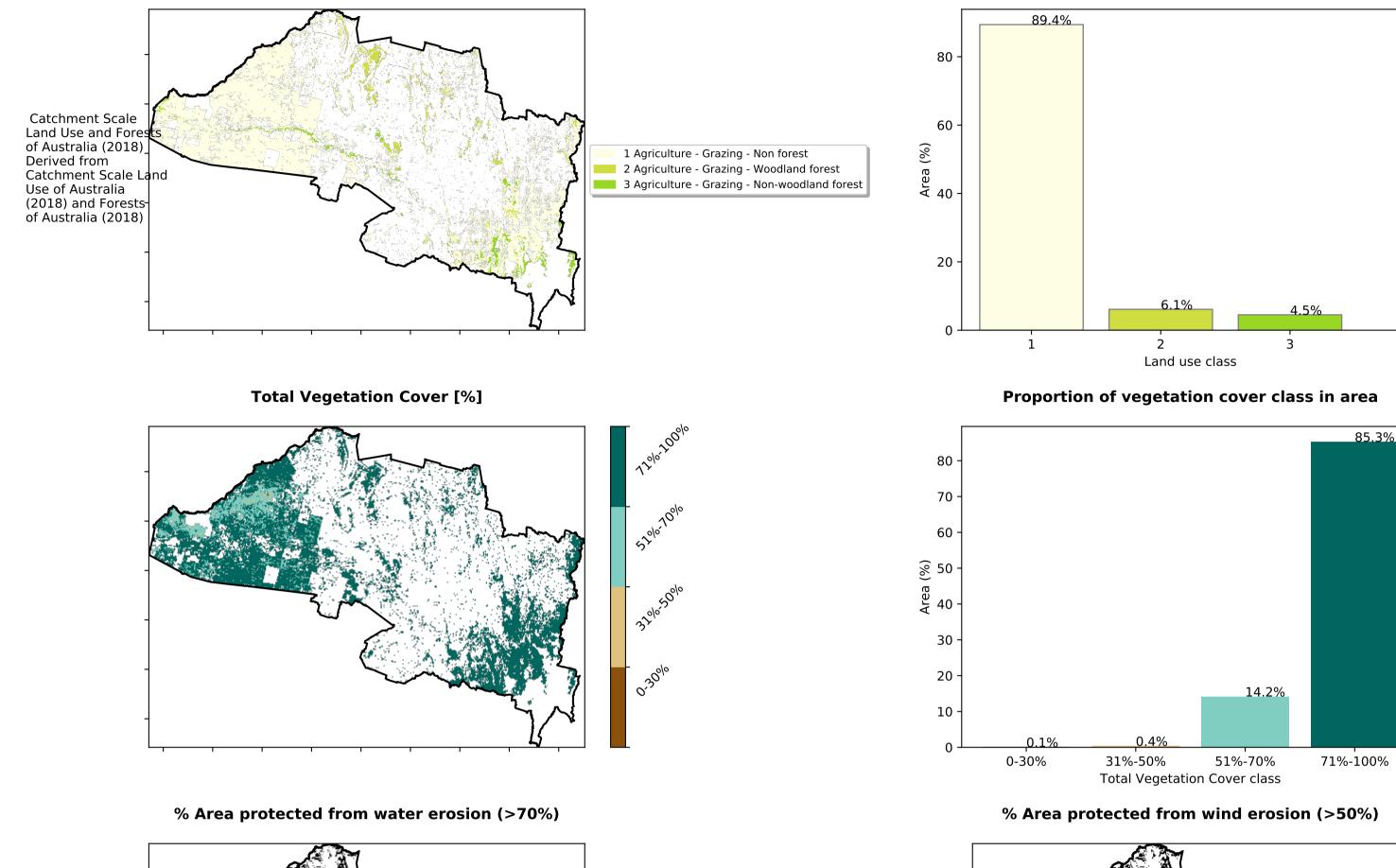
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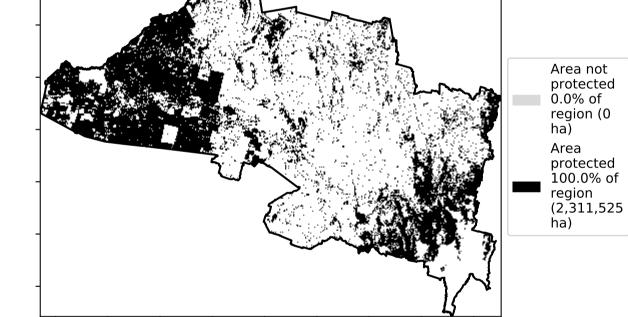


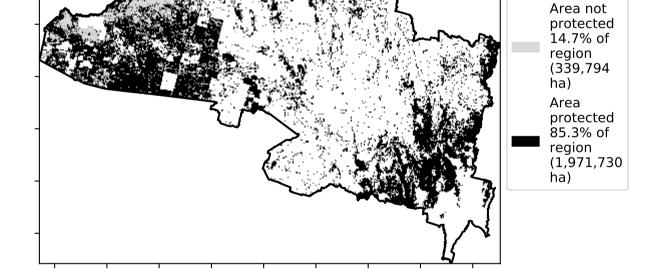
### Grazing

Land use and forest cover

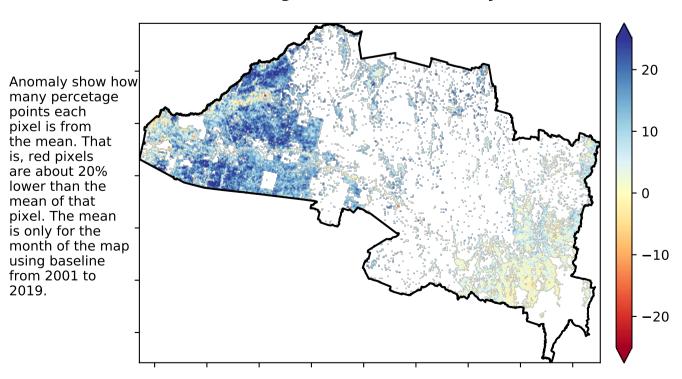
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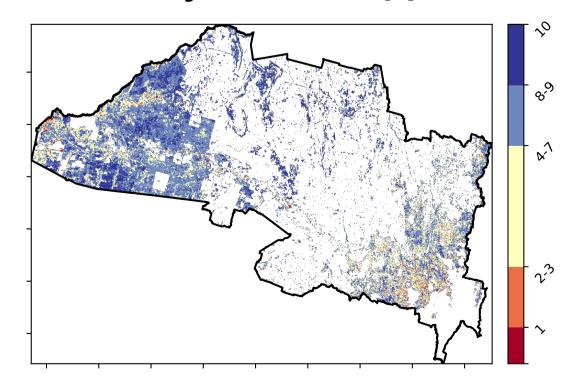




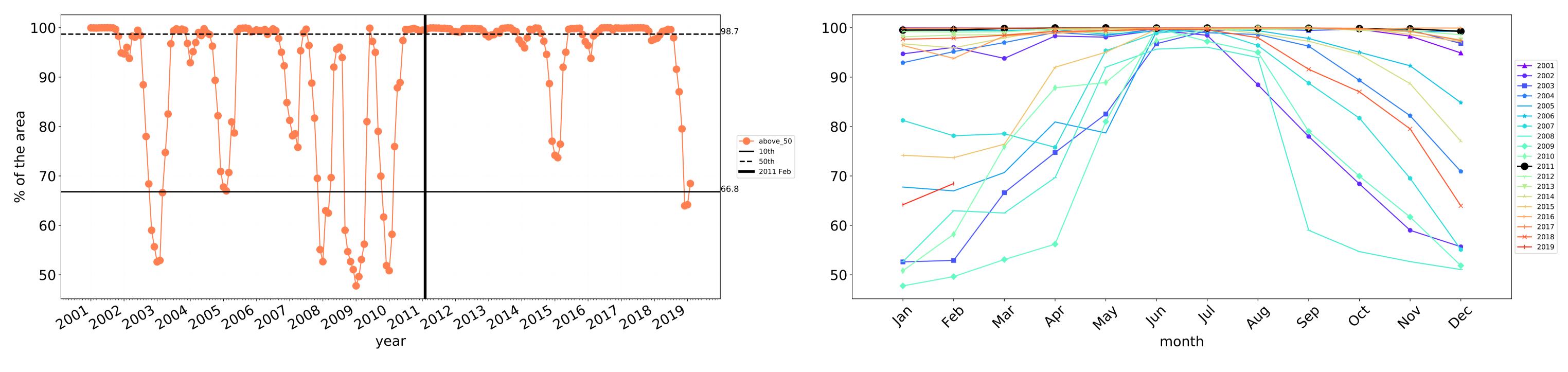
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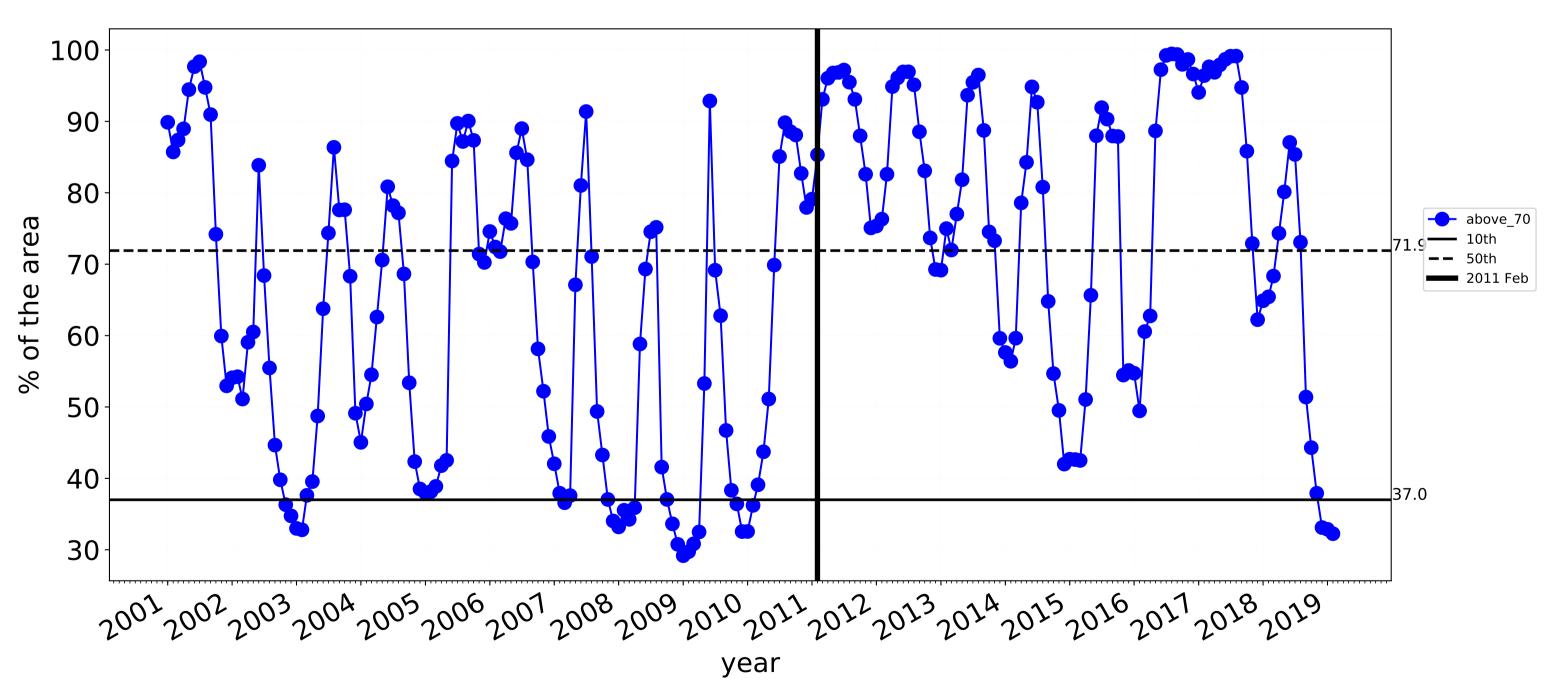






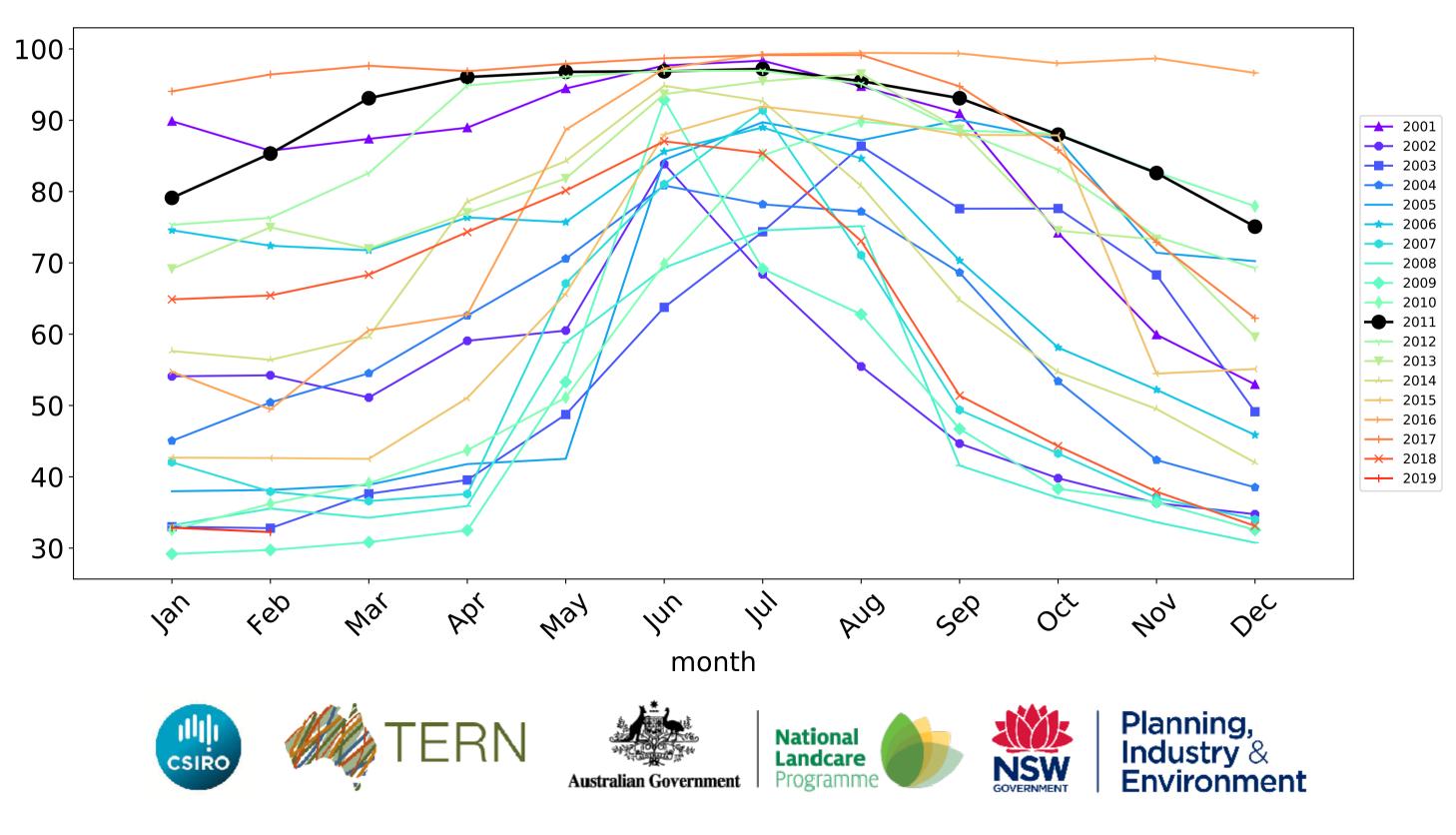
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



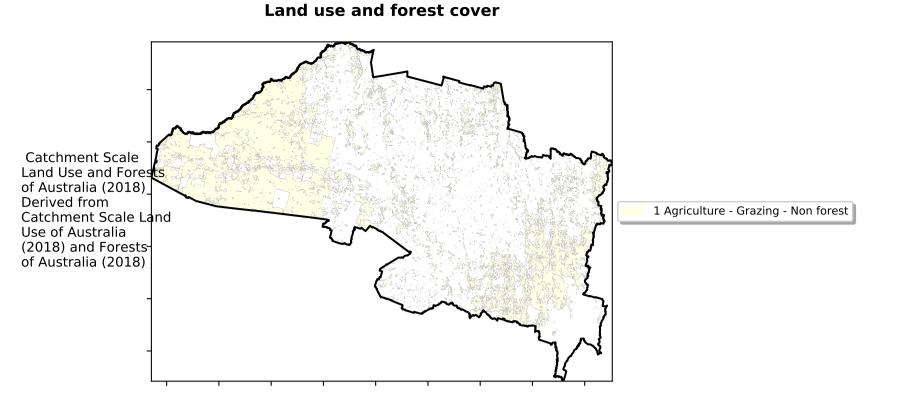




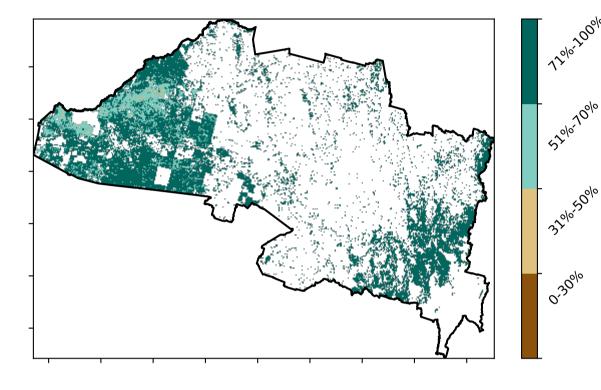
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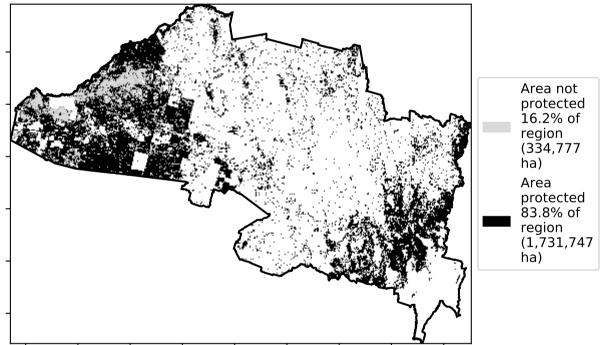
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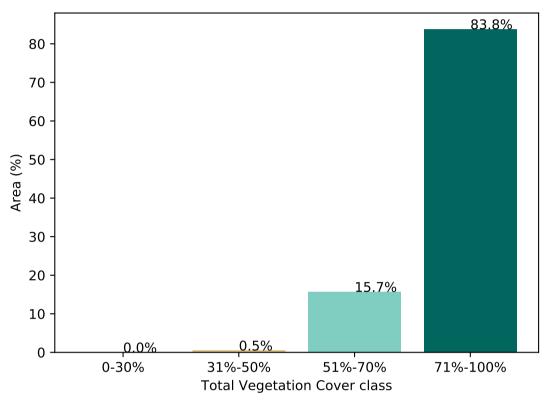
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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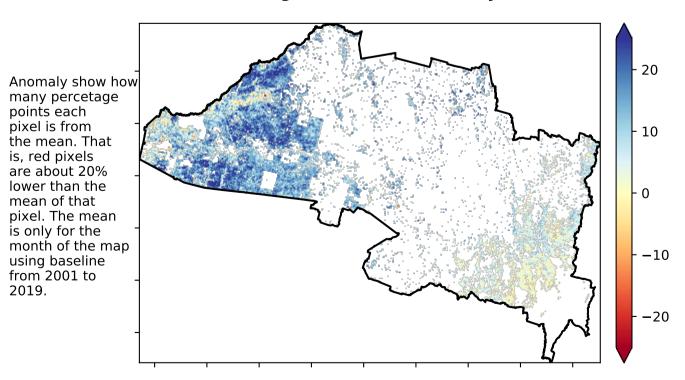
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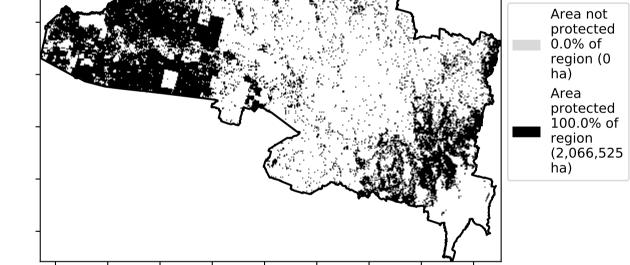
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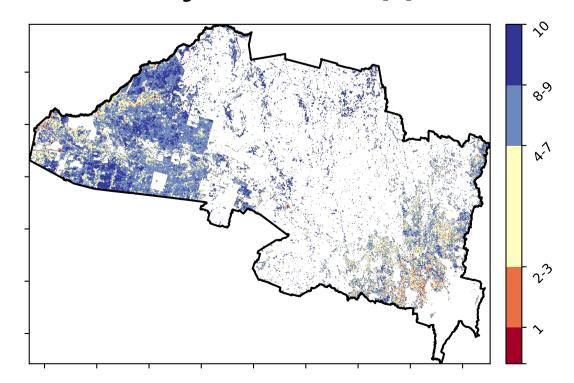


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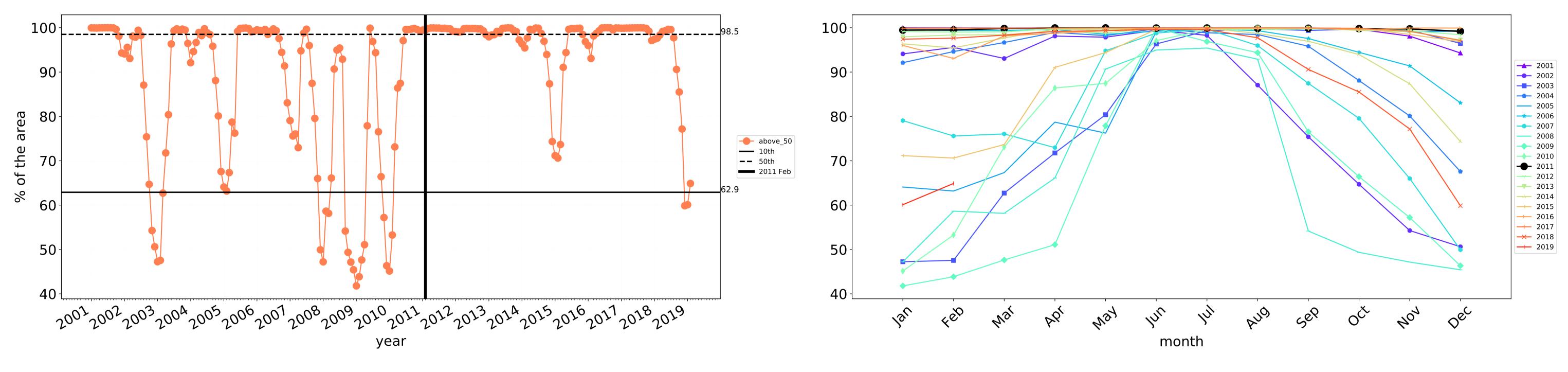


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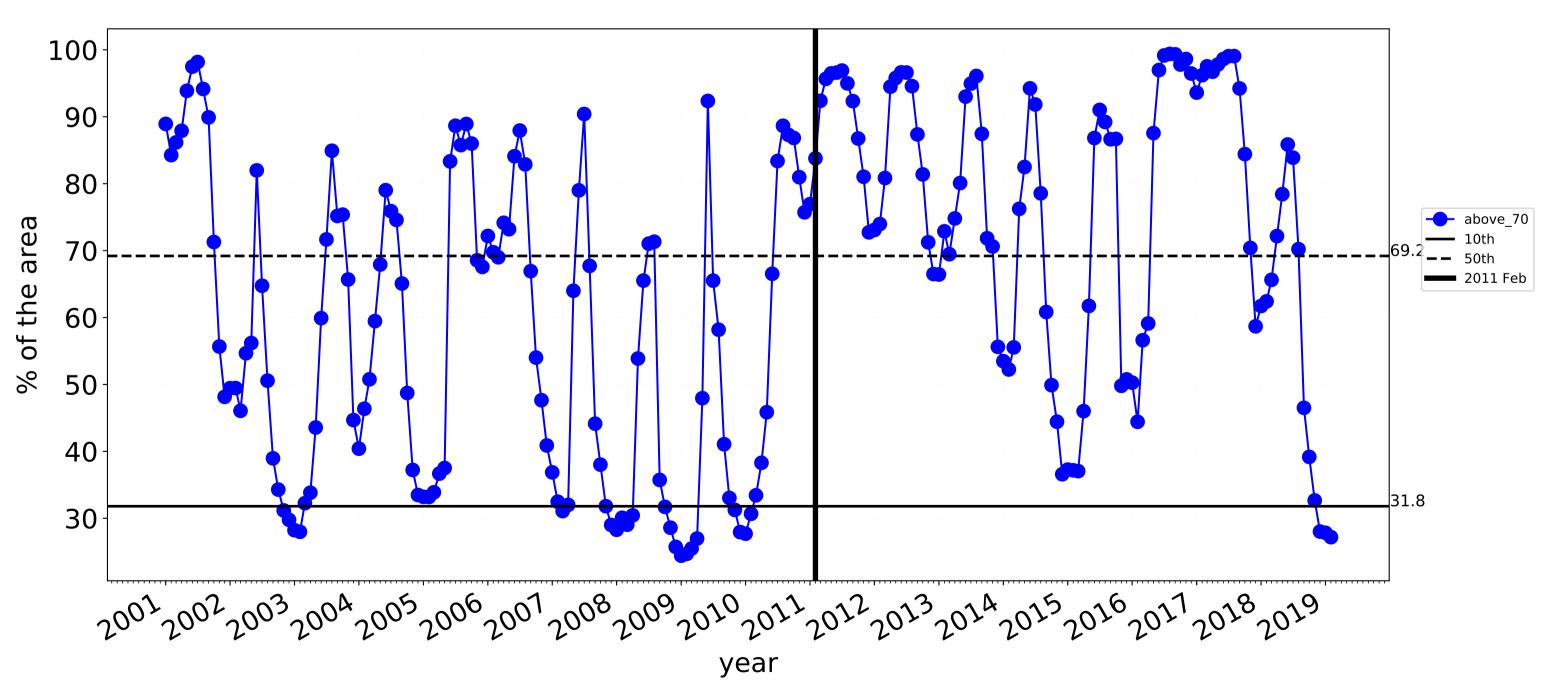






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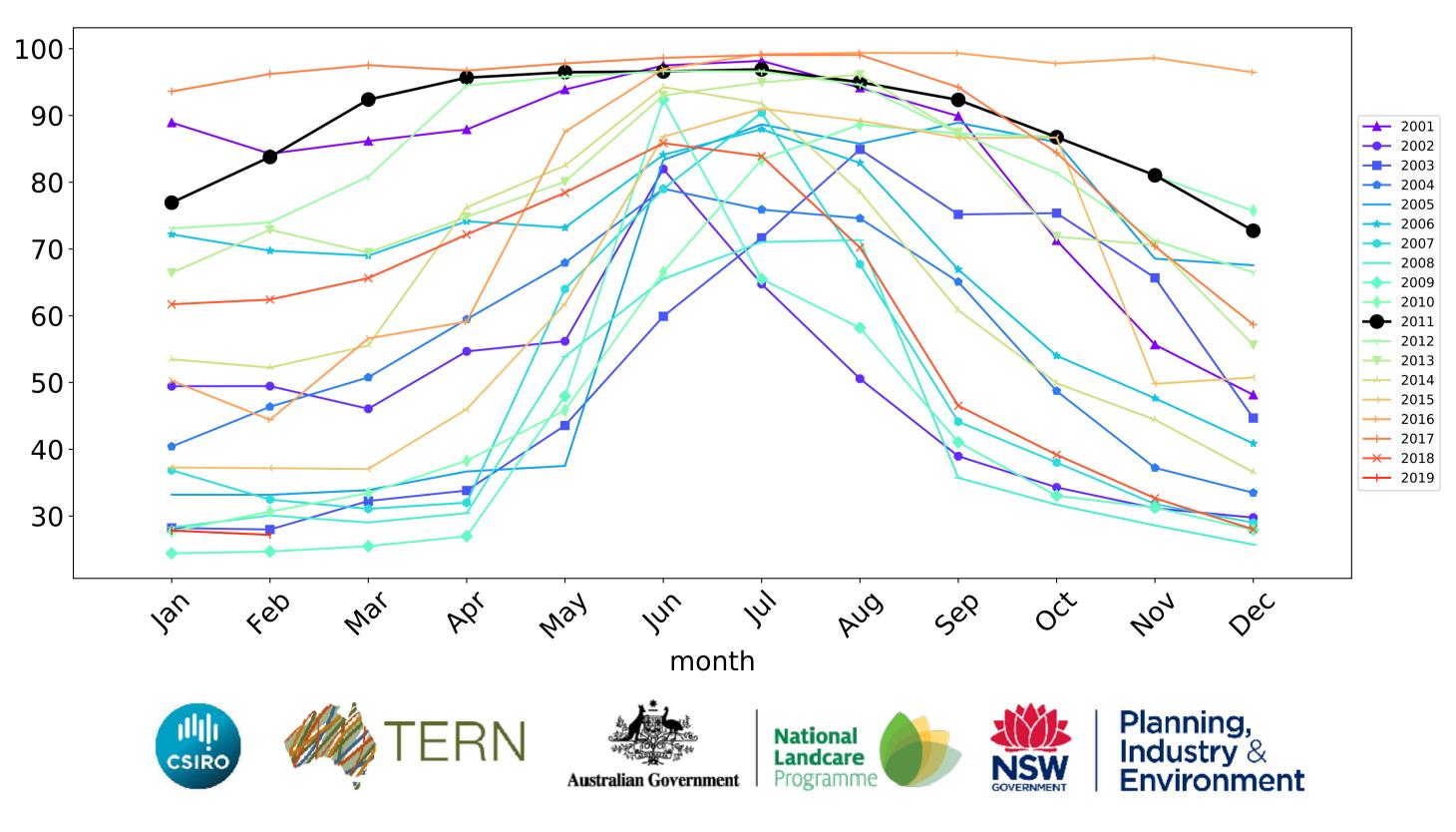




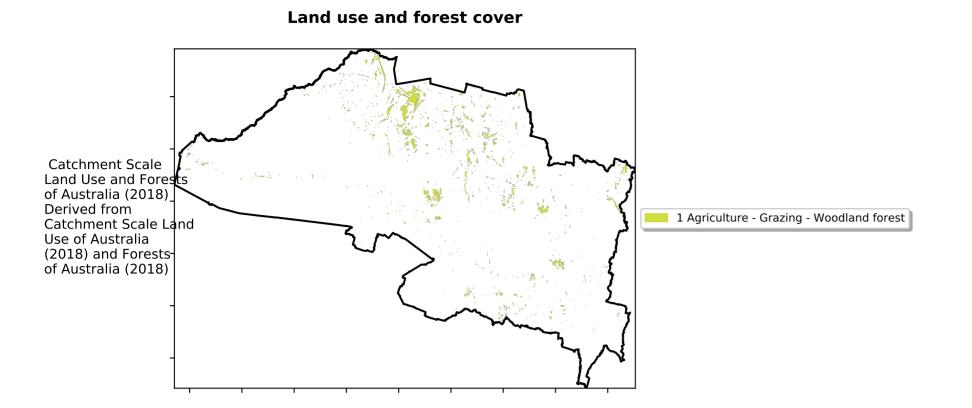
### Grazing non forest timeseries



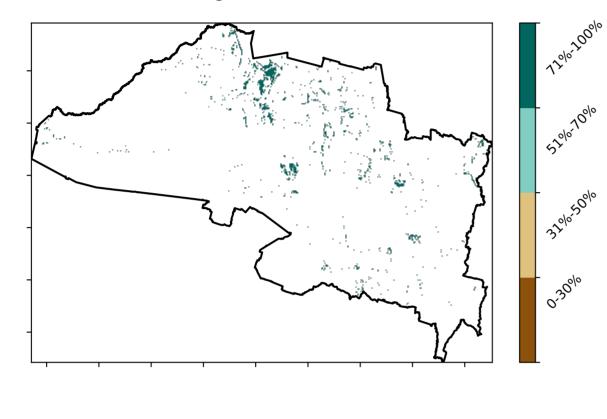
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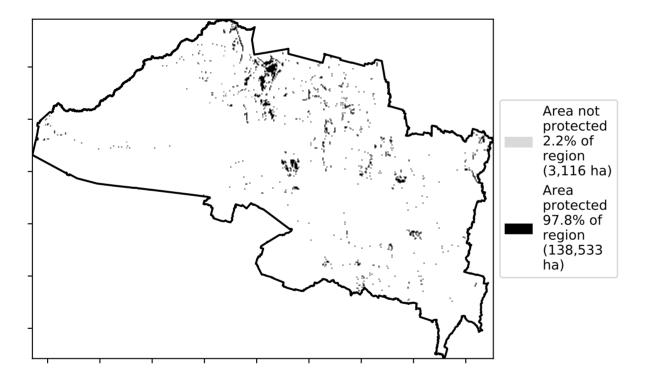
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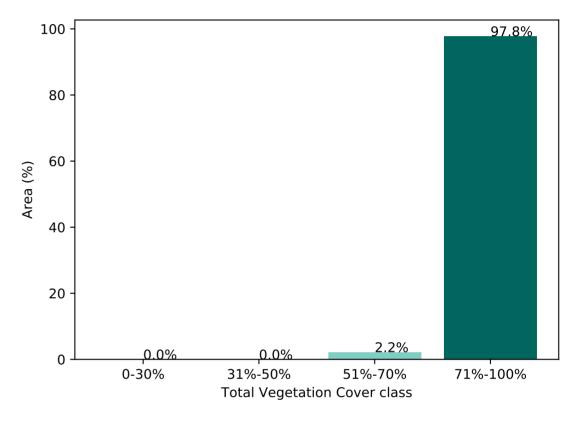
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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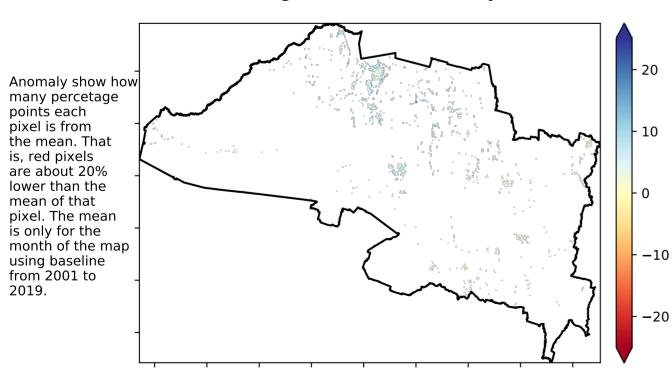
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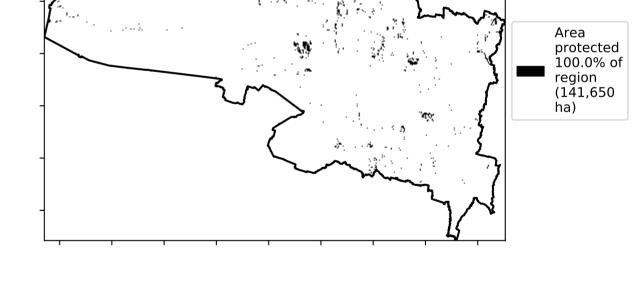
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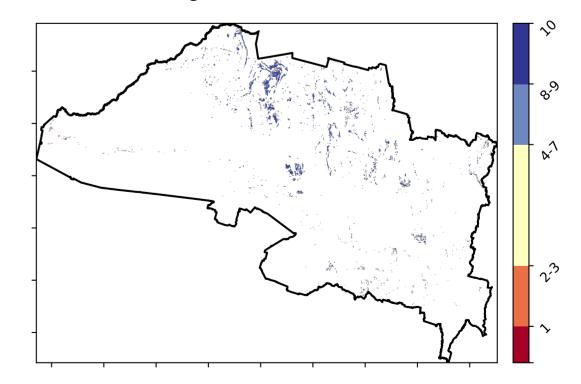


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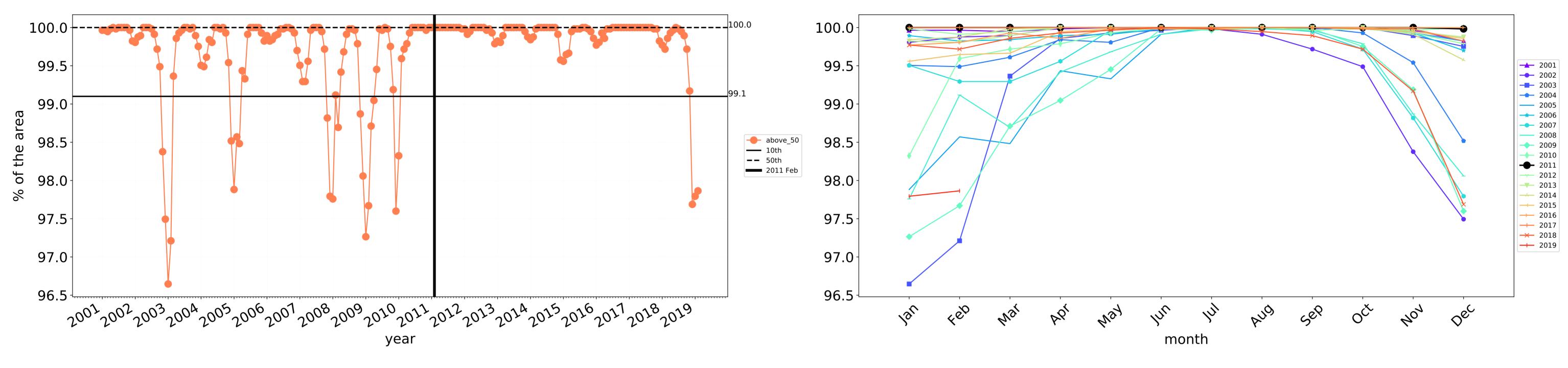


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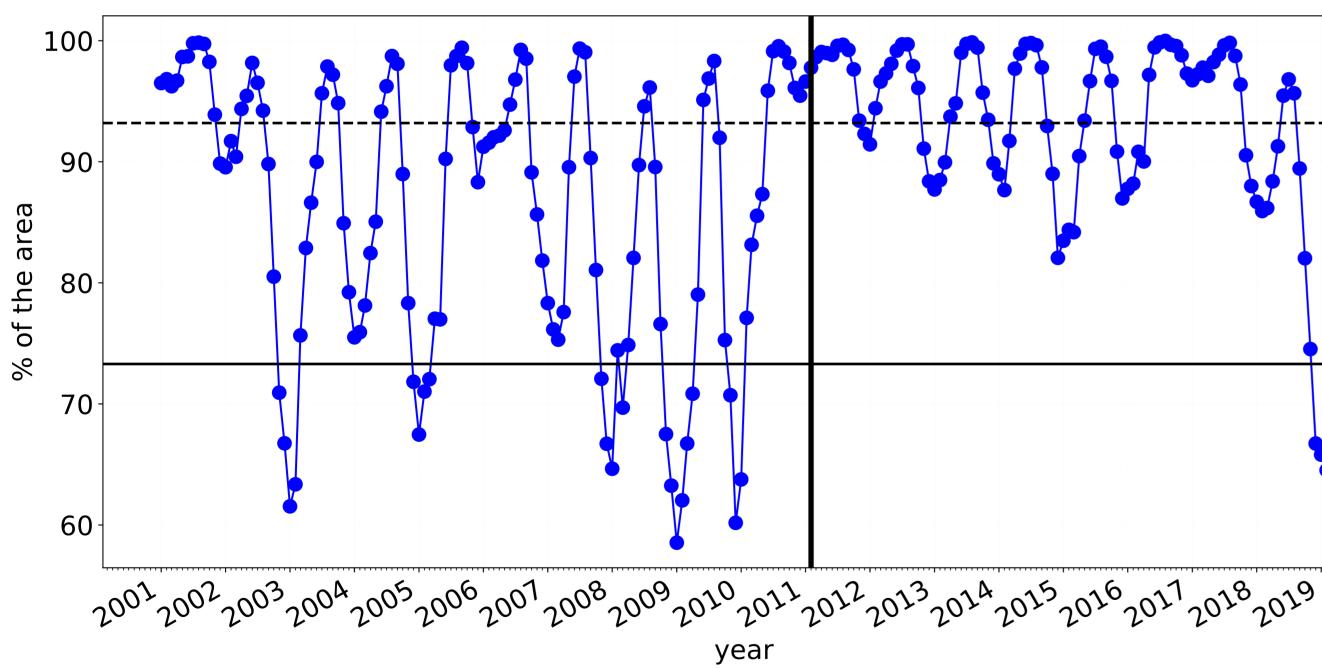






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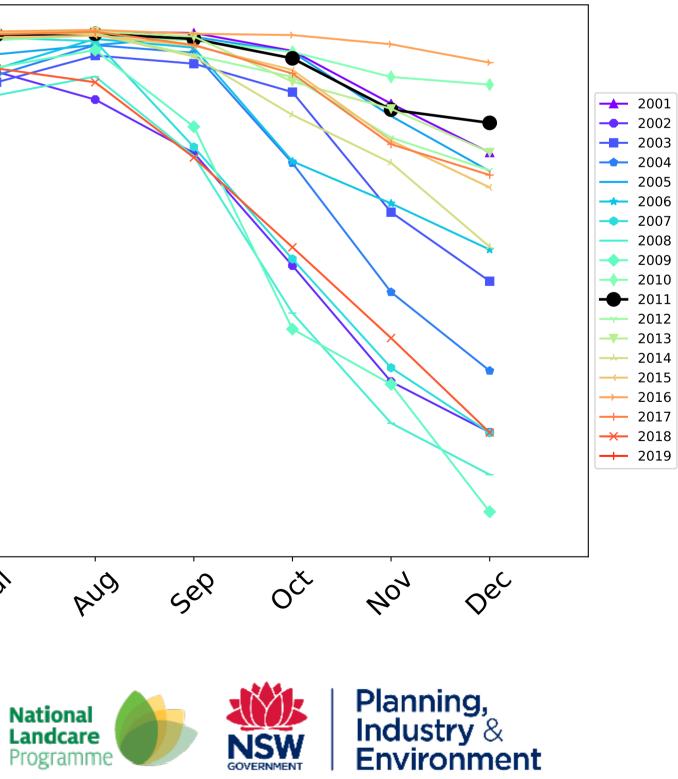




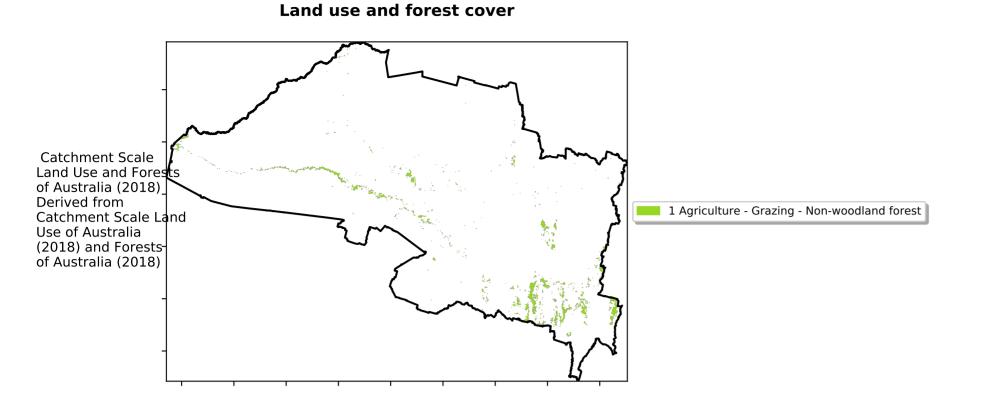
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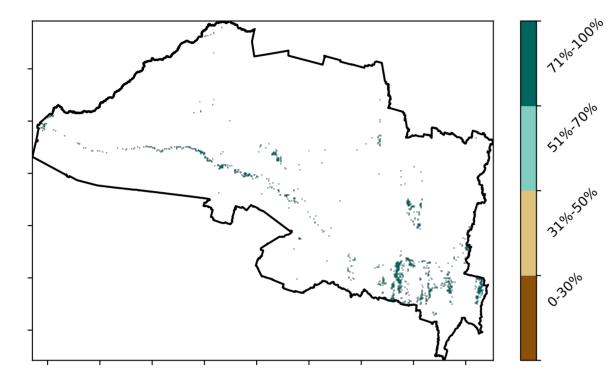
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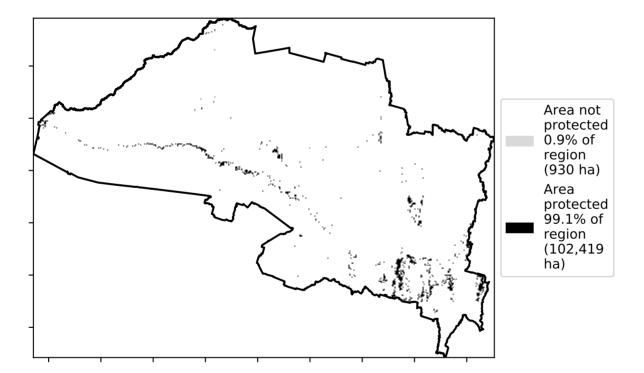
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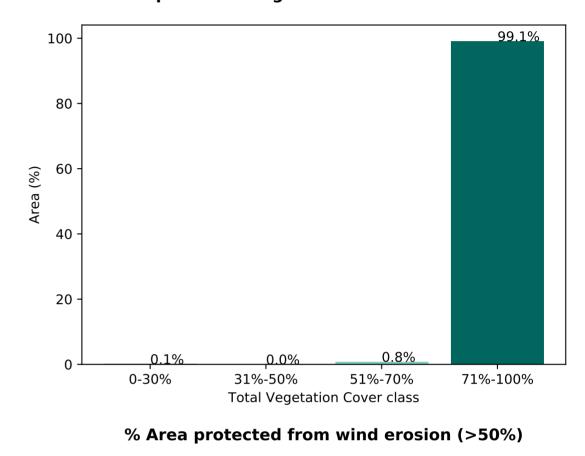
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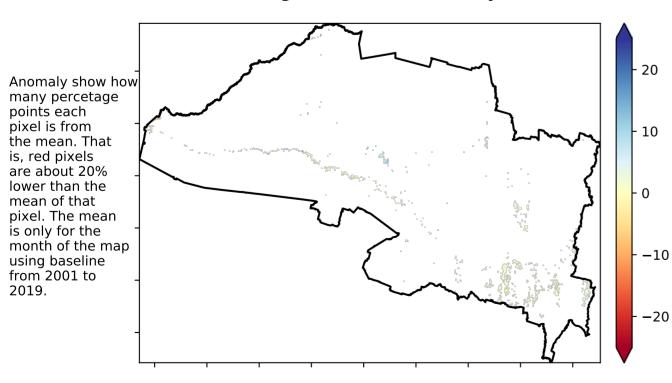


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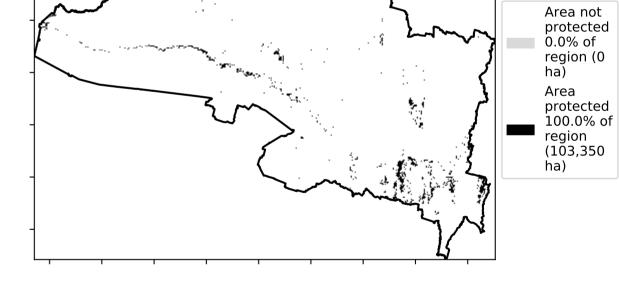


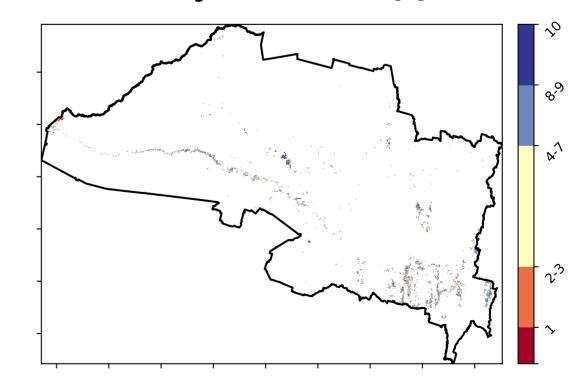


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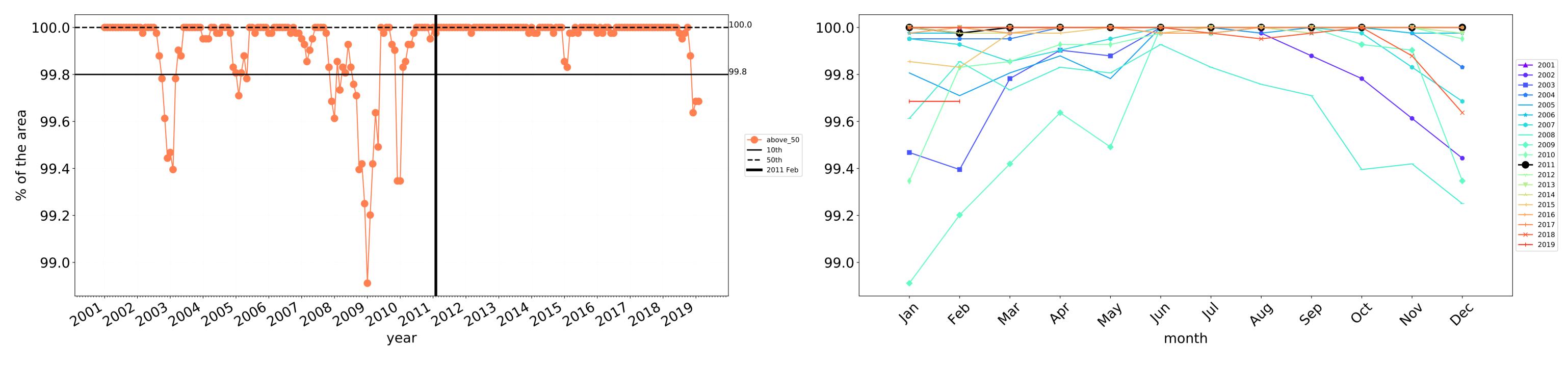


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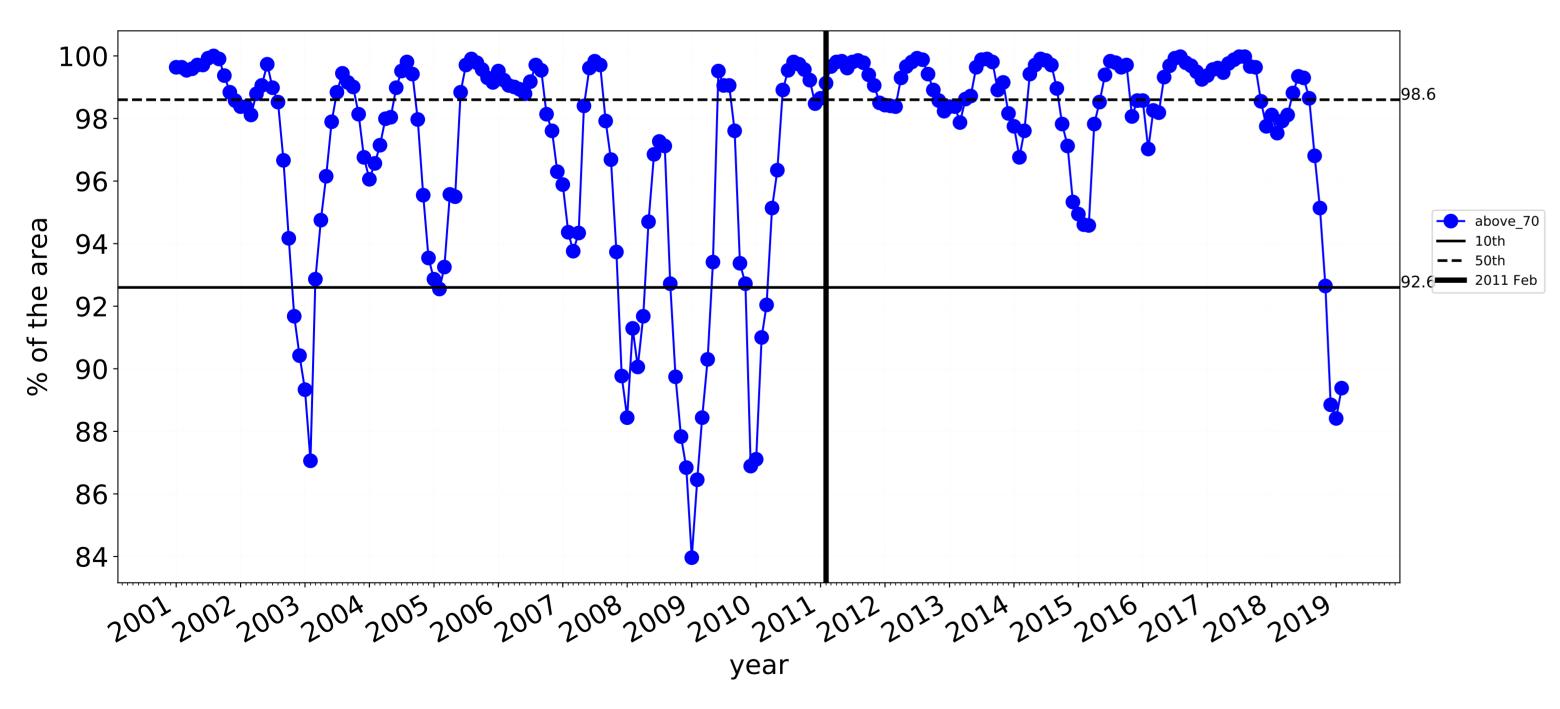




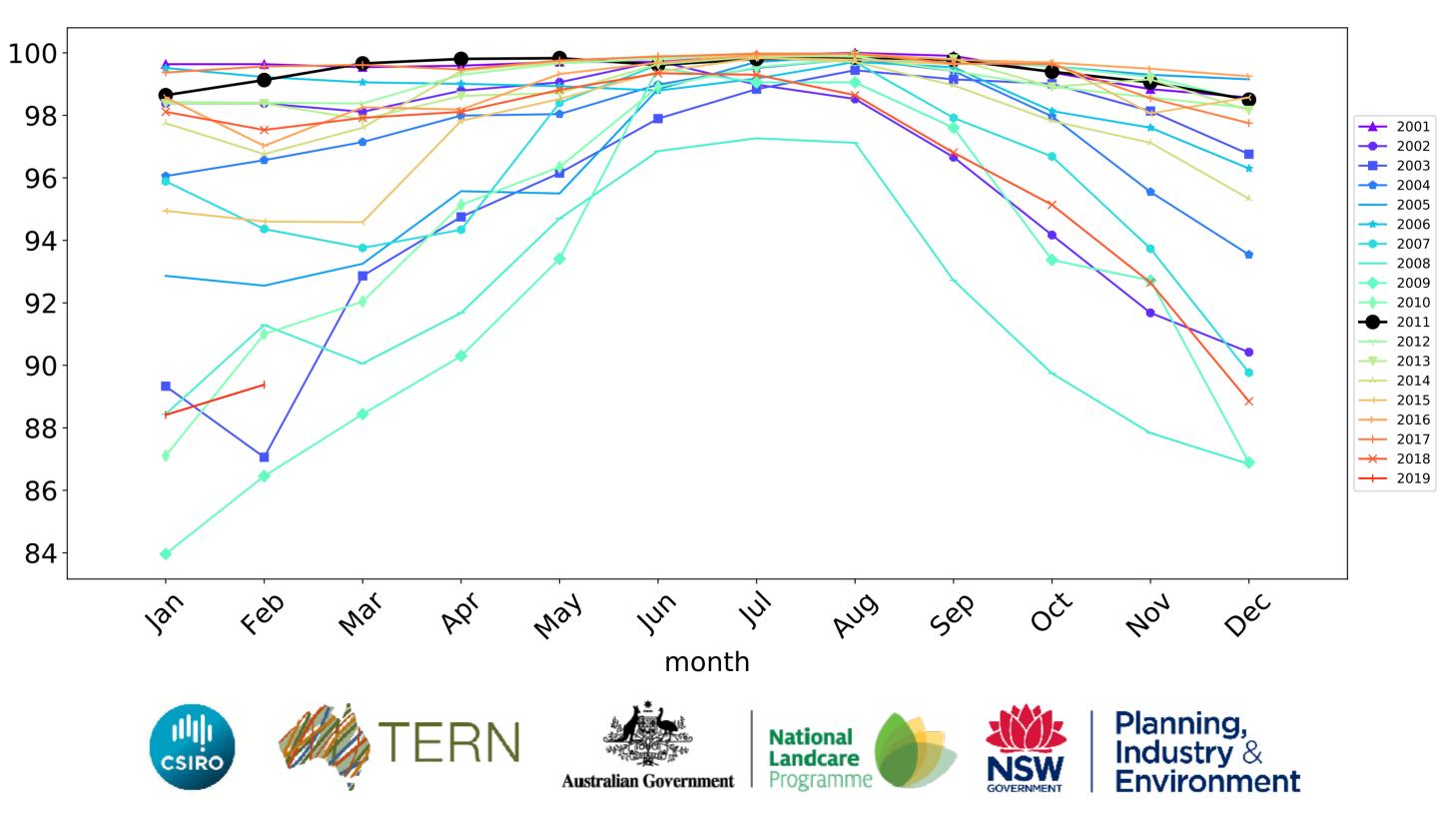


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

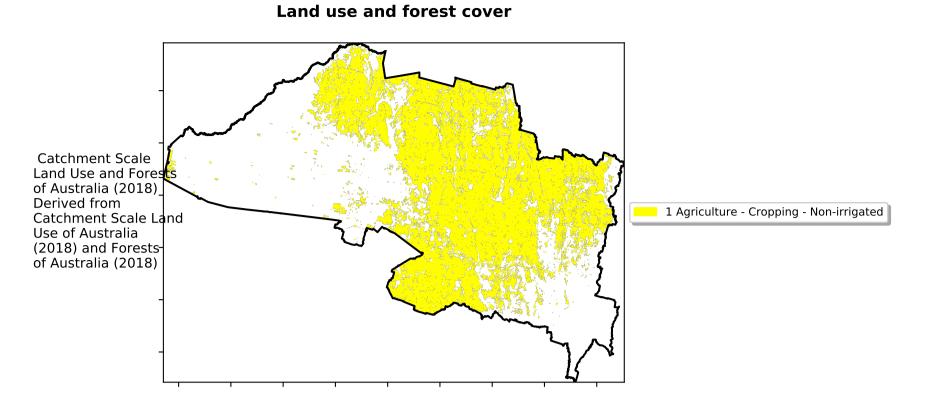
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



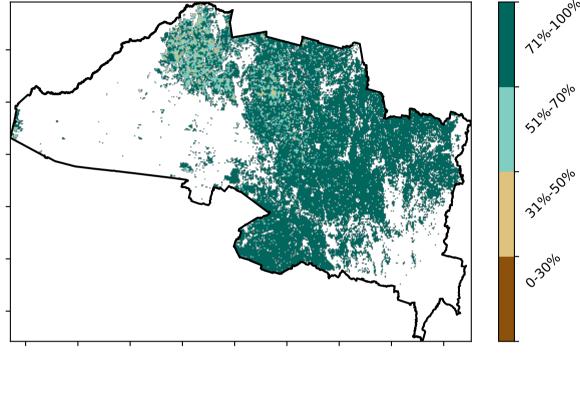
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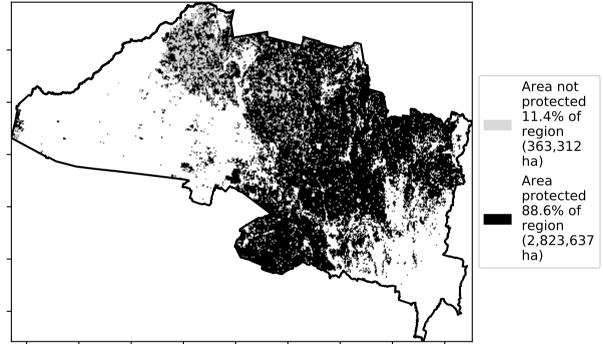
### Cropping



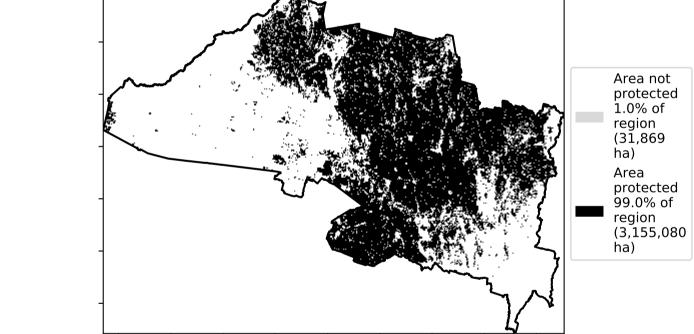
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



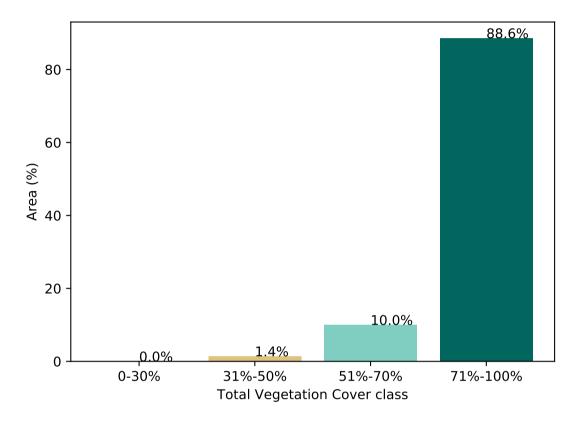
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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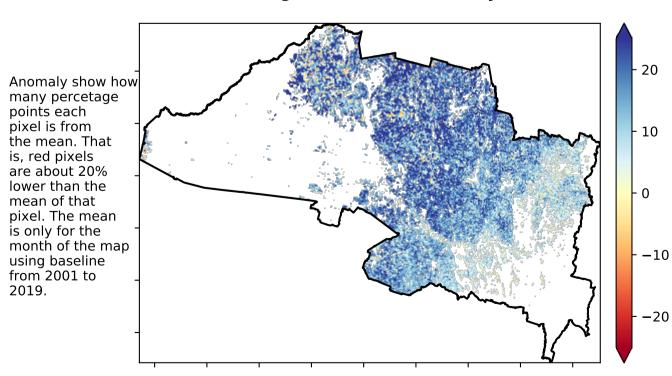
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



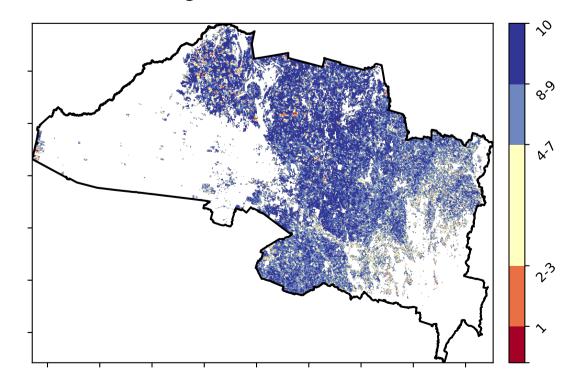
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



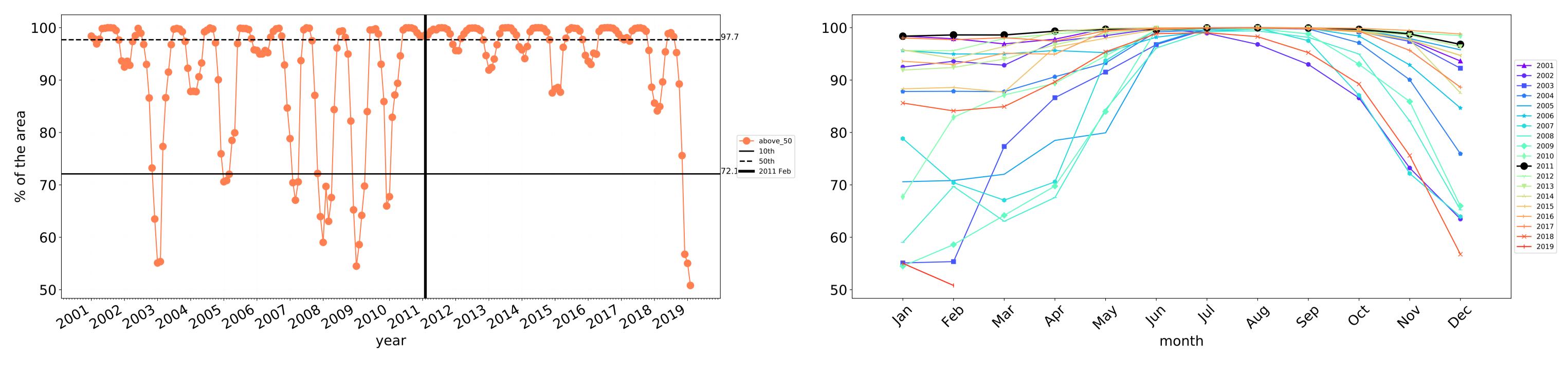
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



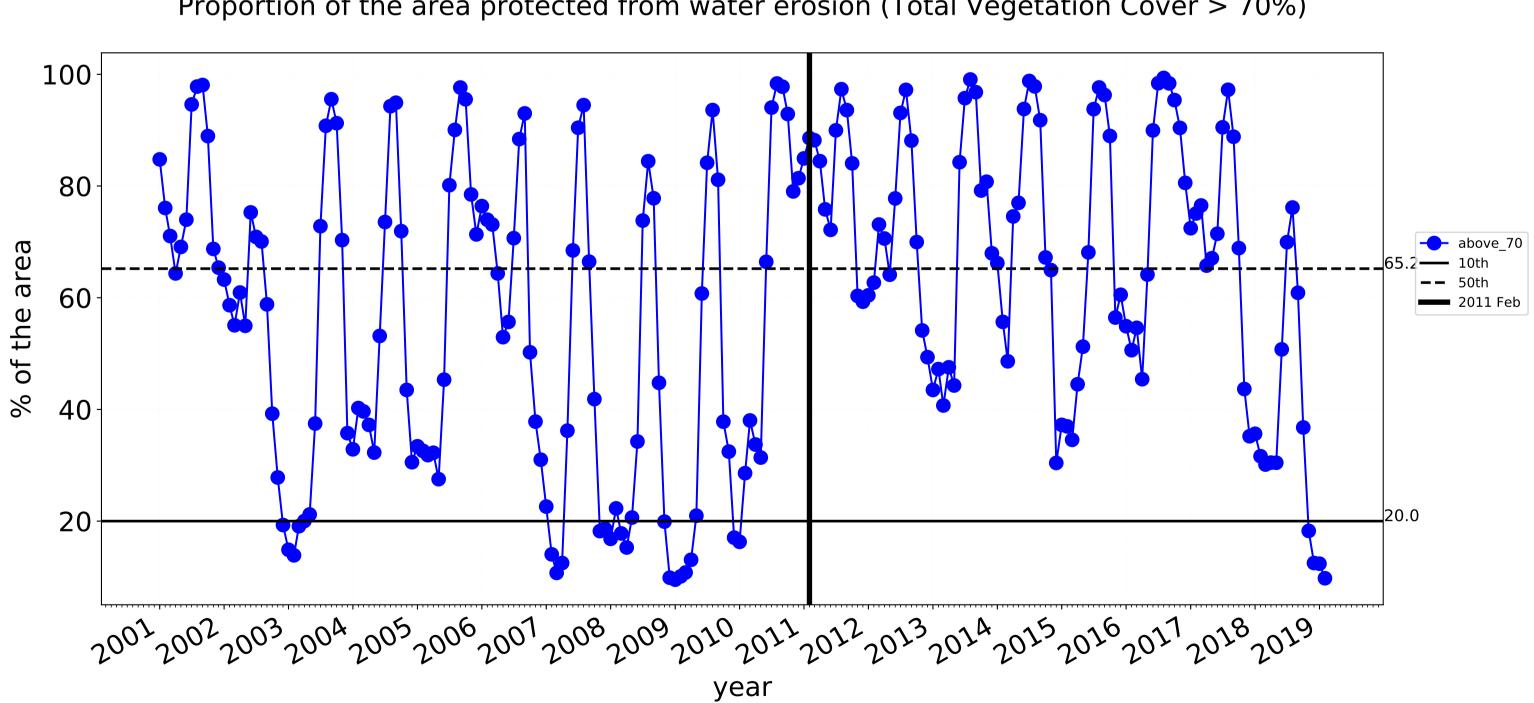
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

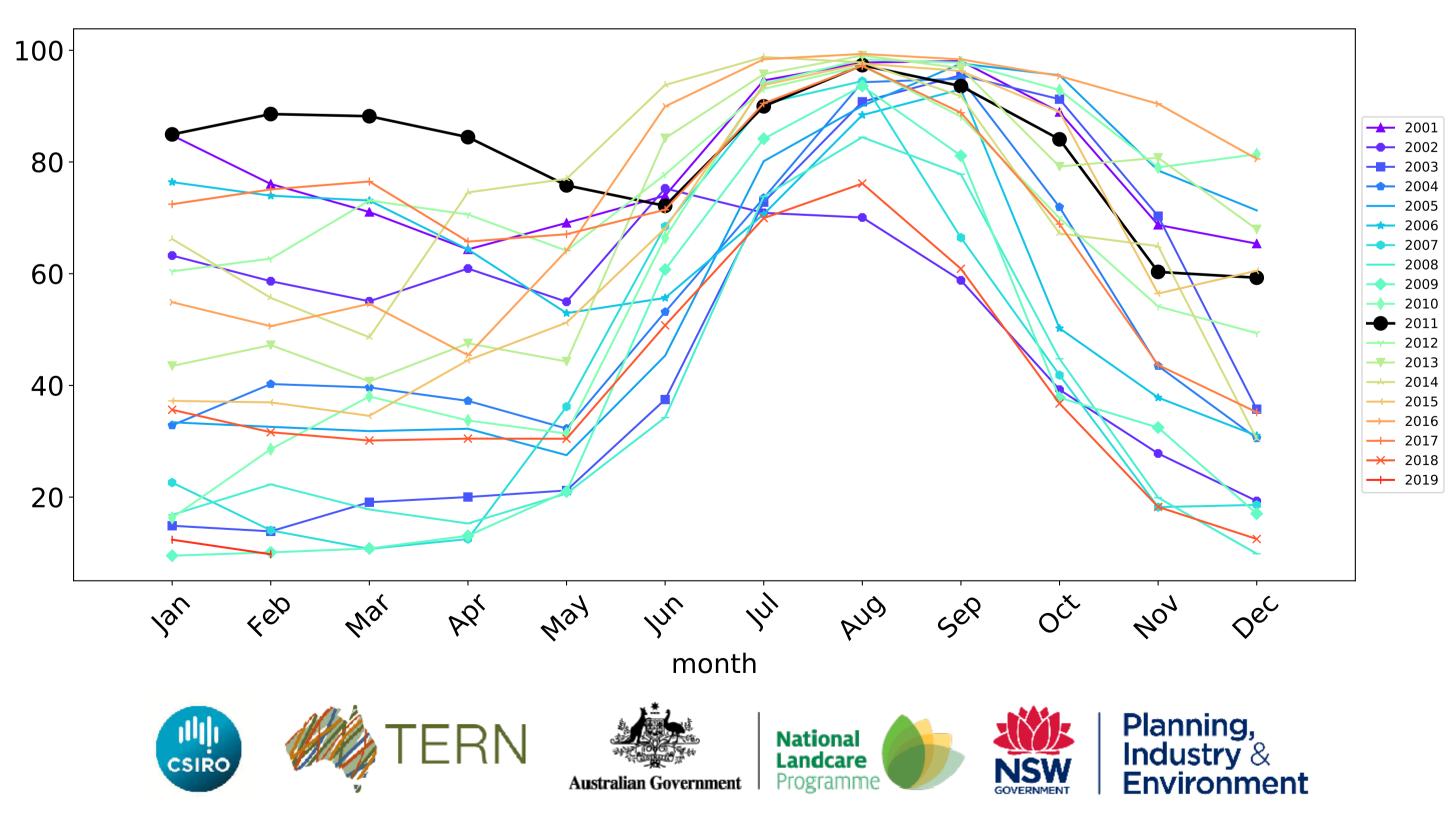
### **Cropping timeseries**



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

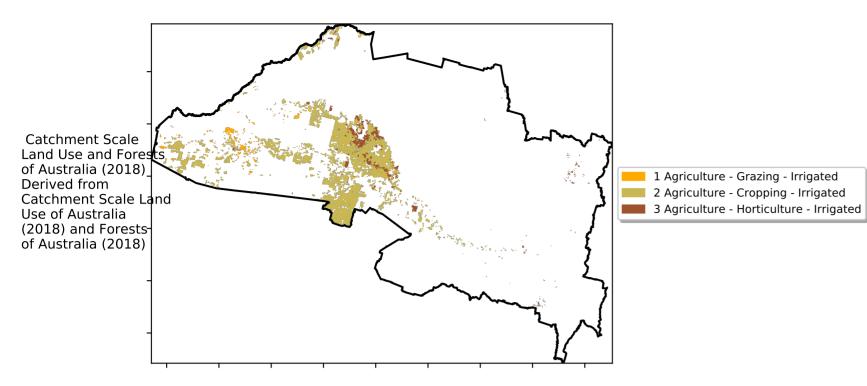


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

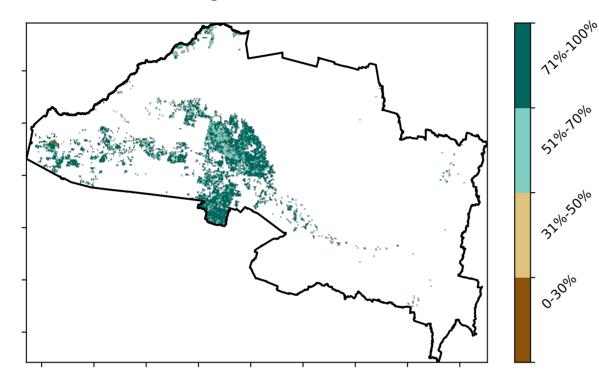


### Irrigation

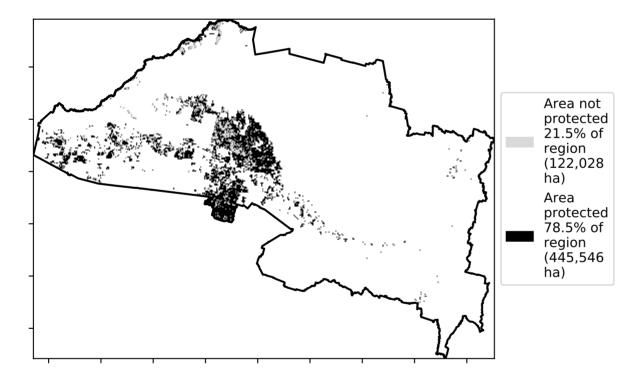
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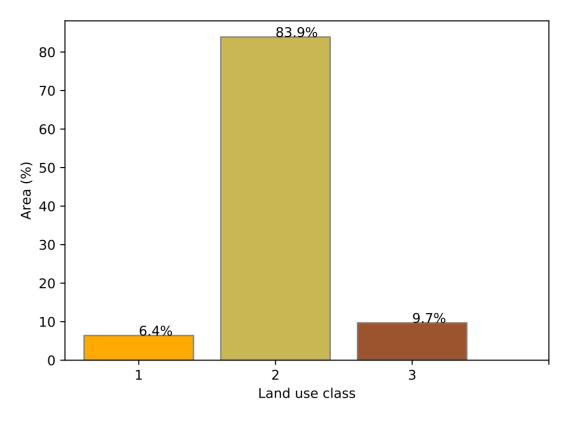


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



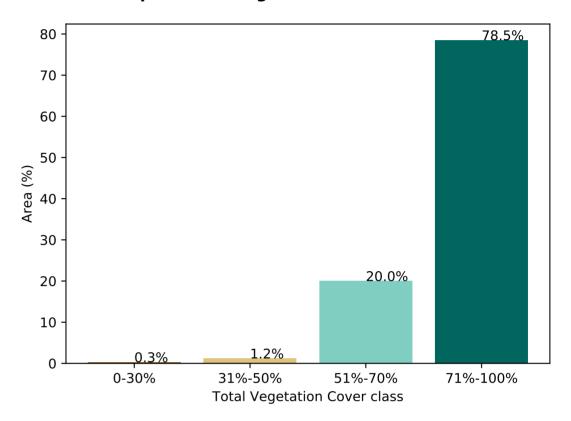
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



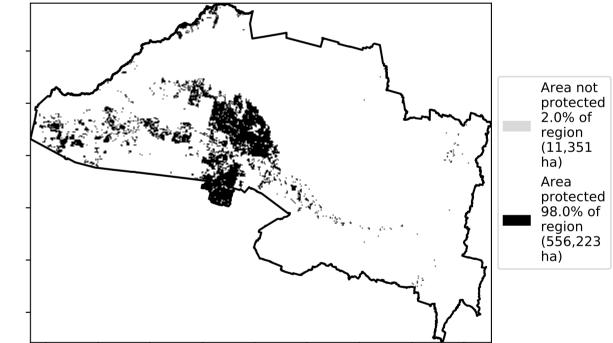


#### Proportion of each land class in area

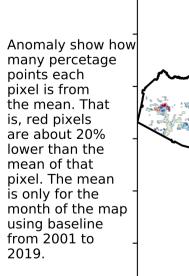
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

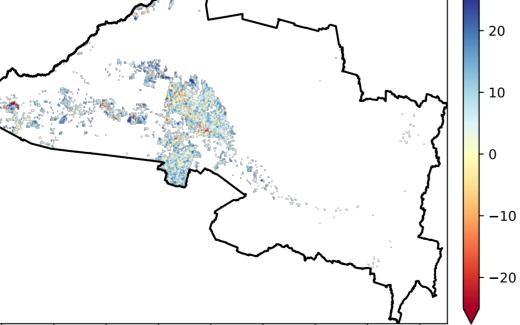


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

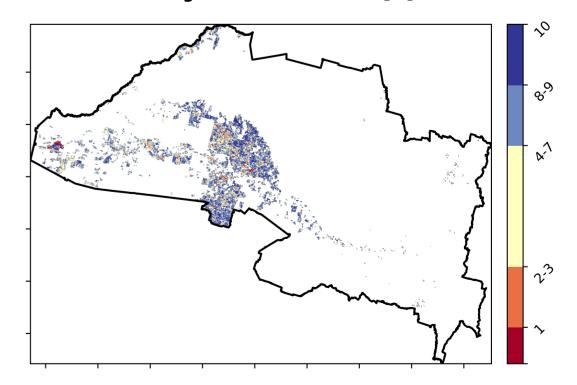


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

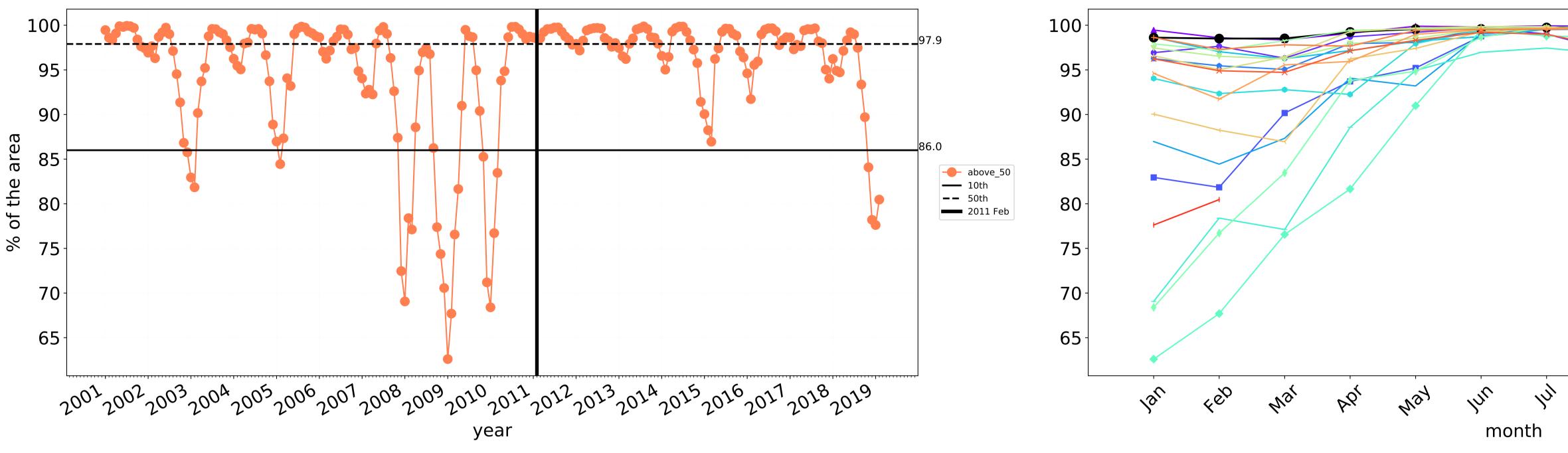




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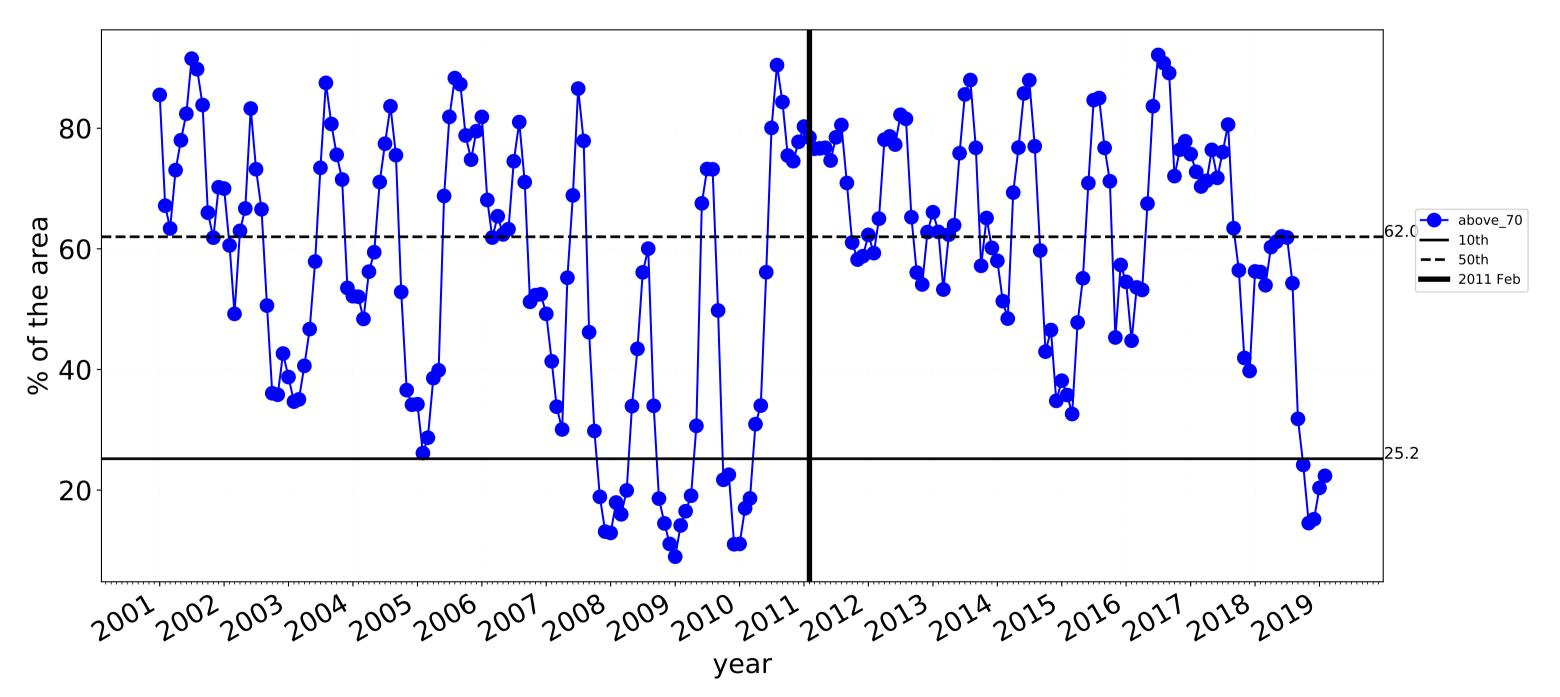






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



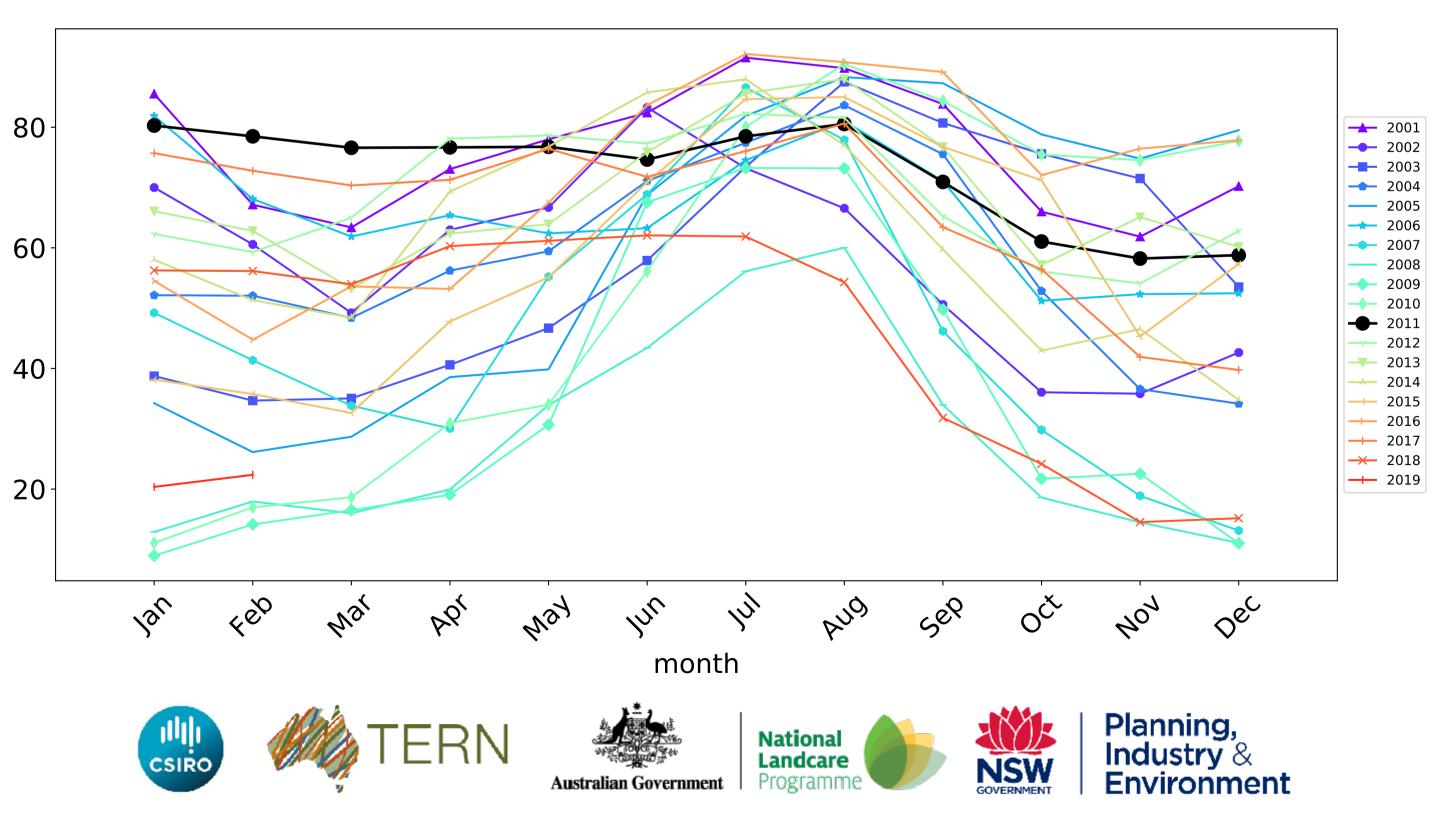
### Irrigation timeseries



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

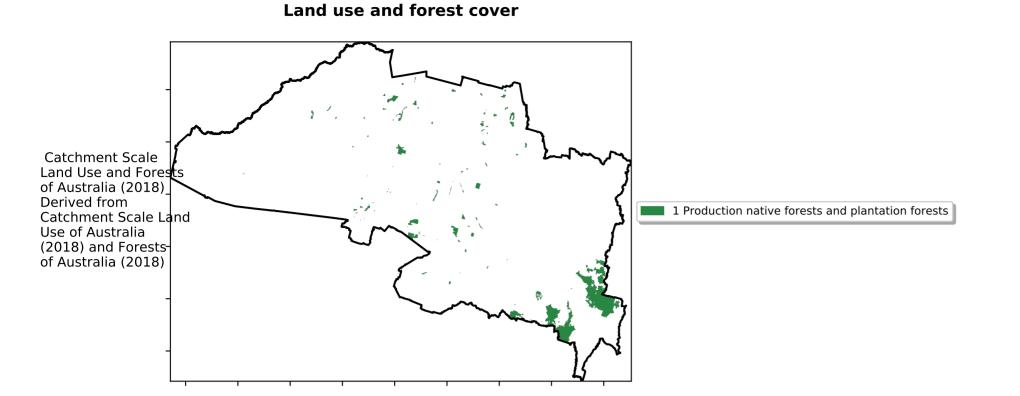


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

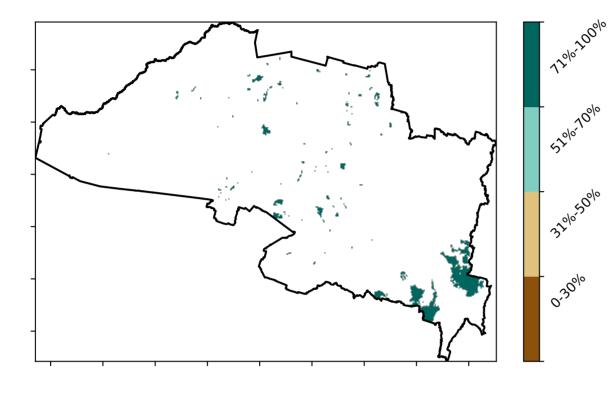


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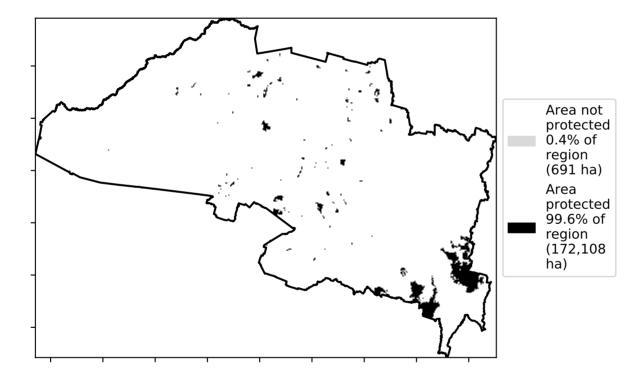
#### **Production native forests and plantation forests**



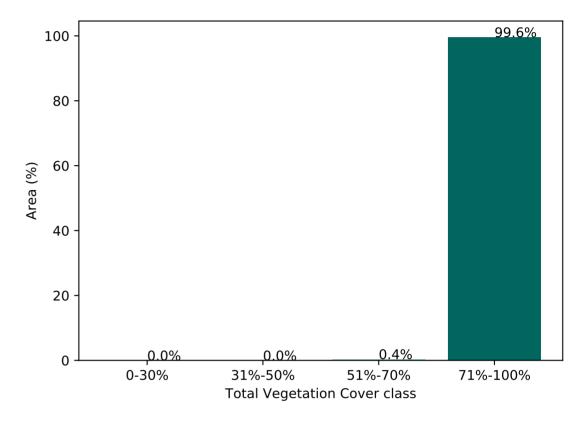
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



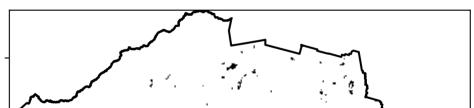
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



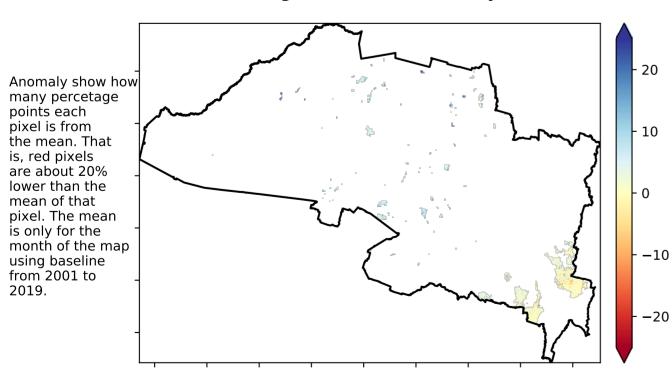




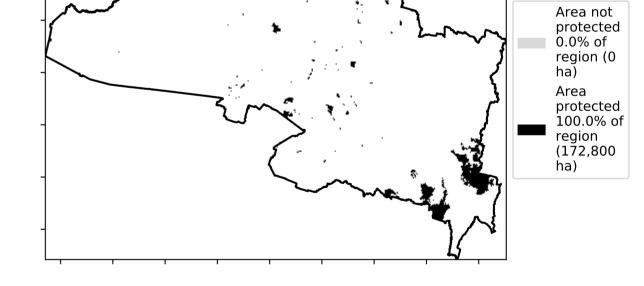
#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

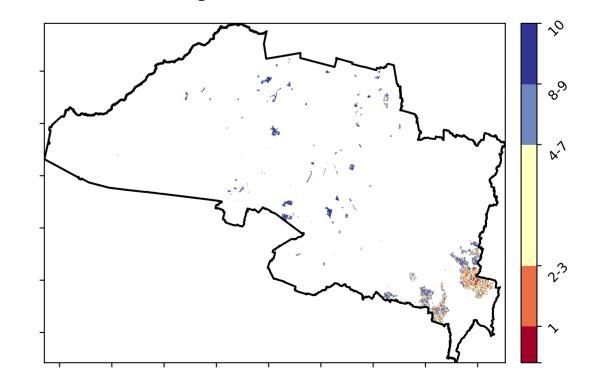


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

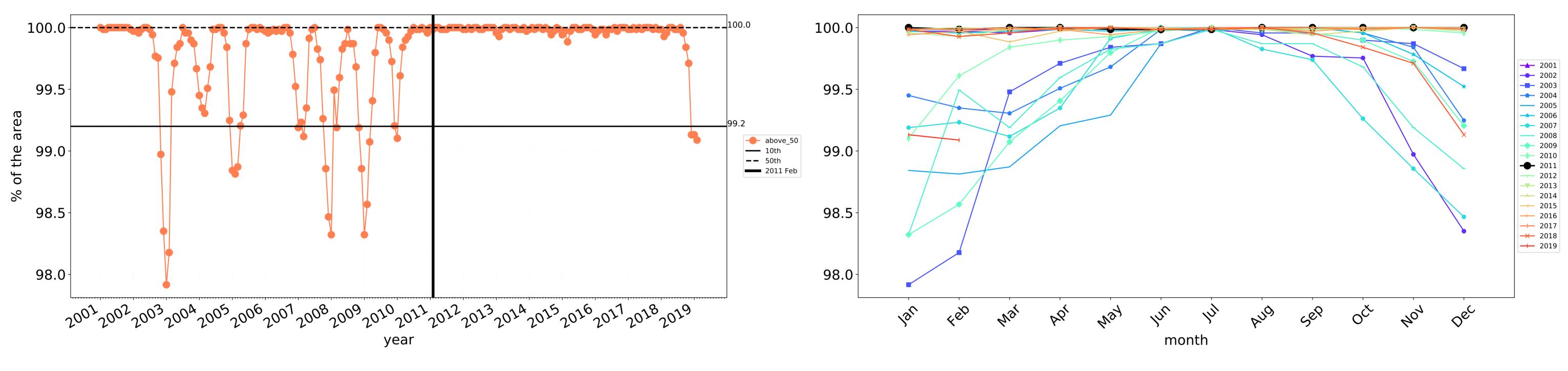


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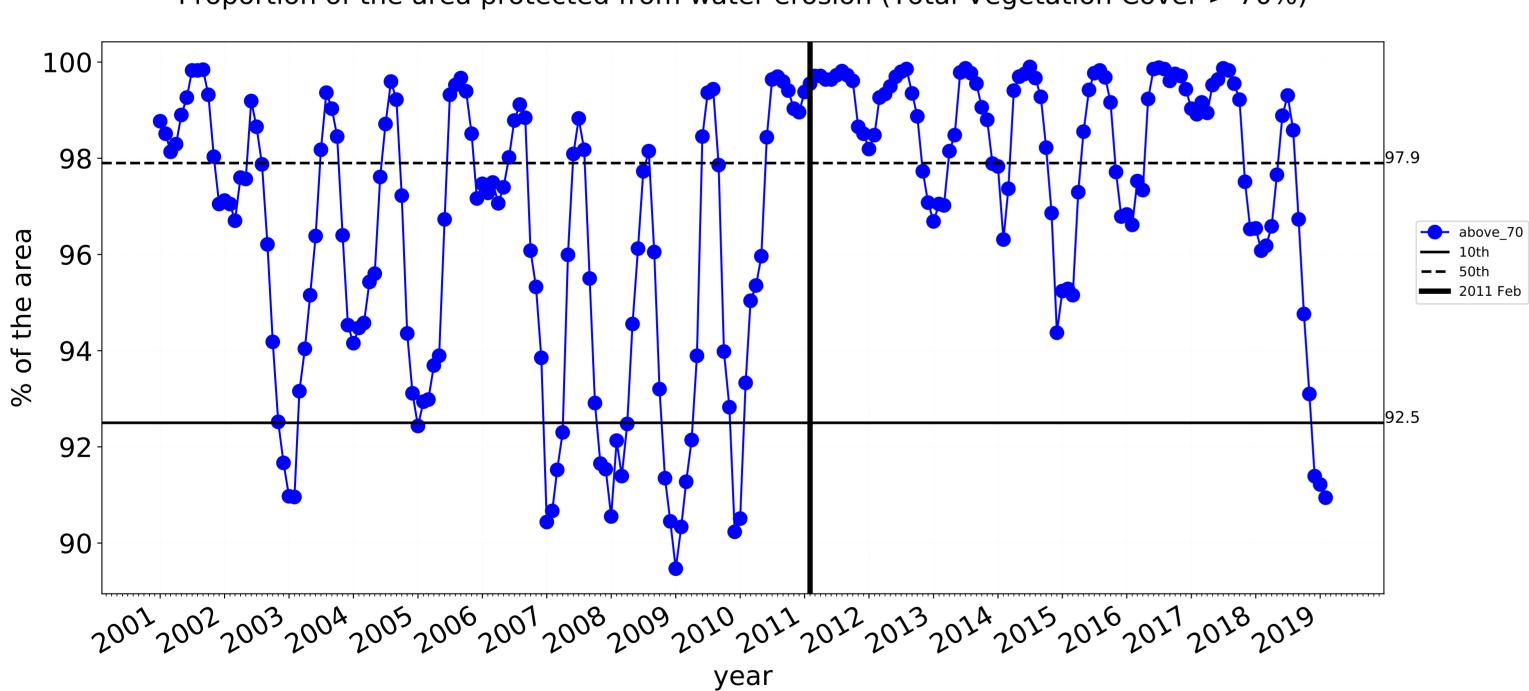






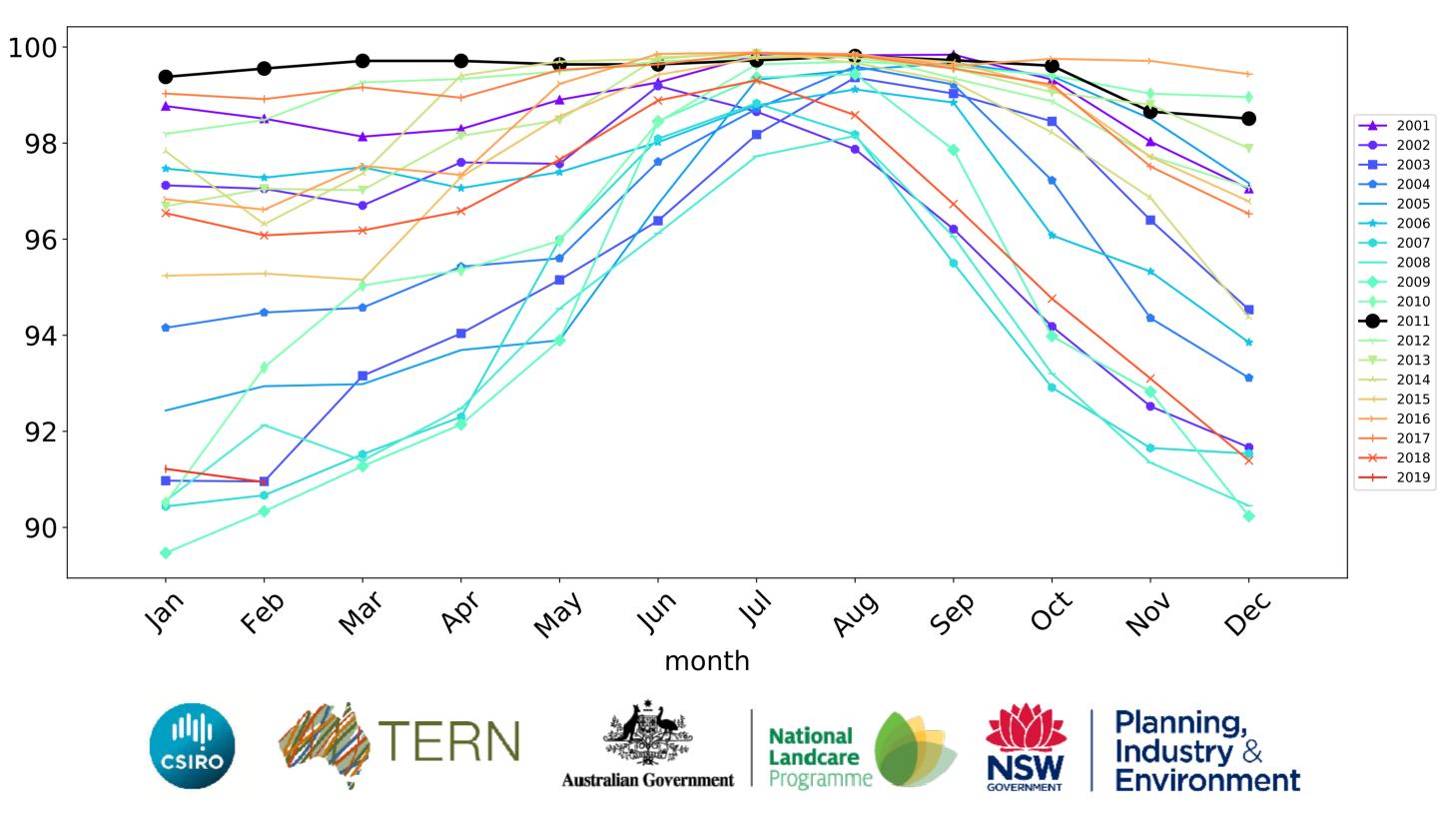


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



# Riverina (6,695,175 ha and no data 13,160 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	6,695,175	99.9% 6,691,524	99.0% 6,628,089	86.8% 5,810,092	60.8% 4,069,932	20.2% 1,349,601	5.5% 371,505
Conservation and natural environments	323,125	100.0% 323,125	99.9% 322,900	91.8% 296,725	85.9% 277,475	65.7% 212,175	39.7% 128,325
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	99.7% 83,125	68.9% 57,400	48.4% 40,350	14.2% 11,875	6.4% 5,375
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,275	100.0% 195,275	100.0% 195,275	100.0% 195,200	99.5% 194,375	89.7% 175,125	59.1% 115,375
Agriculture	6,067,875	100.0% 6,065,525	99.0% 6,004,950	86.4% 5,242,125	58.8% 3,569,200	16.5% 1,001,375	2.8% 167,450
Grazing	2,311,525	100.0% 2,311,225	99.6% 2,301,225	85.3% 1,972,325	54.1% 1,251,525	21.8% 503,325	4.8% 111,150
Grazing non forest	2,066,525	100.0% 2,066,225	99.5% 2,056,250	83.8% 1,731,375	50.3% 1,039,375	19.7% 406,400	4.3% 89,825
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	100.0% 141,650	97.8% 138,500	83.6% 118,400	31.0% 43,900	5.3% 7,500
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,325	99.1% 102,450	90.7% 93,750	51.3% 53,025	13.4% 13,825
Cropping	3,186,950	100.0% 3,186,600	98.6% 3,142,825	88.6% 2,823,125	65.9% 2,099,250	14.9% 476,000	1.6% 51,475
Irrigation	567,575	99.7% 565,875	98.5% 559,075	78.5% 445,475	38.4% 217,950	3.9% 21,975	0.9% 4,825
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,800	100.0% 172,800	100.0% 172,775	99.6% 172,025	97.1% 167,725	73.7% 127,350	43.2% 74,725

