### **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: February 2018** 

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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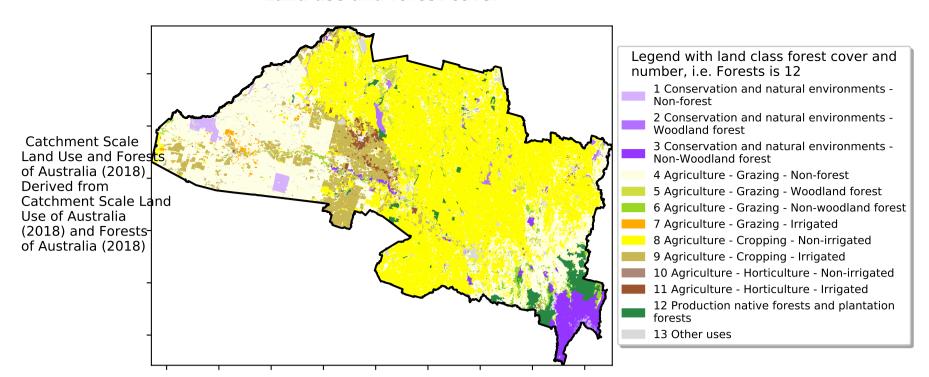




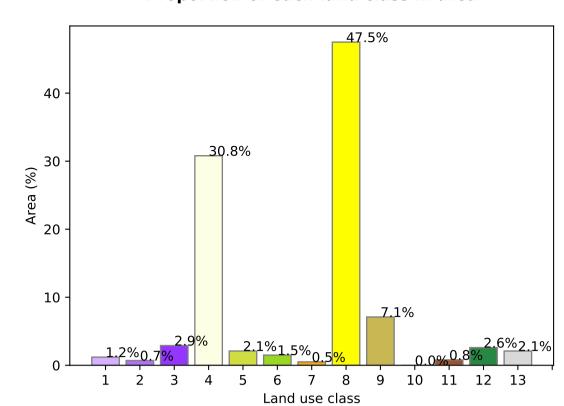


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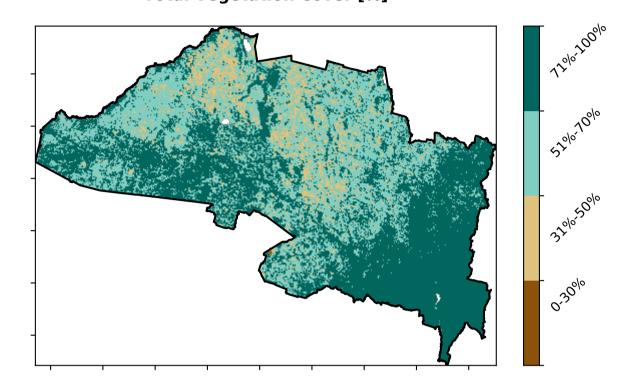
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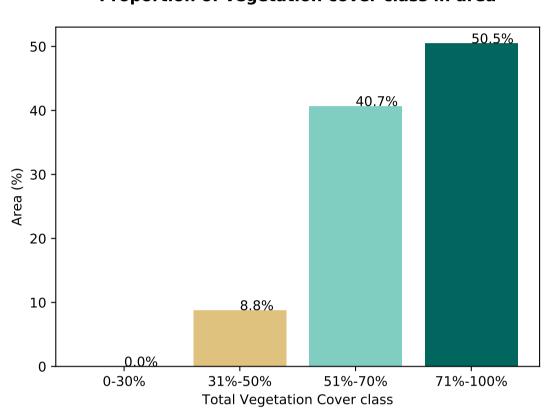
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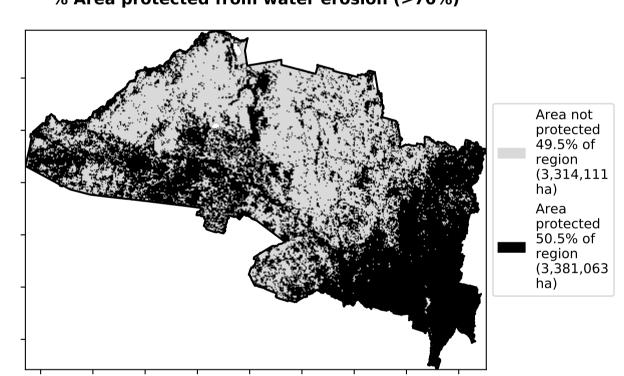
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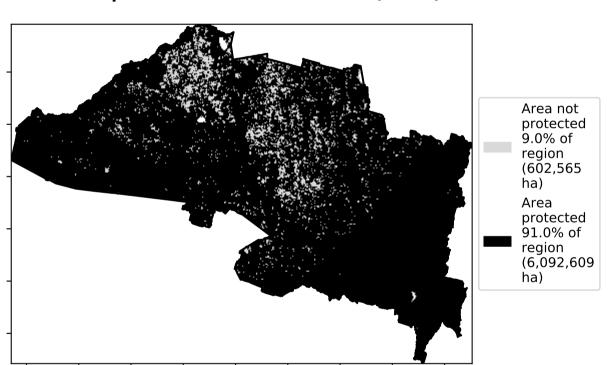
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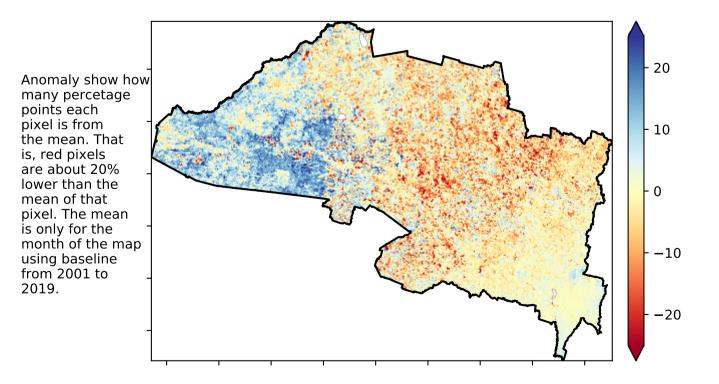
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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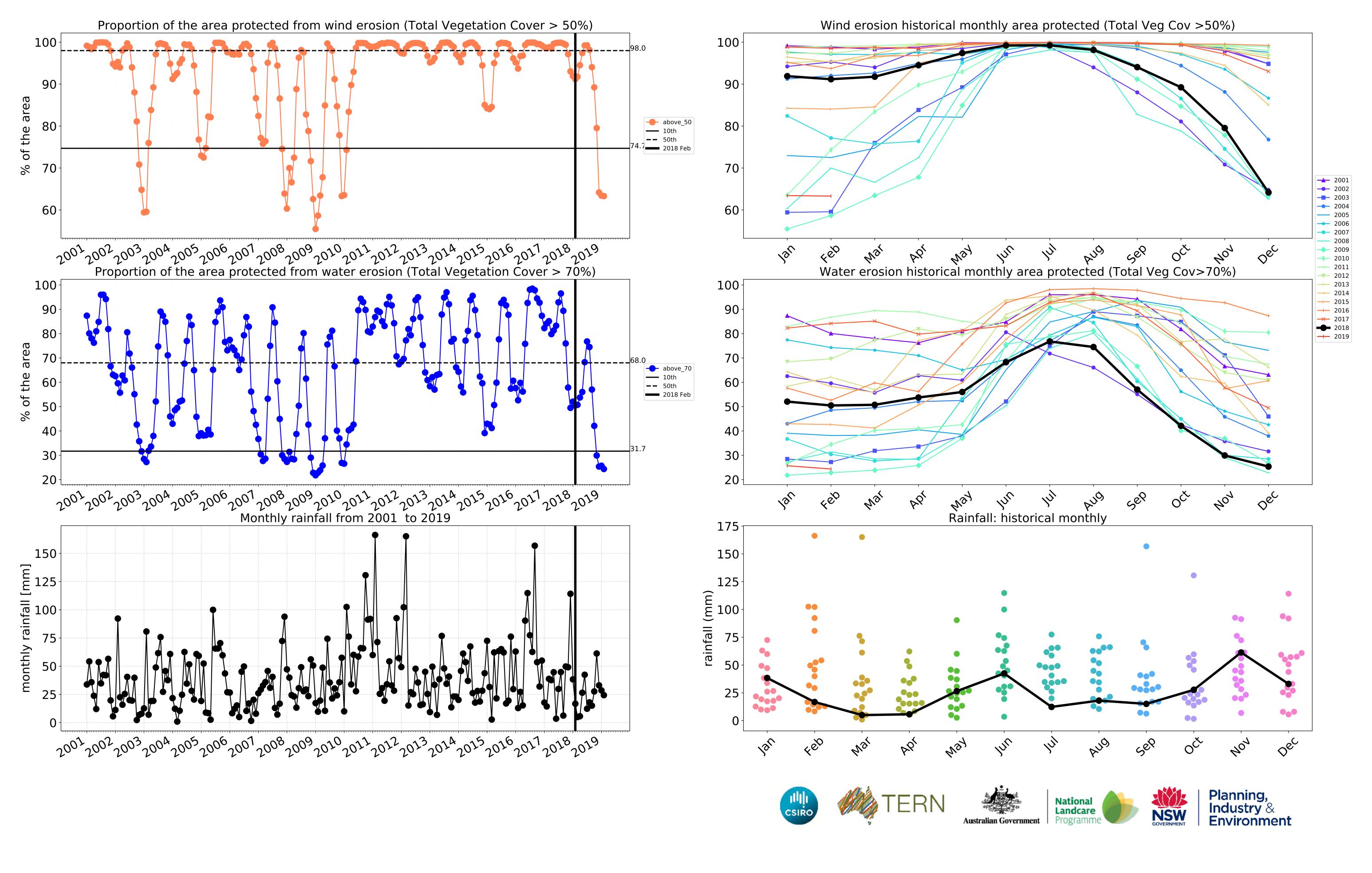




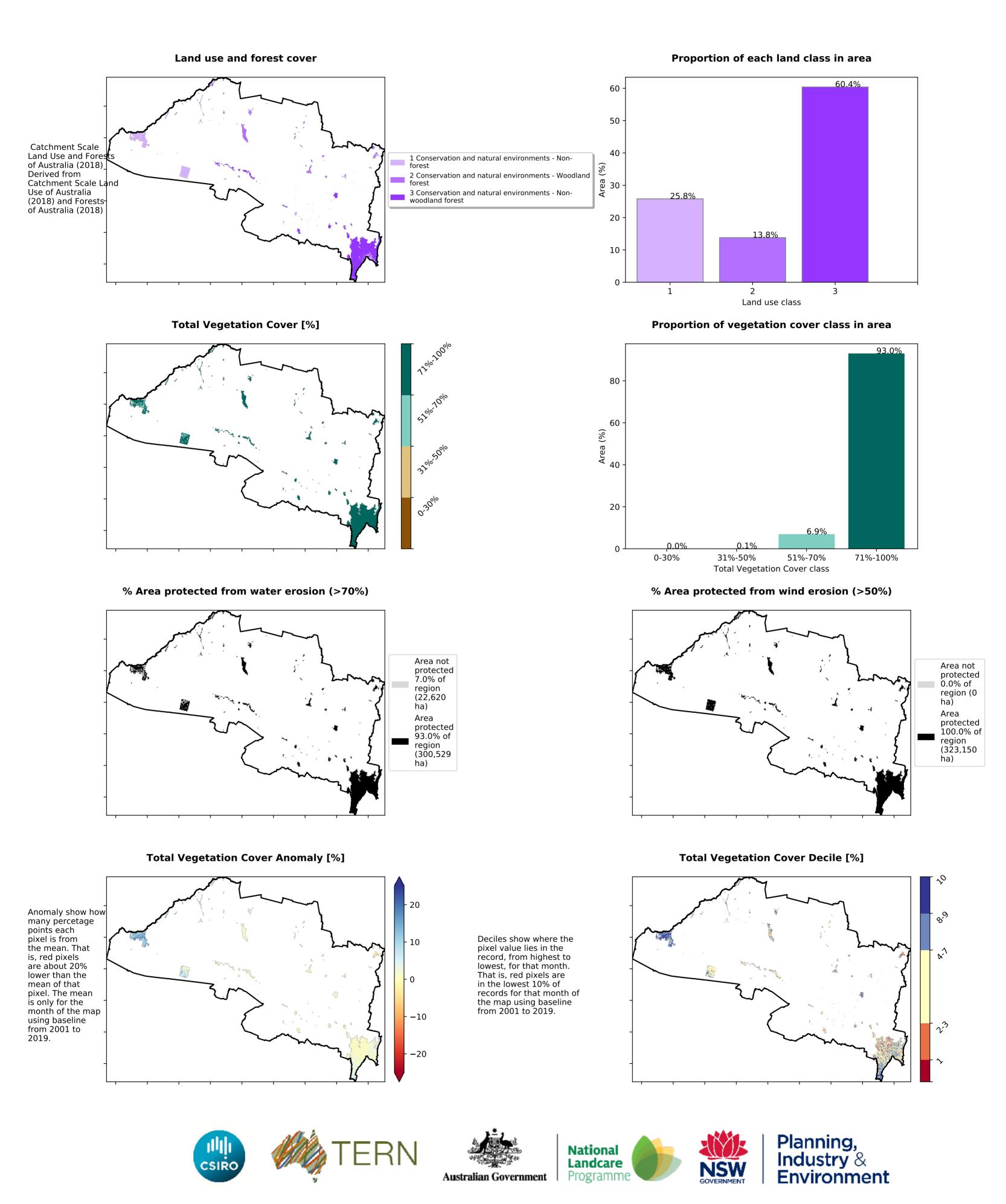




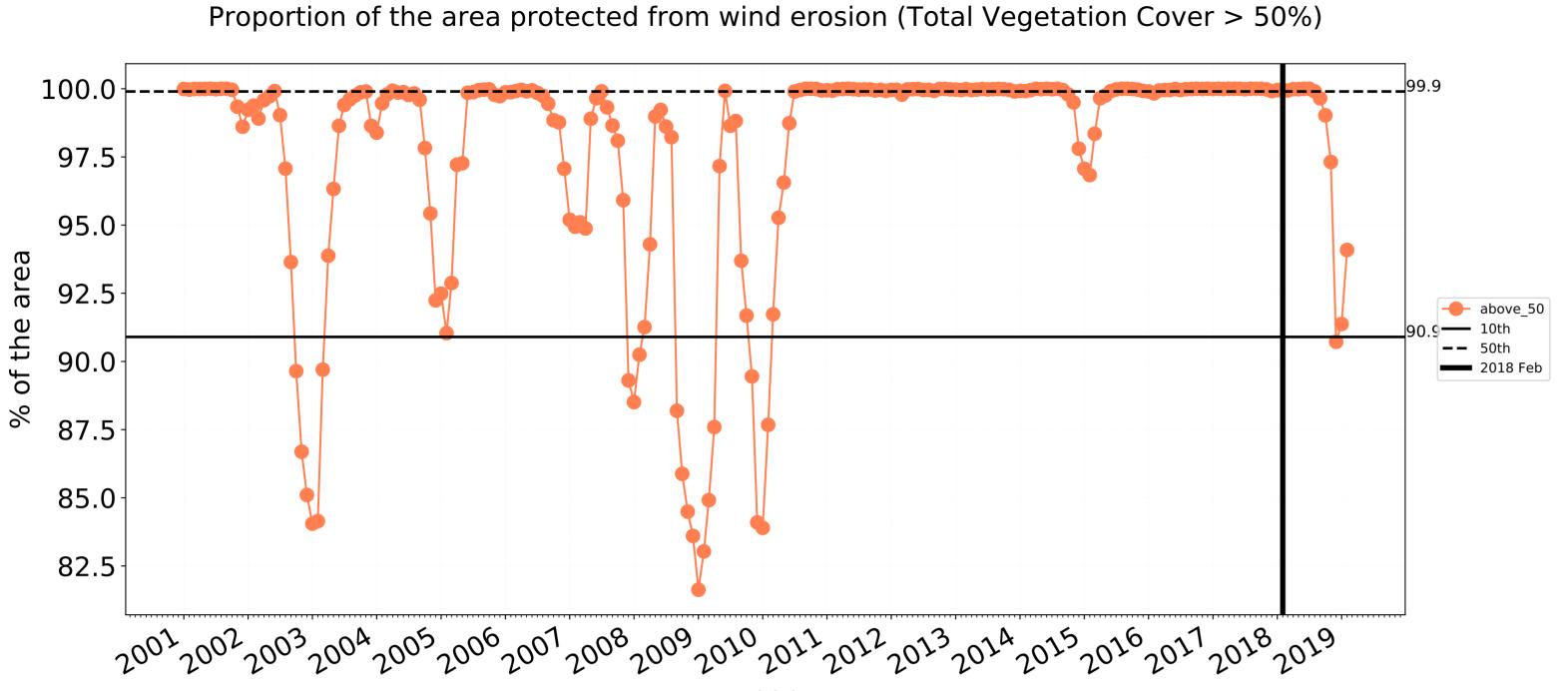




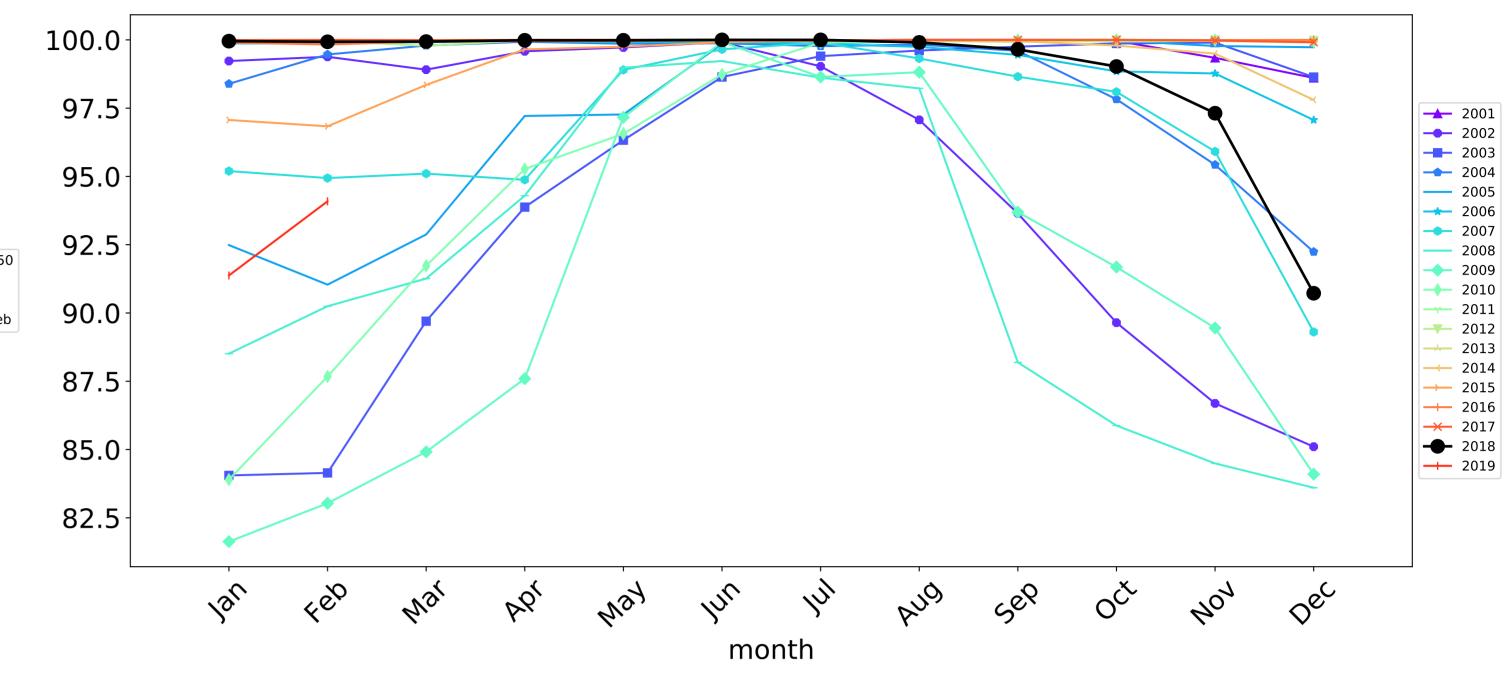
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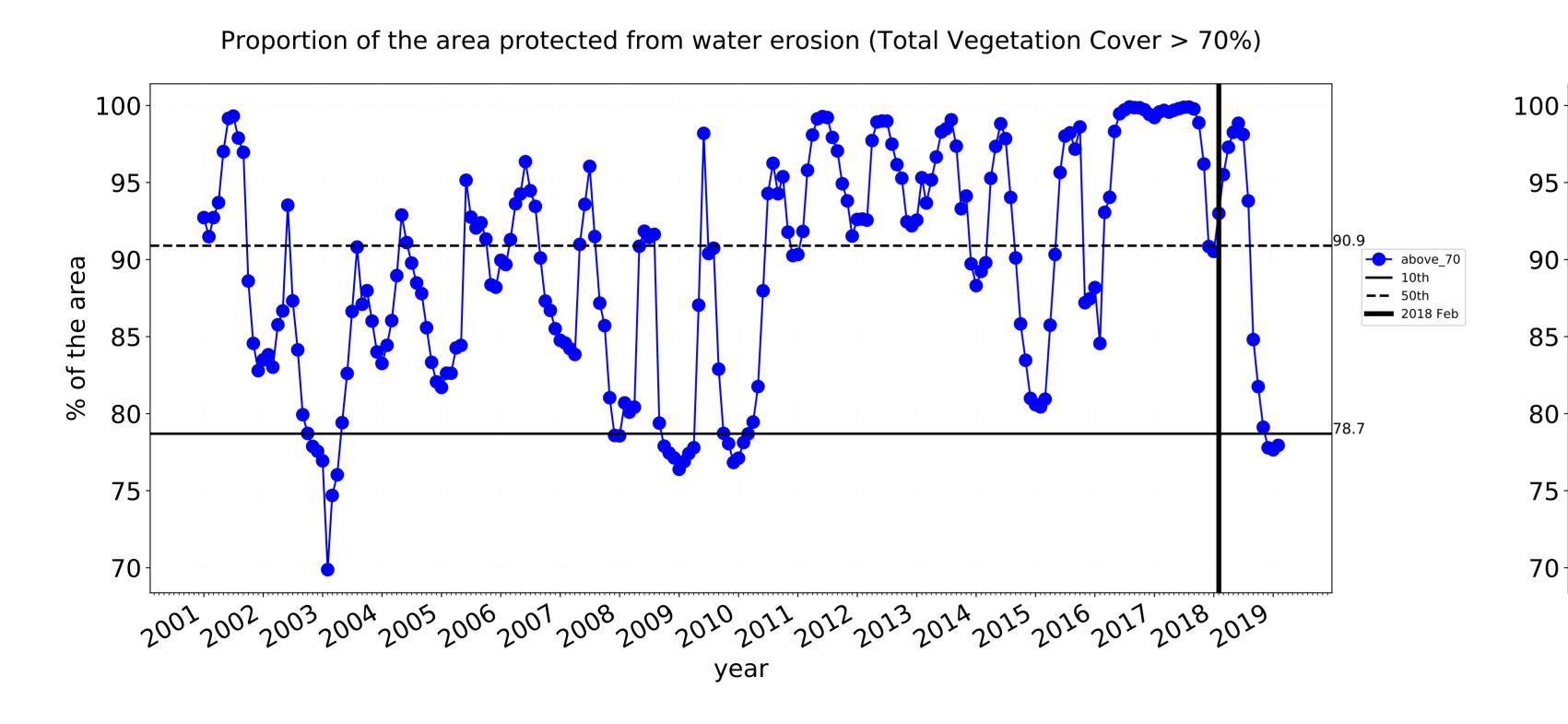
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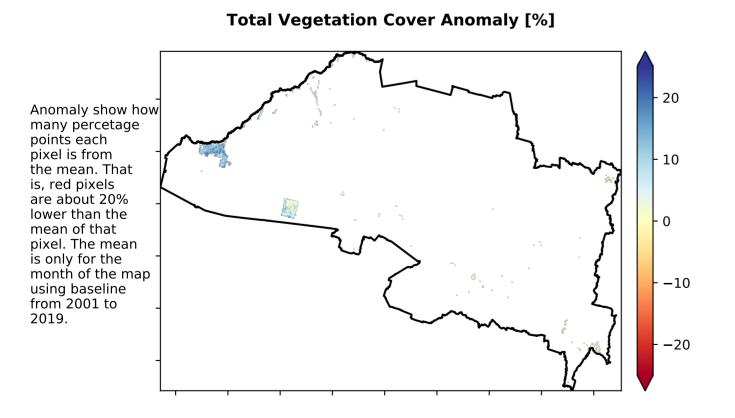


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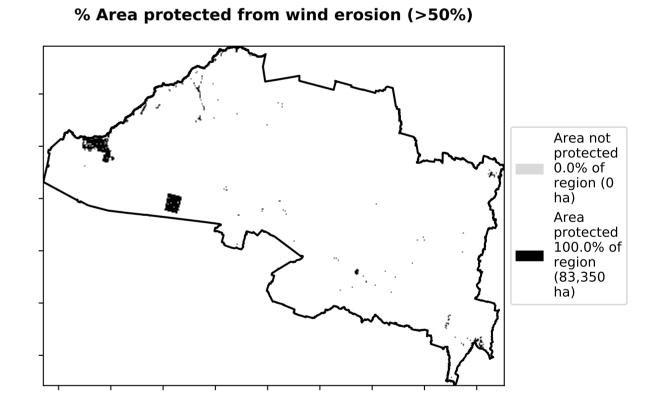
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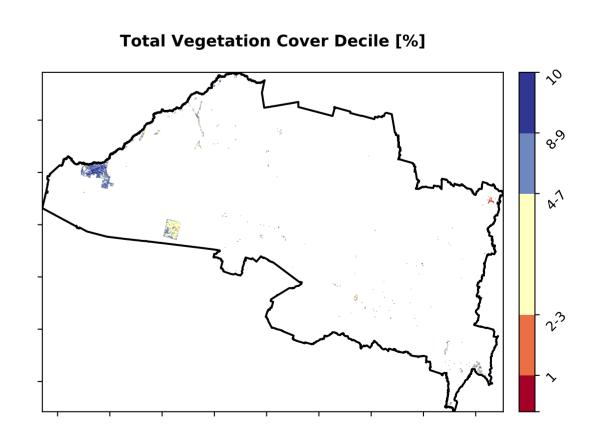
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) Area not protected 25.1% of region (20,920 ha) Area protected 74.9% of region (62,429 ha)



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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 74.9% 70 60 50 Area (%) 30 · 24.8% 20 10 0.3% 51%-70% 0-30% 31%-50% 71%-100% **Total Vegetation Cover class**









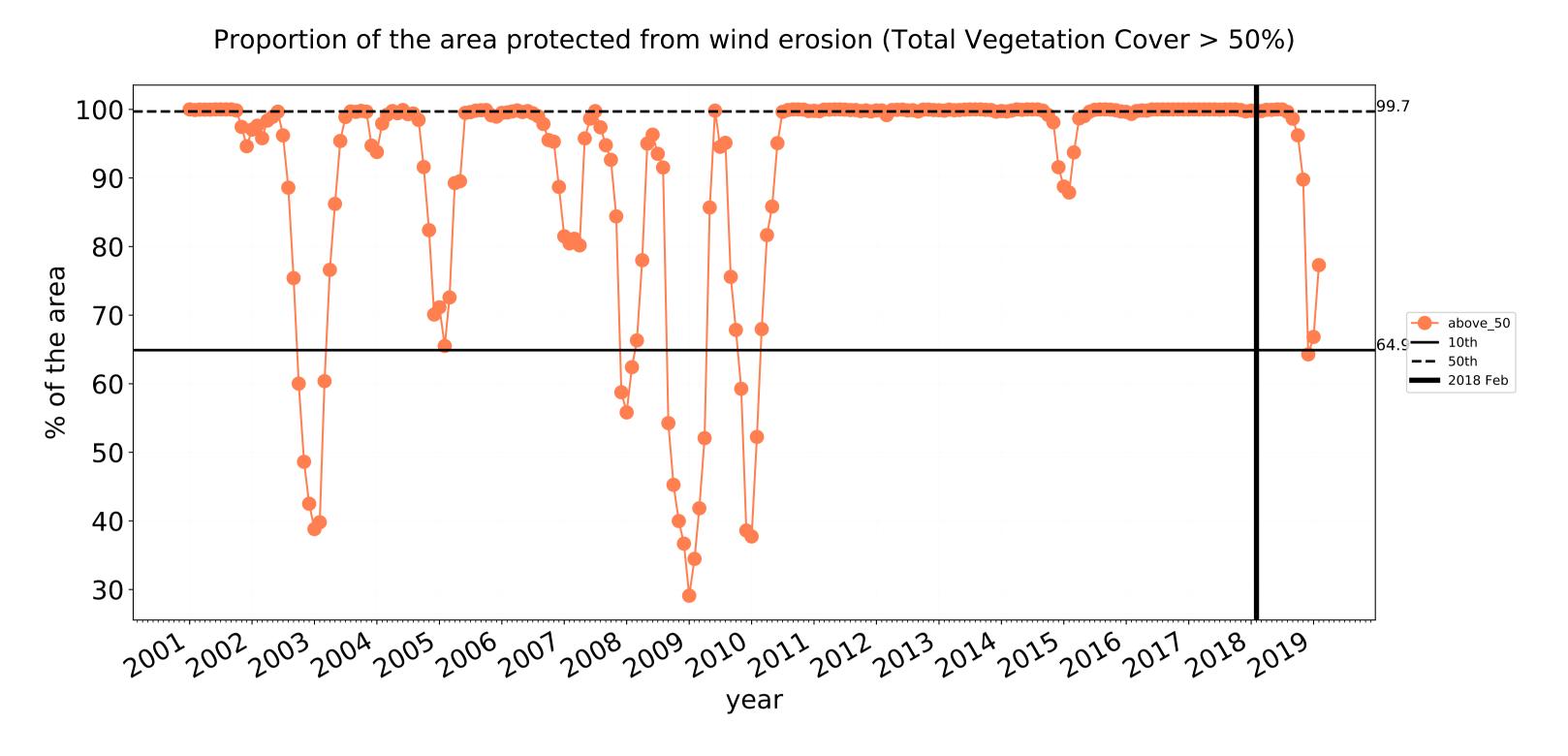


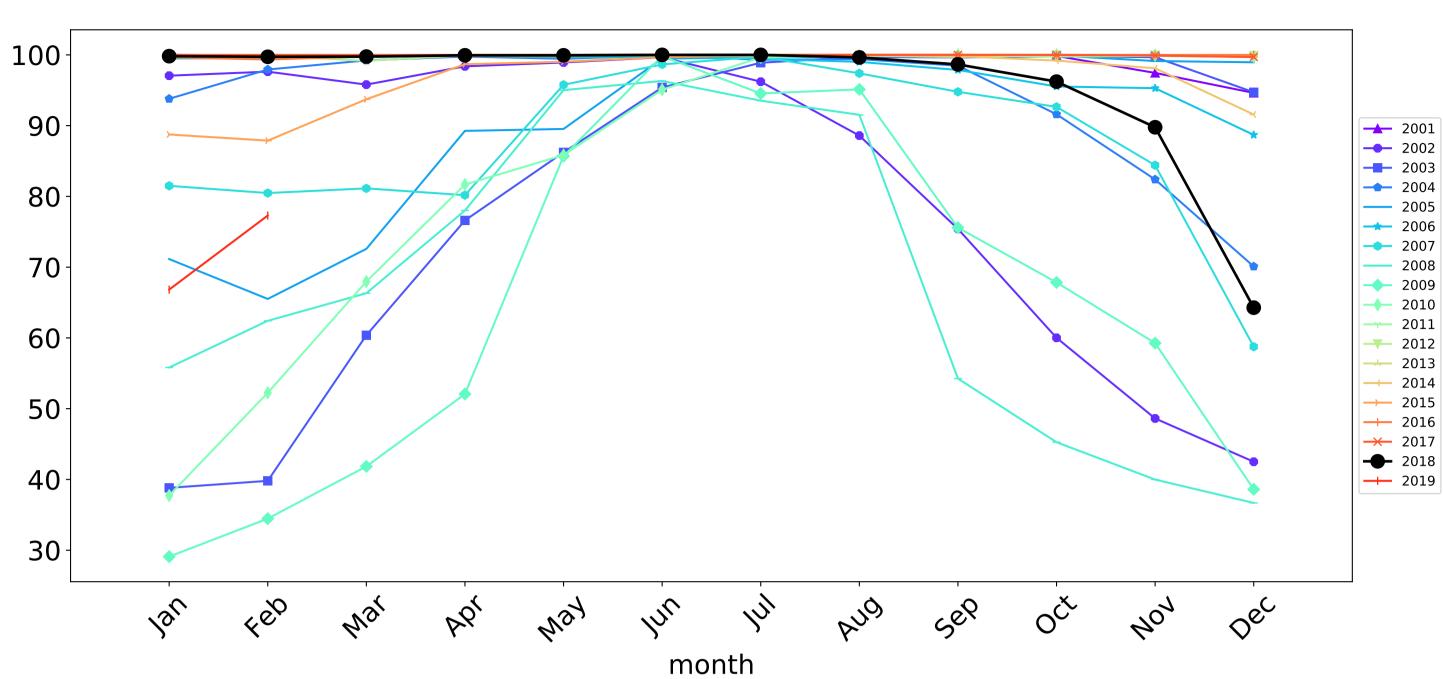




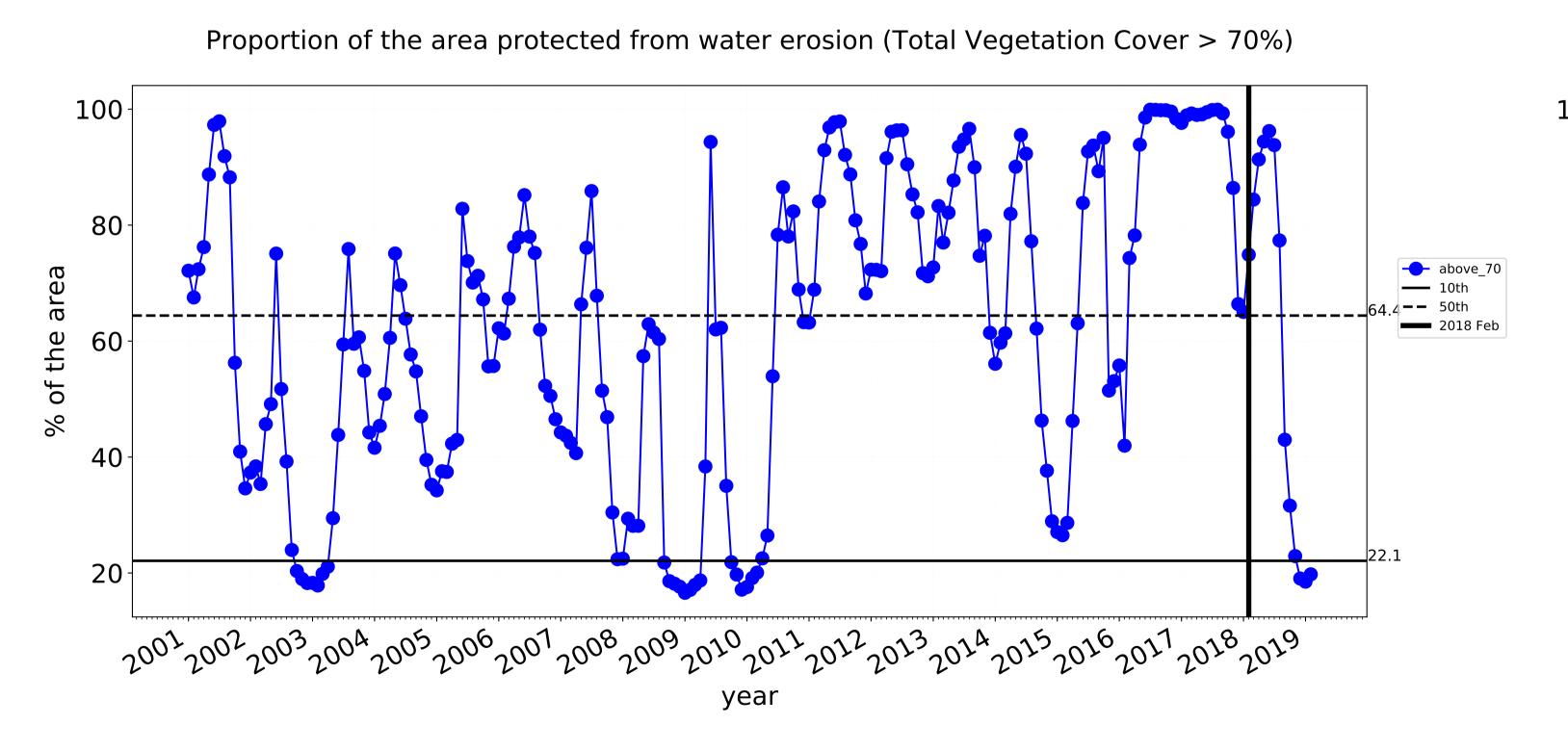


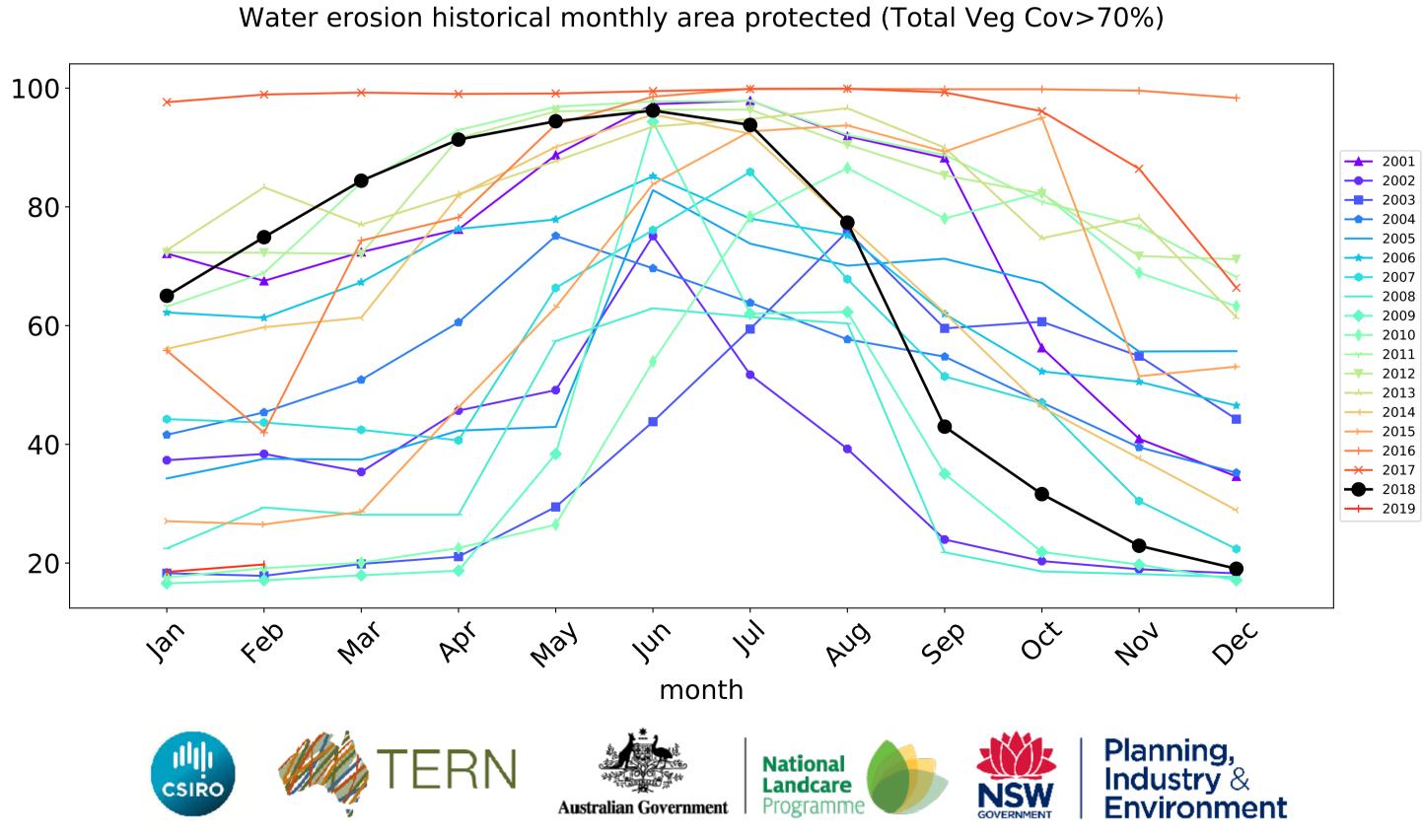
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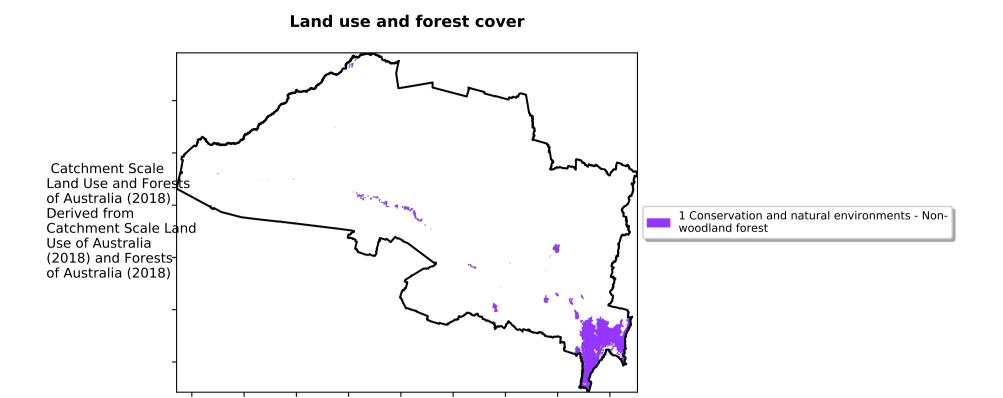


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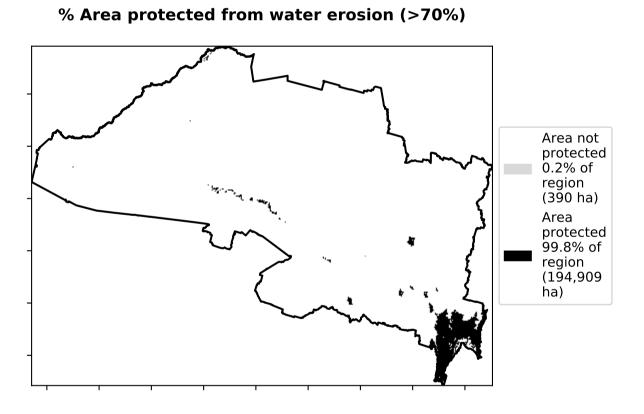


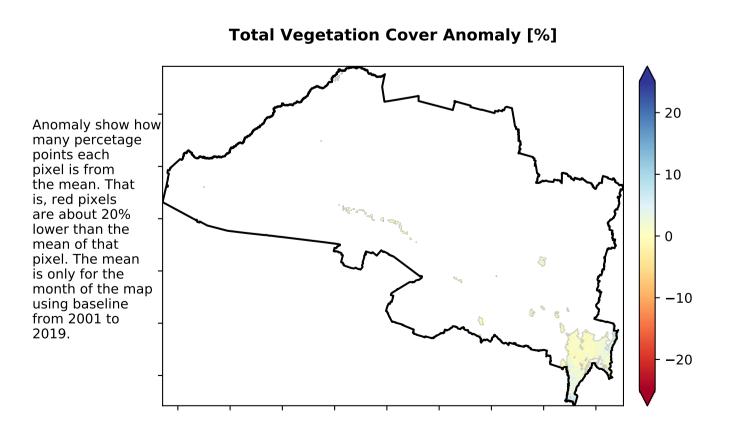


### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

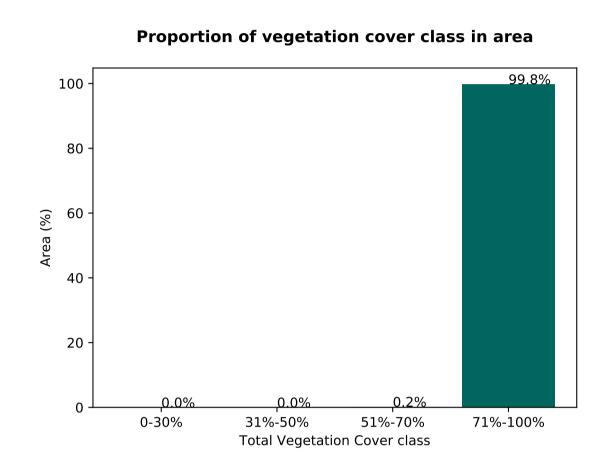


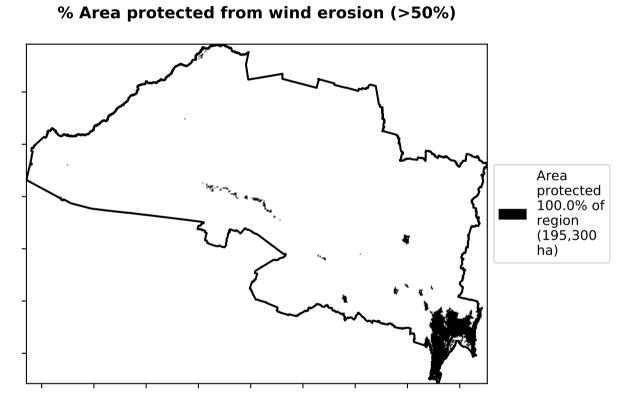
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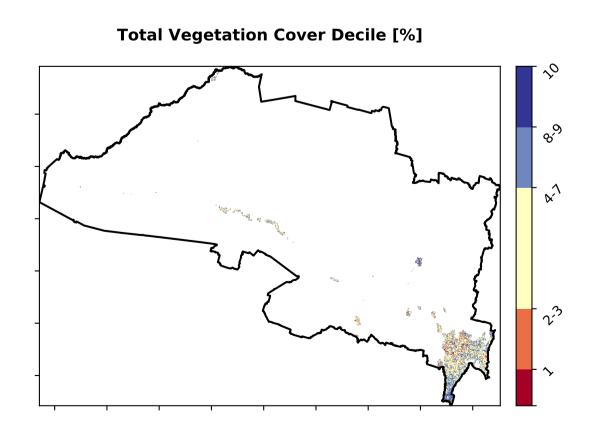




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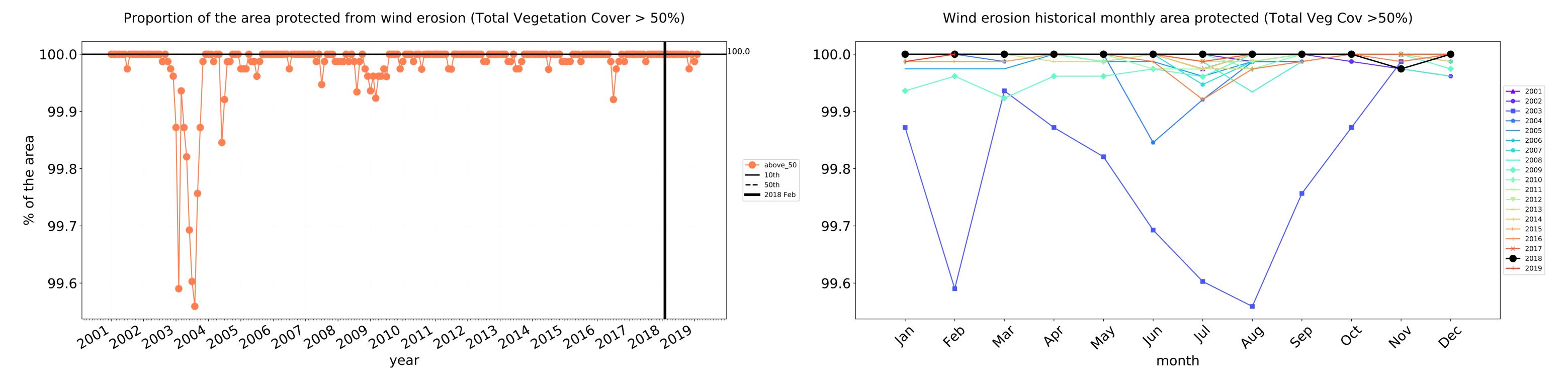


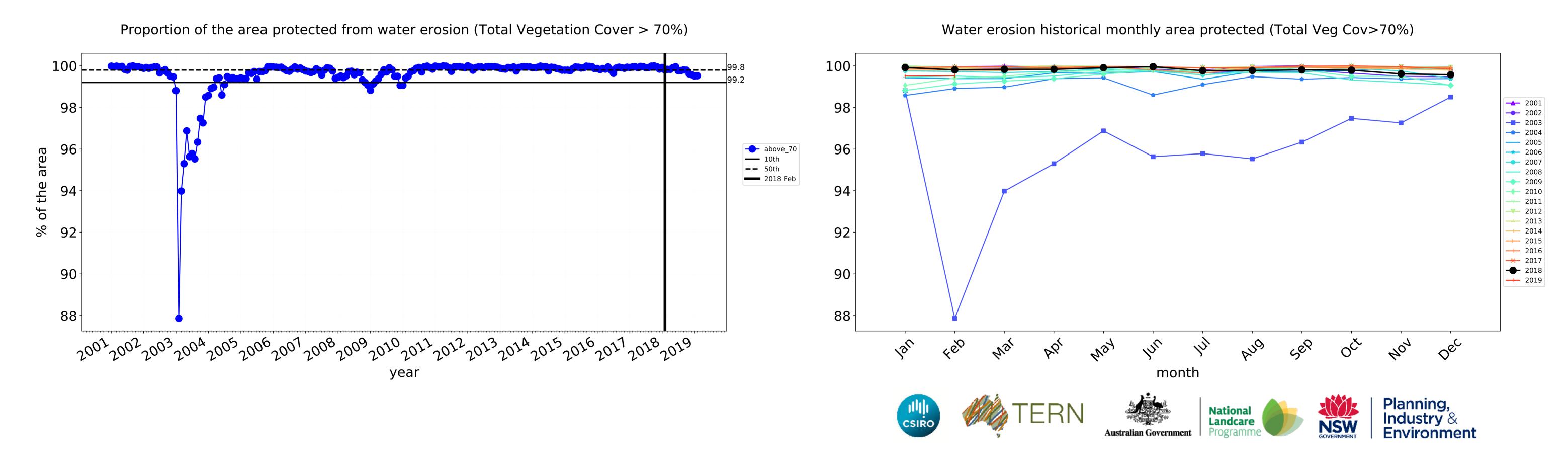










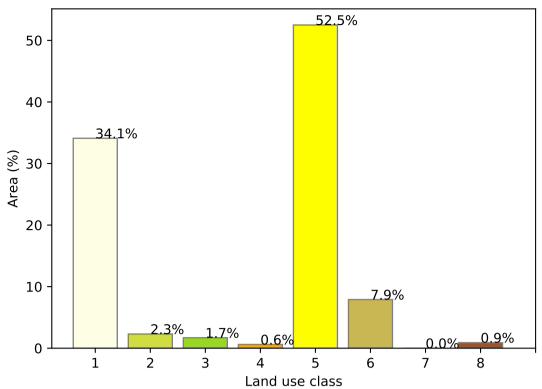


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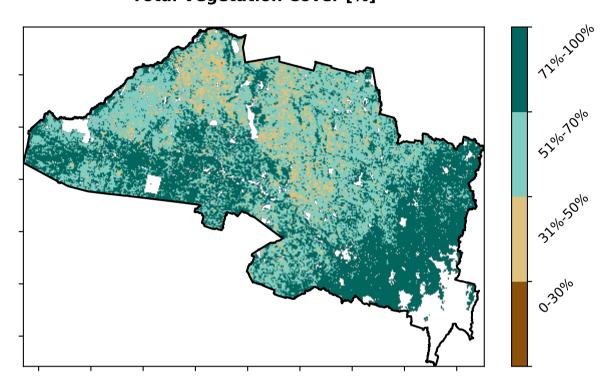
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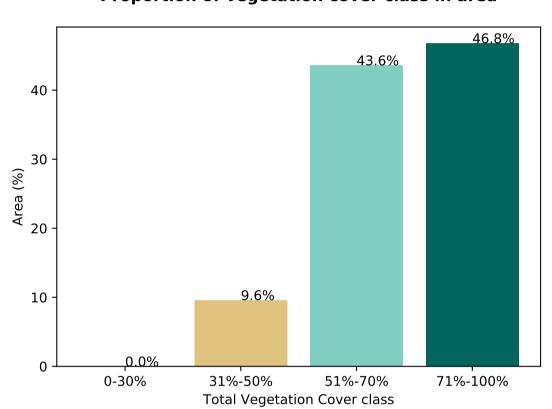
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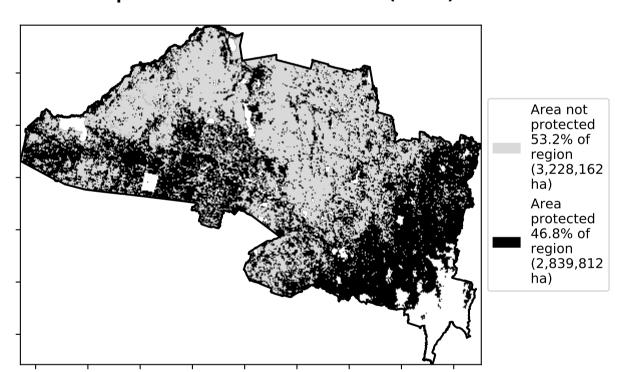
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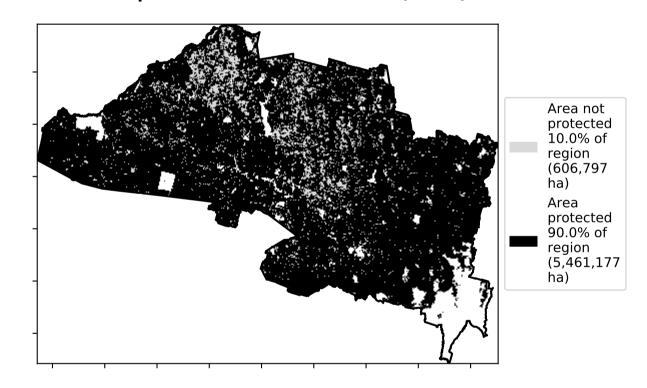
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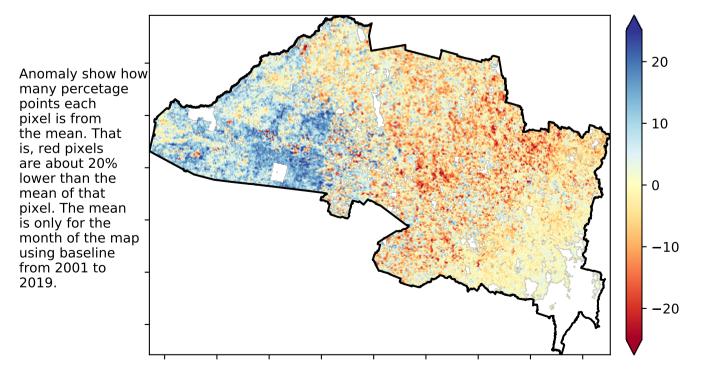
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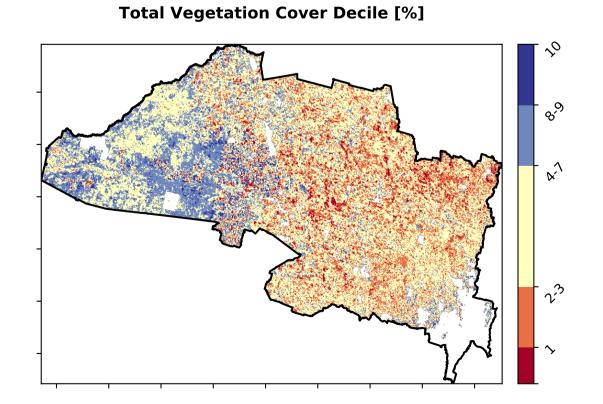
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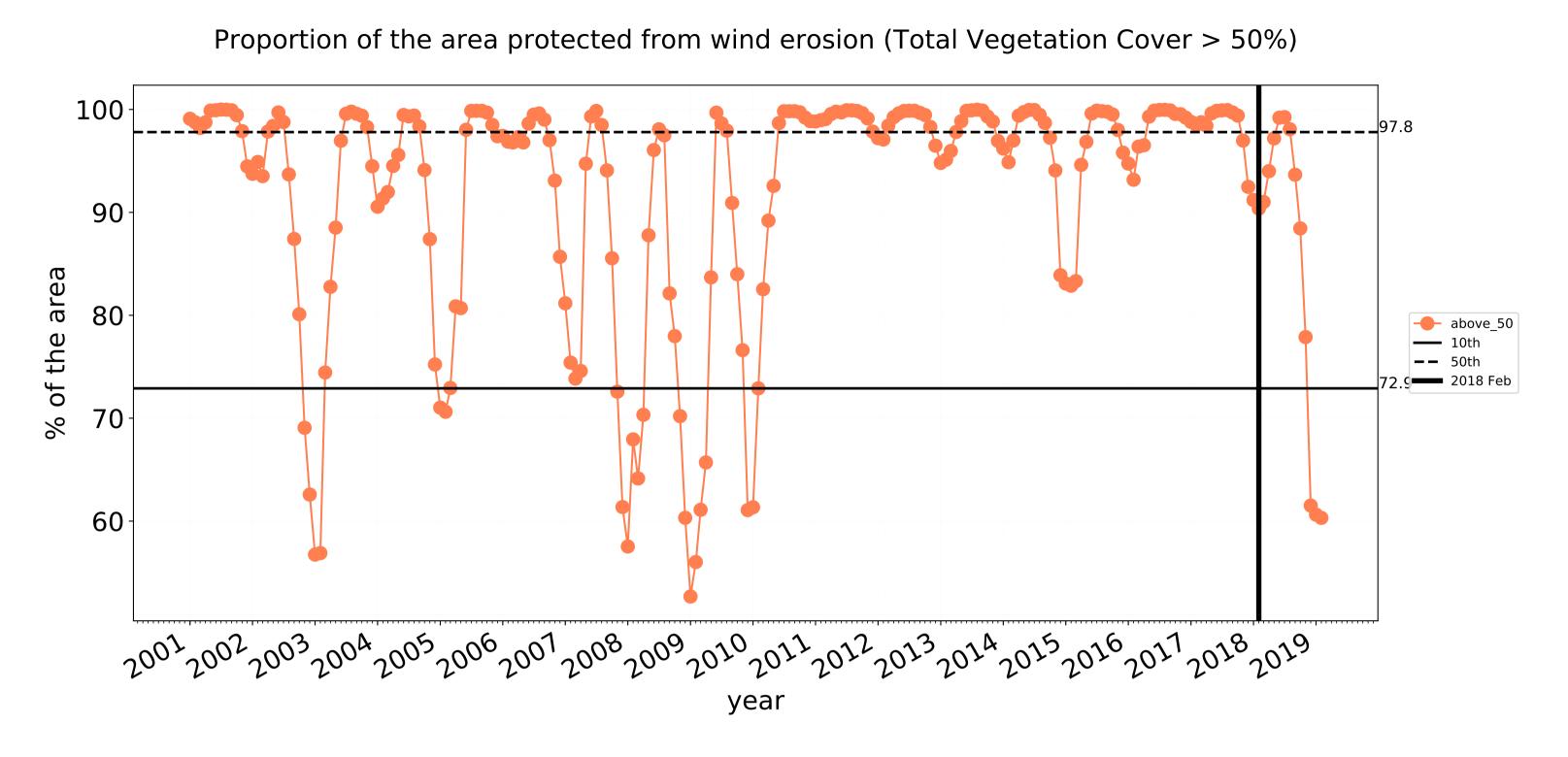


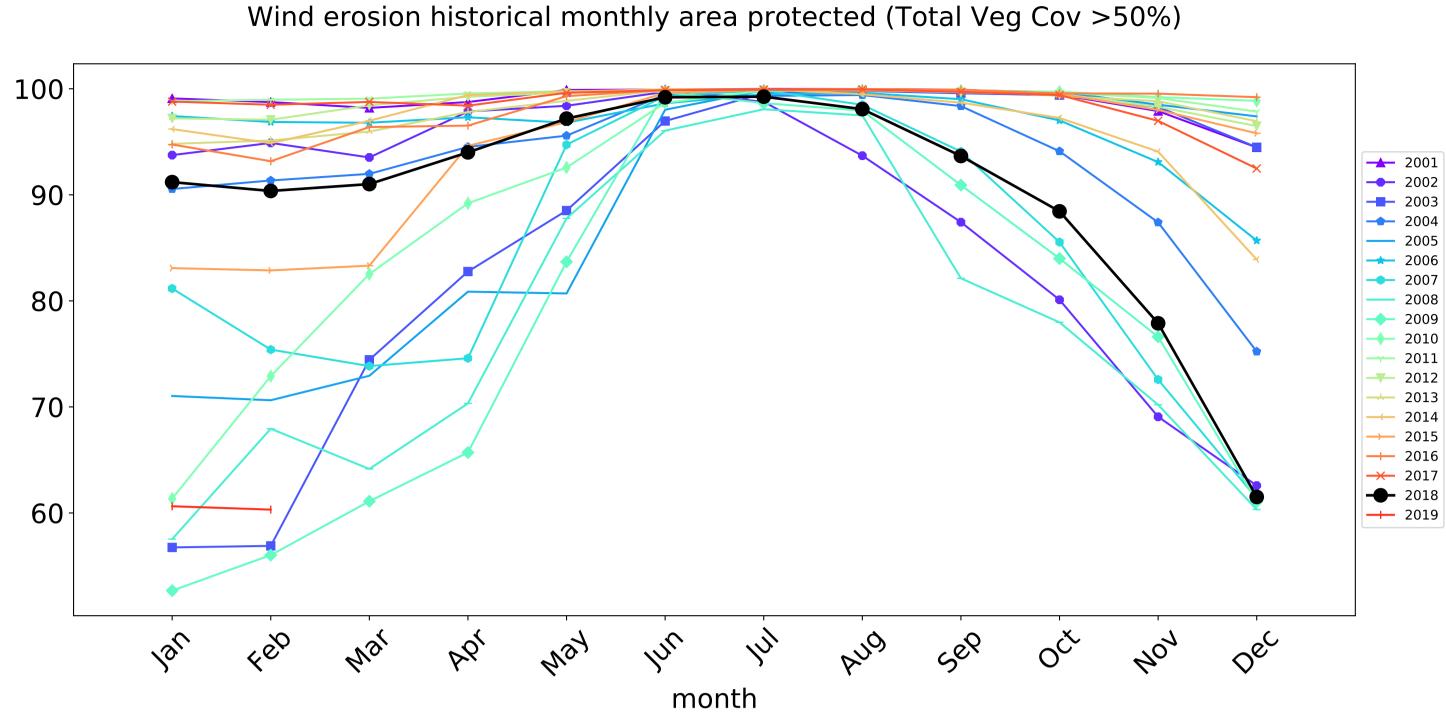


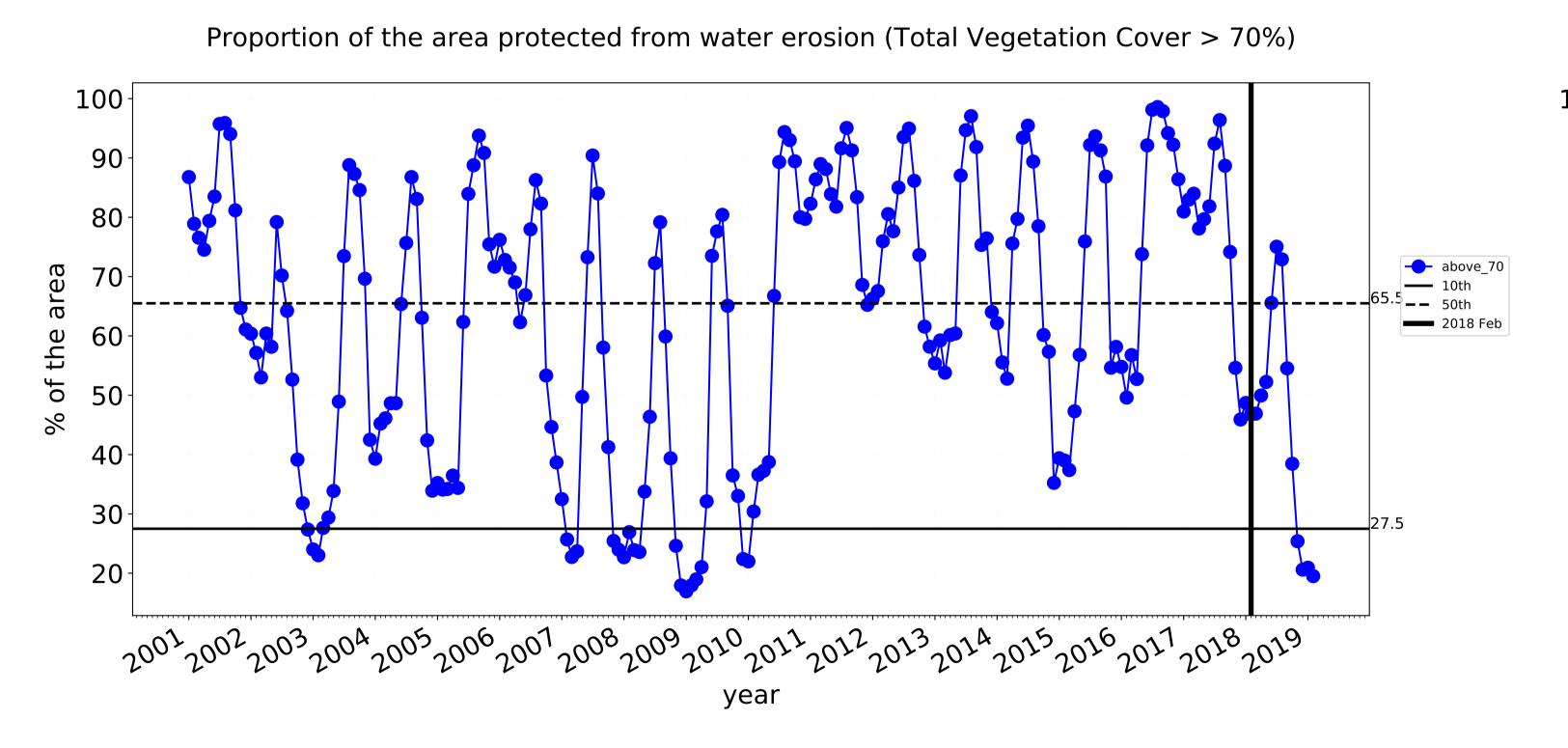


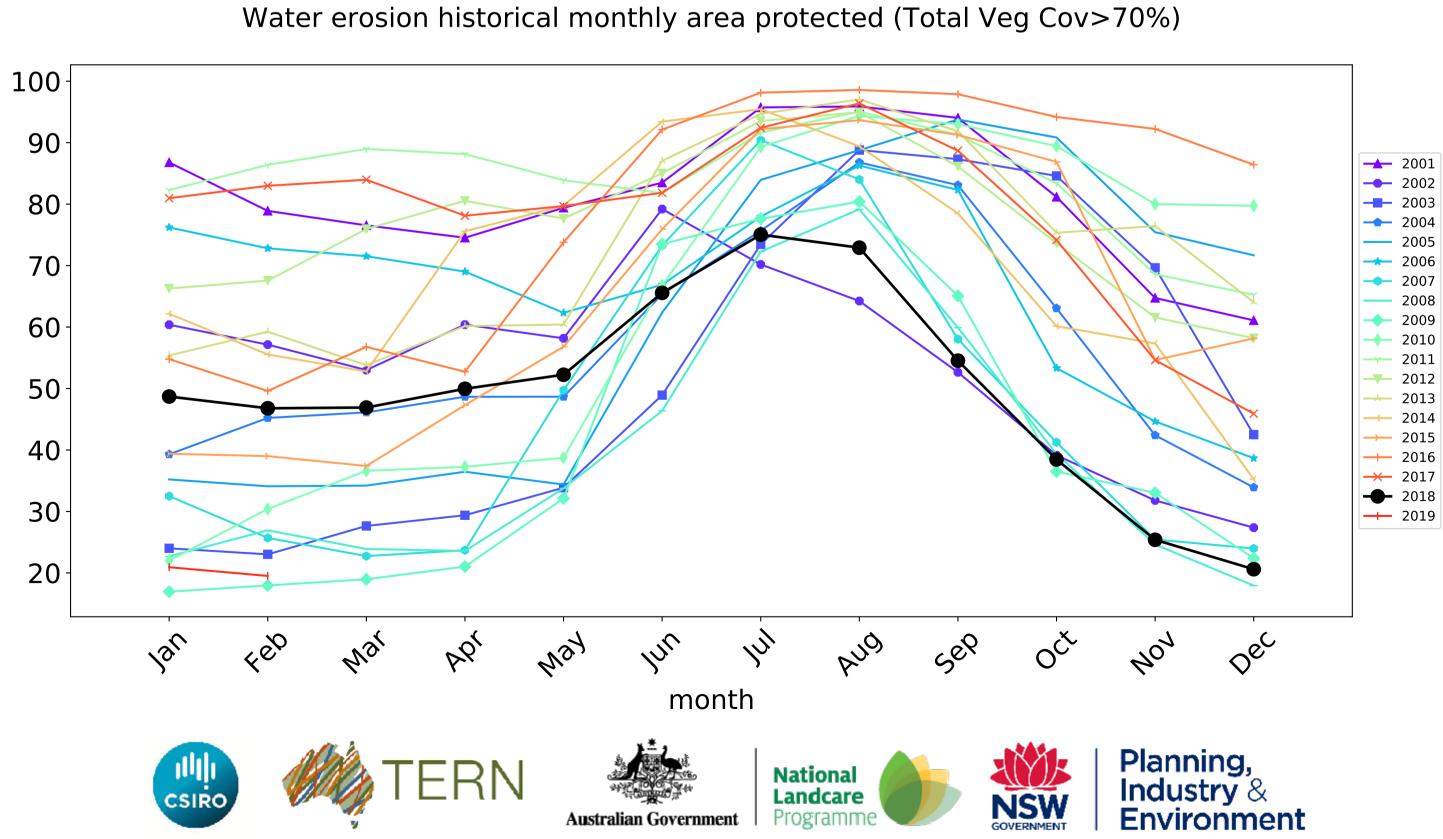


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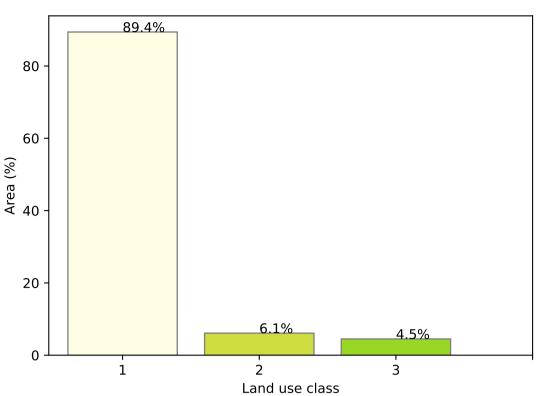




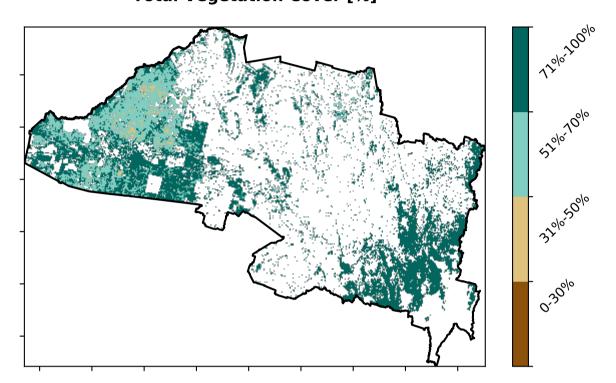
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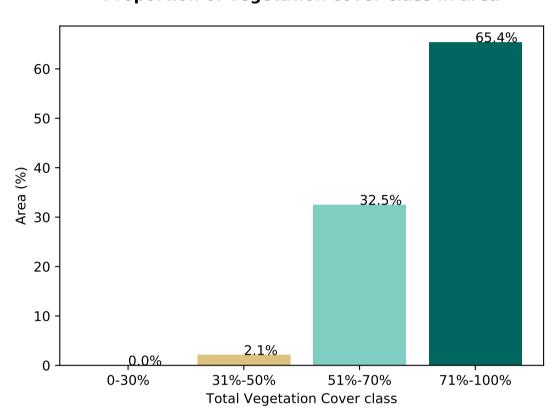
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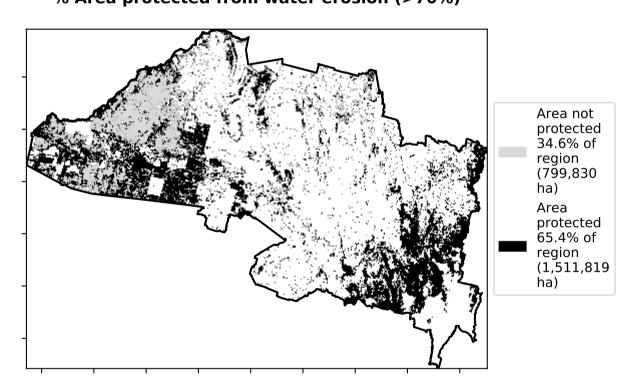
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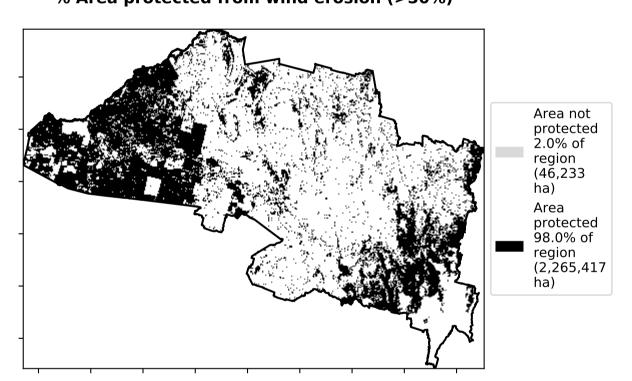
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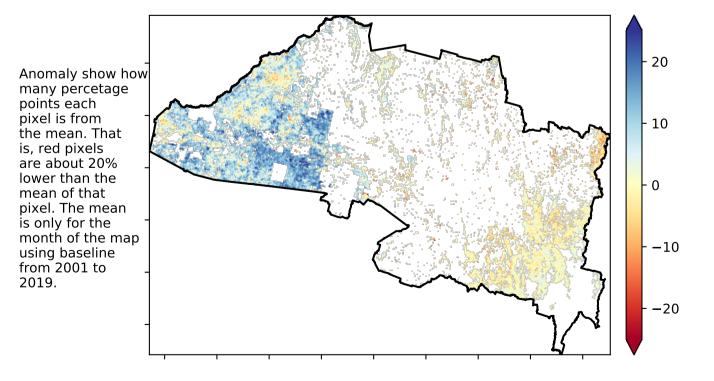
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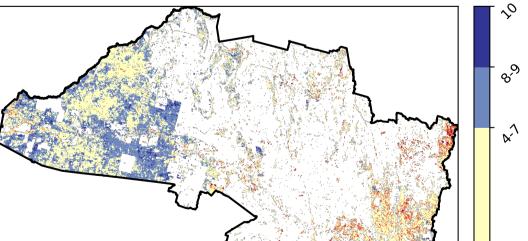
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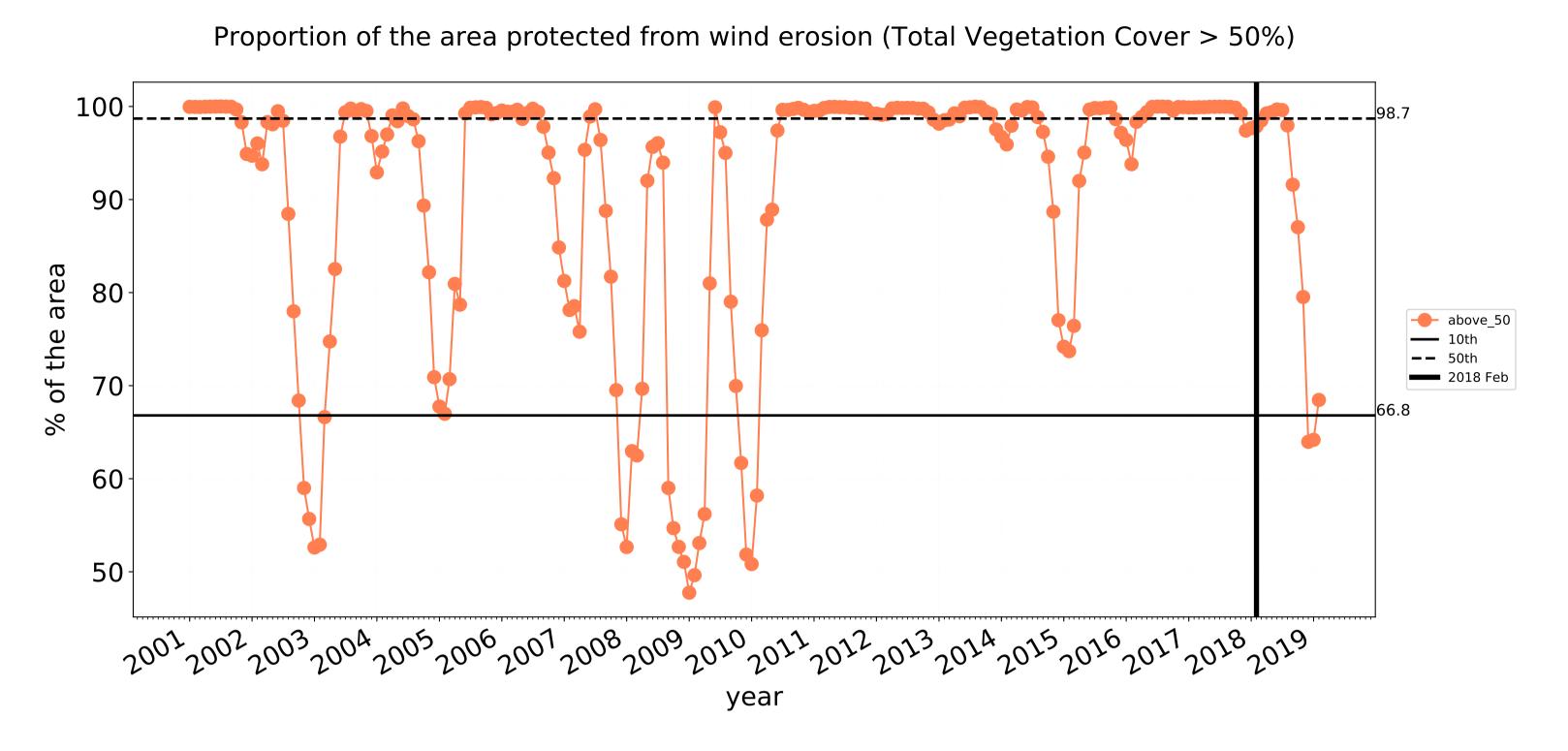


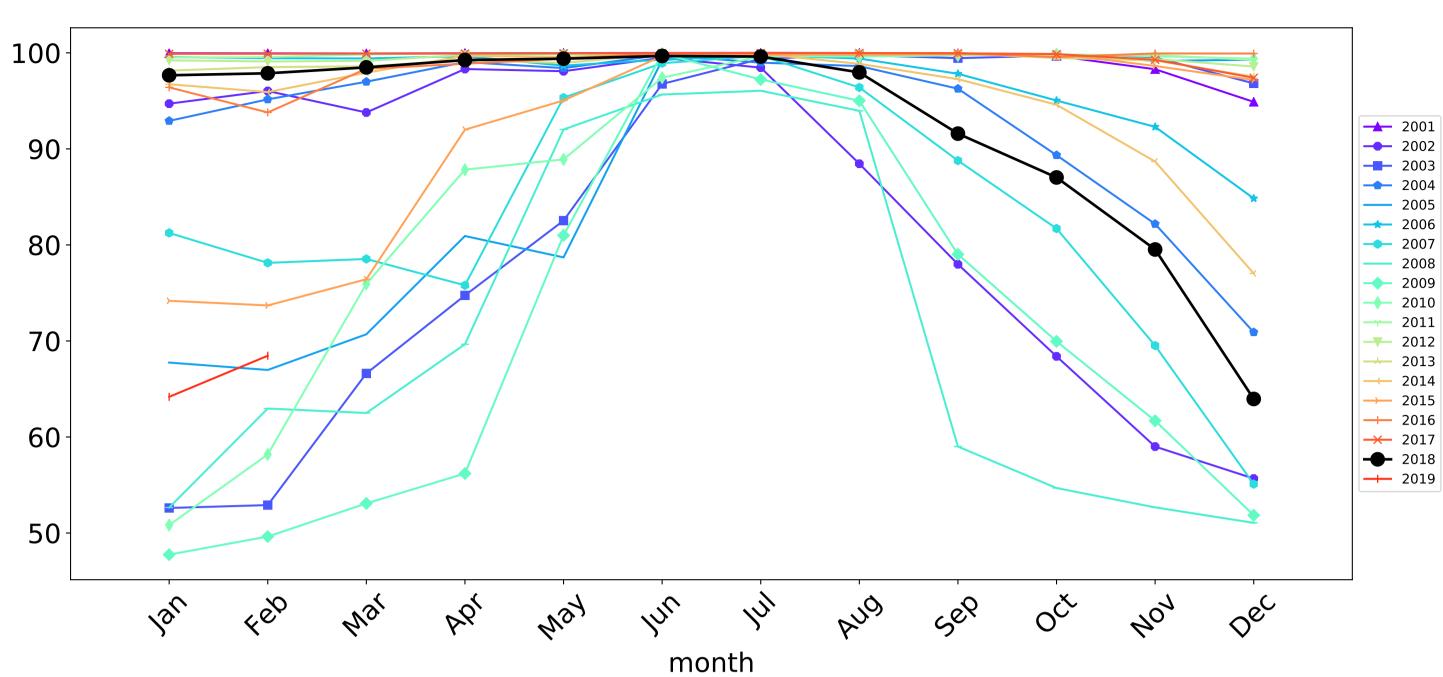




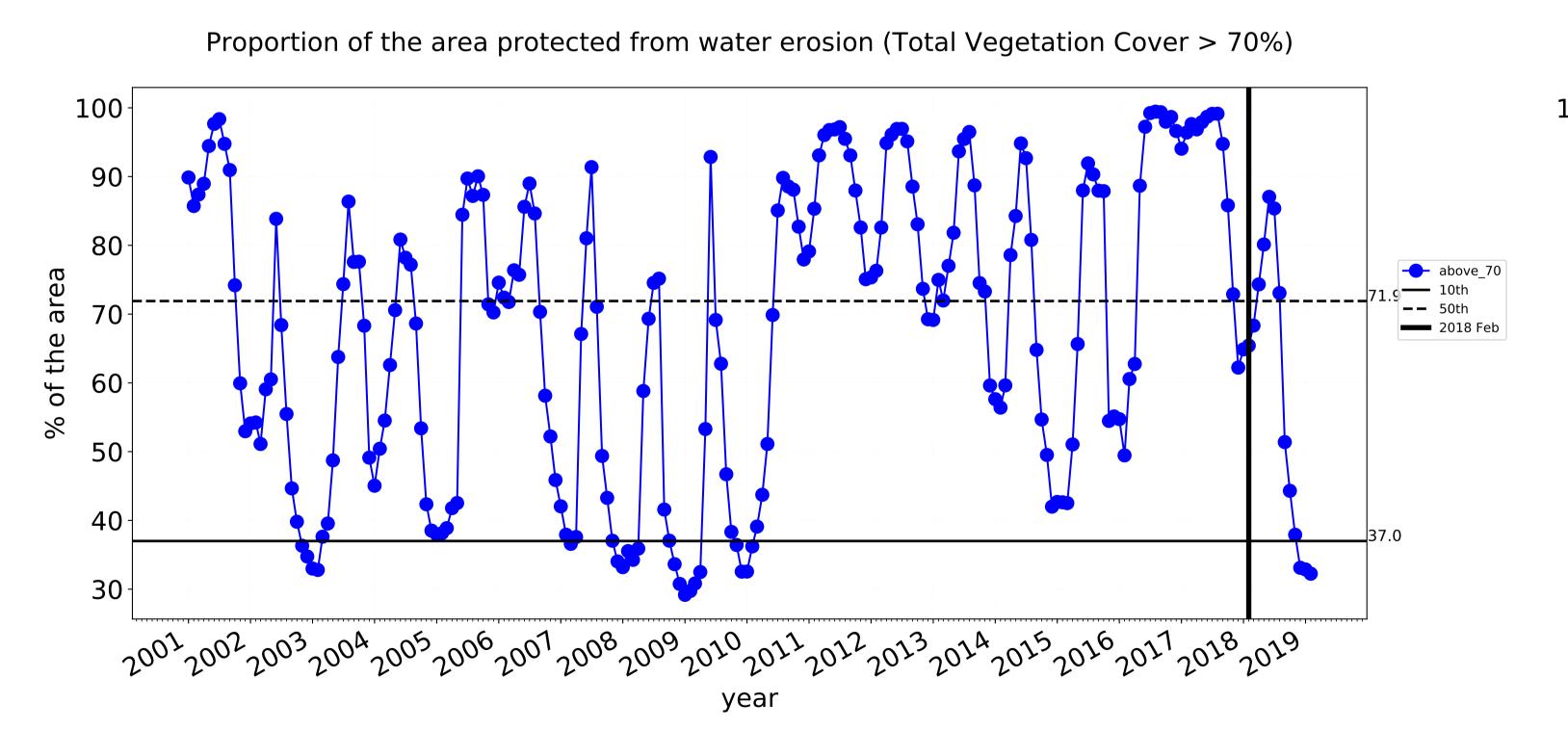


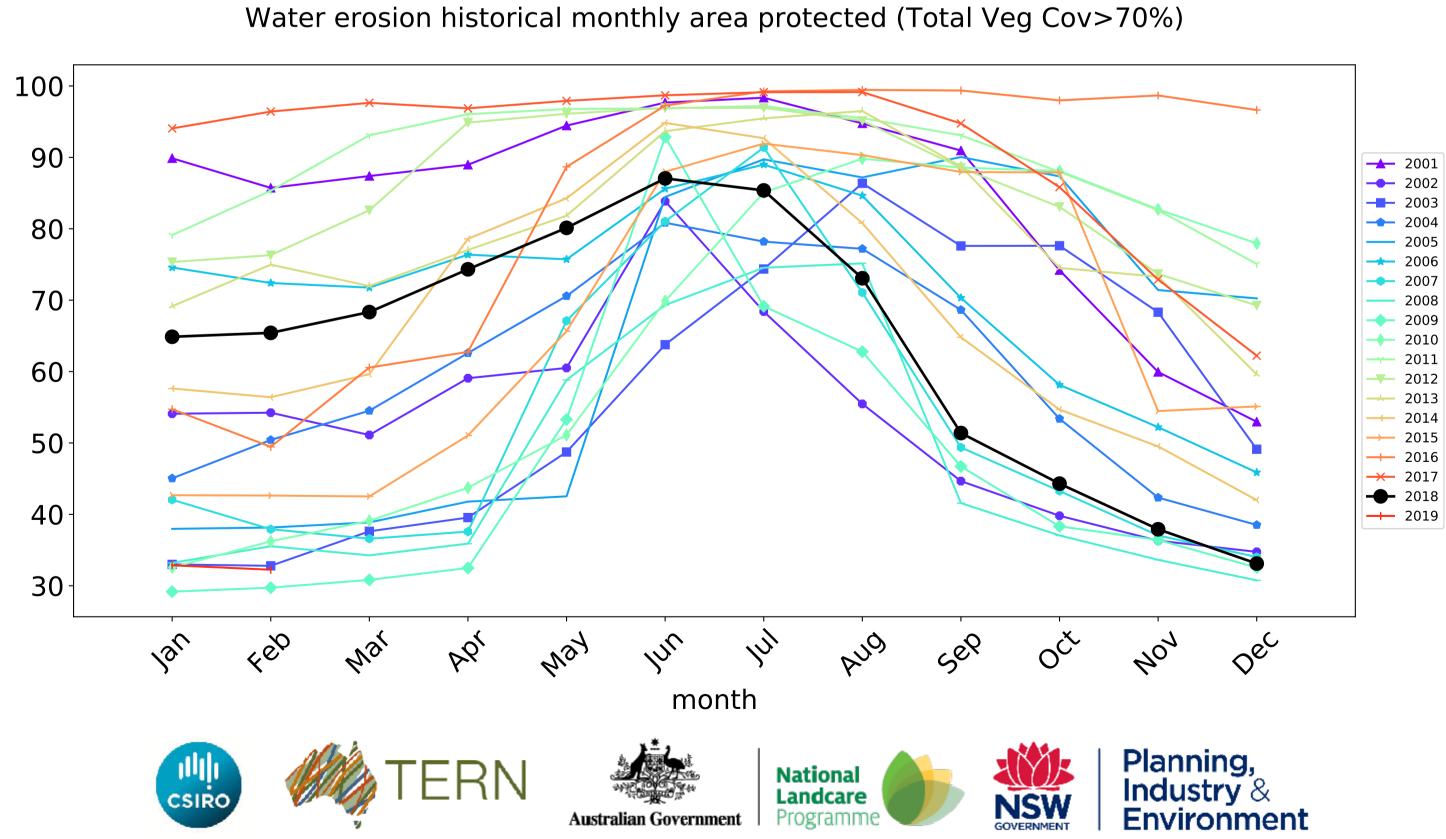
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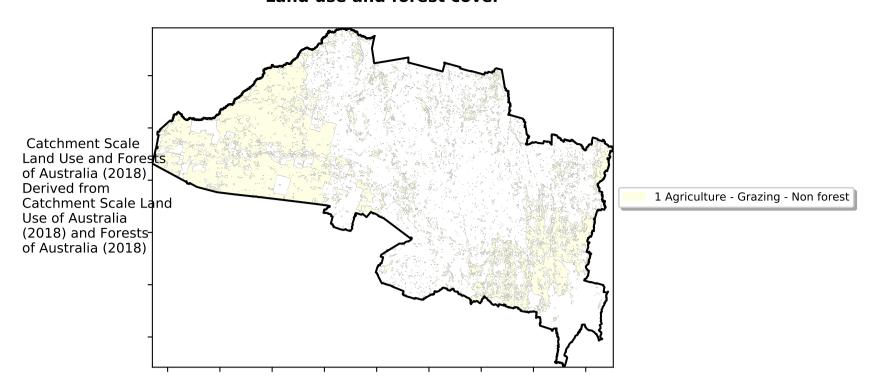
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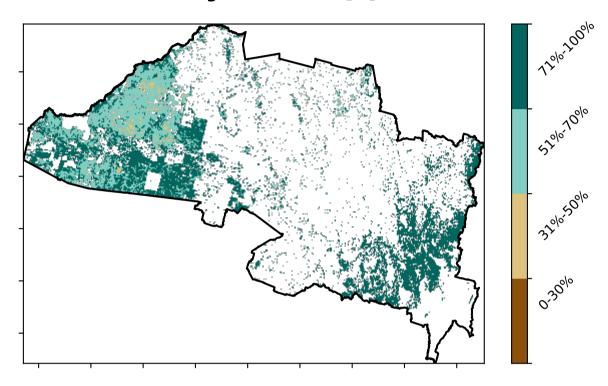


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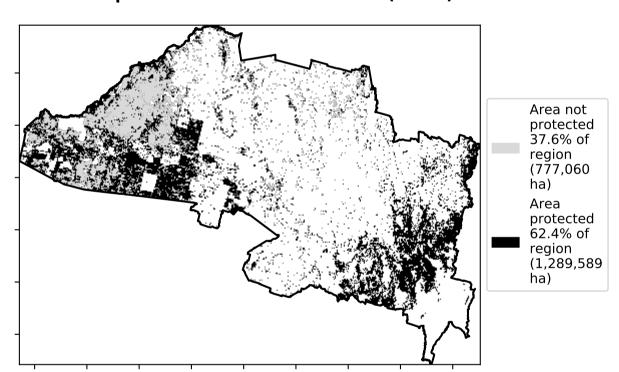
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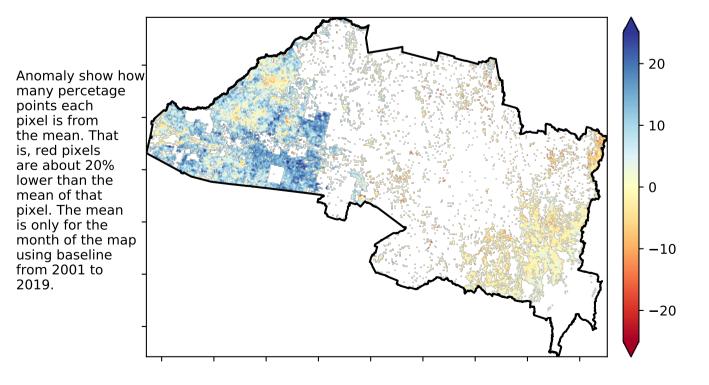
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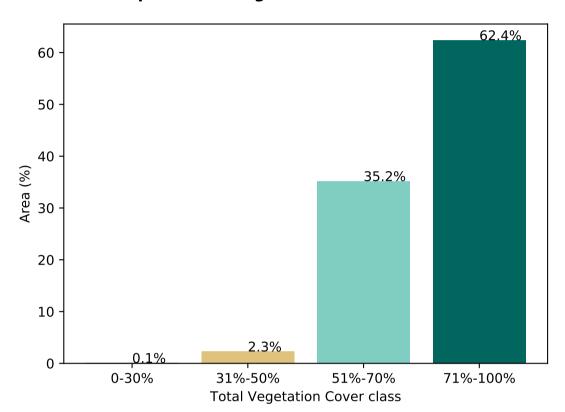


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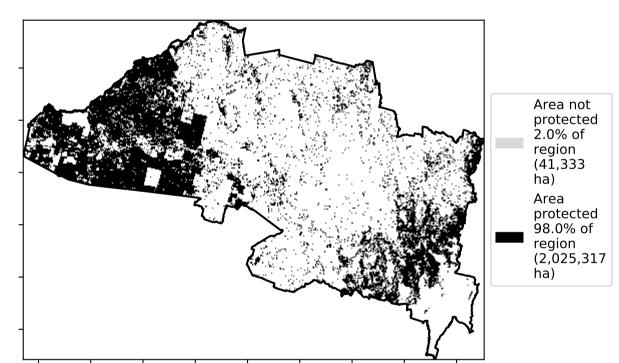


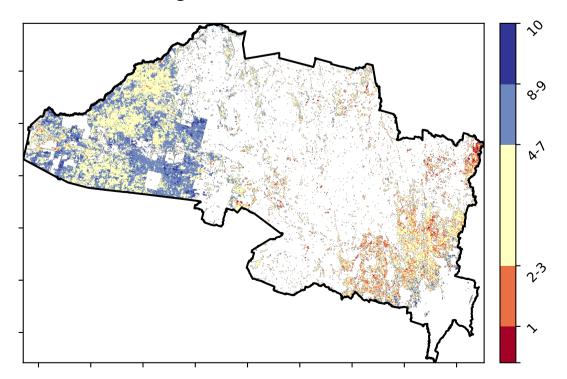
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









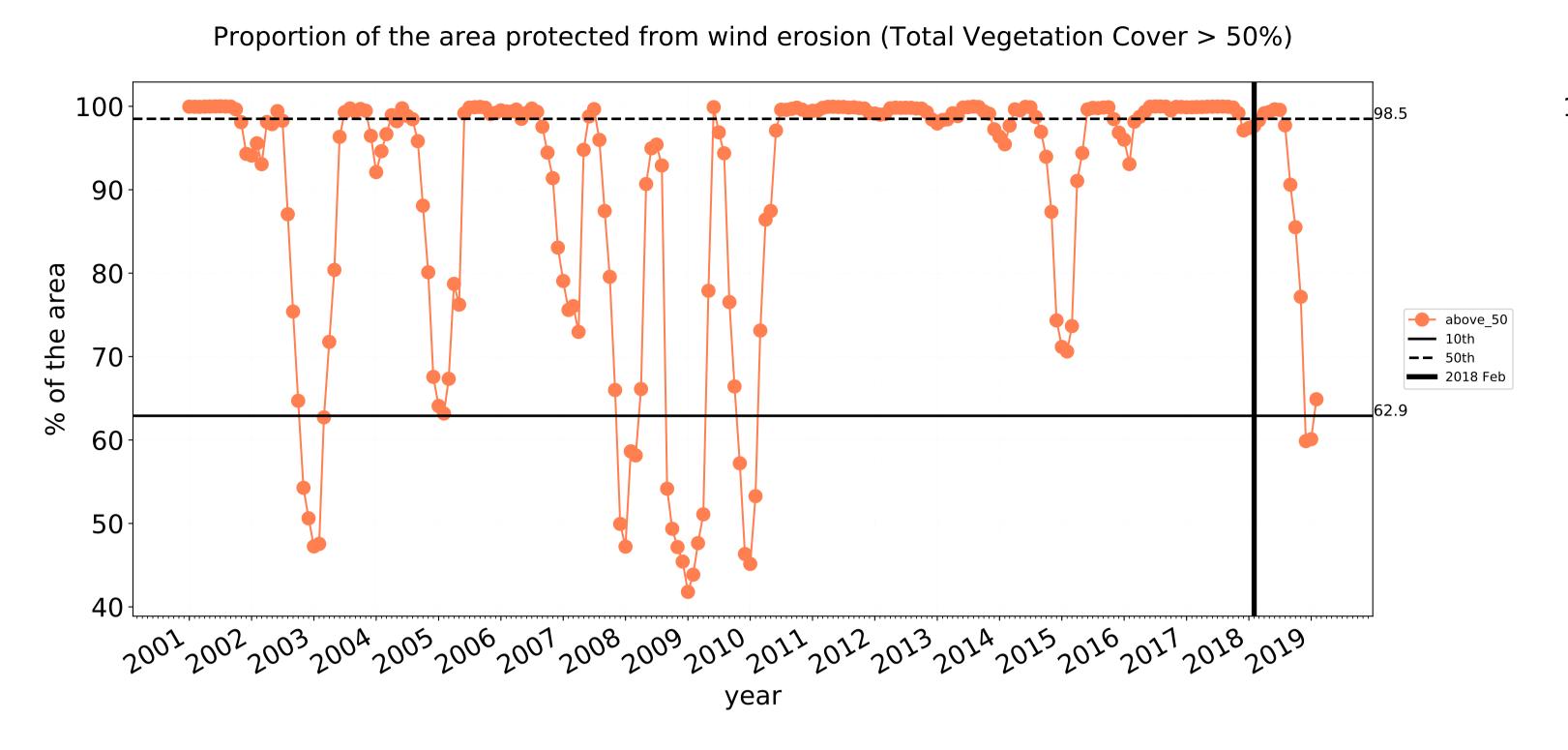


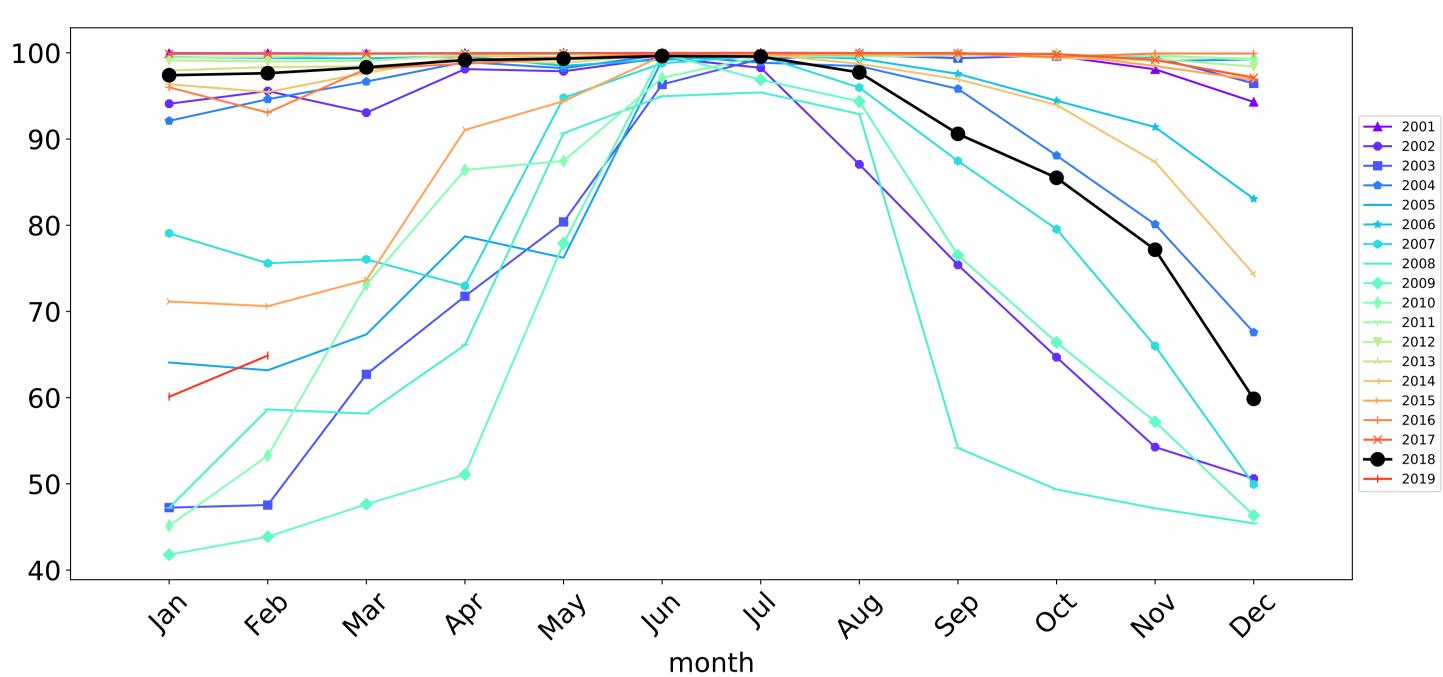




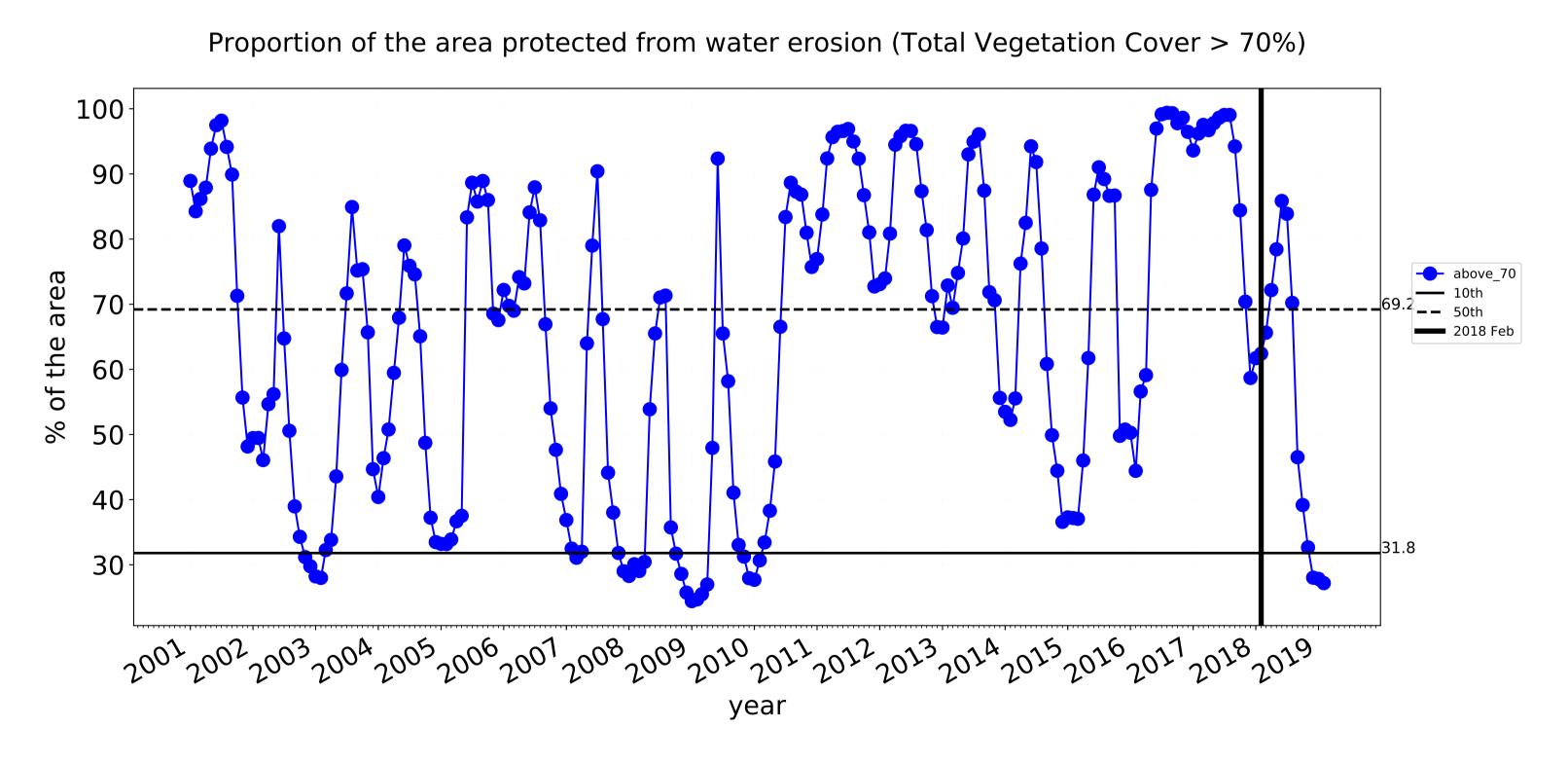


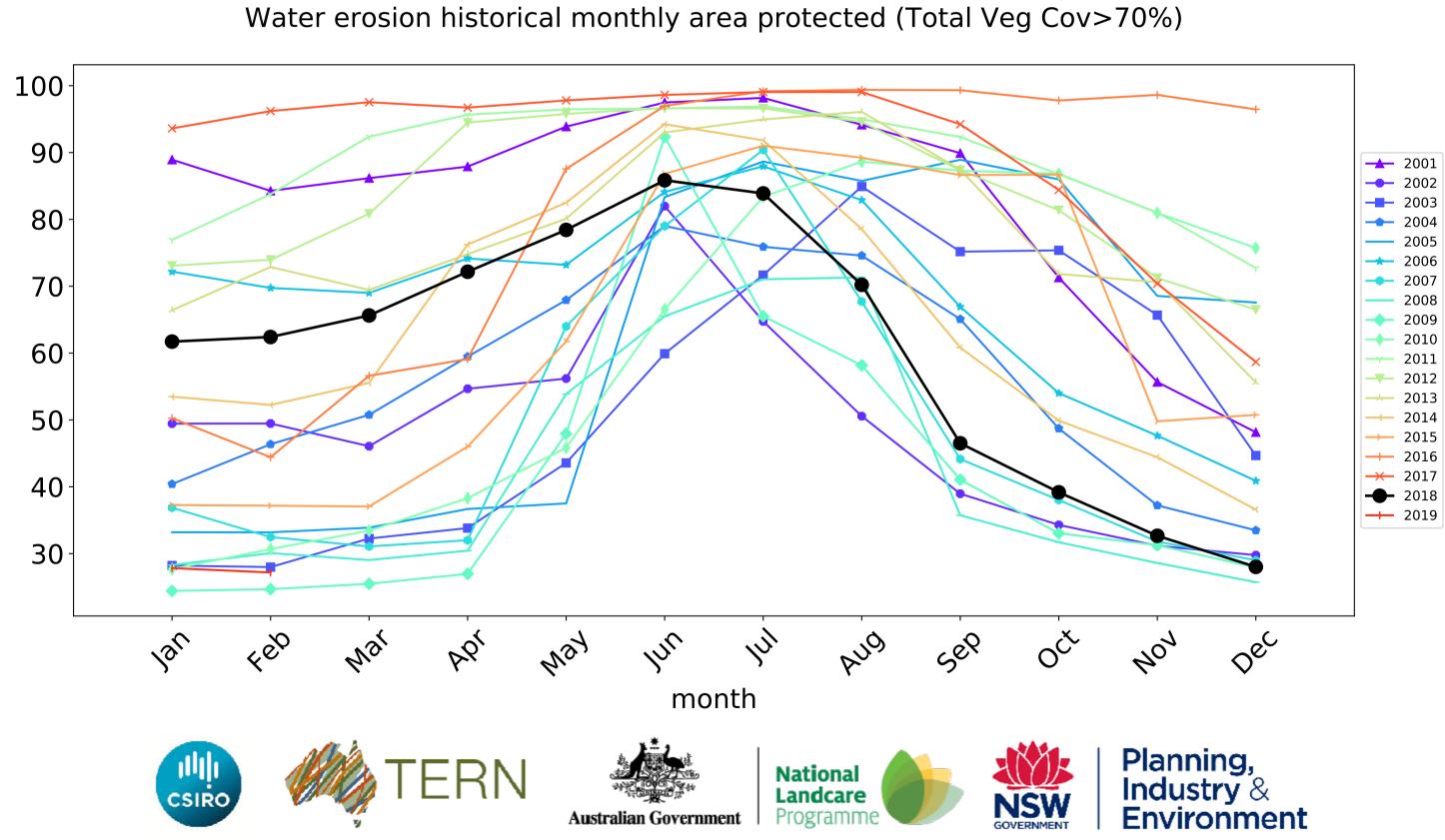
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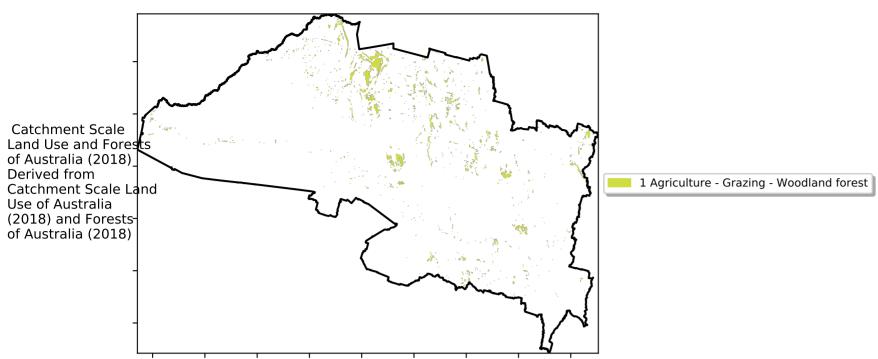
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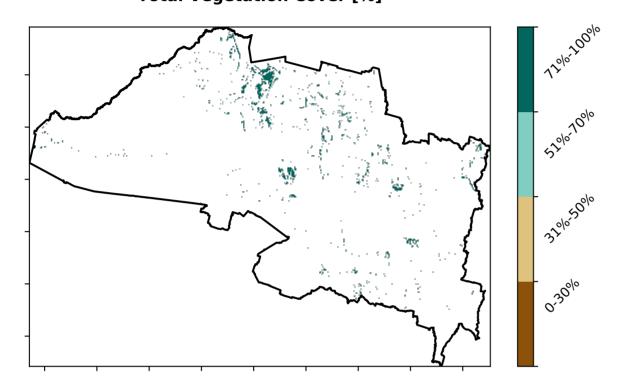


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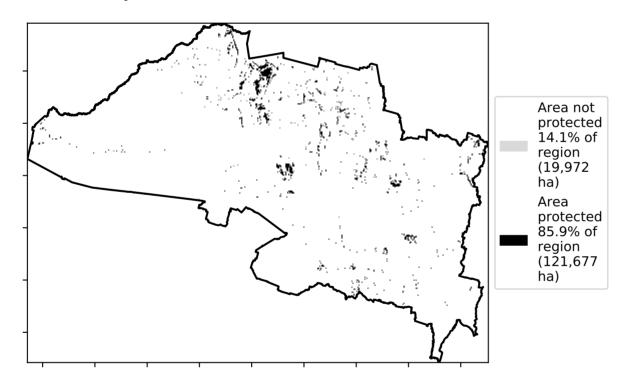
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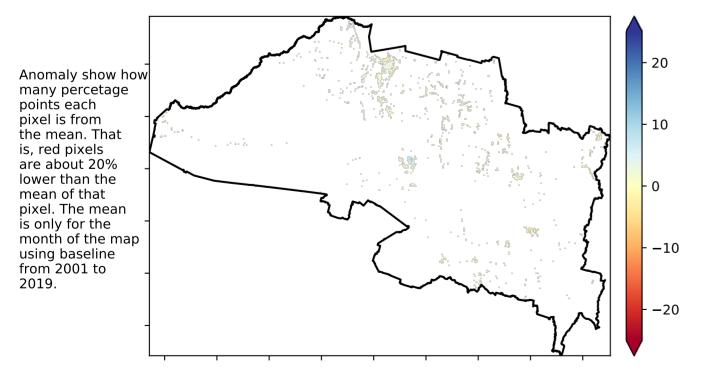
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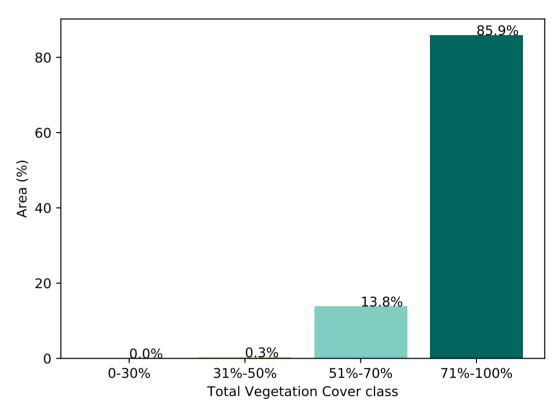


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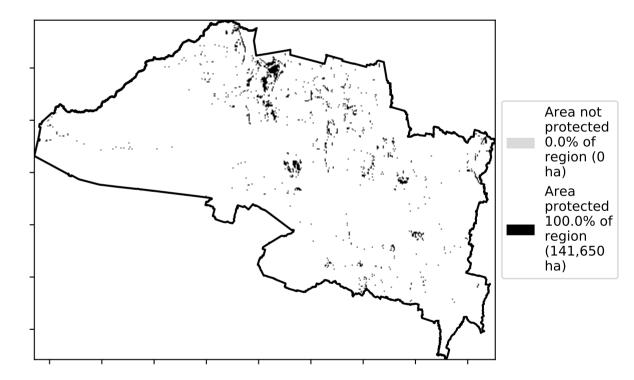


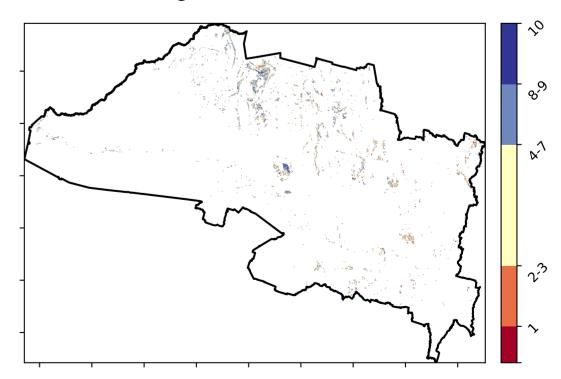
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









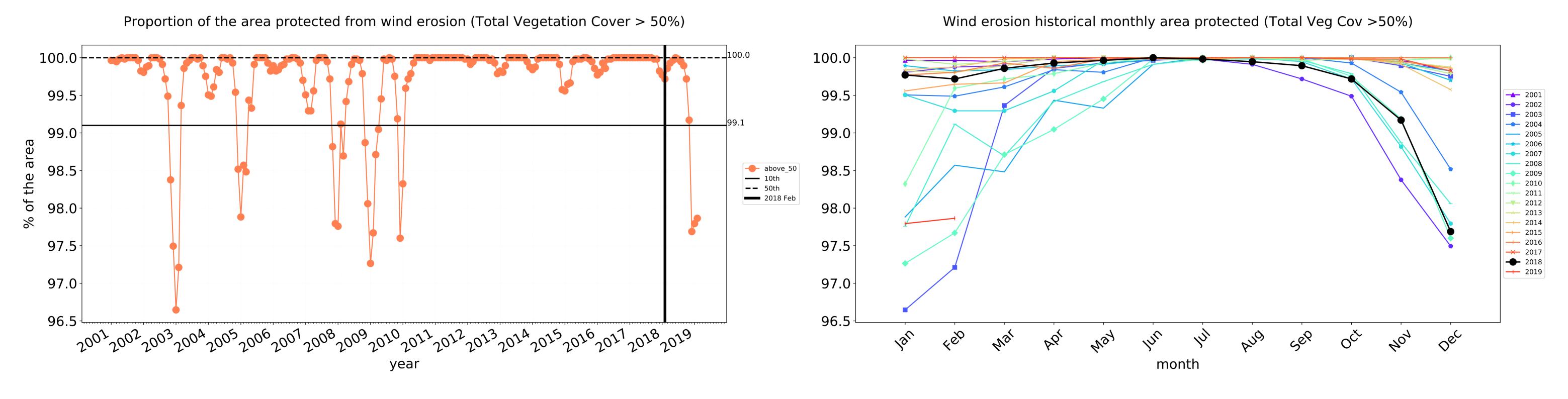


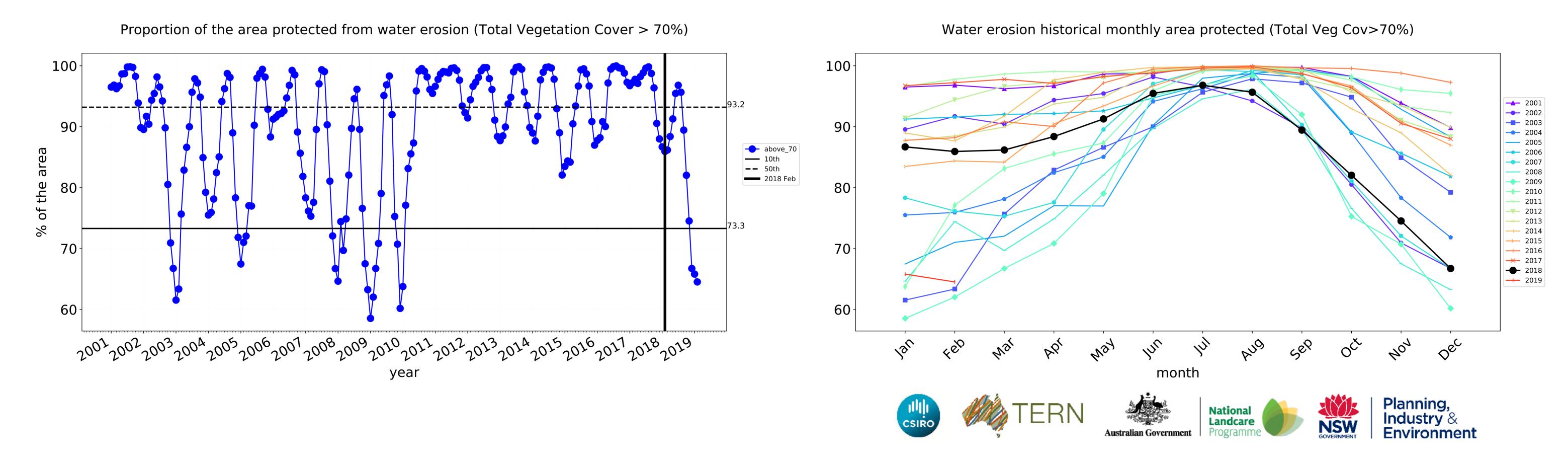






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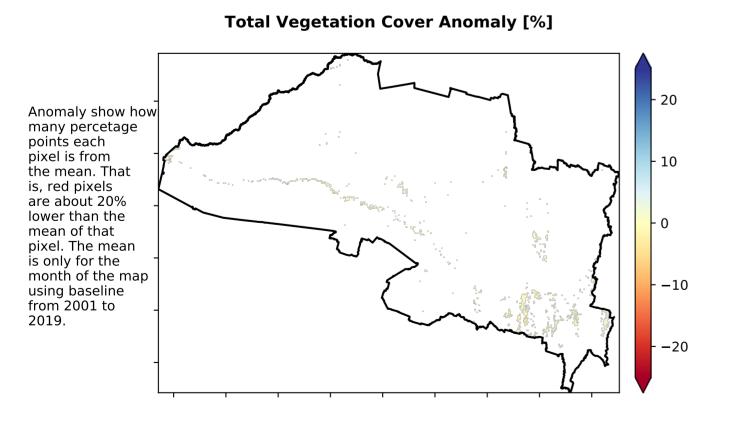


### **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

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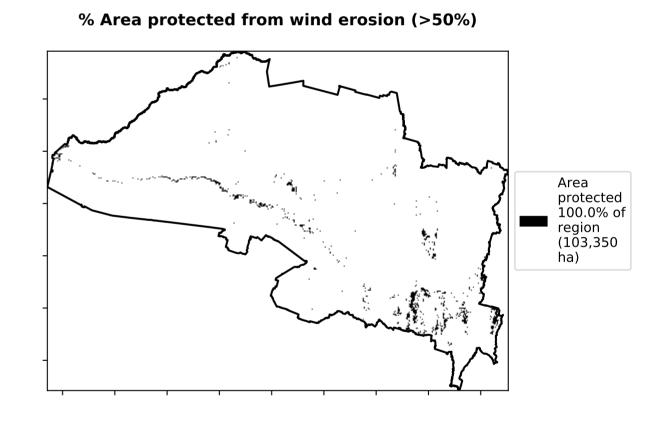
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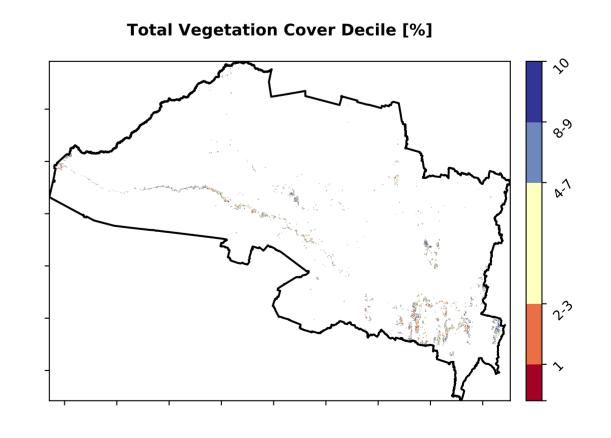
### Area not protected 2.5% of region (2,583 ha) Area protected 97.5% of region (100,766 ha)



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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area 100 - 97.5% 80 - 60 - 40 - 40 - 20 - 0.0% 0.0% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class







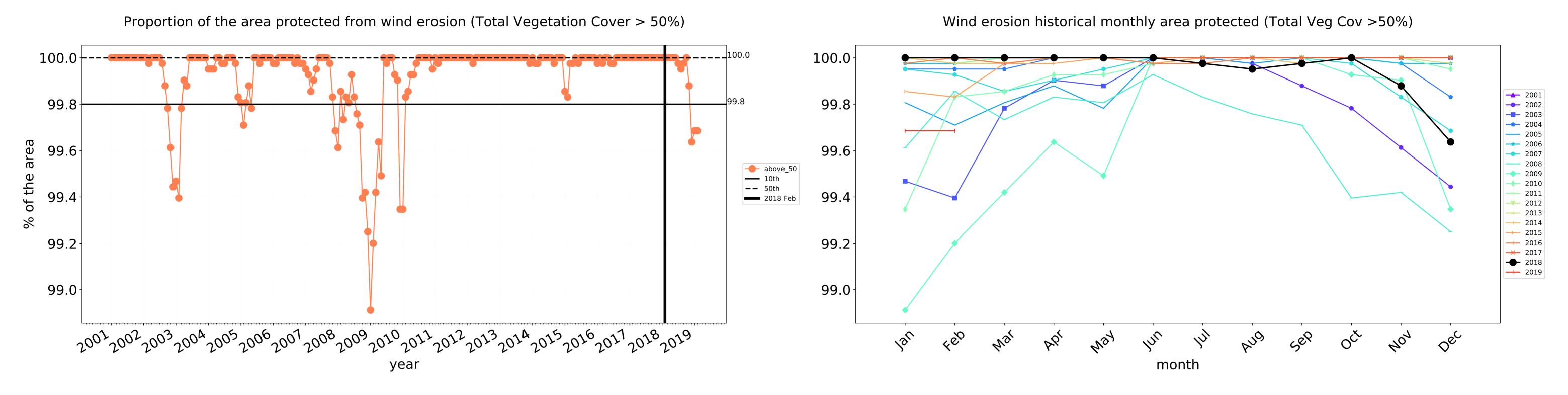


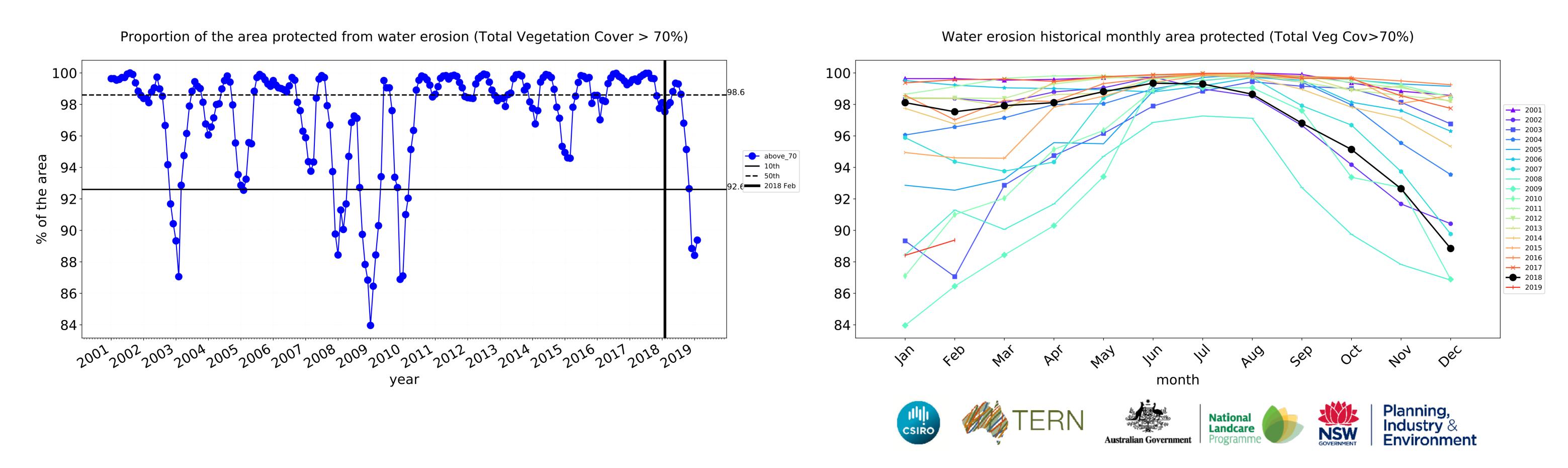






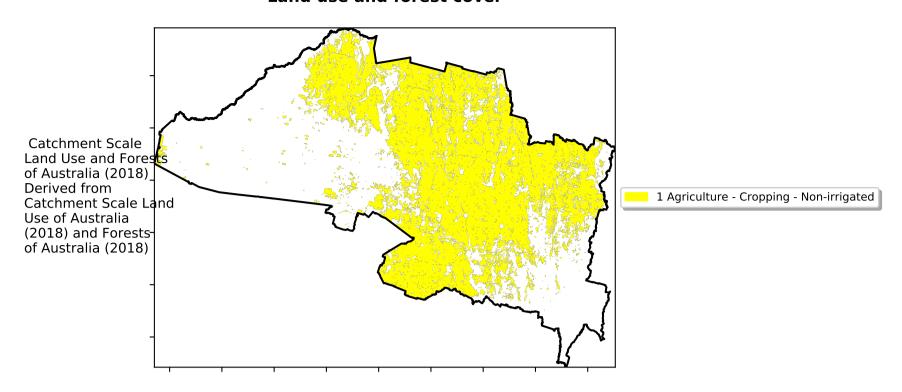




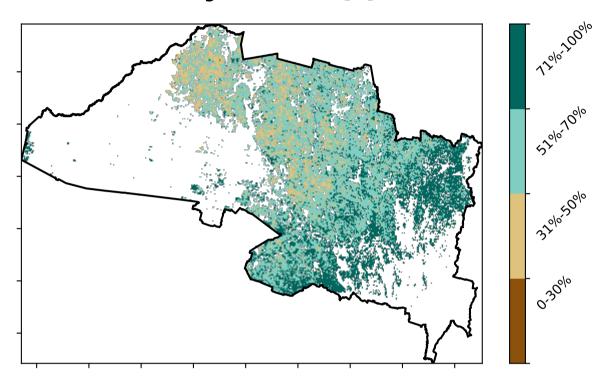


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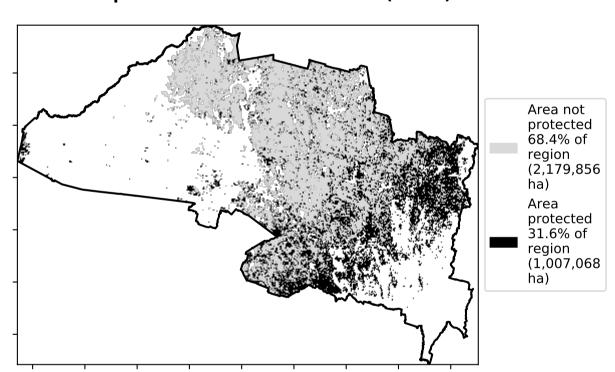
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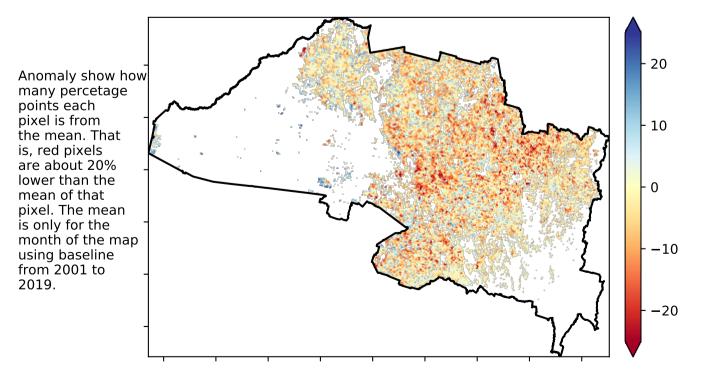
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

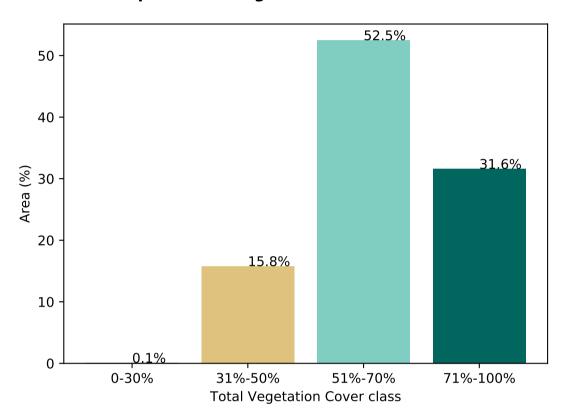


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

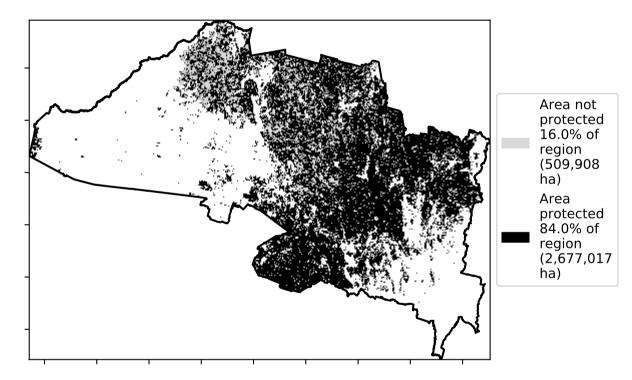


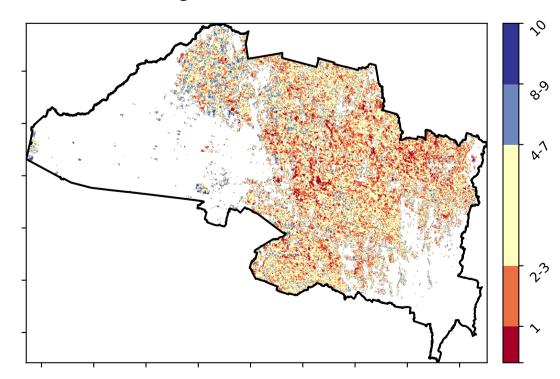
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









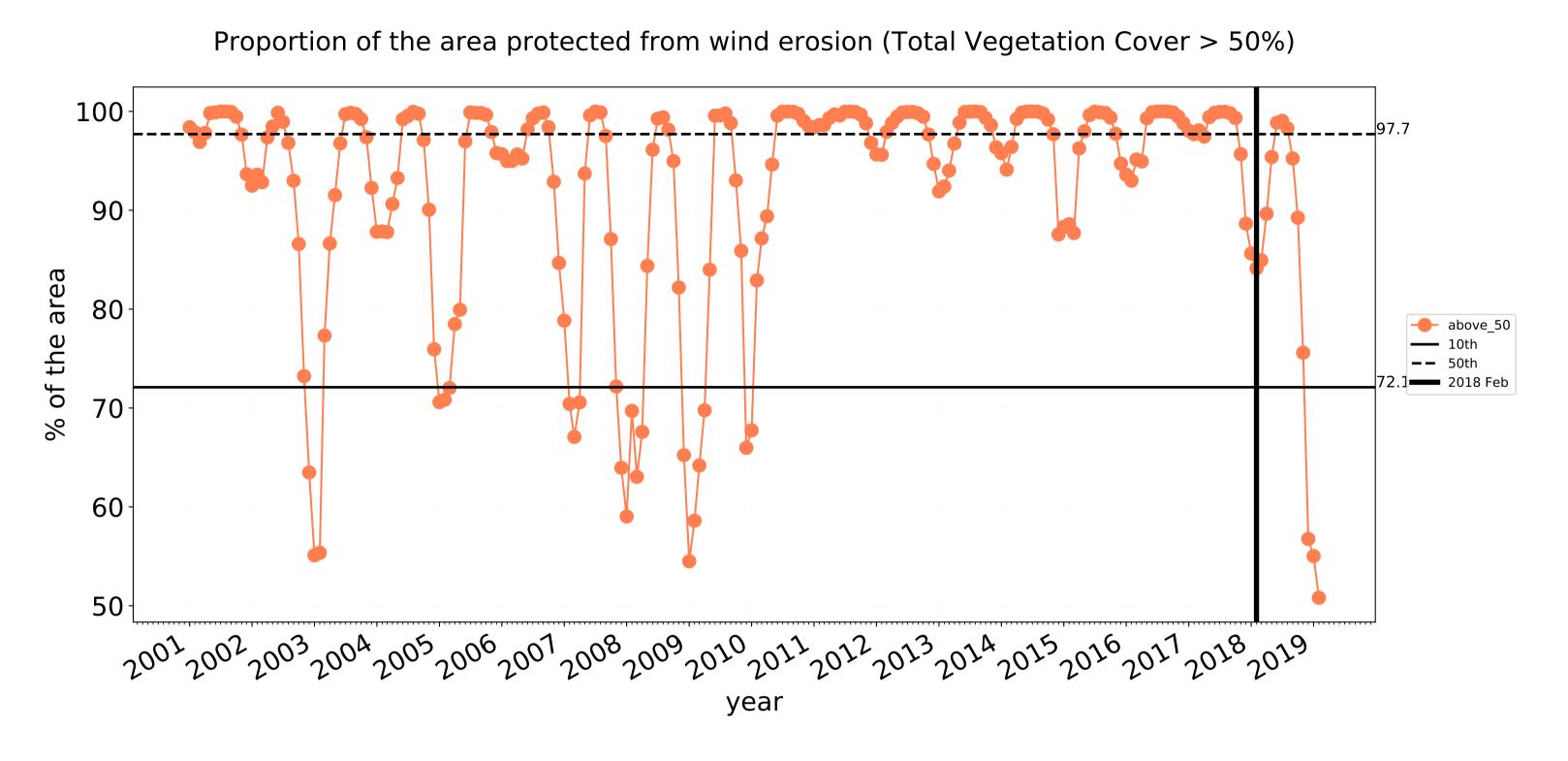


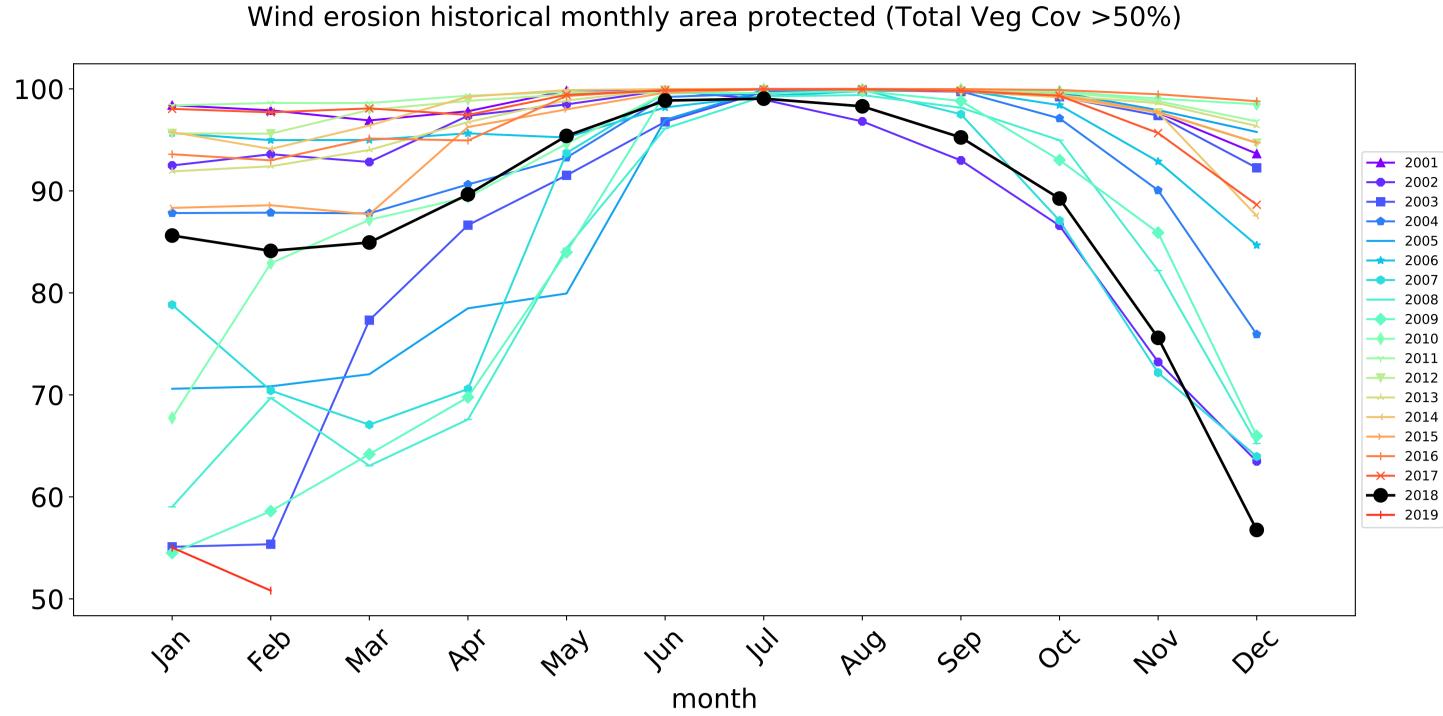


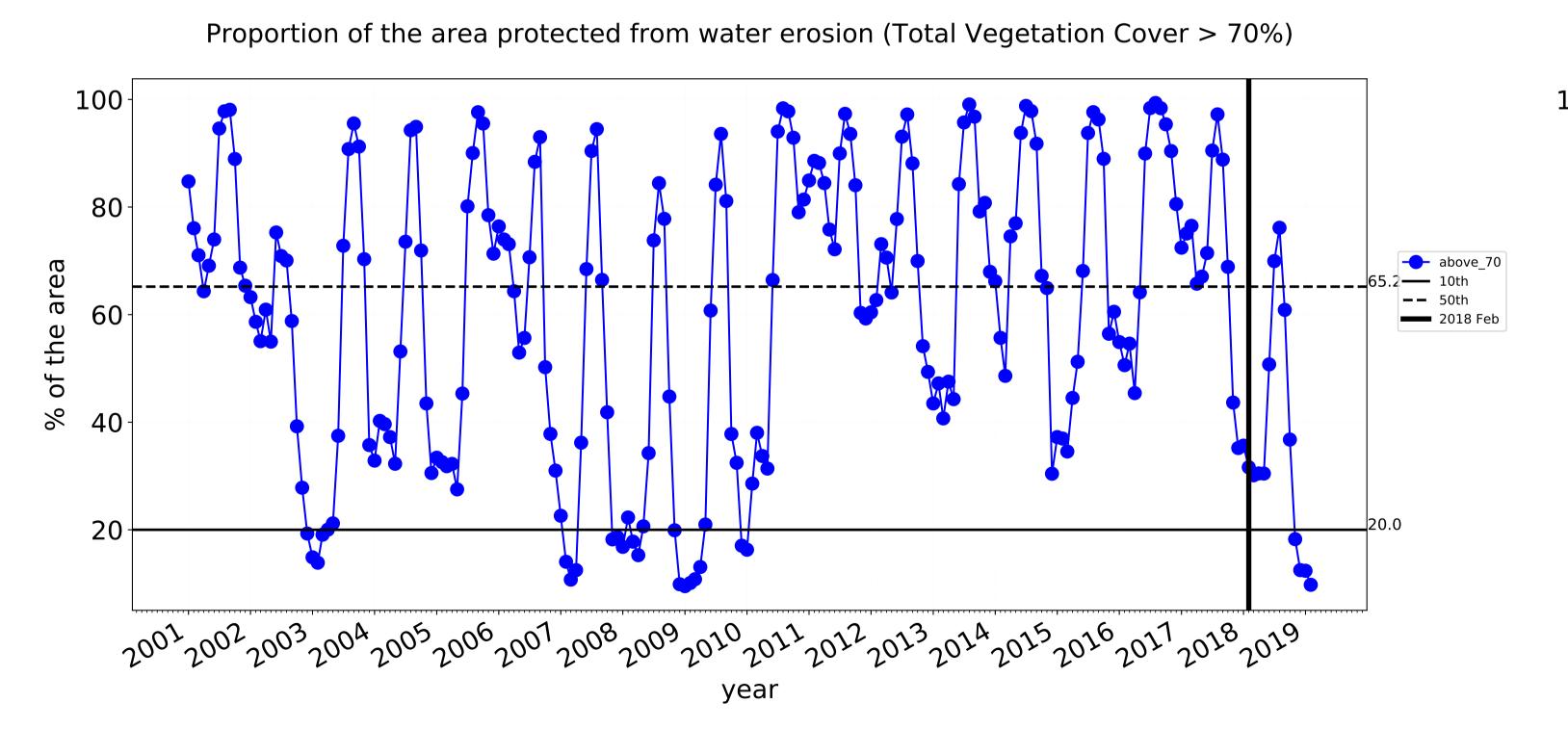


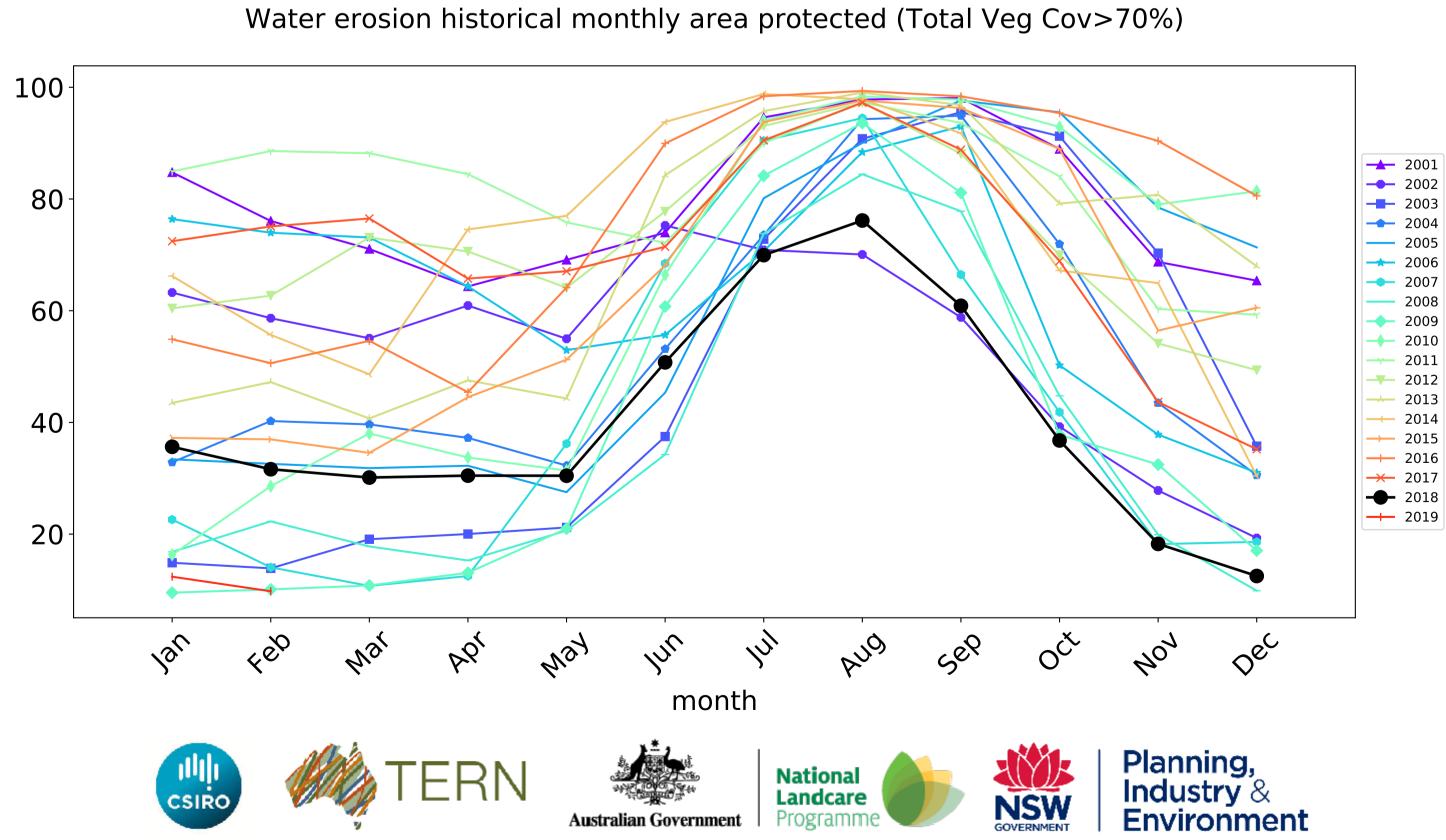


### **Cropping timeseries**

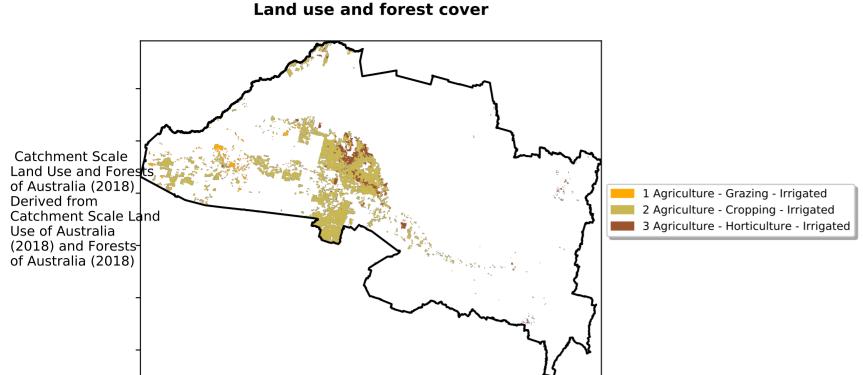








### Irrigation

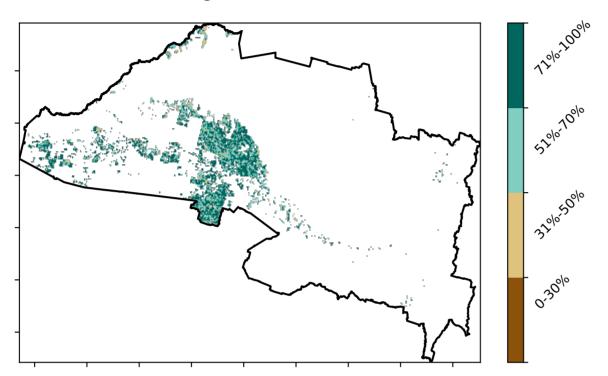


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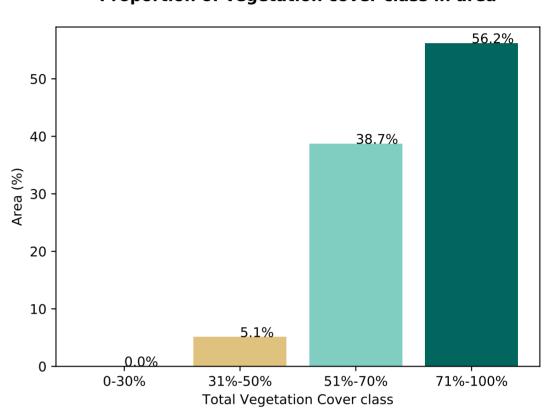
**Proportion of each land class in area** 



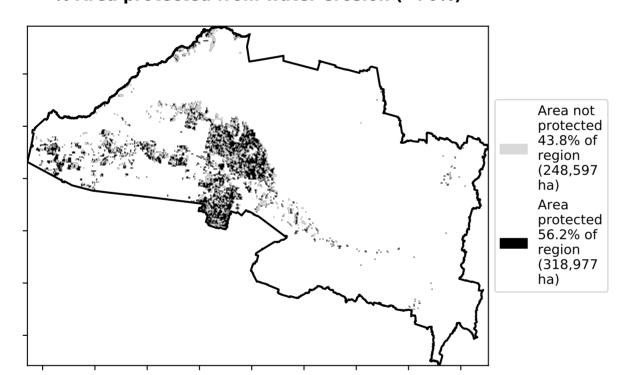


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

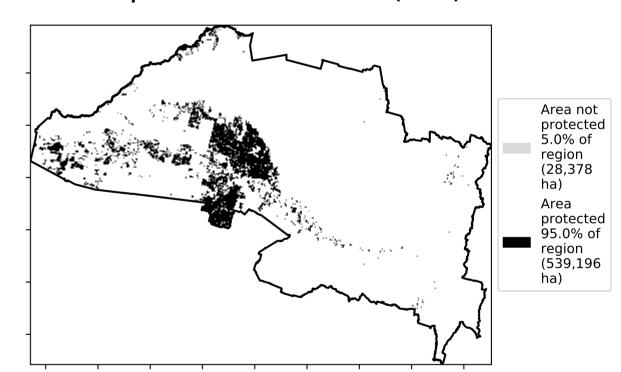
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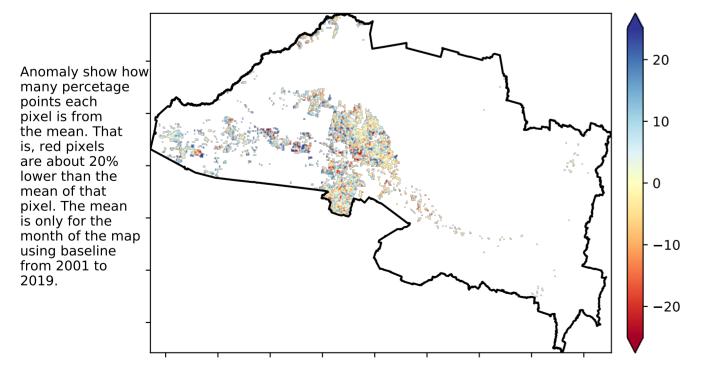
### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



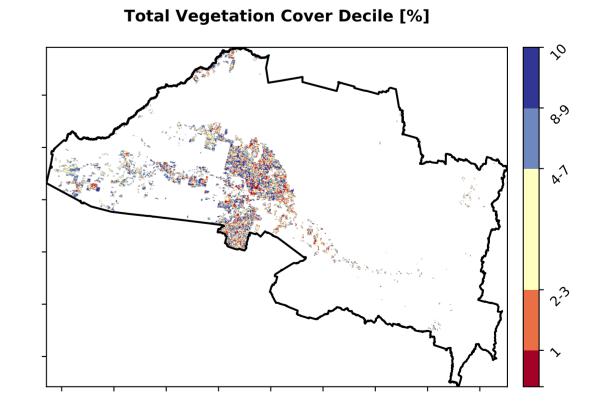
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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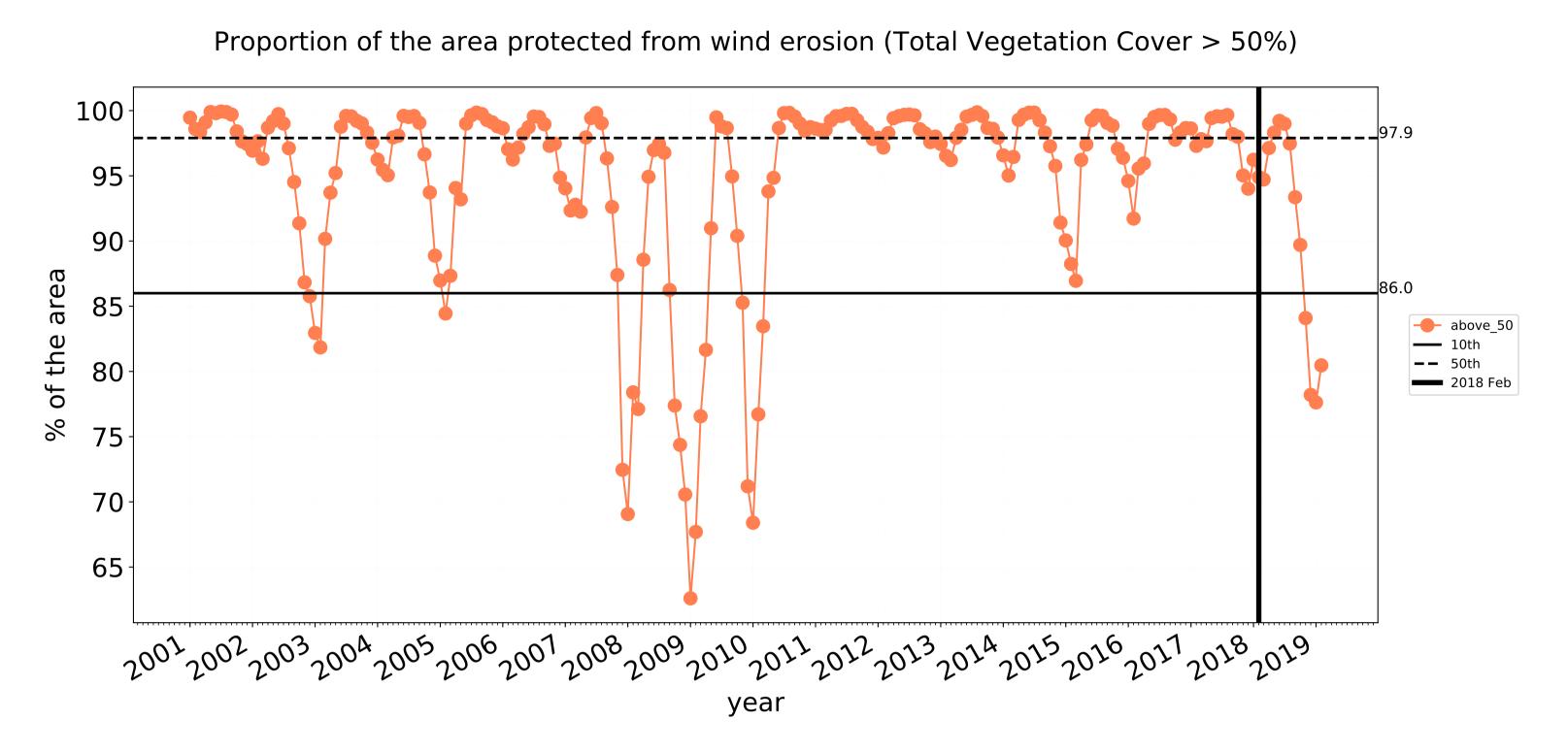


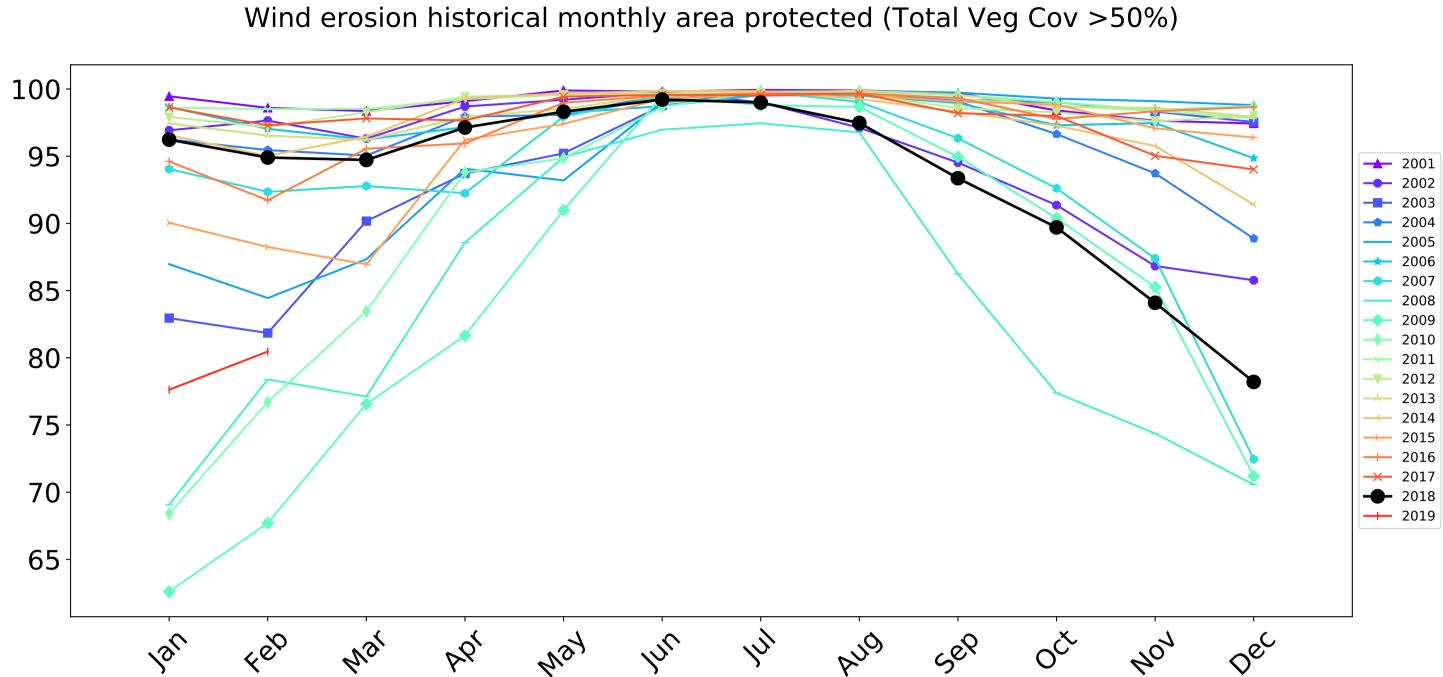




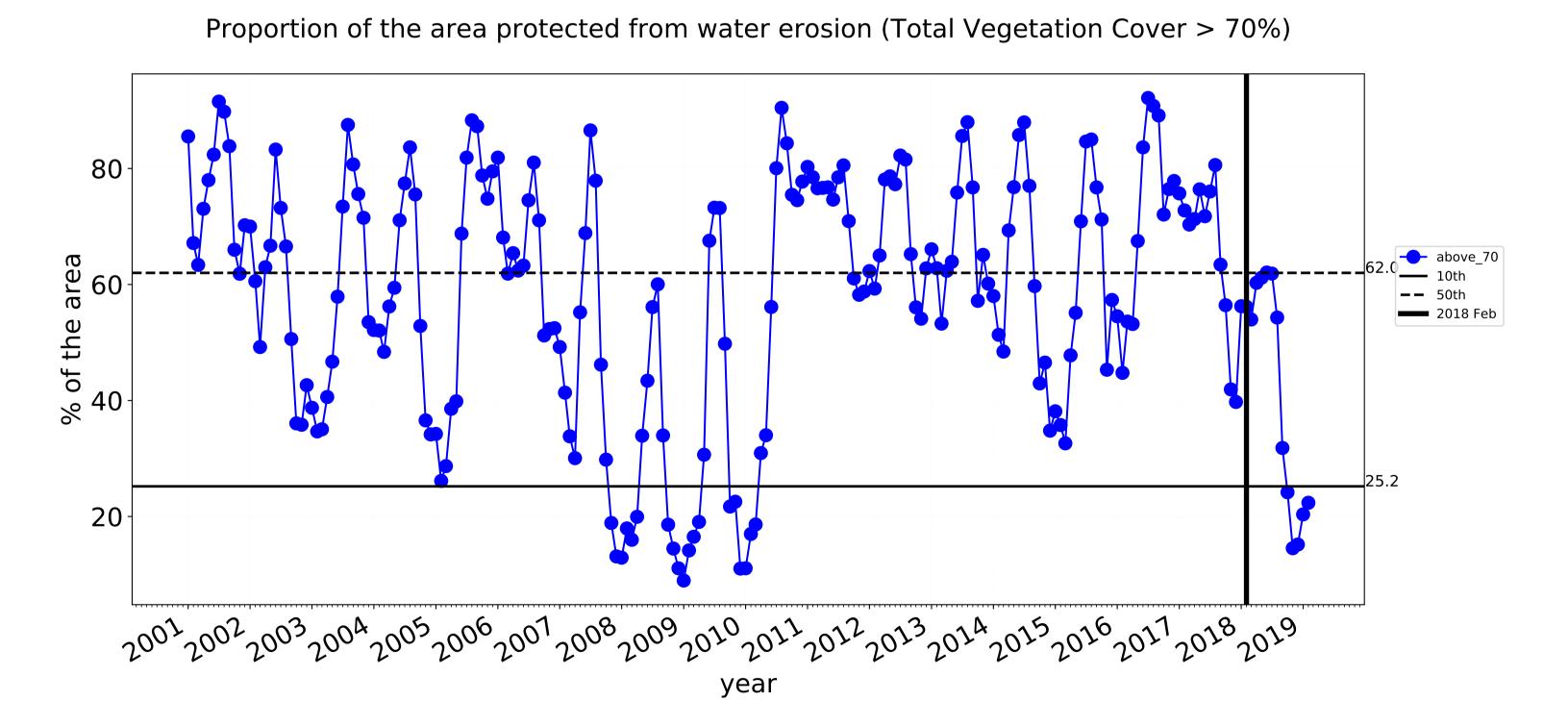


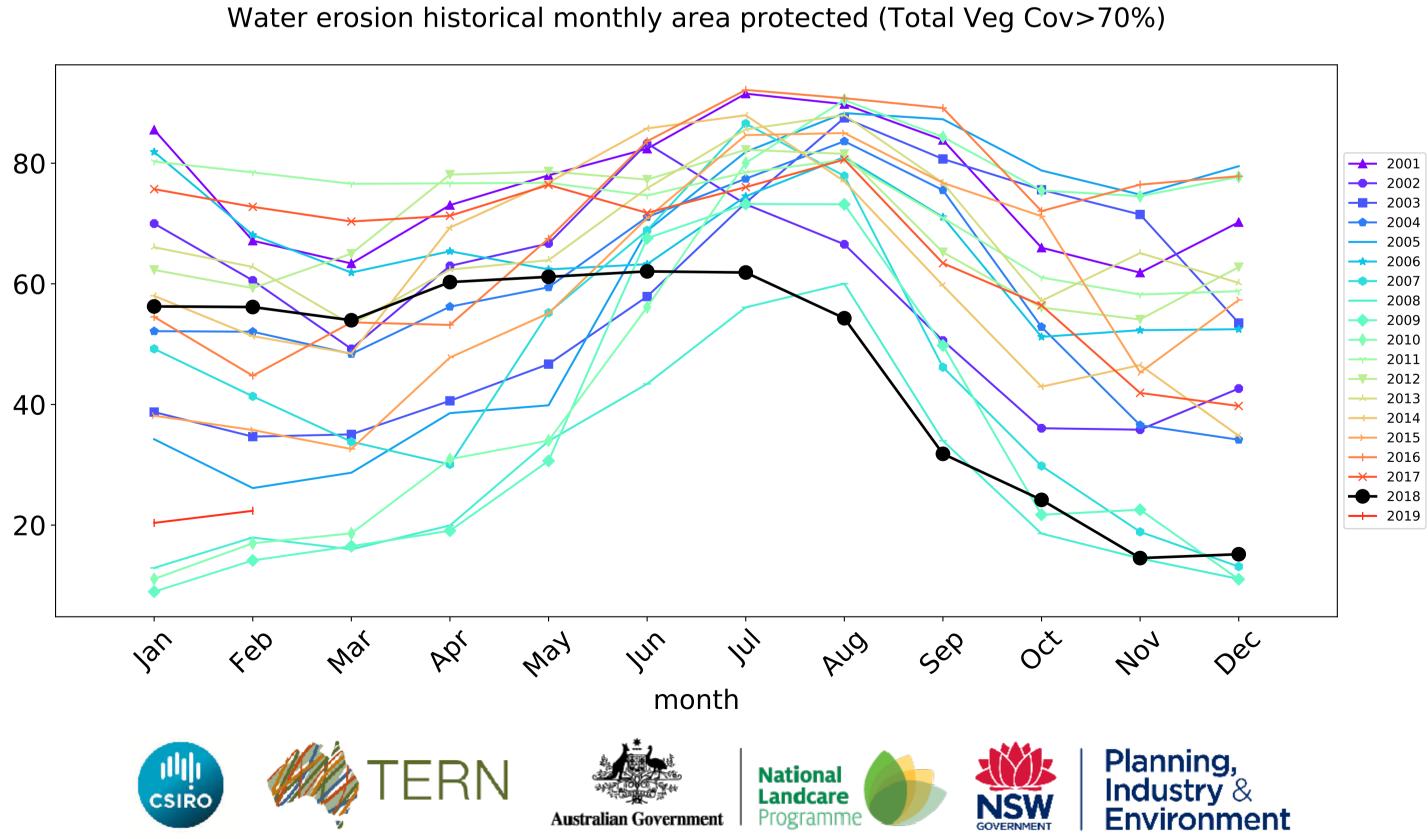






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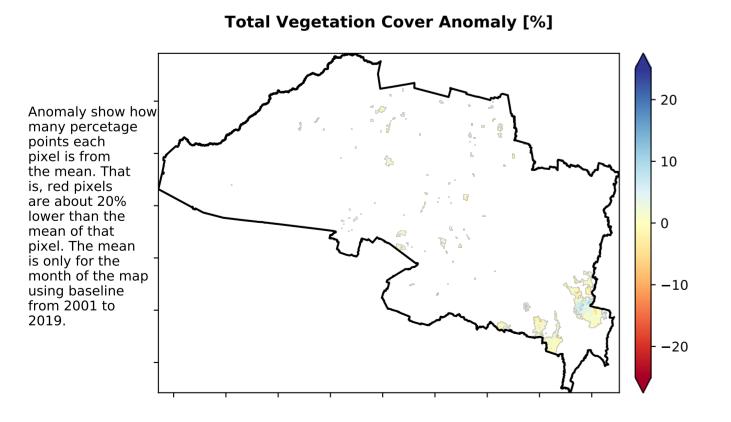


### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

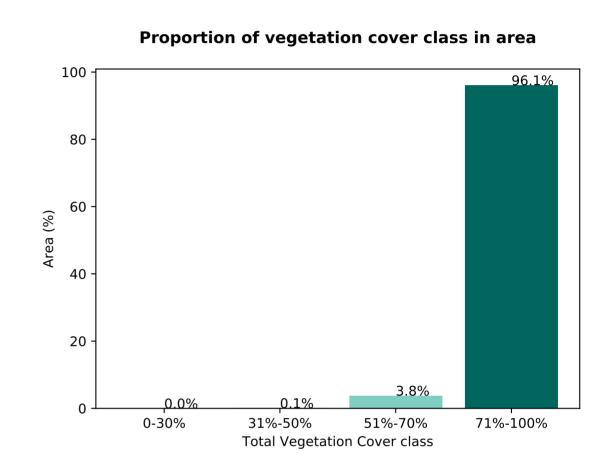
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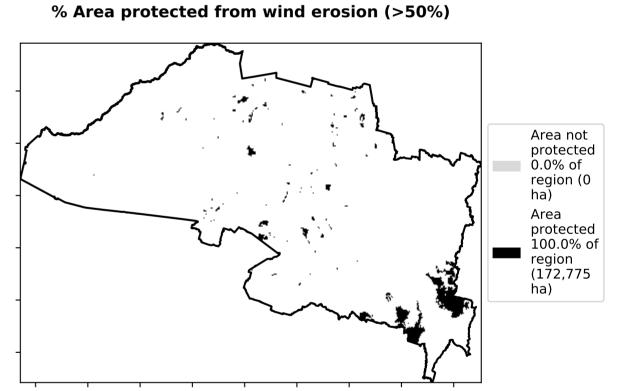
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]

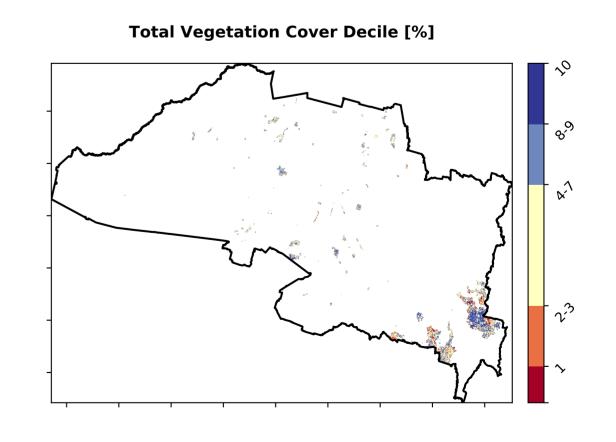
### Area not protected 3.9% of region (6,738 ha) Area protected 96.1% of region (166,036 ha)



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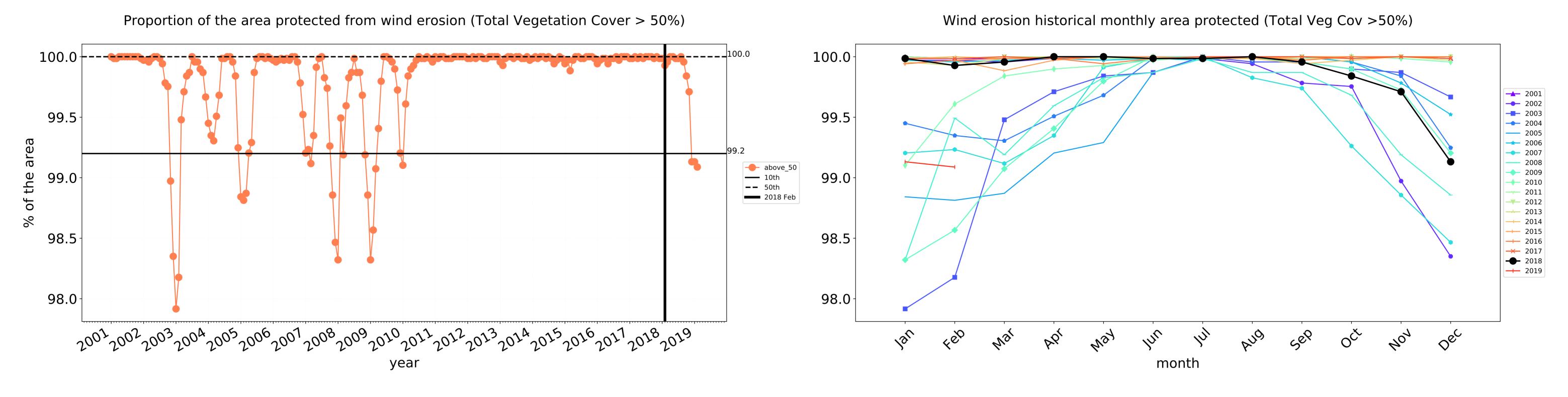


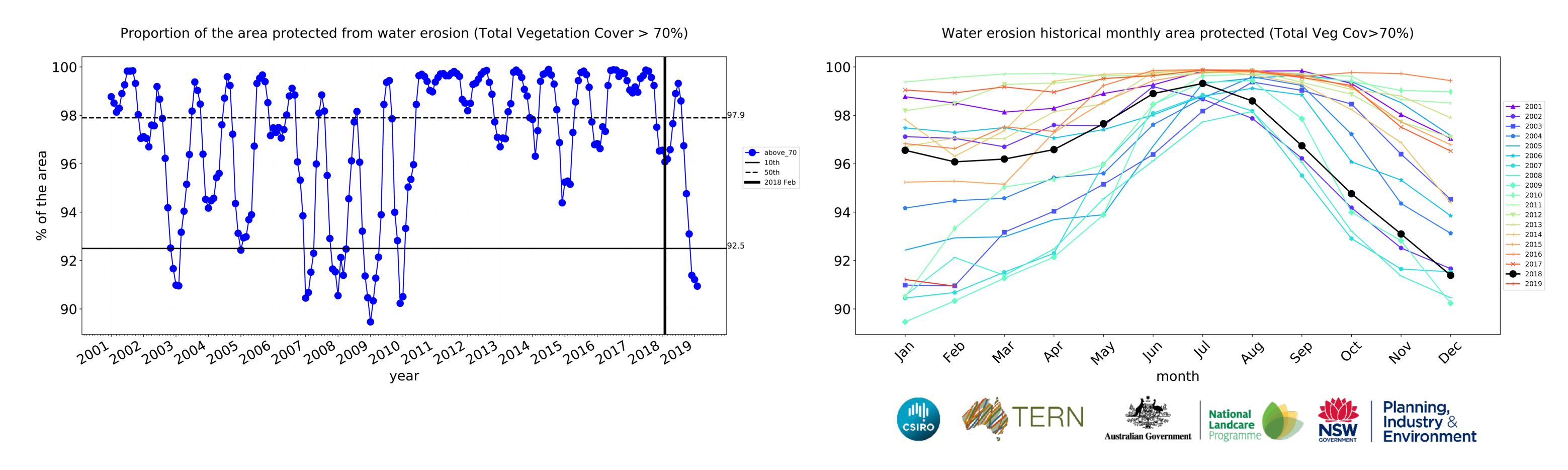






### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**





### 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% 6,691,149	91.2% 6,104,377	50.5% 3,379,691	26.5% 1,773,493	8.1% 541,491	3.5% 237,004
Conservation and natural environments	323,150	100.0% 323,150	99.9% 322,925	93.0% 300,525	79.7% 257,625	62.4% 201,750	37.8% 122,275
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	99.7% 83,125	74.9% 62,425	29.6% 24,675	9.8% 8,200	5.9% 4,925
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,300	100.0% 195,300	100.0% 195,300	99.8% 194,925	99.0% 193,300	90.5% 176,675	57.6% 112,500
Agriculture	6,067,975	100.0% 6,065,400	90.4% 5,483,300	46.8% 2,838,975	22.0% 1,333,200	3.6% 218,900	0.6% 37,800
Grazing	2,311,650	100.0% 2,311,025	97.9% 2,262,450	65.4% 1,512,275	37.1% 857,575	7.7% 178,975	1.2% 28,600
Grazing non forest	2,066,650	100.0% 2,066,025	97.6% 2,017,850	62.4% 1,289,750	33.3% 688,575	6.0% 123,975	0.8% 17,550
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.7% 141,250	85.9% 121,725	57.6% 81,525	9.5% 13,525	0.8% 1,100
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	97.5% 100,800	84.6% 87,475	40.1% 41,475	9.6% 9,950
Cropping	3,186,925	99.9% 3,184,975	84.1% 2,680,800	31.6% 1,007,675	10.9% 347,925	0.5% 16,800	0.0% 800
Irrigation	567,575	100.0% 567,575	94.9% 538,625	56.2% 318,725	22.5% 127,625	4.1% 23,125	1.5% 8,400
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,775	100.0% 172,775	99.9% 172,650	96.1% 166,000	88.9% 153,650	68.5% 118,300	44.2% 76,425











