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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Vegetation Cover Mar 2020

Land use and forest cover

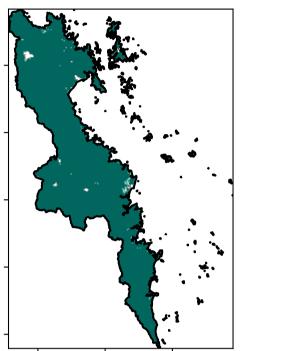
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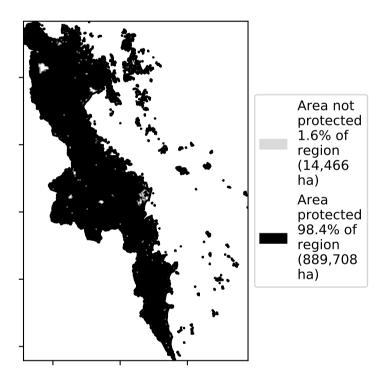
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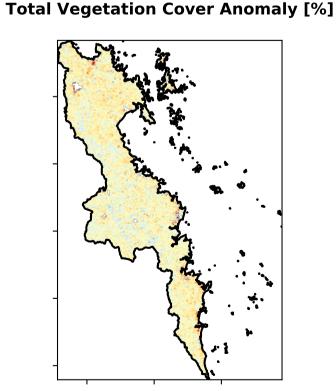


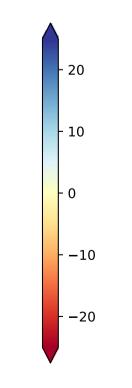
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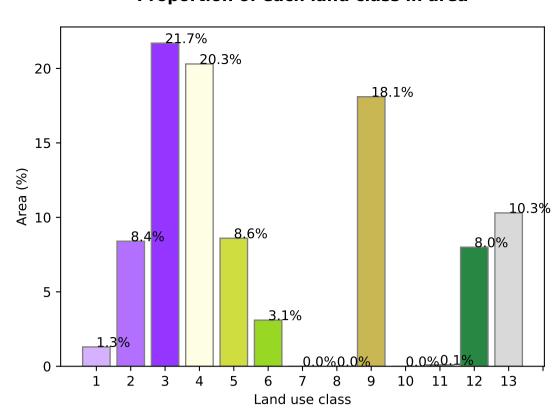
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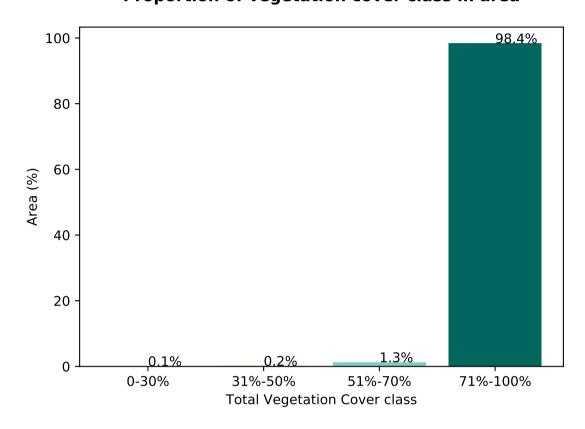


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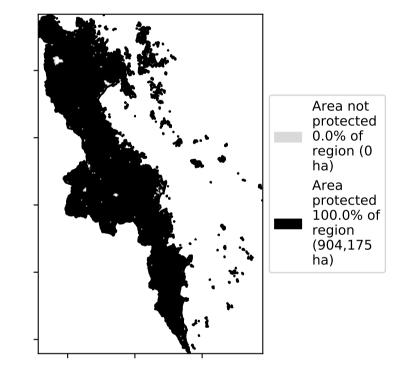
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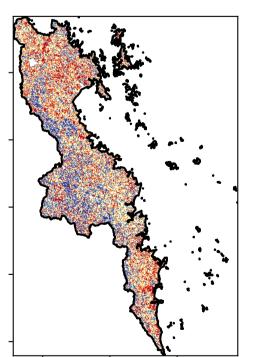
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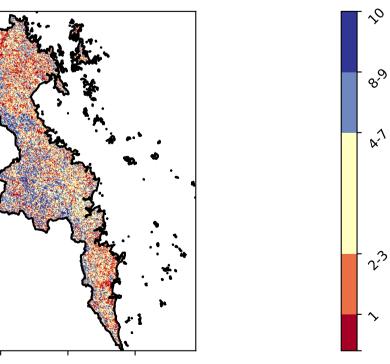


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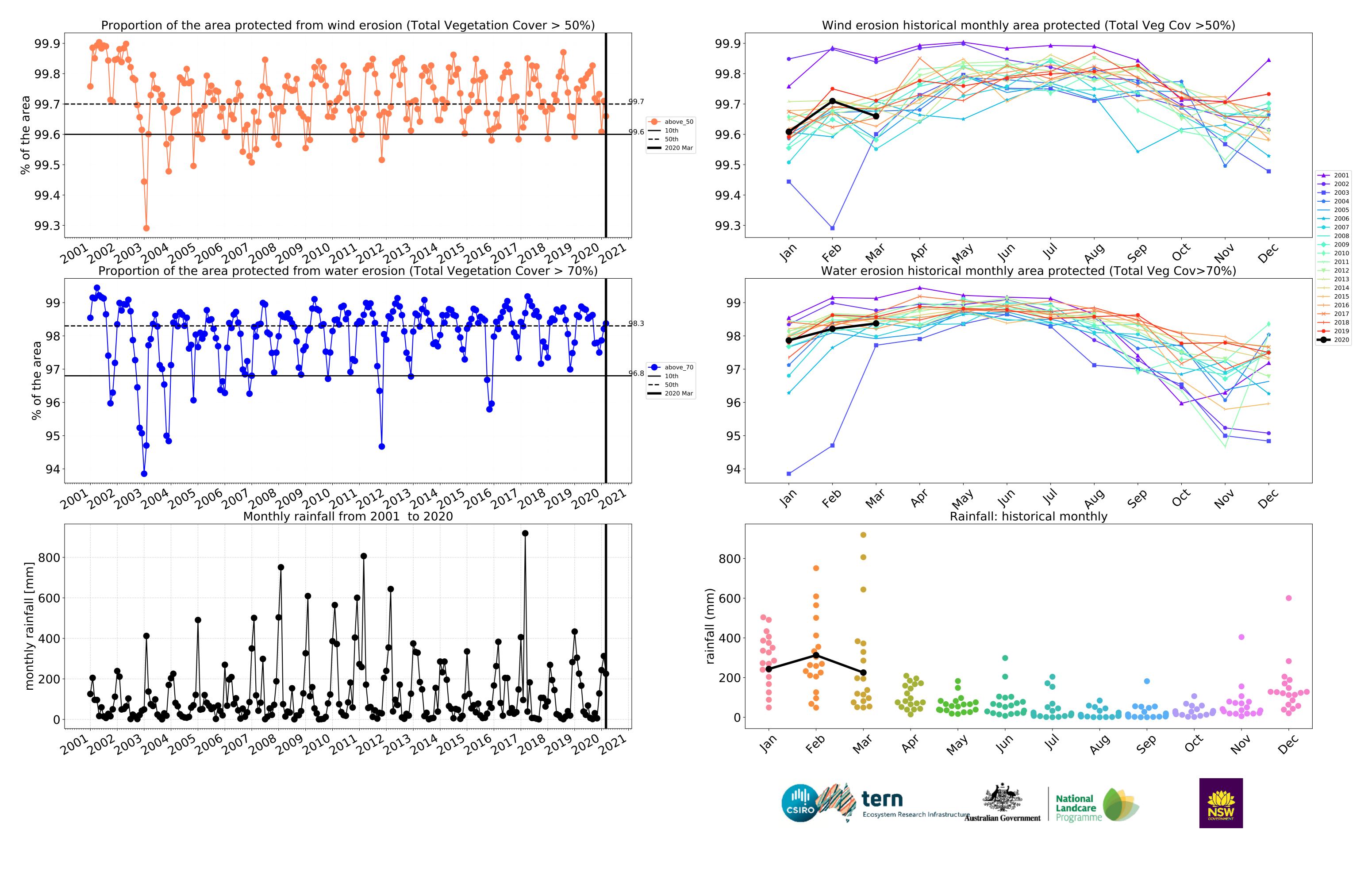


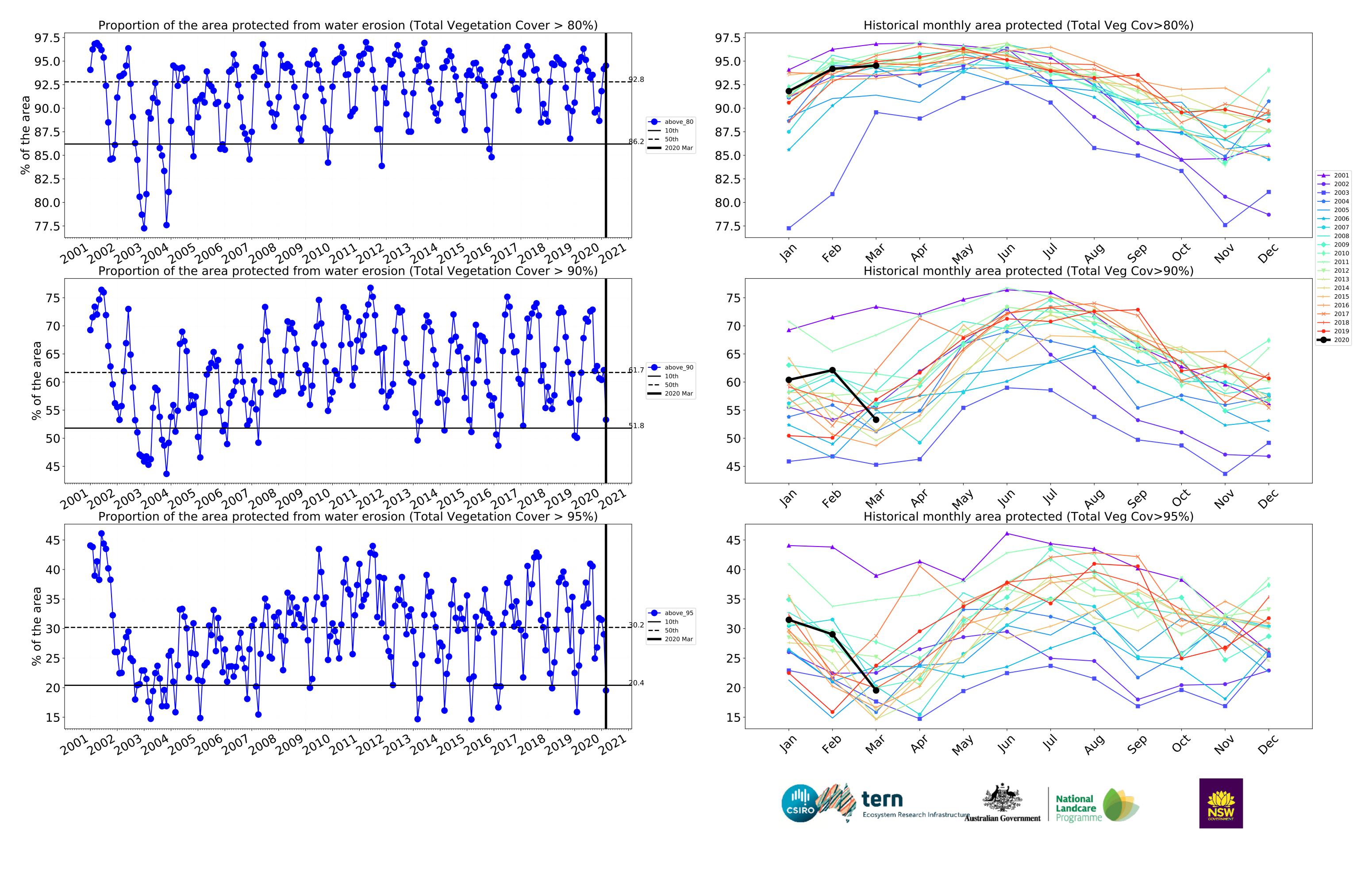












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Conservation and natural environments

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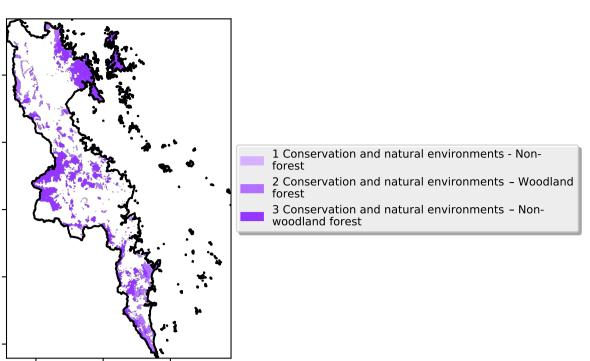
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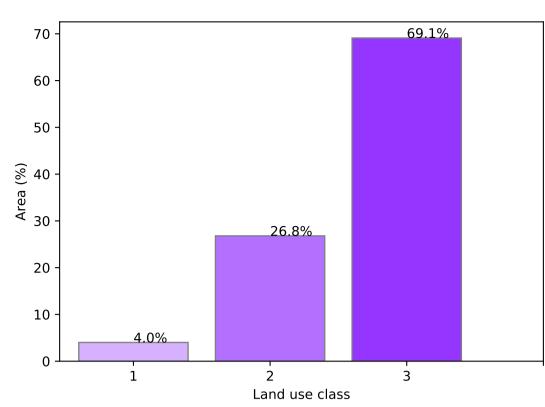
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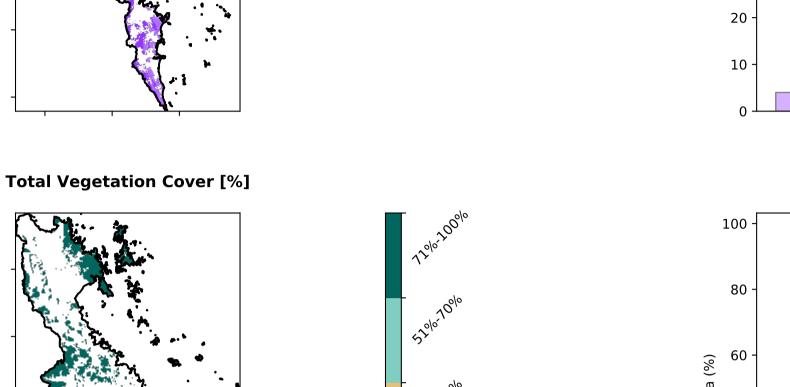
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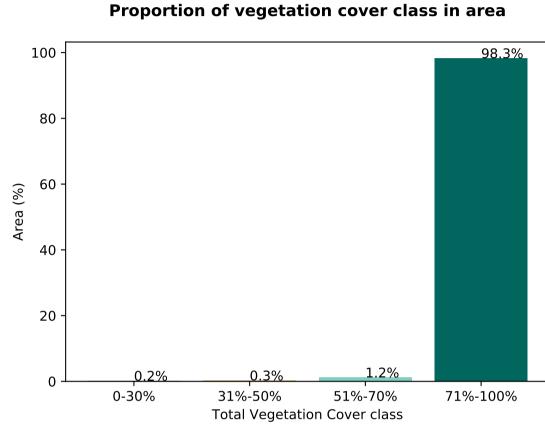


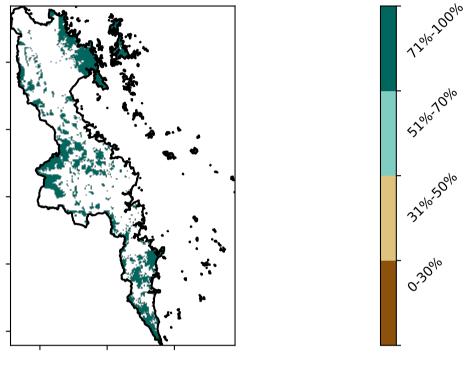
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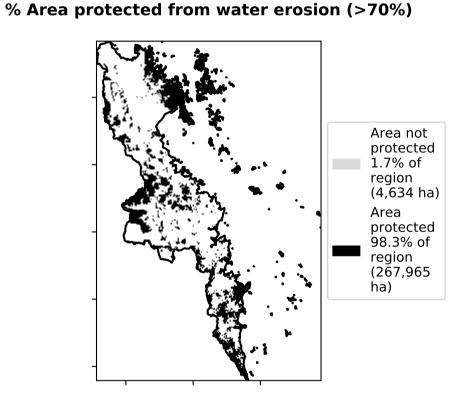
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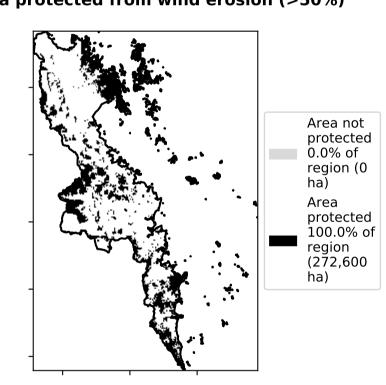




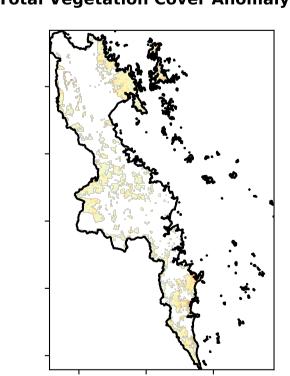


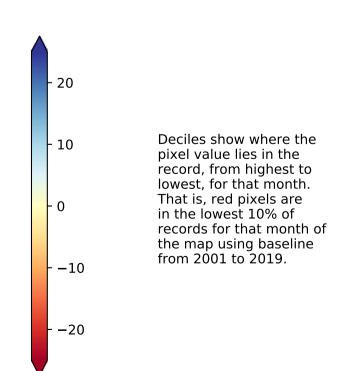




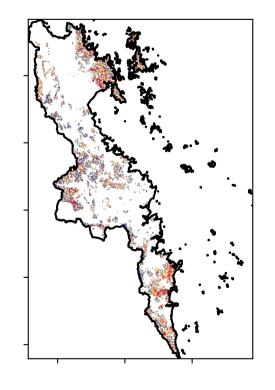


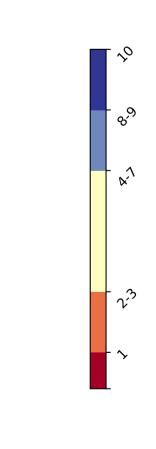
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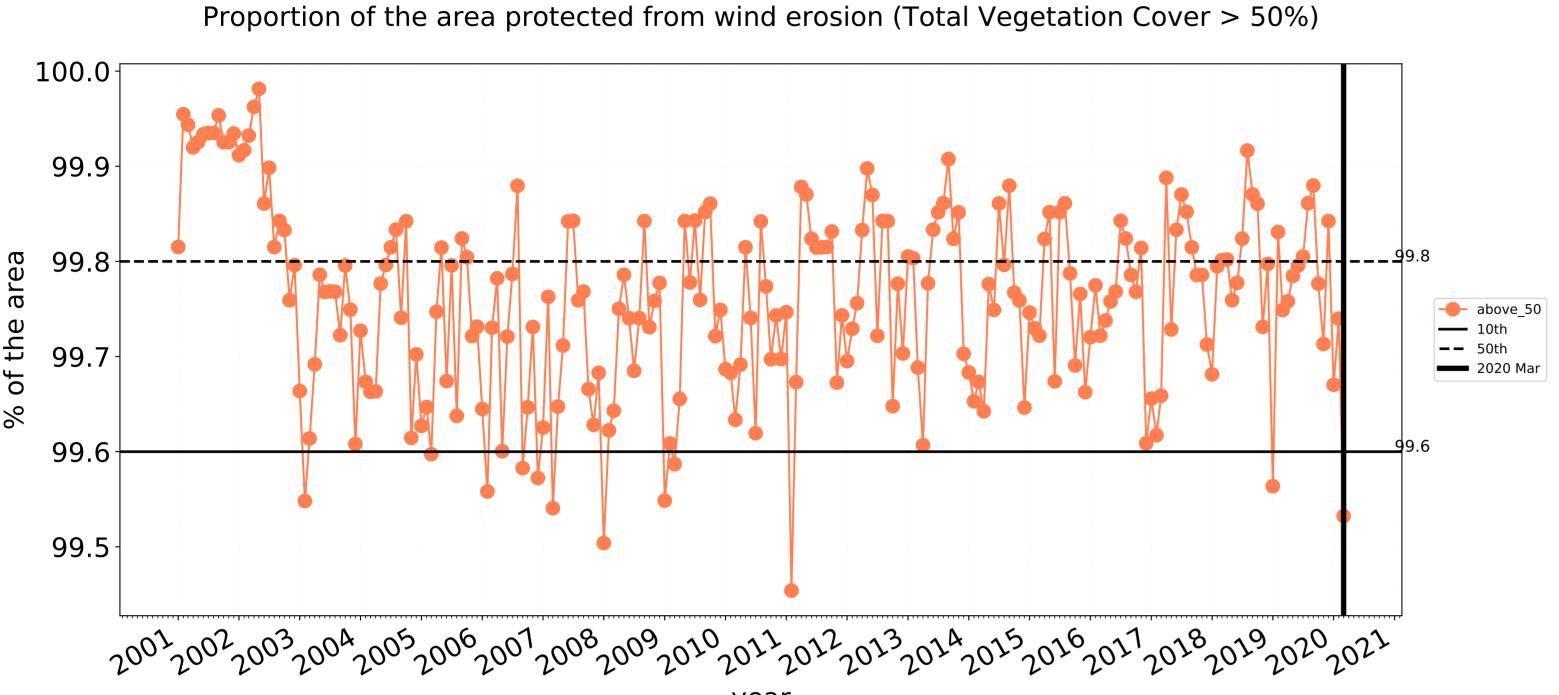


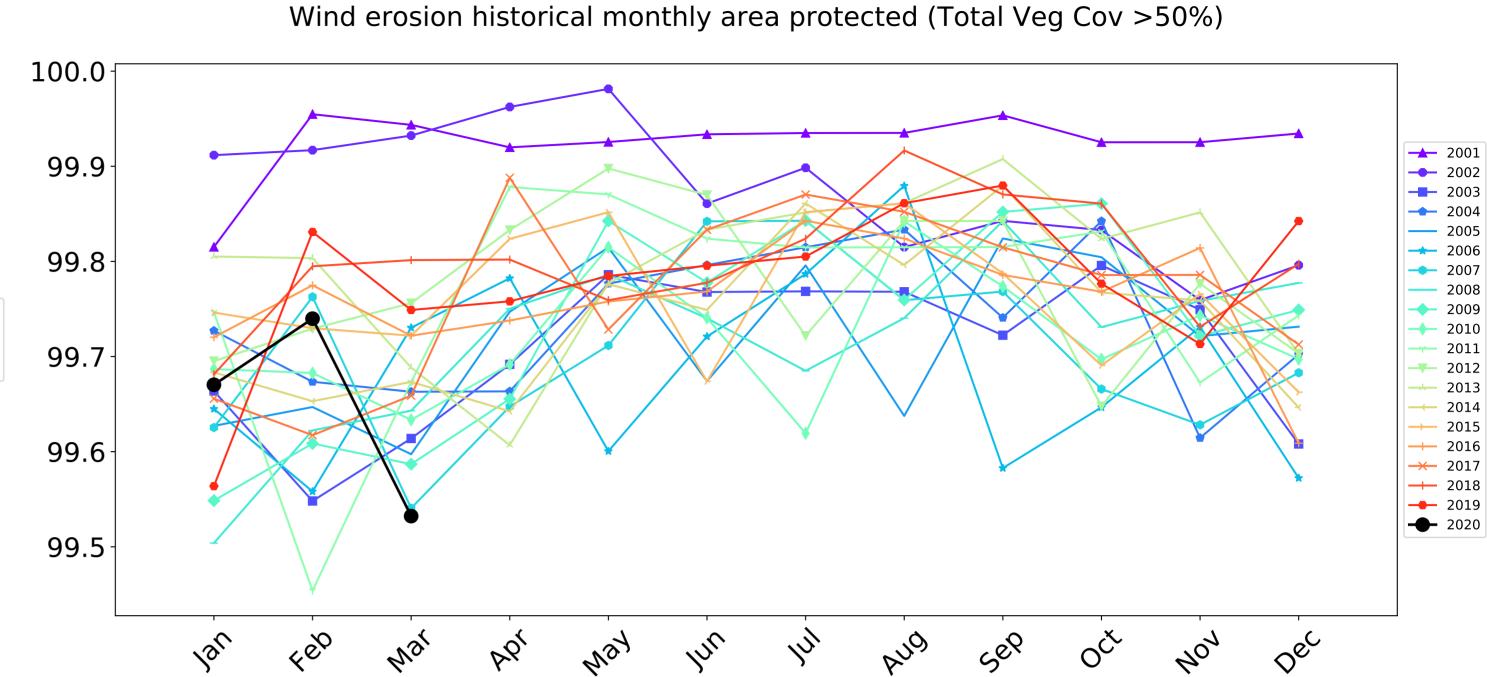




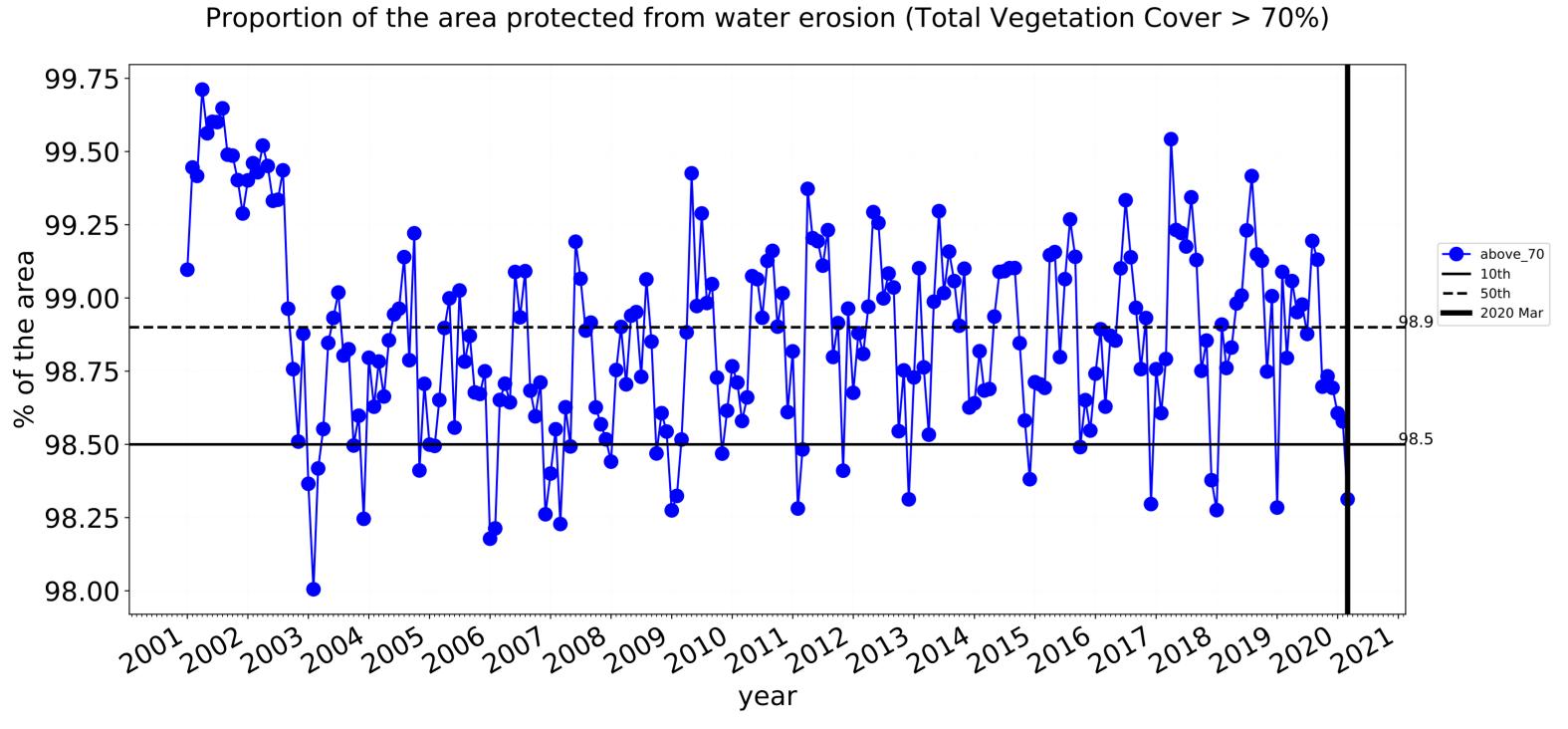


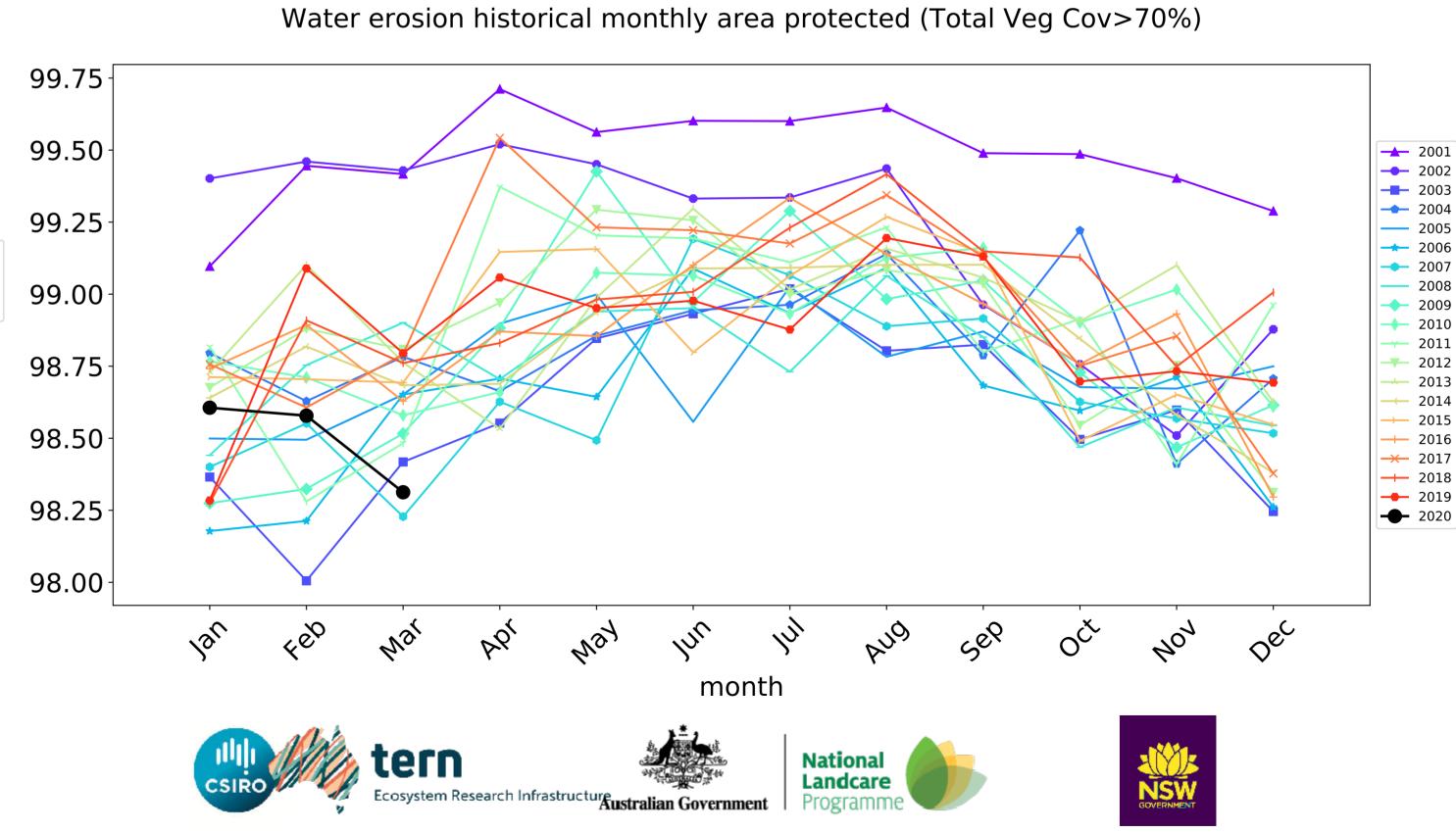
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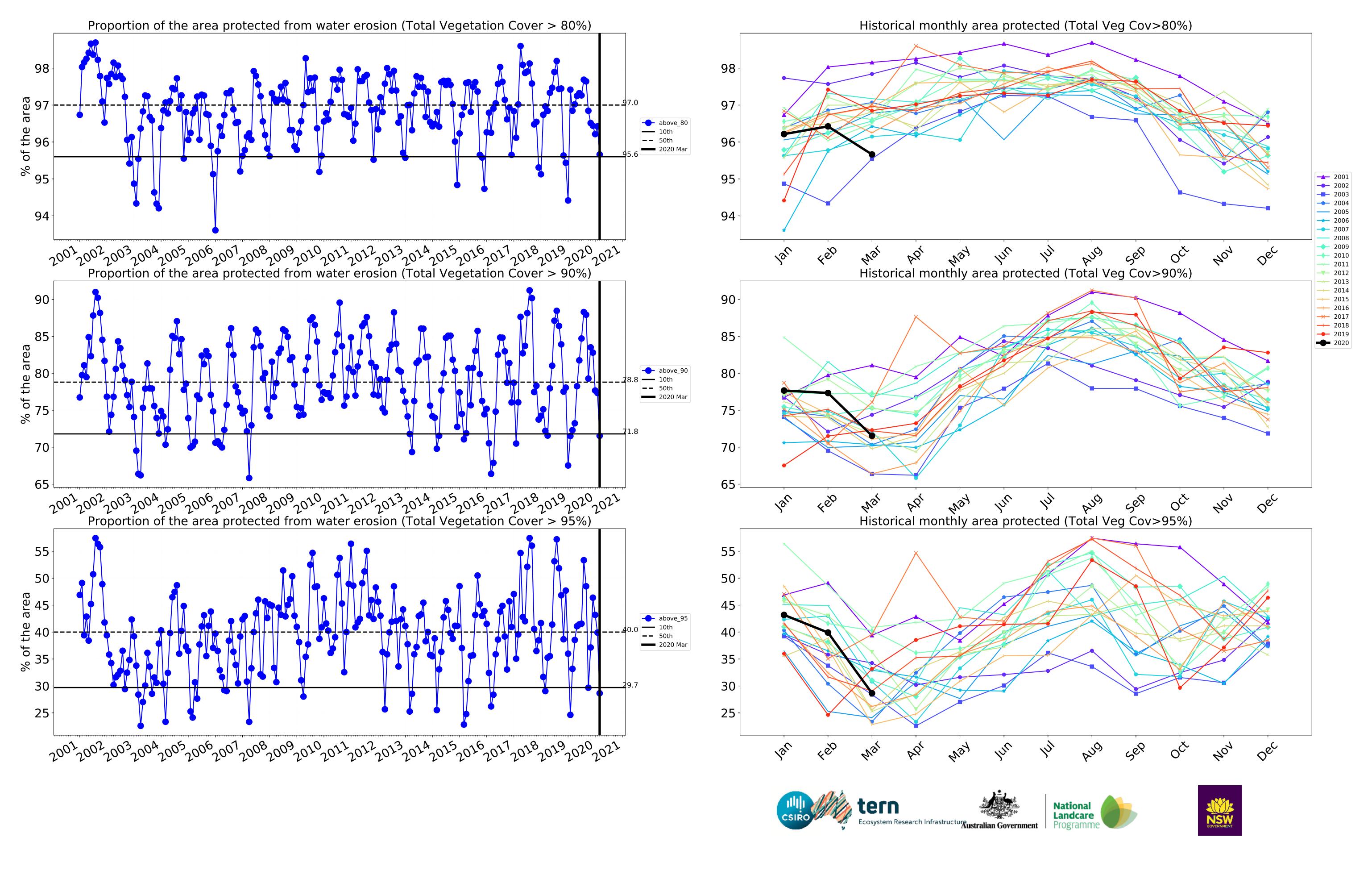




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Conservation and natural environments non forest

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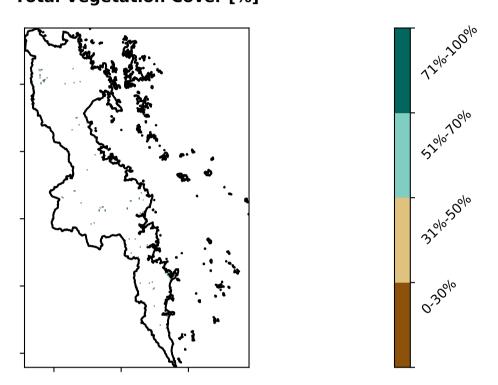
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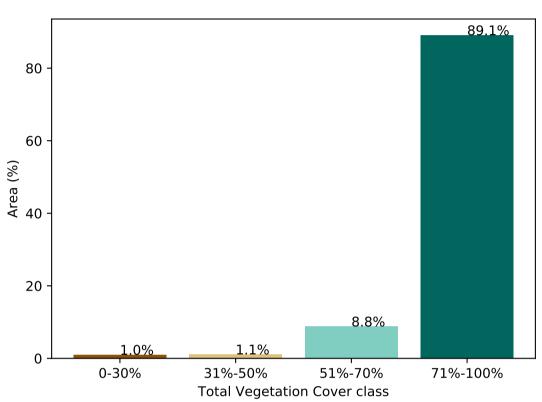
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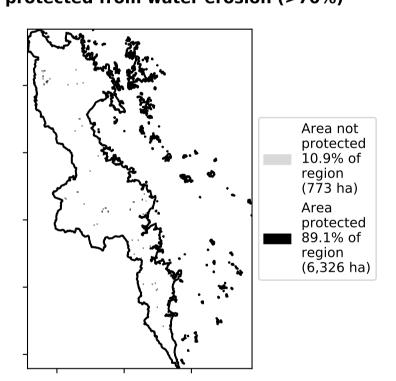
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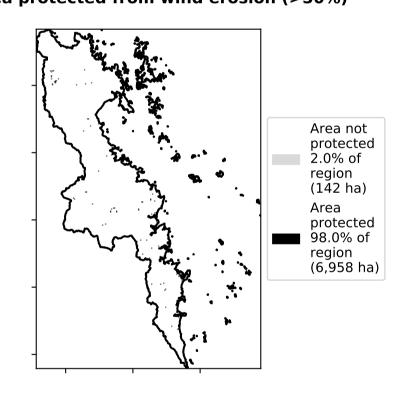
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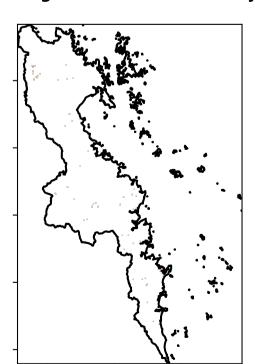
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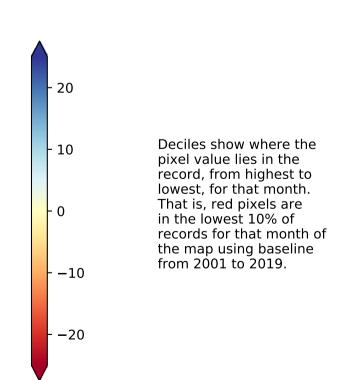


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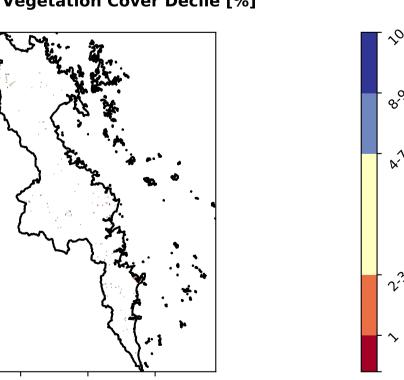


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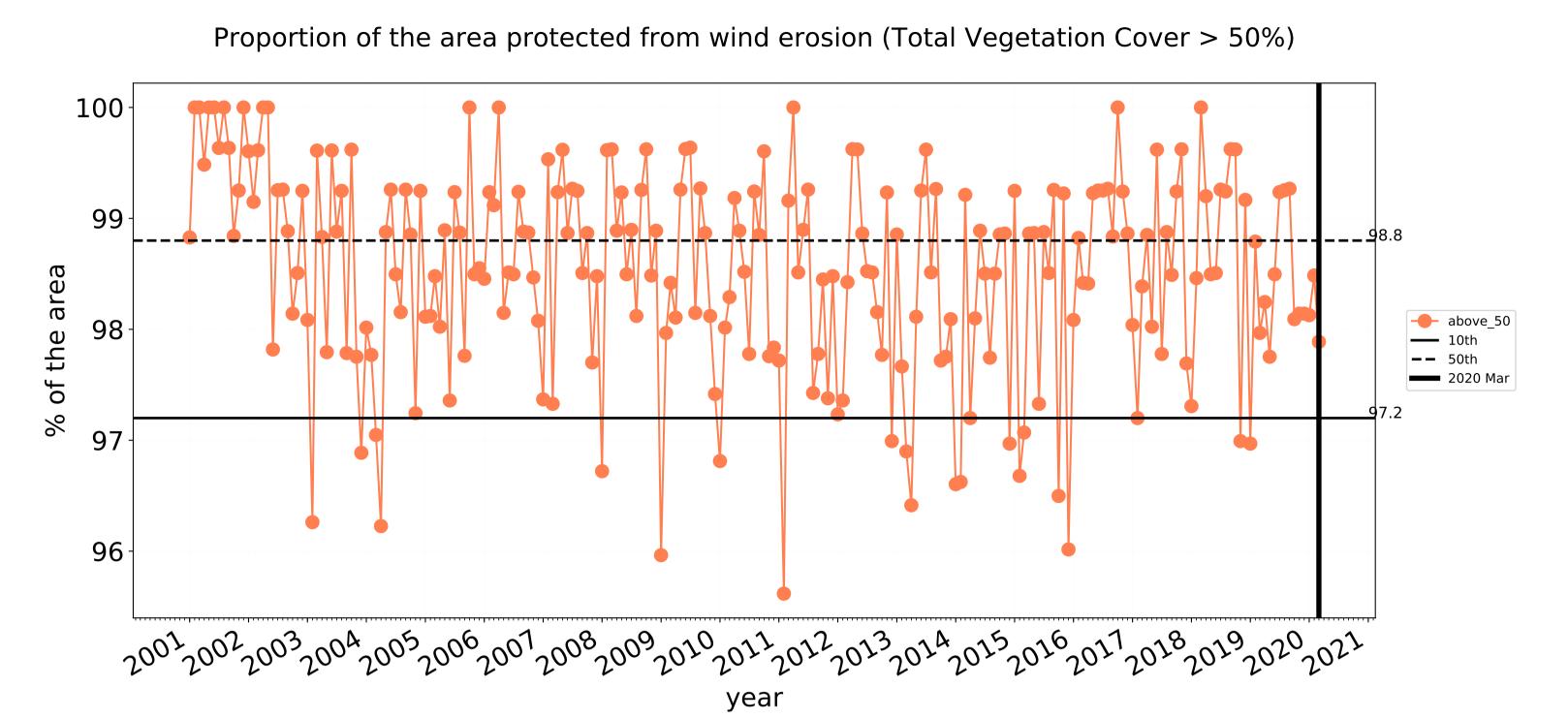


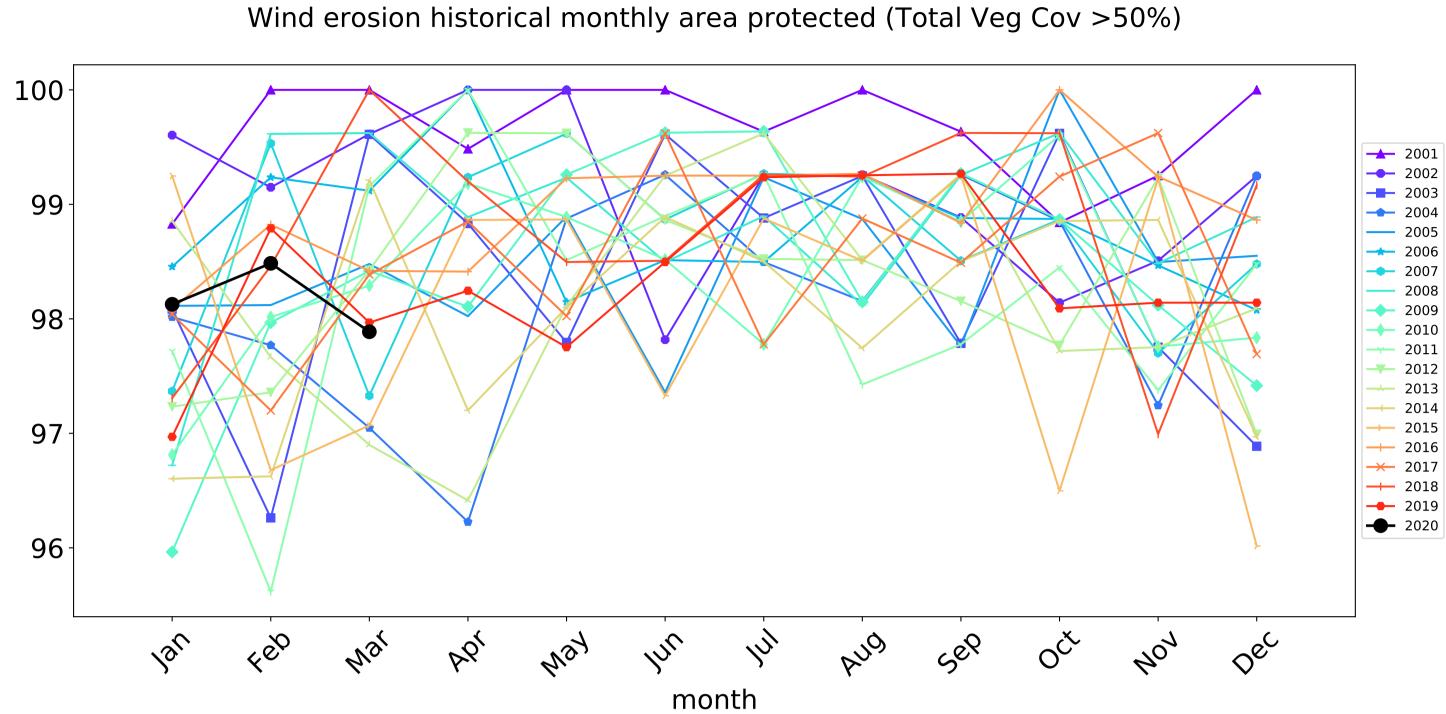


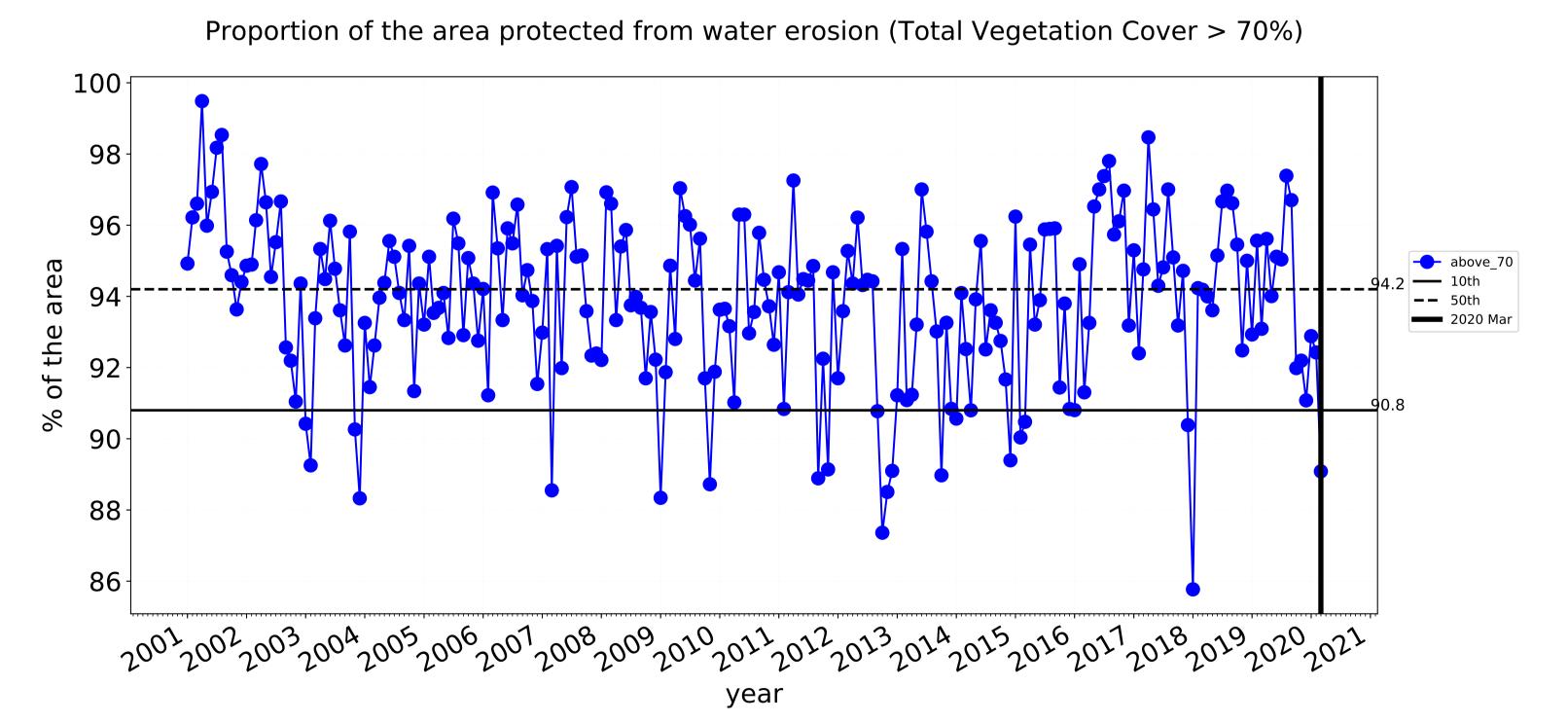


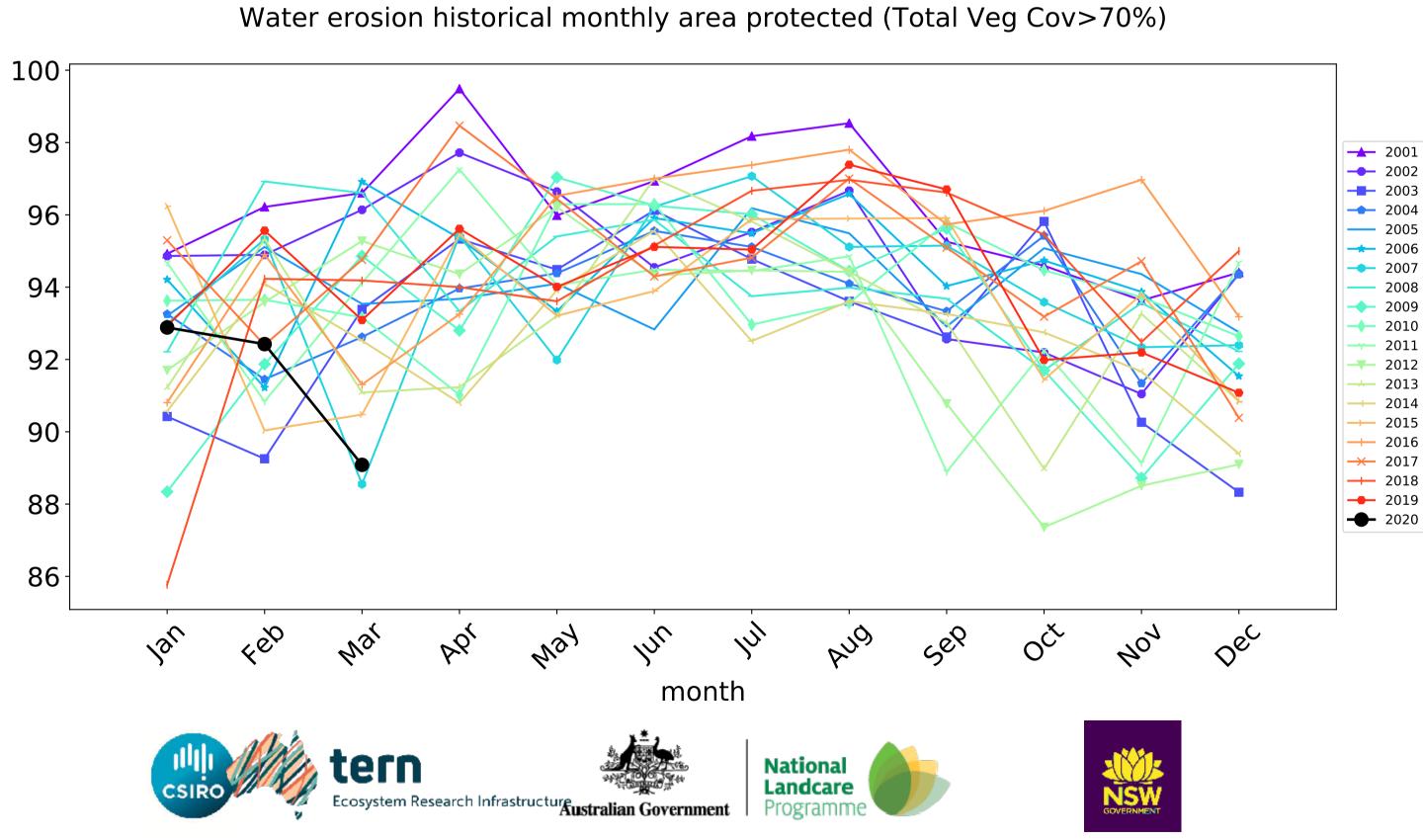


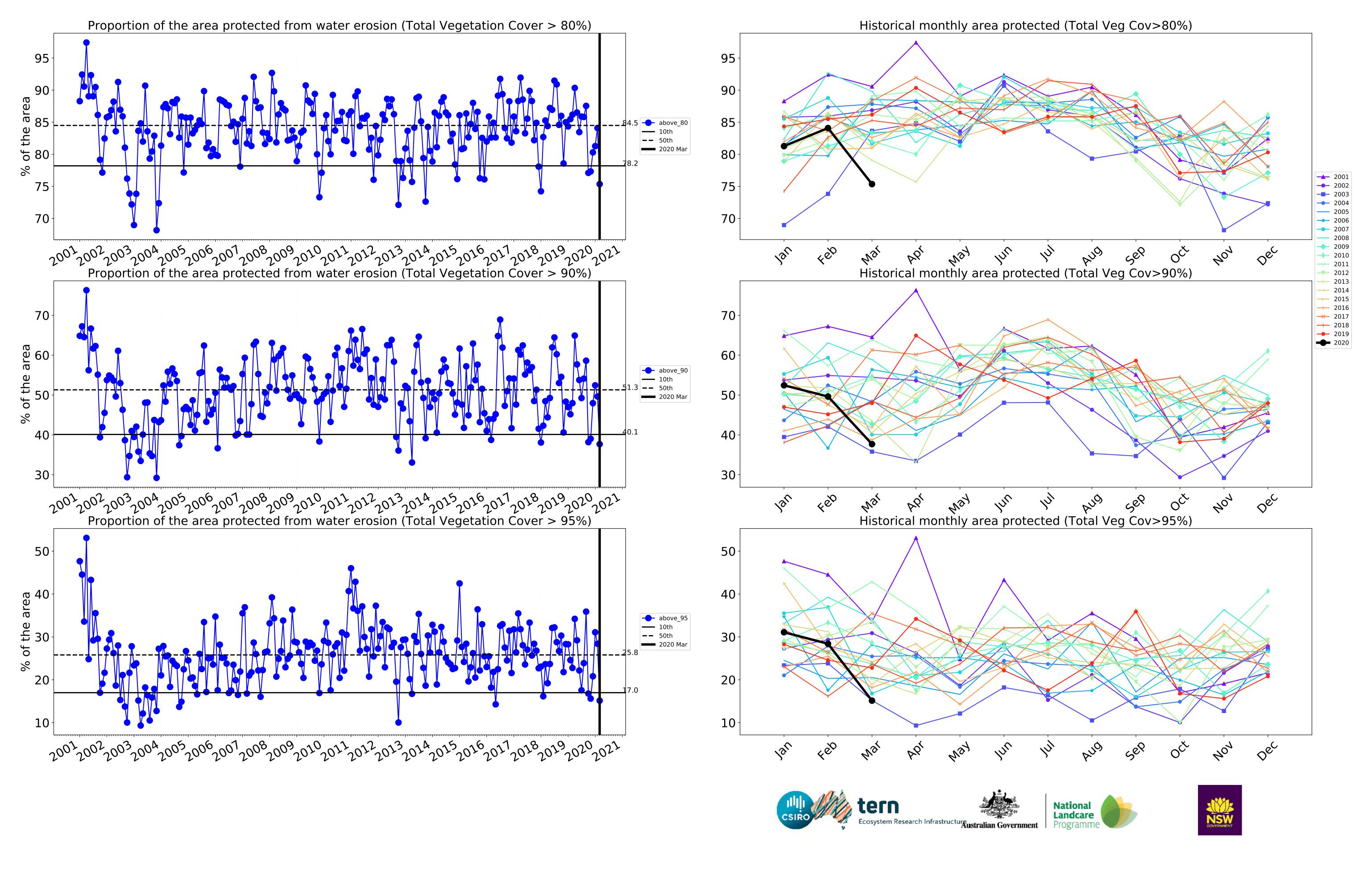
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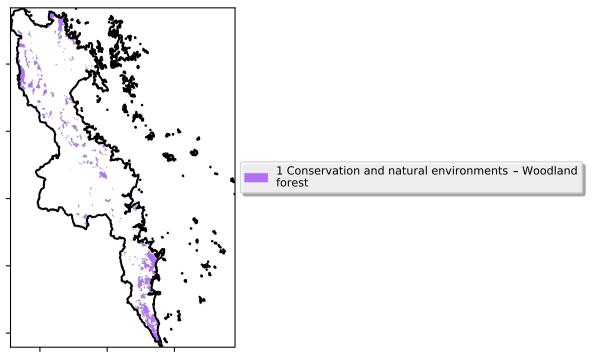


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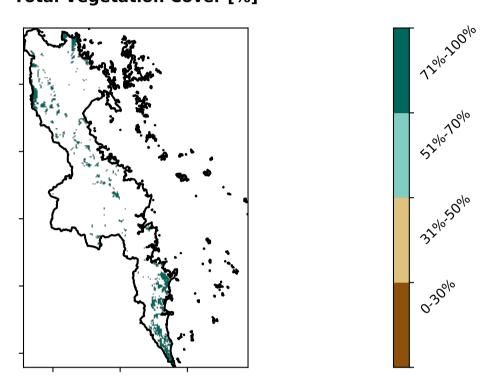
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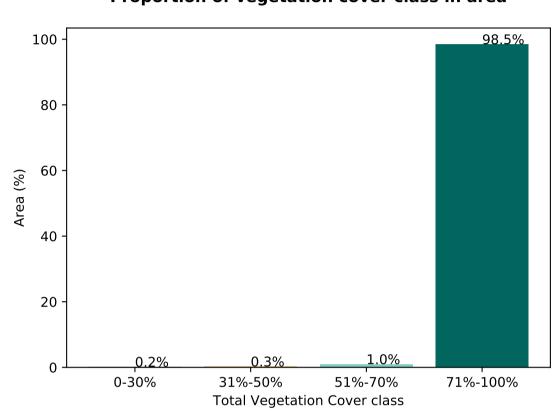
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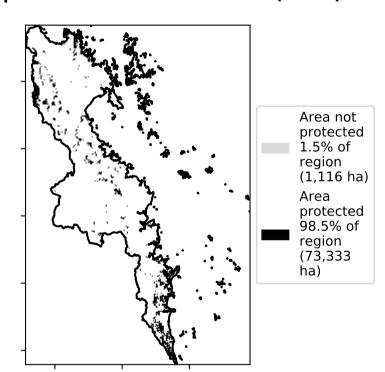
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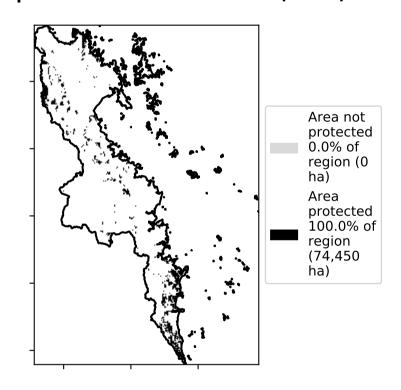
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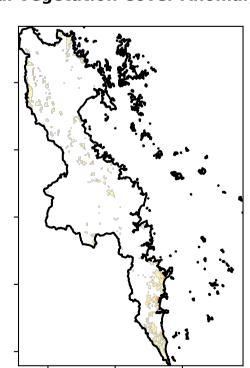
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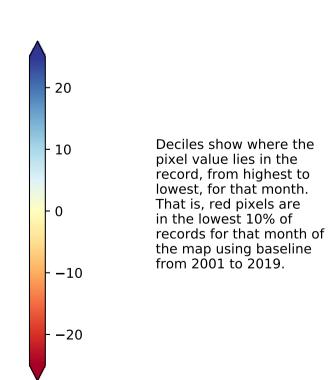


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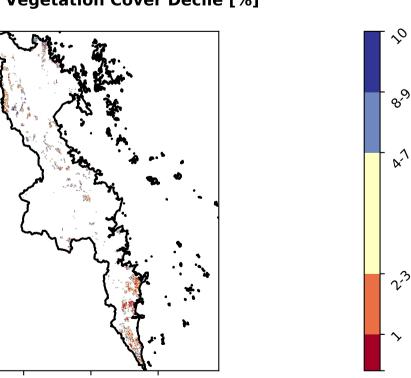


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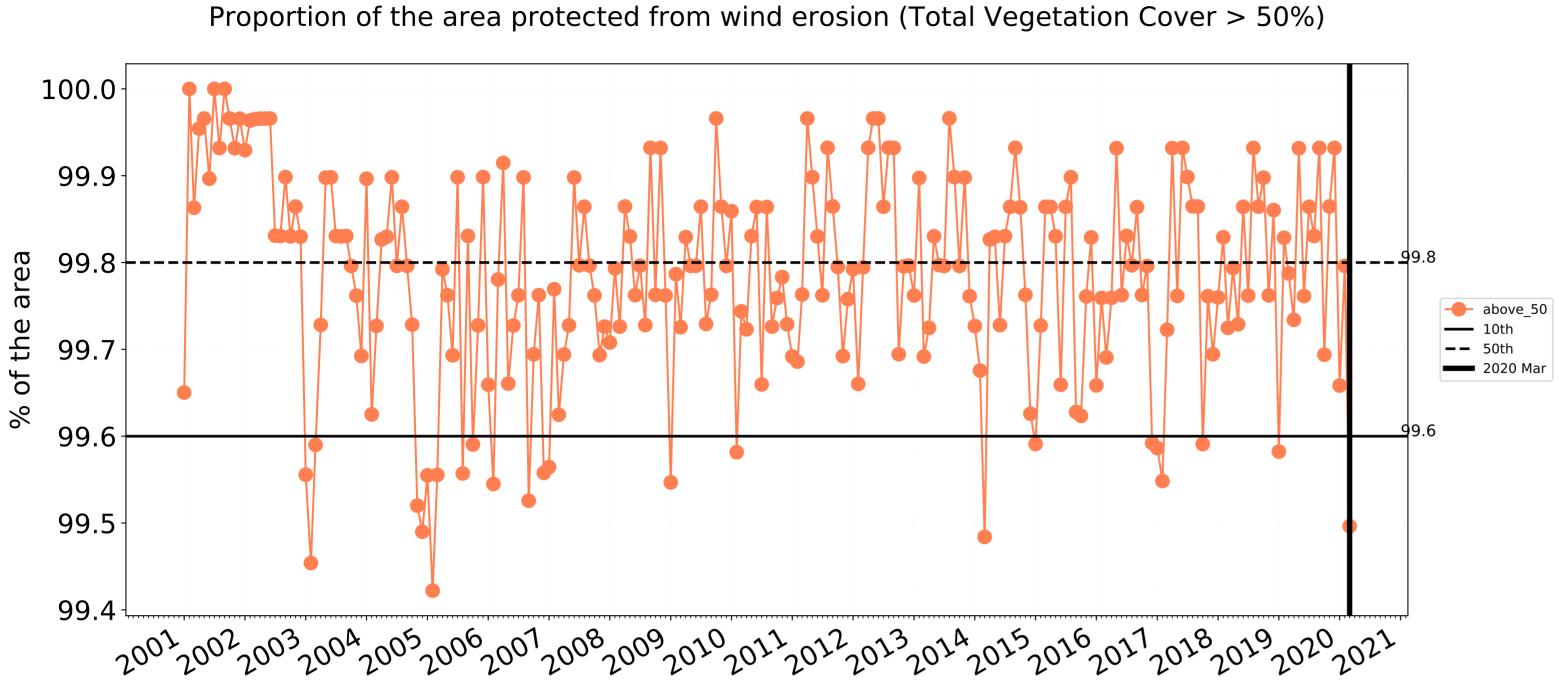




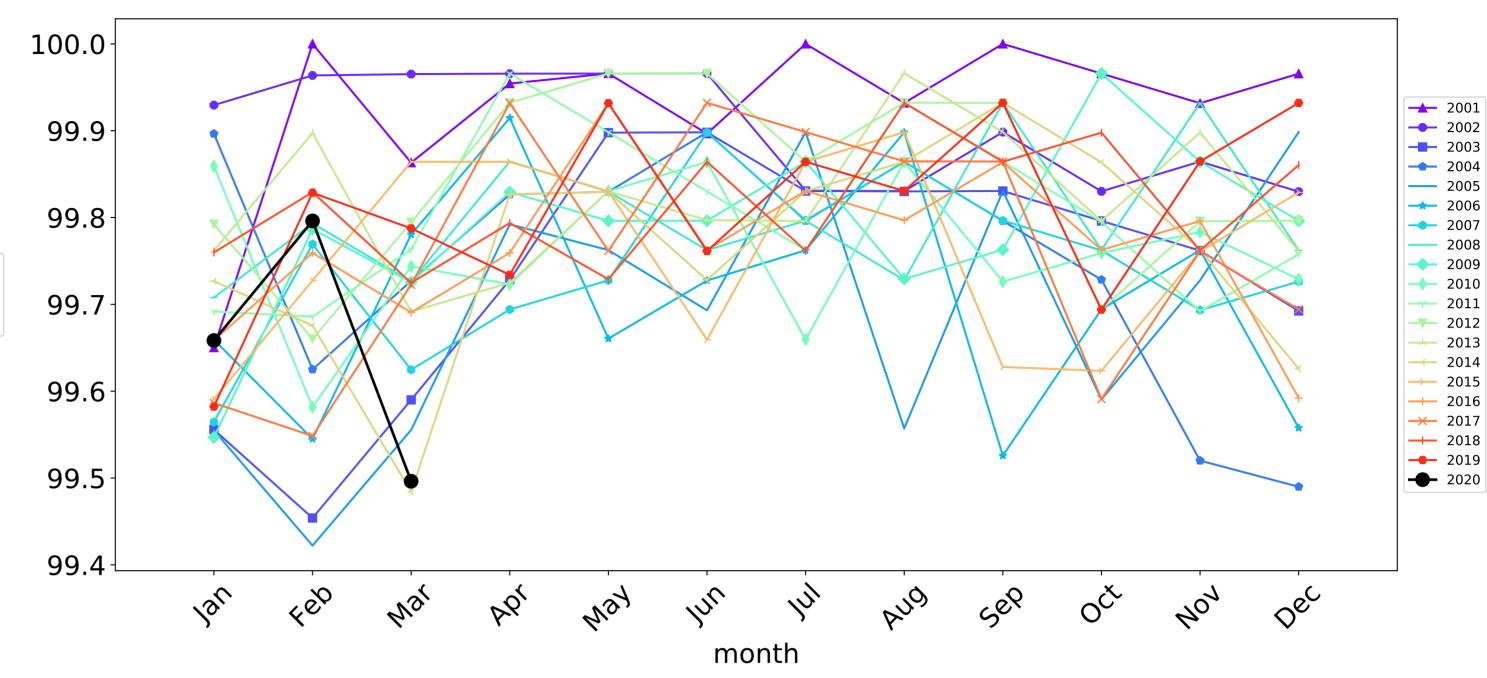
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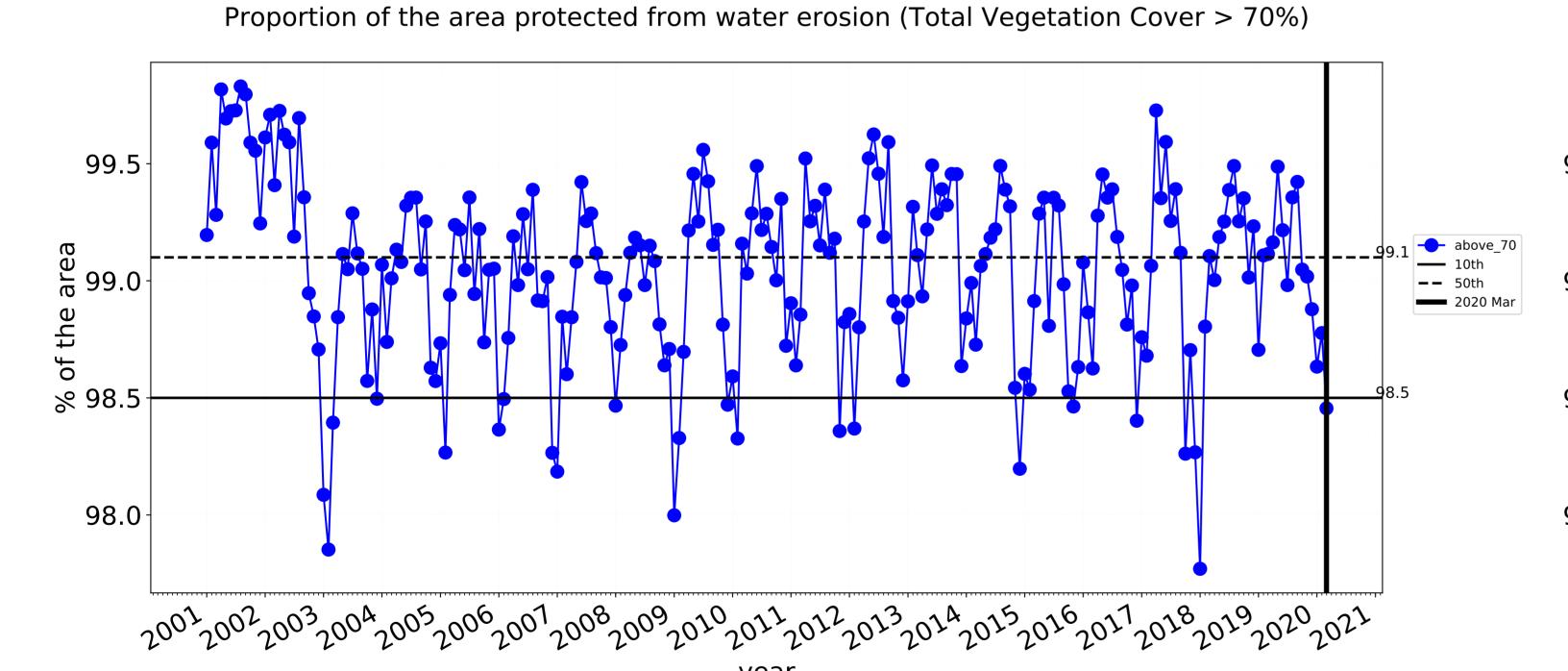
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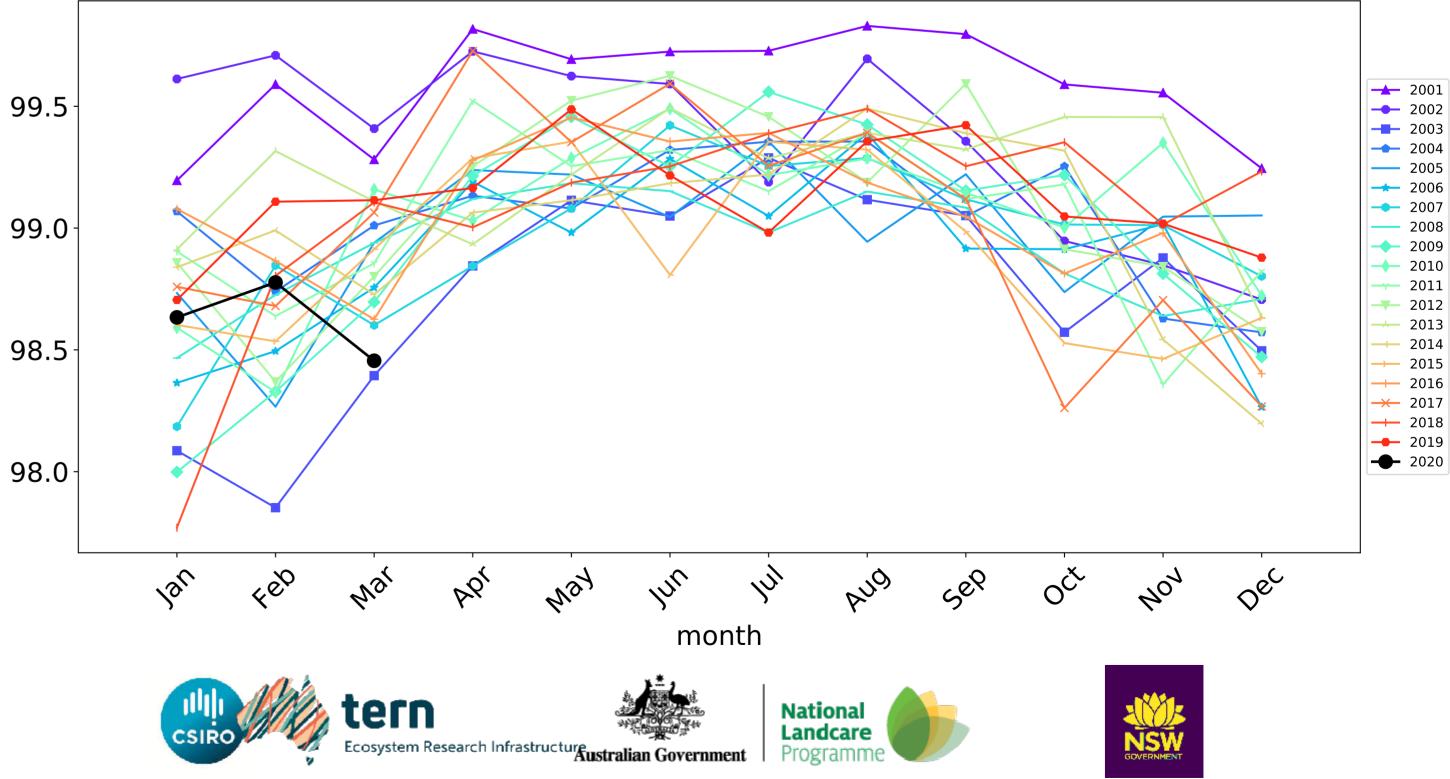


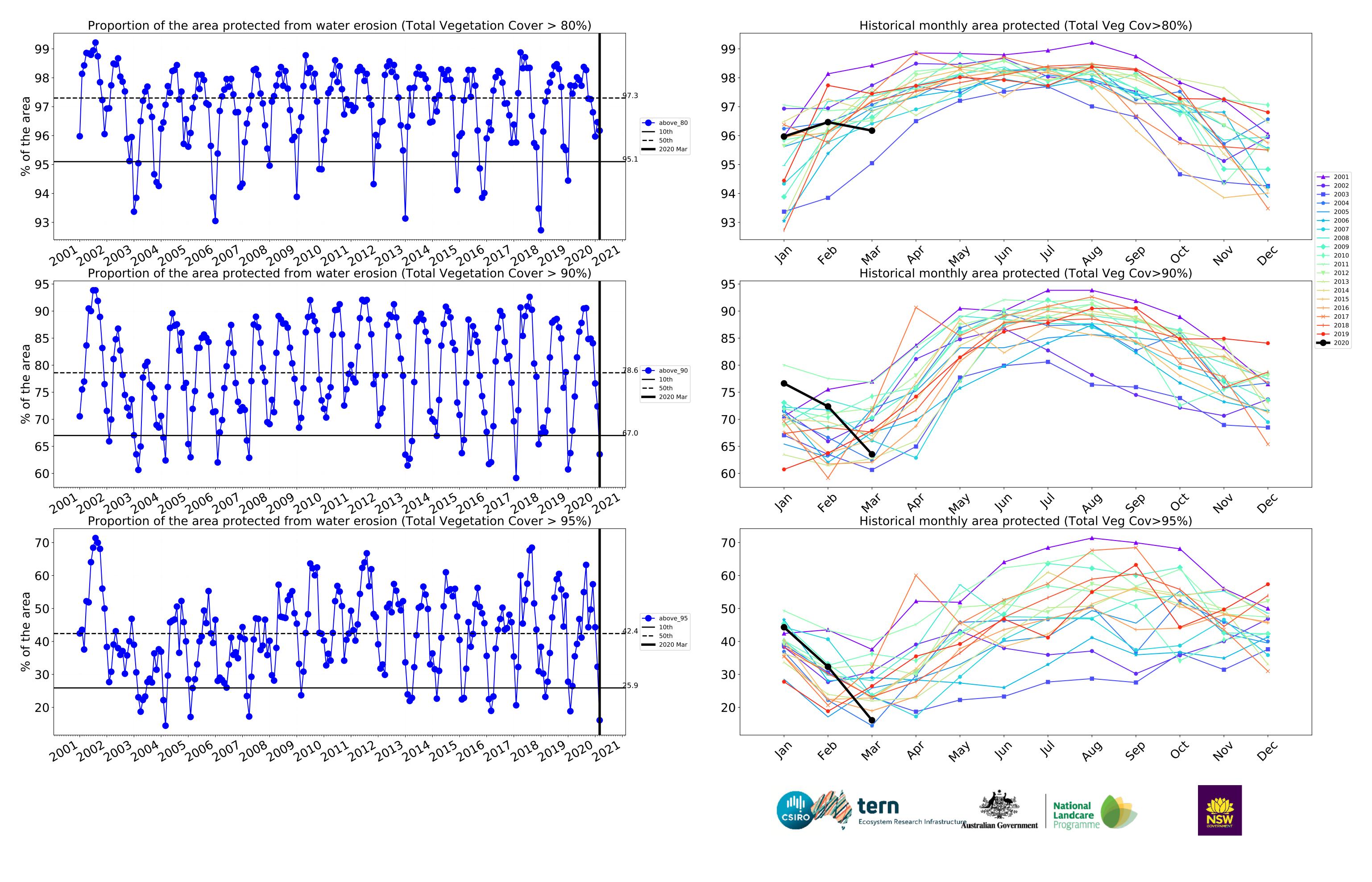
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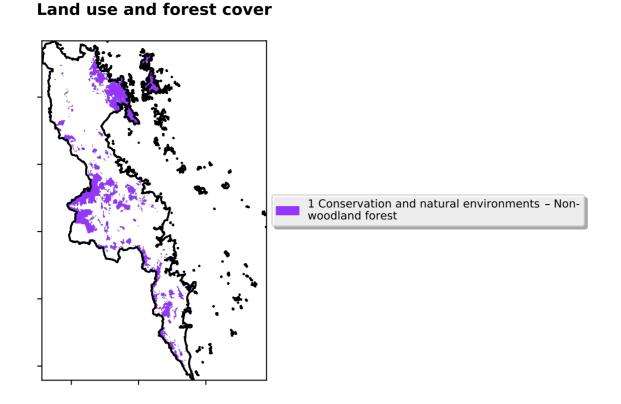




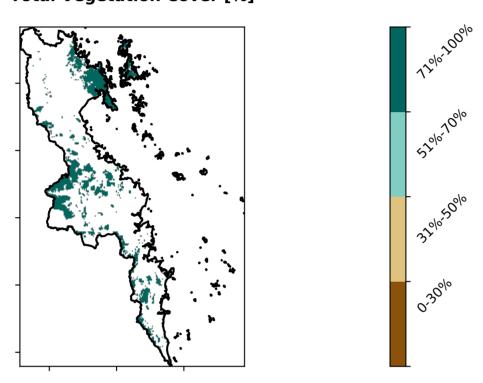
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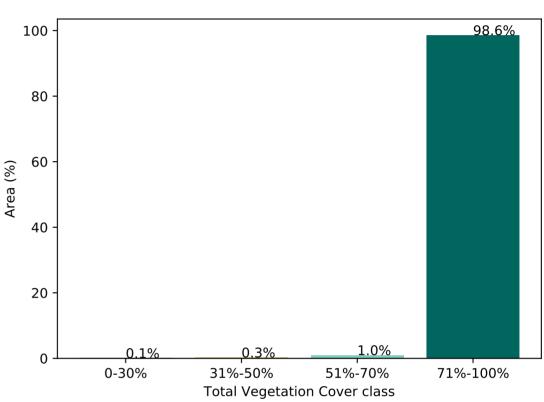
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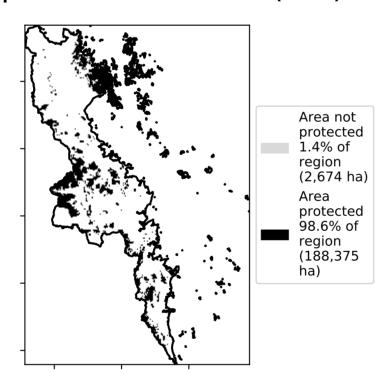
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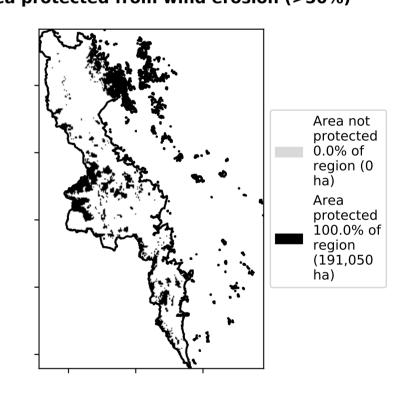
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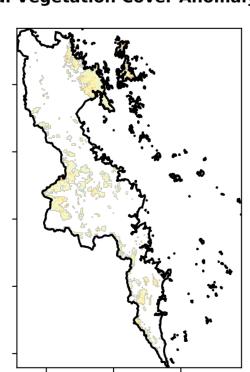
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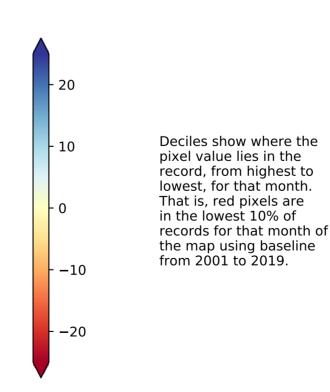


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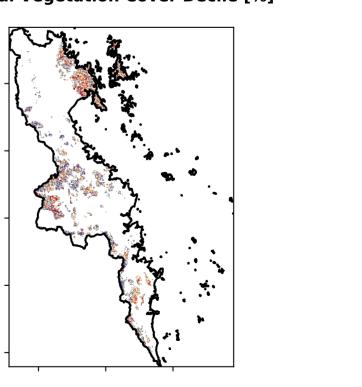


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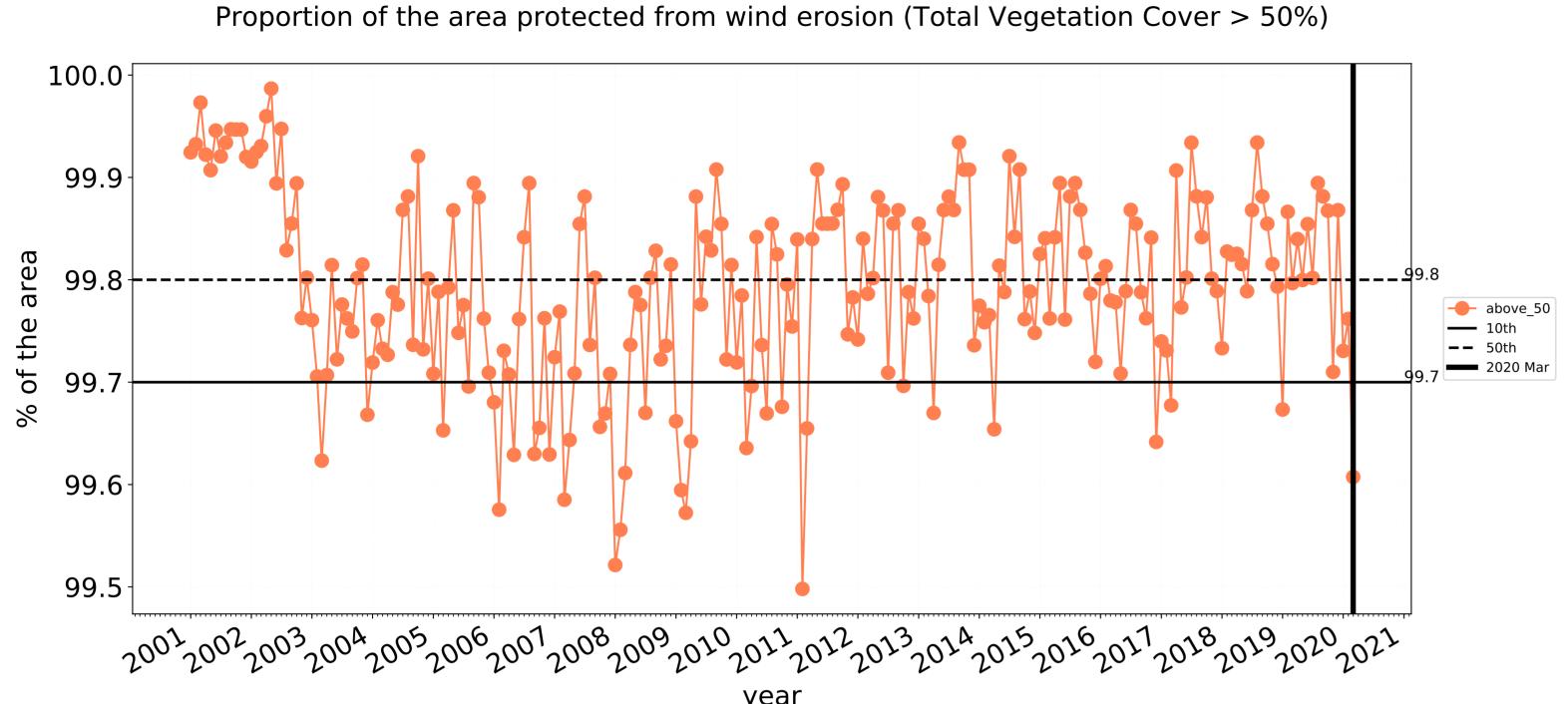
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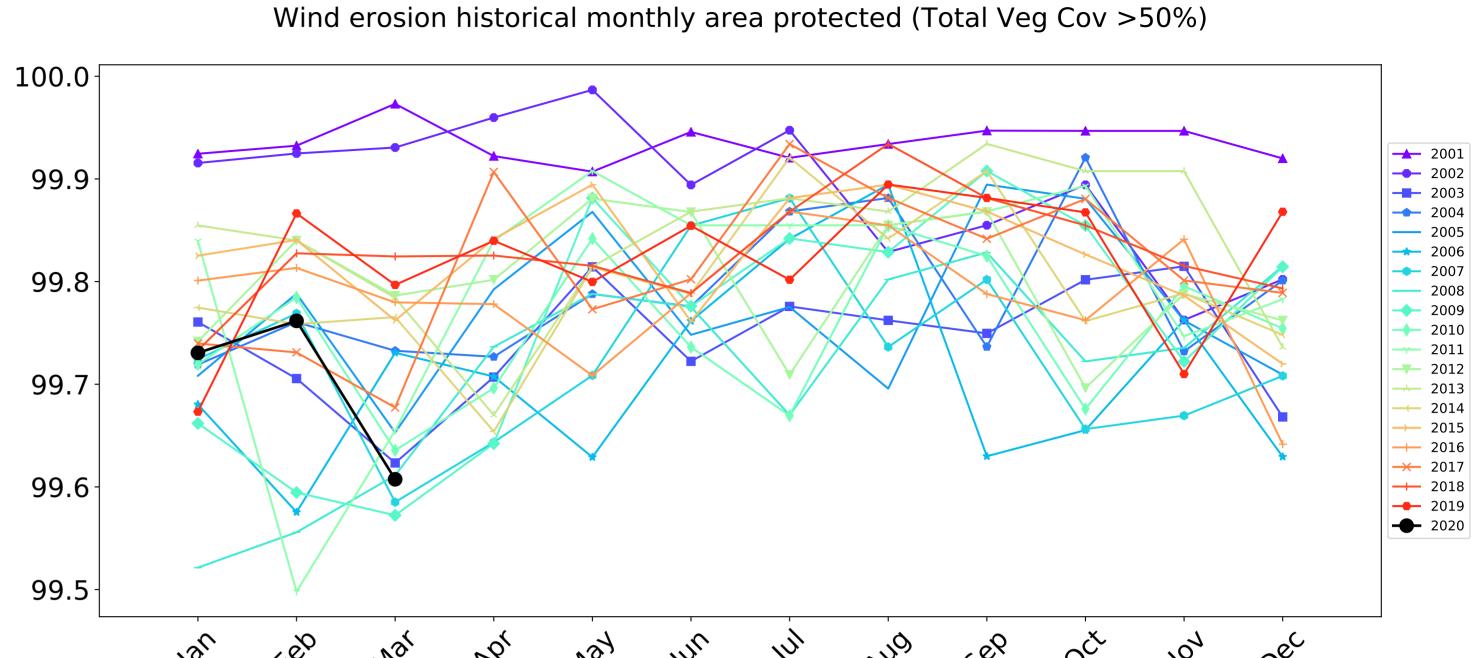




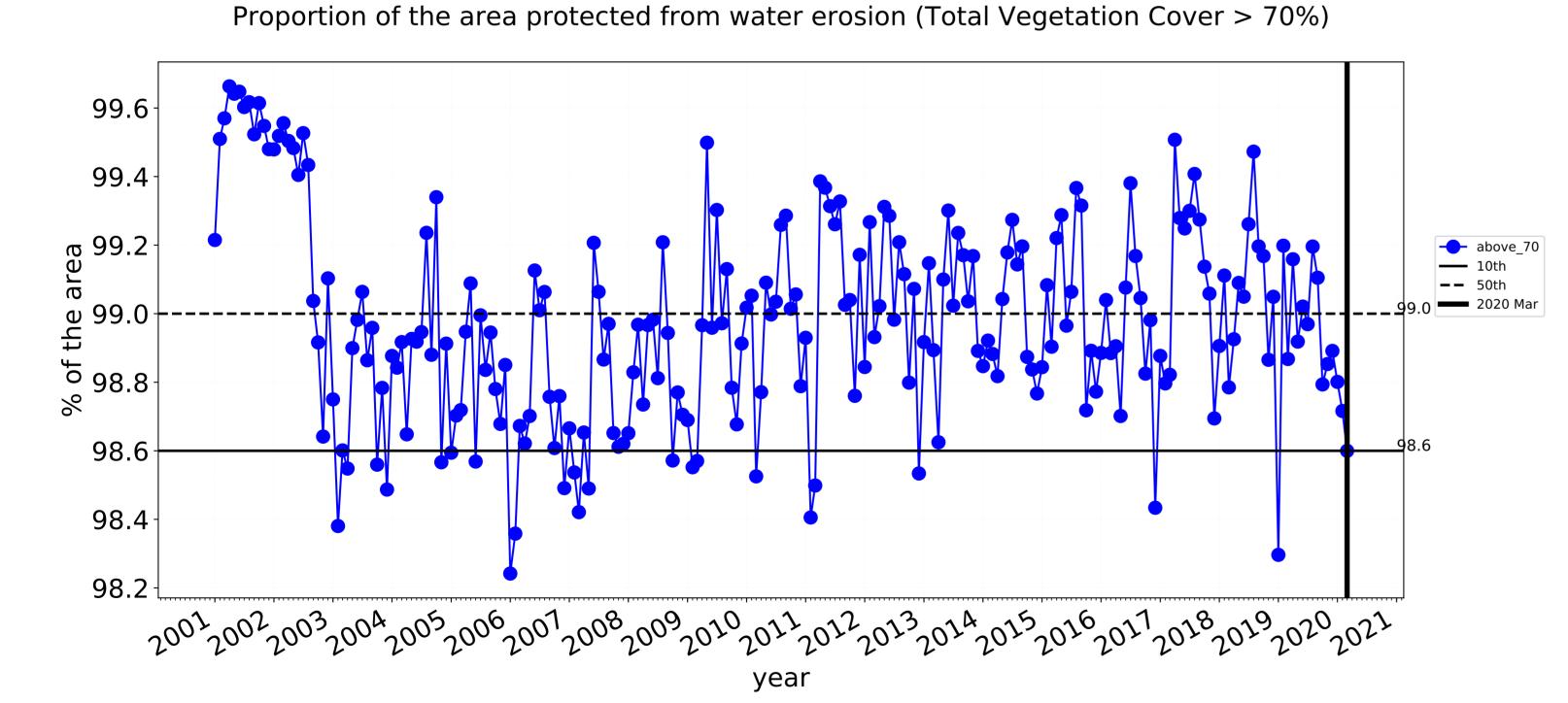


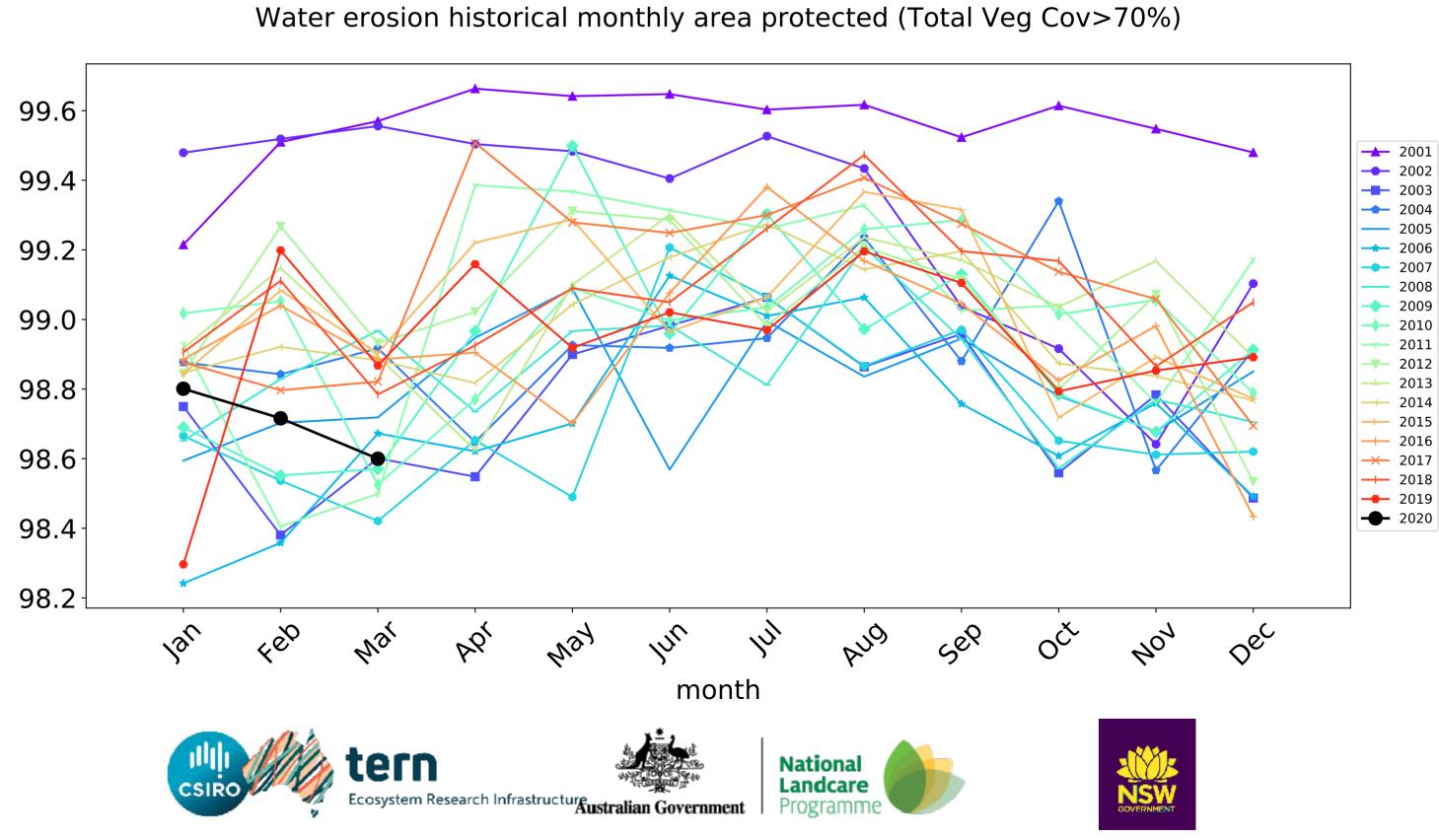
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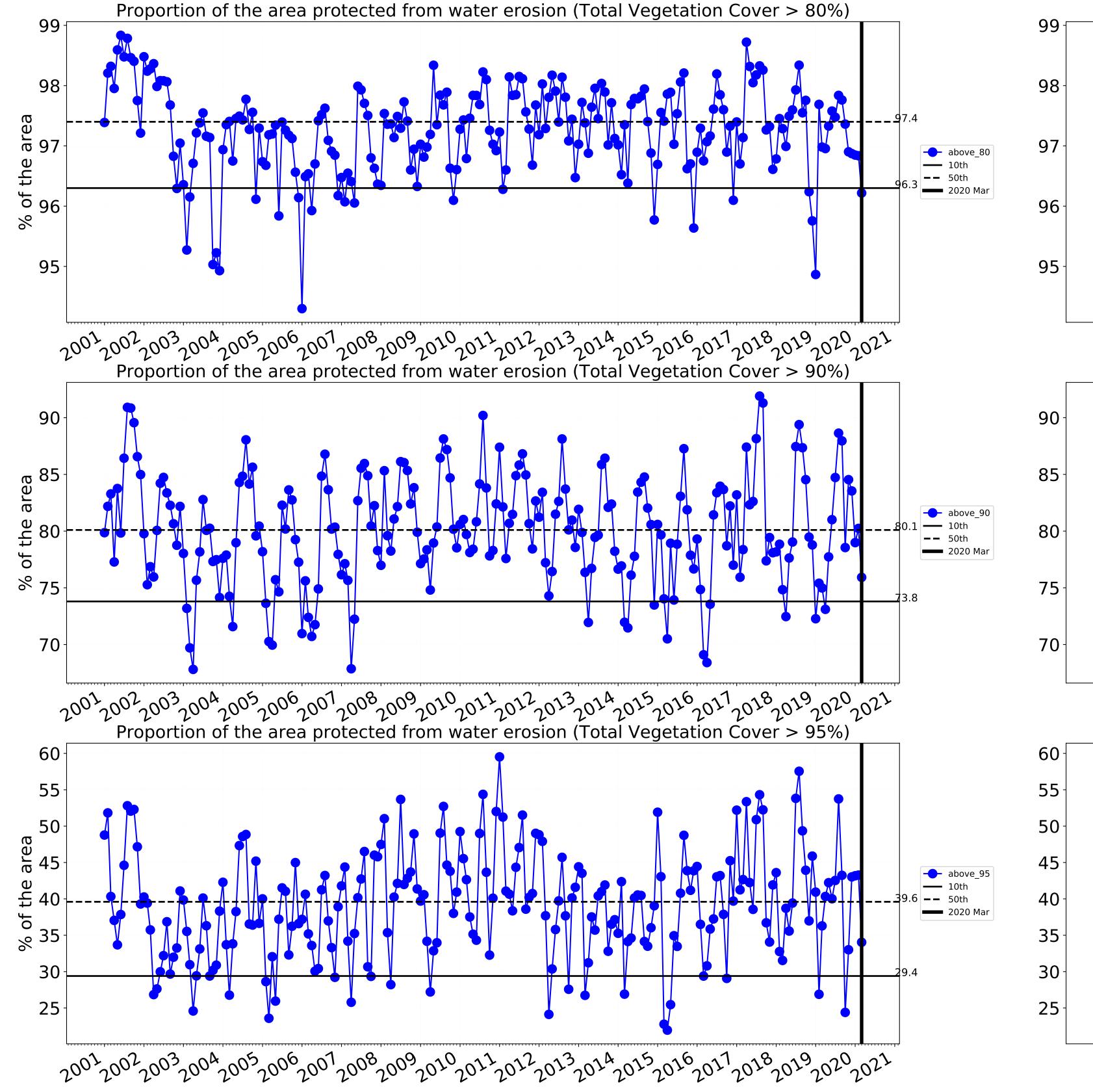


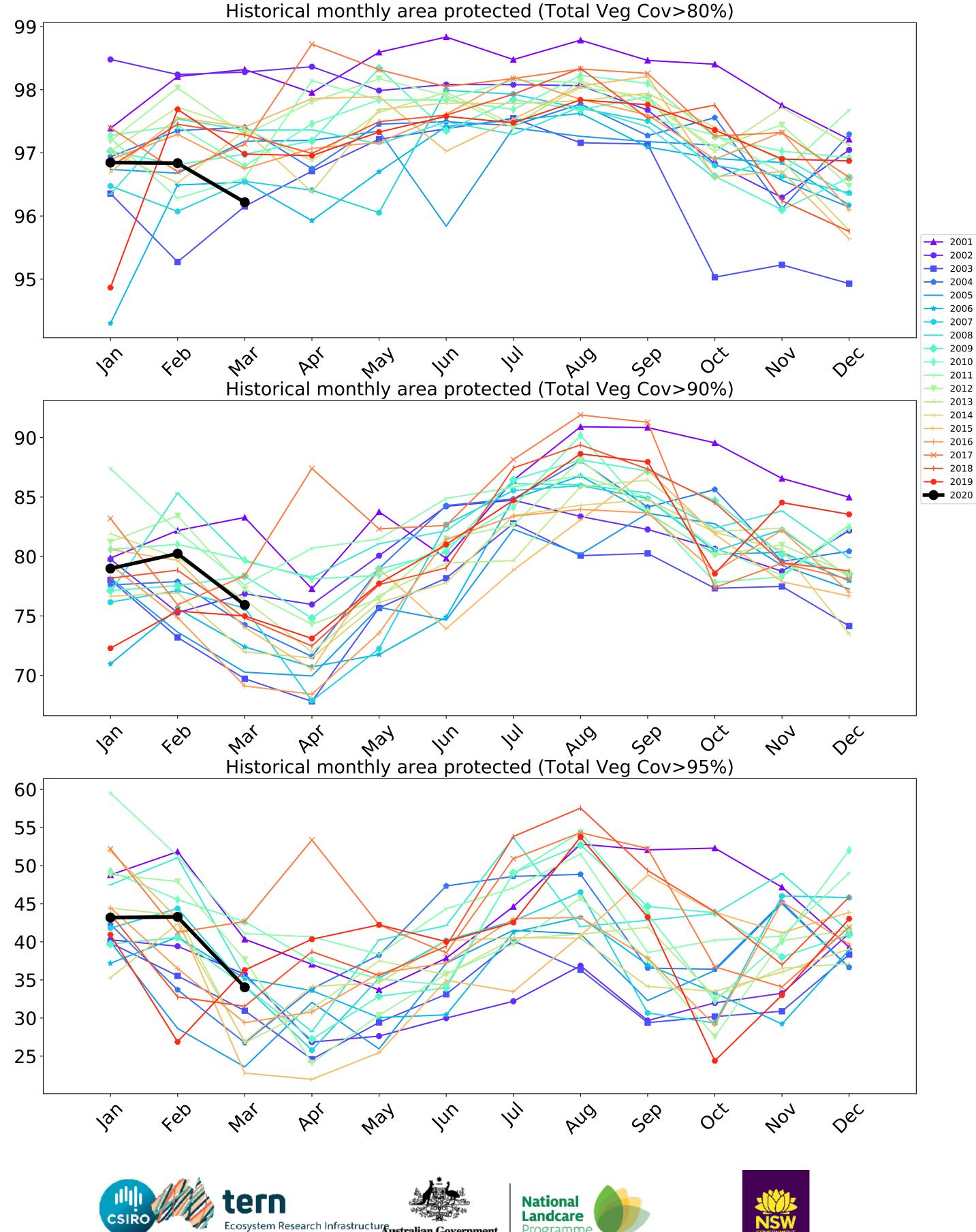


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Agriculture

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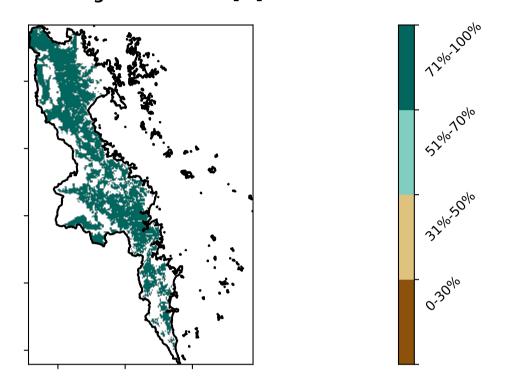
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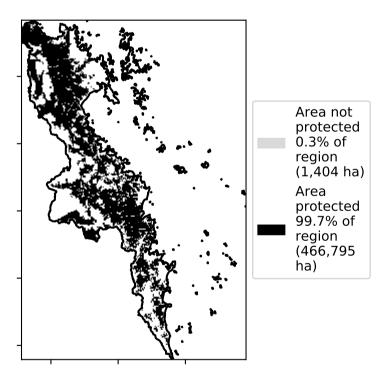
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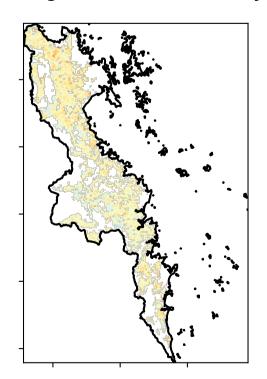
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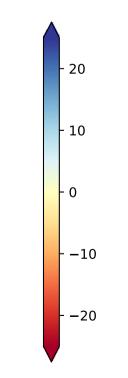


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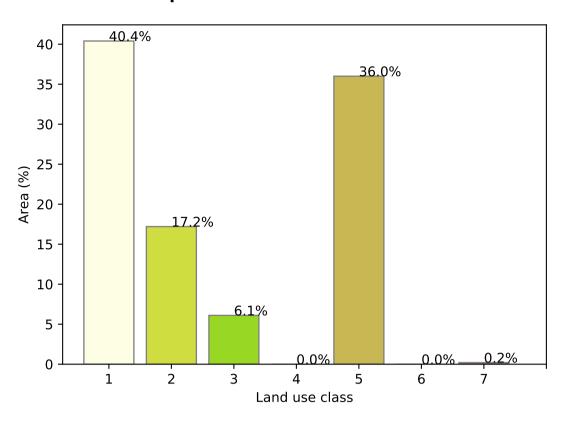
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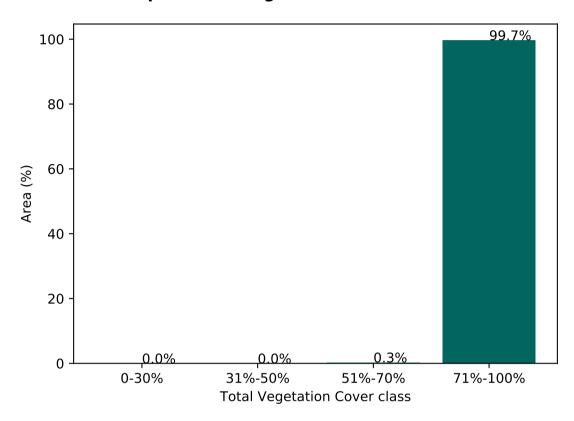


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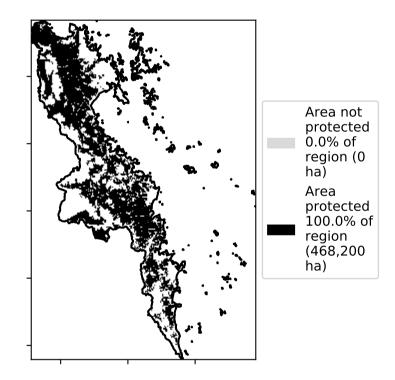
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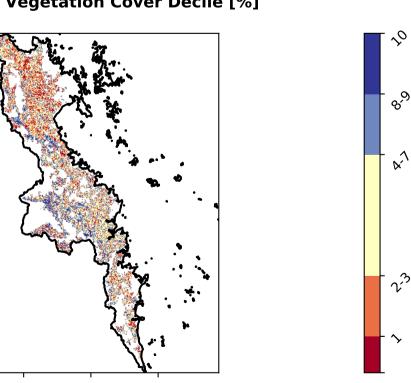
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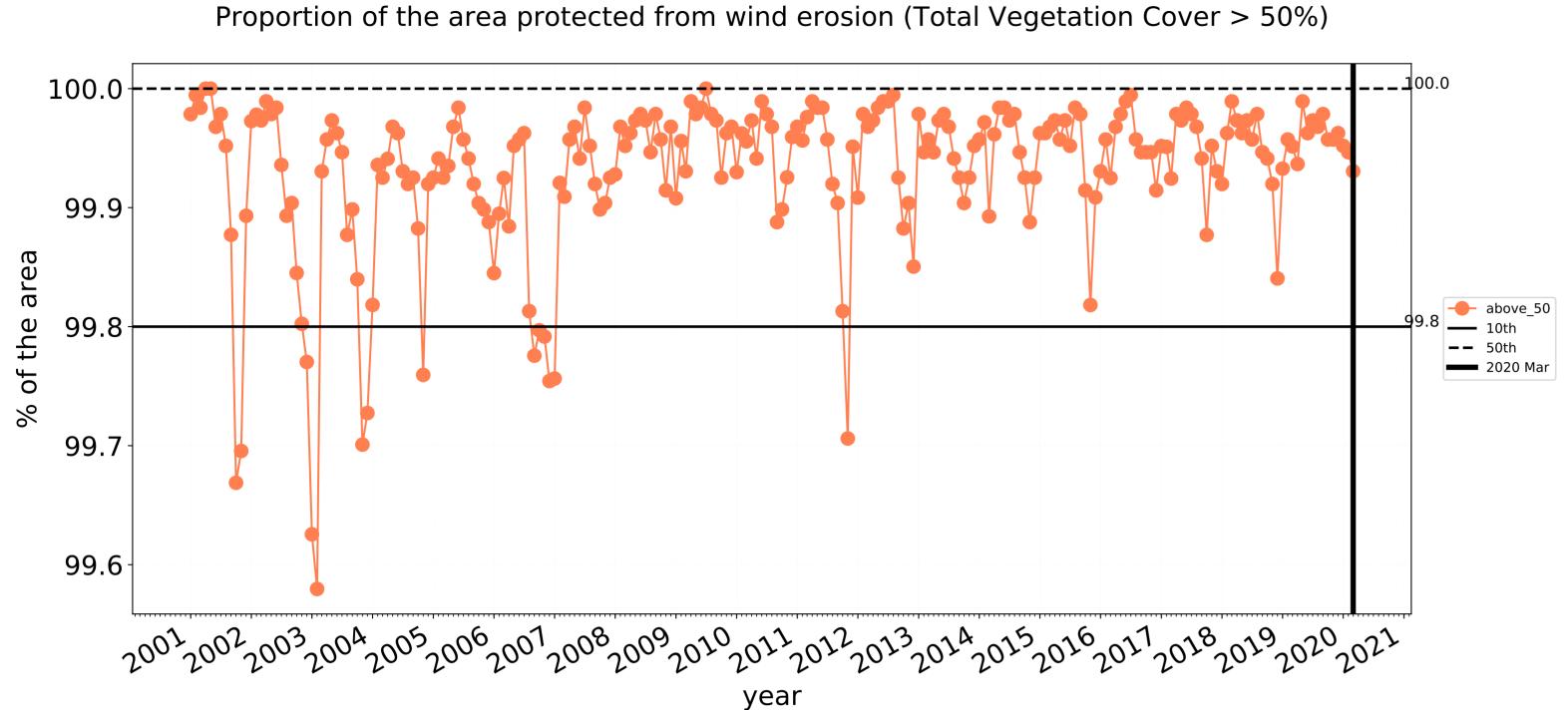


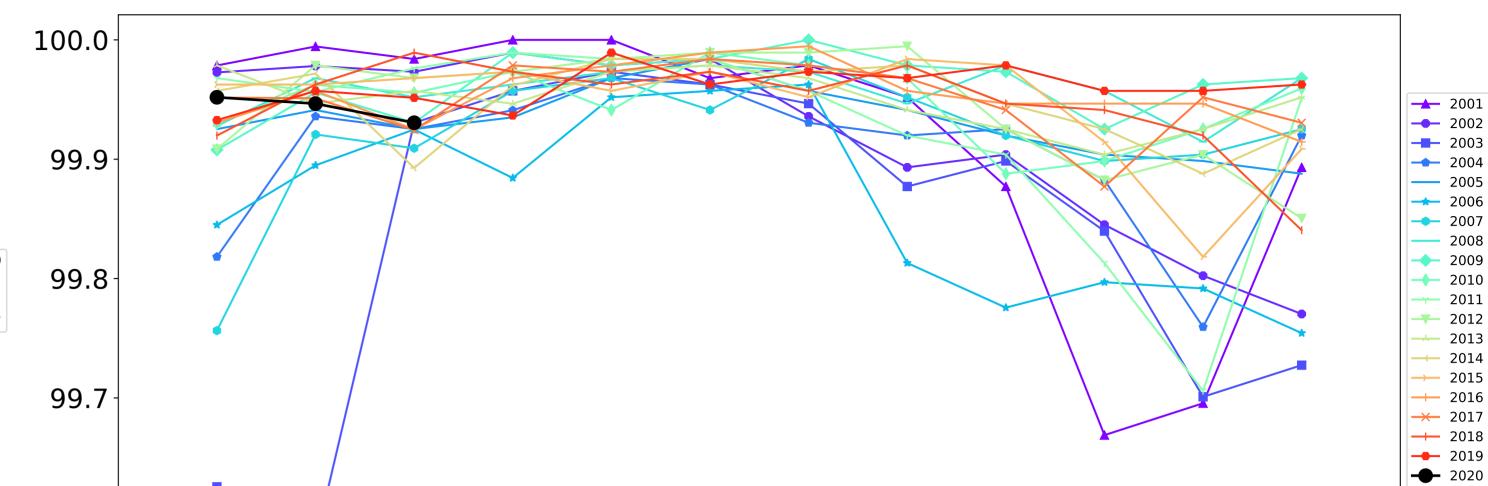




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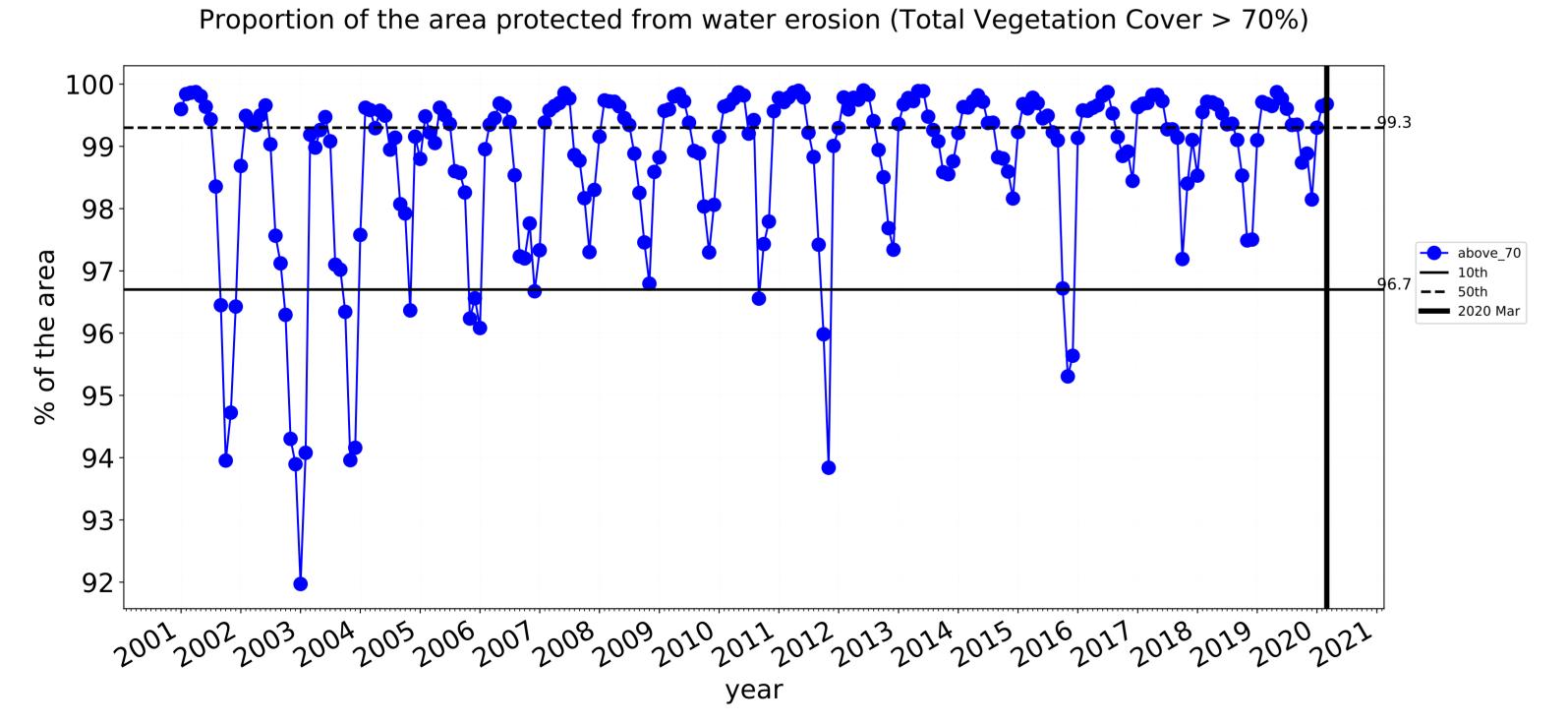
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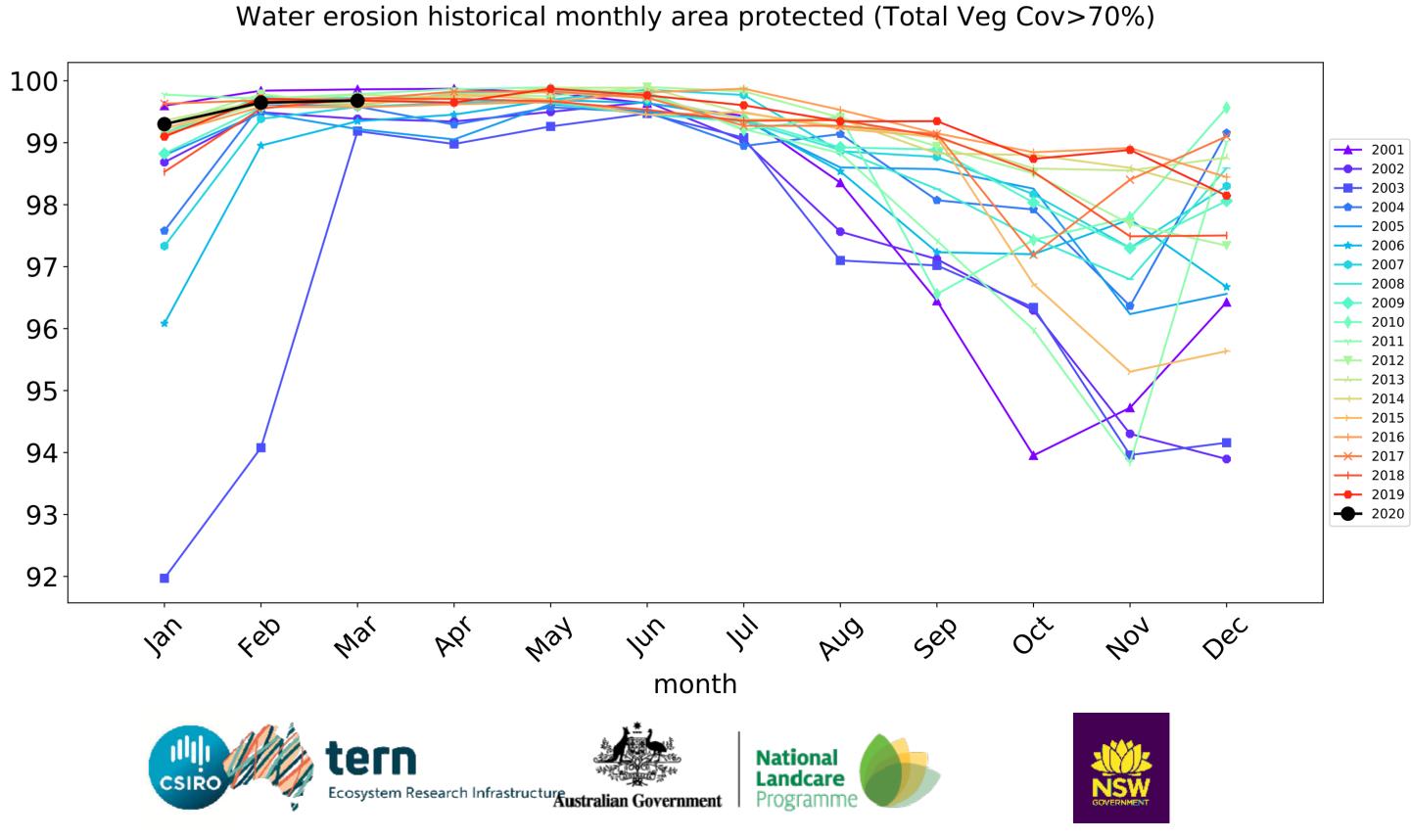


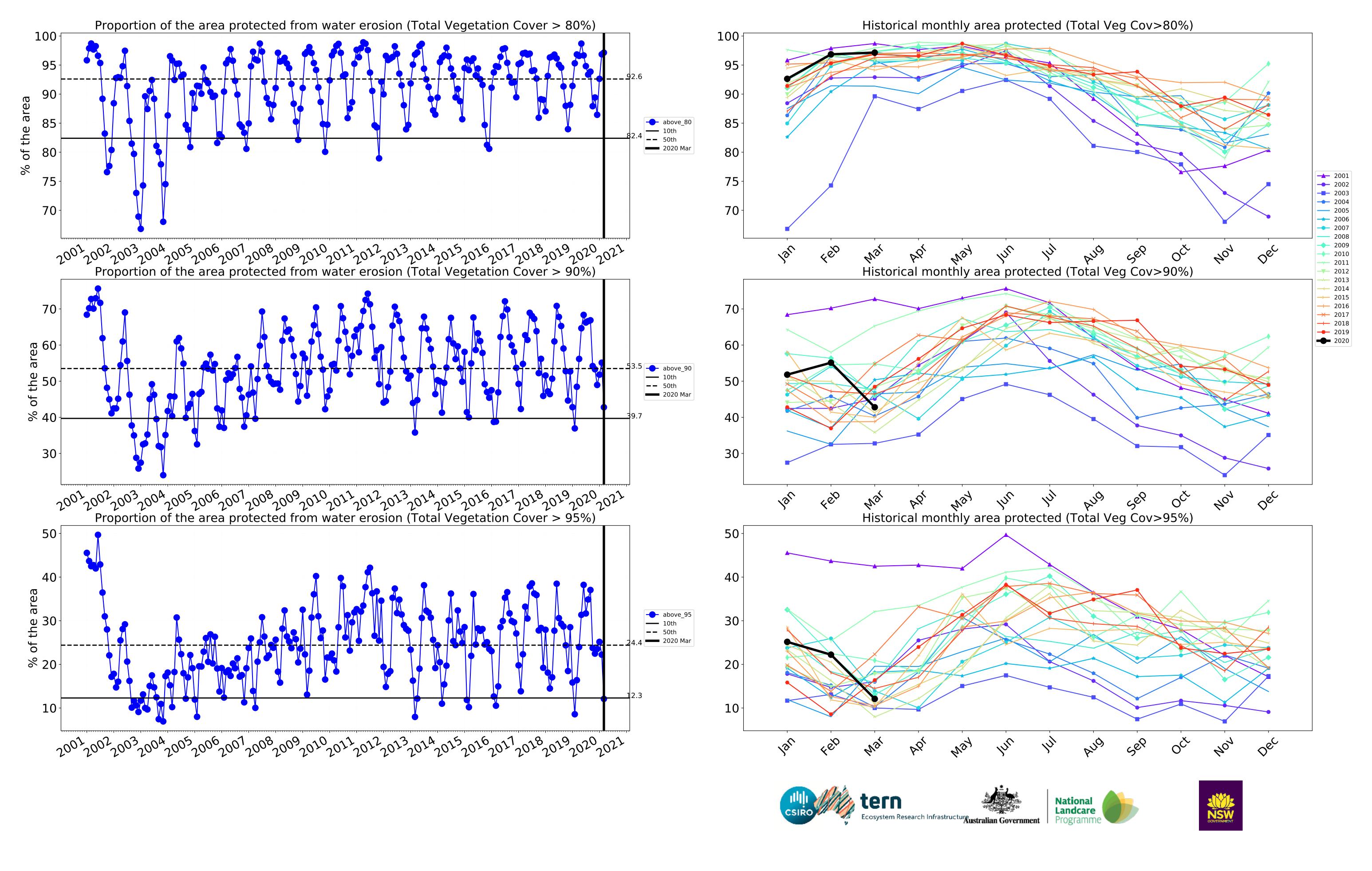


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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







Grazing

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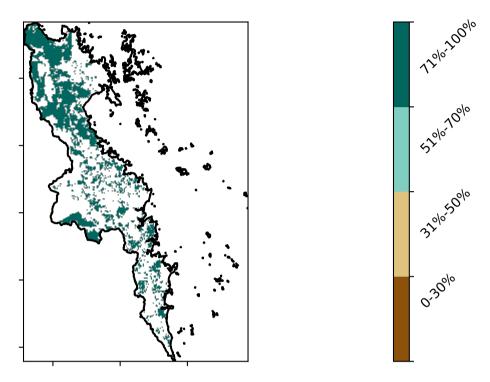
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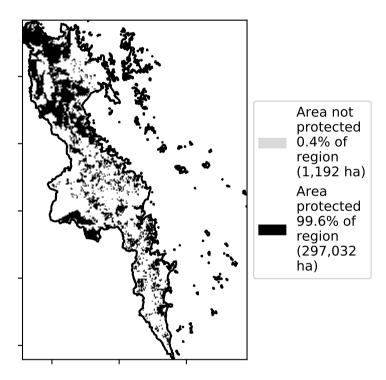
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

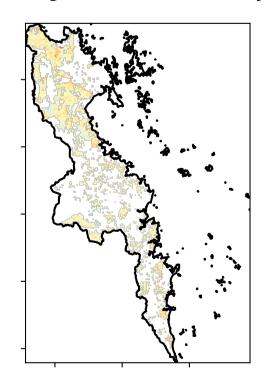
Land use and forest cover

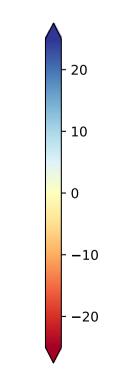


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



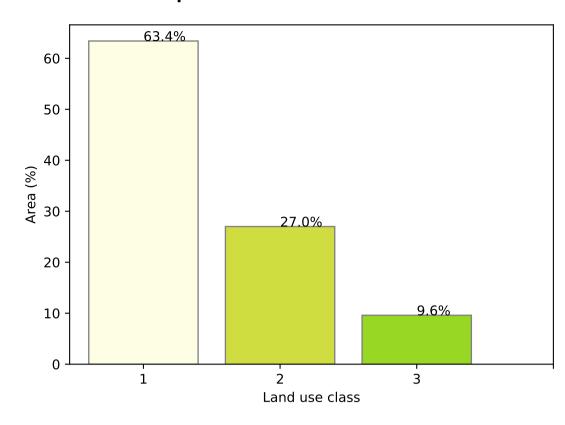
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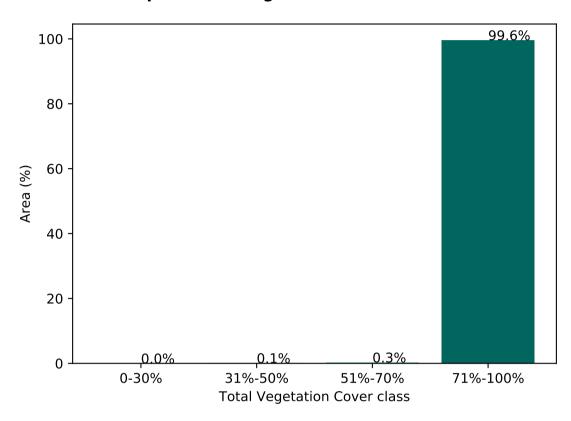


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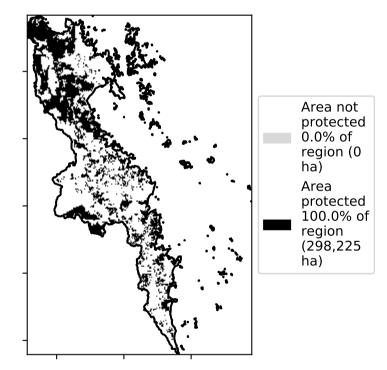
Proportion of each land class in area



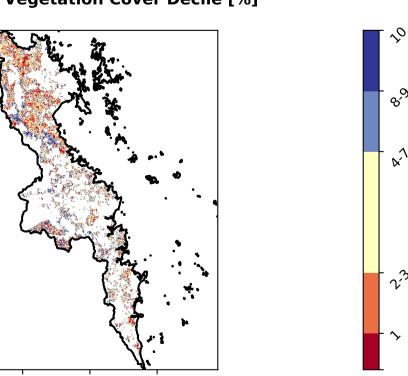
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



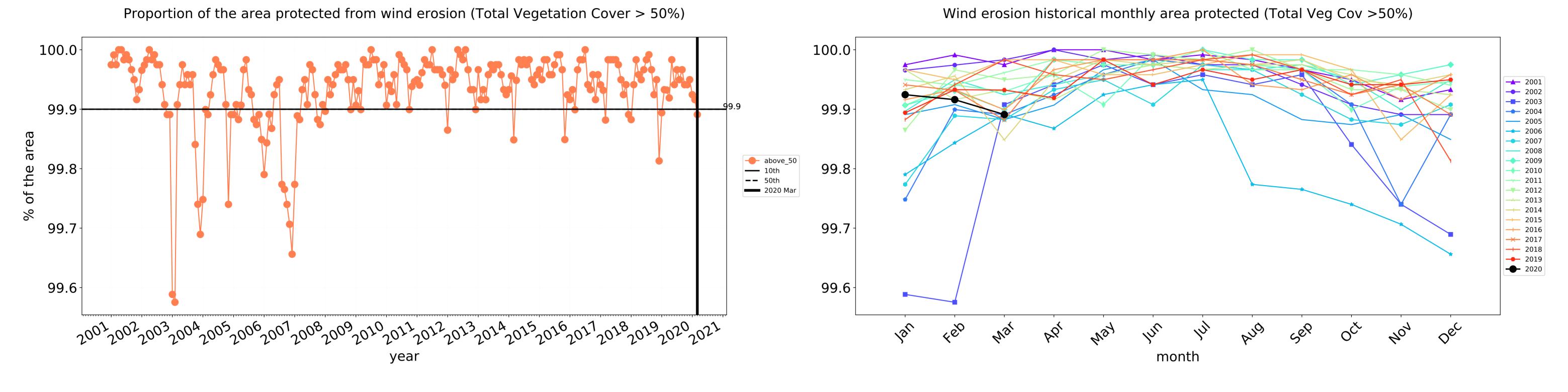


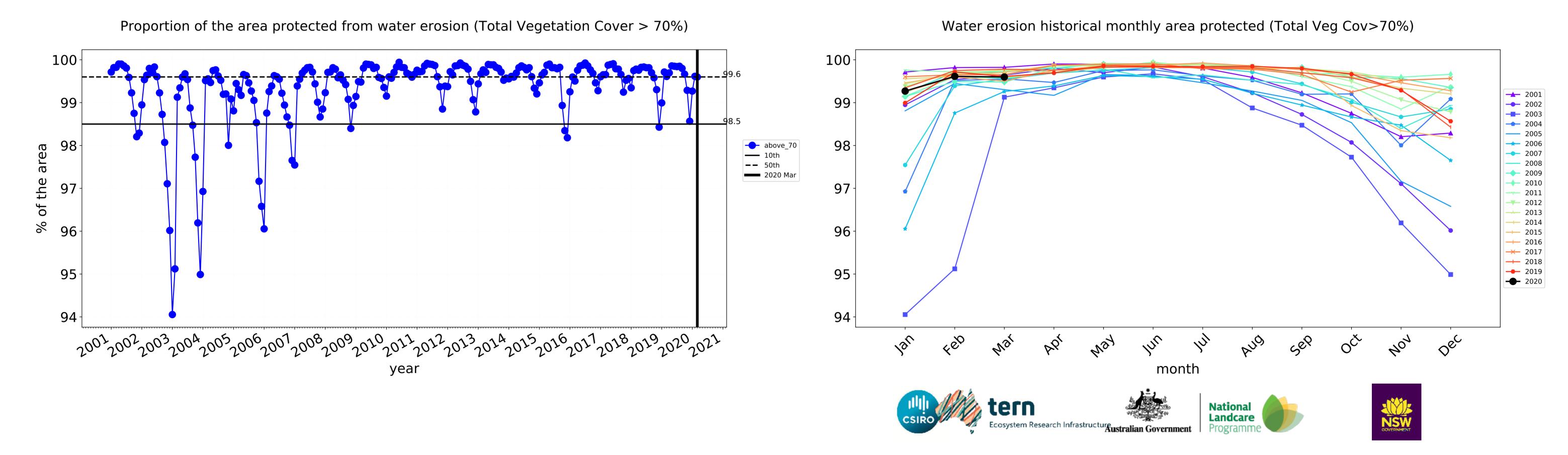


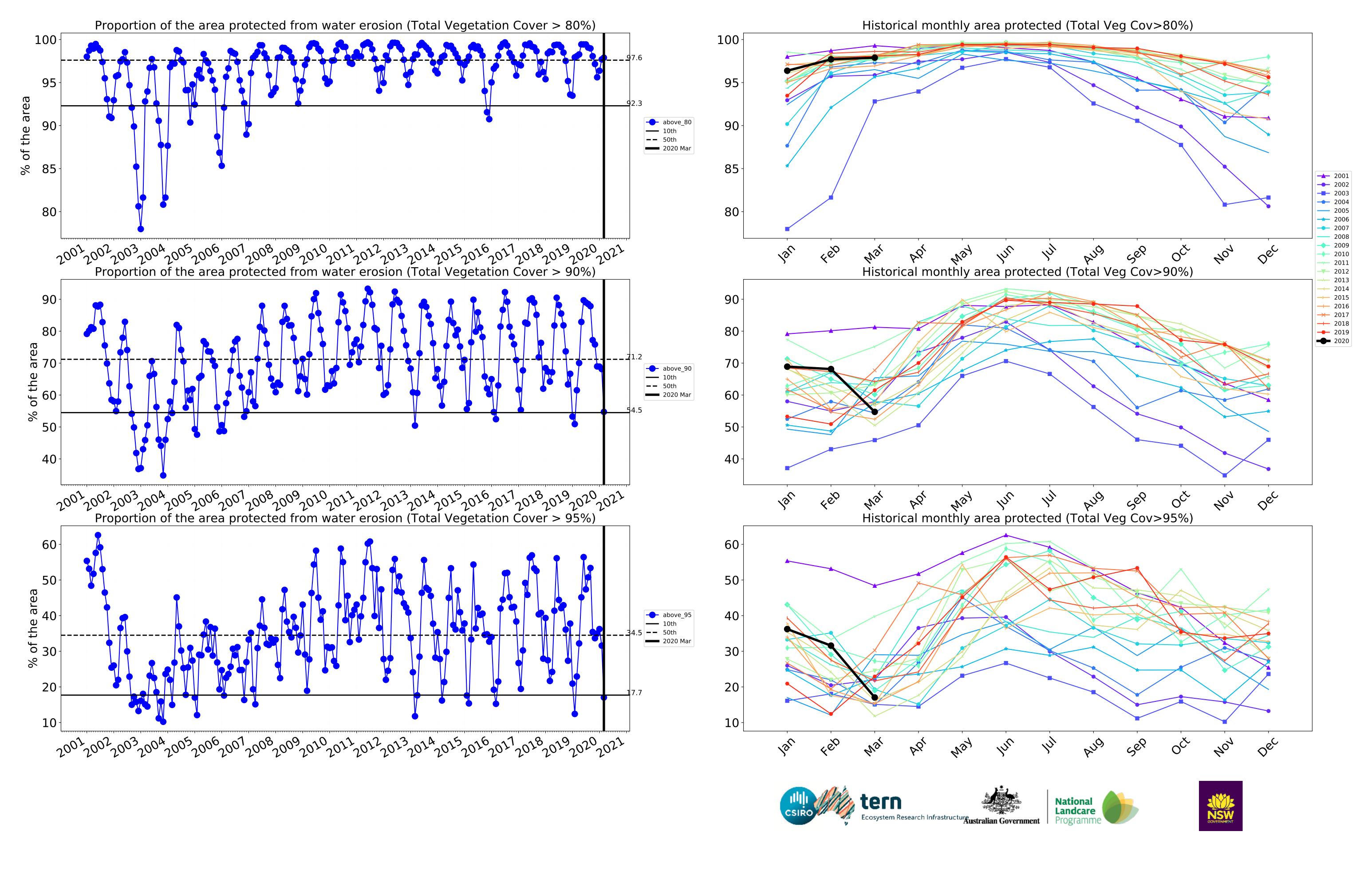




Grazing timeseries







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

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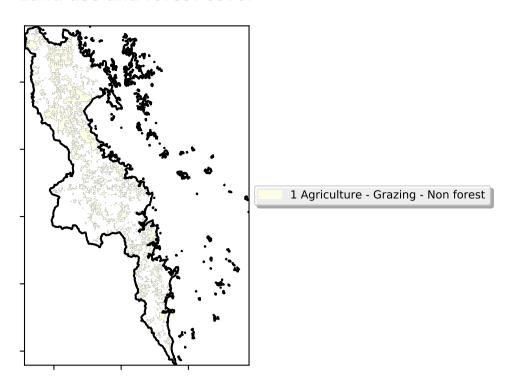
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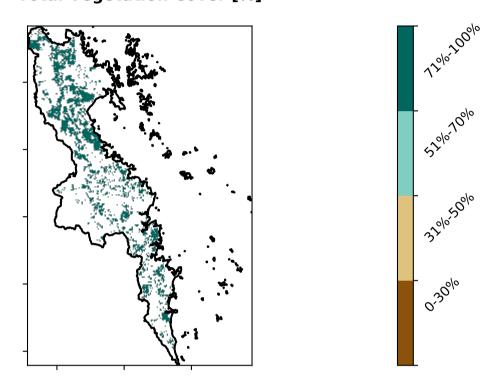
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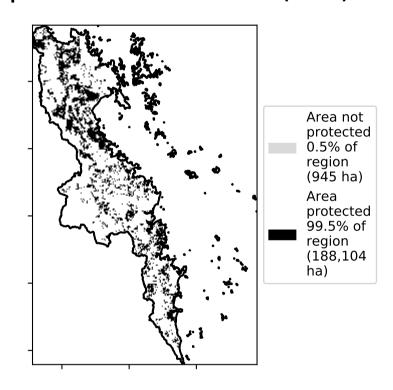
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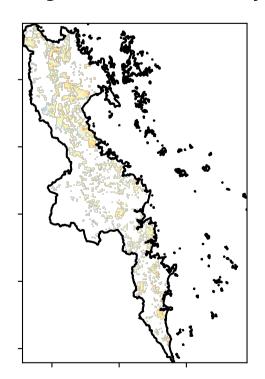
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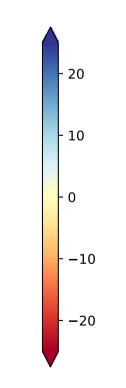


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



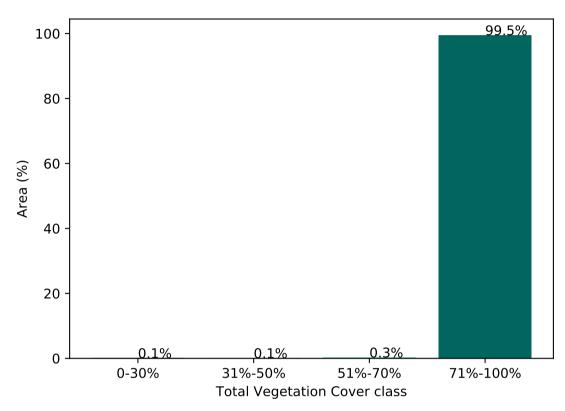
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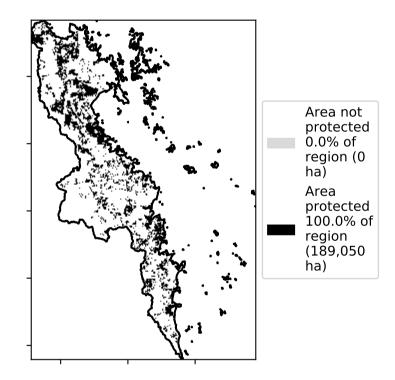


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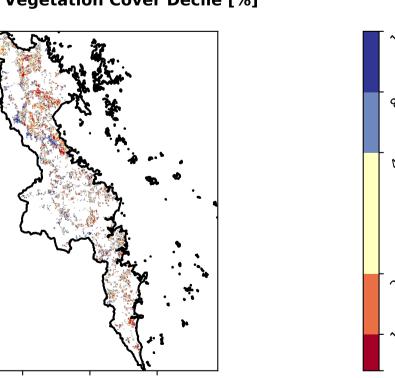
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





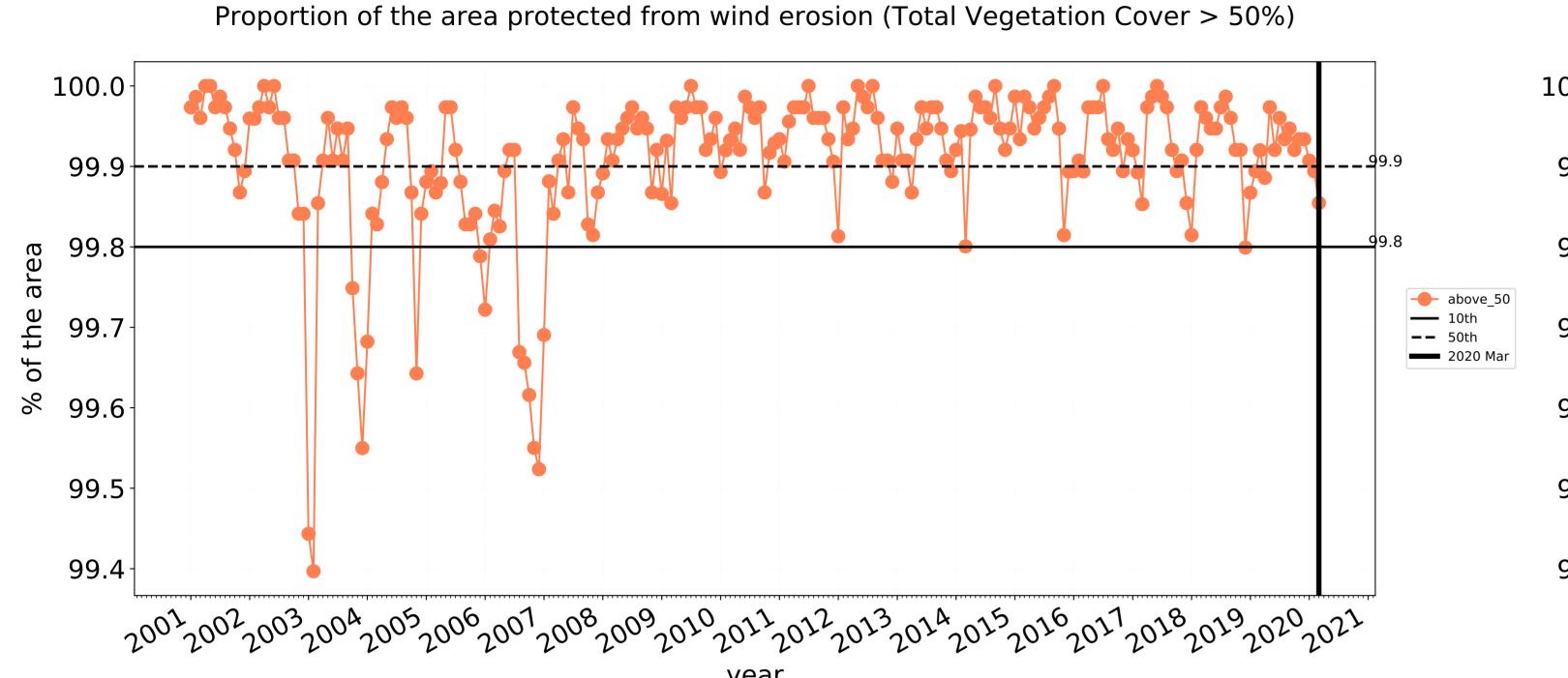


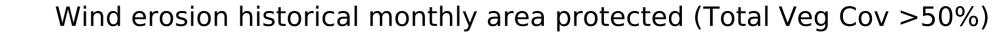
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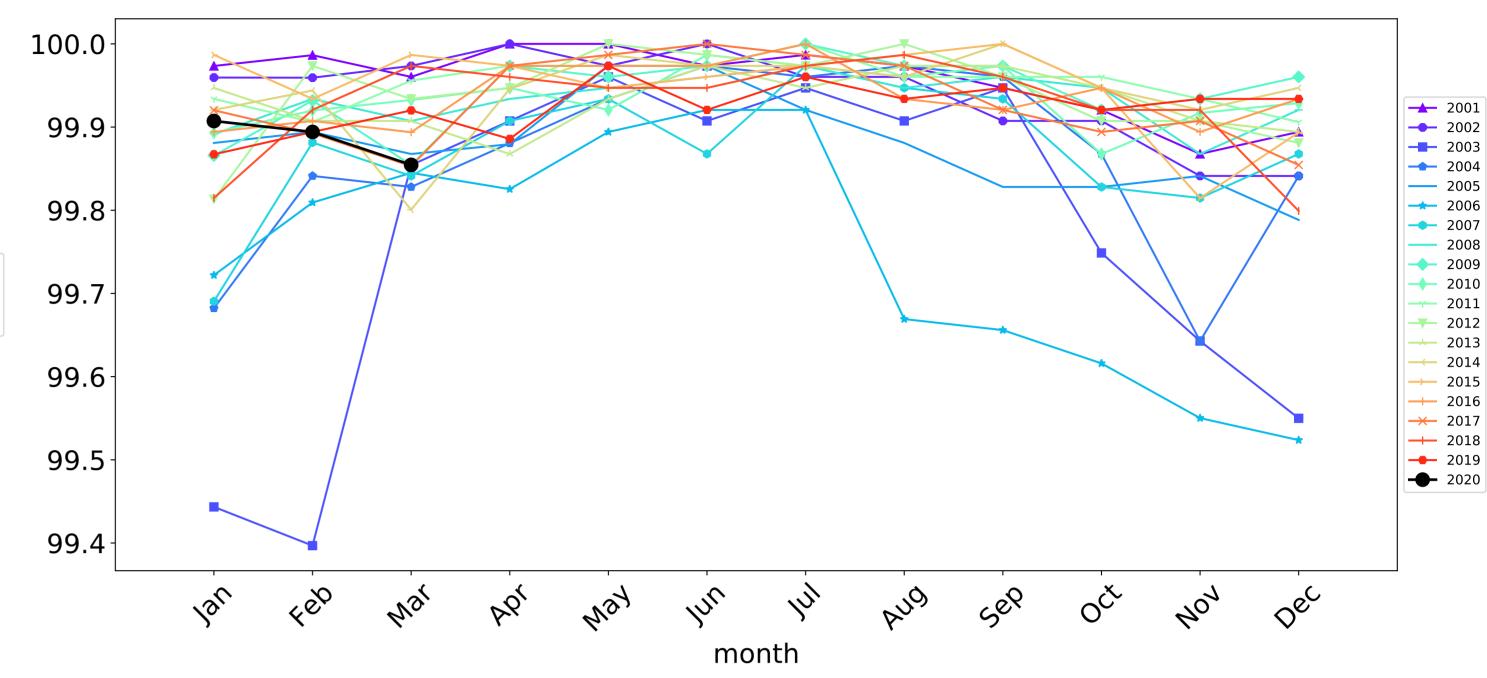


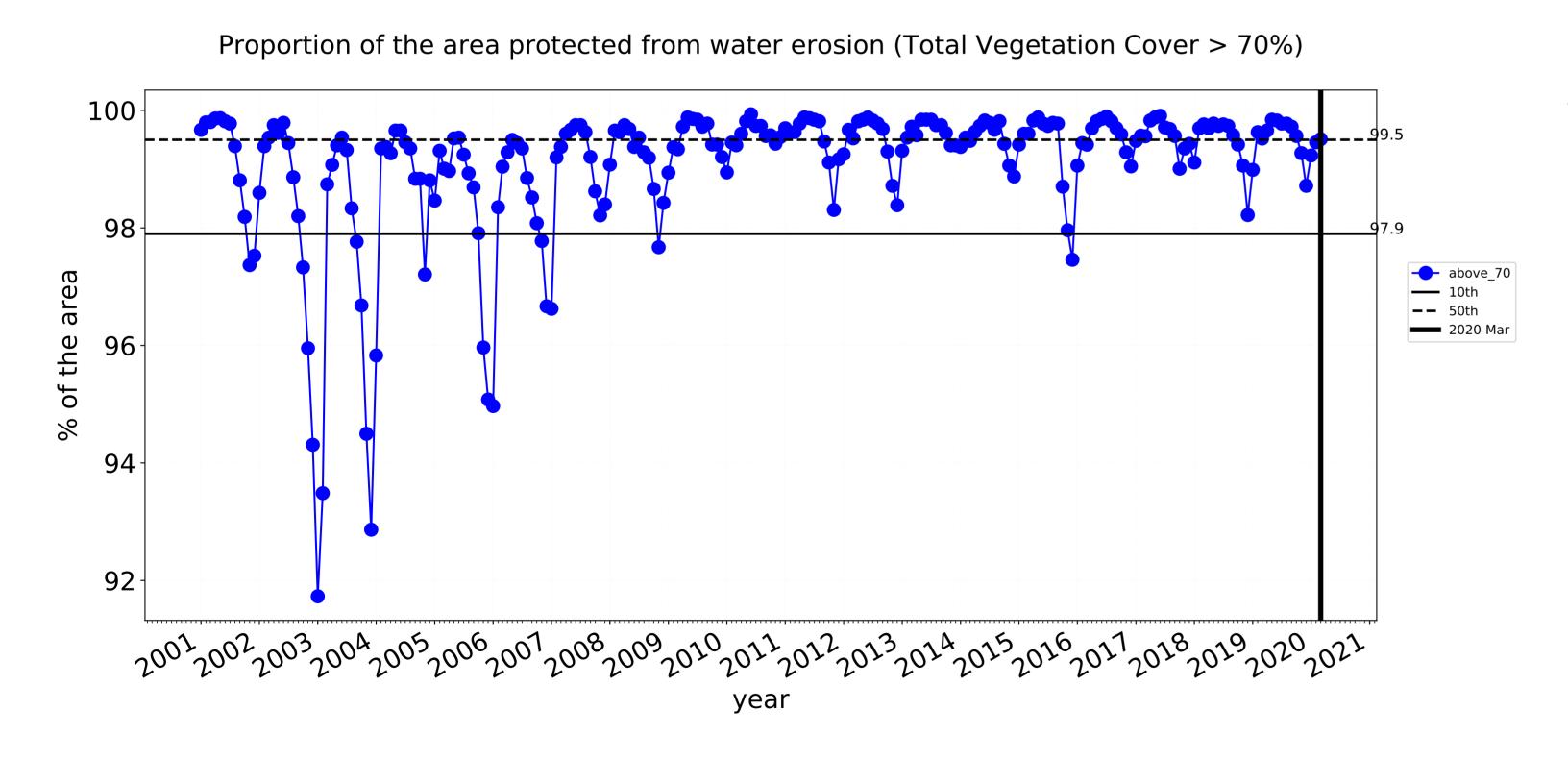


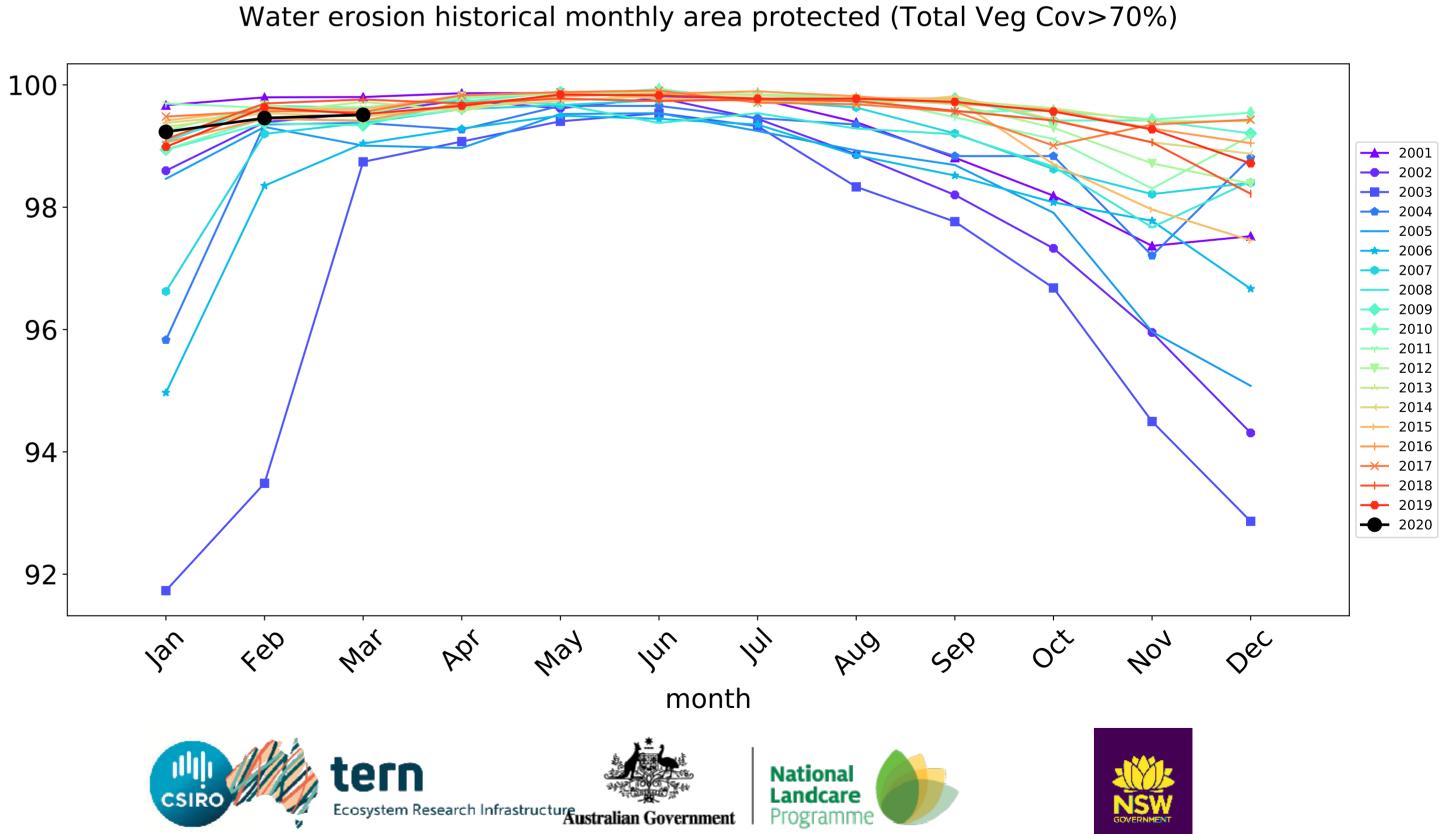
Grazing non forest timeseries

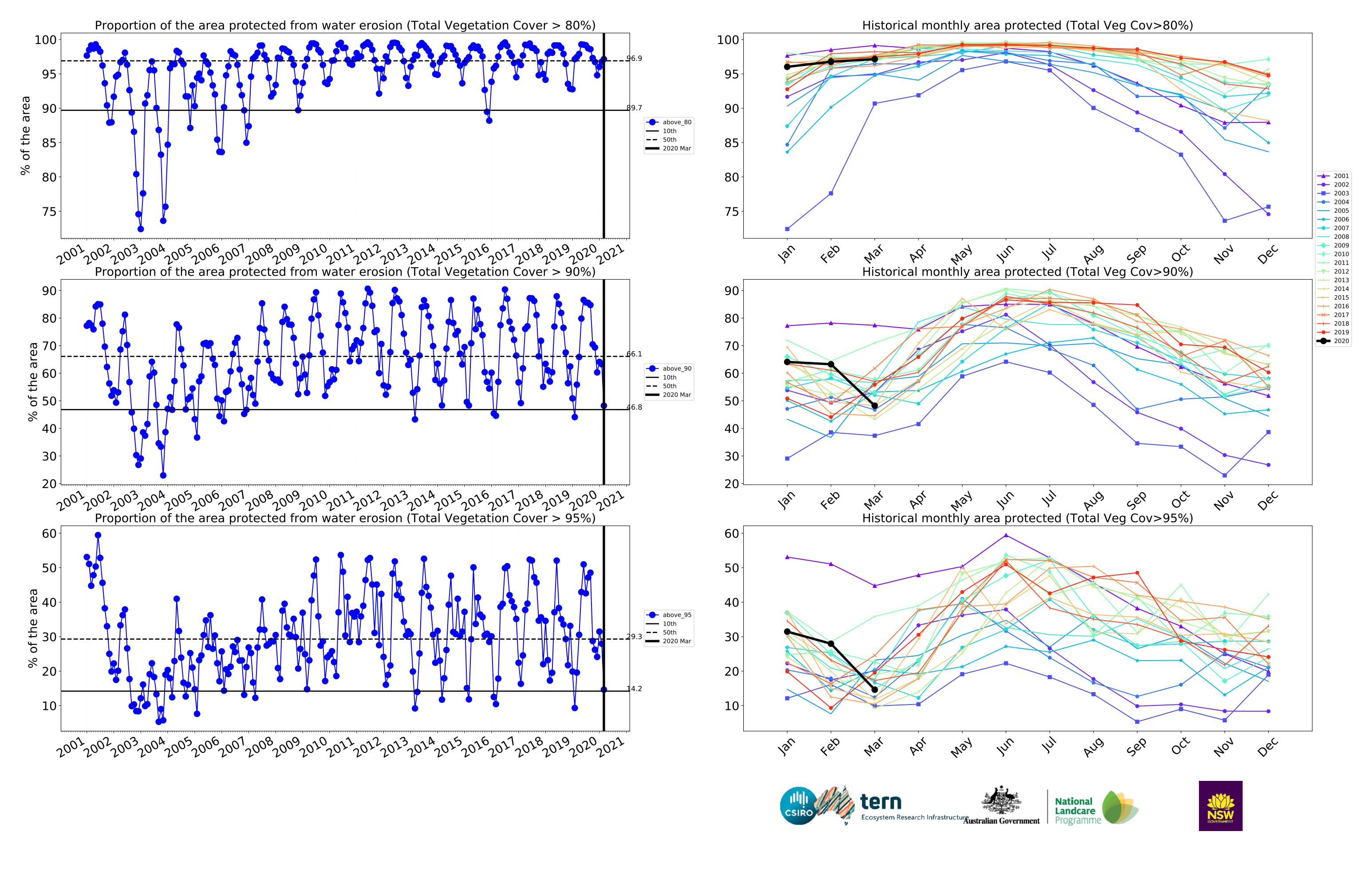












Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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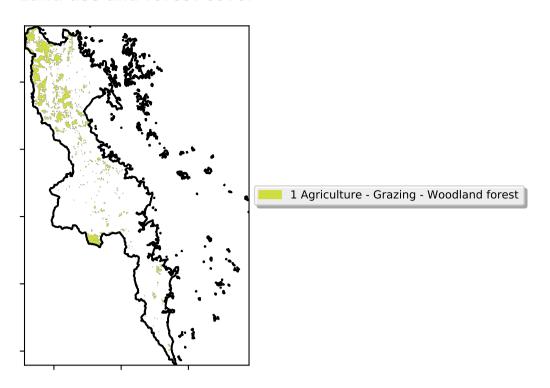
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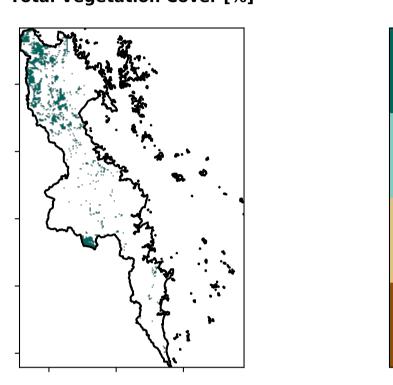
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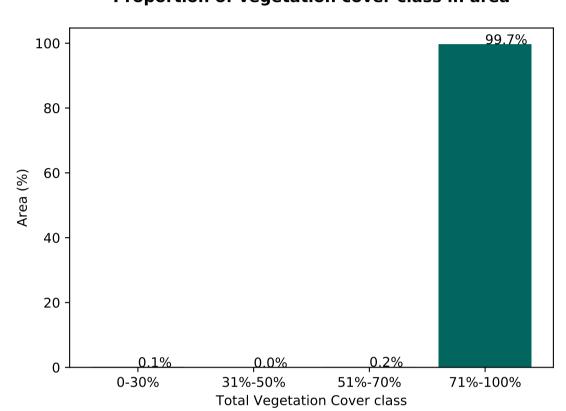
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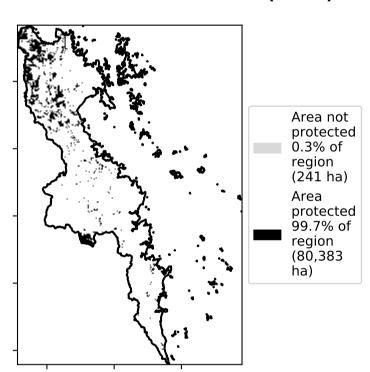
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



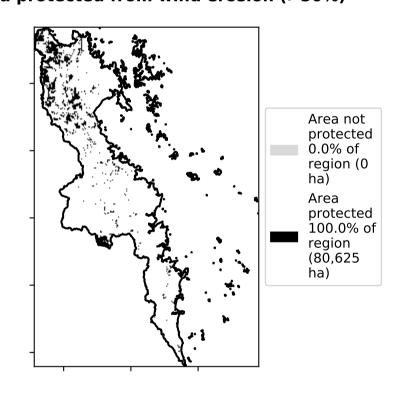
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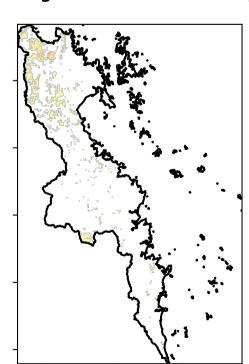
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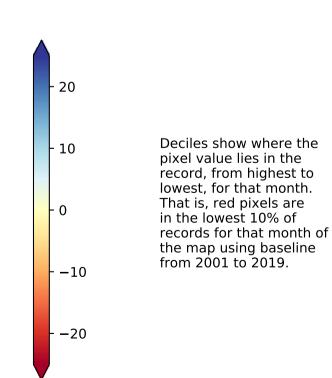


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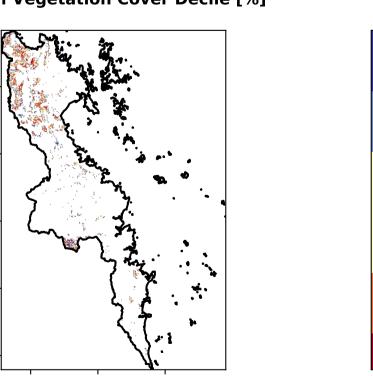


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



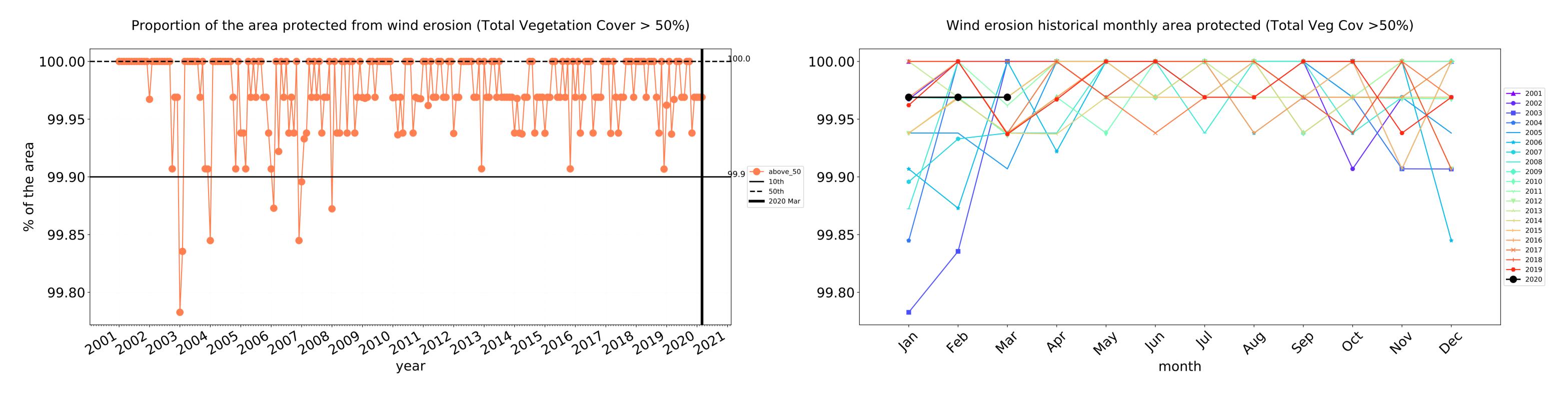


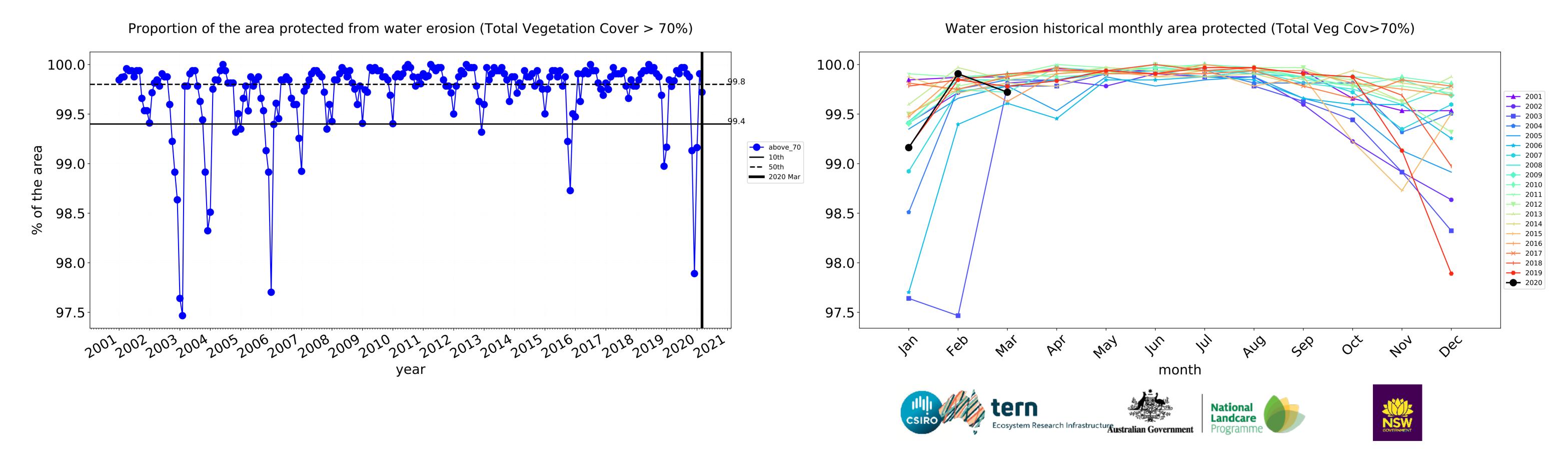


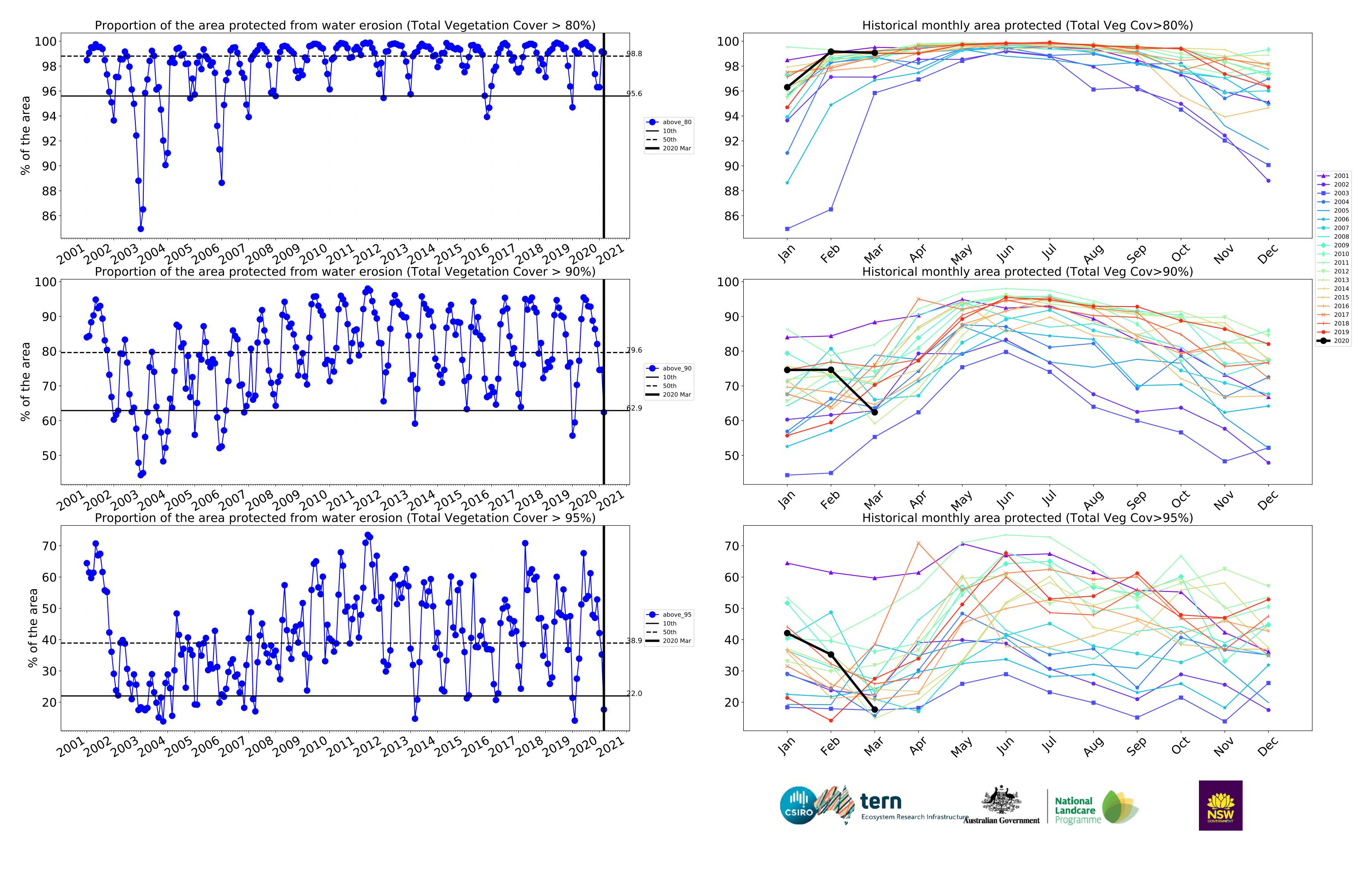




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries







Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

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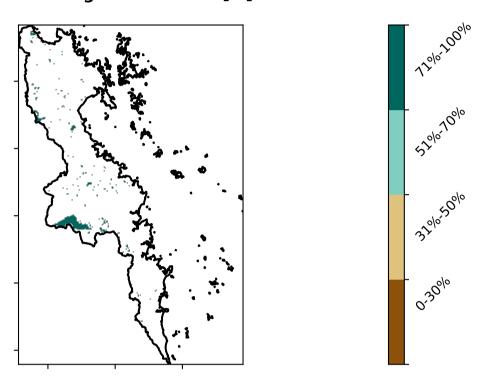
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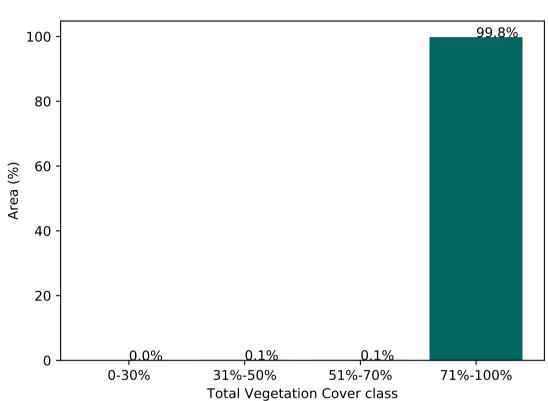
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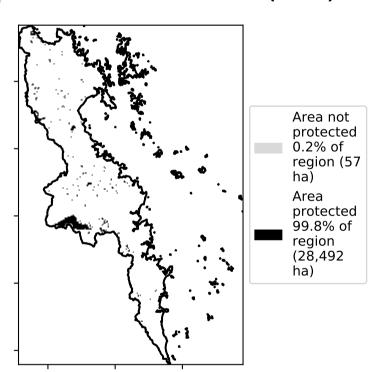
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



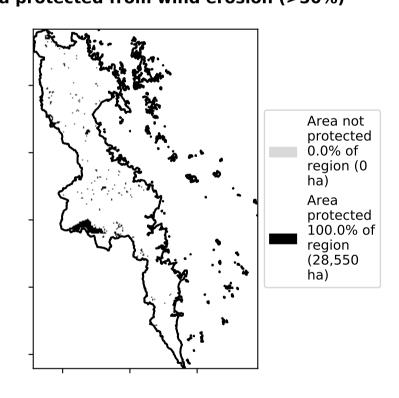
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



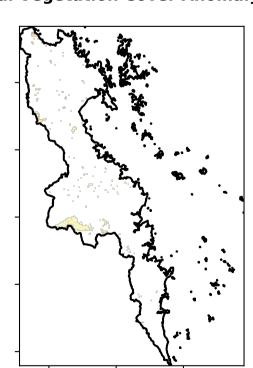
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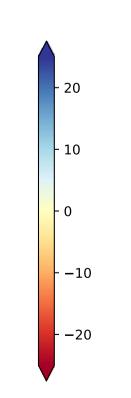


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



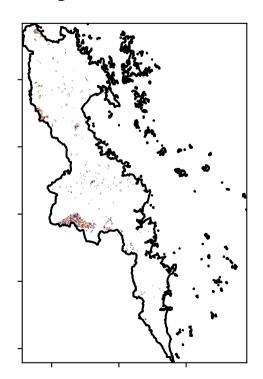
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

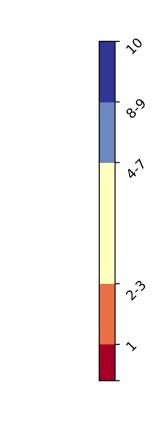




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



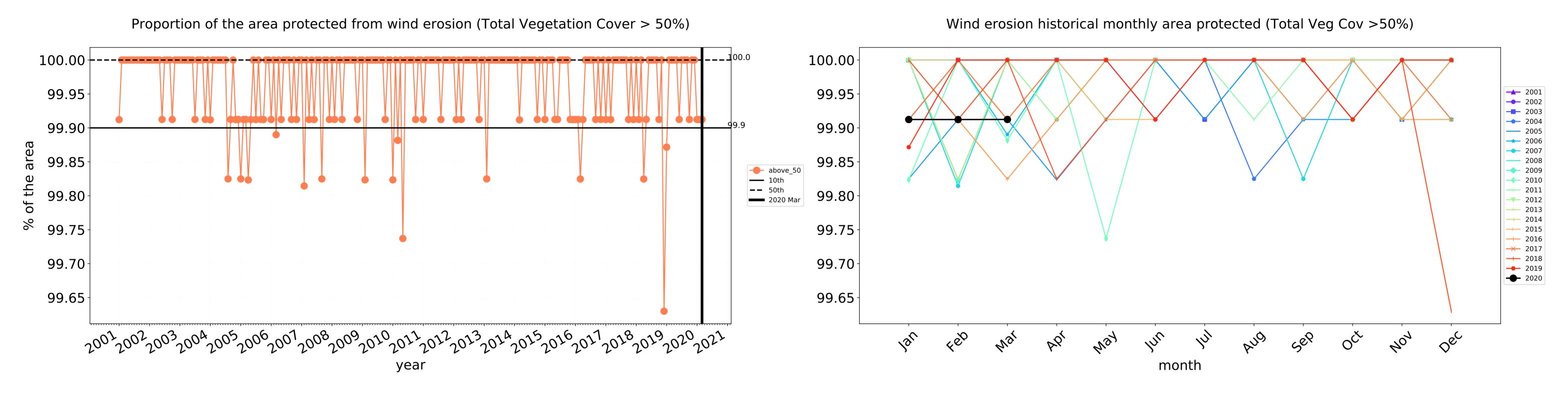


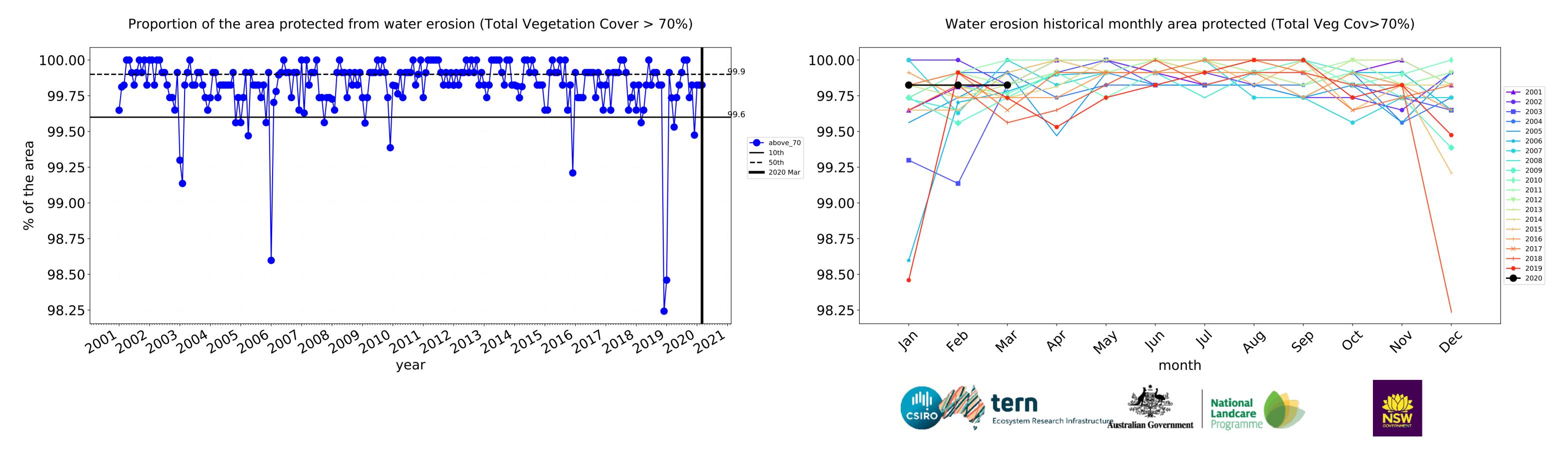
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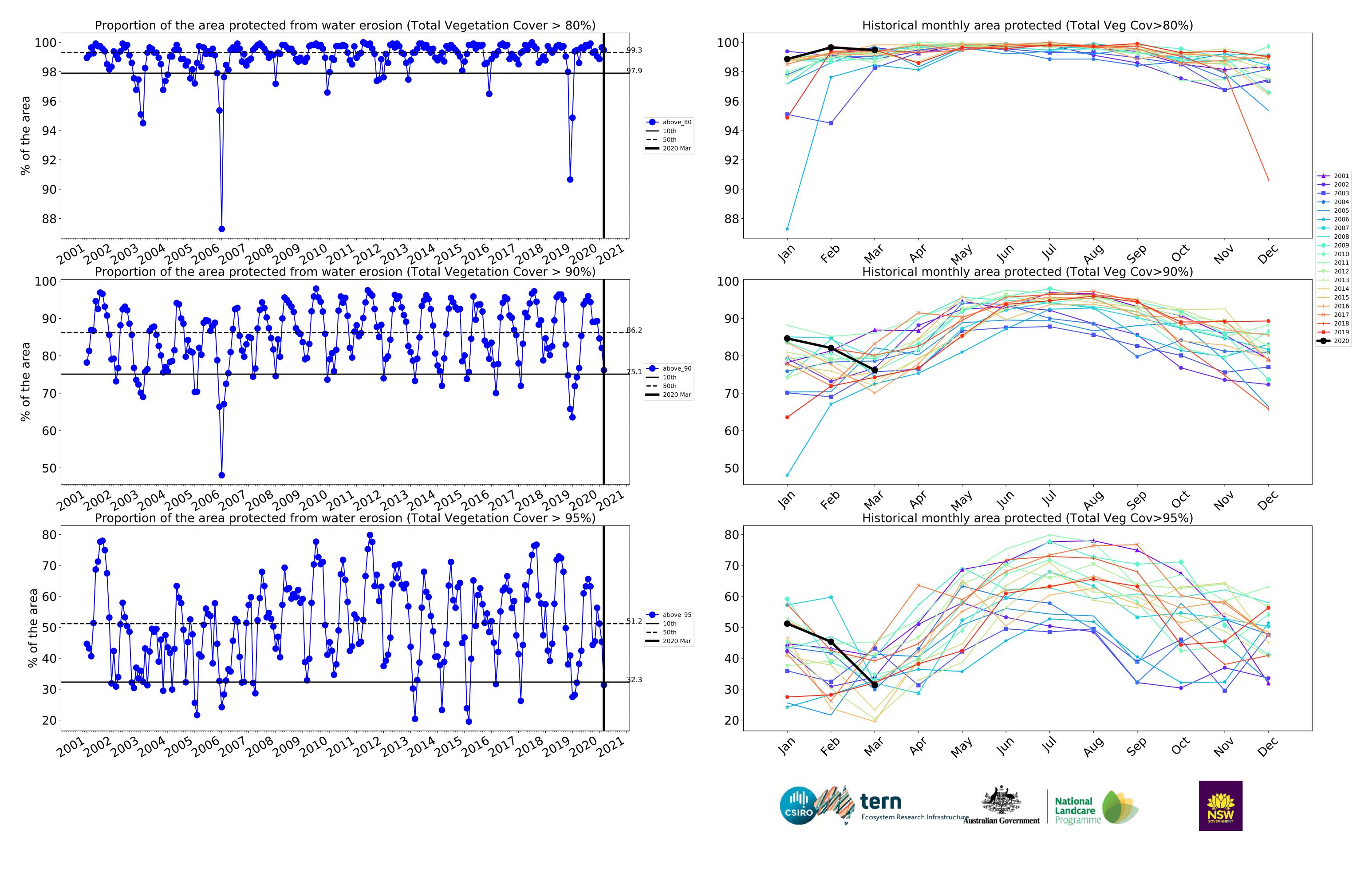












Irrigation

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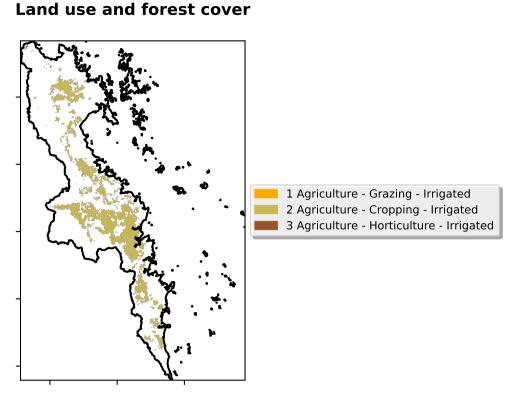
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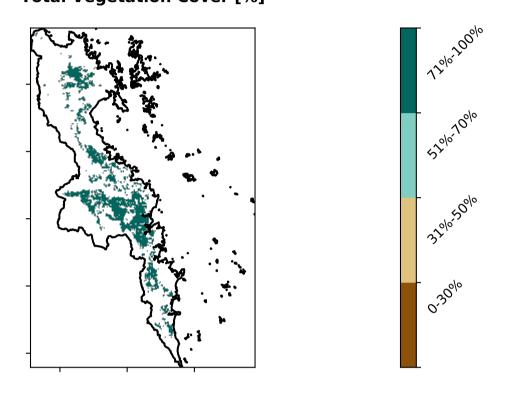
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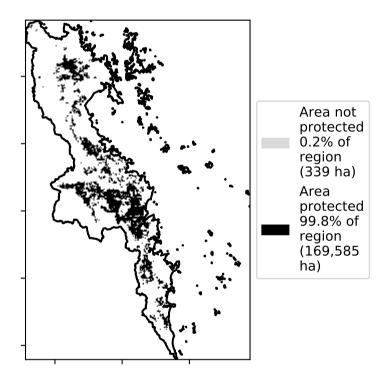
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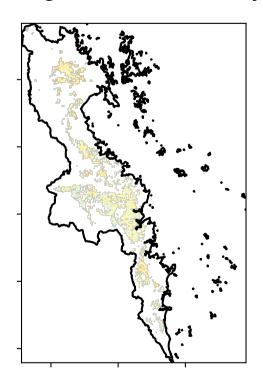
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

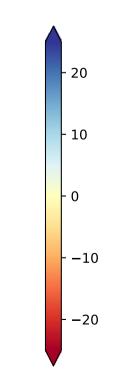


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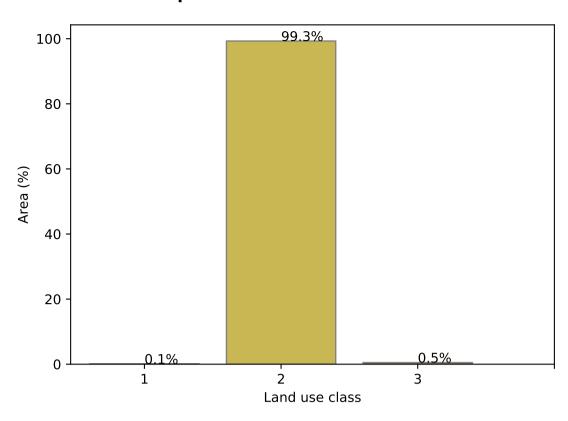
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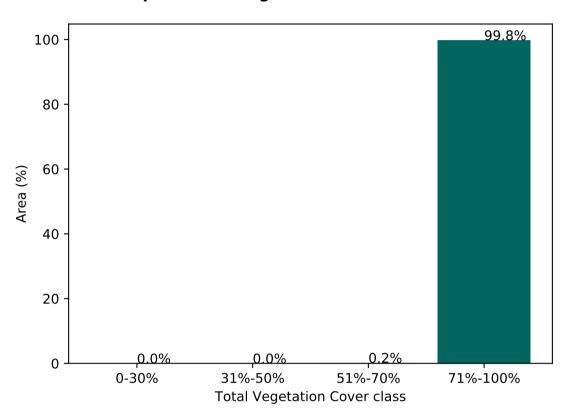


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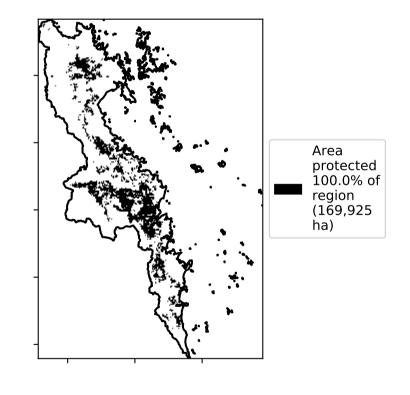
Proportion of each land class in area



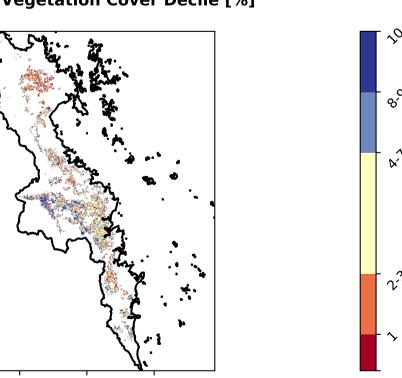
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



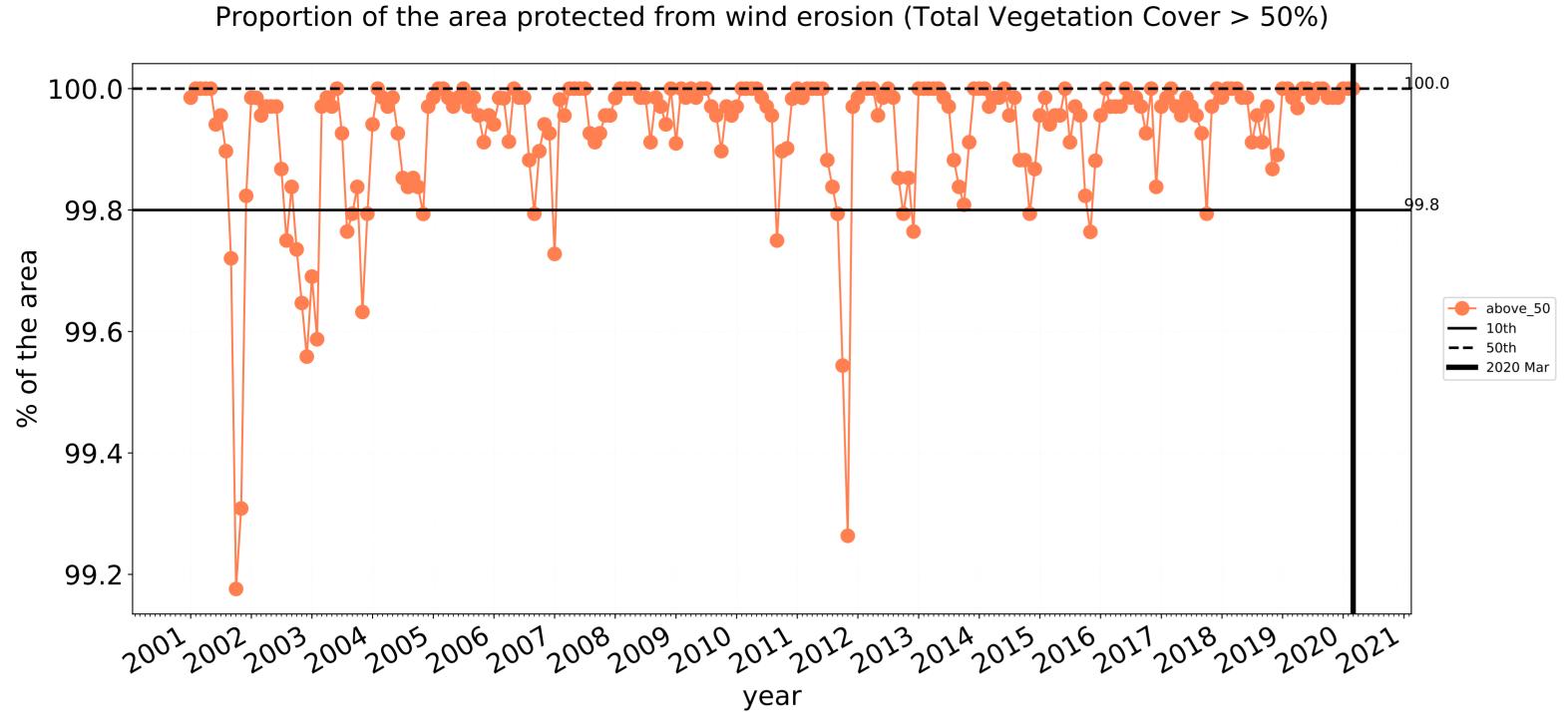


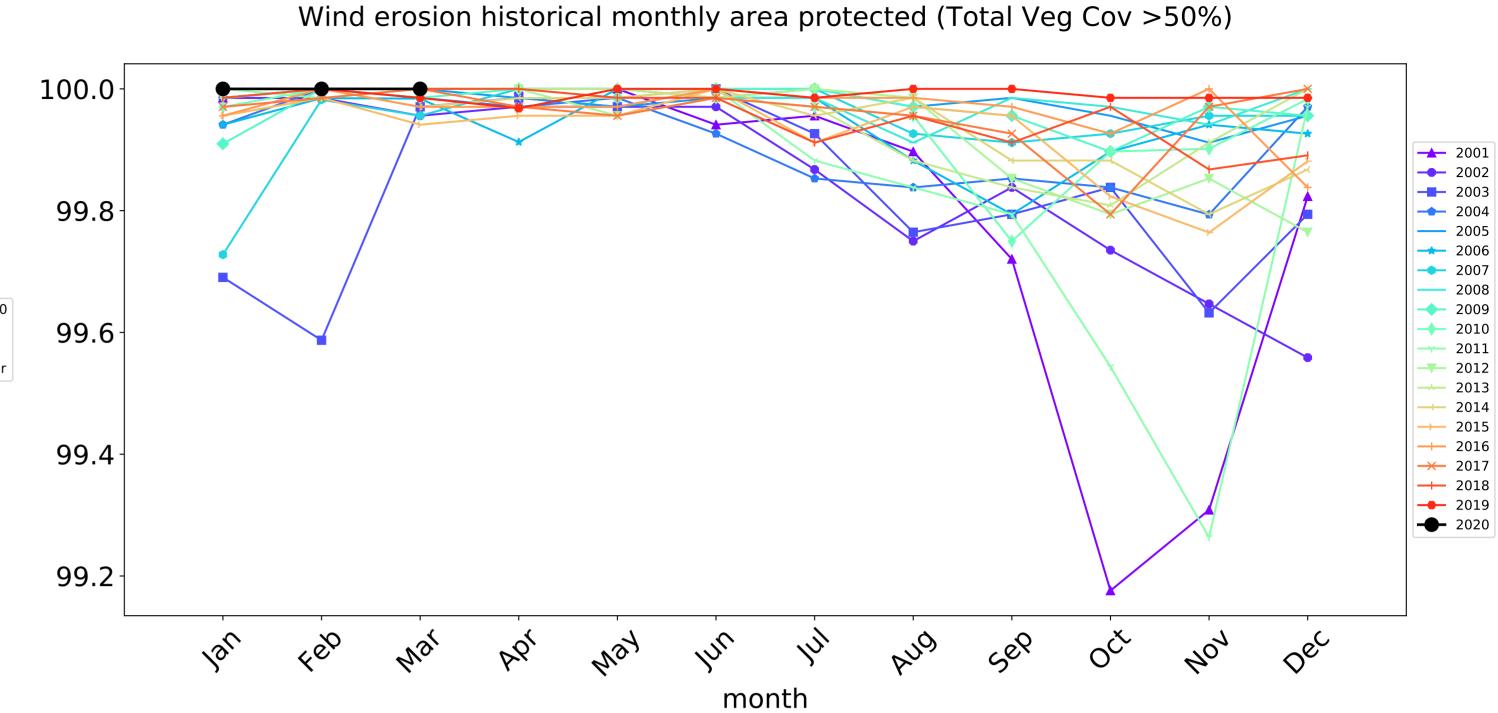


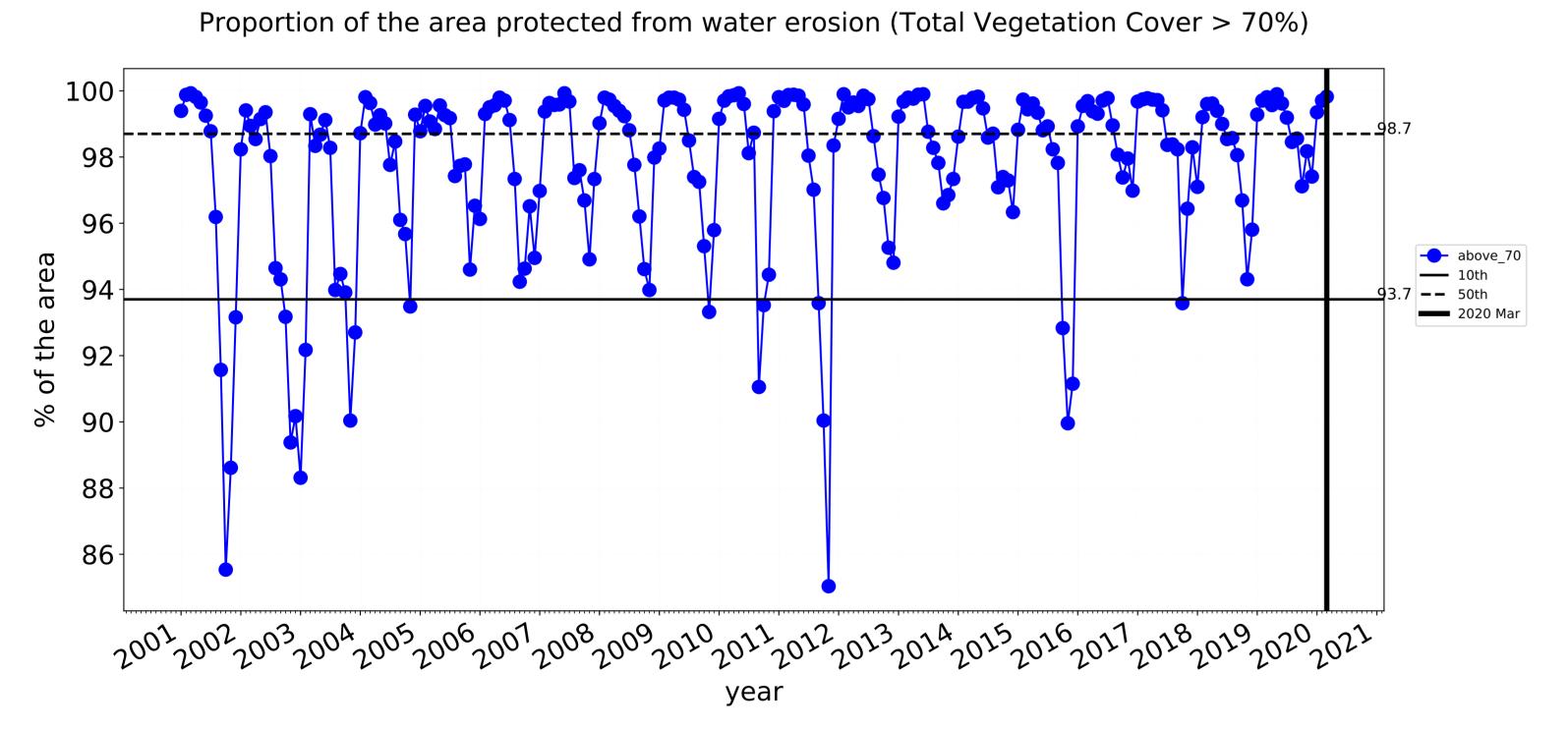


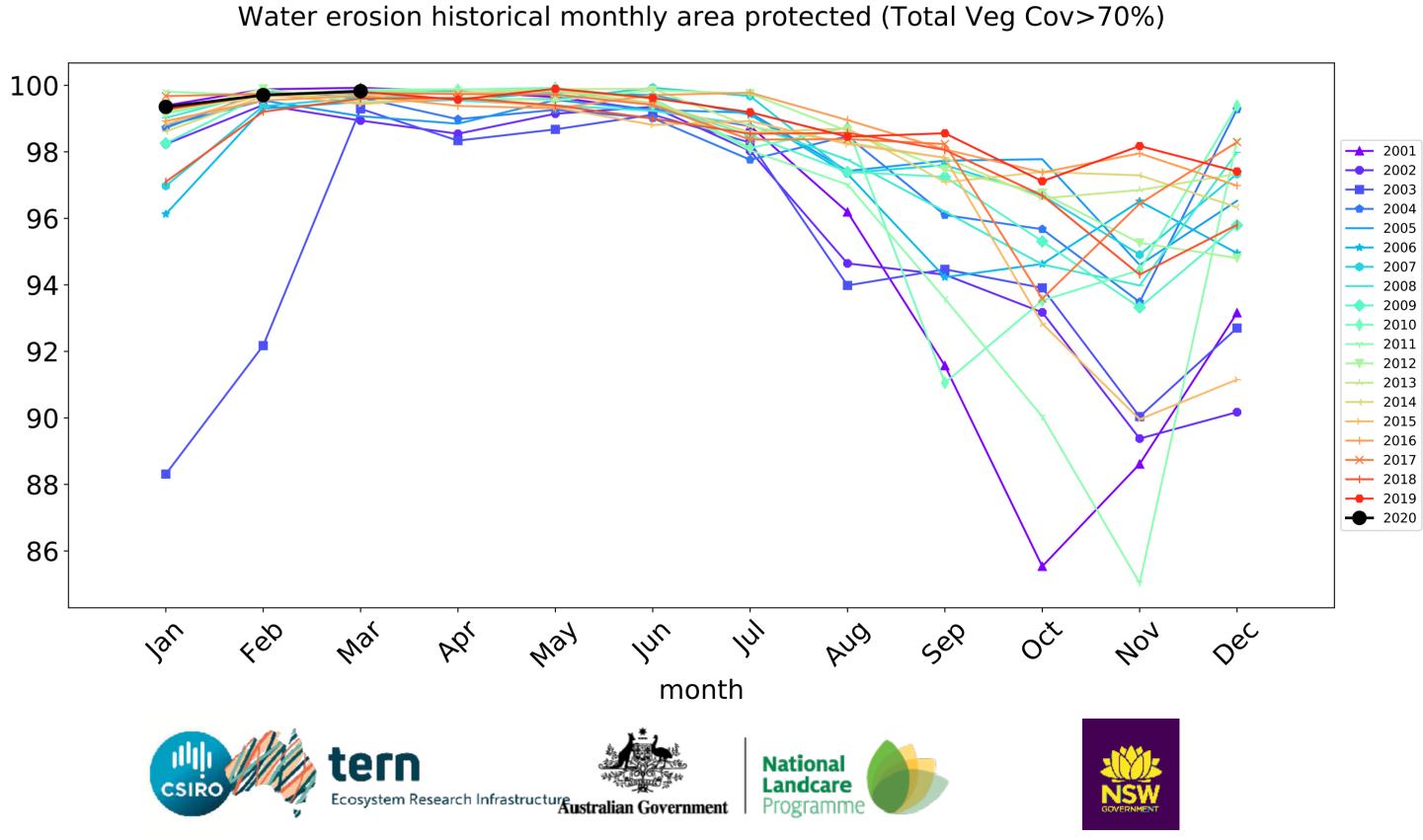


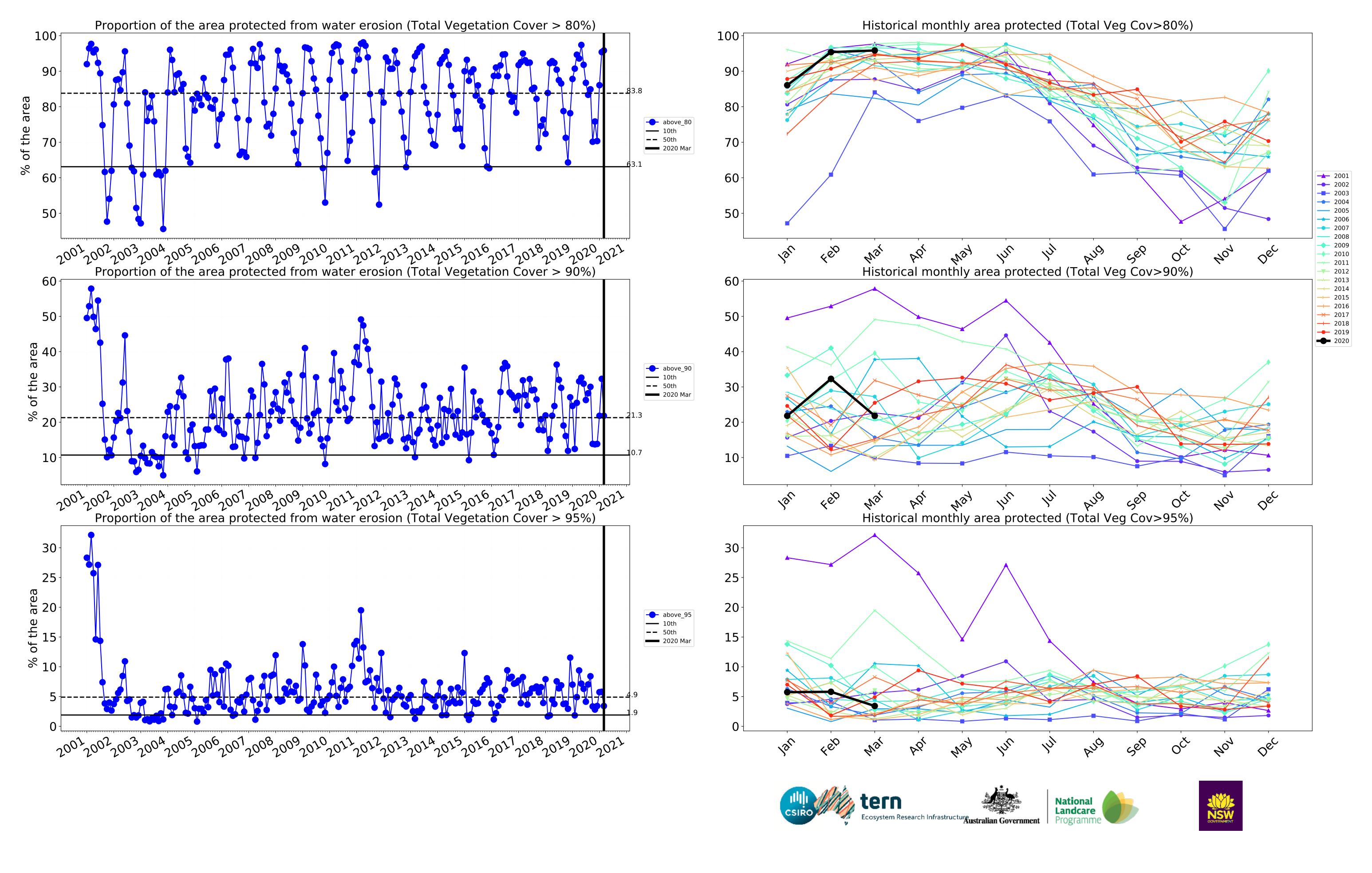
Irrigation timeseries







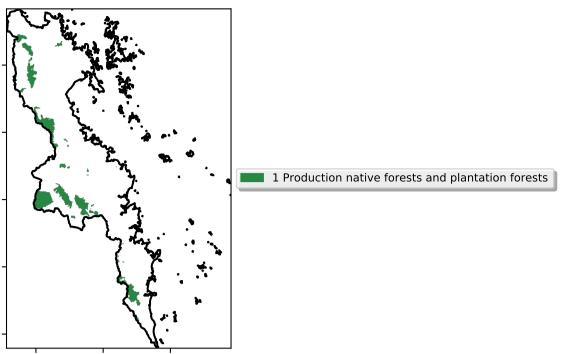




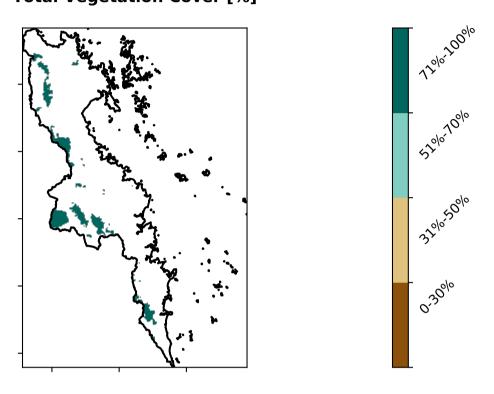
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

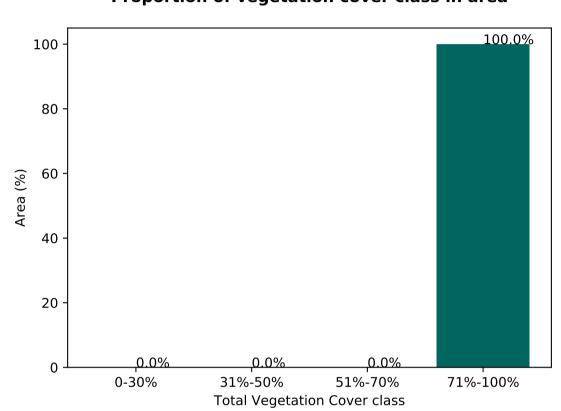
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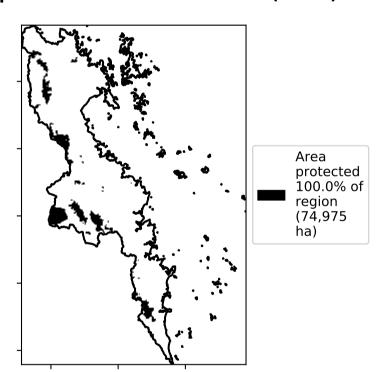
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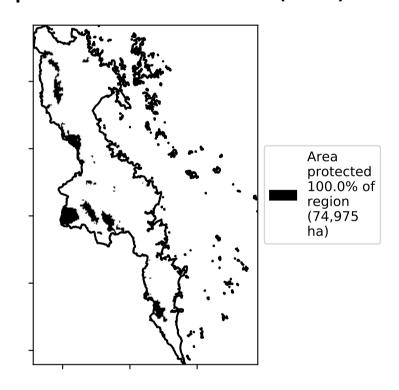
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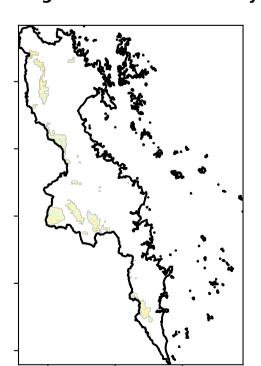
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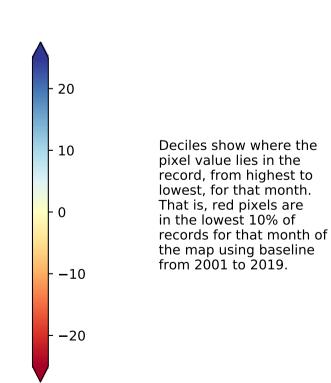


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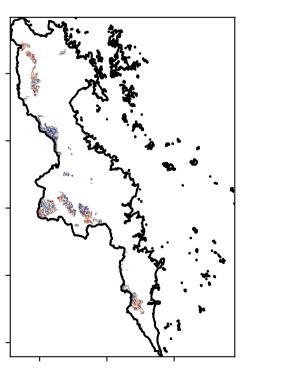


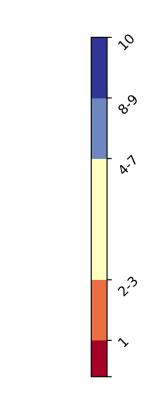
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]





Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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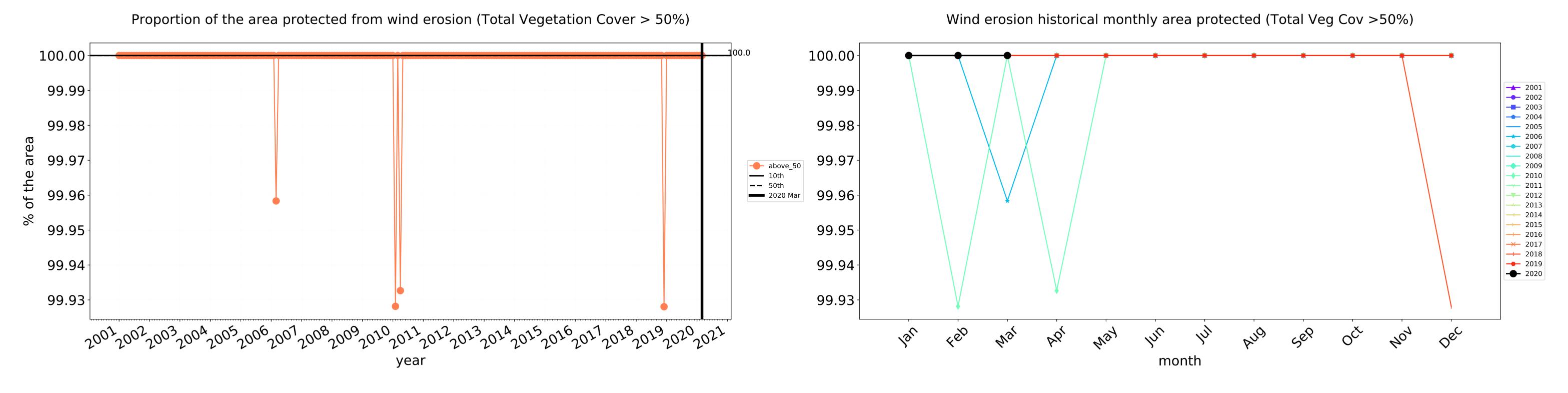


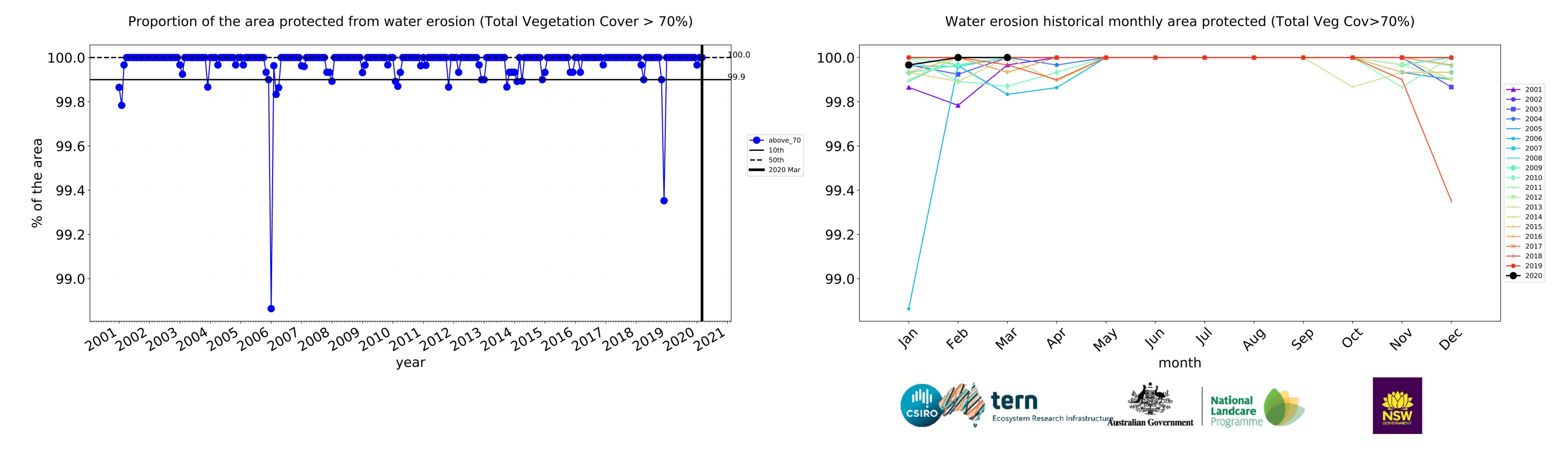


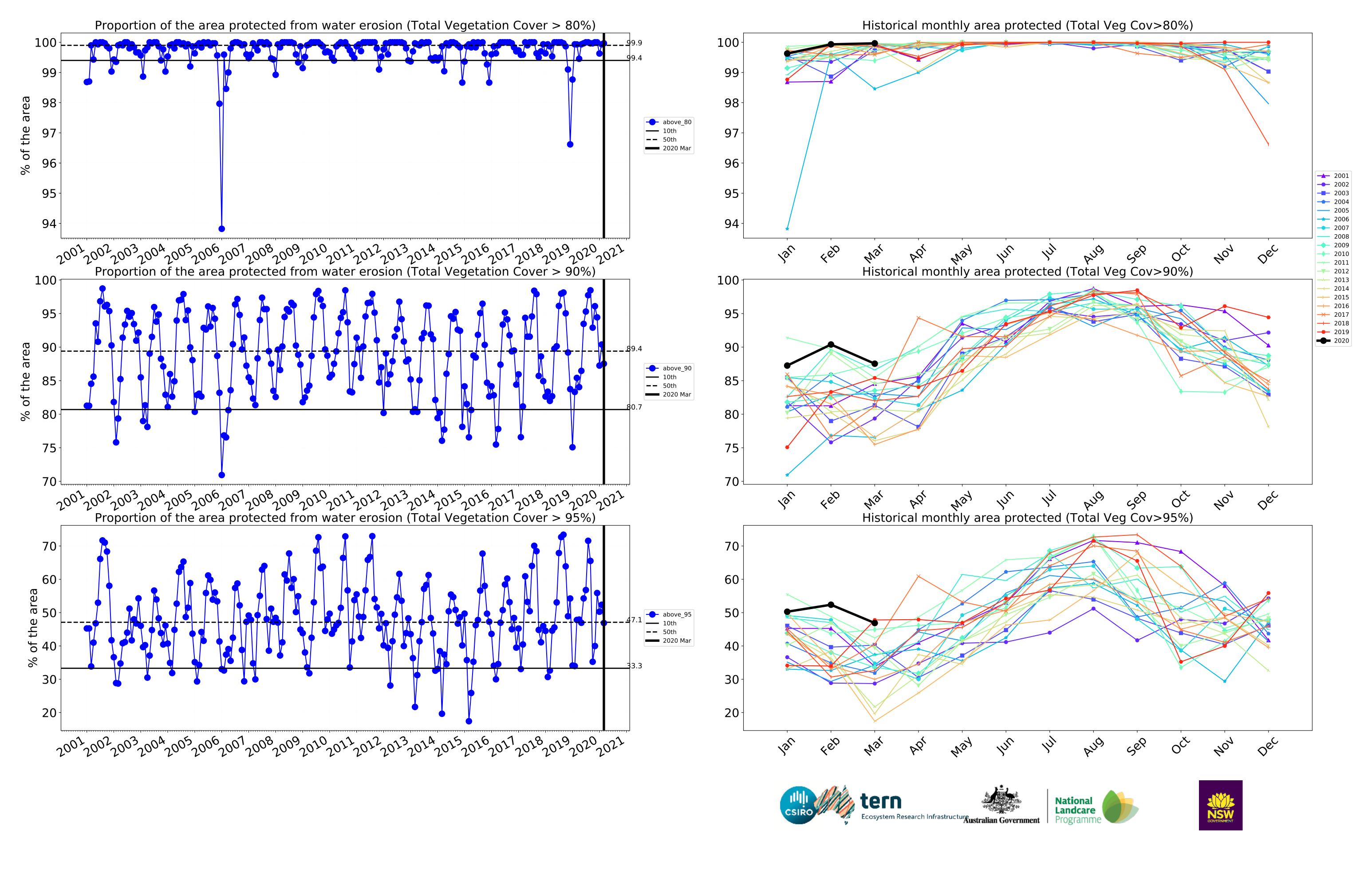




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







Mackay Whitsunday (904,175 ha and no data 28,885 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	904,175	99.9% 903,150	99.7% 901,100	98.4% 889,475	94.5% 854,675	53.3% 481,825	19.5% 176,575
Conservation and natural environments	272,600	99.8% 272,125	99.5% 271,325	98.3% 268,000	95.7% 260,775	71.5% 195,025	28.6% 78,075
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,100	98.9% 7,025	97.9% 6,950	89.1% 6,325	75.4% 5,350	37.7% 2,675	15.1% 1,075
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,450	99.8% 74,300	99.5% 74,075	98.5% 73,300	96.2% 71,600	63.5% 47,300	16.1% 11,975
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	191,050	99.9% 190,800	99.6% 190,300	98.6% 188,375	96.2% 183,825	75.9% 145,050	34.0% 65,025
Agriculture	468,200	100.0% 468,050	99.9% 467,875	99.7% 466,700	97.1% 454,825	42.8% 200,325	12.1% 56,625
Grazing	298,225	99.9% 298,075	99.9% 297,900	99.6% 297,025	97.9% 291,925	54.7% 163,225	17.0% 50,825
Grazing non forest	189,050	99.9% 188,900	99.9% 188,775	99.5% 188,125	97.1% 183,650	48.2% 91,175	14.6% 27,650
Grazing Woodland forest	80,625	100.0% 80,625	100.0% 80,600	99.7% 80,400	99.1% 79,875	62.4% 50,300	17.6% 14,225
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.9% 28,525	99.8% 28,500	99.5% 28,400	76.2% 21,750	31.3% 8,950
Irrigation	169,925	100.0% 169,925	100.0% 169,925	99.8% 169,625	95.8% 162,850	21.8% 37,075	3.4% 5,800
Production native forests and plantation forests	74,975	100.0% 74,975	100.0% 74,975	100.0% 74,975	100.0% 74,950	87.5% 65,625	46.9% 35,150







