Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM South East NSW NSW

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

Land use forest cover:

Date: May 2025

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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Vegetation Cover May 2025

Land use and forest cover

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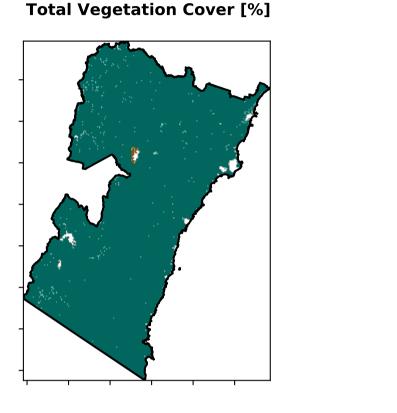
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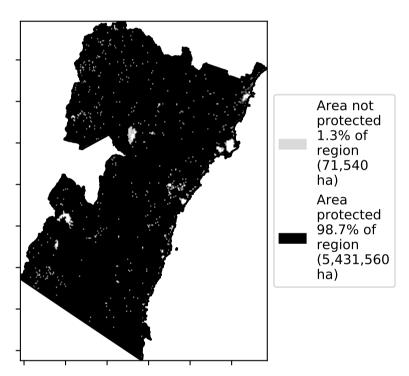
Land Use and Forests

Catchment Scale Land

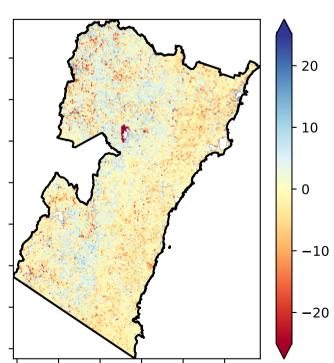
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

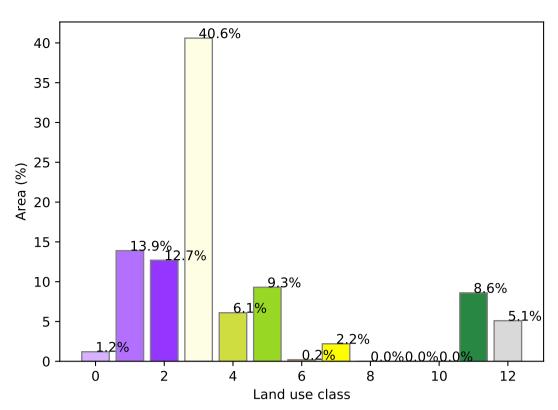


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

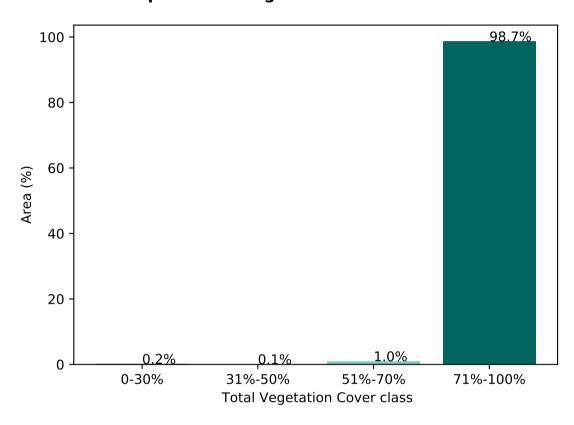


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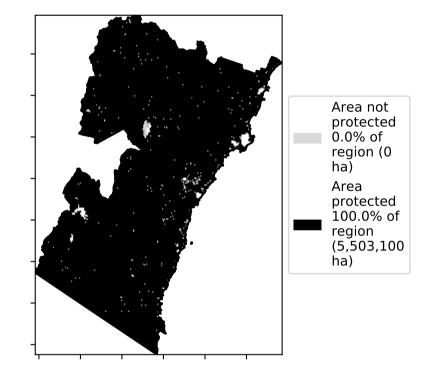
Proportion of each land class in area

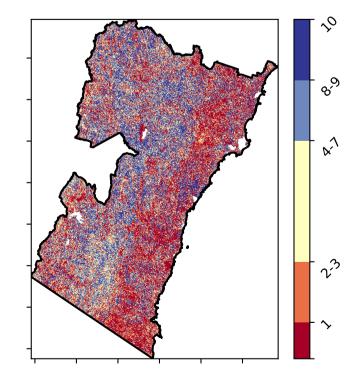


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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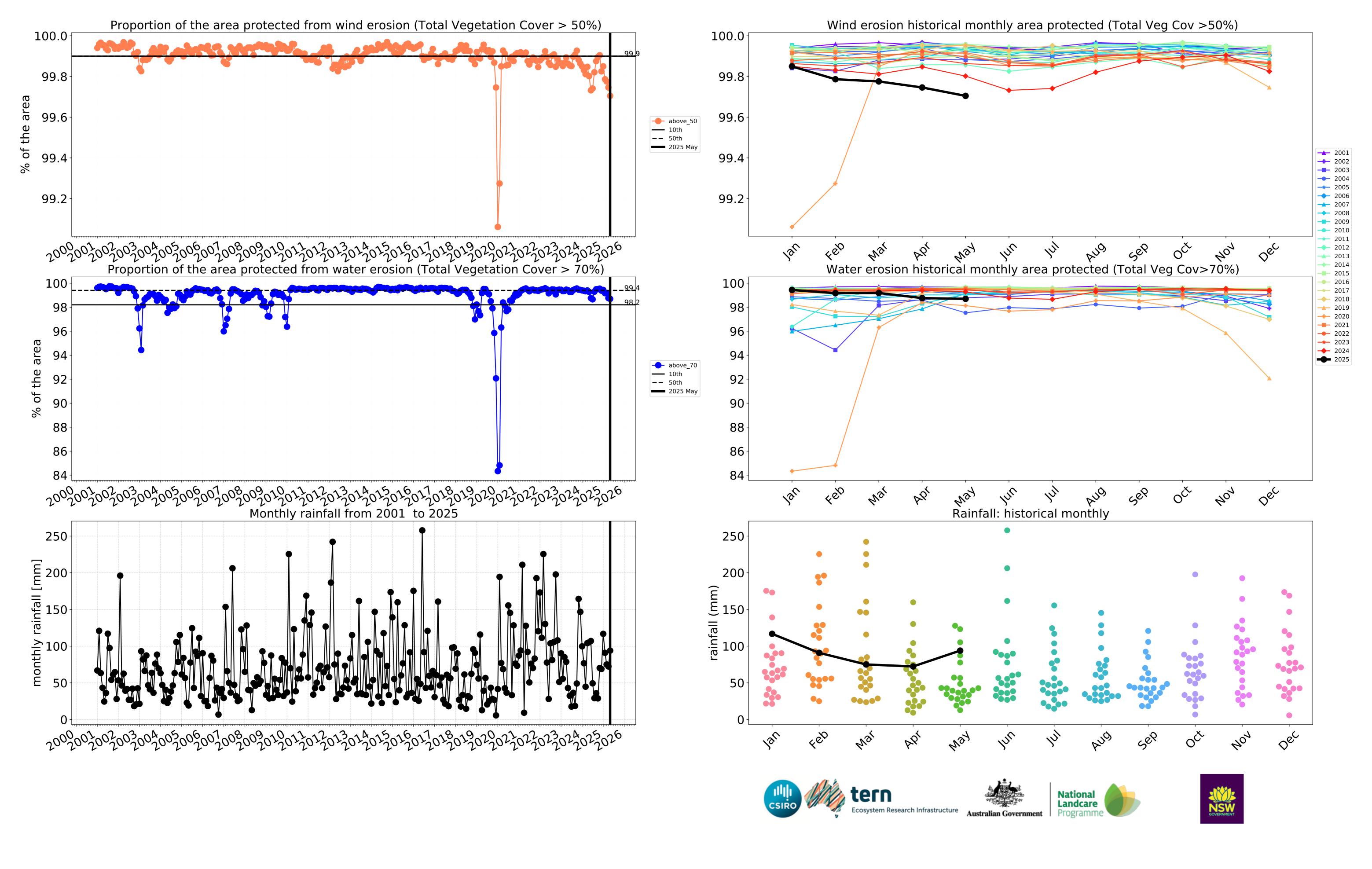


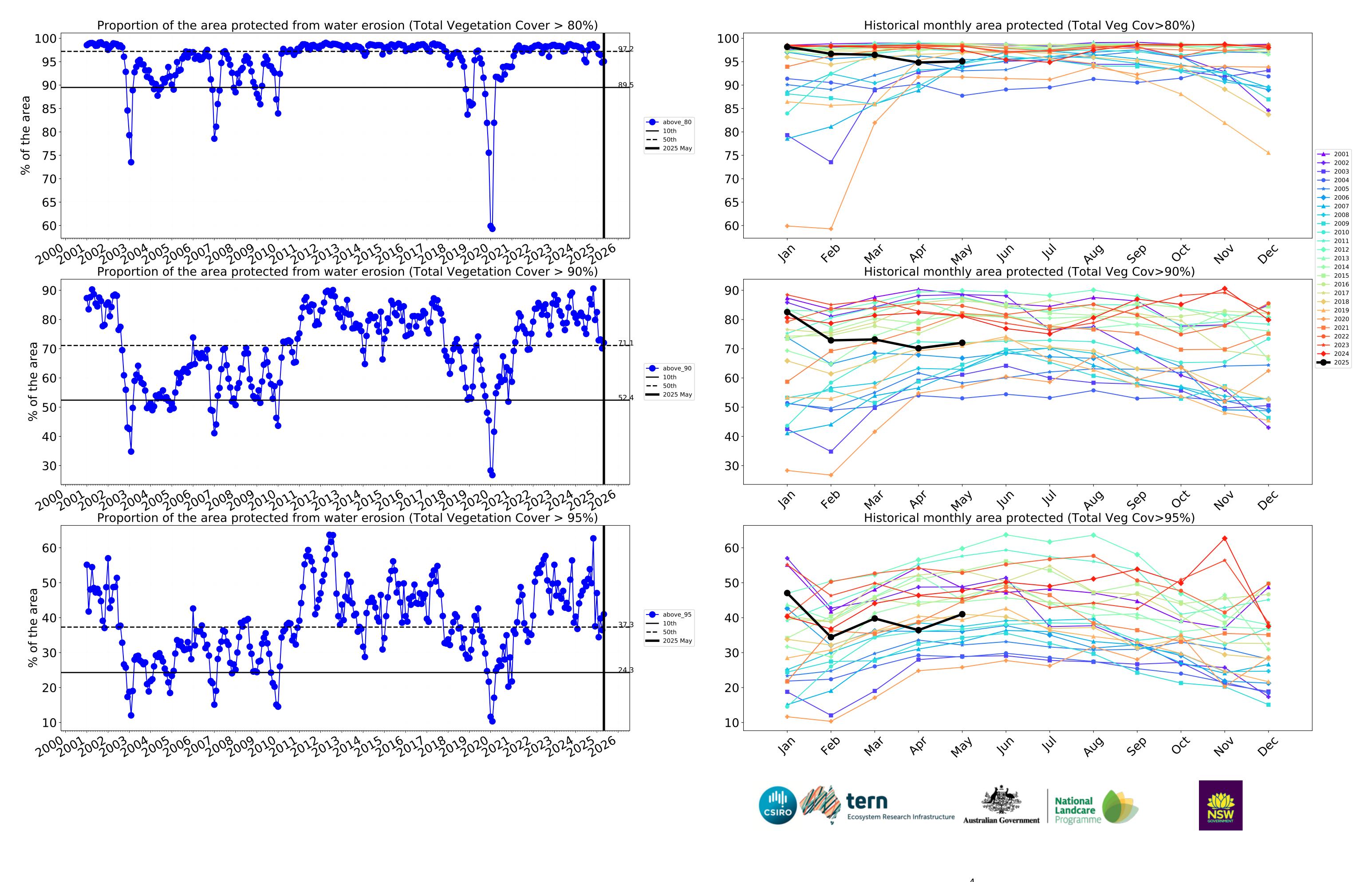












Conservation and natural environments

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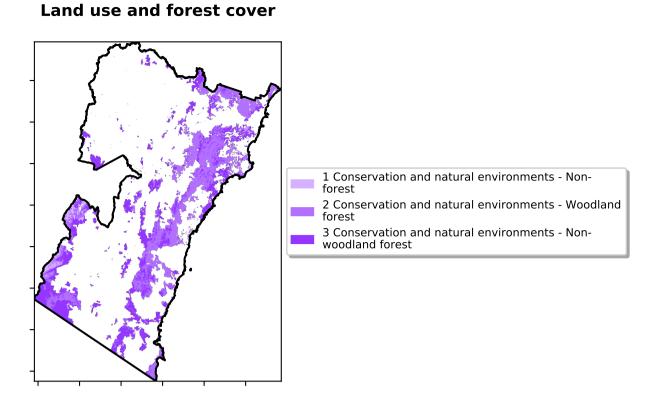
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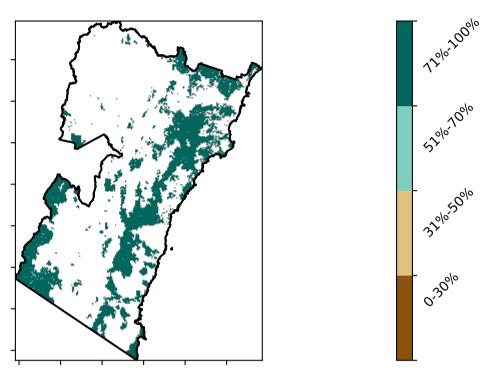
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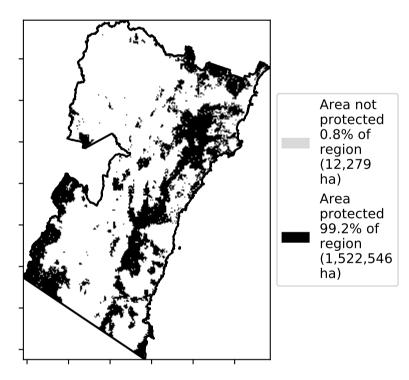
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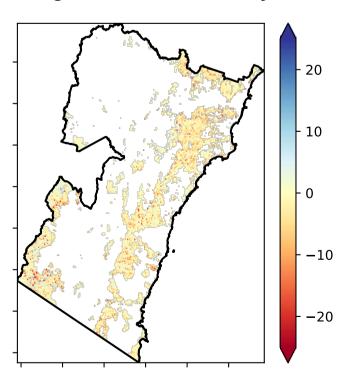
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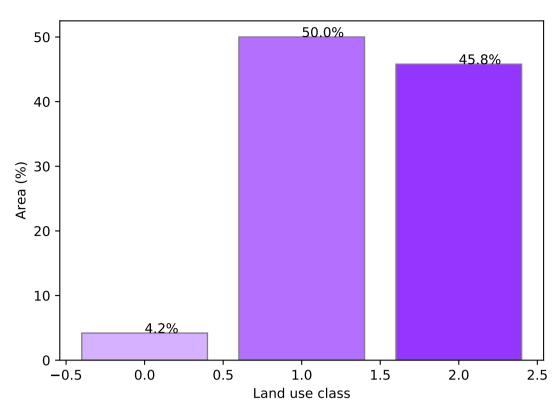


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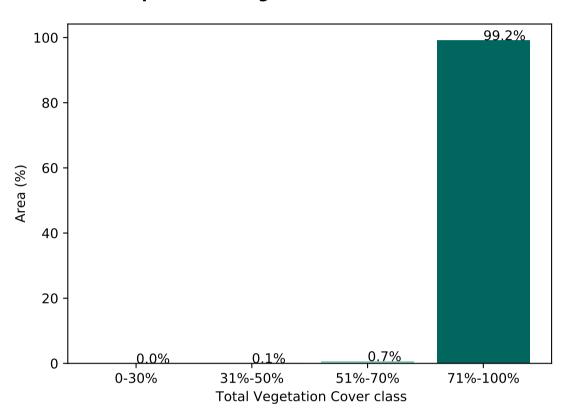


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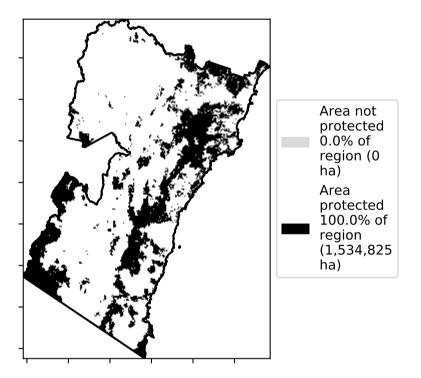
Proportion of each land class in area



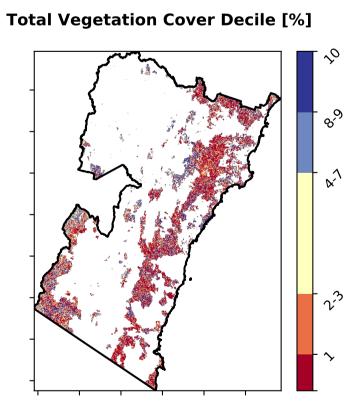
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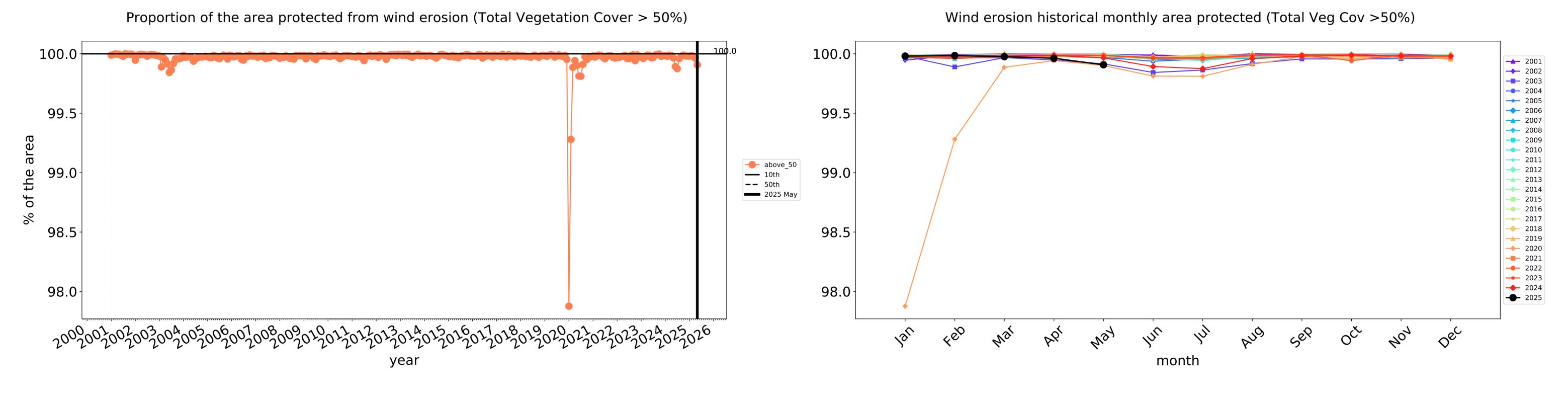


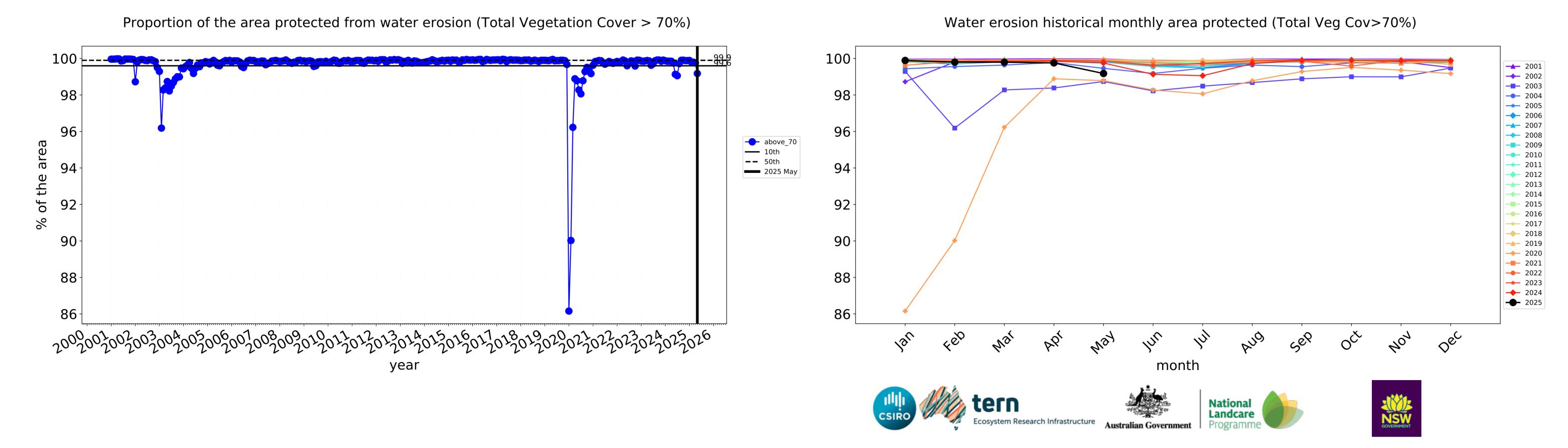


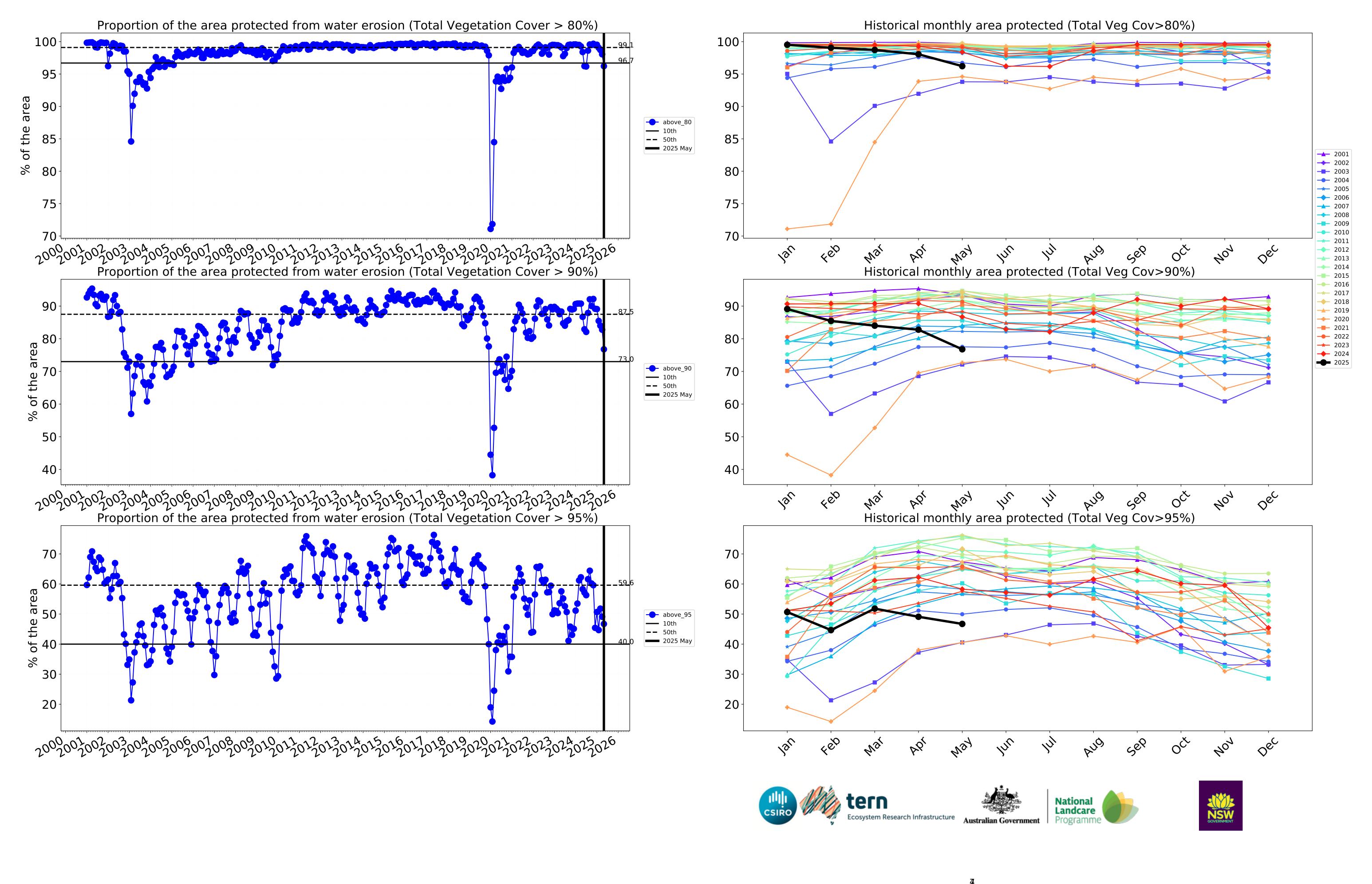




Conservation and natural environments timeseries



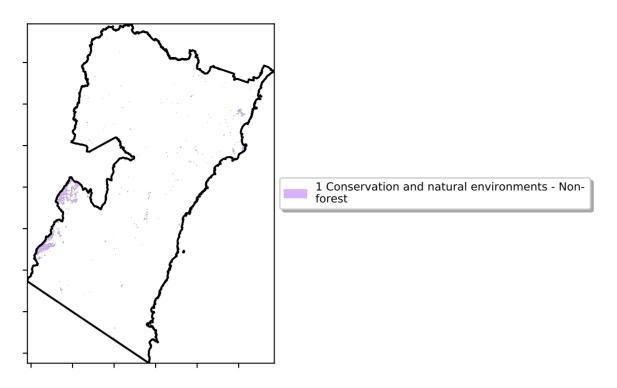




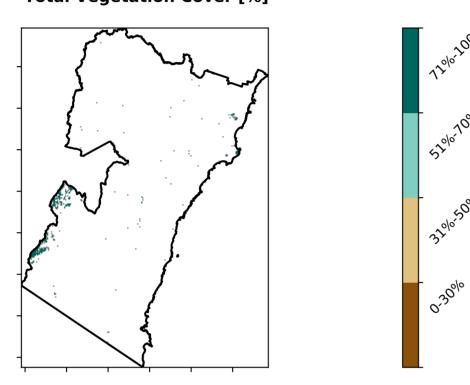
Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

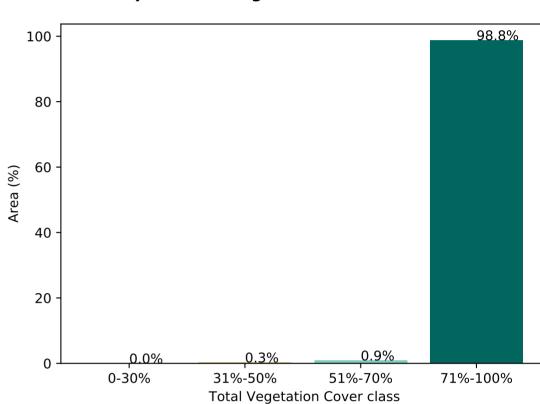
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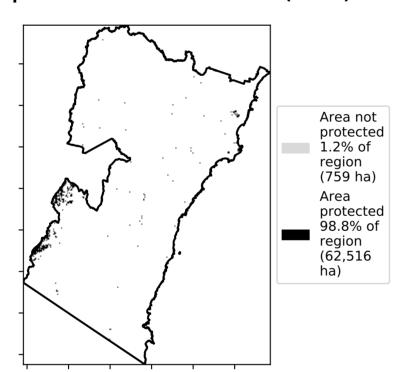
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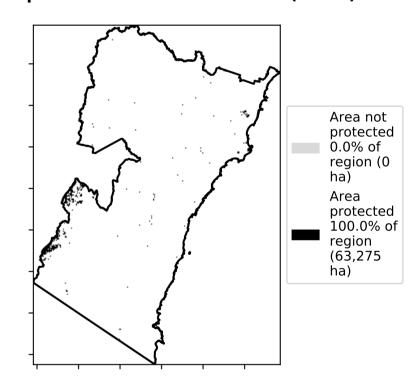
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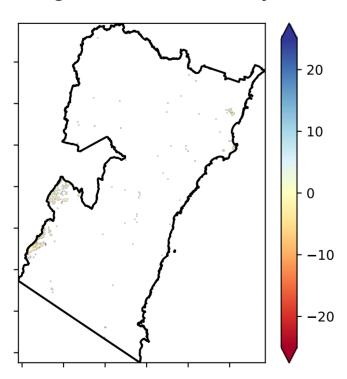
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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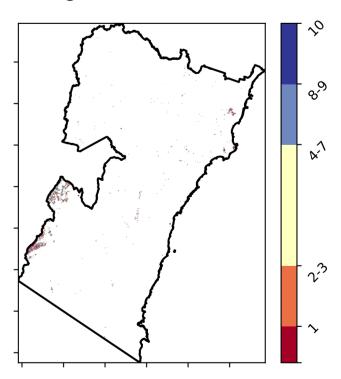


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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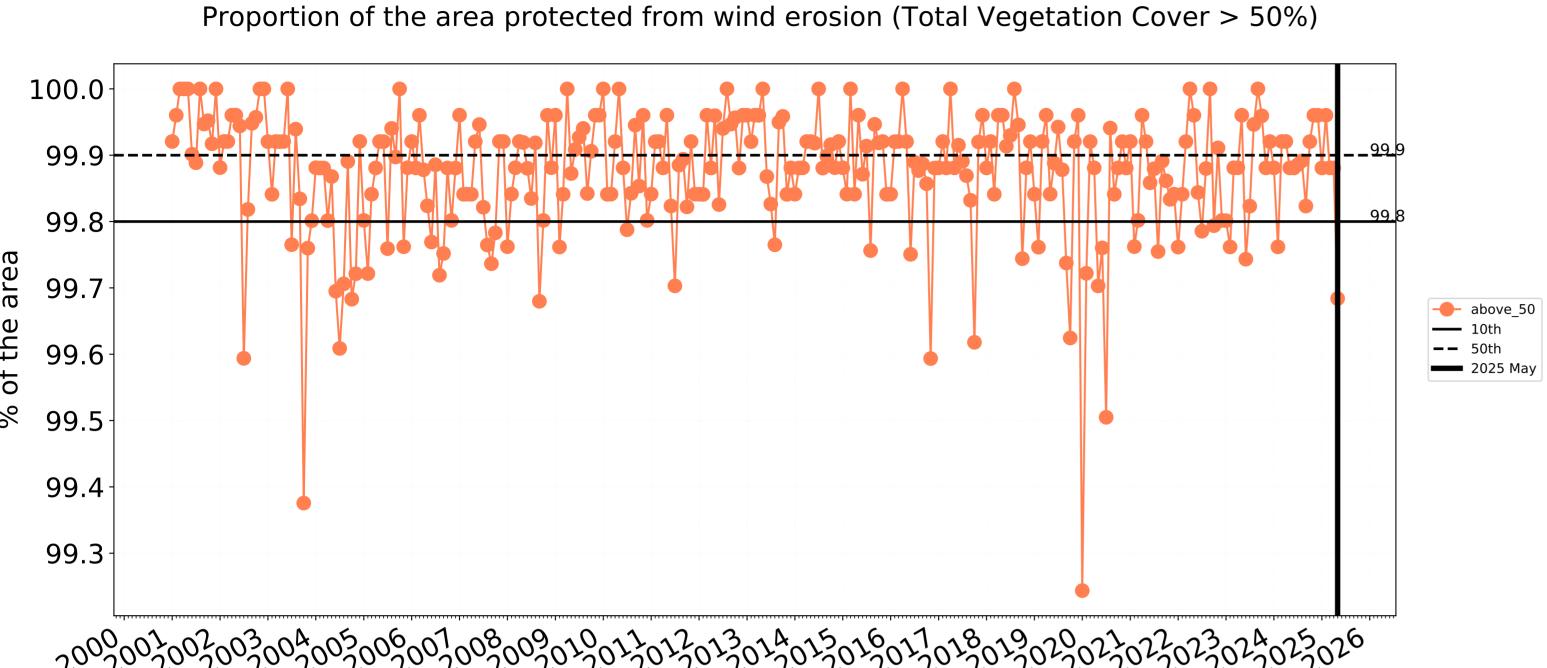




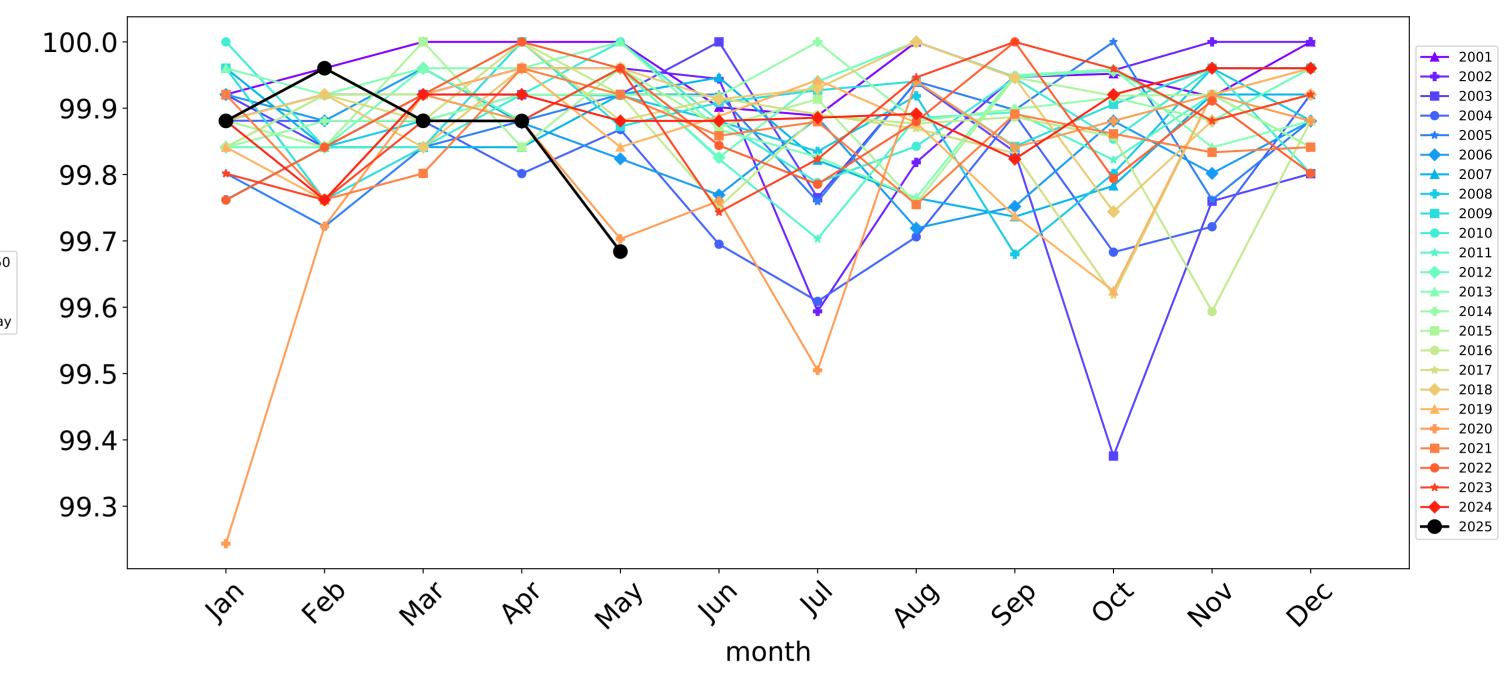


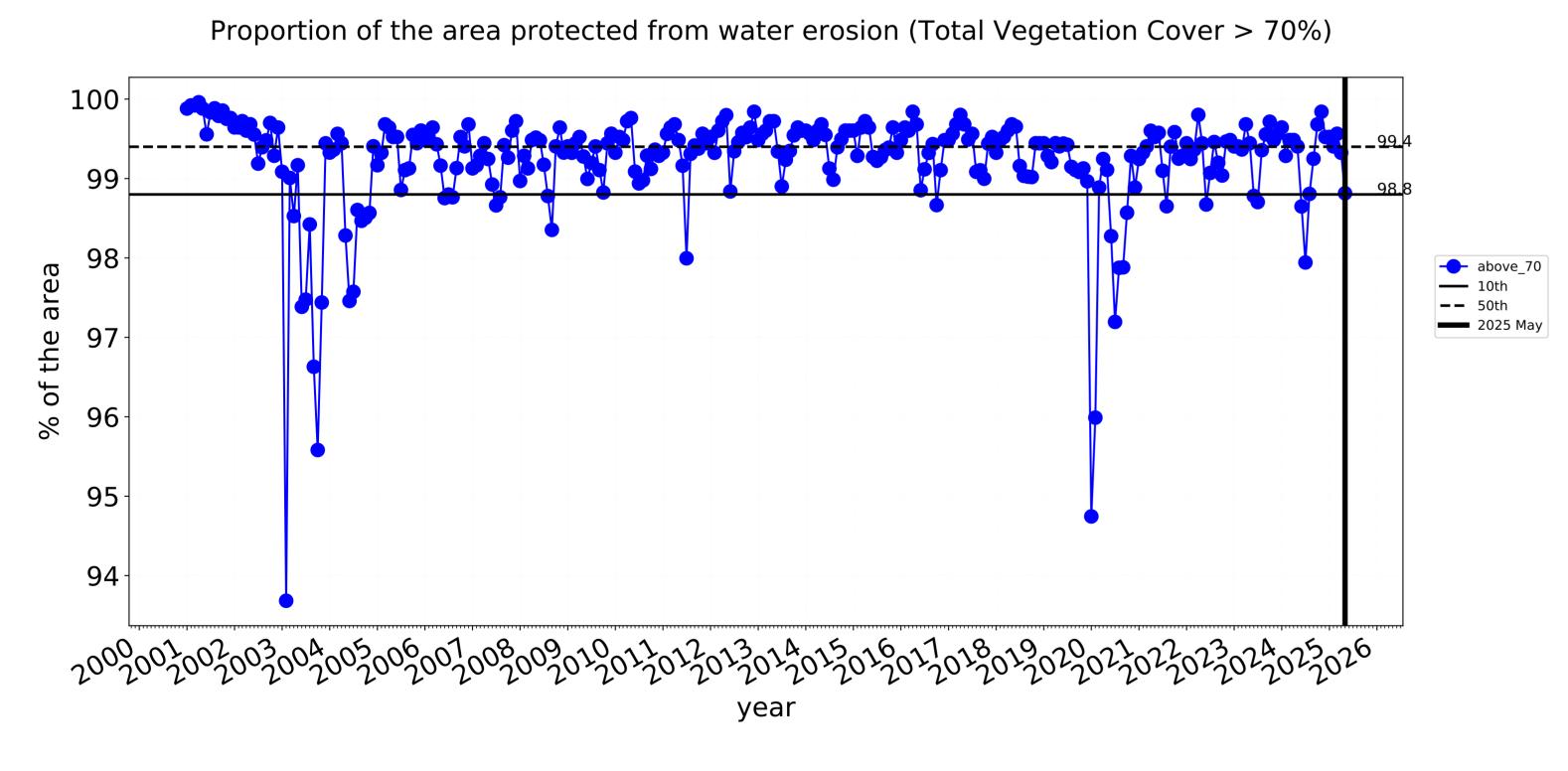


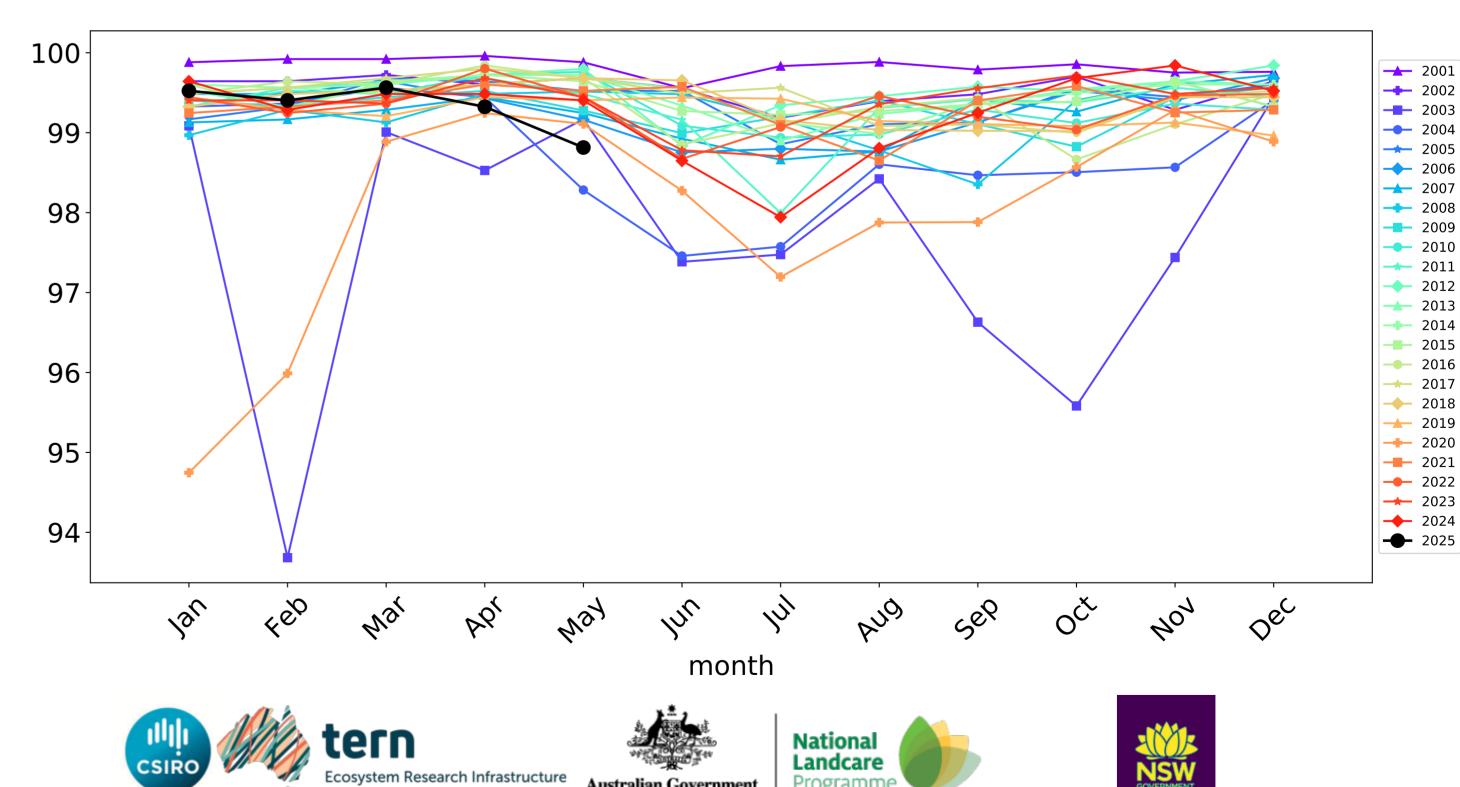
Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries



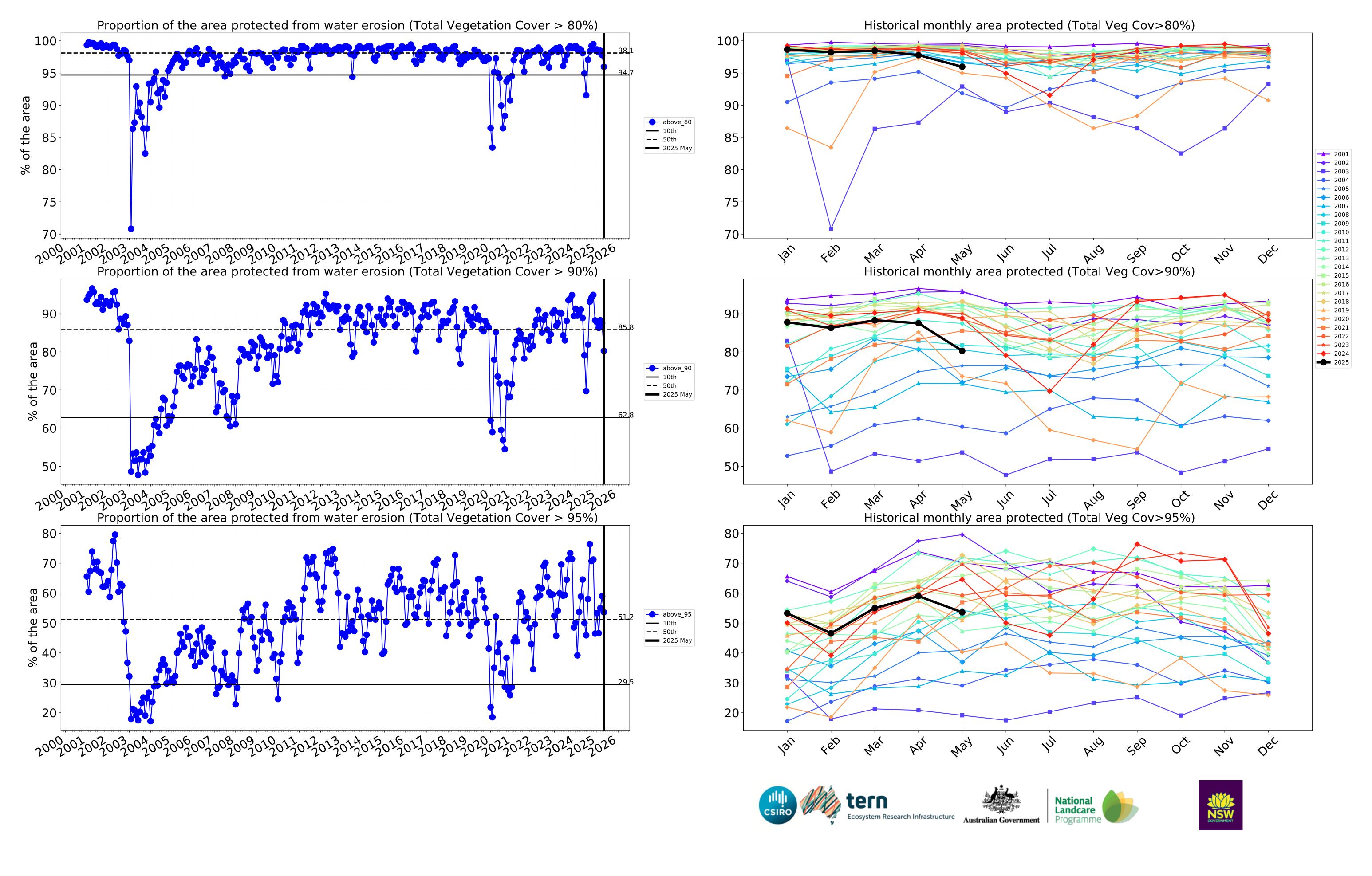
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







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



Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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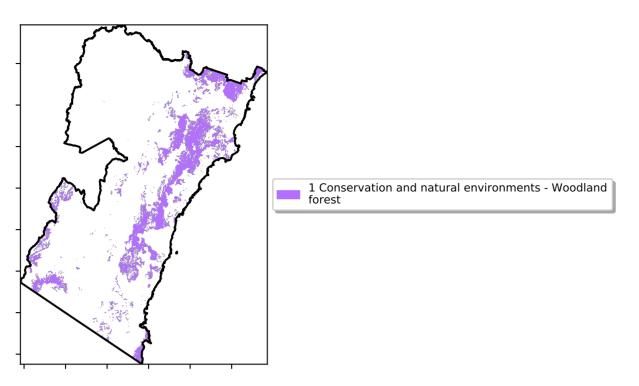
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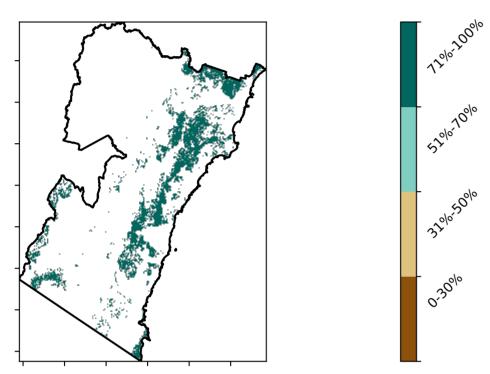
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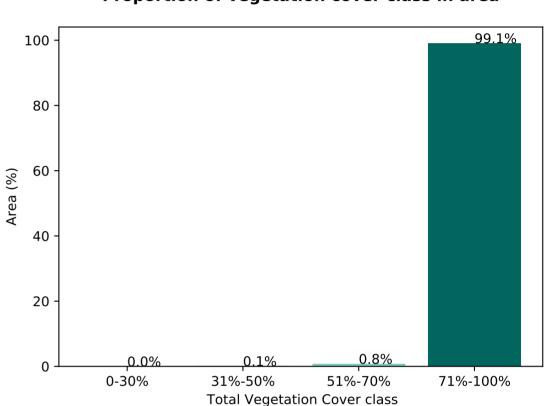
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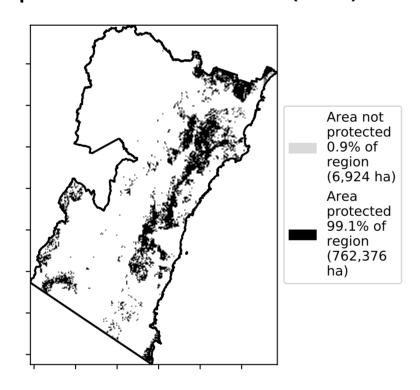
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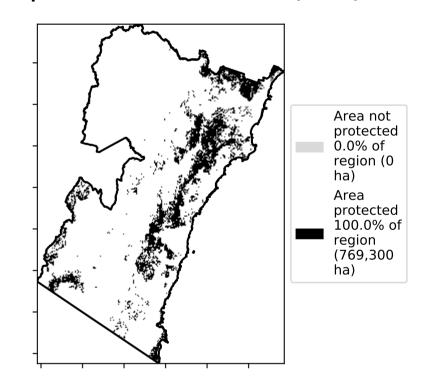
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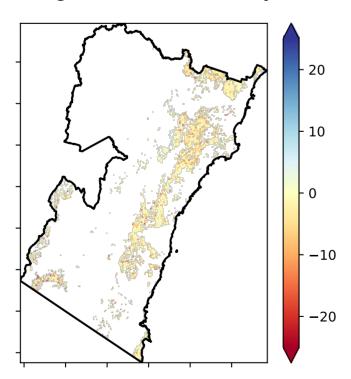
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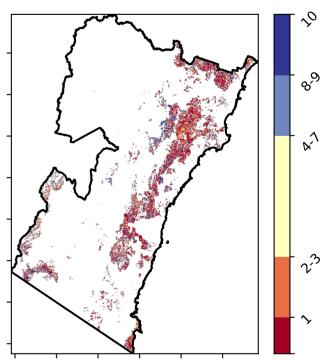
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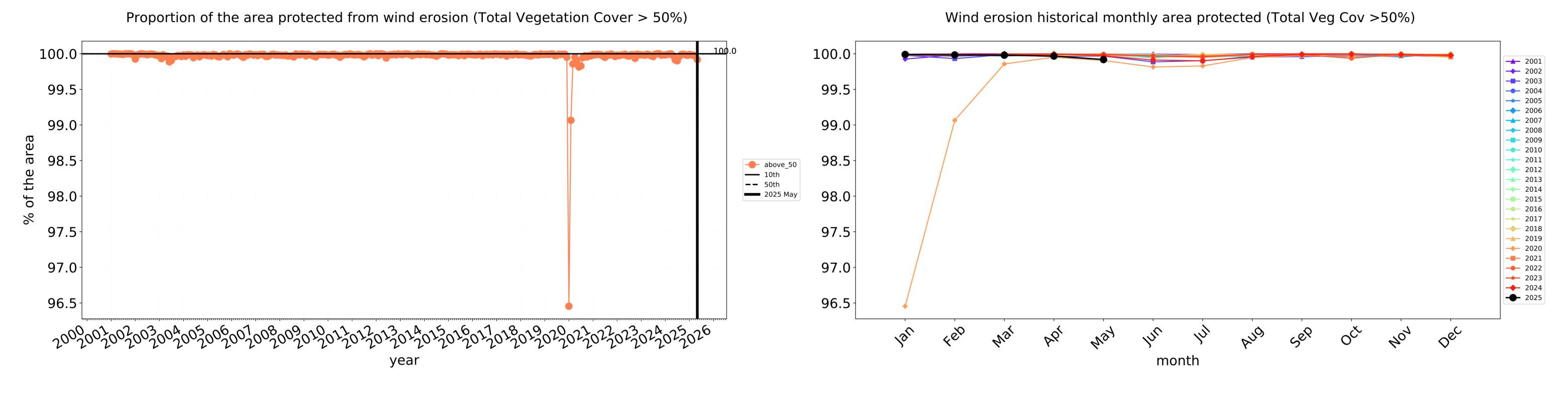


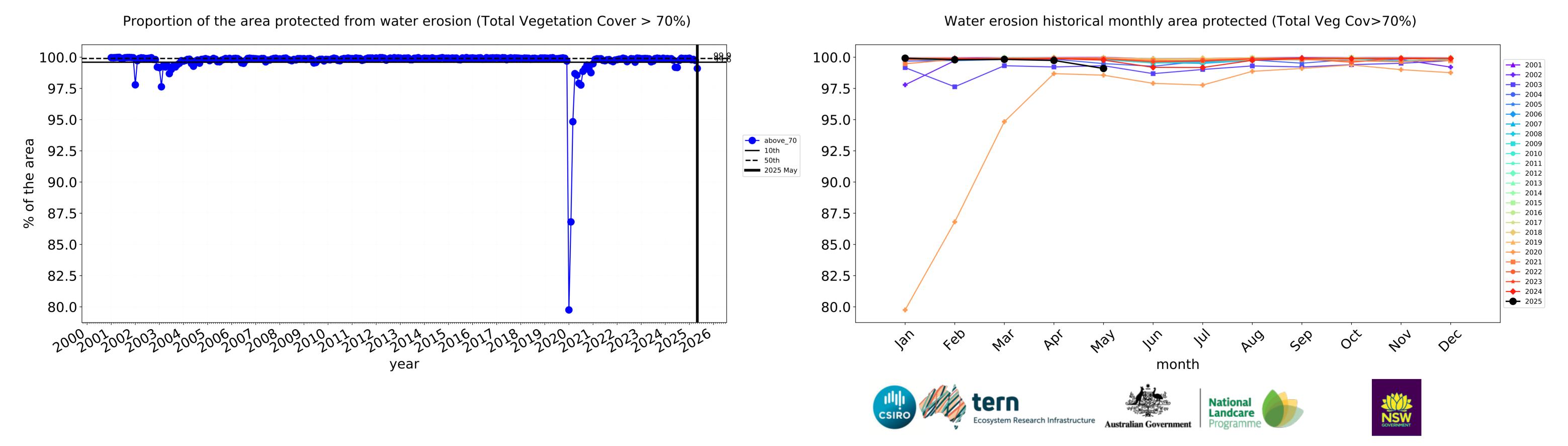


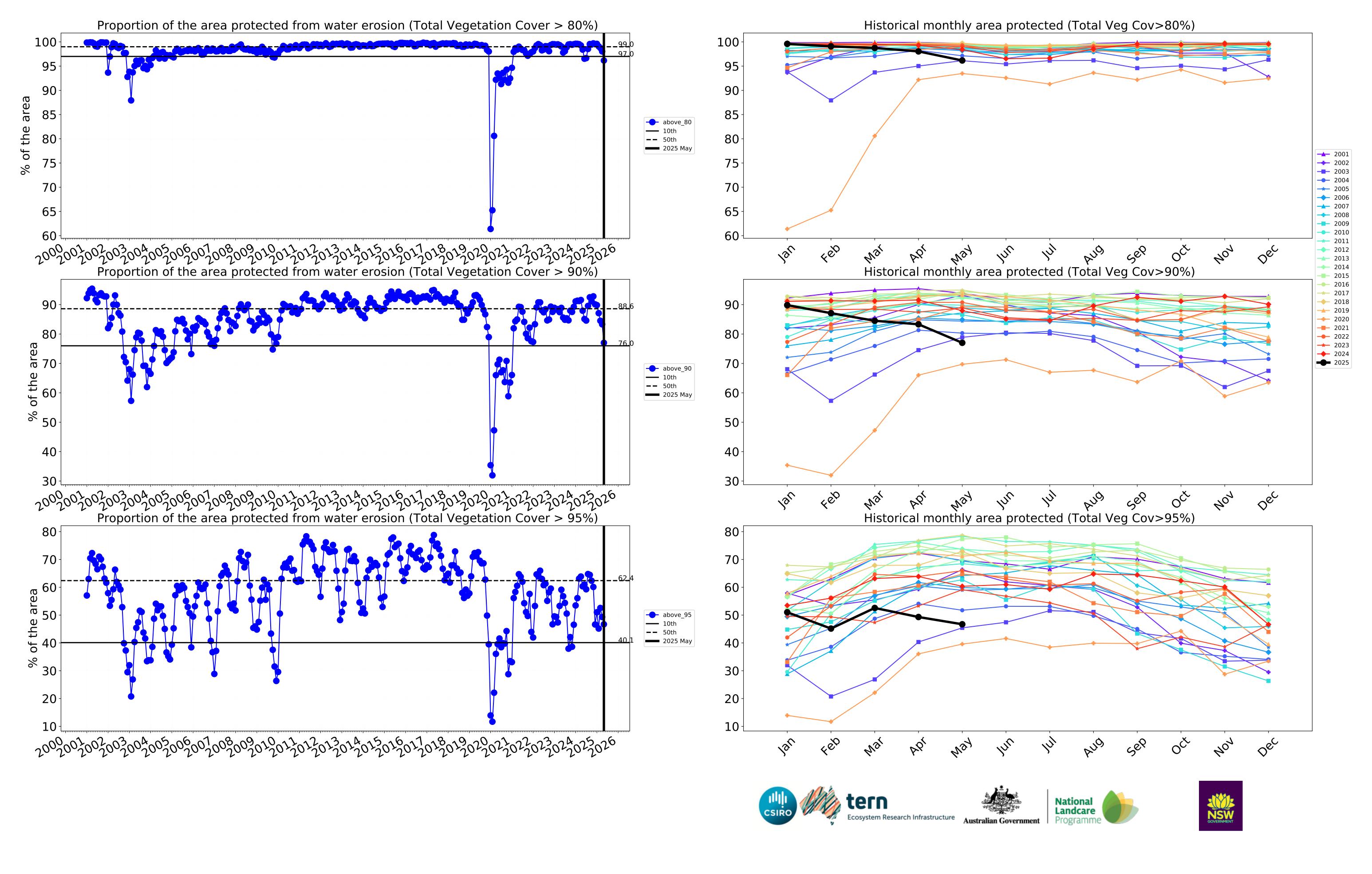




Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries







Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

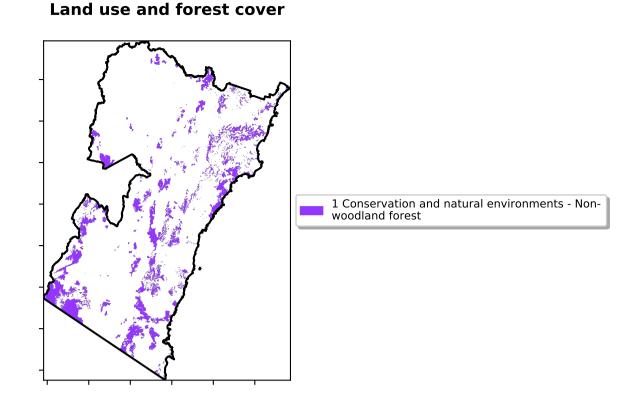
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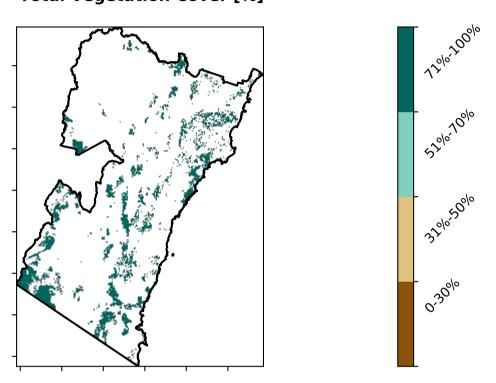
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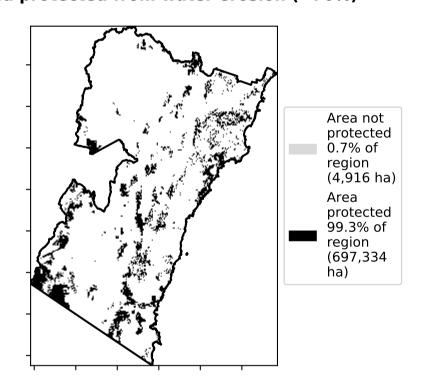
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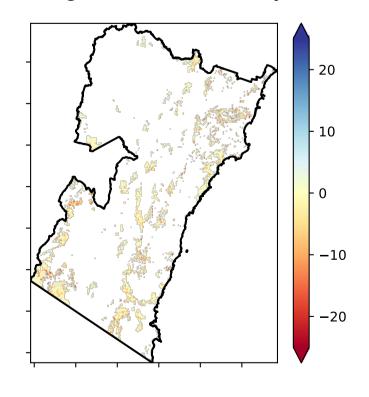
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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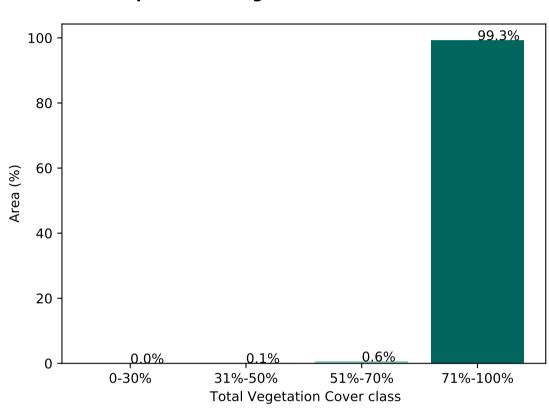


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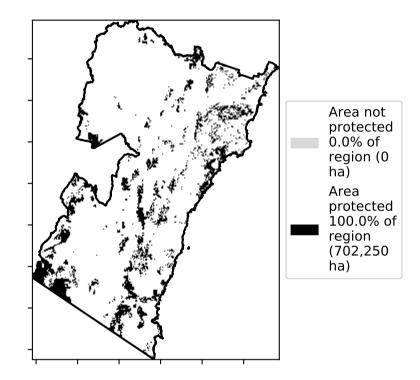


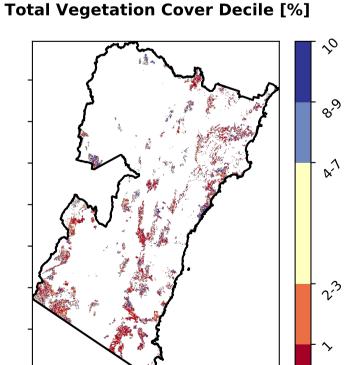
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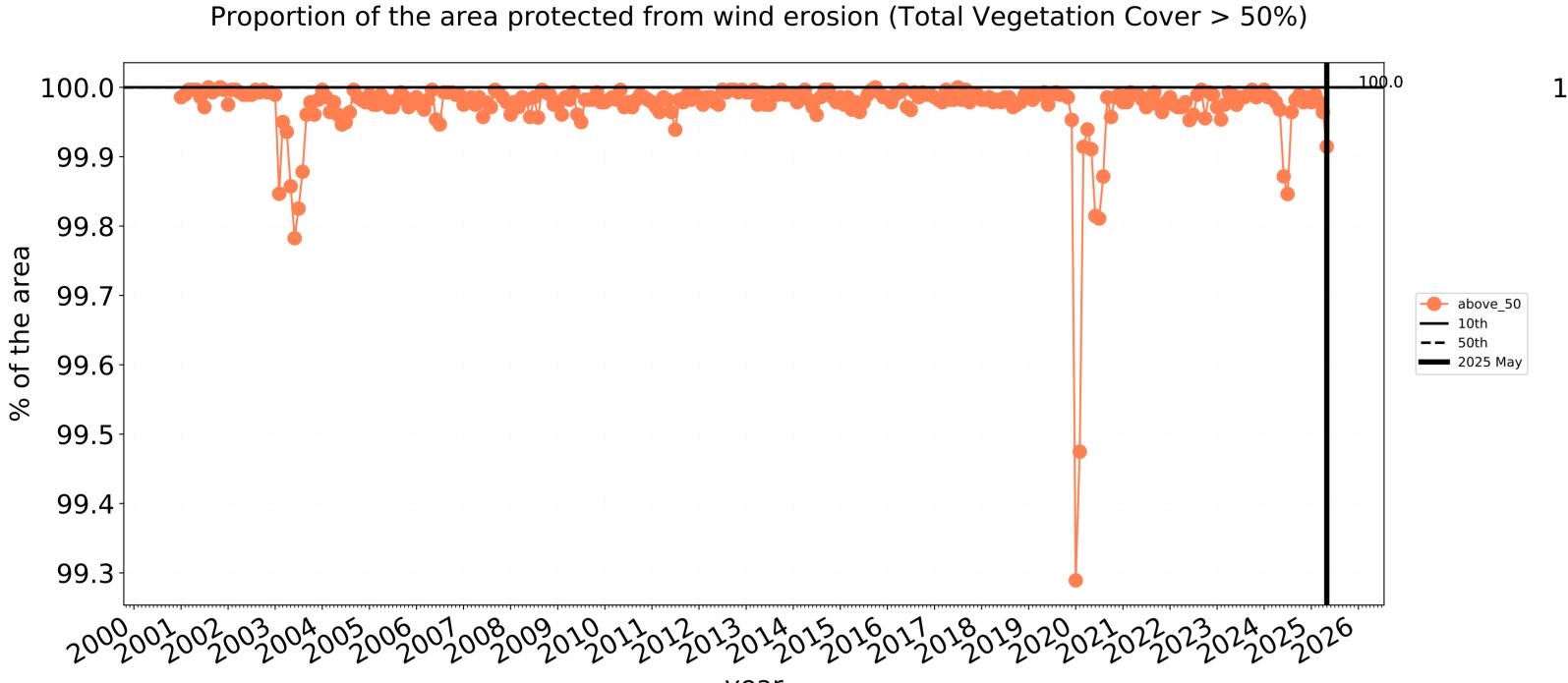


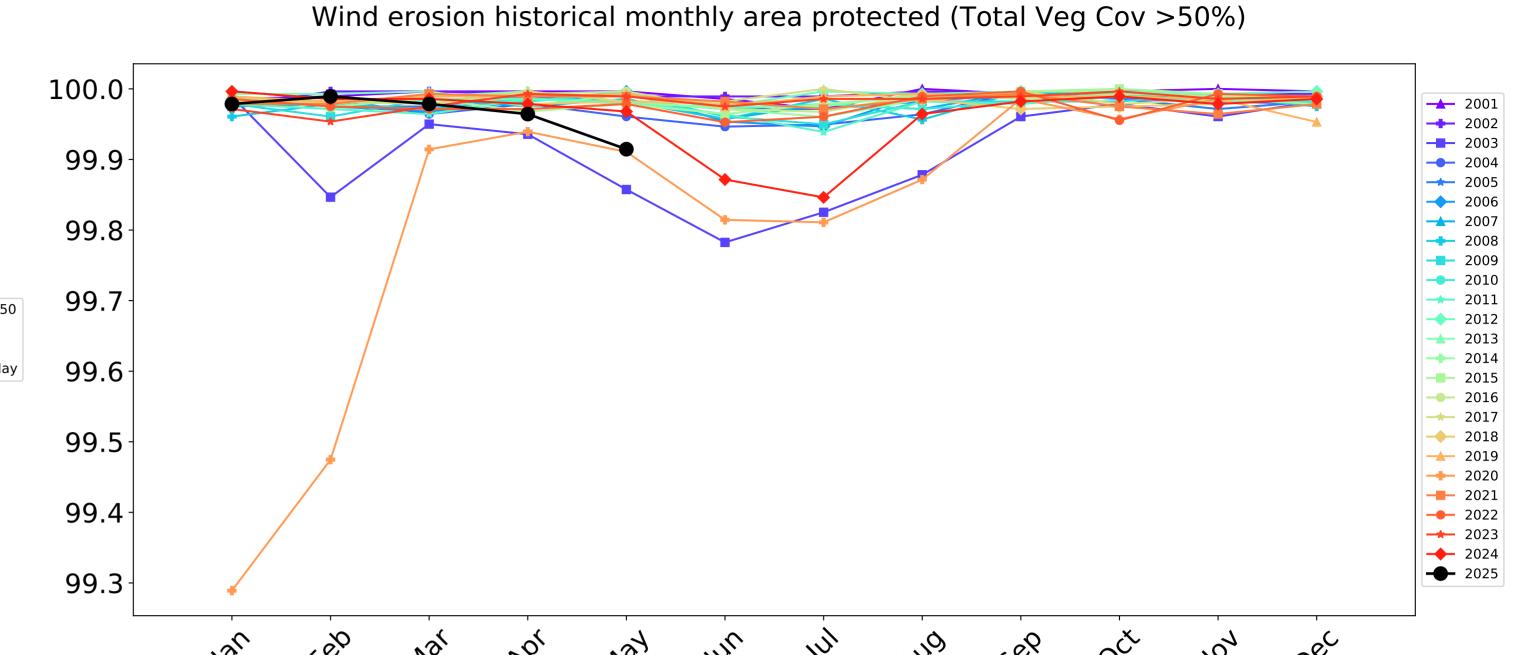




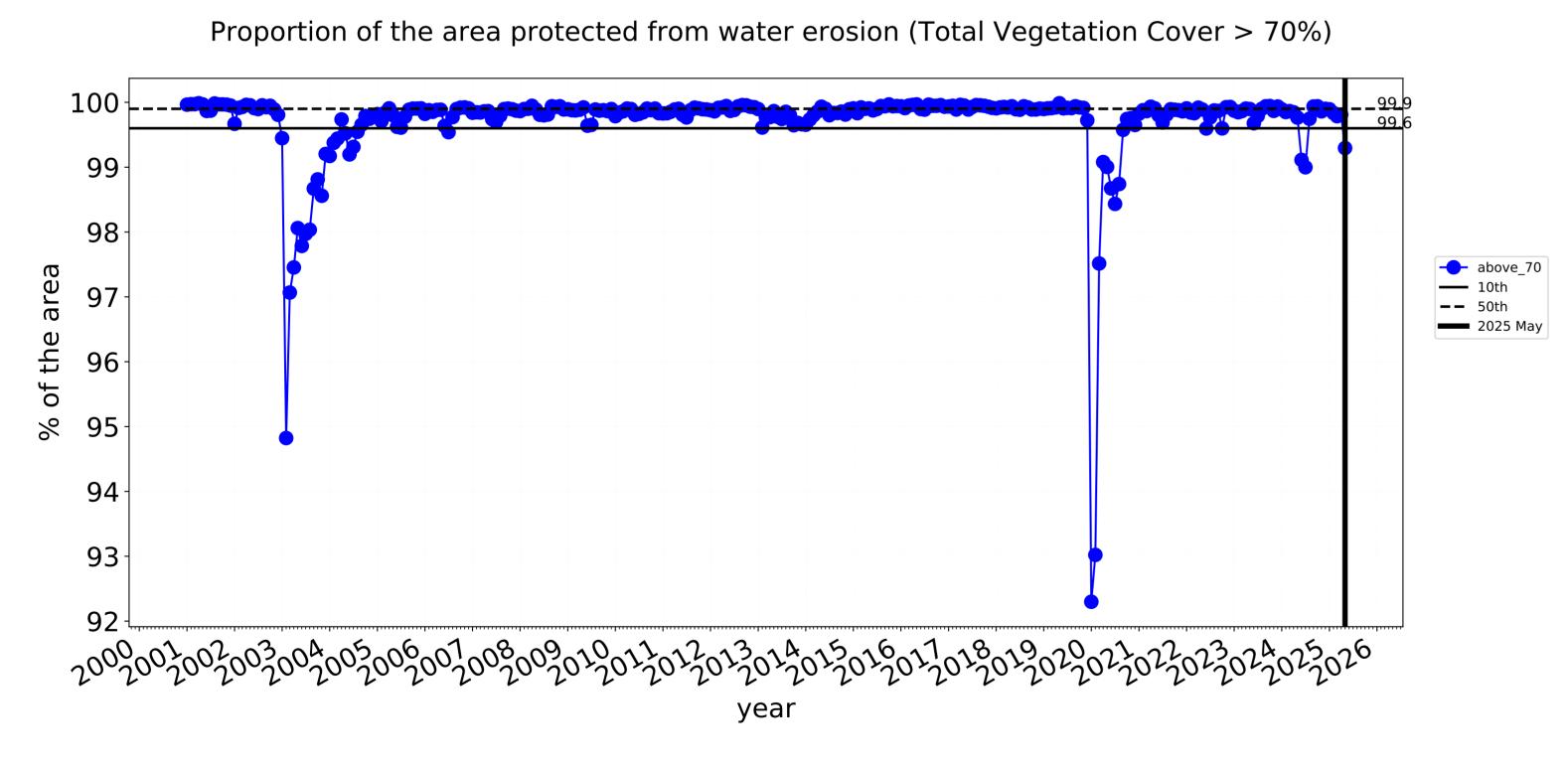


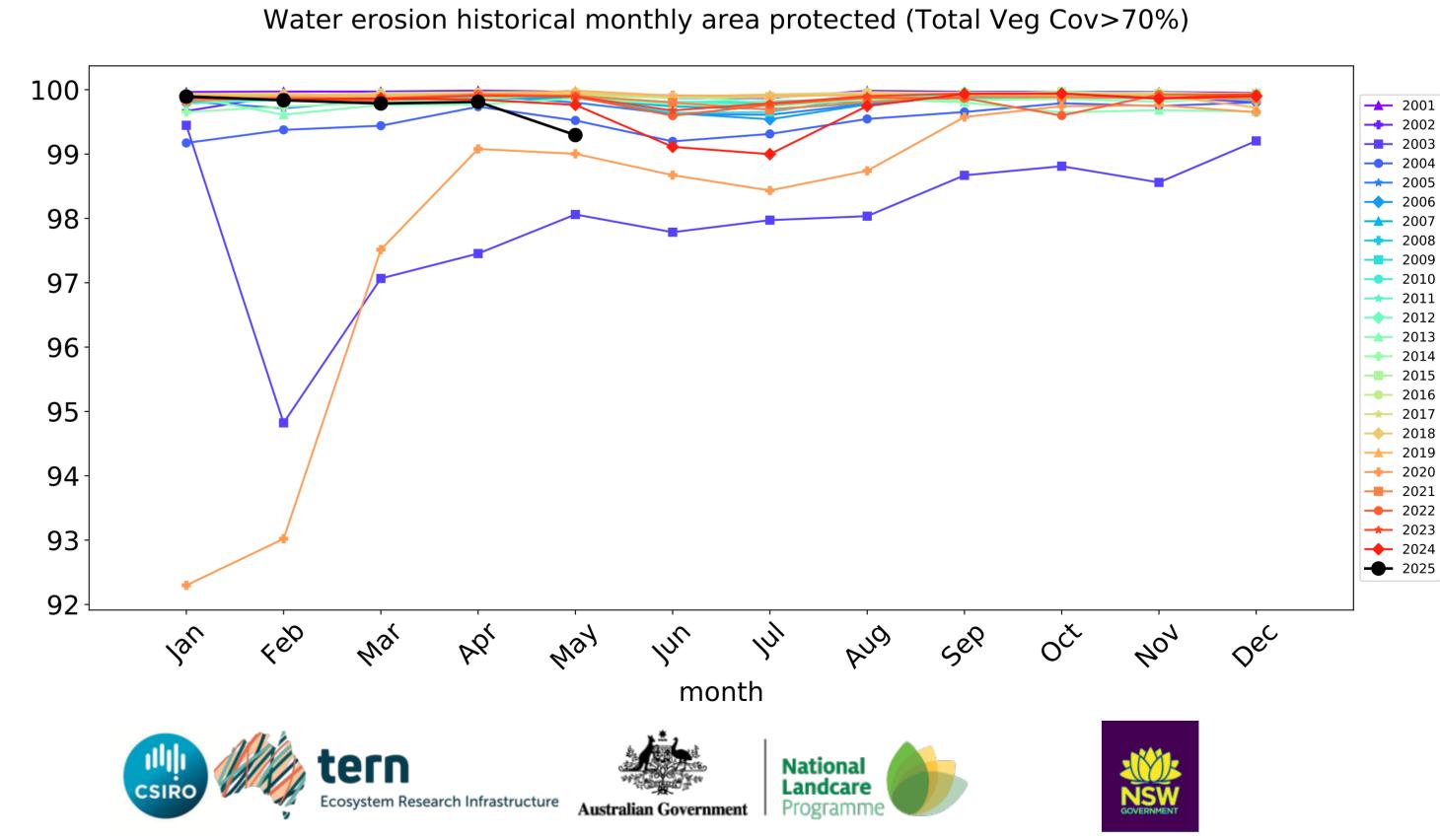


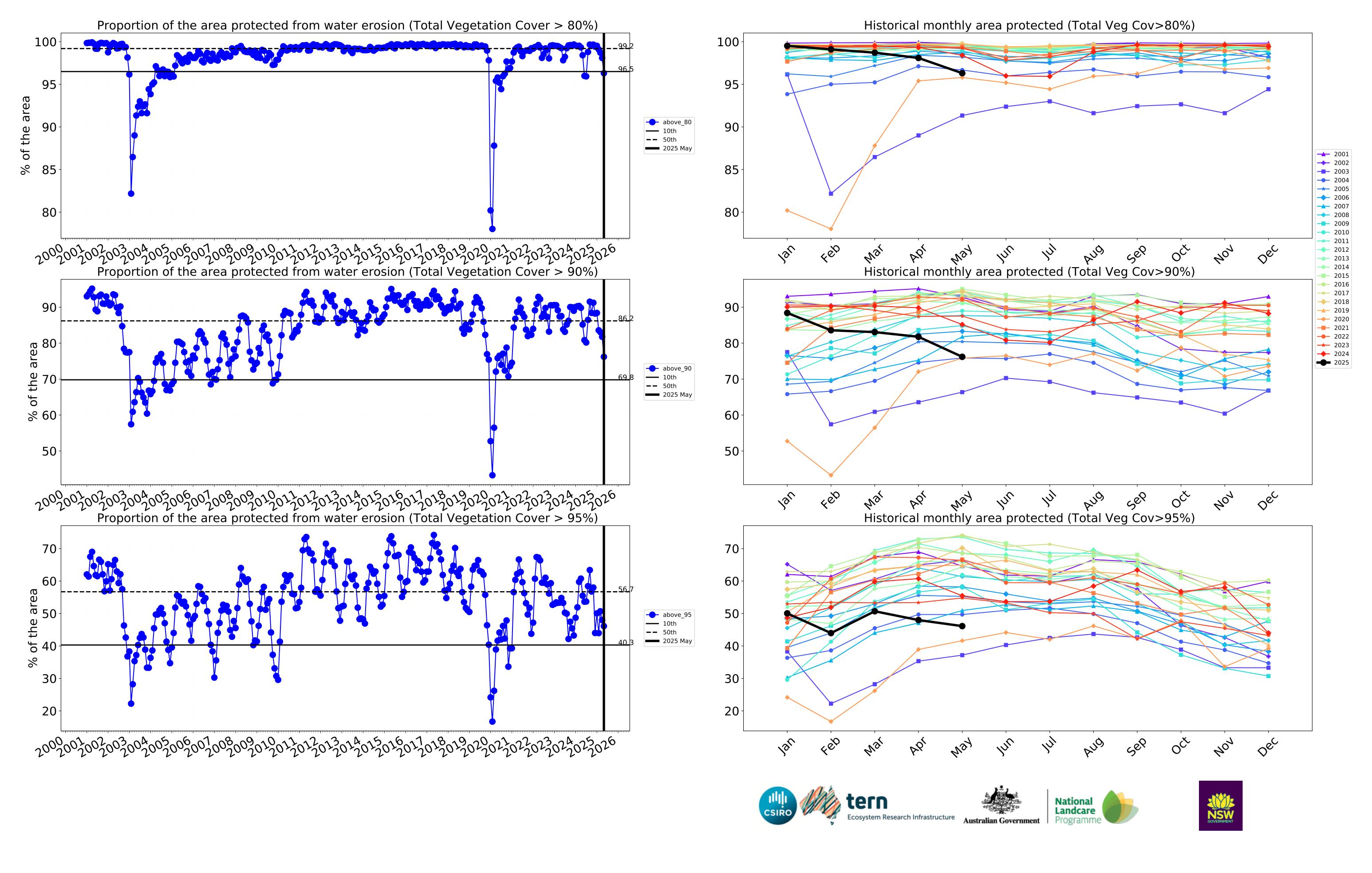




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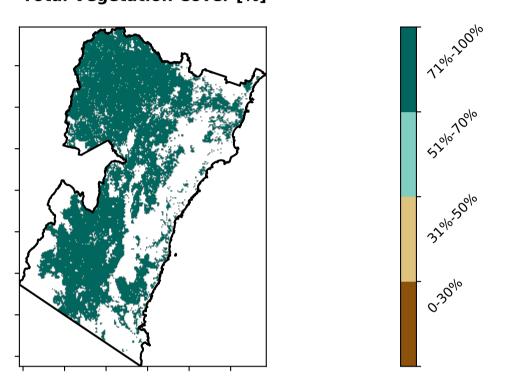
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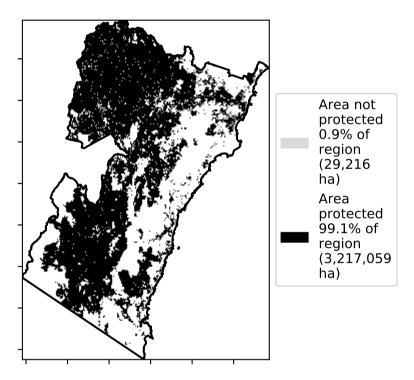
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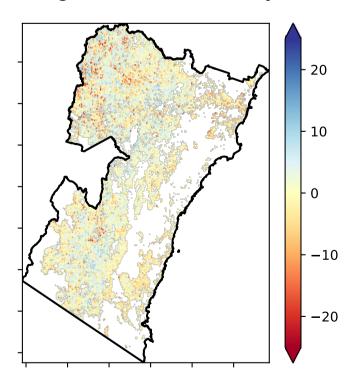
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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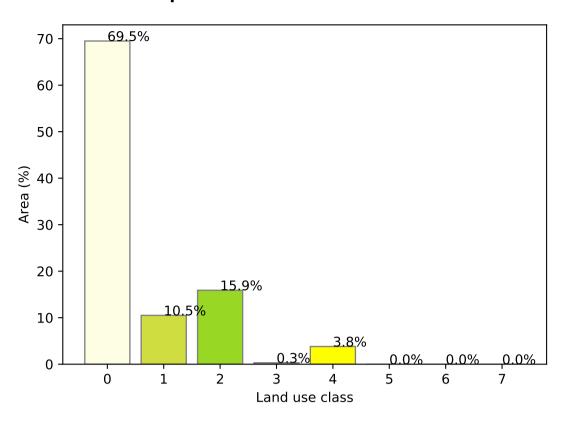


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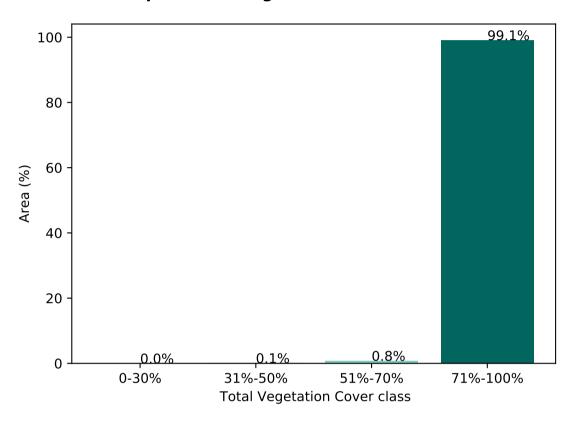


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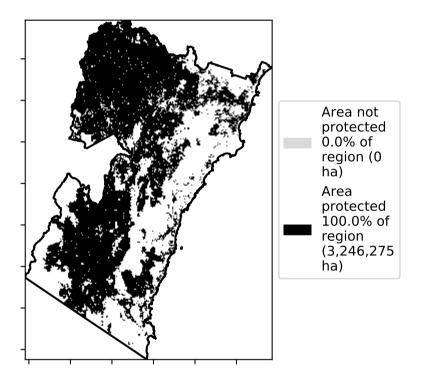
Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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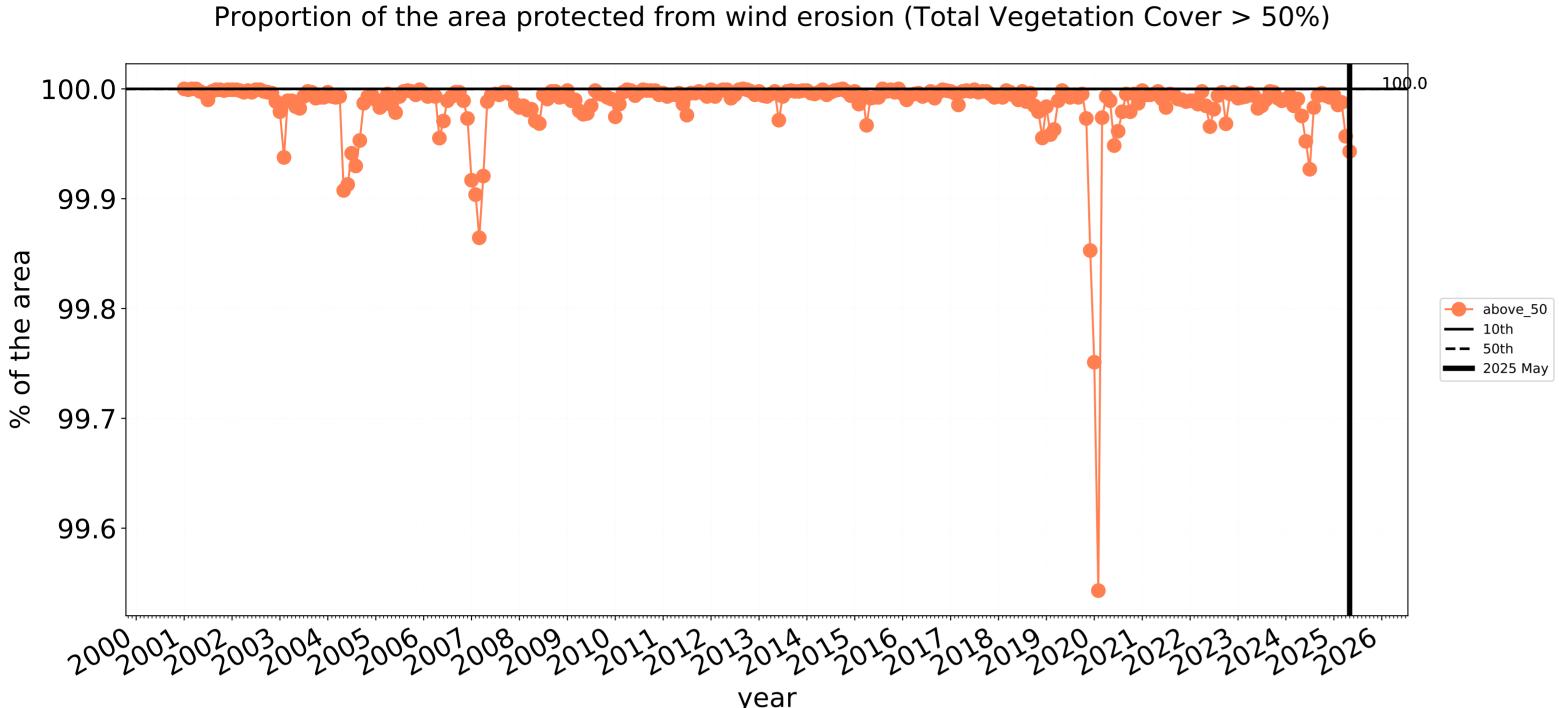


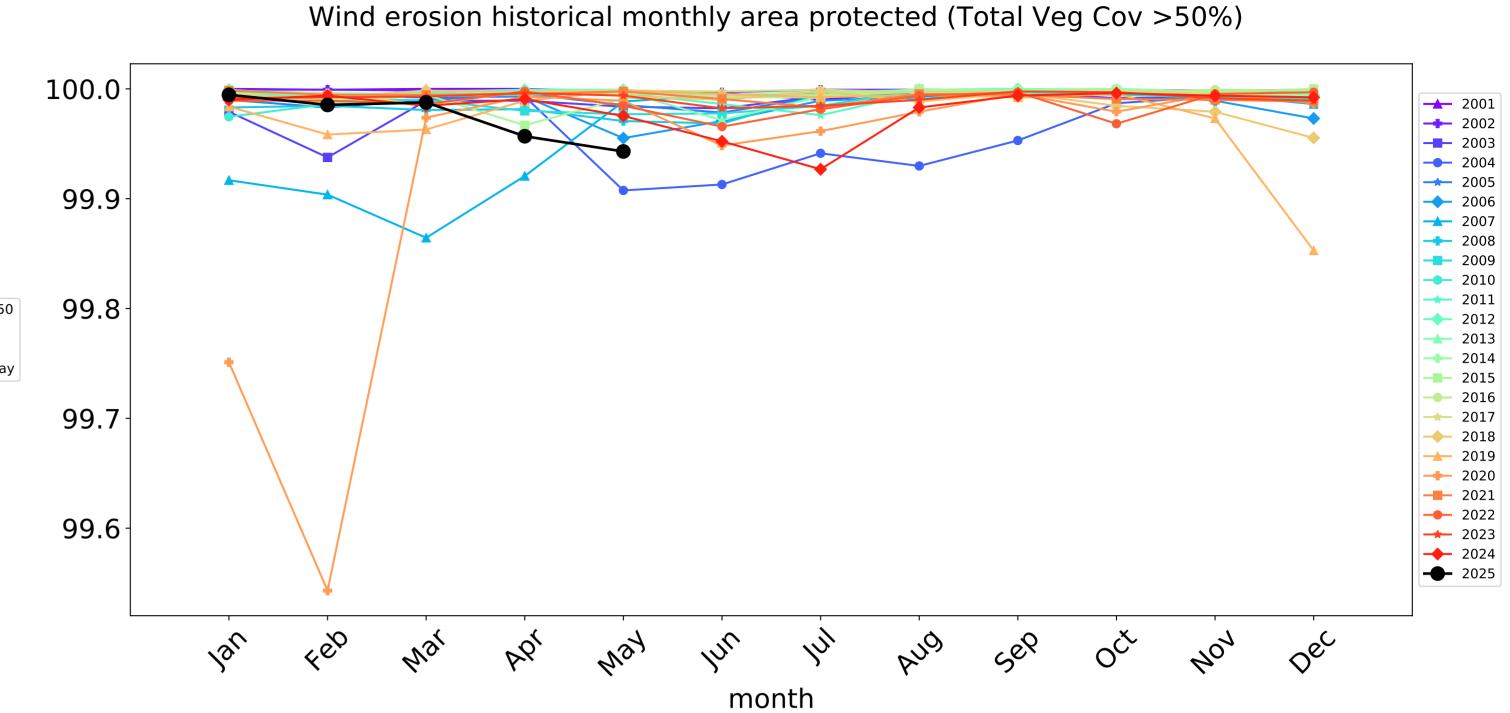


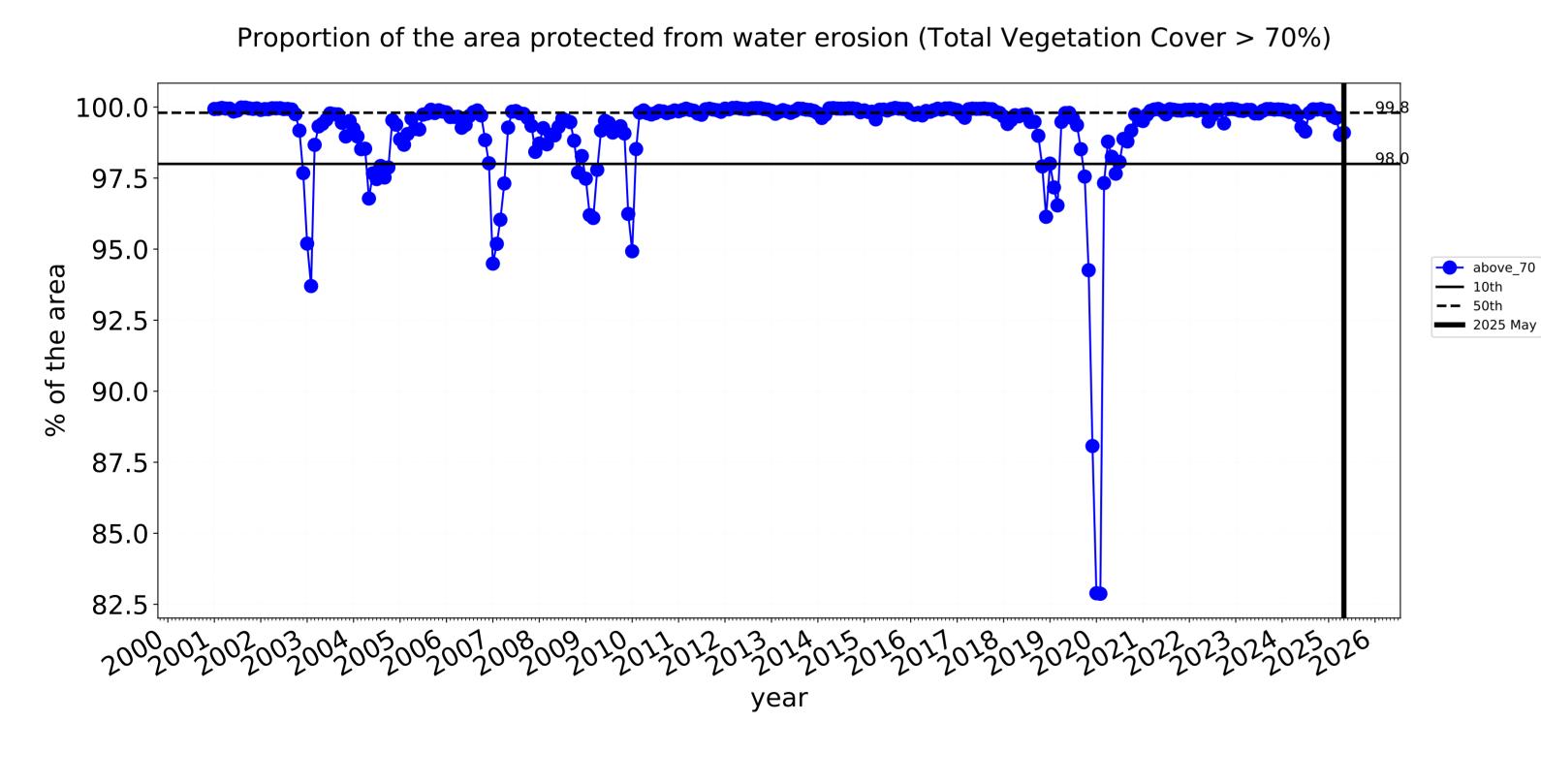


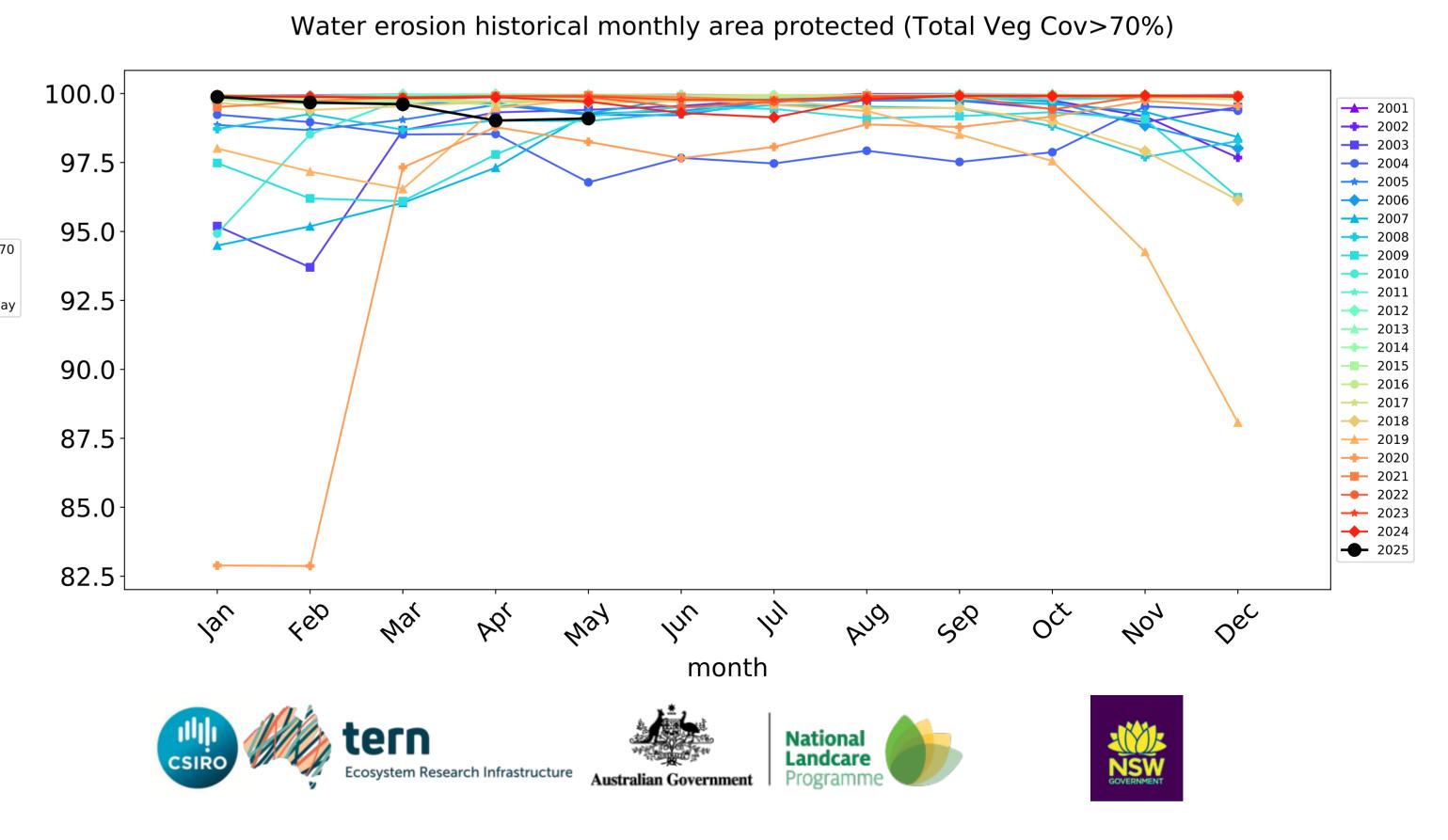


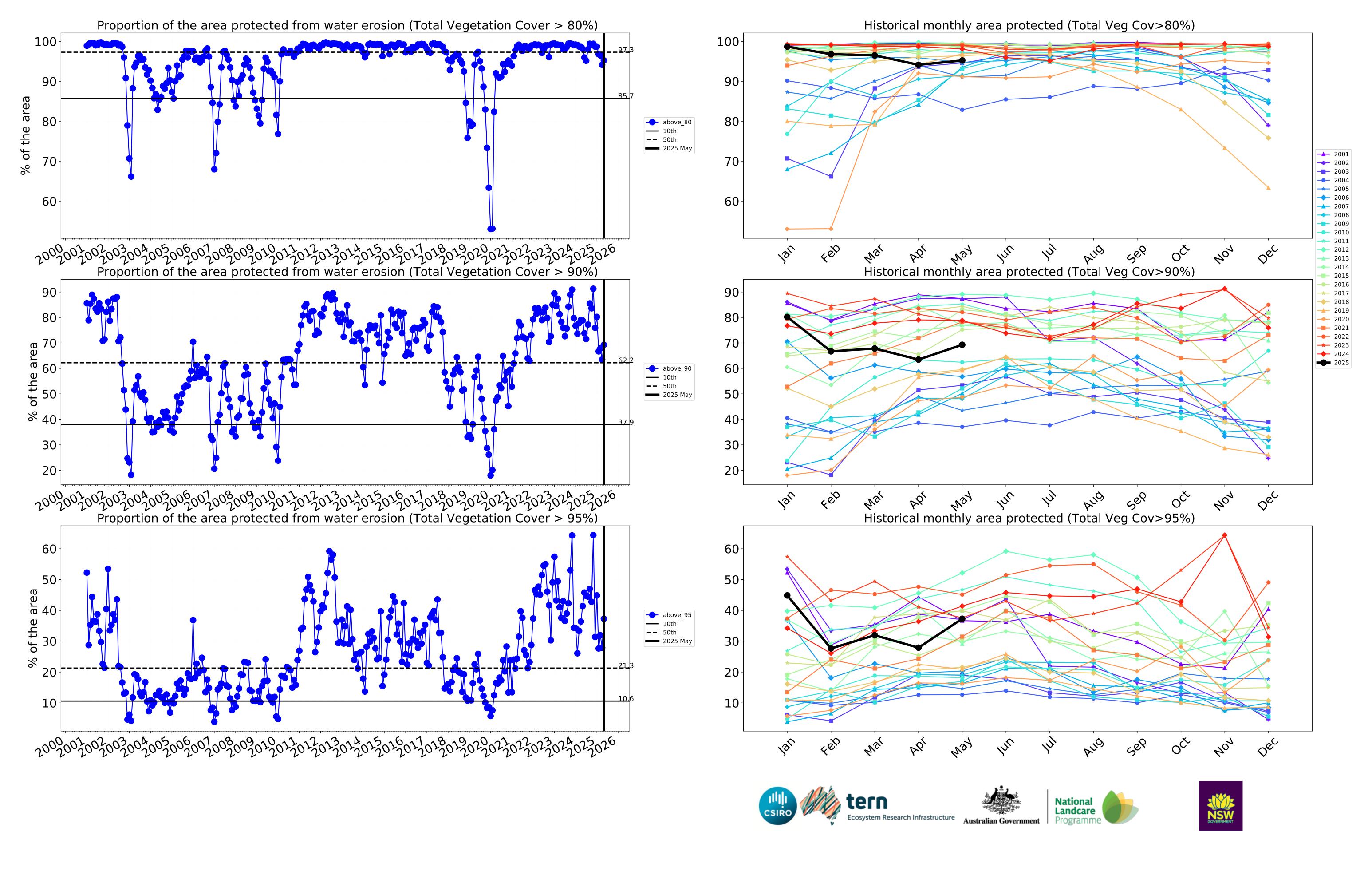
Agriculture timeseries











Grazing

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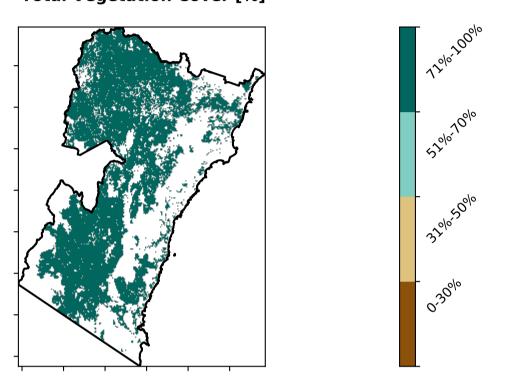
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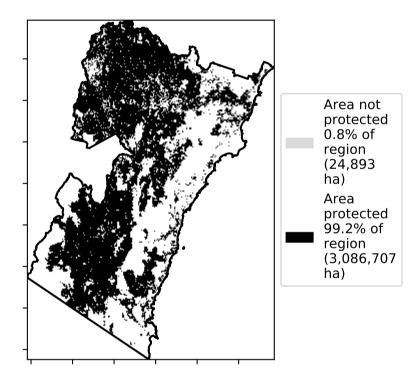
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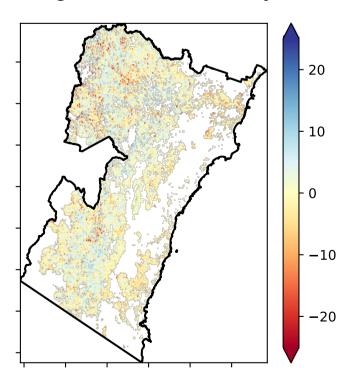
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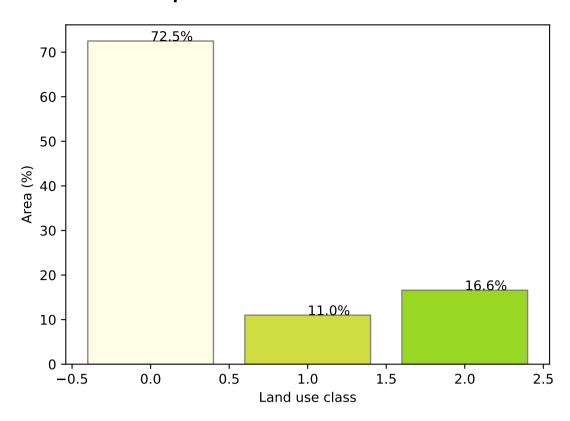


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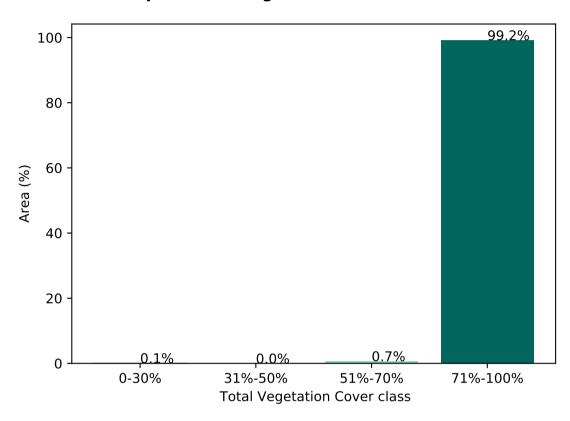


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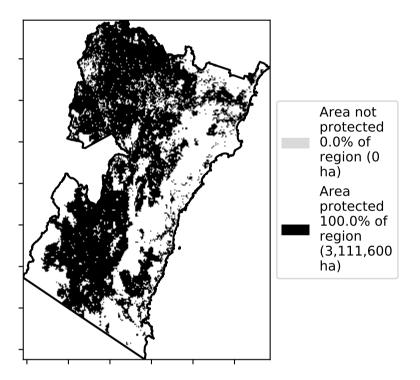
Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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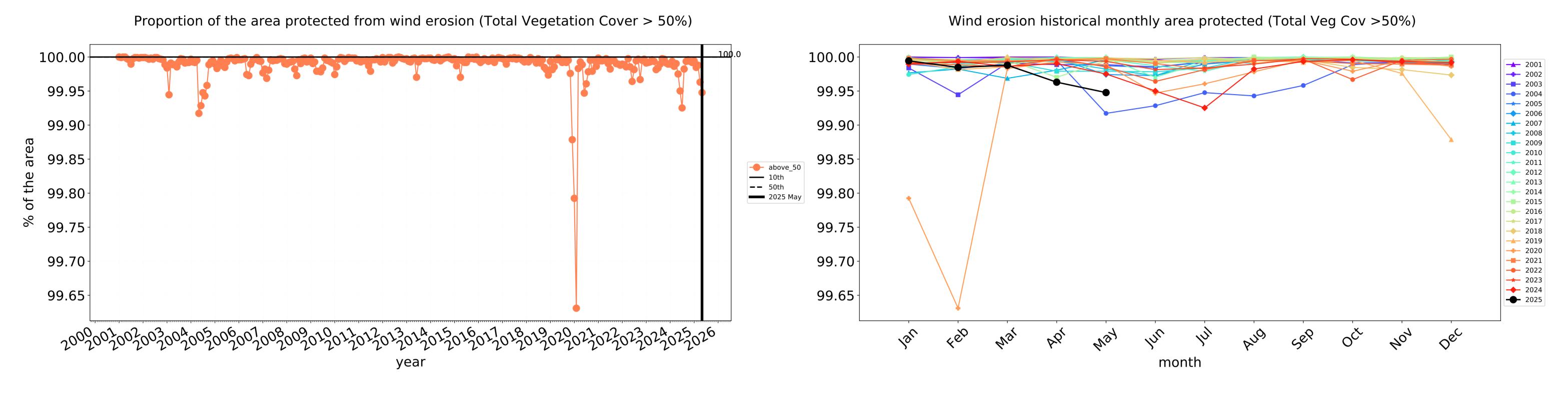


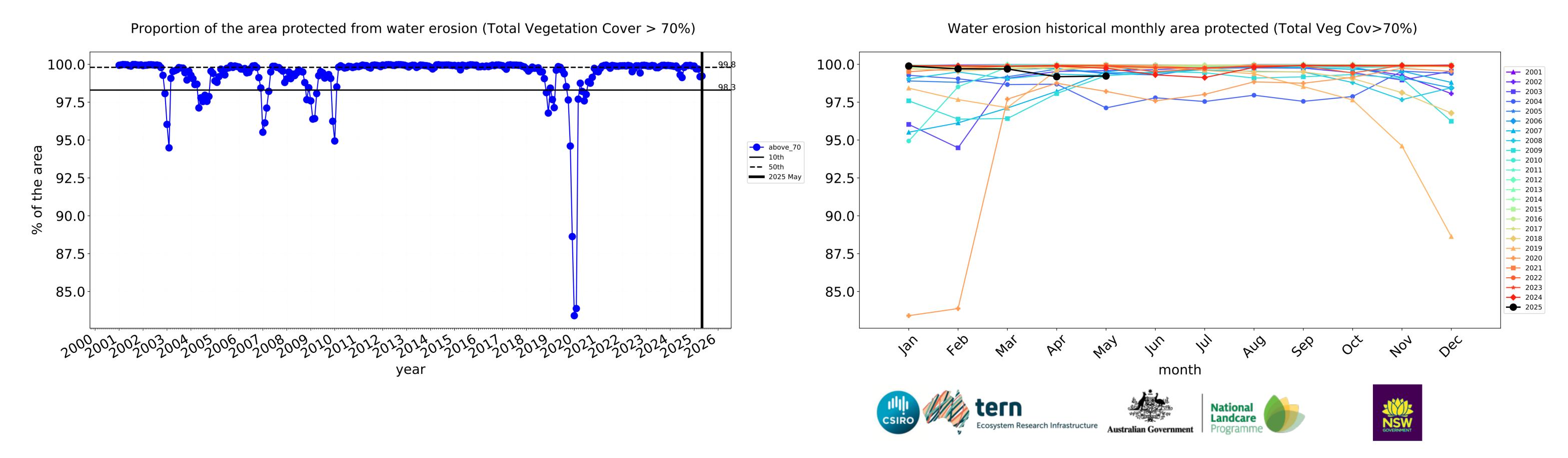


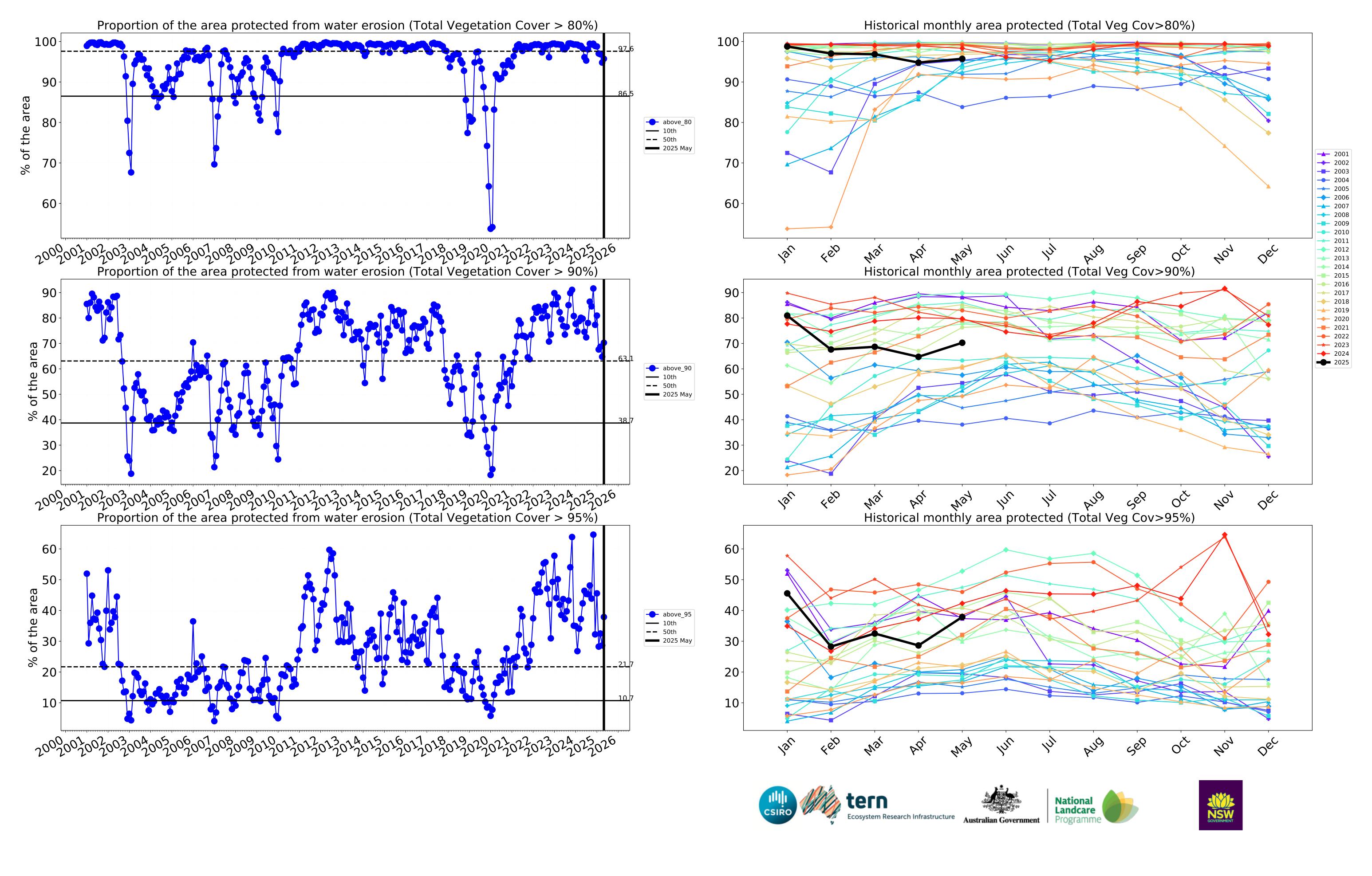




Grazing timeseries







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

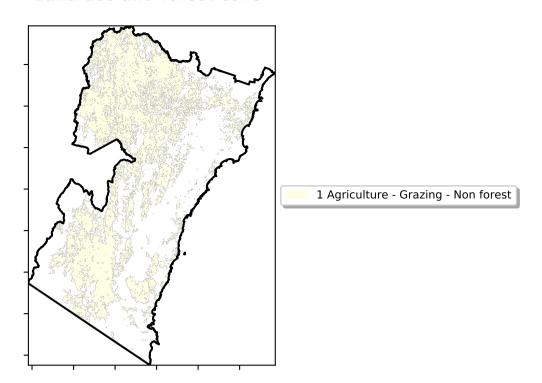
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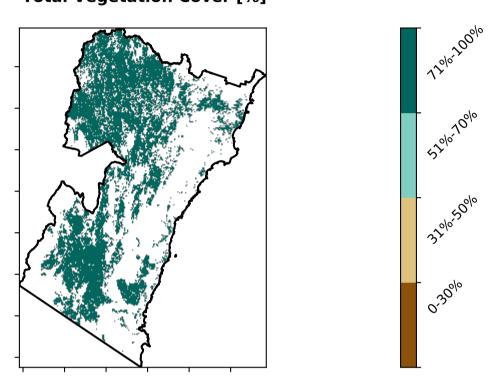
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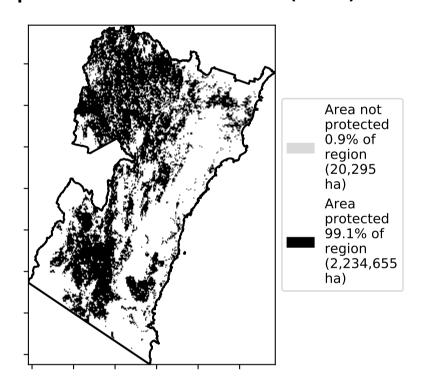
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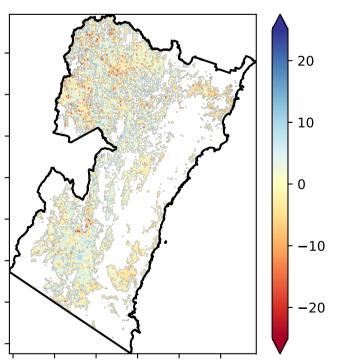
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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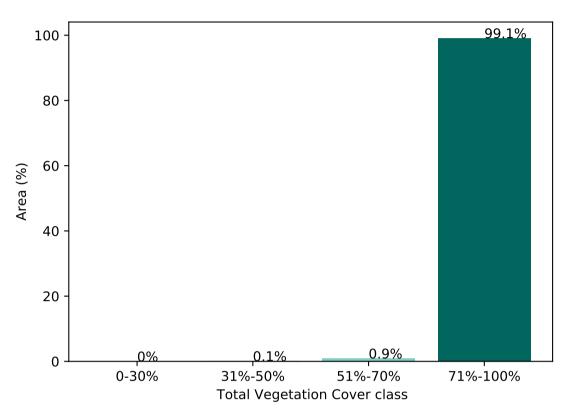


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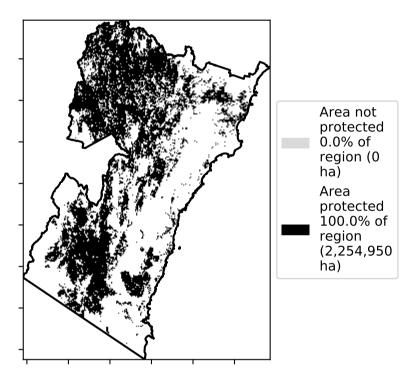


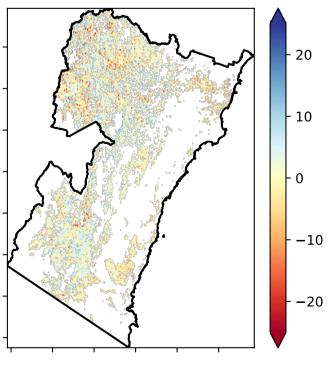
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

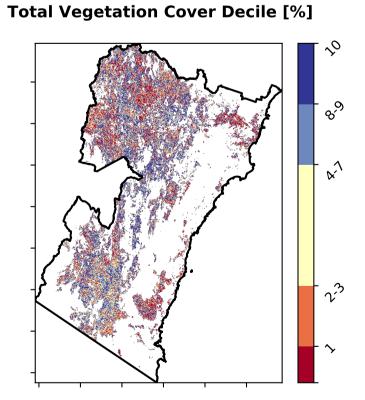


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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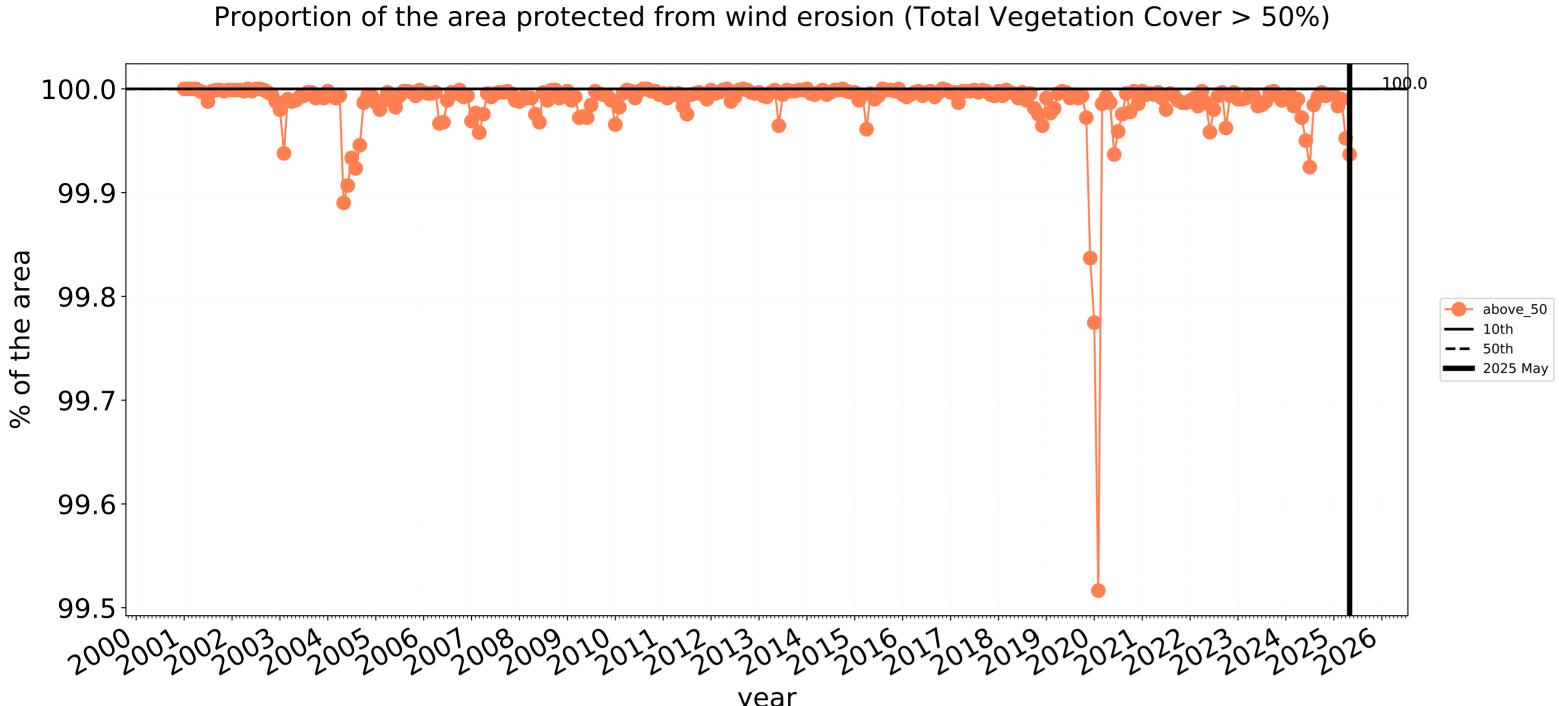


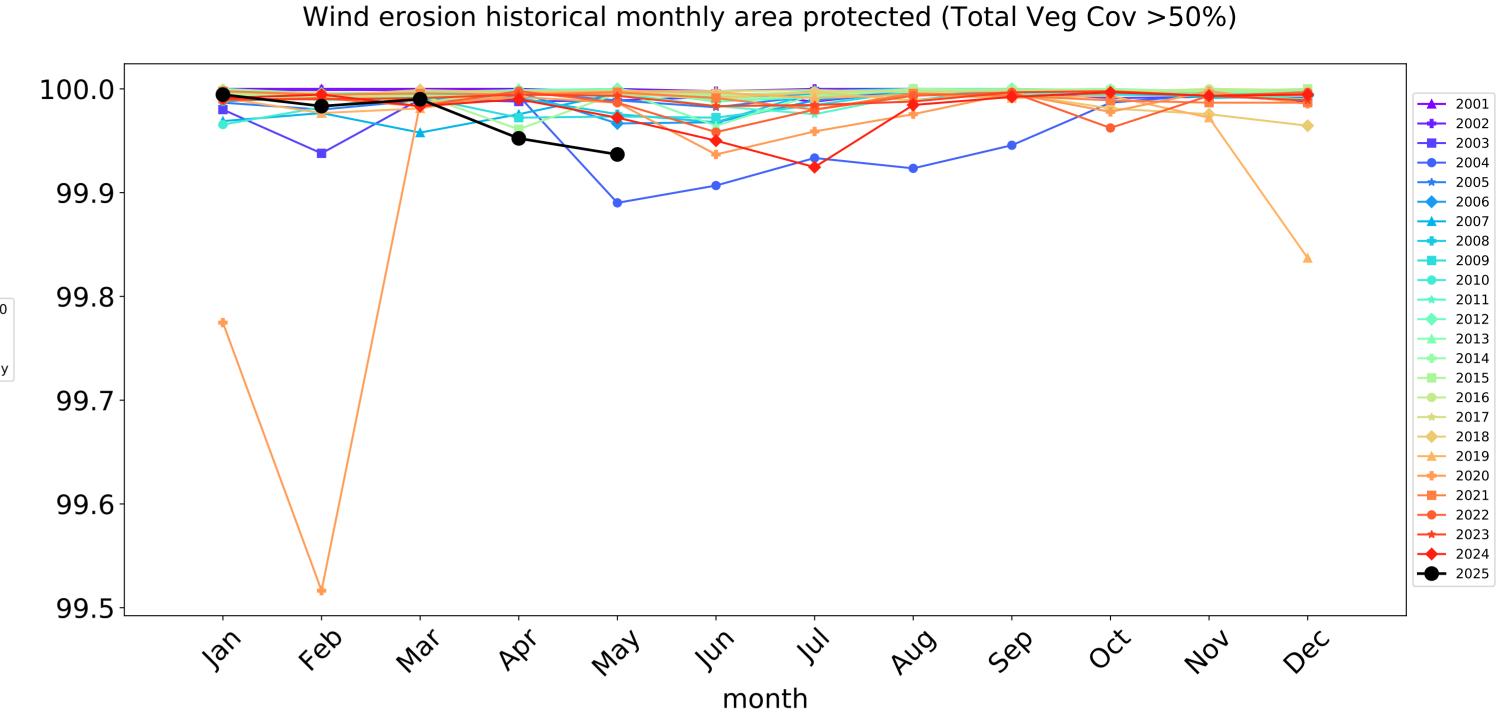


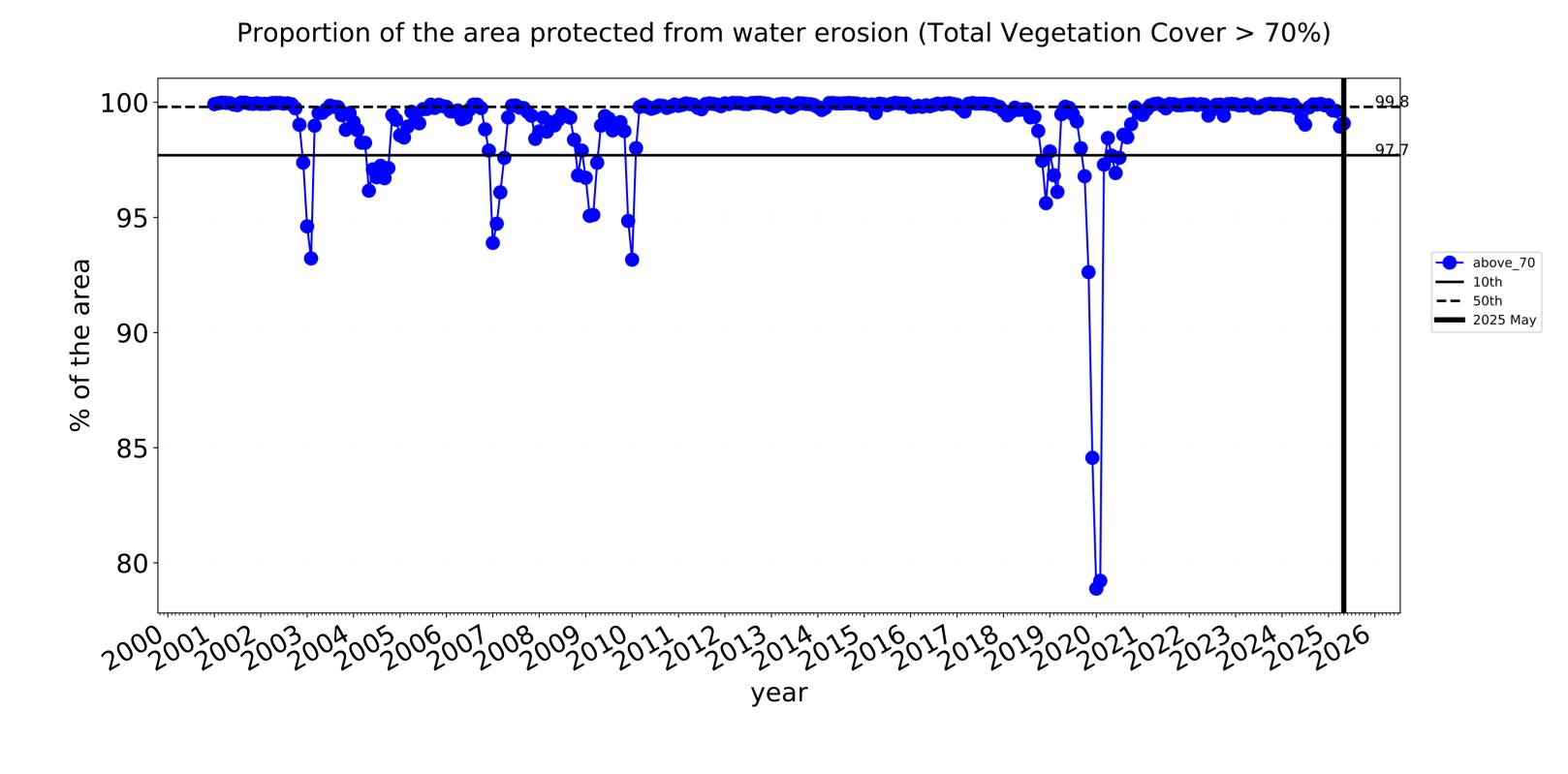


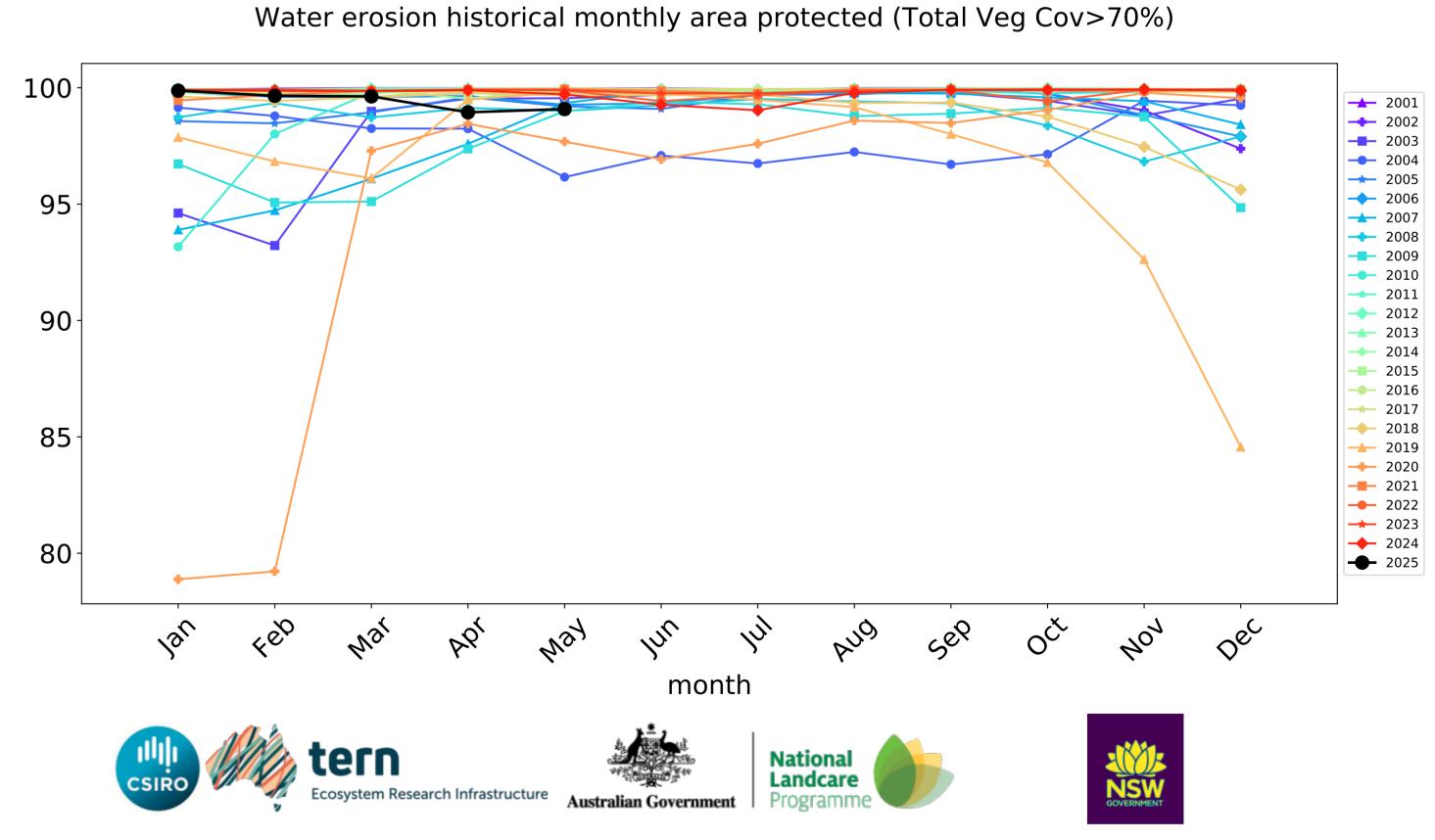


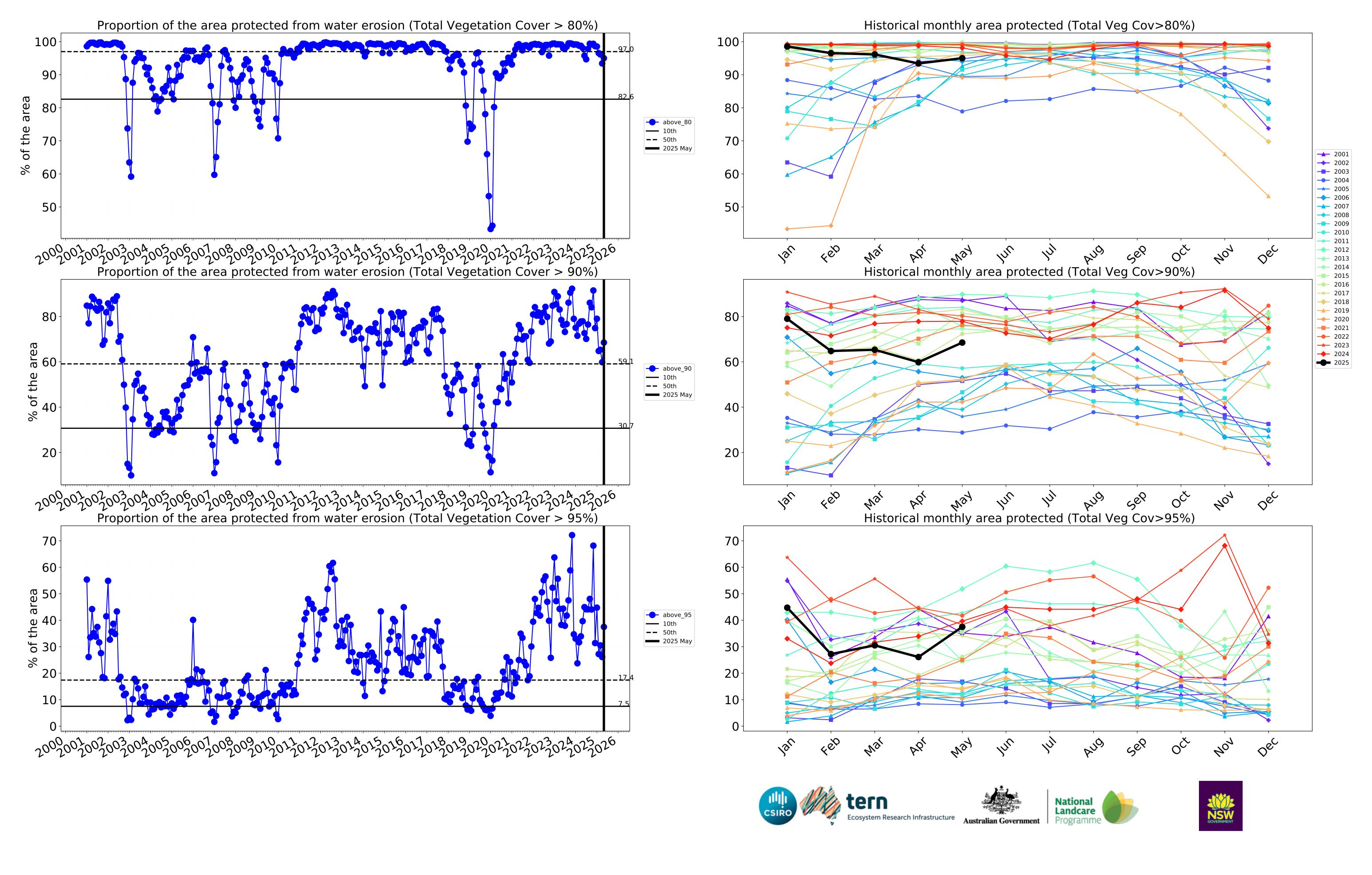
Grazing non forest timeseries







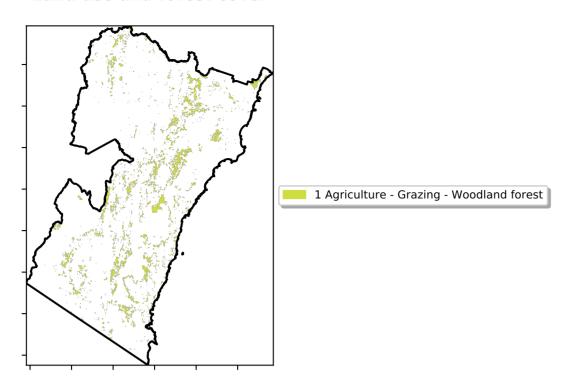




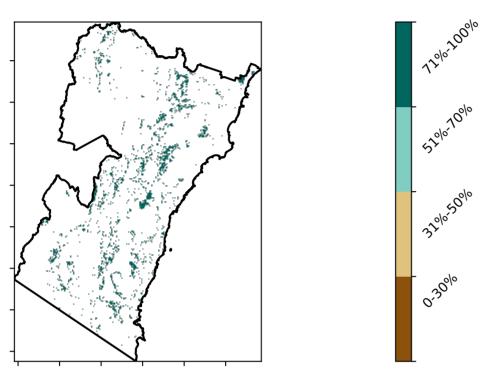
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

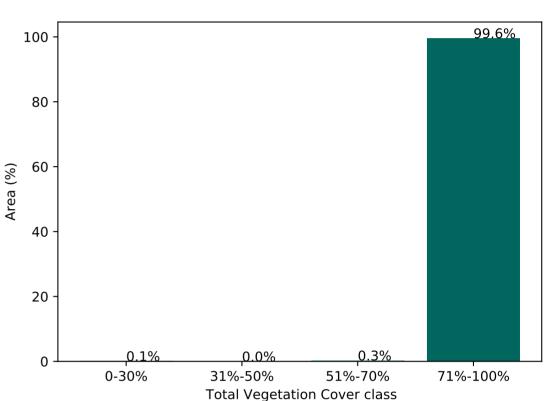
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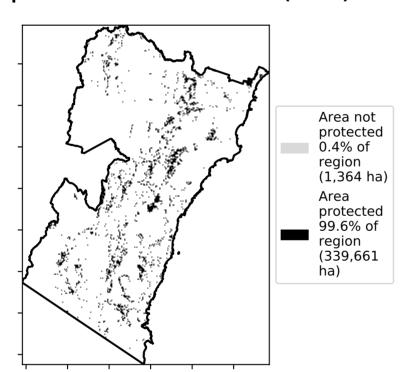
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



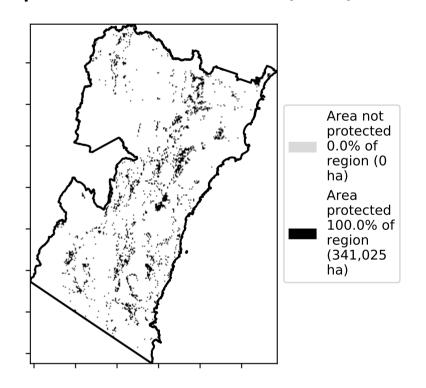
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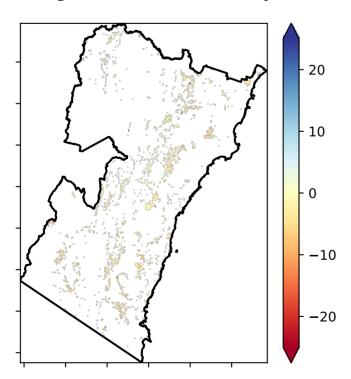
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

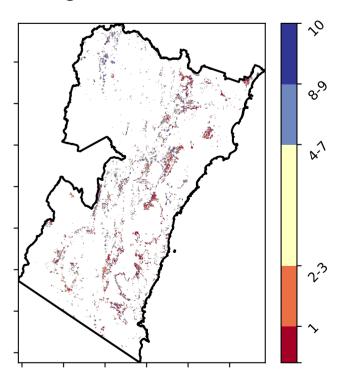


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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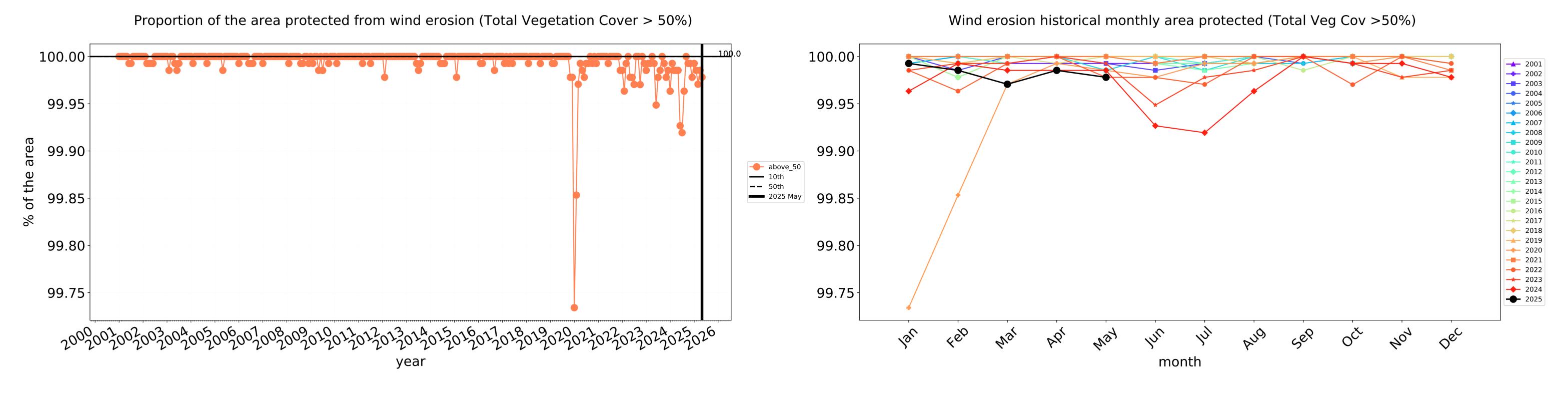


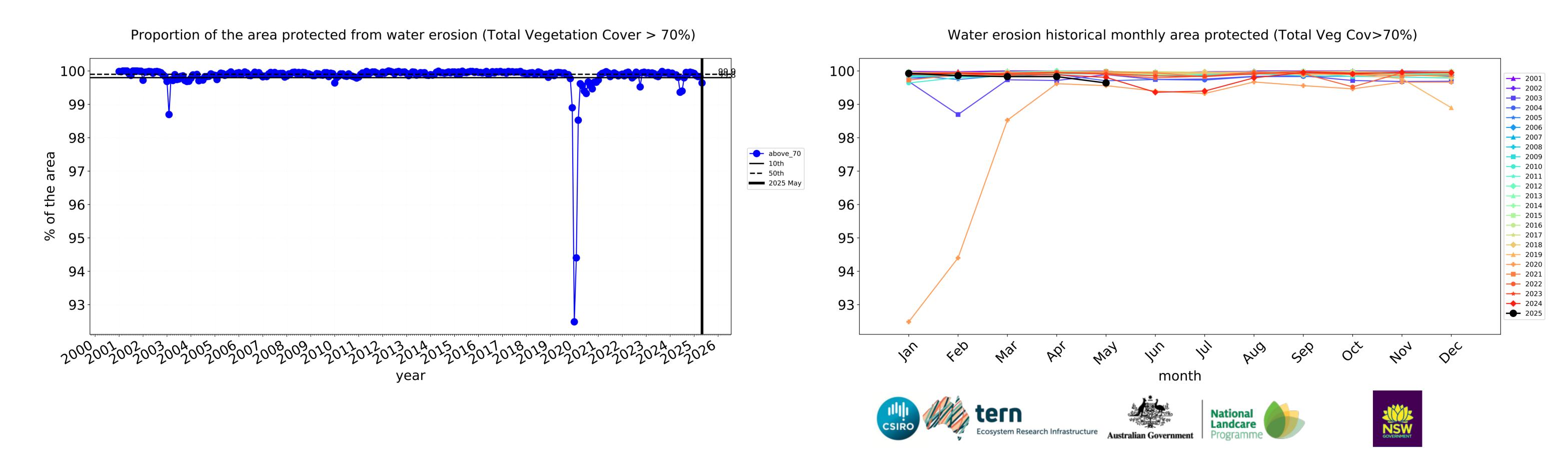


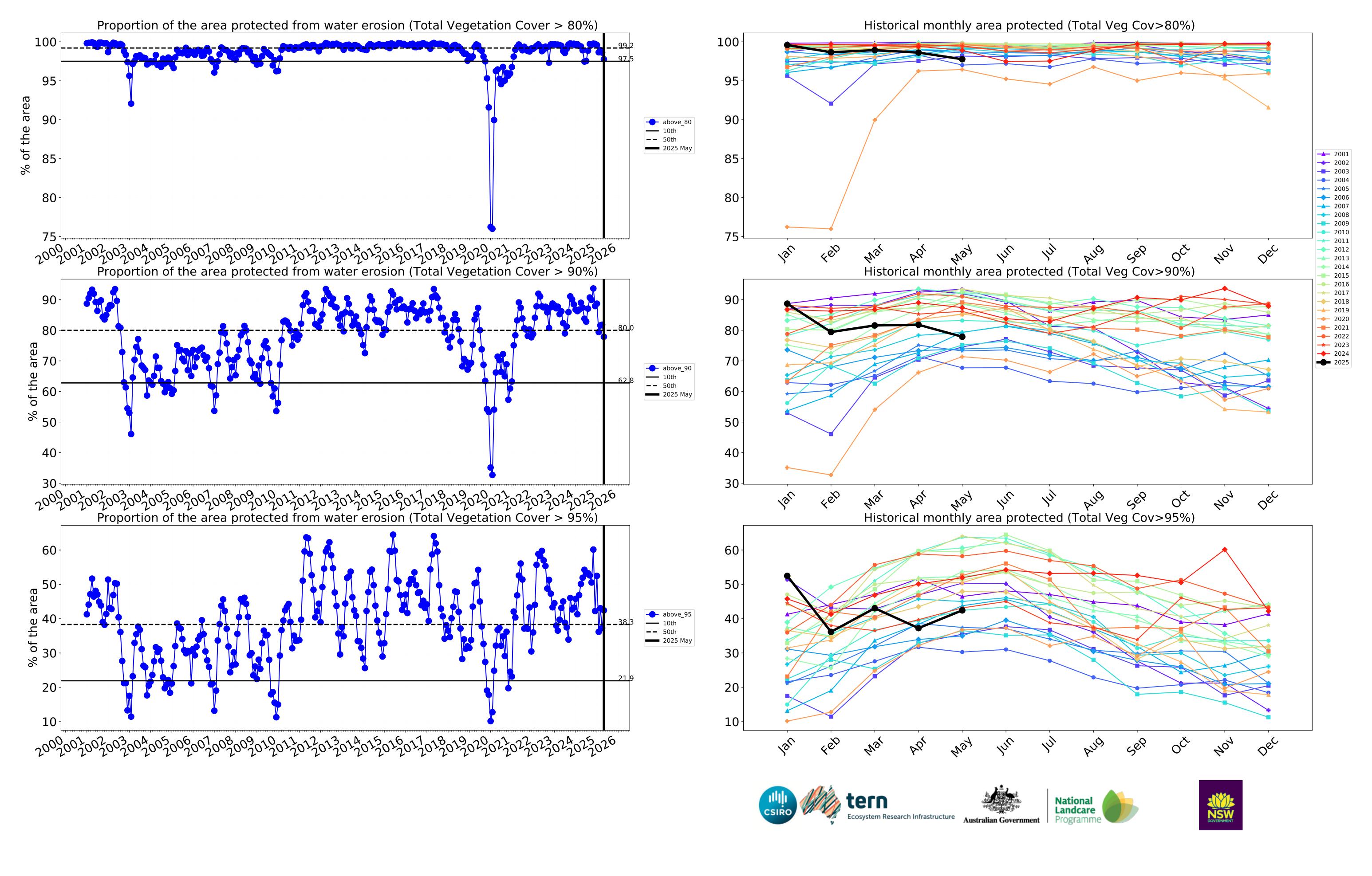




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries







Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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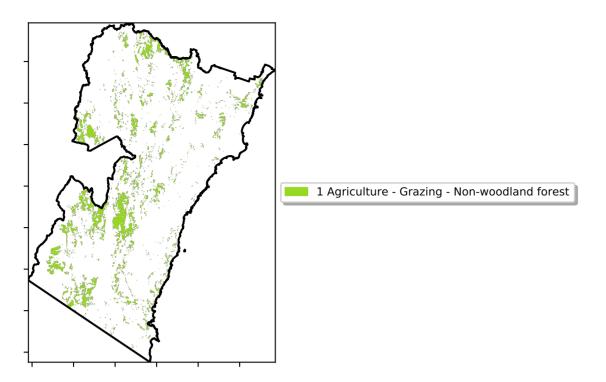
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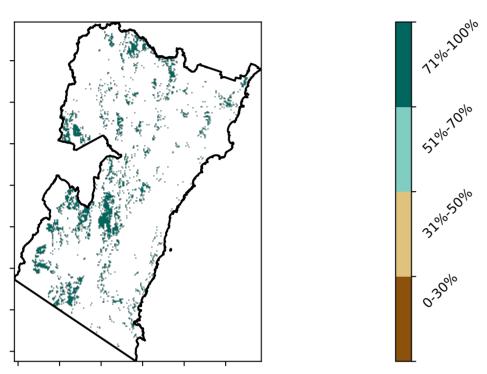
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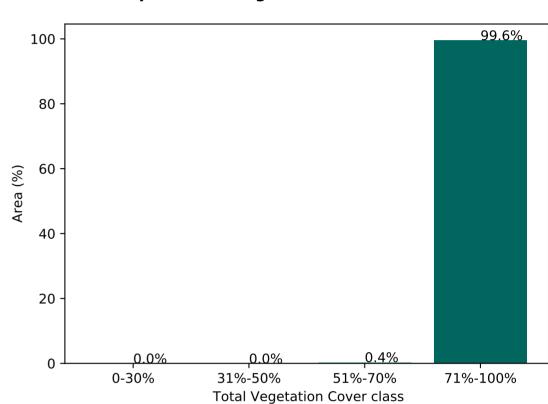
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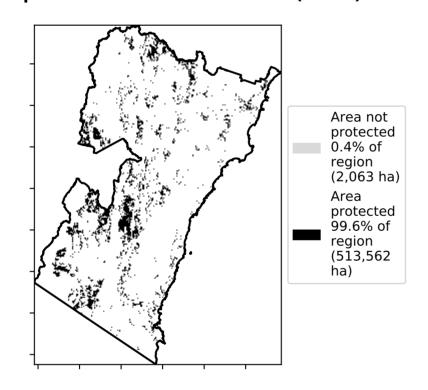
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



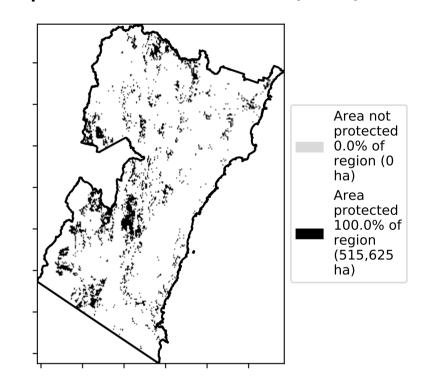
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



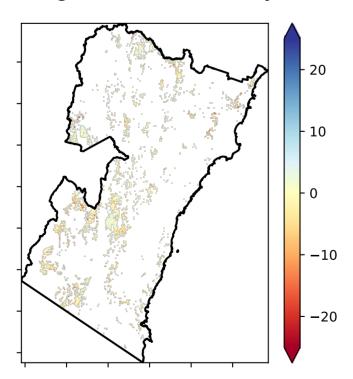
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



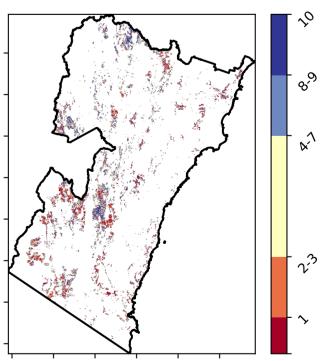
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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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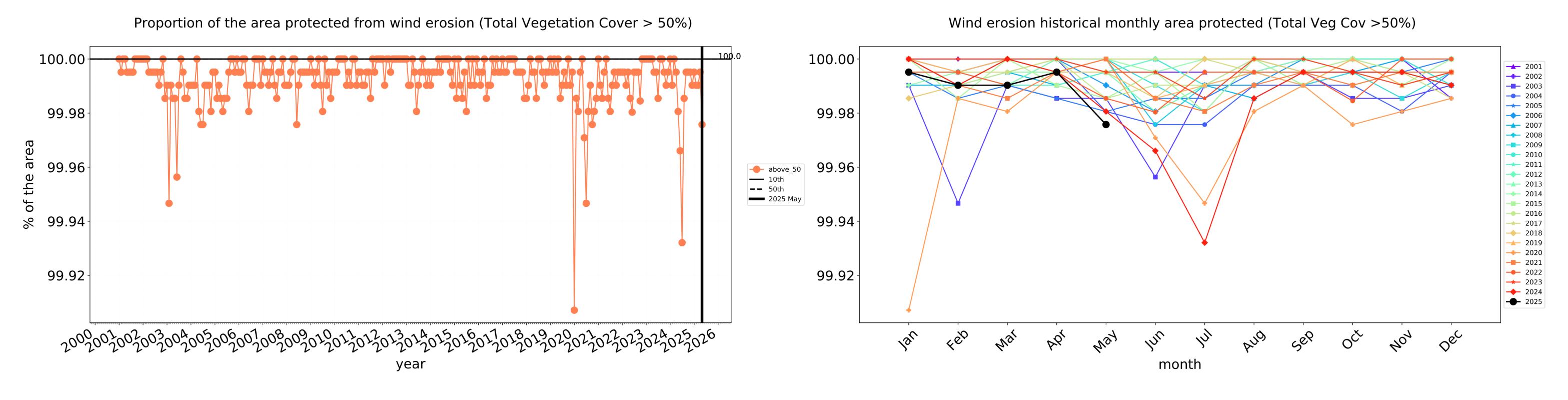


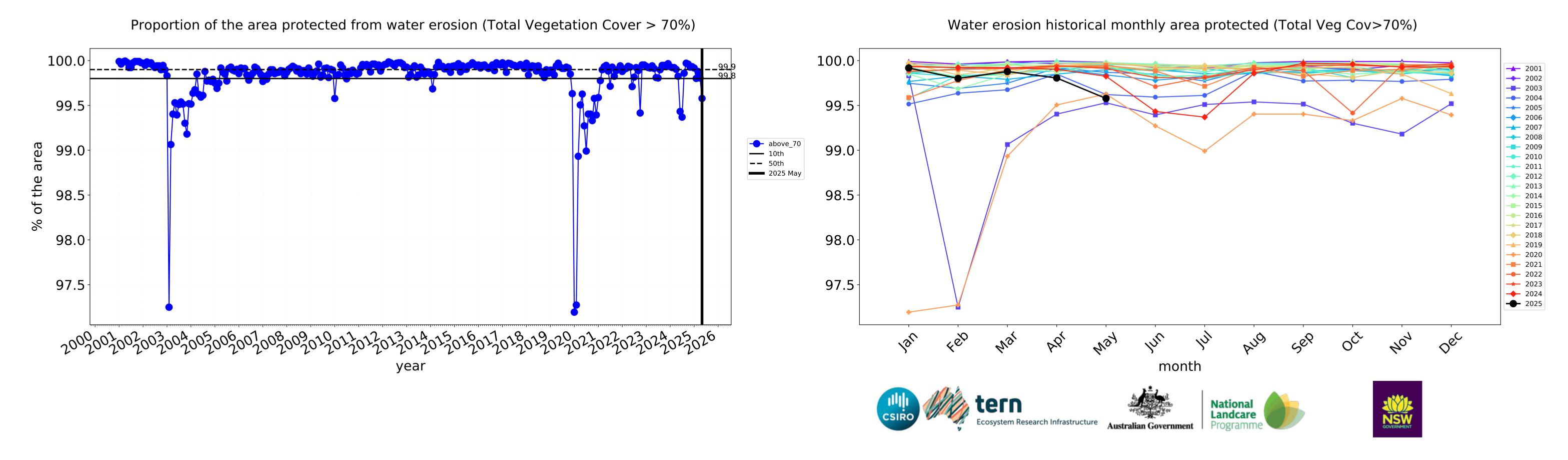


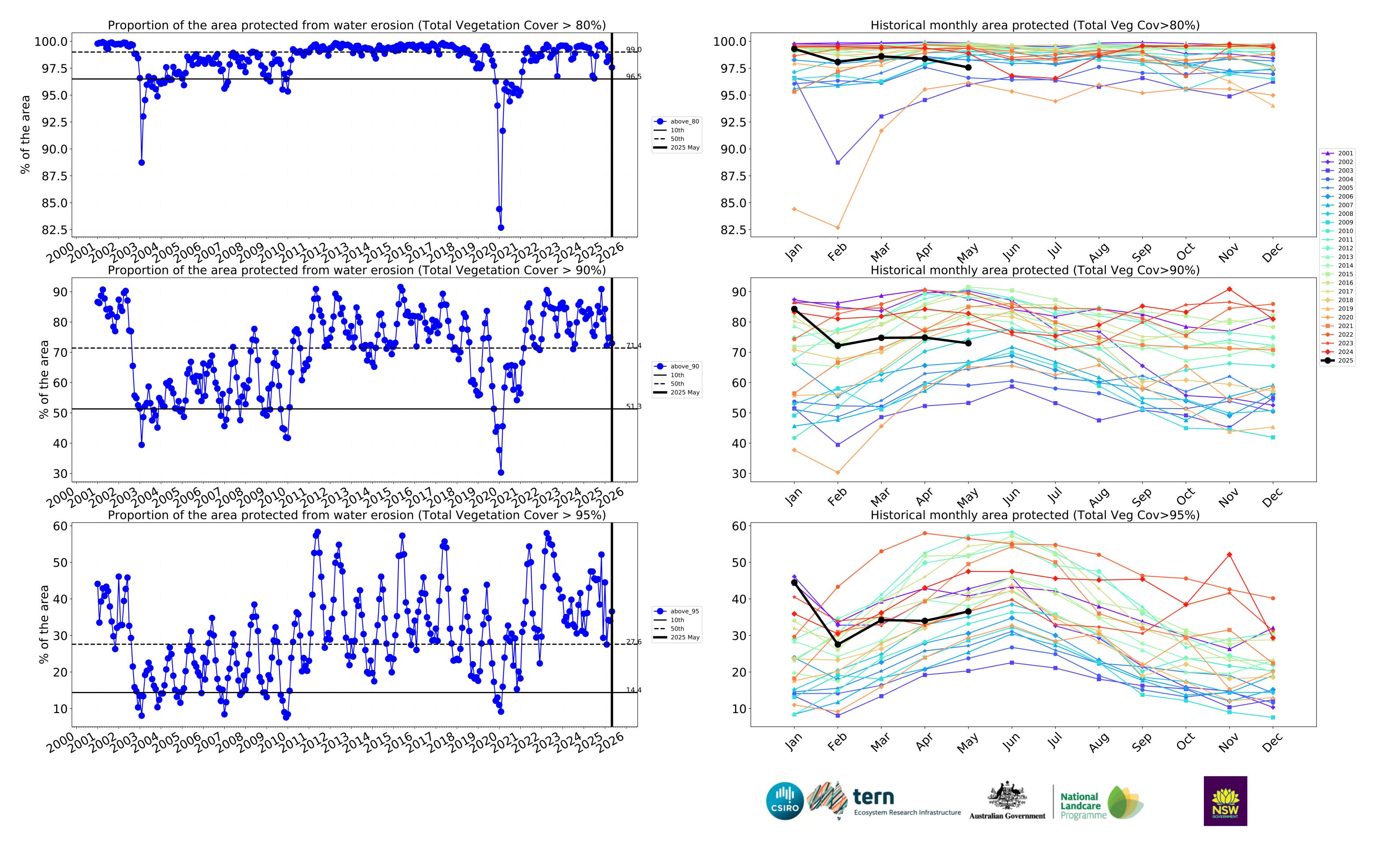












Cropping

Land use and forest cover

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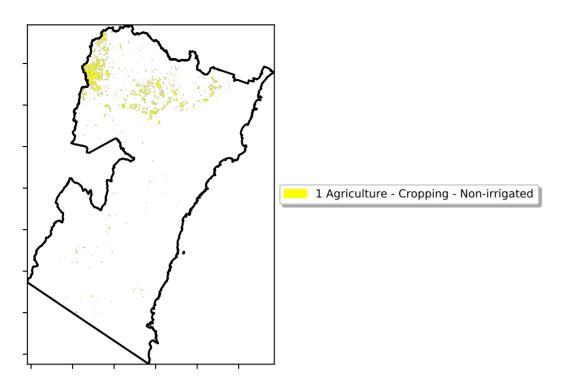
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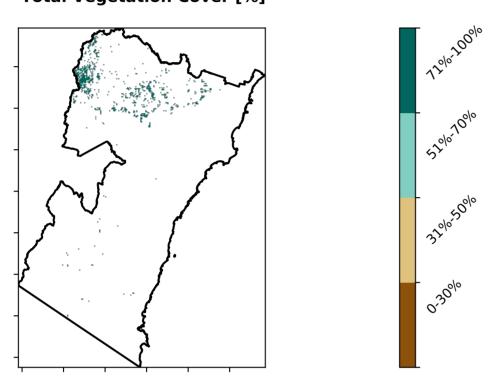
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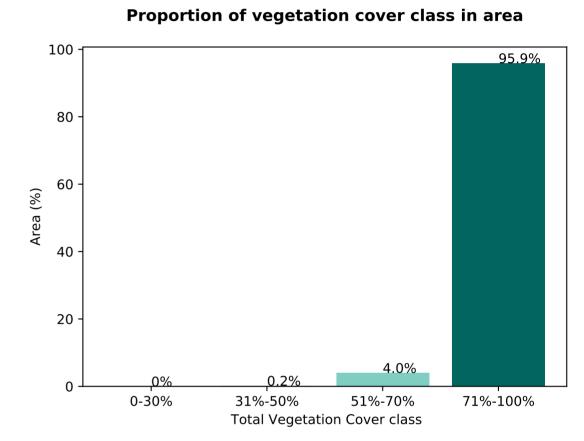
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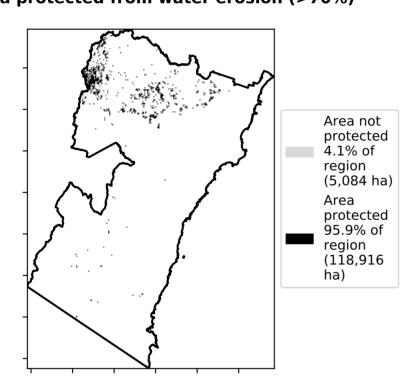


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

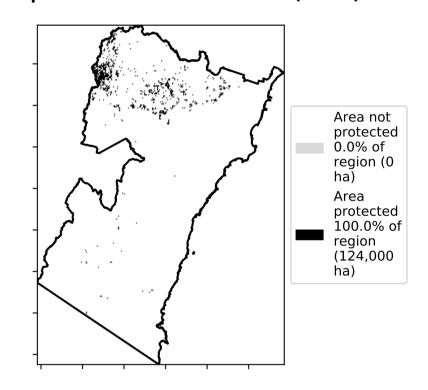




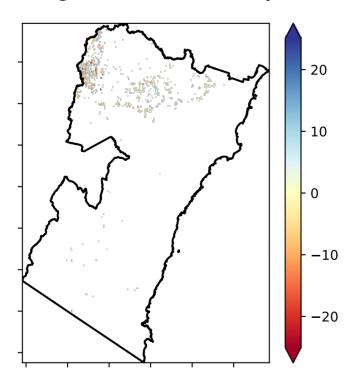
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



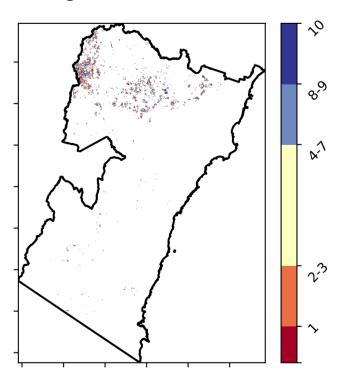
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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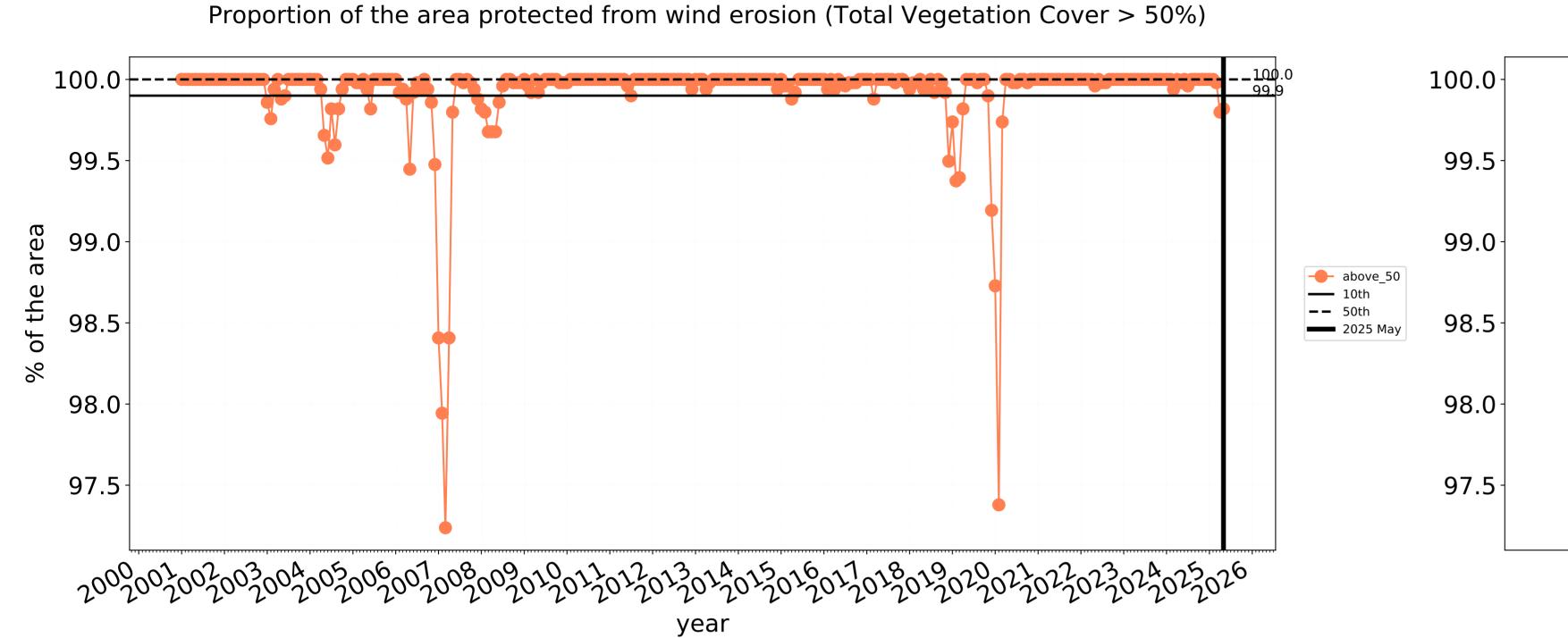


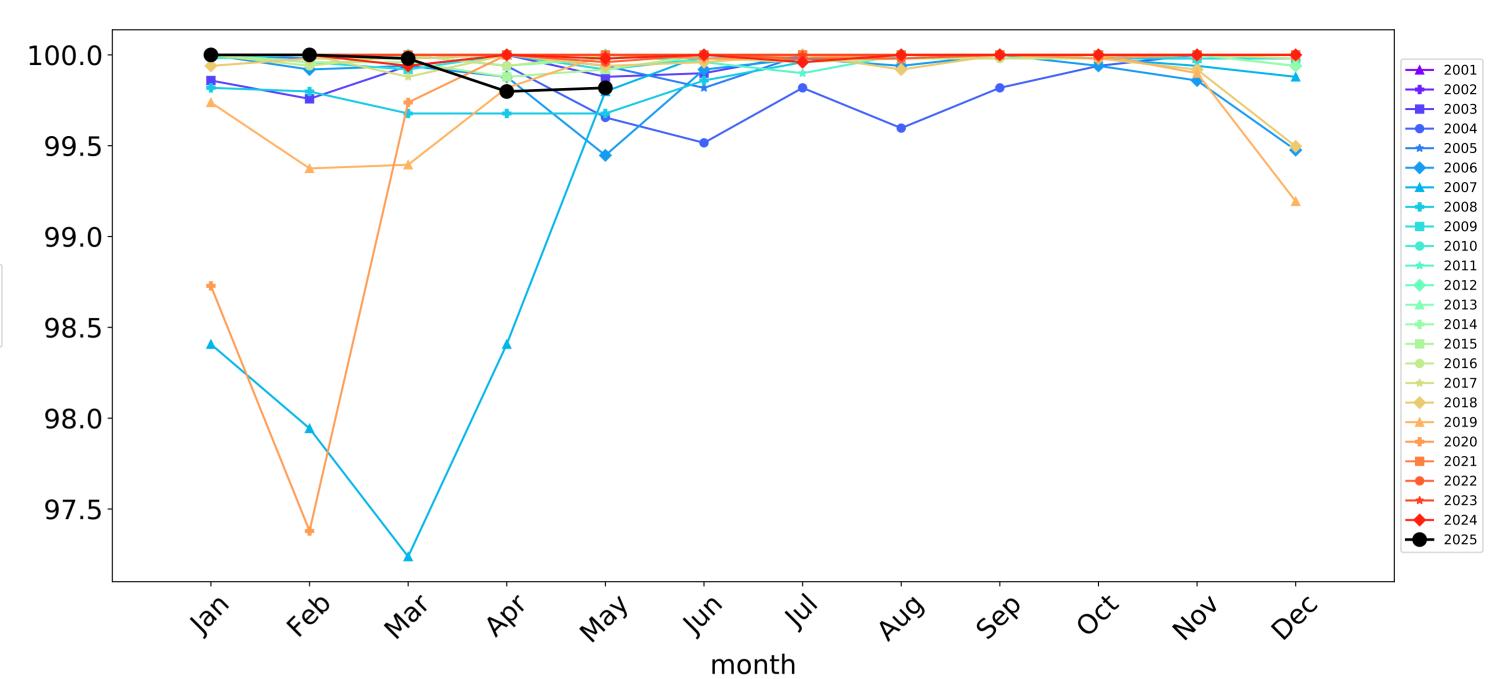




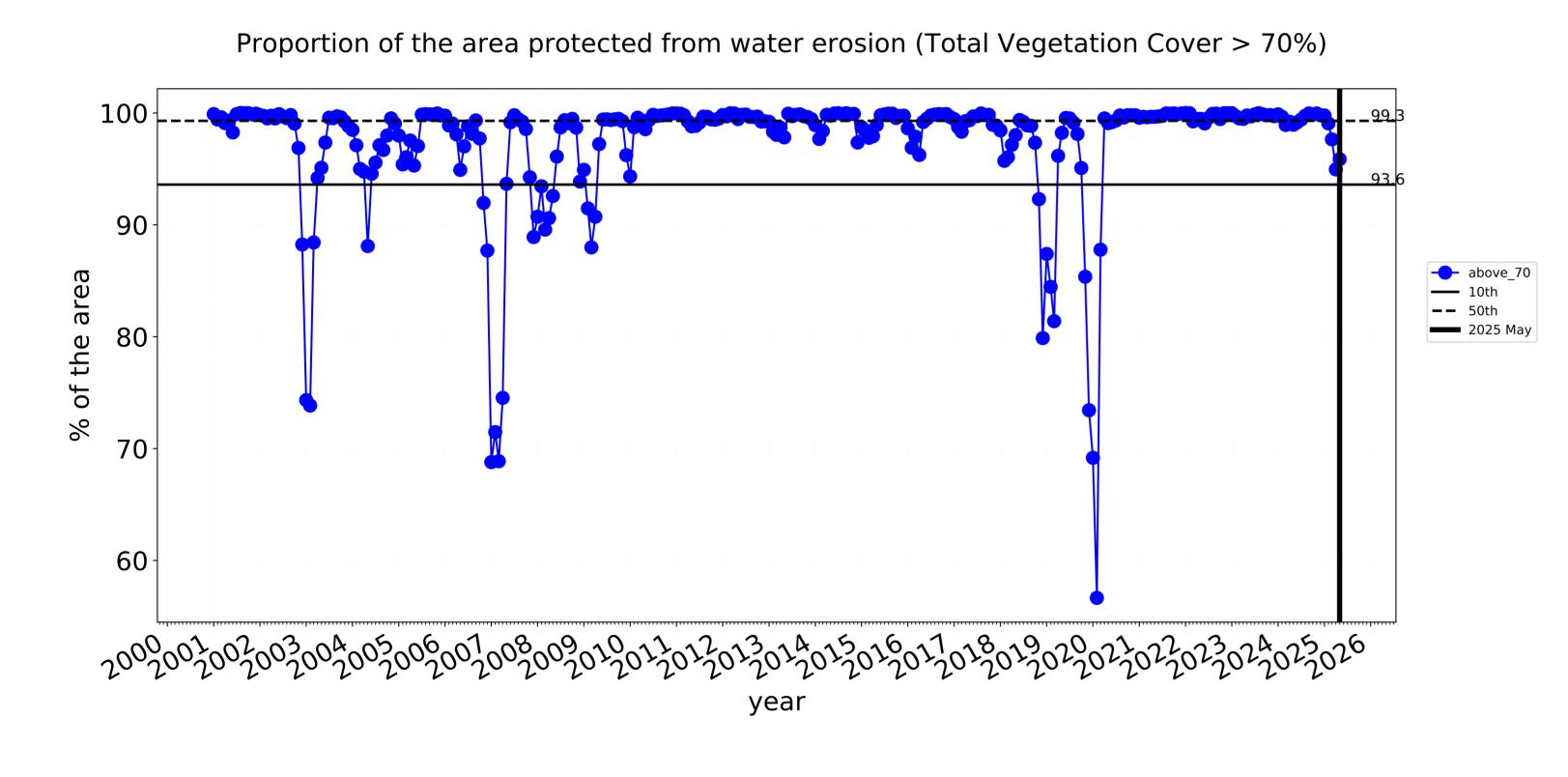


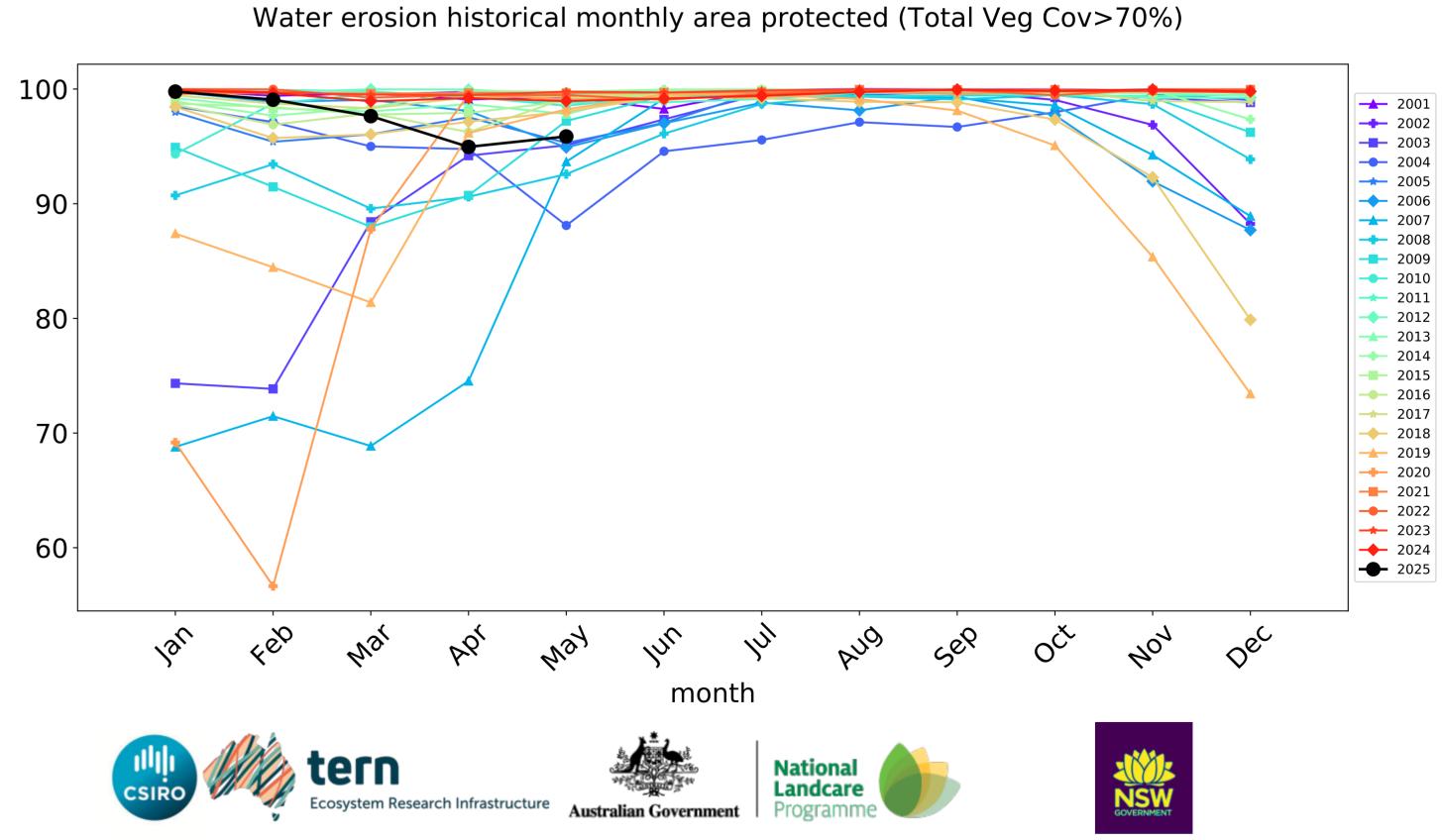
Cropping timeseries

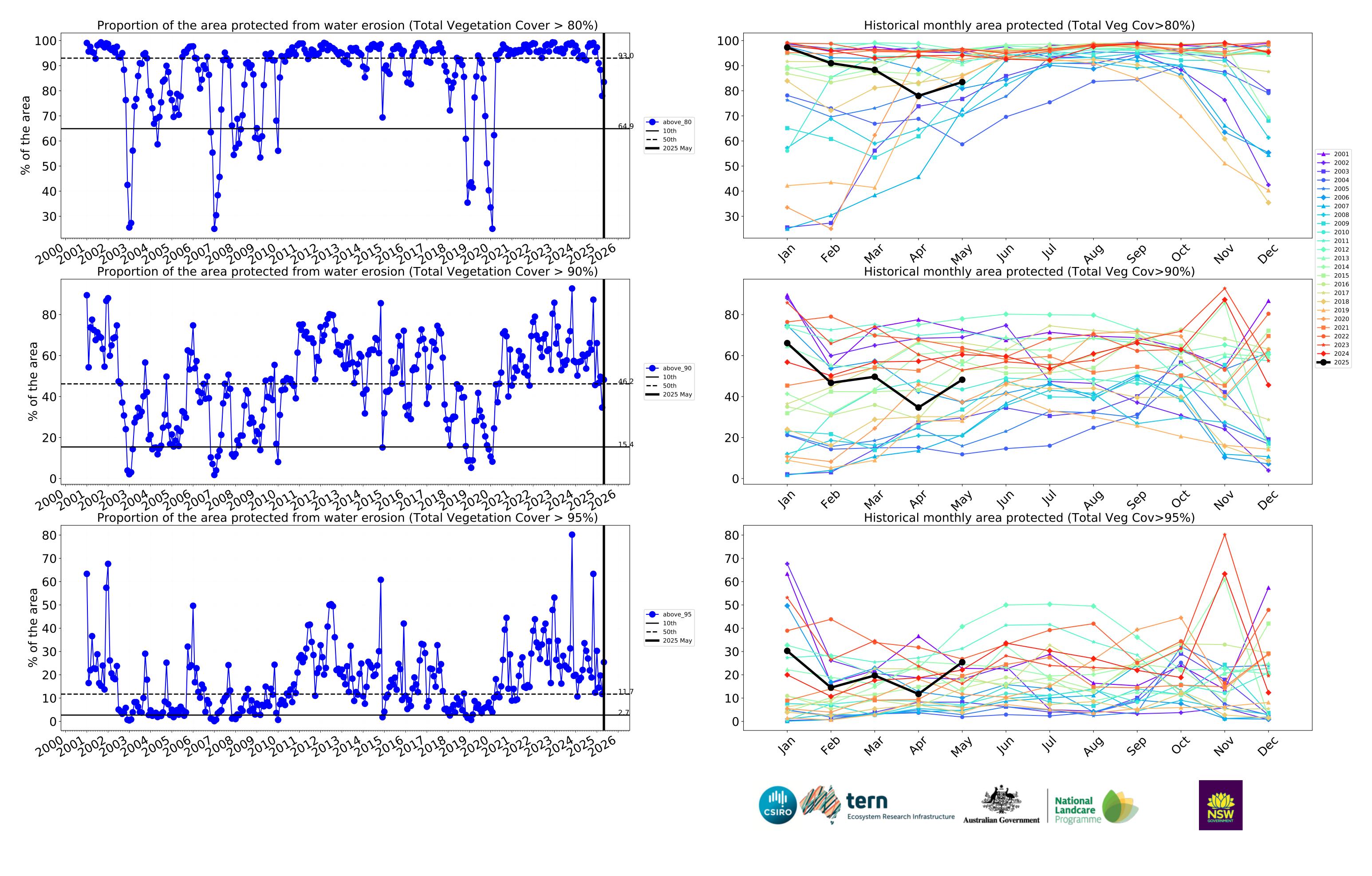




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

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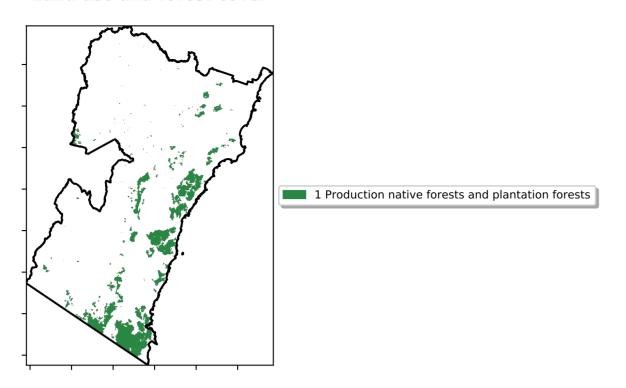
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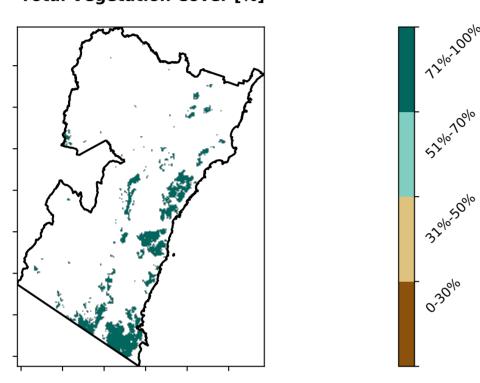
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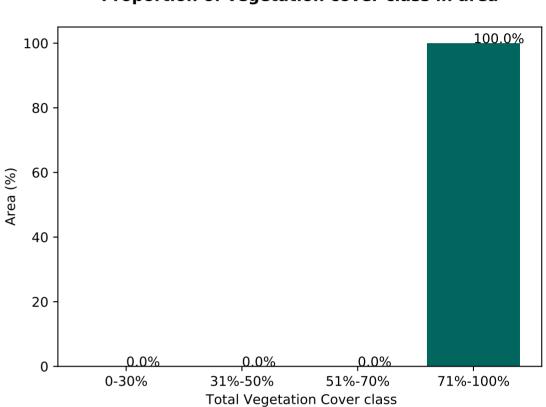
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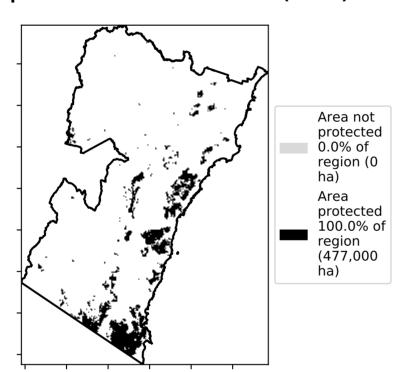
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



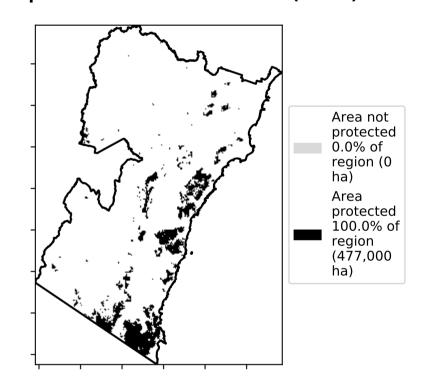
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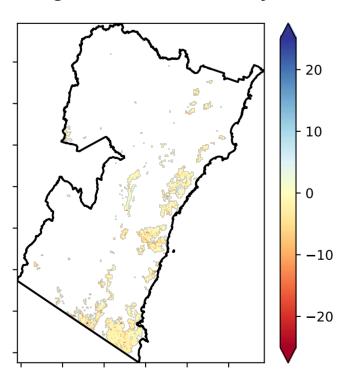
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



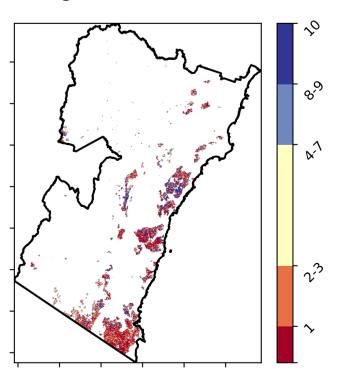
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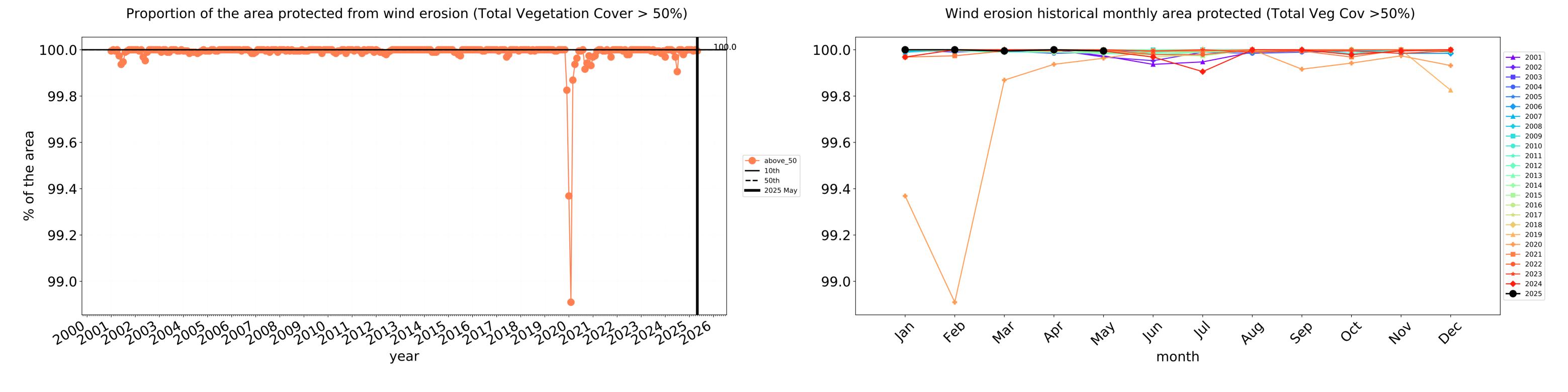


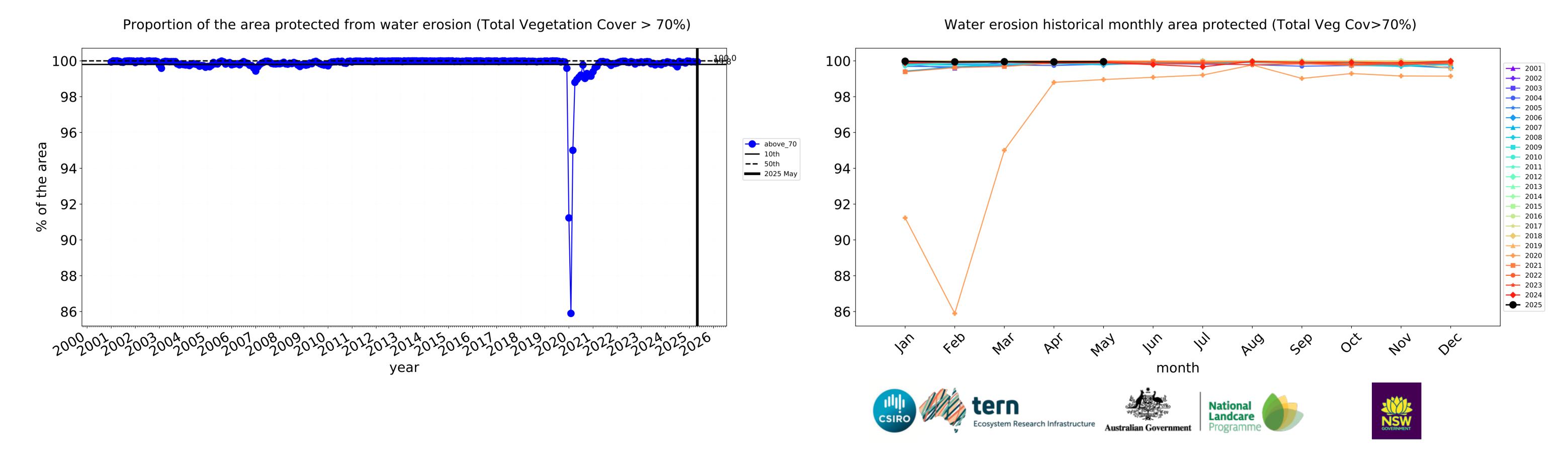


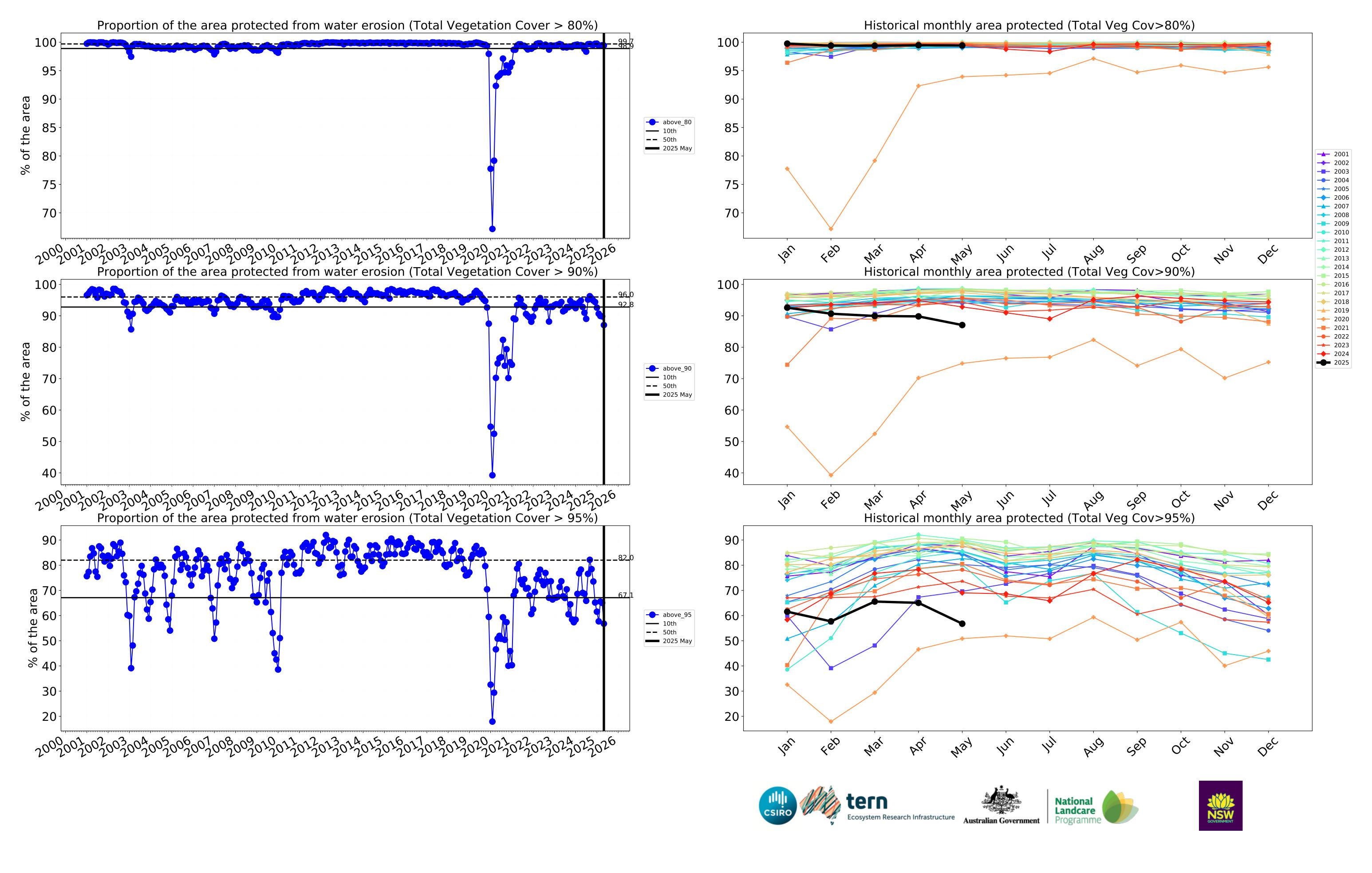




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







South East NSW (5,503,100 ha and no data 68,786 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	5,503,100	99.8% 5,493,425	99.7% 5,486,850	98.7% 5,431,325	95.1% 5,231,900	72.0% 3,964,500	41.0% 2,256,025
Conservation and natural environments	1,534,825	100.0% 1,534,400	99.9% 1,533,400	99.2% 1,522,200	96.2% 1,476,825	76.8% 1,178,400	46.7% 717,100
Conservation and natural environments non forest	63,275	100.0% 63,250	99.7% 63,075	98.8% 62,525	96.0% 60,725	80.3% 50,800	53.6% 33,900
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	769,300	100.0% 769,075	99.9% 768,675	99.1% 762,375	96.2% 739,775	77.0% 592,500	46.7% 359,325
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	702,250	100.0% 702,075	99.9% 701,650	99.3% 697,300	96.3% 676,325	76.2% 535,100	46.1% 323,875
Agriculture	3,246,275	100.0% 3,246,075	99.9% 3,244,425	99.1% 3,216,950	95.2% 3,091,425	69.3% 2,248,675	37.3% 1,210,925
Grazing	3,111,600	100.0% 3,111,400	99.9% 3,109,975	99.2% 3,087,525	95.7% 2,978,900	70.3% 2,186,550	37.9% 1,178,500
Grazing non forest	2,254,950	100.0% 2,254,775	99.9% 2,253,525	99.1% 2,234,275	95.0% 2,142,400	68.5% 1,544,600	37.5% 845,300
Grazing Woodland forest	341,025	100.0% 341,000	100.0% 340,950	99.6% 339,800	97.8% 333,400	77.9% 265,650	42.4% 144,650
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	515,625	100.0% 515,625	100.0% 515,500	99.6% 513,450	97.6% 503,100	73.0% 376,300	36.6% 188,550
Cropping	124,000	100.0% 124,000	99.8% 123,775	95.9% 118,875	83.5% 103,525	48.2% 59,800	25.4% 31,500
Production native forests and plantation forests	477,000	100.0% 476,975	100.0% 476,975	100.0% 476,775	99.4% 474,250	87.1% 415,300	56.8% 270,800







