# 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:

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













**Date: January 2011** 

# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2011**

#### Land use and forest cover

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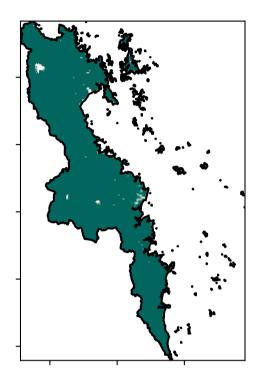
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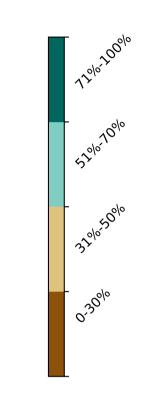
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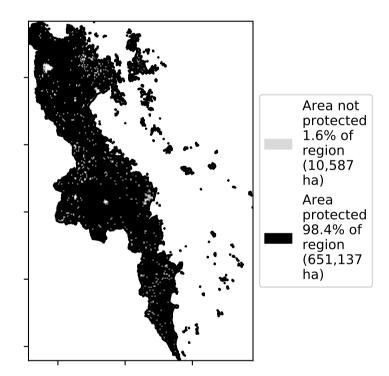
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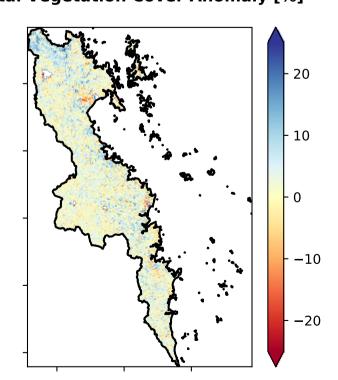




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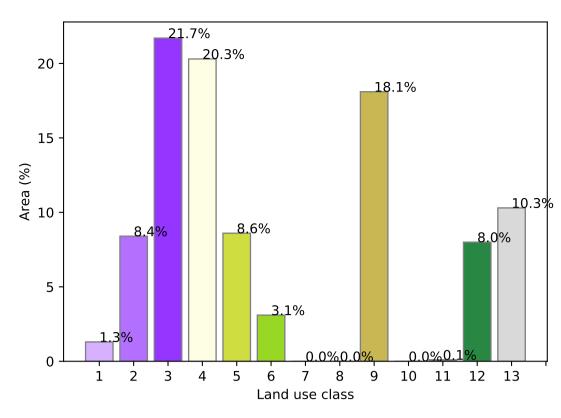


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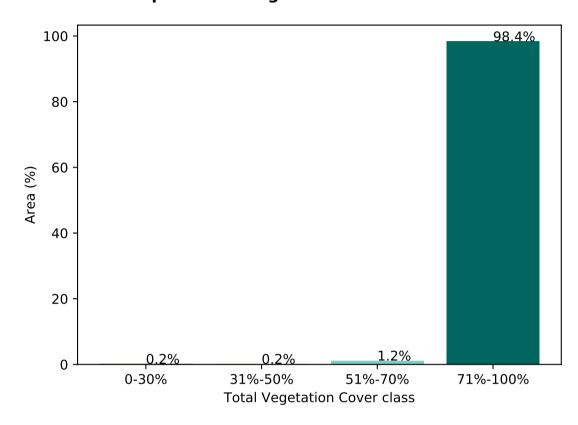


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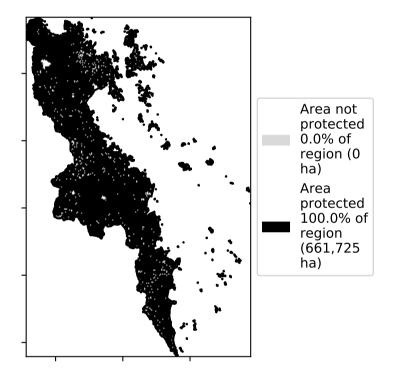
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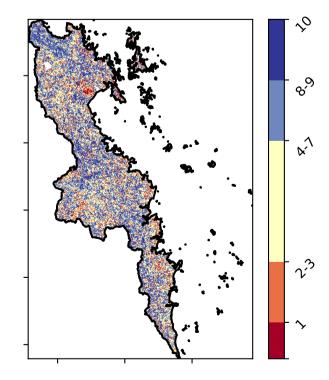


# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







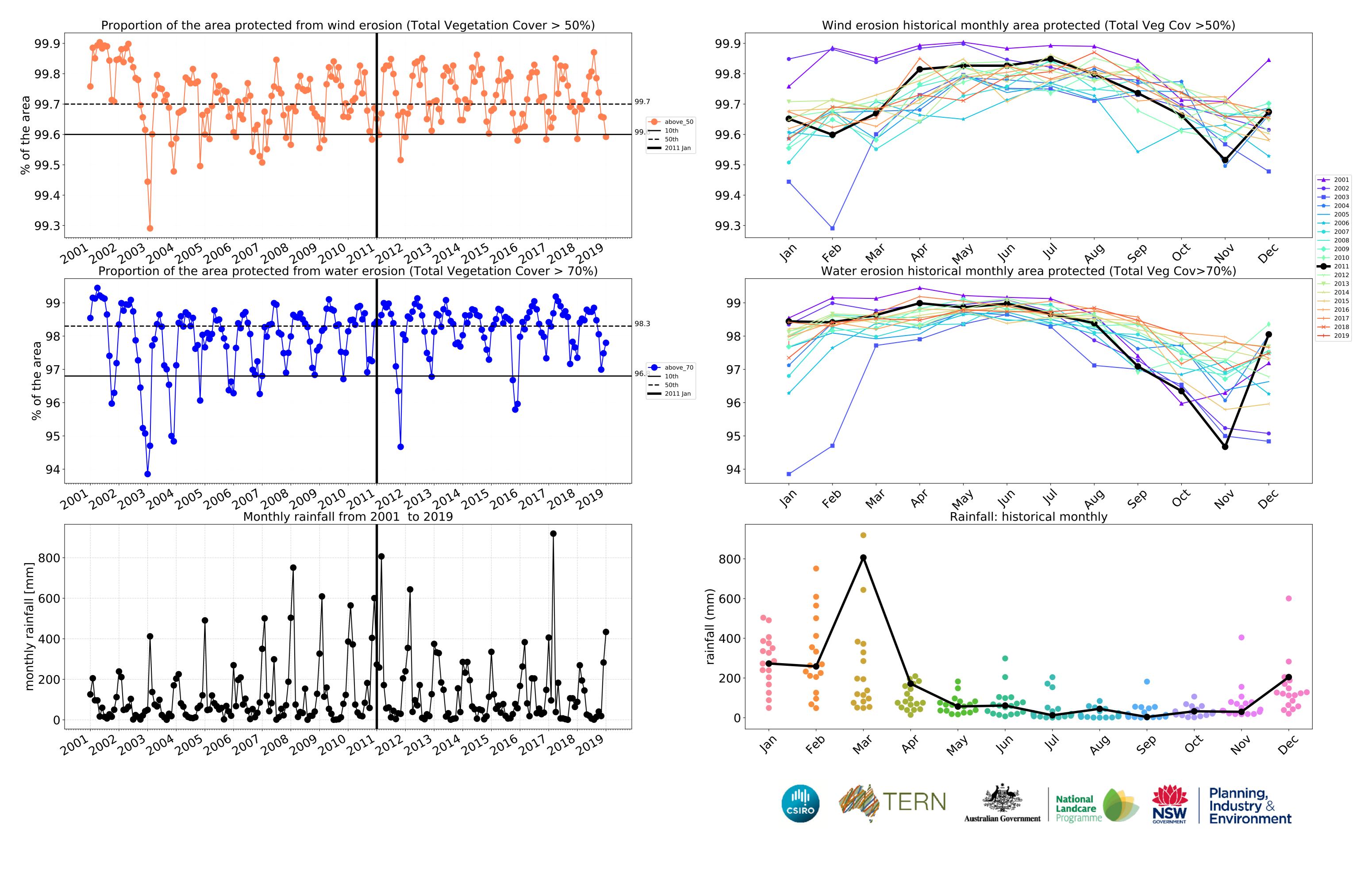


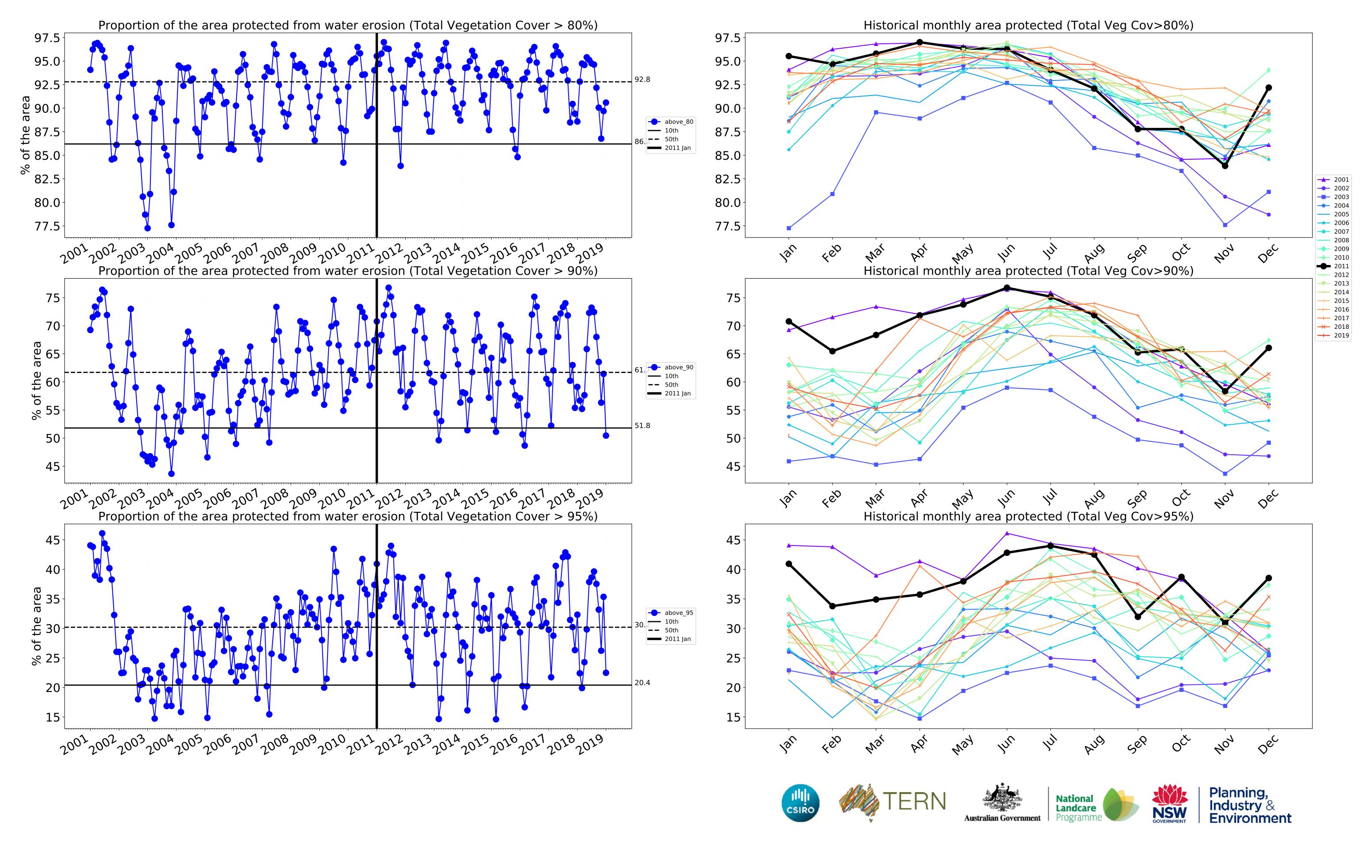












# **Conservation and natural environments**

# Land use and forest cover

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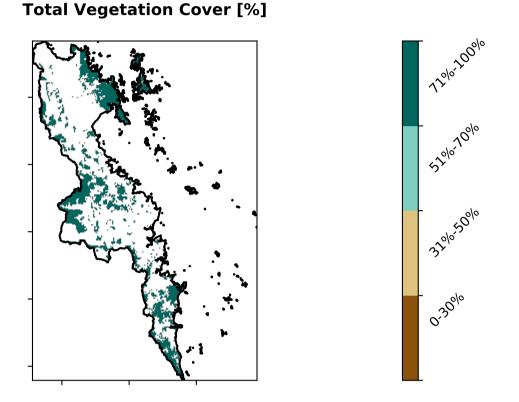
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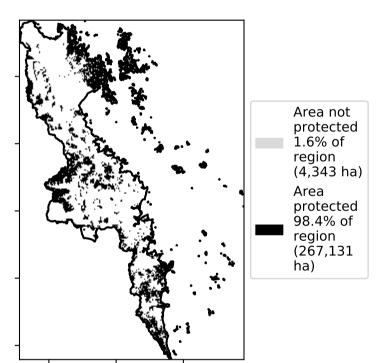
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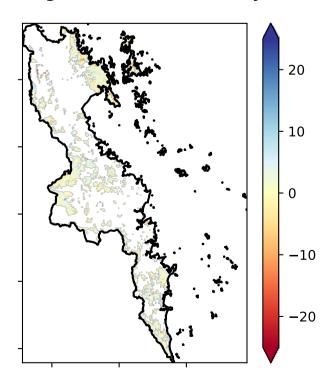
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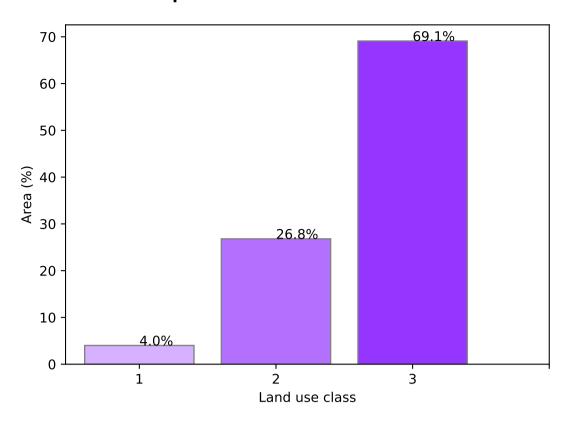


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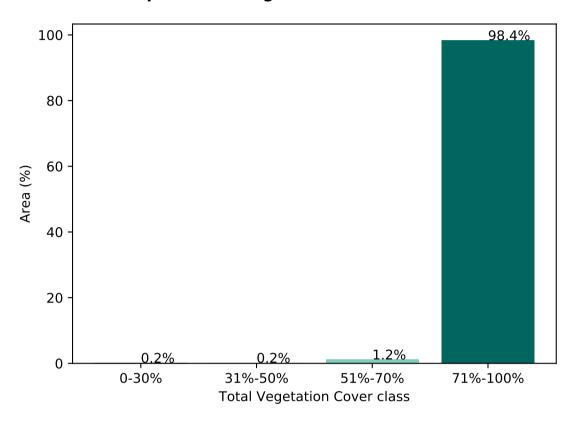


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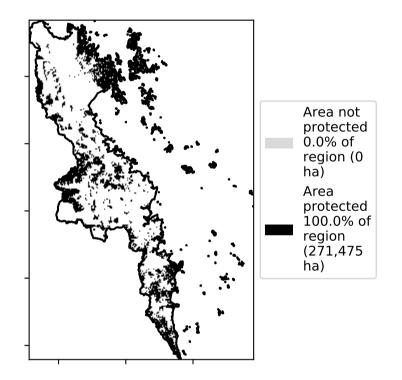
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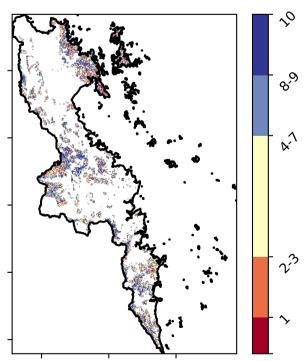


## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









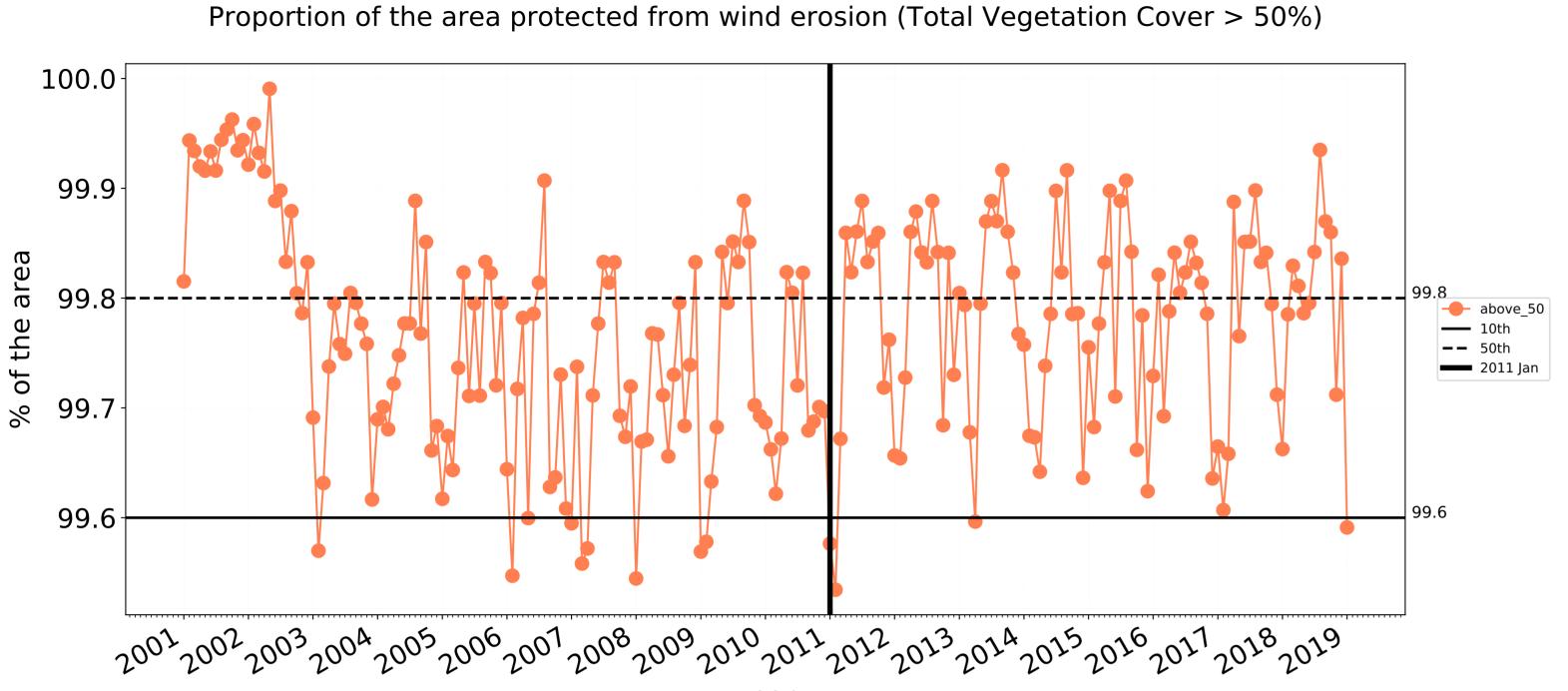




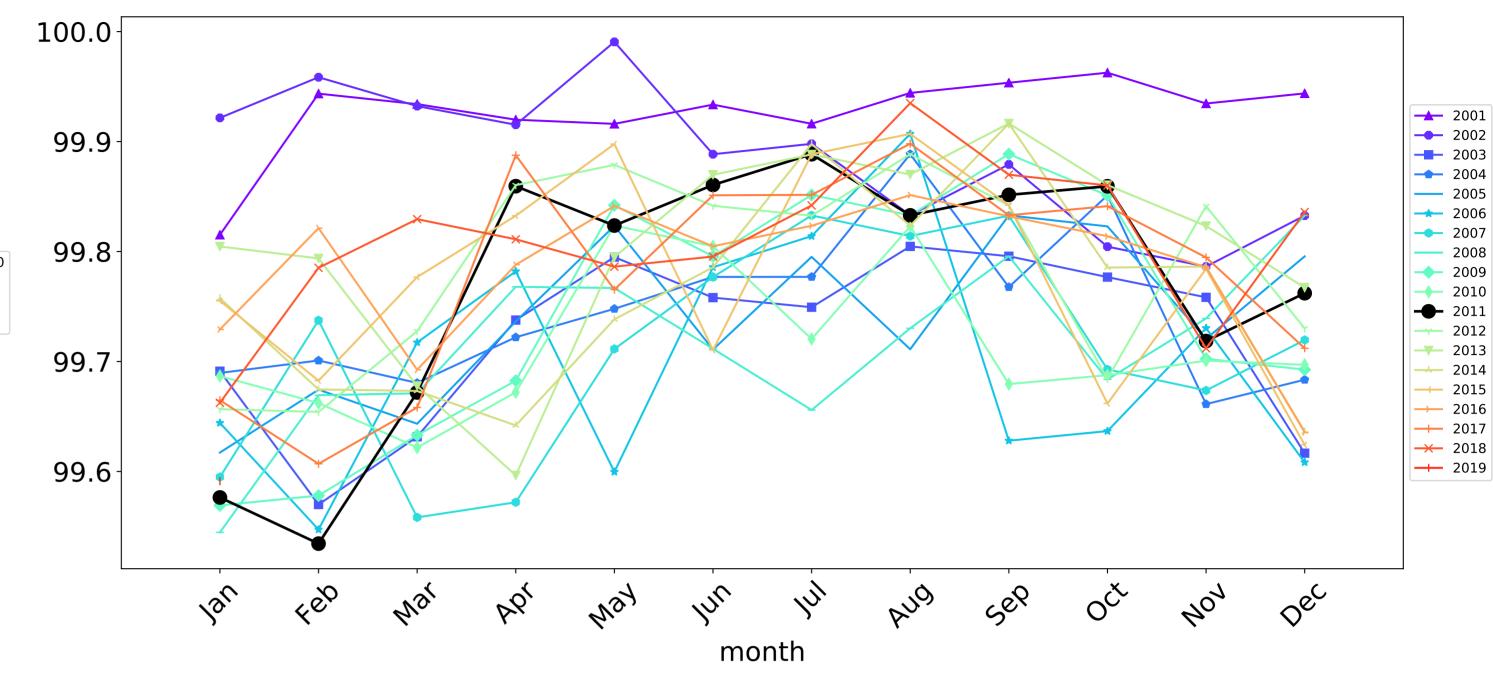


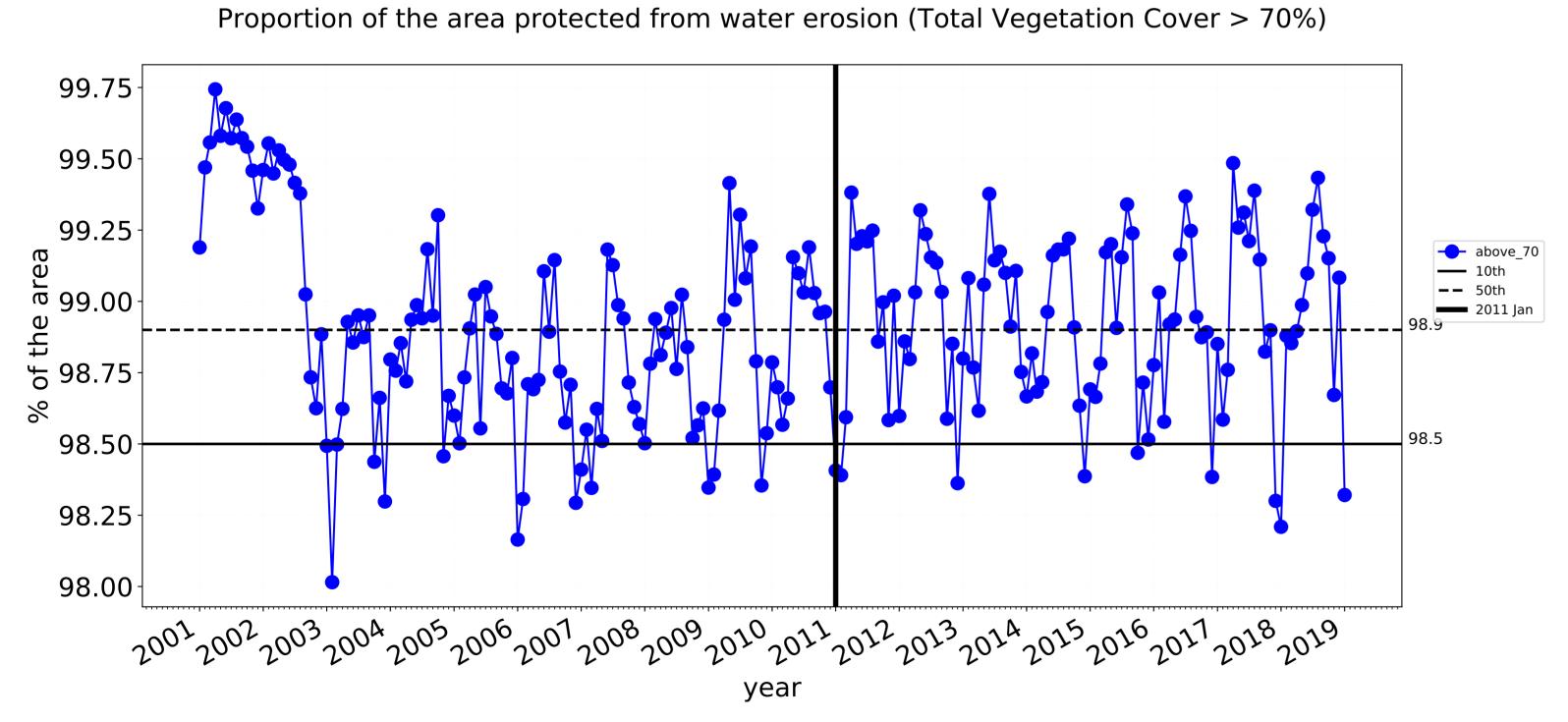


# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**



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

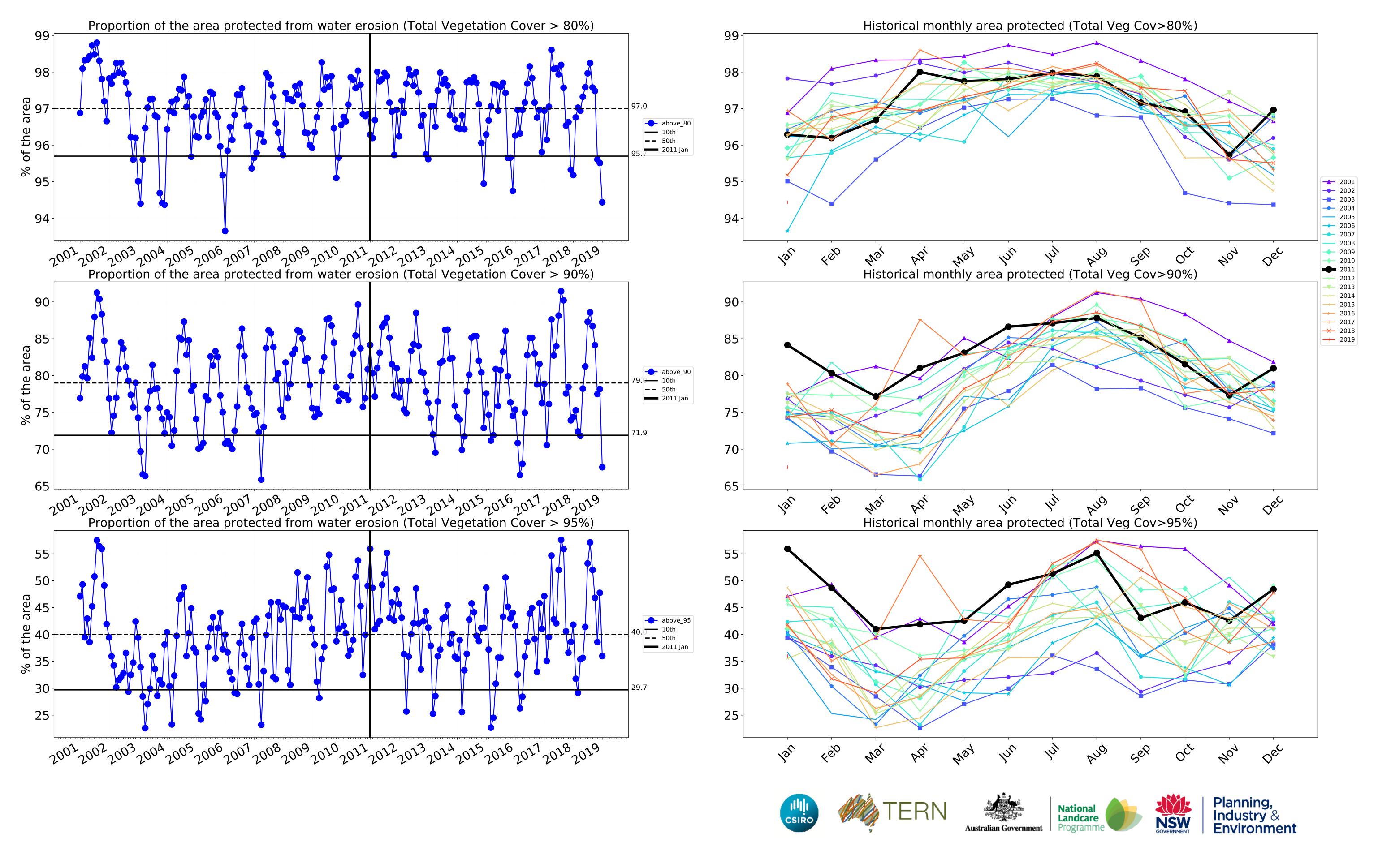




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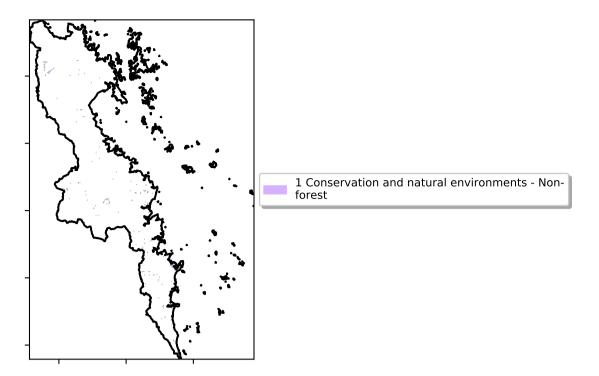
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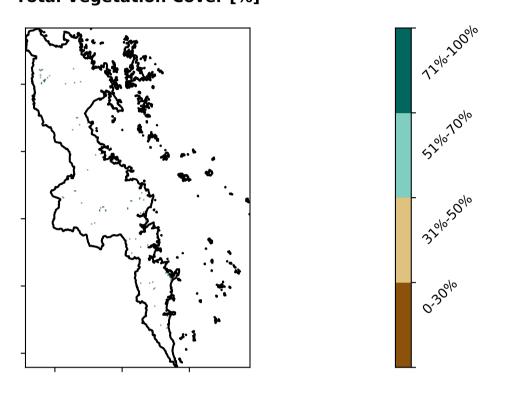
# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

#### Land use and forest cover

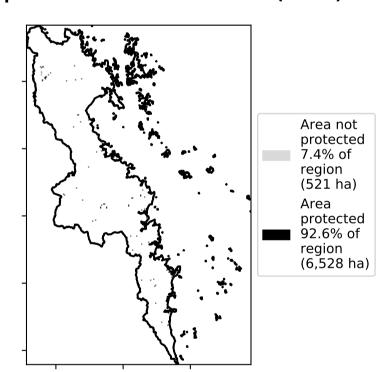


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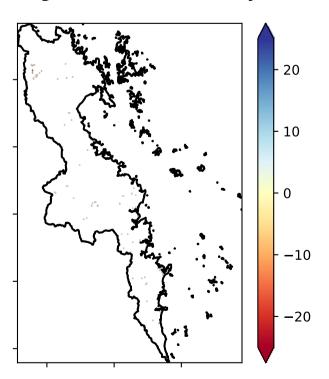


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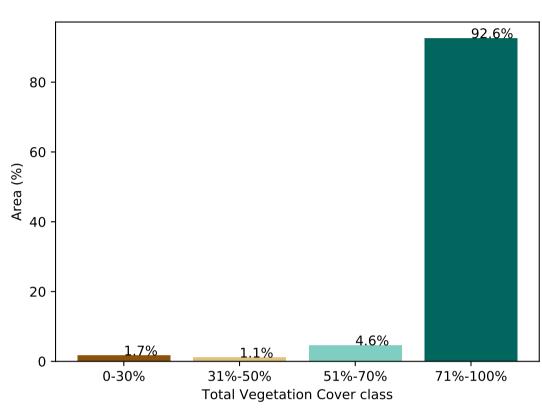
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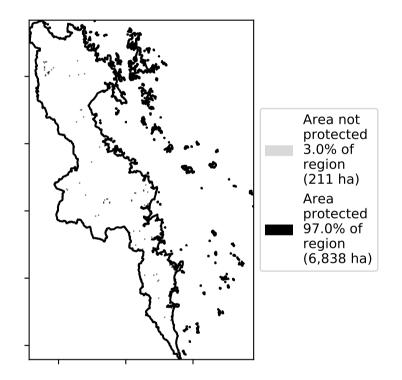


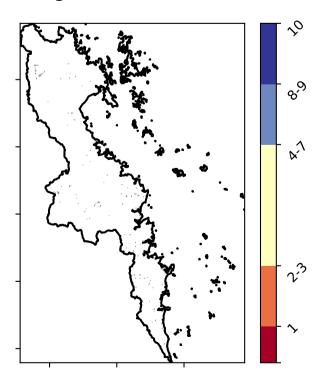
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









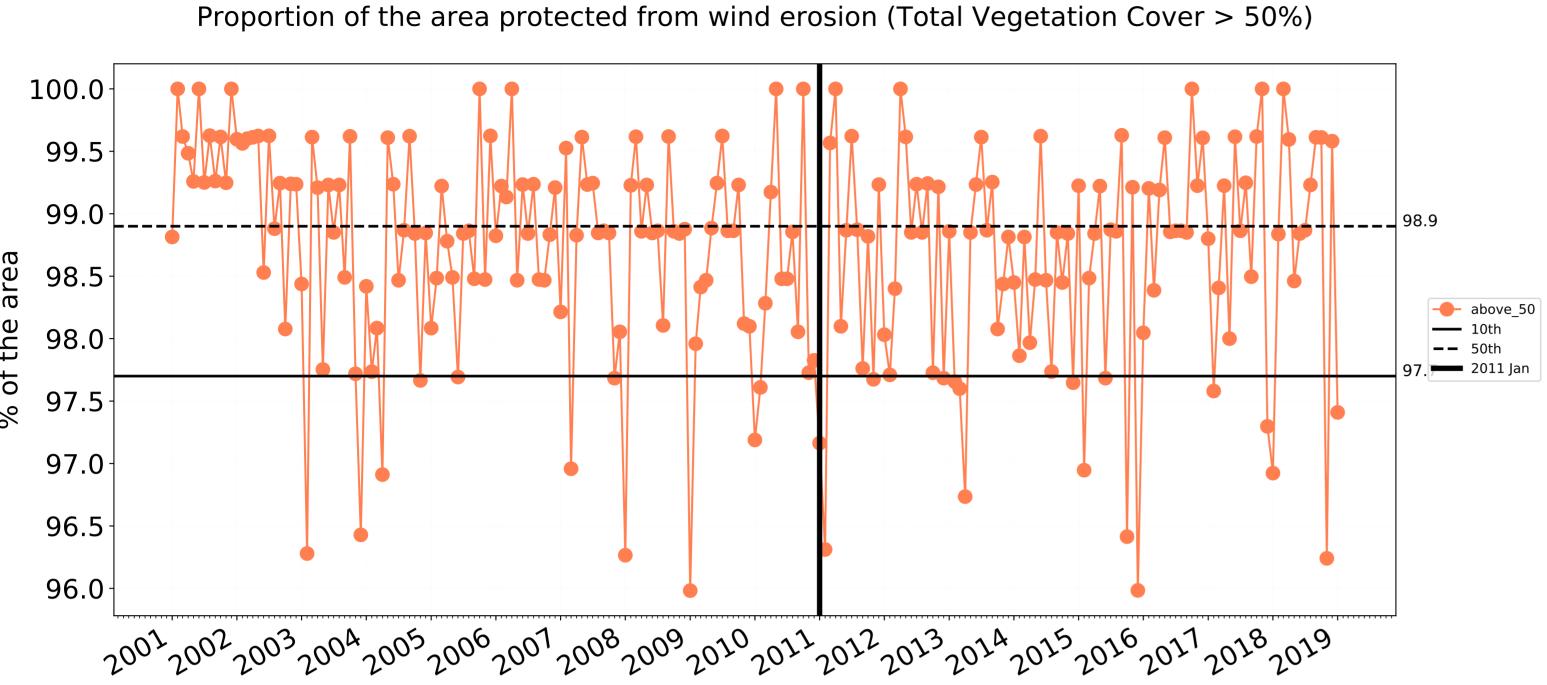




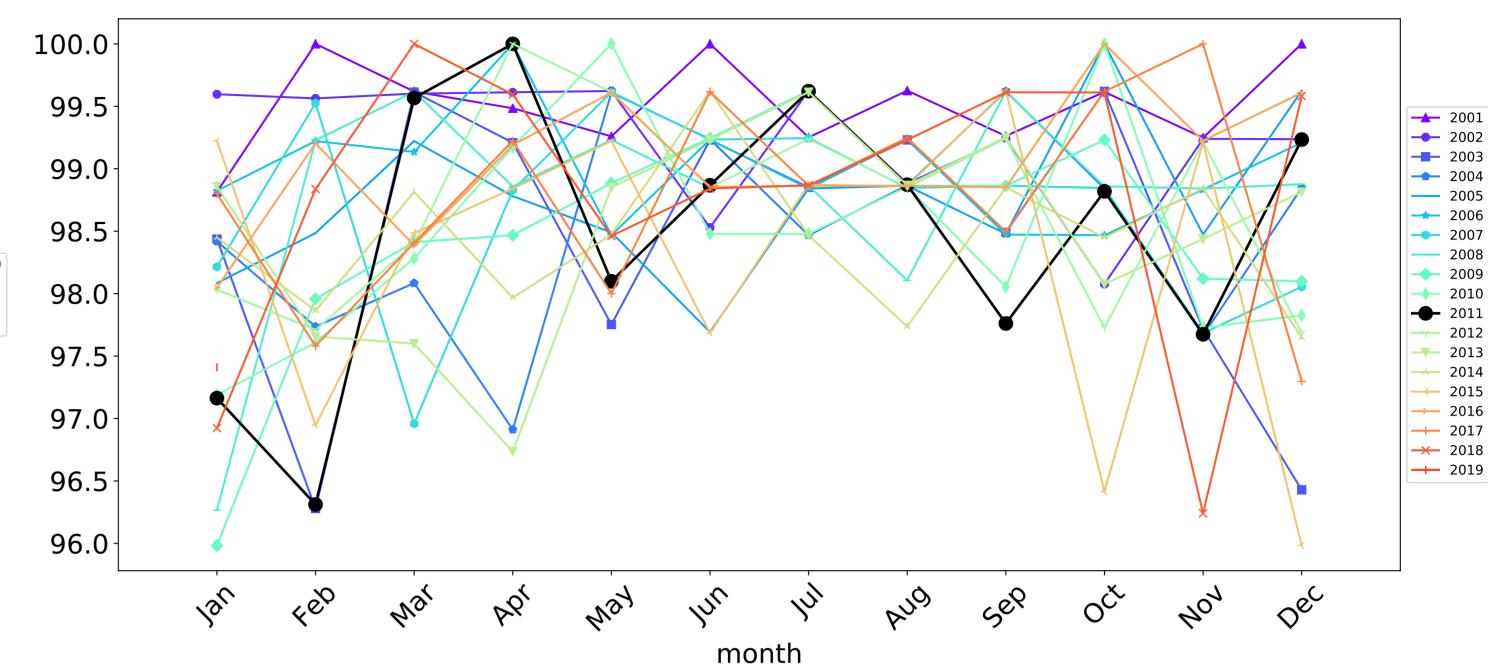


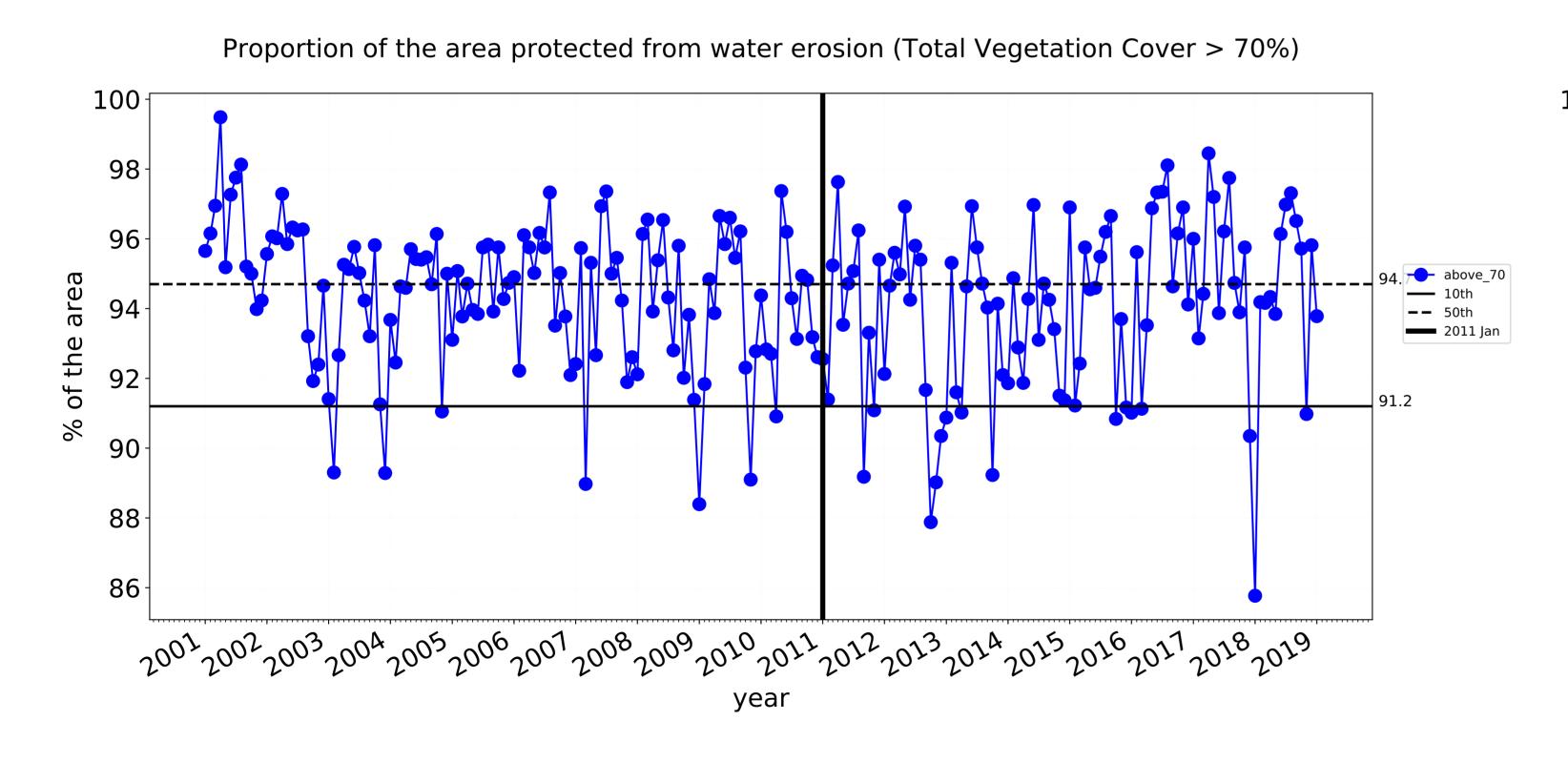


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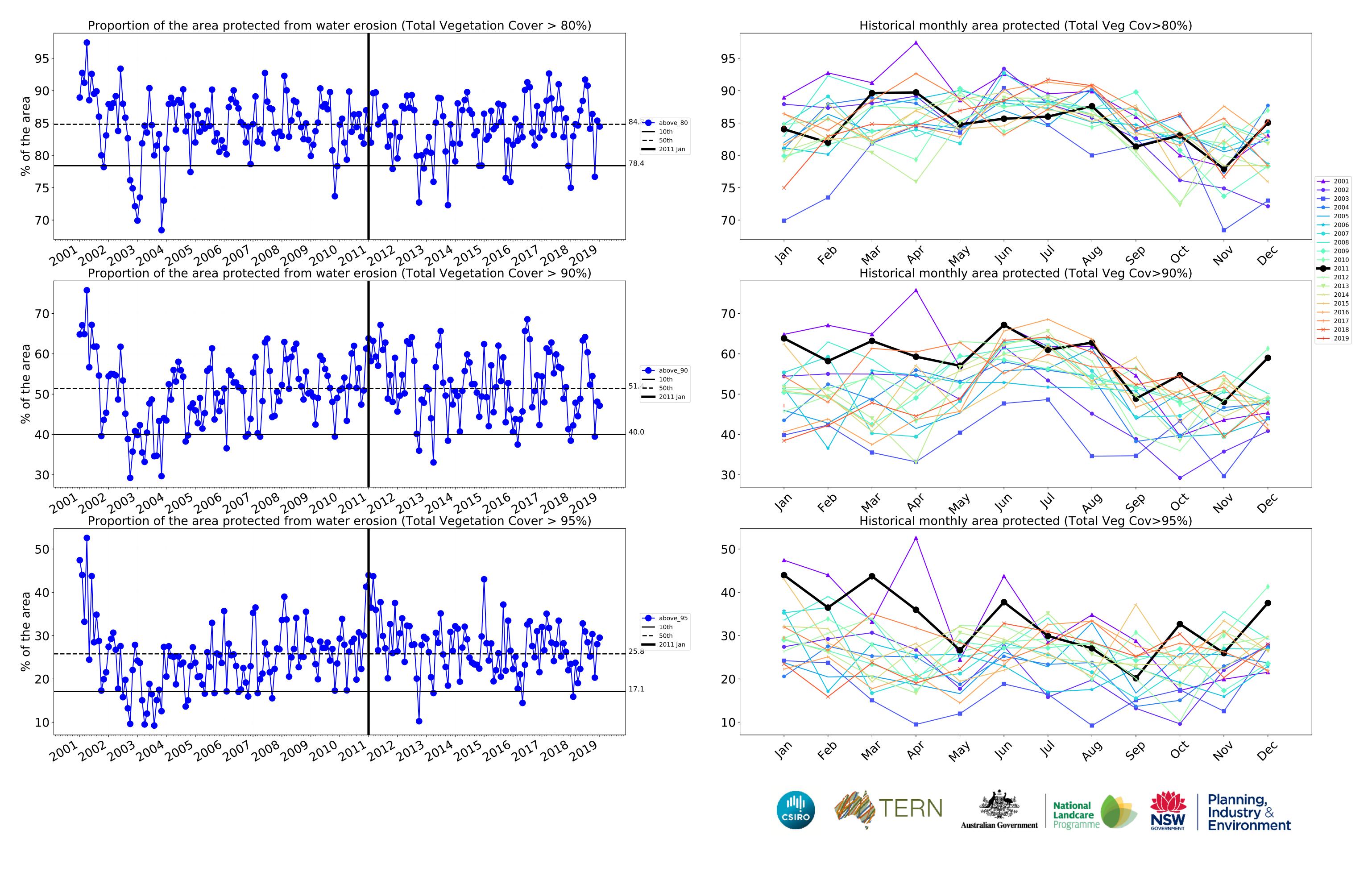


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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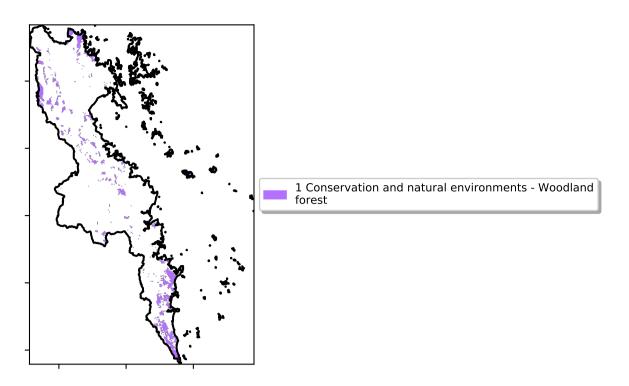
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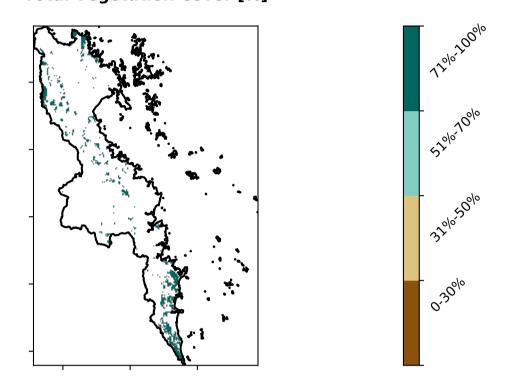
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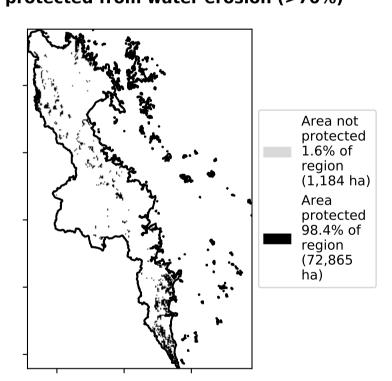
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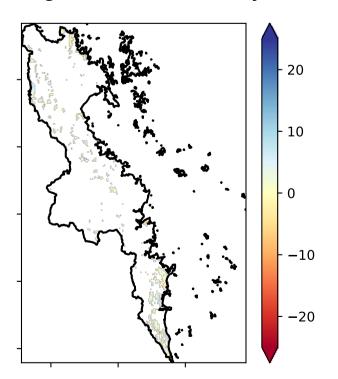
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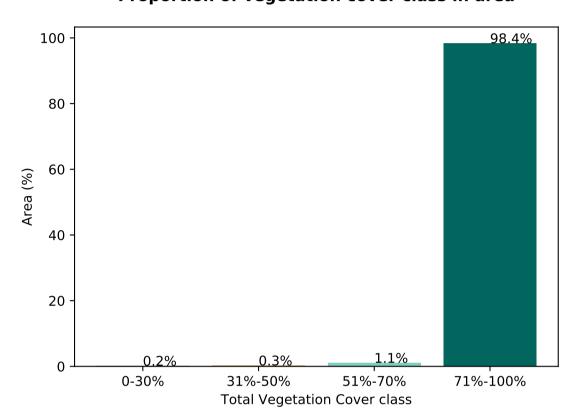


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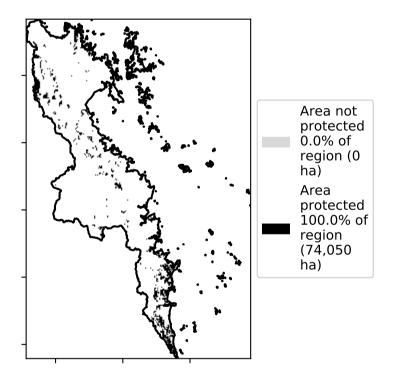


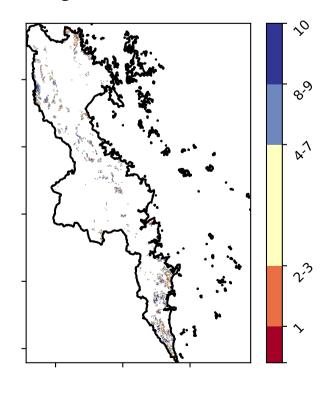
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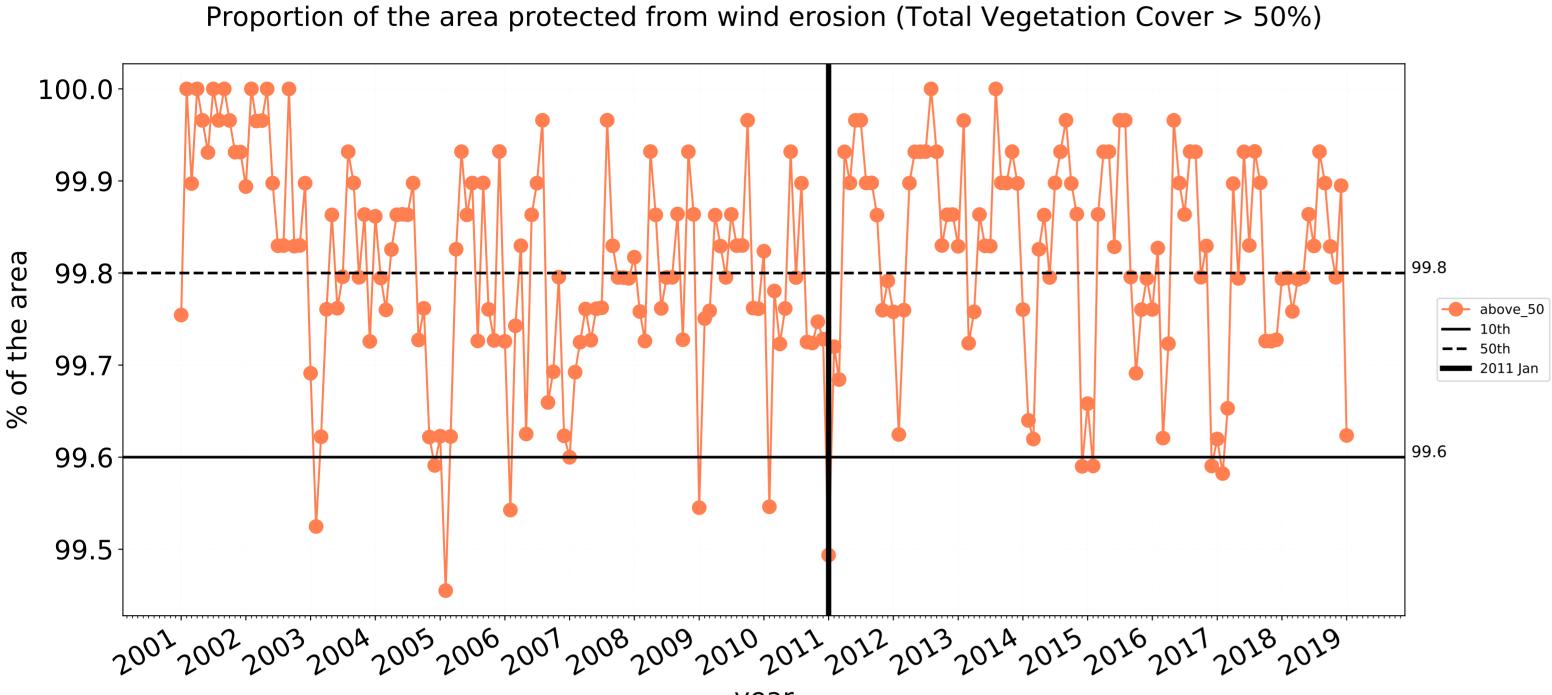




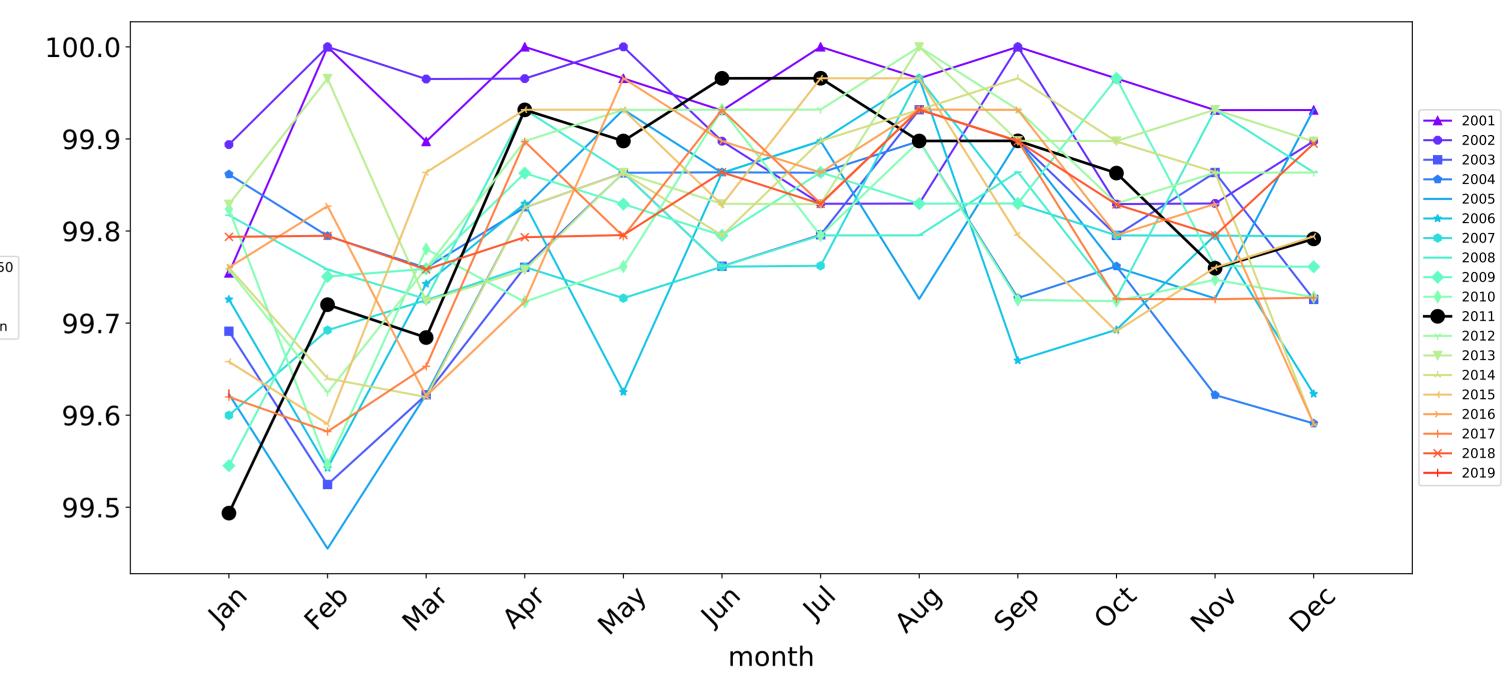


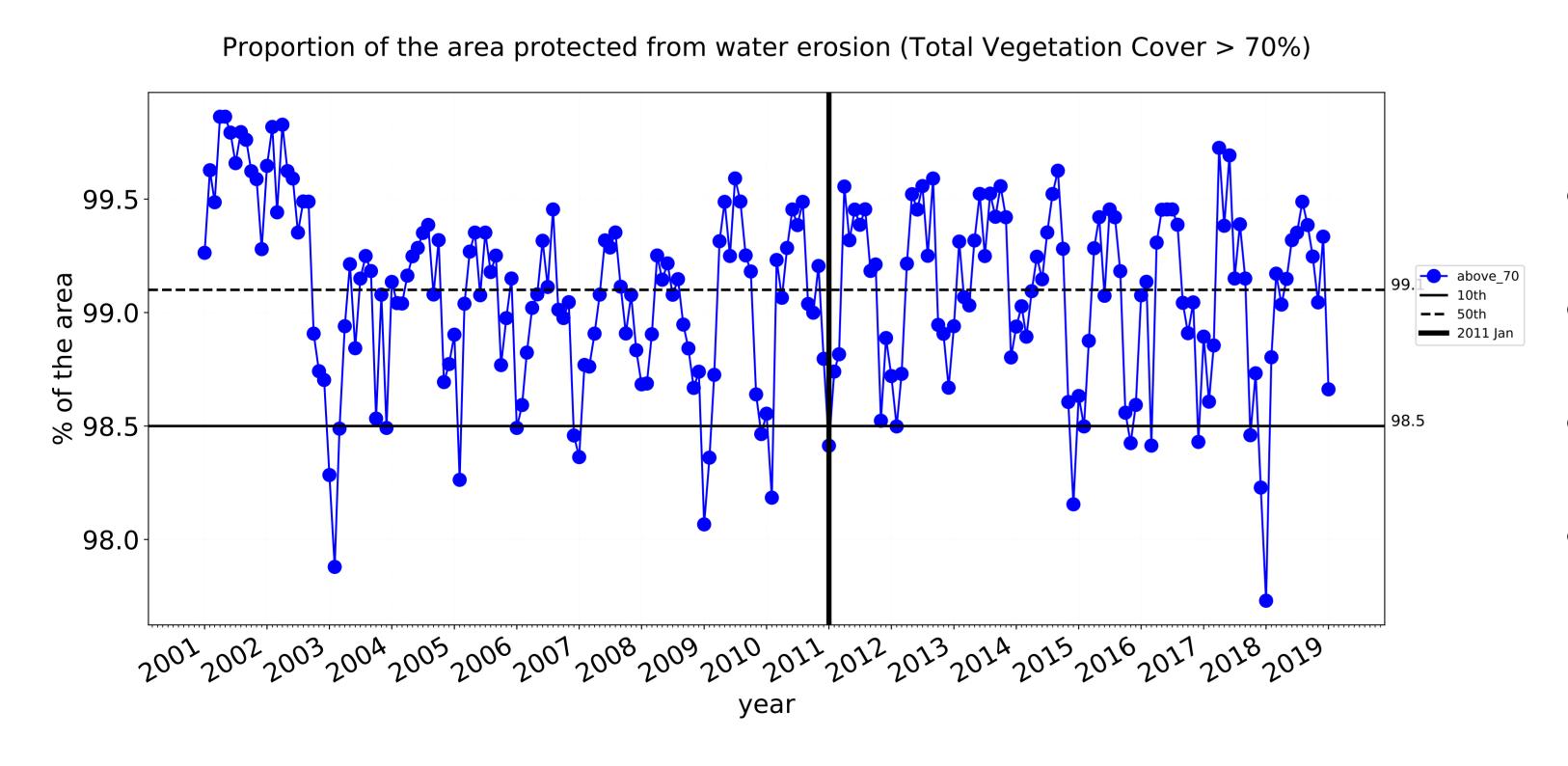




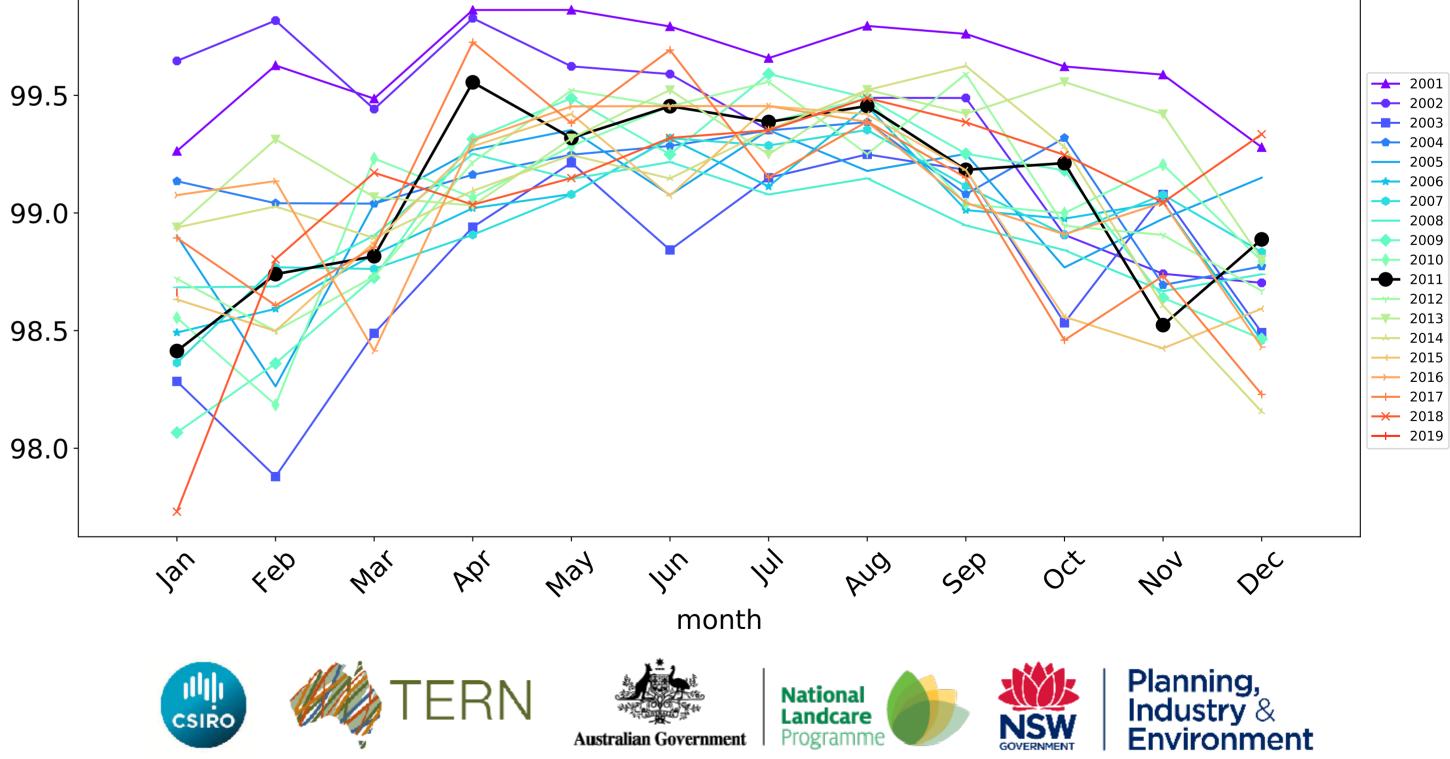


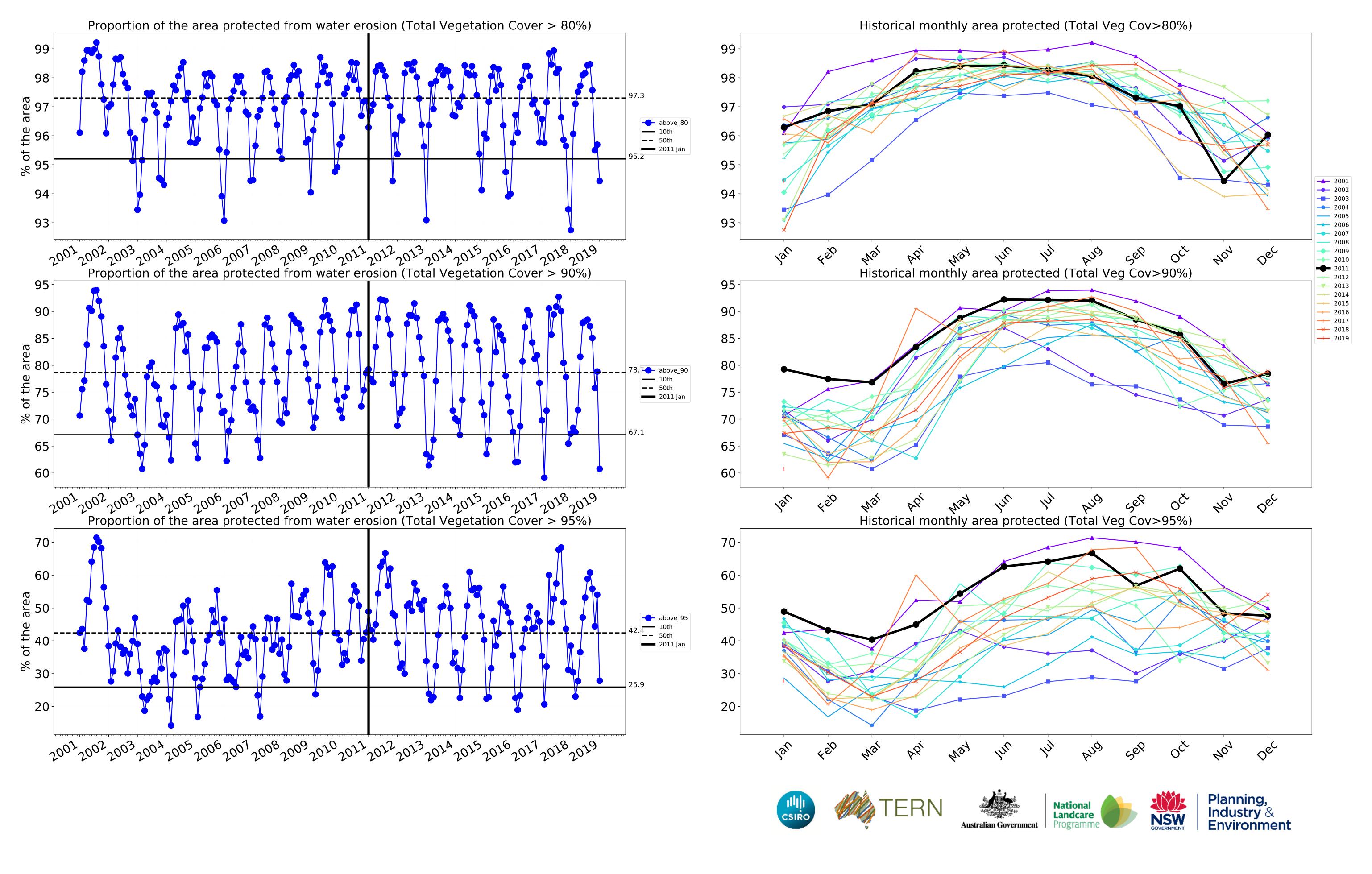
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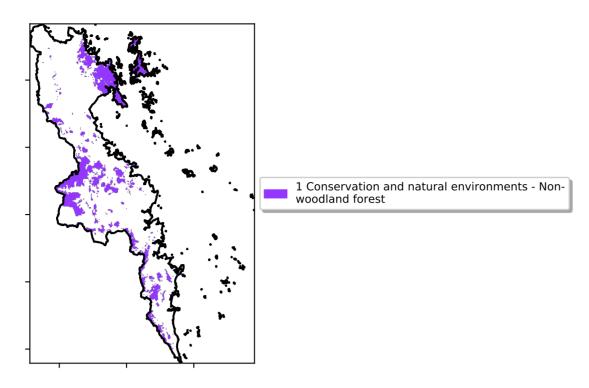




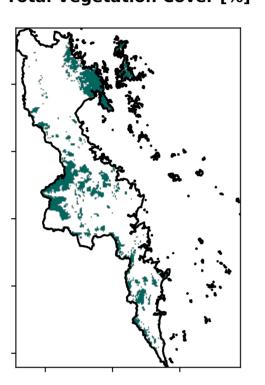
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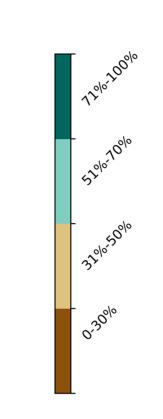
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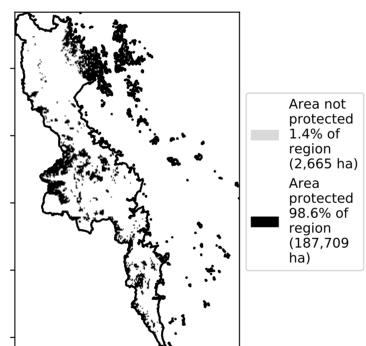


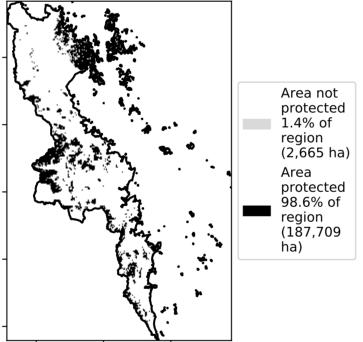
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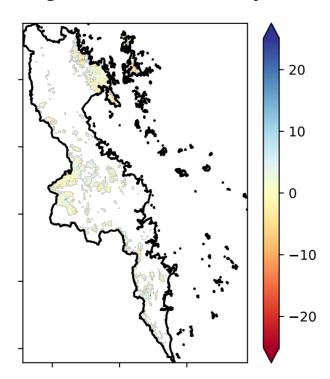


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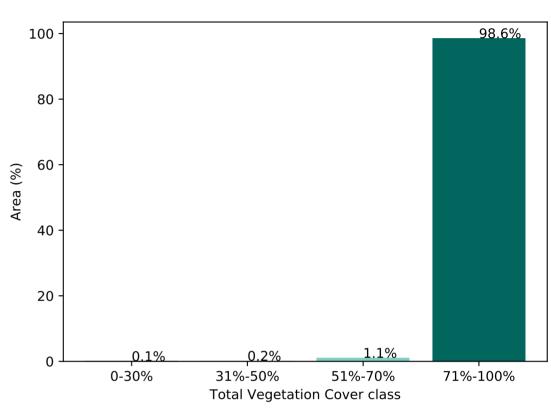


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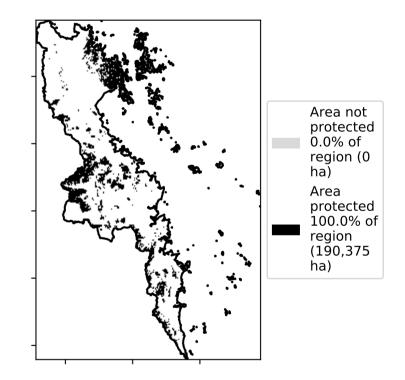


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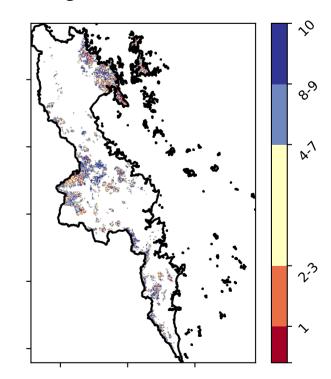
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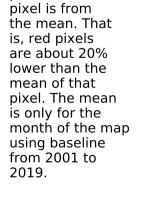


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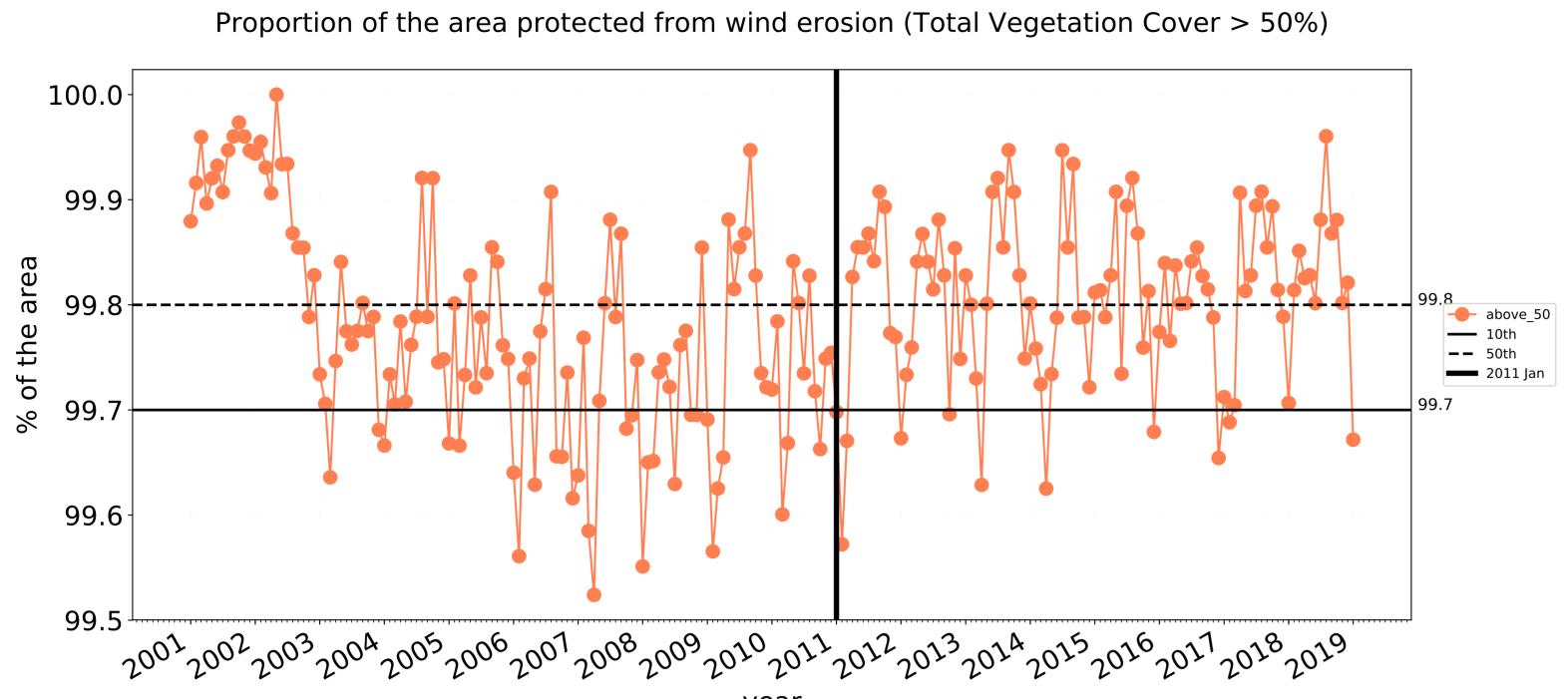


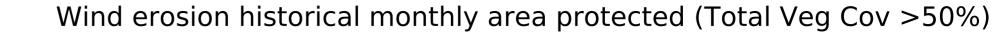


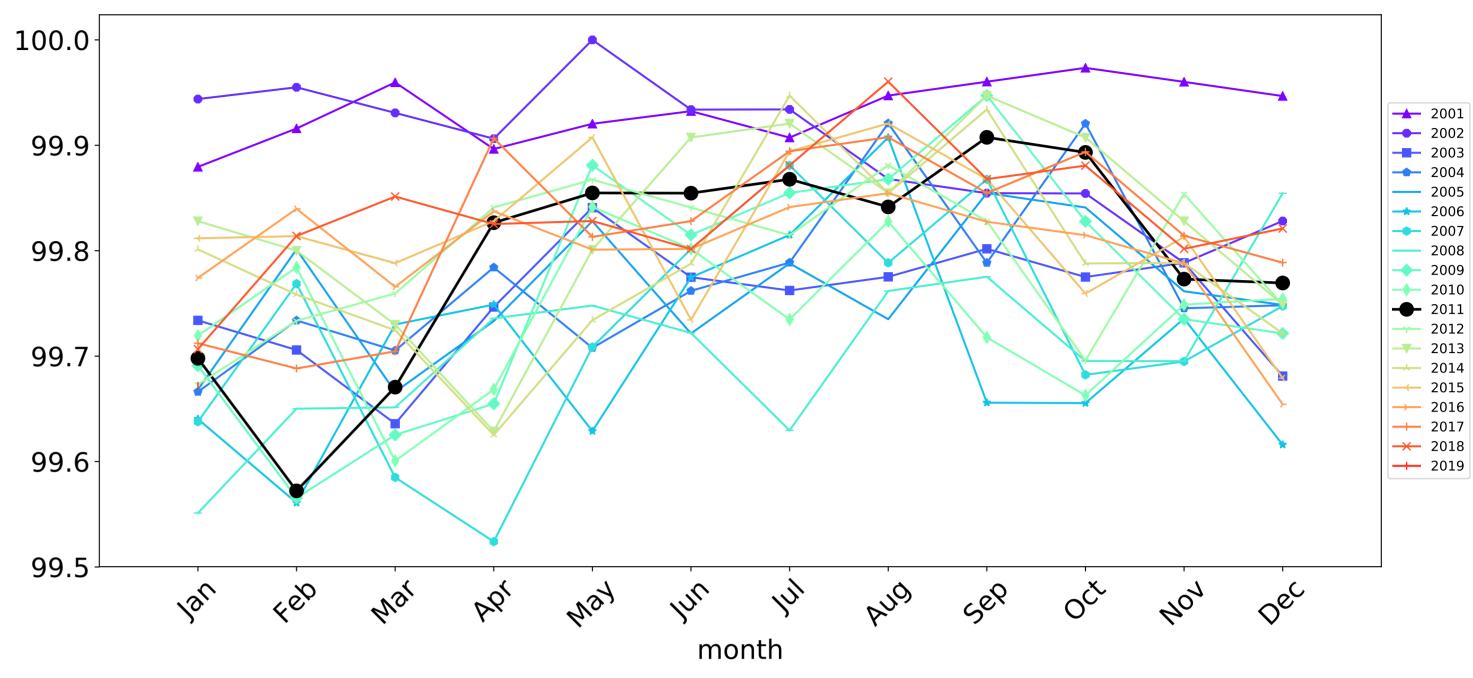


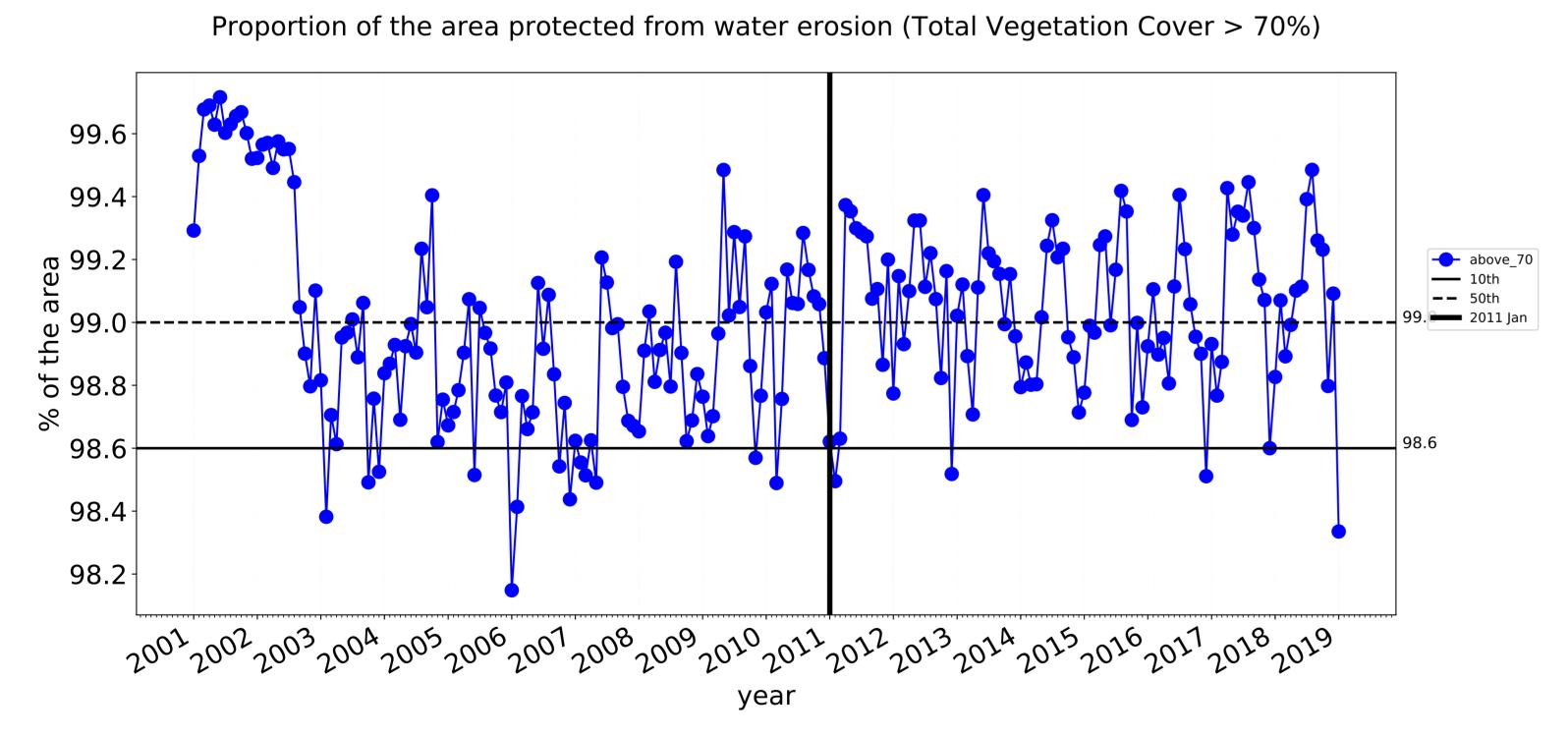


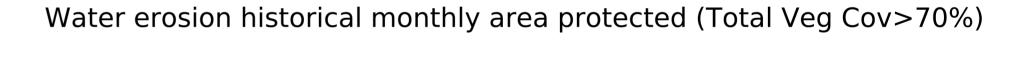


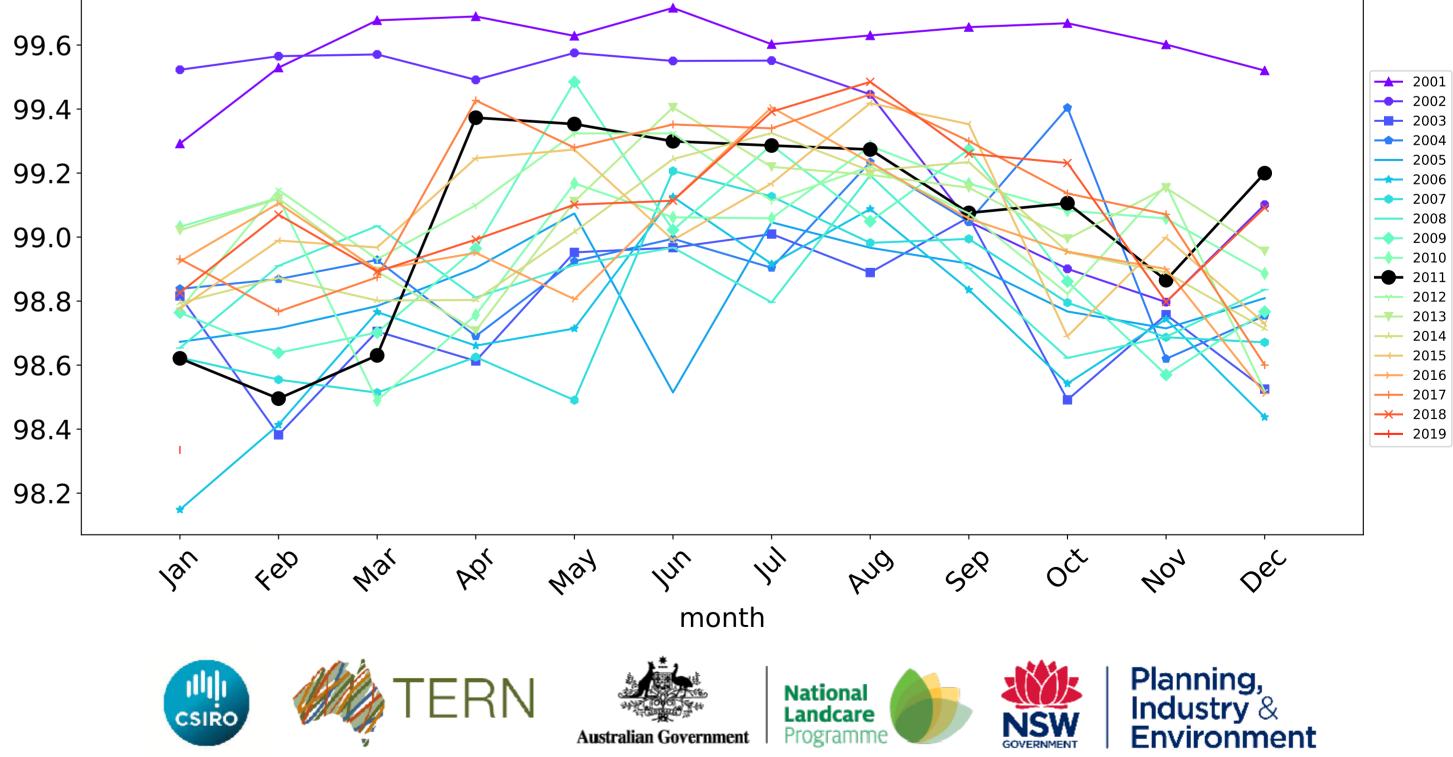


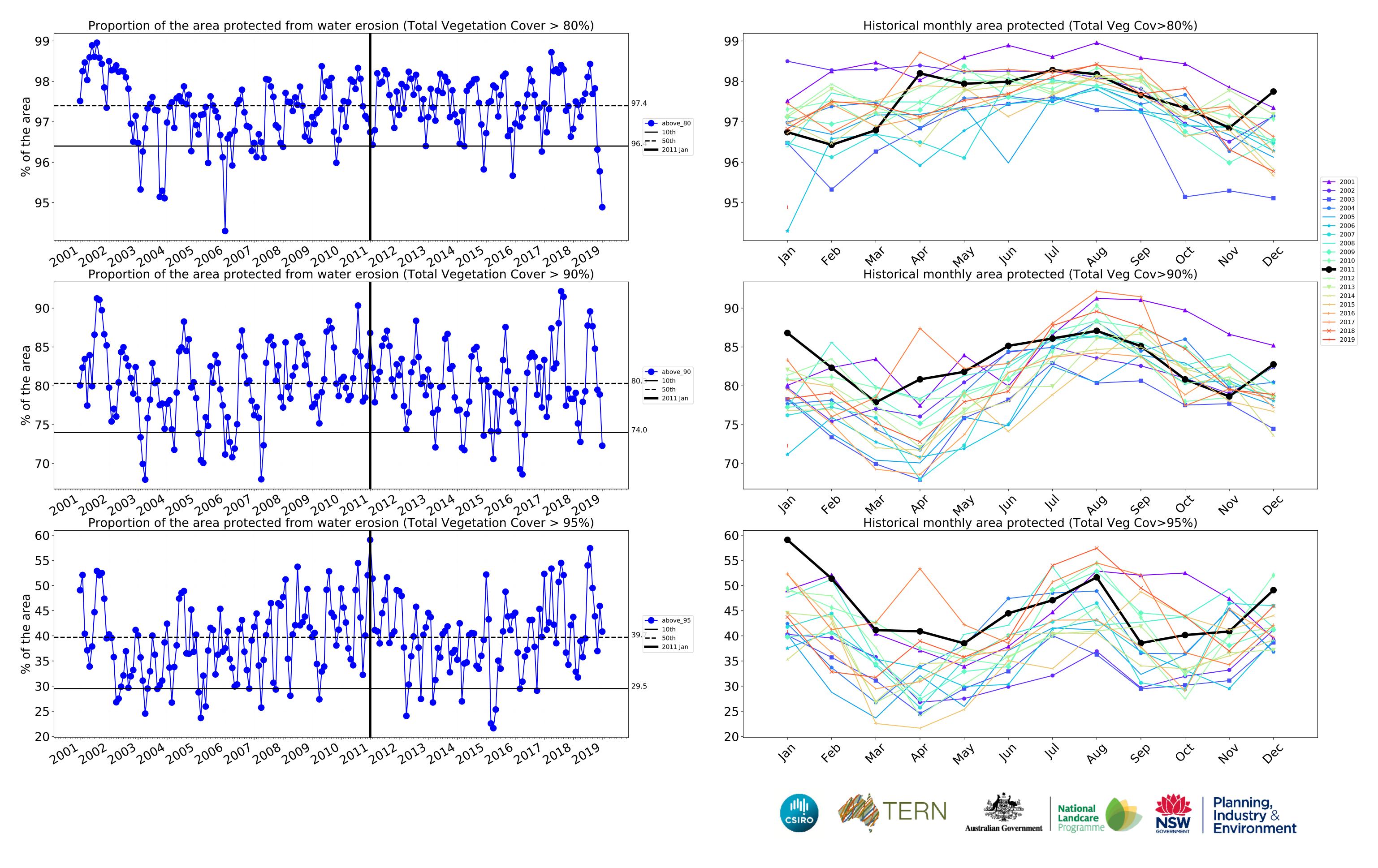












# **Agriculture**

# **Land use and forest cover**

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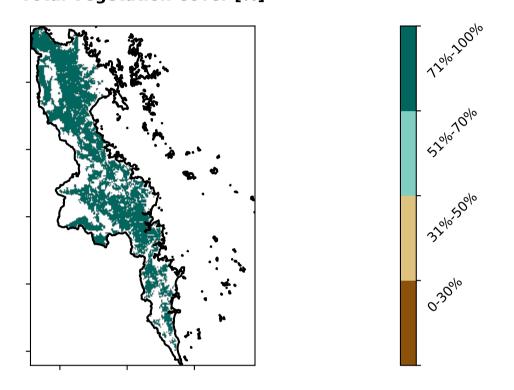
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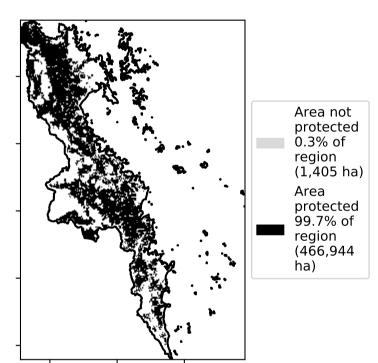
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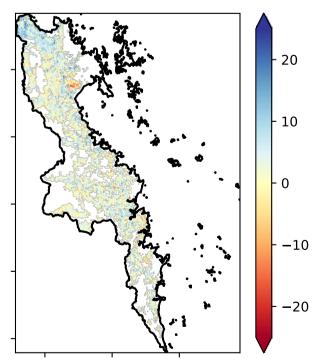
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# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



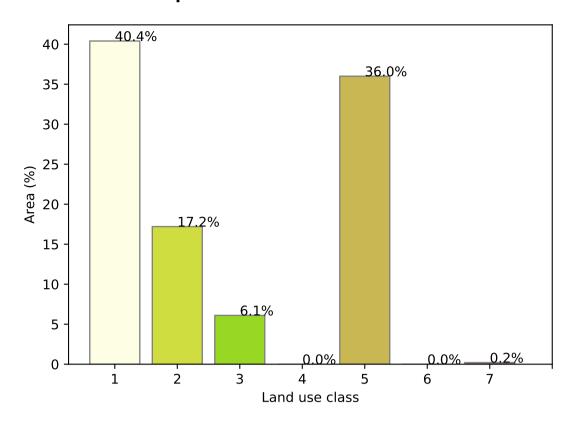
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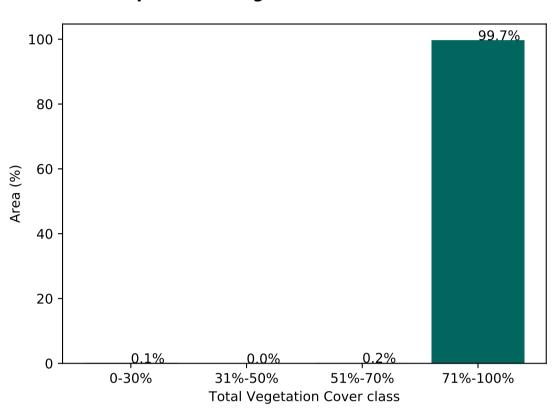


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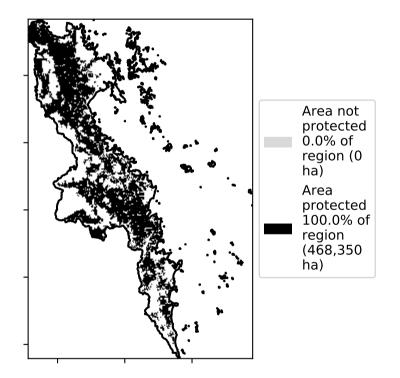
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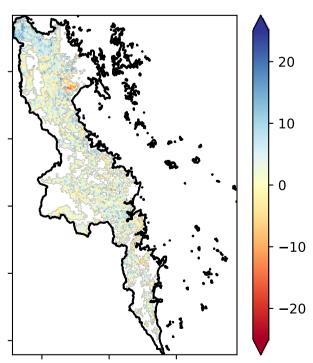
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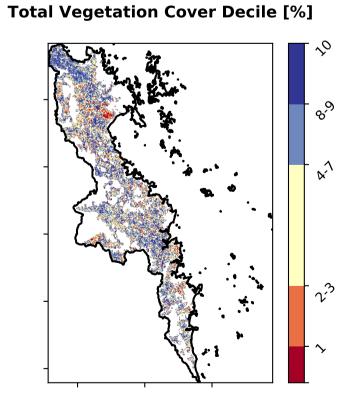
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



records for that month of







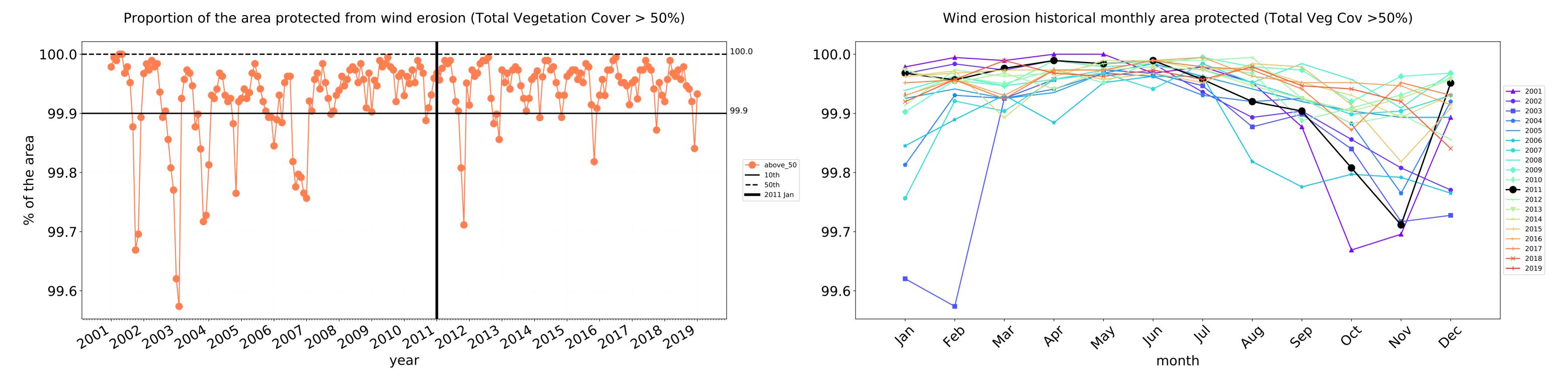


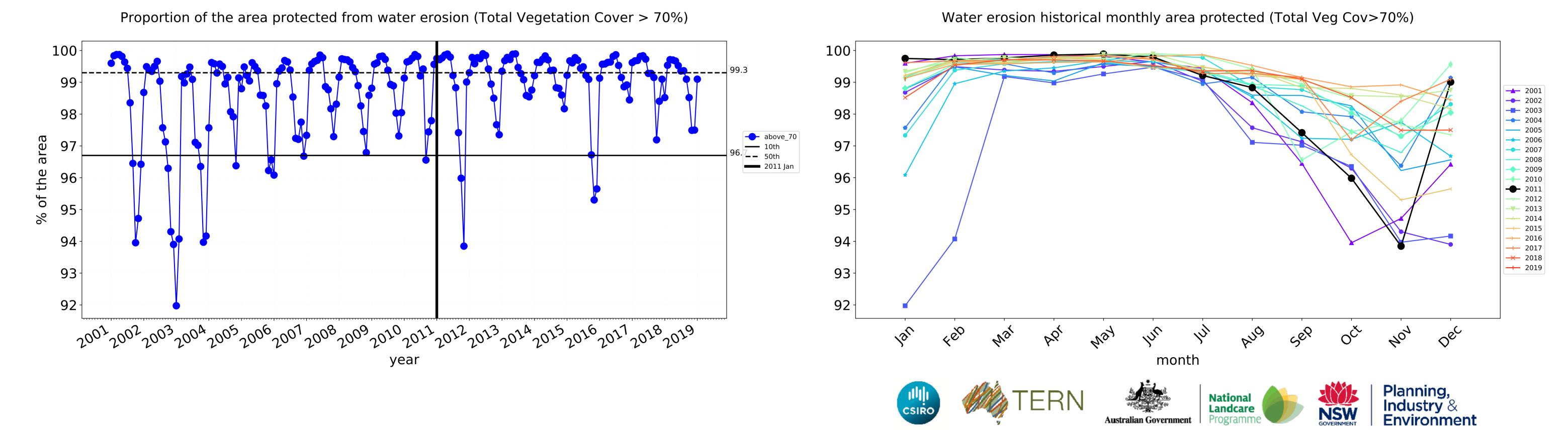


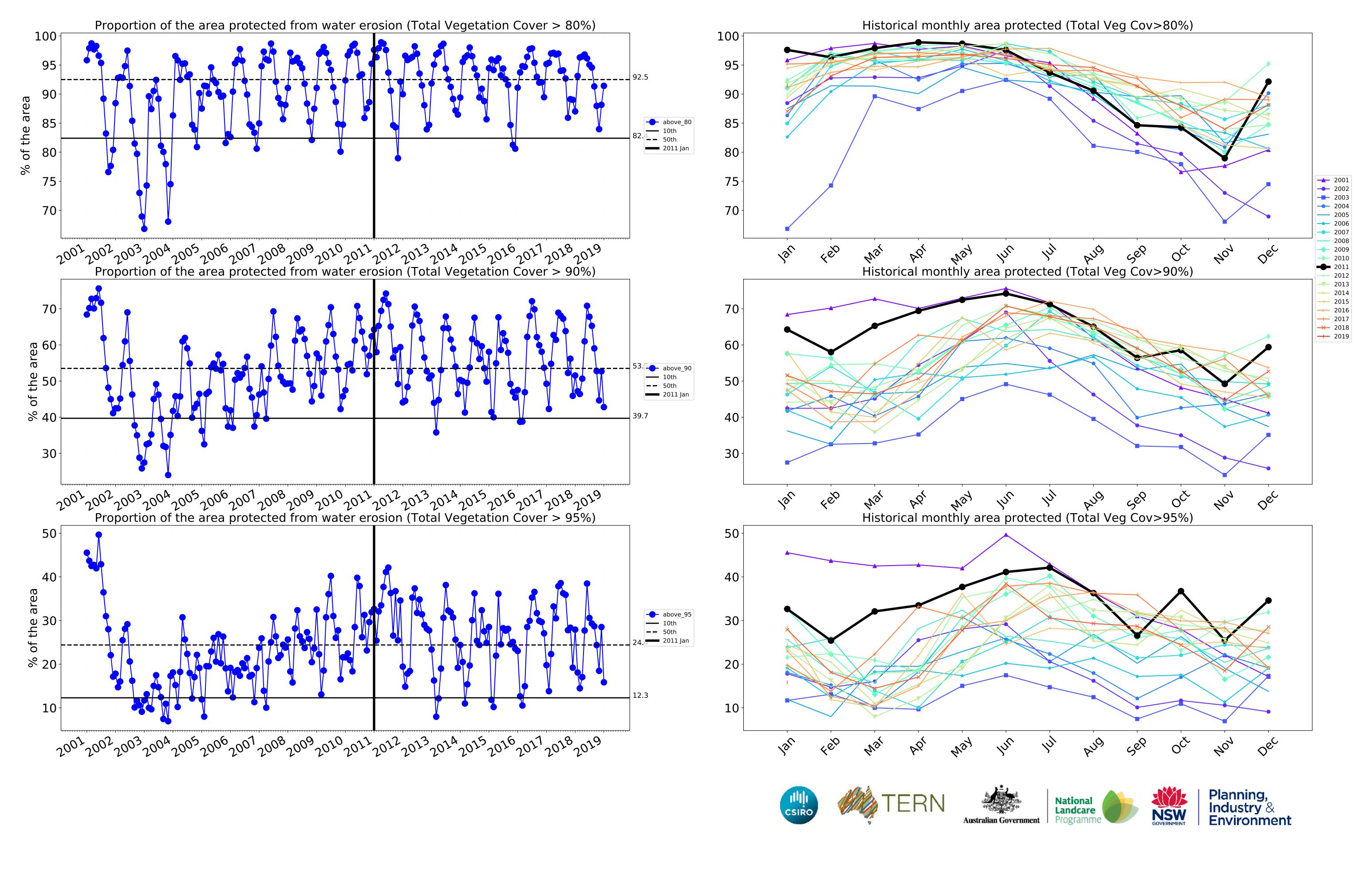




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# Grazing

#### Land use and forest cover

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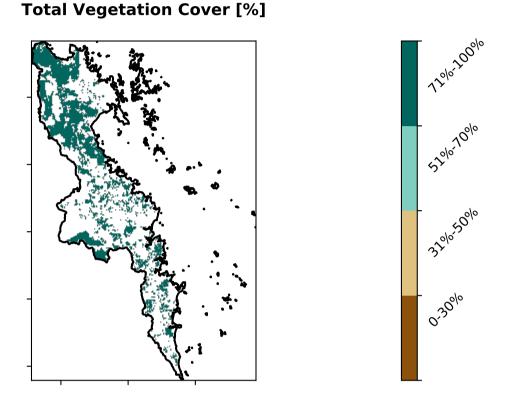
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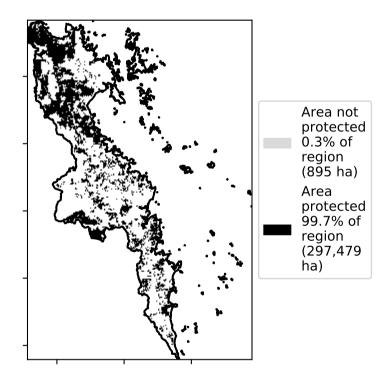
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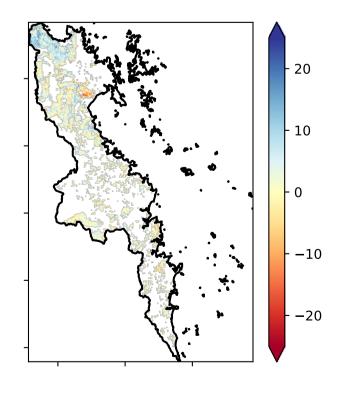
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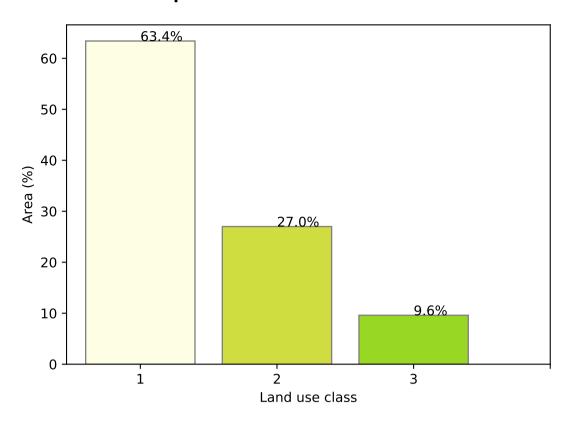


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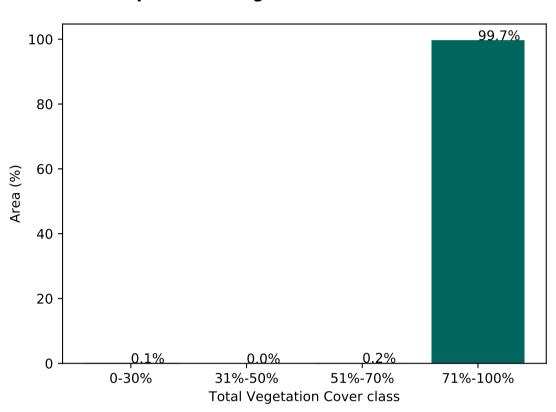


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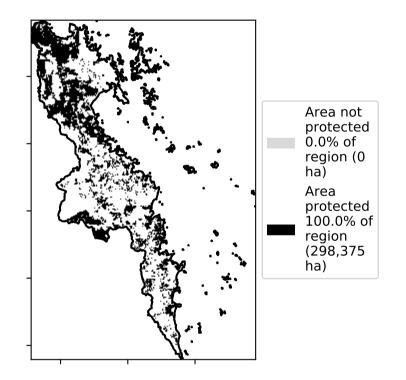
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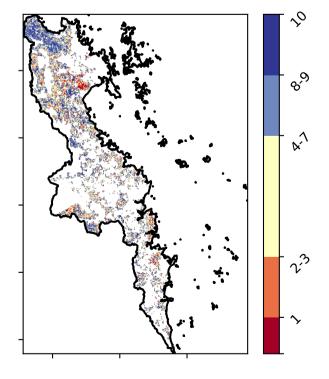


## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









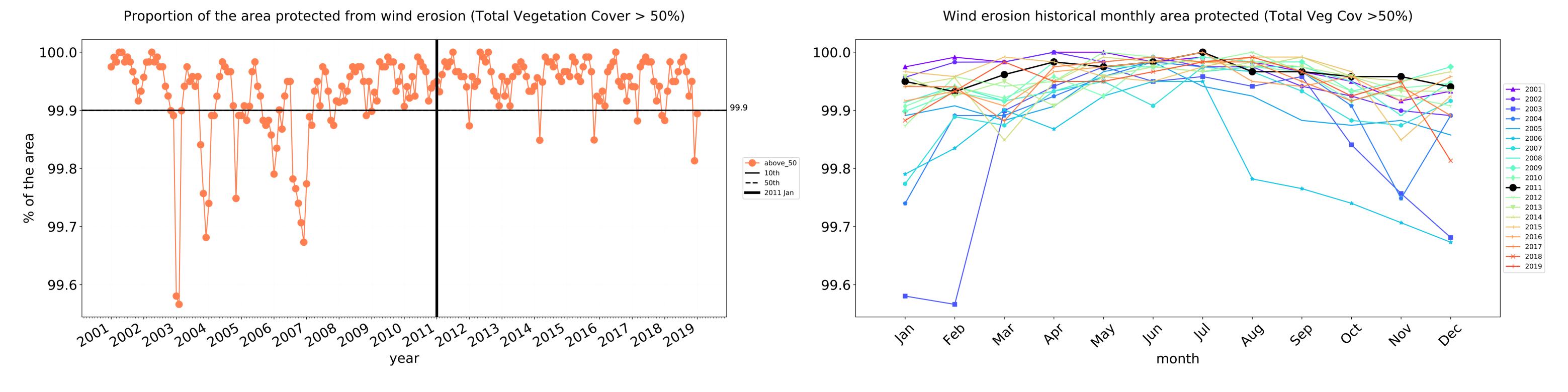


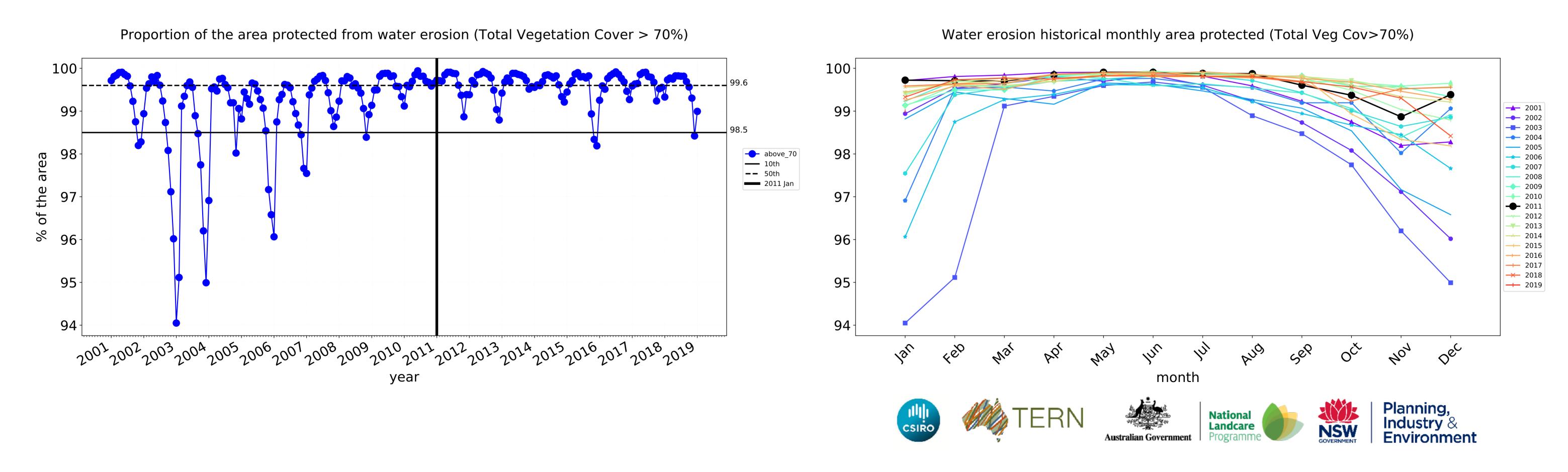


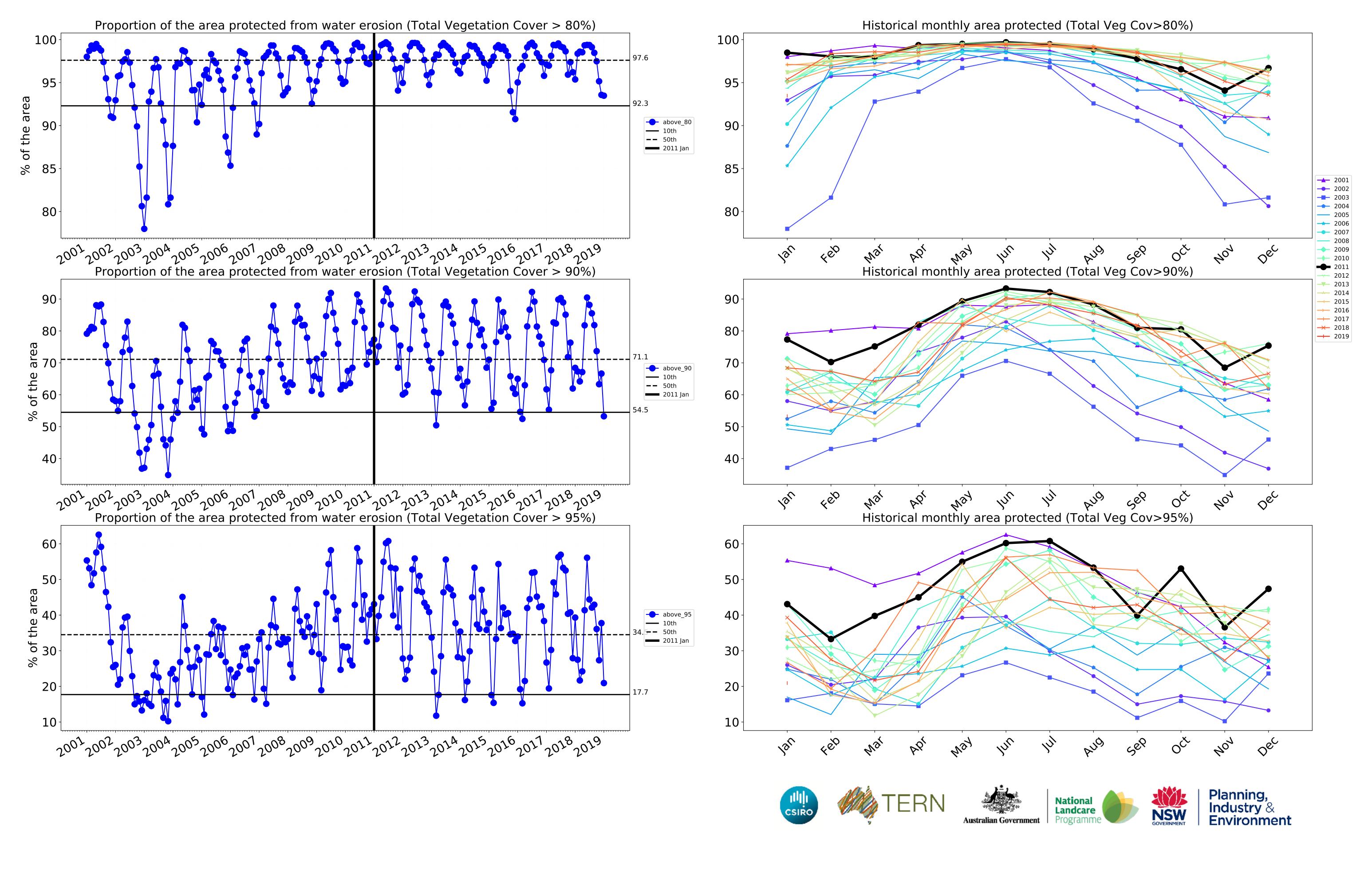




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

# **Land use and forest cover**

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

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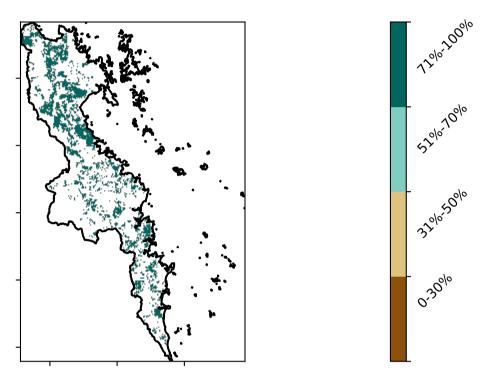
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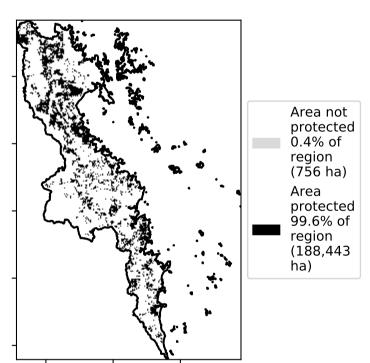
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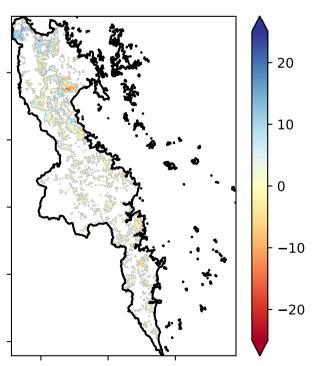
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# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



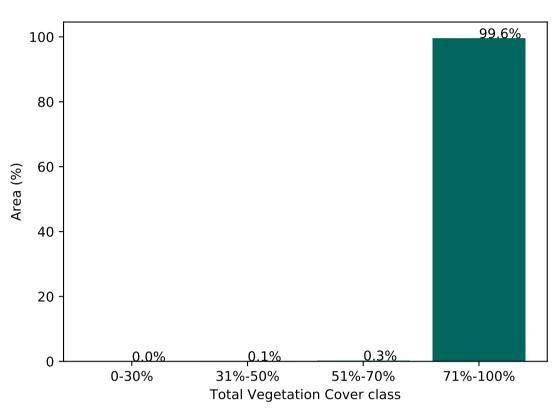
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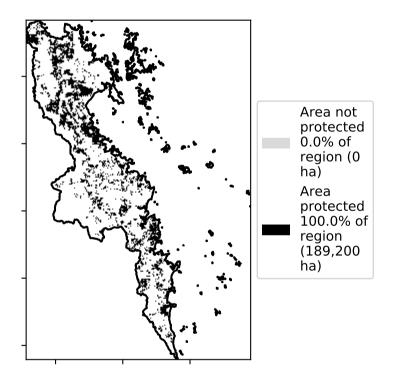


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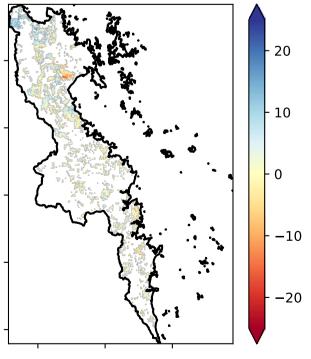
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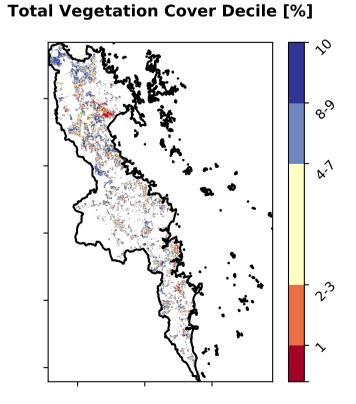
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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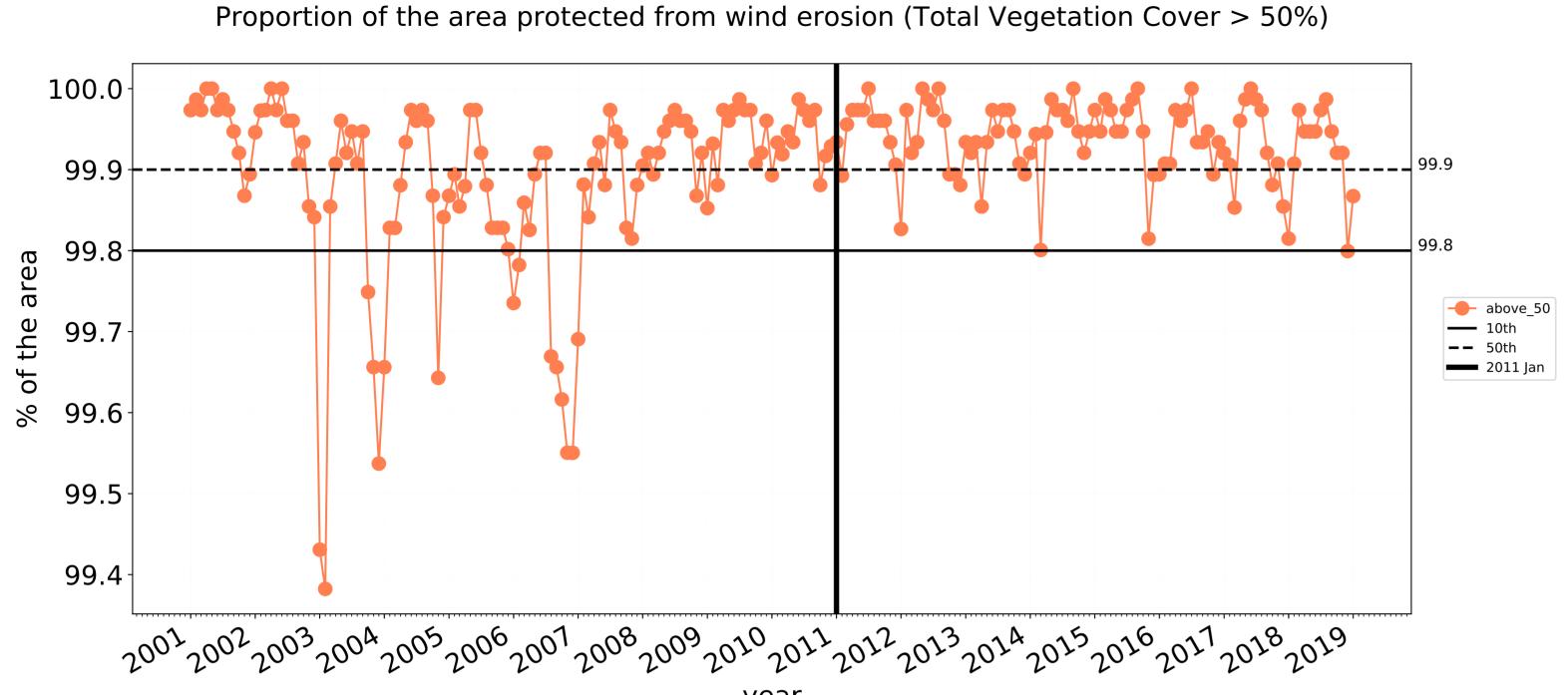




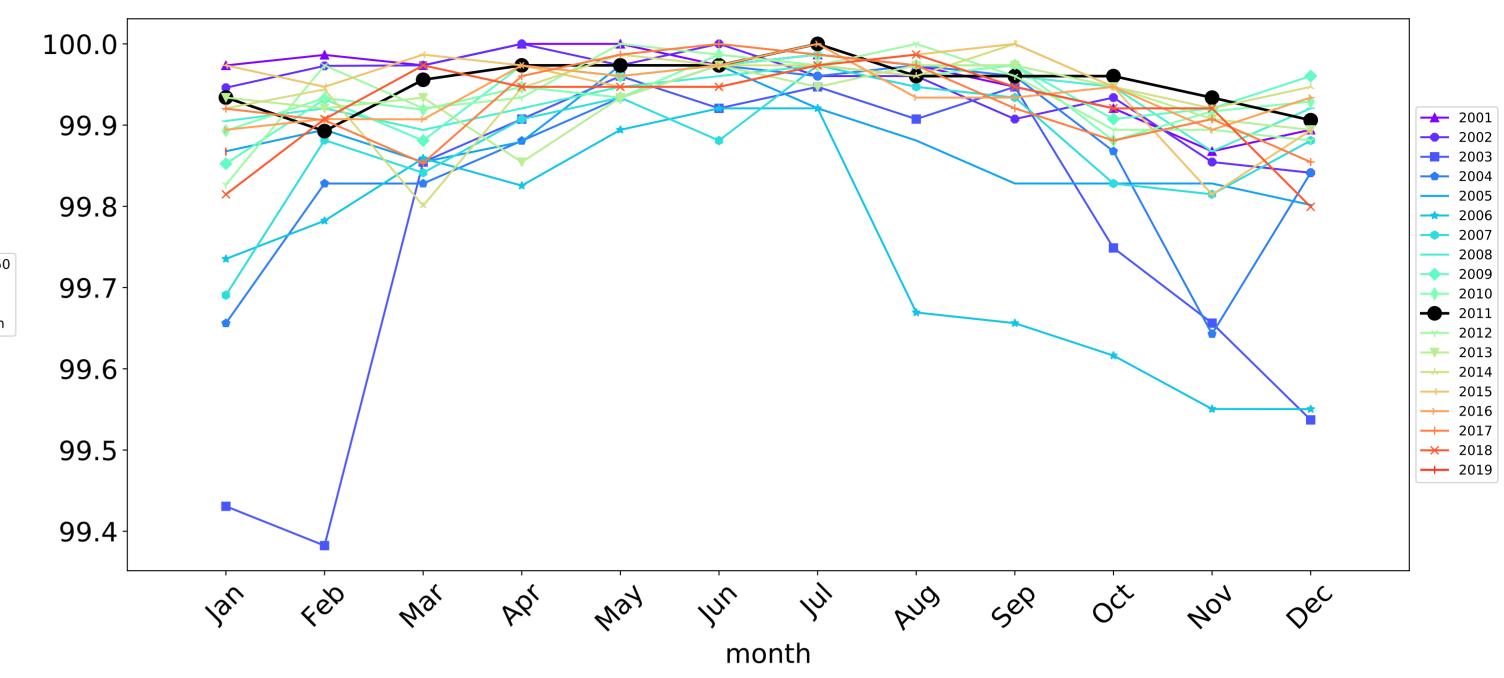


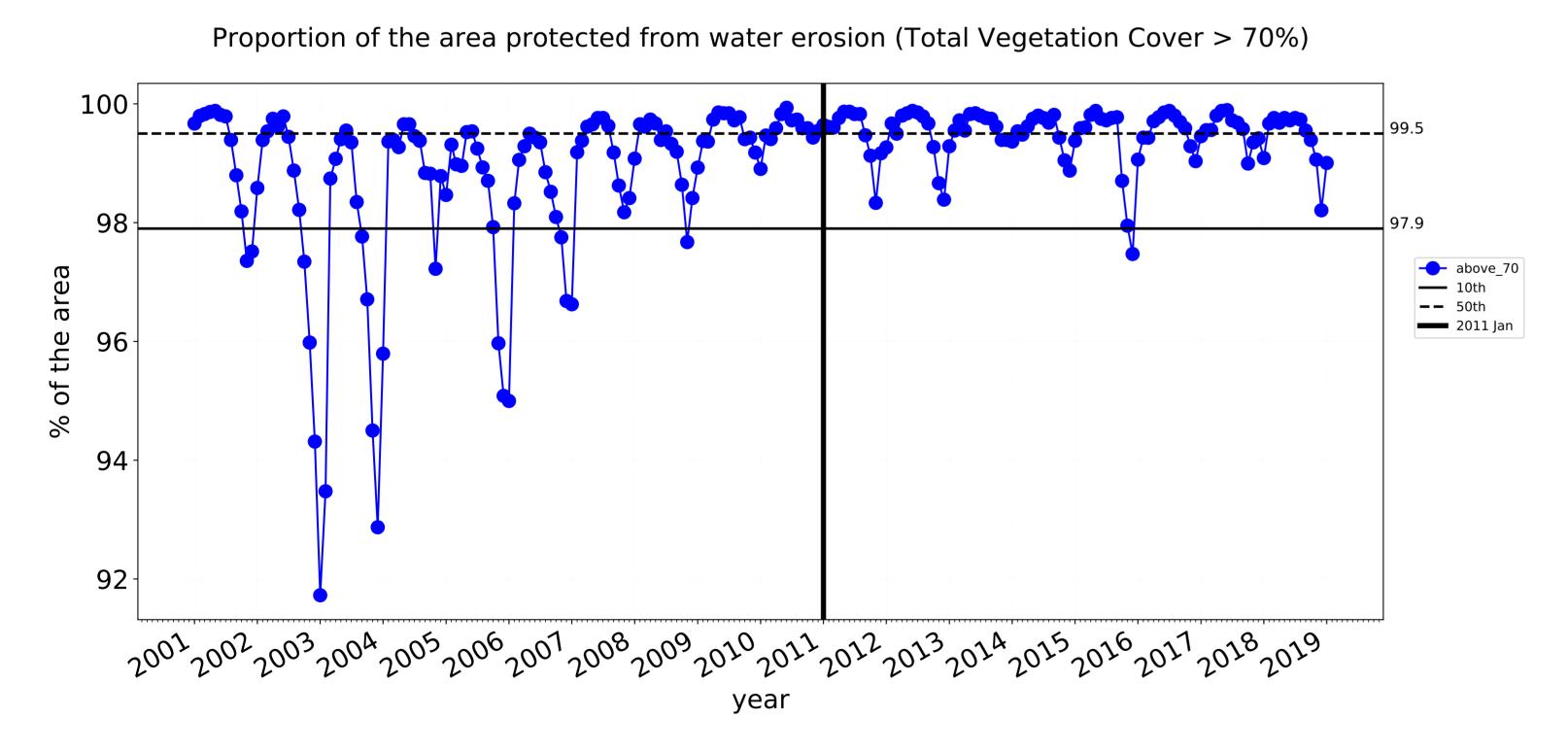


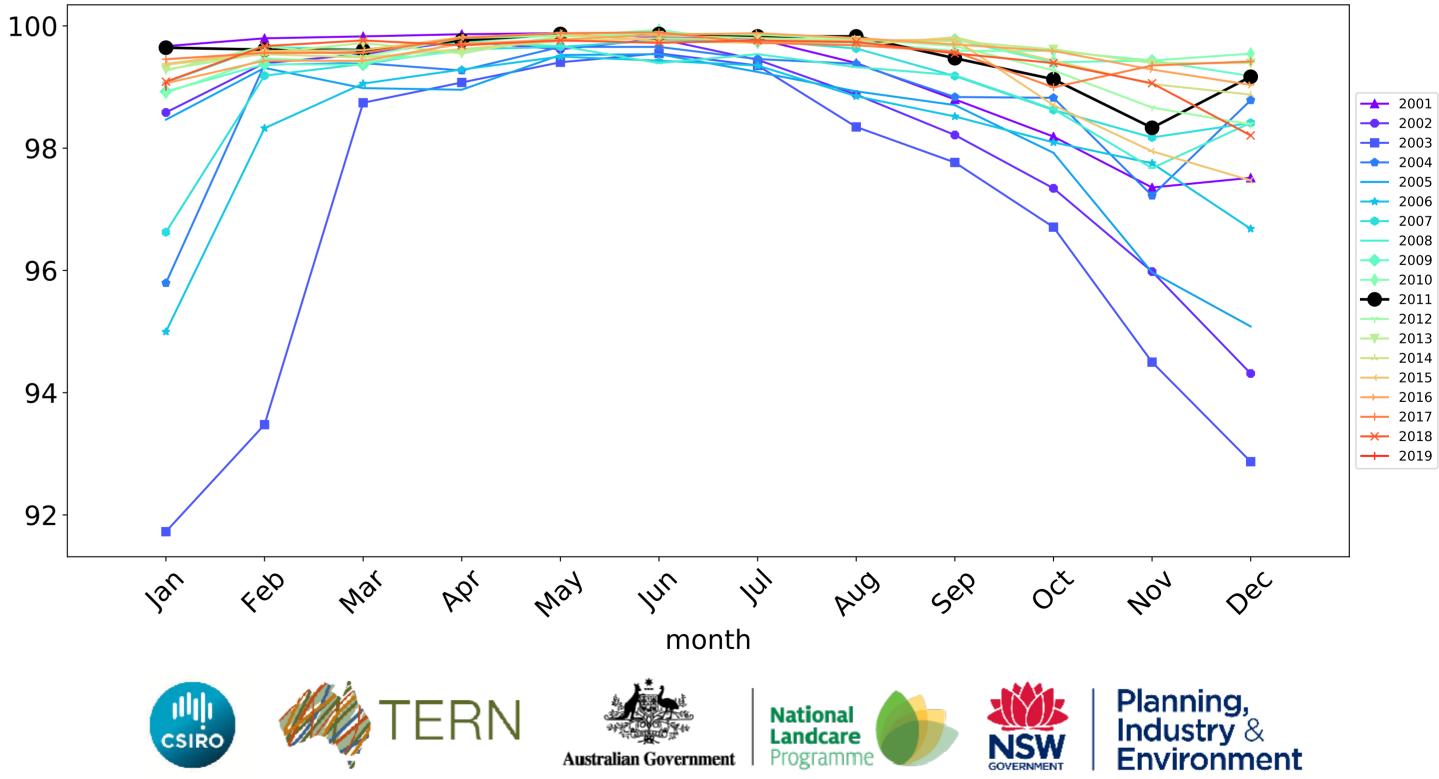
# **Grazing non forest timeseries**





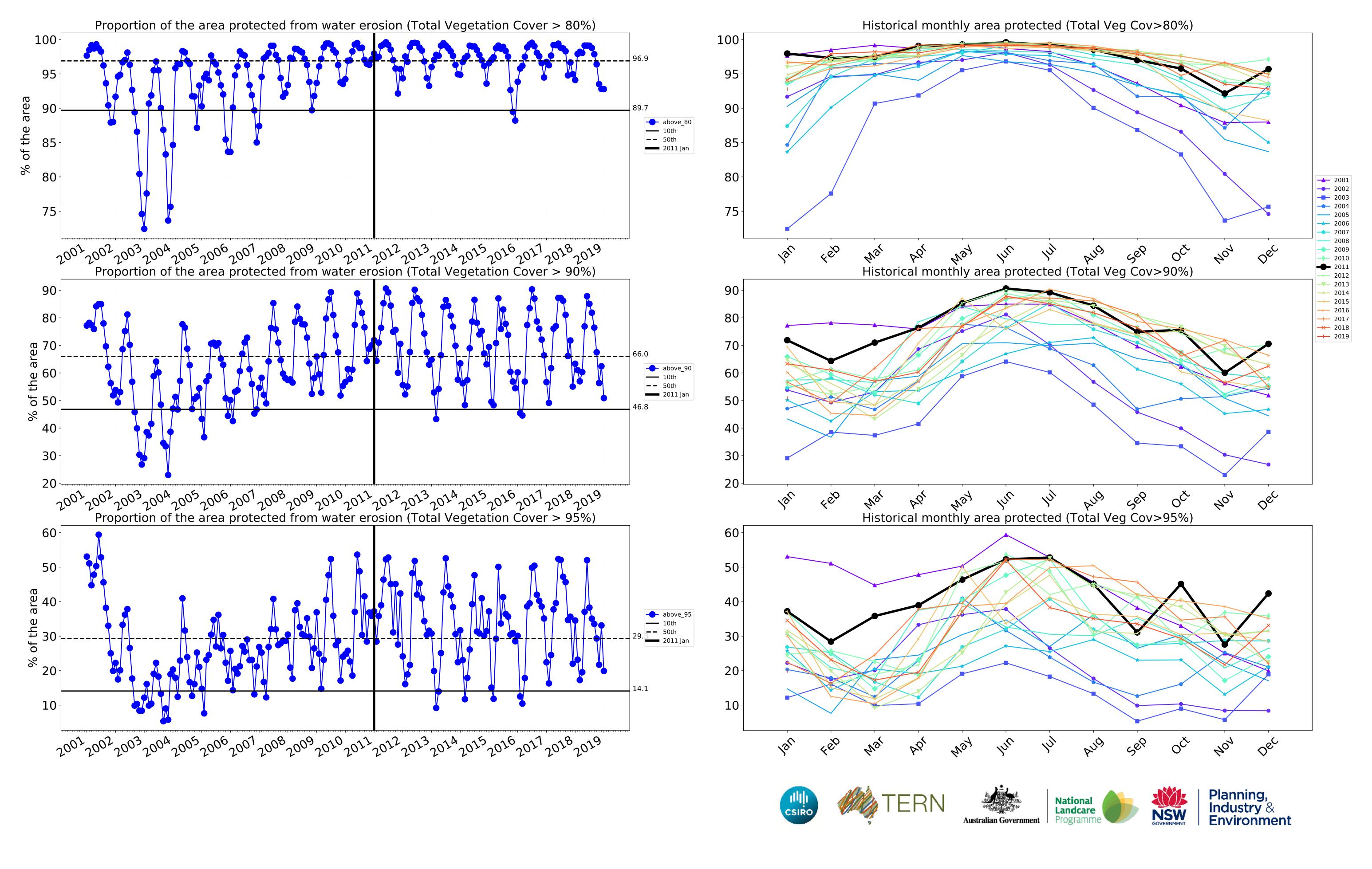






Landcare

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



# **Grazing Woodland forest**

# Land use and forest cover

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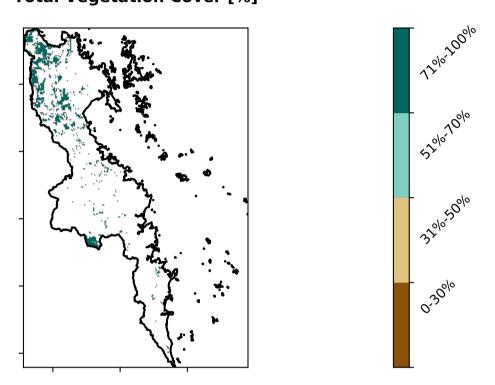
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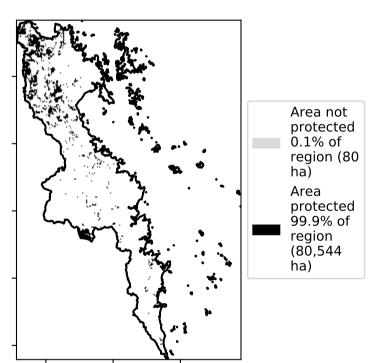
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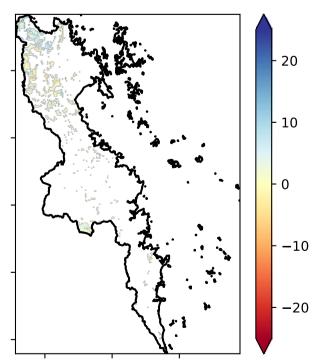
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

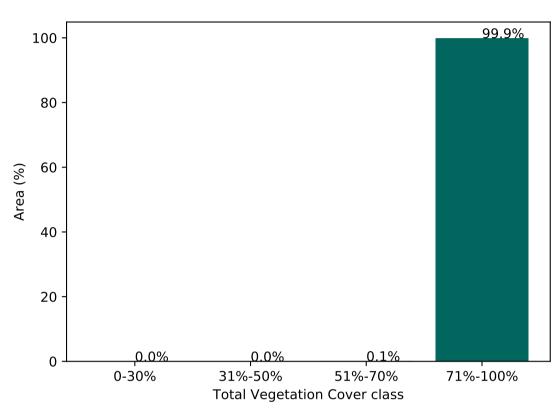


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

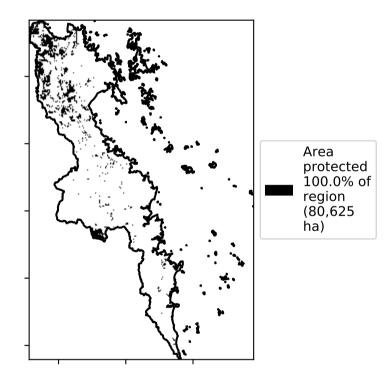


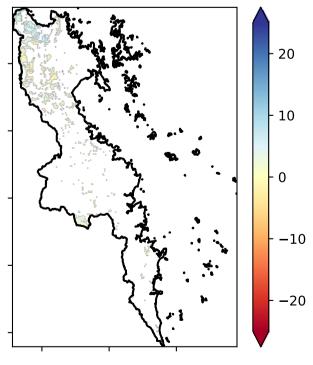
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

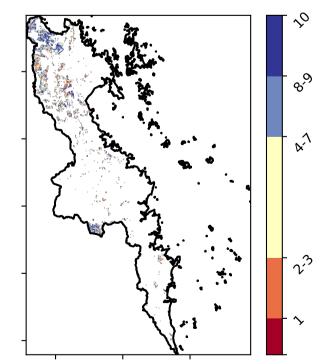


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





records for that month of







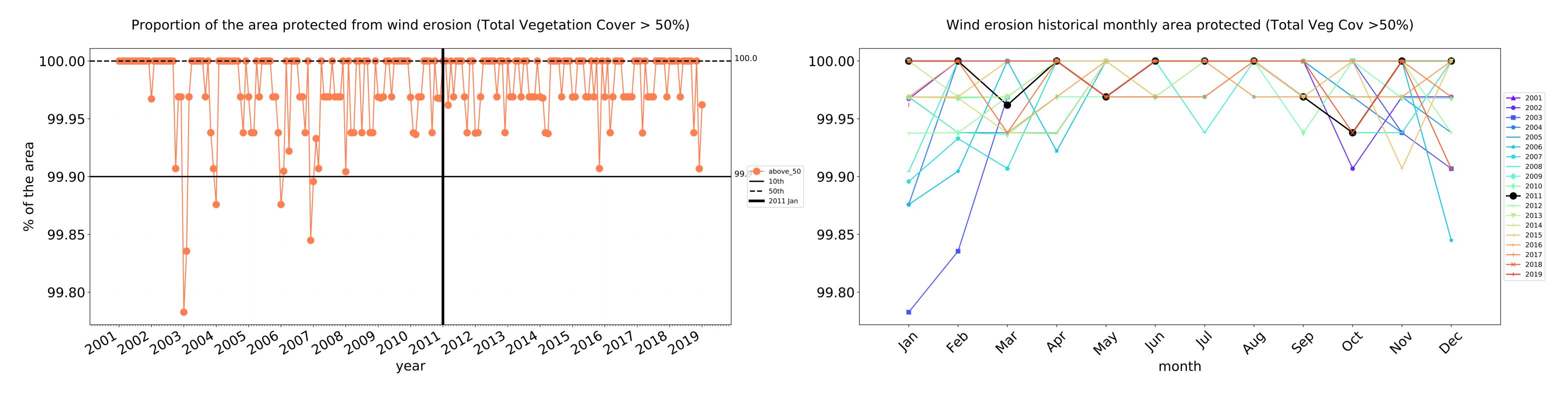


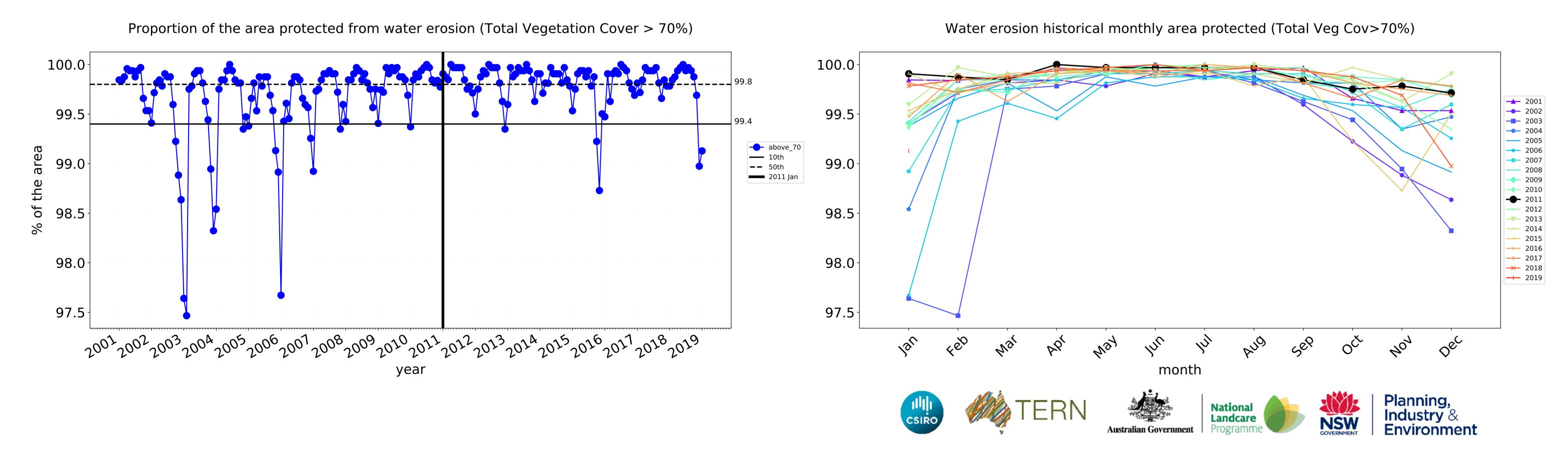


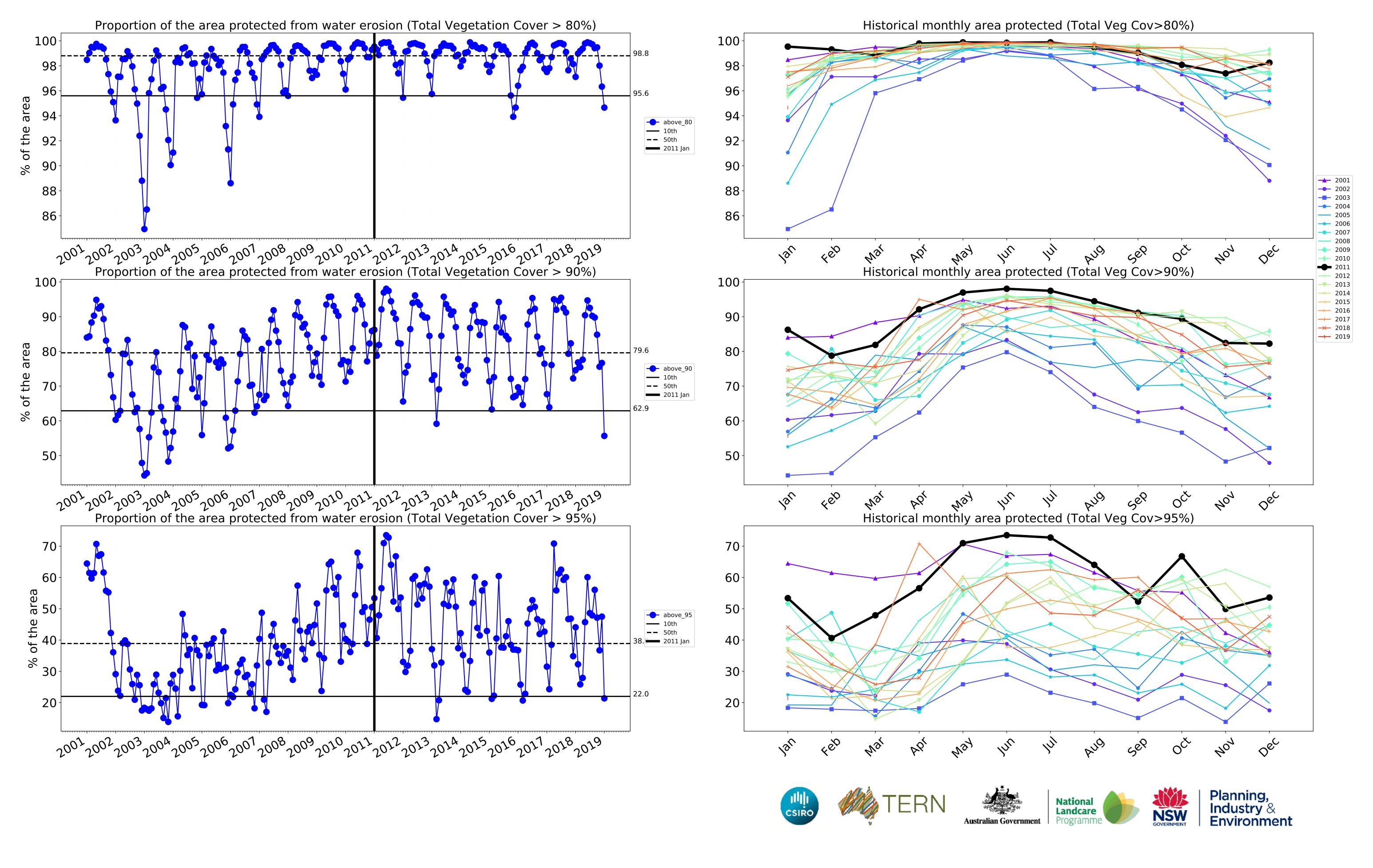




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







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

# Land use and forest cover

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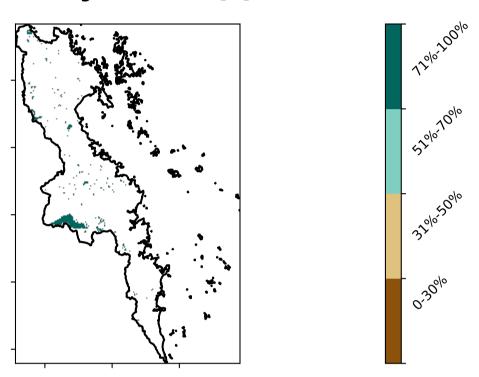
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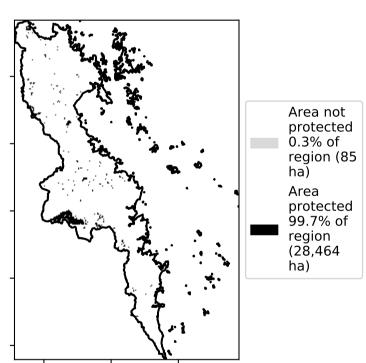
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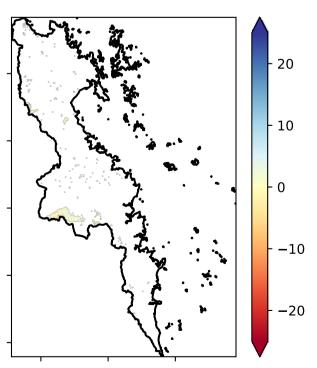
#### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

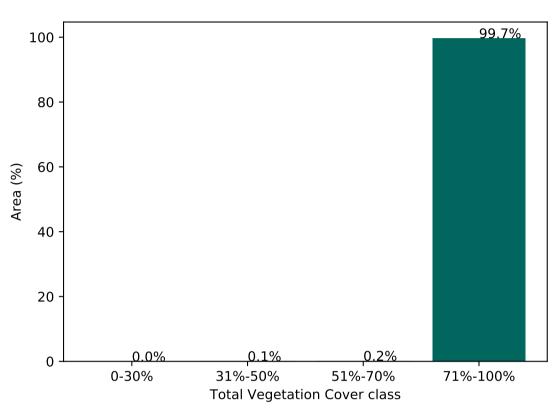


# Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

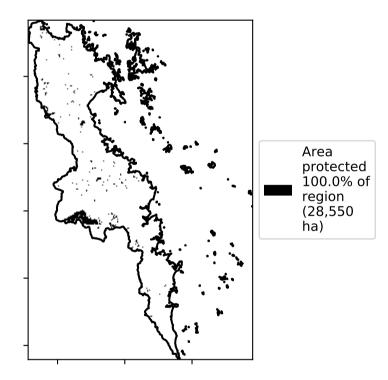


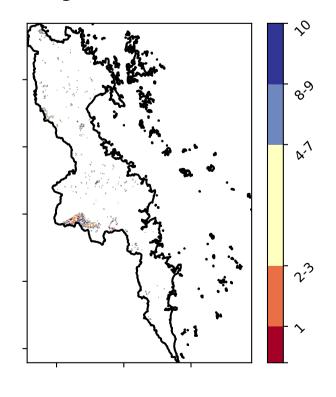
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







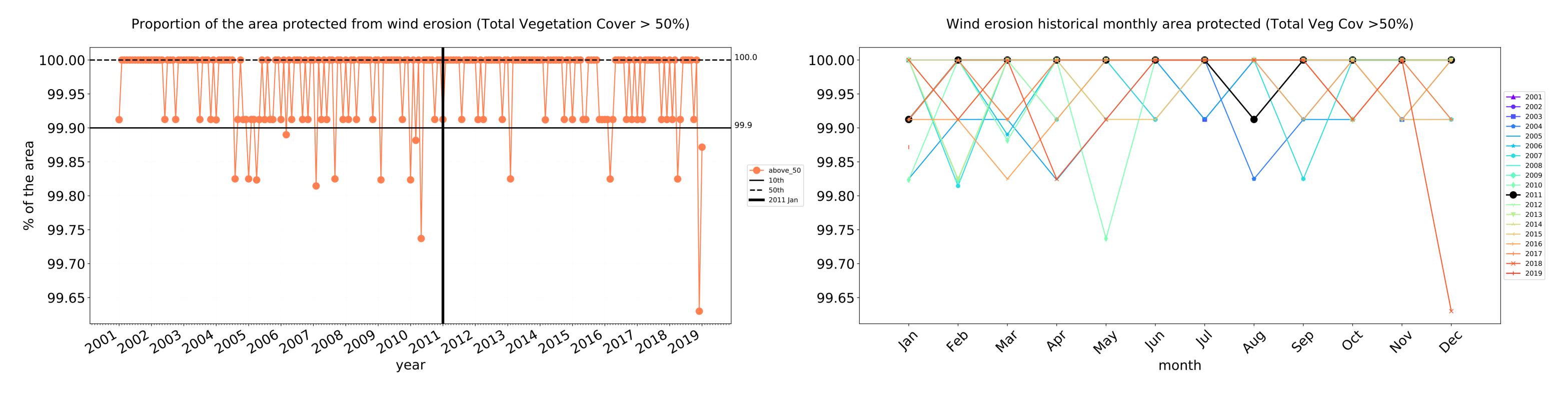


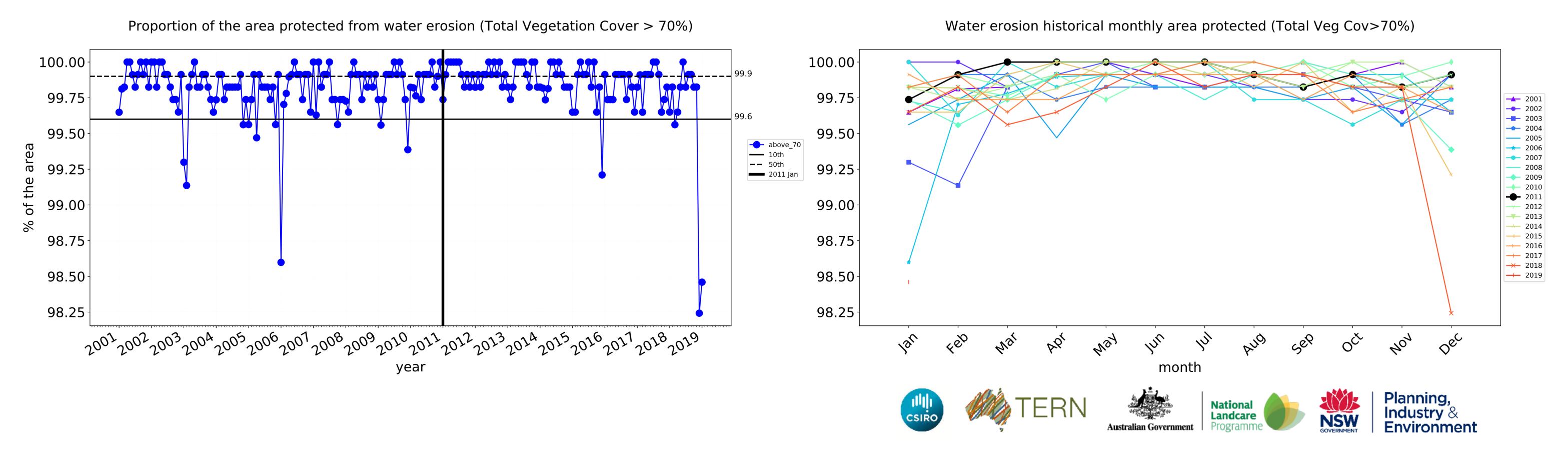


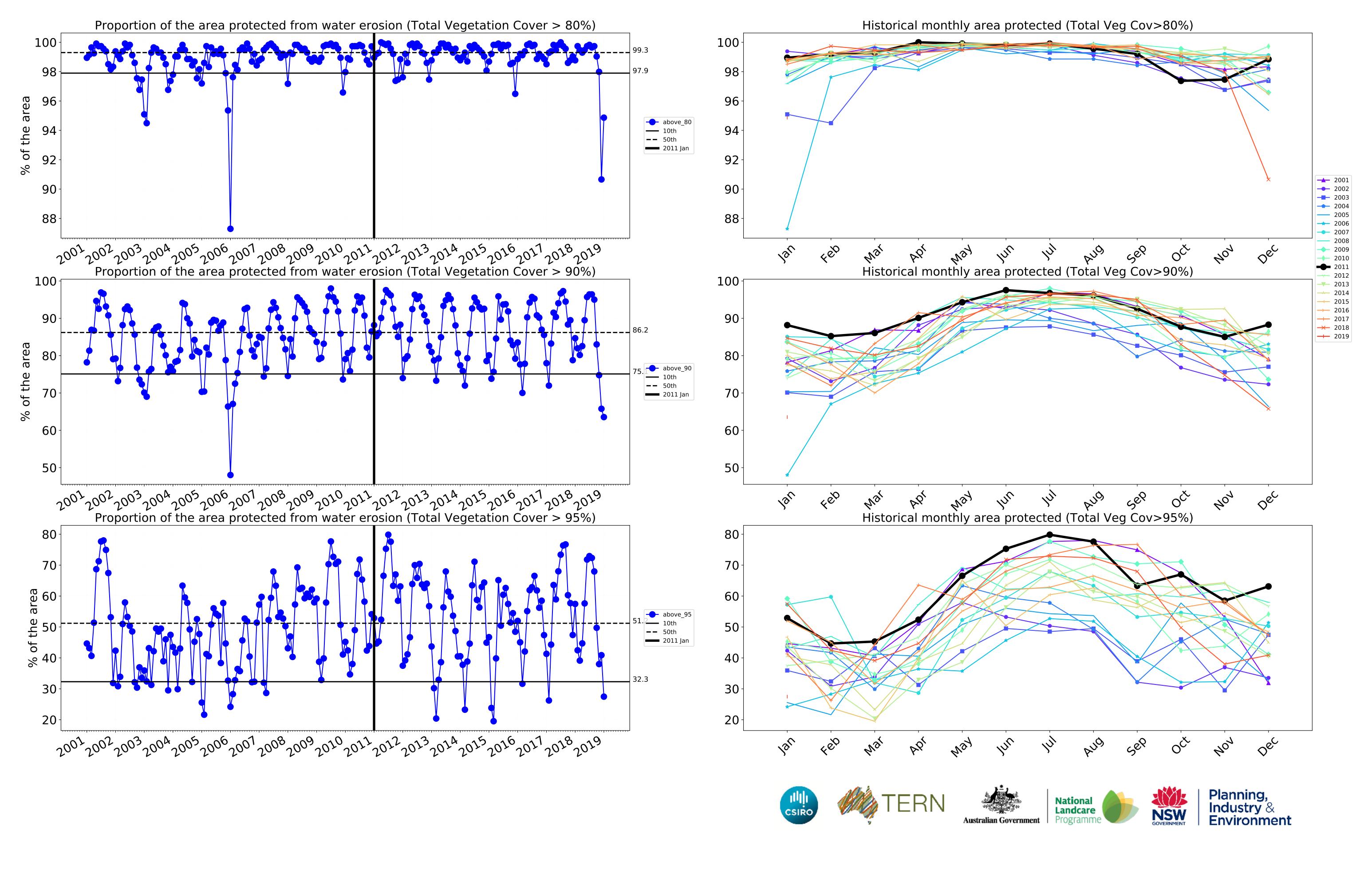












# **Irrigation**

#### Land use and forest cover

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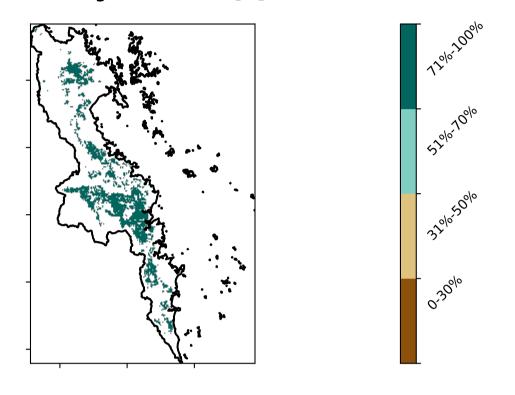
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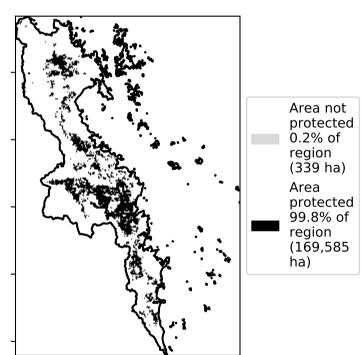
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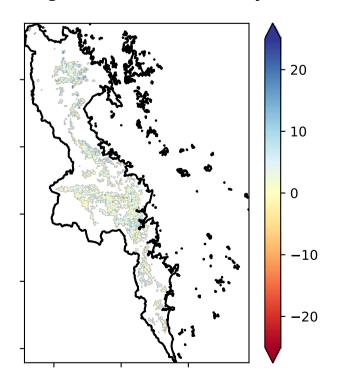
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

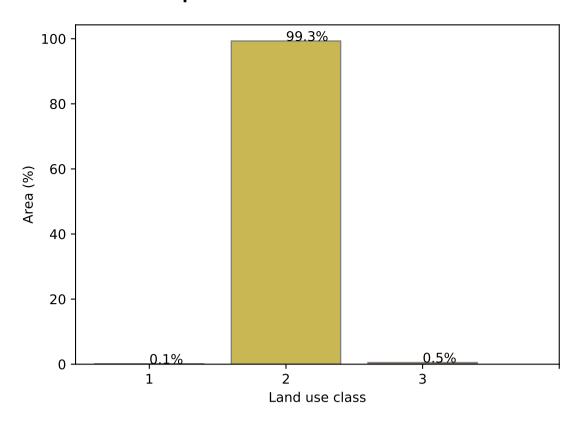


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

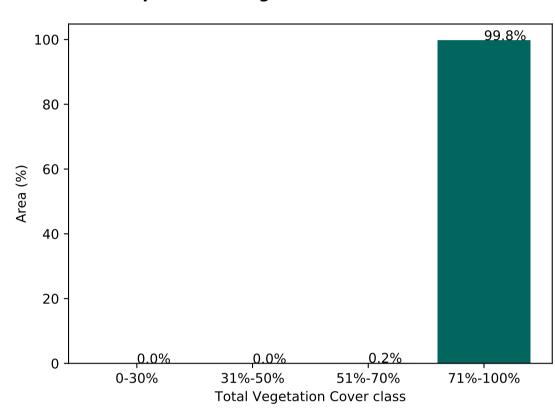


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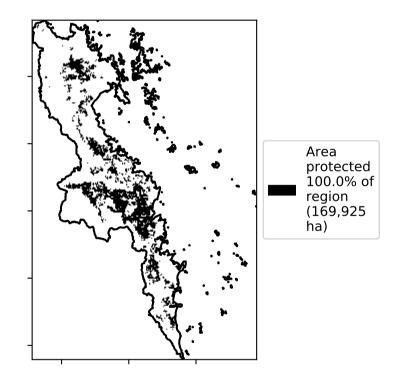
#### Proportion of each land class in area

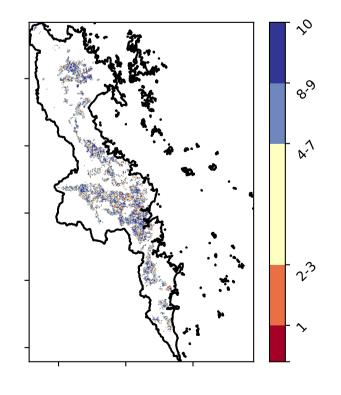


## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









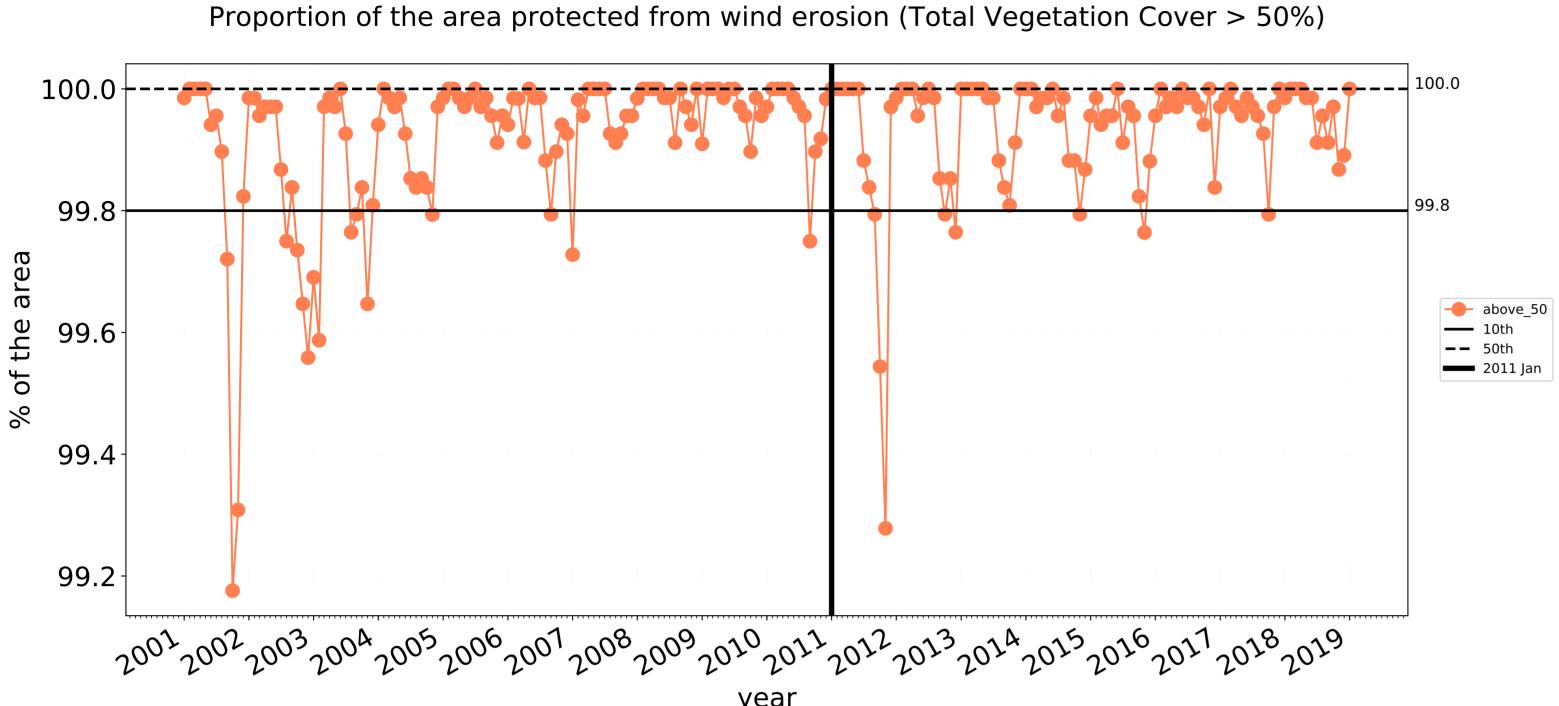


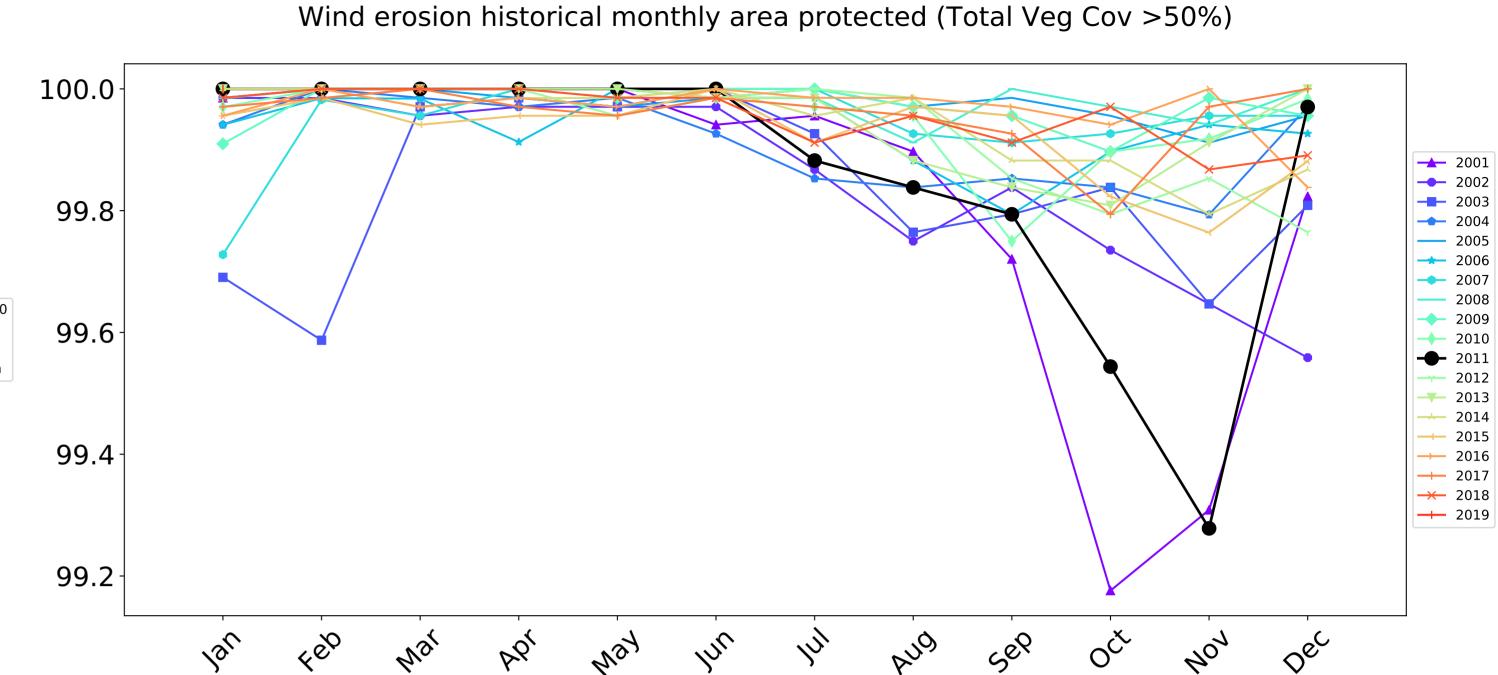




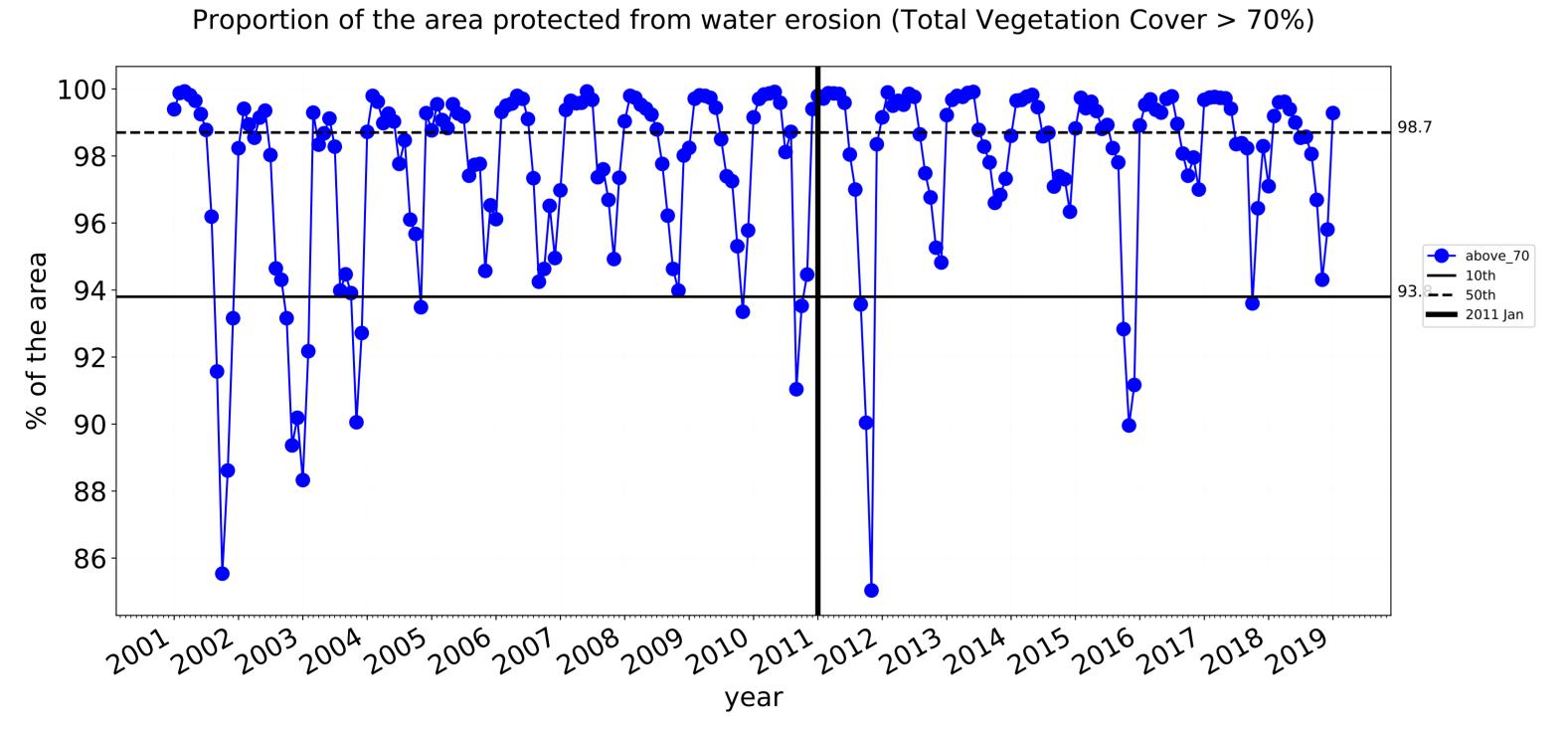


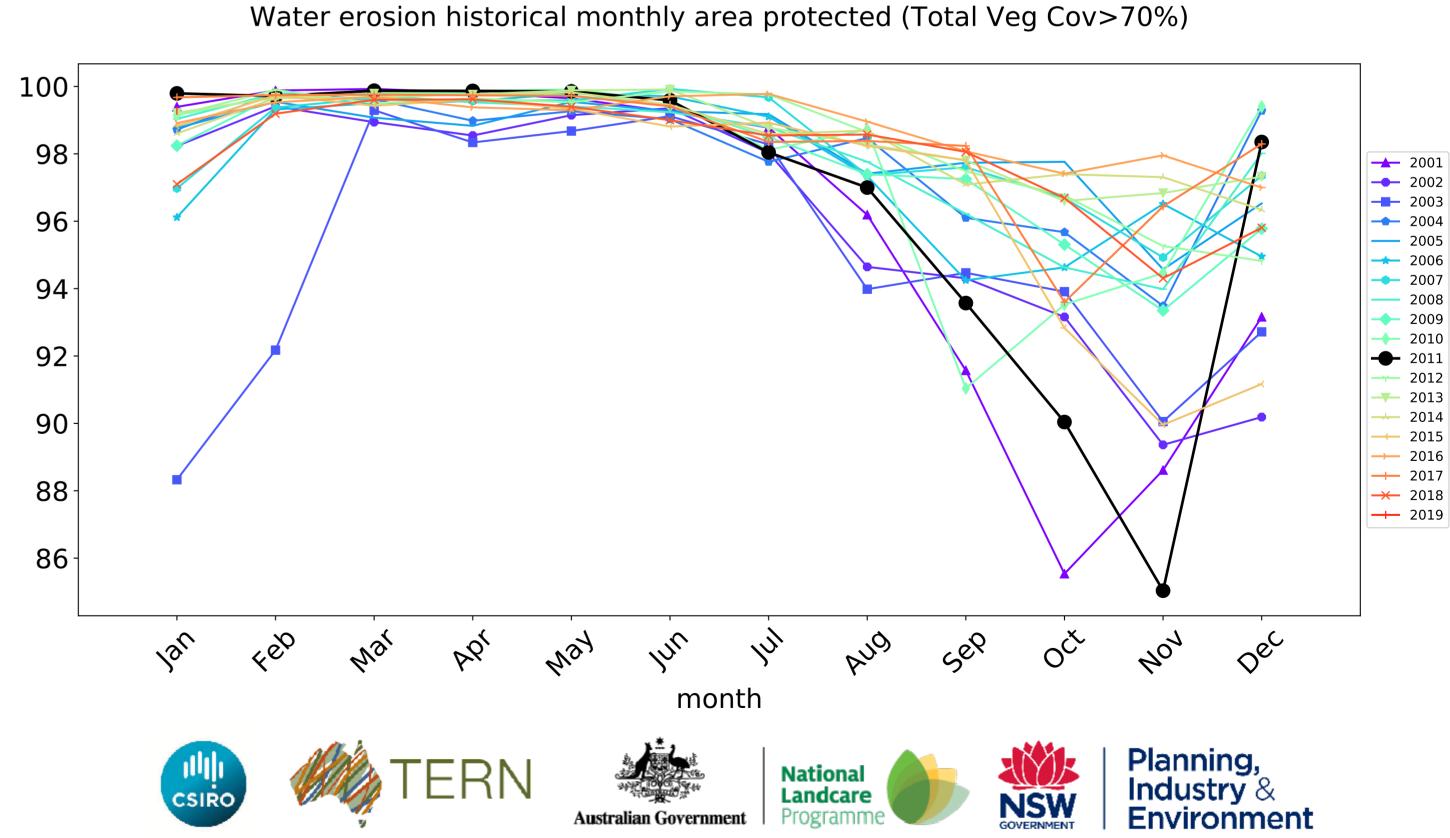
# Irrigation timeseries

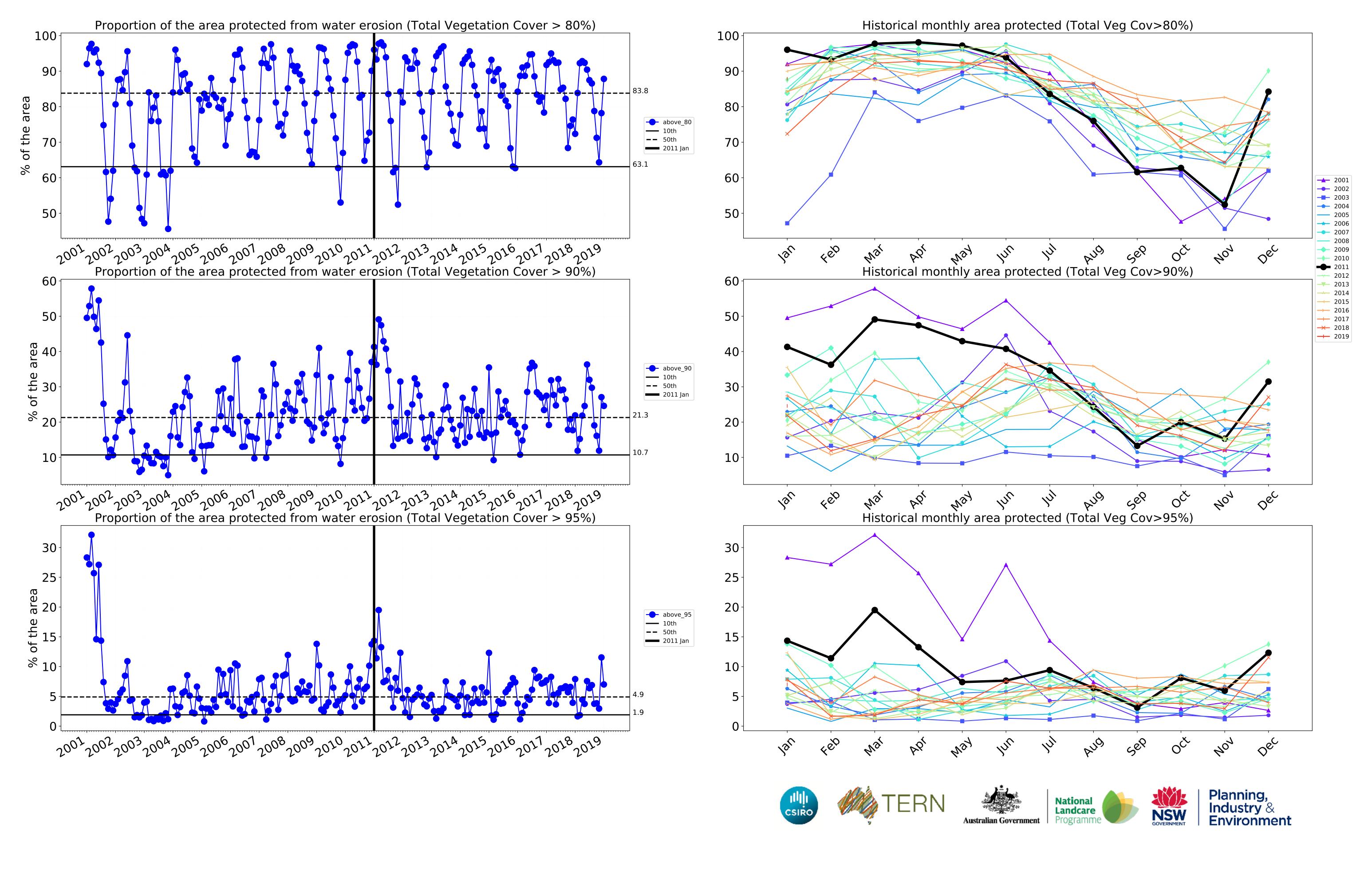




month







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

# Land use and forest cover

1 Production native forests and plantation forests

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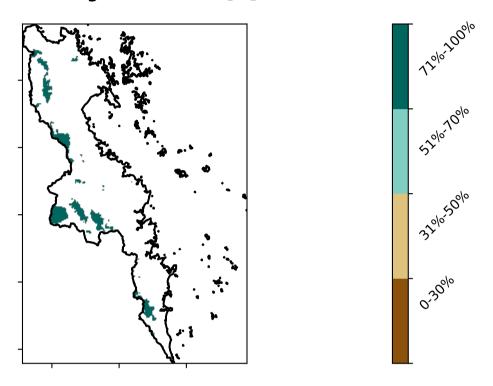
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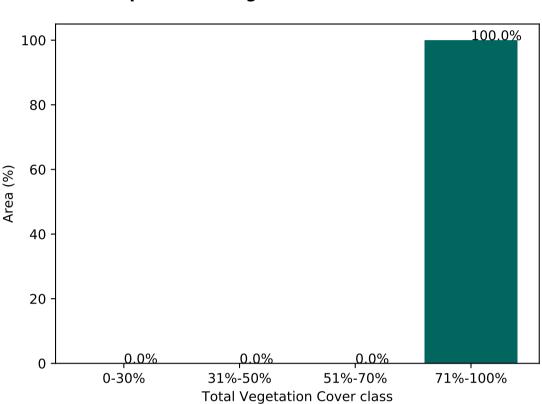
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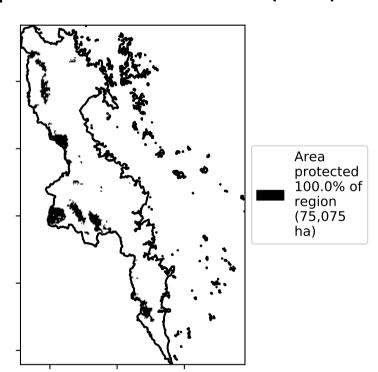
## **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



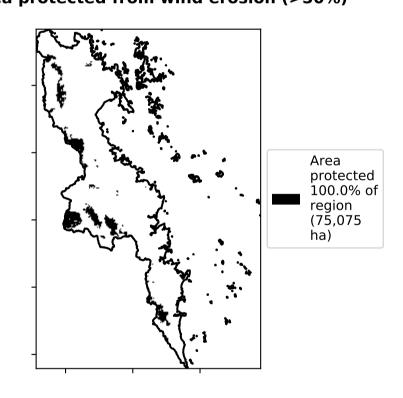
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



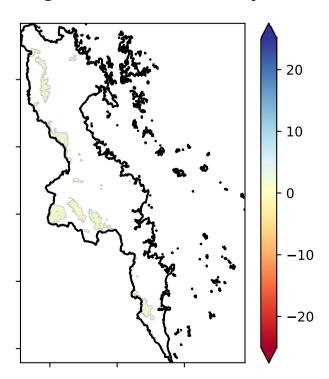
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



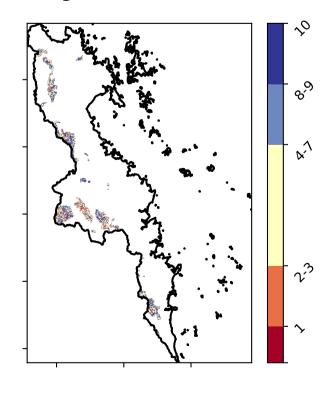
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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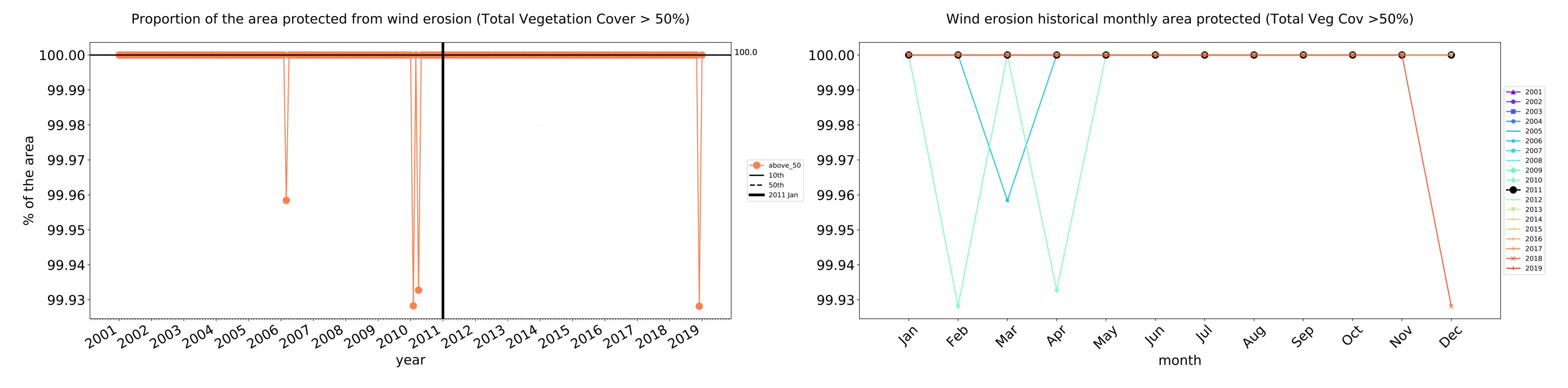


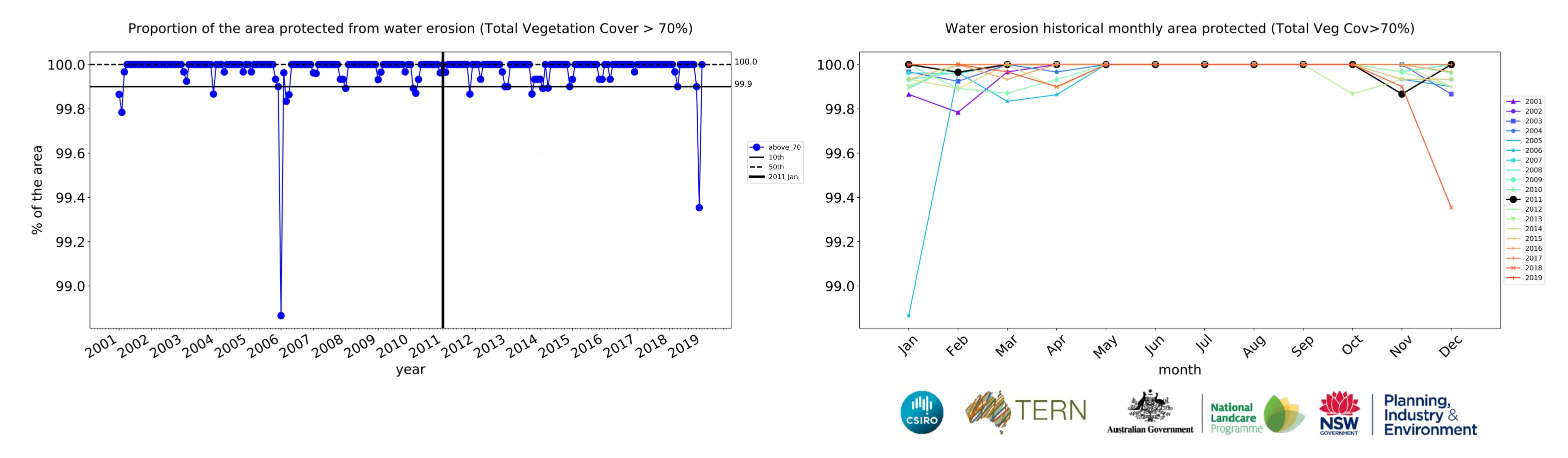


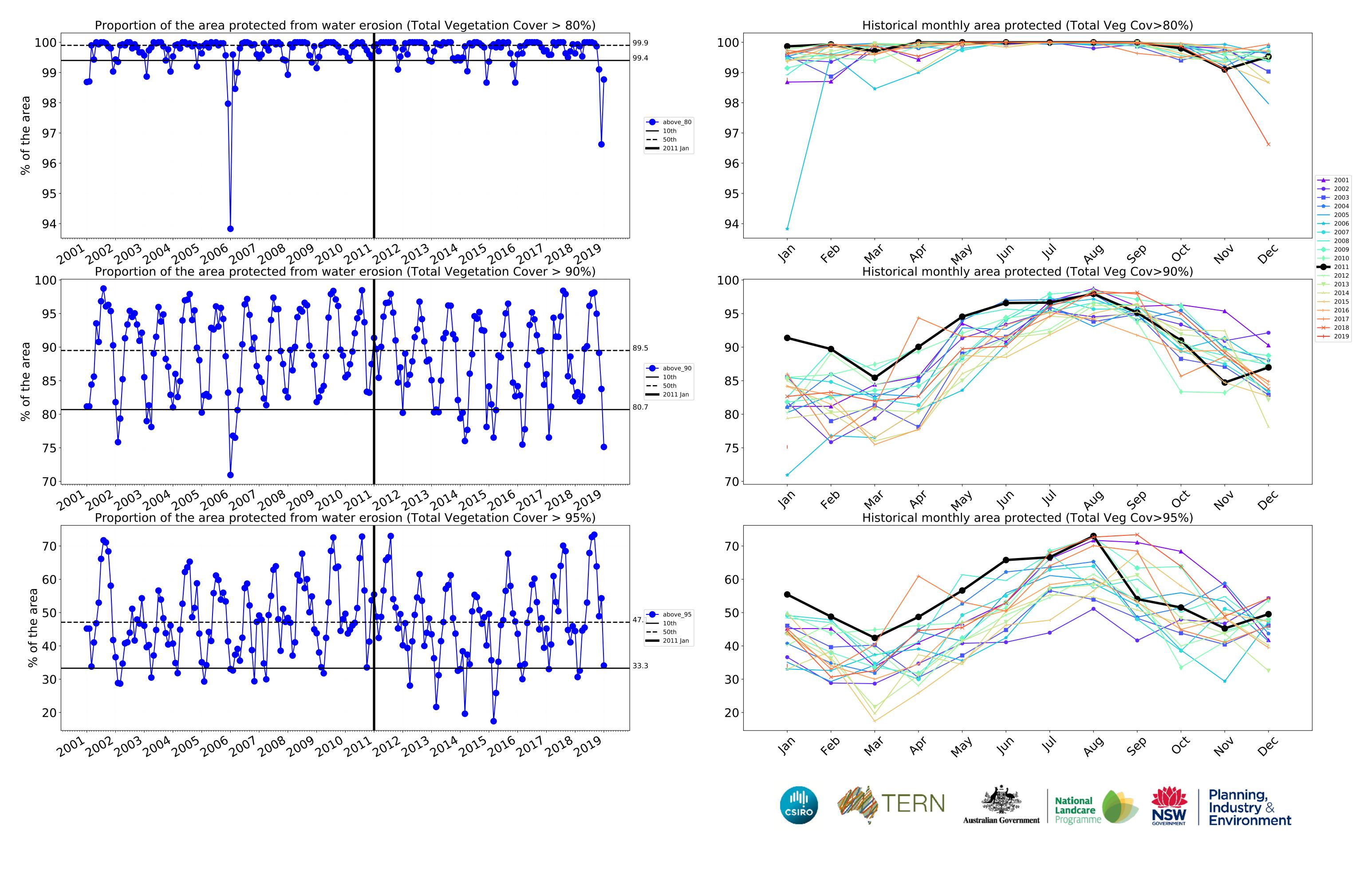




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Mackay Whitsunday (661,725 ha and no data 271,335 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	661,725	99.9% 660,791	99.7% 659,419	98.4% 651,424	95.5% 632,159	70.8% 468,343	40.9% 270,917
Conservation and natural environments	271,475	99.8% 270,975	99.6% 270,325	98.4% 267,150	96.3% 261,400	84.2% 228,450	55.9% 151,800
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,050	98.2% 6,925	97.2% 6,850	92.6% 6,525	84.0% 5,925	63.8% 4,500	44.0% 3,100
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,050	99.8% 73,925	99.5% 73,675	98.4% 72,875	96.3% 71,300	79.3% 58,700	48.9% 36,225
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	190,375	99.9% 190,125	99.7% 189,800	98.6% 187,750	96.7% 184,175	86.8% 165,250	59.1% 112,475
Agriculture	468,350	100.0% 468,325	100.0% 468,200	99.7% 467,175	97.6% 457,075	64.3% 300,950	32.7% 152,925
Grazing	298,375	100.0% 298,350	99.9% 298,225	99.7% 297,550	98.5% 293,850	77.3% 230,700	43.1% 128,550
Grazing non forest	189,200	100.0% 189,175	99.9% 189,075	99.6% 188,525	98.0% 185,350	71.9% 136,000	37.2% 70,400
Grazing Woodland forest	80,625	100.0% 80,625	100.0% 80,625	99.9% 80,550	99.5% 80,250	86.2% 69,525	53.4% 43,050
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.9% 28,525	99.7% 28,475	98.9% 28,250	88.2% 25,175	52.9% 15,100
Irrigation	169,925	100.0% 169,925	100.0% 169,925	99.8% 169,575	96.0% 163,175	41.3% 70,200	14.3% 24,375
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	99.9% 74,975	91.4% 68,600	55.4% 41,625











