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 Nov 2020

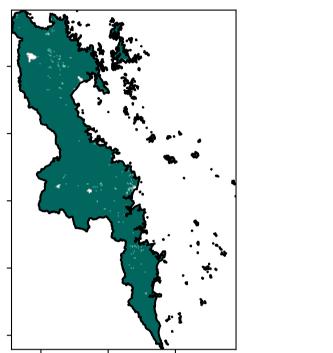
Land use and forest cover

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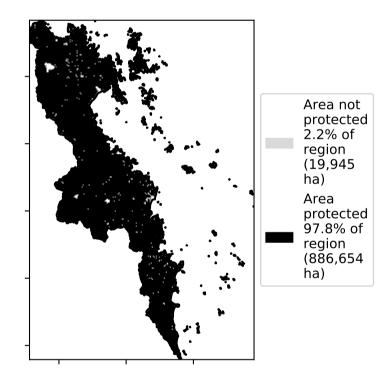
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

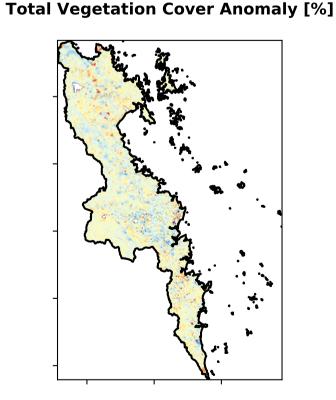


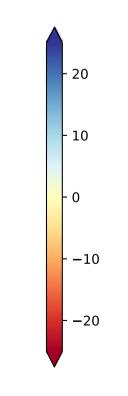
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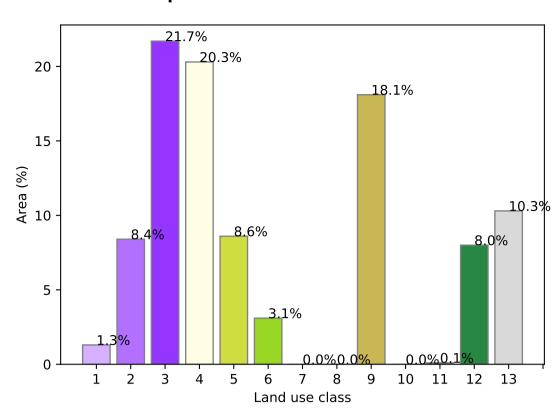
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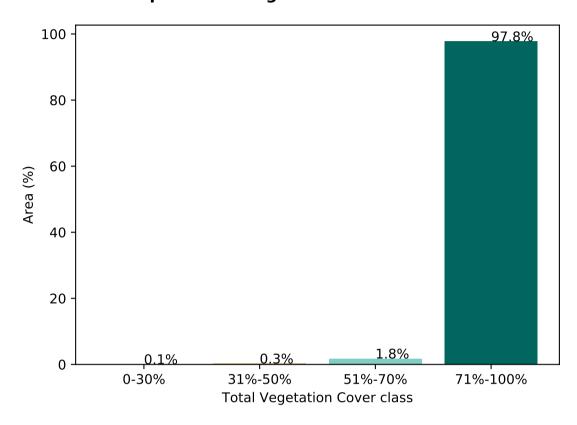


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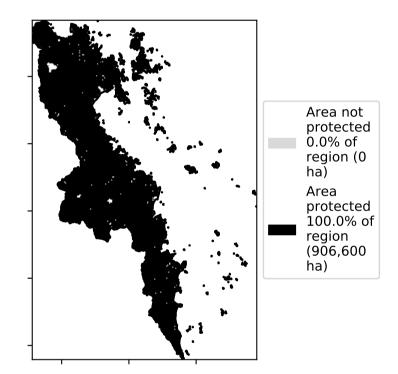
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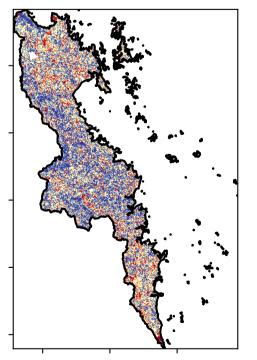
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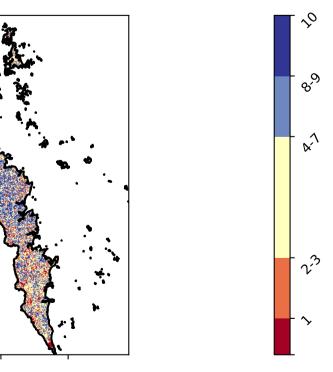


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





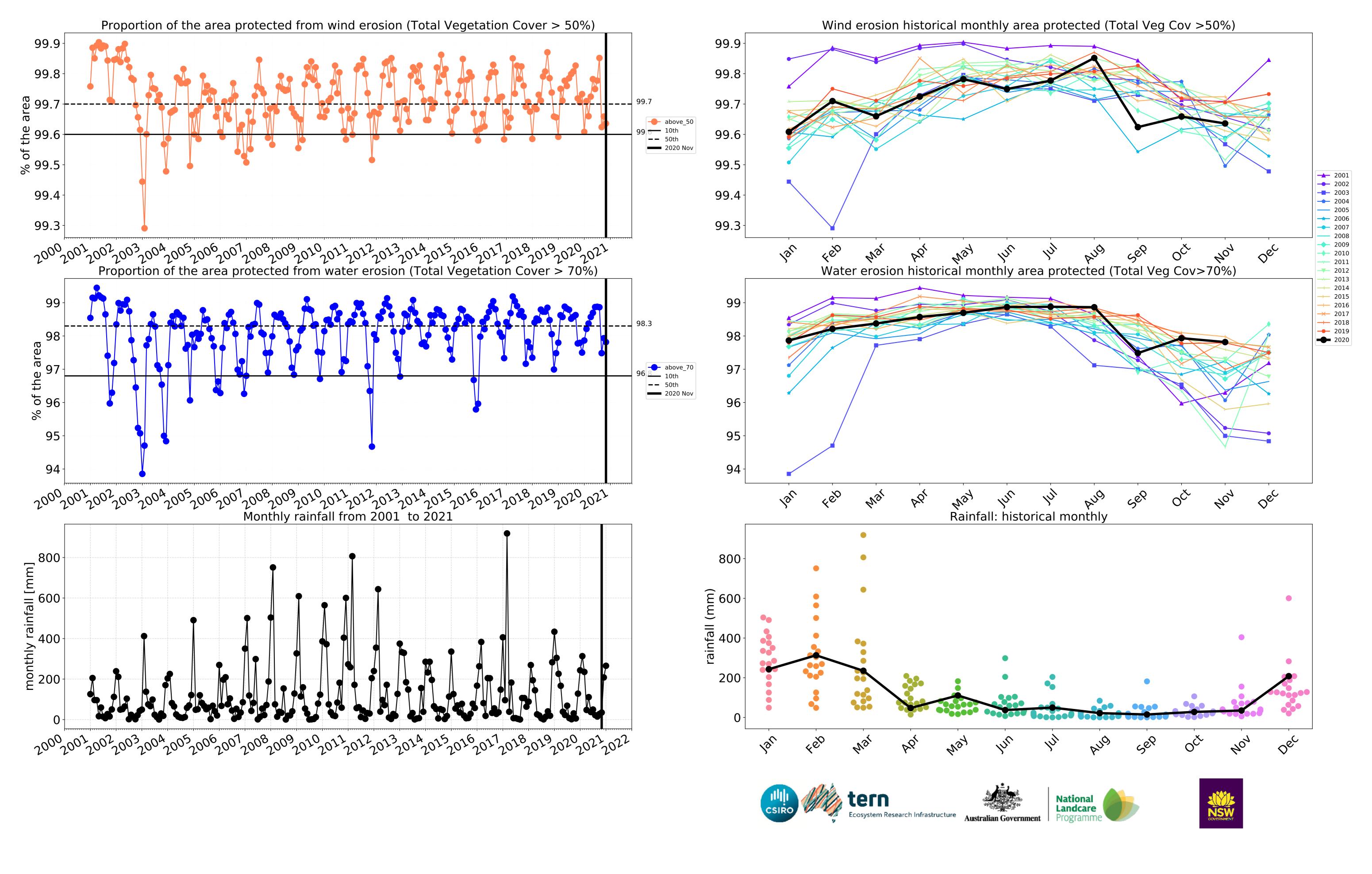


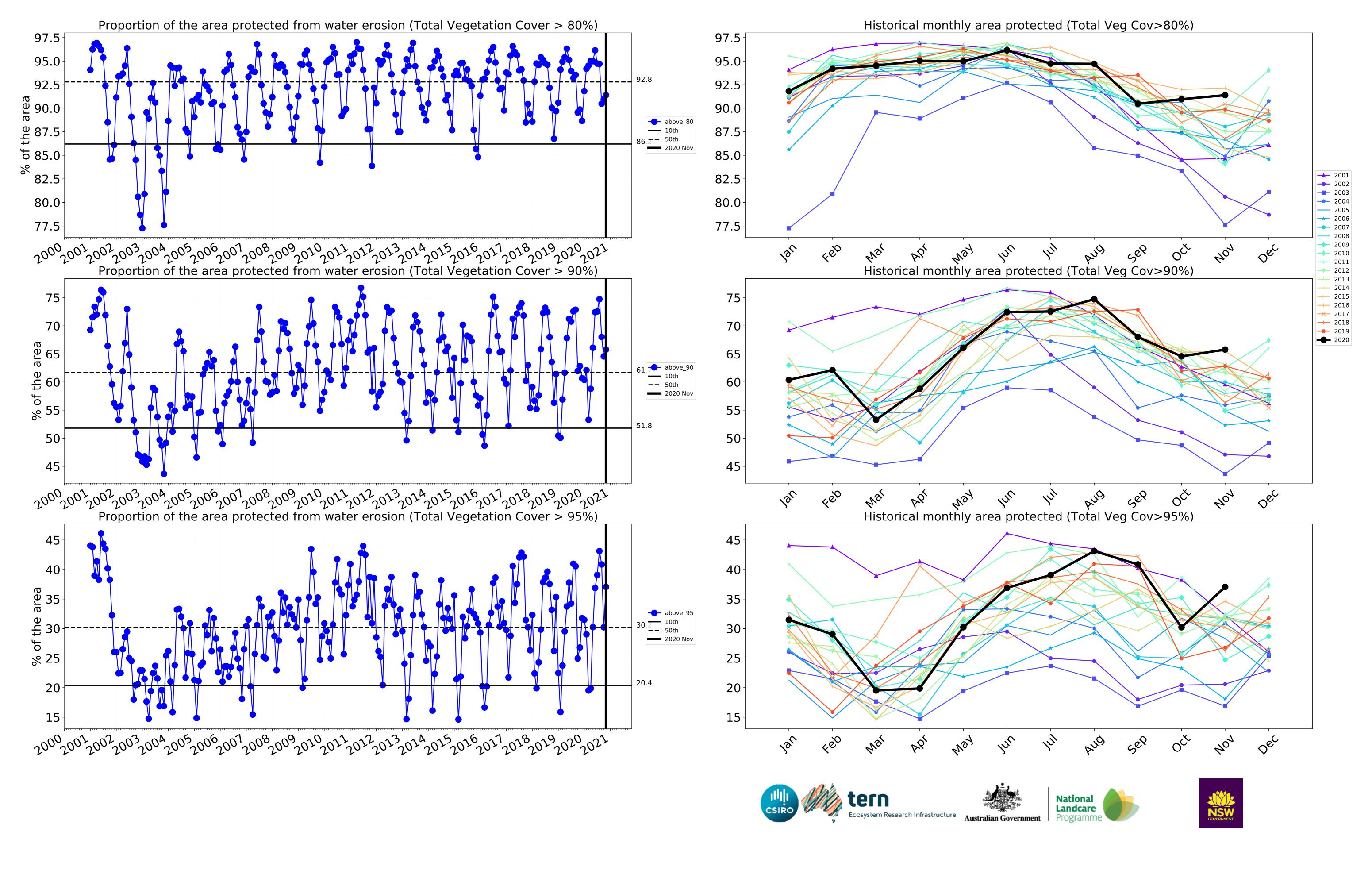








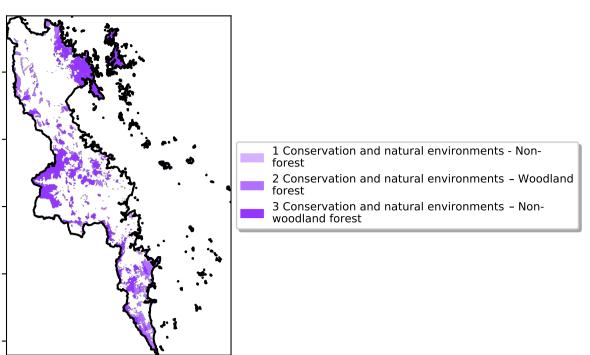




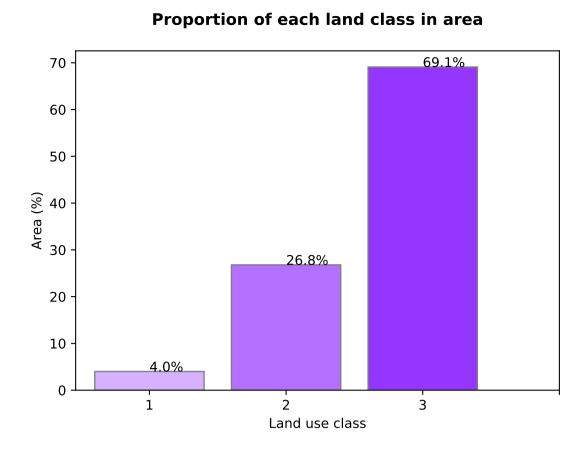
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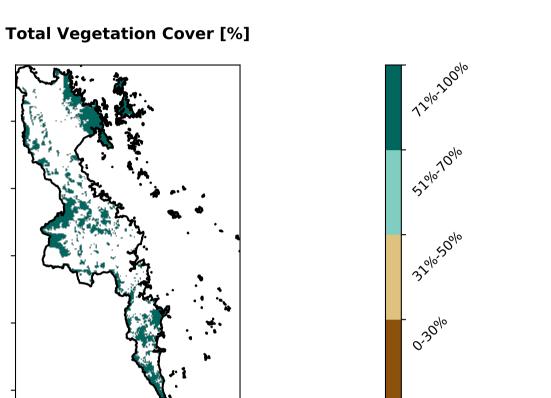
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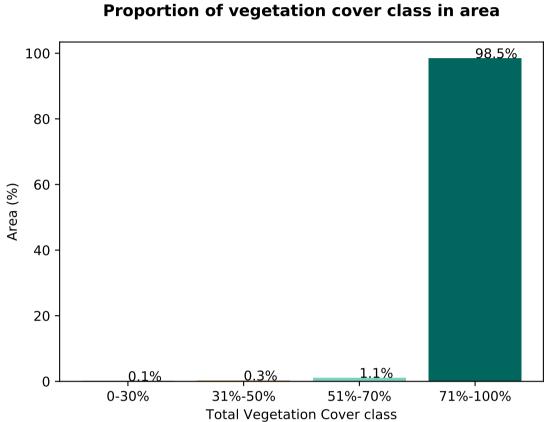
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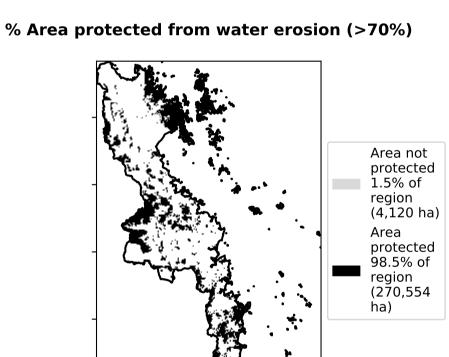


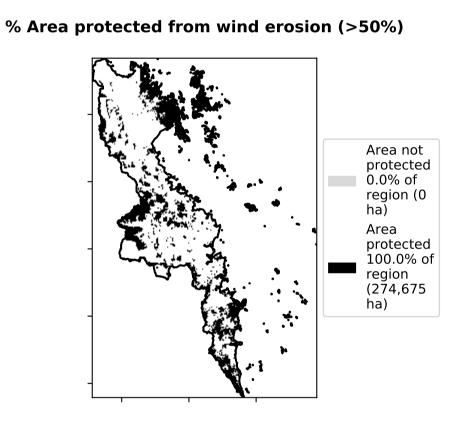
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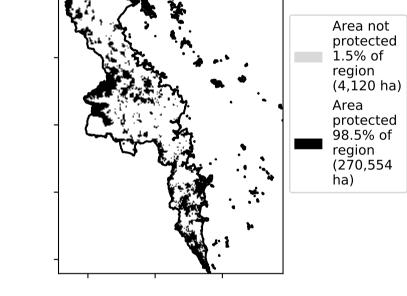




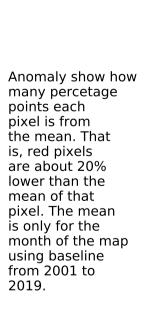


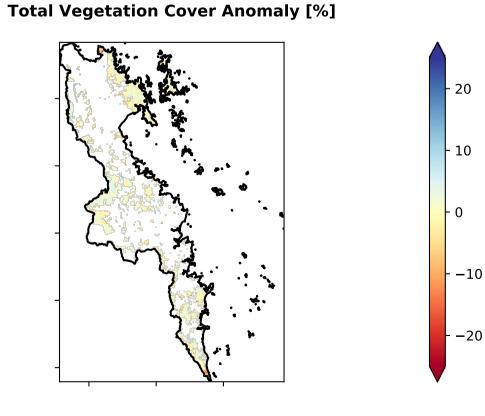




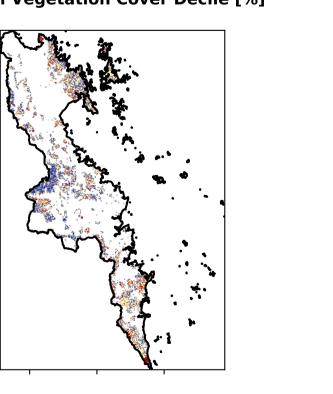


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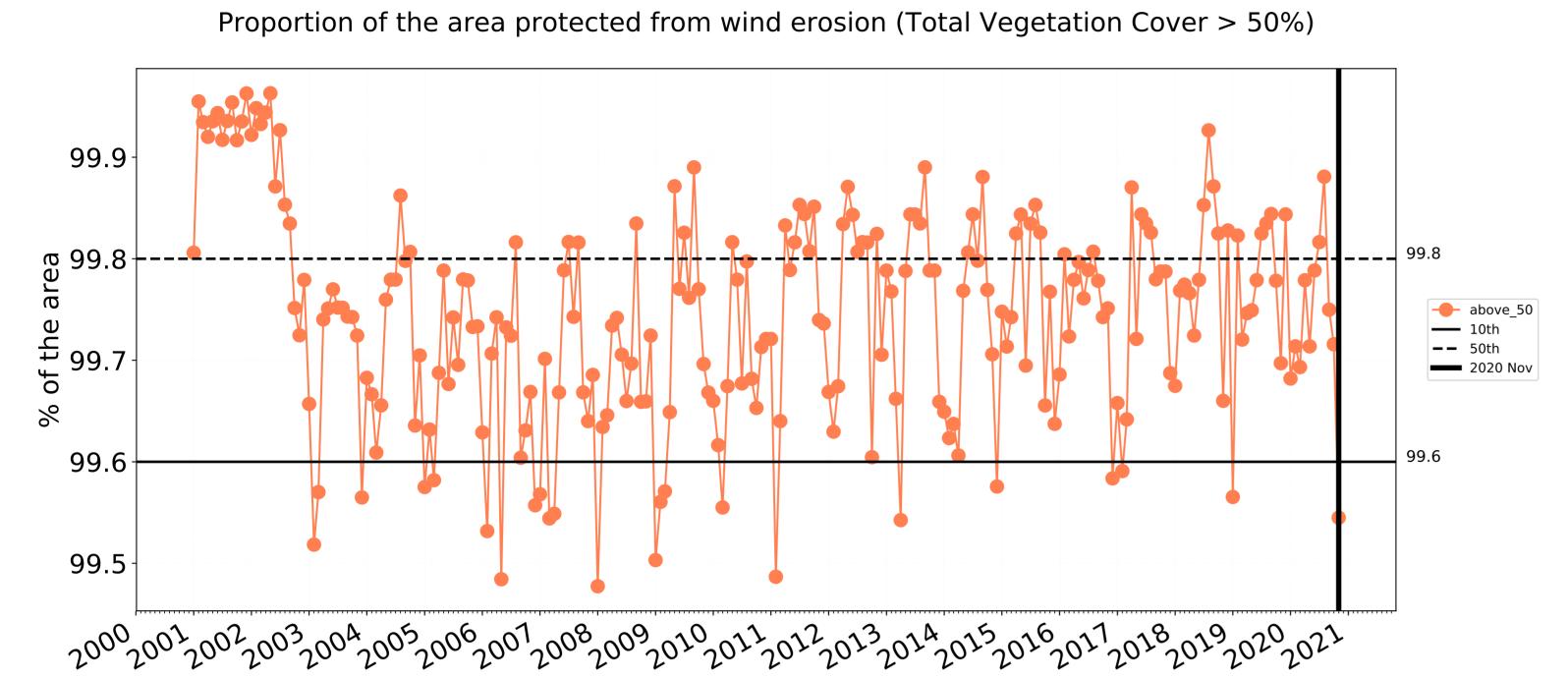




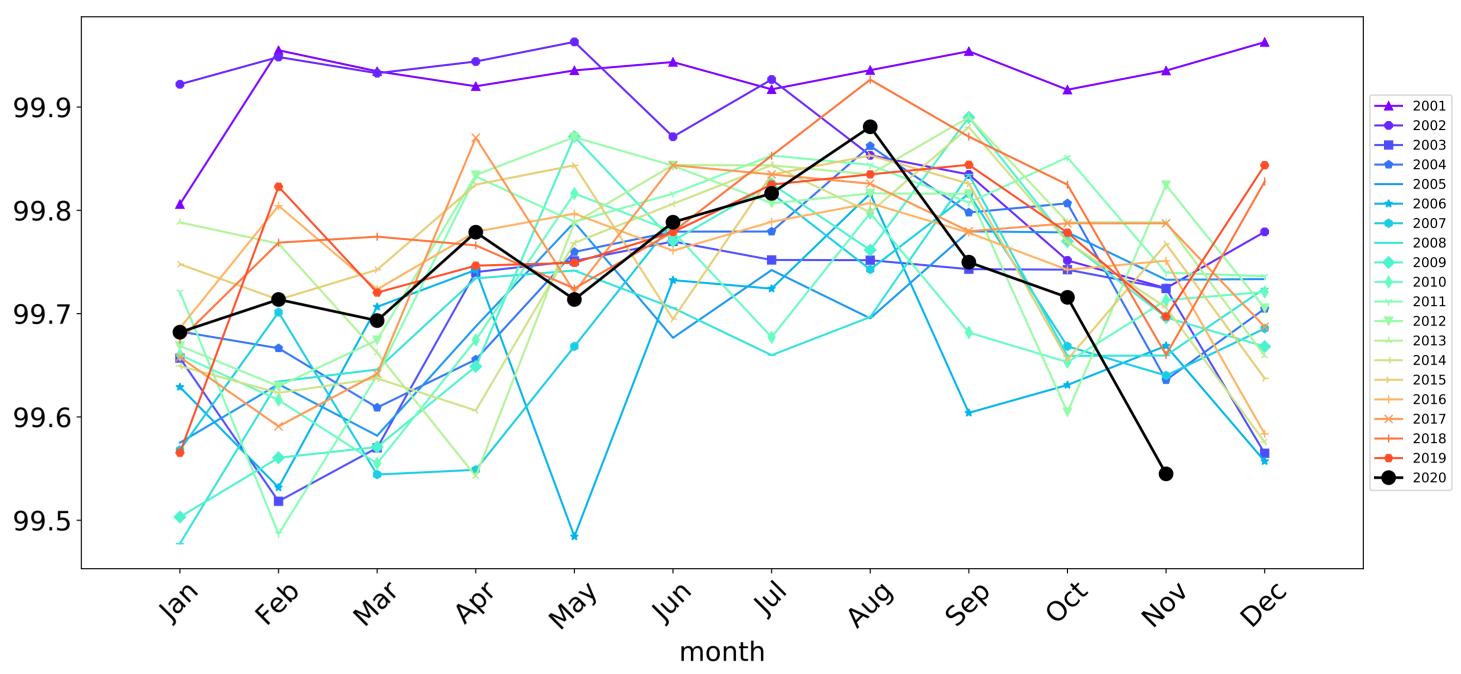


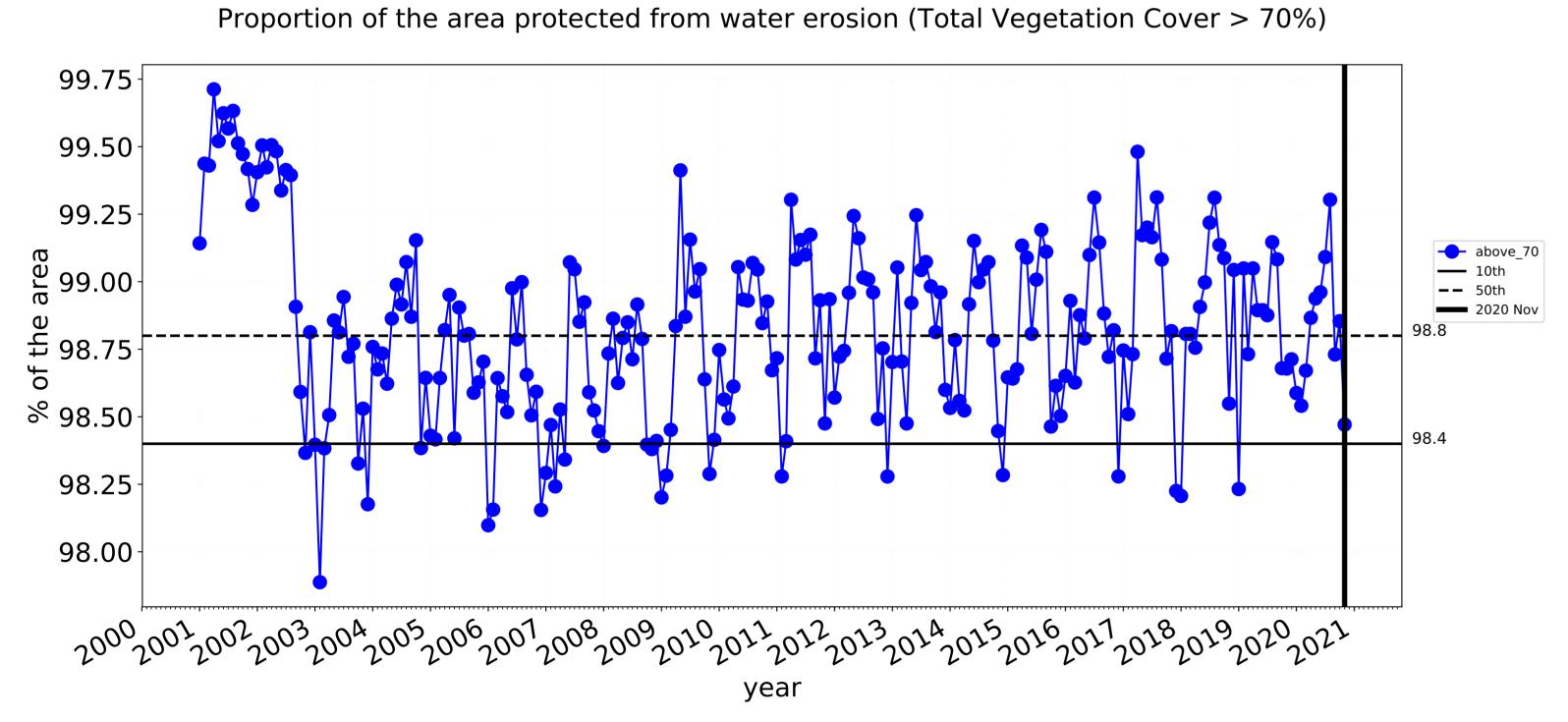


Conservation and natural environments timeseries



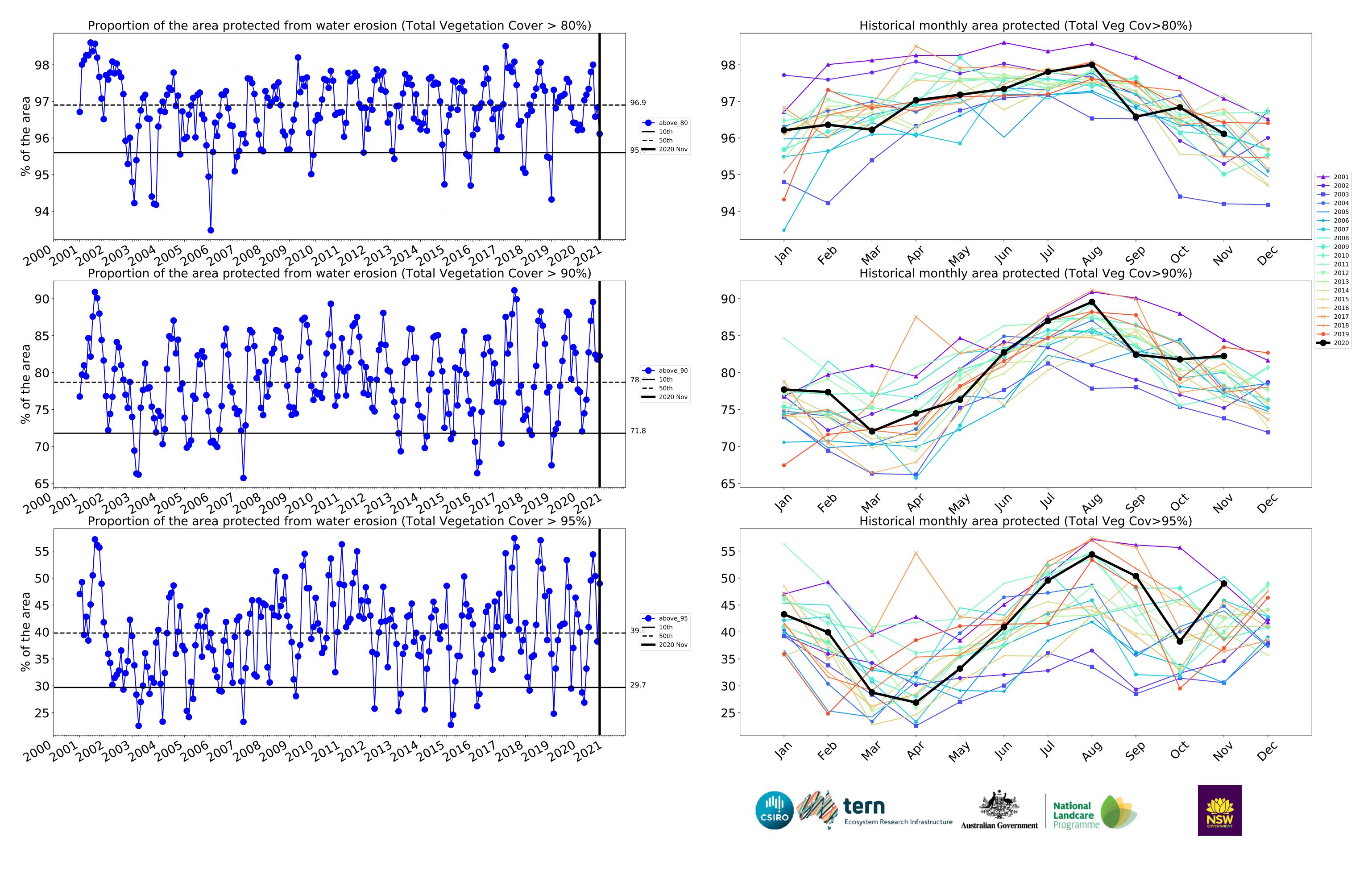
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Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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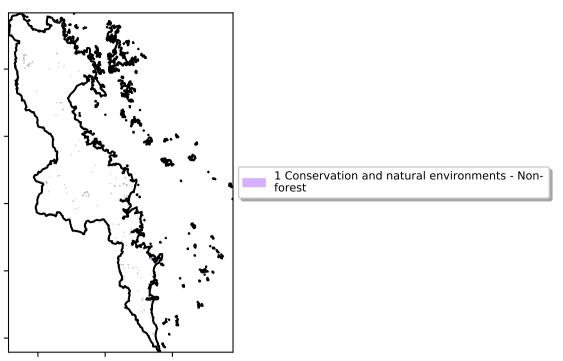
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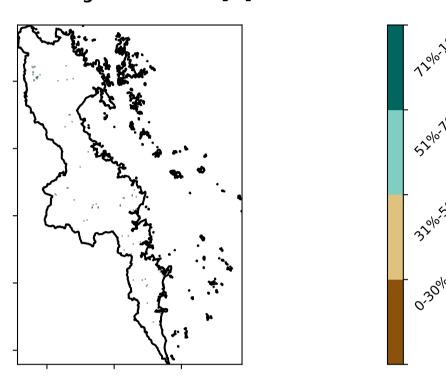
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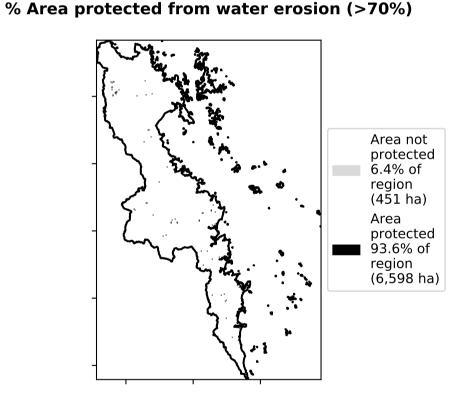
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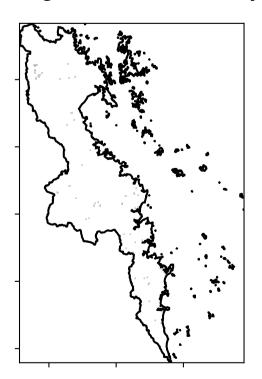
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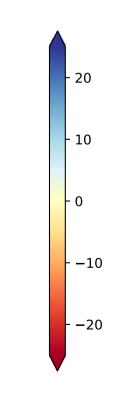


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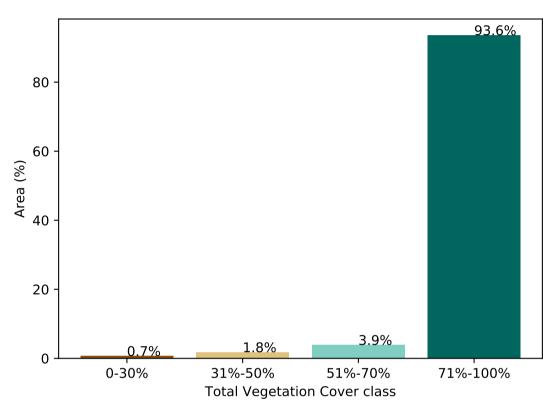
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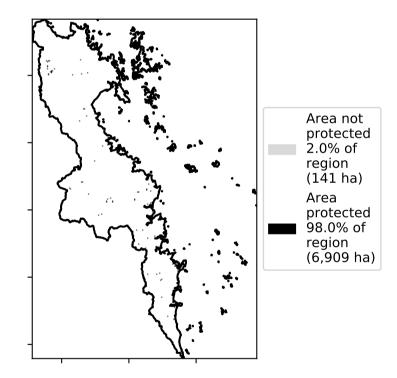


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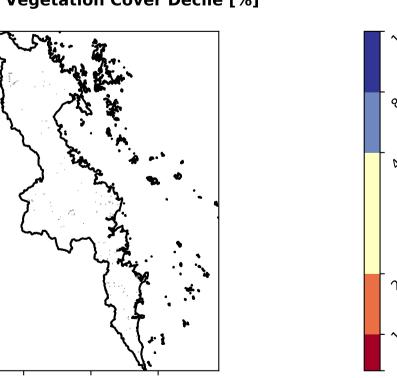
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







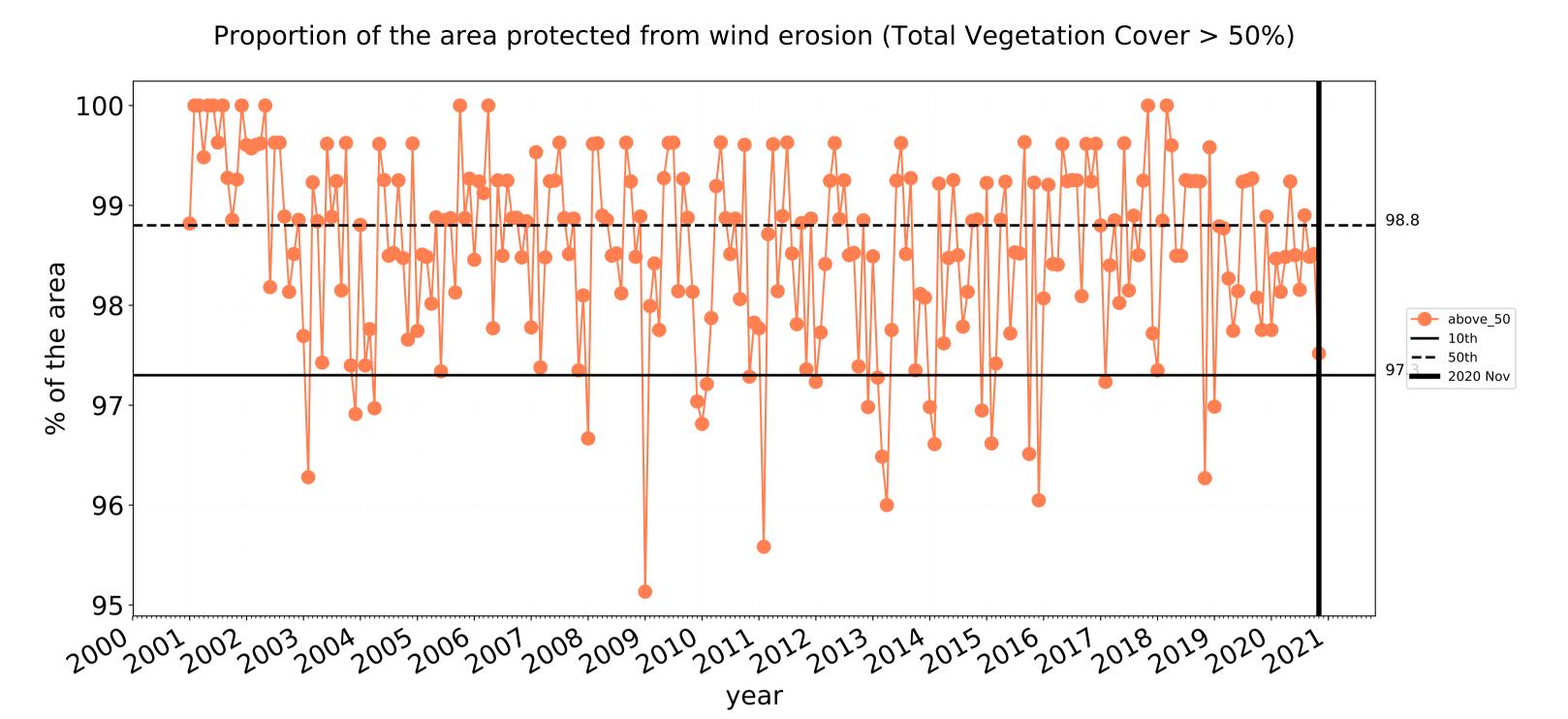


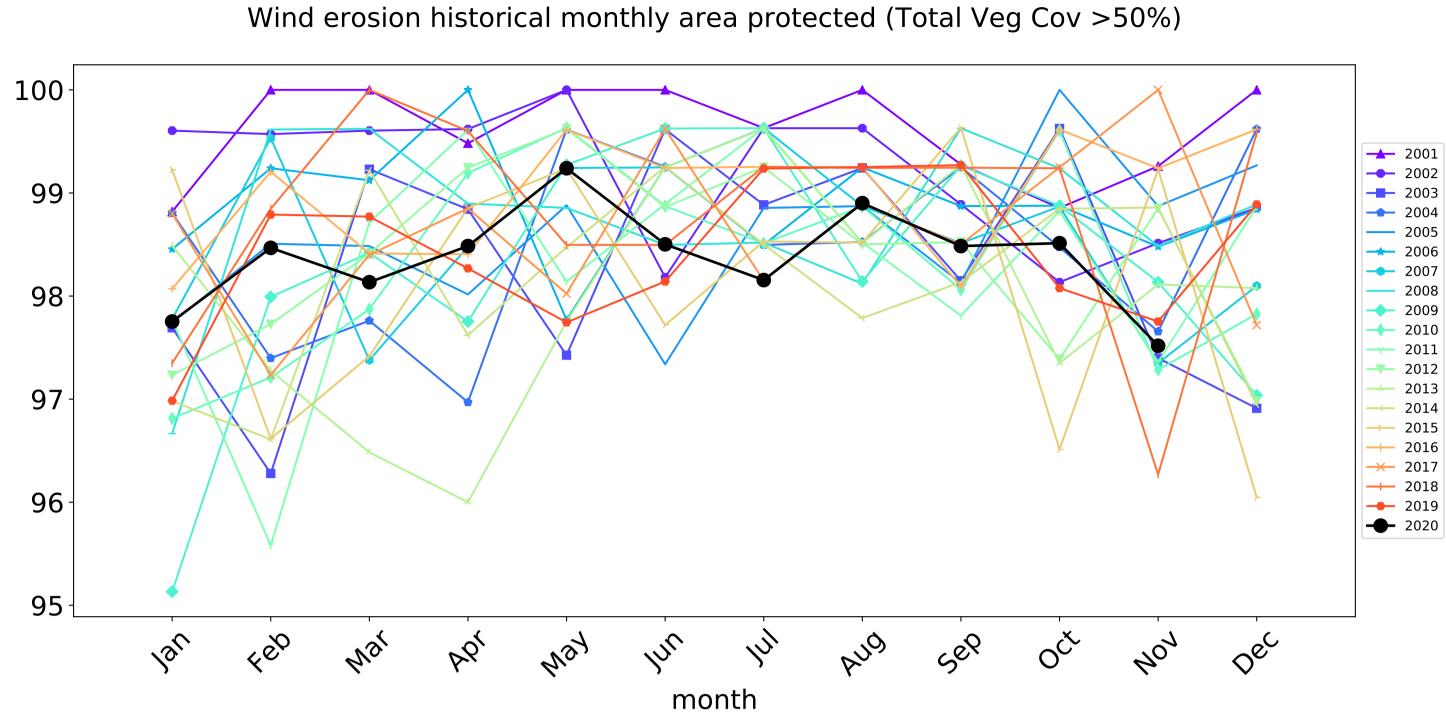


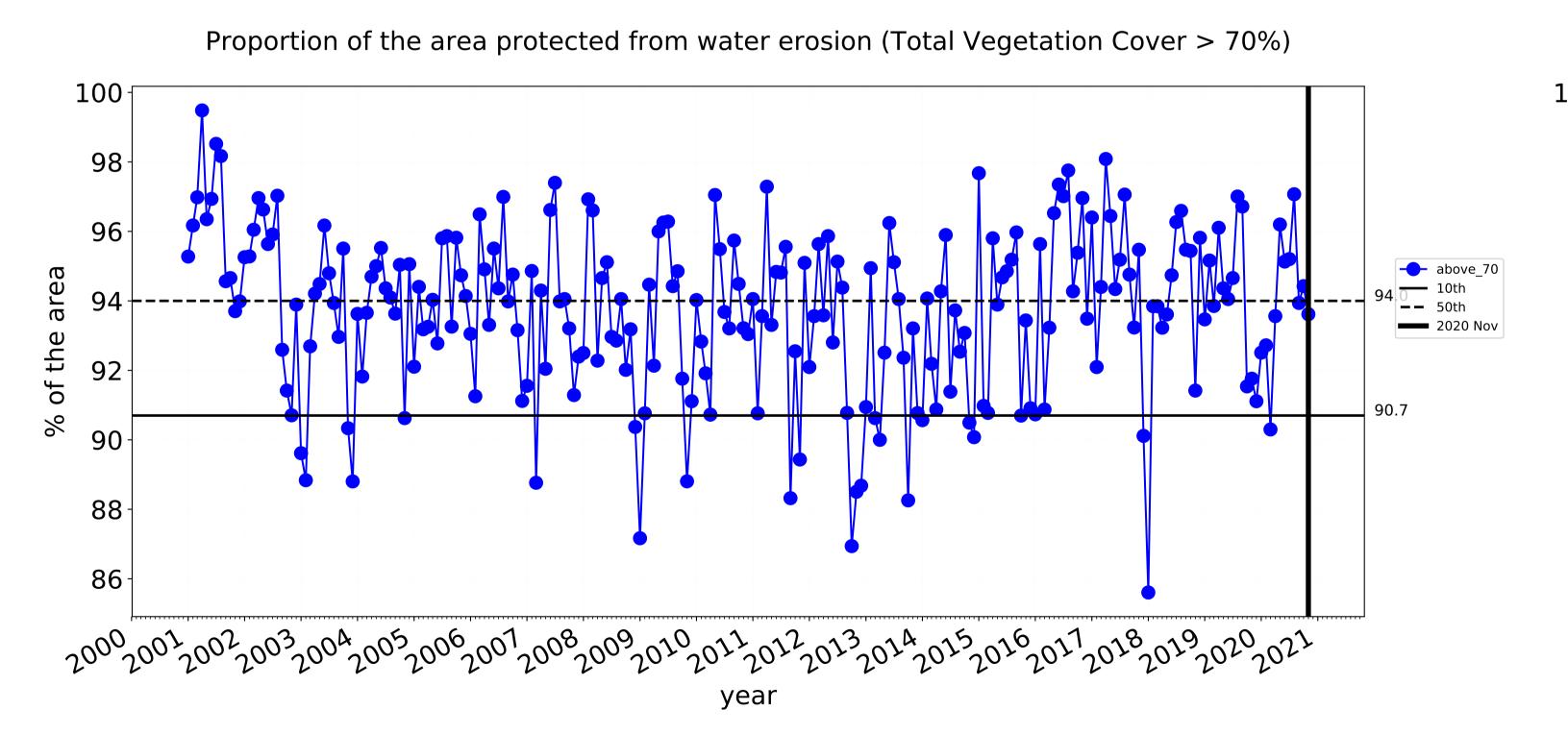


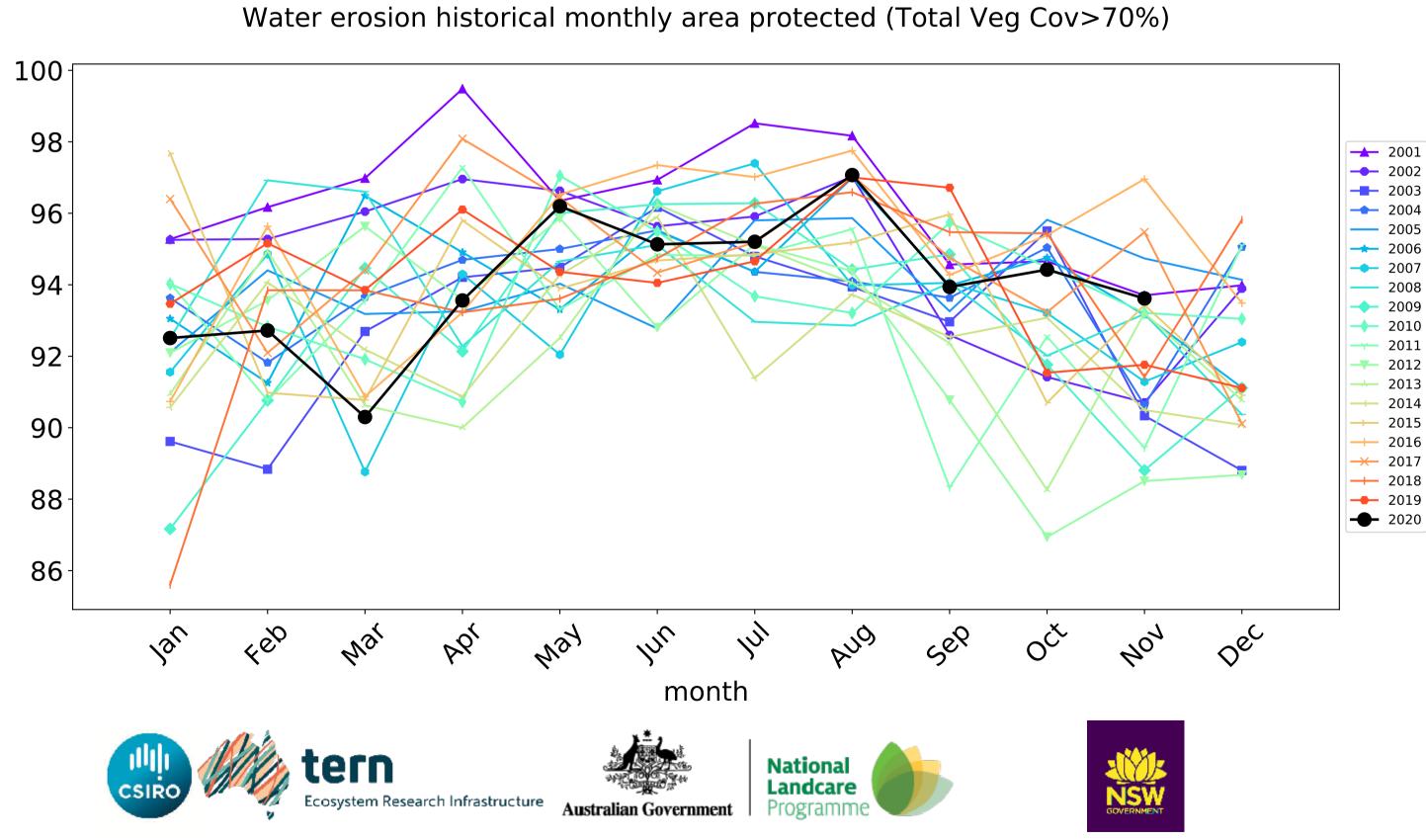


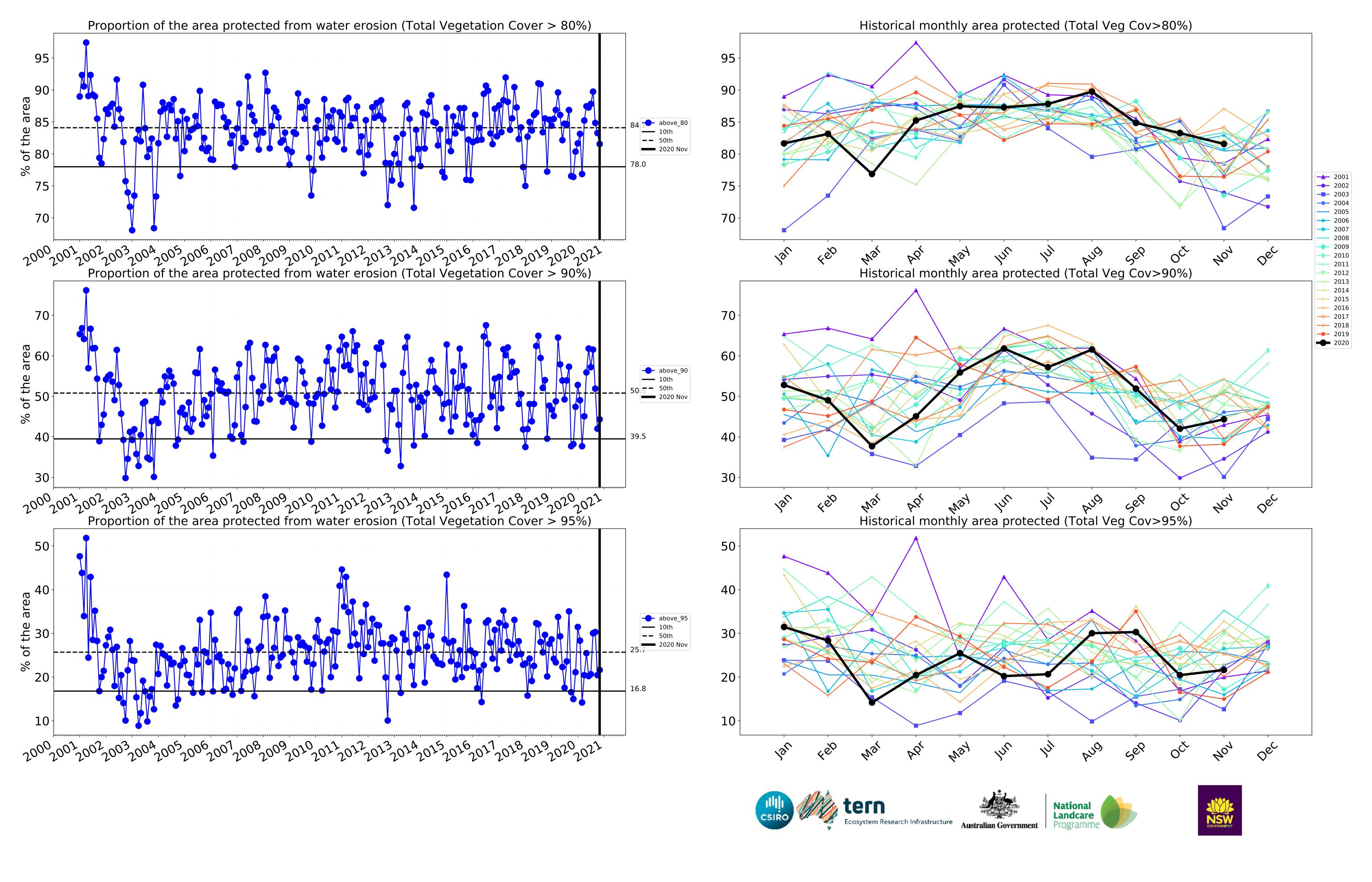
Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries











Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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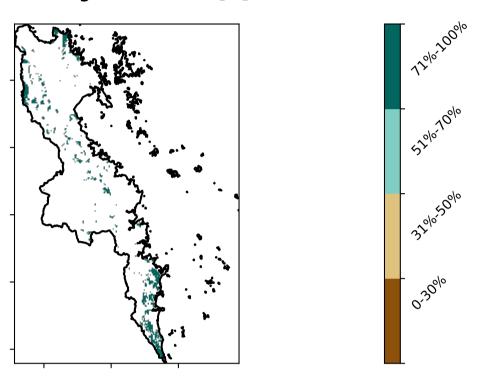
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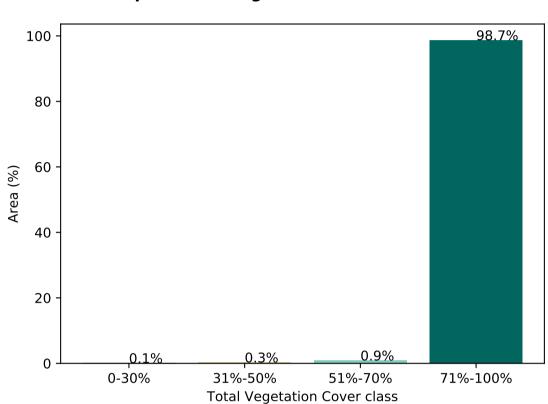
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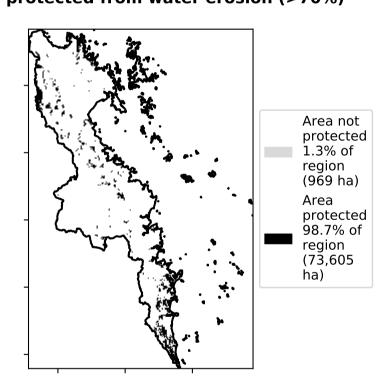
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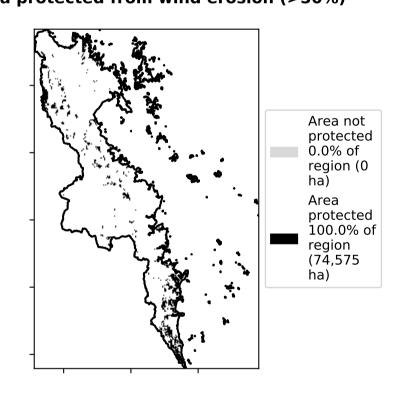
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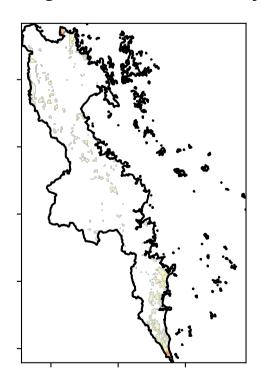
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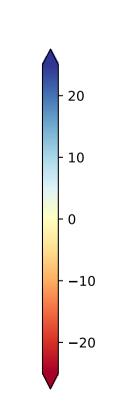


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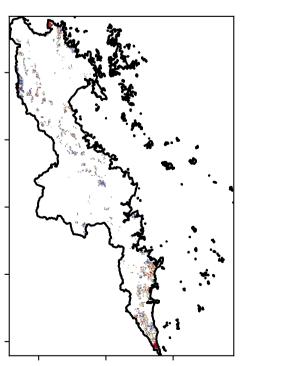
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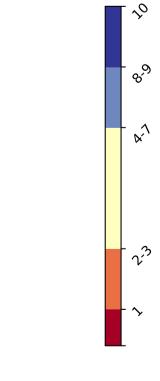




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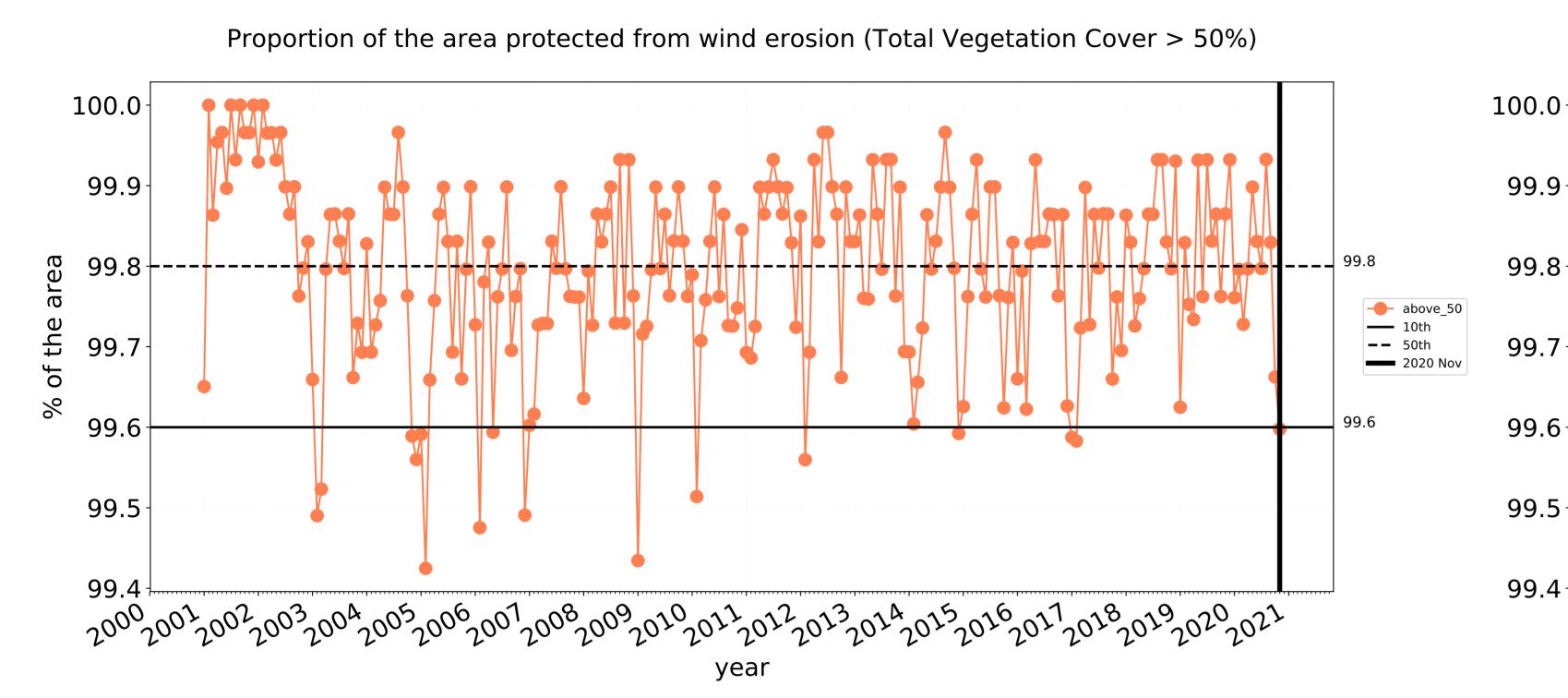


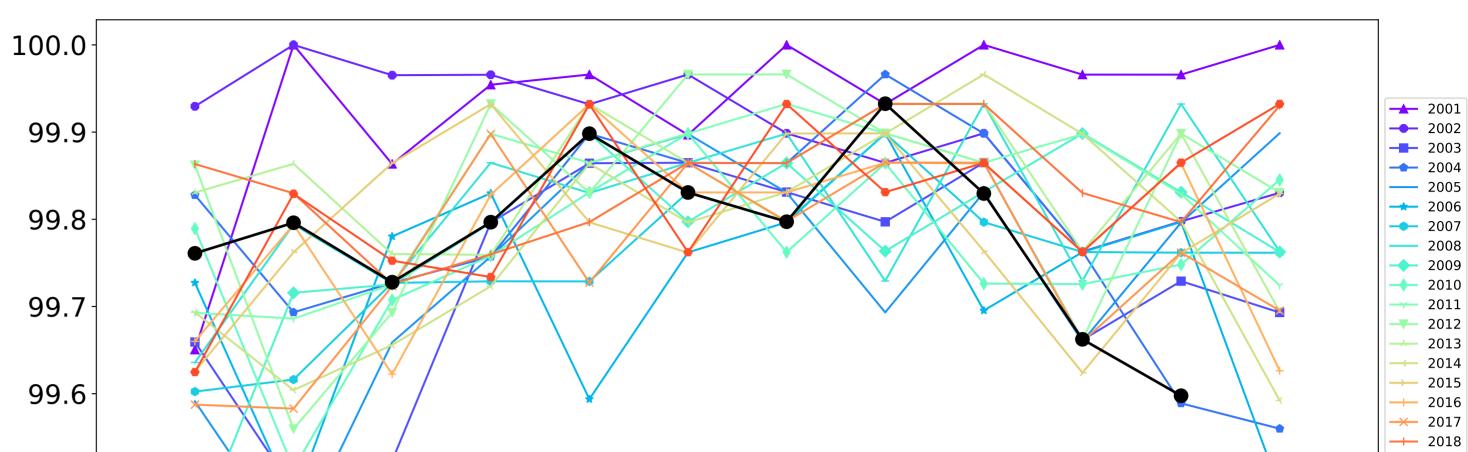






Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

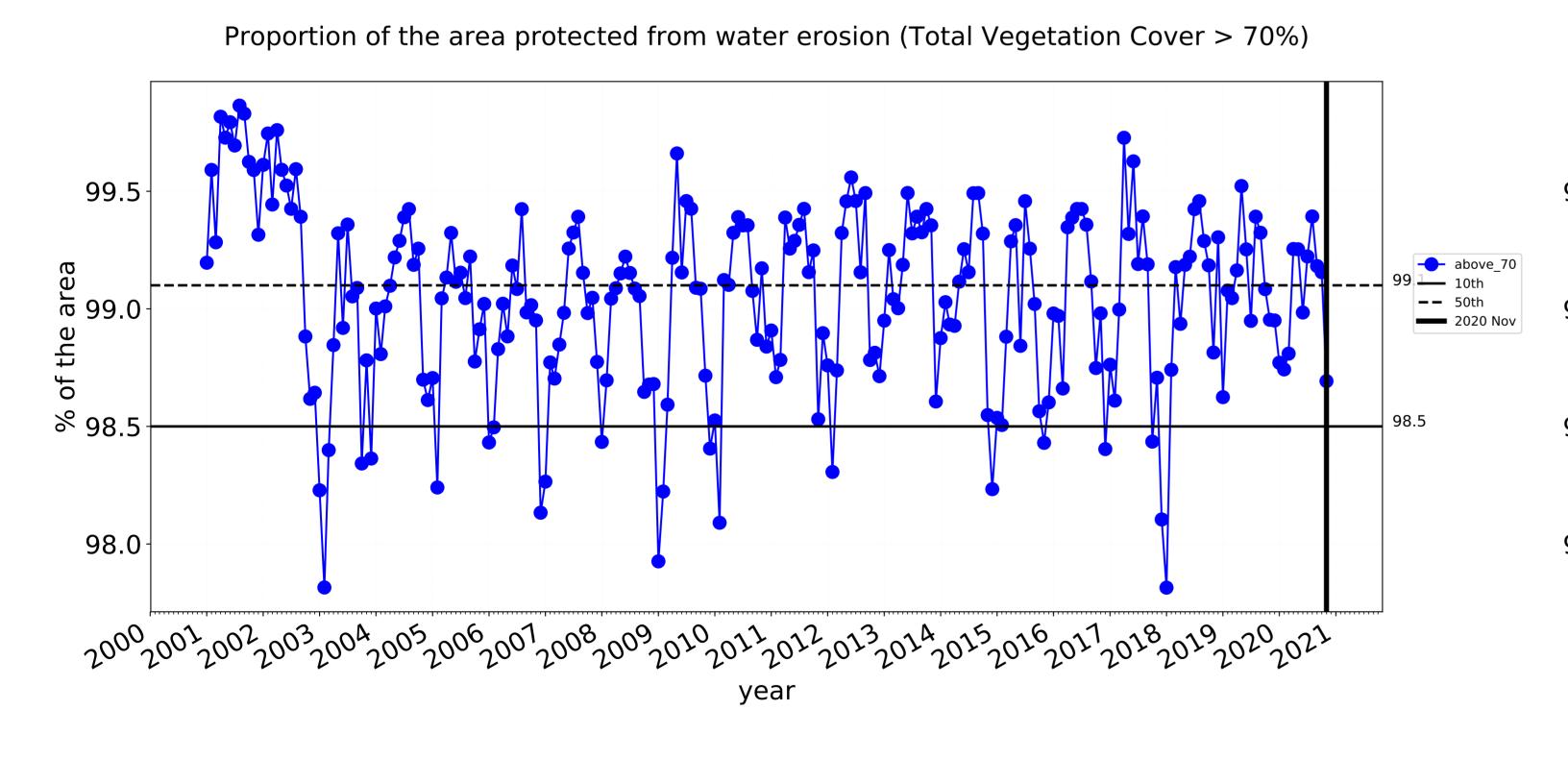


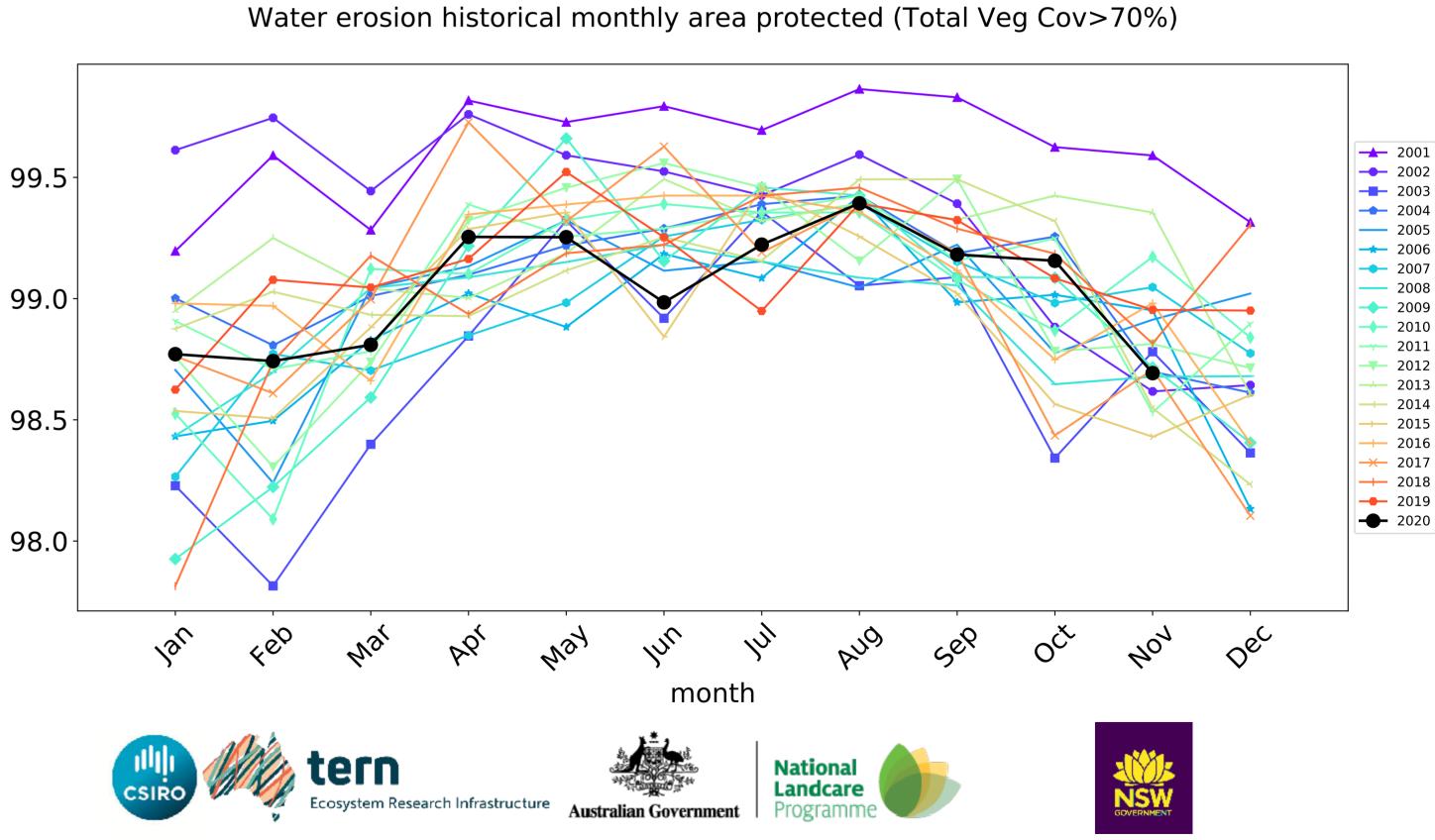


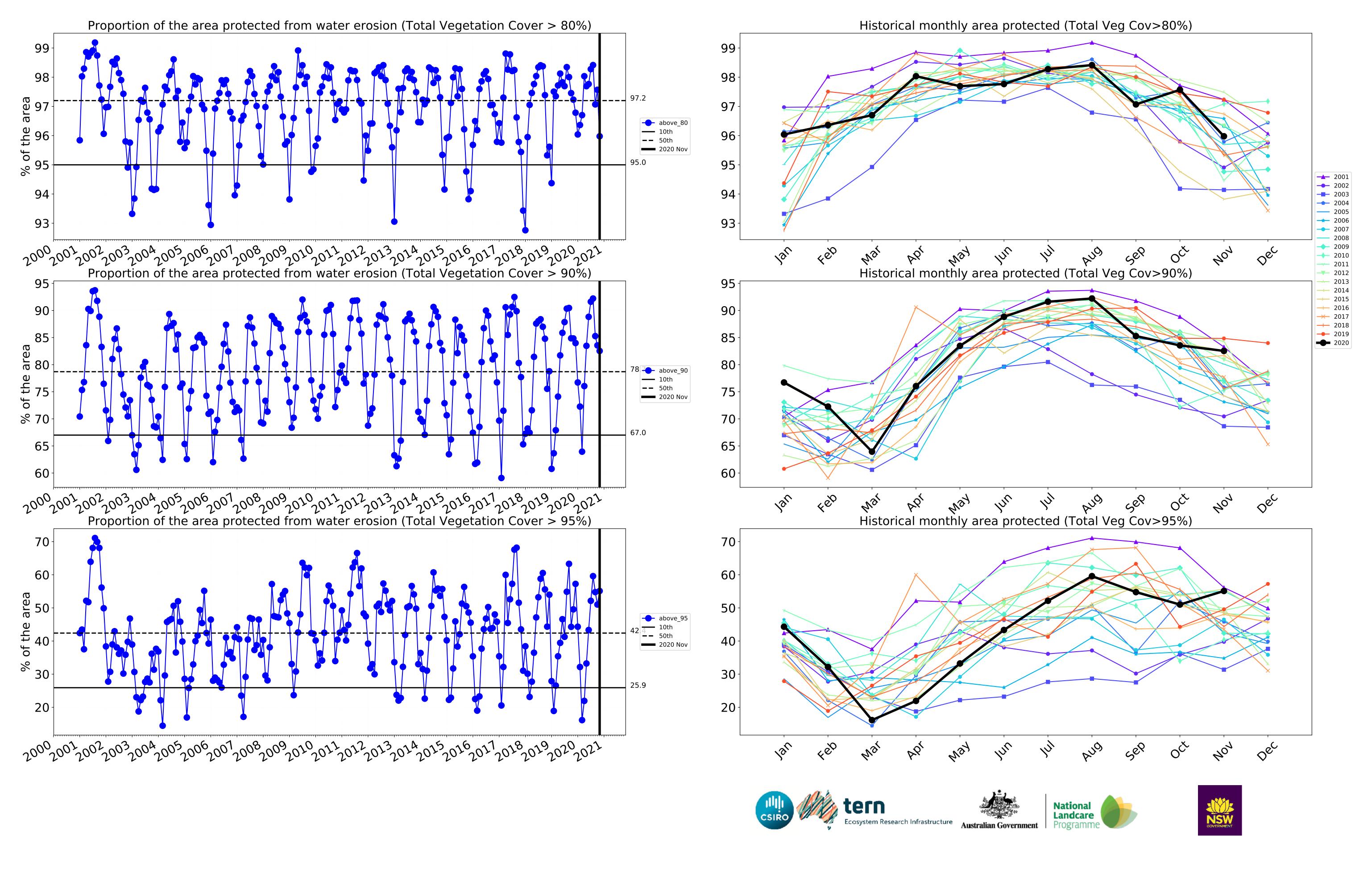
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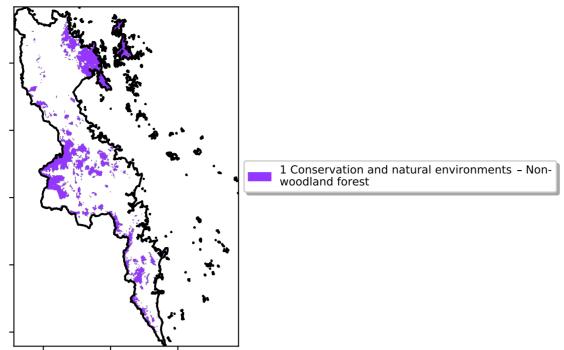


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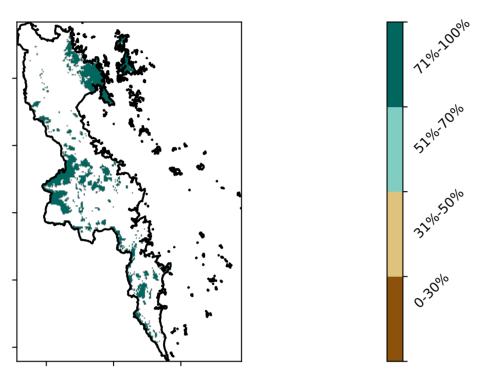
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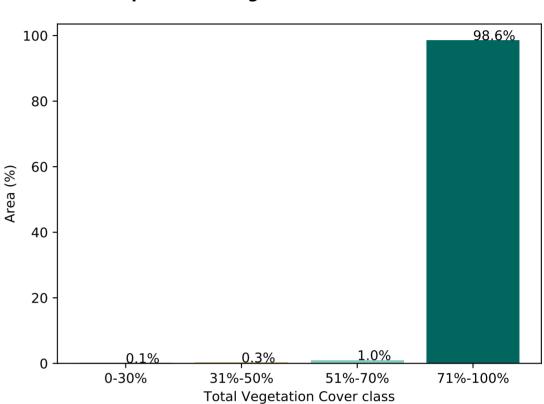
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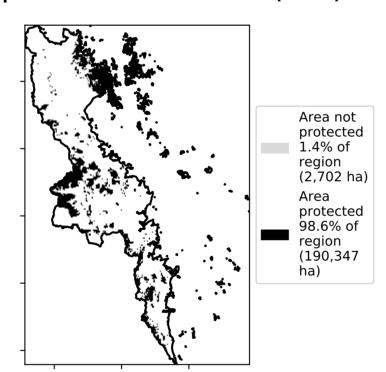
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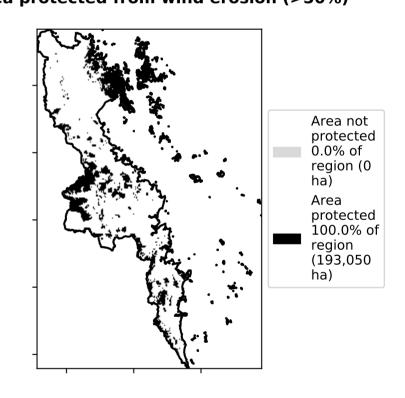
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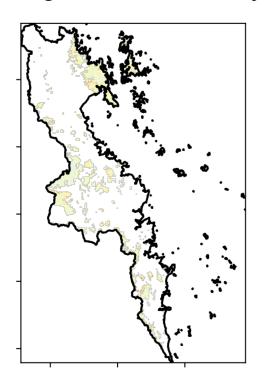
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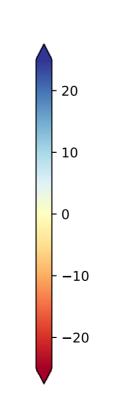


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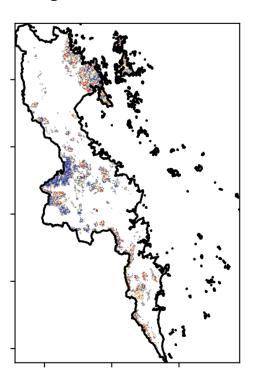
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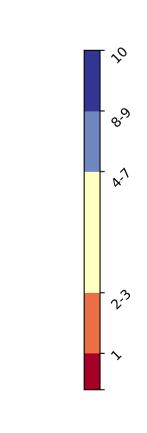




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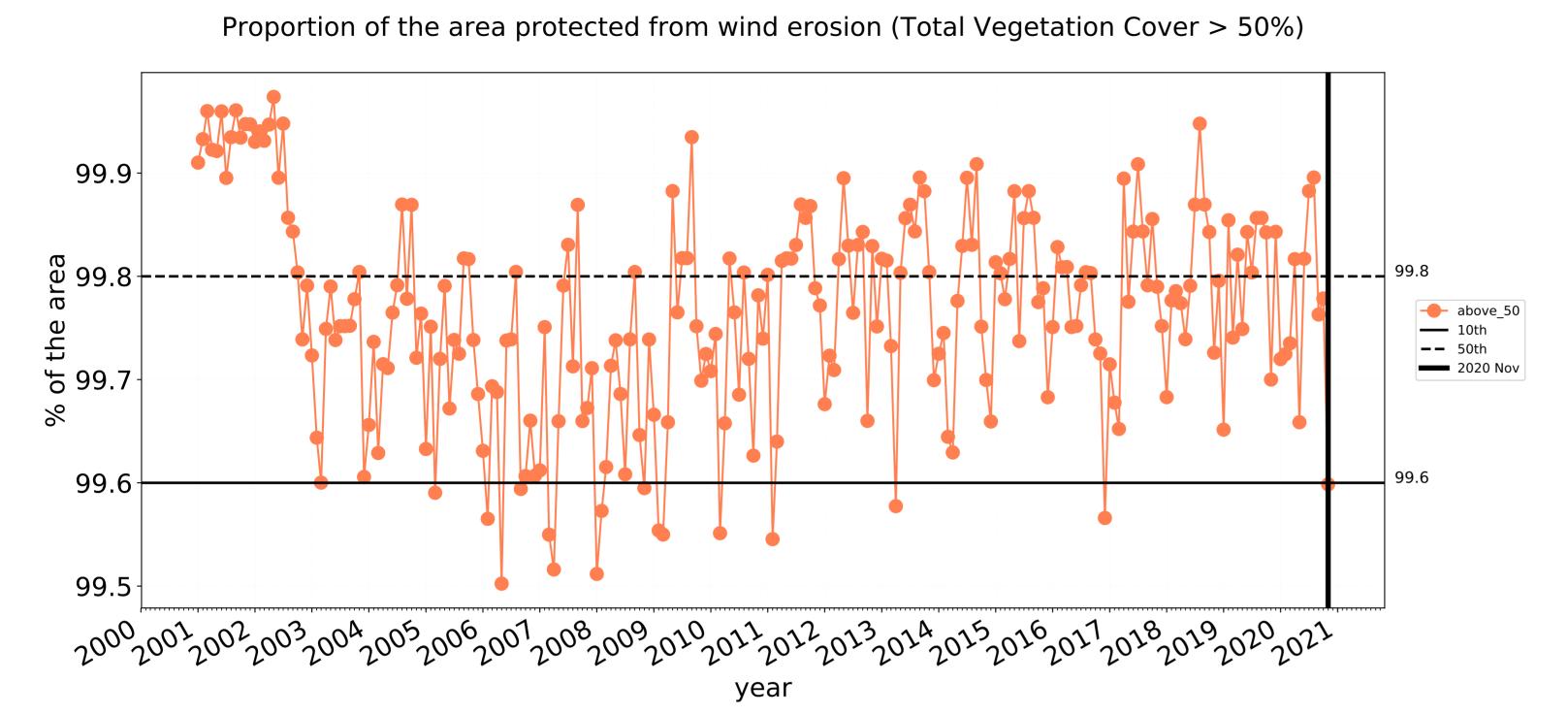




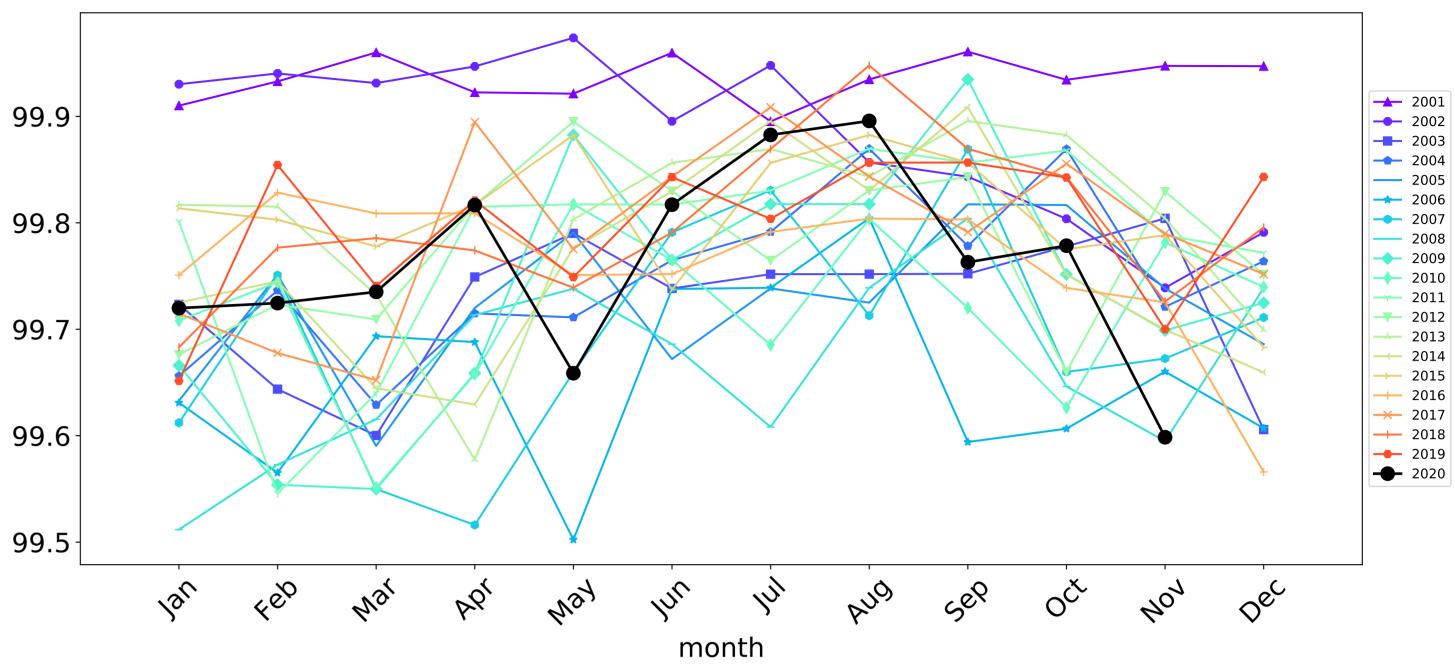




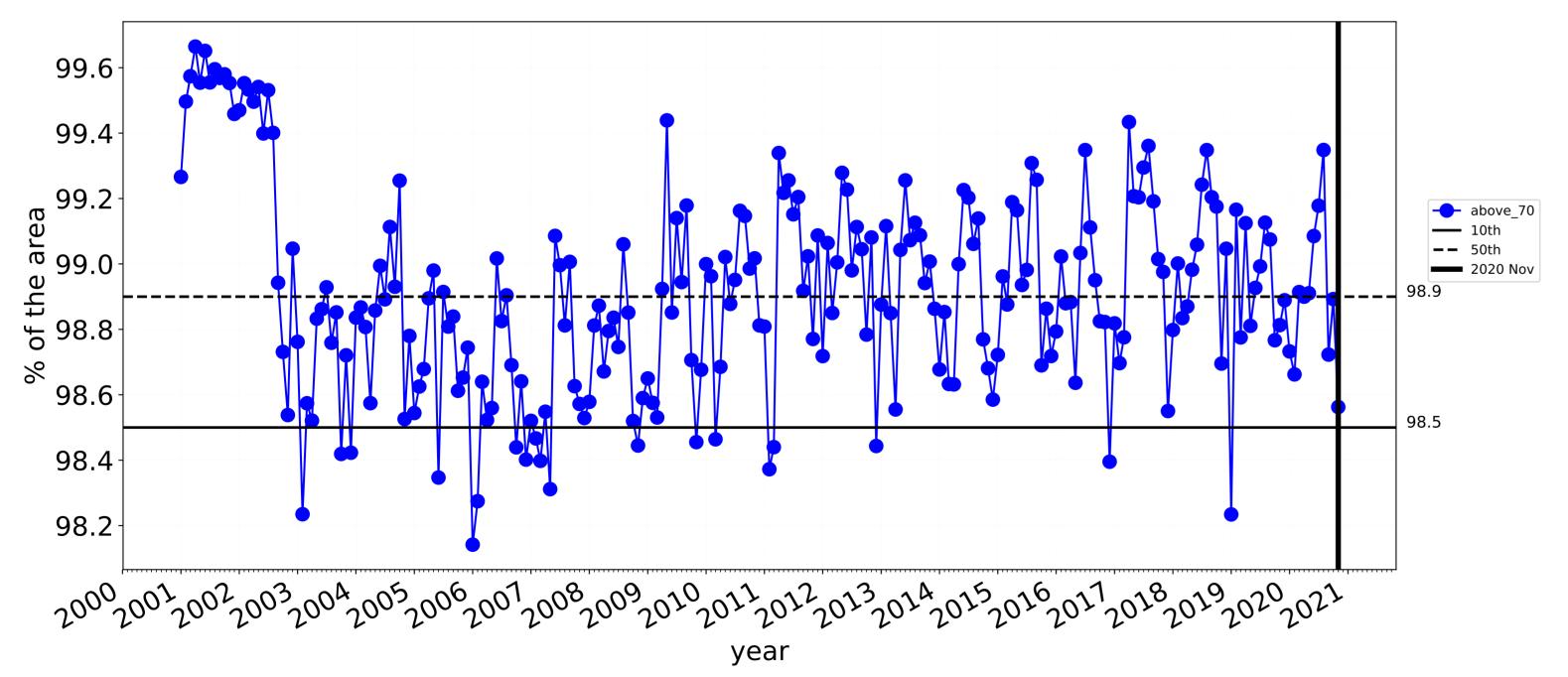
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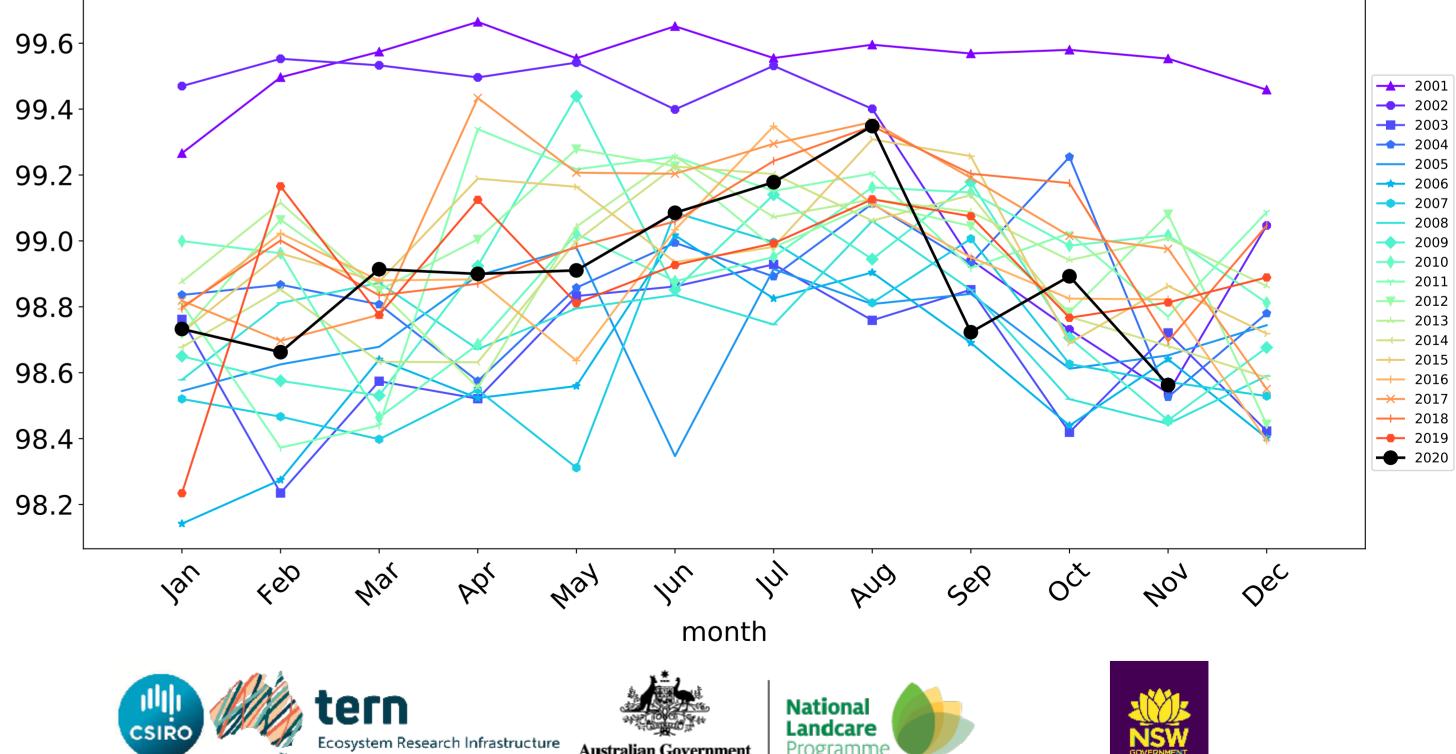
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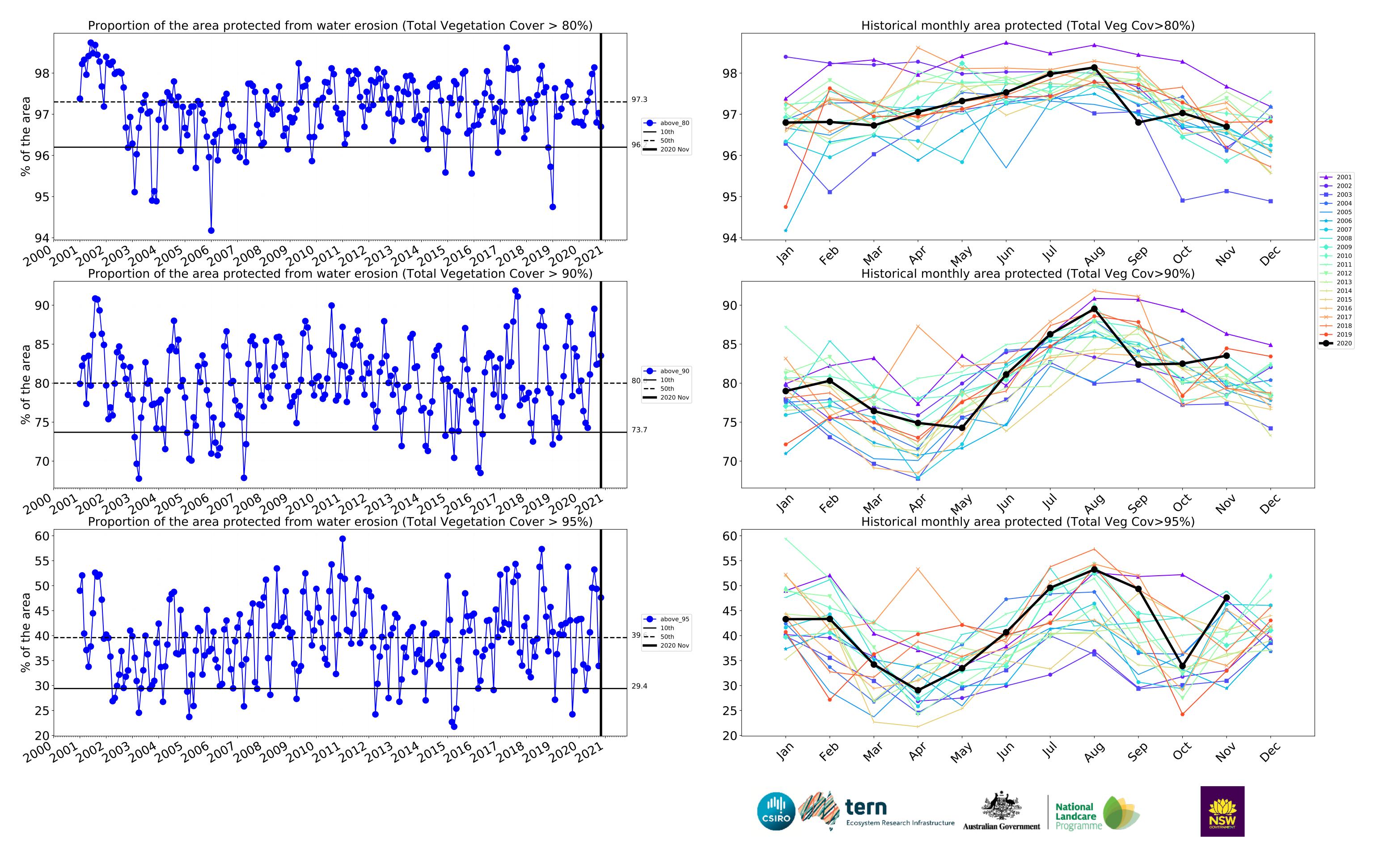






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Agriculture

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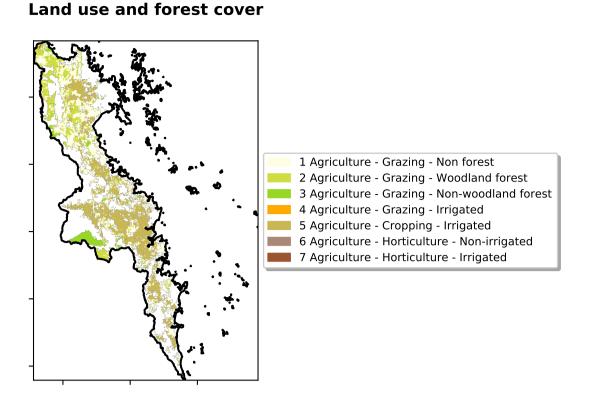
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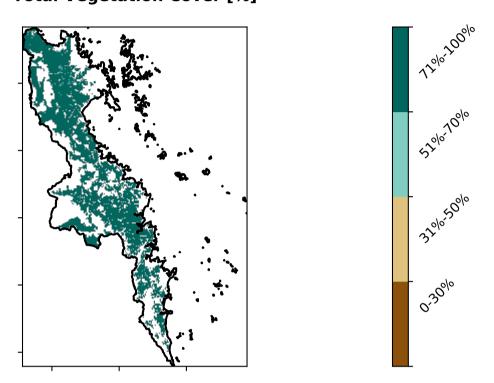
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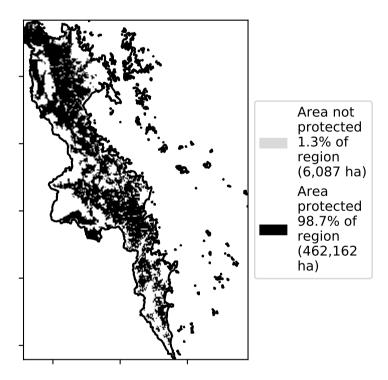
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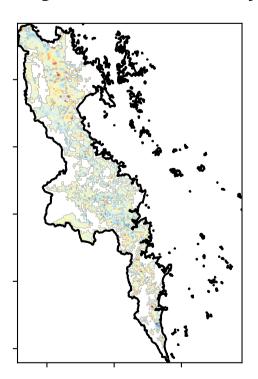
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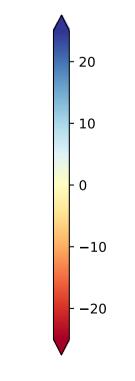


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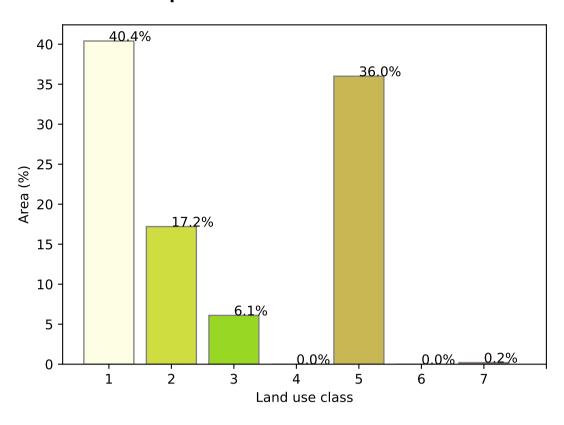
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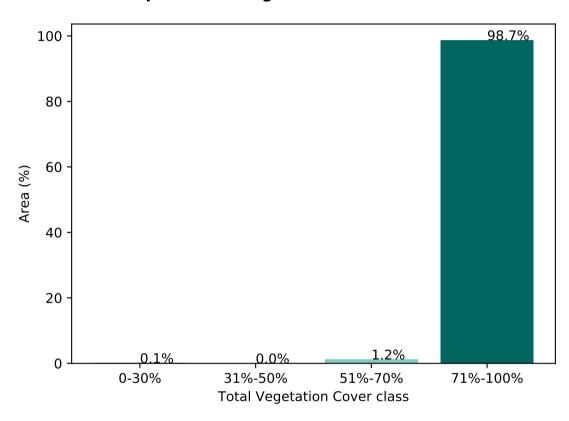


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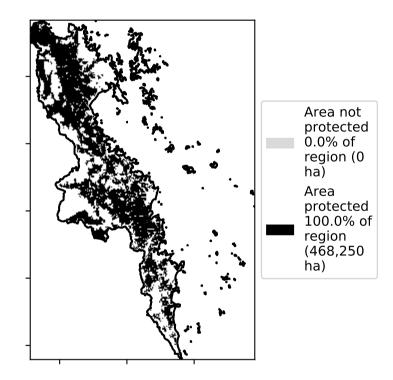
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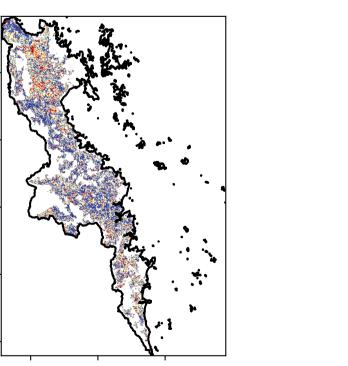
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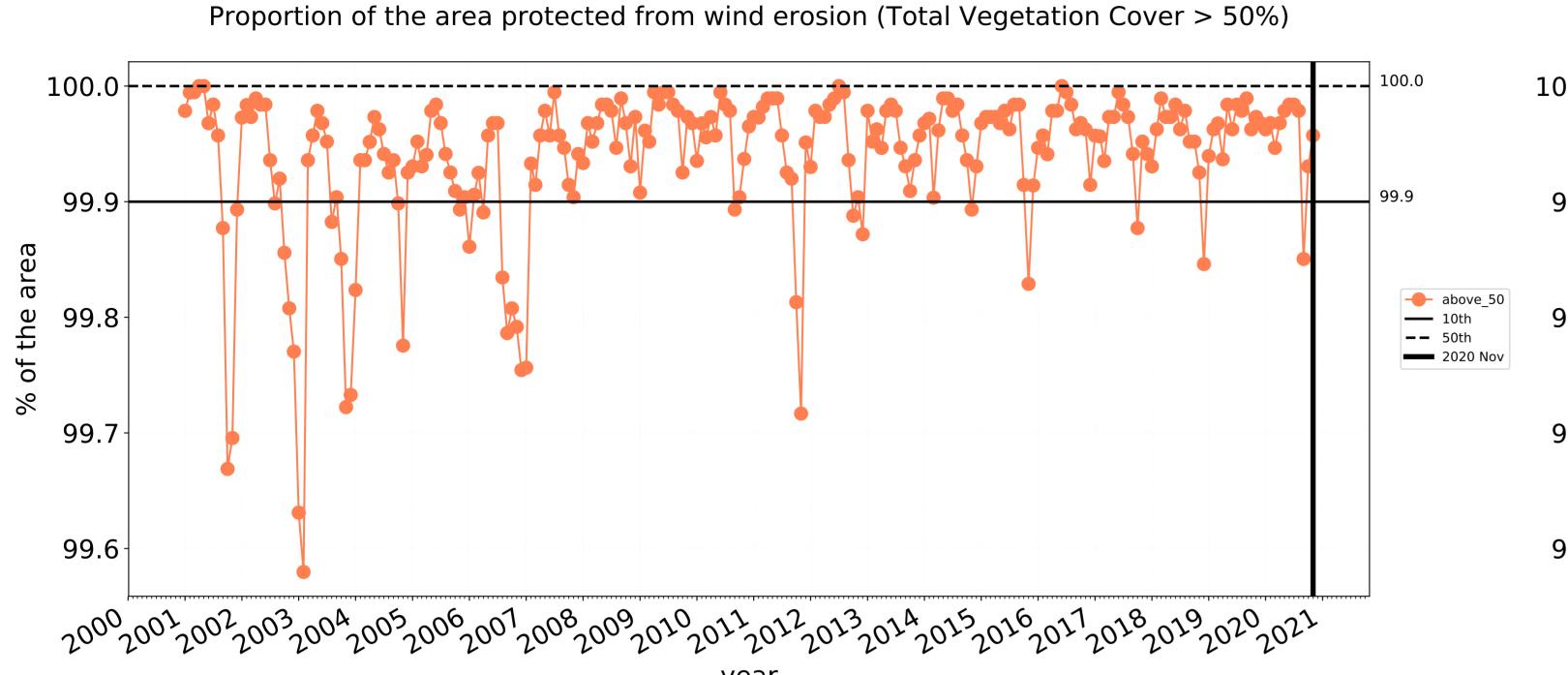


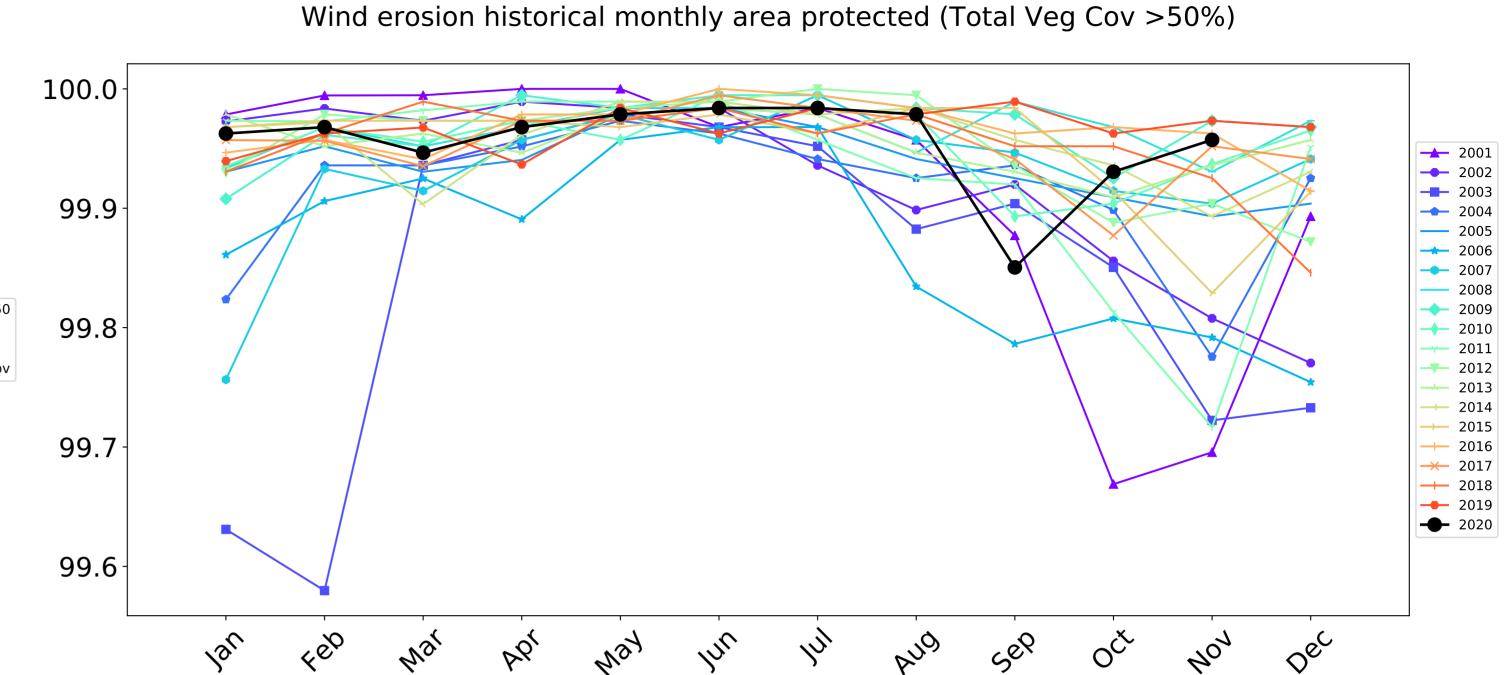






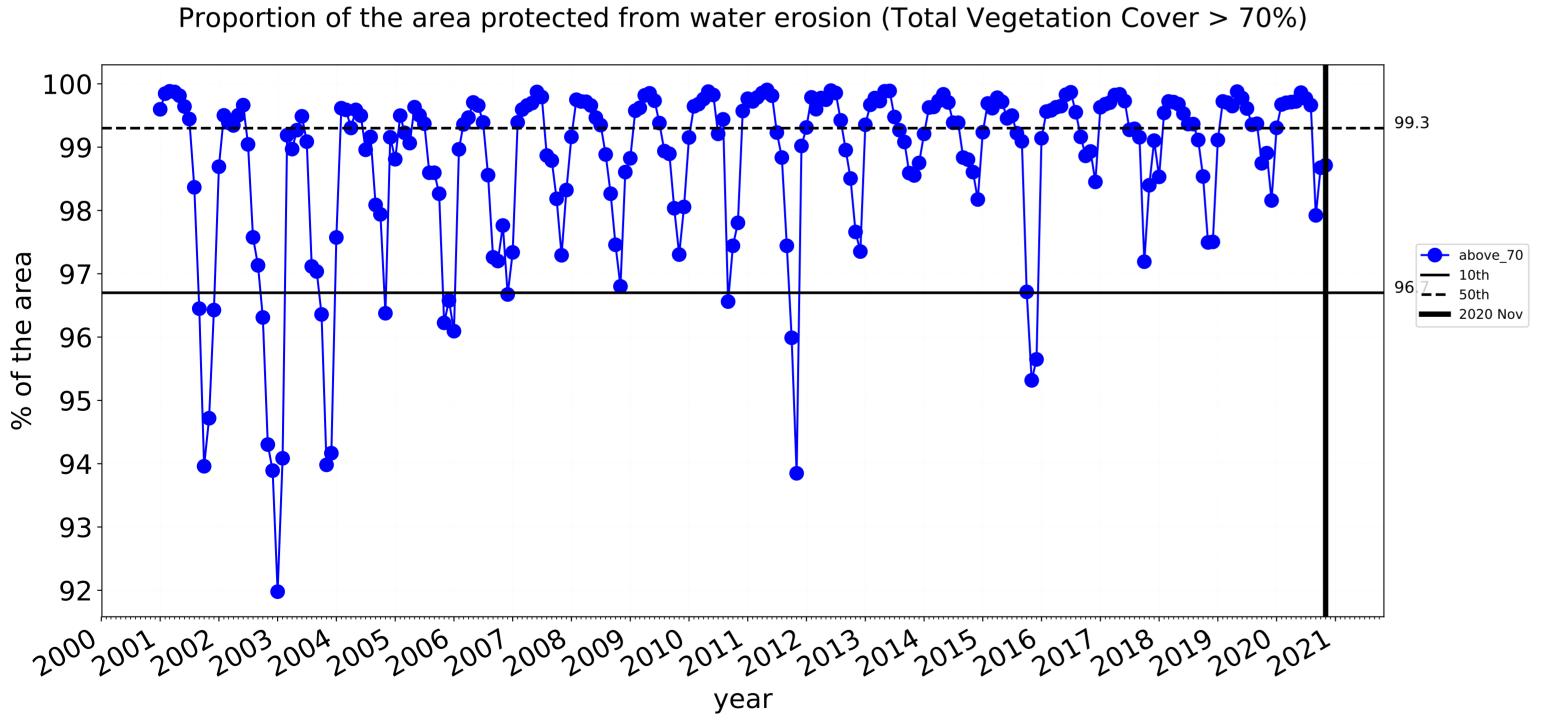
Agriculture timeseries

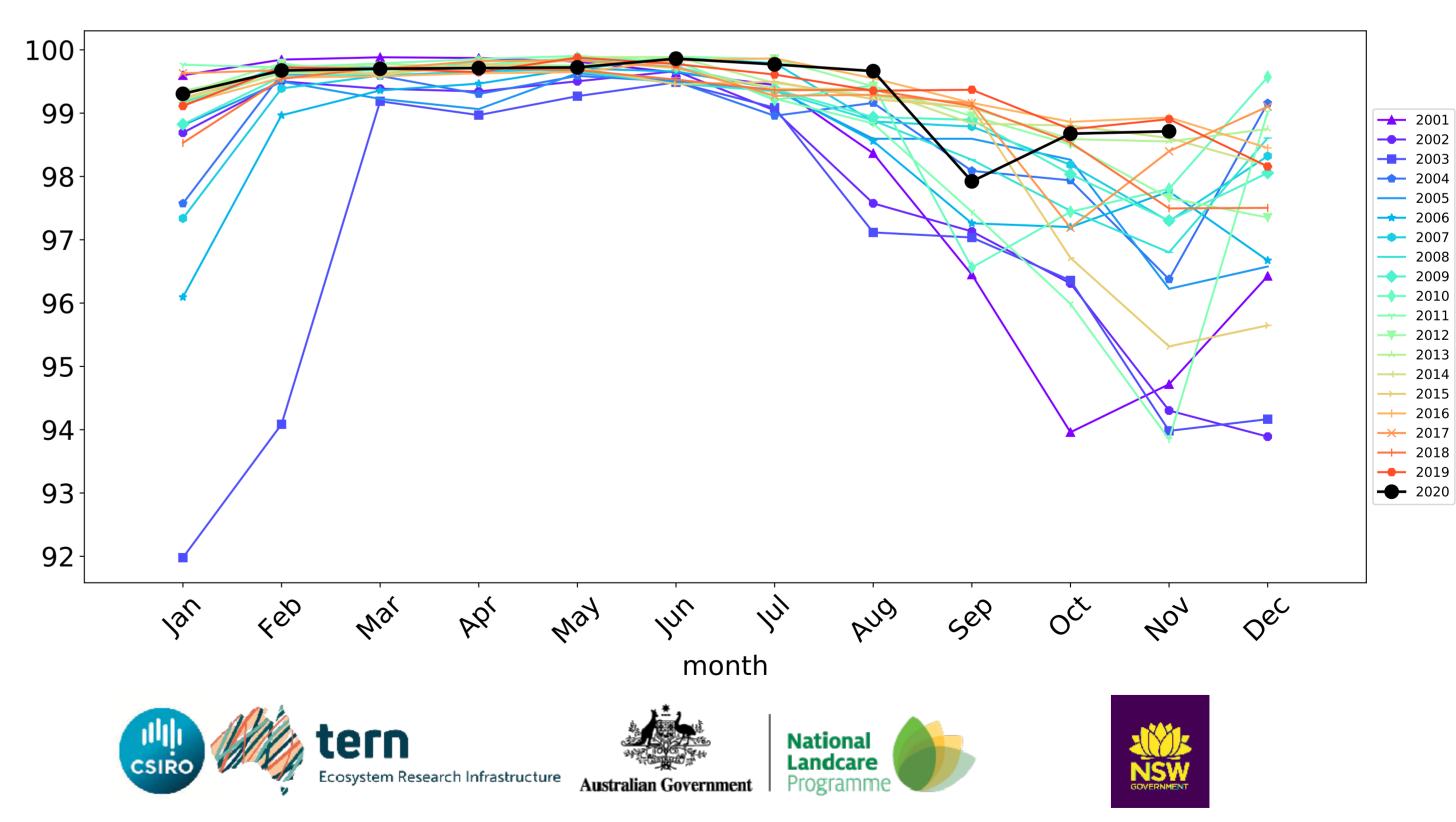


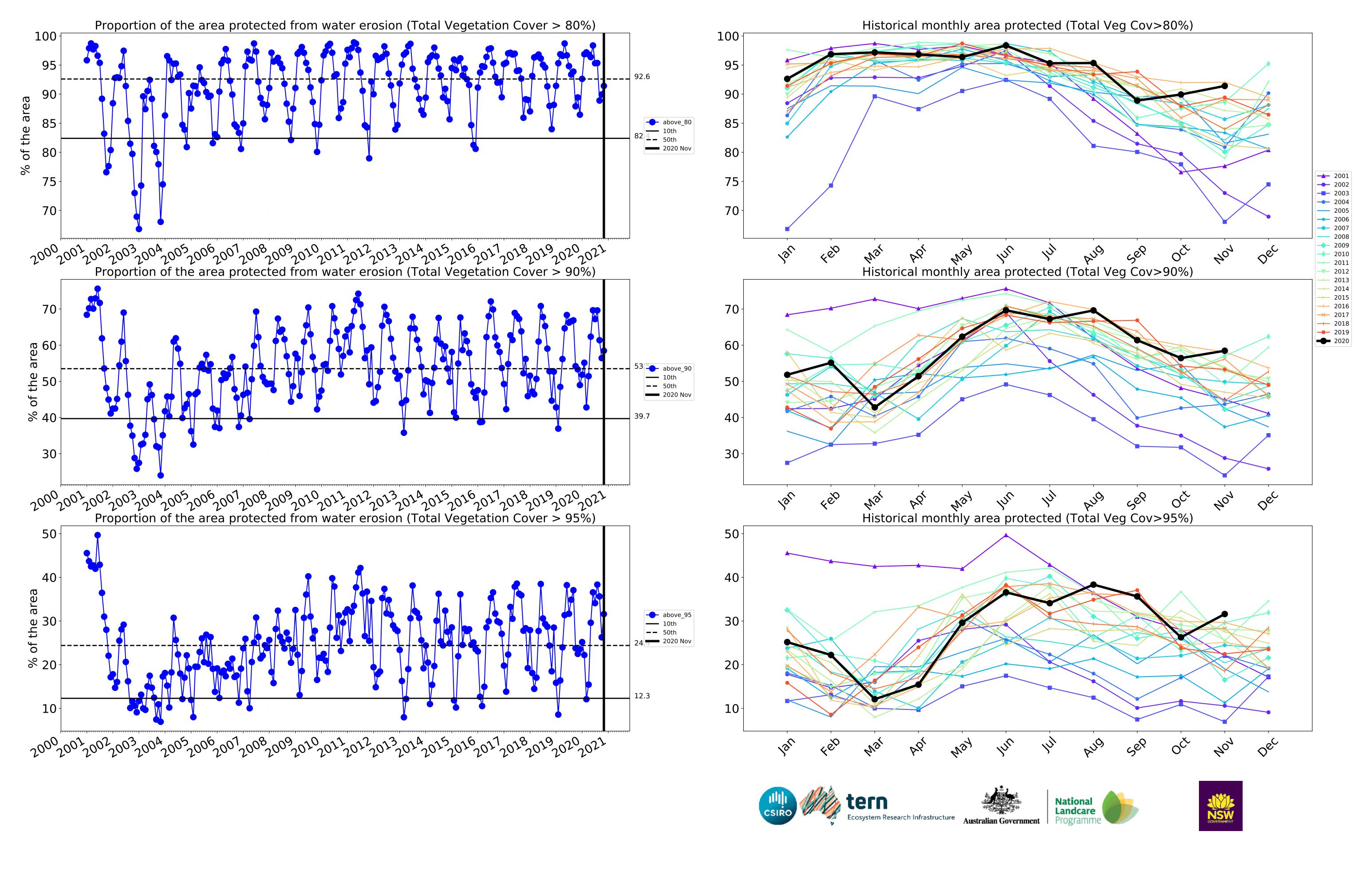


month

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







Grazing

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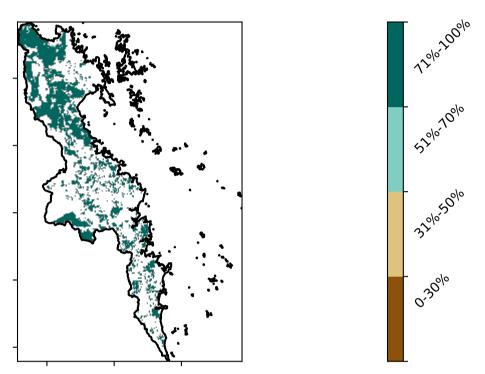
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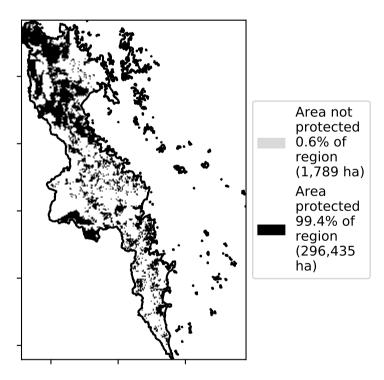
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

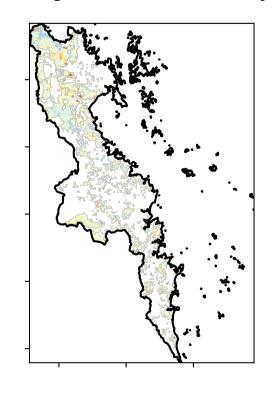
Land use and forest cover

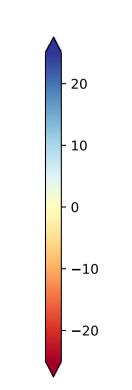


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



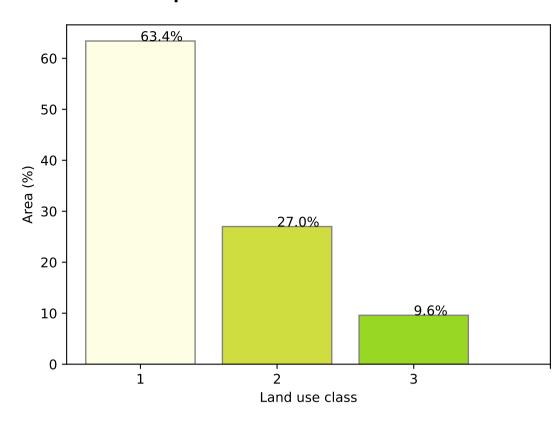
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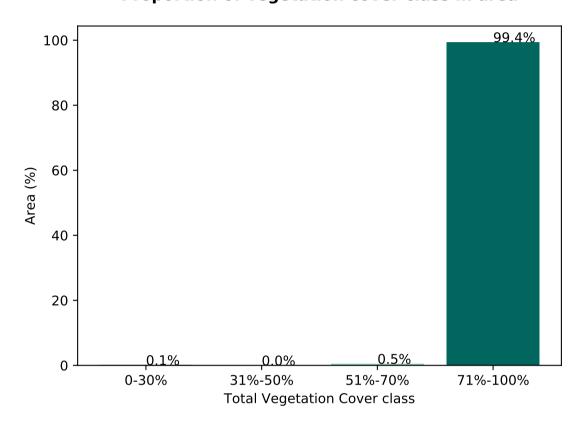


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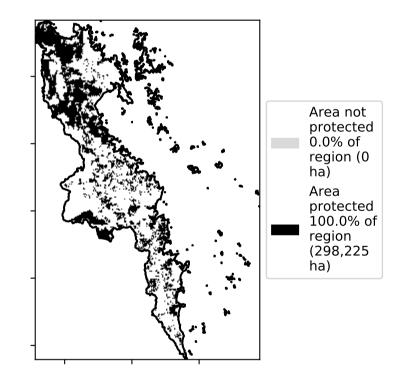
Proportion of each land class in area



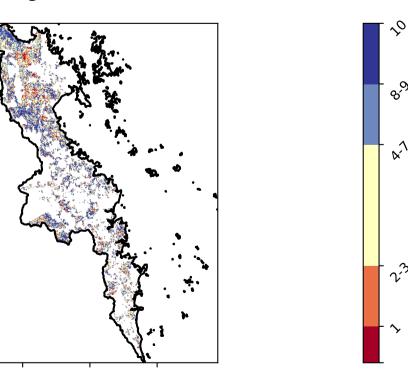
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







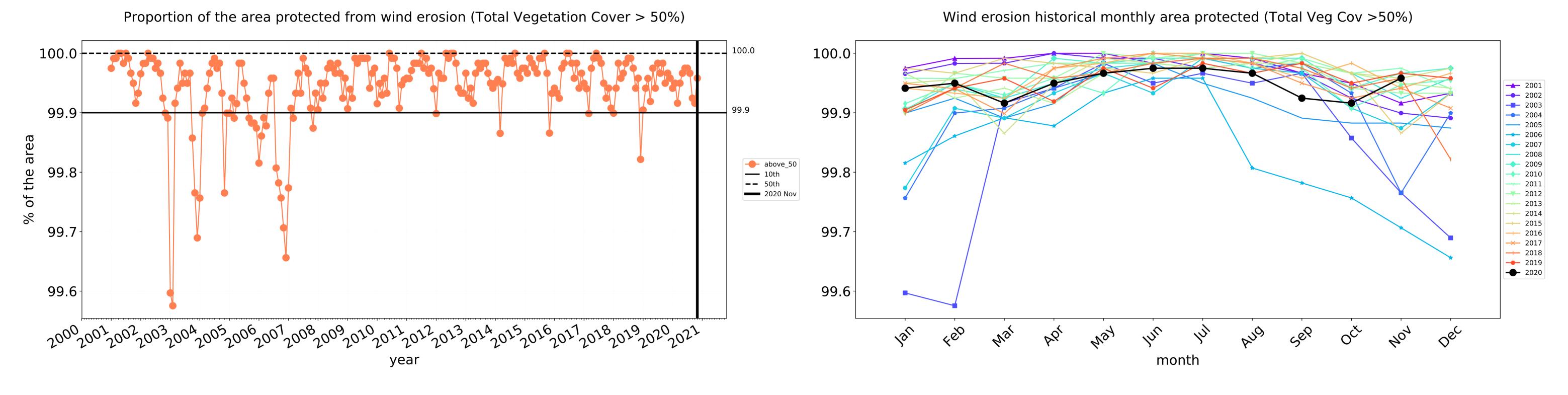


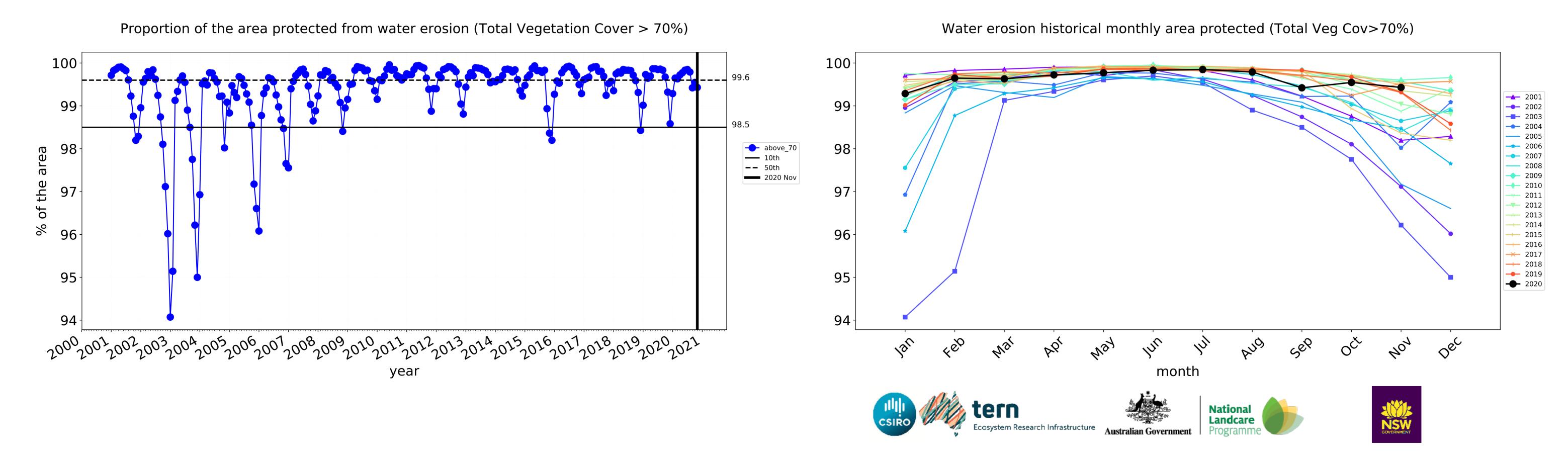


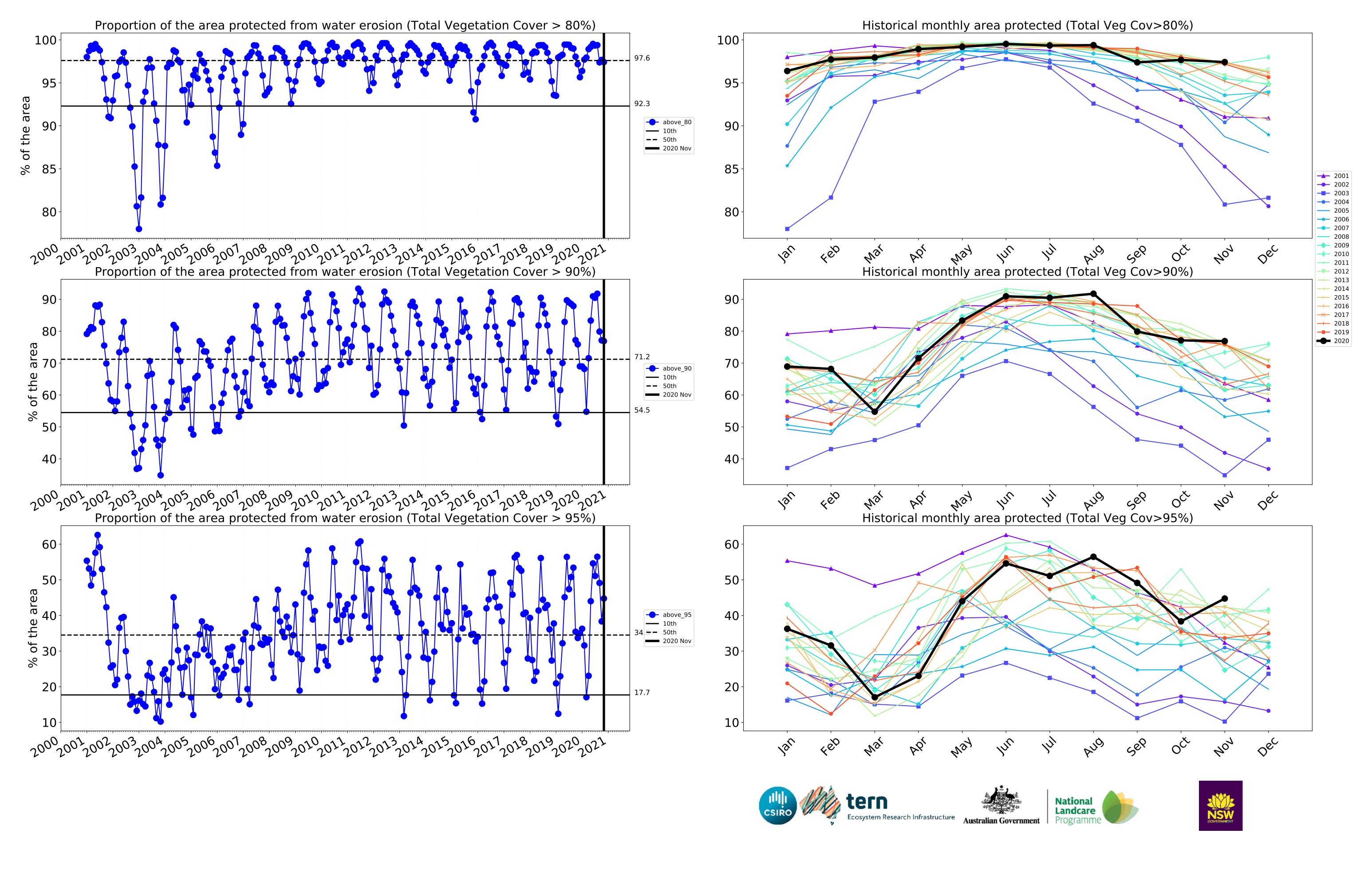




Grazing timeseries



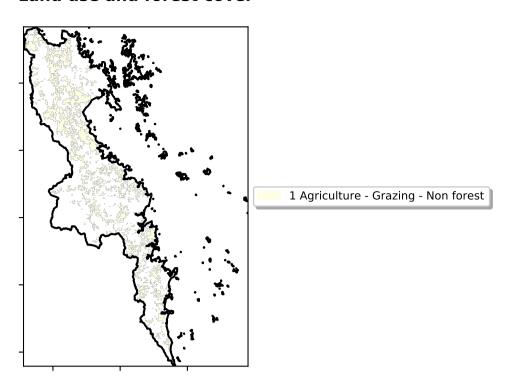




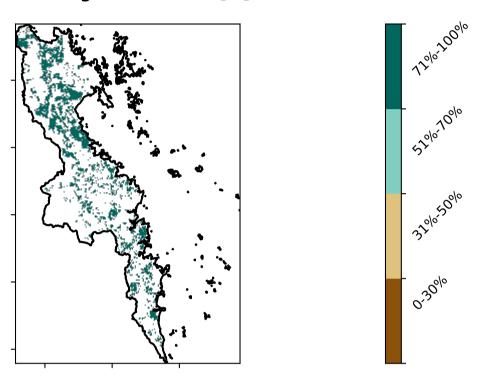
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

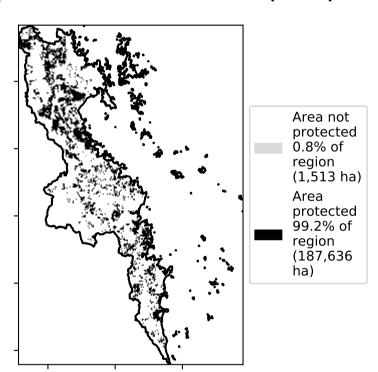
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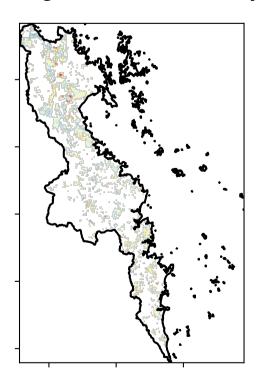
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

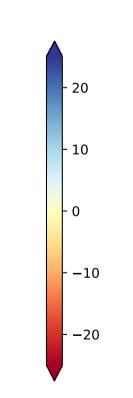


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



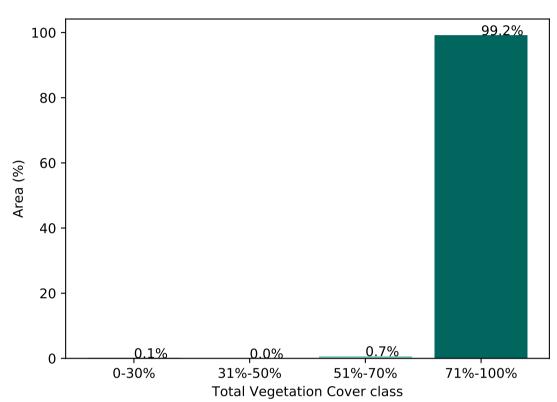
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



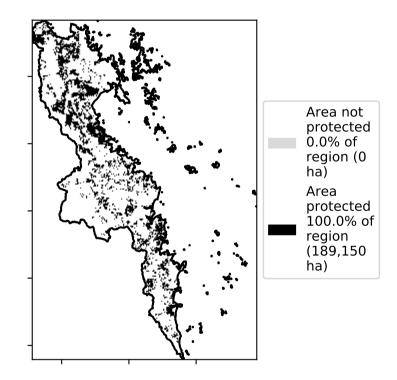


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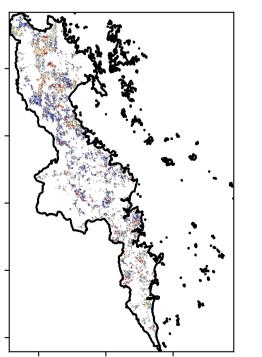
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

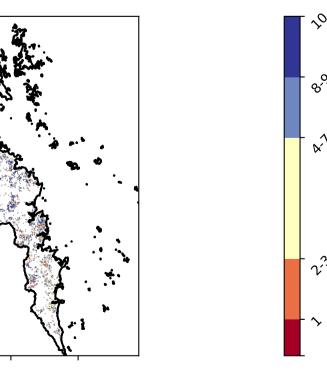


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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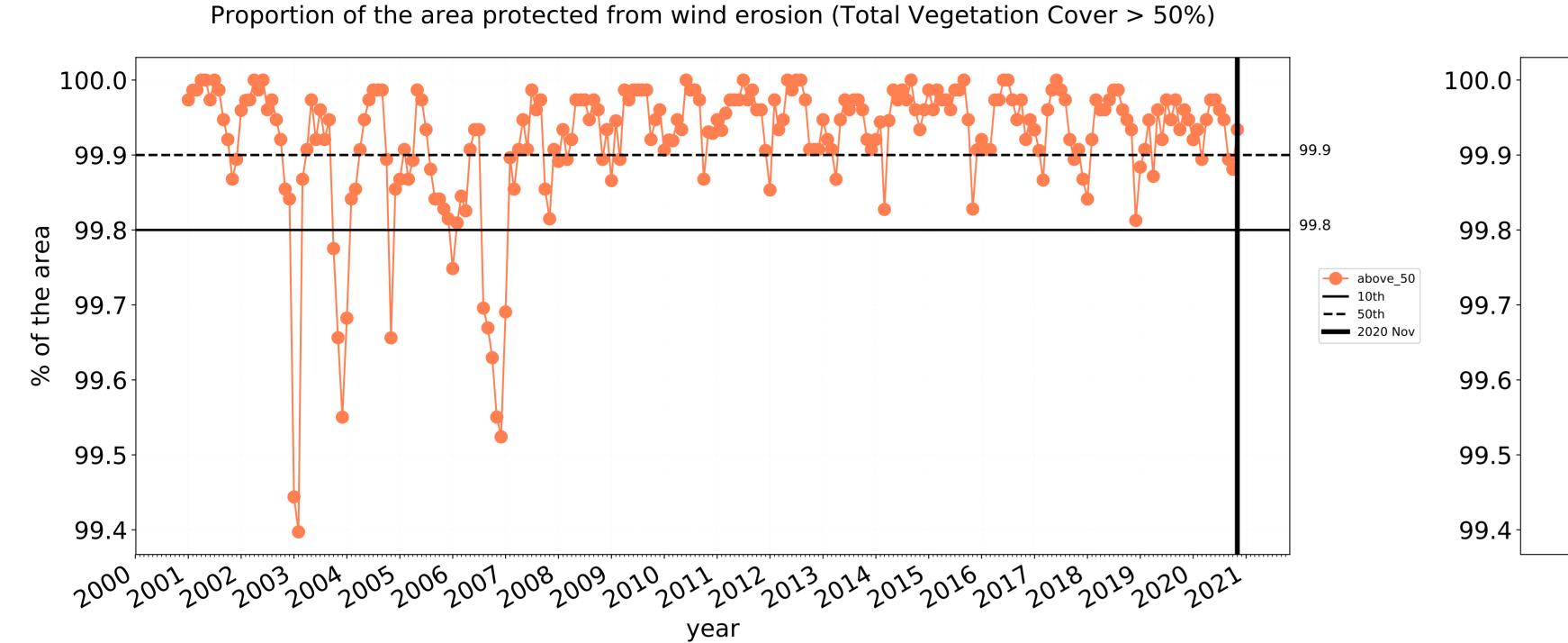


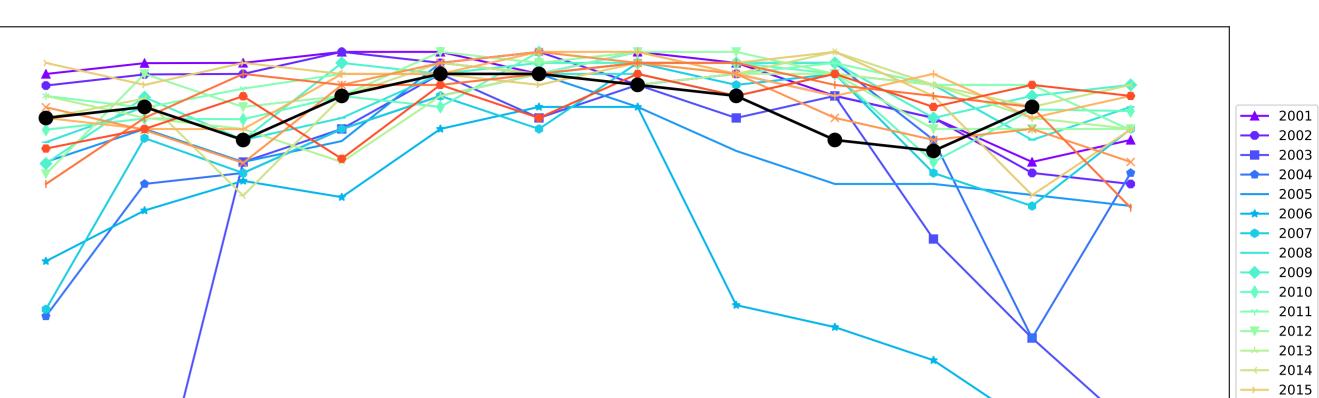






Grazing non forest timeseries



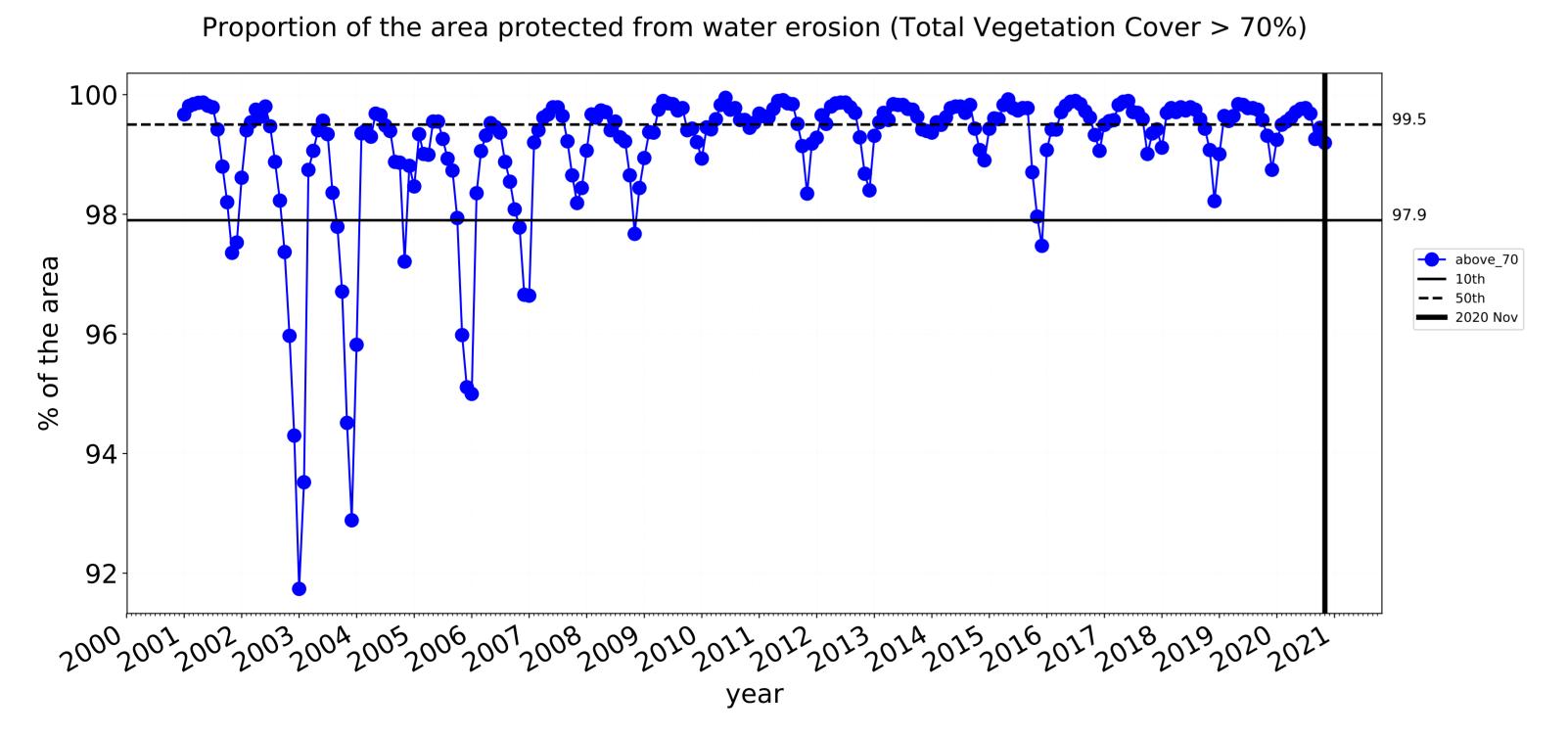


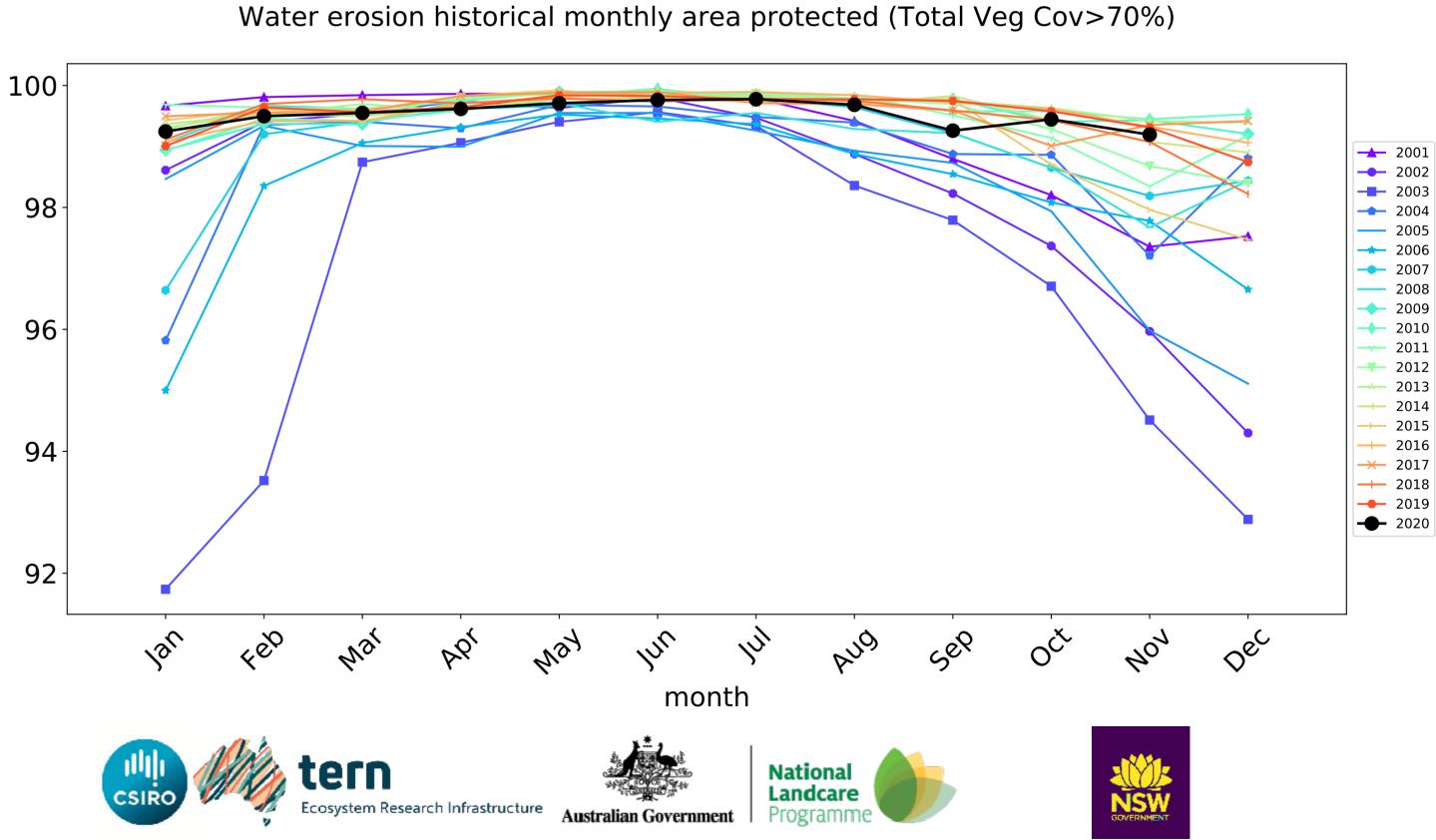
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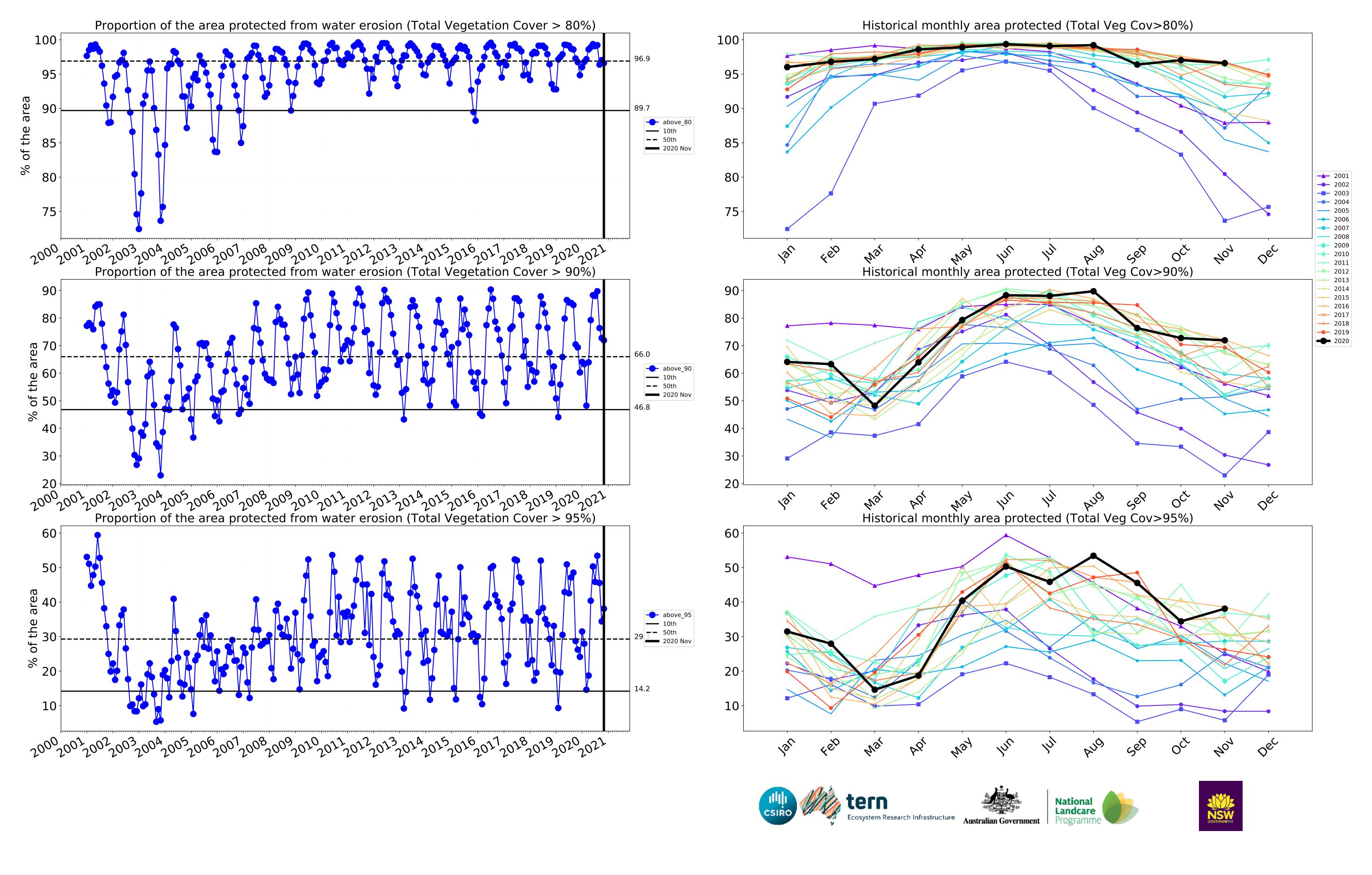
2019 2020

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

month







Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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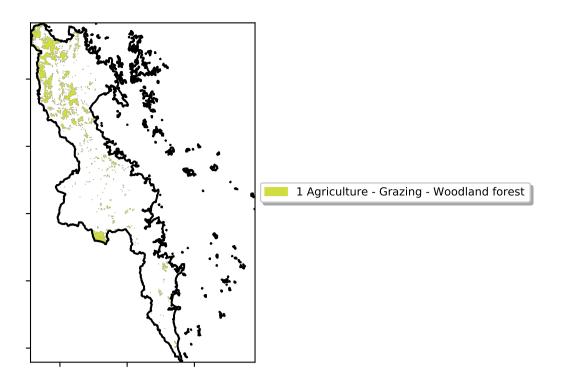
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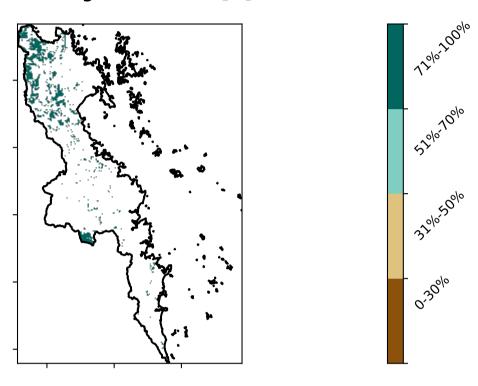
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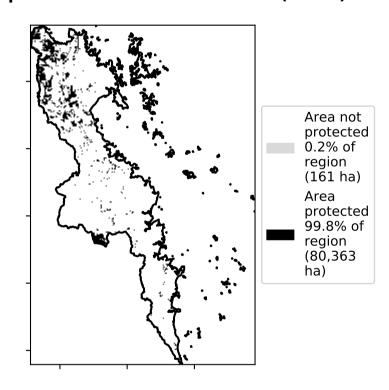
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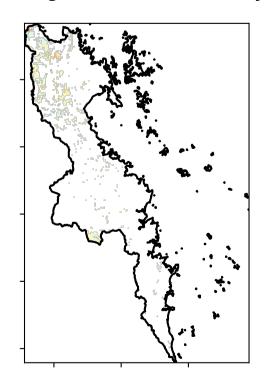
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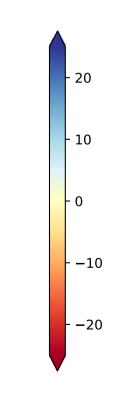


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



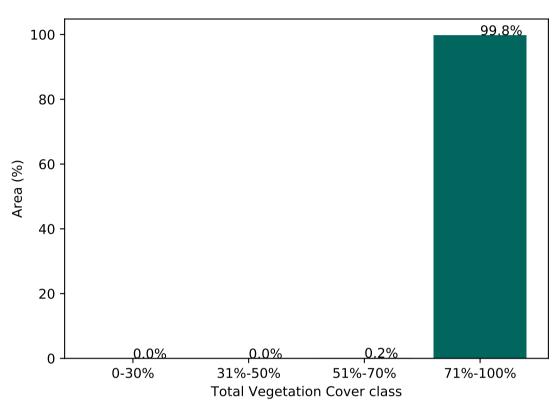
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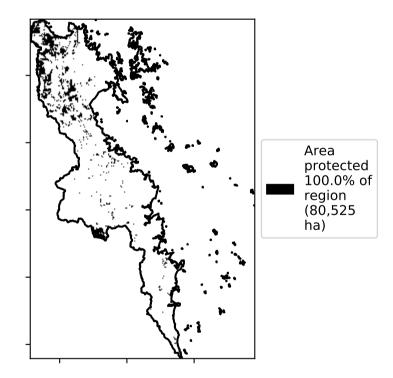


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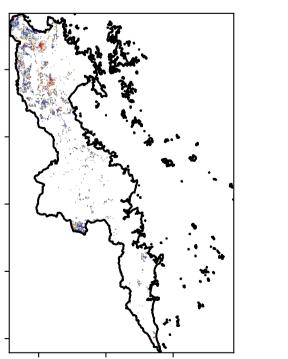
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

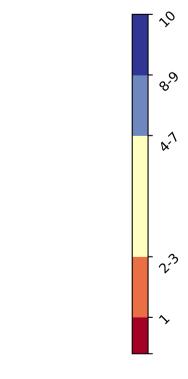


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]









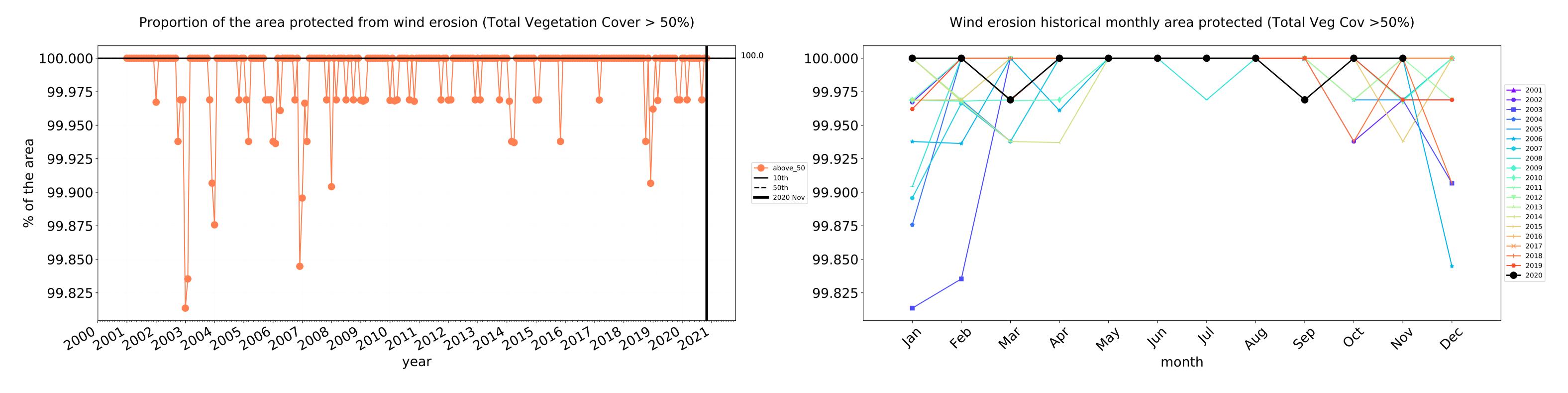


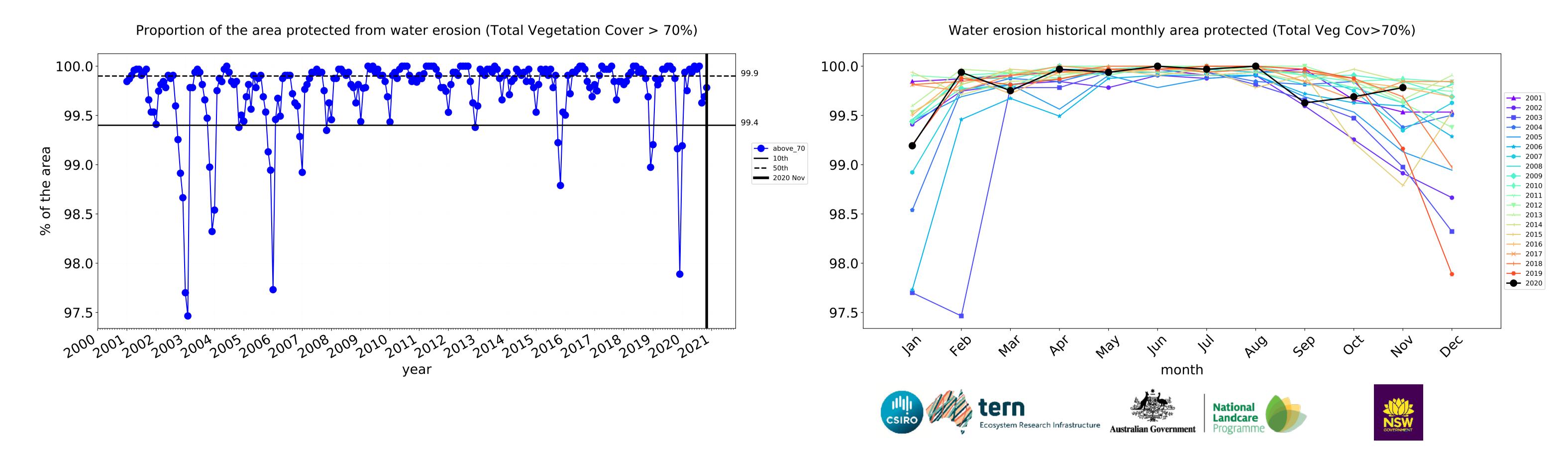


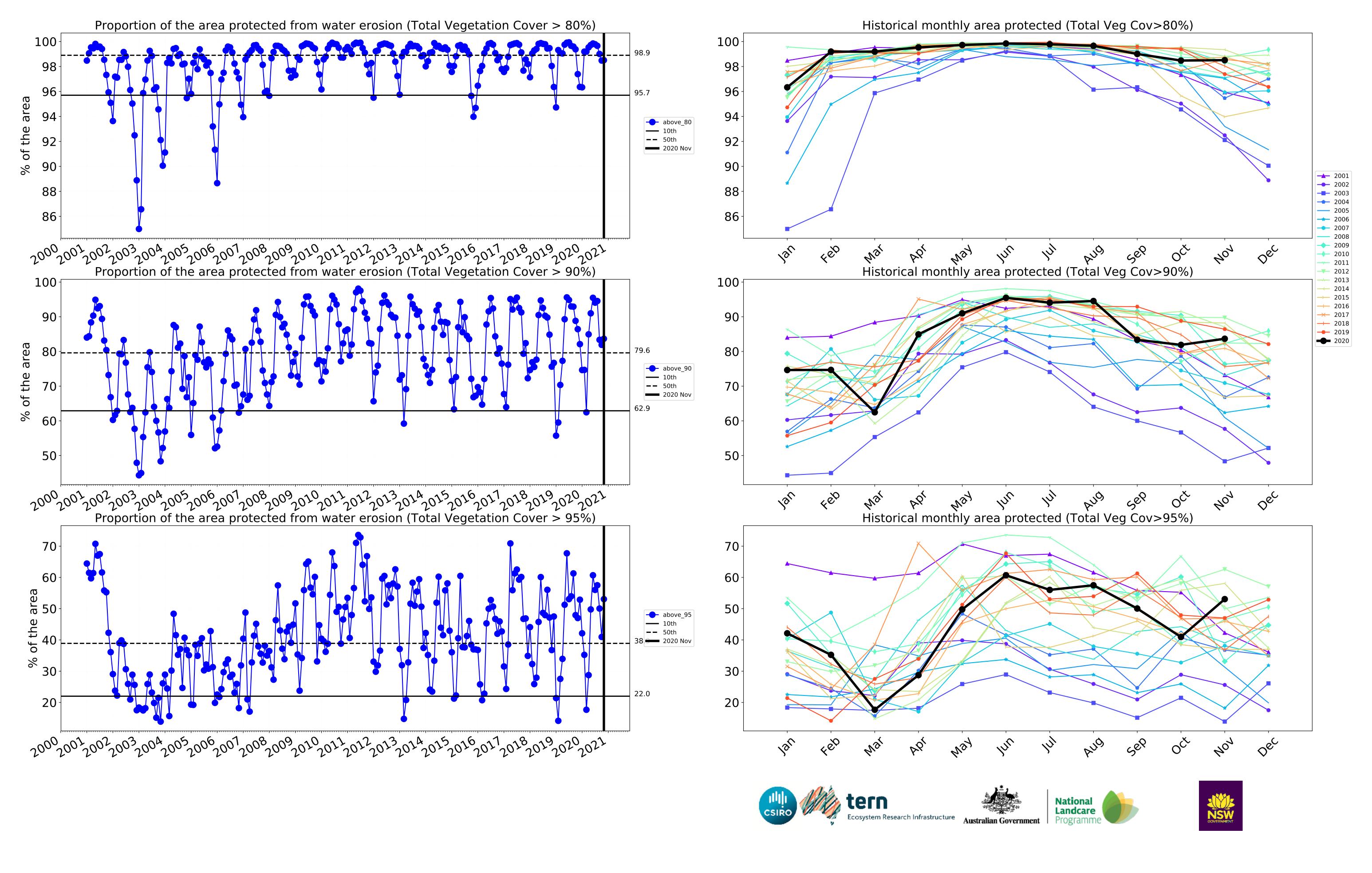




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



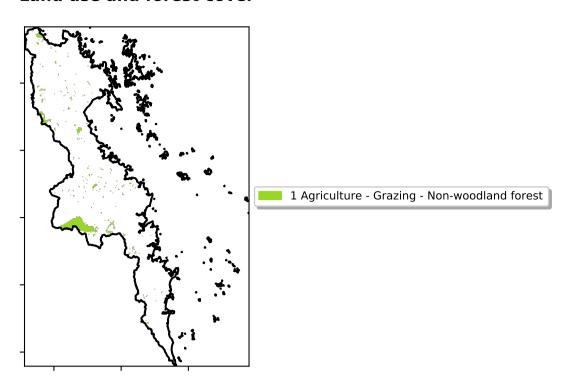




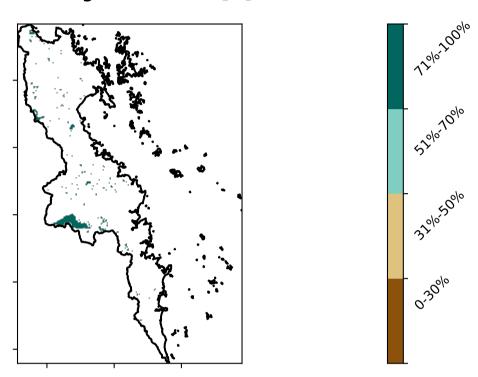
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

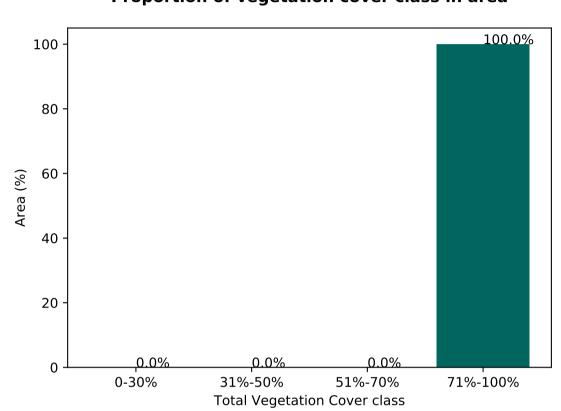
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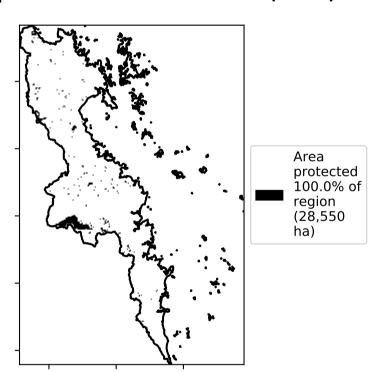
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



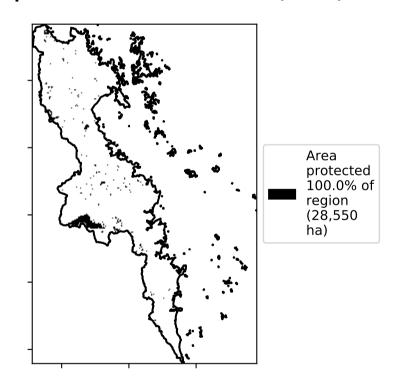
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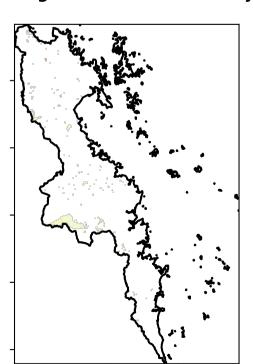
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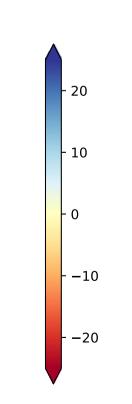


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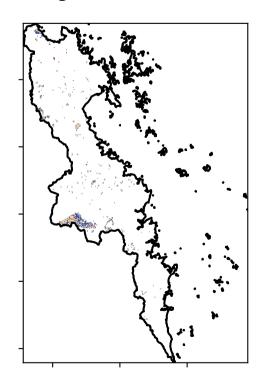
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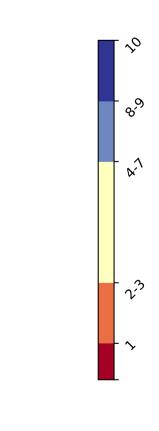




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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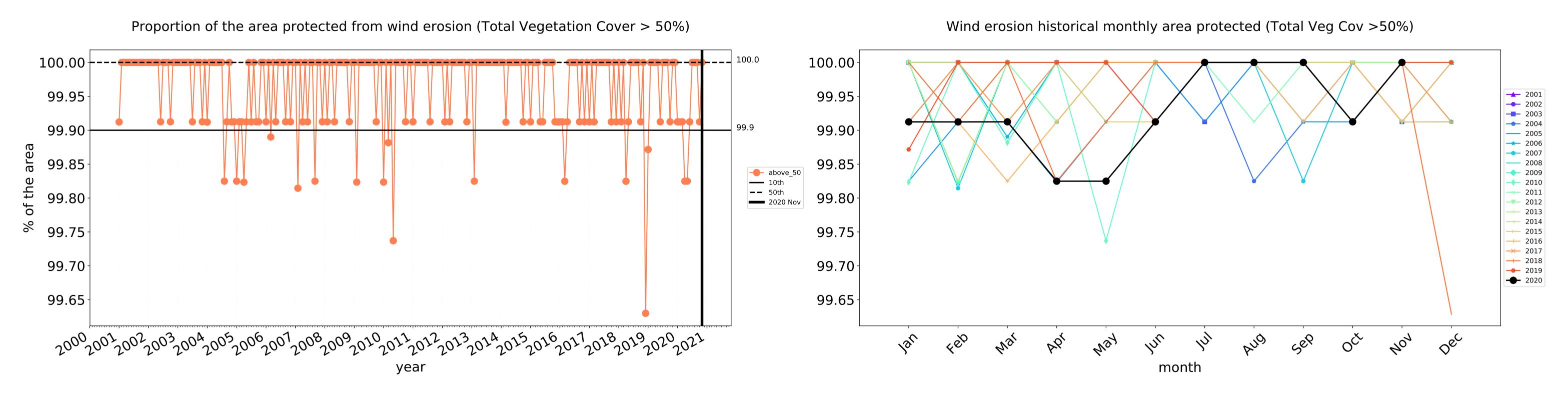
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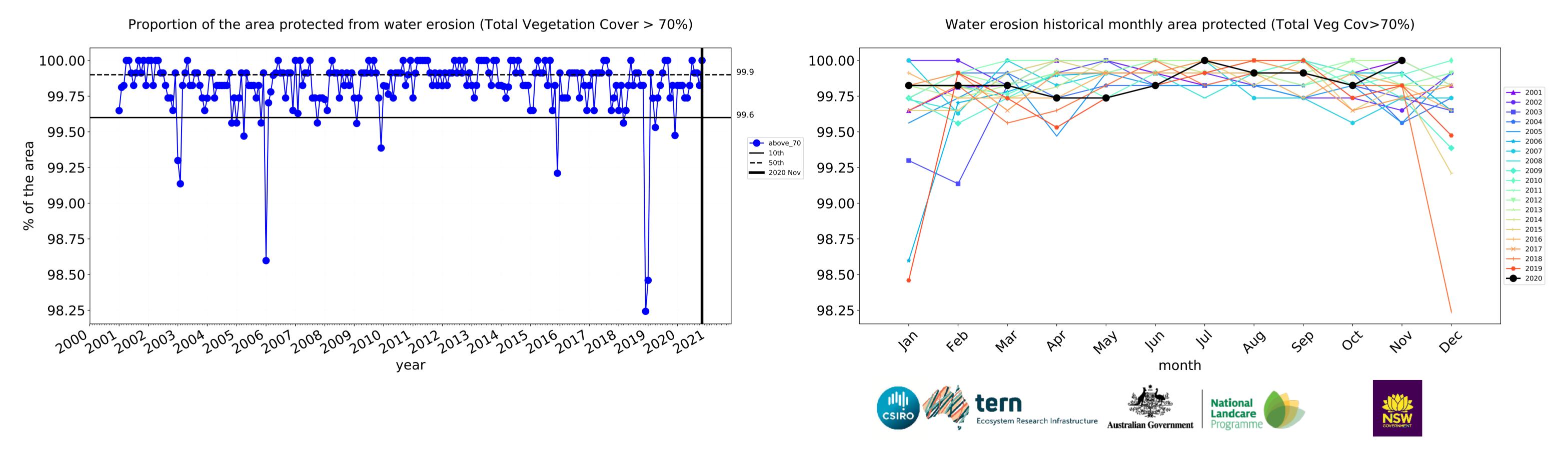


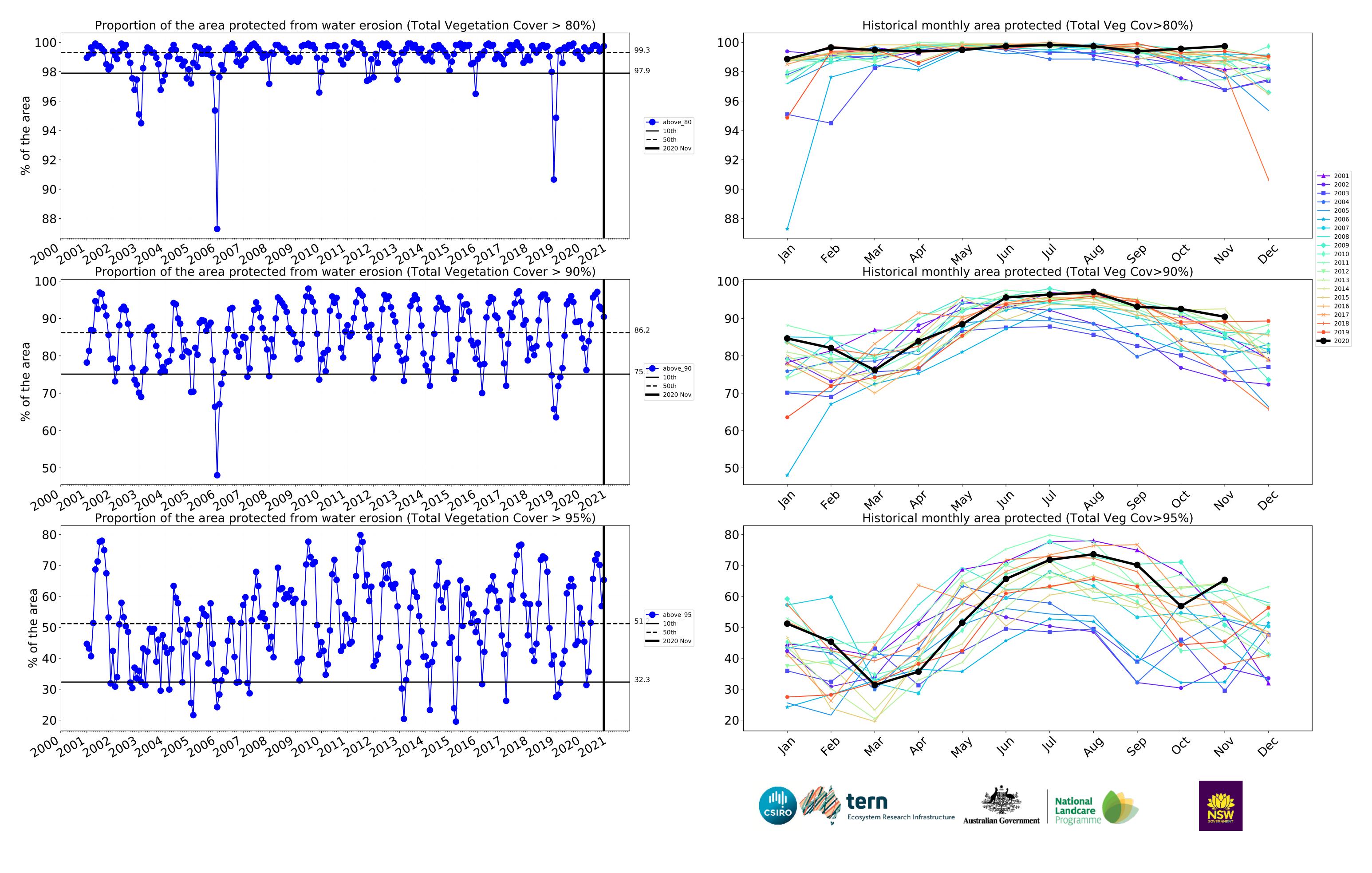






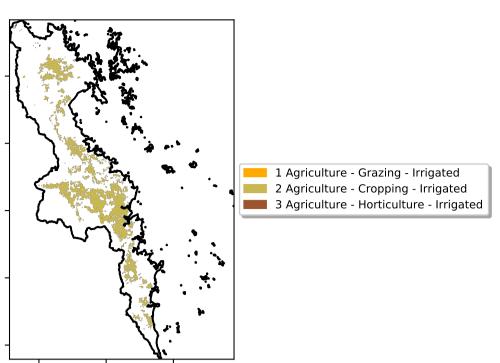




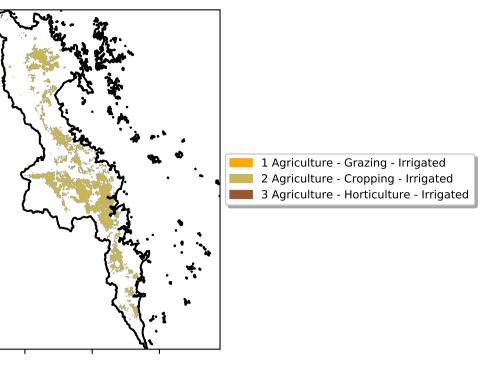


Irrigation

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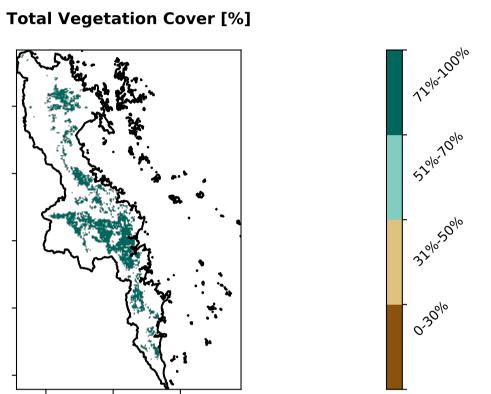


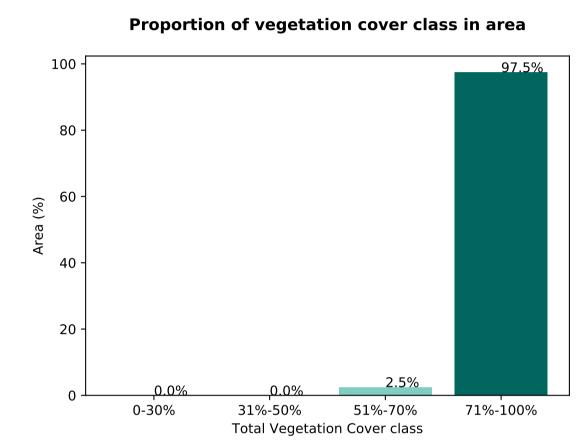
Land use and forest cover

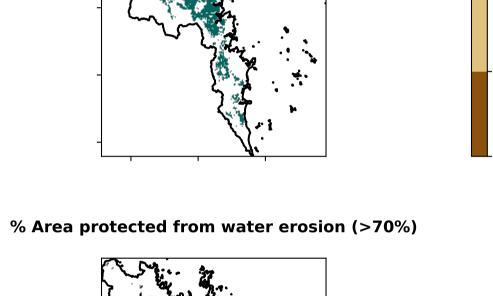


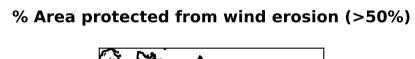
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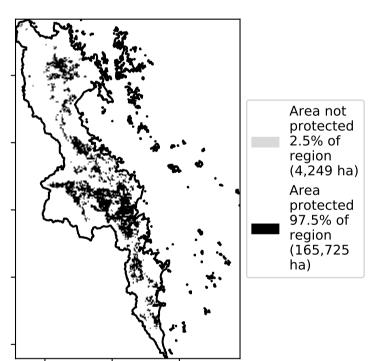
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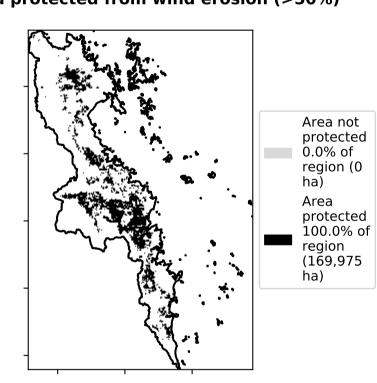




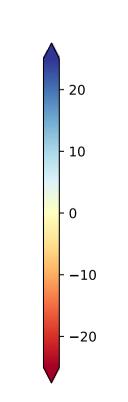






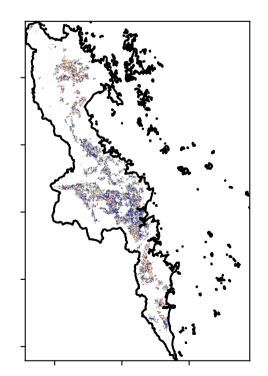


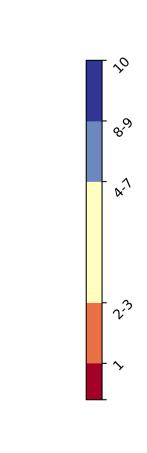
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

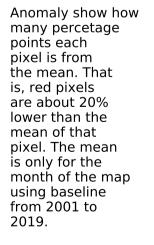


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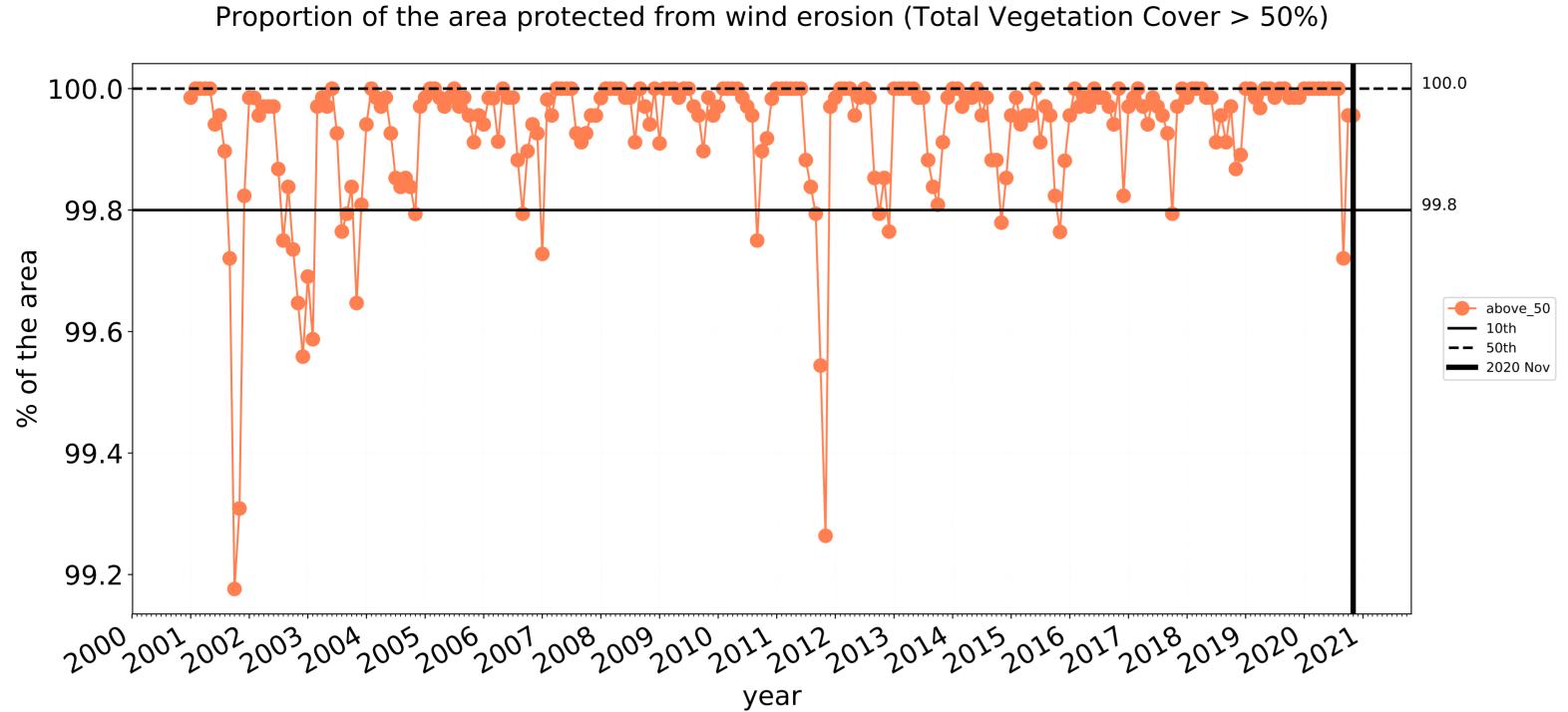


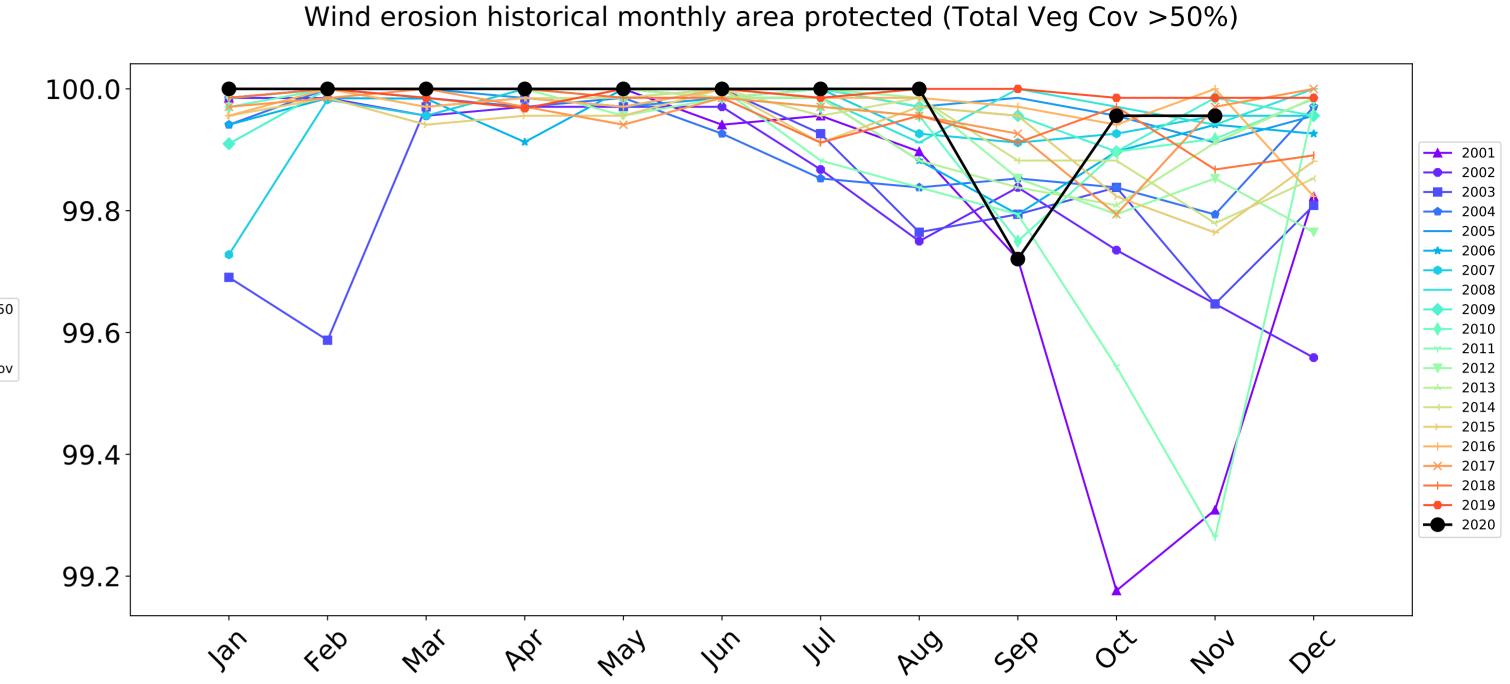




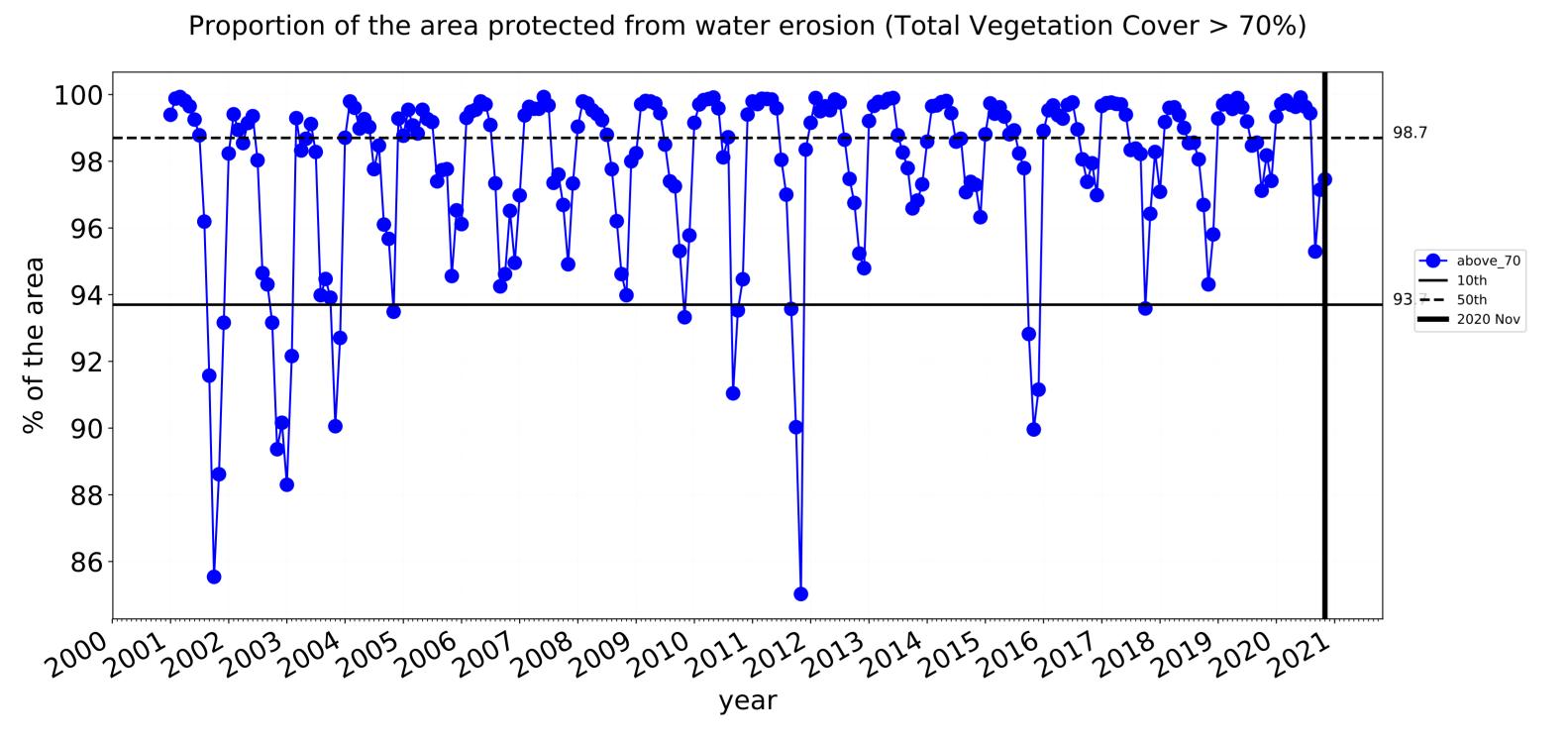


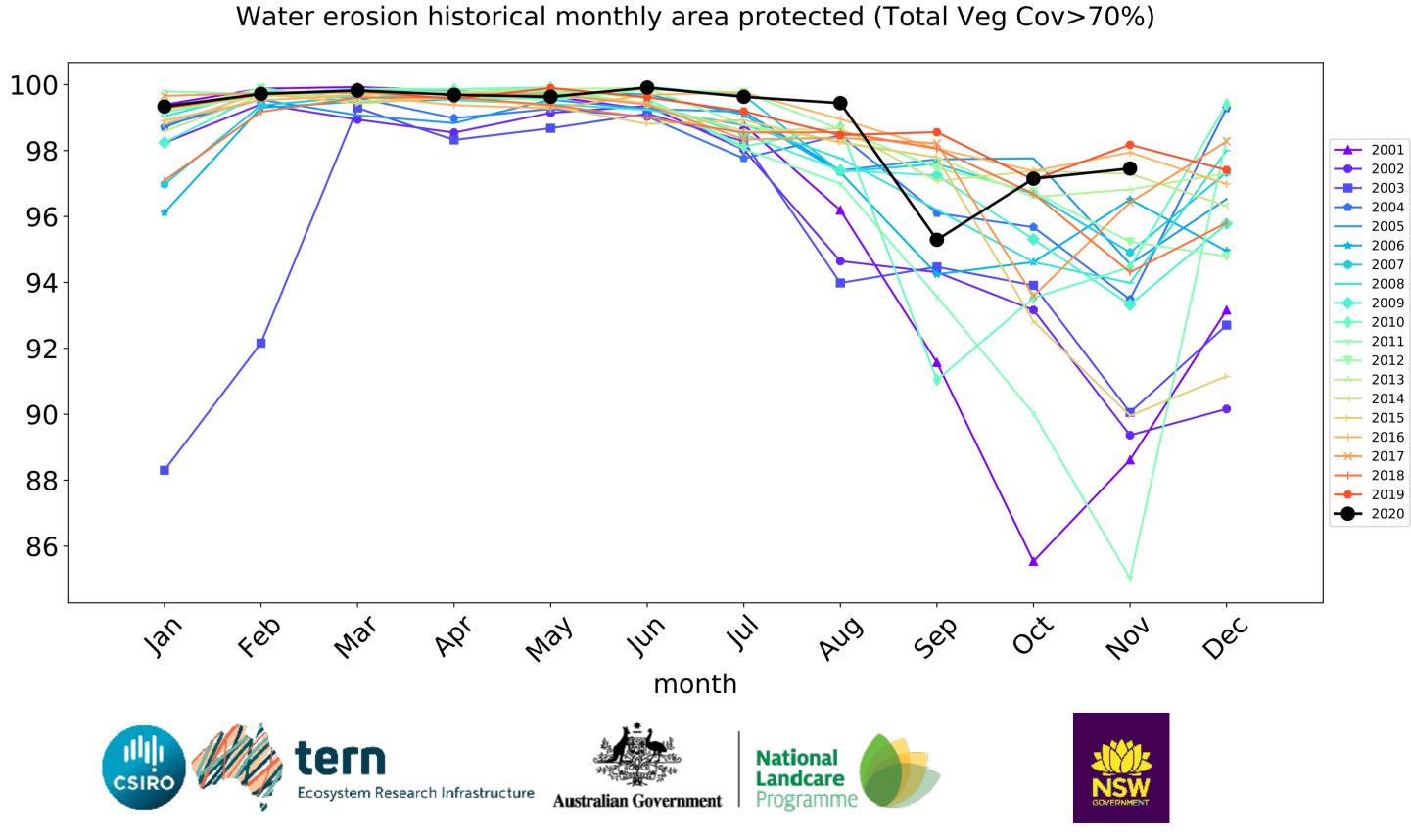
Irrigation timeseries

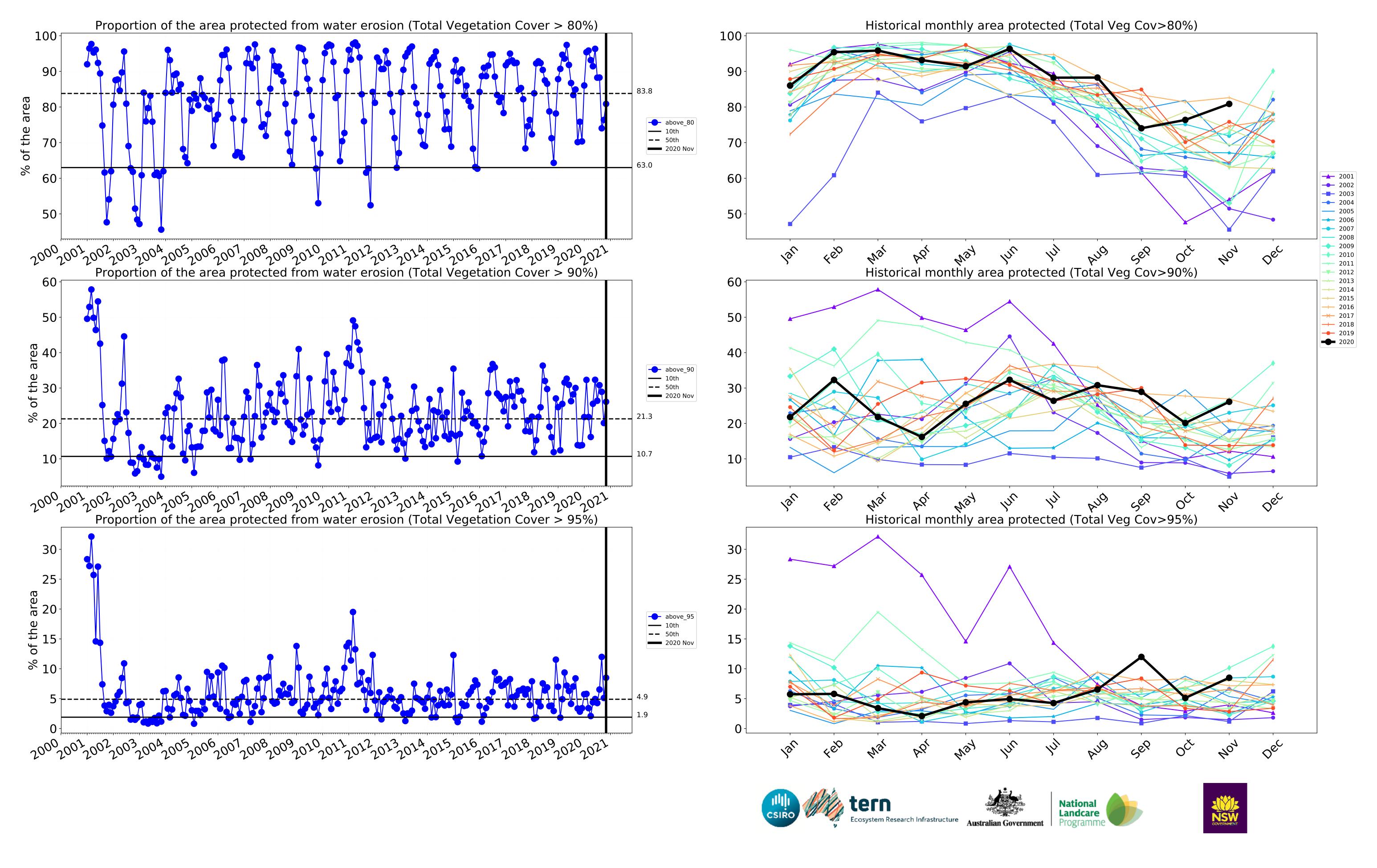




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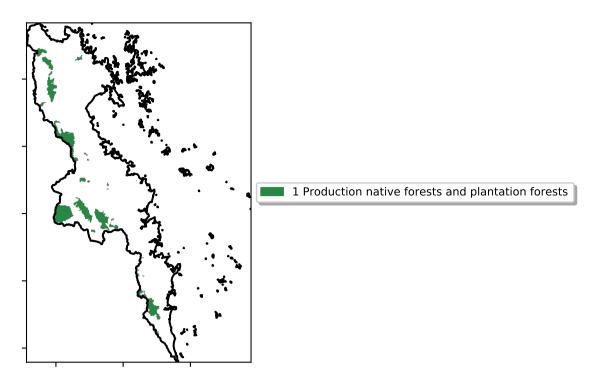




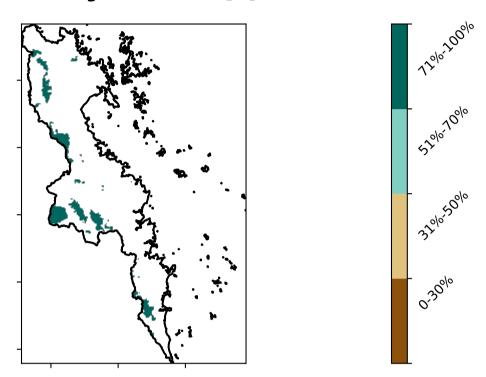
Production native forests and plantation forests

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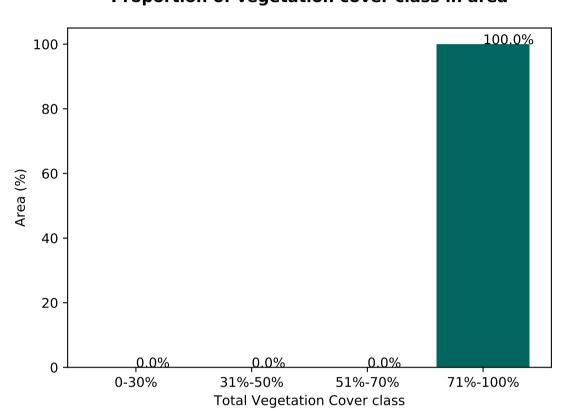
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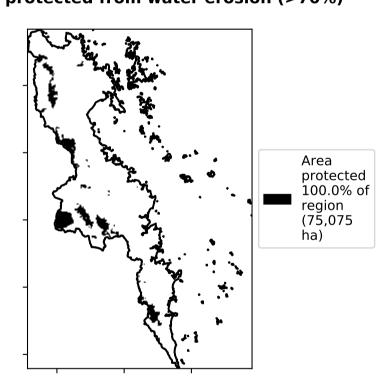
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



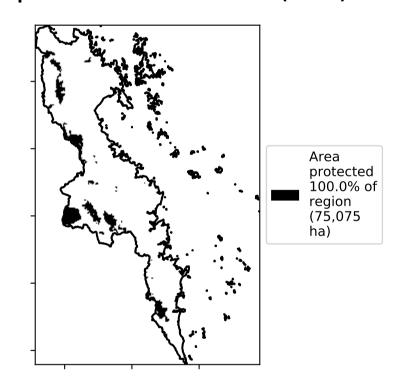
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



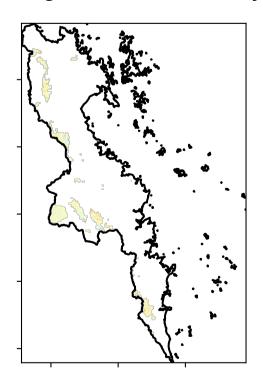
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

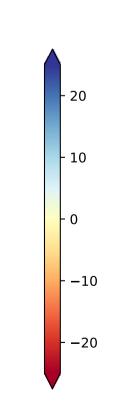


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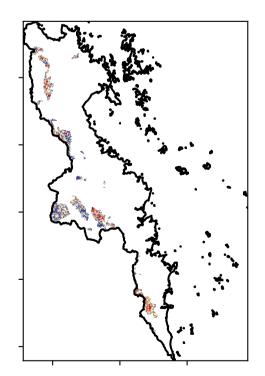
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

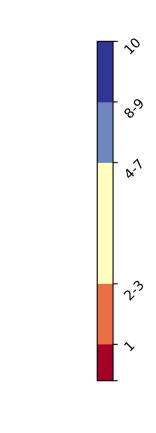




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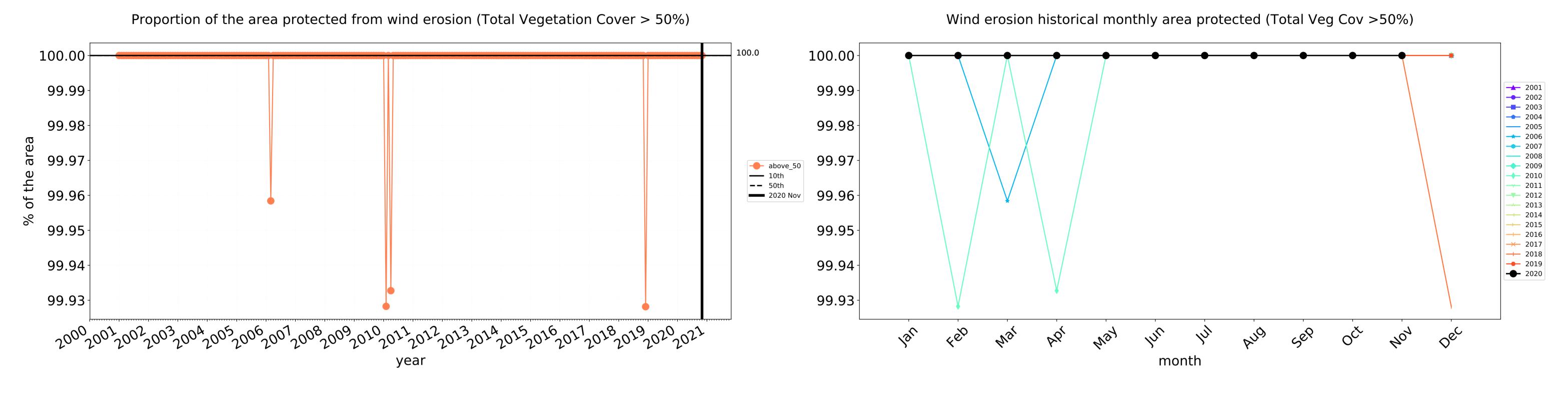


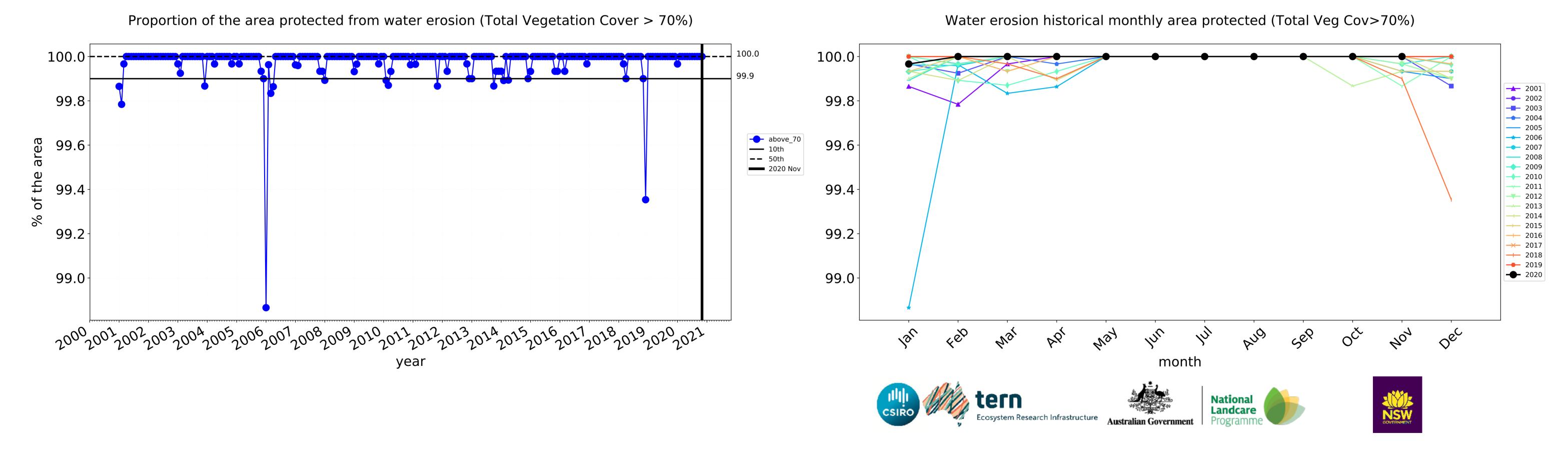


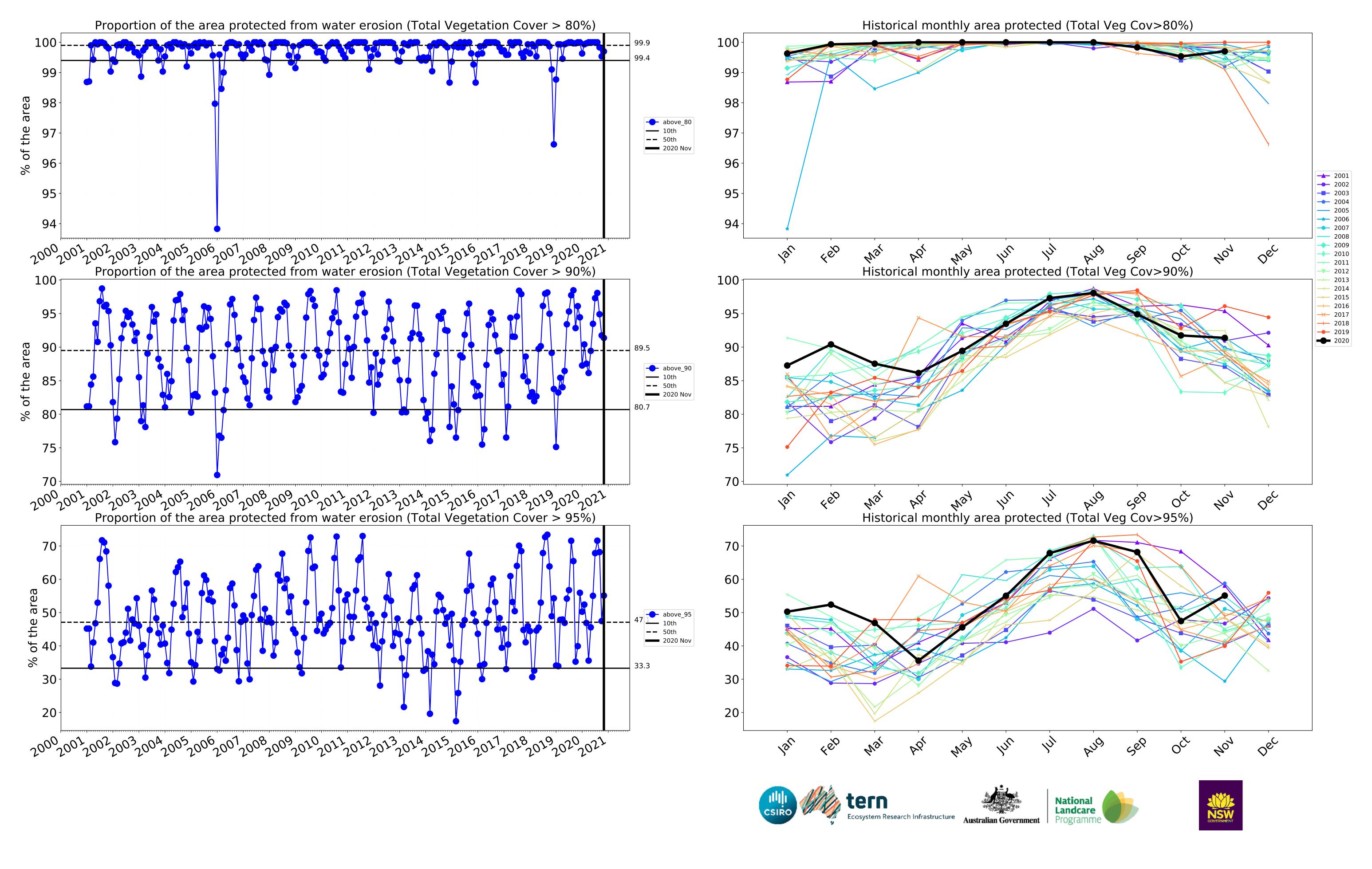




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







Mackay Whitsunday (906,600 ha and no data 26,460 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	906,600	99.9% 905,900	99.6% 903,300	97.8% 886,800	91.4% 828,525	65.8% 596,350	37.1% 335,975
Conservation and natural environments	274,675	99.9% 274,325	99.5% 273,425	98.5% 270,475	96.1% 264,000	82.3% 225,925	49.0% 134,550
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,050	99.3% 7,000	97.5% 6,875	93.6% 6,600	81.6% 5,750	44.3% 3,125	21.6% 1,525
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,575	99.9% 74,475	99.6% 74,275	98.7% 73,600	96.0% 71,575	82.5% 61,550	55.1% 41,100
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	193,050	99.9% 192,850	99.6% 192,275	98.6% 190,275	96.7% 186,675	83.5% 161,250	47.6% 91,925
Agriculture	468,250	100.0% 468,200	100.0% 468,050	98.7% 462,225	91.4% 428,025	58.5% 273,725	31.6% 147,950
Grazing	298,225	100.0% 298,175	100.0% 298,100	99.4% 296,525	97.4% 290,525	76.9% 229,275	44.7% 133,450
Grazing non forest	189,150	100.0% 189,100	99.9% 189,025	99.2% 187,625	96.6% 182,725	71.9% 136,075	38.1% 72,075
Grazing Woodland forest	80,525	100.0% 80,525	100.0% 80,525	99.8% 80,350	98.5% 79,325	83.7% 67,375	53.1% 42,725
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.7% 28,475	90.5% 25,825	65.3% 18,650
Irrigation	169,975	100.0% 169,975	100.0% 169,900	97.5% 165,650	80.9% 137,450	26.1% 44,400	8.5% 14,450
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	100.0% 75,075	99.7% 74,850	91.4% 68,600	55.1% 41,375







