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: February 2015

Vegetation Cover Feb 2015

Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

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Catchment Scale

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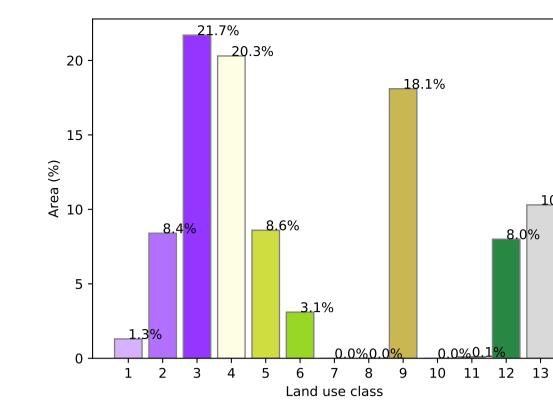
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Use of Australia

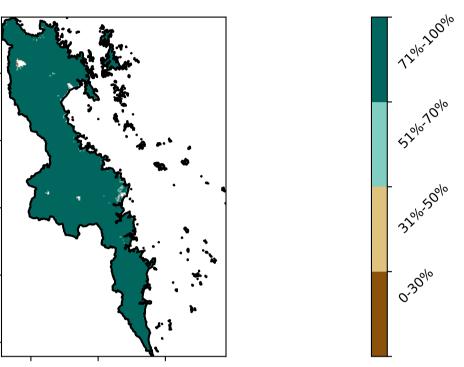
Land Use and Forests

Catchment Scale Land



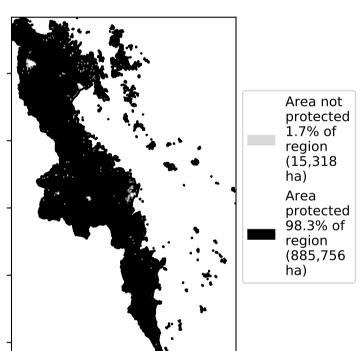
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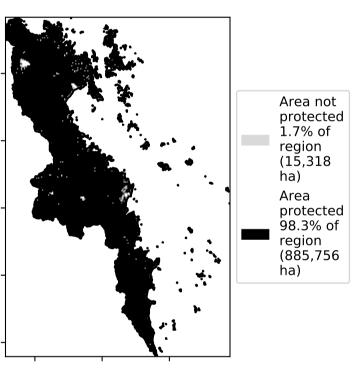
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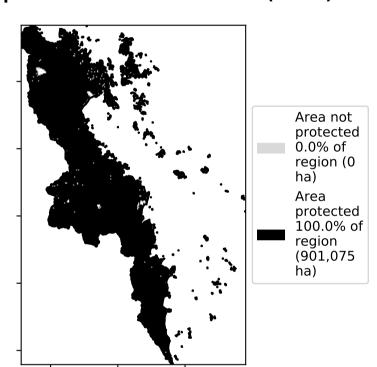


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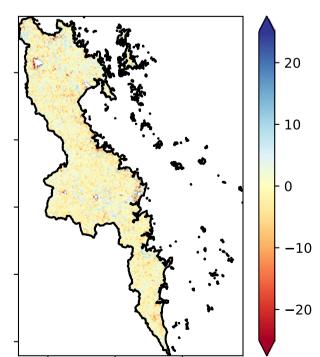
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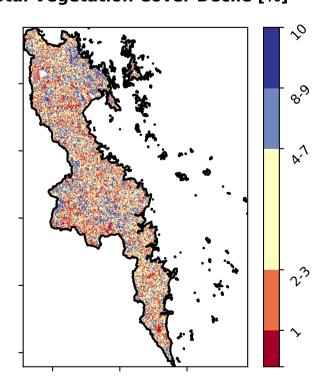


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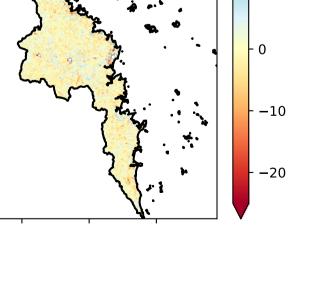


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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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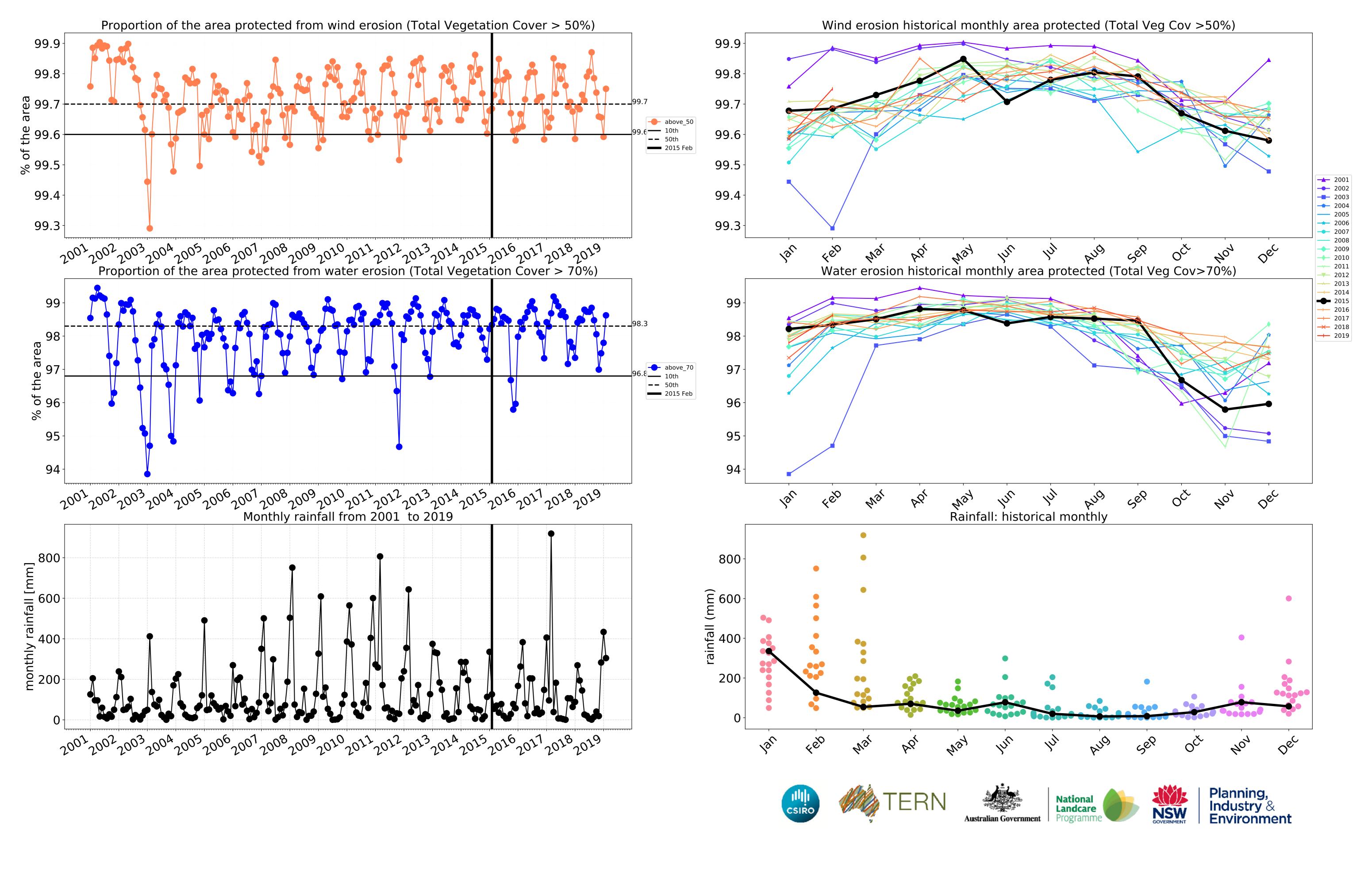


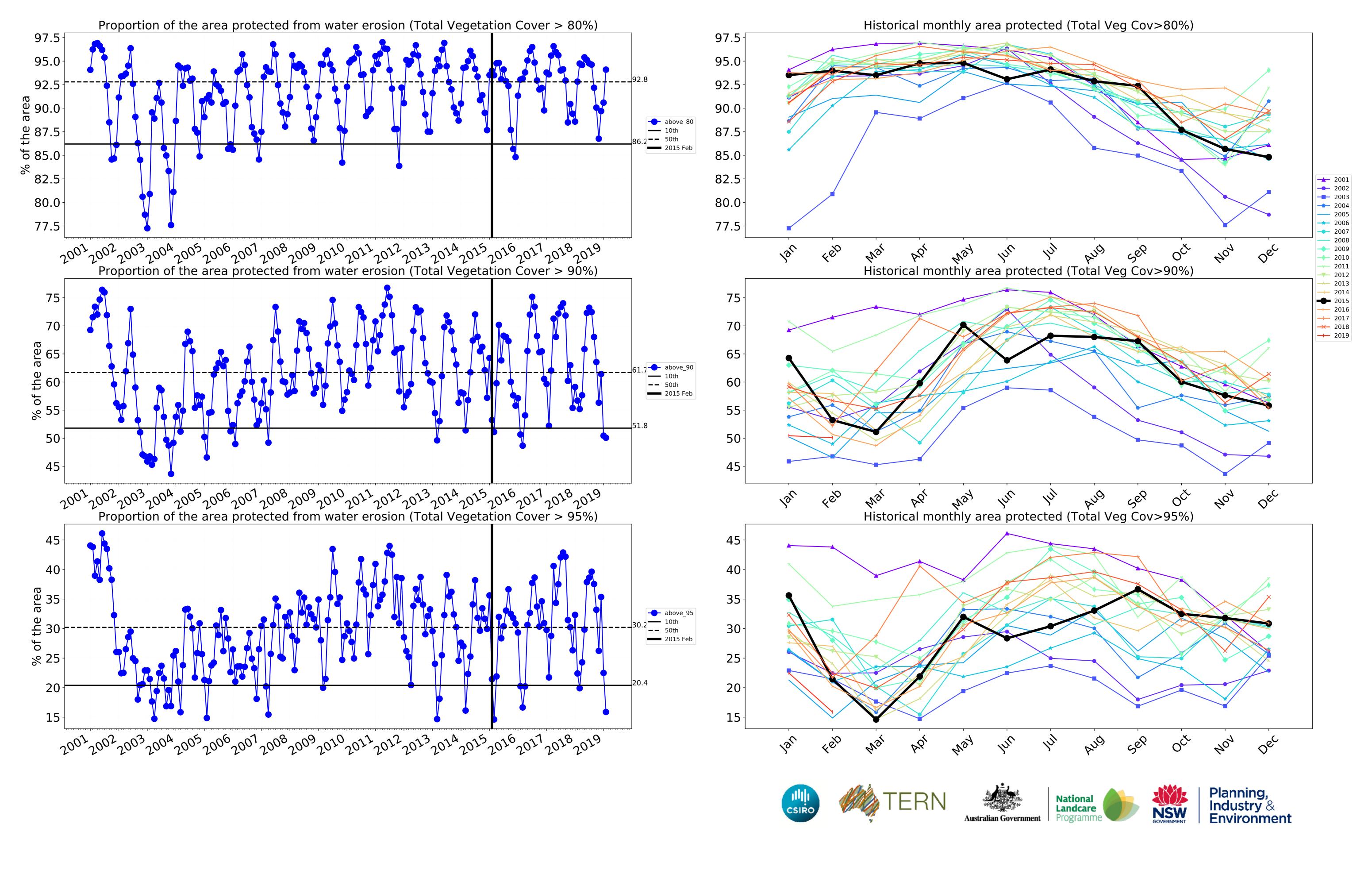












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Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests

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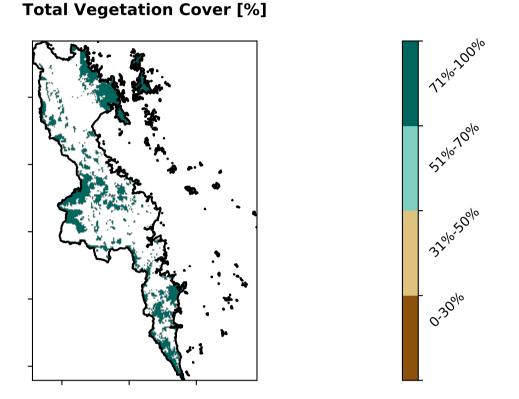
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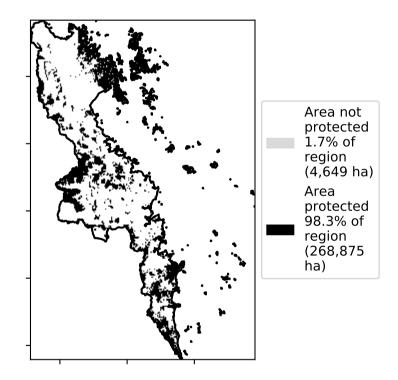
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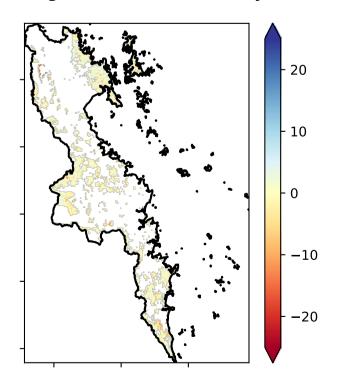
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

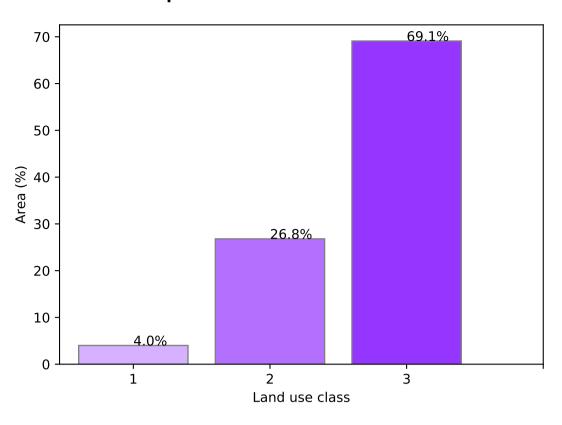


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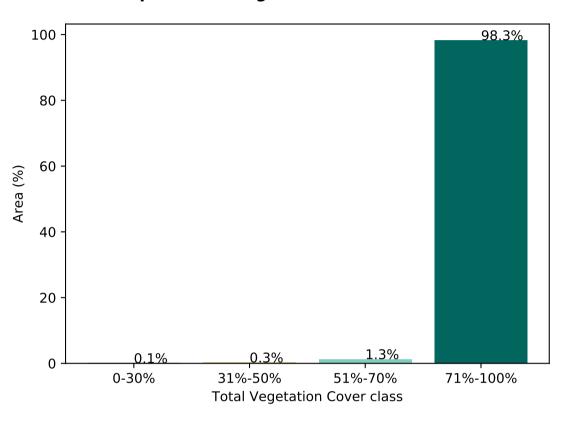


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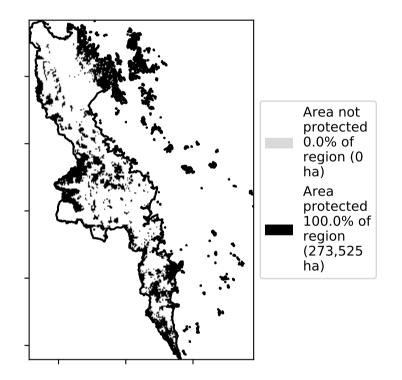
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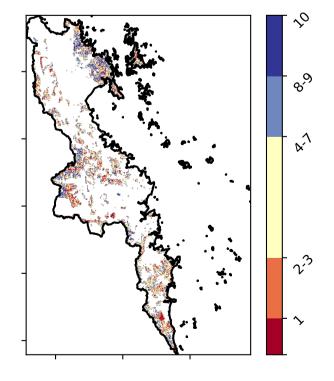
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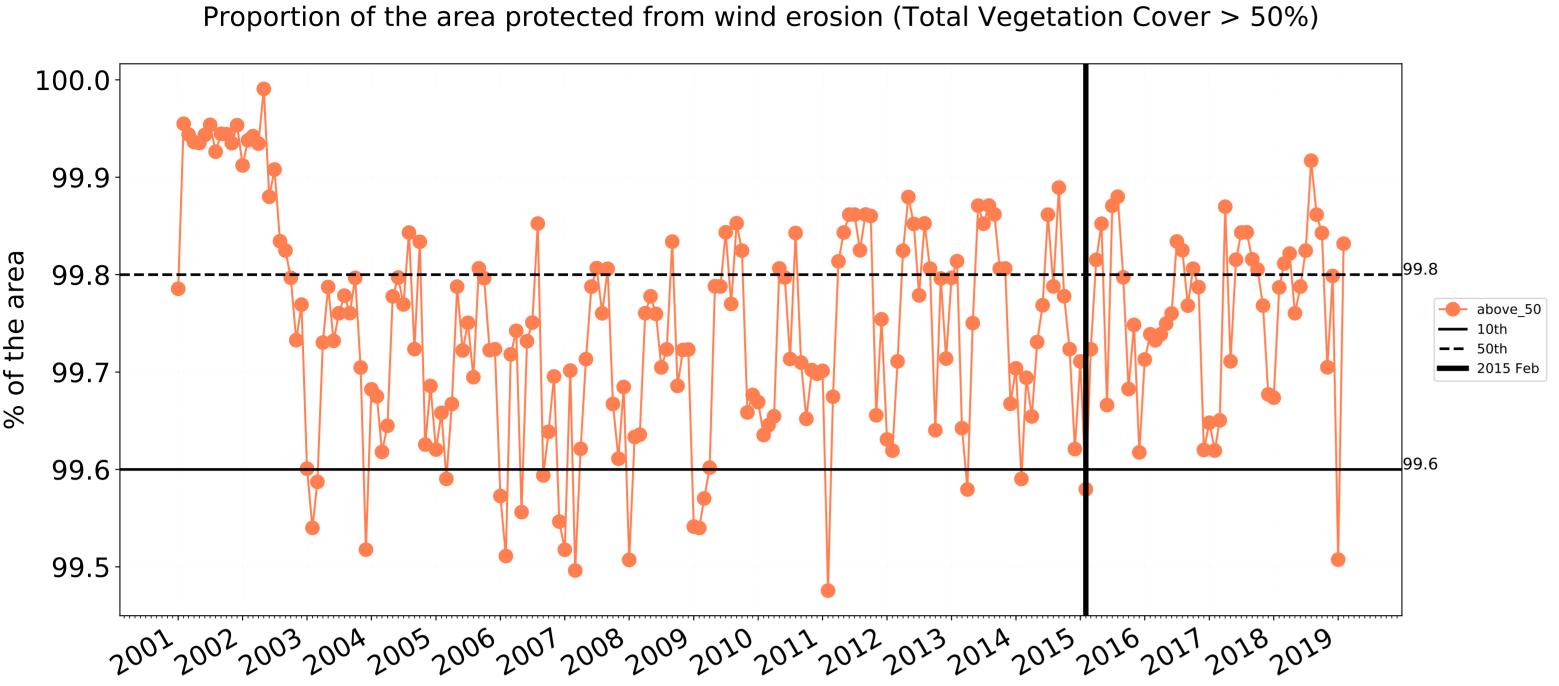


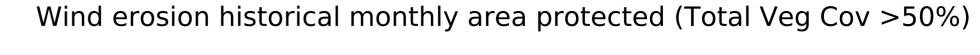


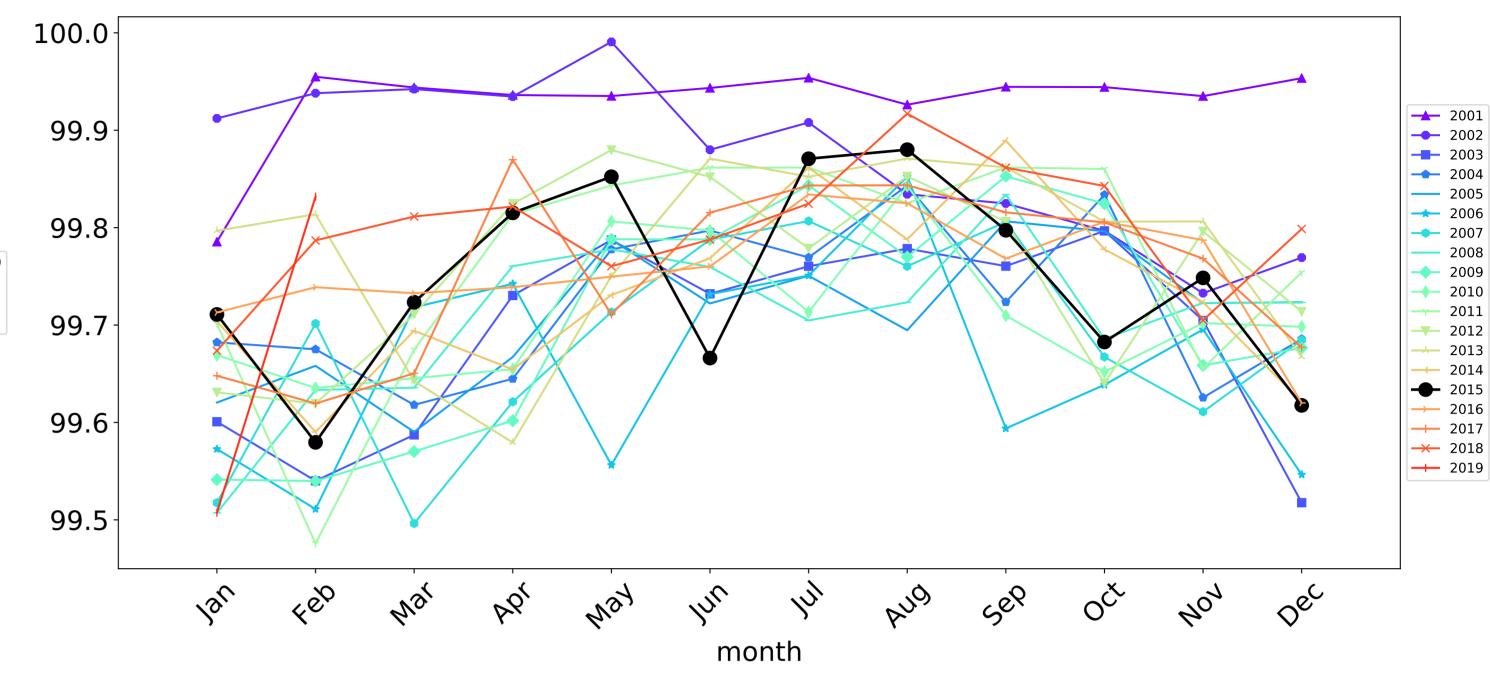


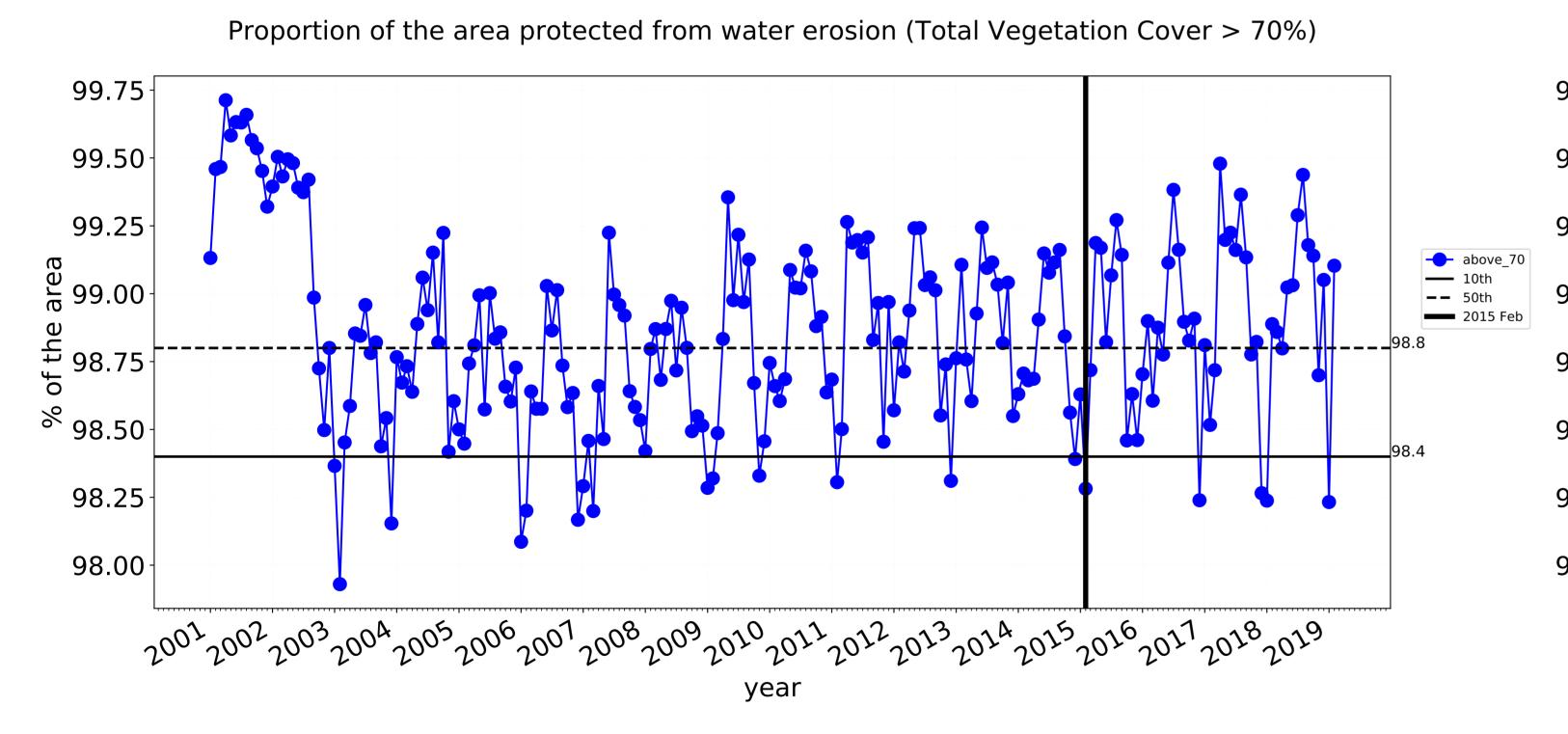


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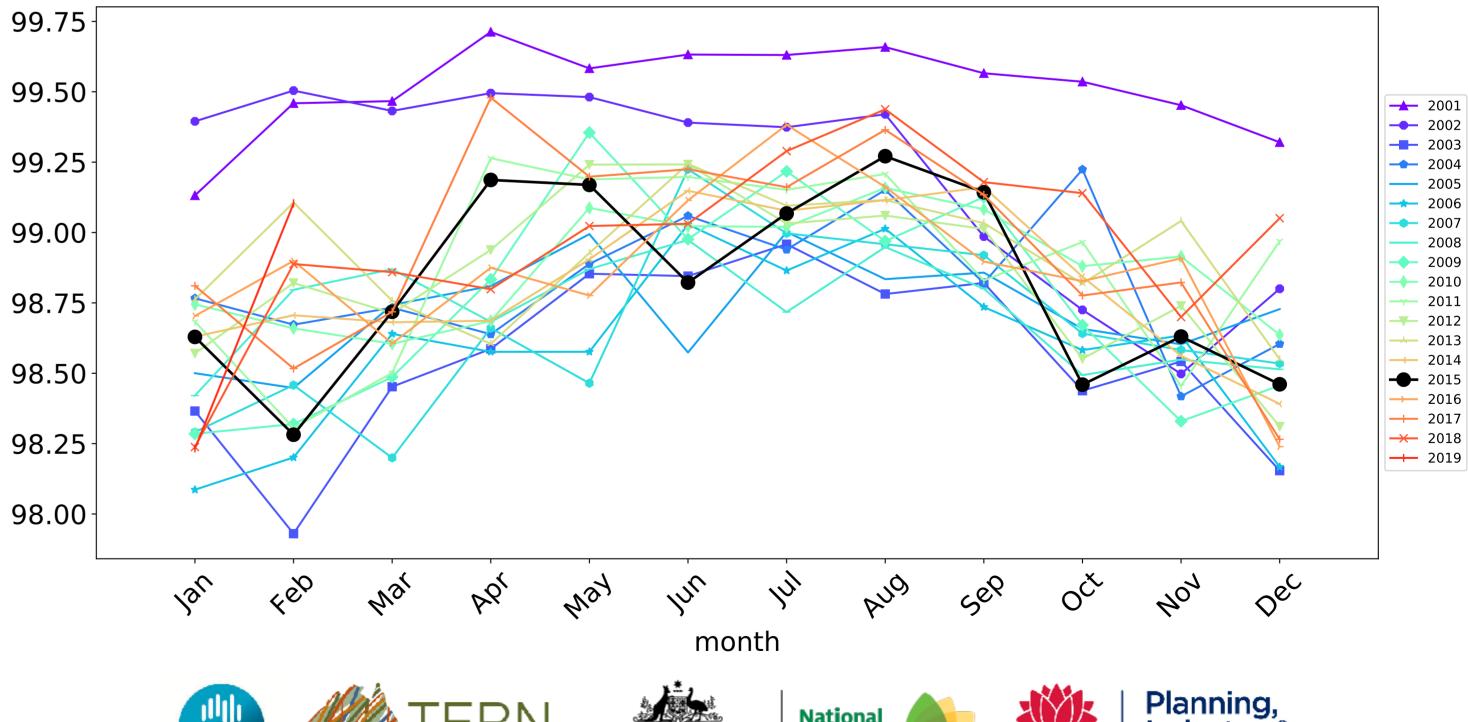








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





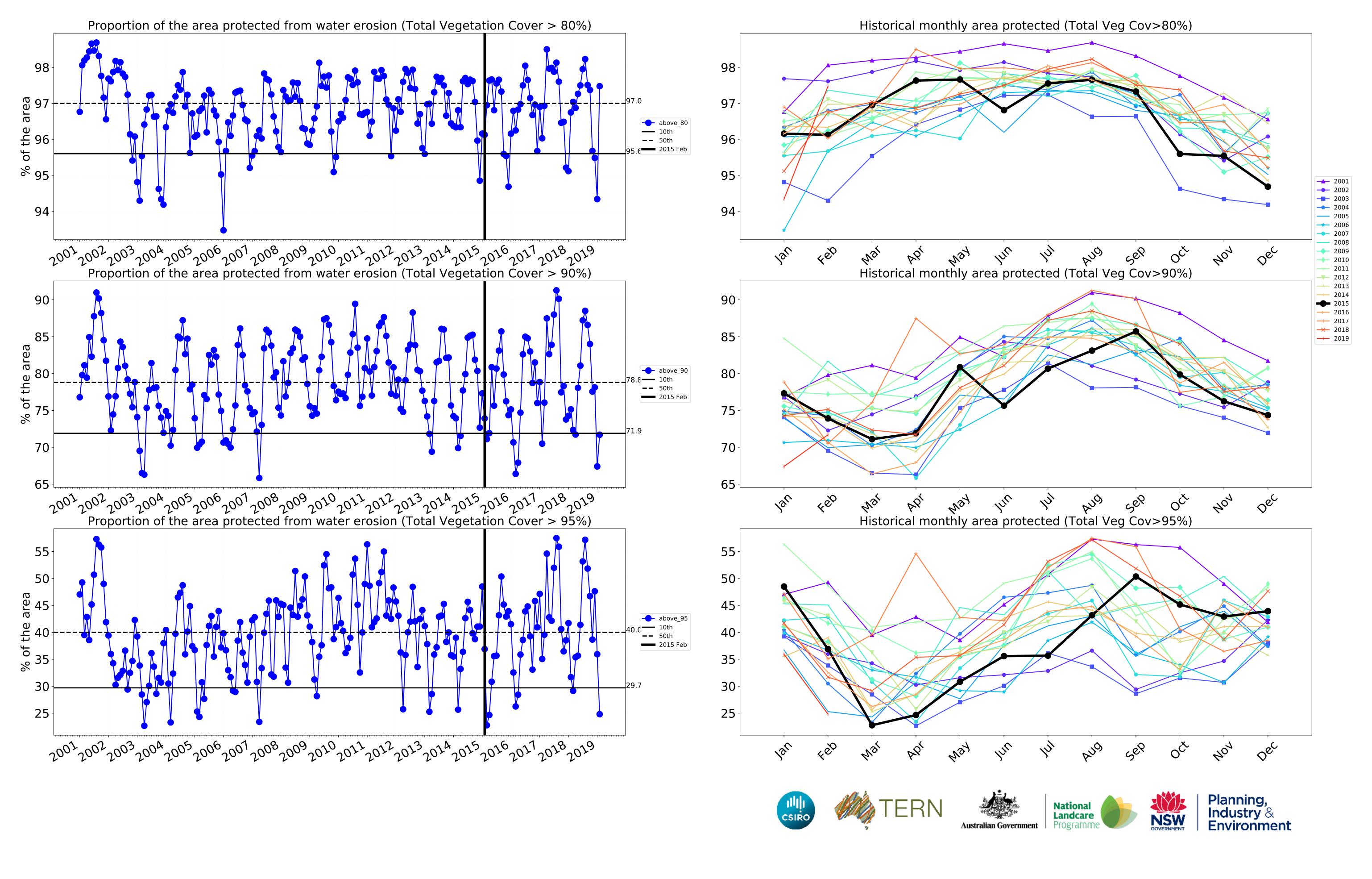












Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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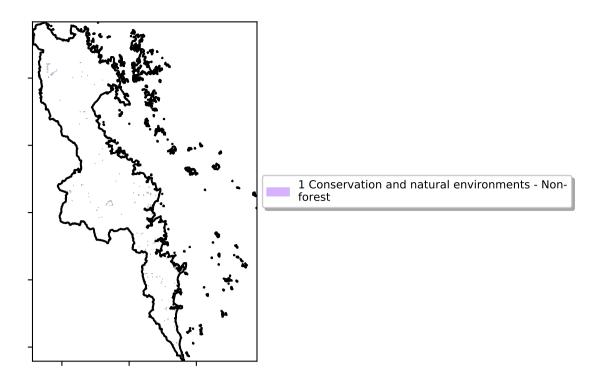
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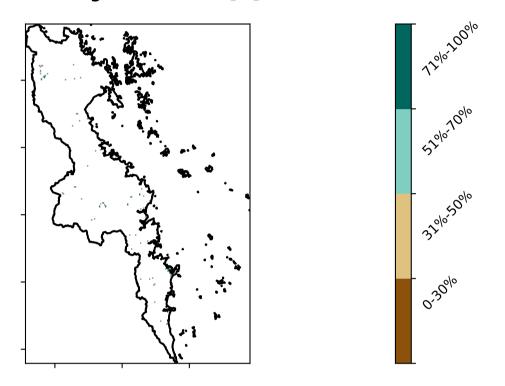
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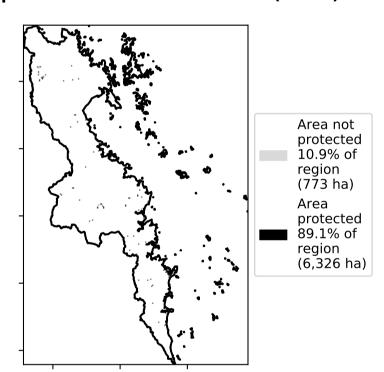
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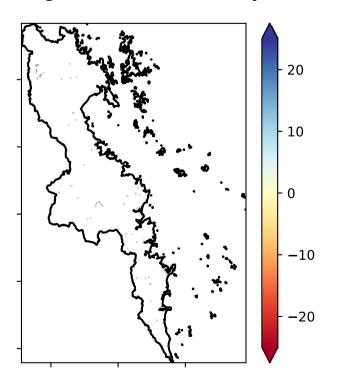
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

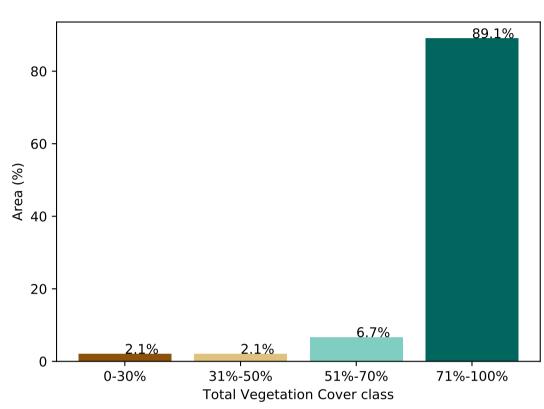


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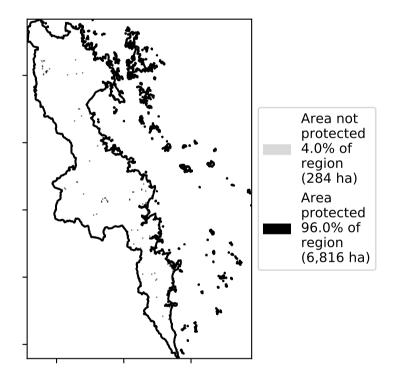


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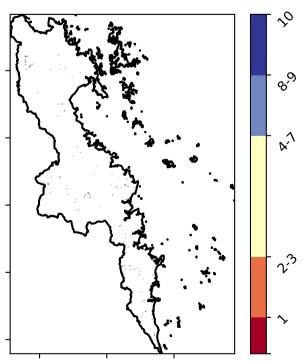
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







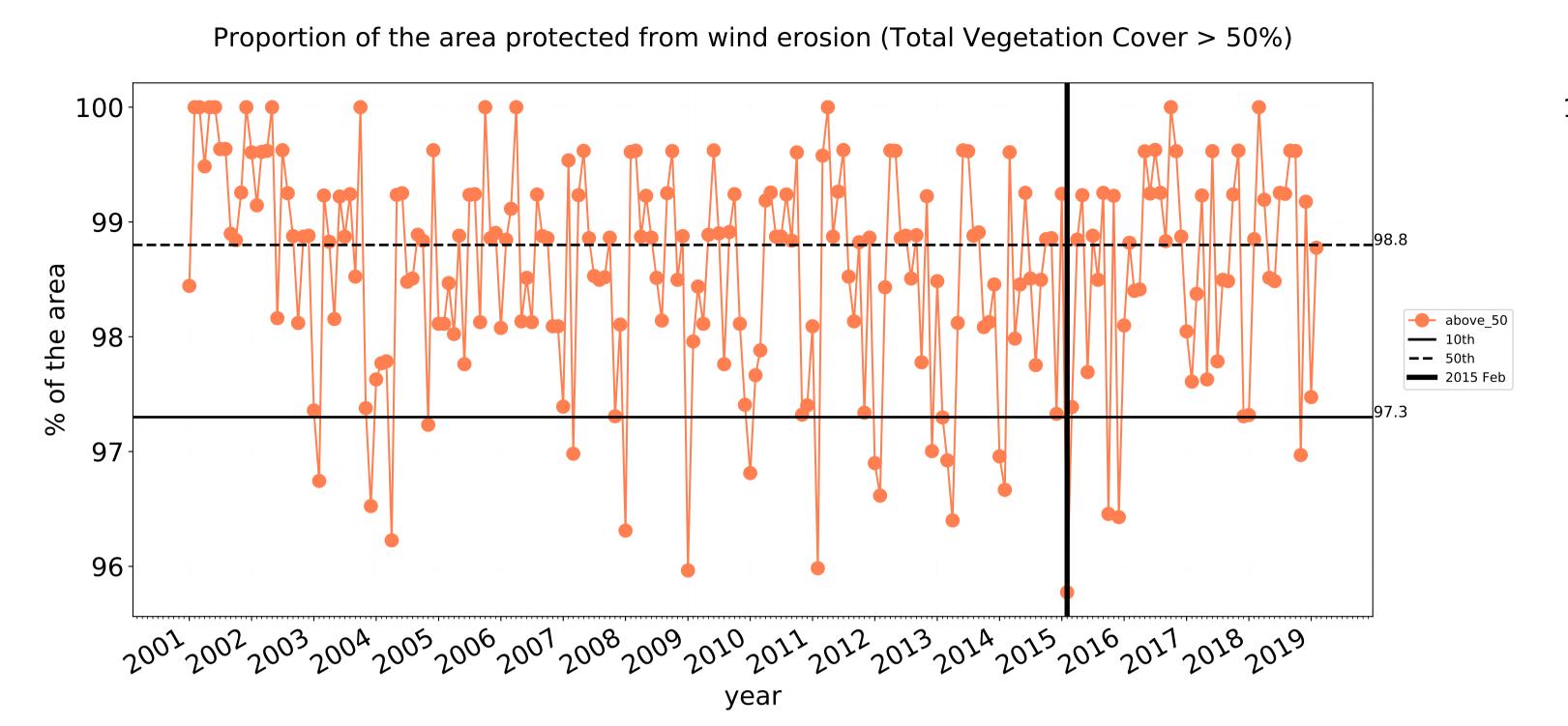


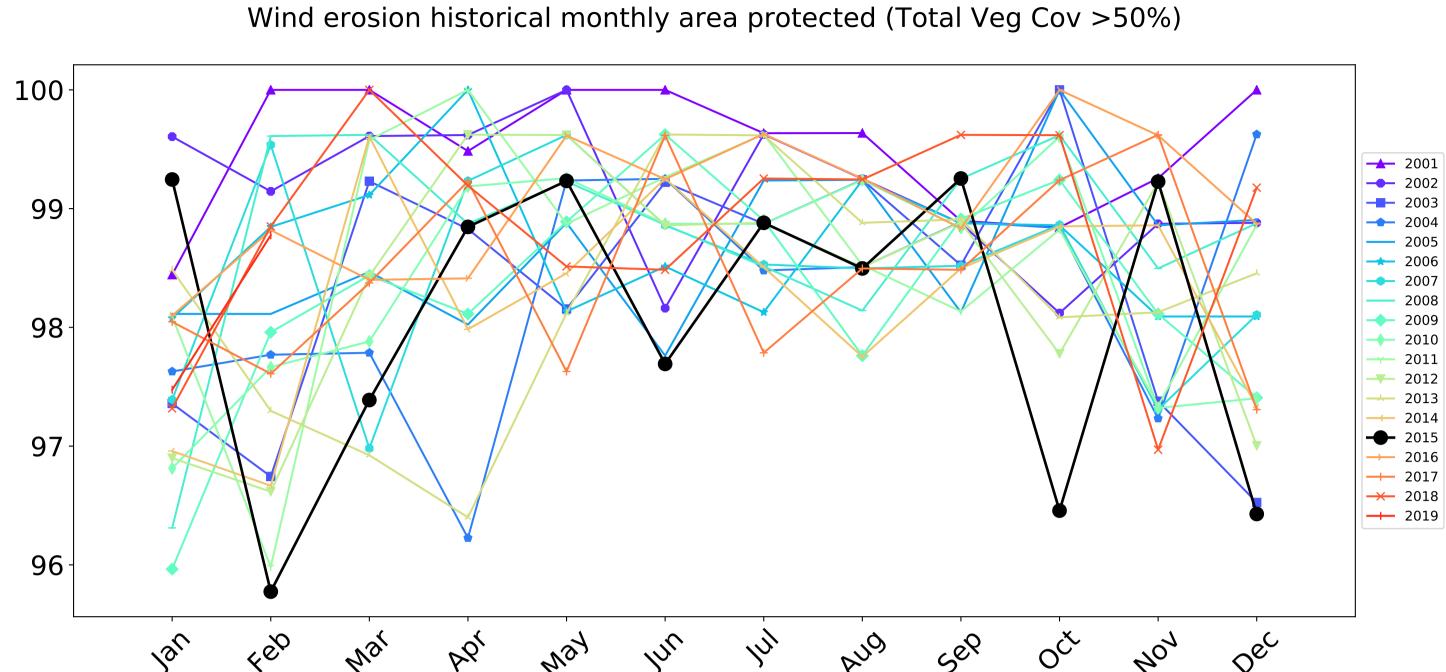




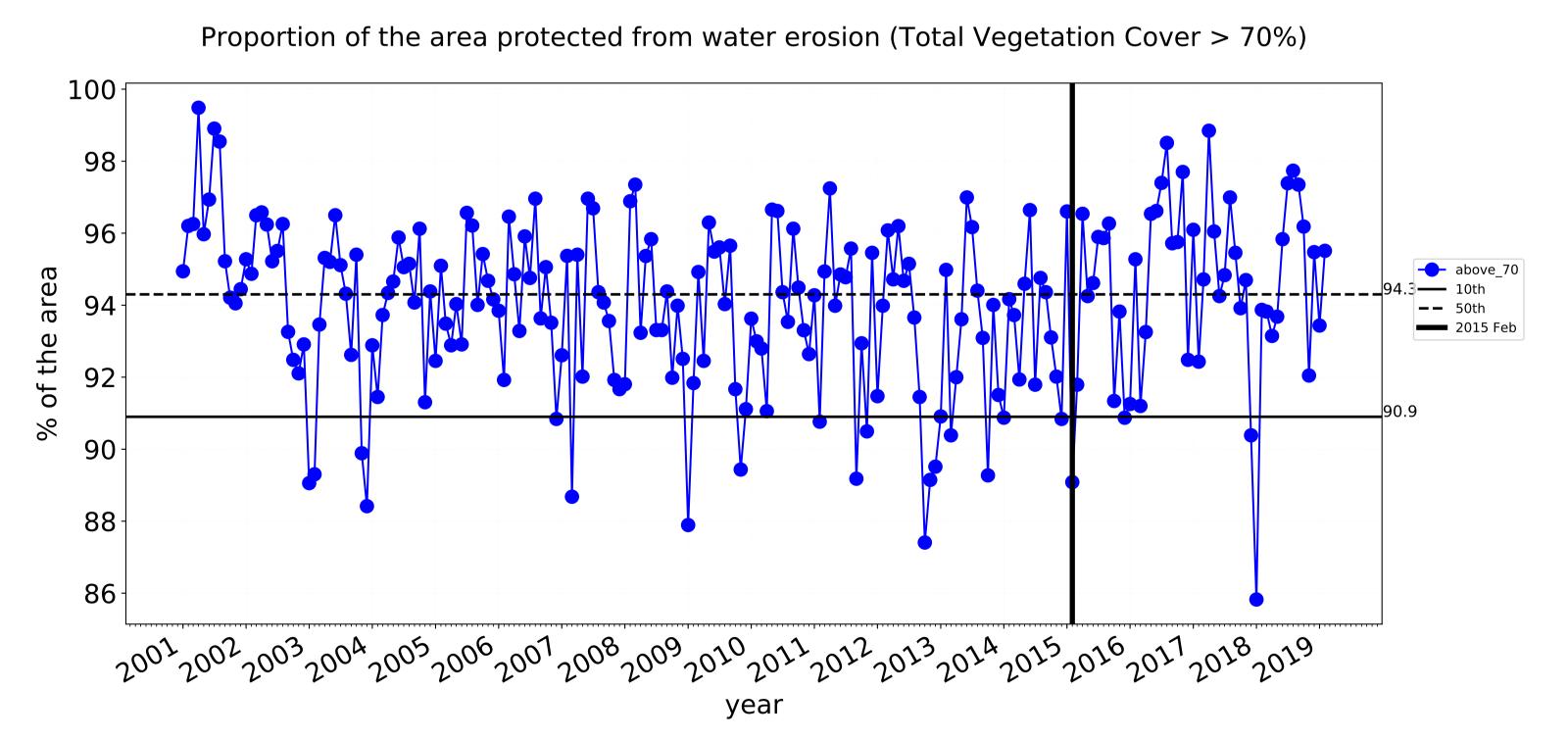


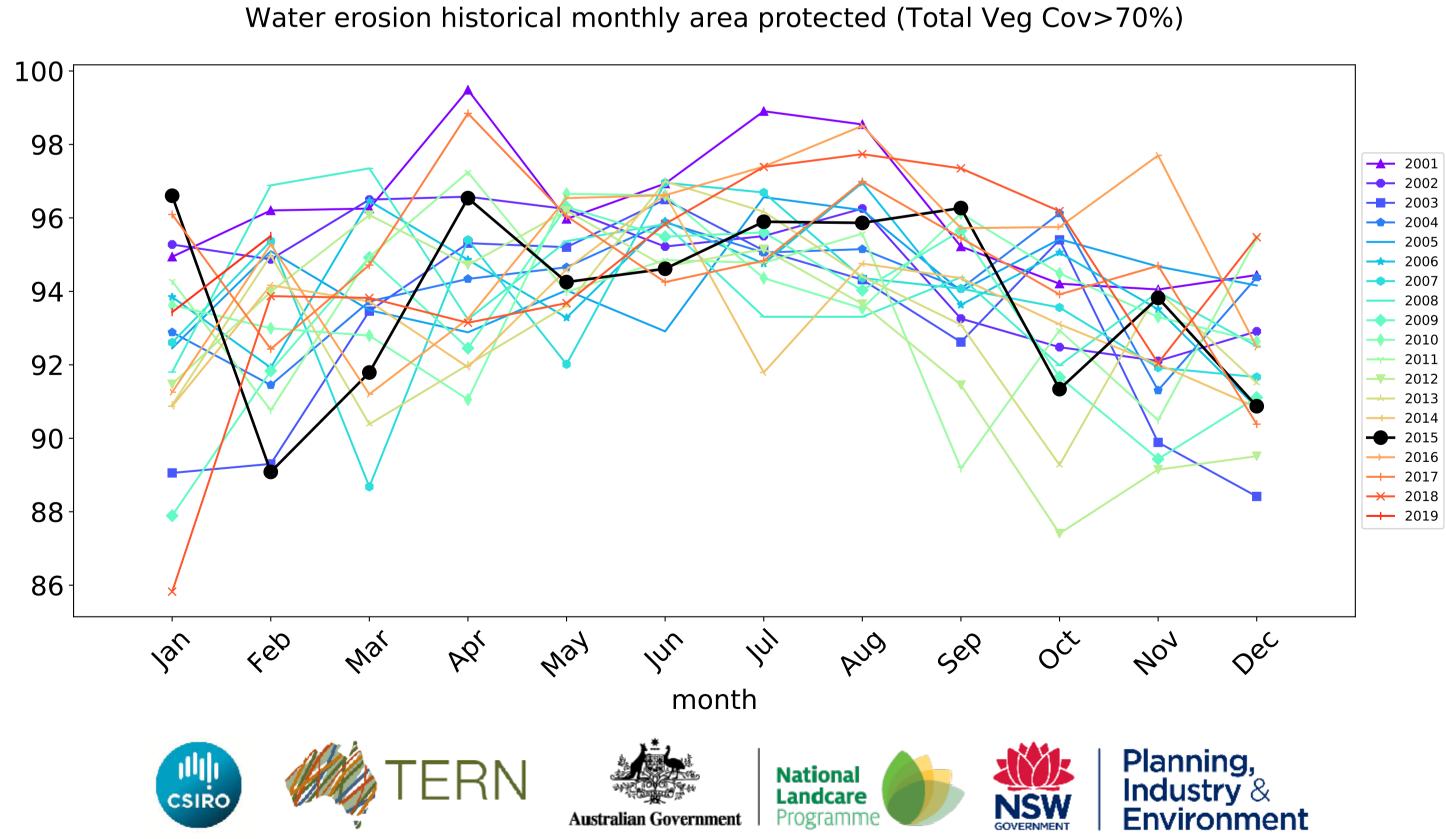
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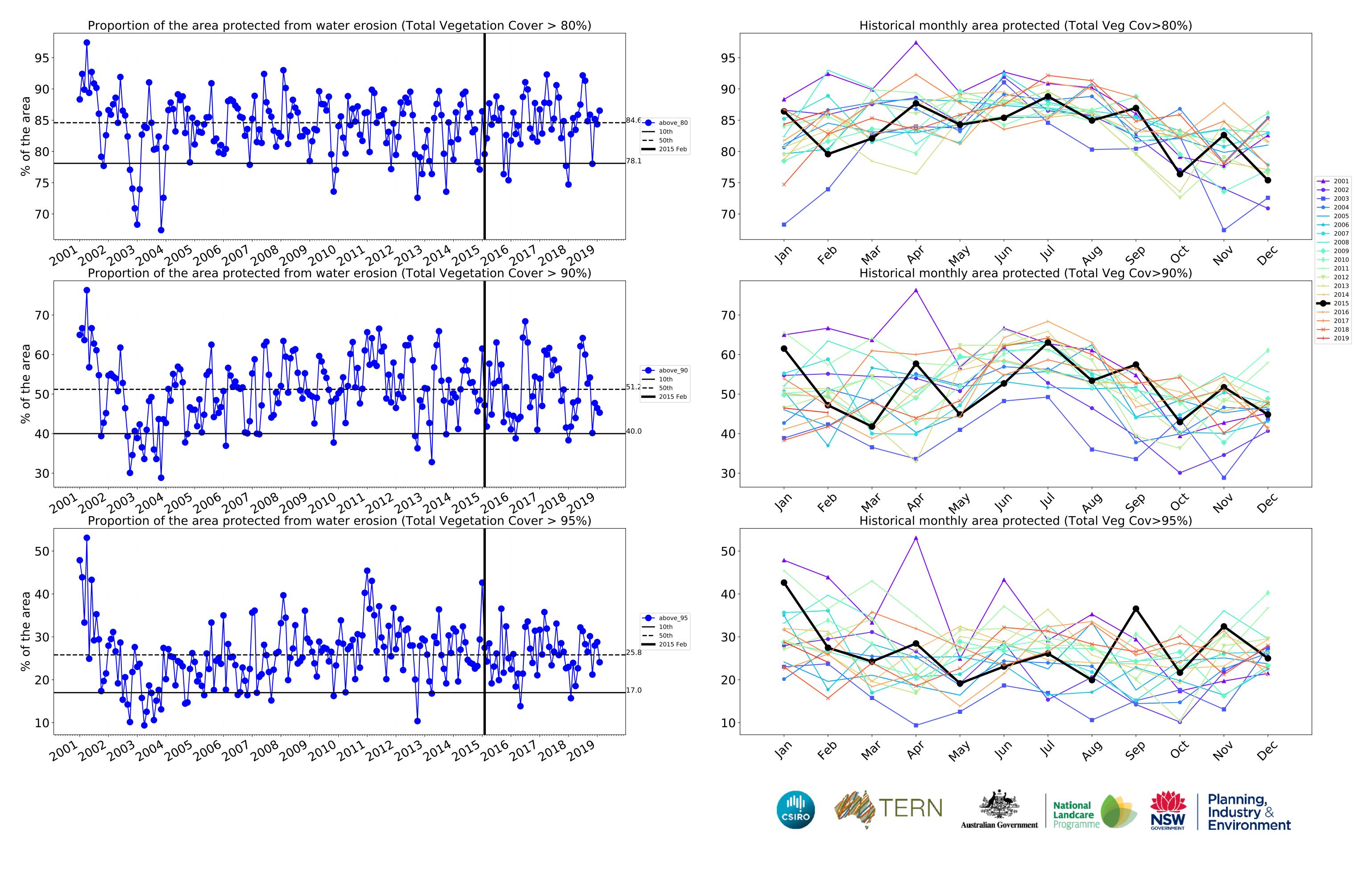




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Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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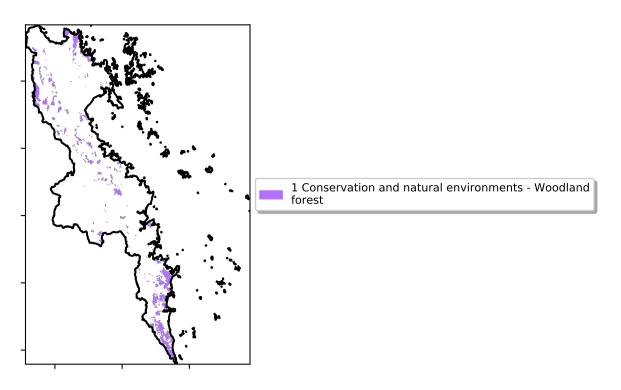
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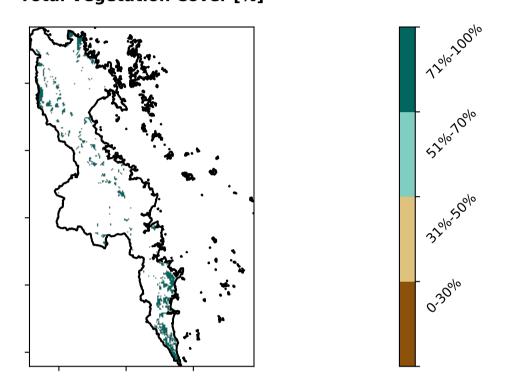
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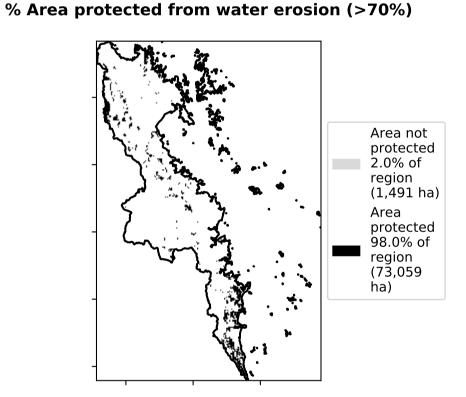
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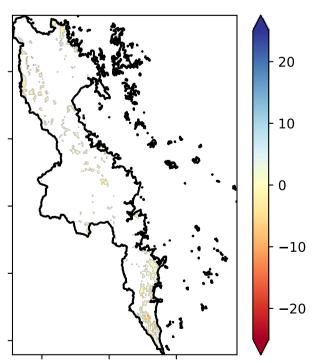


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



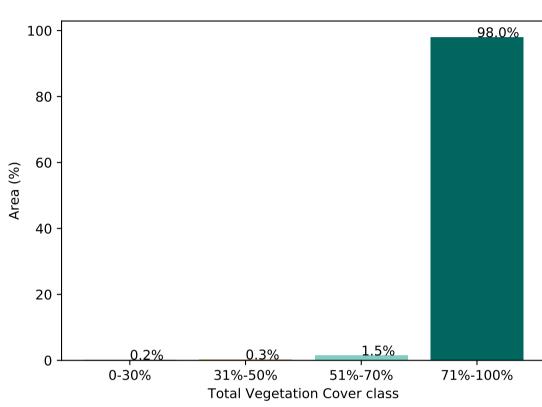


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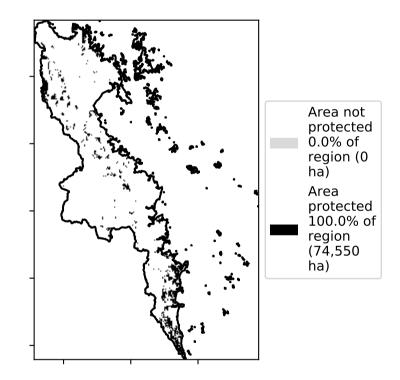


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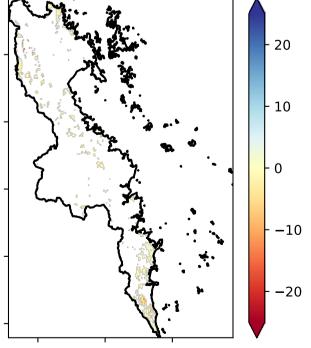
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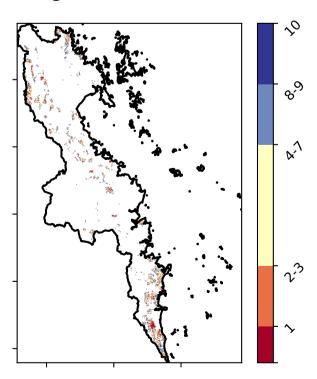
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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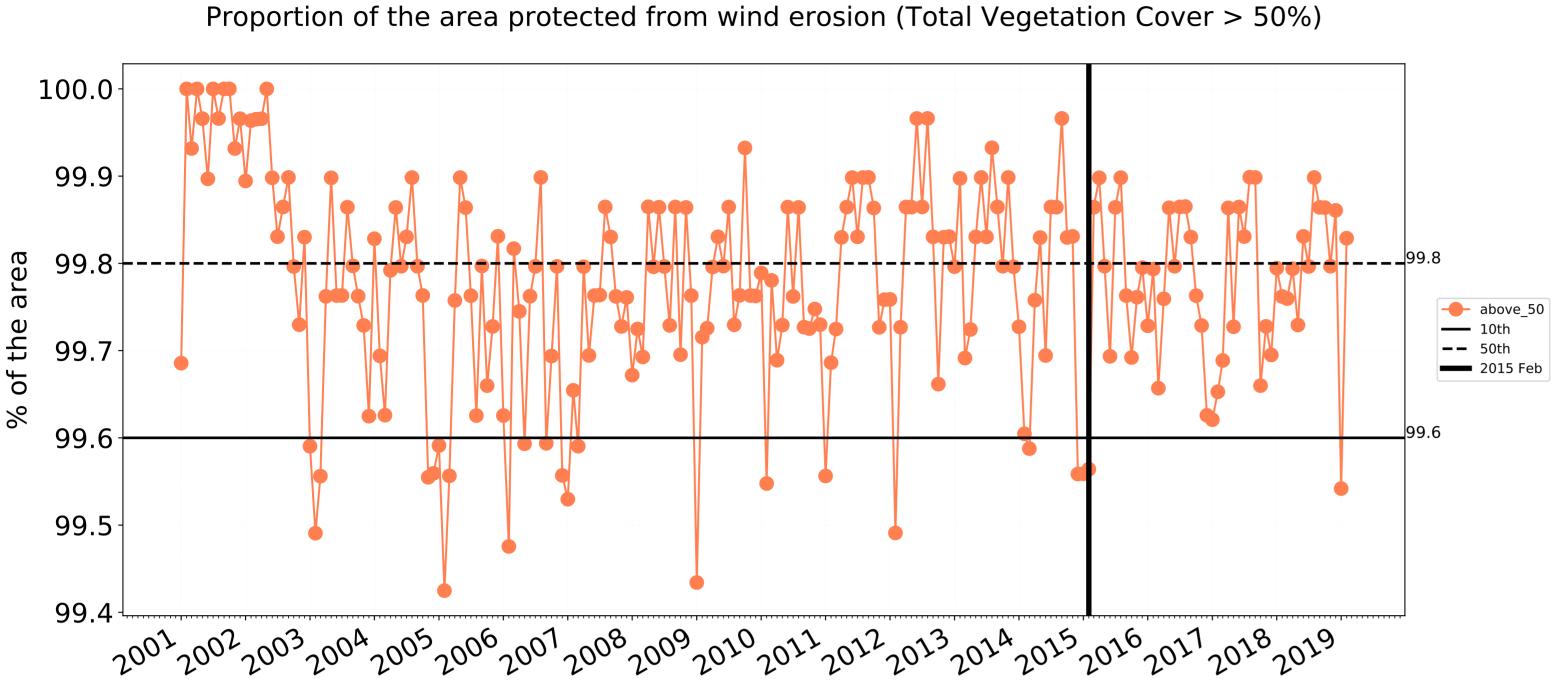




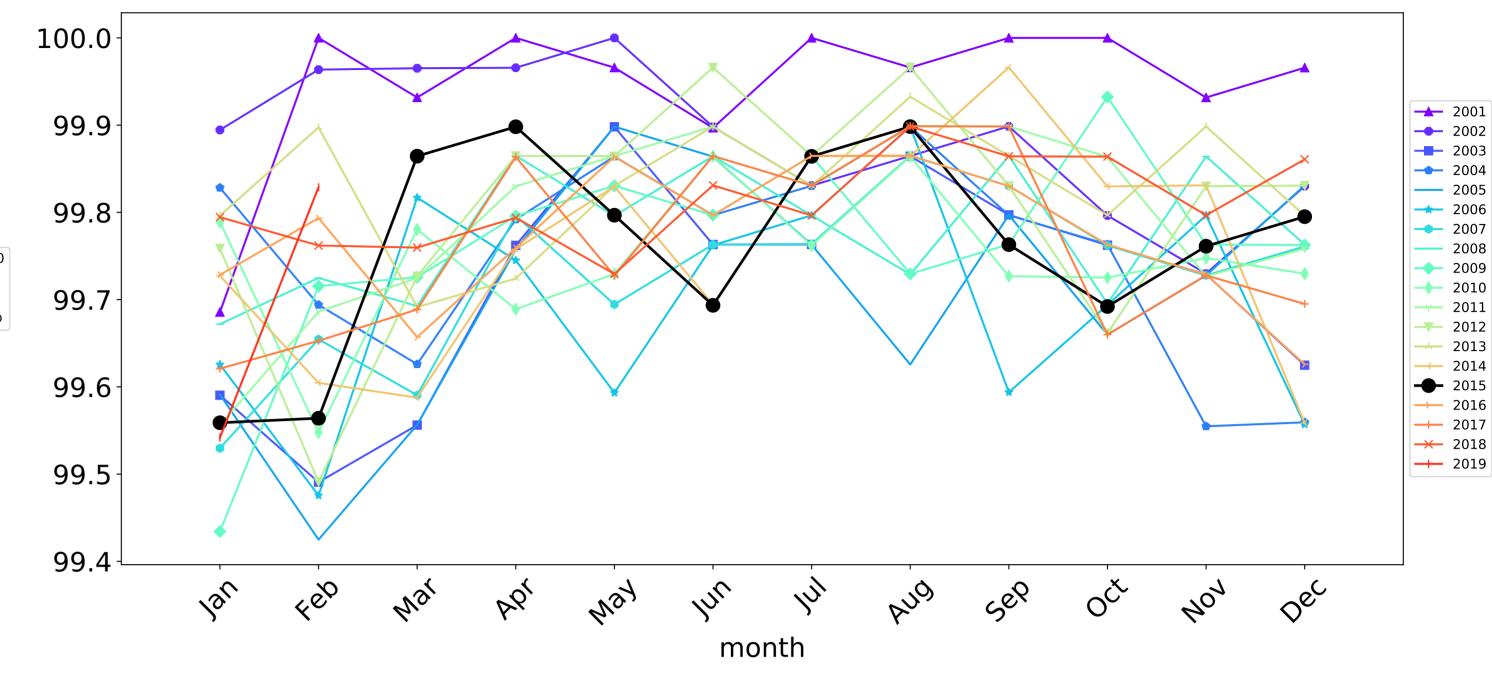


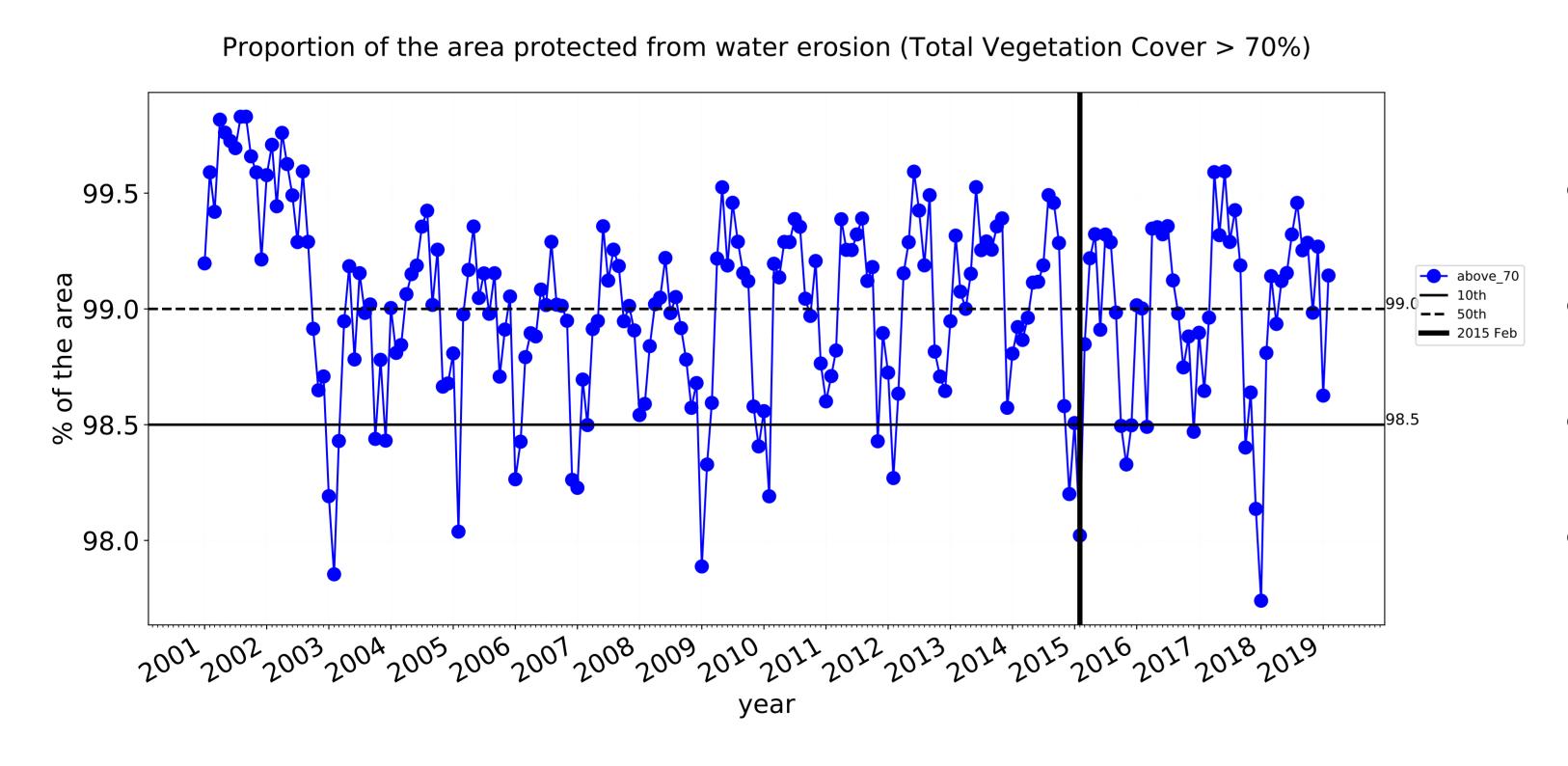


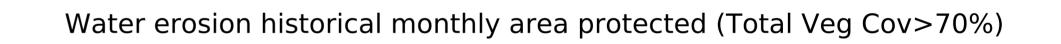


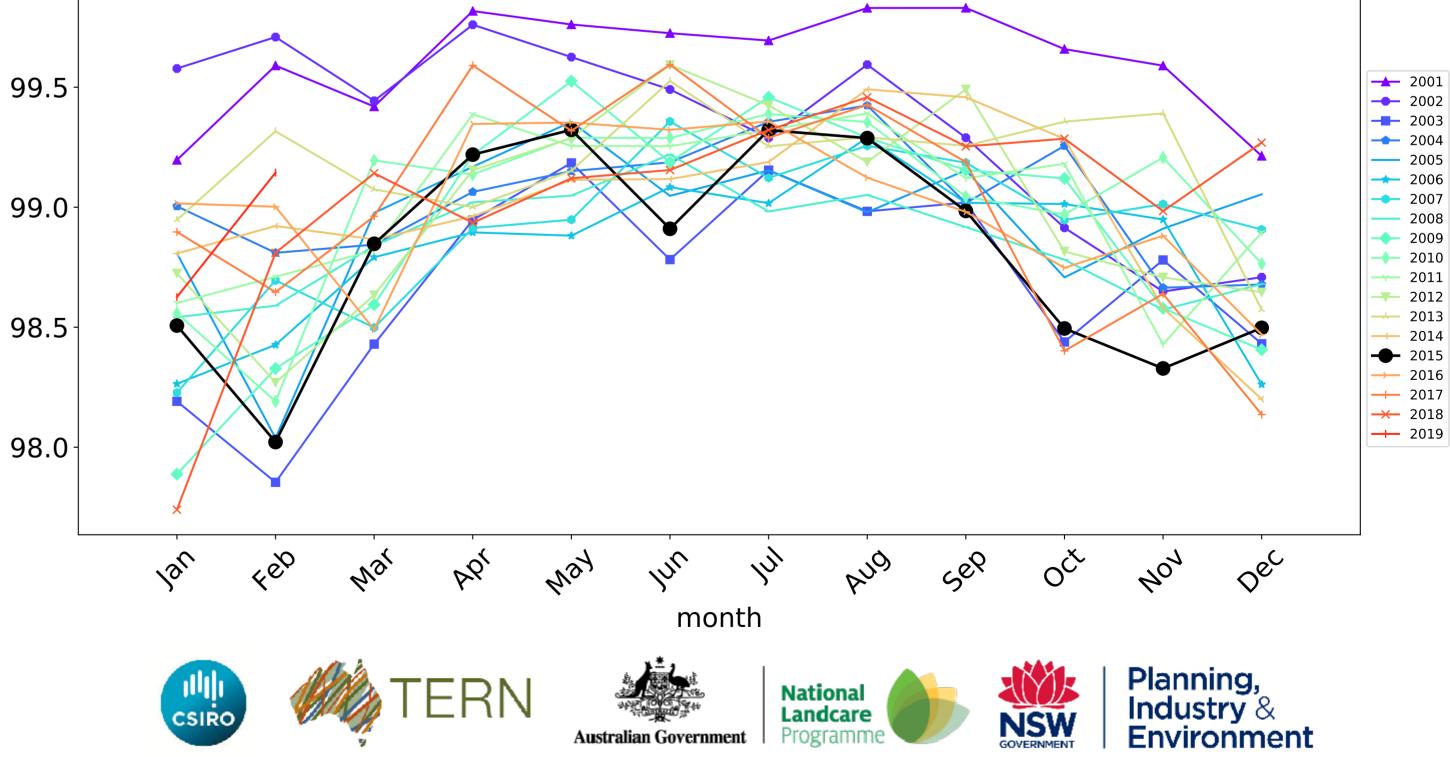


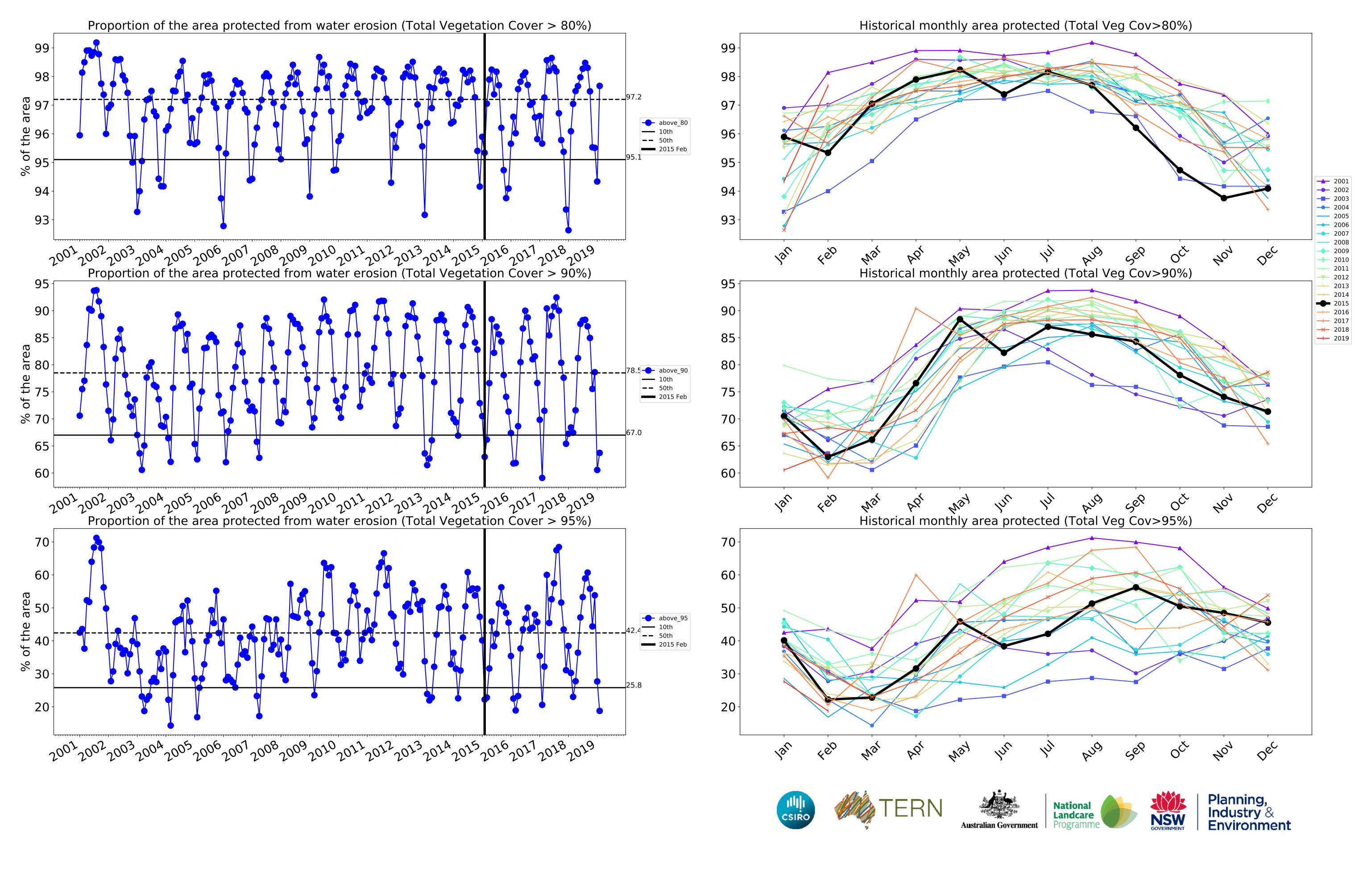
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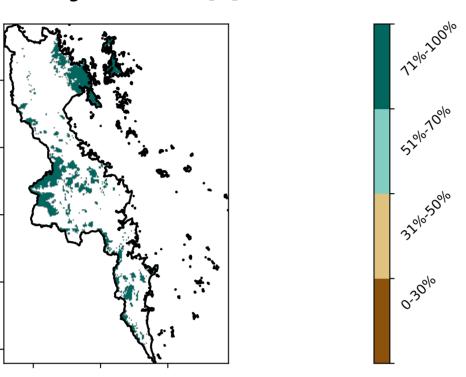
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

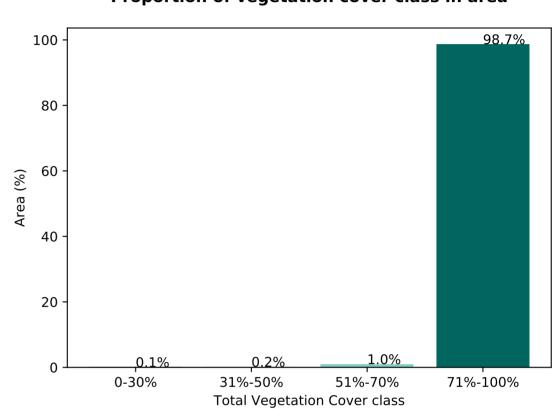
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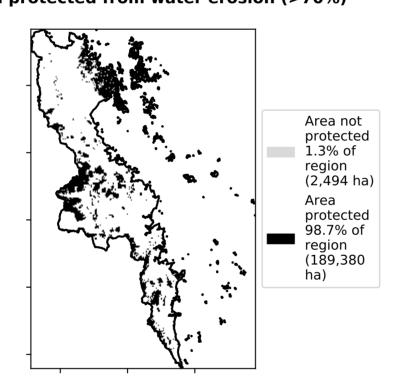
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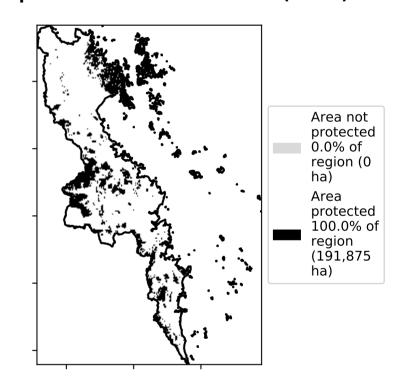
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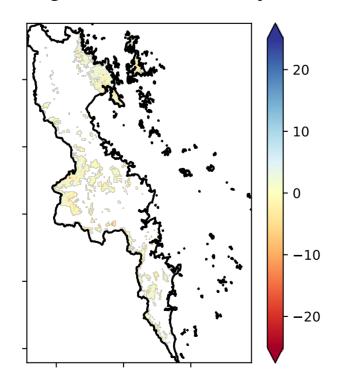
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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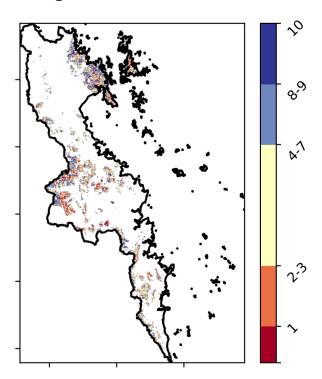


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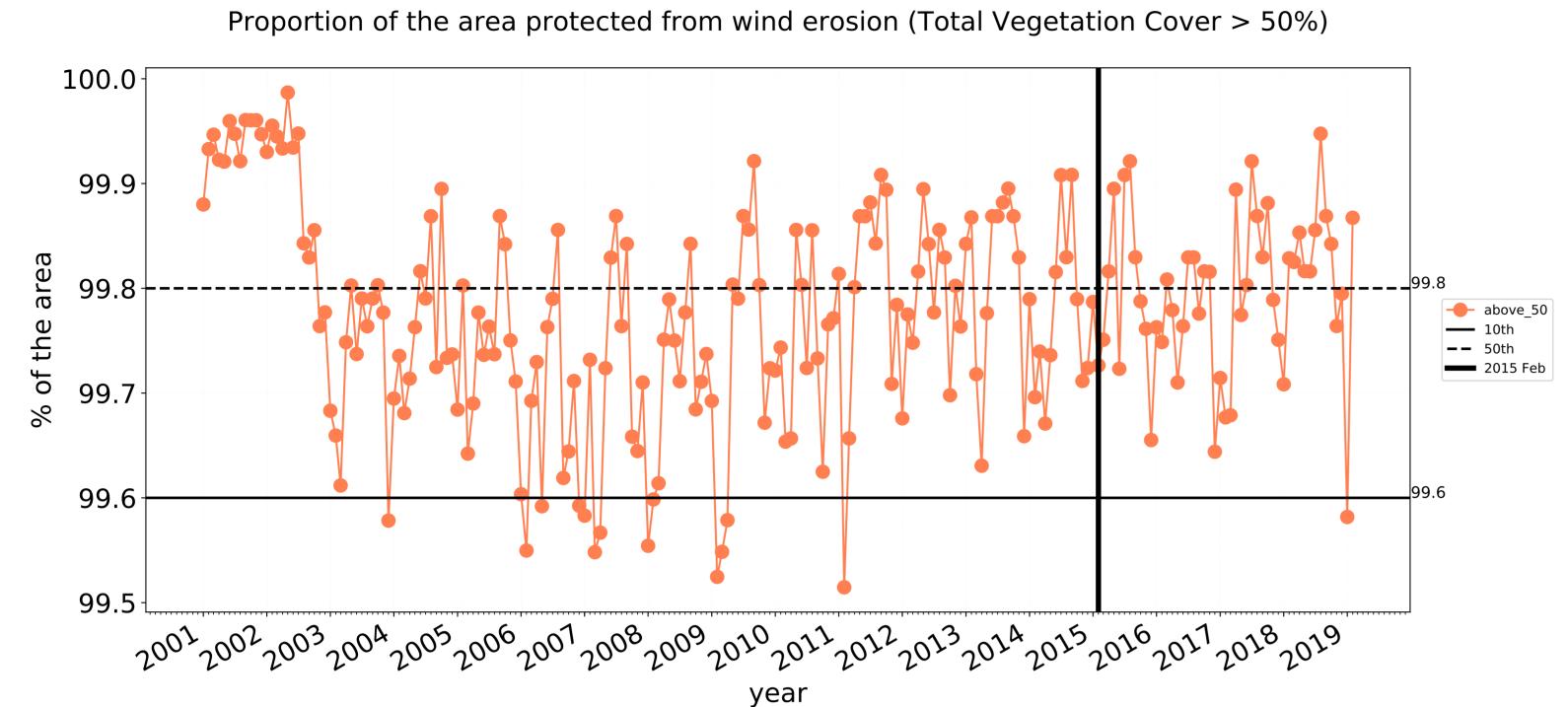


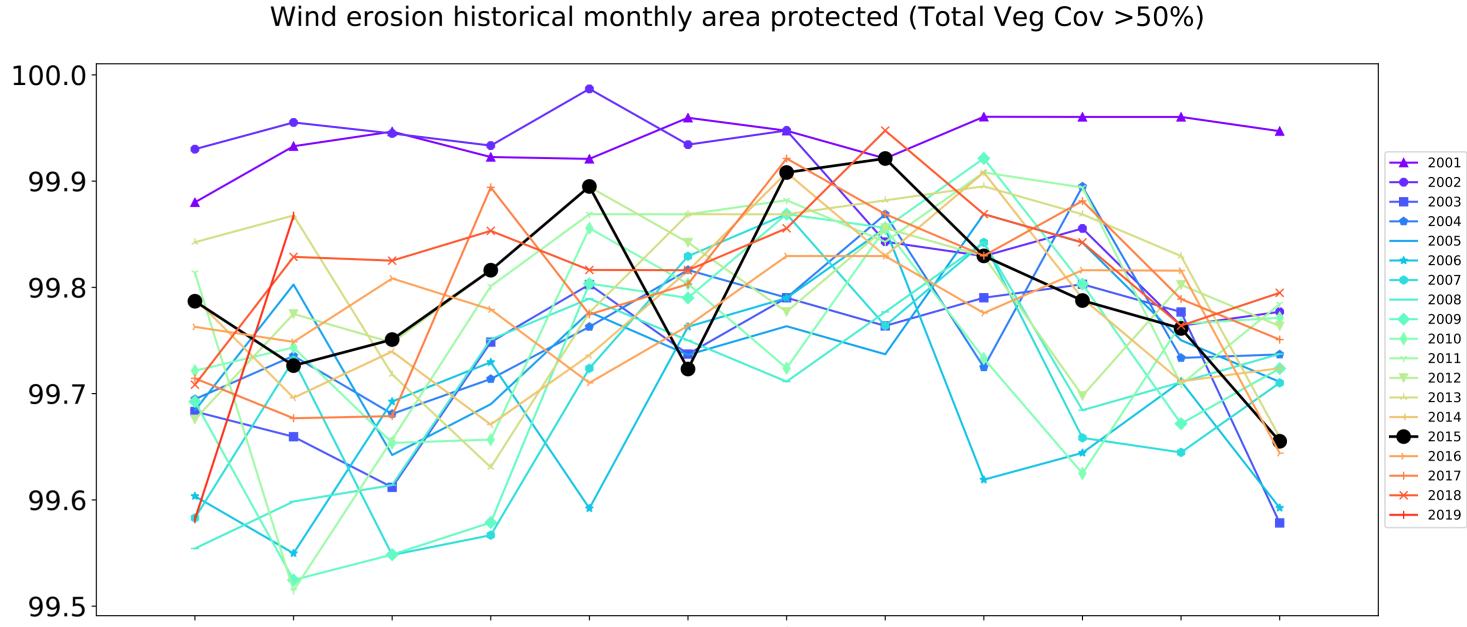




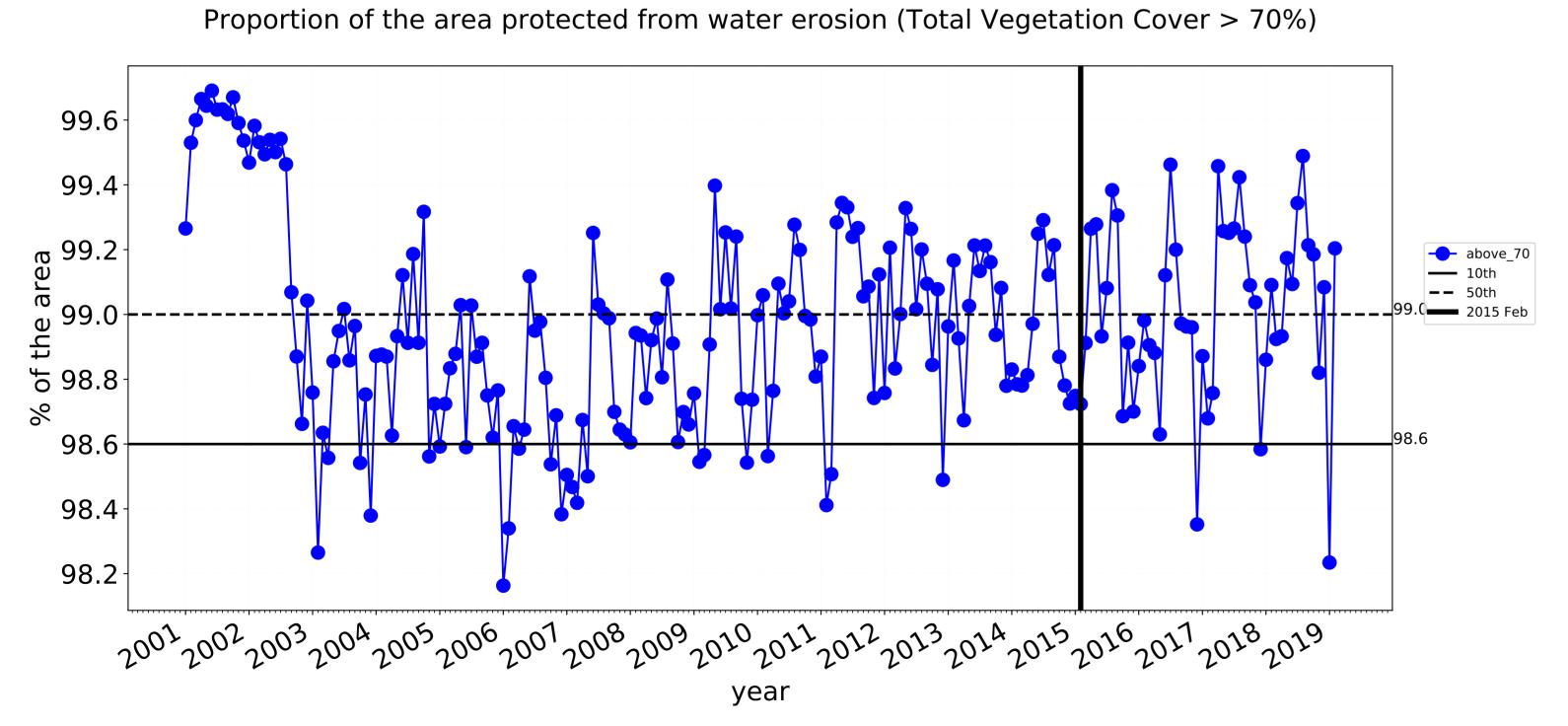


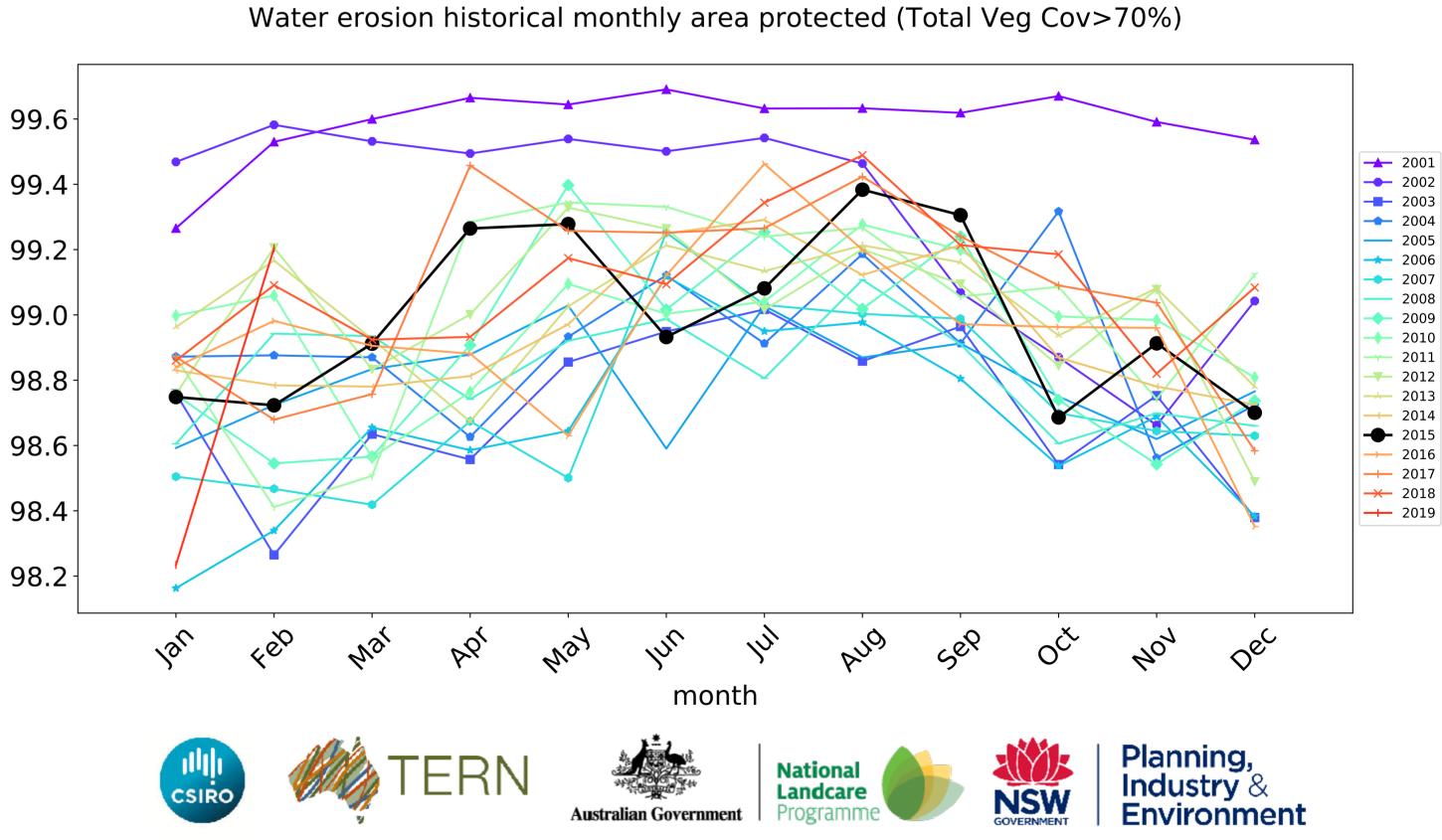


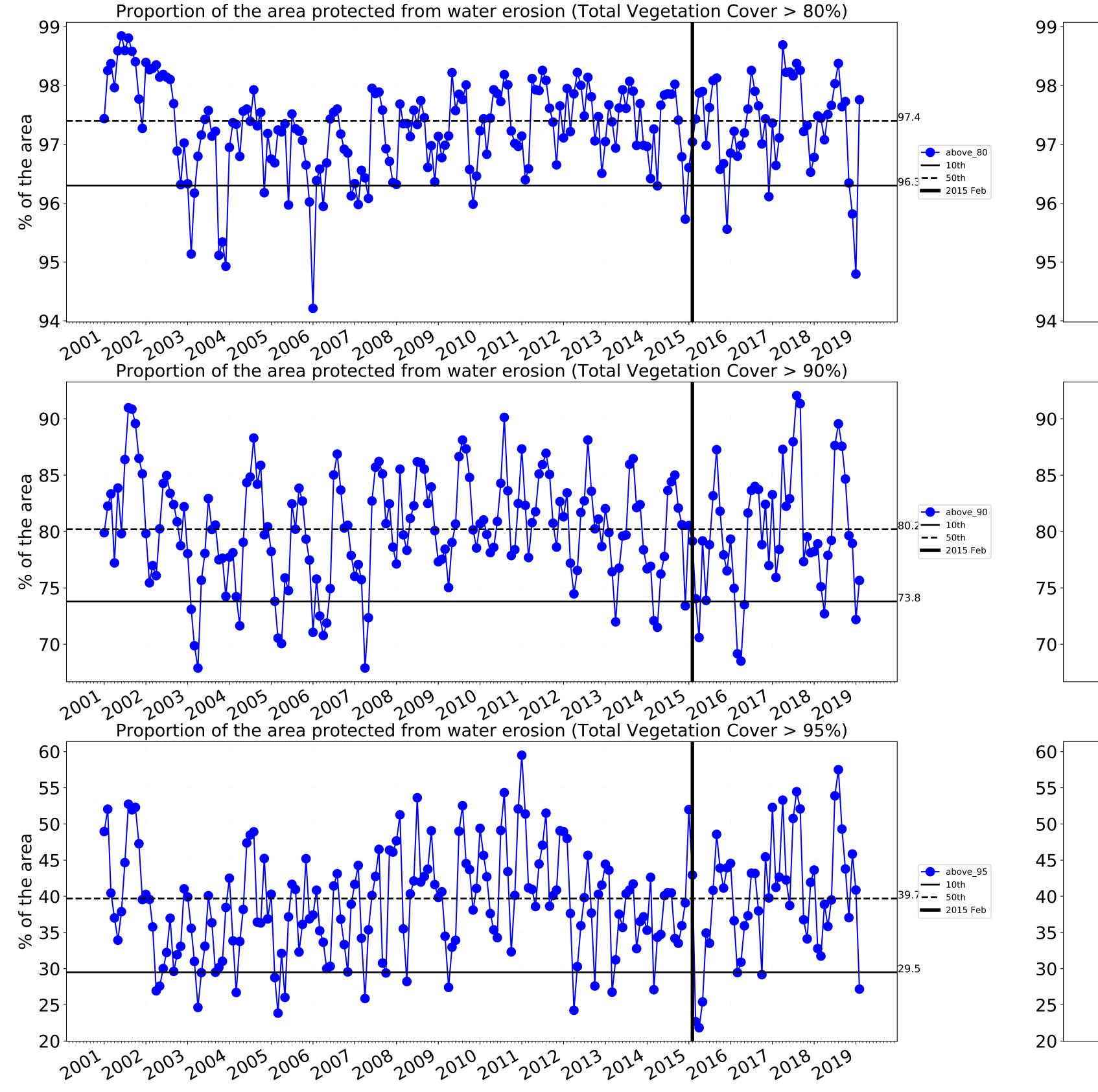


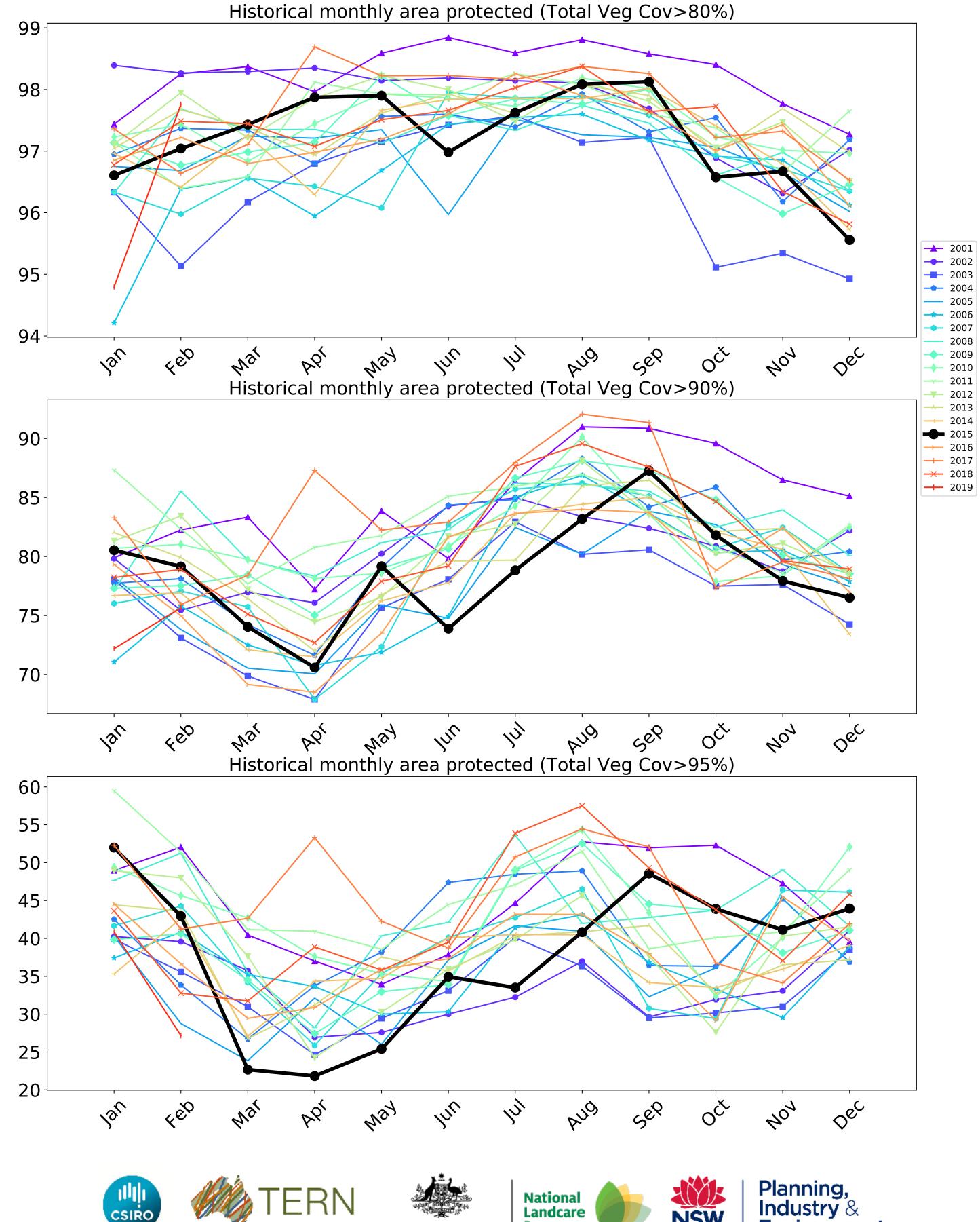


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Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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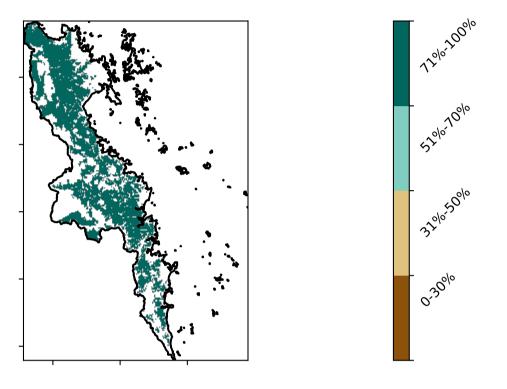
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Land Use and Forests

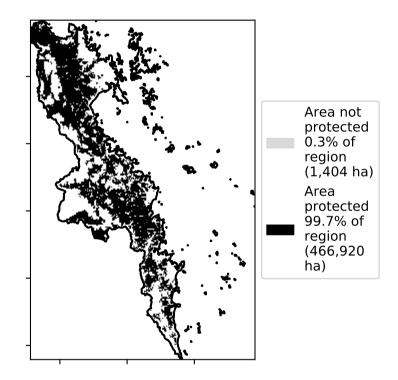
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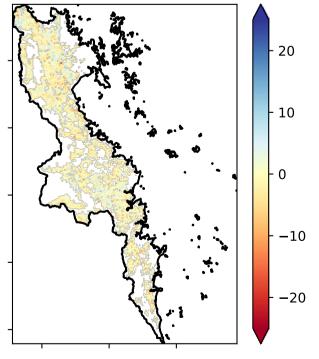
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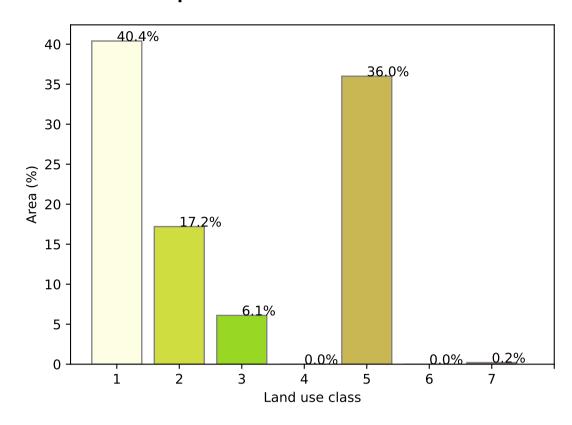


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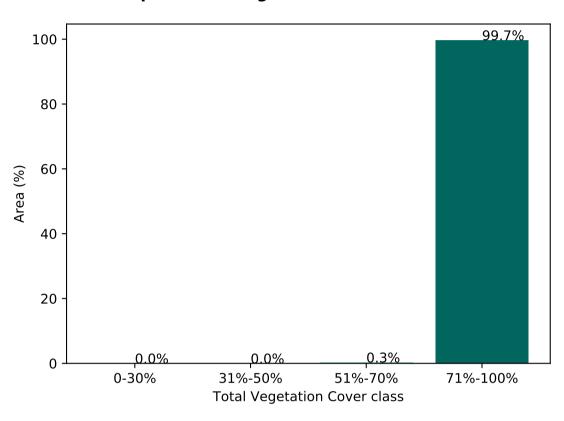


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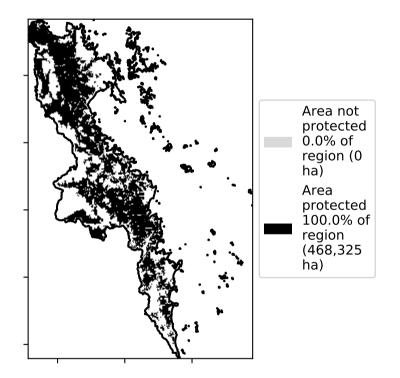
Proportion of each land class in area

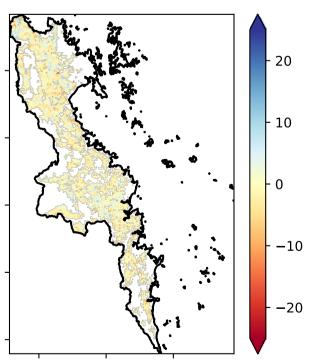


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

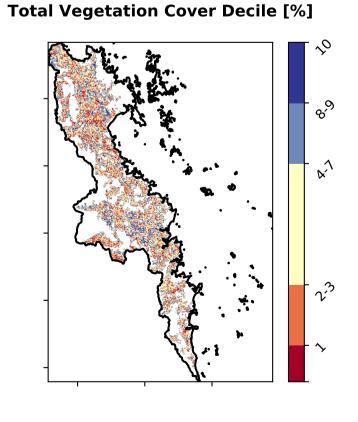


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





Deciles show where the records for that month of









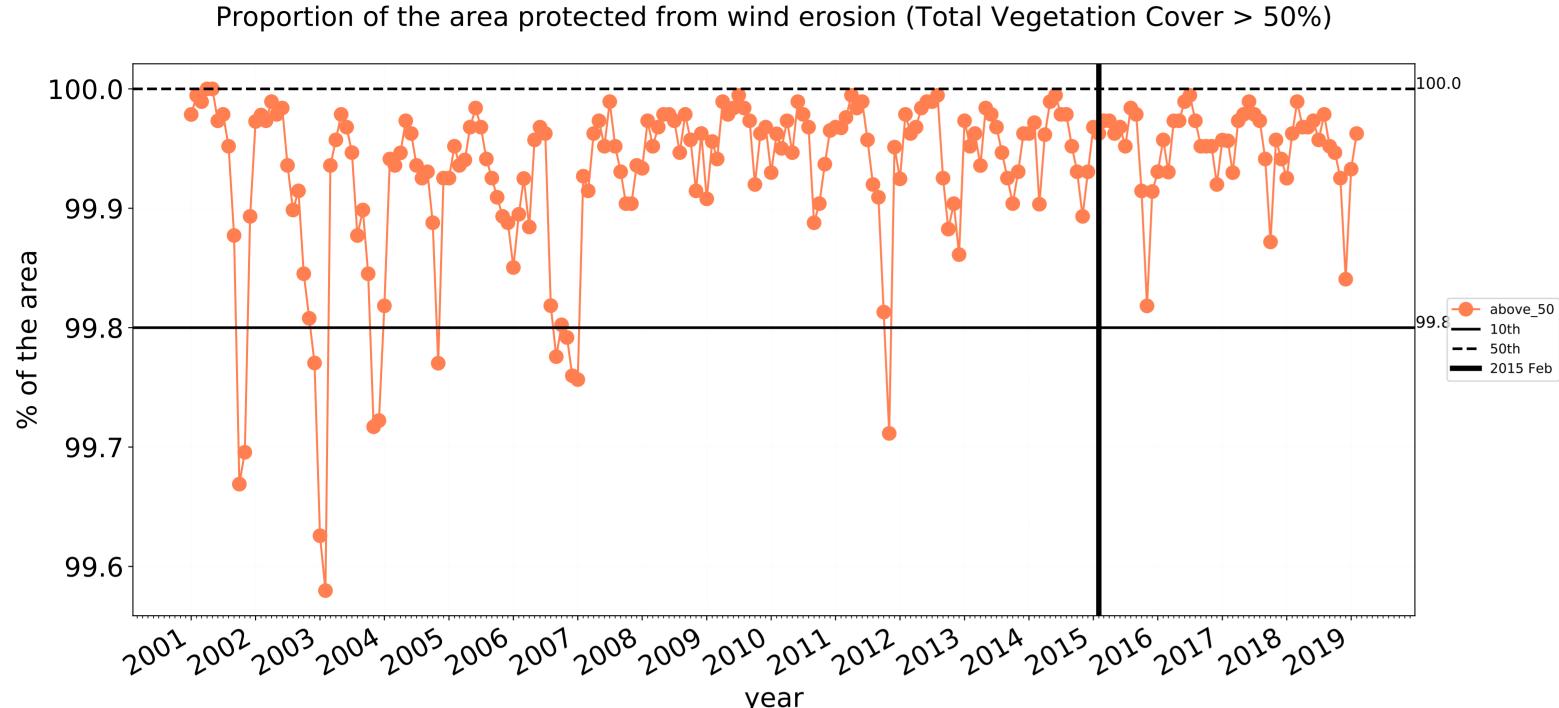


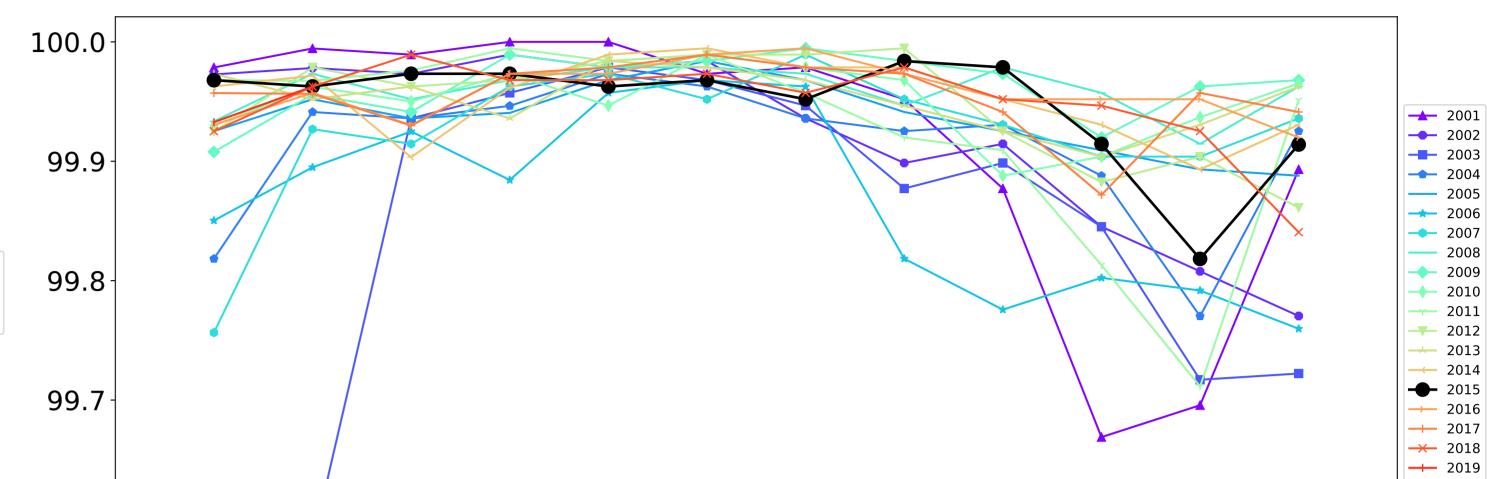




Agriculture timeseries

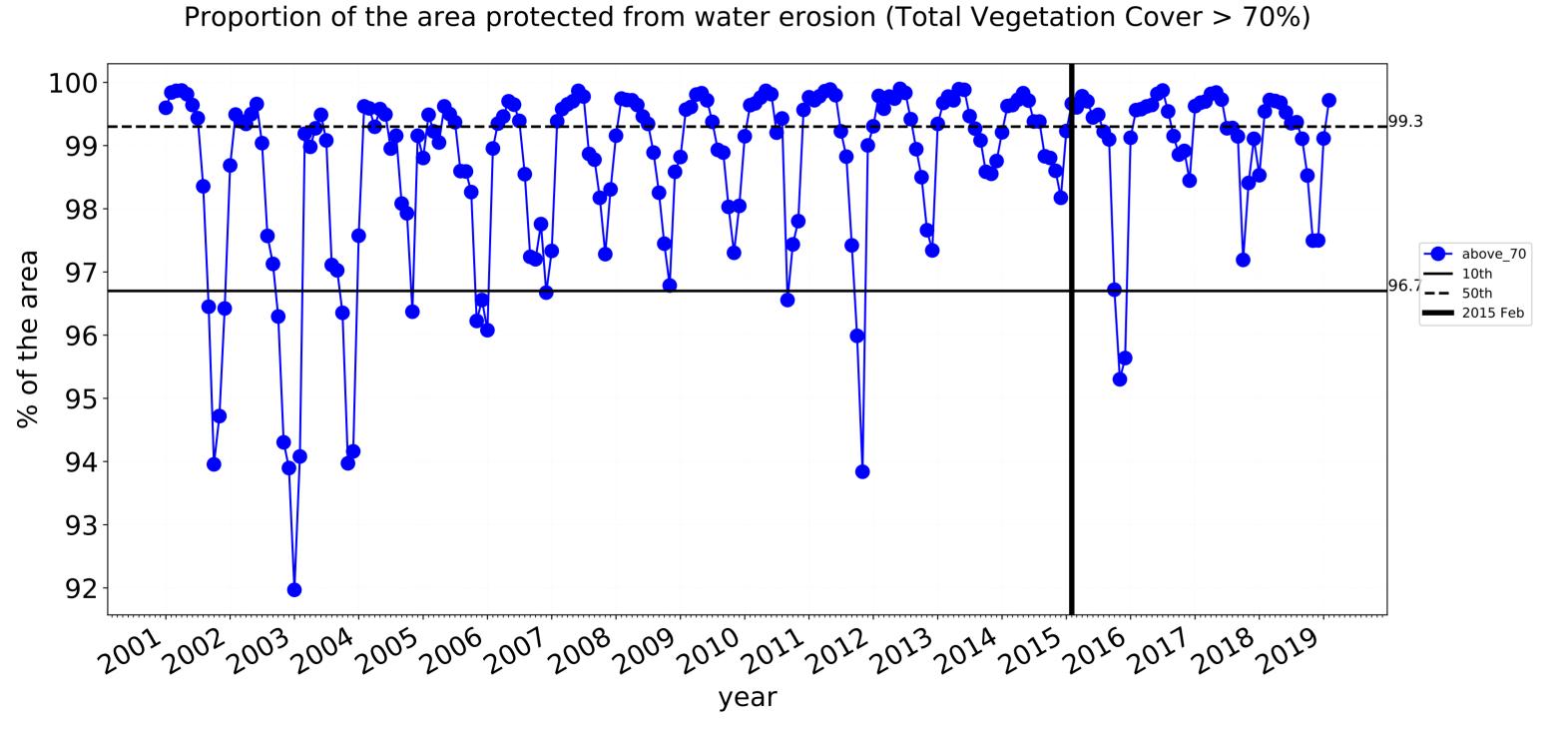
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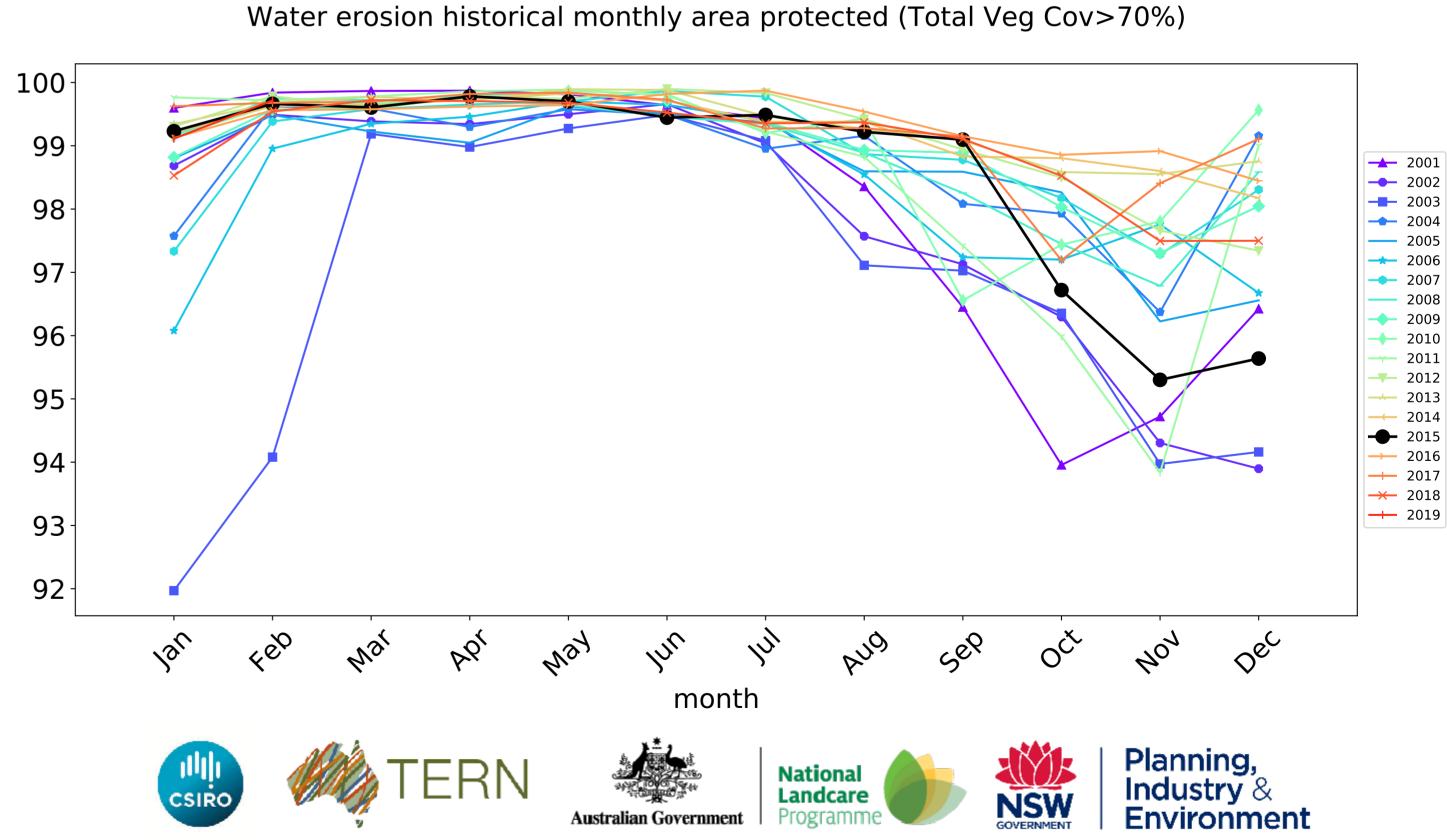


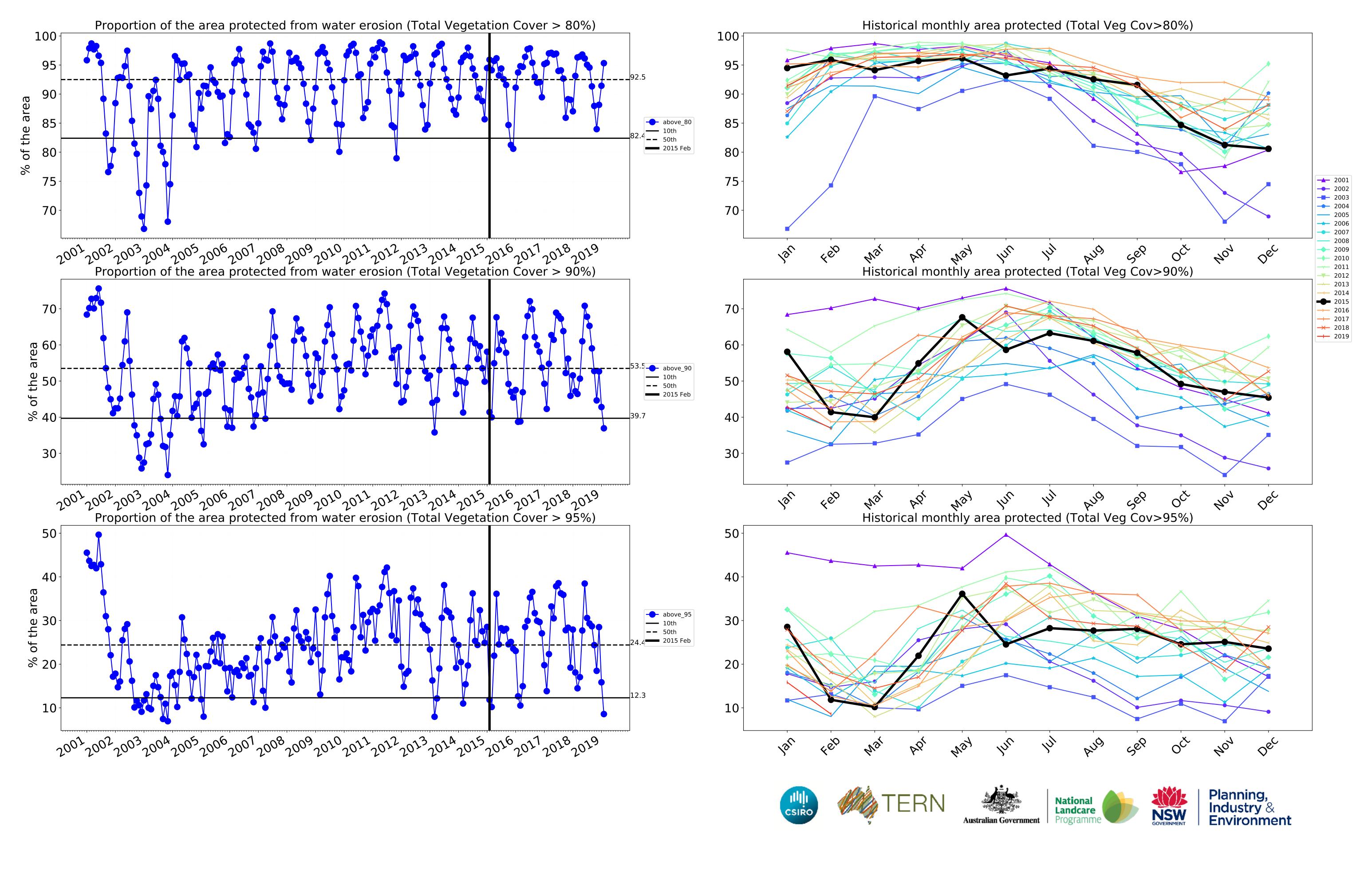


month

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







Grazing

Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land

Derived from

Use of Australia

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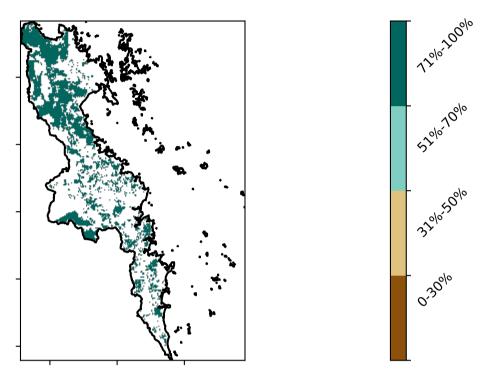
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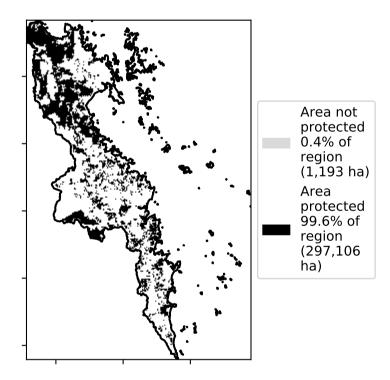
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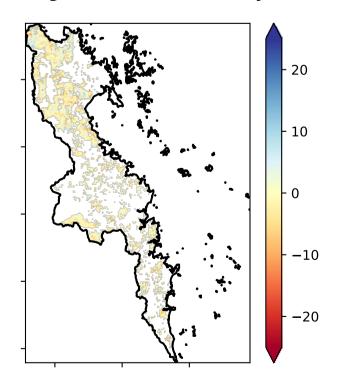
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

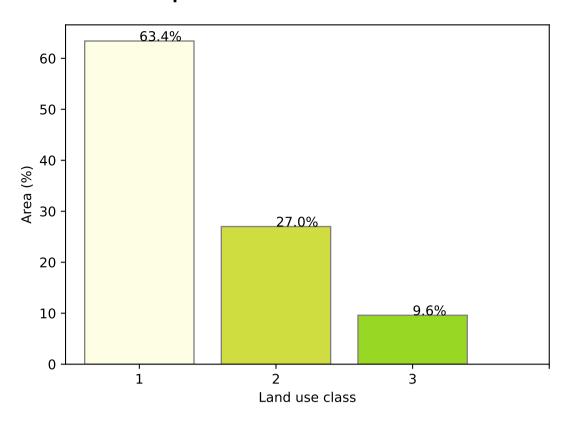


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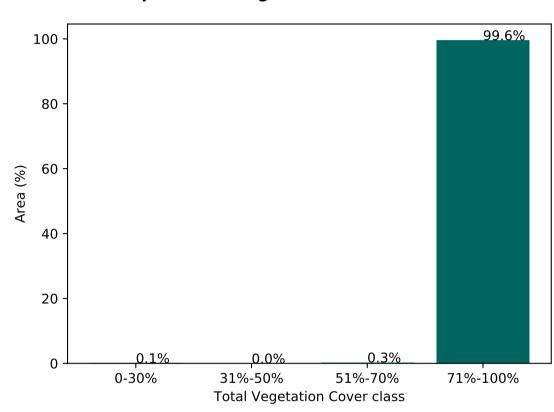


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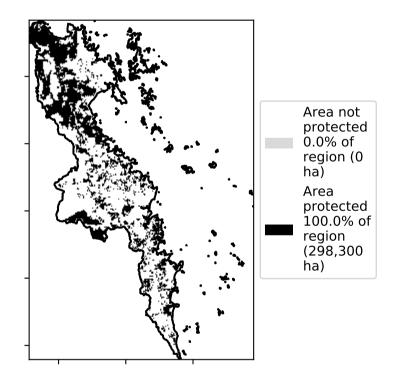
Proportion of each land class in area



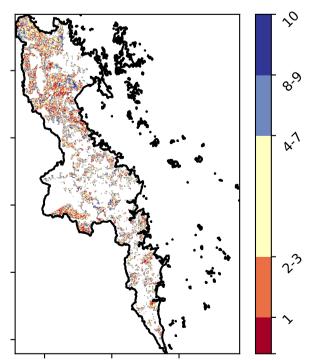
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







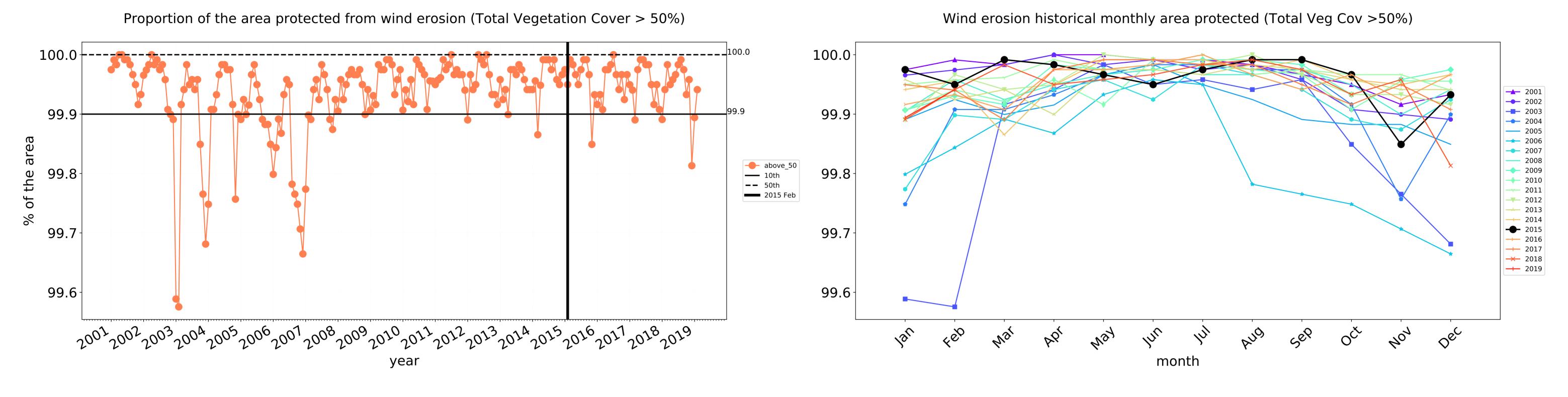


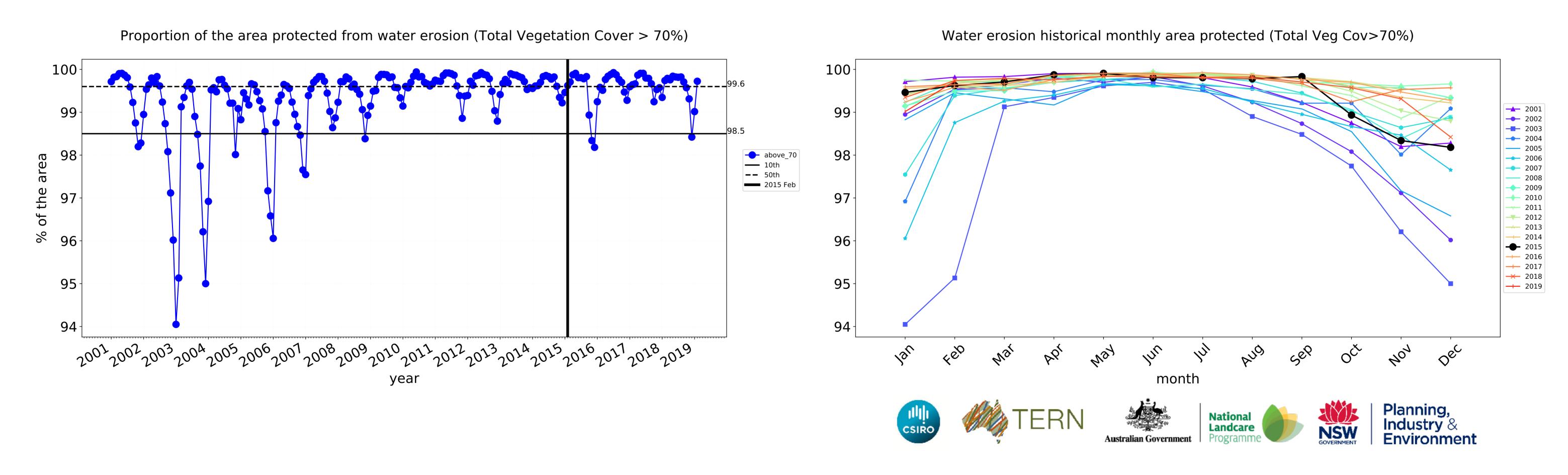


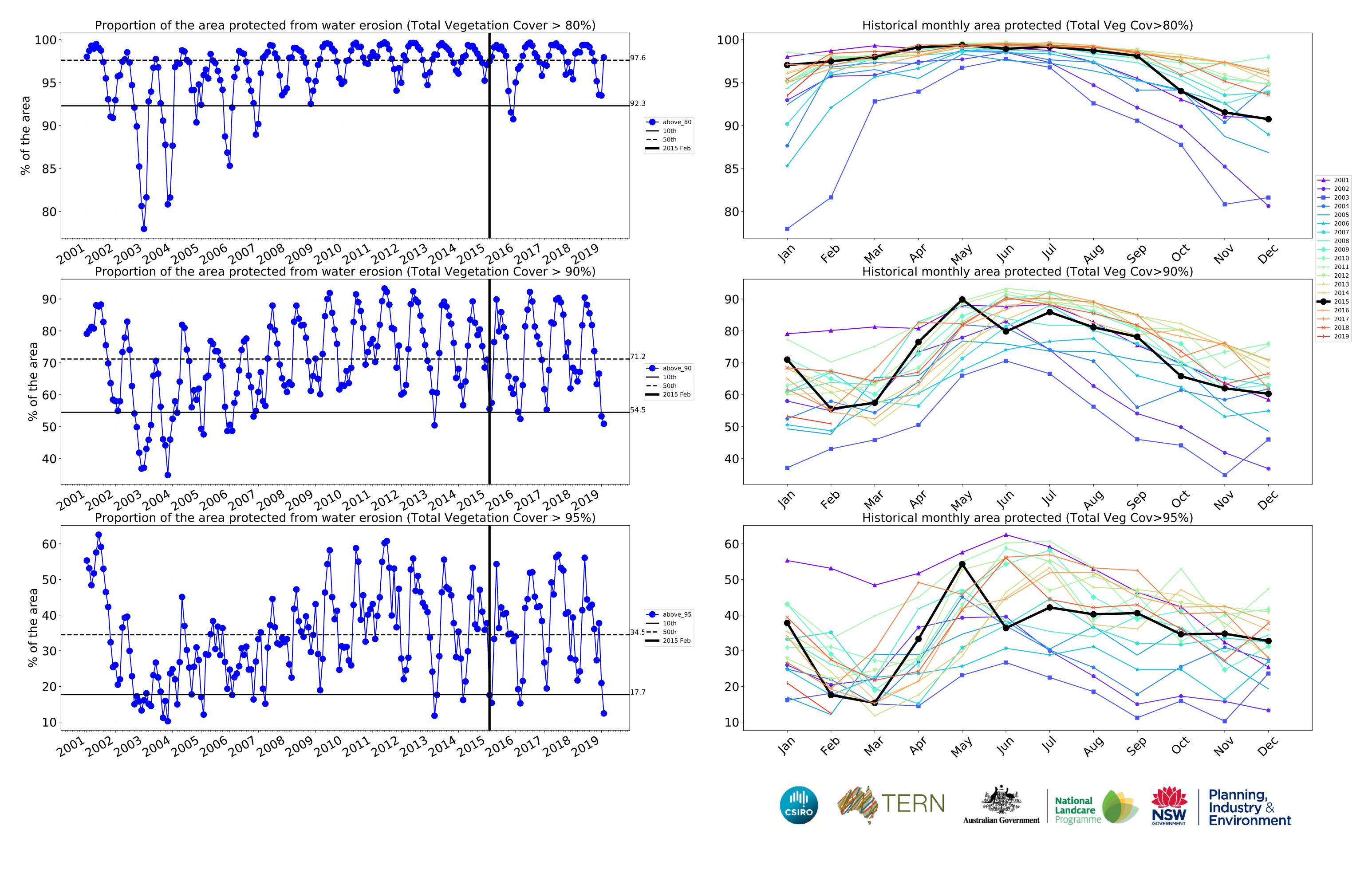




Grazing timeseries







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

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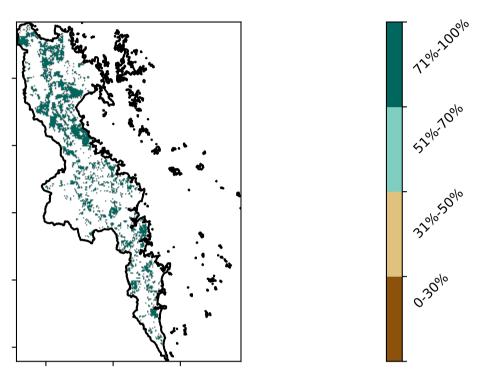
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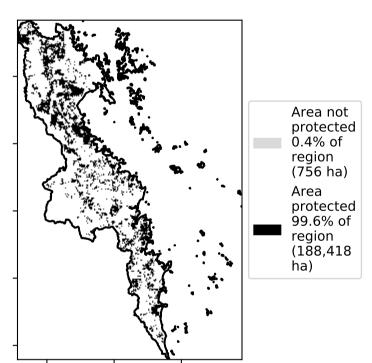
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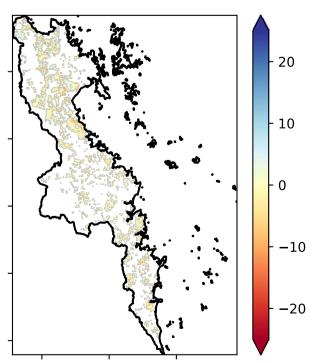
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

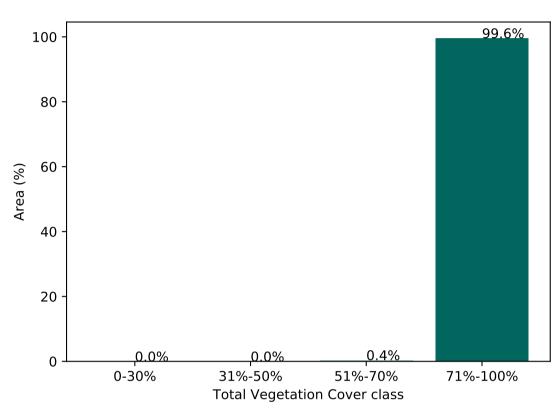


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

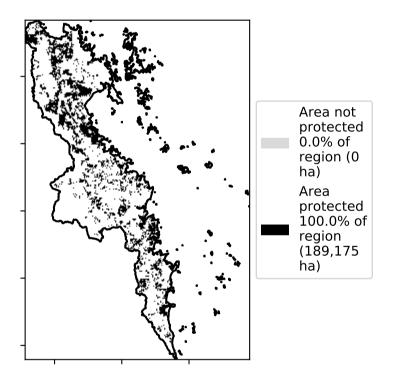


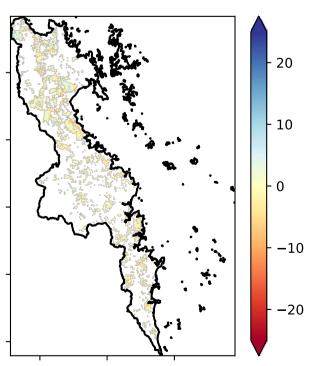
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

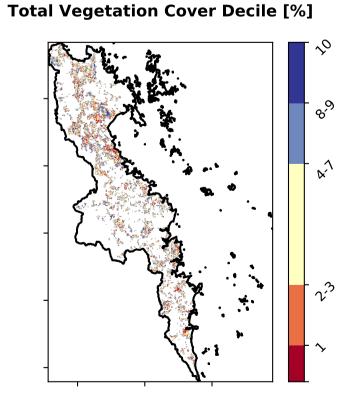


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





Deciles show where the







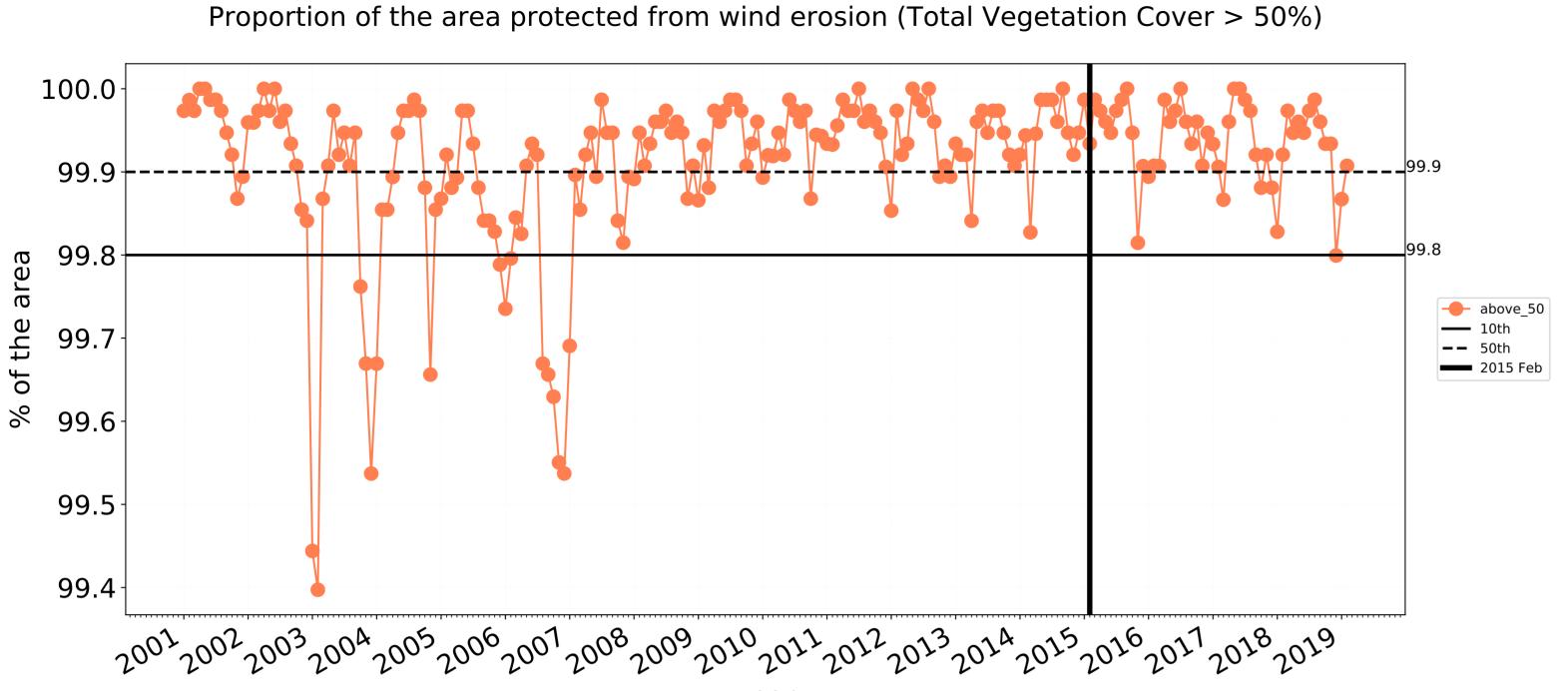




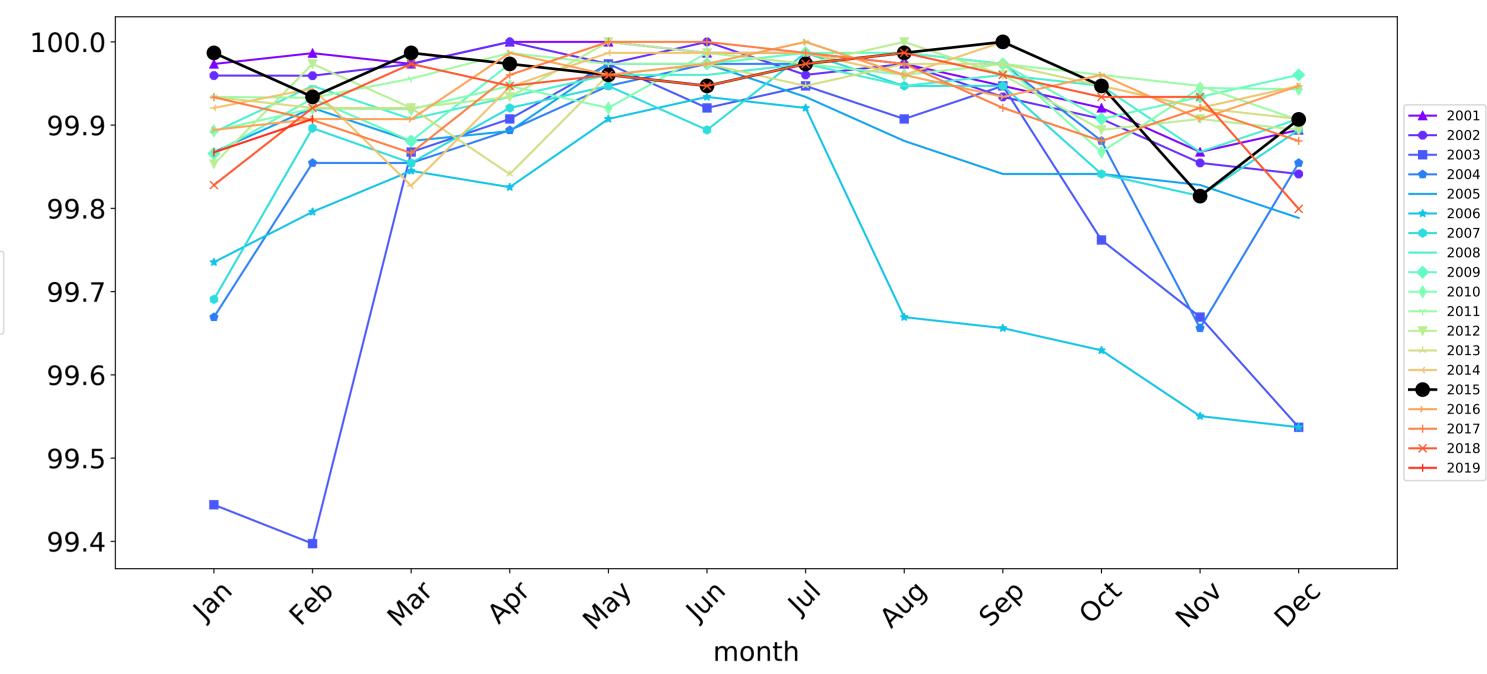


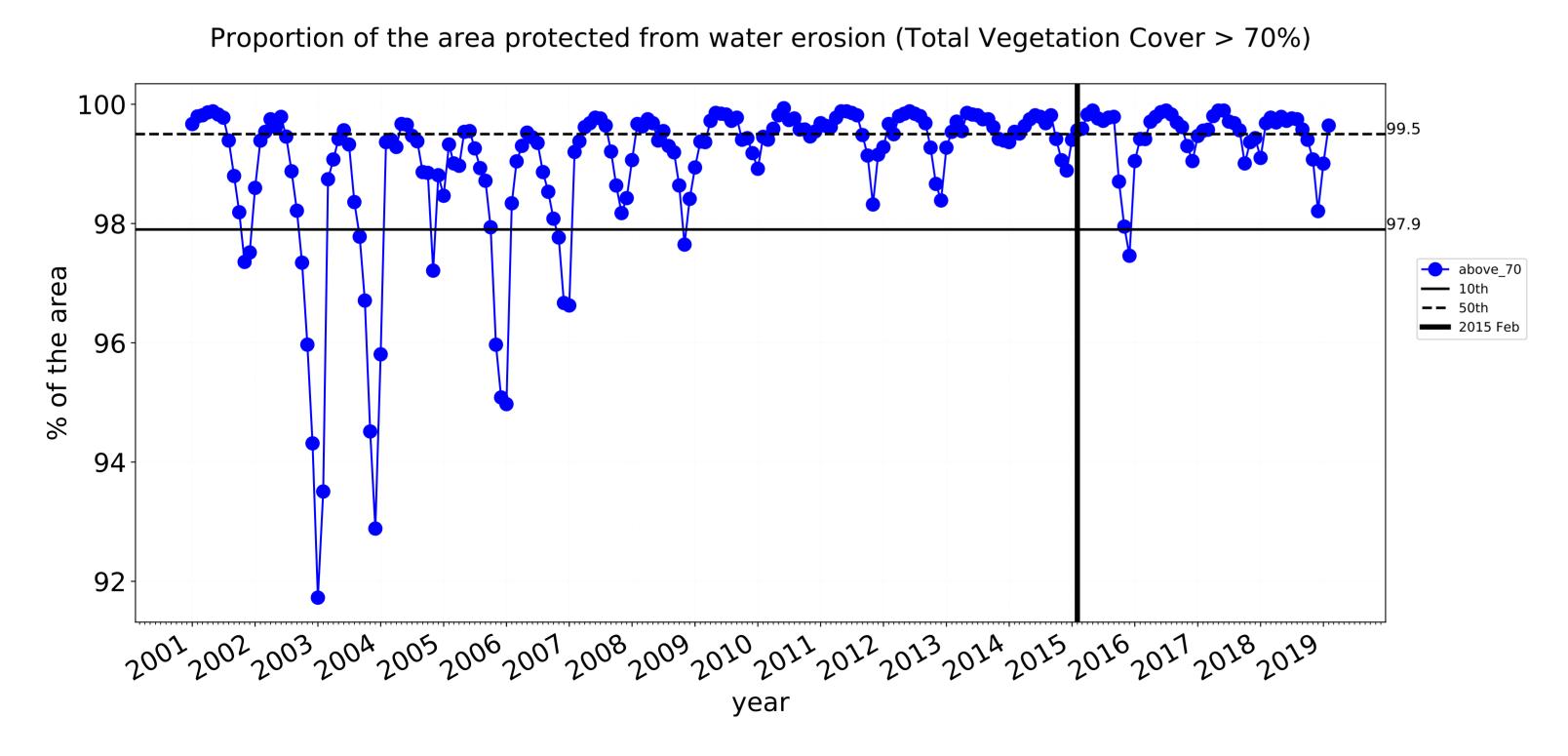


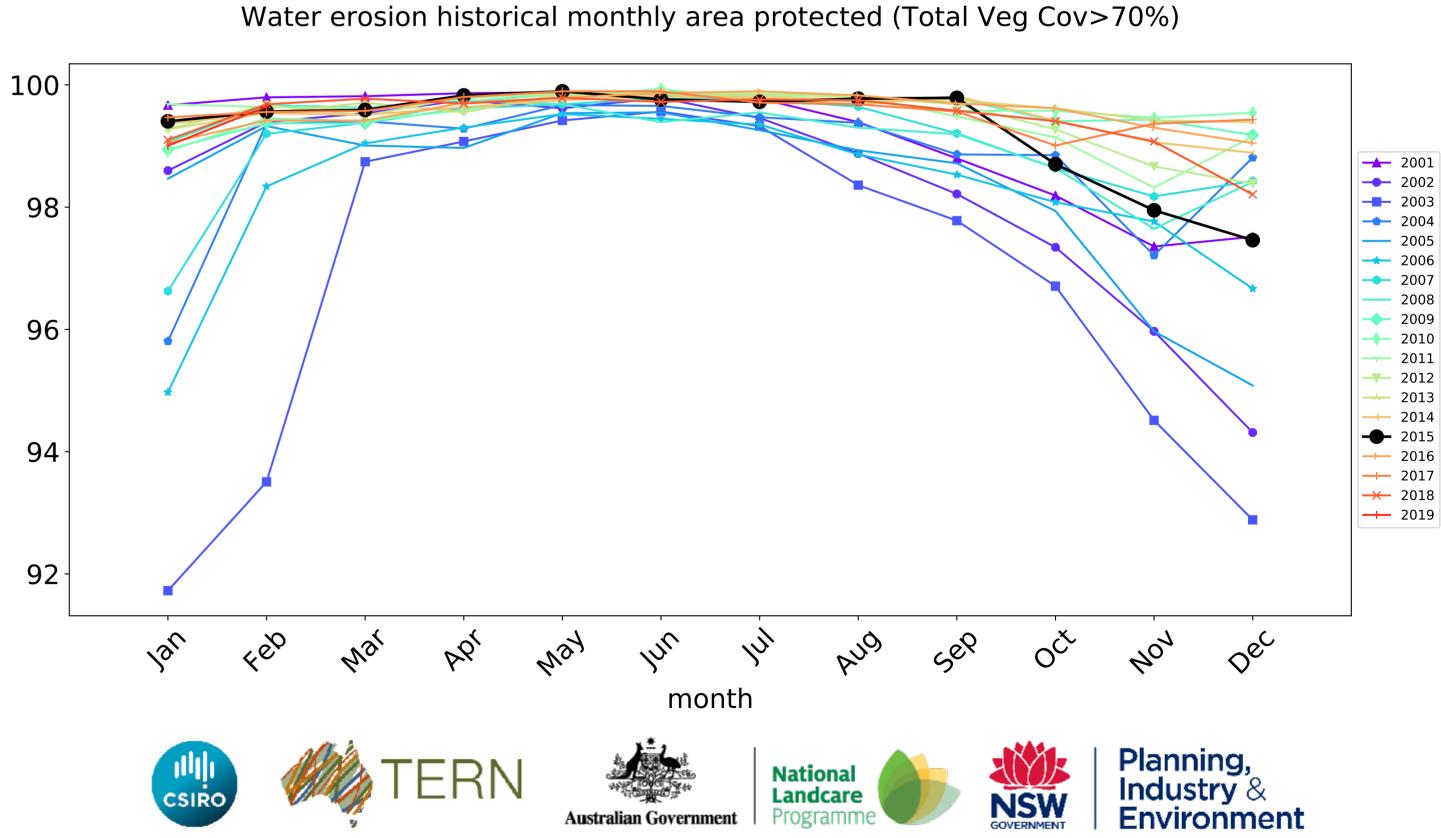
Grazing non forest timeseries

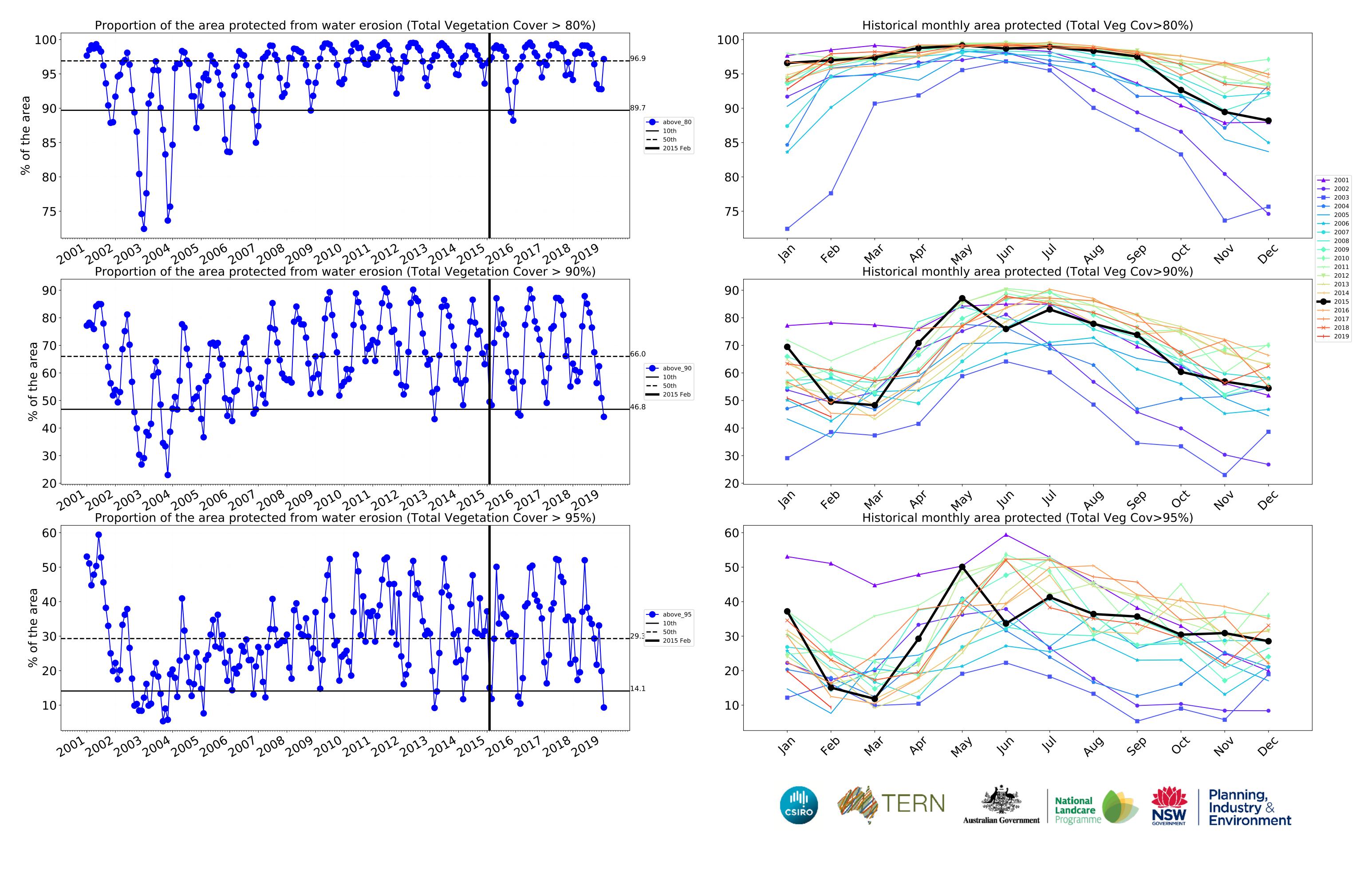












Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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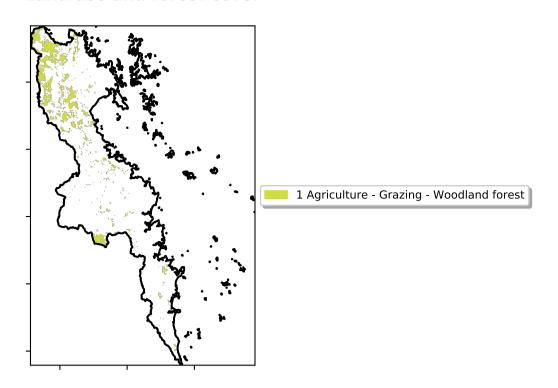
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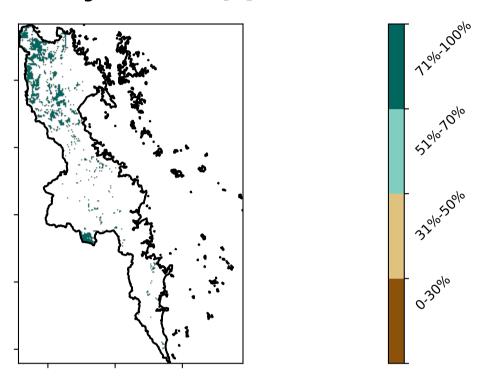
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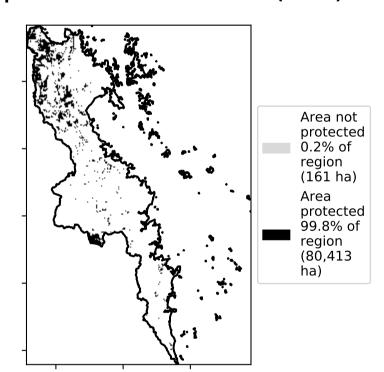
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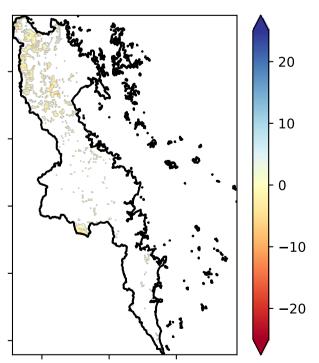
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

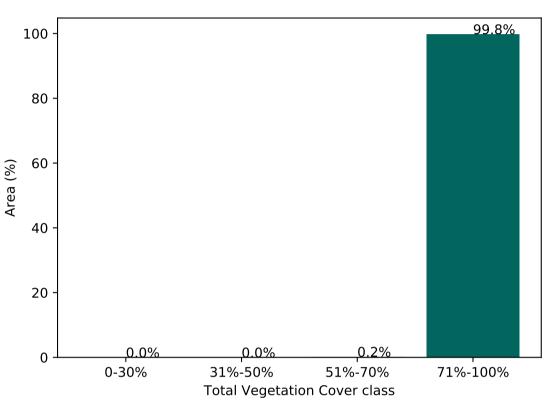


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

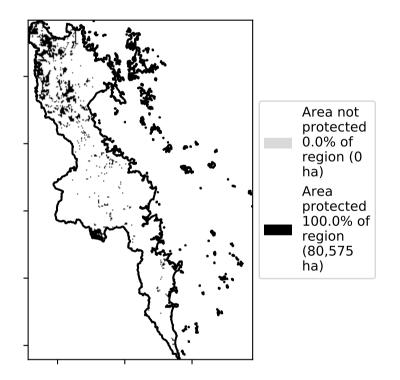


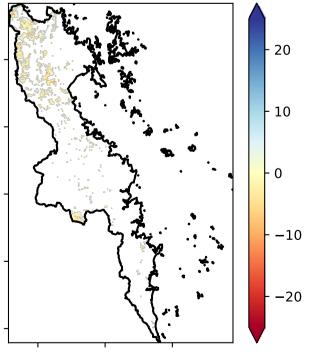
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

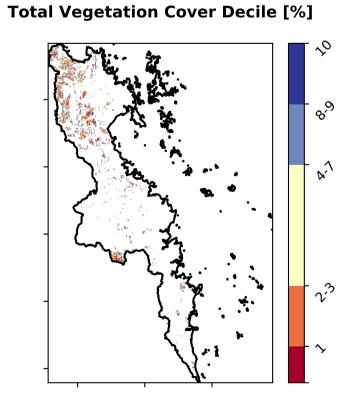


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





Deciles show where the







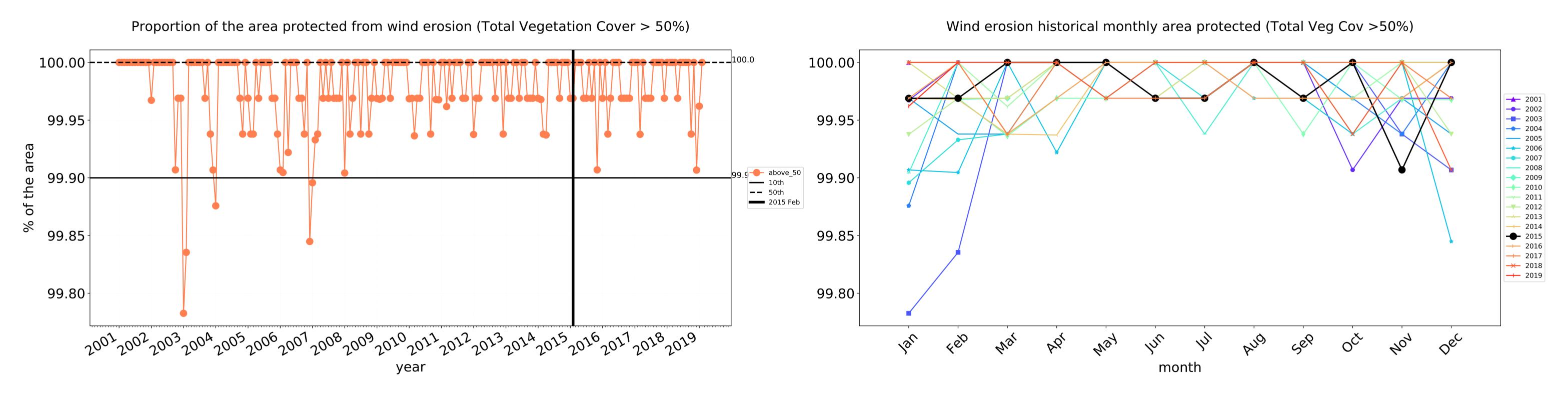


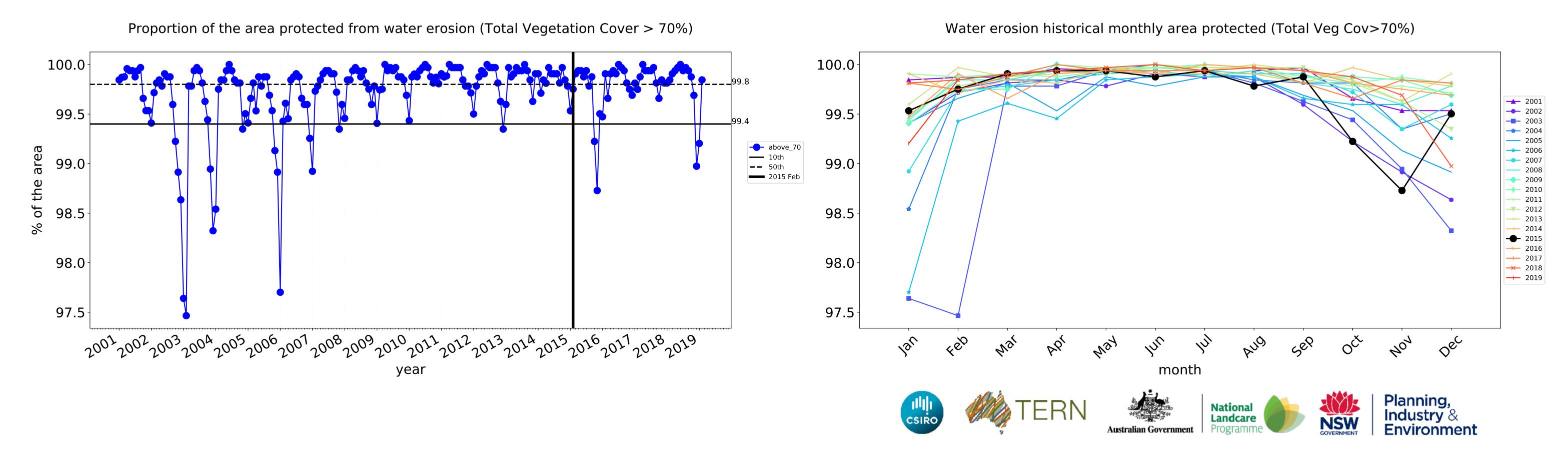


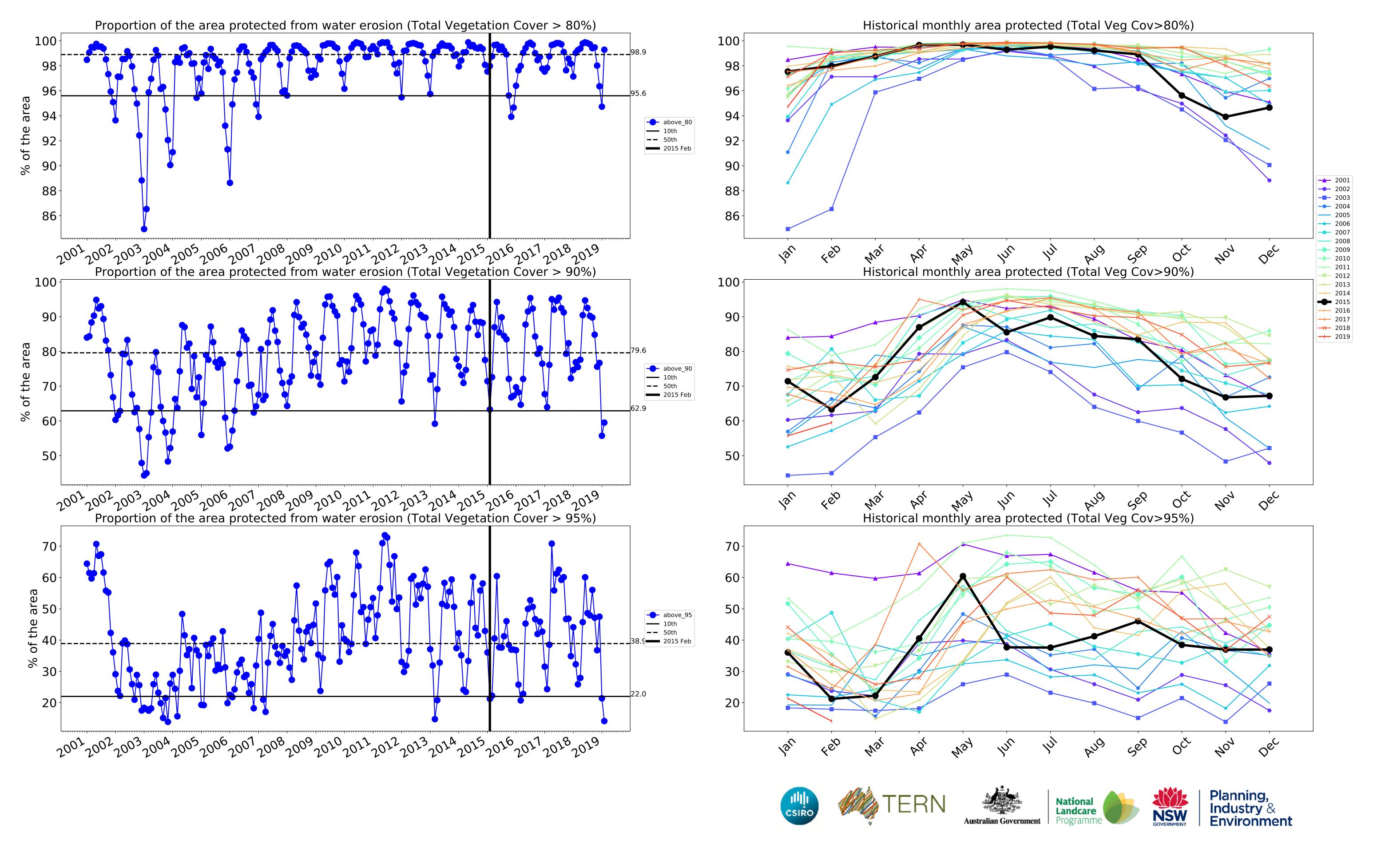




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries







Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

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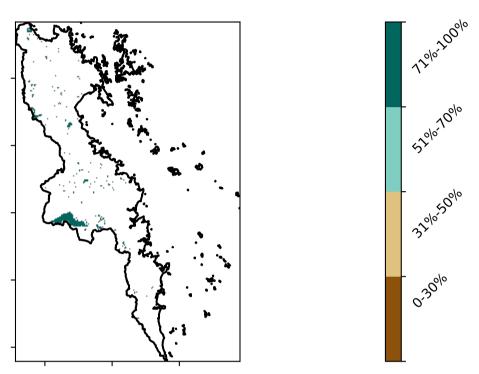
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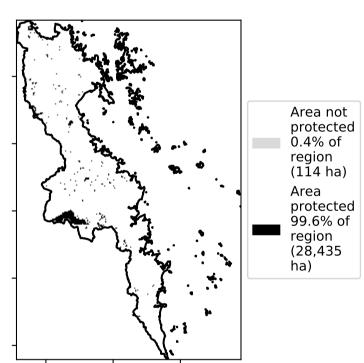
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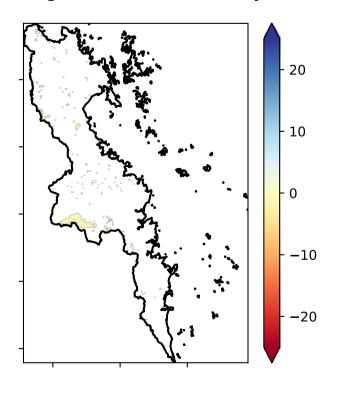
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]



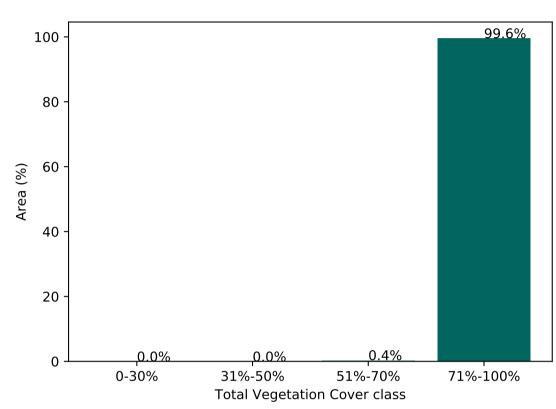
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



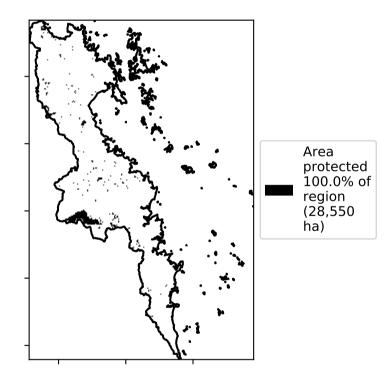


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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

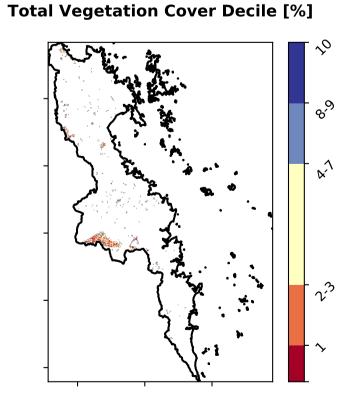


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Deciles show where the records for that month of





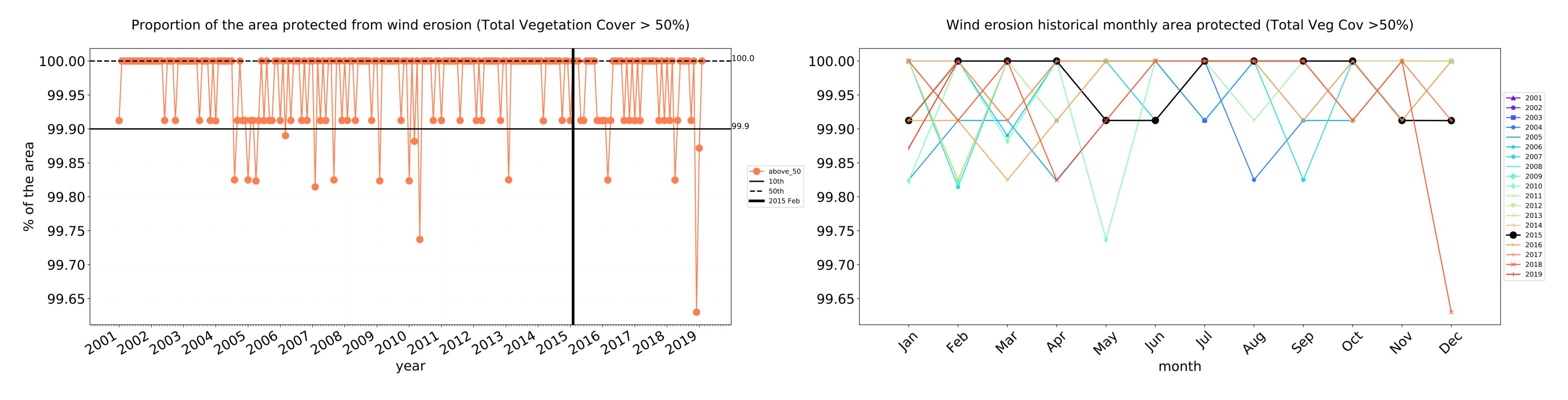


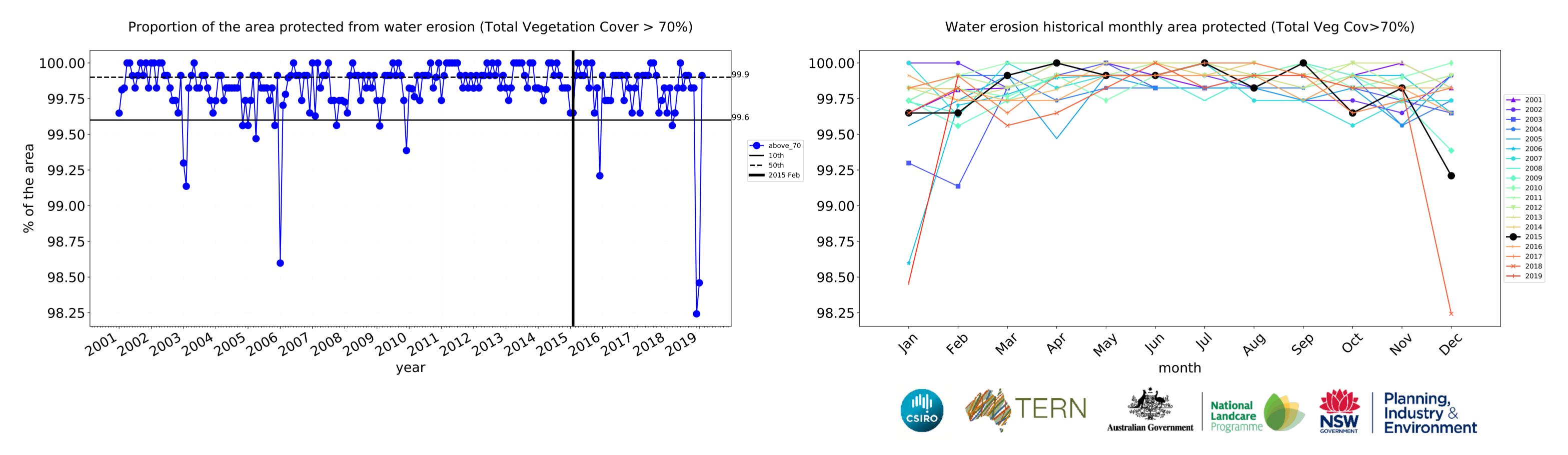


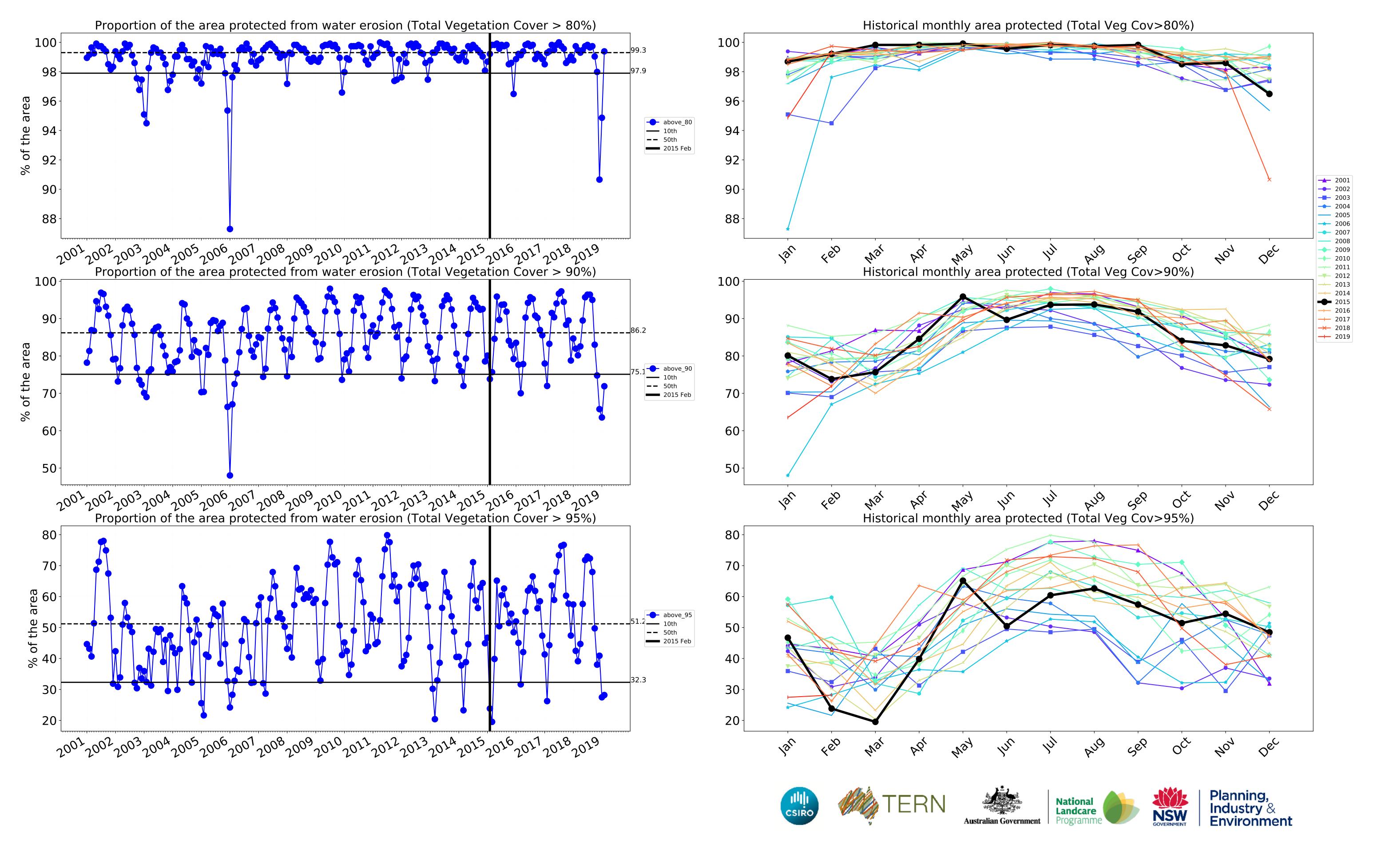












Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

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

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land

Derived from

Use of Australia (2018) and Forests

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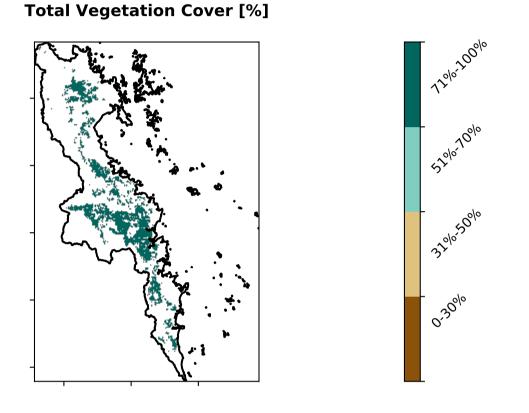
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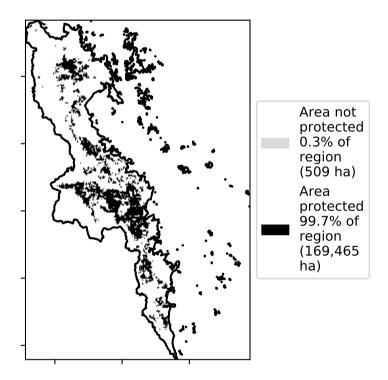
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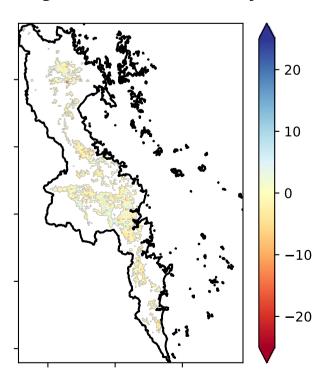
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

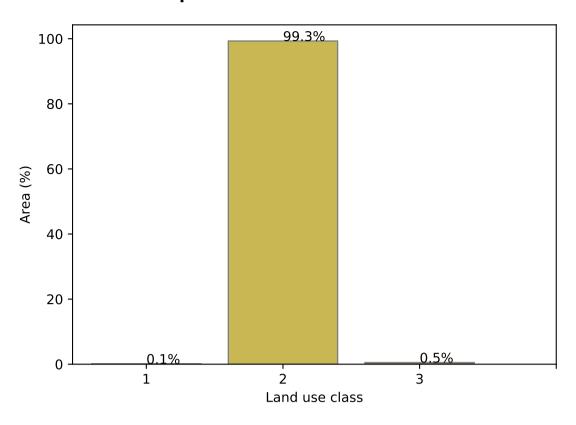


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

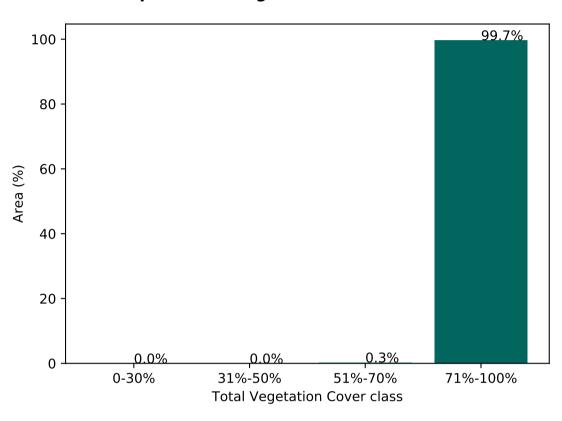


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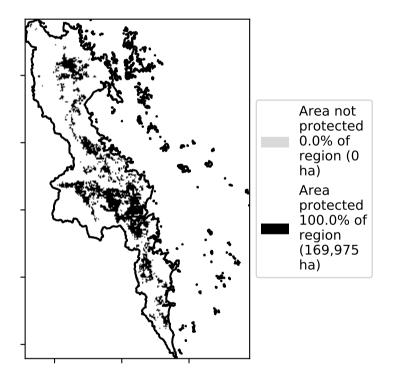
Proportion of each land class in area



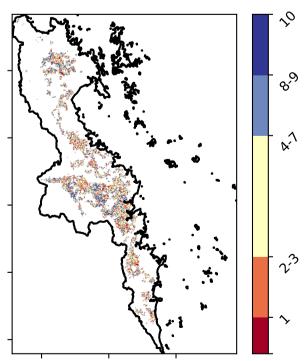
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







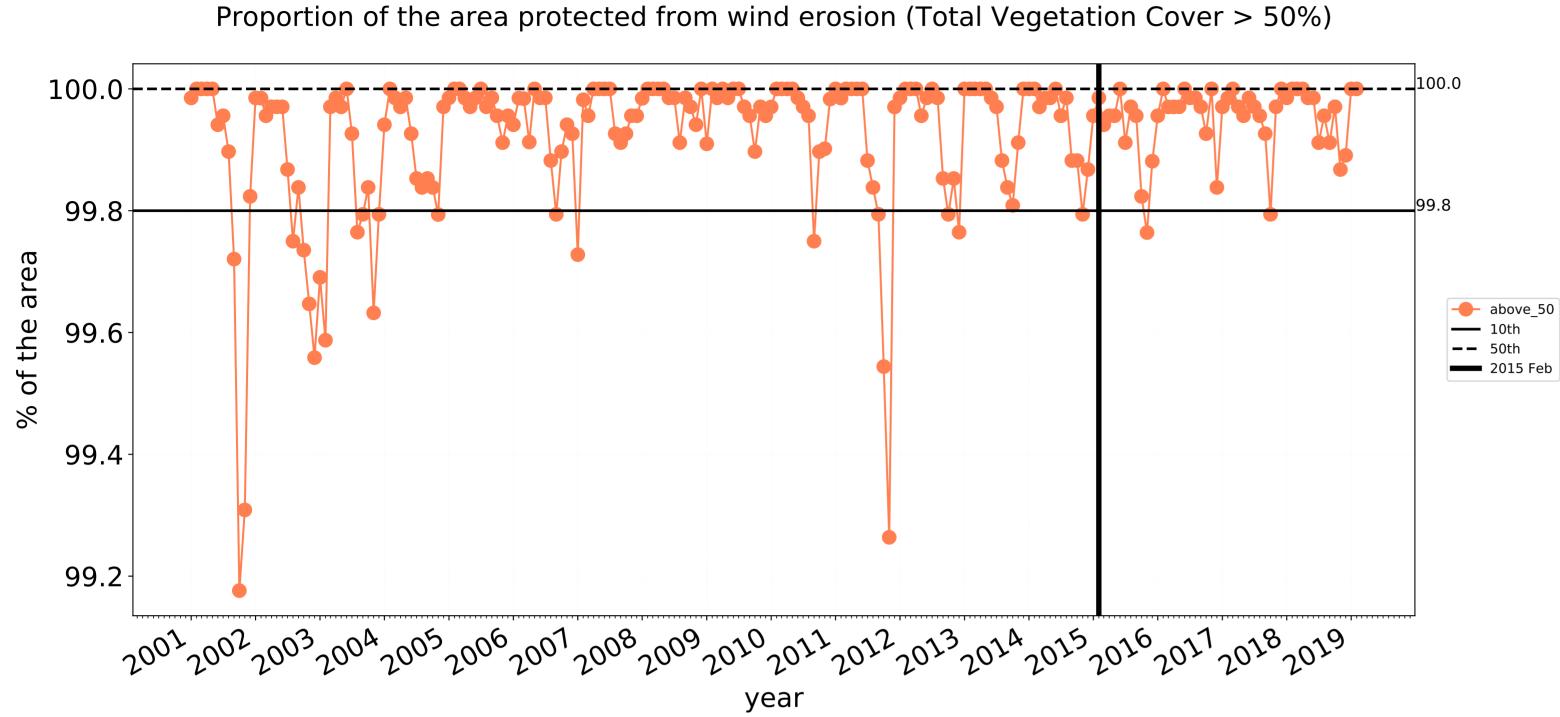


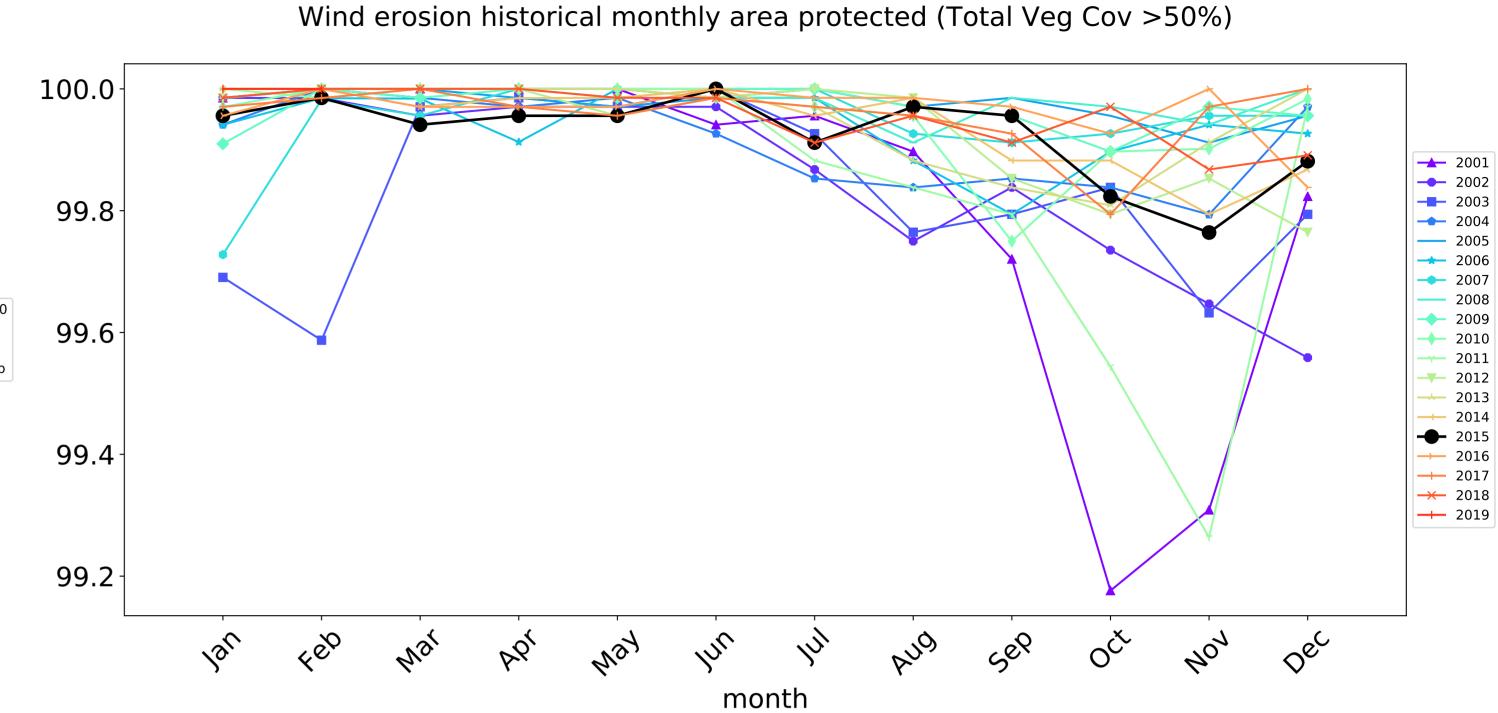


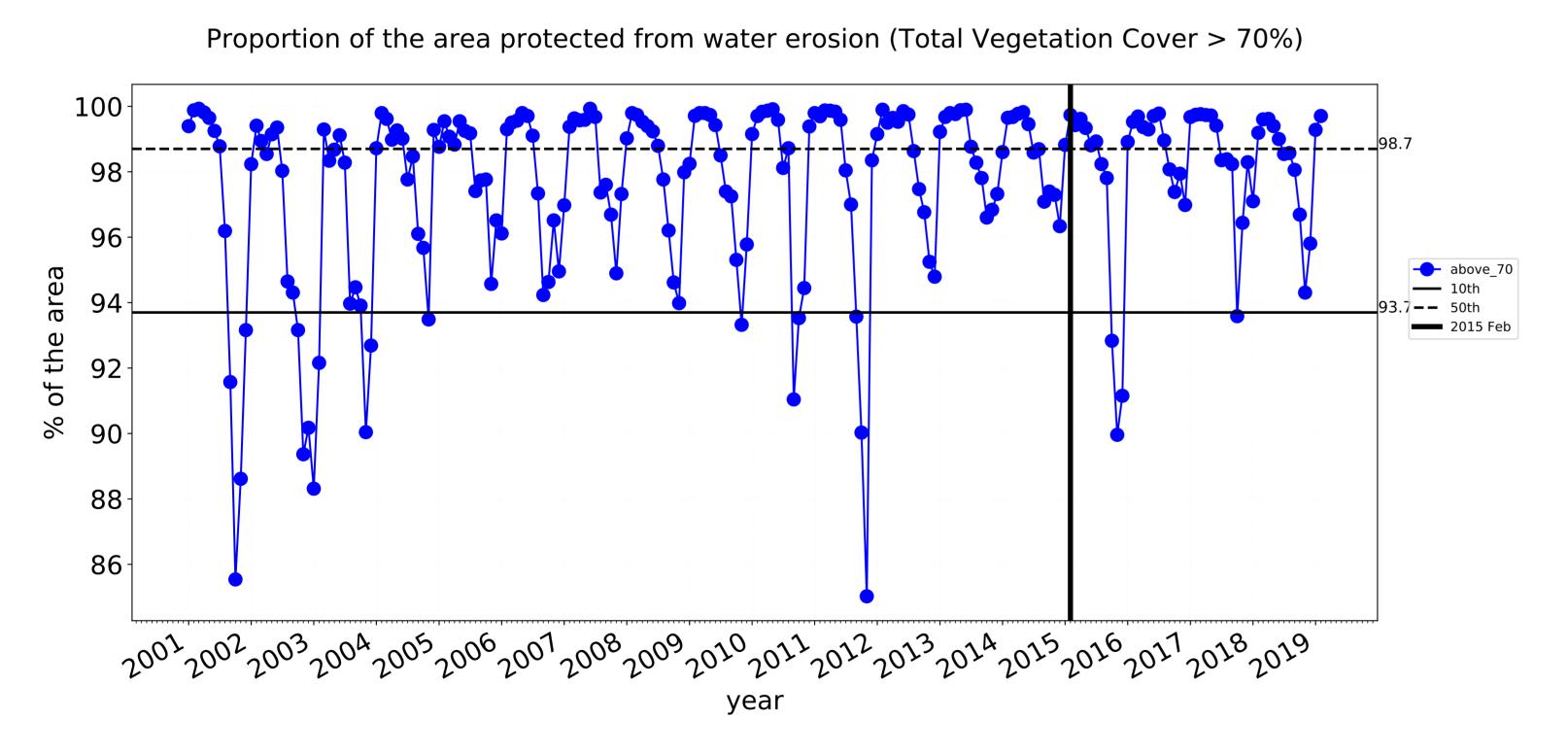


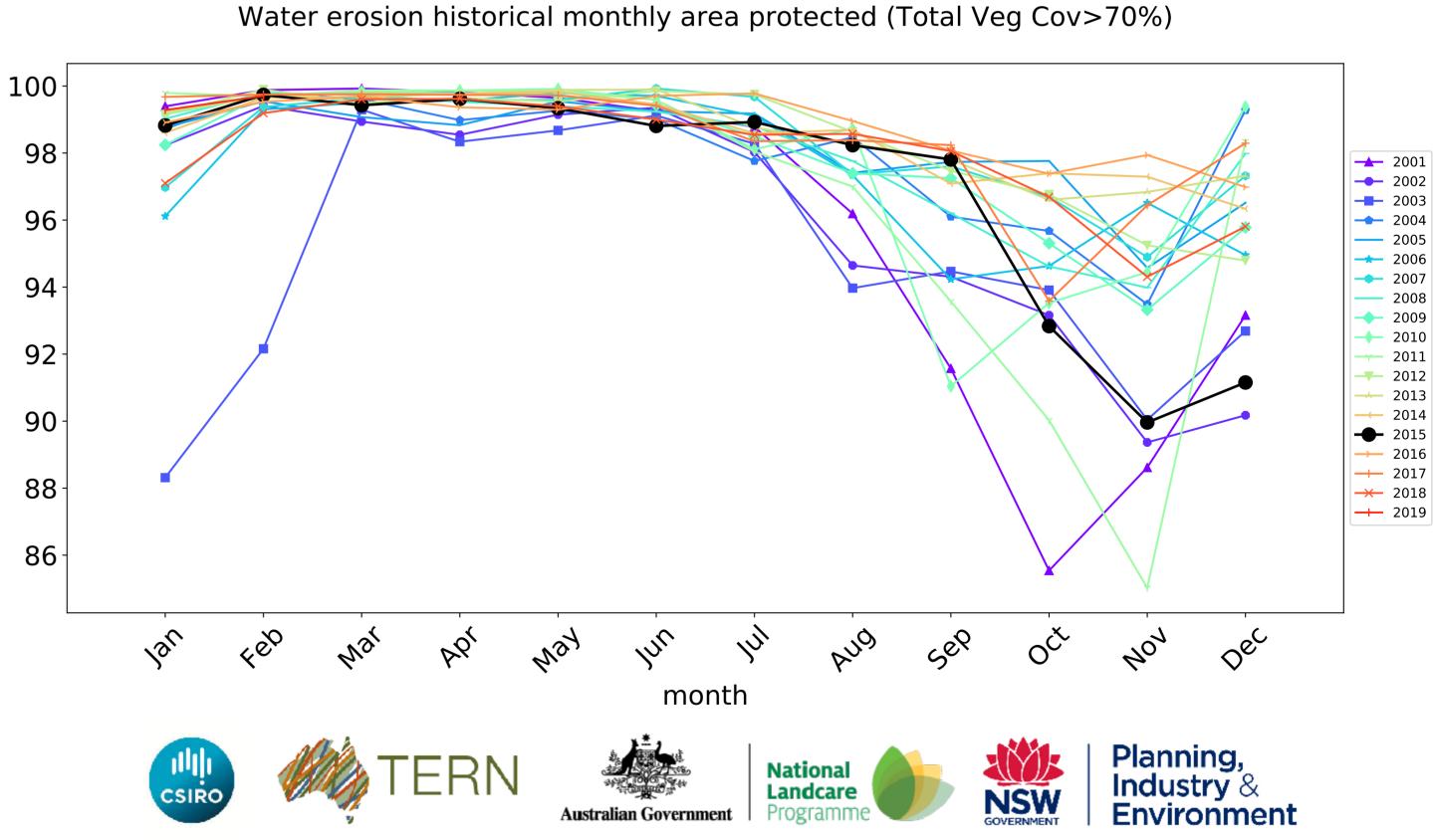


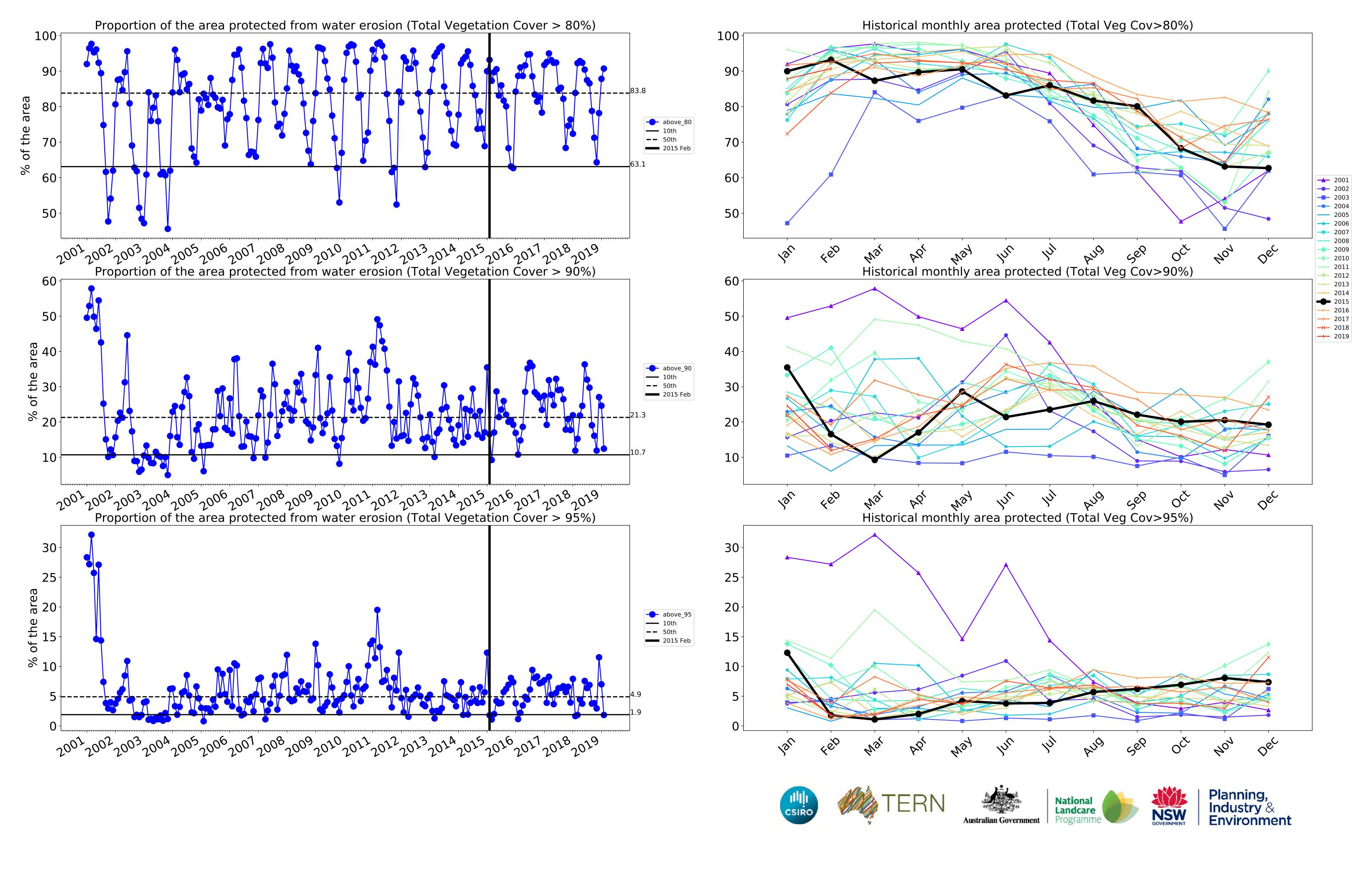
Irrigation timeseries











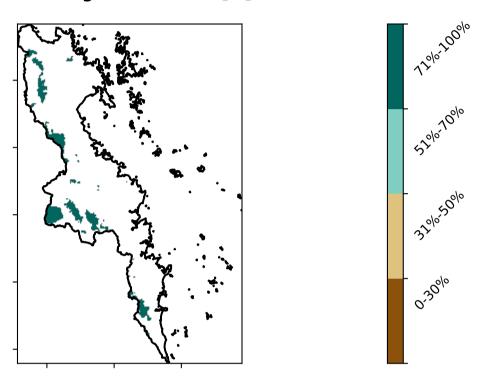
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

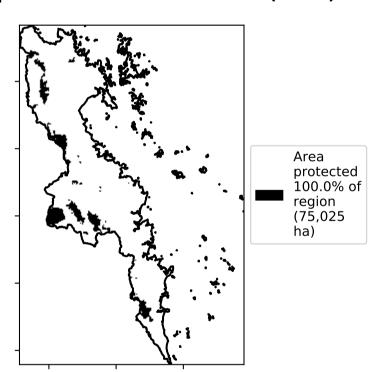
Catchment Scale 1 Production native forests and plantation forests

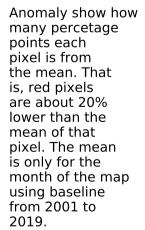
Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

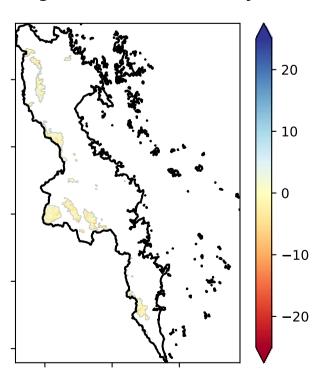


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



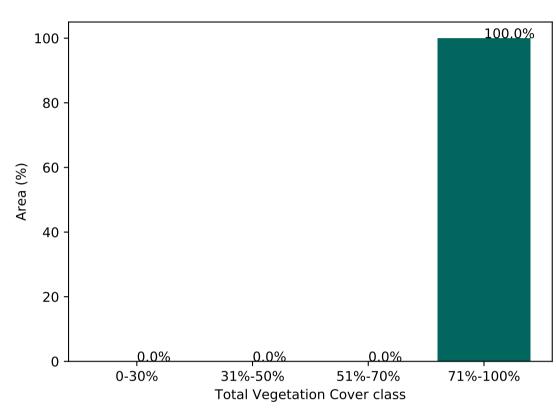


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

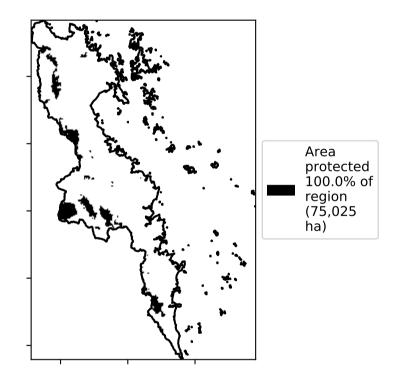


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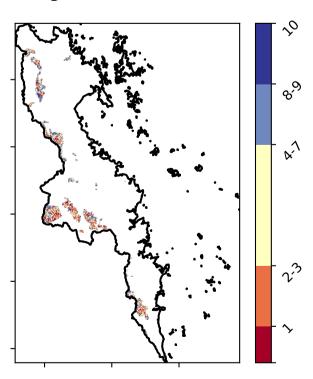
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







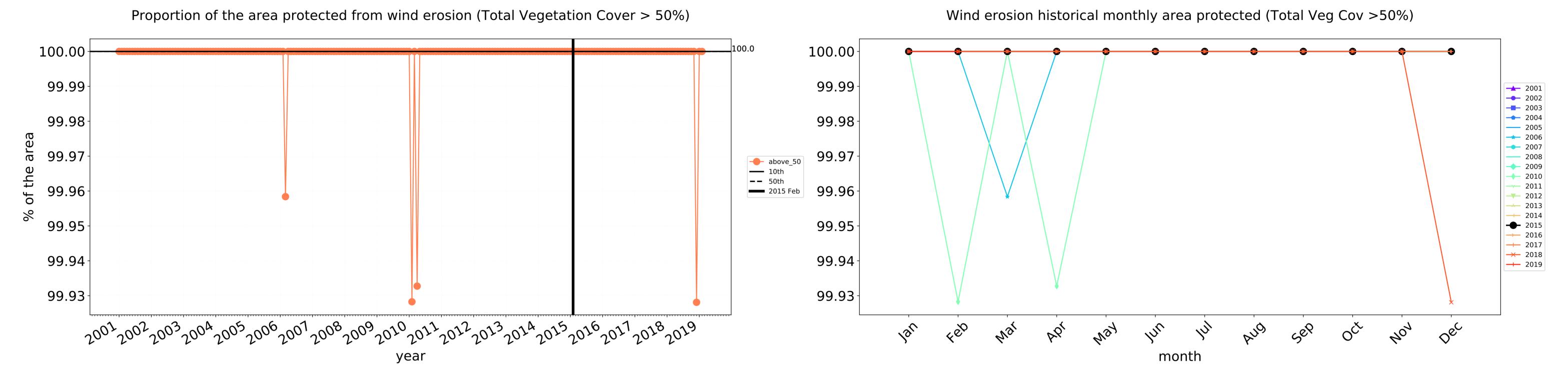


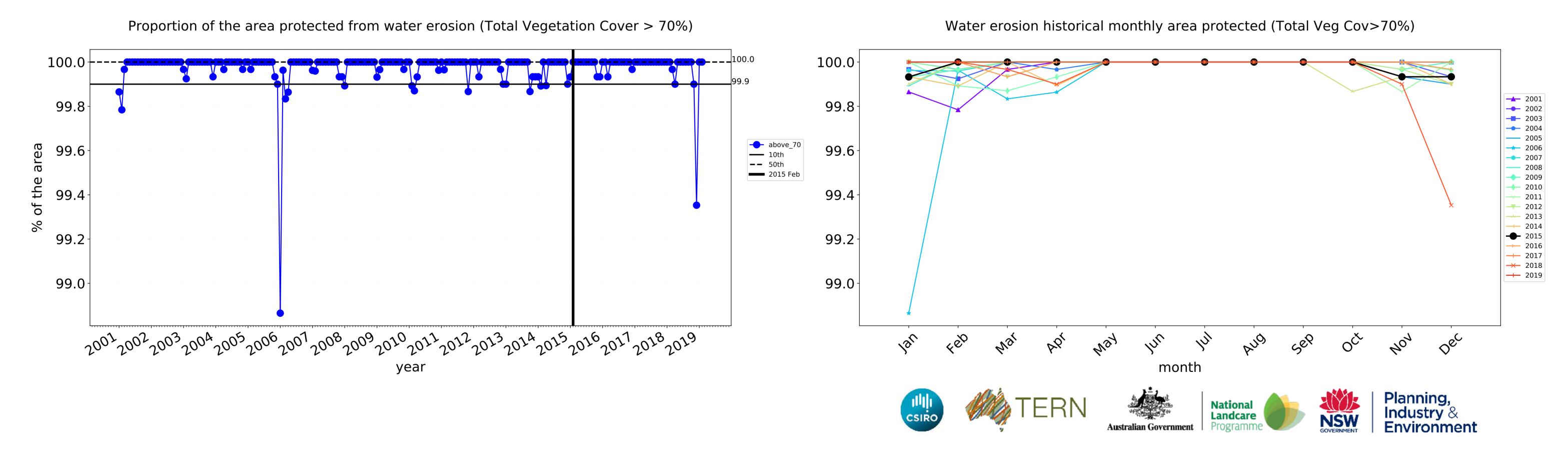


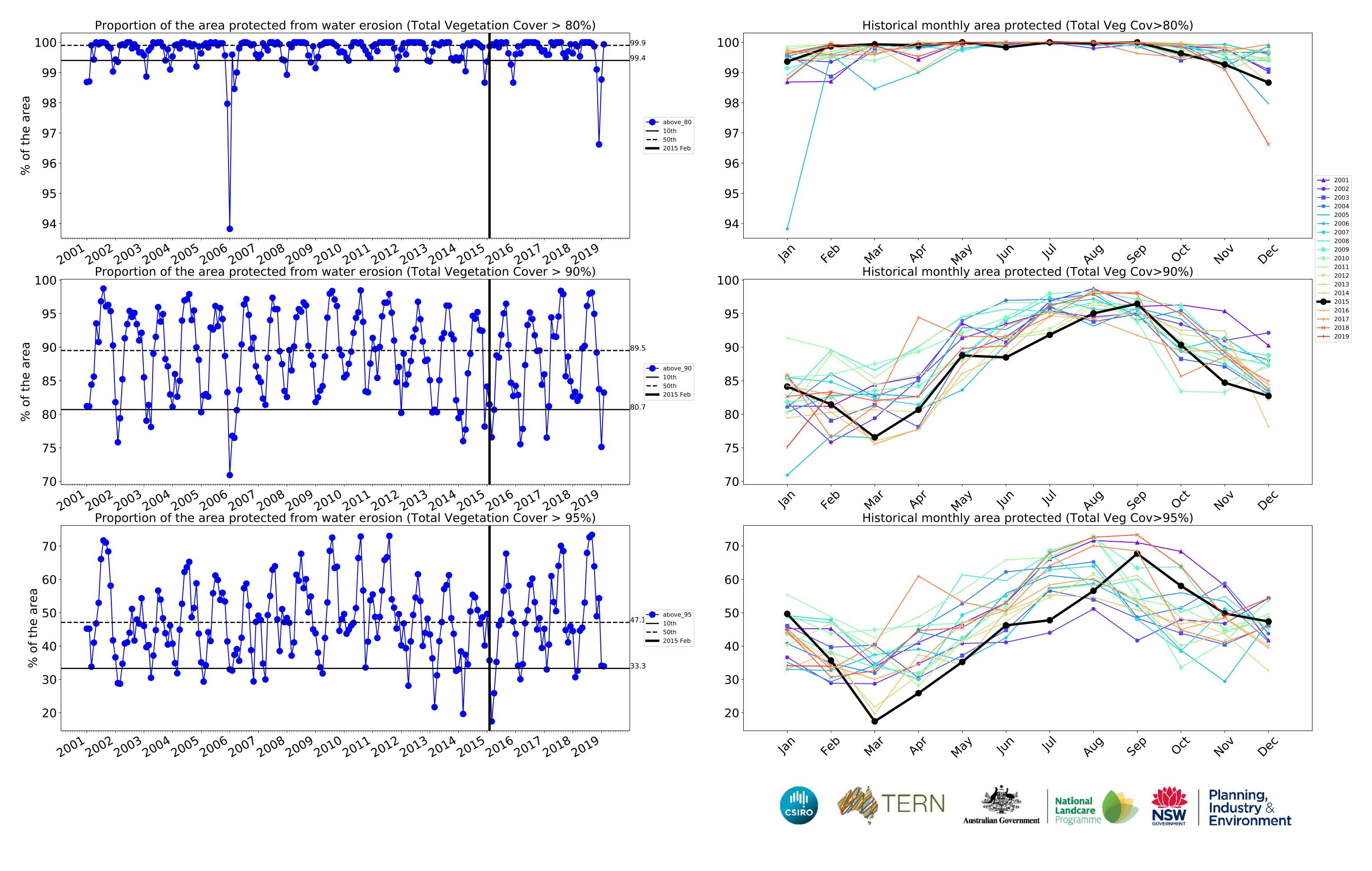




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







Mackay Whitsunday (901,075 ha and no data 31,985 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	901,075	99.9% 900,128	99.7% 898,236	98.3% 886,109	94.0% 846,815	53.2% 479,647	21.4% 193,108
Conservation and natural environments	273,525	99.9% 273,150	99.6% 272,375	98.3% 268,825	96.1% 262,925	73.9% 202,175	36.9% 100,900
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,100	97.9% 6,950	95.8% 6,800	89.1% 6,325	79.6% 5,650	47.2% 3,350	27.5% 1,950
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,550	99.8% 74,425	99.6% 74,225	98.0% 73,075	95.3% 71,075	63.0% 46,950	22.2% 16,550
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	191,875	99.9% 191,775	99.7% 191,350	98.7% 189,425	97.0% 186,200	79.2% 151,875	42.9% 82,400
Agriculture	468,325	100.0% 468,250	100.0% 468,150	99.7% 466,750	95.9% 449,200	41.4% 193,925	11.8% 55,475
Grazing	298,300	100.0% 298,225	99.9% 298,150	99.6% 297,175	97.5% 290,750	55.6% 165,750	17.6% 52,425
Grazing non forest	189,175	100.0% 189,100	99.9% 189,050	99.6% 188,350	97.0% 183,475	49.5% 93,675	15.1% 28,525
Grazing Woodland forest	80,575	100.0% 80,575	100.0% 80,550	99.8% 80,375	98.0% 78,950	63.3% 51,000	21.2% 17,100
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.6% 28,450	99.2% 28,325	73.8% 21,075	23.8% 6,800
Irrigation	169,975	100.0% 169,975	100.0% 169,950	99.7% 169,525	93.2% 158,400	16.5% 28,125	1.8% 3,050
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,025	100.0% 75,025	100.0% 75,025	100.0% 75,025	99.9% 74,925	81.5% 61,125	35.7% 26,775











