# 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 cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
  - 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
  - 31-50% Low cover not protected
  - 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

# **Erosion protection**

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

# Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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**Date: September 2009** 

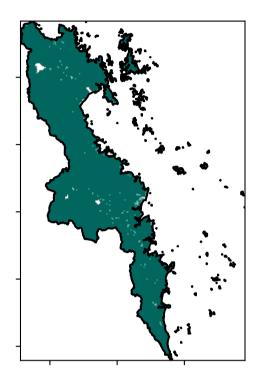
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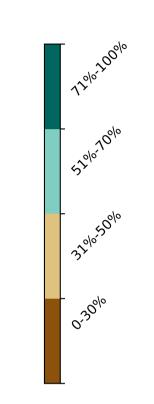
## Land use and forest cover

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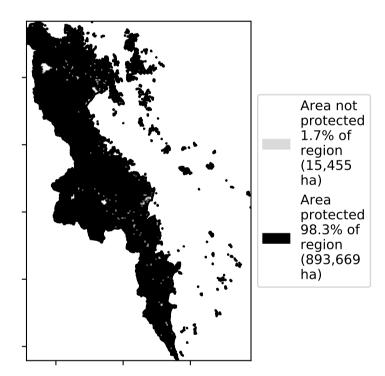
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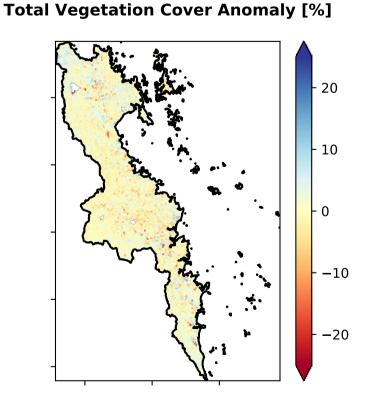


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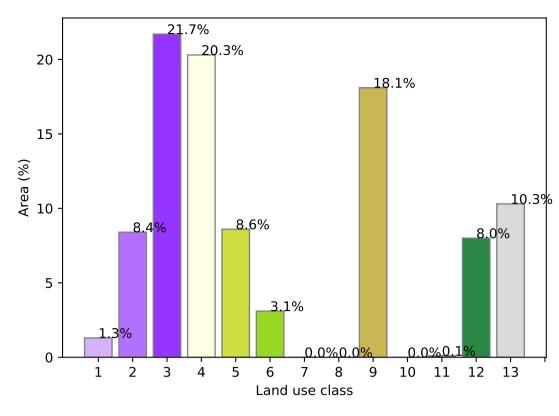
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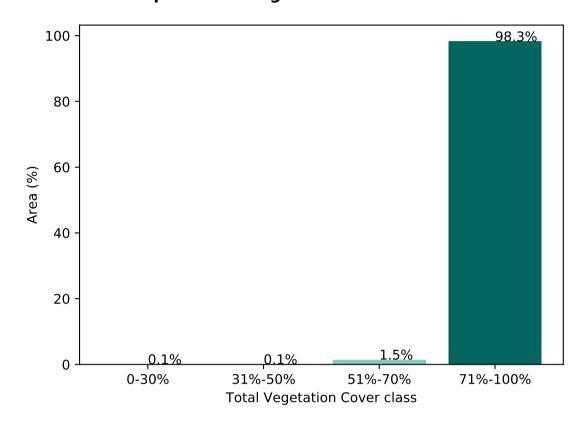


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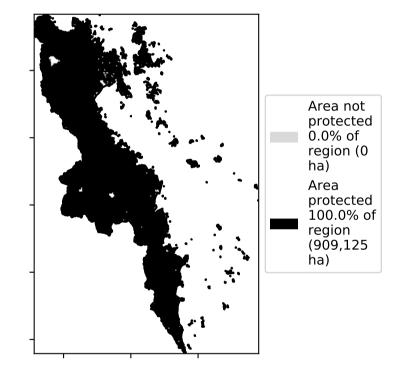
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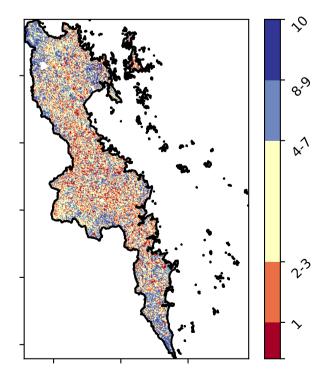


# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)







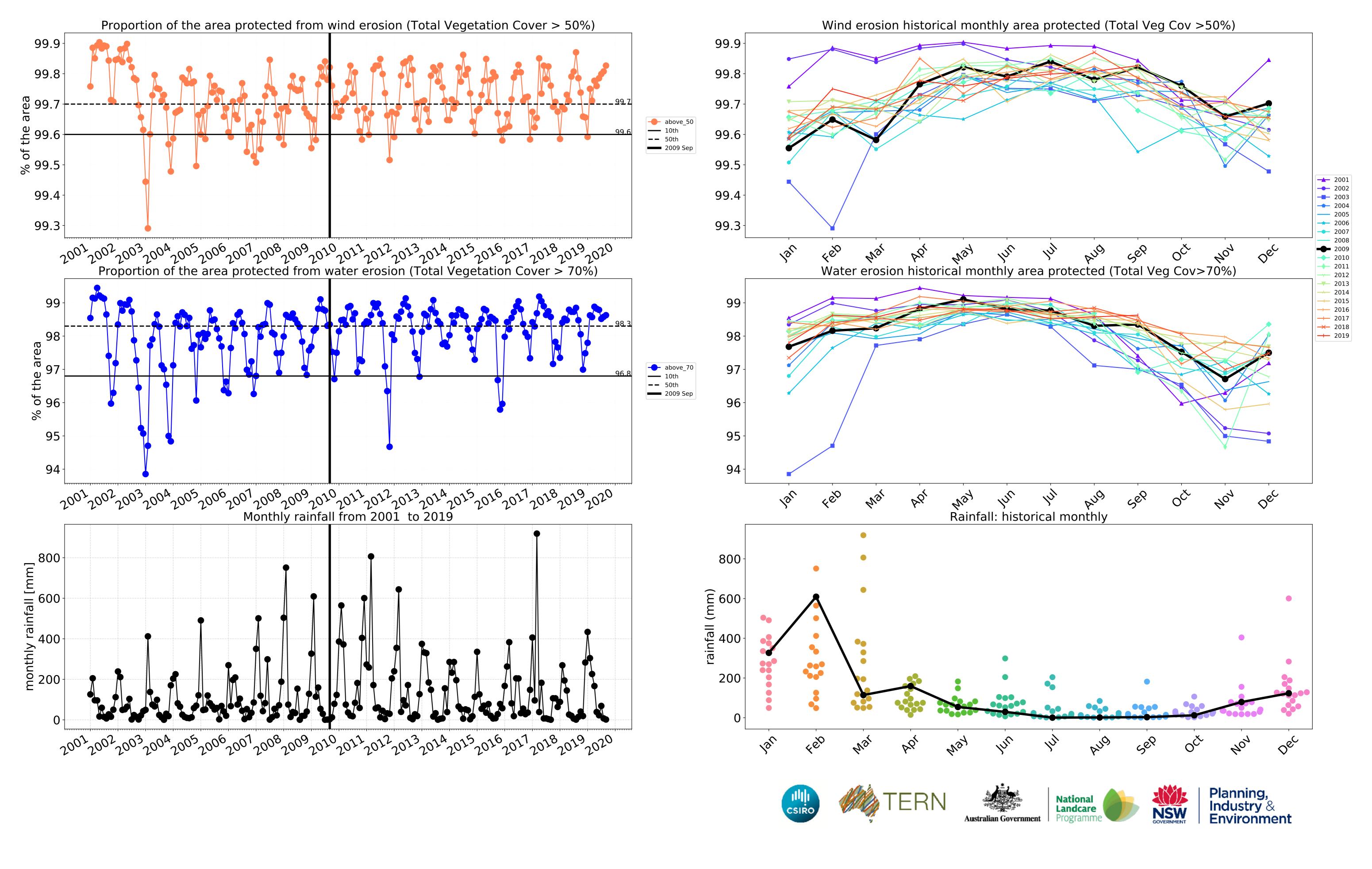


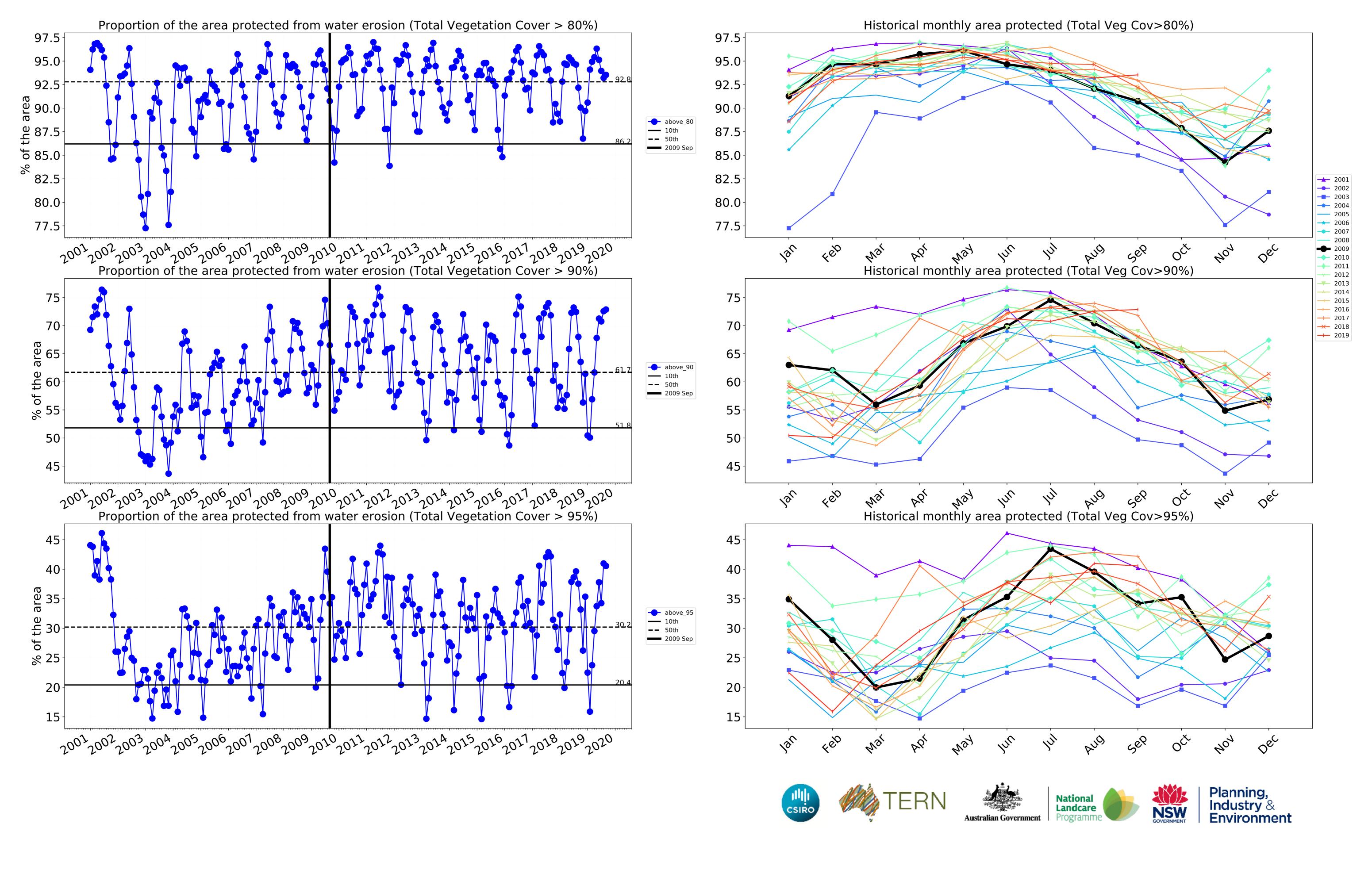












# **Conservation and natural environments**

# Land use and forest cover

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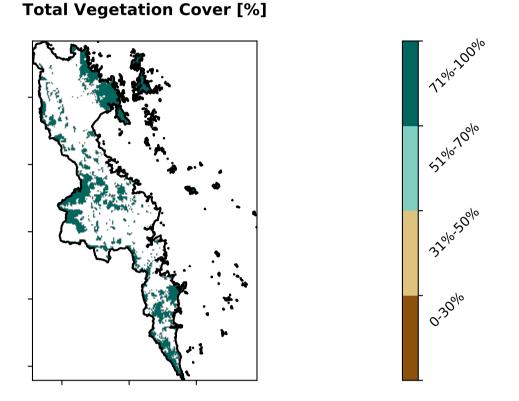
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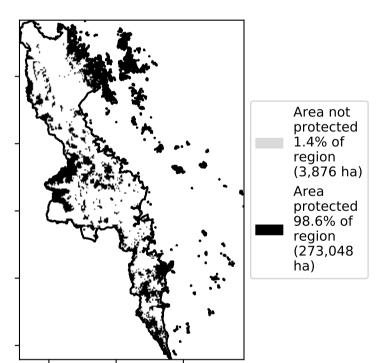
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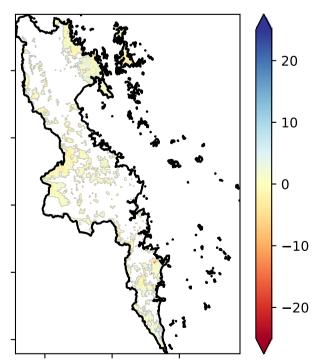
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

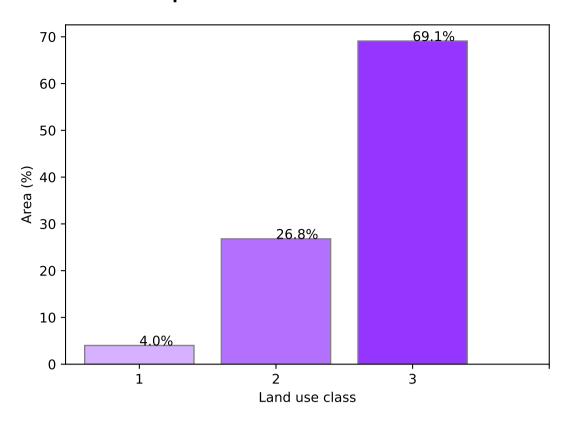


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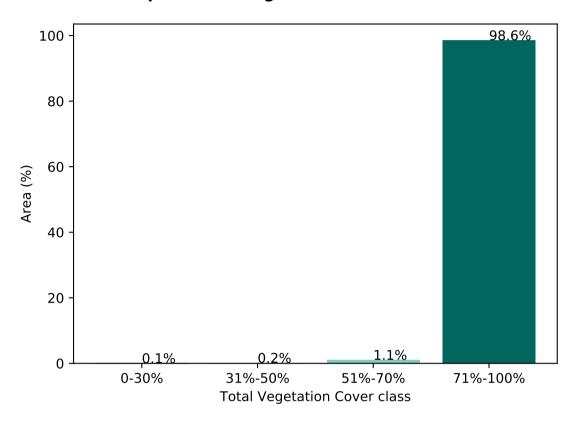


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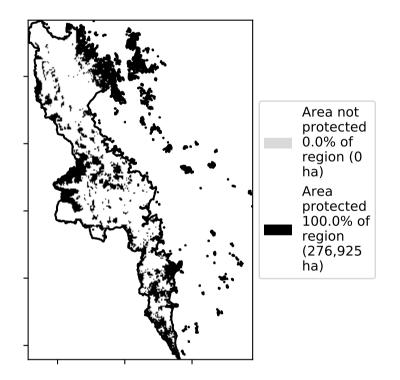
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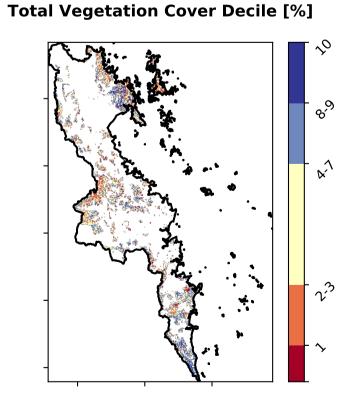
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# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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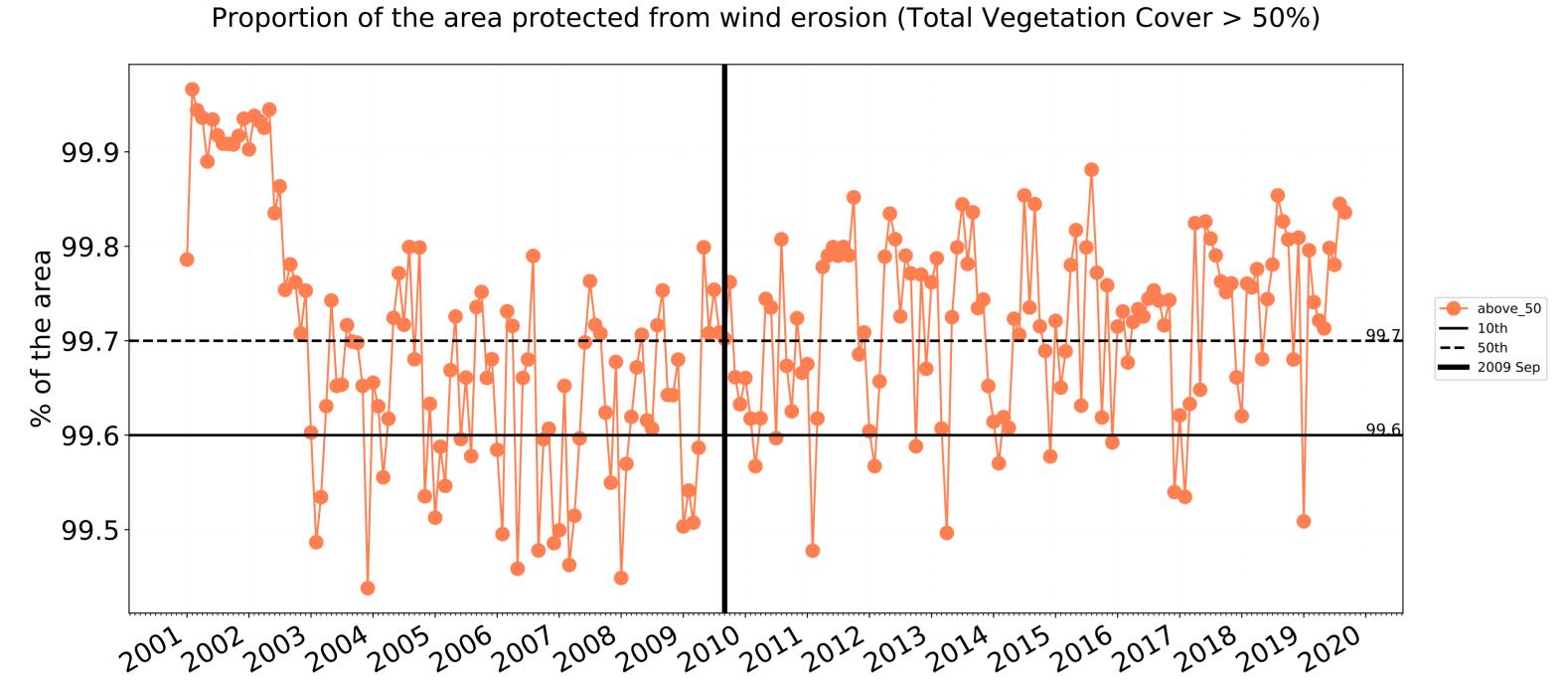




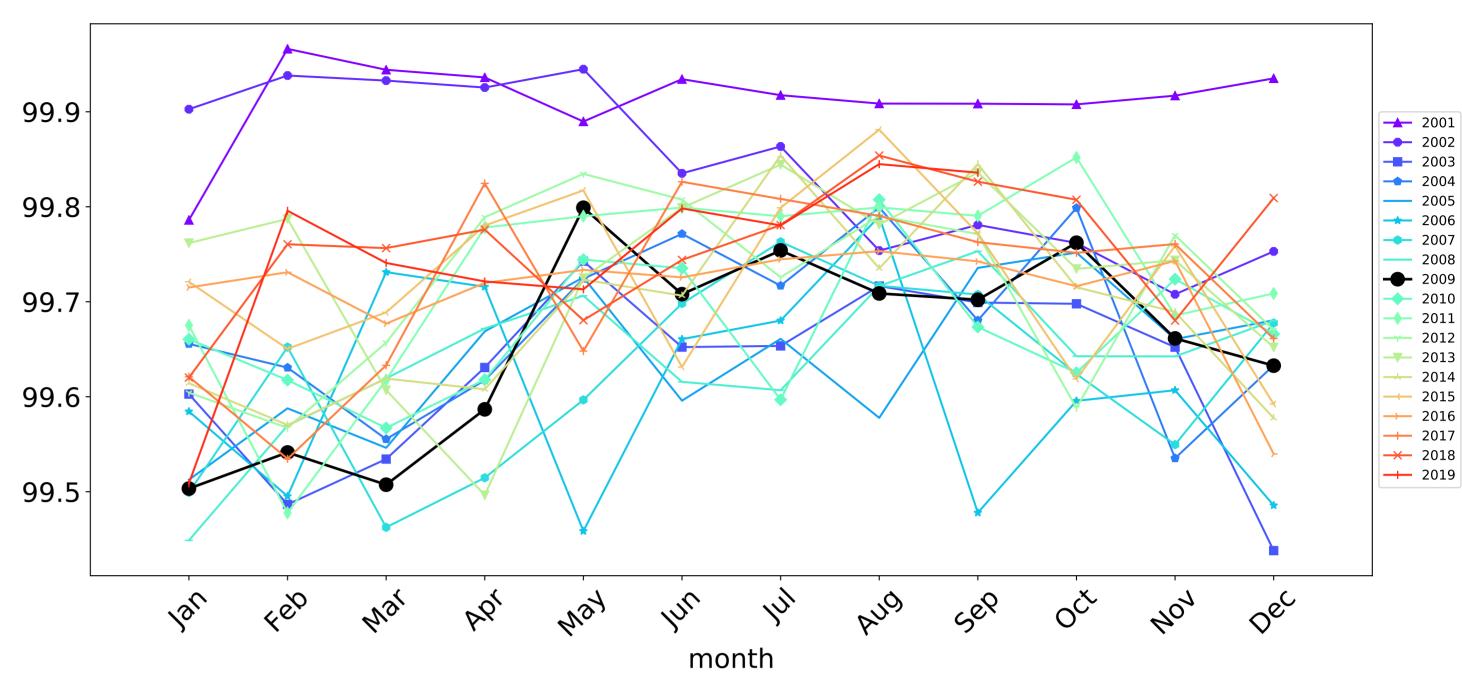


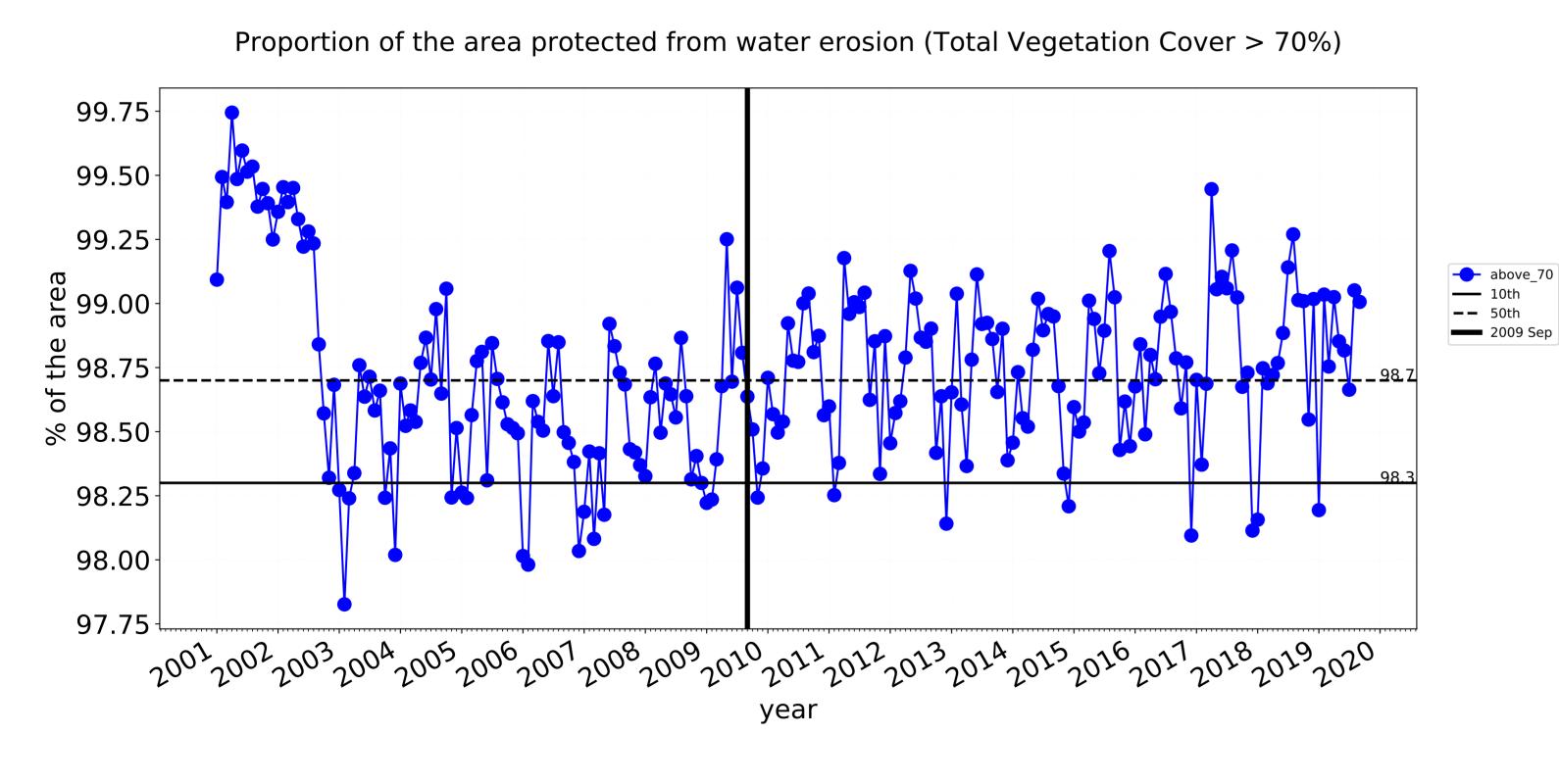


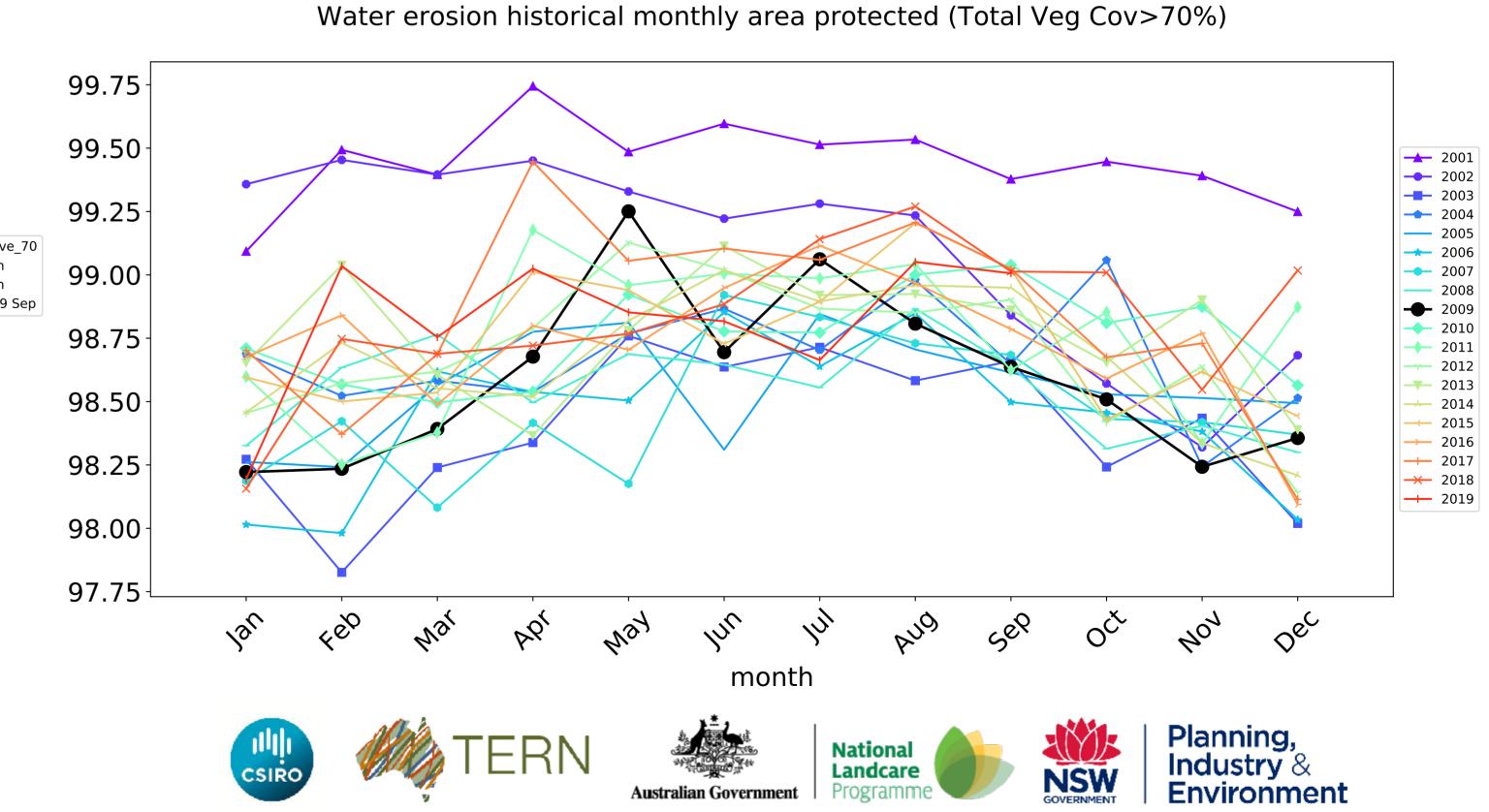
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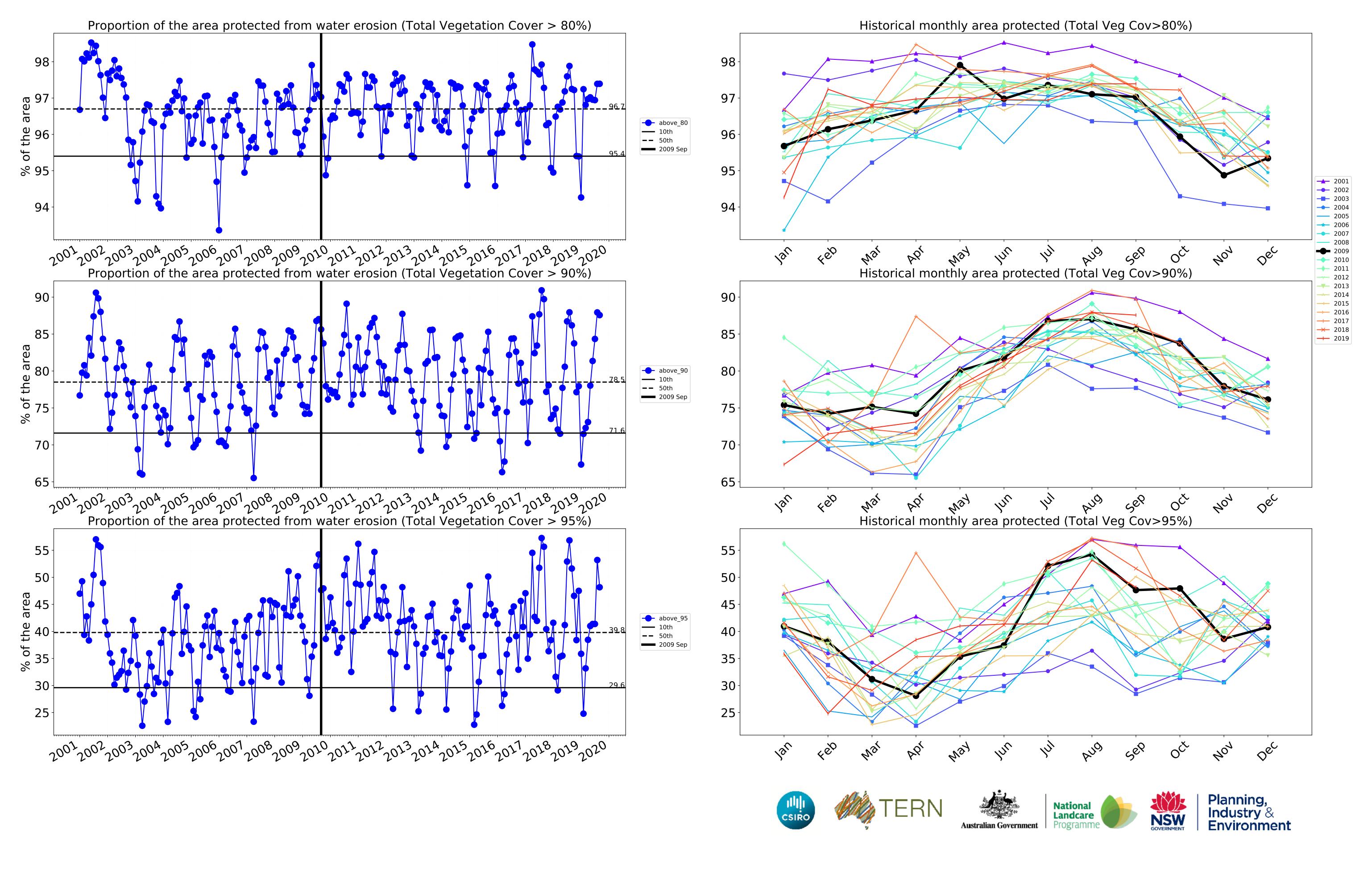


# Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)









# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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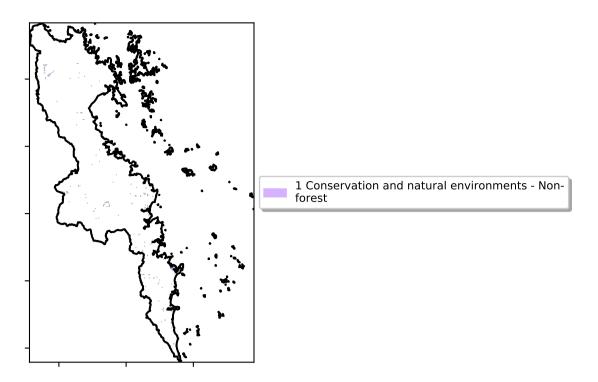
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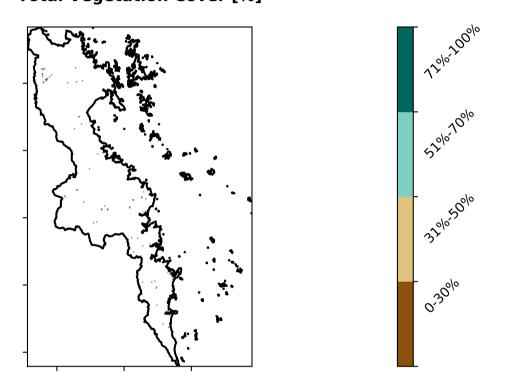
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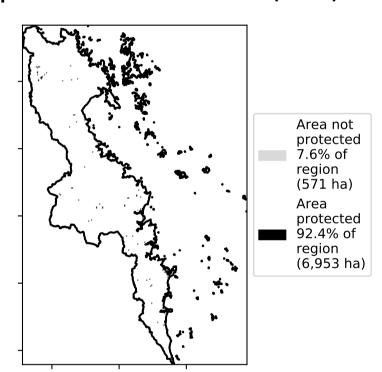
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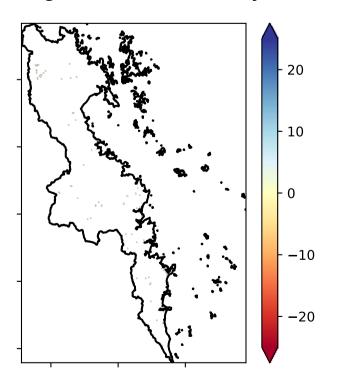
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

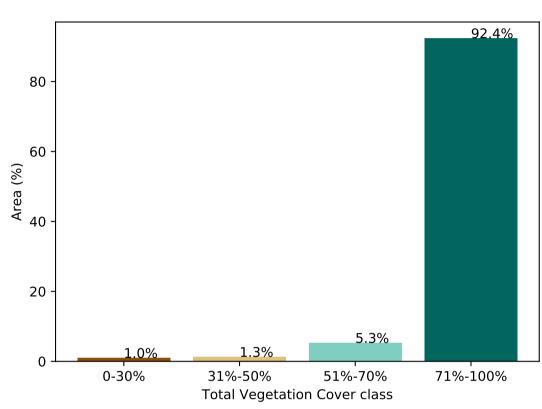


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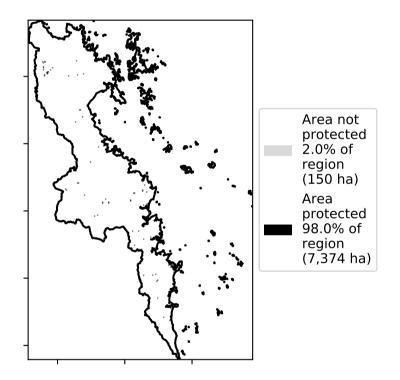


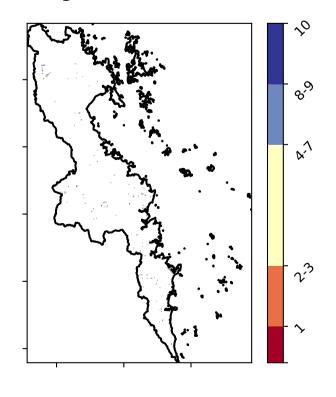
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









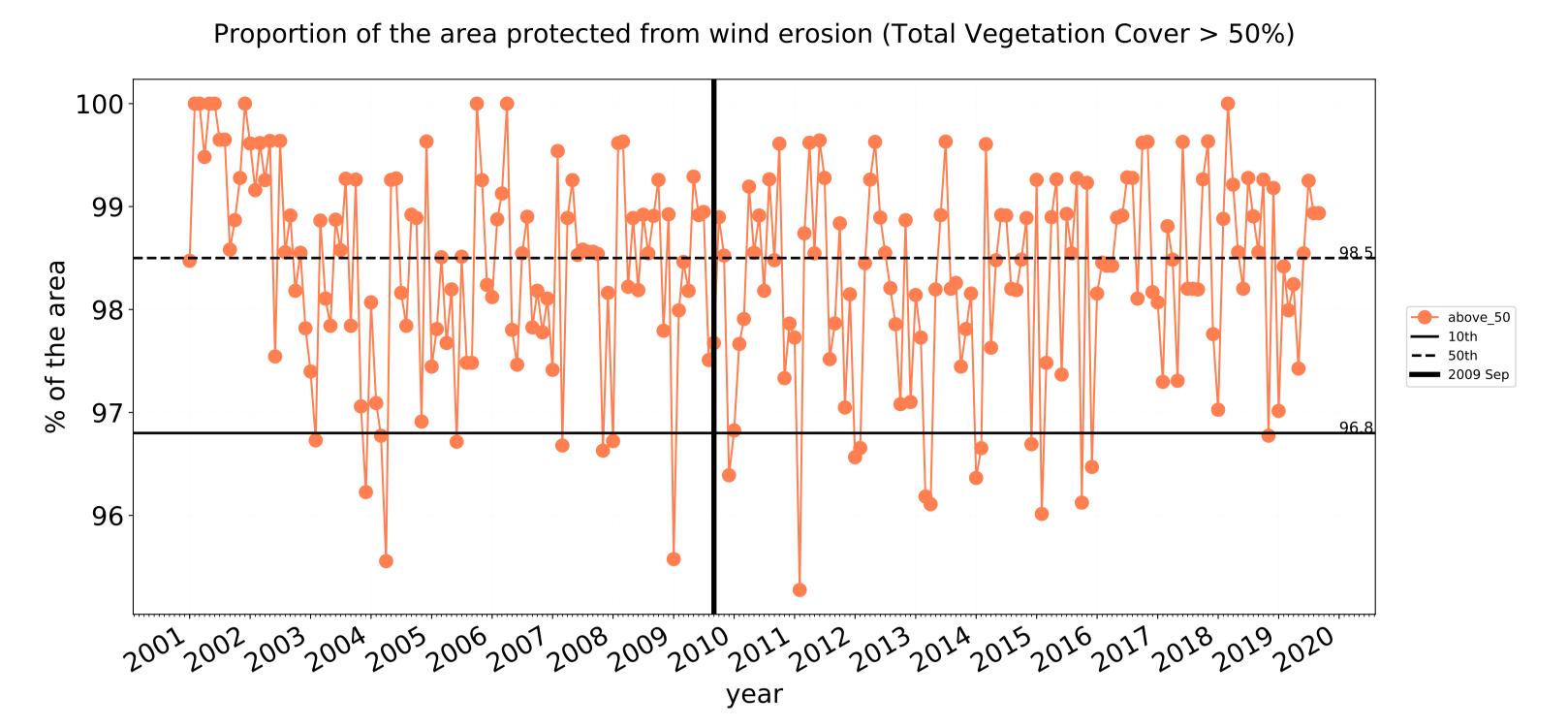


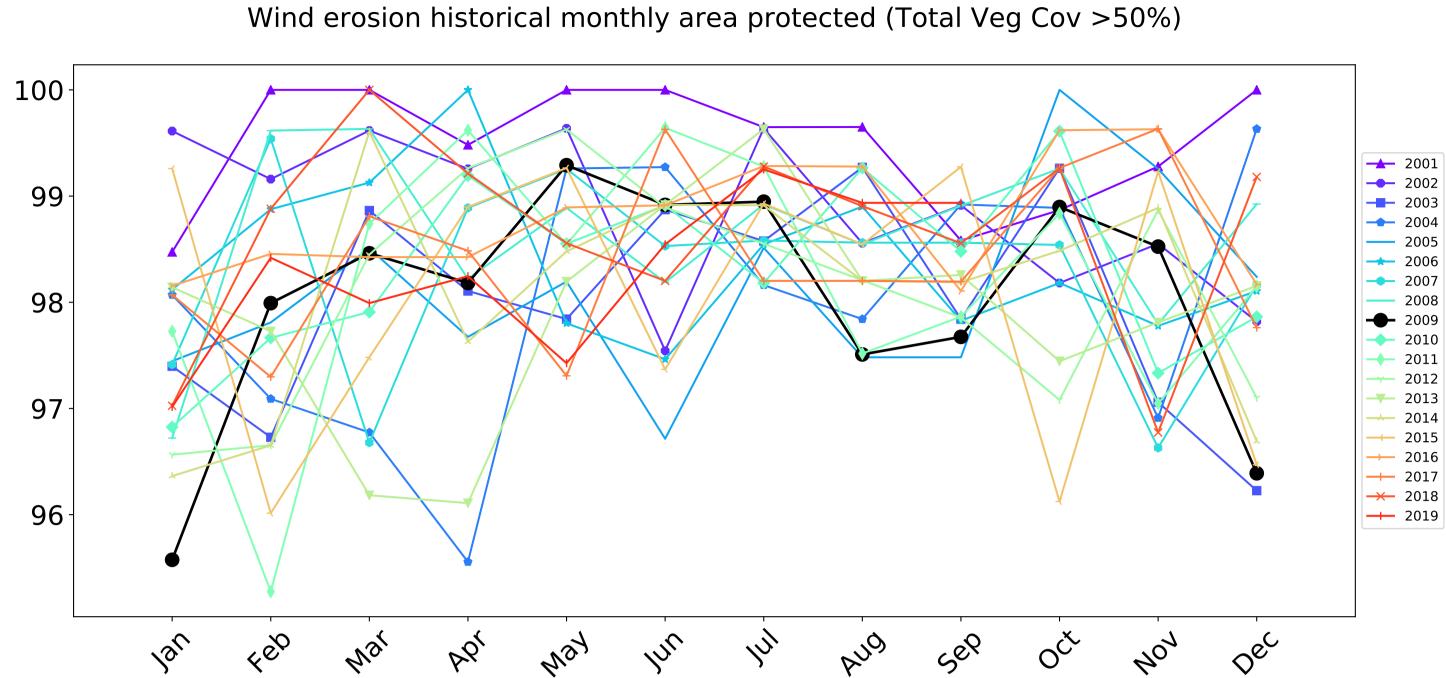




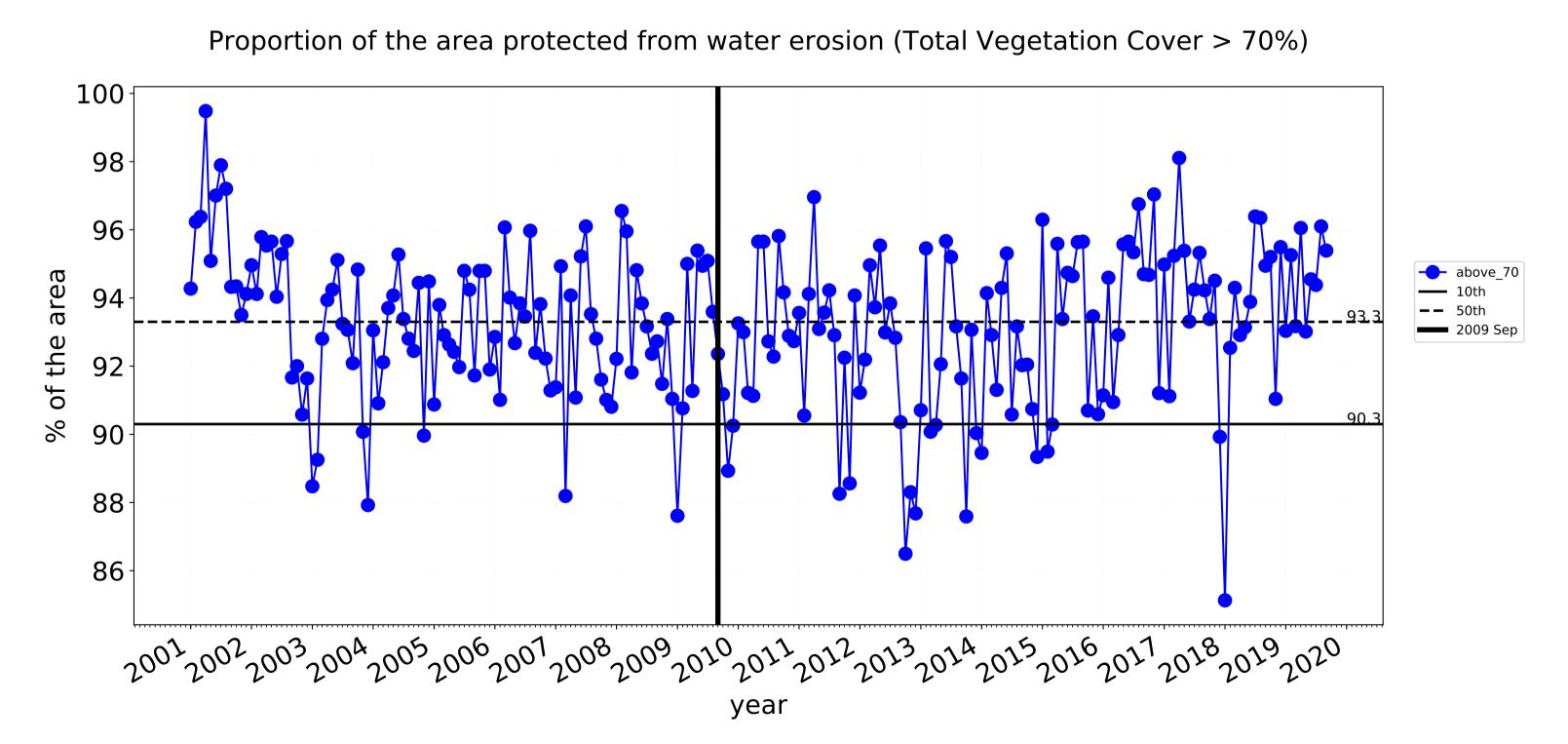


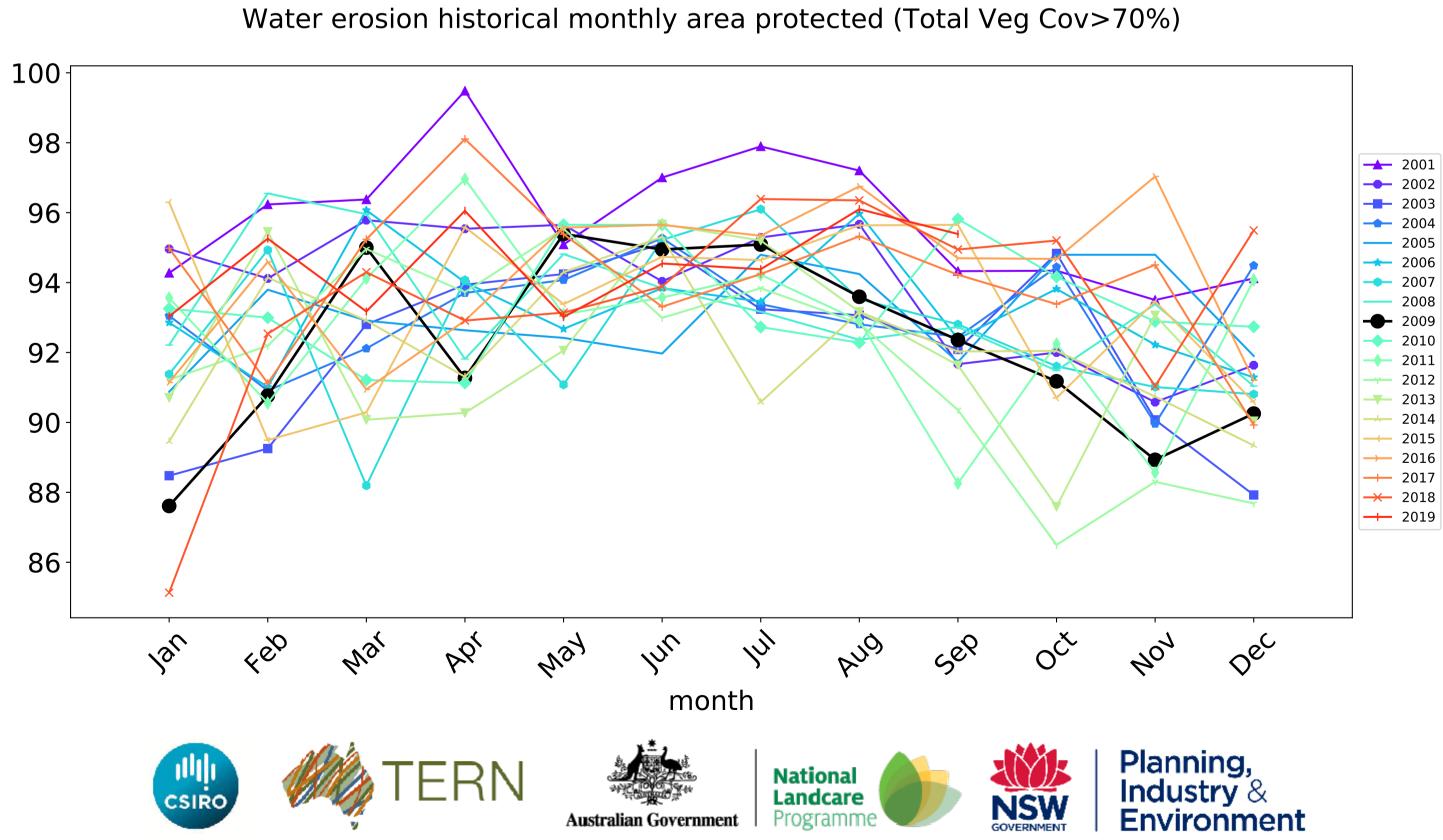
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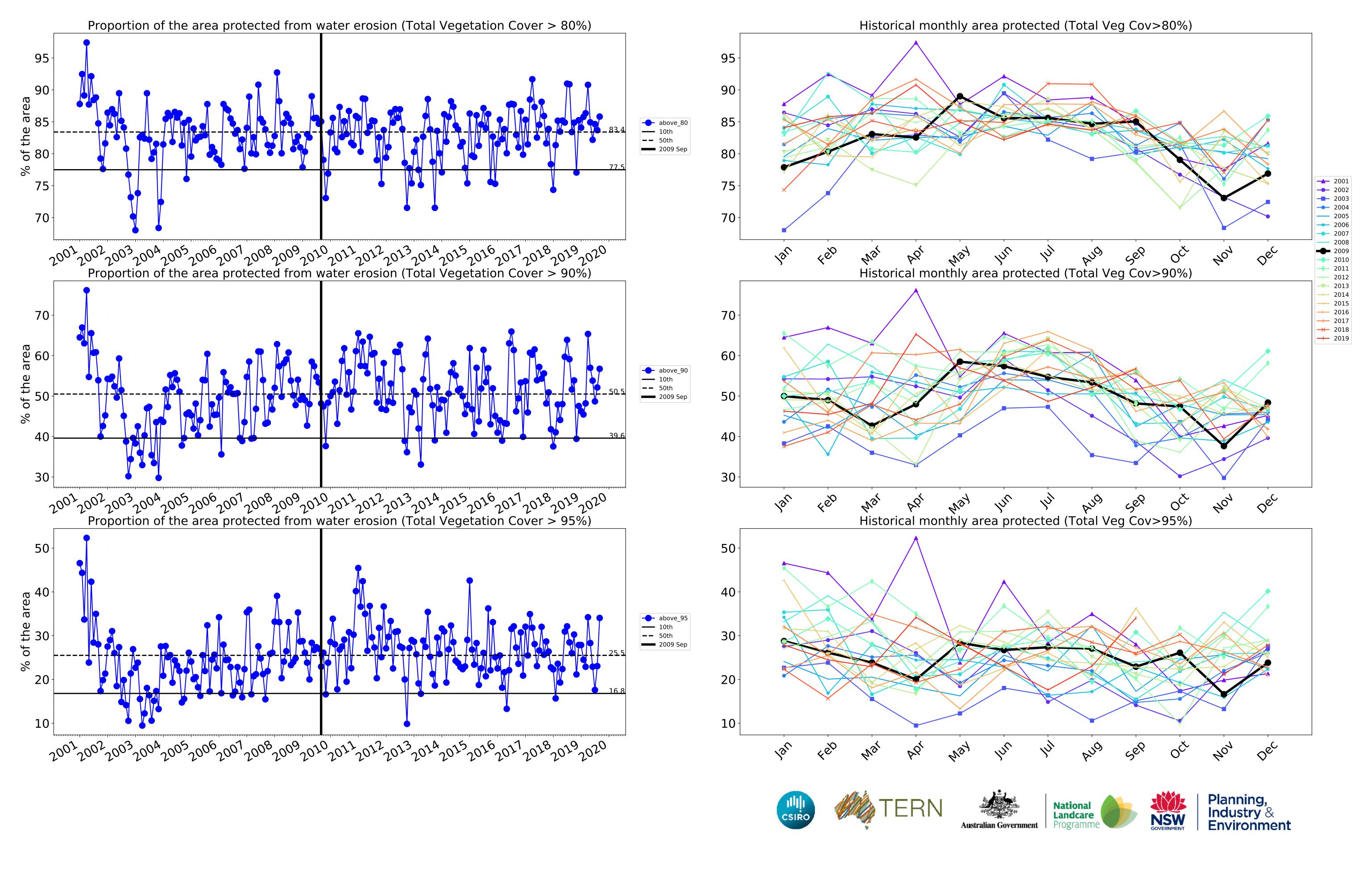




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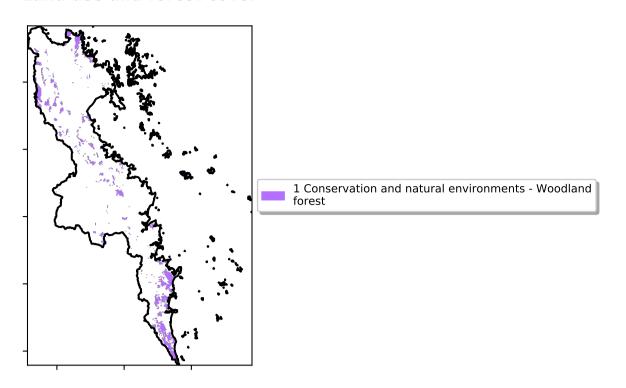




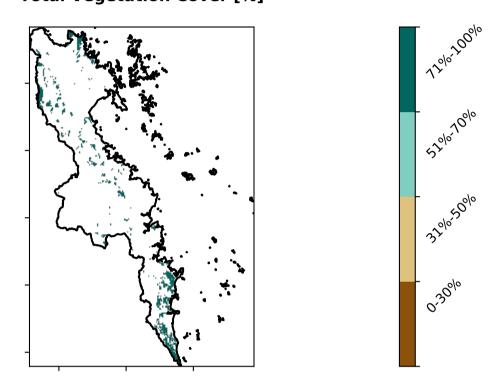
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# Land use and forest cover

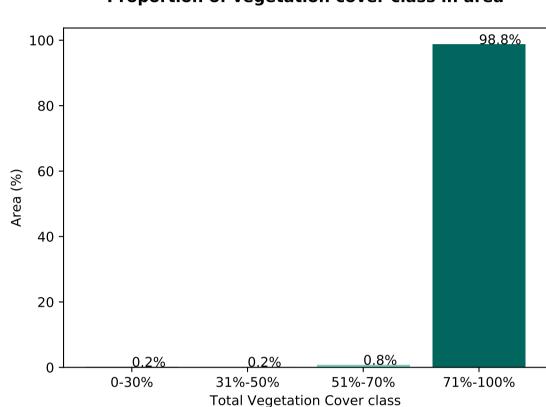
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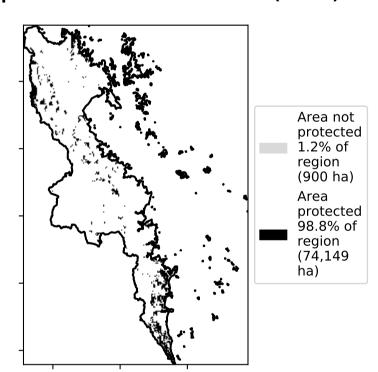
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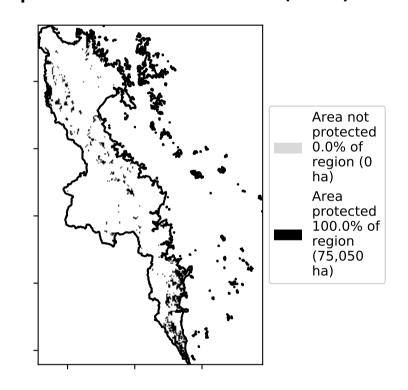
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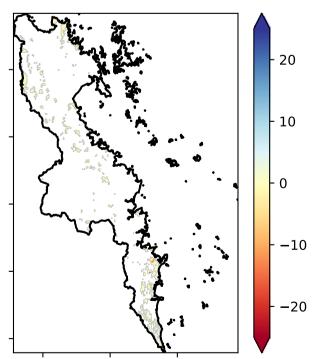
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

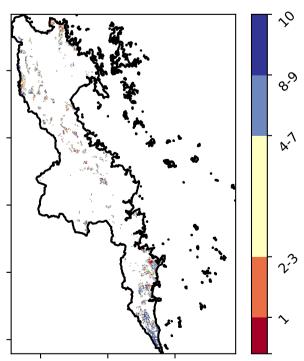


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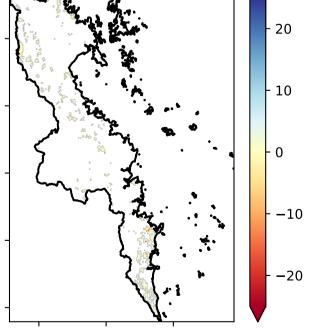


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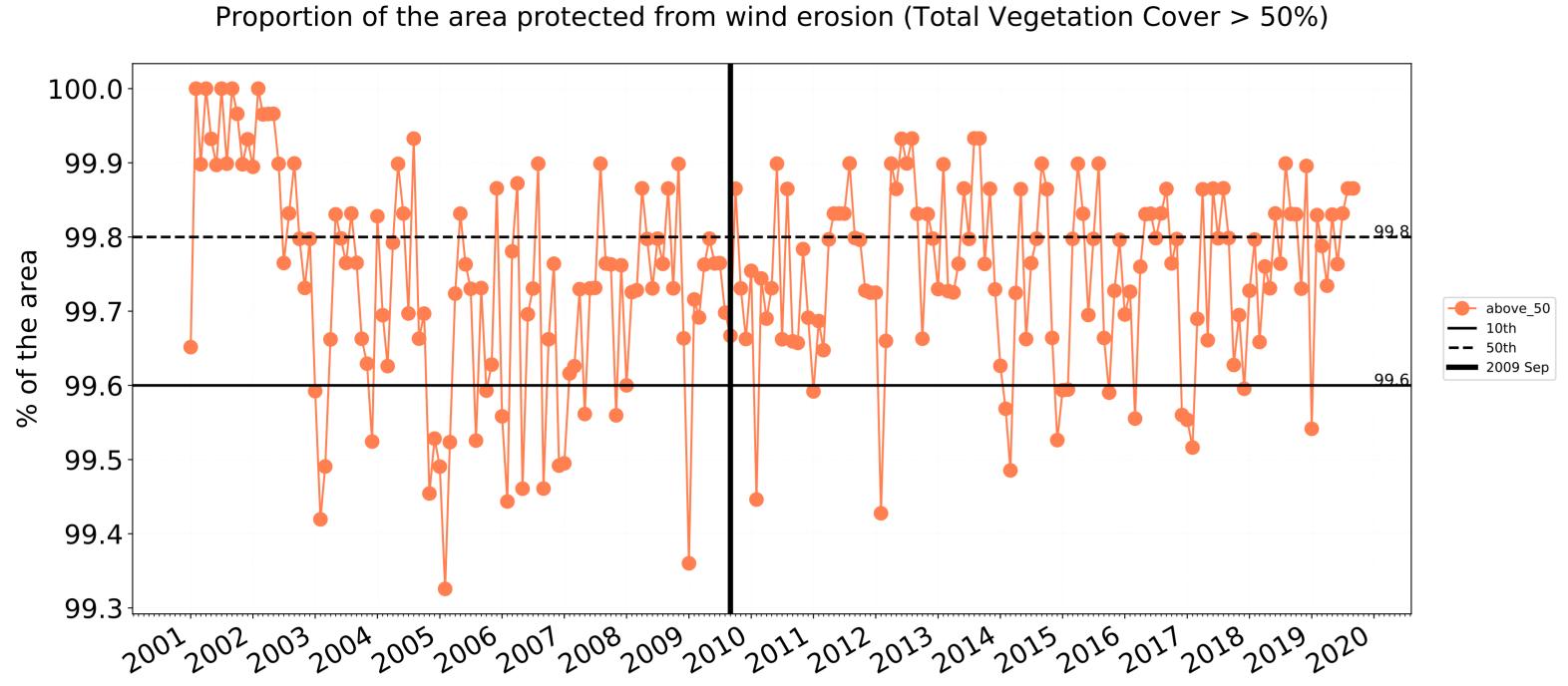


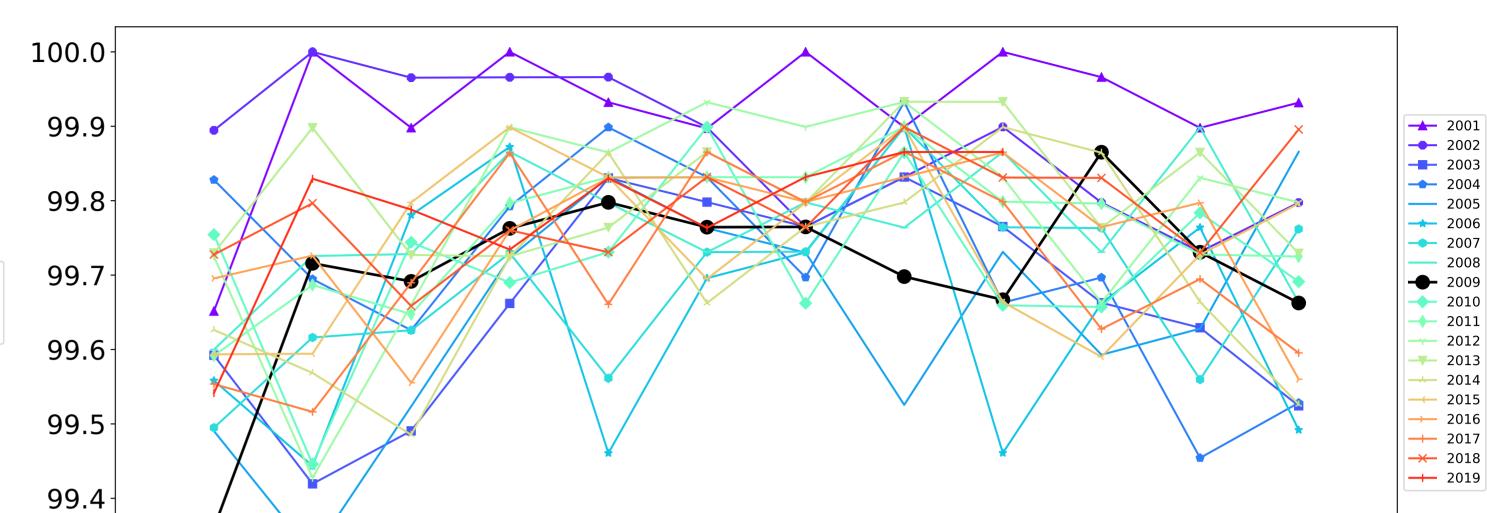








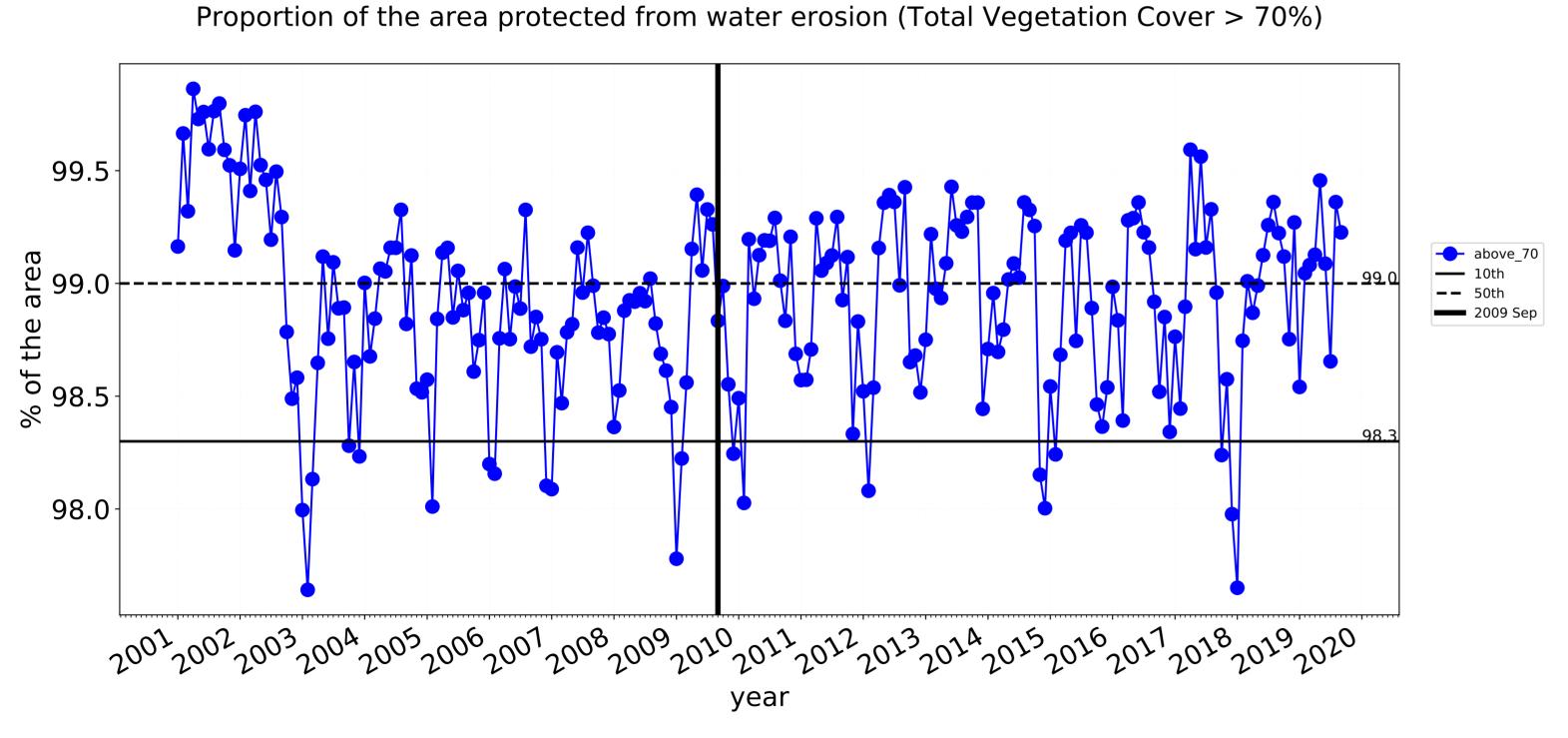


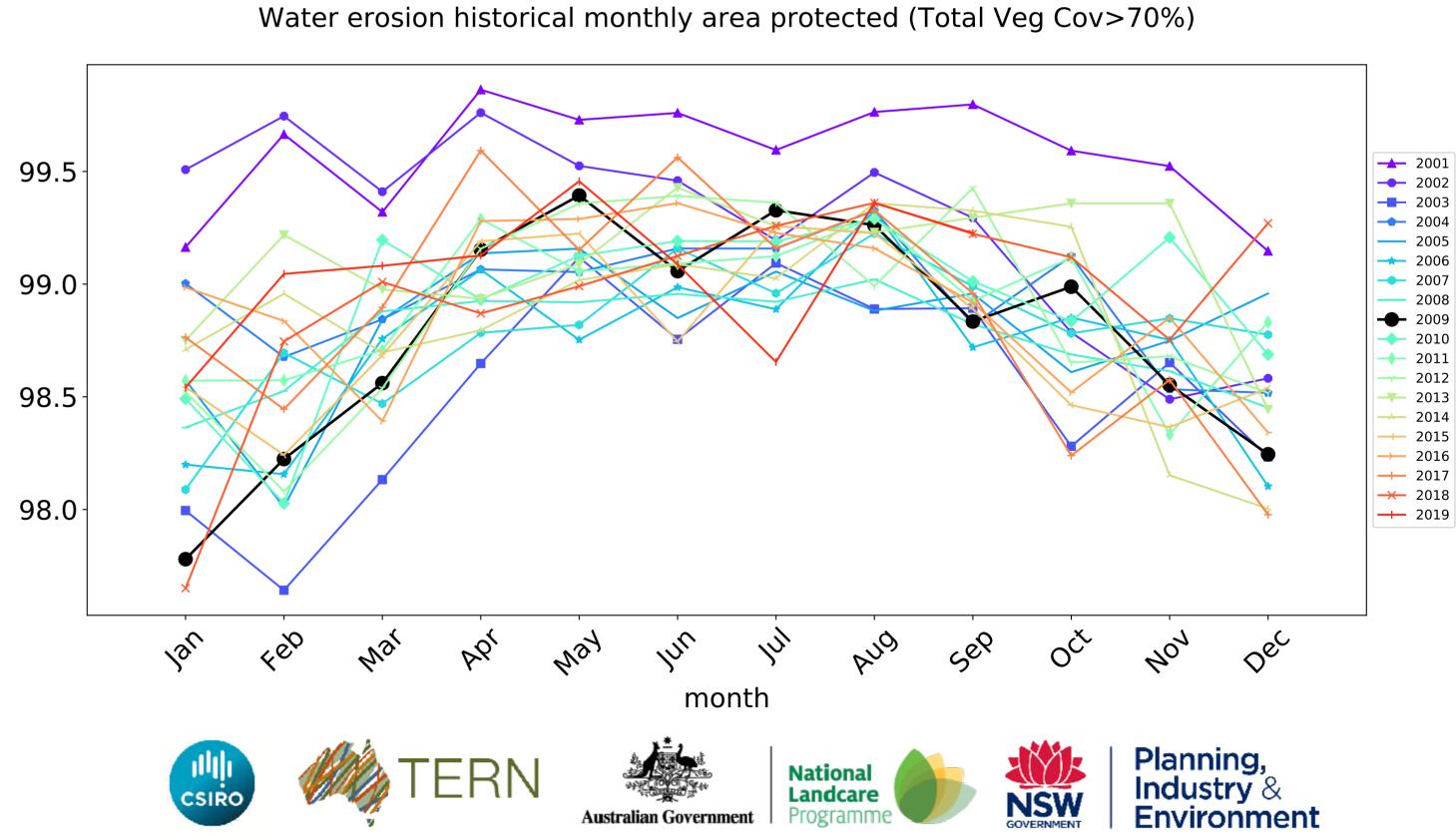


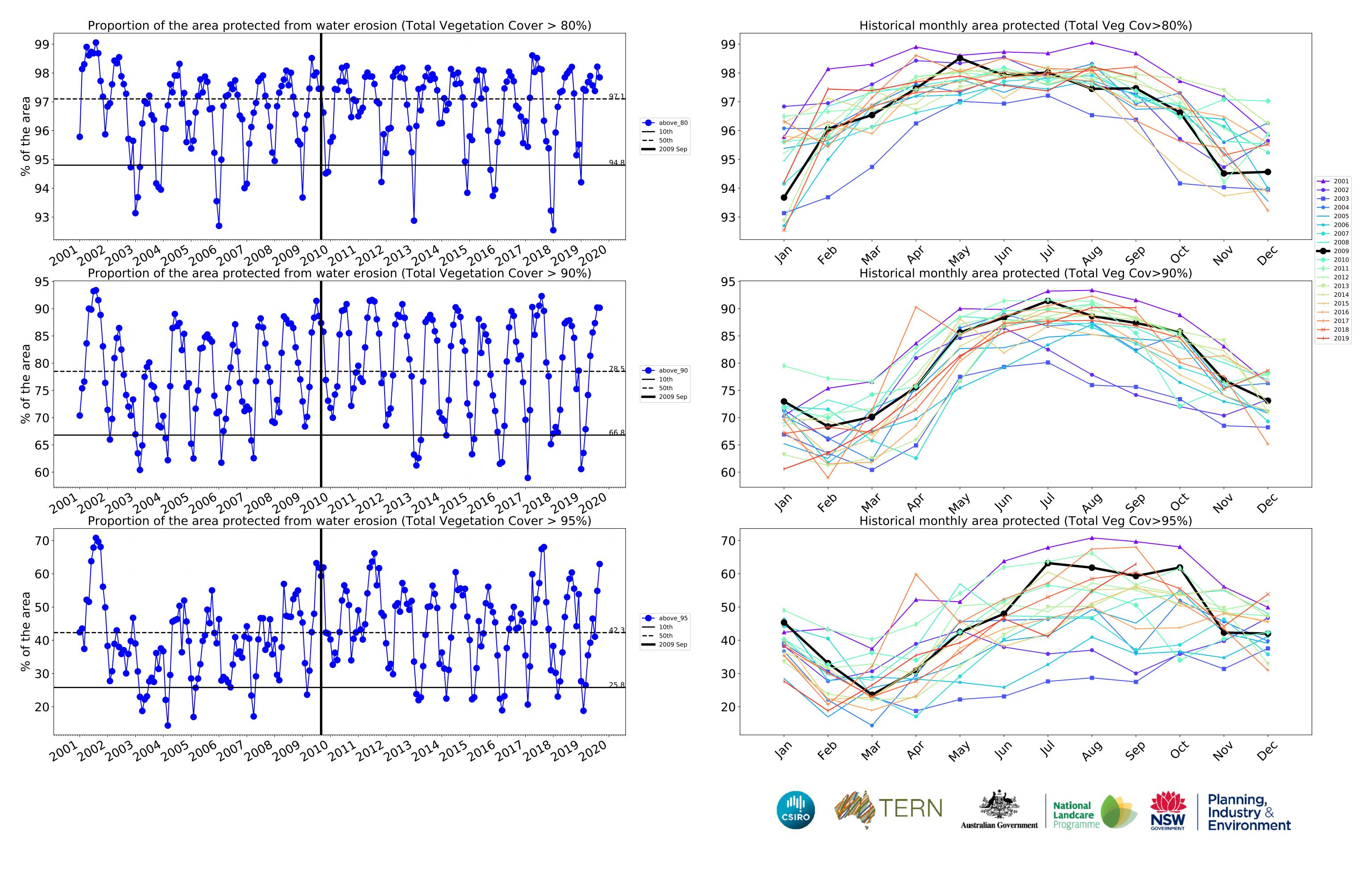
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



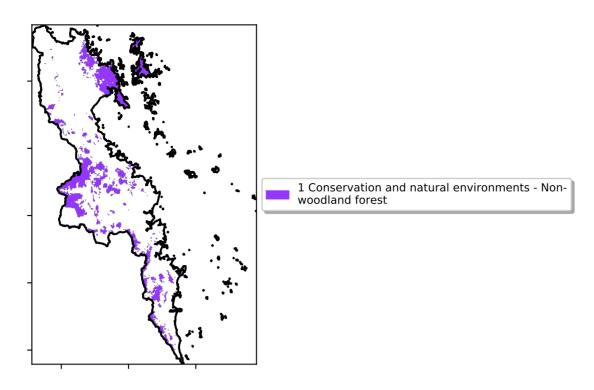




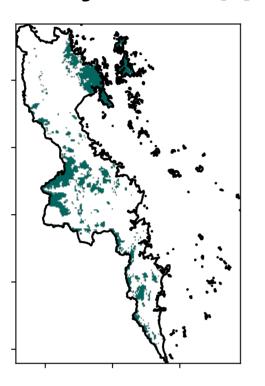
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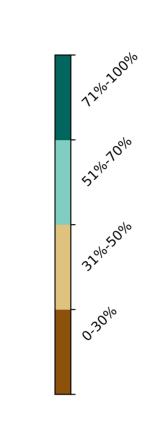
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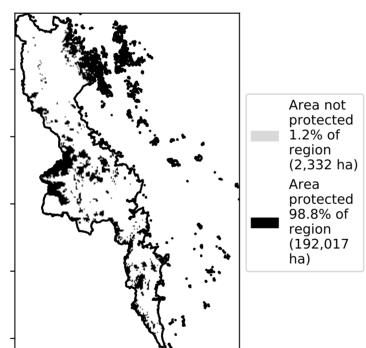


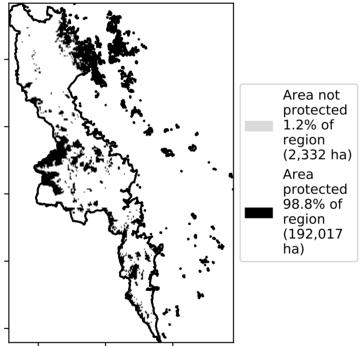
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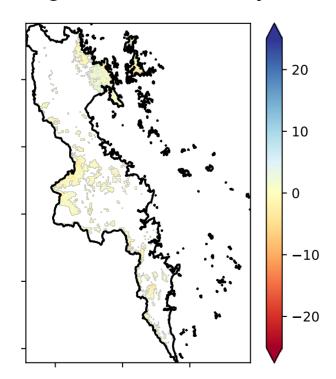


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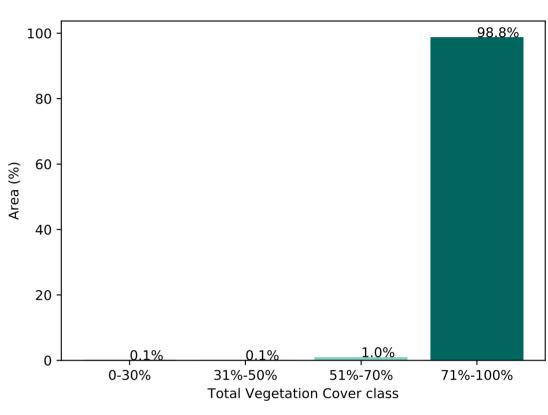


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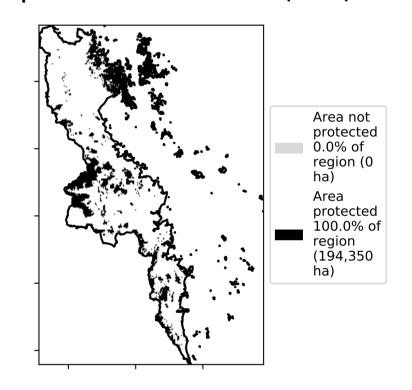


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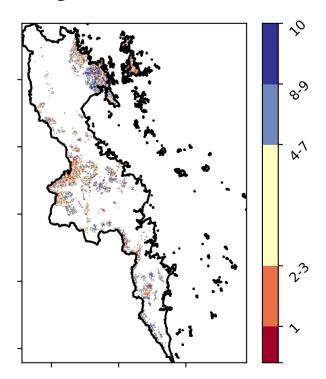
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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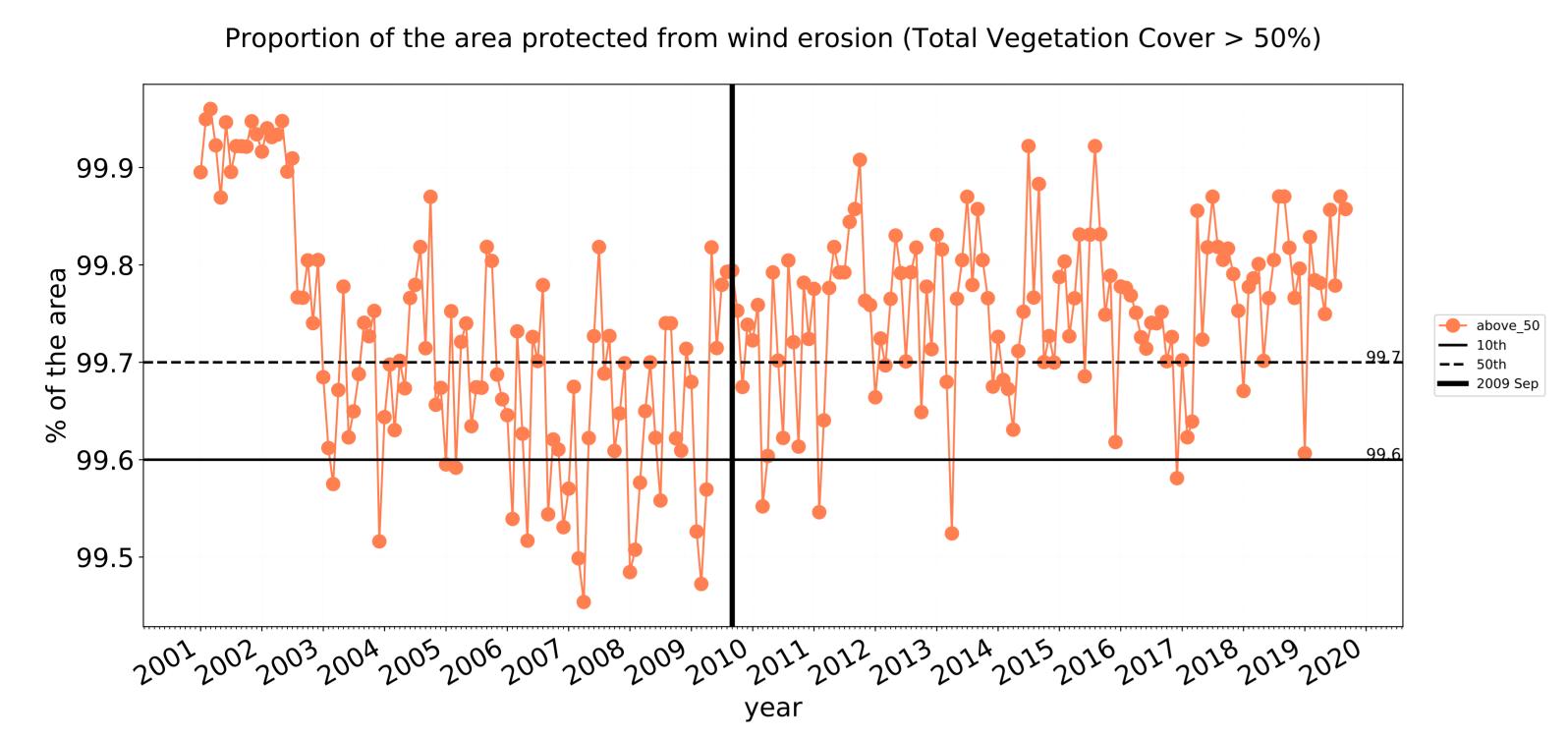




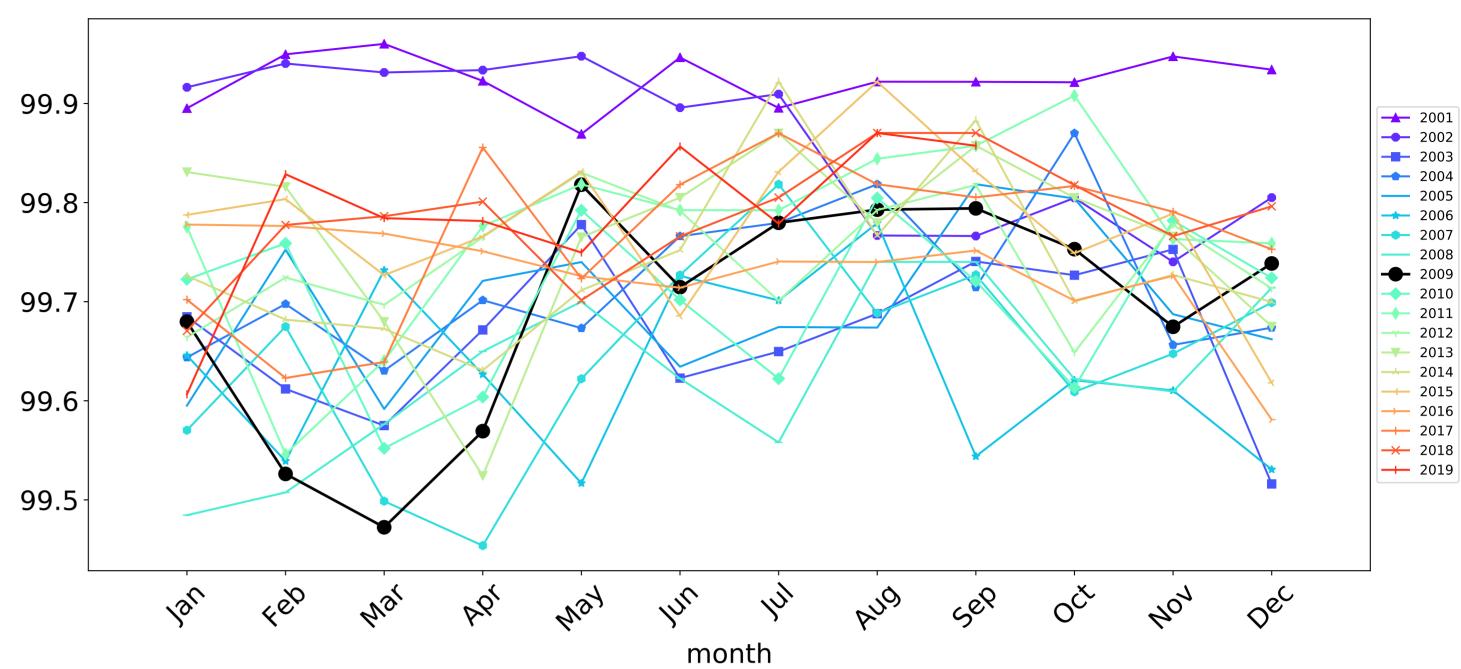




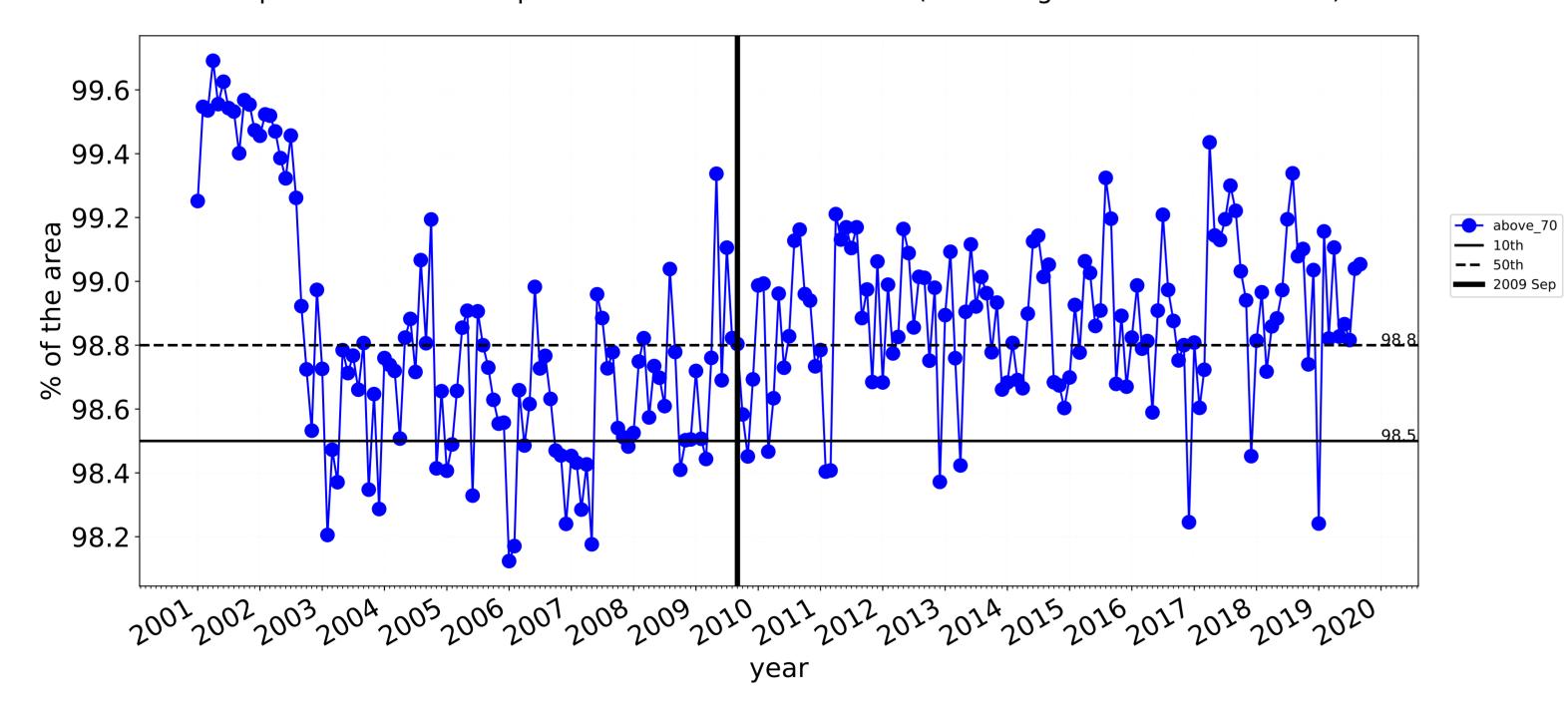




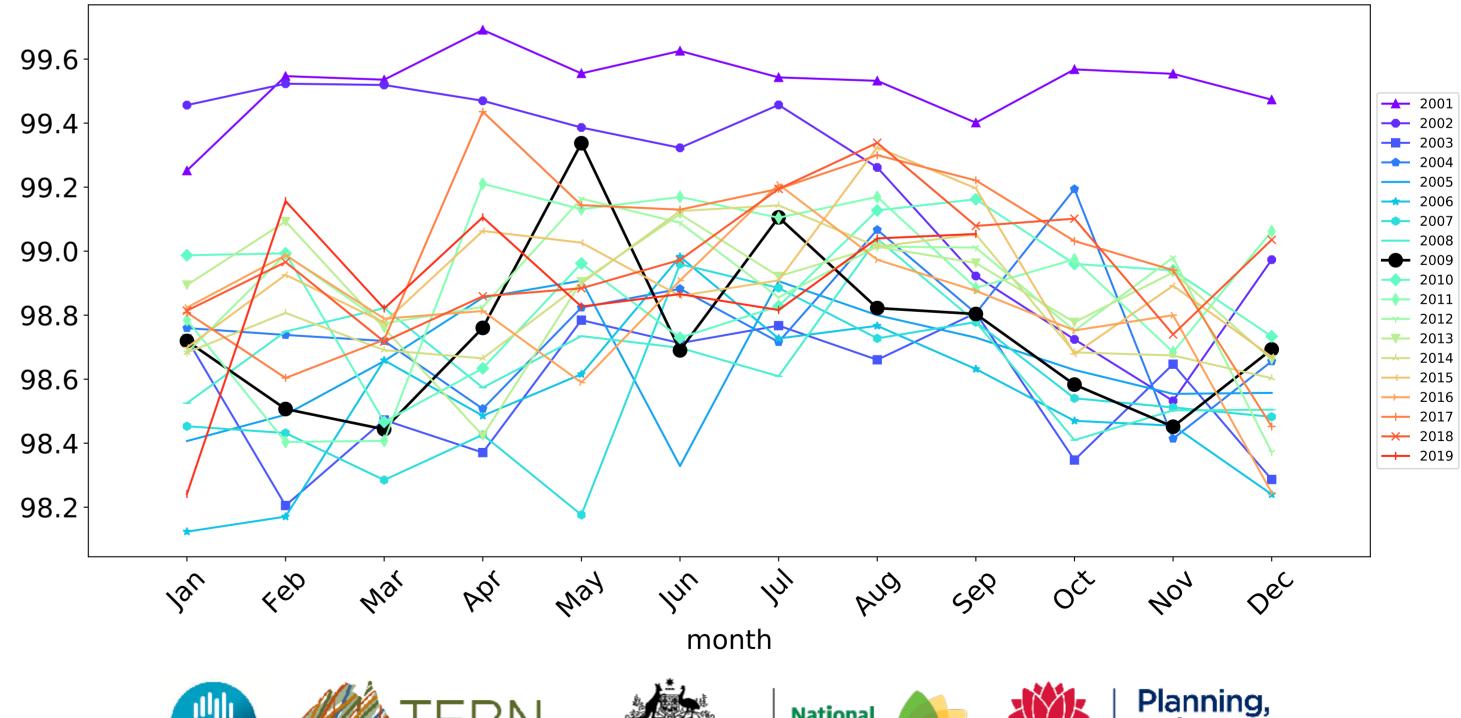








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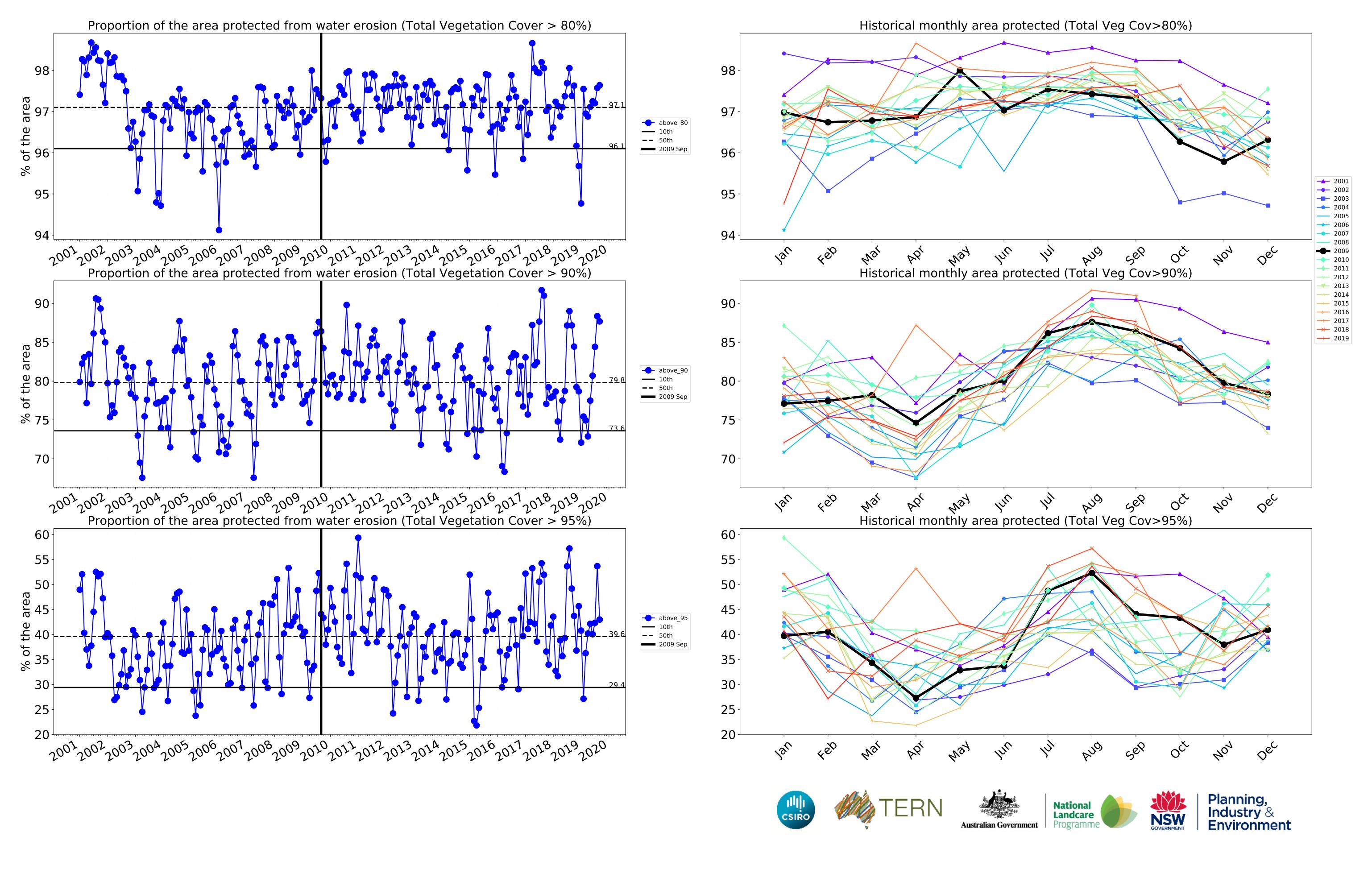












# **Agriculture**

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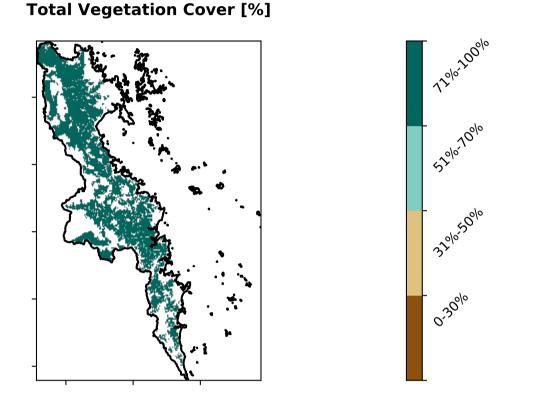
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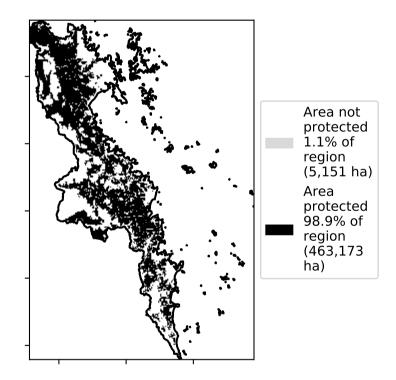
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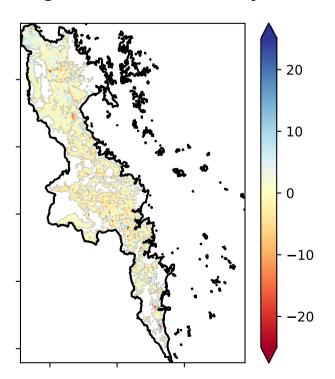
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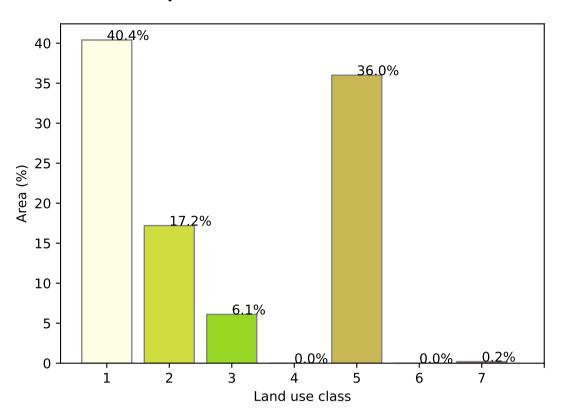
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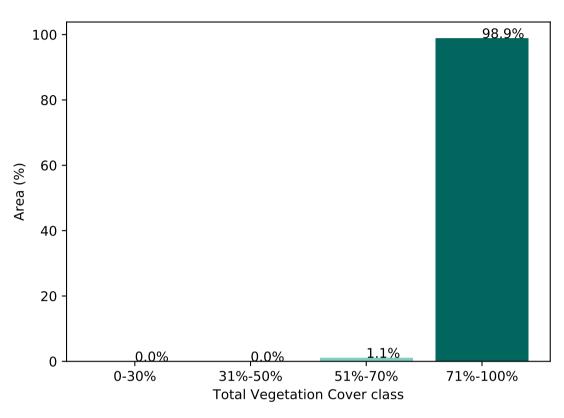


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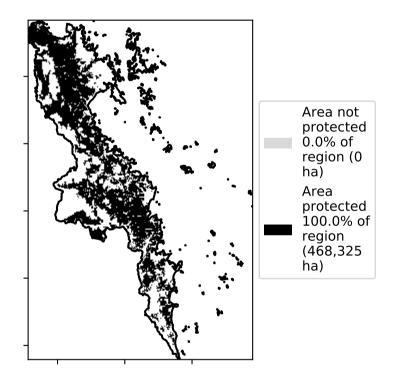
# **Proportion of each land class in area**



# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

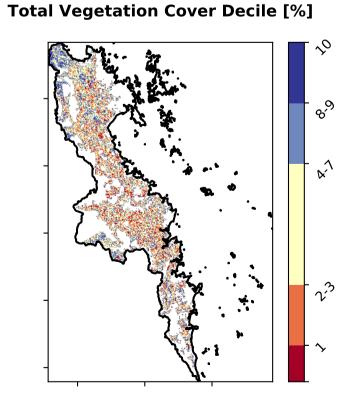


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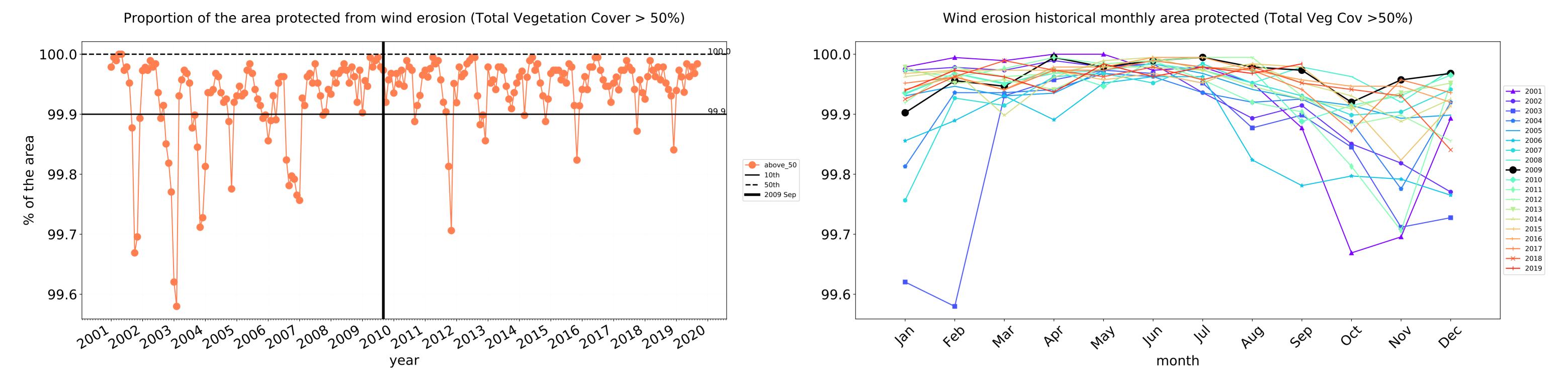


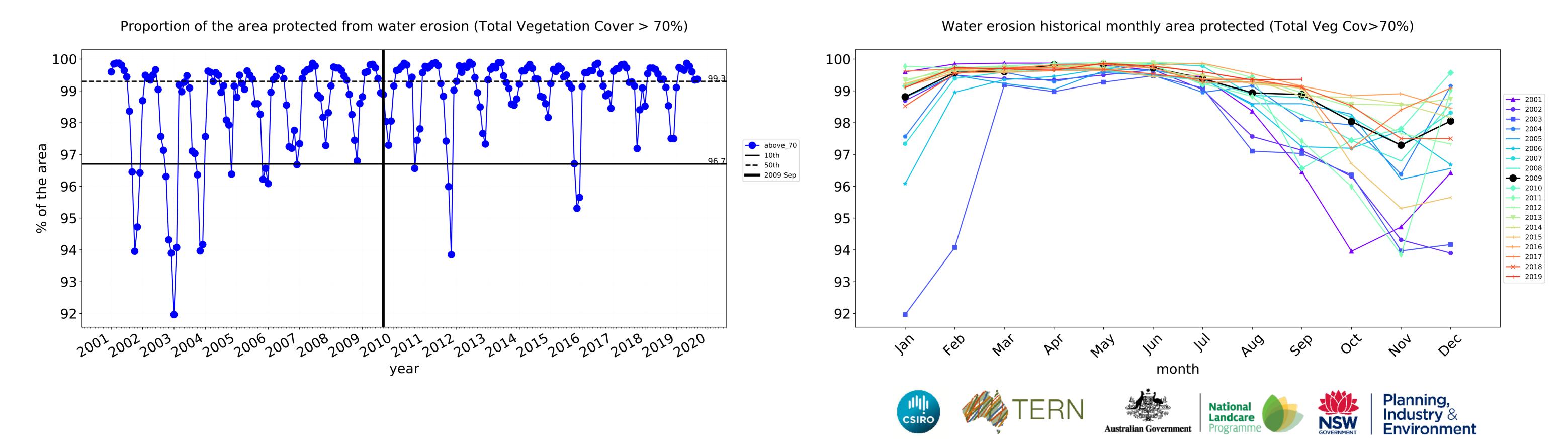


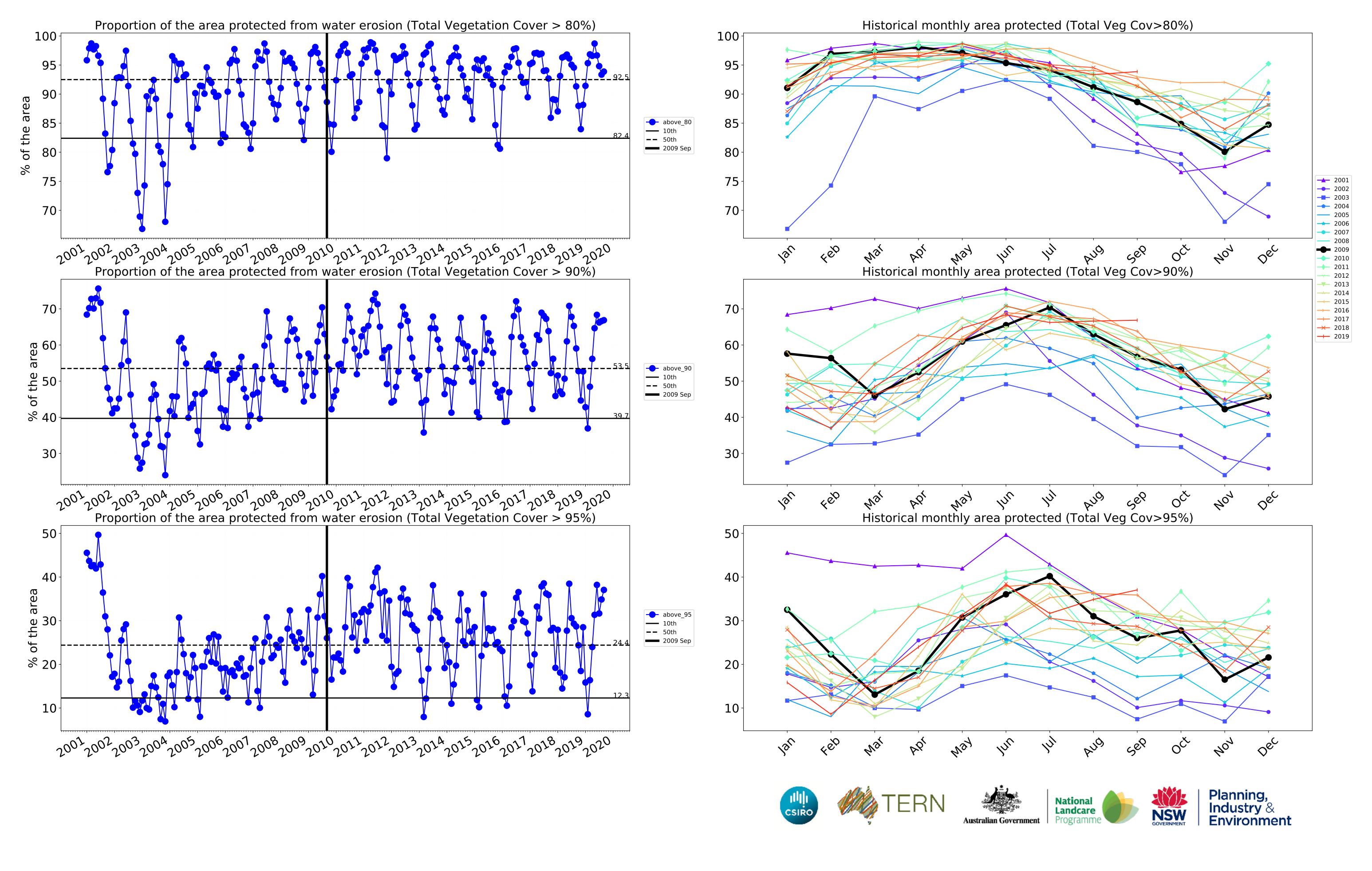




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# Grazing

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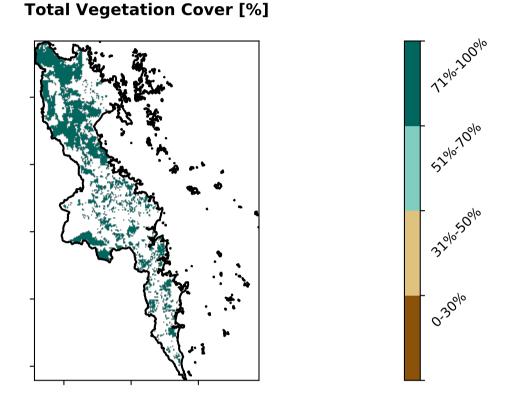
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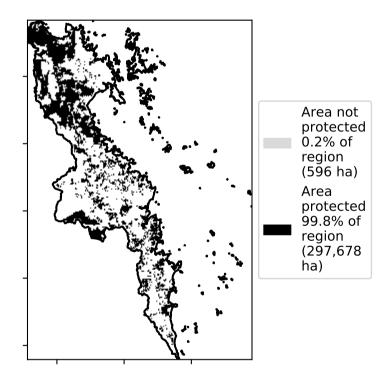
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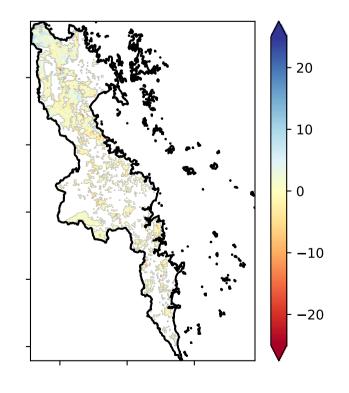
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

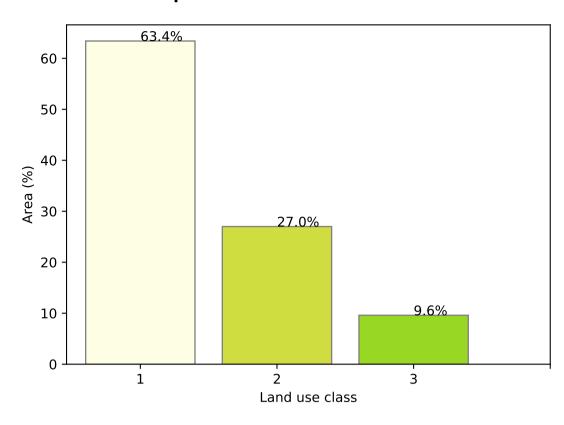


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

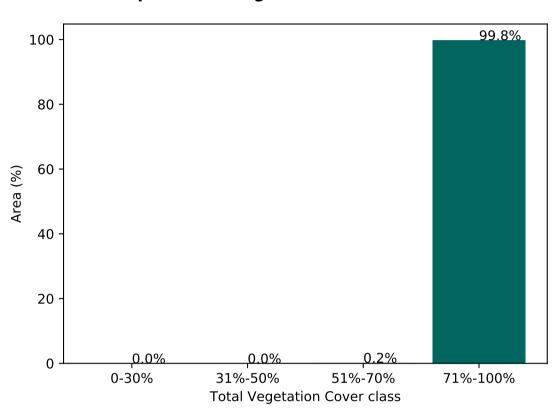


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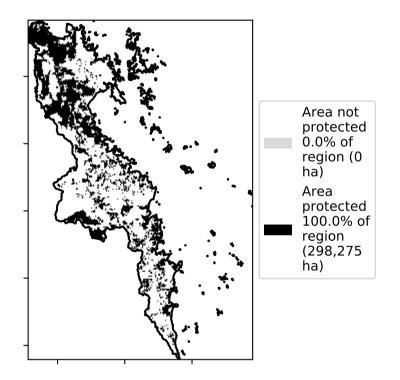
# Proportion of each land class in area



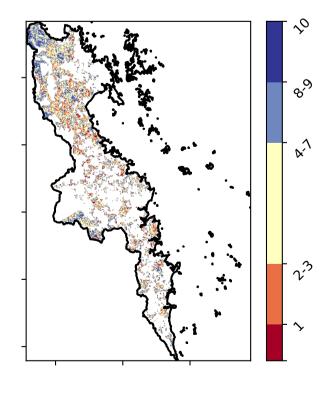
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Deciles show where the records for that month of







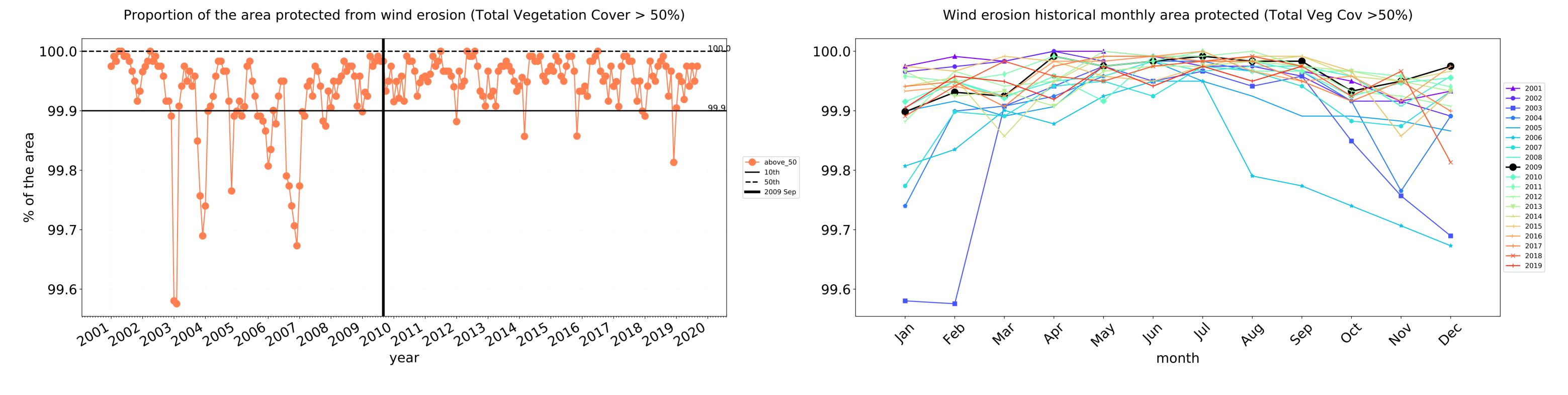


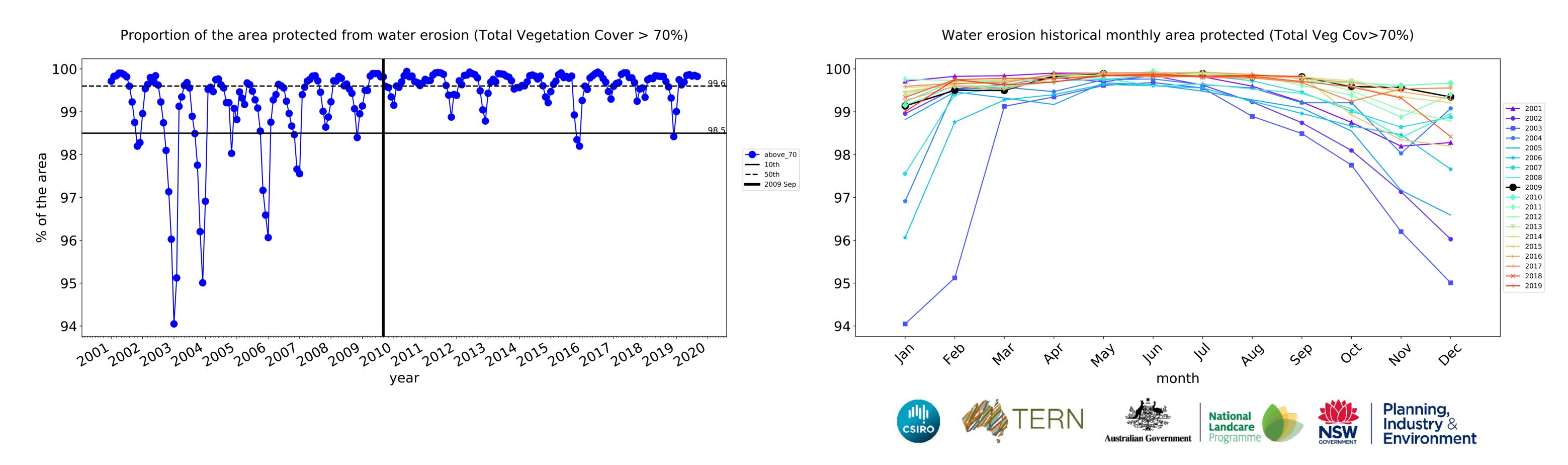


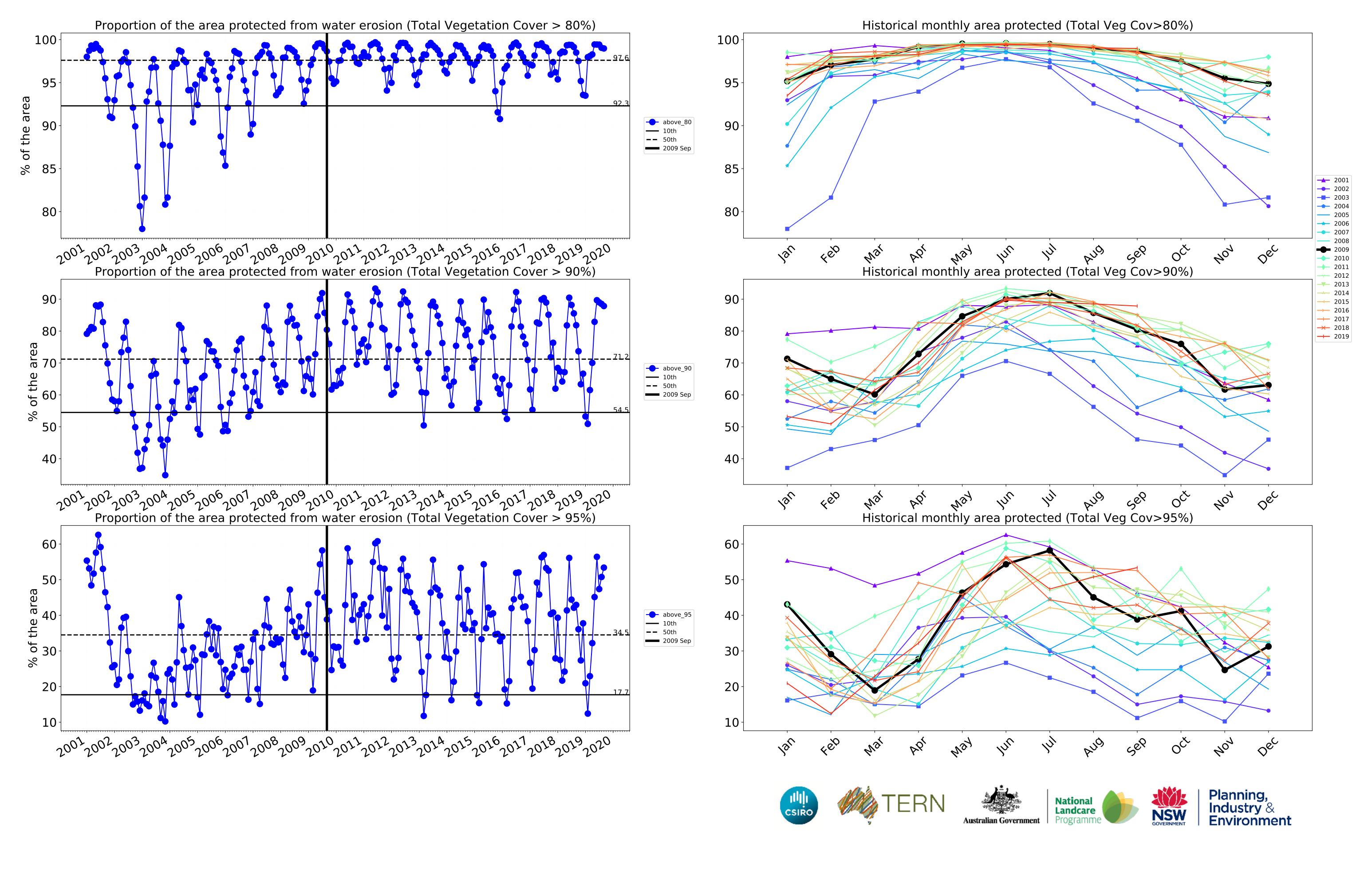




# **Grazing timeseries**







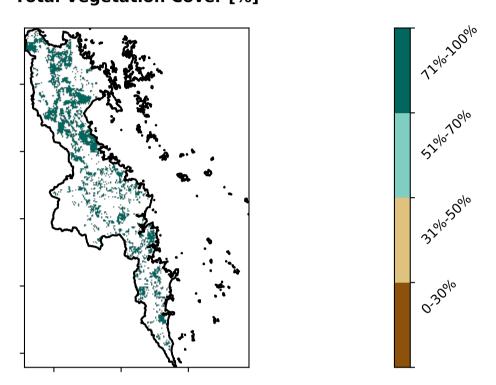
# **Grazing non forest**

# Land use and forest cover

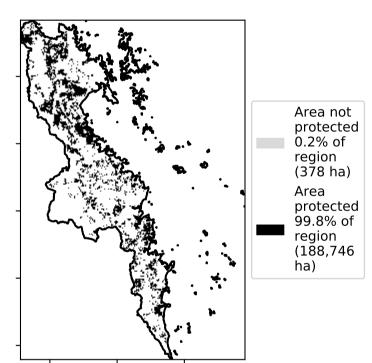
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

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

# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Anomaly show how many percetage points each

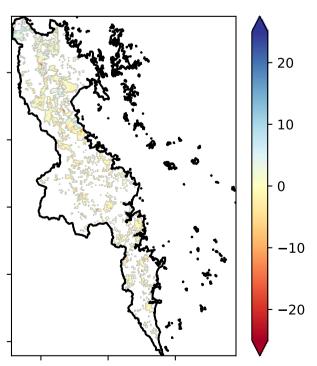
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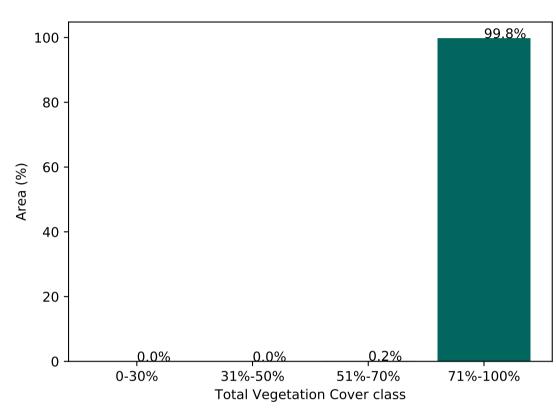
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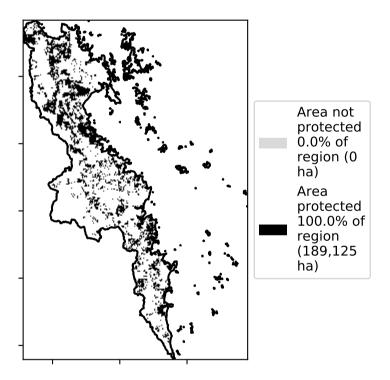


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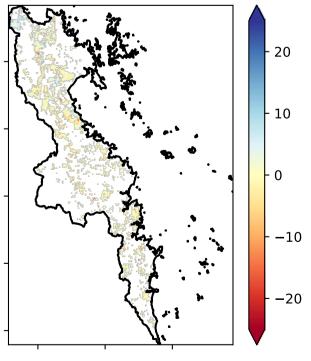
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

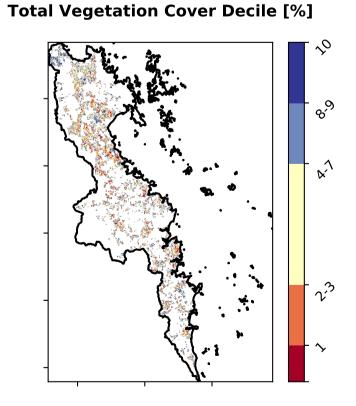


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**









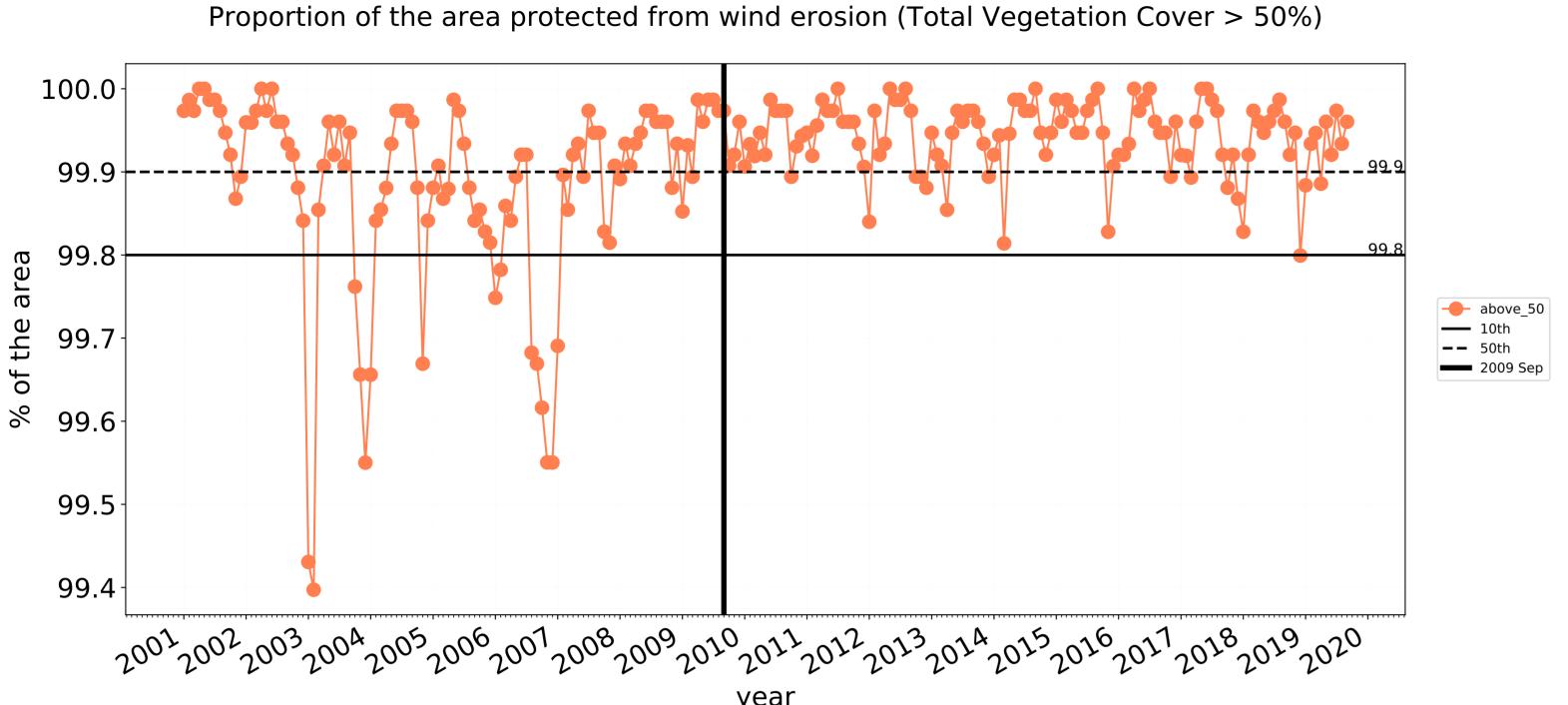


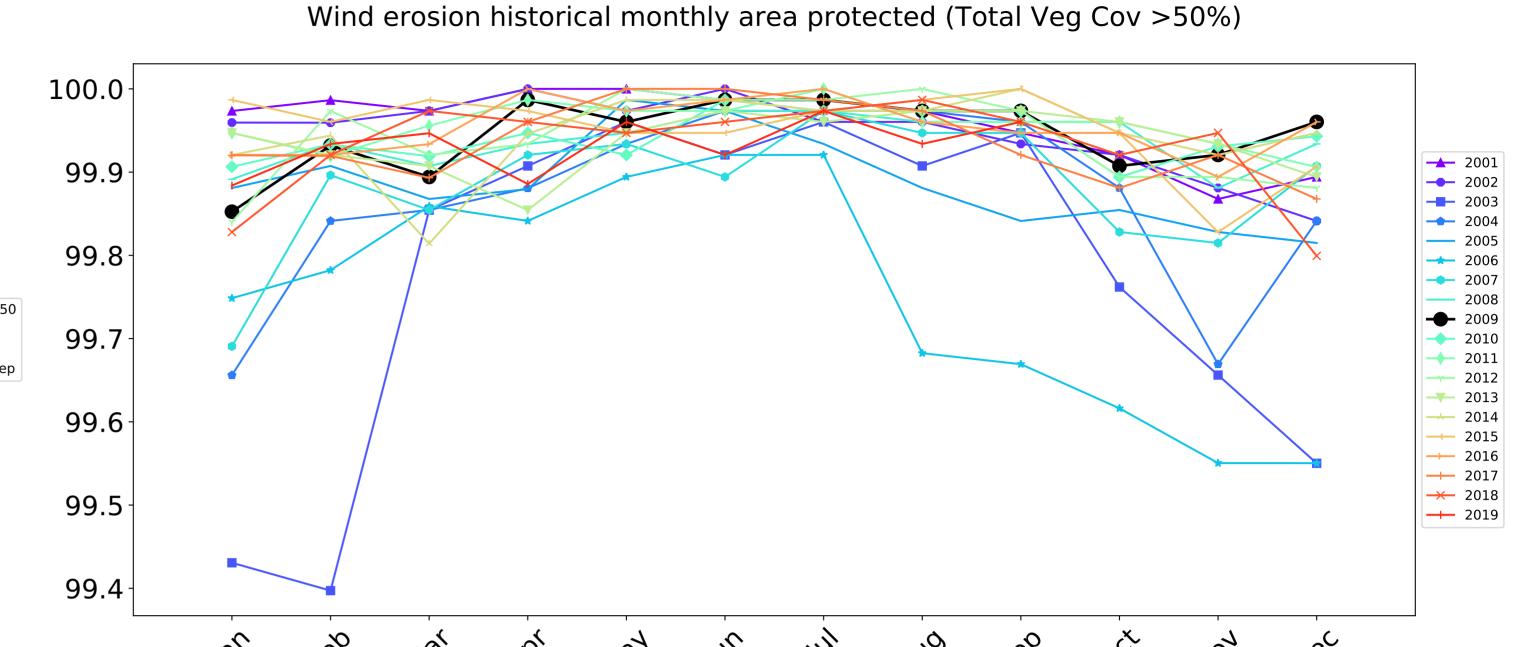




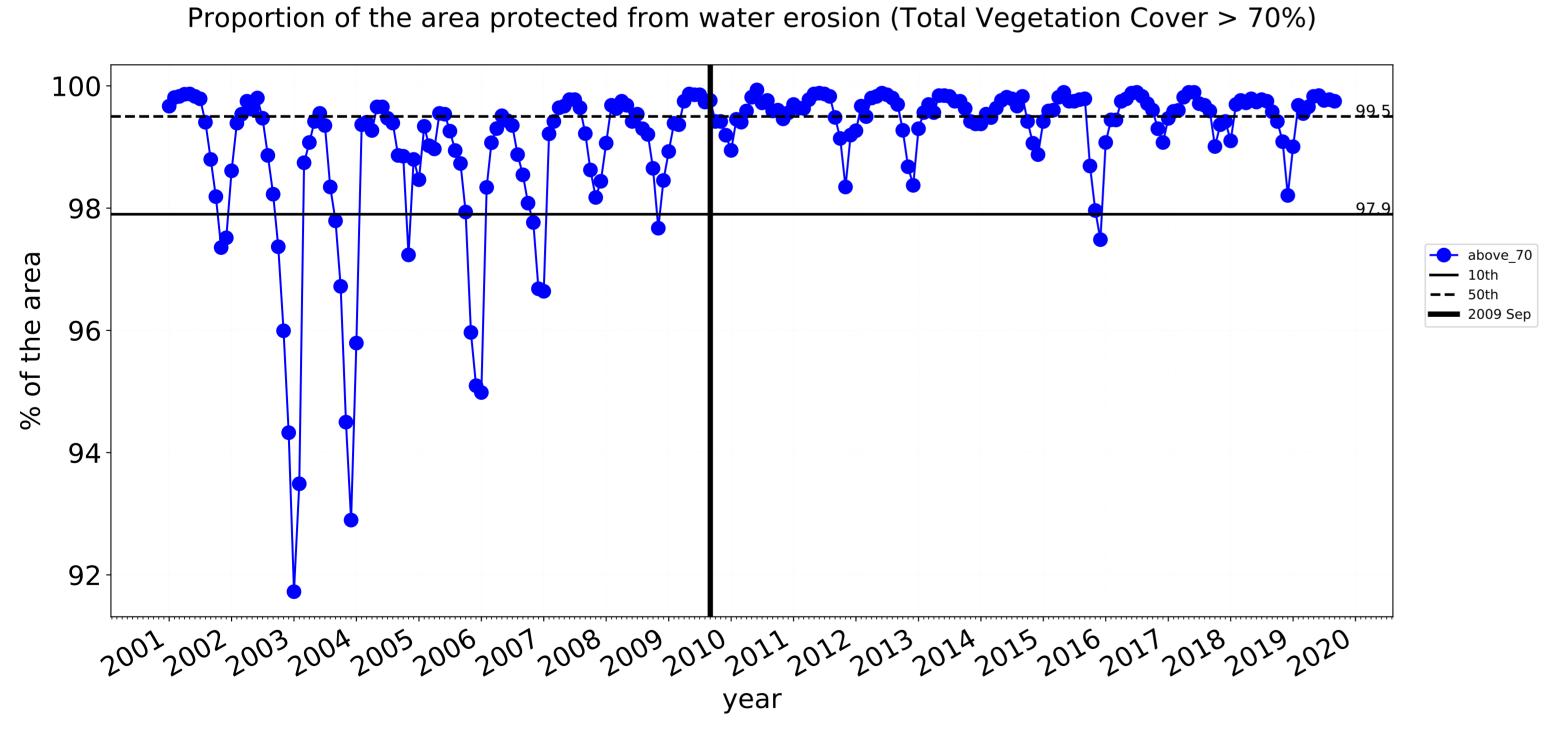


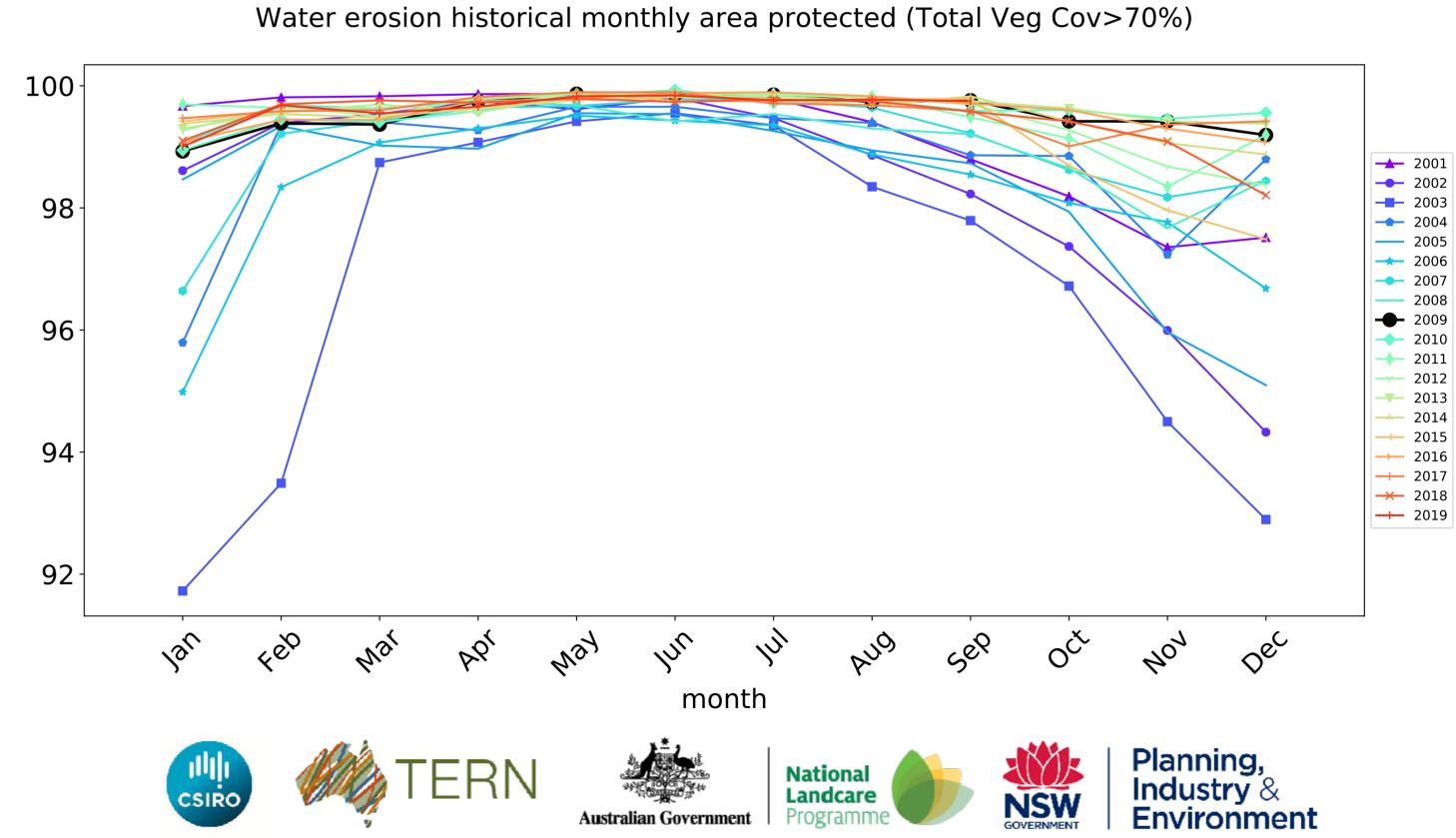
# **Grazing non forest timeseries**

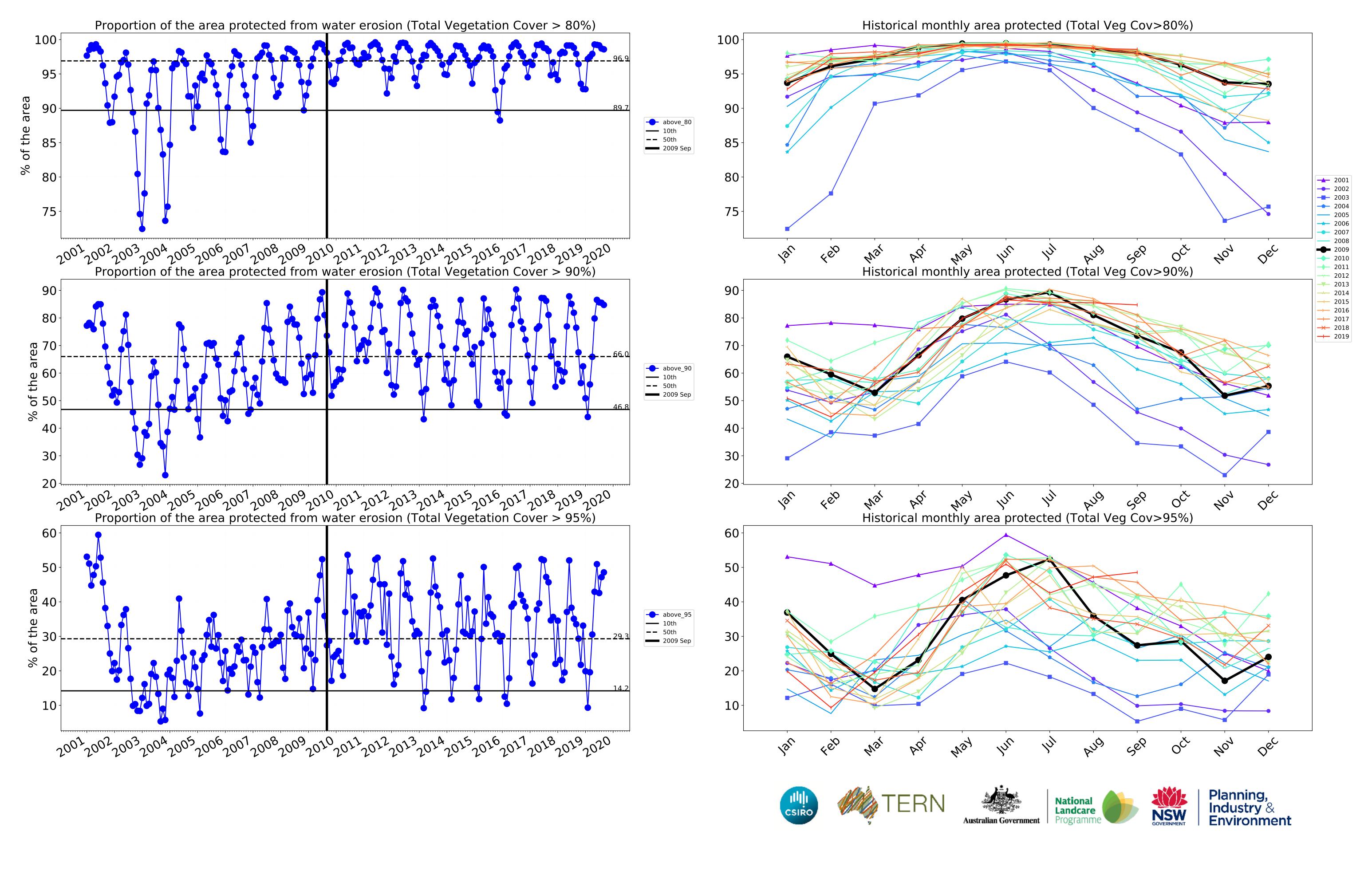




month







# **Grazing Woodland forest**

# Land use and forest cover

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Anomaly show how many percetage points each

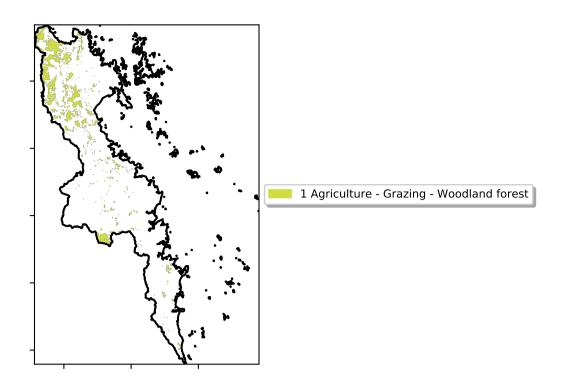
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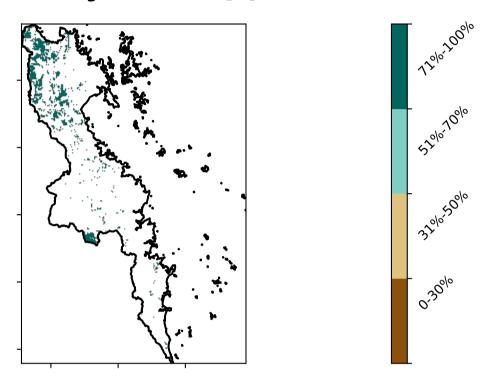
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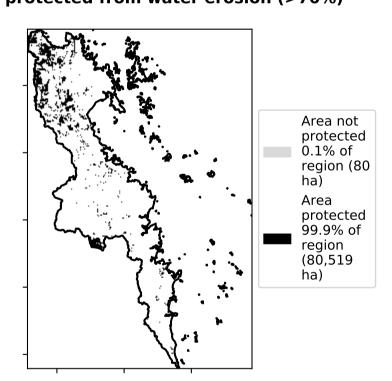
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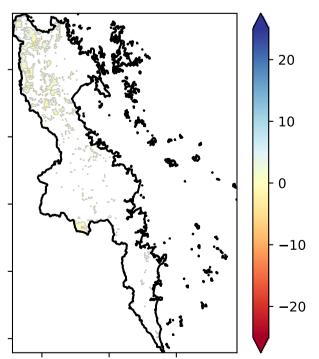
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

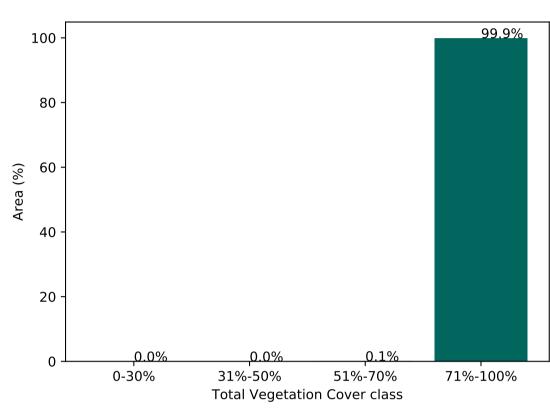


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

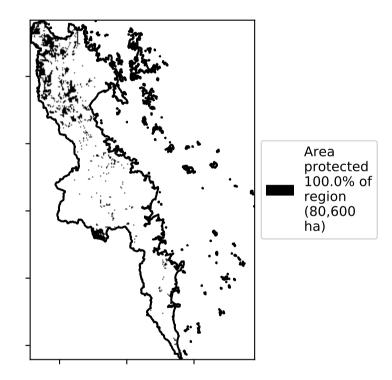


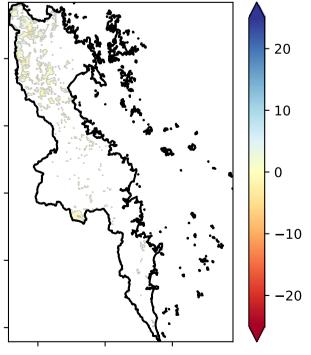
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

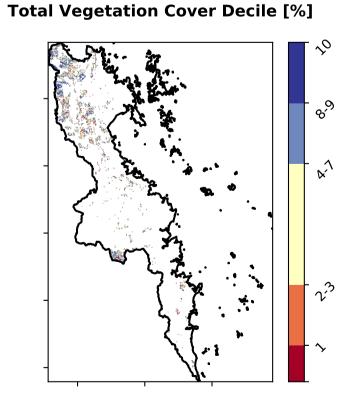


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





records for that month of







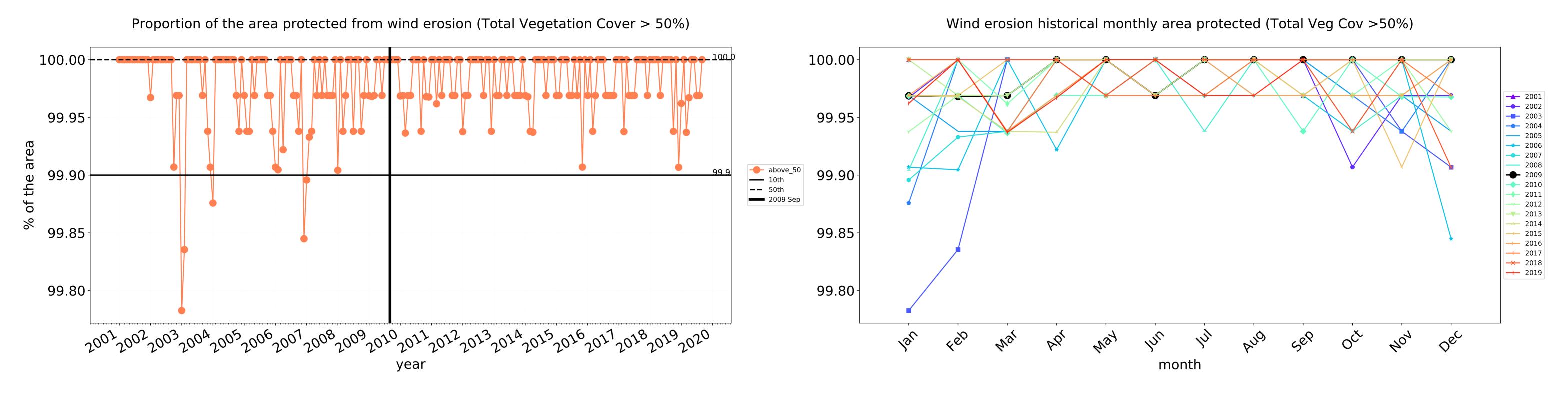


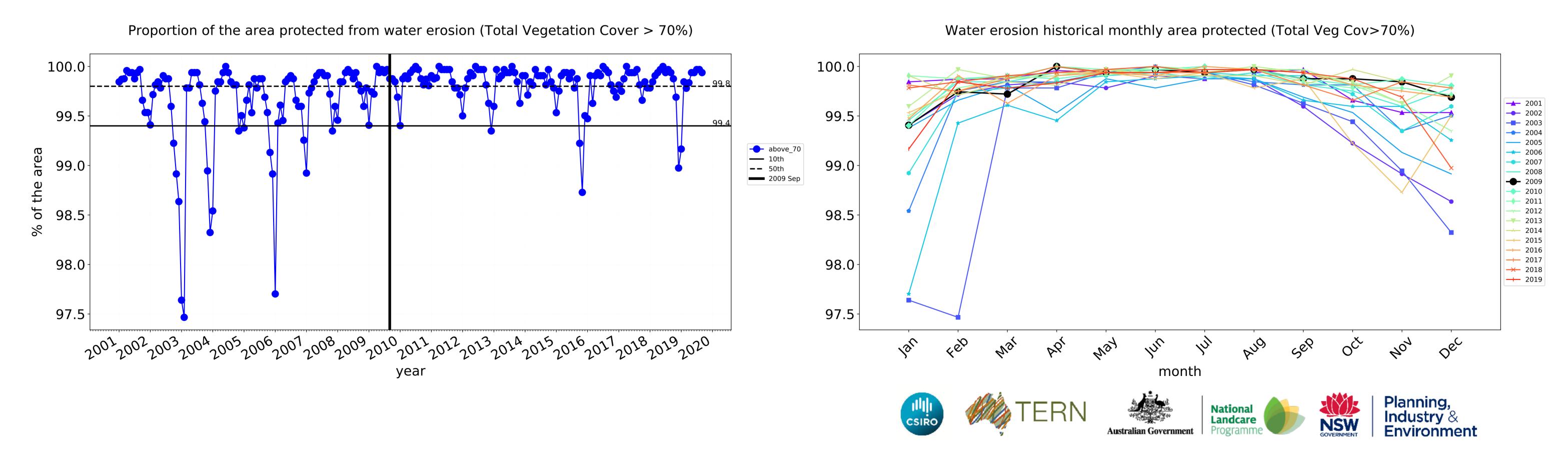


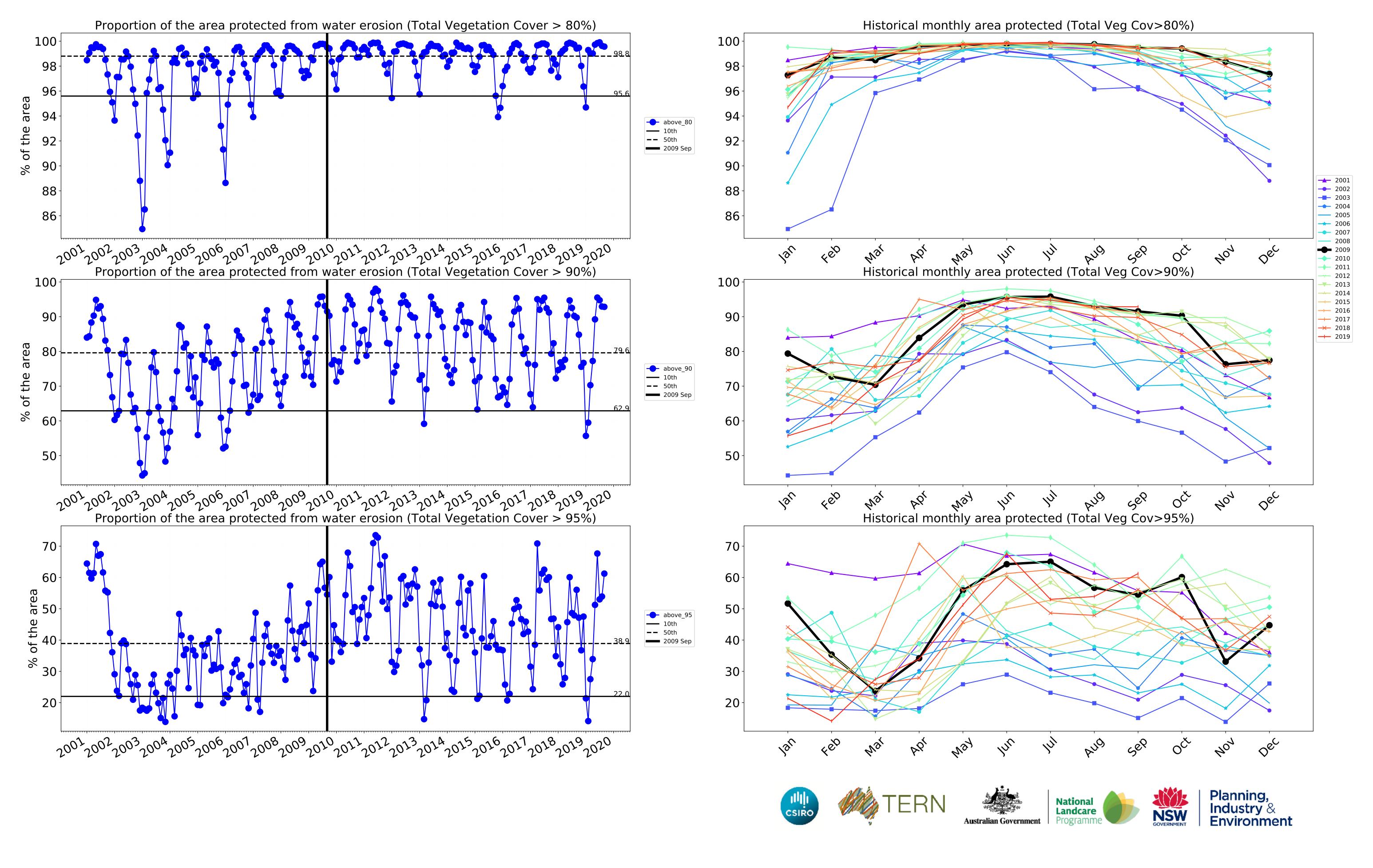




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

# Land use and forest cover

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

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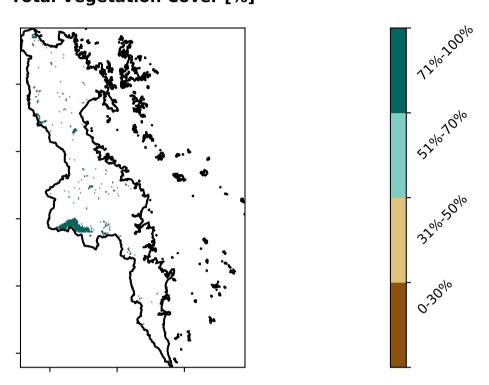
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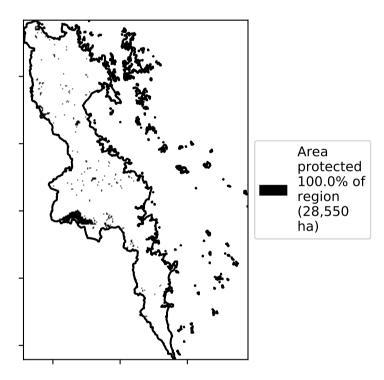
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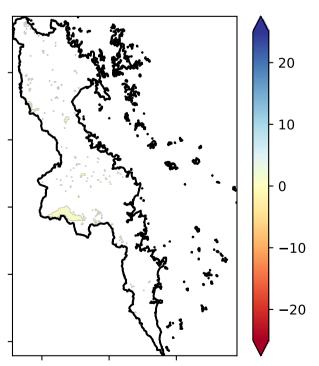
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

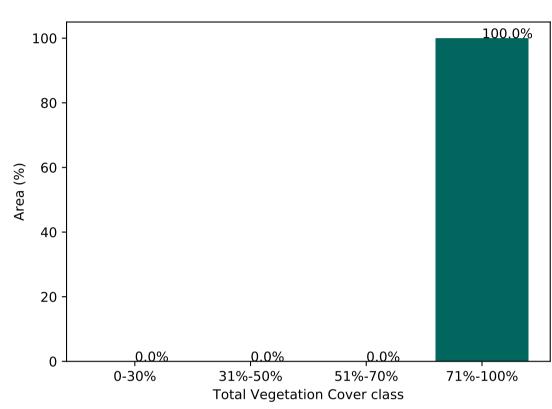


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

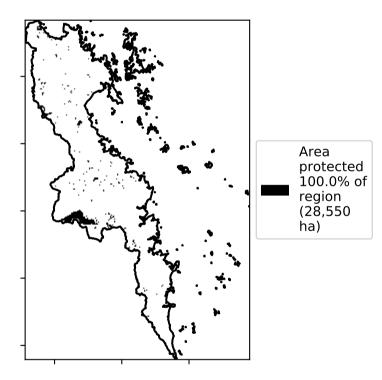


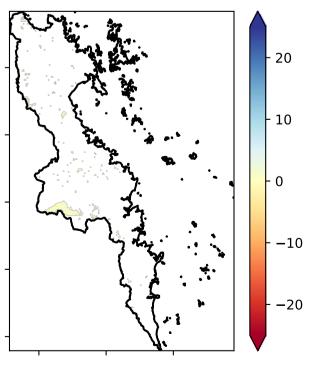
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

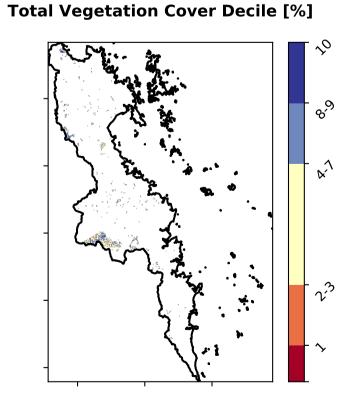


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





records for that month of





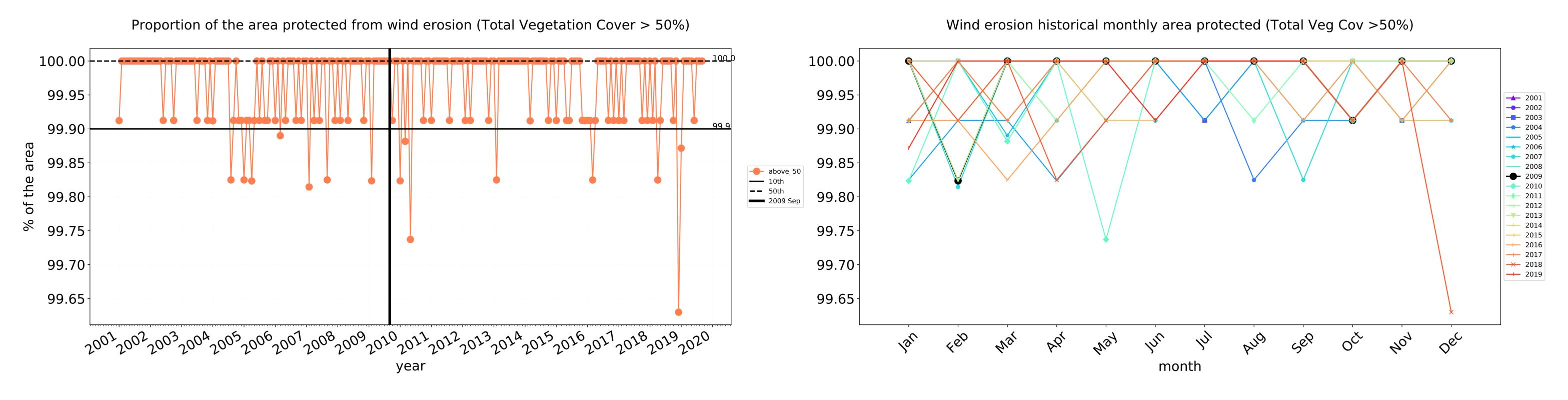


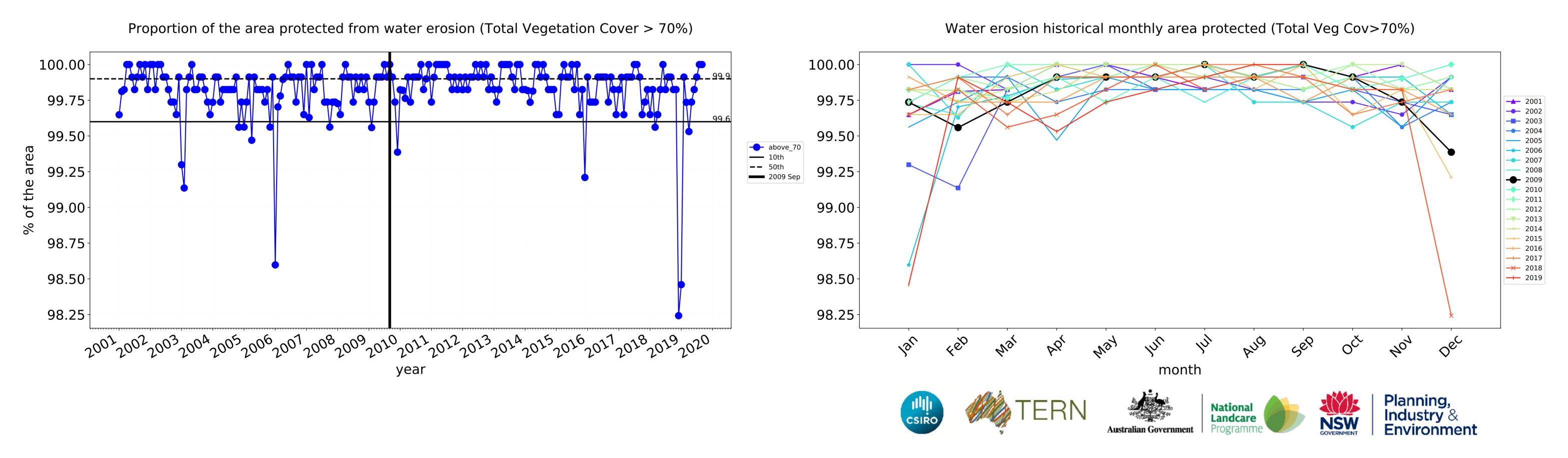


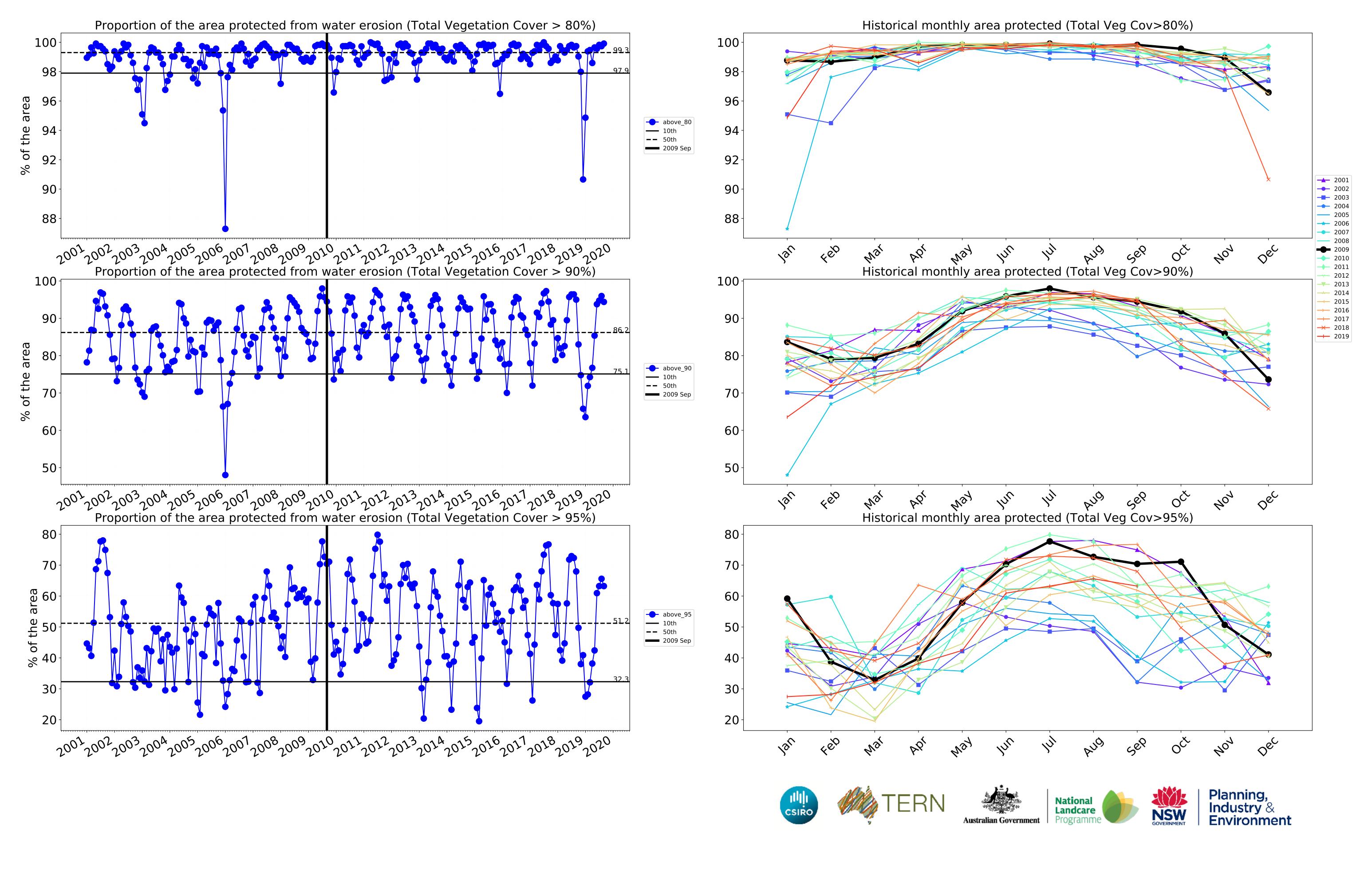












# **Irrigation**

# Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land

Derived from

Use of Australia (2018) and Forests

of Australia (2018)

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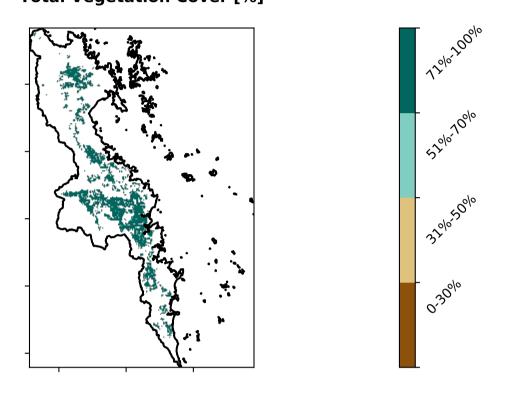
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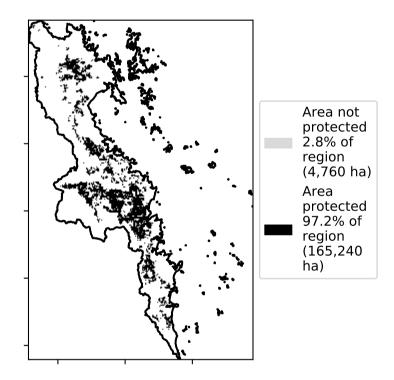
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# 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

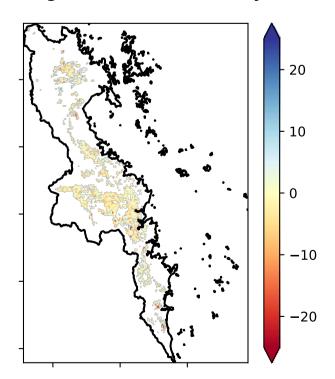
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]



# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

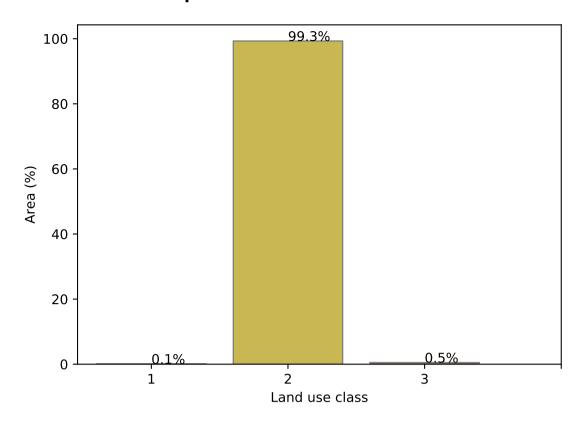


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

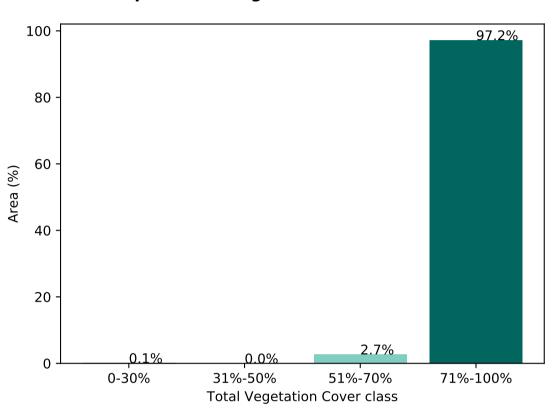


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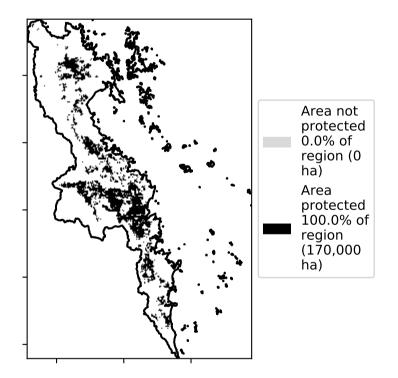
# Proportion of each land class in area

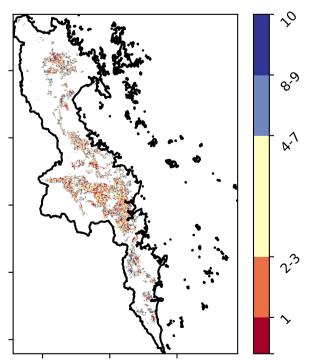


# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









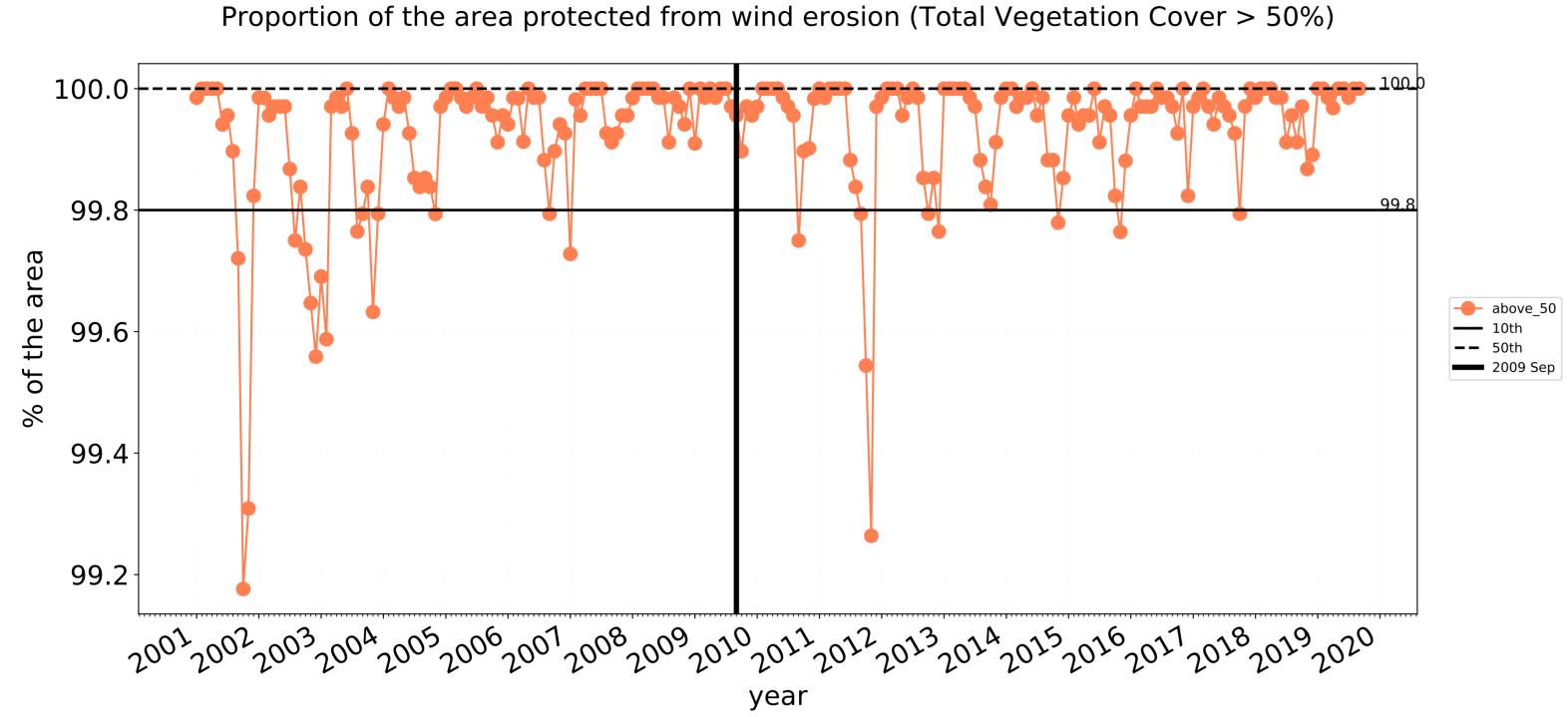


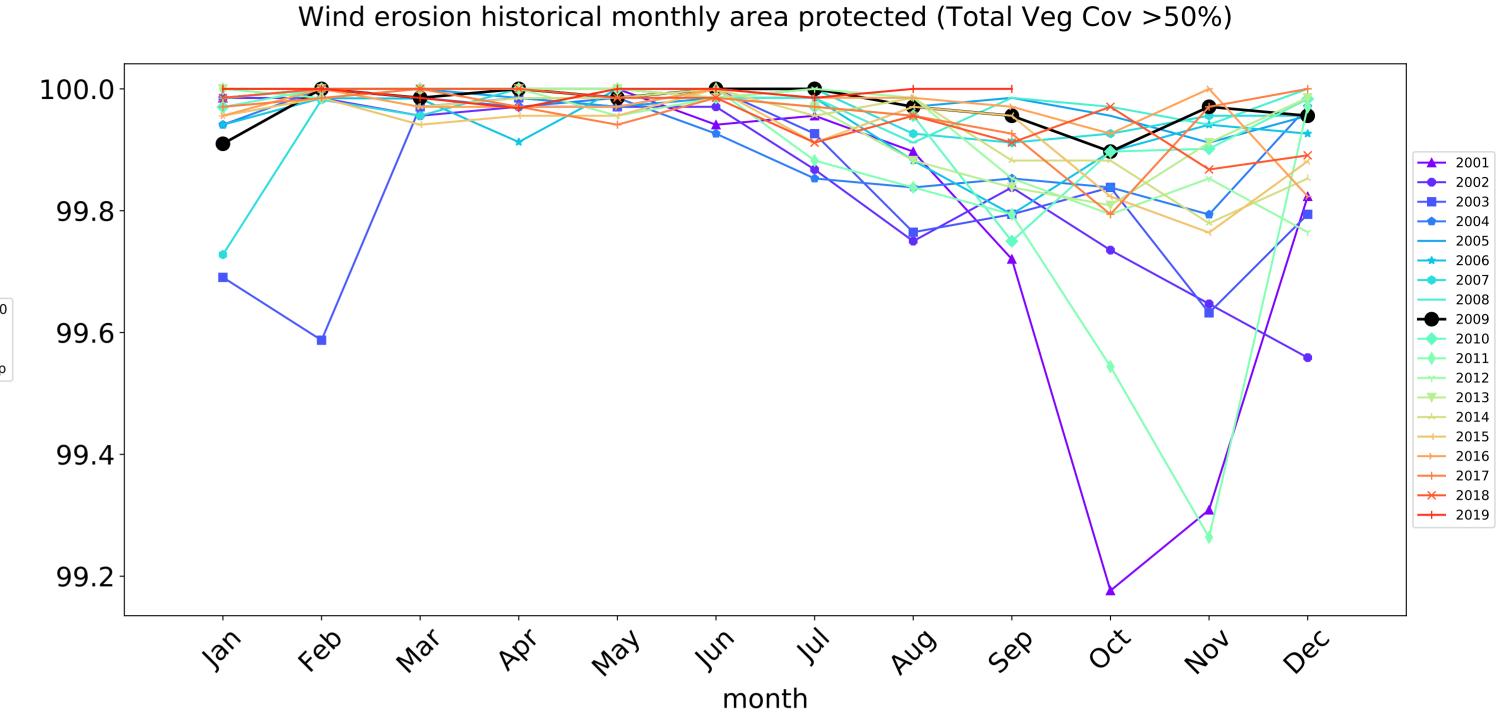


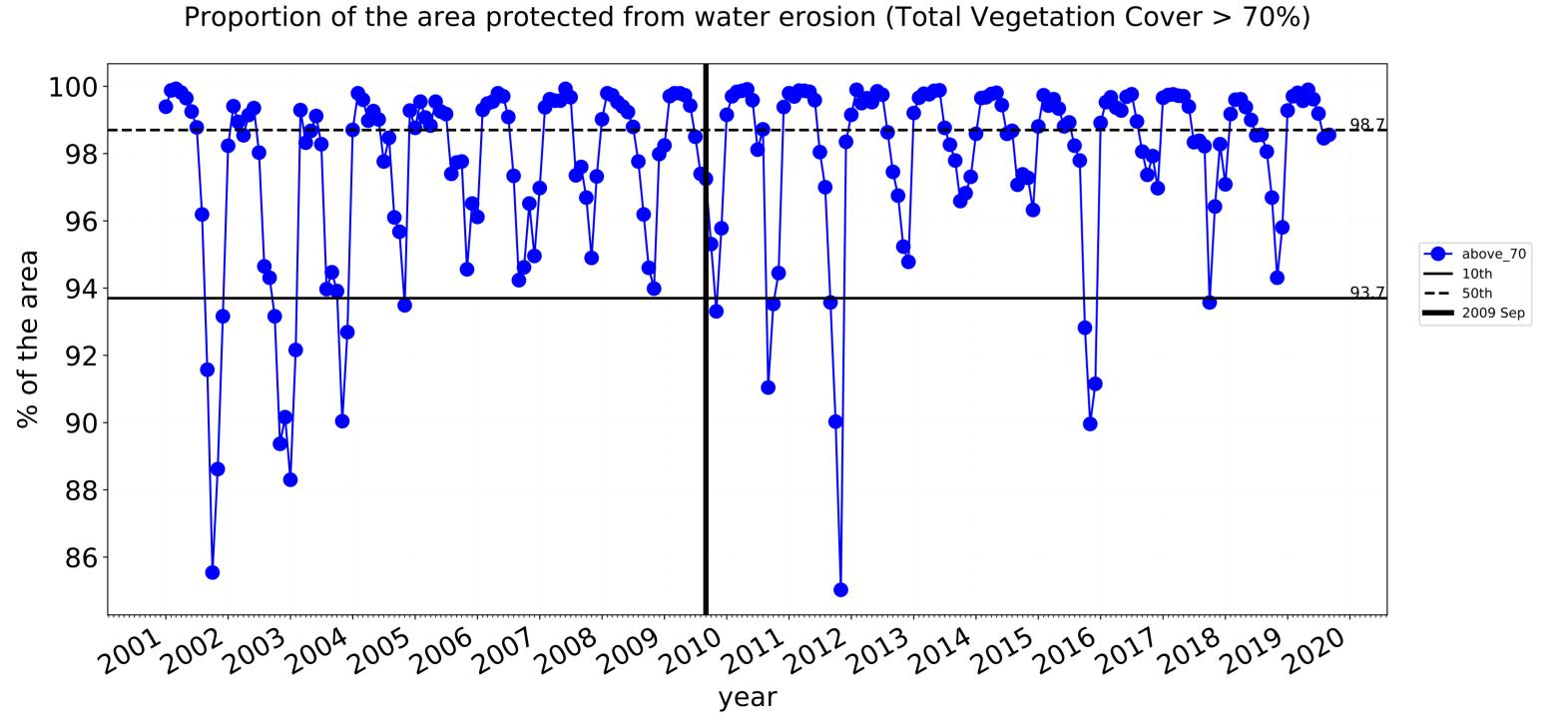


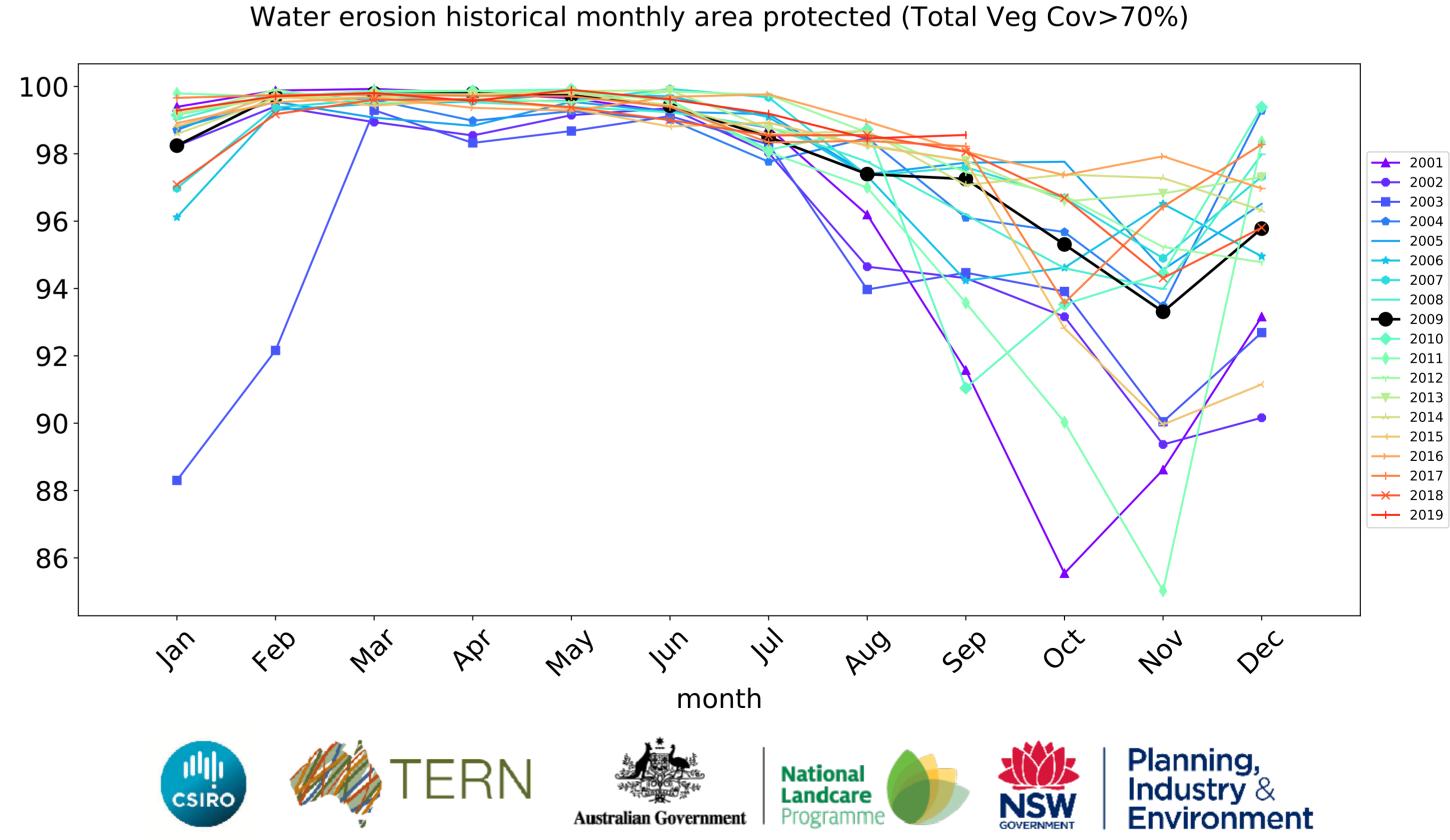


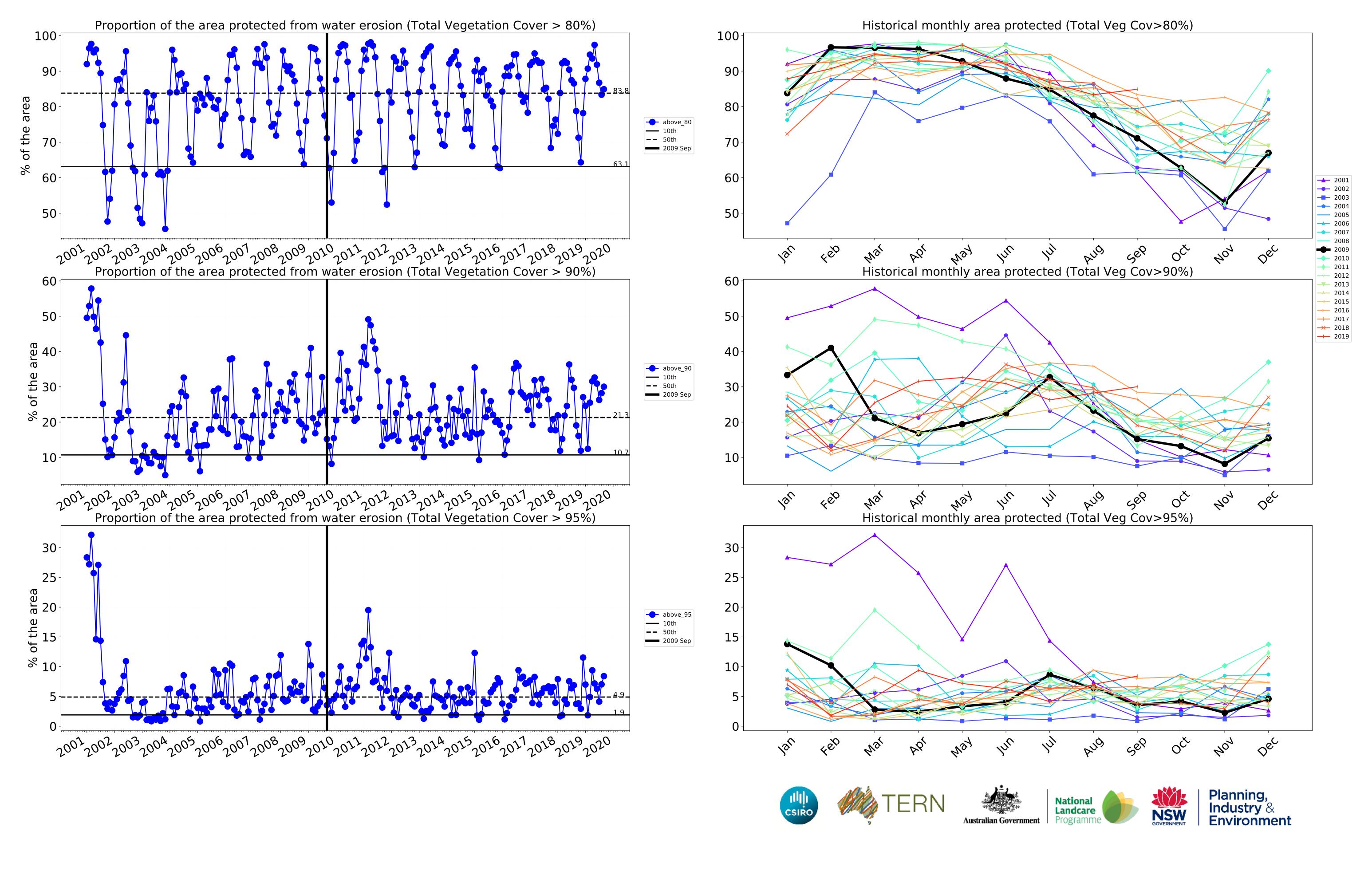
# Irrigation timeseries











# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

# Land use and forest cover

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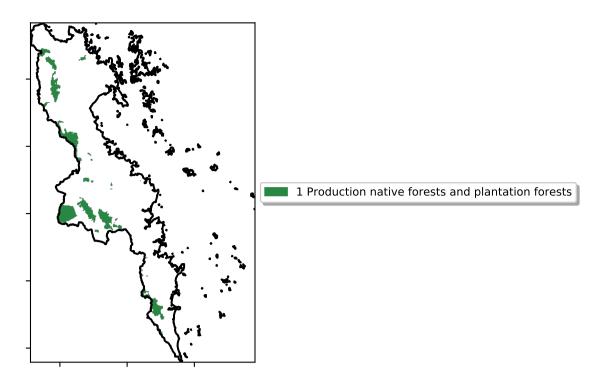
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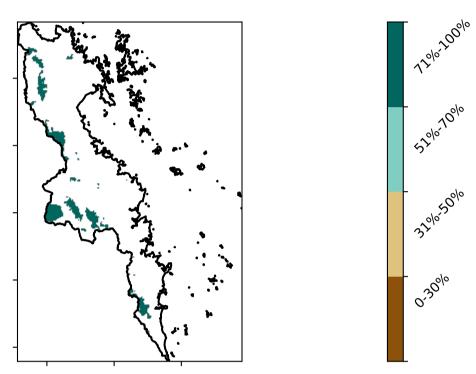
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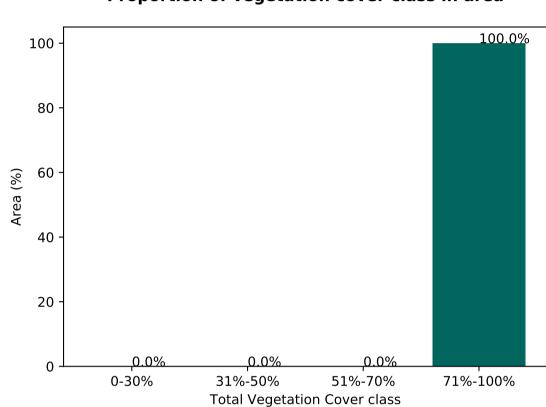
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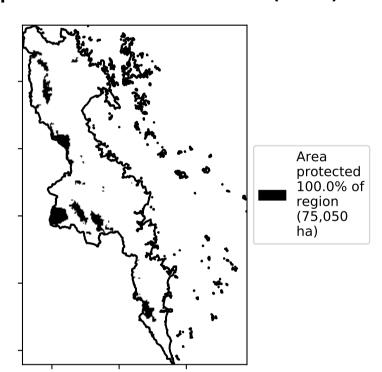
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



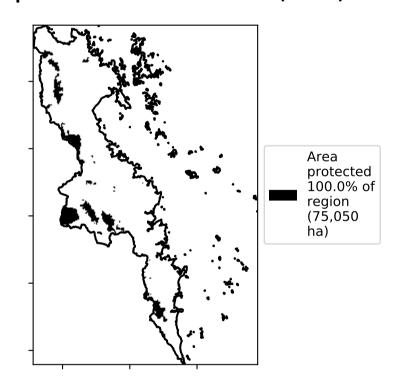
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



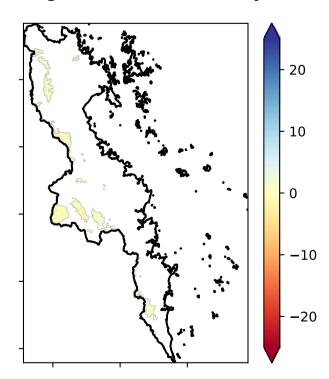
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



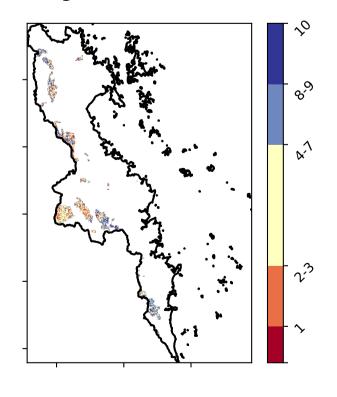
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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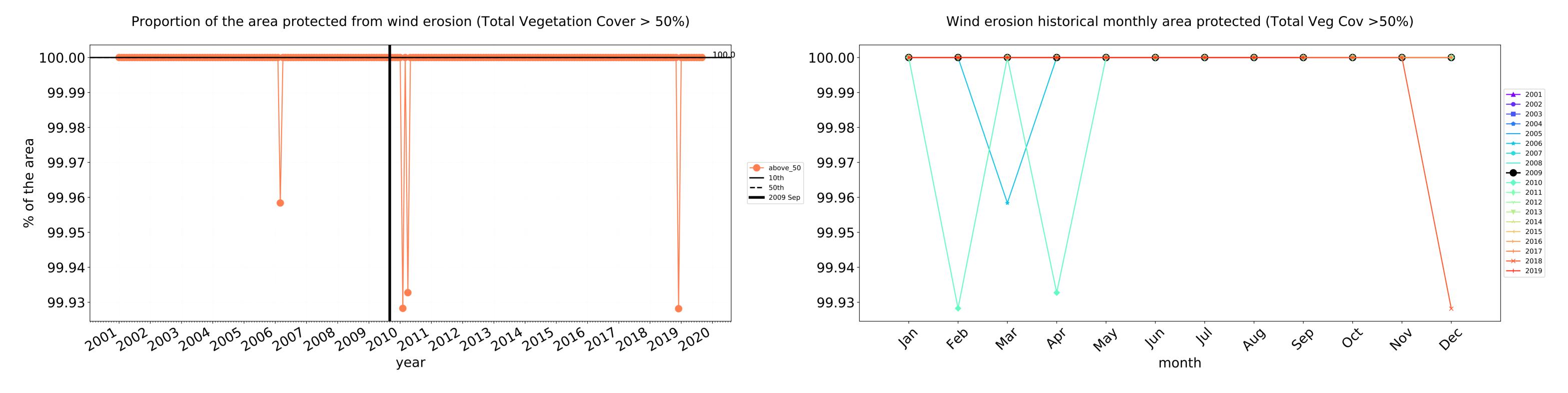


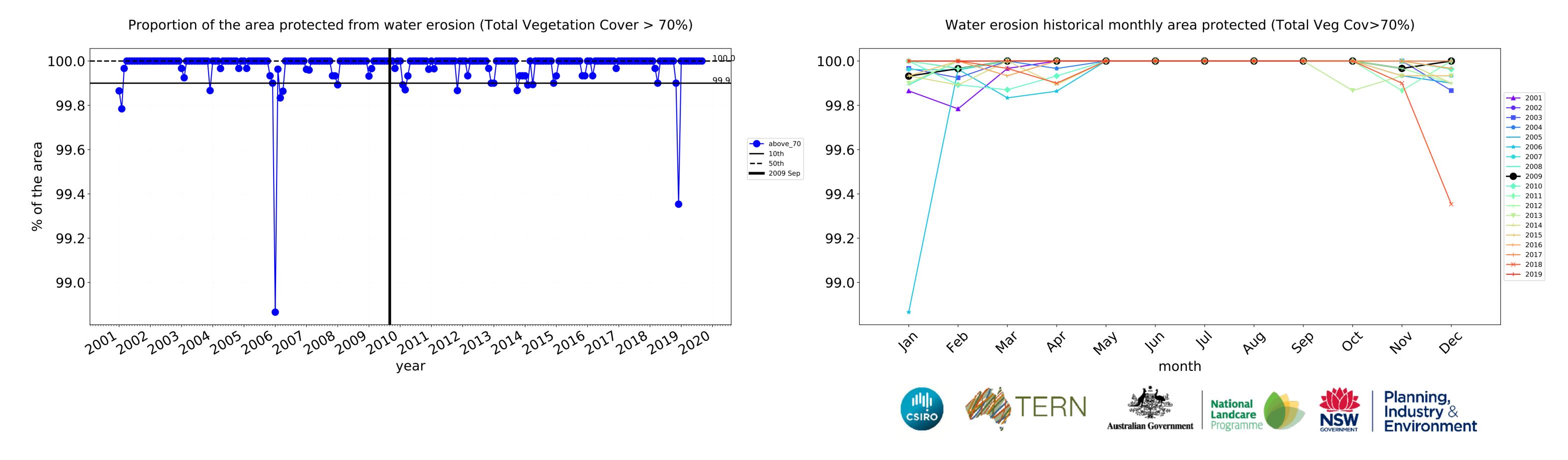


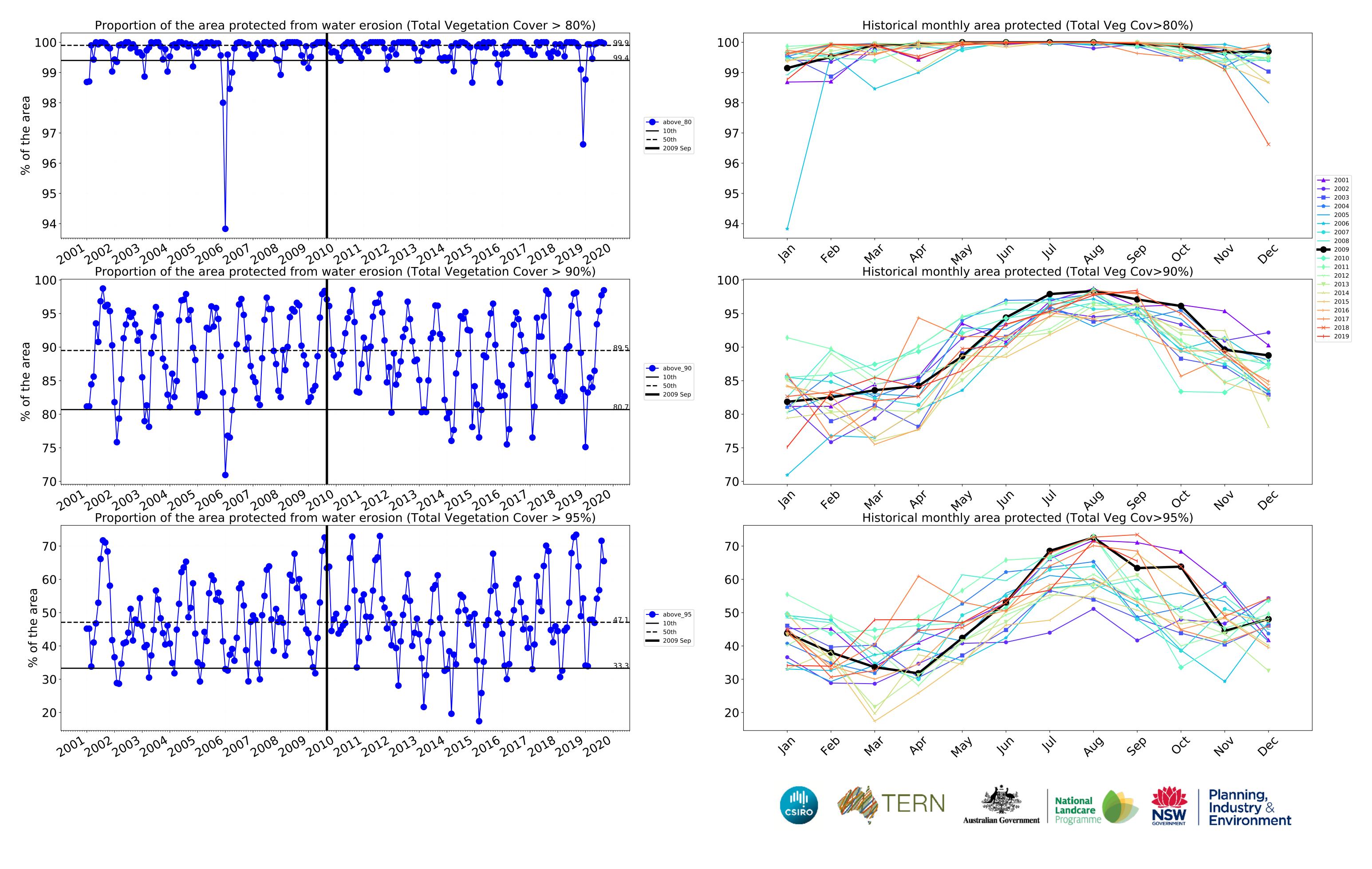




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Mackay Whitsunday (909,125 ha and no data 23,935 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	909,125	100.0% 908,674	99.8% 907,499	98.3% 894,123	90.8% 825,043	66.5% 604,724	34.2% 310,725
Conservation and natural environments	276,925	99.9% 276,550	99.7% 276,100	98.6% 273,150	97.0% 268,700	85.6% 237,150	47.6% 131,925
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,525	99.0% 7,450	97.7% 7,350	92.4% 6,950	85.0% 6,400	48.2% 3,625	22.9% 1,725
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	75,050	99.9% 74,950	99.7% 74,800	98.8% 74,175	97.5% 73,150	87.4% 65,575	59.3% 44,525
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	194,350	99.9% 194,150	99.8% 193,950	98.8% 192,025	97.3% 189,150	86.4% 167,950	44.1% 85,675
Agriculture	468,325	100.0% 468,300	100.0% 468,200	98.9% 463,100	88.6% 415,100	56.7% 265,750	26.0% 121,850
Grazing	298,275	100.0% 298,250	100.0% 298,225	99.8% 297,725	98.6% 294,200	80.4% 239,875	38.8% 115,850
Grazing non forest	189,125	100.0% 189,100	100.0% 189,075	99.8% 188,675	98.1% 185,500	73.6% 139,125	27.4% 51,800
Grazing Woodland forest	80,600	100.0% 80,600	100.0% 80,600	99.9% 80,500	99.5% 80,200	91.5% 73,775	54.5% 43,950
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.8% 28,500	94.5% 26,975	70.4% 20,100
Irrigation	170,000	100.0% 170,000	100.0% 169,925	97.2% 165,325	71.1% 120,850	15.2% 25,825	3.5% 6,000
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,050	100.0% 75,050	100.0% 75,050	100.0% 75,050	99.9% 75,000	97.1% 72,875	63.4% 47,575











