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

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

Land use forest cover:

**Date: November 2015** 

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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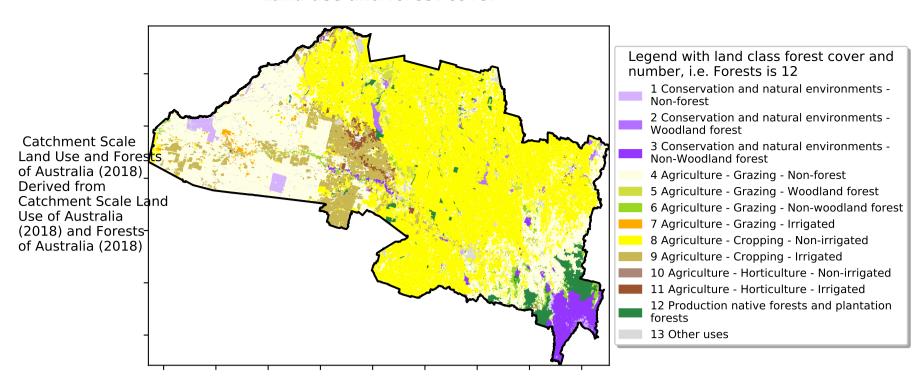




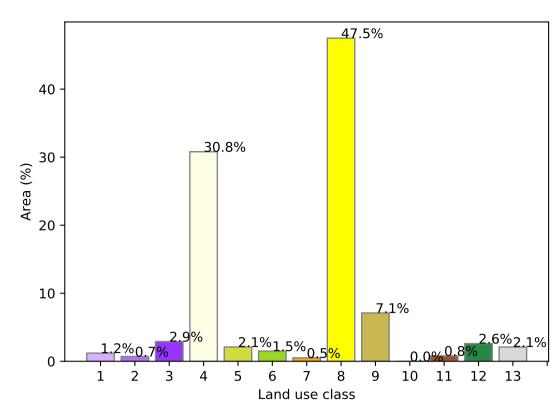


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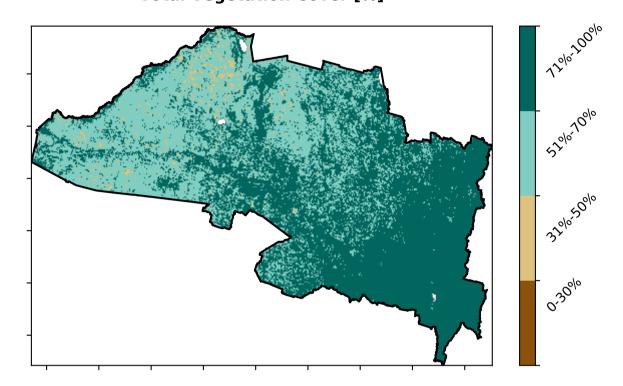
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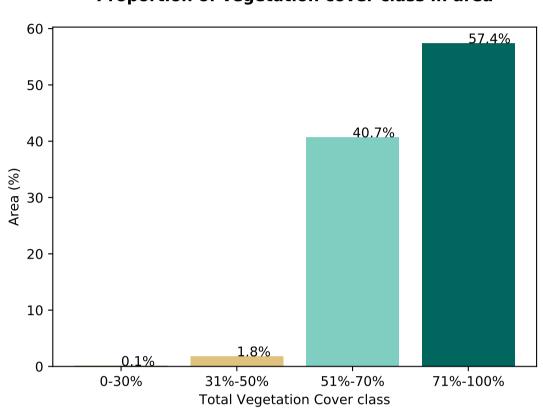
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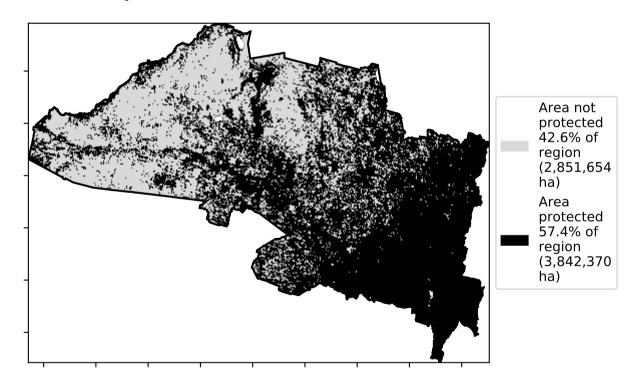
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



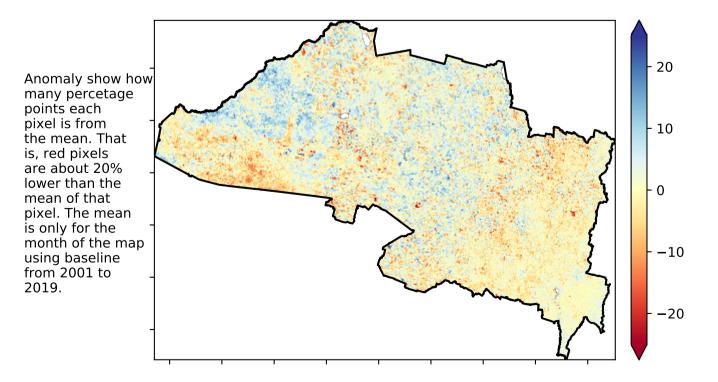
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

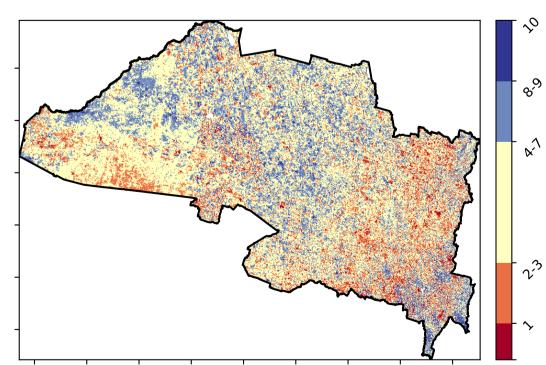


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### **Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]**





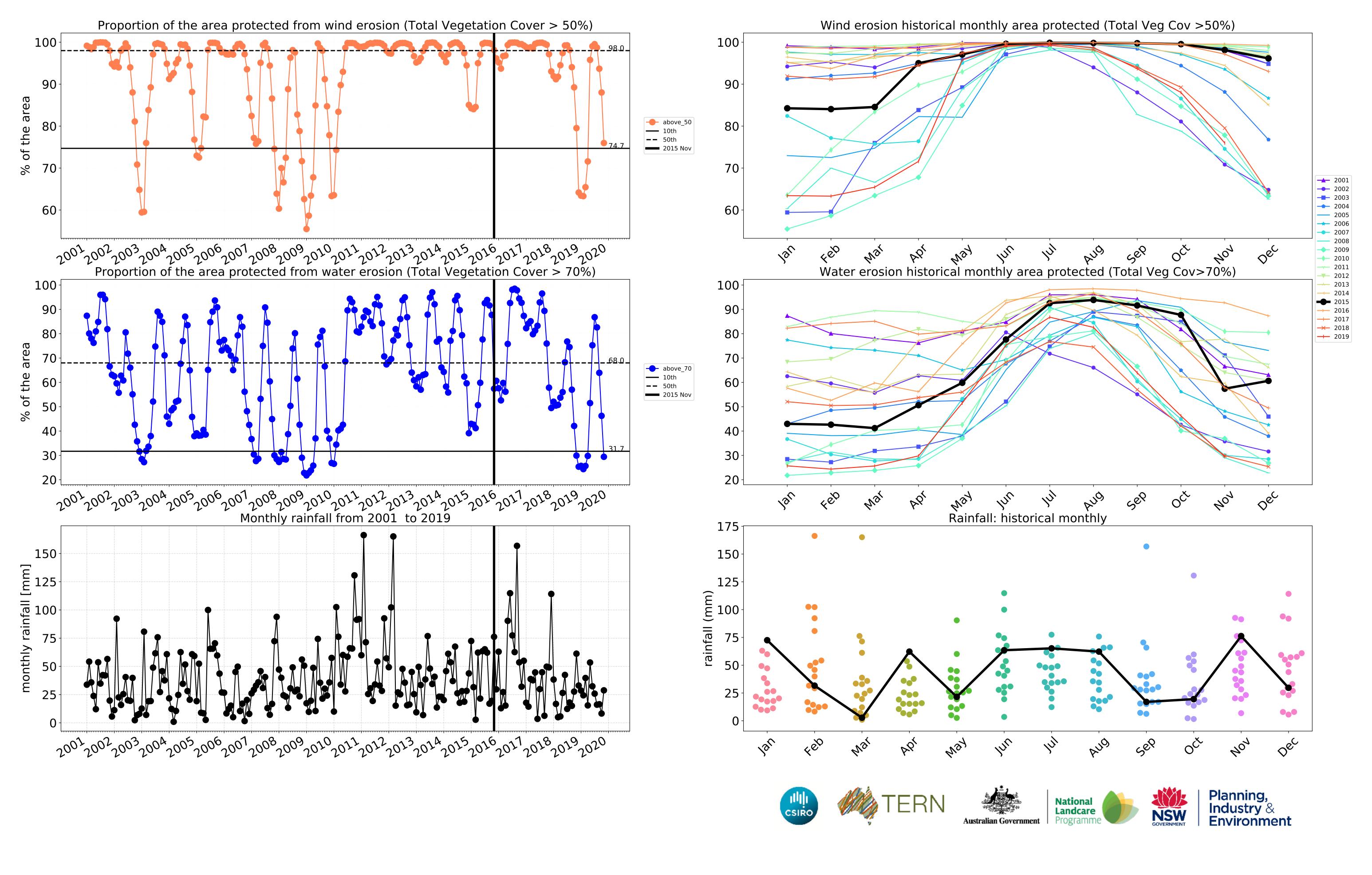




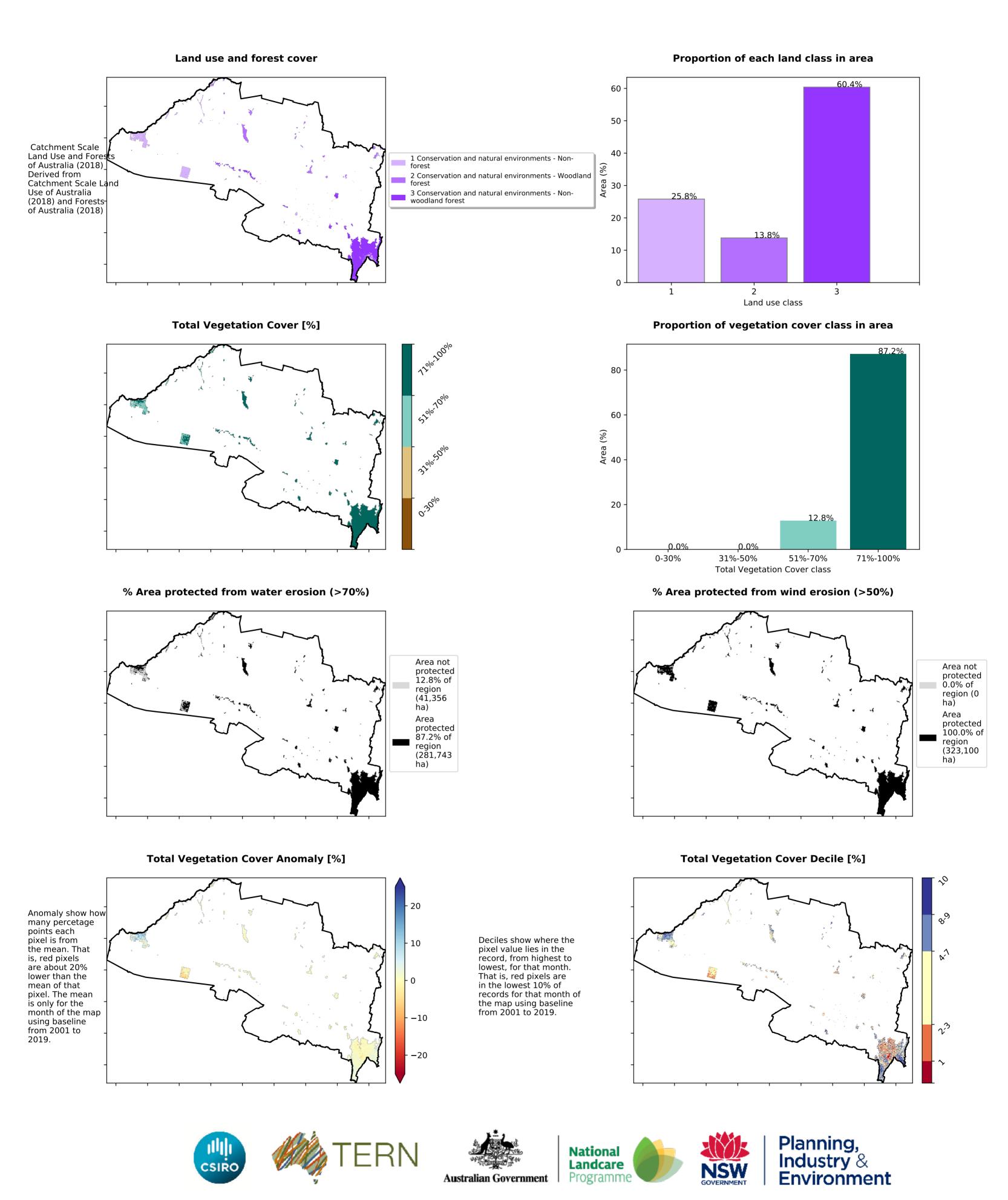




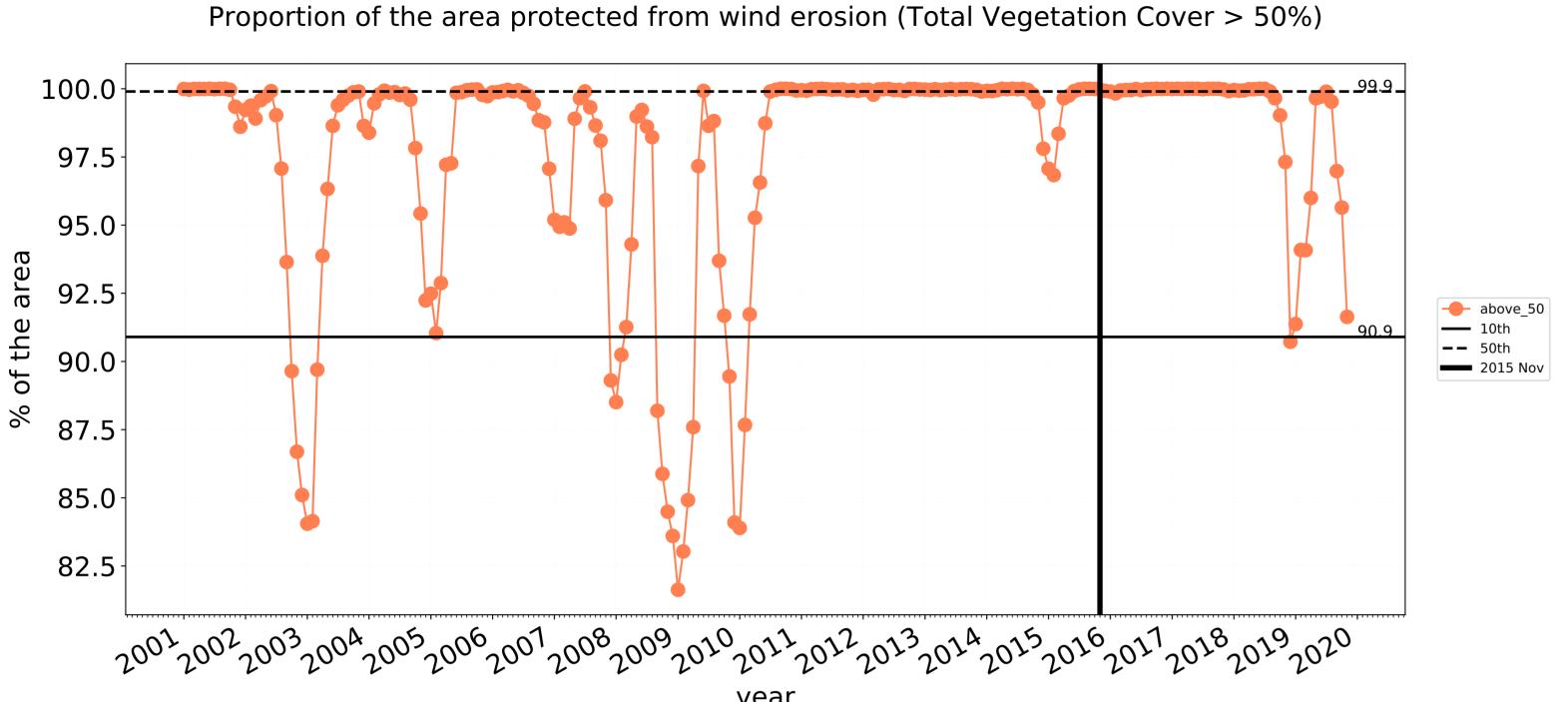


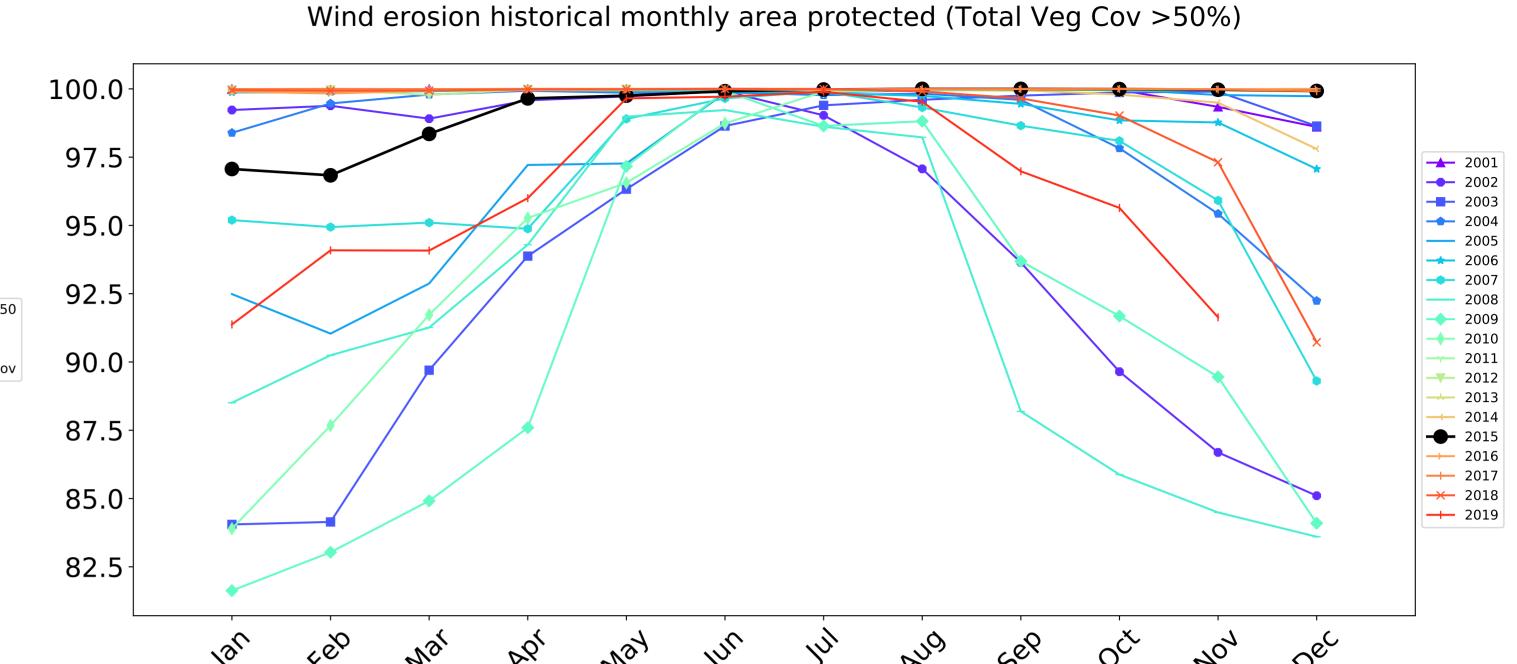


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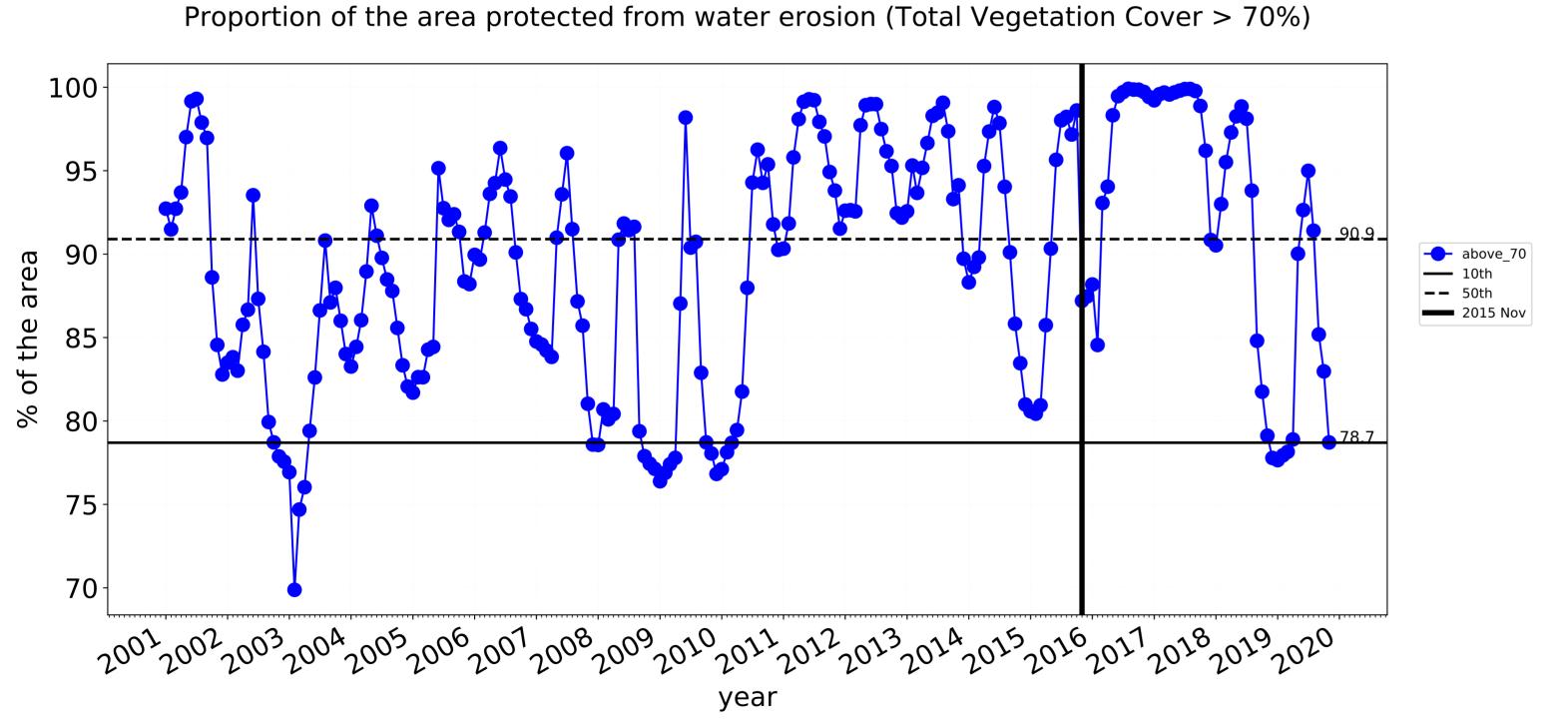


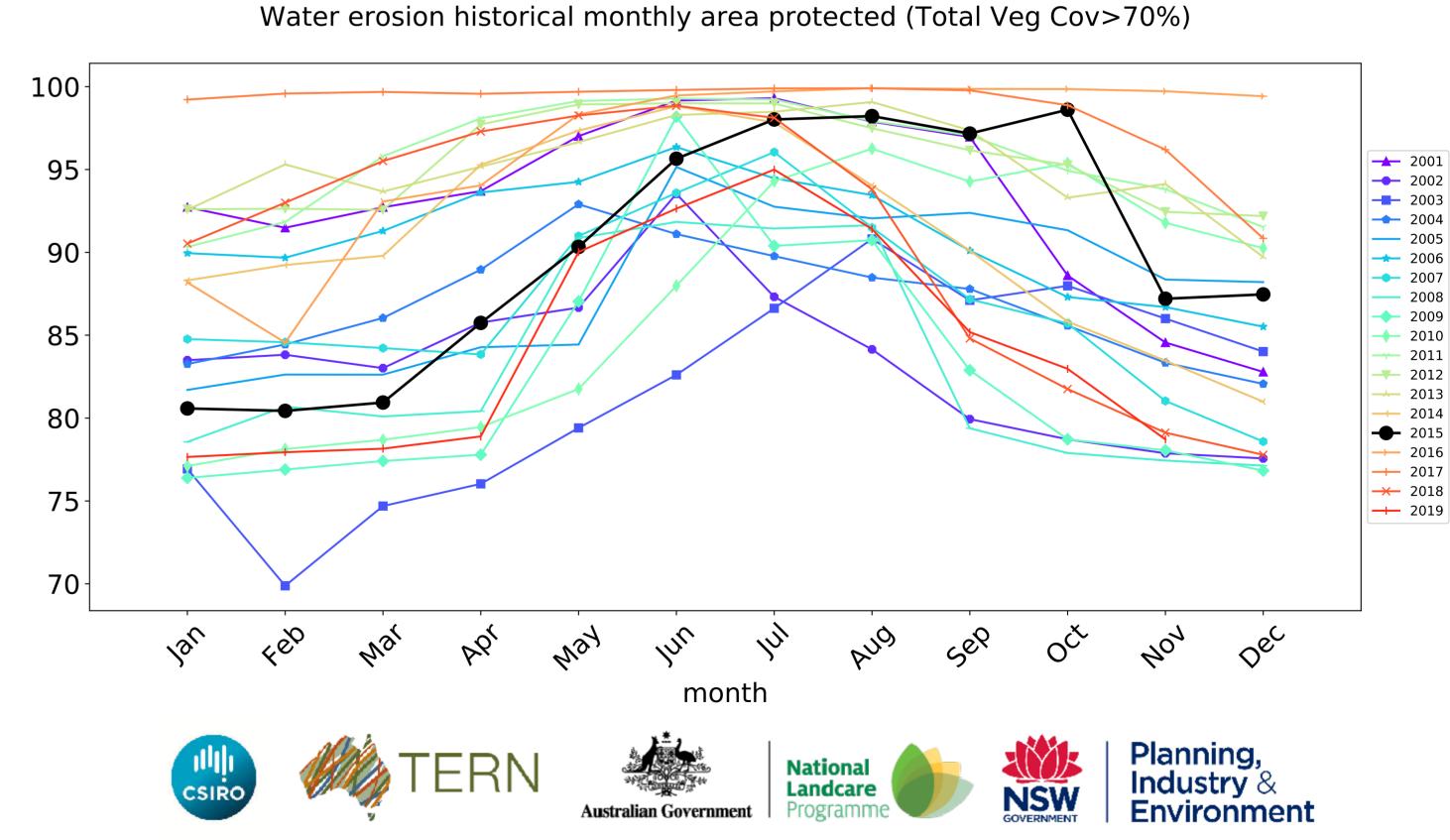
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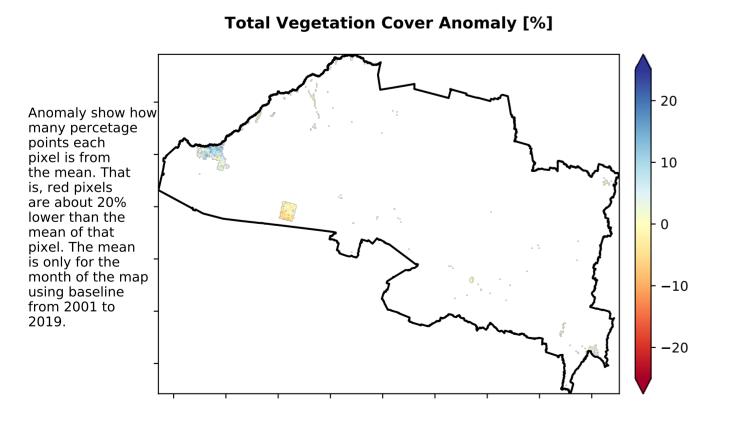


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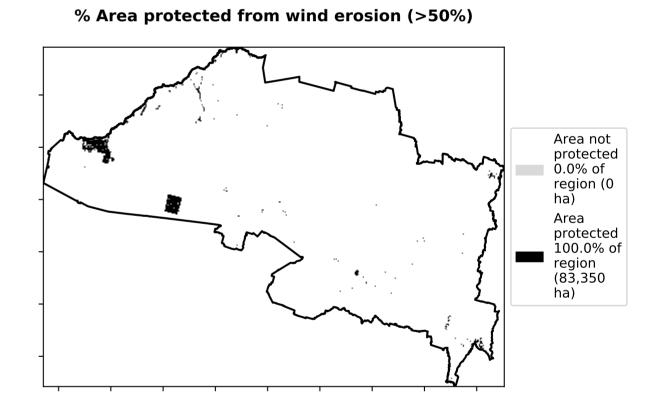
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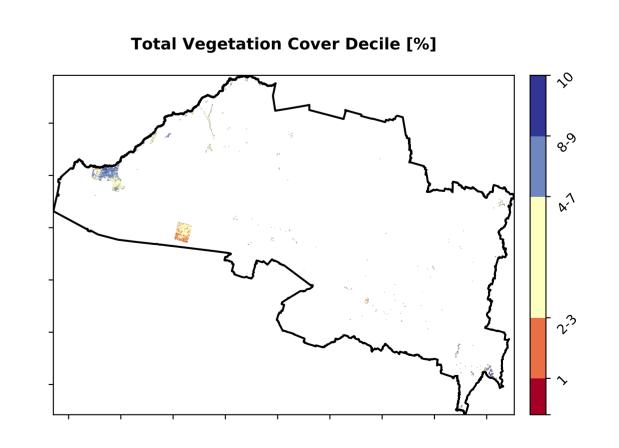
### Area not protected 48.5% of region (40,424 ha) Area protected 51.5% of region (42,925 ha)



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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 50 - 48.4% 40 - 40 - 48.4% 20 - 10 - 0.30% 0-30% 31%-50% Total Vegetation Cover class









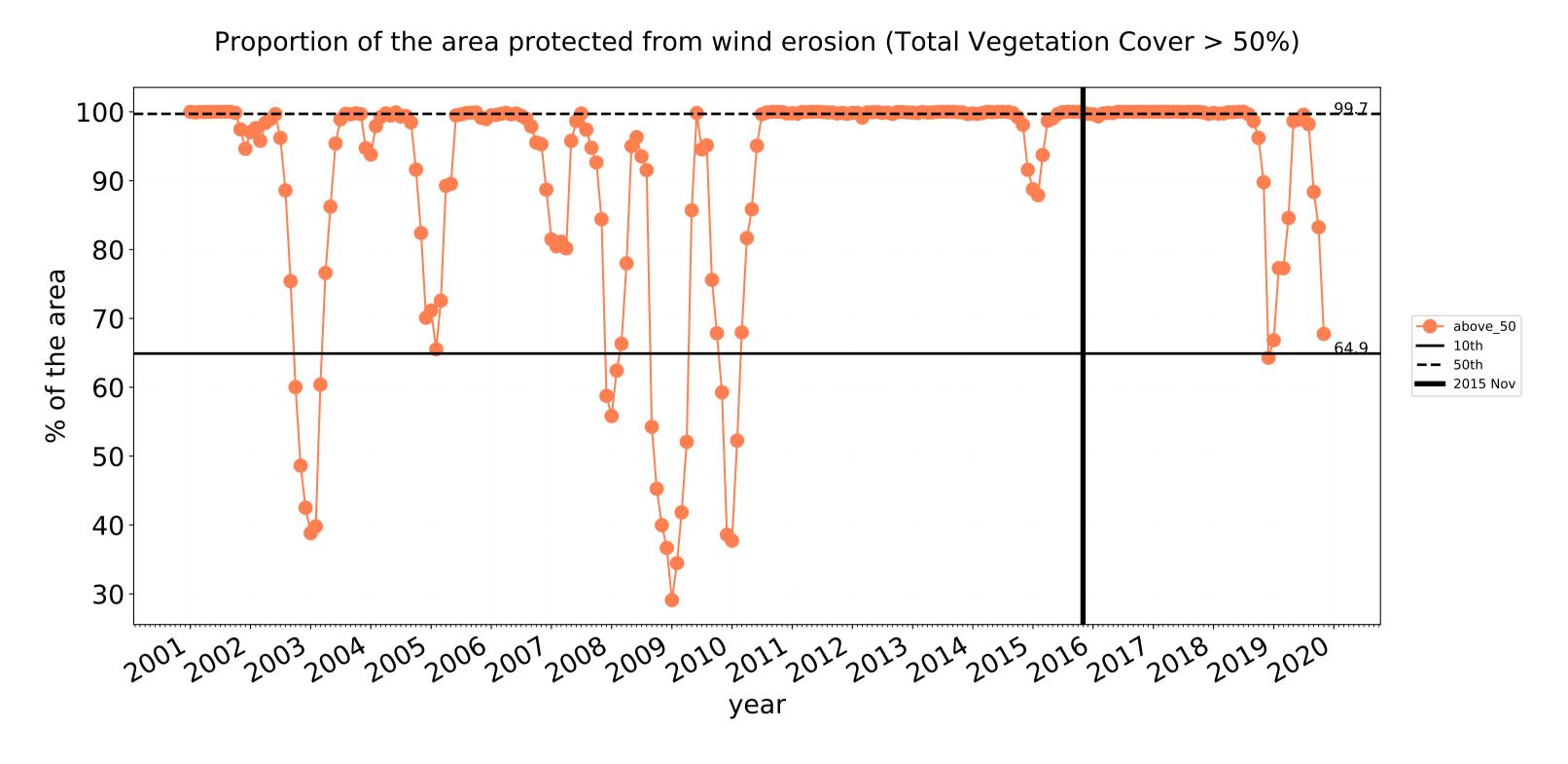


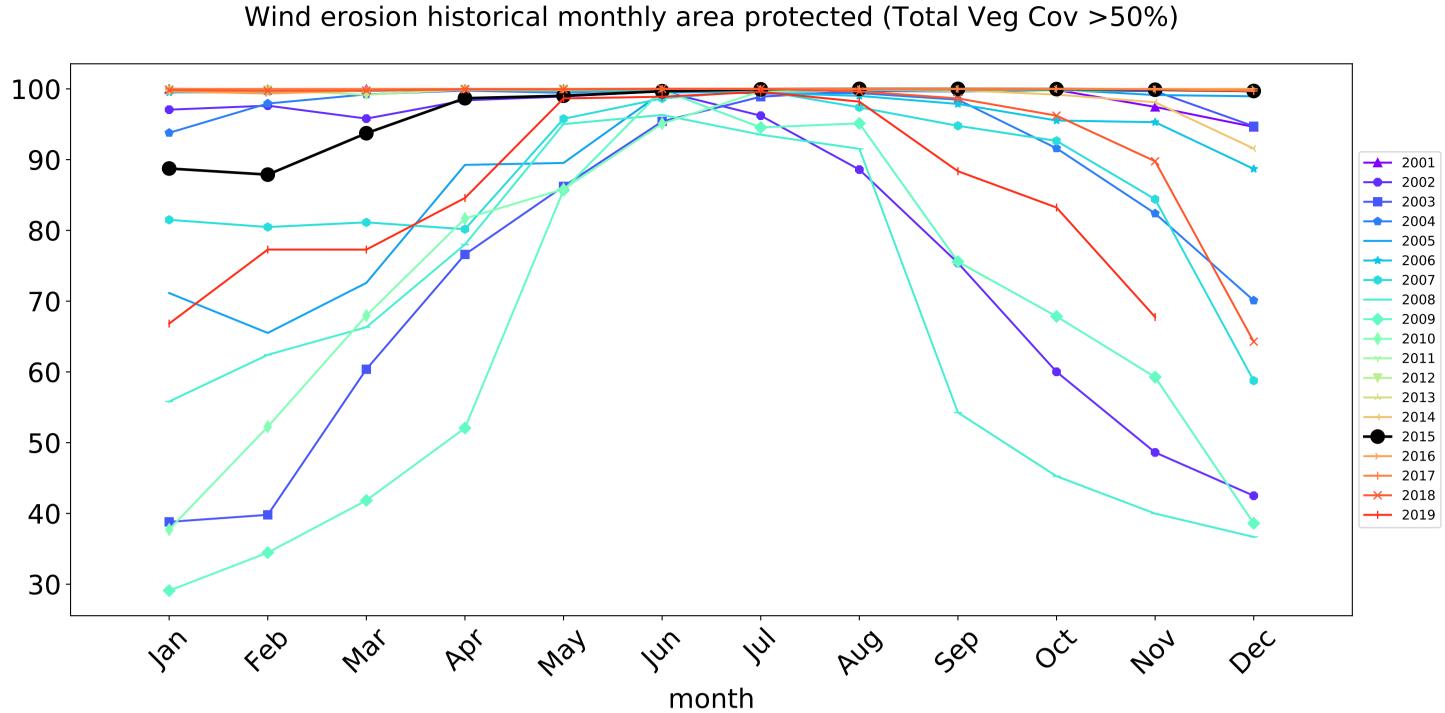


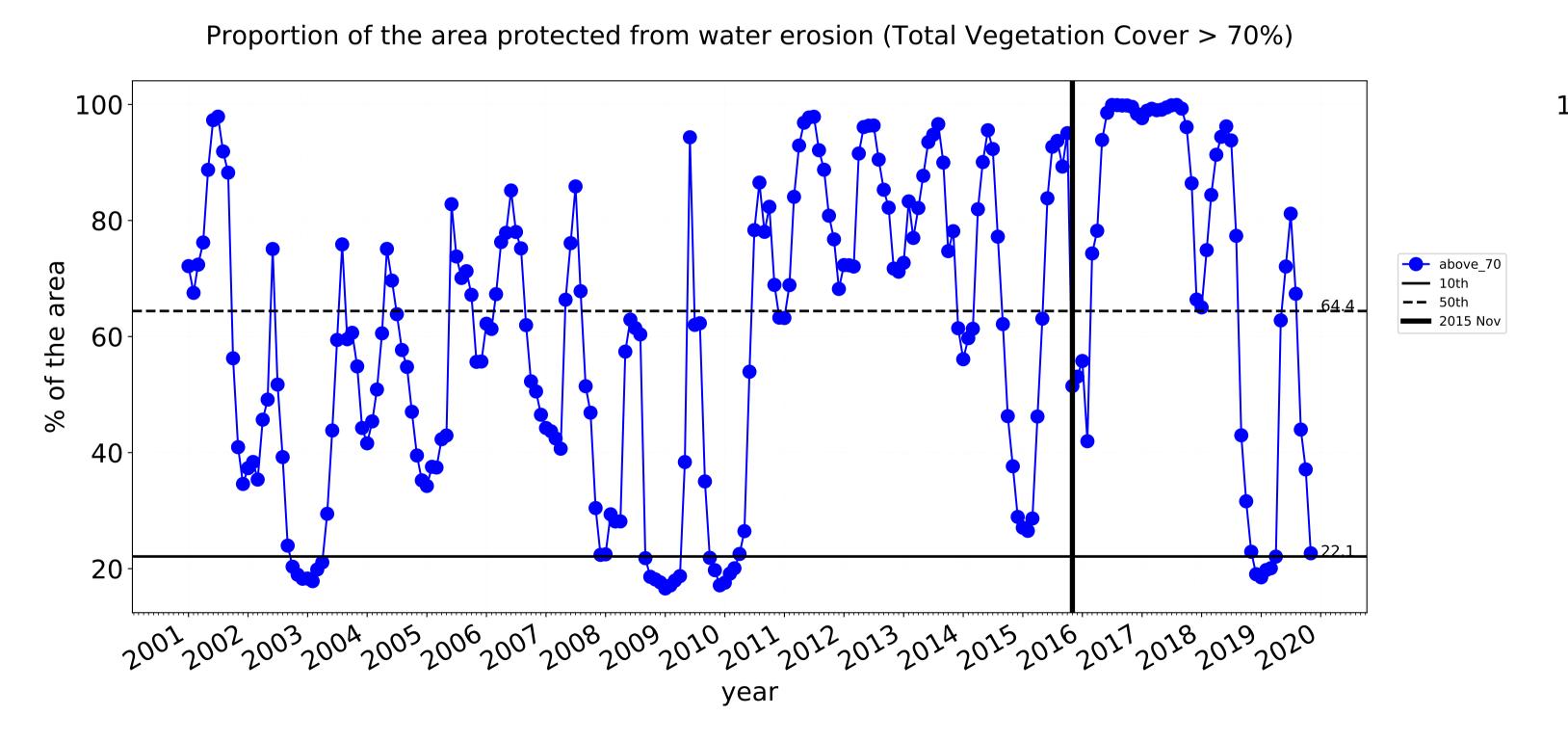


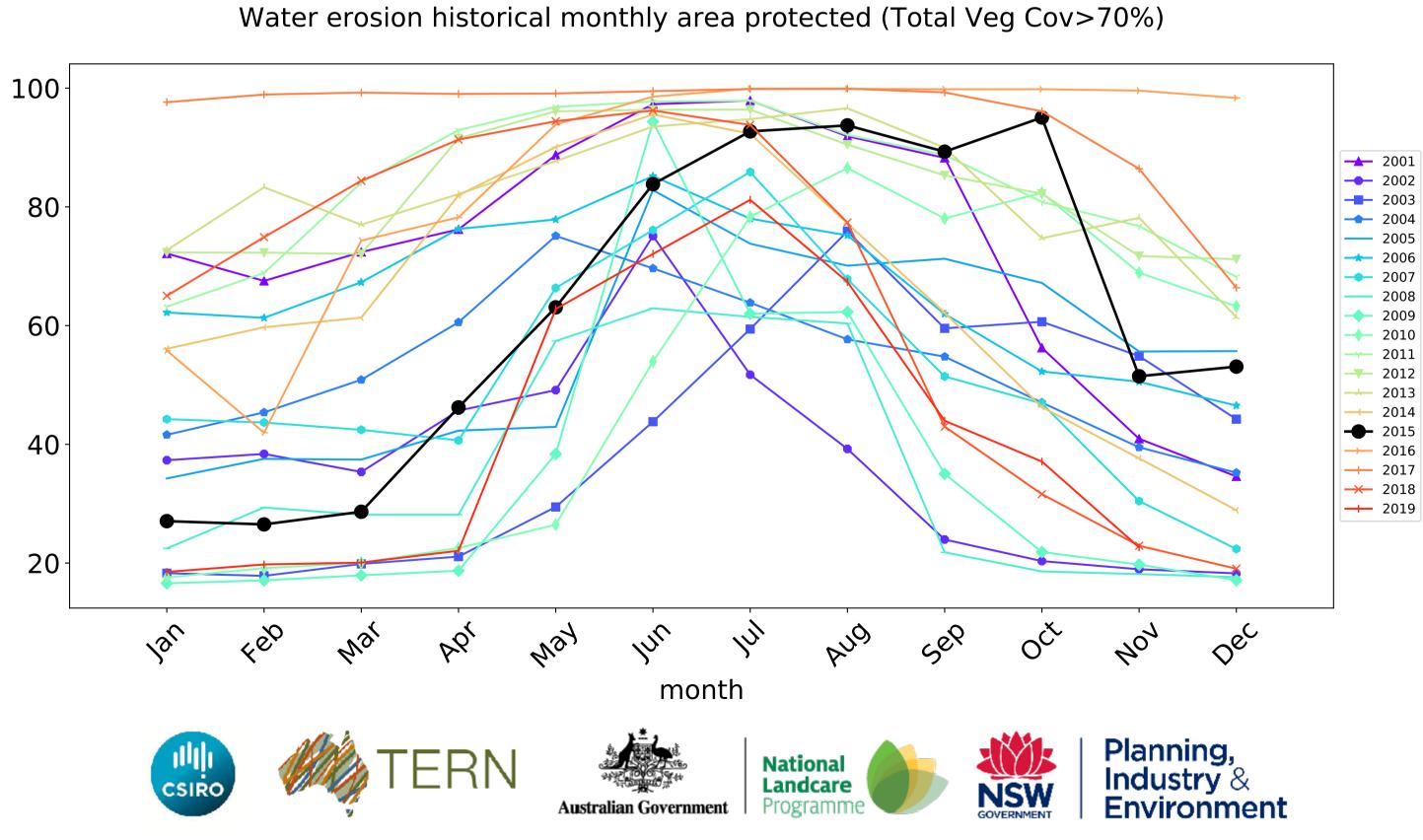


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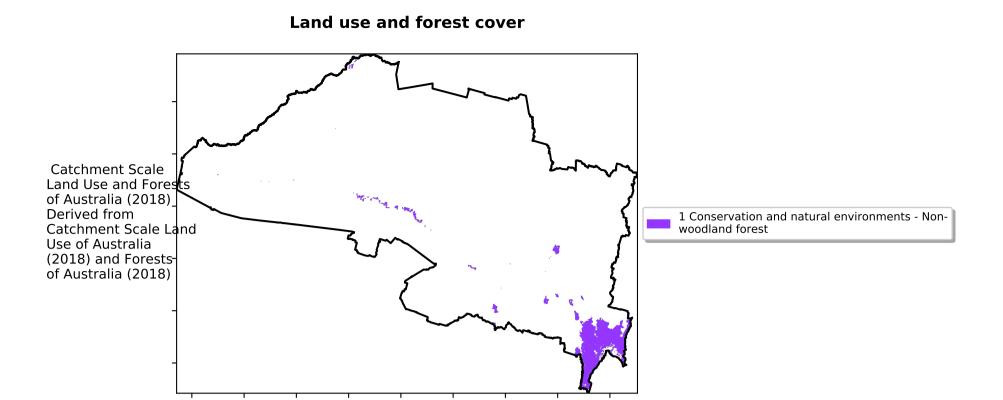




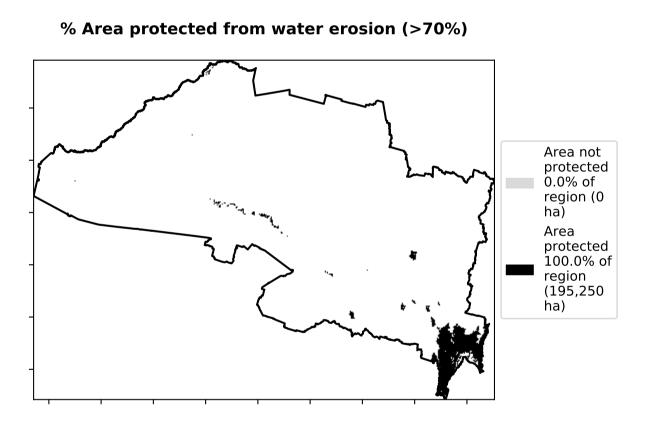


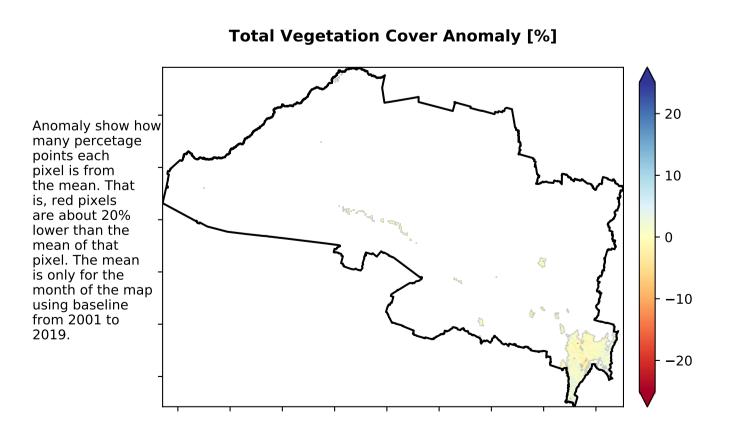


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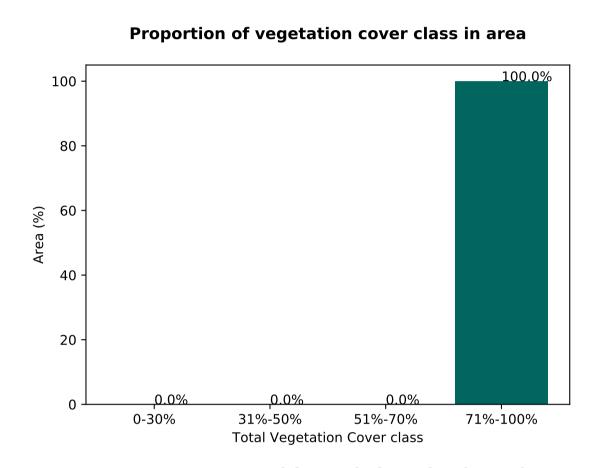


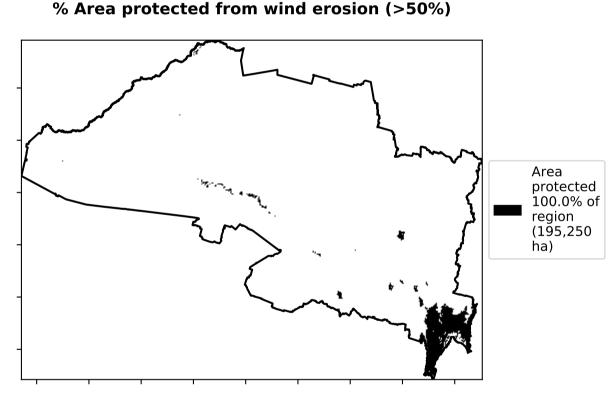
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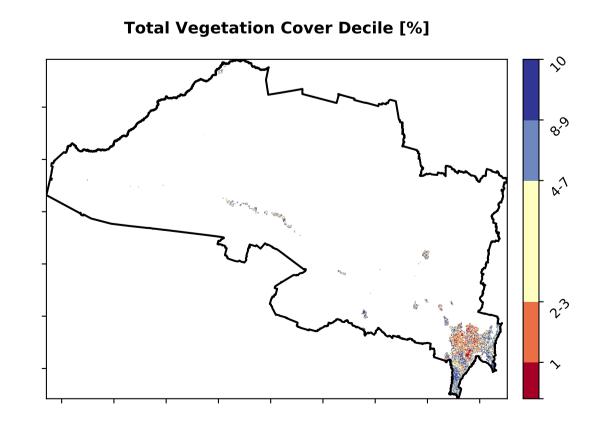




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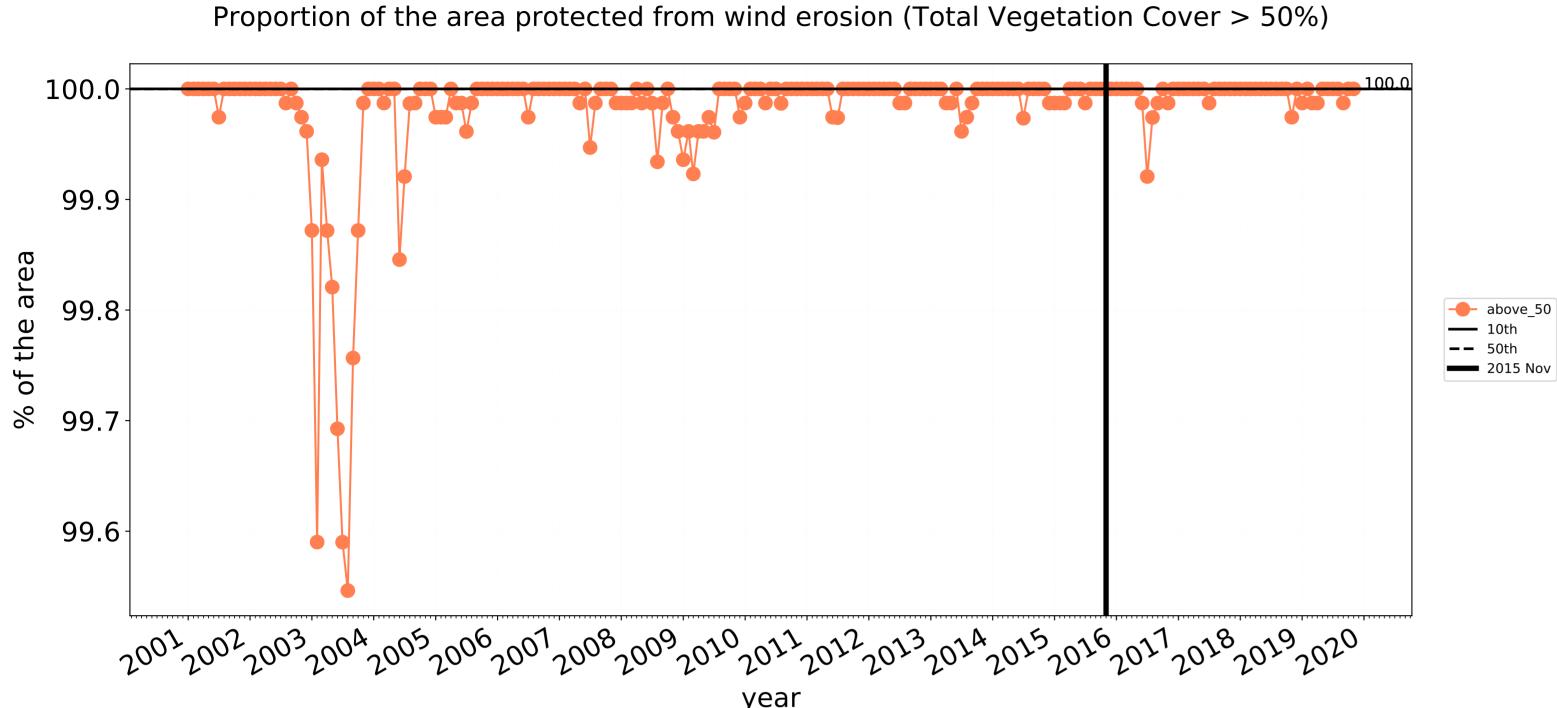


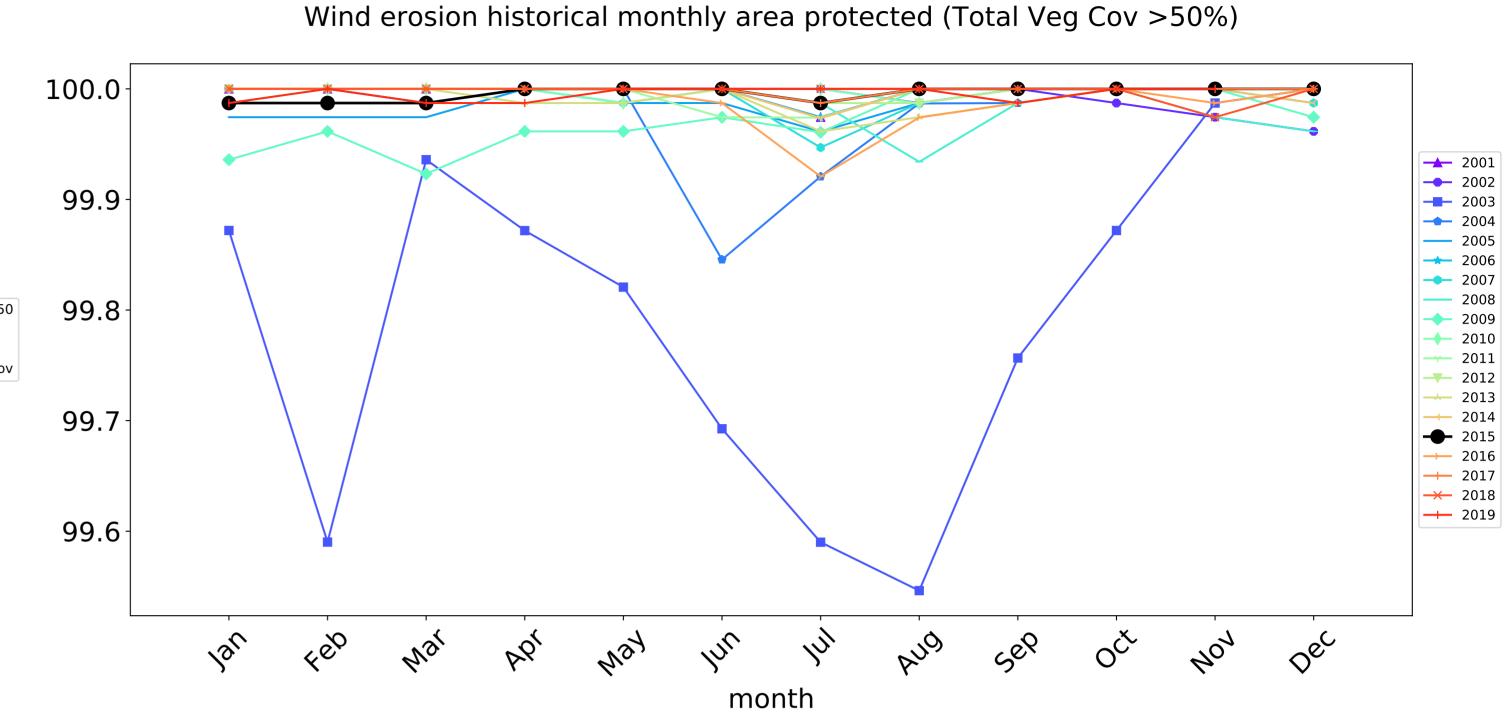


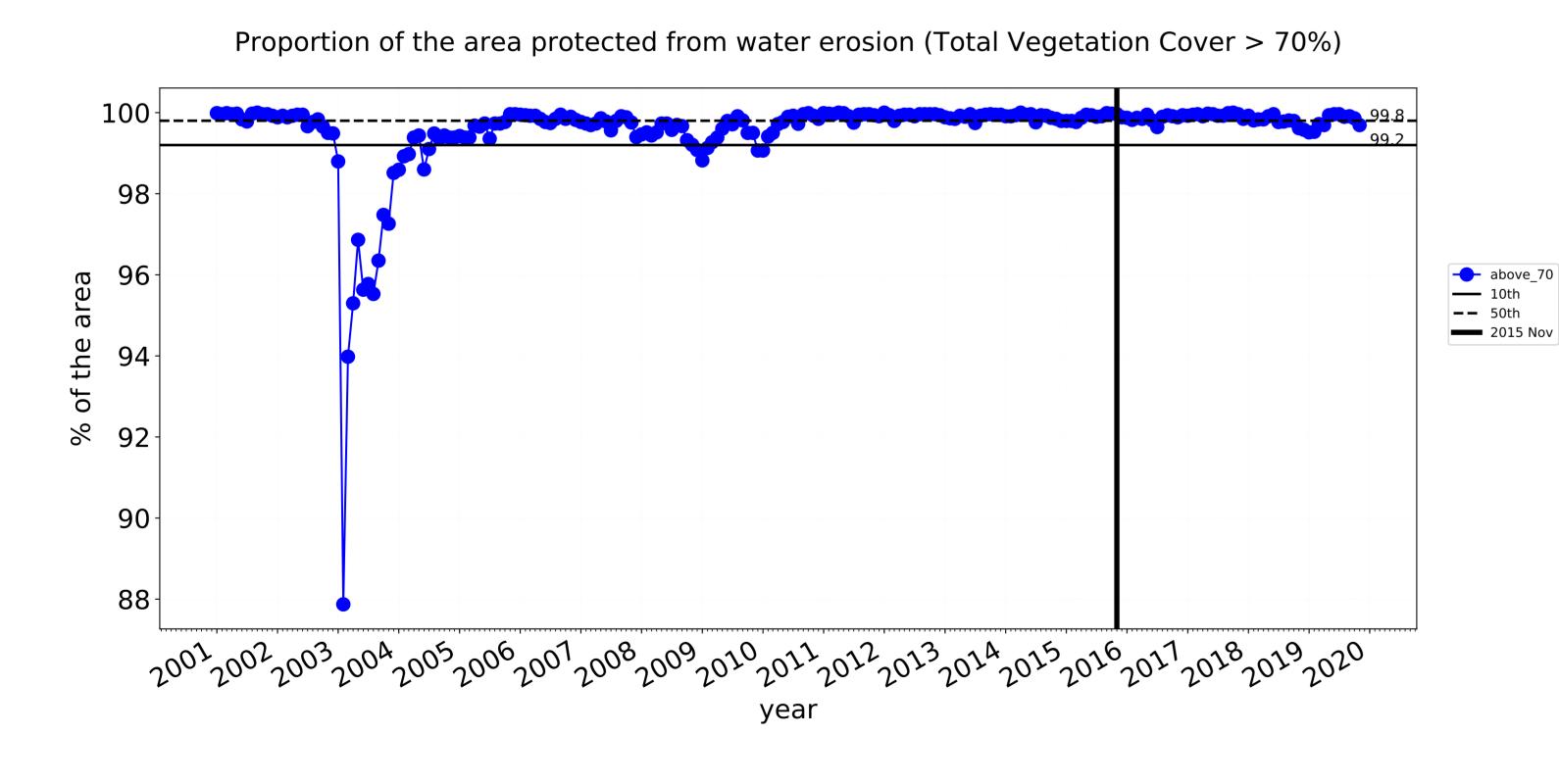


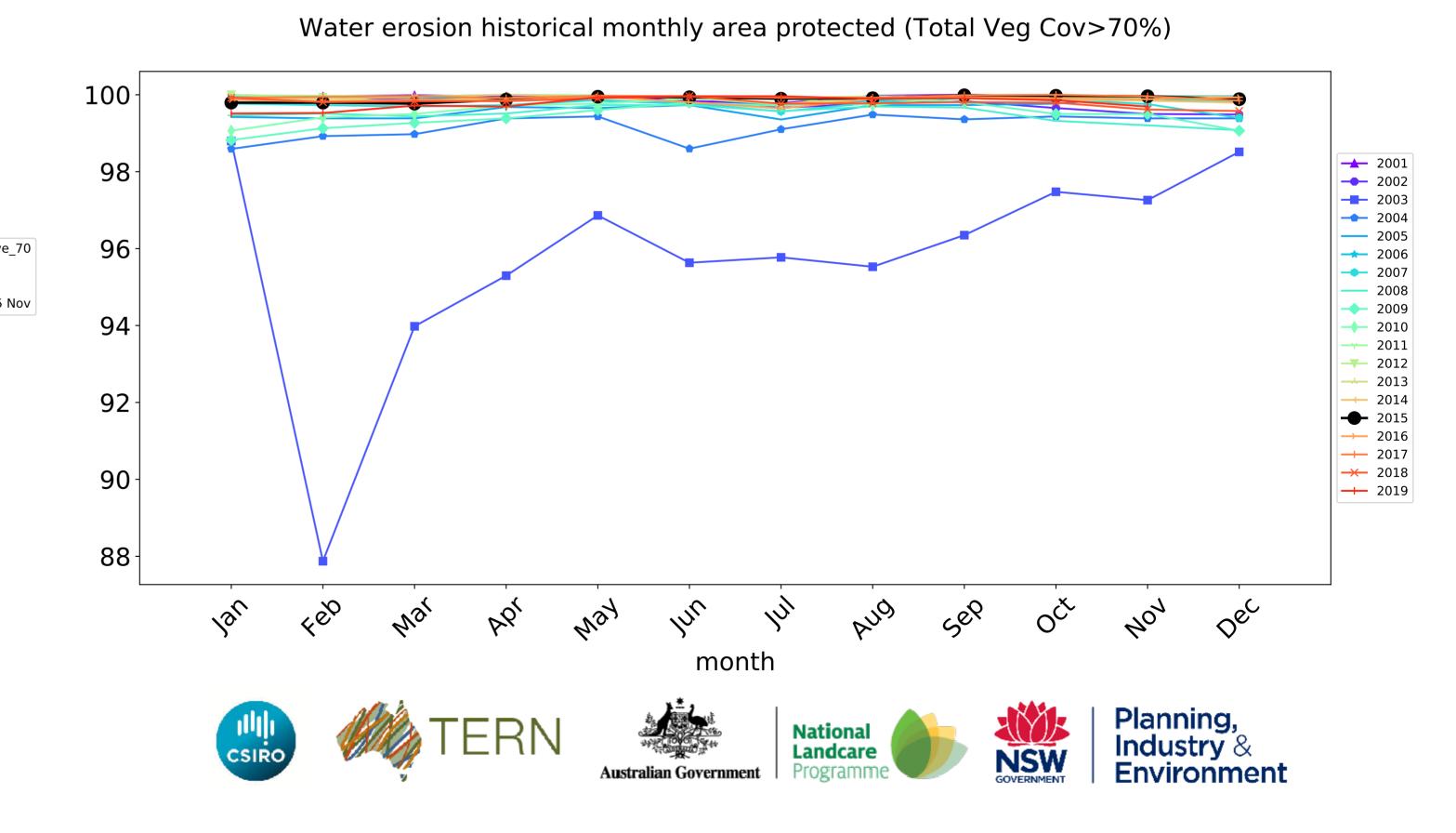






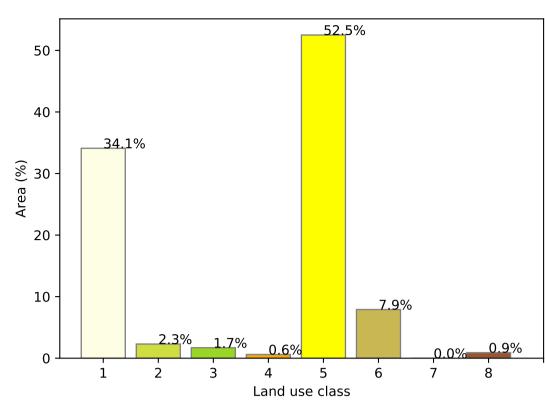






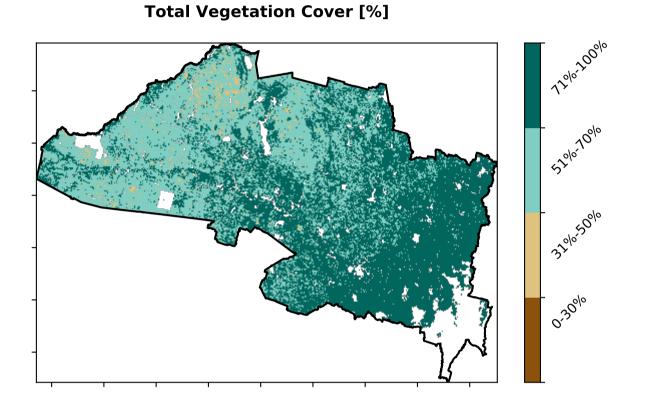
### **Agriculture**

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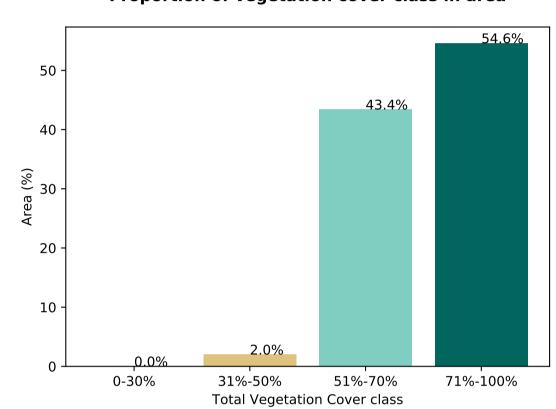


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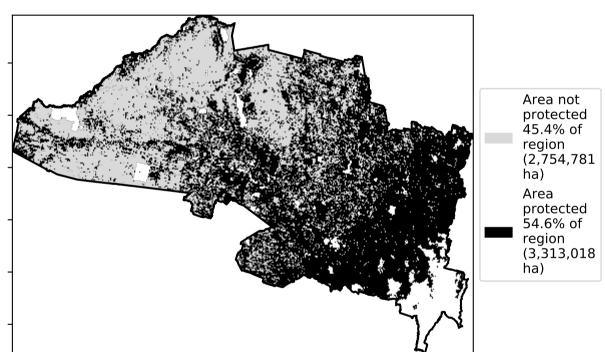
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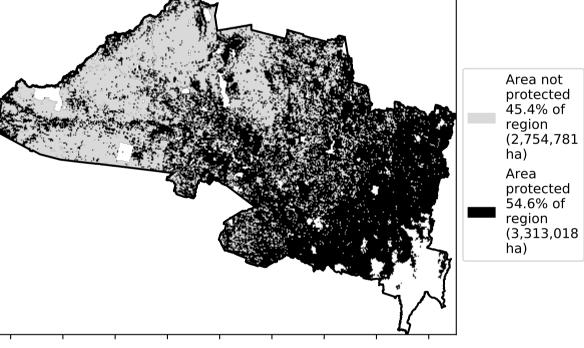


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

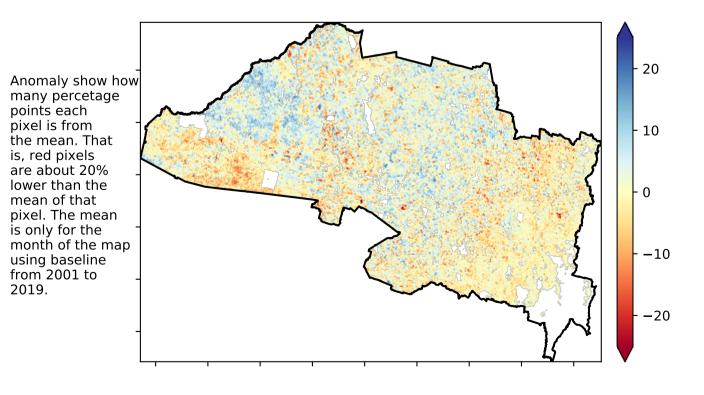




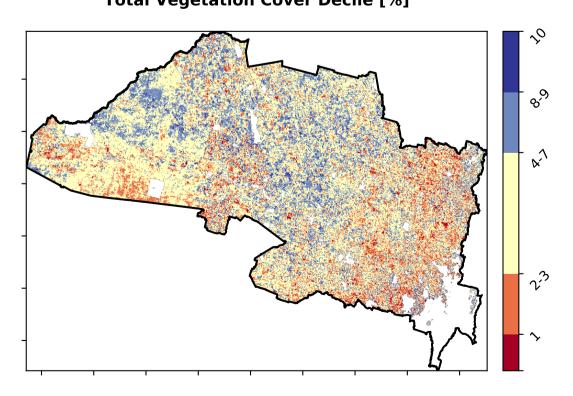
Area not protected 2.0% of region (121,356 ha) Area protected 98.0% of region (5,946,444 ha)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



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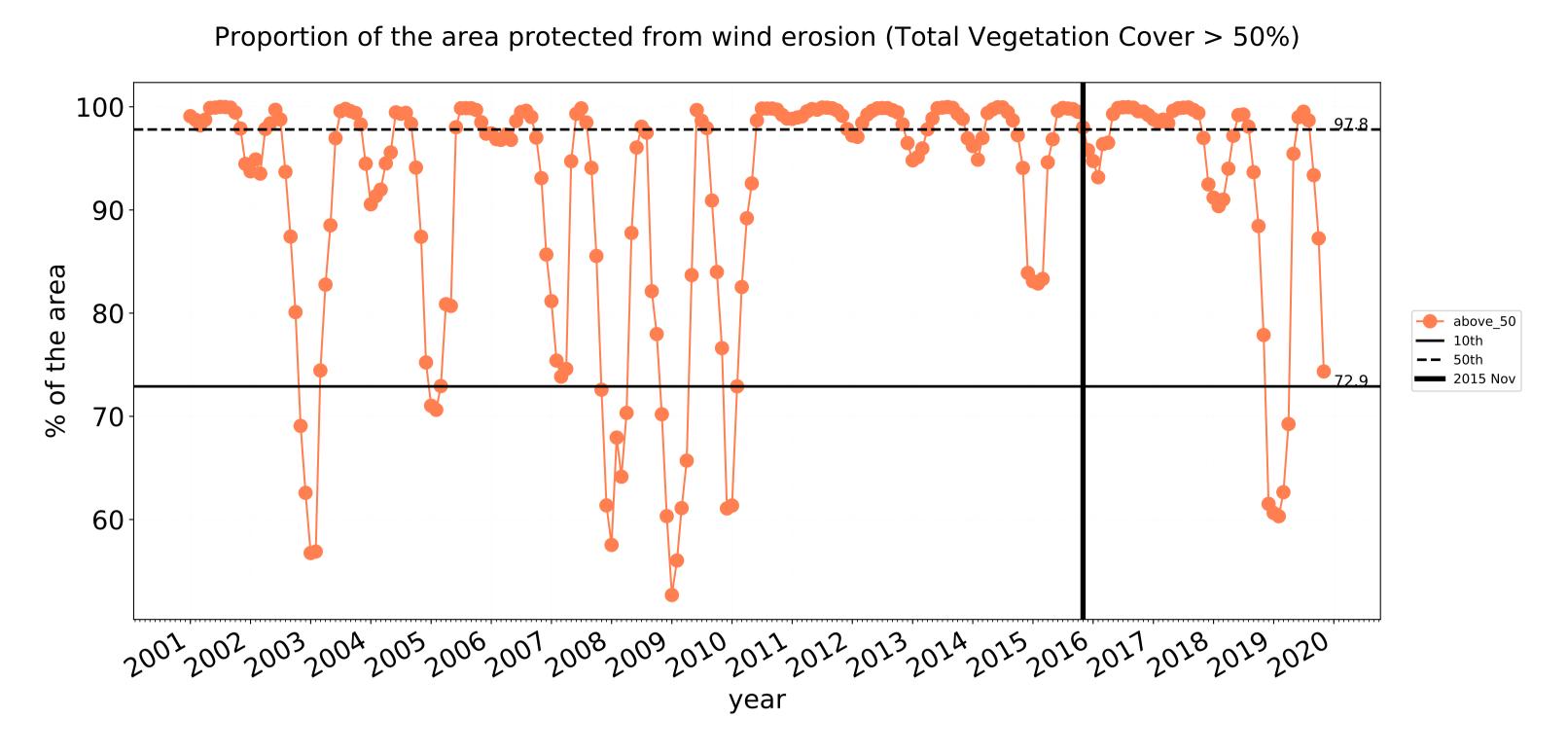


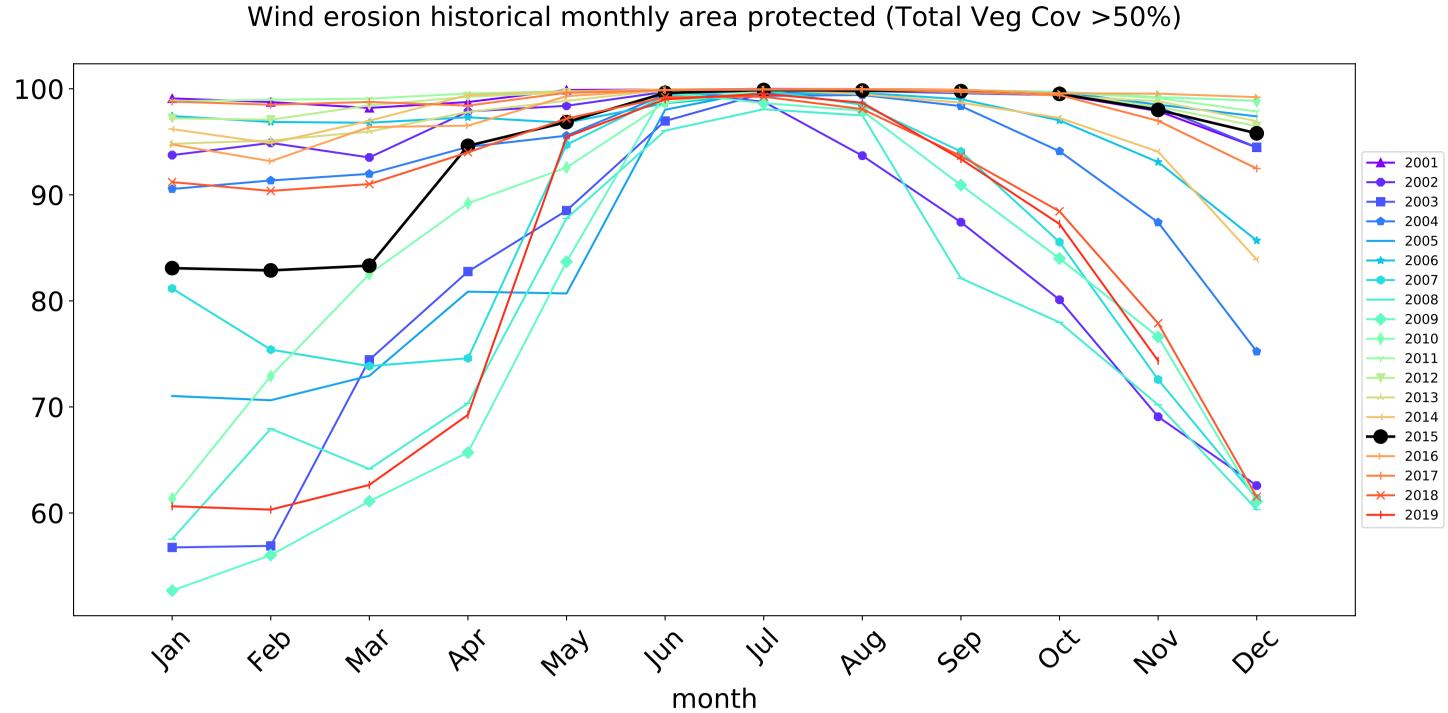


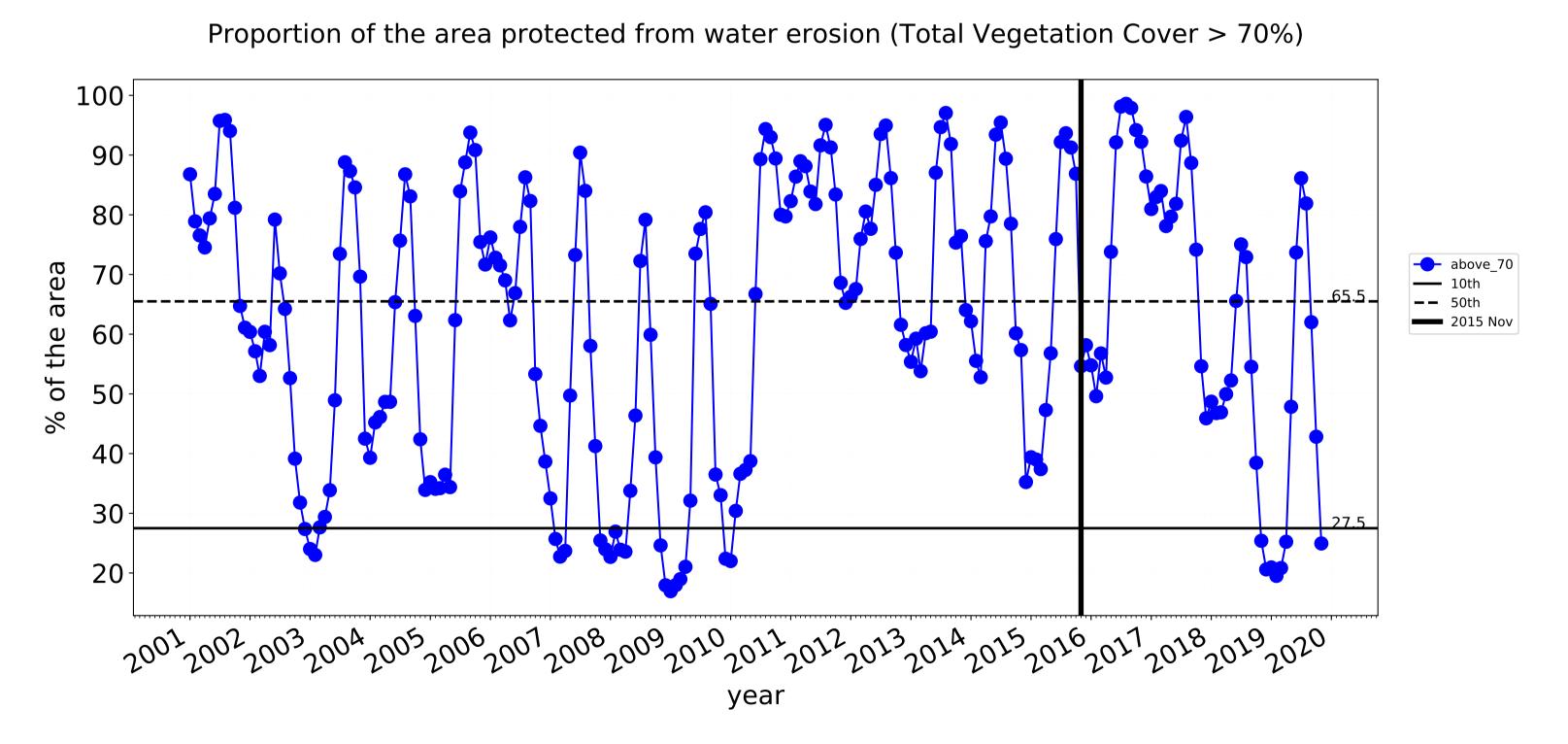


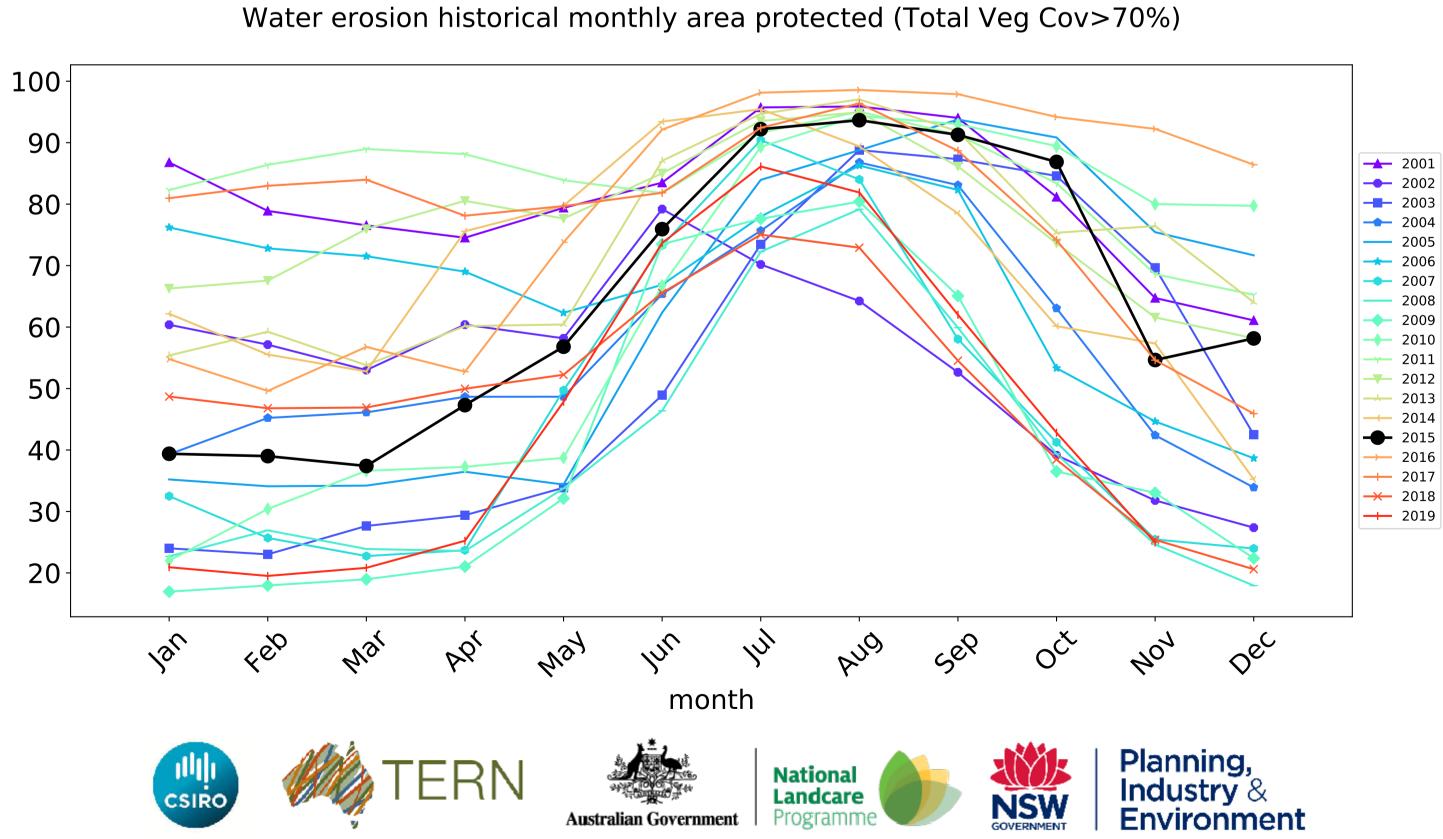


### **Agriculture timeseries**





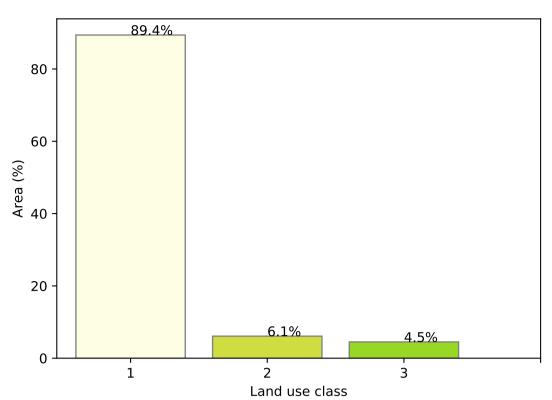




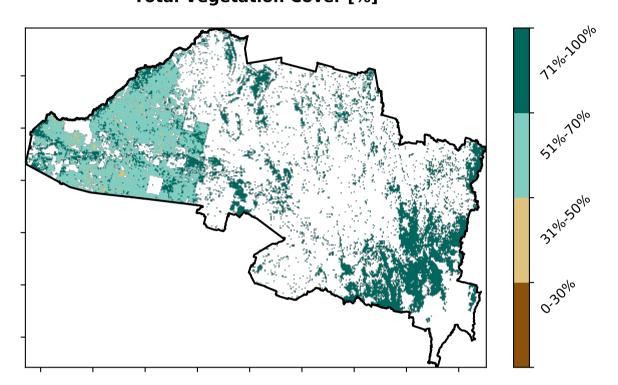
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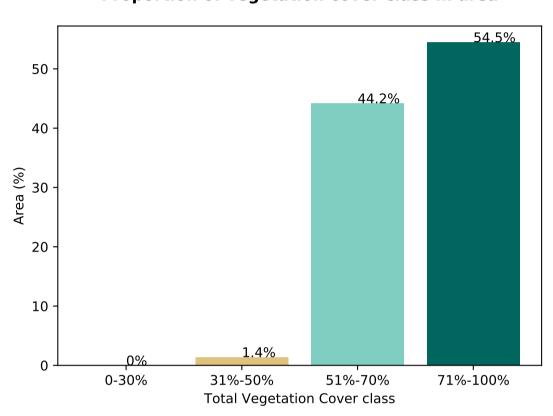
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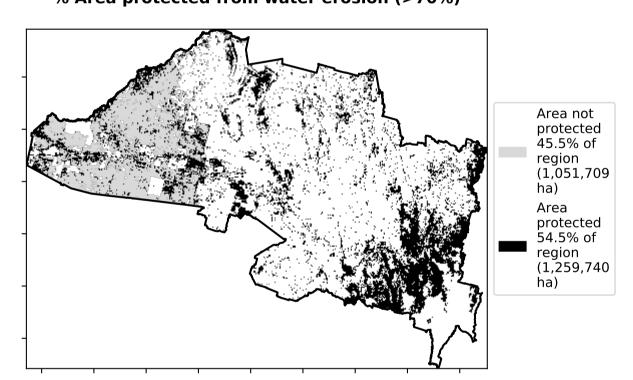
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



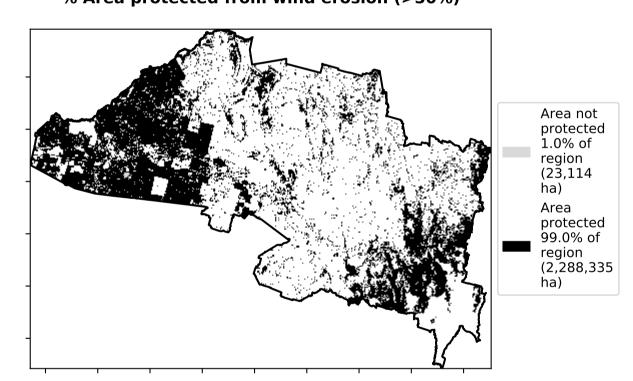
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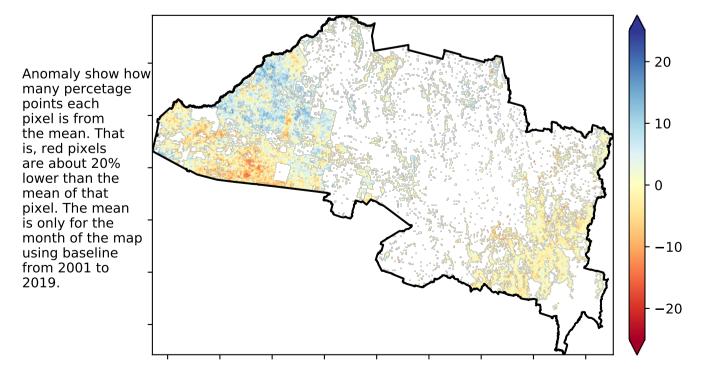
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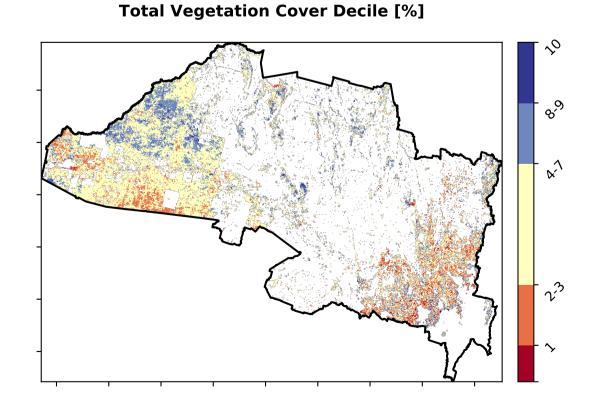
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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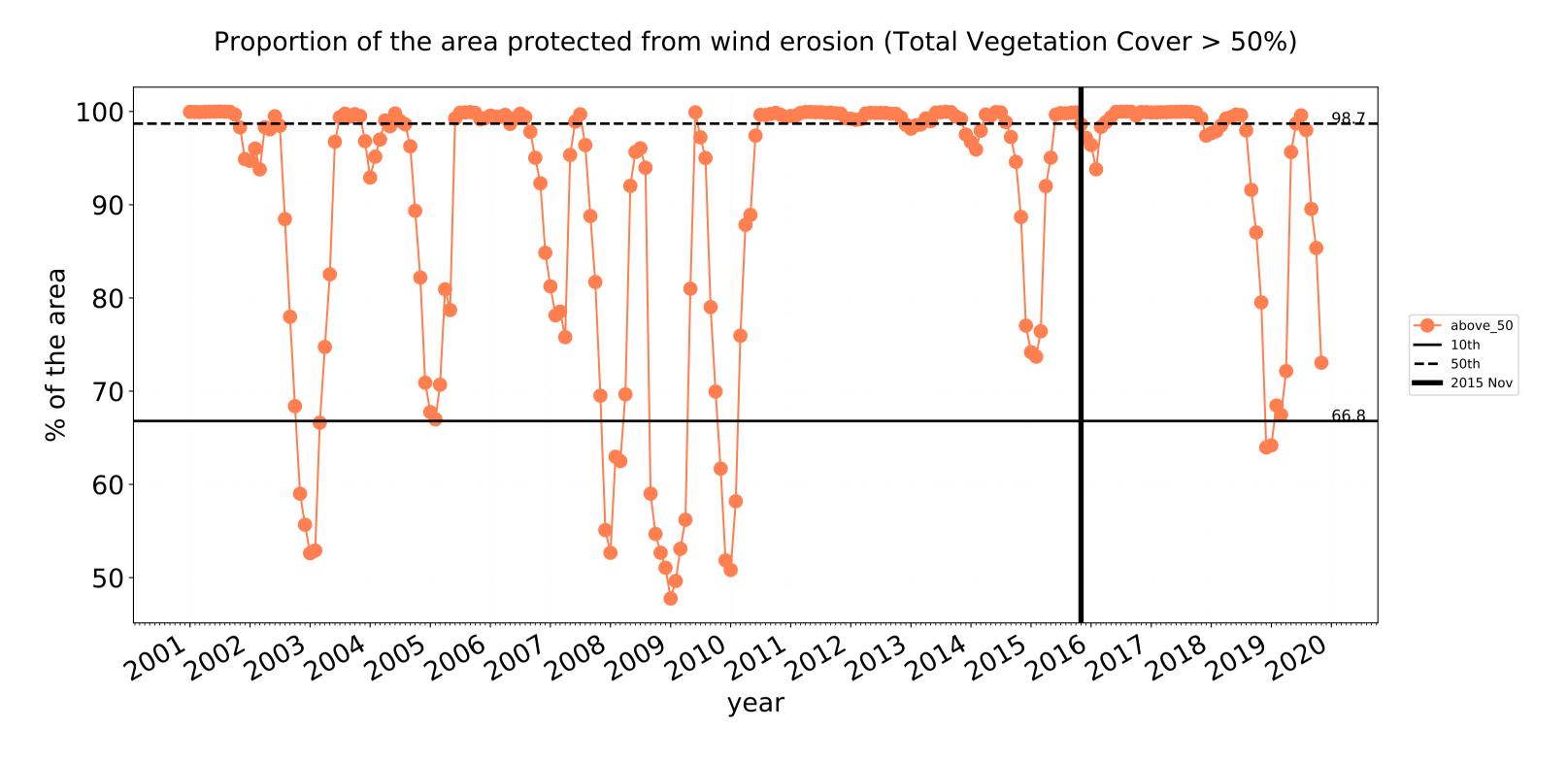


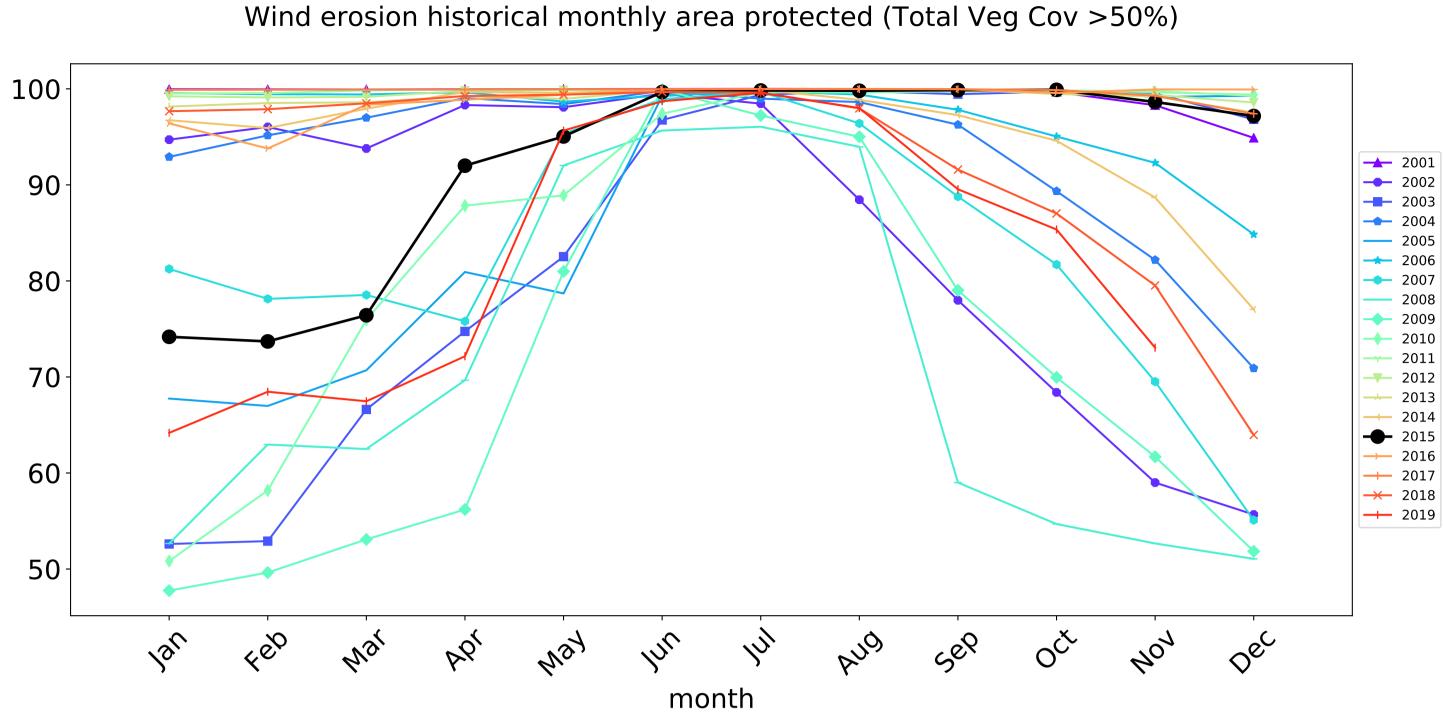


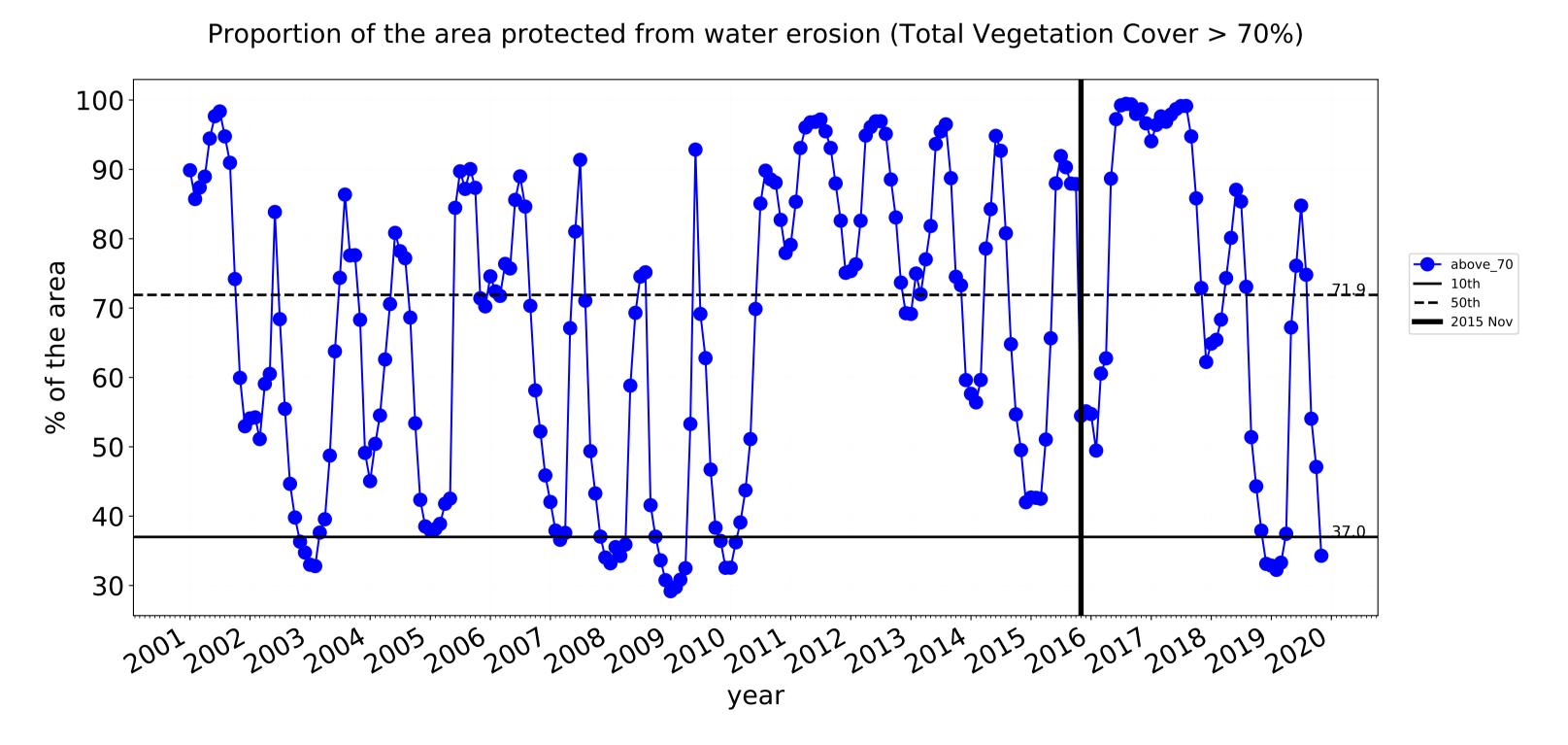


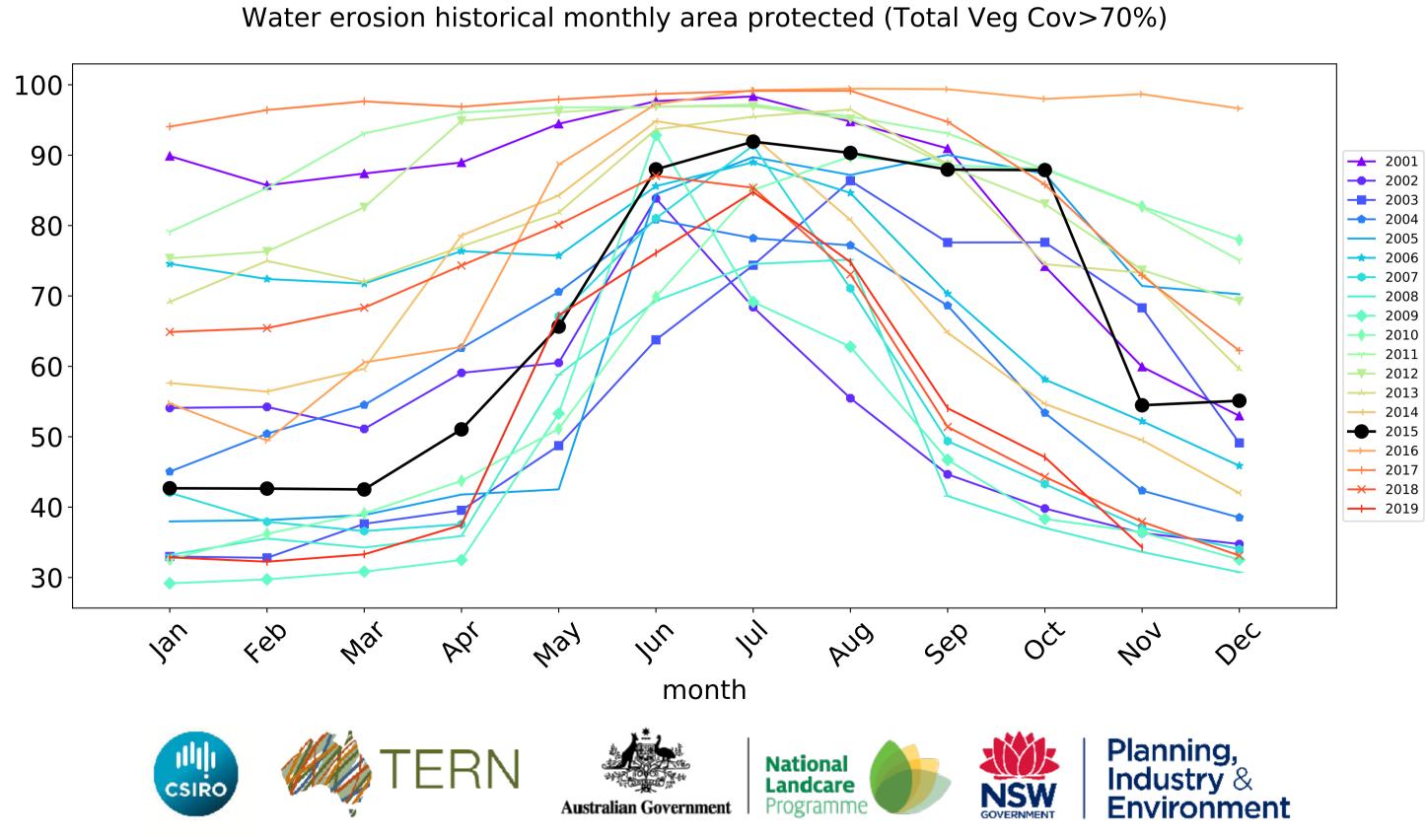


### **Grazing timeseries**



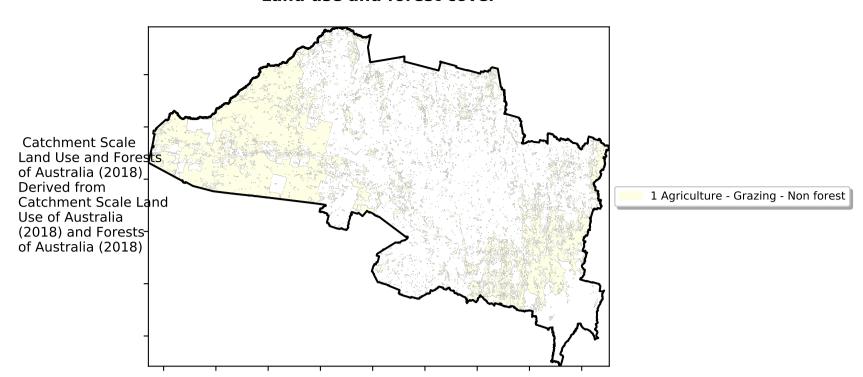




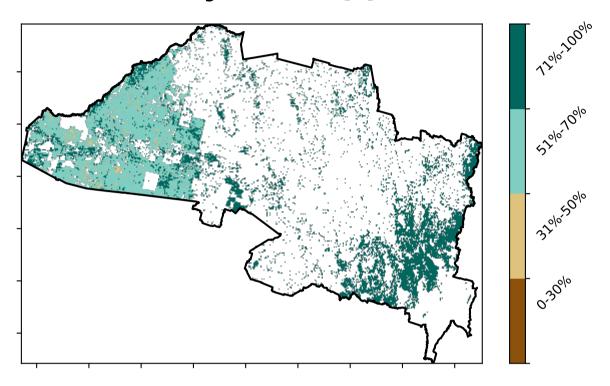


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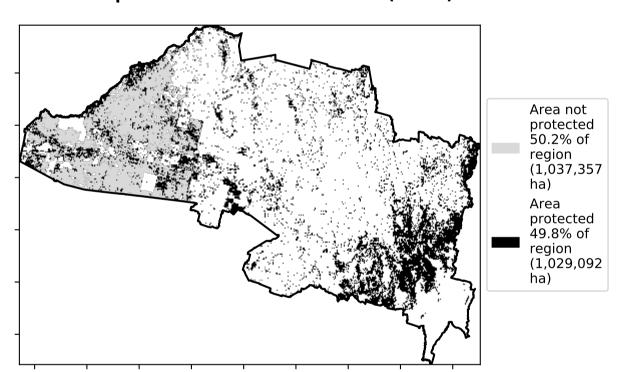
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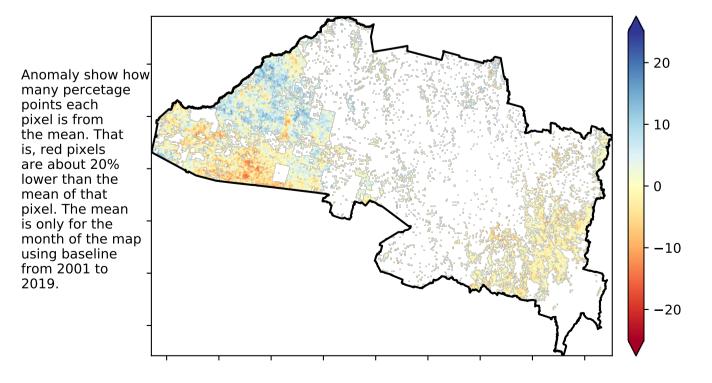
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

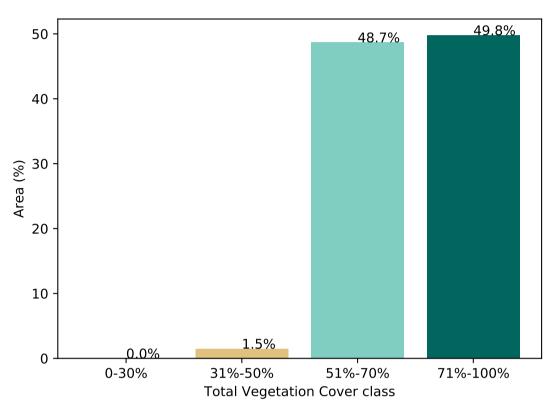


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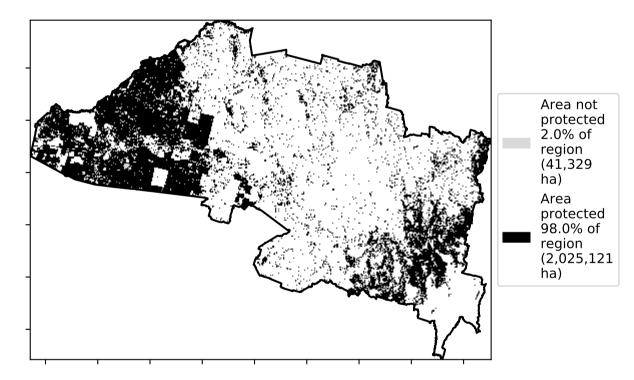


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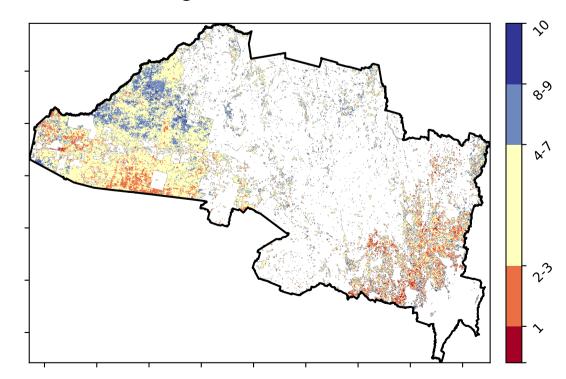
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







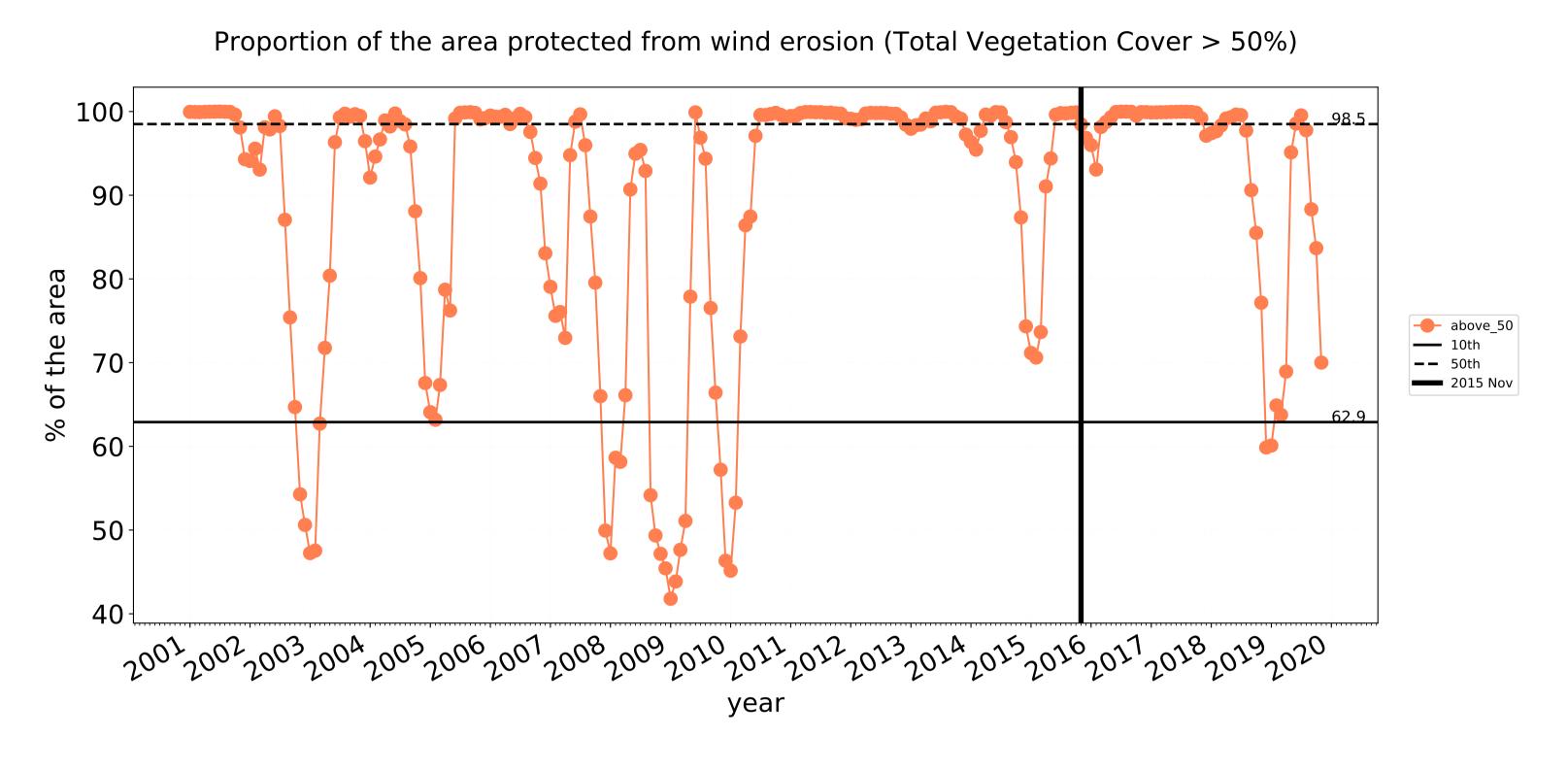


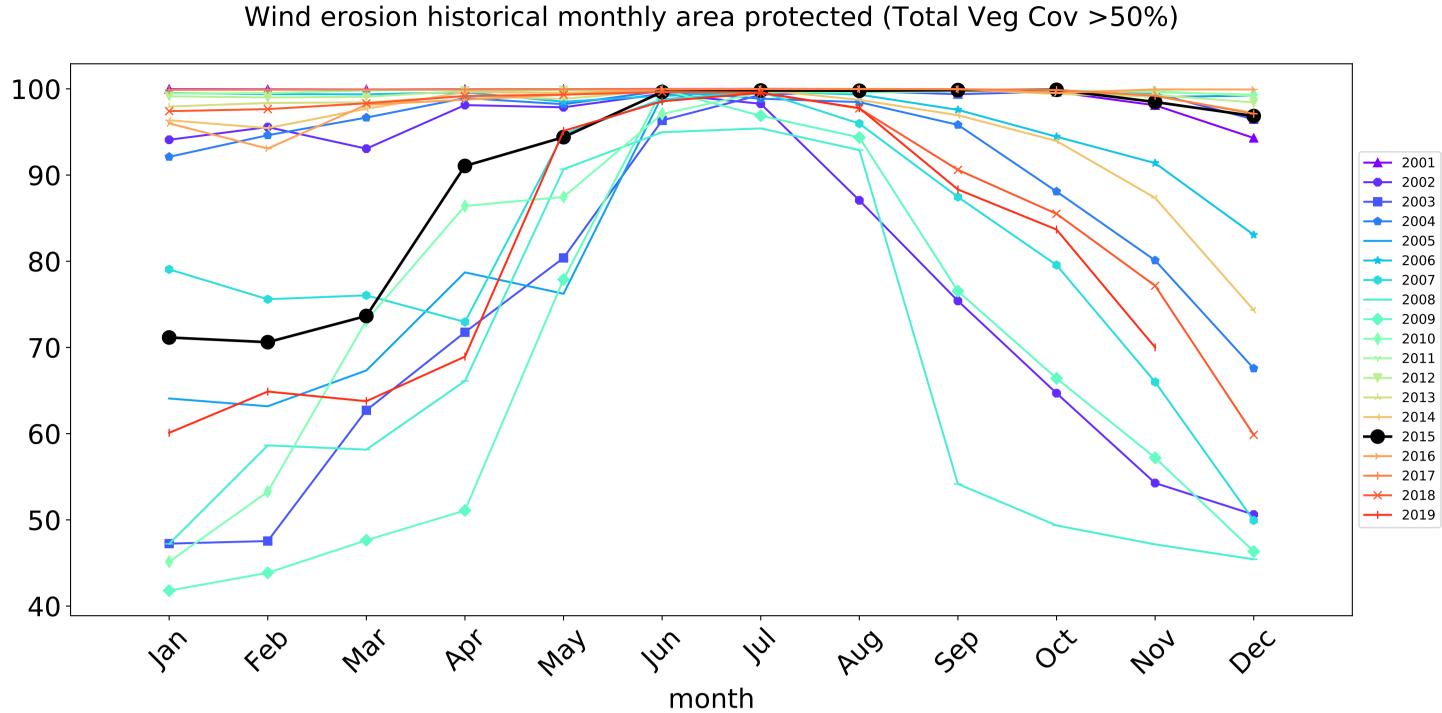


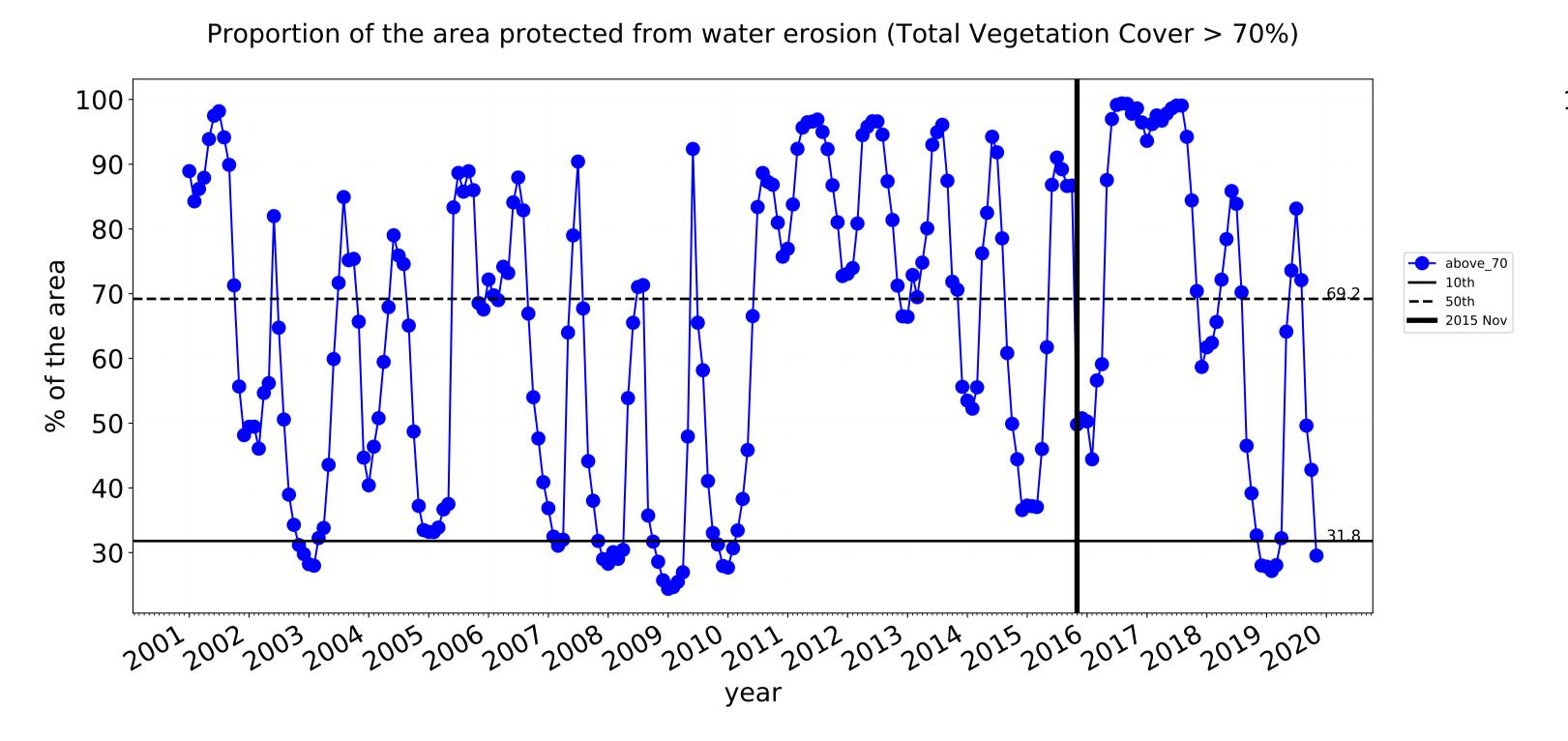


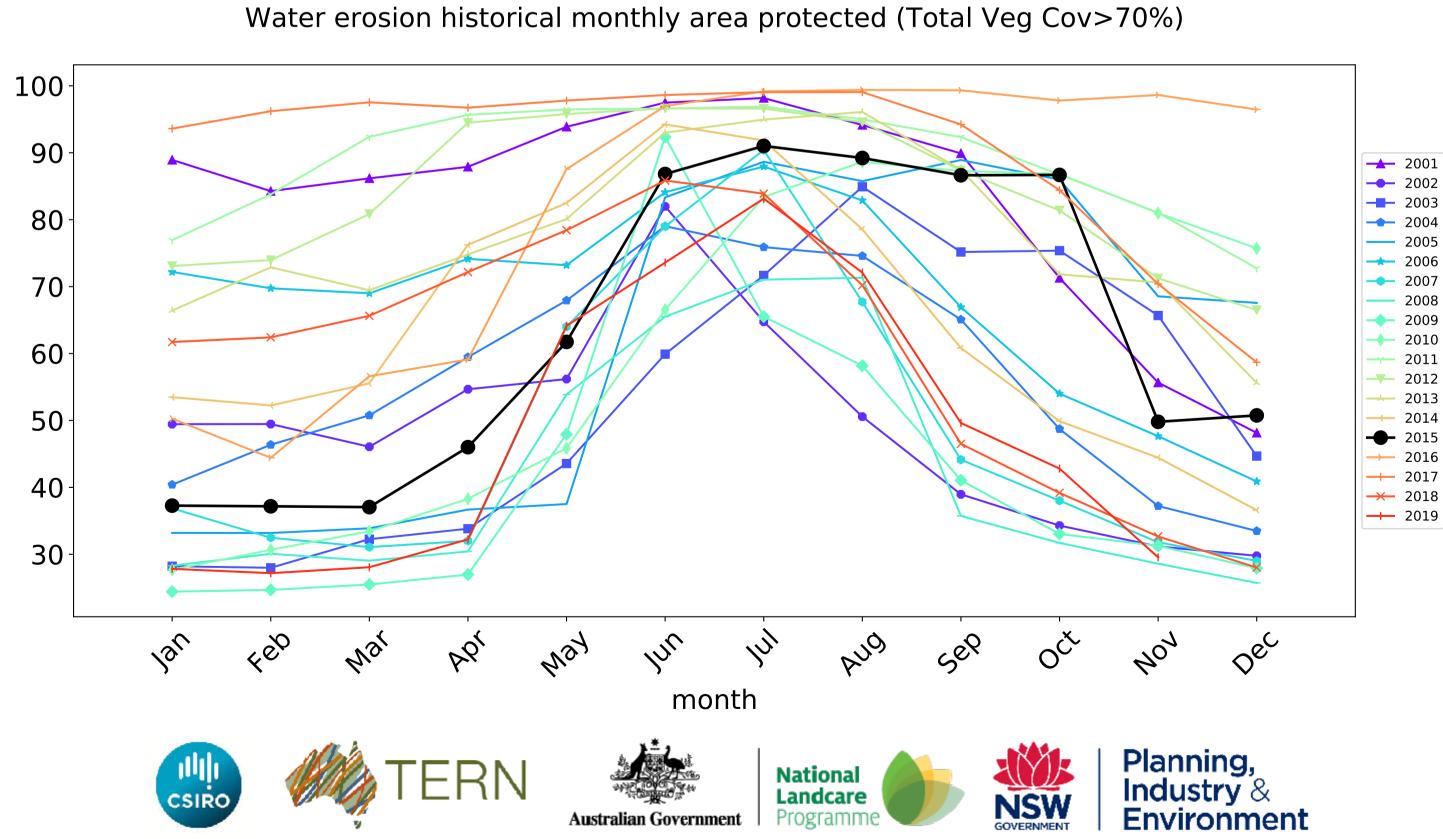


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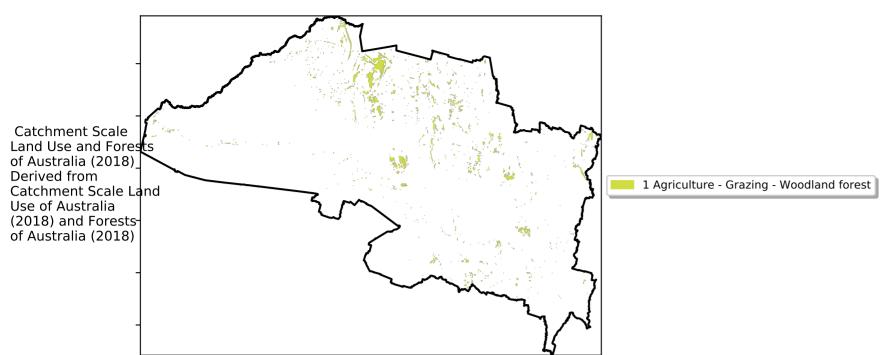




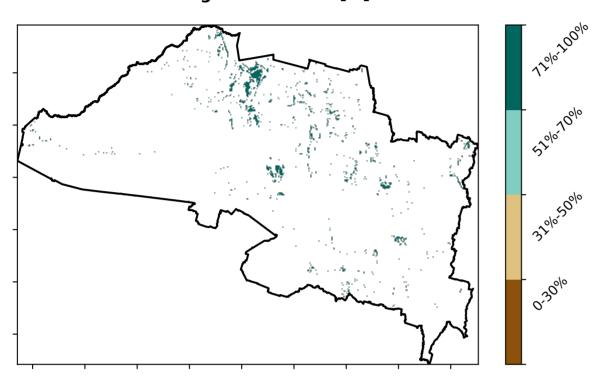


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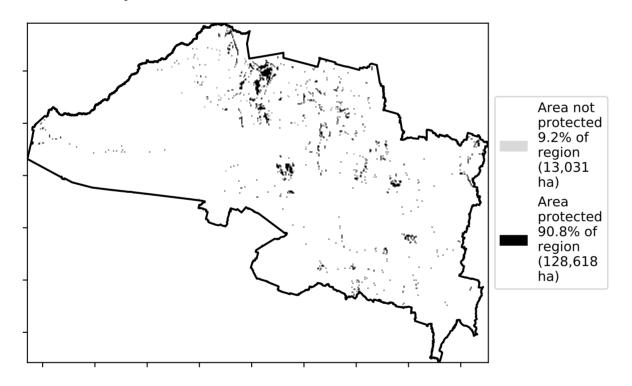
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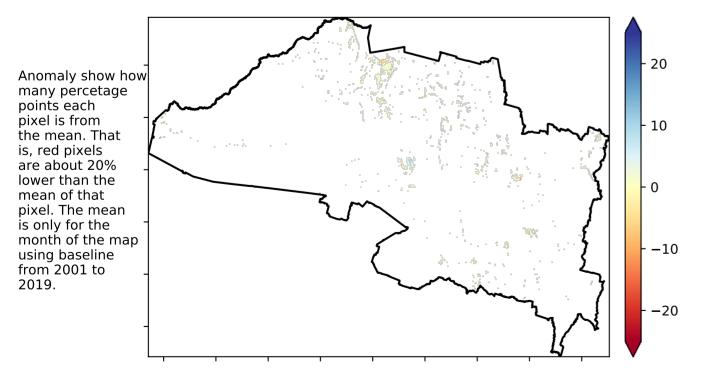
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

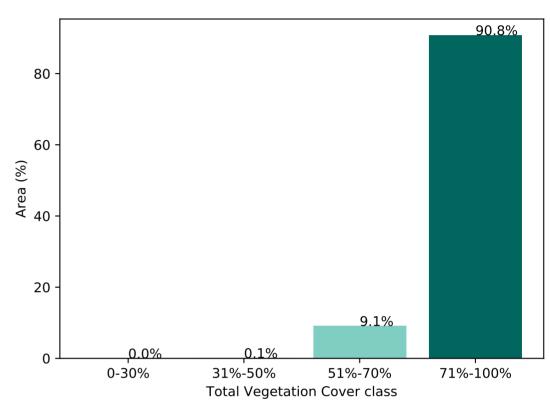


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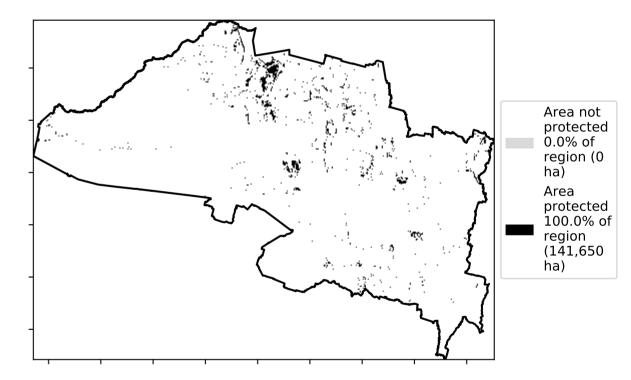


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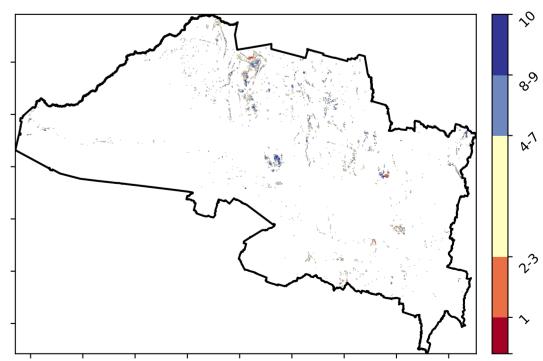
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







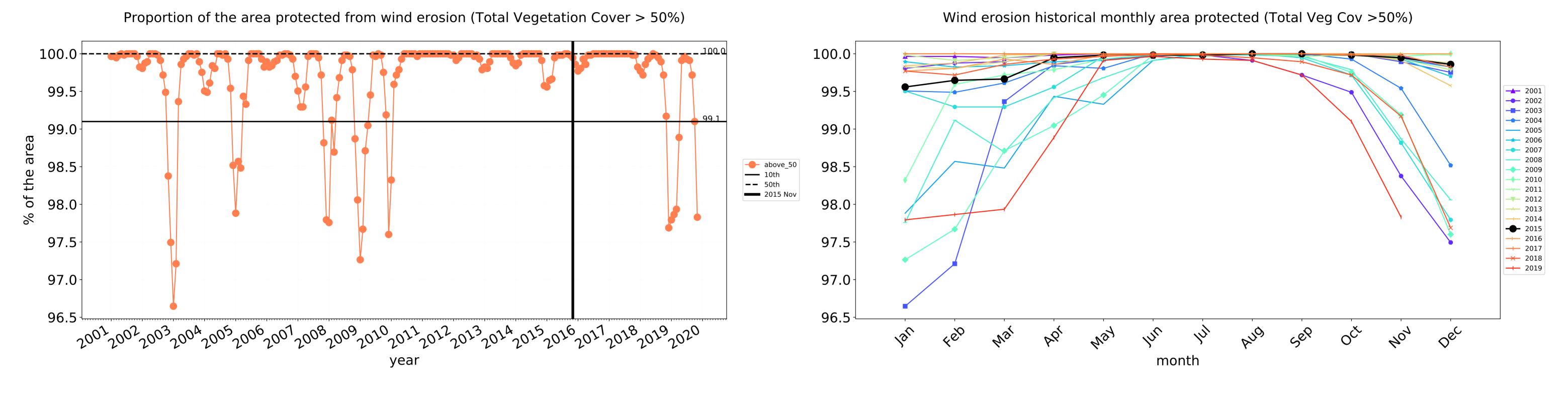


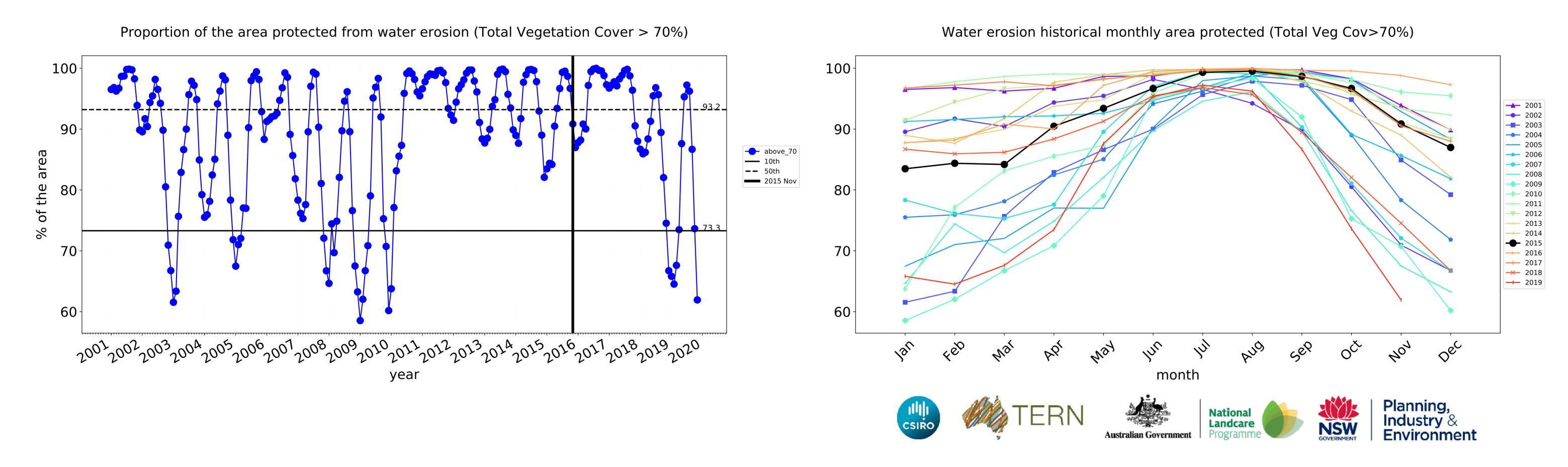






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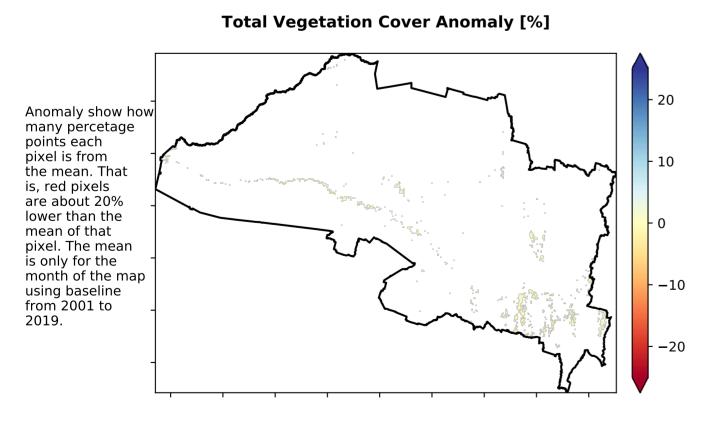


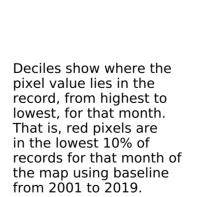
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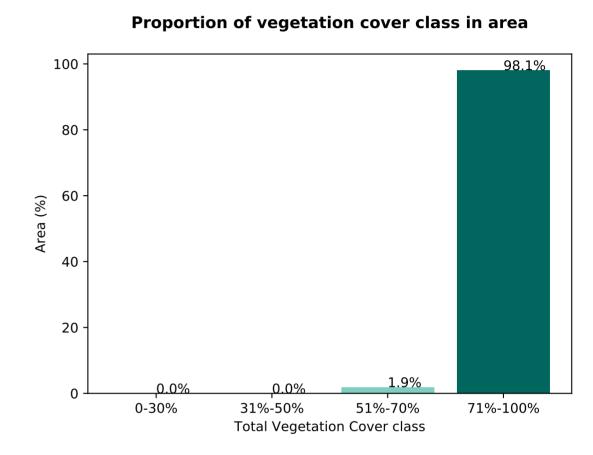
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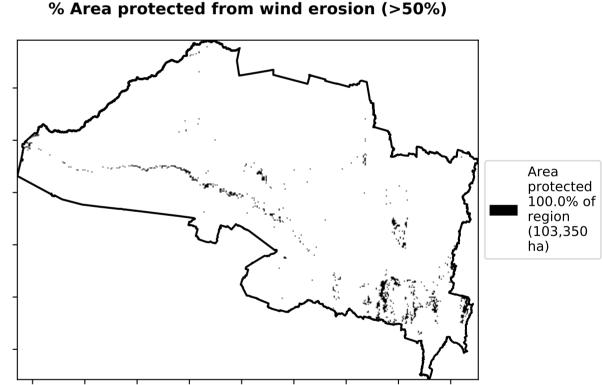
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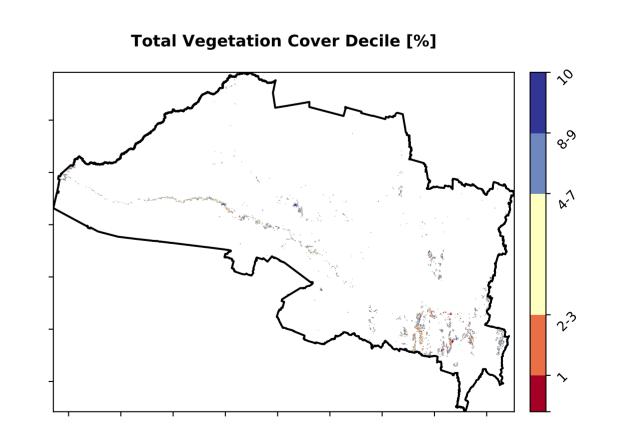
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 1.9% of region (1,963 ha) Area protected 98.1% of region (101,386 ha)













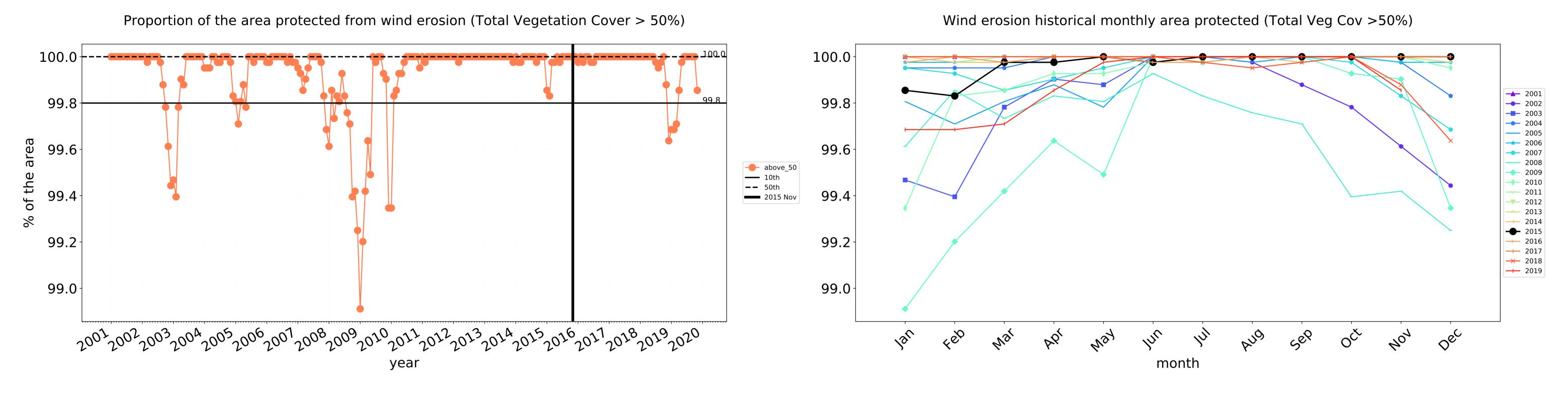


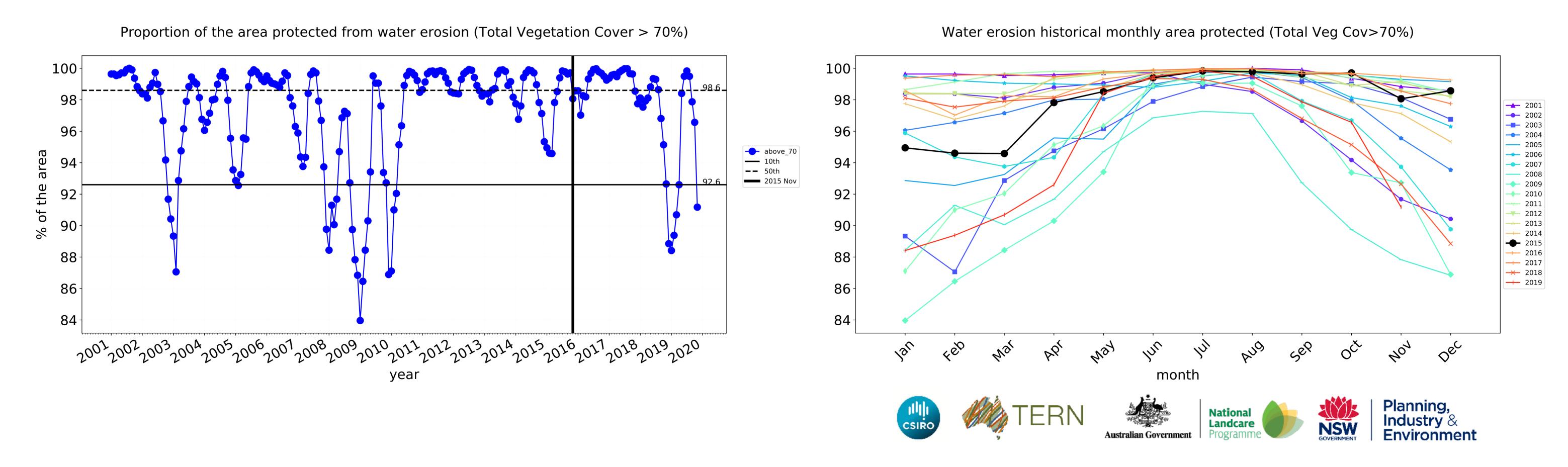






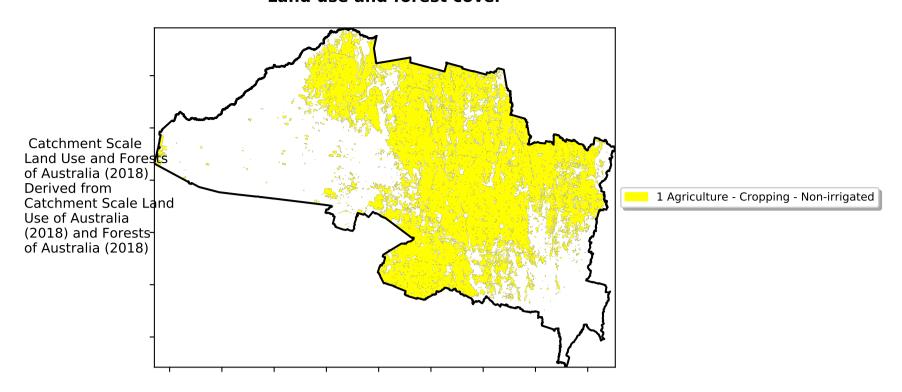




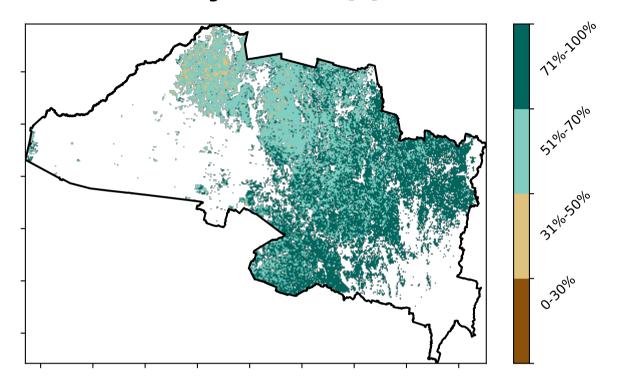


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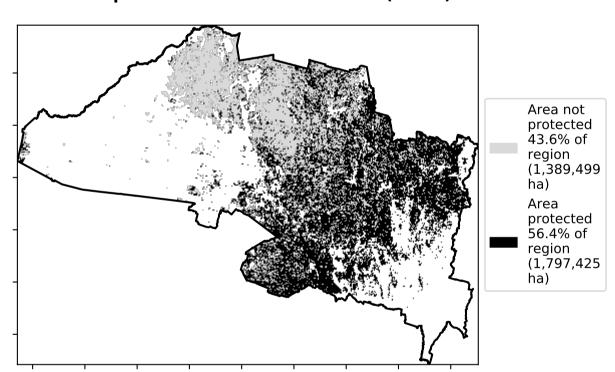
### Land use and forest cover



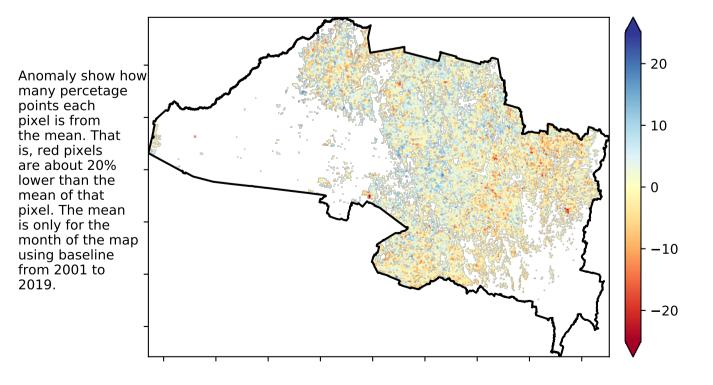
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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

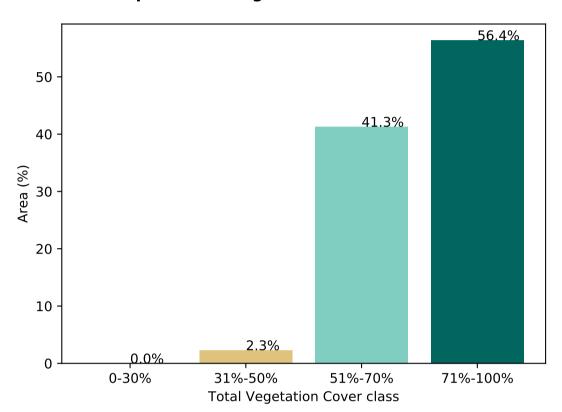


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

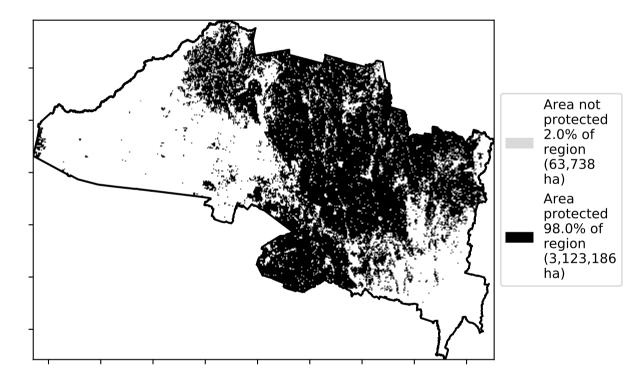


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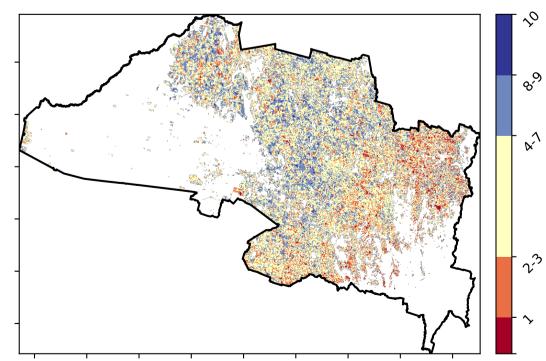
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



### Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







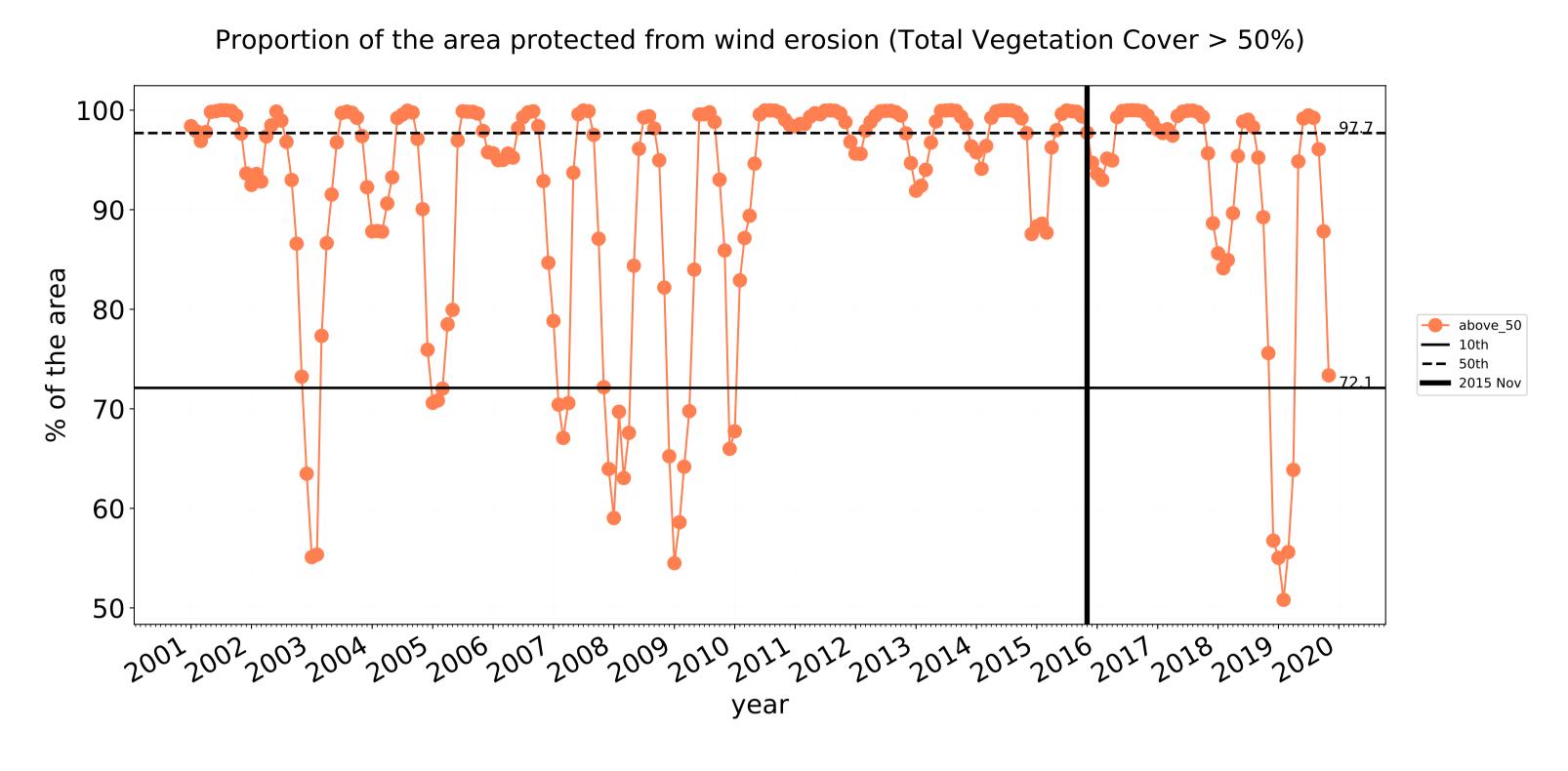


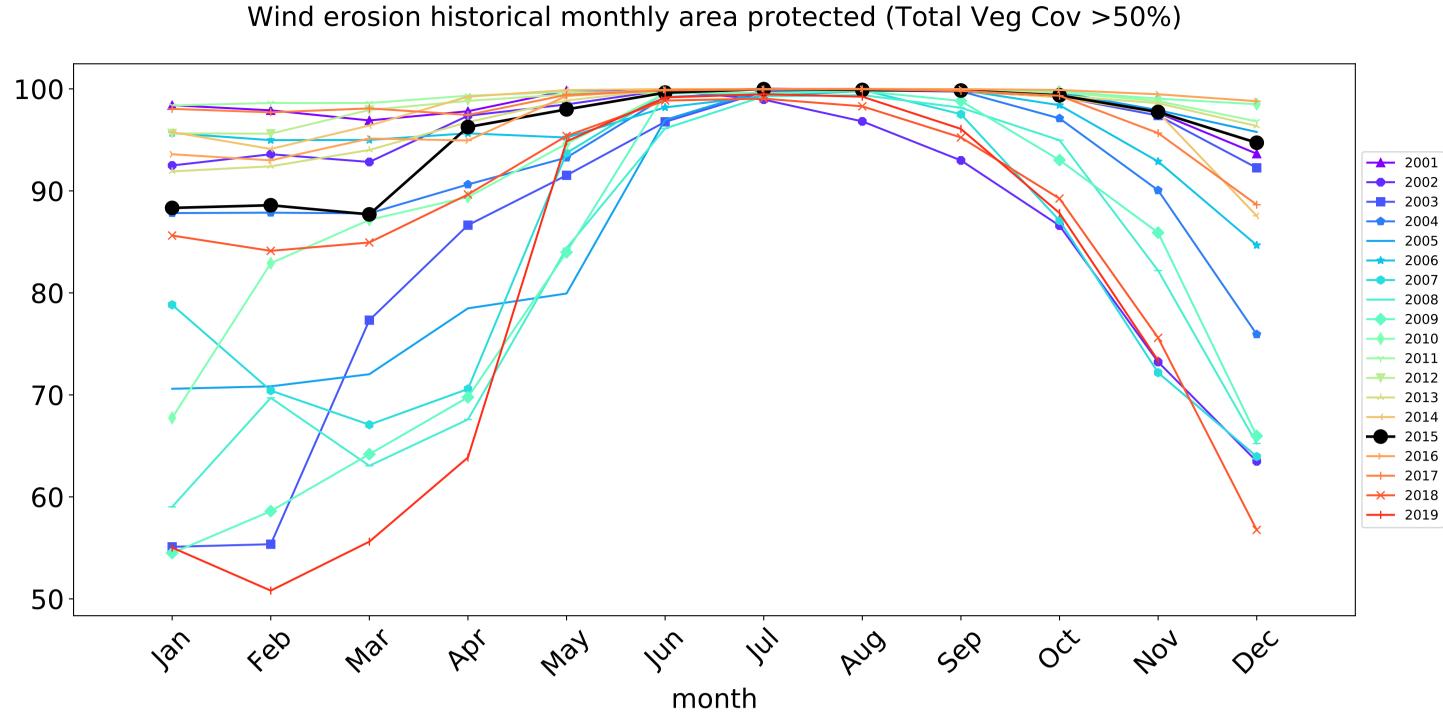


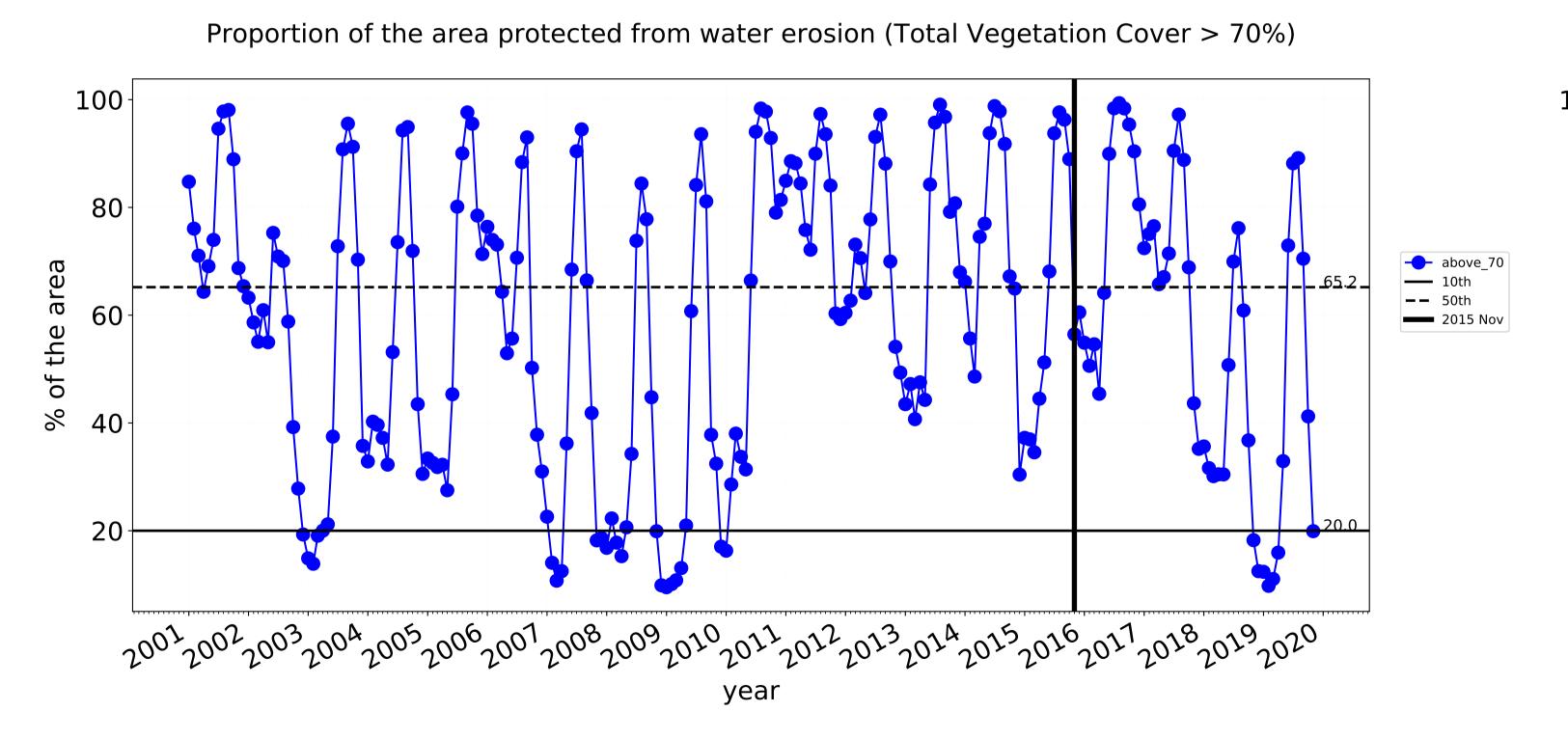


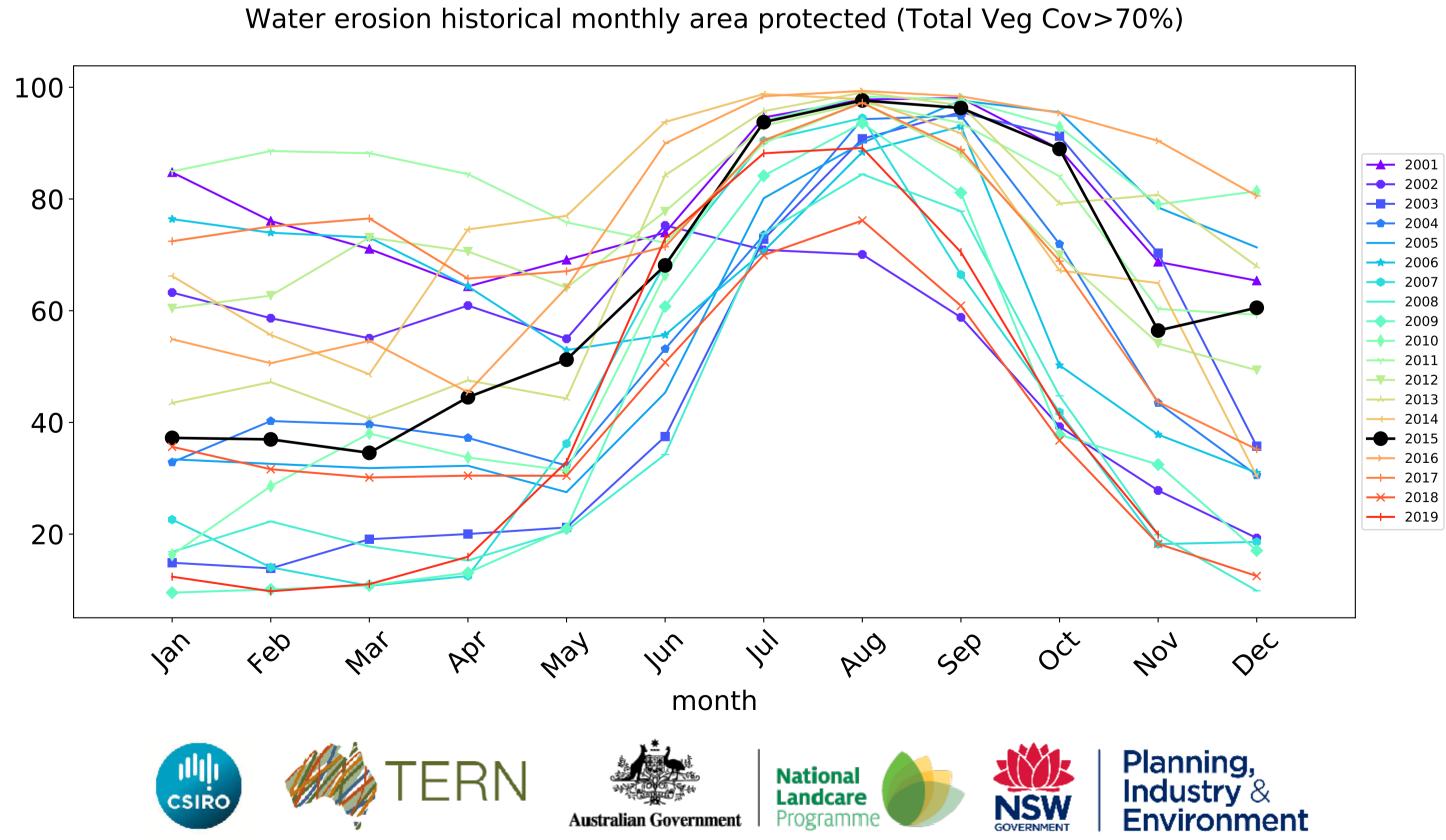


### **Cropping timeseries**

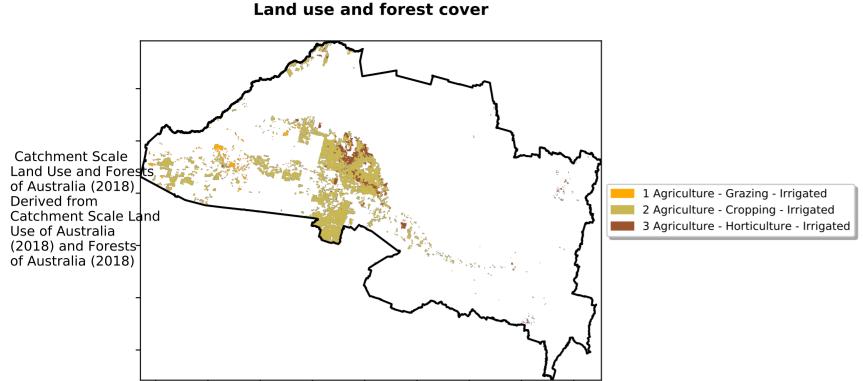


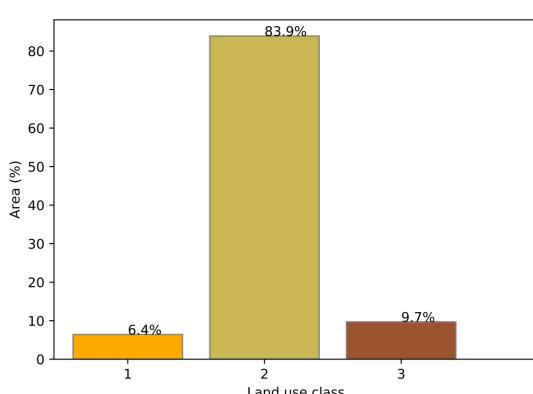




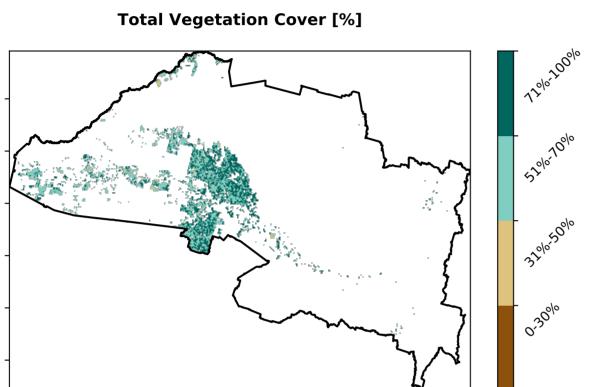


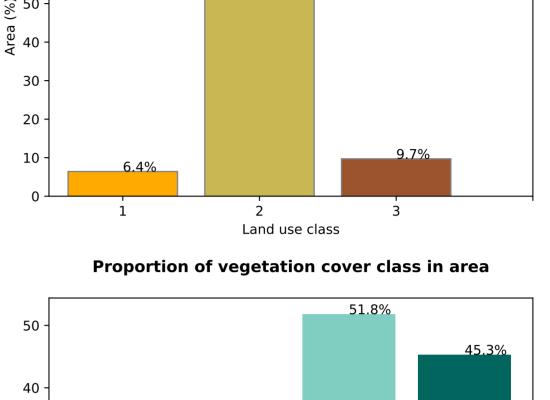
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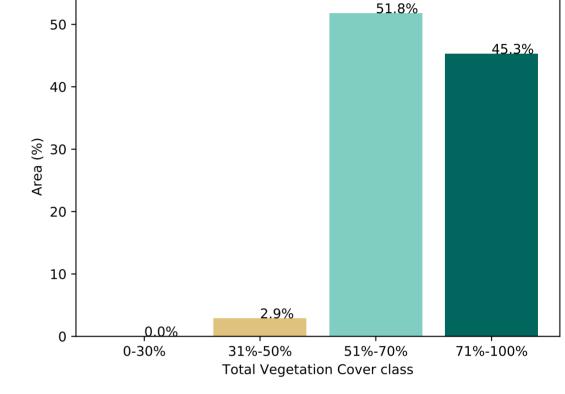


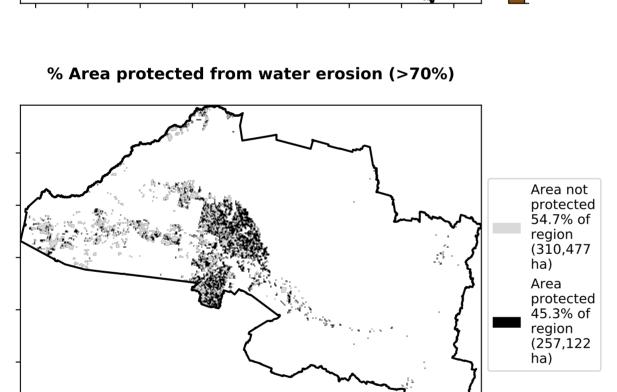


**Proportion of each land class in area** 

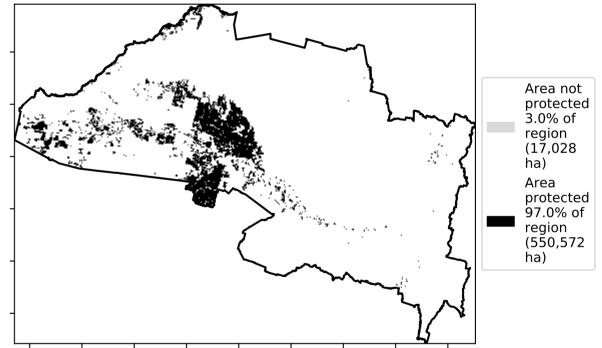


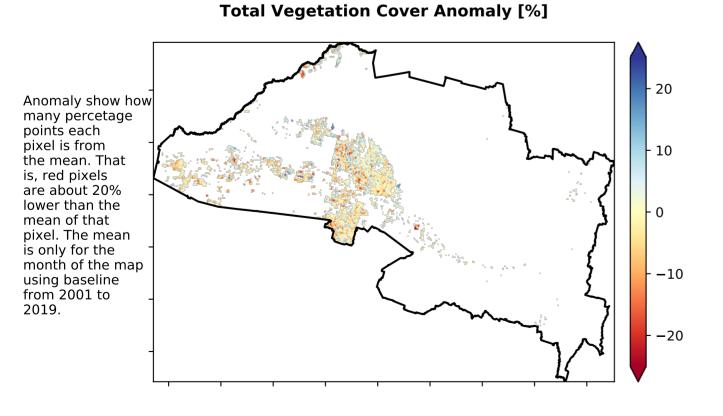




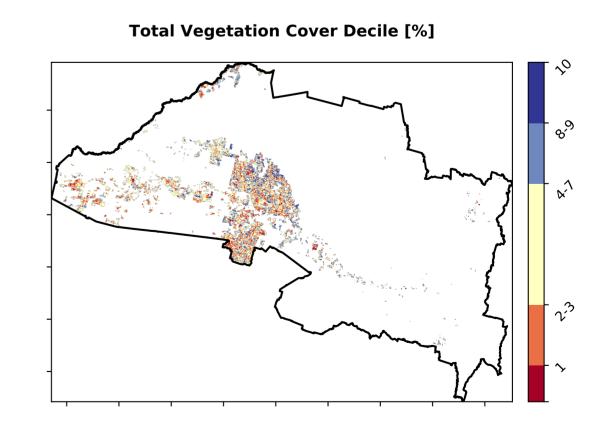


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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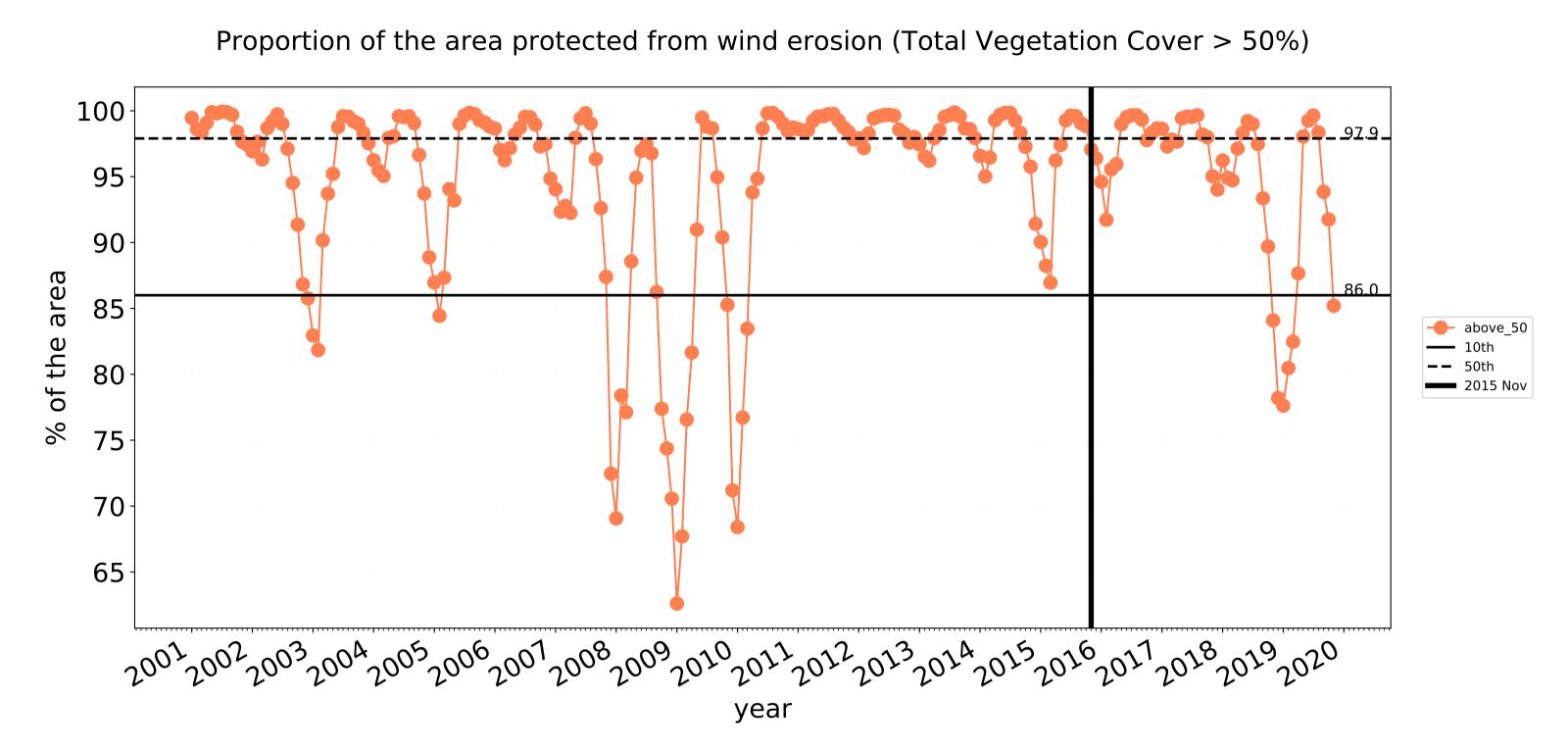


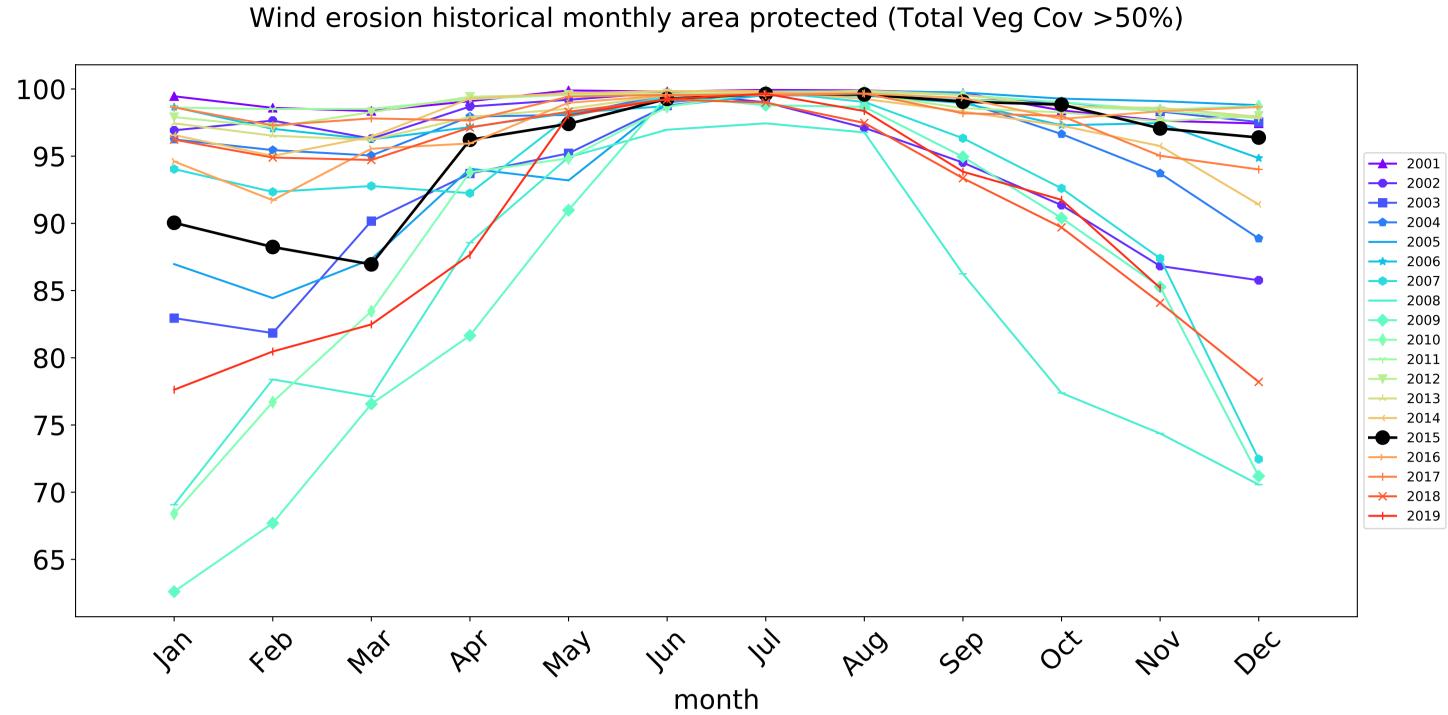


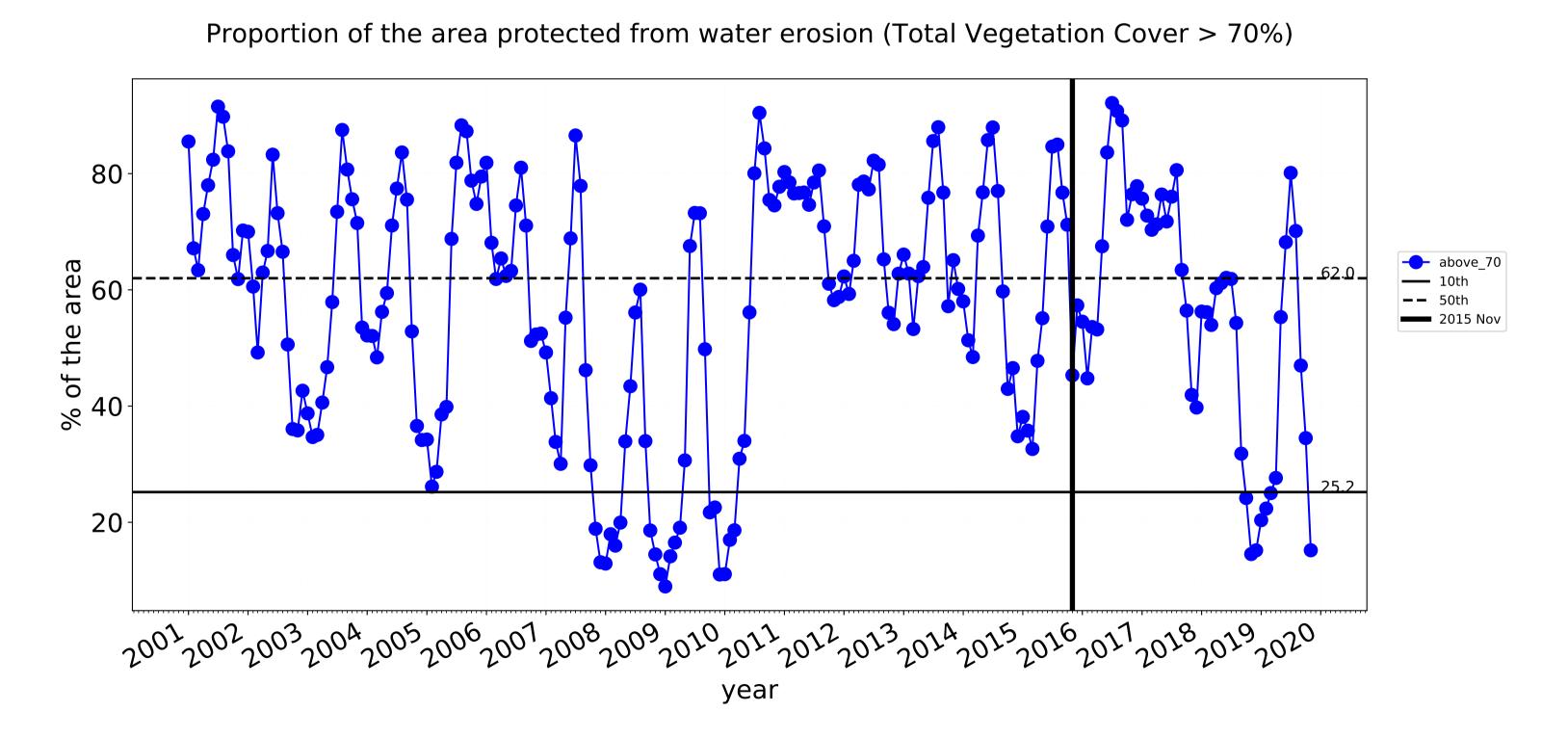


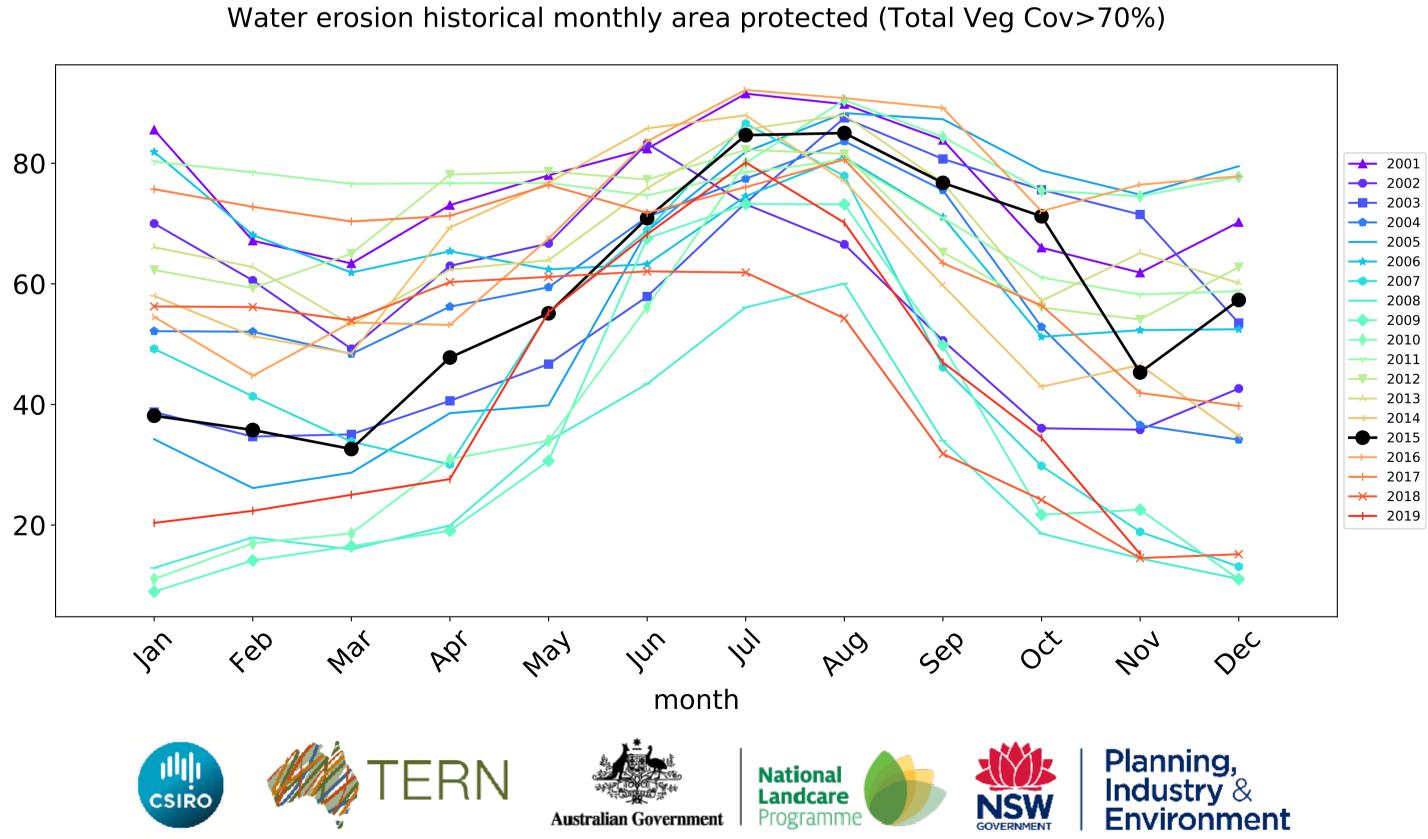










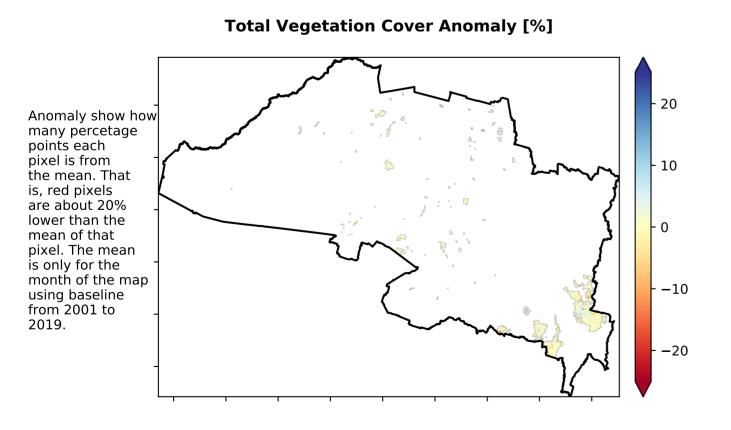


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

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

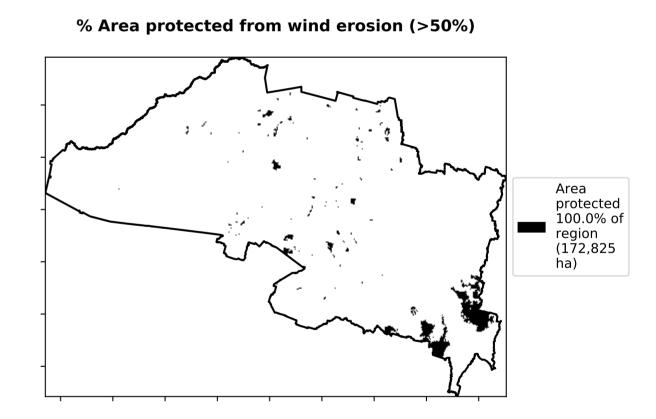
### Total Vegetation Cover [%]

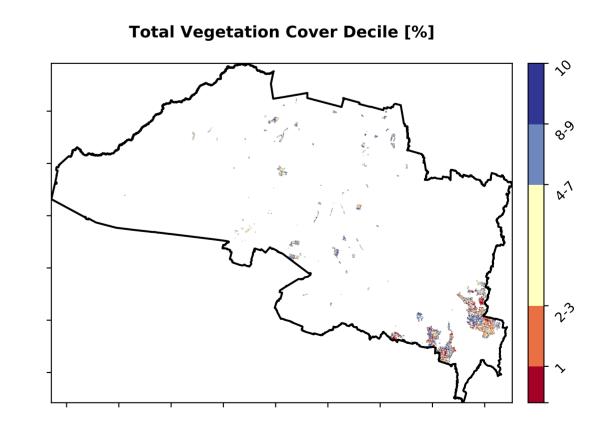
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 2.3% of region (3,974 ha) Area protected 97.7% of region (168,850 ha)



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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 100 - 97.7% 80 - 60 - 40 - 40 - 20 - 0.0% 0.0% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class









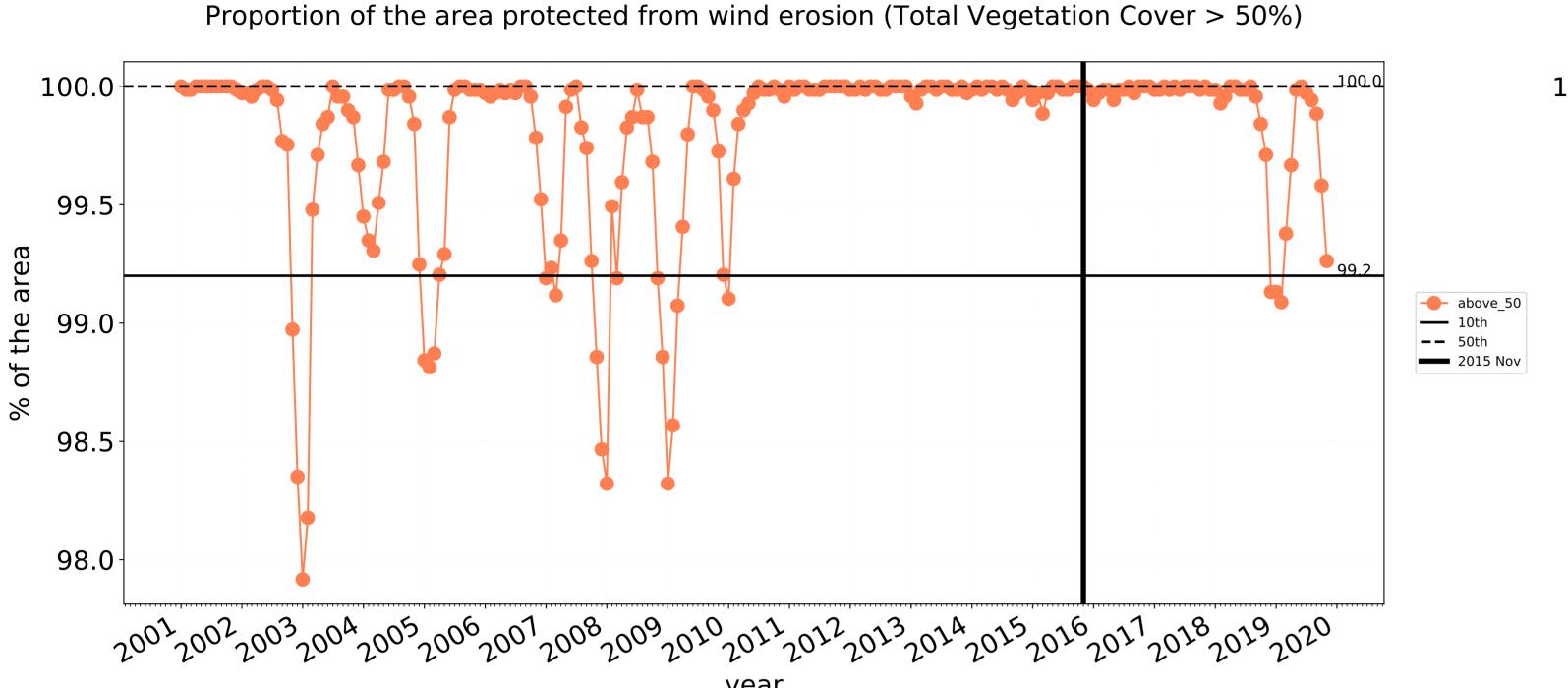


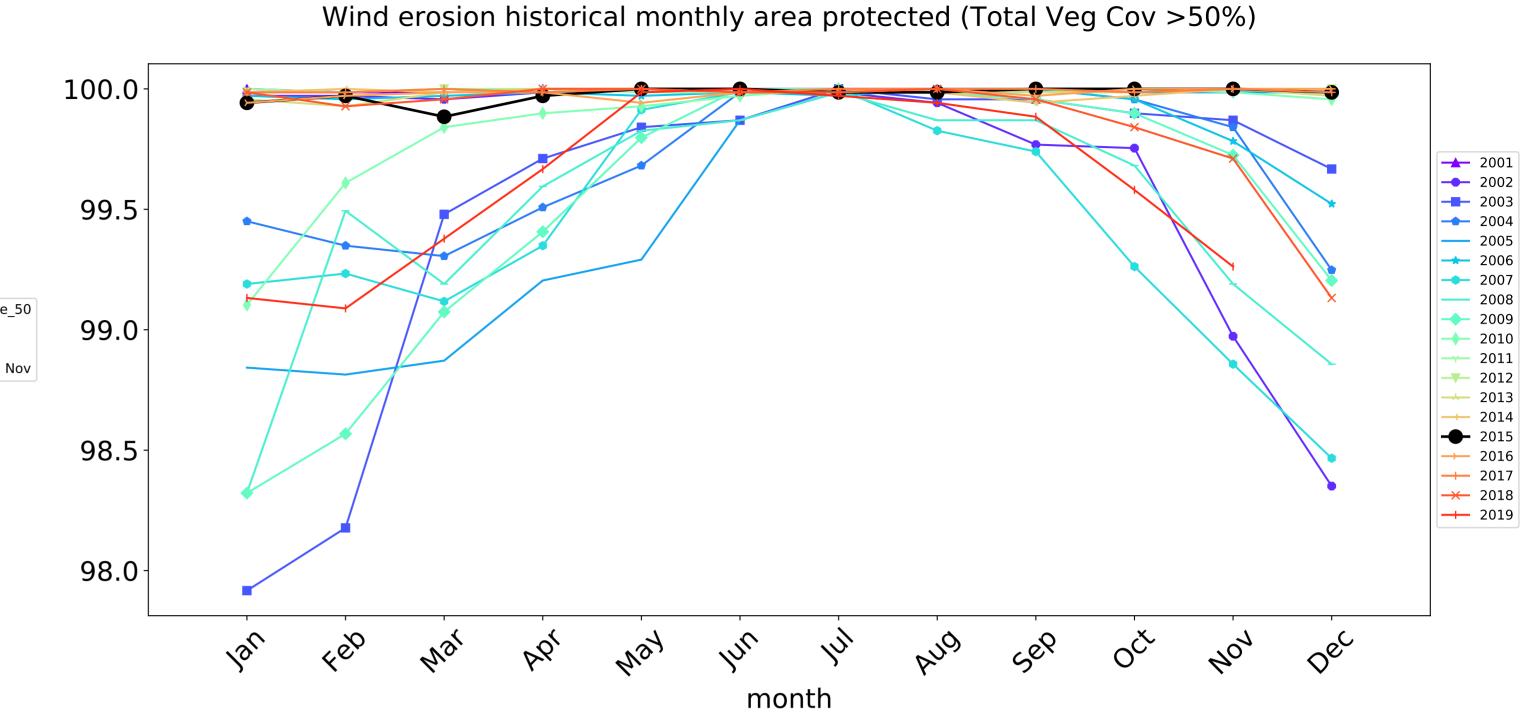


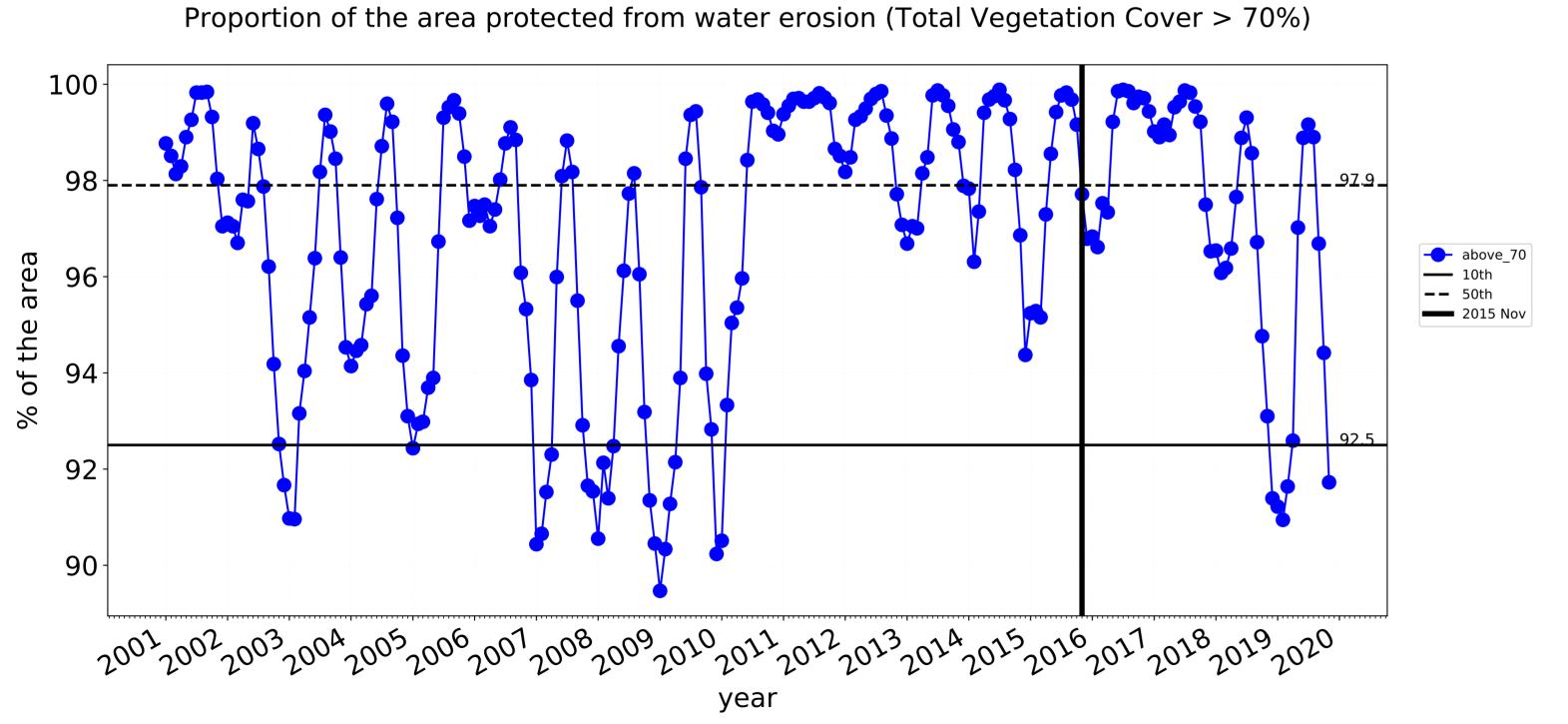


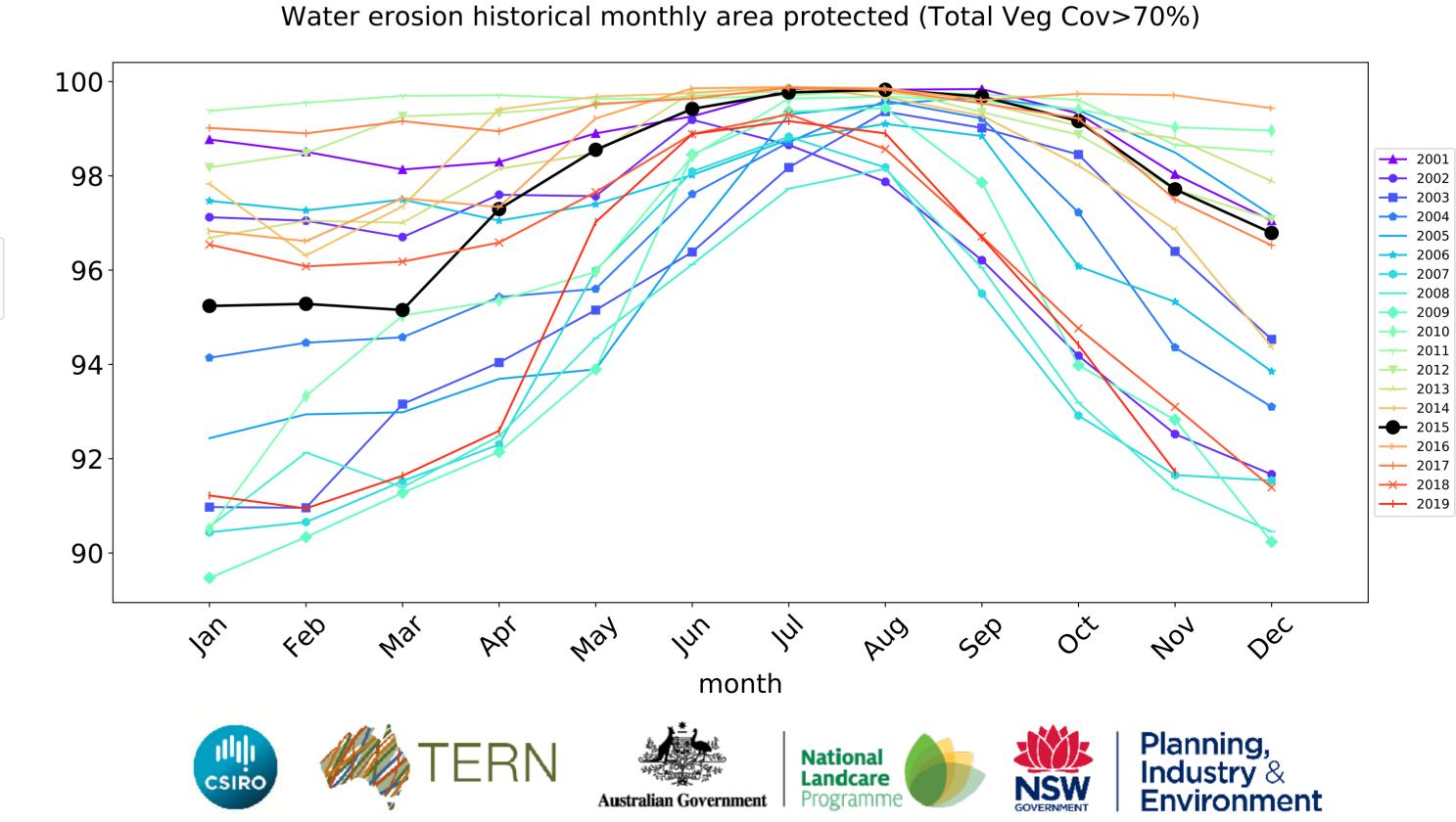


### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**









### Riverina (6,694,025 ha and no data 14,310 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	6,694,025	100.0% 6,693,525	98.1% 6,569,960	57.4% 3,842,159	28.1% 1,881,745	9.6% 645,596	2.7% 180,460
Conservation and natural environments	323,100	100.0% 323,100	100.0% 323,000	87.2% 281,750	76.7% 247,775	61.0% 197,075	25.0% 80,775
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	99.9% 83,250	51.5% 42,900	18.0% 15,025	11.5% 9,600	6.3% 5,225
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,250	100.0% 195,250	100.0% 195,250	100.0% 195,175	99.0% 193,325	87.9% 171,575	37.3% 72,775
Agriculture	6,067,800	100.0% 6,067,575	98.0% 5,946,850	54.6% 3,315,450	23.8% 1,443,725	5.5% 333,875	0.7% 41,100
Grazing	2,311,450	100.0% 2,311,250	98.6% 2,279,850	54.5% 1,259,050	33.8% 781,000	11.9% 276,050	1.5% 34,700
Grazing non forest	2,066,450	100.0% 2,066,250	98.5% 2,034,925	49.8% 1,029,025	29.5% 608,800	10.3% 213,150	1.2% 24,900
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.9% 141,575	90.8% 128,675	59.0% 83,525	12.9% 18,275	1.1% 1,625
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	98.1% 101,350	85.8% 88,675	43.2% 44,625	7.9% 8,175
Cropping	3,186,925	100.0% 3,186,925	97.7% 3,114,750	56.4% 1,798,900	19.4% 619,600	1.7% 54,925	0.2% 5,575
Irrigation	567,600	100.0% 567,575	97.1% 550,950	45.3% 257,150	7.6% 42,950	0.5% 2,900	0.1% 825
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,825	100.0% 172,825	100.0% 172,825	97.7% 168,875	89.9% 155,450	63.7% 110,175	33.6% 58,000











