# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Mackay Whitsunday QLD

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps.

Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest cover class that covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

# **Erosion protection**

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

# Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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**Date: December 2020** 

# **Vegetation Cover Dec 2020**

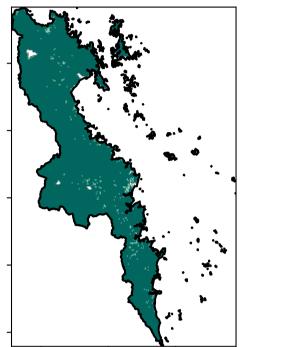
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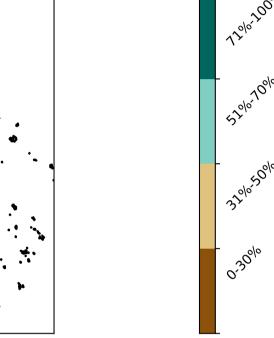
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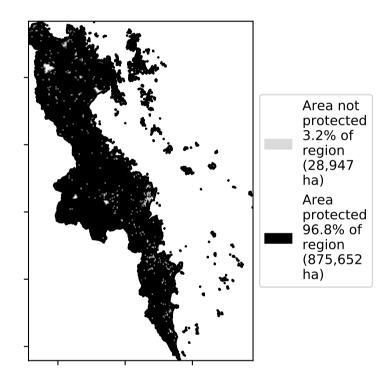
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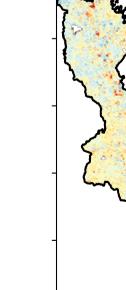
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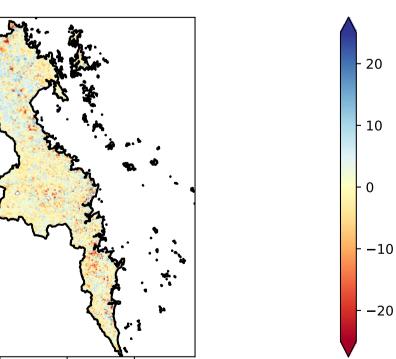
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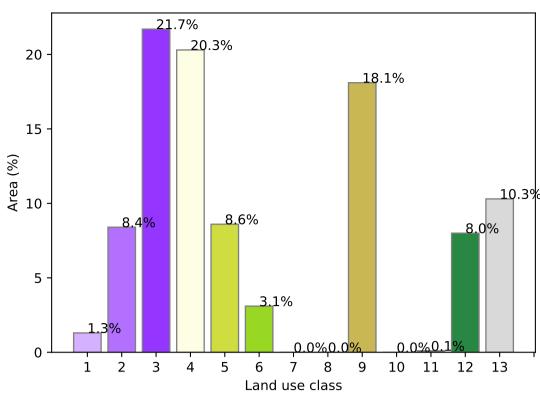
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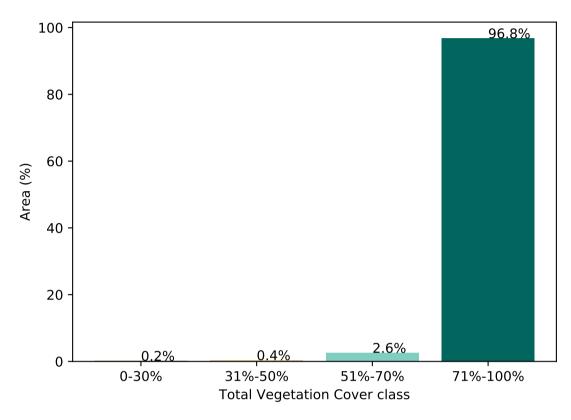


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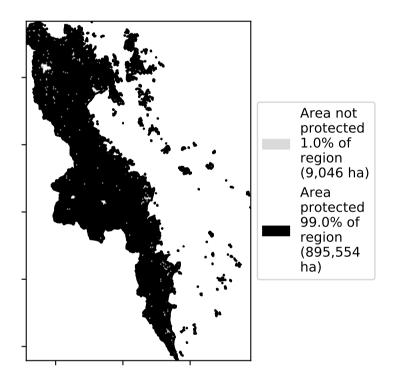
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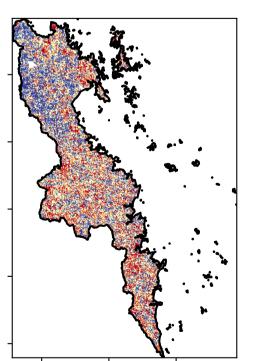
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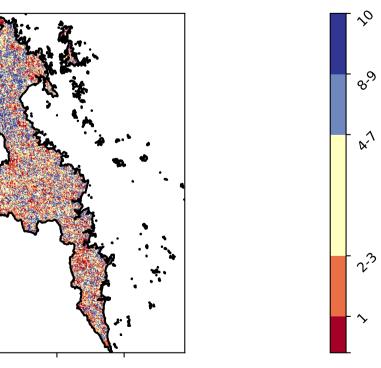


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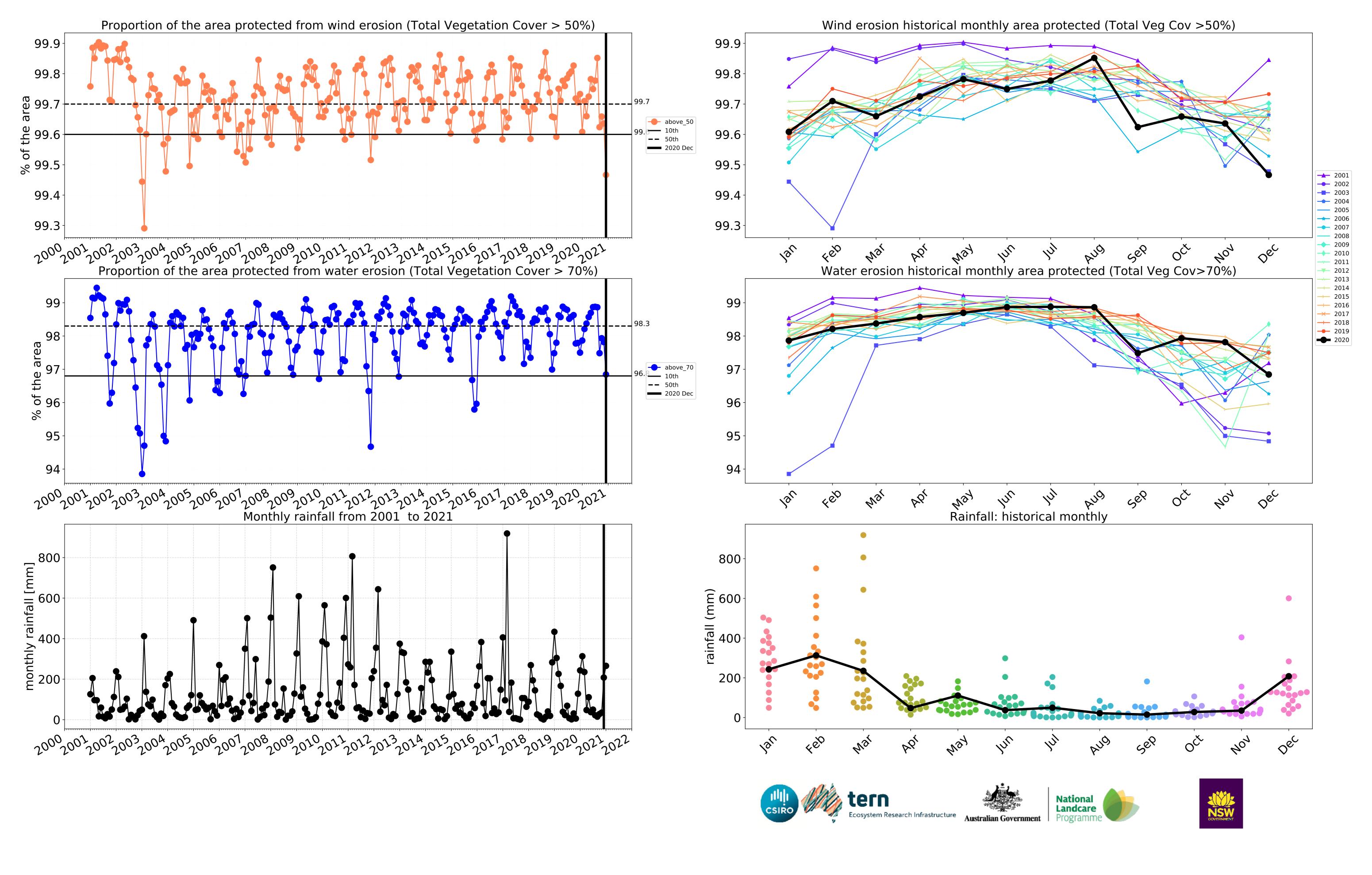


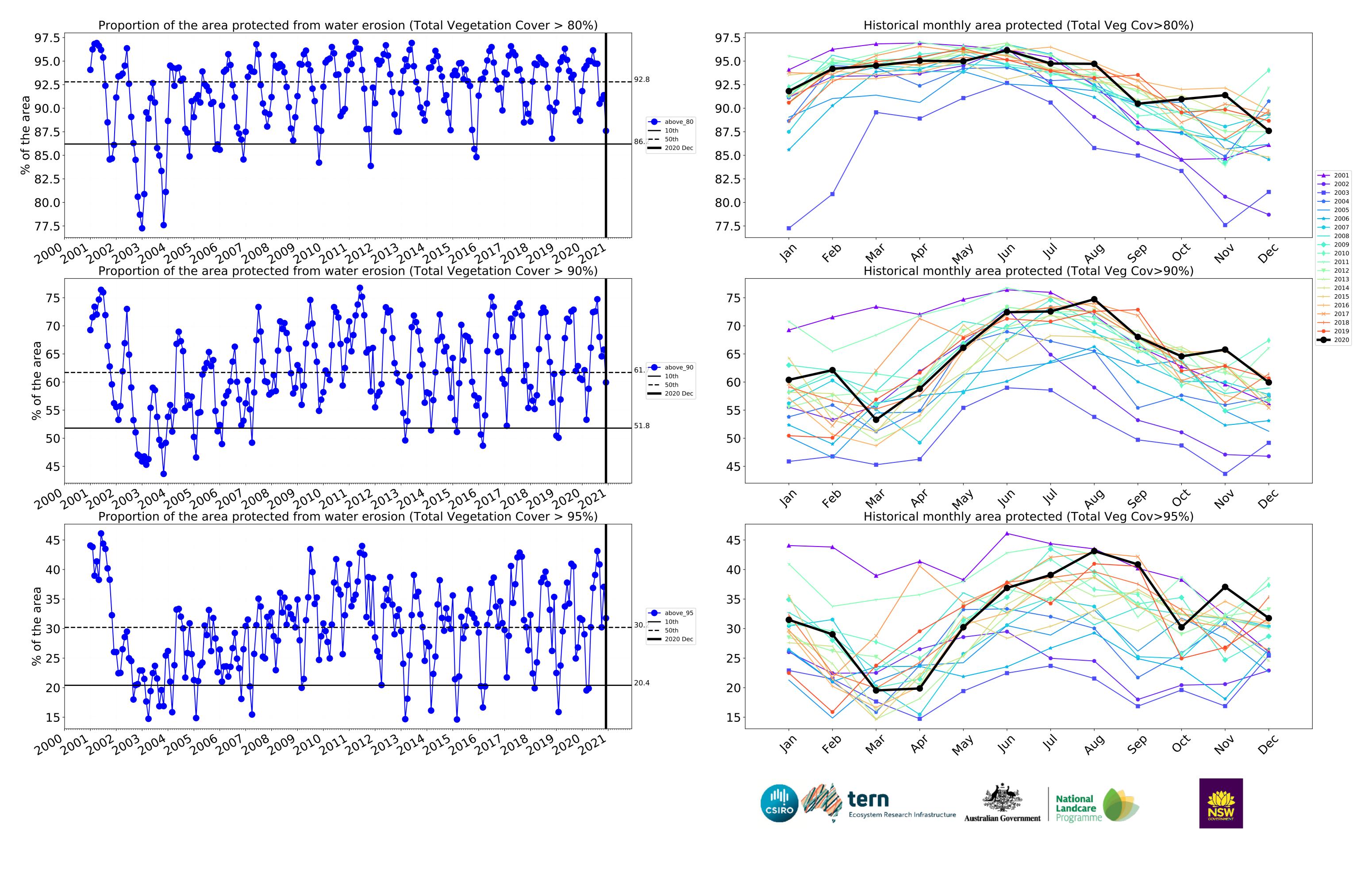












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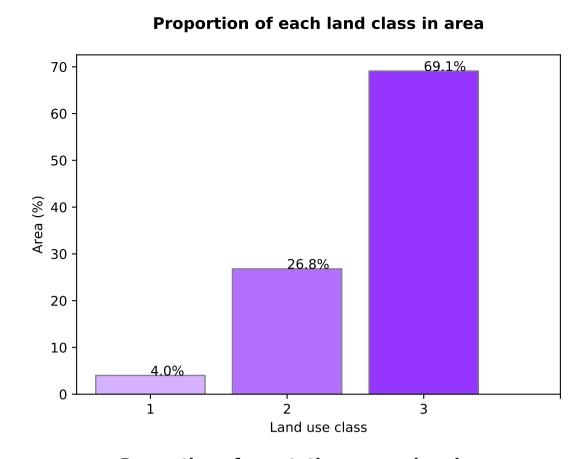
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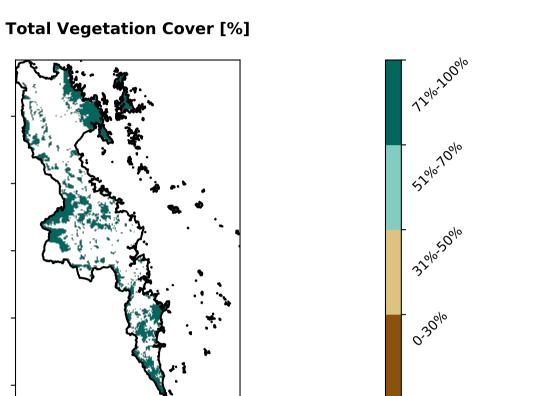
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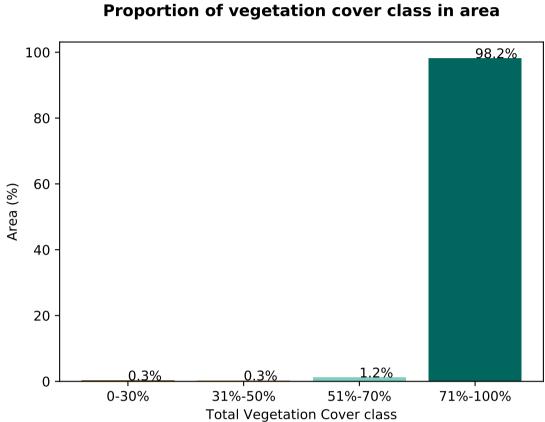
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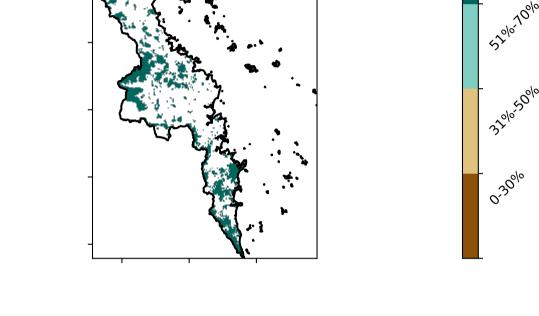
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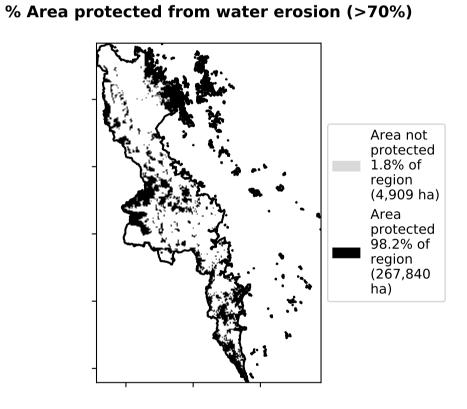


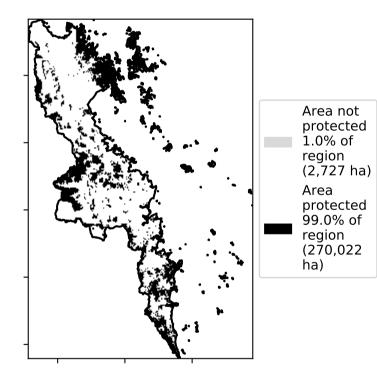




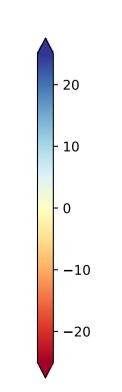
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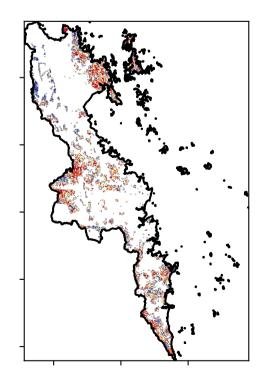


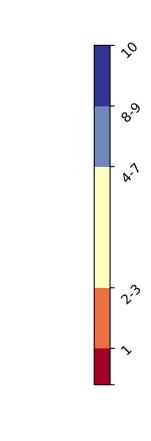
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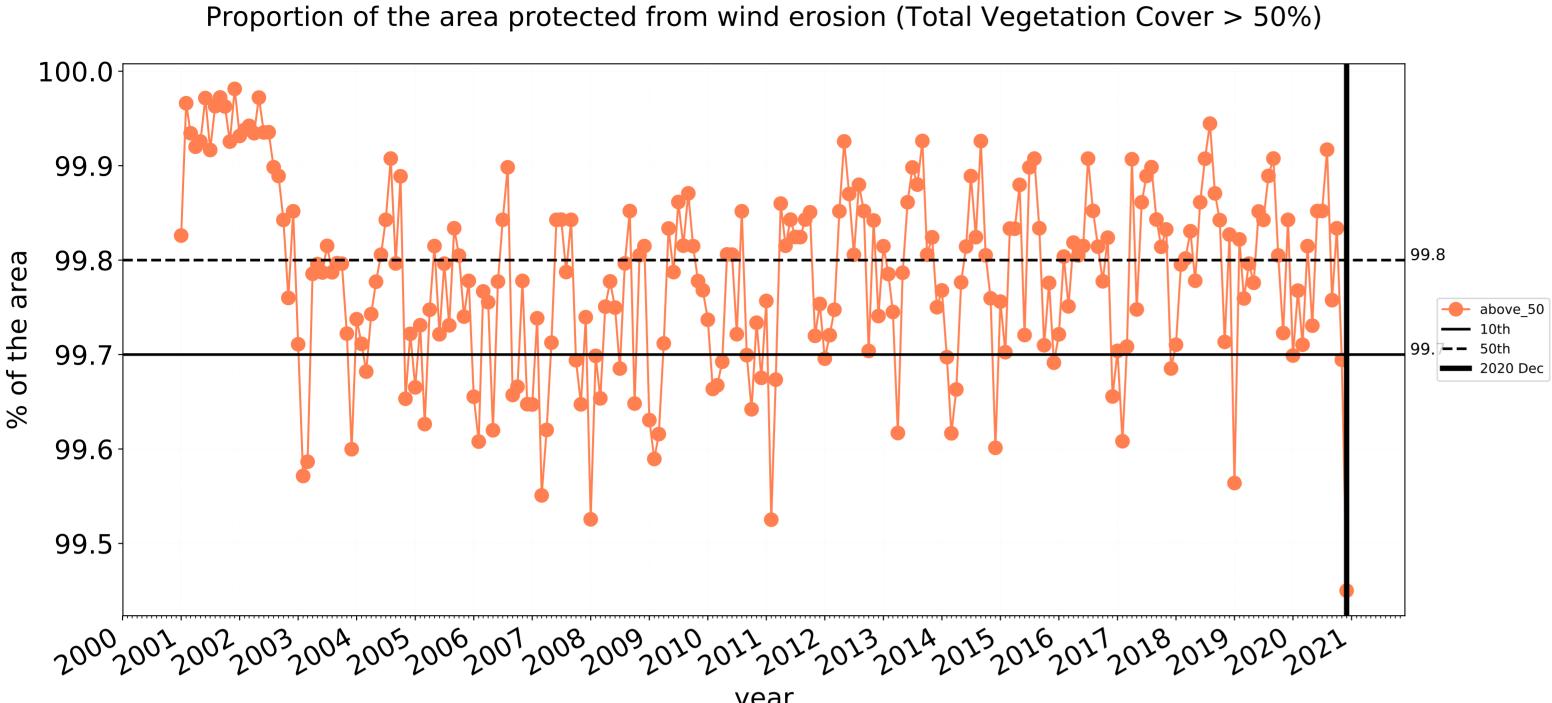


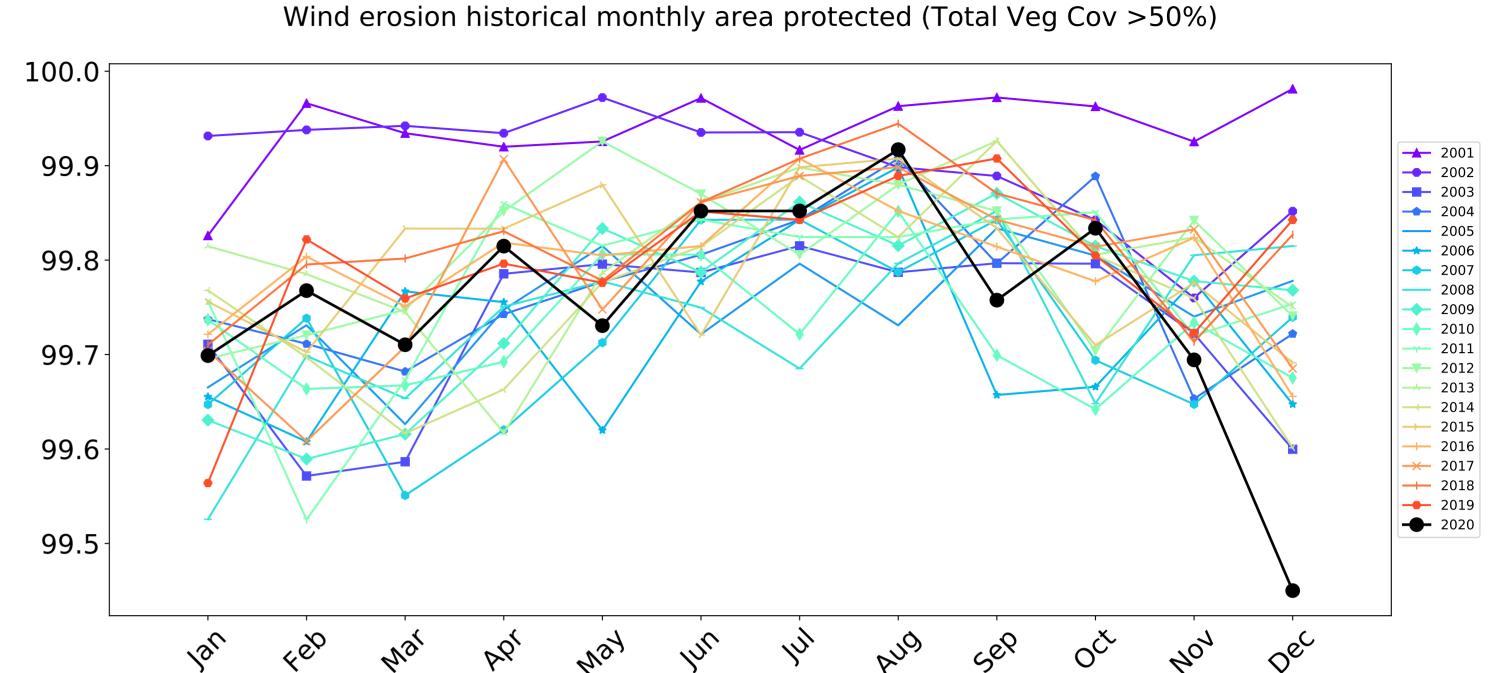


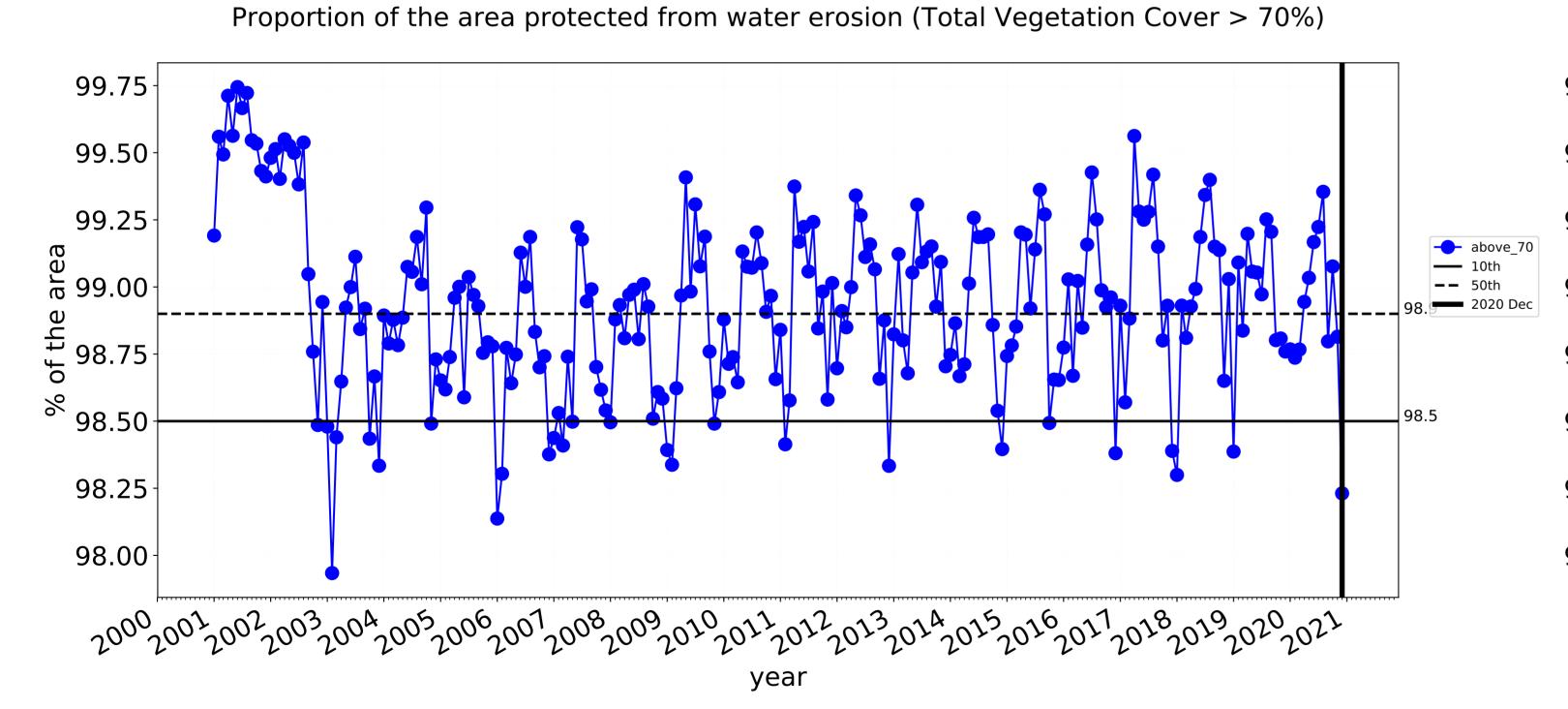


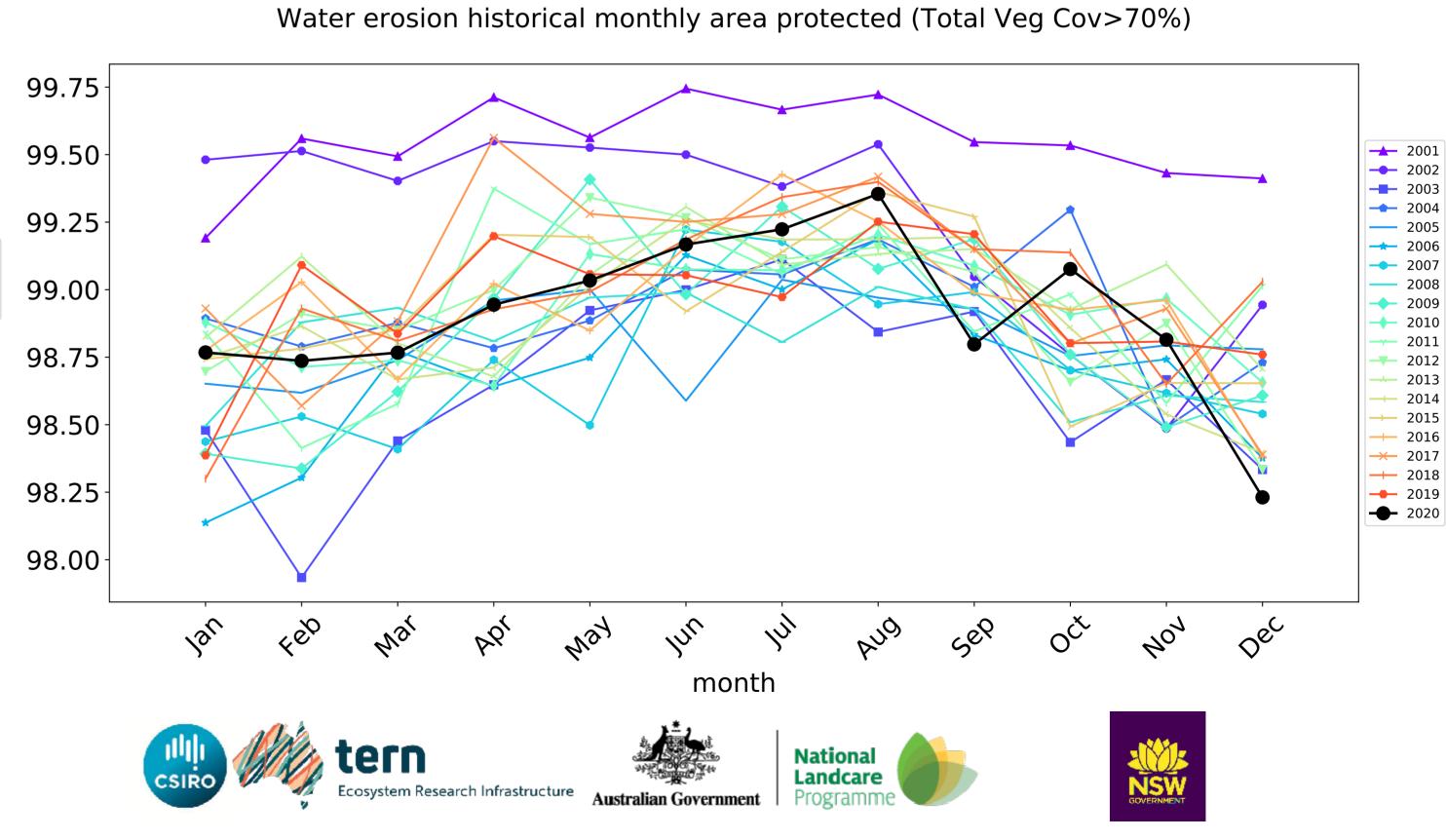


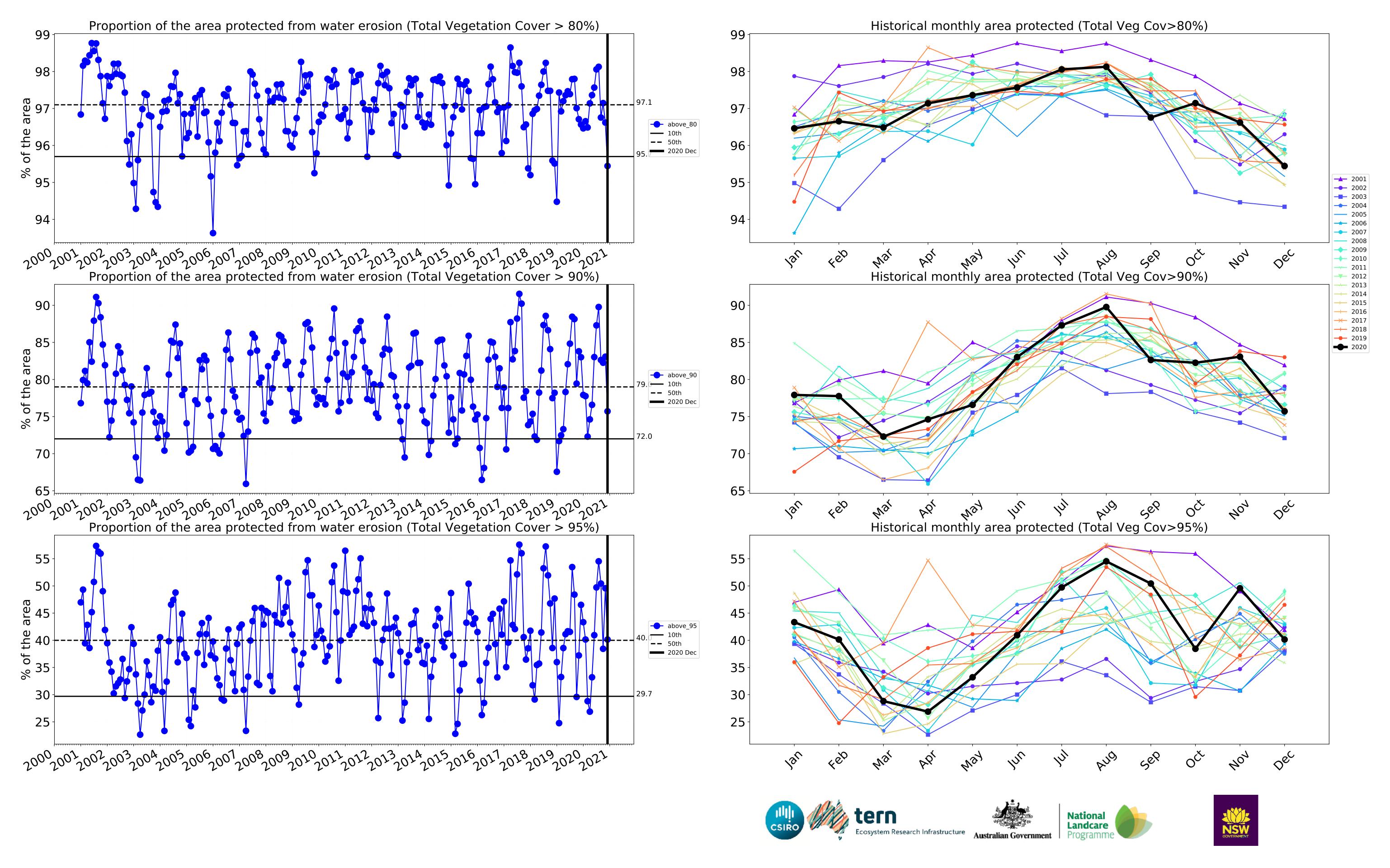
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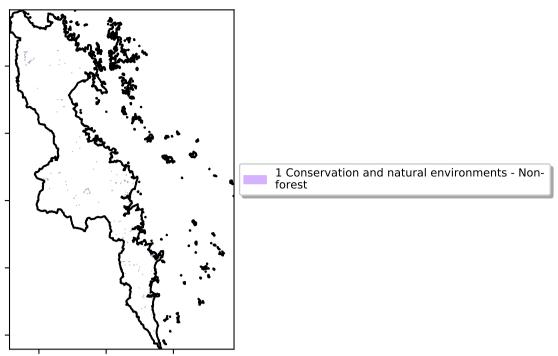




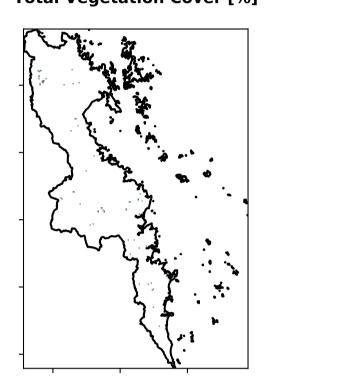
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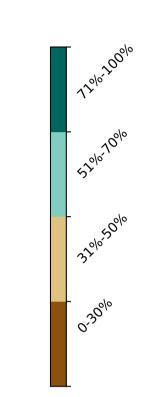
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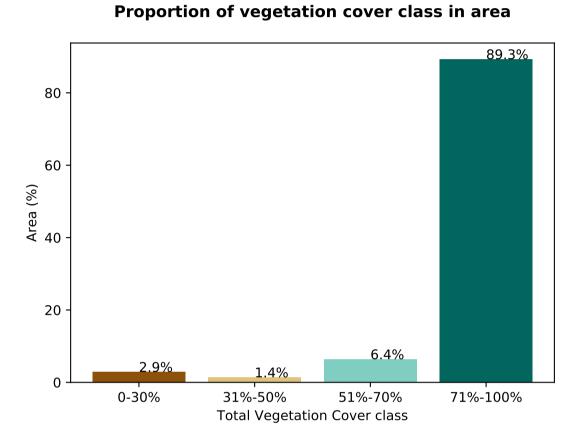
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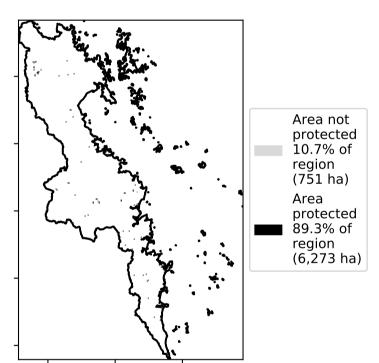
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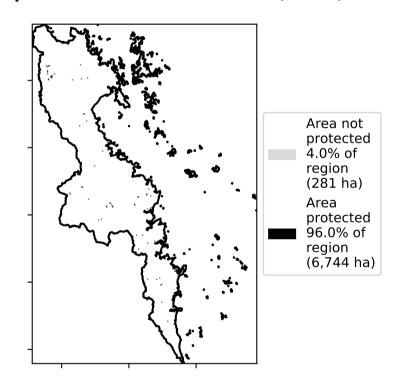




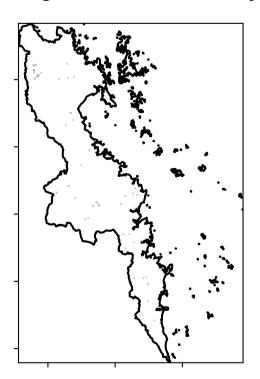
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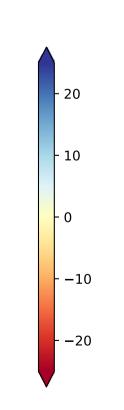


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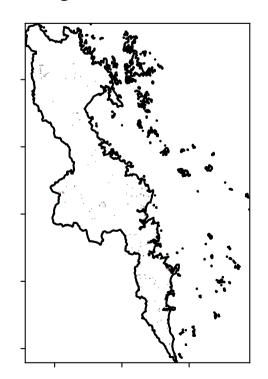
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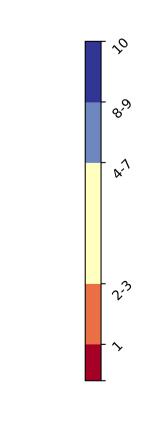




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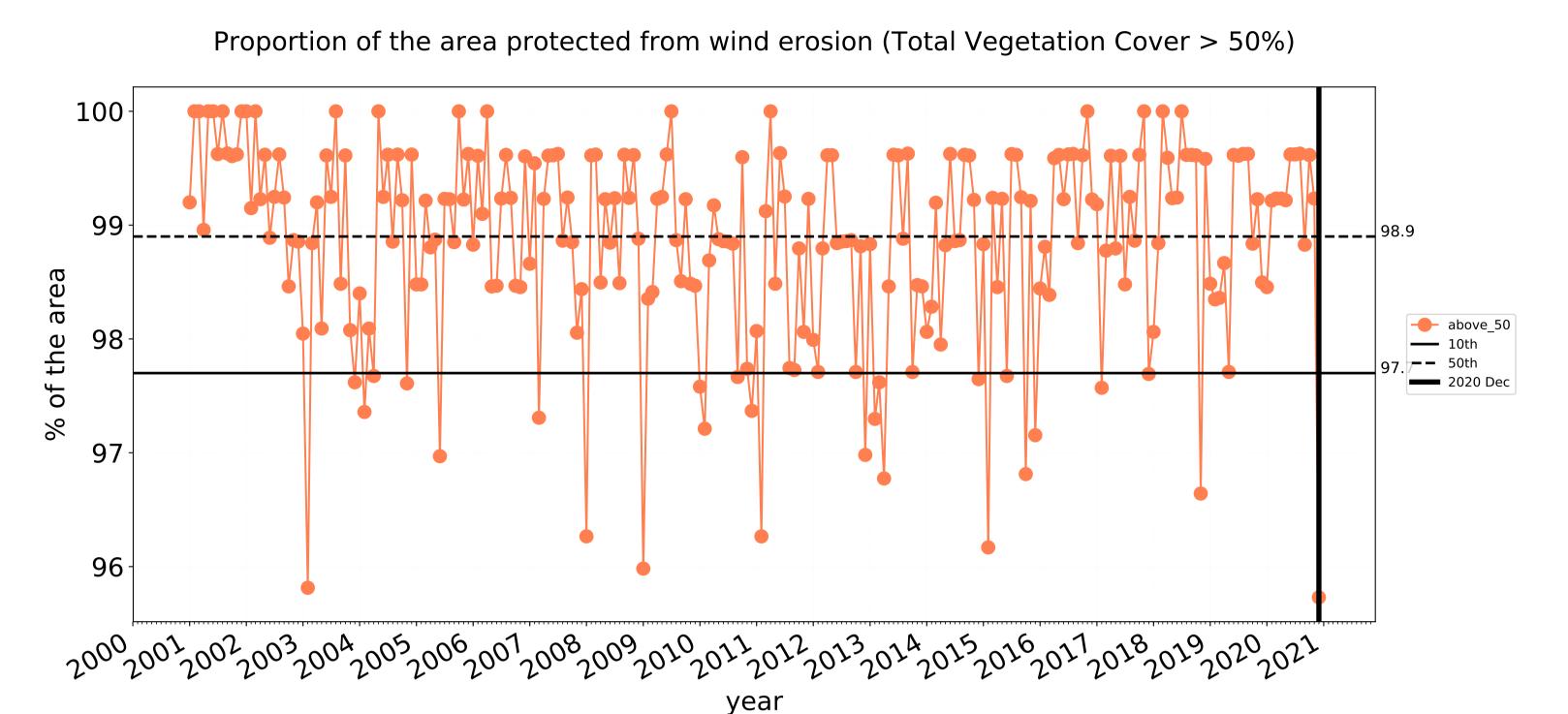


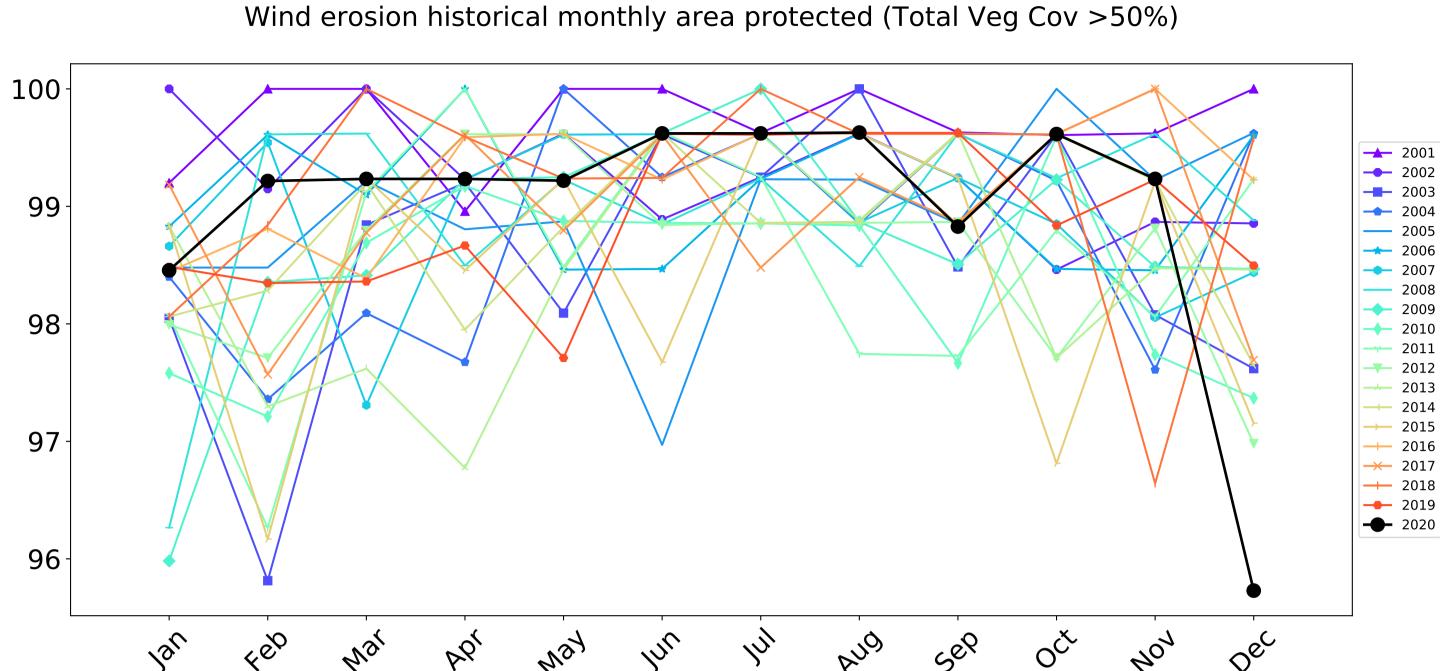






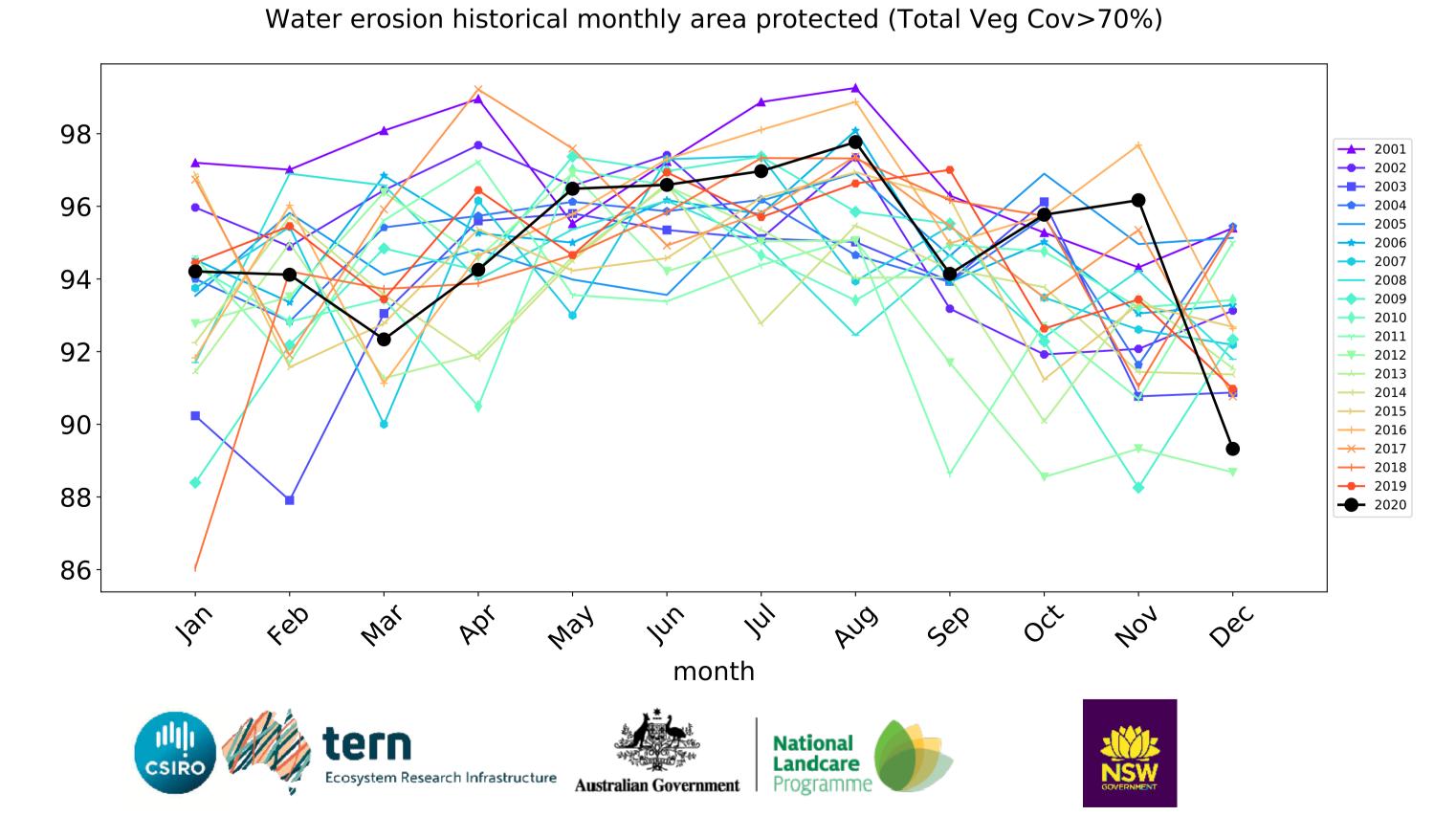
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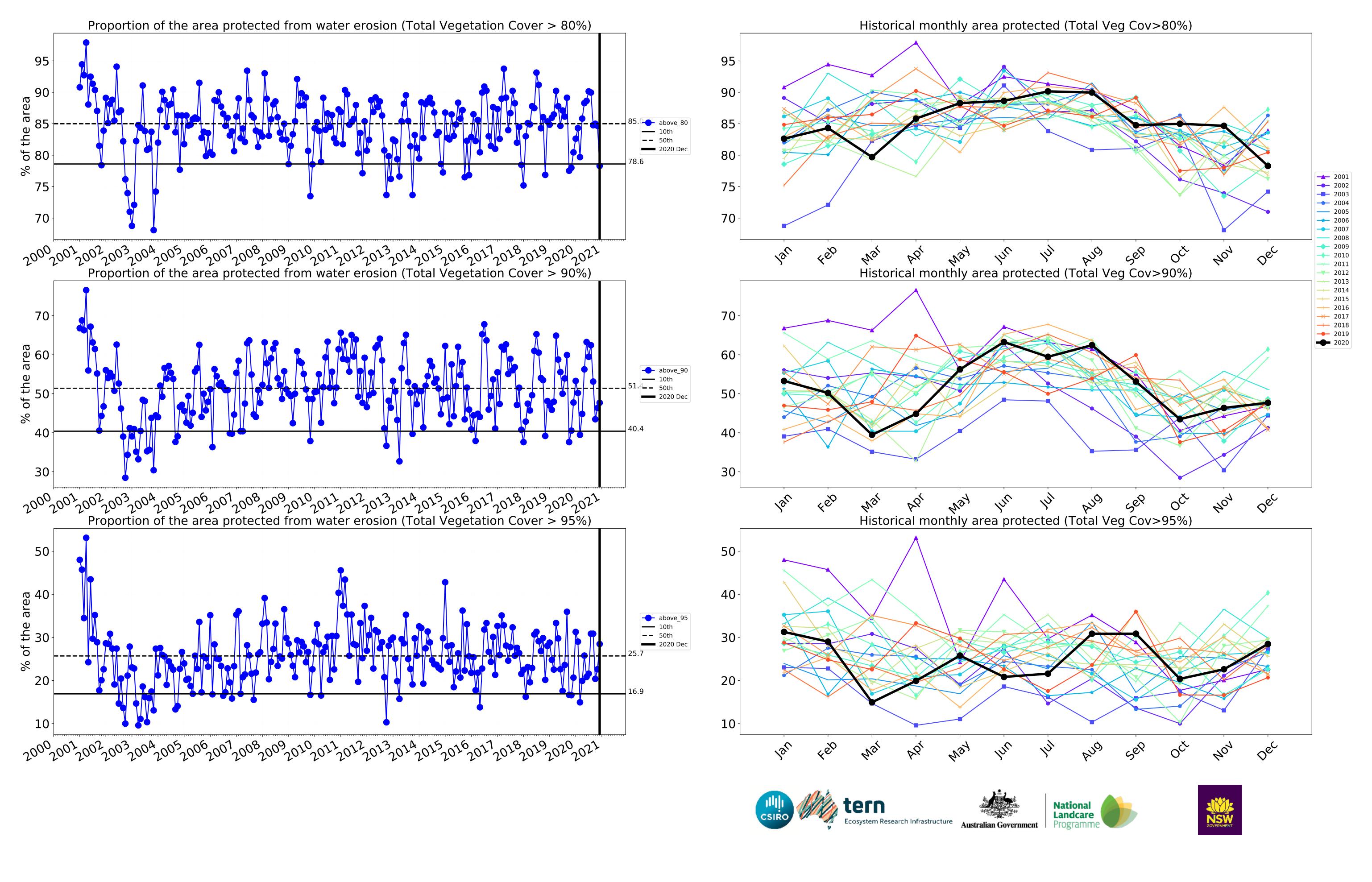




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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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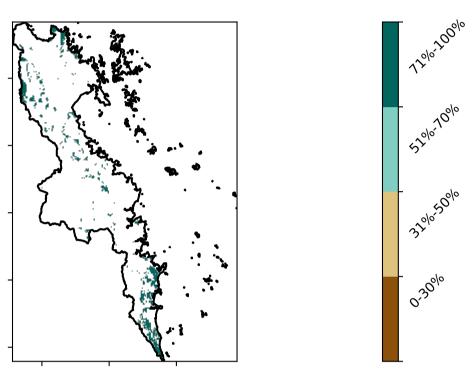
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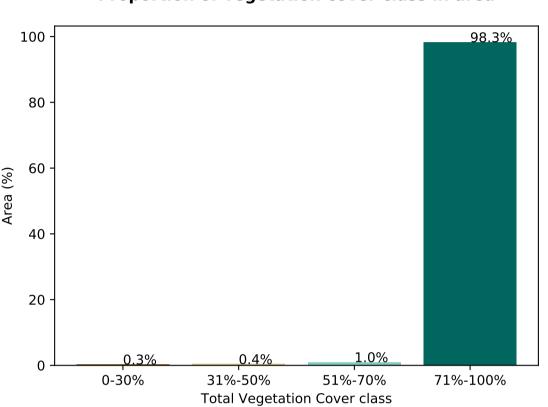
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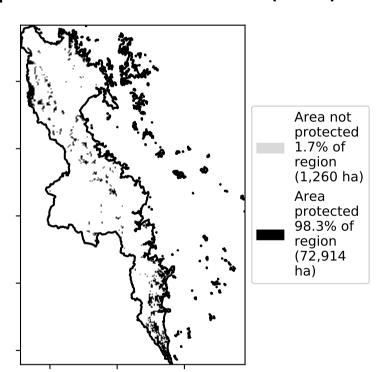
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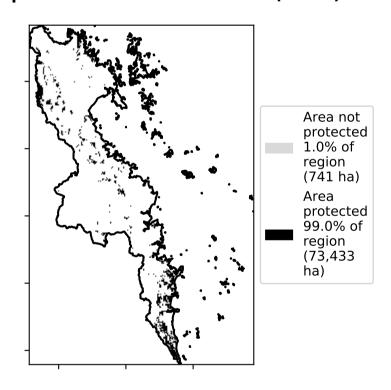
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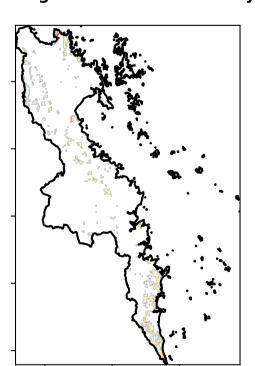
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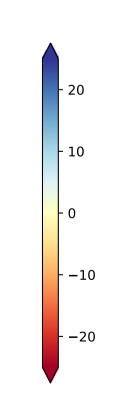


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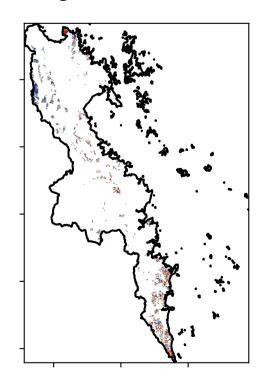
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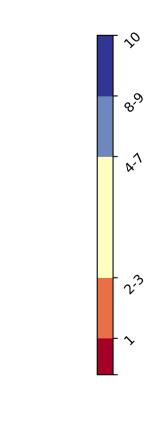




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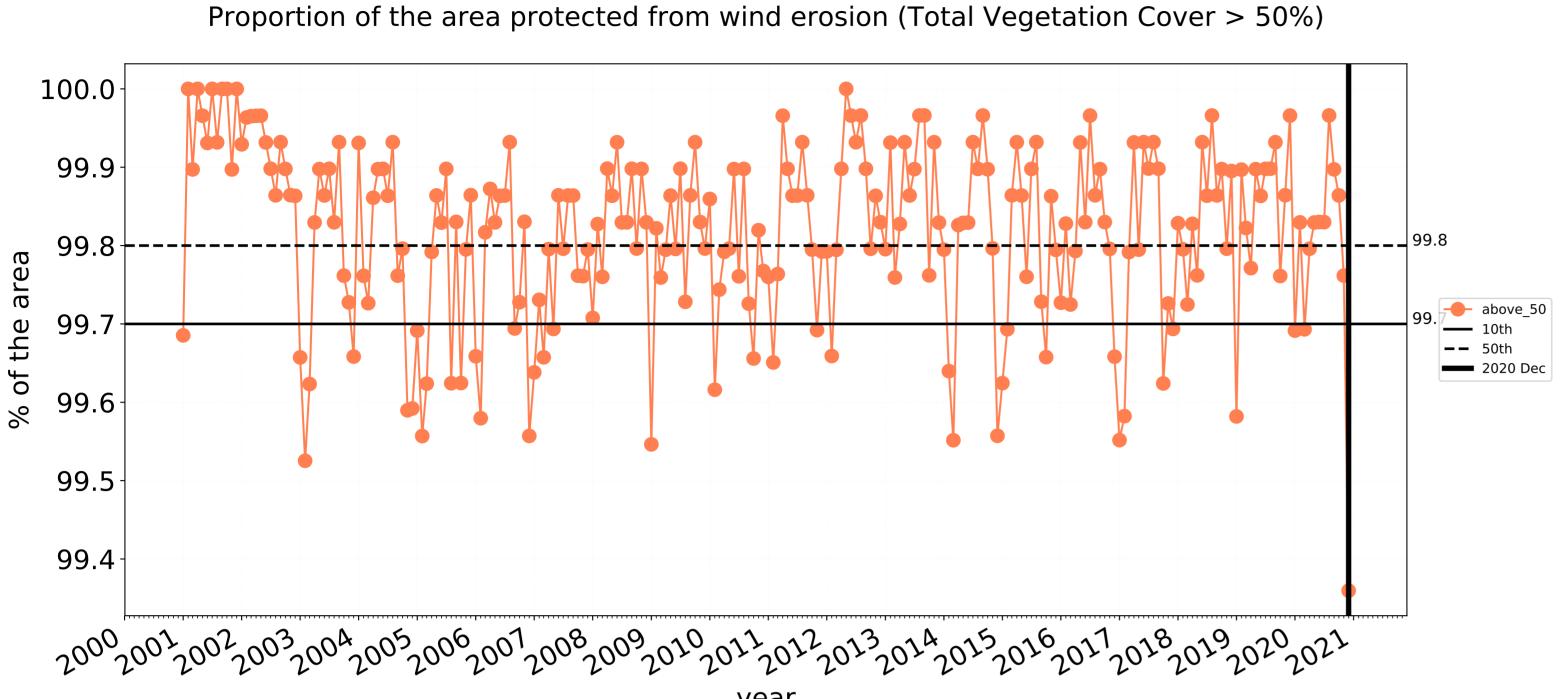


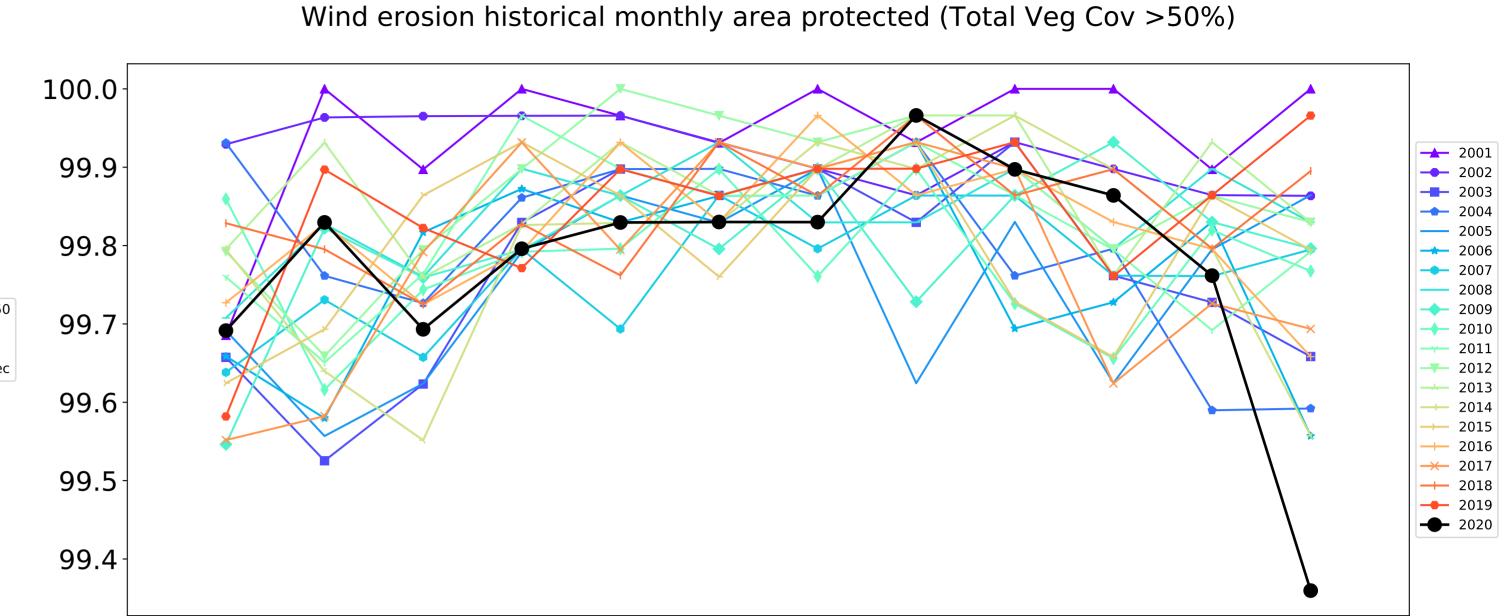


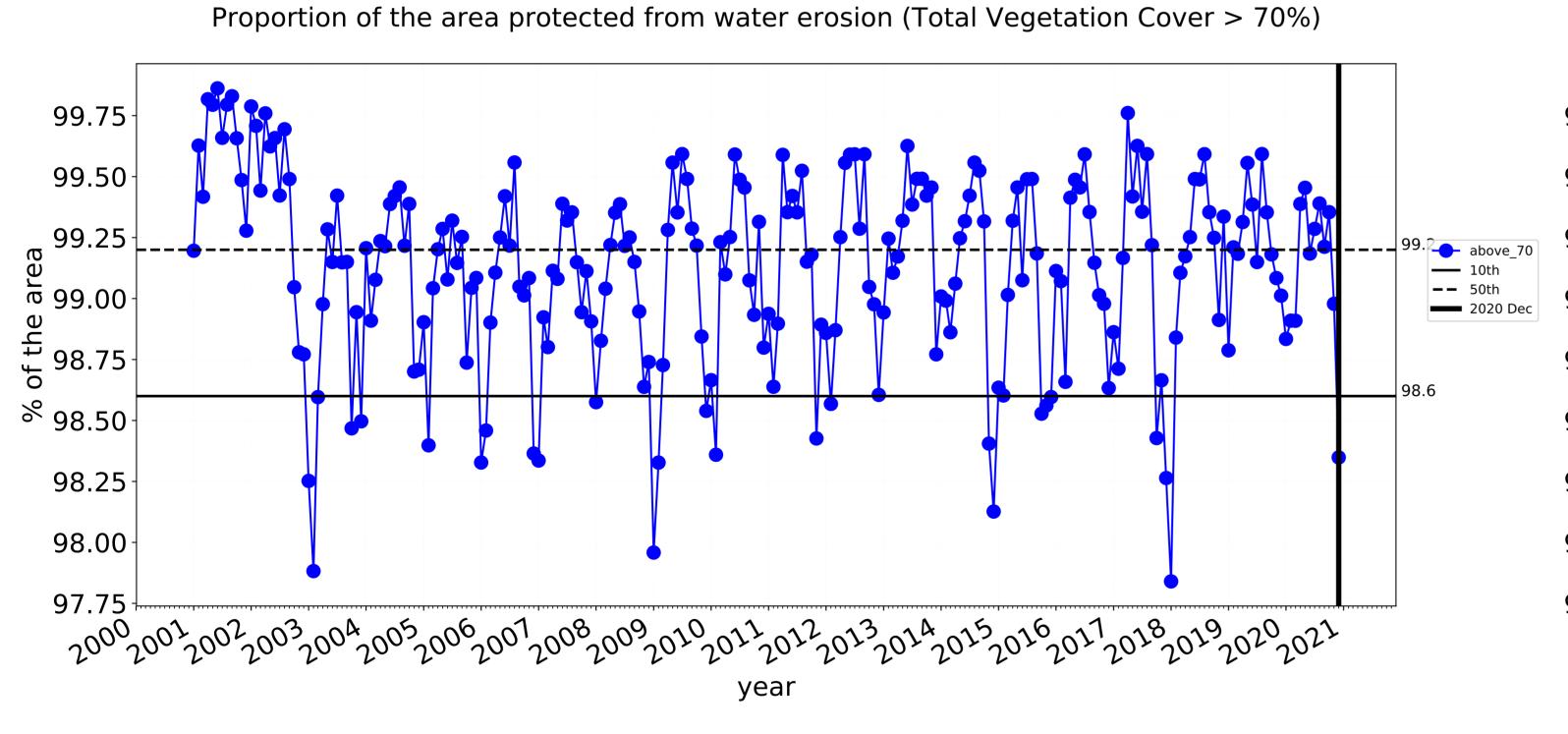


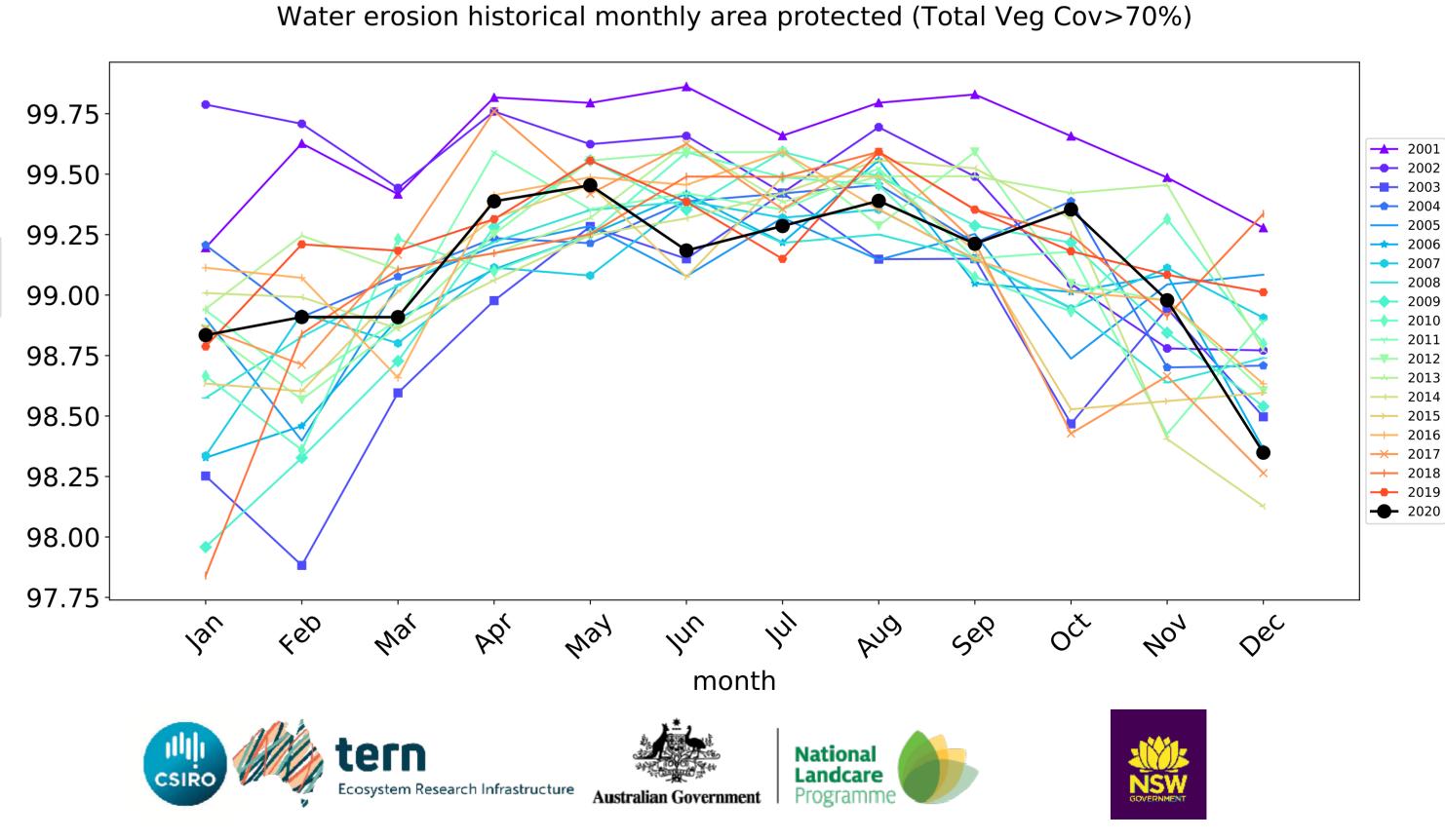


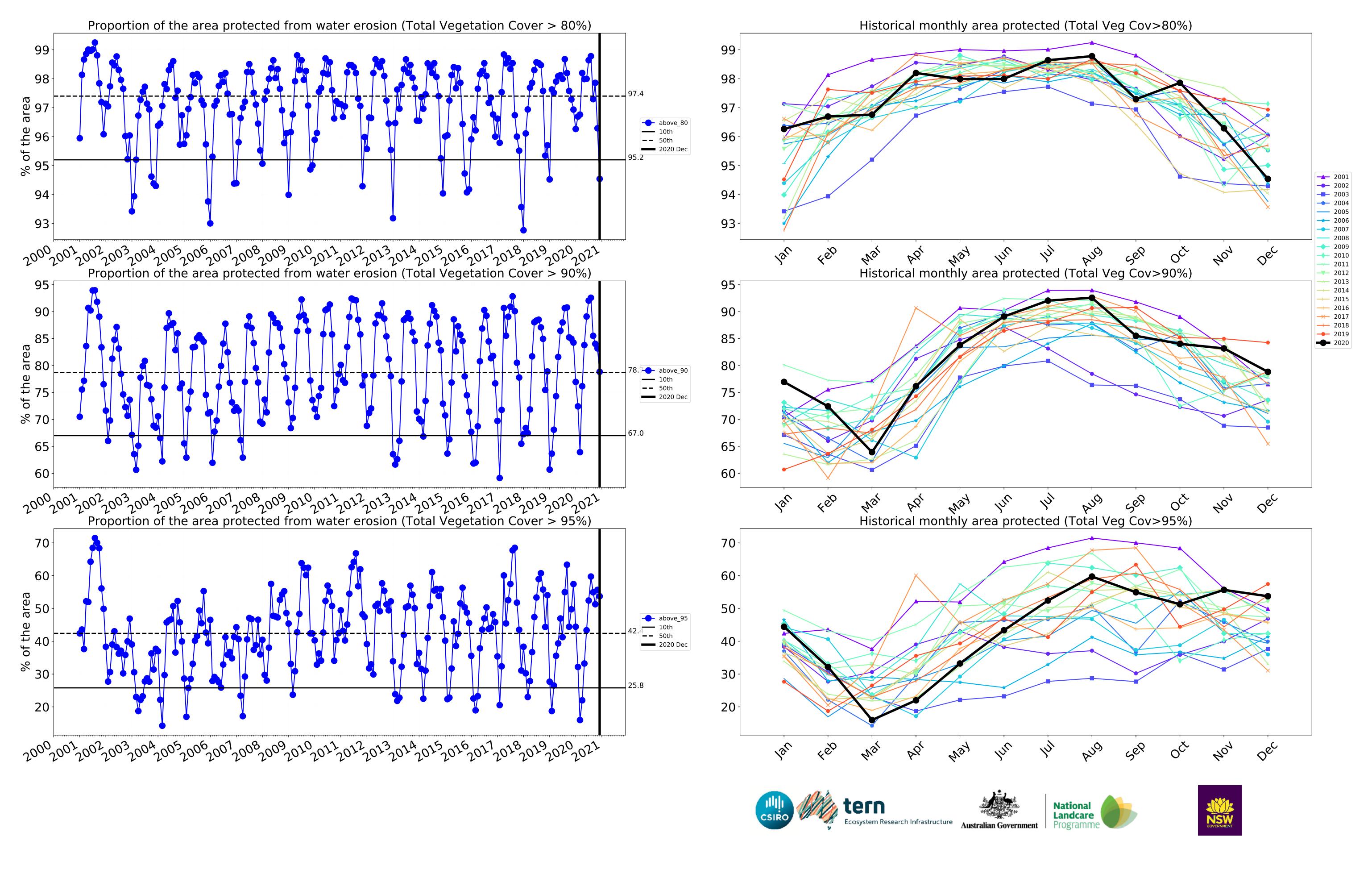
# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**











# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

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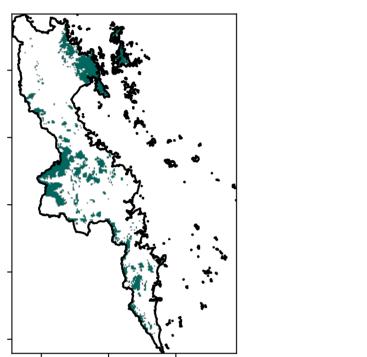
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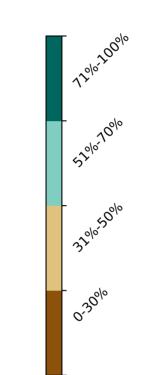
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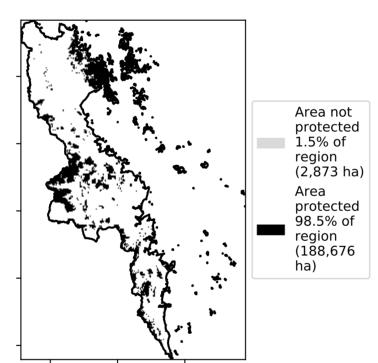
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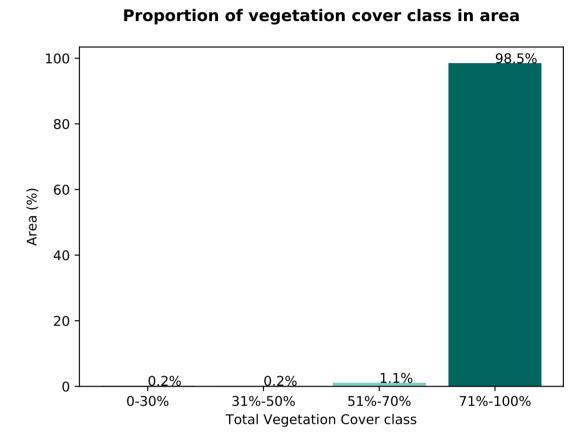
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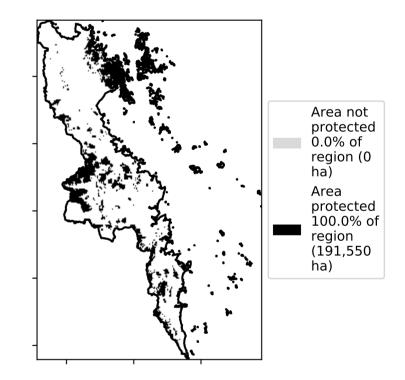


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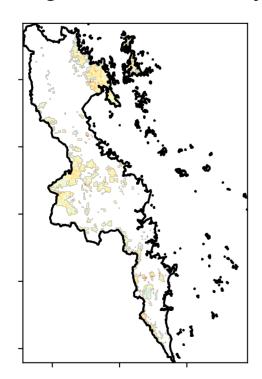


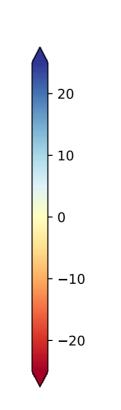


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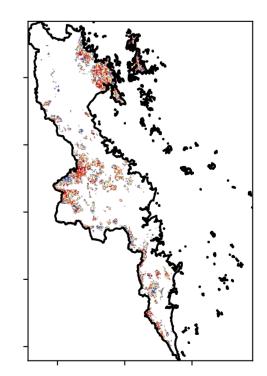
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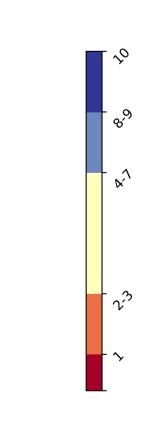




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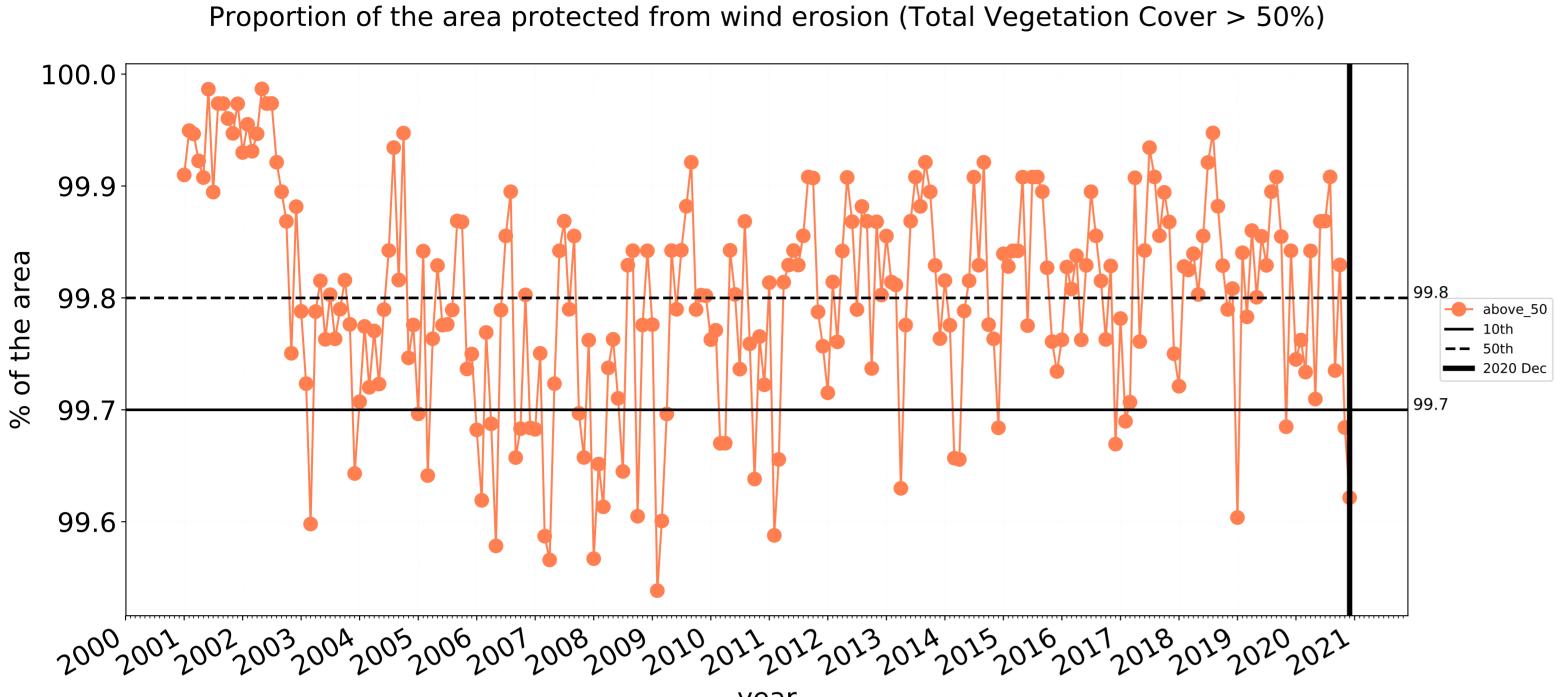


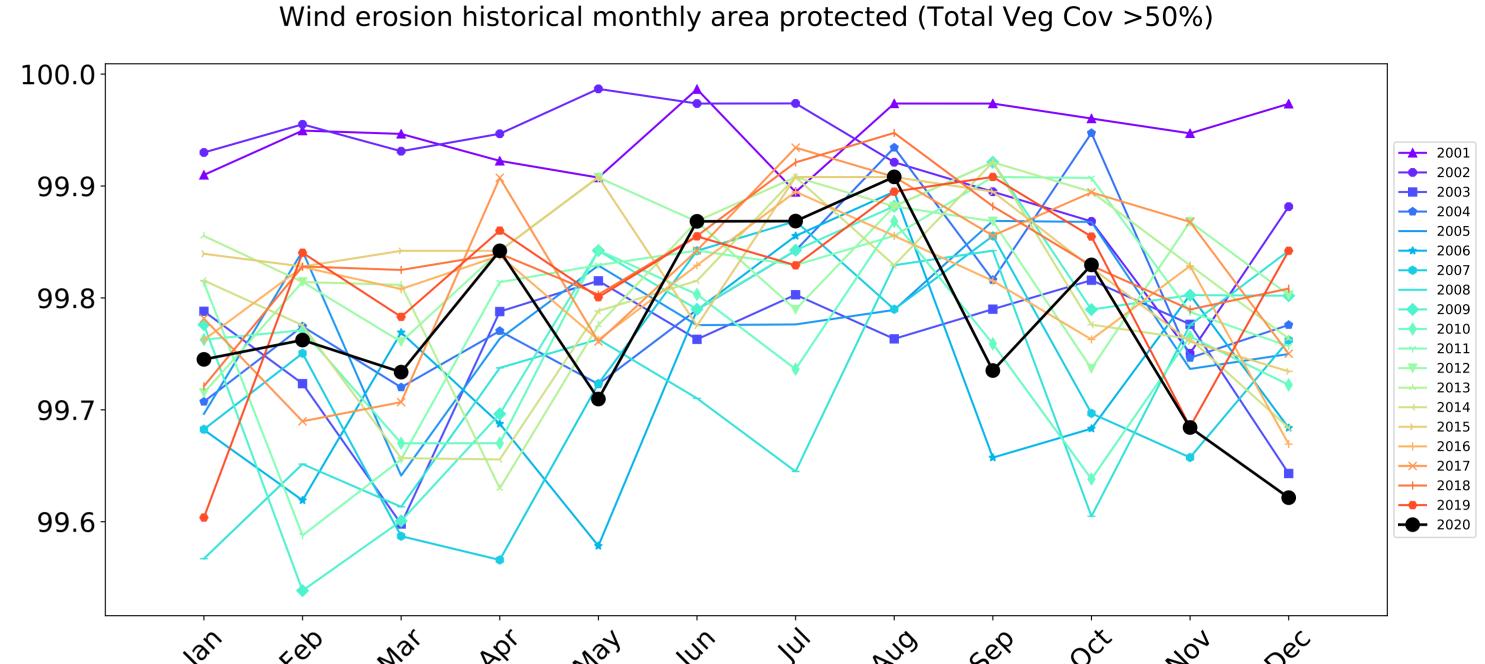


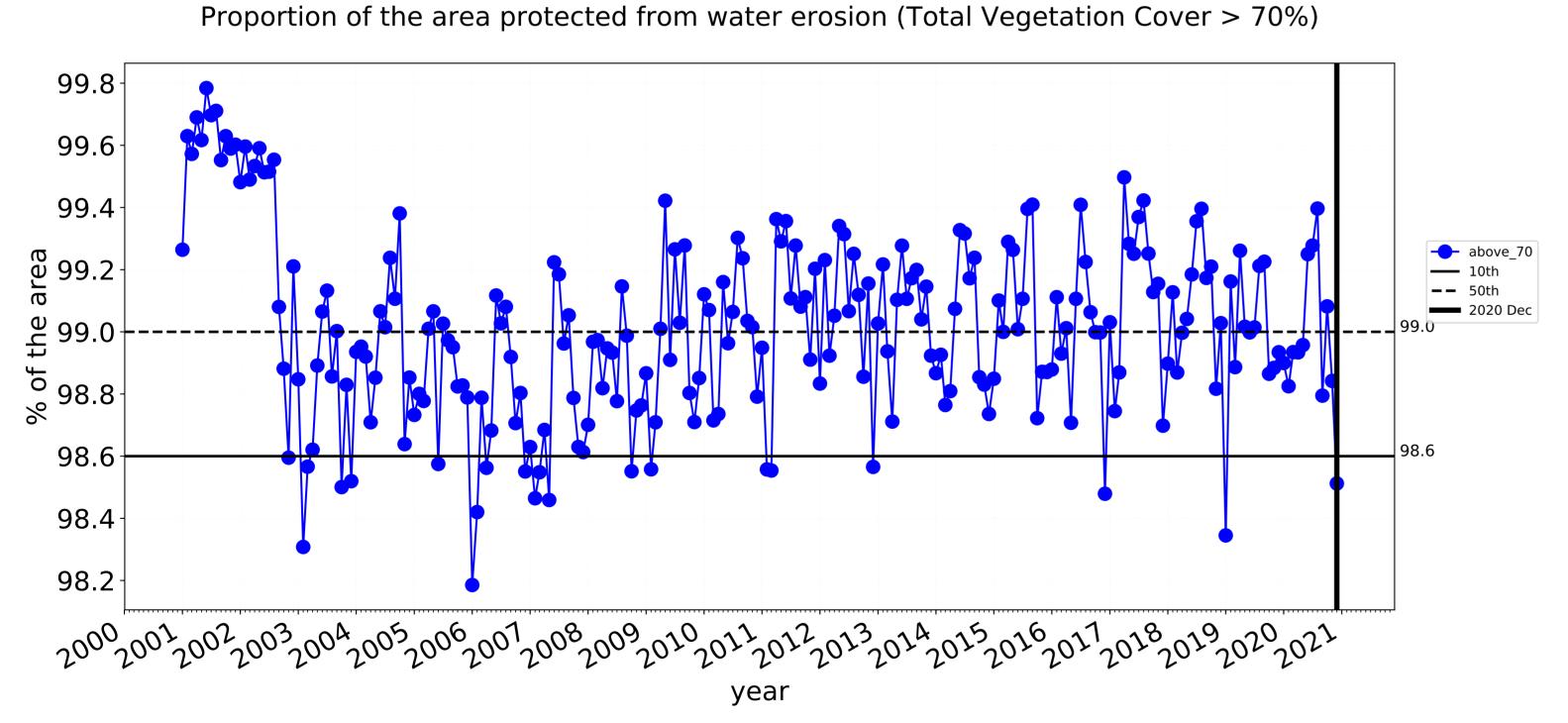


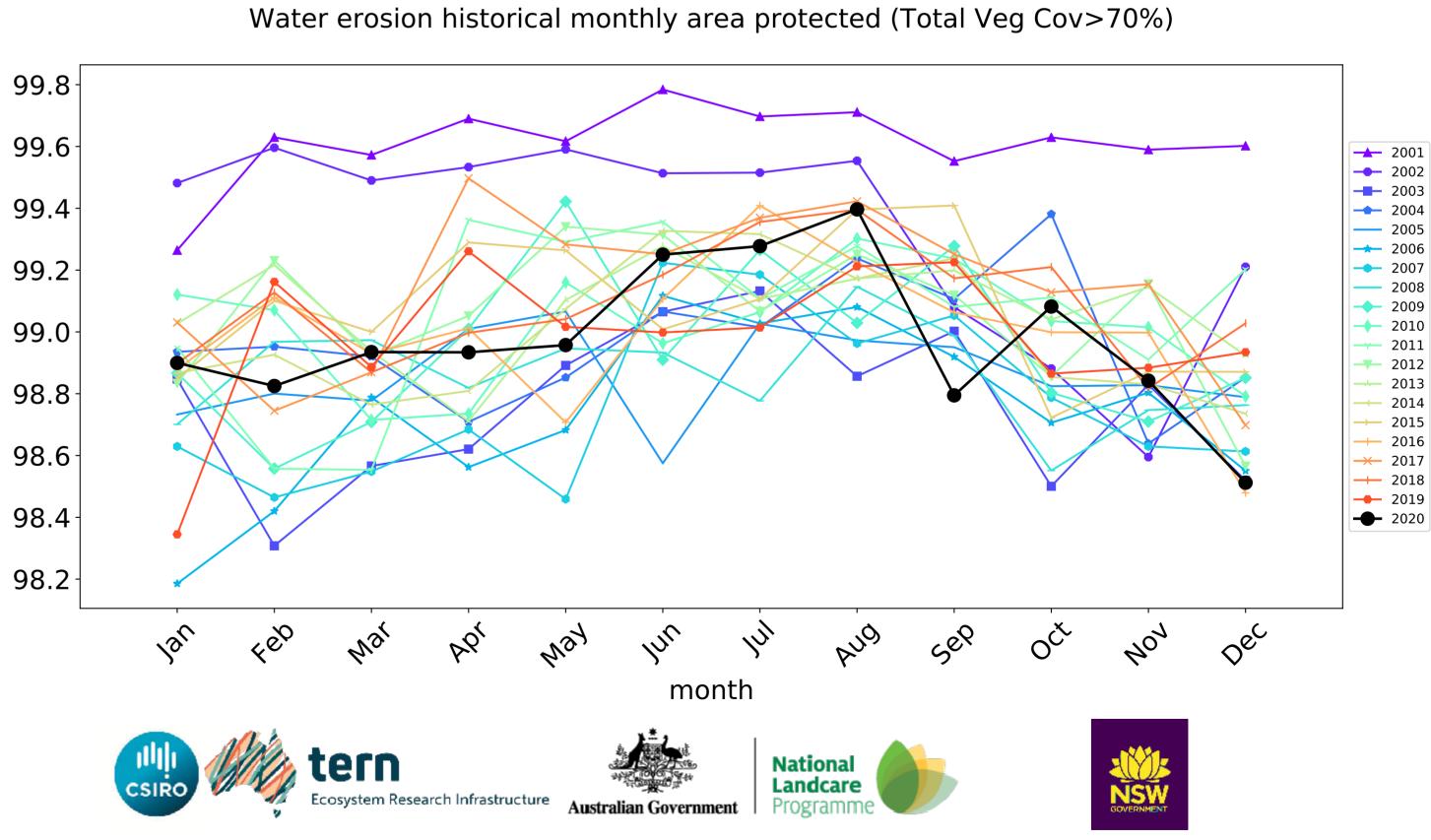


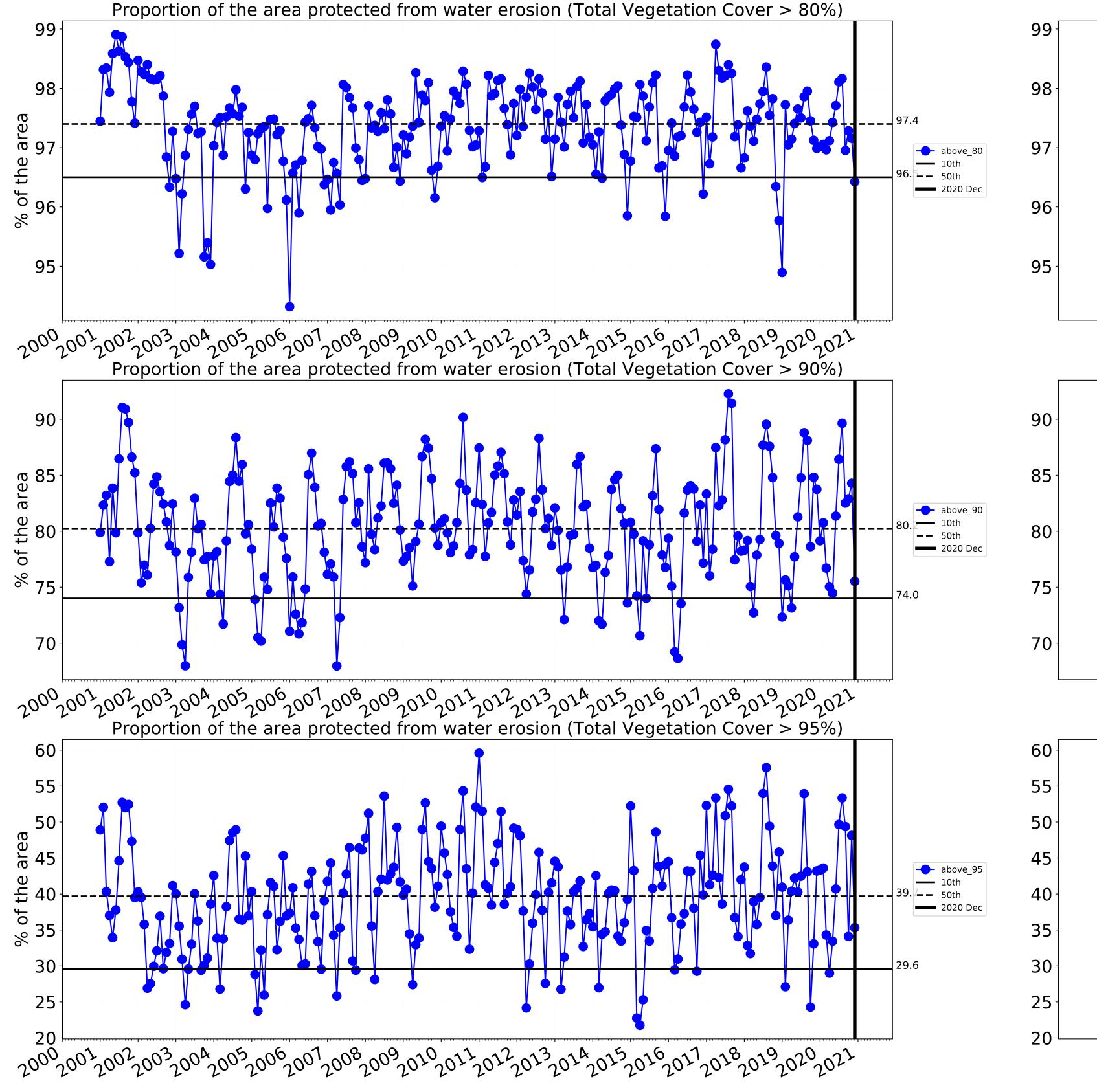
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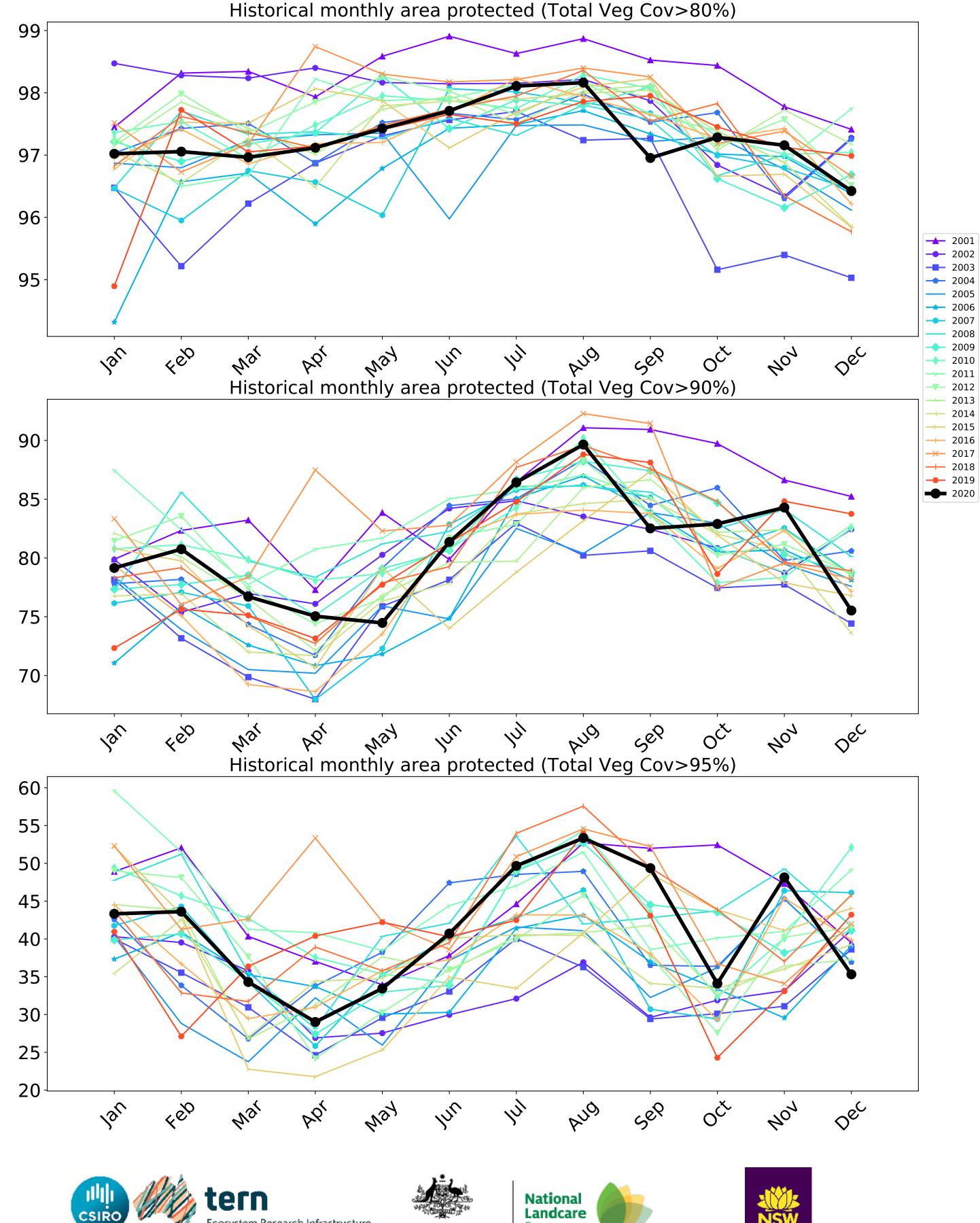




















# **Agriculture**

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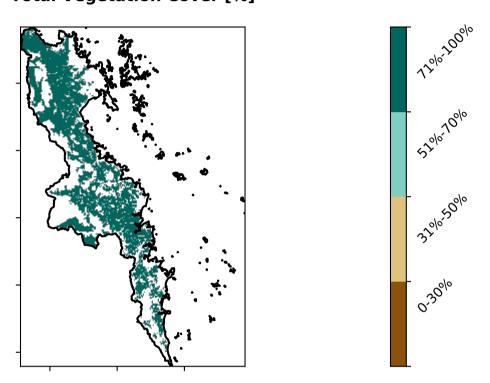
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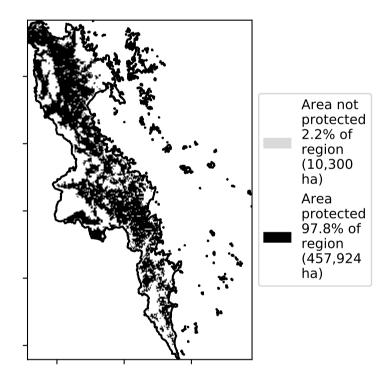
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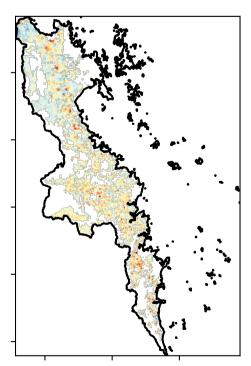
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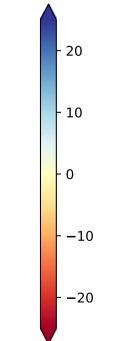


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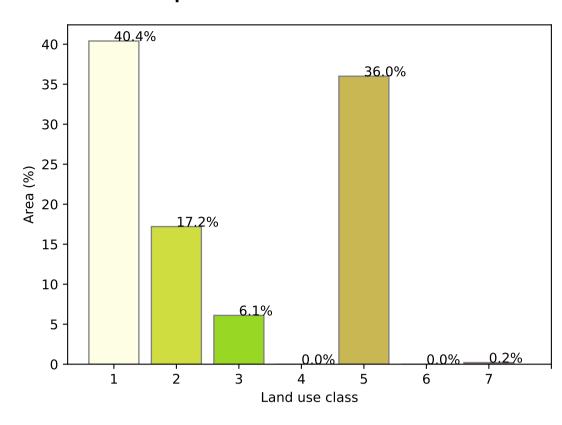
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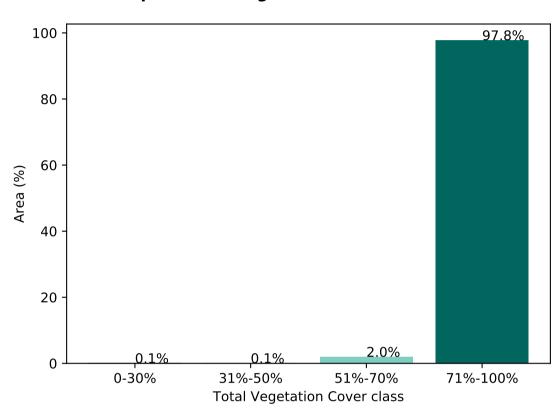


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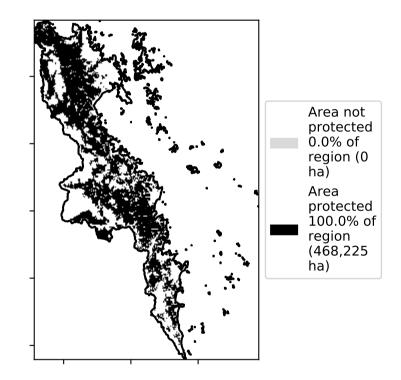
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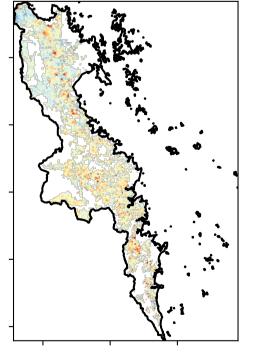


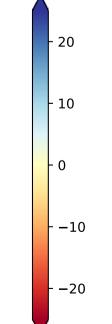
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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

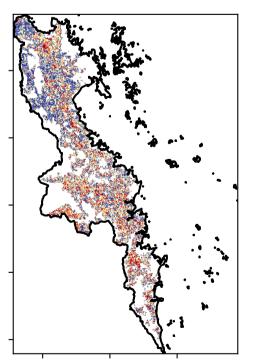


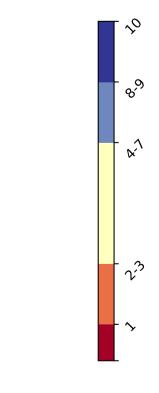




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# **Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]**









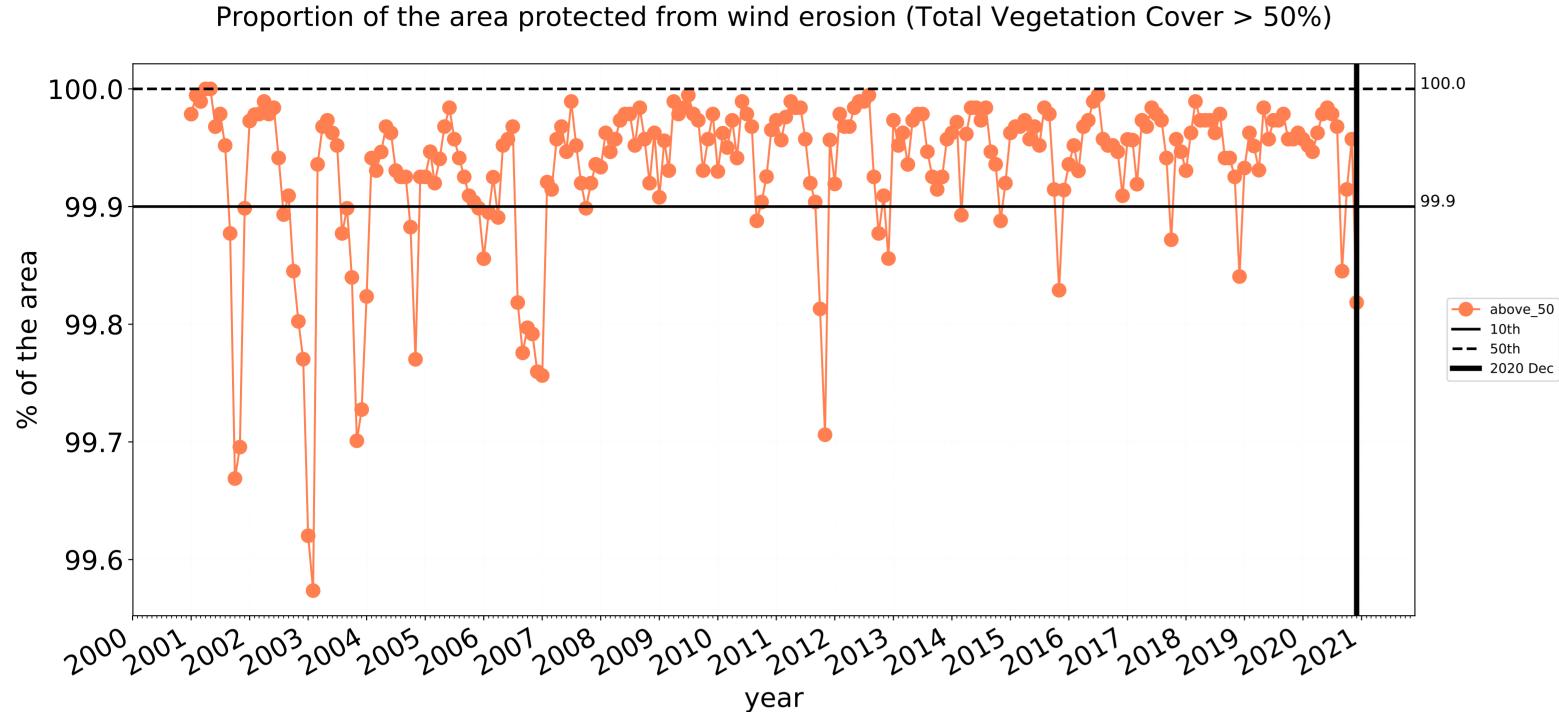


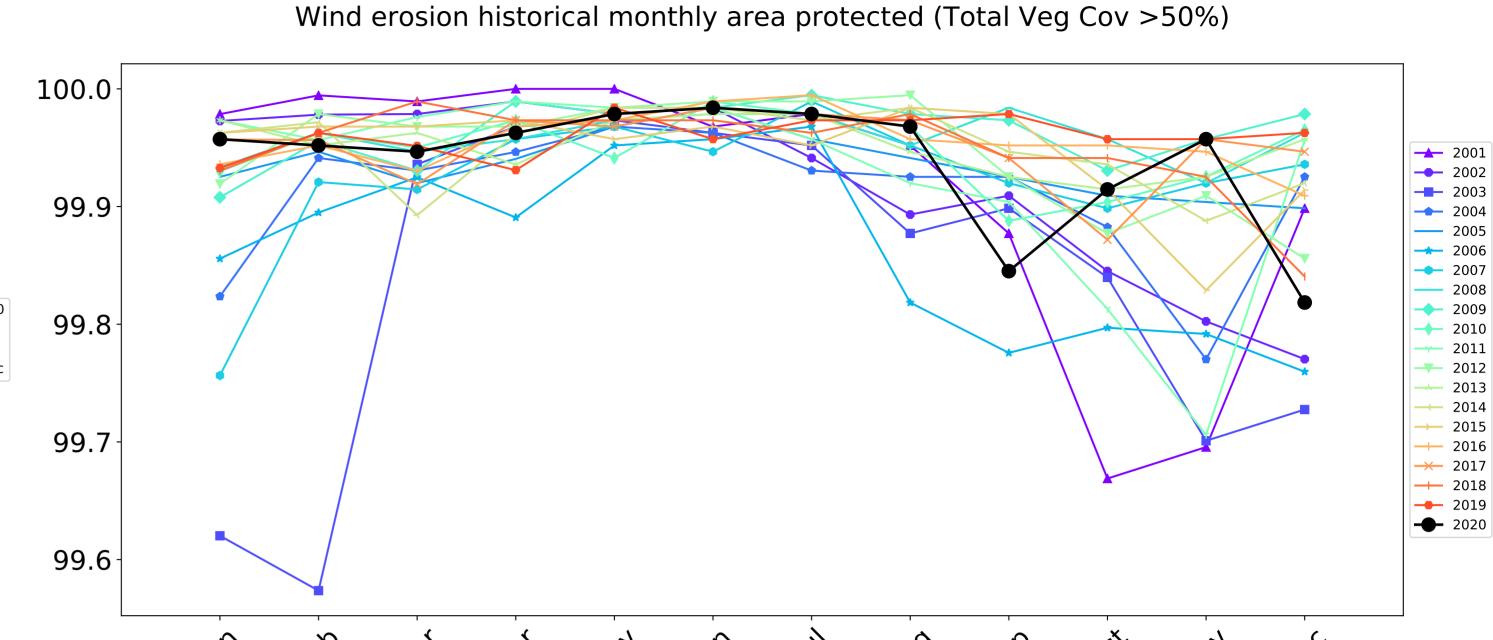


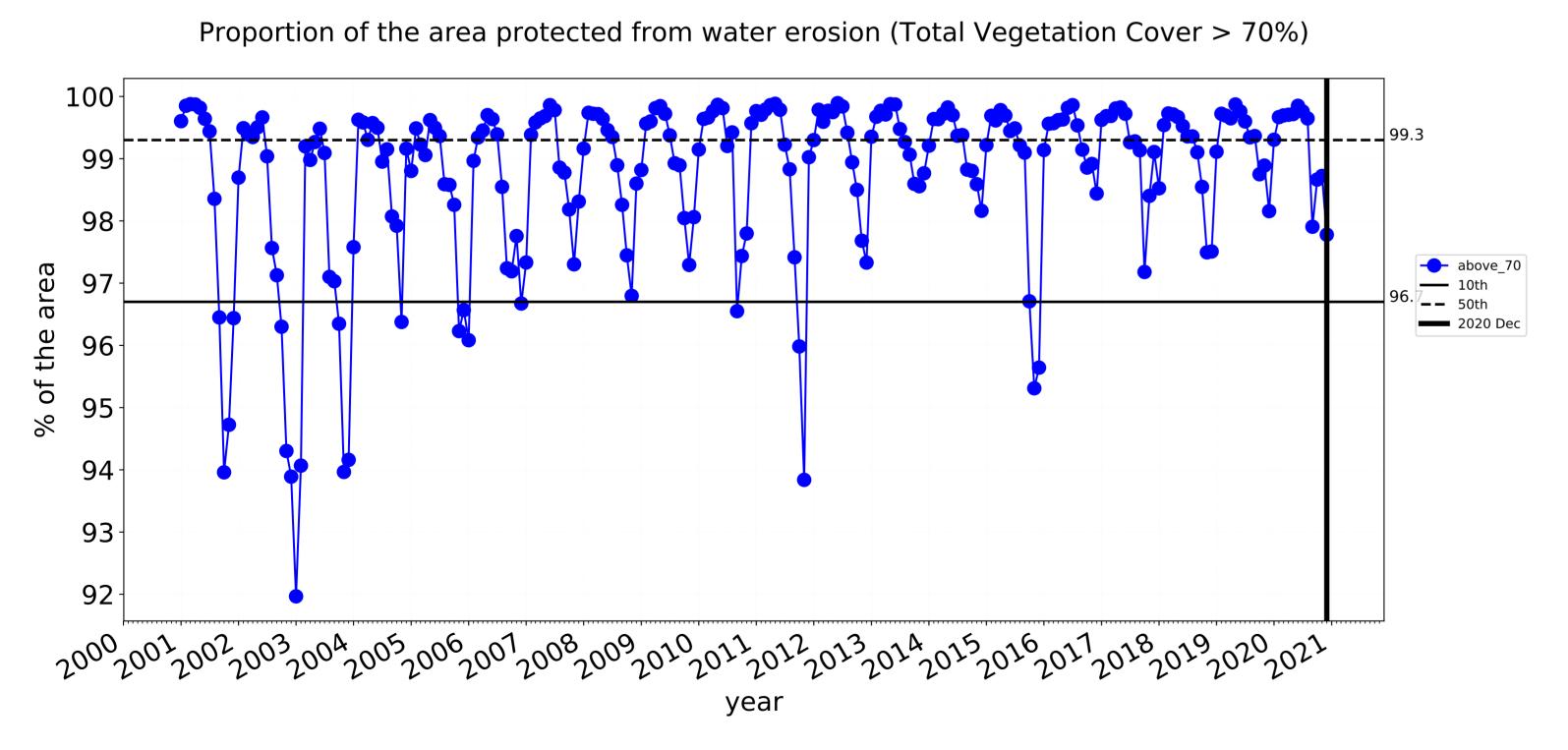


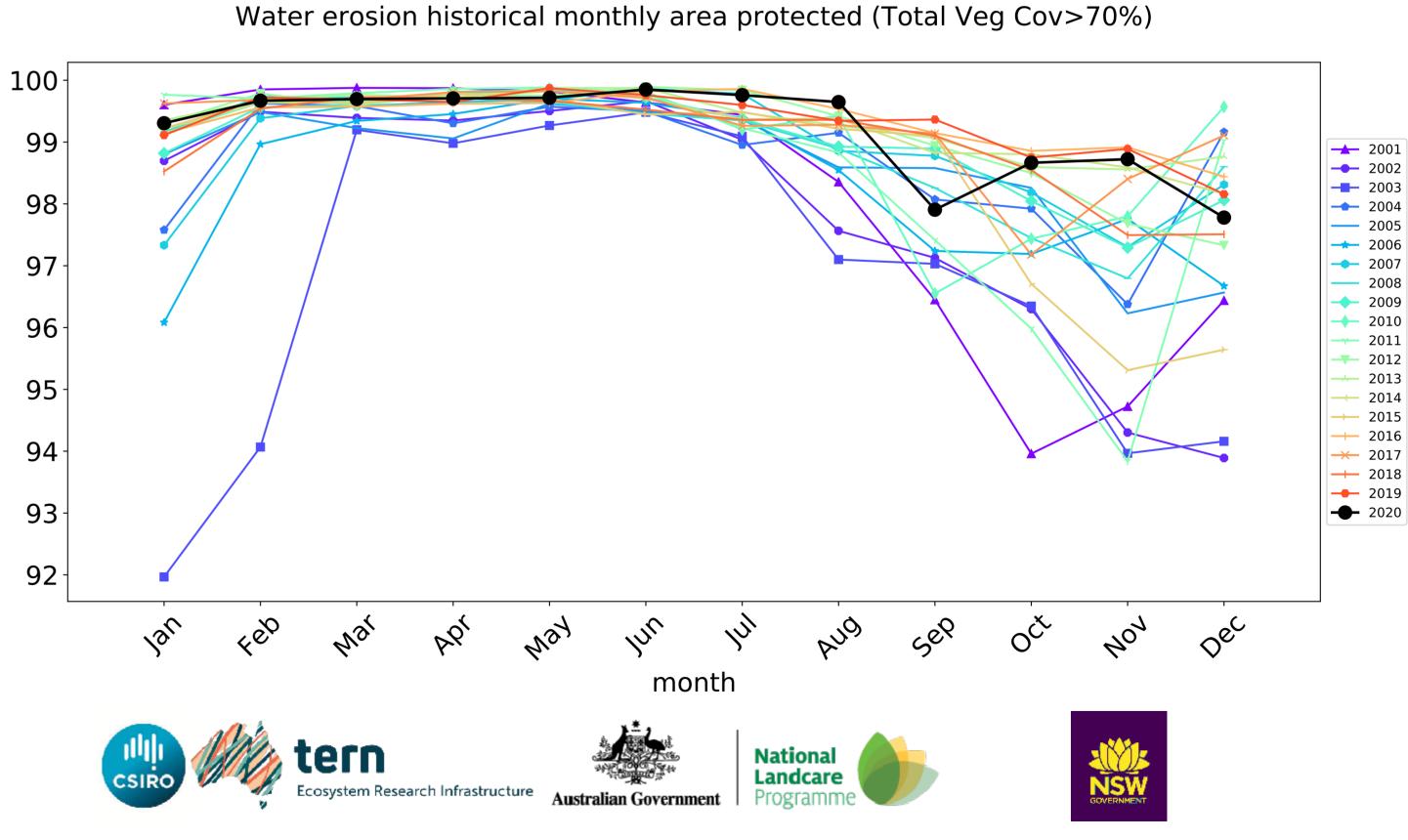


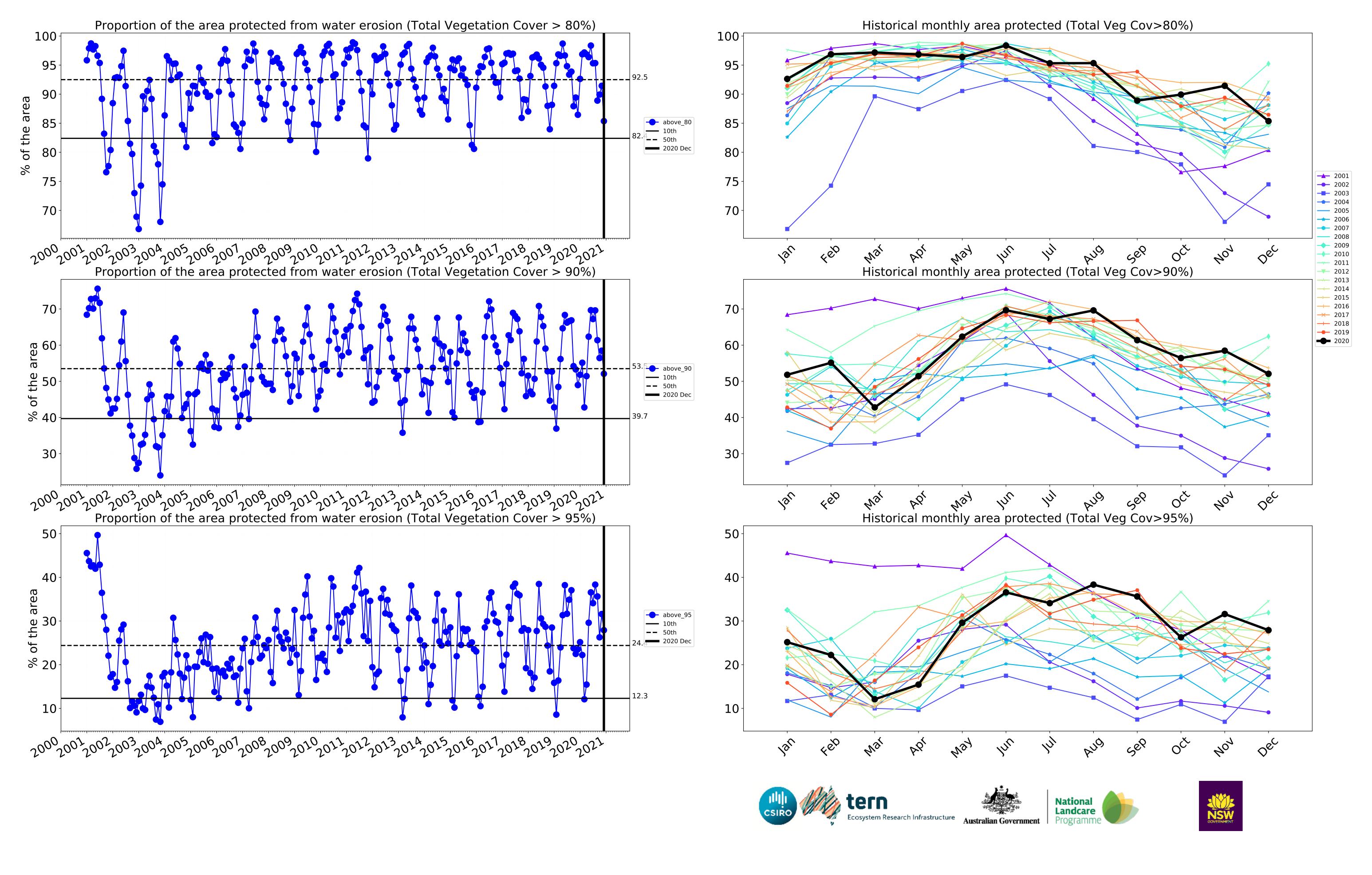
# **Agriculture timeseries**











# **Grazing**

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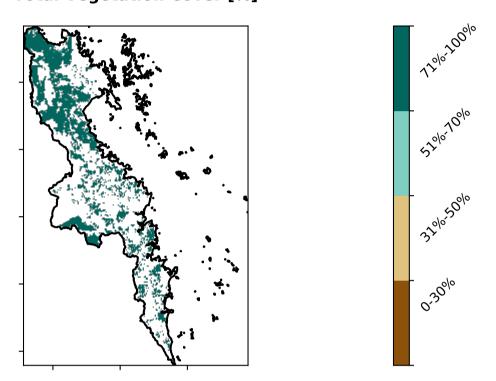
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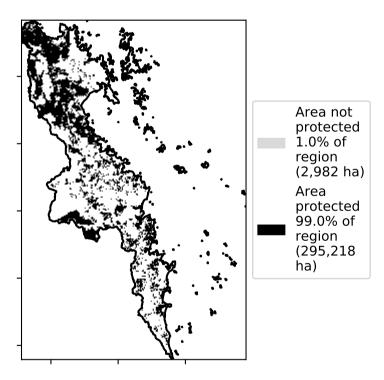
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# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

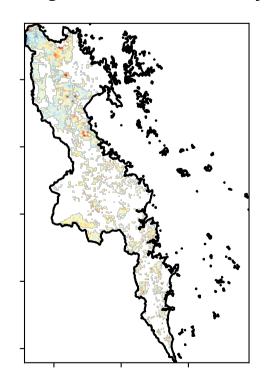
Land use and forest cover

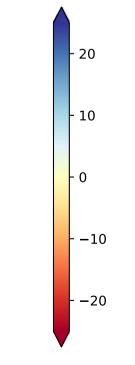


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



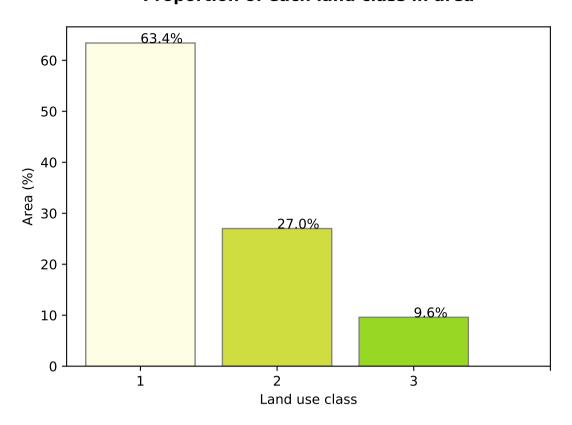
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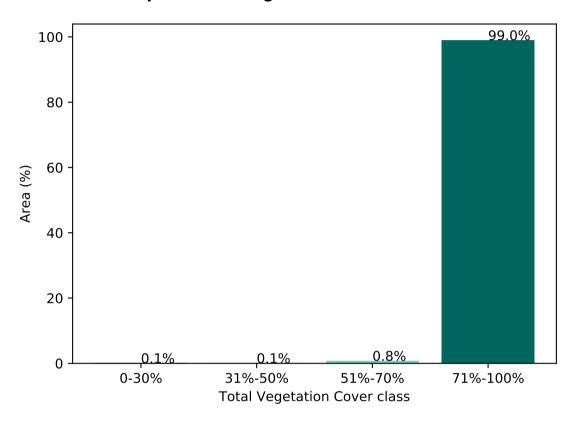


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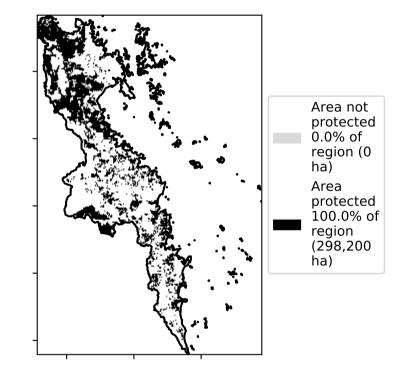
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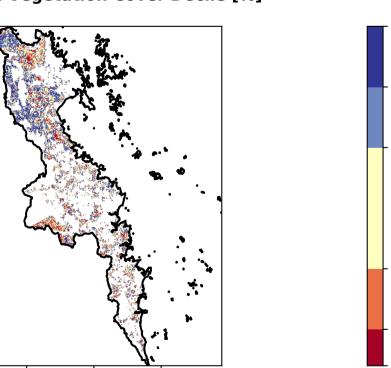
**Proportion of vegetation cover class in area** 



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







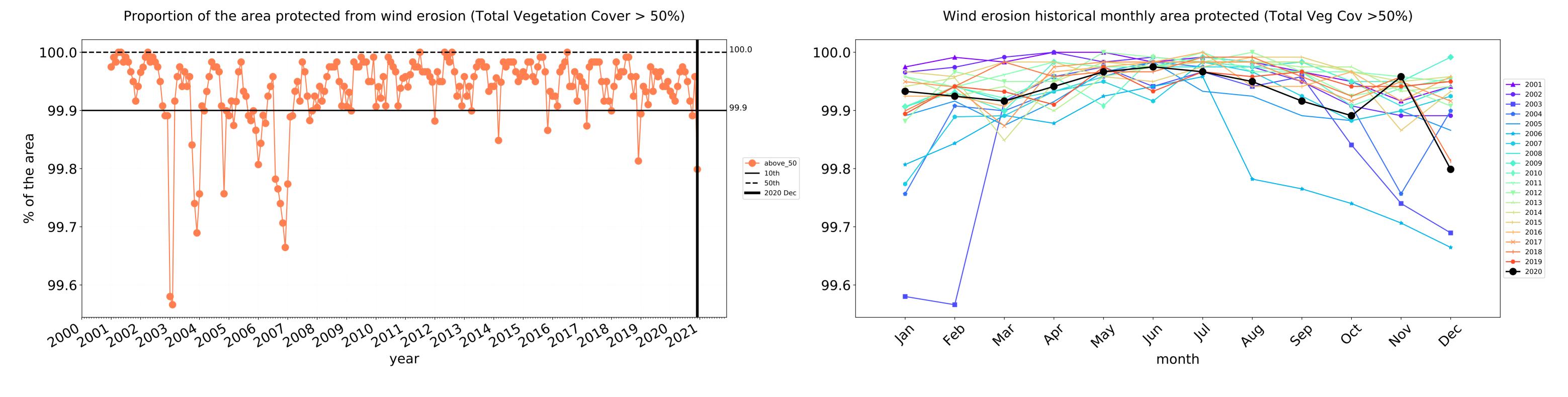


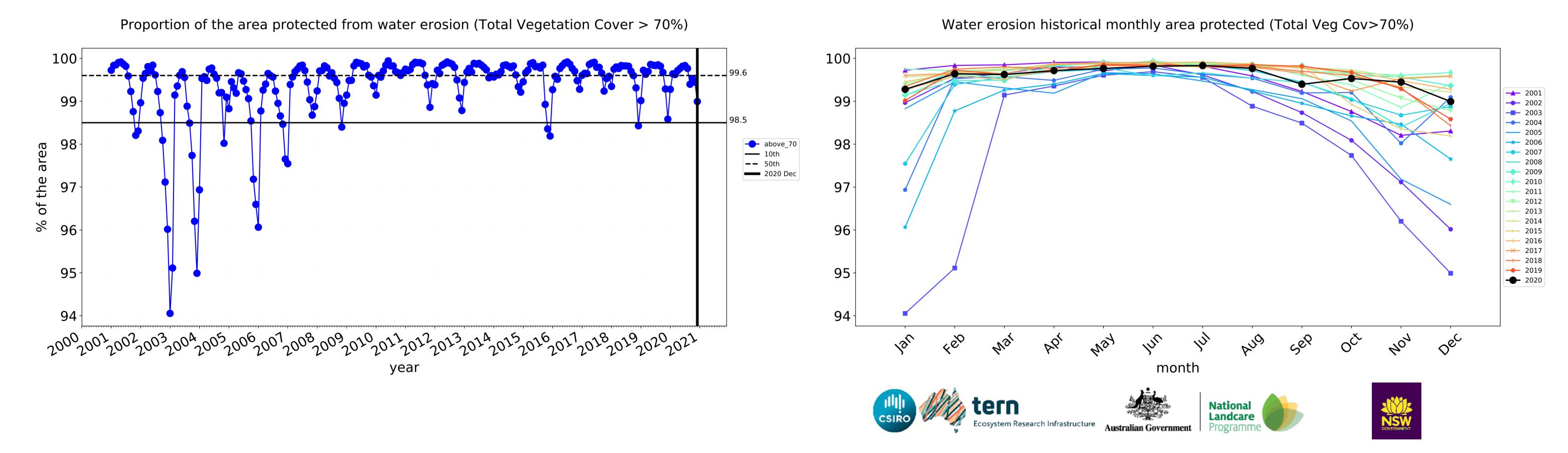


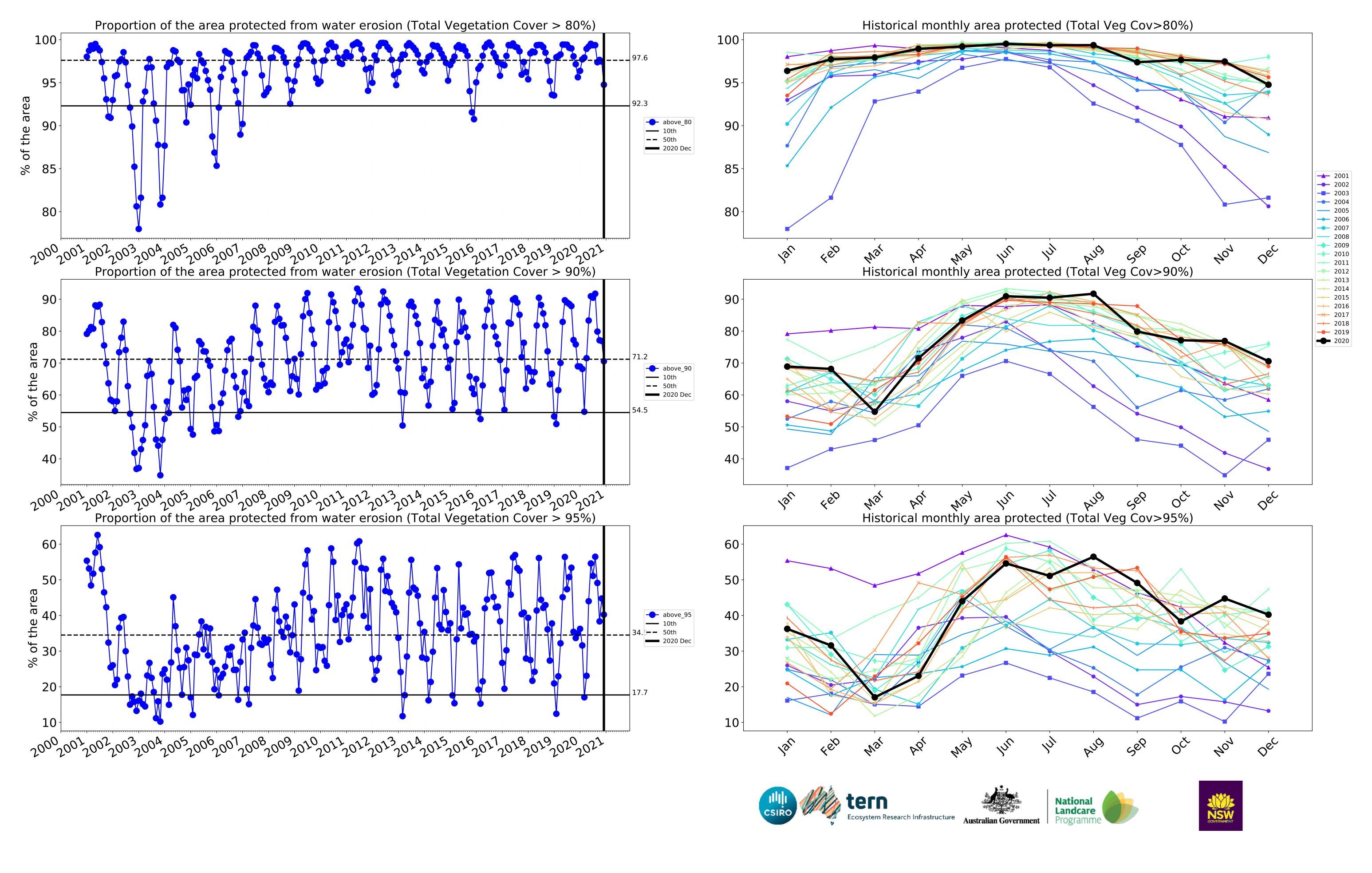




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

# Land use and forest cover

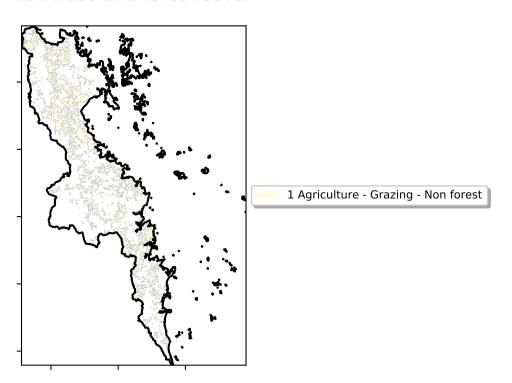
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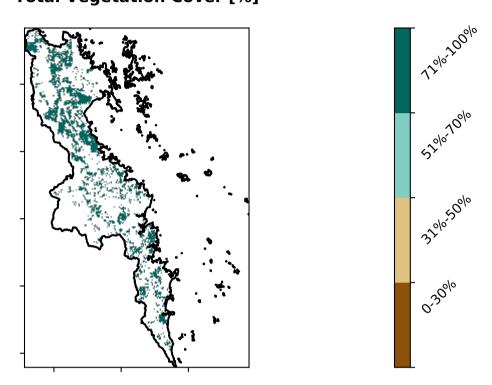
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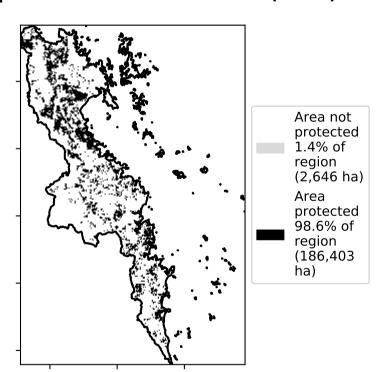
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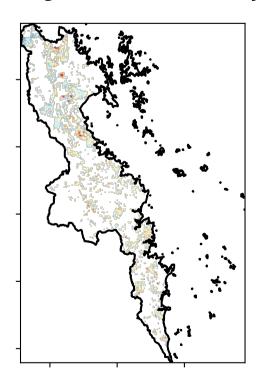
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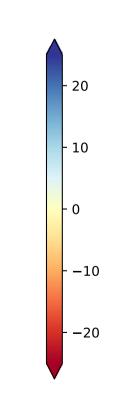


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



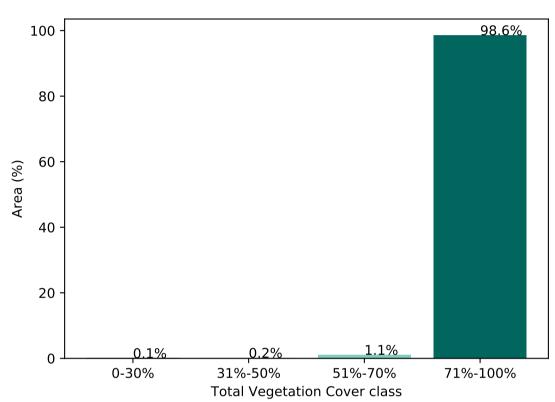
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



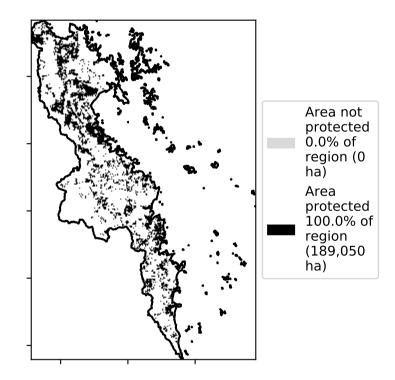


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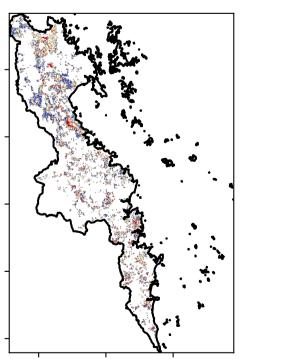
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**

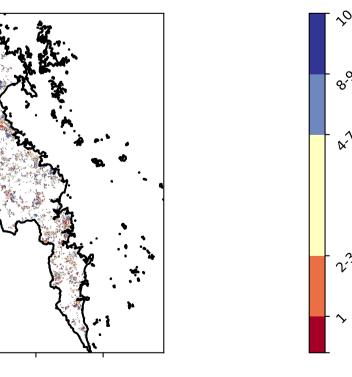


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 









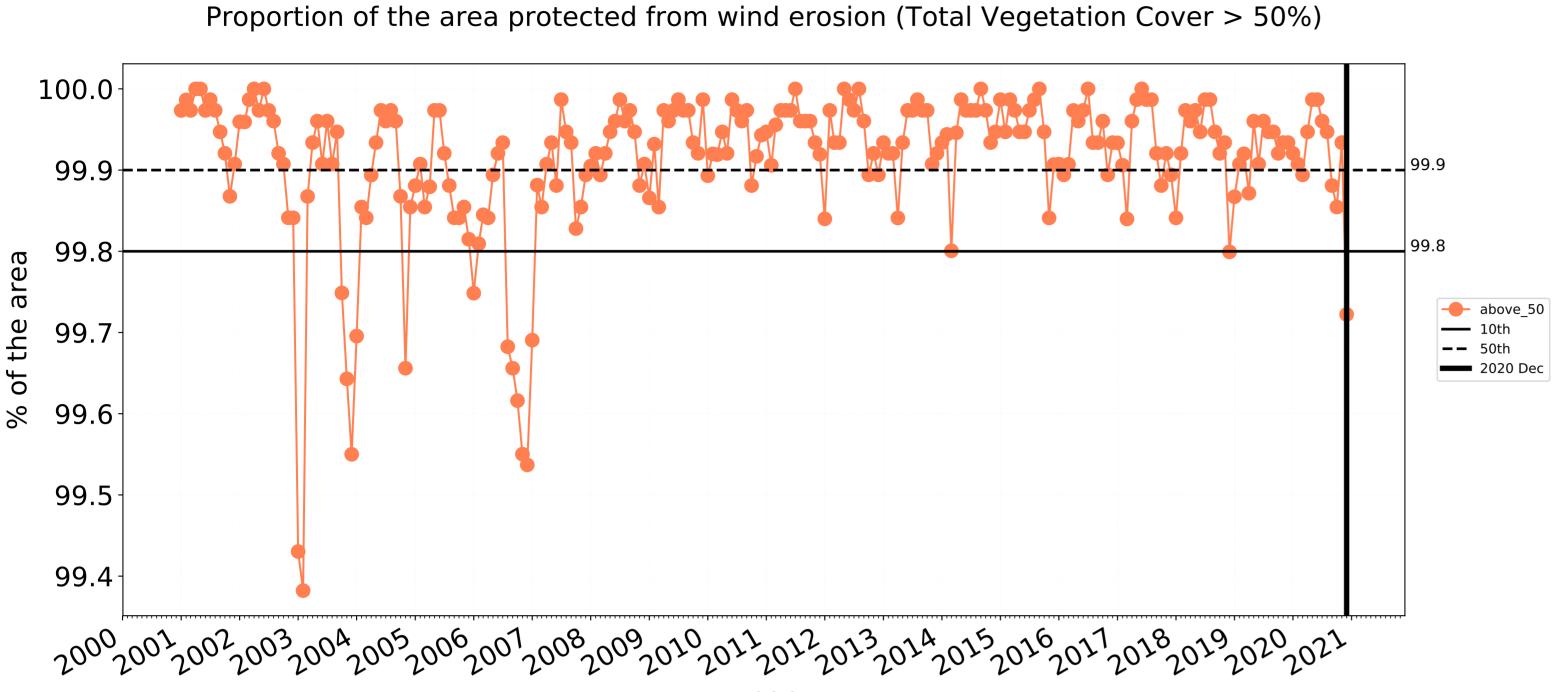




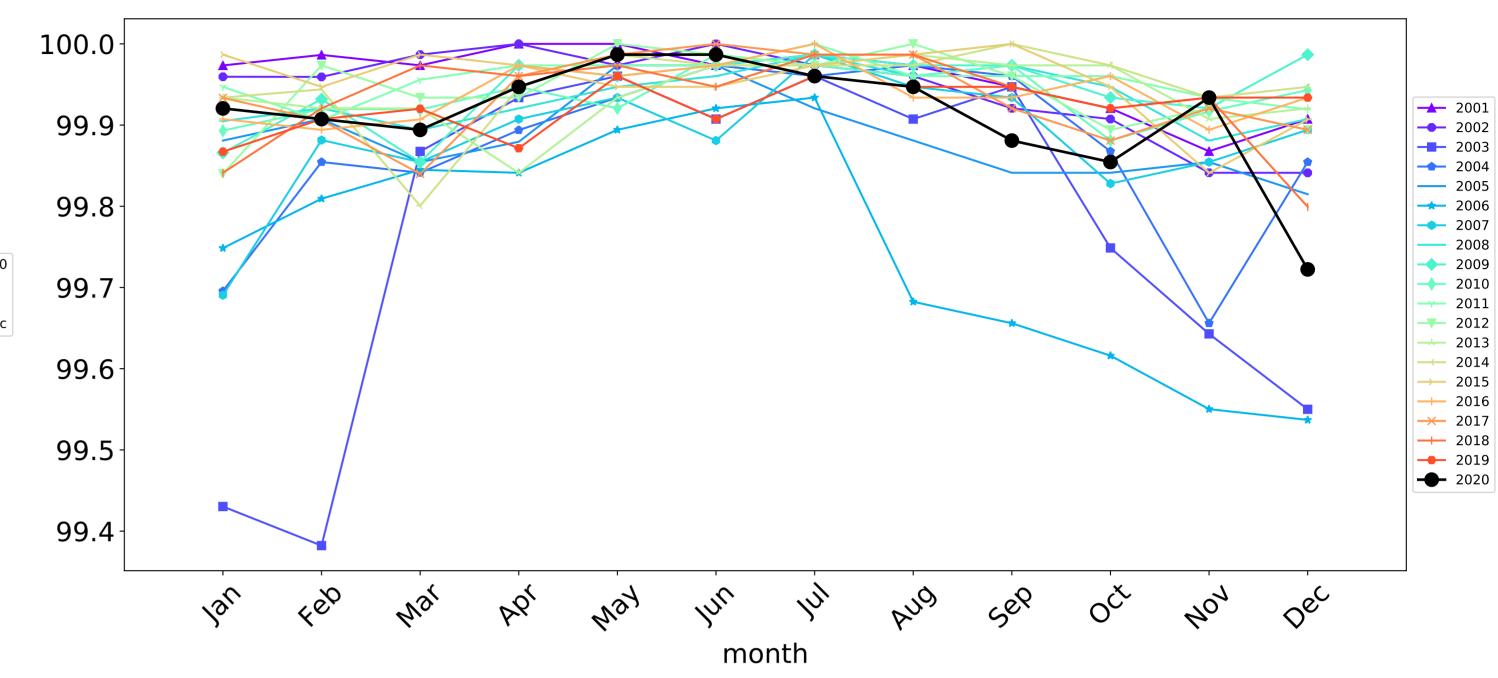


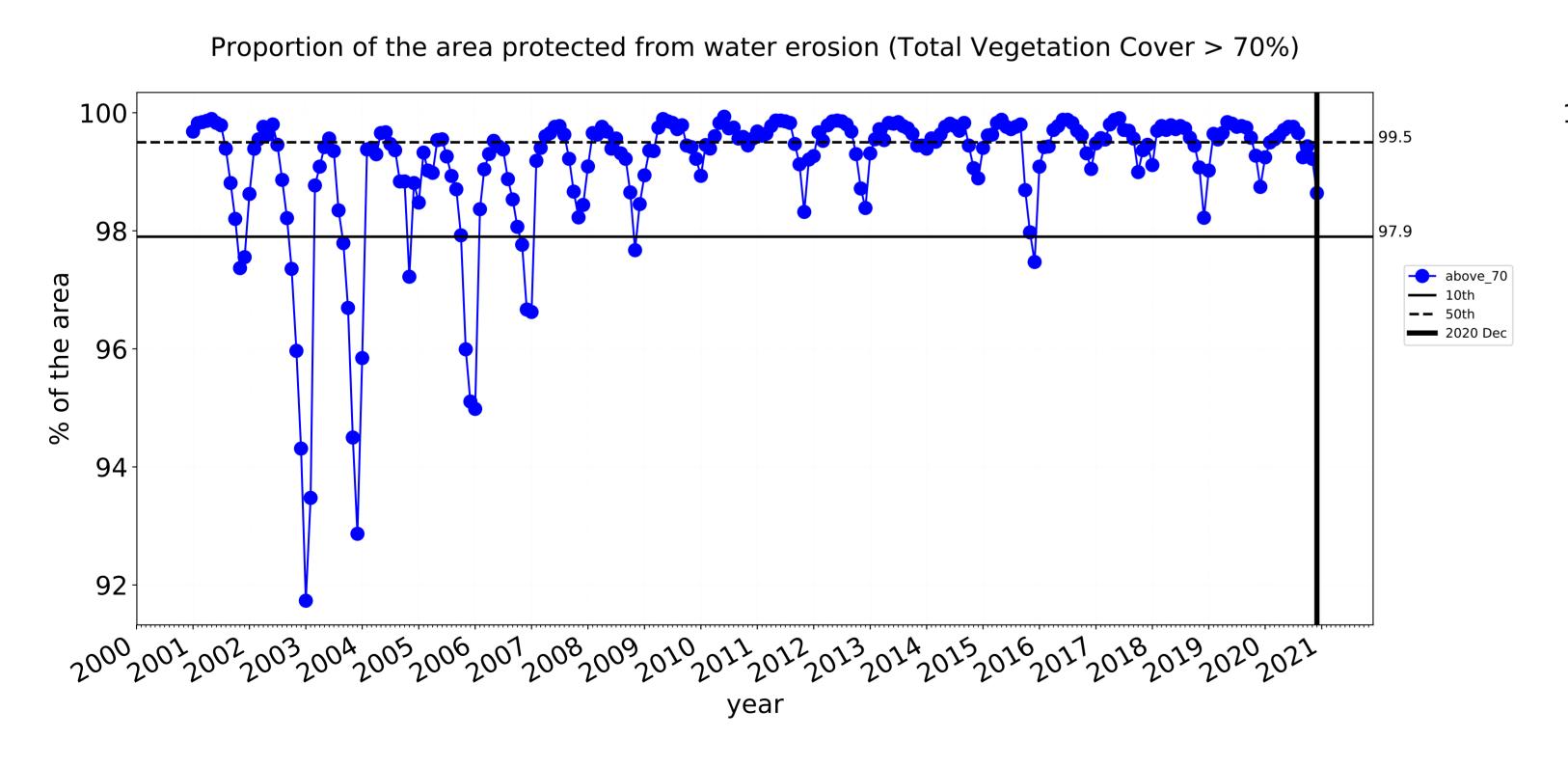


# **Grazing non forest timeseries**

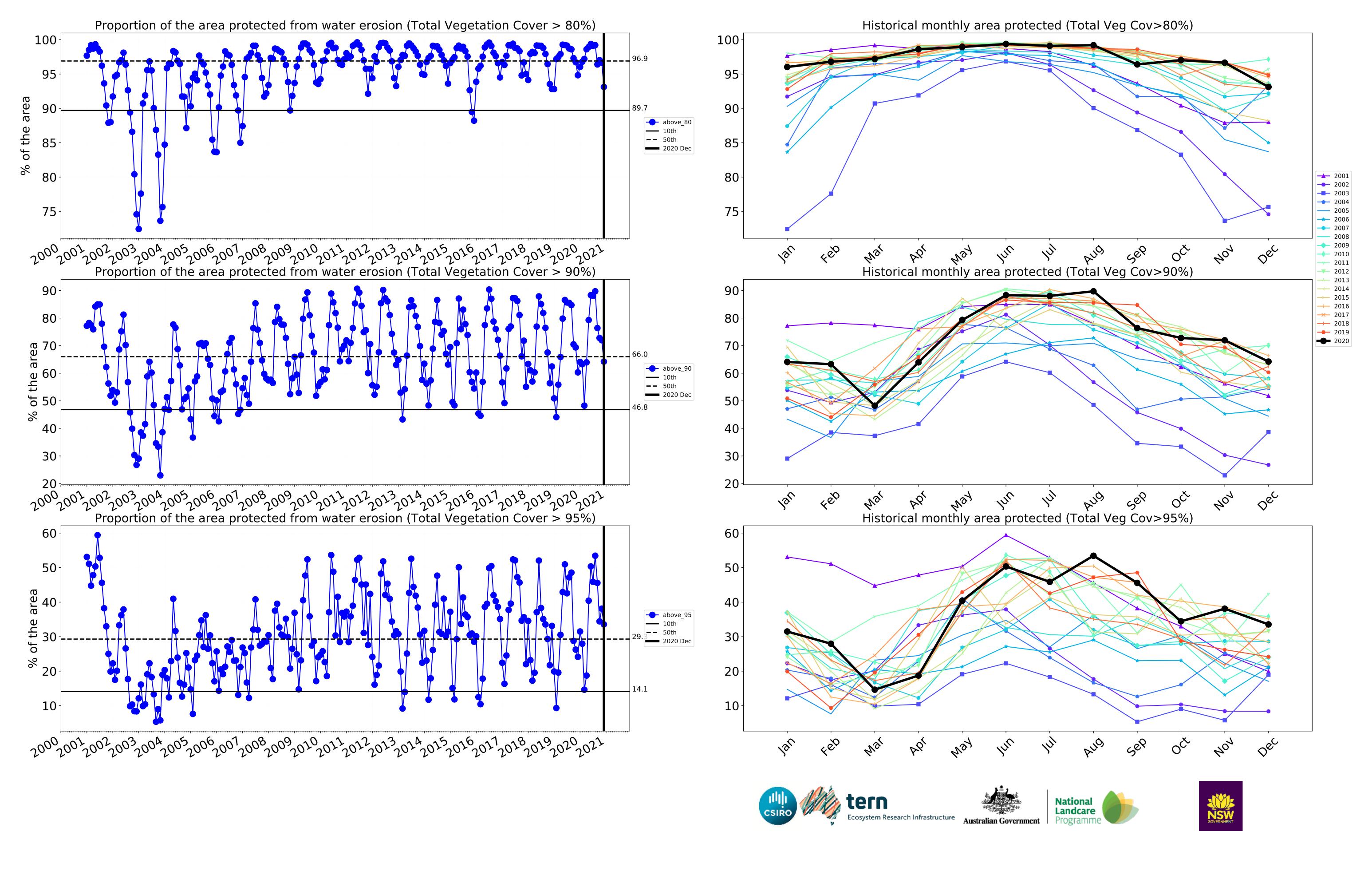








# Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%) 100-2003 98 → 2006 2007 2008 2010 2011 <del>----</del> 2013 → 2014 **→** 2015 <del>----</del> 2016 94 <del>×</del> 2017 <del>---</del> 2018 2019 **---** 2020 92 month National Landcare Ecosystem Research Infrastructure



# **Grazing Woodland forest**

# Land use and forest cover

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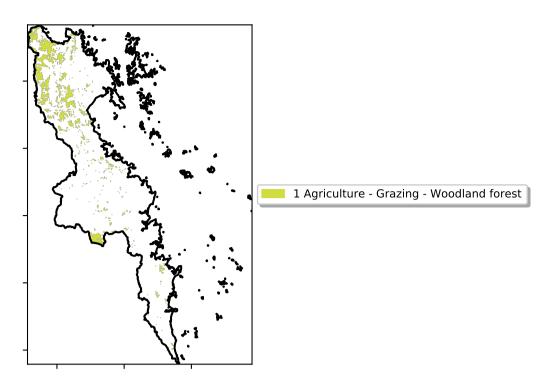
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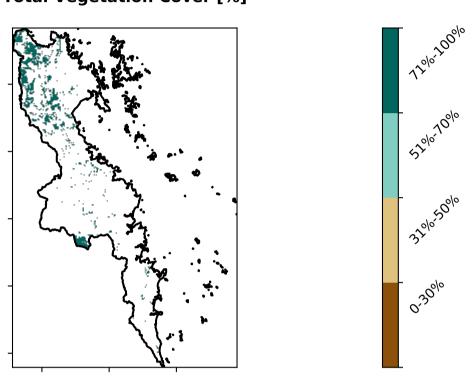
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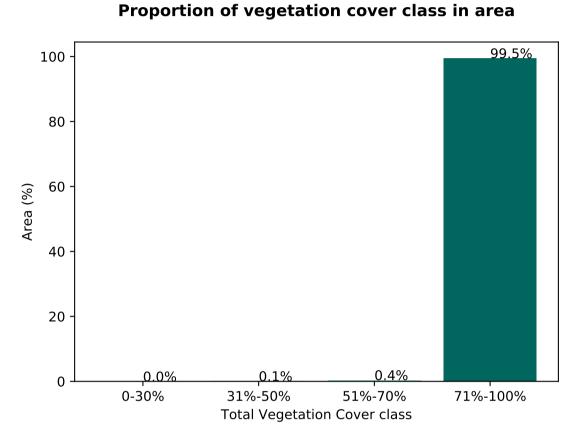
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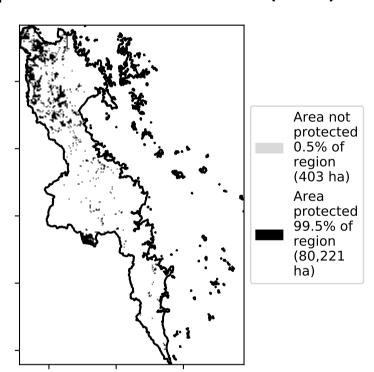


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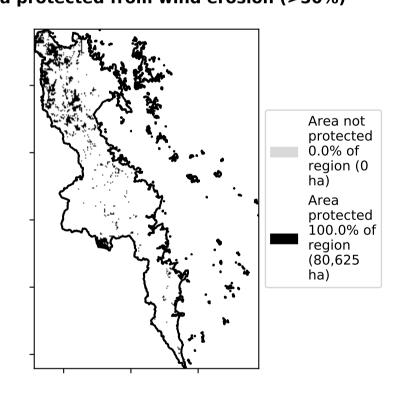




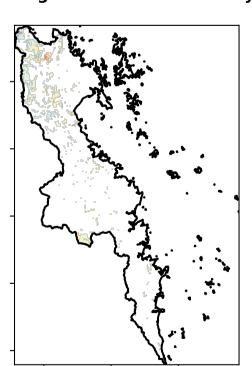
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

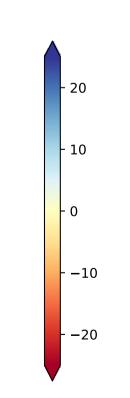


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



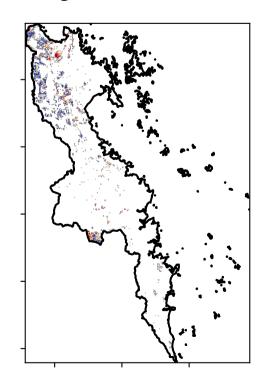
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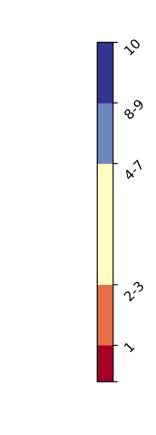




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]









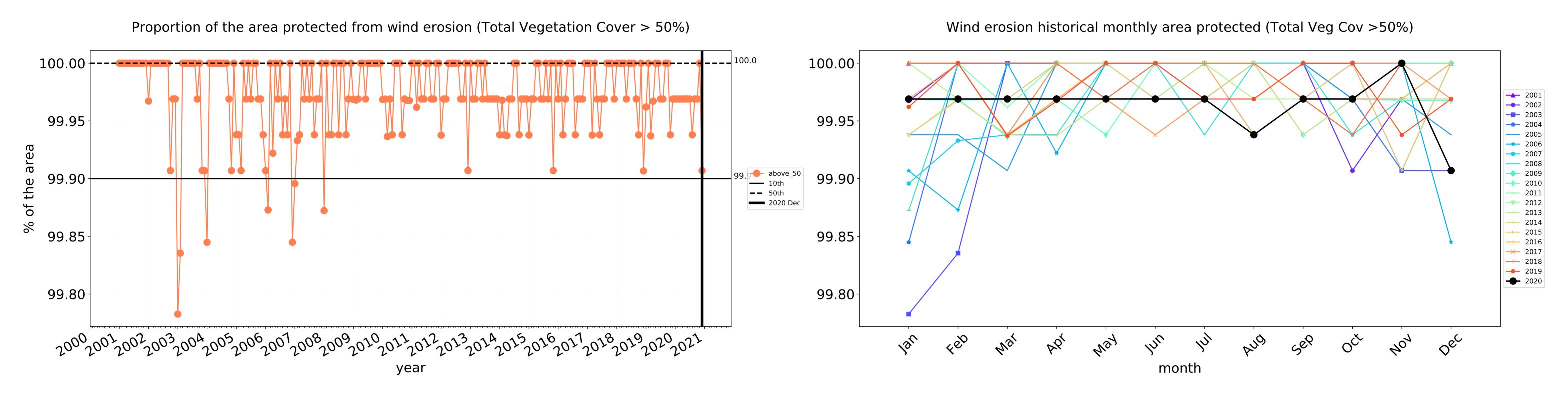


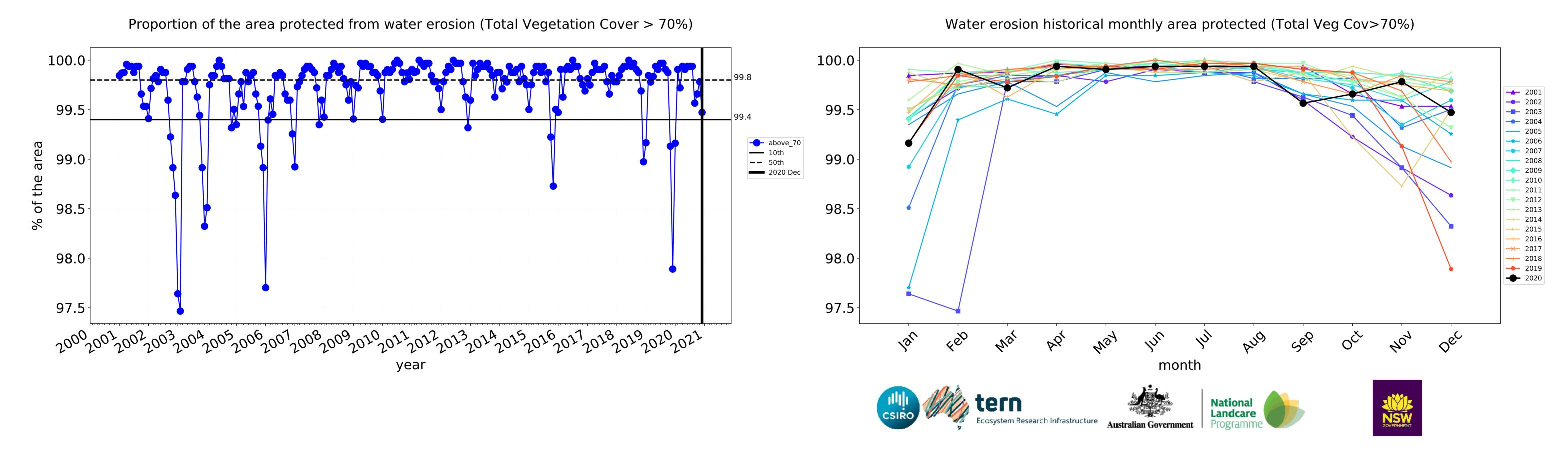


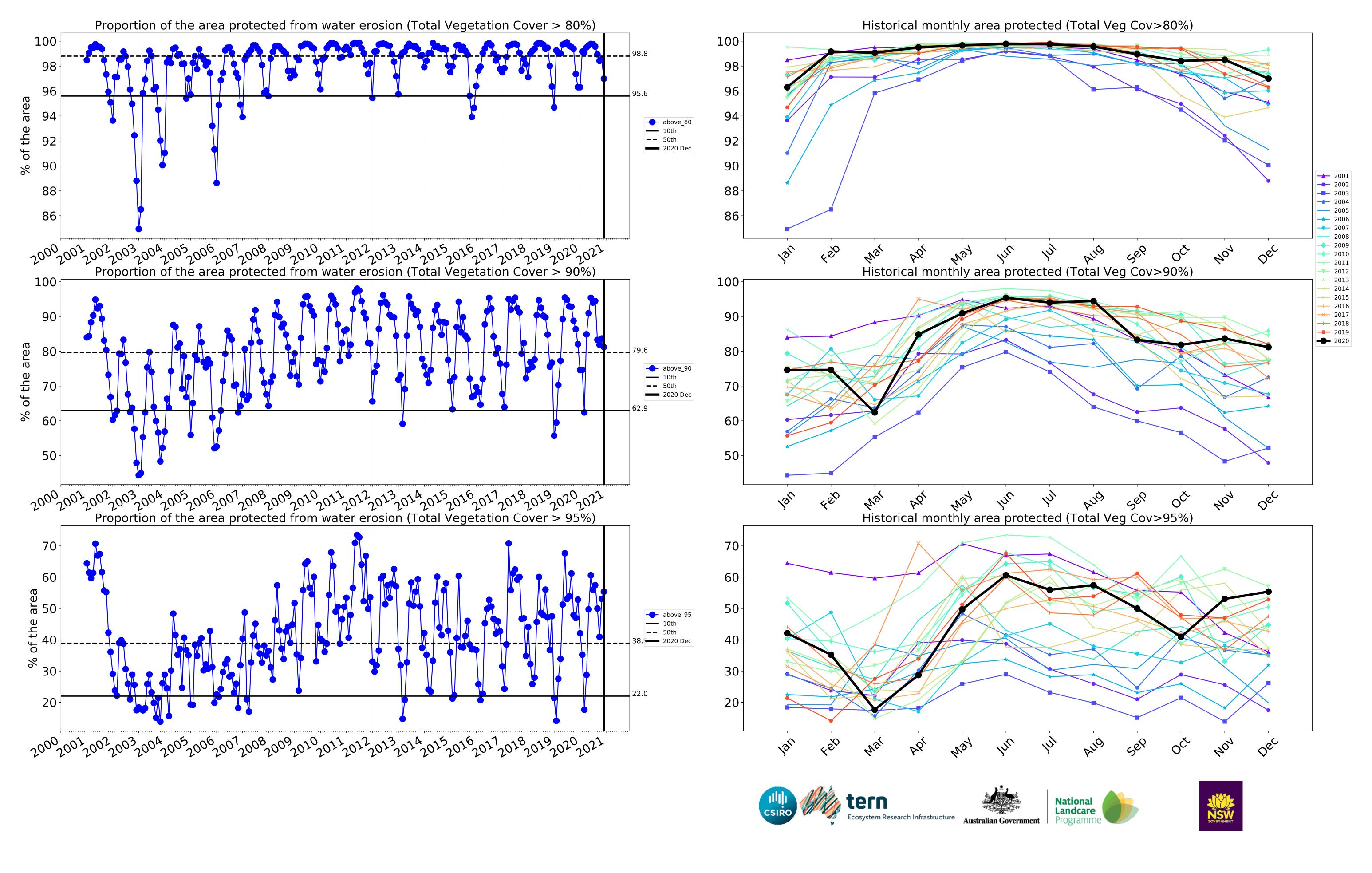




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**



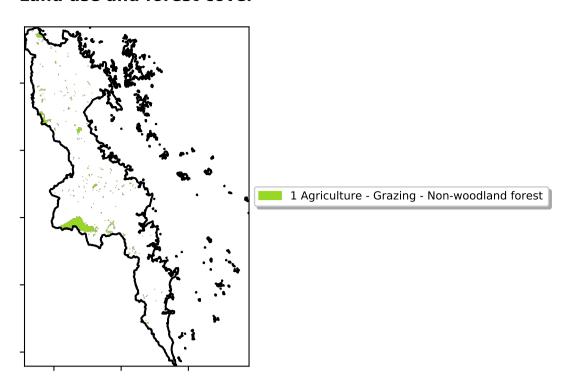




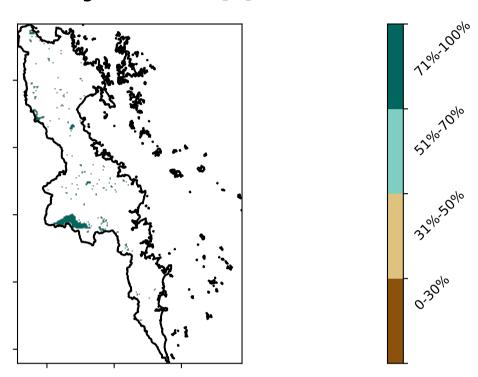
# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

# Land use and forest cover

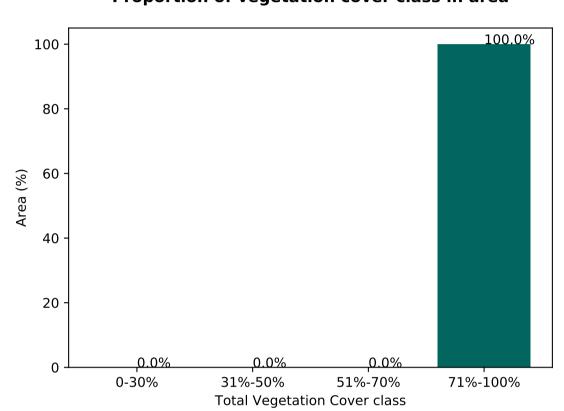
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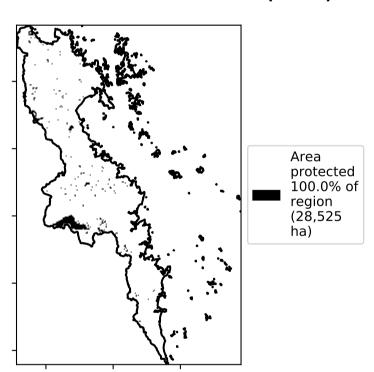
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



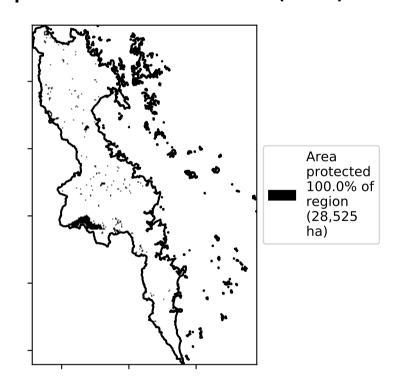
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



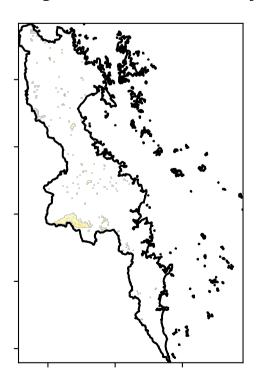
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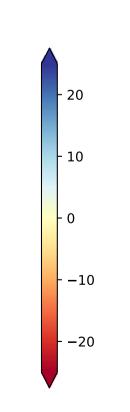


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



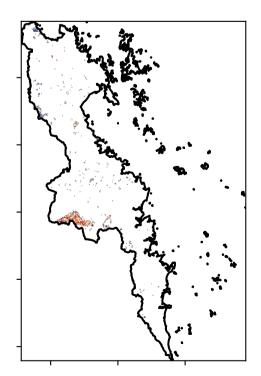
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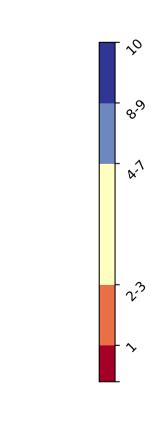




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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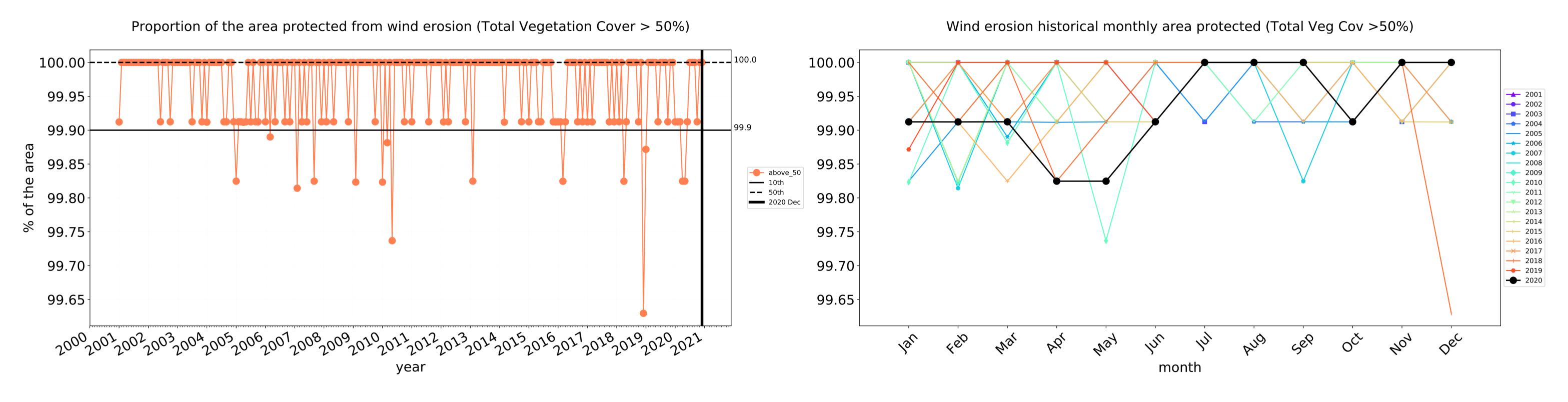
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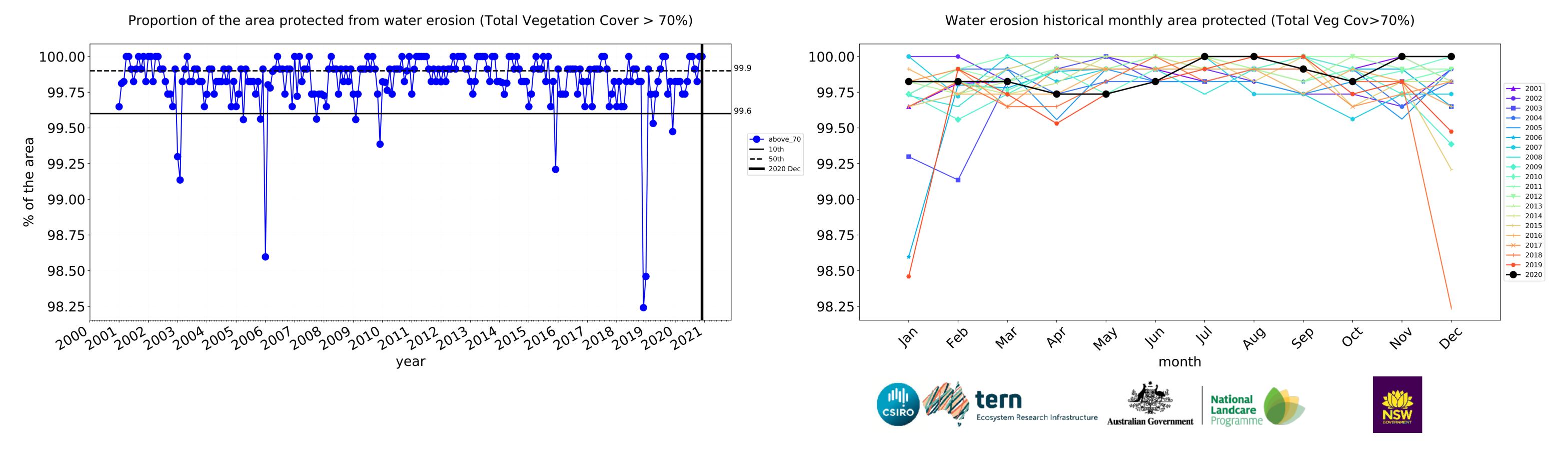


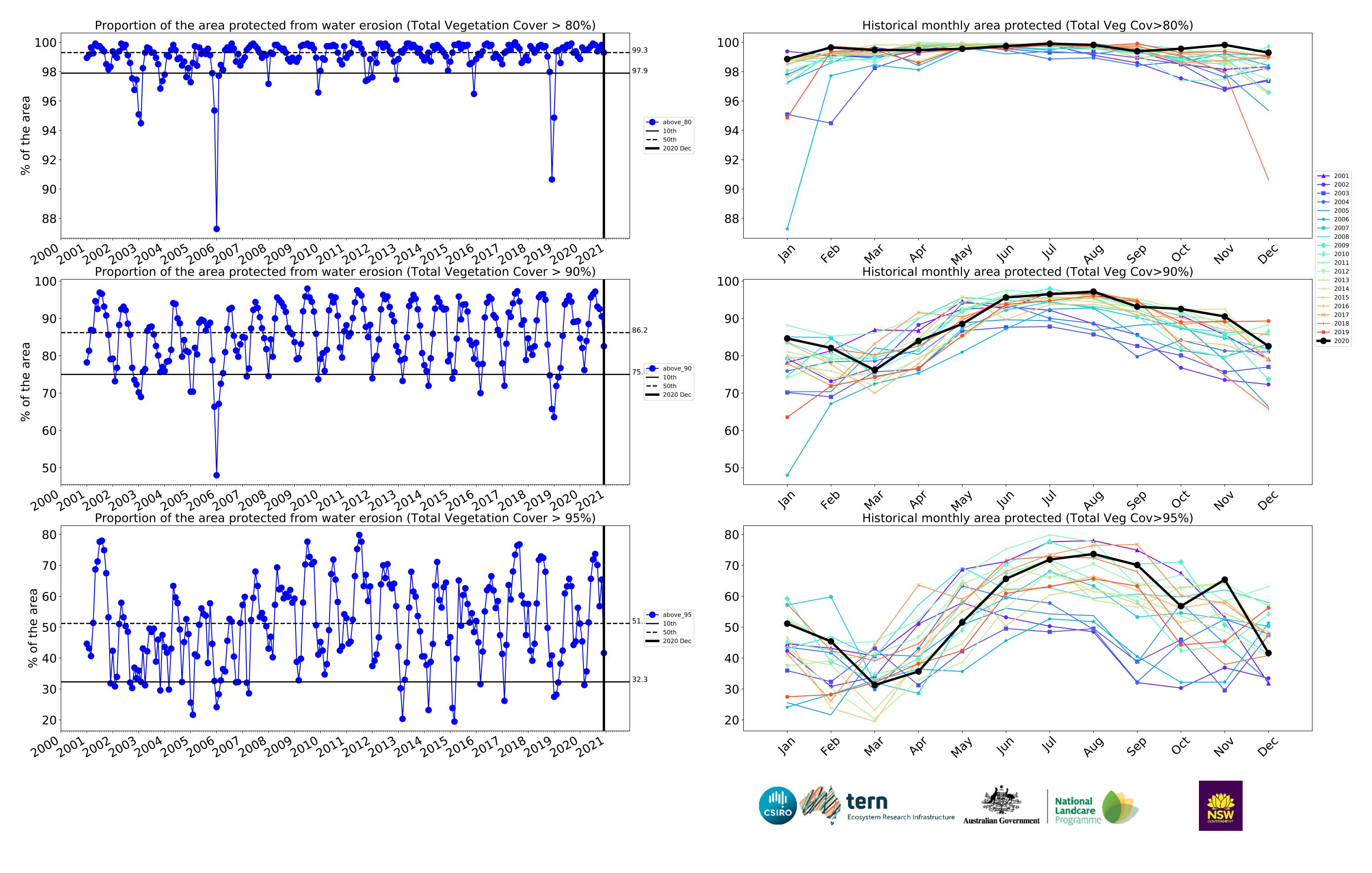












# Irrigation

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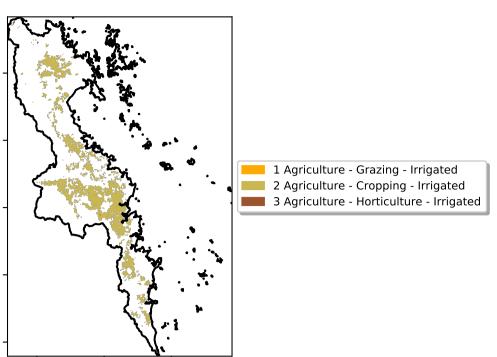
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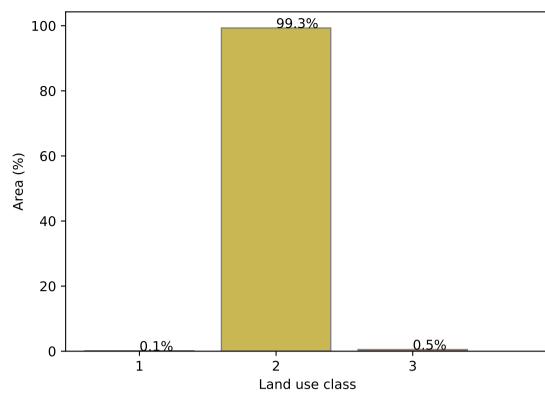
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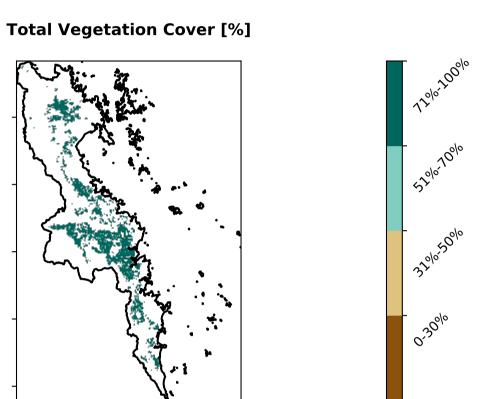
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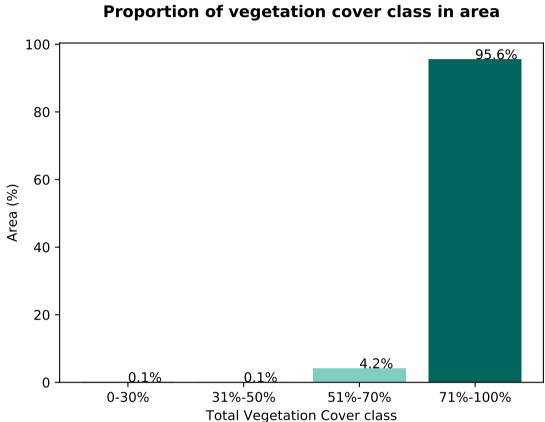


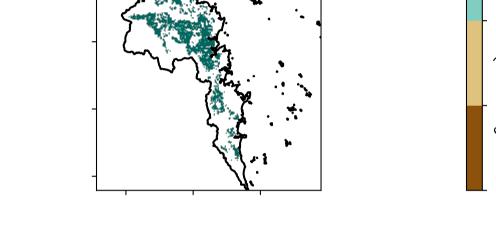
Land use and forest cover



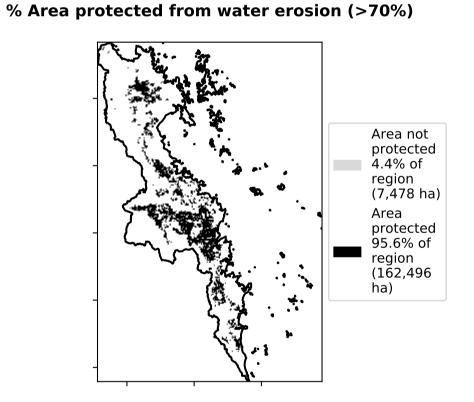
**Proportion of each land class in area** 

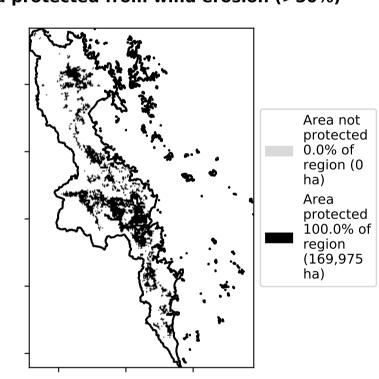




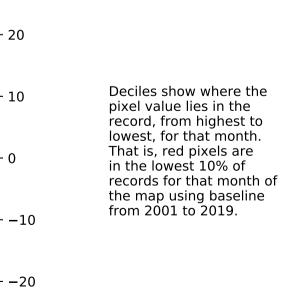


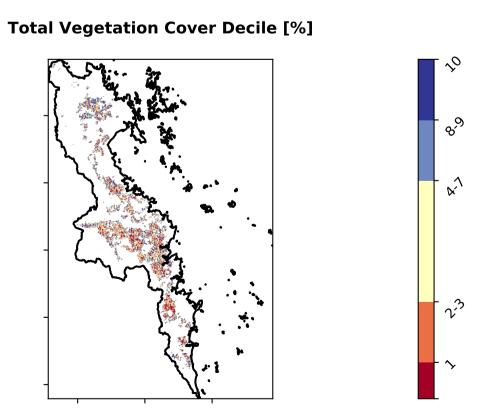
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 







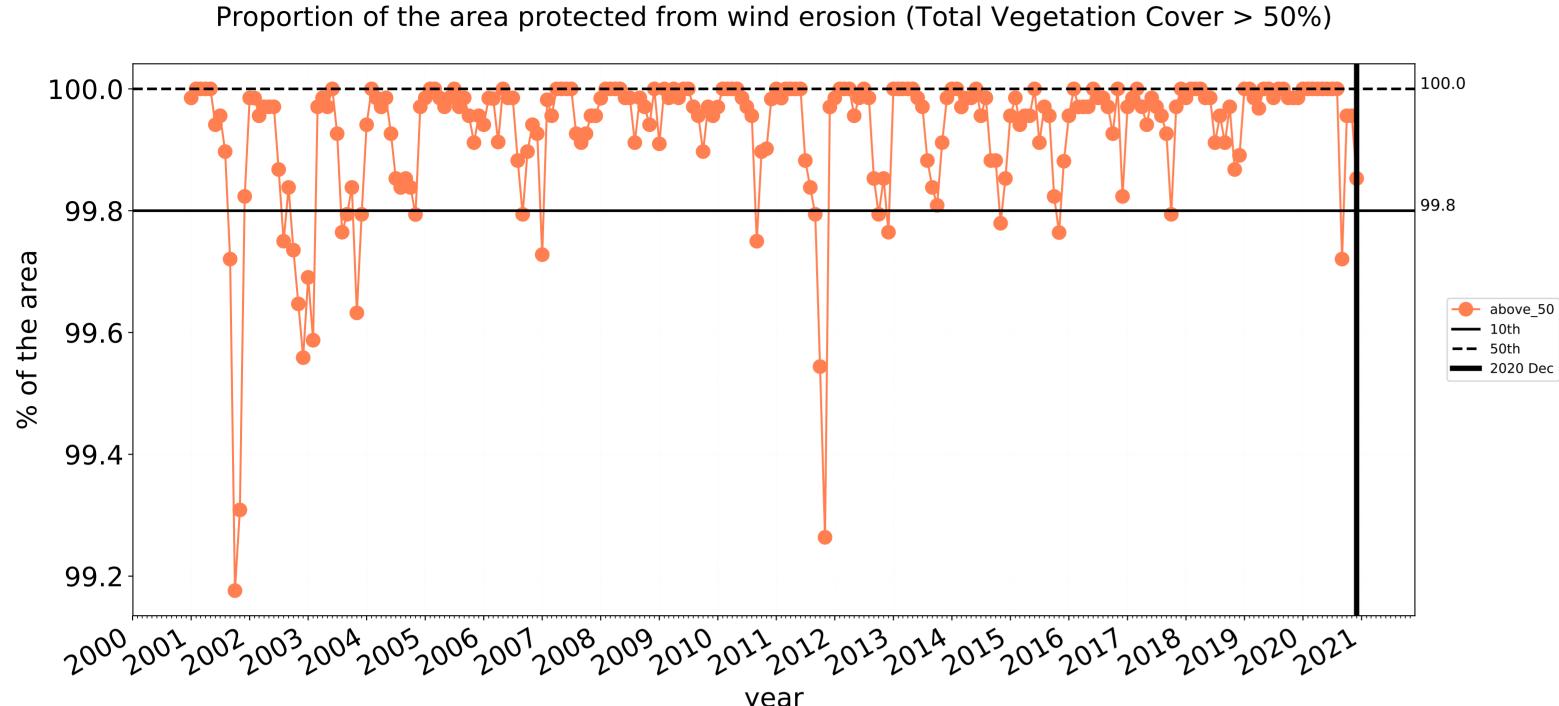


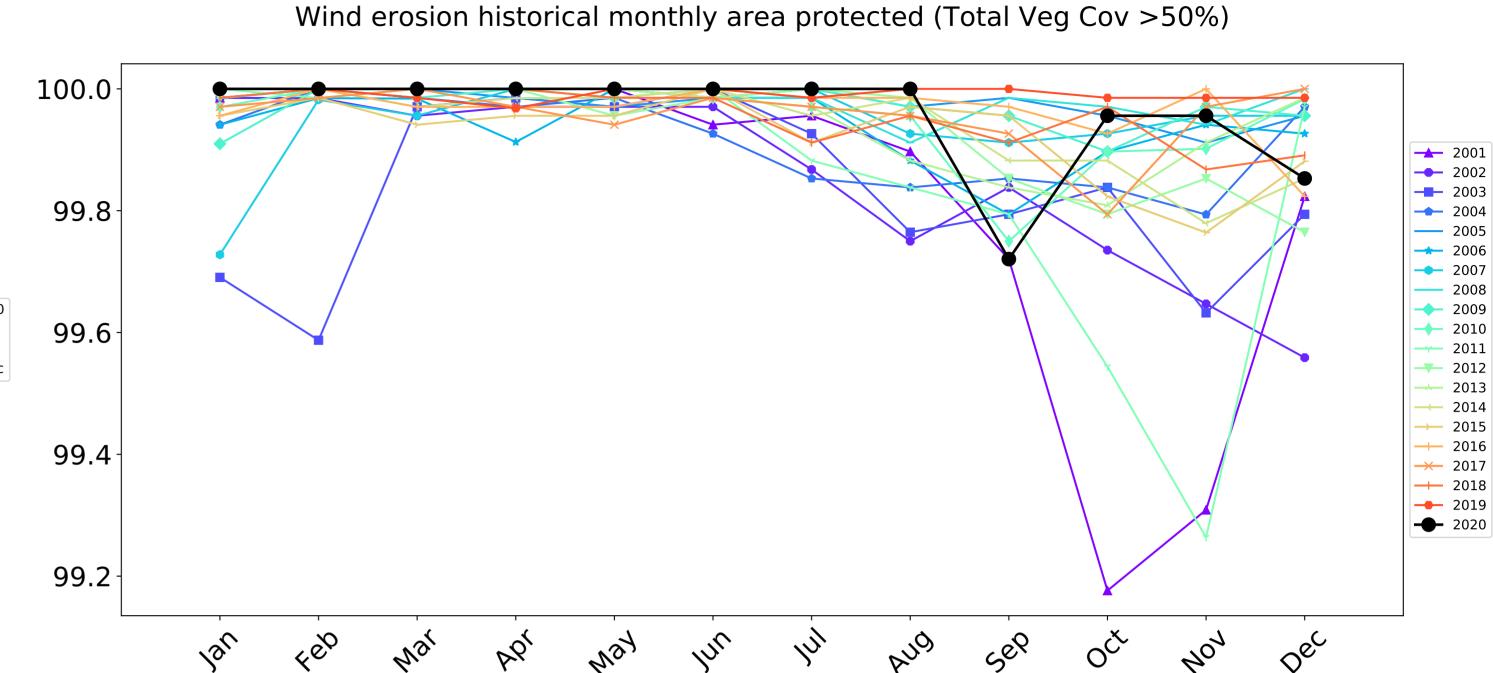


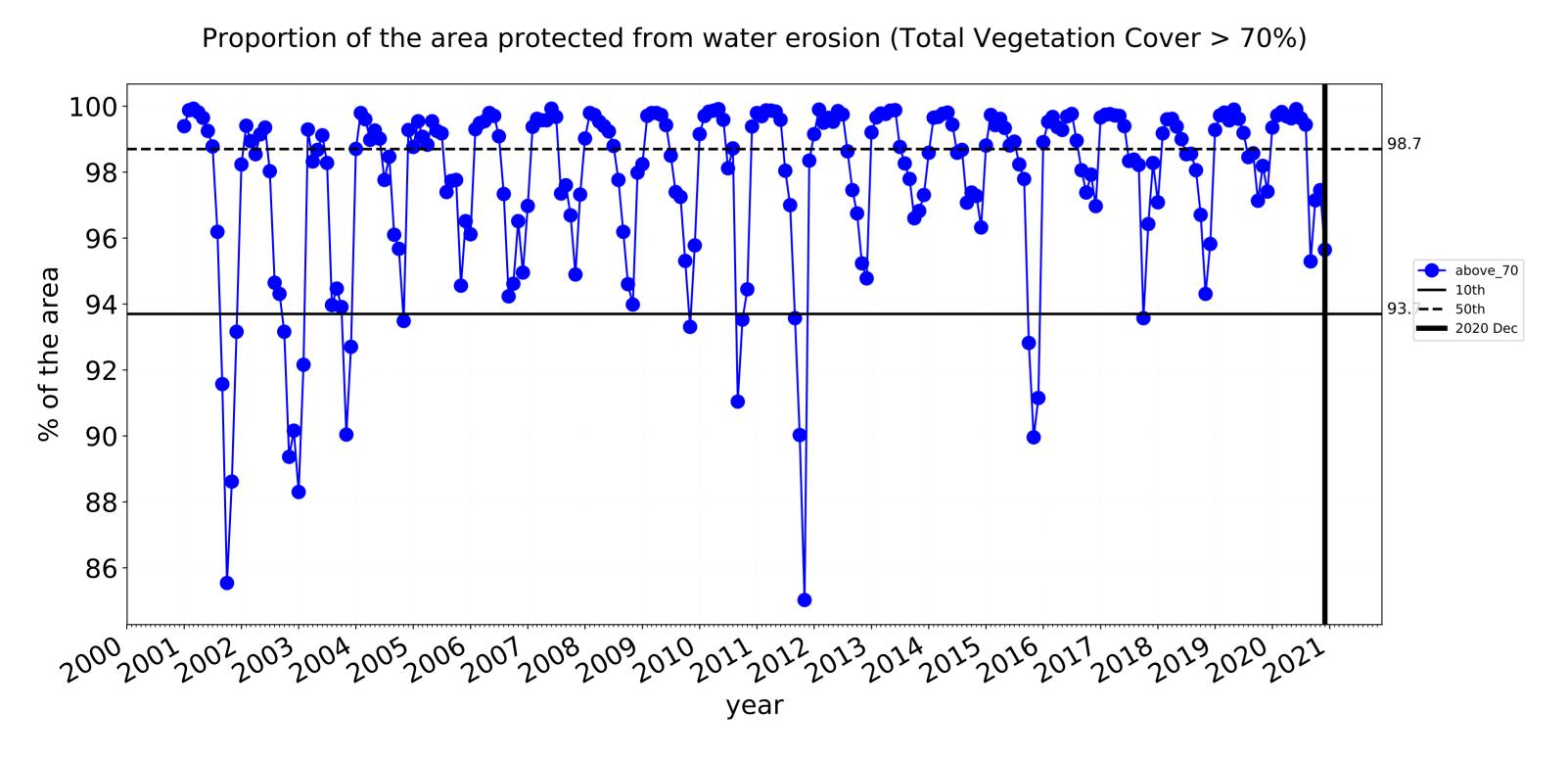


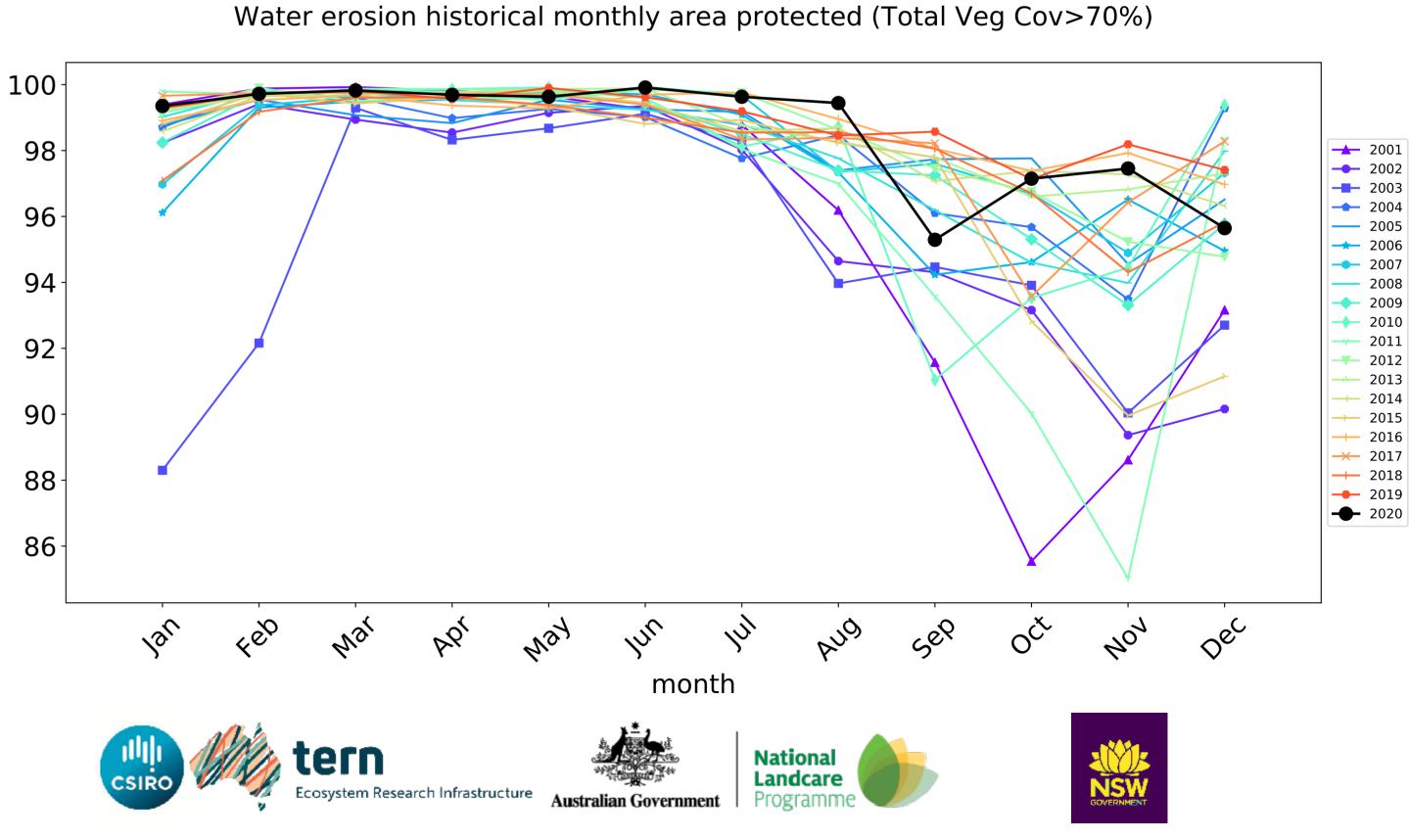


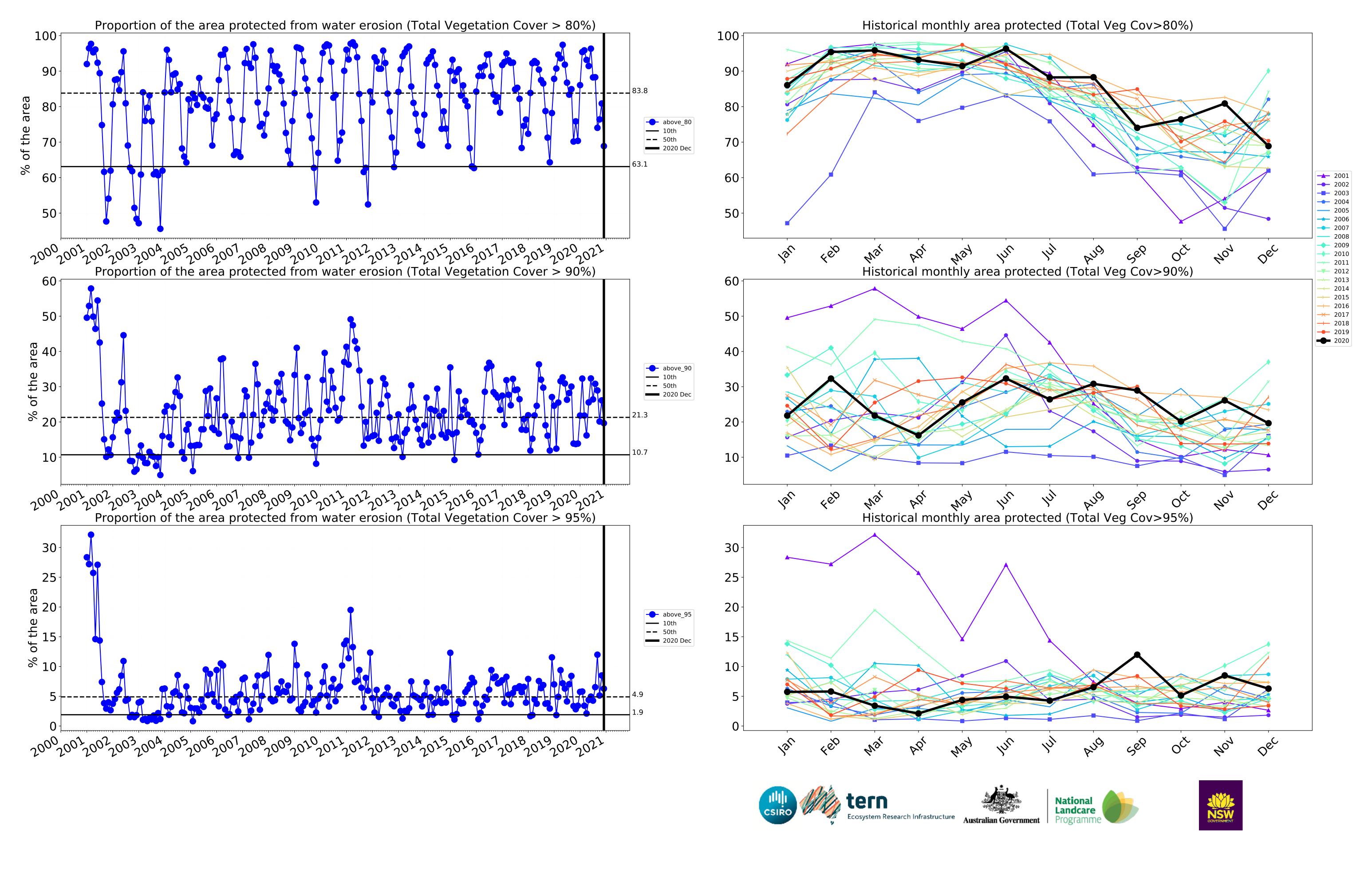
# Irrigation timeseries







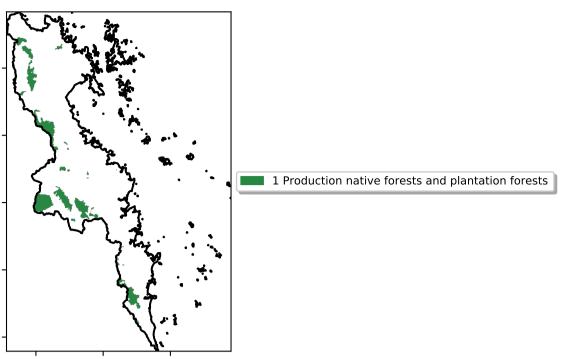




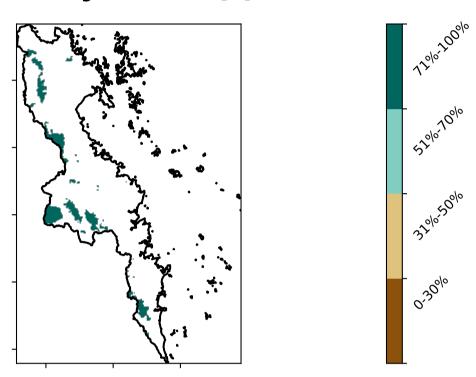
# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

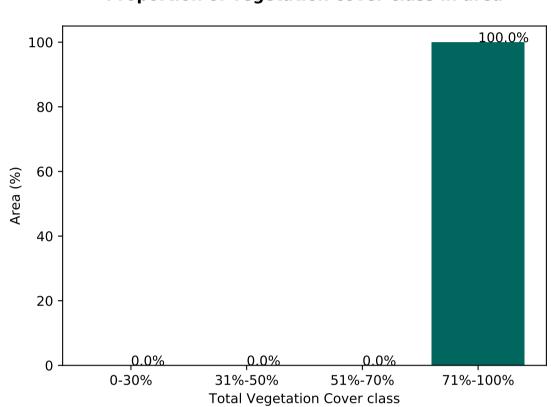
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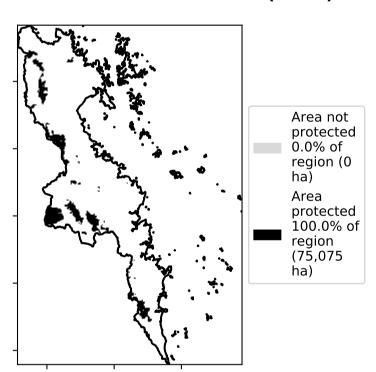
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



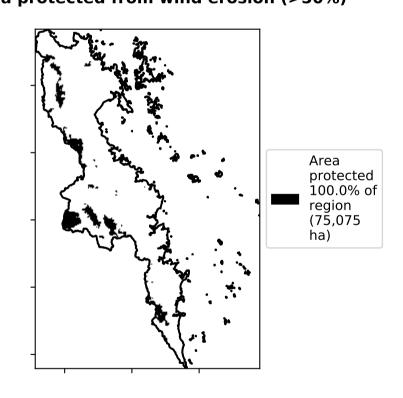
# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



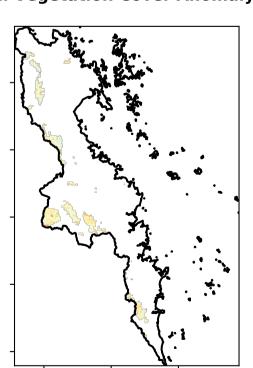
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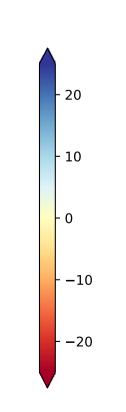


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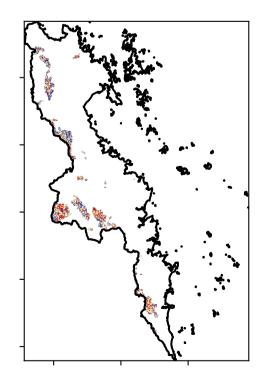
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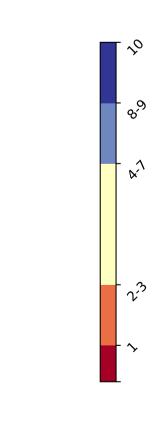




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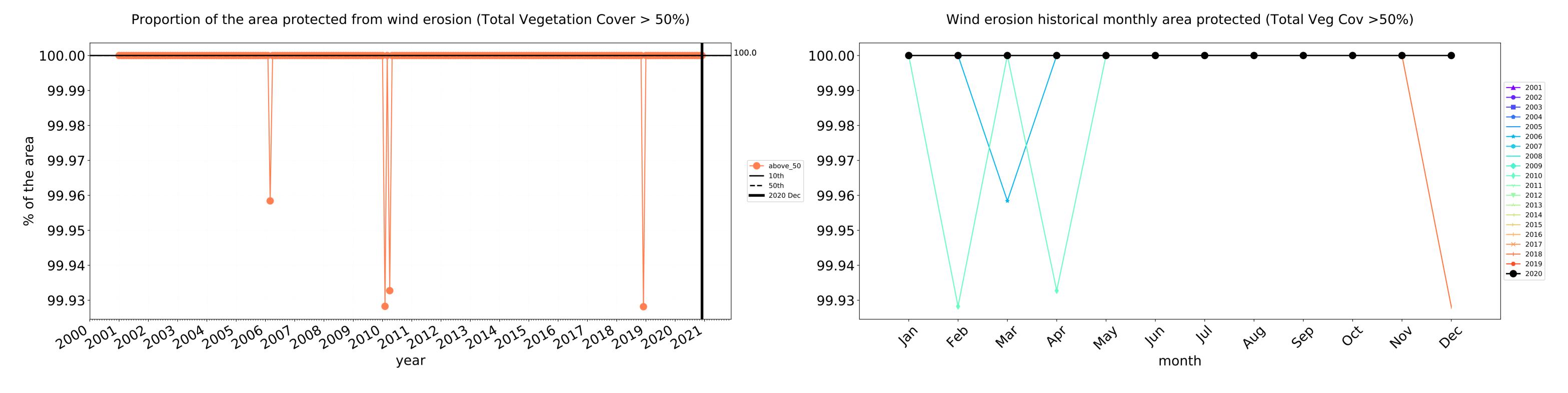


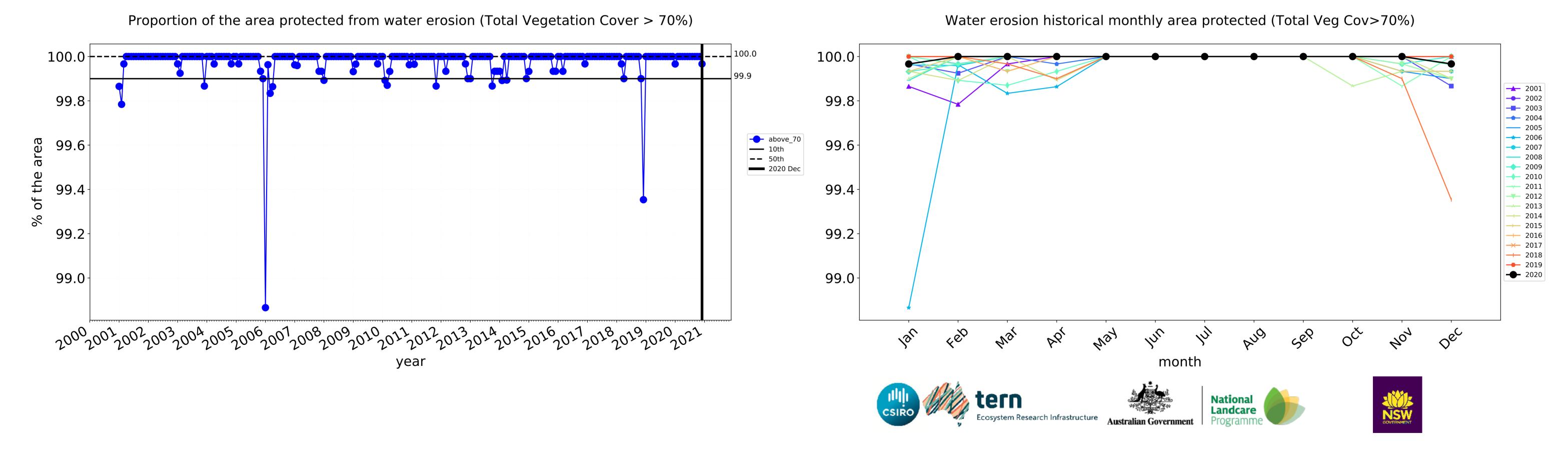


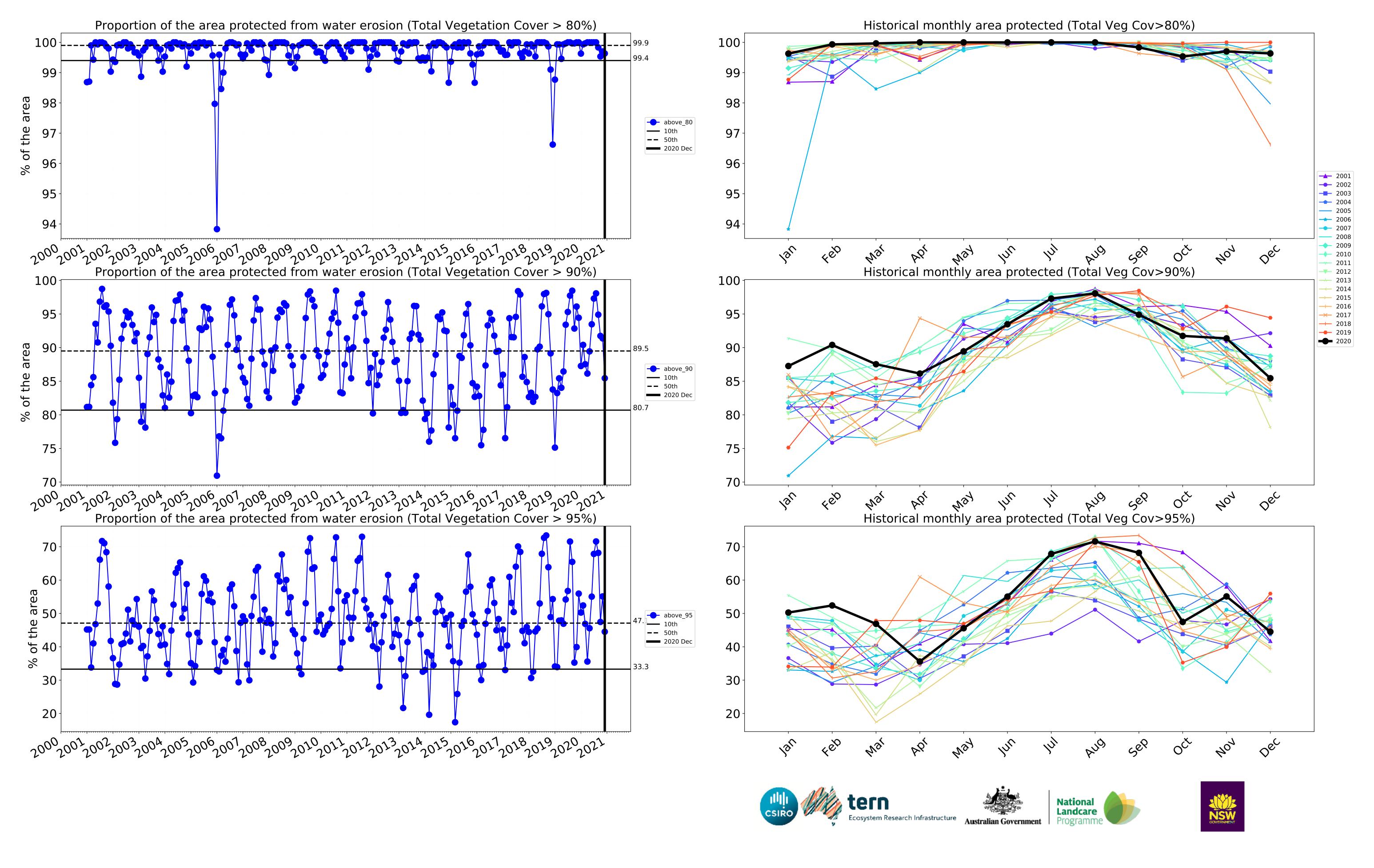




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Mackay Whitsunday (904,600 ha and no data 28,460 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	904,600	99.8% 903,175	99.5% 899,775	96.8% 876,050	87.6% 792,400	59.9% 542,200	31.8% 287,375
Conservation and natural environments	272,750	99.8% 272,100	99.5% 271,250	98.2% 267,925	95.4% 260,325	75.7% 206,500	40.1% 109,500
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,025	97.2% 6,825	95.7% 6,725	89.3% 6,275	78.3% 5,500	47.7% 3,350	28.5% 2,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,175	99.7% 73,975	99.4% 73,700	98.3% 72,950	94.5% 70,125	78.8% 58,475	53.7% 39,850
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	191,550	99.9% 191,300	99.6% 190,825	98.5% 188,700	96.4% 184,700	75.5% 144,675	35.3% 67,650
Agriculture	468,225	99.9% 467,975	99.8% 467,375	97.8% 457,825	85.4% 399,700	52.1% 243,850	27.9% 130,650
Grazing	298,200	99.9% 297,975	99.8% 297,600	99.0% 295,200	94.8% 282,575	70.6% 210,425	40.2% 119,950
Grazing non forest	189,050	99.9% 188,850	99.7% 188,525	98.6% 186,475	93.1% 176,050	64.2% 121,425	33.5% 63,425
Grazing Woodland forest	80,625	100.0% 80,600	99.9% 80,550	99.5% 80,200	97.0% 78,200	81.2% 65,450	55.4% 44,650
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,525	100.0% 28,525	100.0% 28,525	100.0% 28,525	99.3% 28,325	82.6% 23,550	41.6% 11,875
Irrigation	169,975	100.0% 169,950	99.9% 169,725	95.6% 162,575	68.9% 117,075	19.6% 33,400	6.3% 10,675
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,050	99.6% 74,800	85.4% 64,150	44.5% 33,425







