

Total vegetation cover soil protection

Region:NRM Riverina NSW

Date: March 2023

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.

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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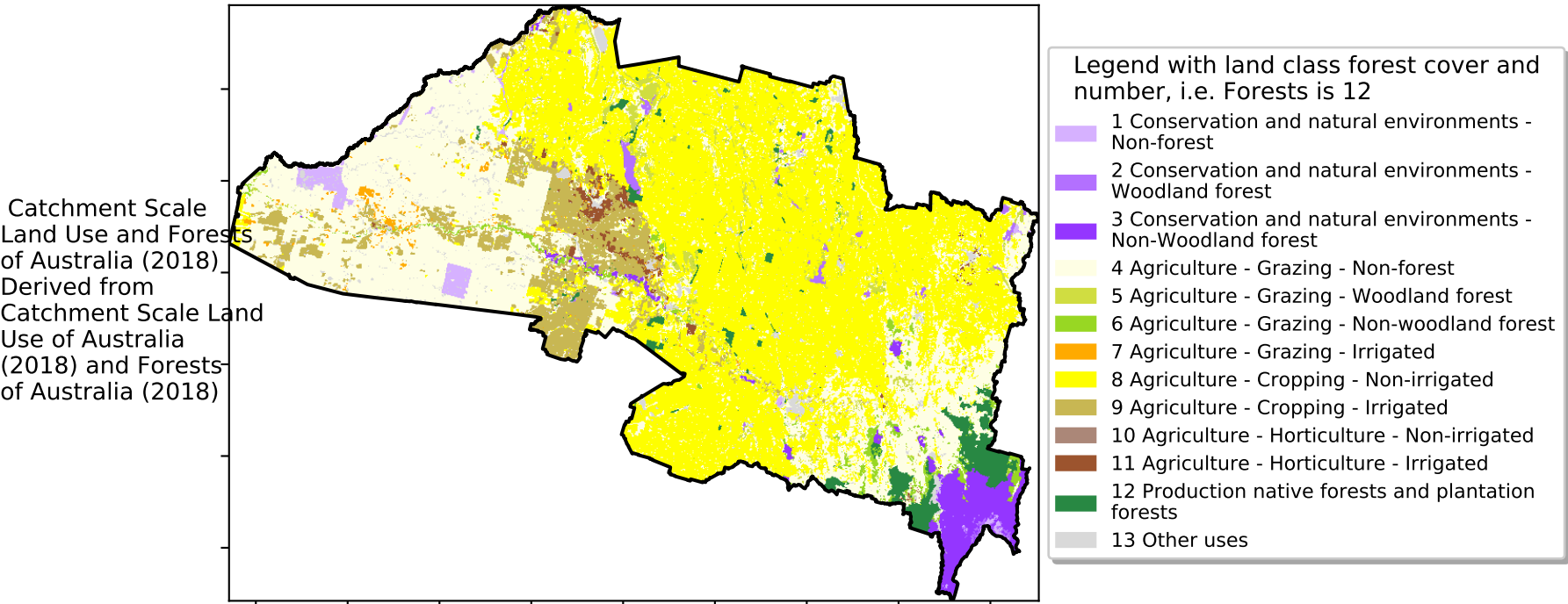


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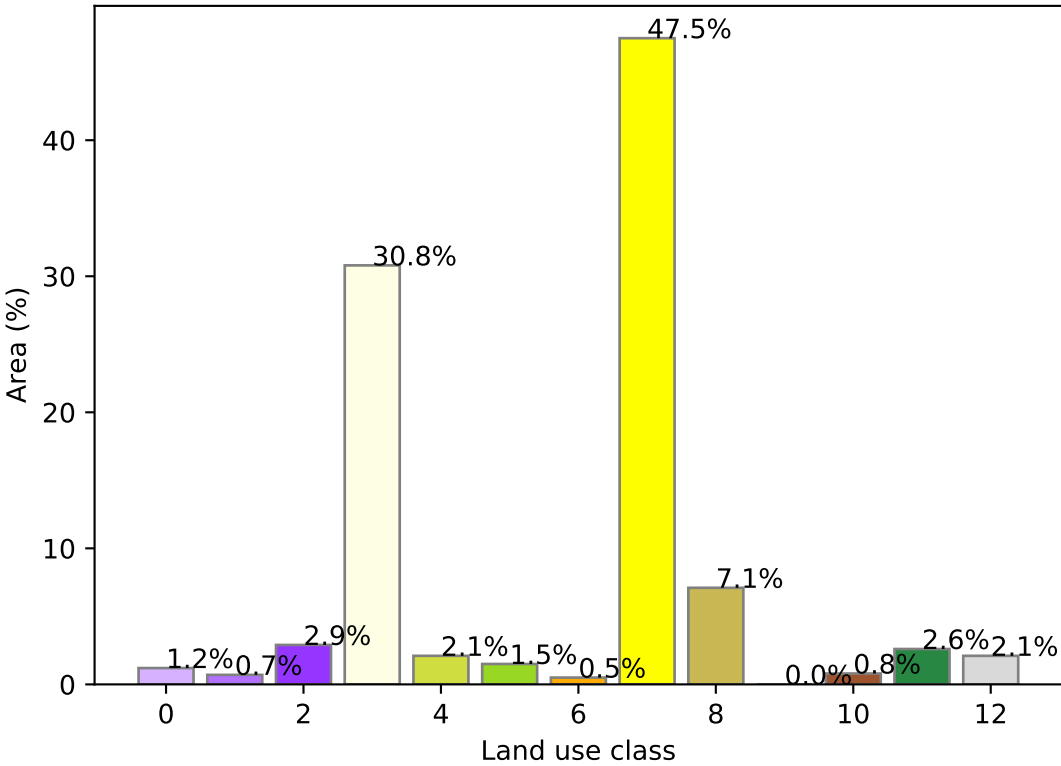


Vegetation Cover Mar 2023

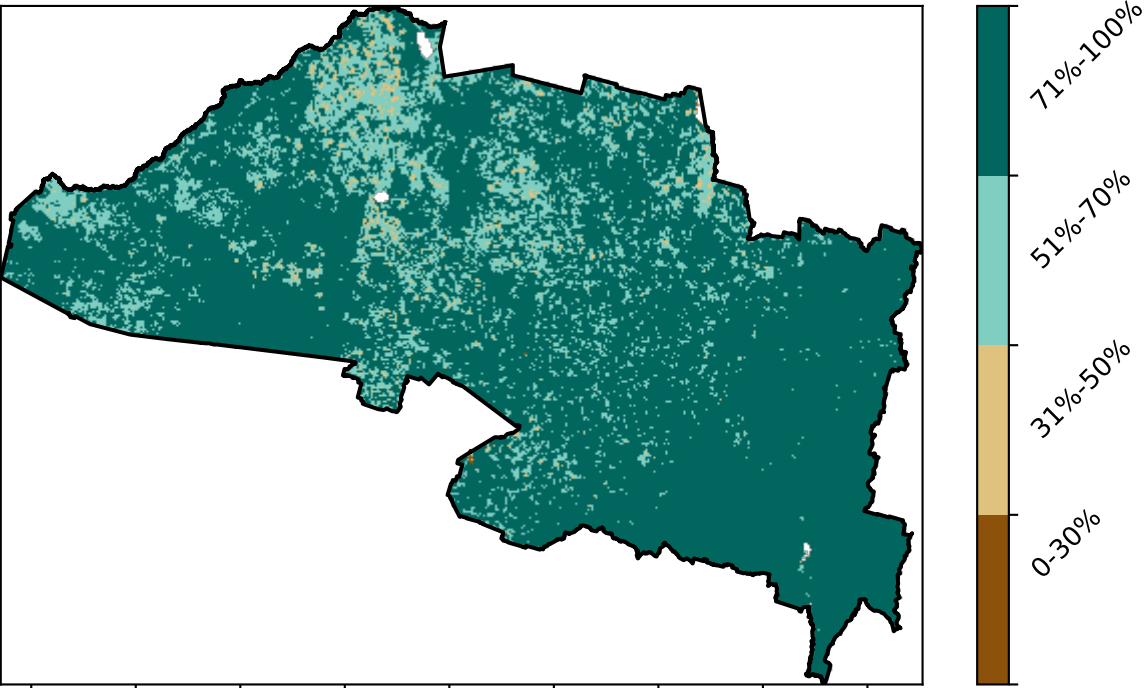
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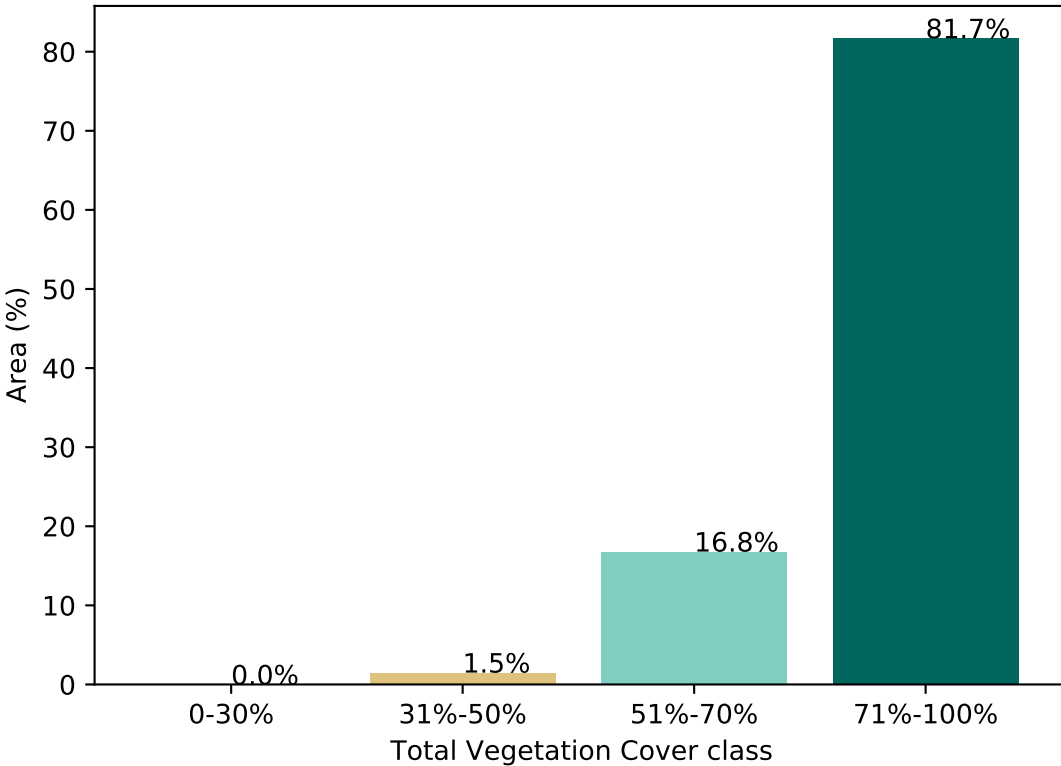
Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



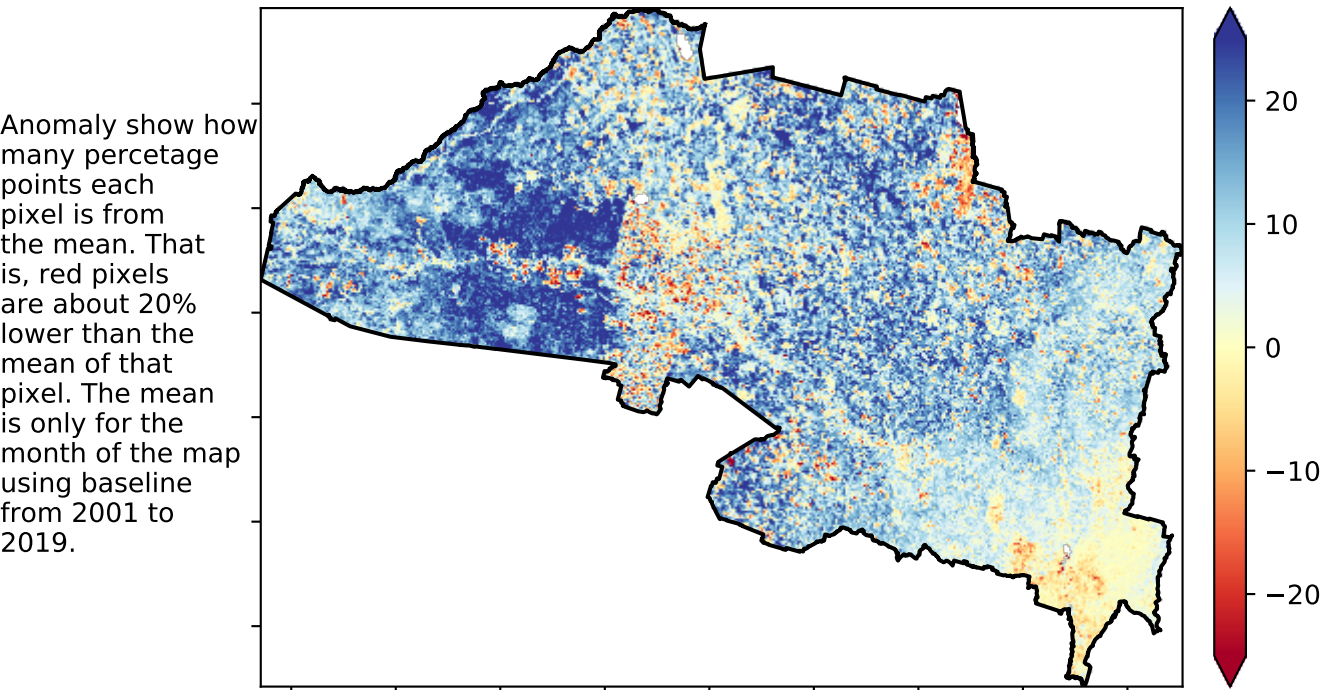
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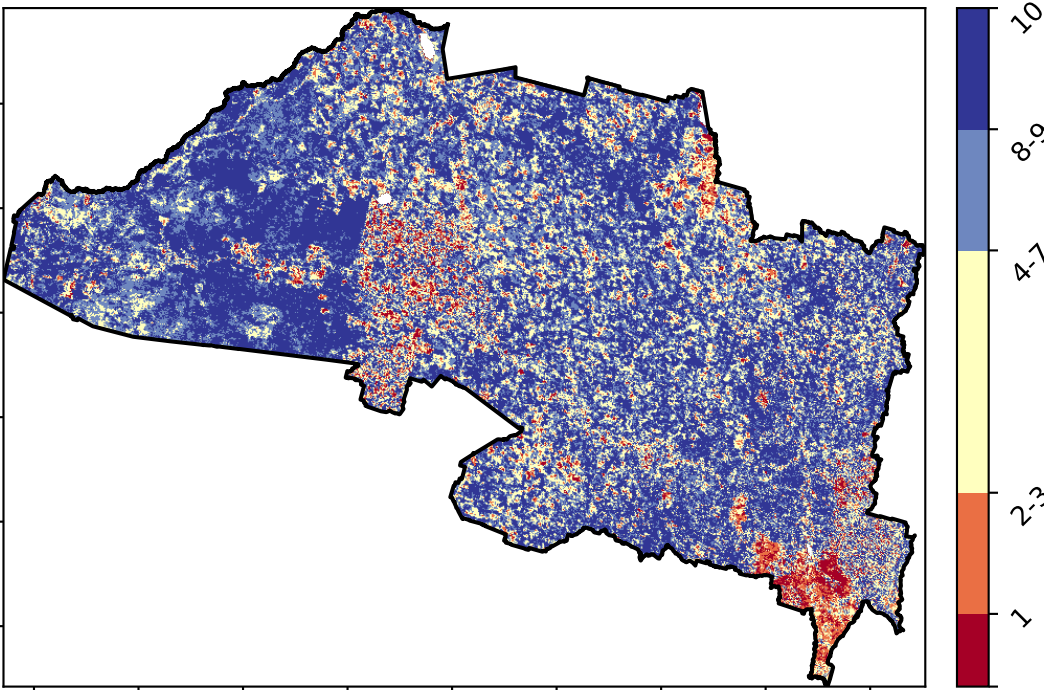


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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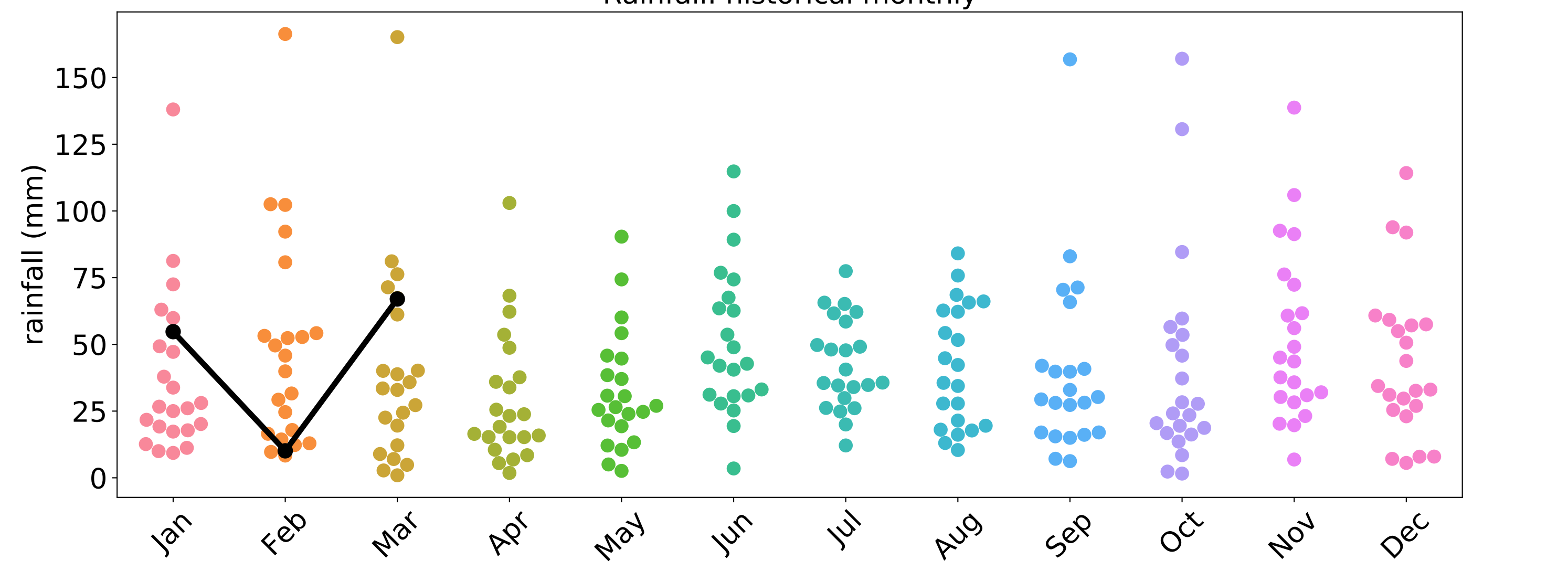
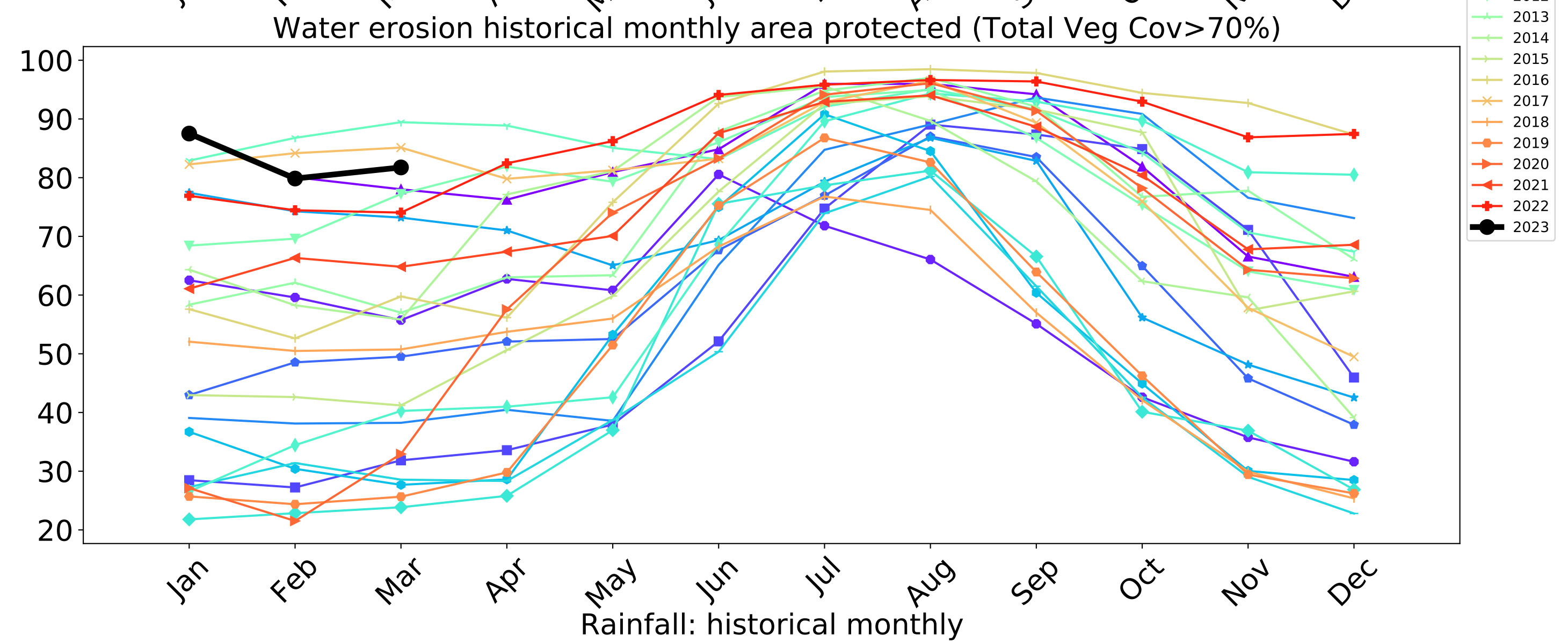
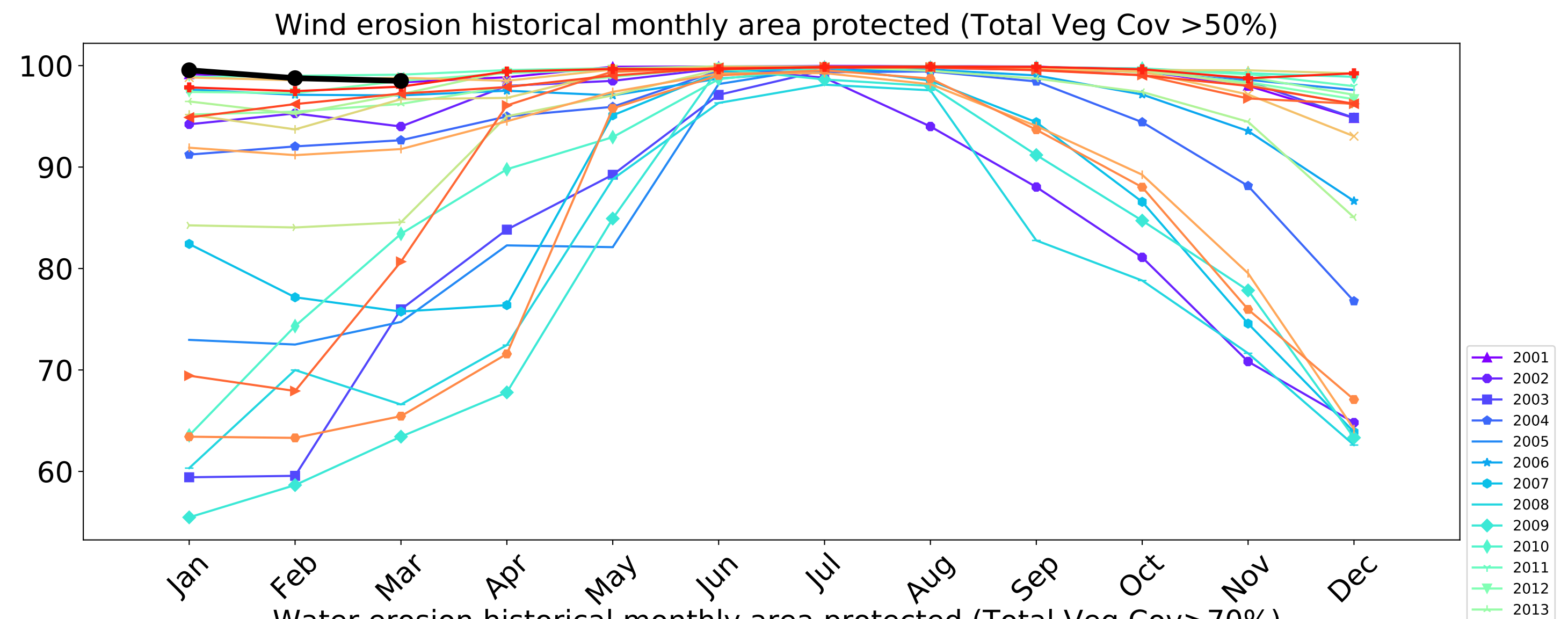
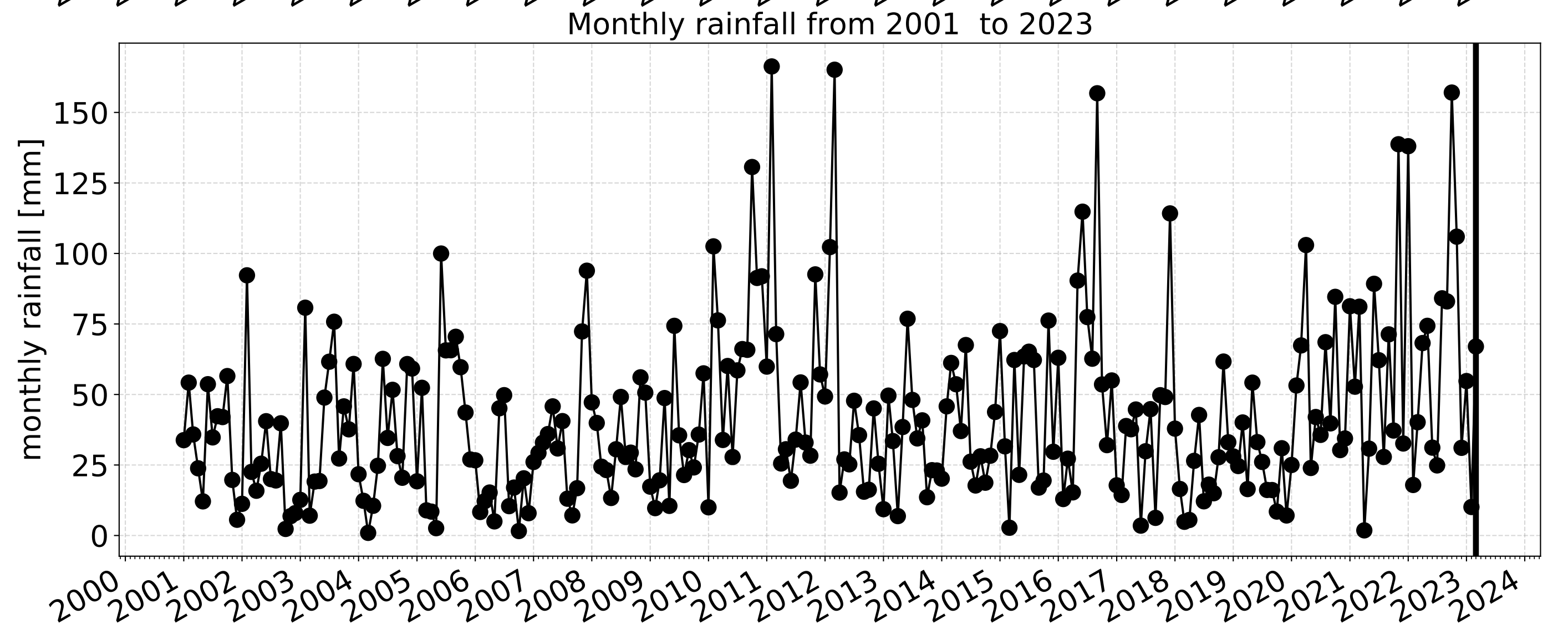
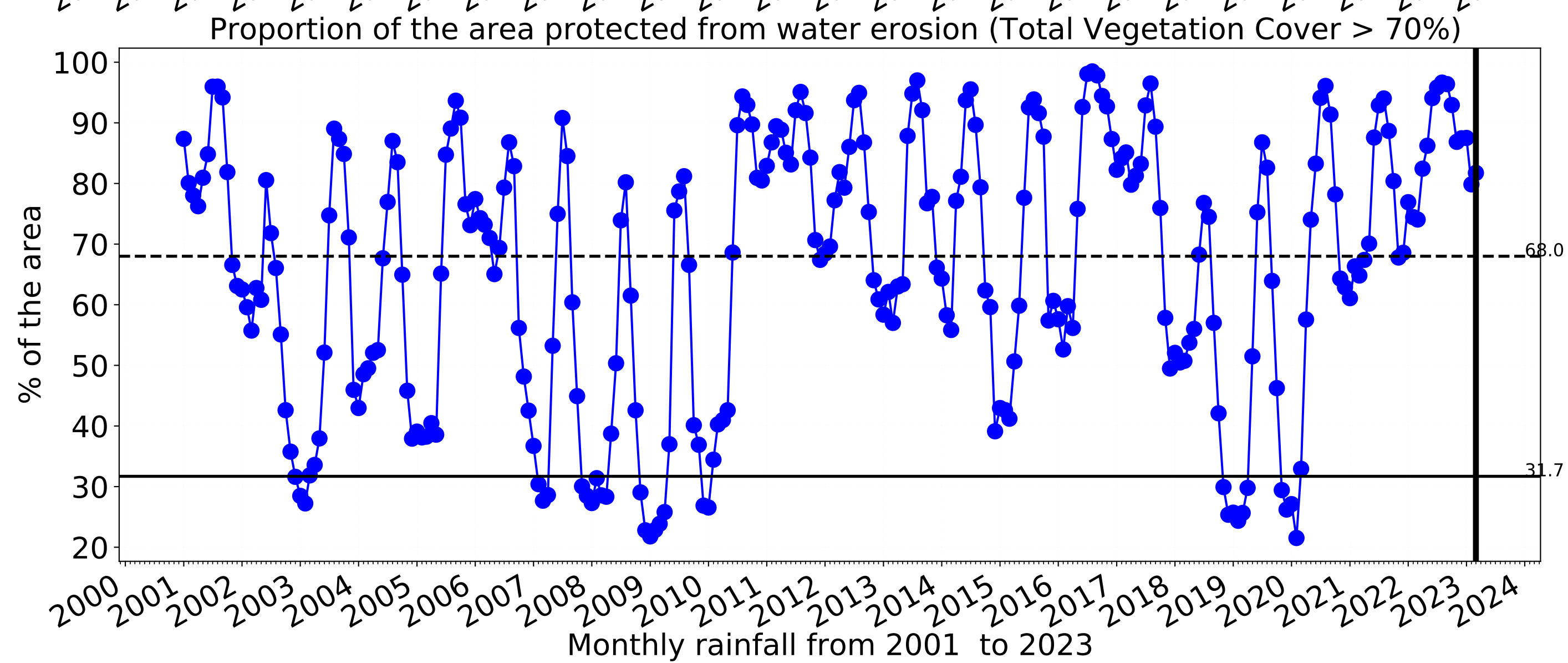
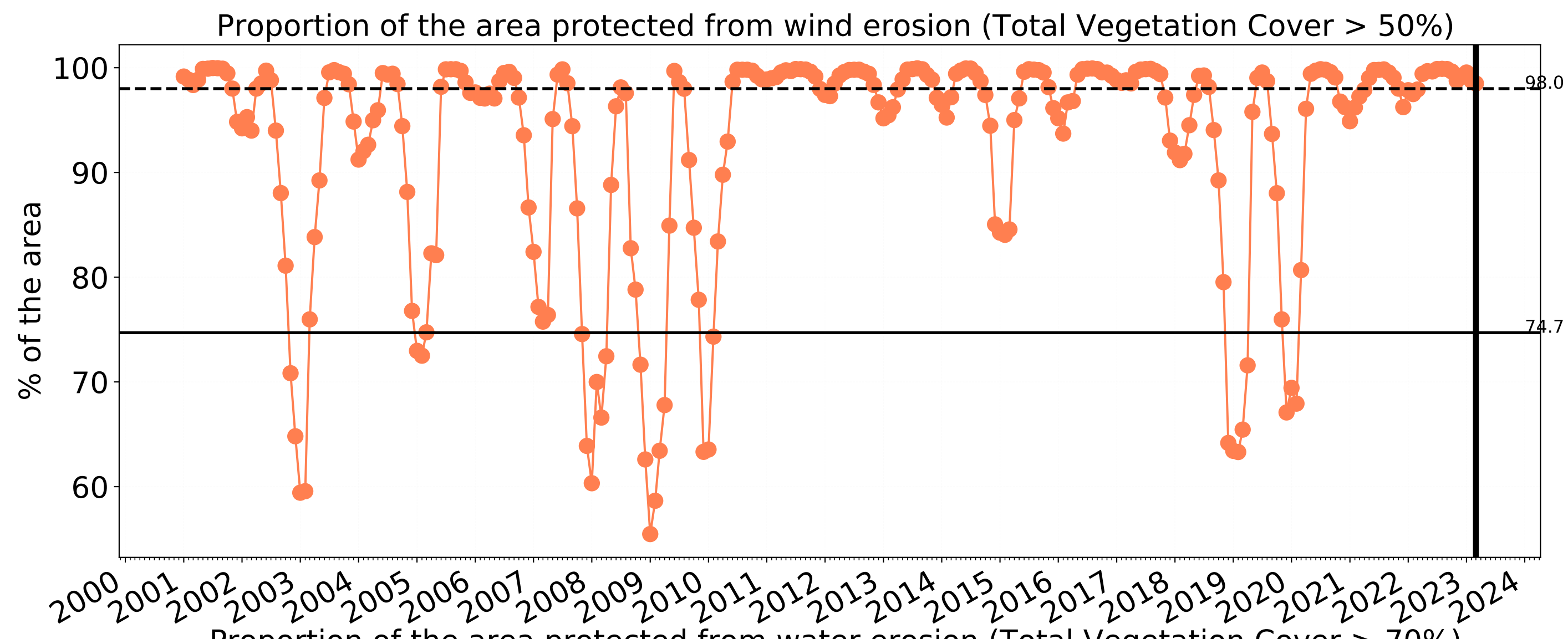
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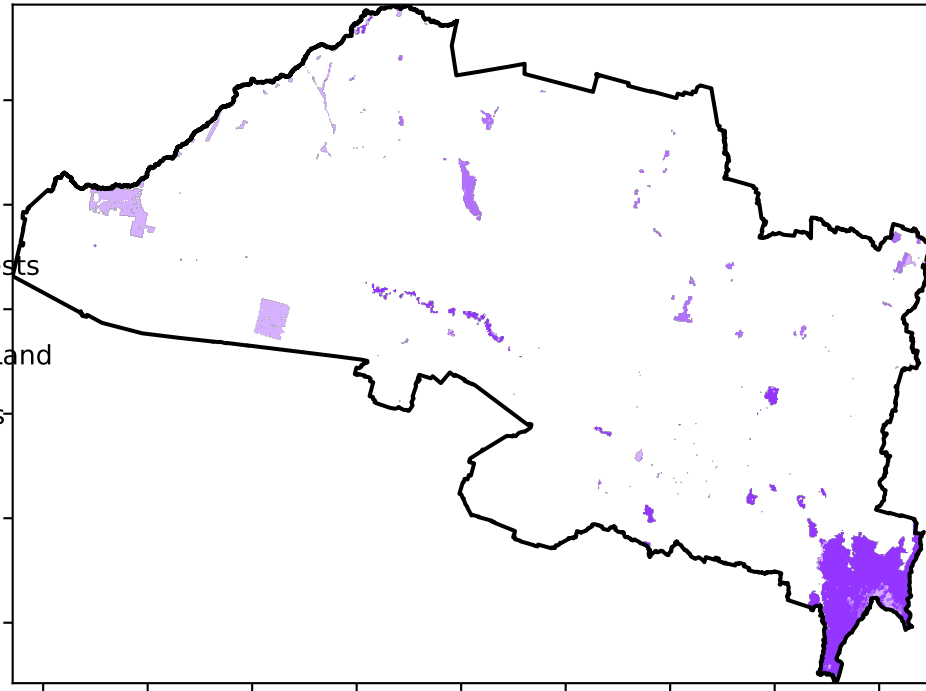




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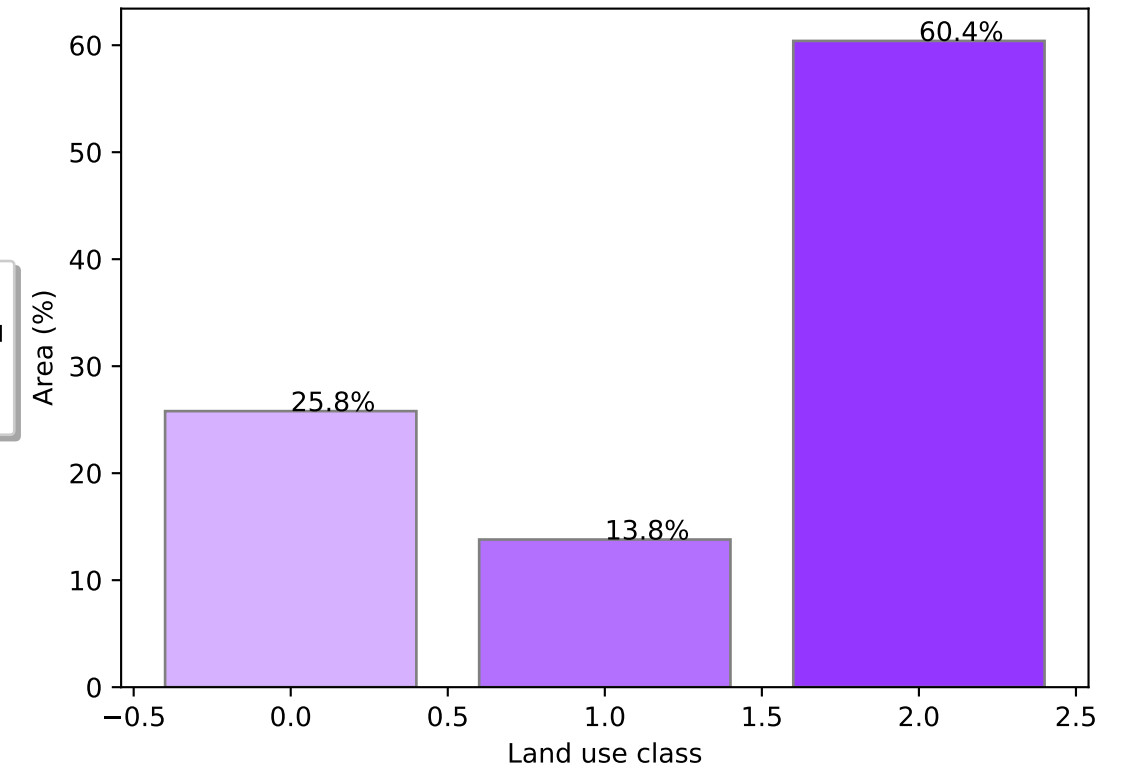
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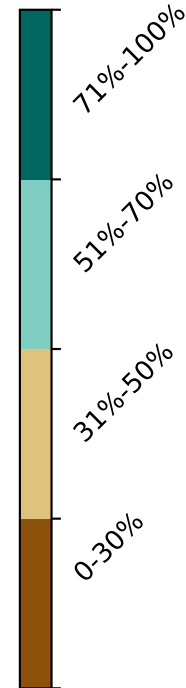
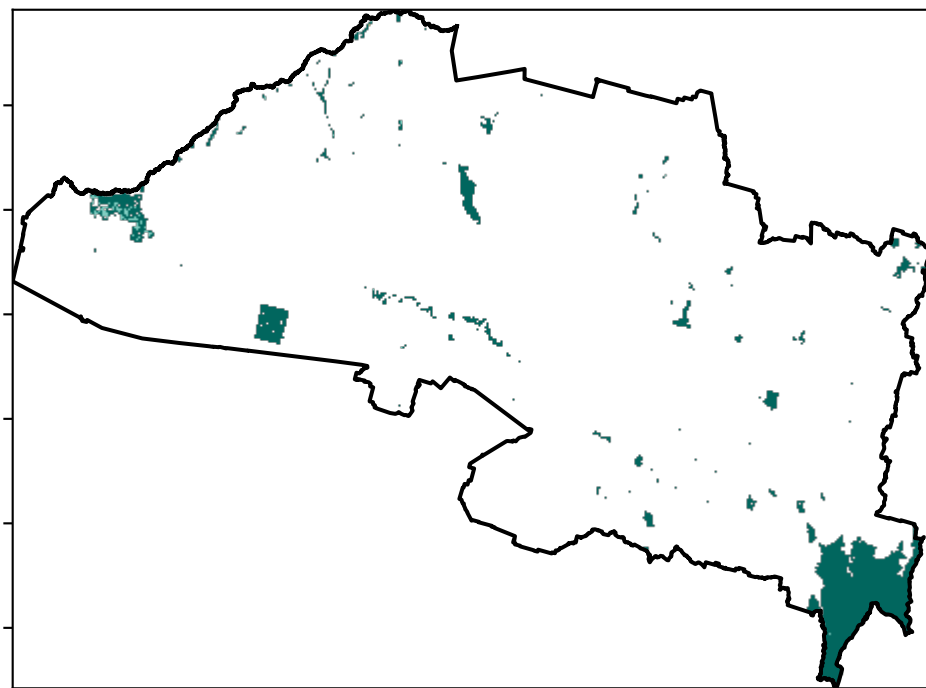


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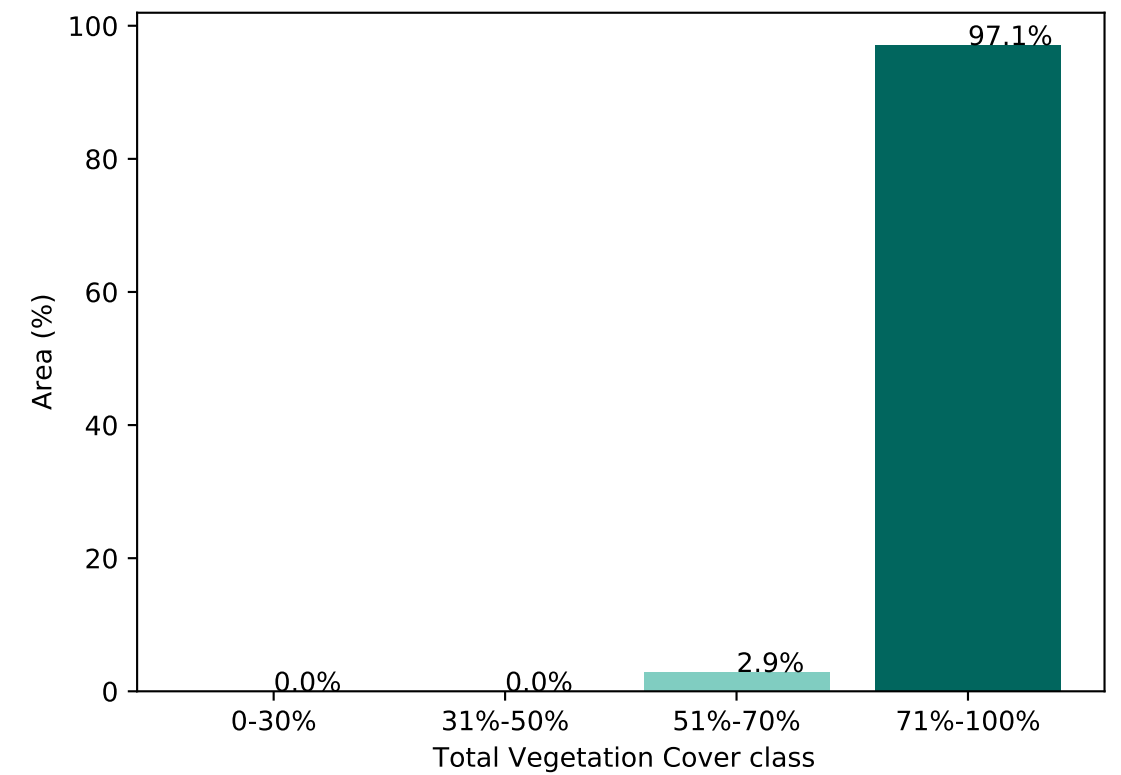
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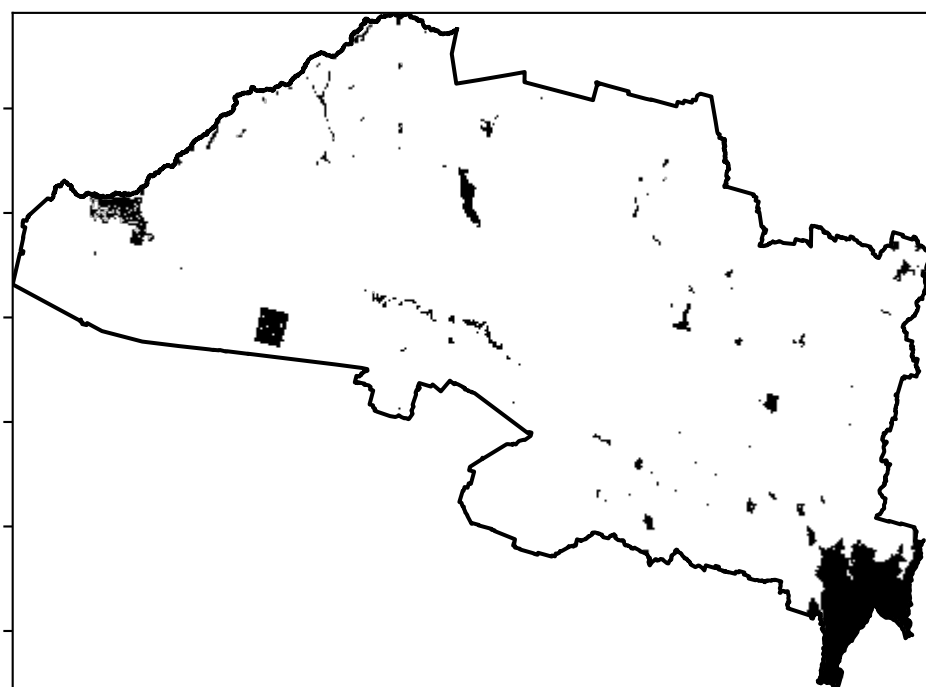
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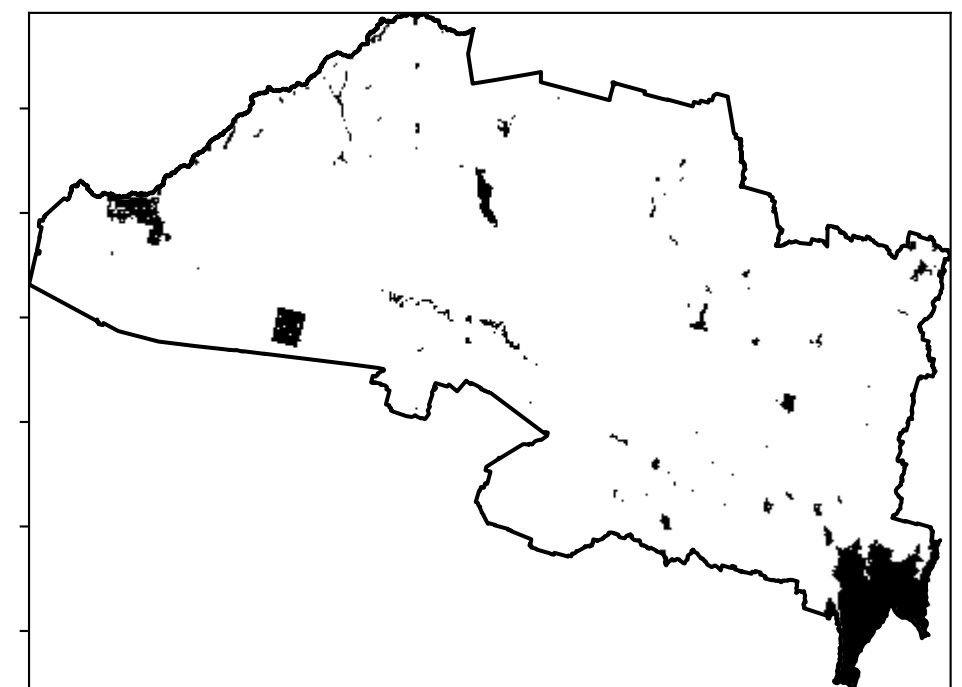


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 2.9% of region (9,371 ha)
- Area protected 97.1% of region (313,754 ha)

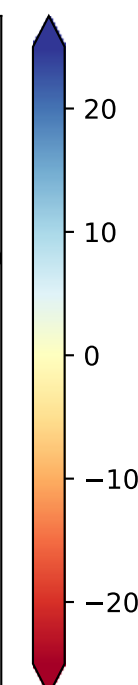
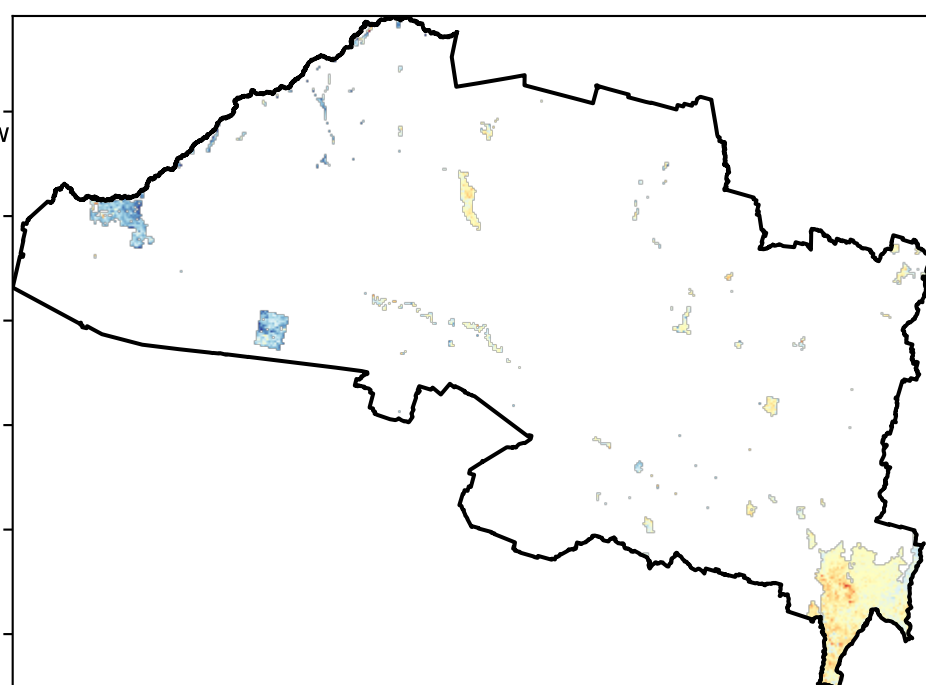
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- Area protected 100.0% of region (323,125 ha)

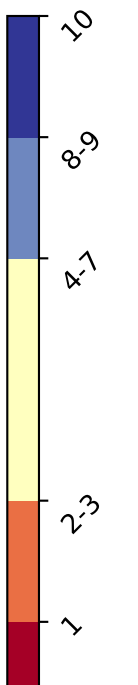
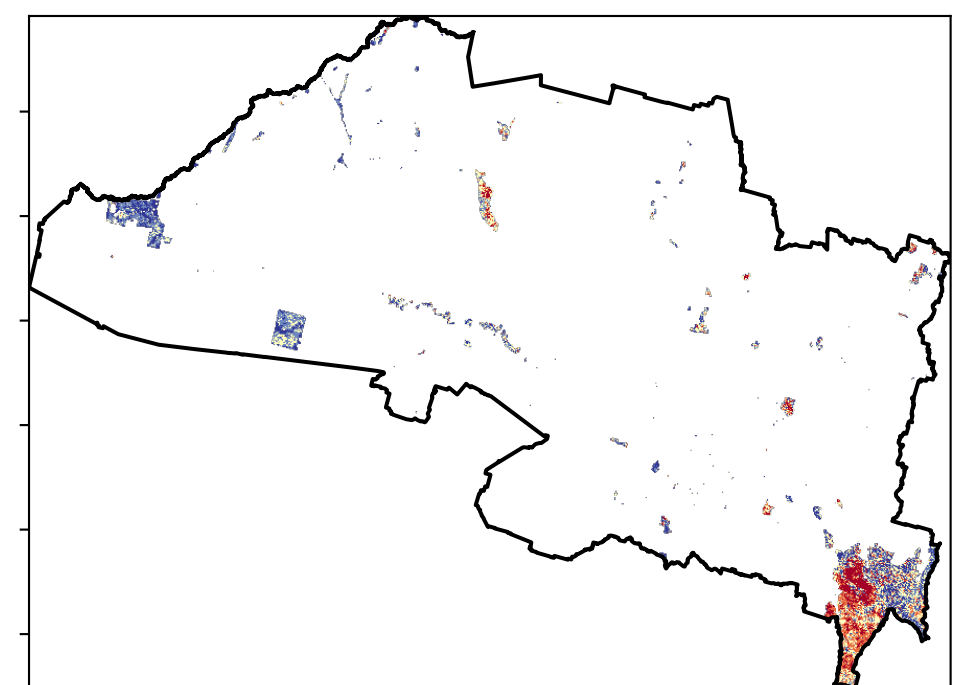
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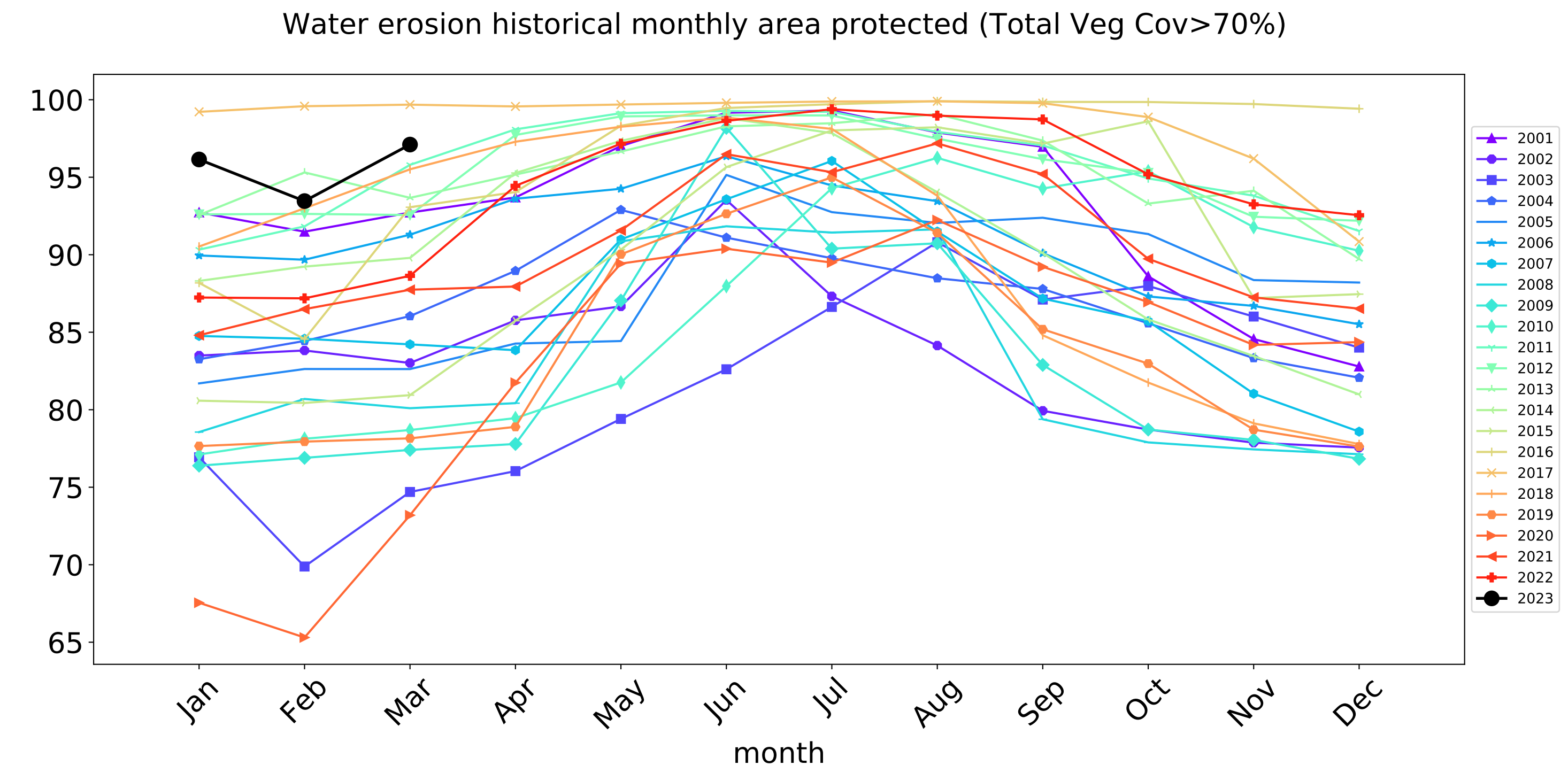
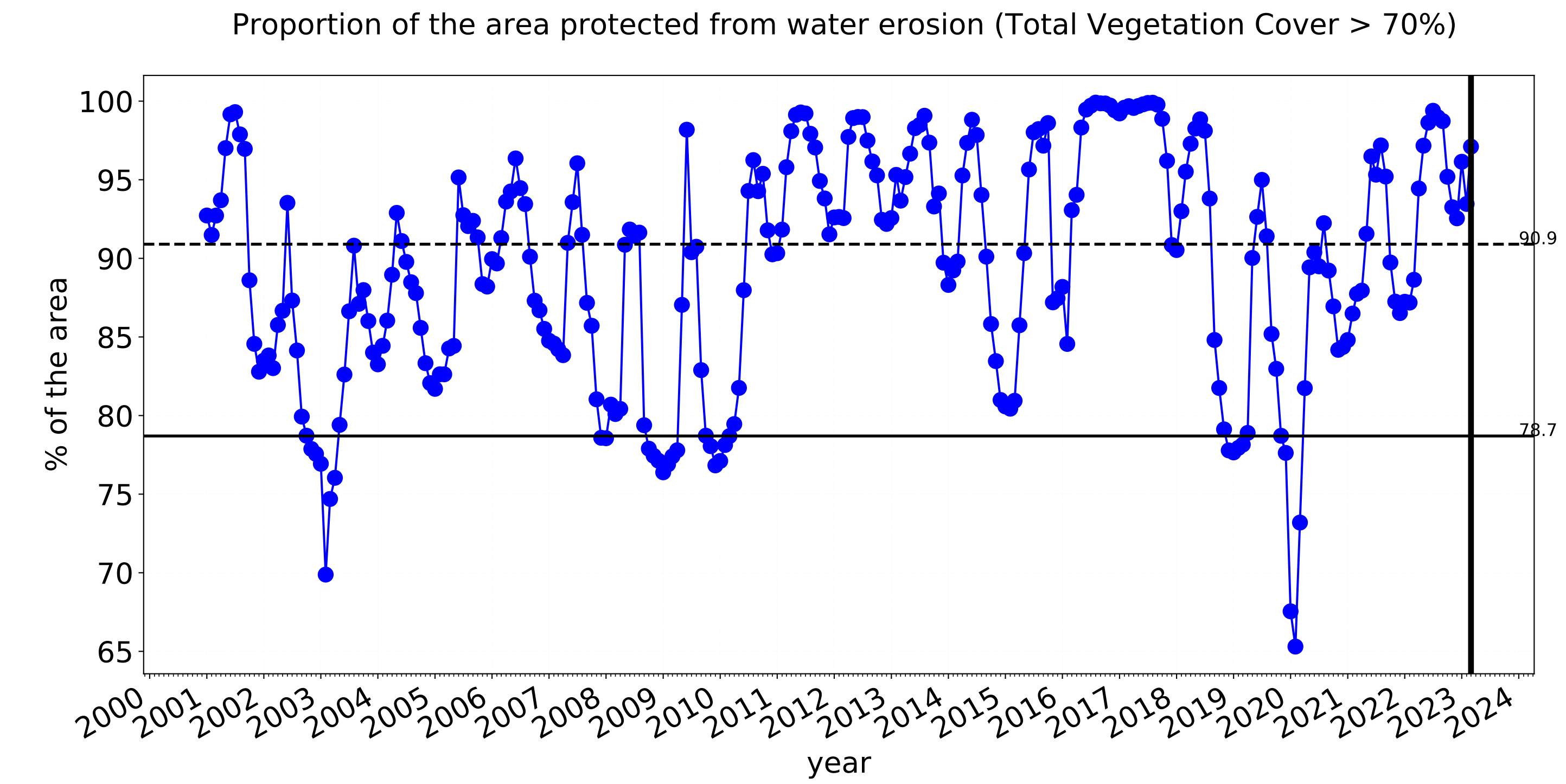
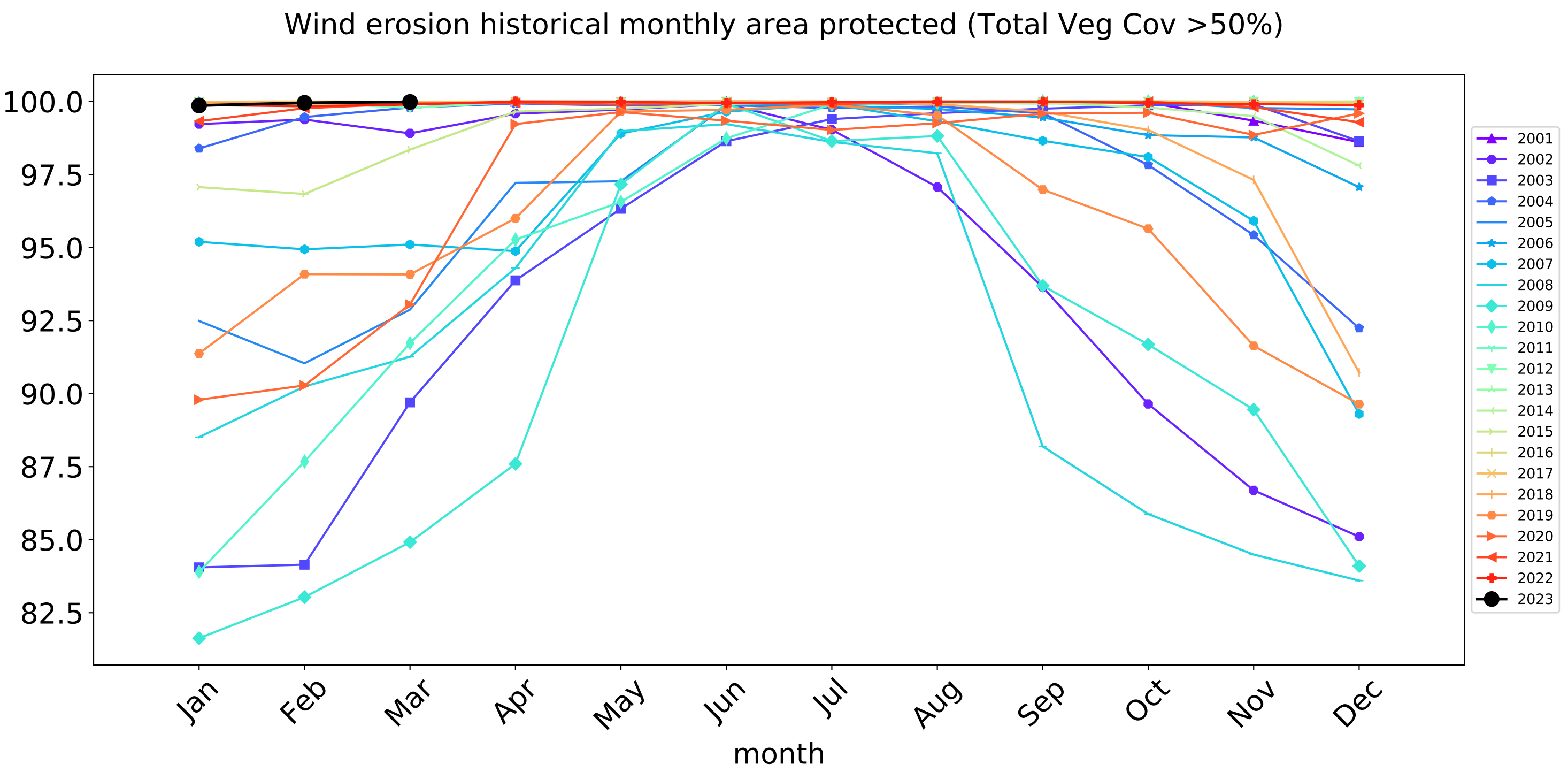
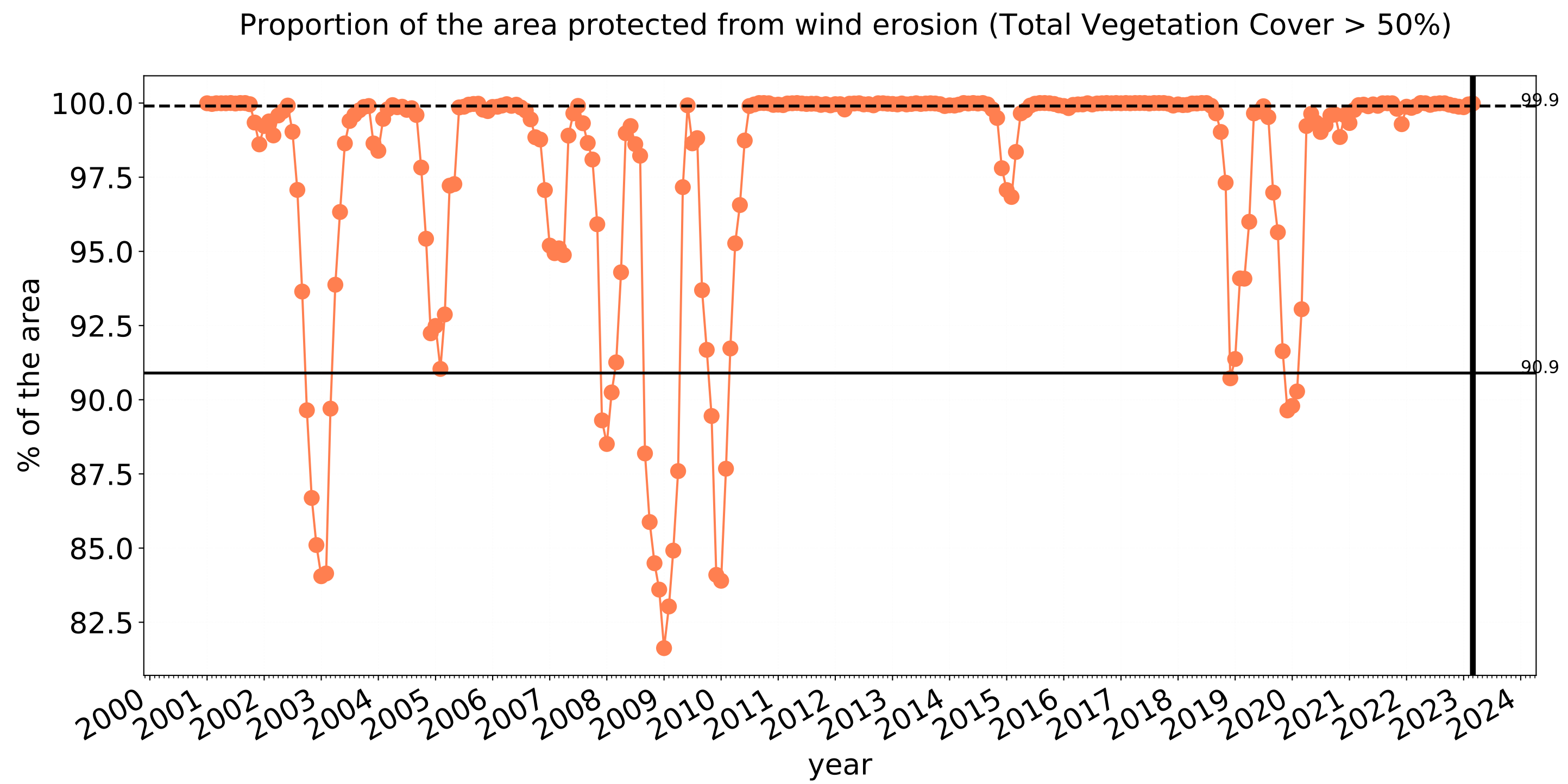


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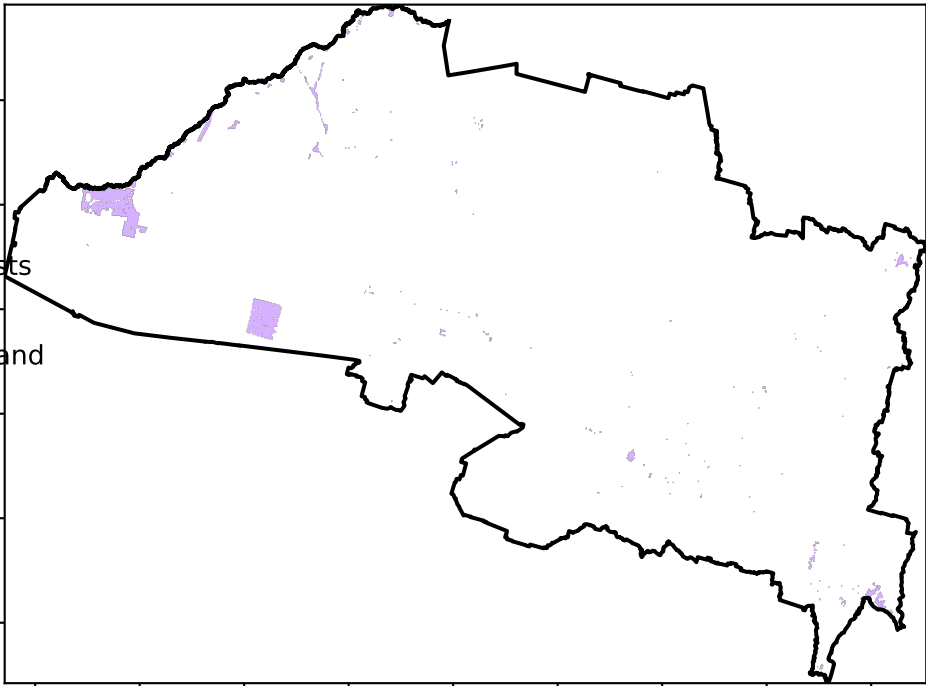
Conservation and natural environments timeseries



Conservation and natural environments non forest

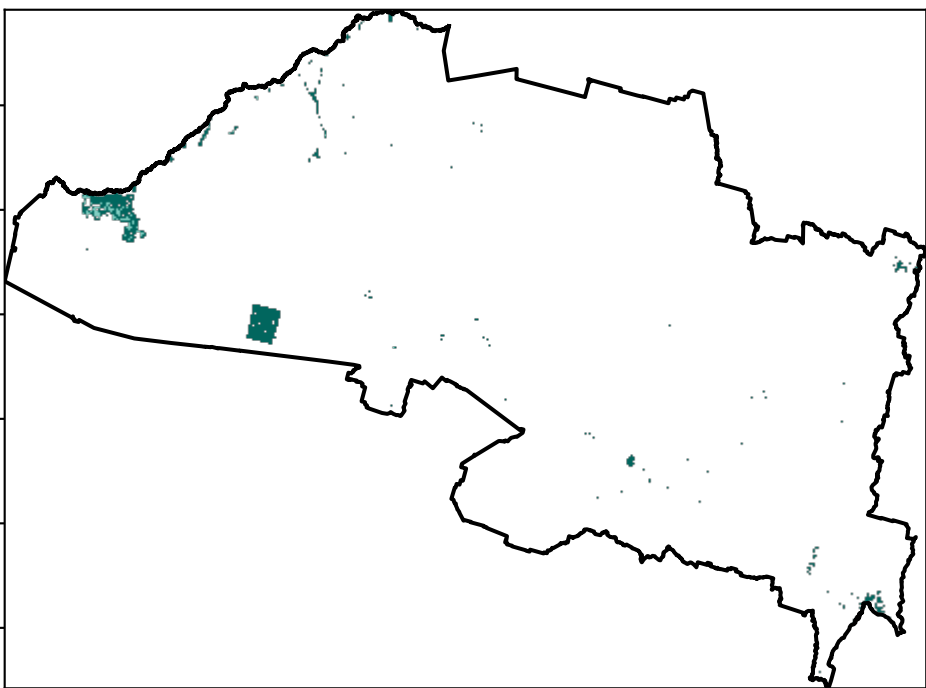
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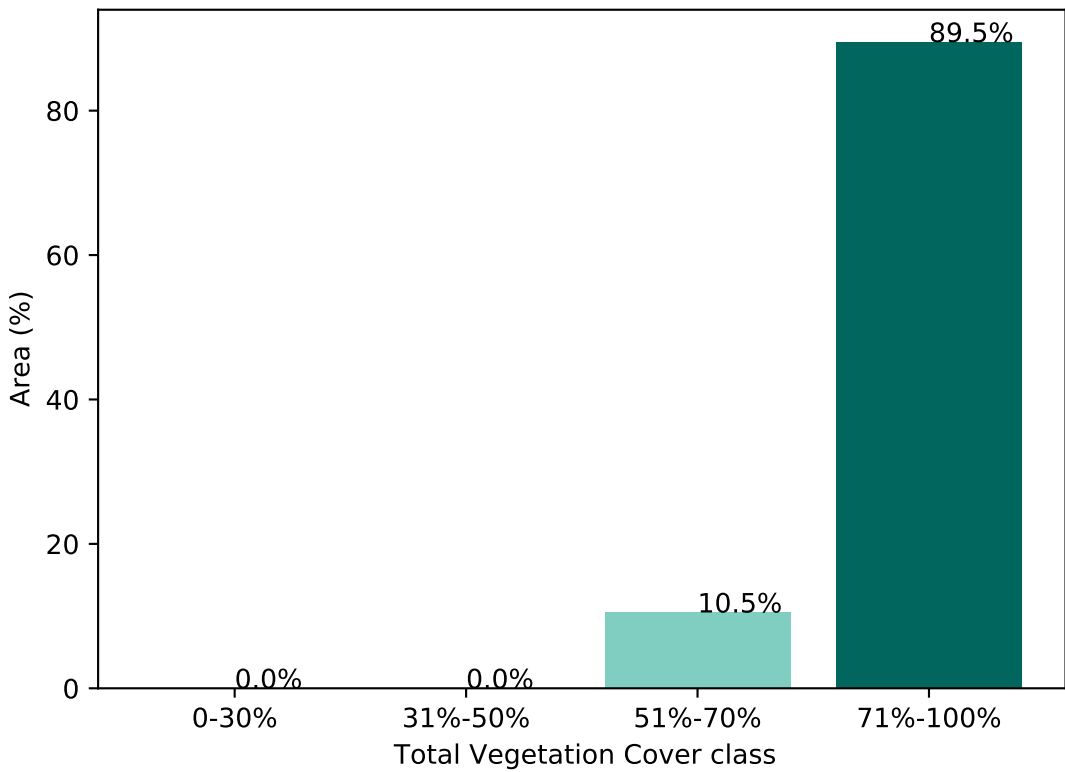


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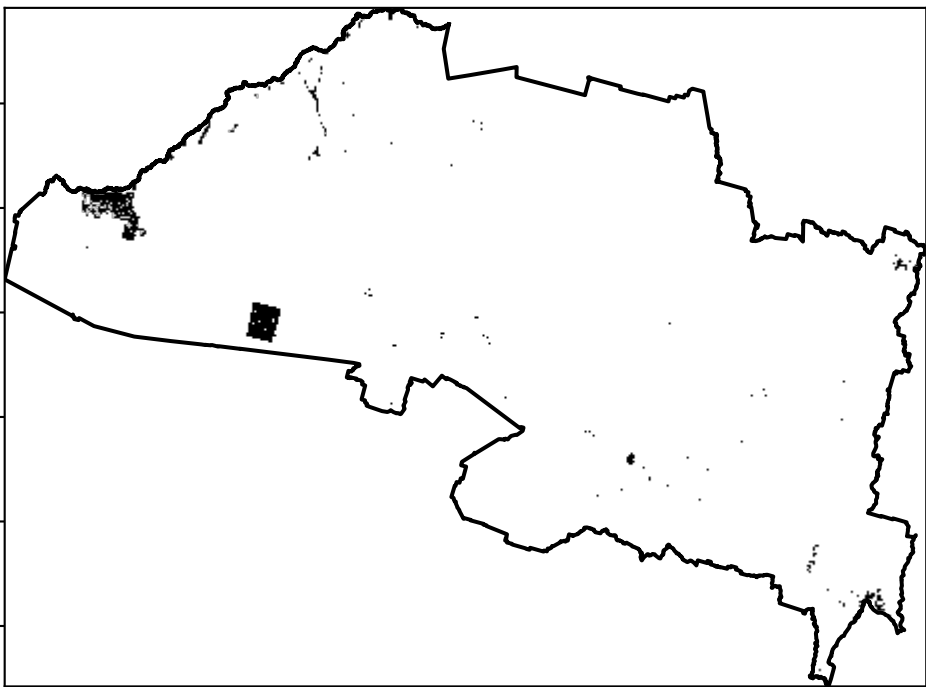
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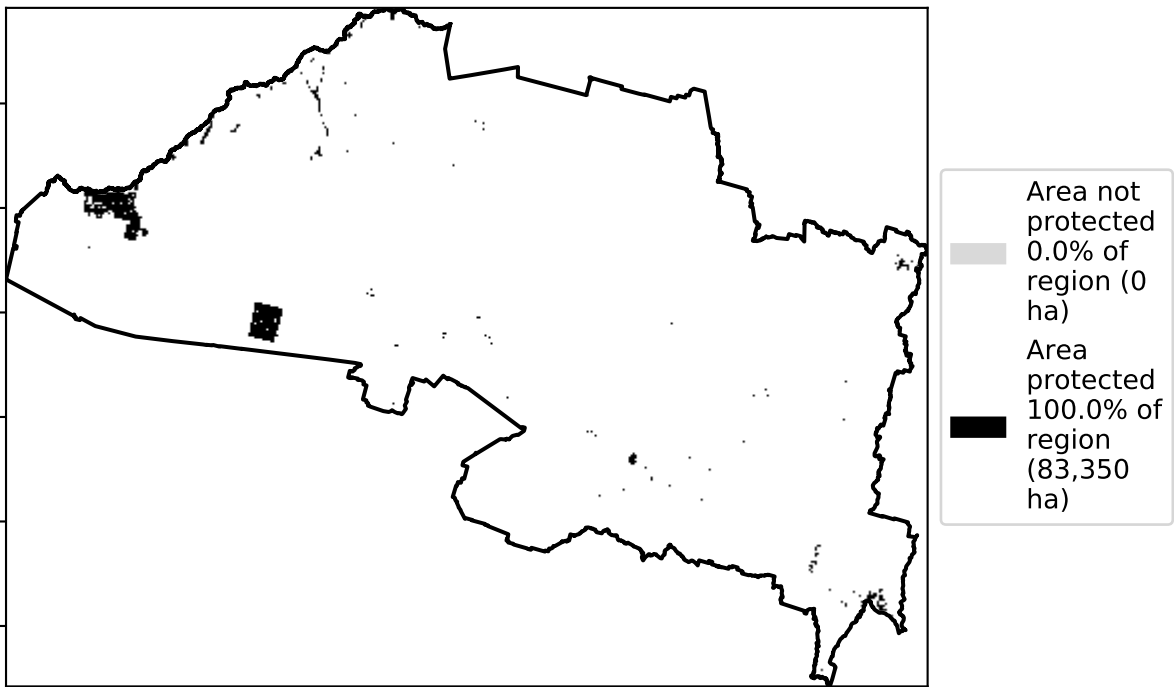
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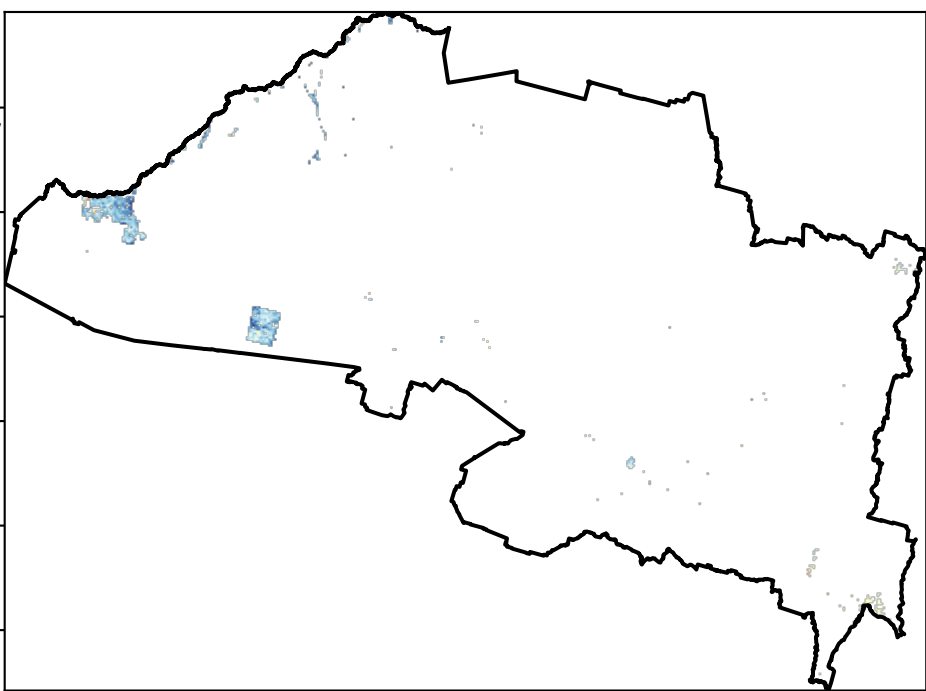


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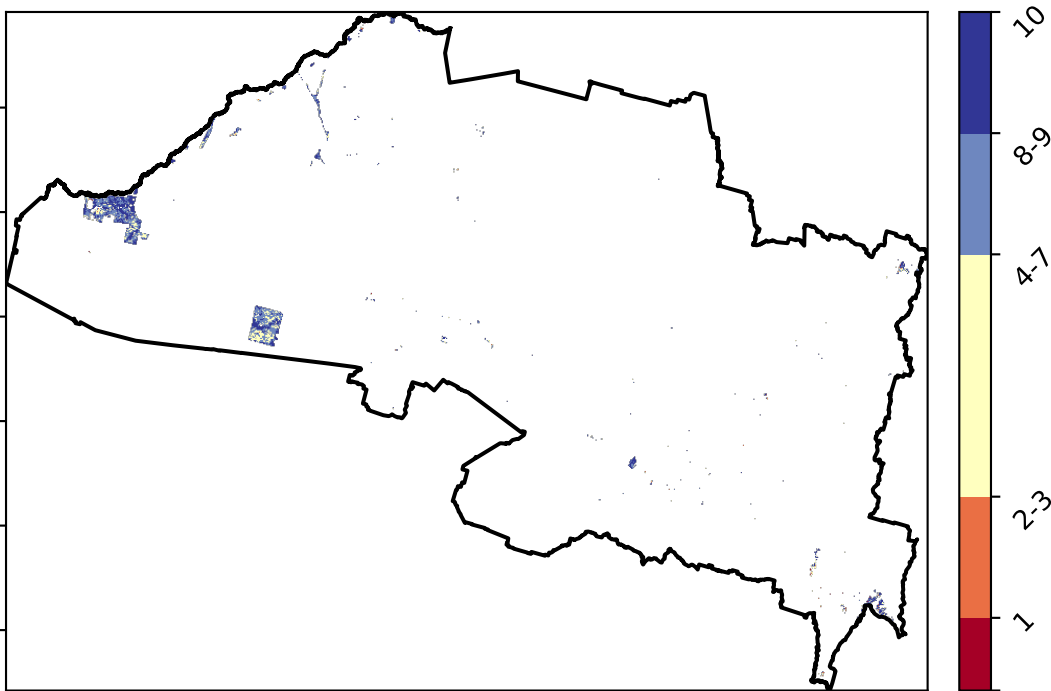
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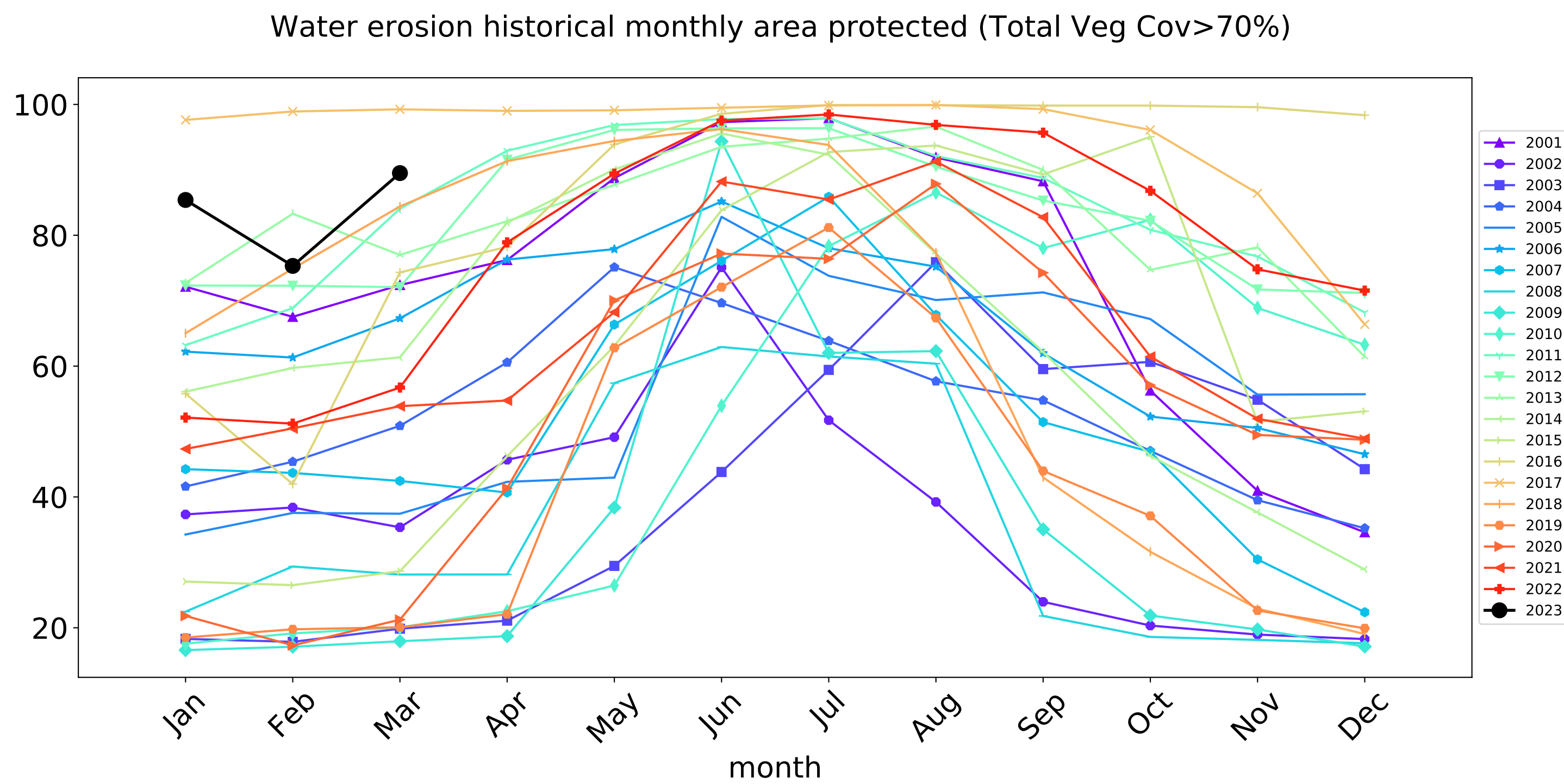
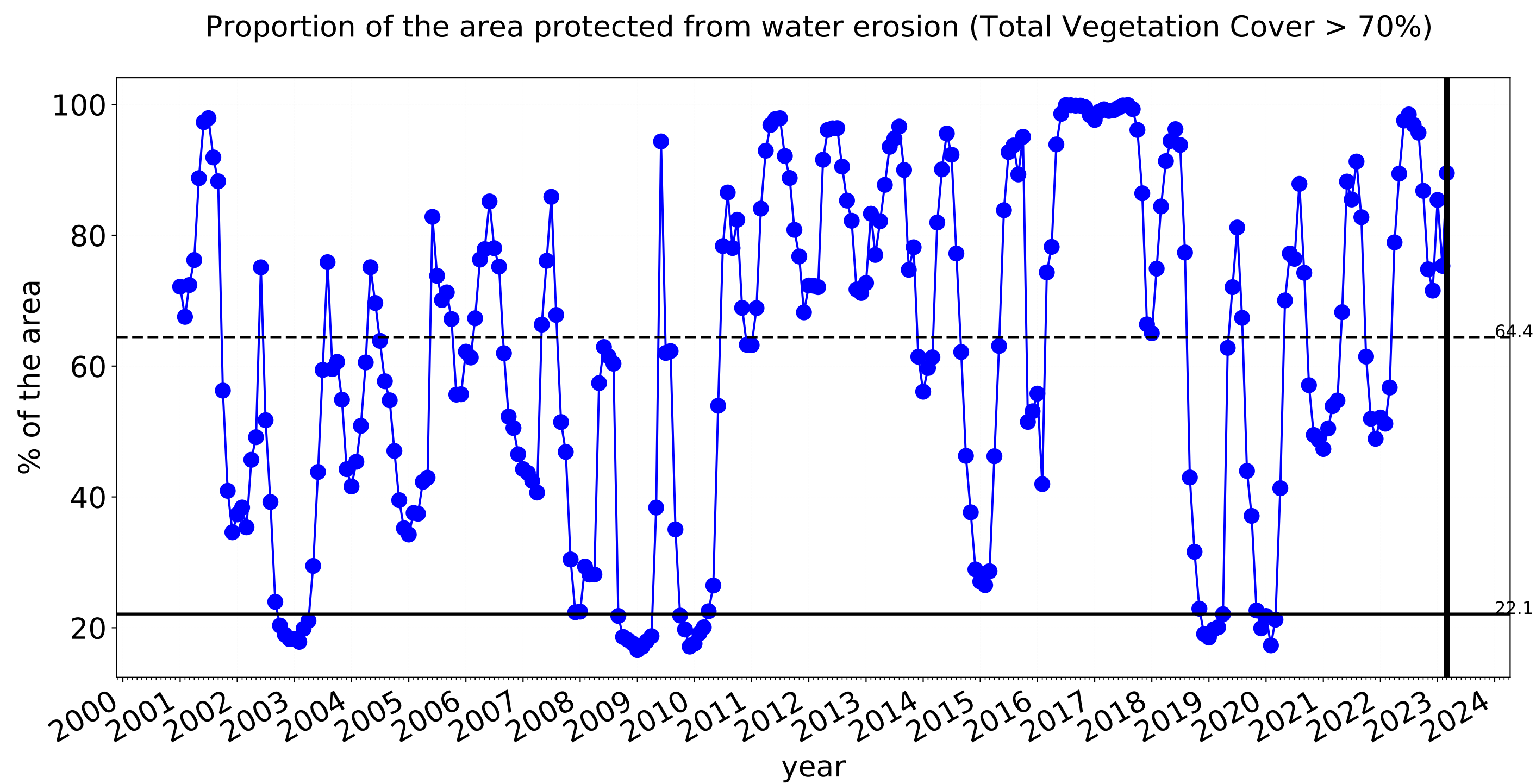
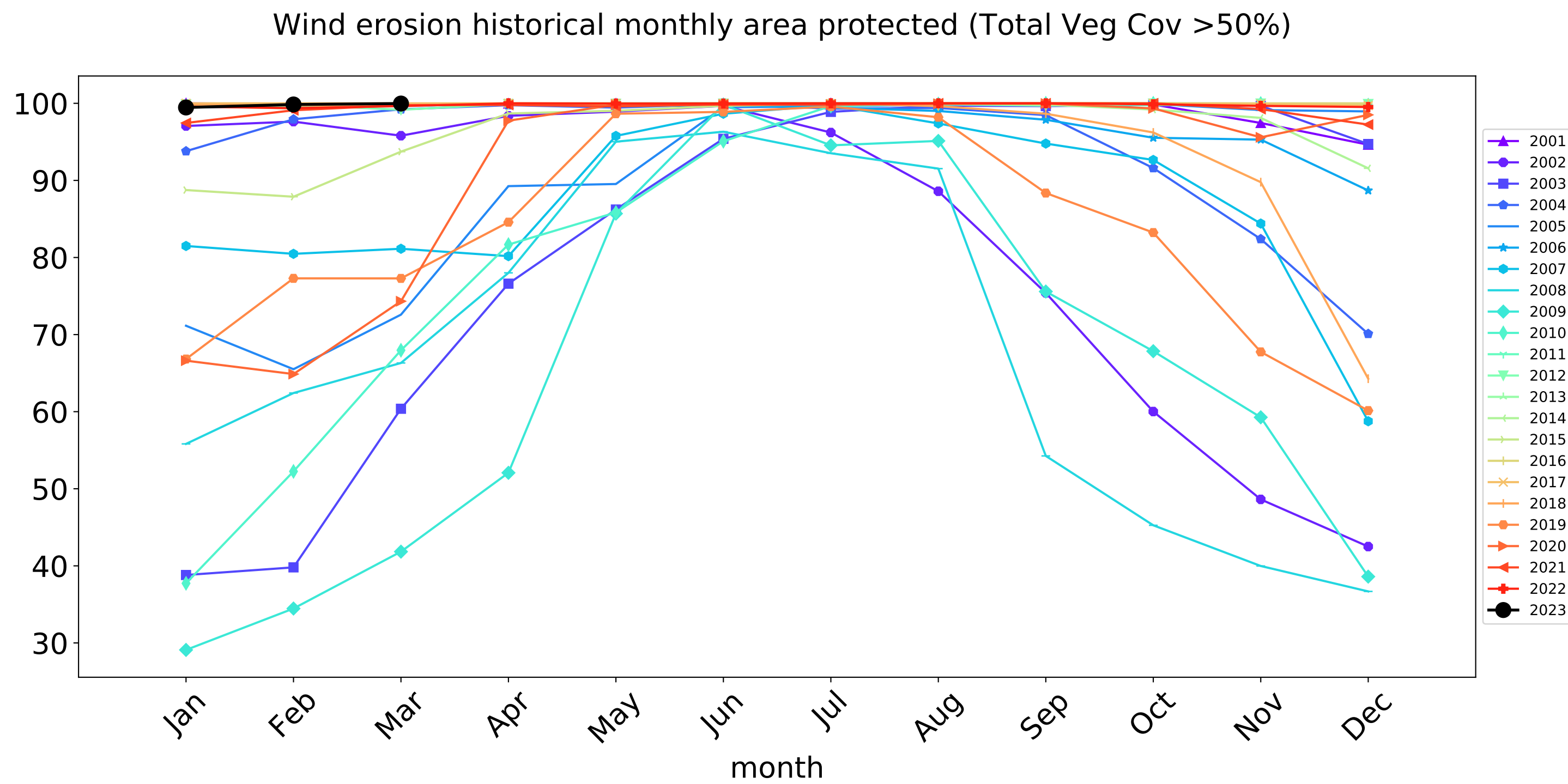
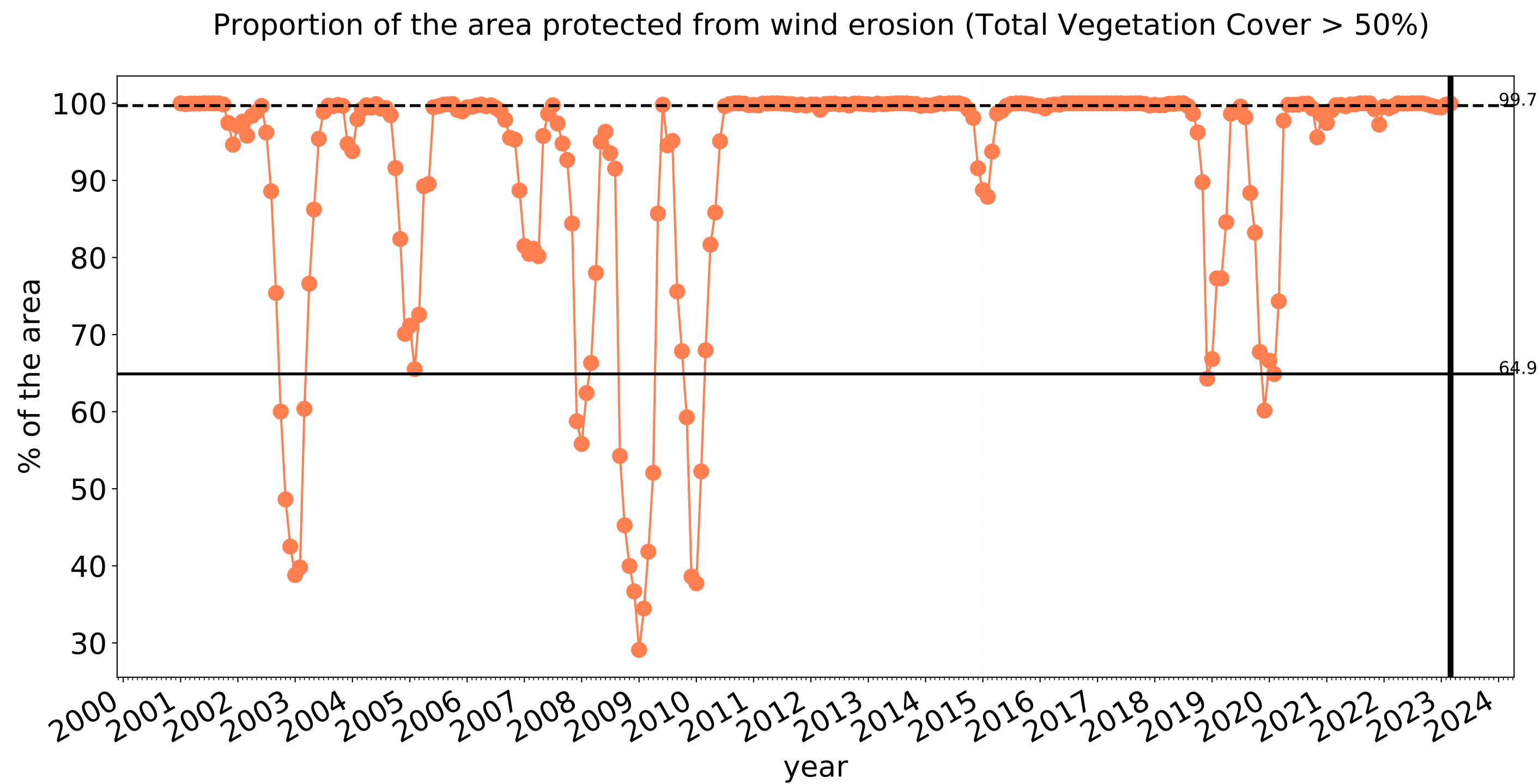


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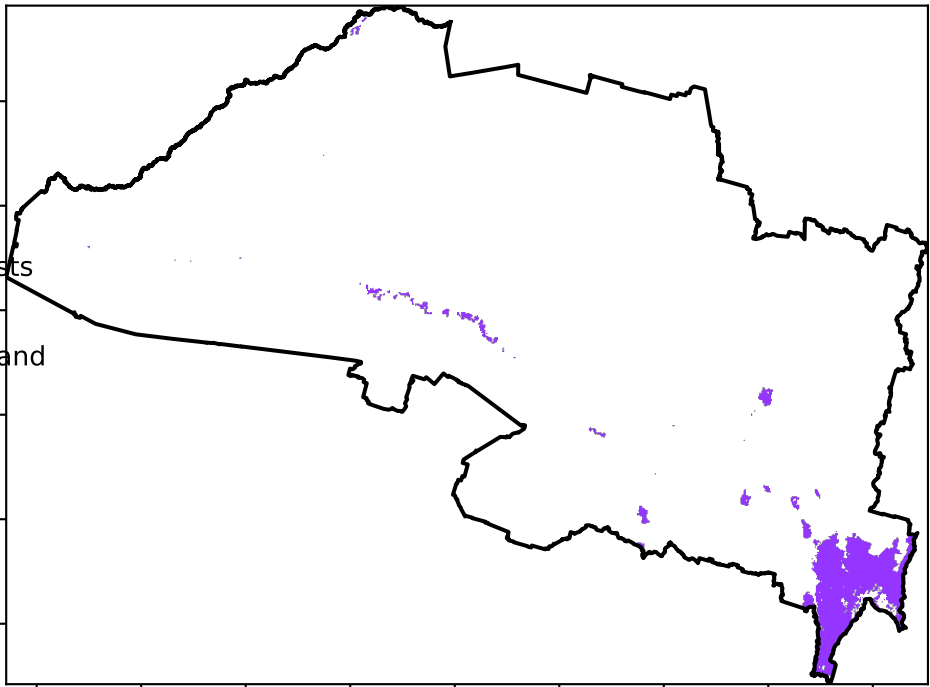
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

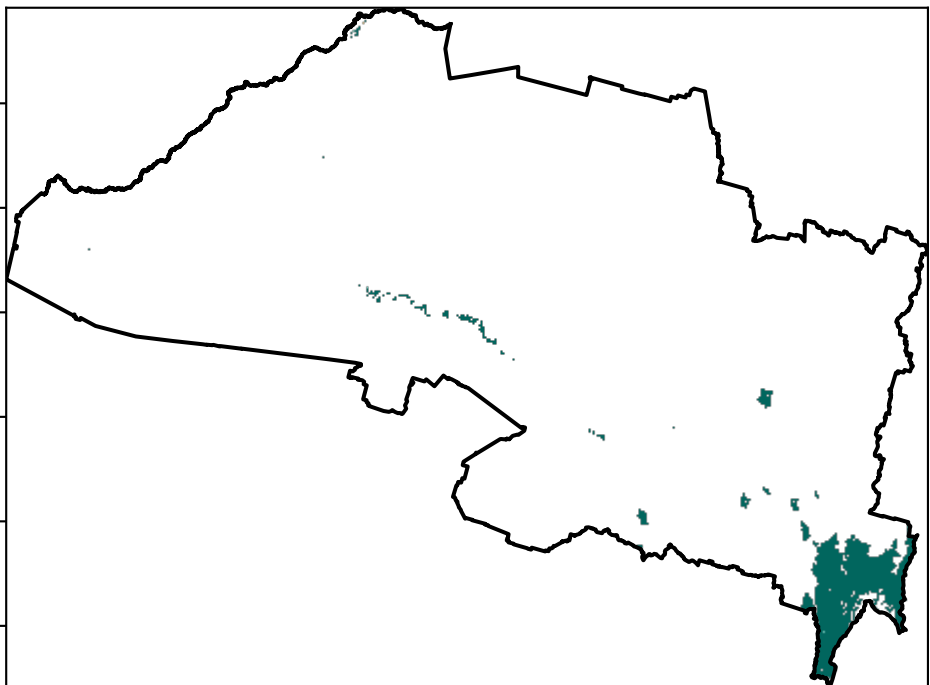
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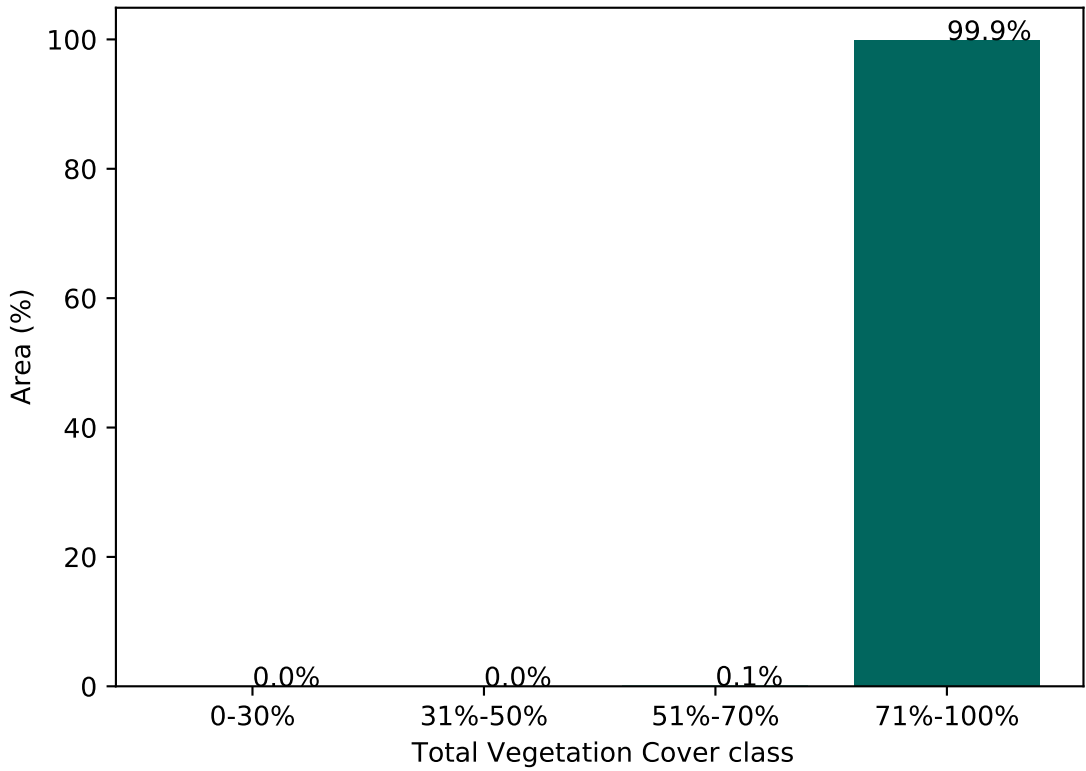


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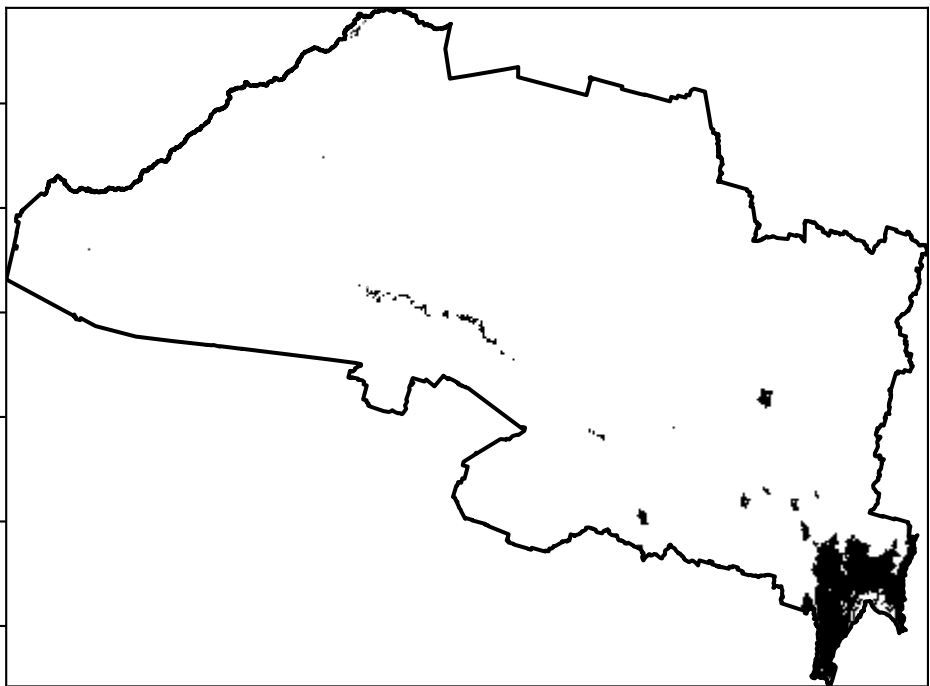
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

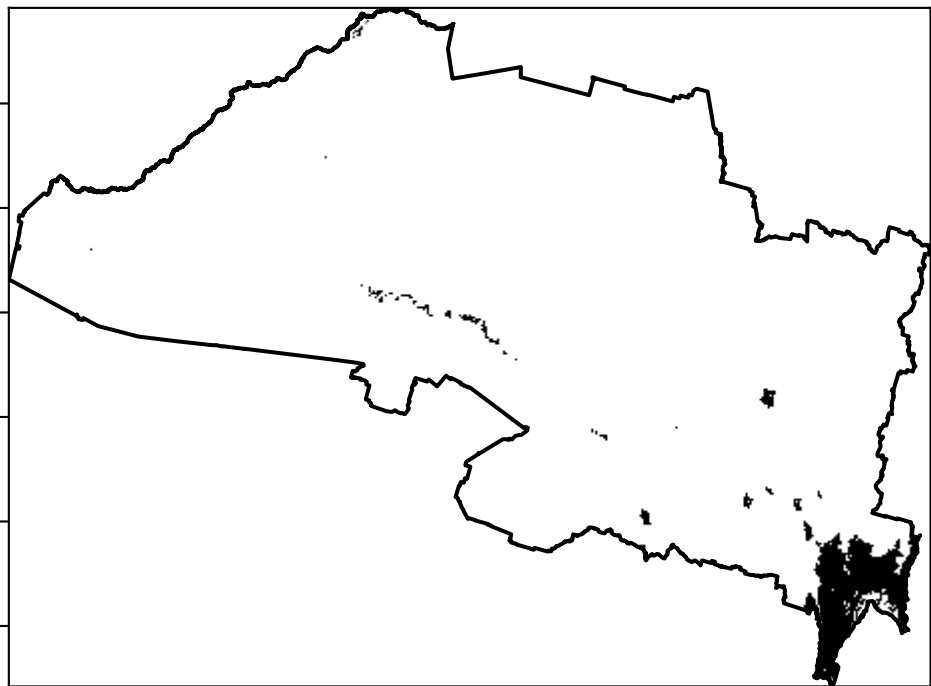


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
0.1% of region
(195 ha)
Area protected
99.9% of region
(195,080 ha)

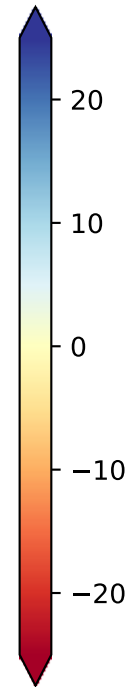
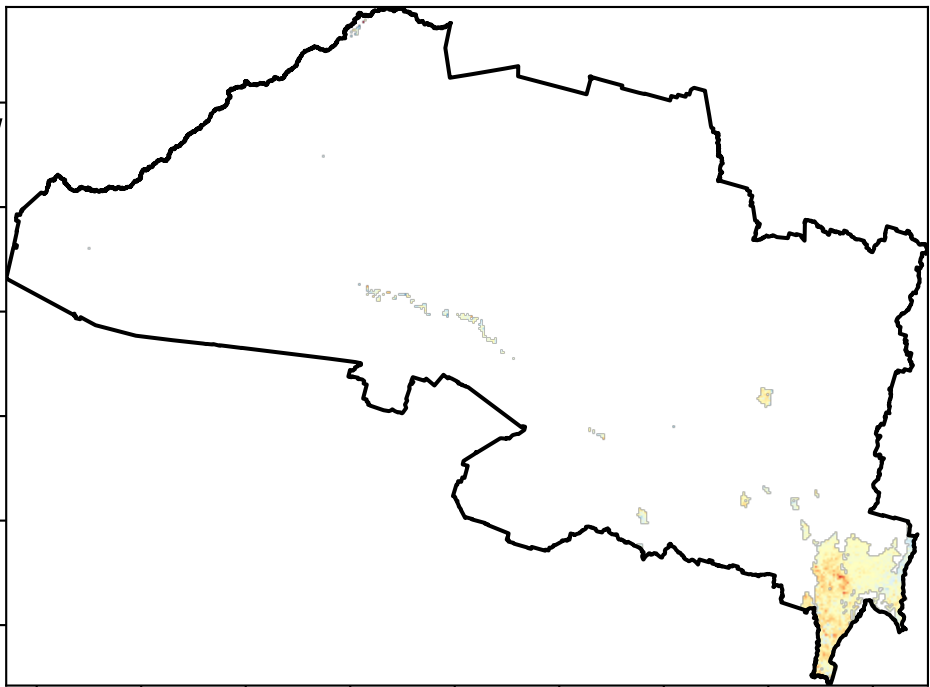
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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(195,275 ha)

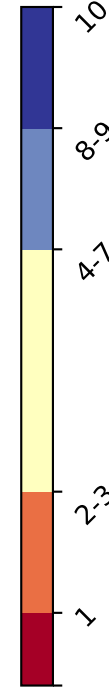
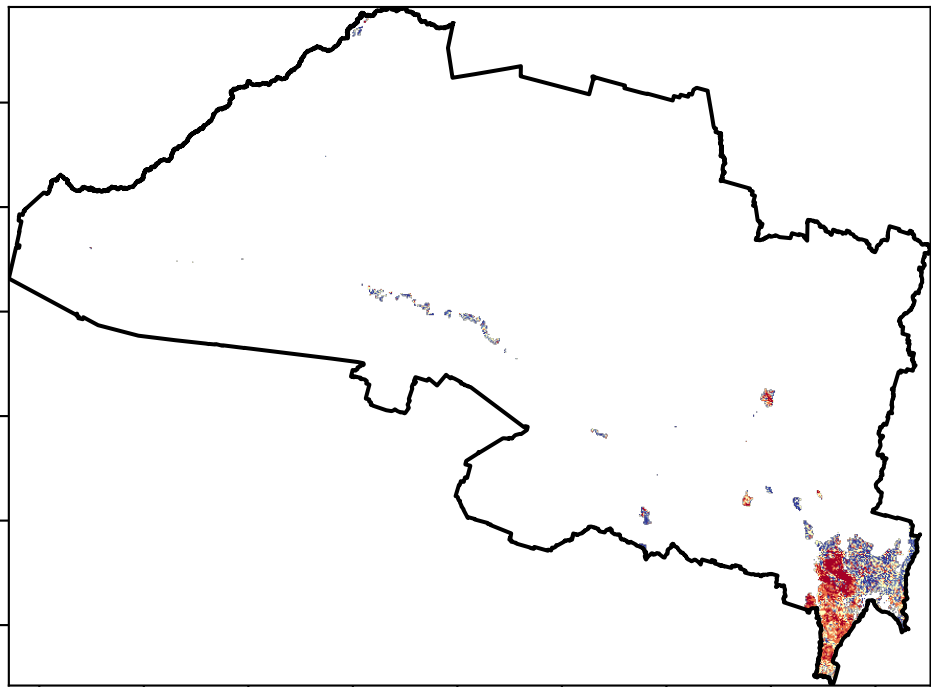
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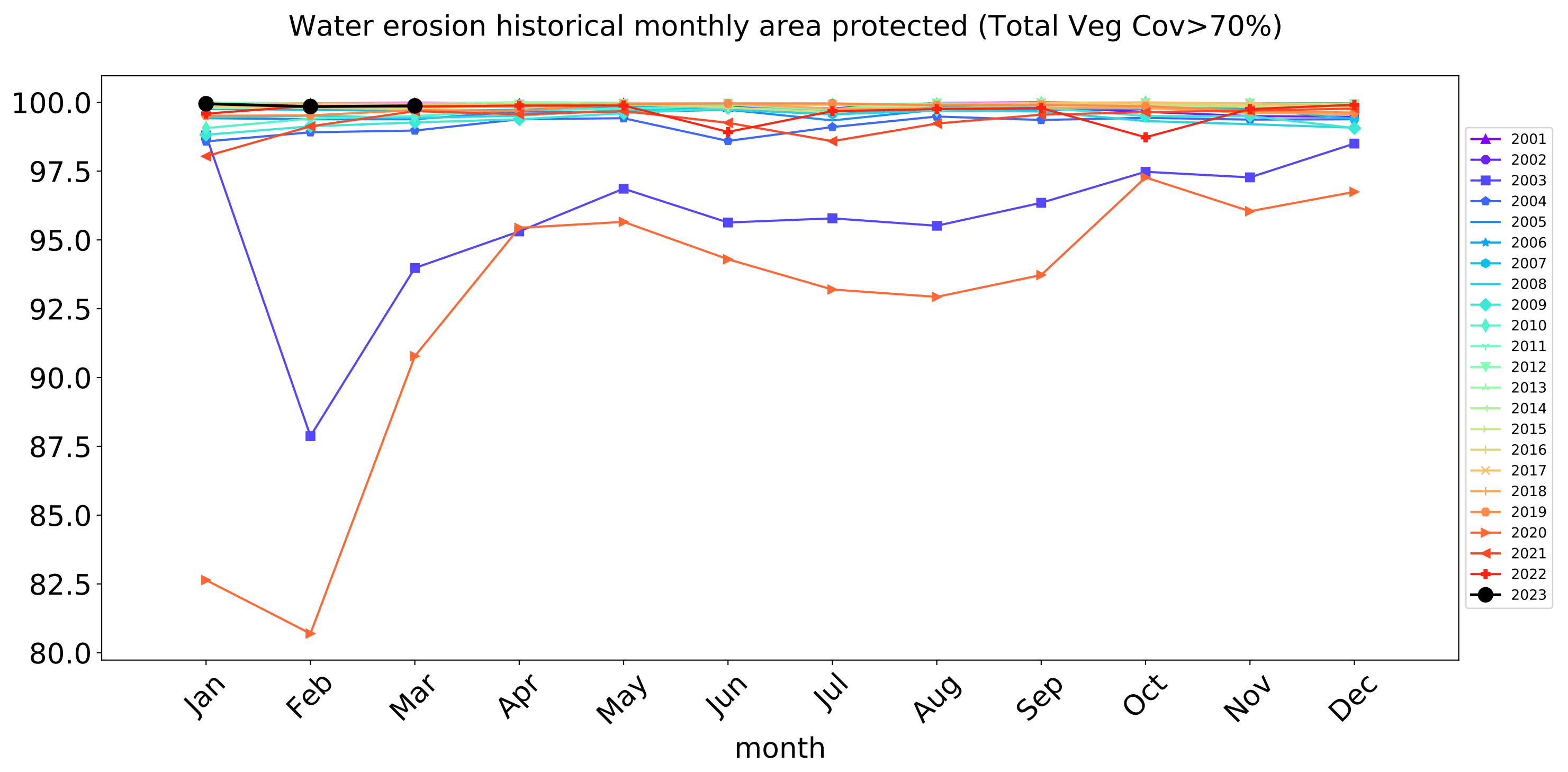
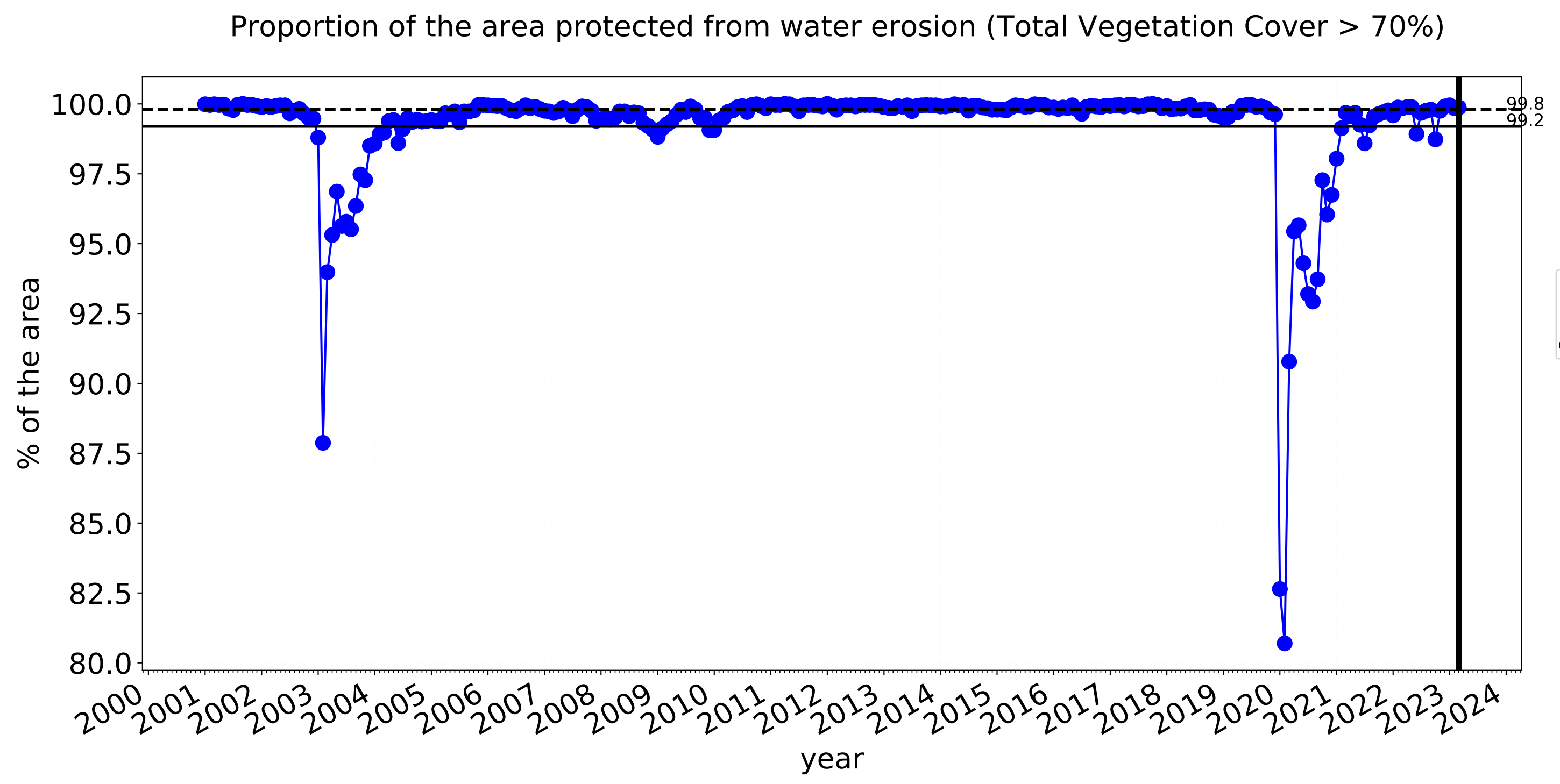
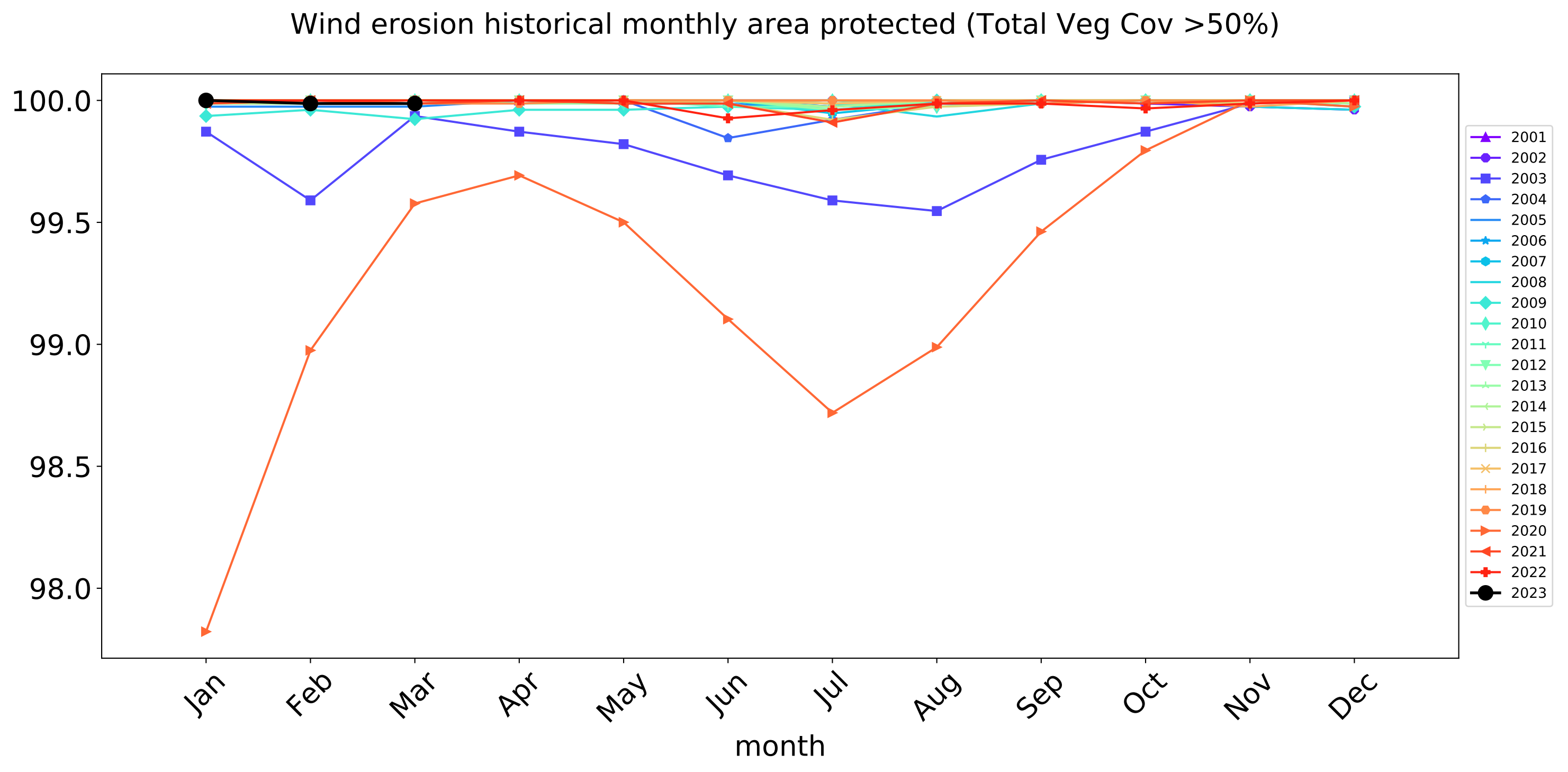
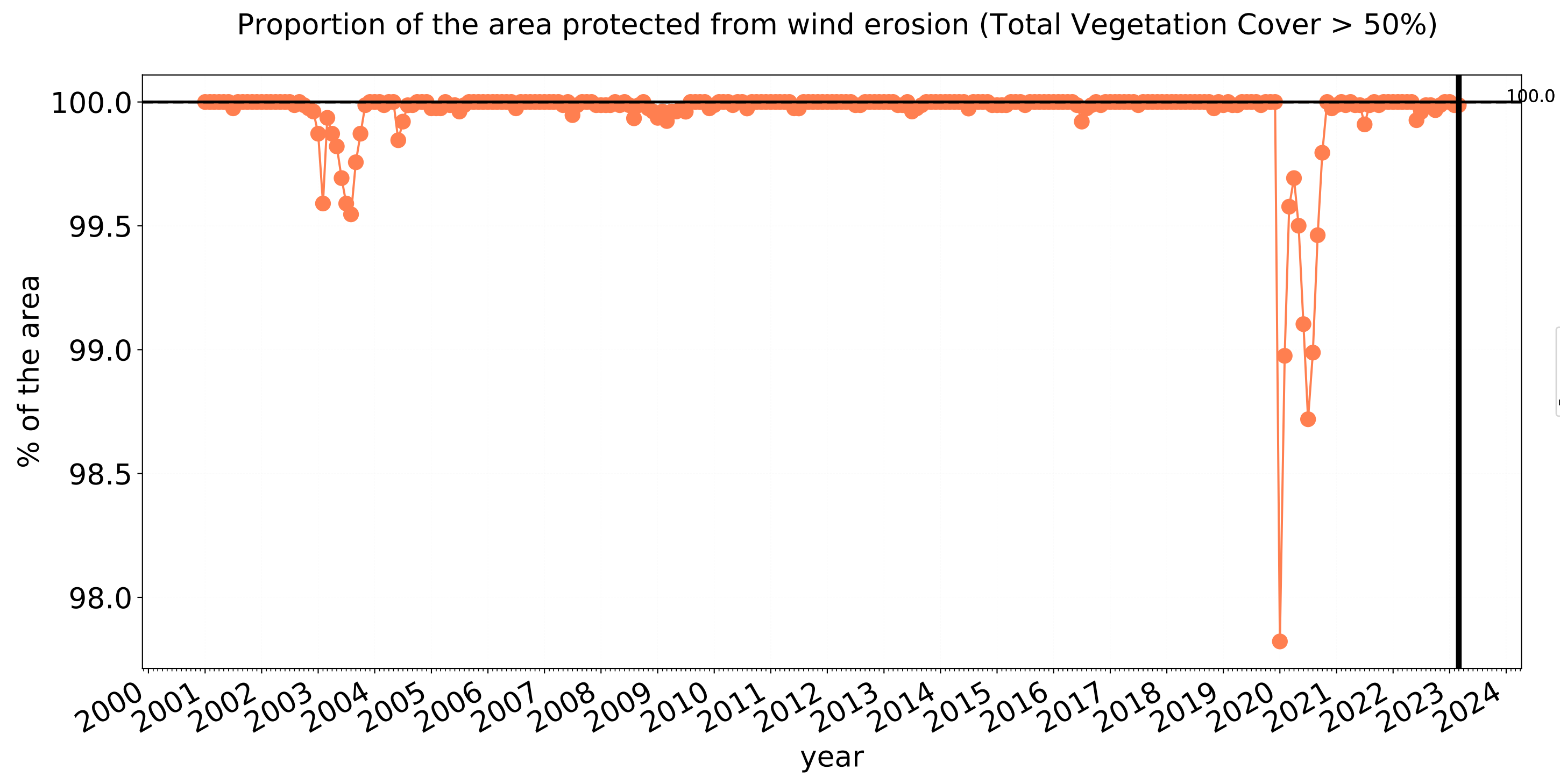


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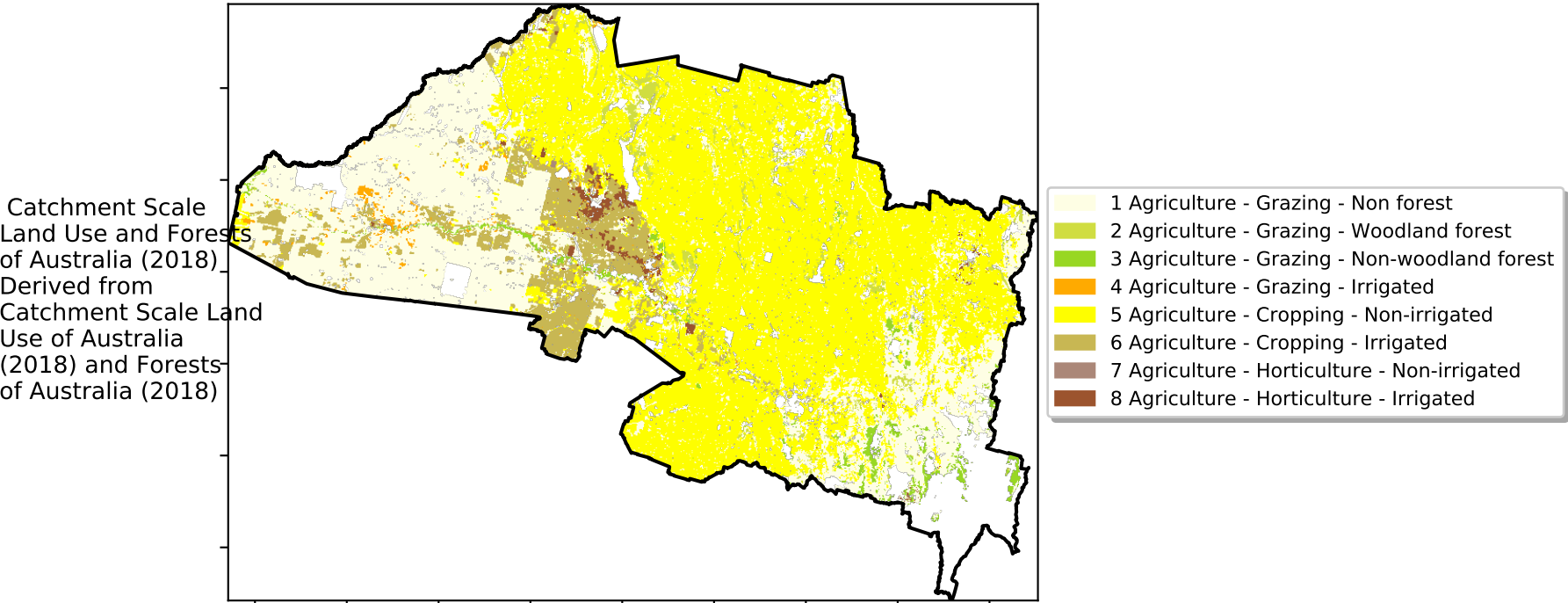


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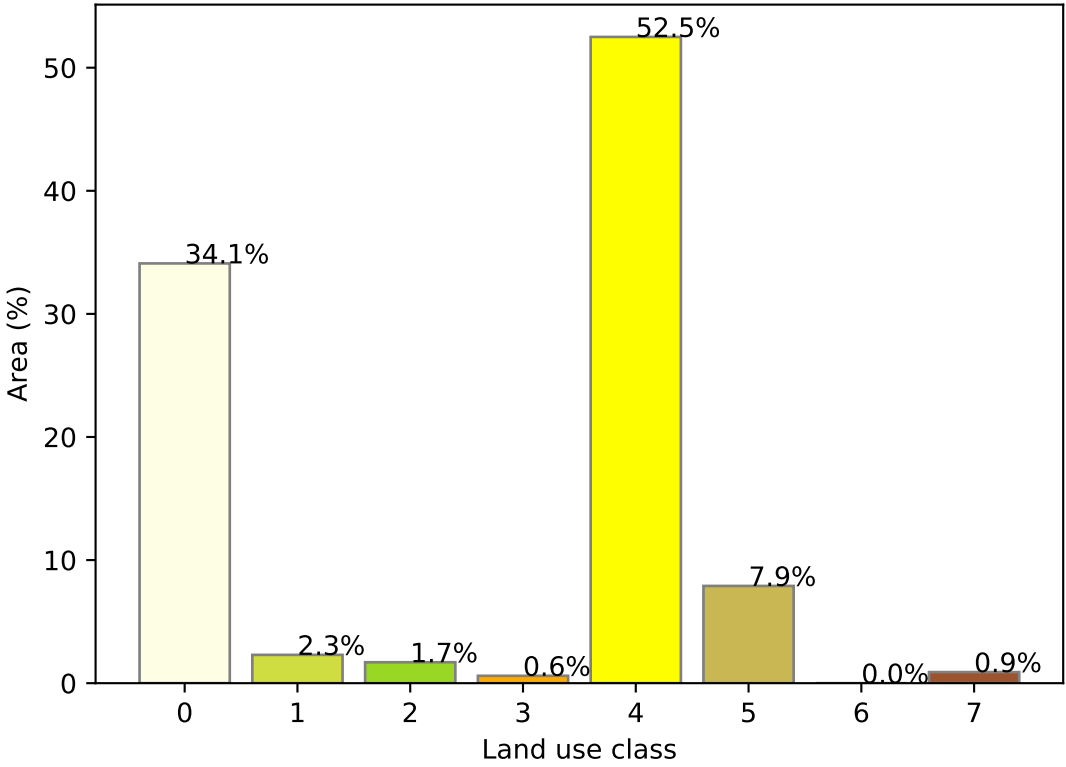


Agriculture

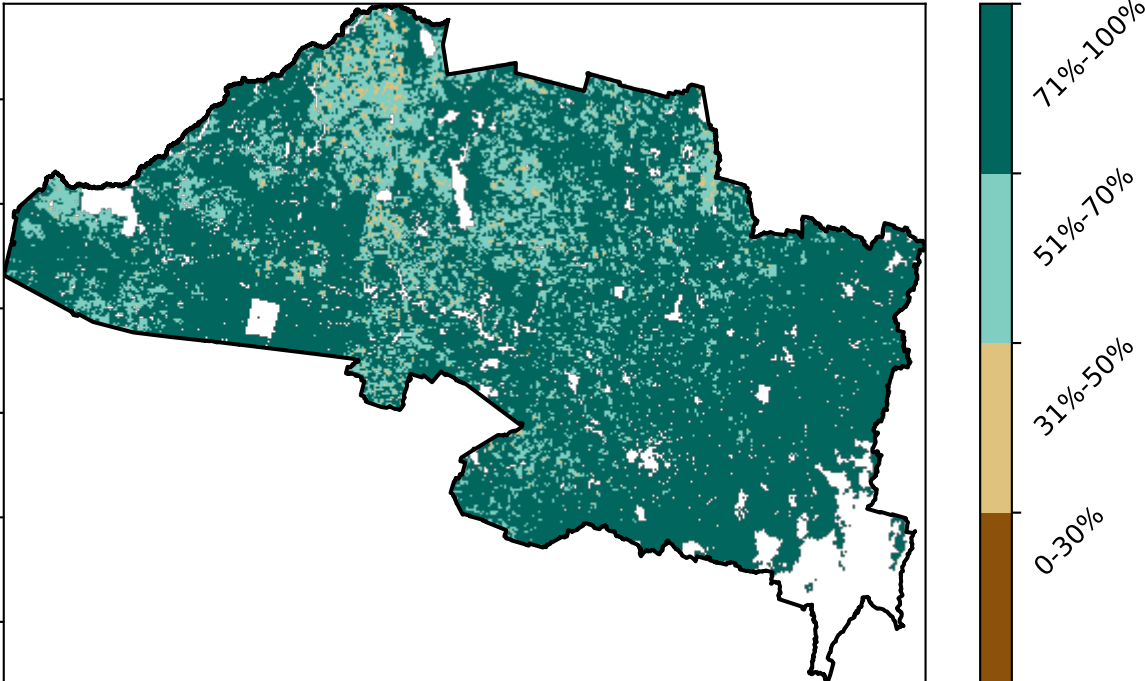
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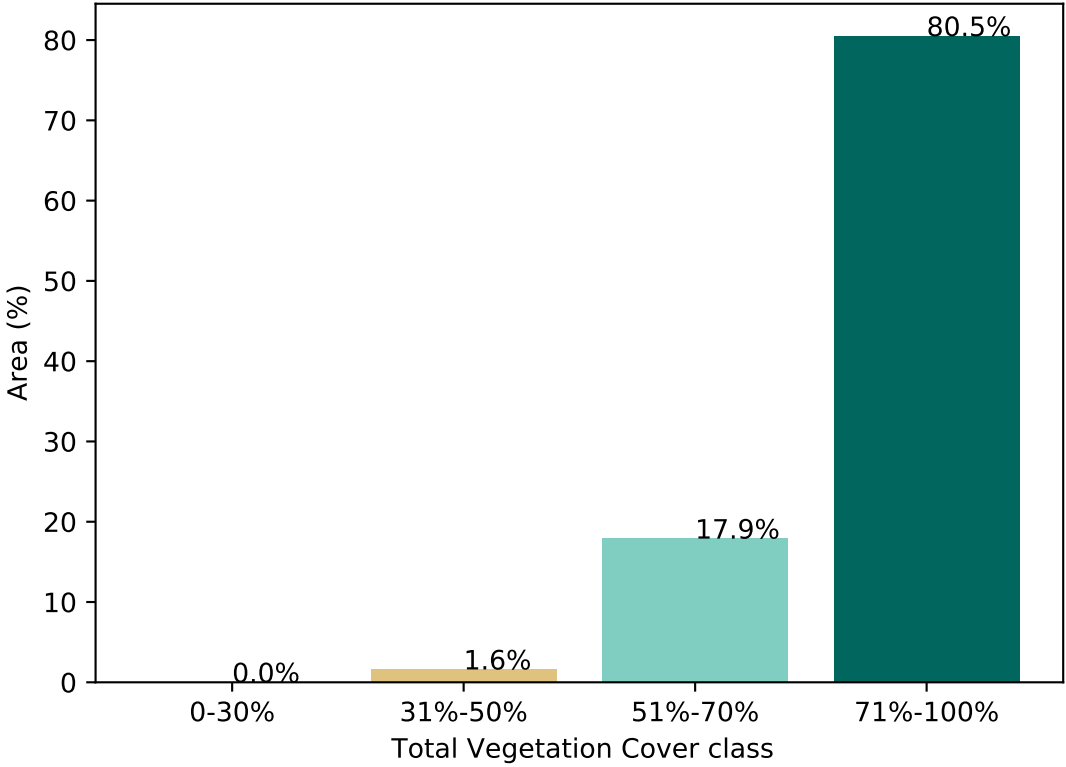
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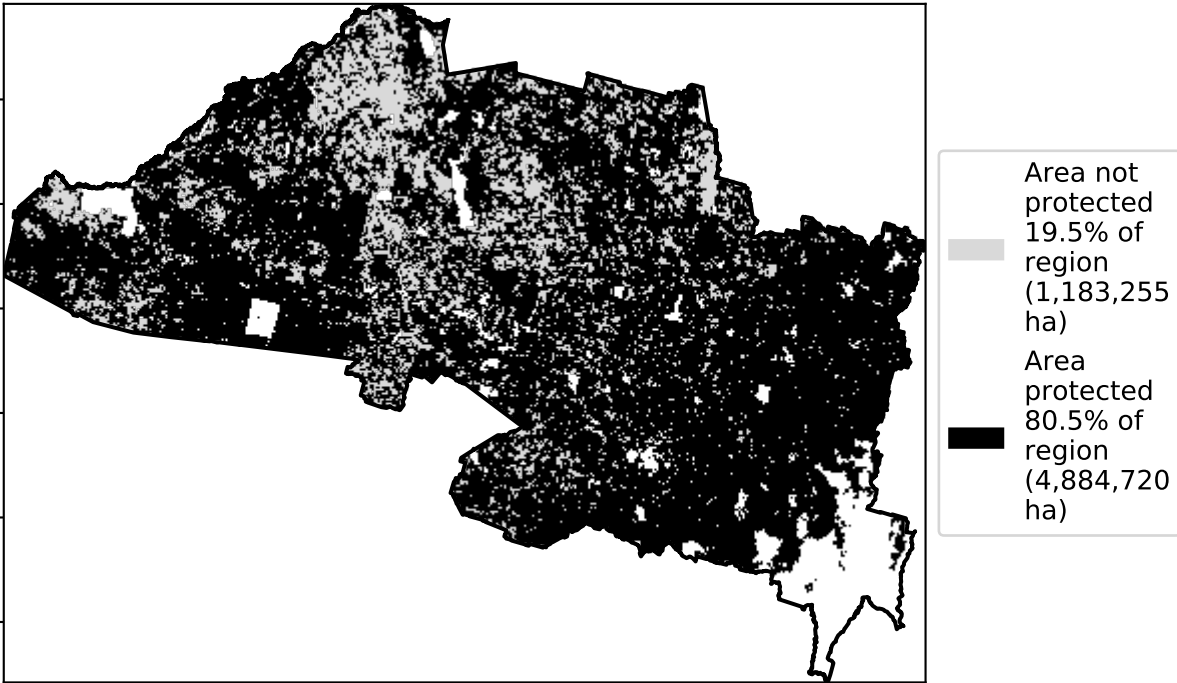
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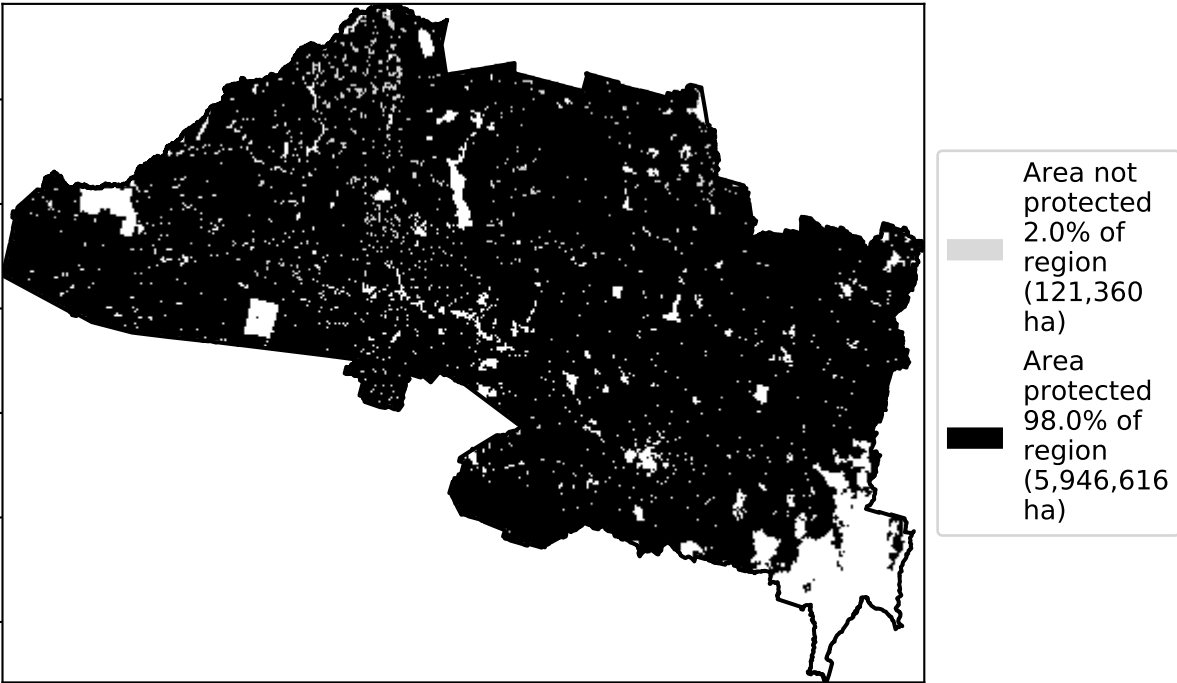
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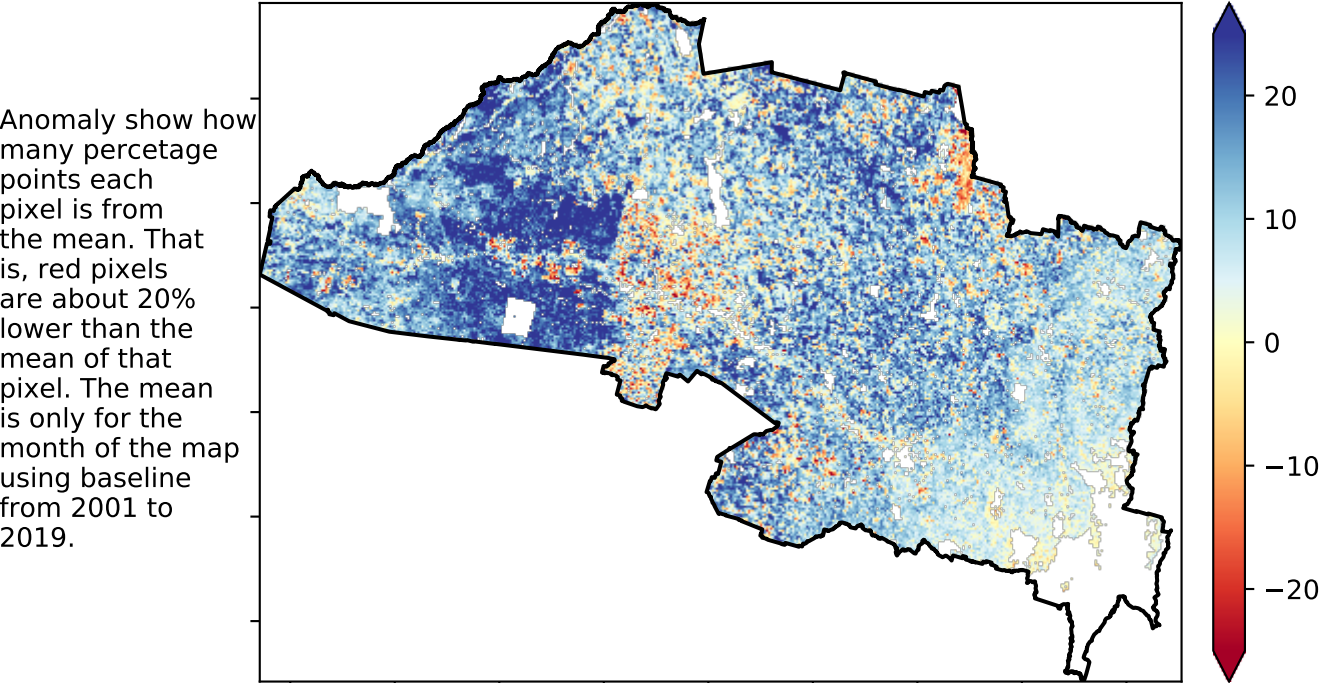
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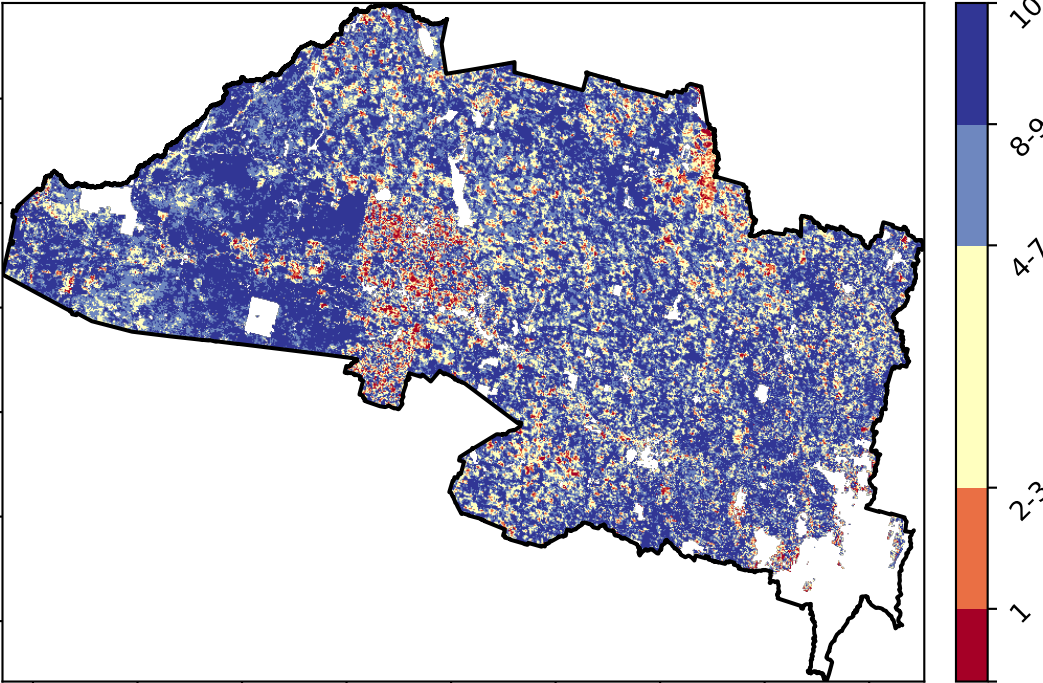


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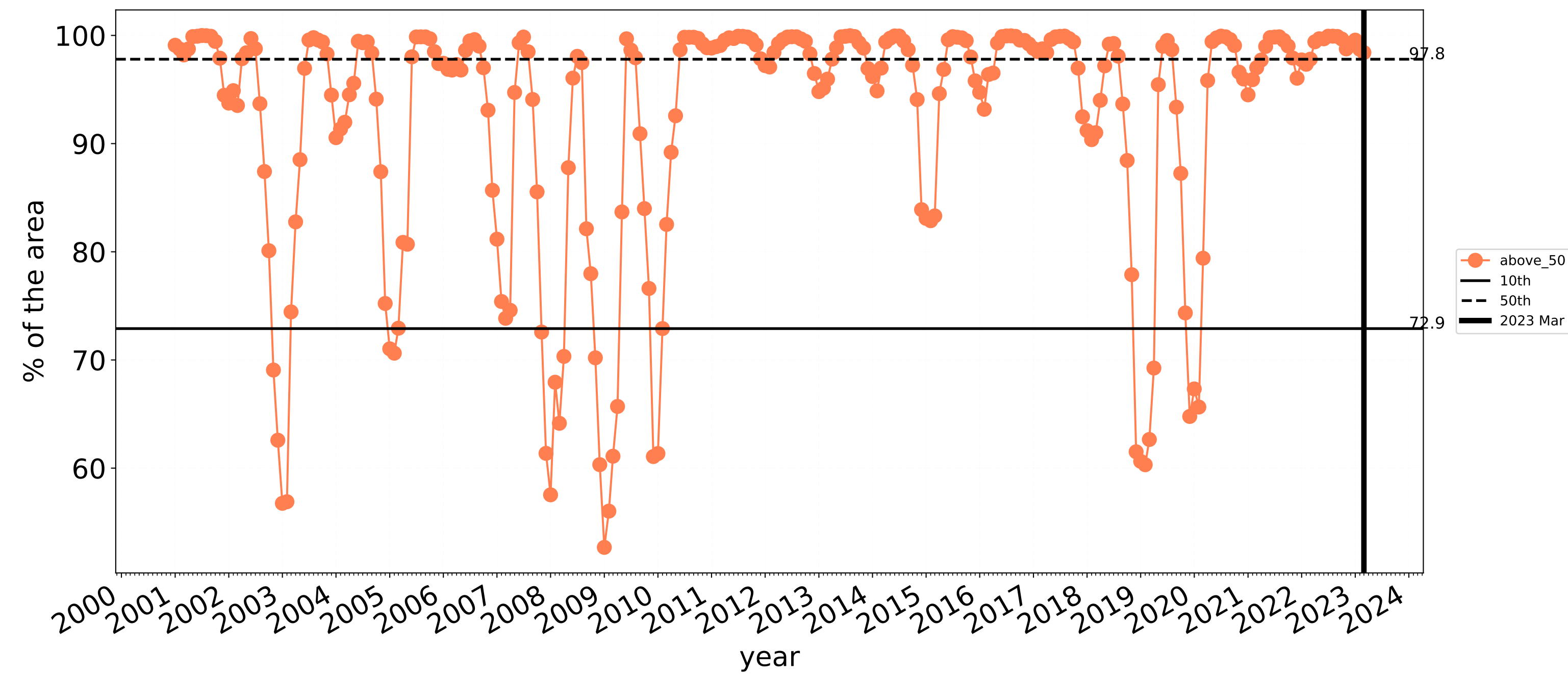


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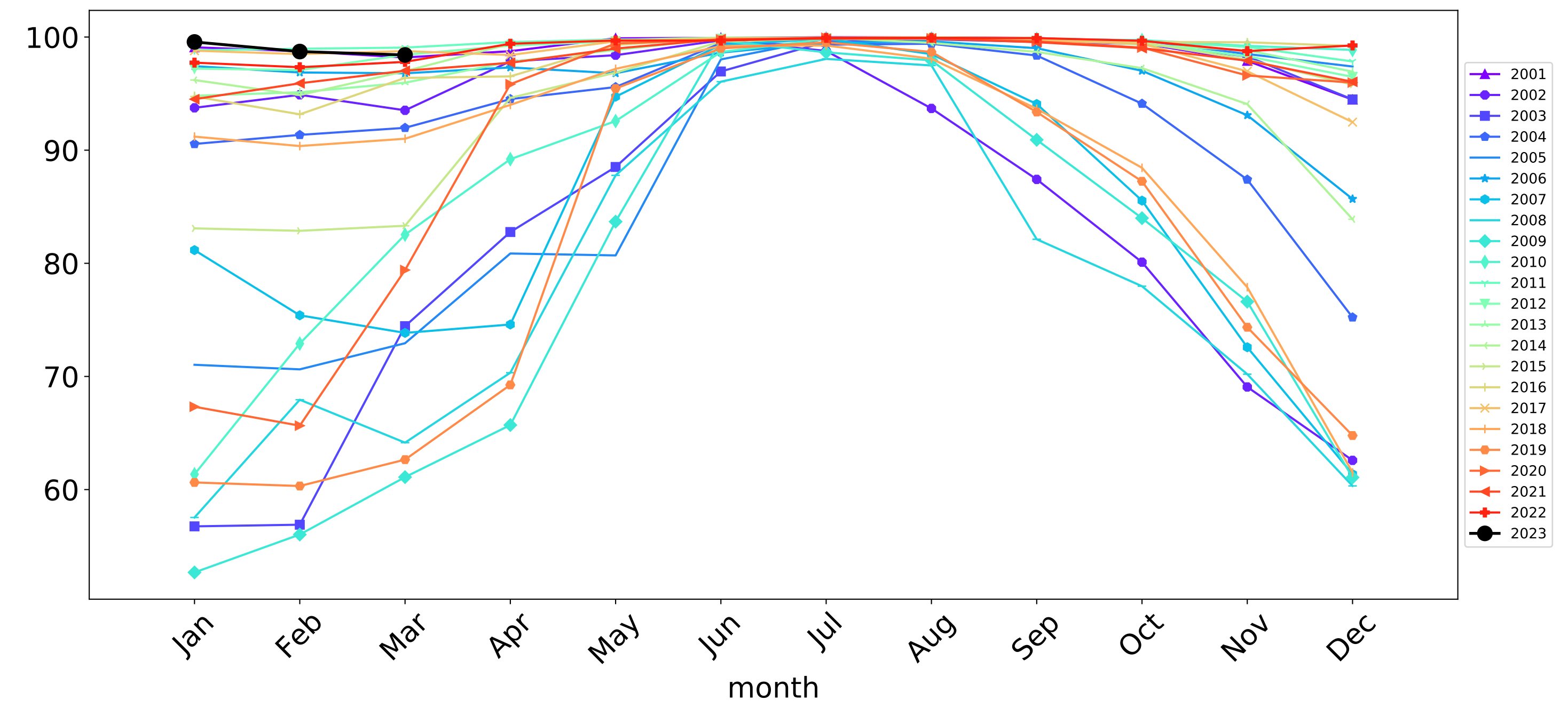


Agriculture timeseries

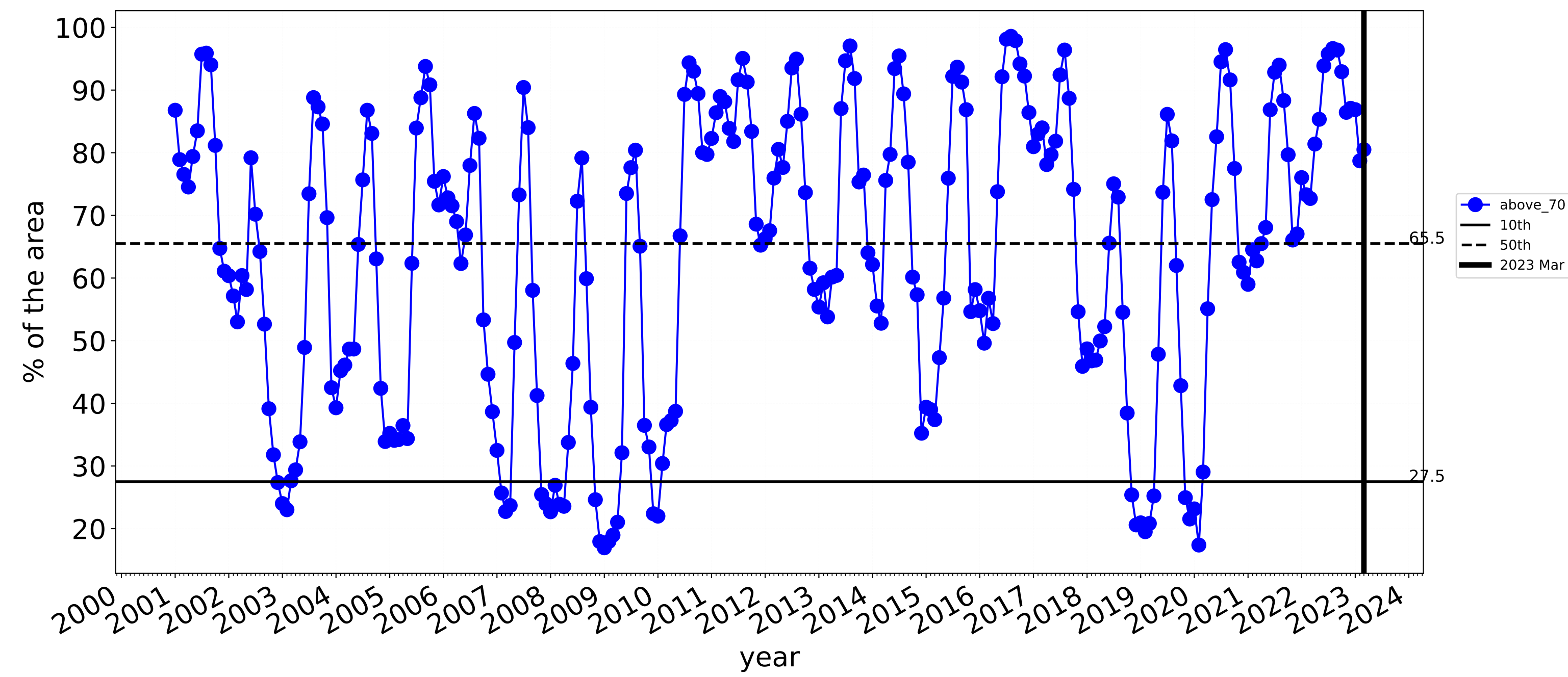
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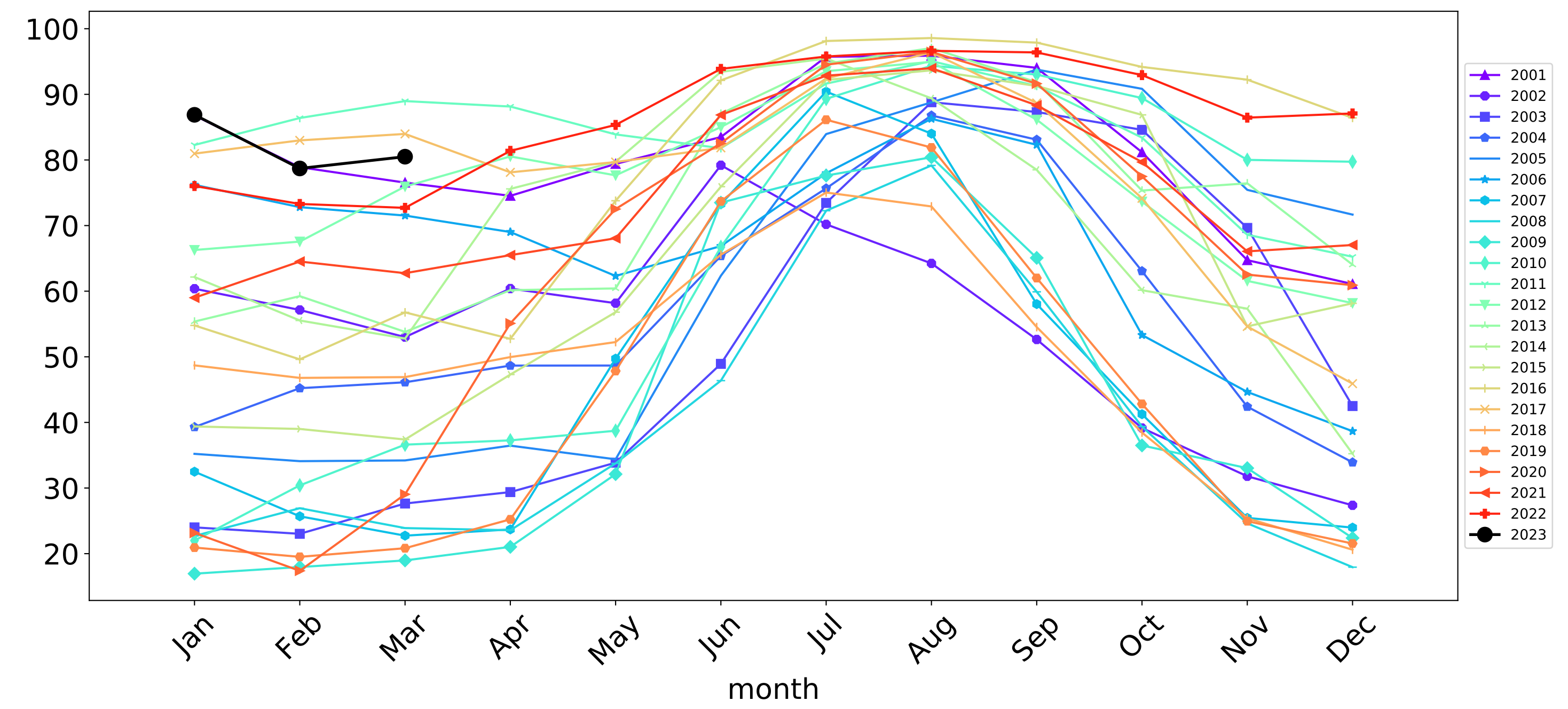
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



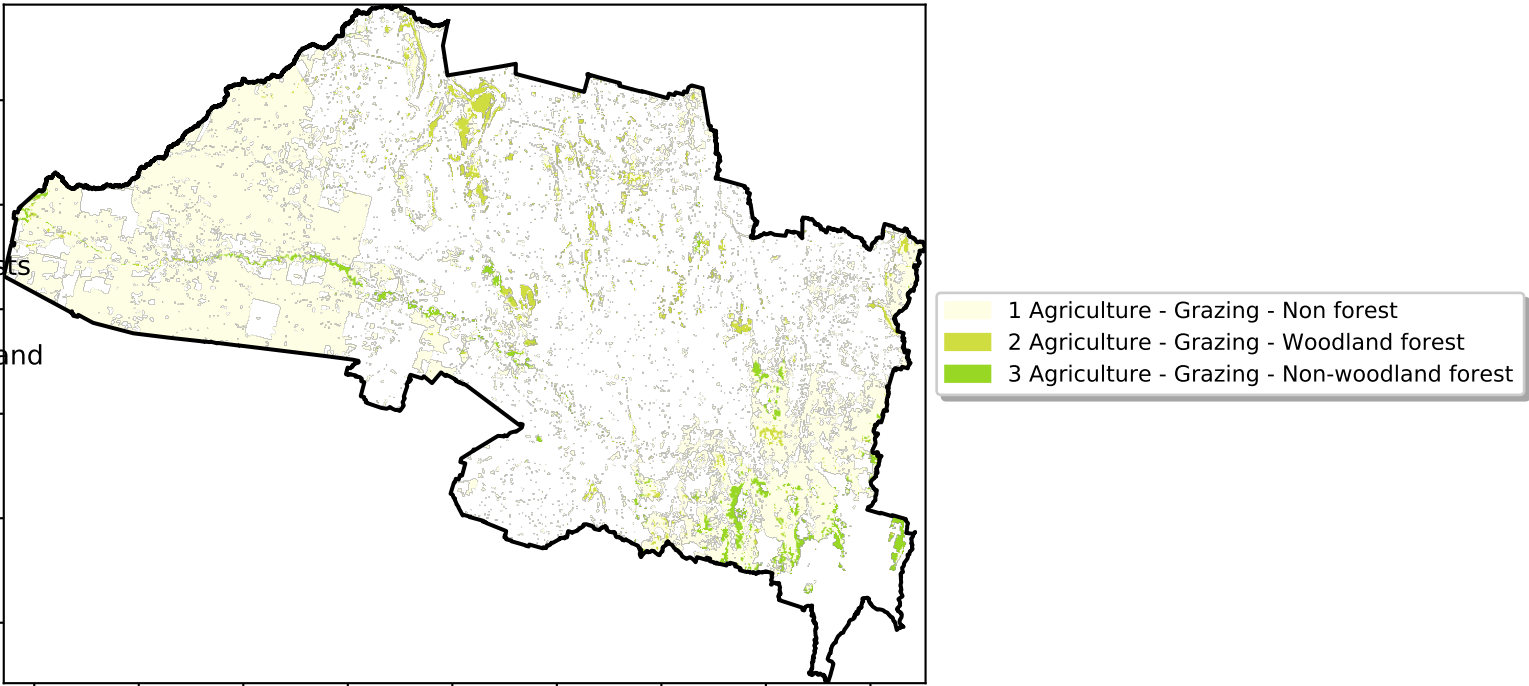
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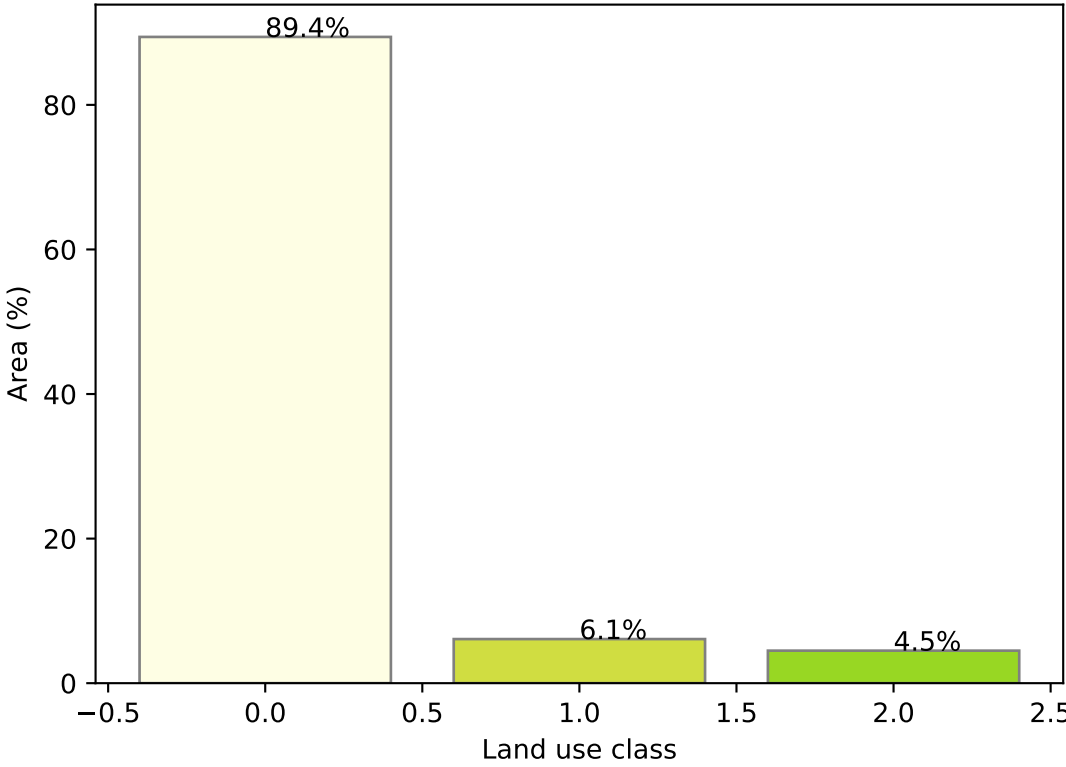
Grazing

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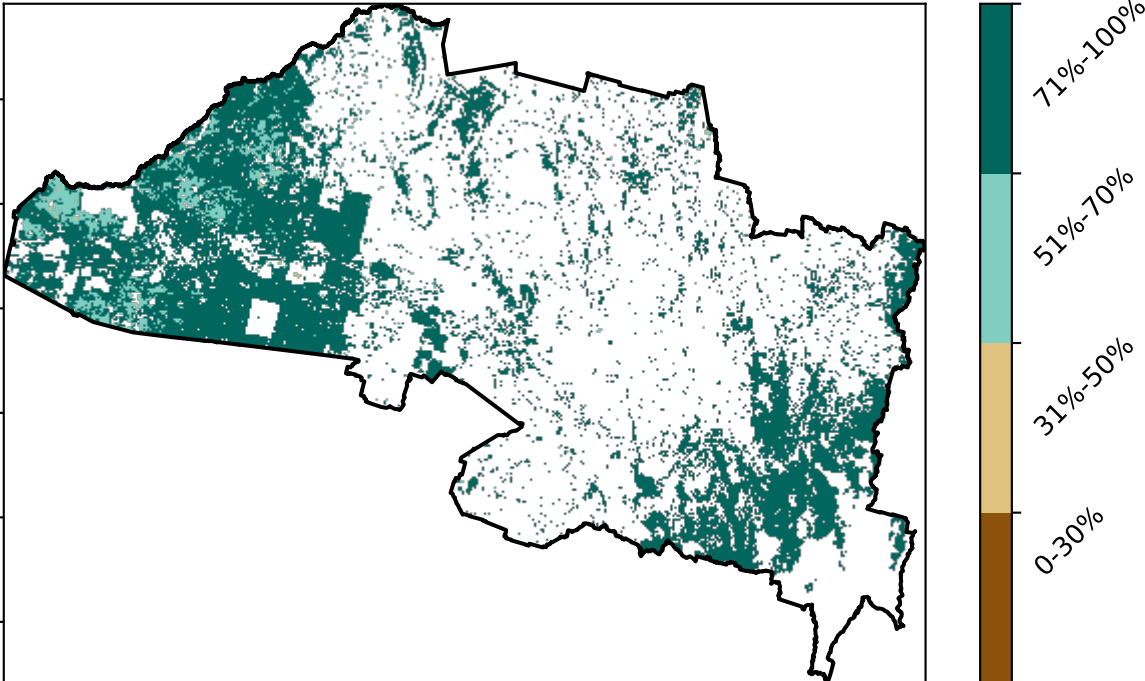
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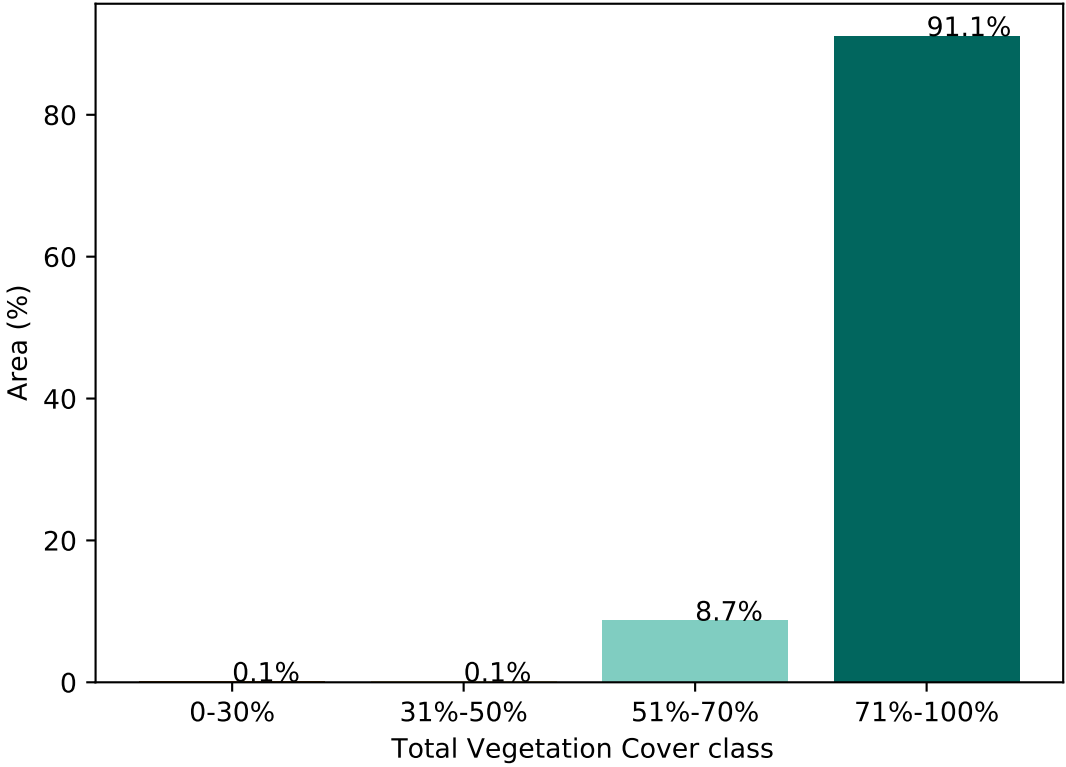
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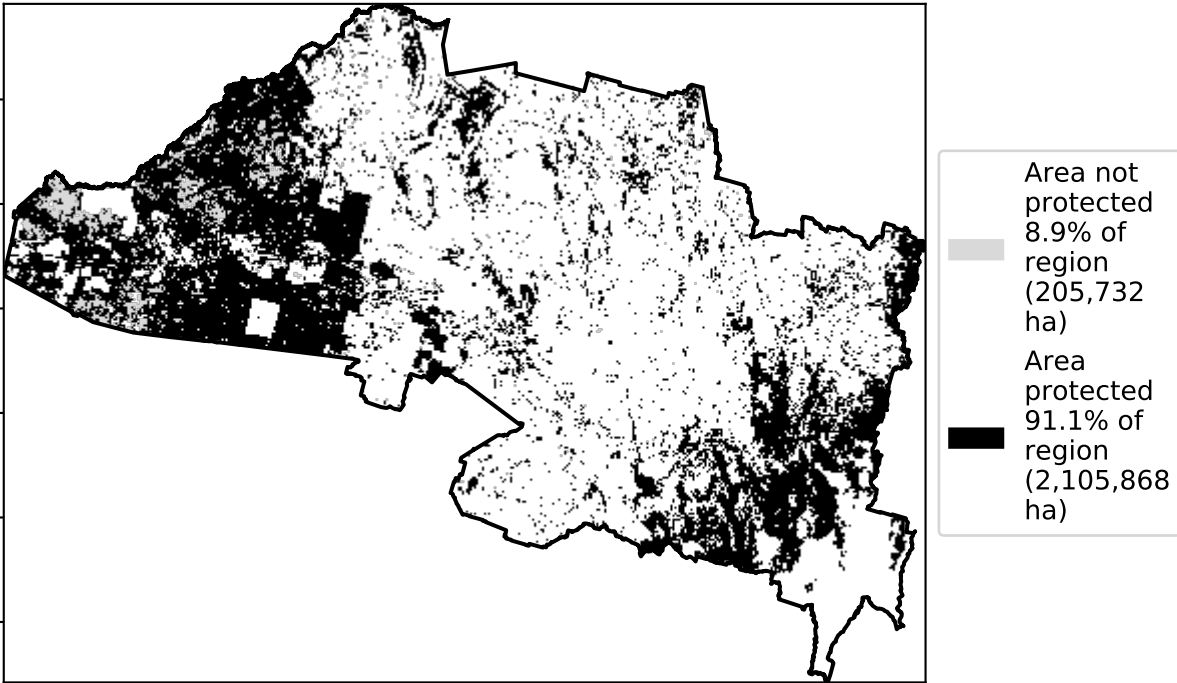
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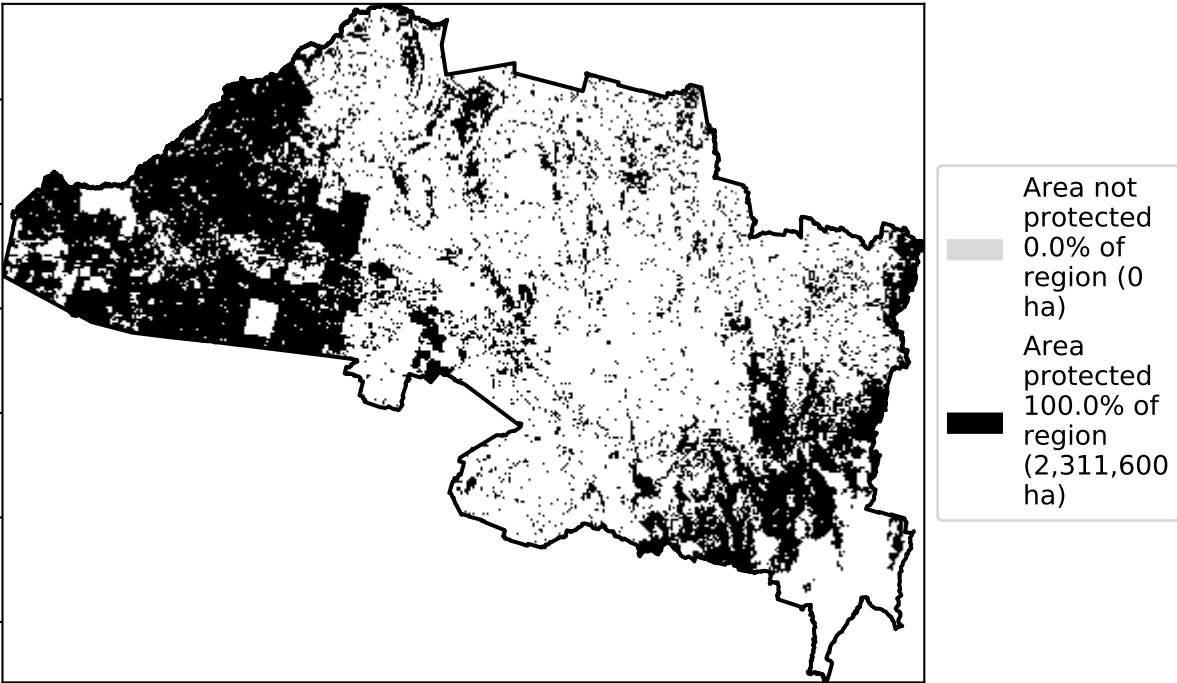
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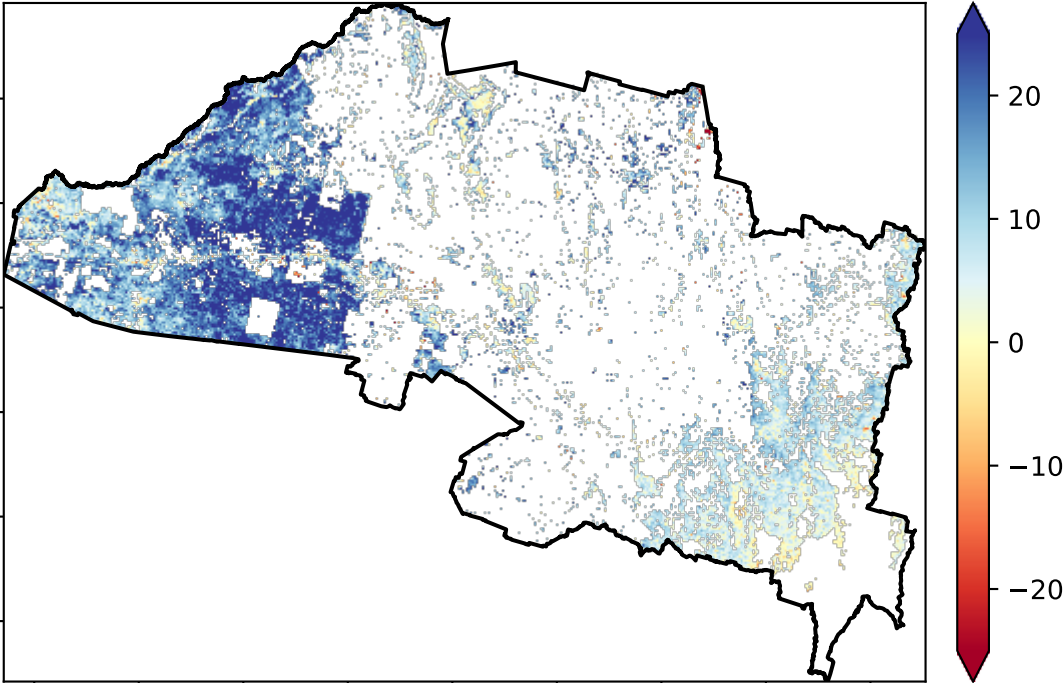


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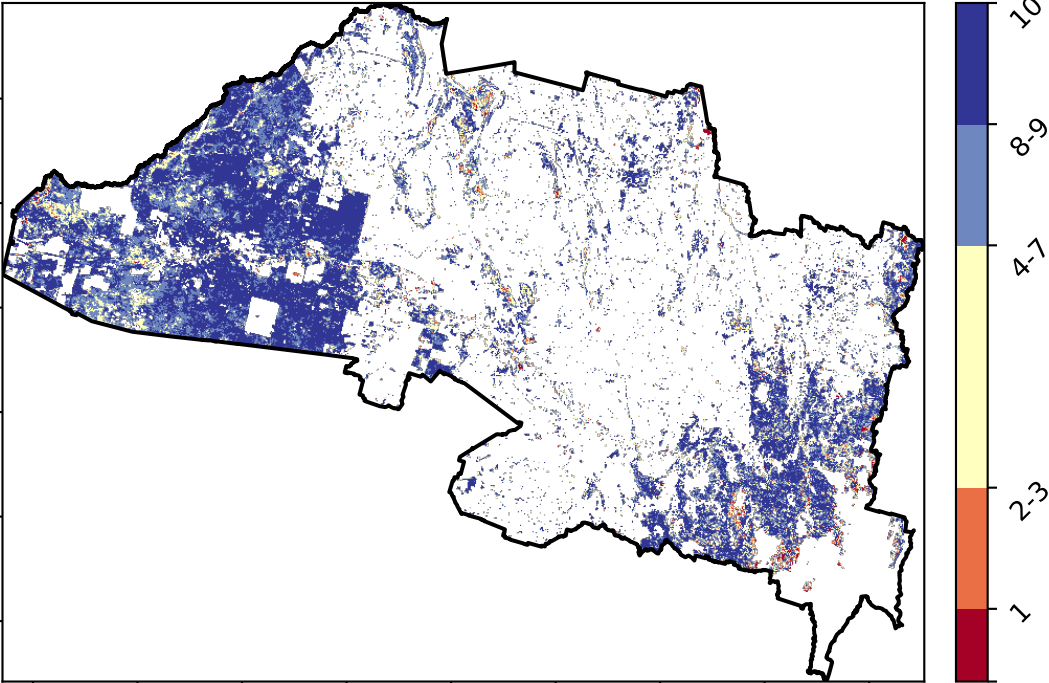
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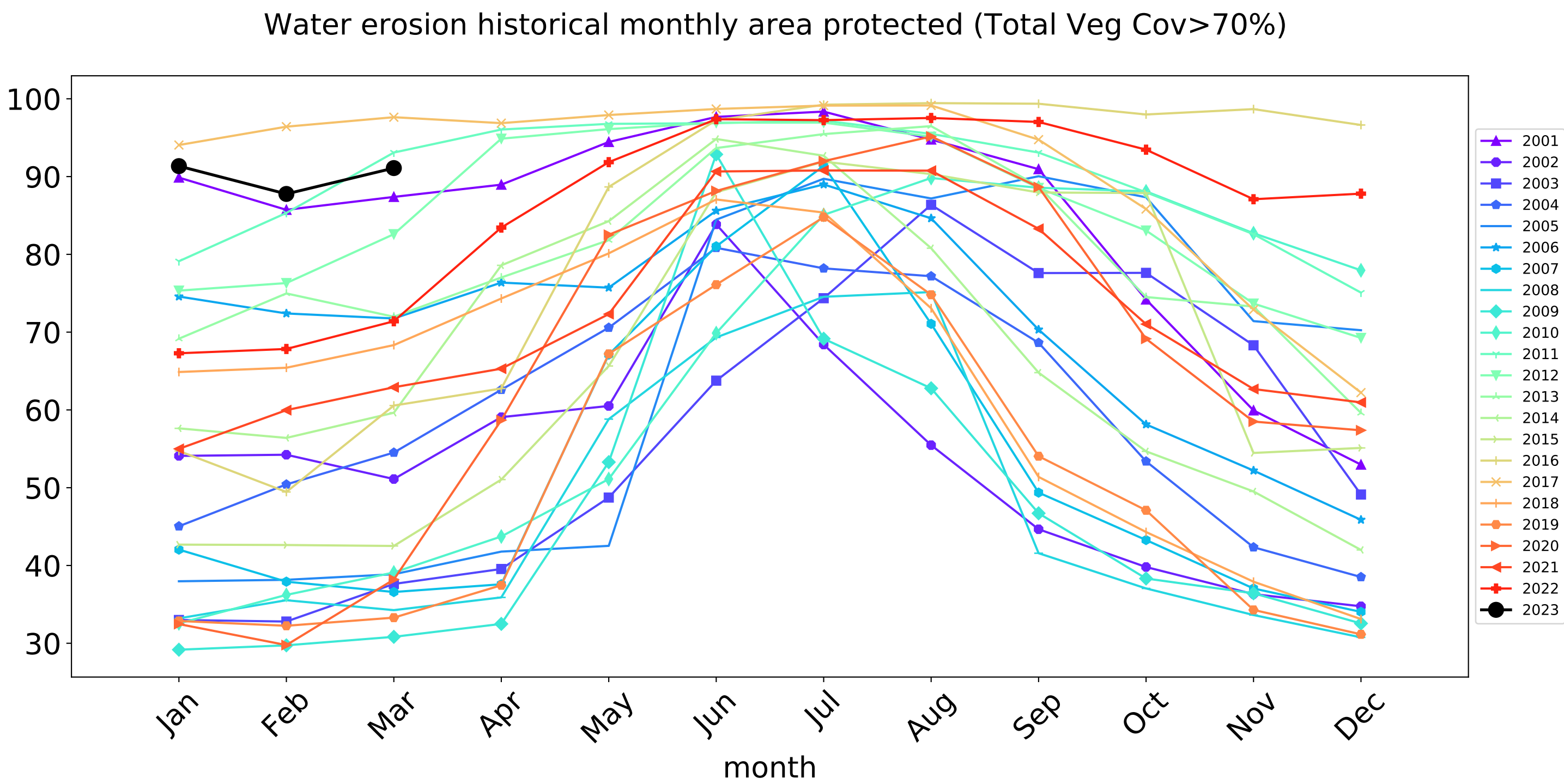
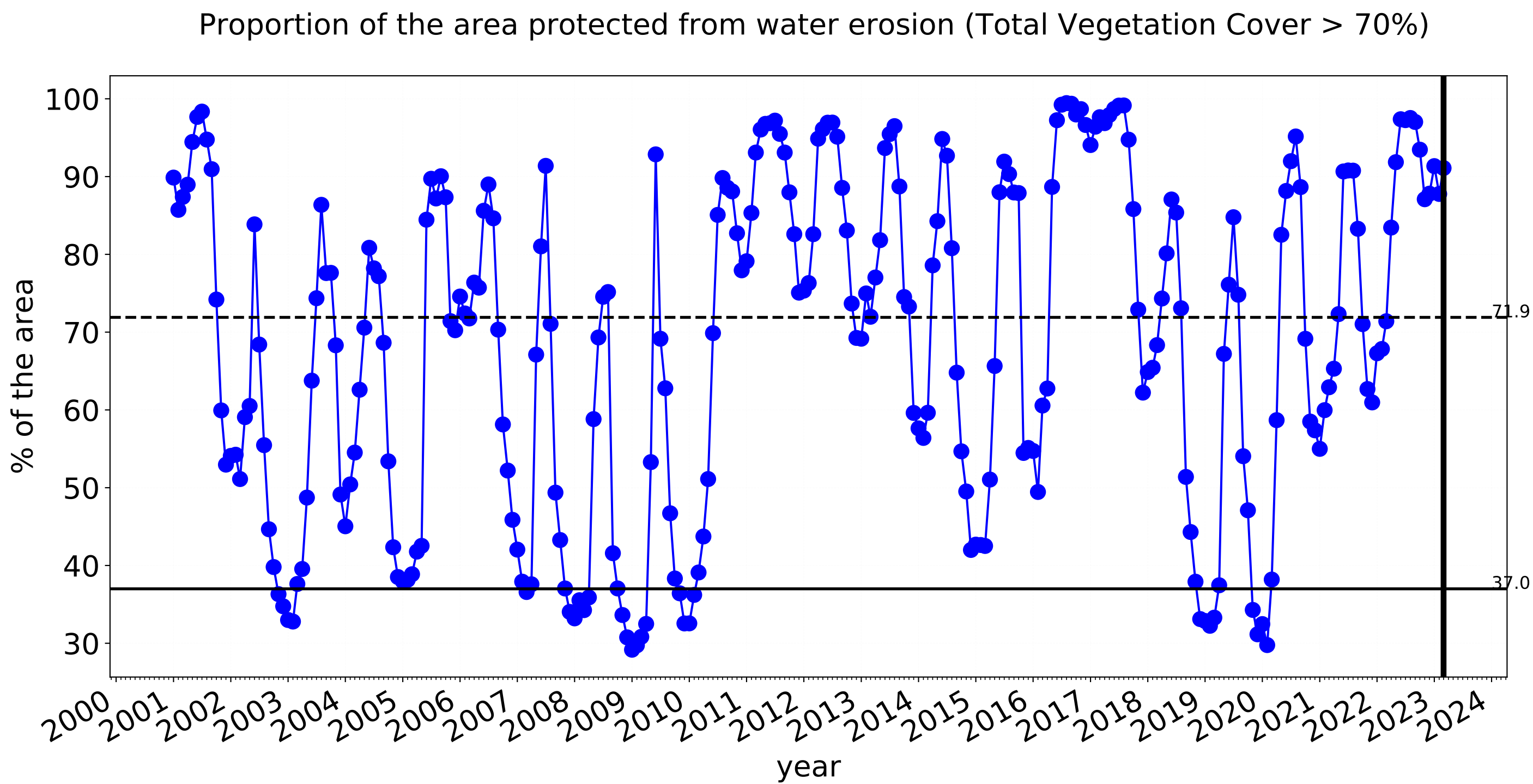
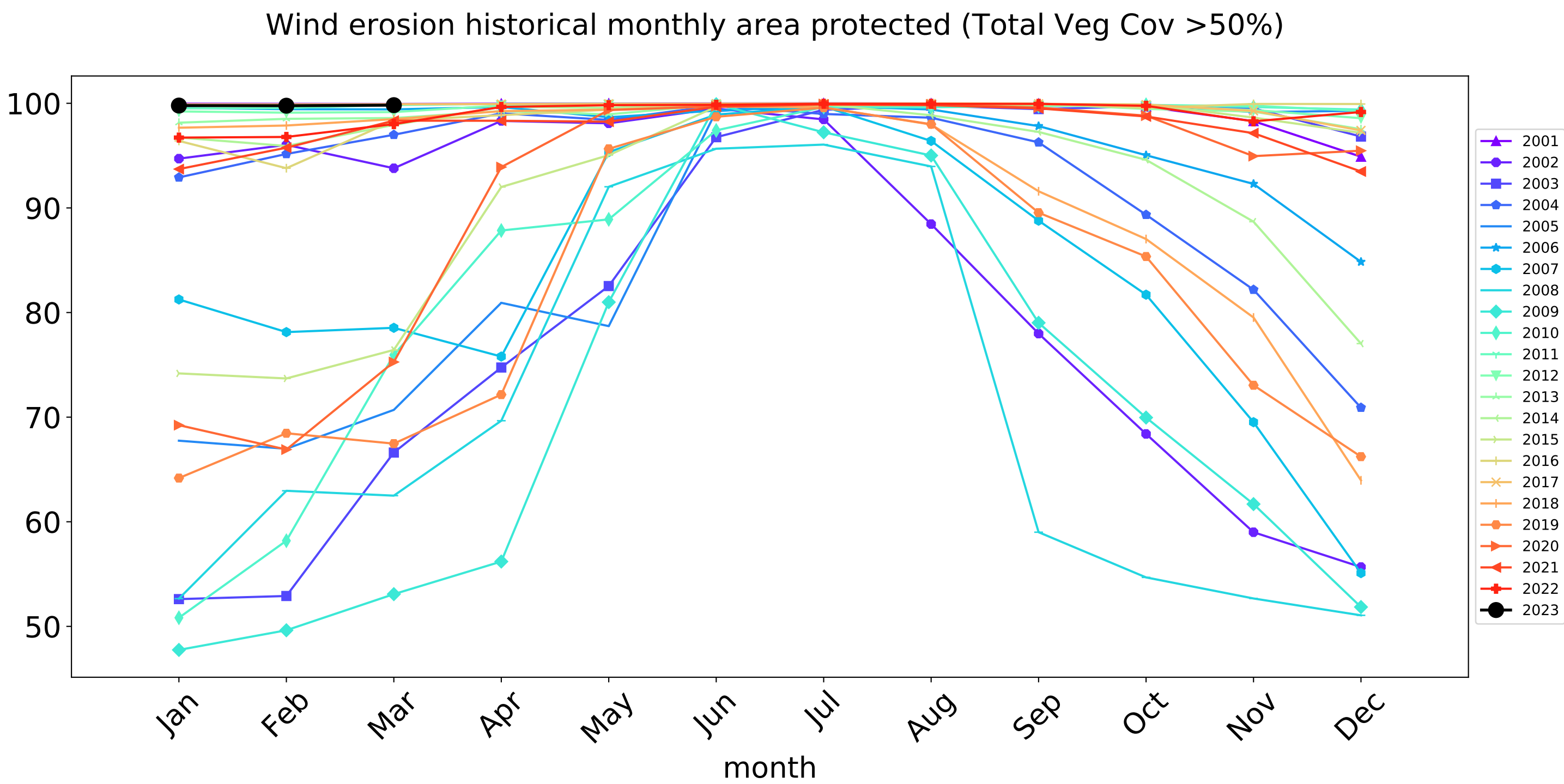
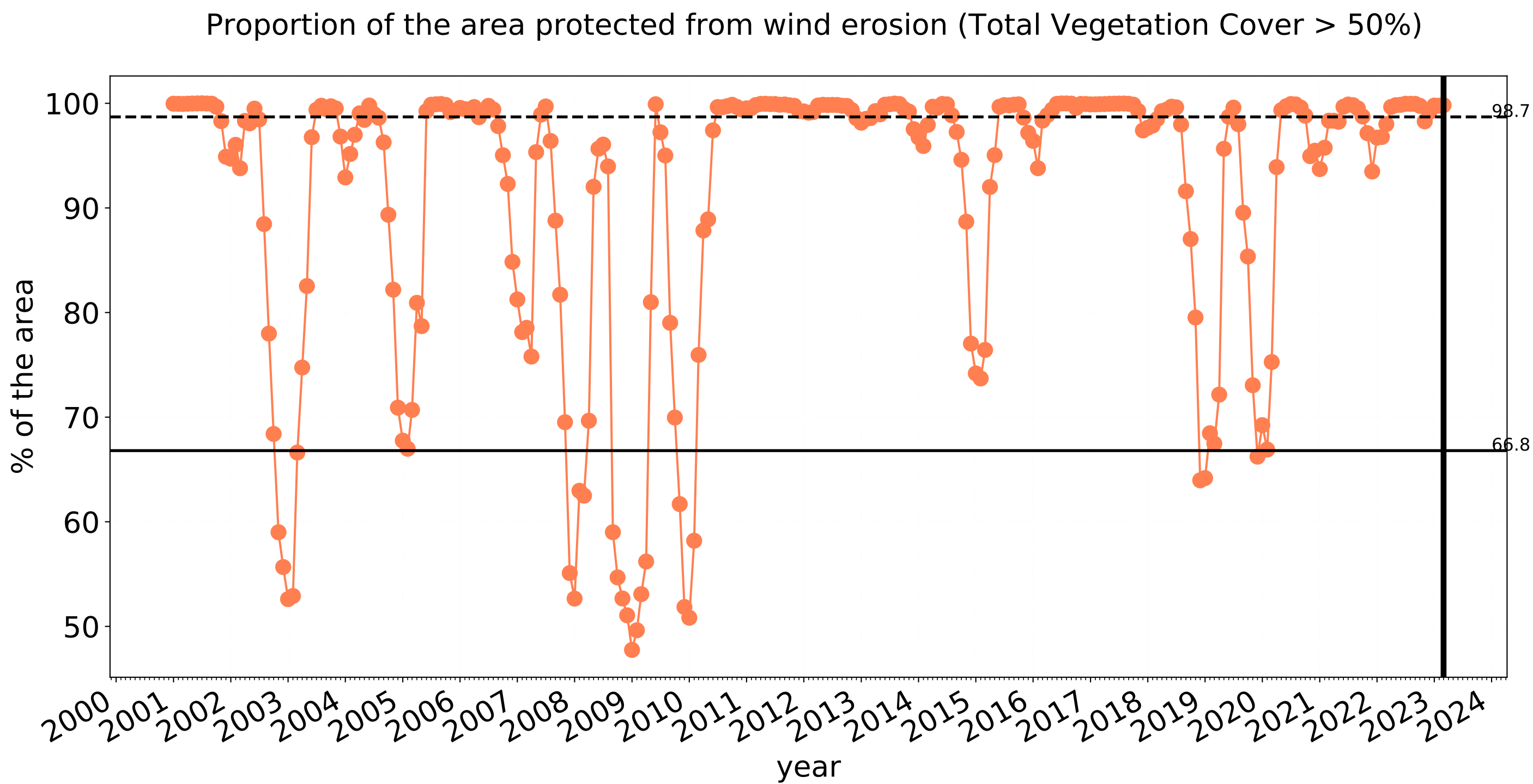


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



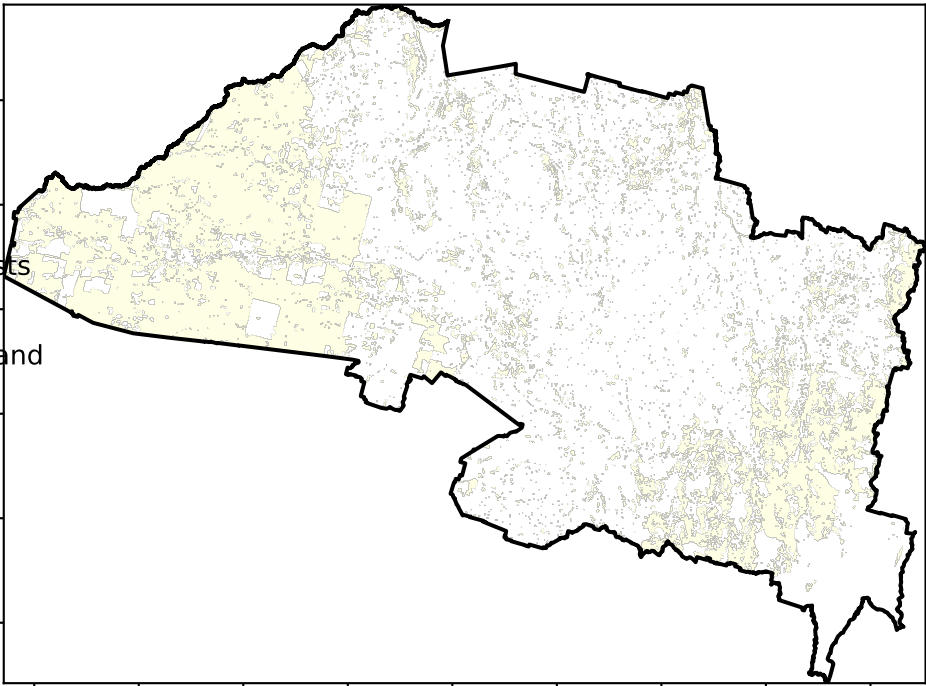
Grazing timeseries



Grazing non forest

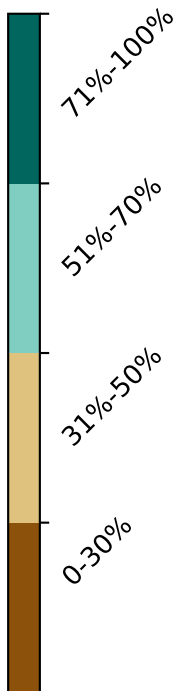
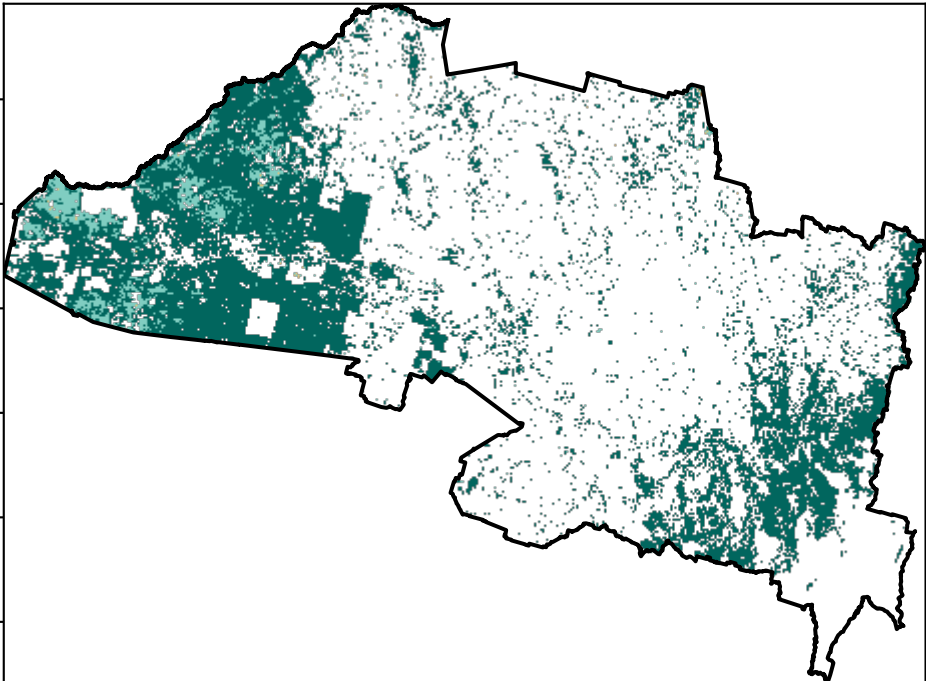
Land use and forest cover

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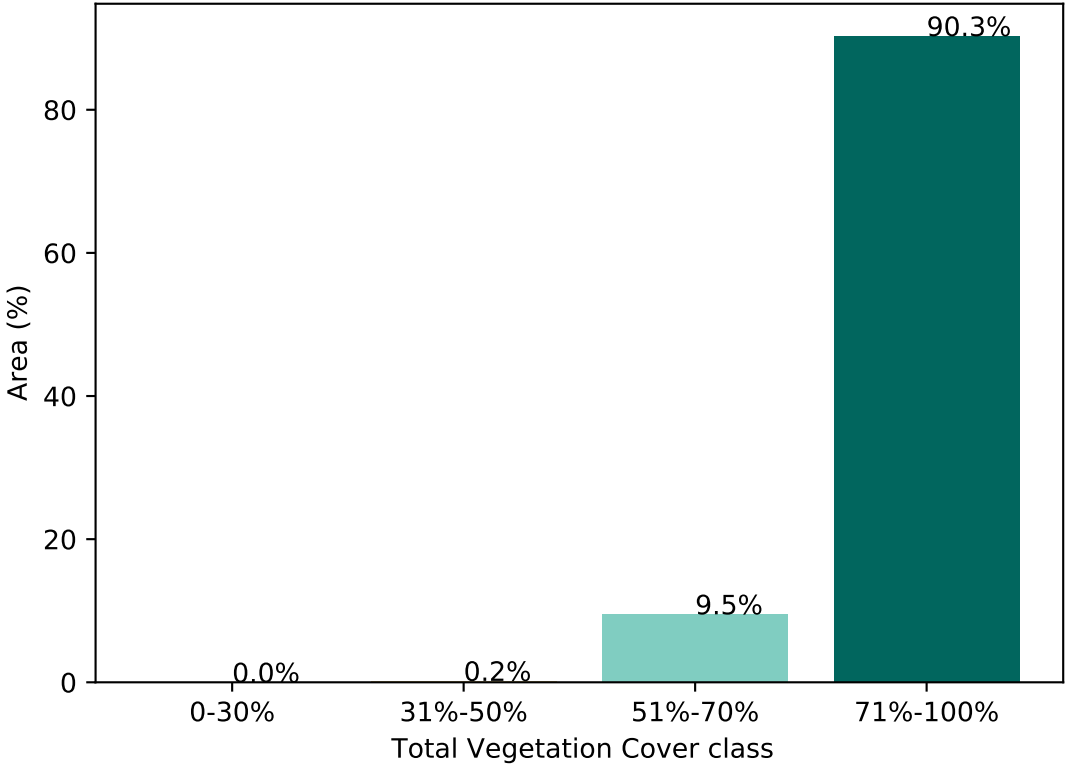


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

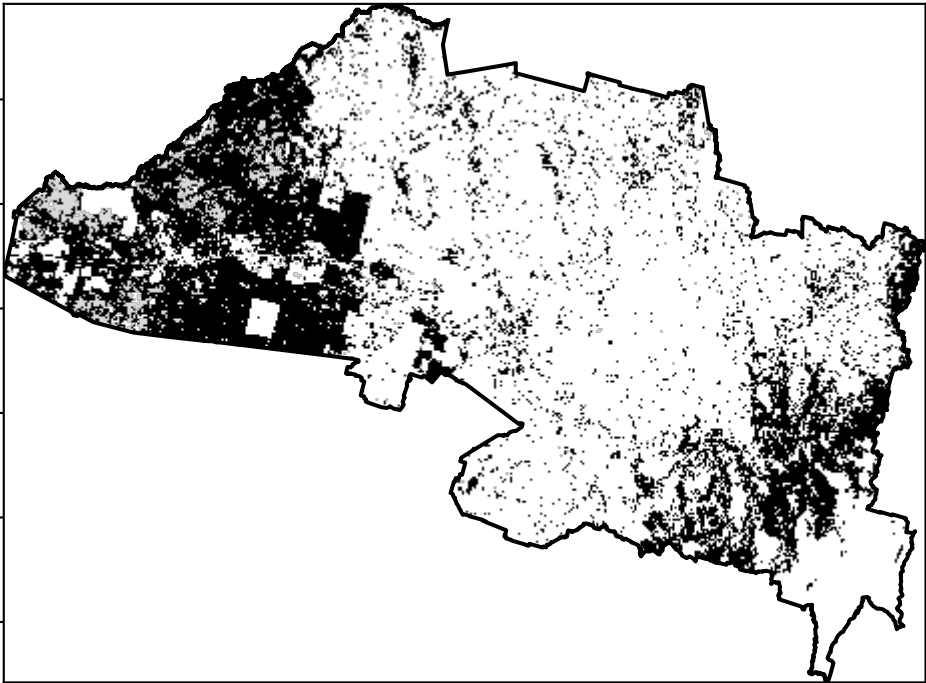
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

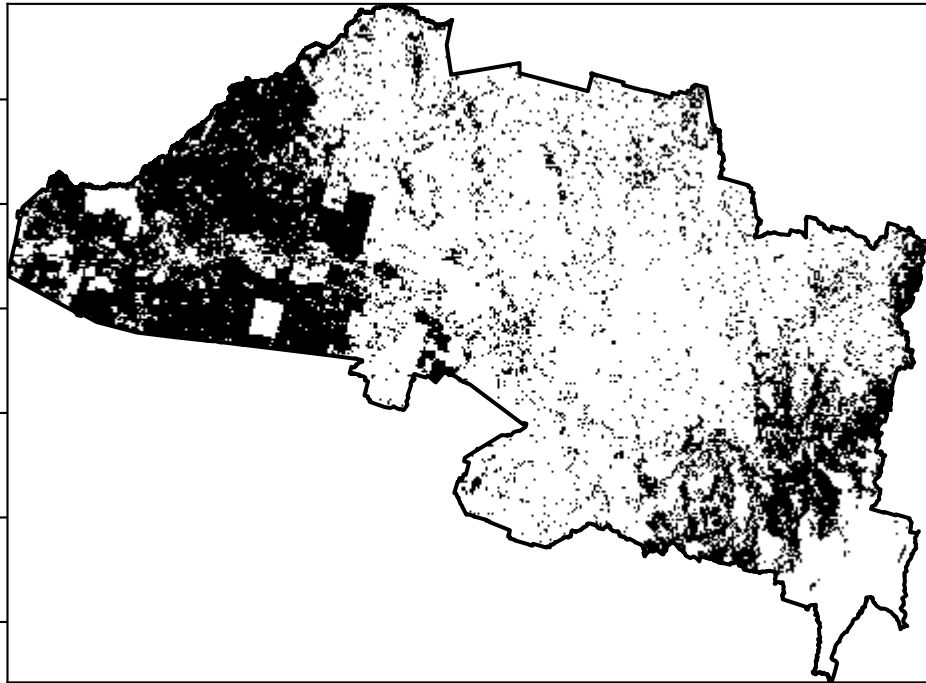


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not
protected
9.7% of
region
(200,460
ha)
Area
protected
90.3% of
region
(1,866,140
ha)

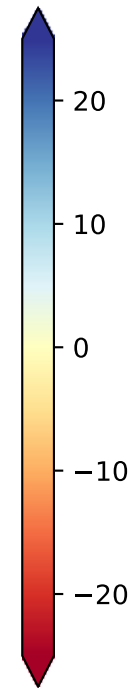
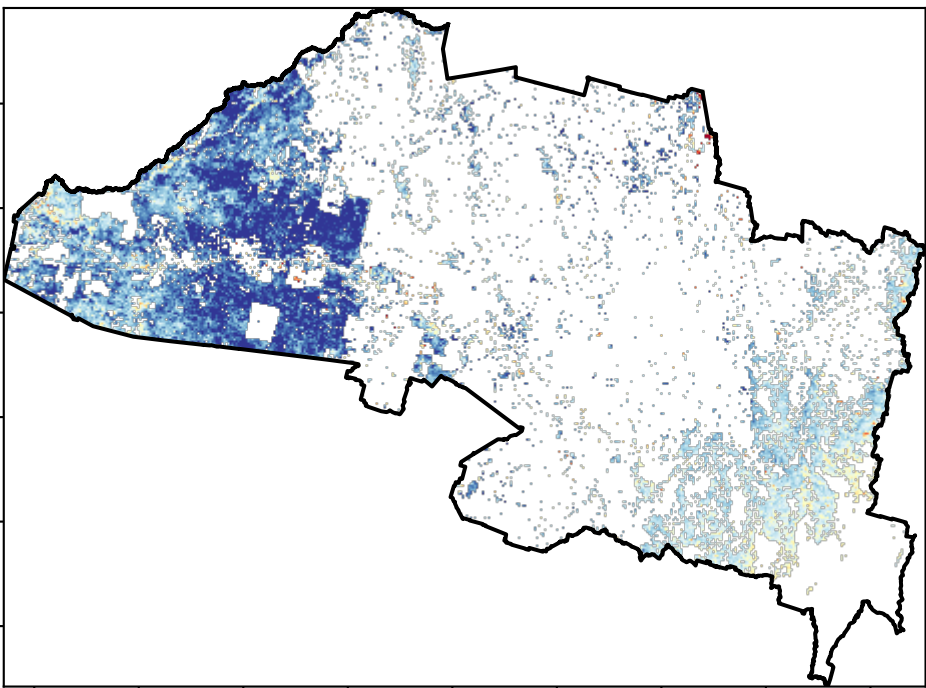
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not
protected
0.0% of
region (0
ha)
Area
protected
100.0% of
region
(2,066,600
ha)

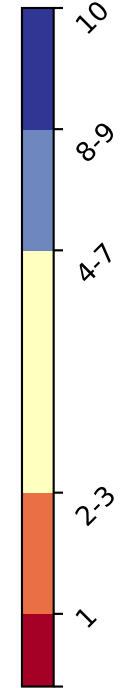
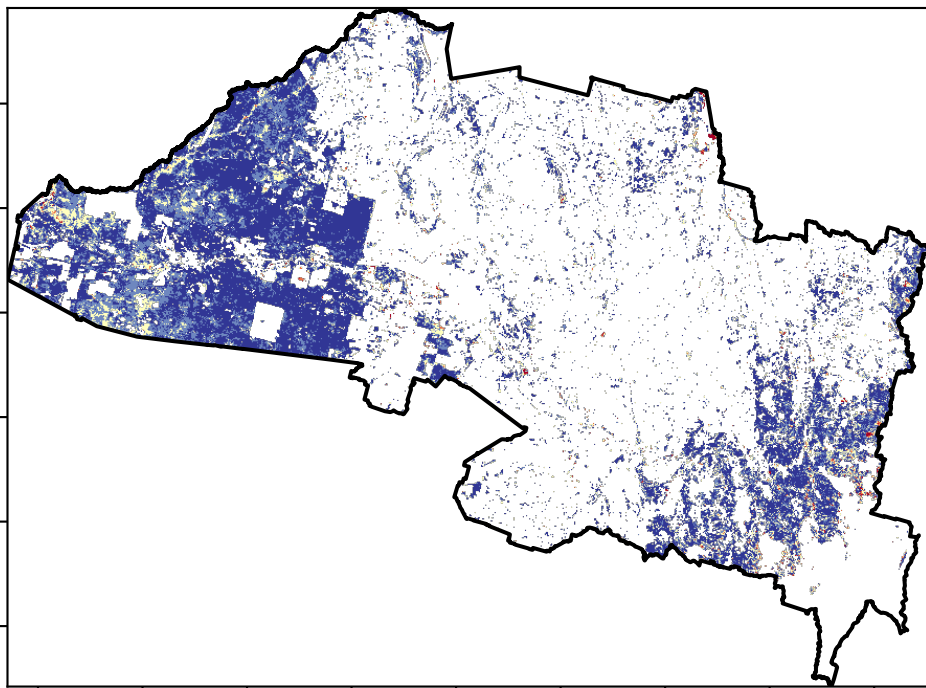
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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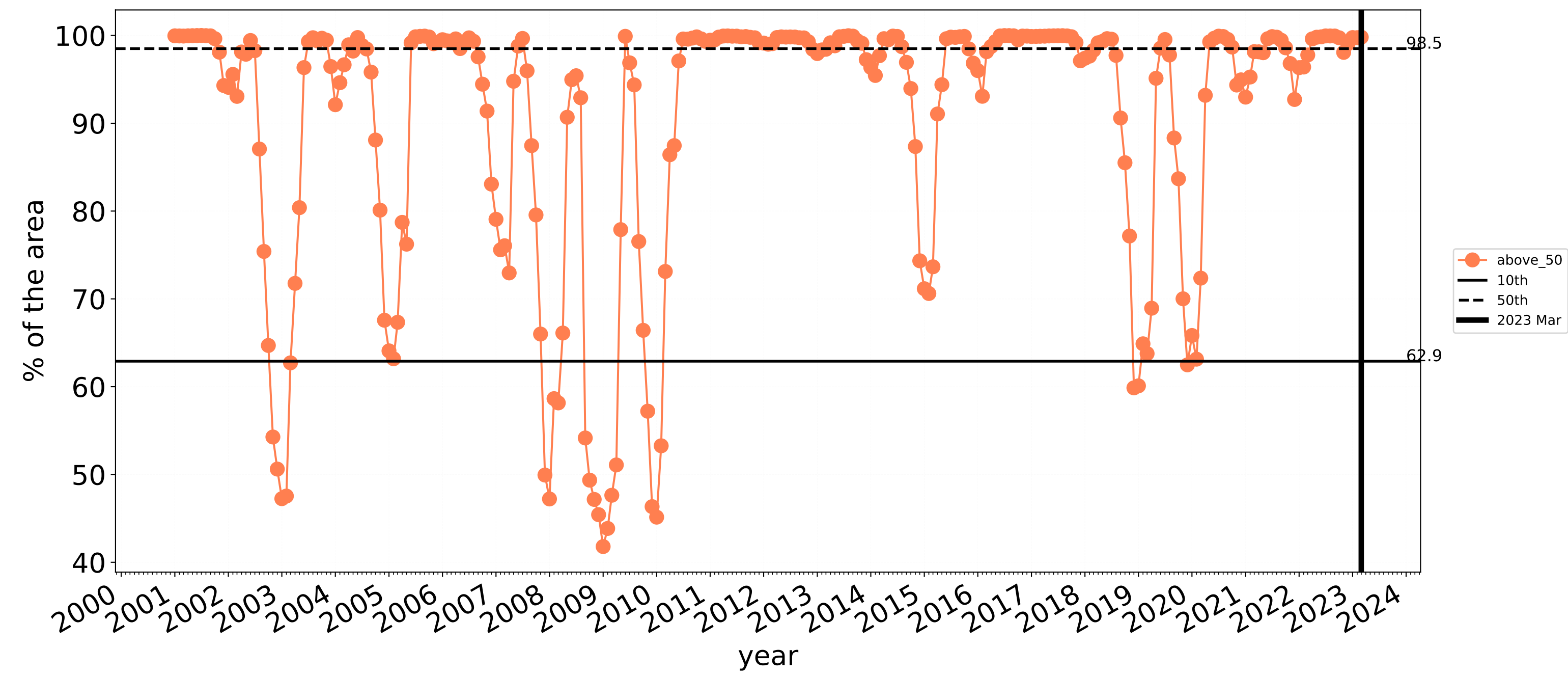
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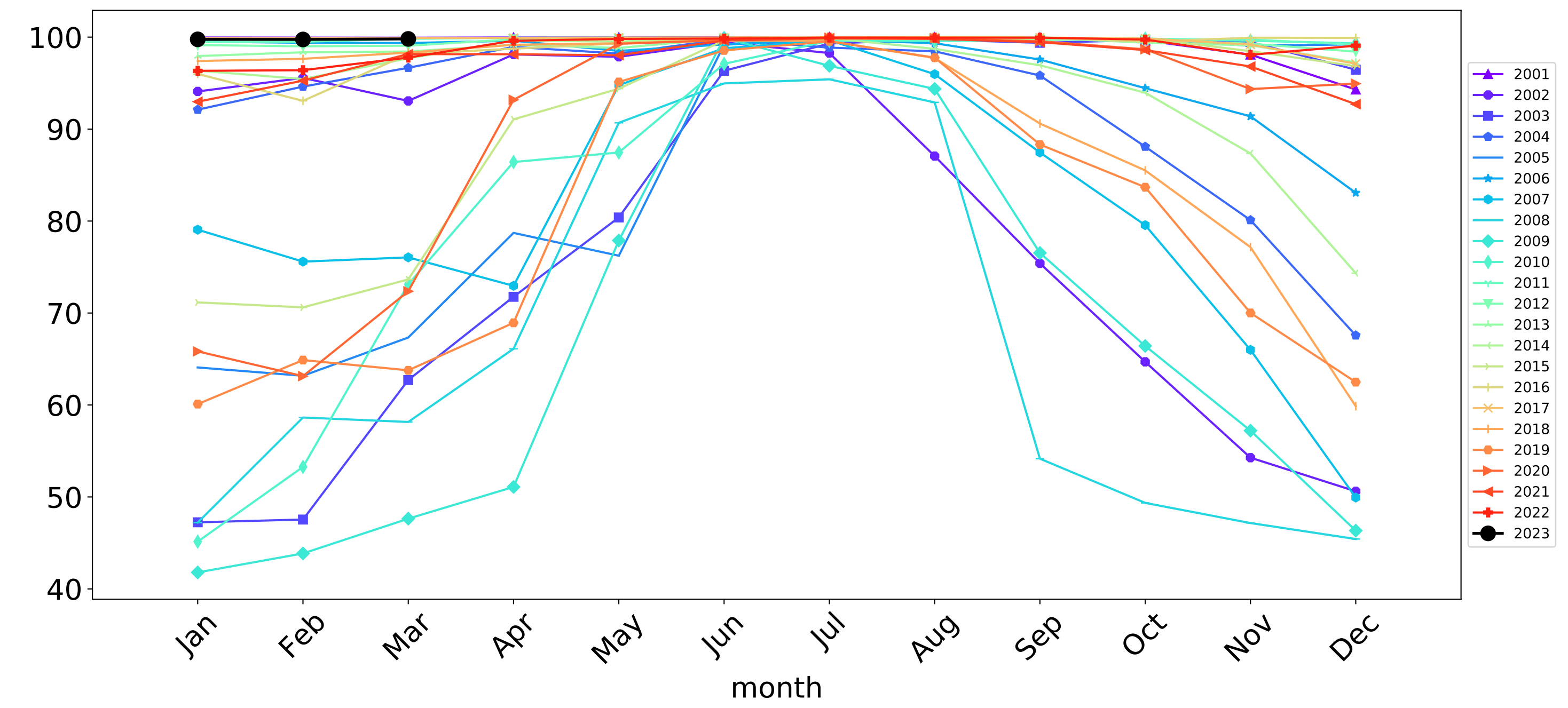


Grazing non forest timeseries

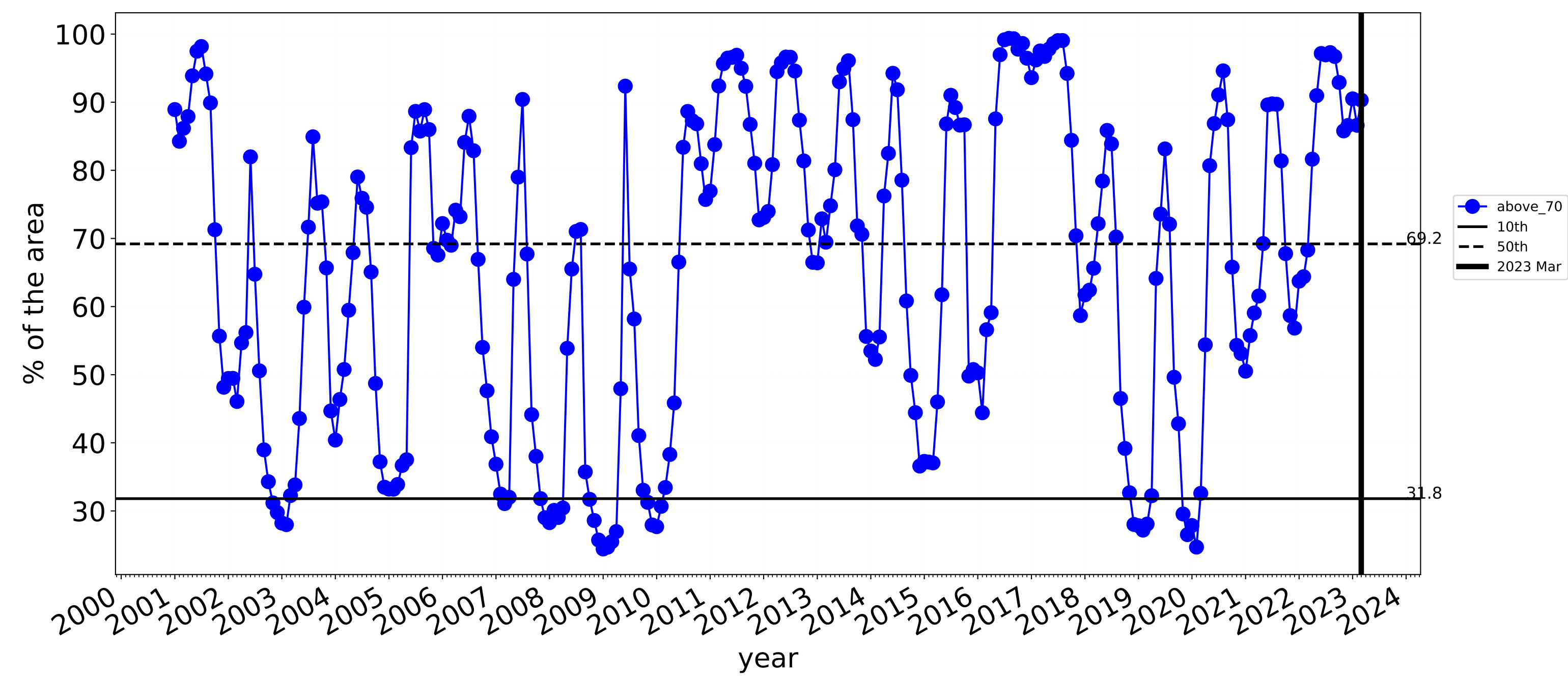
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



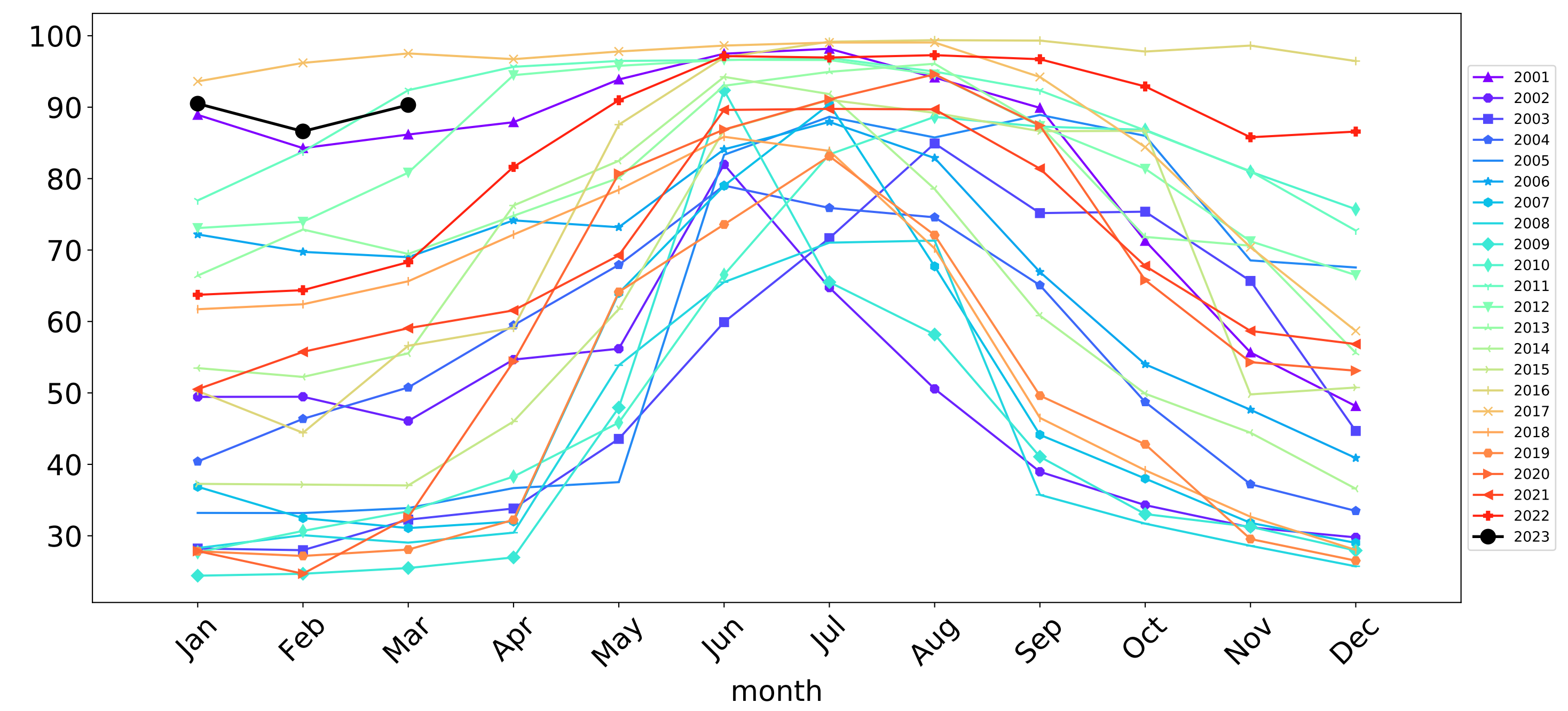
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



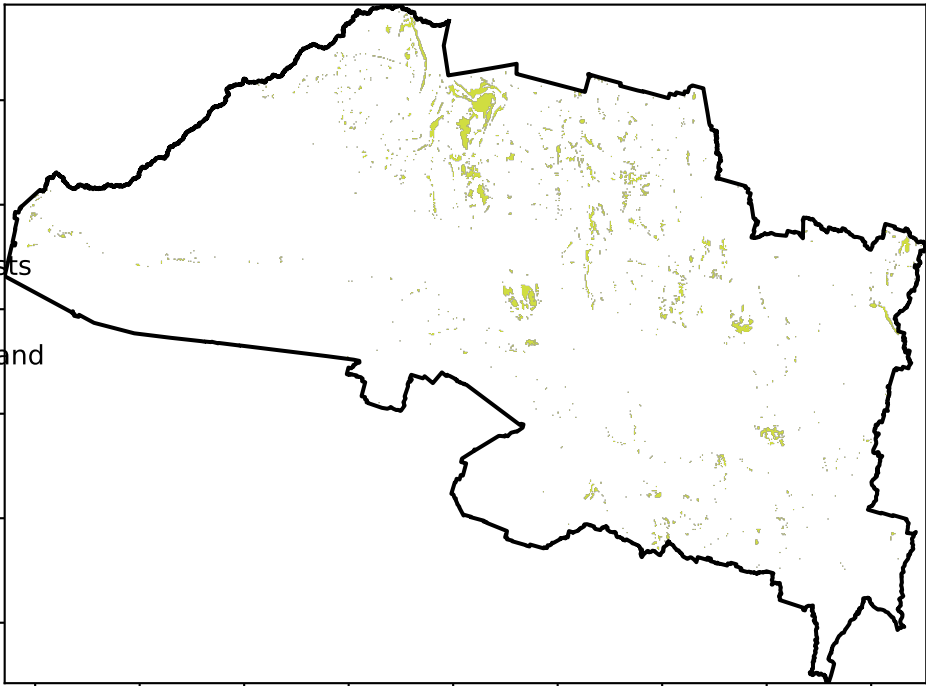
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



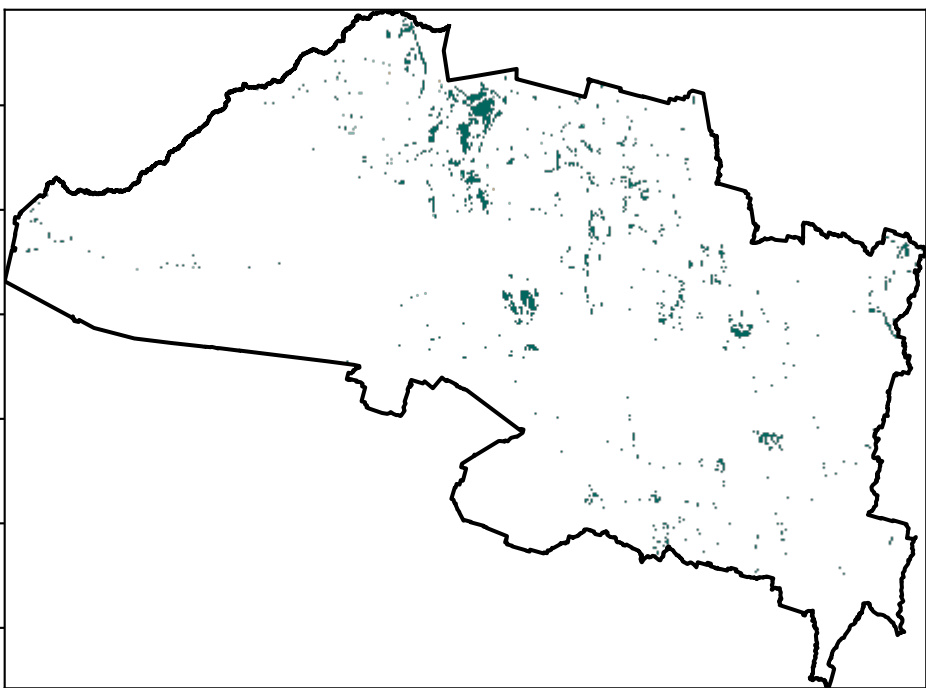
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

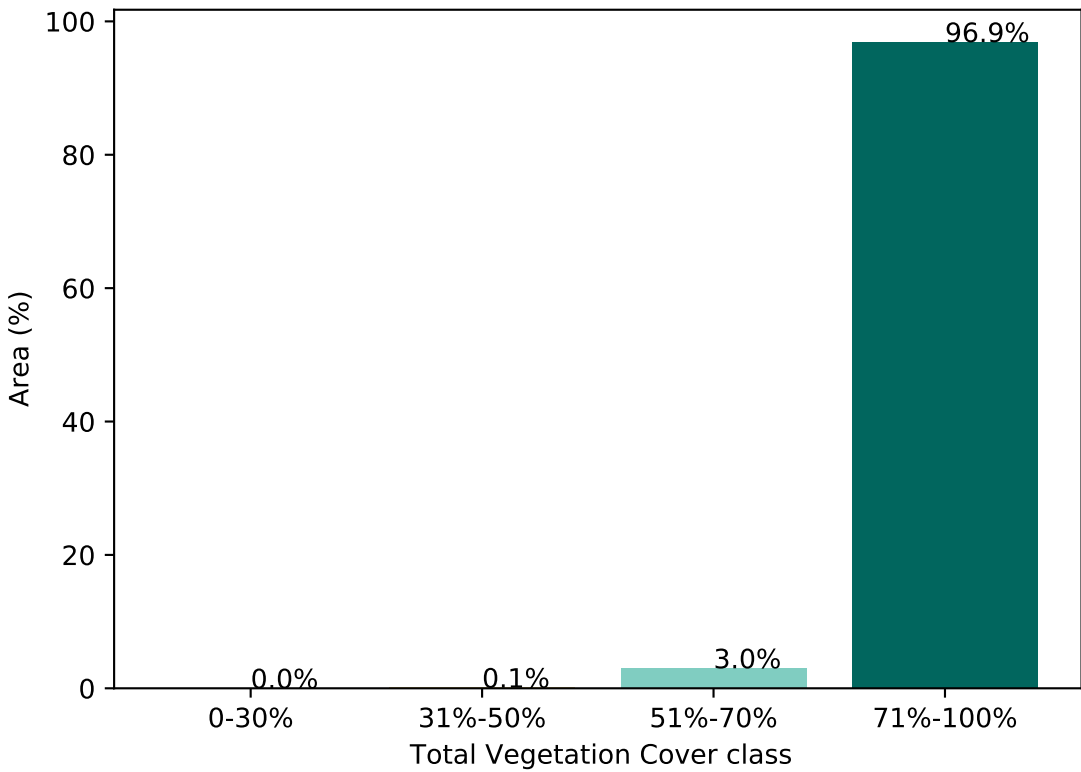
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018). Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)



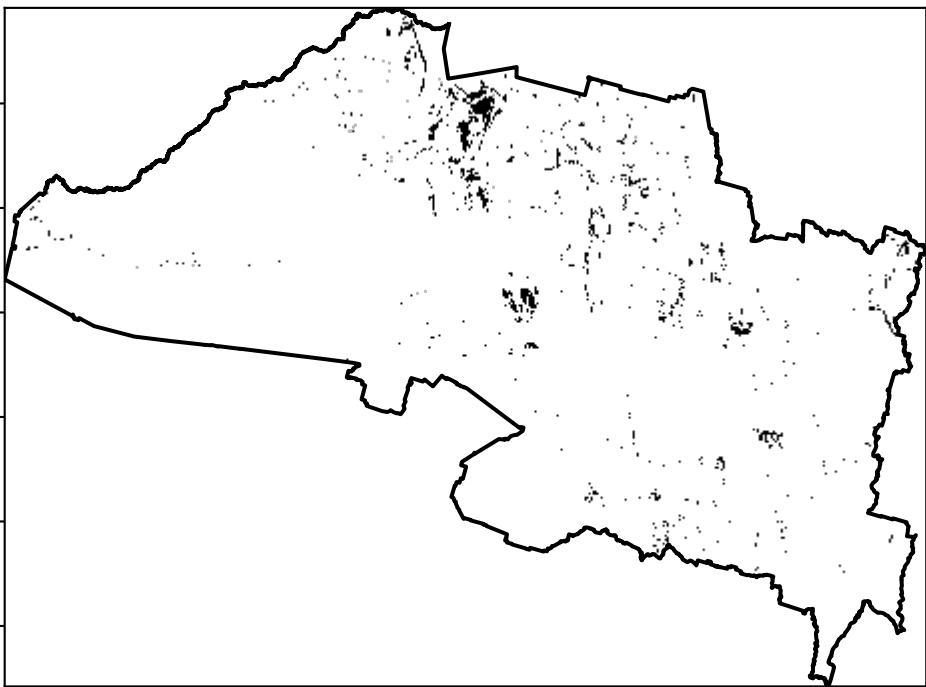
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



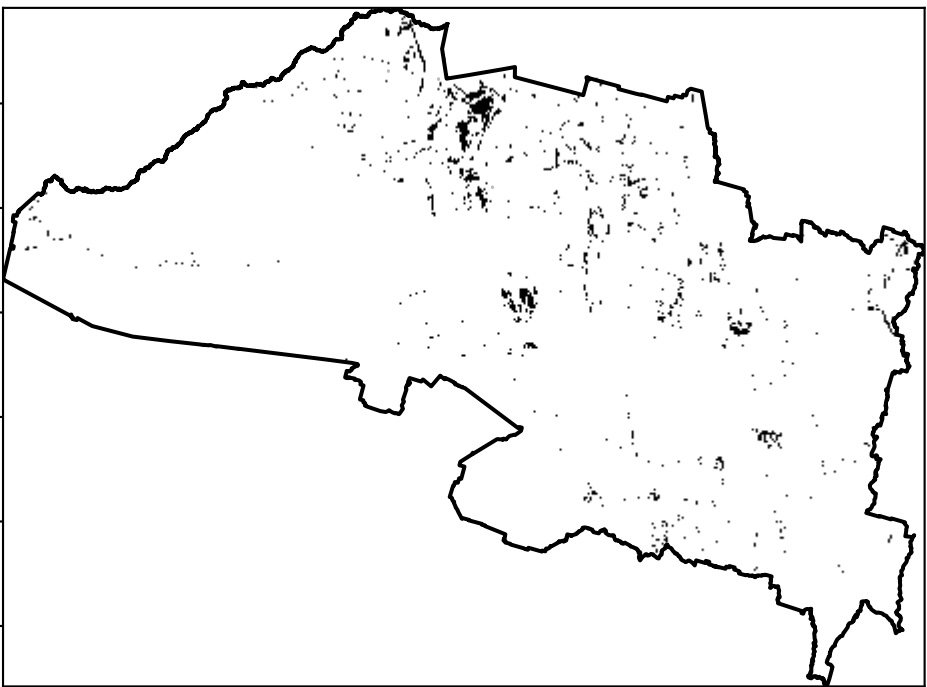
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

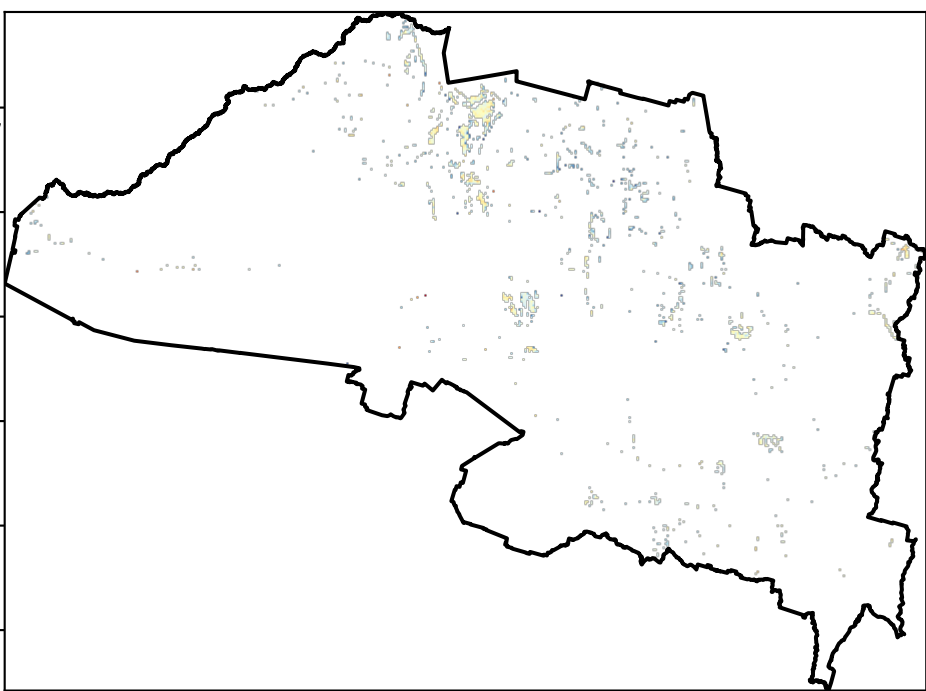


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



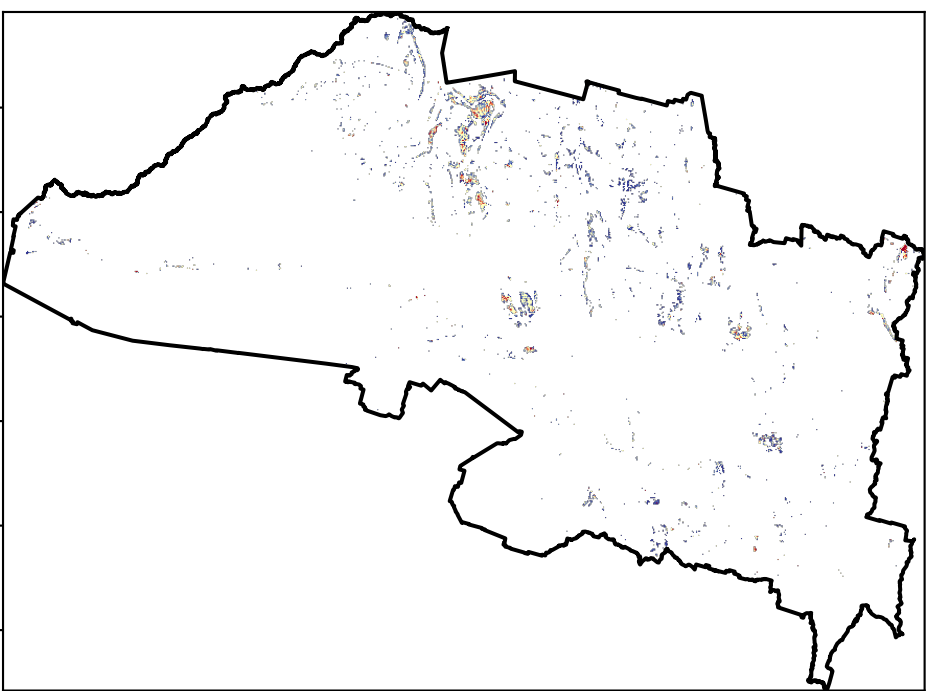
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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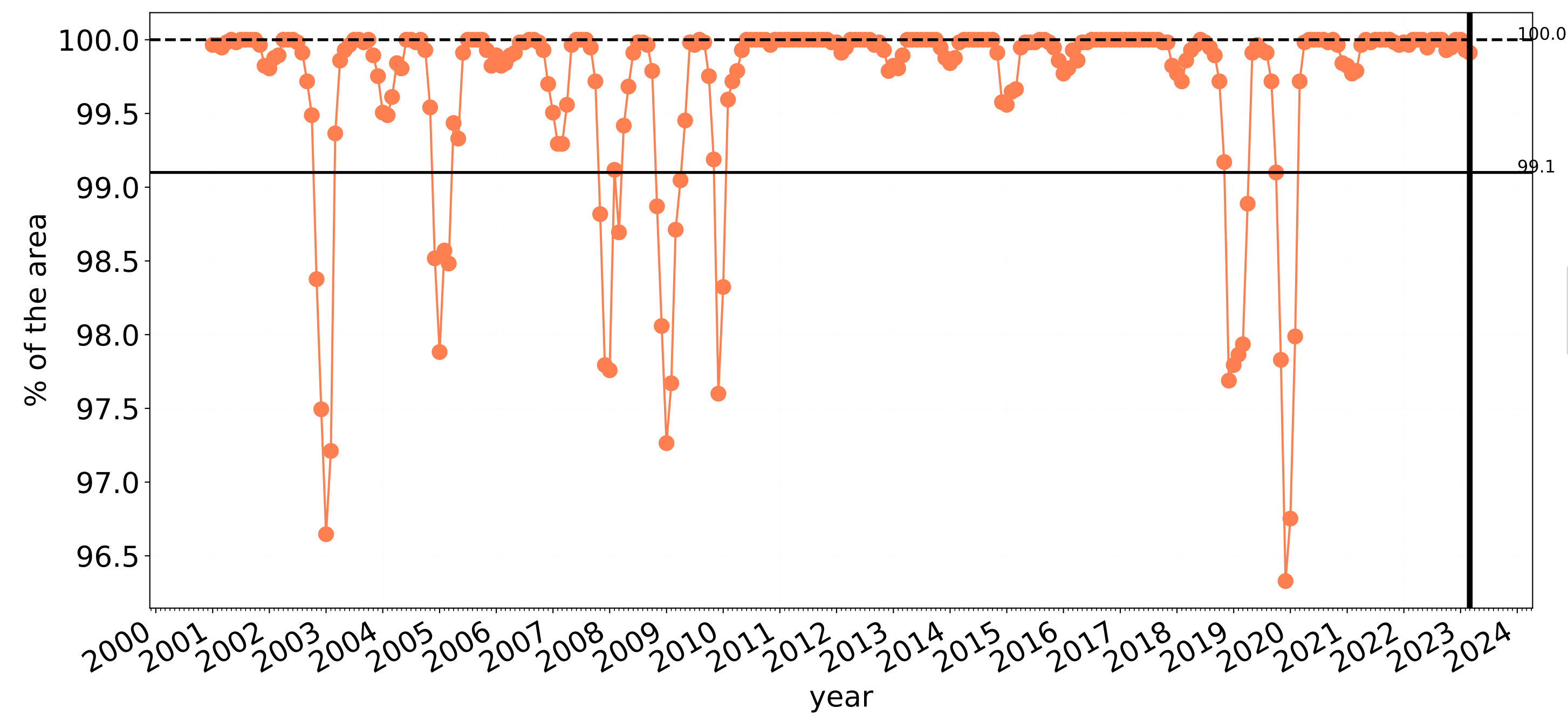
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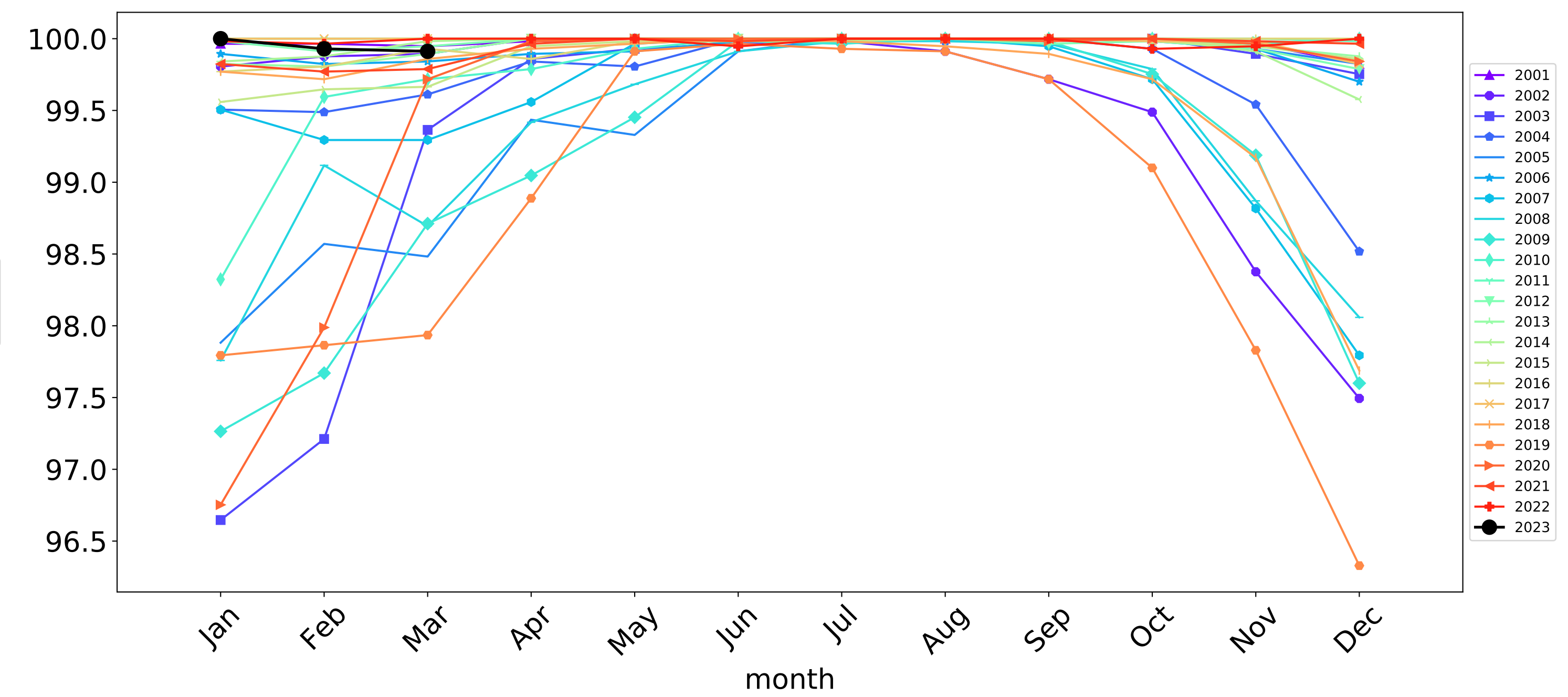


Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

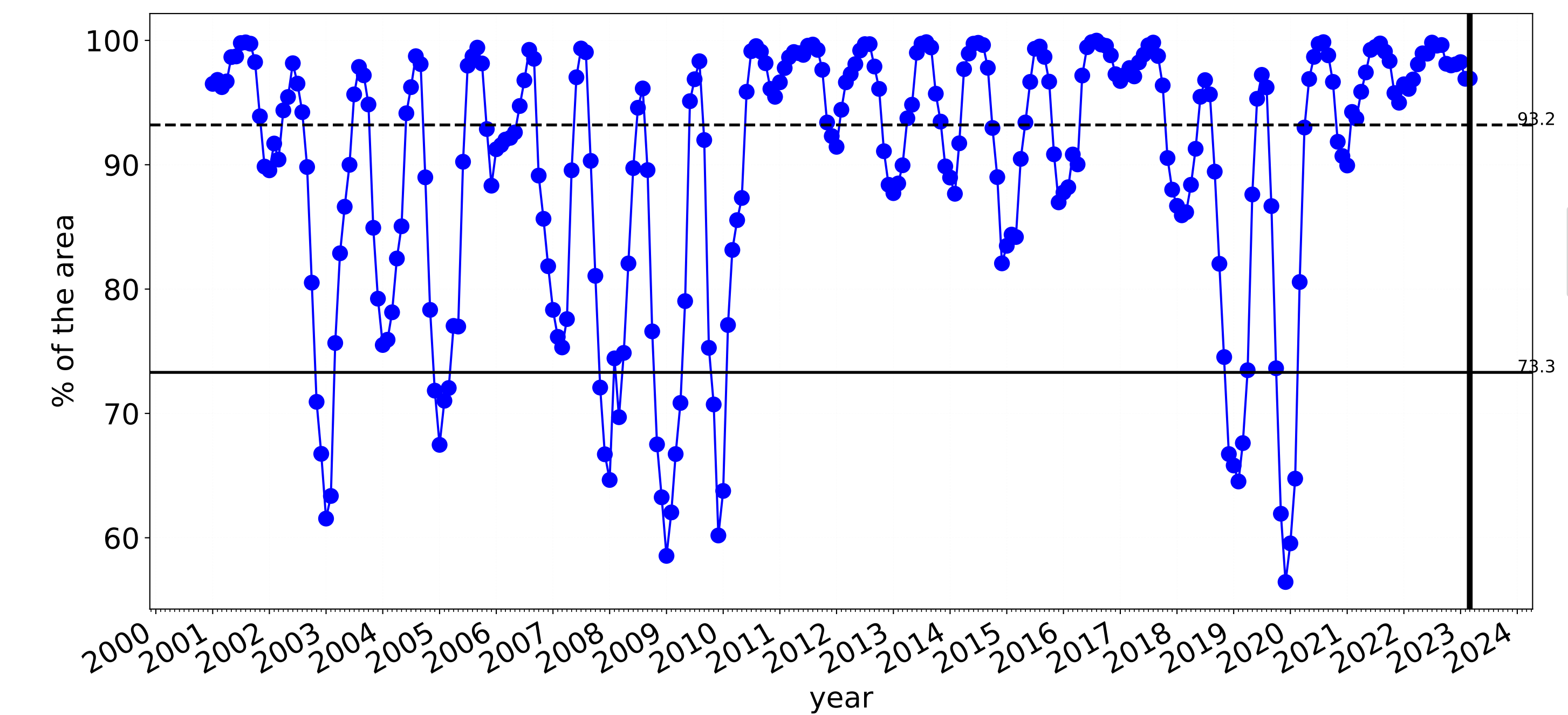
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



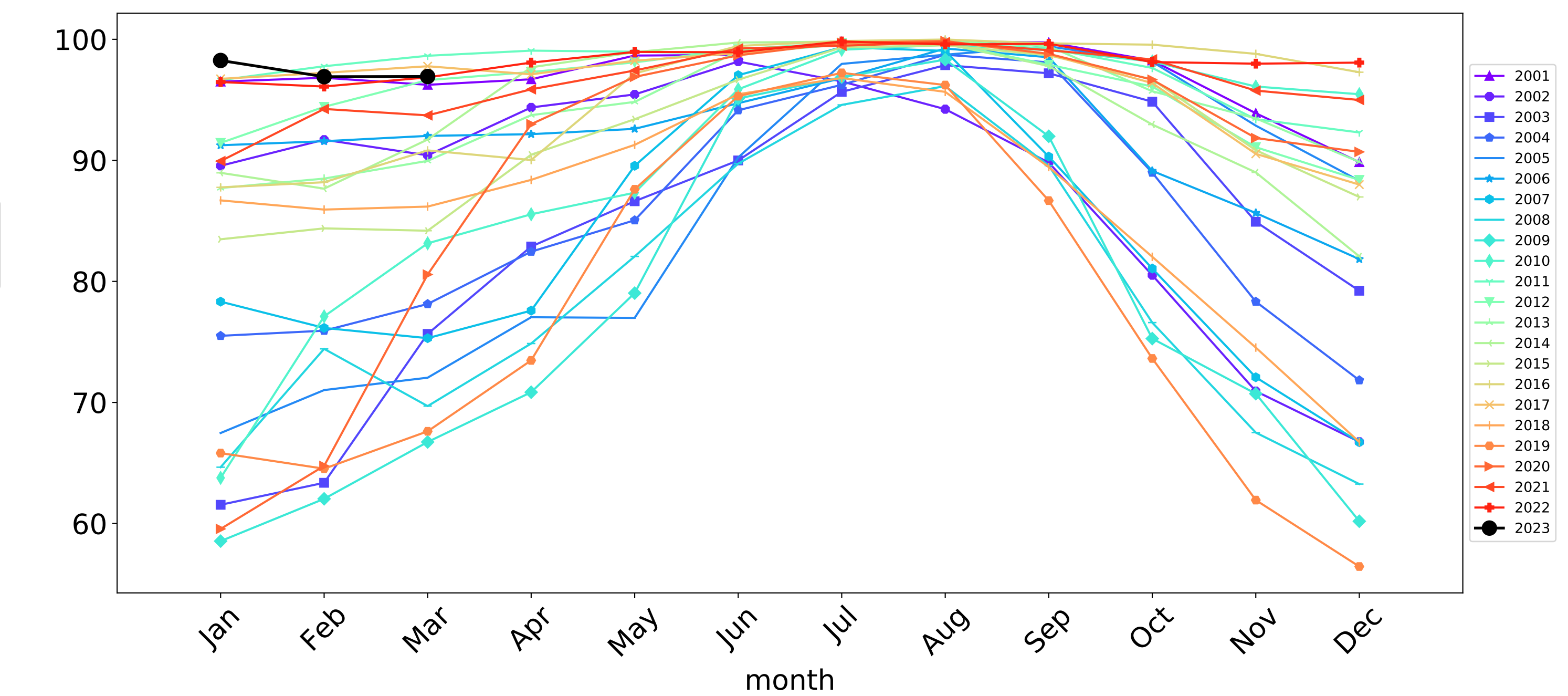
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov > 50%)



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



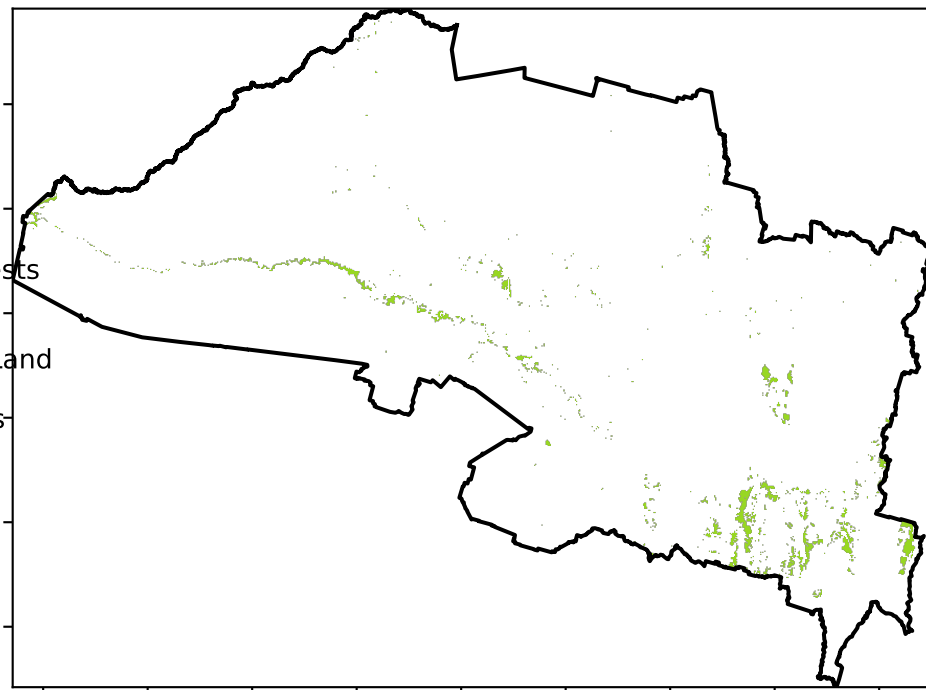
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov > 70%)



Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

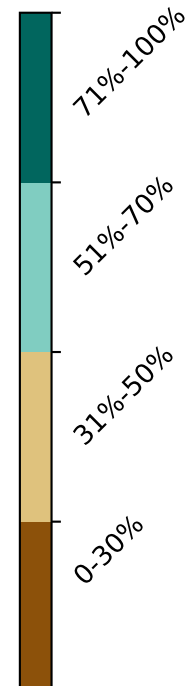
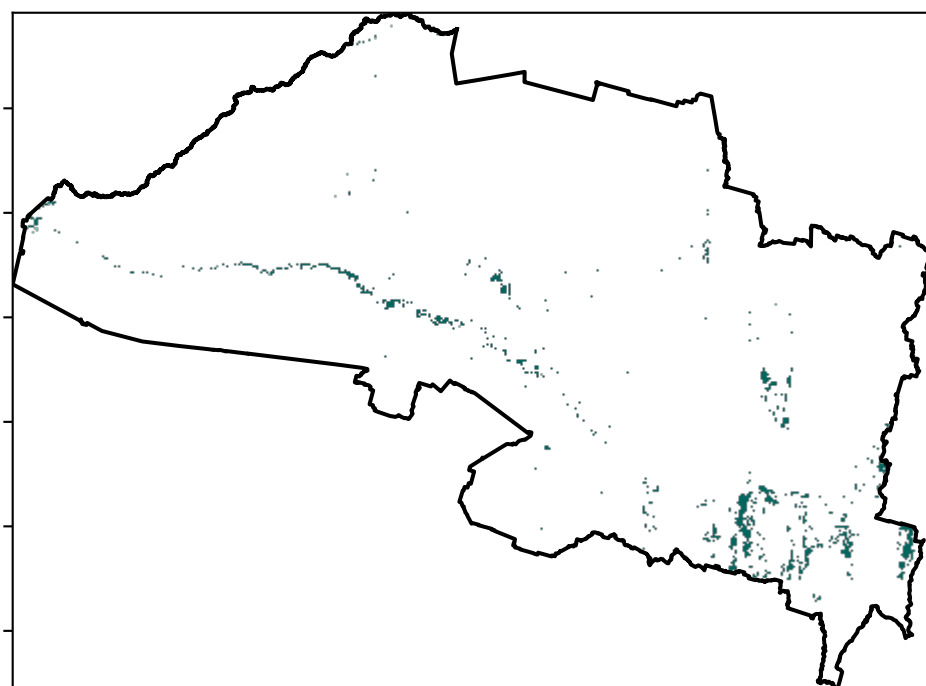
Land use and forest cover

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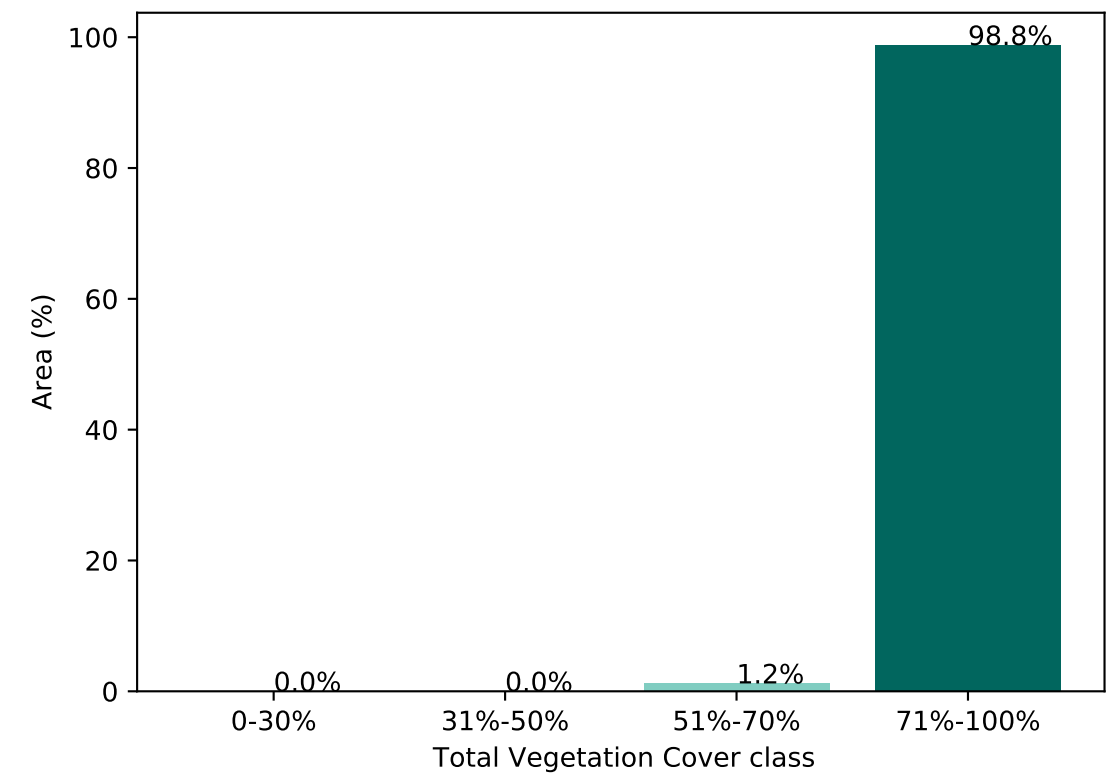


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

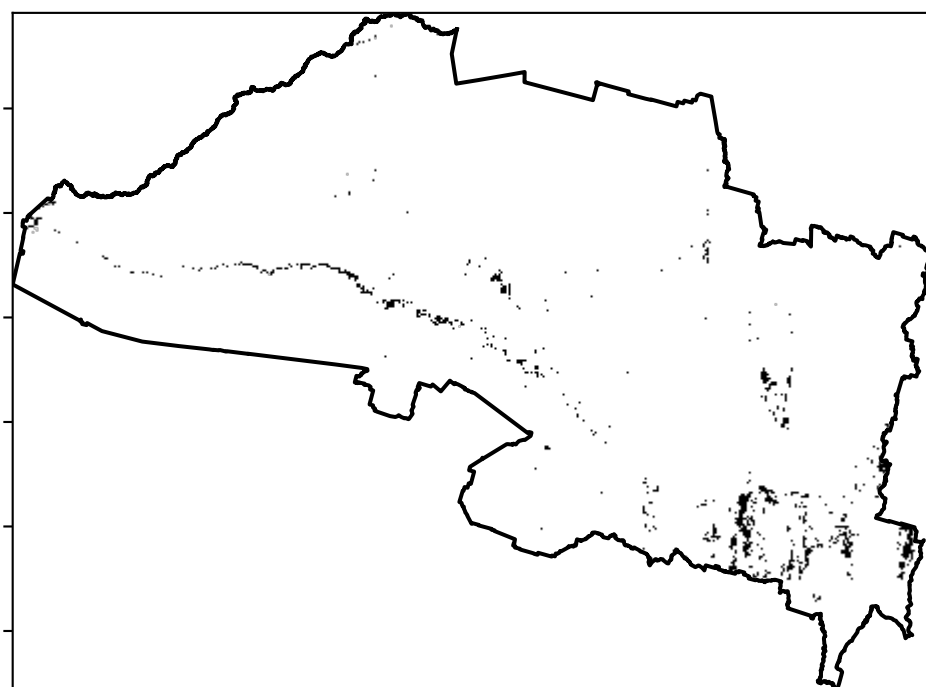
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

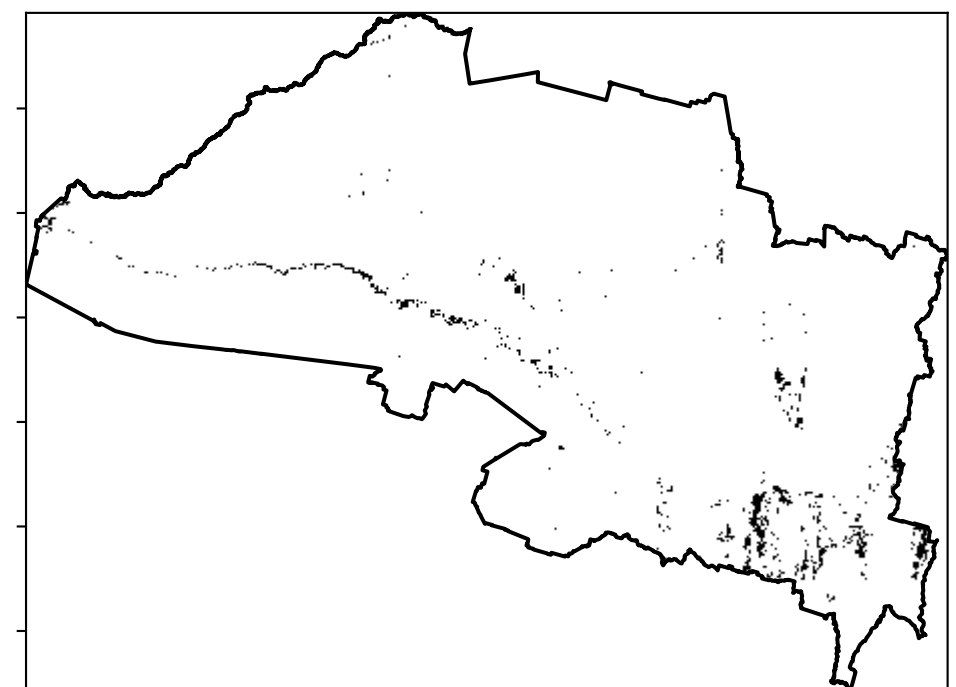


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



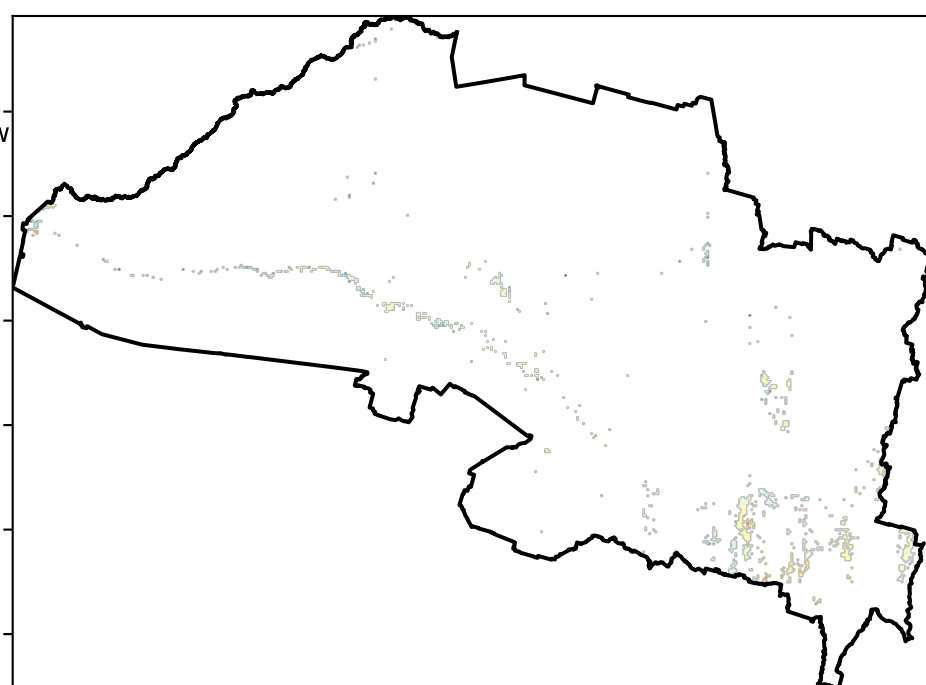
Area not protected
1.2% of region
(1,240 ha)
Area protected
98.8% of region
(102,110 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

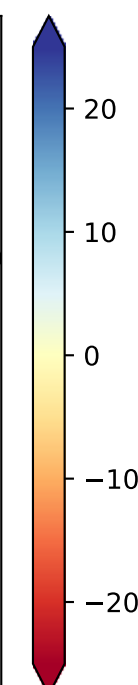


Area protected
100.0% of region
(103,350 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

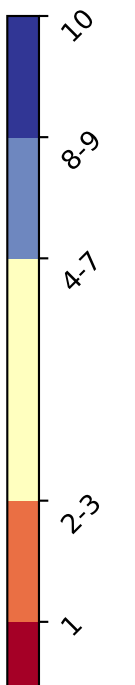
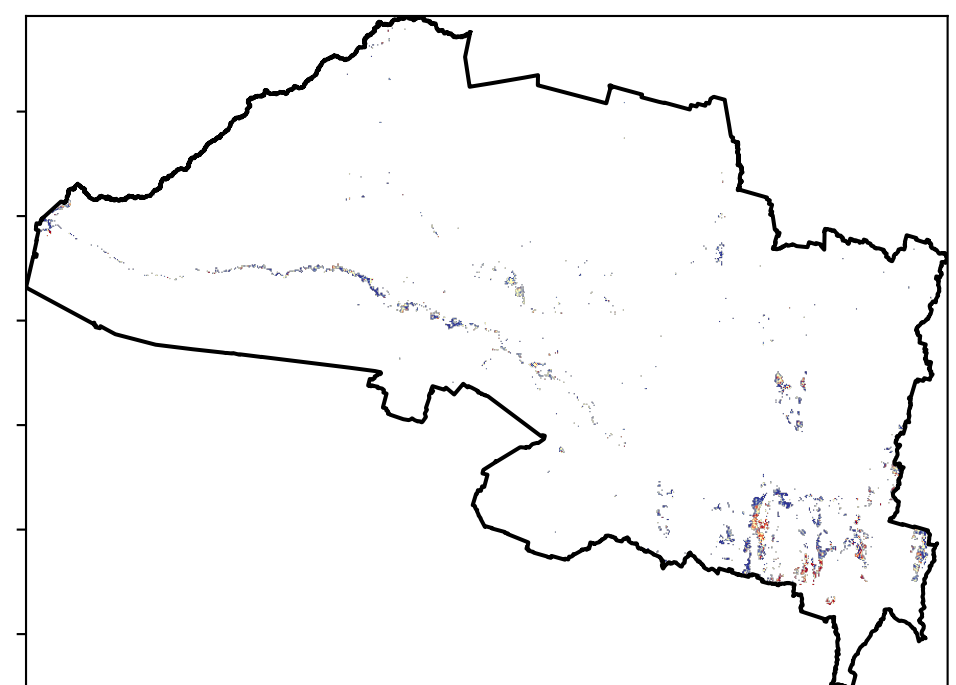


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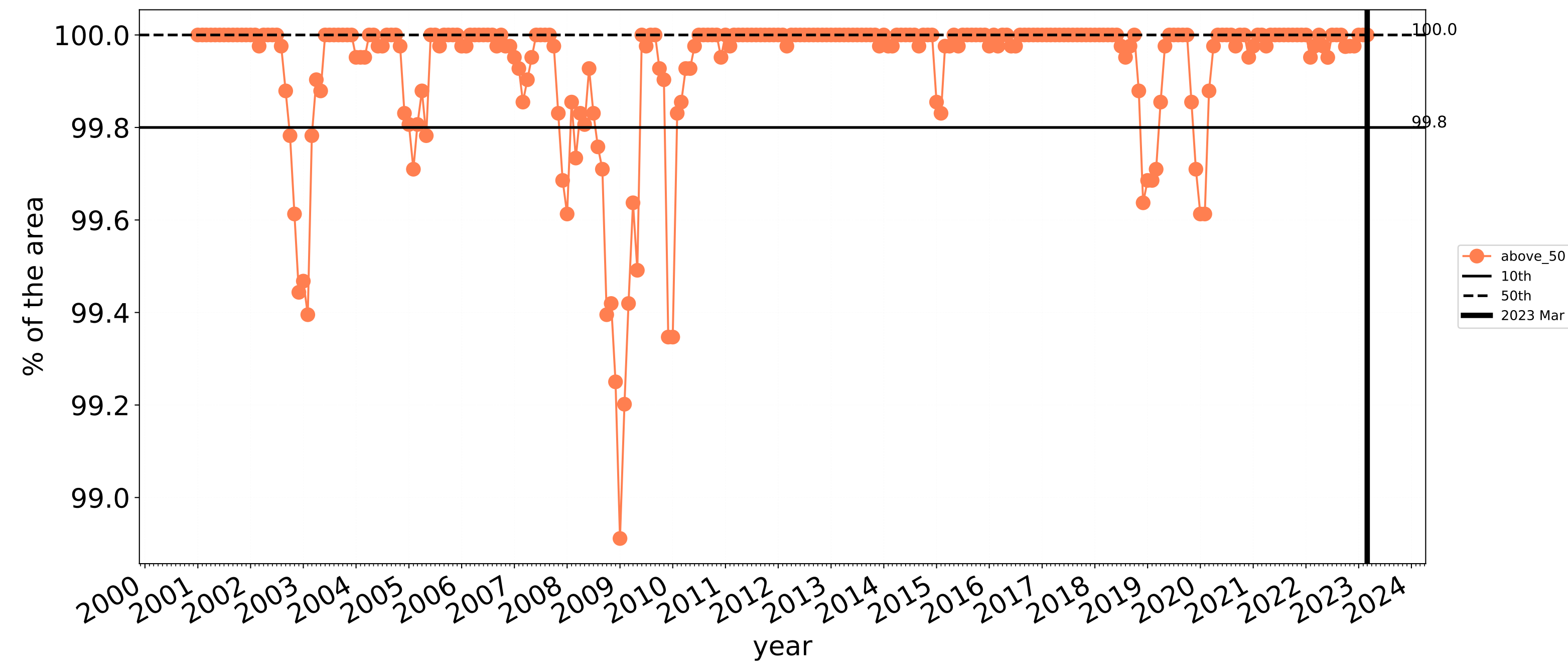
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

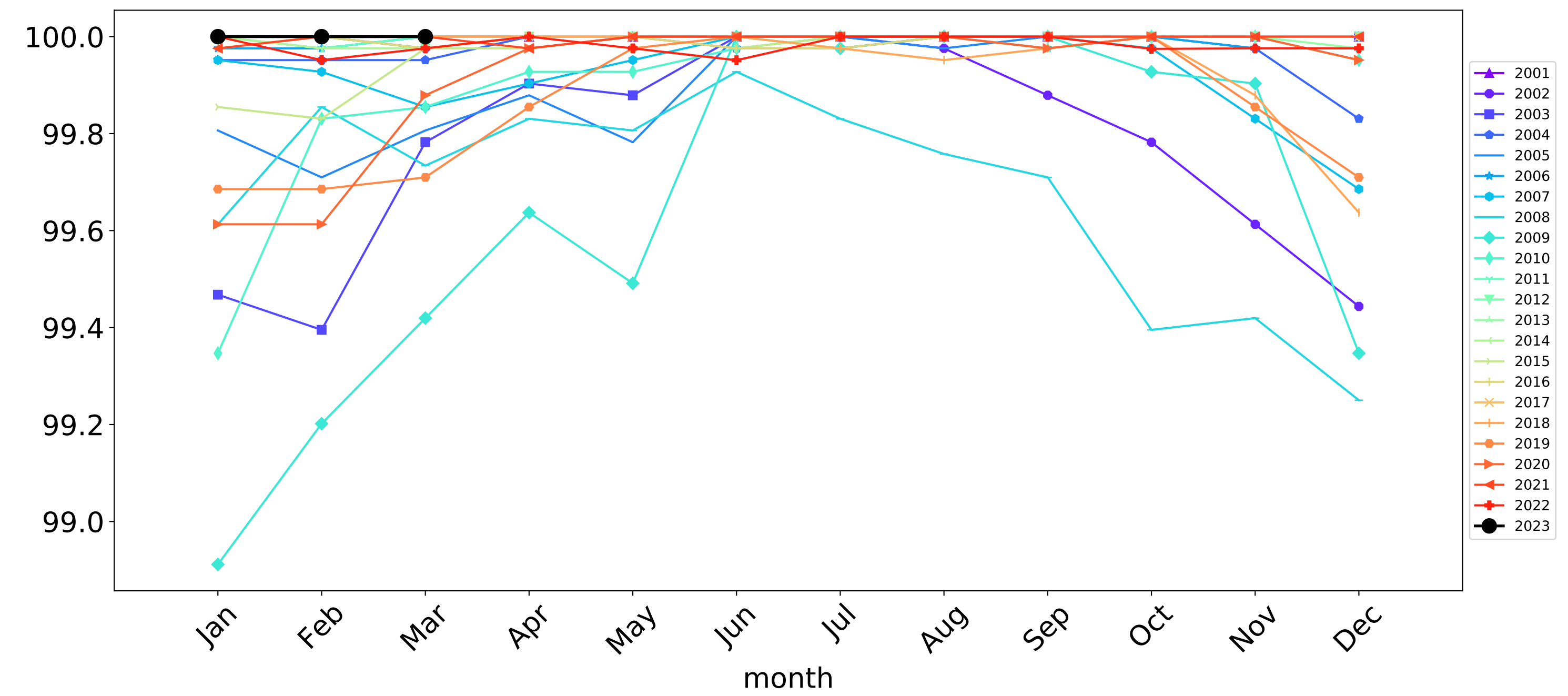


Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries

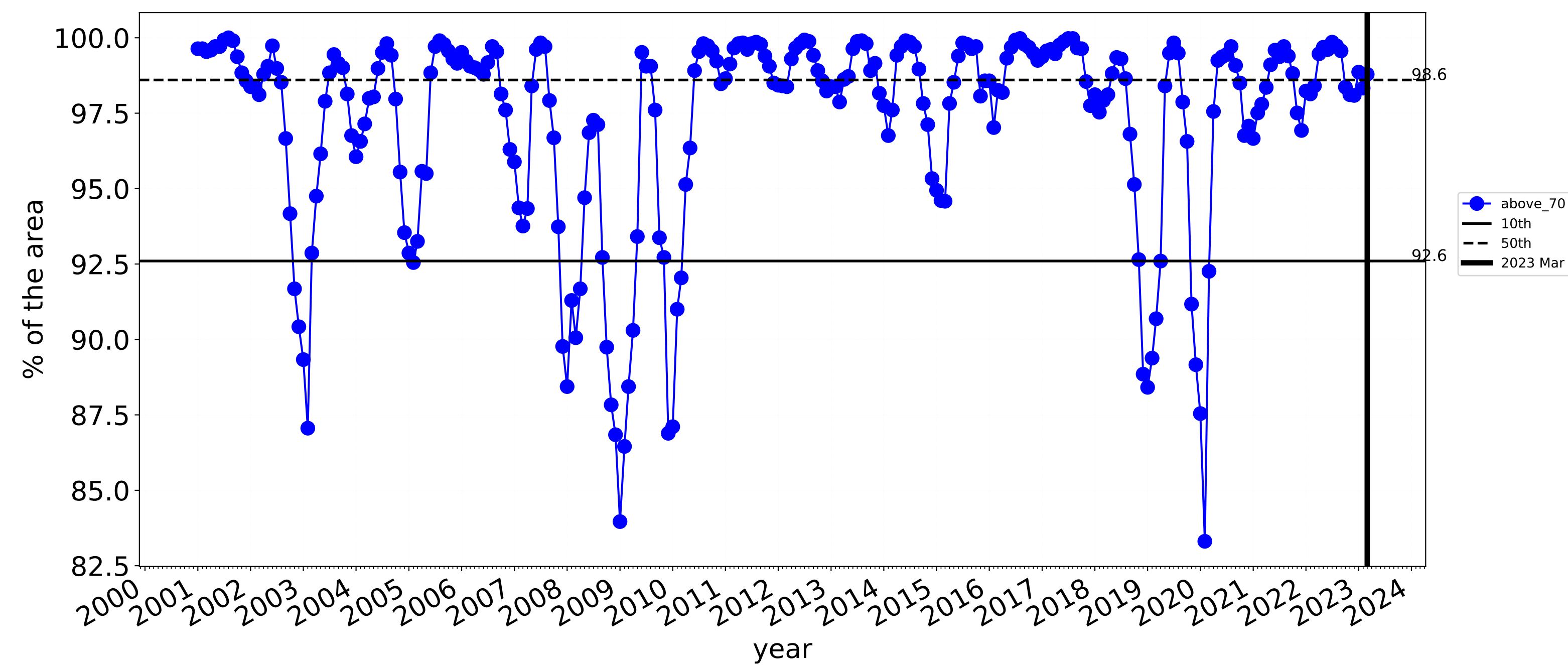
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



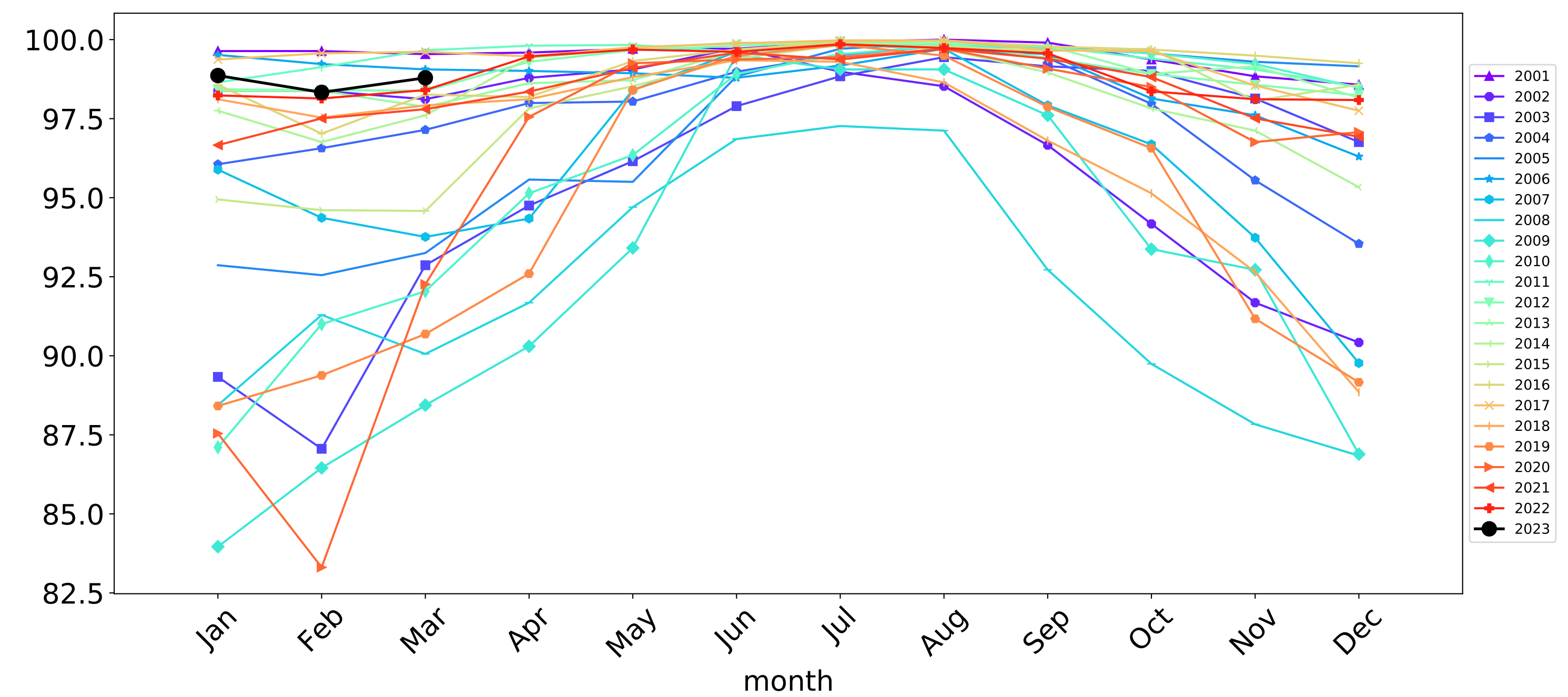
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



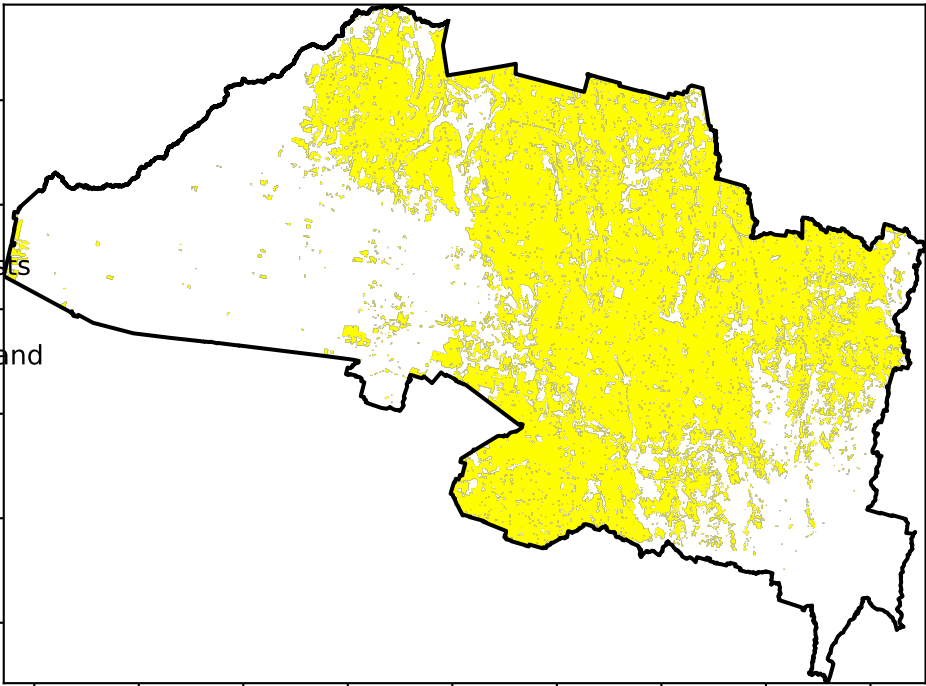
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



Cropping

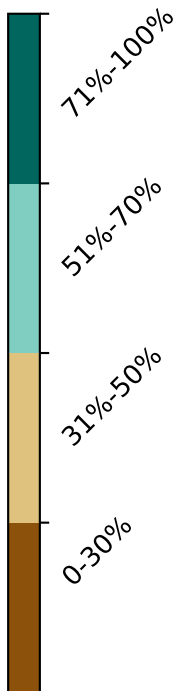
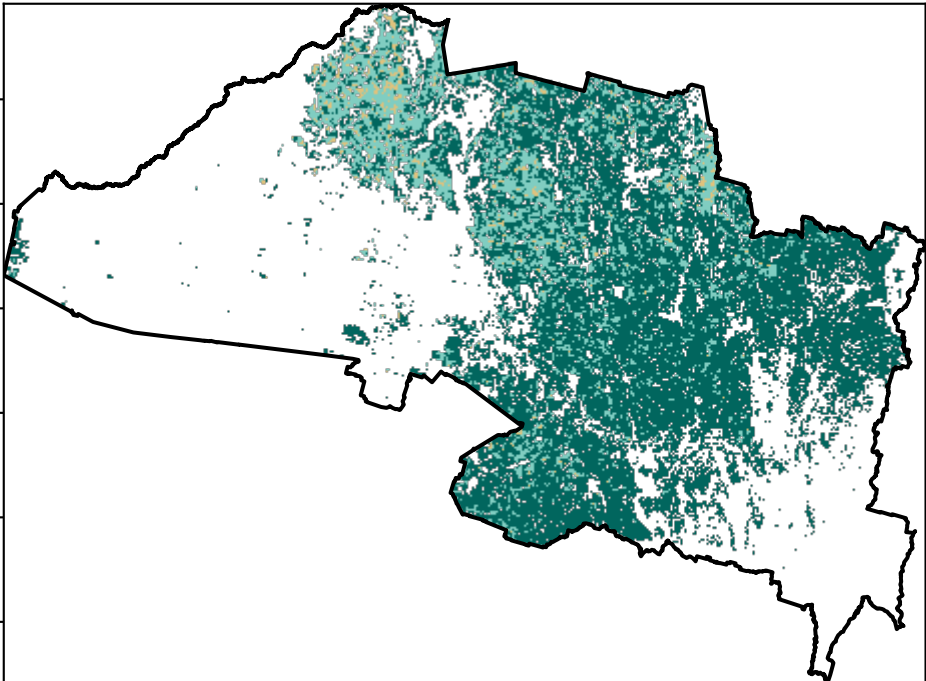
Land use and forest cover

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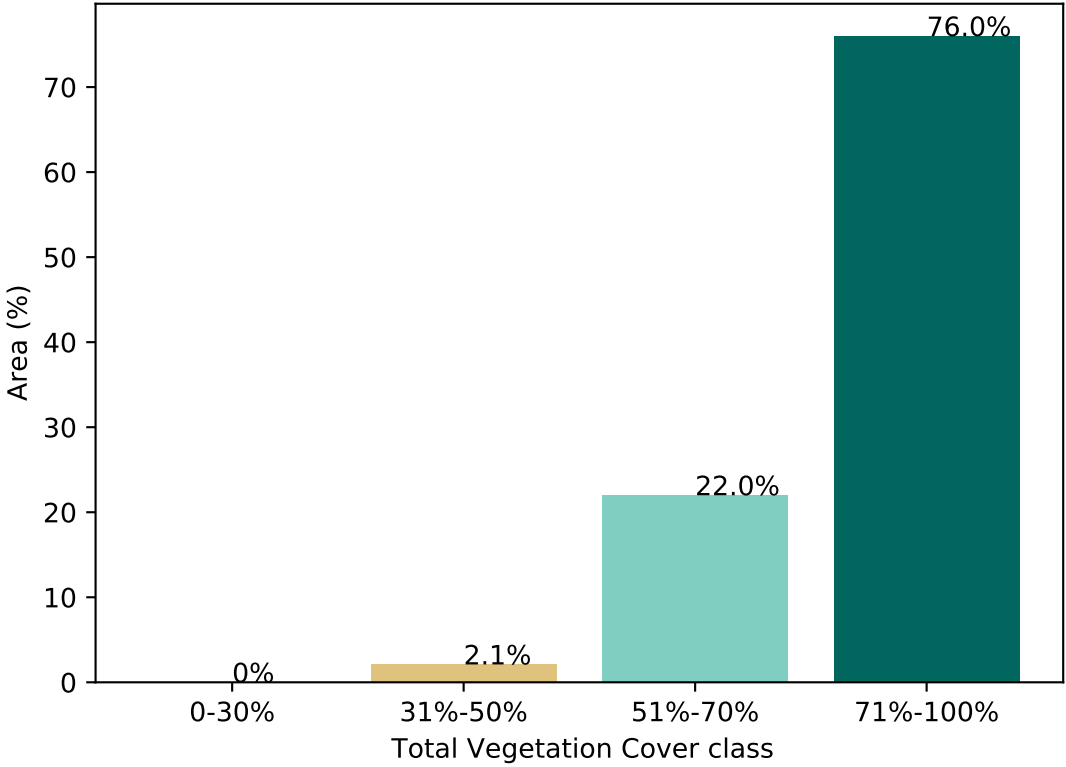


1 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated

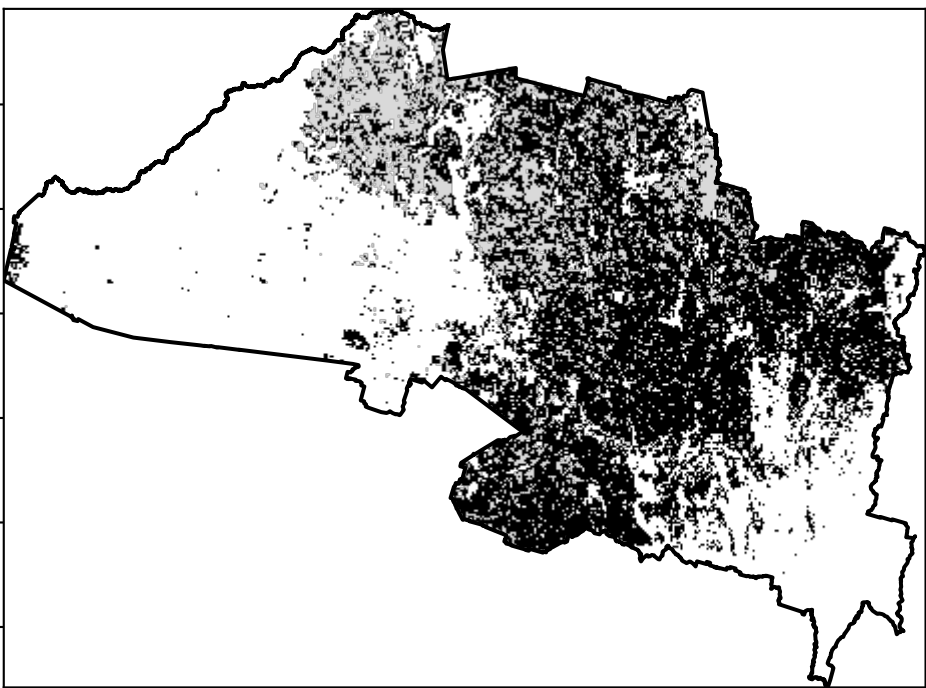
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

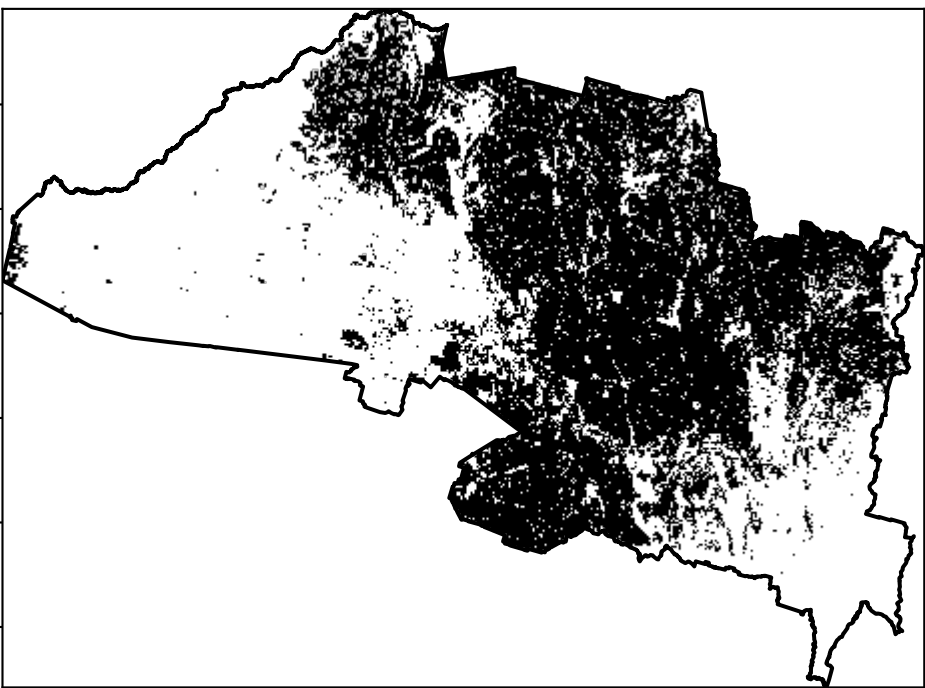


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected
24.0% of region
(764,868 ha)
Area protected
76.0% of region
(2,422,082 ha)

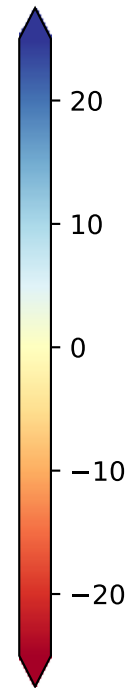
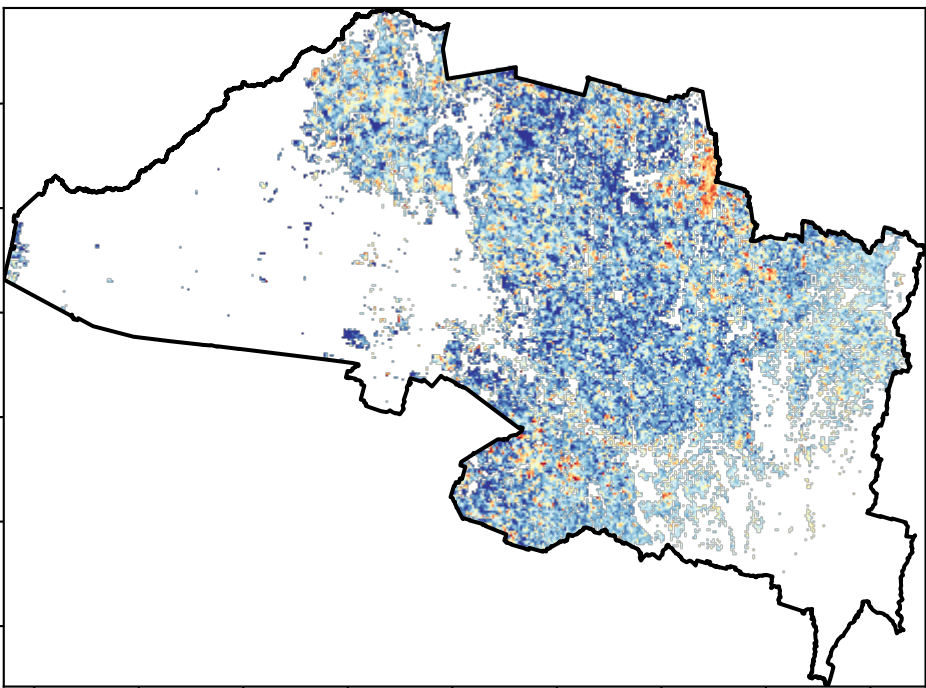
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected
2.0% of region
(63,739 ha)
Area protected
98.0% of region
(3,123,211 ha)

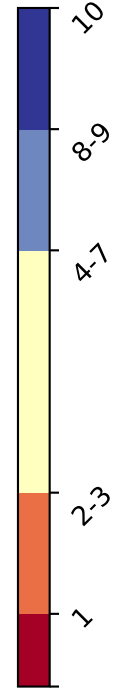
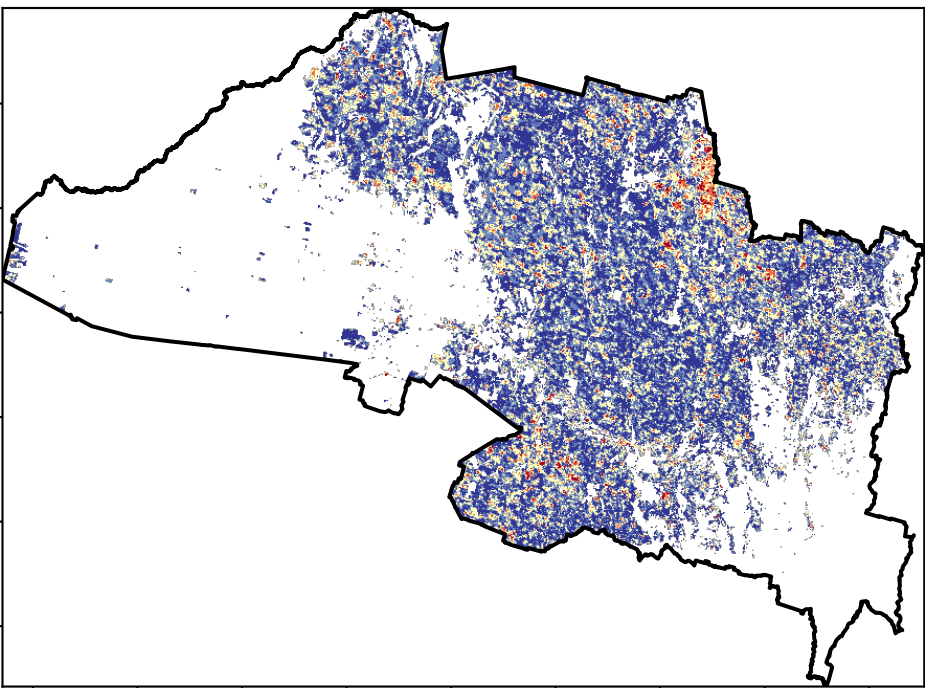
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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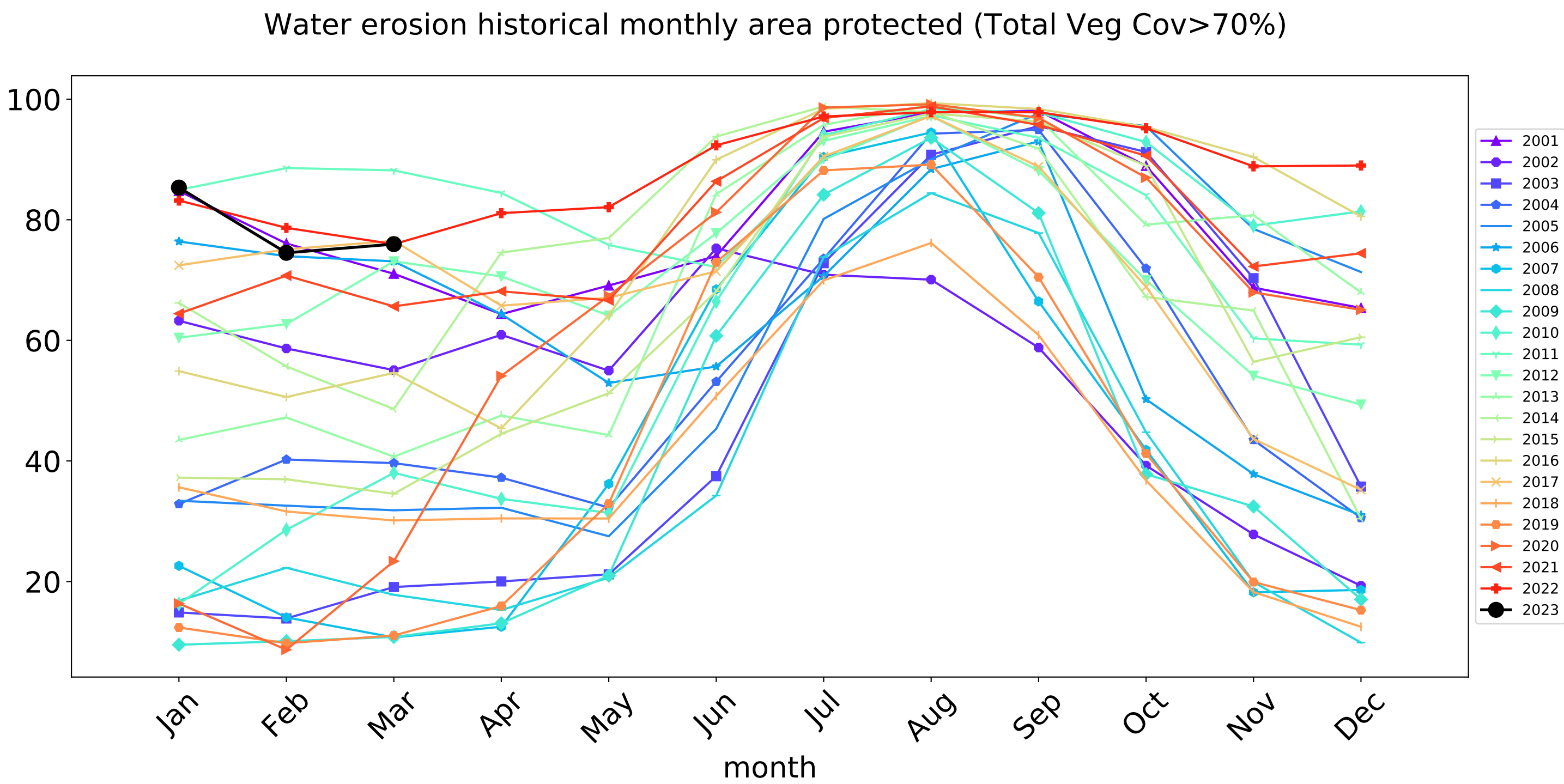
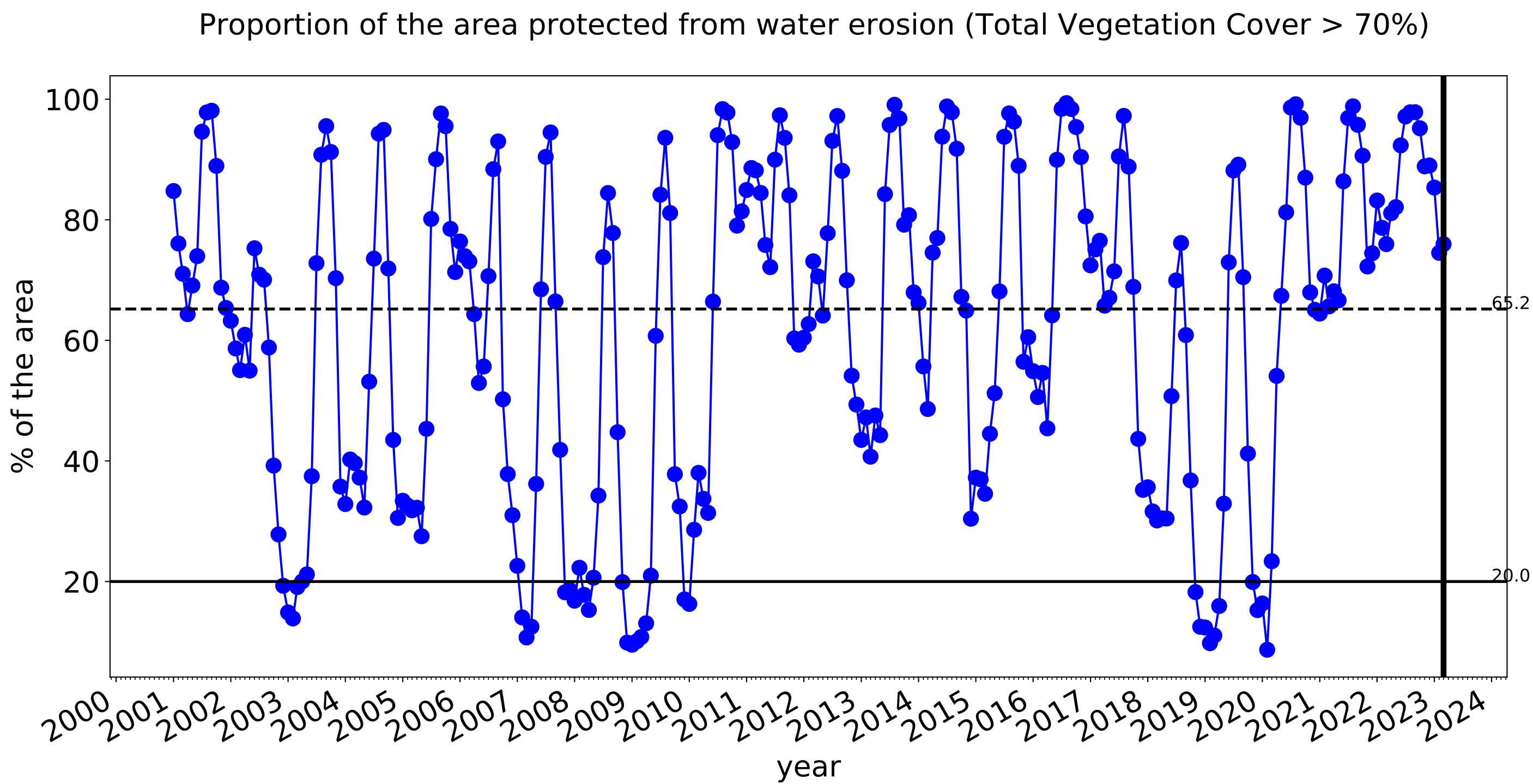
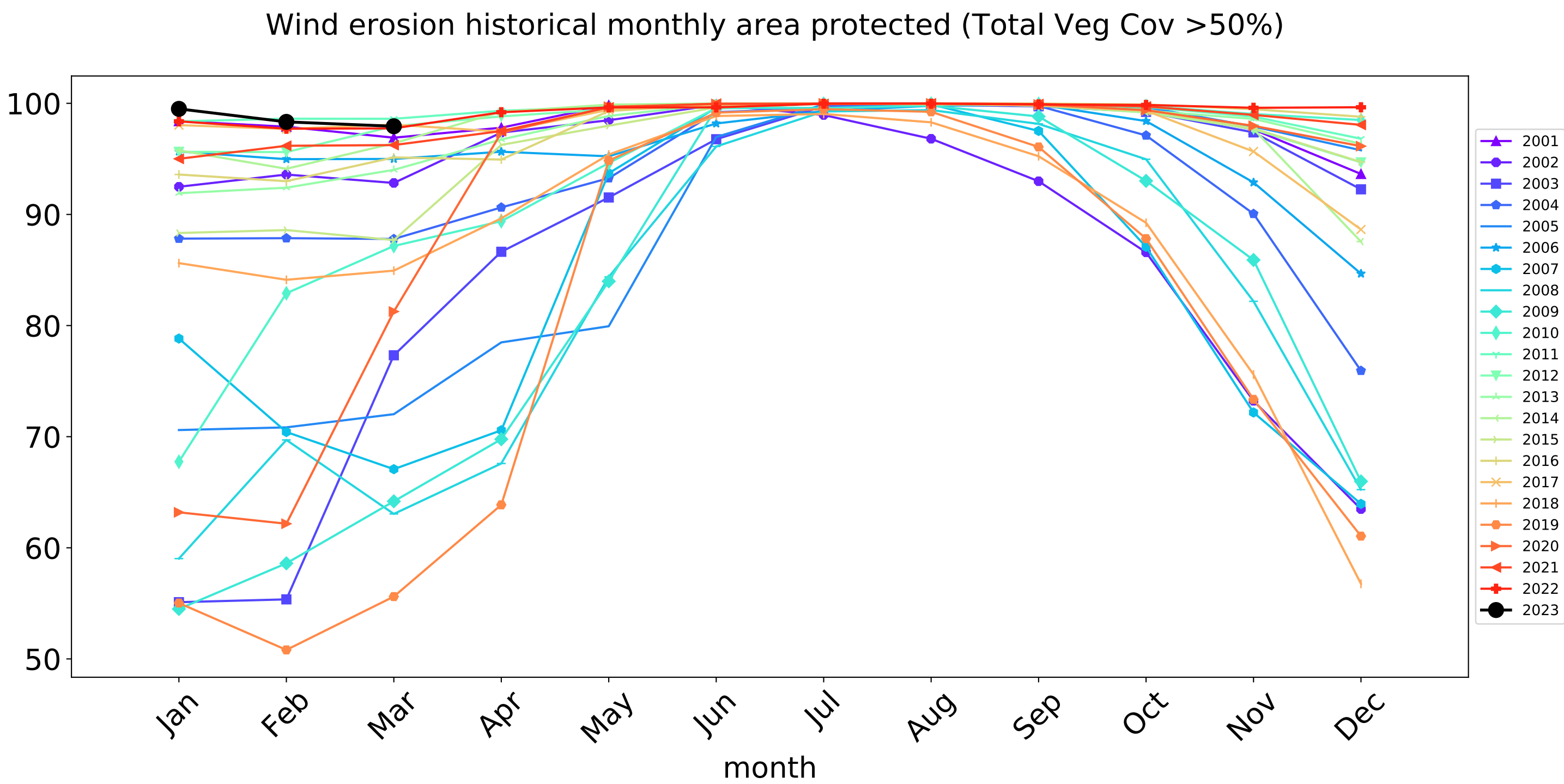
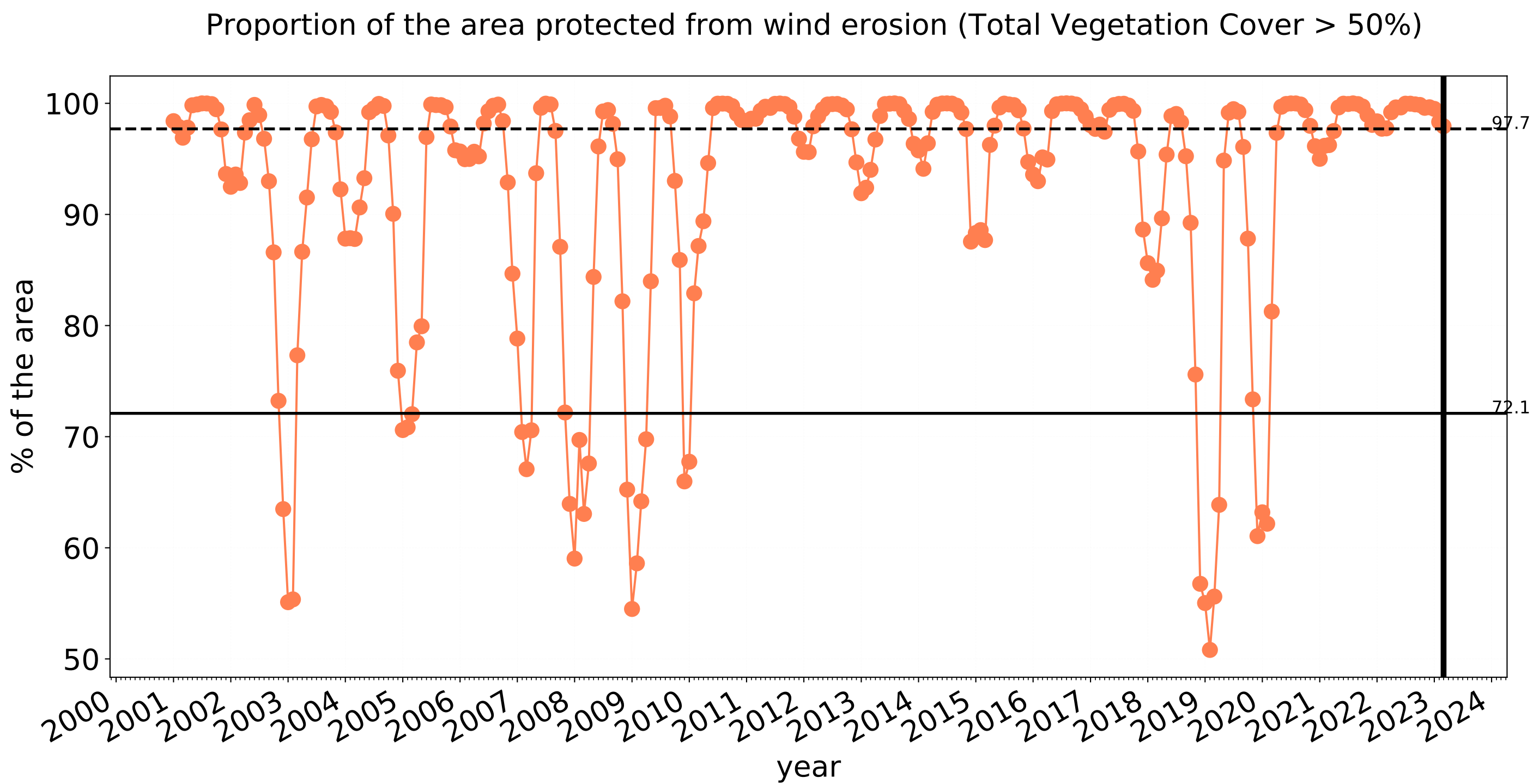


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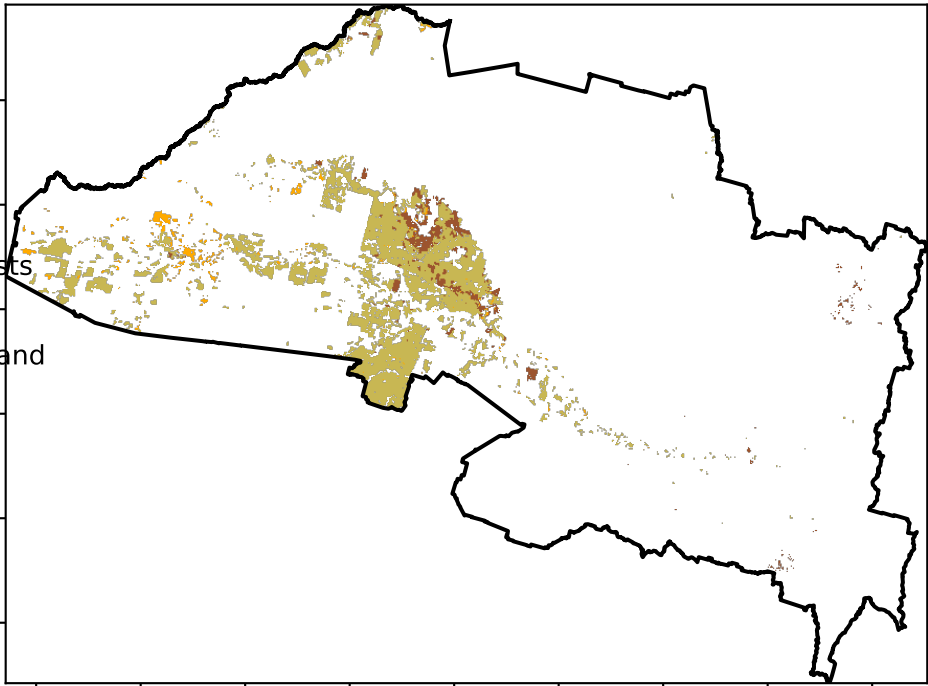
Cropping timeseries



Irrigation

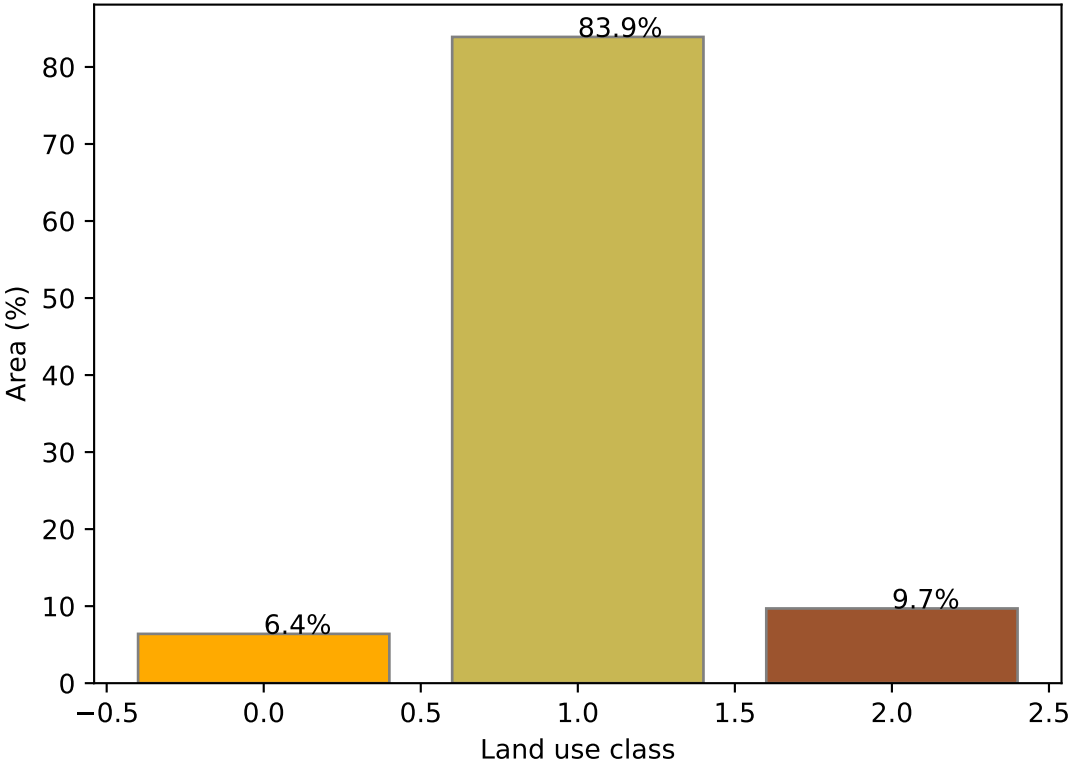
Land use and forest cover

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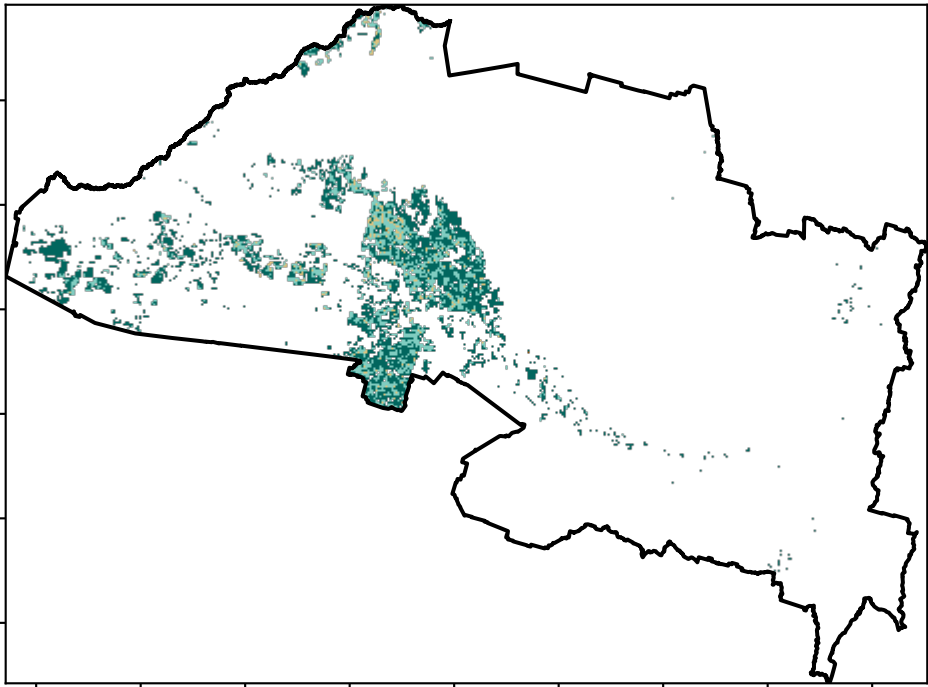


- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
- 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

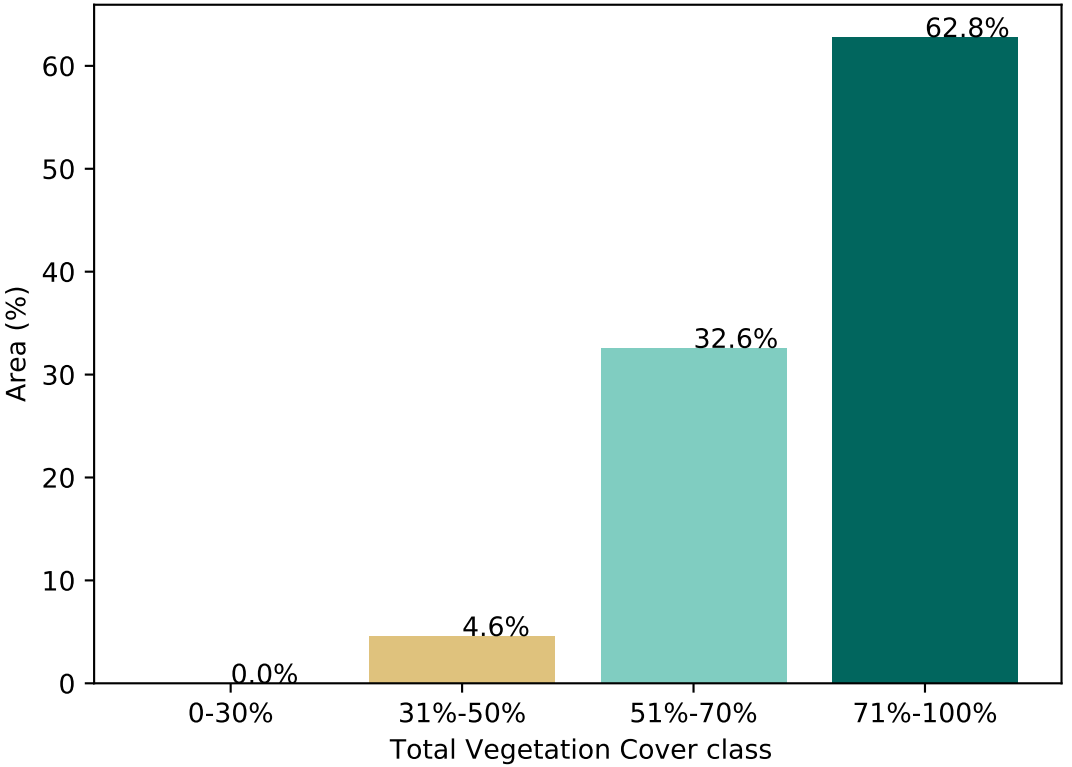


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

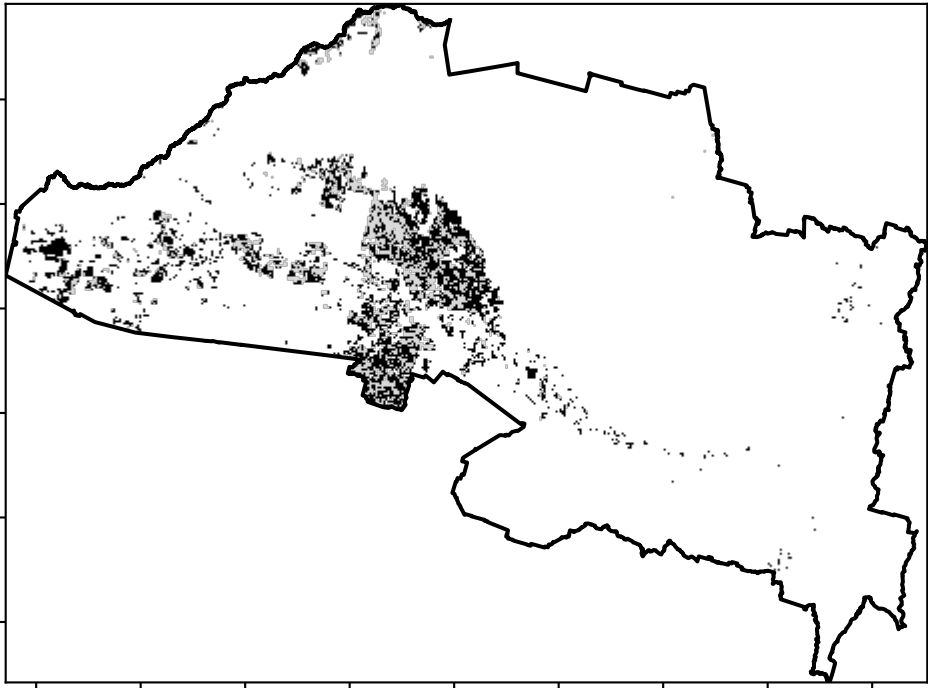


- 71%-100%
- 51%-70%
- 31%-50%
- 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

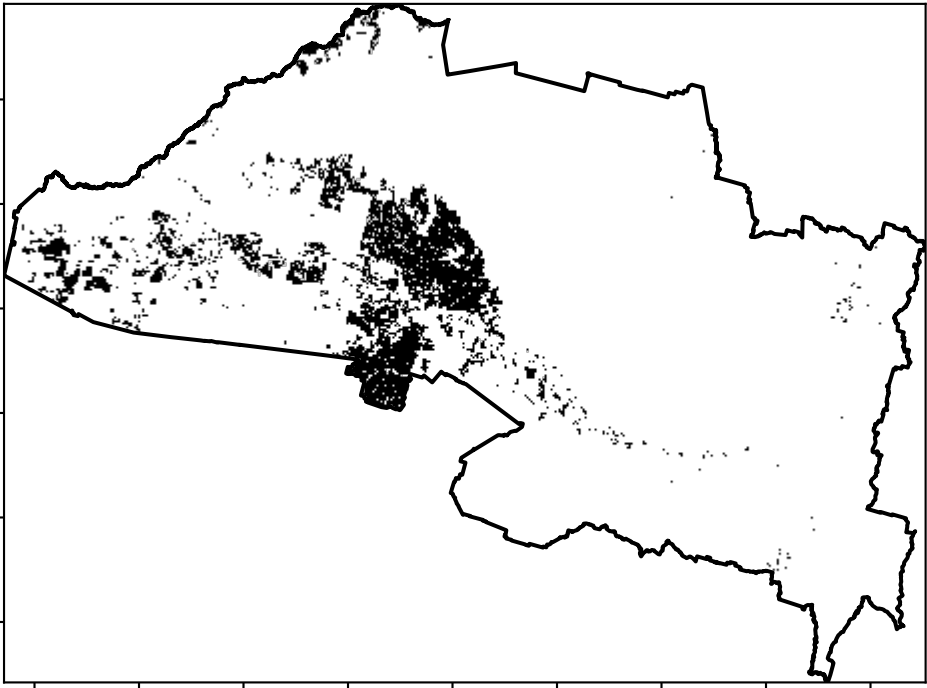


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 37.2% of region (211,147 ha)
- Area protected 62.8% of region (356,453 ha)

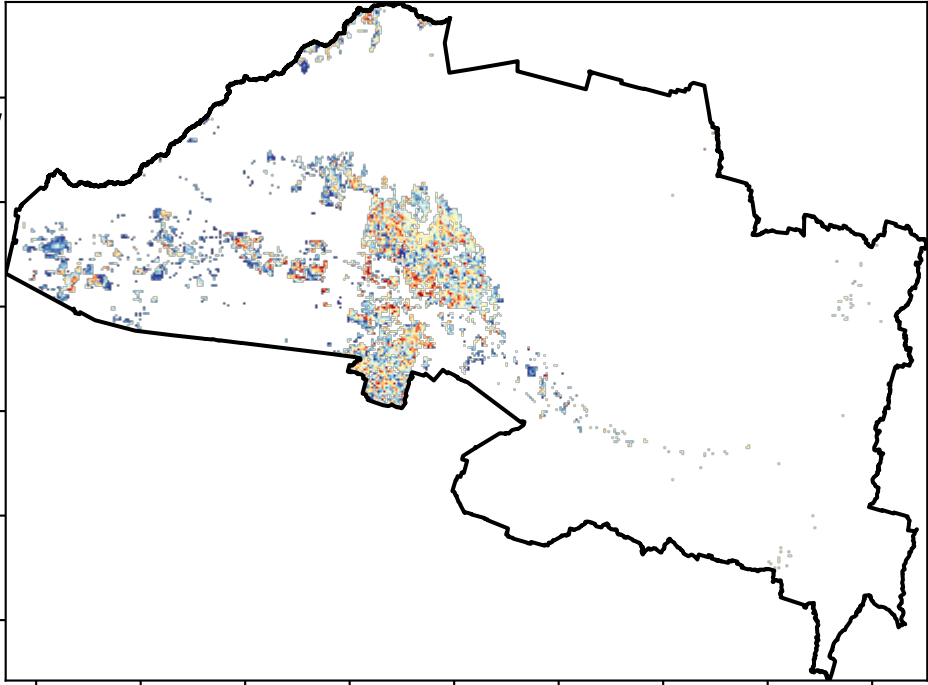
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 5.0% of region (28,380 ha)
- Area protected 95.0% of region (539,220 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

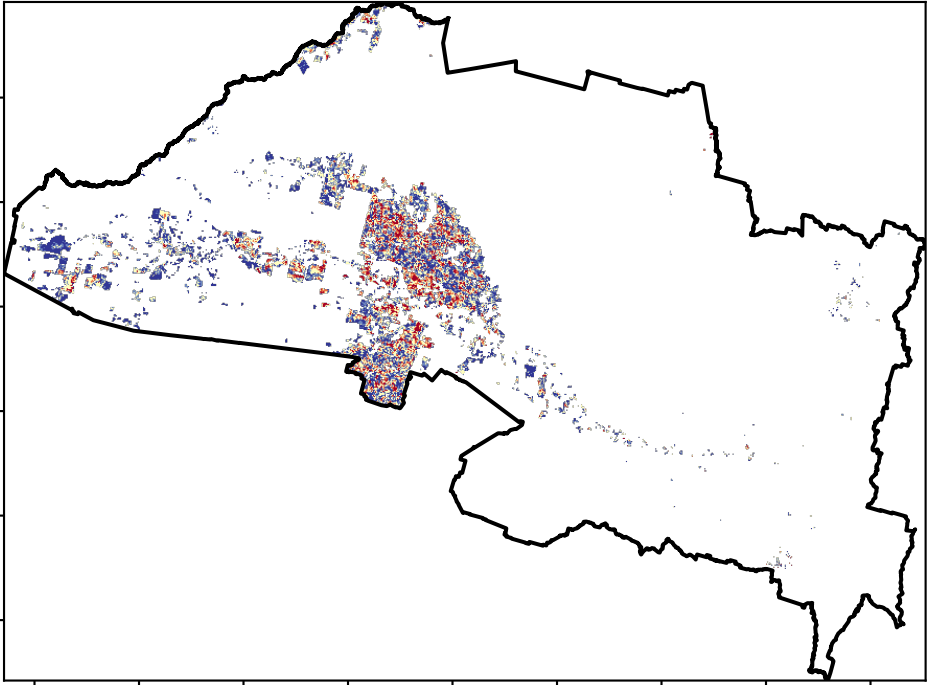
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- 20
- 10
- 0
- 10
- 20

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1



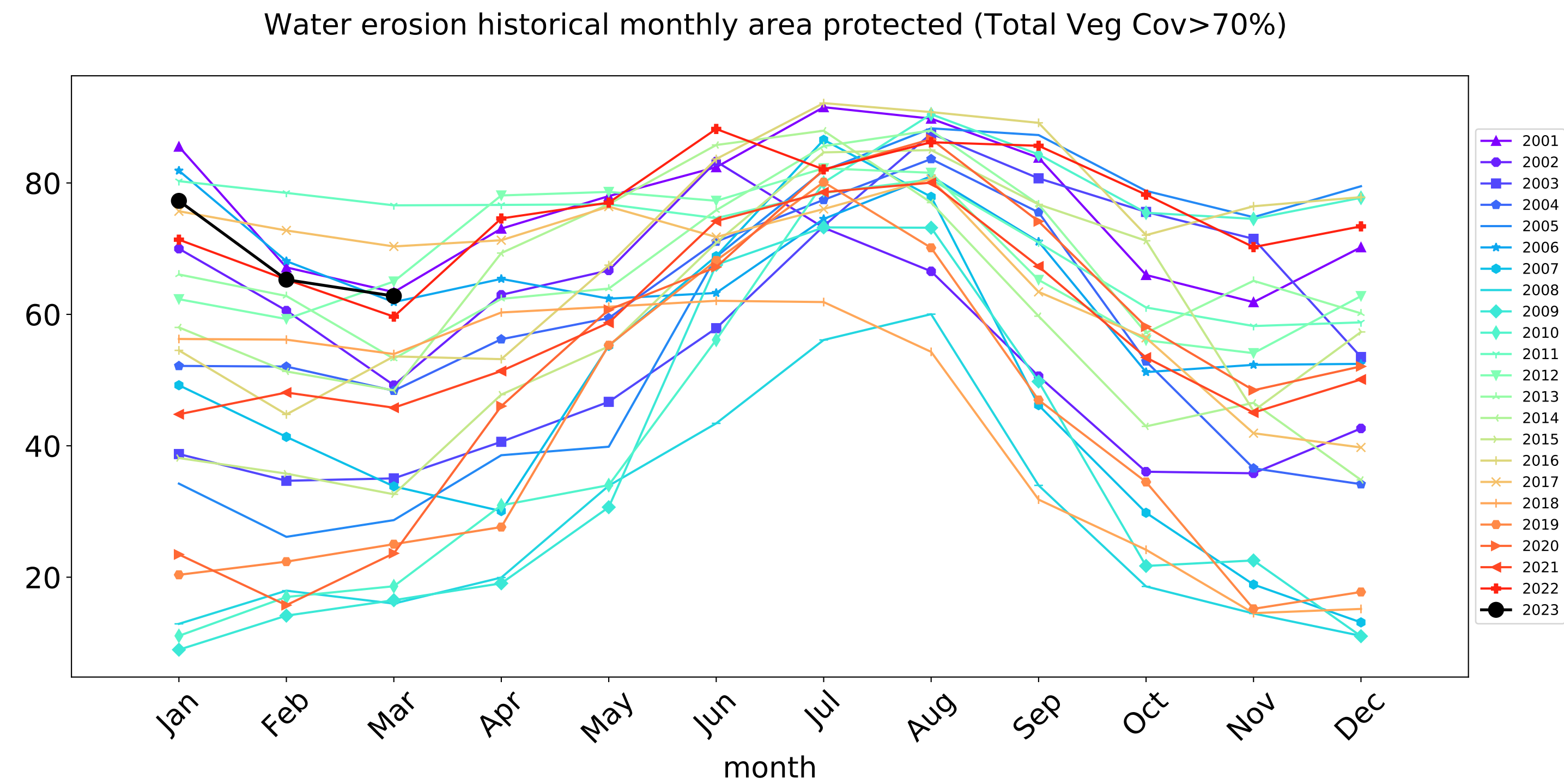
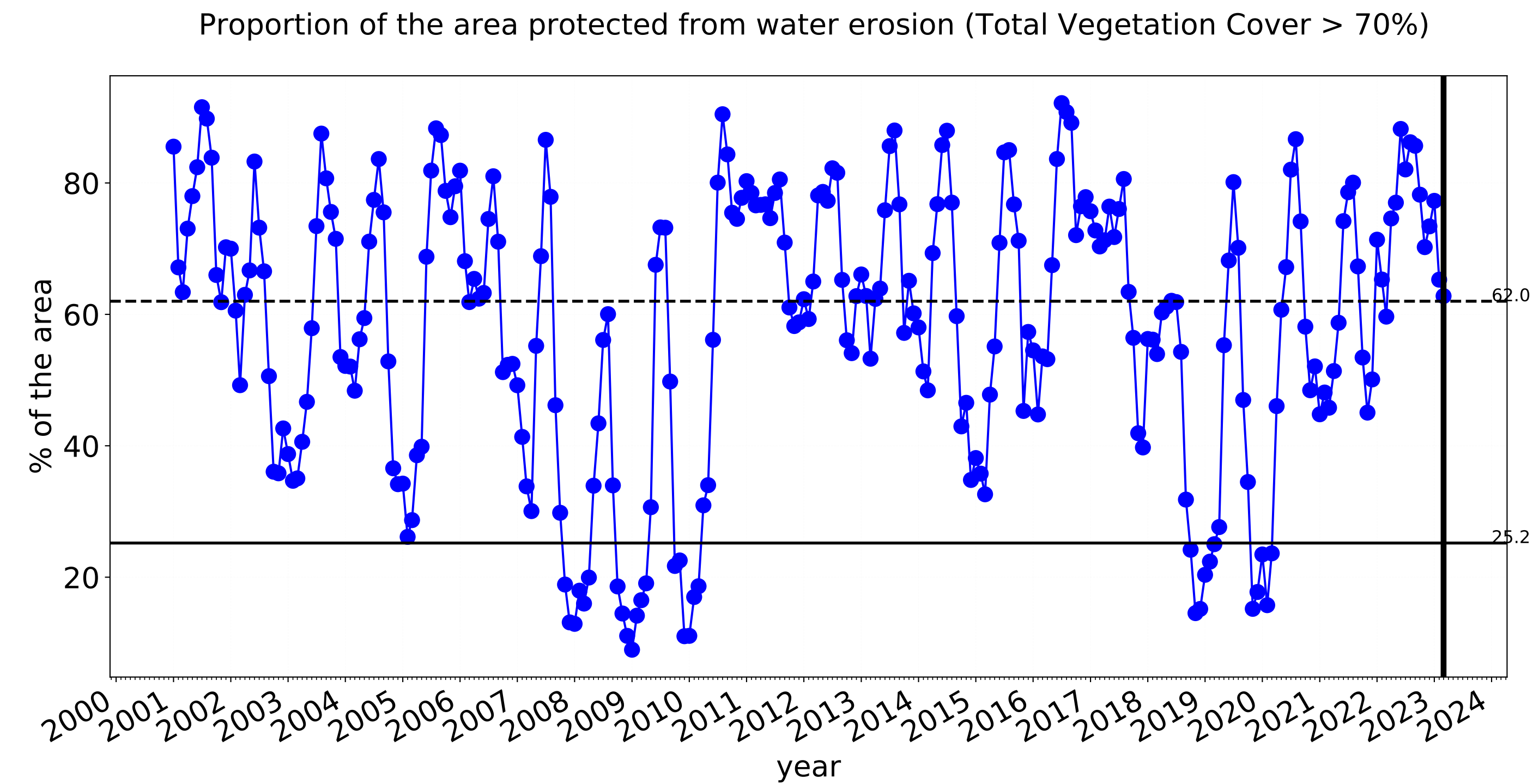
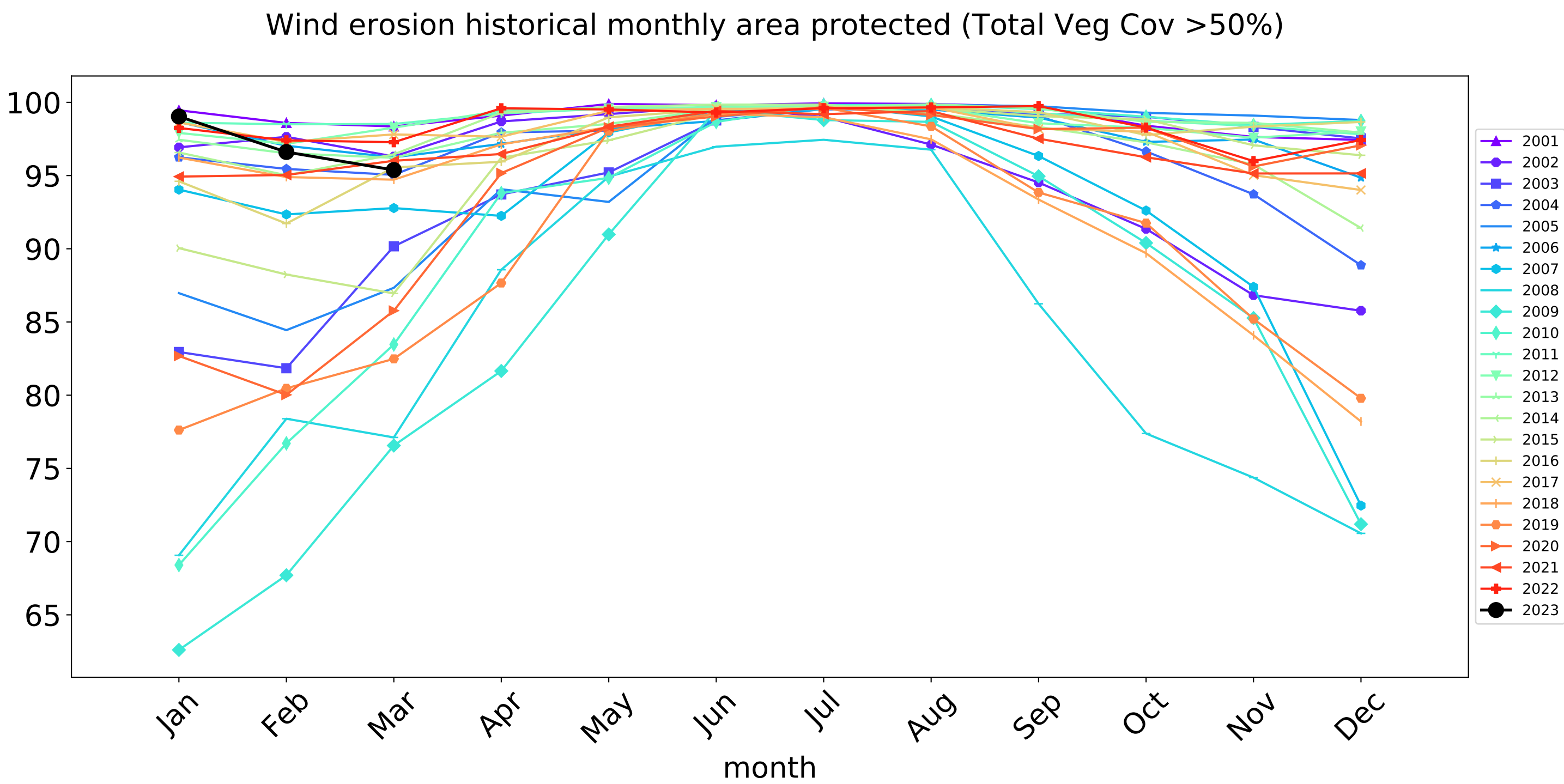
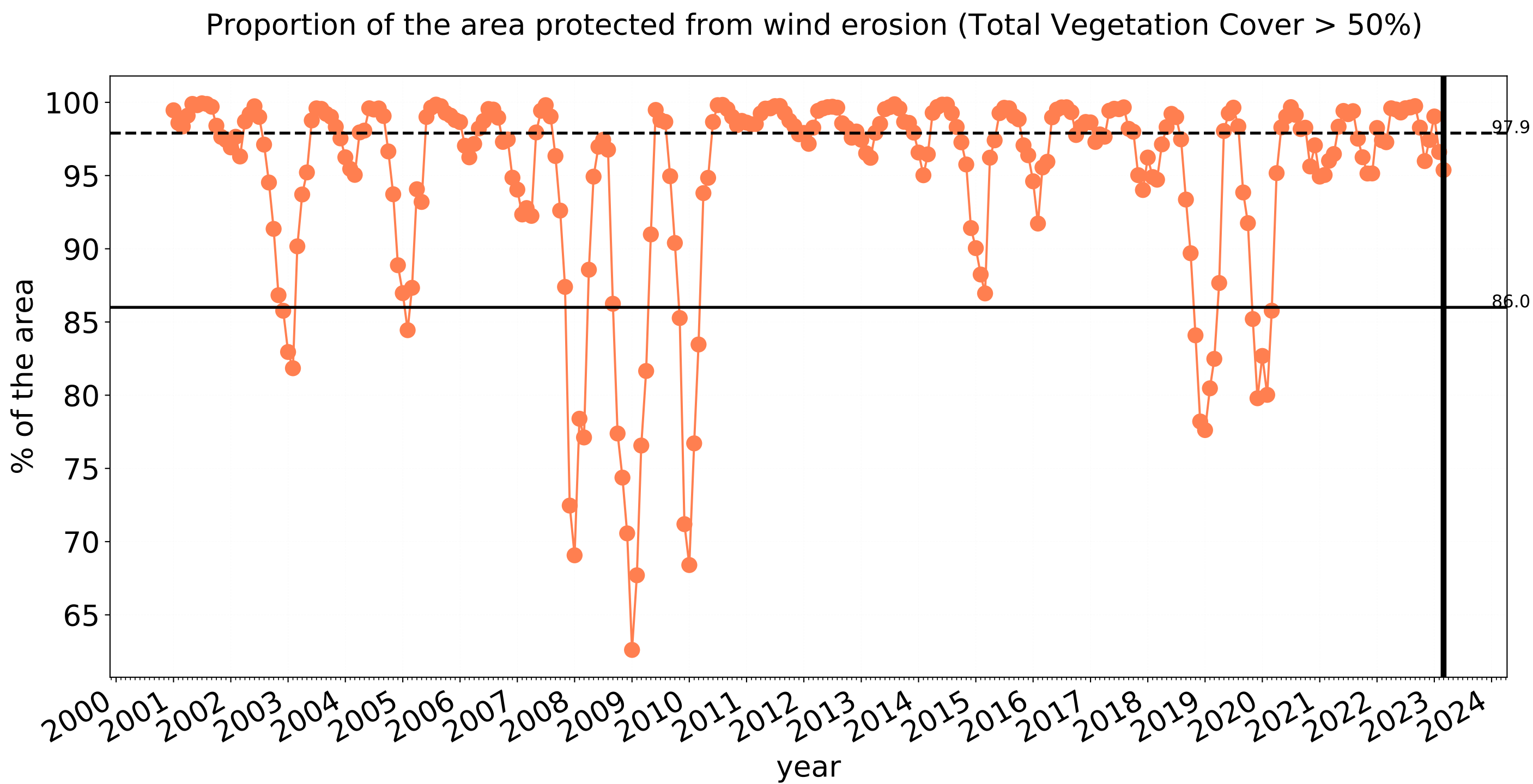
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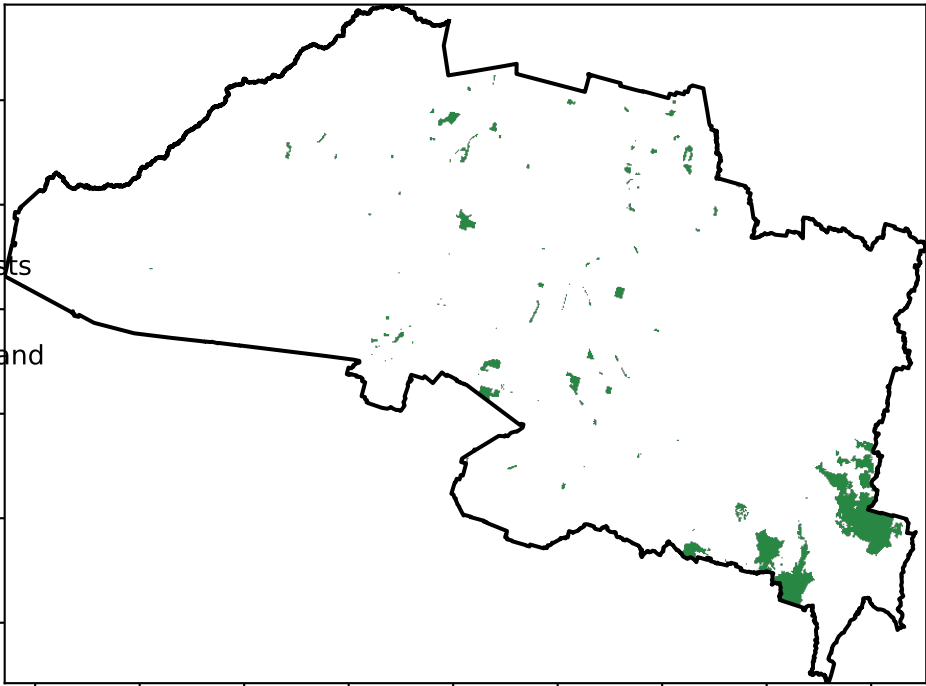
Irrigation timeseries



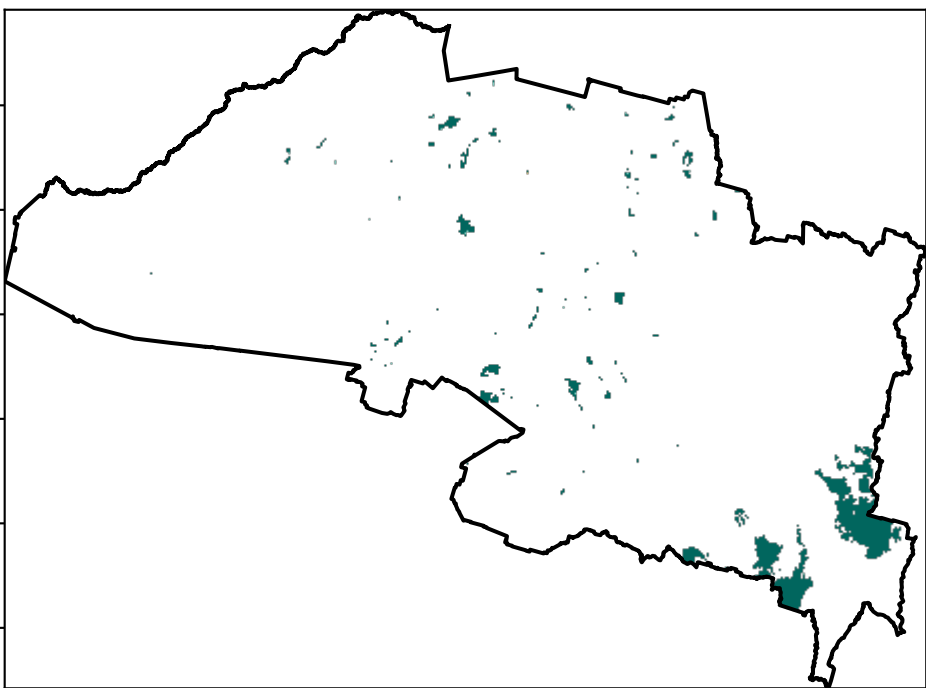
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

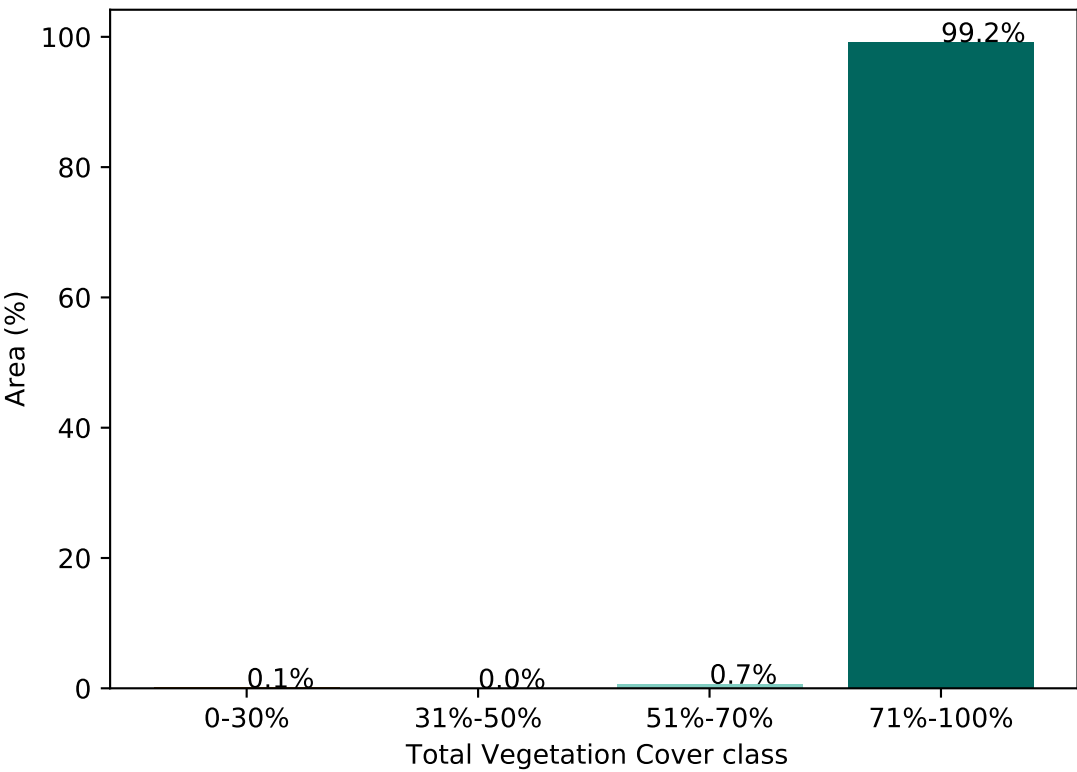
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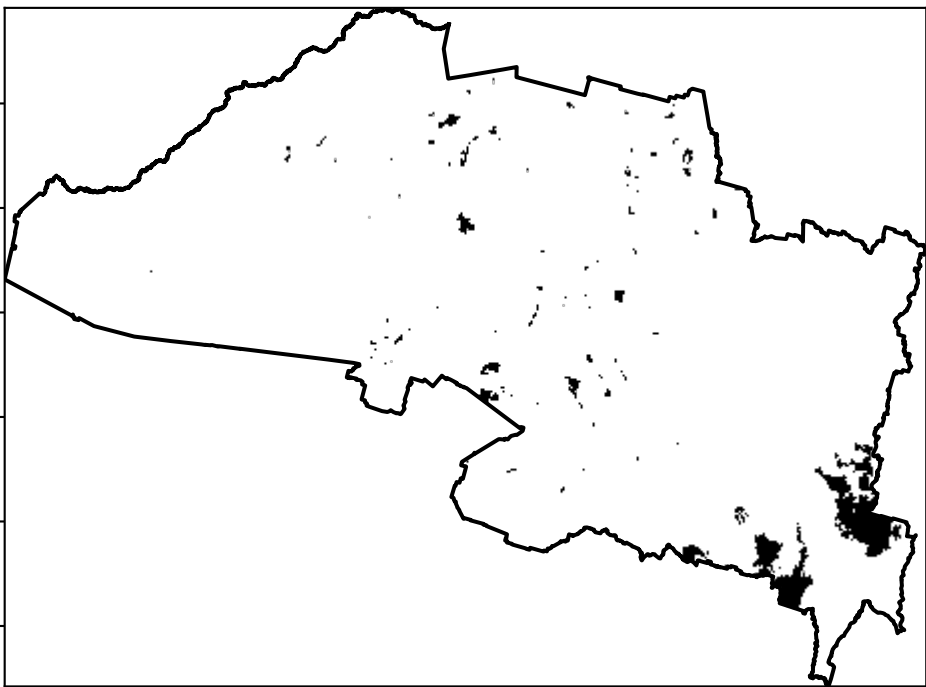
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



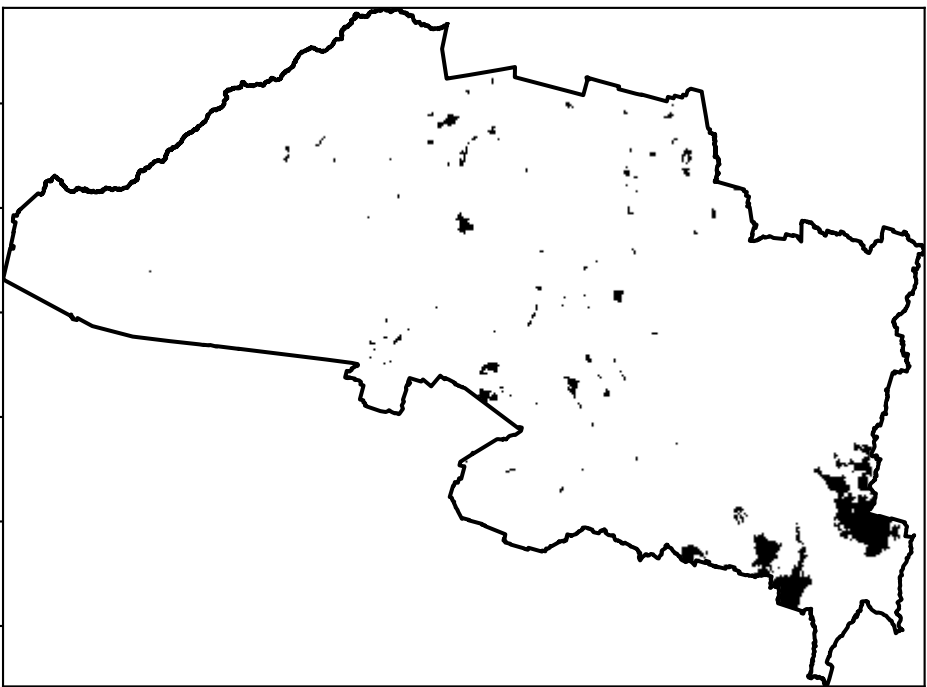
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

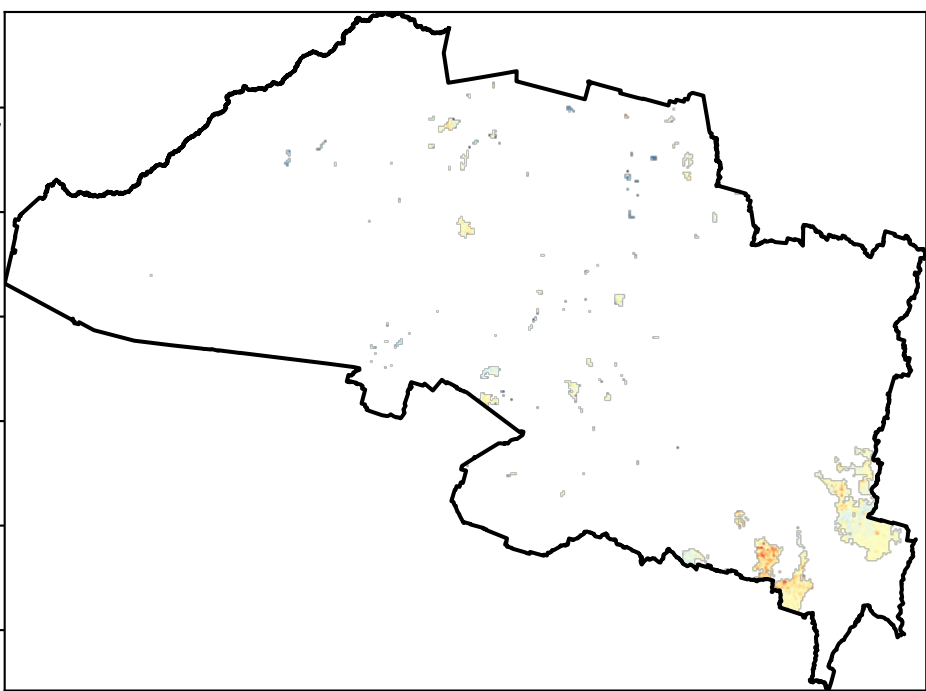


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



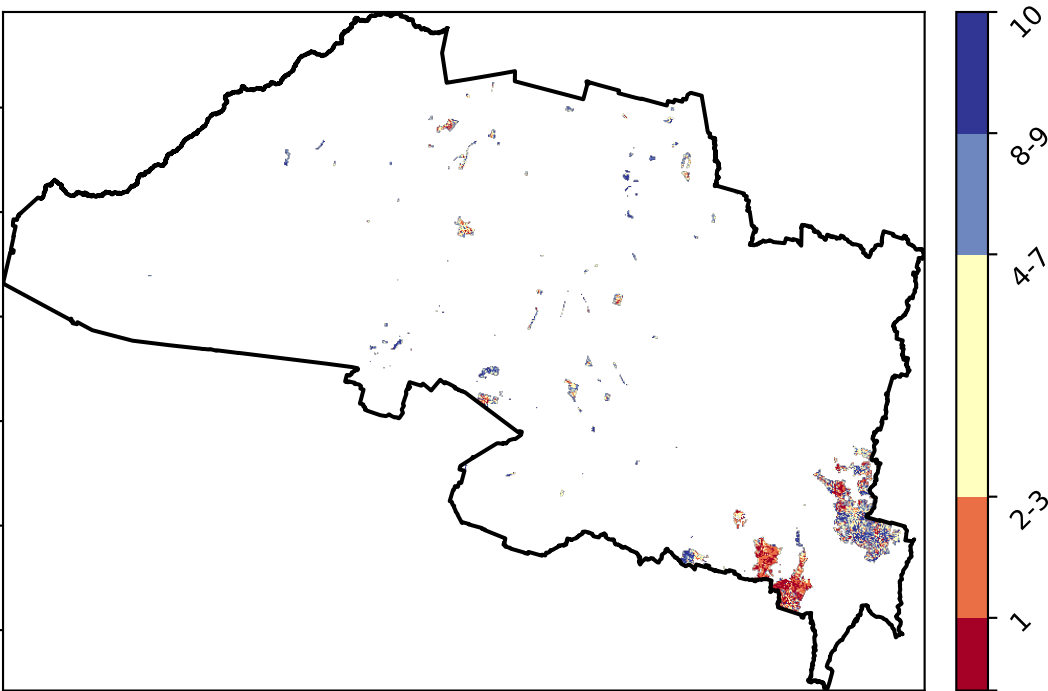
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how
many percentage
points each
pixel is from
the mean. That
is, red pixels
are about 20%
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pixel. The mean
is only for the
month of the map
using baseline
from 2001 to
2019.



Deciles show where the
pixel value lies in the
record, from highest to
lowest, for that month.
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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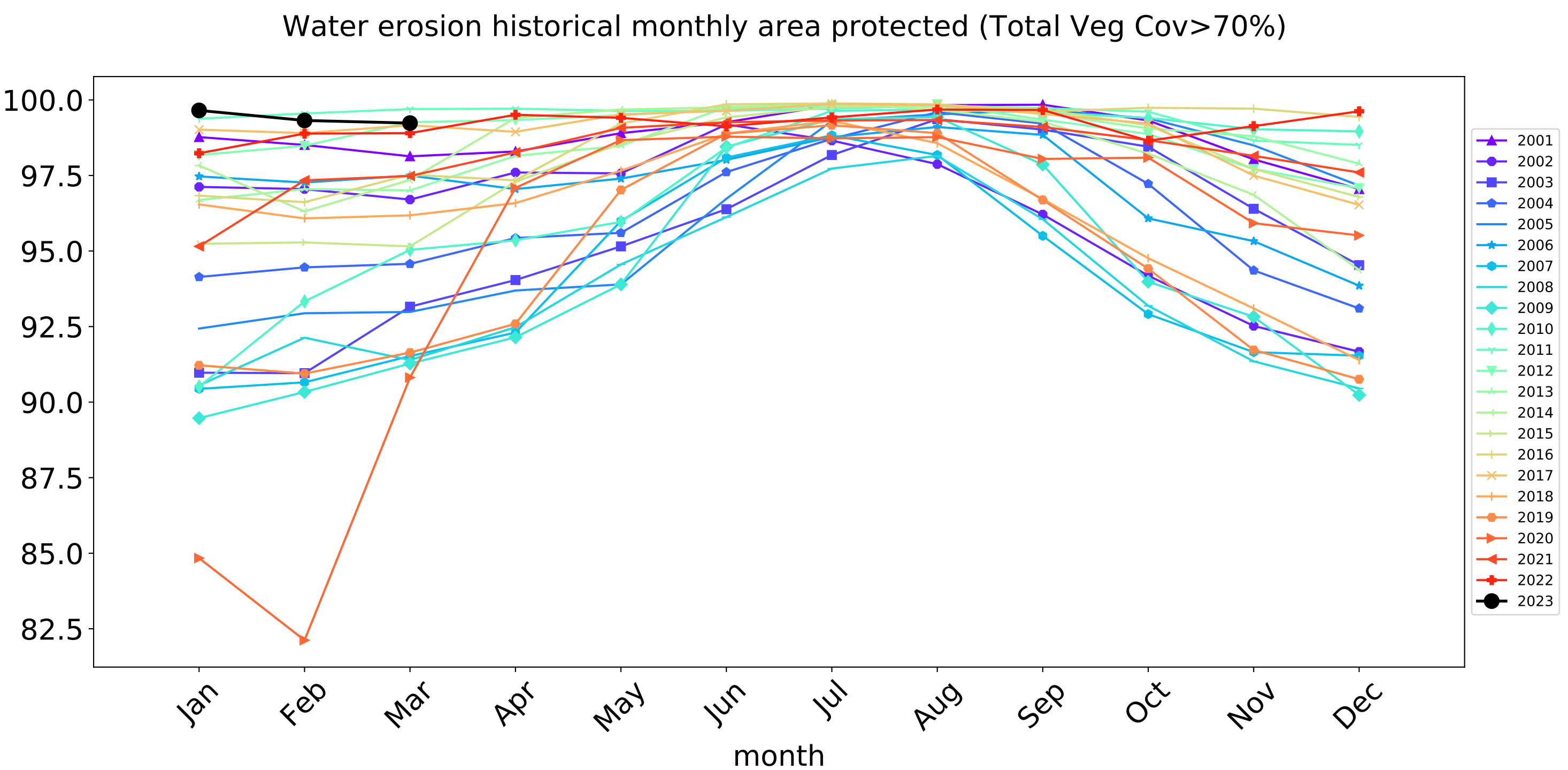
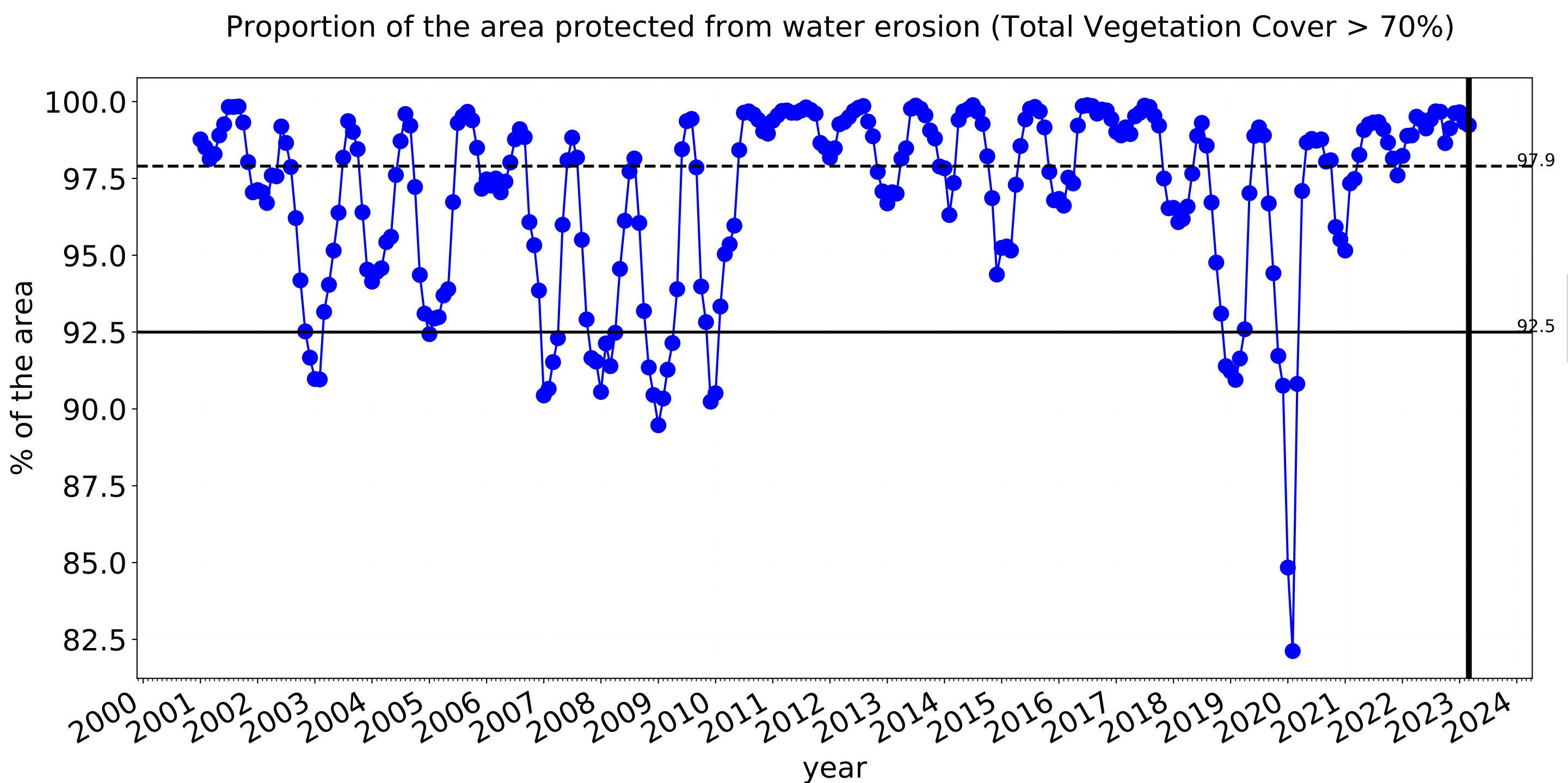
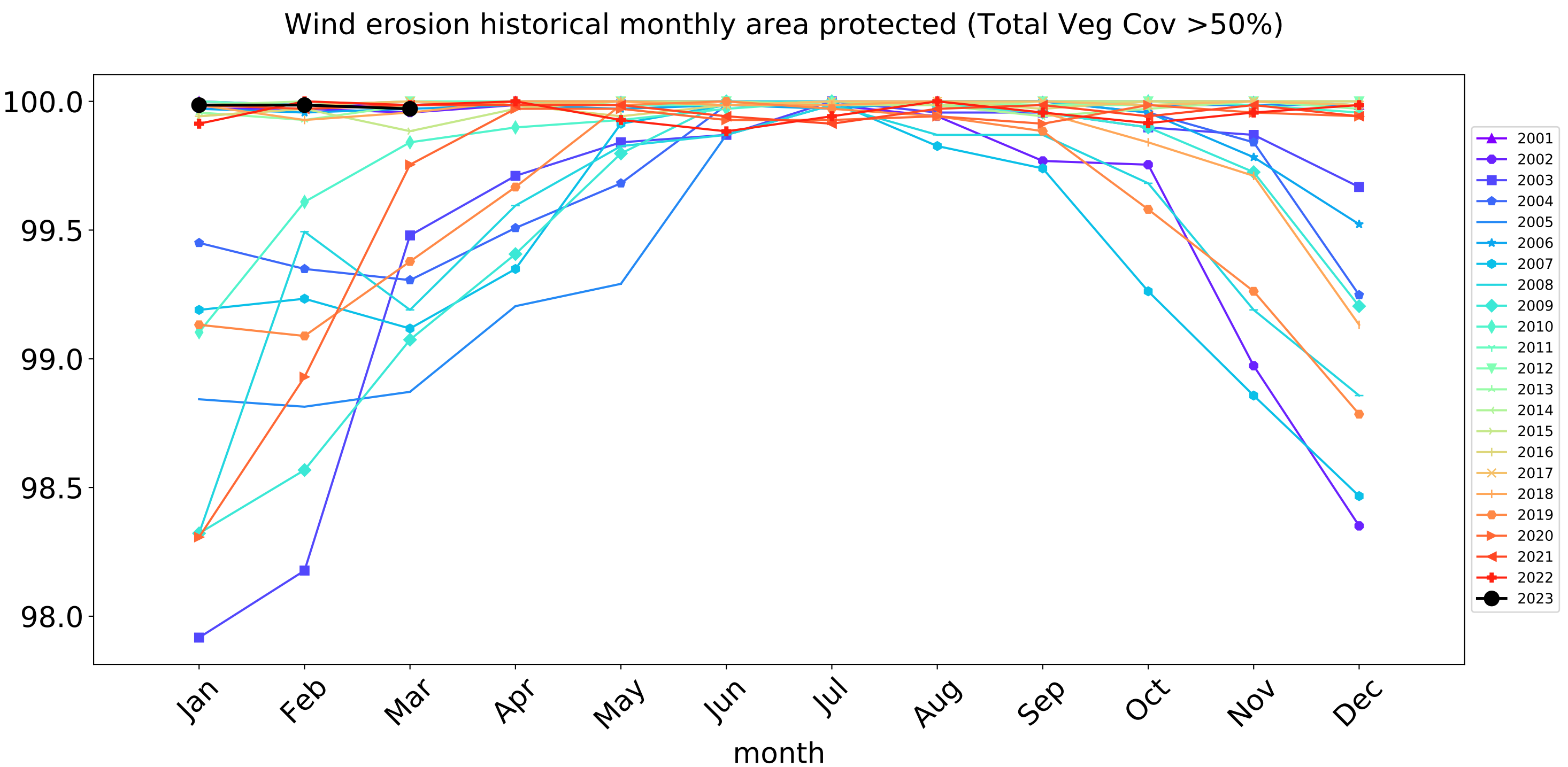
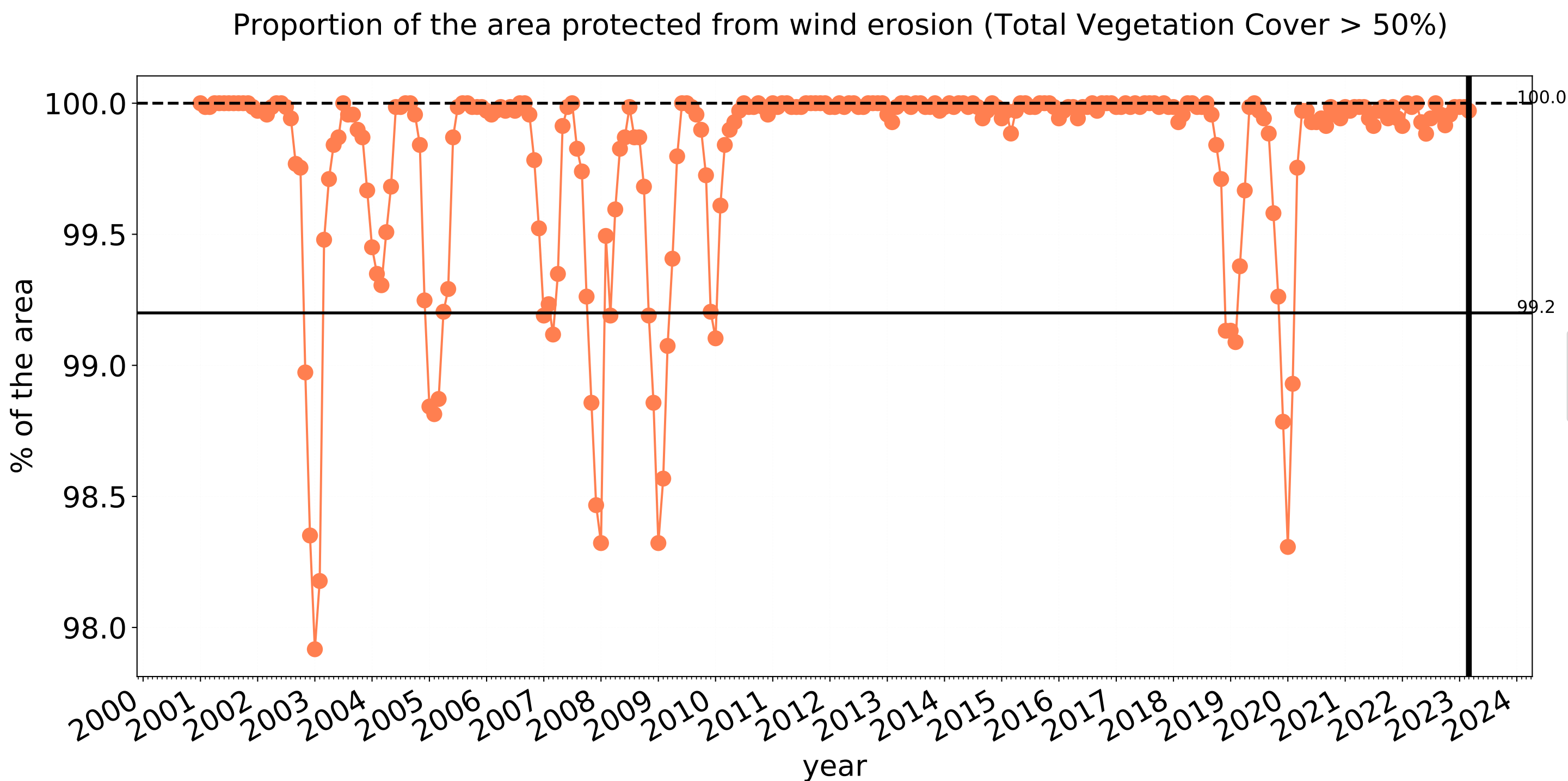


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Riverina (6,694,550 ha and no data 13,785 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	6,694,550	100.0% 6,691,600	98.5% 6,593,750	81.7% 5,472,325	60.1% 4,023,550	26.9% 1,804,025	11.5% 770,950
Conservation and natural environments	323,125	100.0% 323,125	100.0% 323,075	97.1% 313,775	85.2% 275,300	56.0% 181,100	30.7% 99,075
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	100.0% 83,325	89.5% 74,600	47.8% 39,825	20.8% 17,375	11.4% 9,525
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,275	100.0% 195,275	100.0% 195,250	99.9% 195,025	98.9% 193,075	76.4% 149,150	43.5% 84,975
Agriculture	6,067,975	100.0% 6,066,875	98.4% 5,971,825	80.5% 4,884,625	58.0% 3,519,625	24.7% 1,498,575	9.9% 602,575
Grazing	2,311,600	100.0% 2,310,825	99.8% 2,307,475	91.1% 2,105,700	72.0% 1,664,600	35.6% 823,675	16.3% 376,650
Grazing non forest	2,066,600	100.0% 2,065,825	99.8% 2,062,600	90.3% 1,866,300	70.2% 1,451,000	35.5% 733,700	16.8% 346,800
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.9% 141,525	96.9% 137,300	83.2% 117,850	21.5% 30,425	4.4% 6,275
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	98.8% 102,100	92.6% 95,750	57.6% 59,550	22.8% 23,575
Cropping	3,186,950	100.0% 3,186,750	97.9% 3,121,150	76.0% 2,420,800	51.9% 1,653,100	19.6% 625,075	6.7% 213,525
Irrigation	567,600	100.0% 567,475	95.4% 541,375	62.8% 356,375	35.4% 200,750	8.8% 49,675	2.2% 12,400
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,825	100.0% 172,825	100.0% 172,775	99.2% 171,500	94.6% 163,525	60.9% 105,250	37.4% 64,575

