Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Mackay Whitsunday QLD

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 Jul 2004

Land use and forest cover

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments -Non-forest 2 Conservation and natural environments -Woodland forest 3 Conservation and natural environments -Non-Woodland forest 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 12 Production native forests and plantation forests 13 Other uses

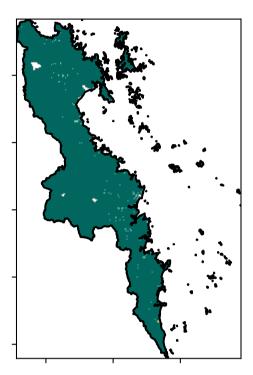
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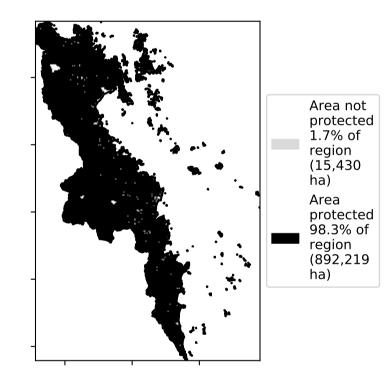
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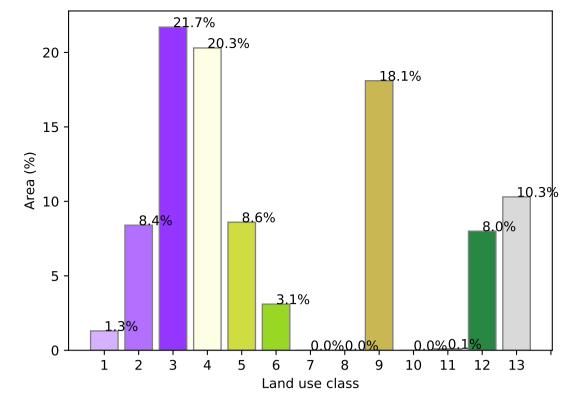
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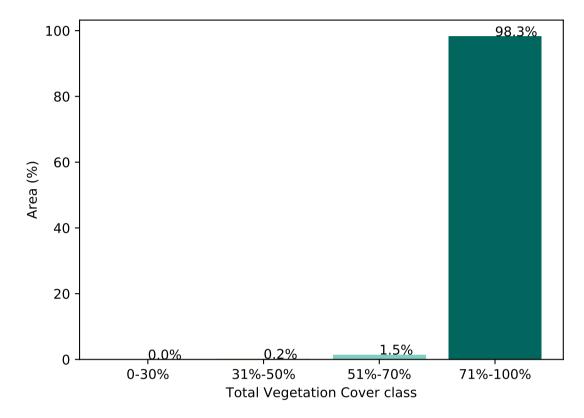


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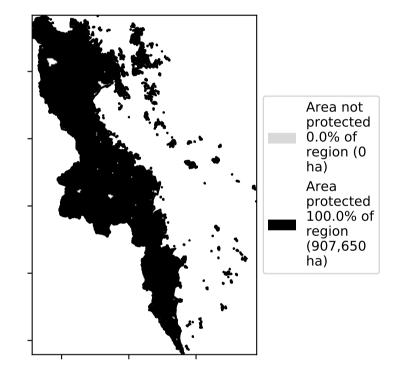




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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

Catchment Scale

of Australia (2018)

(2018) and Forests

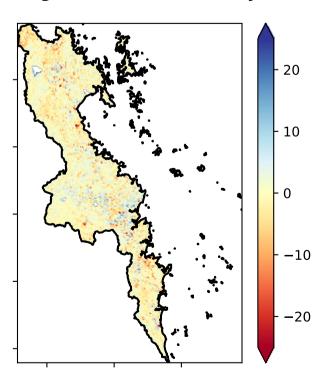
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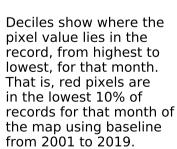
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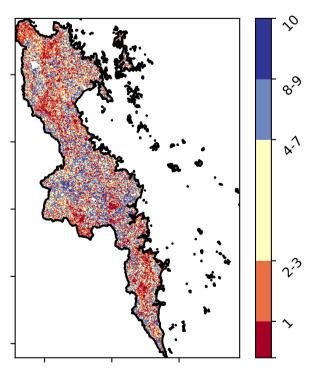
Land Use and Forests

Catchment Scale Land

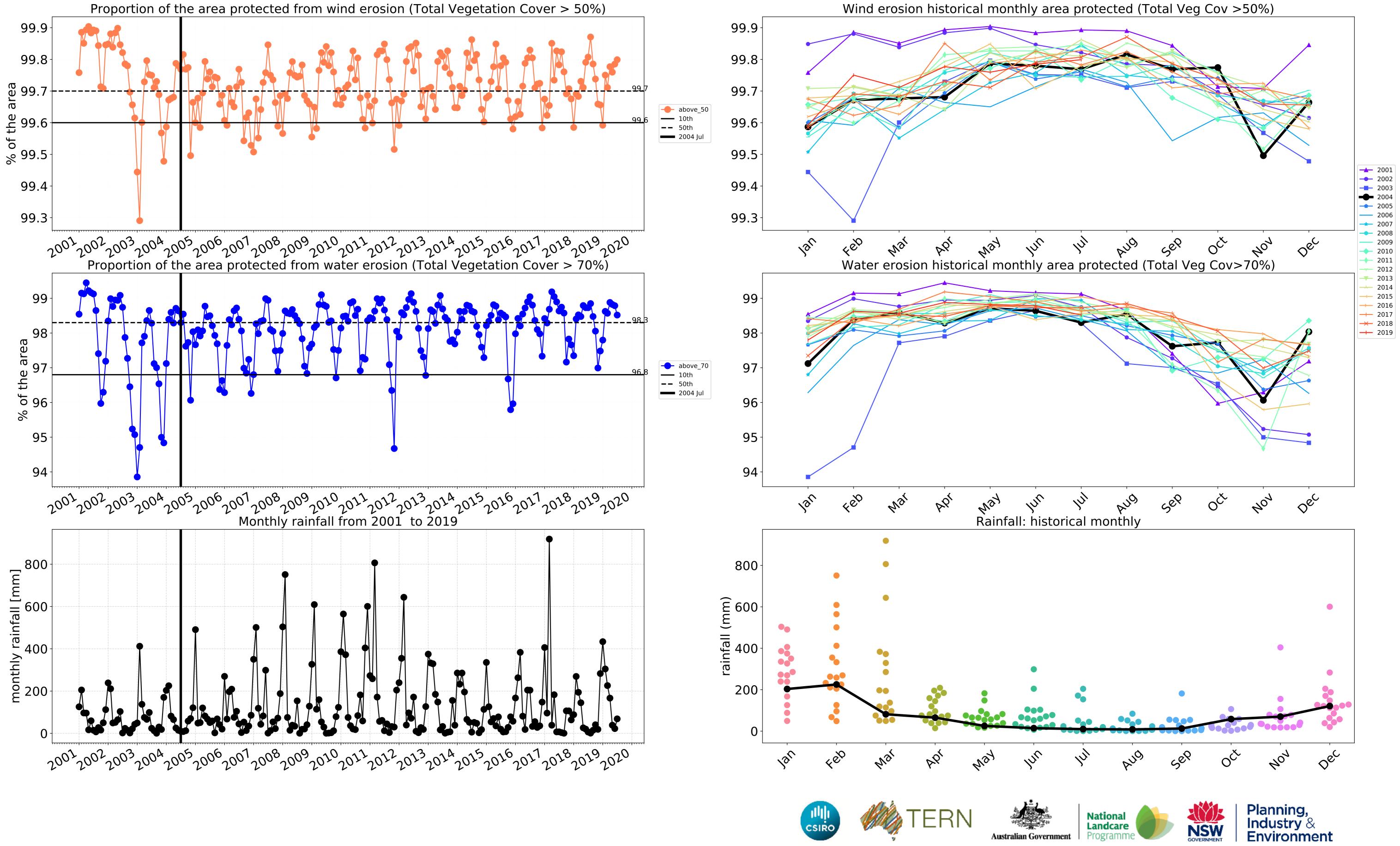


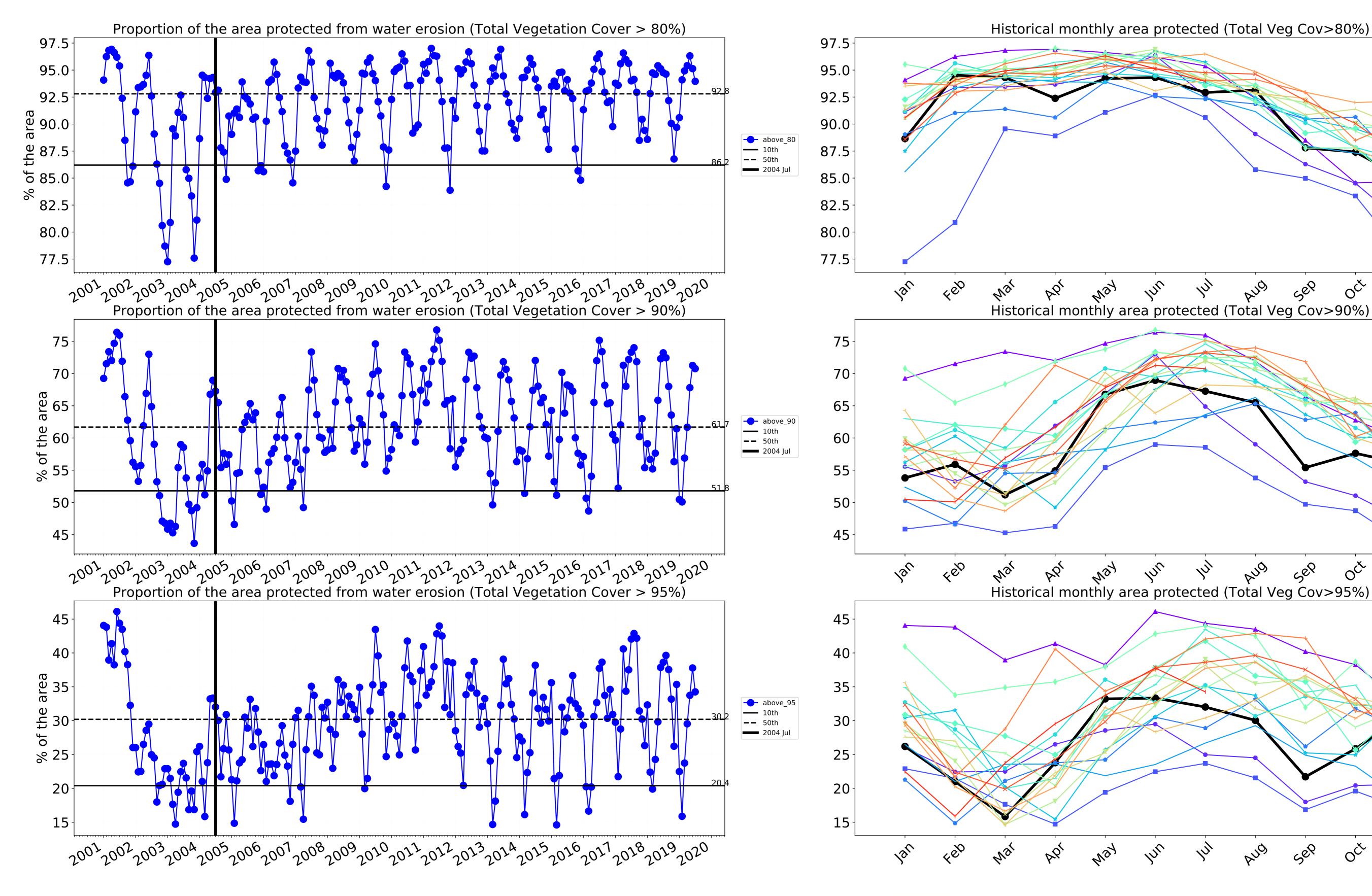


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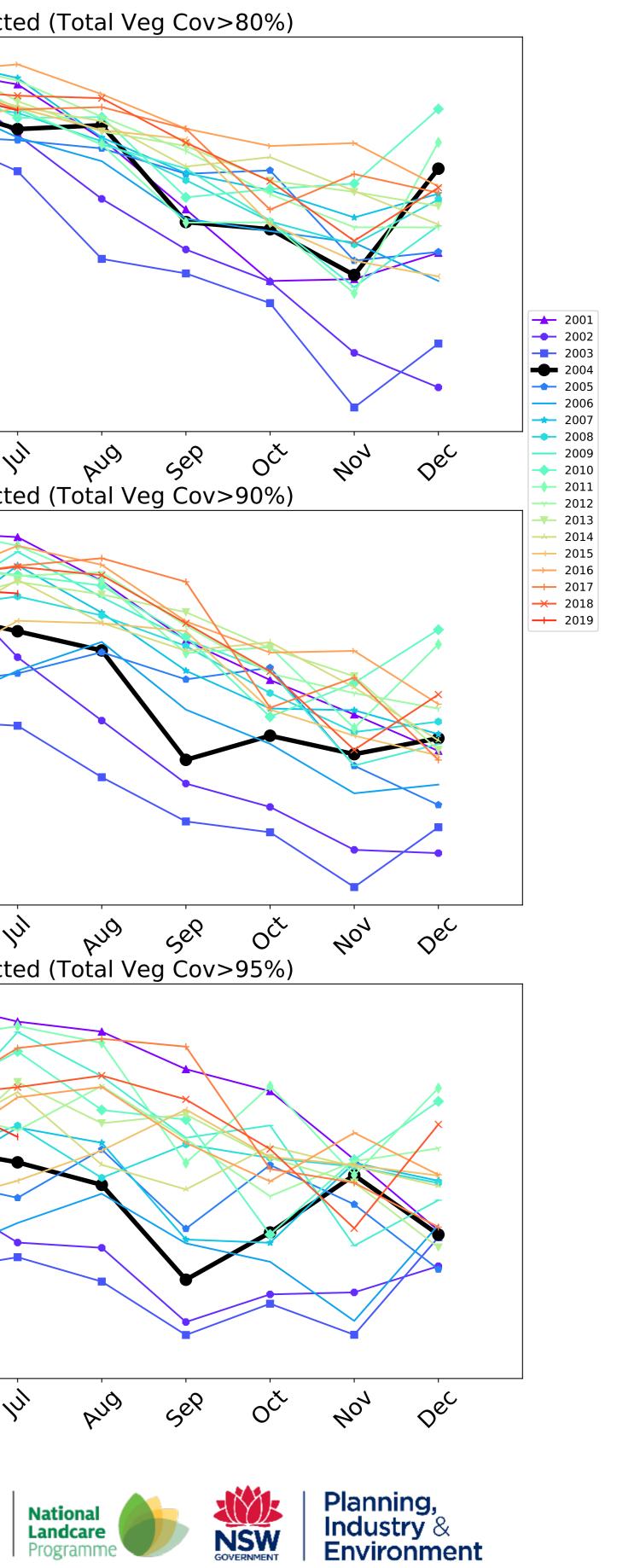












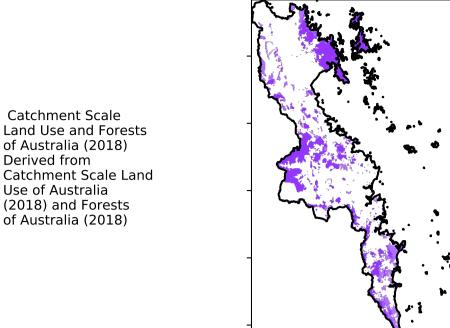
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forest

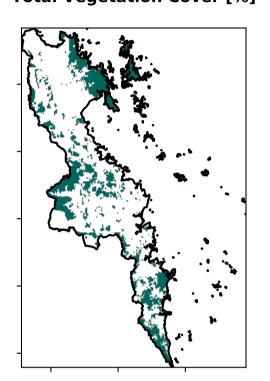
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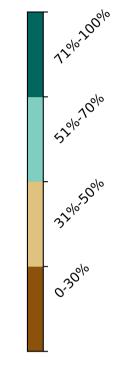
Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



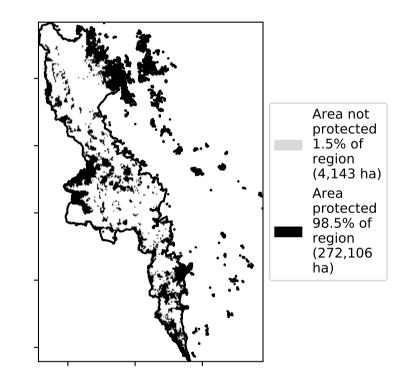


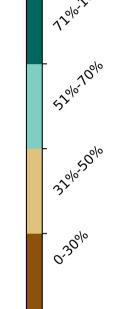
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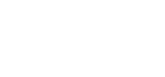
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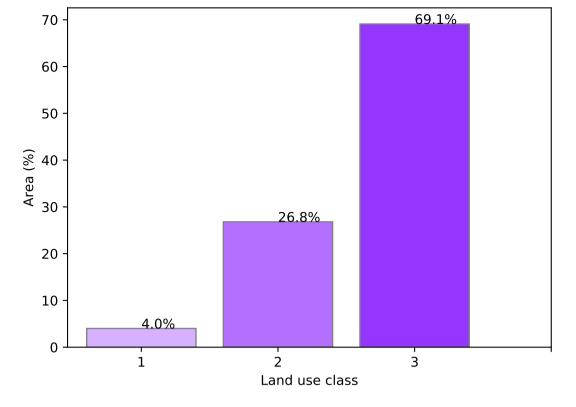
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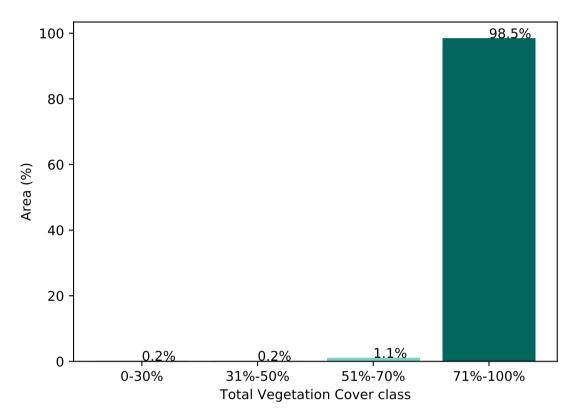




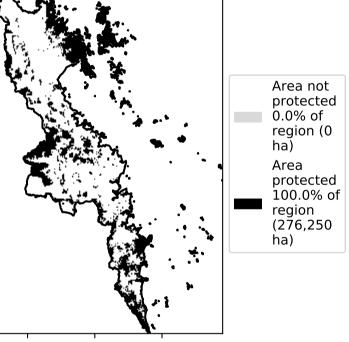




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

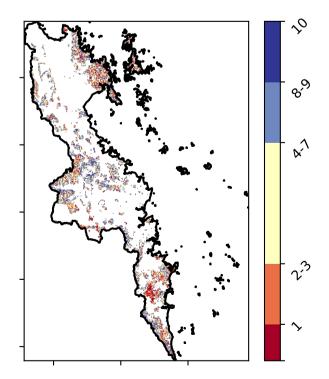


Catchment Scale

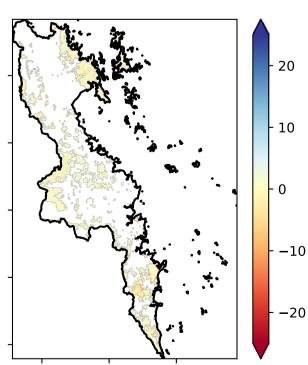
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

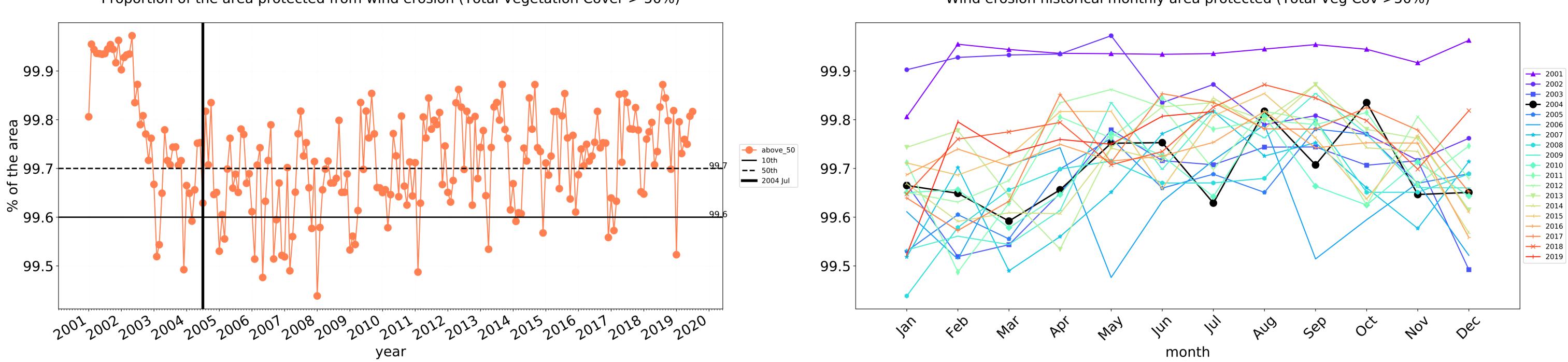


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



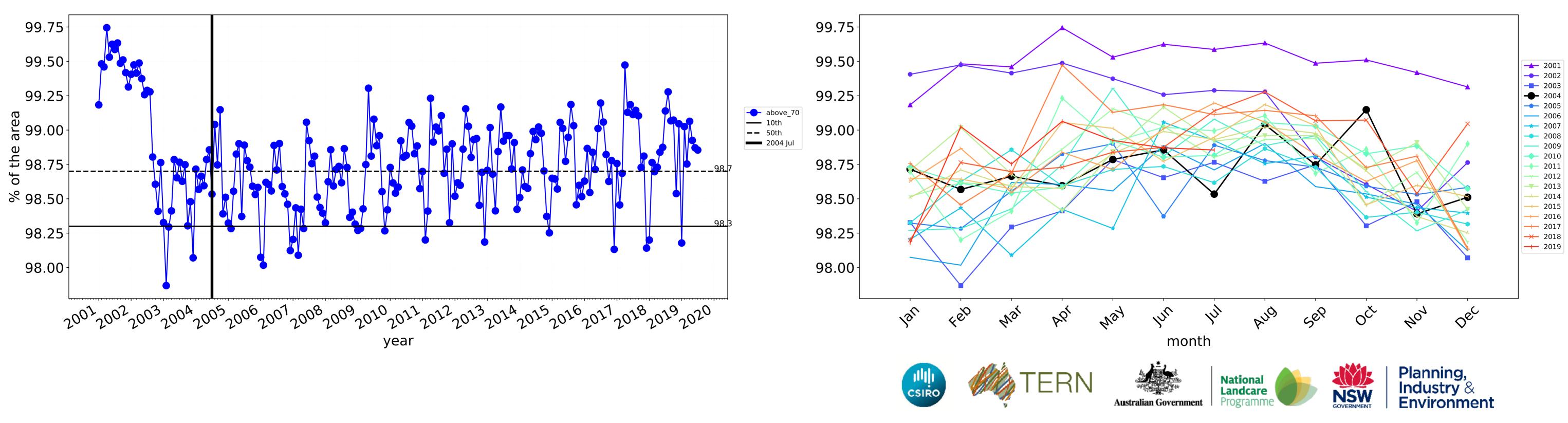
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

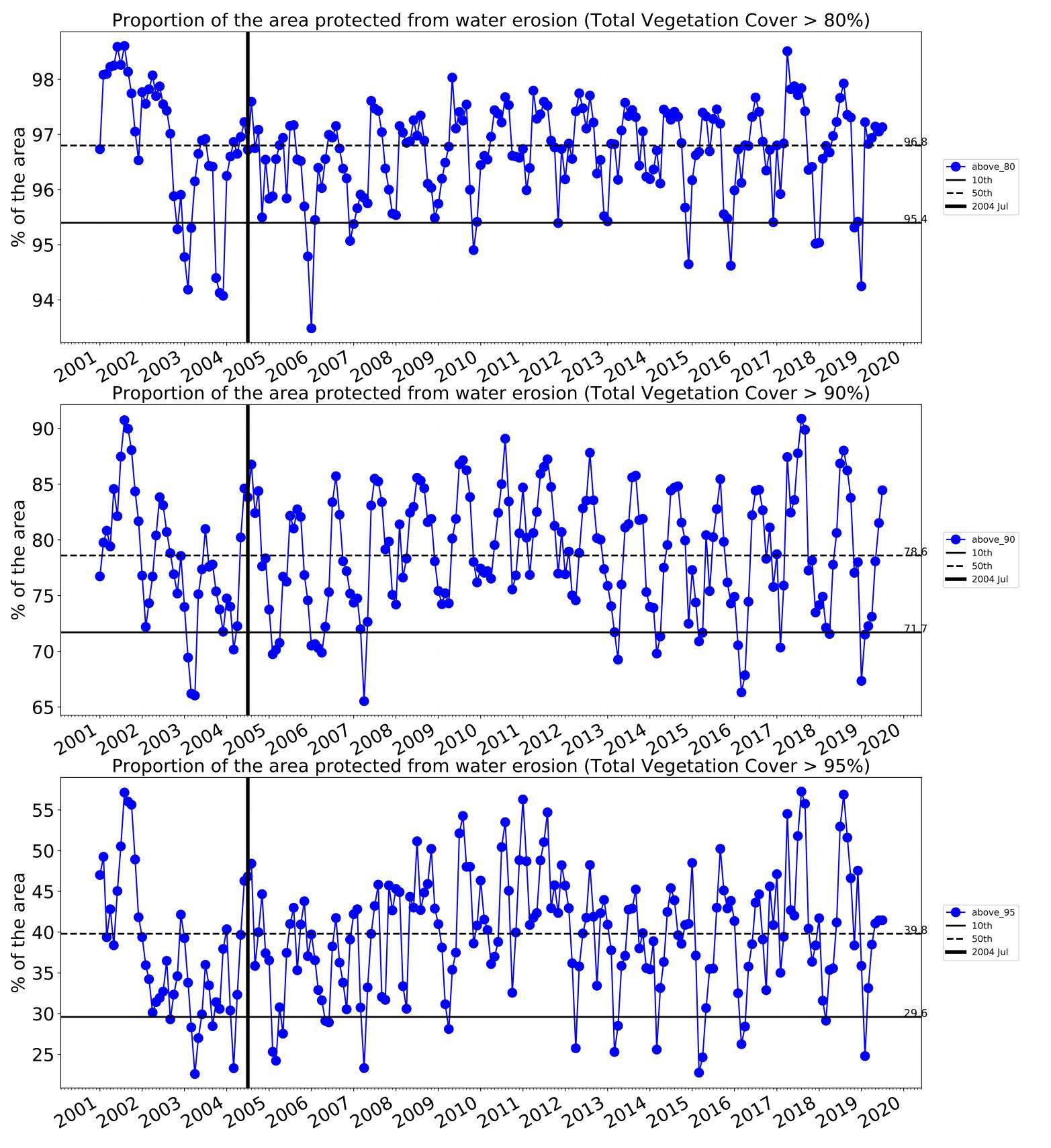


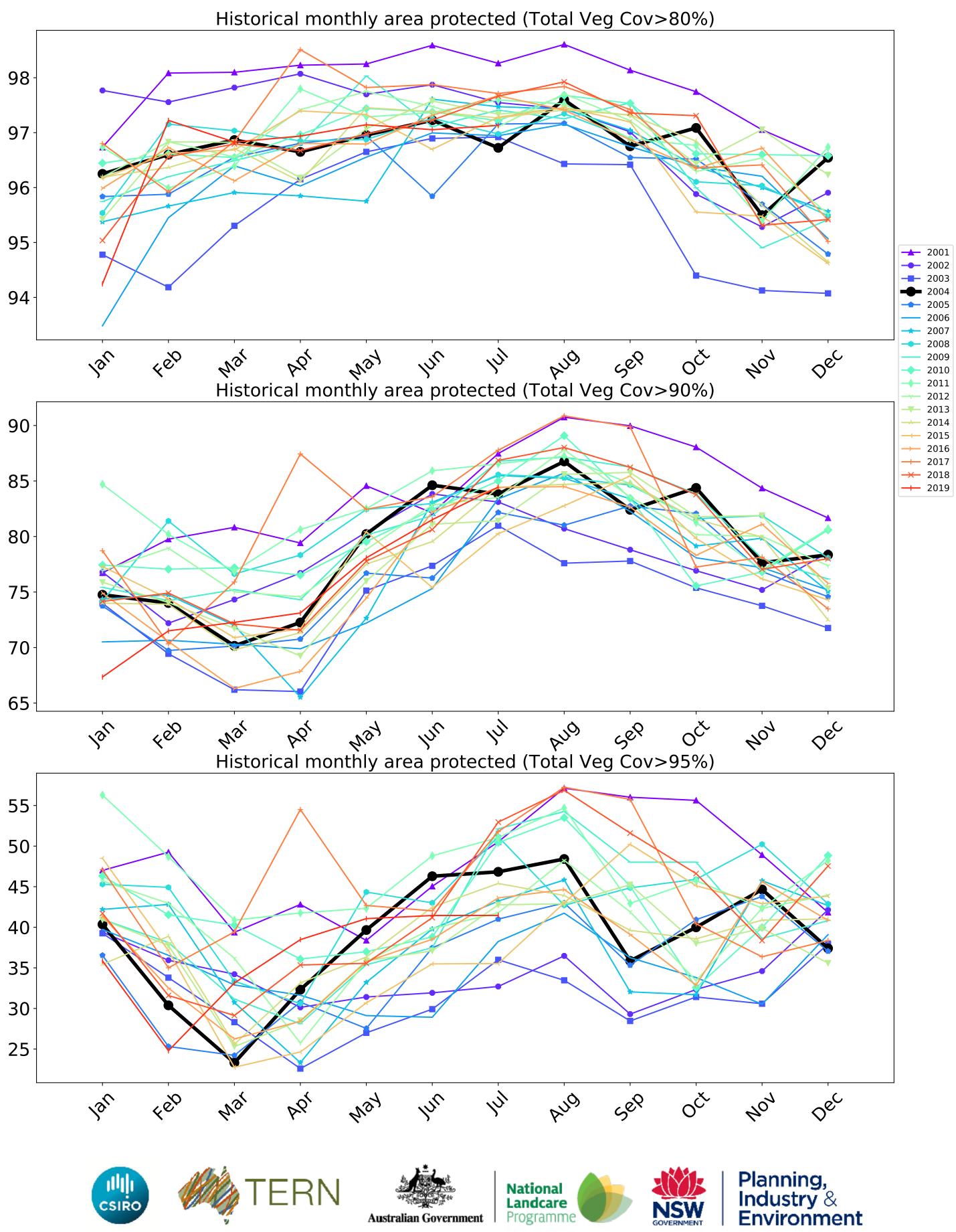
Conservation and natural environments timeseries

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

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

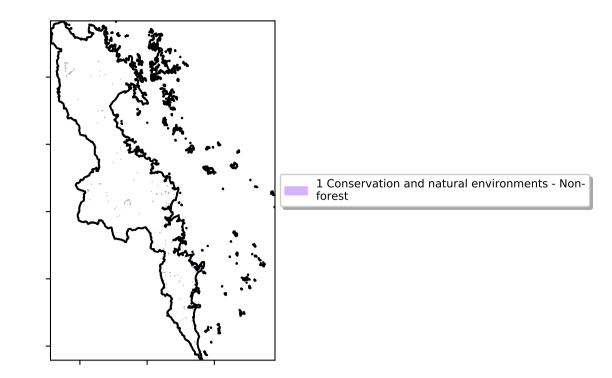




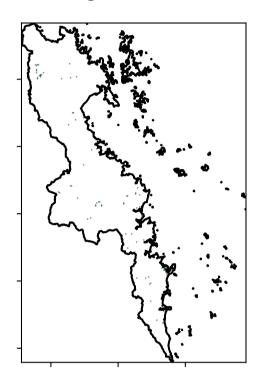


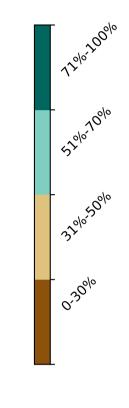
Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

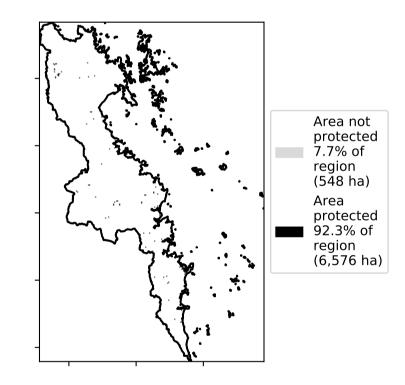


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

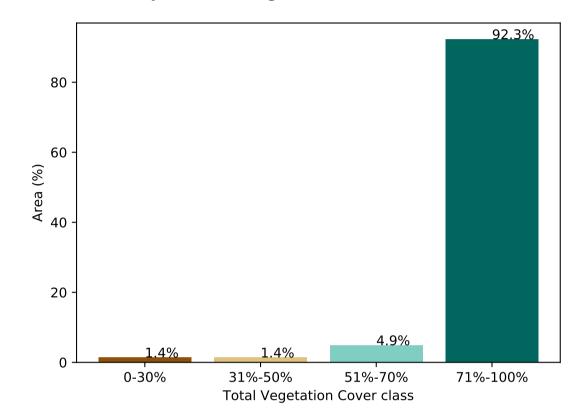




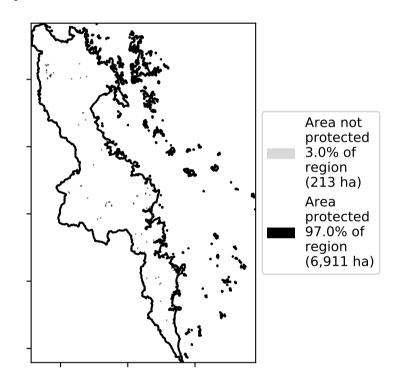
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





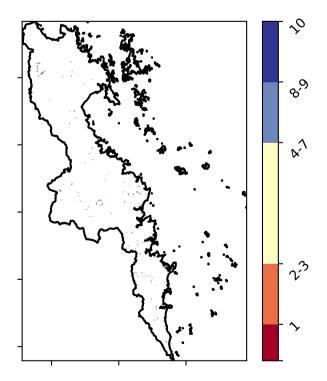


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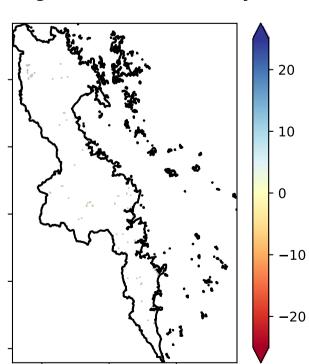


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

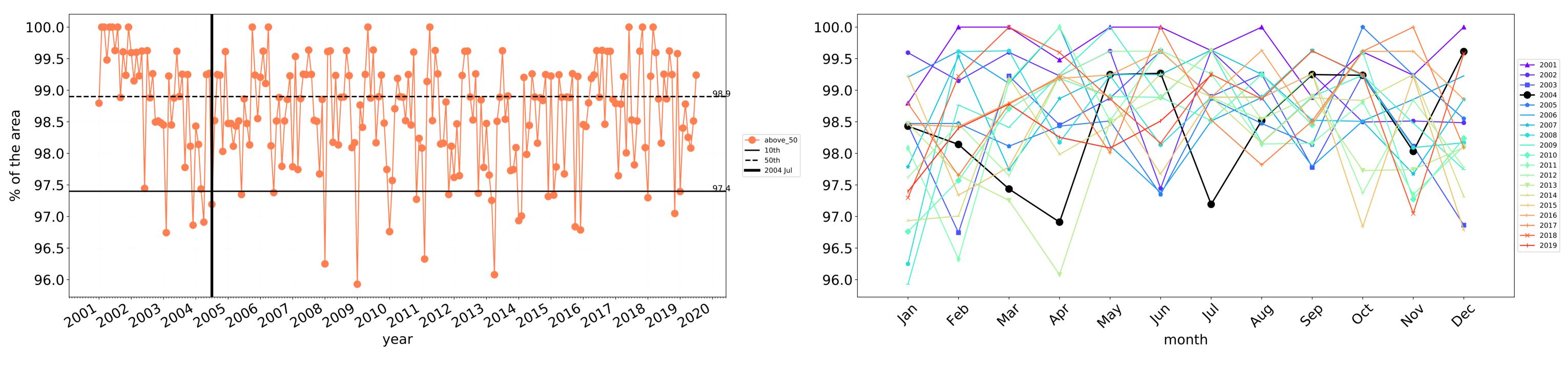


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

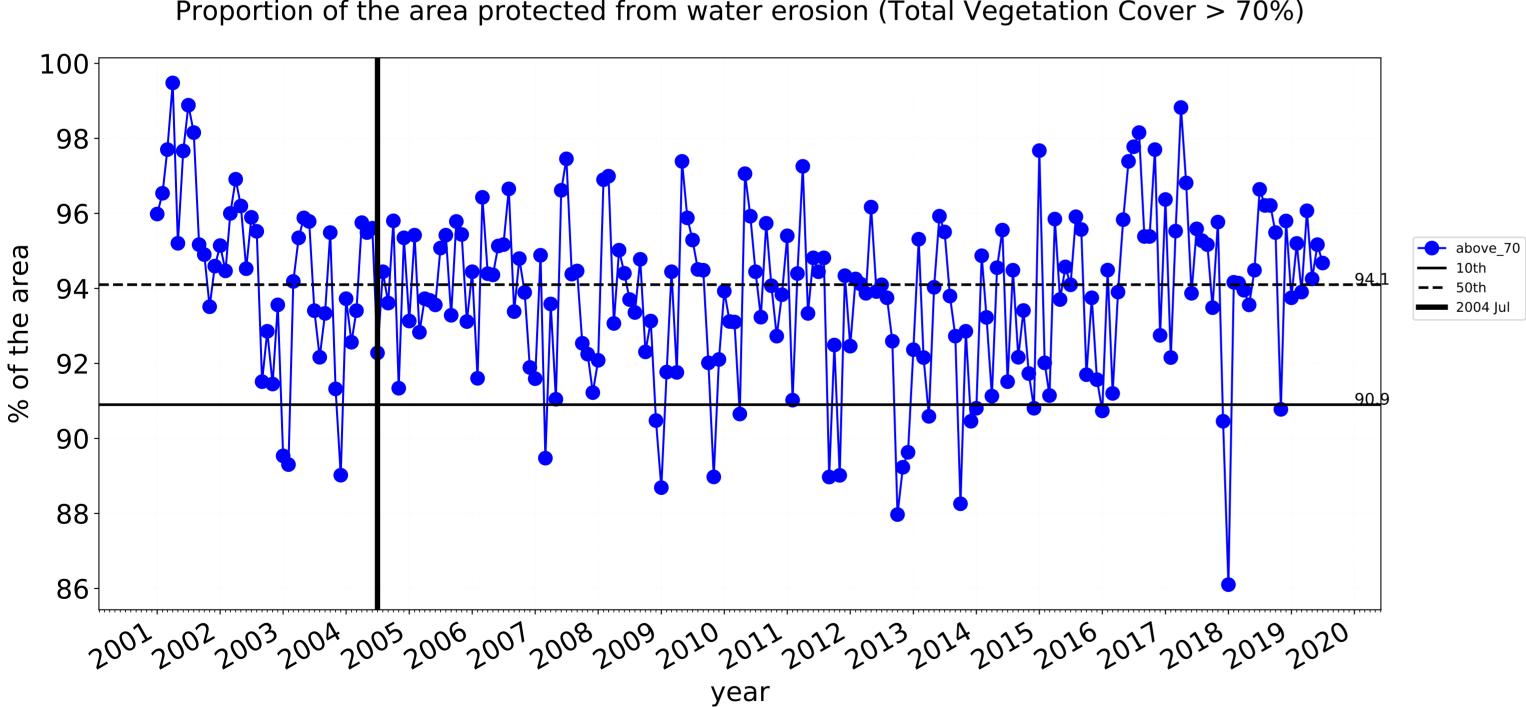


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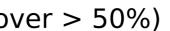




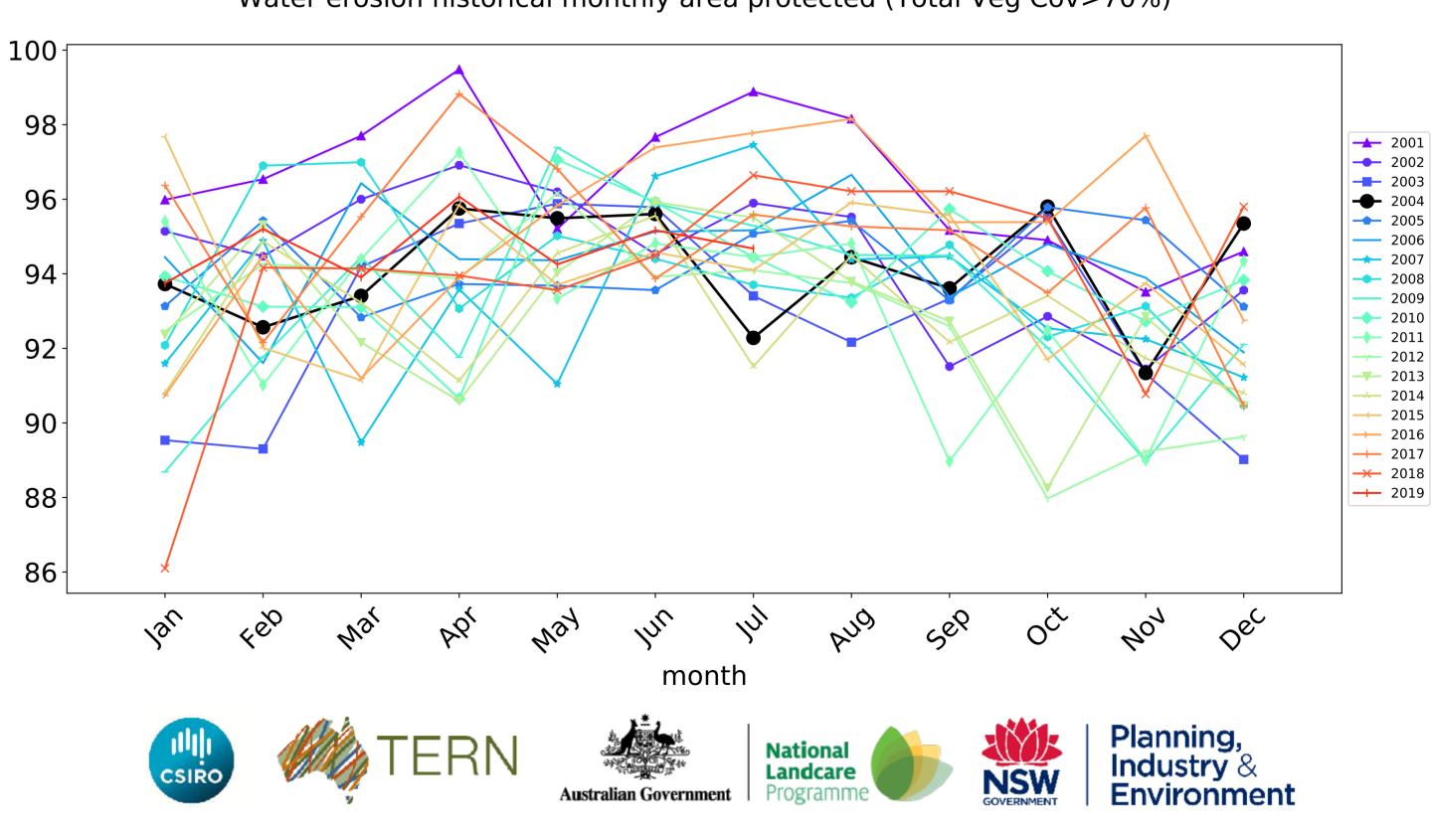
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



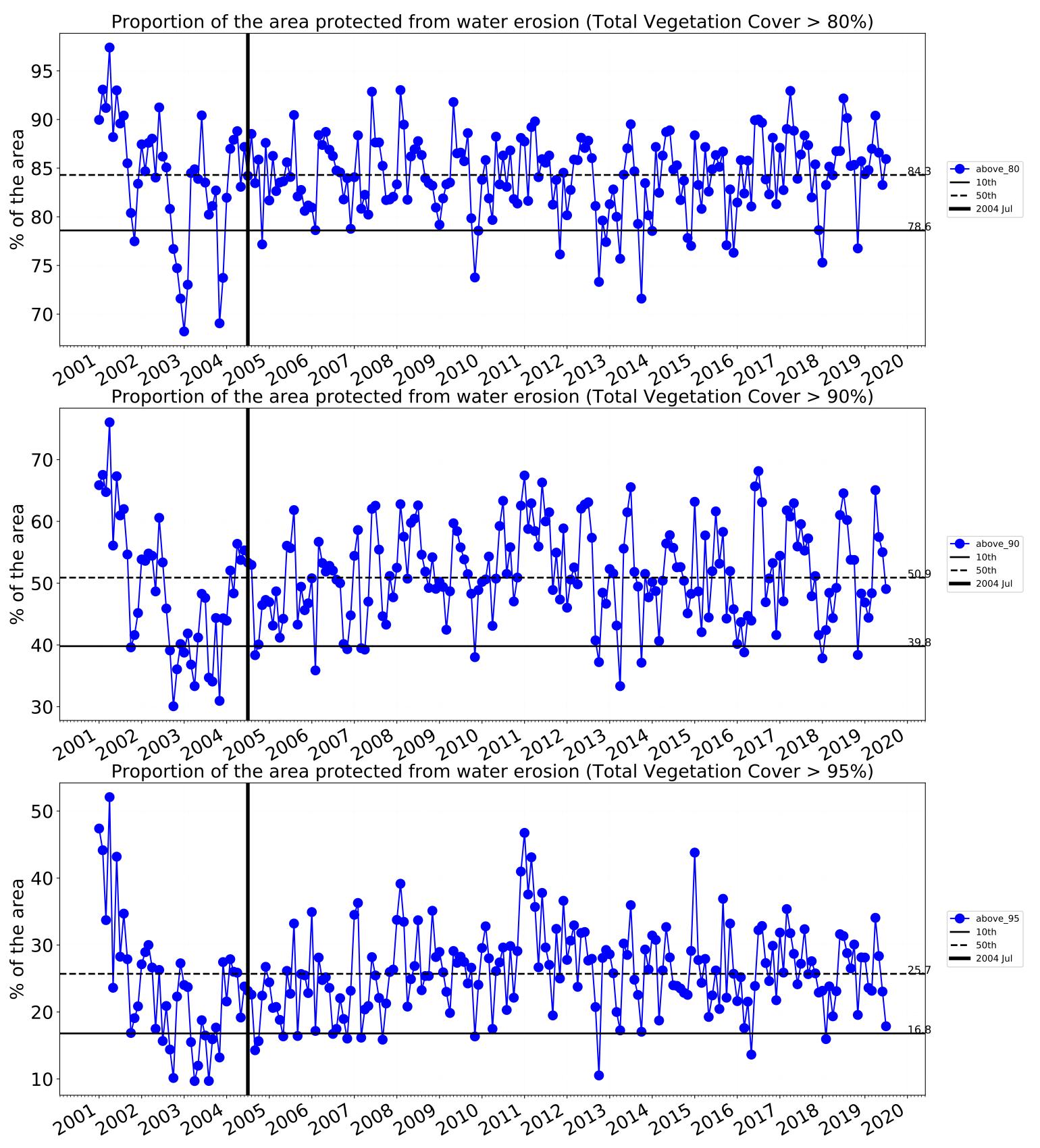
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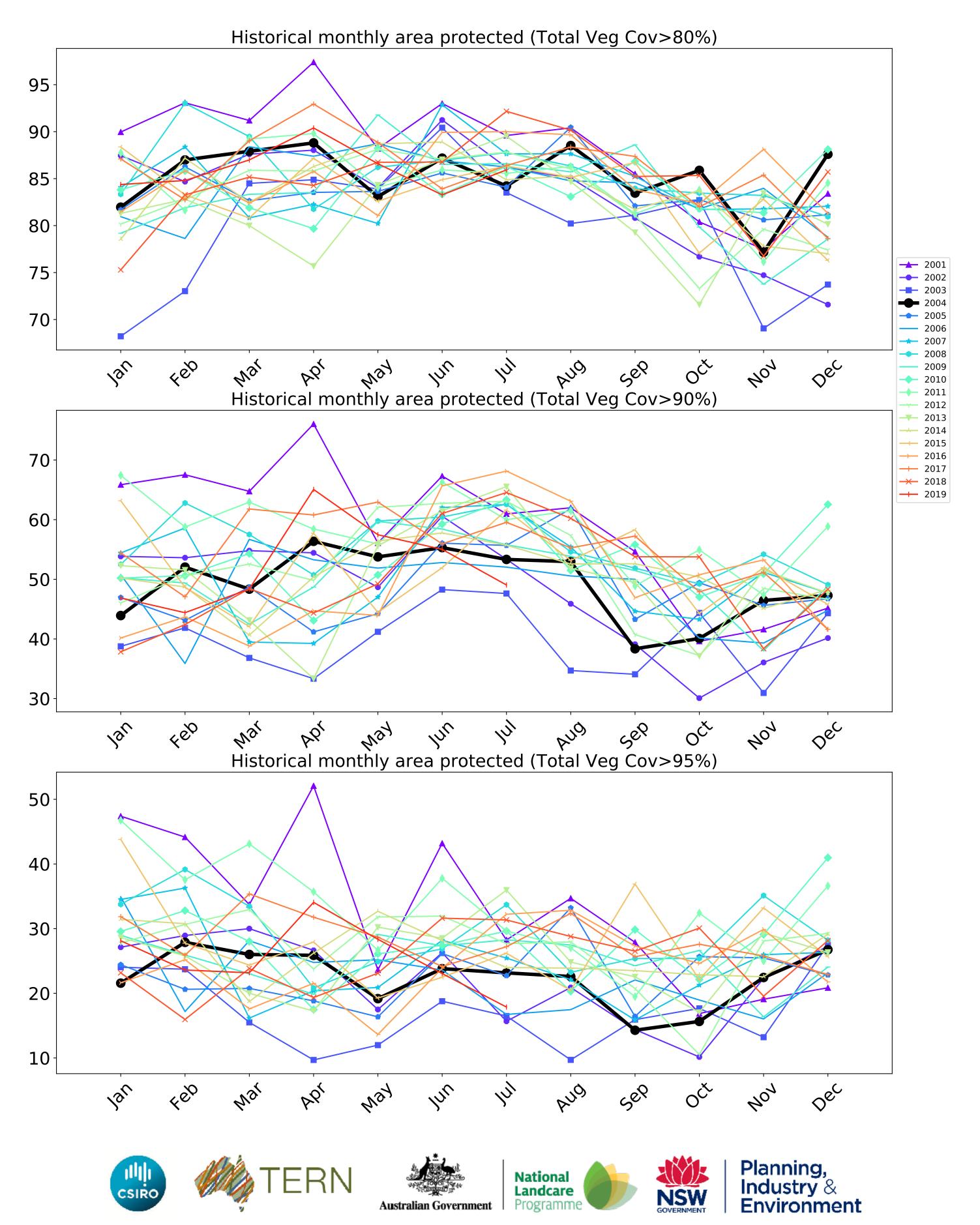


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



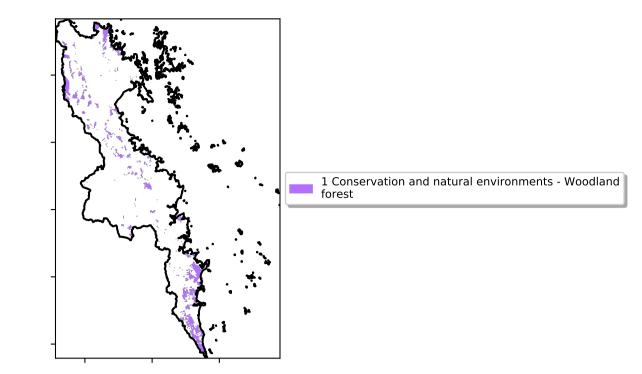
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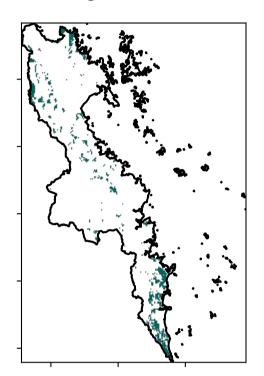


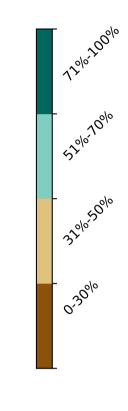
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

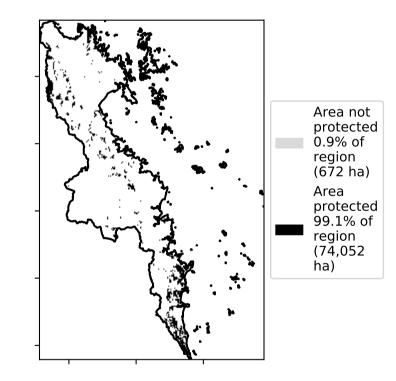


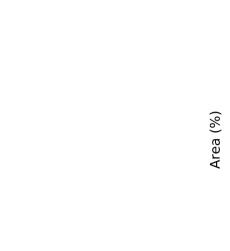
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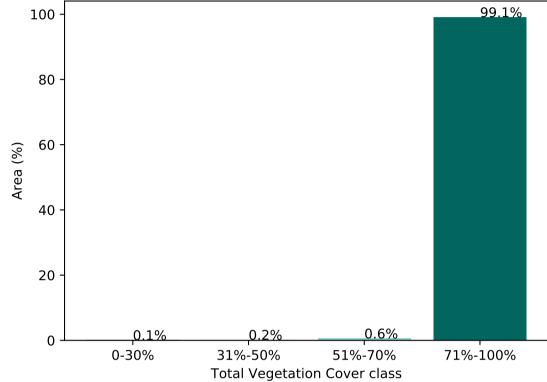


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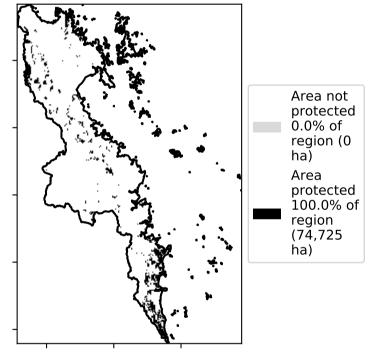




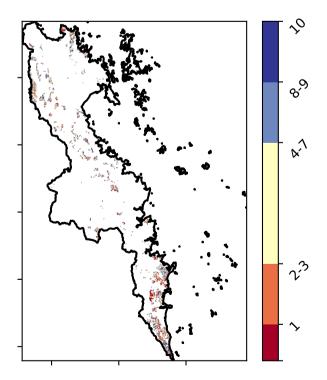
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



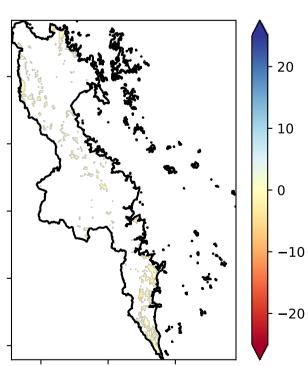
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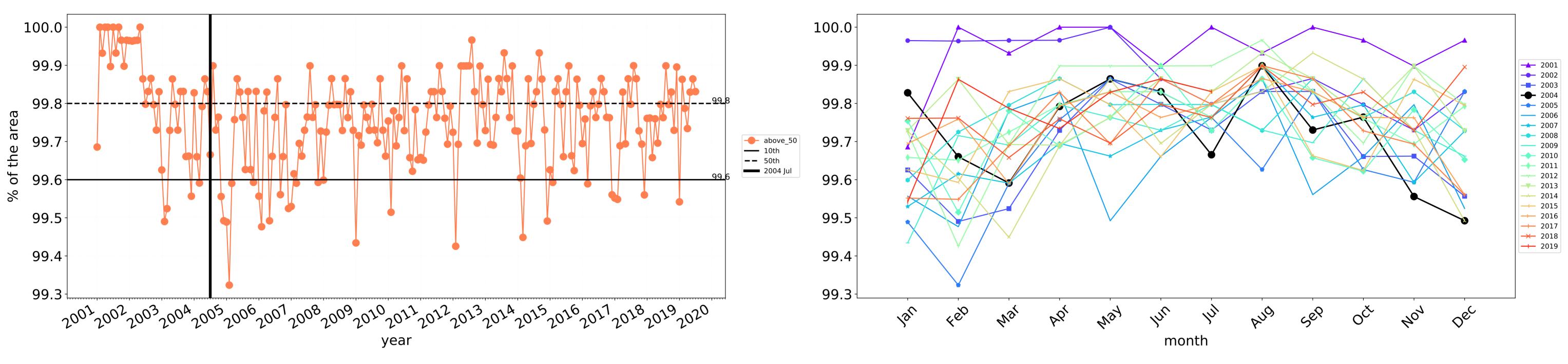
Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land



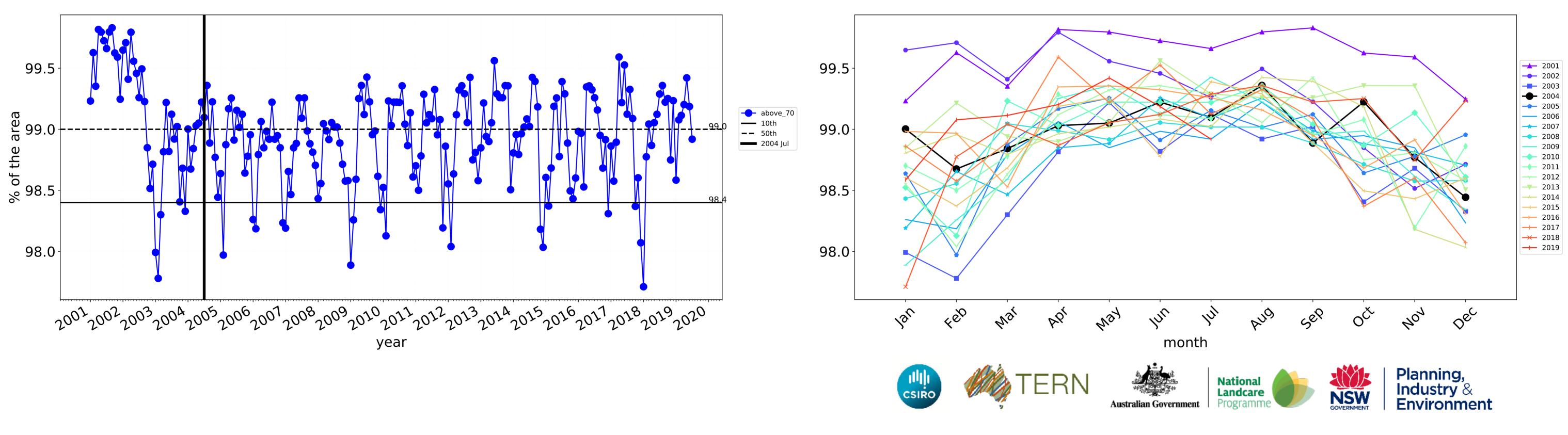
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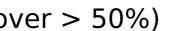




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

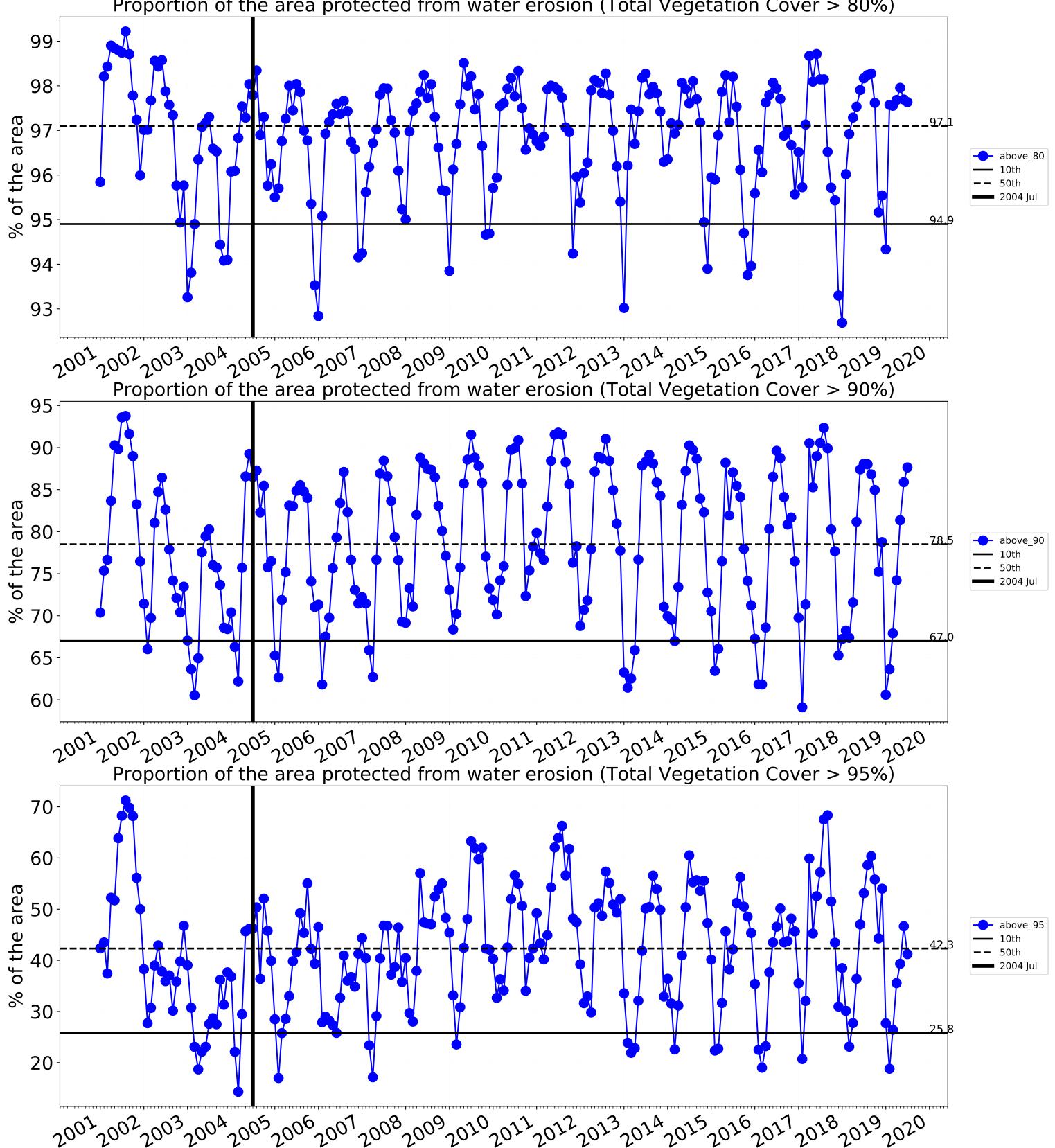
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



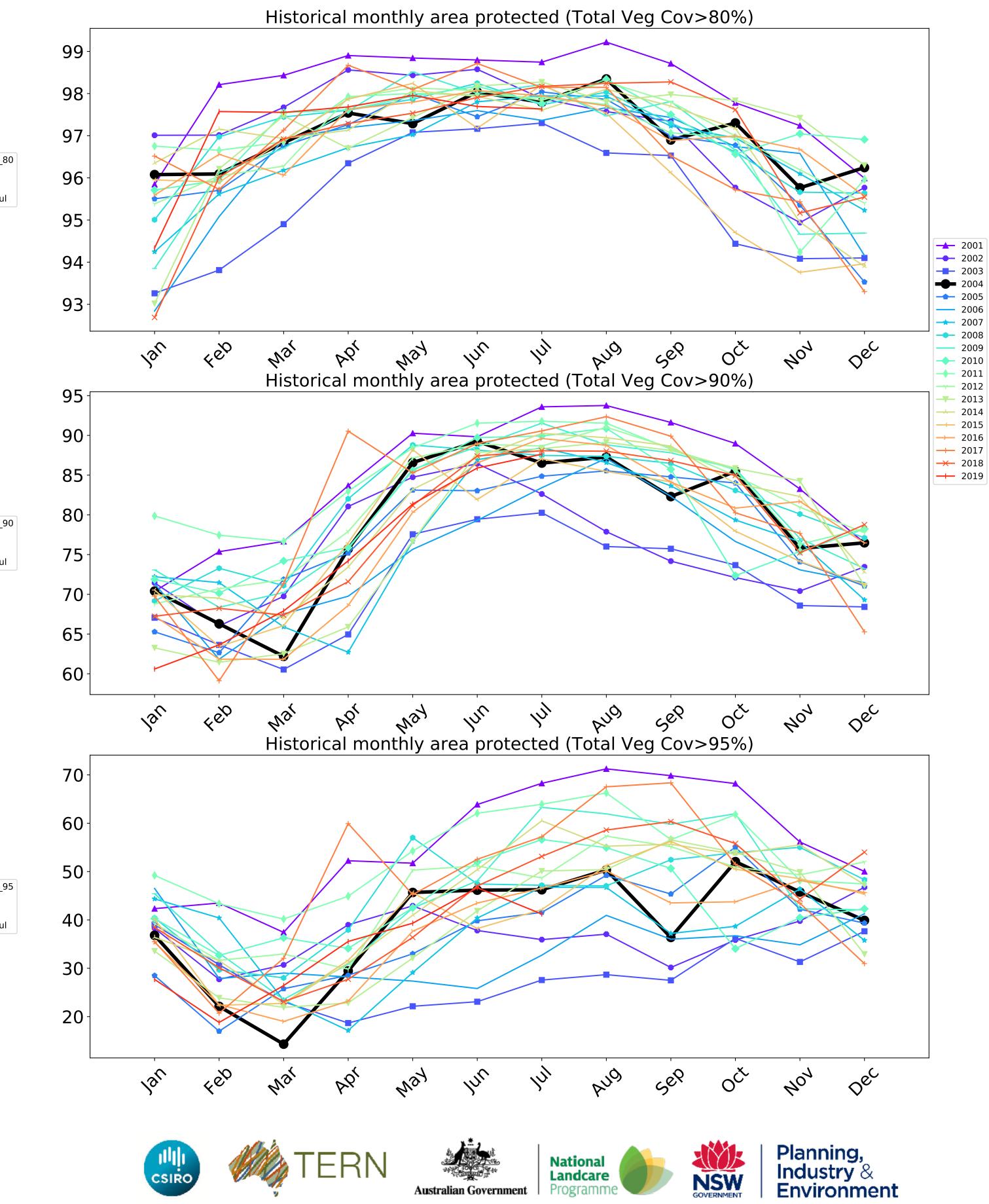


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

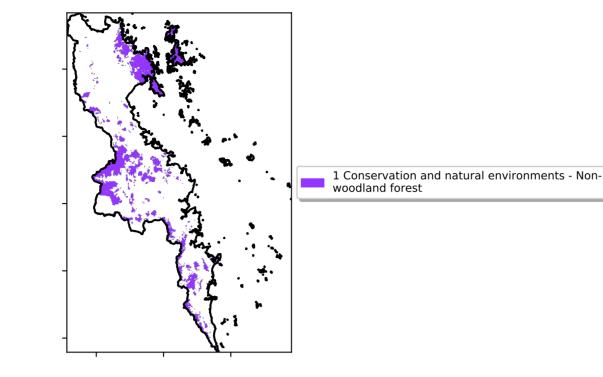


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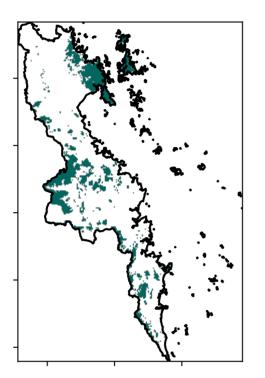


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

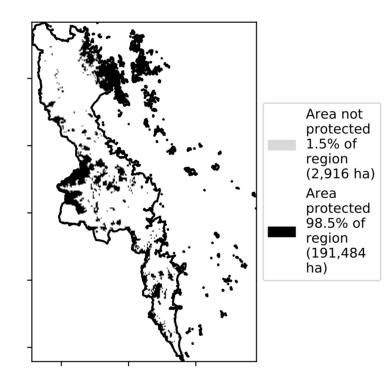
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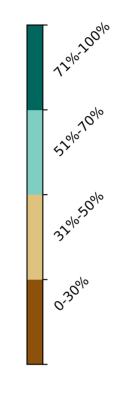


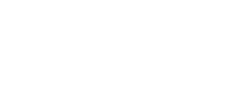
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



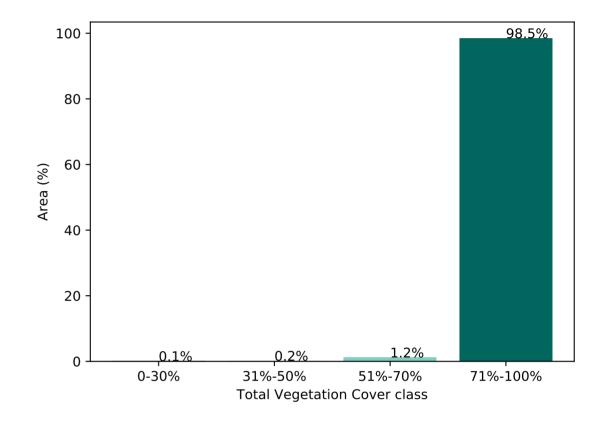
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)







Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



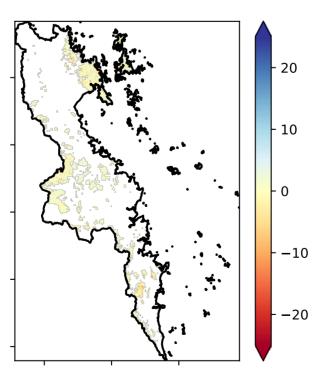
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Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

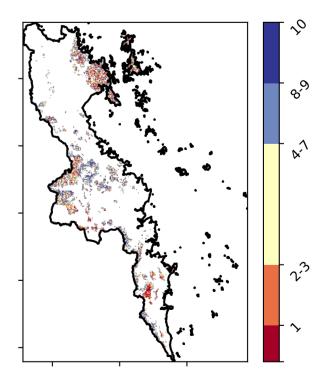
Catchment Scale Land



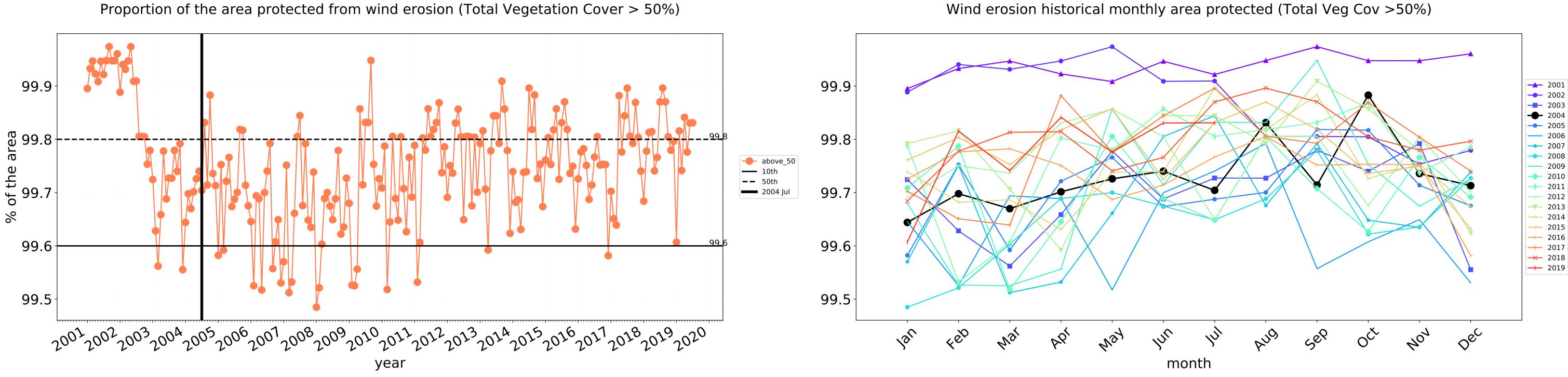
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

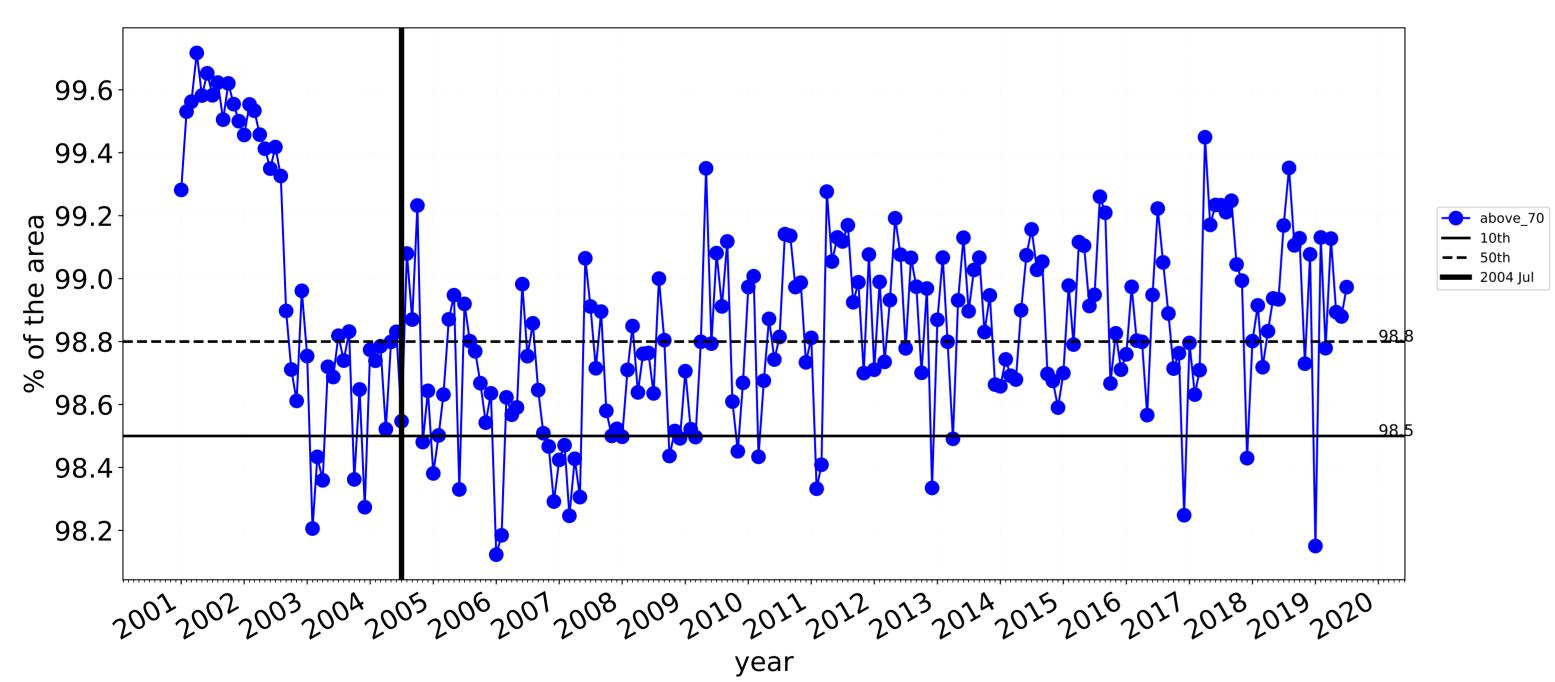
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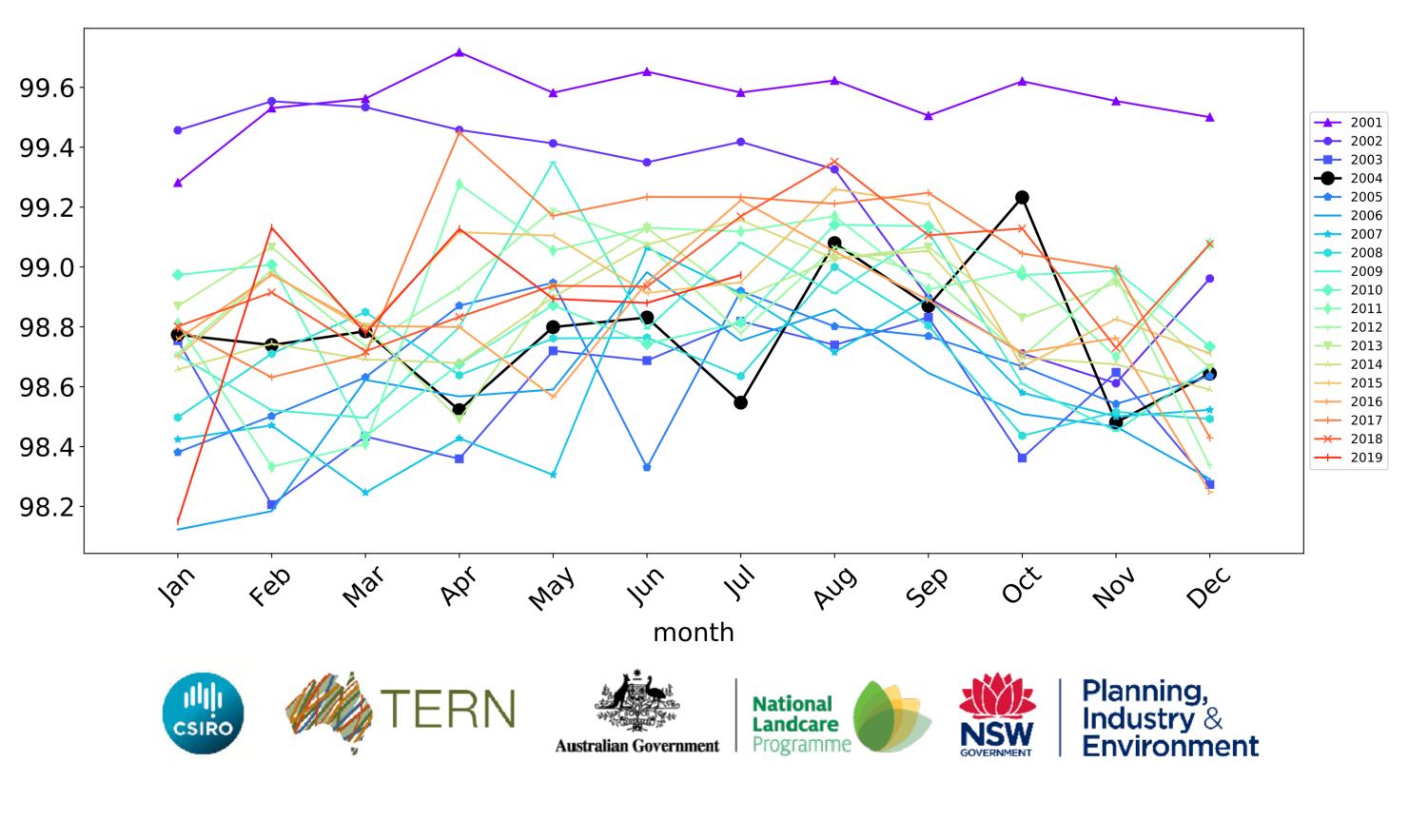




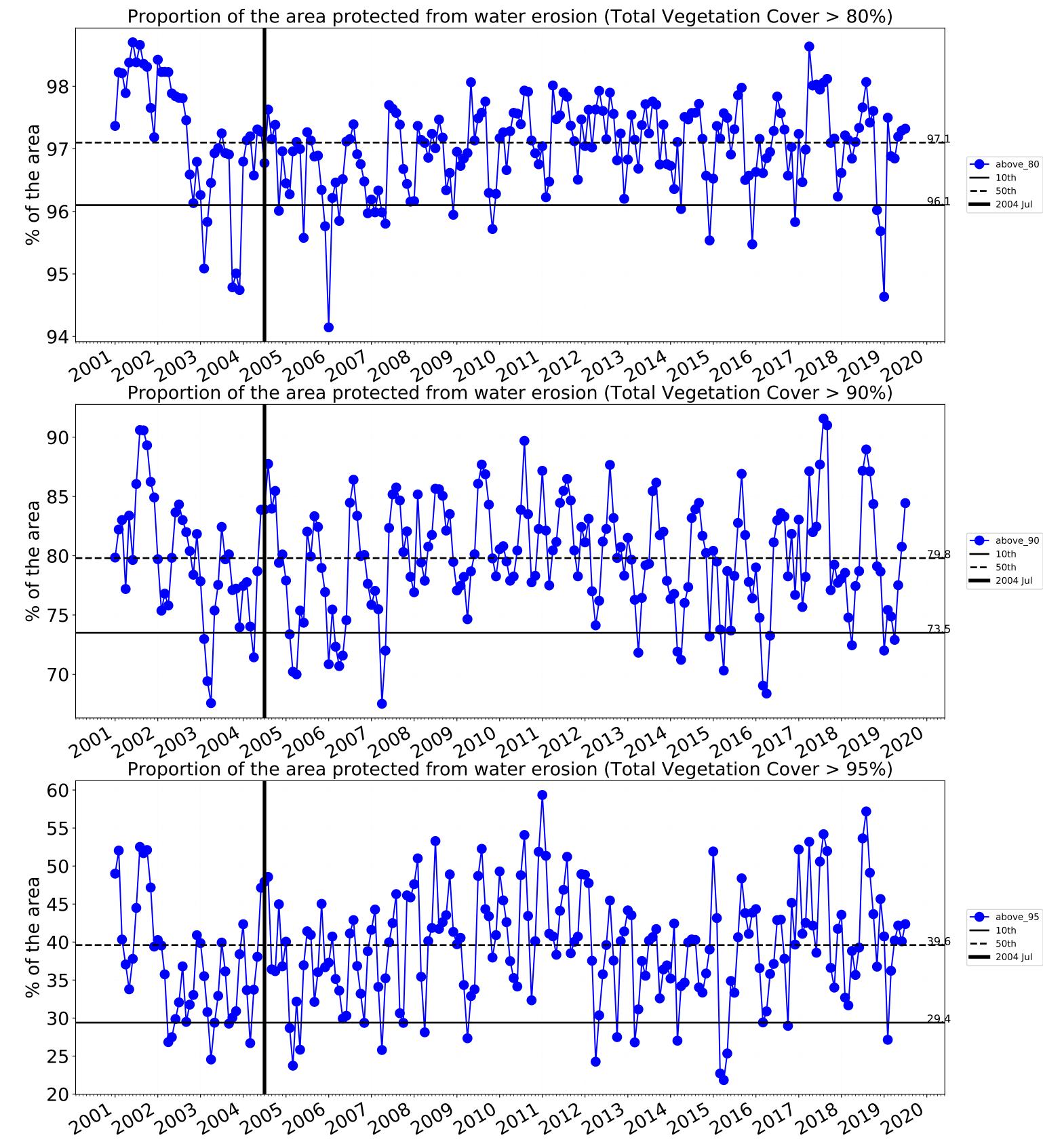


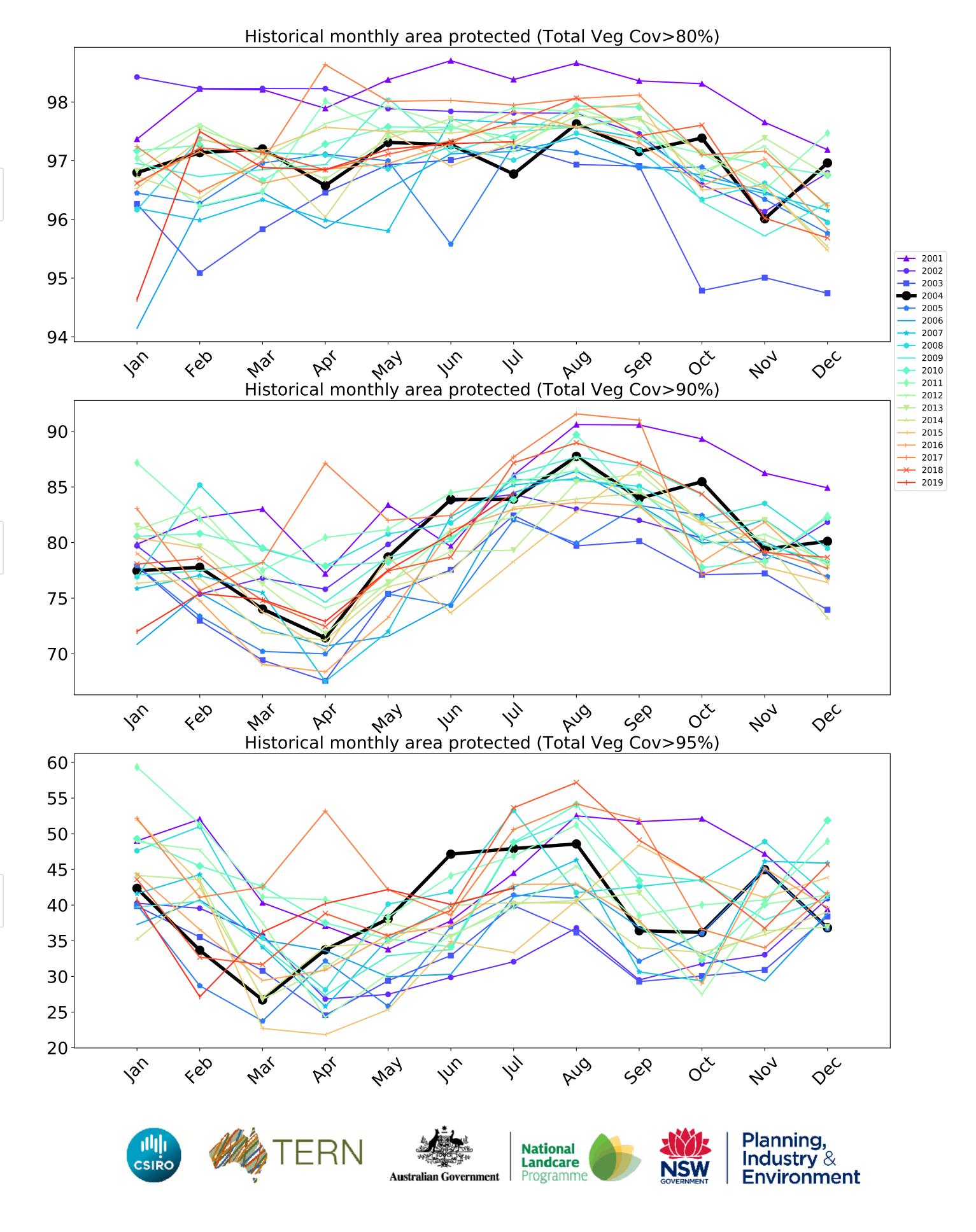
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





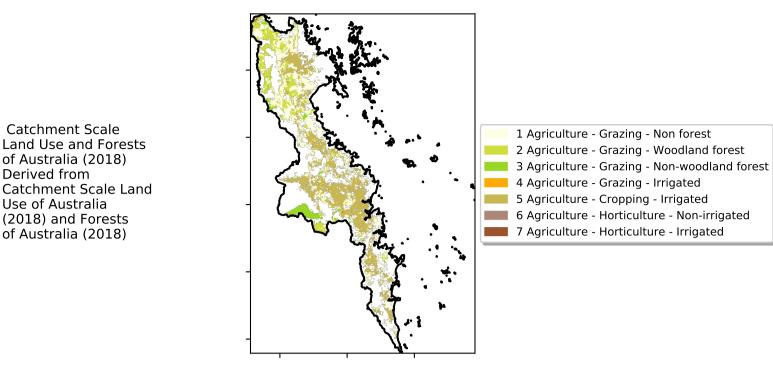
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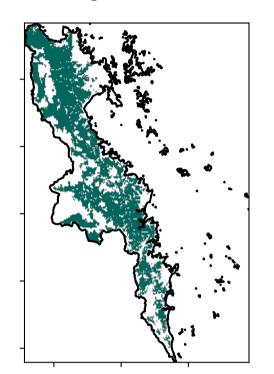


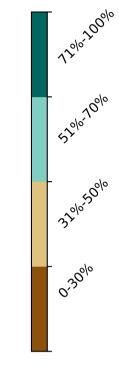
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

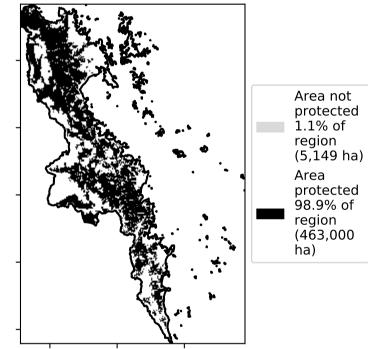


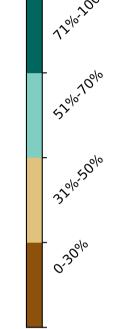
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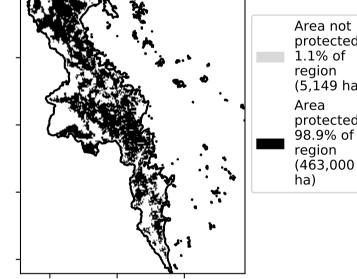




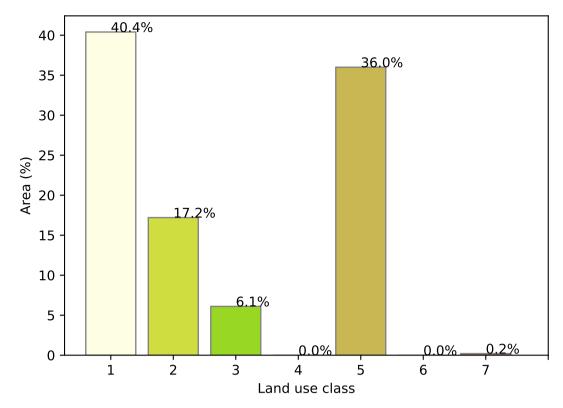
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



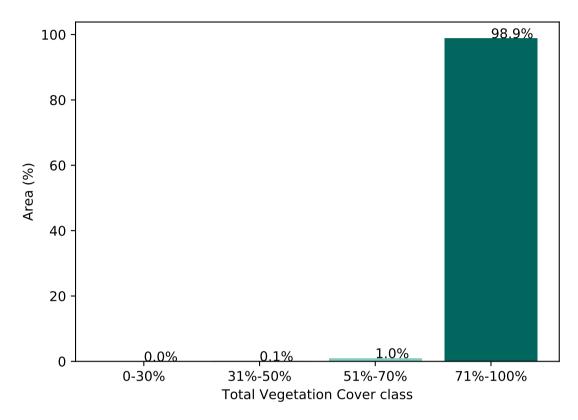




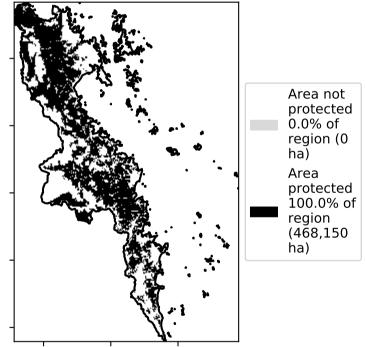




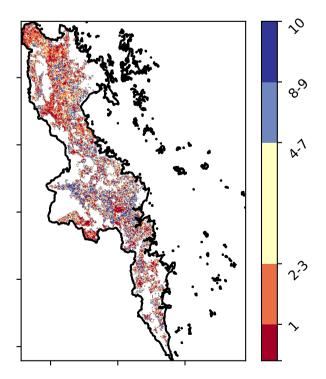
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Catchment Scale

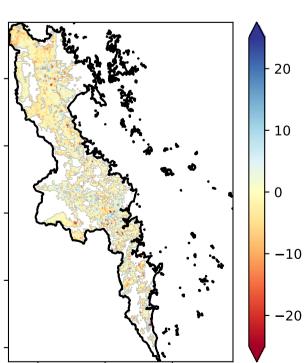
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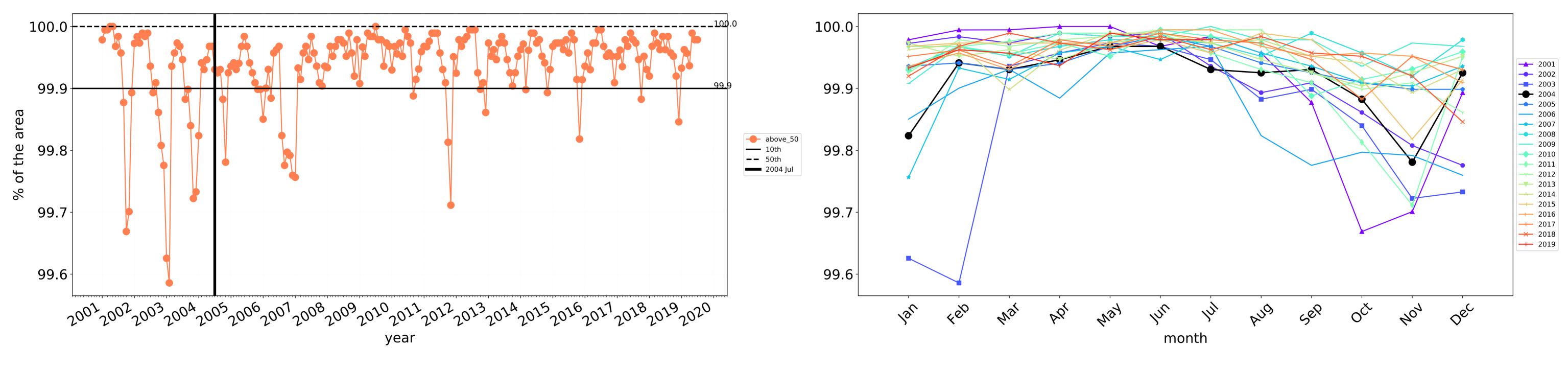
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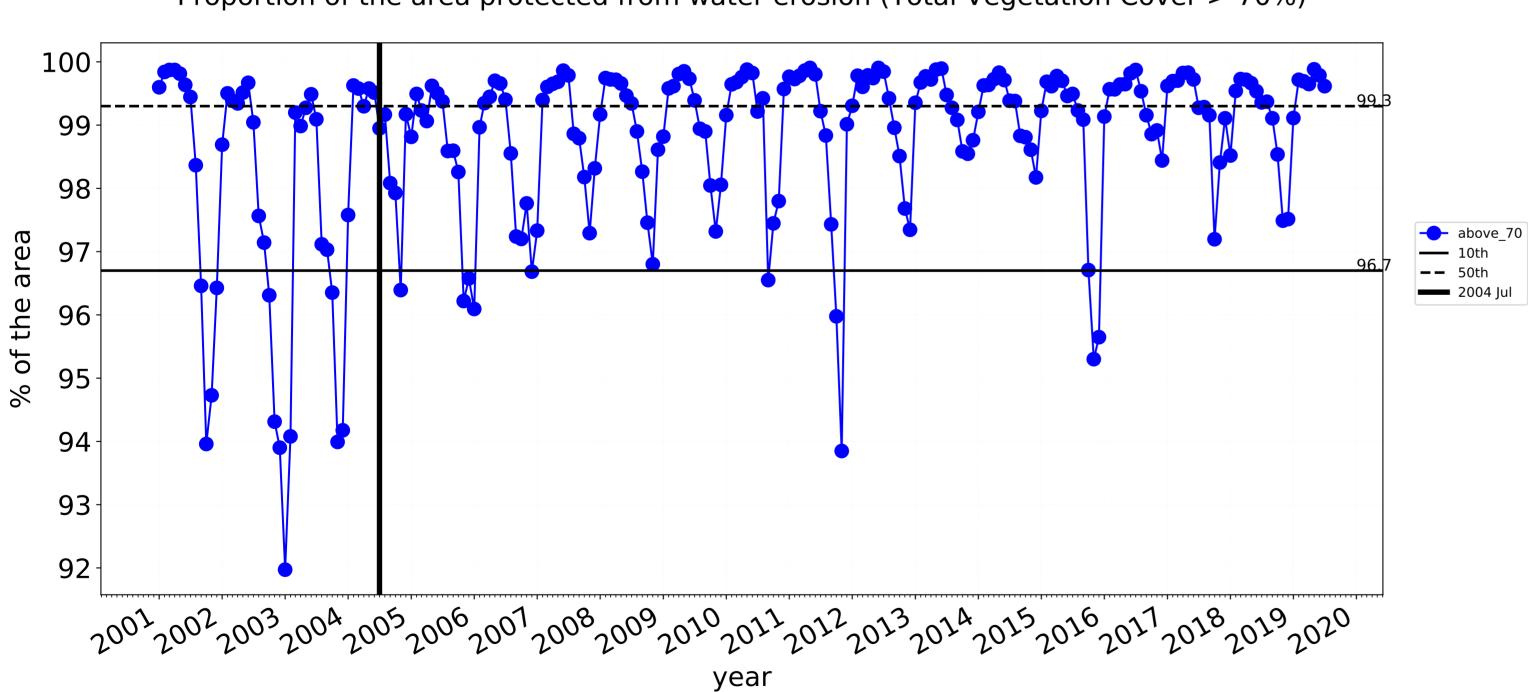


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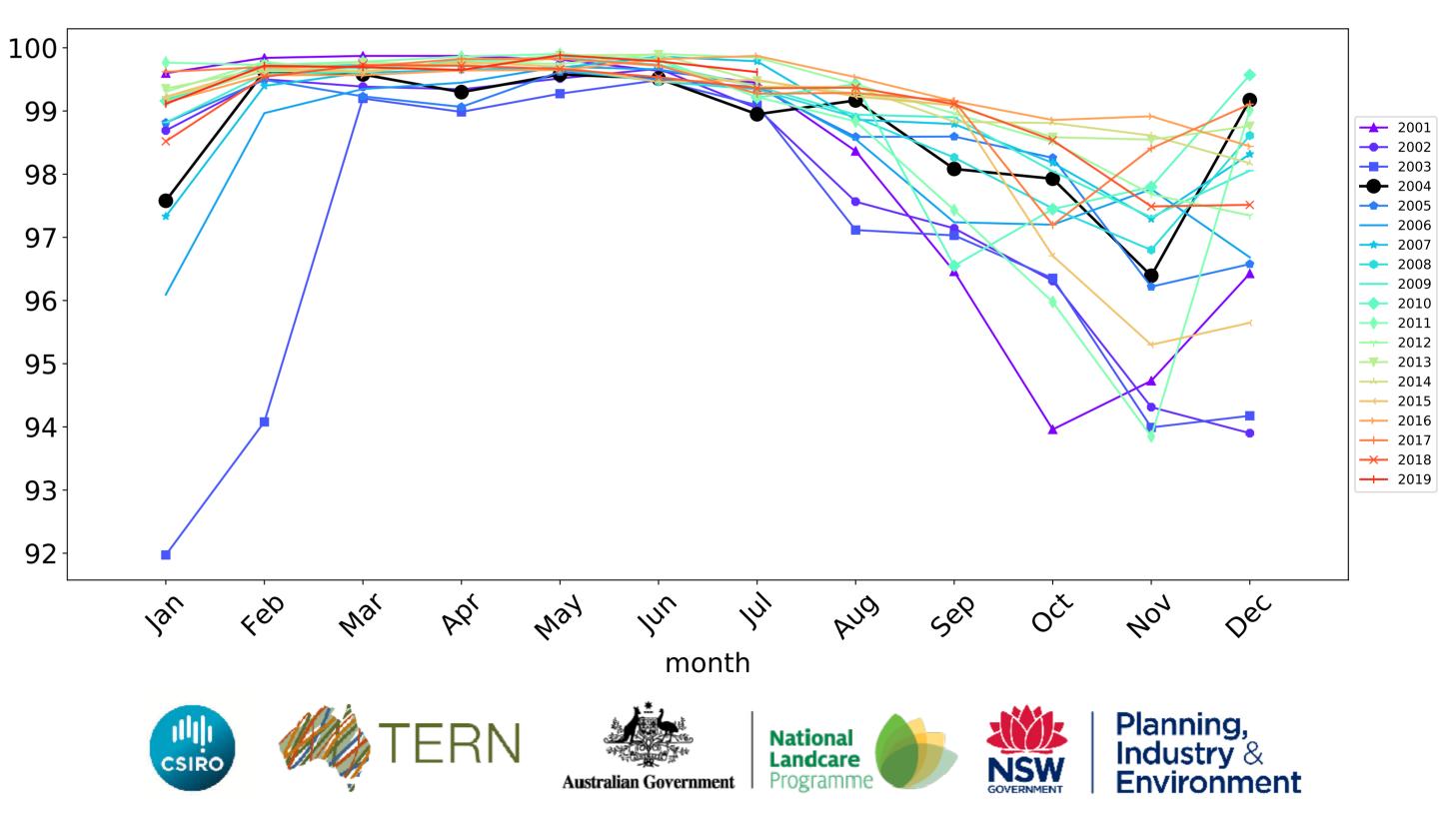
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

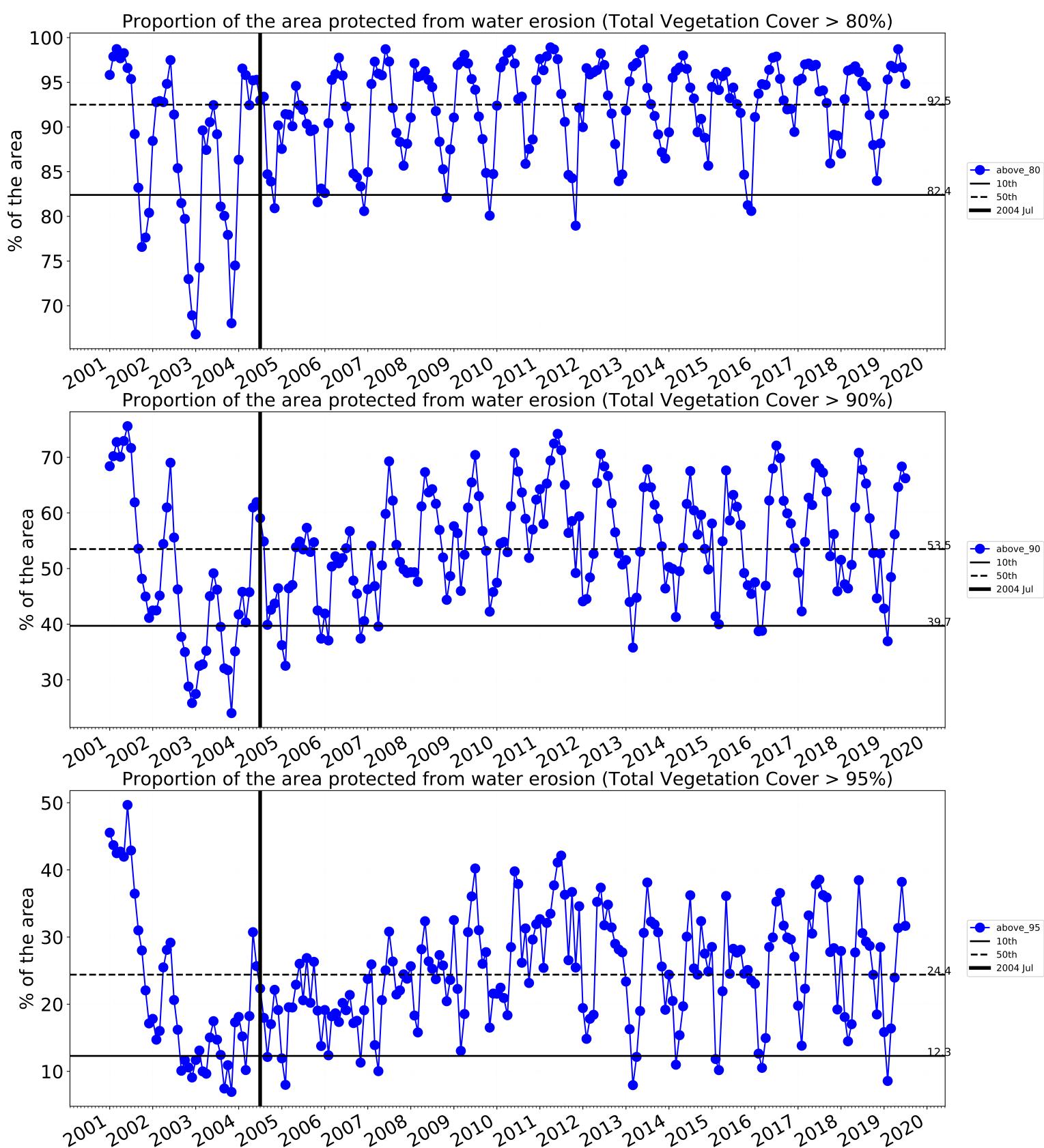


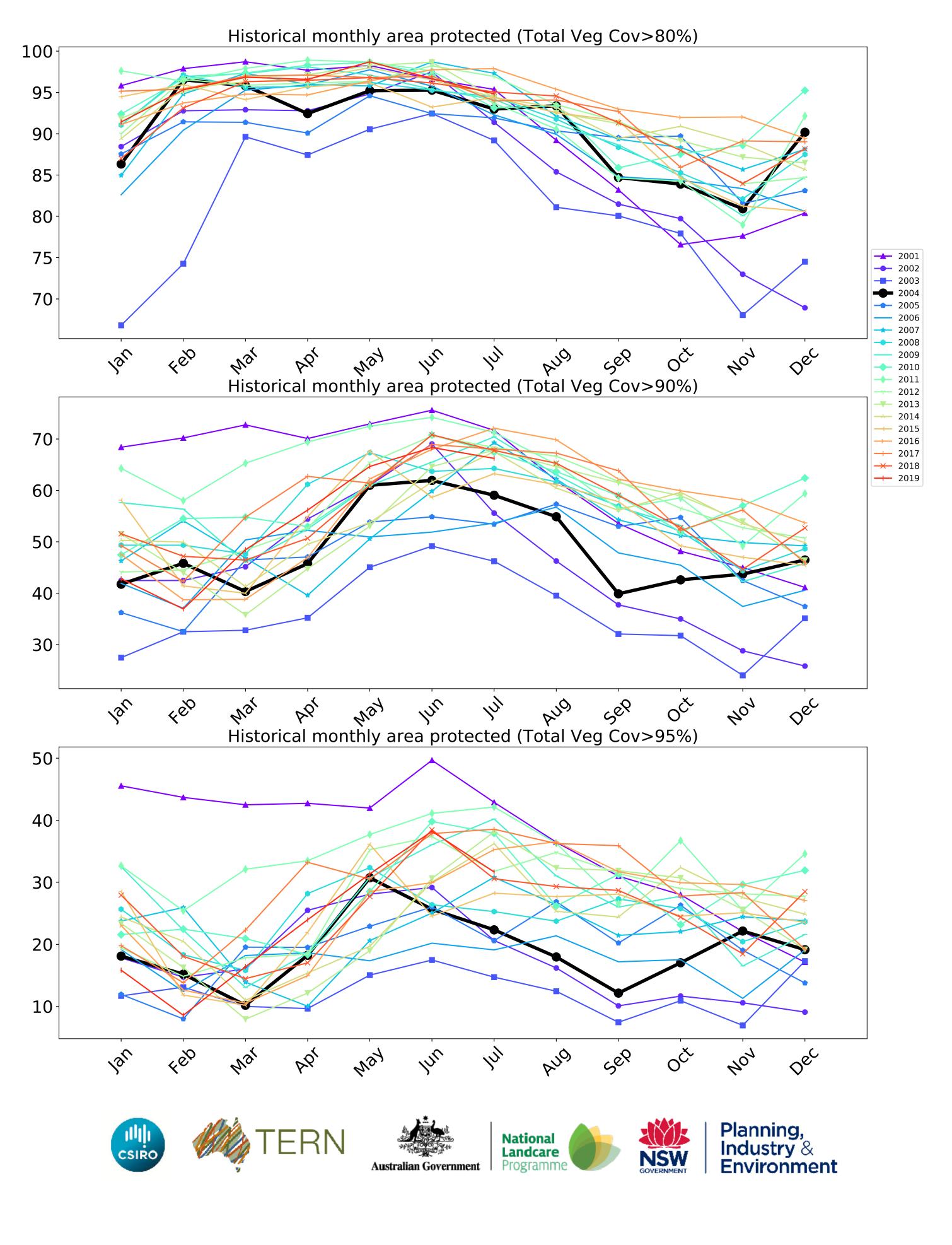
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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

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





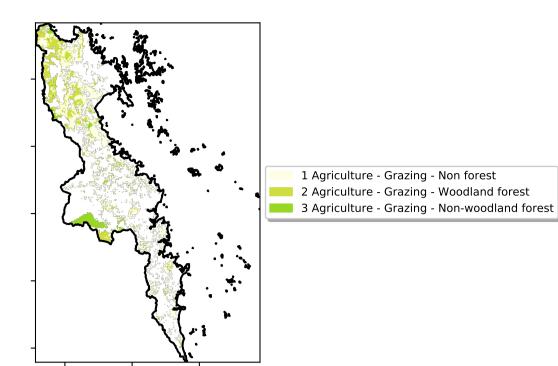


Grazing

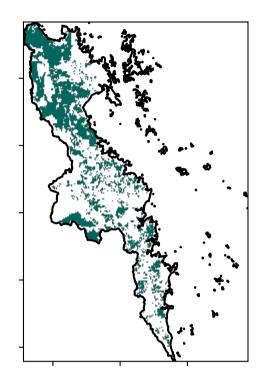
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Land use and forest cover

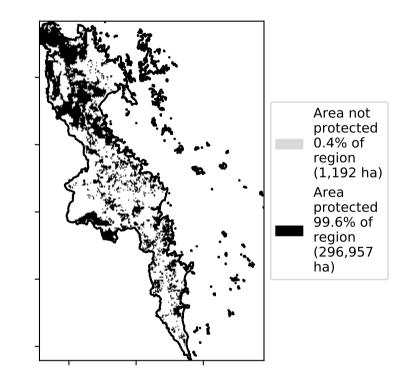
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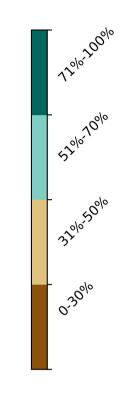


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

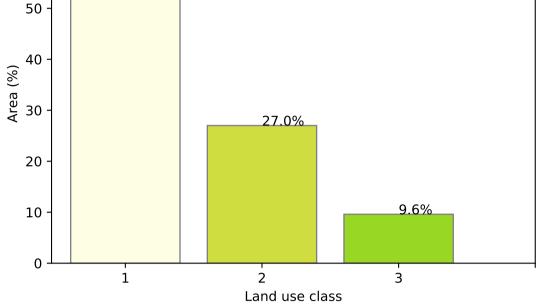






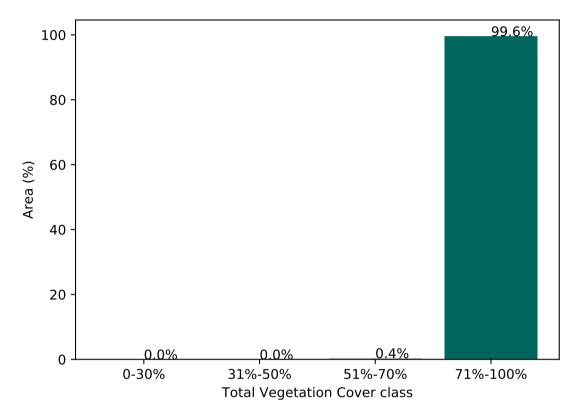




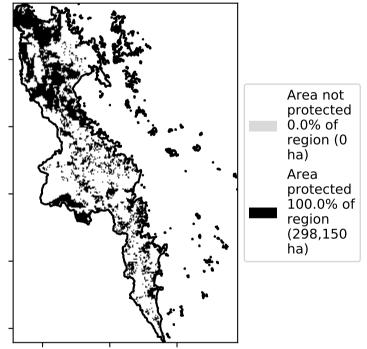


Proportion of each land class in area

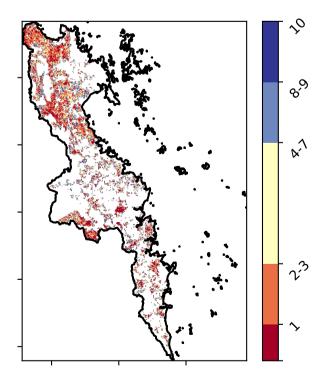
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



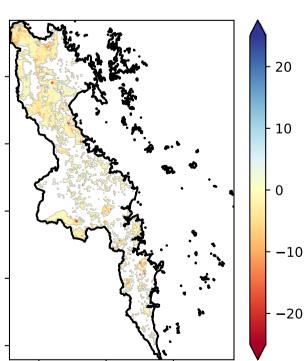
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

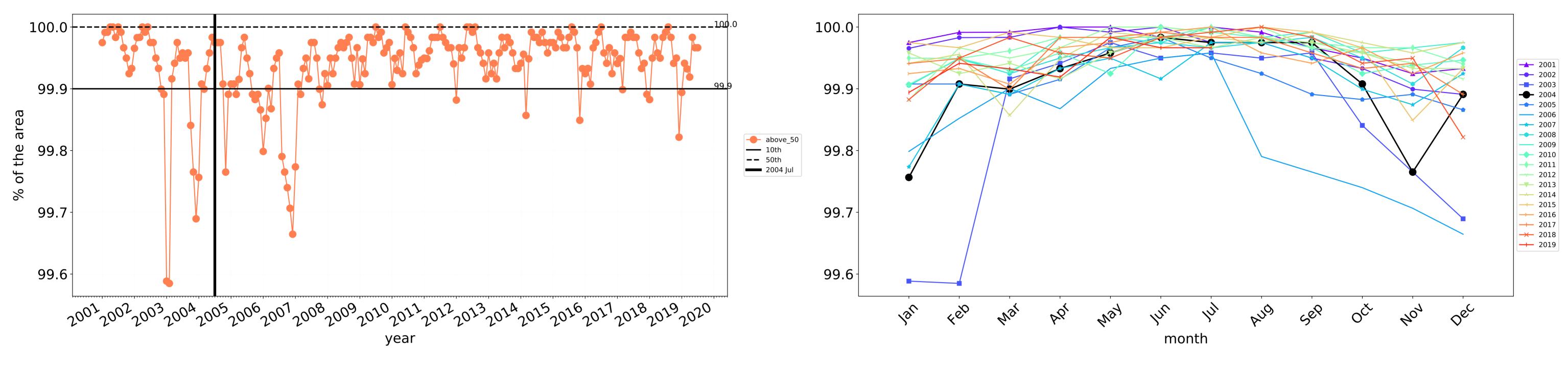


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



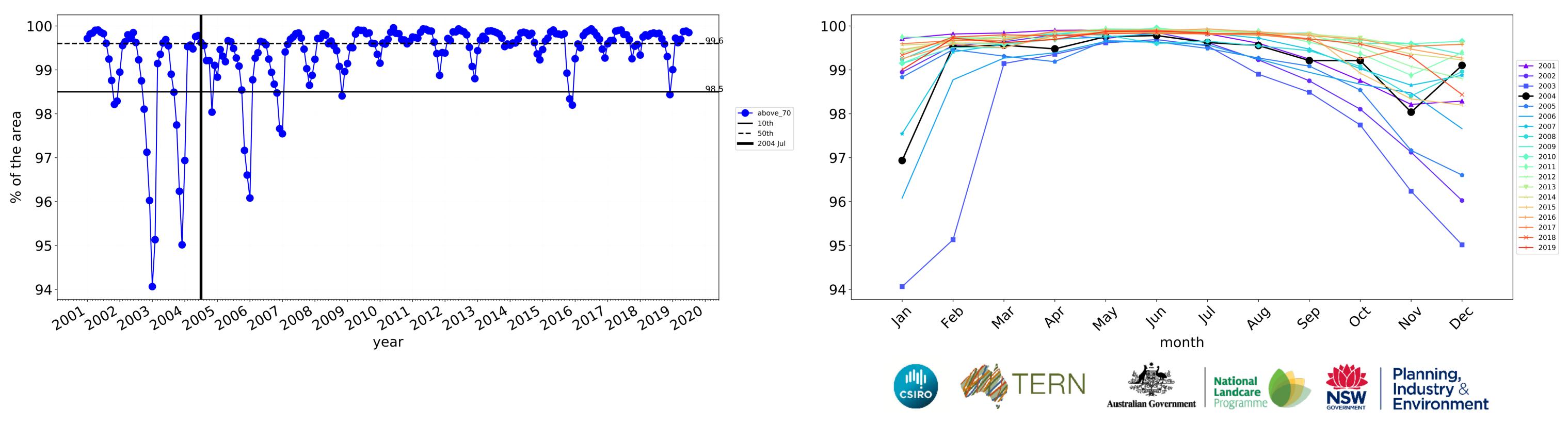
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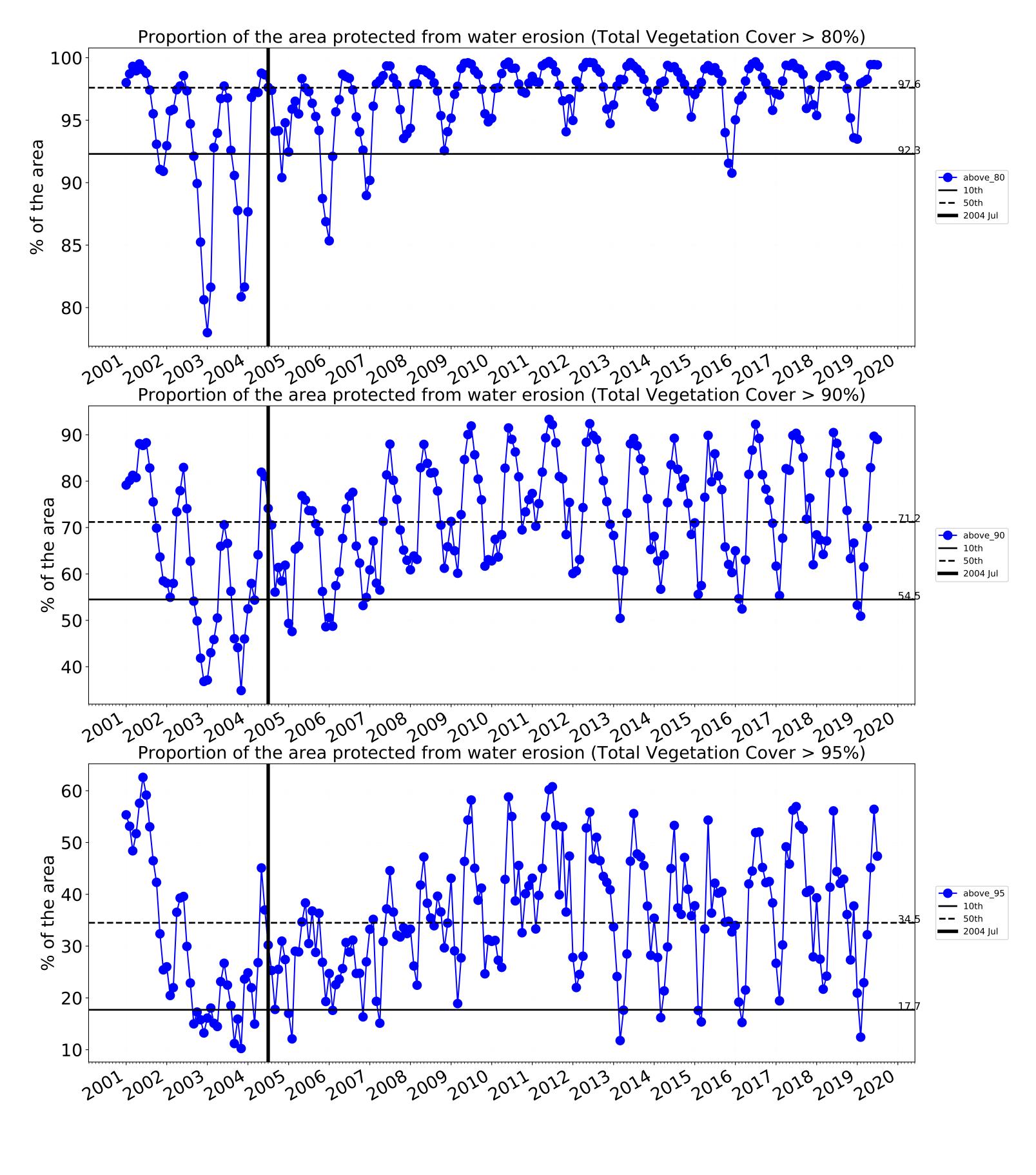
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

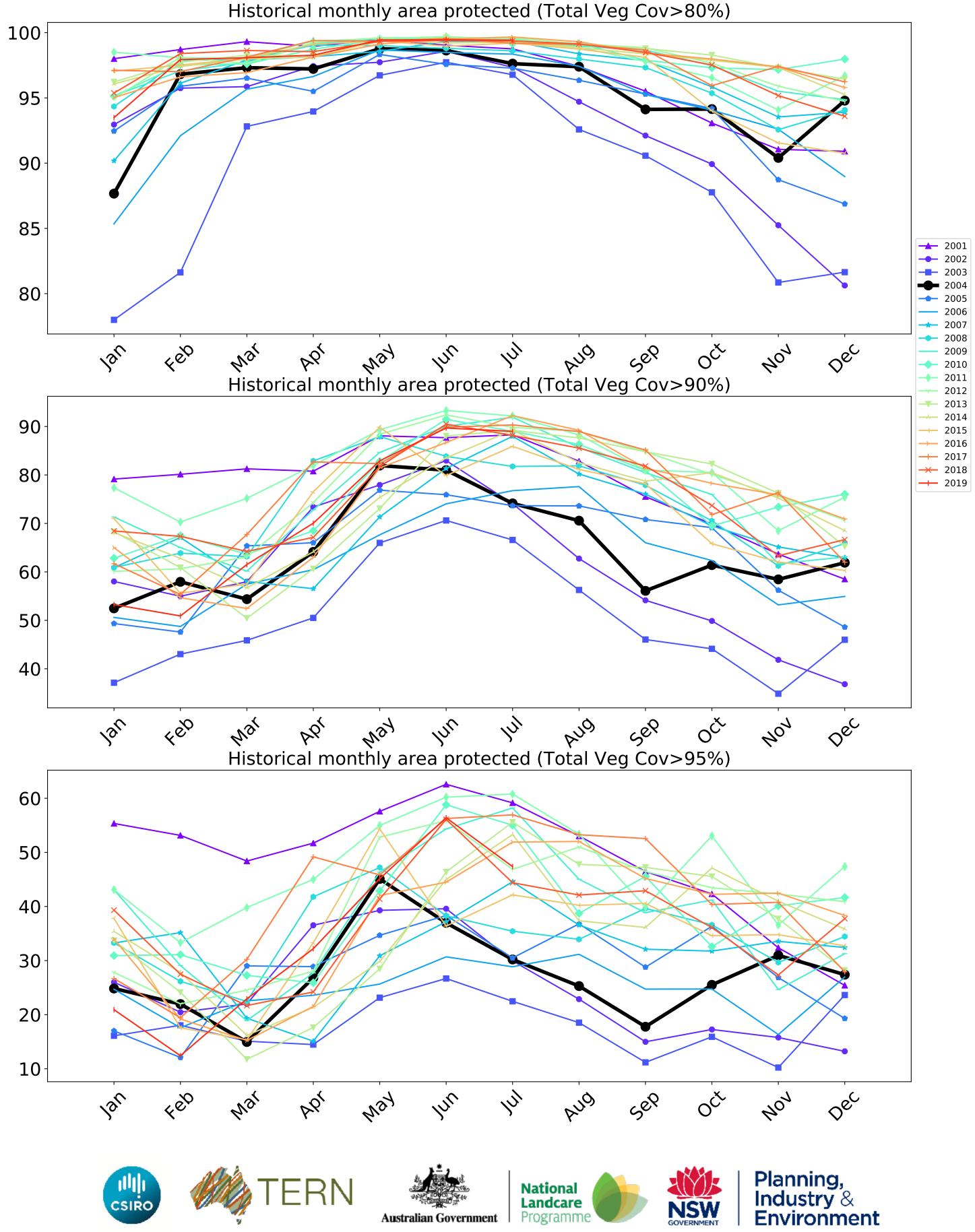
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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

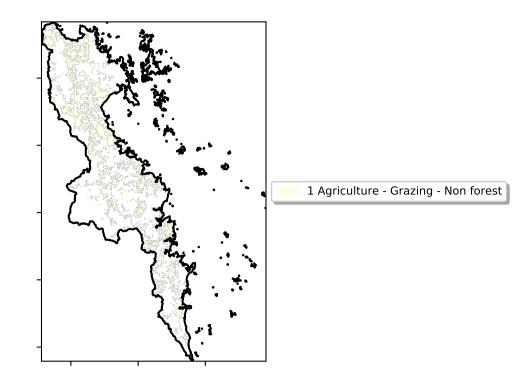




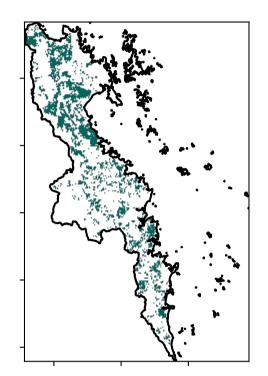
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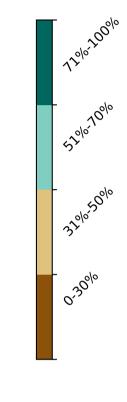
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

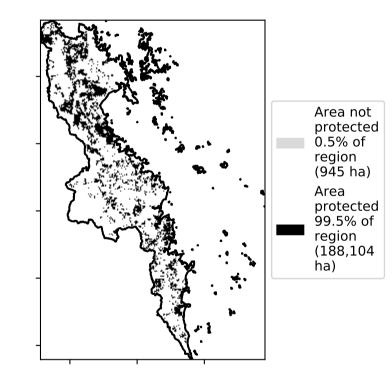


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

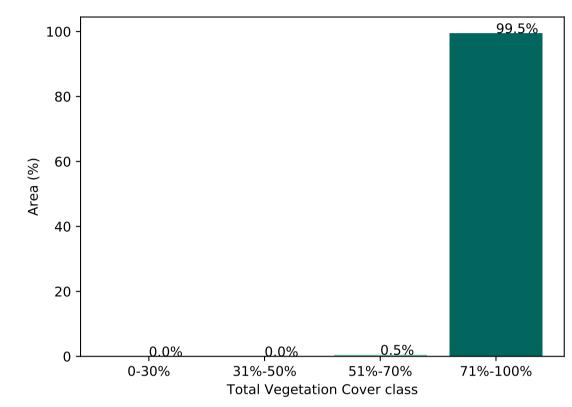




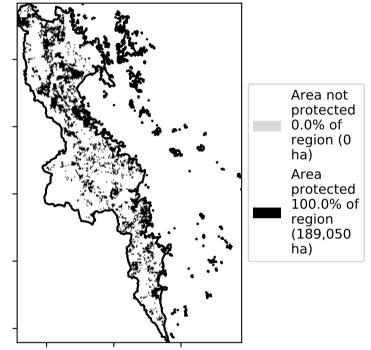
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



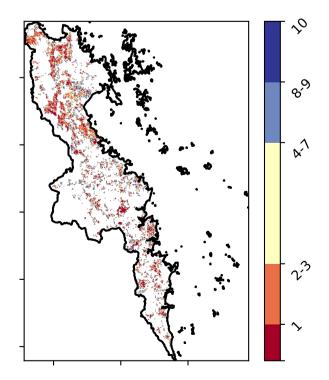




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

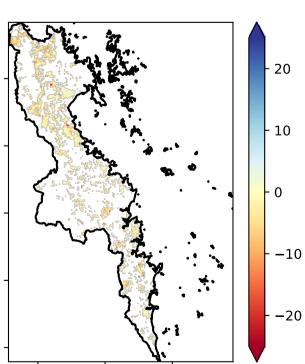
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Catchment Scale Land

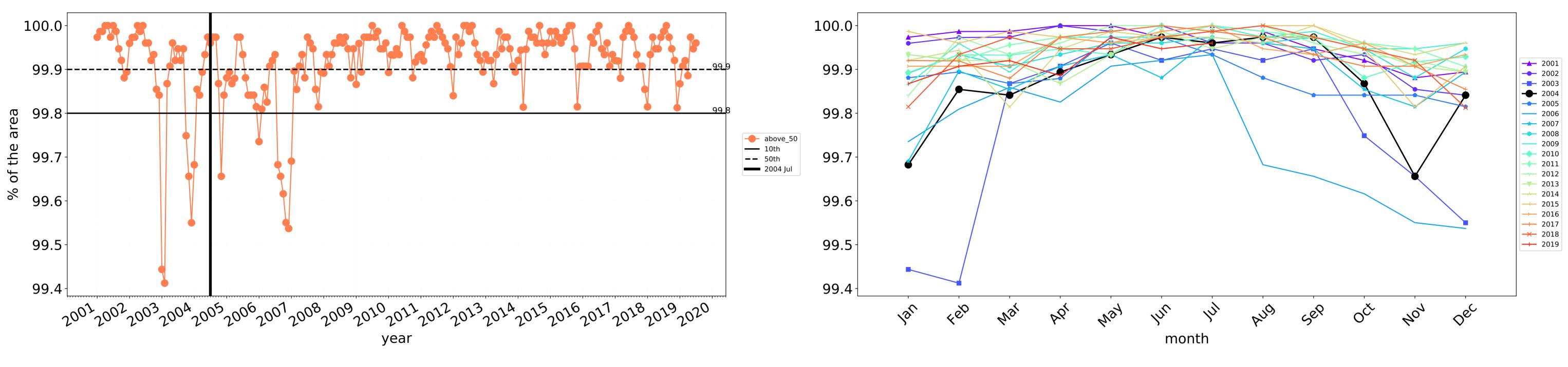
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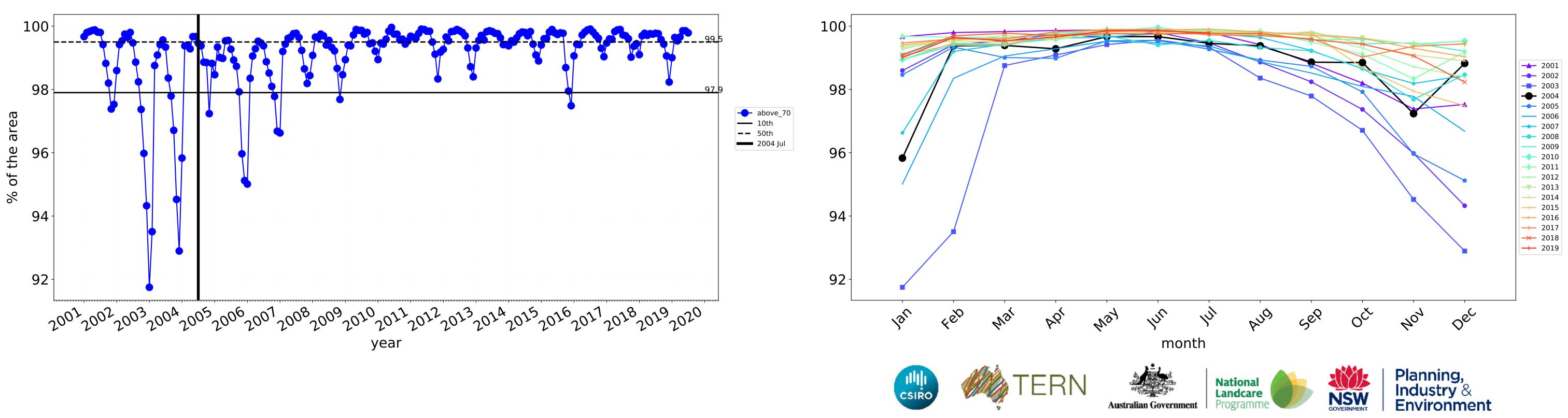
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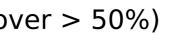




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

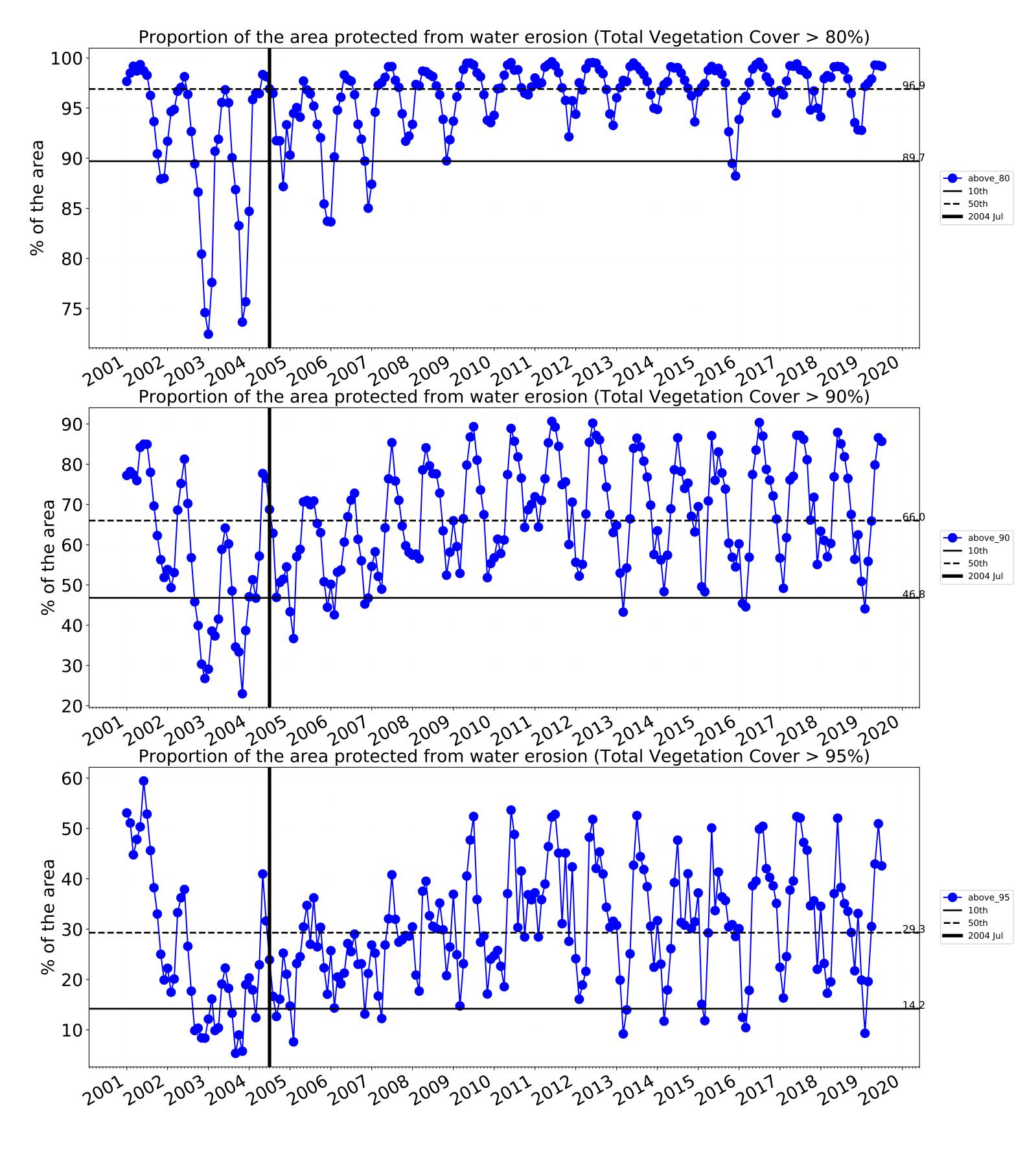
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

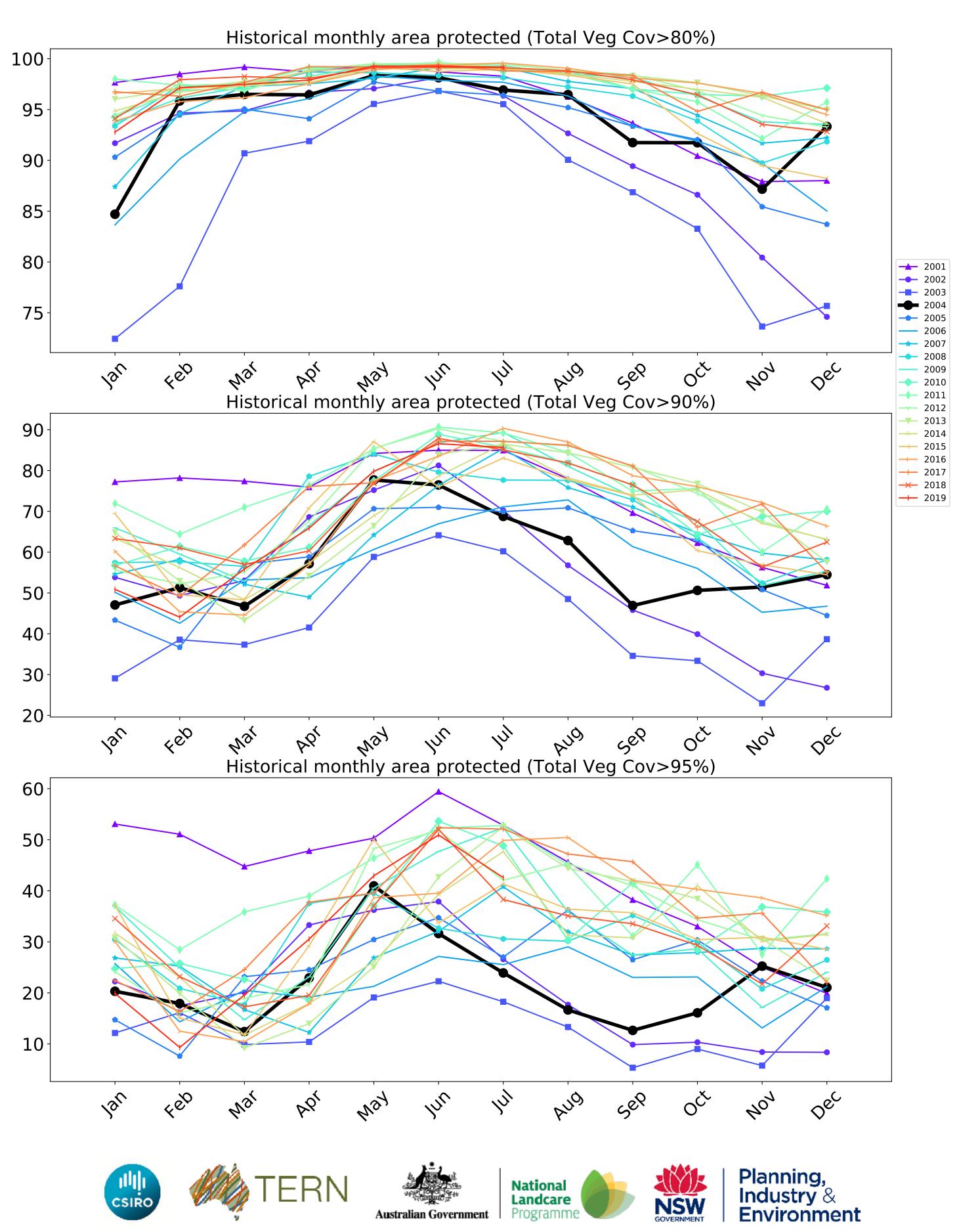




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

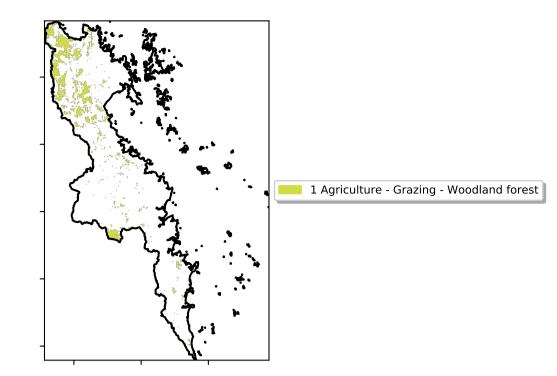
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



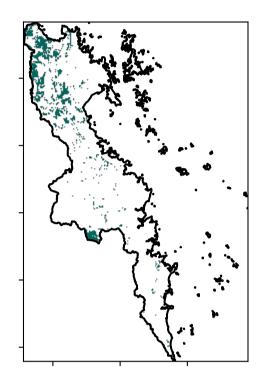


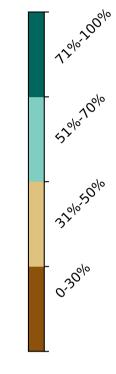
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

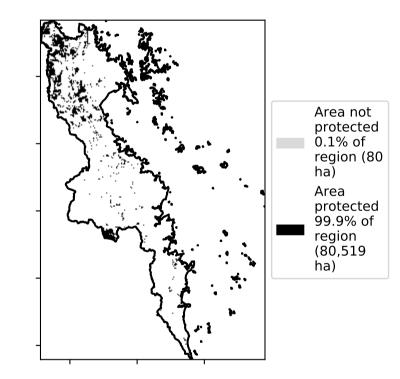


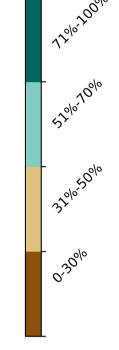
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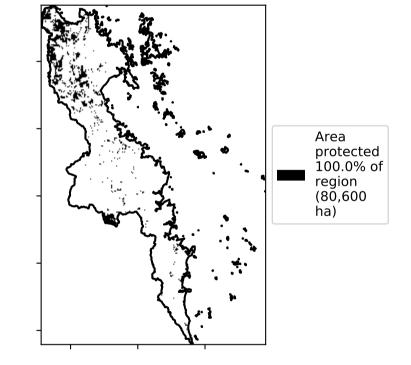


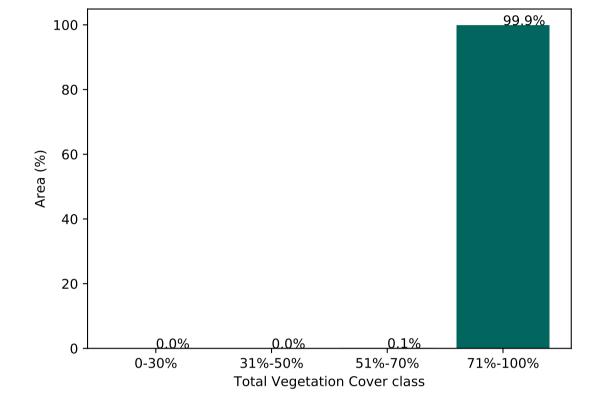


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





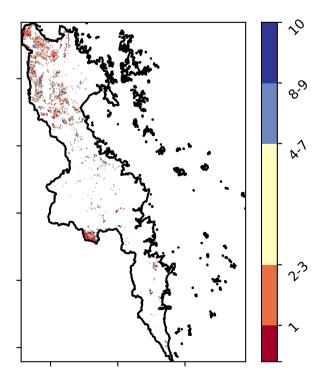




% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

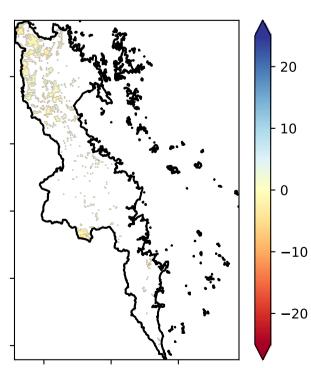
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Catchment Scale Land

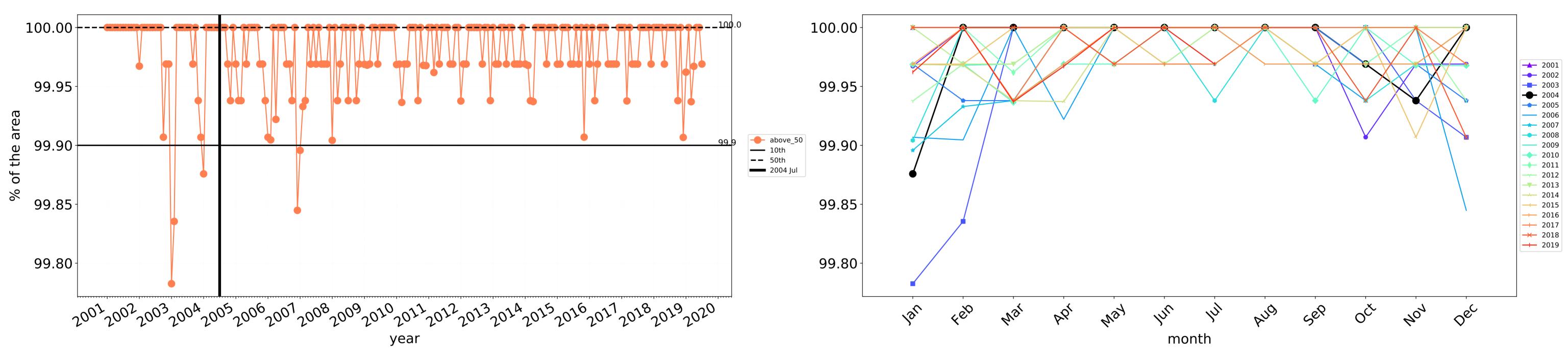
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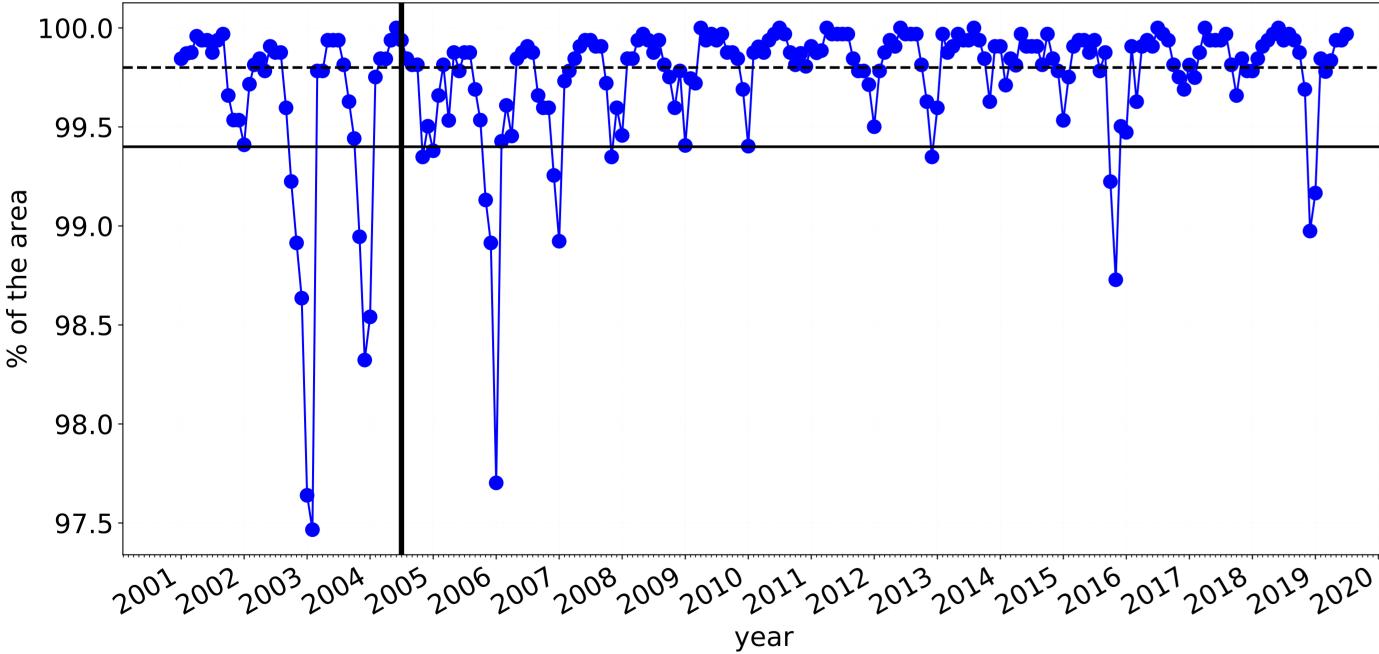
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

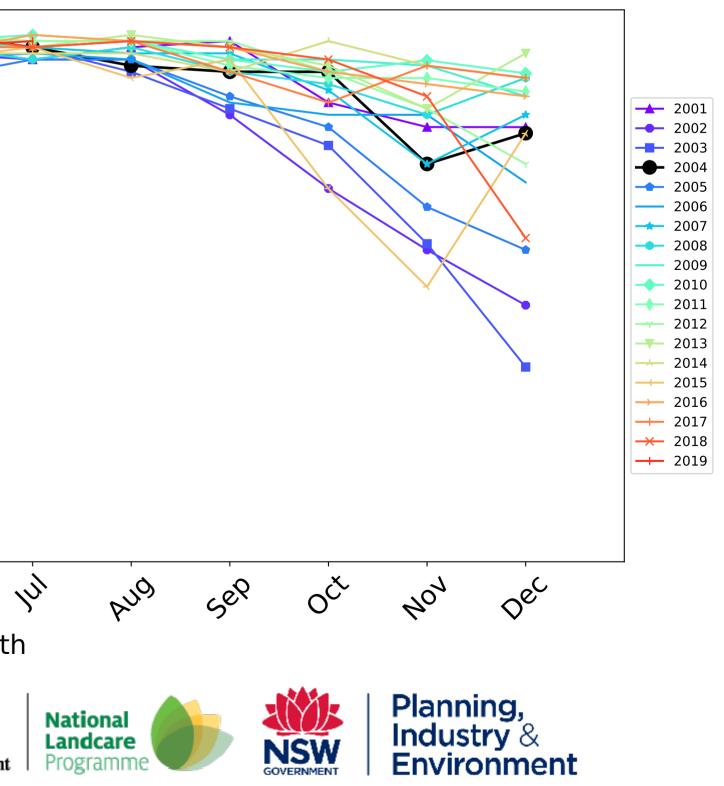


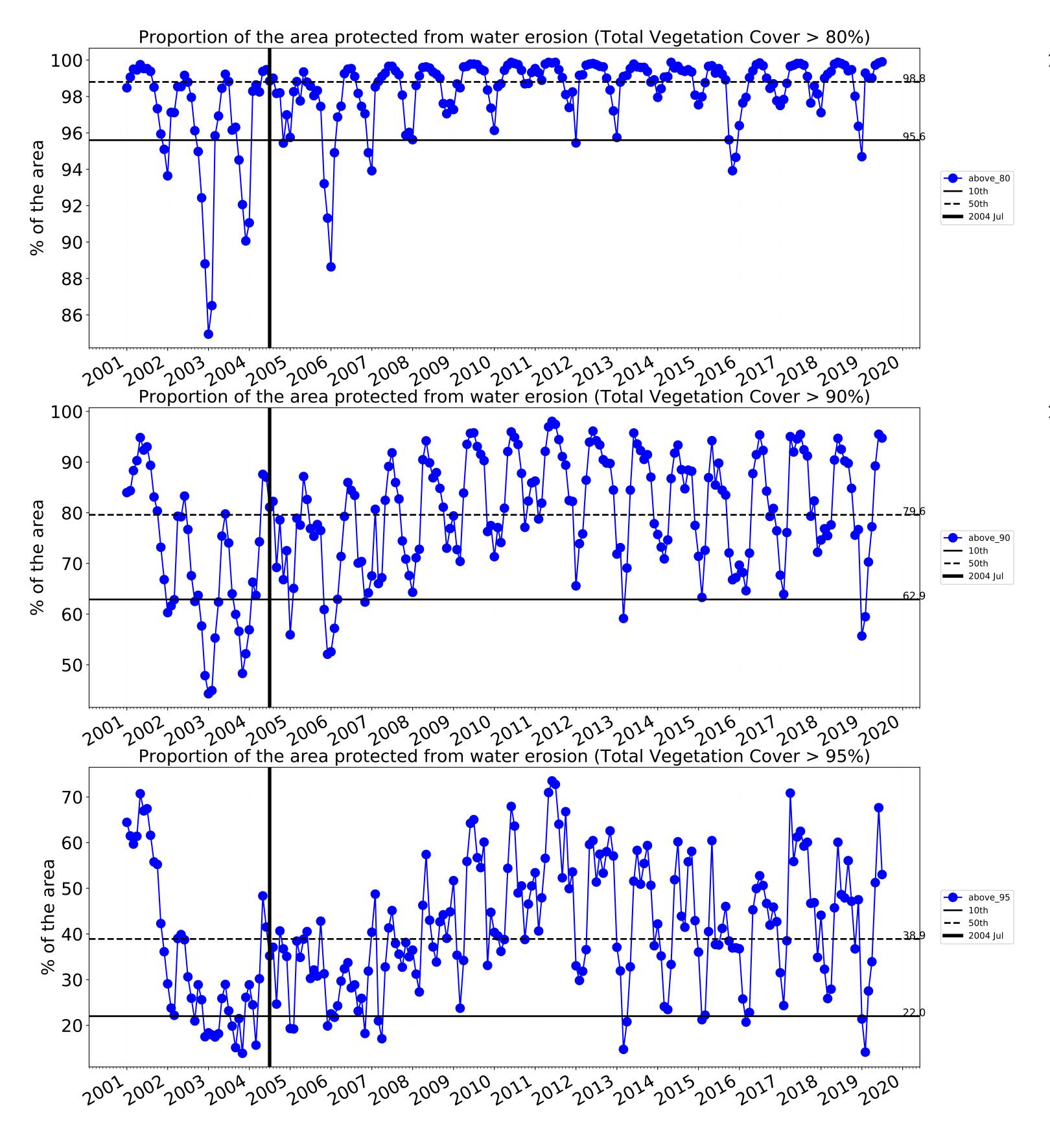
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

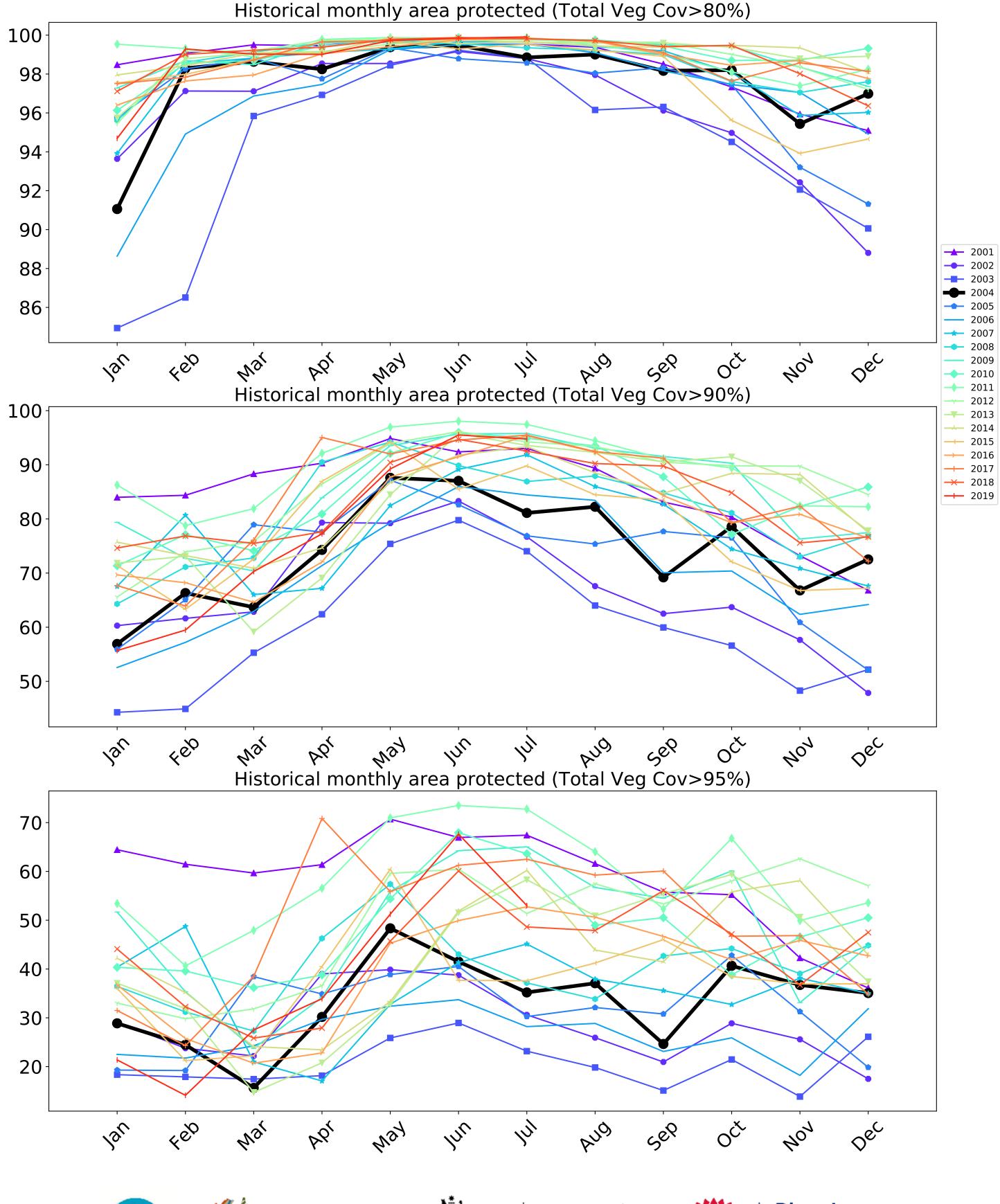


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





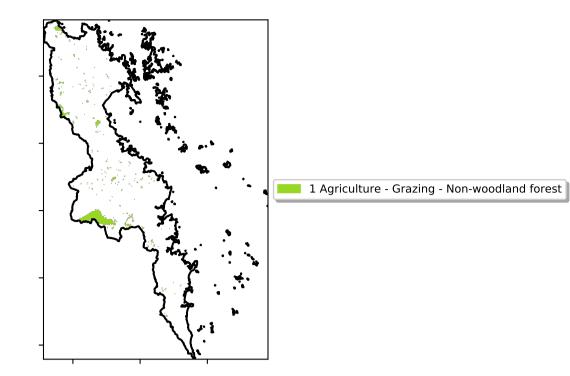




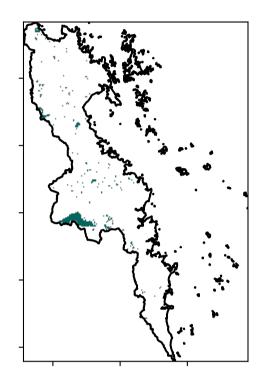


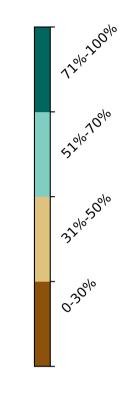
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

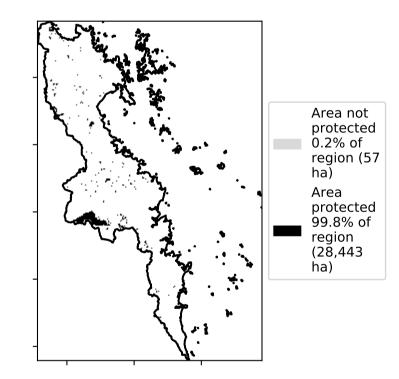


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

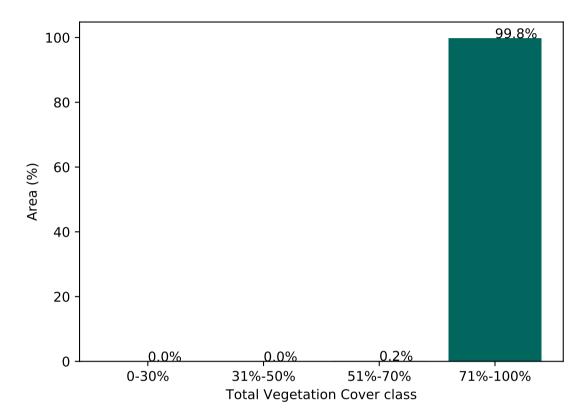




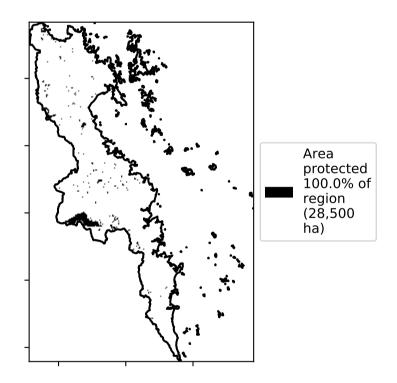
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





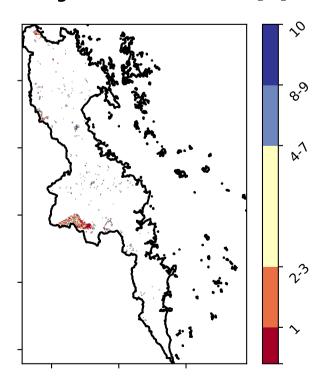


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

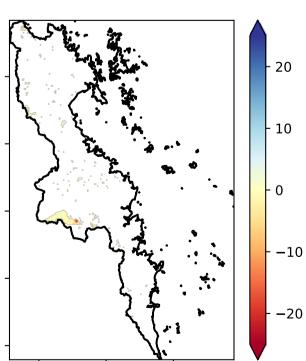


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

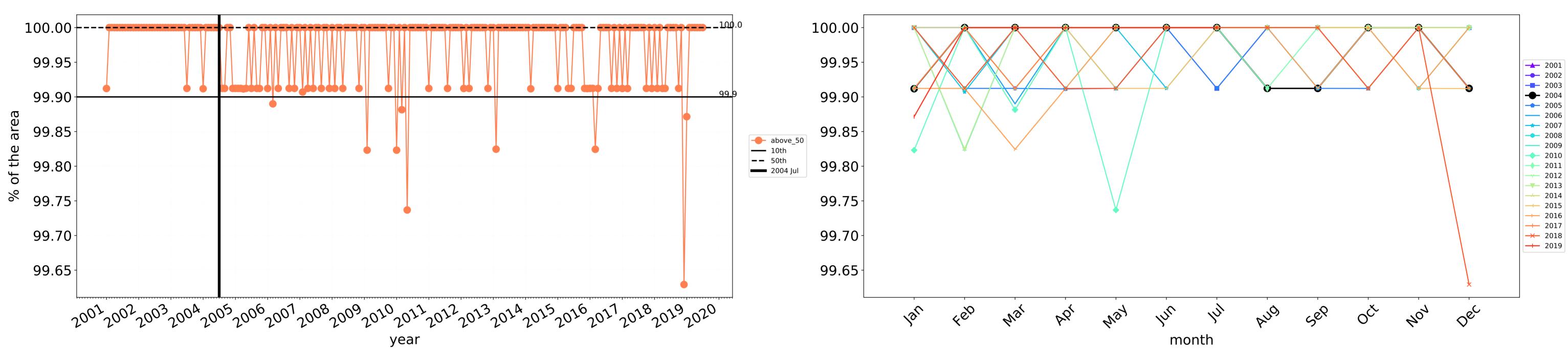


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



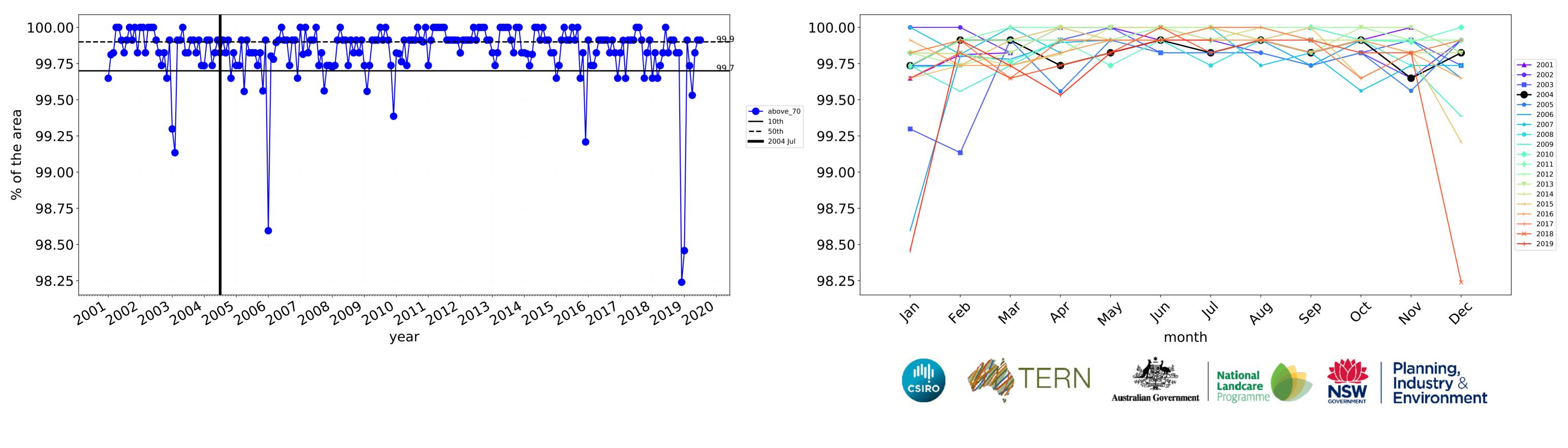
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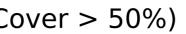




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

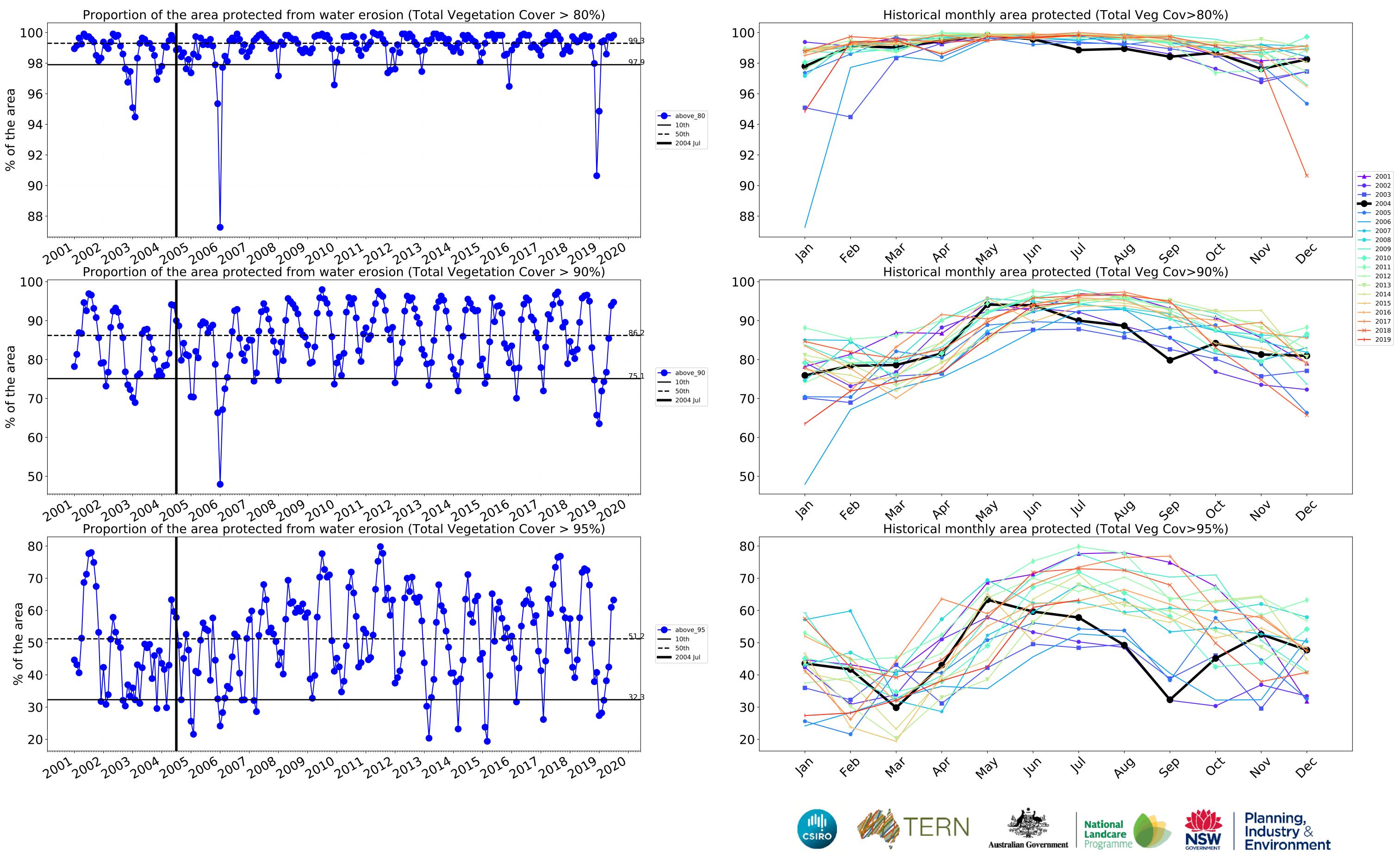




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







Irrigation

100

80

60

100

80

60

40

20

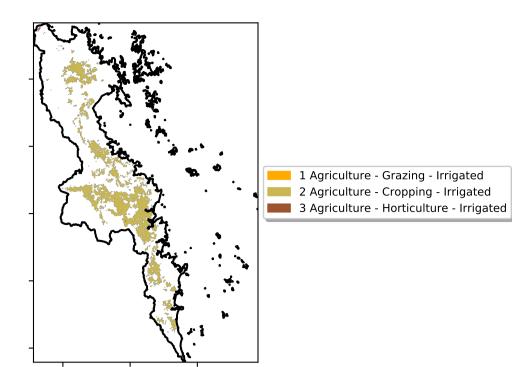
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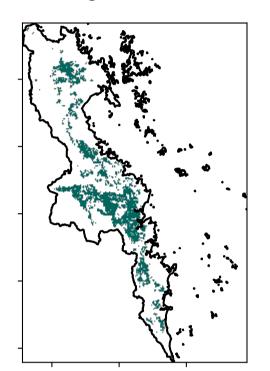
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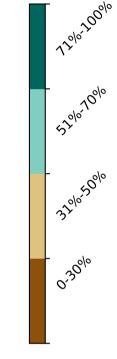
Land use and forest cover

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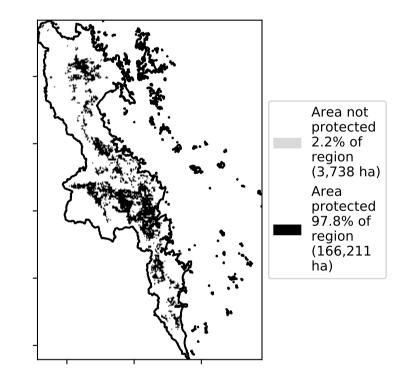


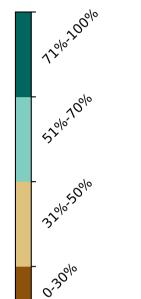
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



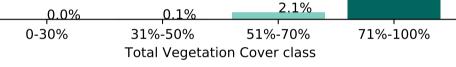


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

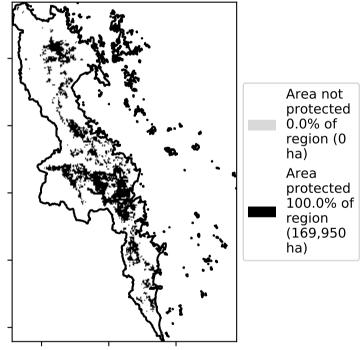






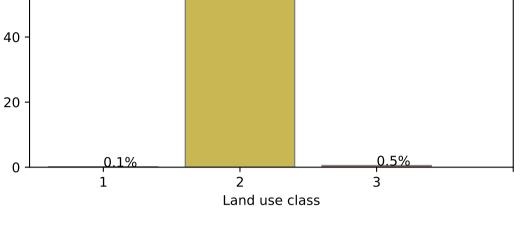


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Proportion of each land class in area

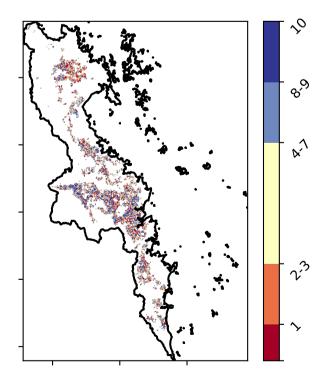
99.3%



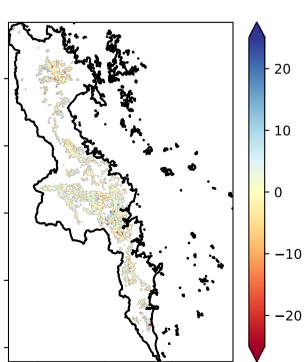
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

97.8%

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

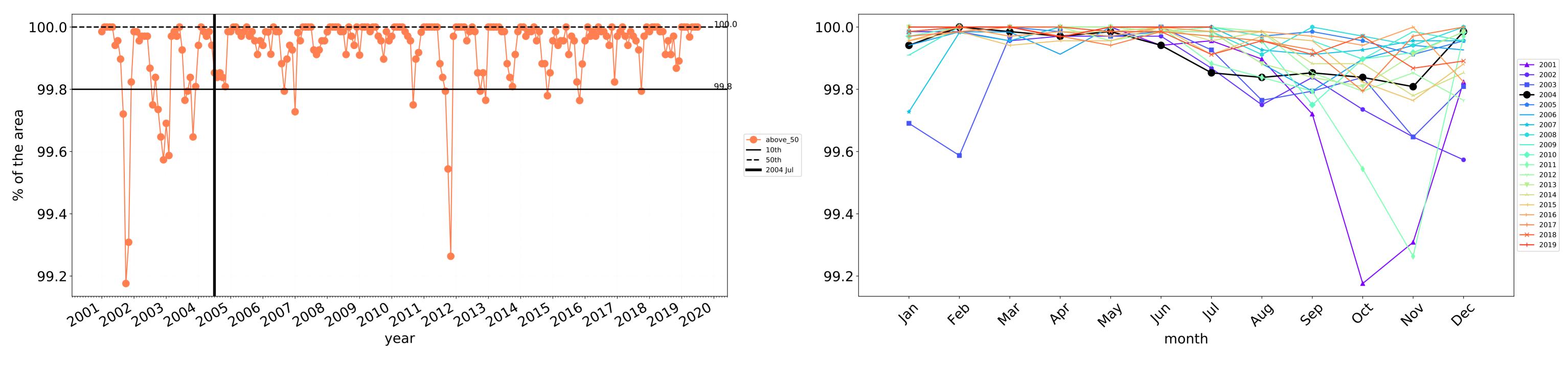


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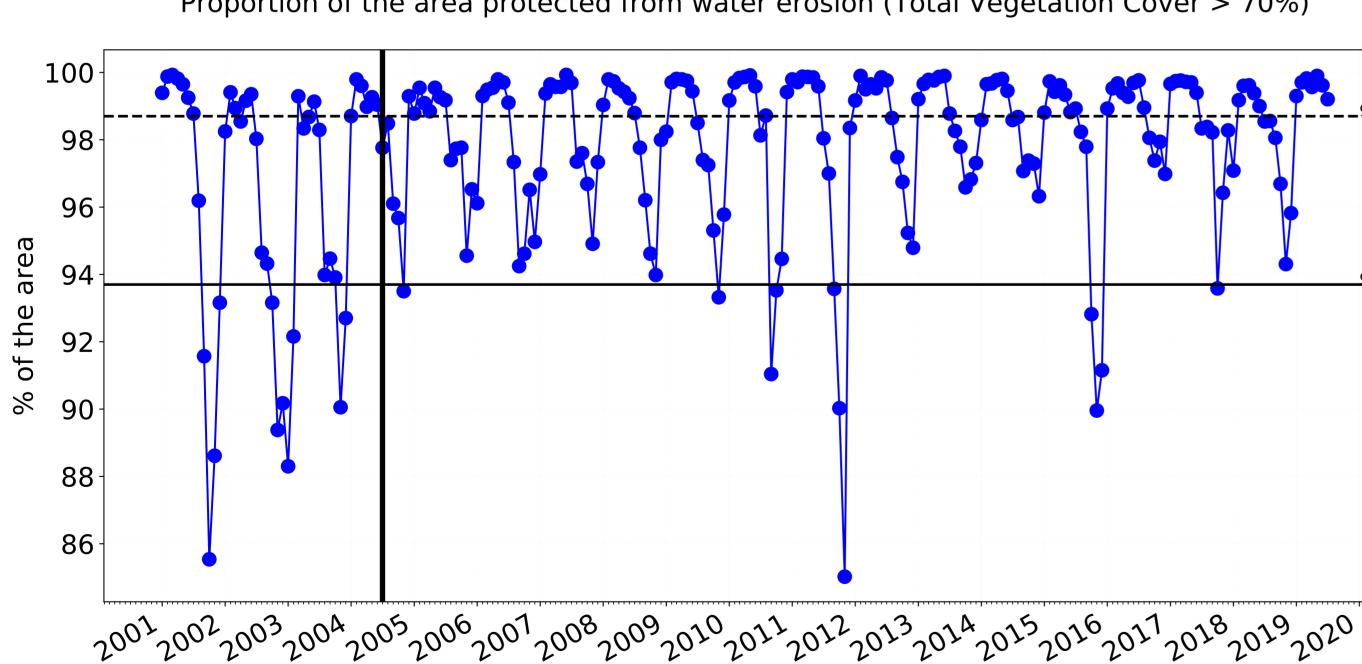


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



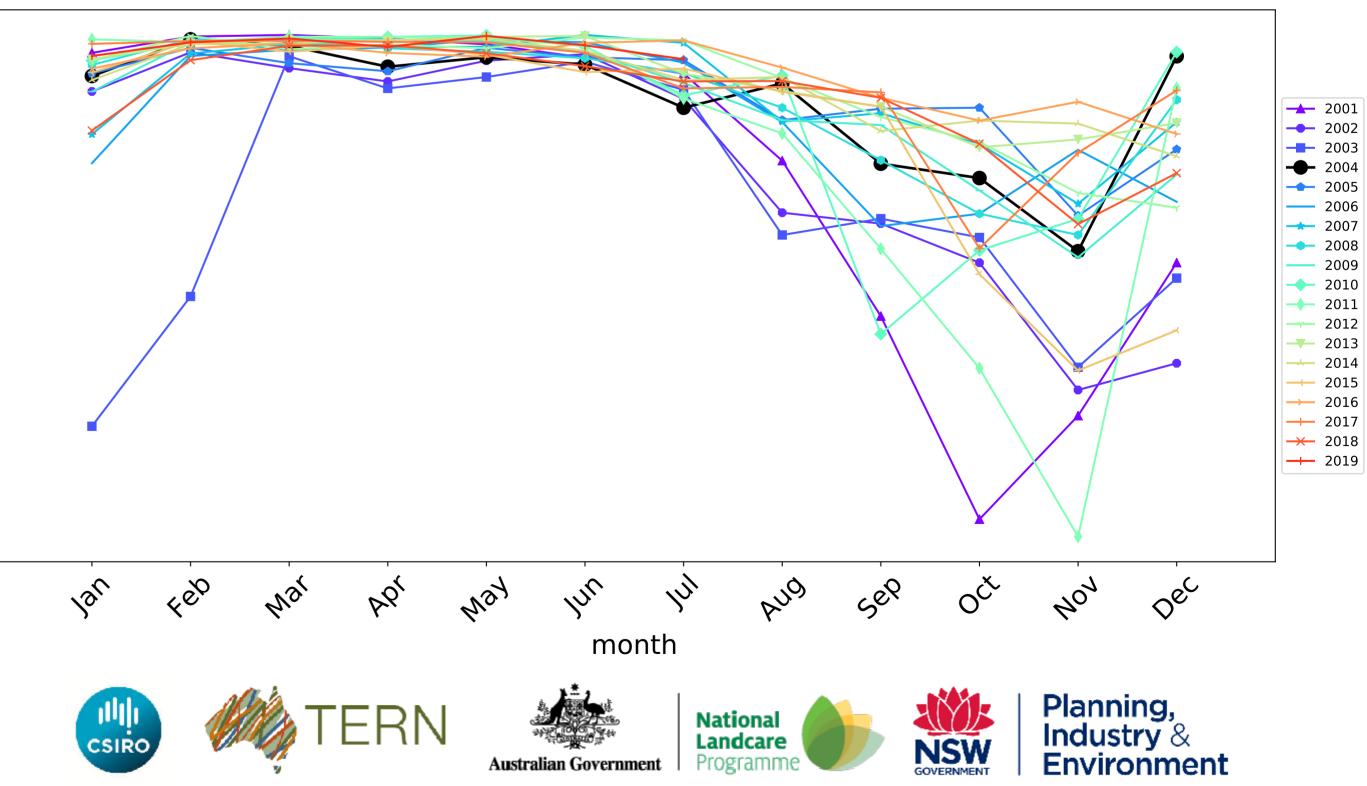
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

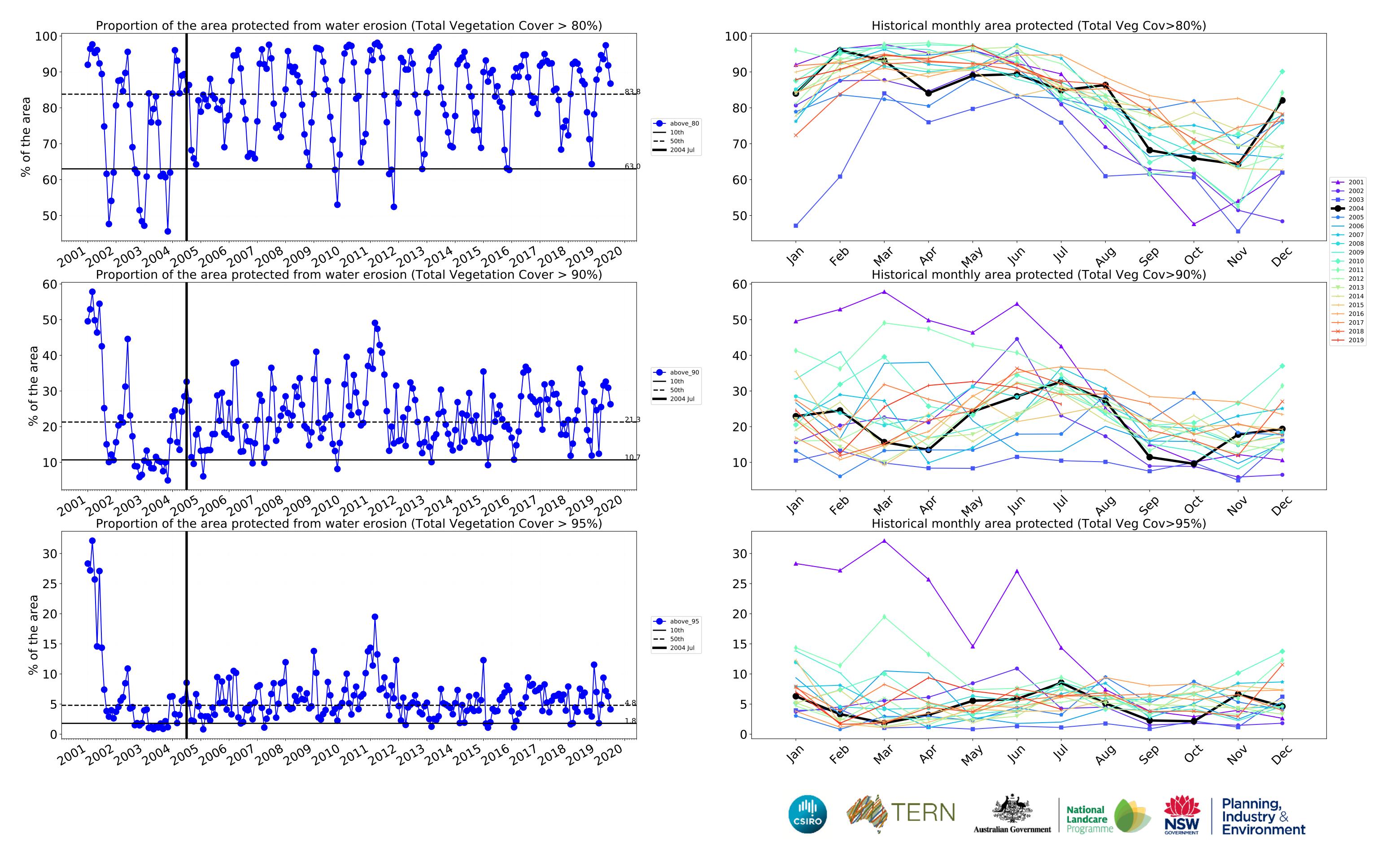
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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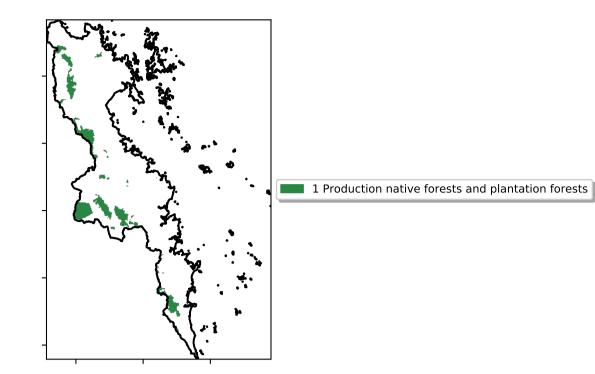
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



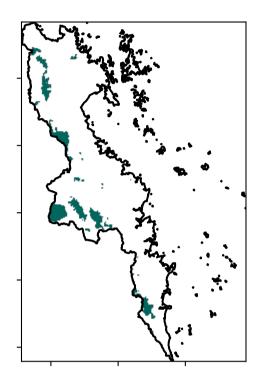


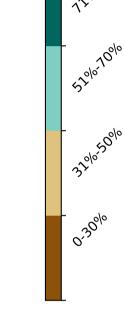
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

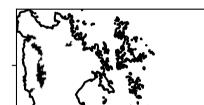


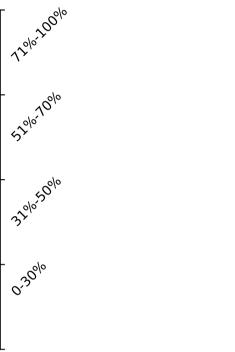
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



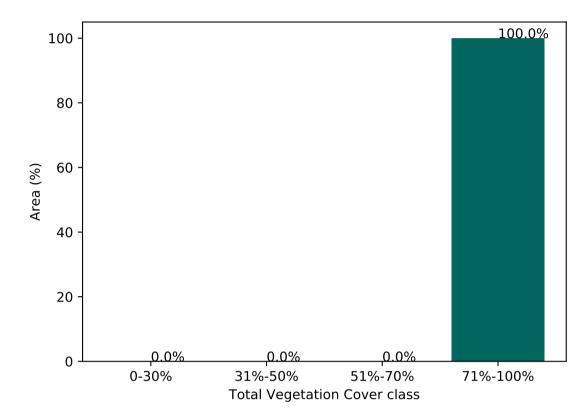


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

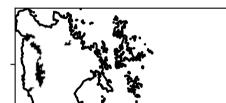




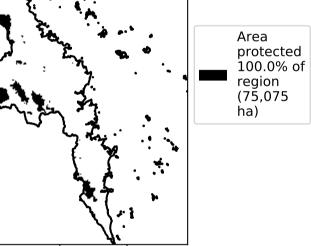
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



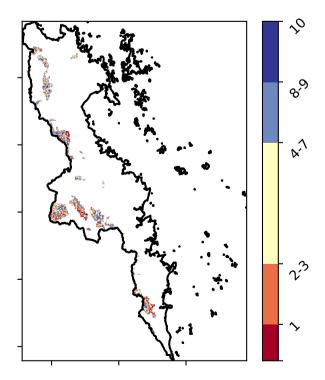
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

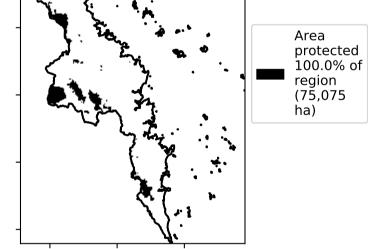


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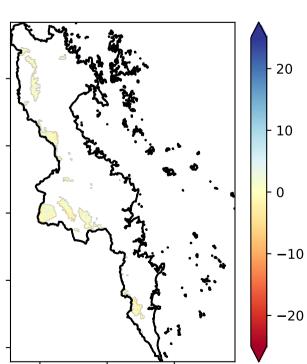


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



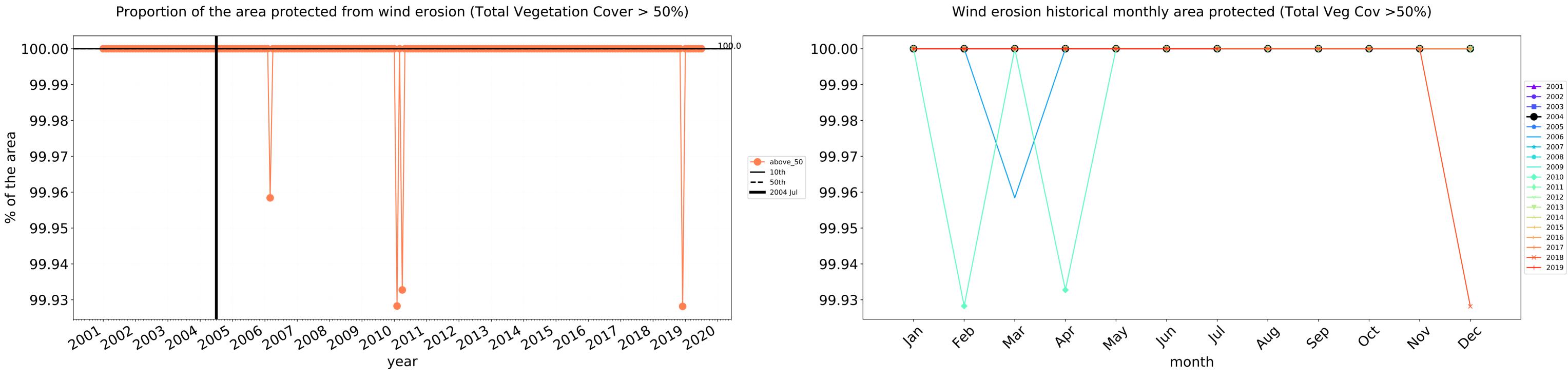


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

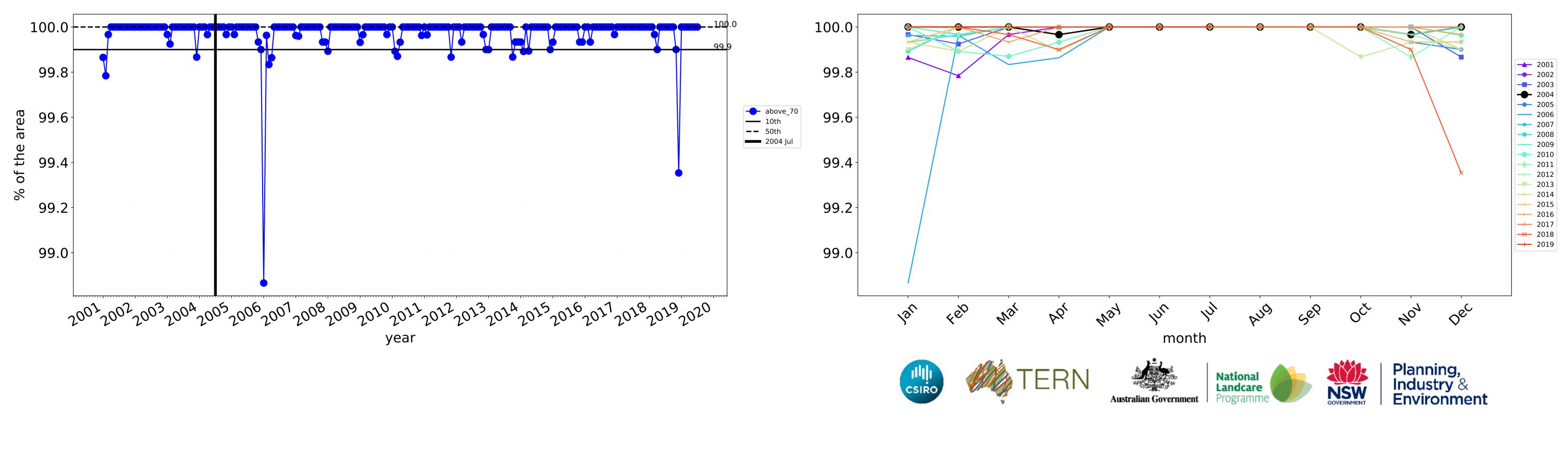


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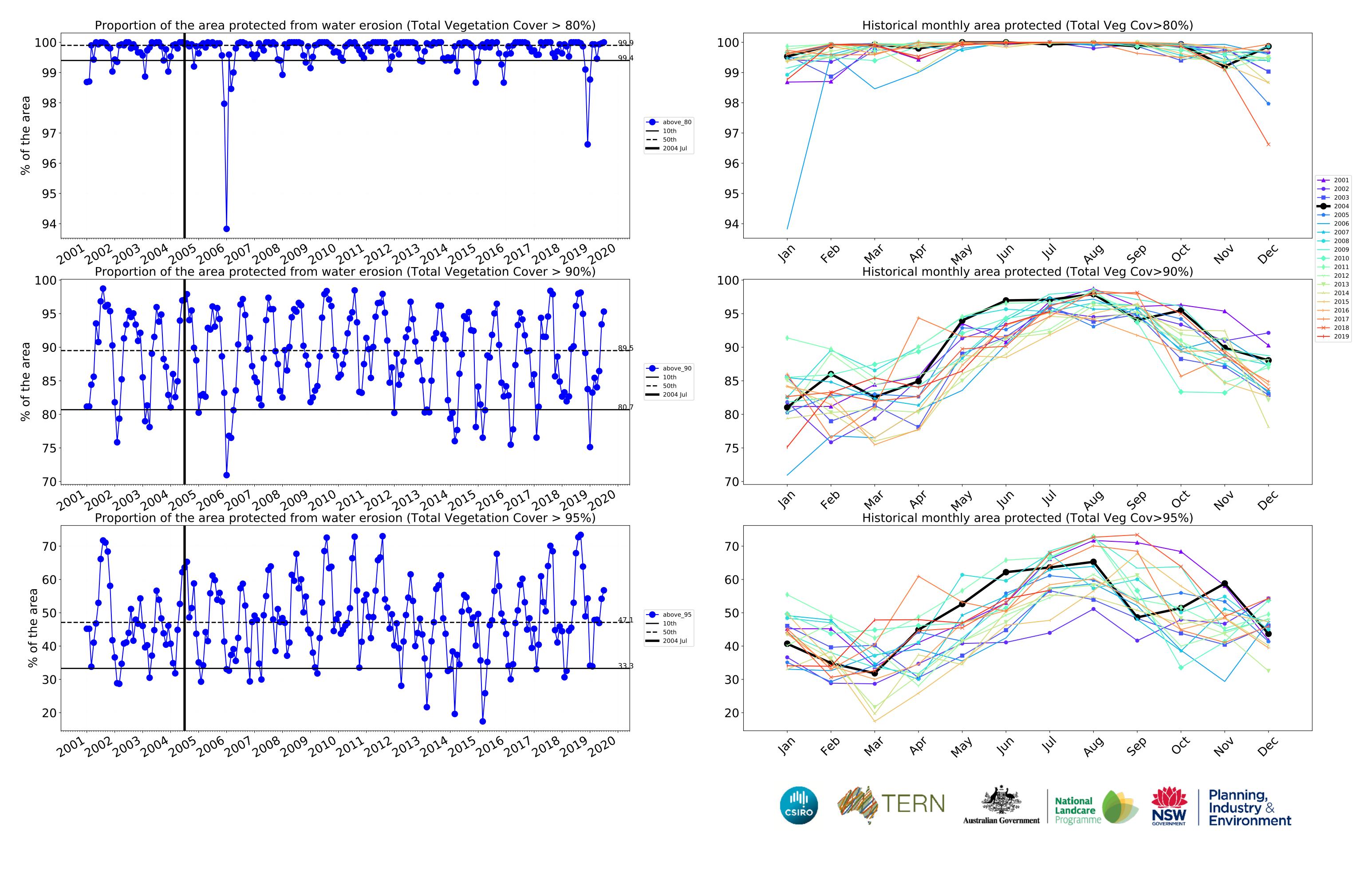




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



Mackay Whitsunday (907,650 ha and no data 25,410 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	907,650	99.9% 907,100	99.8% 905,550	98.3% 892,229	92.9% 843,419	67.3% 610,590	32.0% 290,636
Conservation and natural environments	276,250	99.8% 275,750	99.6% 275,225	98.5% 272,200	96.7% 267,200	83.8% 231,550	46.8% 129,375
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,125	98.6% 7,025	97.2% 6,925	92.3% 6,575	84.2% 6,000	53.3% 3,800	23.2% 1,650
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,725	99.8% 74,600	99.7% 74,475	99.1% 74,050	97.8% 73,075	86.5% 64,650	46.2% 34,550
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	194,400	99.9% 194,125	99.7% 193,825	98.5% 191,575	96.8% 188,125	83.9% 163,100	47.9% 93,175
Agriculture	468,150	100.0% 468,150	99.9% 467,825	98.9% 463,225	93.0% 435,325	59.1% 276,475	22.3% 104,575
Grazing	298,150	100.0% 298,150	100.0% 298,075	99.6% 297,025	97.6% 291,075	74.1% 221,025	30.2% 90,050
Grazing non forest	189,050	100.0% 189,050	100.0% 188,975	99.5% 188,025	96.9% 183,225	68.8% 130,000	23.9% 45,200
Grazing Woodland forest	80,600	100.0% 80,600	100.0% 80,600	99.9% 80,550	98.9% 79,675	81.1% 65,375	35.2% 28,375
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,500	100.0% 28,500	100.0% 28,500	99.8% 28,450	98.9% 28,175	90.0% 25,650	57.8% 16,475
Irrigation	169,950	100.0% 169,950	99.9% 169,700	97.8% 166,150	84.8% 144,200	32.6% 55,425	8.5% 14,525
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	99.9% 75,025	97.1% 72,875	63.6% 47,750

