Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Riverina NSW

Date: September 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:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3



Vegetation Cover Sep 2024

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Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

30.8%

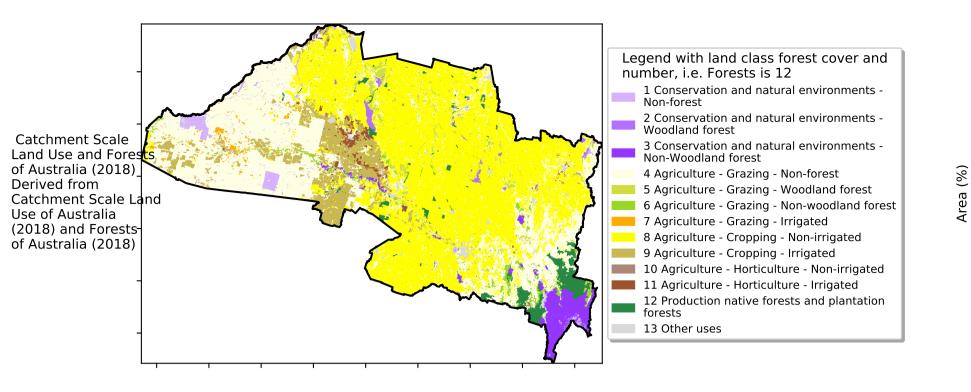
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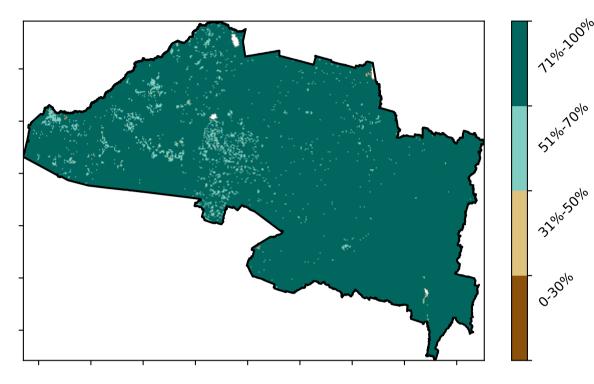
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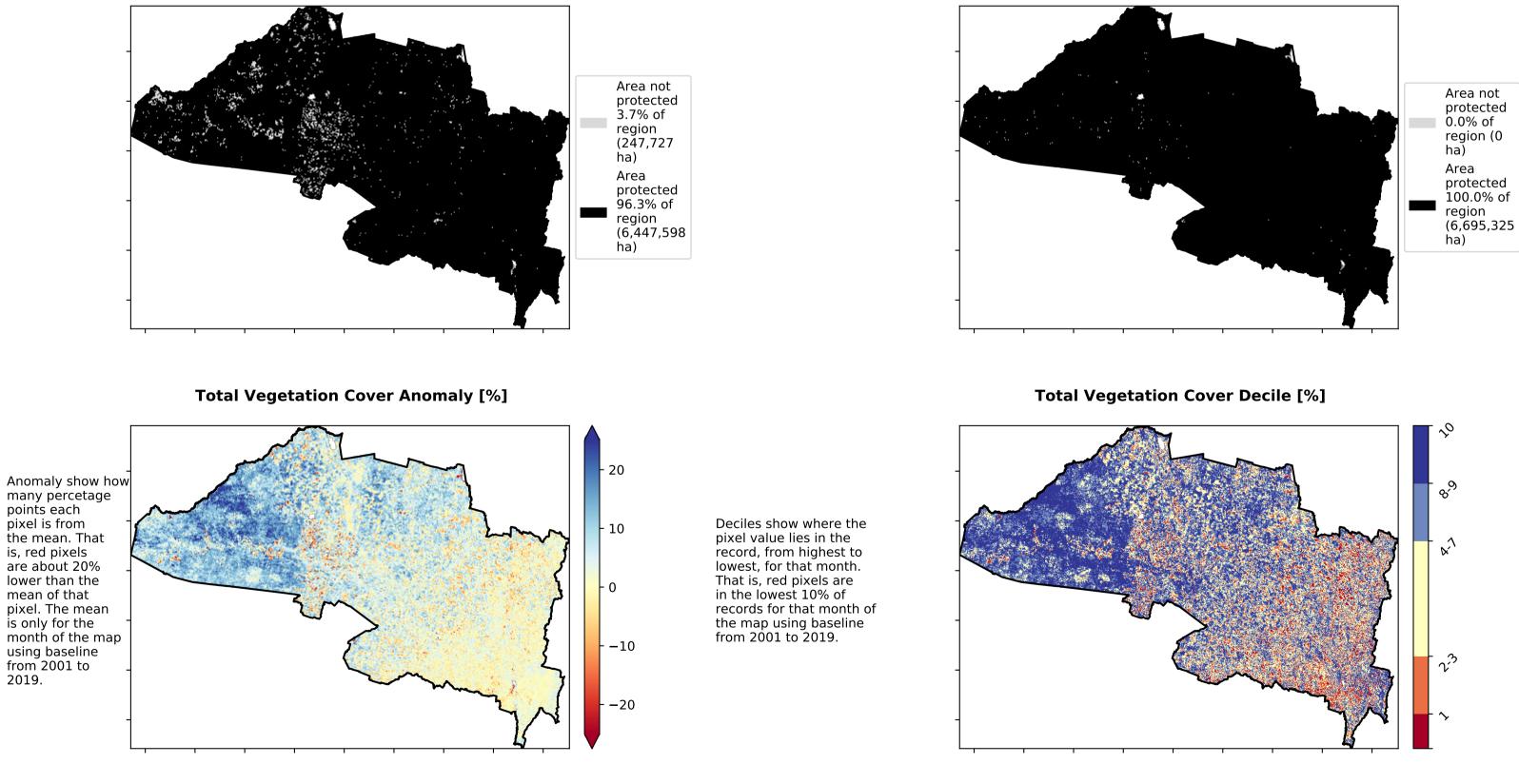
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



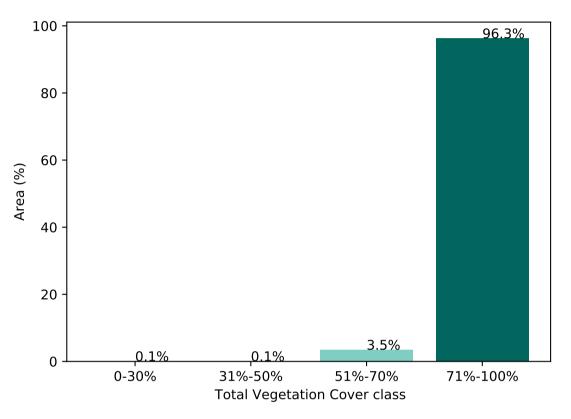
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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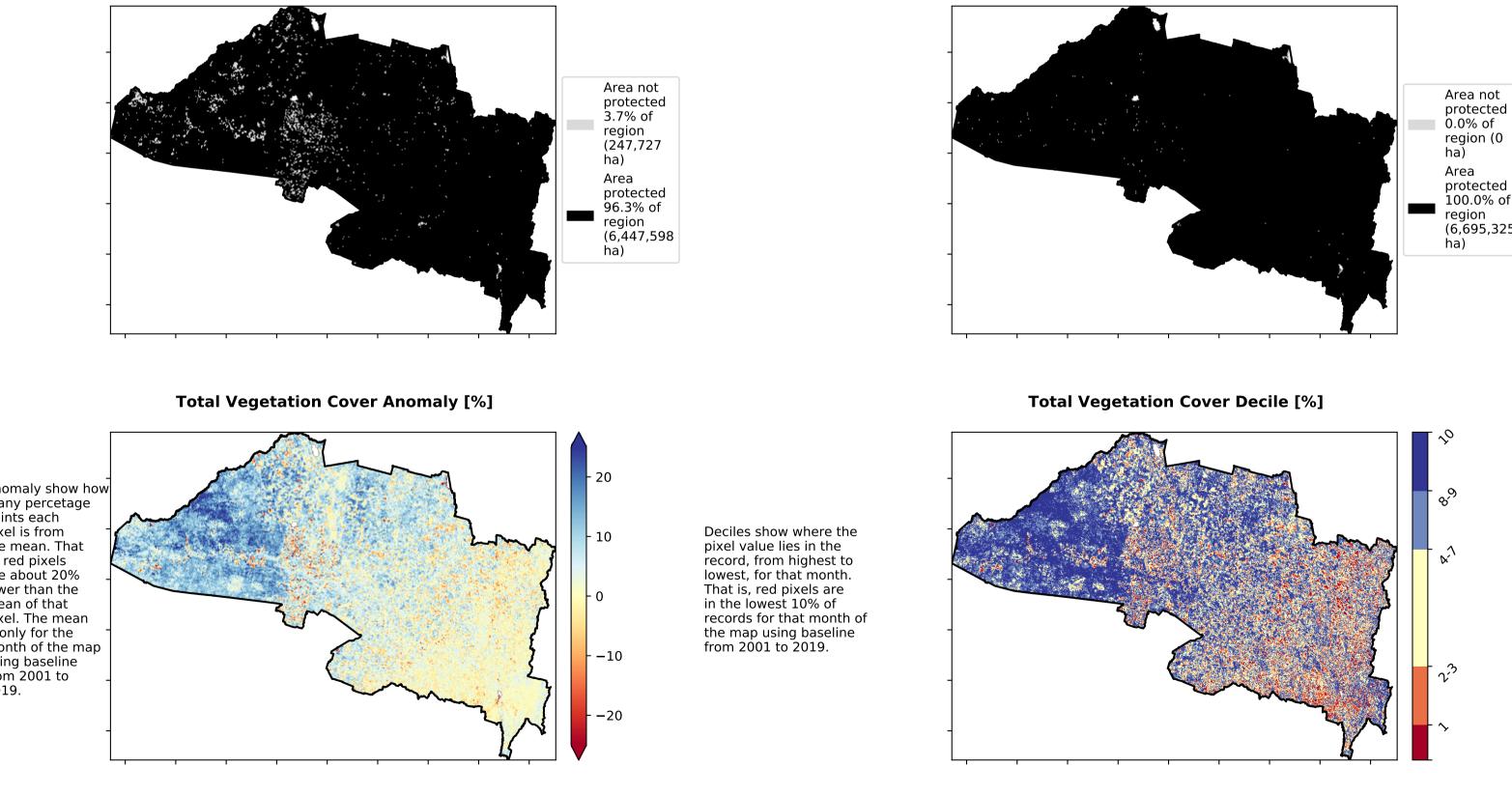
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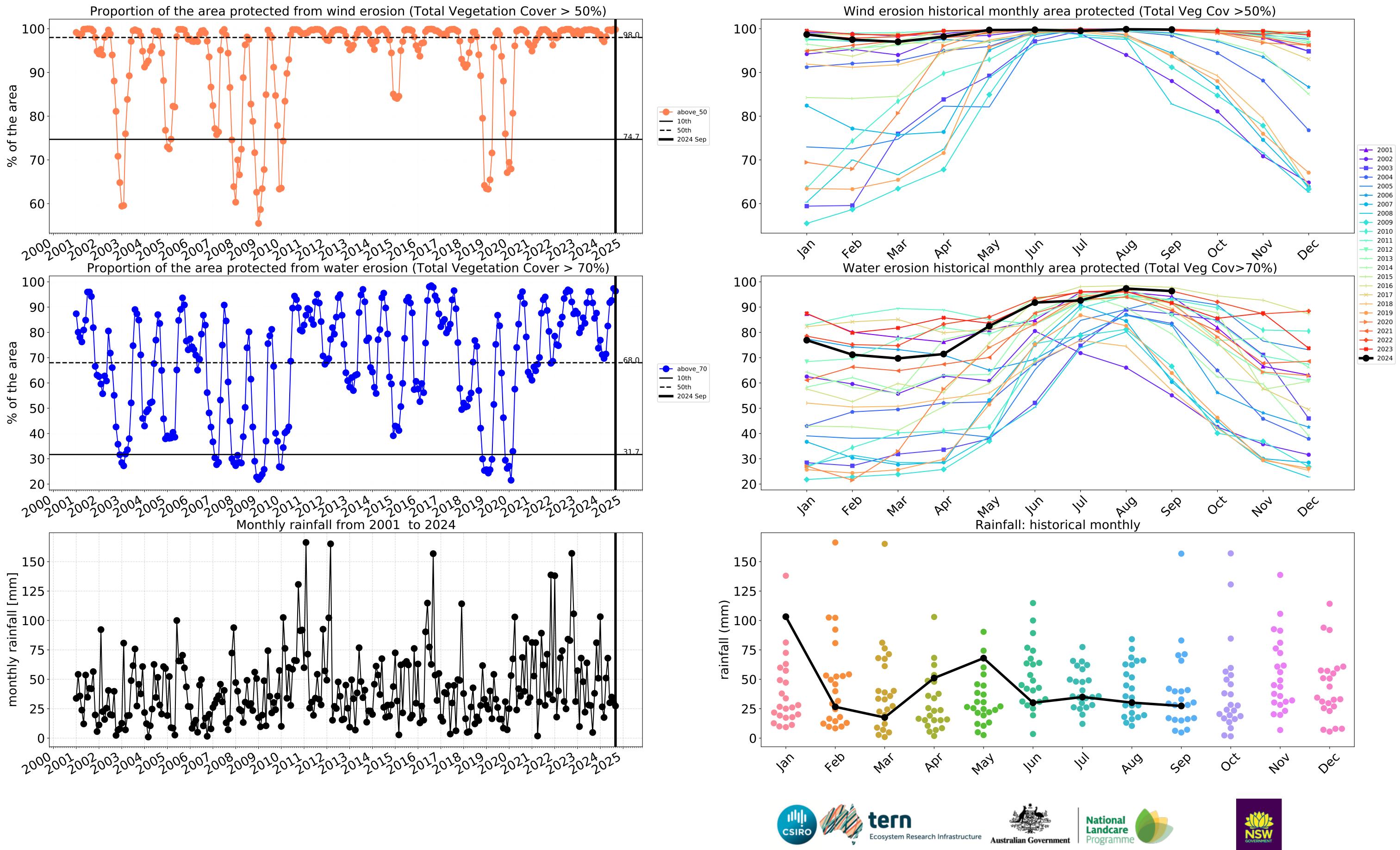
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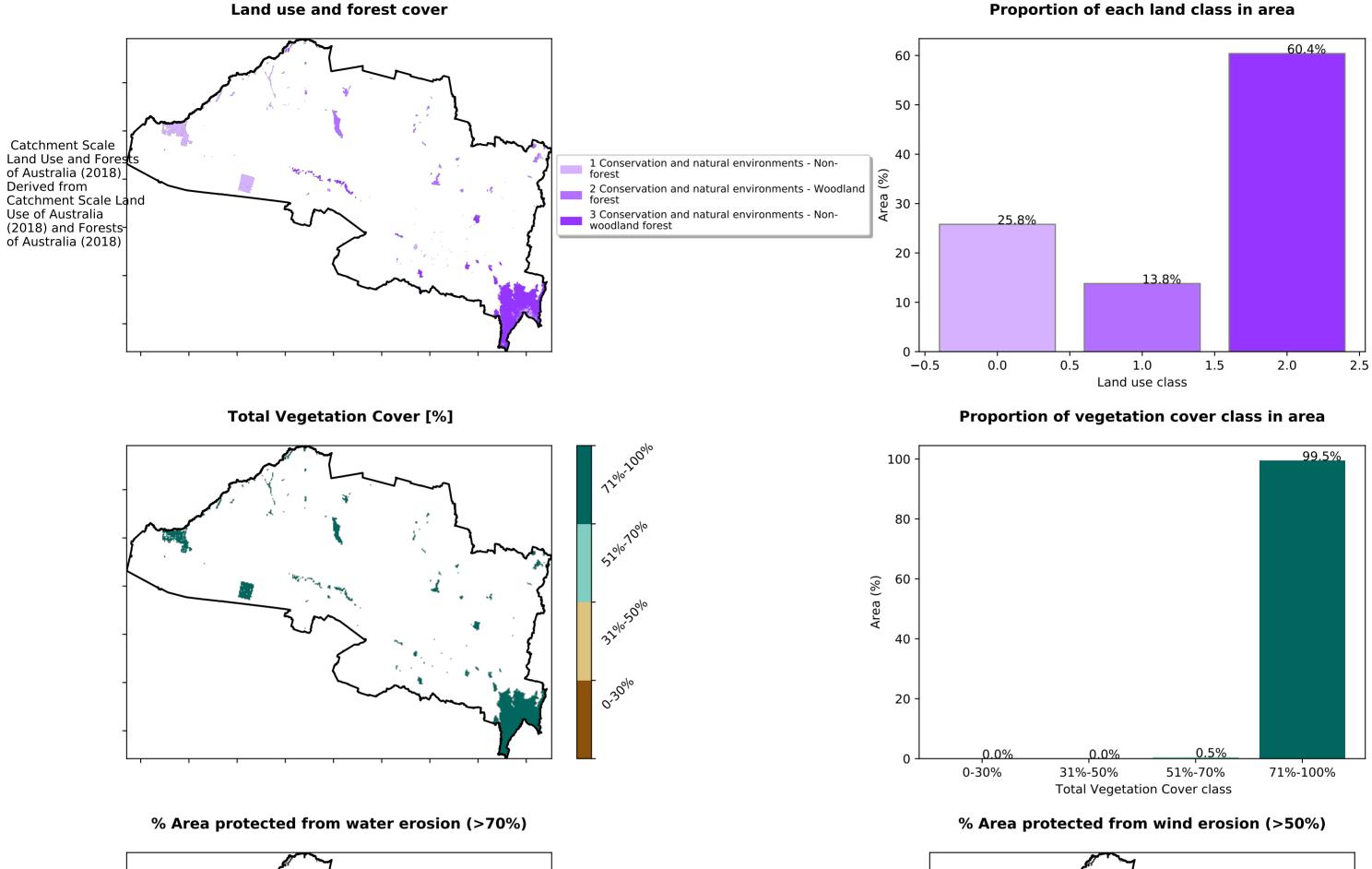
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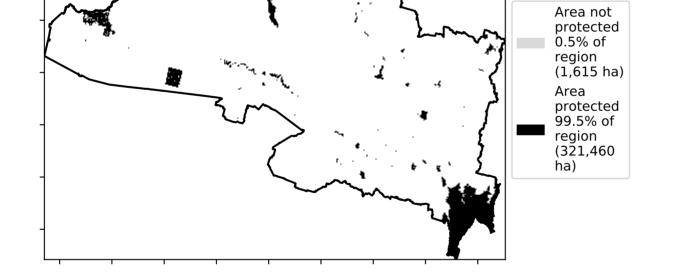




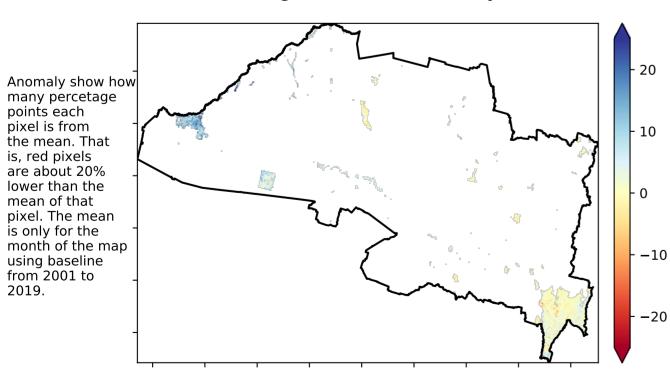
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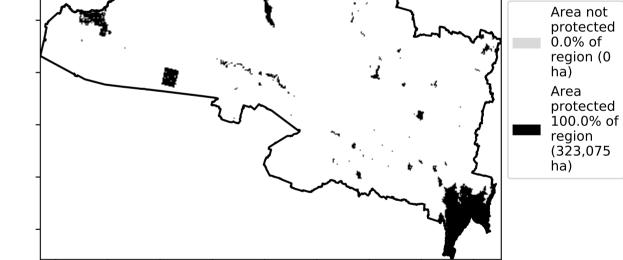
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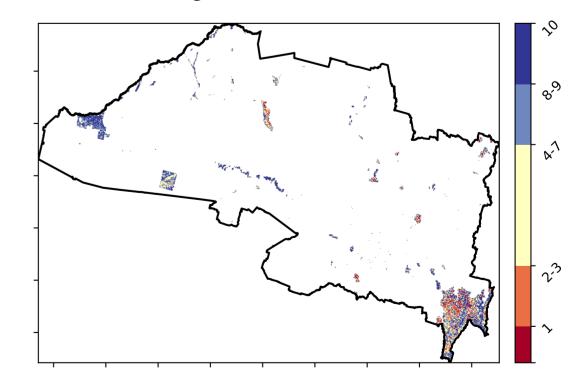
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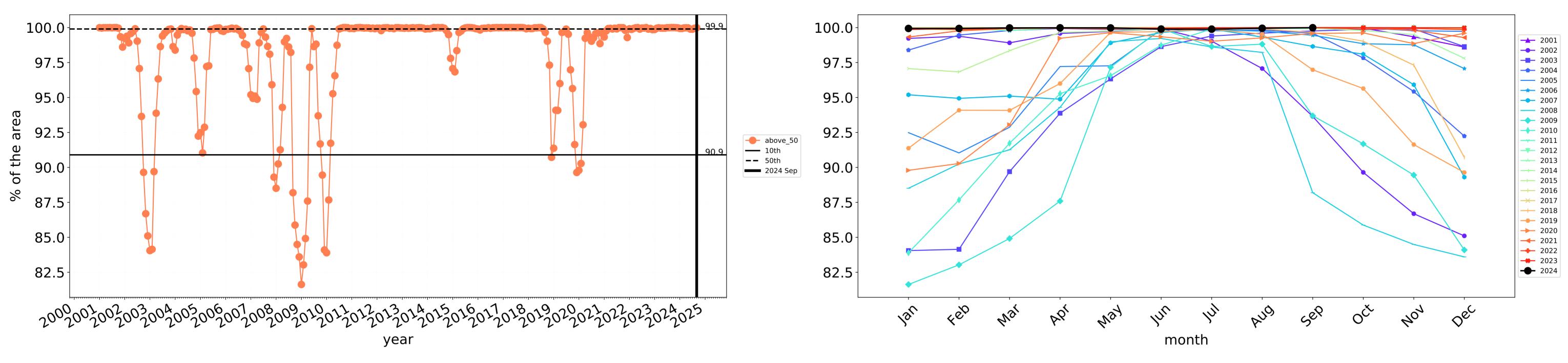


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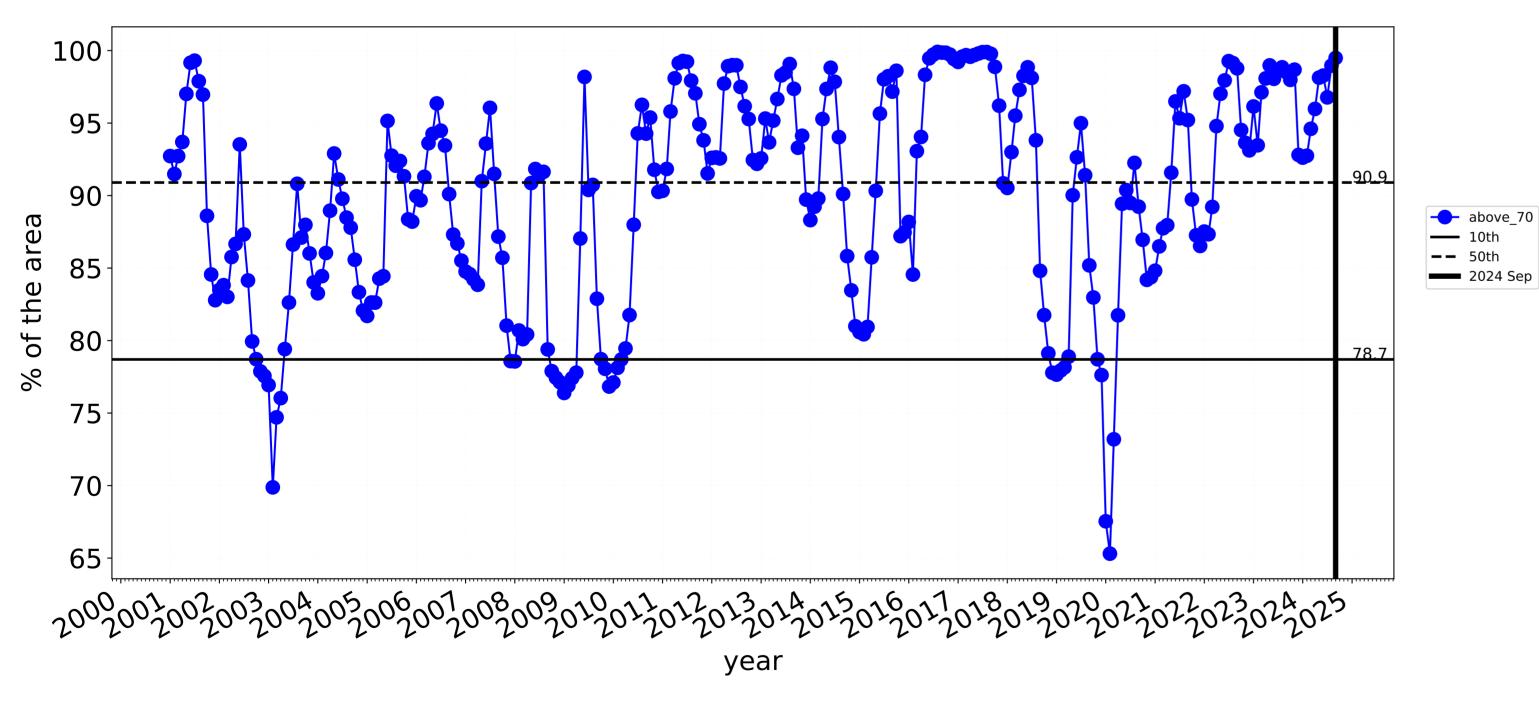
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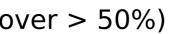


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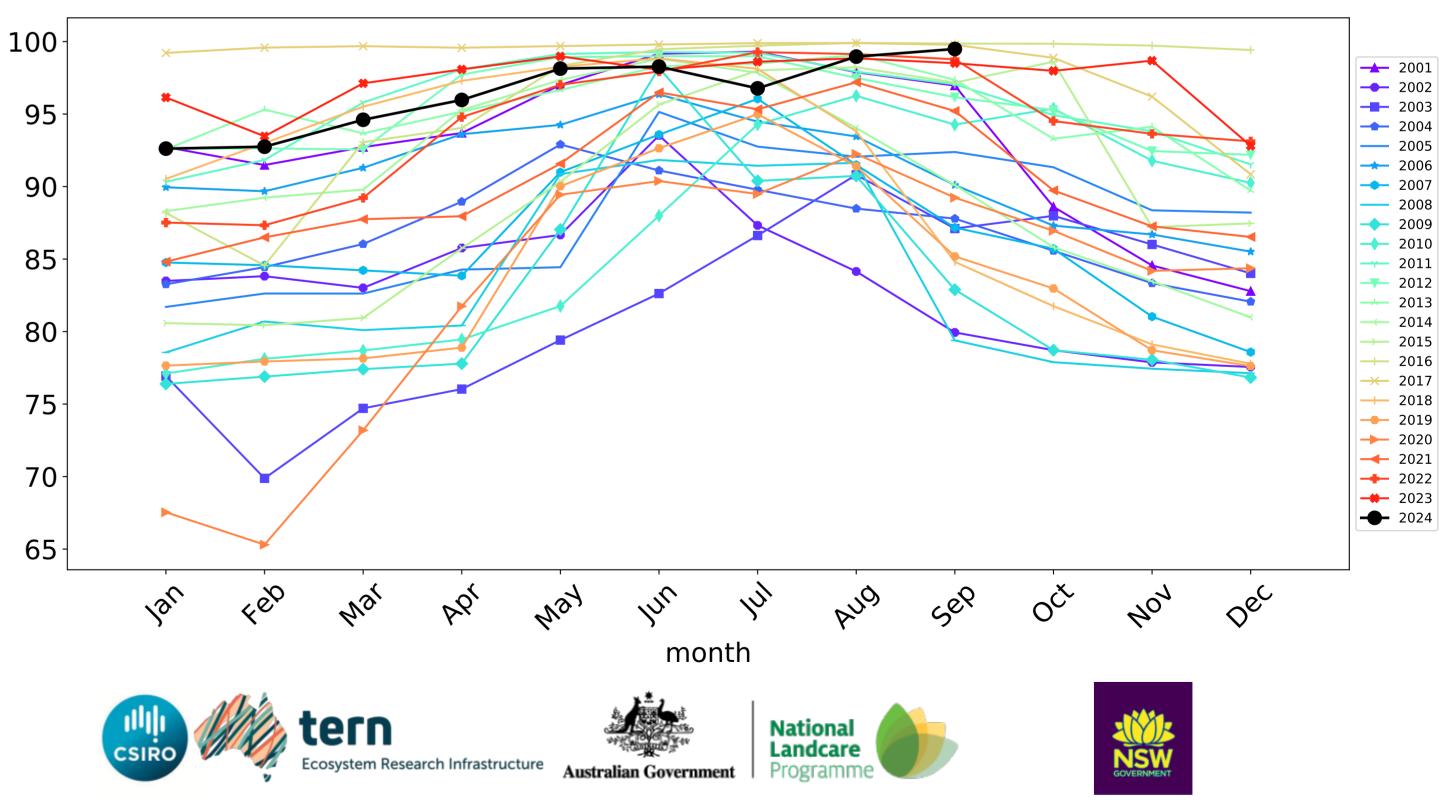
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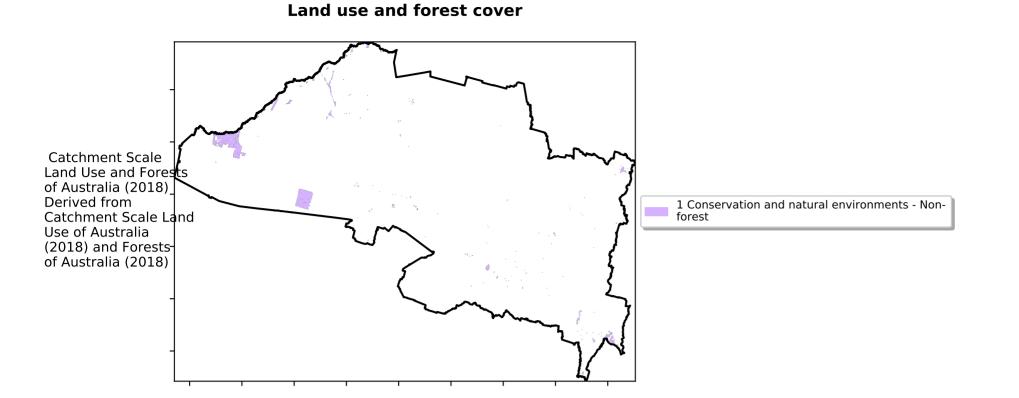




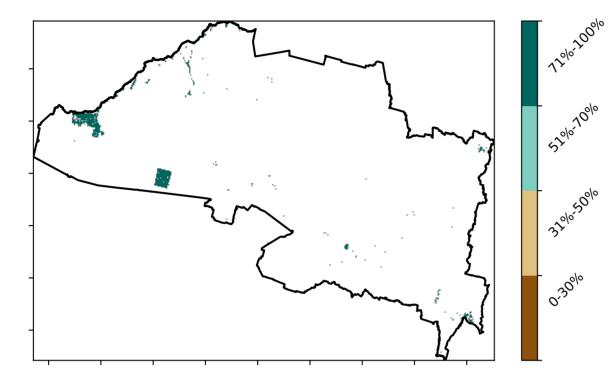
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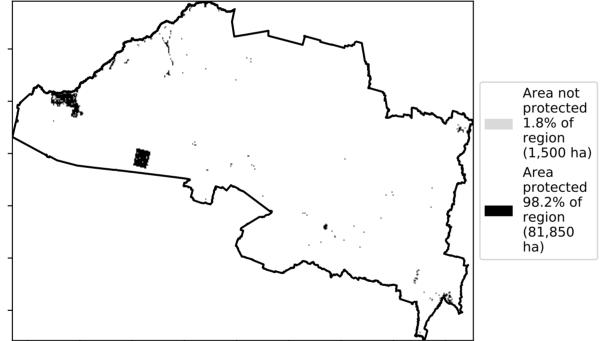
Conservation and natural environments non forest

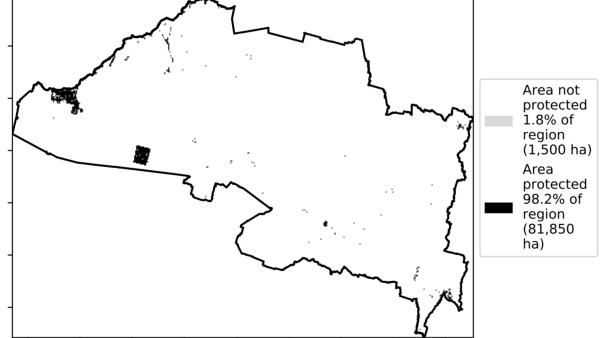


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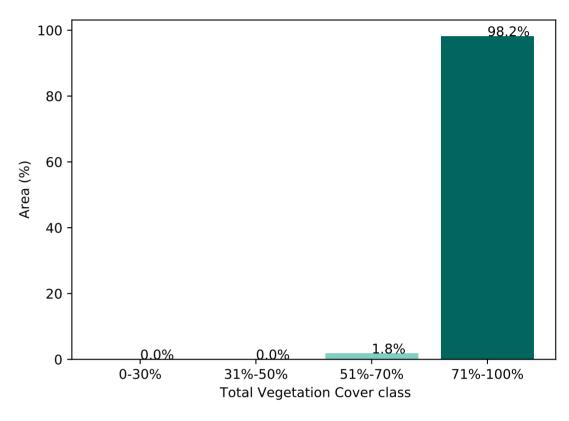


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





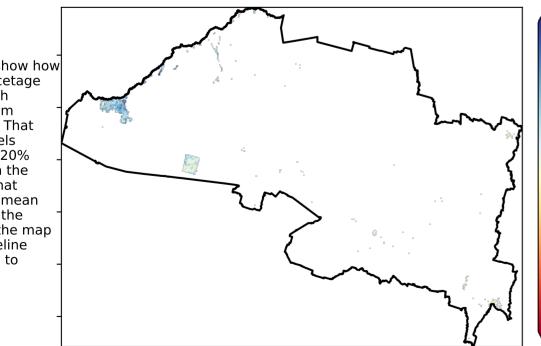
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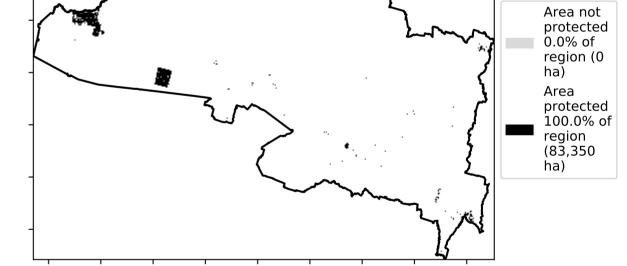
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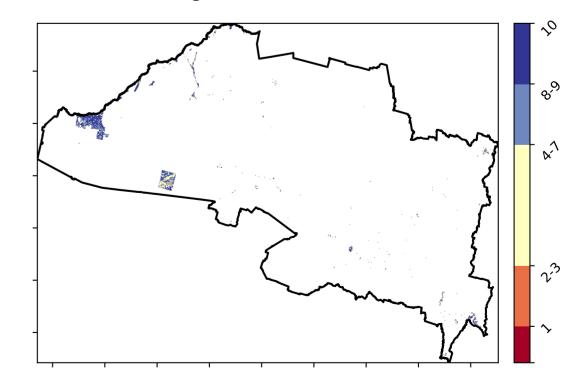
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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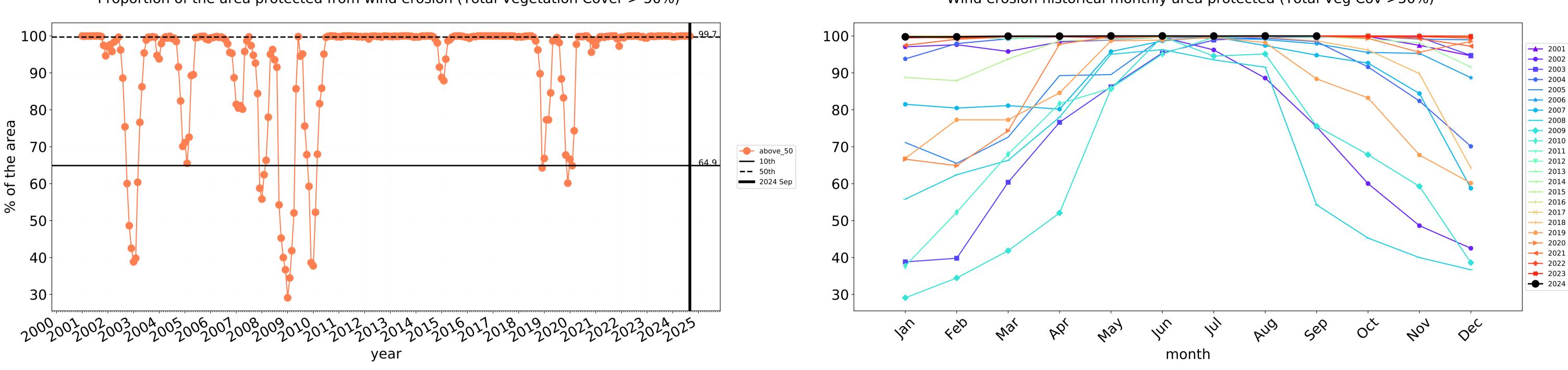
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Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries



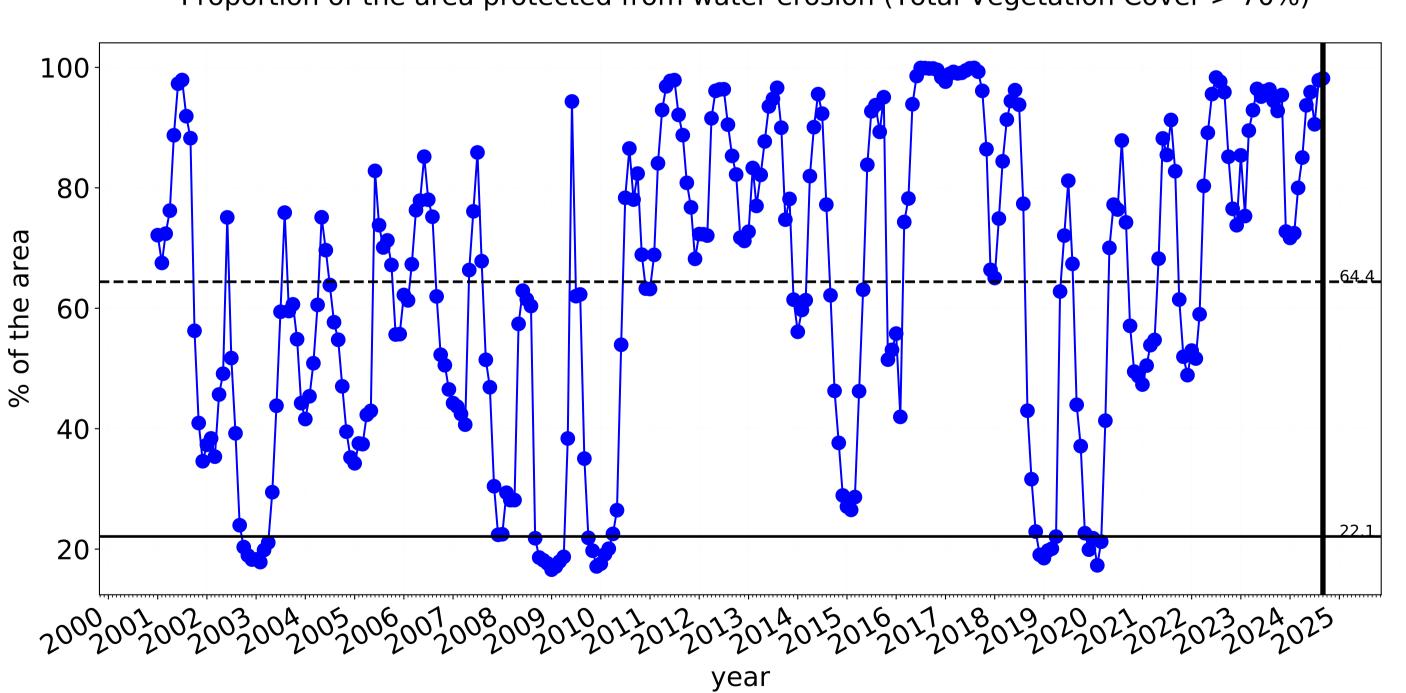
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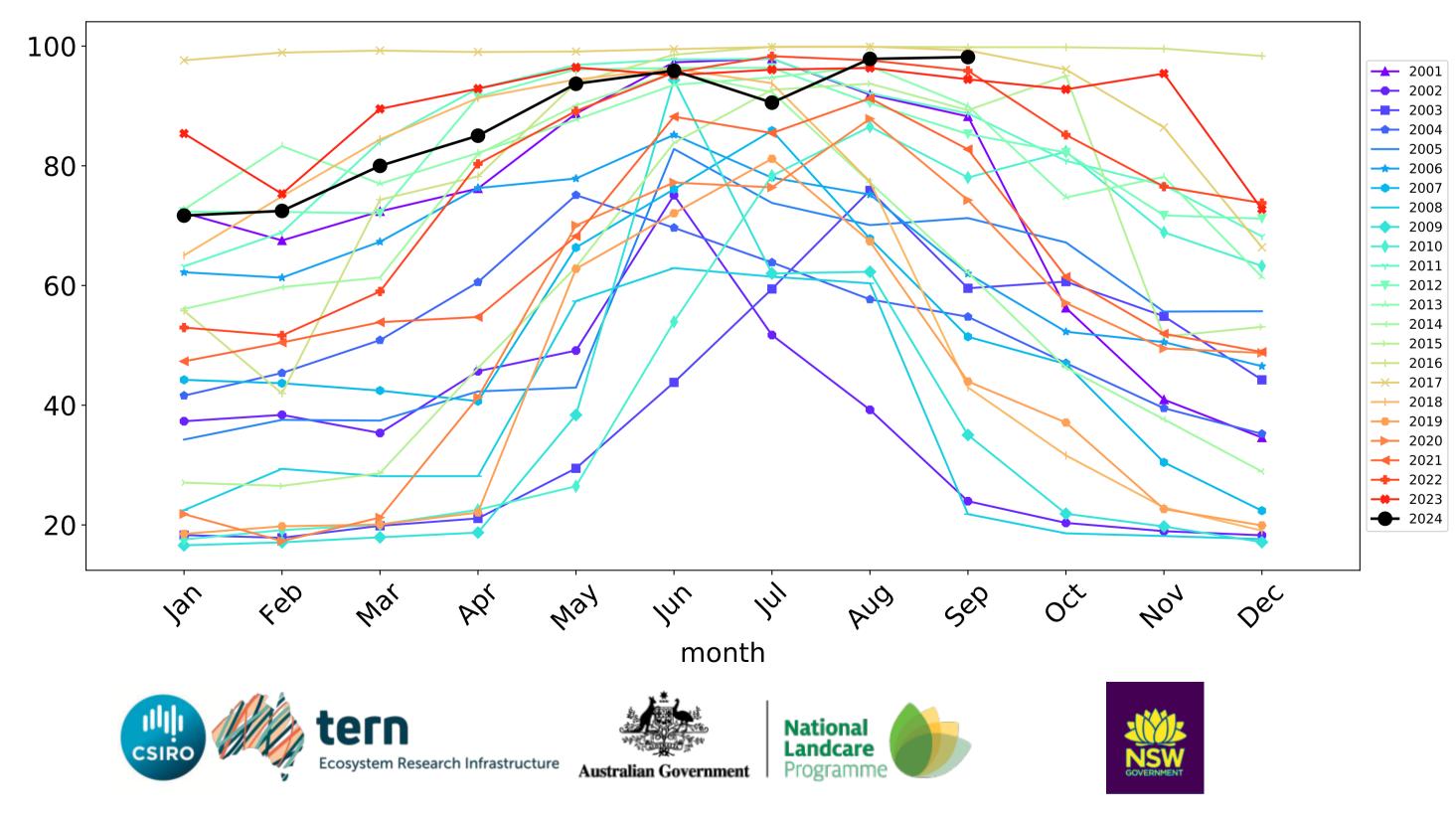
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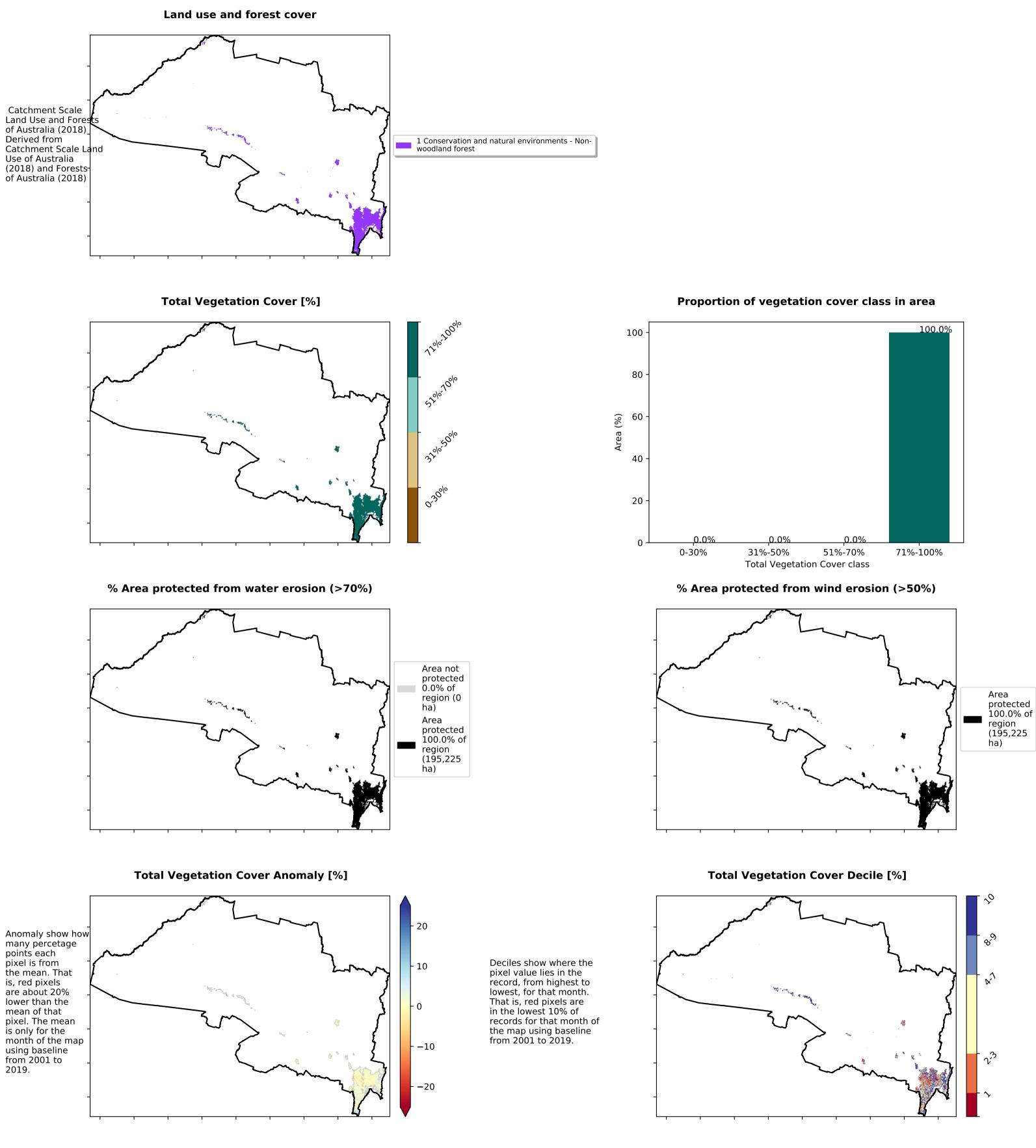
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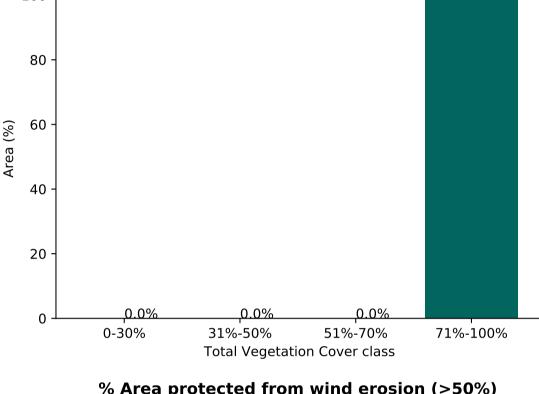


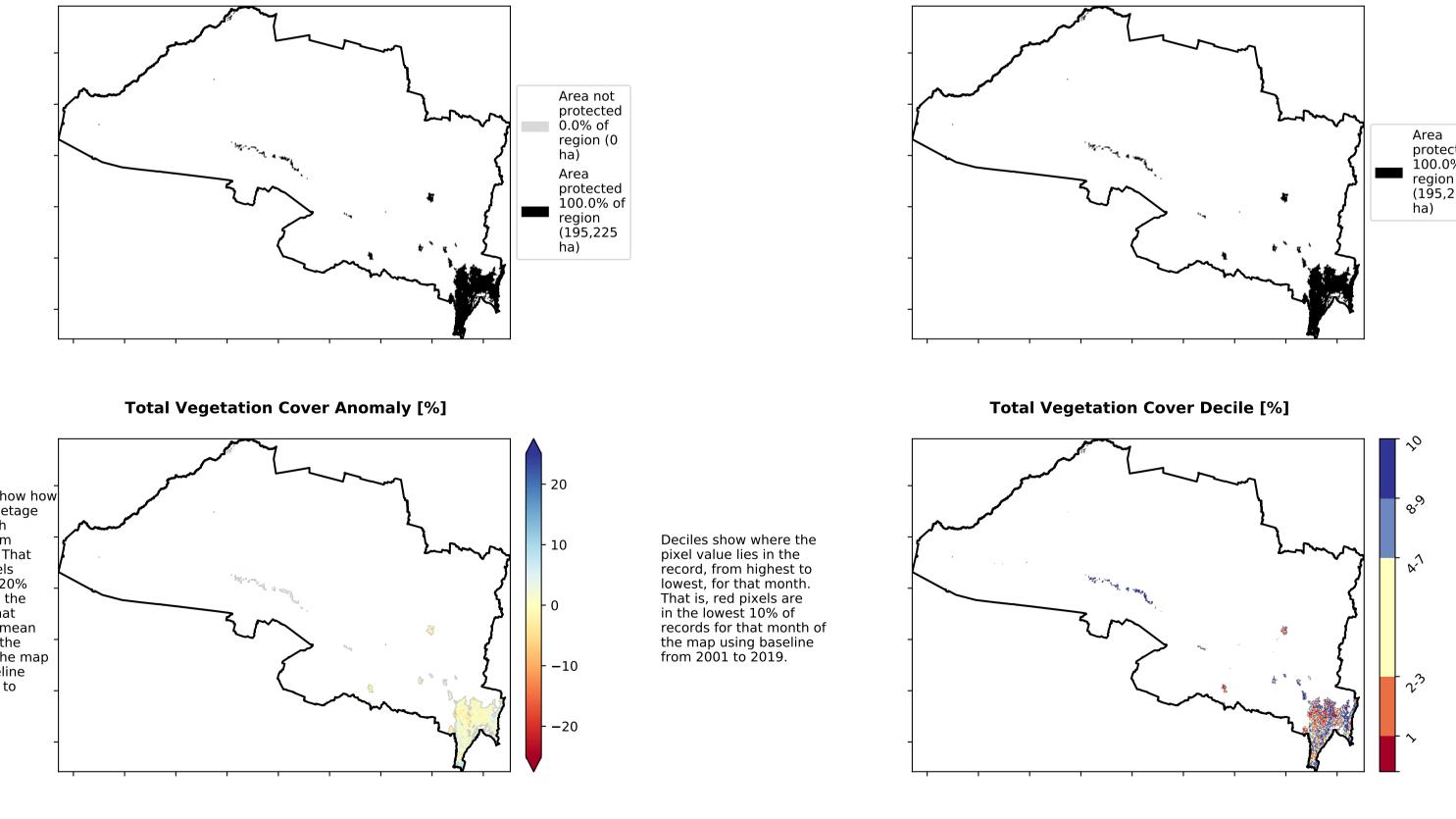
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

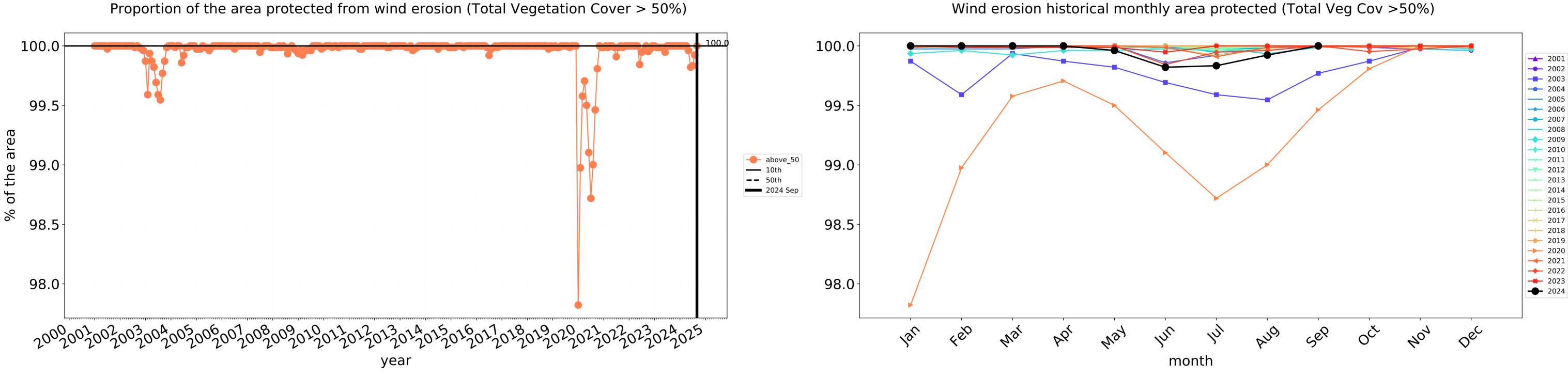






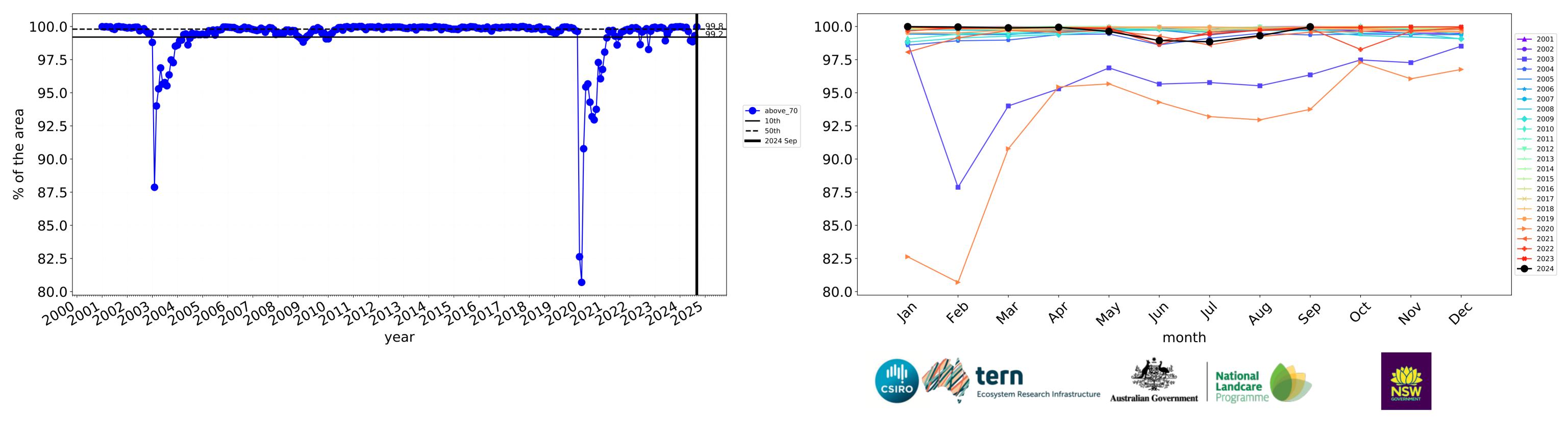


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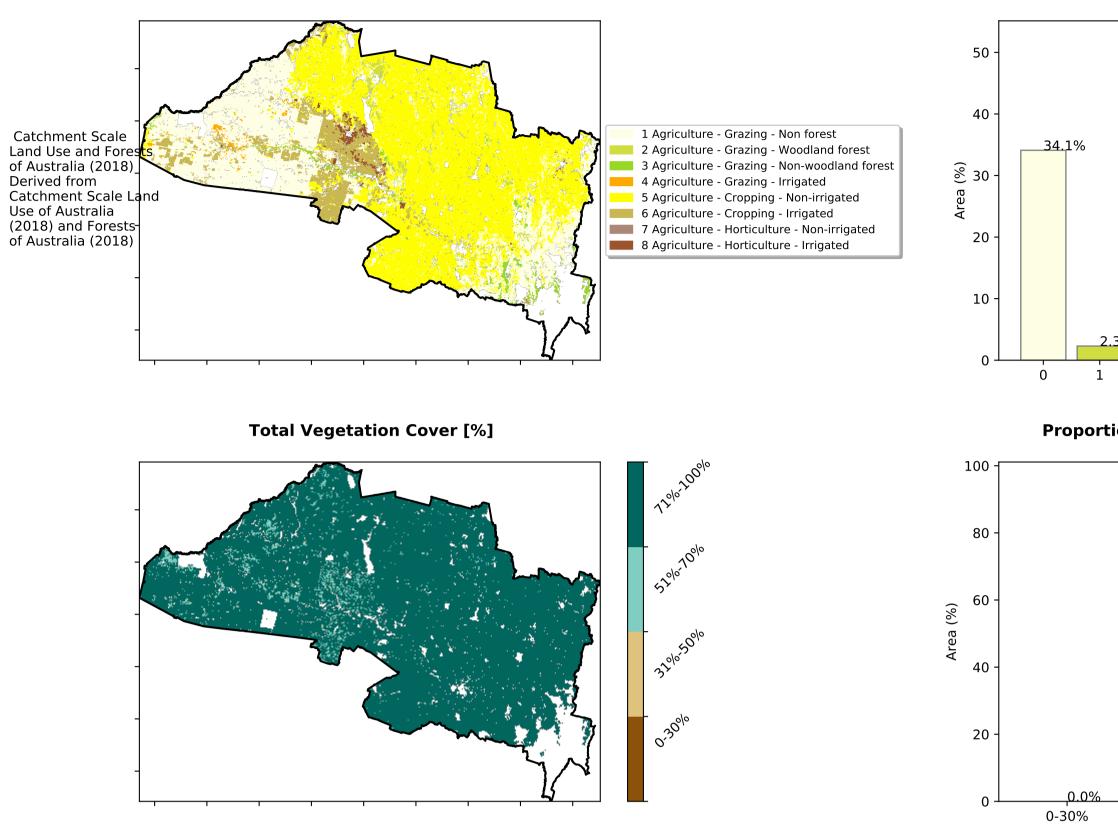


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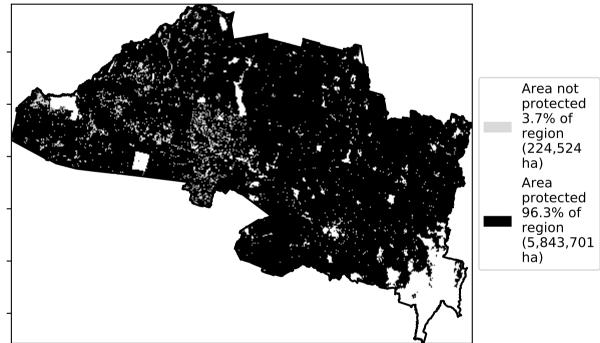
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

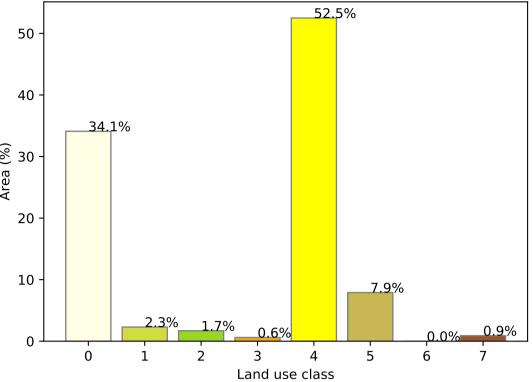
Proportion of each land class in area



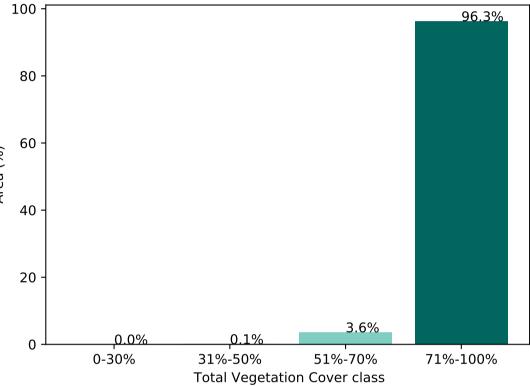
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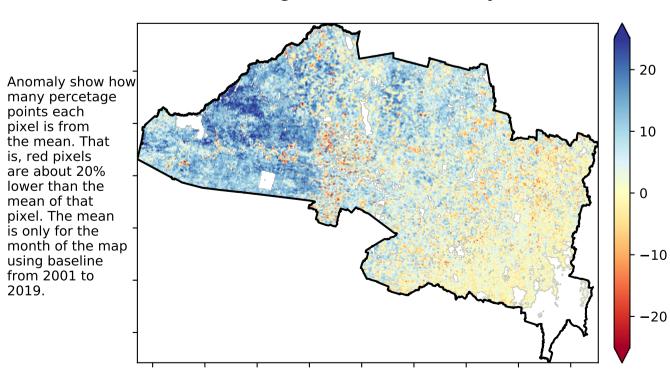
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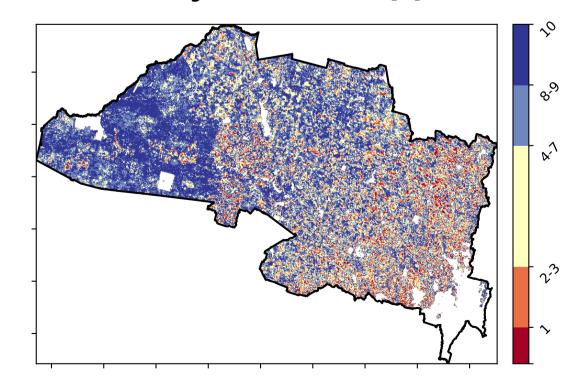


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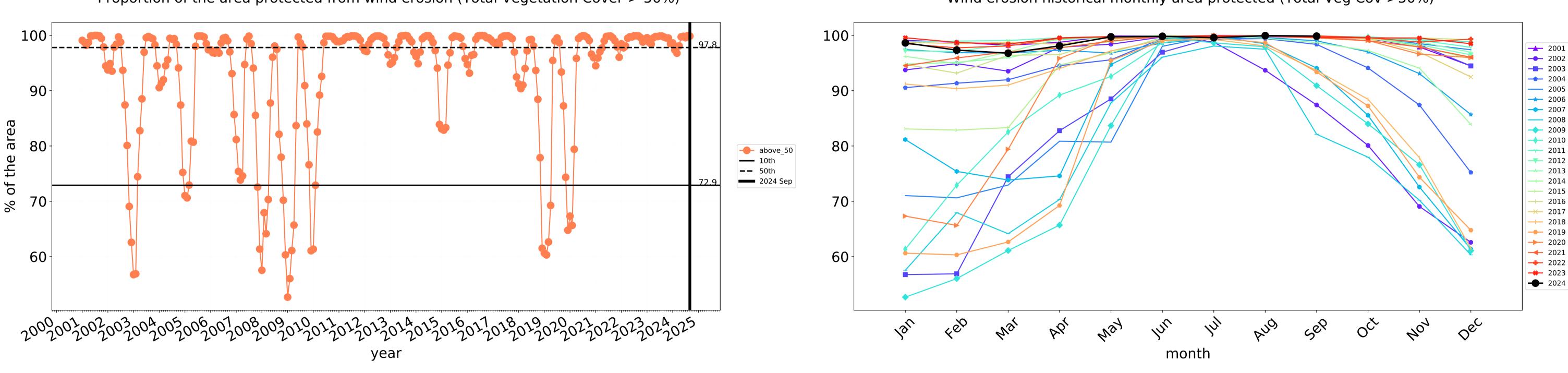


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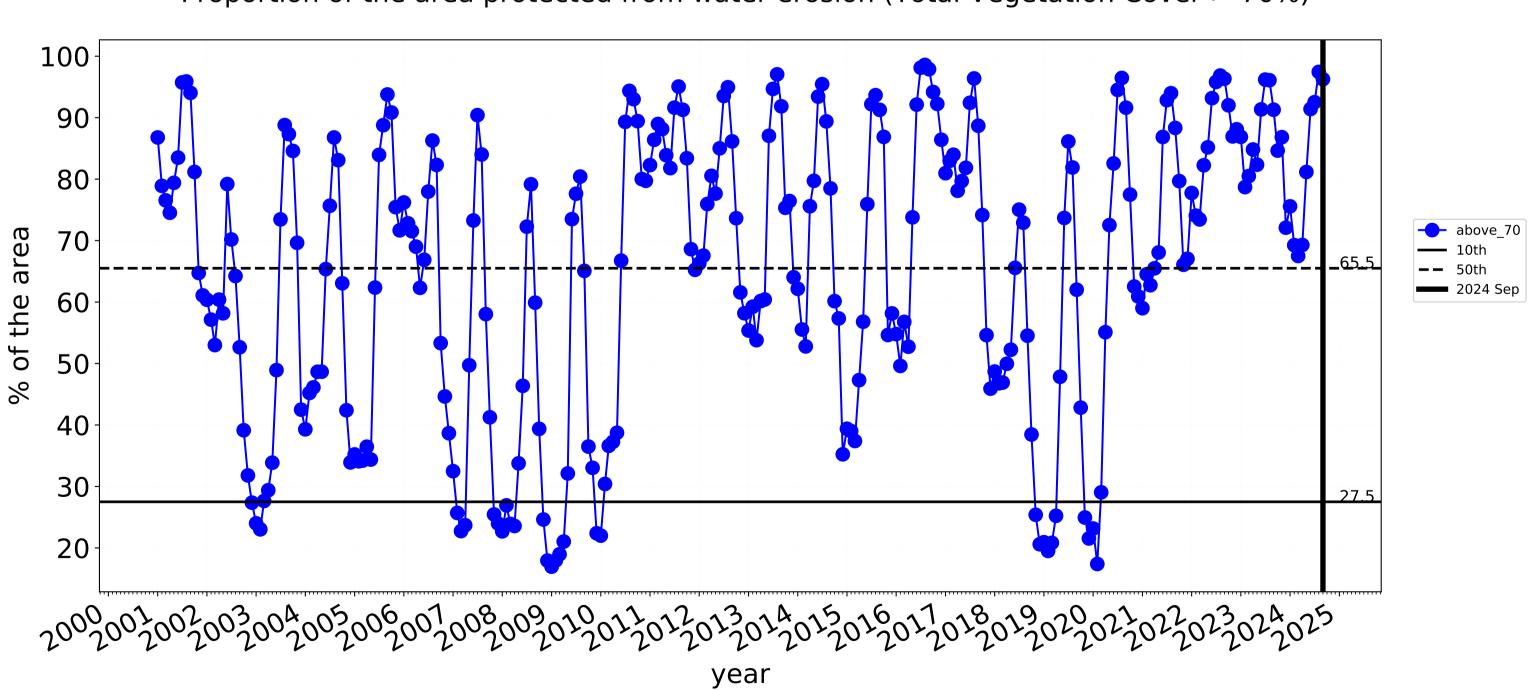
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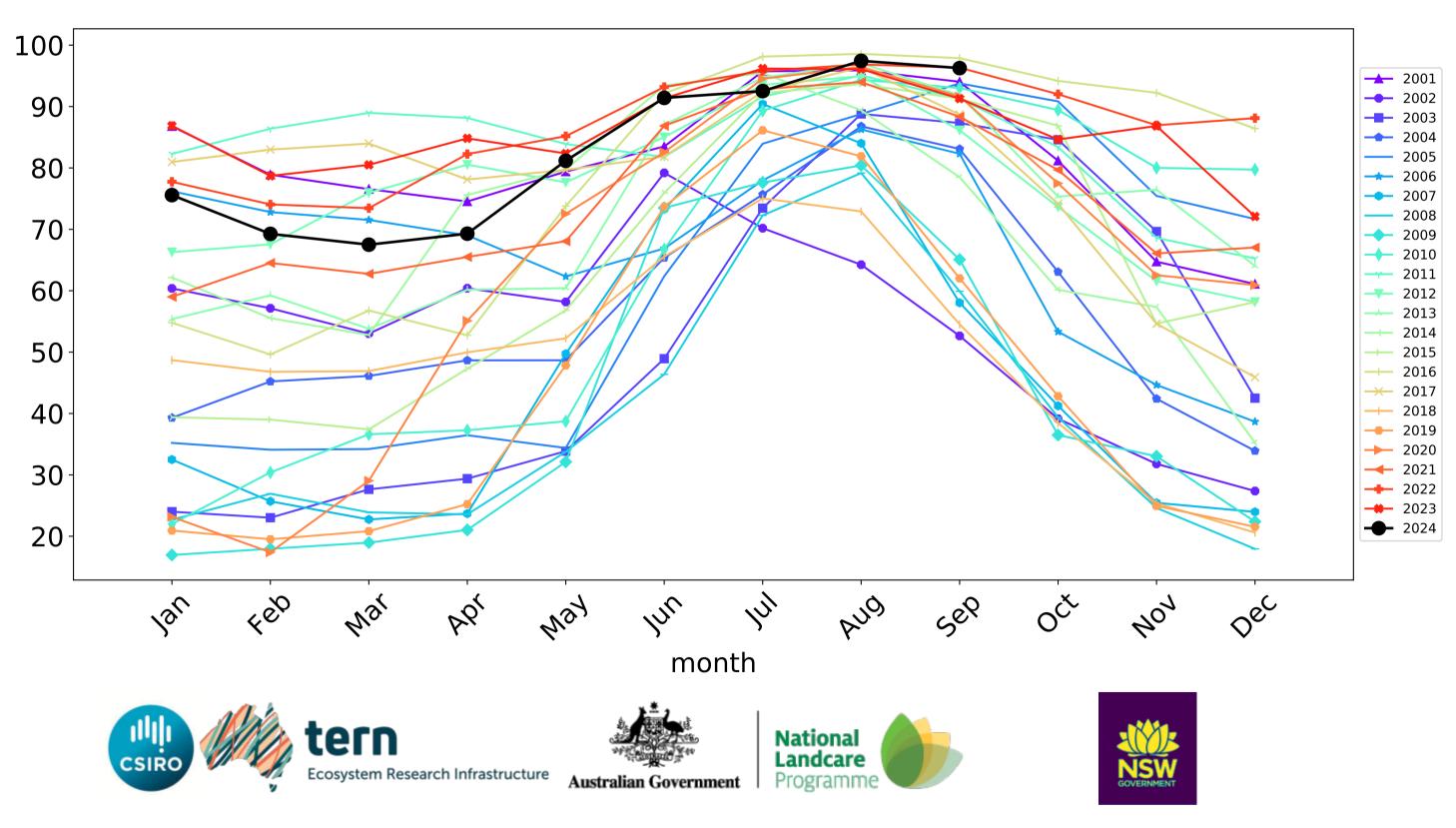


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Agriculture timeseries

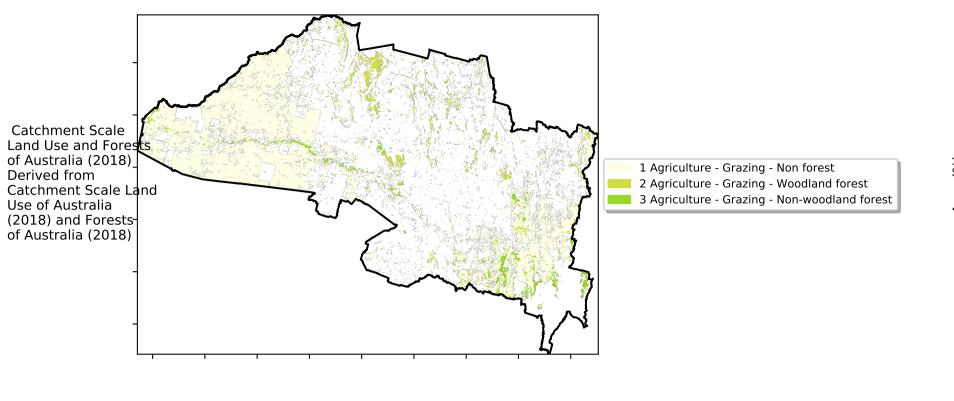


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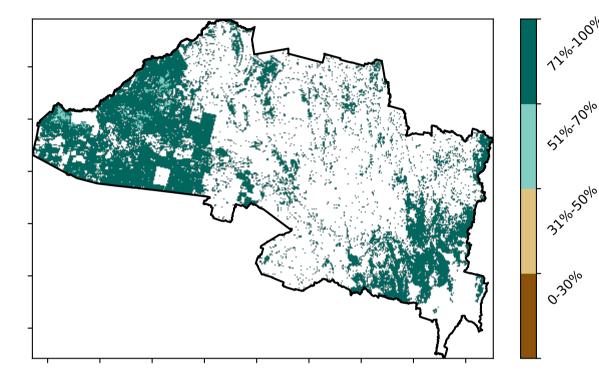
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

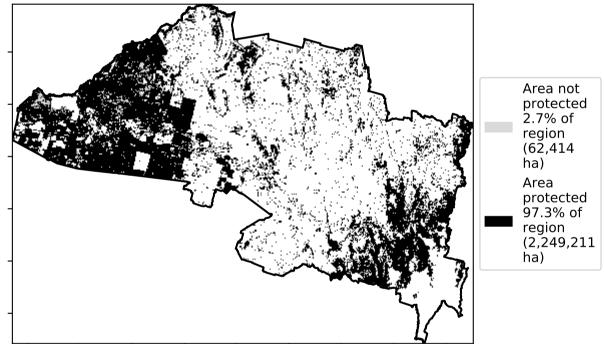


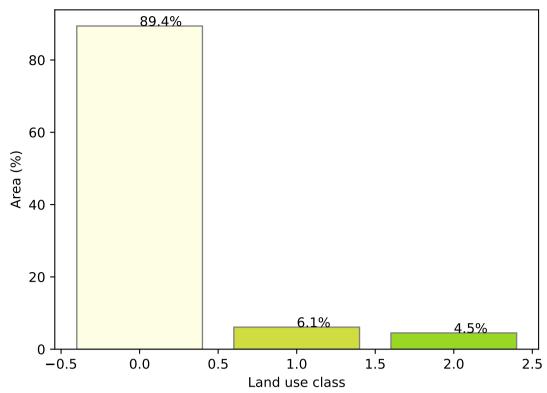


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

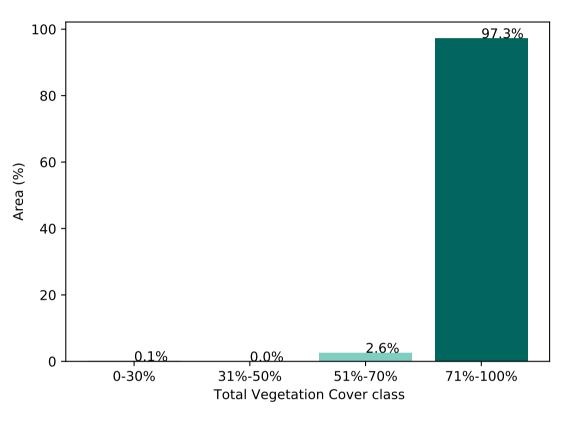


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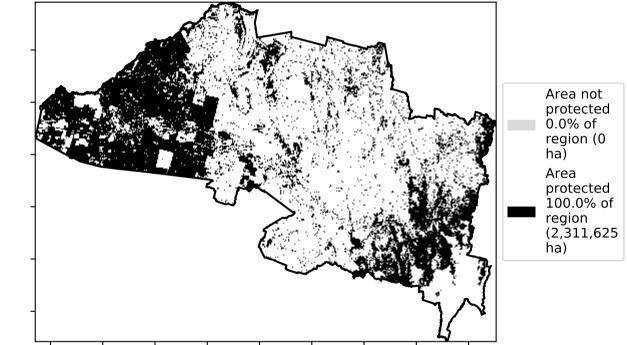




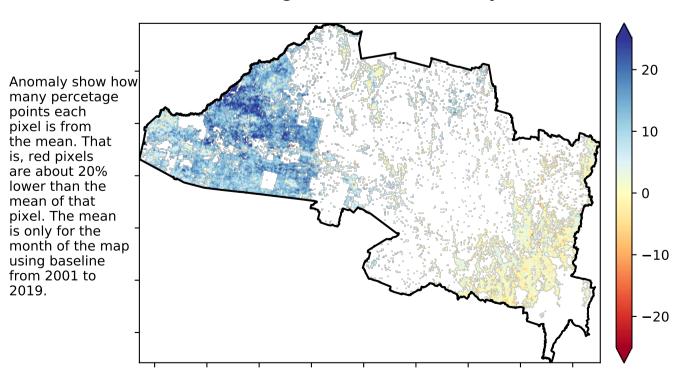
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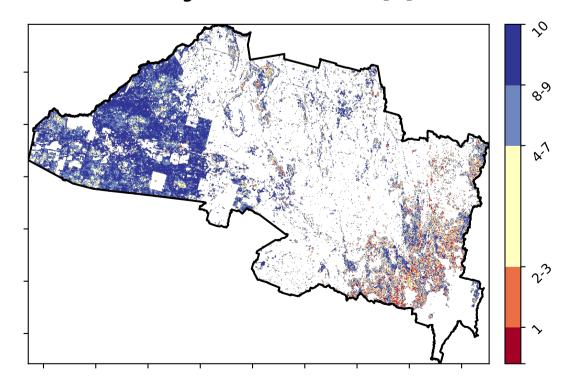


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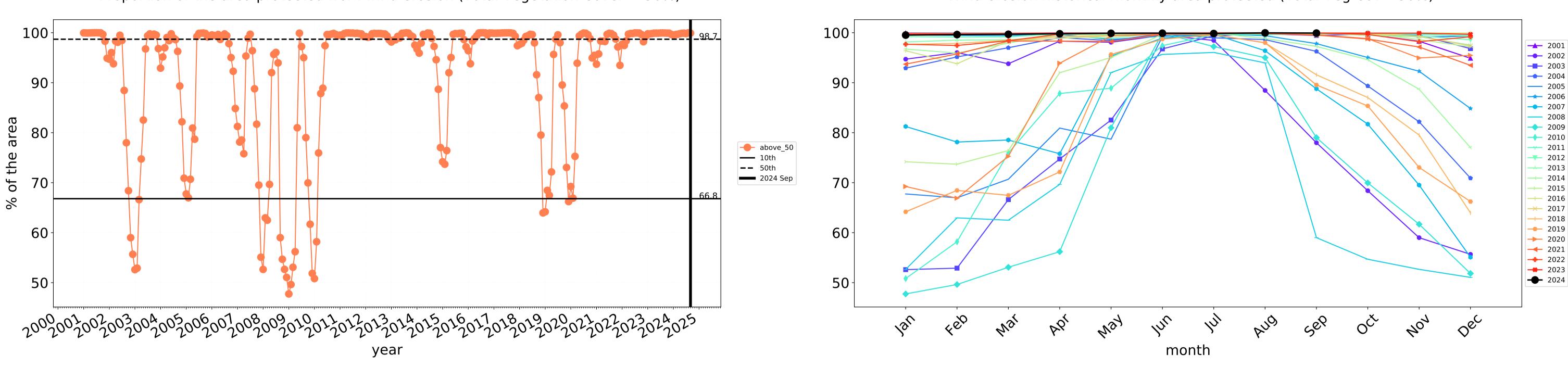


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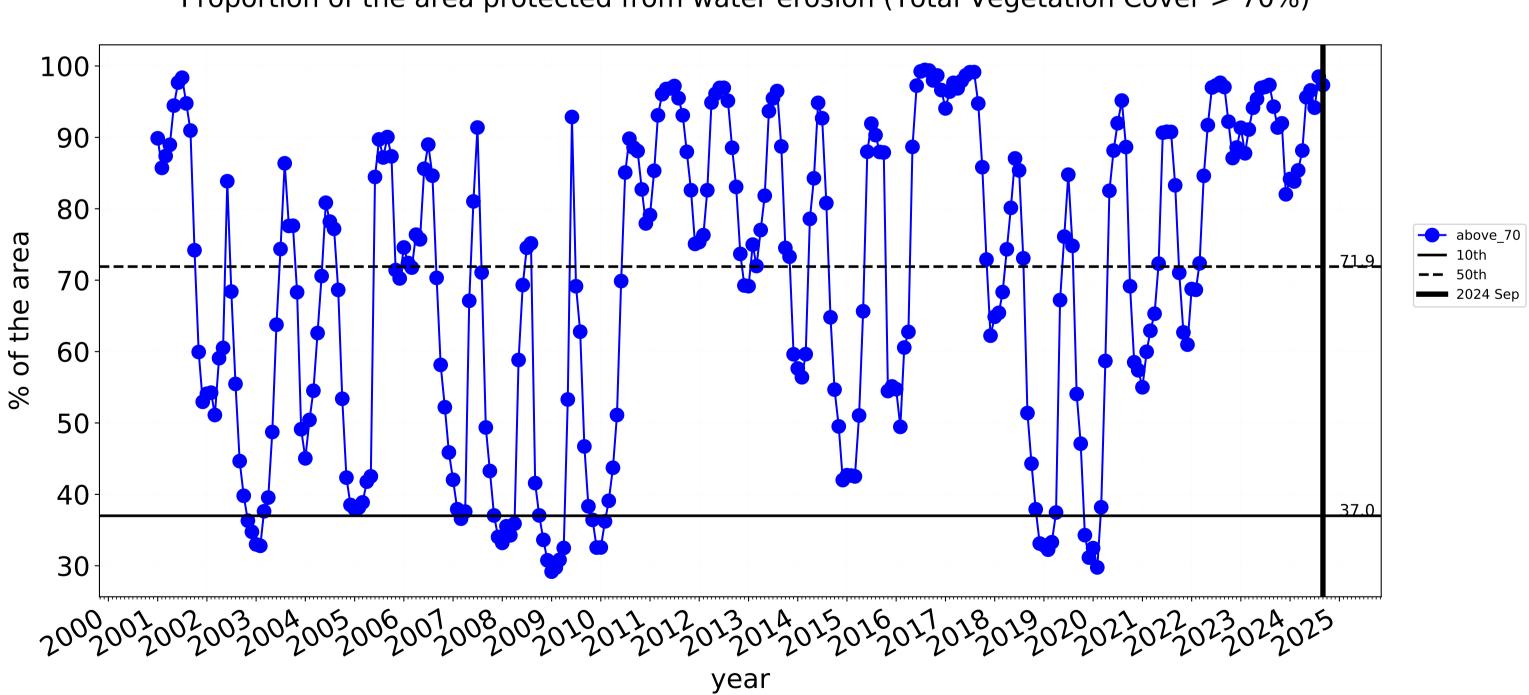
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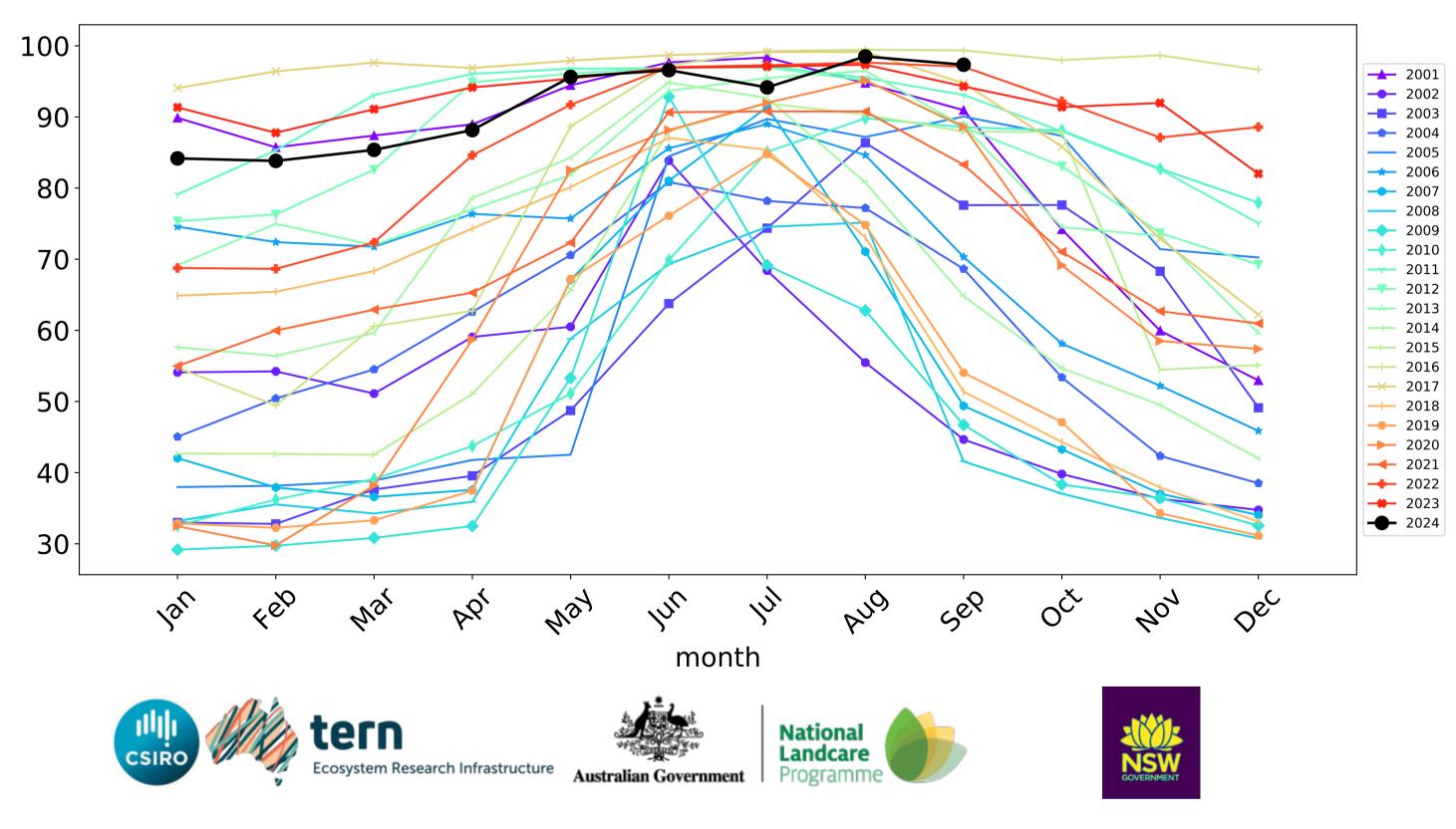


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

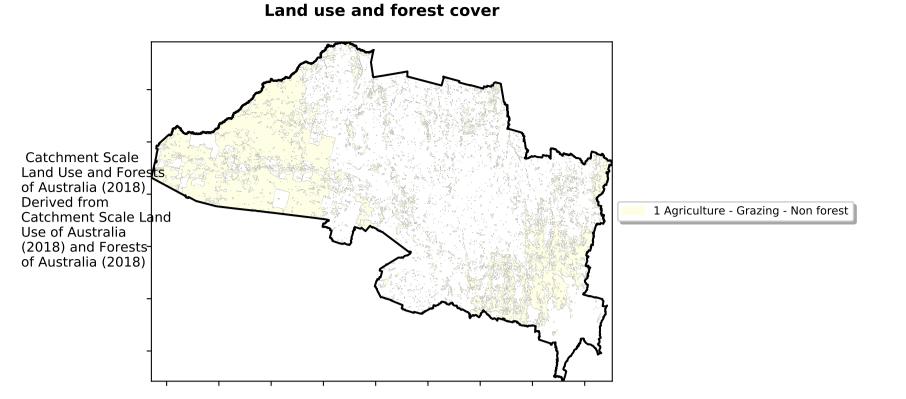


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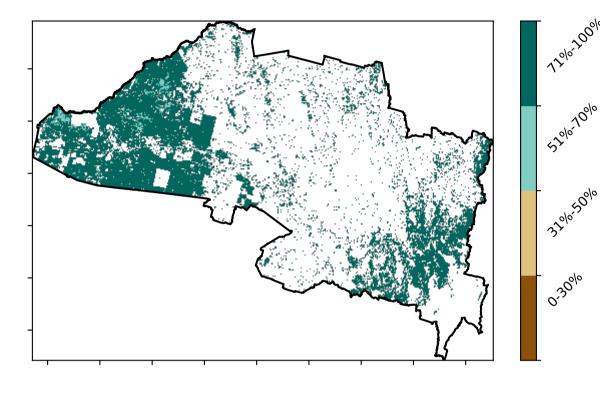
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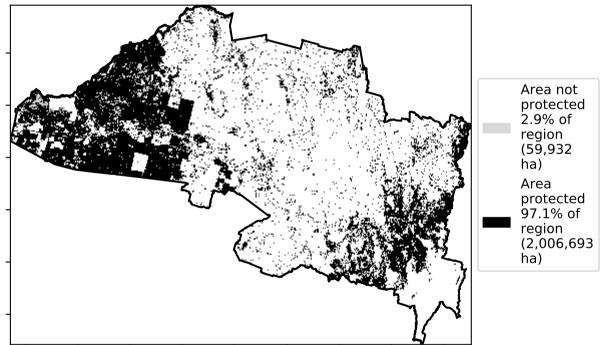
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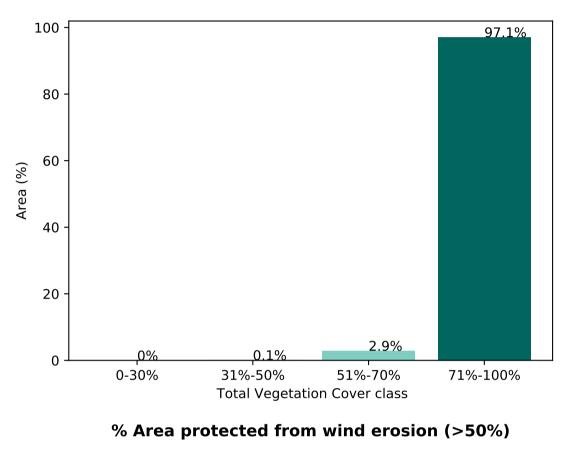
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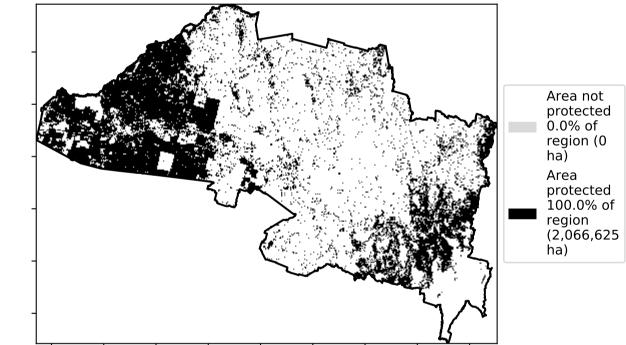


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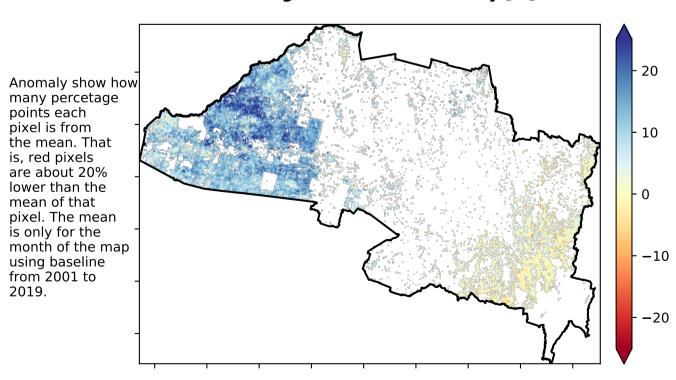


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



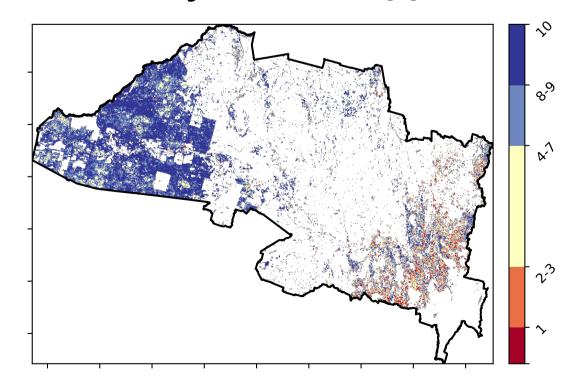


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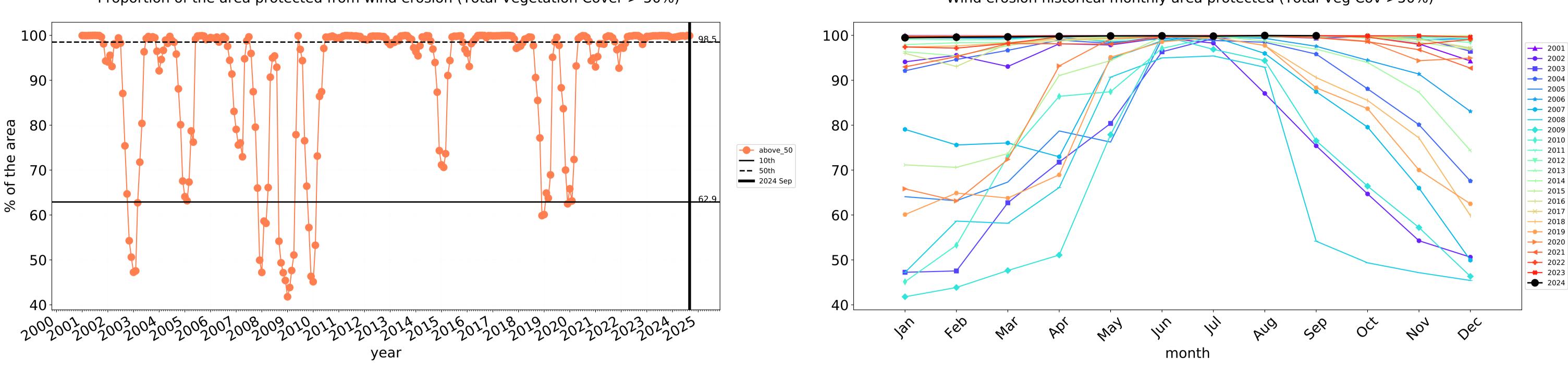


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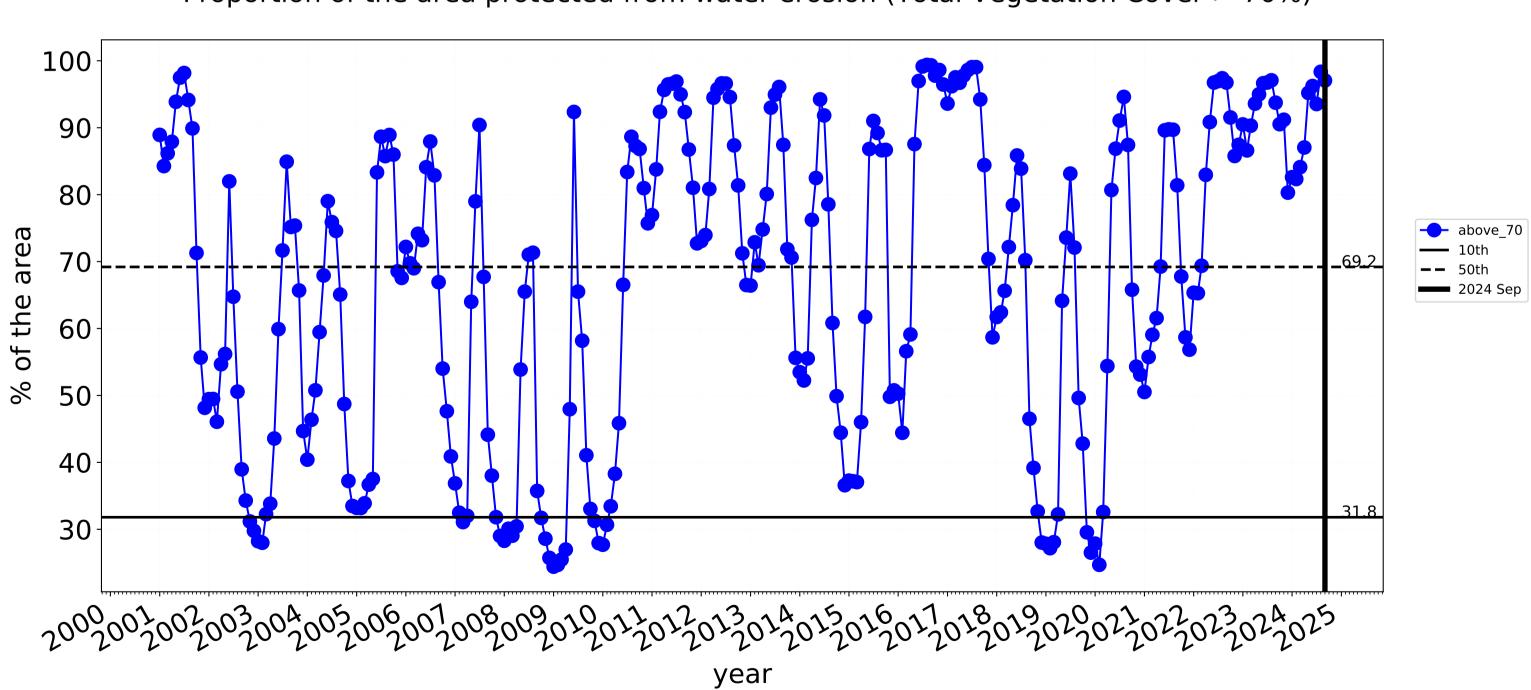
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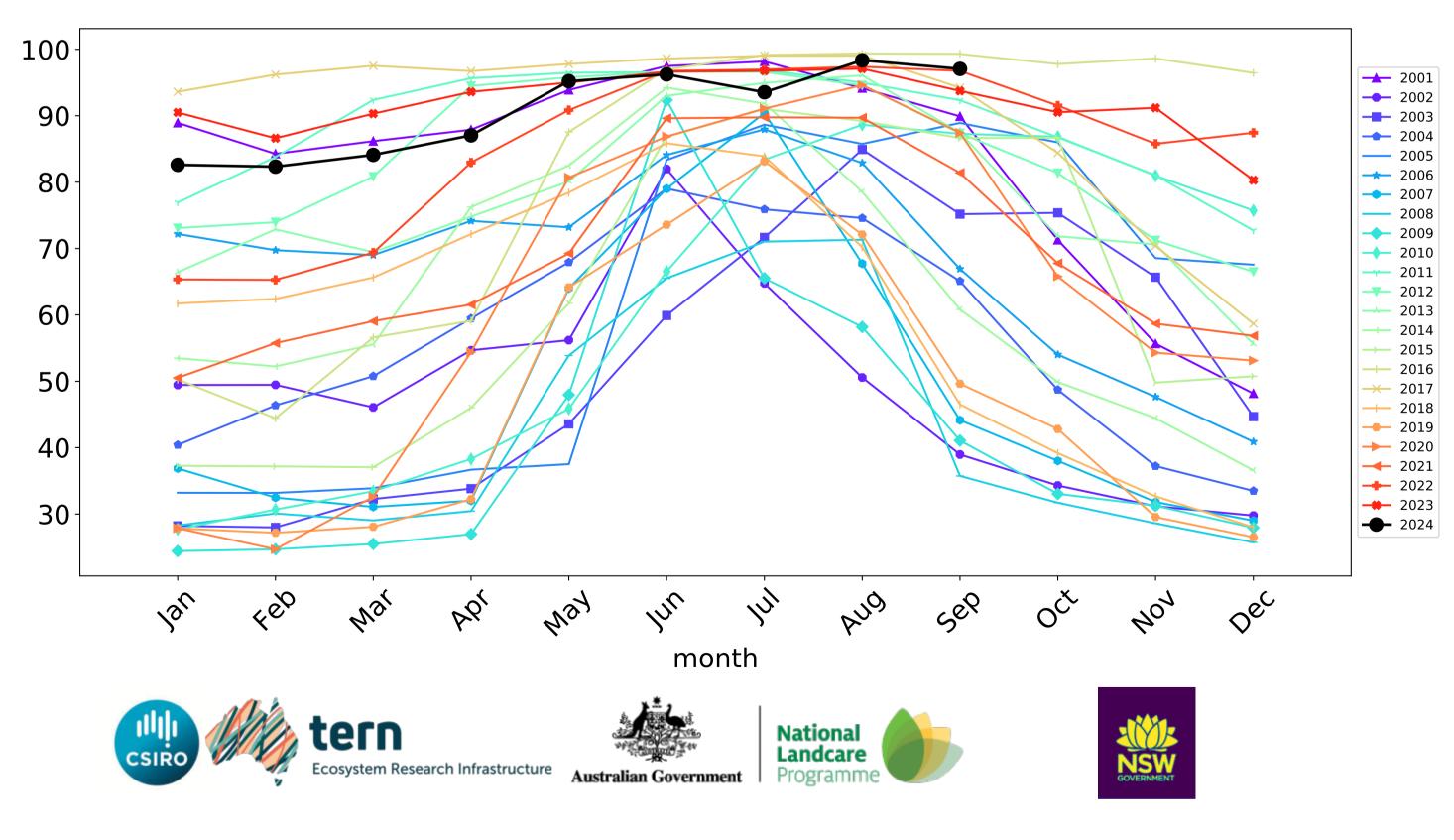
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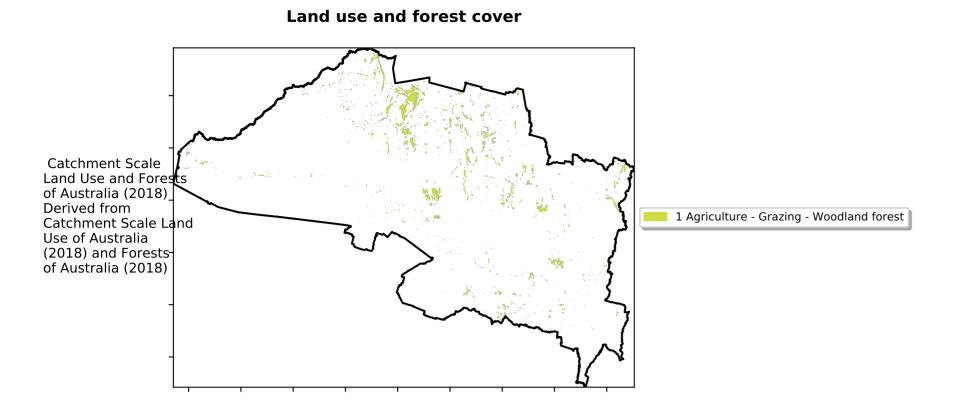
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Grazing non forest timeseries

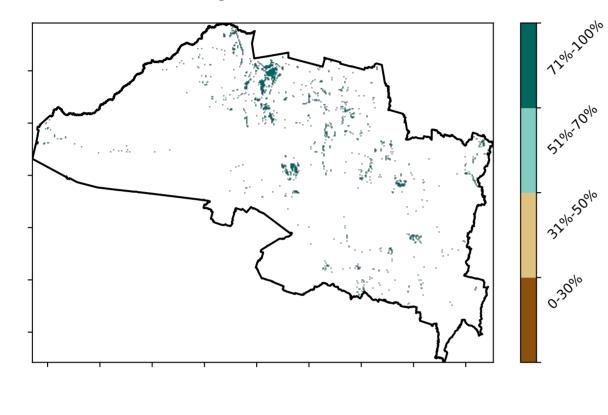
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Grazing Woodland forest



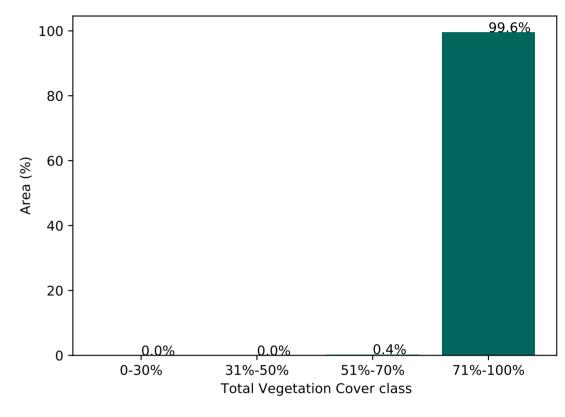
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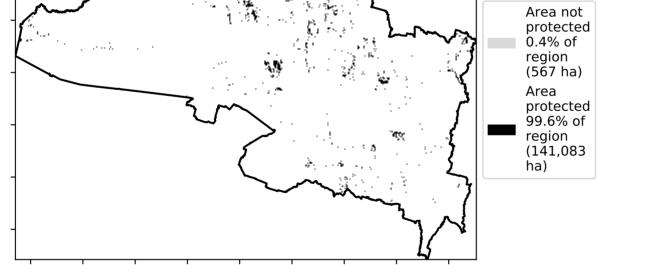


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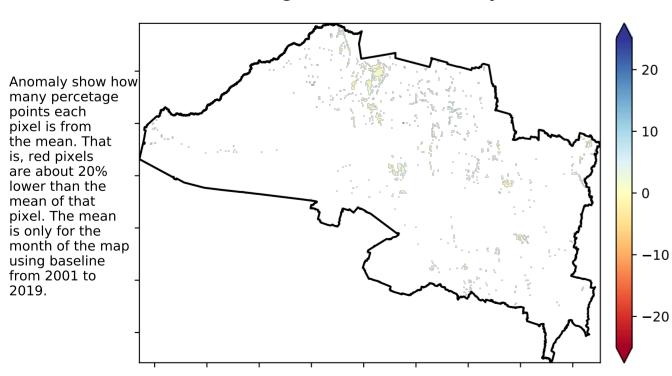


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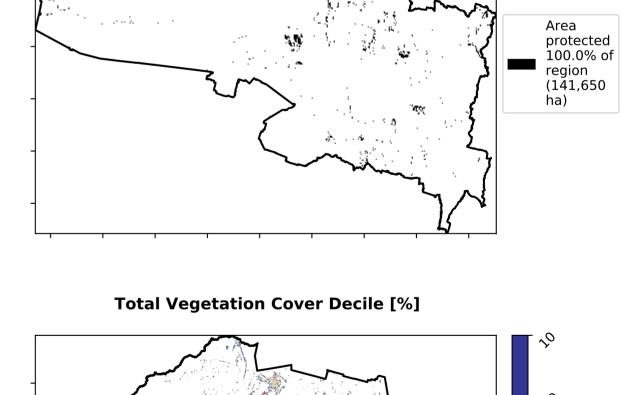


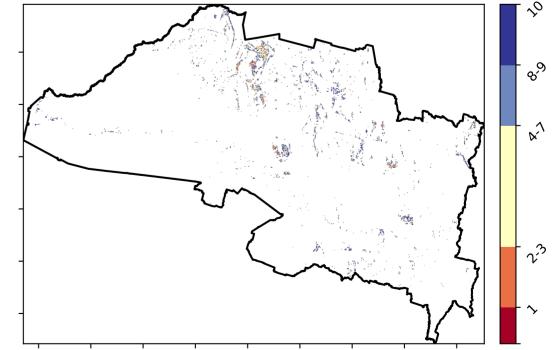


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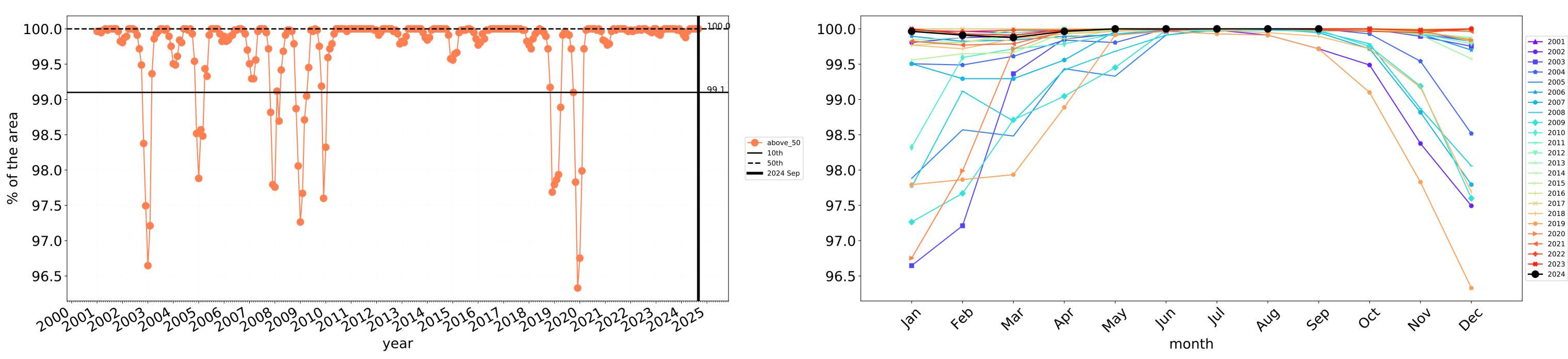
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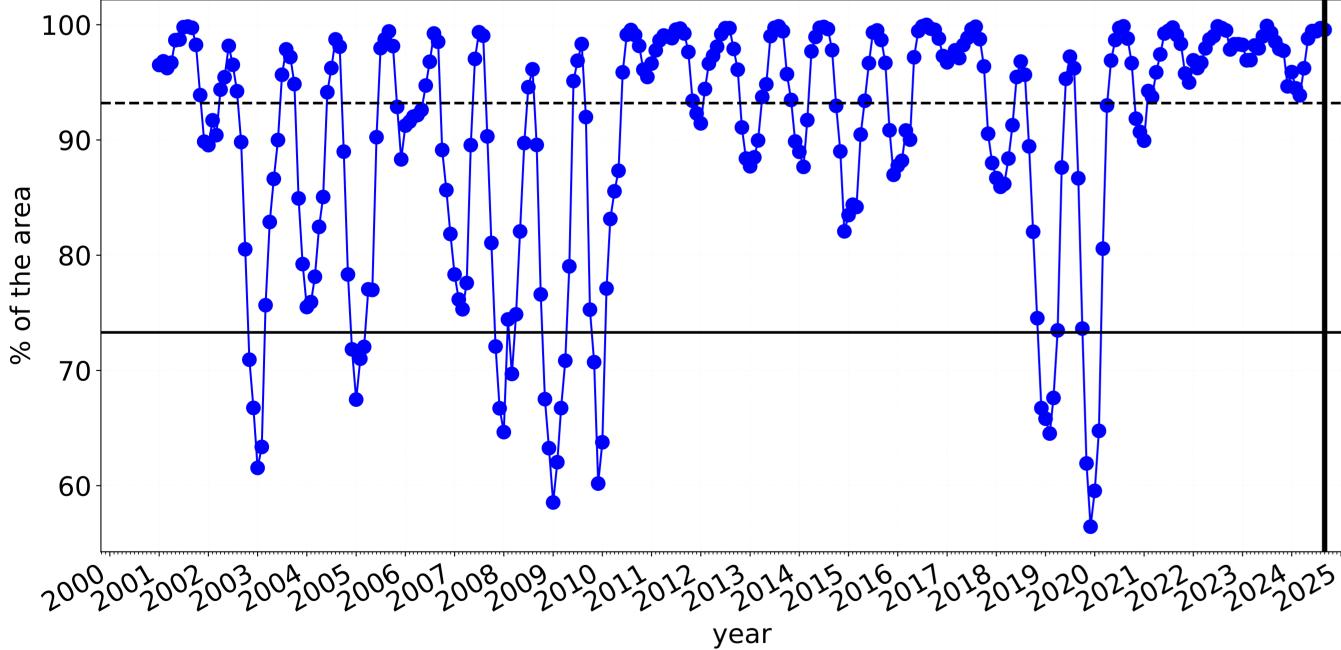


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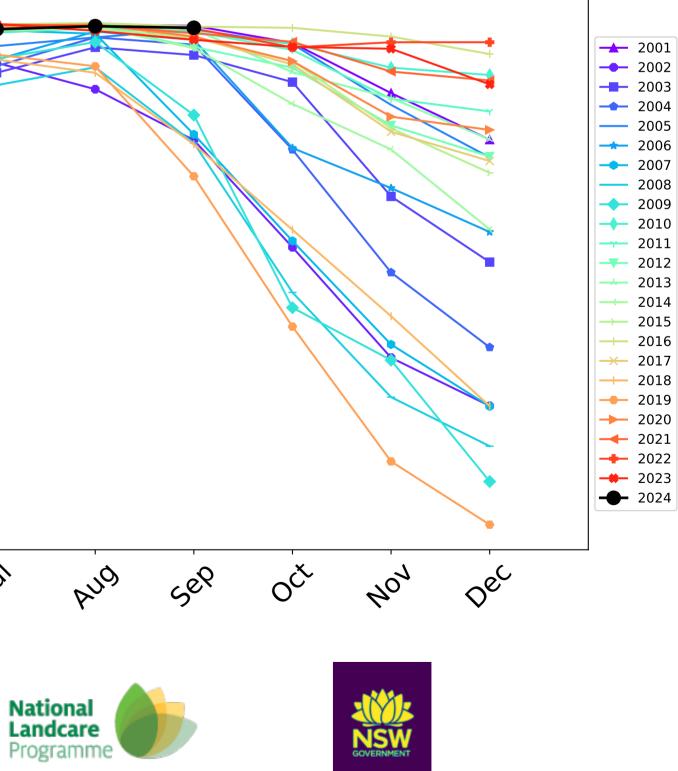


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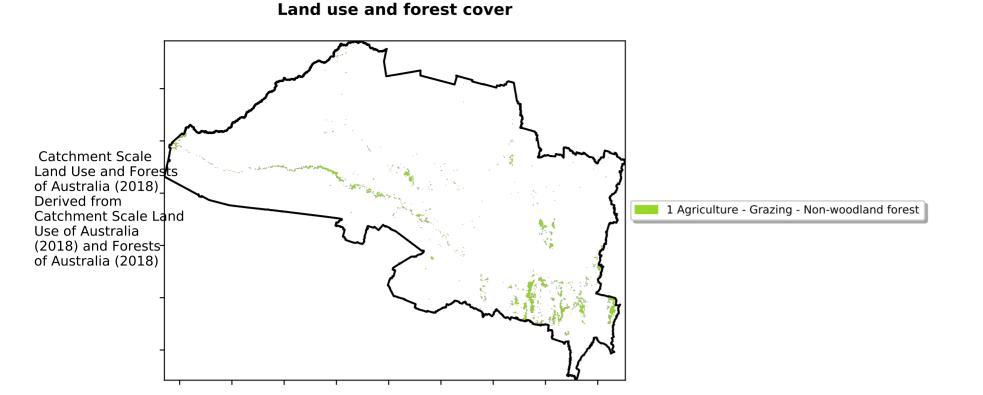
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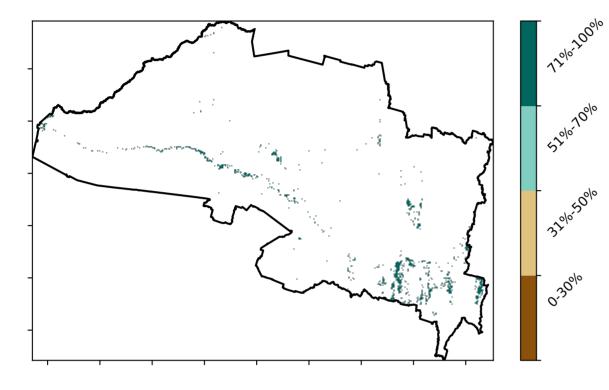
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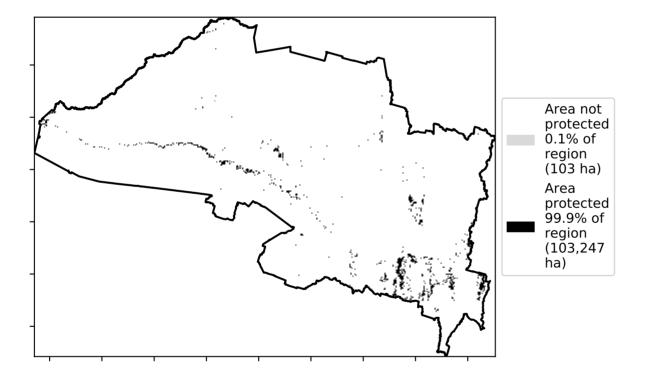
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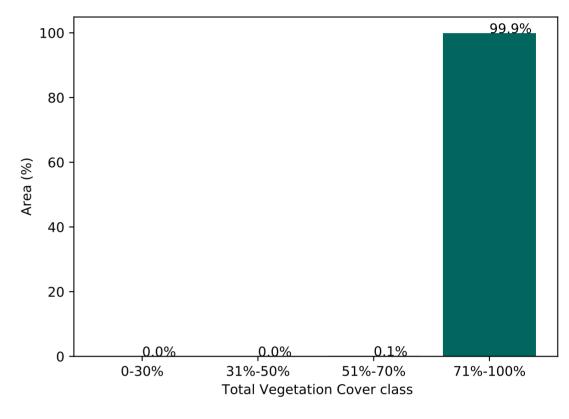
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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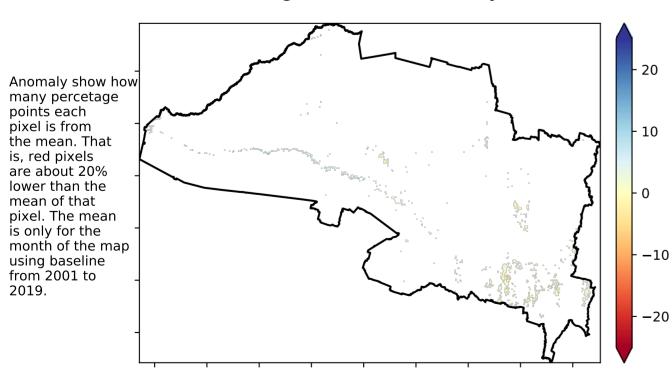
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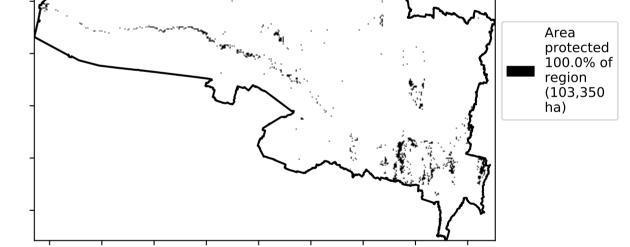
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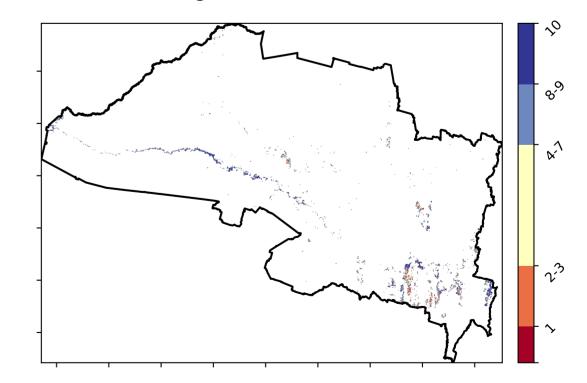
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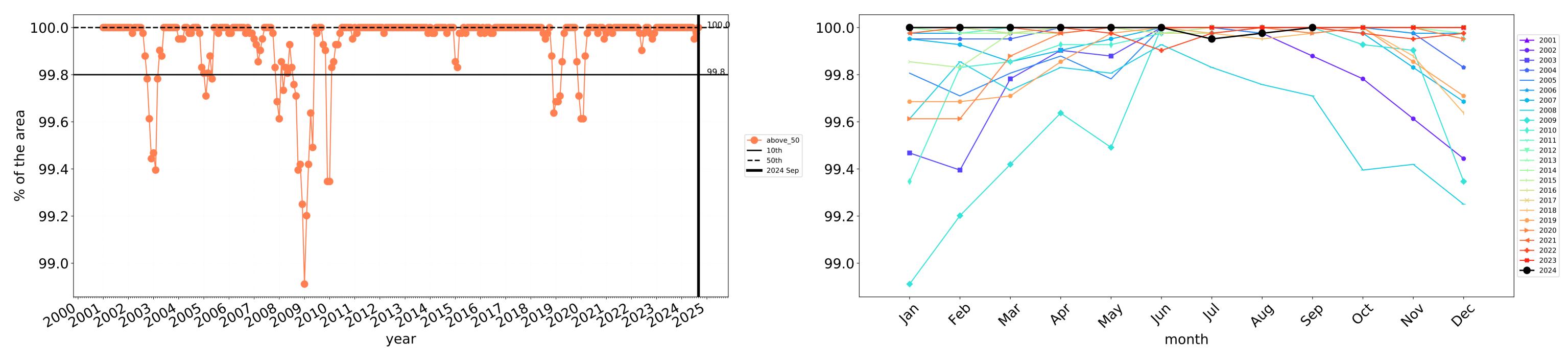


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



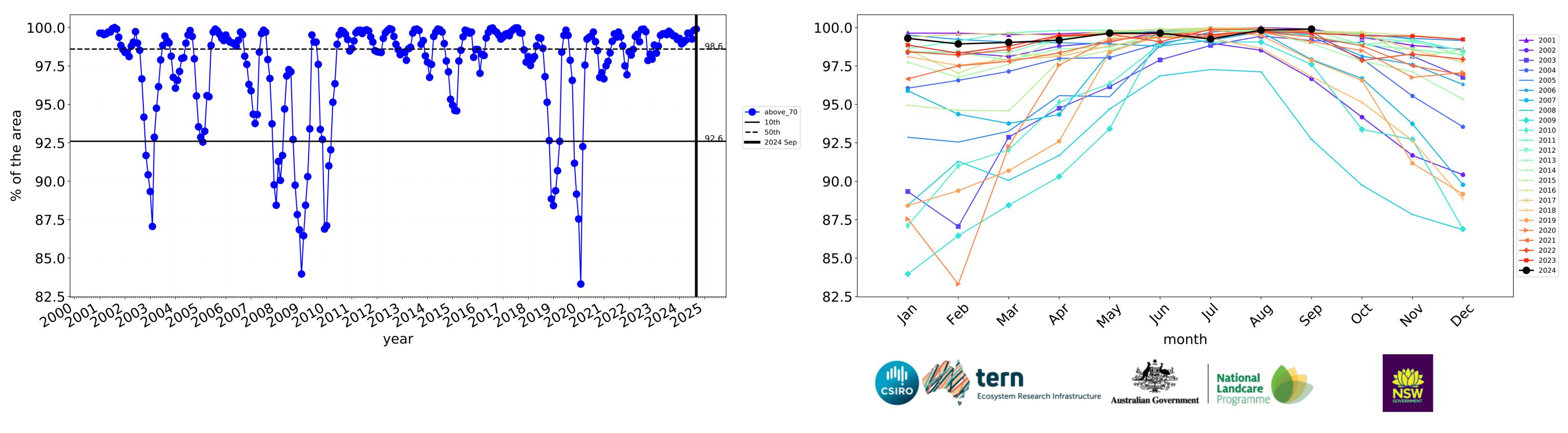


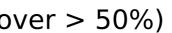
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

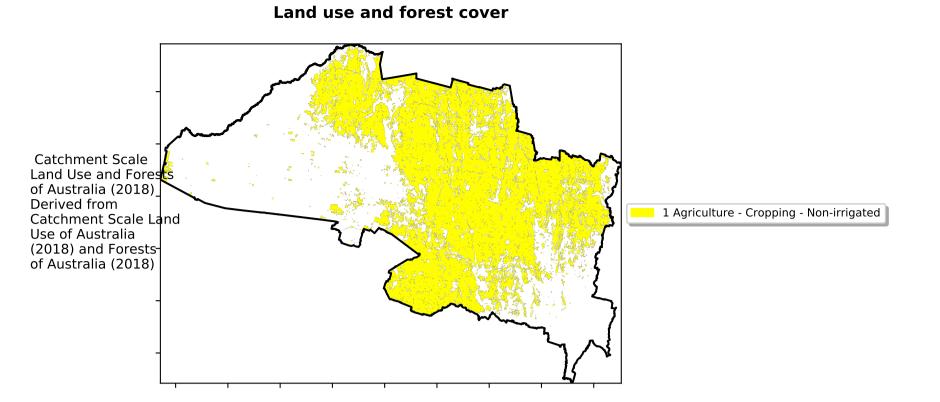




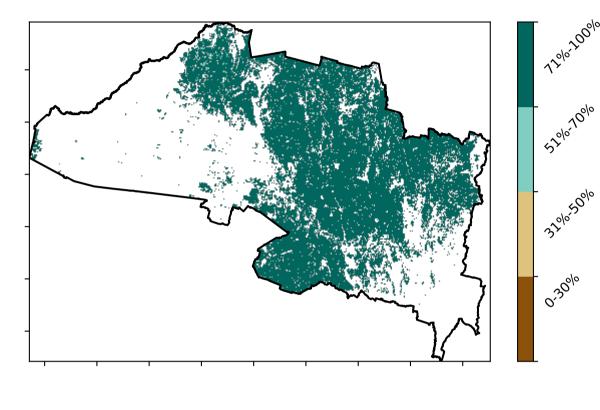
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

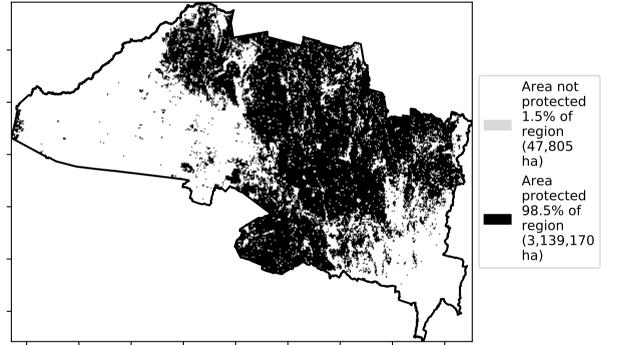
Cropping



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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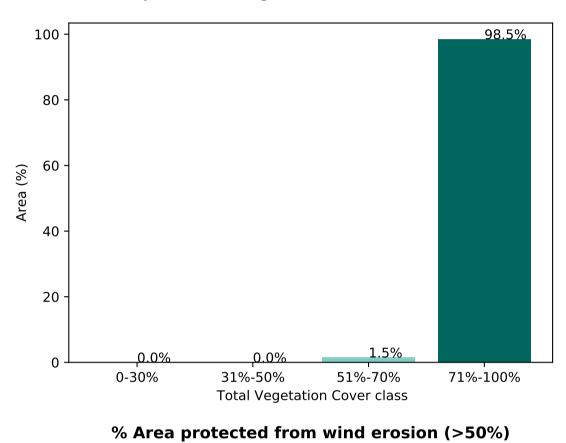
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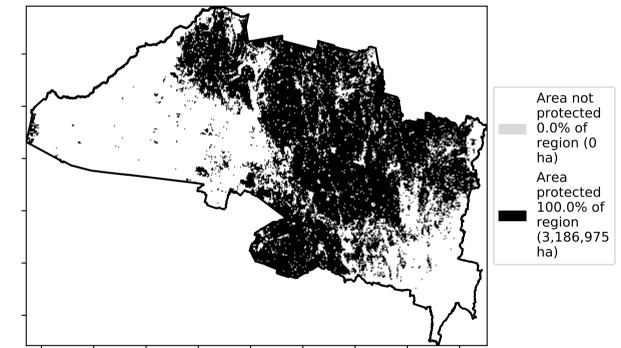
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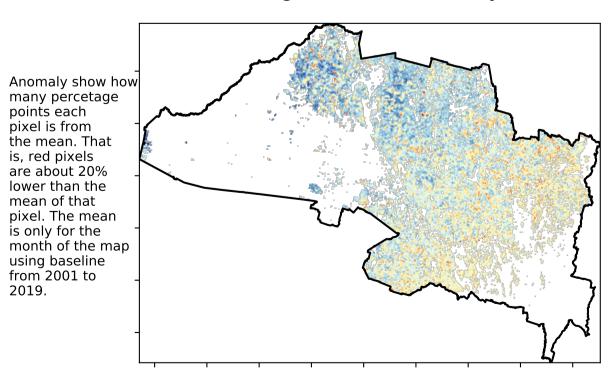
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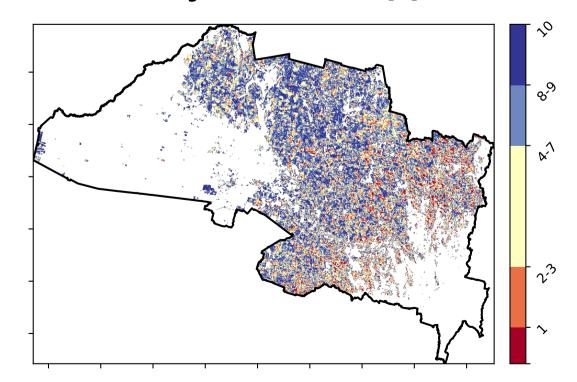


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

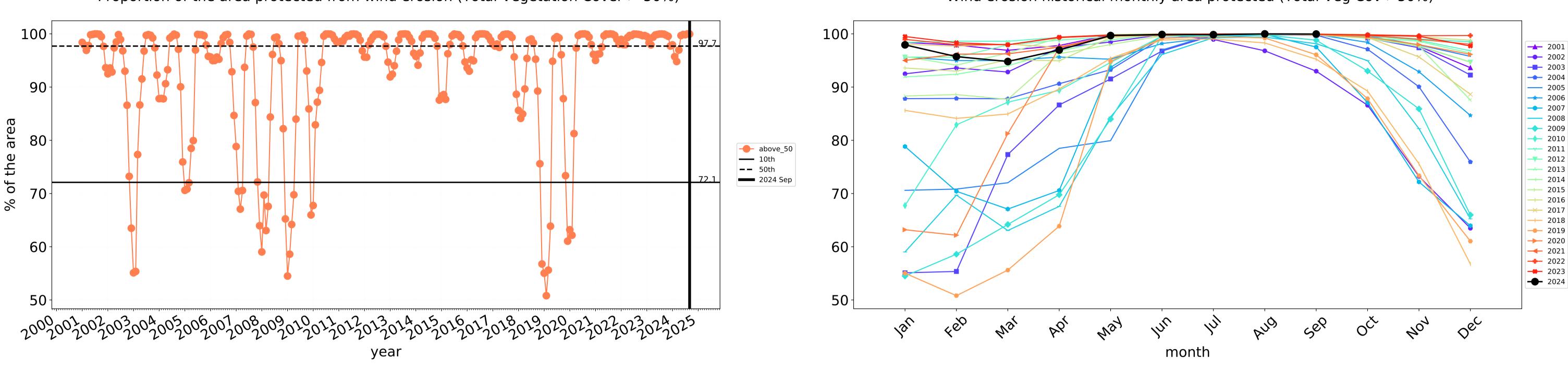


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







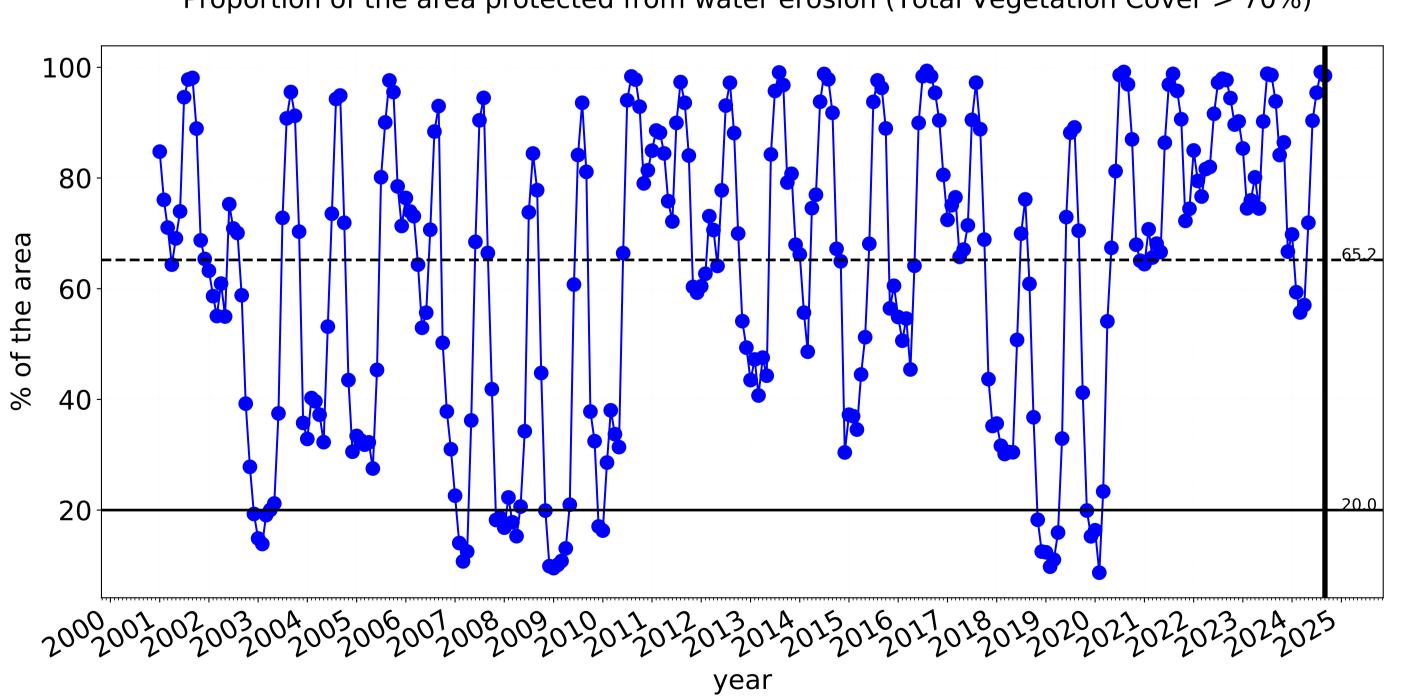
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—— 2024 Sep

—— 10th

—— 50th

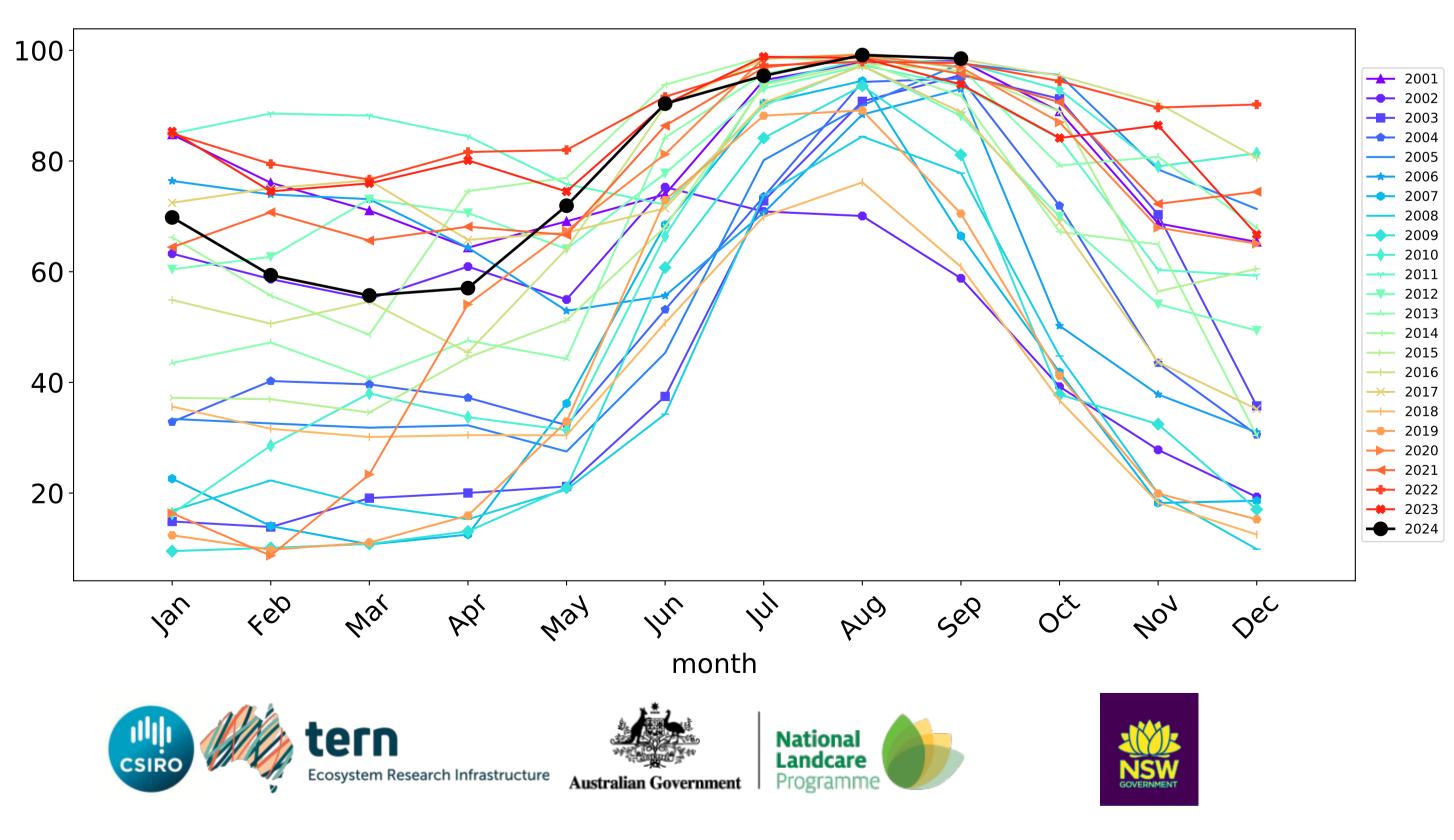
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

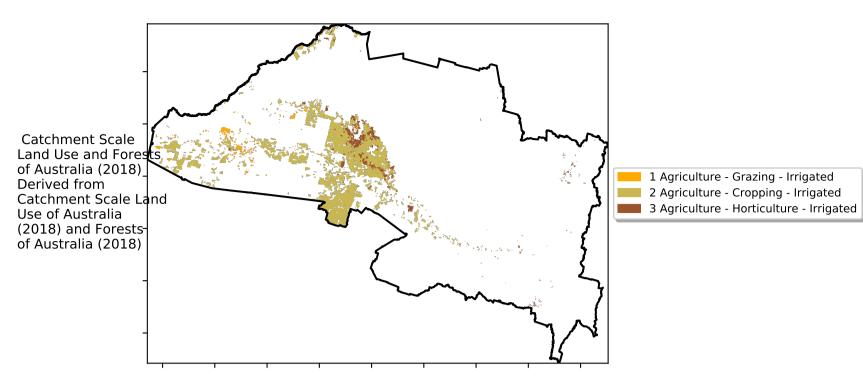
Cropping timeseries

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

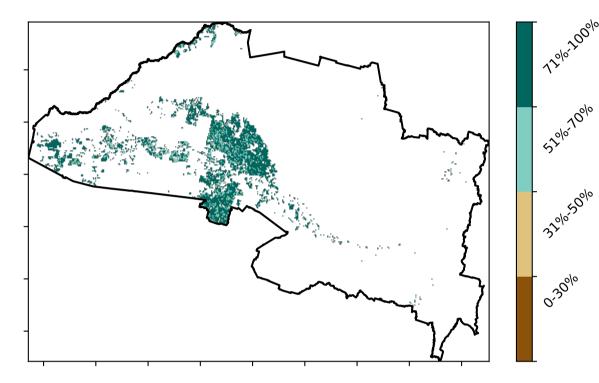


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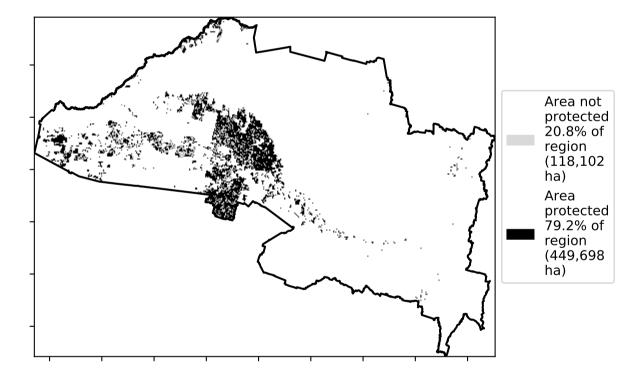
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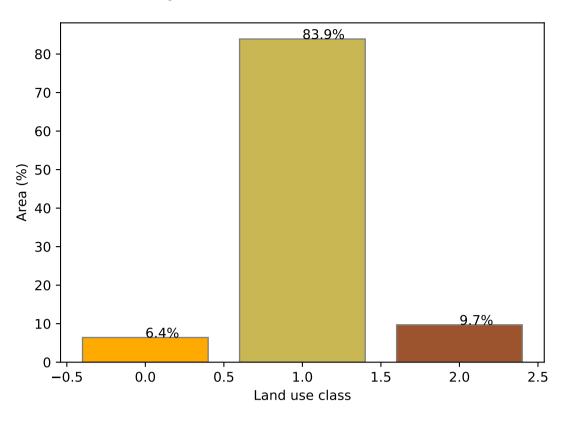


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



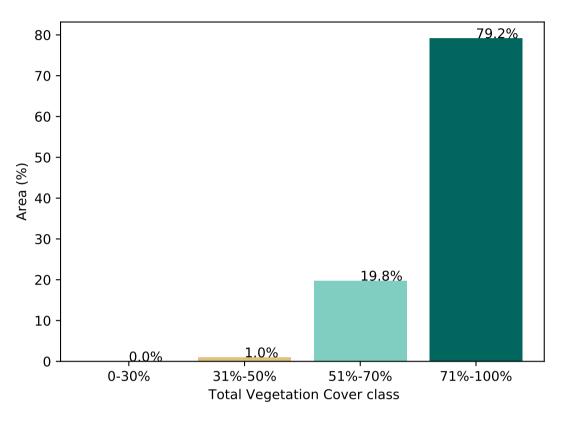
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



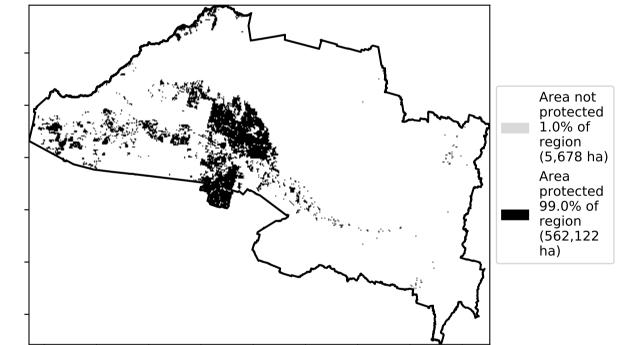


Proportion of each land class in area

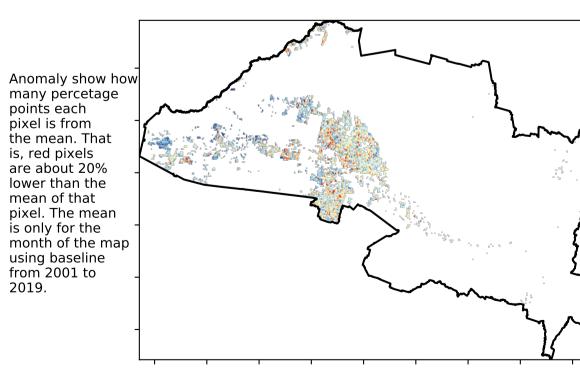
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

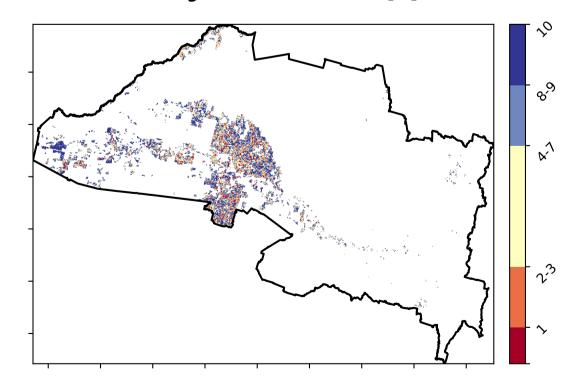


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





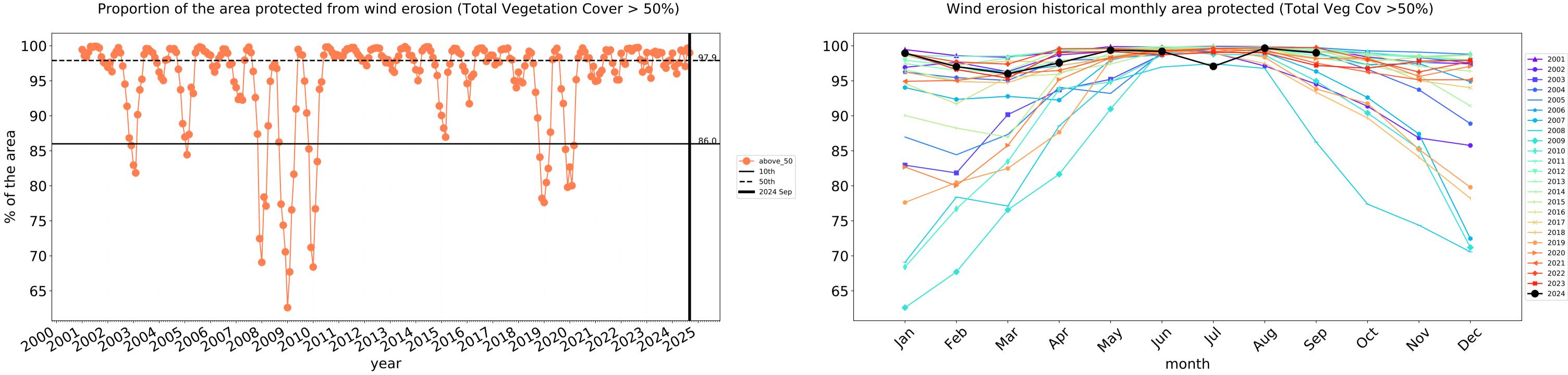
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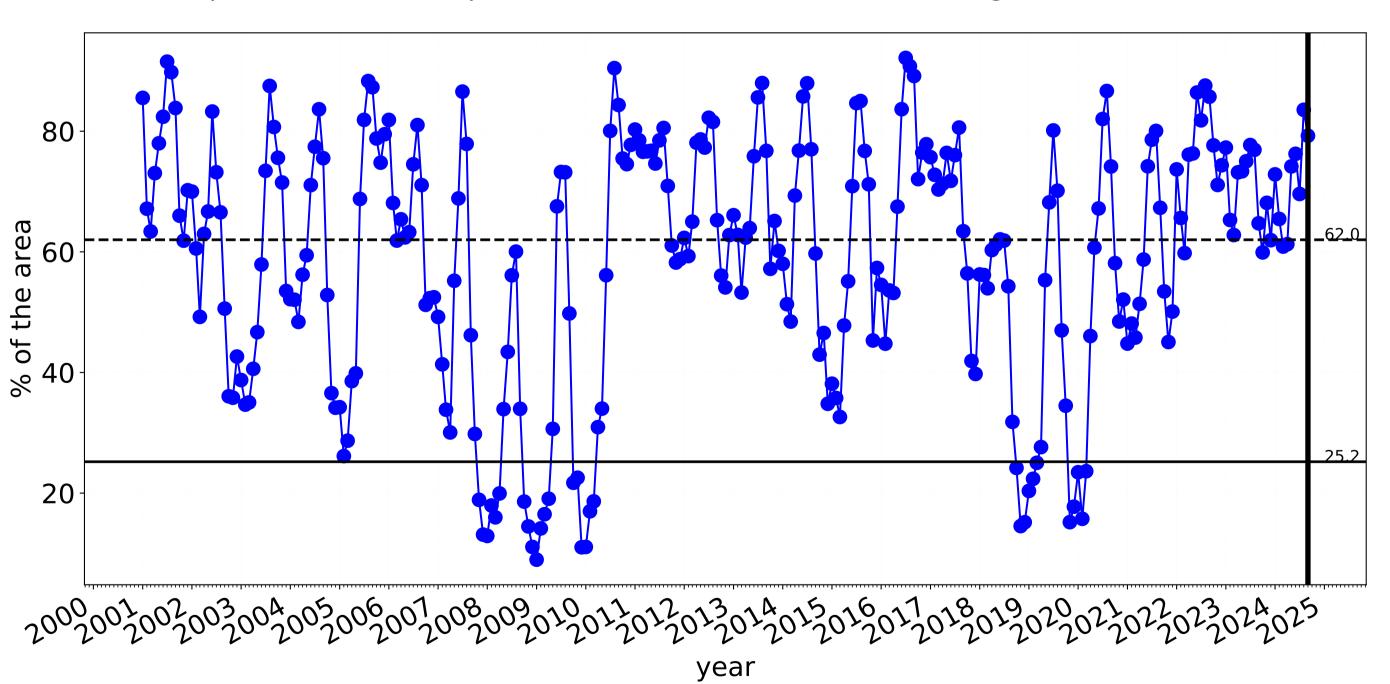


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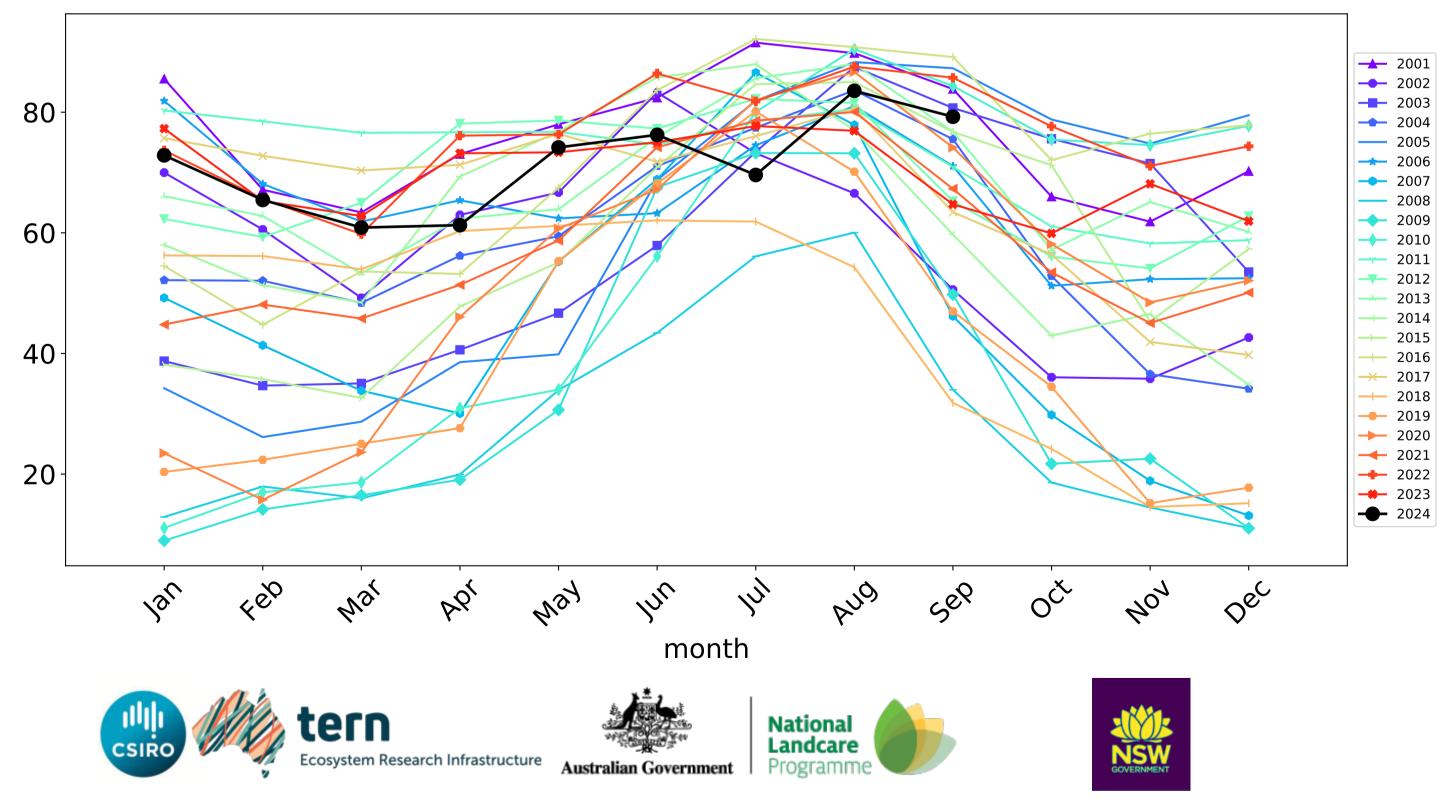
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

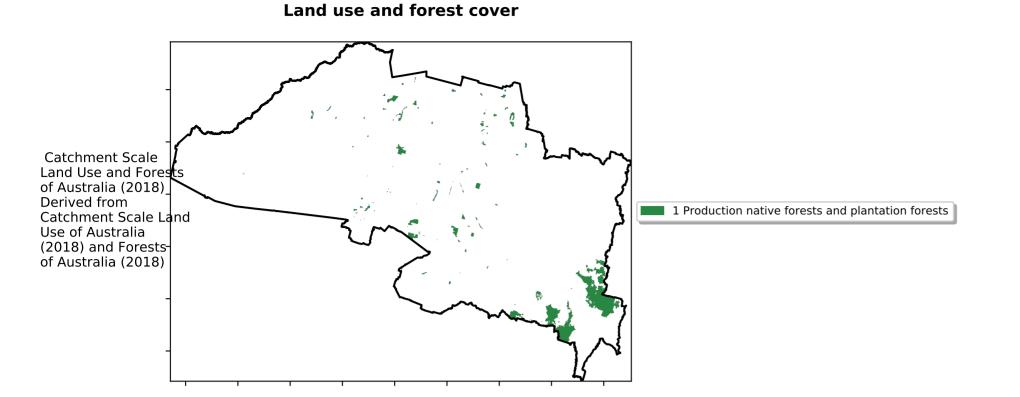


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

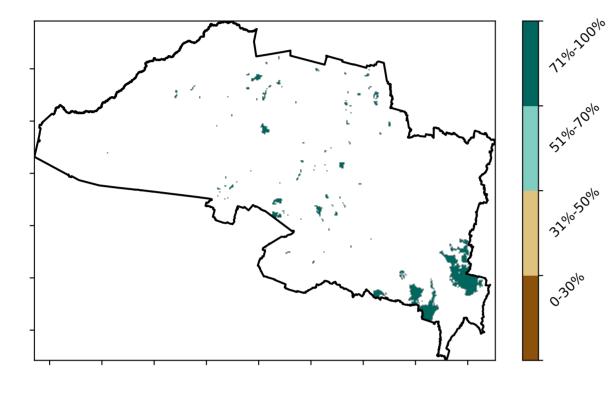
Irrigation timeseries



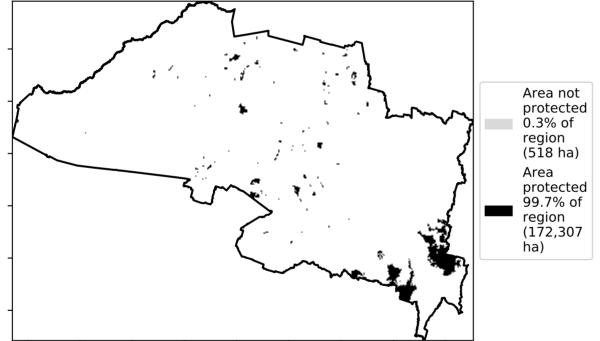
Production native forests and plantation forests

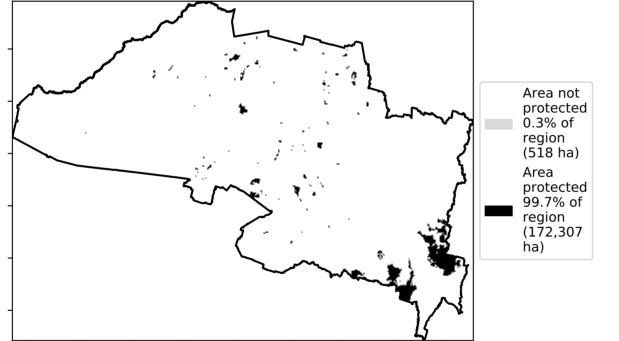


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

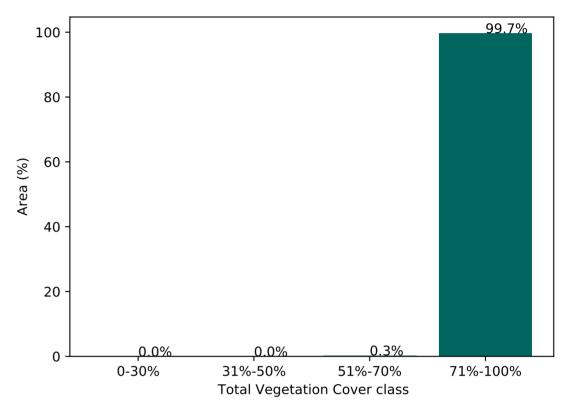


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

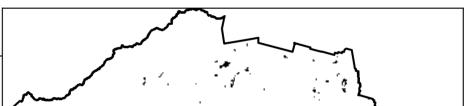




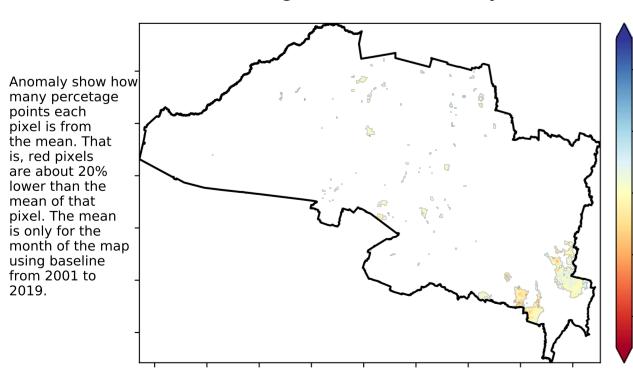
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



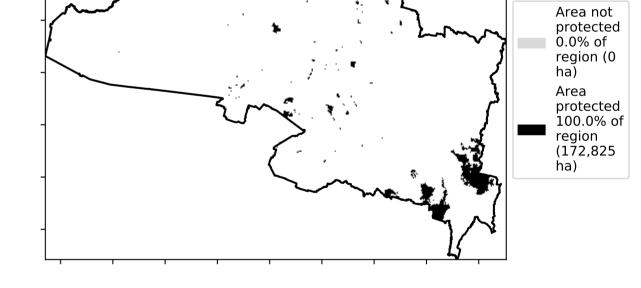
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



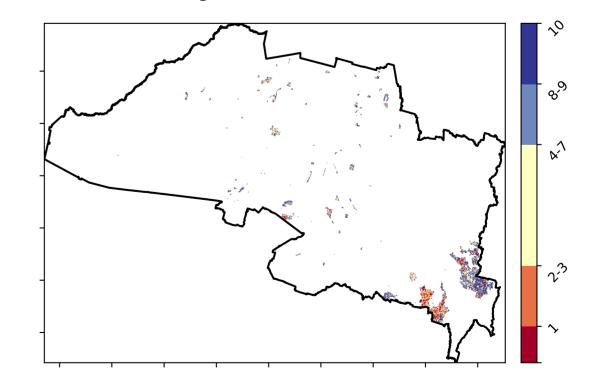
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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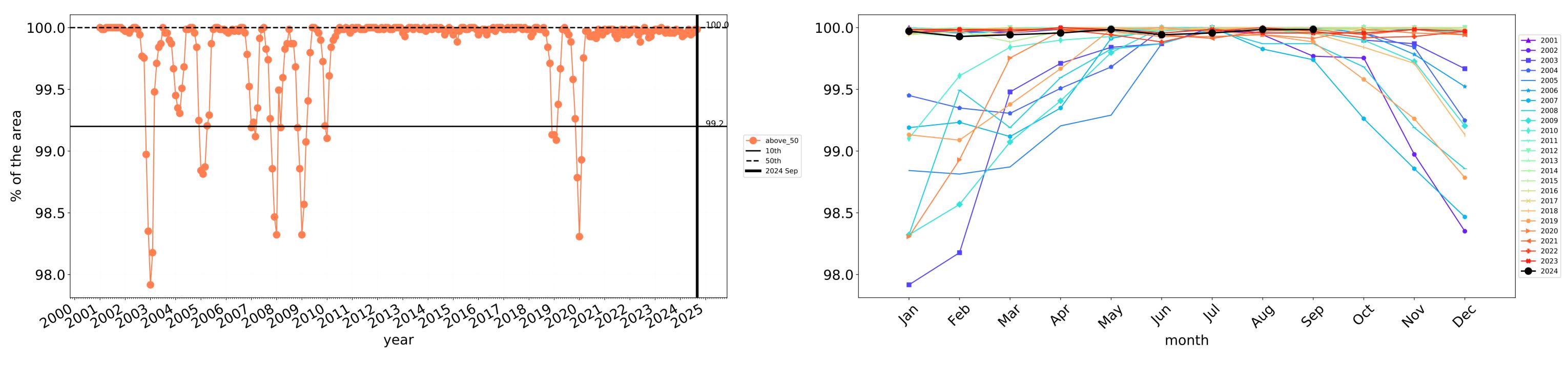
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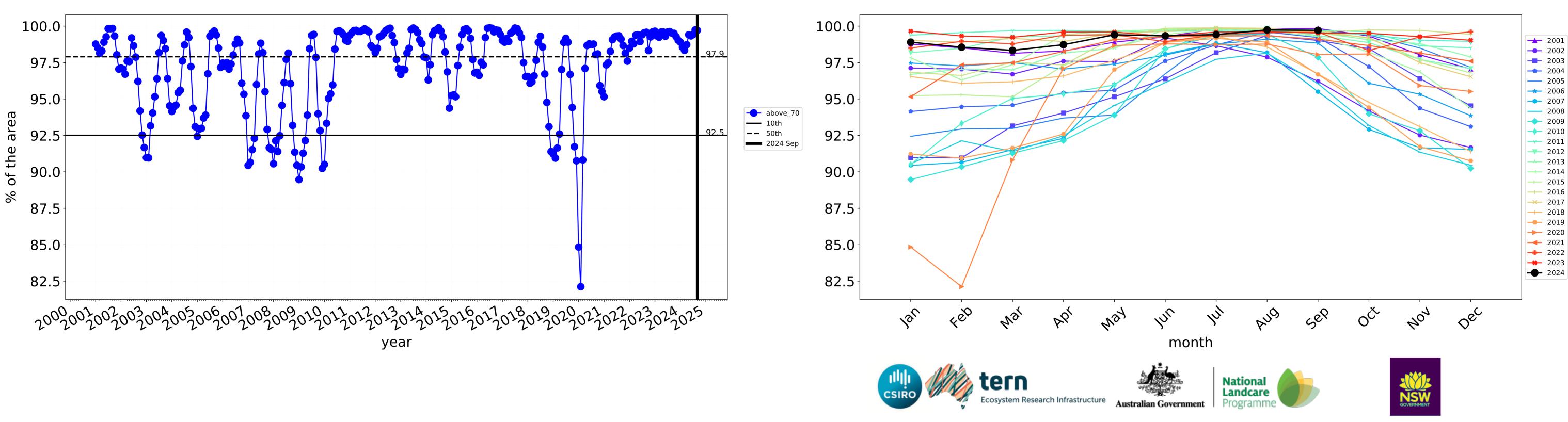
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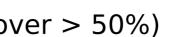
Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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



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



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



Riverina (6,695,325 ha and no data 13,010 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	6,695,325	100.0% 6,692,525	99.8% 6,682,800	96.3% 6,450,025	81.4% 5,448,700	31.1% 2,079,300	8.2% 552,075
Conservation and natural environments	323,075	100.0% 323,075	100.0% 323,050	99.5% 321,425	92.2% 298,025	66.4% 214,550	33.7% 109,025
Conservation and natural environments non forest	83,350	100.0% 83,350	100.0% 83,325	98.2% 81,825	72.0% 59,975	24.6% 20,475	10.3% 8,575
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	195,225	100.0% 195,225	100.0% 195,225	100.0% 195,175	99.6% 194,425	88.0% 171,875	48.5% 94,775
Agriculture	6,068,225	100.0% 6,067,200	99.9% 6,059,600	96.3% 5,841,300	80.7% 4,895,225	28.4% 1,725,925	6.2% 375,525
Grazing	2,311,625	100.0% 2,310,950	99.9% 2,309,900	97.3% 2,250,075	84.3% 1,948,525	33.8% 781,350	6.9% 159,775
Grazing non forest	2,066,625	100.0% 2,065,950	99.9% 2,064,900	97.1% 2,005,800	82.9% 1,713,100	31.8% 657,675	6.2% 128,425
Grazing Woodland forest	141,650	100.0% 141,650	100.0% 141,650	99.6% 141,025	94.4% 133,775	37.7% 53,450	6.1% 8,575
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	103,350	100.0% 103,350	100.0% 103,350	99.9% 103,250	98.4% 101,650	67.9% 70,225	22.0% 22,775
Cropping	3,186,975	100.0% 3,186,925	100.0% 3,185,775	98.5% 3,139,500	83.3% 2,654,025	27.7% 883,375	6.3% 200,850
Irrigation	567,800	99.9% 567,500	99.0% 562,100	79.2% 449,950	51.4% 291,800	10.8% 61,175	2.6% 14,900
Production native forests and plantation forests	172,825	100.0% 172,825	100.0% 172,800	99.7% 172,325	97.7% 168,875	68.7% 118,800	36.9% 63,775

