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 Sep 2020

Land use and forest cover

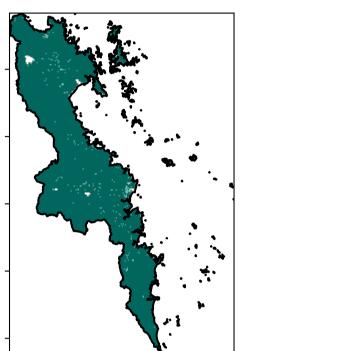
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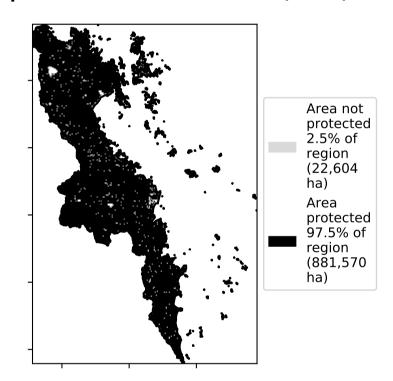
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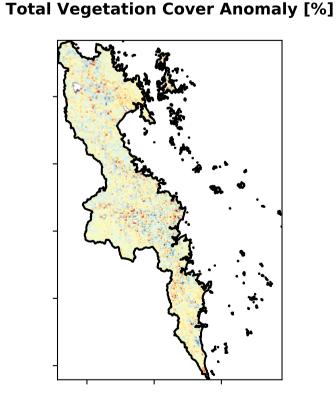
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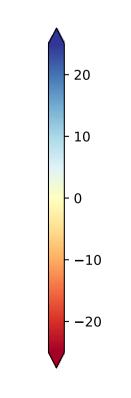


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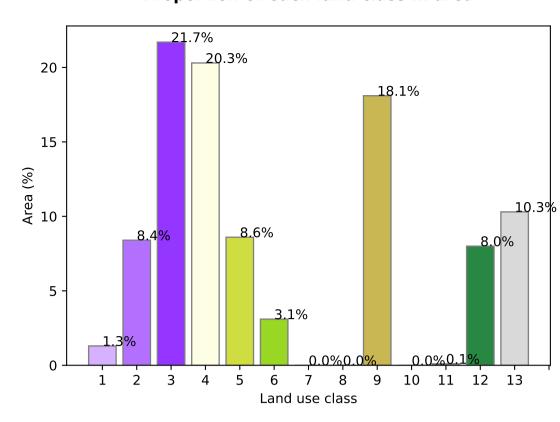
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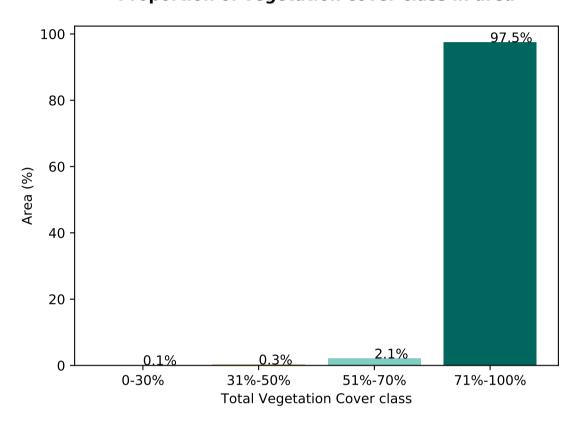


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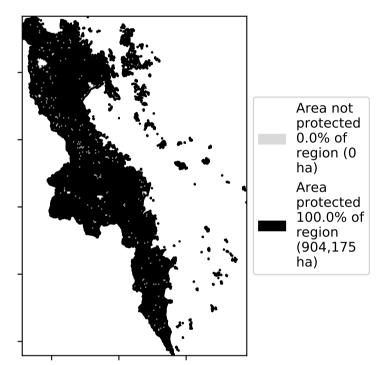
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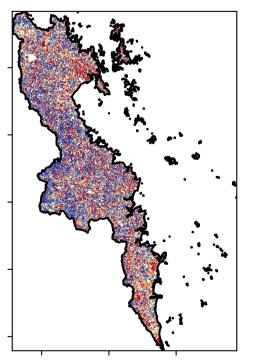


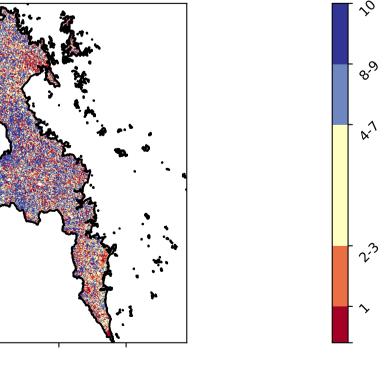
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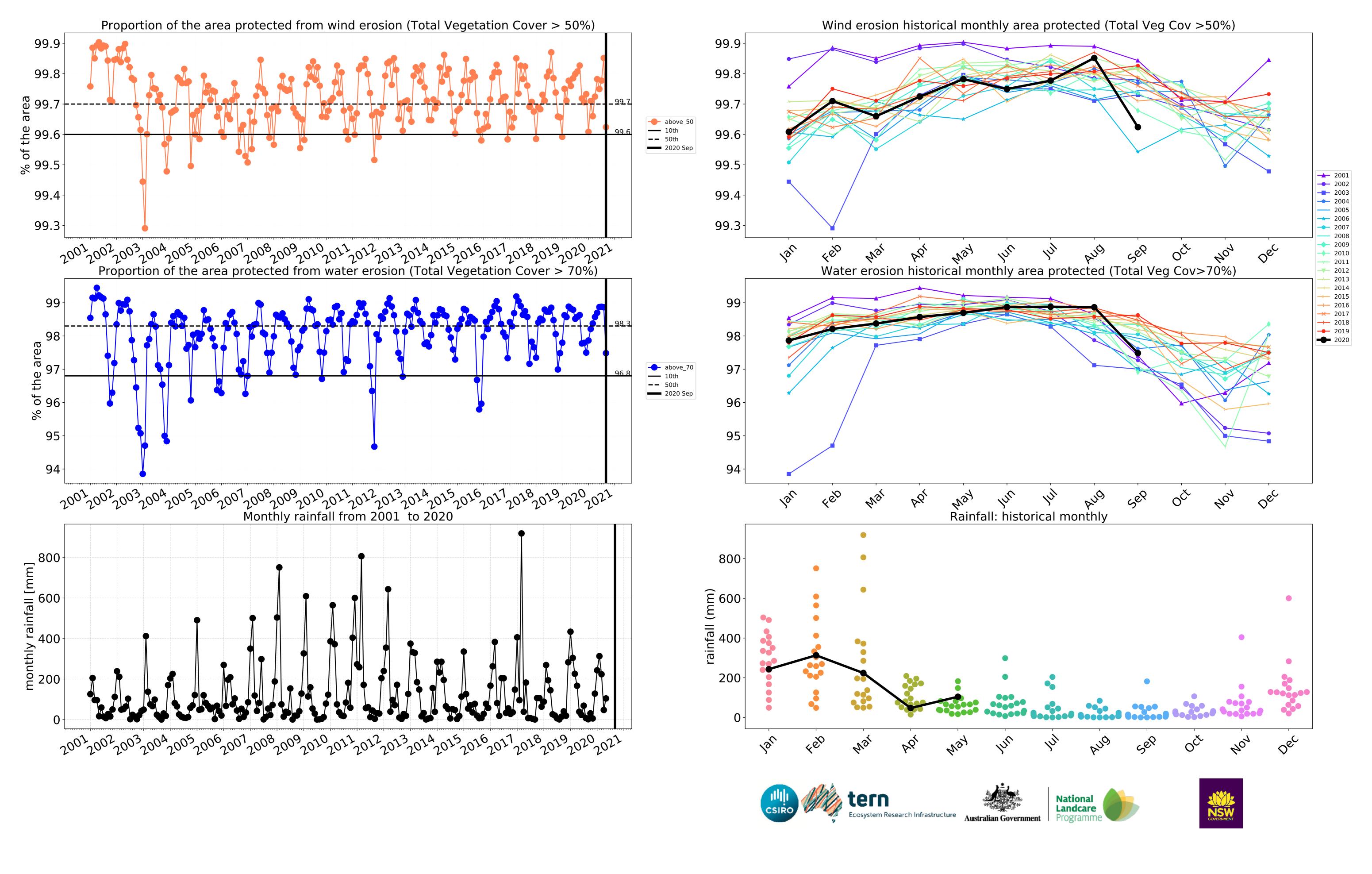


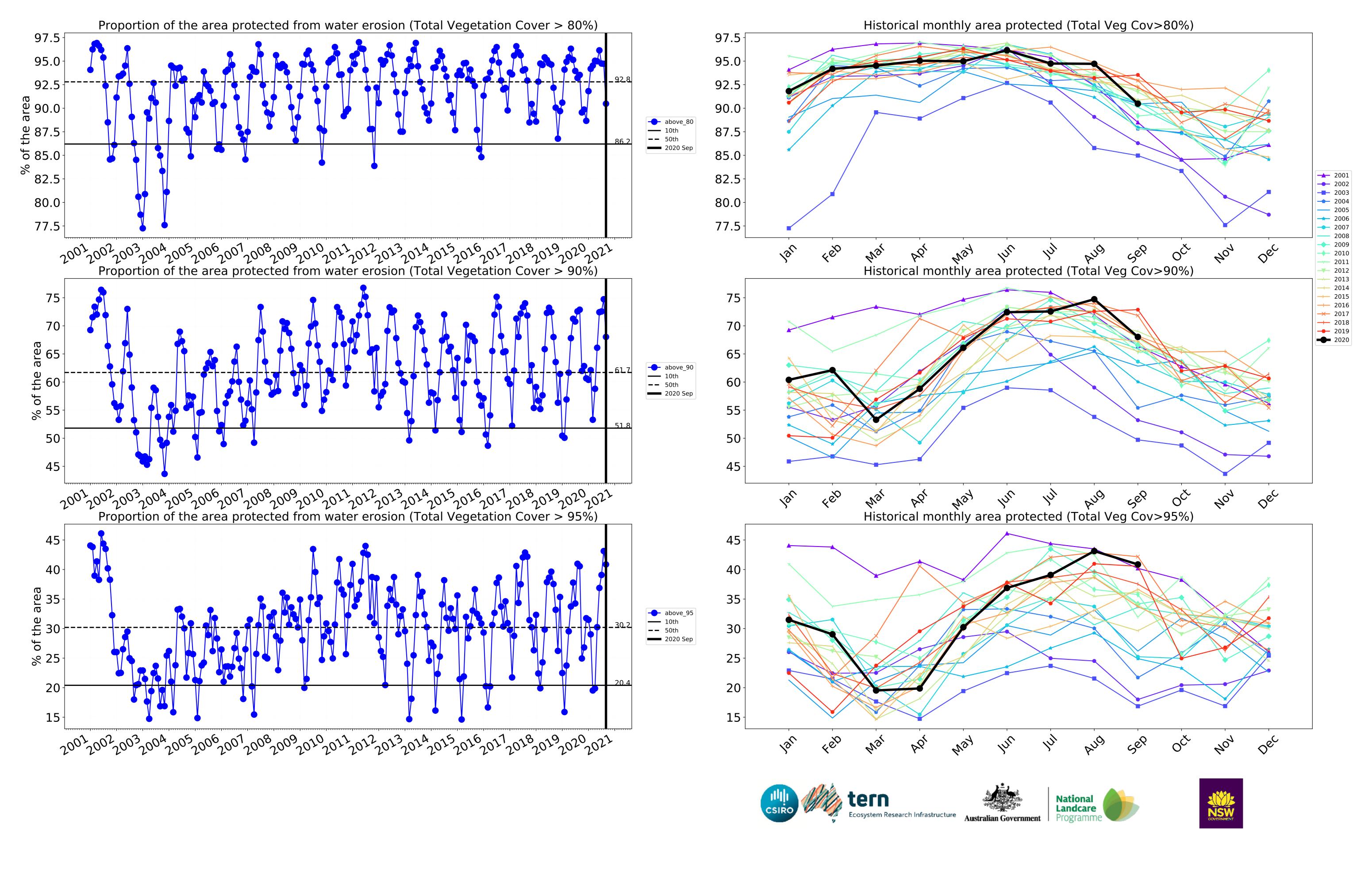








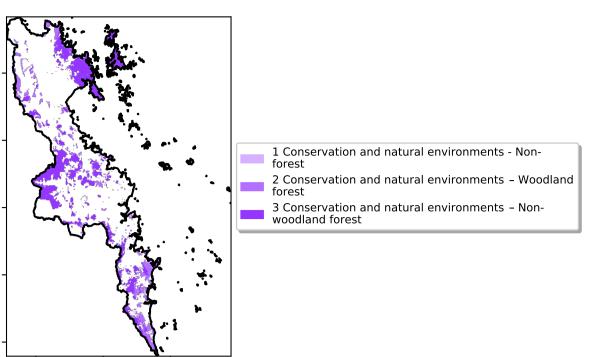




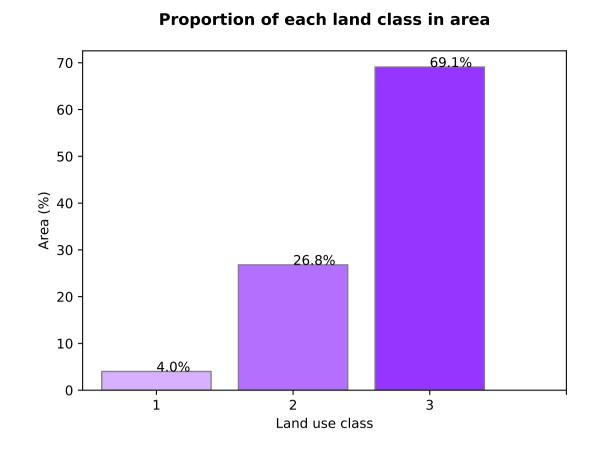
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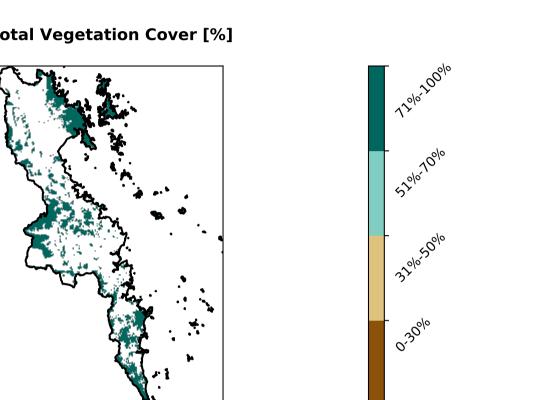
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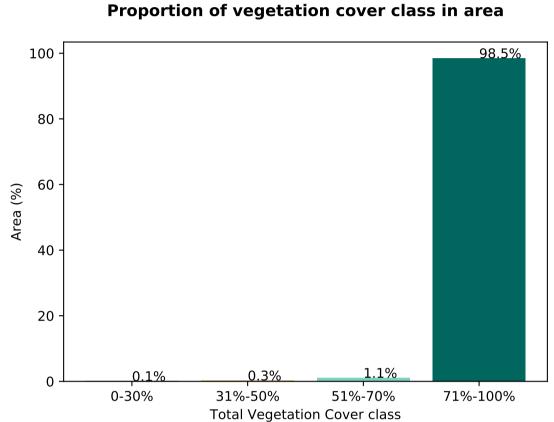
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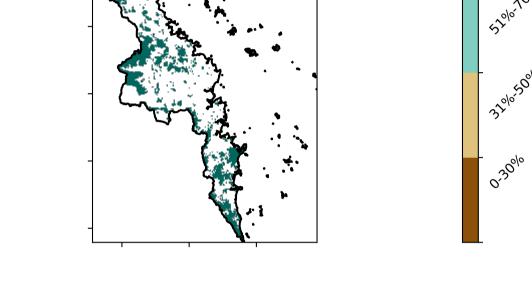


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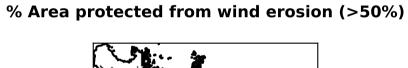


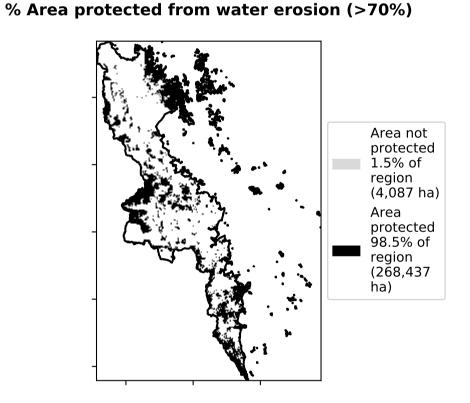


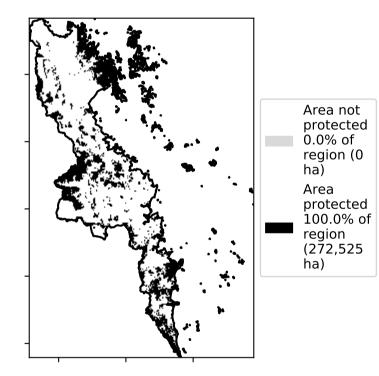




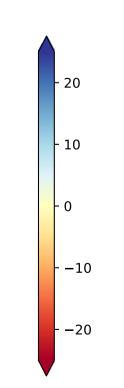
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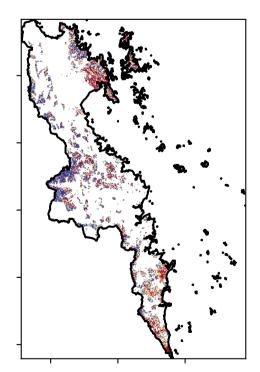


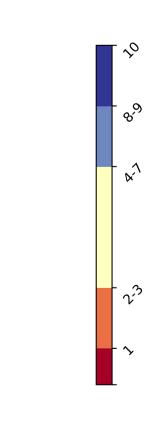
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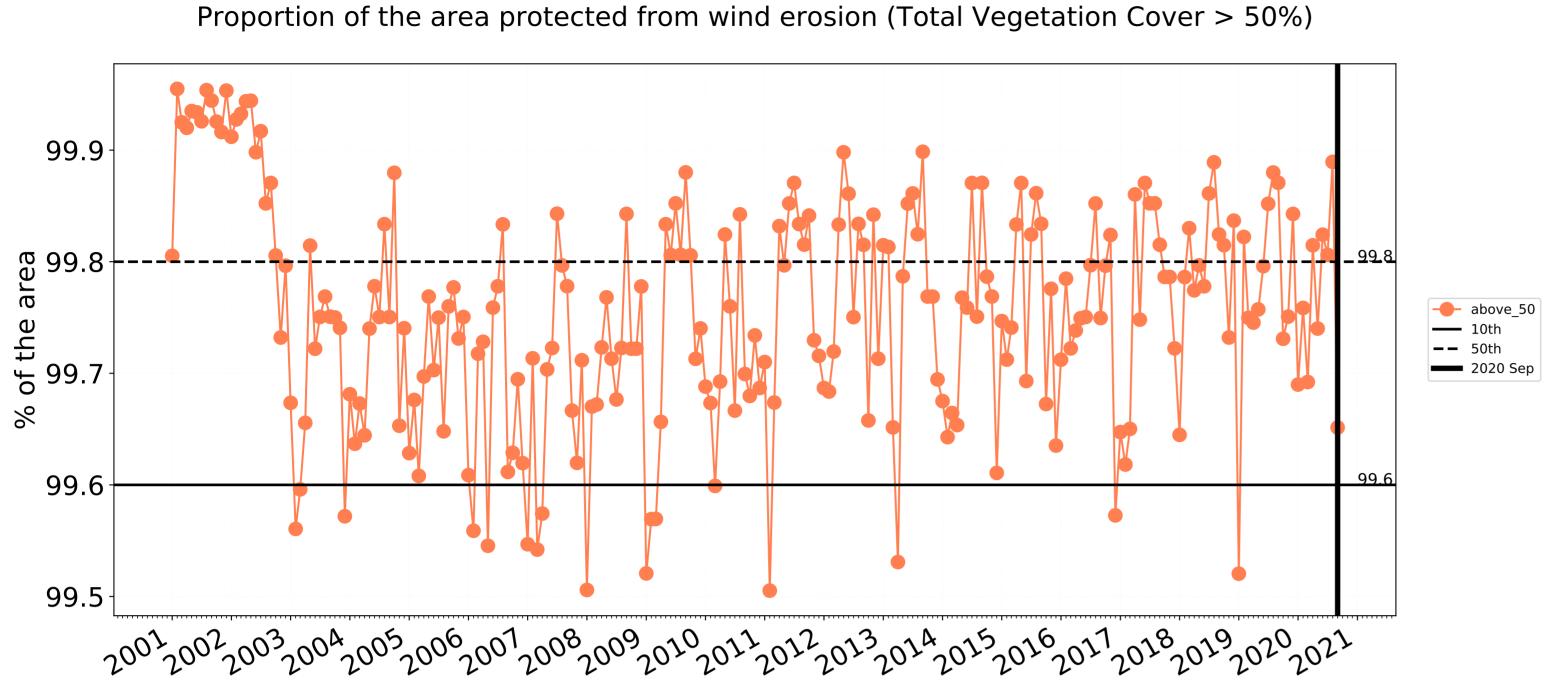




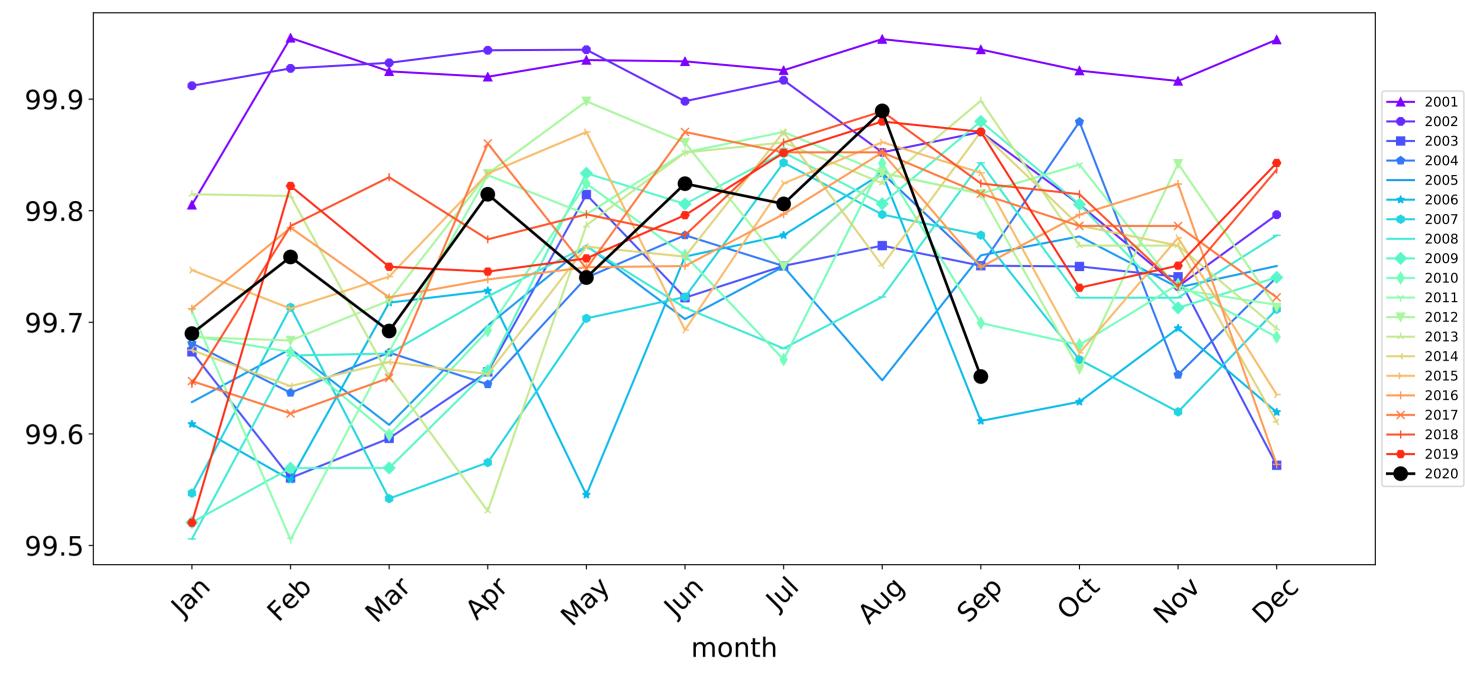


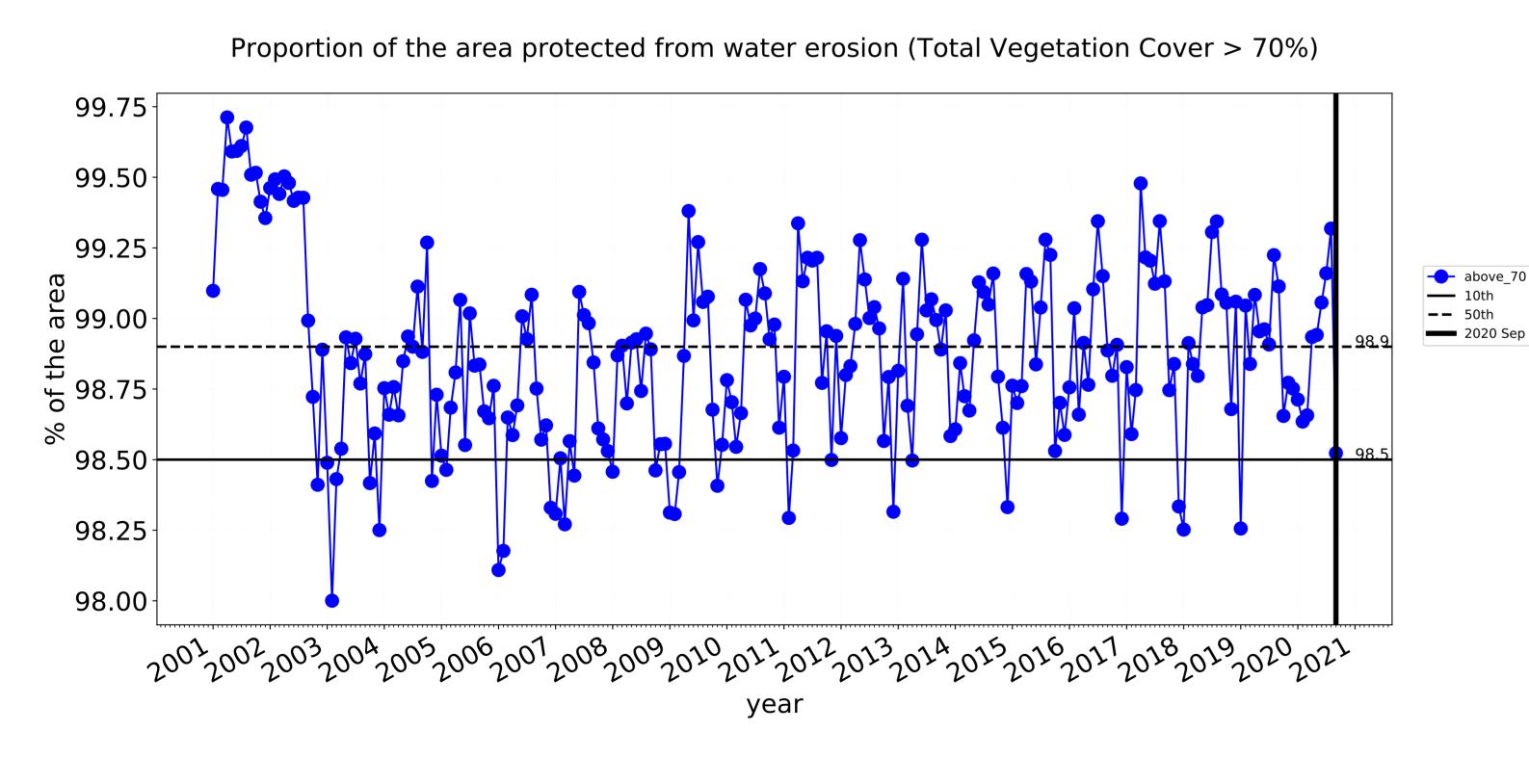


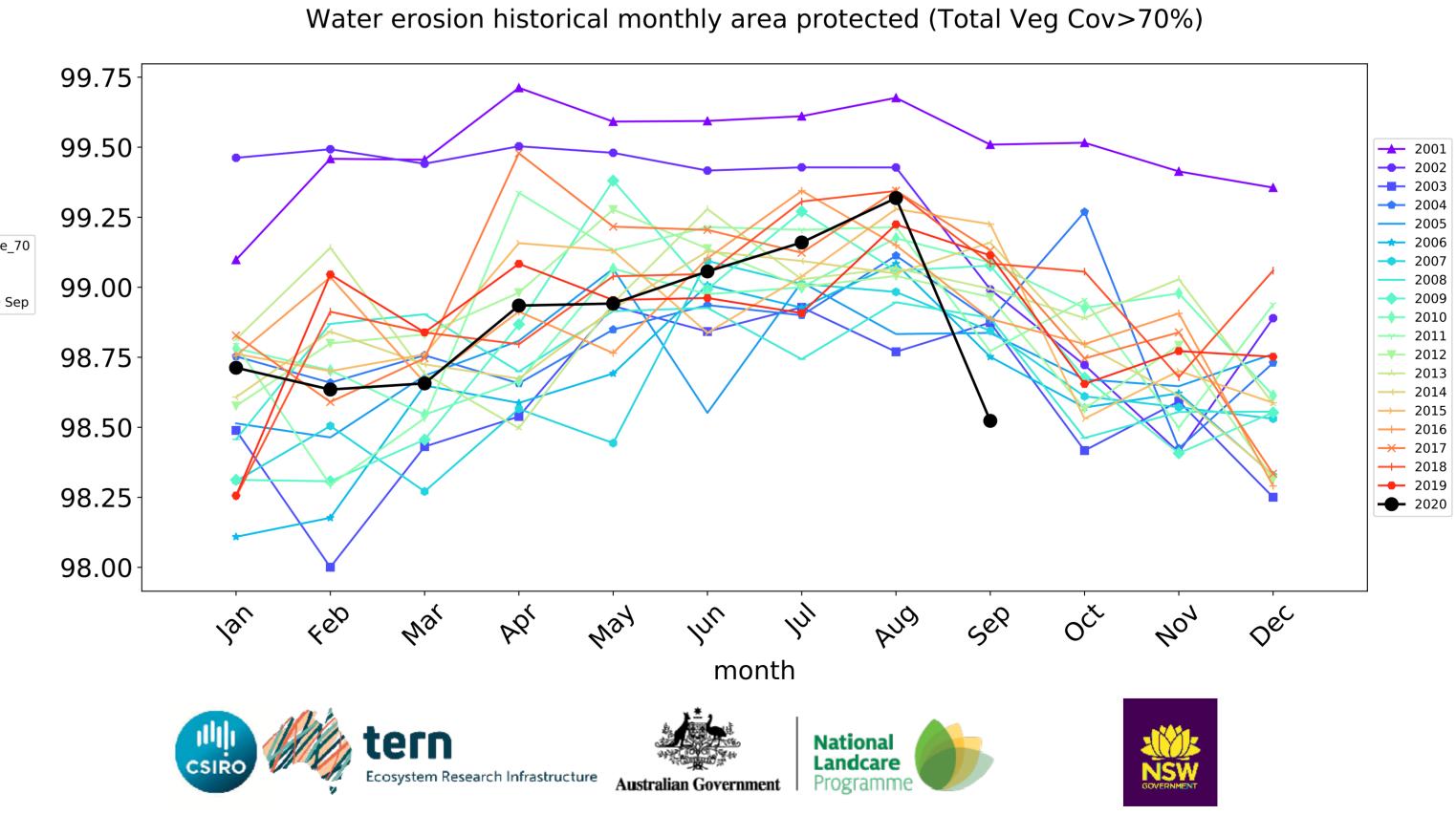
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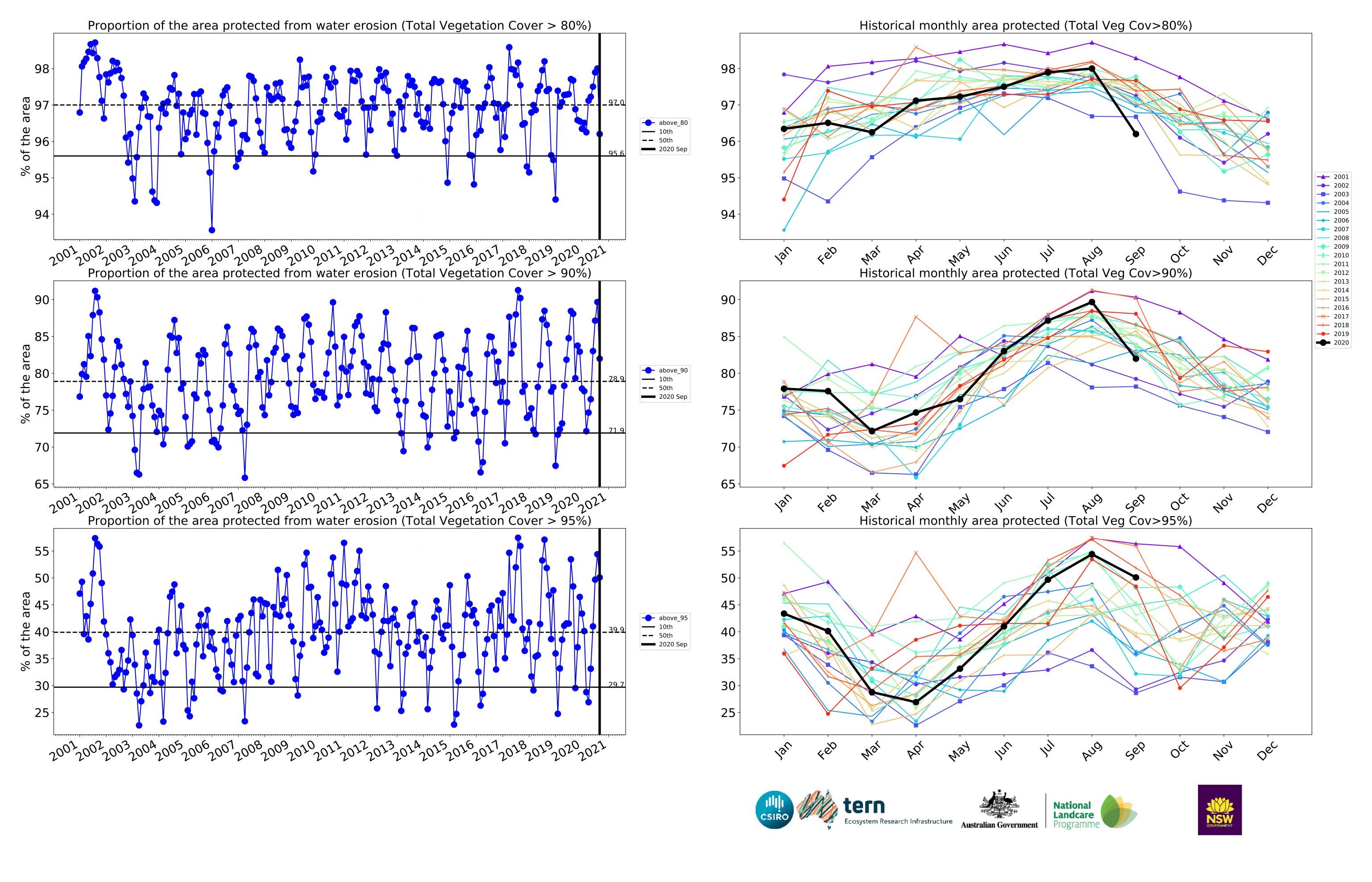


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)









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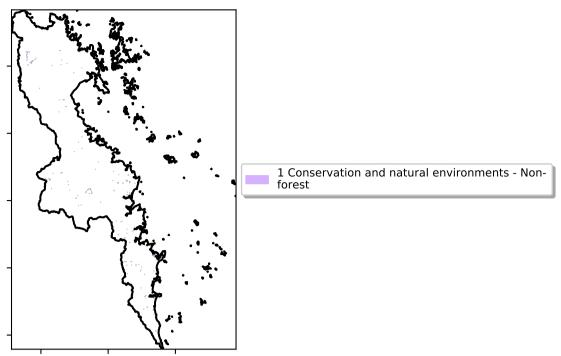
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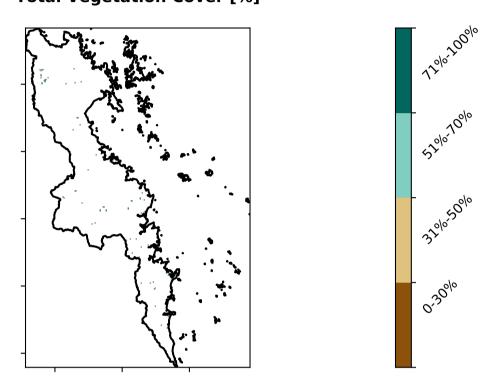
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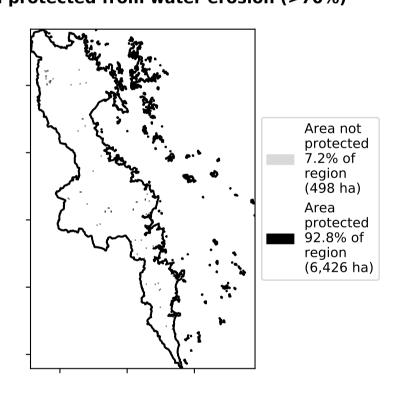
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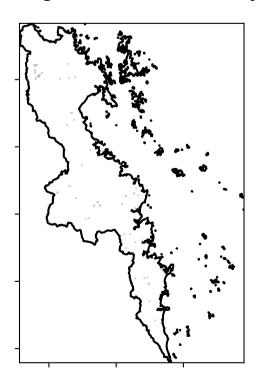
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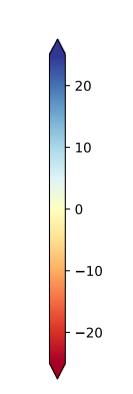


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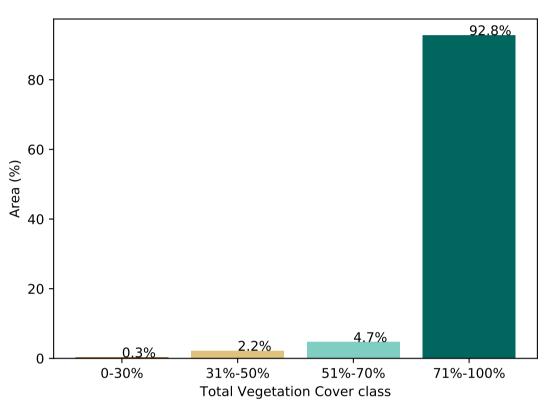
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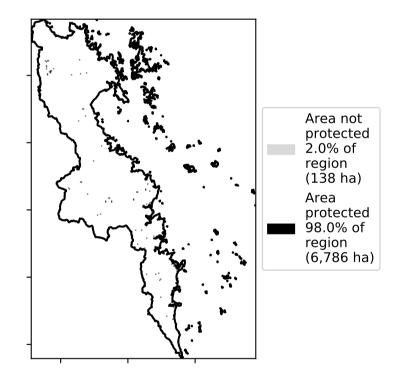


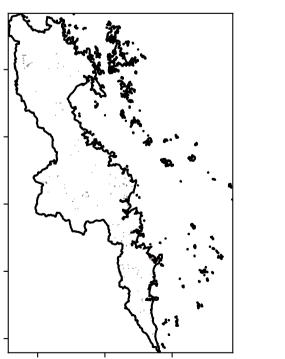
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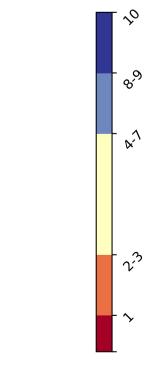
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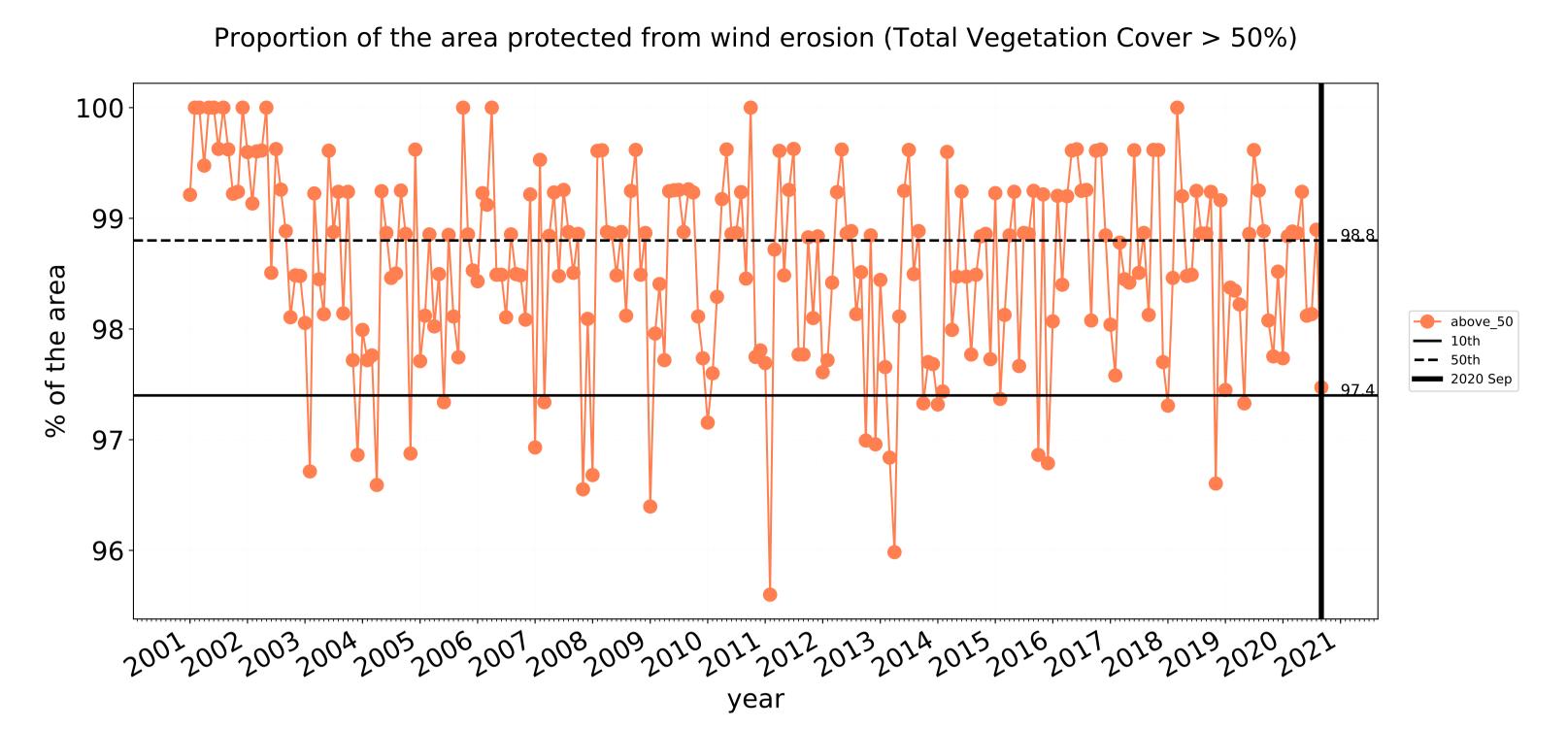


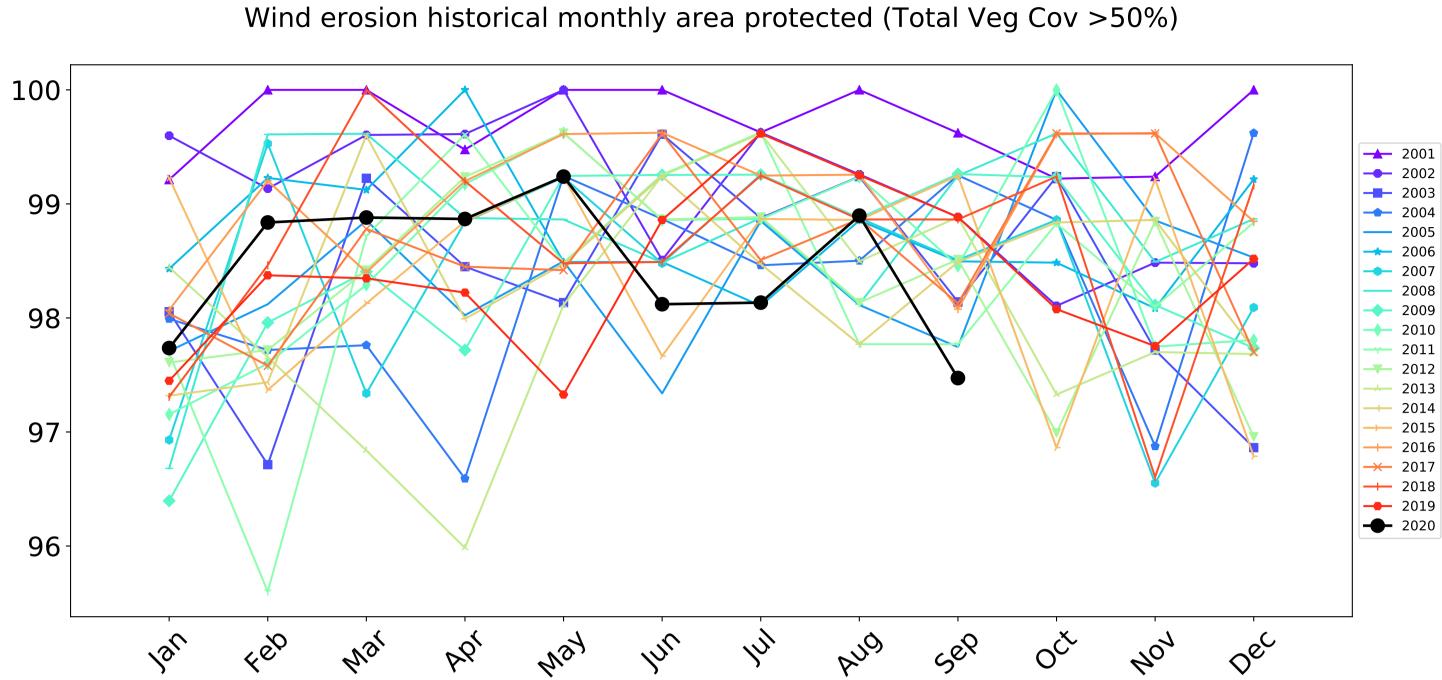






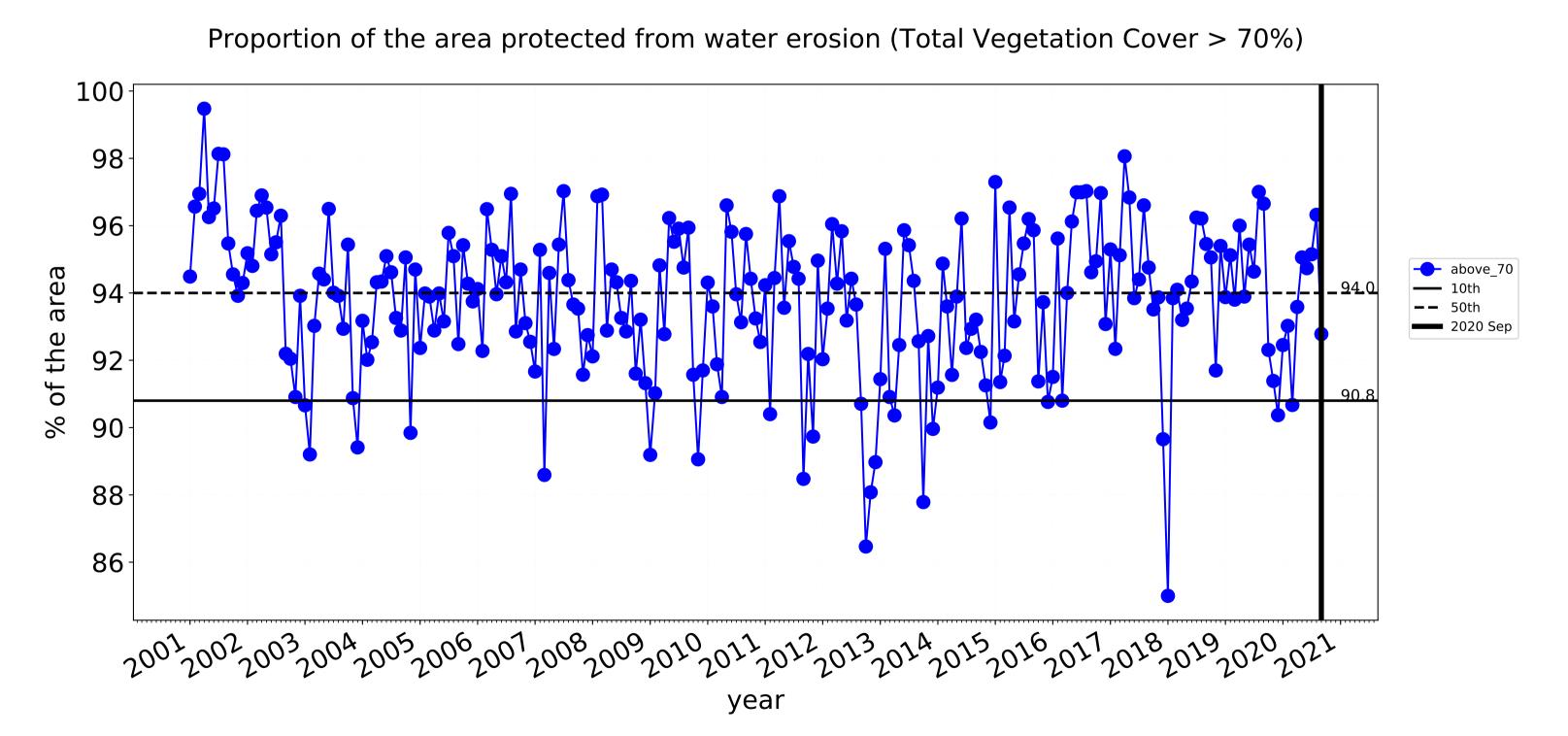
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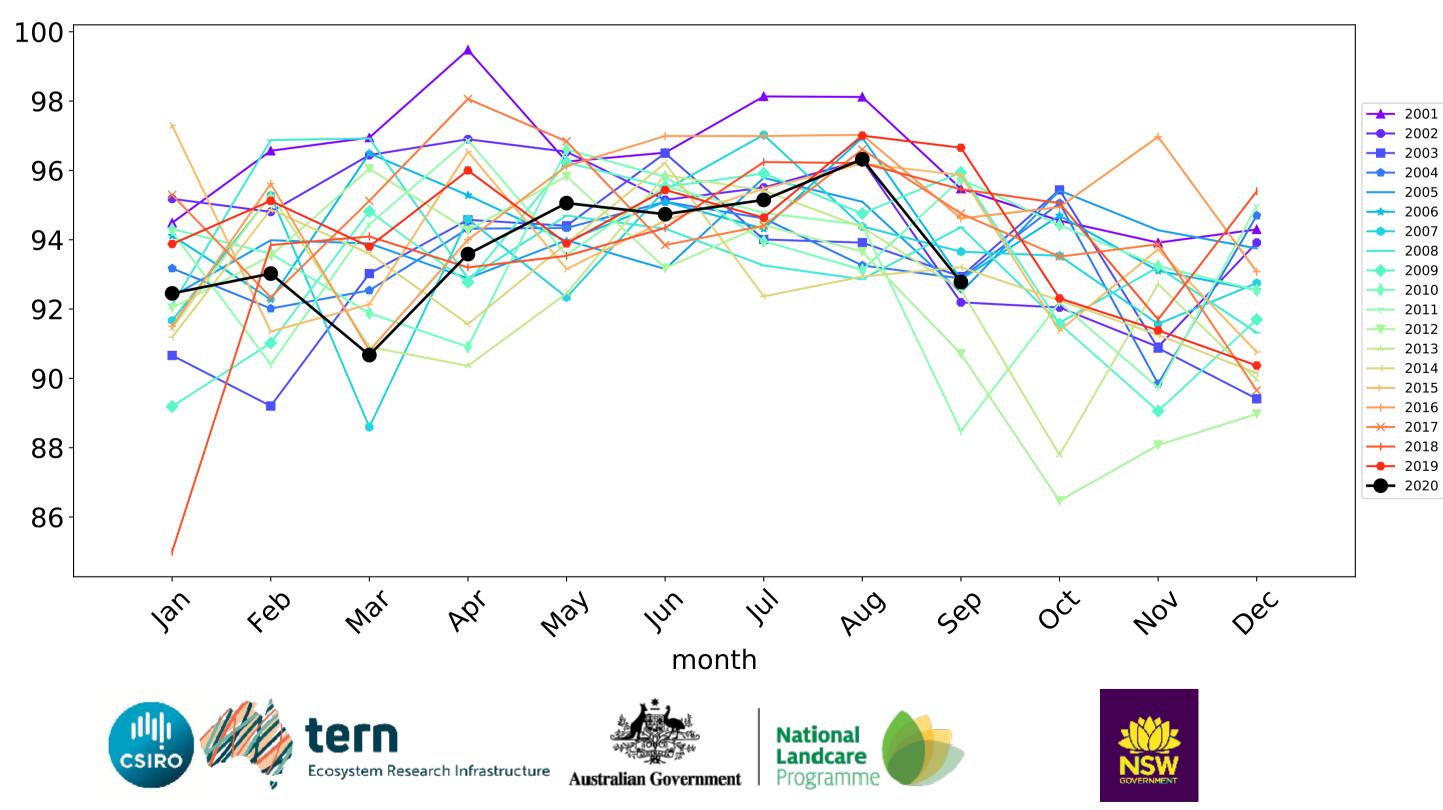


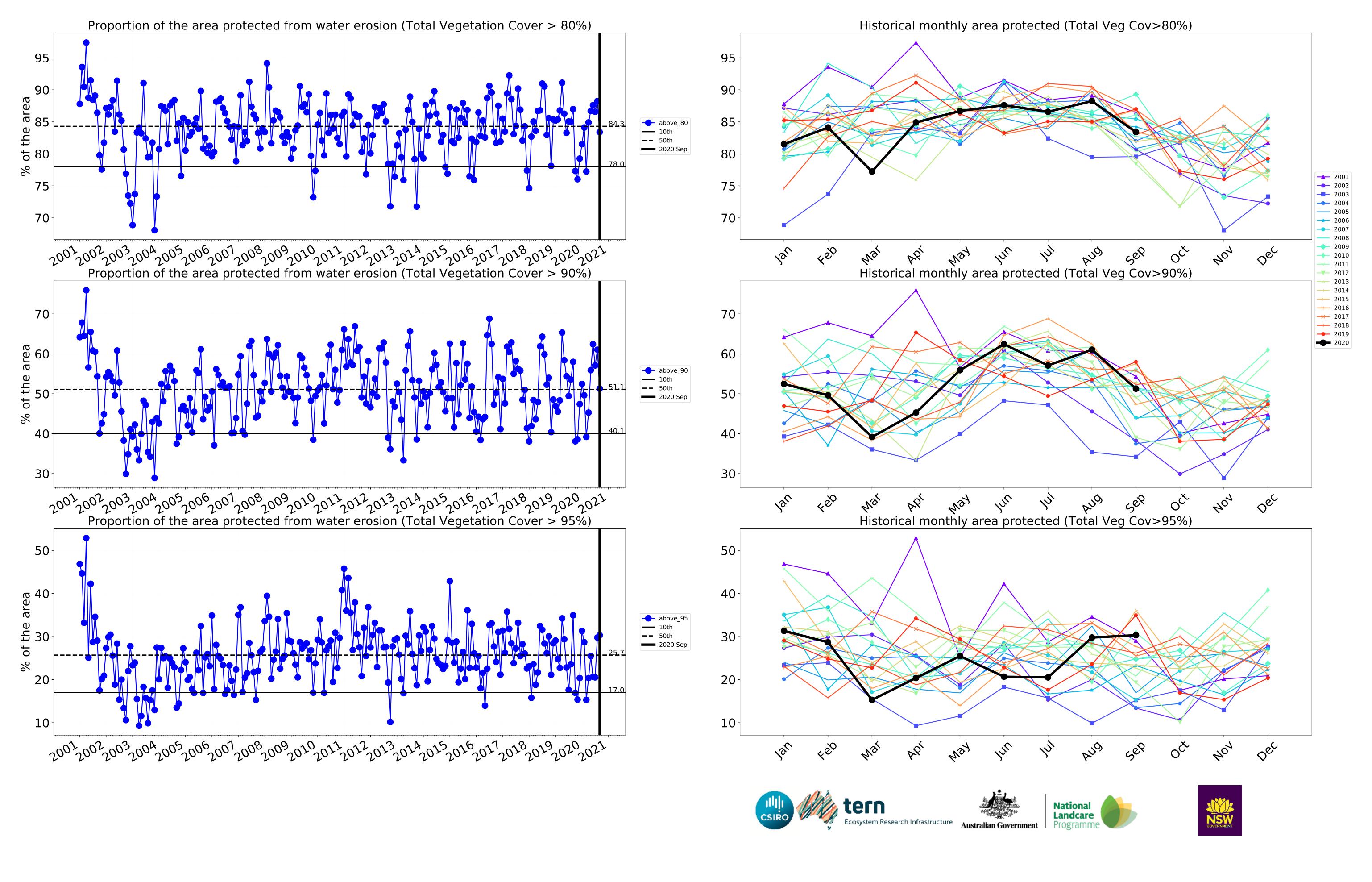


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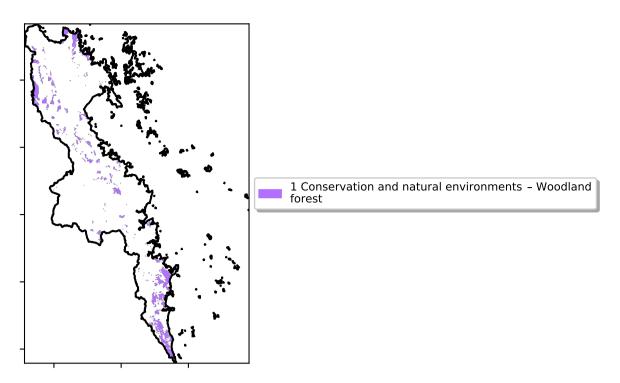


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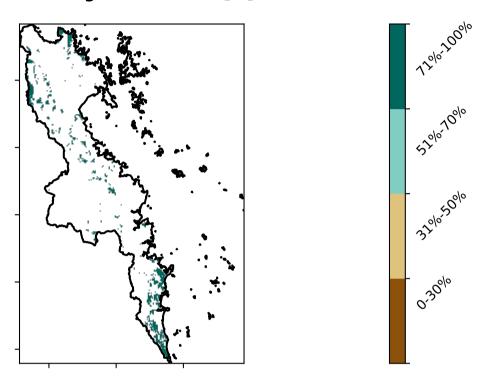
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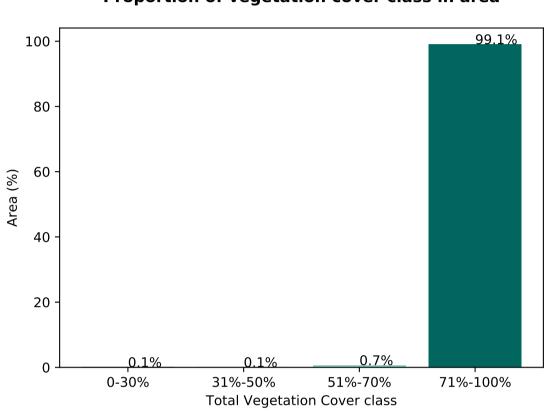
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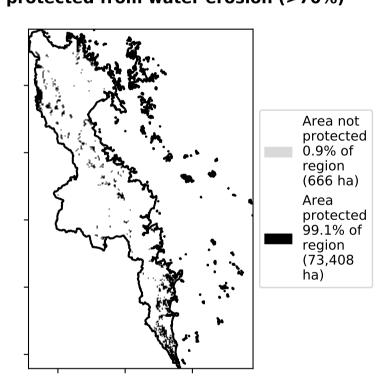
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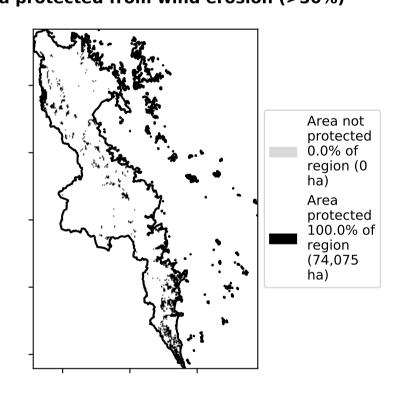
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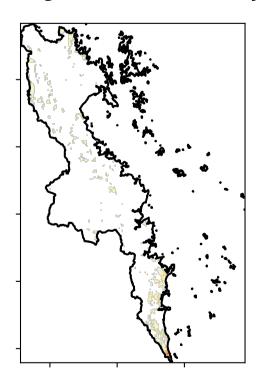
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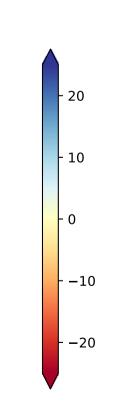


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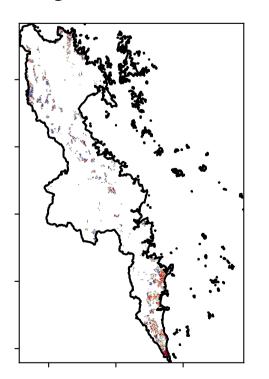
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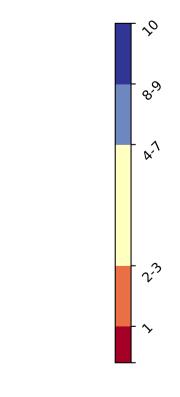




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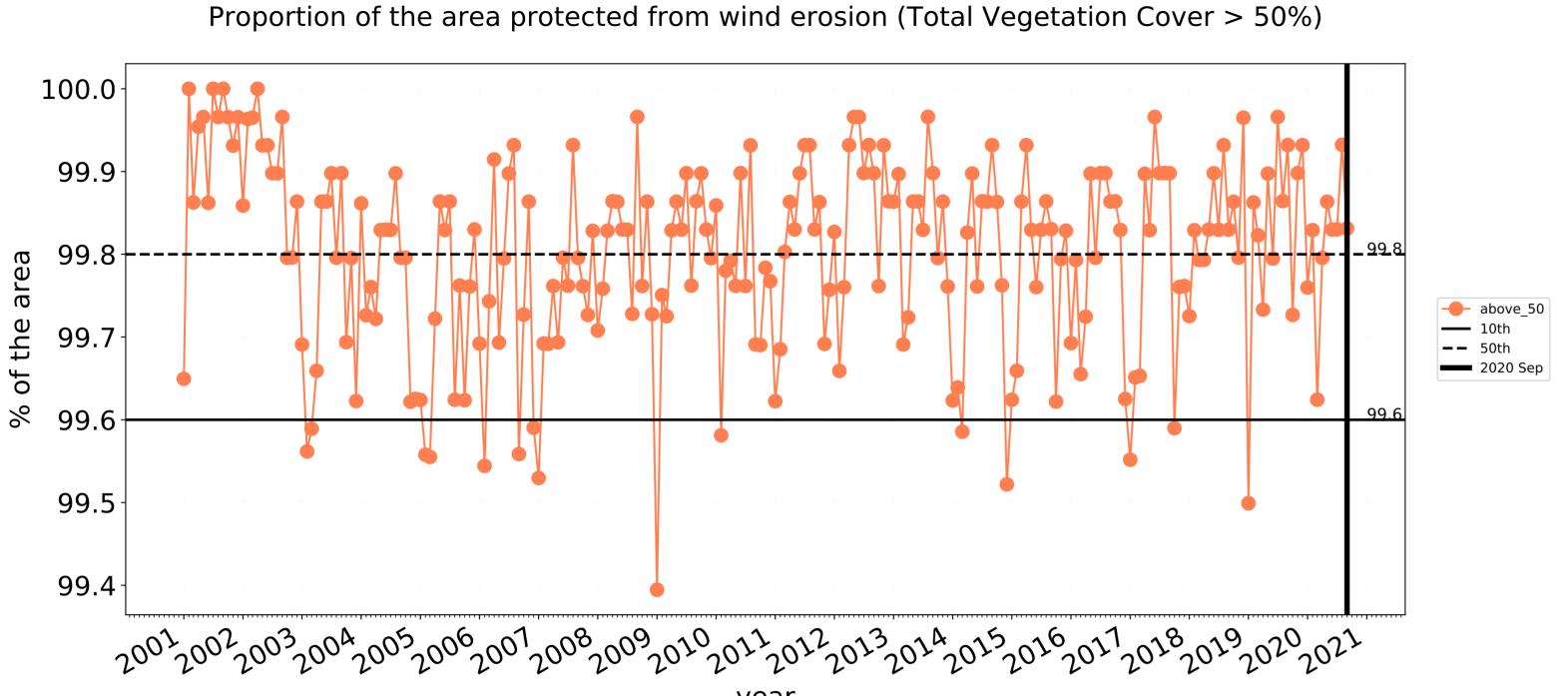


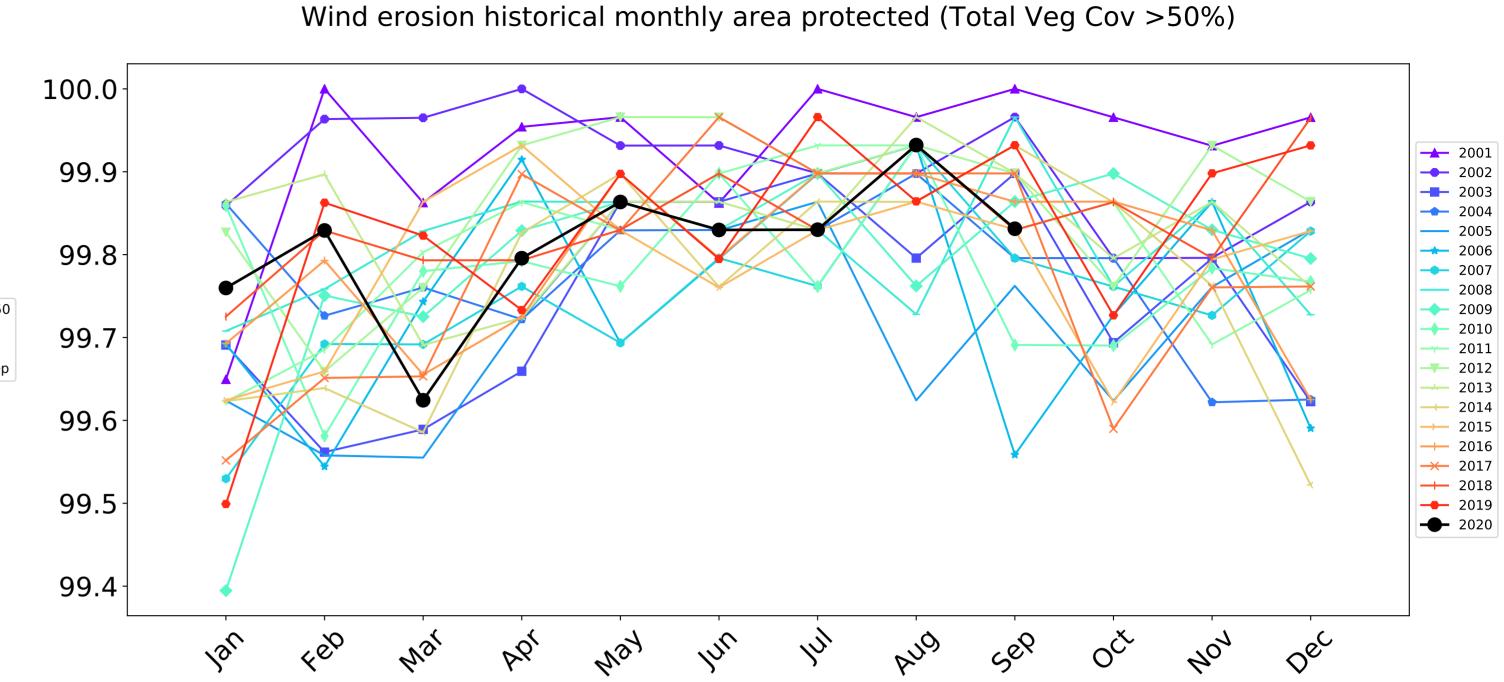




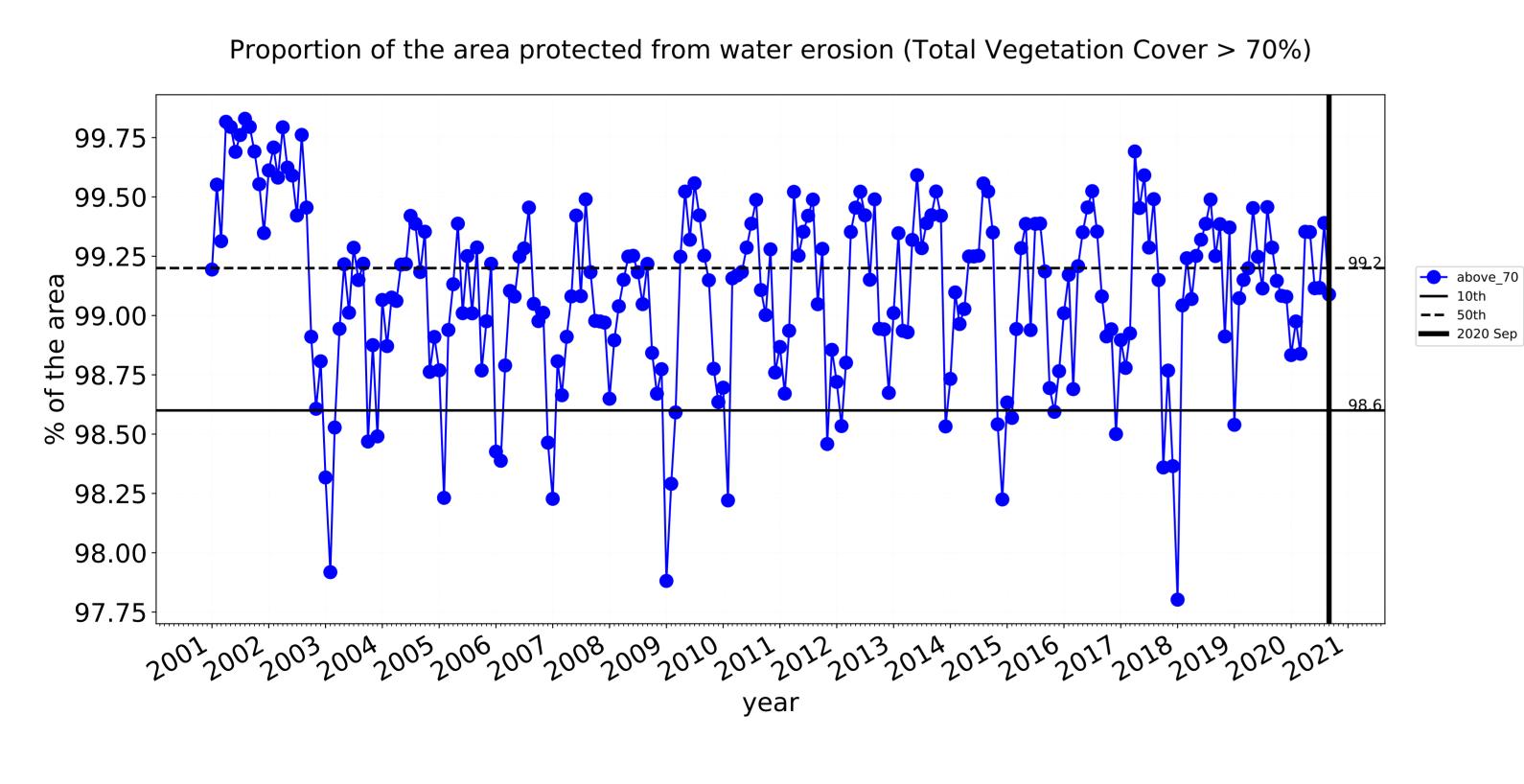


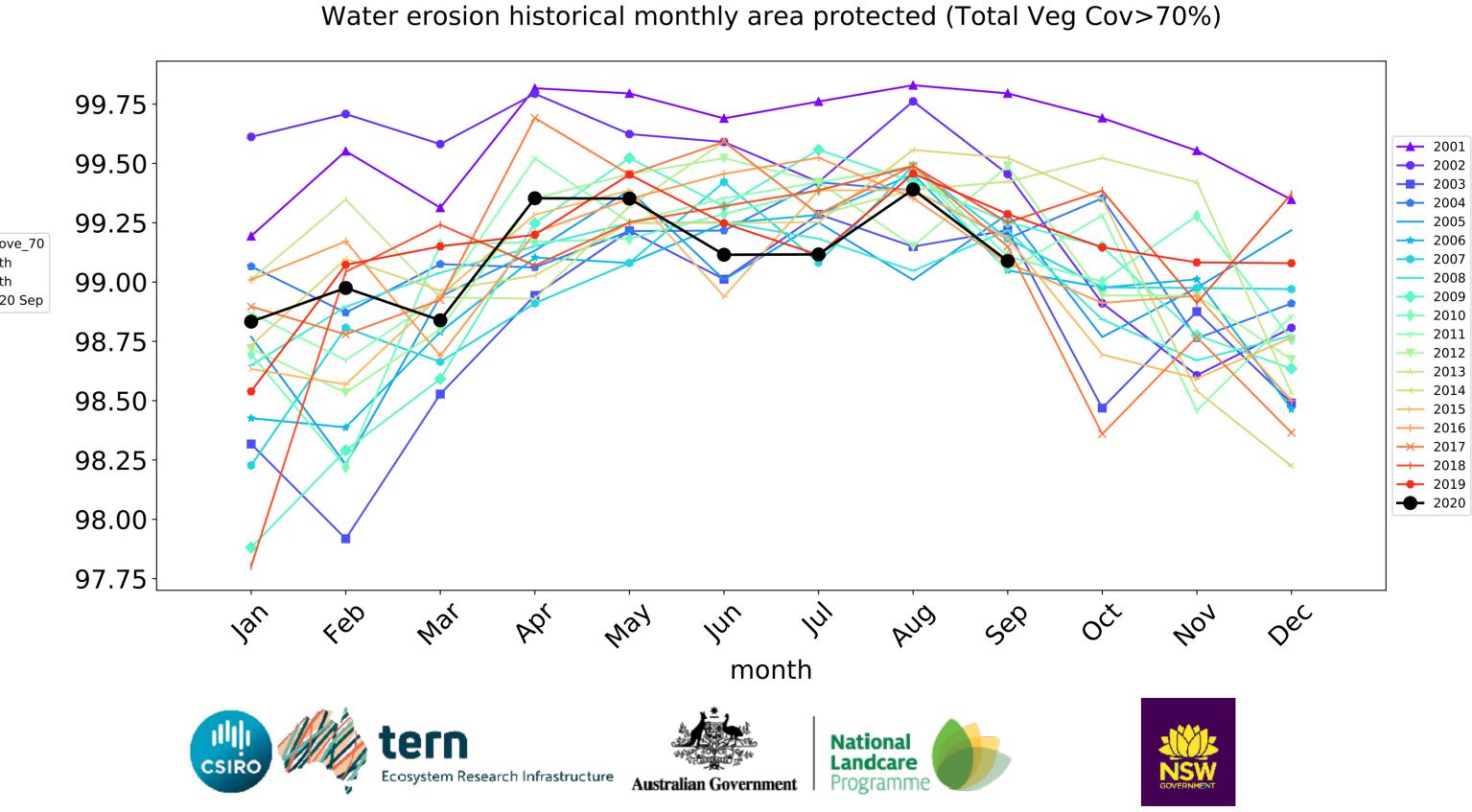
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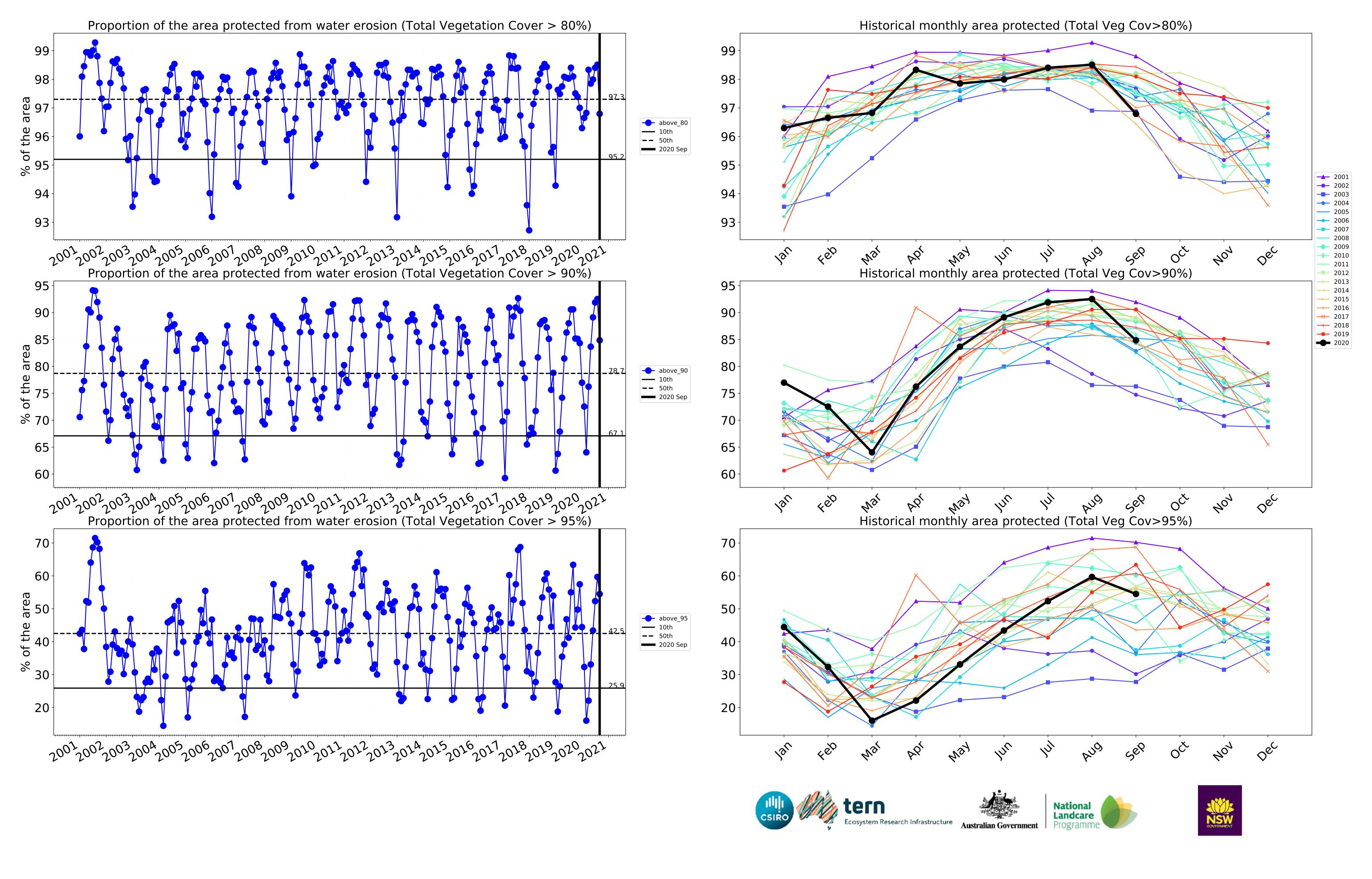




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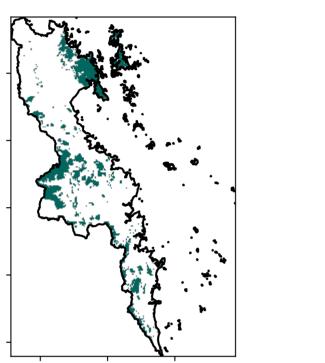
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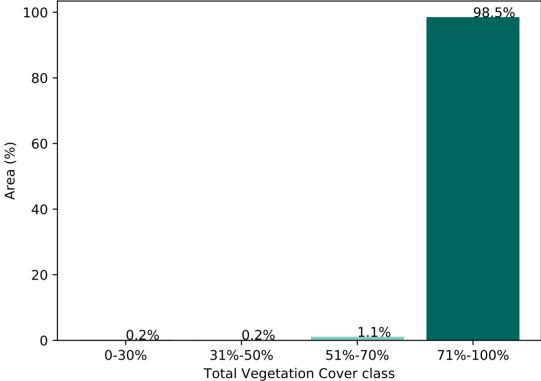
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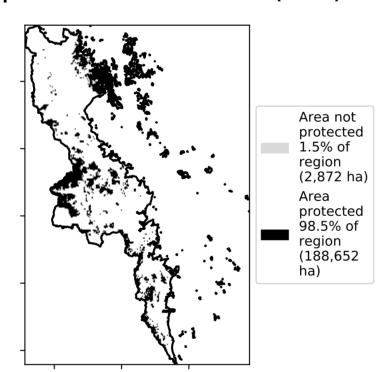


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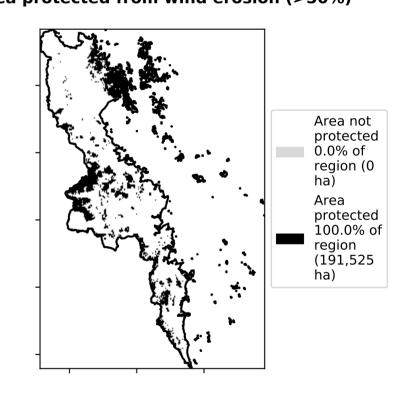


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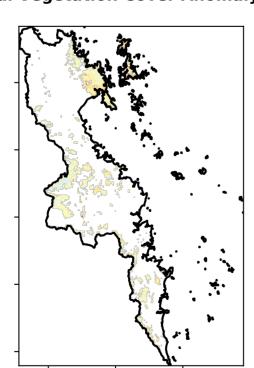
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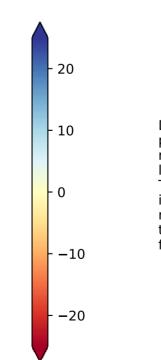


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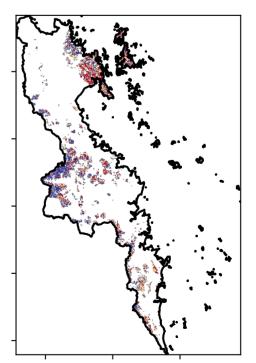


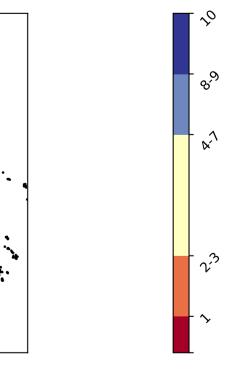
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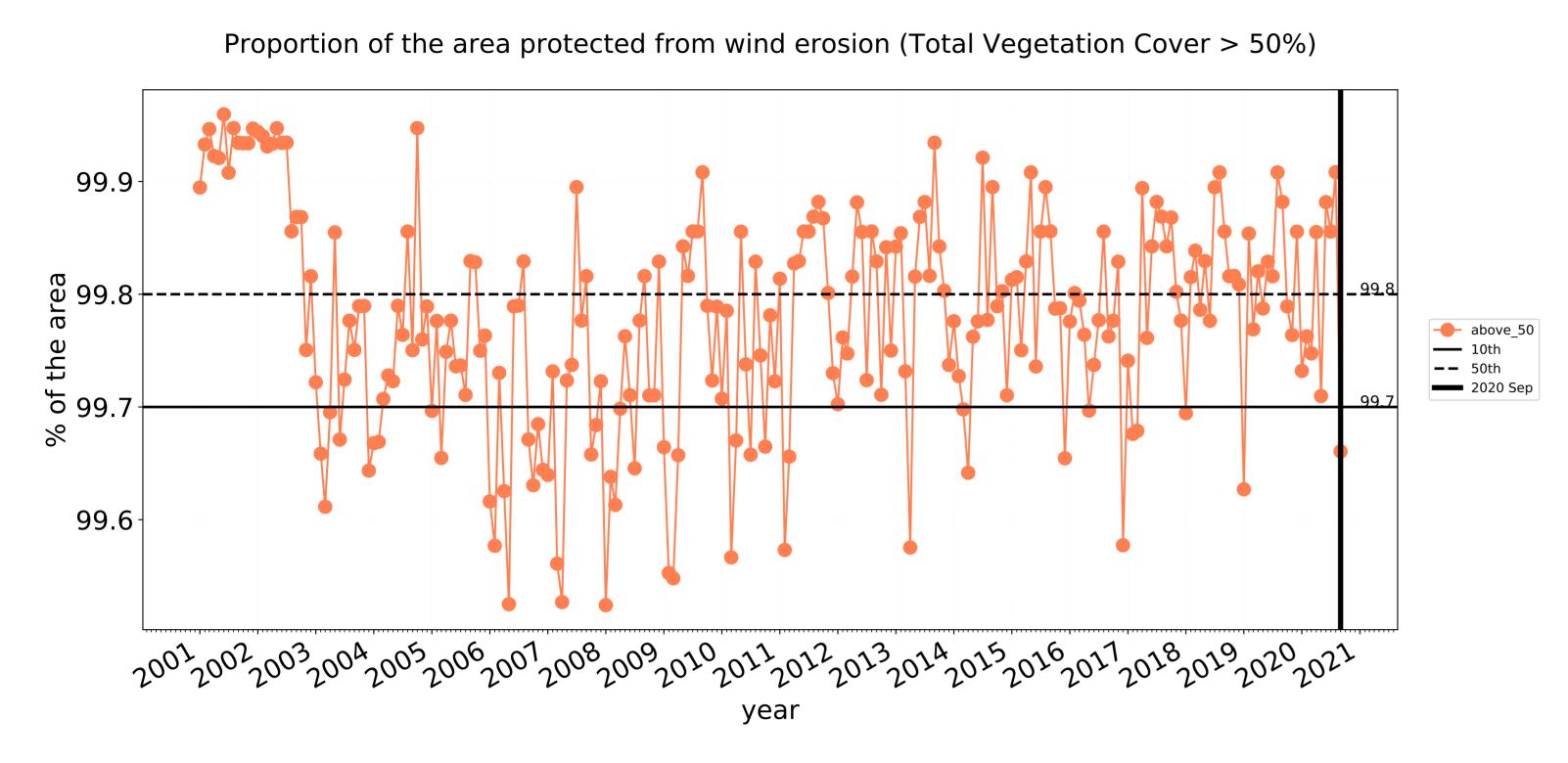


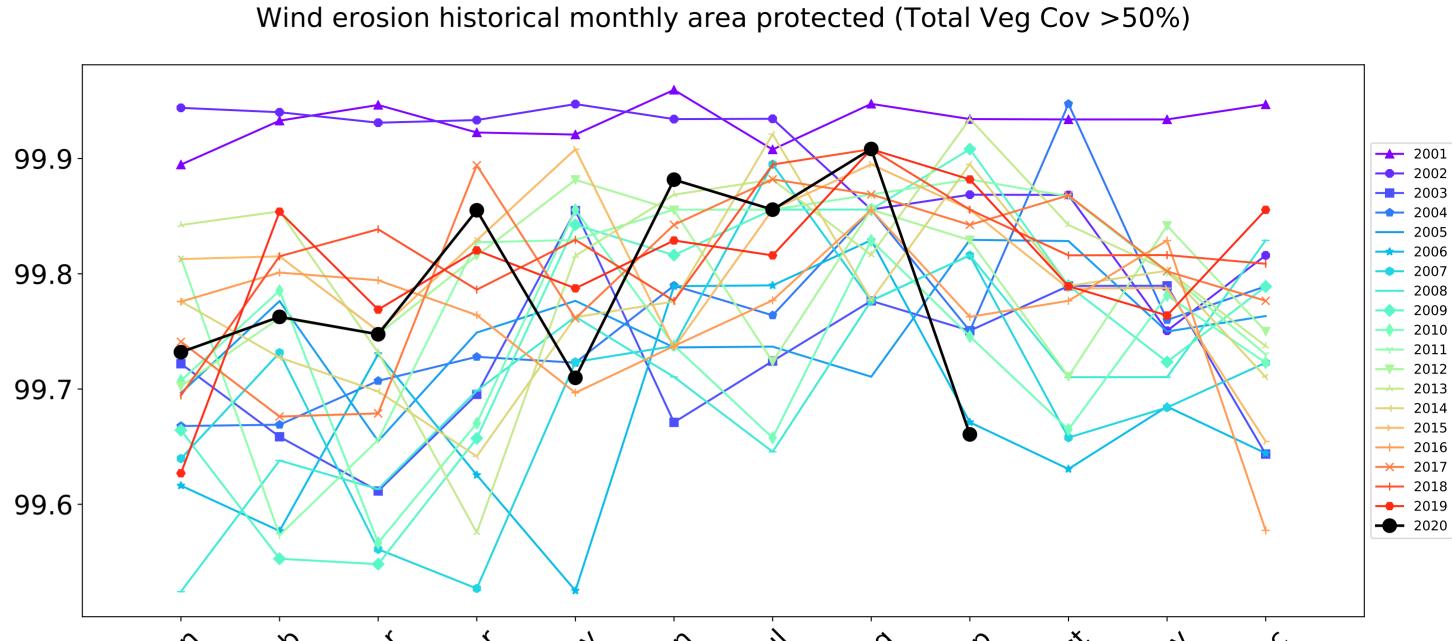




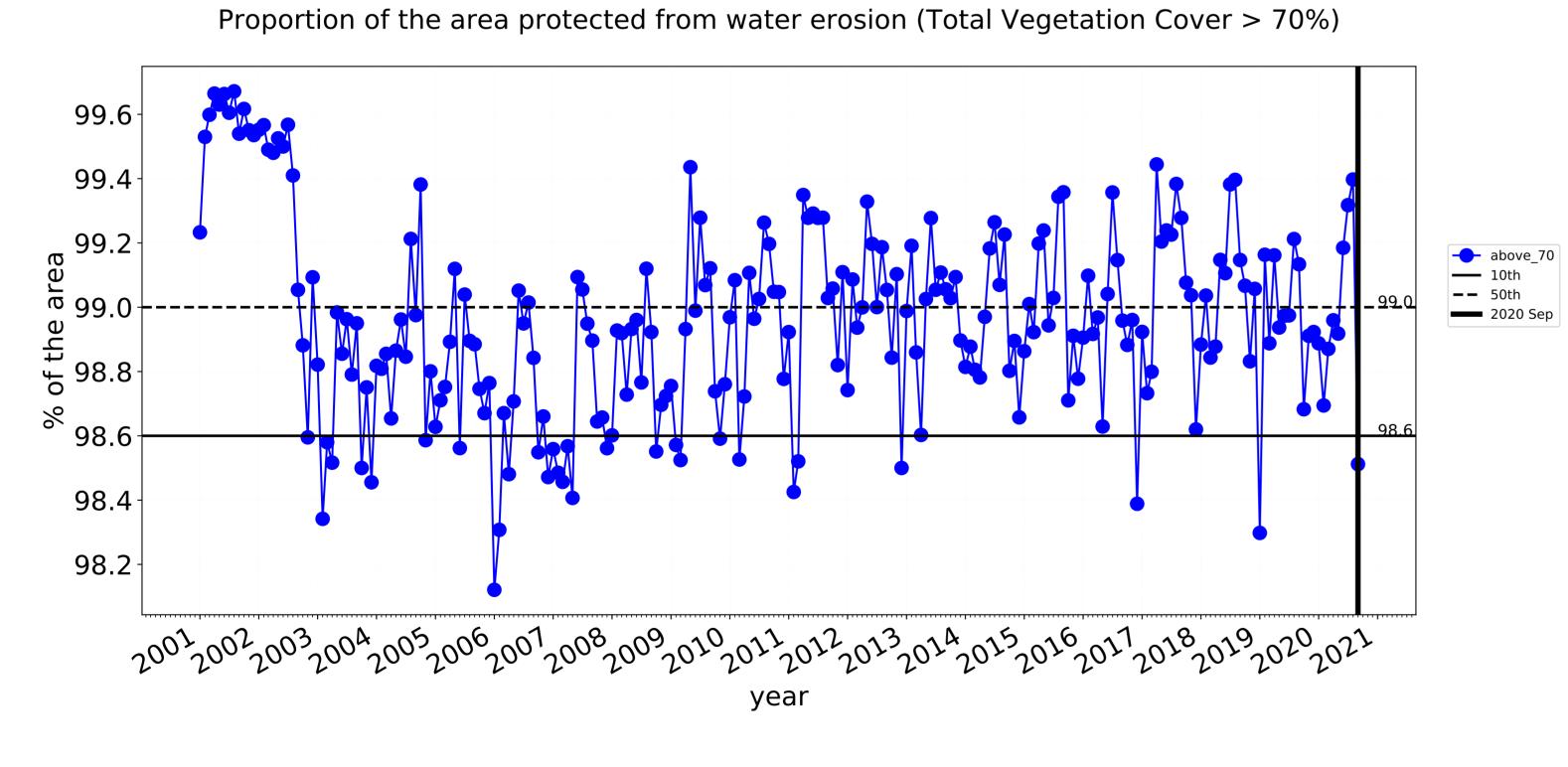


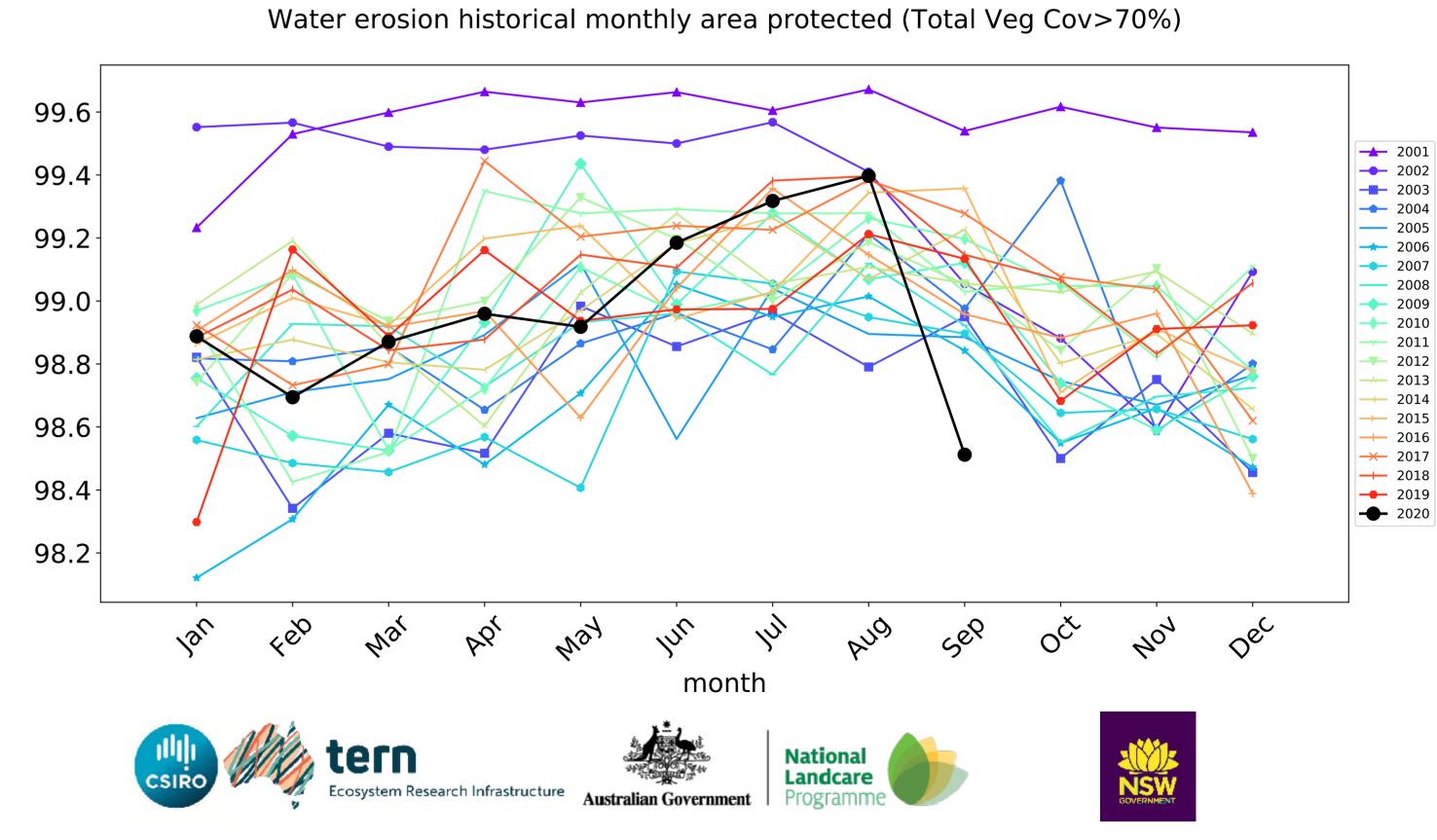
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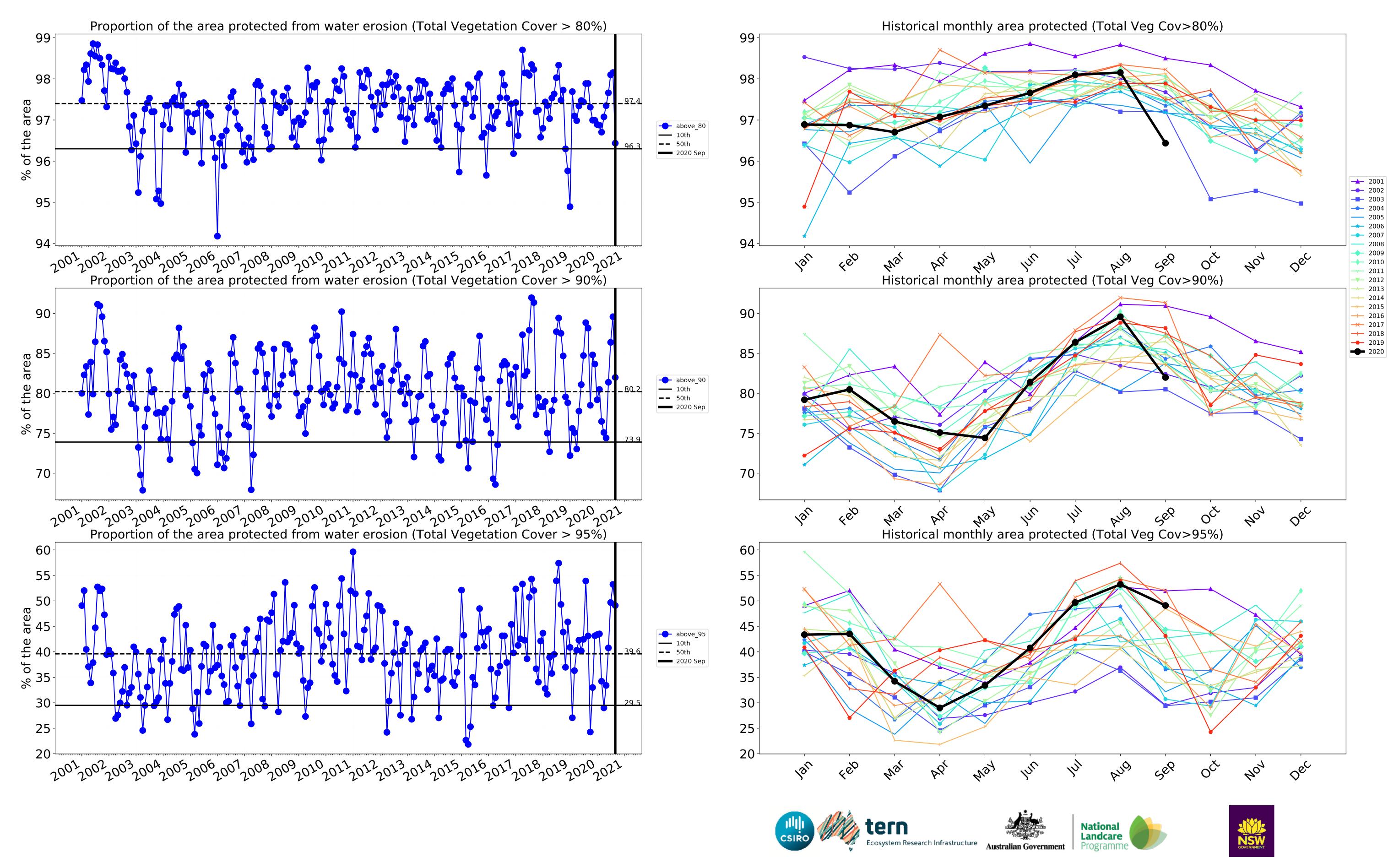




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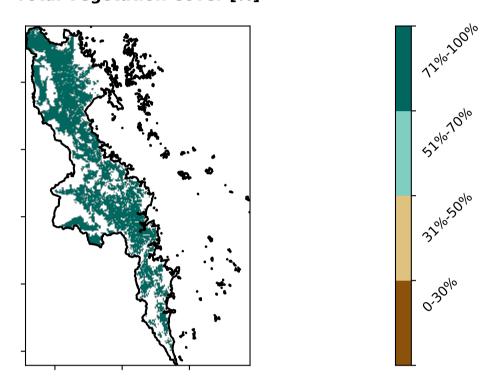
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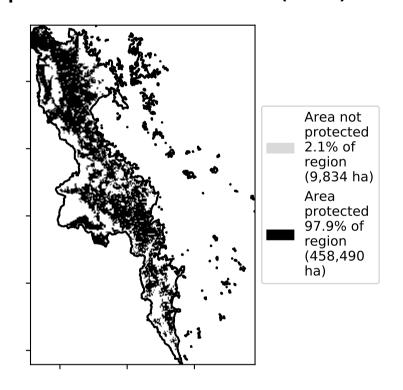
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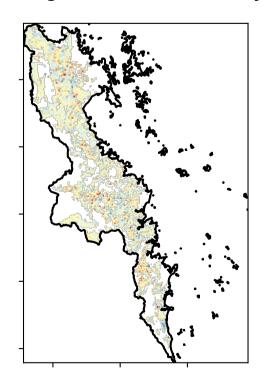
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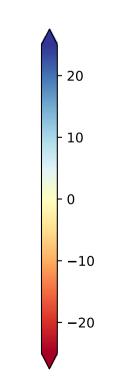


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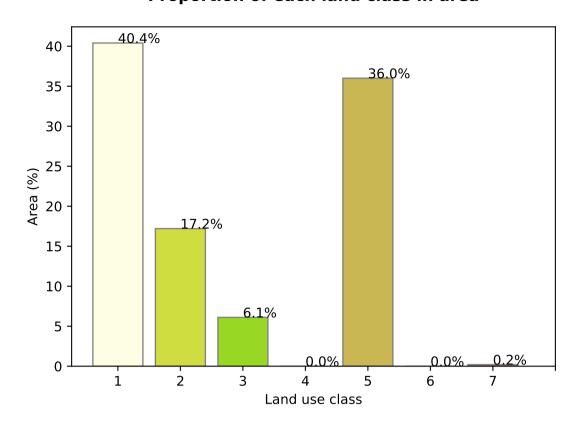
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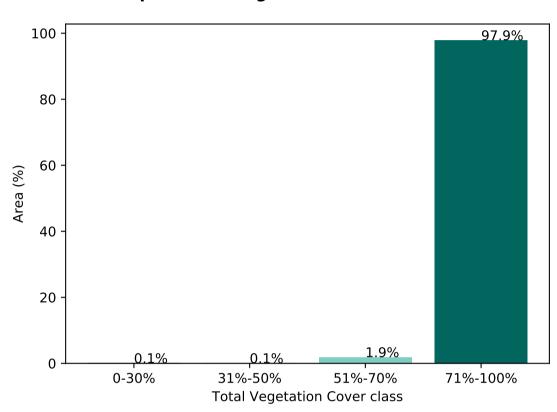


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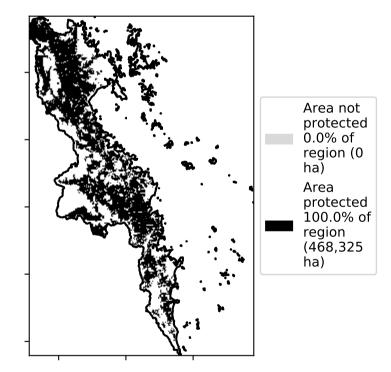
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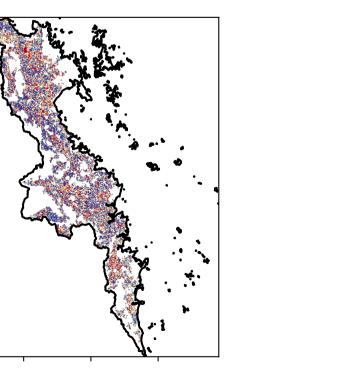
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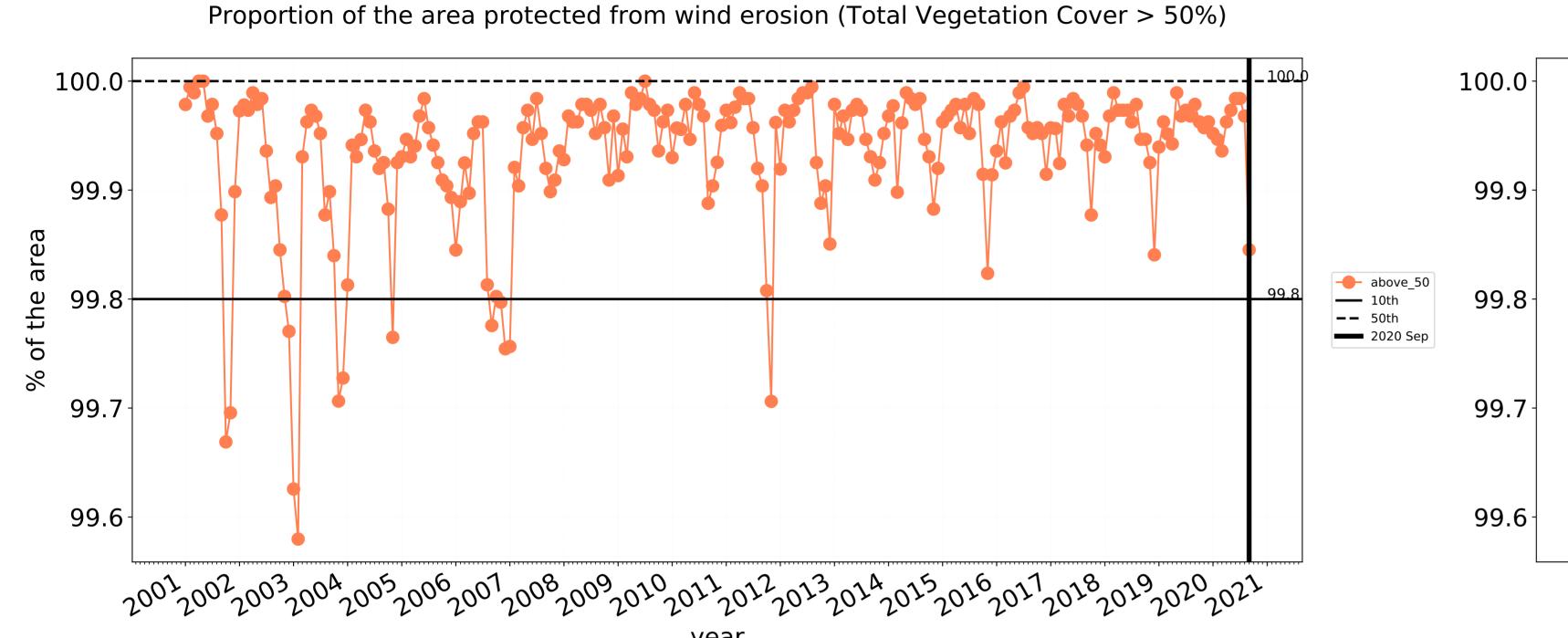
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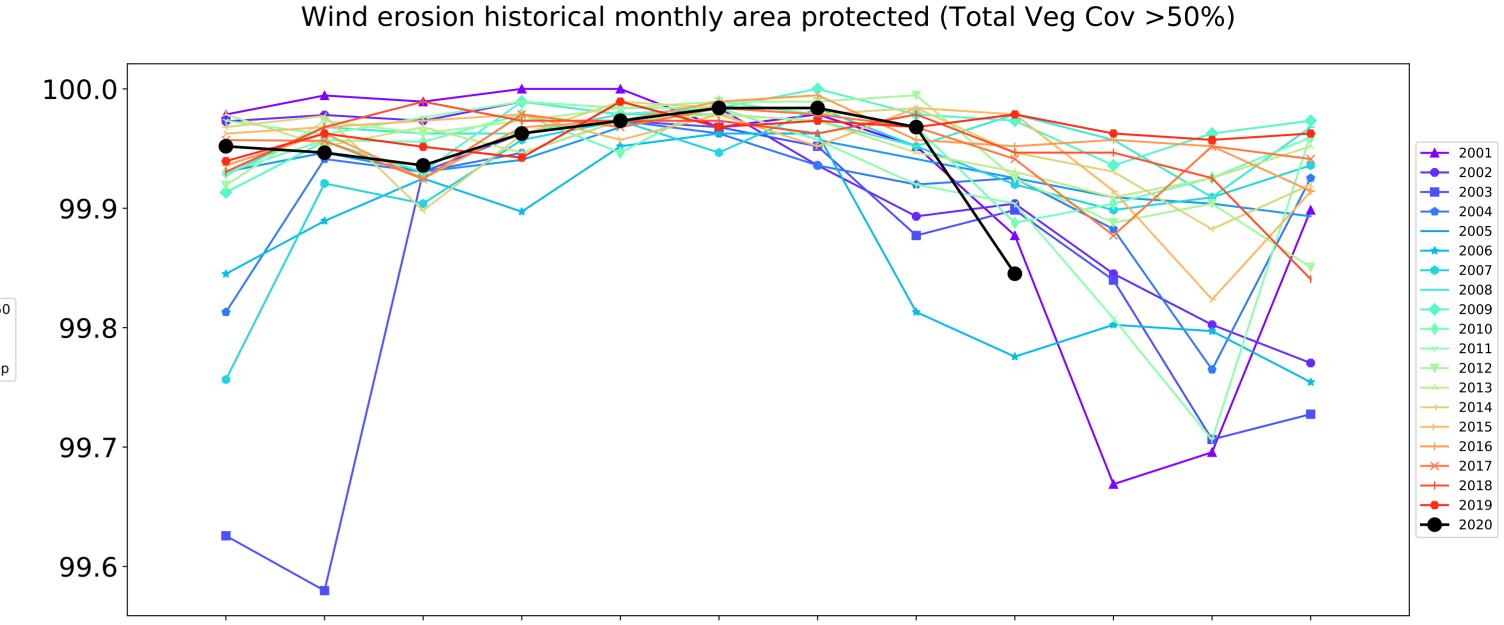




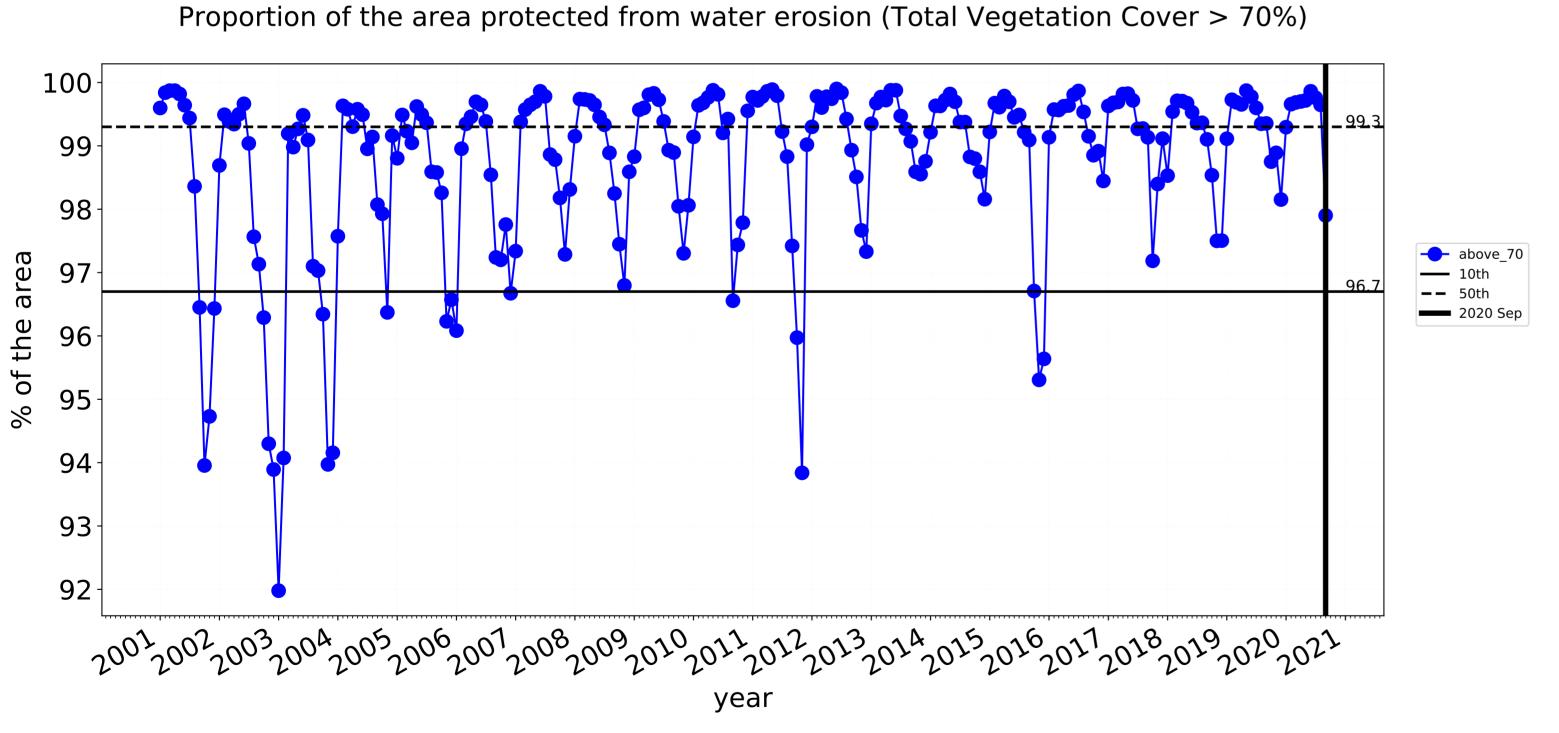


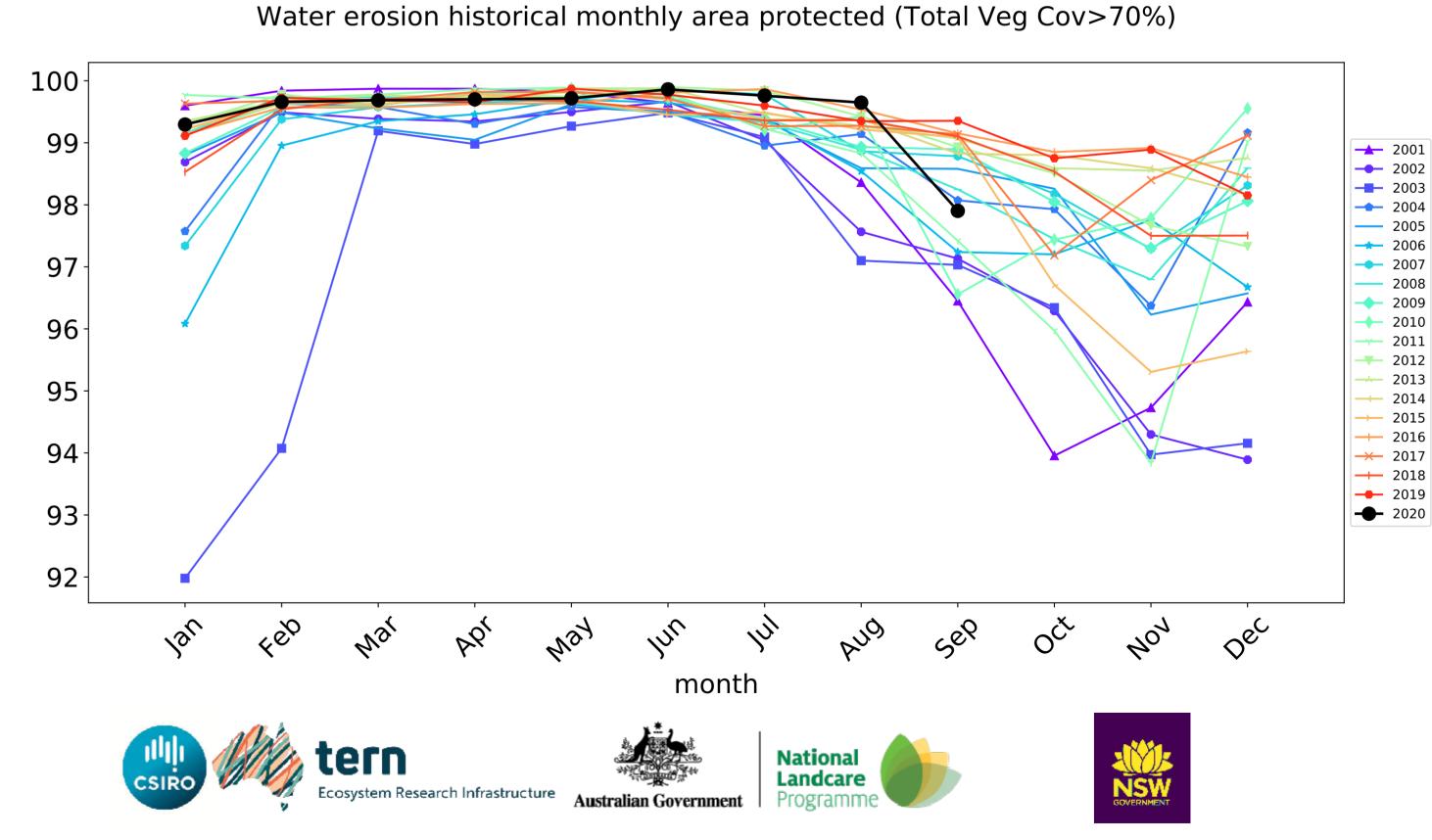
Agriculture timeseries

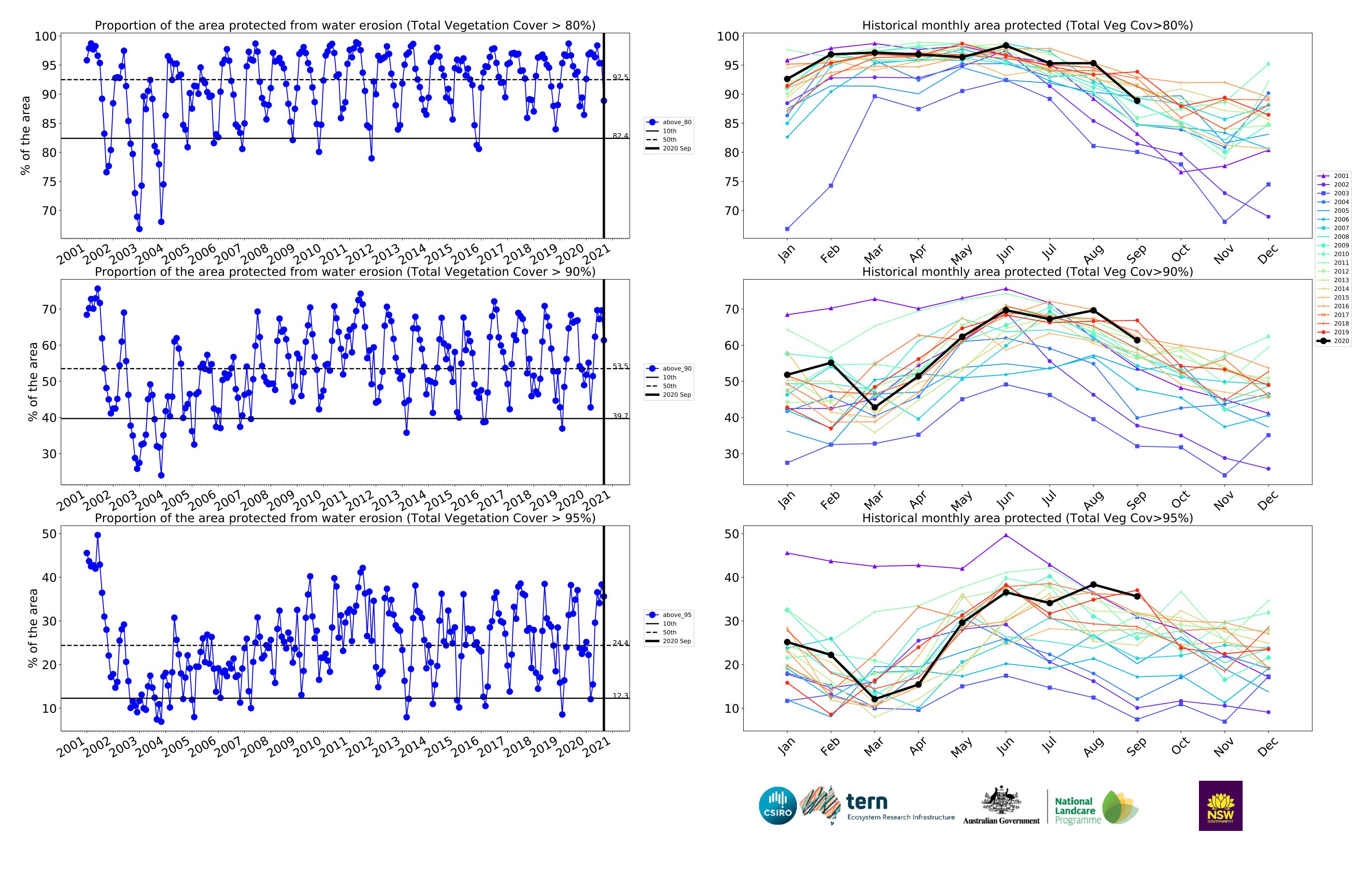




month







Grazing

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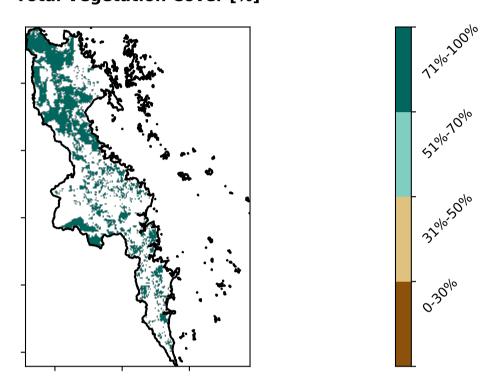
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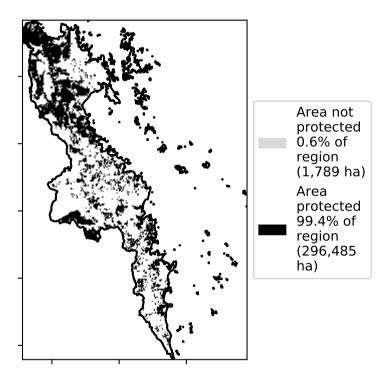
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

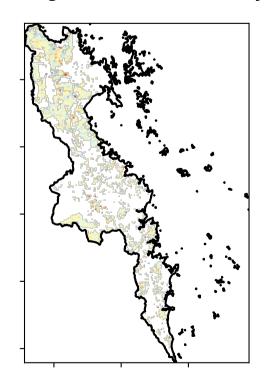
Land use and forest cover

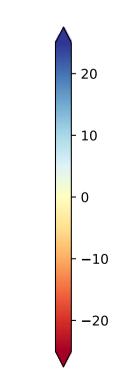


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



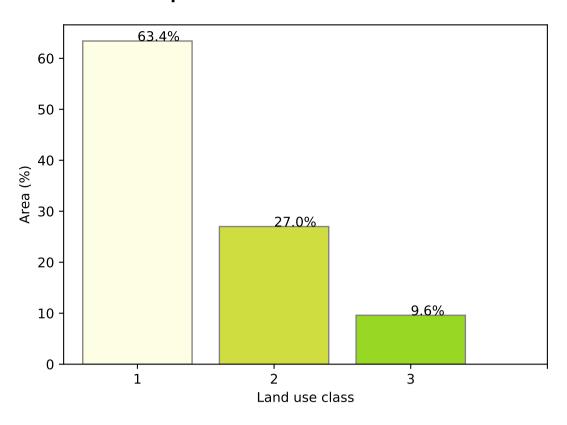
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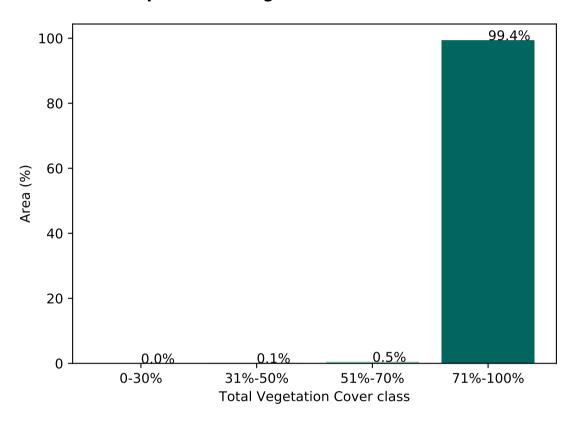


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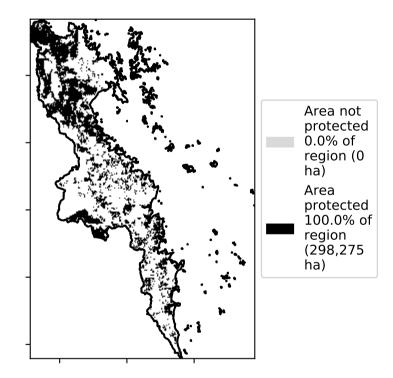
Proportion of each land class in area



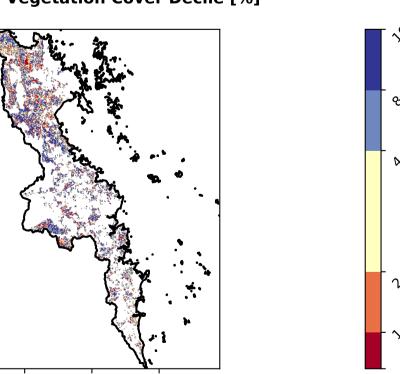
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







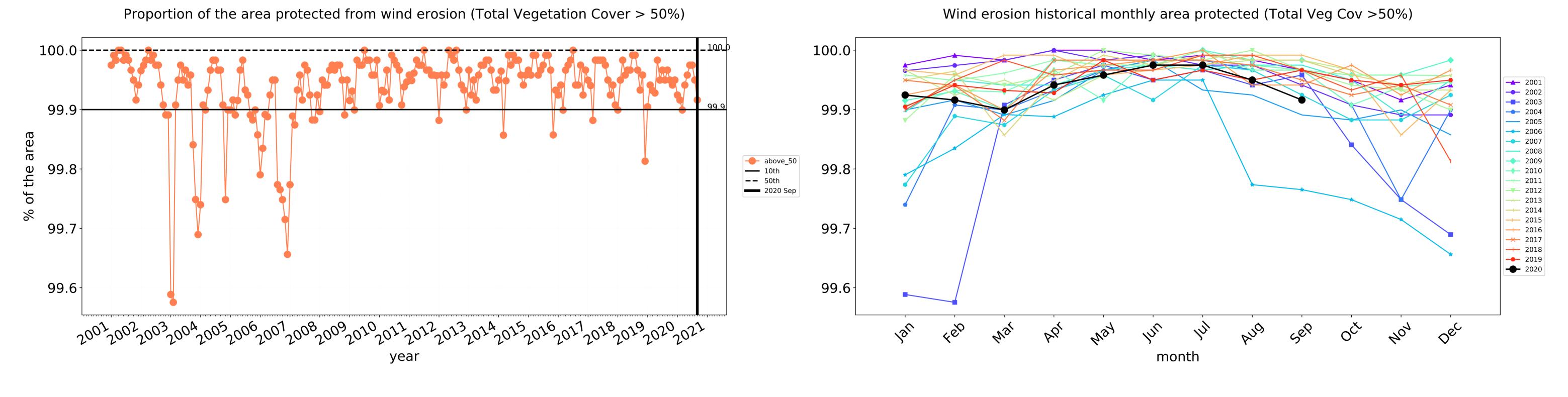


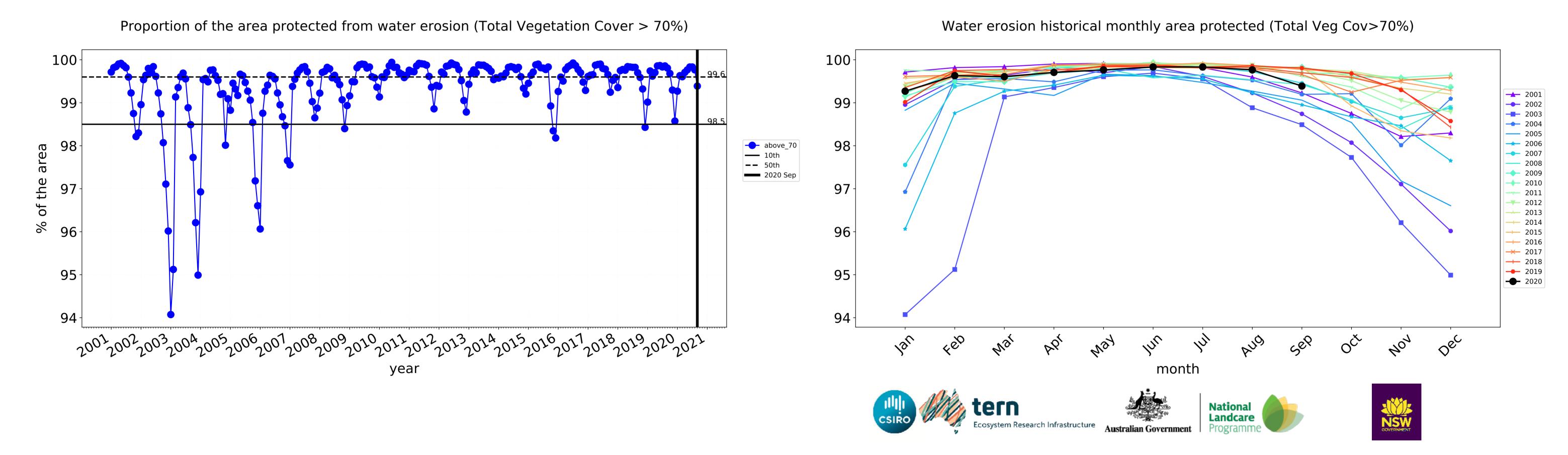


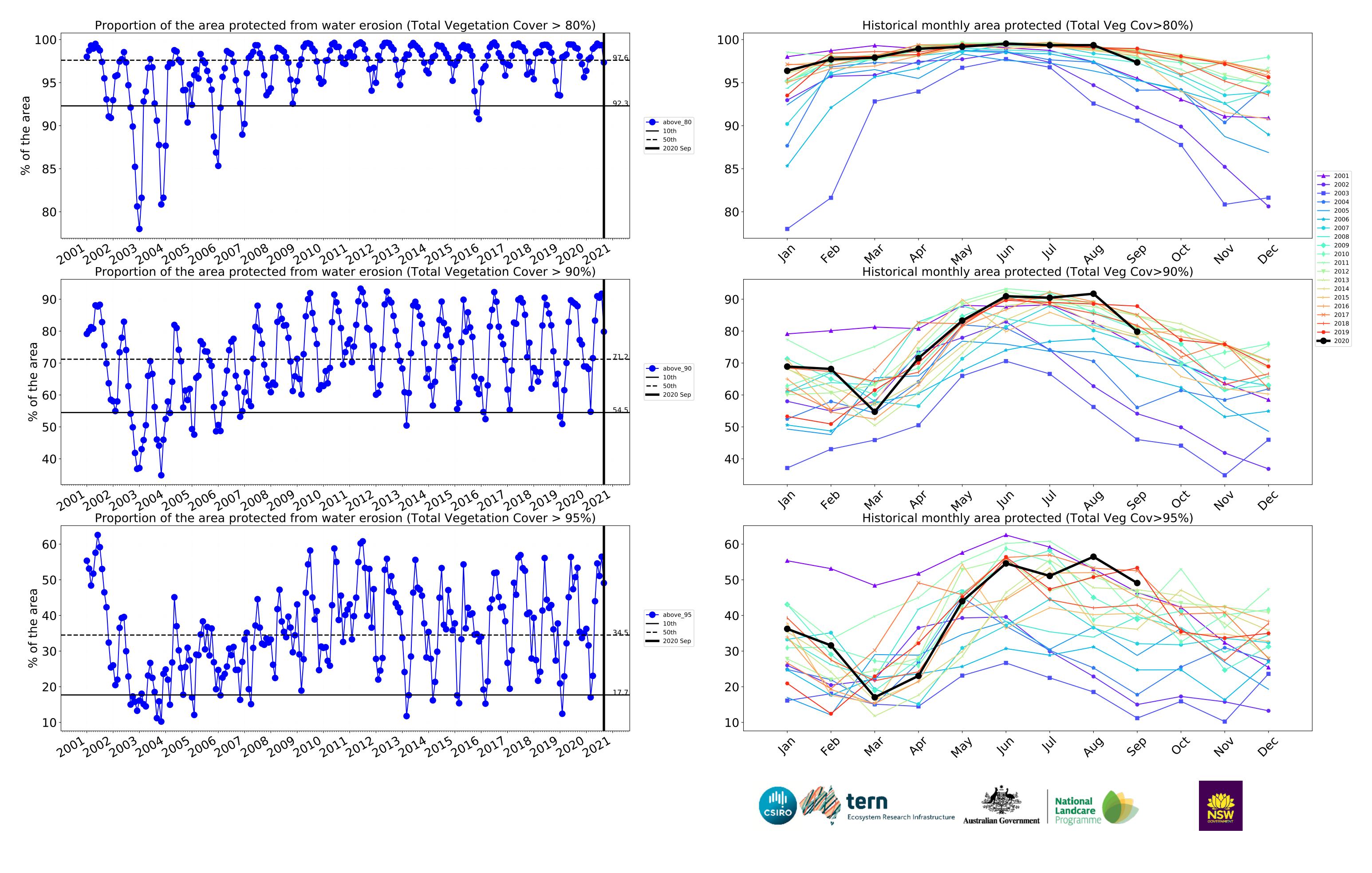




Grazing timeseries







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

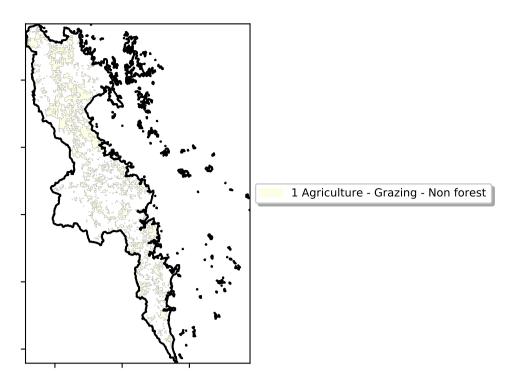
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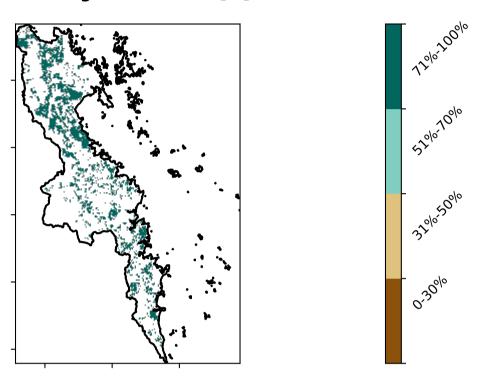
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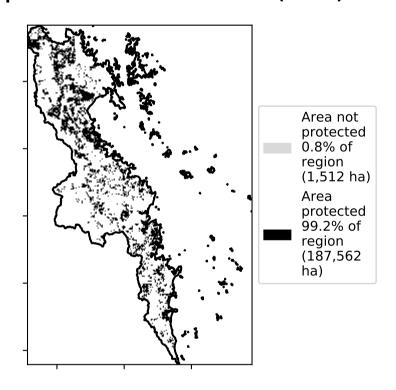
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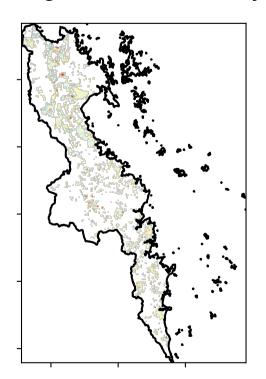
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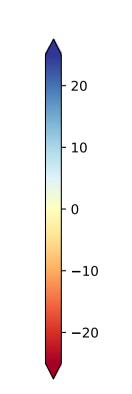


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



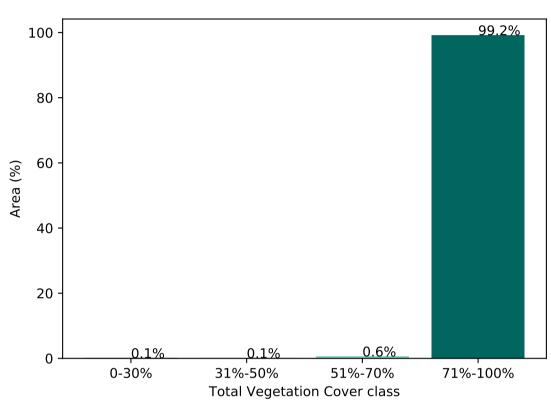
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



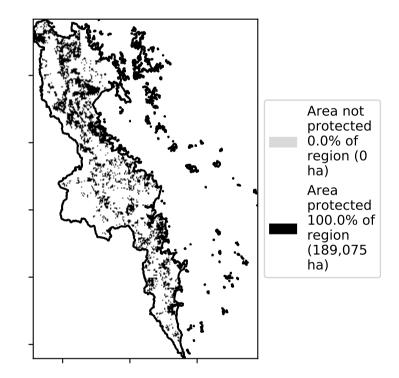


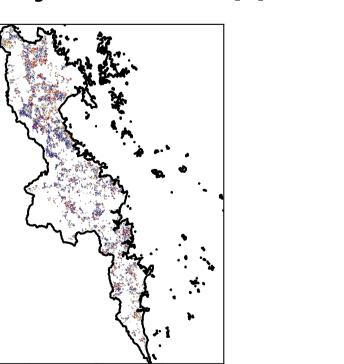
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









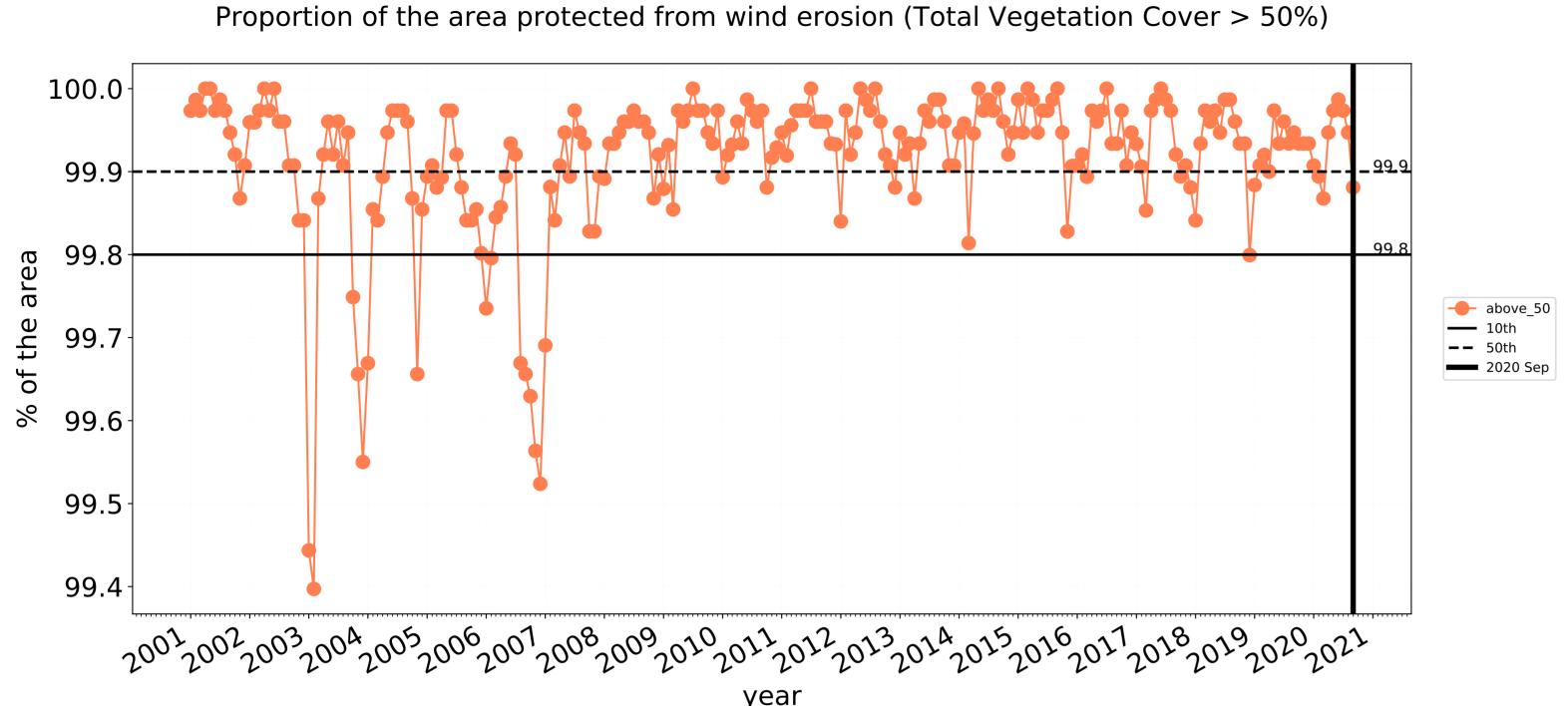


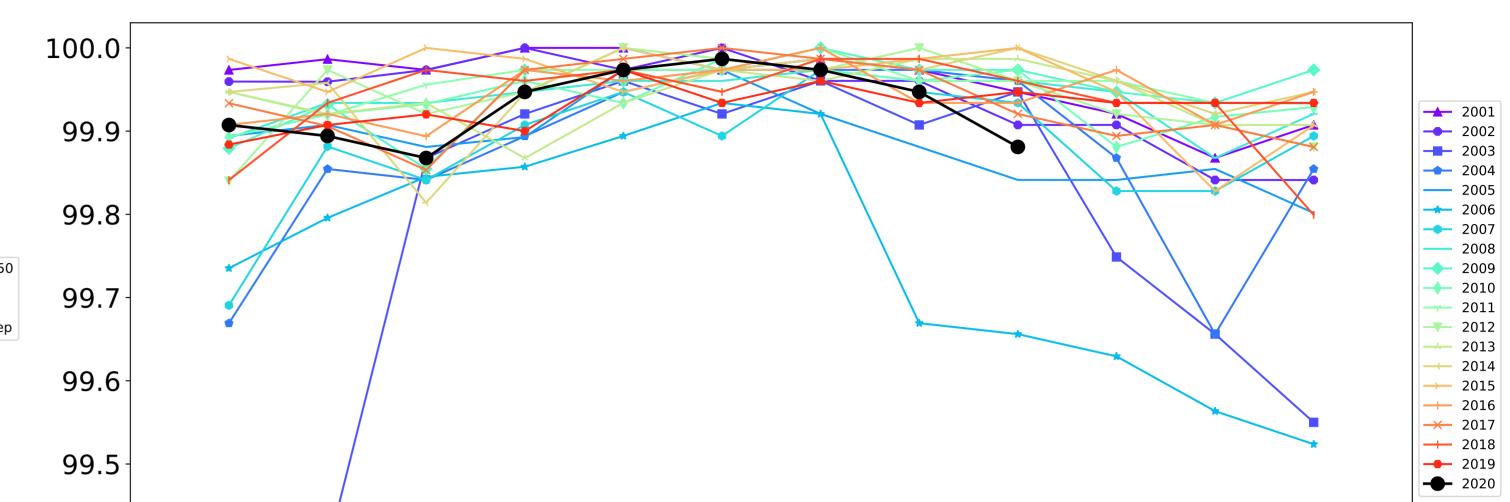




Grazing non forest timeseries

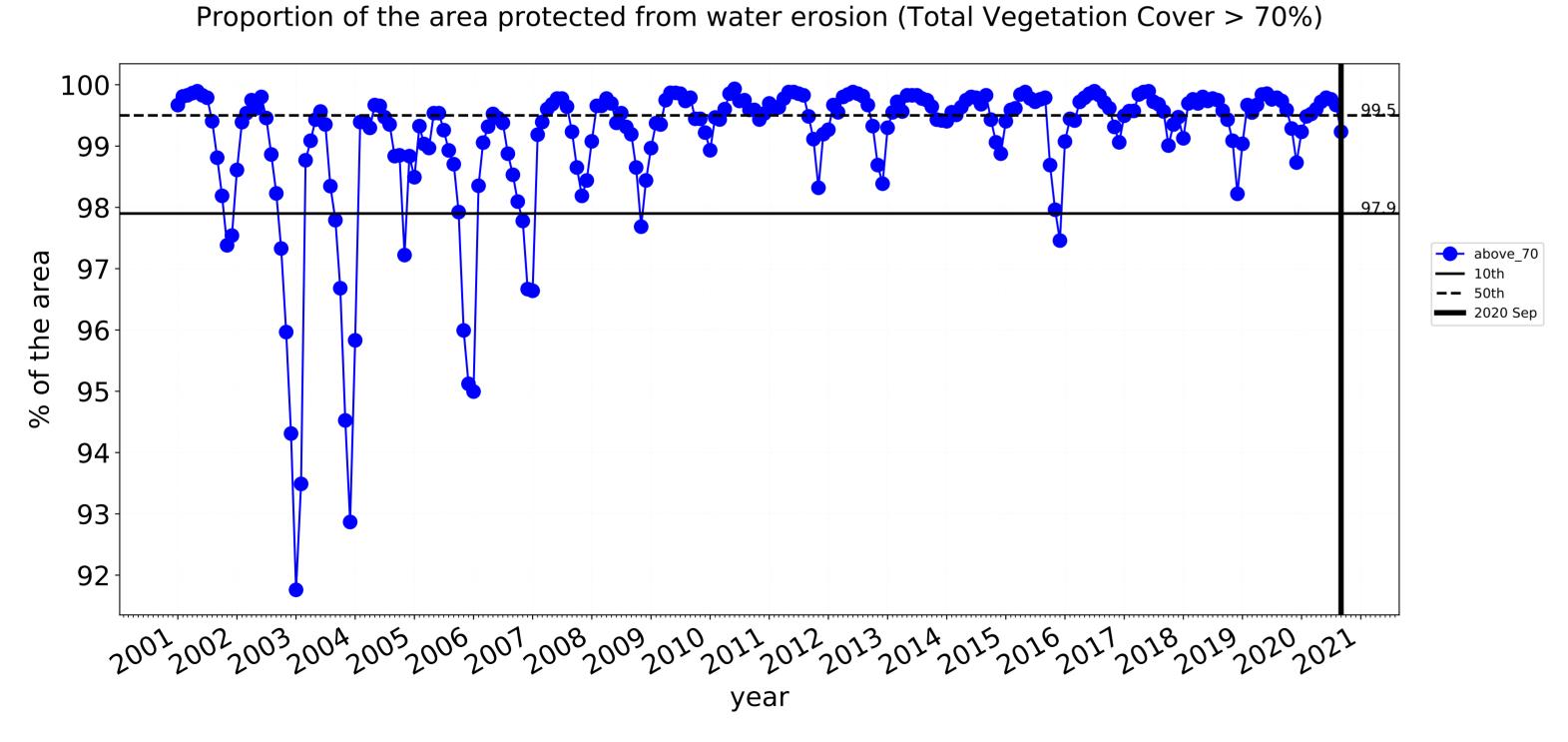
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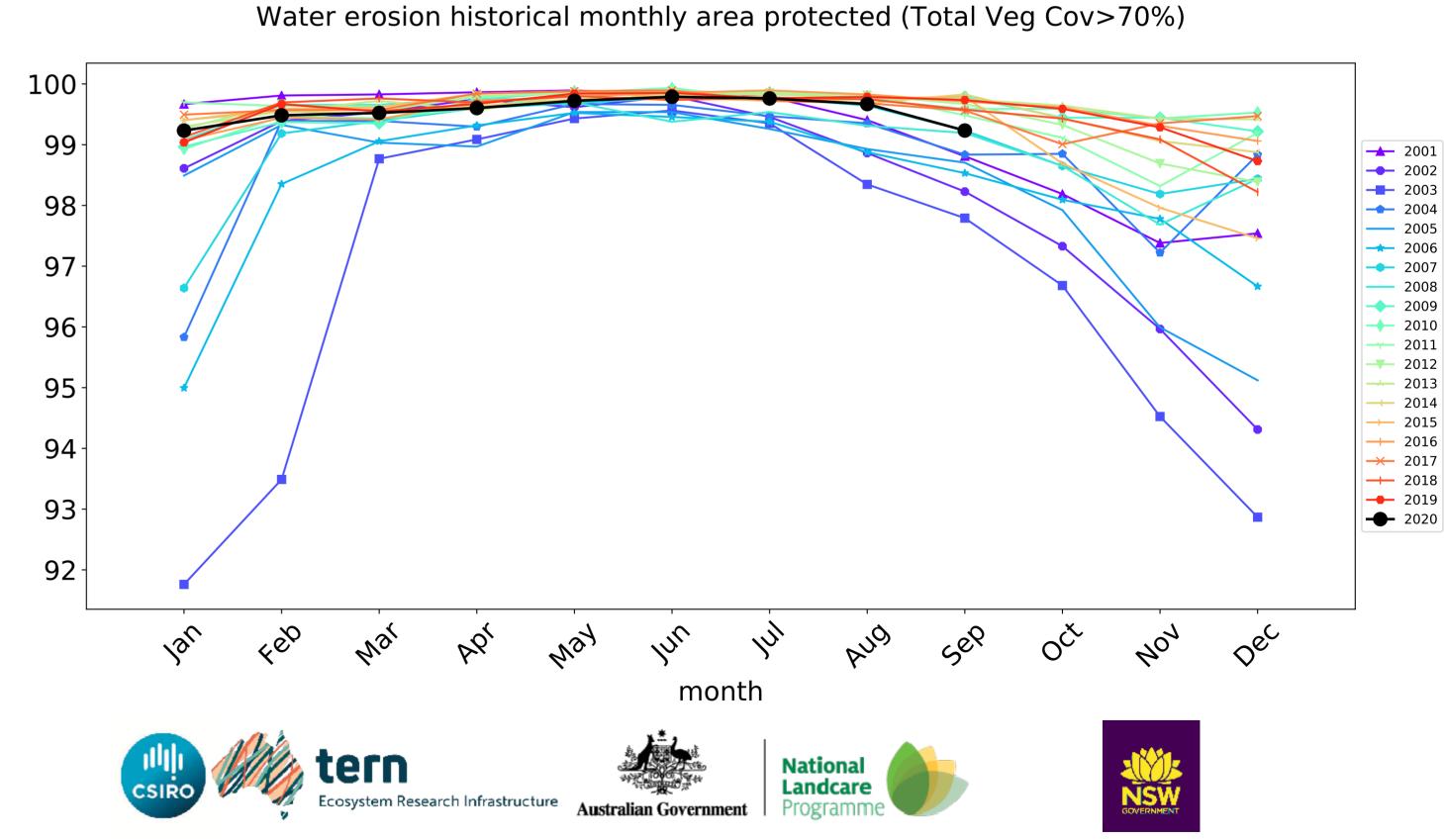


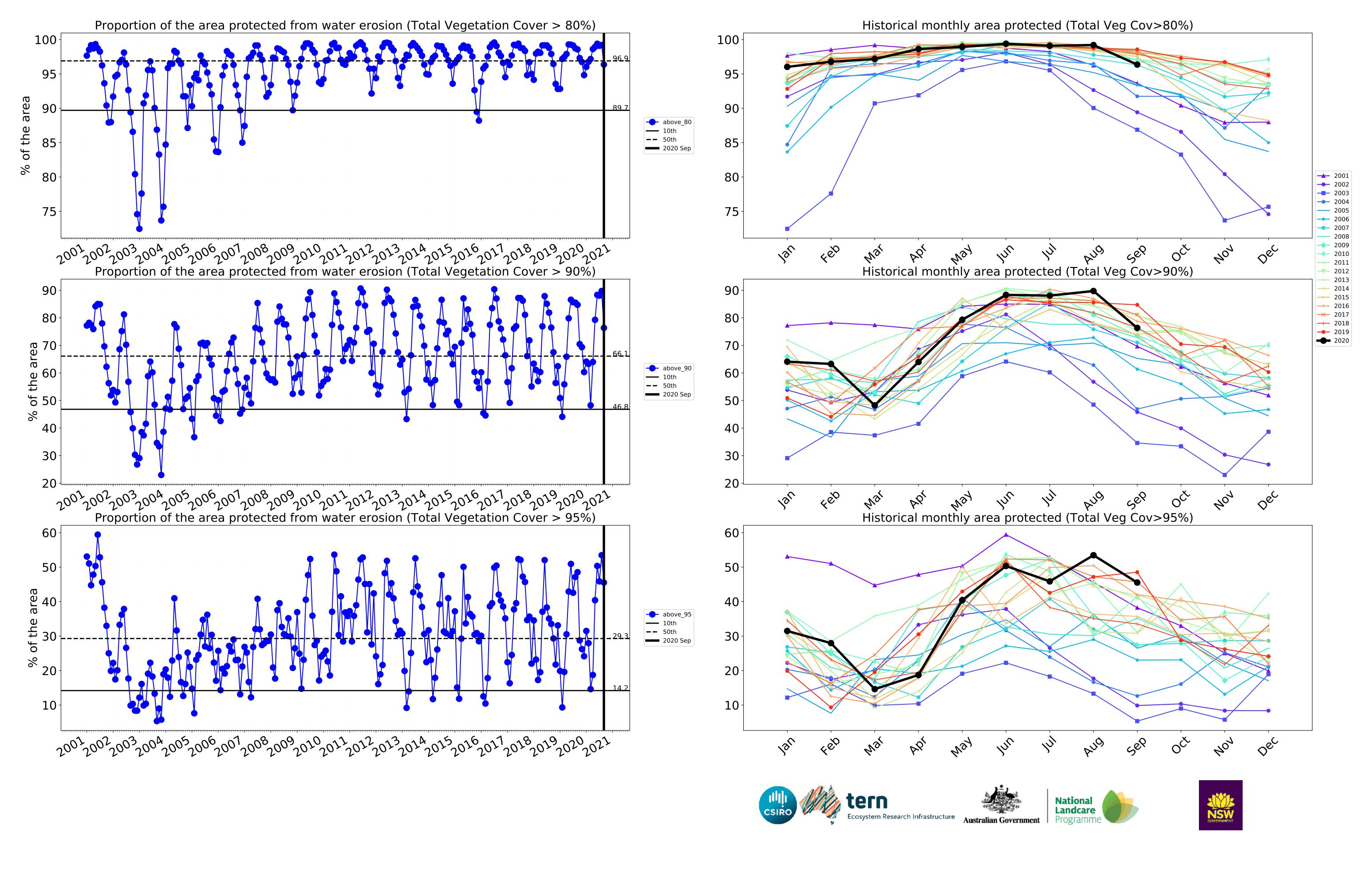


month

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







Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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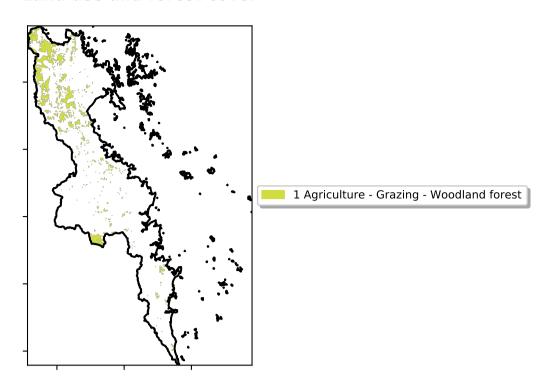
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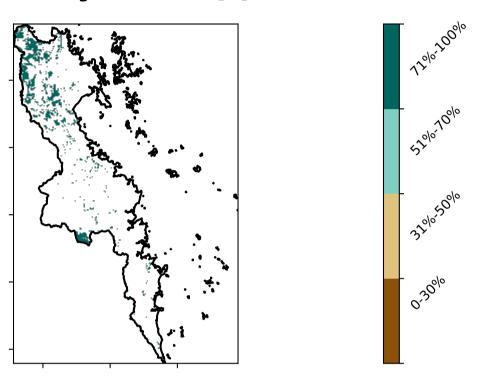
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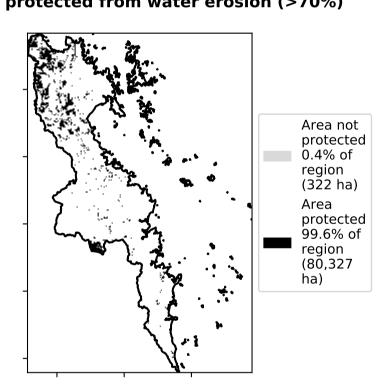
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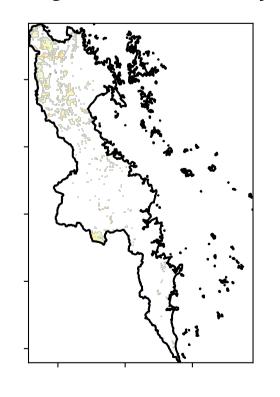
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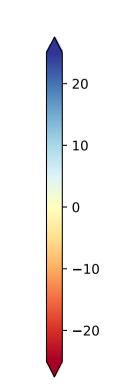


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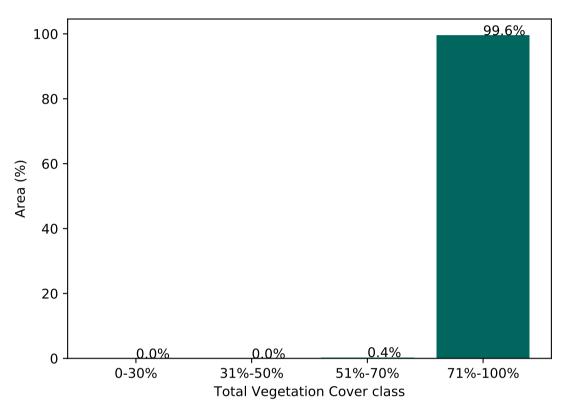
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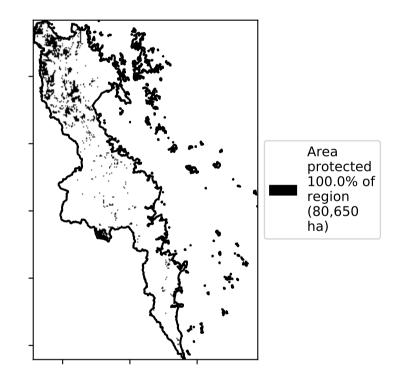


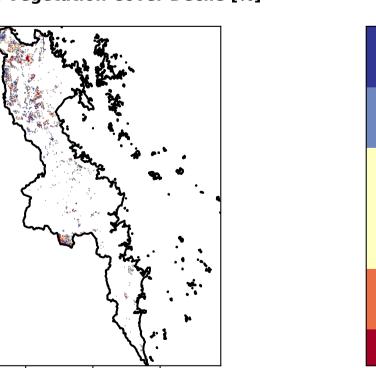
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









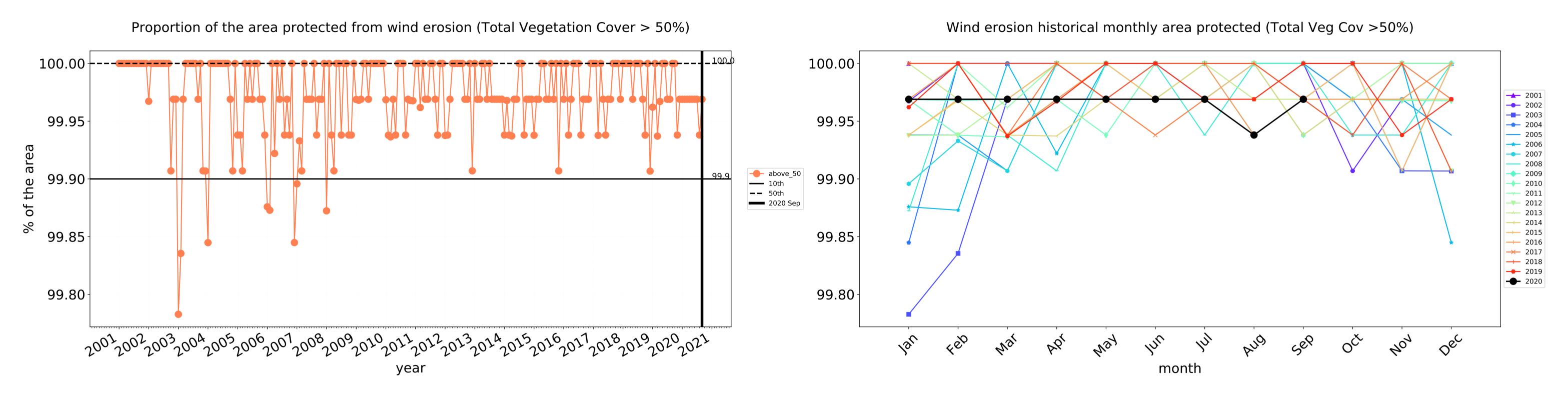


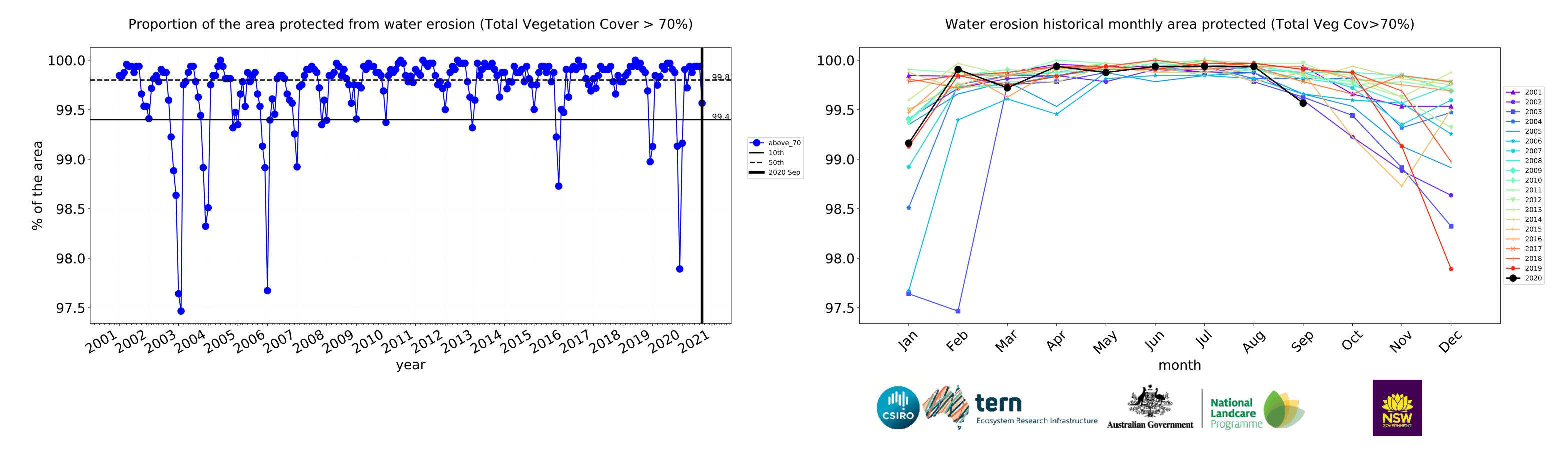


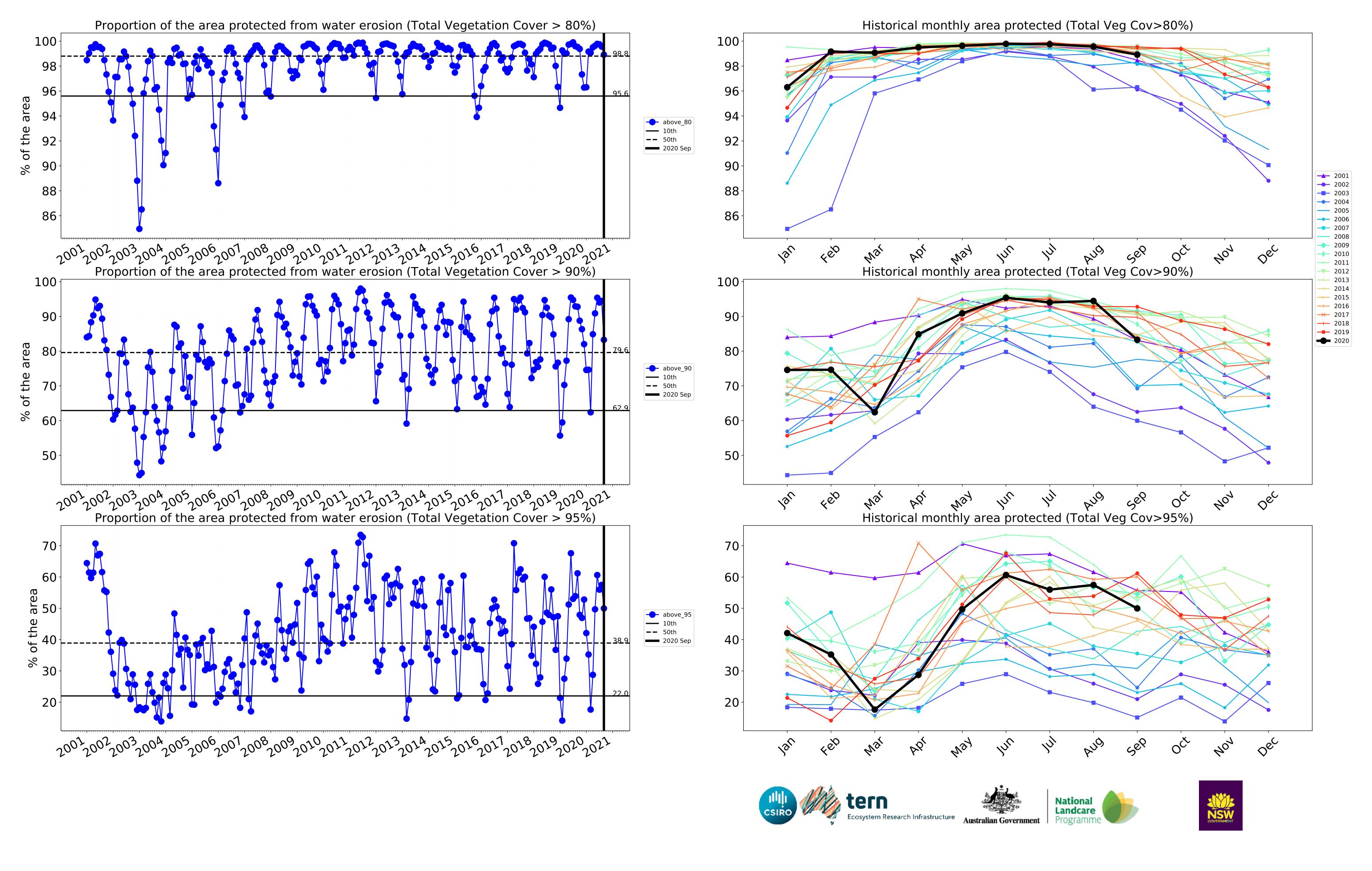




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



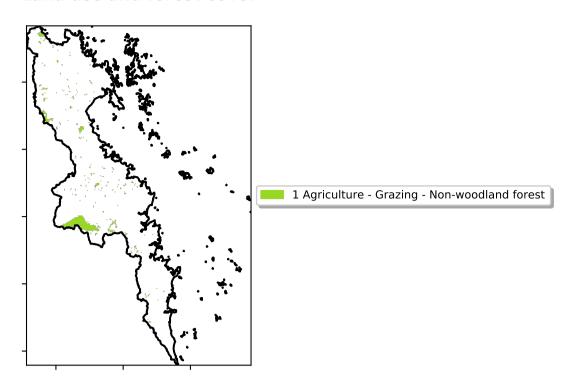




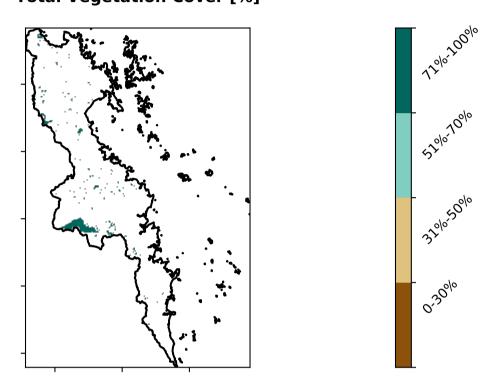
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

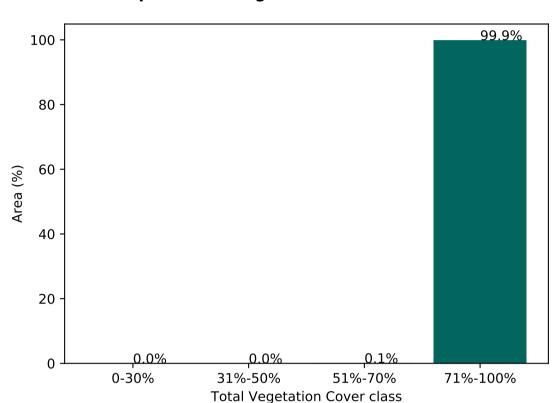
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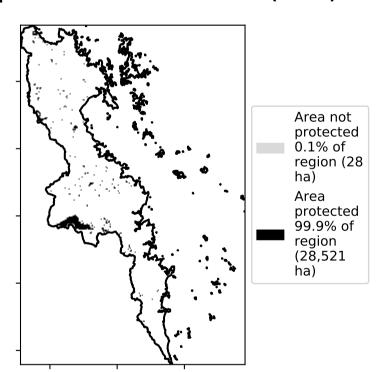
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



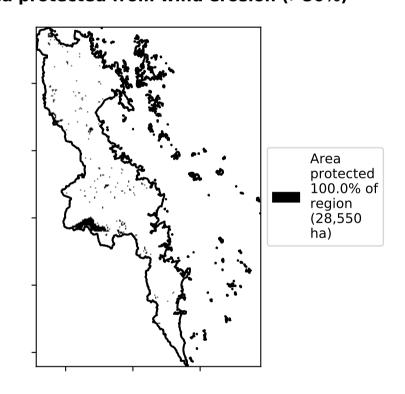
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



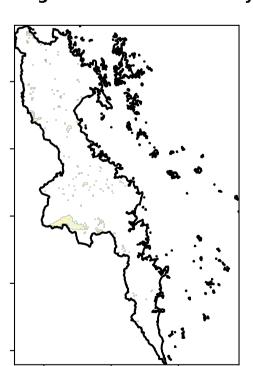
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

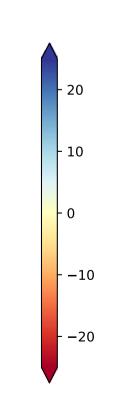


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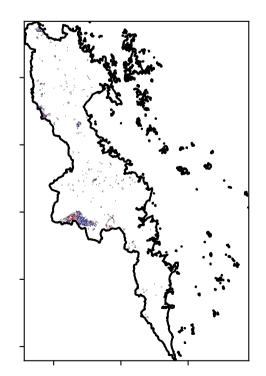
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

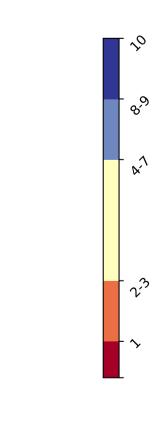




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





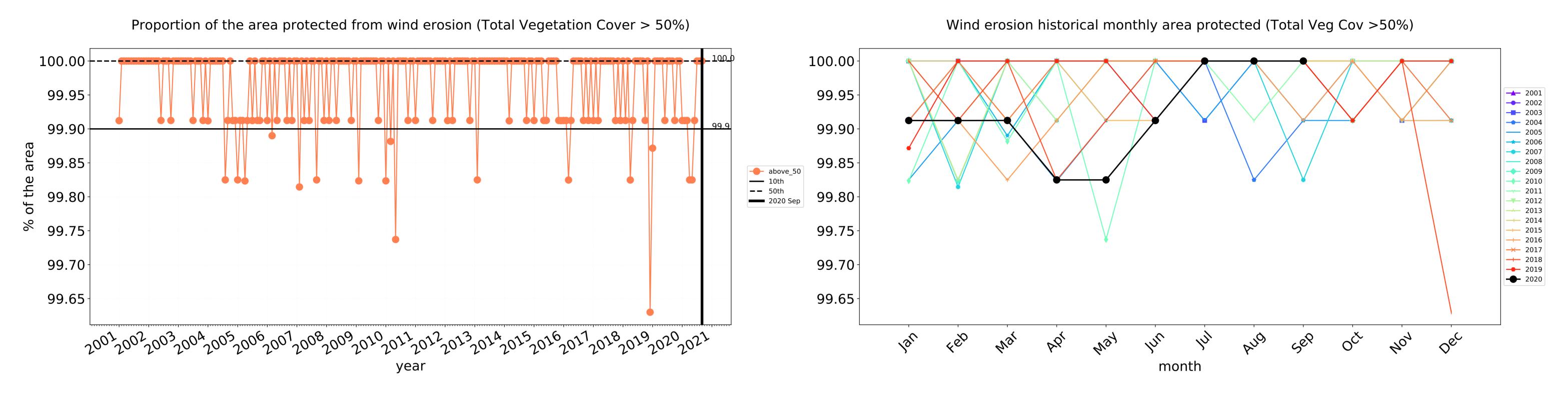
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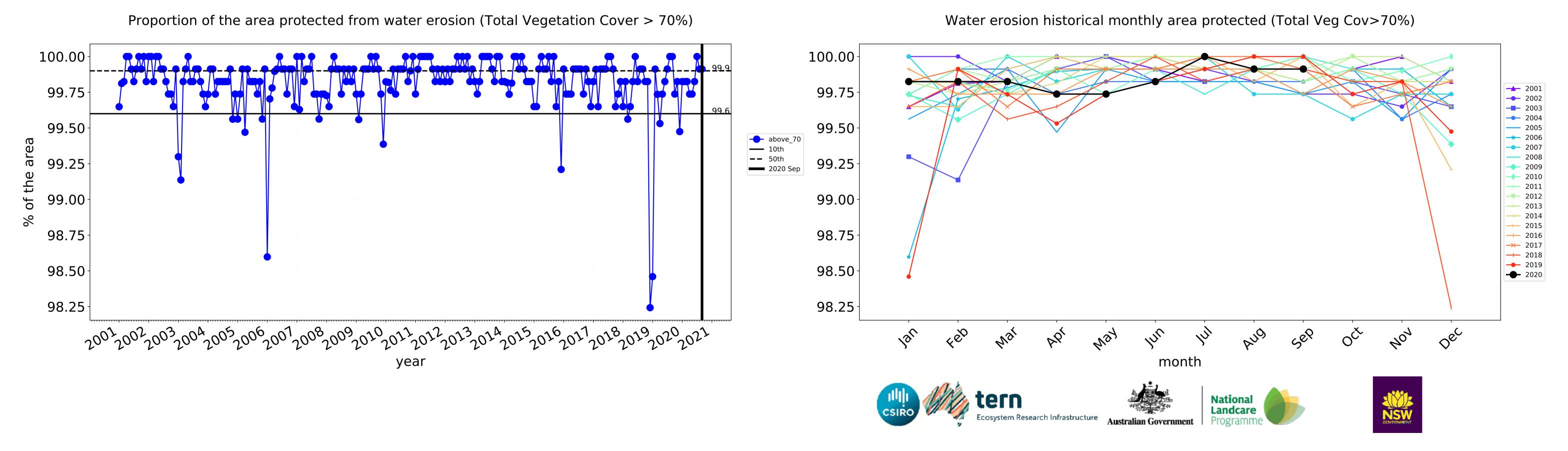


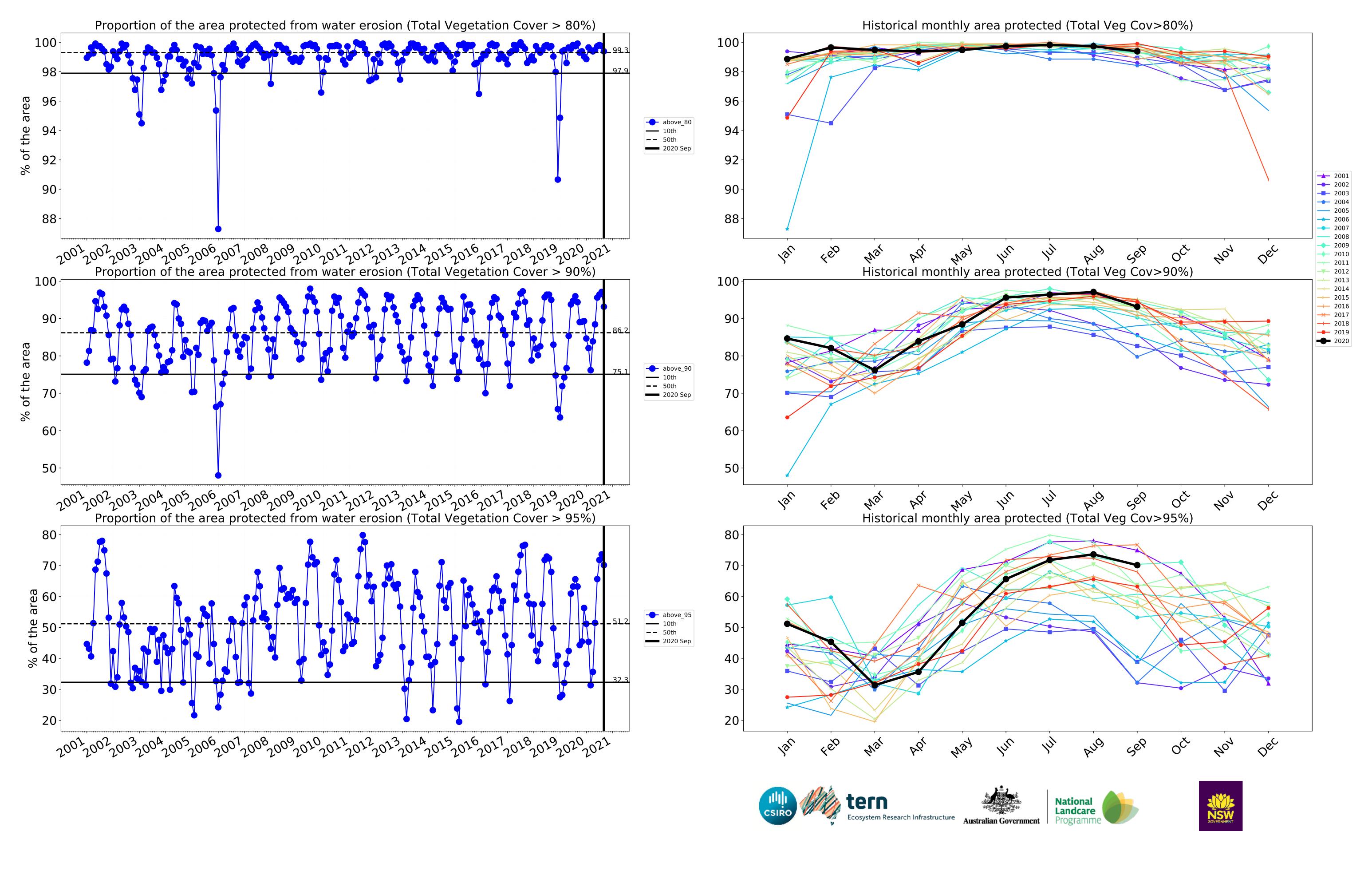






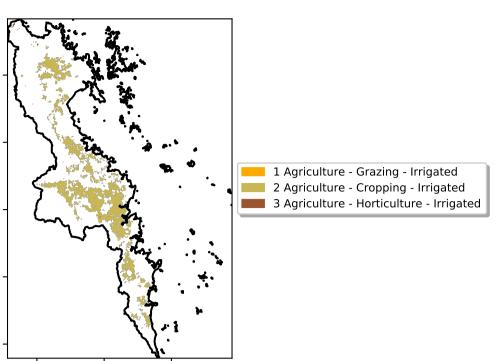




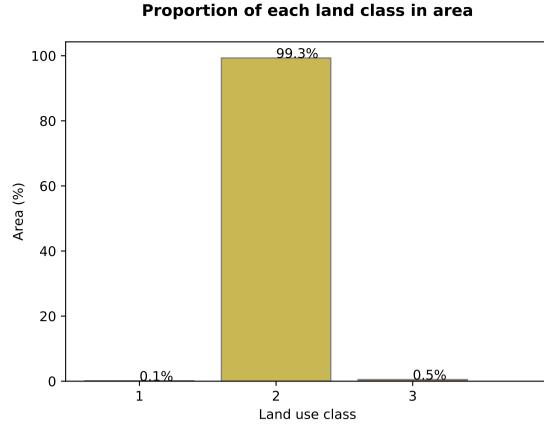


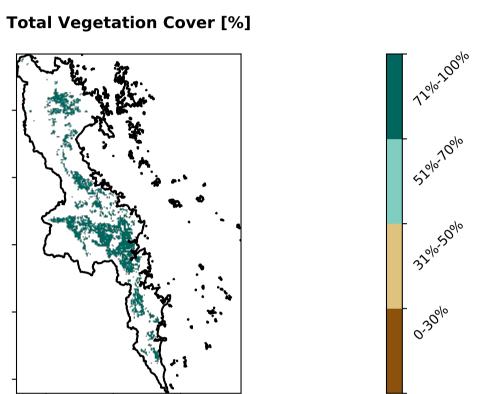
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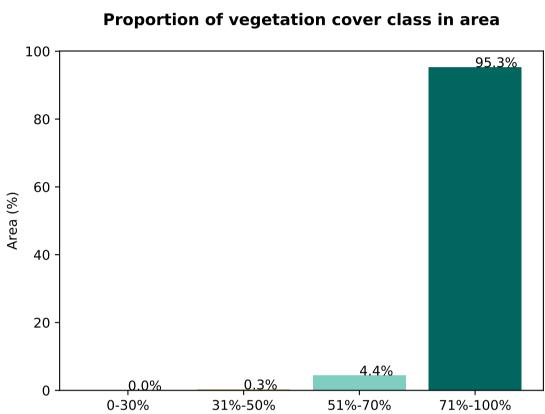
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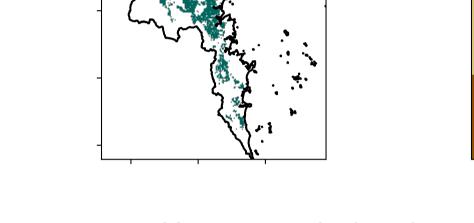


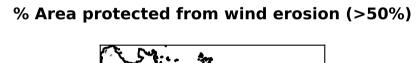
Land use and forest cover



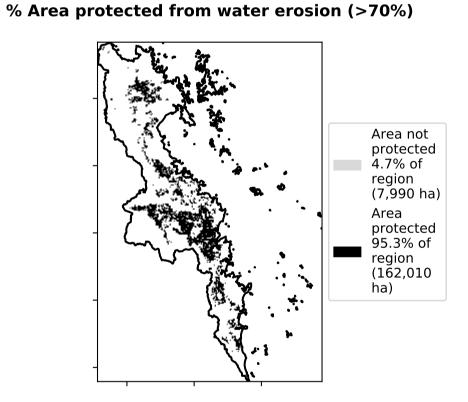


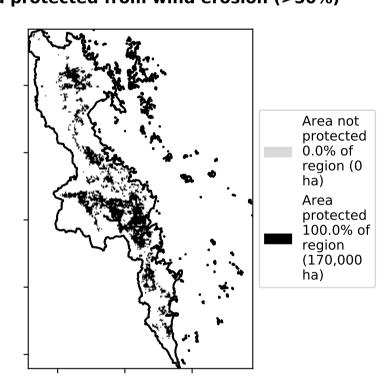






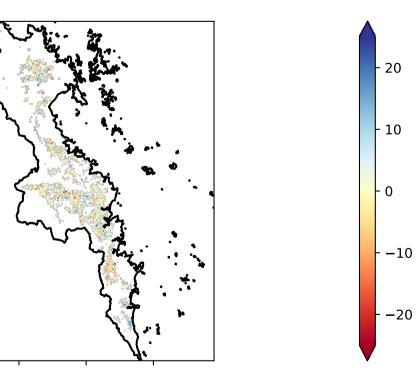
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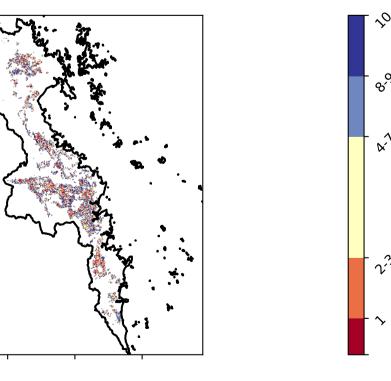


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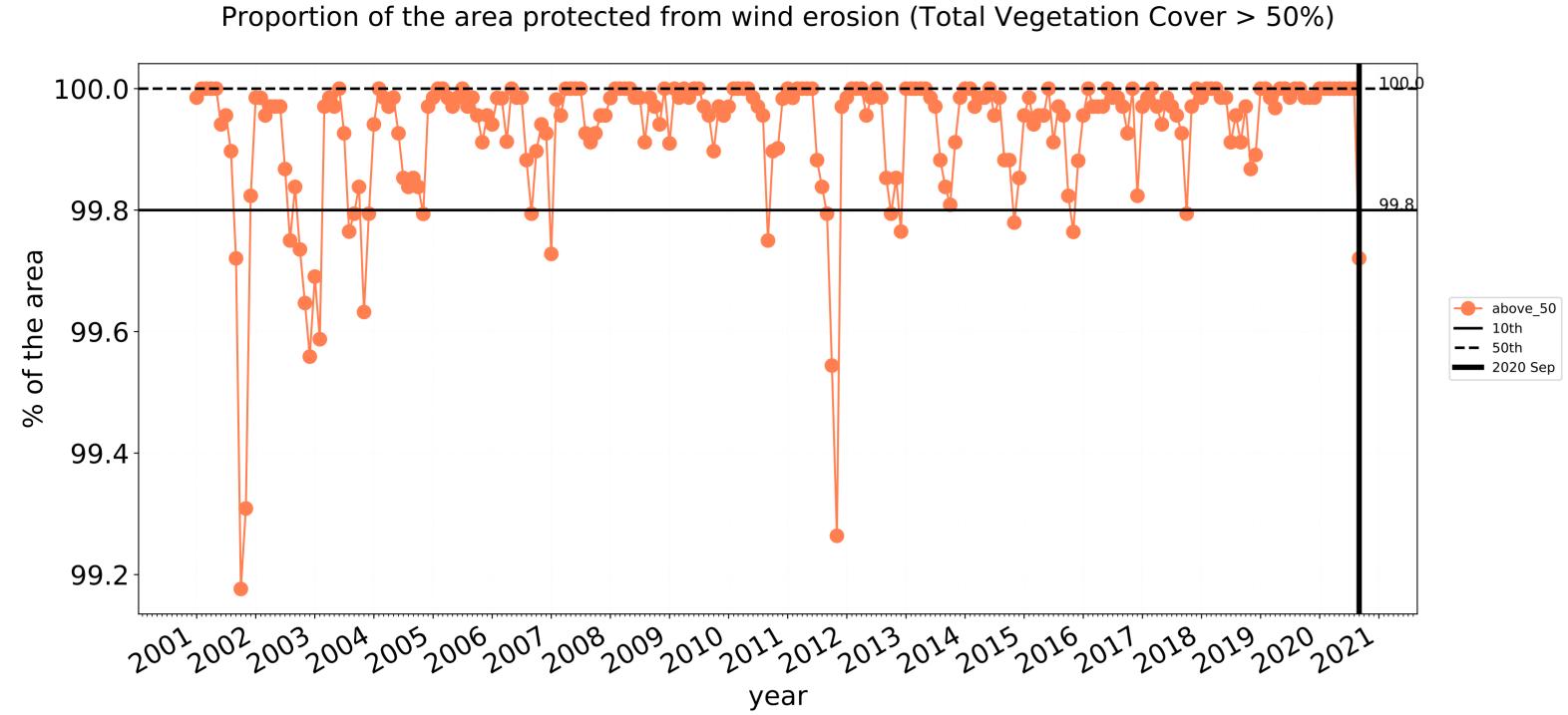


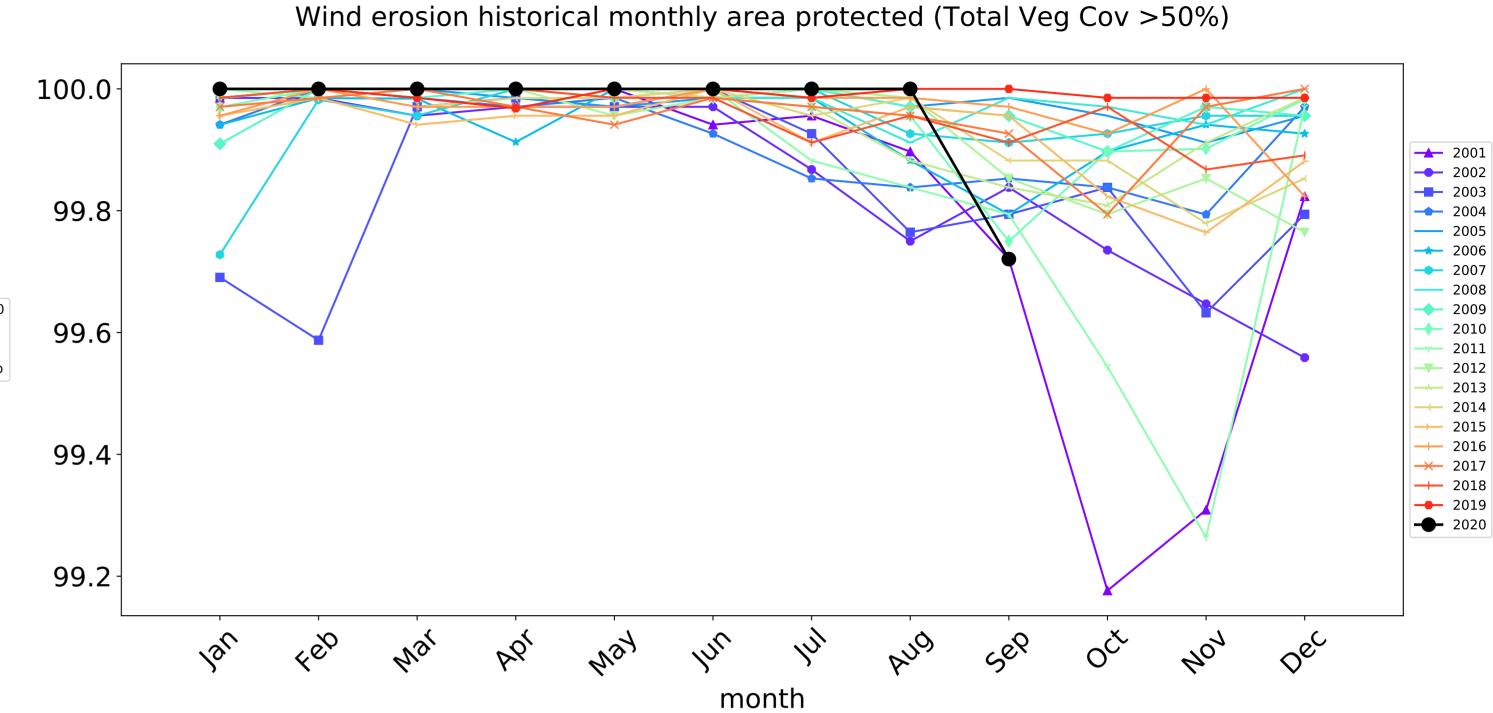


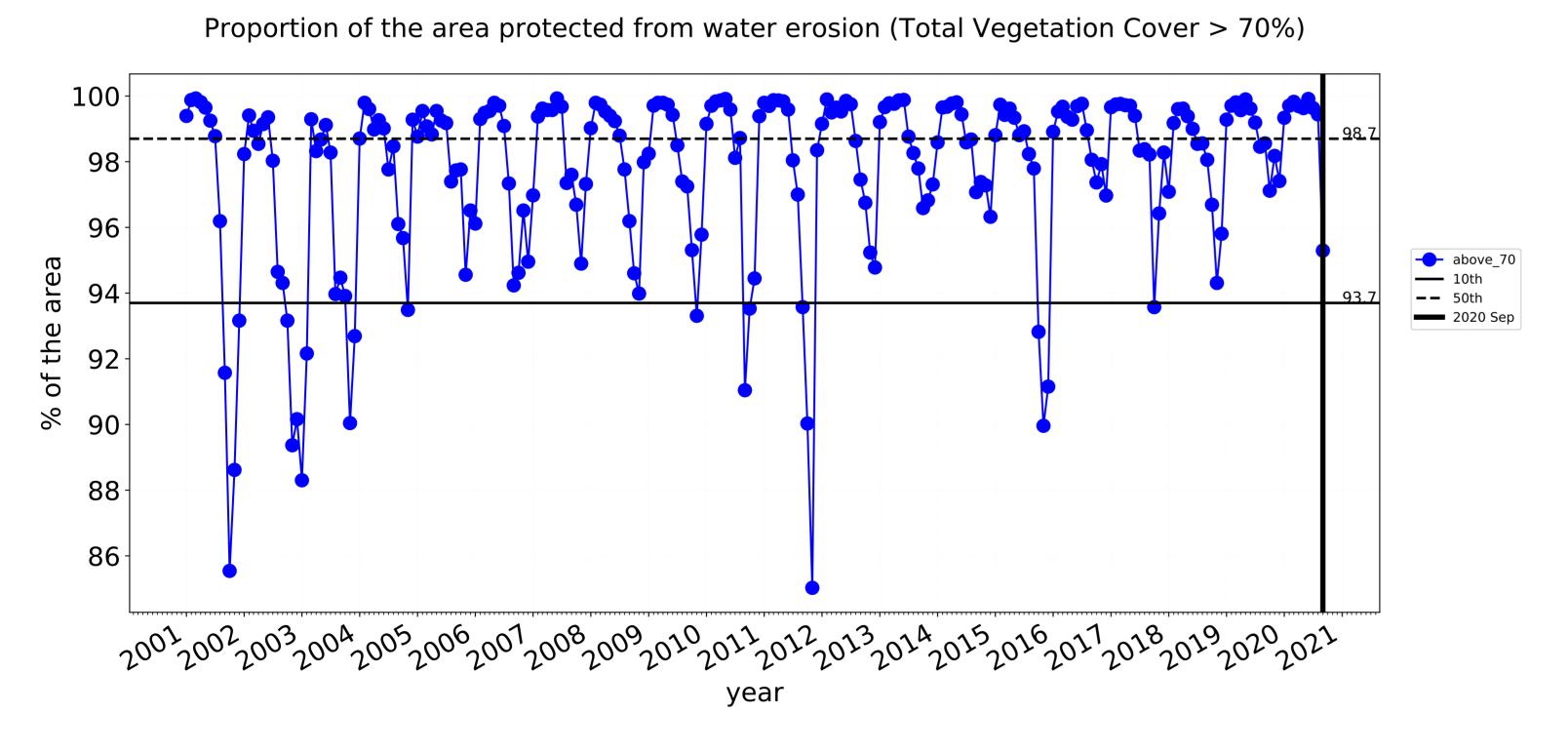


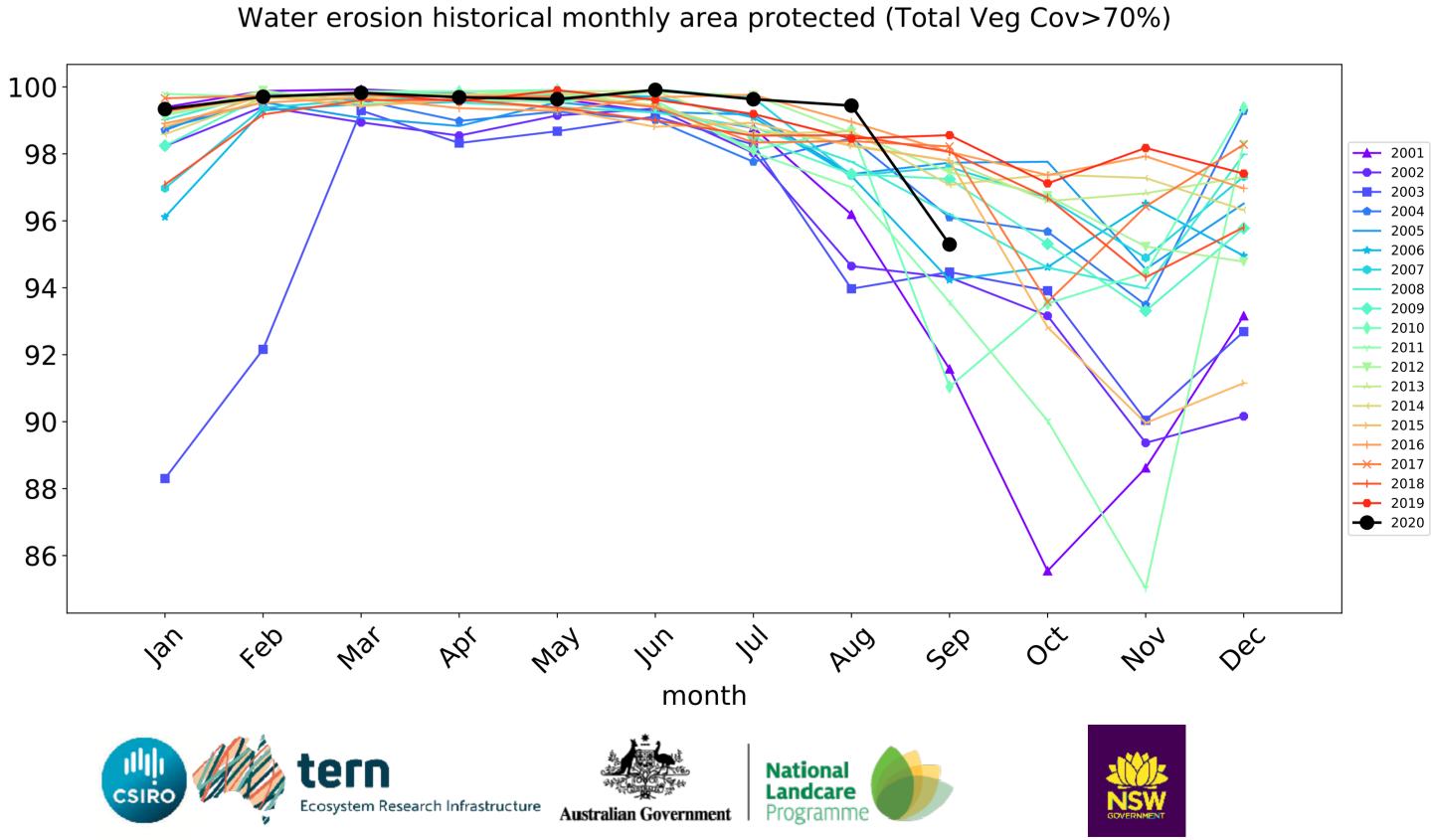


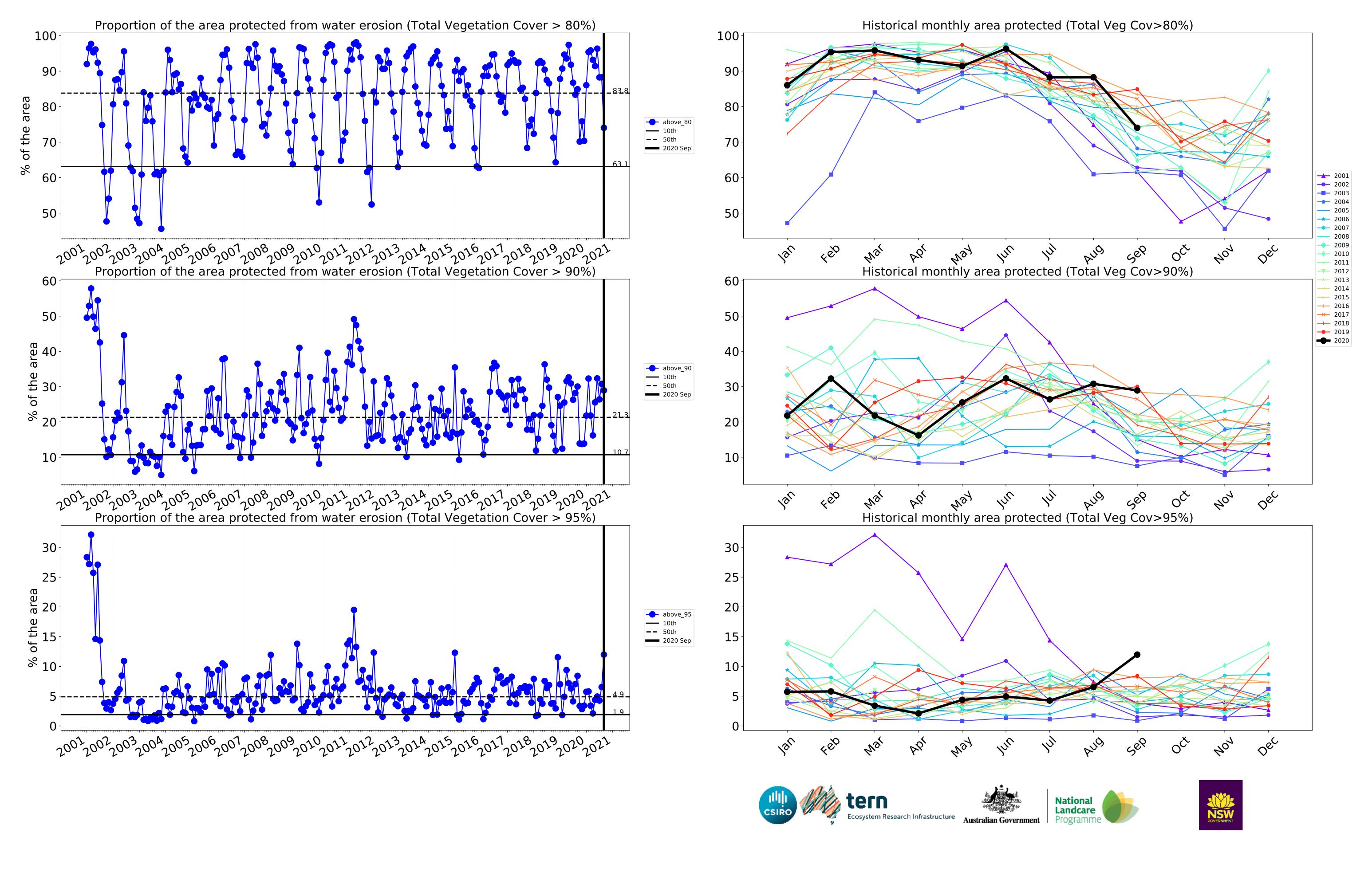
Irrigation timeseries











Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

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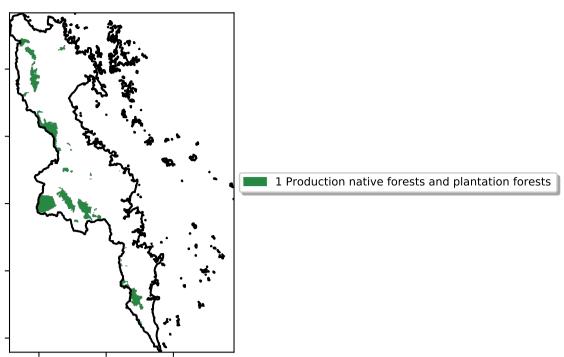
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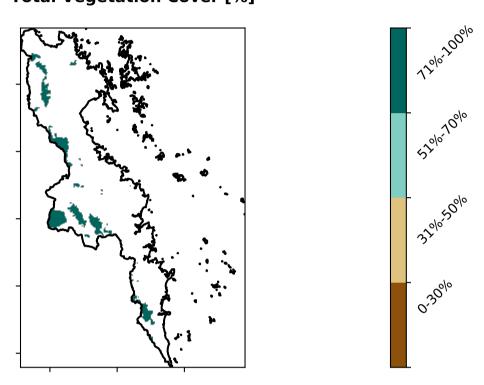
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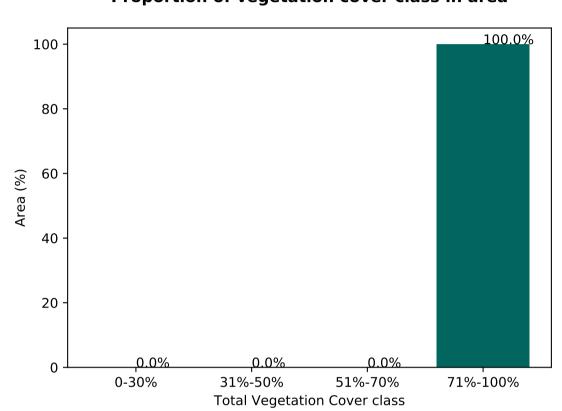
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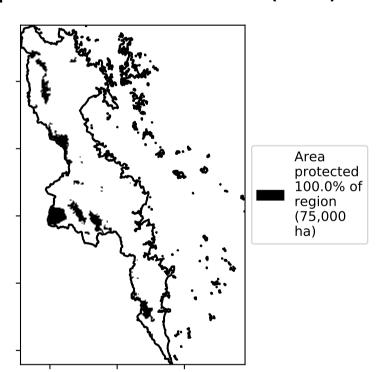
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



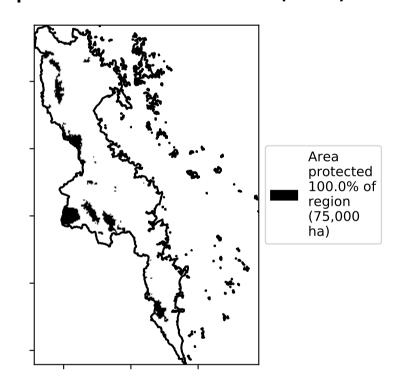
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



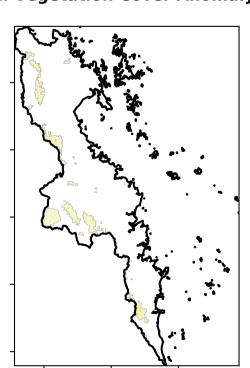
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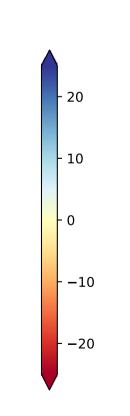


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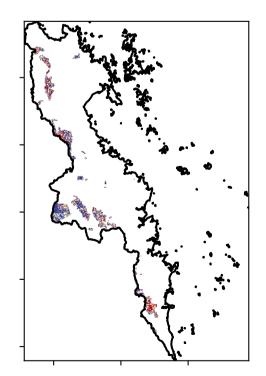
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

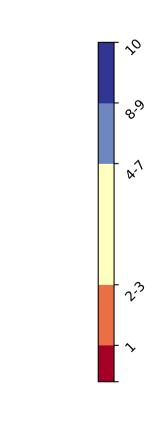




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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]









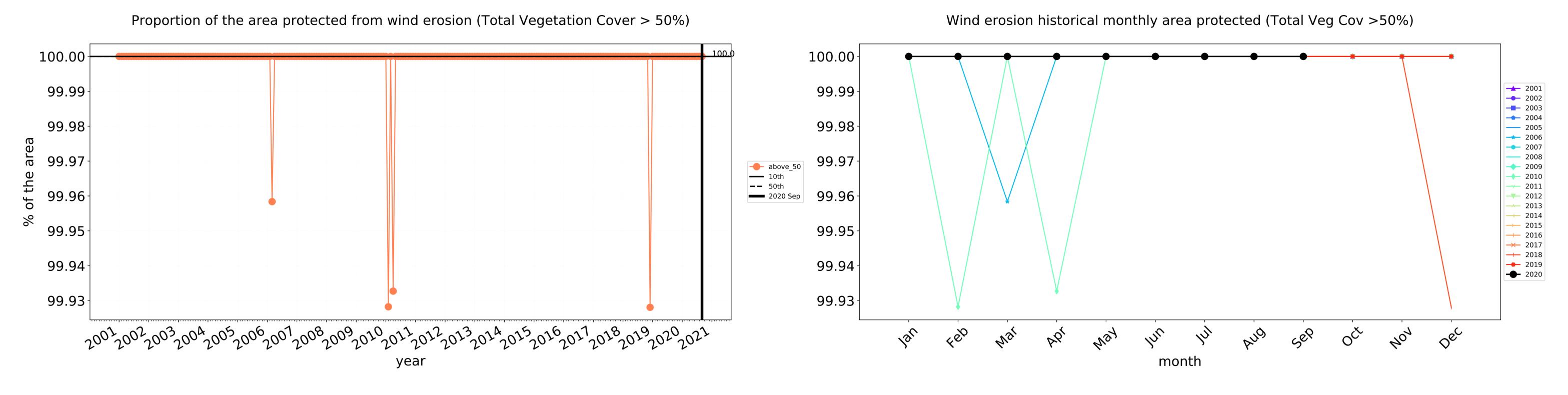


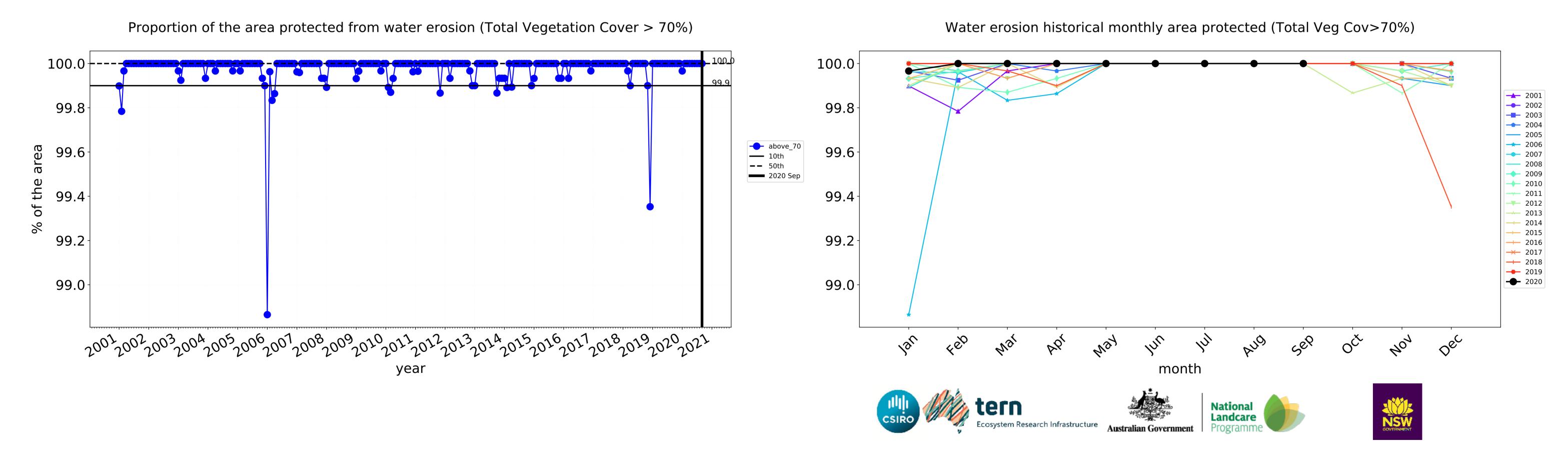


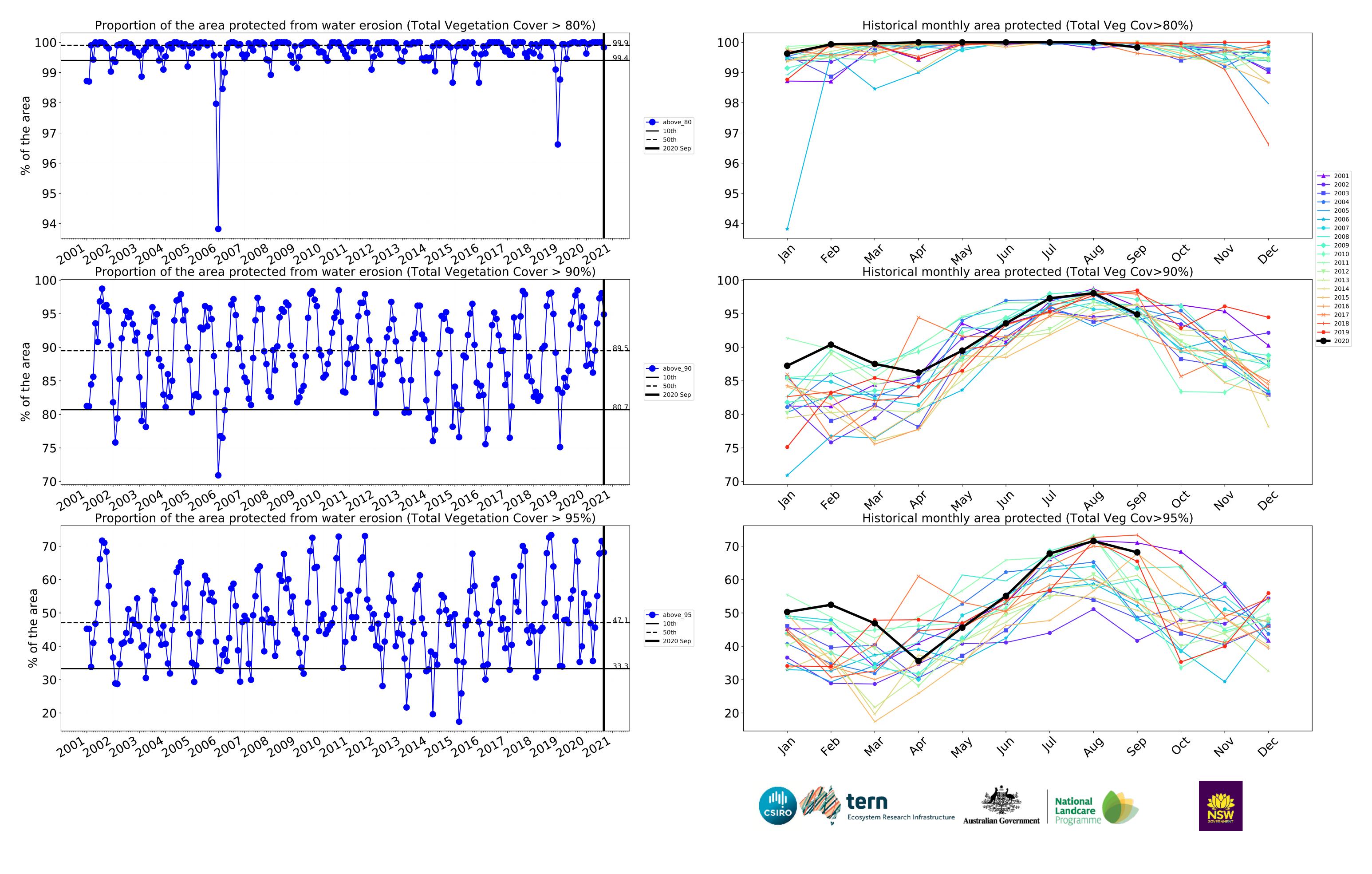




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







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% 903,550	99.6% 900,775	97.5% 881,425	90.5% 818,075	68.0% 615,075	40.9% 369,475
Conservation and natural environments	272,525	99.9% 272,300	99.7% 271,575	98.5% 268,500	96.2% 262,175	82.0% 223,425	50.1% 136,500
Conservation and natural environments non forest	6,925	99.6% 6,900	97.5% 6,750	92.8% 6,425	83.4% 5,775	51.3% 3,550	30.3% 2,100
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,075	100.0% 74,050	99.8% 73,950	99.1% 73,400	96.8% 71,700	84.8% 62,850	54.5% 40,375
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	191,525	99.9% 191,350	99.7% 190,875	98.5% 188,675	96.4% 184,700	82.0% 157,025	49.1% 94,025
Agriculture	468,325	100.0% 468,275	99.8% 467,600	97.9% 458,500	88.9% 416,225	61.4% 287,325	35.6% 166,800
Grazing	298,275	100.0% 298,250	99.9% 298,025	99.4% 296,450	97.3% 290,350	79.8% 238,100	49.1% 146,425
Grazing non forest	189,075	100.0% 189,050	99.9% 188,850	99.2% 187,625	96.4% 182,200	76.3% 144,350	45.5% 86,100
Grazing Woodland forest	80,650	100.0% 80,650	100.0% 80,625	99.6% 80,300	98.9% 79,775	83.3% 67,150	50.0% 40,300
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.9% 28,525	99.4% 28,375	93.2% 26,600	70.1% 20,025
Irrigation	170,000	100.0% 169,975	99.7% 169,525	95.3% 162,000	74.0% 125,850	28.9% 49,200	12.0% 20,375
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,000	100.0% 75,000	100.0% 75,000	100.0% 75,000	99.8% 74,875	94.9% 71,175	68.2% 51,125







