Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Riverina NSW

Date: March 2024

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

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

• Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:

• Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.

• Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

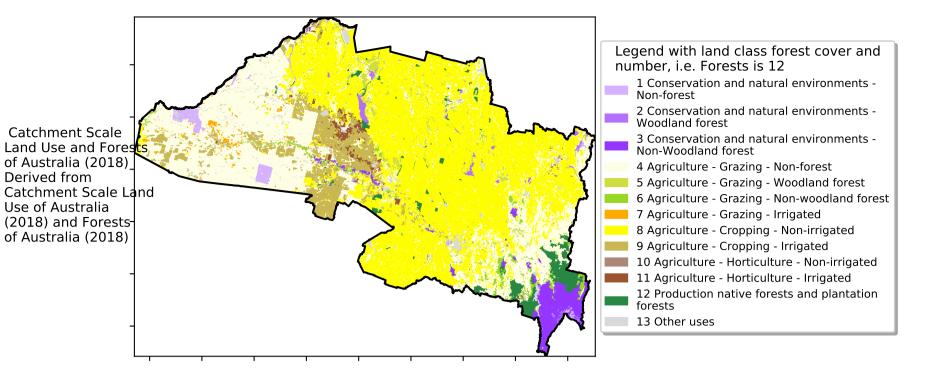
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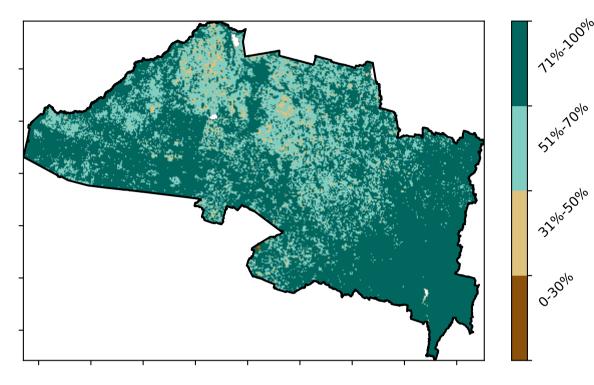
Vegetation Cover Mar 2024

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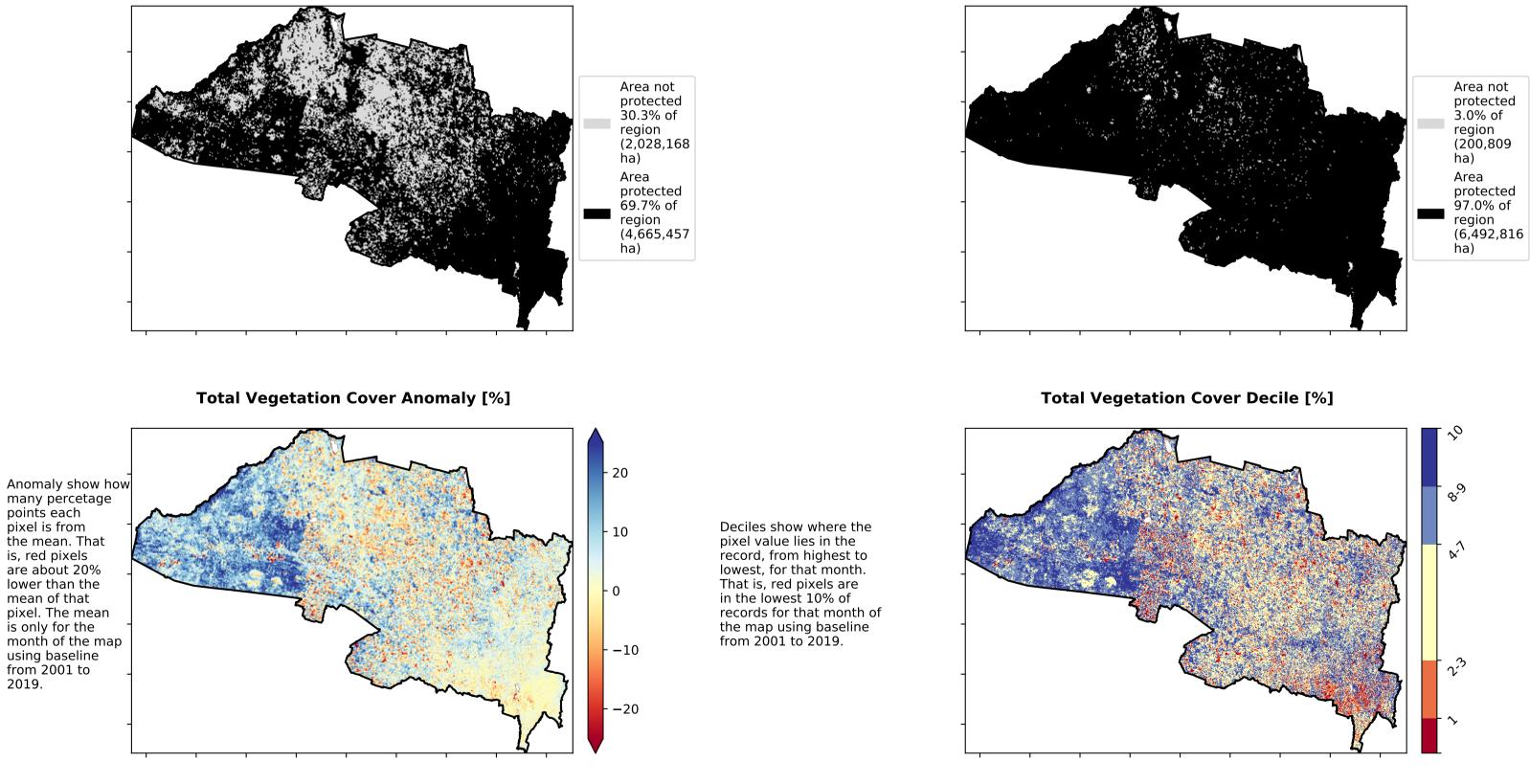
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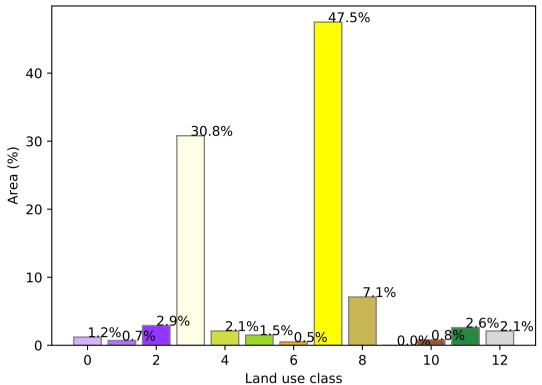


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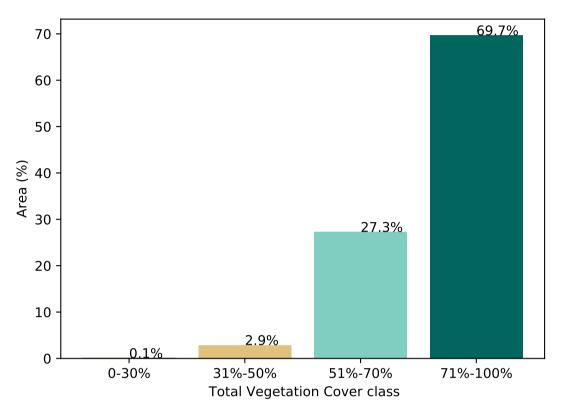


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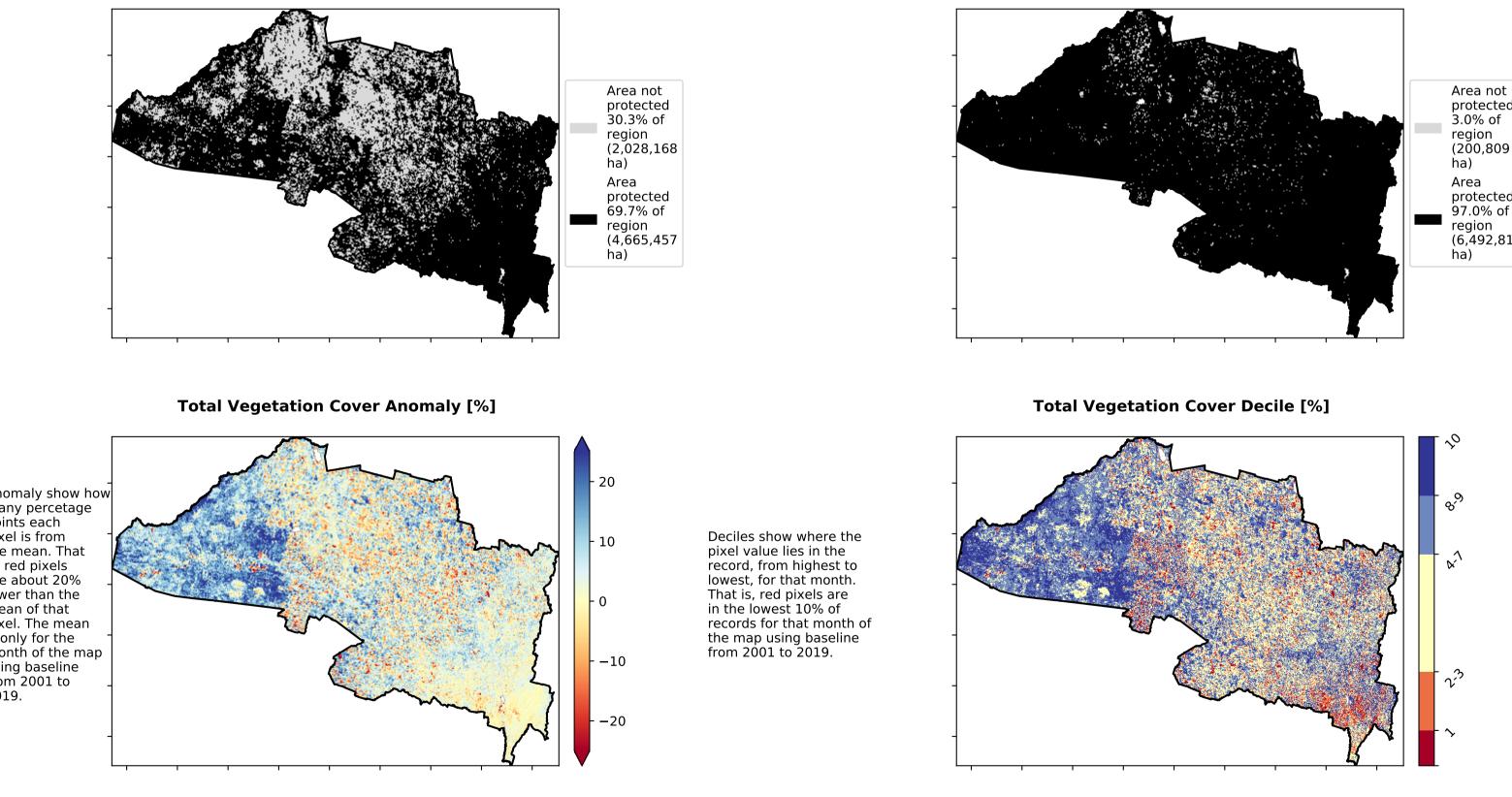




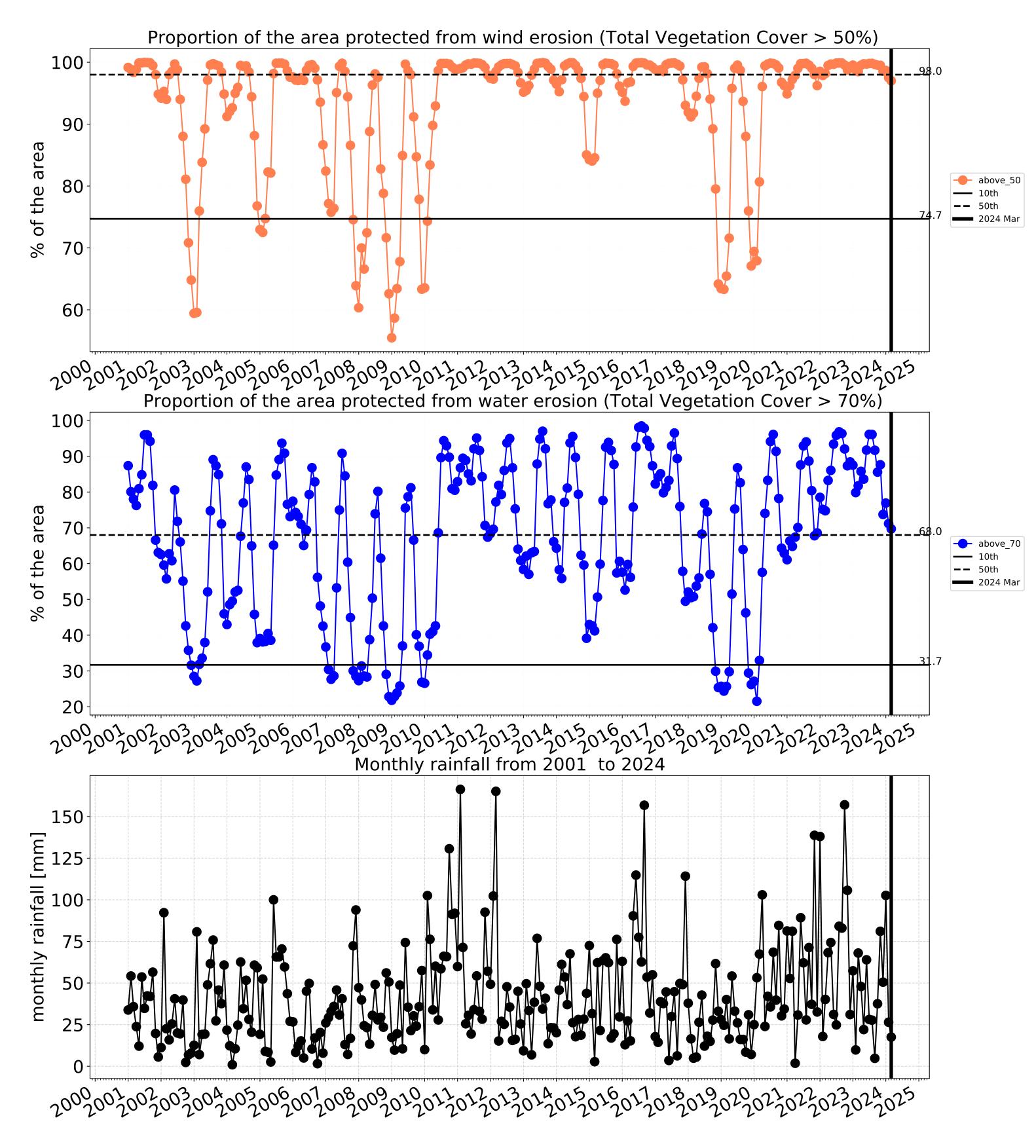
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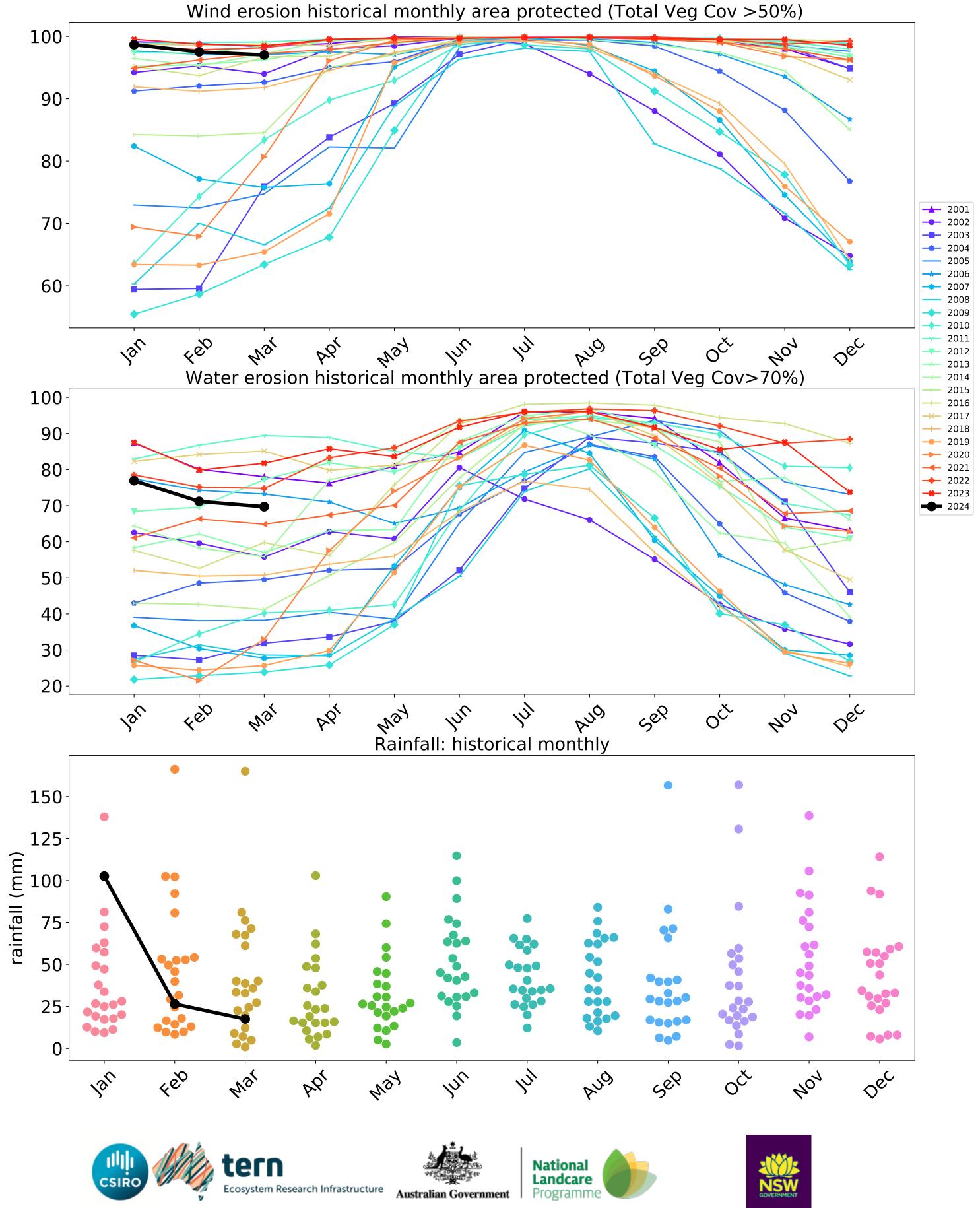


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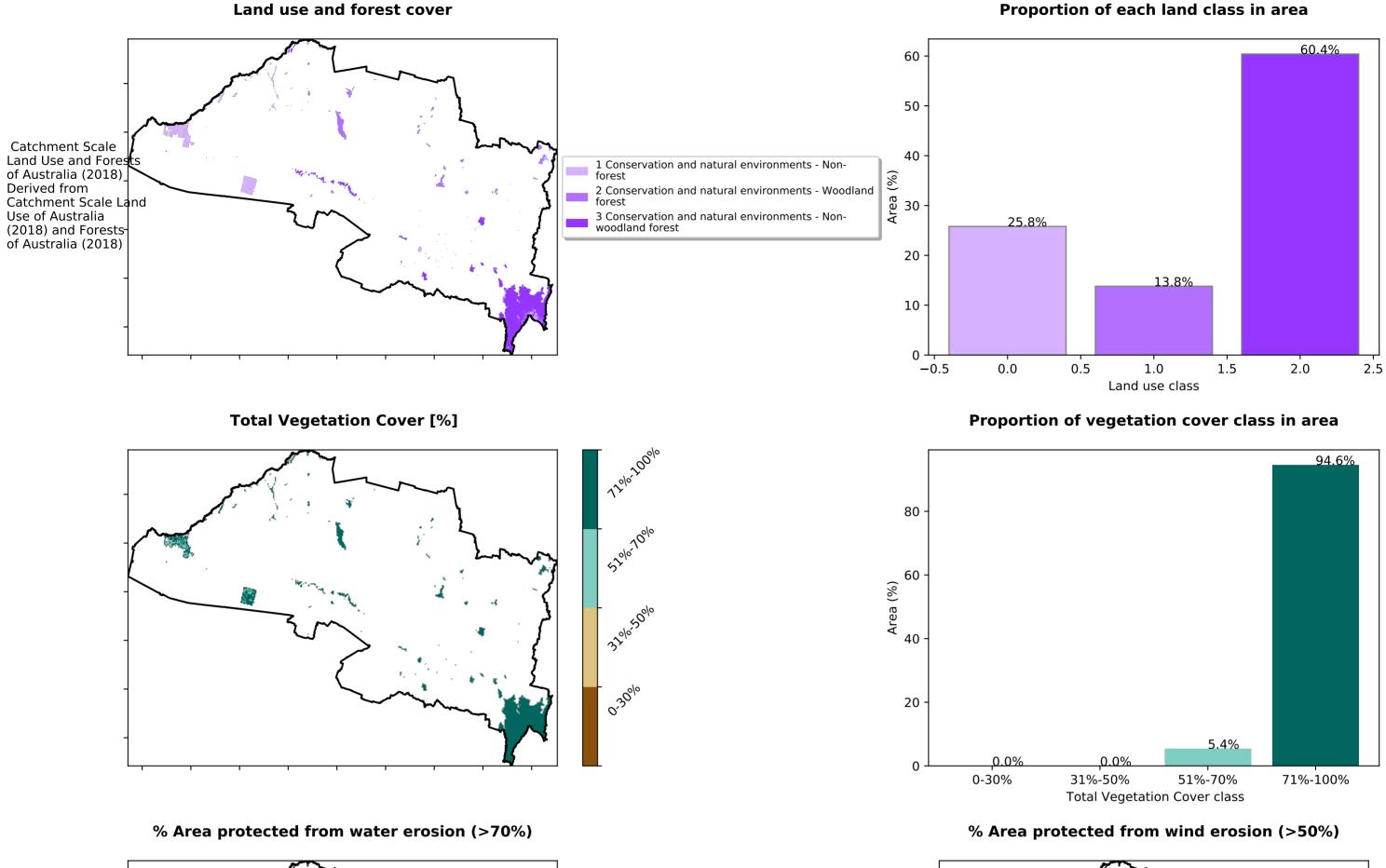






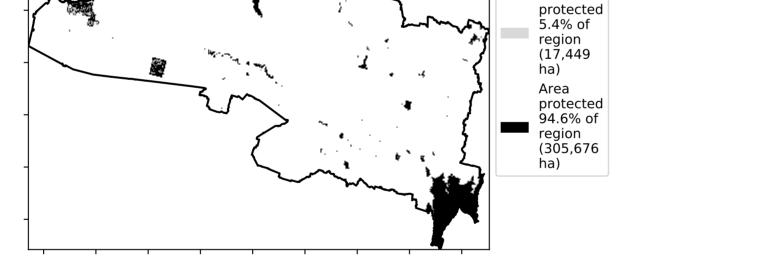


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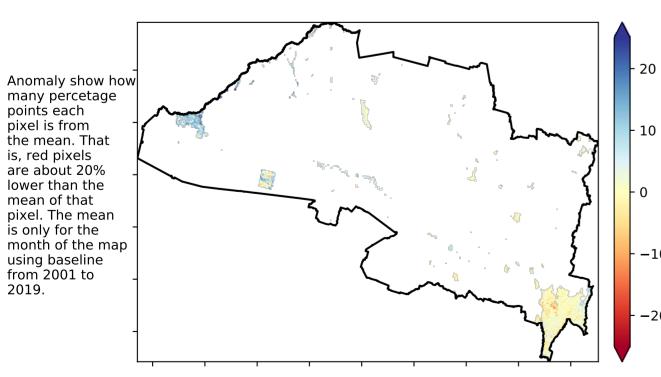




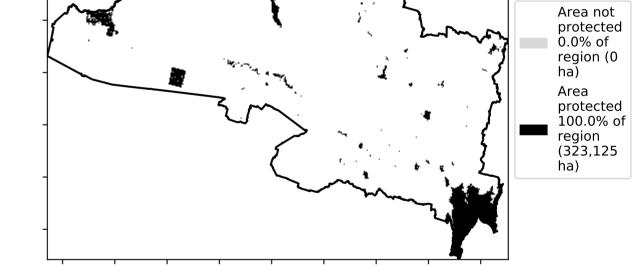




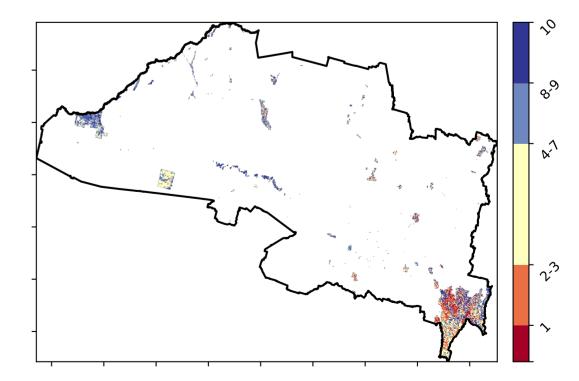
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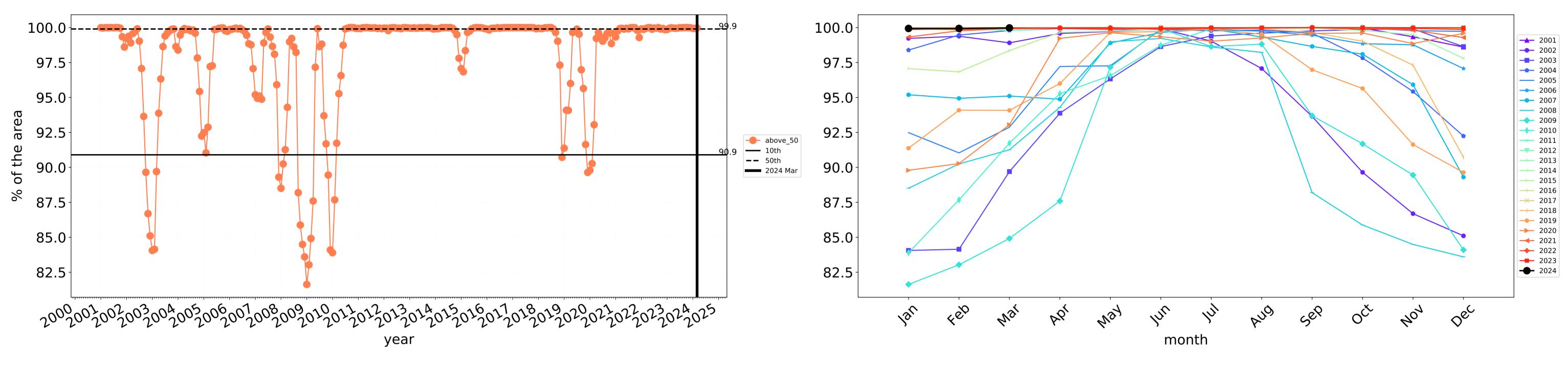




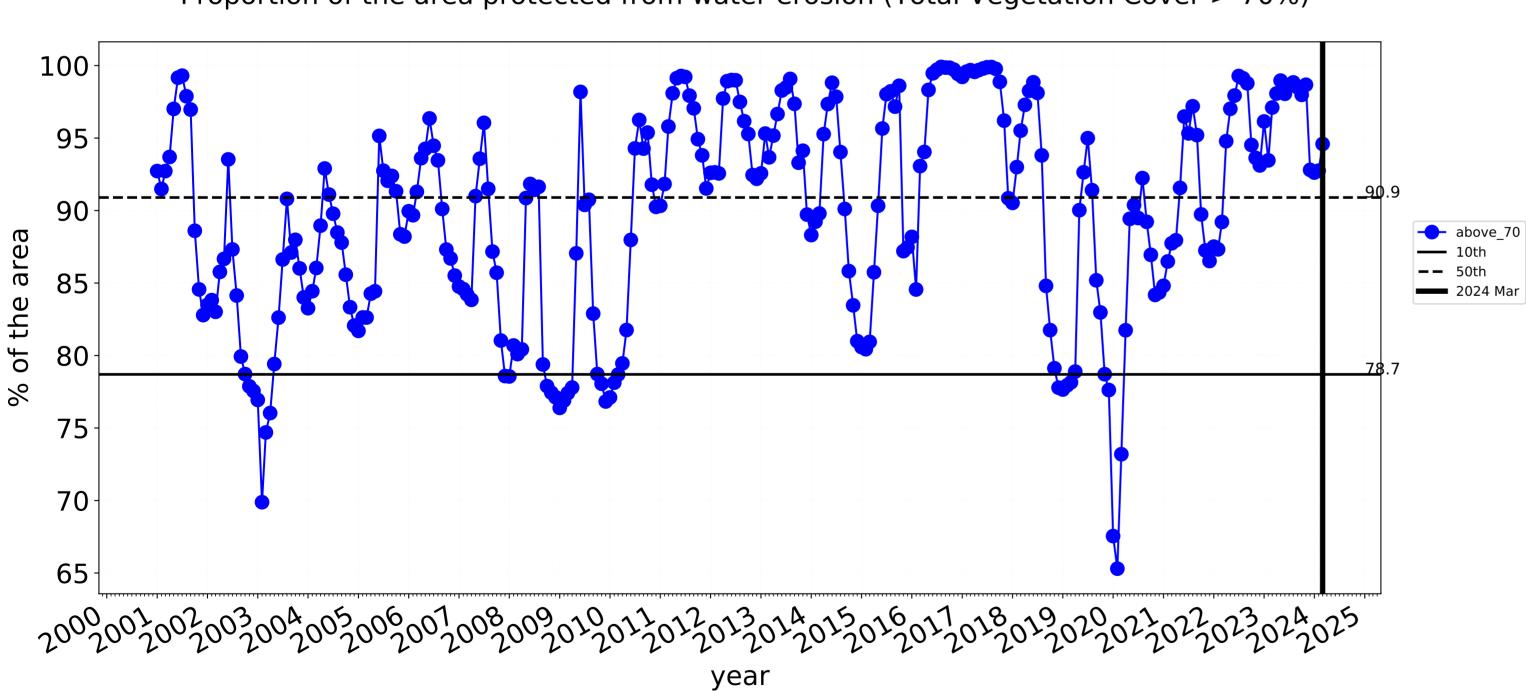
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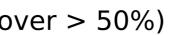
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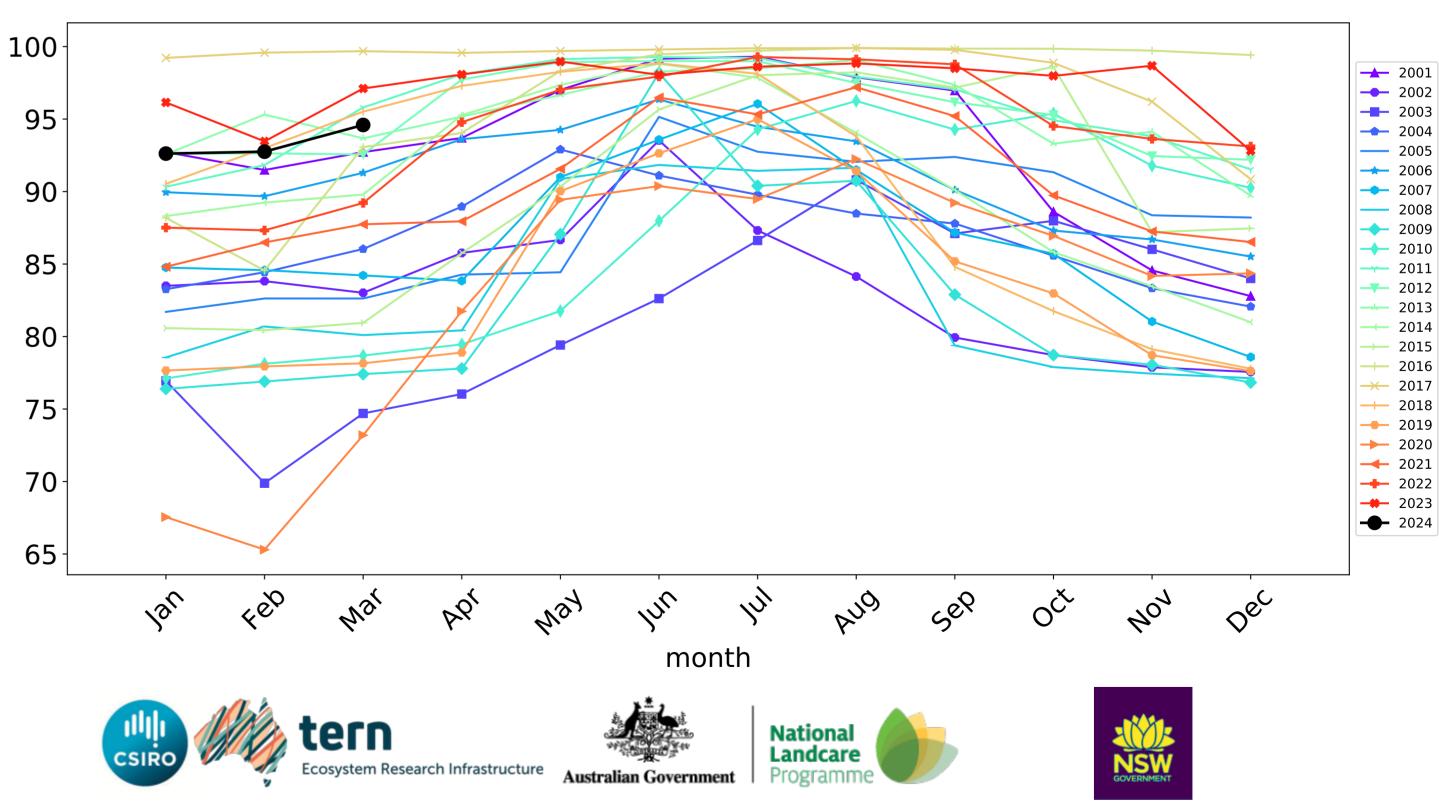


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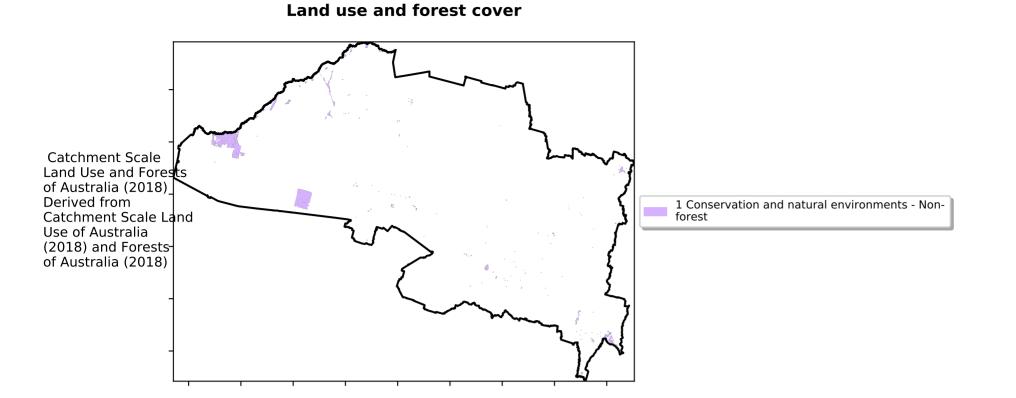


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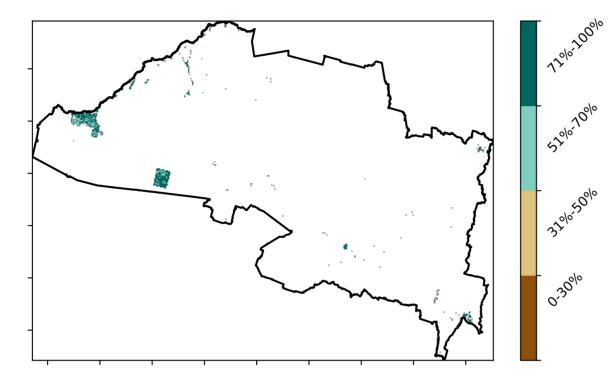
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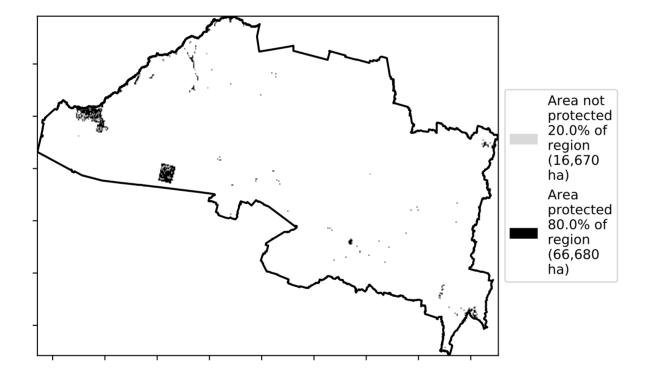
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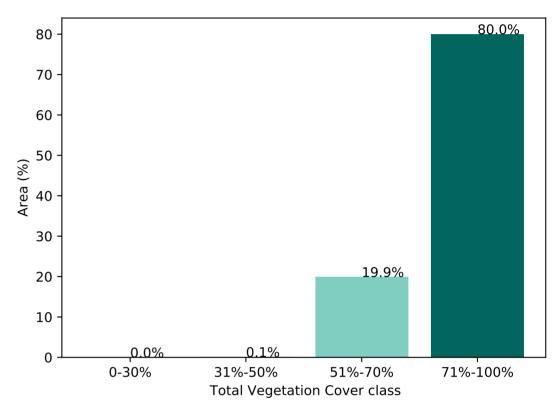
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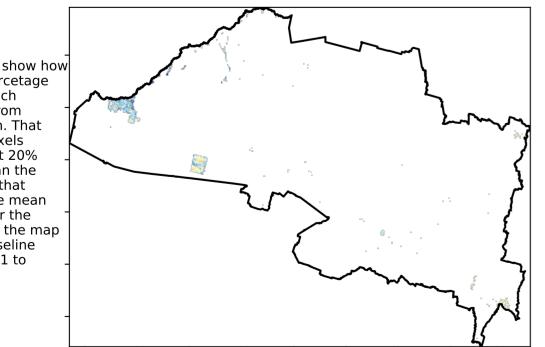
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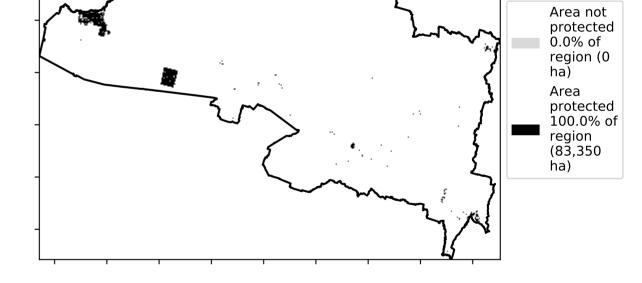
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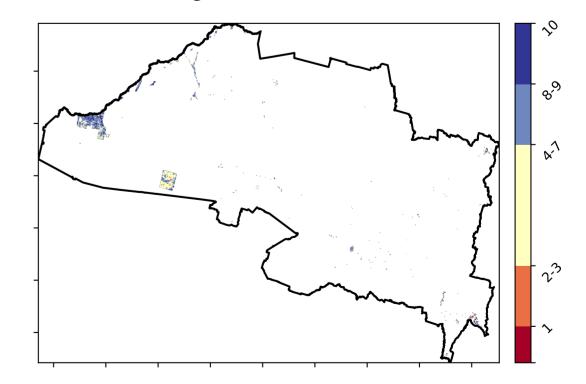
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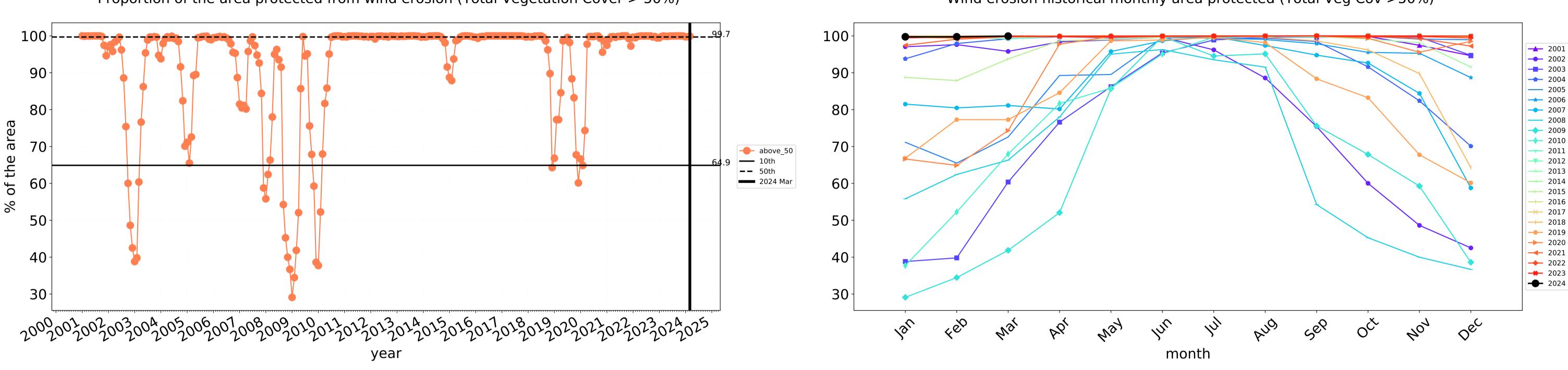
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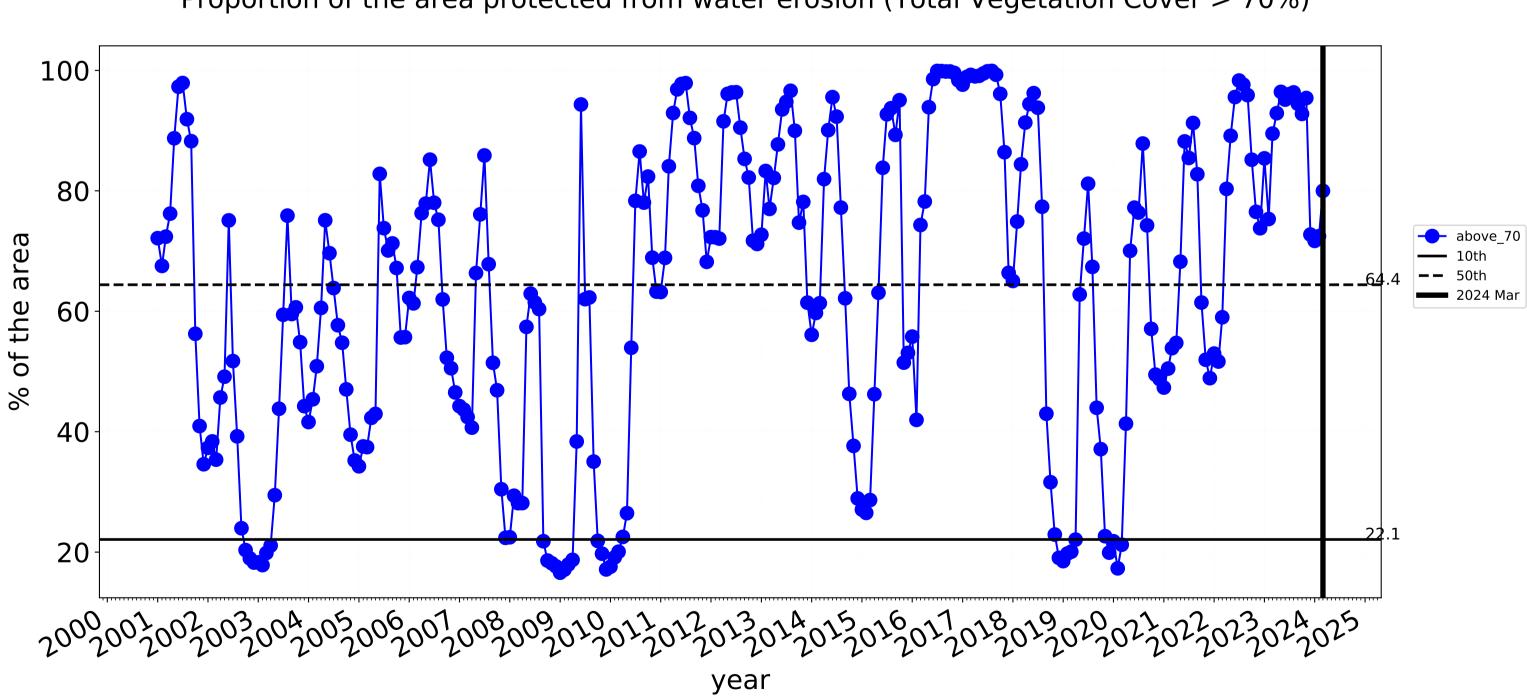
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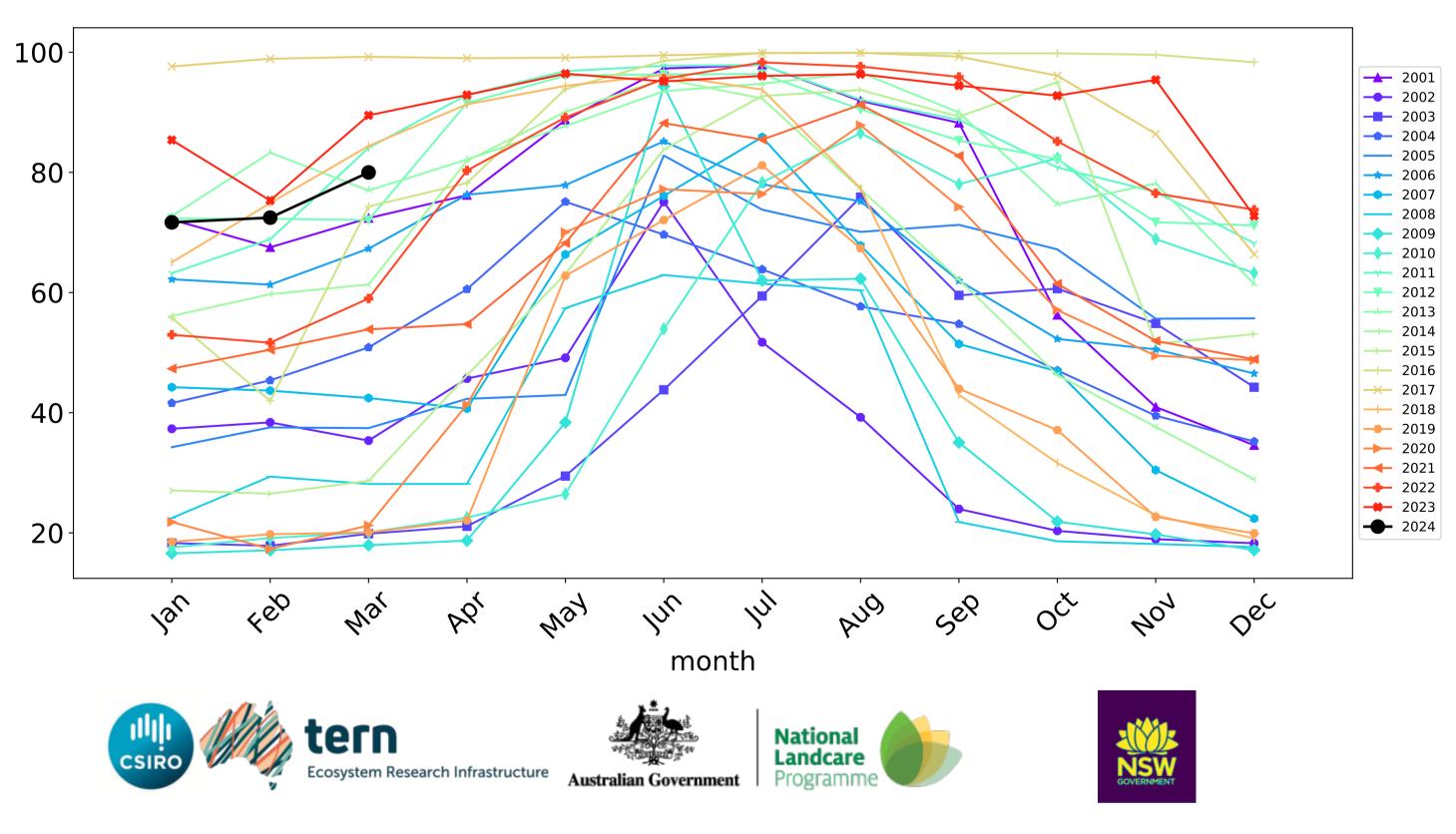
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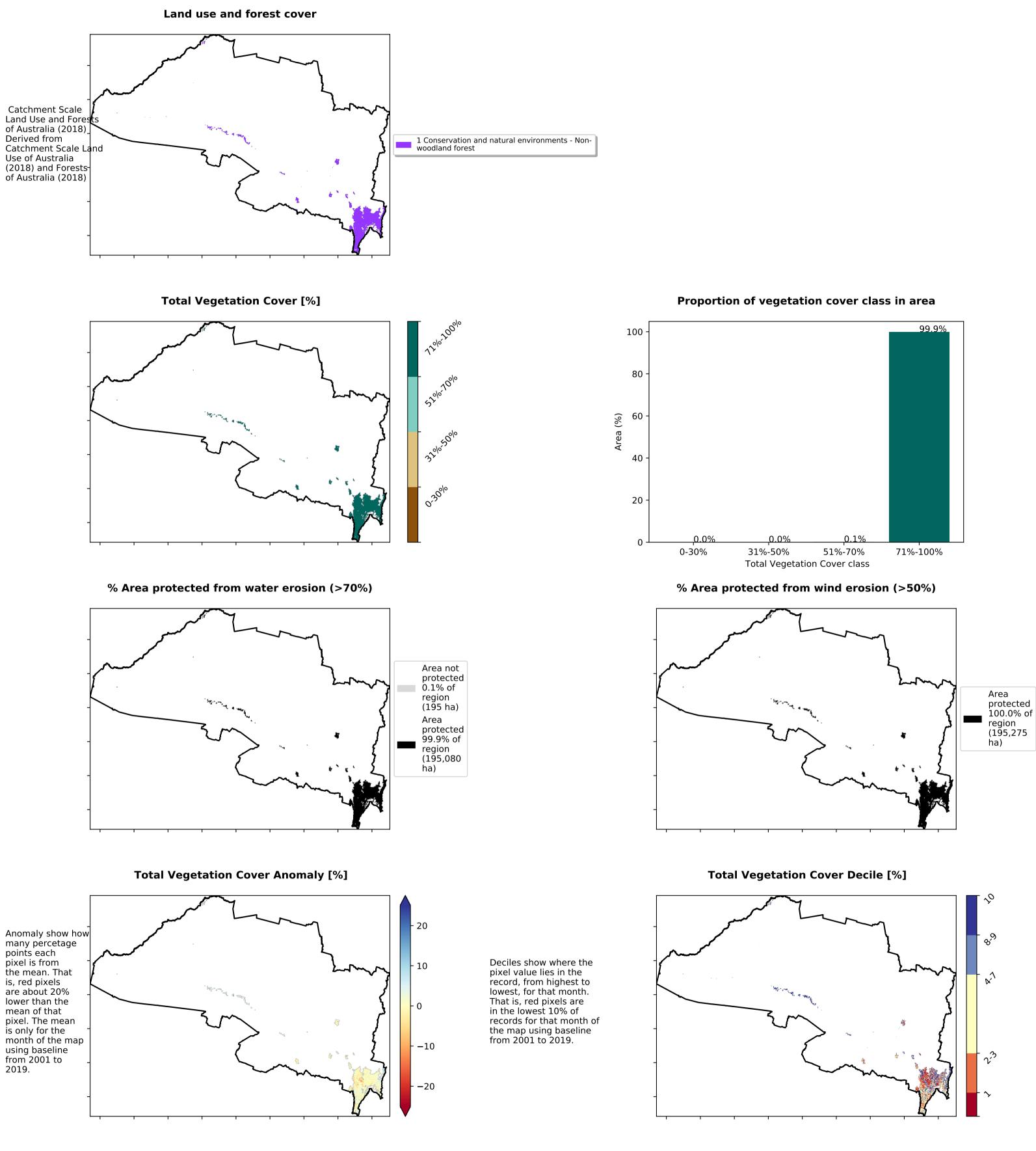


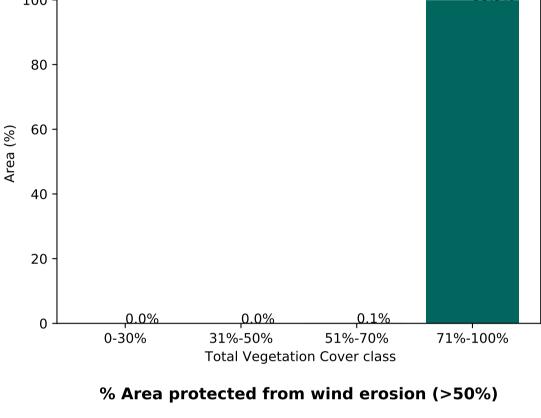
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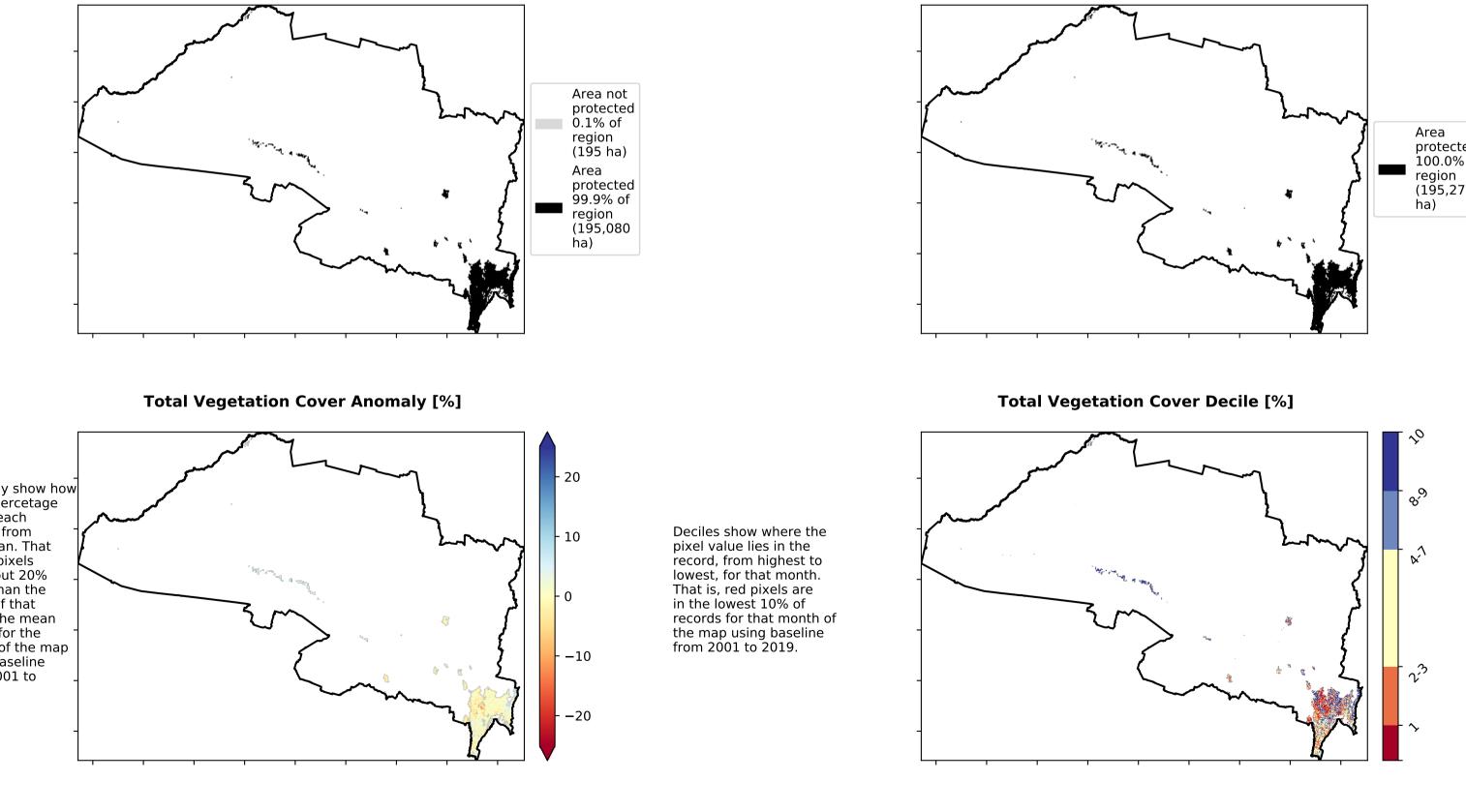


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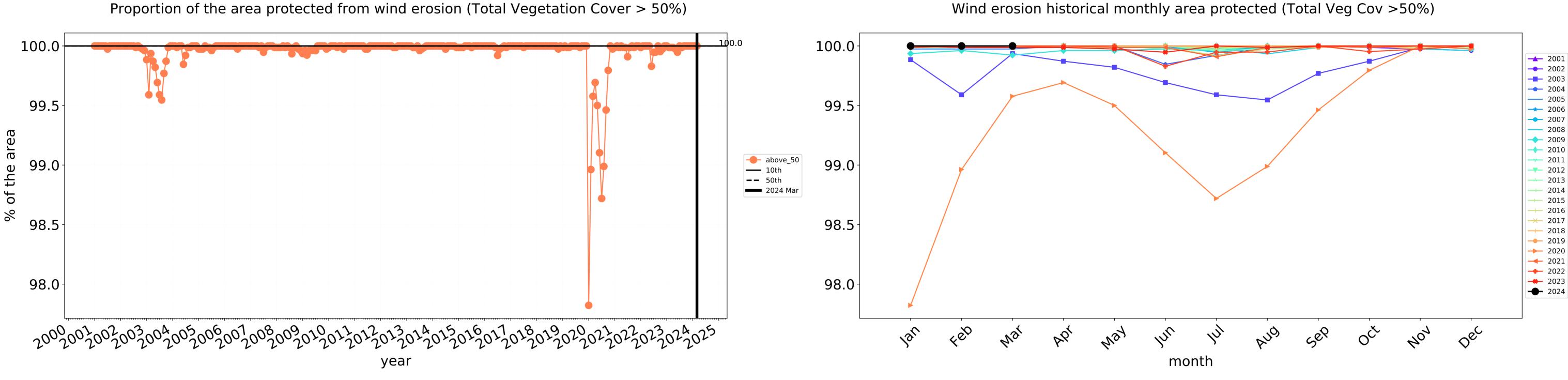






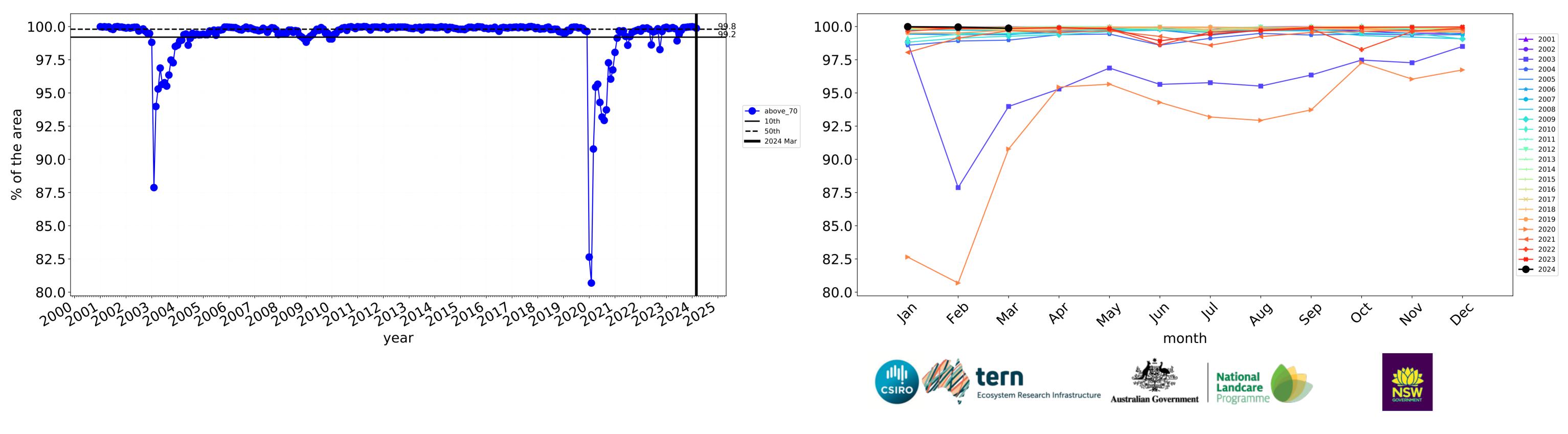


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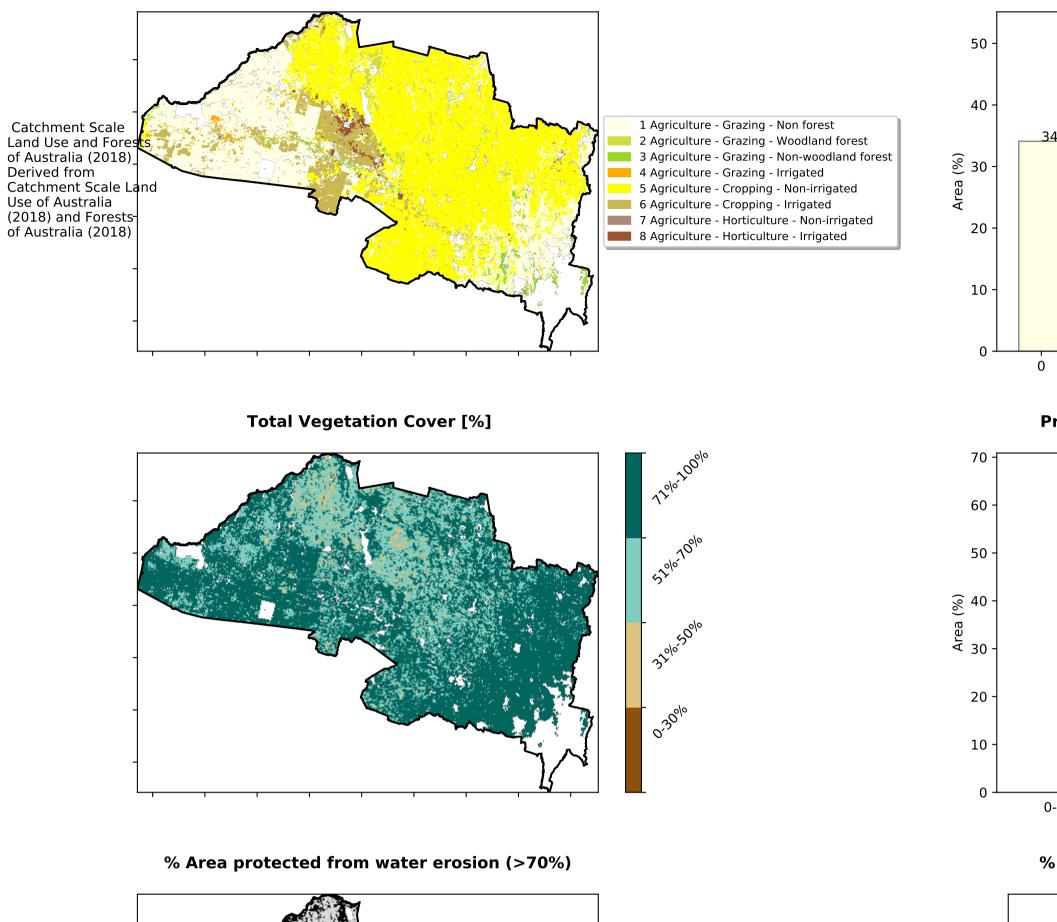


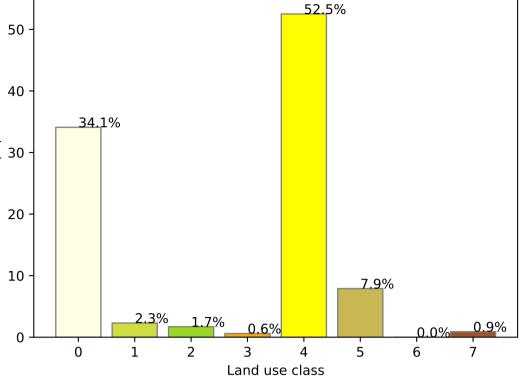
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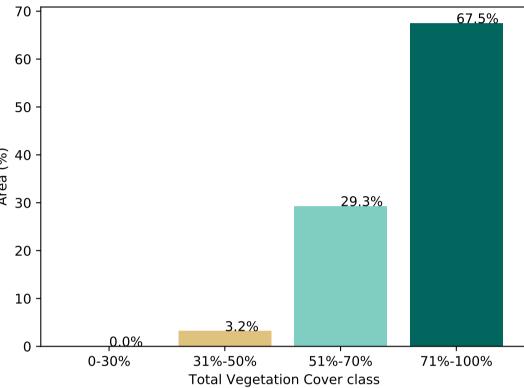
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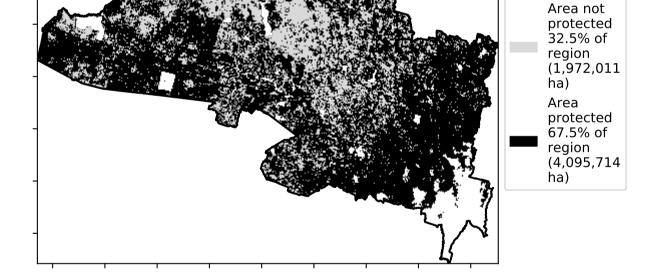


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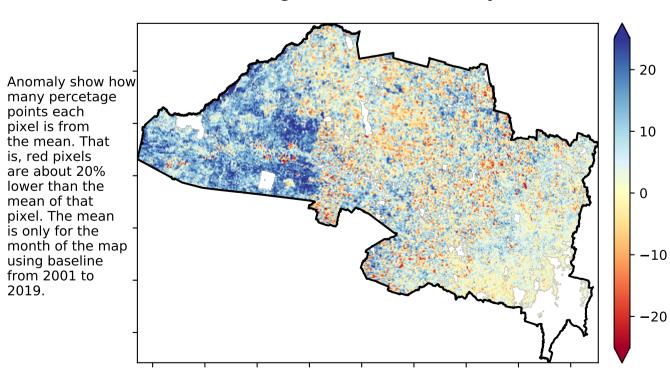


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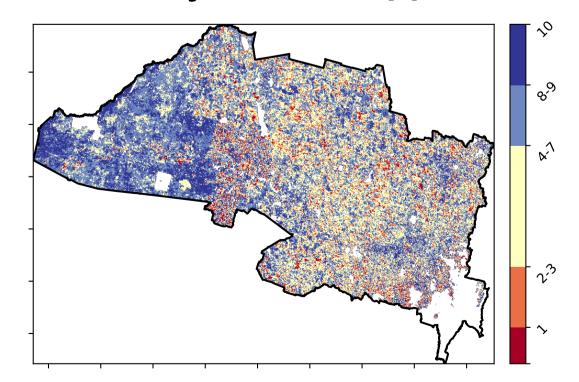




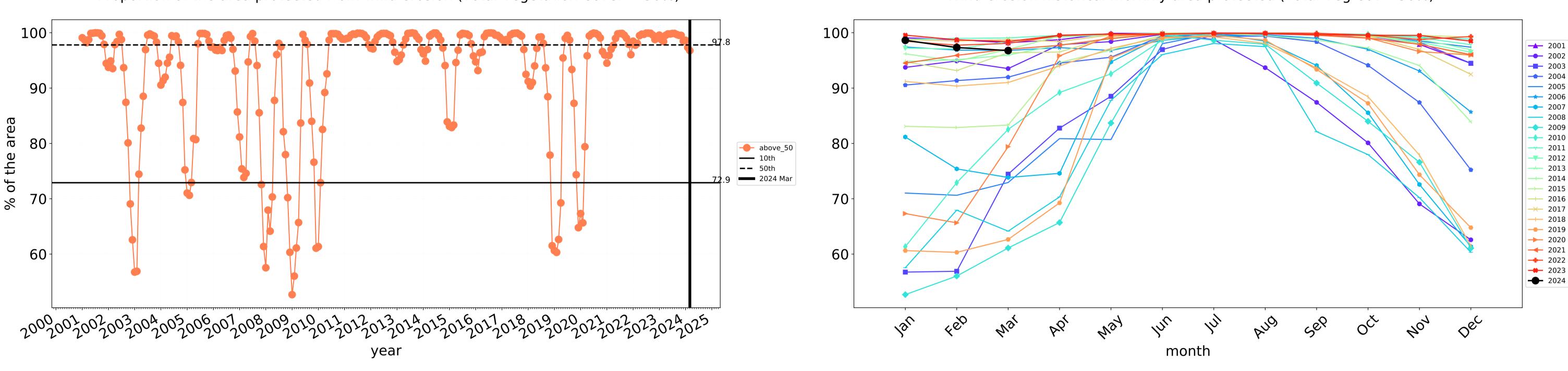
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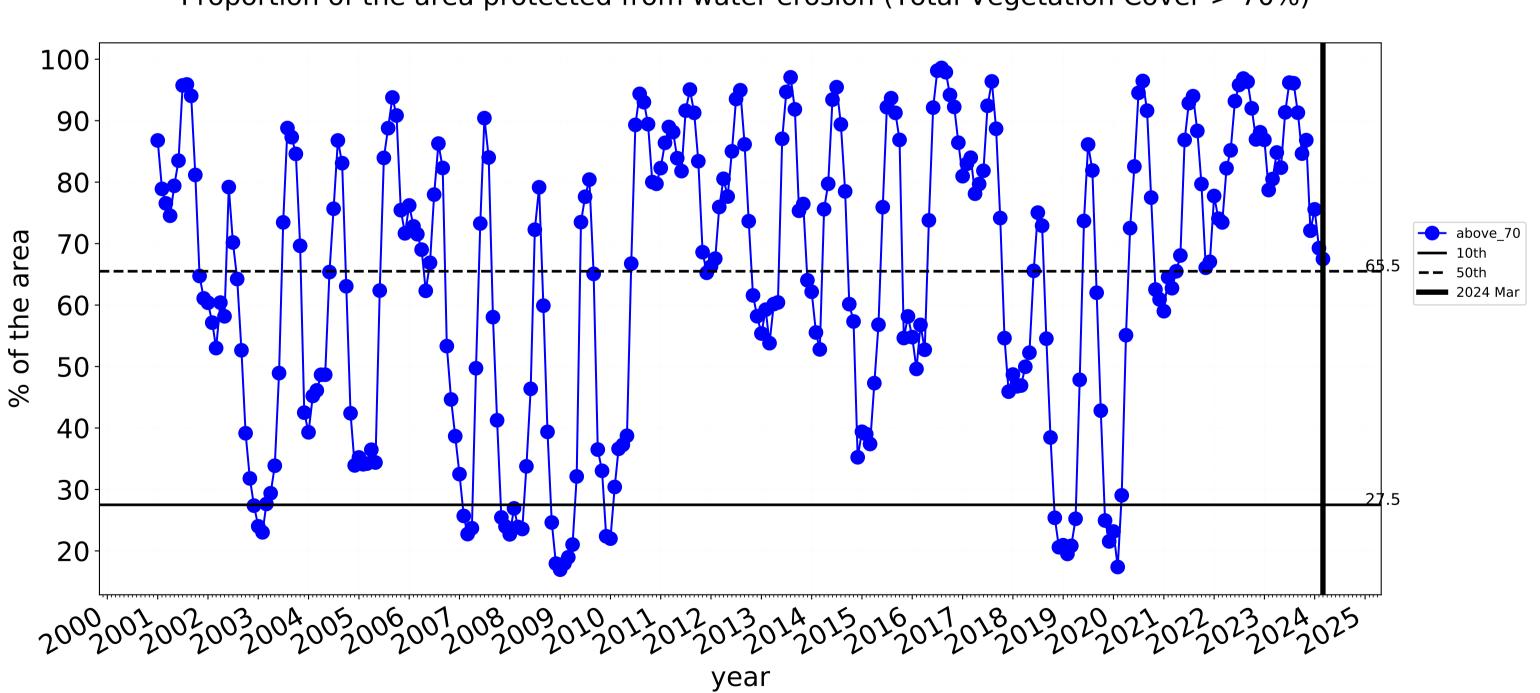
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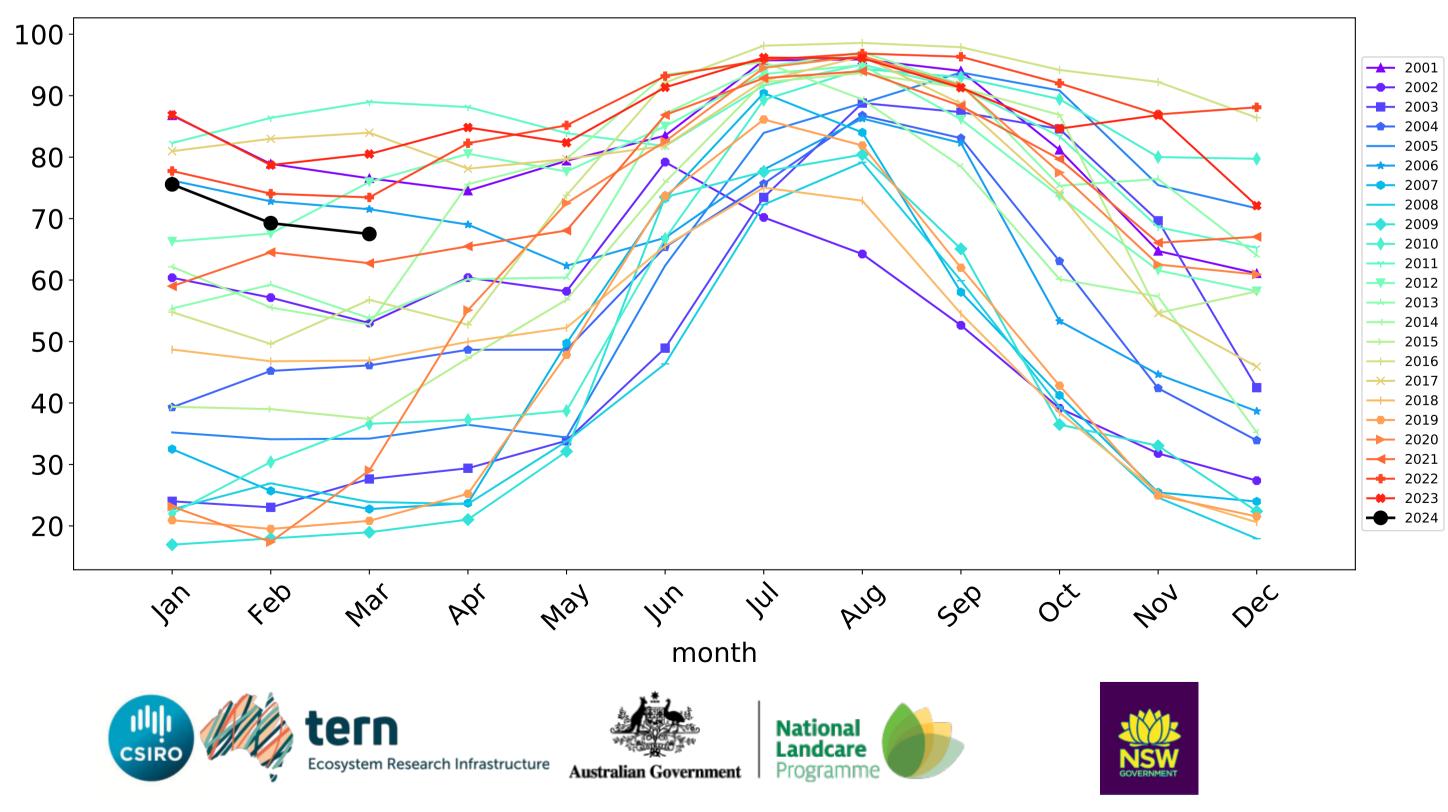
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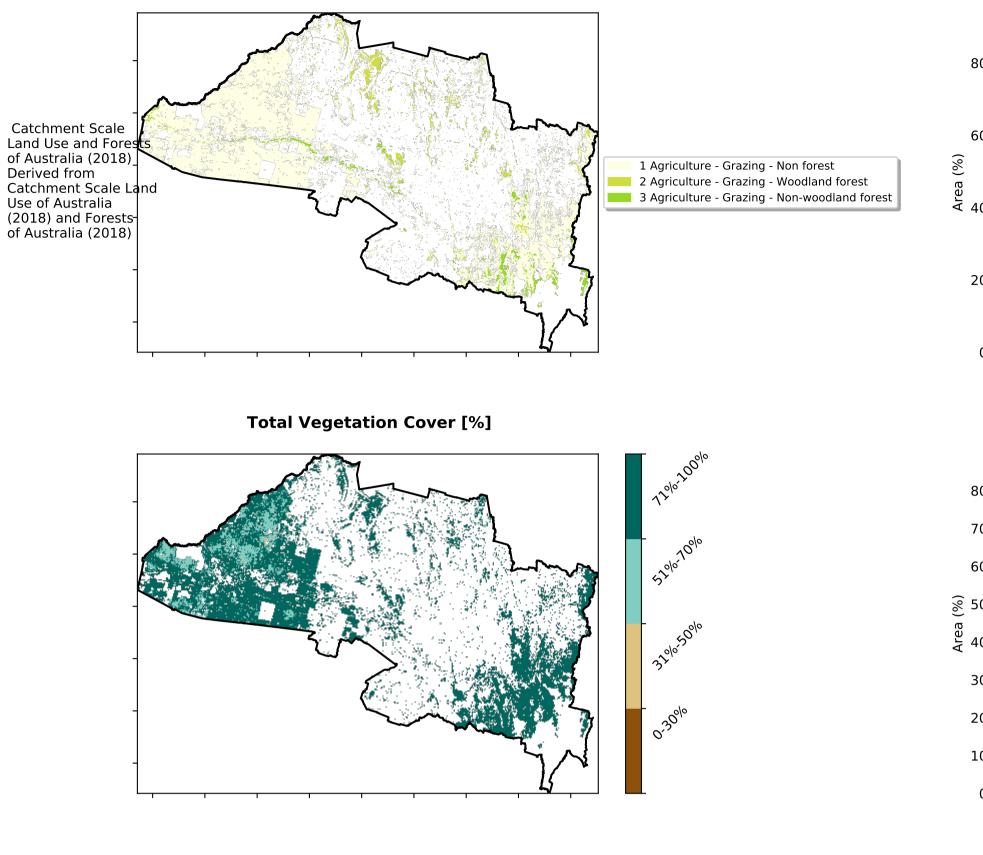
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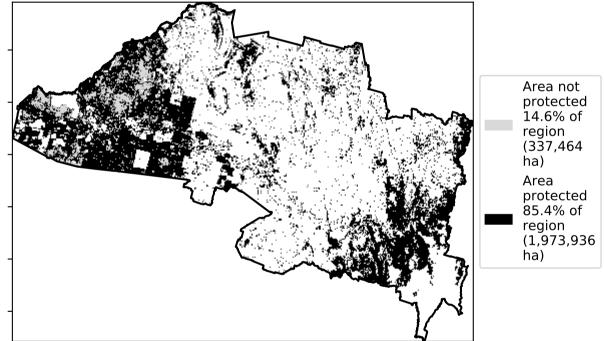
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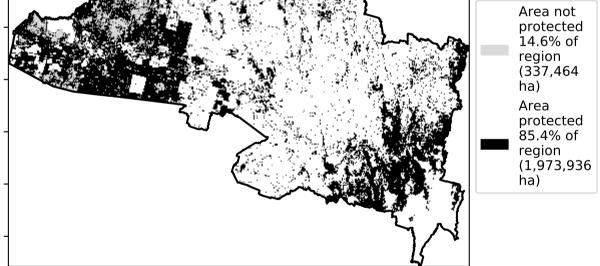
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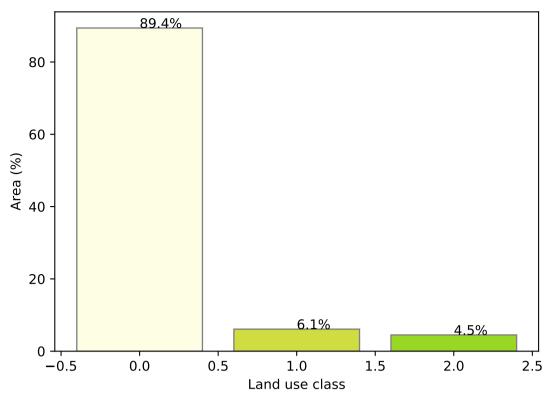




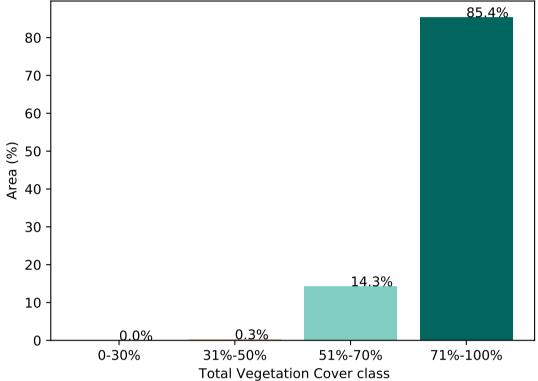




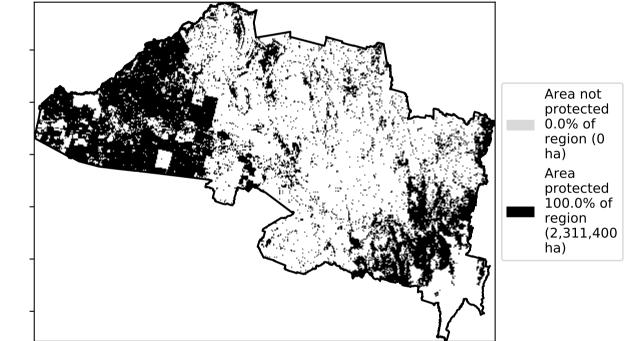




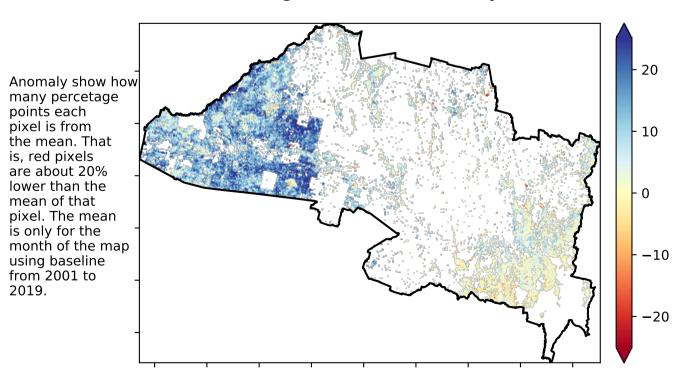
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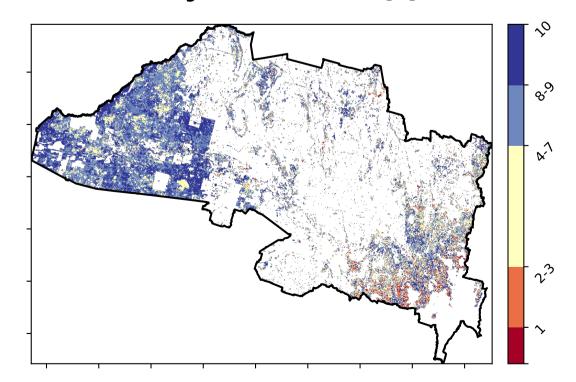
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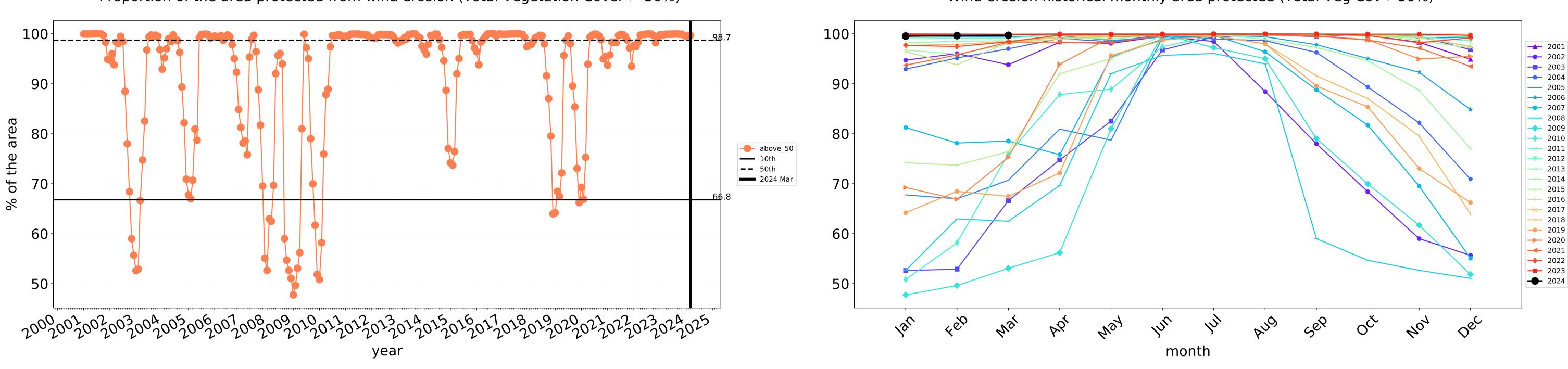
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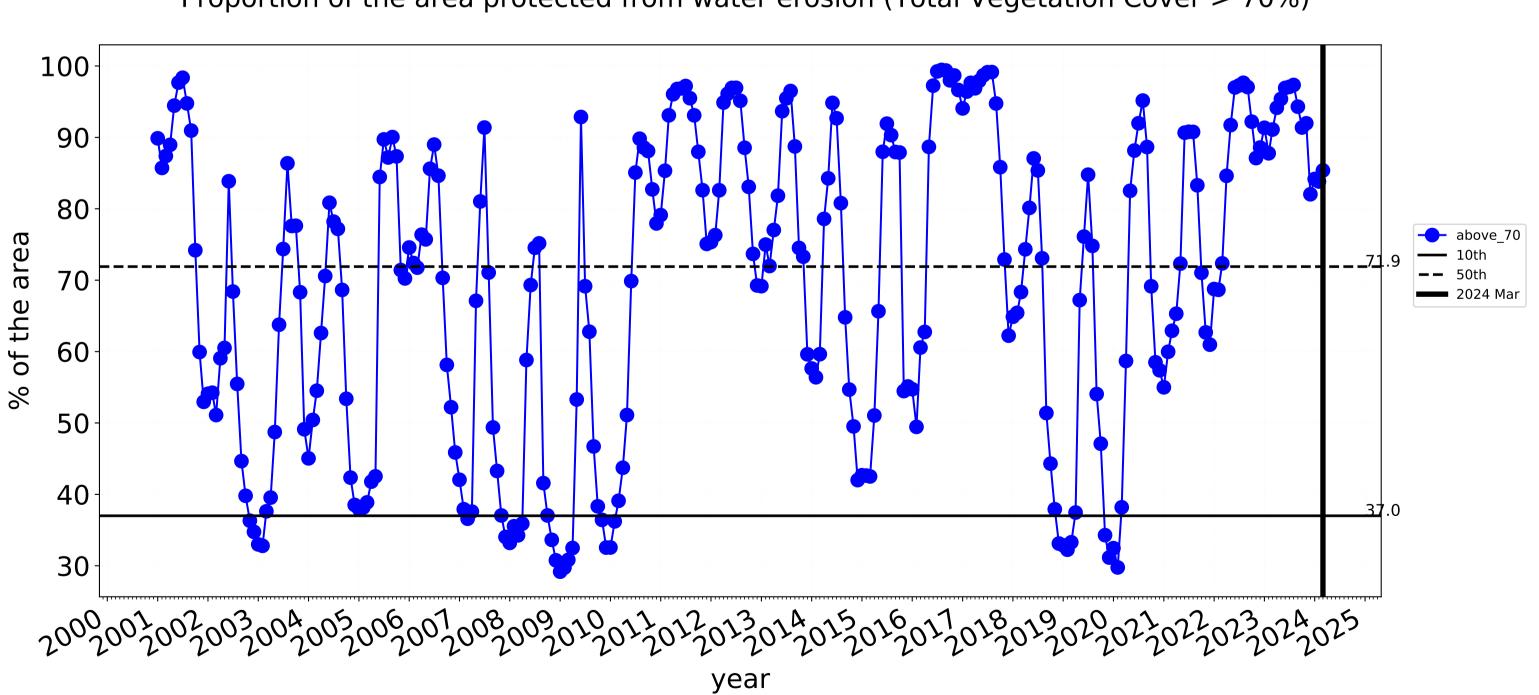
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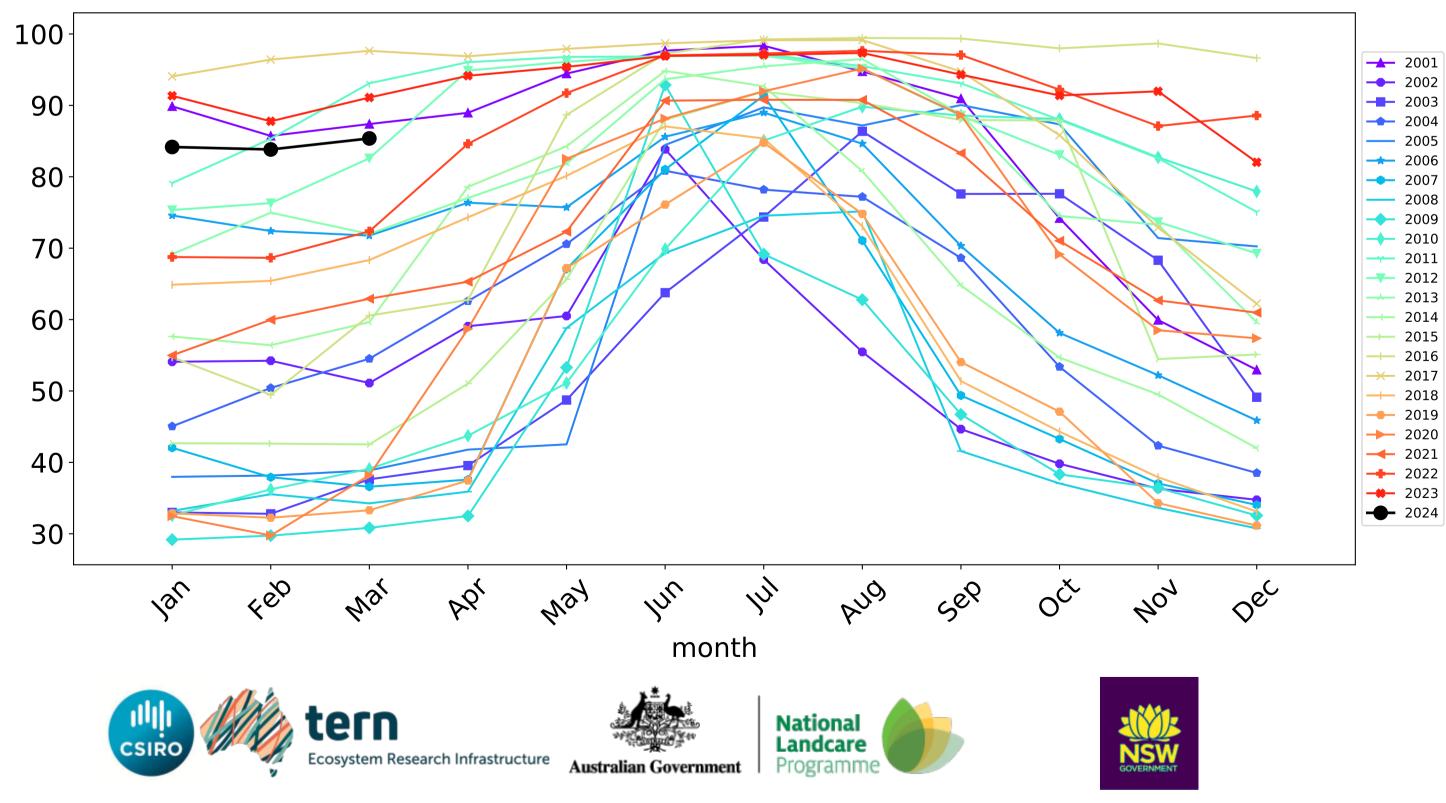


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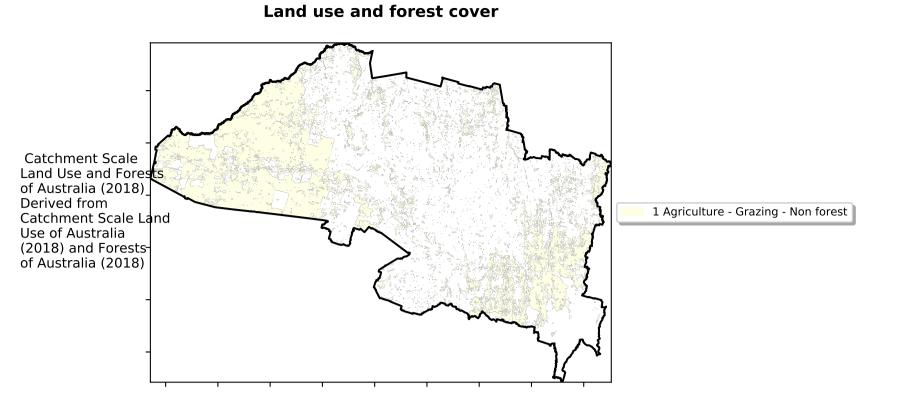


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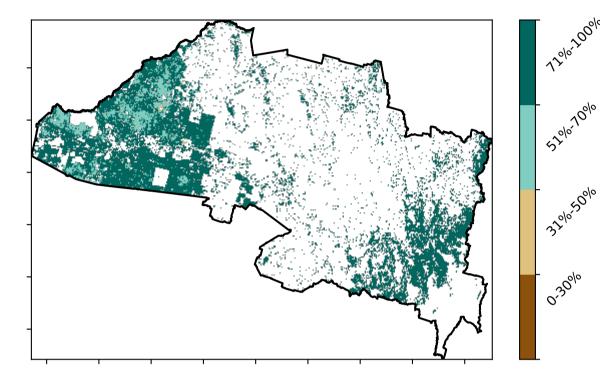
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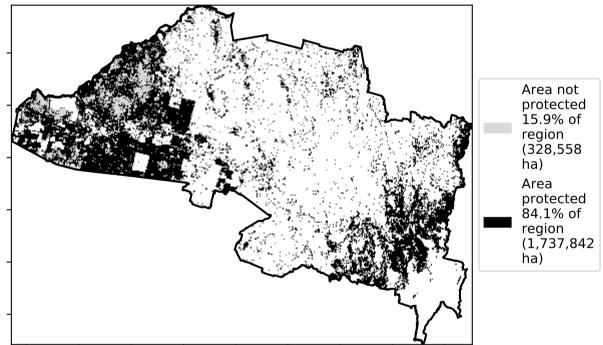
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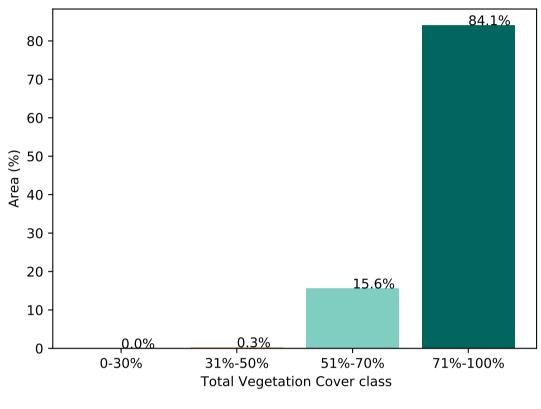
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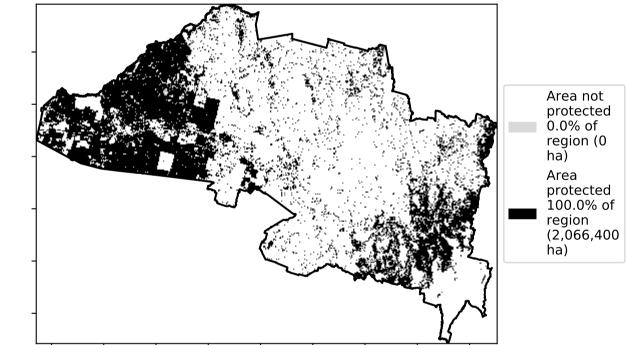
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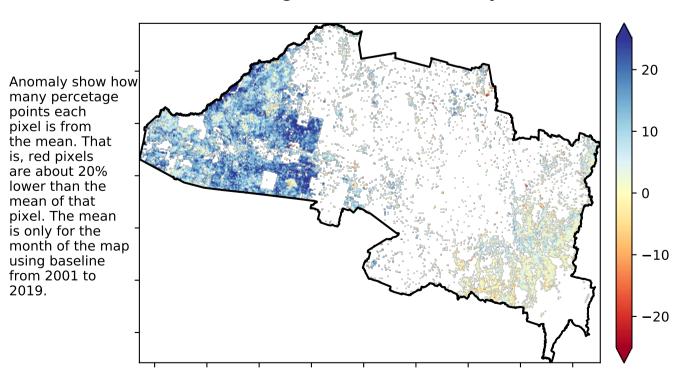
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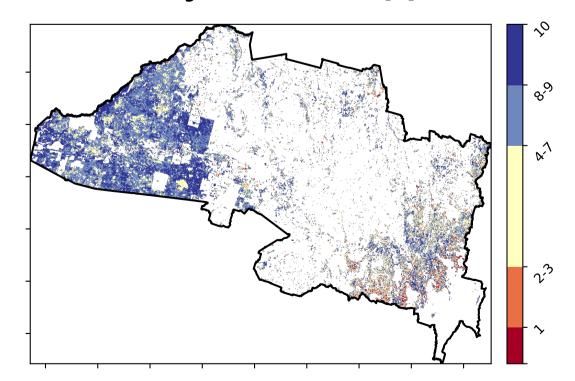
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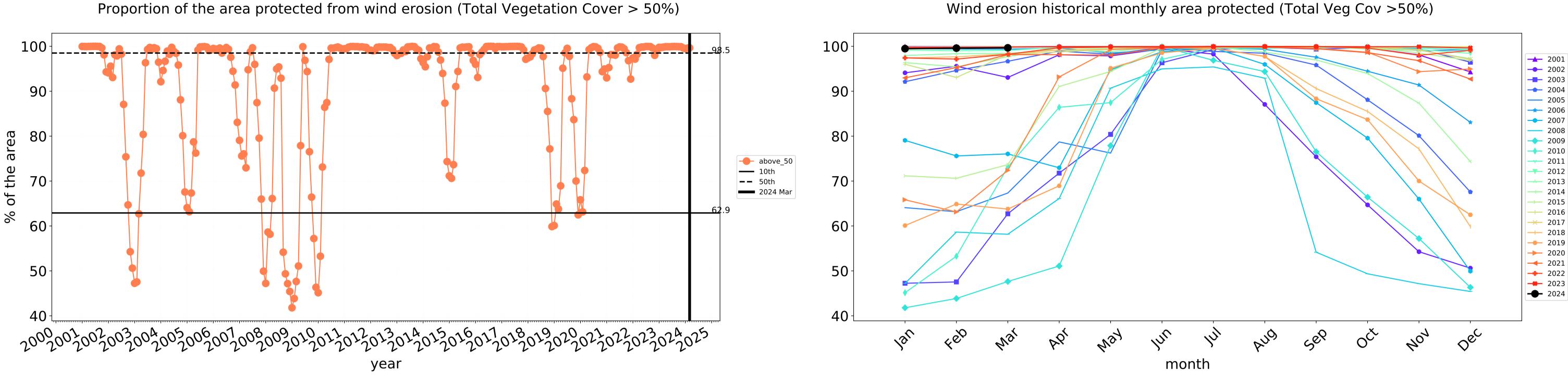
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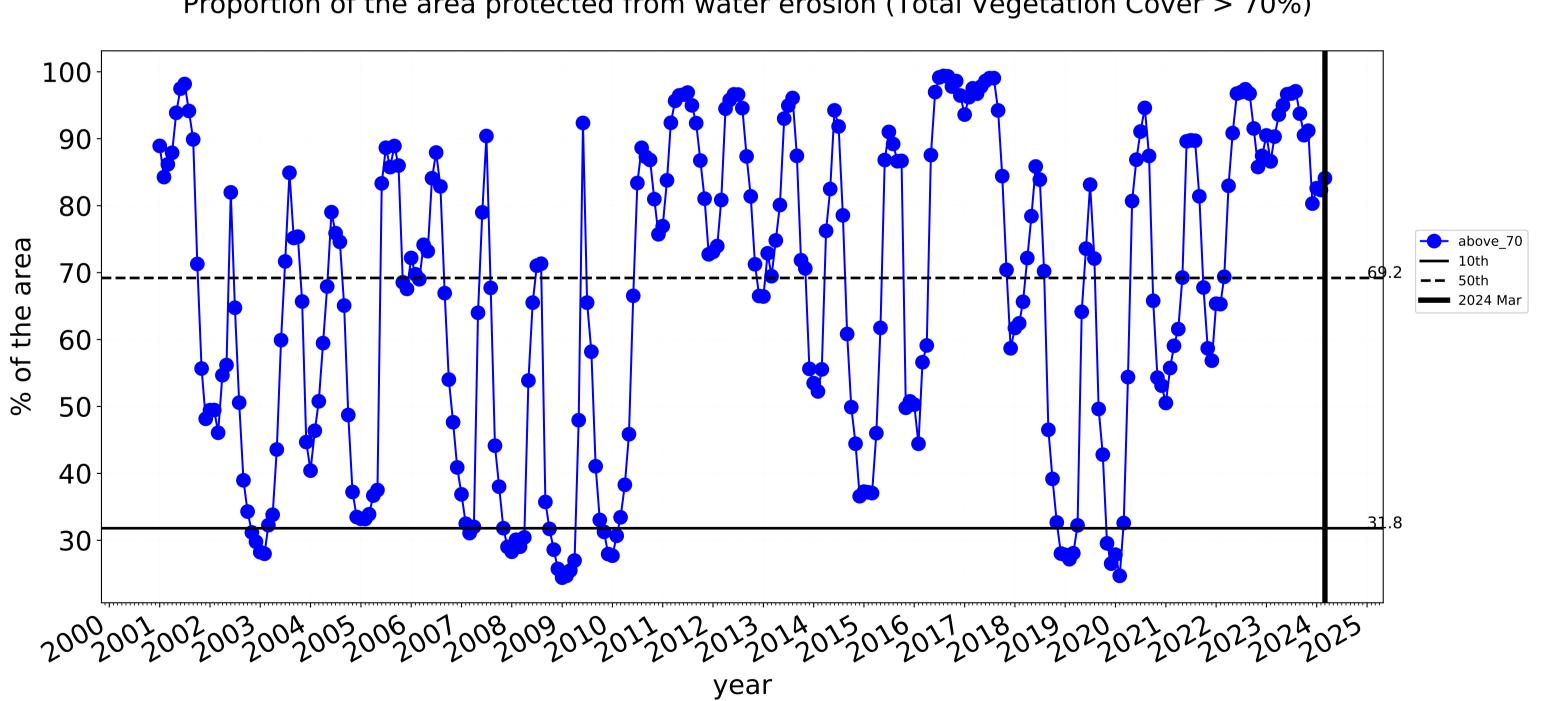
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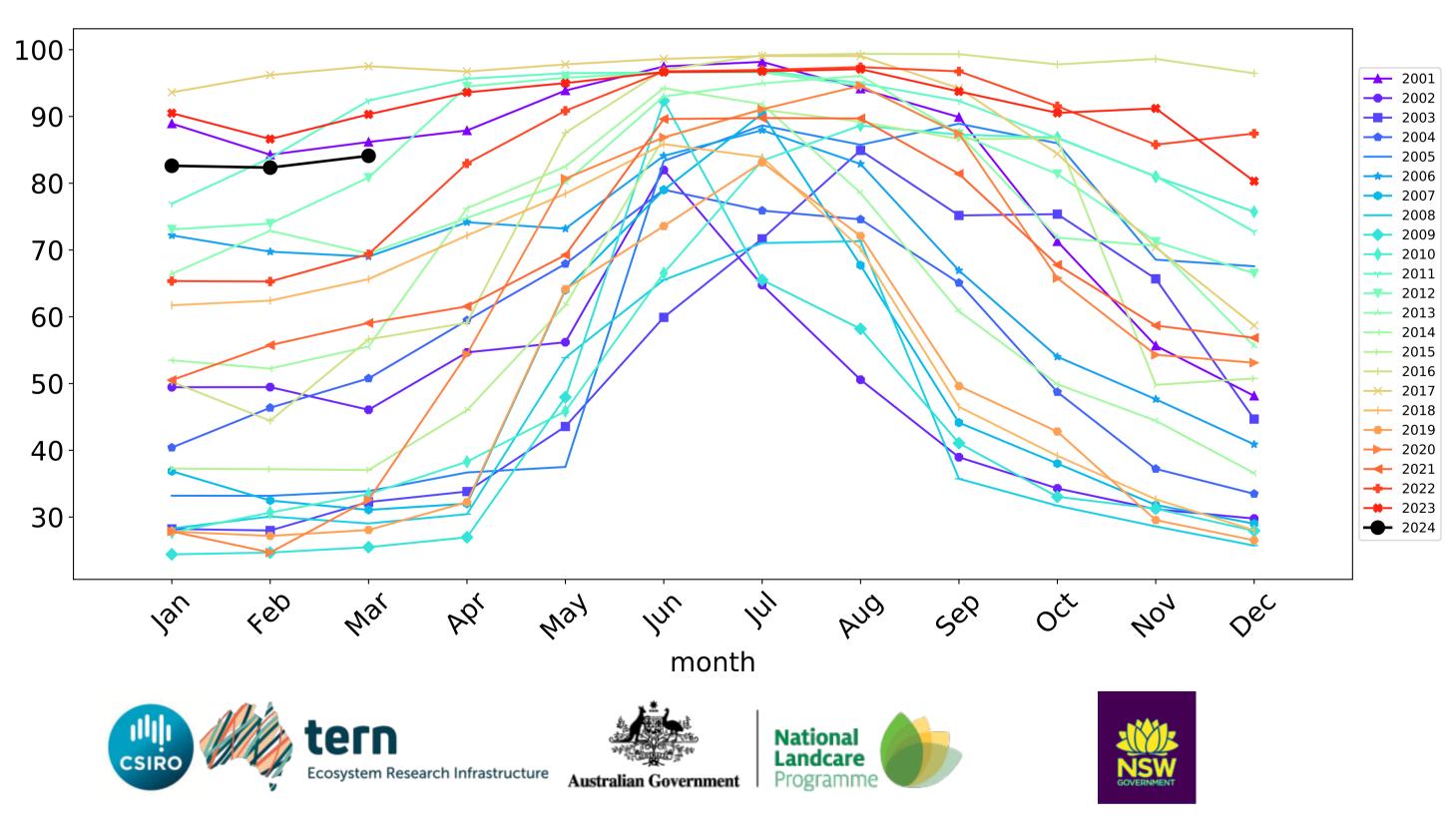


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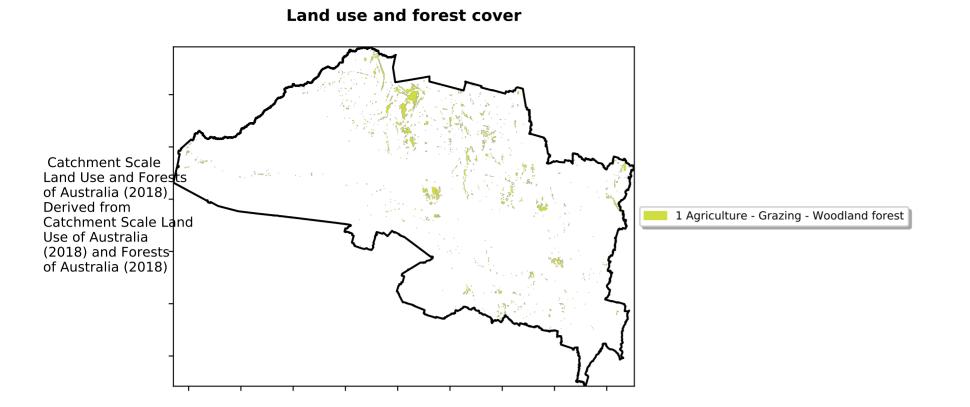


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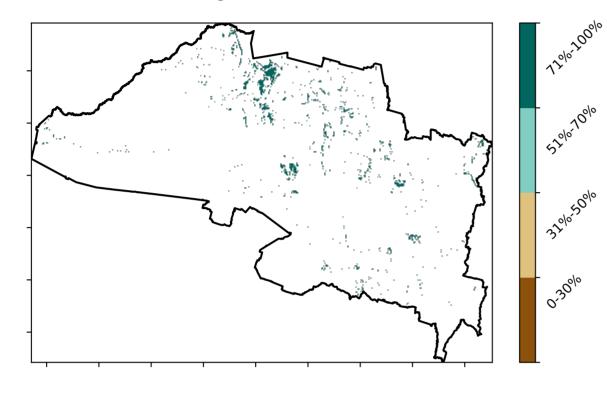
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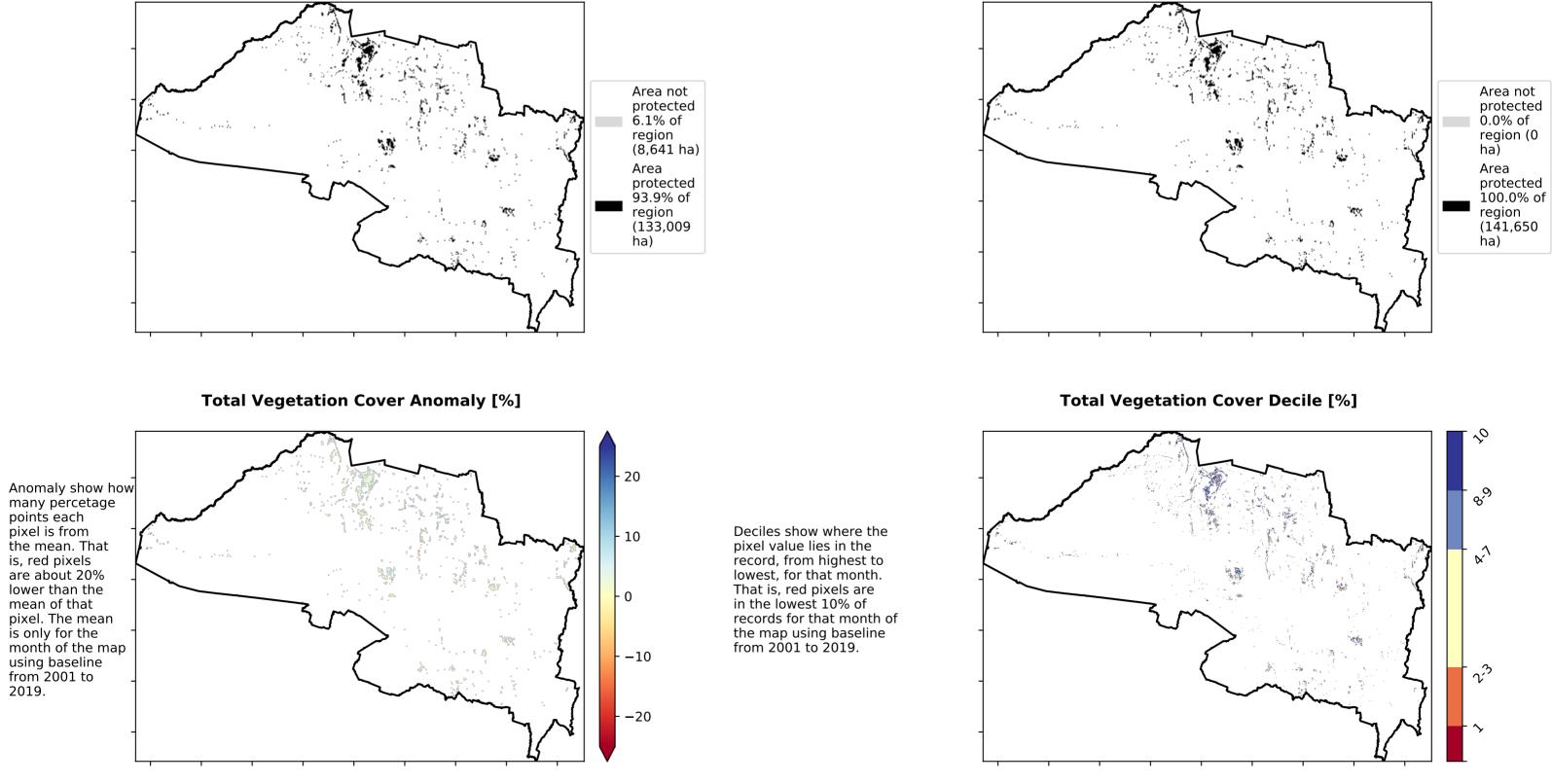
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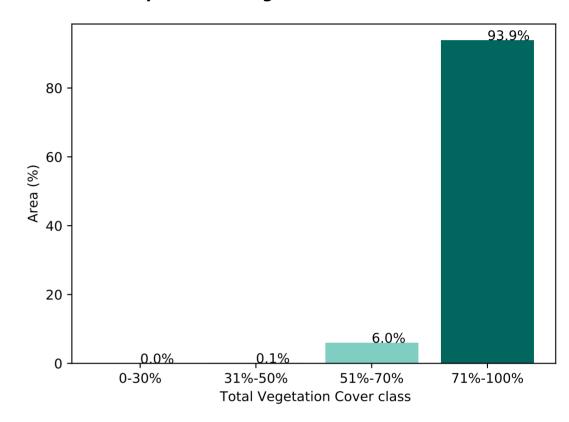
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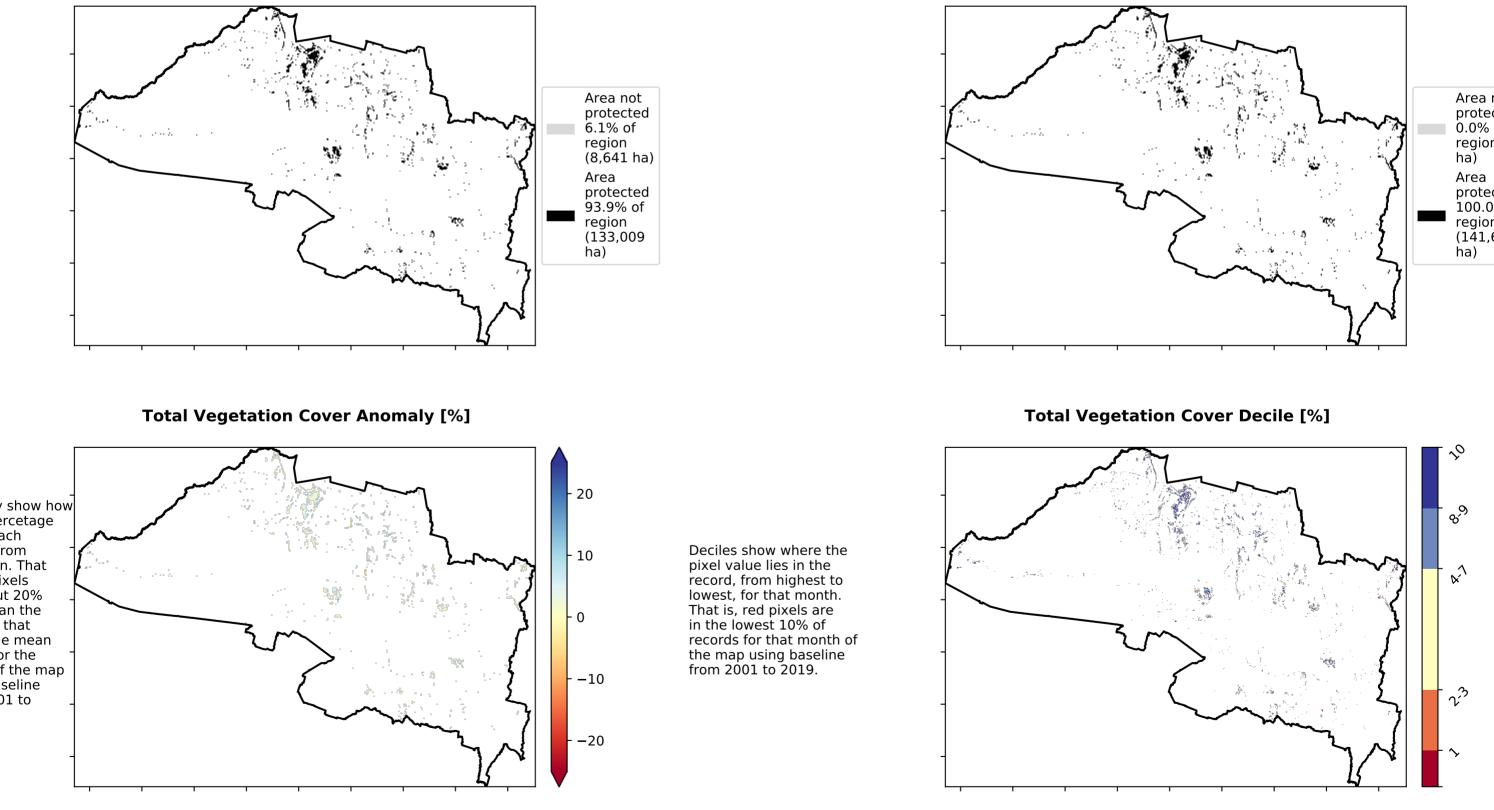
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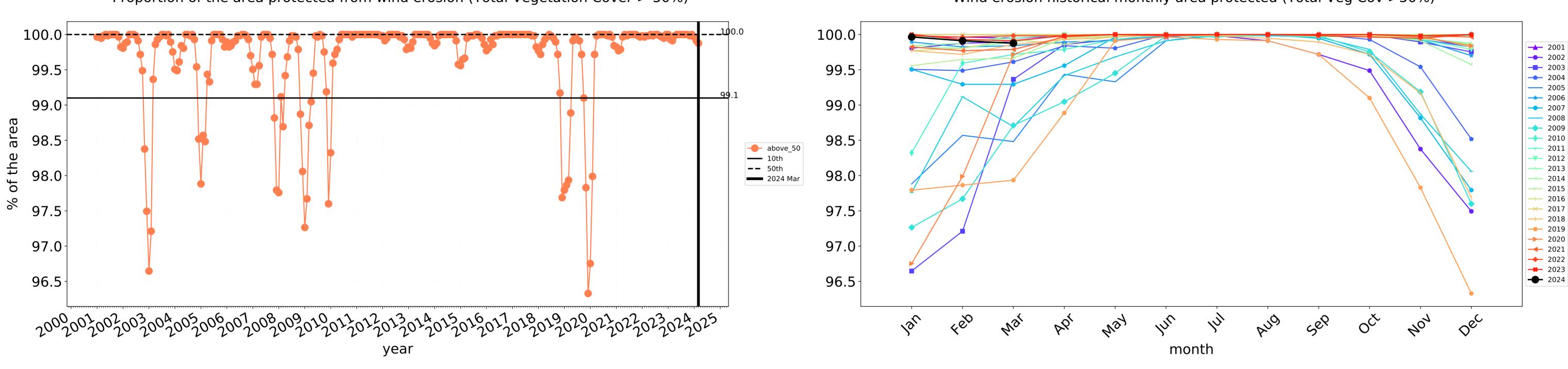




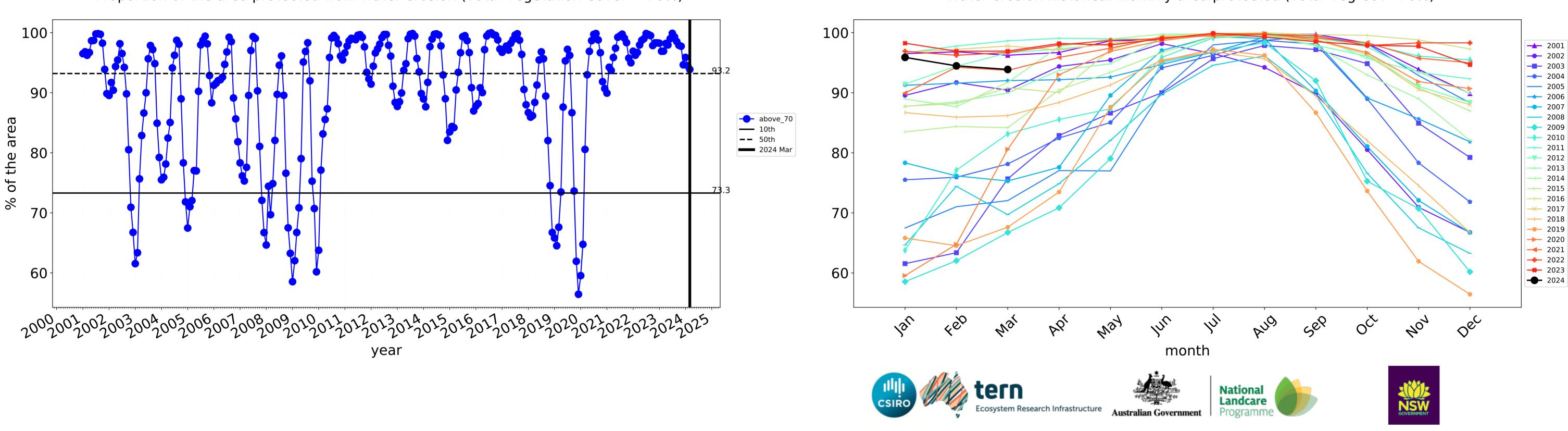
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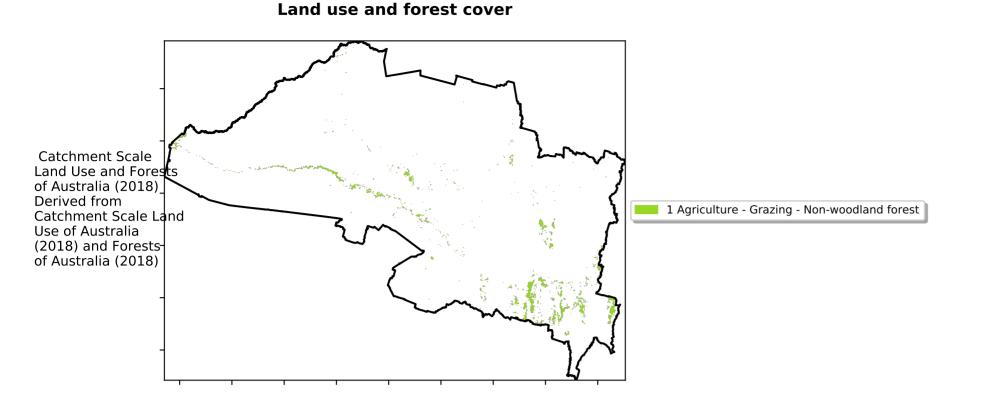
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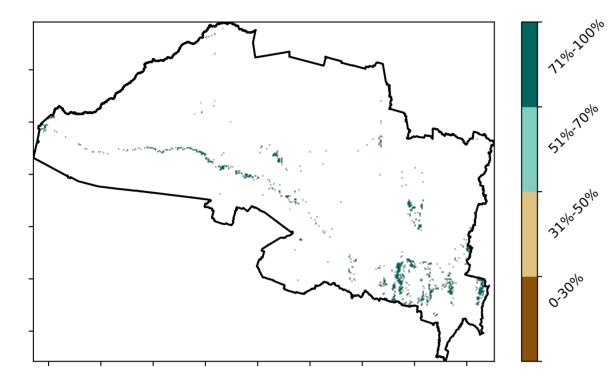
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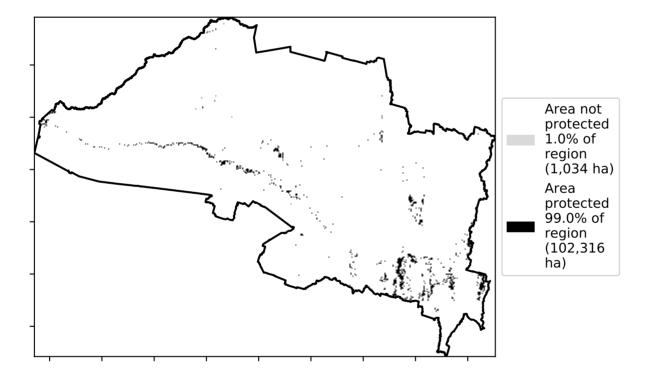
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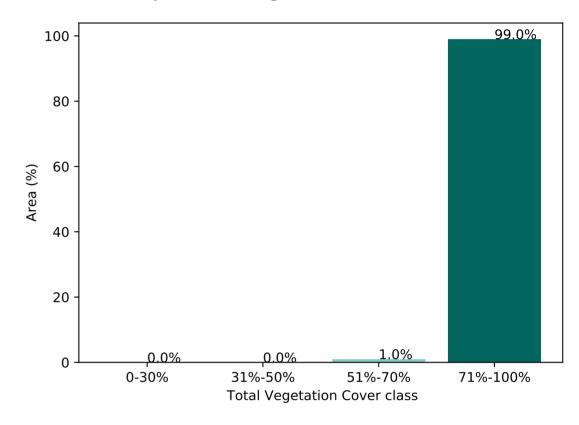
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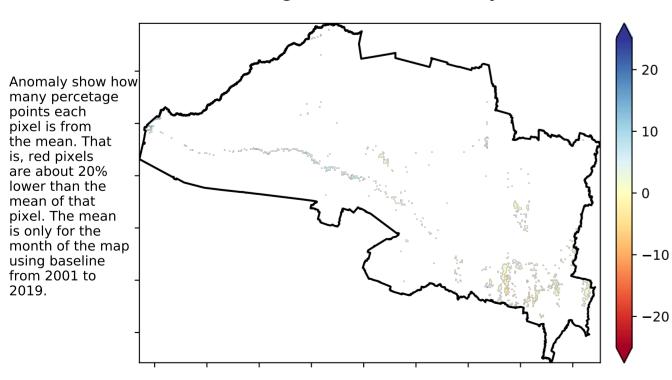
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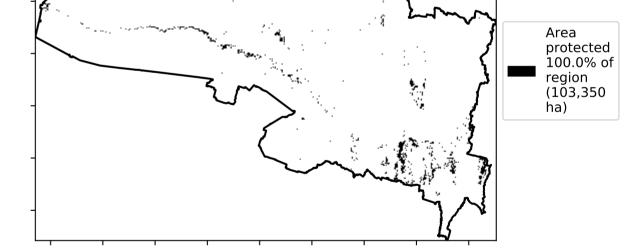
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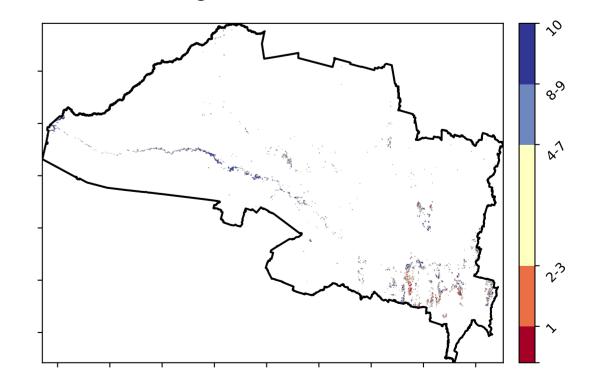
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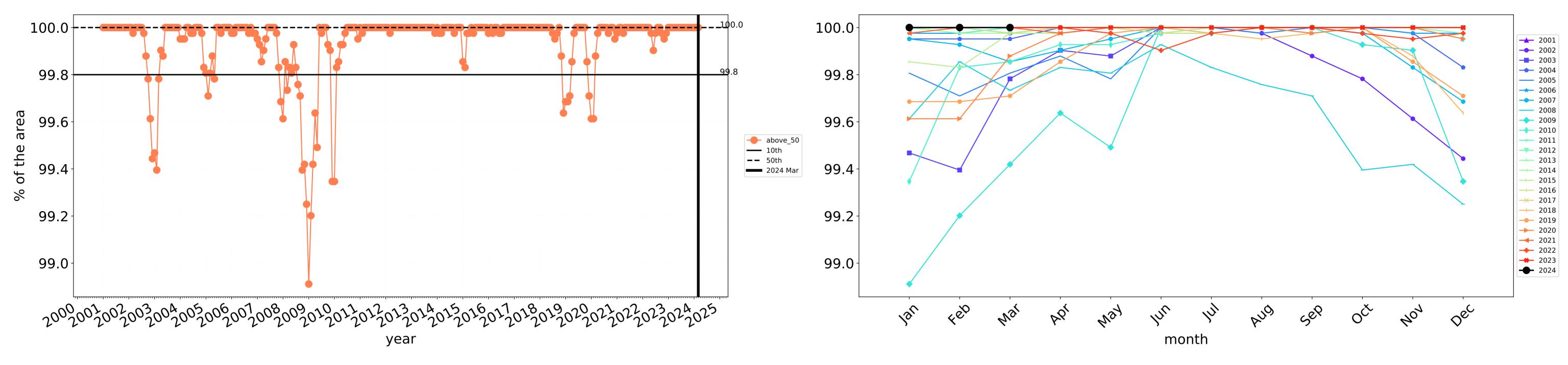


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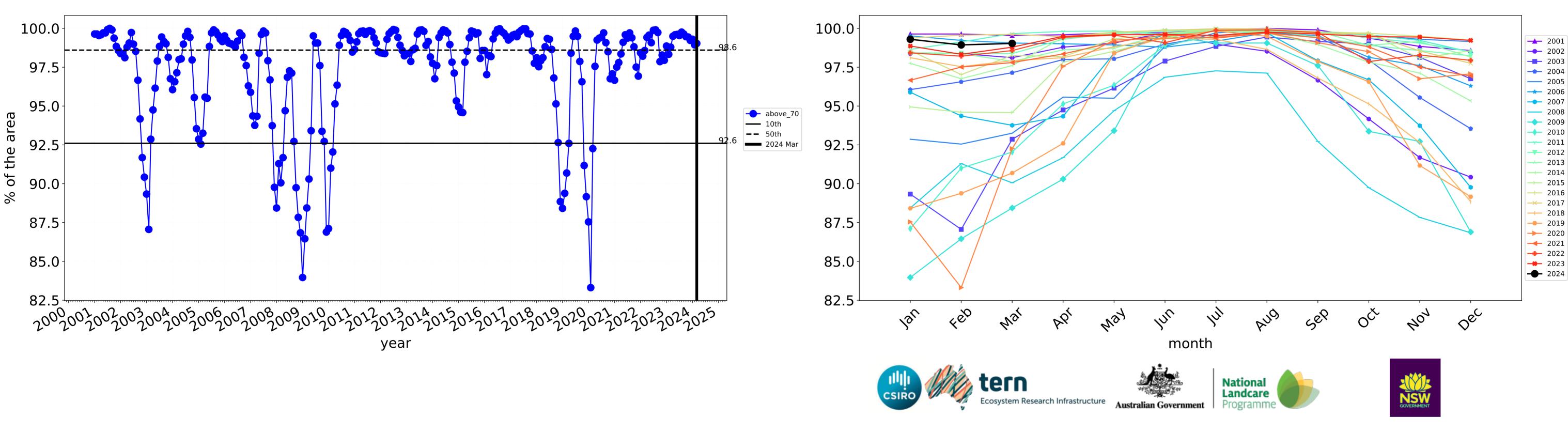




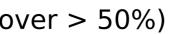
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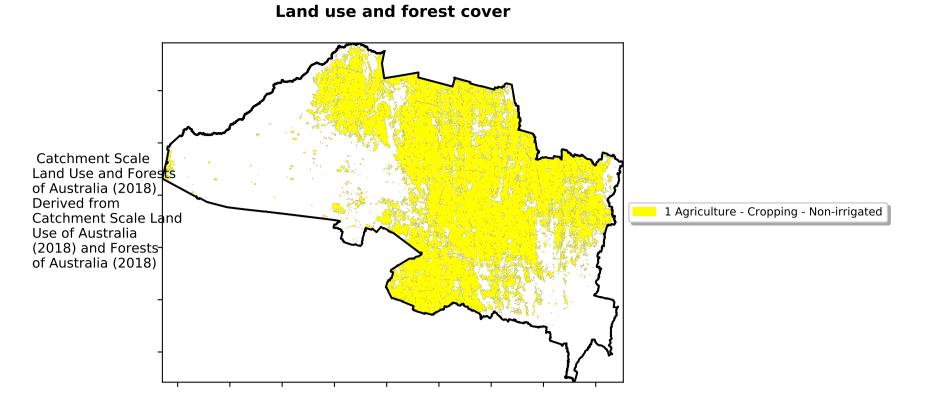
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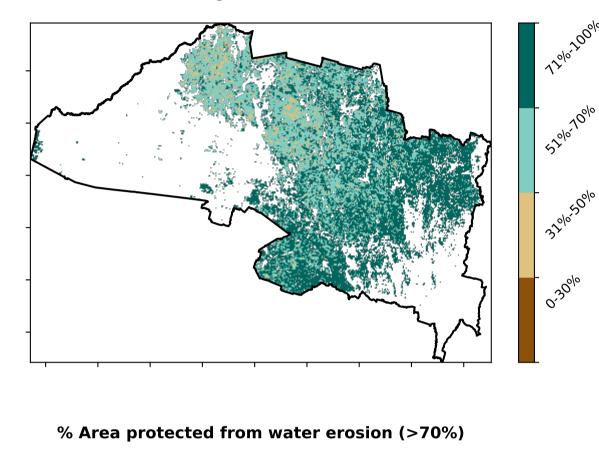
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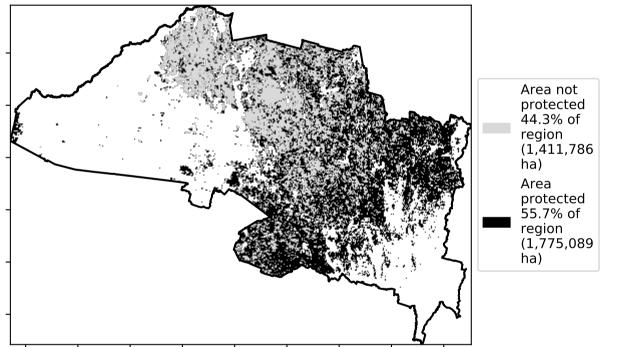
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Cropping



Total Vegetation Cover [%]

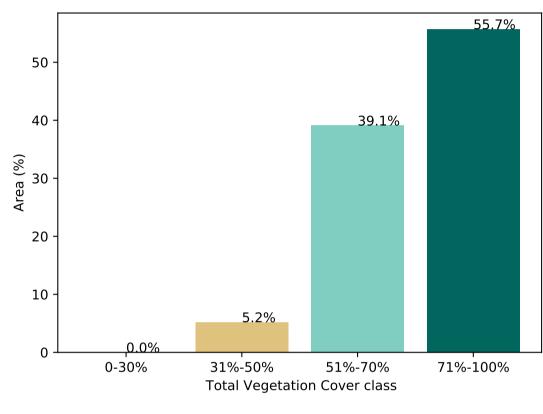




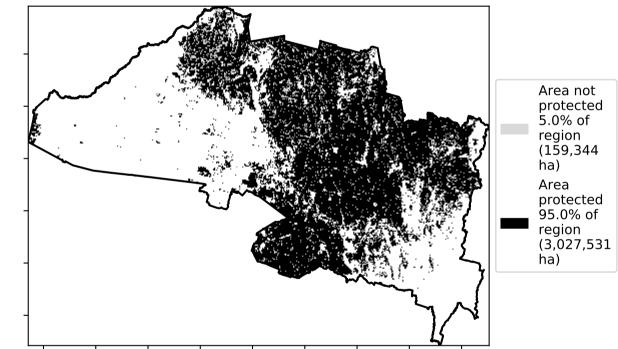
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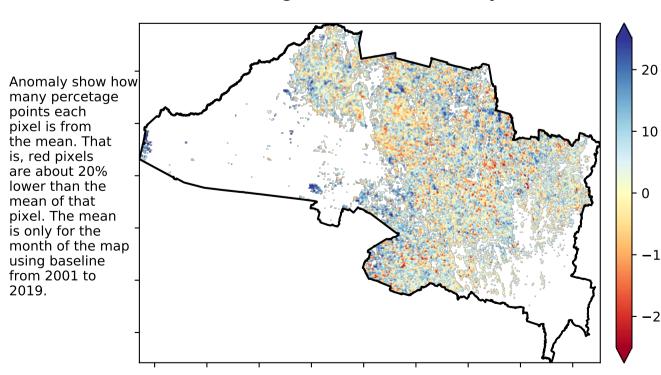
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



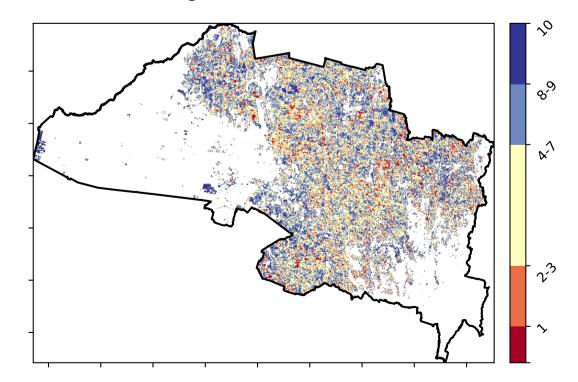
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



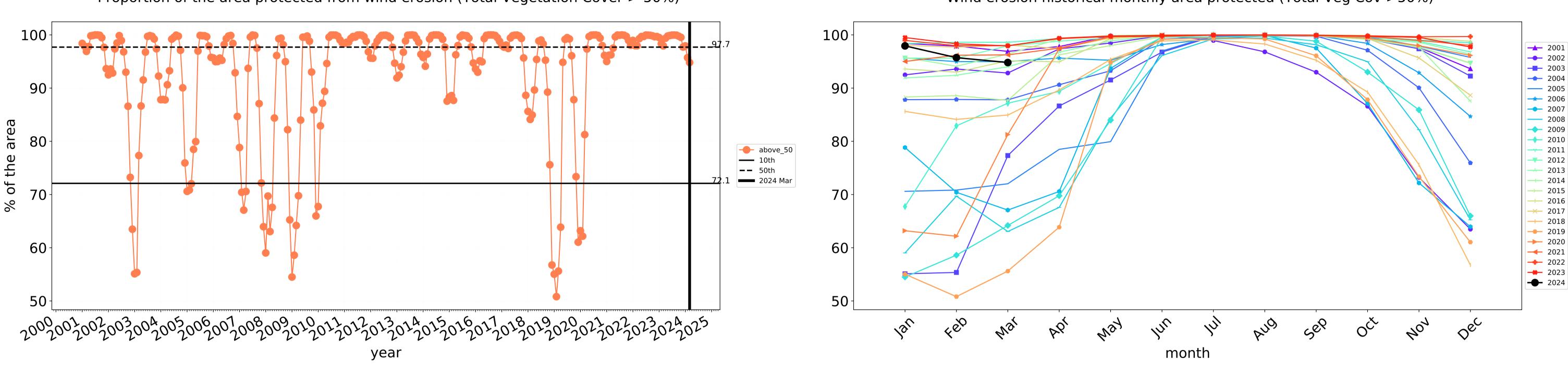
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



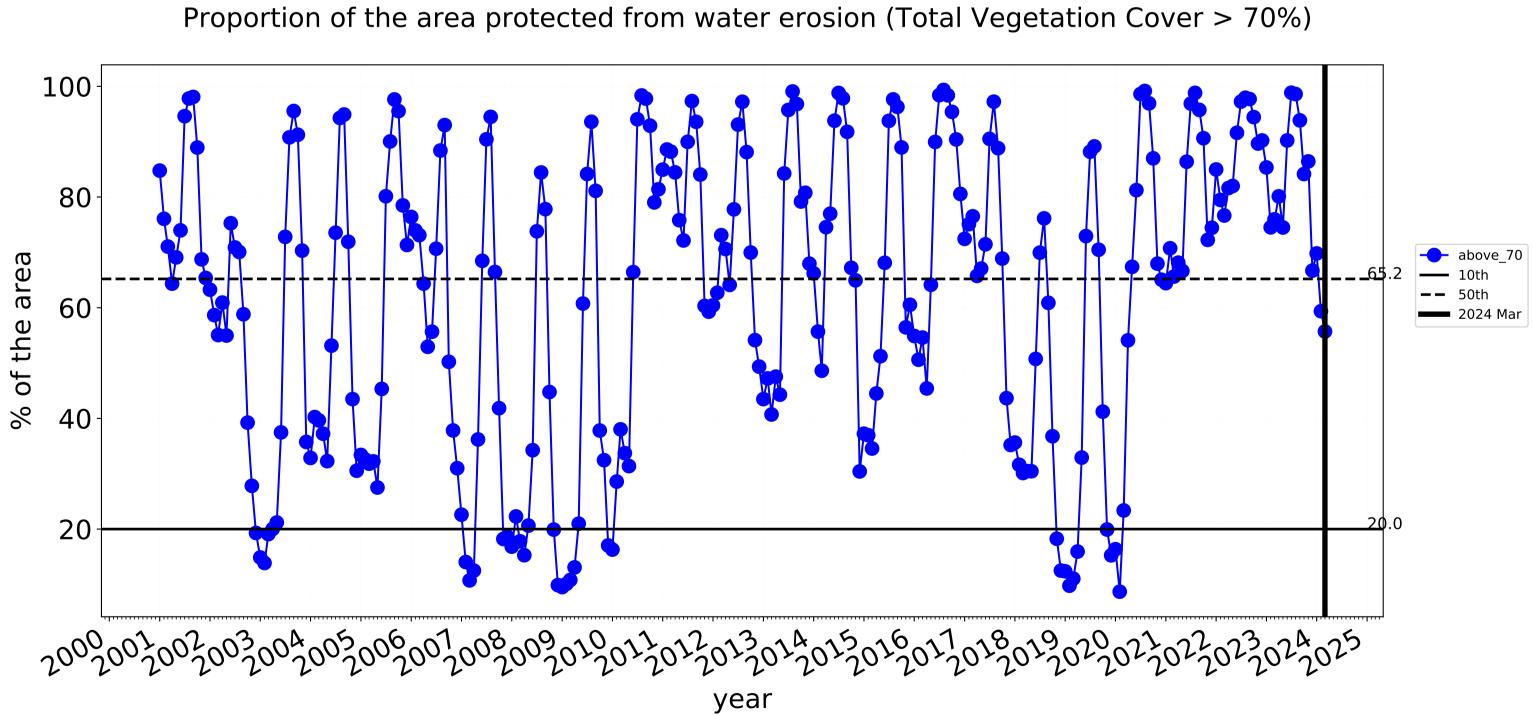
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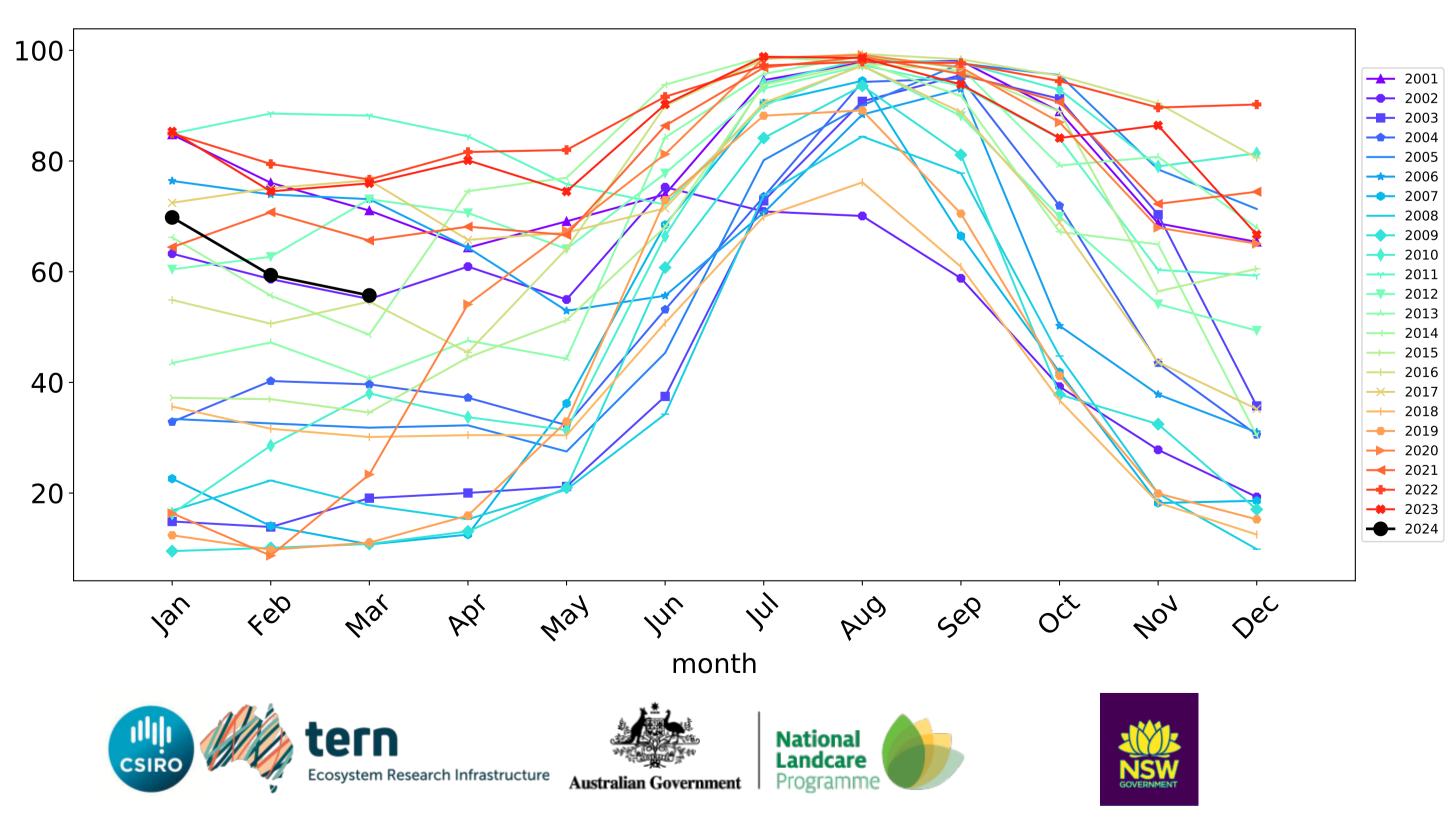


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



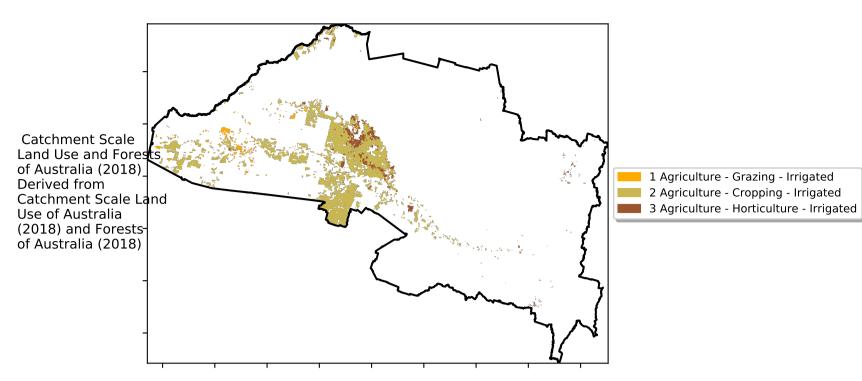
Cropping timeseries

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

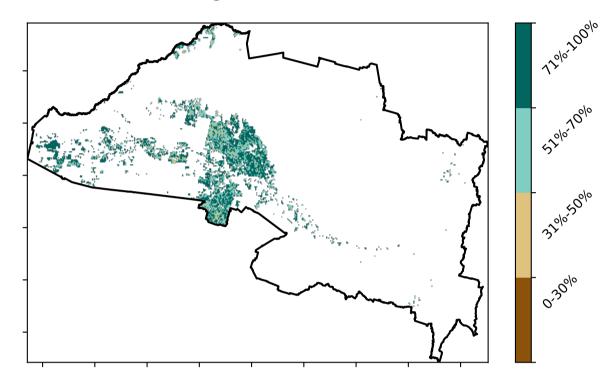


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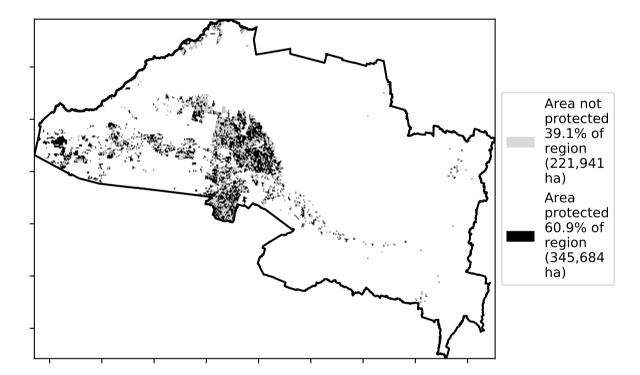
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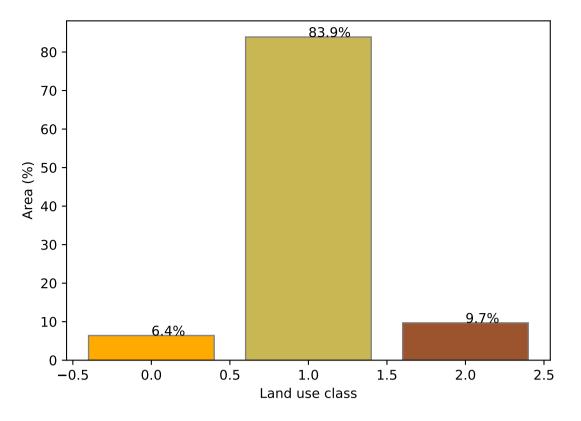


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



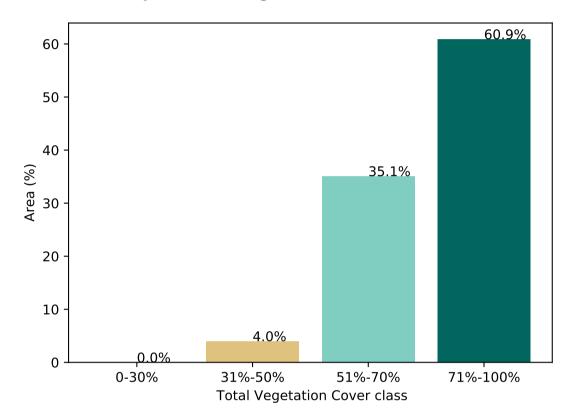
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



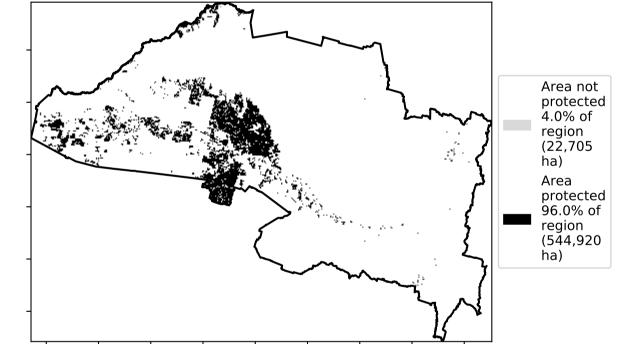


Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

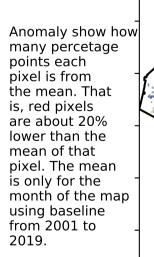


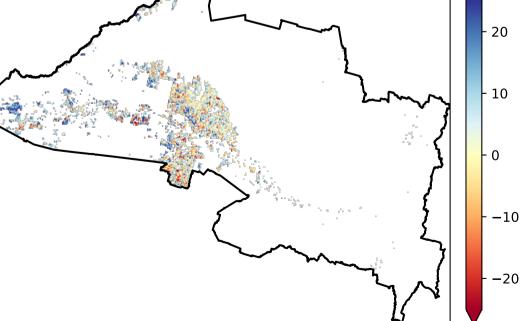
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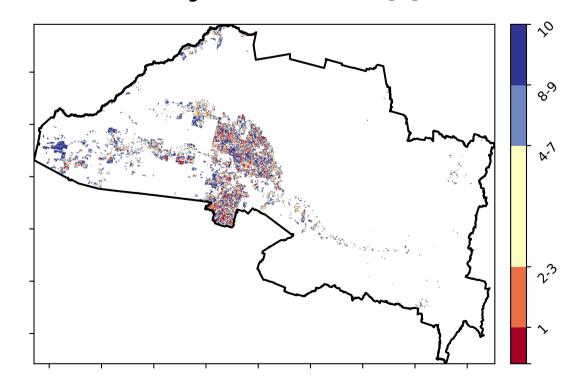


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

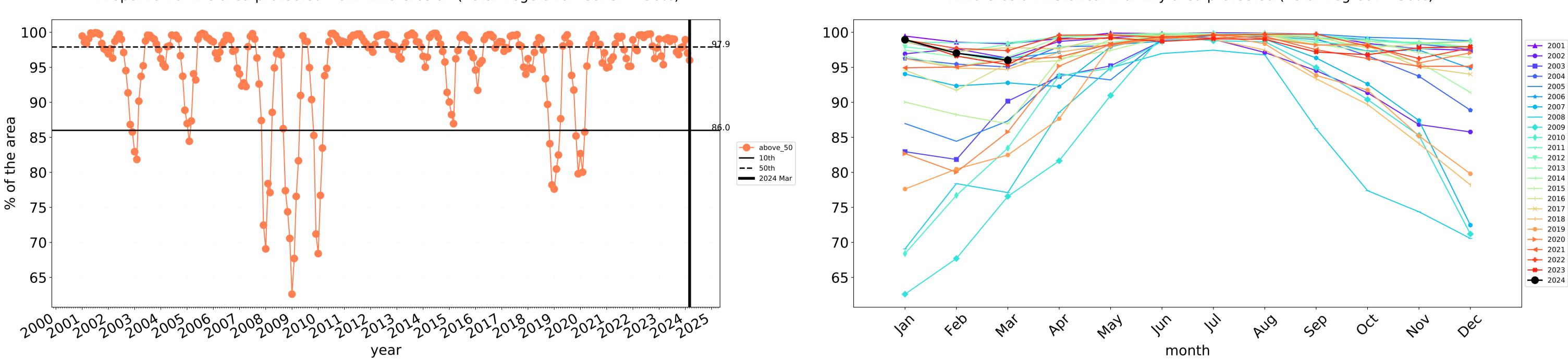




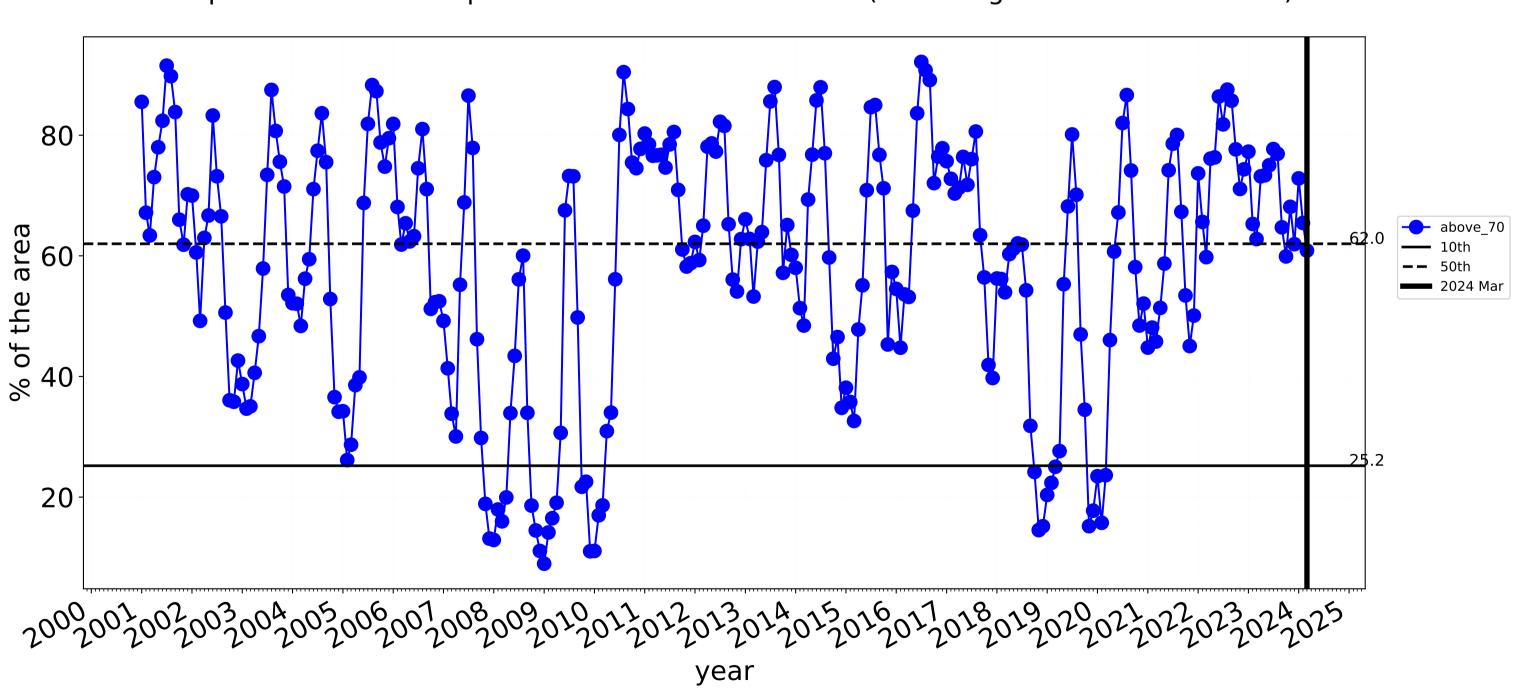
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



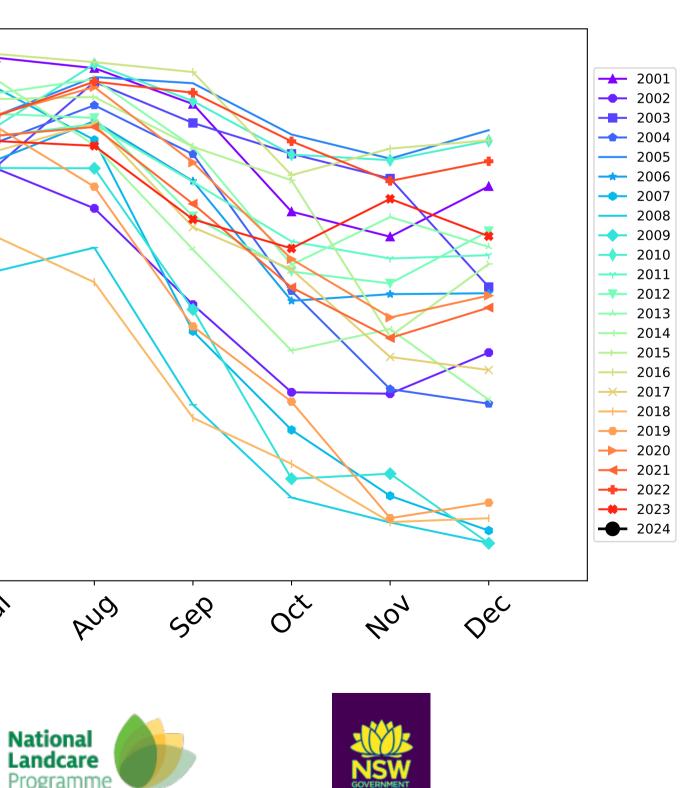
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

Irrigation timeseries

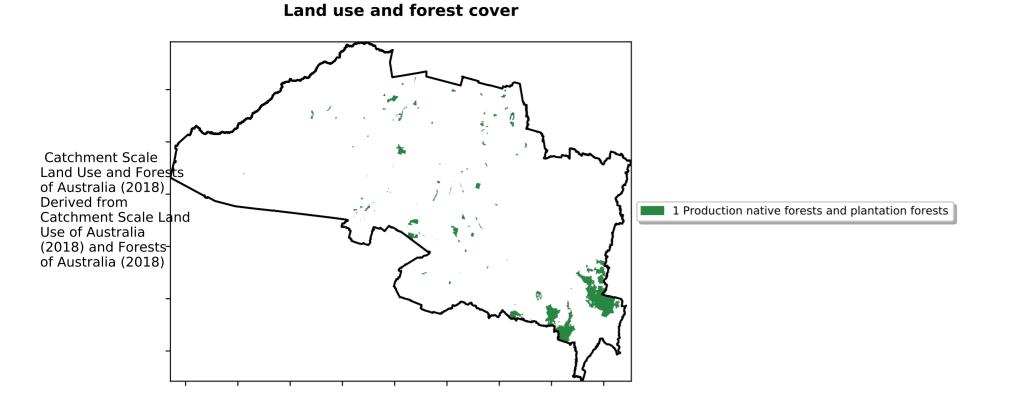
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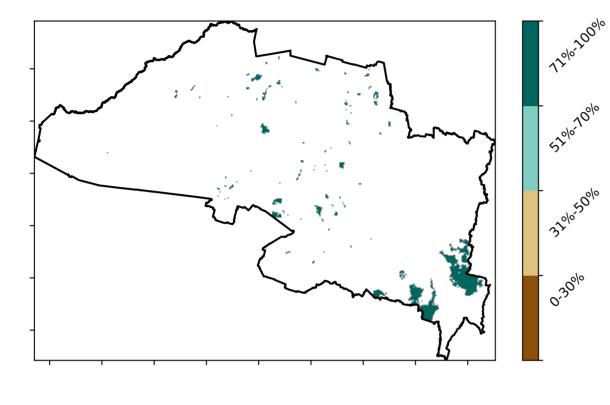
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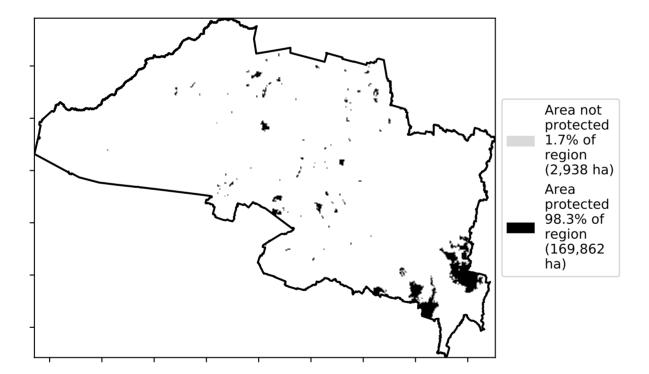
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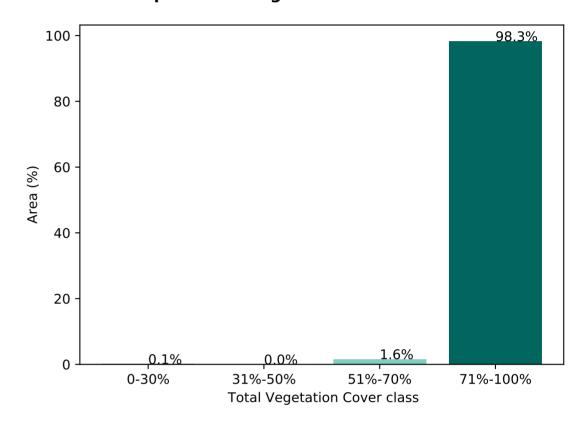
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



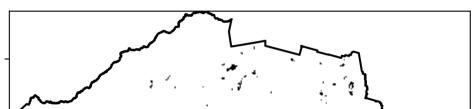
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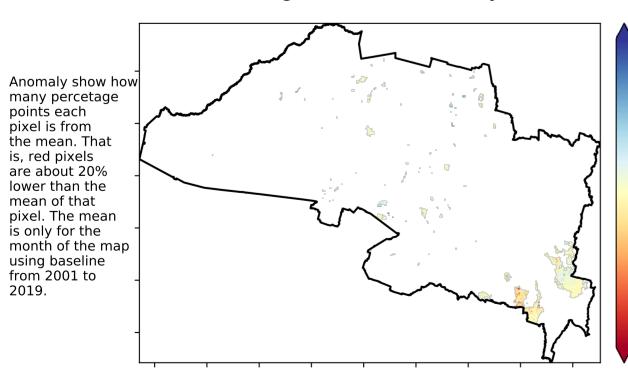




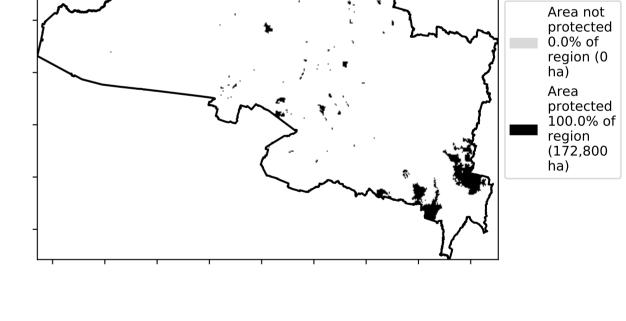
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



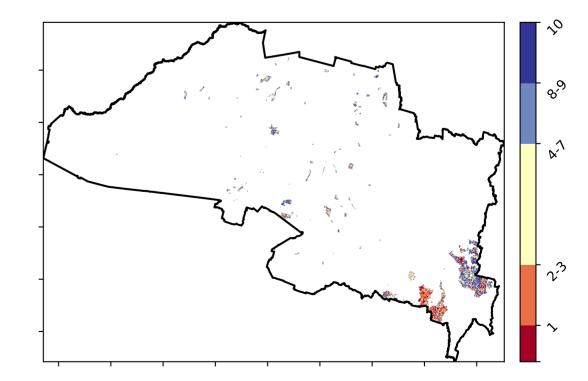
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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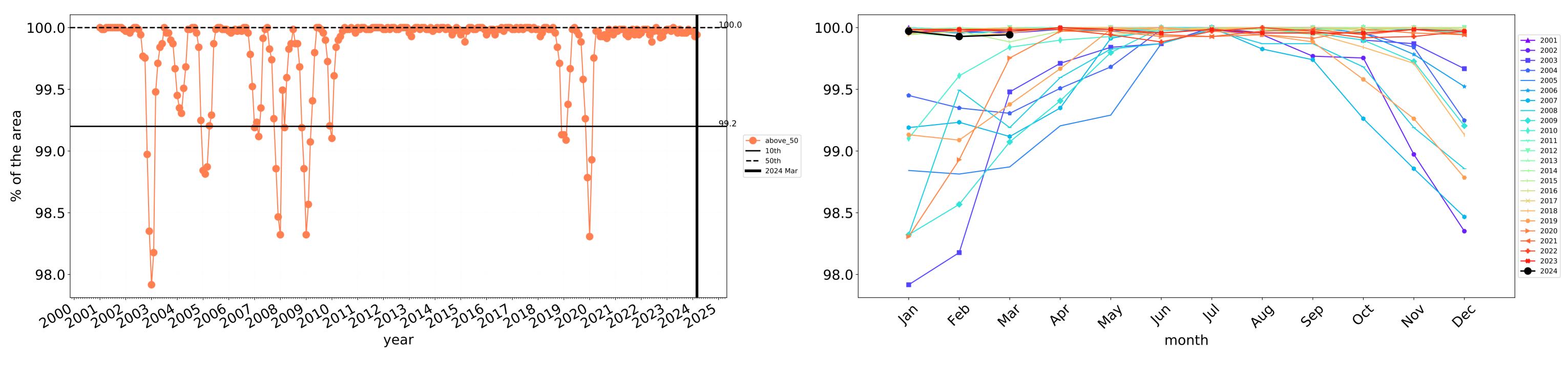
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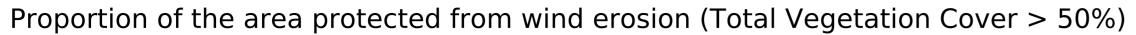
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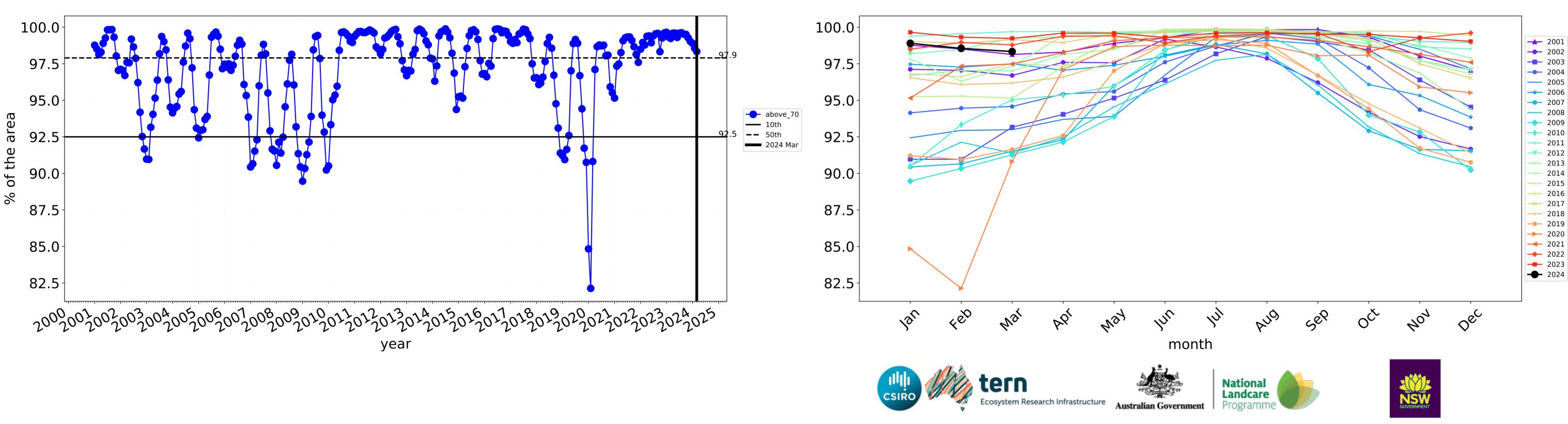
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Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







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 (6,693,625 ha and no data 14,710 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	6,693,625	100.0% 6,690,625	97.0% 6,493,625	69.7% 4,666,175	44.4% 2,968,800	16.9% 1,128,425	6.3% 424,050
Conservation and natural environments	323,125	100.0% 323,125	100.0% 323,050	94.6% 305,650	82.4% 266,350	62.0% 200,325	33.1% 107,100
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	99.9% 83,300	80.0% 66,675	38.0% 31,650	17.3% 14,425	9.5% 7,900
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,275	100.0% 195,275	100.0% 195,275	99.9% 195,025	99.1% 193,500	85.0% 166,075	48.6% 94,925
Agriculture	6,067,725	100.0% 6,066,225	96.8% 5,872,225	67.5% 4,095,575	41.0% 2,489,200	13.2% 803,675	3.9% 239,100
Grazing	2,311,400	100.0% 2,310,825	99.7% 2,304,150	85.4% 1,973,300	59.3% 1,370,725	23.2% 536,125	7.3% 168,325
Grazing non forest	2,066,400	100.0% 2,065,825	99.7% 2,059,325	84.1% 1,737,975	56.6% 1,168,700	21.5% 445,275	6.9% 143,475
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.9% 141,475	93.9% 132,975	75.0% 106,175	23.9% 33,800	4.1% 5,850
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	99.0% 102,350	92.7% 95,850	55.2% 57,050	18.4% 19,000
Cropping	3,186,875	100.0% 3,186,050	94.8% 3,021,325	55.7% 1,775,300	29.5% 940,275	7.1% 227,000	1.8% 57,325
Irrigation	567,625	100.0% 567,525	96.0% 544,950	60.9% 345,525	31.2% 177,175	7.1% 40,125	2.4% 13,350
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,800	100.0% 172,775	99.9% 172,700	98.3% 169,925	92.4% 159,750	65.3% 112,900	43.4% 74,975

