

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

Land use forest cover:

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

Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover – protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover – not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover – not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

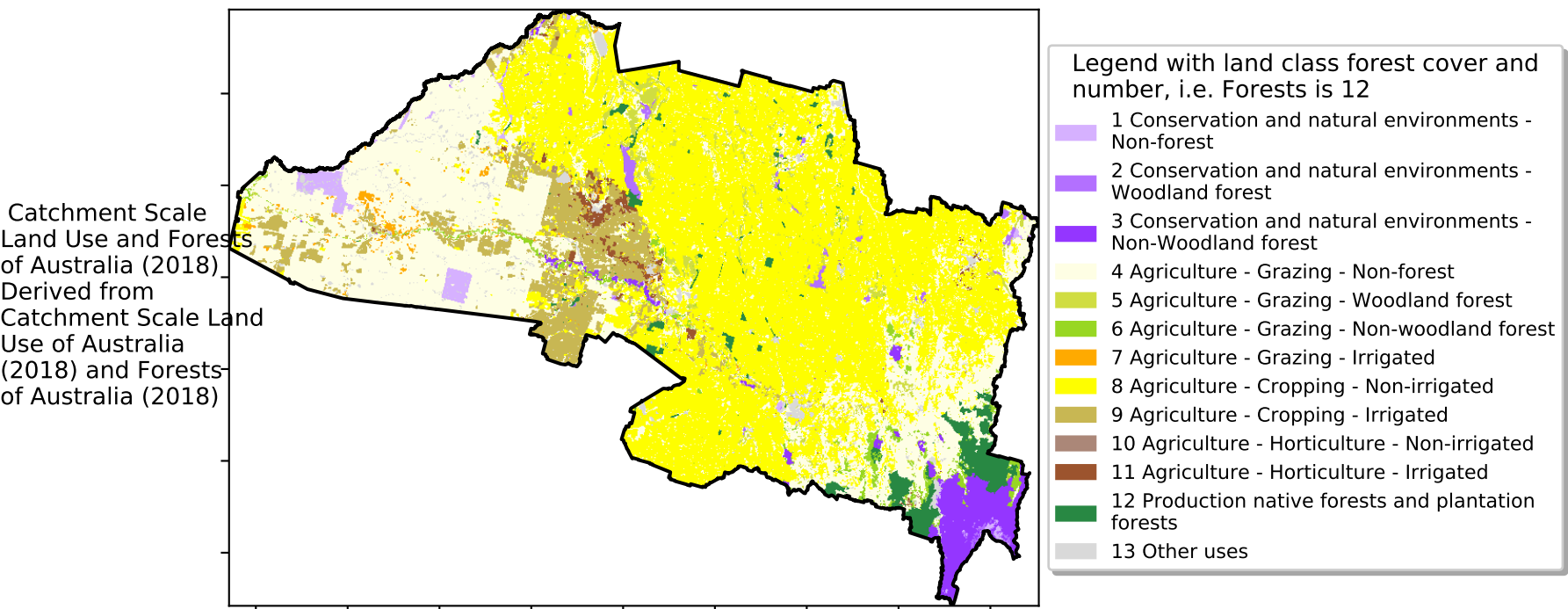
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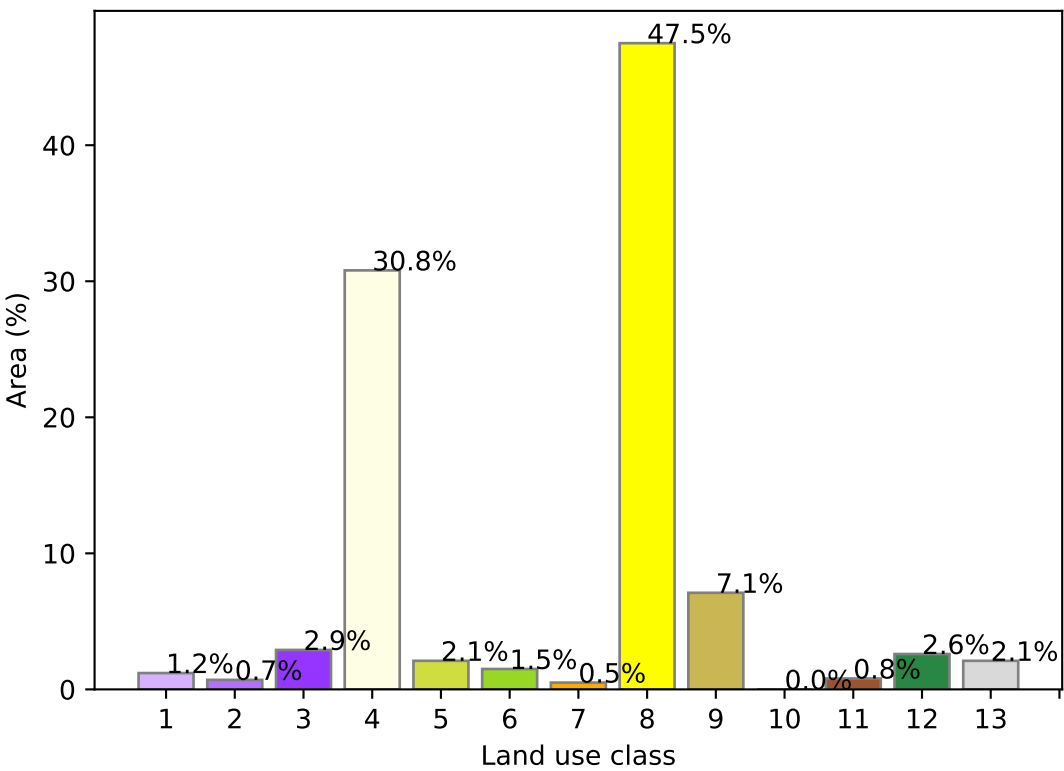


Vegetation Cover Oct 2018

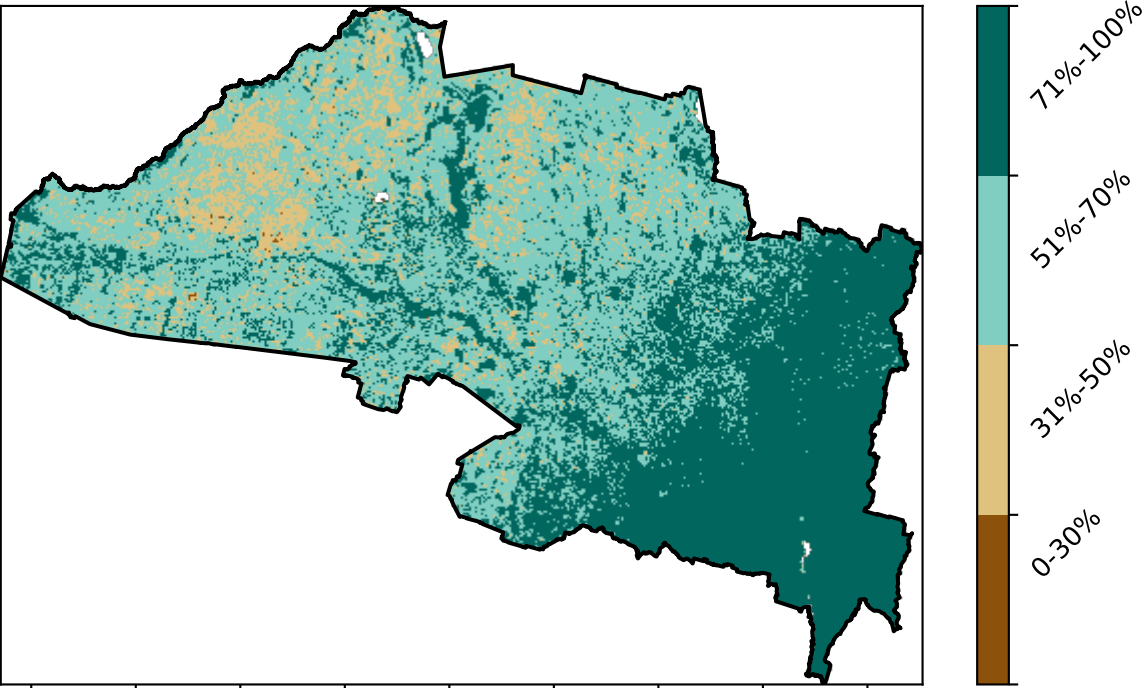
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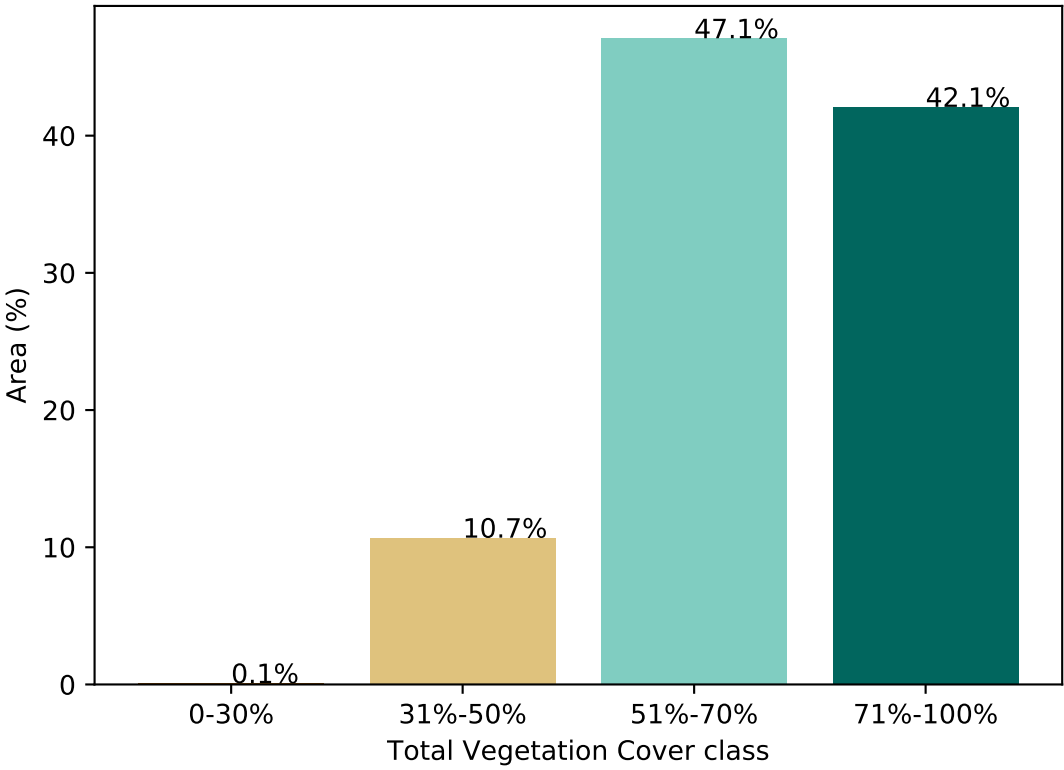
Proportion of each land class in area



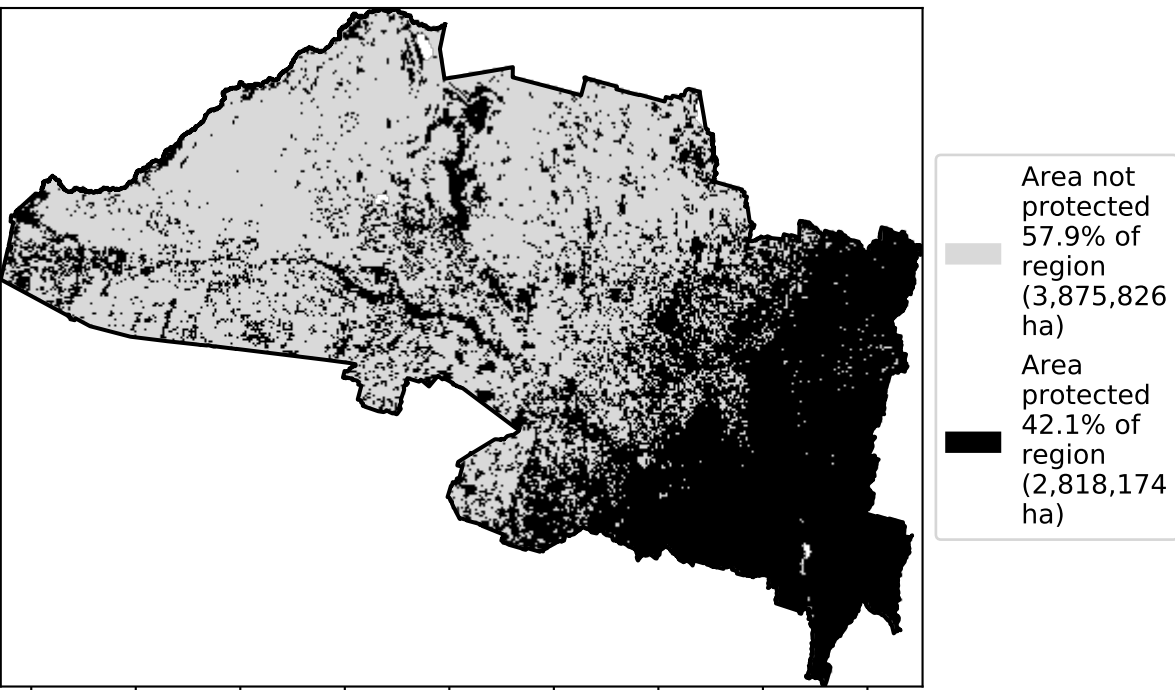
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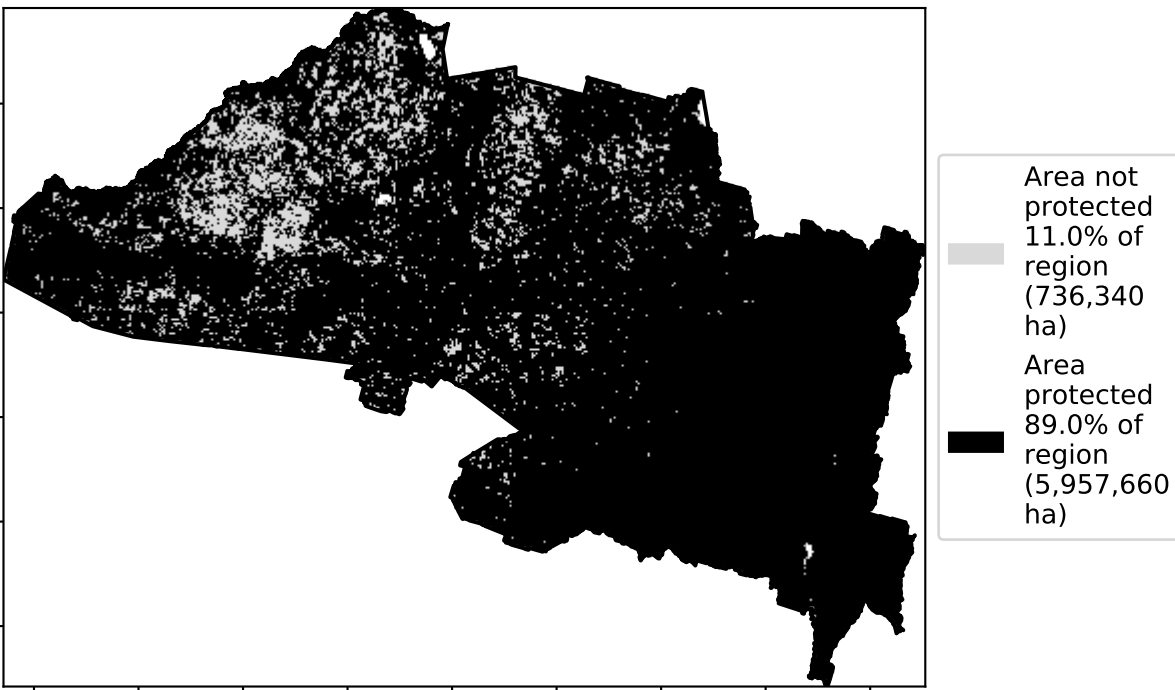
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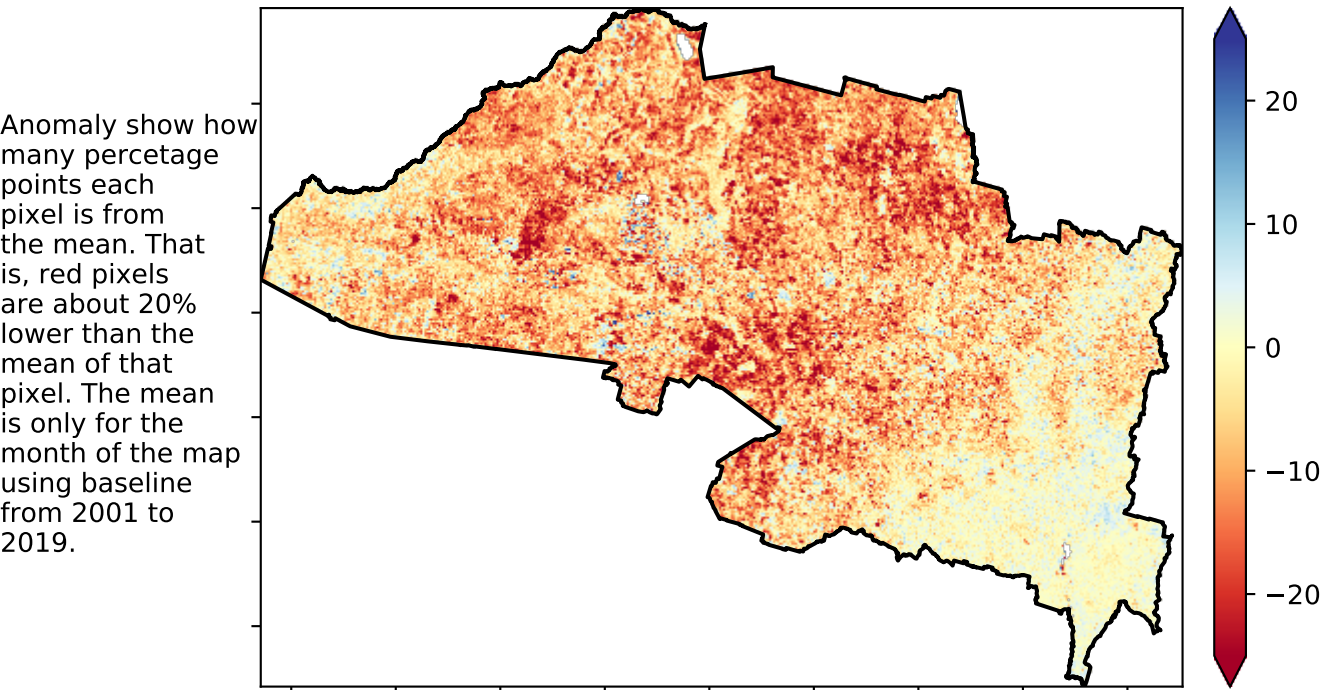
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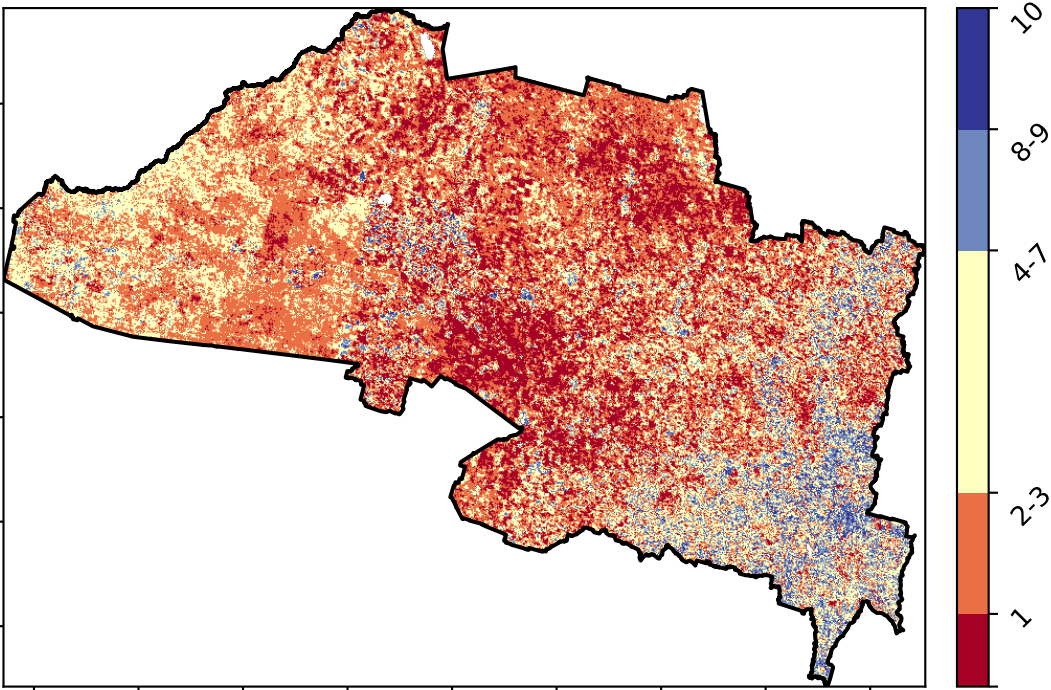
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



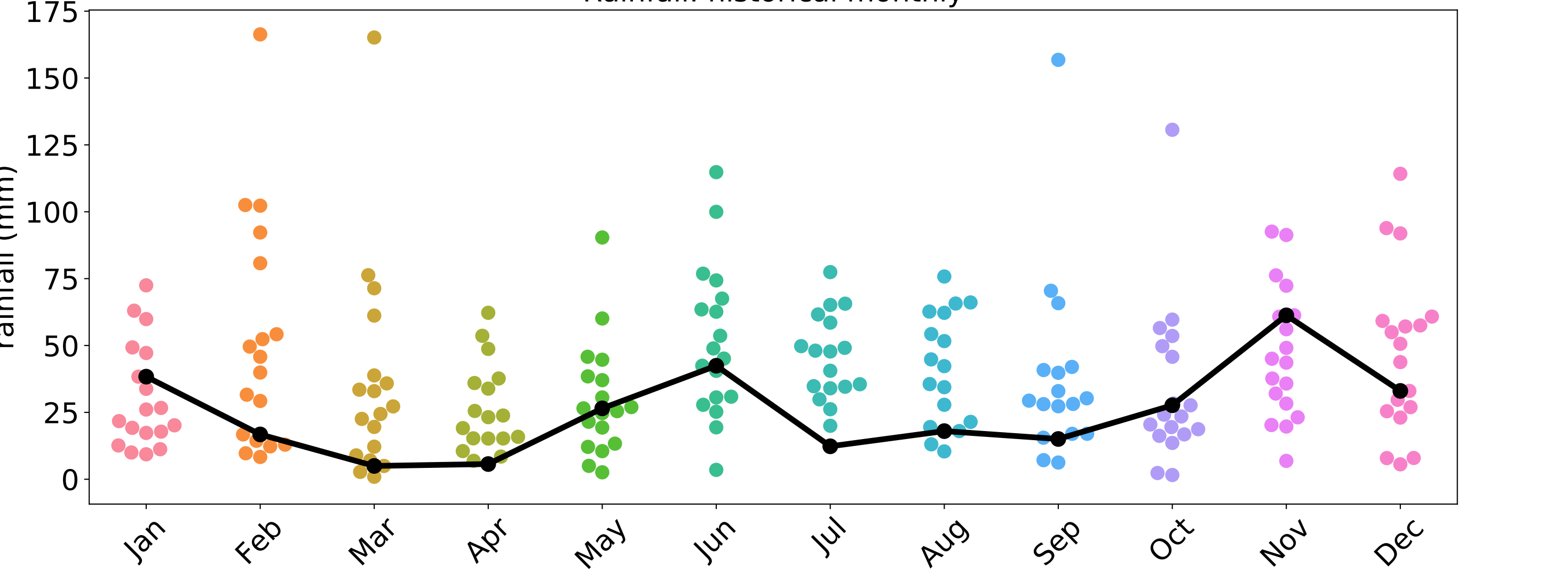
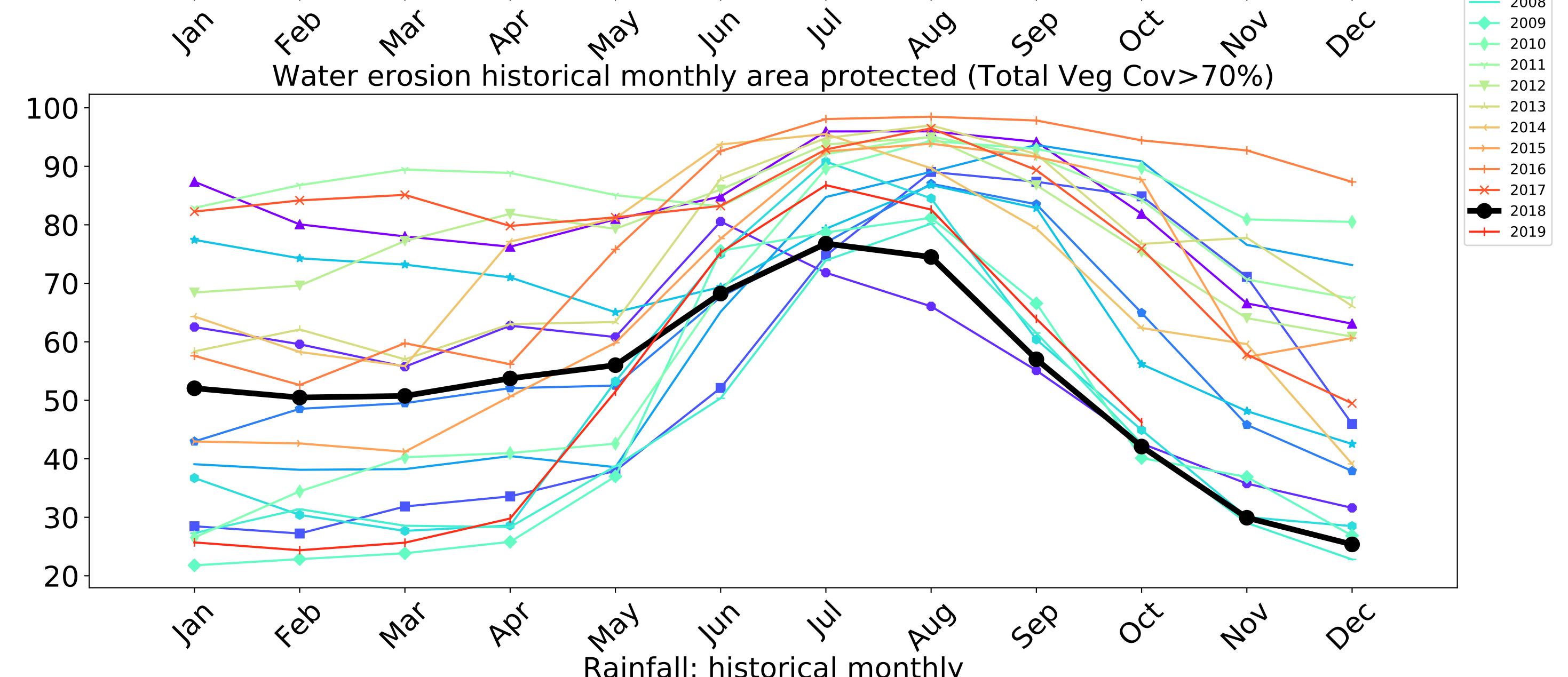
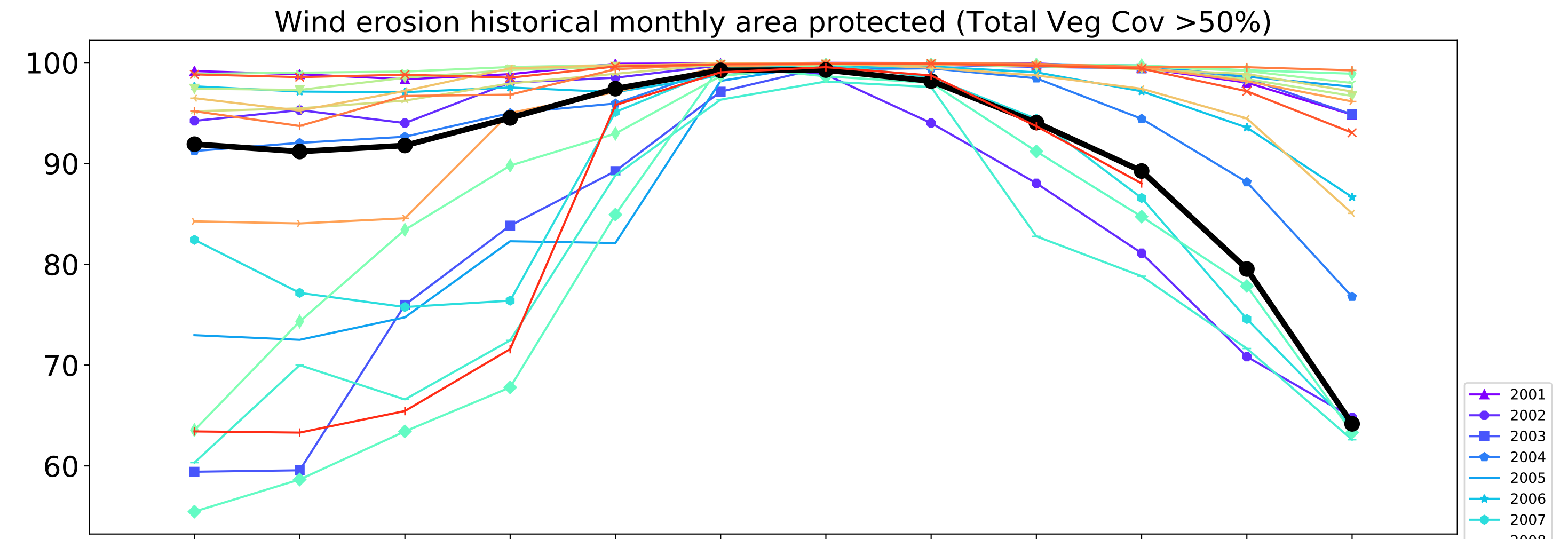
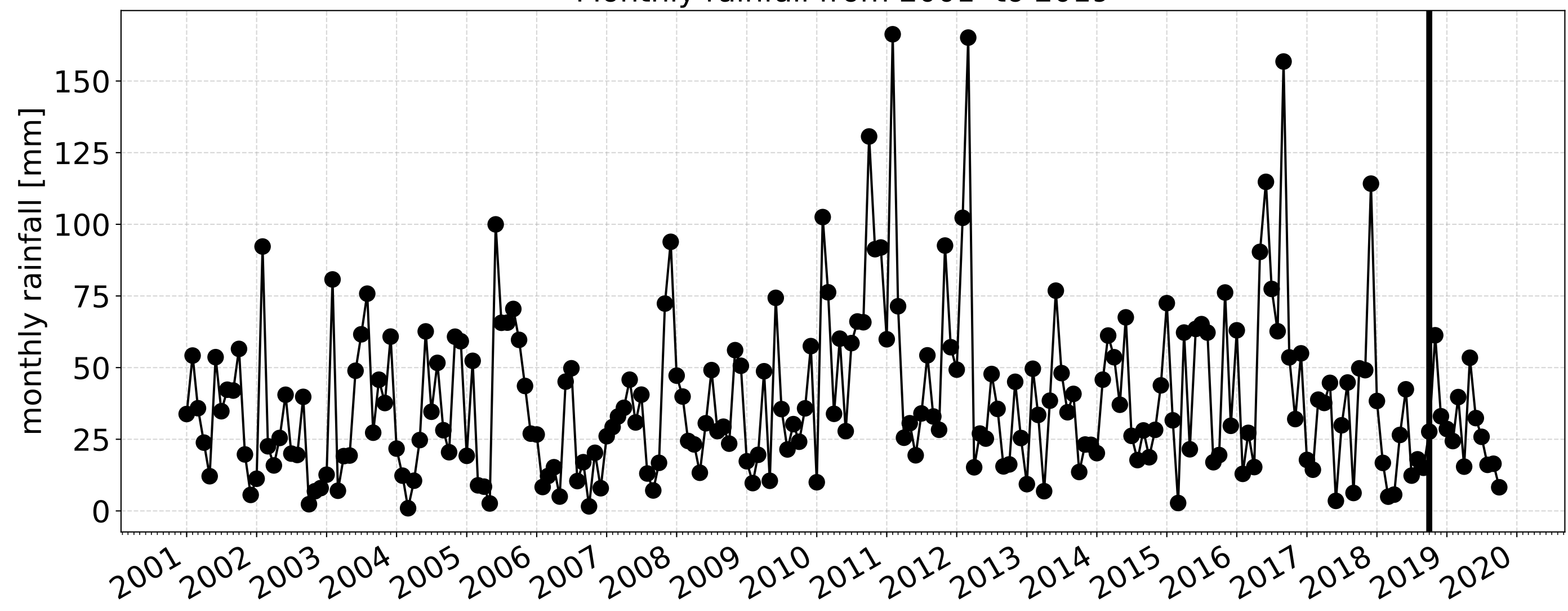
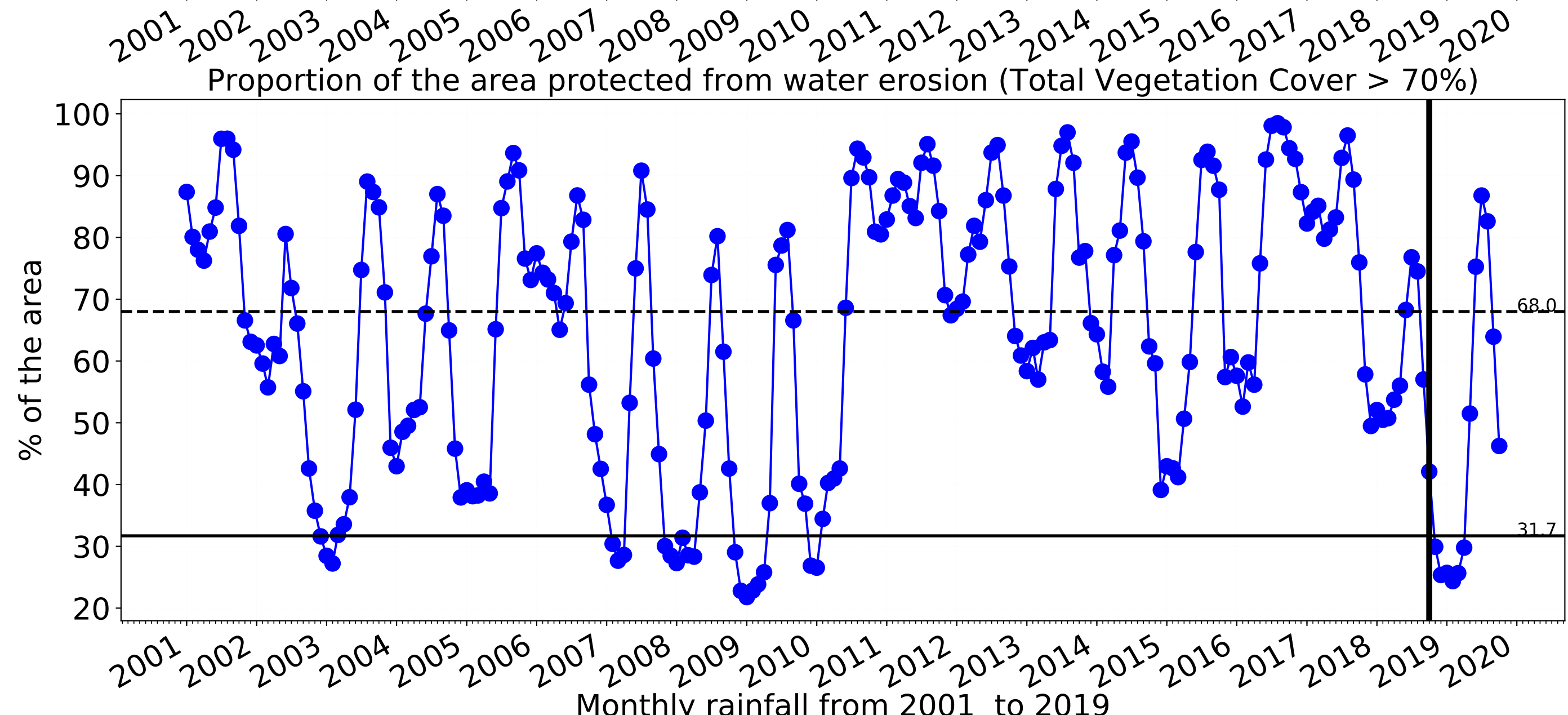
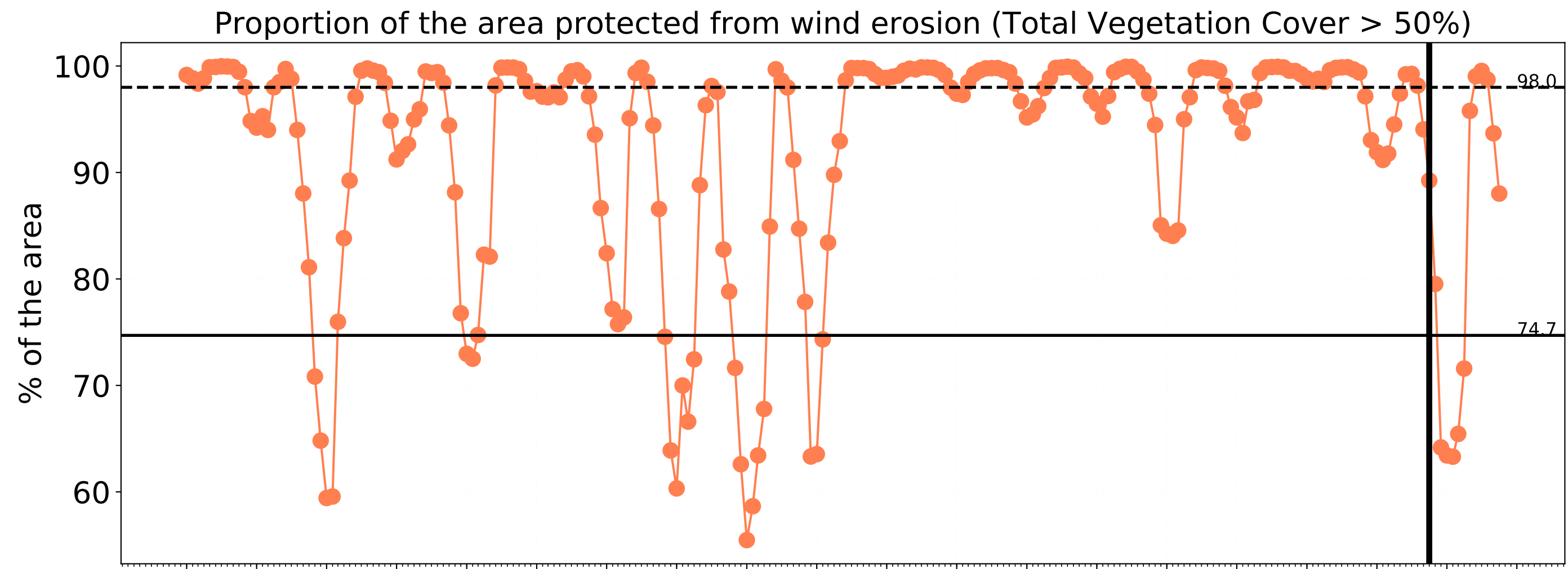
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Conservation and natural environments

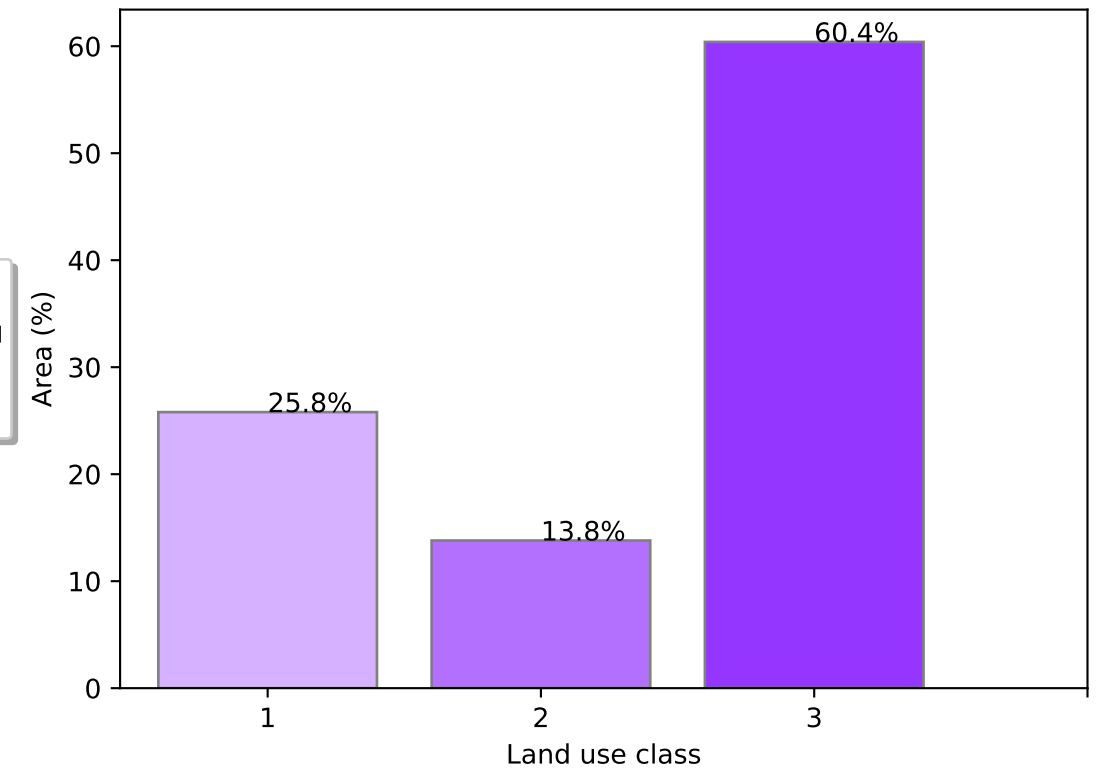
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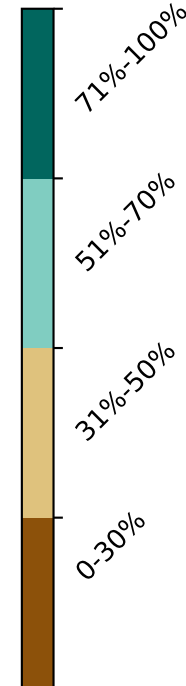
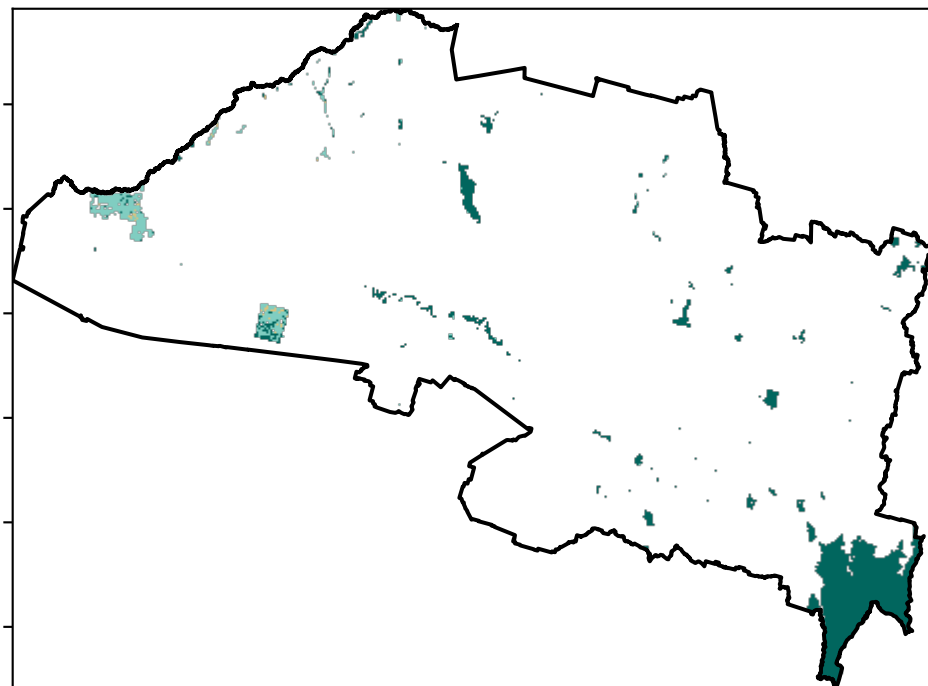


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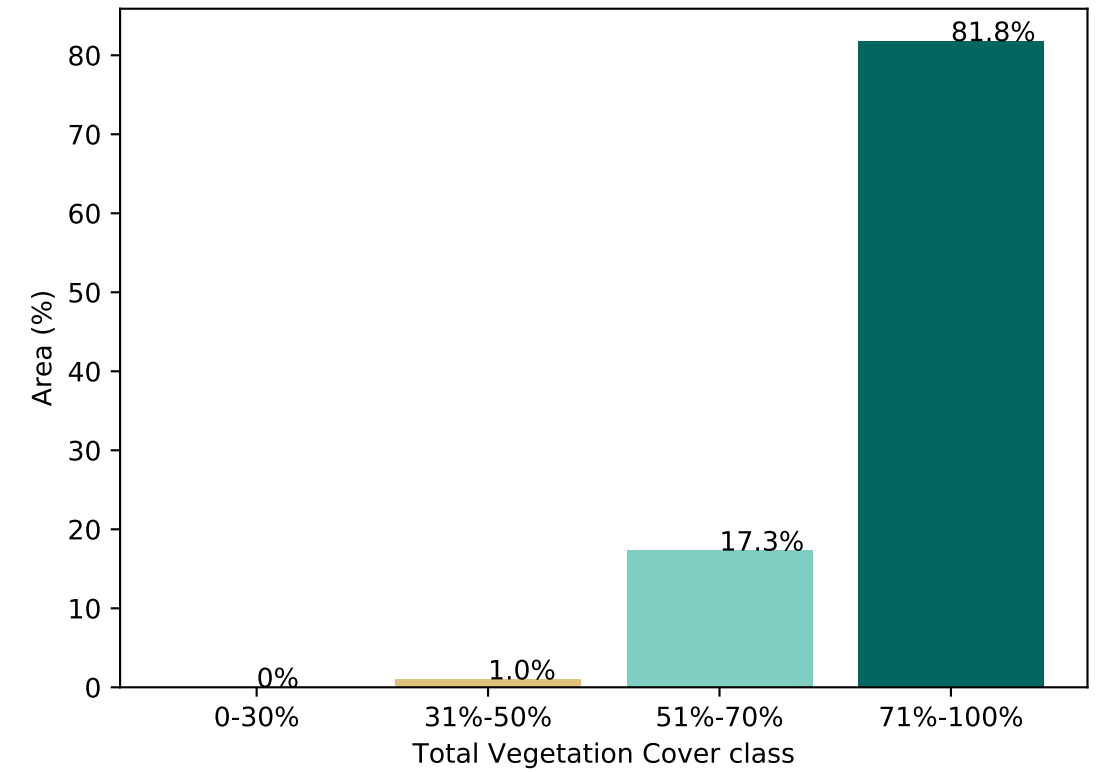
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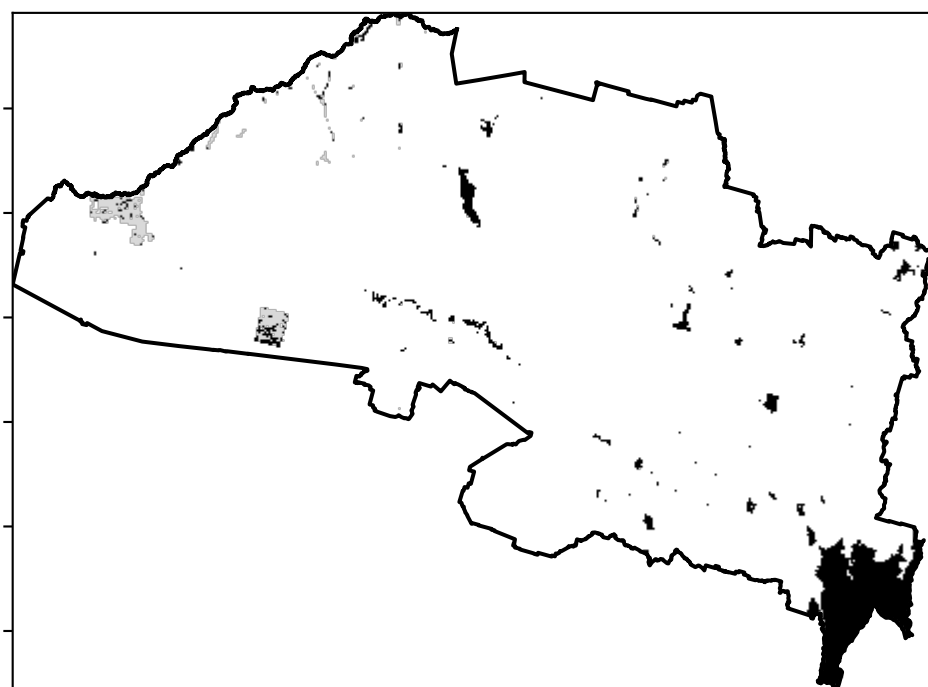
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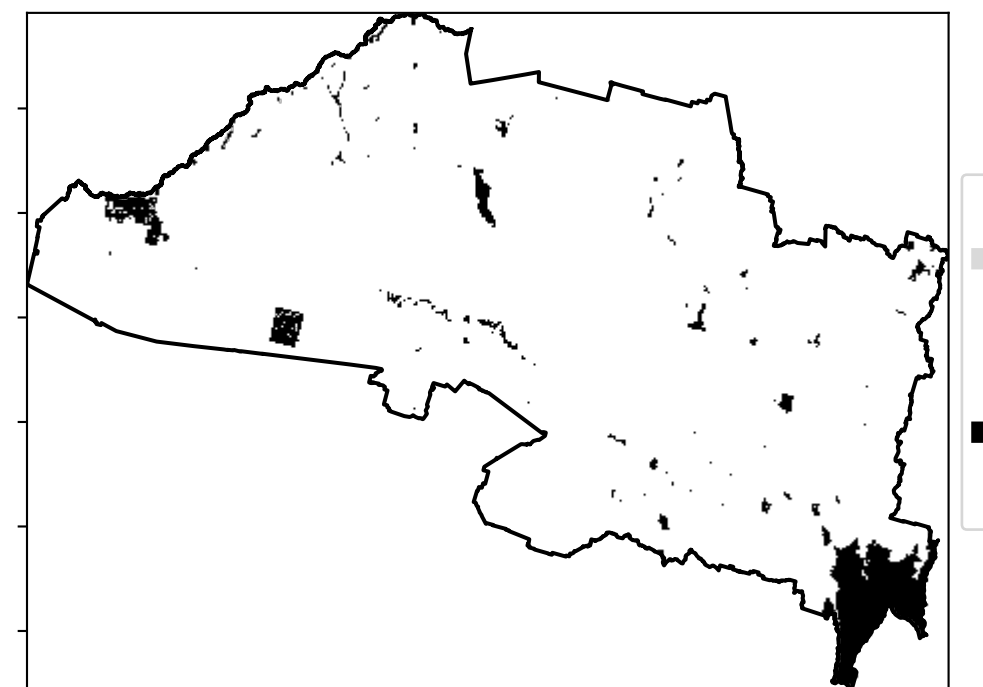


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 18.2% of region (58,804 ha)
- Area protected 81.8% of region (264,295 ha)

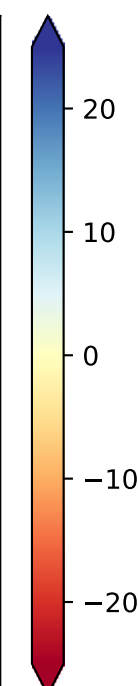
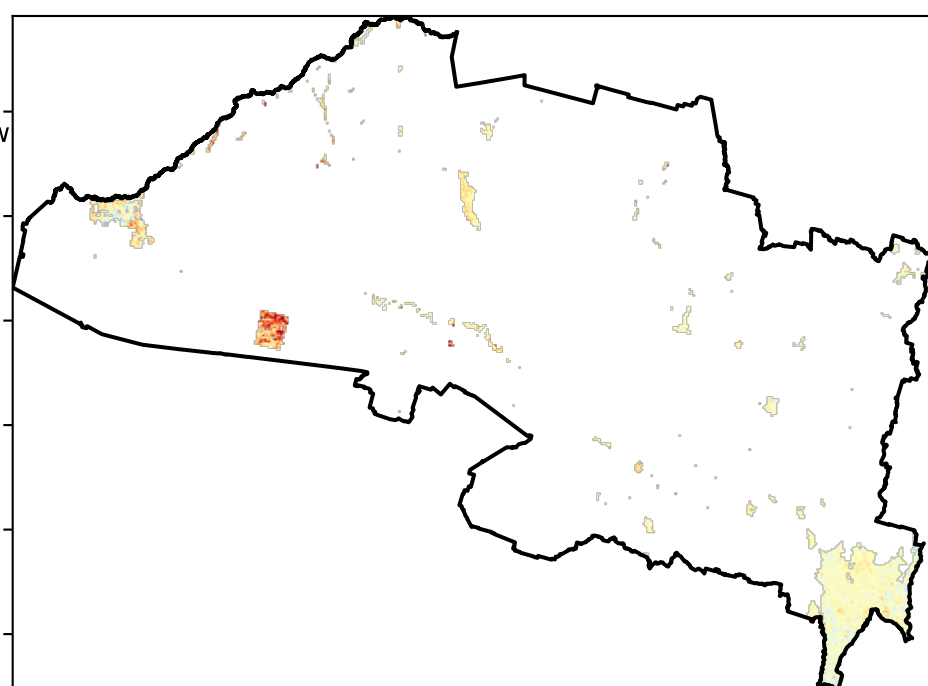
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 1.0% of region (3,231 ha)
- Area protected 99.0% of region (319,869 ha)

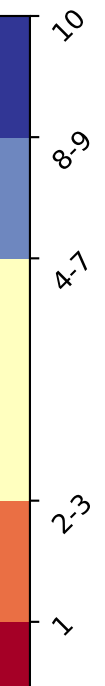
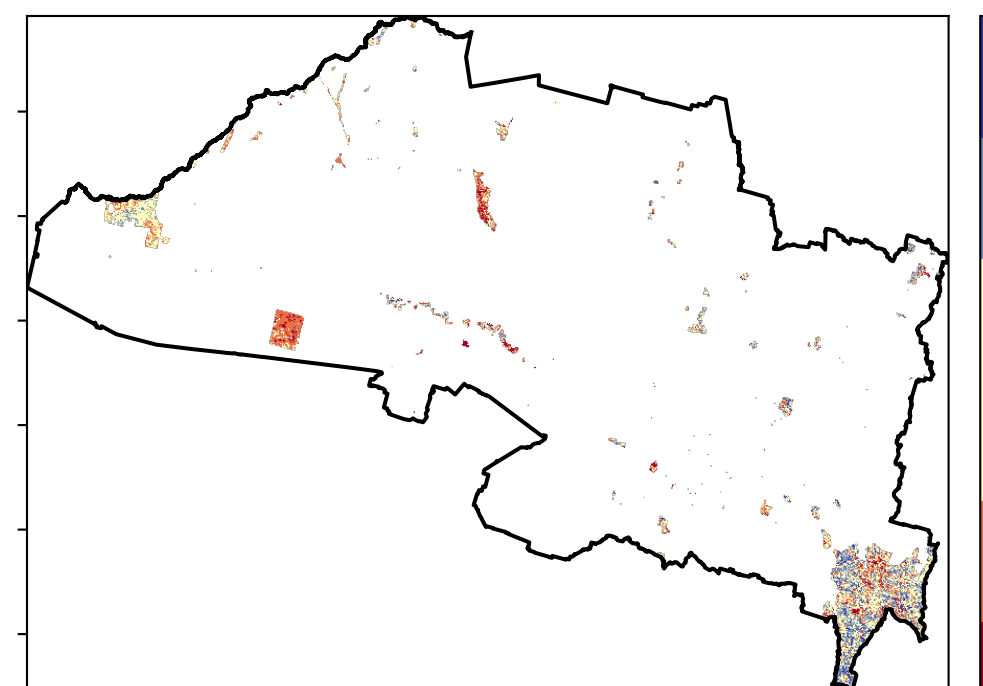
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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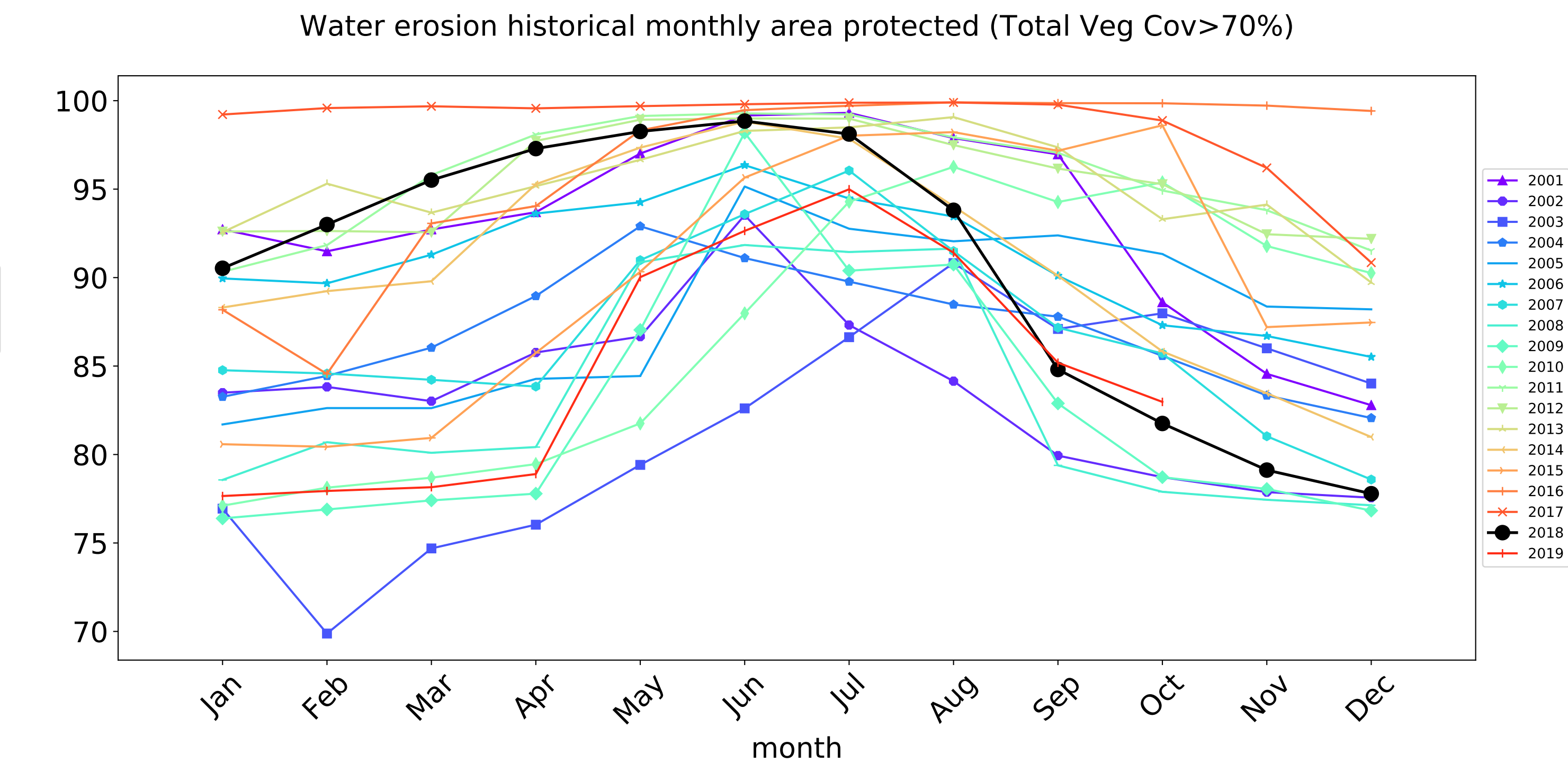
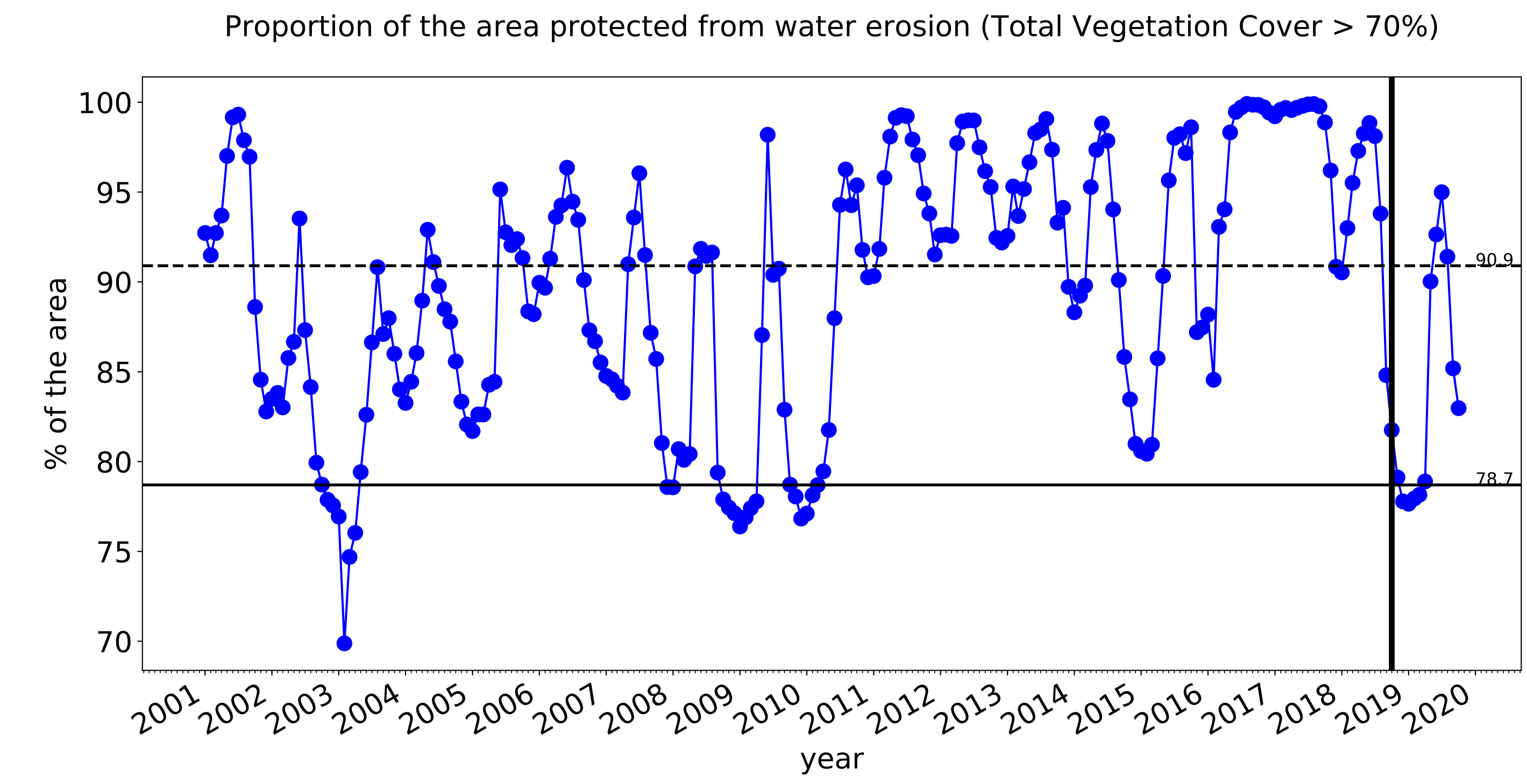
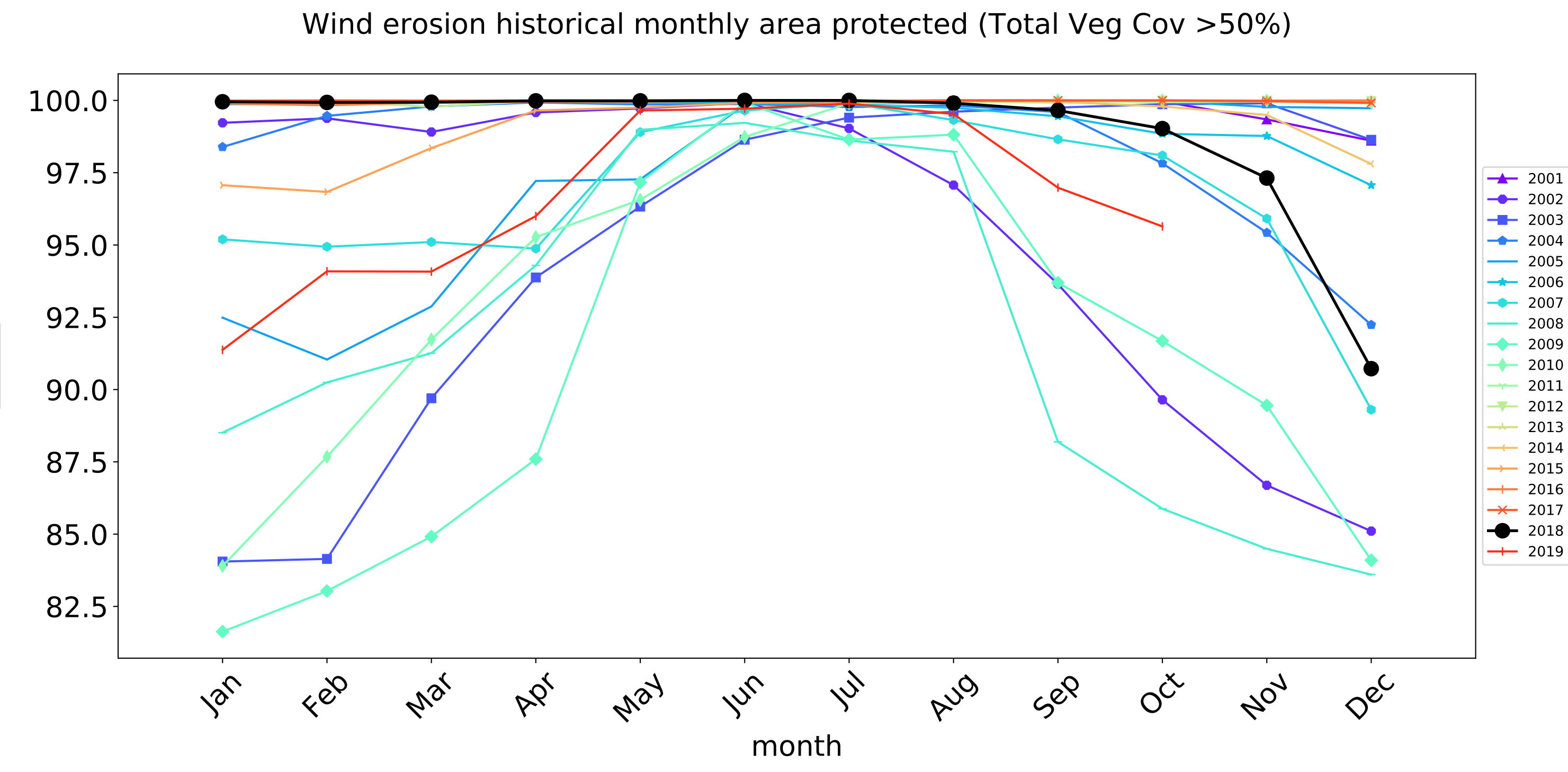
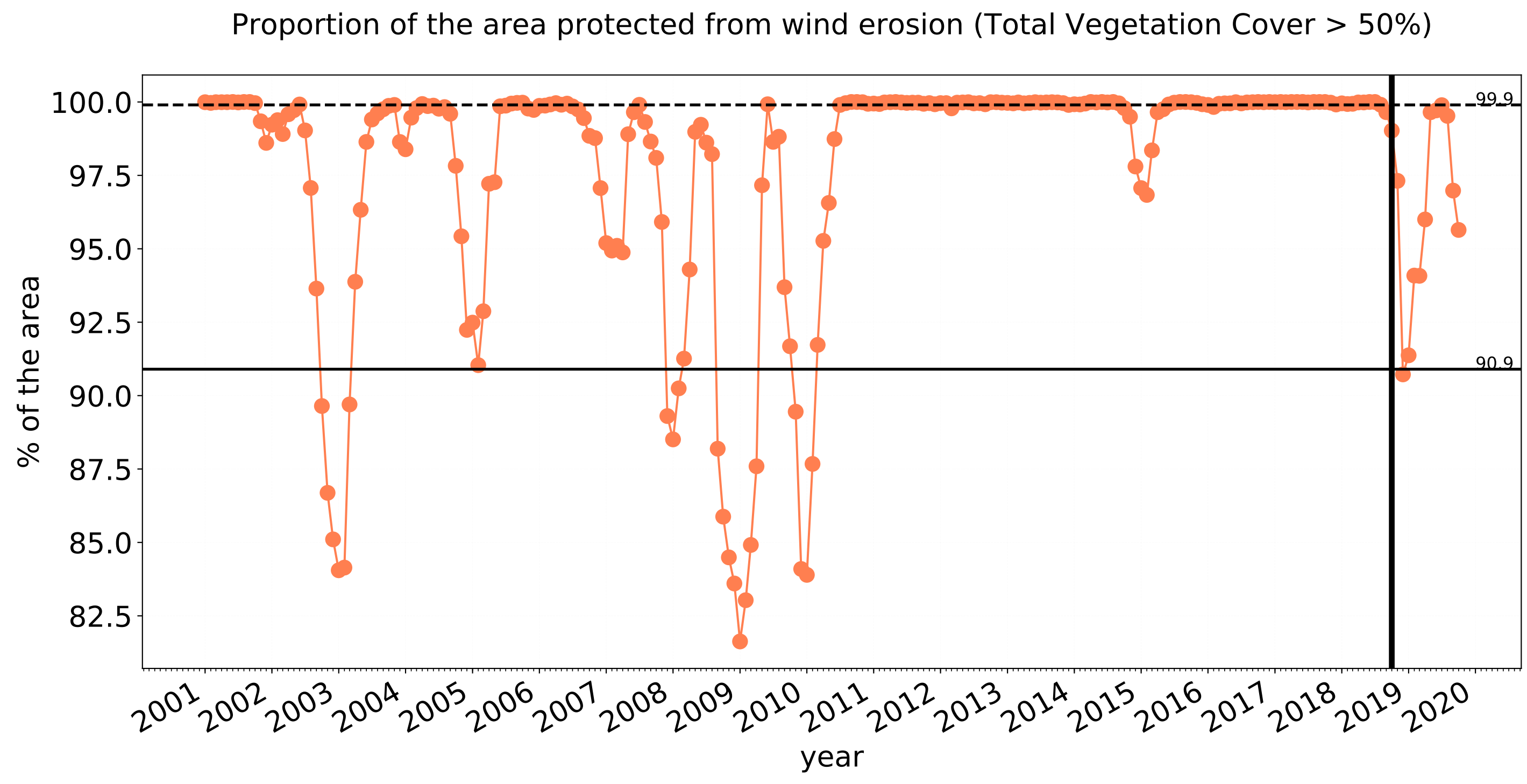


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Conservation and natural environments non forest

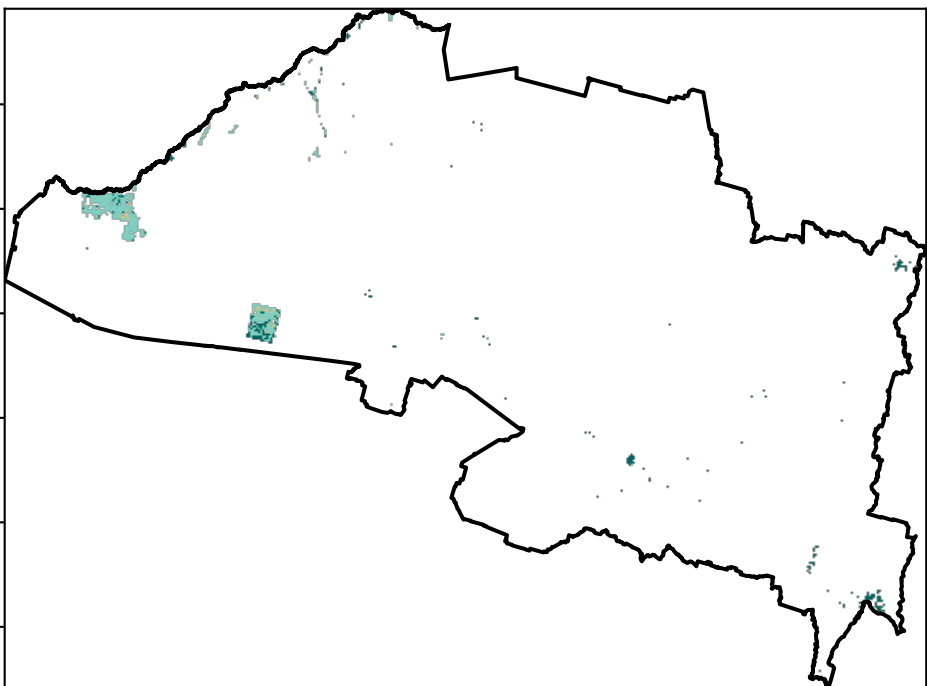
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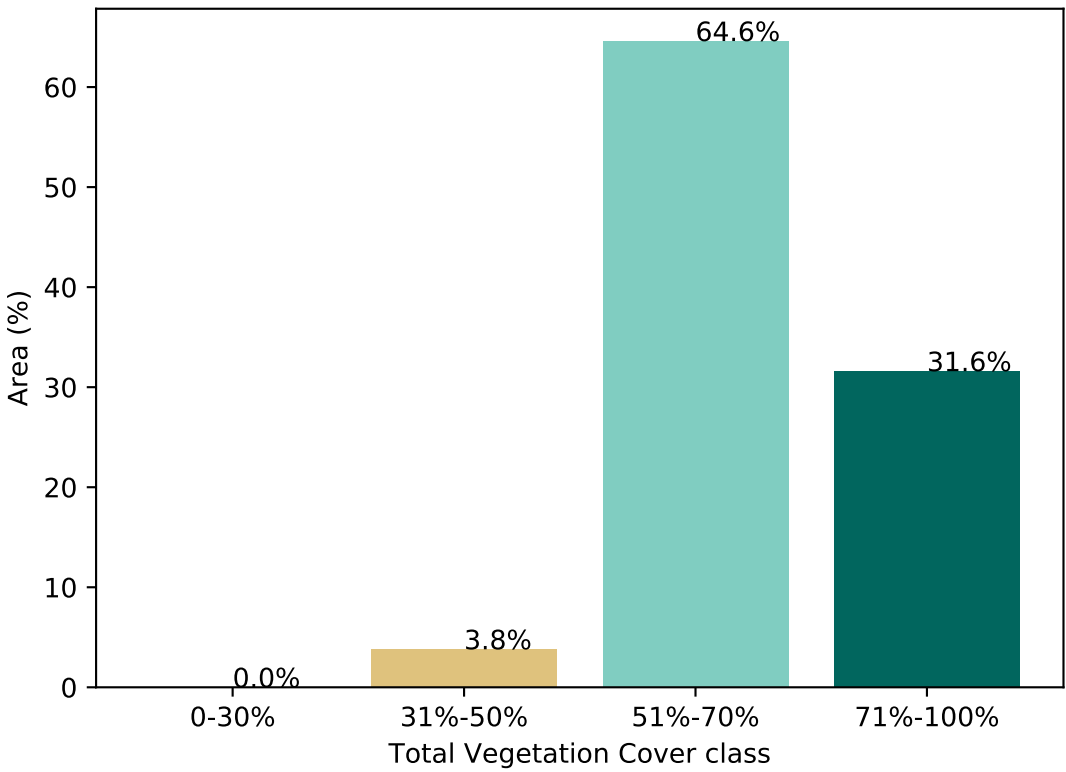


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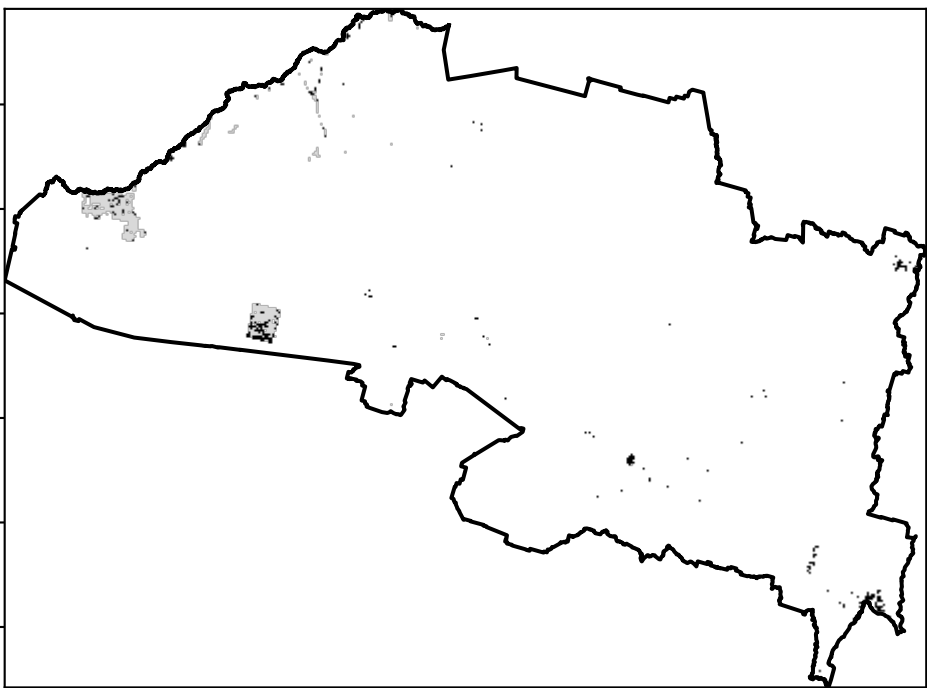
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

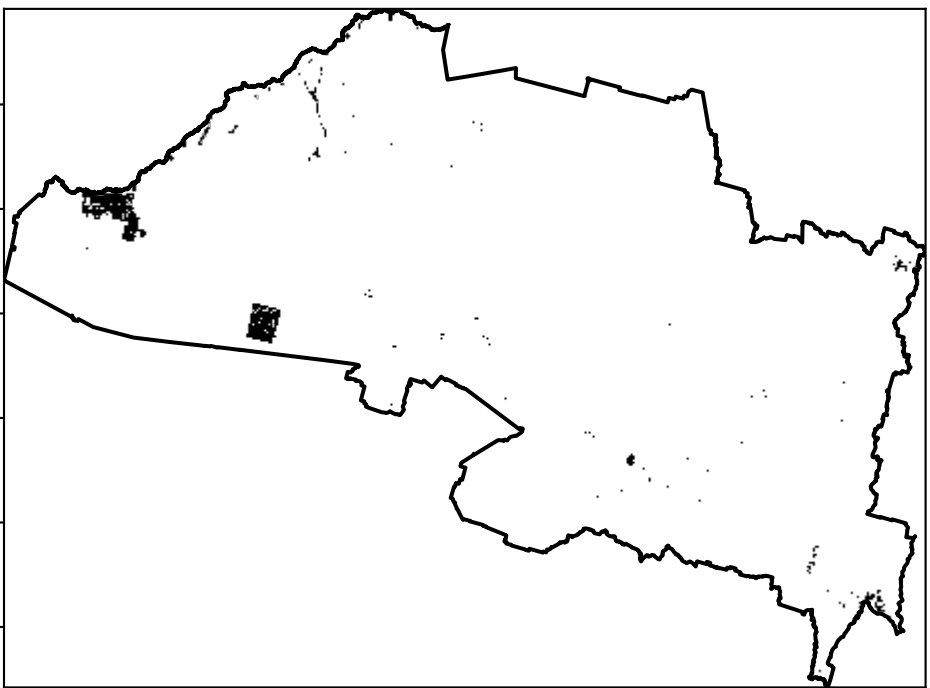


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
68.4% of region
(57,011 ha)
Area protected
31.6% of region
(26,338 ha)

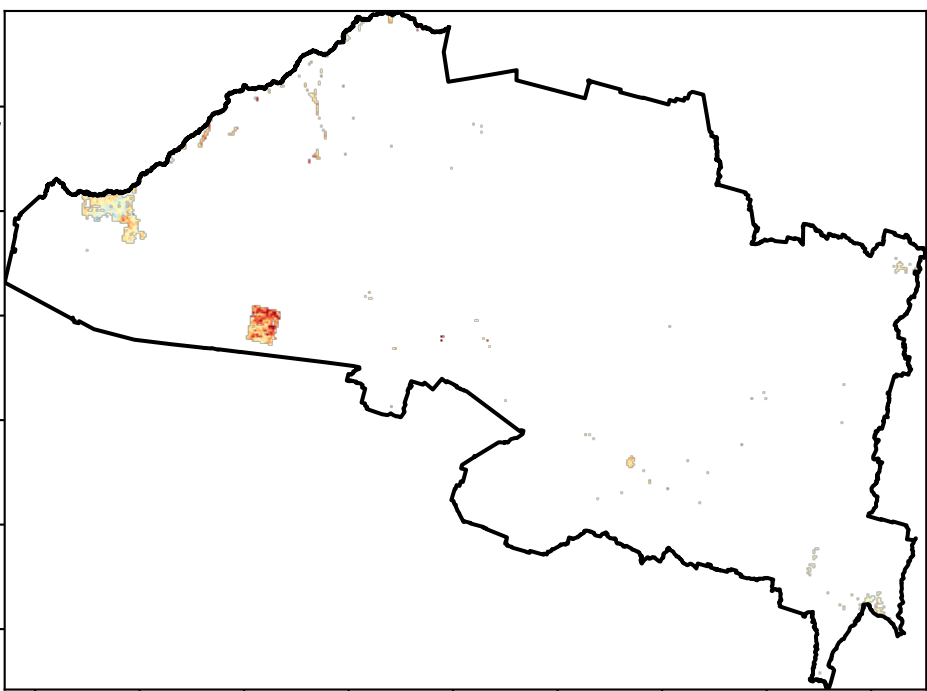
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
4.0% of region
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Area protected
96.0% of region
(80,016 ha)

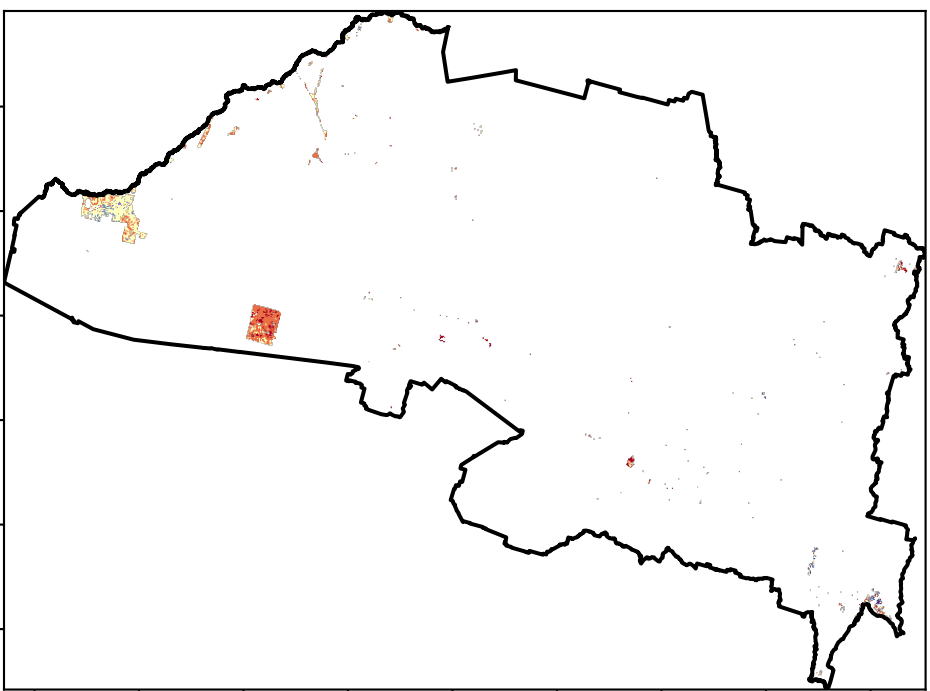
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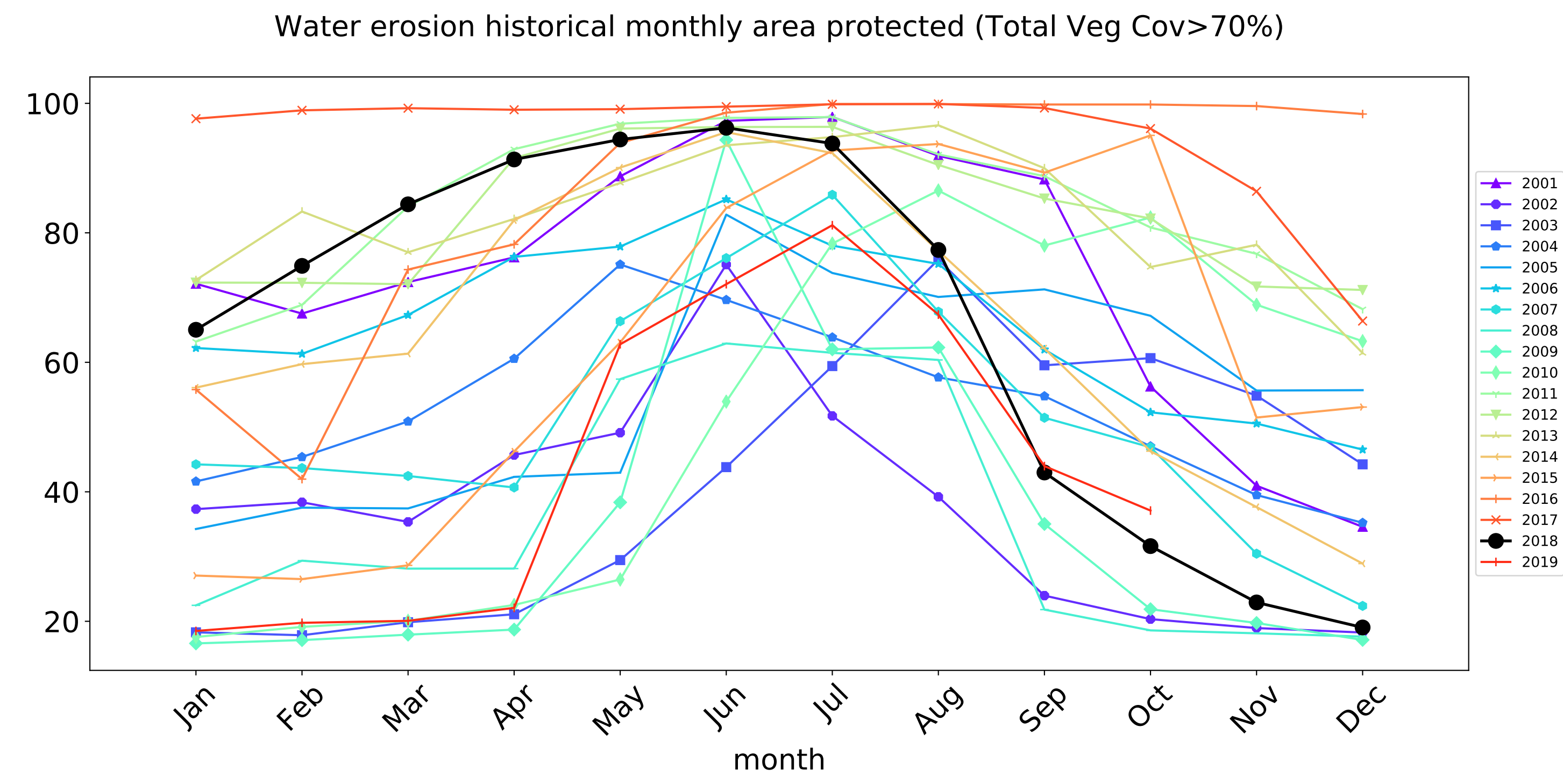
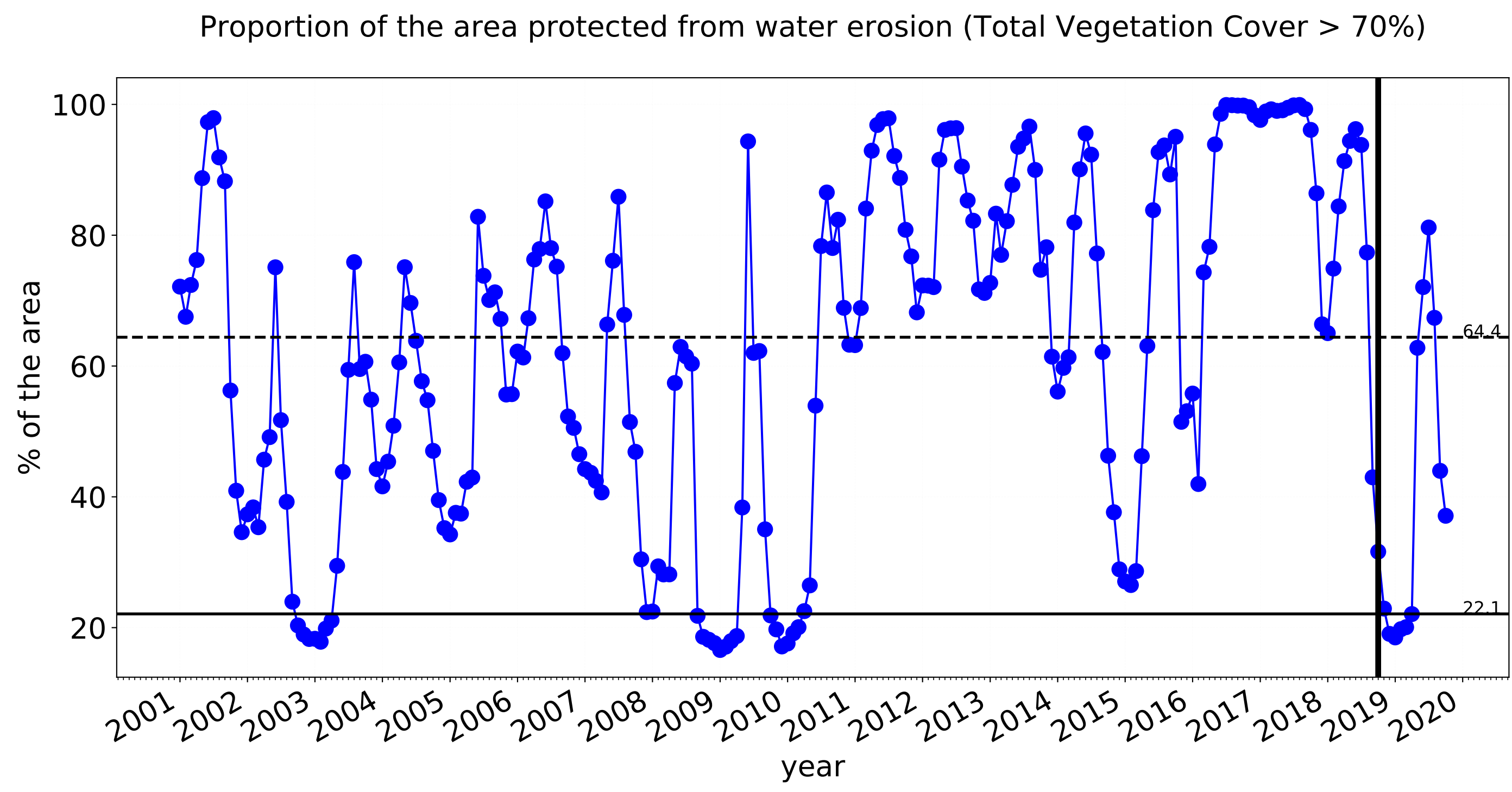
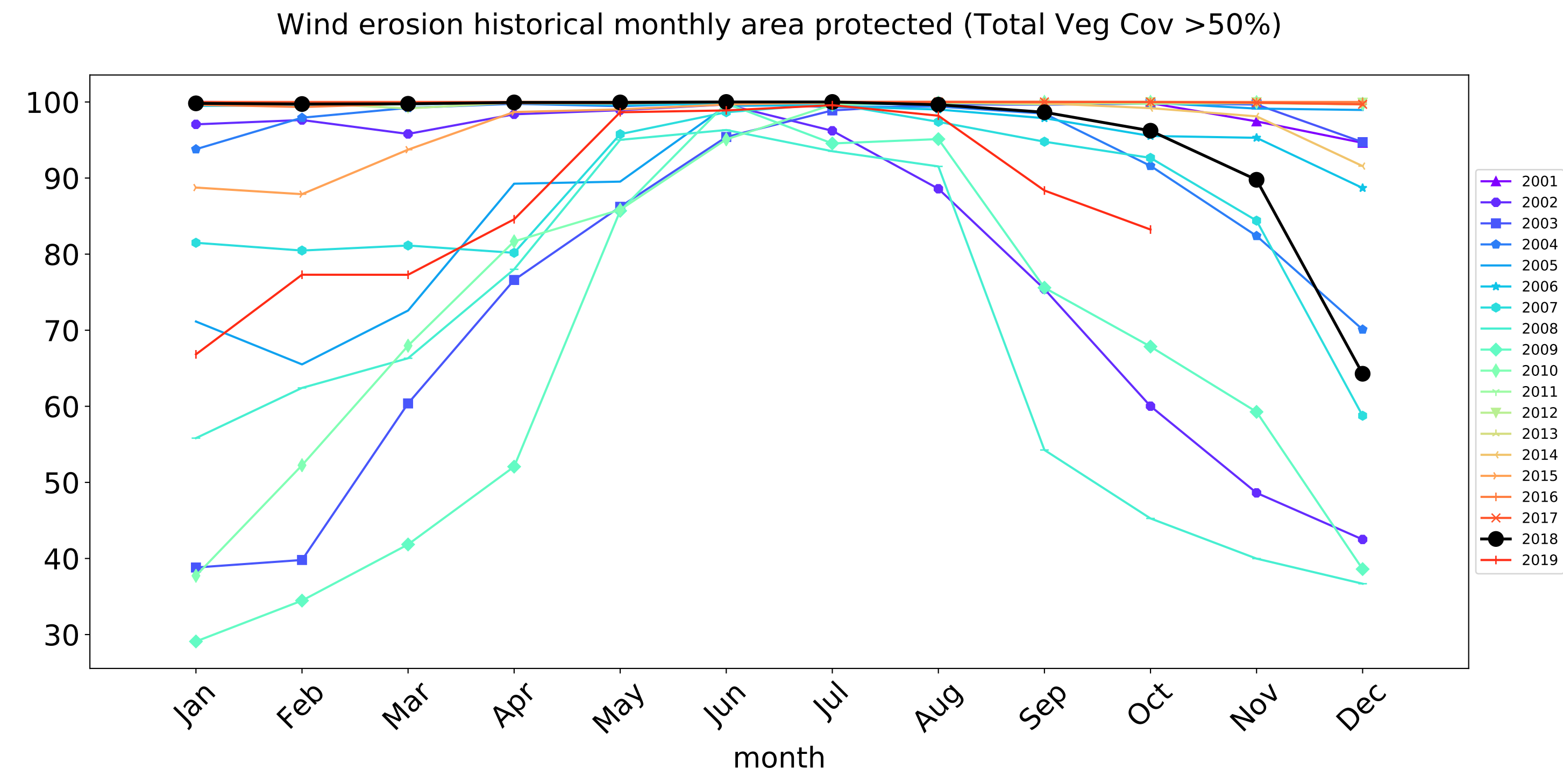
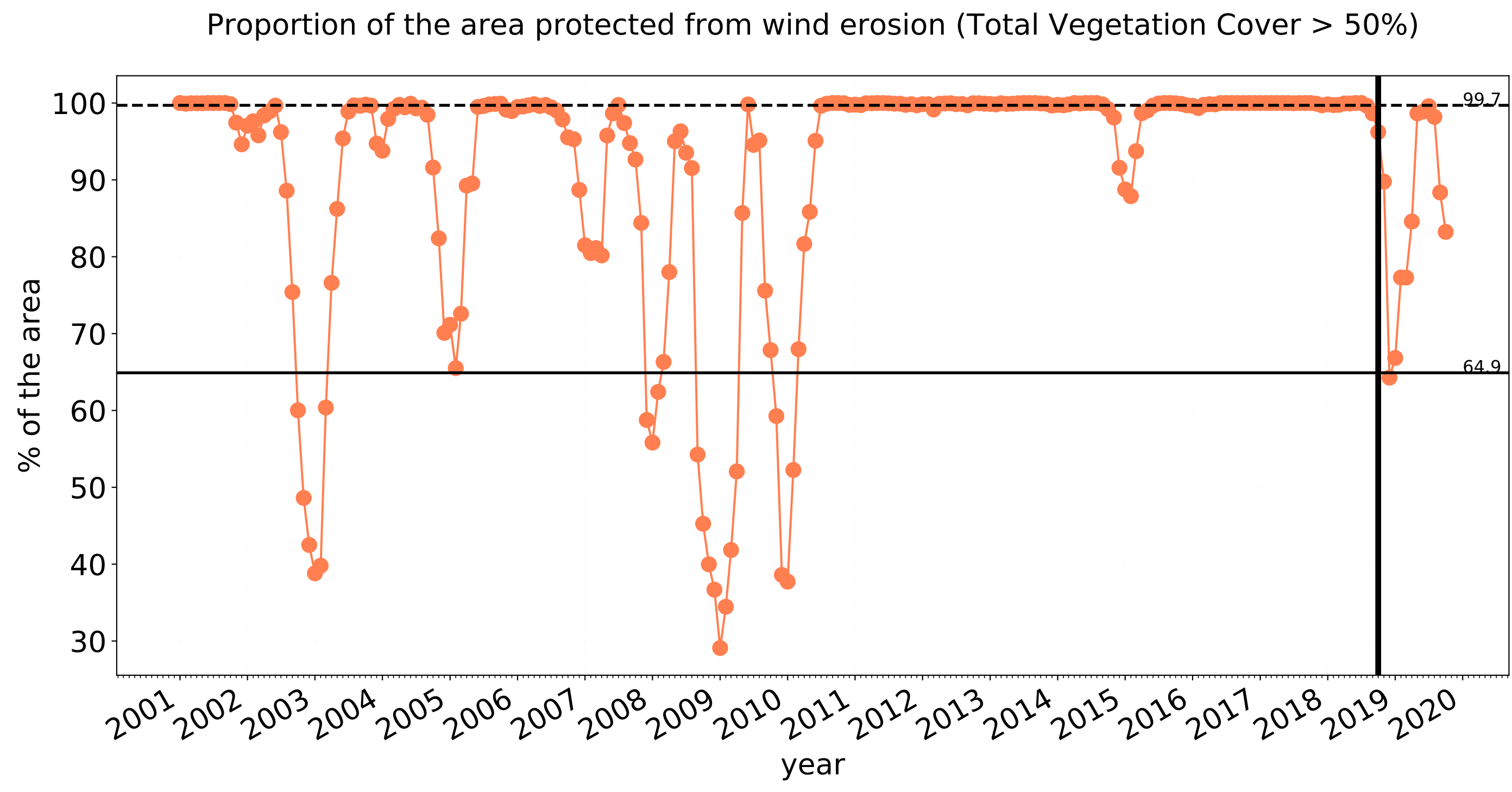


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Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries



Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

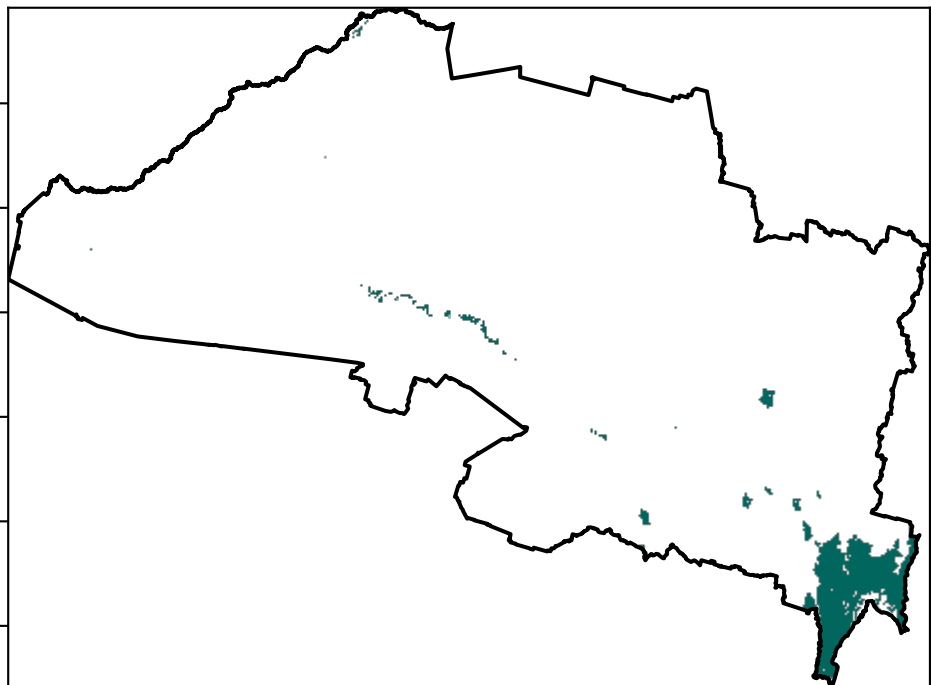
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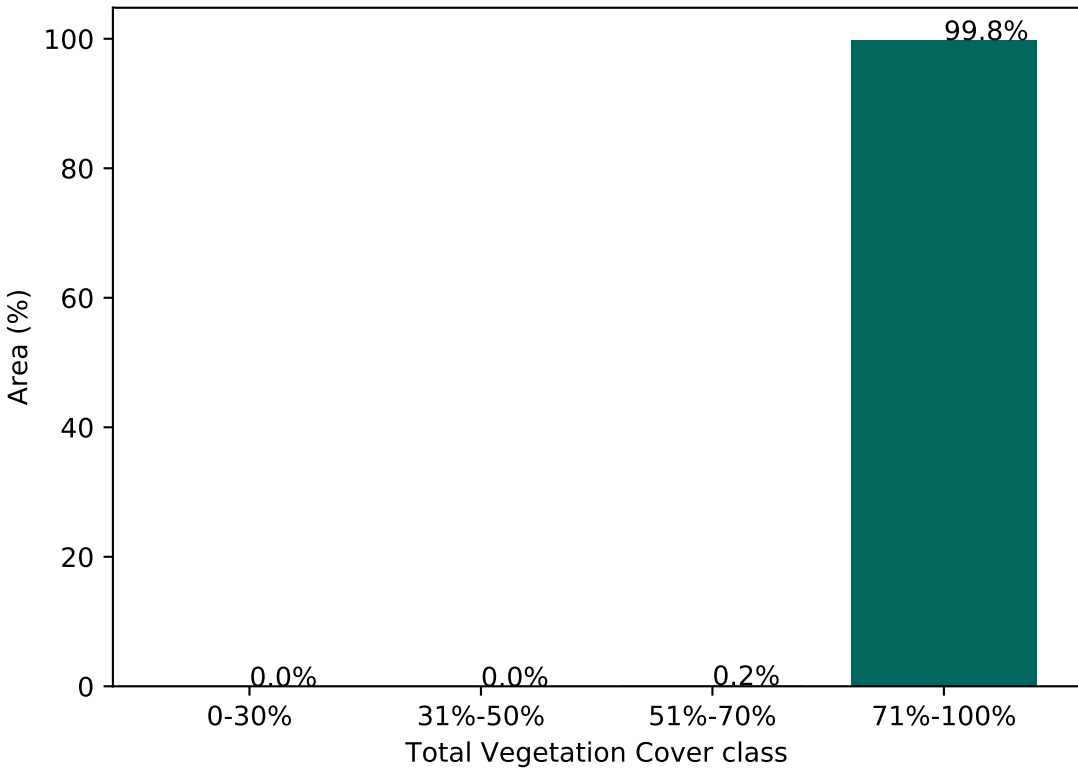


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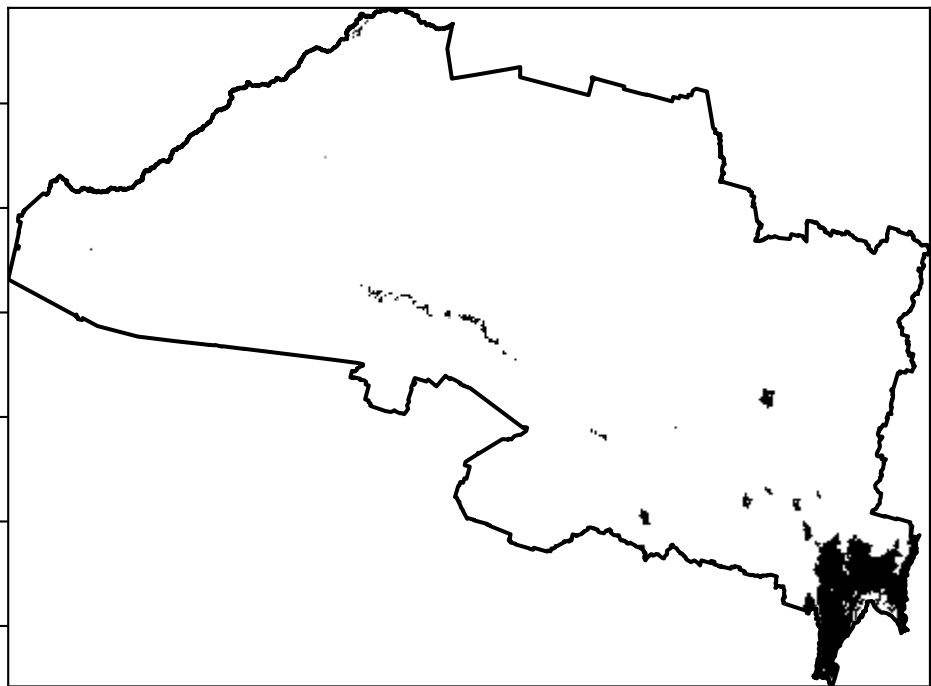
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



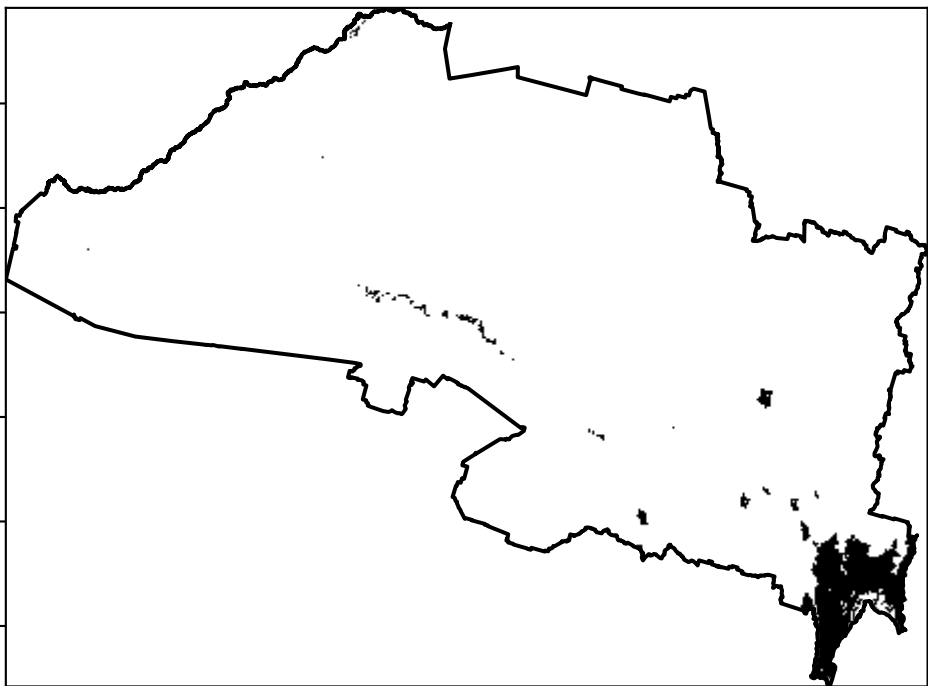
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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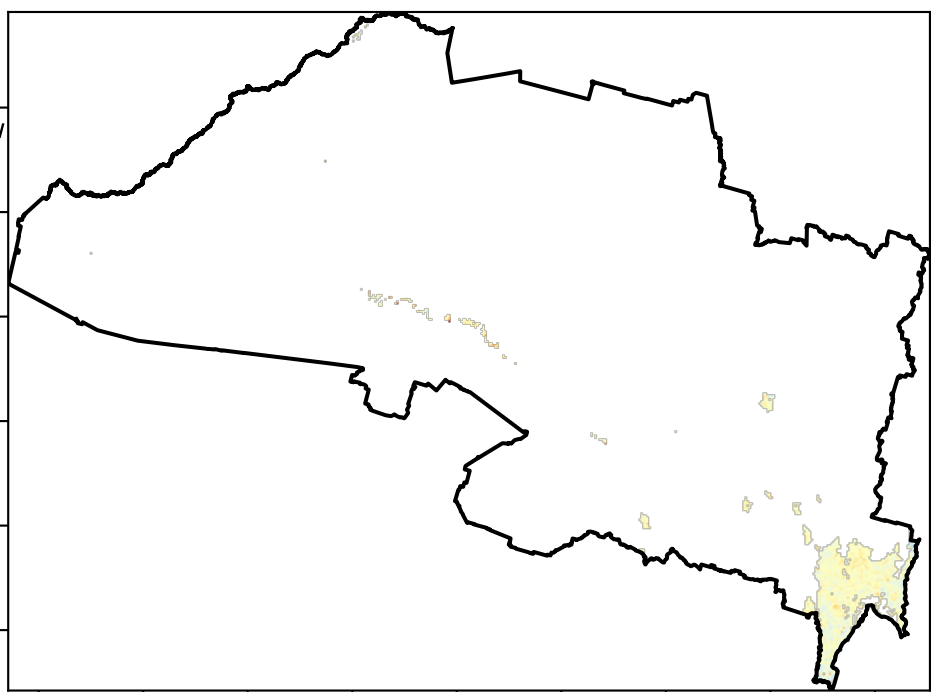


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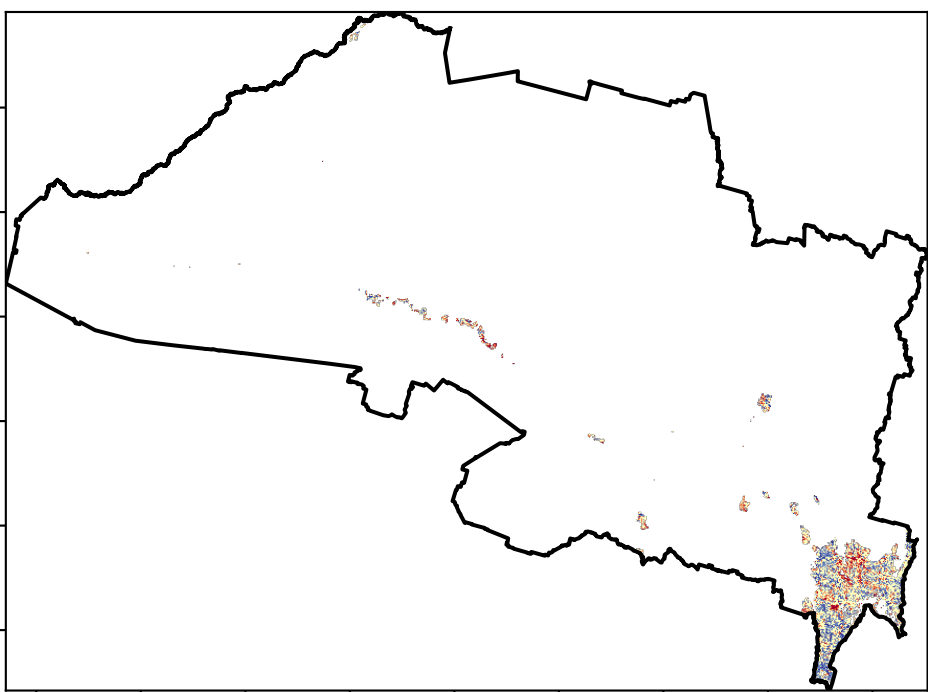
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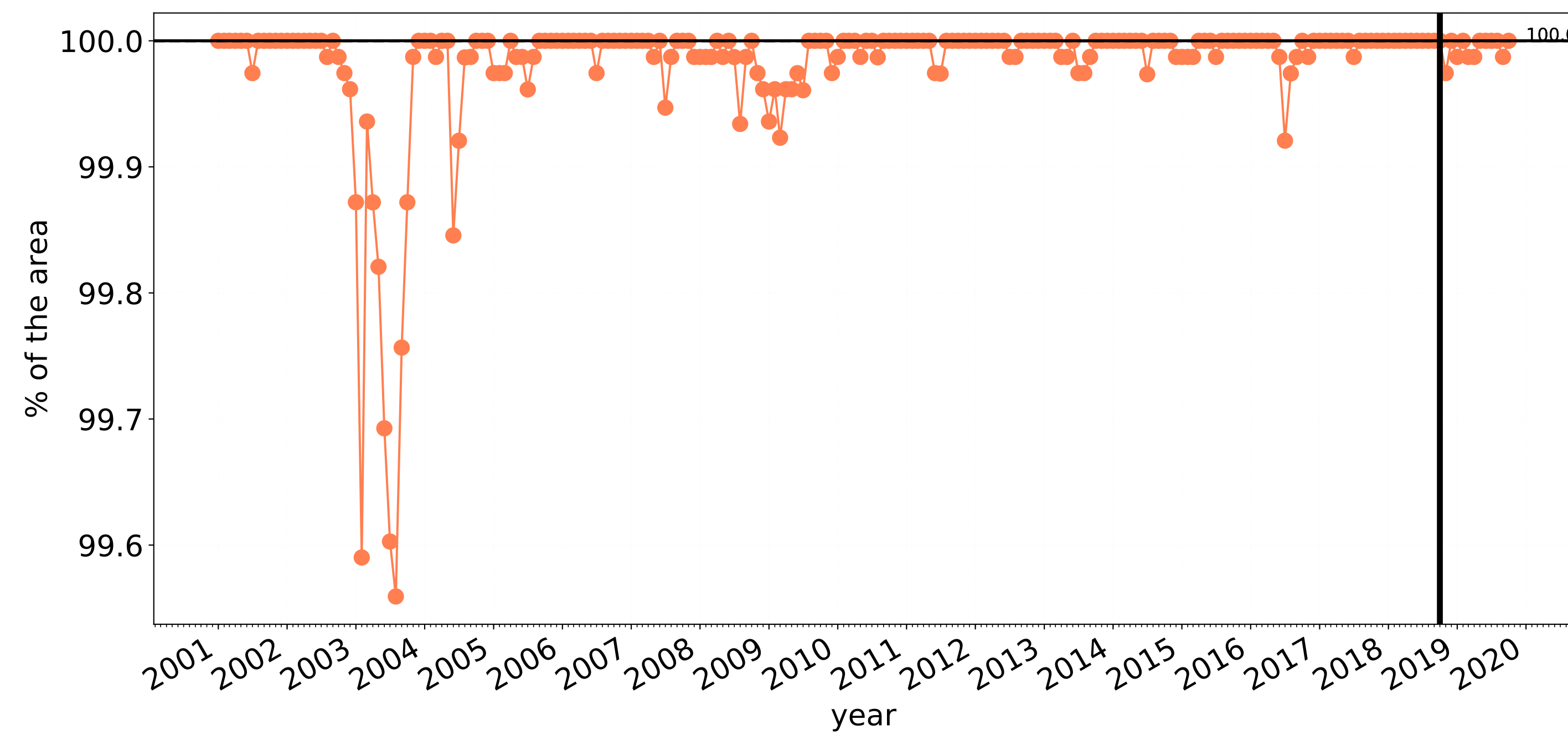
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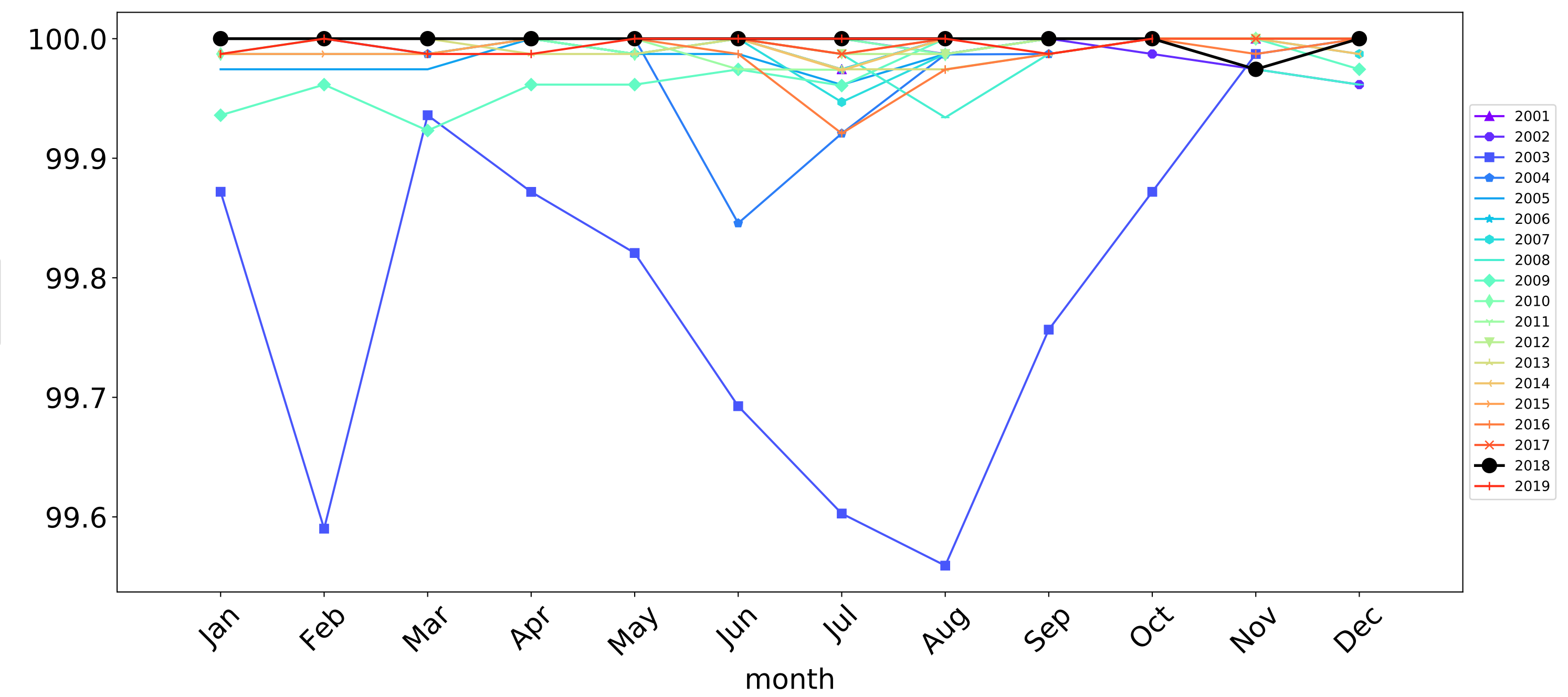
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

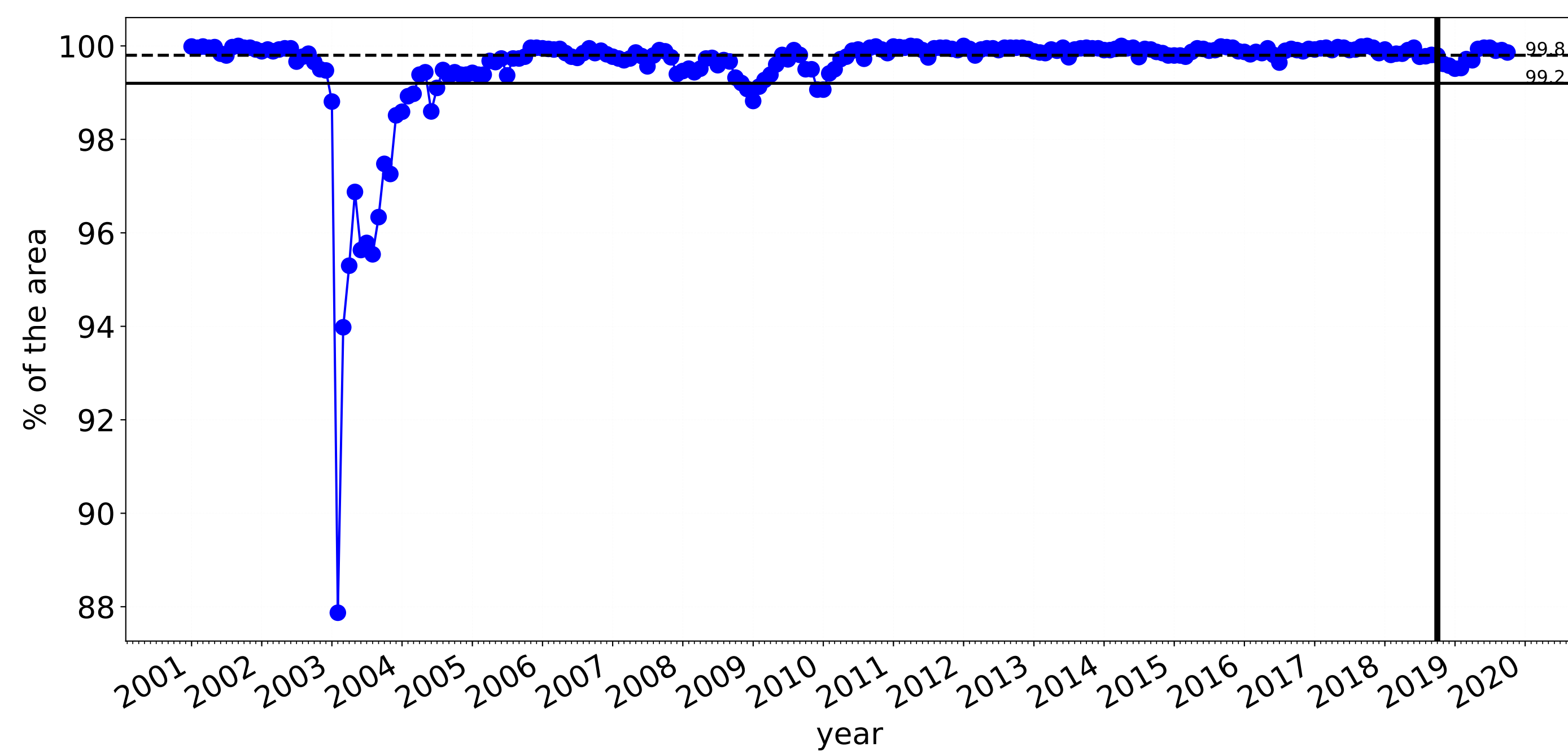
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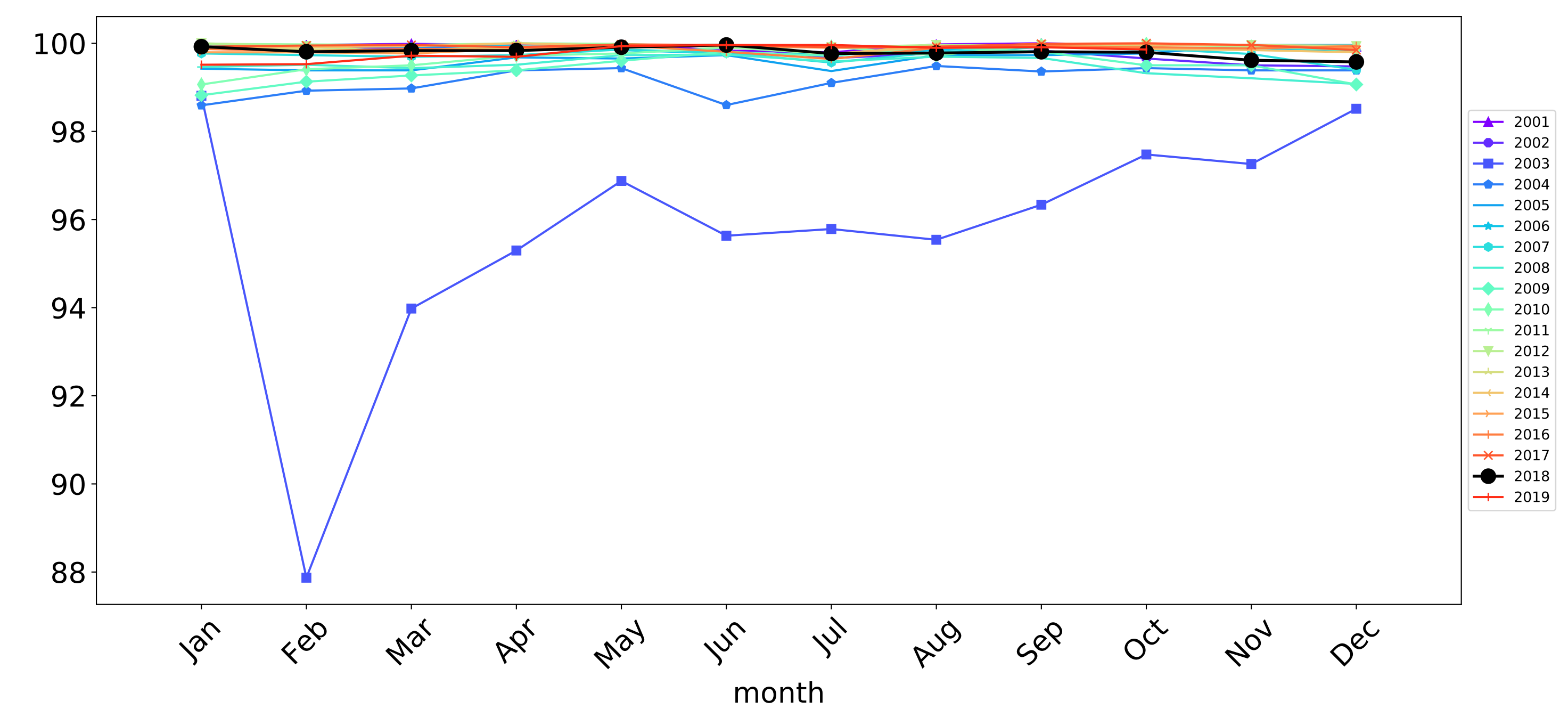
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

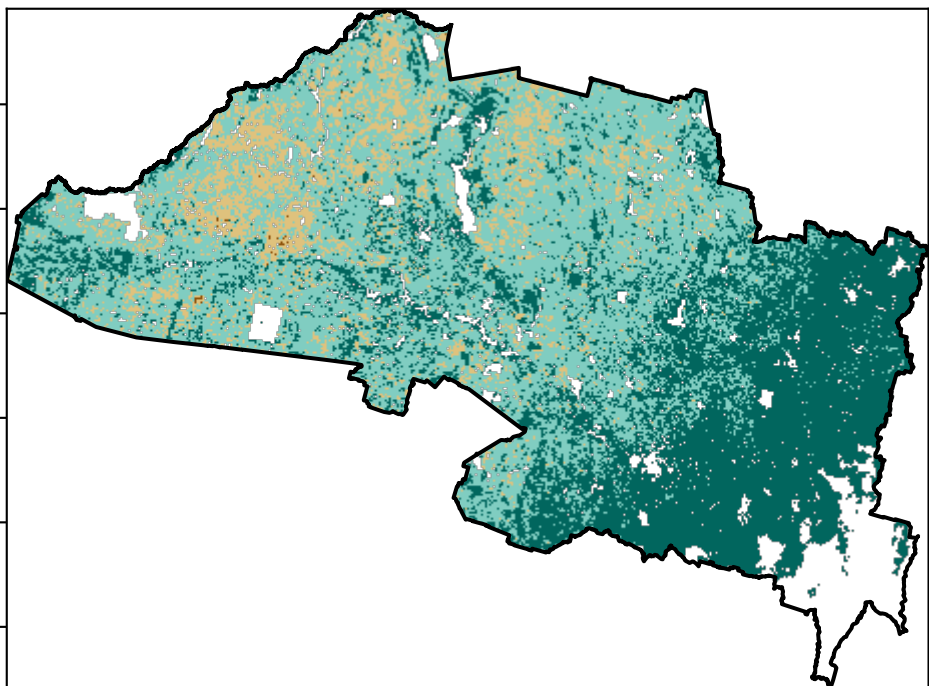
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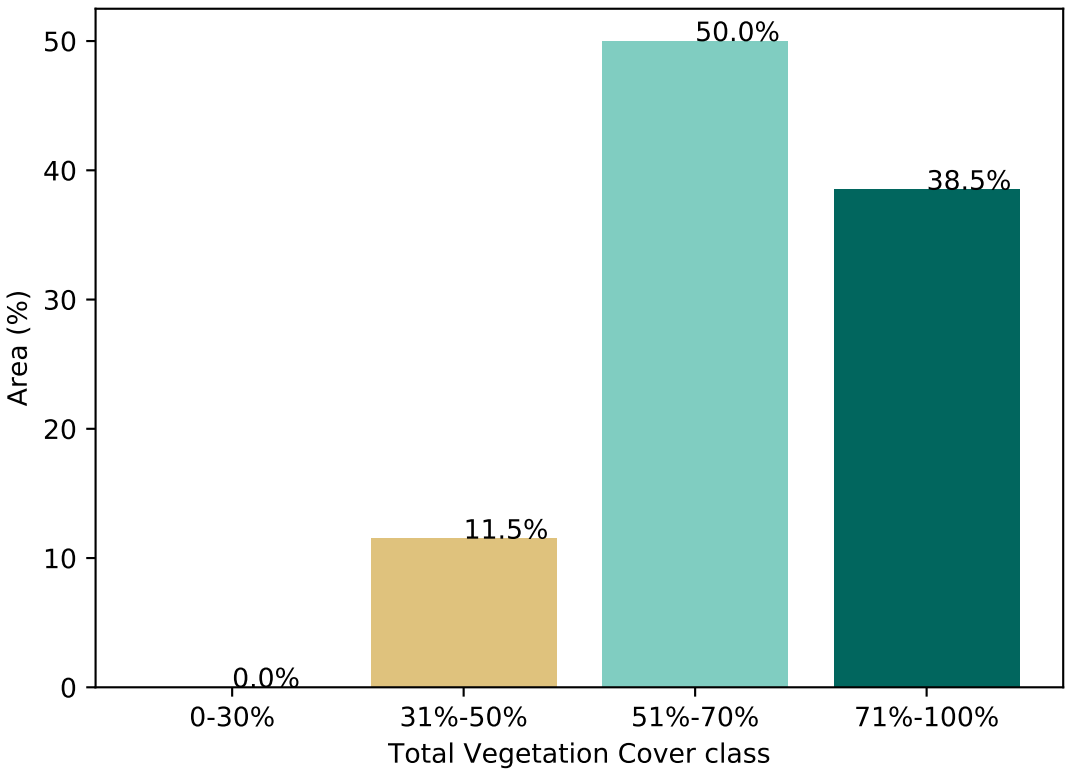
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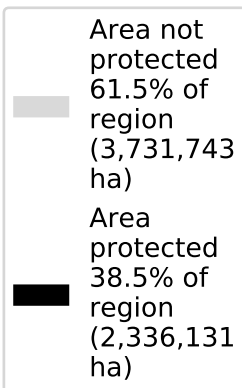
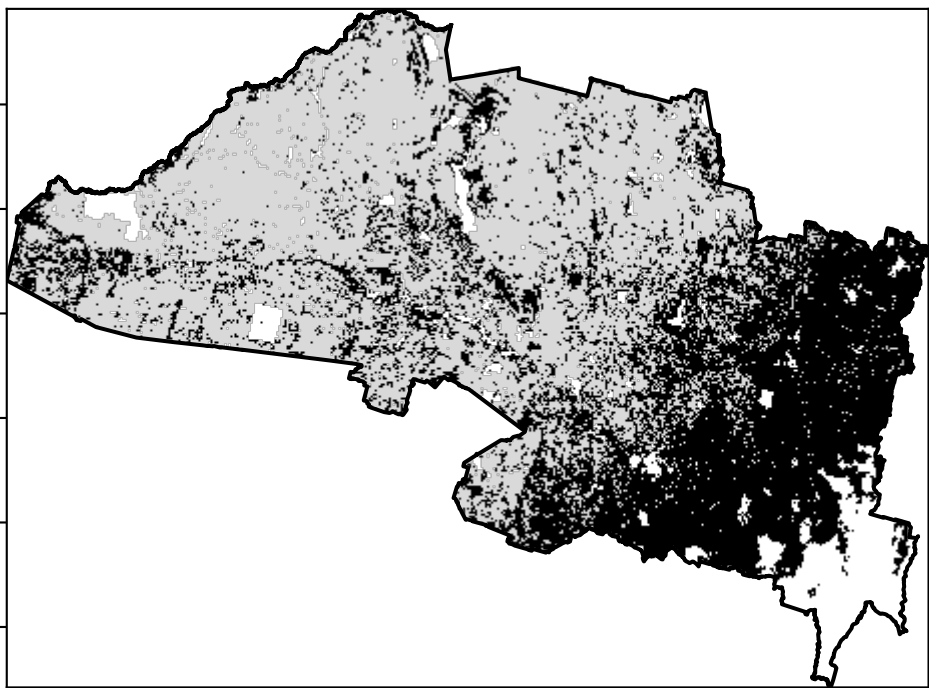
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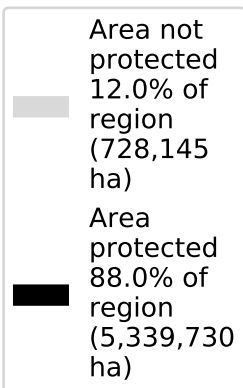
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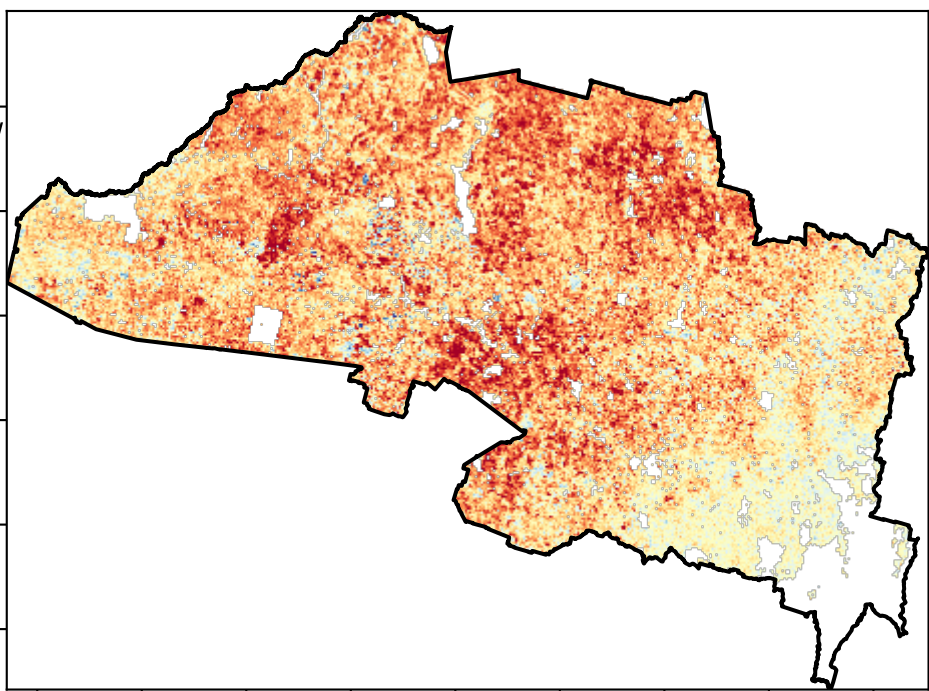


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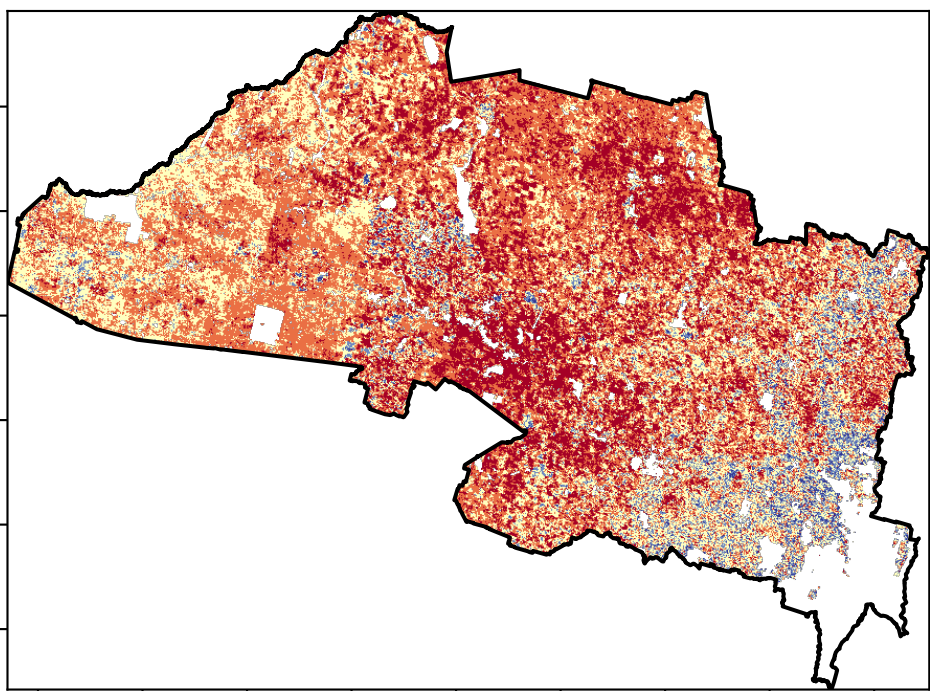
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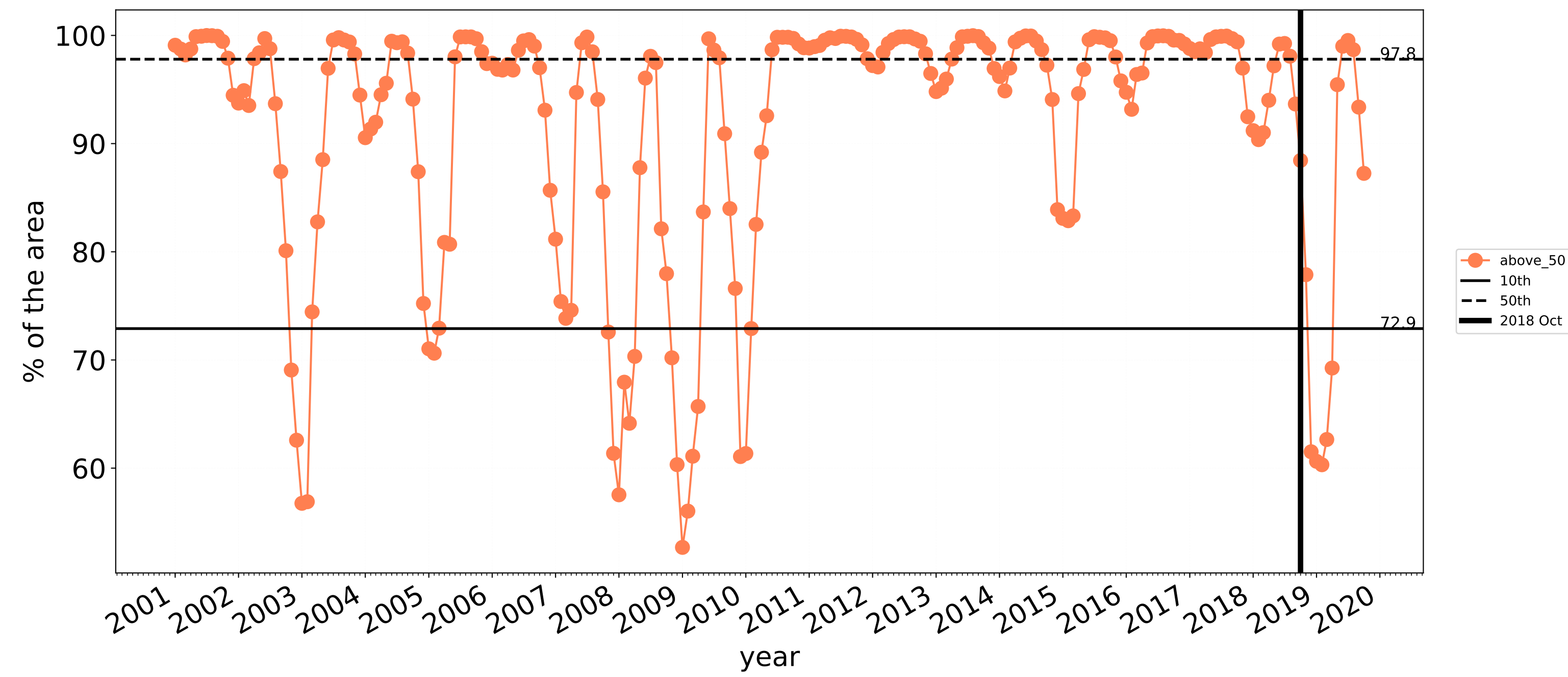
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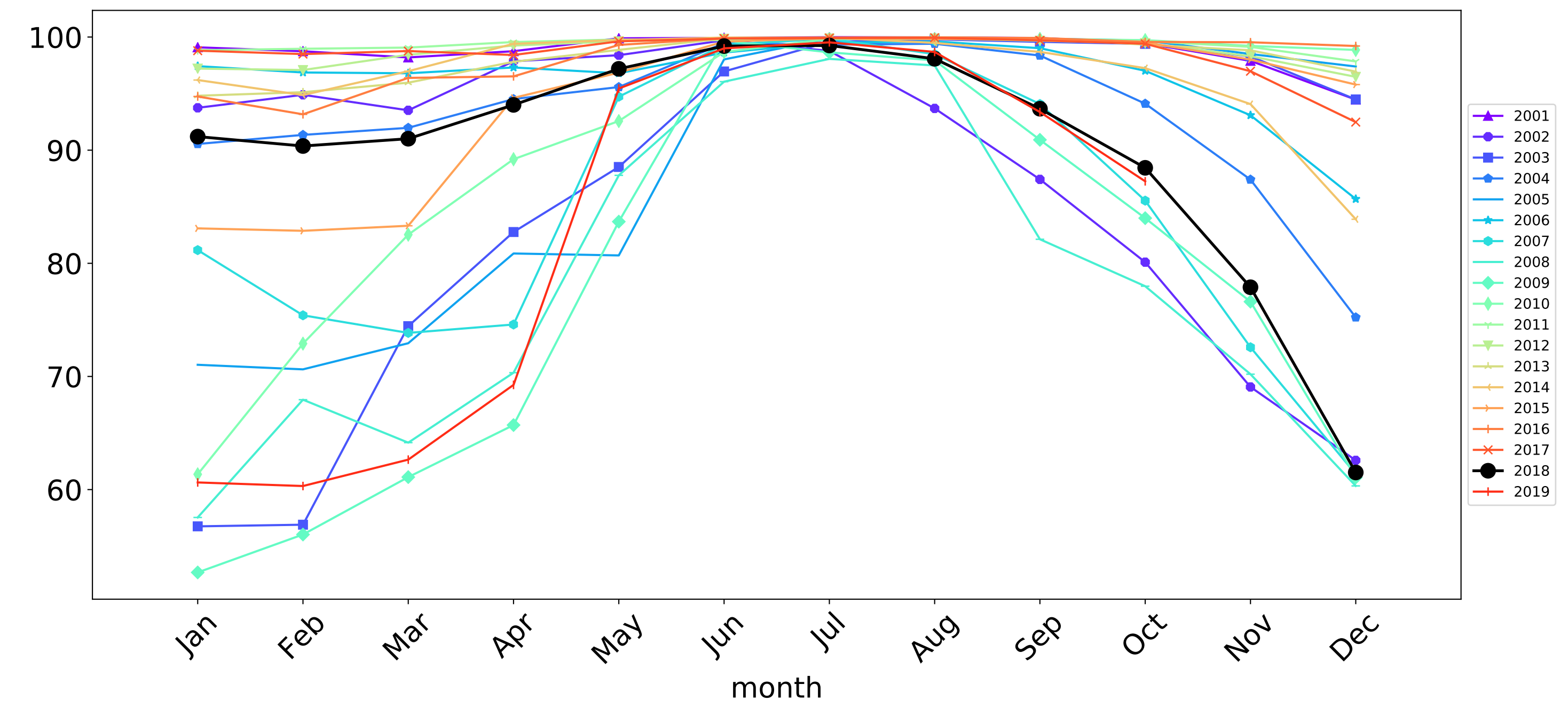
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Agriculture timeseries

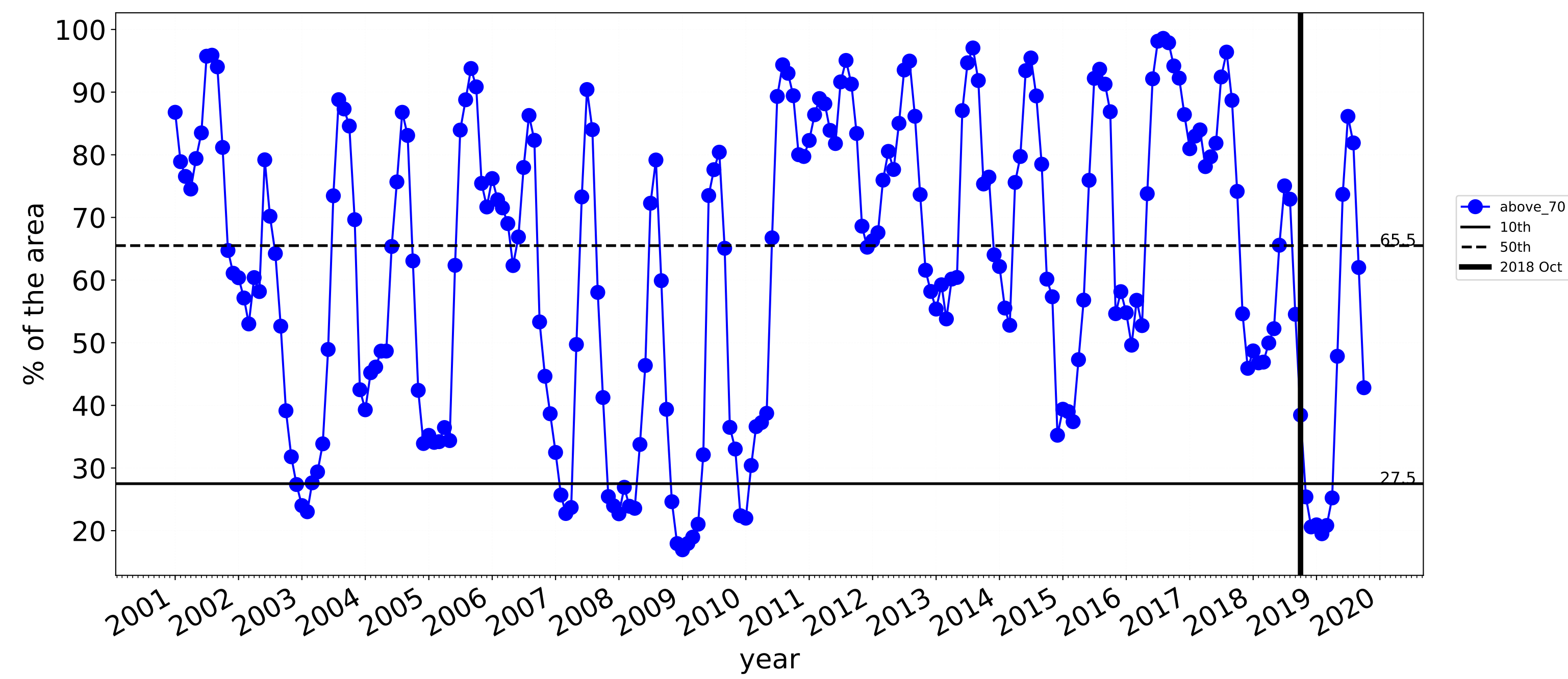
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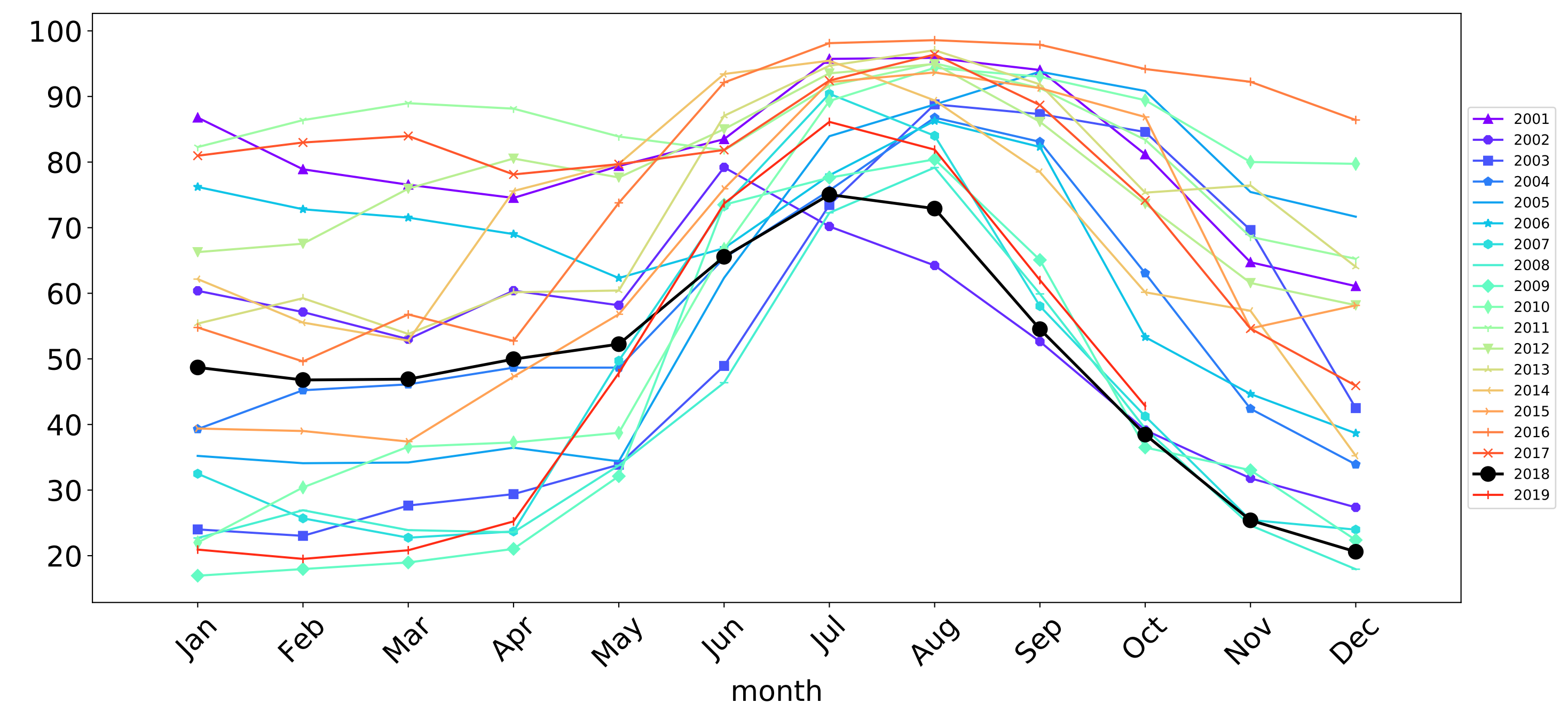
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Grazing

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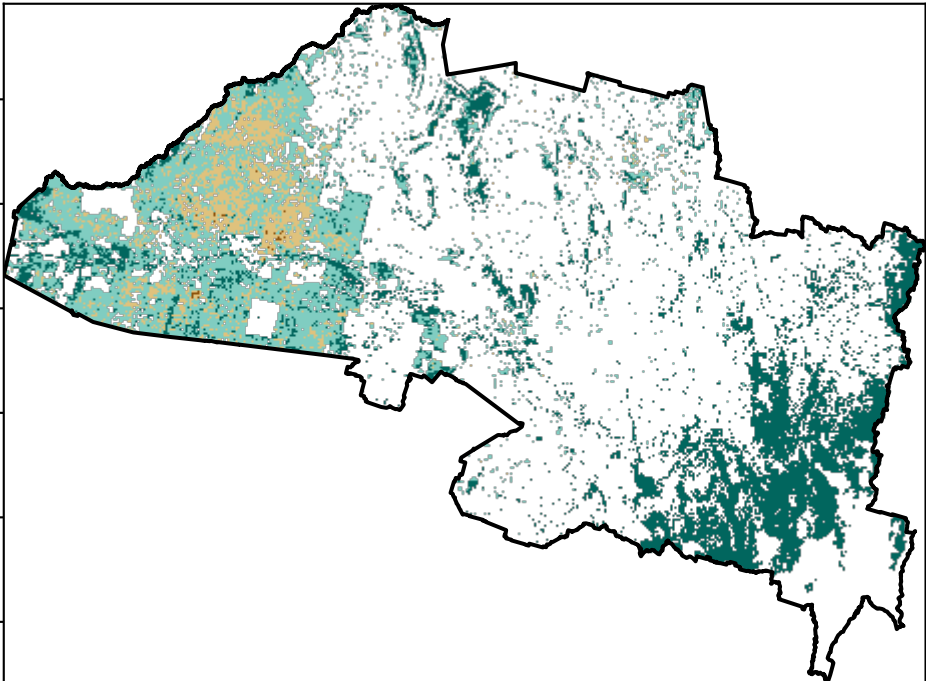


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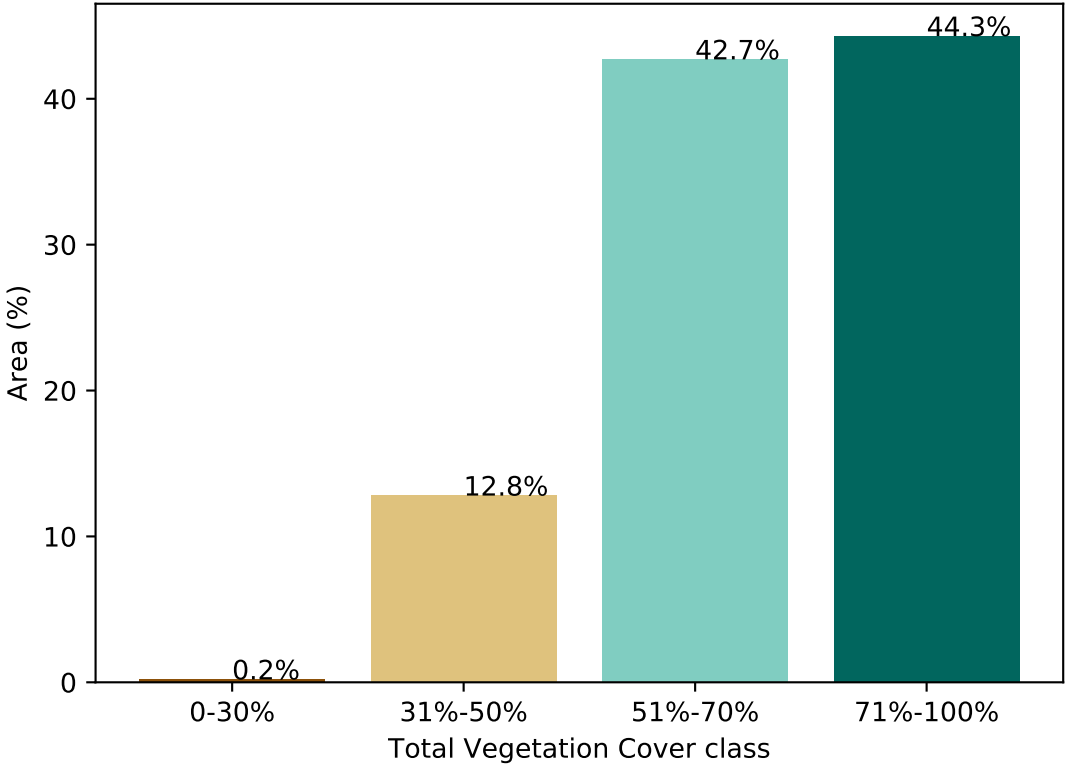
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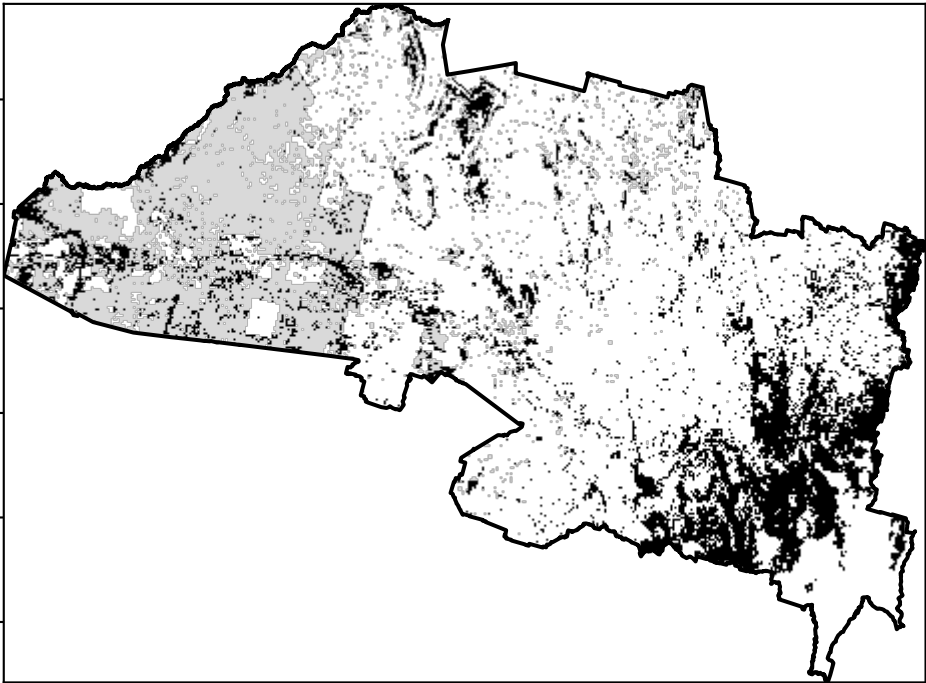
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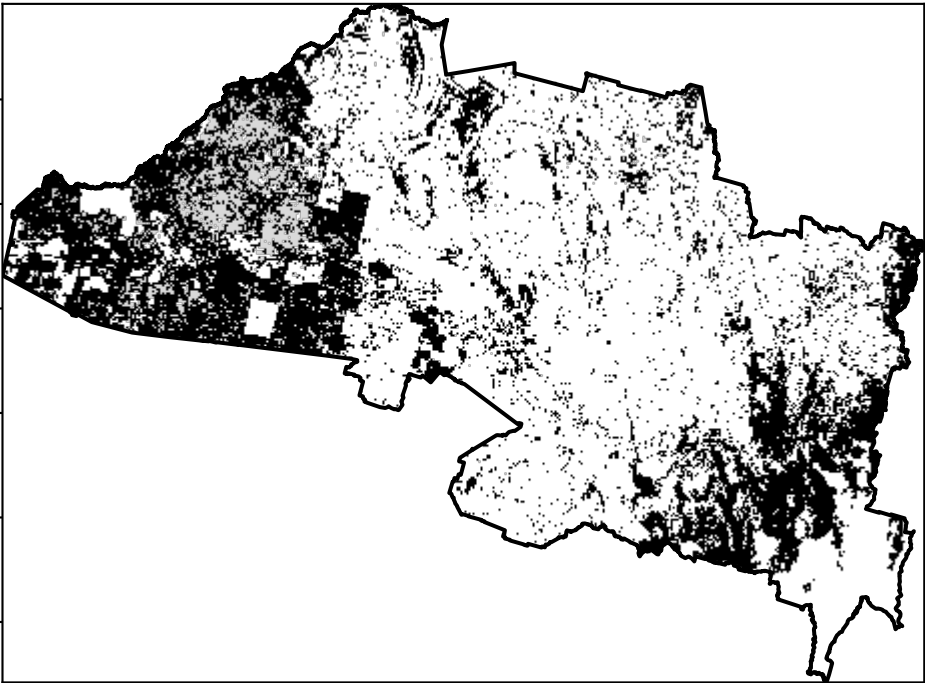


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 55.7% of region (1,287,449 ha)
- Area protected 44.3% of region (1,023,950 ha)

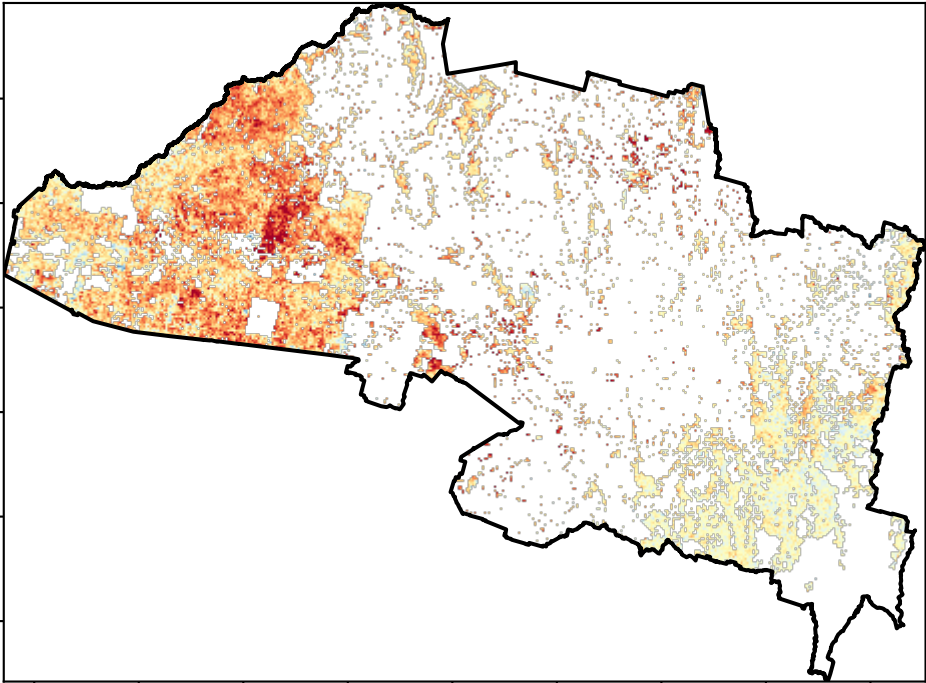
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 13.0% of region (300,482 ha)
- Area protected 87.0% of region (2,010,918 ha)

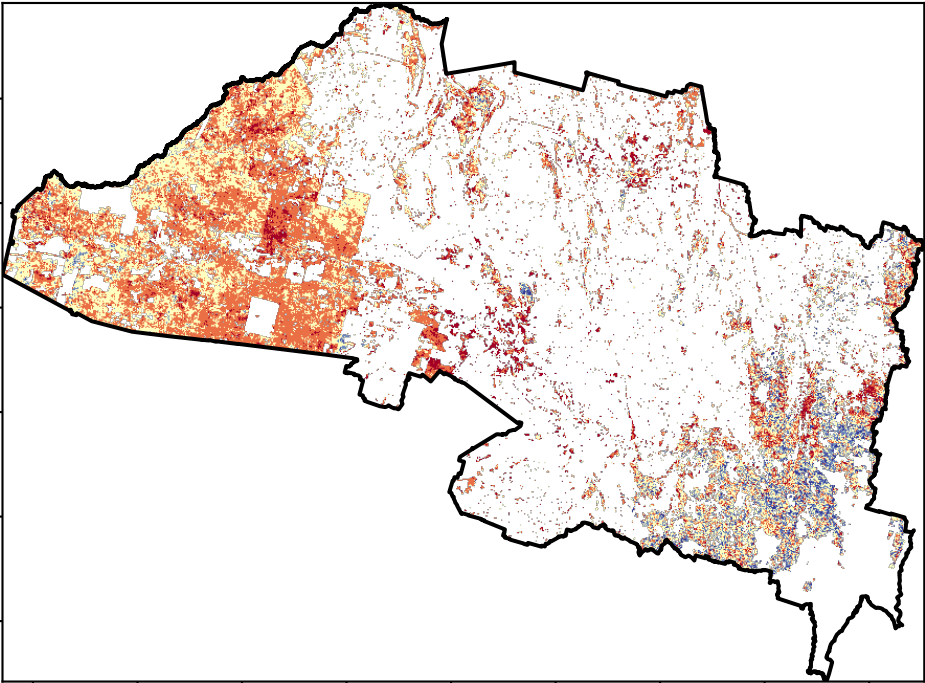
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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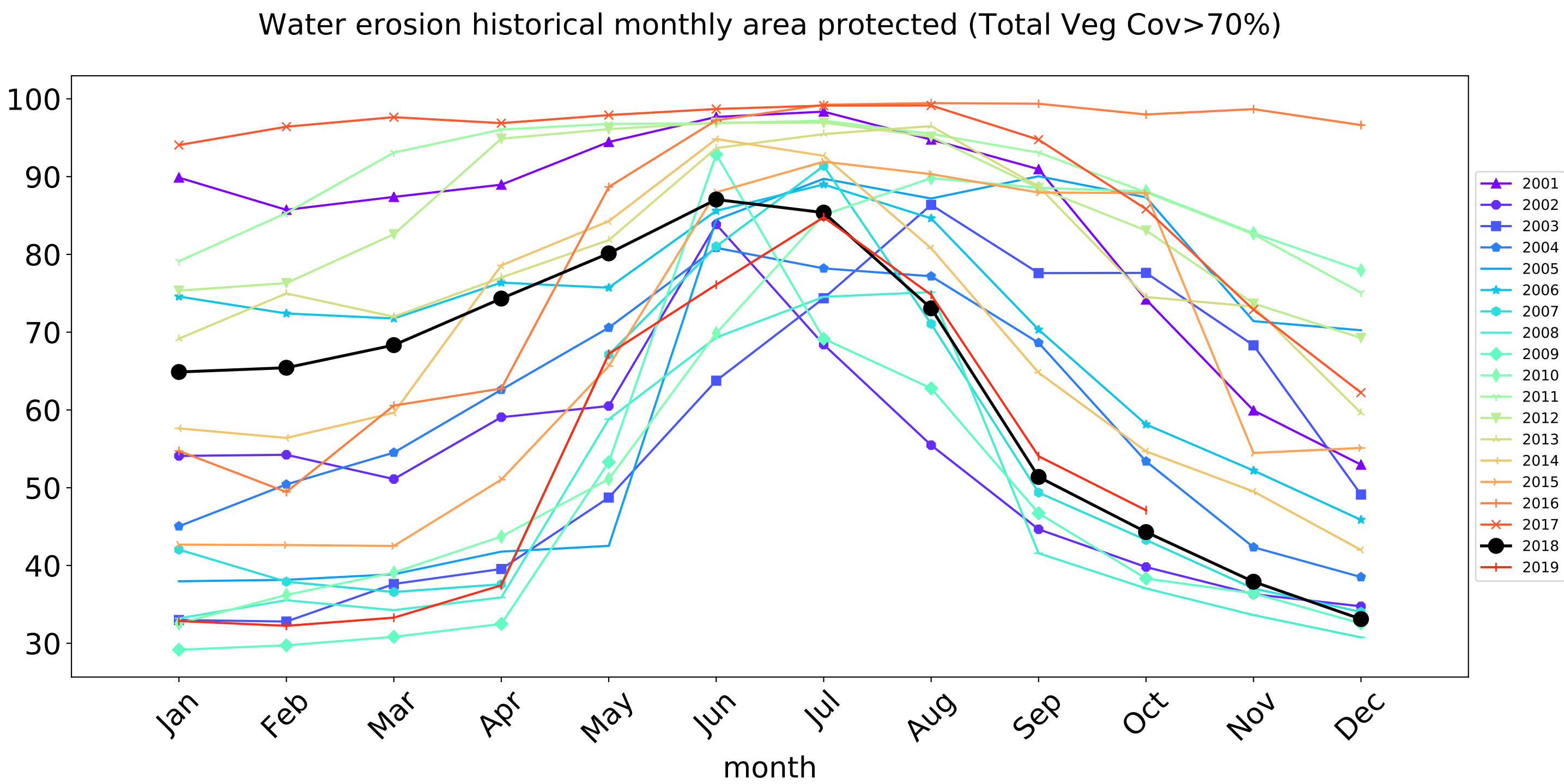
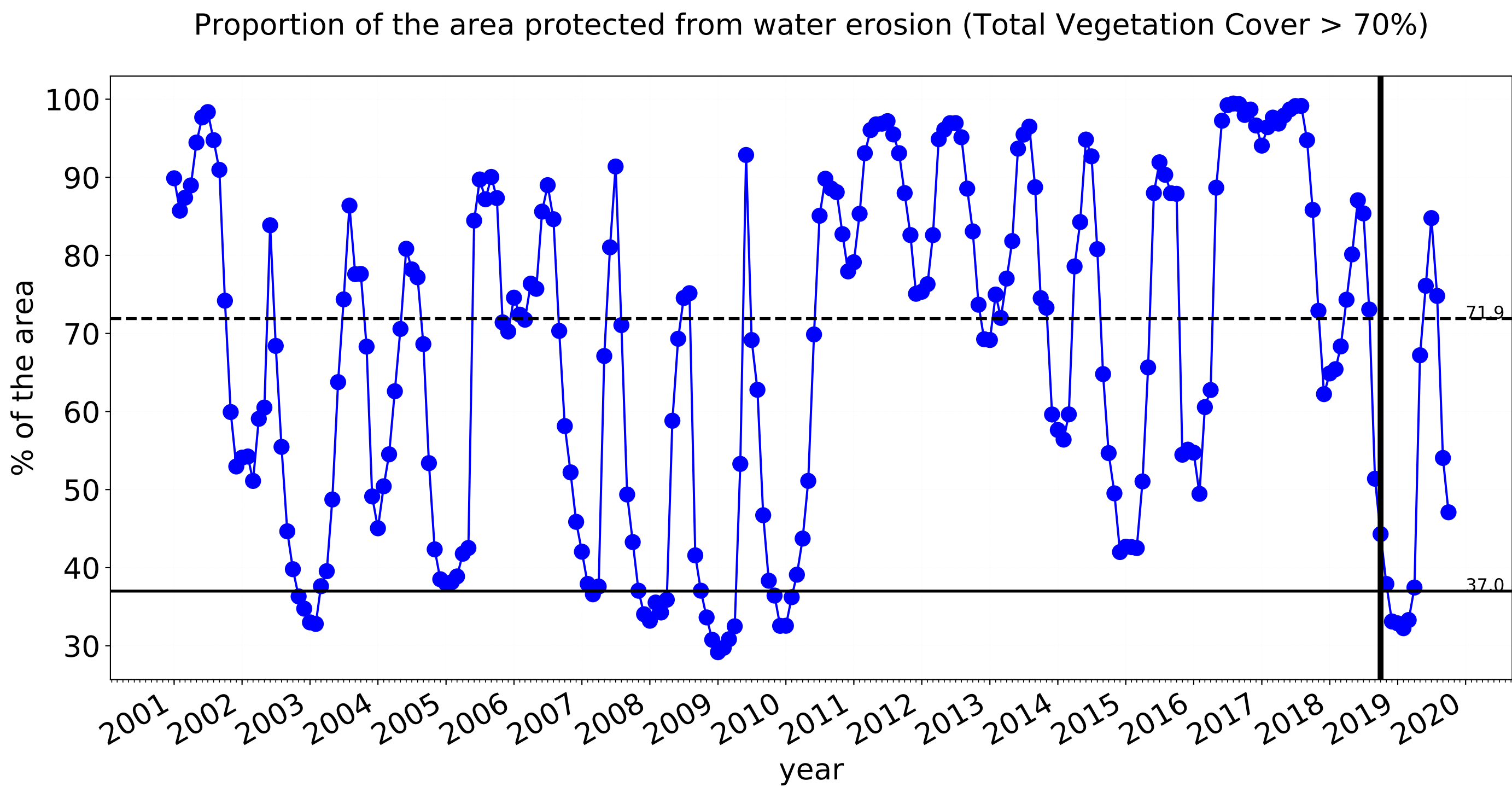
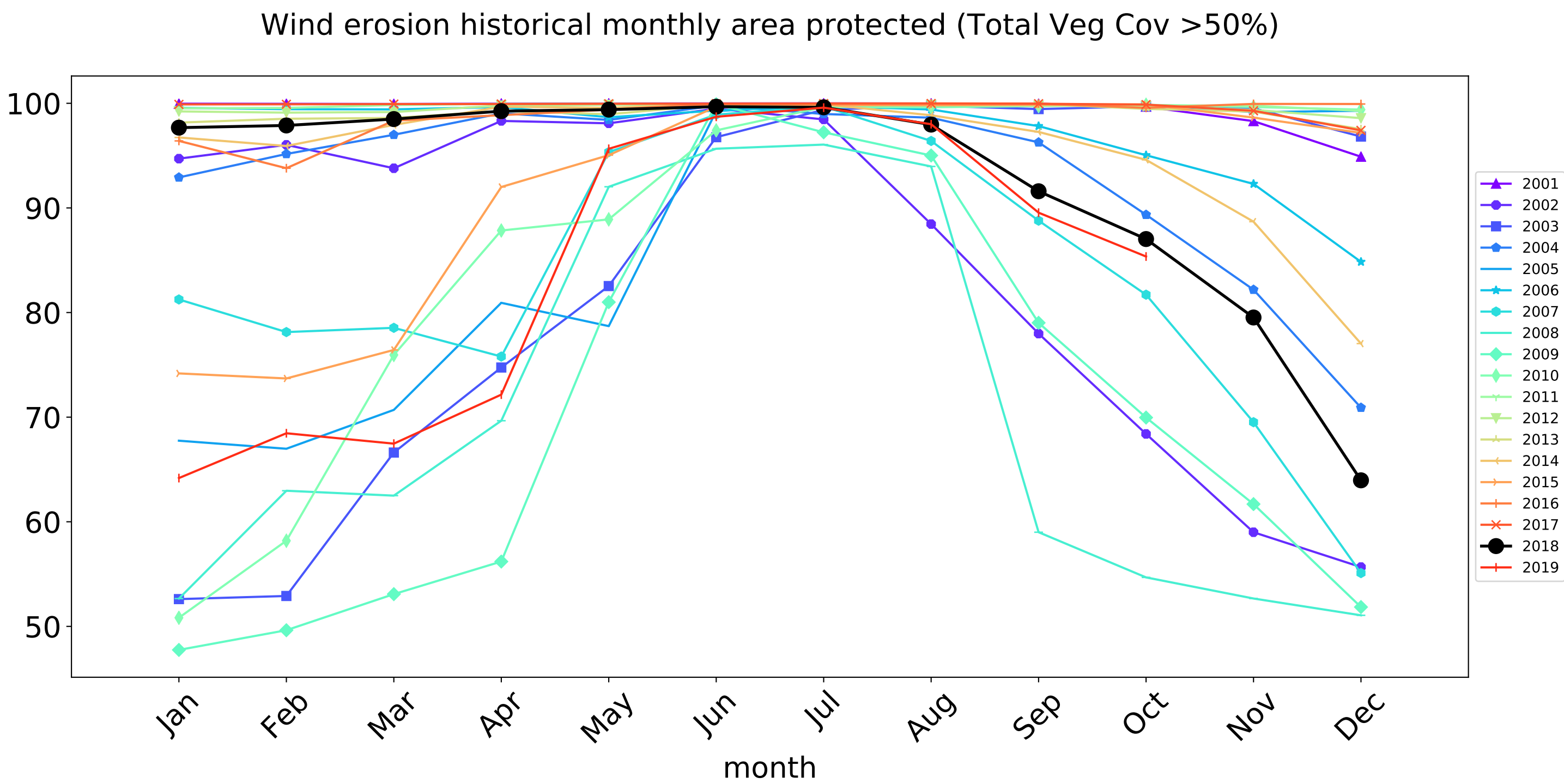
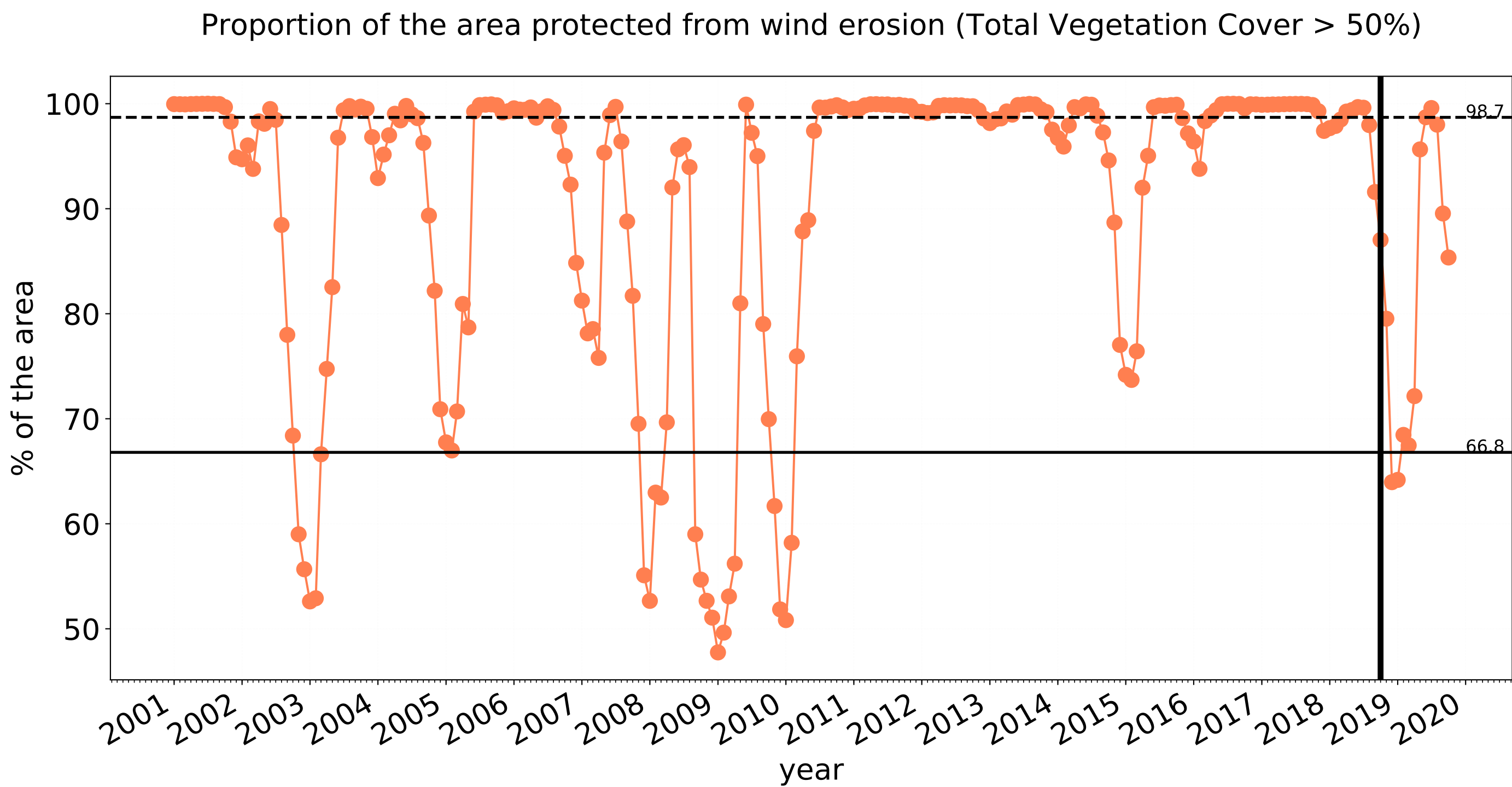


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Grazing timeseries



Grazing non forest

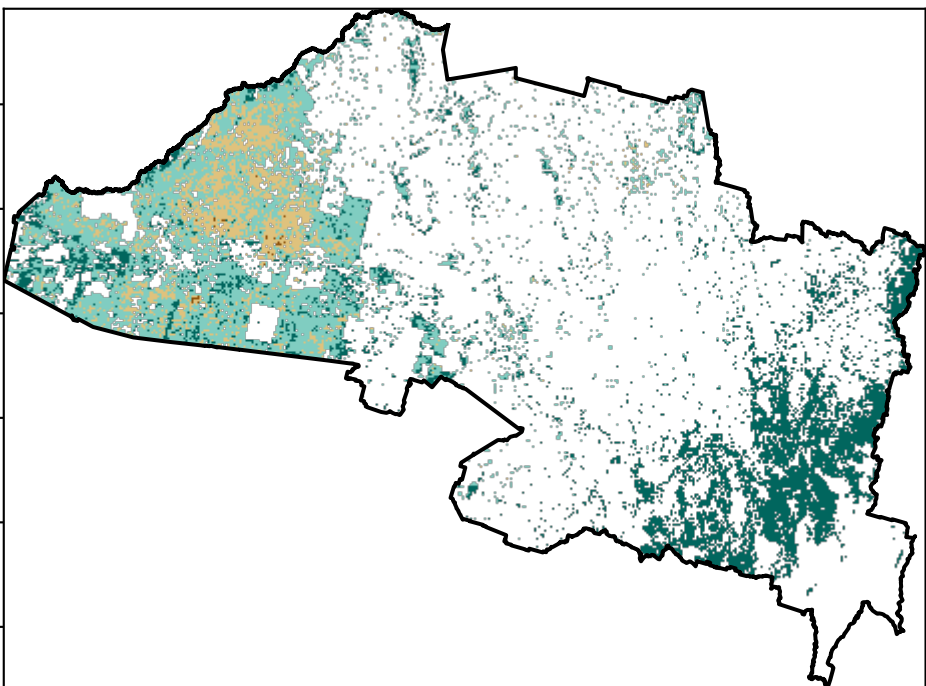
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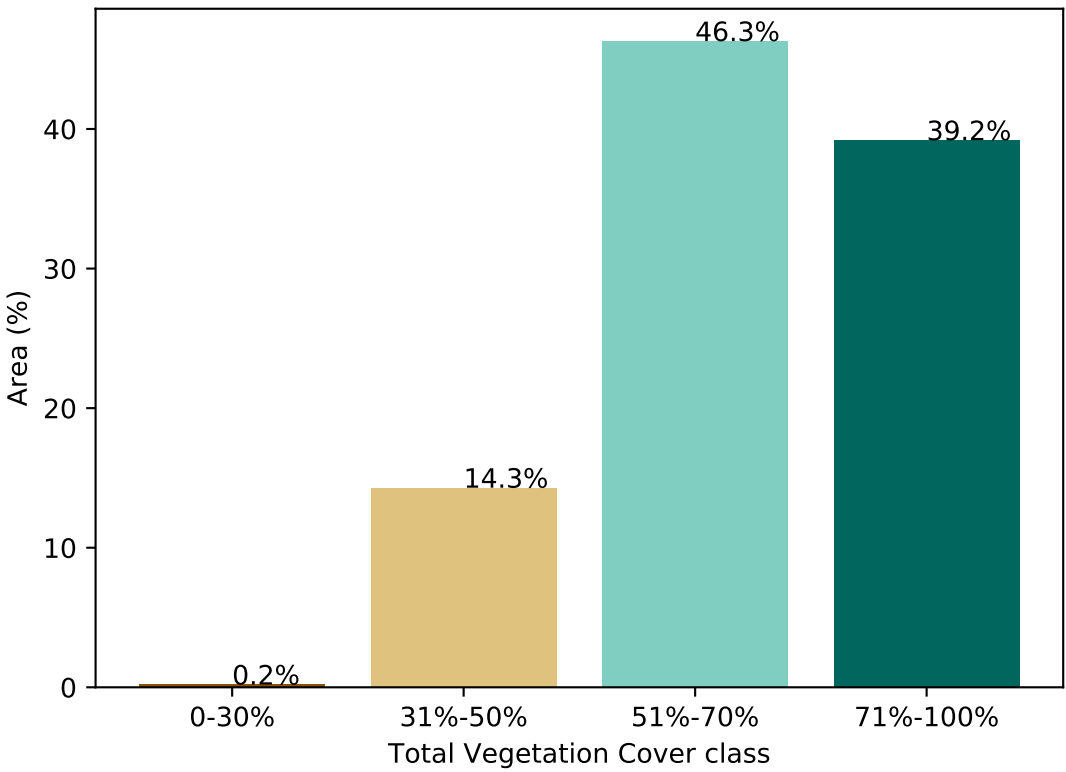


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

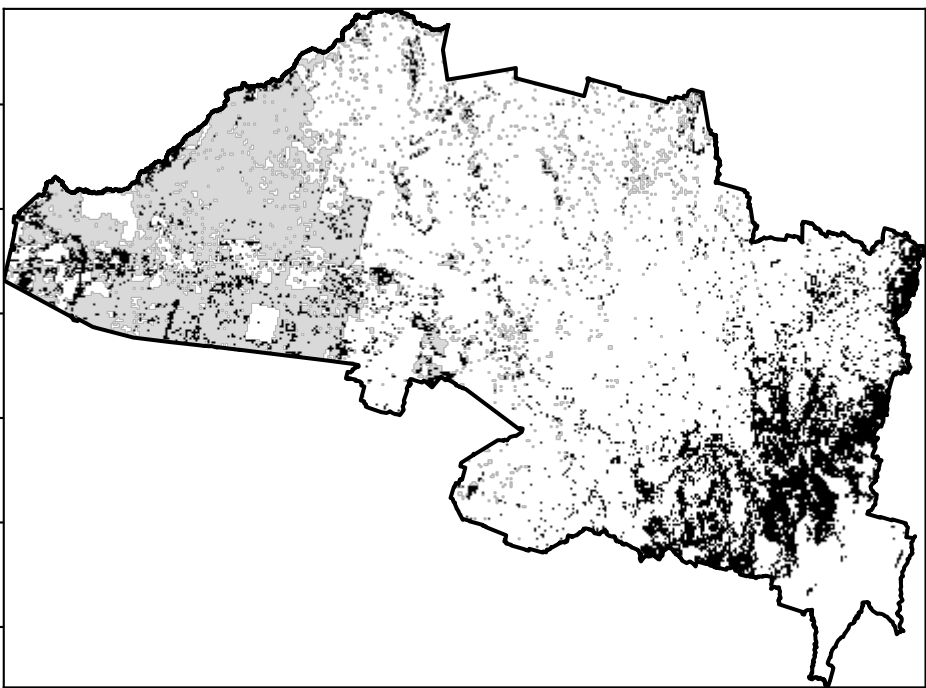
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

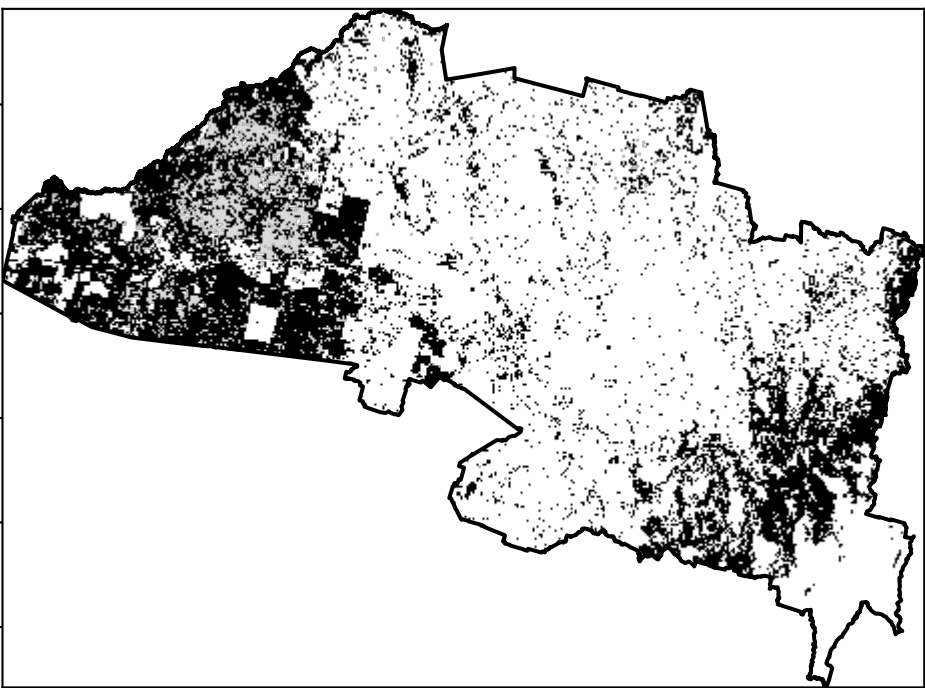


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
60.8% of region
(1,256,371 ha)
Area protected
39.2% of region
(810,028 ha)

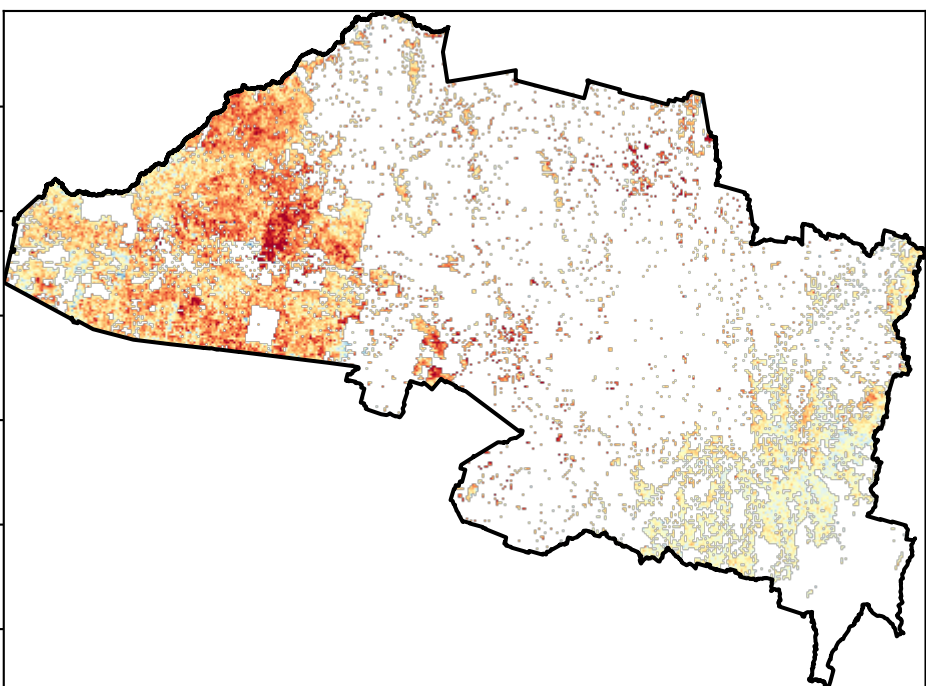
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
14.0% of region
(289,296 ha)
Area protected
86.0% of region
(1,777,104 ha)

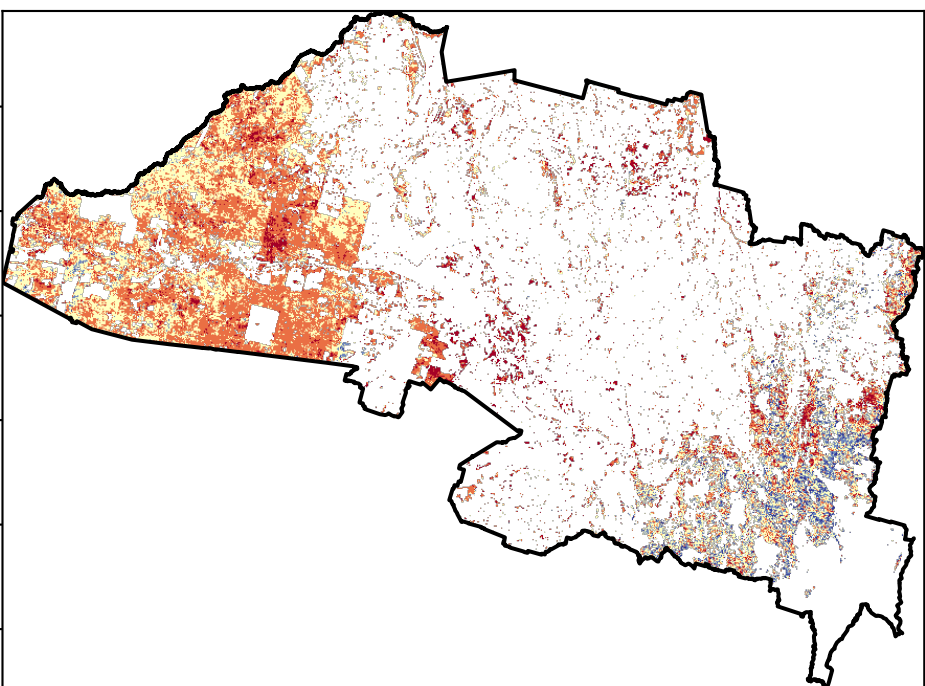
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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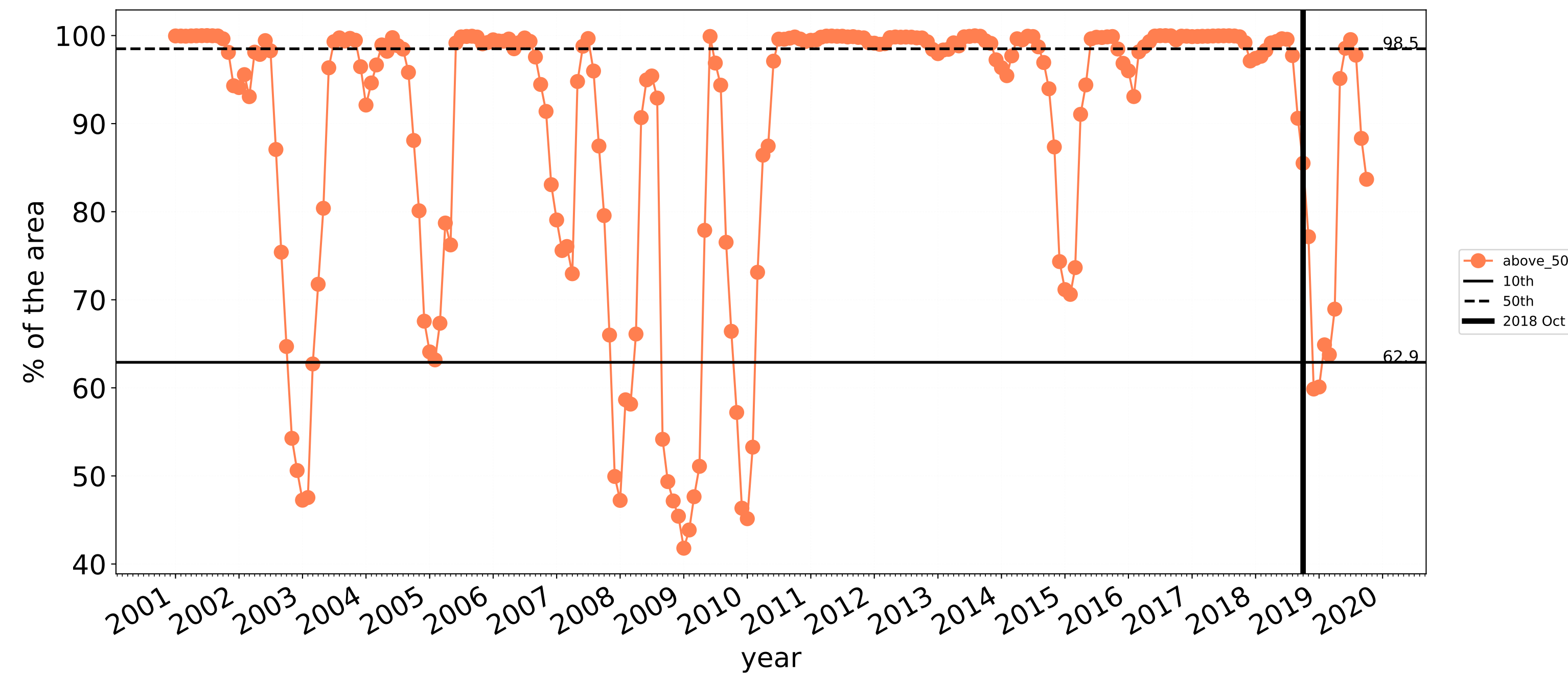
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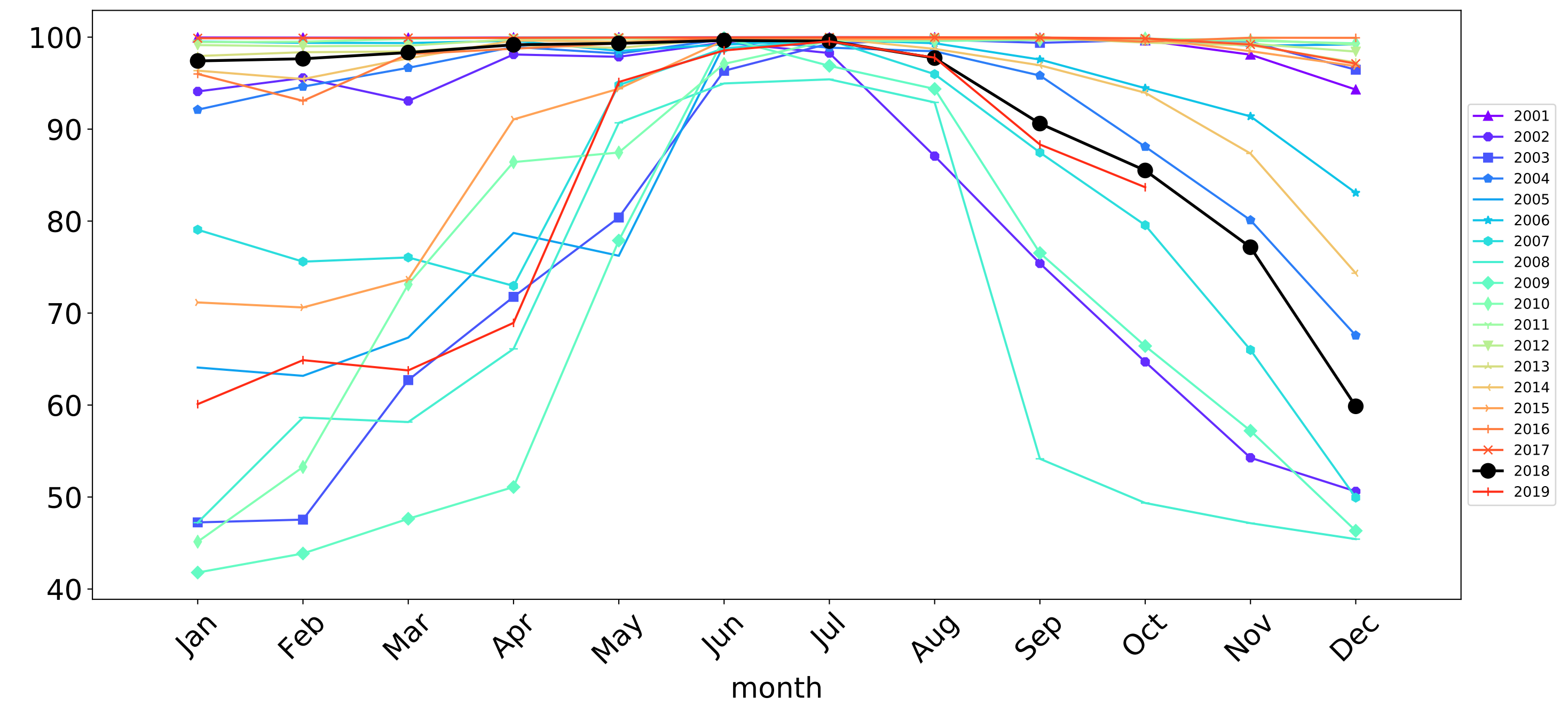
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Grazing non forest timeseries

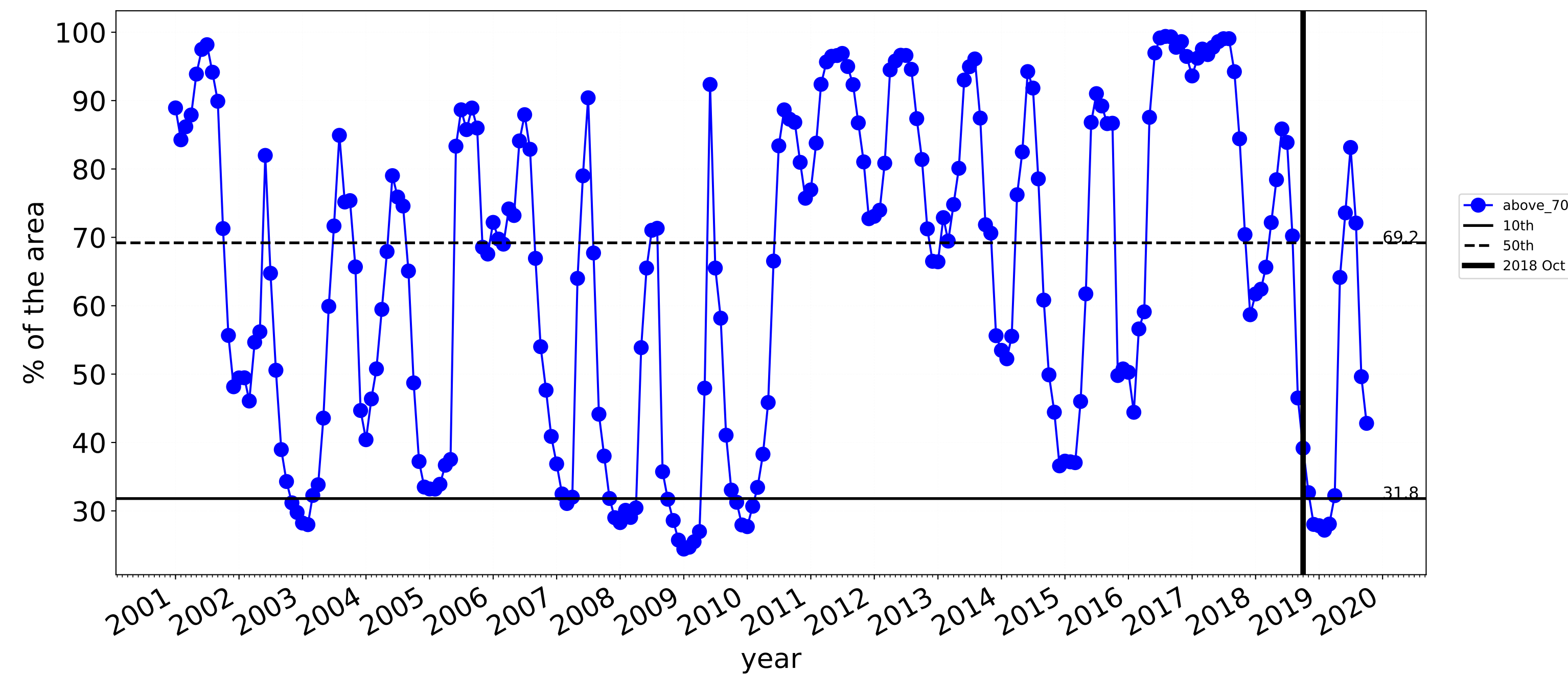
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



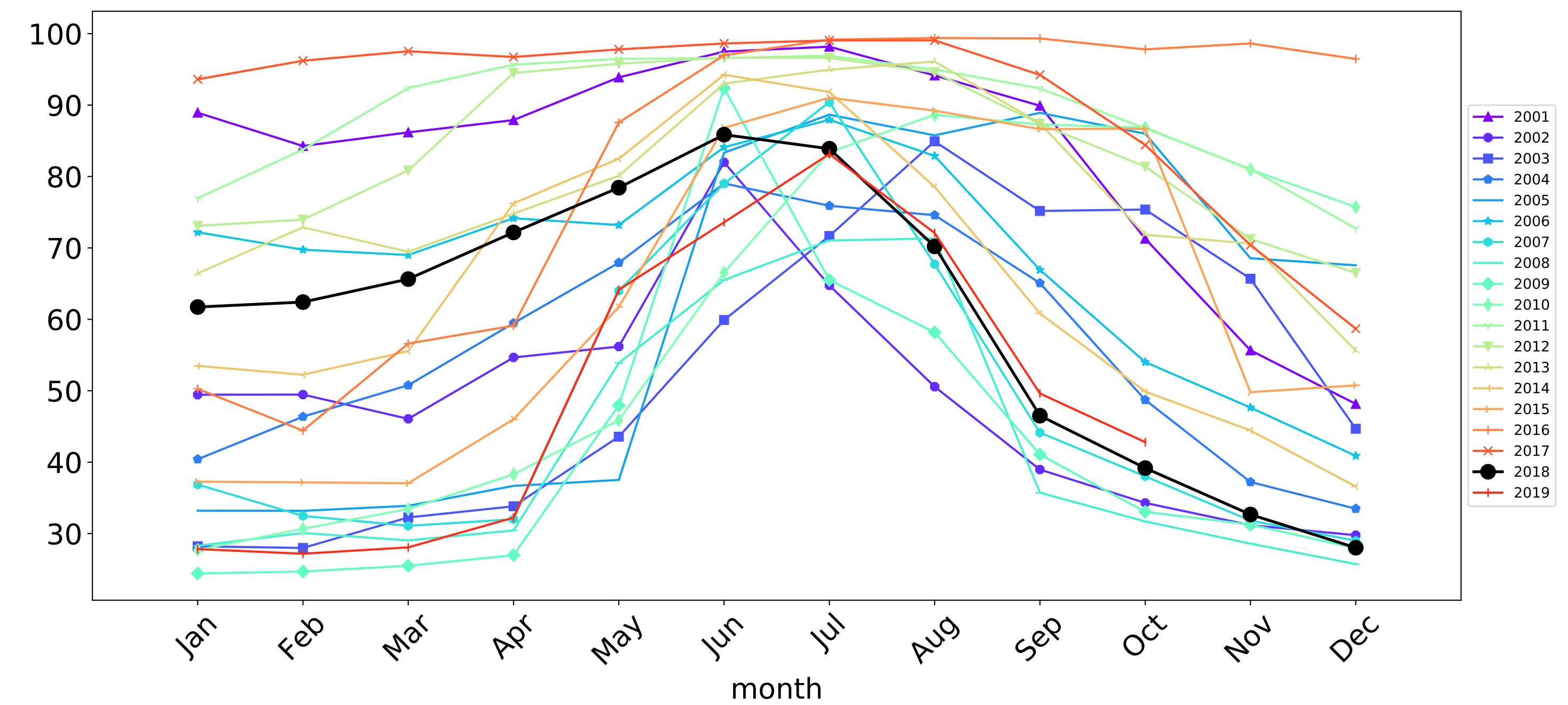
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



Grazing Woodland forest

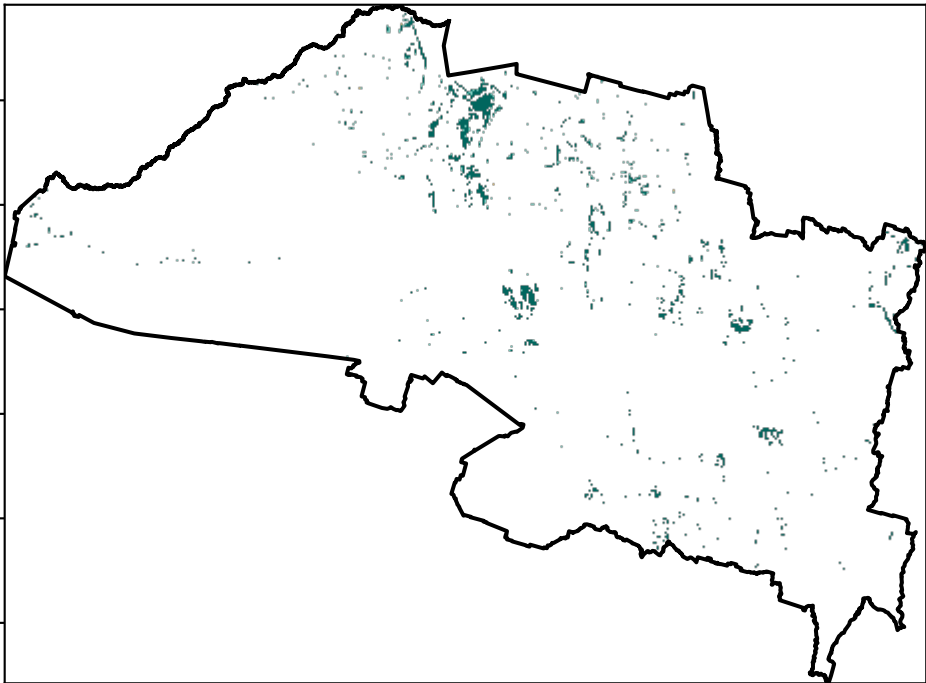
Land use and forest cover

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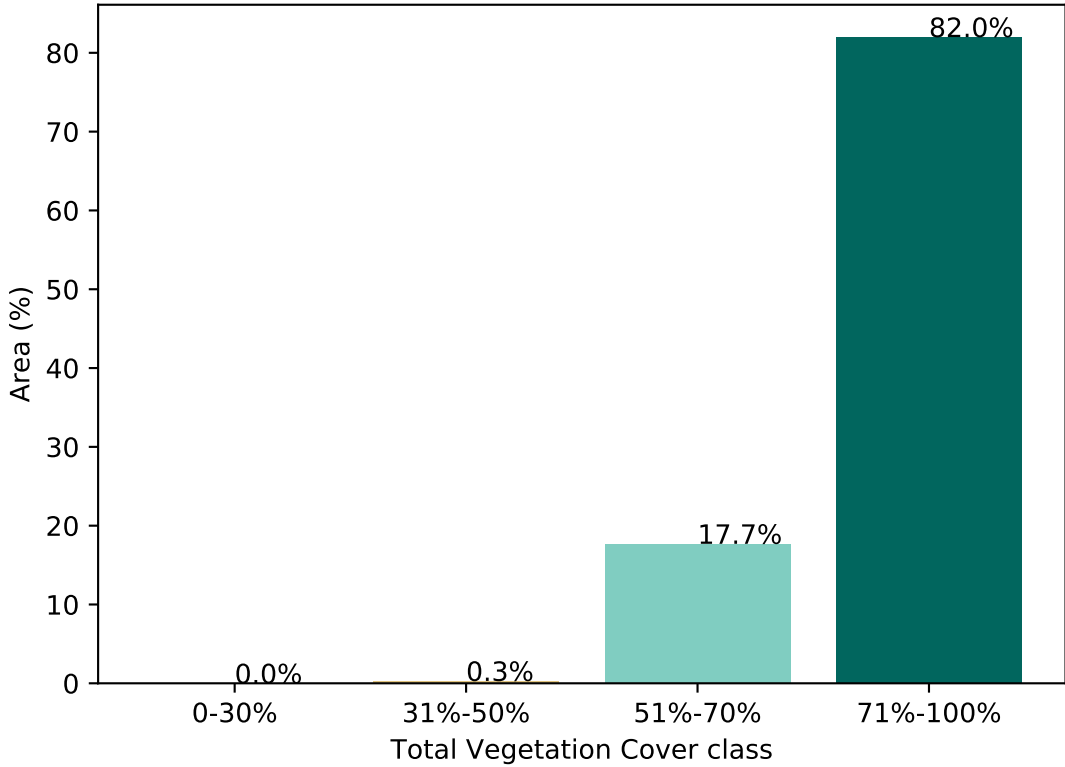


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

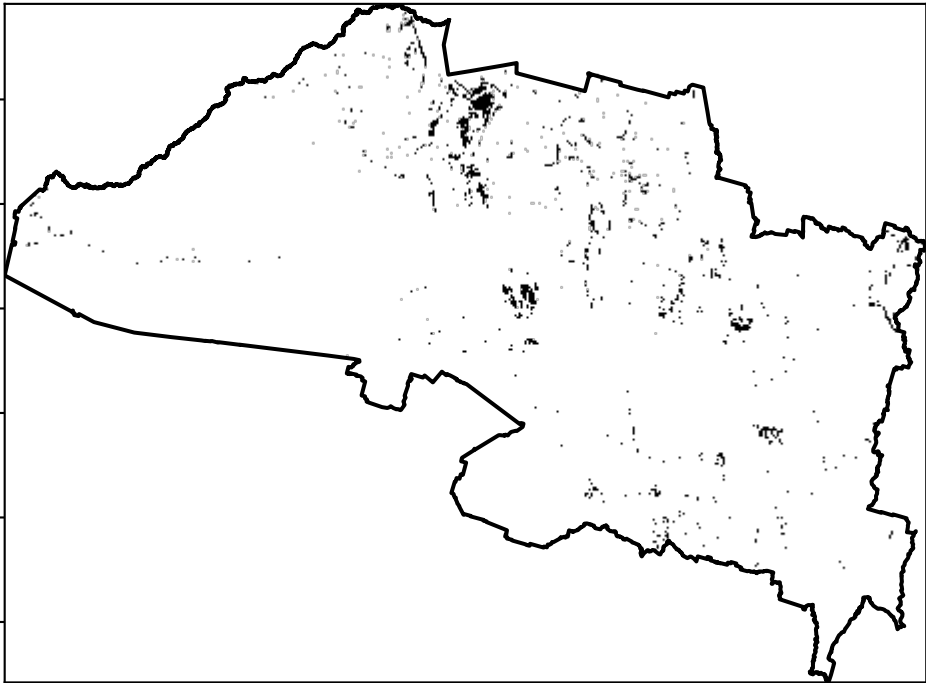
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

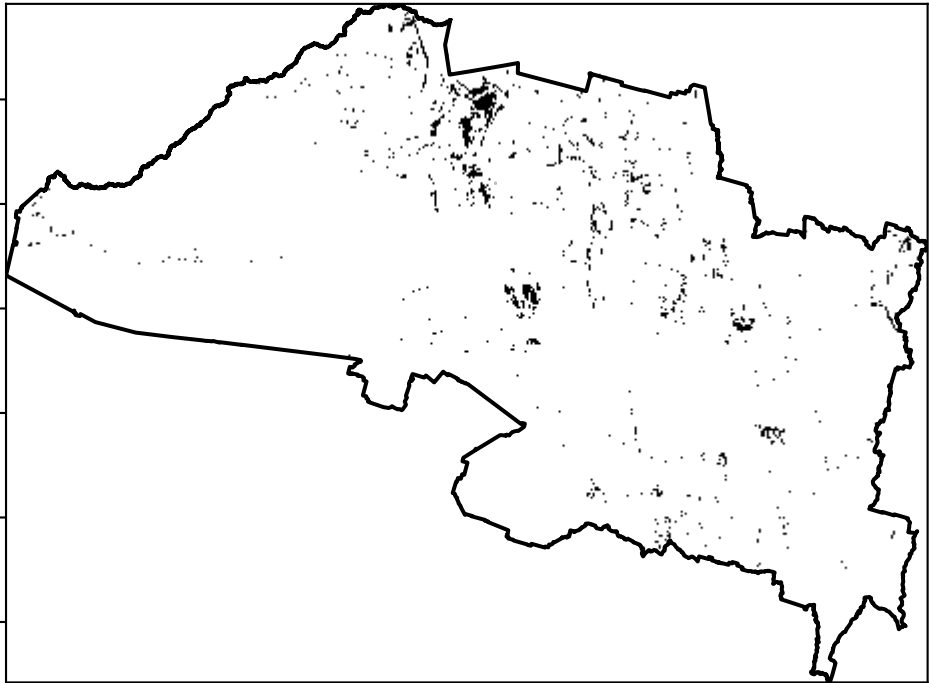


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
18.0% of region
(25,497 ha)
Area protected
82.0% of region
(116,153 ha)

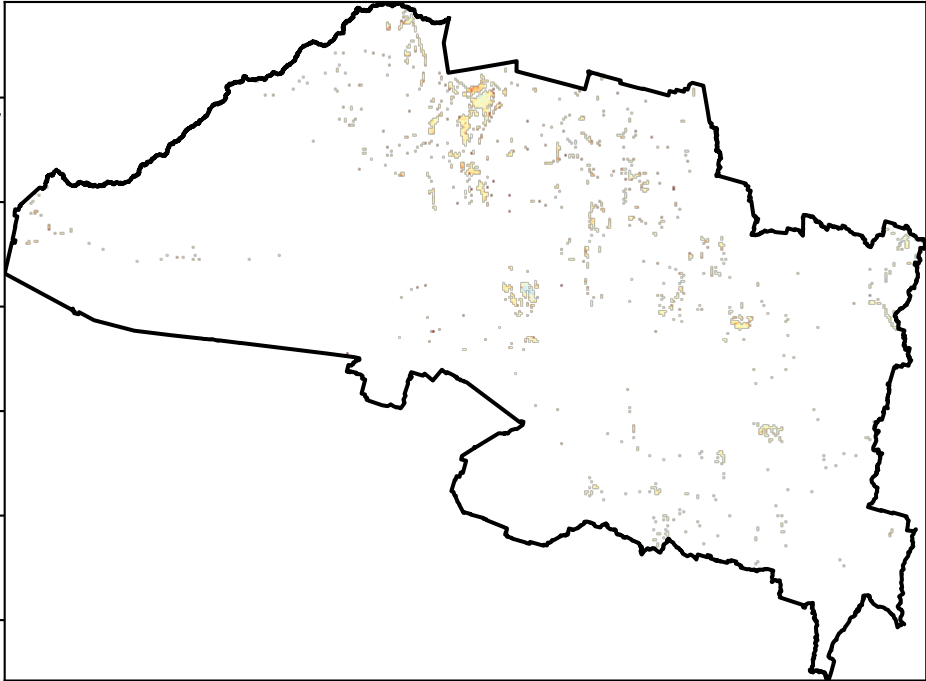
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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

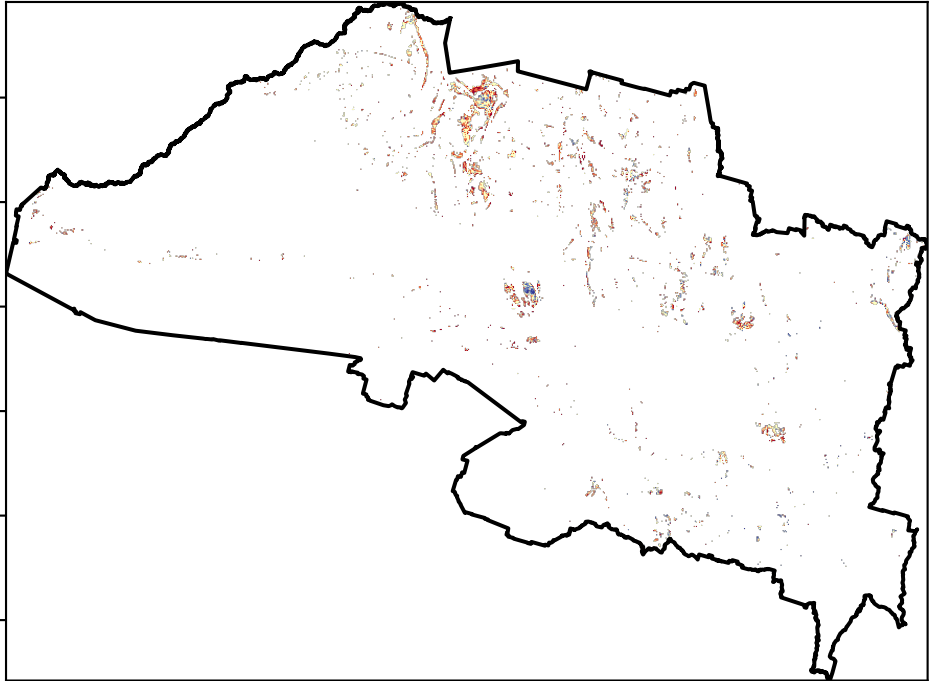
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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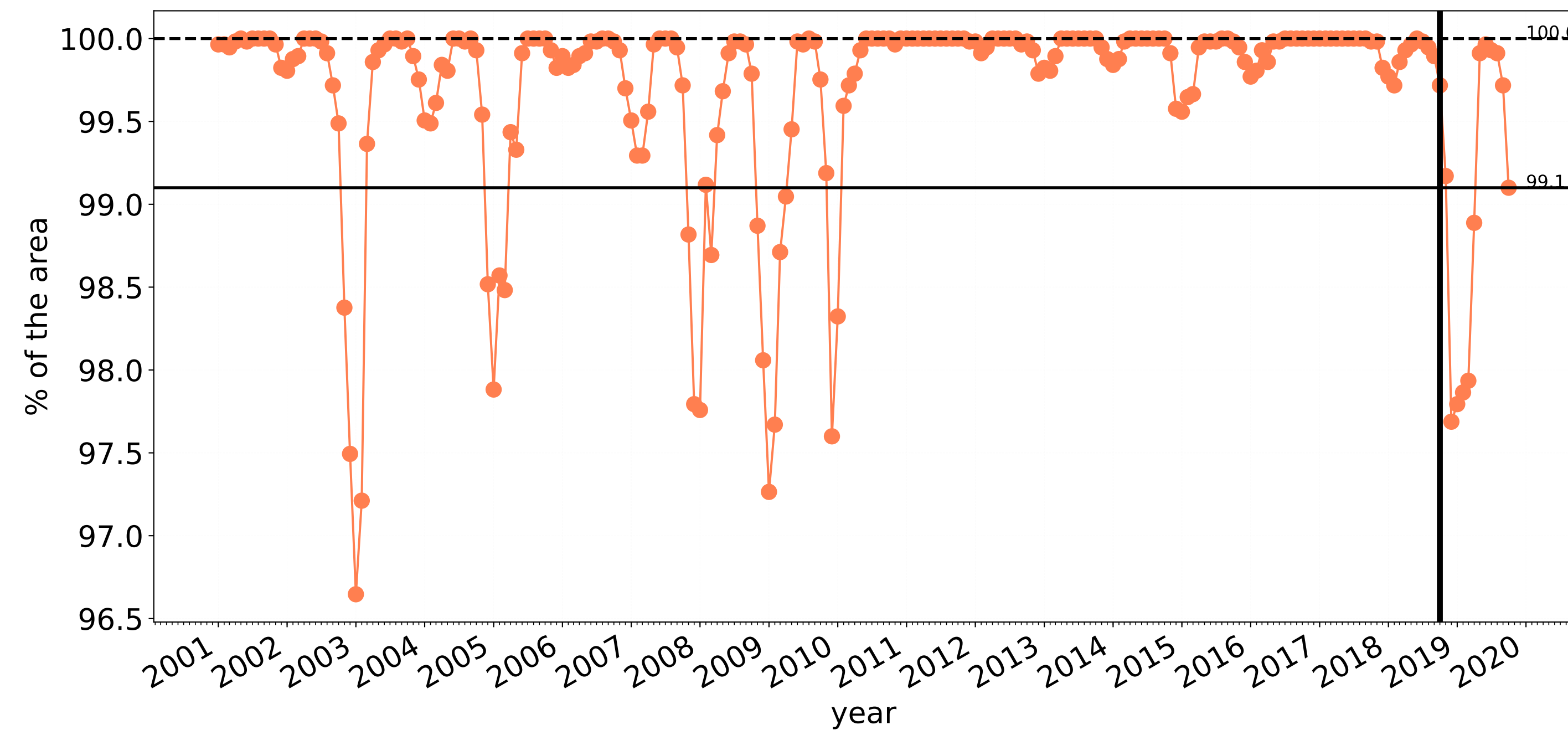
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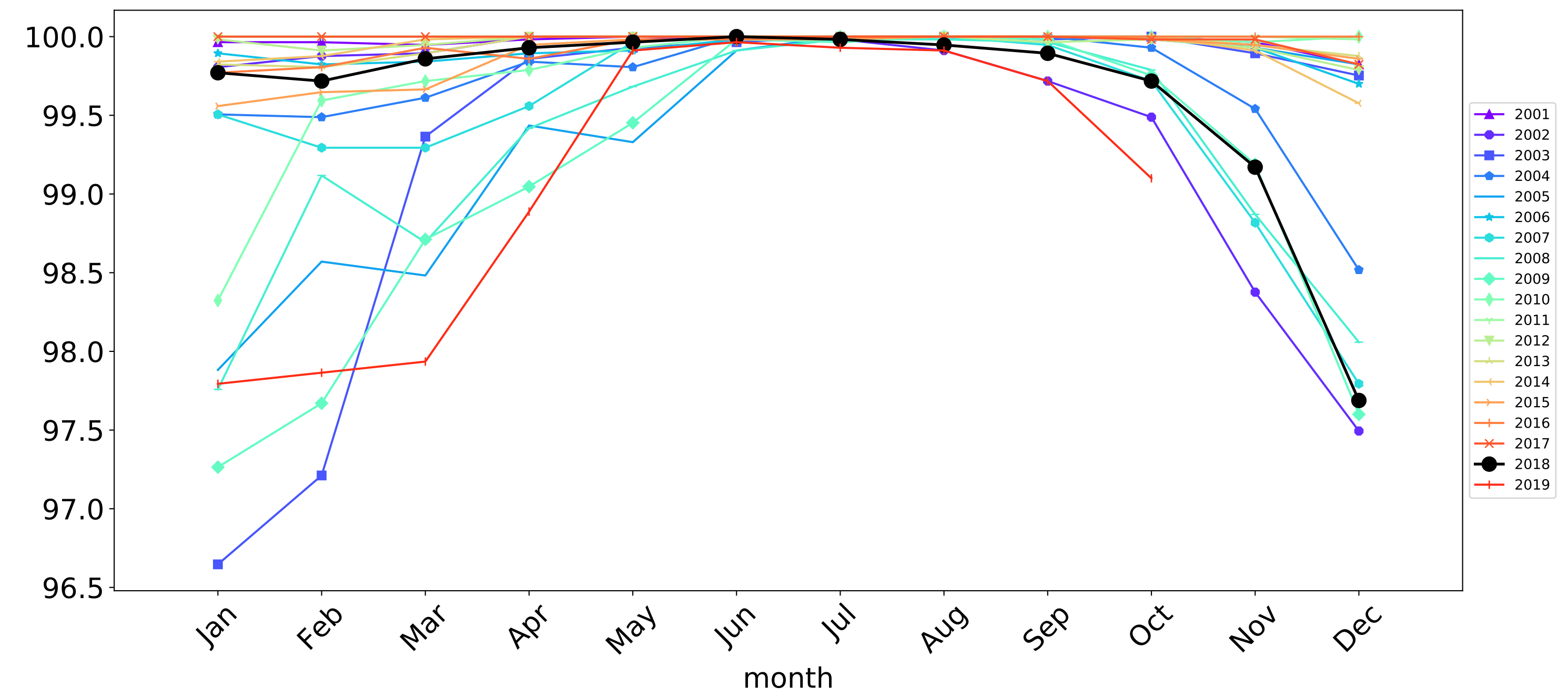
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Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

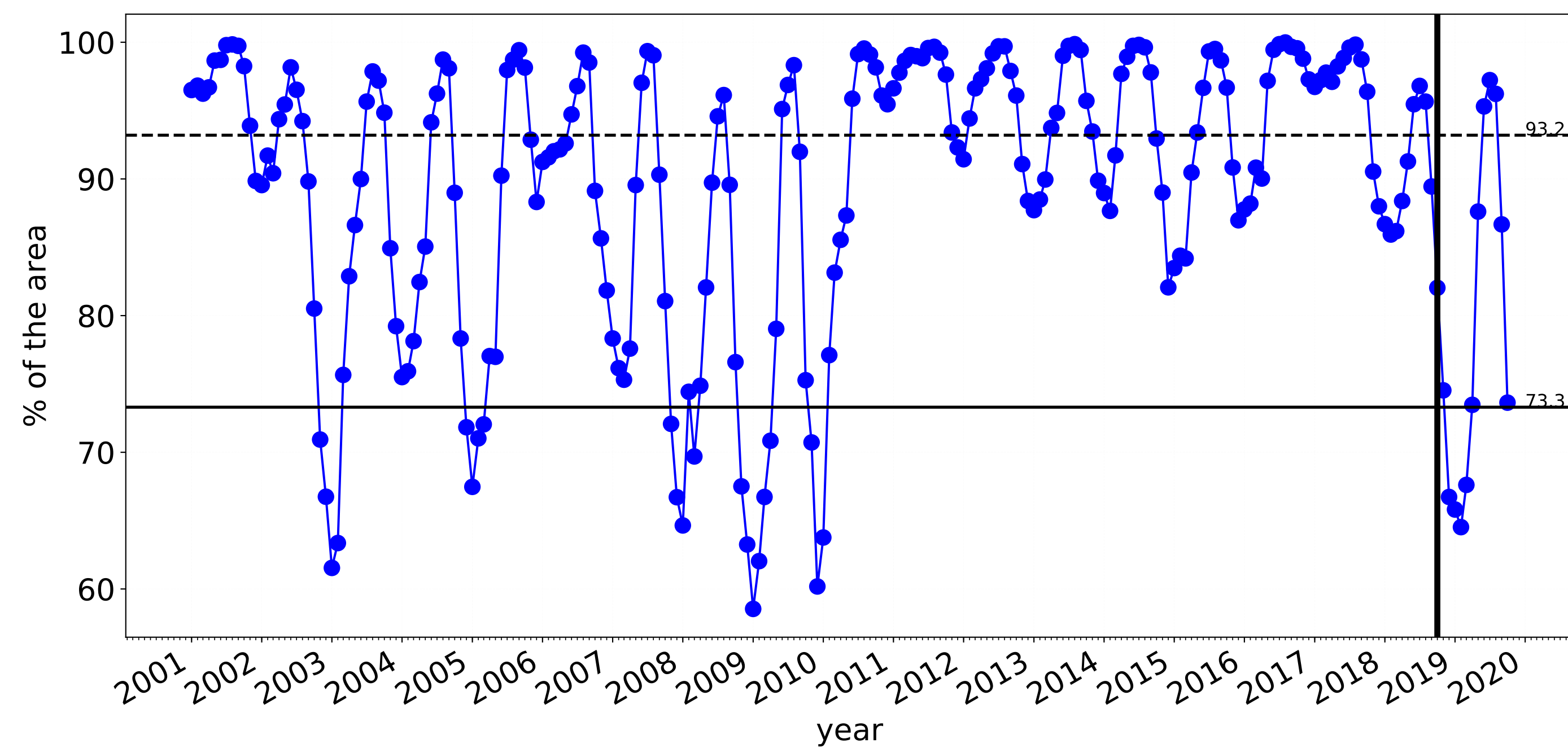
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



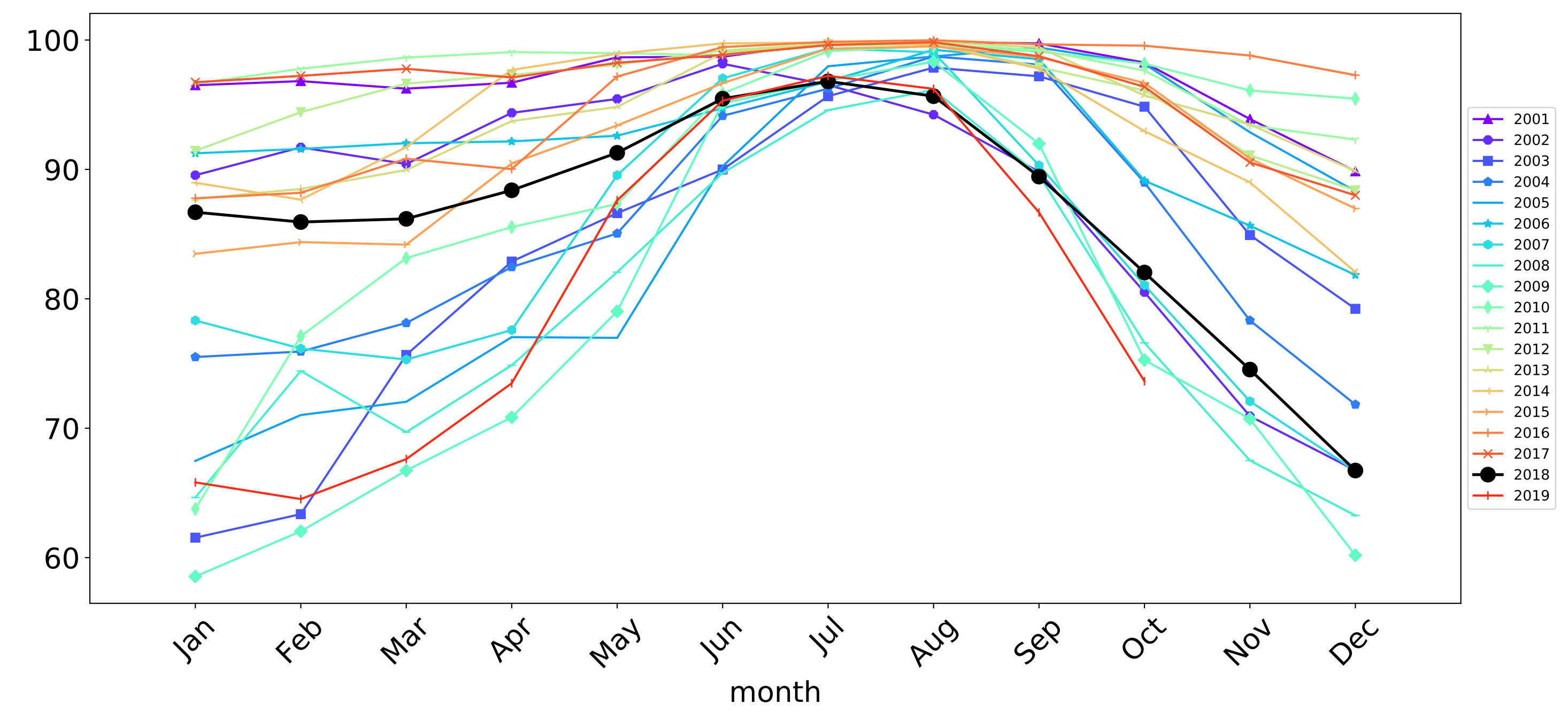
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



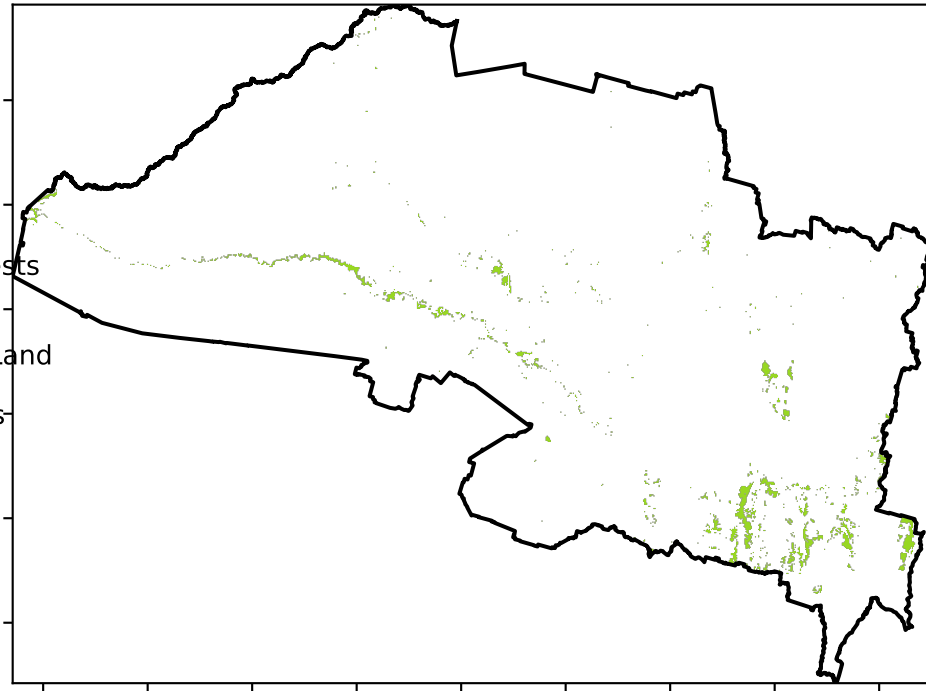
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

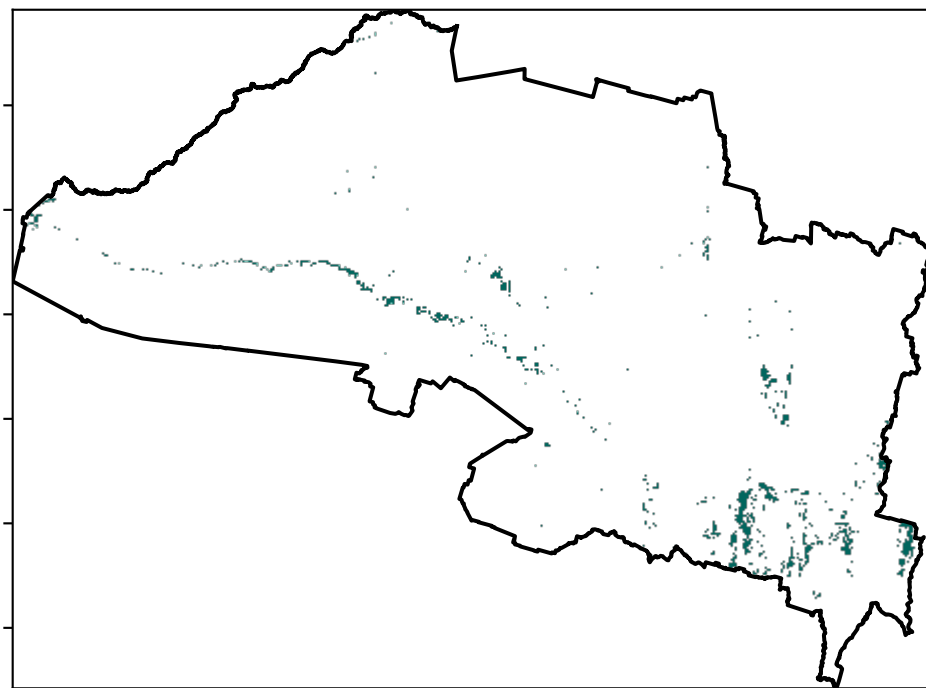
Land use and forest cover

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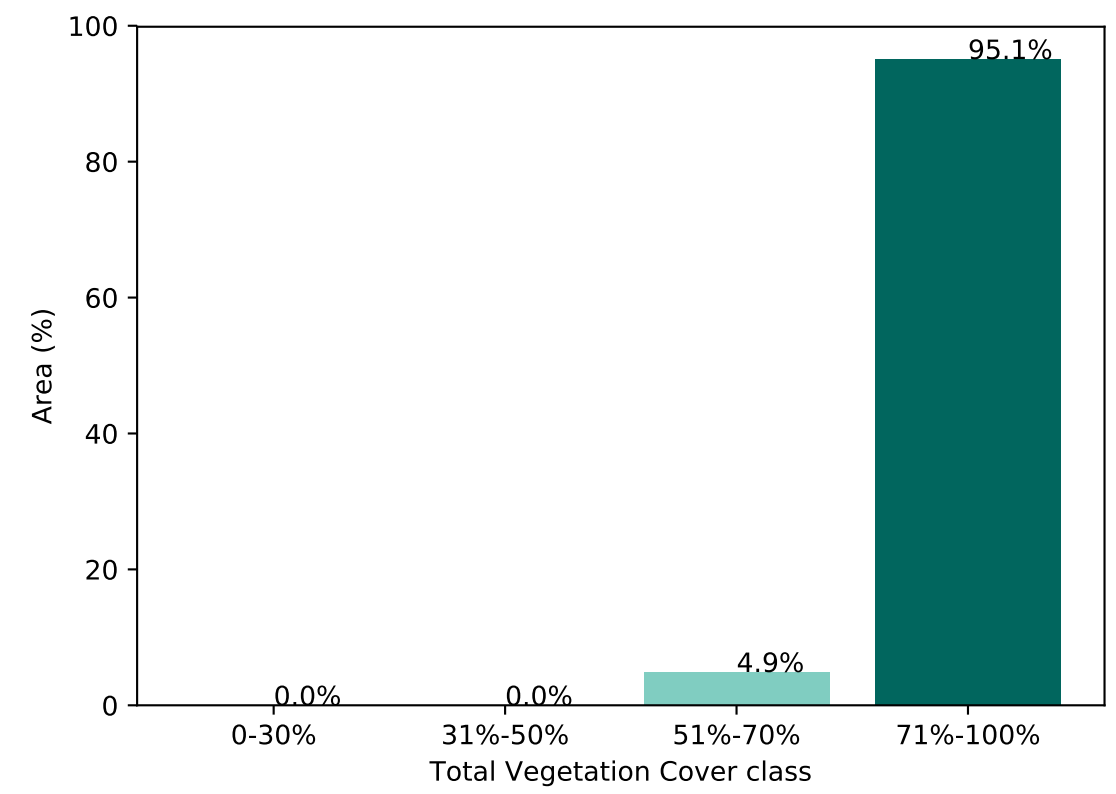


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

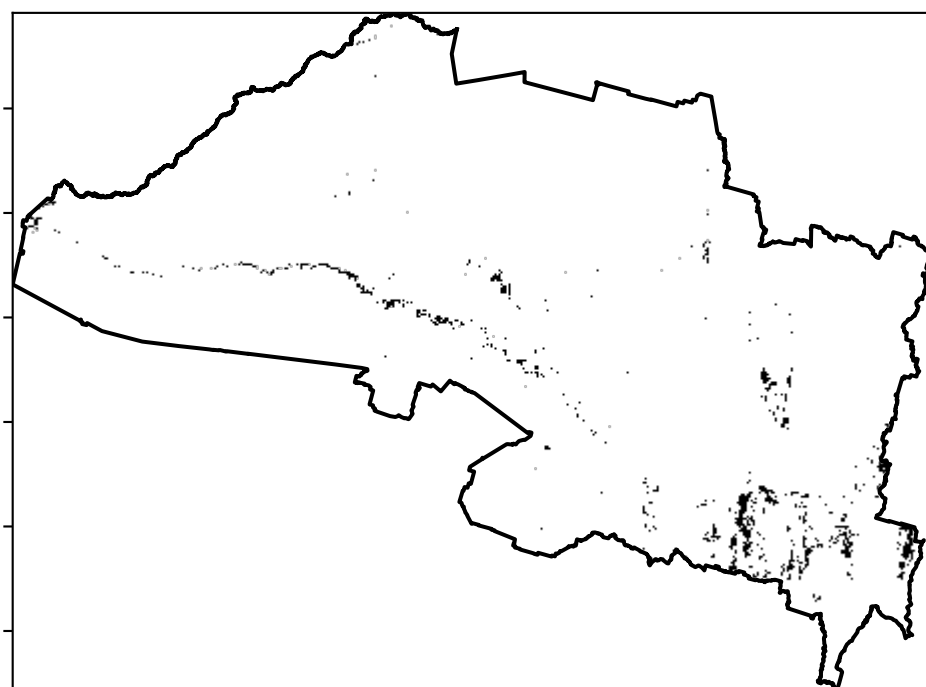
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

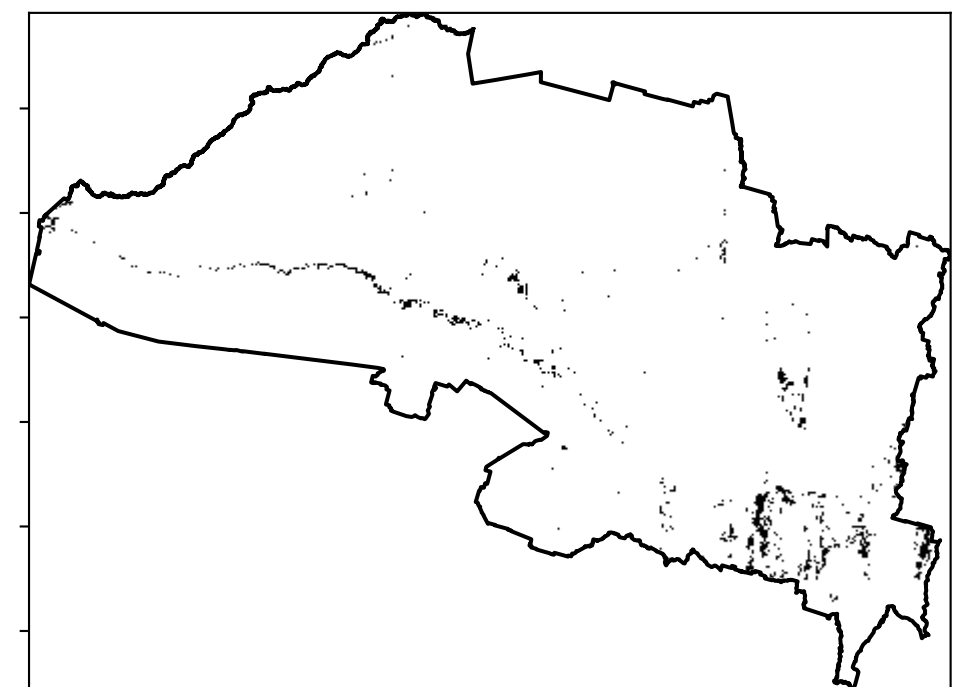


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



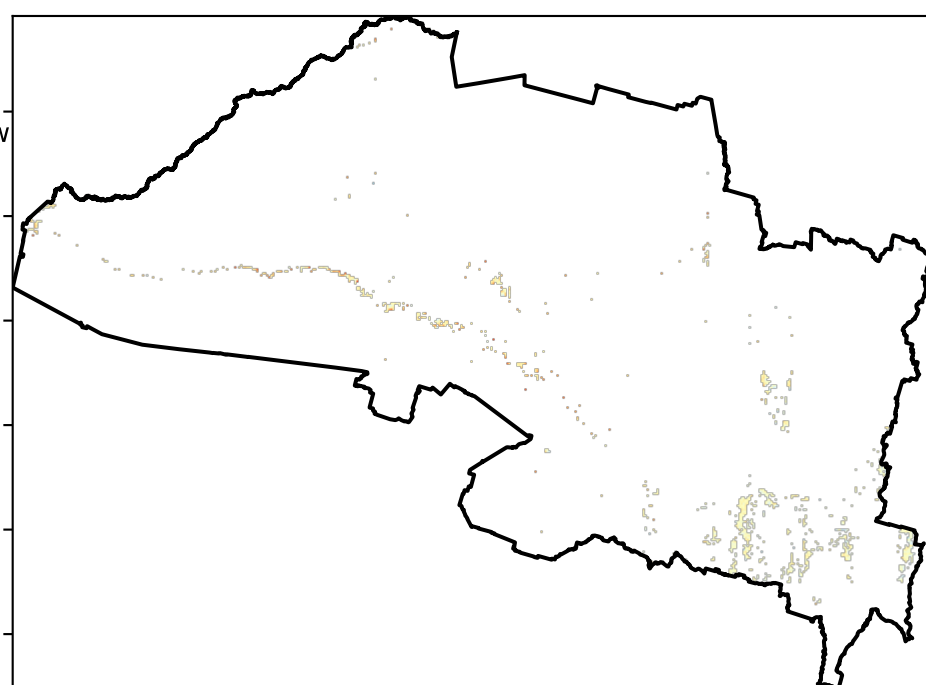
Area not protected
4.9% of region
(5,064 ha)
Area protected
95.1% of region
(98,285 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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

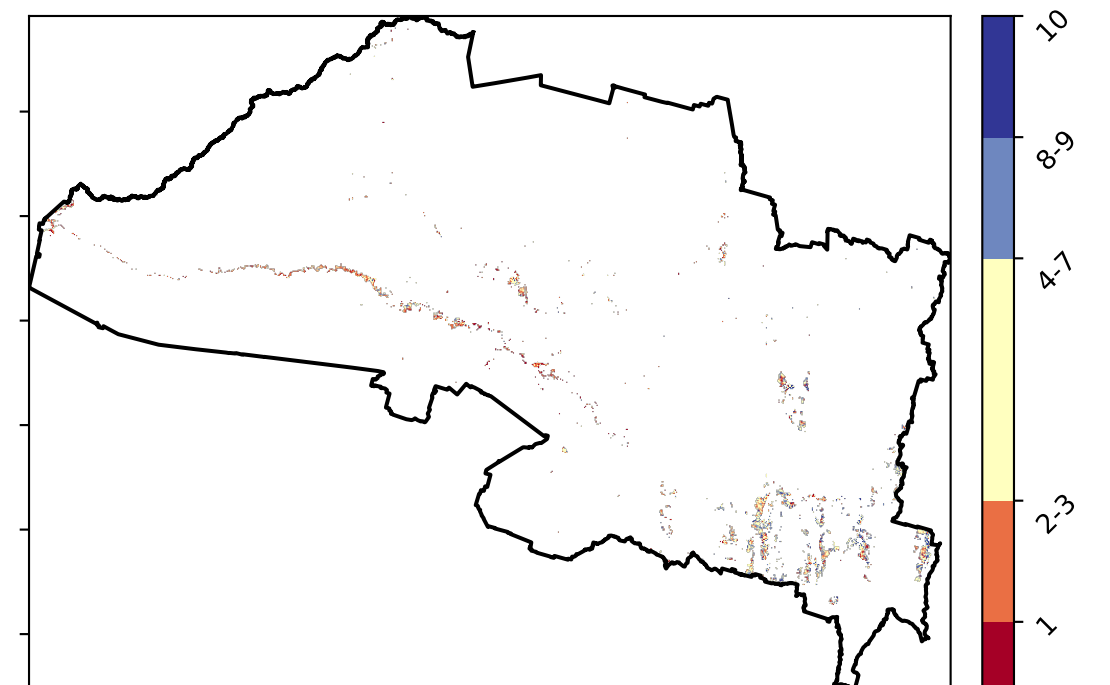
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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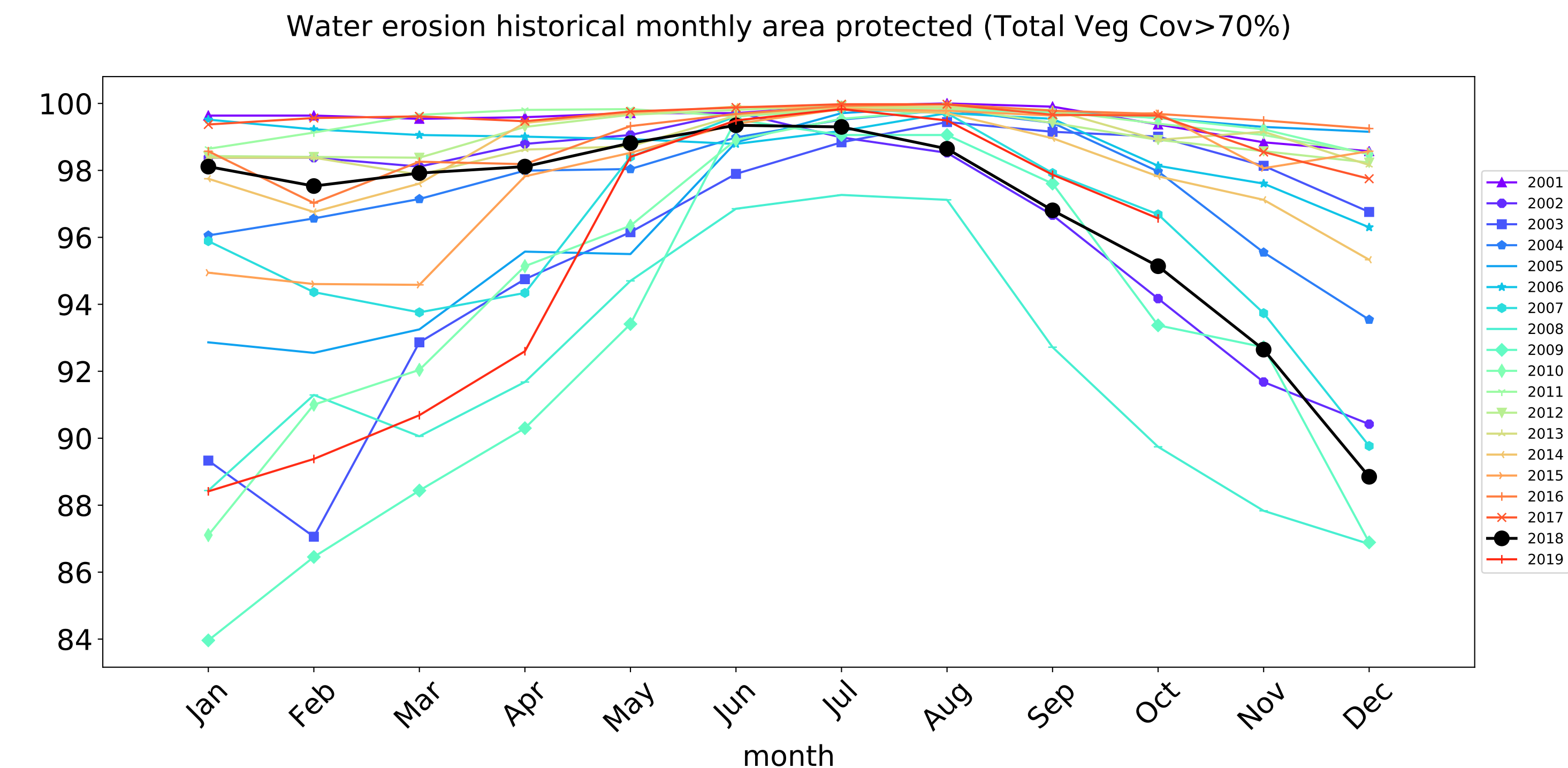
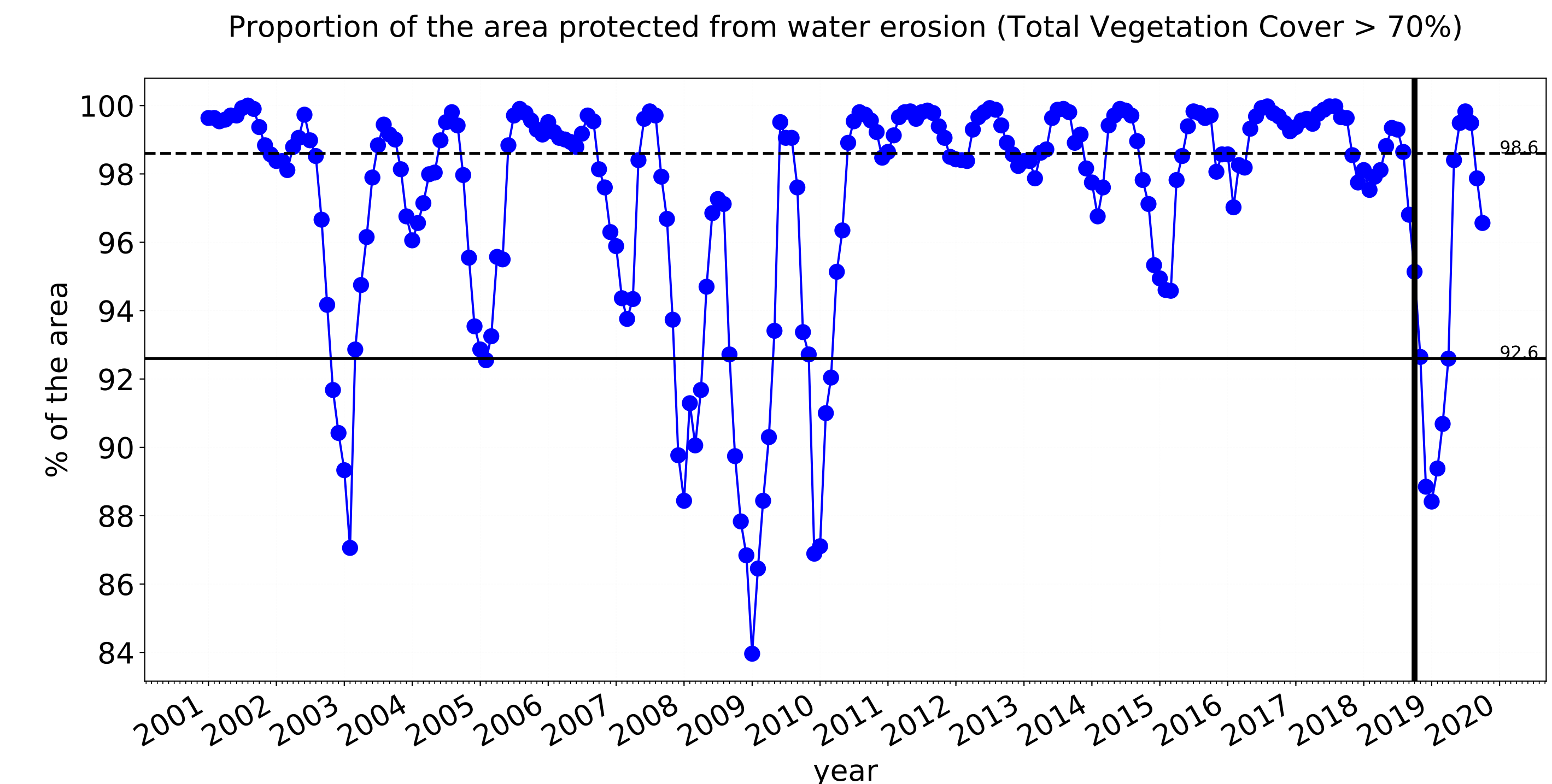
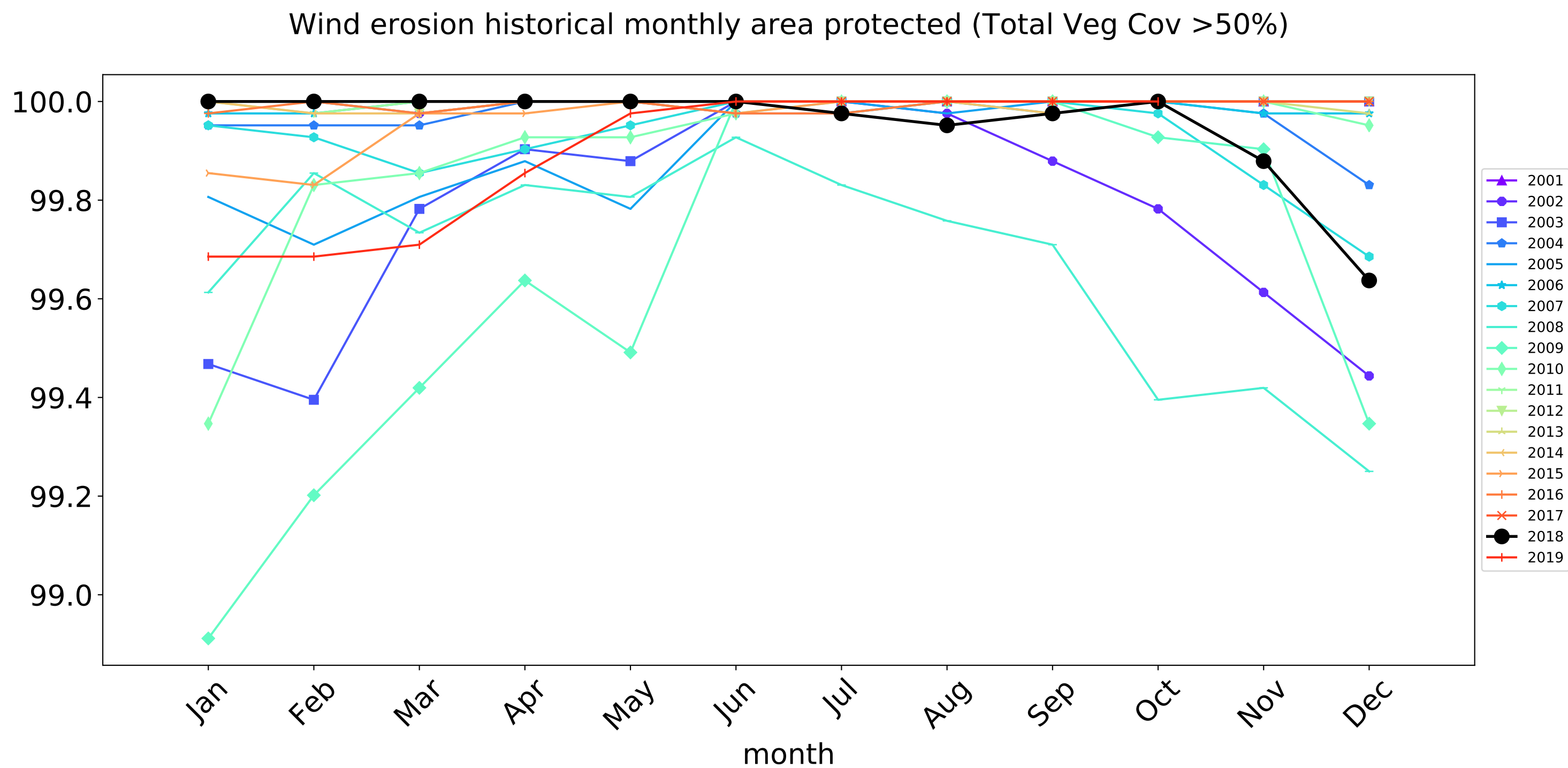
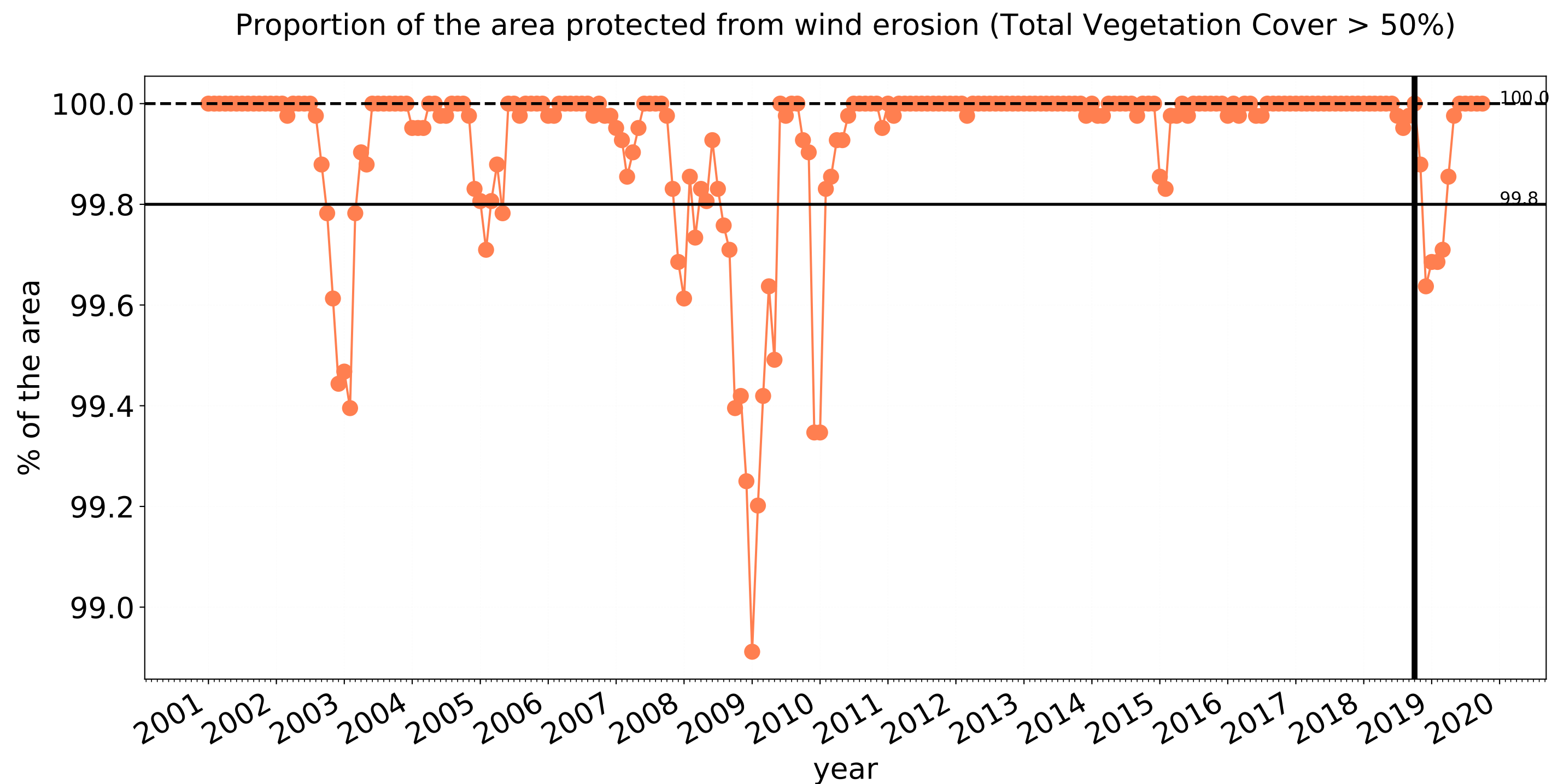


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Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries



Cropping

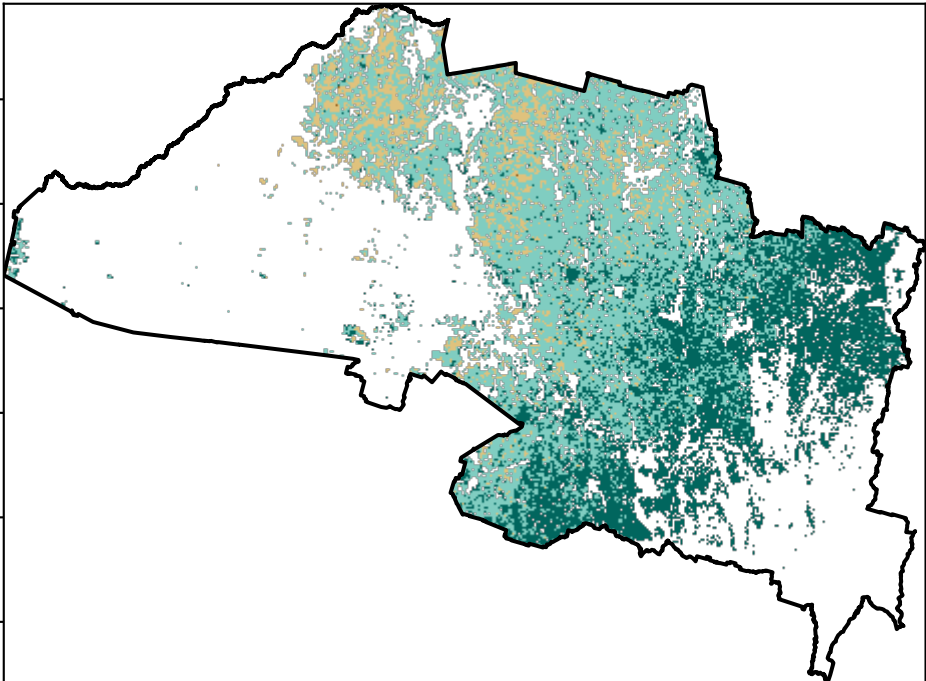
Land use and forest cover

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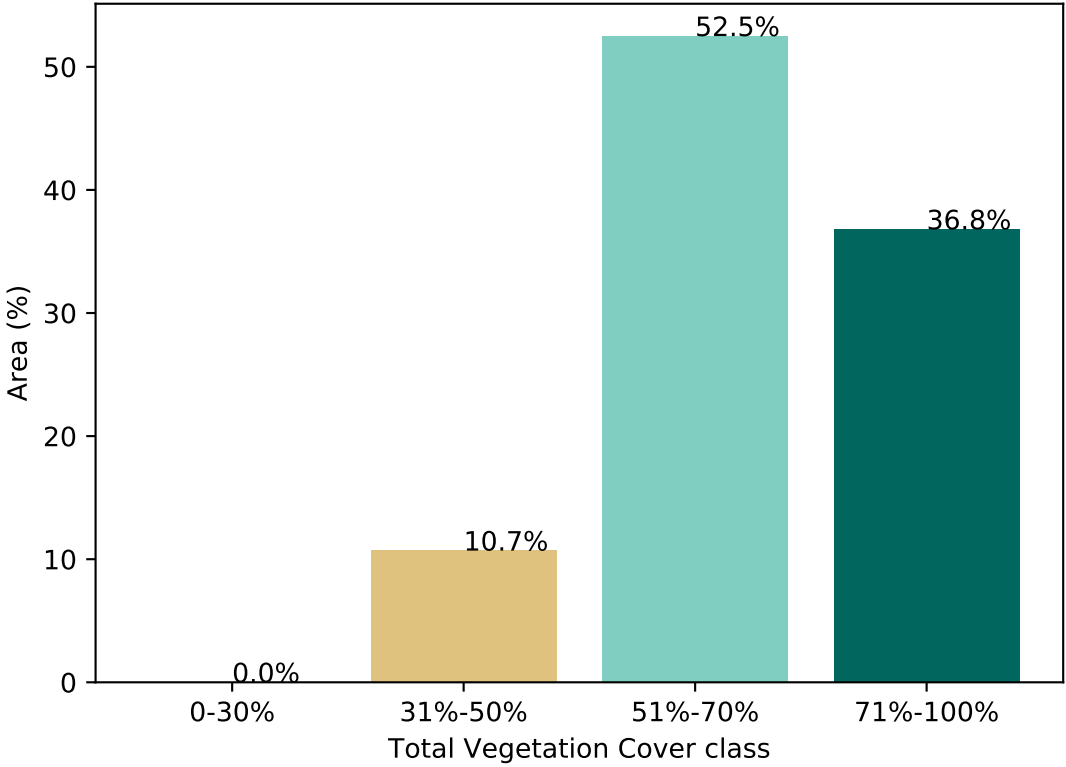


1 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

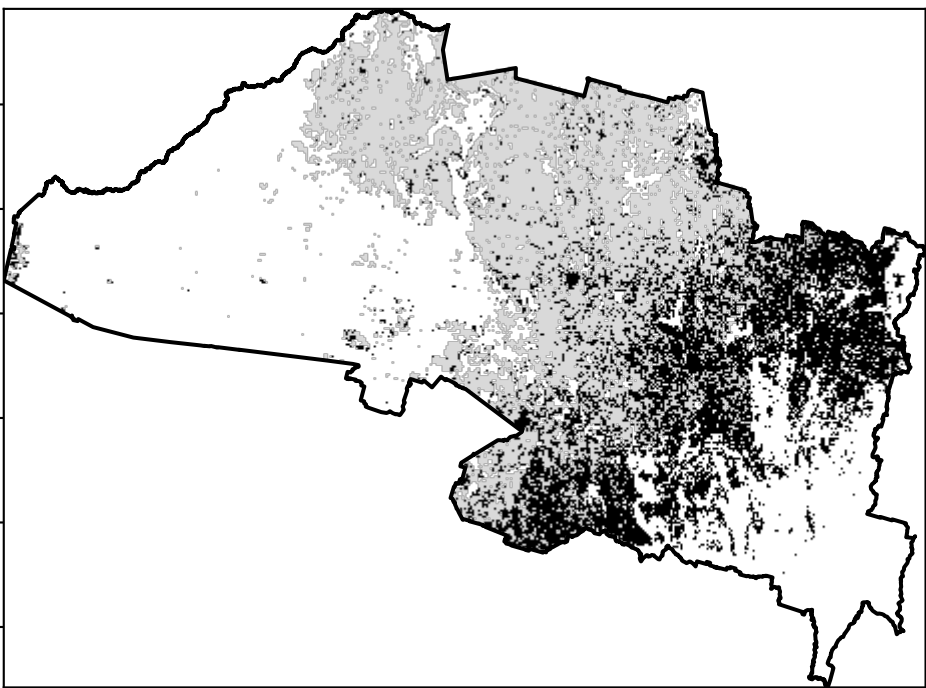
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

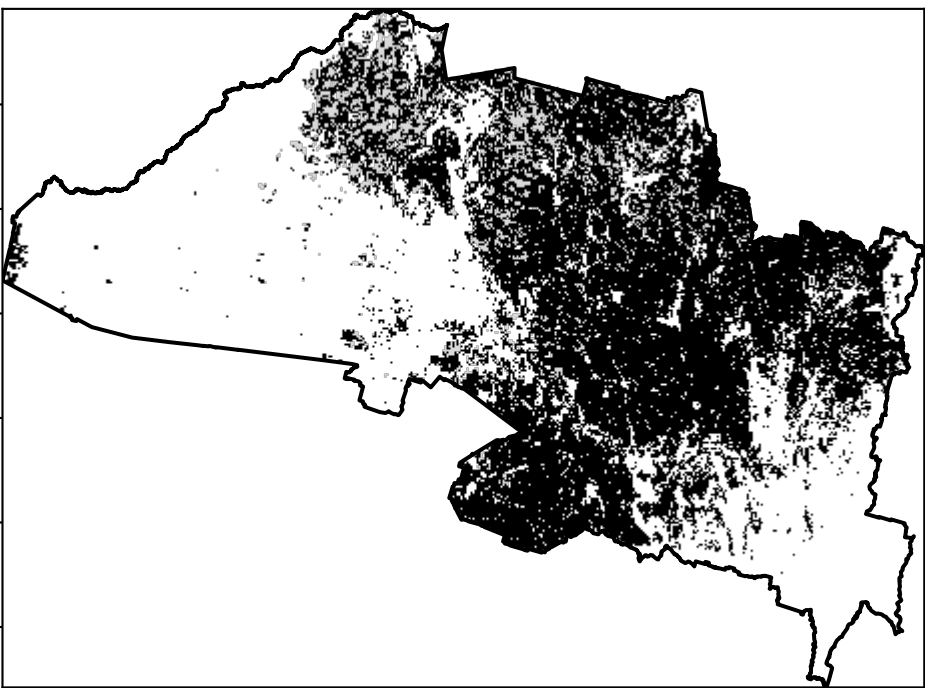


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not
protected
63.2% of
region
(2,014,152
ha)
Area
protected
36.8% of
region
(1,172,797
ha)

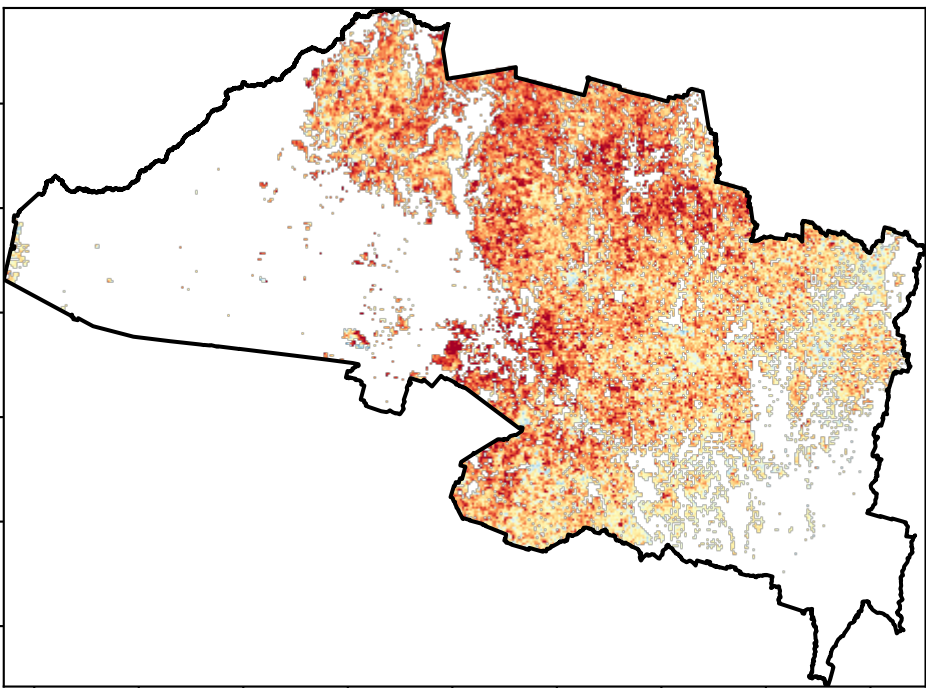
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not
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11.0% of
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(350,564
ha)
Area
protected
89.0% of
region
(2,836,385
ha)

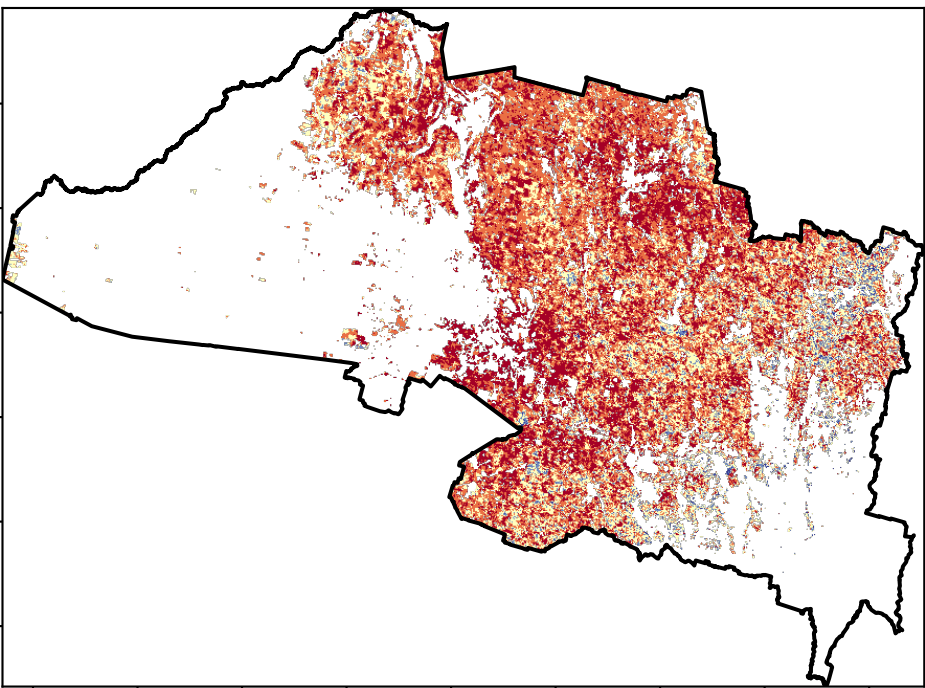
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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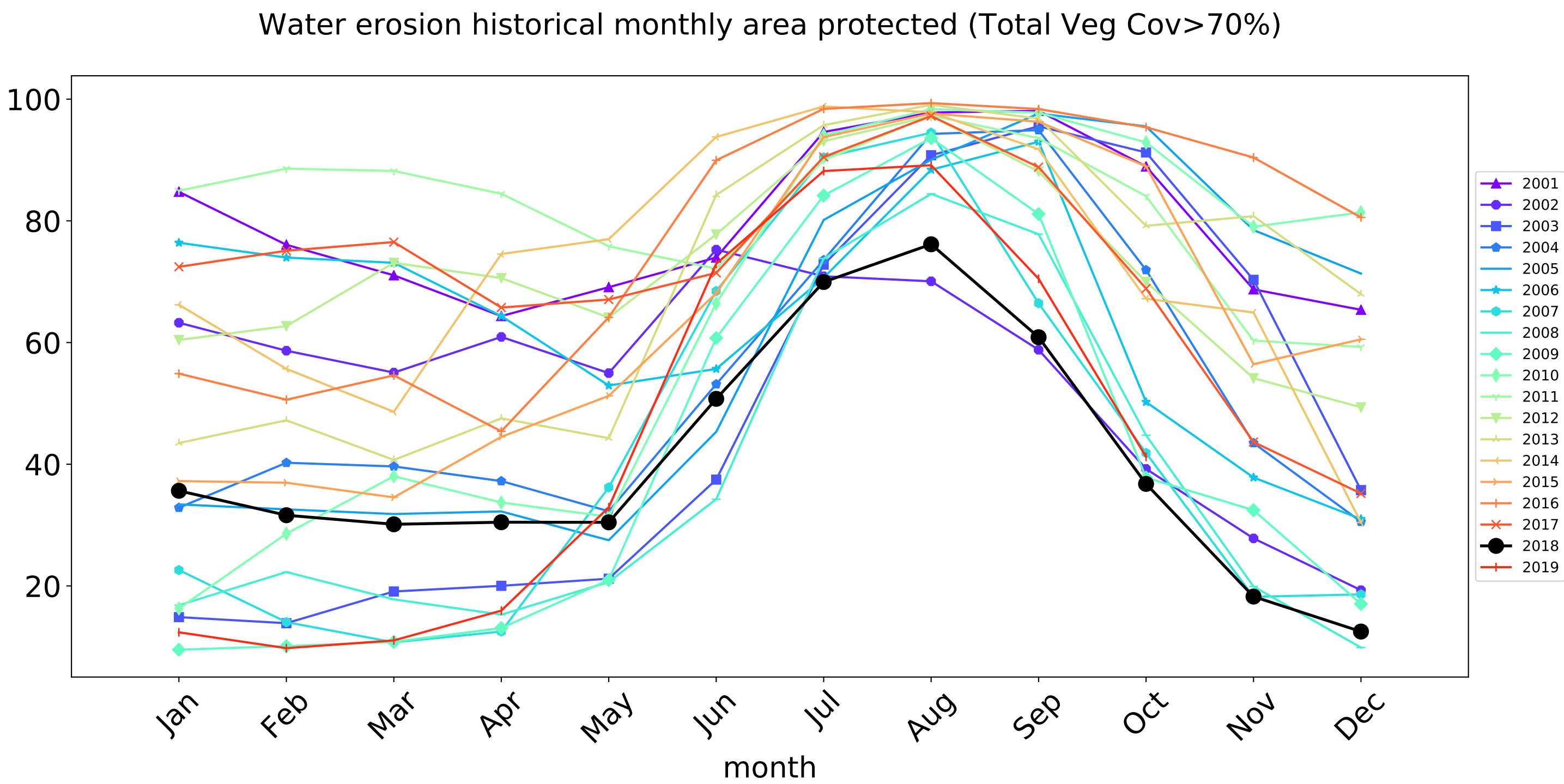
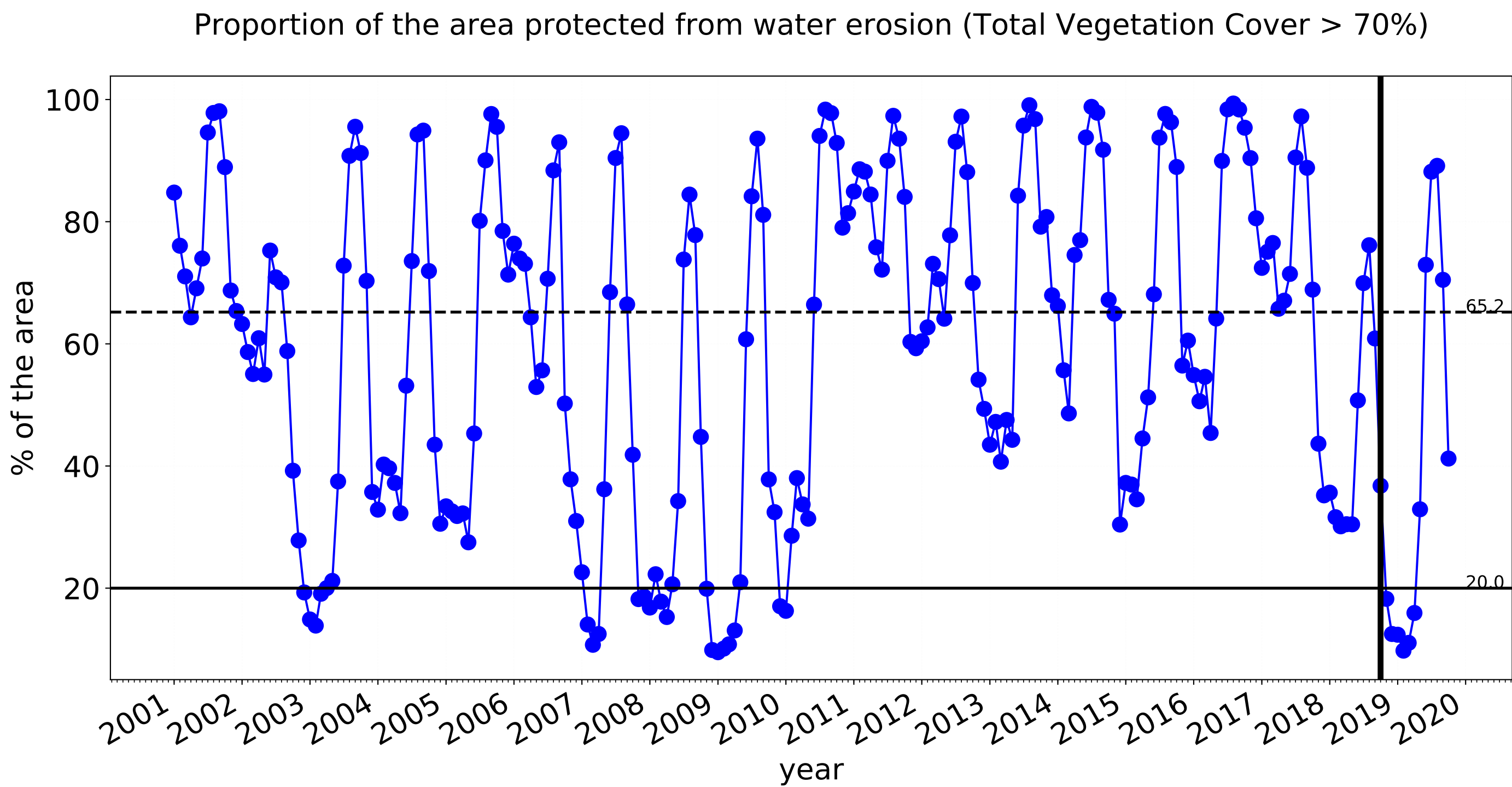
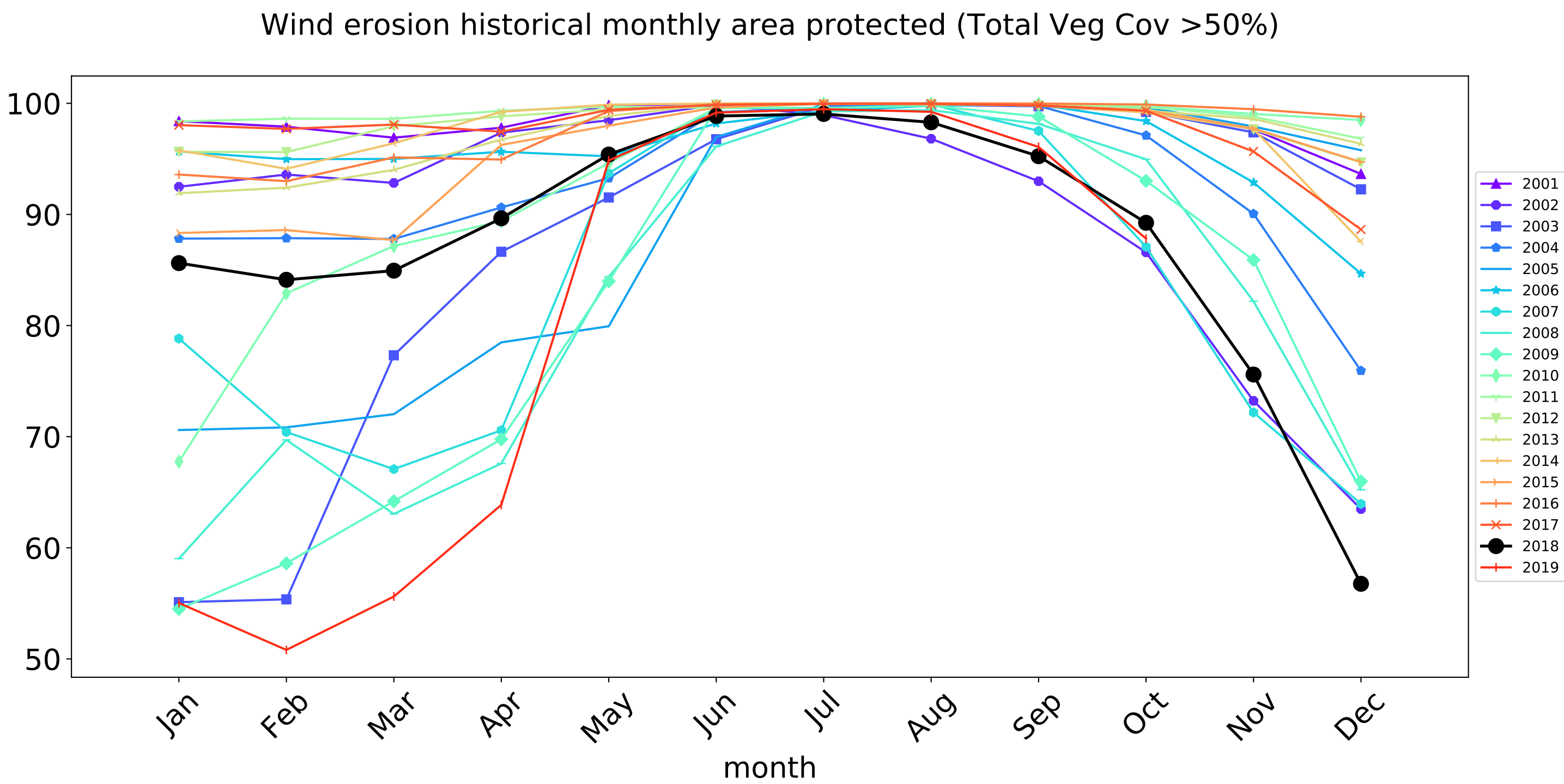
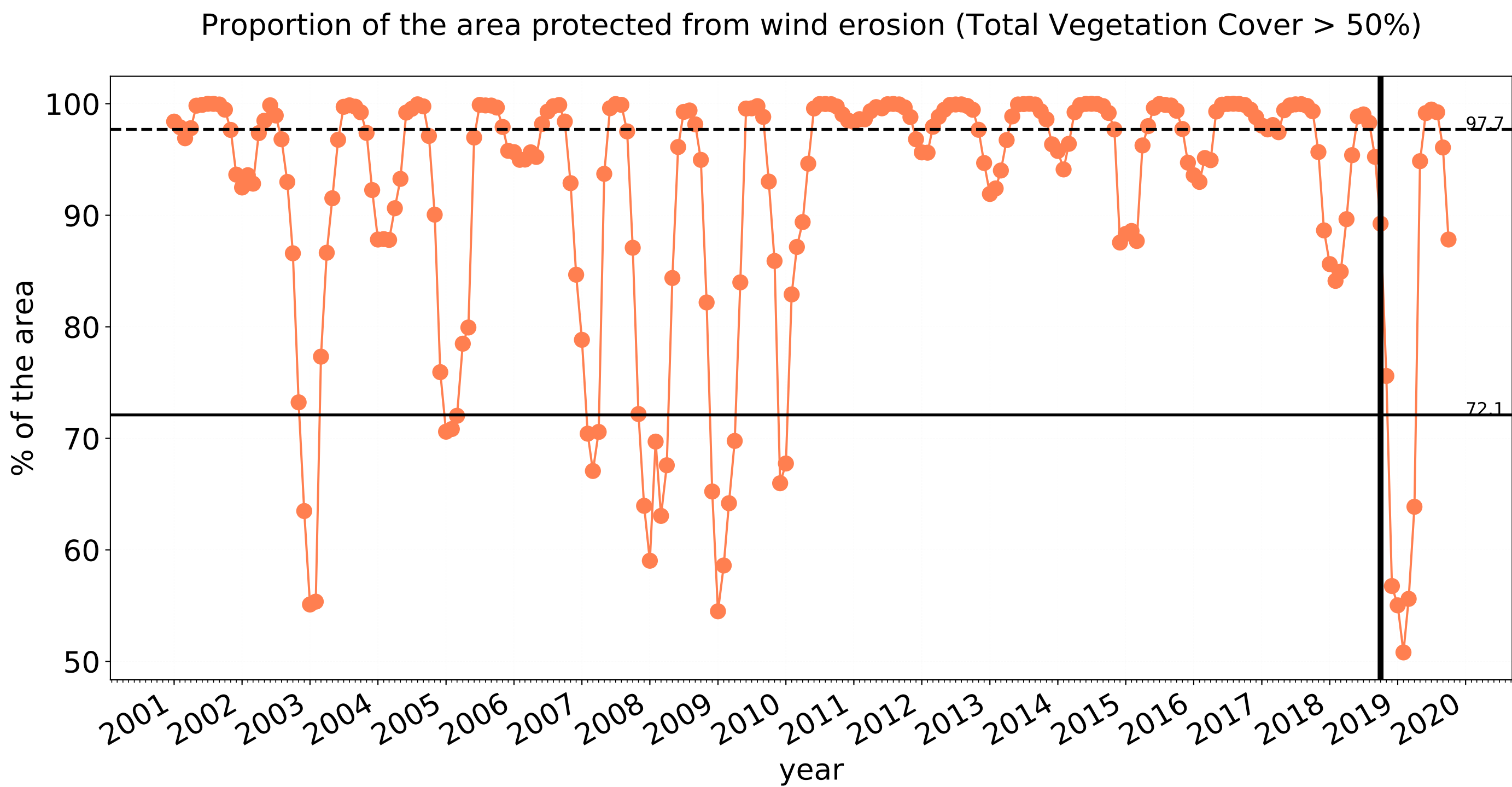


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Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

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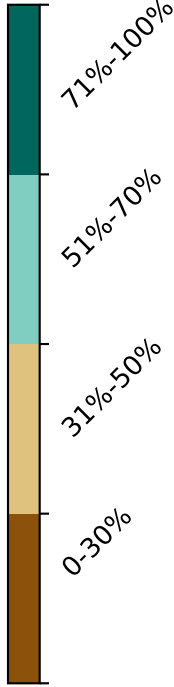
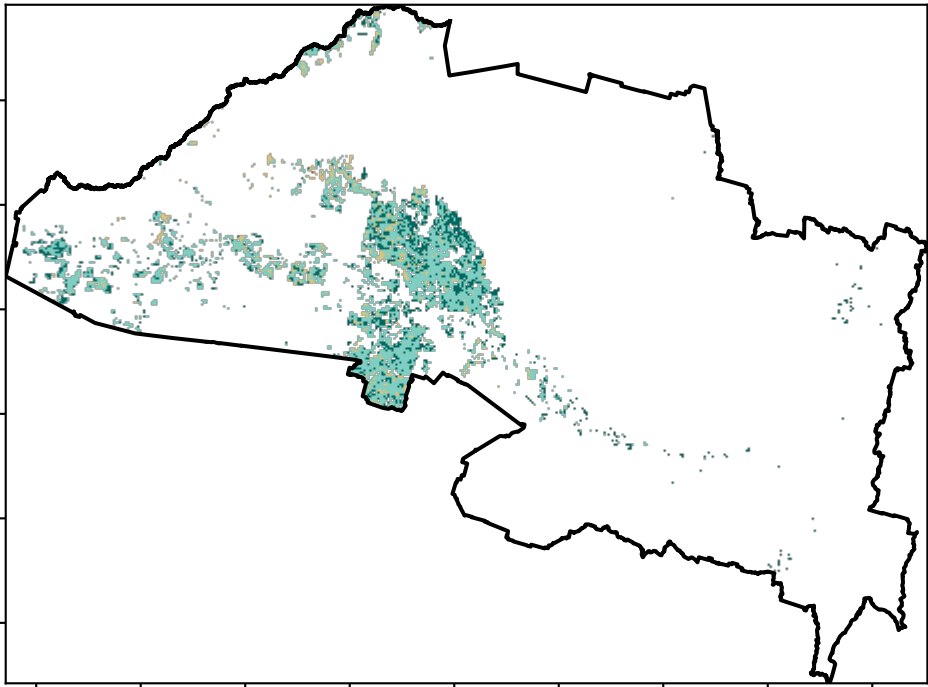


- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

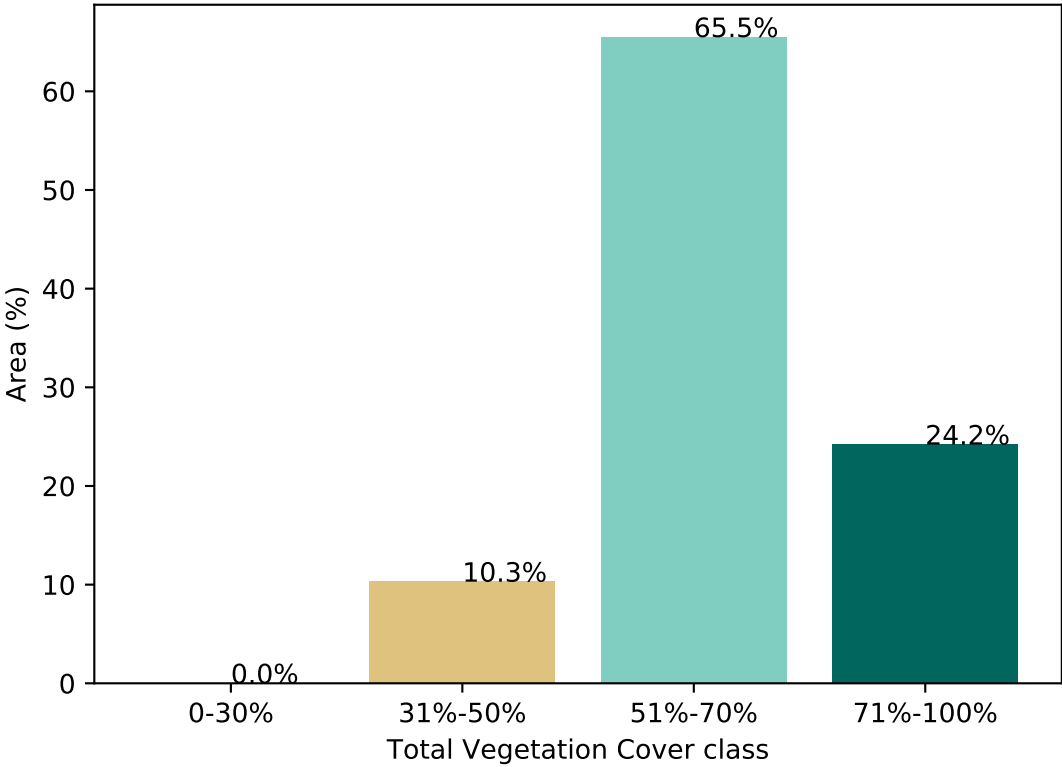
Proportion of each land class in area



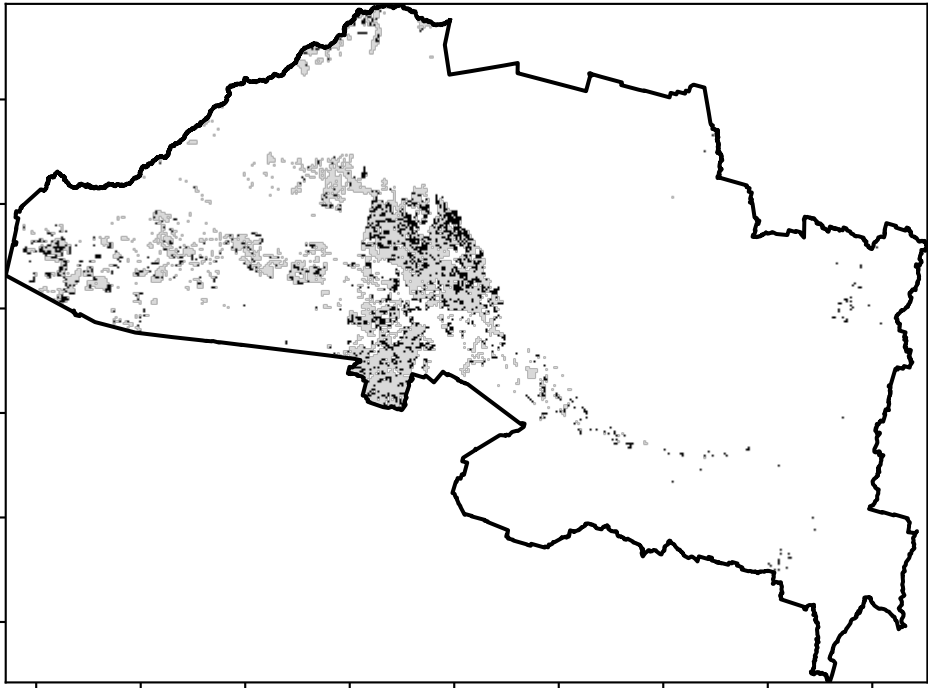
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

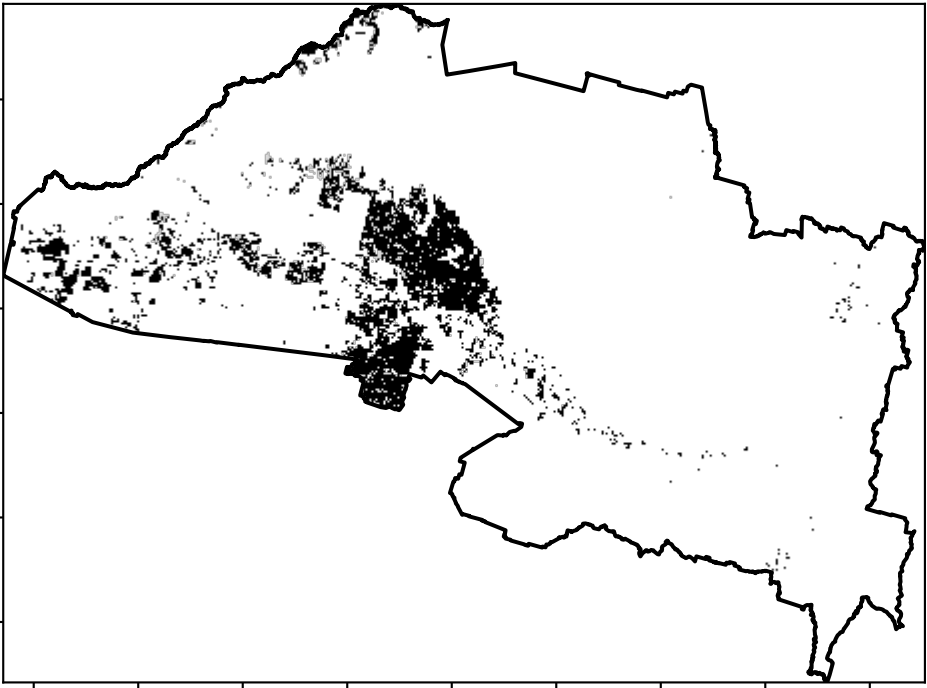


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 75.8% of region (430,316 ha)
- Area protected 24.2% of region (137,383 ha)

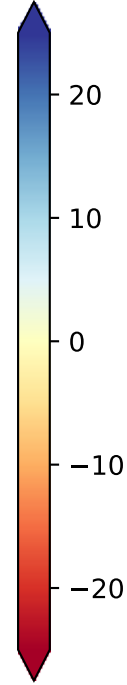
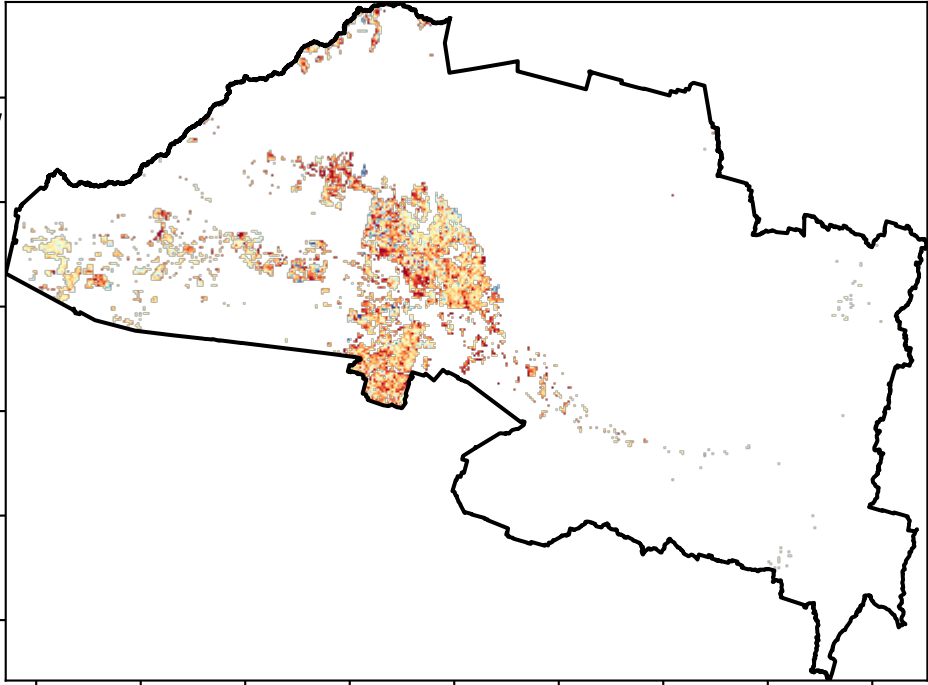
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 10.0% of region (56,770 ha)
- Area protected 90.0% of region (510,930 ha)

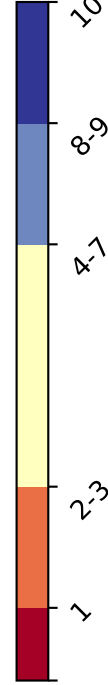
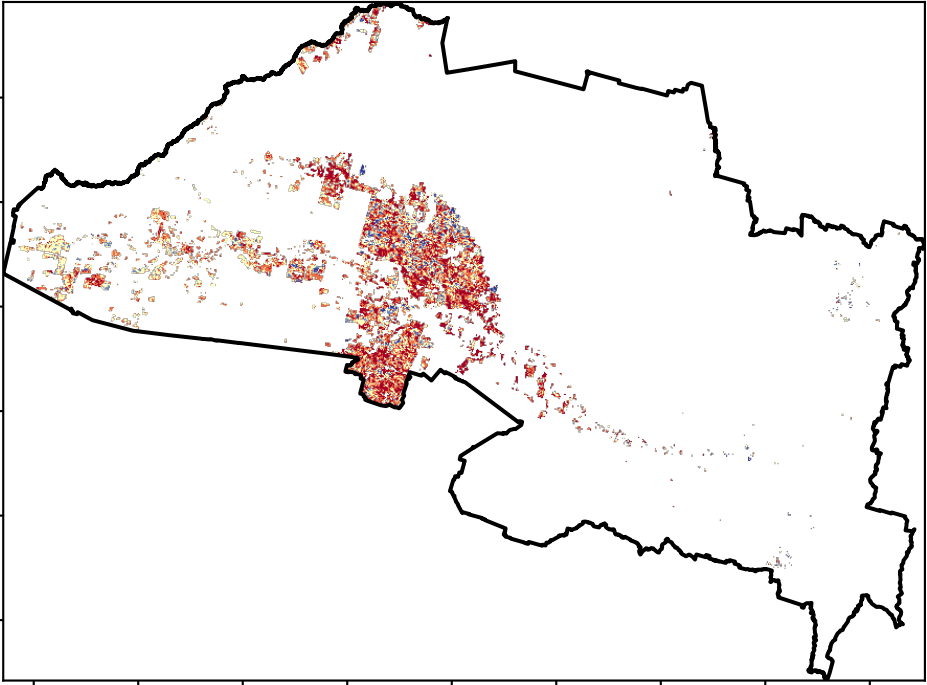
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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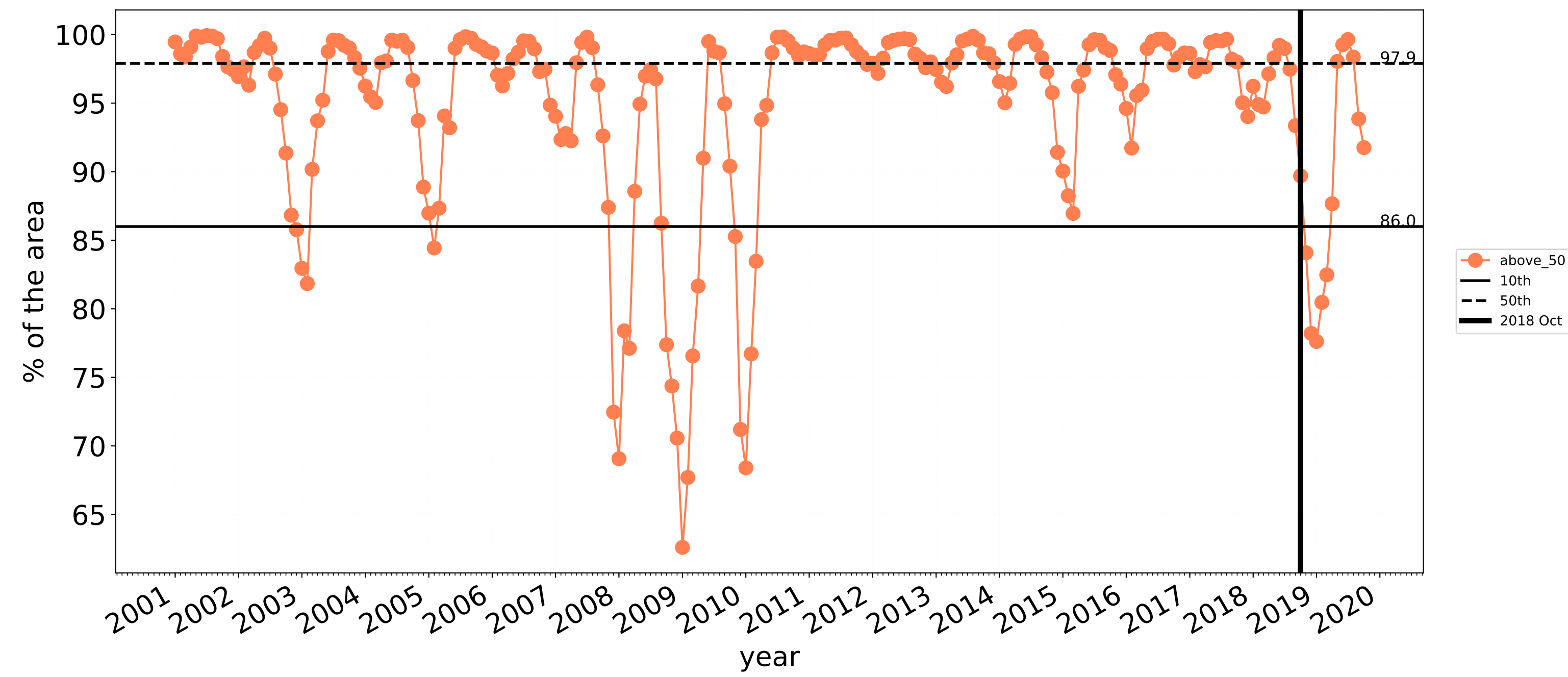
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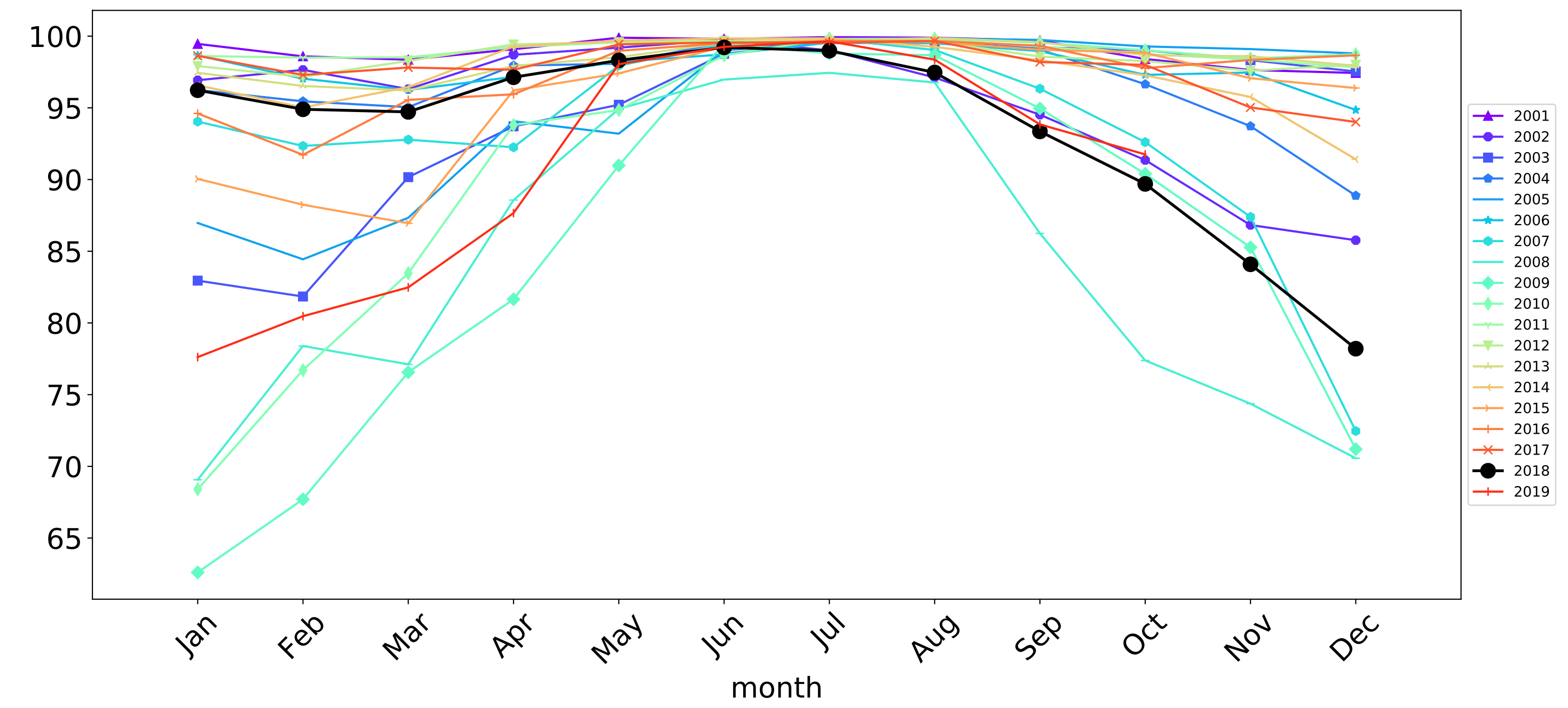
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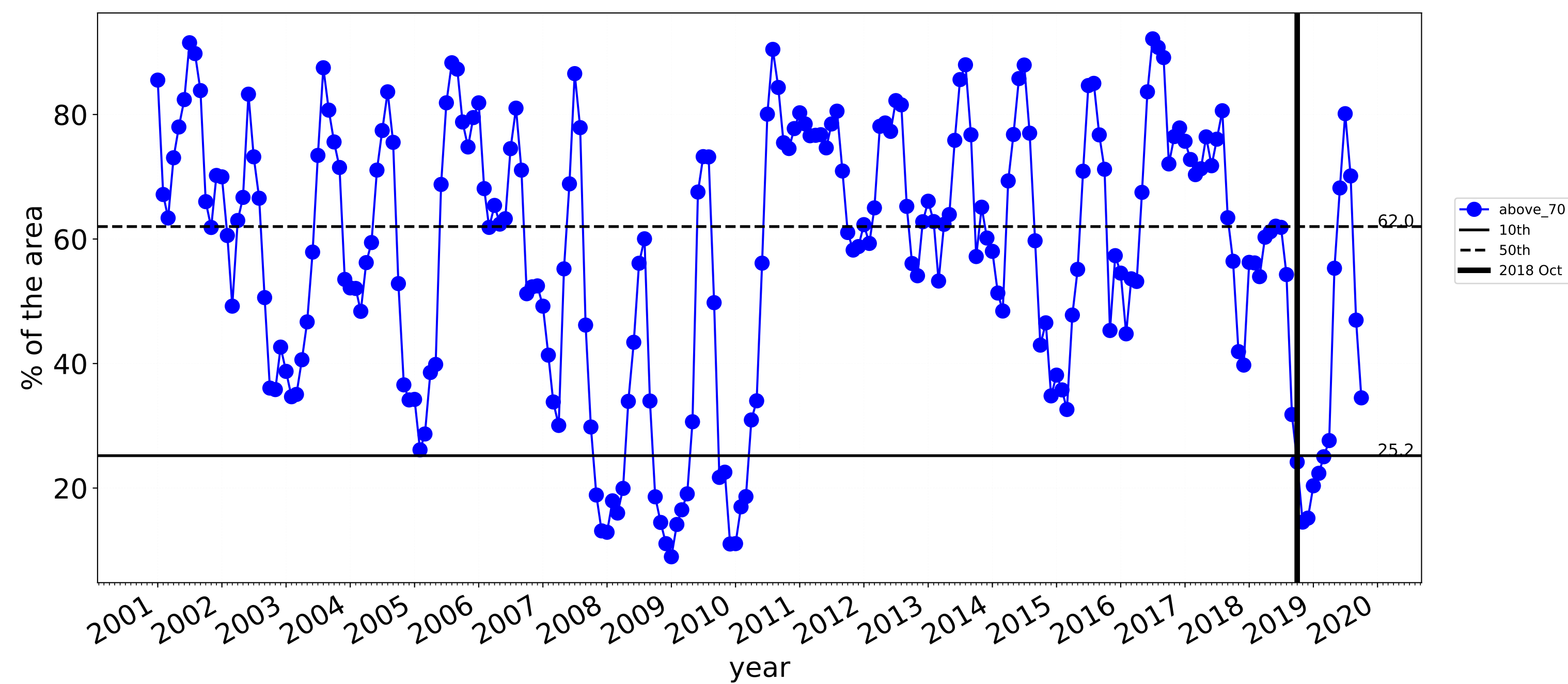
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



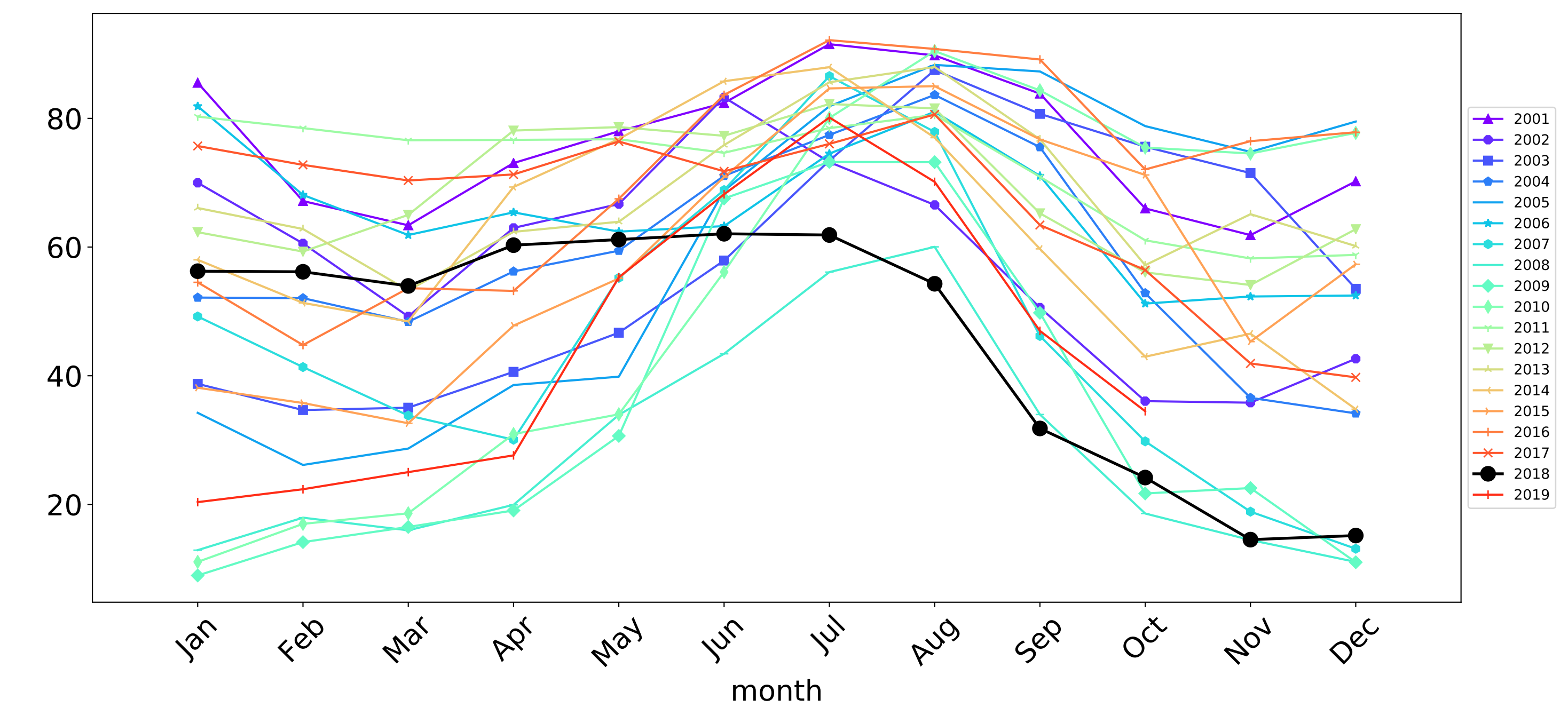
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



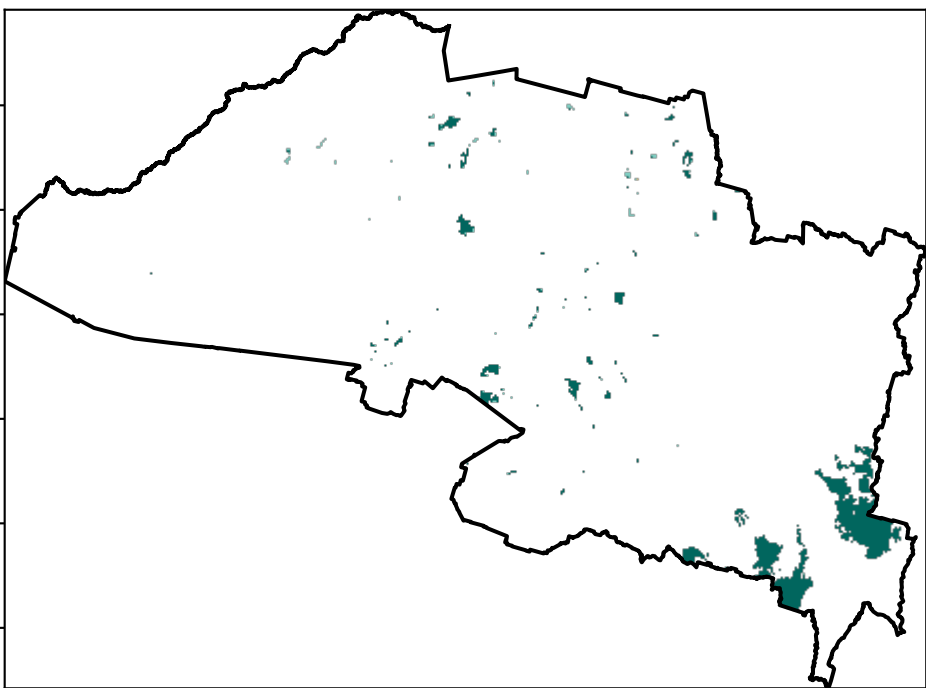
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

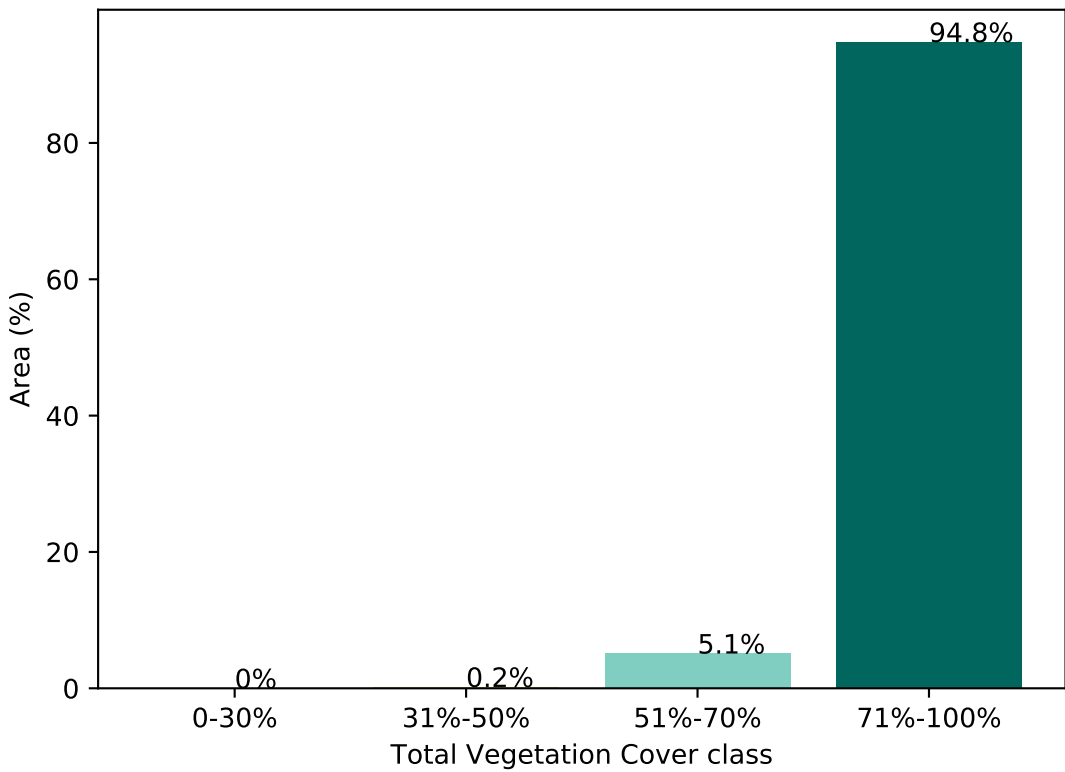
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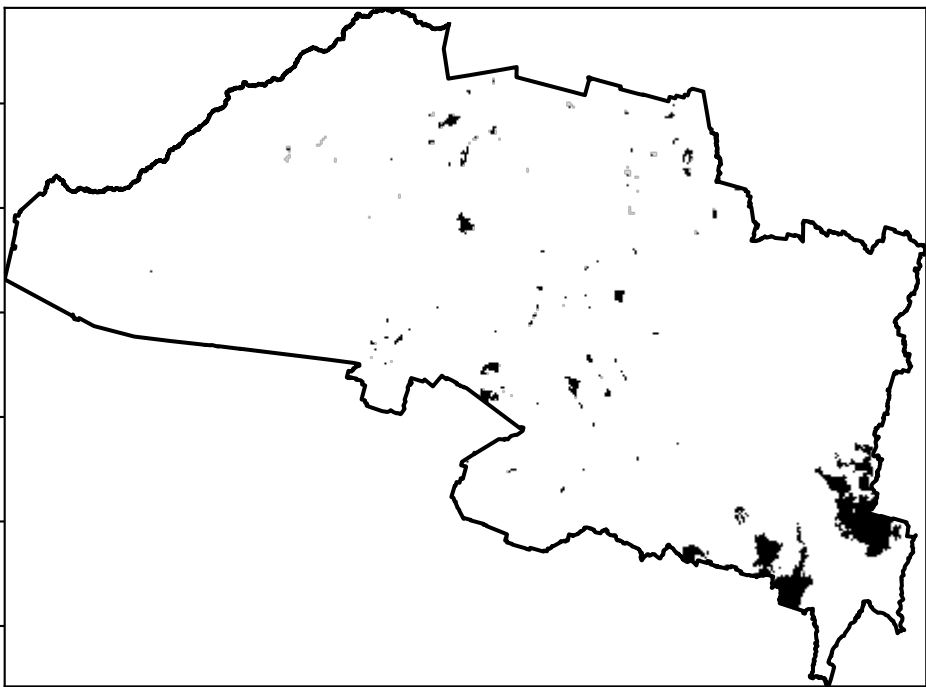
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



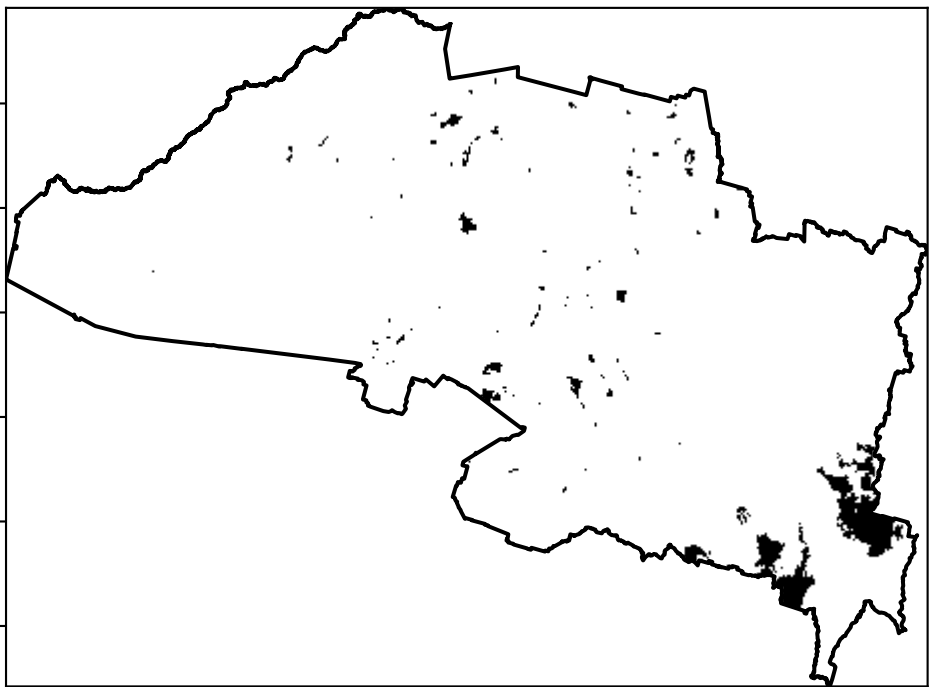
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

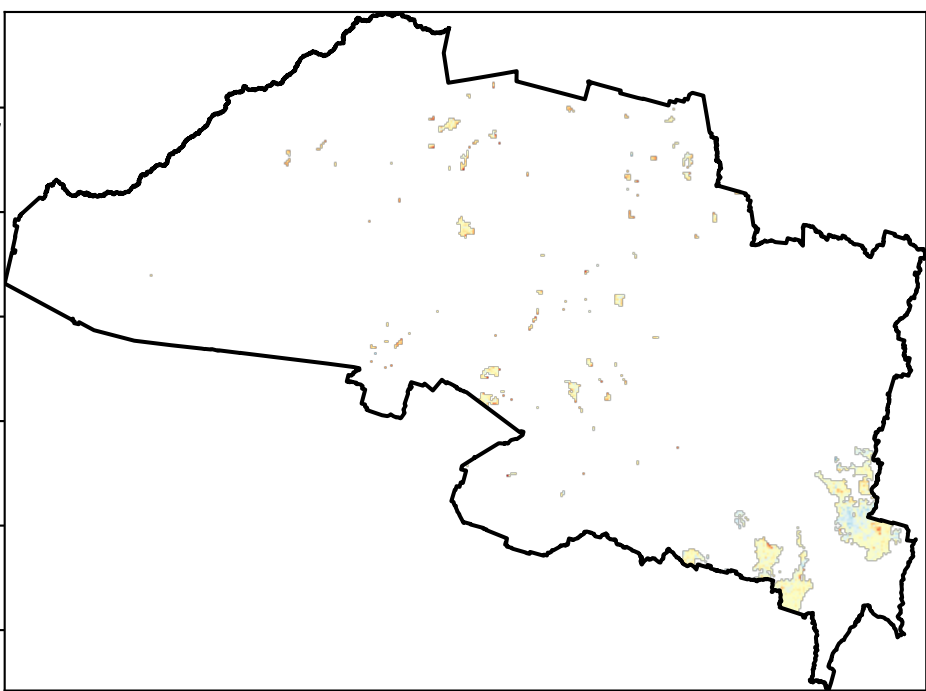


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



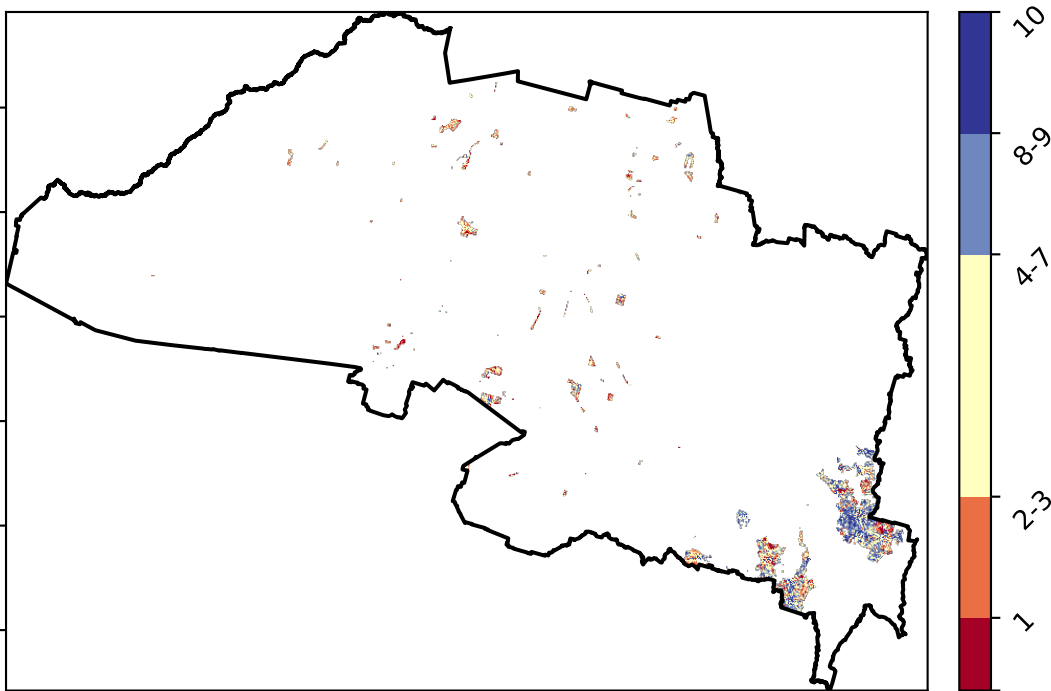
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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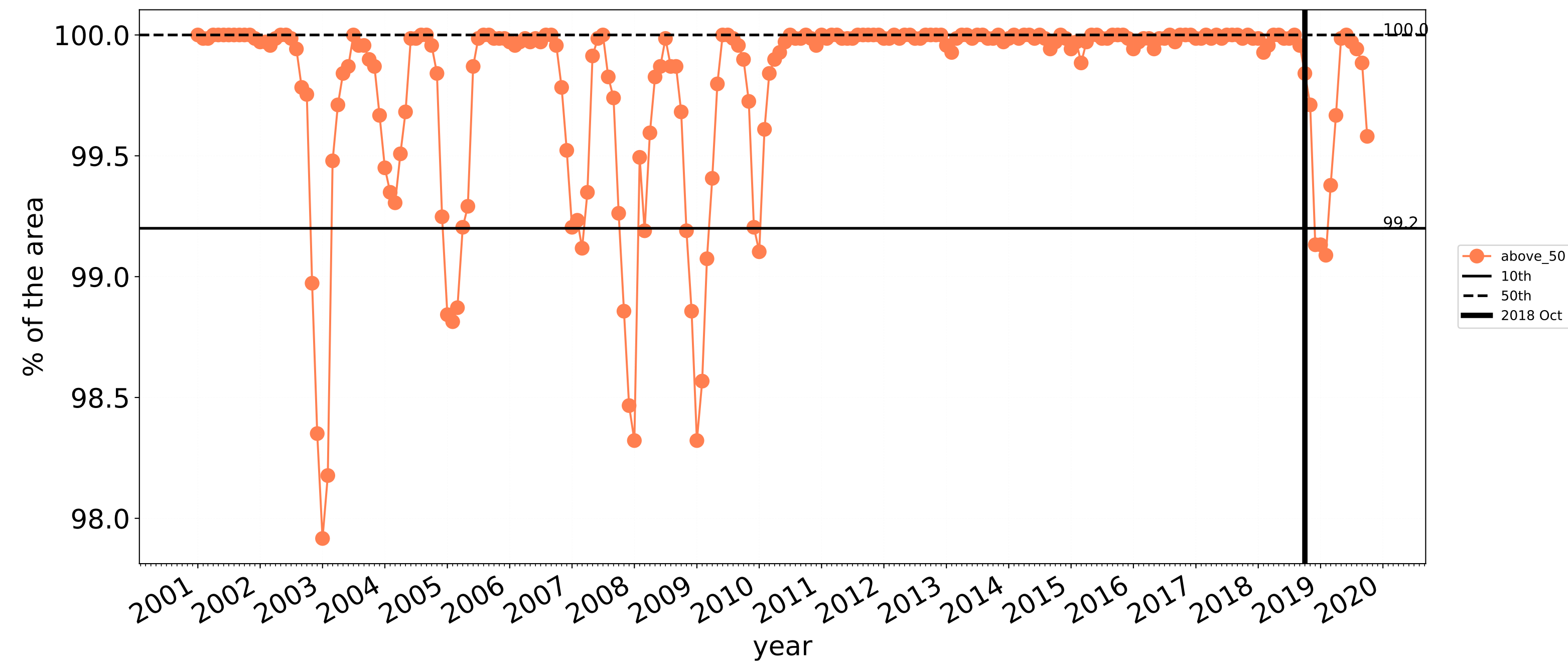
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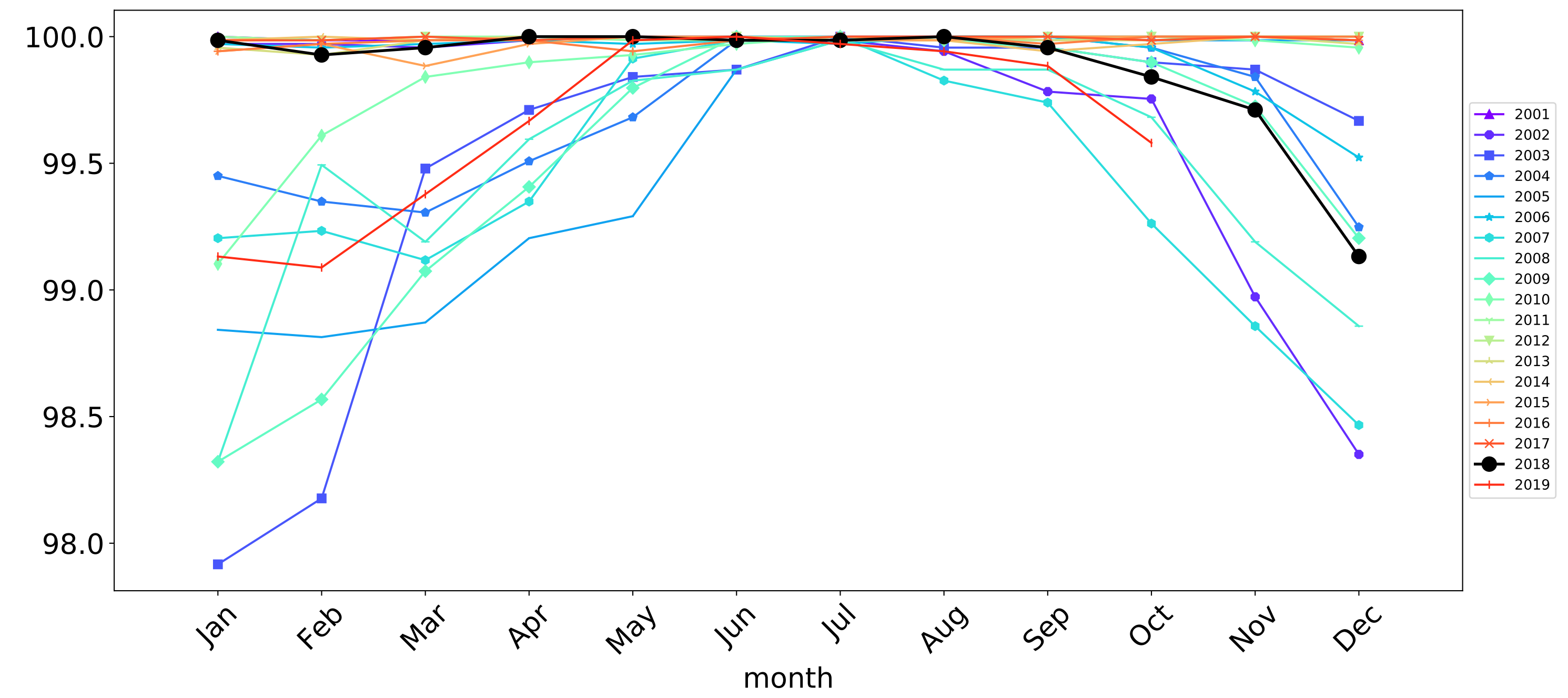
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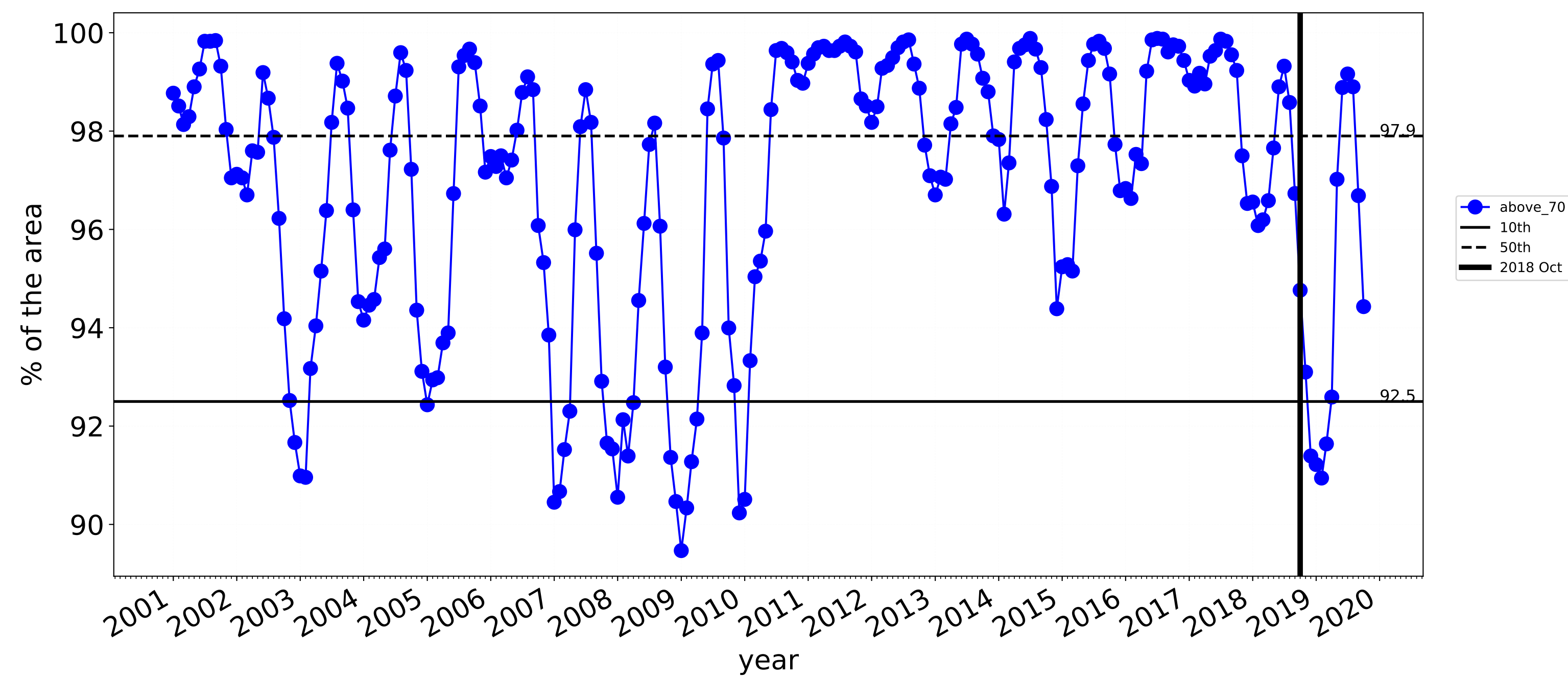
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



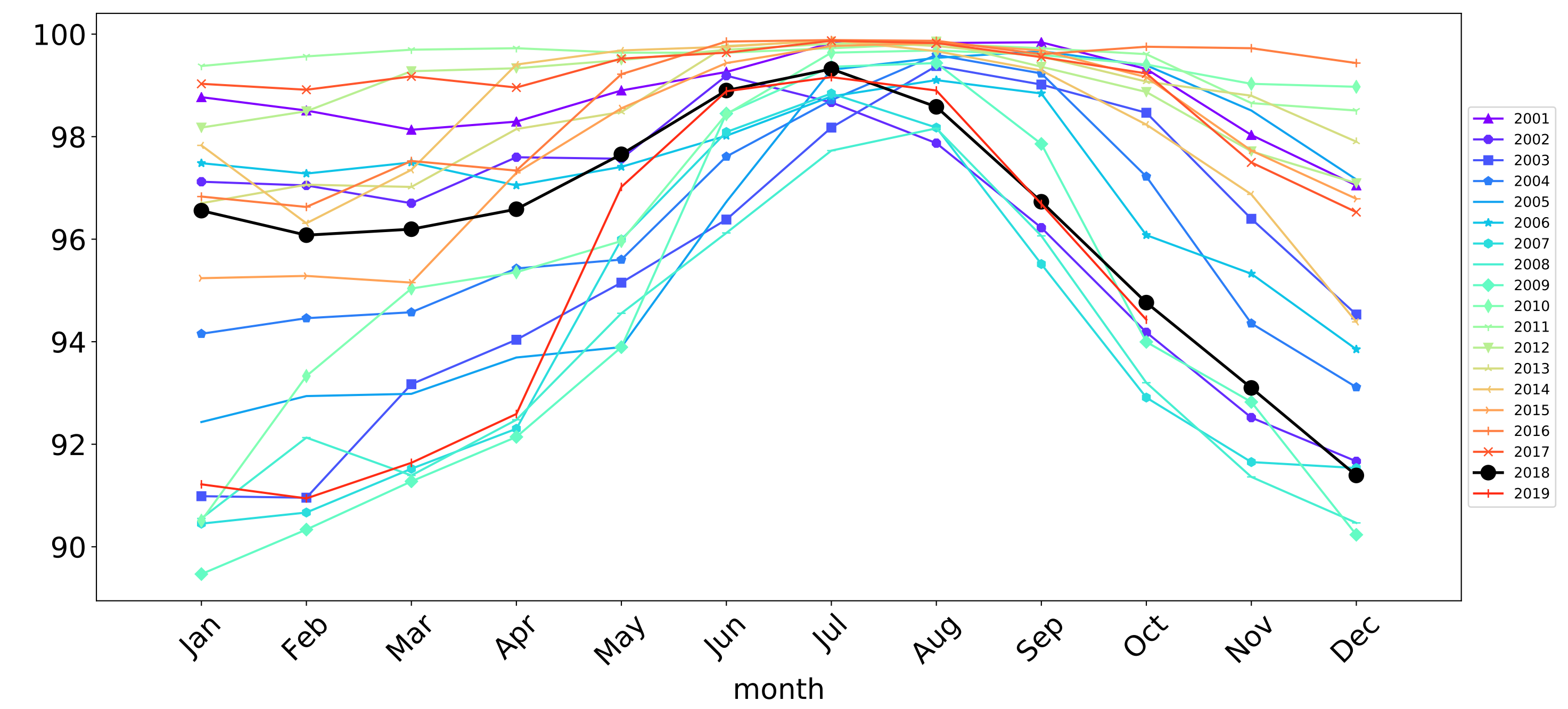
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov > 50%)



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



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



Riverina (6,694,000 ha and no data 14,335 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	6,694,000	99.9% 6,689,750	89.2% 5,973,966	42.1% 2,817,842	24.9% 1,669,737	11.1% 744,080	3.7% 245,718
Conservation and natural environments	323,100	100.0% 323,100	99.0% 319,950	81.8% 264,150	75.3% 243,300	57.3% 185,125	25.5% 82,500
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	96.2% 80,200	31.6% 26,350	16.9% 14,100	9.5% 7,900	5.1% 4,250
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,250	100.0% 195,250	100.0% 195,250	99.8% 194,850	98.5% 192,250	84.1% 164,300	38.9% 76,000
Agriculture	6,067,875	99.9% 6,064,250	88.4% 5,366,450	38.5% 2,333,375	20.6% 1,249,425	7.2% 437,875	1.6% 96,350
Grazing	2,311,400	99.9% 2,308,375	87.0% 2,011,500	44.3% 1,023,975	30.4% 701,700	14.0% 324,450	3.3% 75,800
Grazing non forest	2,066,400	99.9% 2,063,375	85.5% 1,766,900	39.2% 809,450	26.6% 548,900	12.8% 264,225	3.1% 64,350
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.7% 141,250	82.0% 116,200	49.8% 70,550	10.6% 14,975	1.1% 1,500
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	95.1% 98,325	79.6% 82,250	43.8% 45,250	9.6% 9,950
Cropping	3,186,950	100.0% 3,186,625	89.2% 2,844,250	36.8% 1,171,800	16.4% 521,075	3.5% 110,275	0.6% 19,800
Irrigation	567,700	100.0% 567,425	89.7% 509,200	24.2% 137,275	4.7% 26,500	0.6% 3,125	0.1% 725
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,800	100.0% 172,800	99.8% 172,525	94.8% 163,750	87.5% 151,150	67.7% 116,975	38.3% 66,100



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