Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Burnett Mary QLD

Date: April 2025

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:

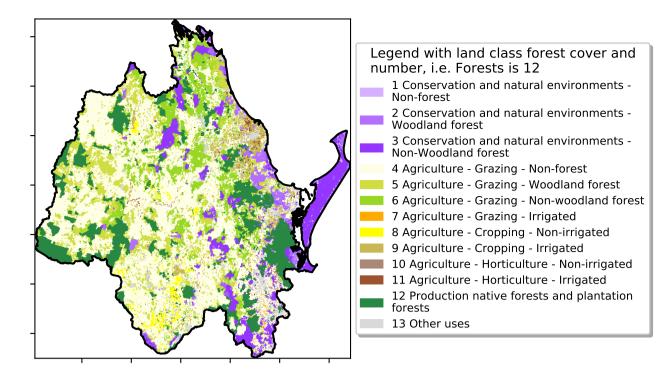
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Vegetation Cover Apr 2025

Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



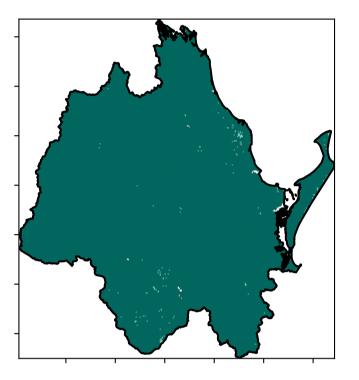
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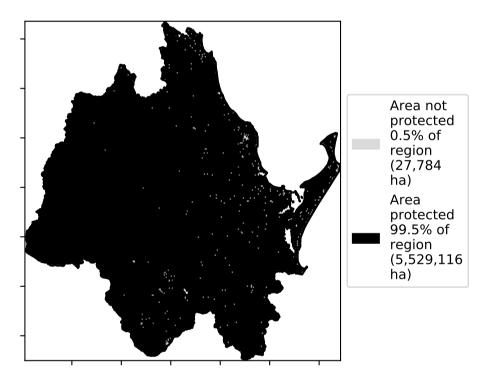
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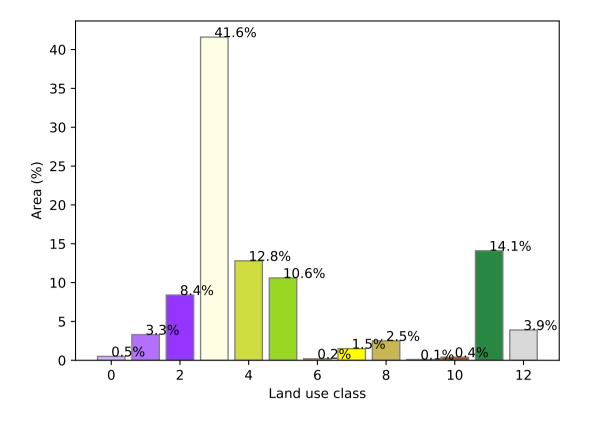
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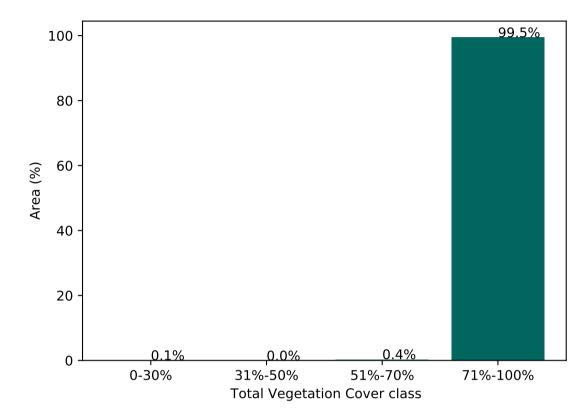


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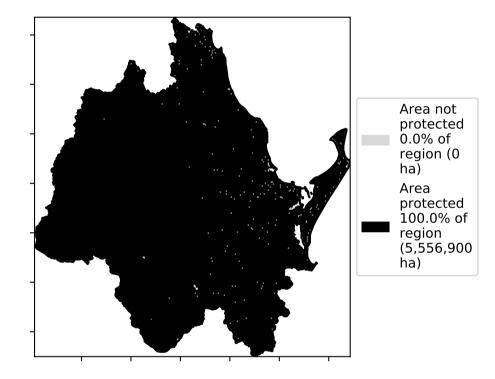




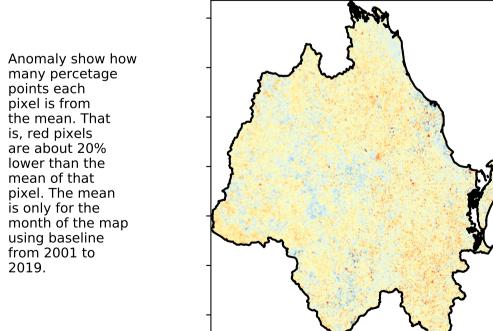
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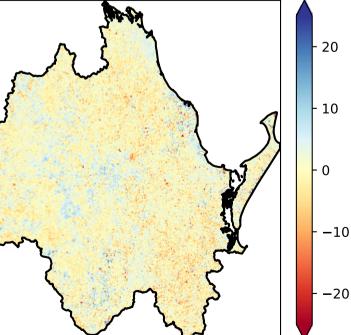
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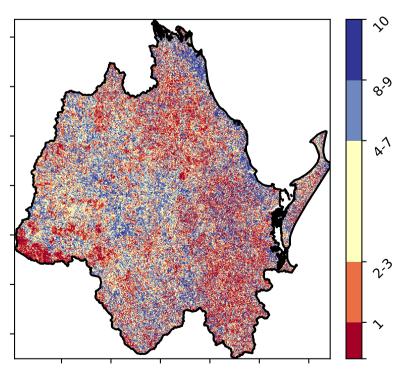
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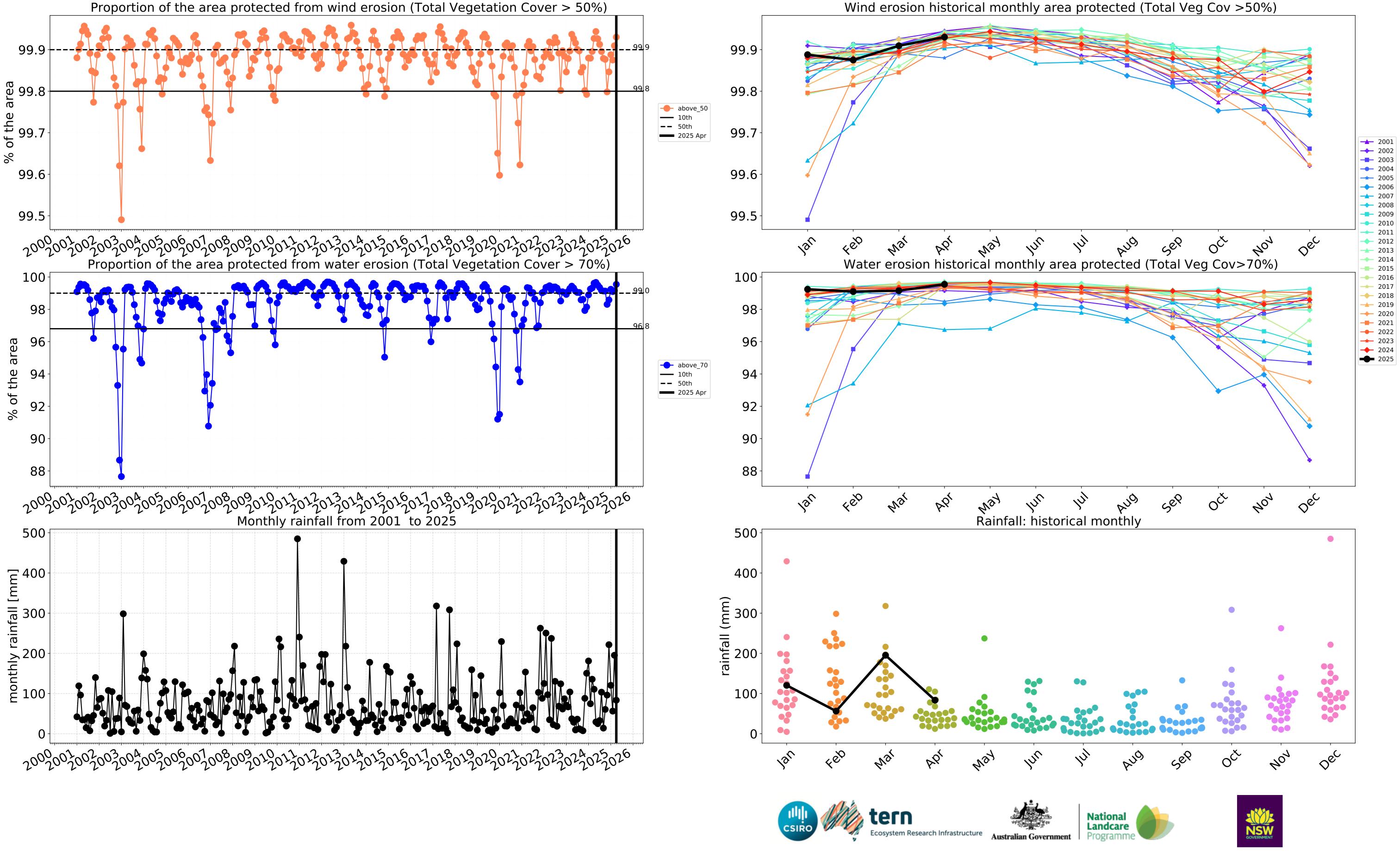


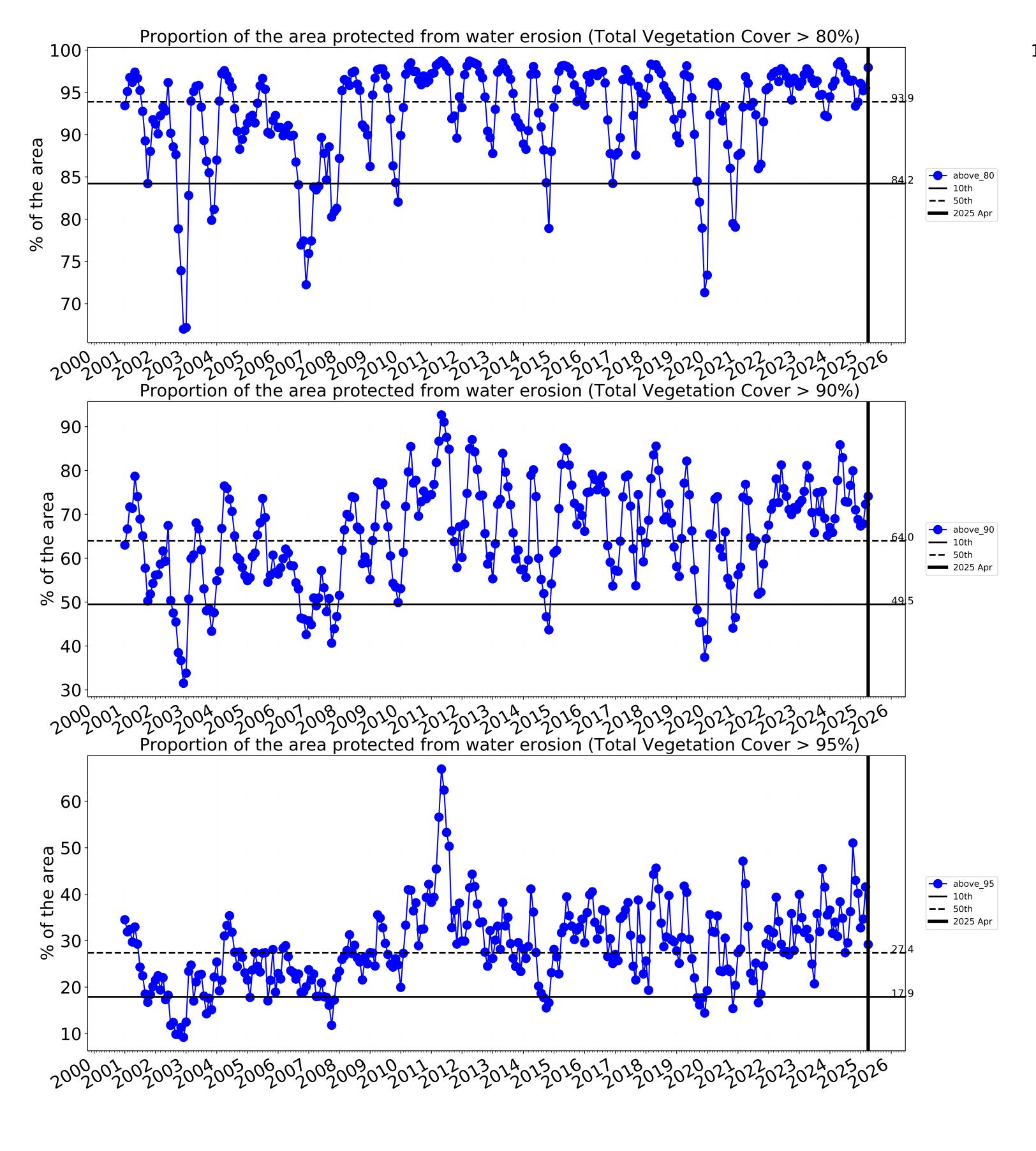
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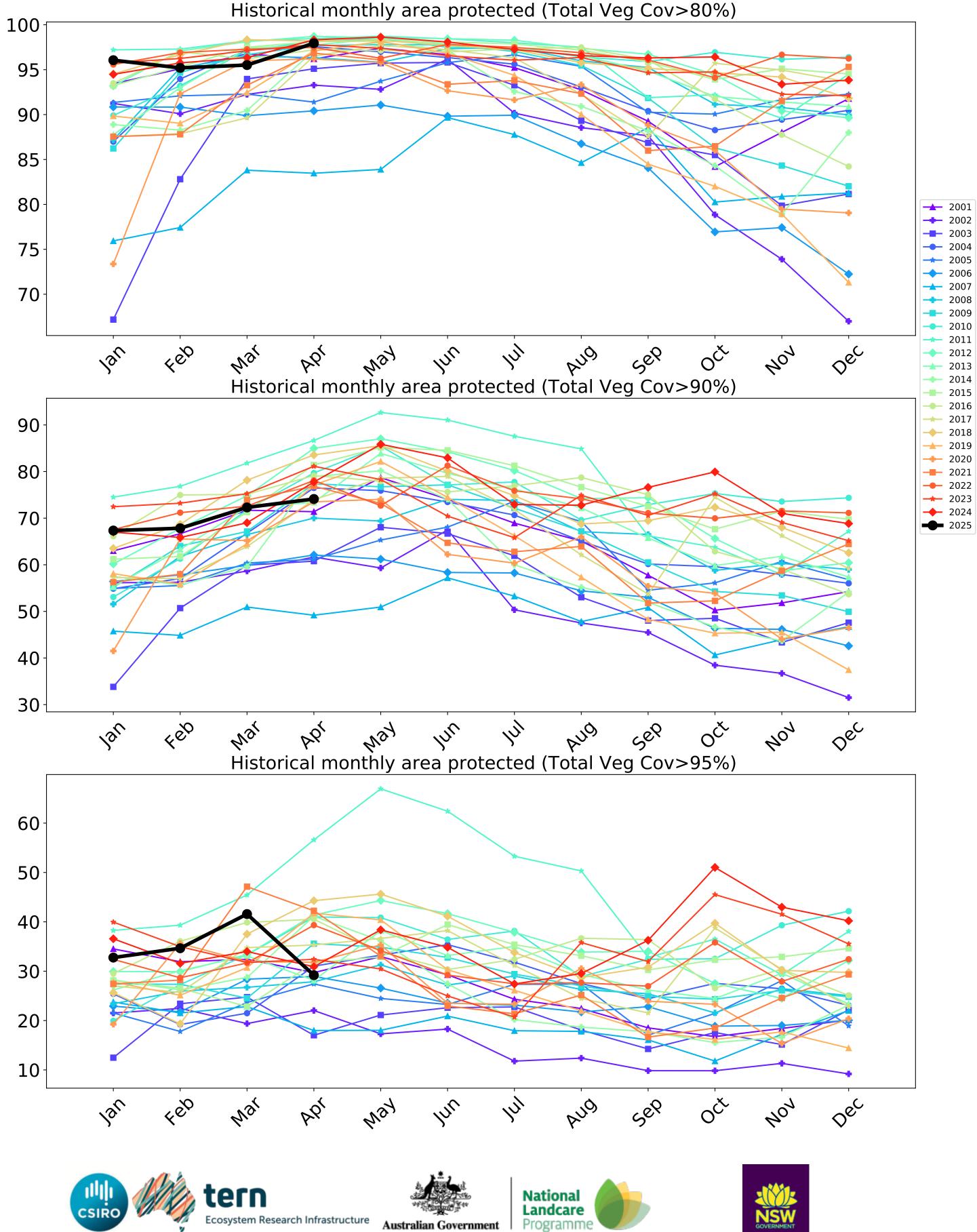
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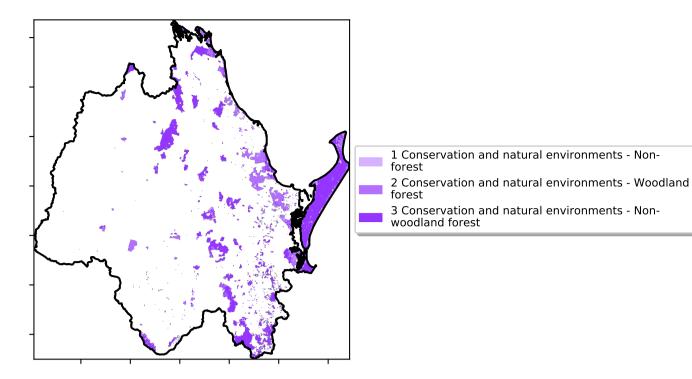






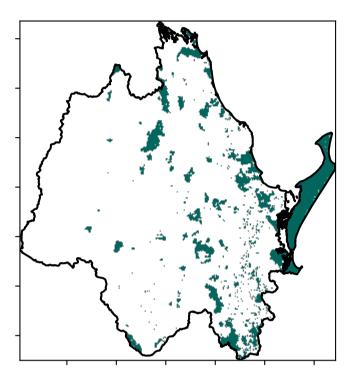
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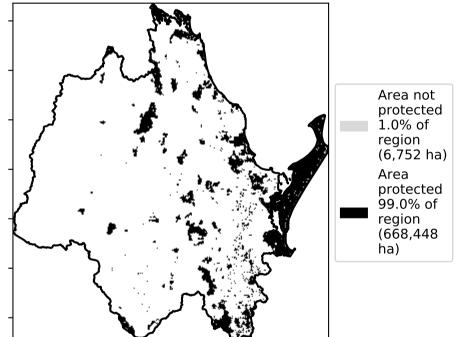


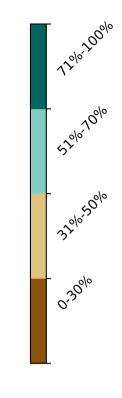
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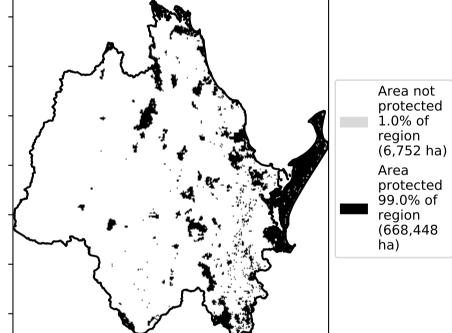
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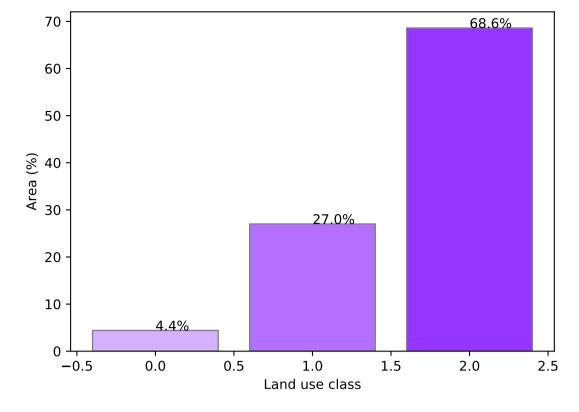


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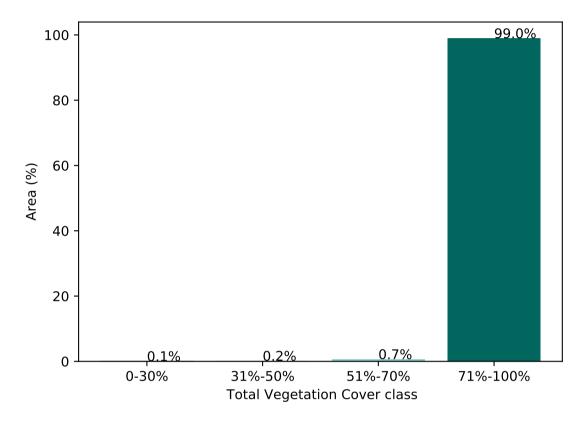




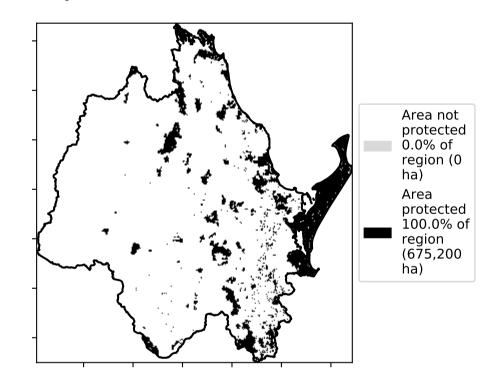


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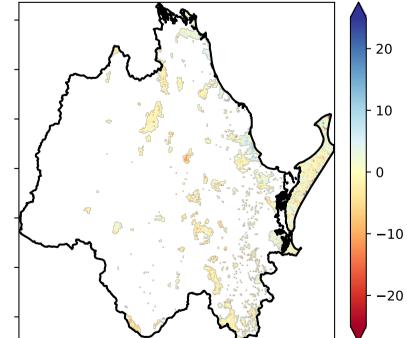
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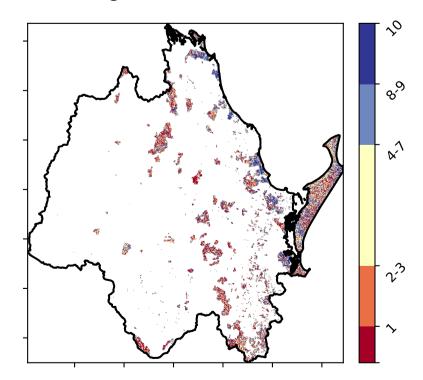


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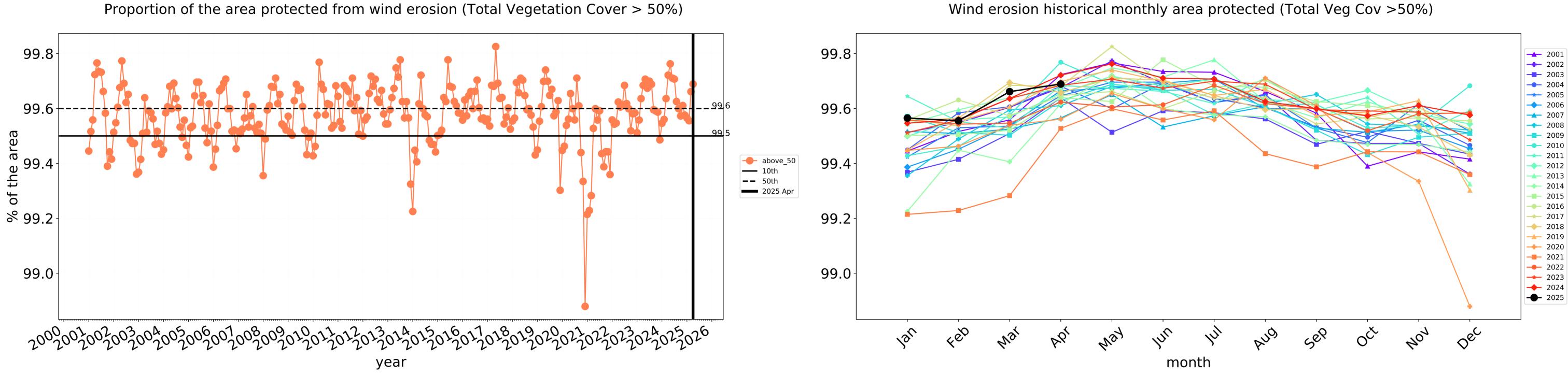
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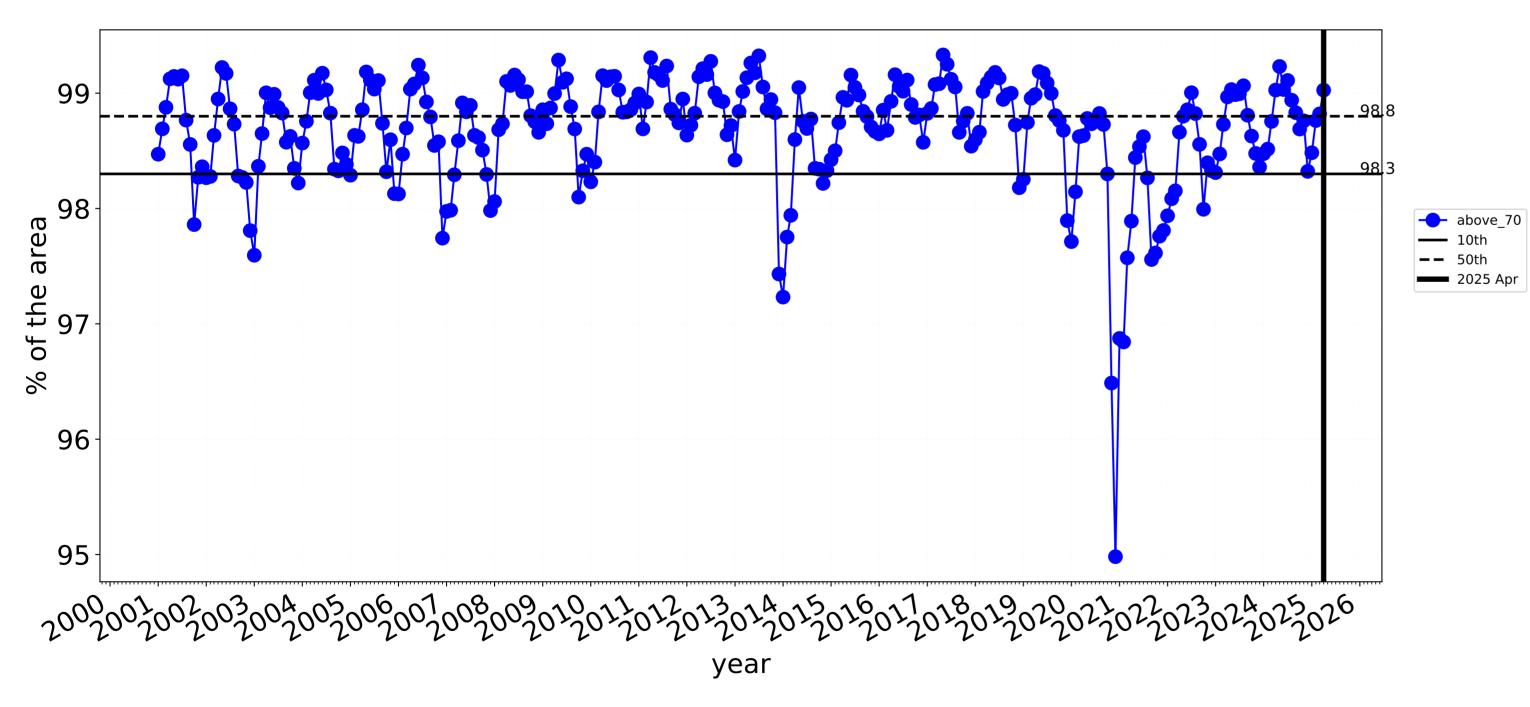


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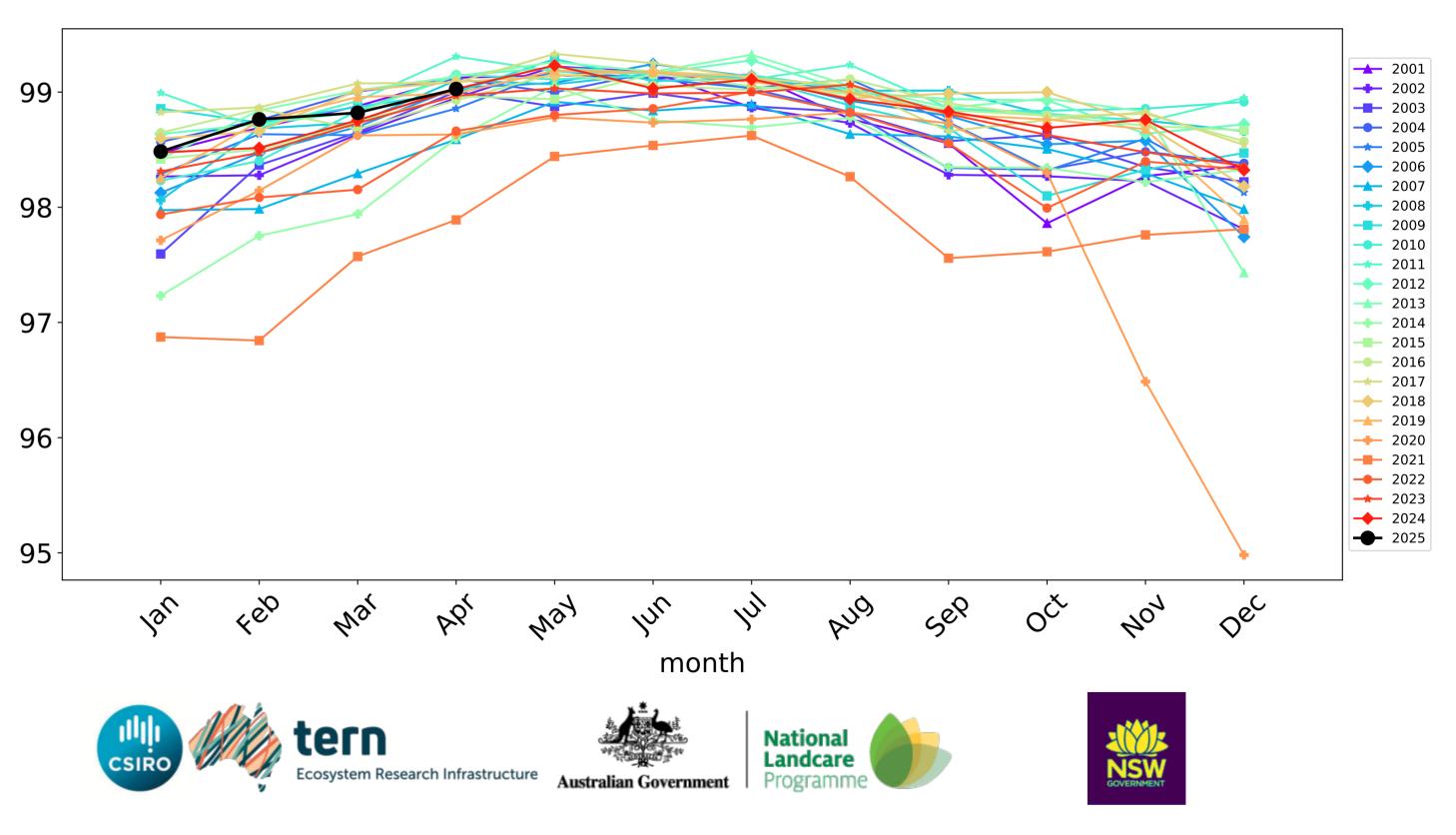


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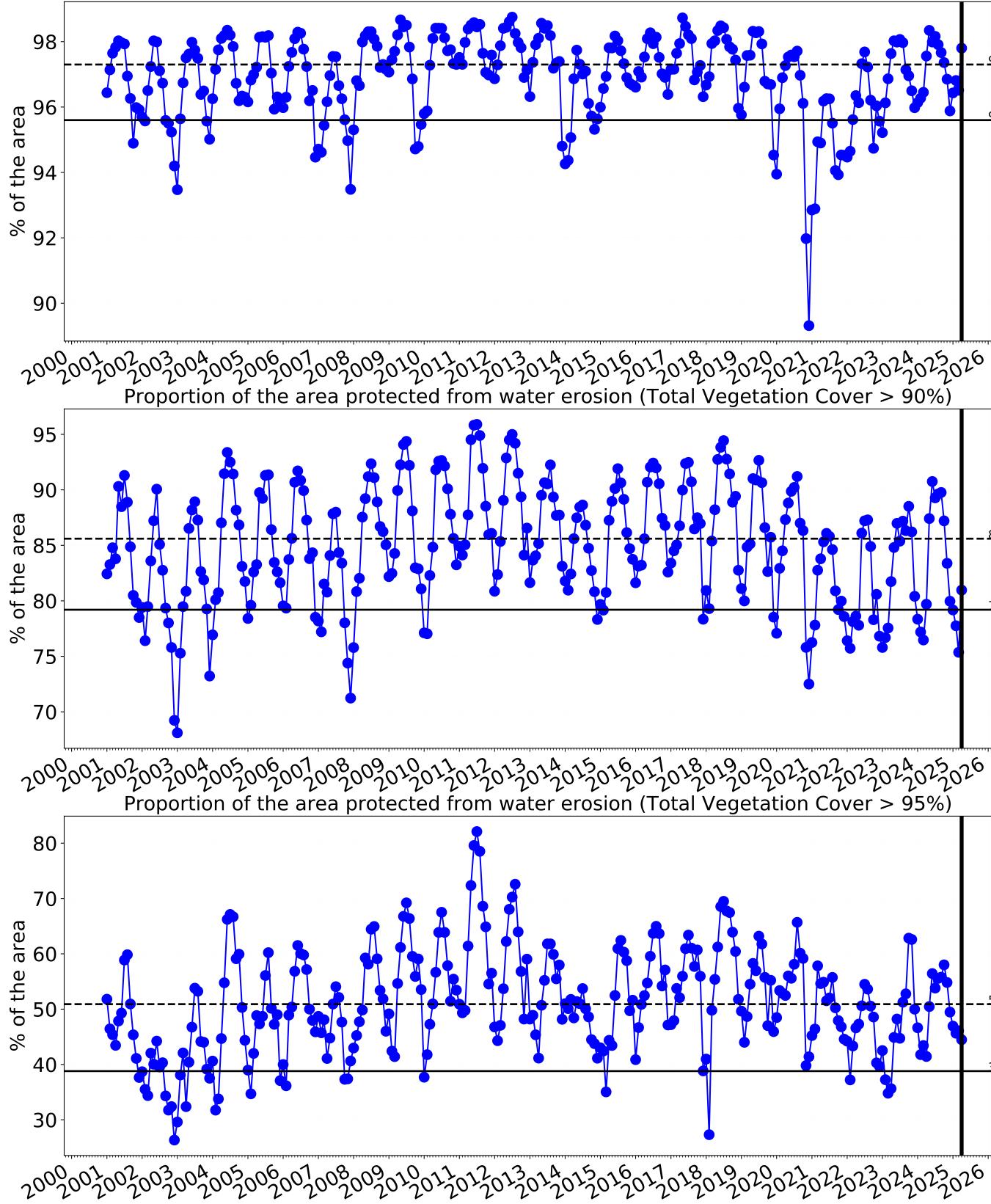


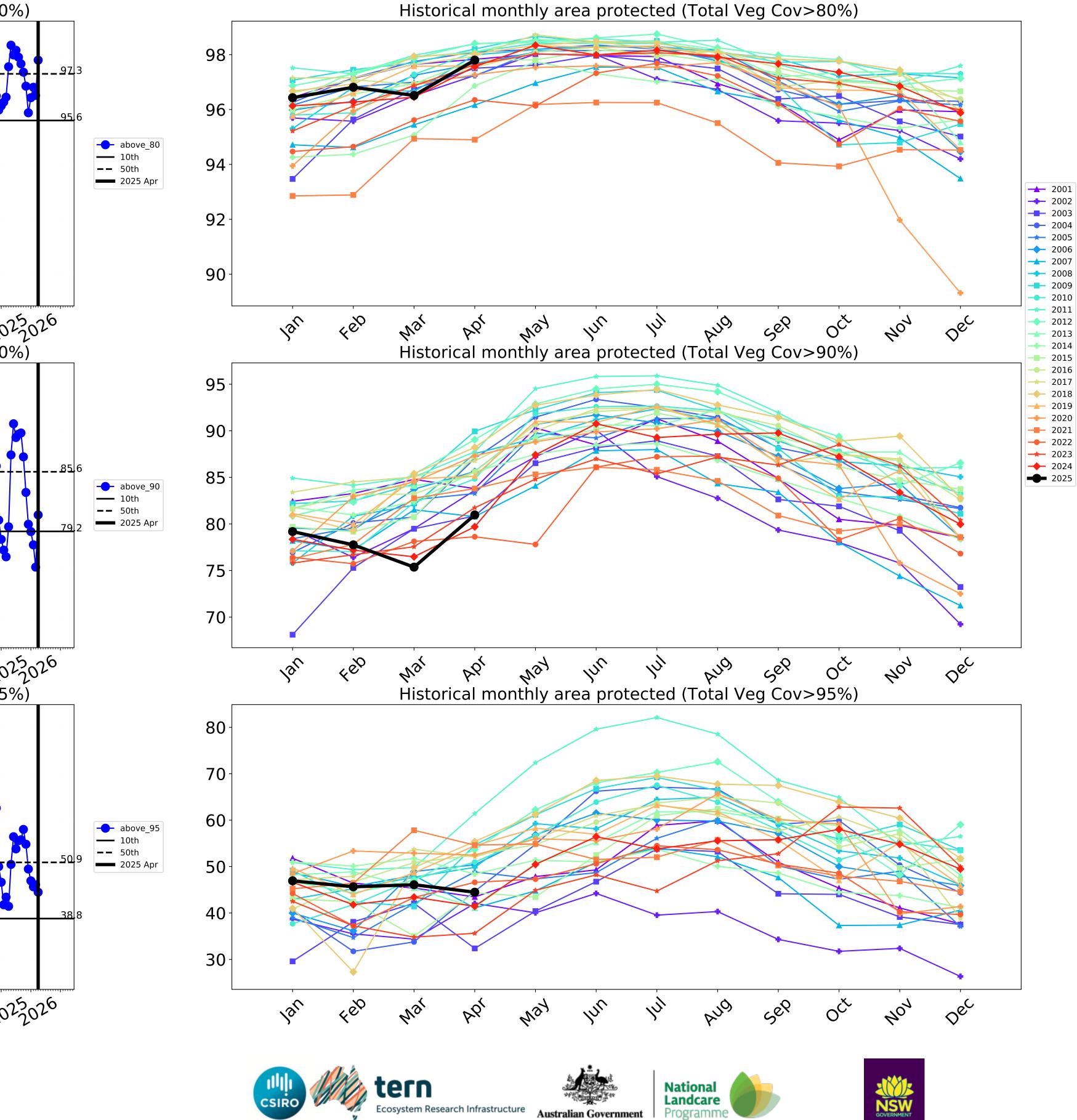
Conservation and natural environments timeseries



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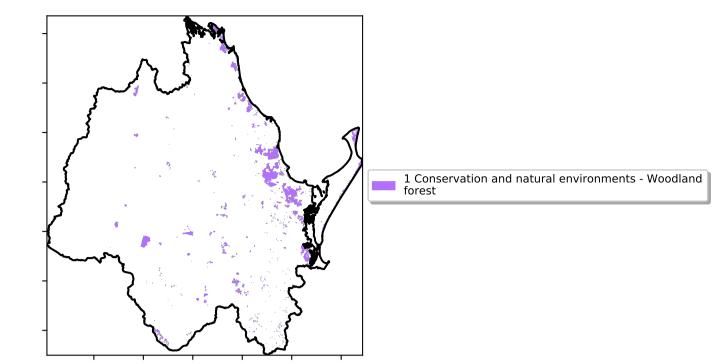
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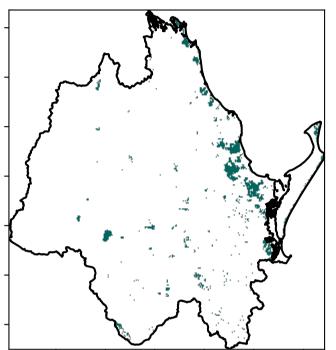


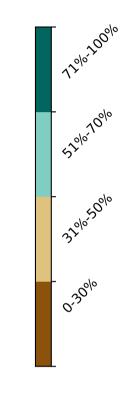
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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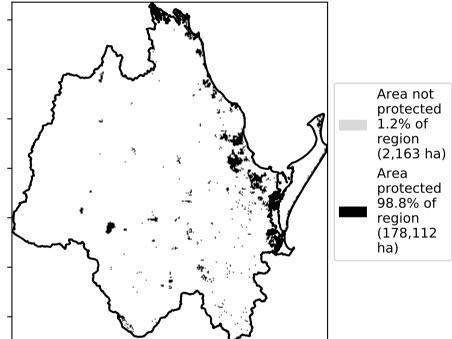


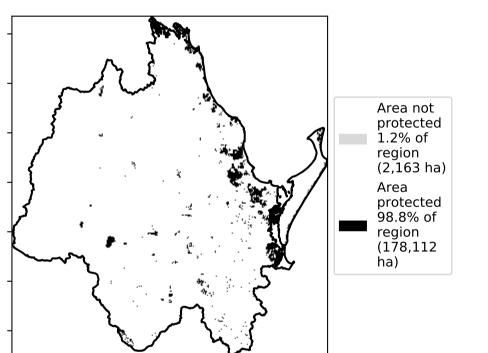
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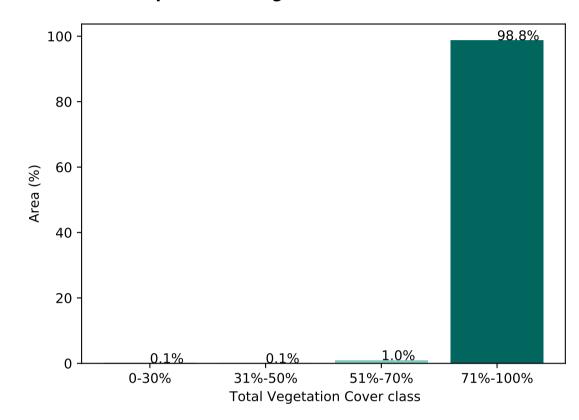


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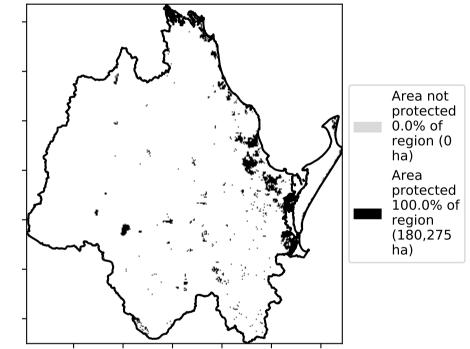




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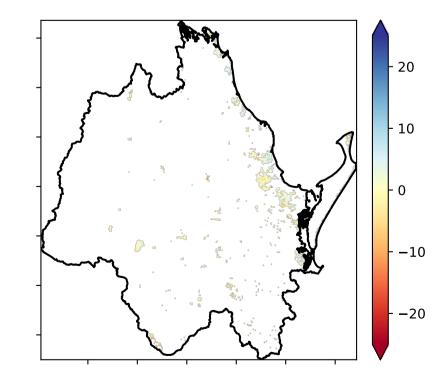
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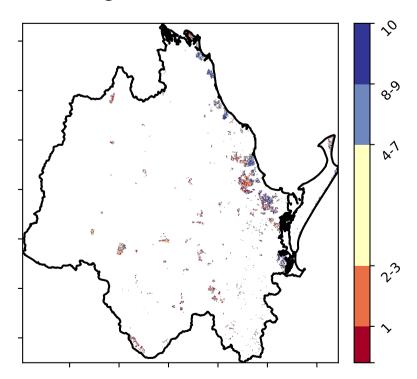
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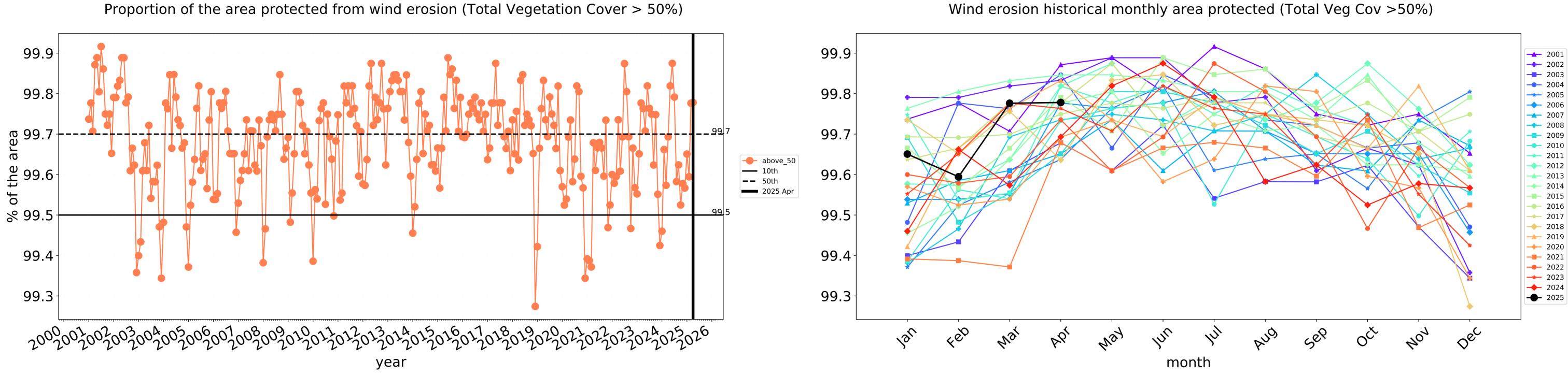


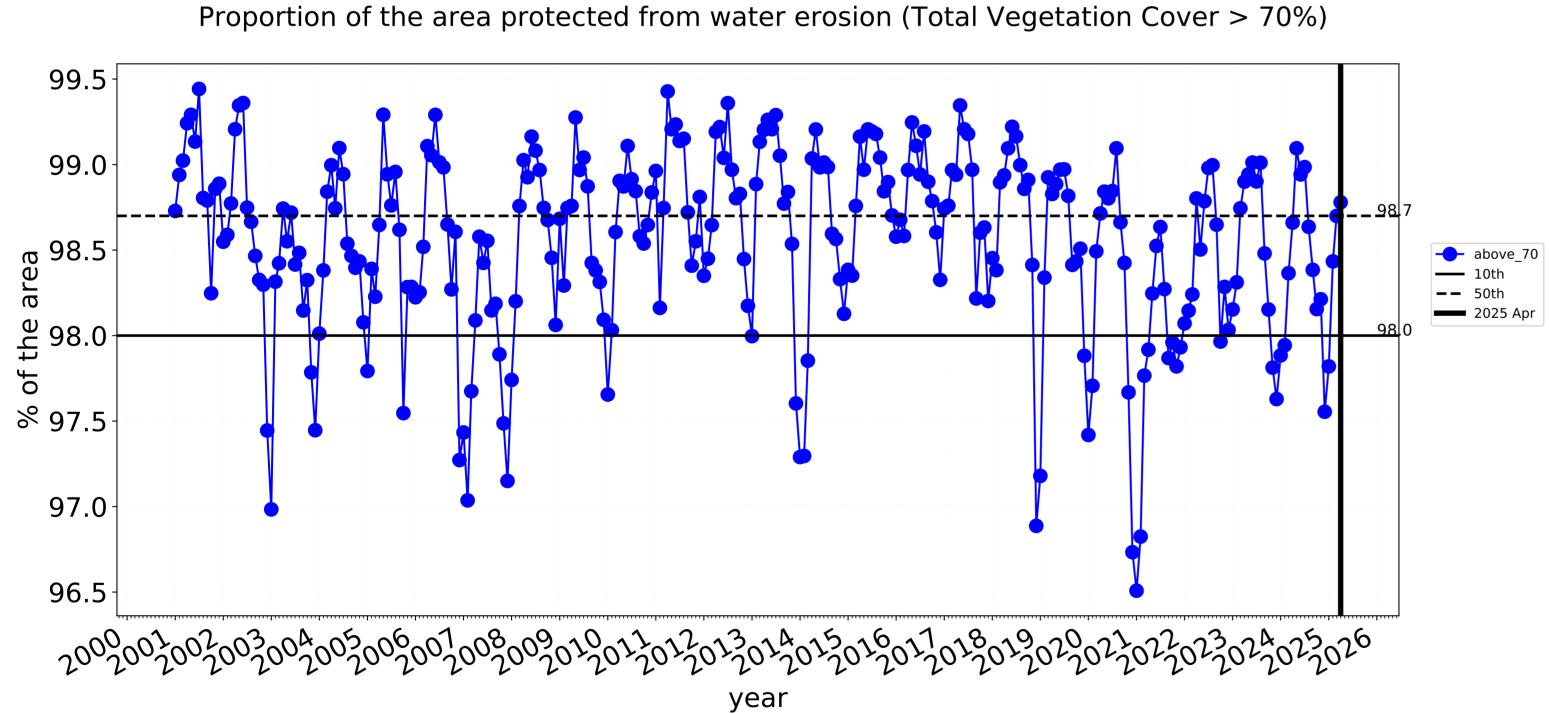


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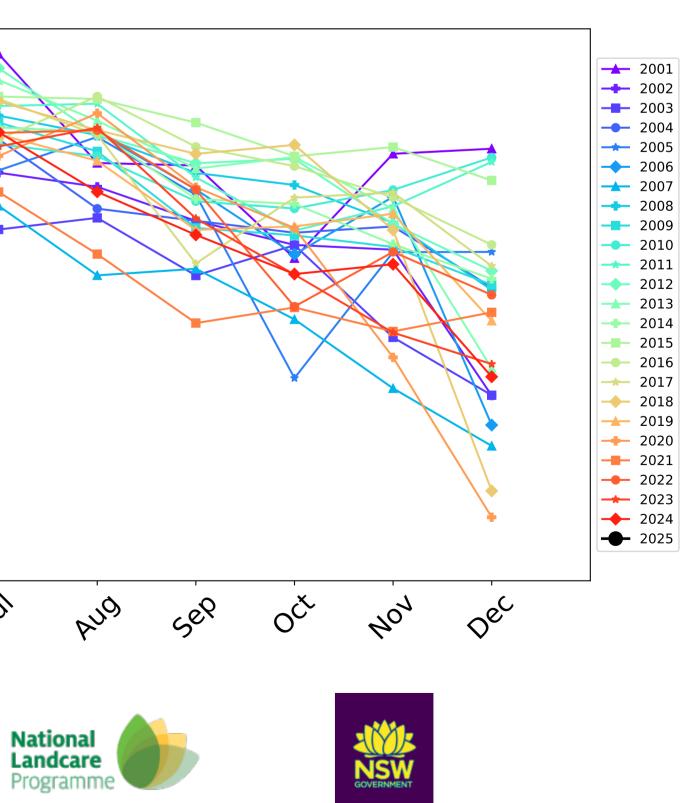


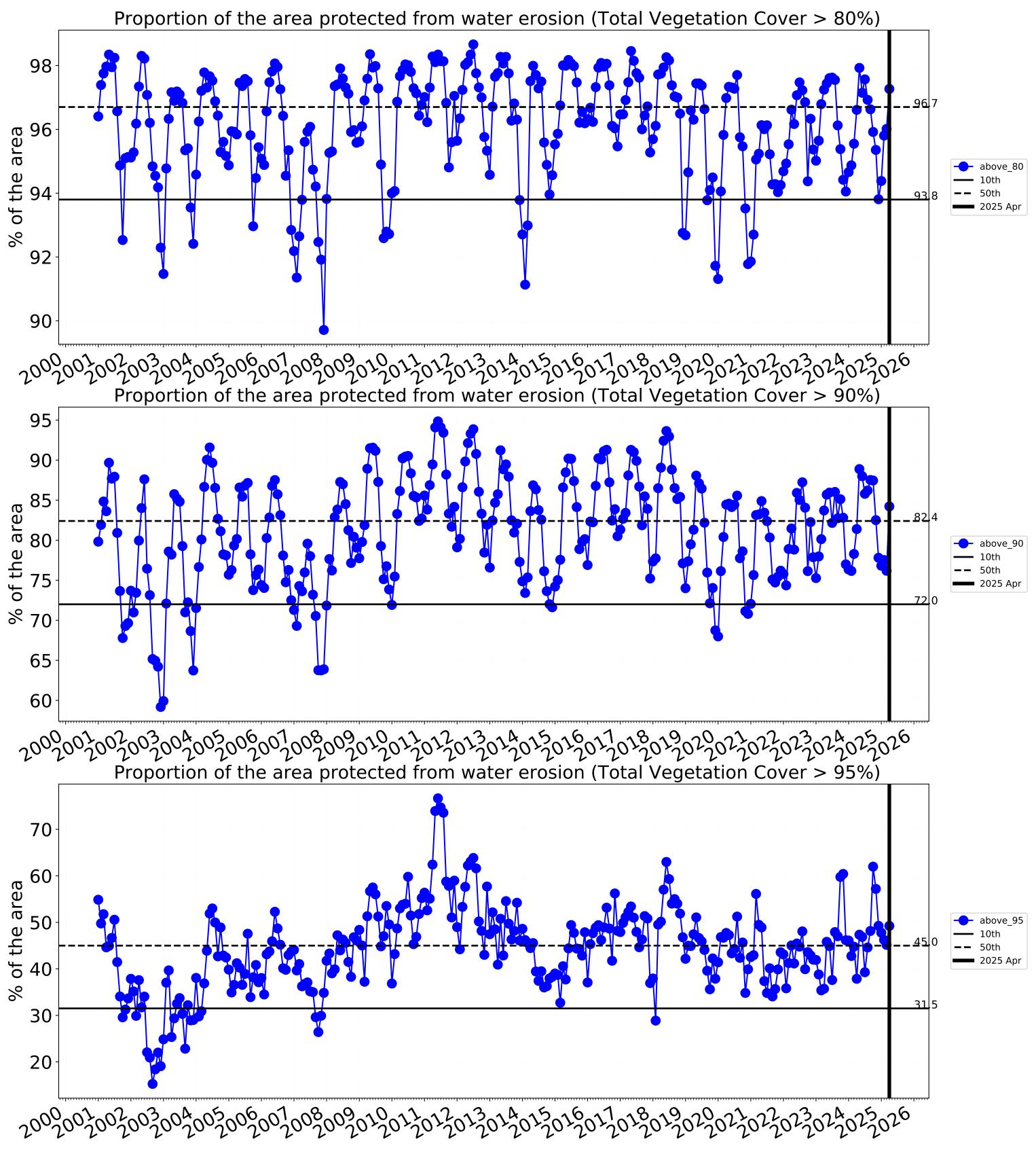


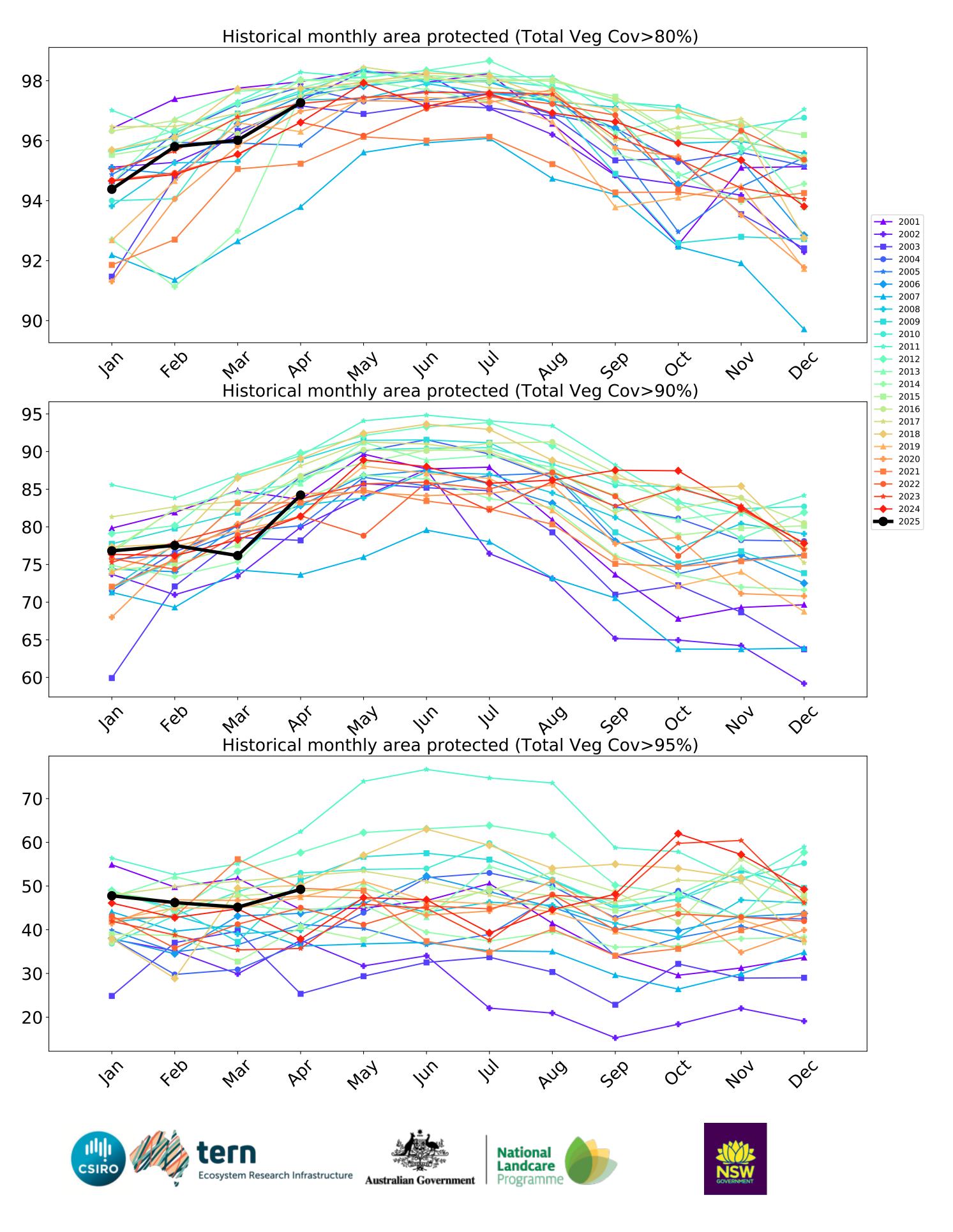
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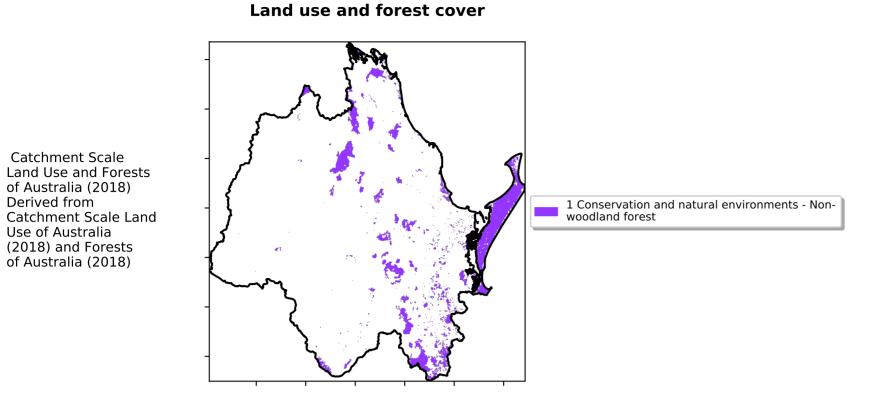
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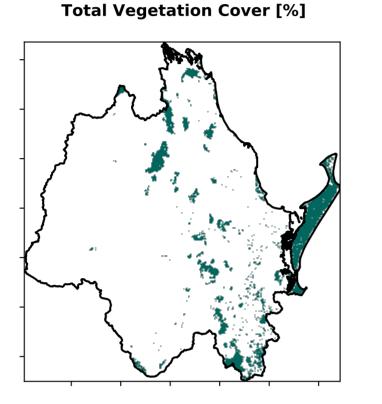




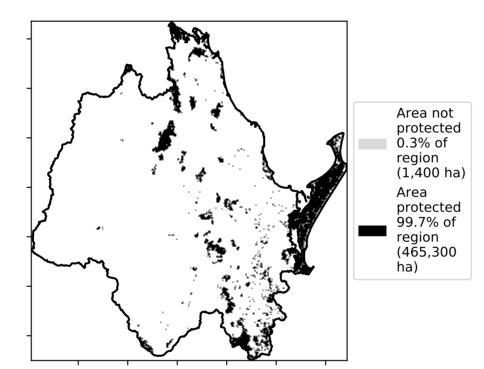


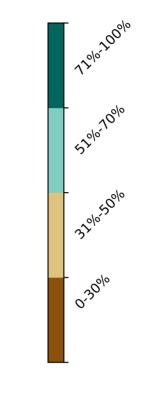
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)



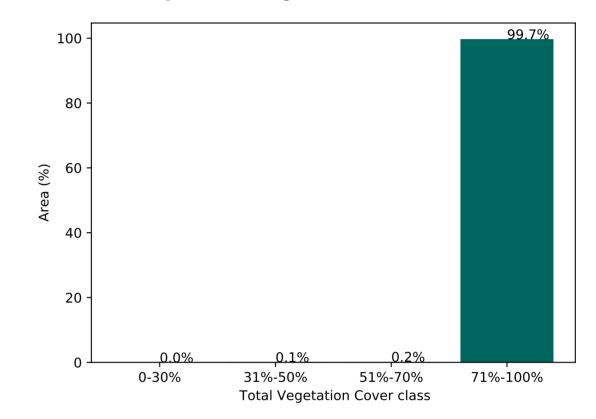


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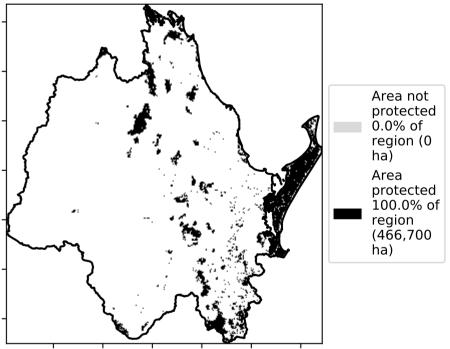




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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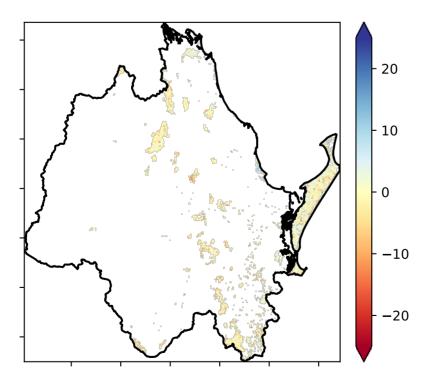


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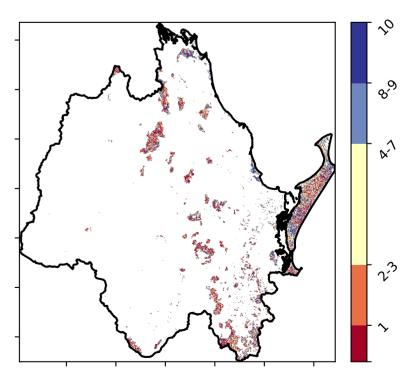
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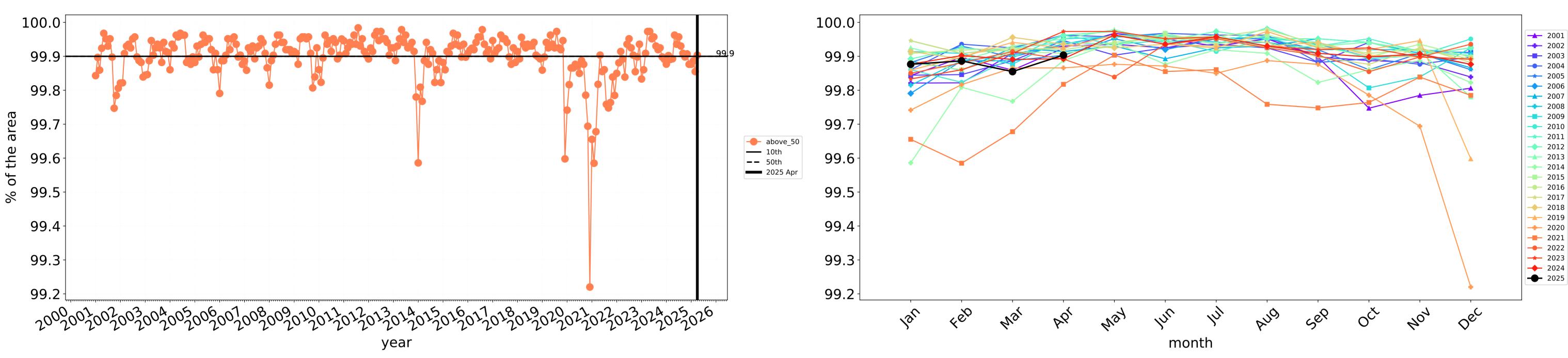
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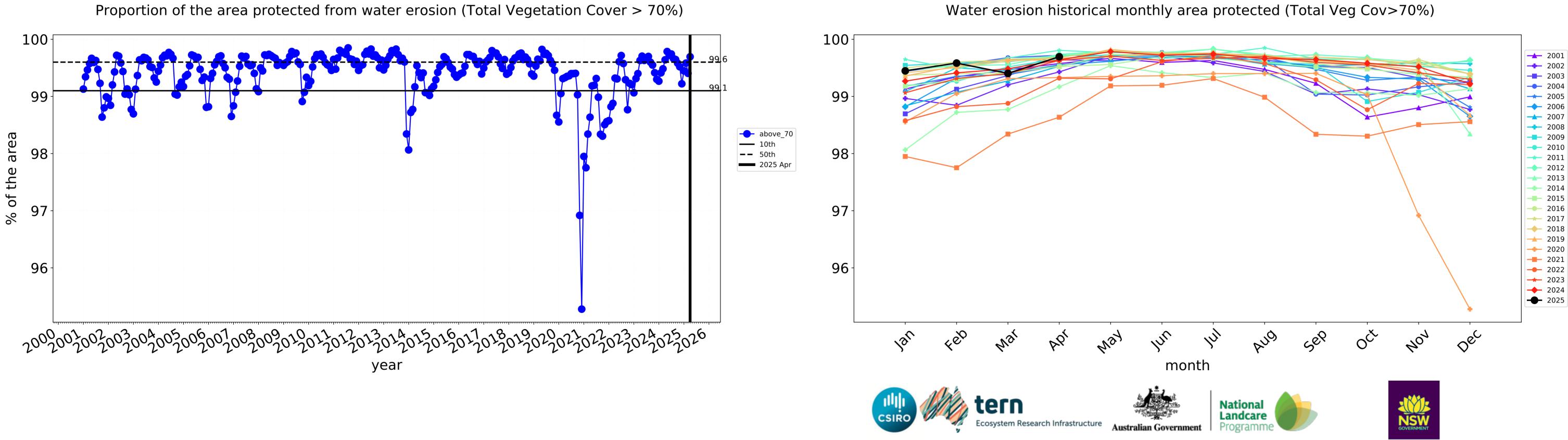




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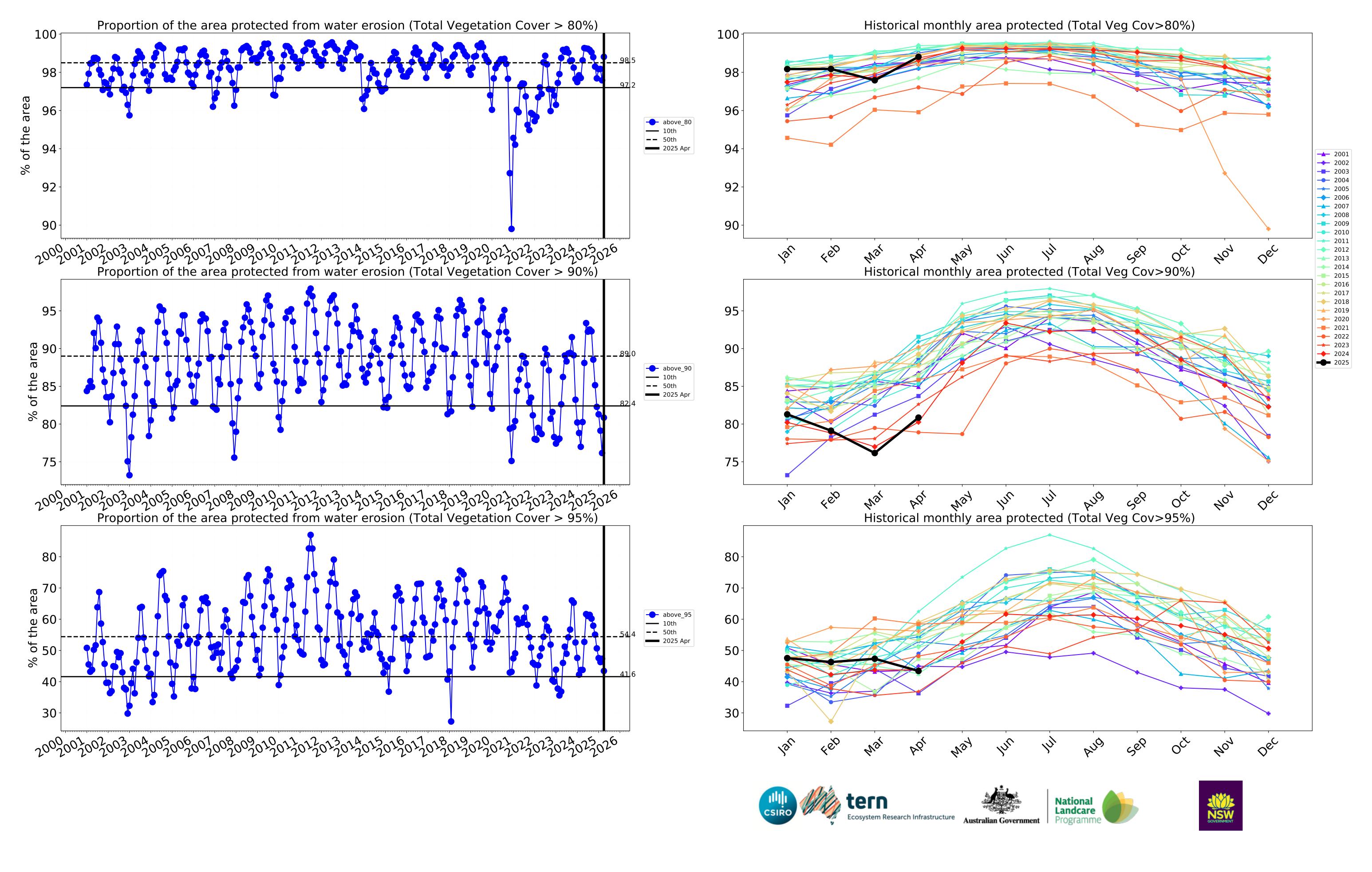


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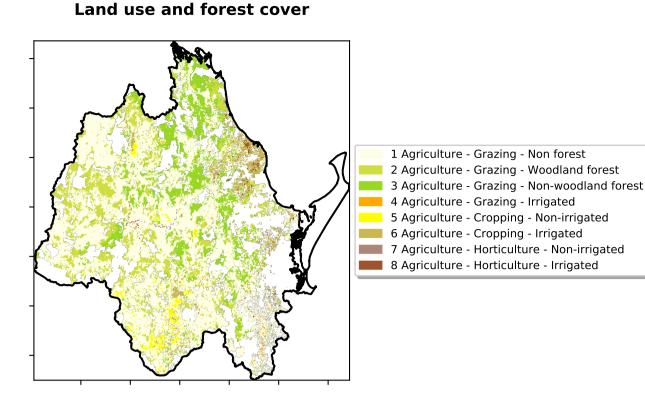
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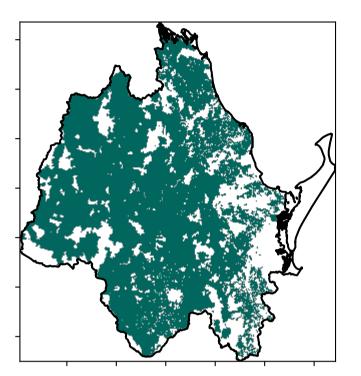


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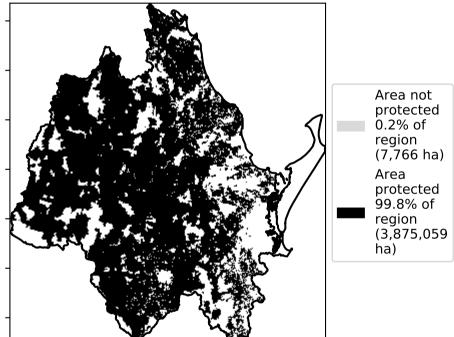
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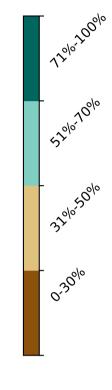


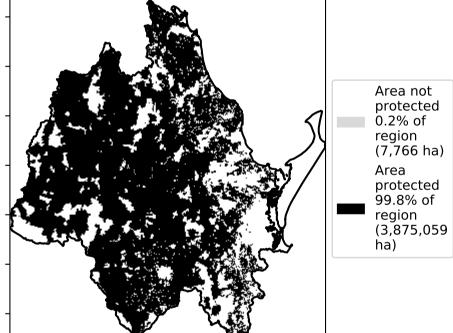
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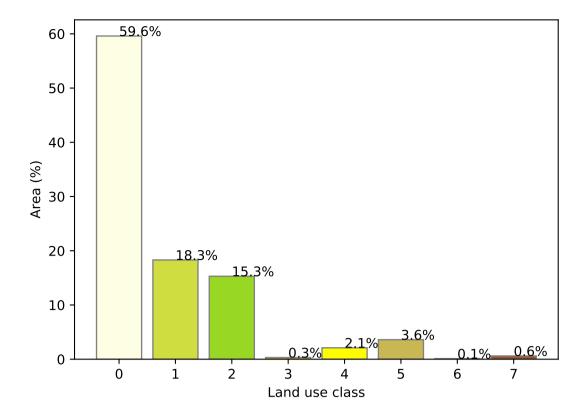


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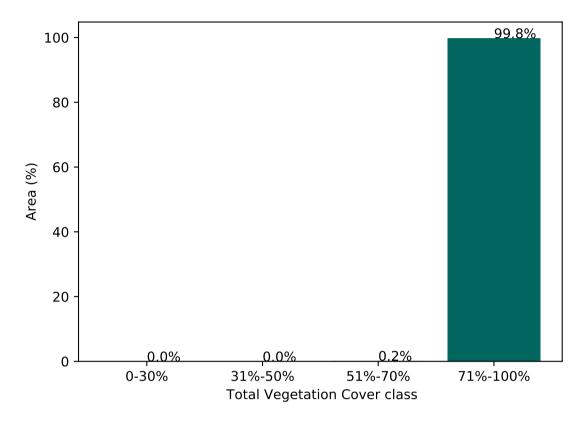




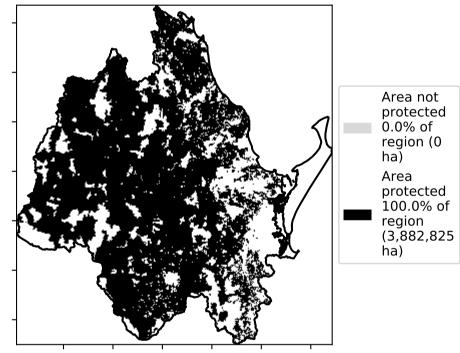


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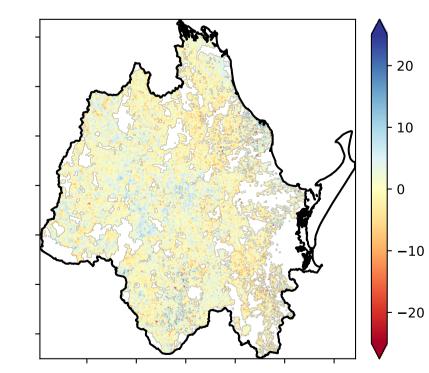
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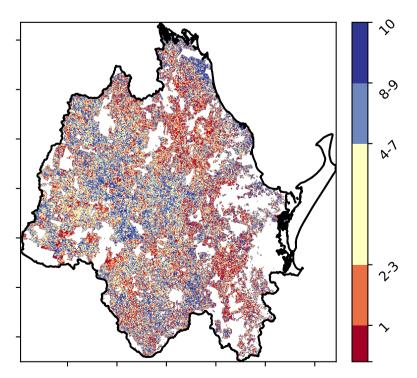


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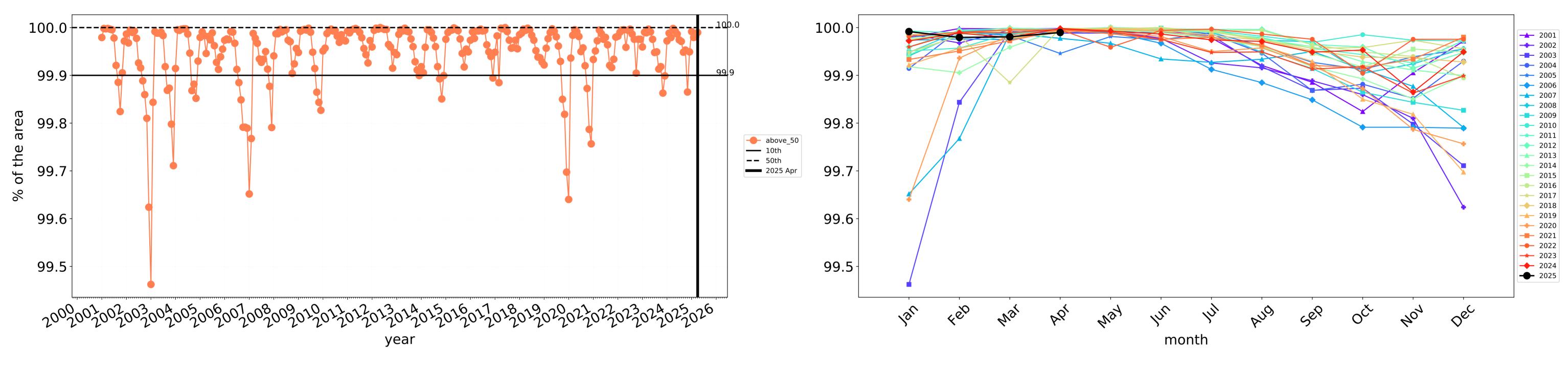






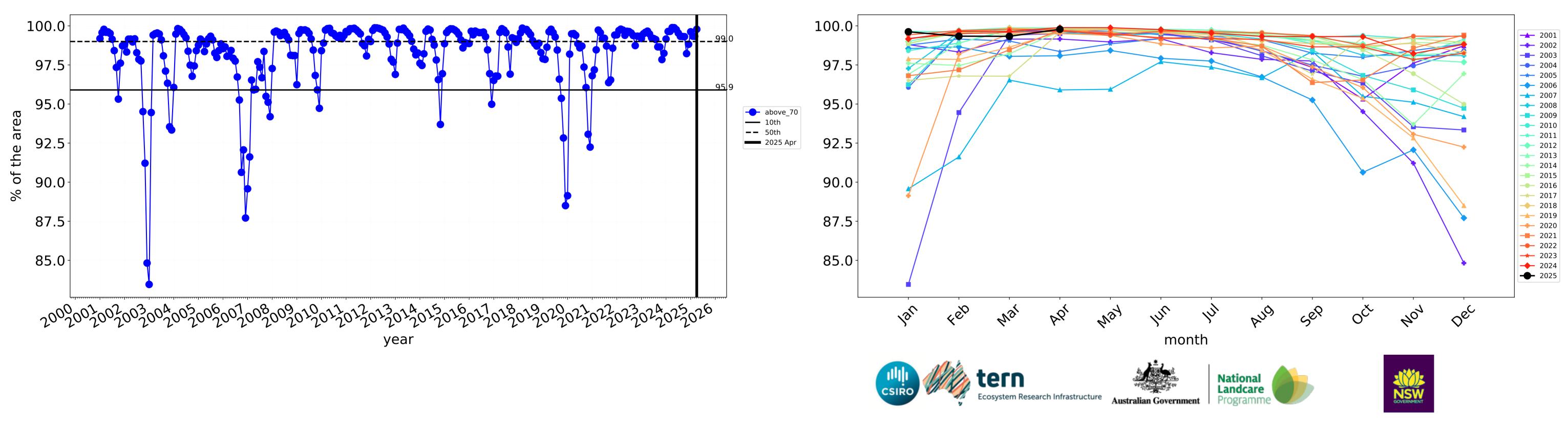
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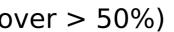
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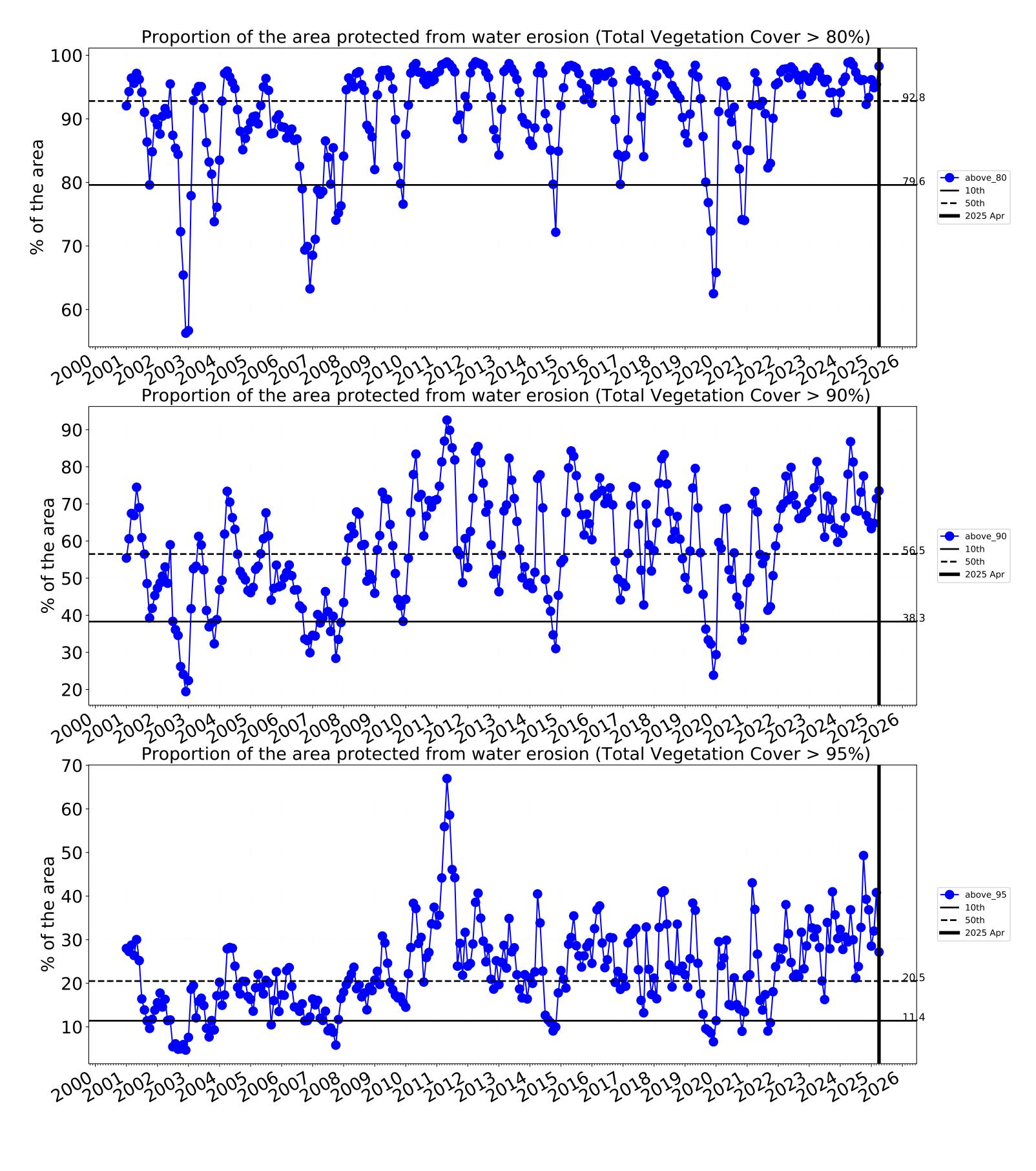


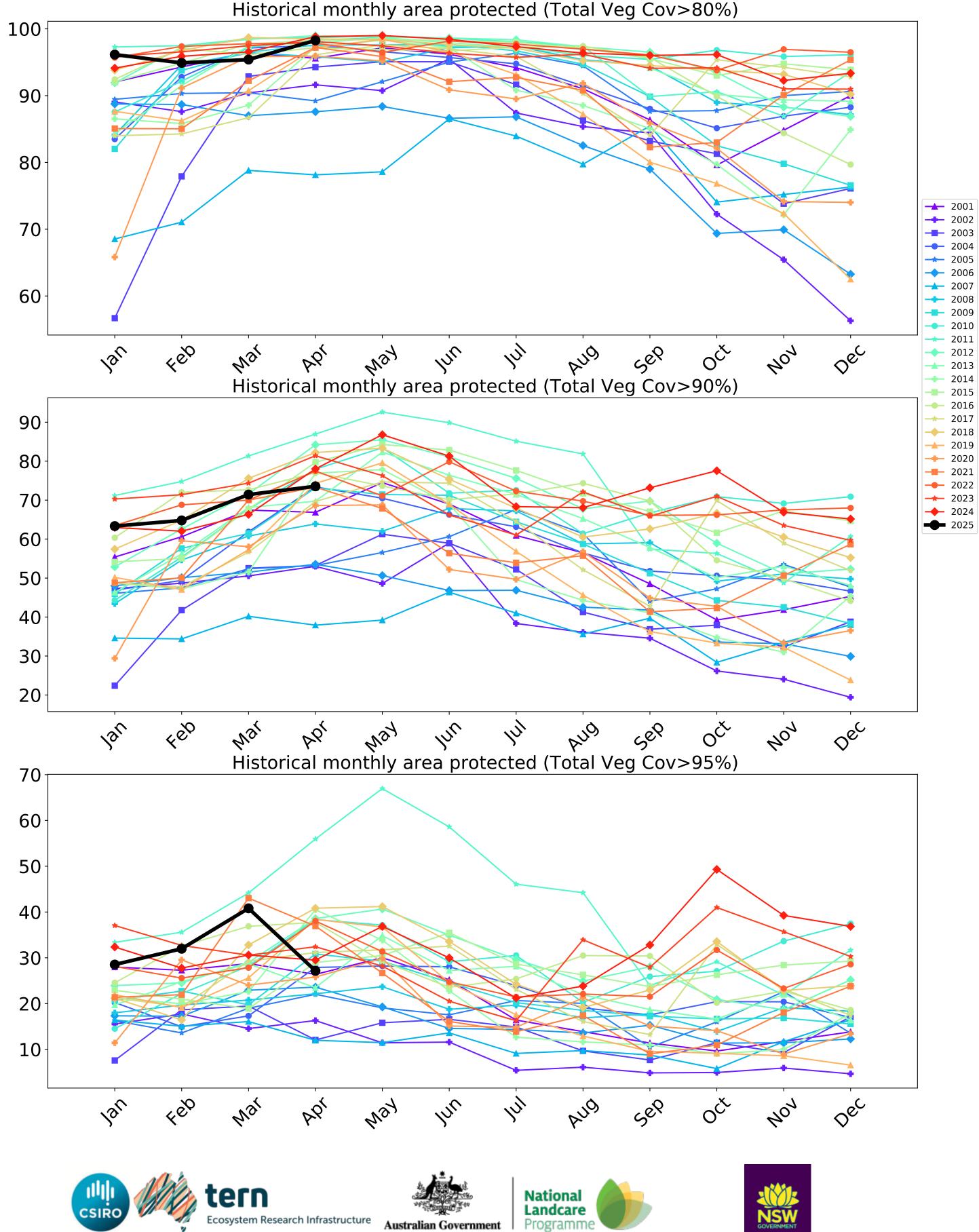




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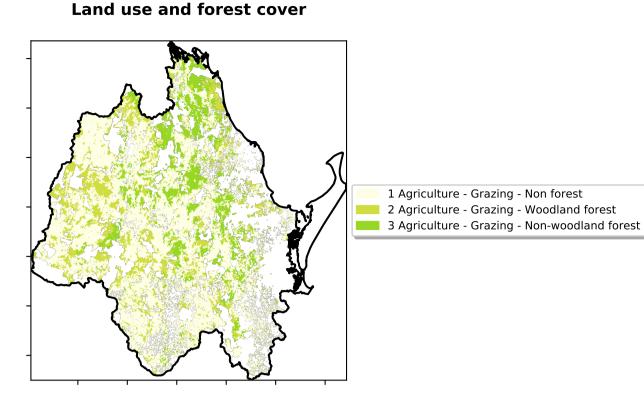
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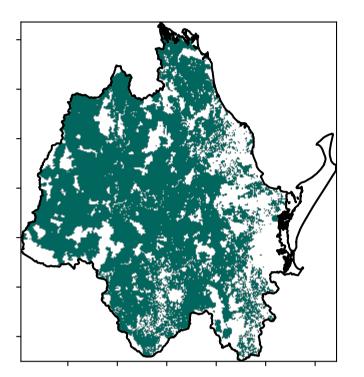
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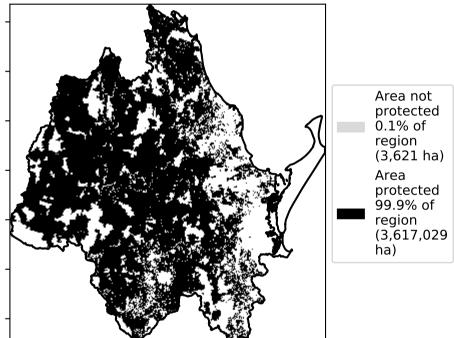
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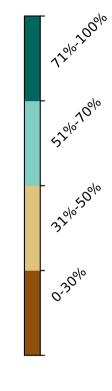


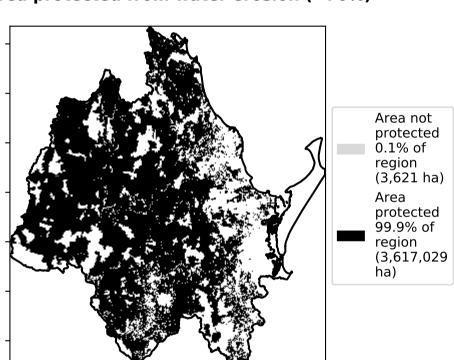
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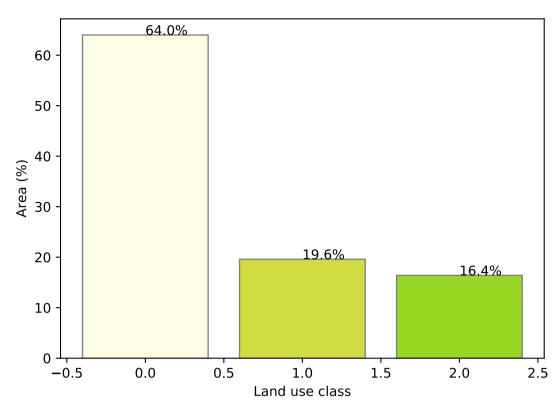
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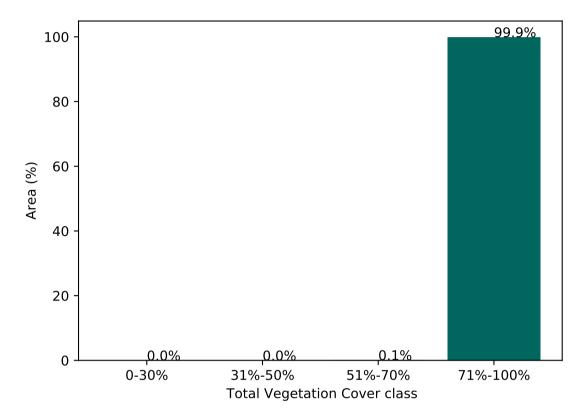




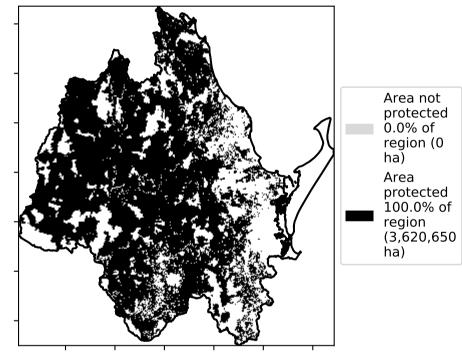
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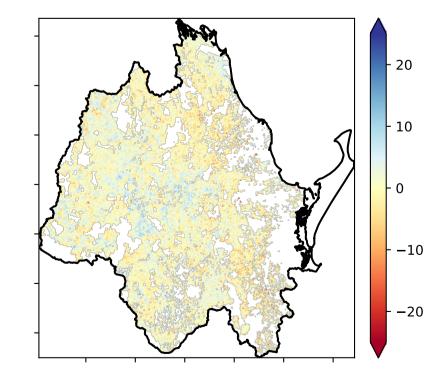
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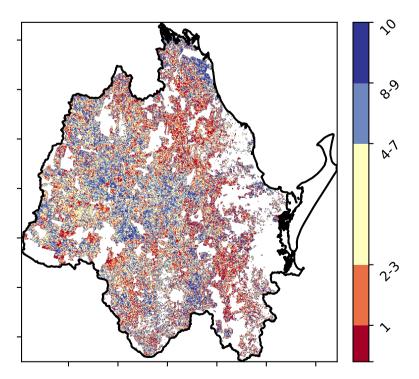


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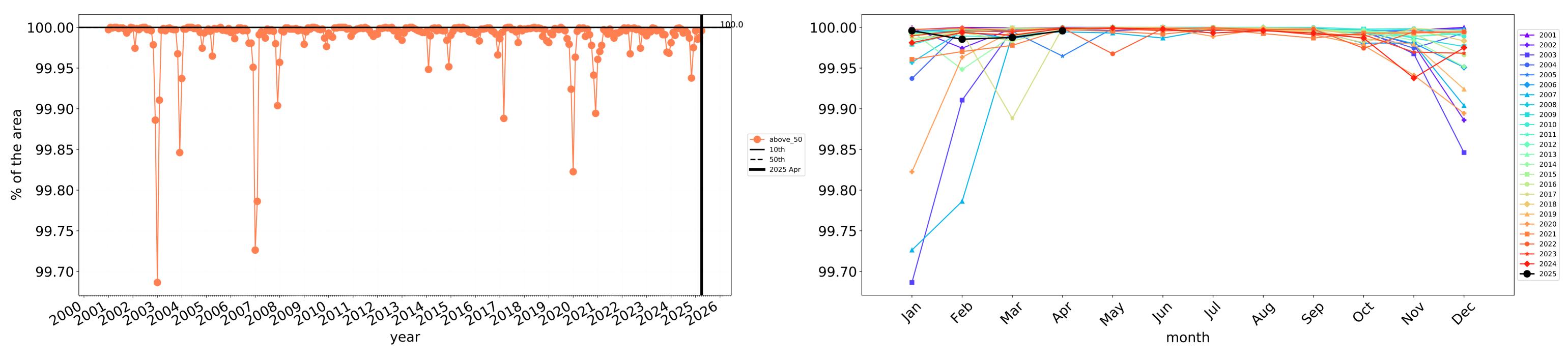


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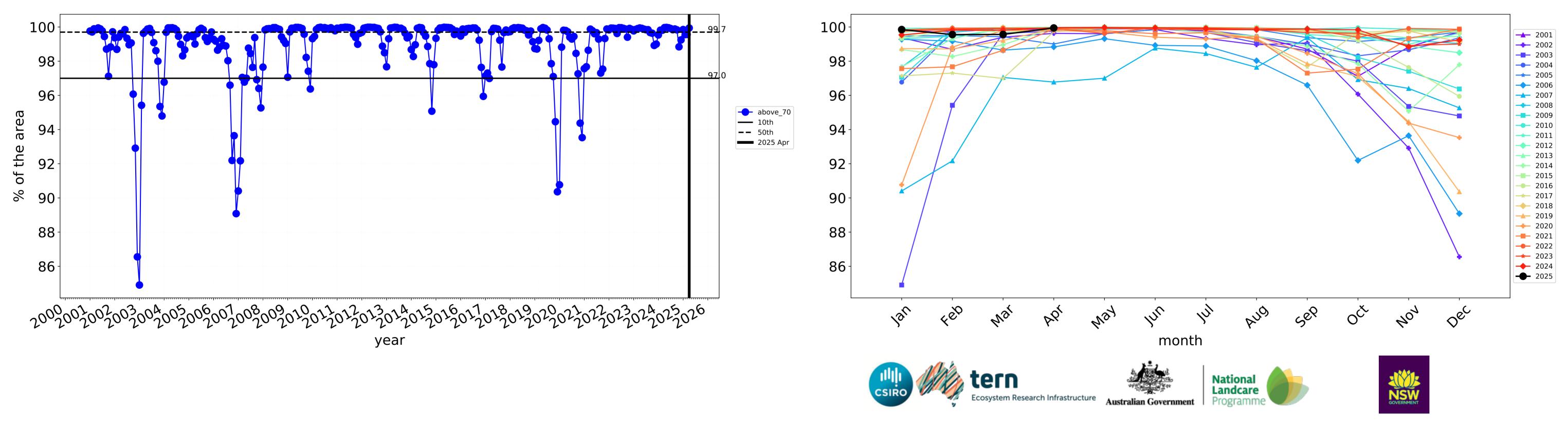






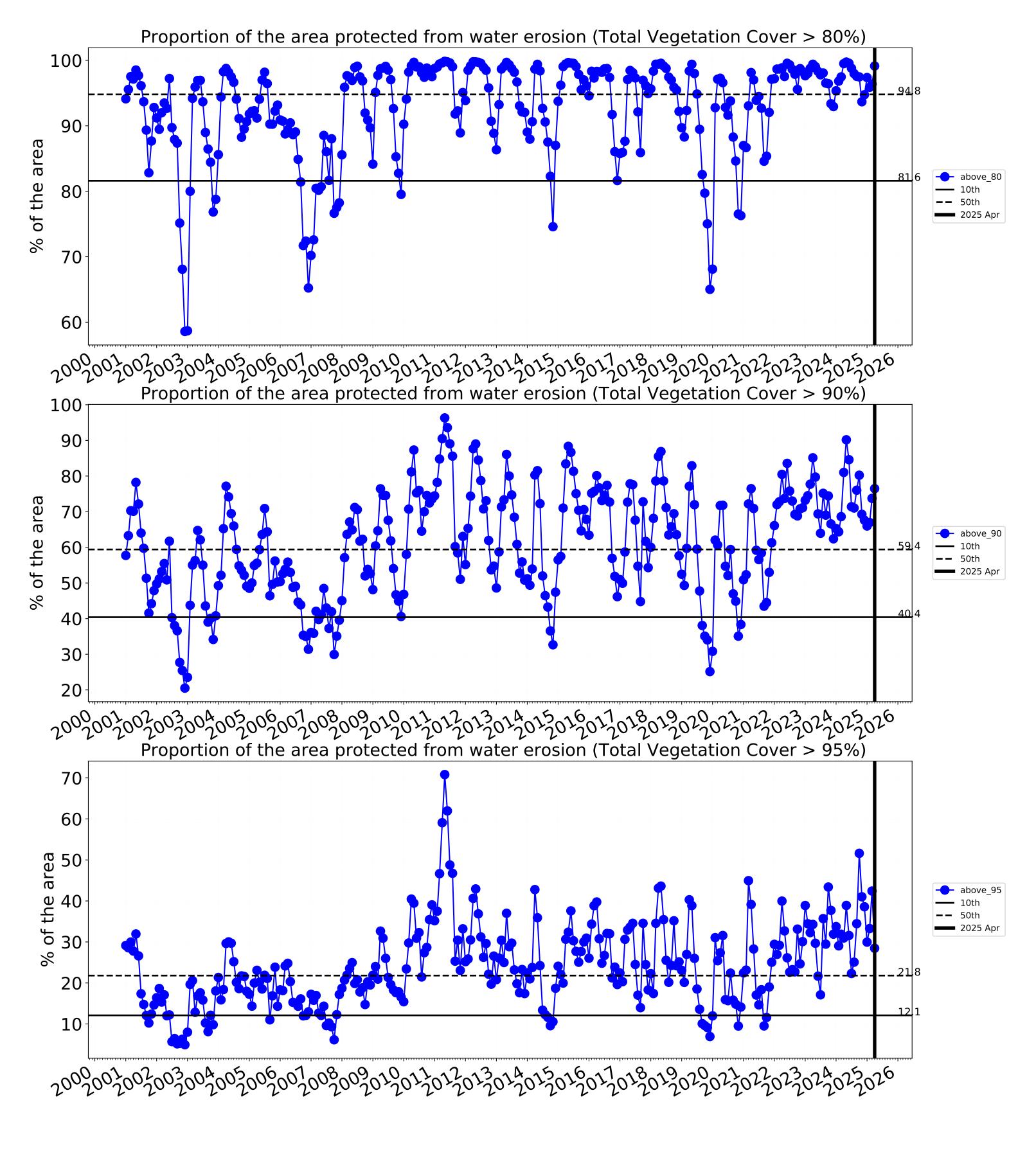
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

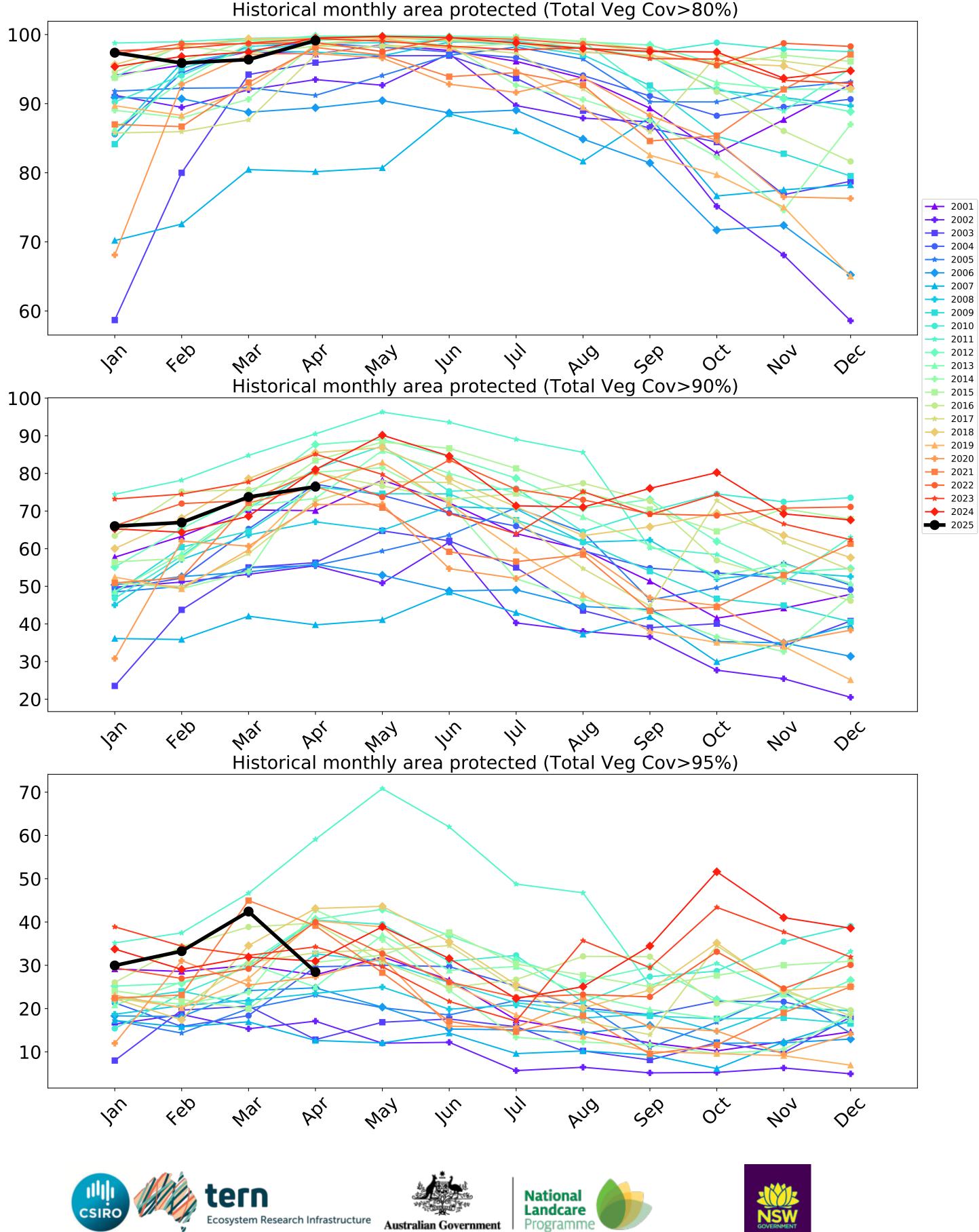
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

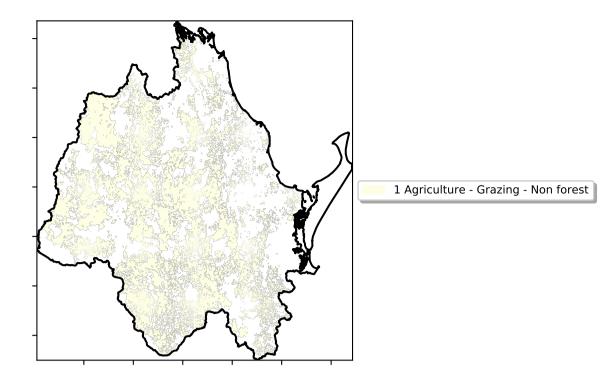
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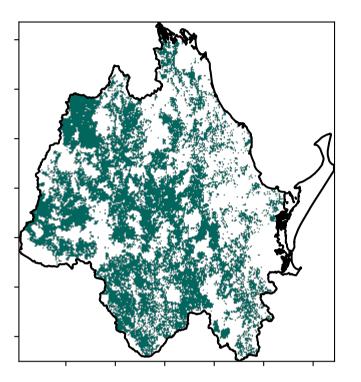
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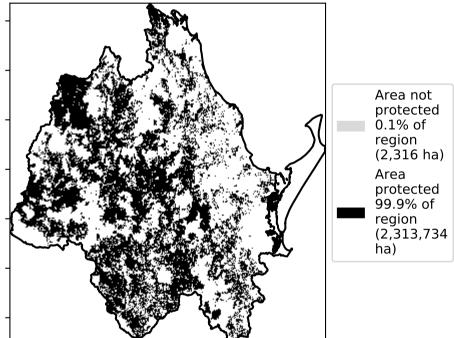
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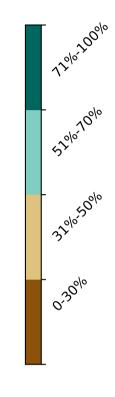


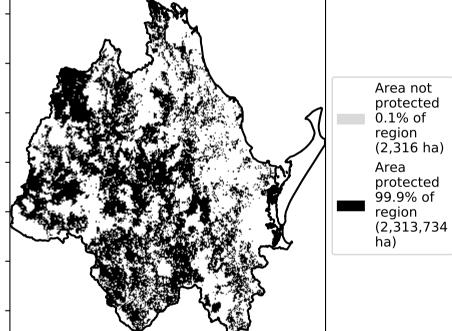
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



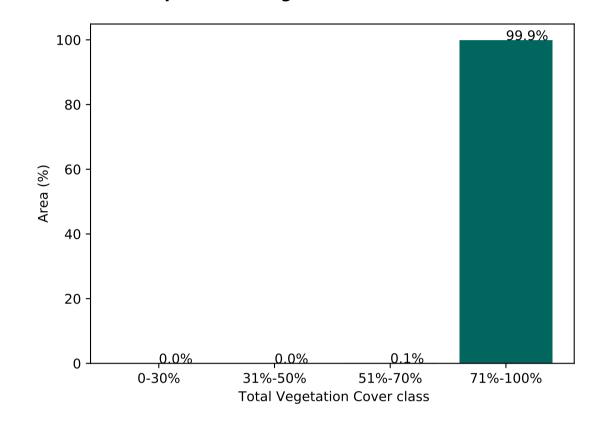
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



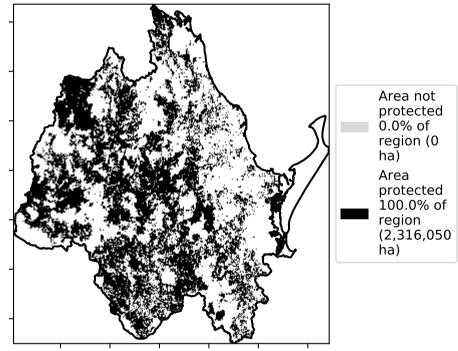




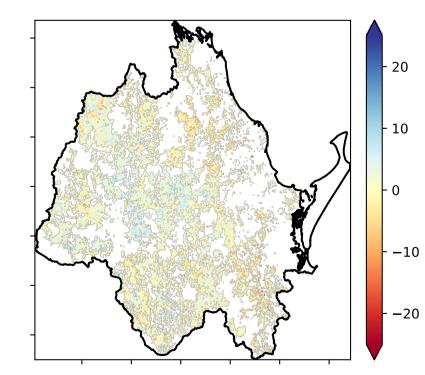
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

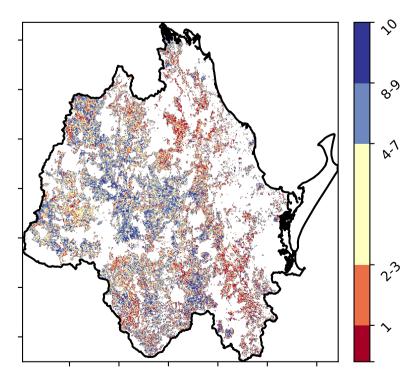


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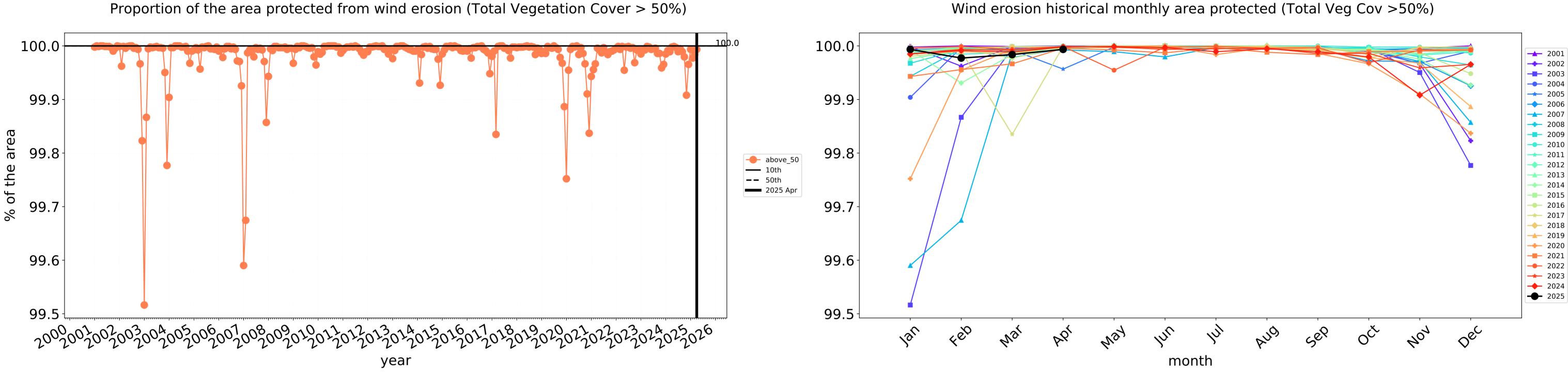
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



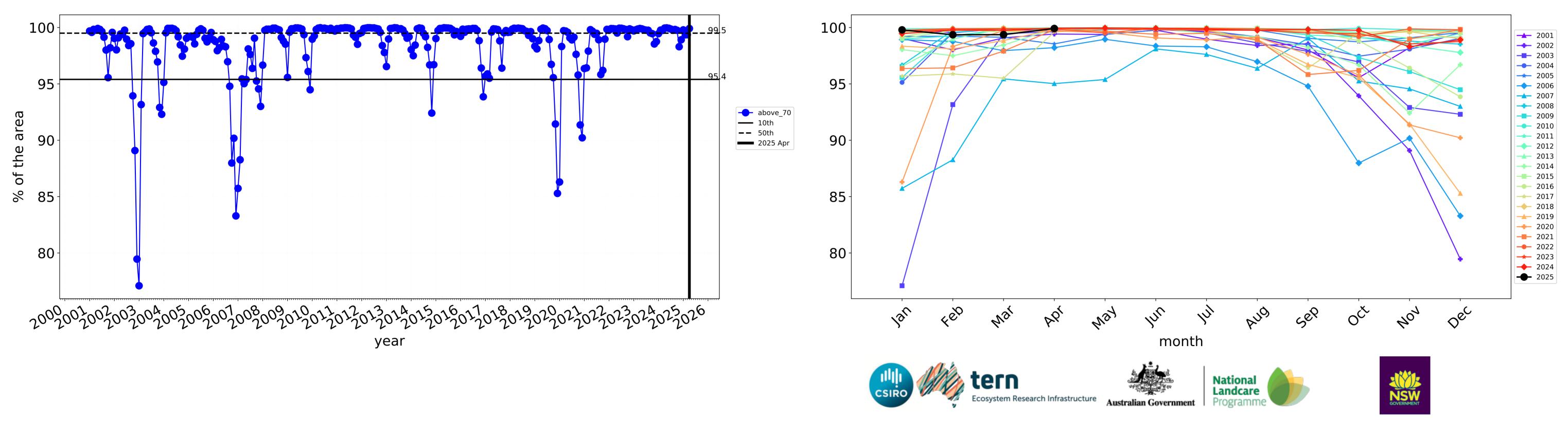


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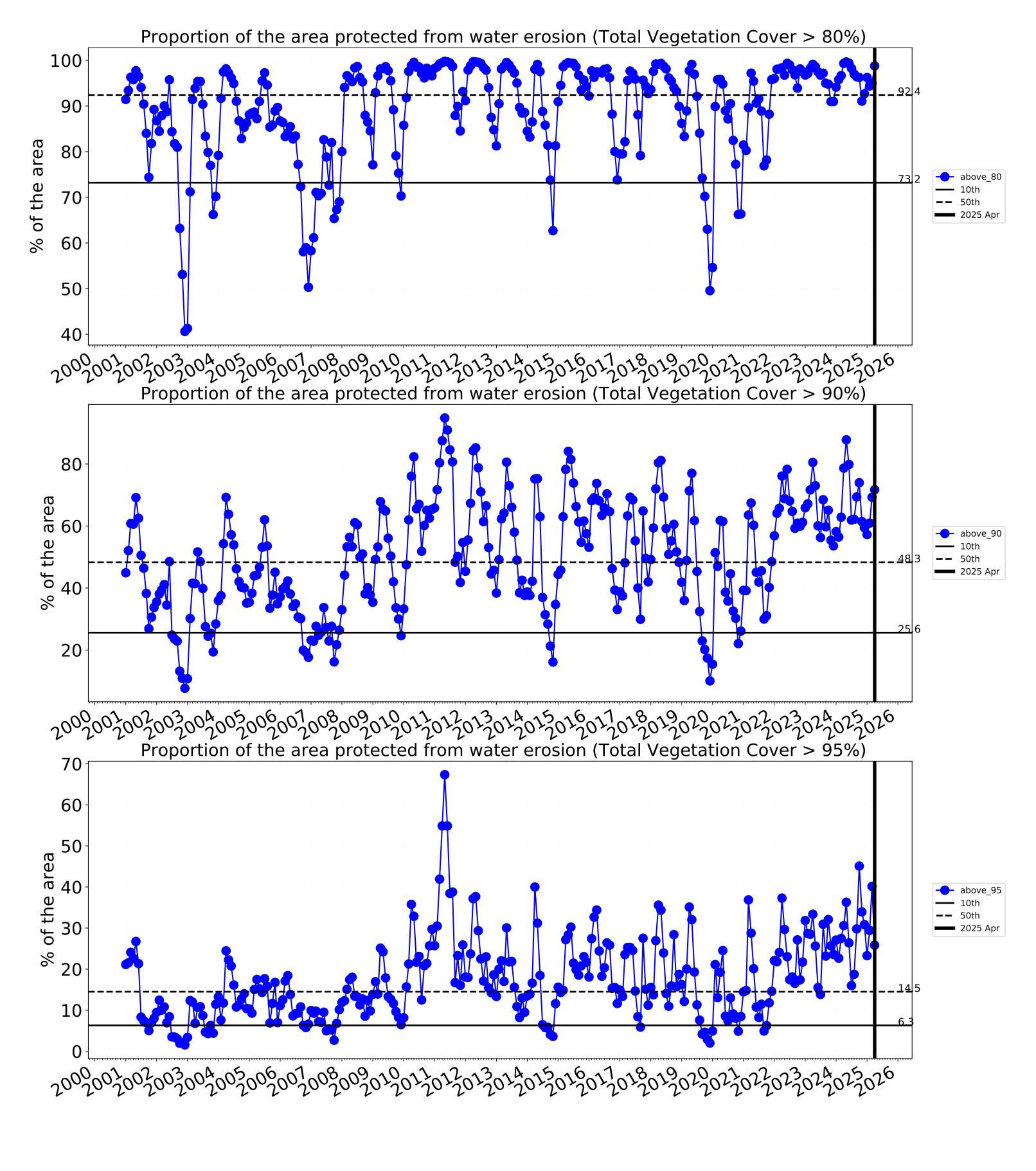


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

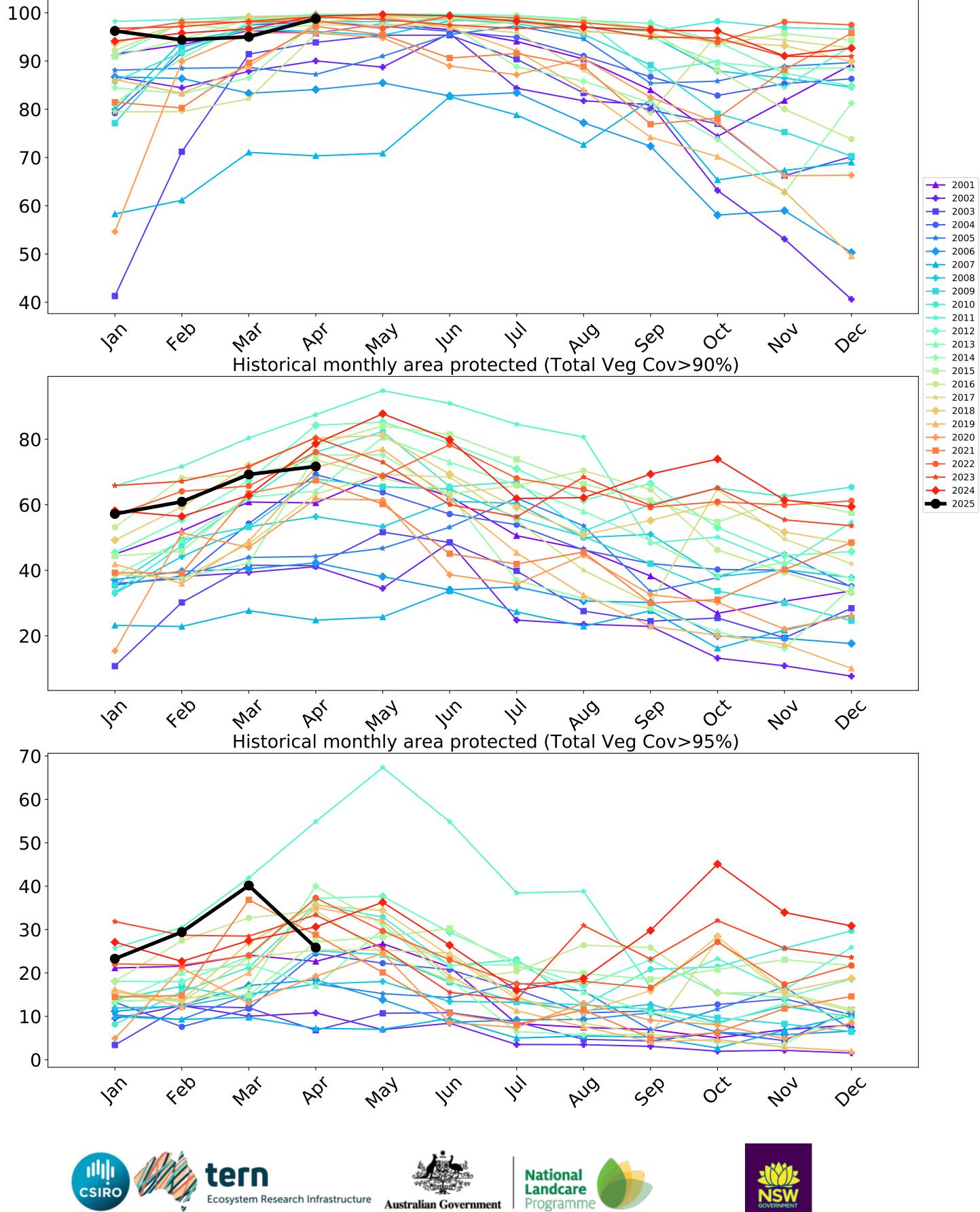
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)







Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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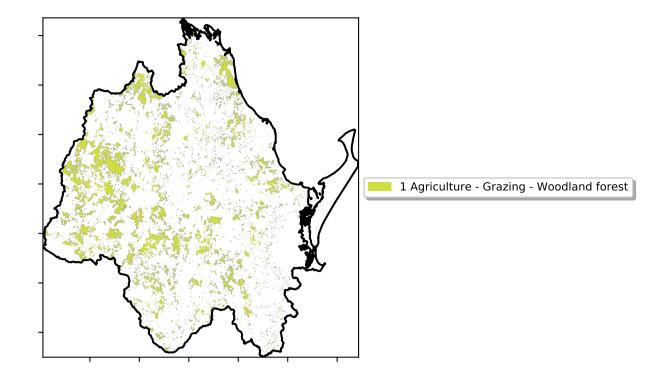
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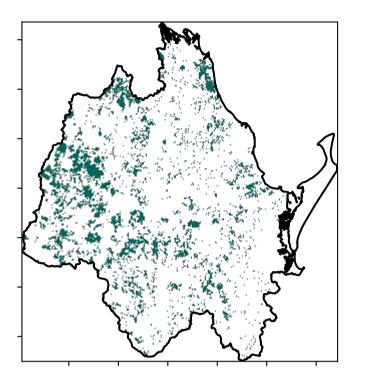
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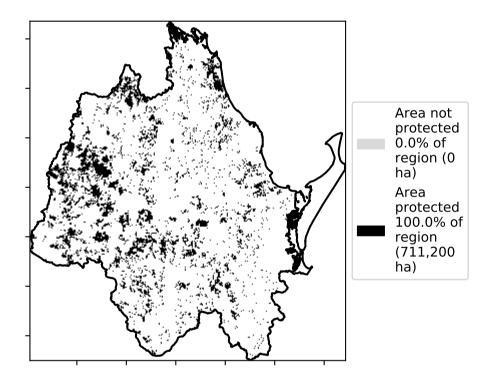
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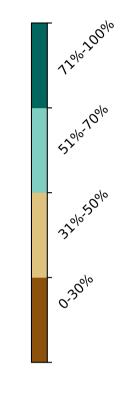


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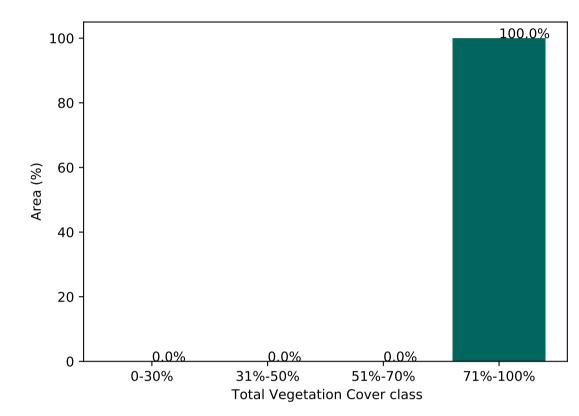








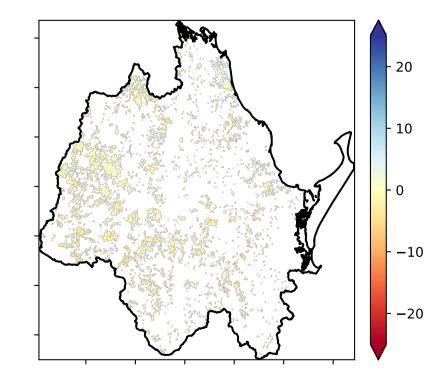
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



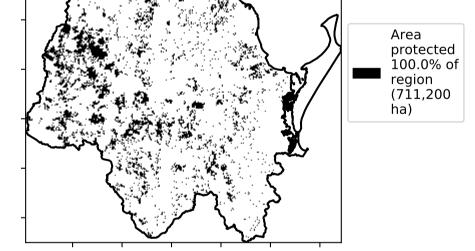
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



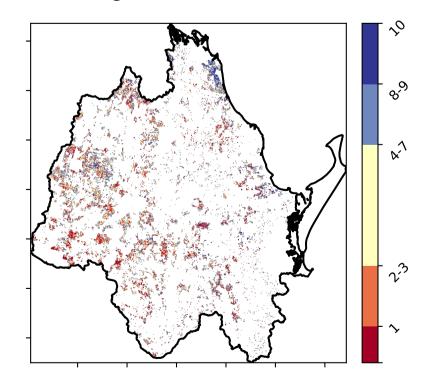
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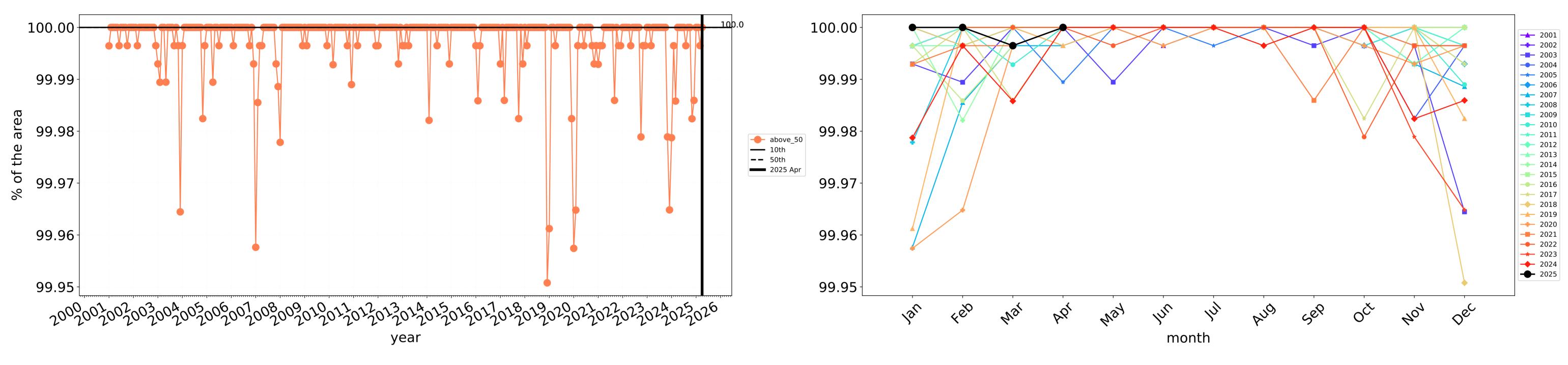
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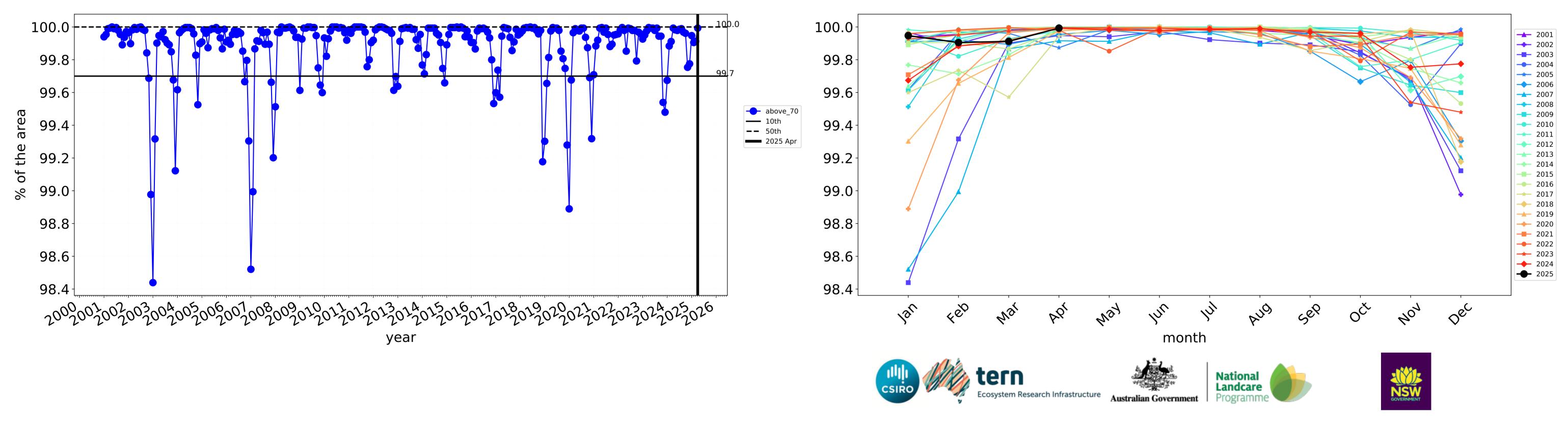






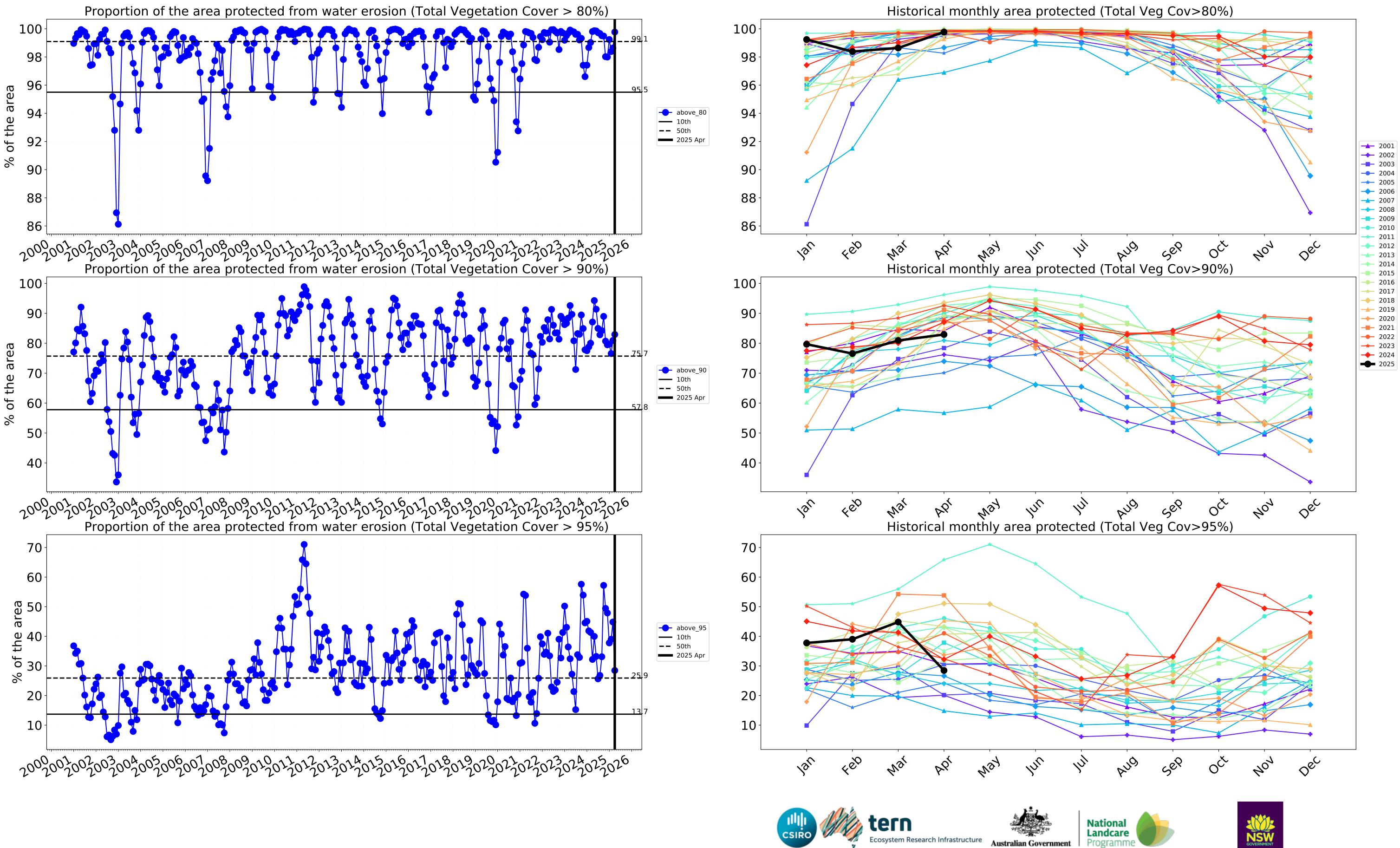
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

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





Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

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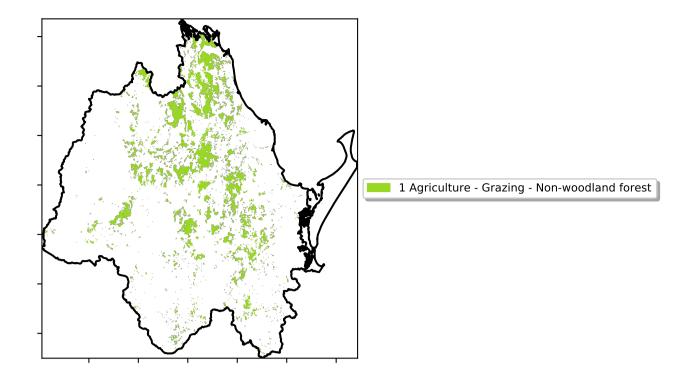
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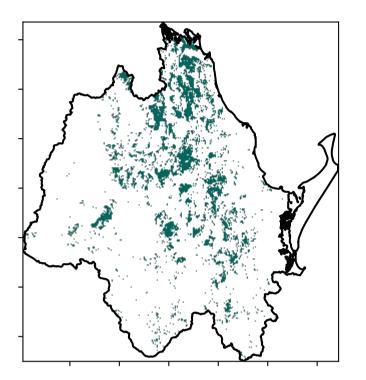
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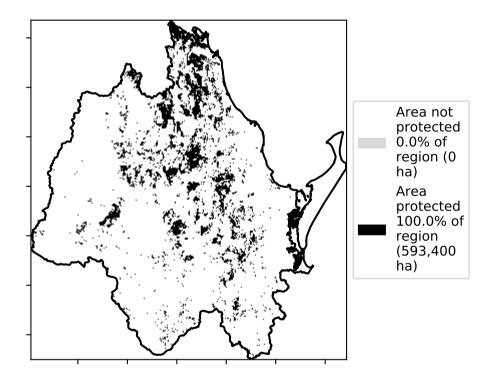
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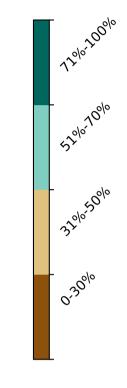


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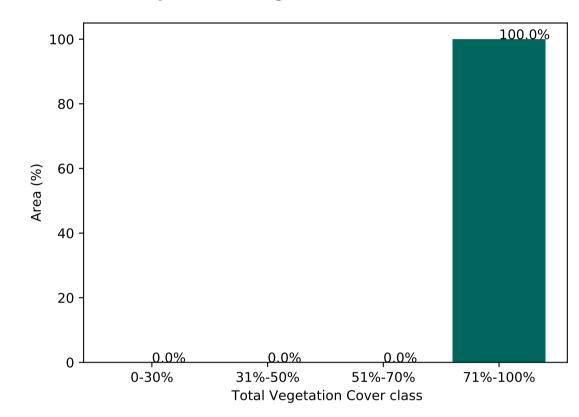




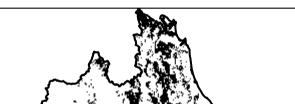




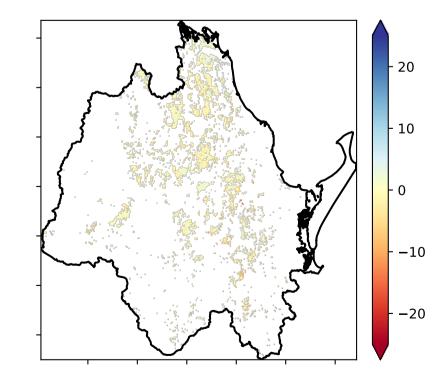
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



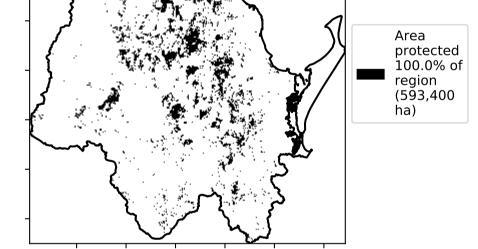
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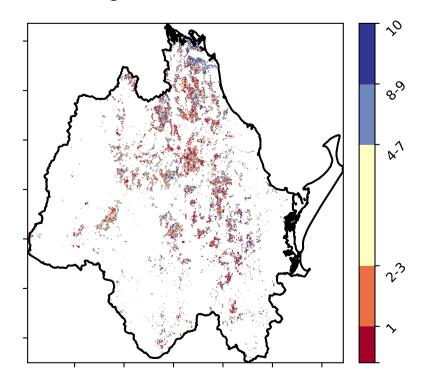
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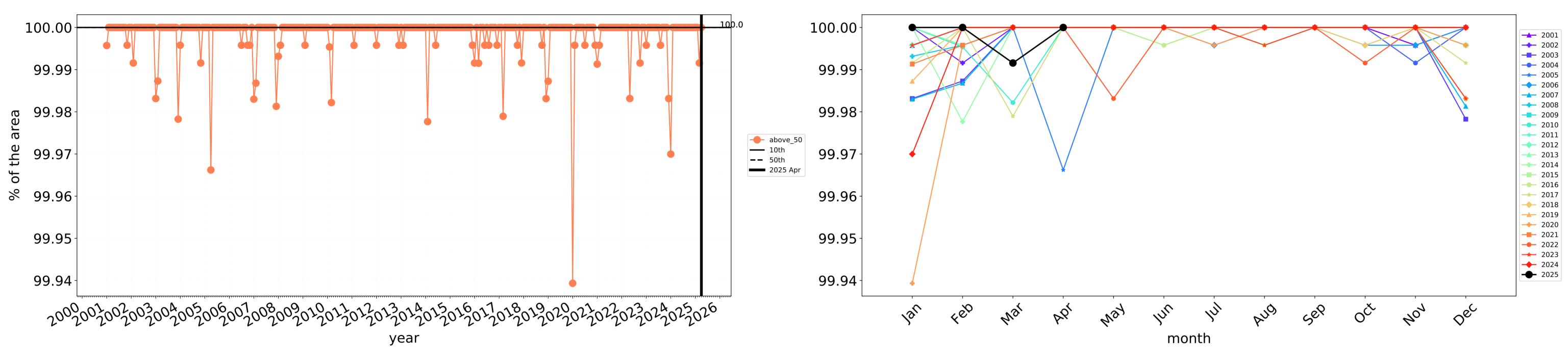


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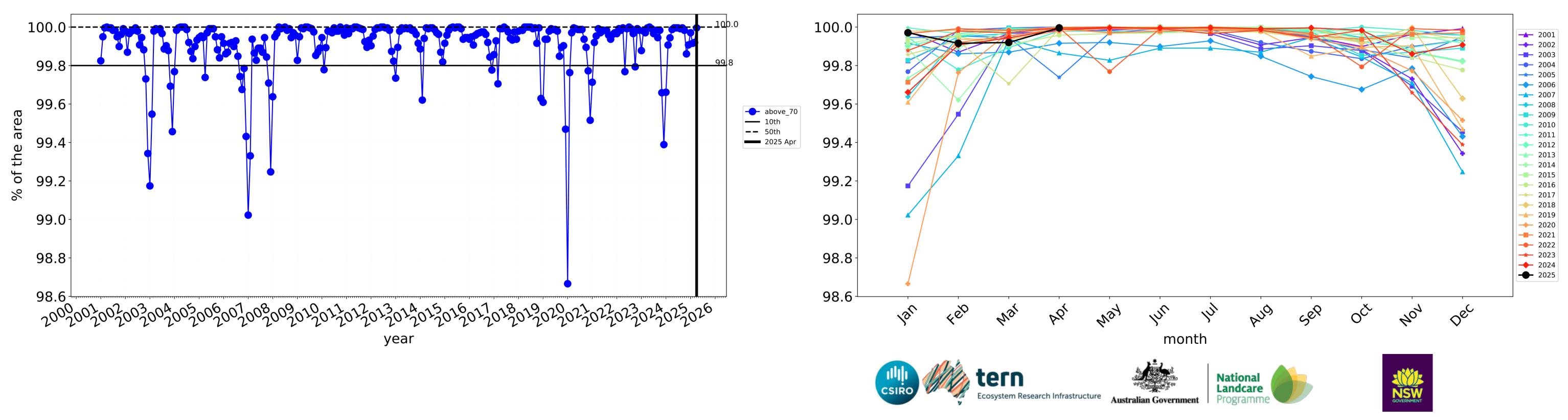


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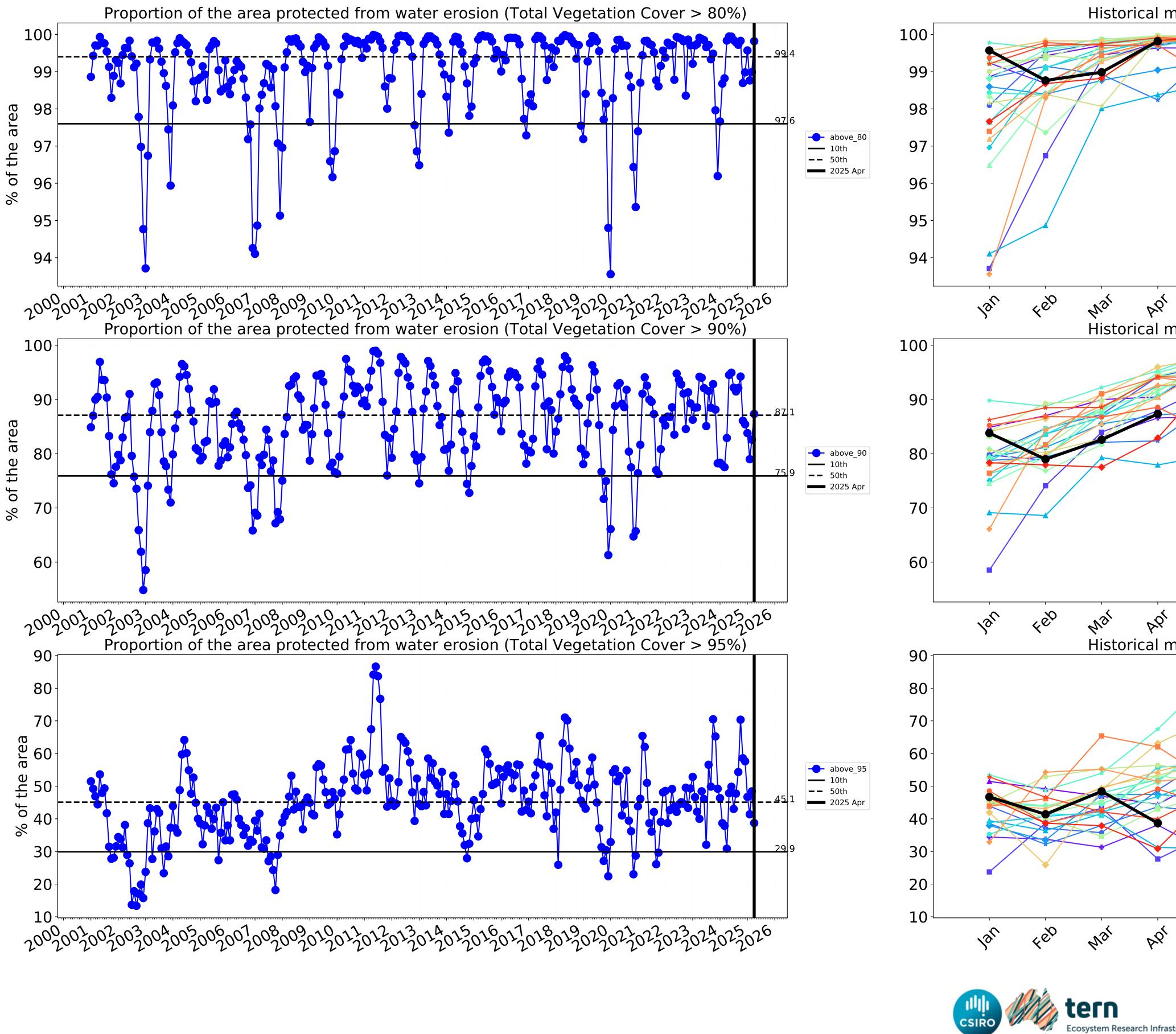
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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

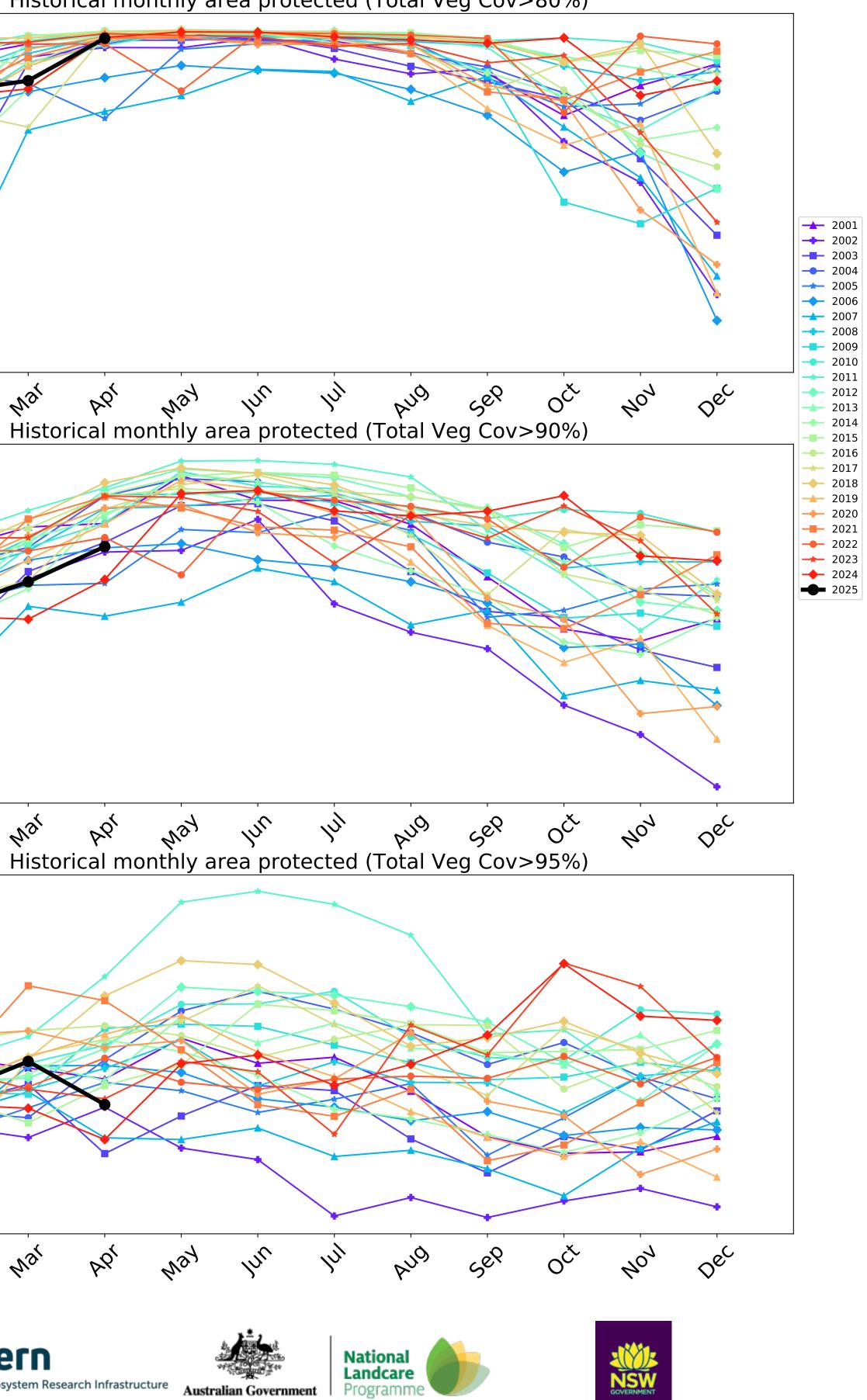
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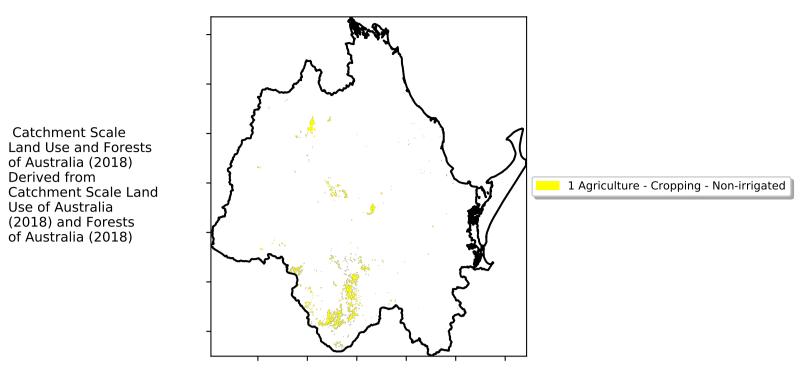
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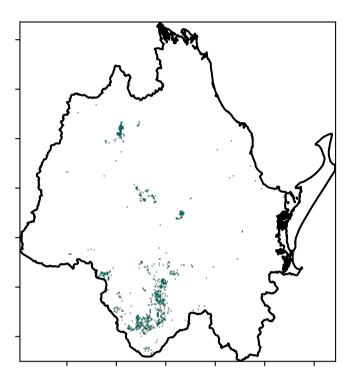
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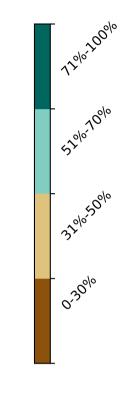
Cropping

Land use and forest cover

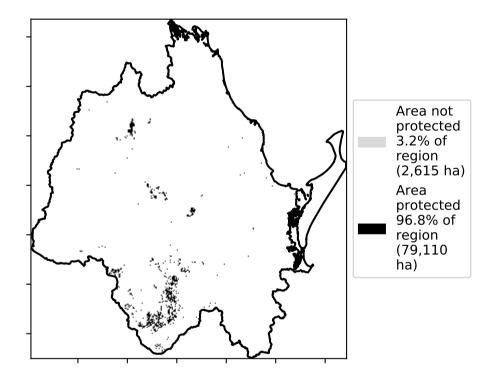


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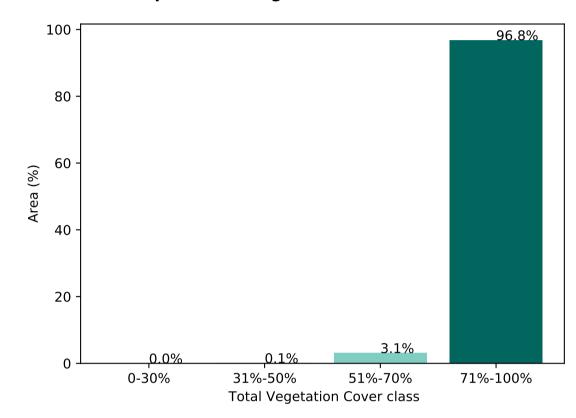




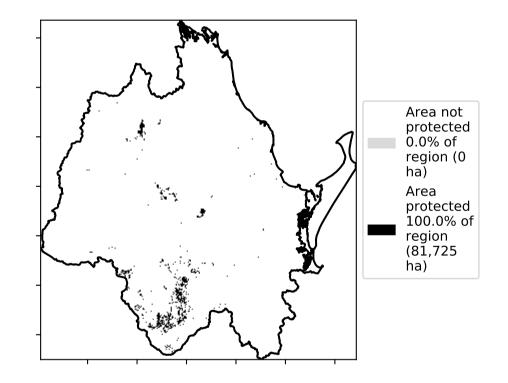
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



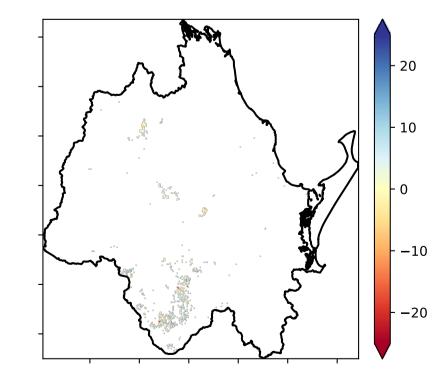
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

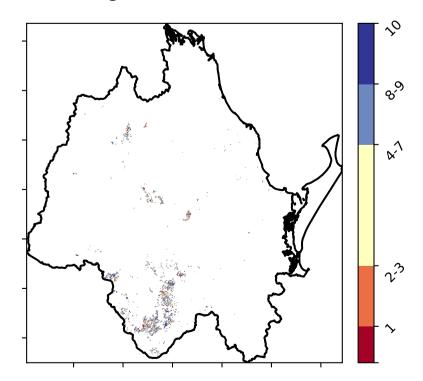


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





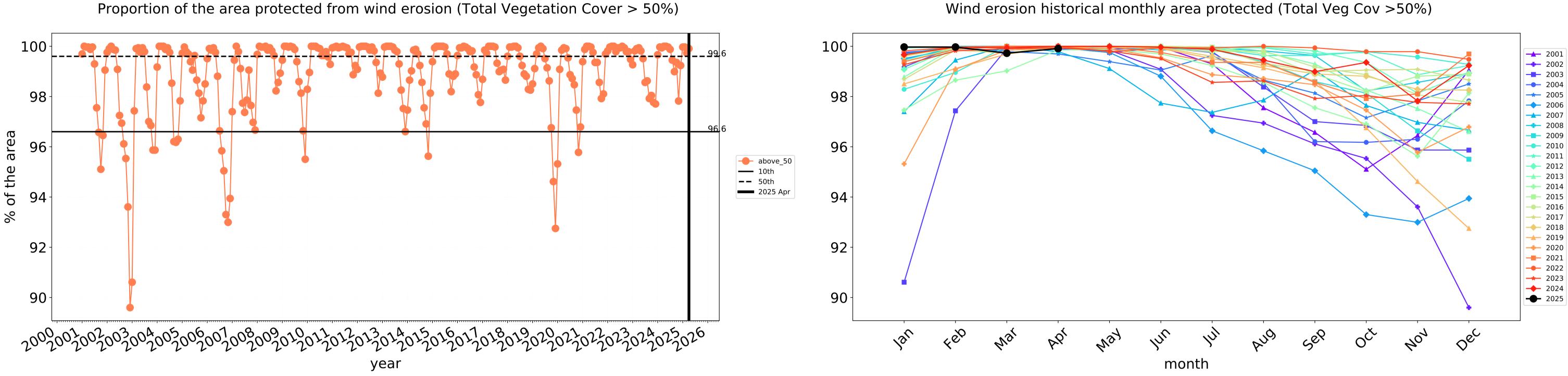




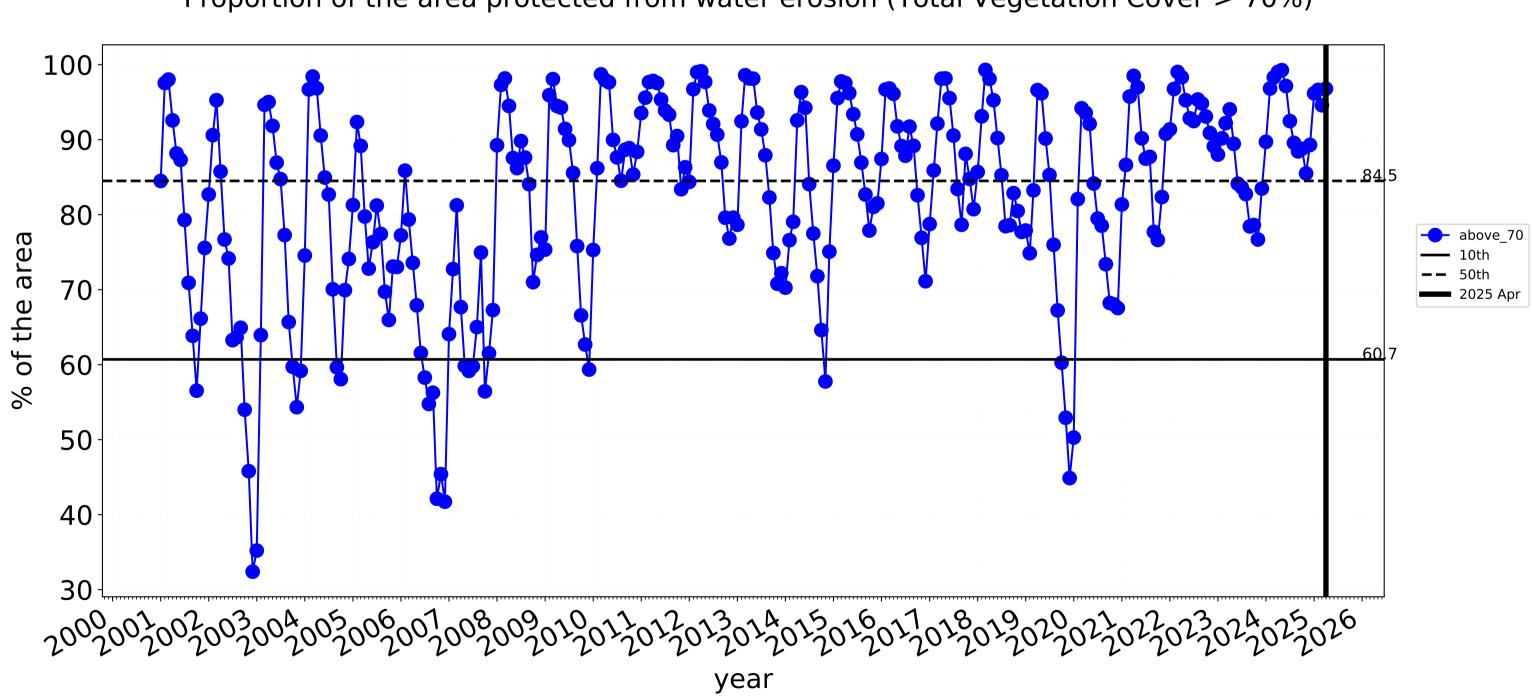


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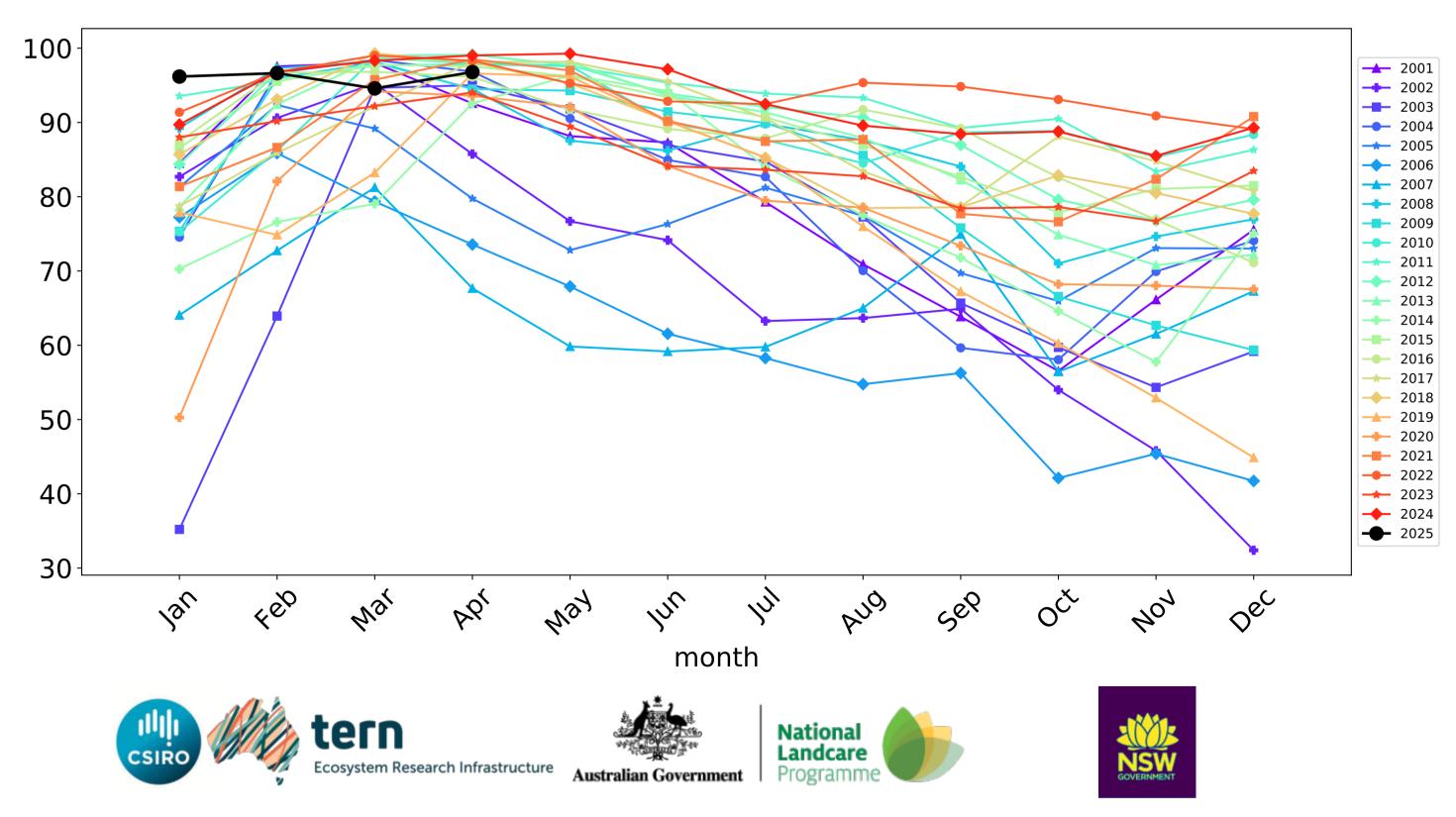
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

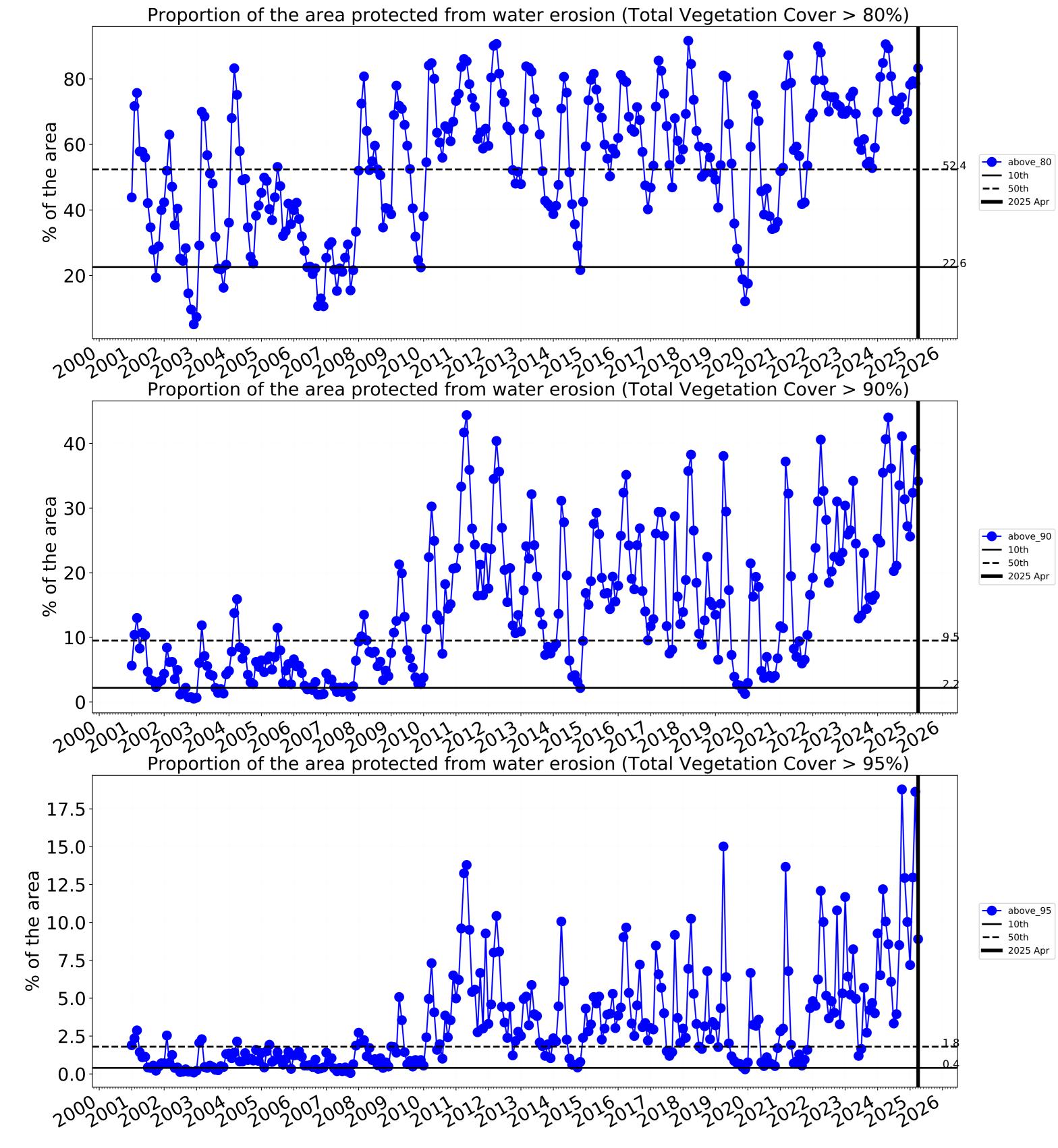


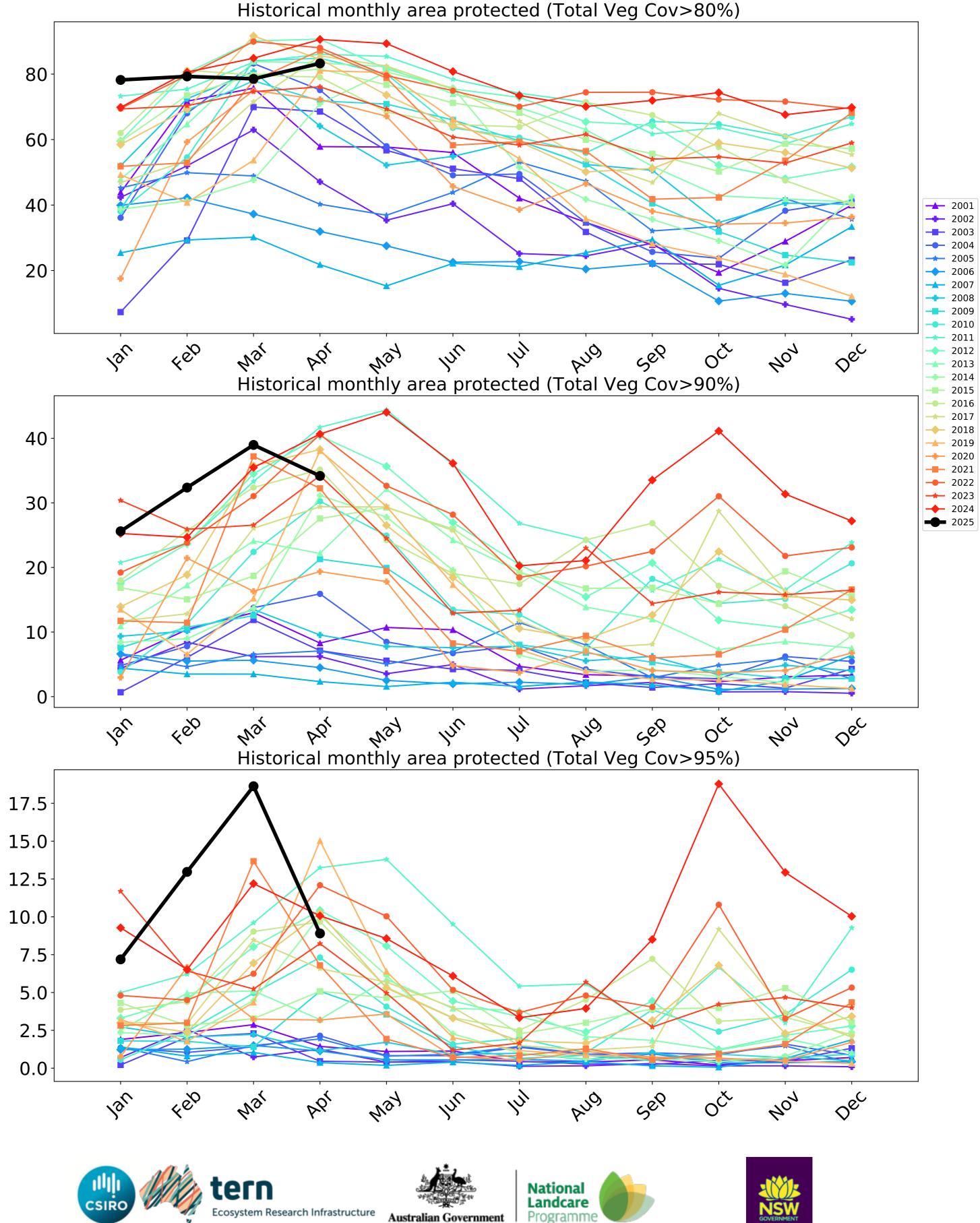
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

Cropping timeseries

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









Programme

Irrigation

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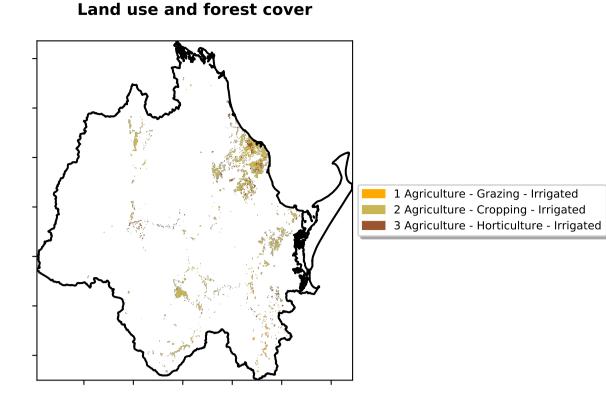
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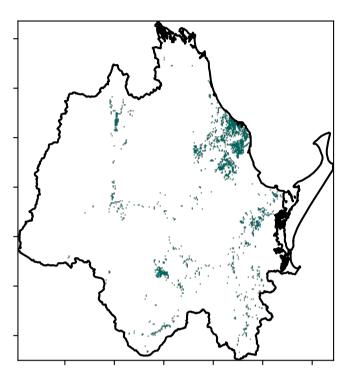
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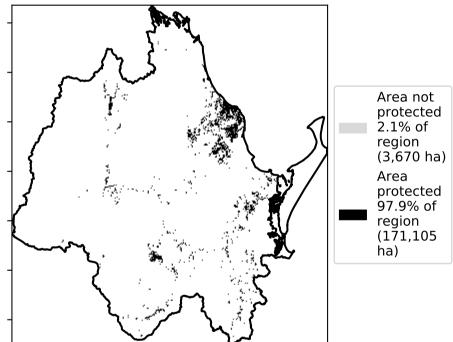
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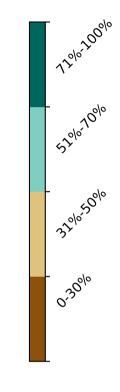


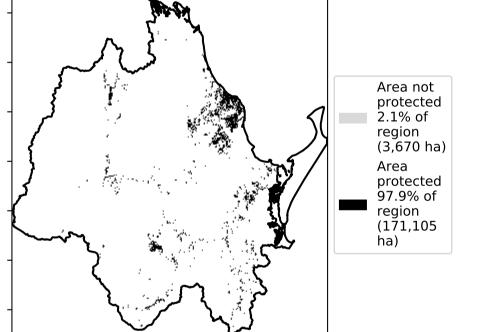
Total Vegetation Cover [%]







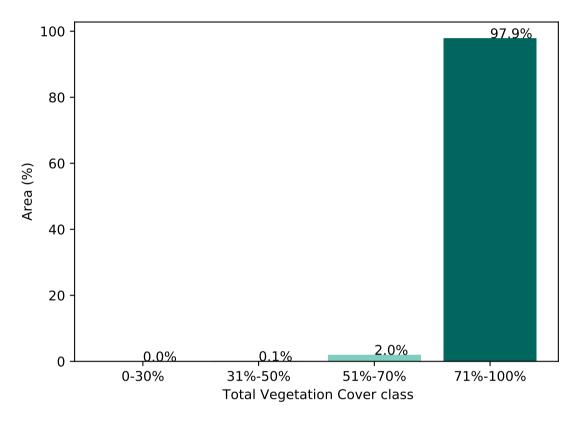




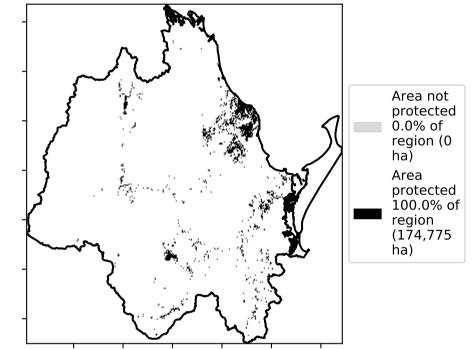
80.5% 80 70 60 50 (%) 40 40 30 20 13.3% 10 6.2% 0 1.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 2.0 2.5 -0.5 Land use class

Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



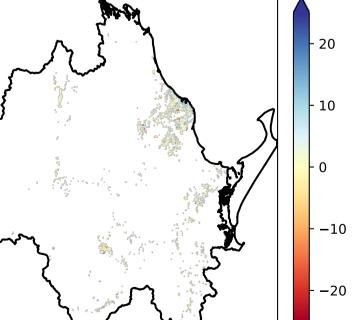
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





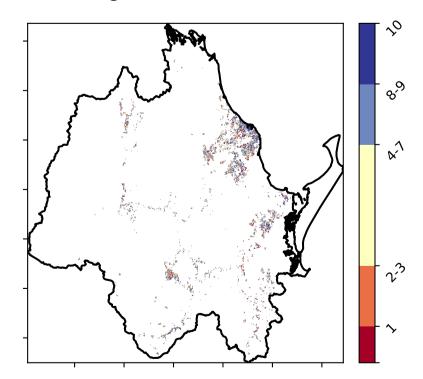
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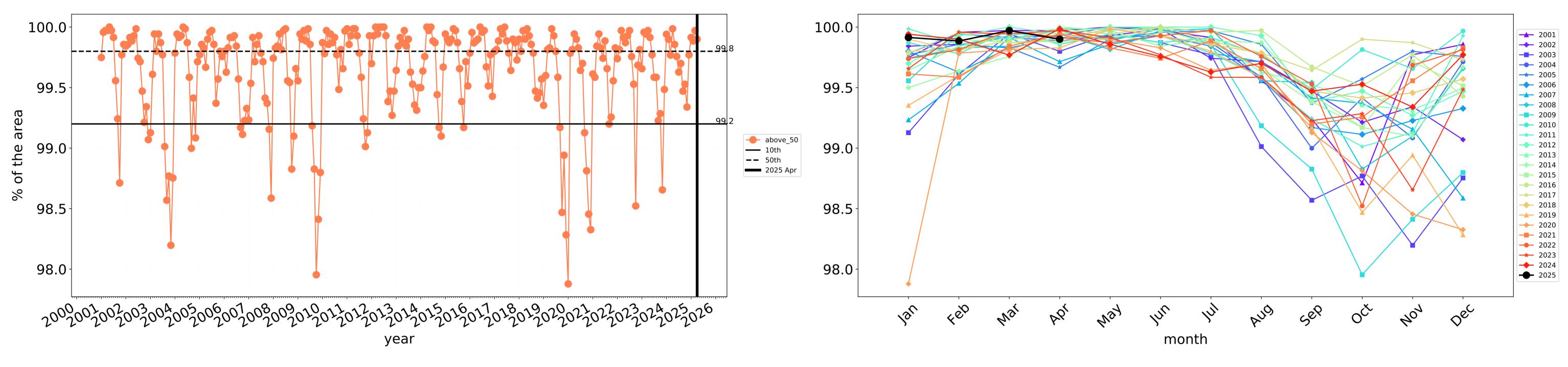
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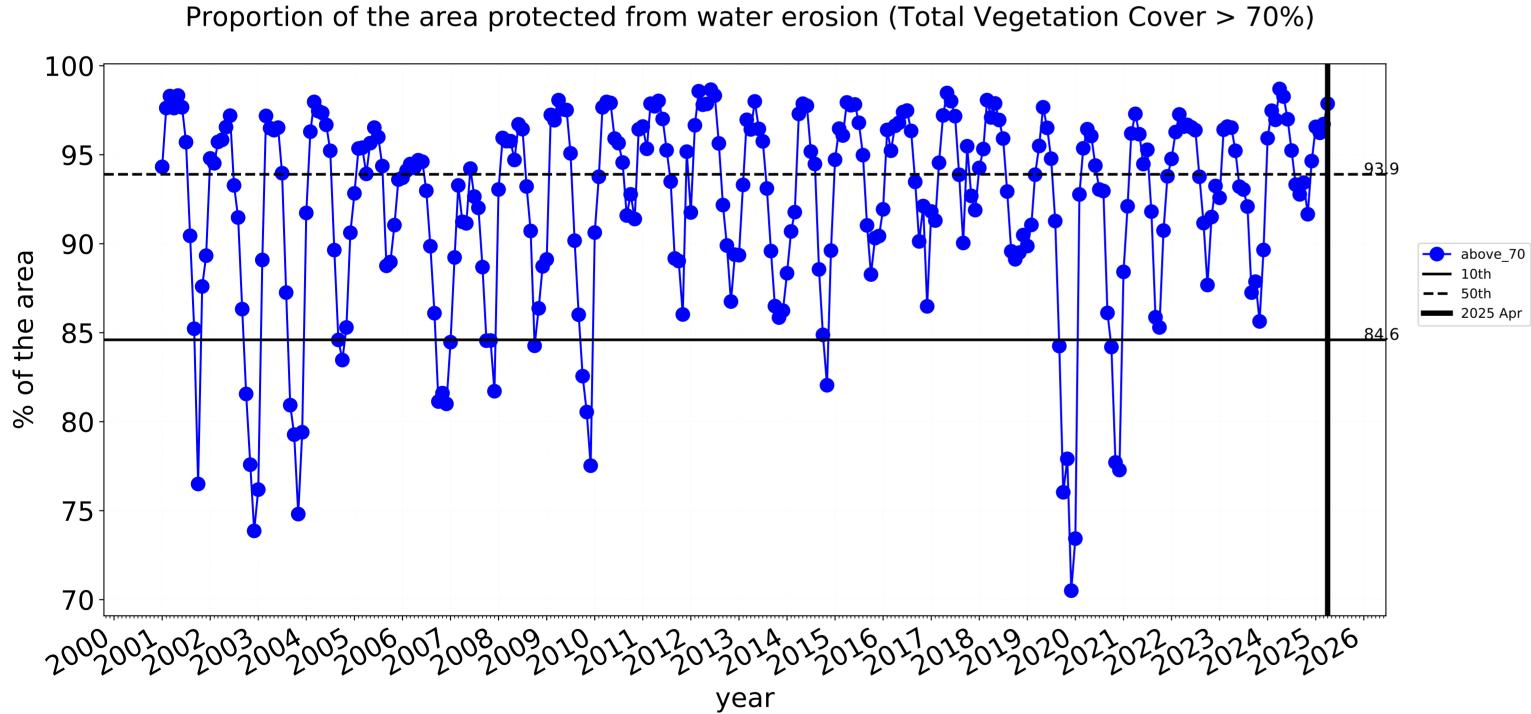


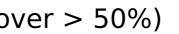






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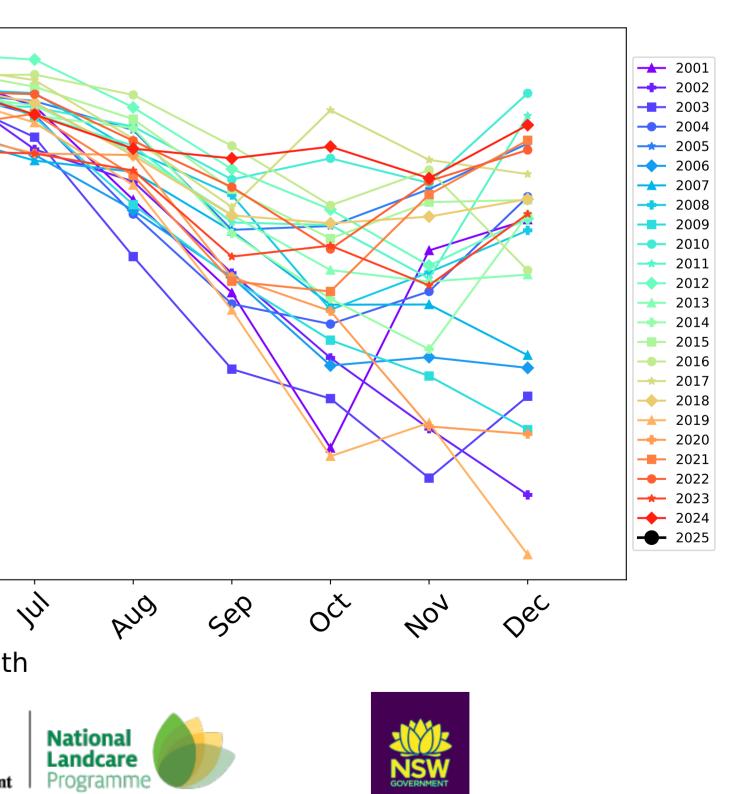


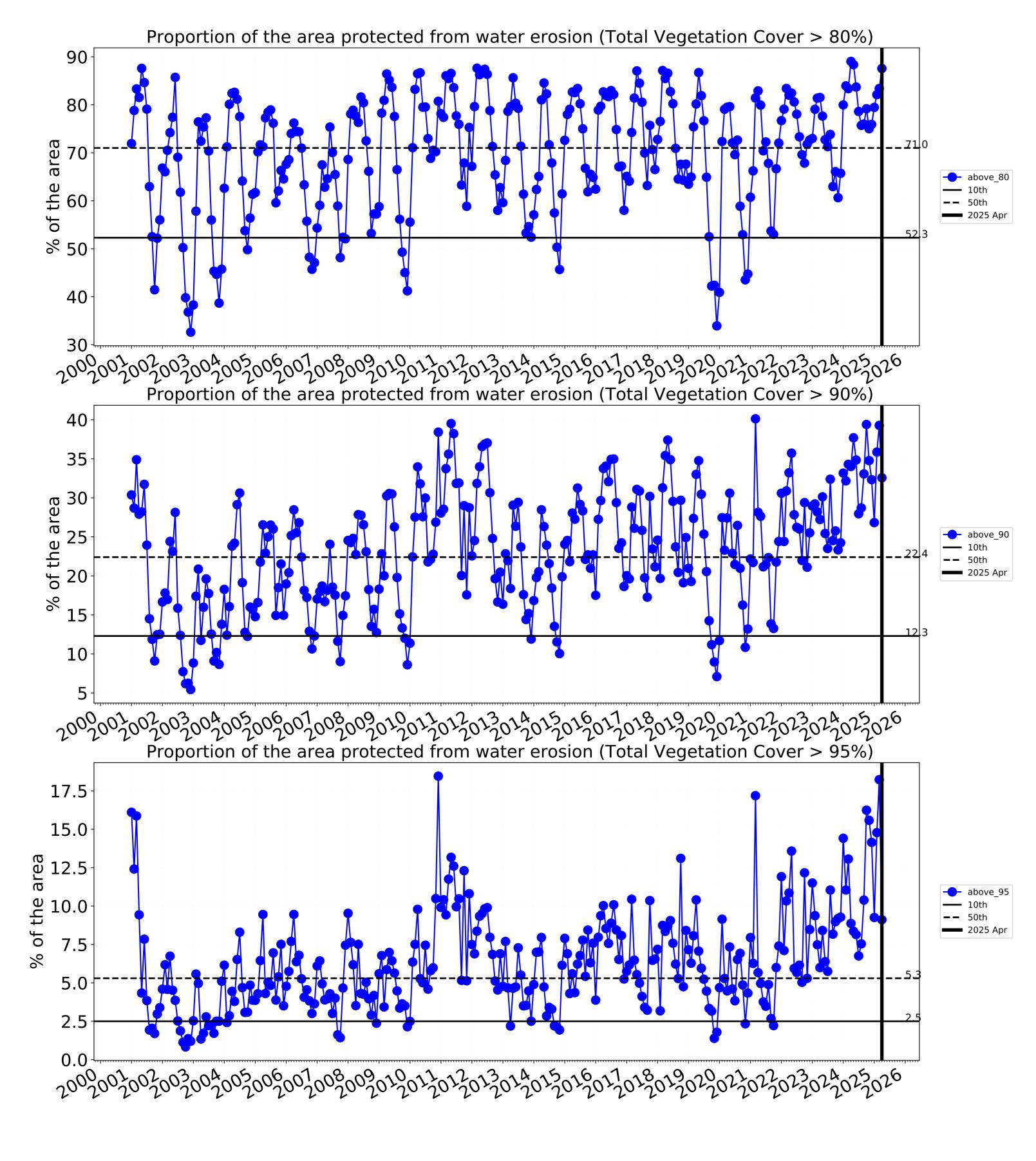


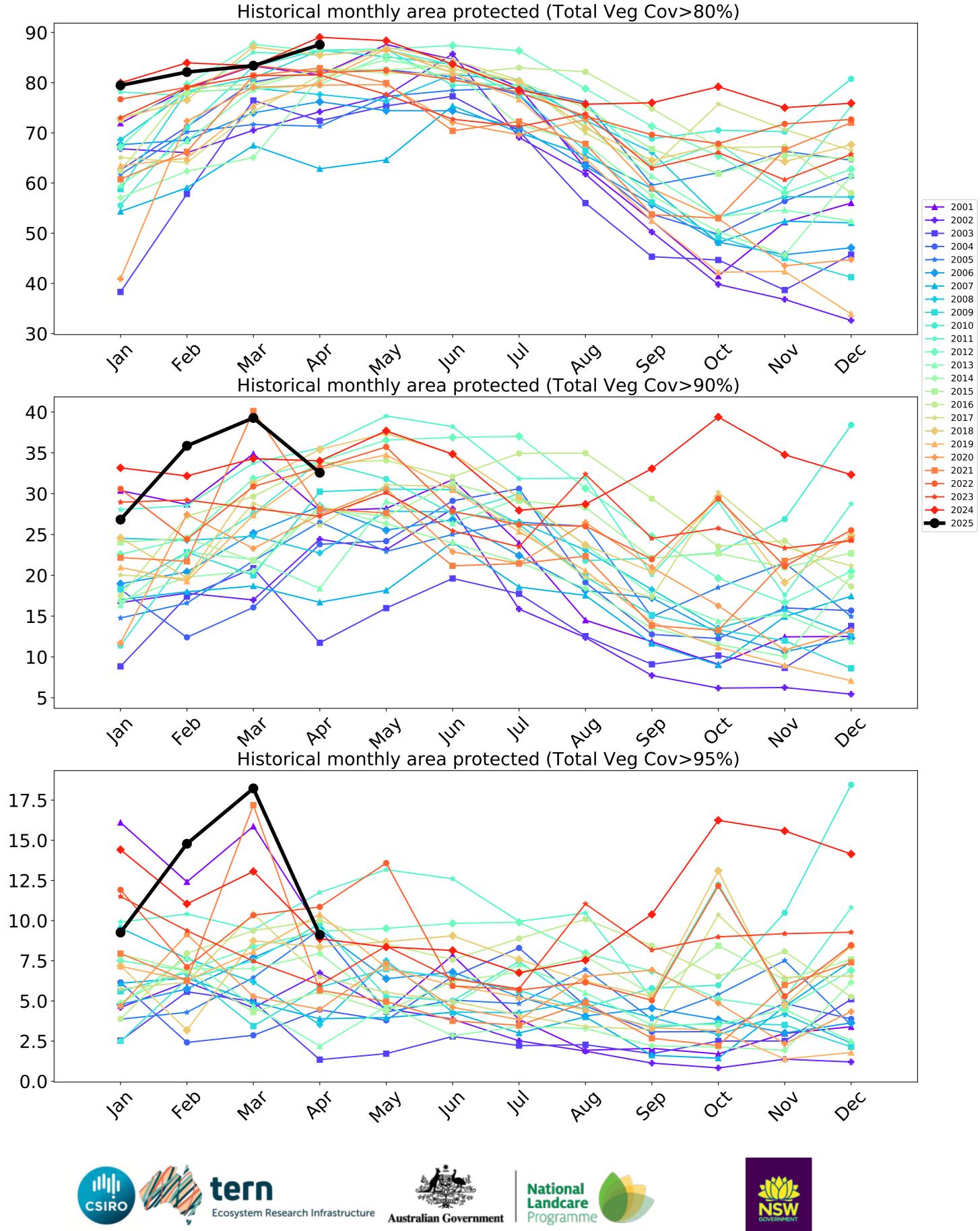
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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





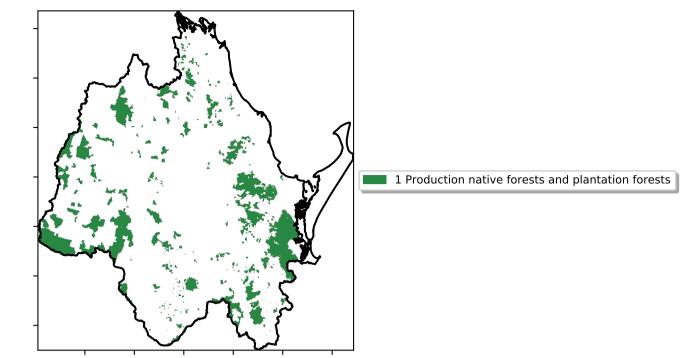


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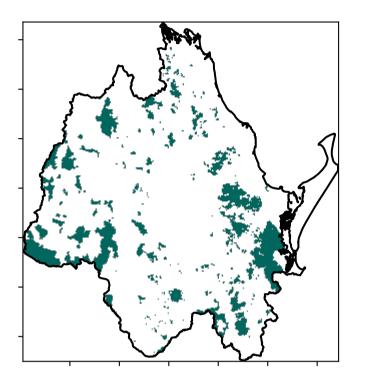
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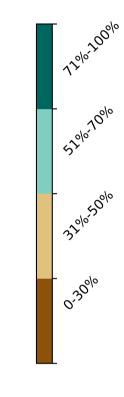
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

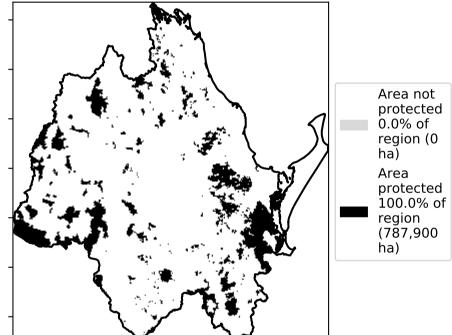


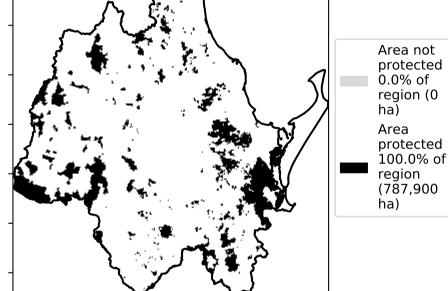
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



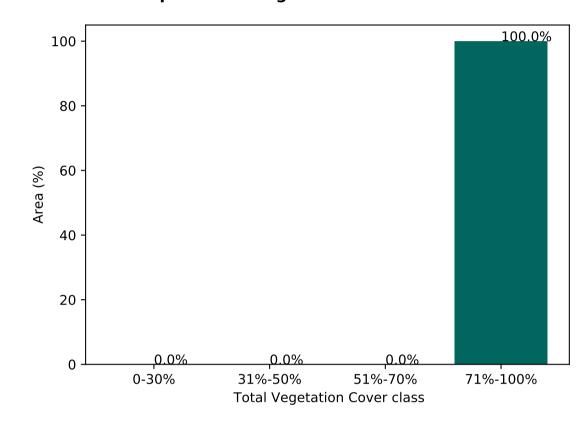


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

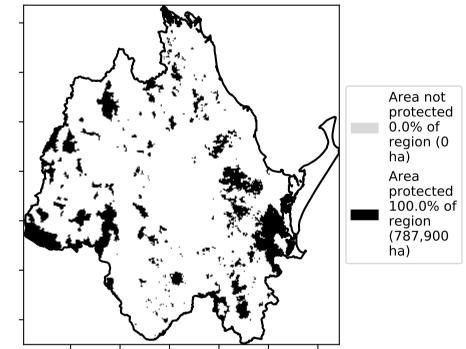




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

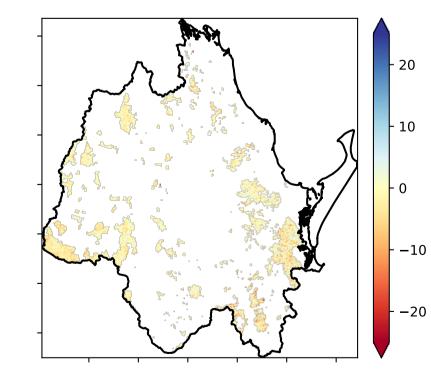


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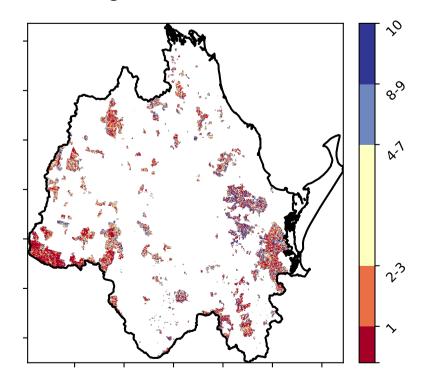
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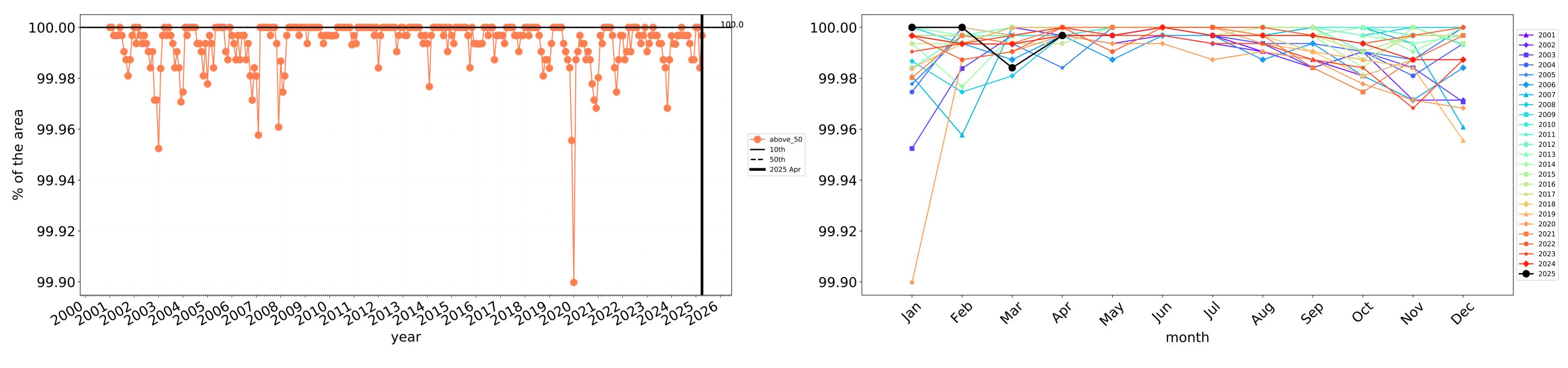




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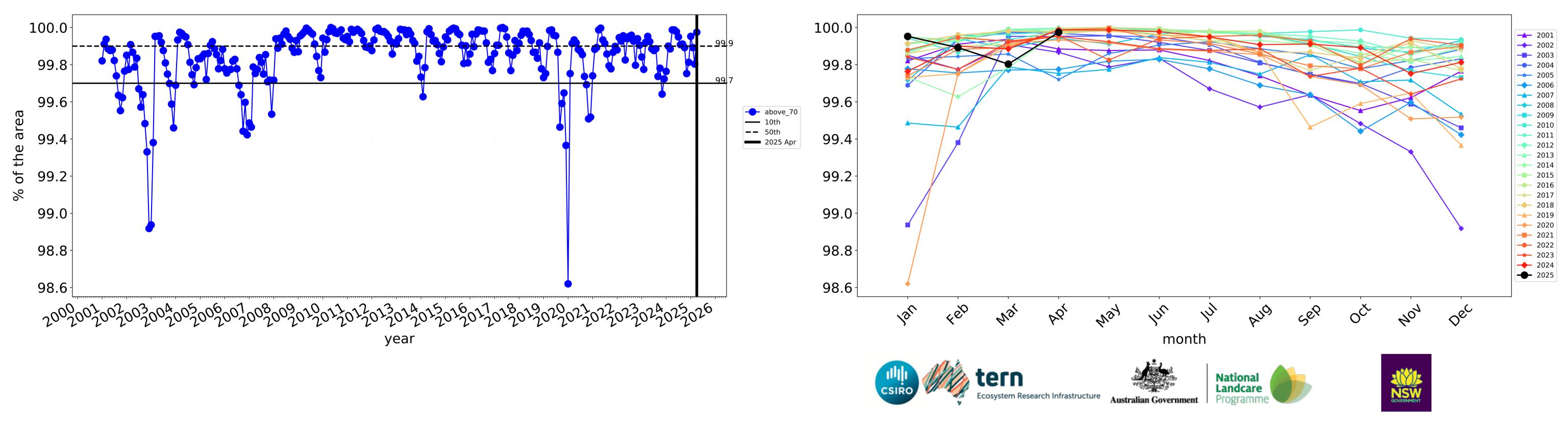
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Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



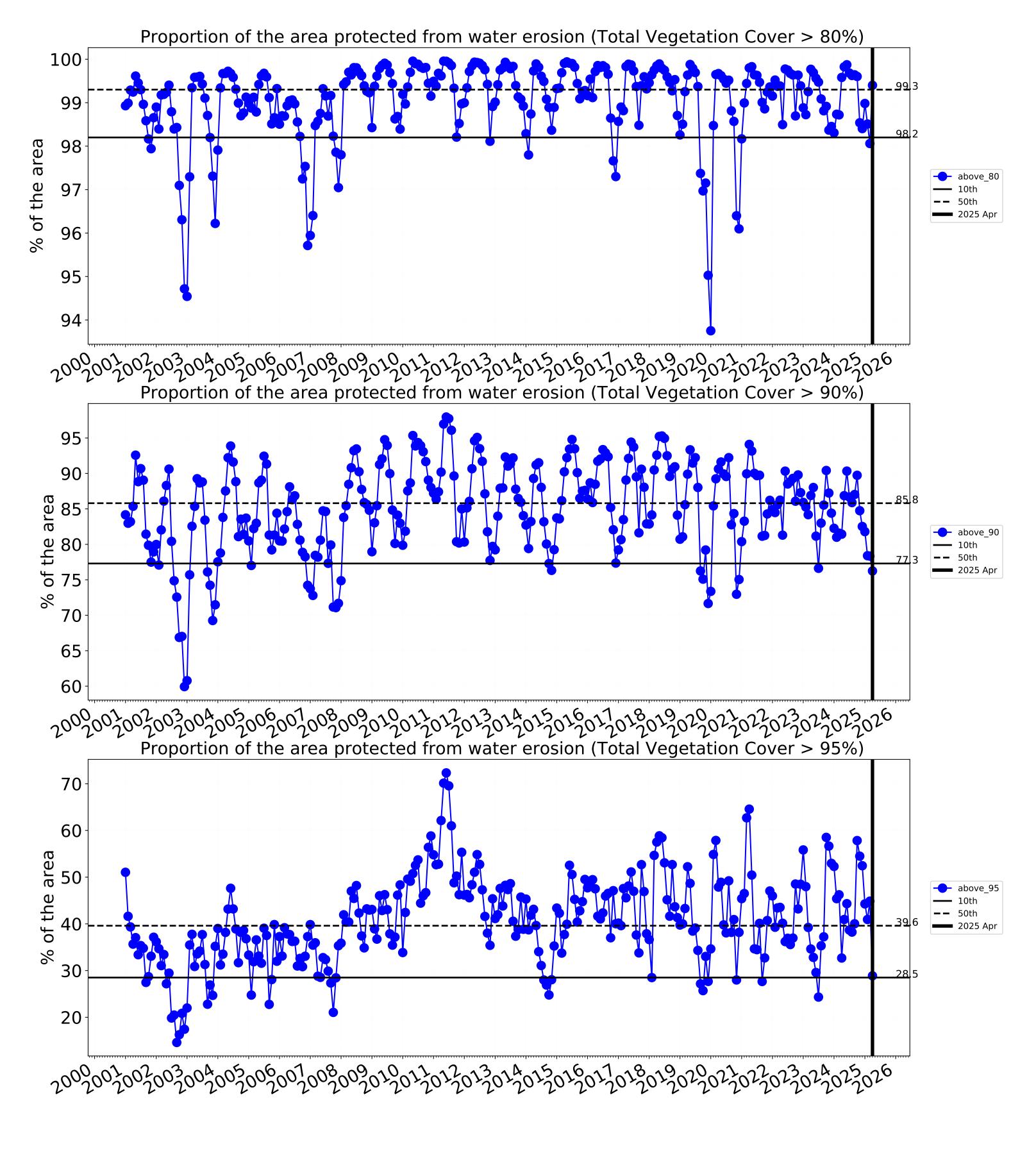
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

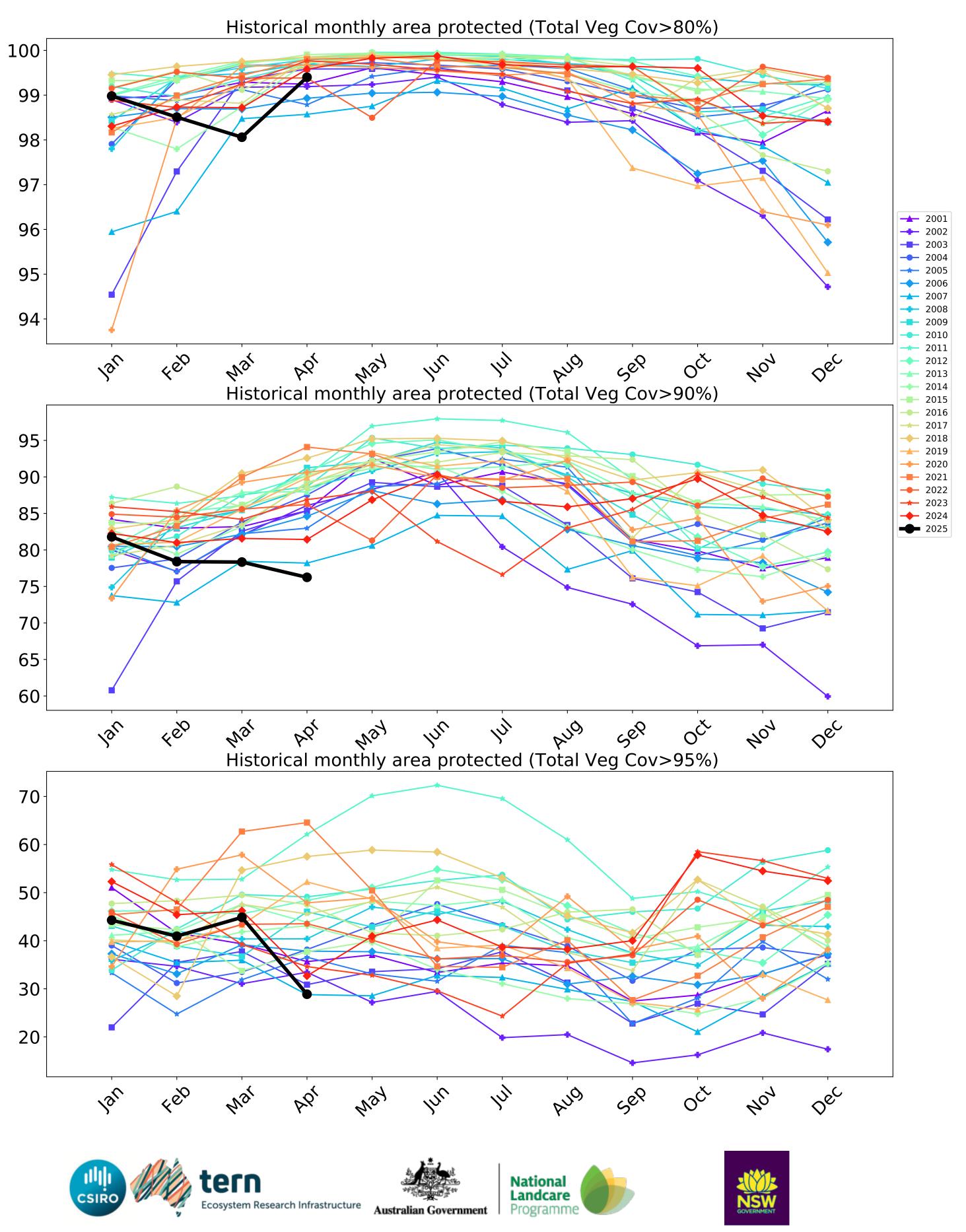
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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





Burnett Mary (5,556,900 ha and no data 19,955 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	5,556,900	100.0% 5,555,750	99.9% 5,553,025	99.5% 5,531,650	97.9% 5,442,375	74.1% 4,118,450	29.2% 1,622,025
Conservation and natural environments	675,200	99.9% 674,450	99.7% 673,100	99.0% 668,625	97.8% 660,350	81.0% 546,700	44.5% 300,325
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	180,275	99.9% 180,075	99.8% 179,875	98.8% 178,075	97.3% 175,350	84.2% 151,825	49.2% 88,775
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	466,700	100.0% 466,575	99.9% 466,250	99.7% 465,275	98.8% 461,150	80.8% 377,325	43.4% 202,700
Agriculture	3,882,825	100.0% 3,882,700	100.0% 3,882,425	99.8% 3,874,375	98.3% 3,815,650	73.6% 2,855,900	27.2% 1,054,350
Grazing	3,620,650	100.0% 3,620,575	100.0% 3,620,500	99.9% 3,618,600	99.1% 3,589,375	76.5% 2,768,775	28.5% 1,030,450
Grazing non forest	2,316,050	100.0% 2,315,975	100.0% 2,315,900	99.9% 2,314,075	98.8% 2,287,475	71.7% 1,660,800	25.8% 598,275
Grazing Woodland forest	711,200	100.0% 711,200	100.0% 711,200	100.0% 711,150	99.8% 709,575	82.9% 589,700	28.5% 202,475
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	593,400	100.0% 593,400	100.0% 593,400	100.0% 593,375	99.8% 592,325	87.3% 518,275	38.7% 229,700
Cropping	81,725	100.0% 81,725	99.9% 81,650	96.8% 79,100	83.3% 68,050	34.2% 27,925	8.9% 7,275
Irrigation	174,775	100.0% 174,725	99.9% 174,600	97.9% 171,050	87.6% 153,050	32.6% 56,925	9.1% 15,925
Production native forests and plantation forests	787,900	100.0% 787,875	100.0% 787,875	100.0% 787,700	99.4% 783,175	76.3% 600,775	28.9% 227,525

