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

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

Land use forest cover:

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

# **Erosion protection**

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

# Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

# **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3









Date: January 2021

# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2021**

### Land use and forest cover

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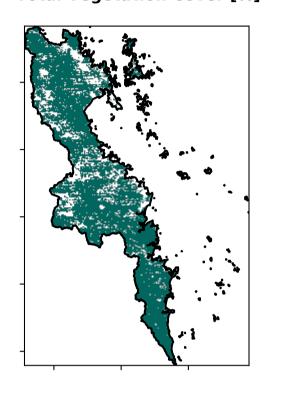
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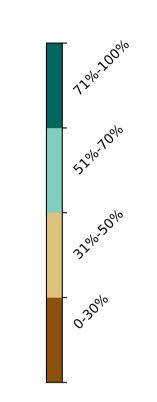
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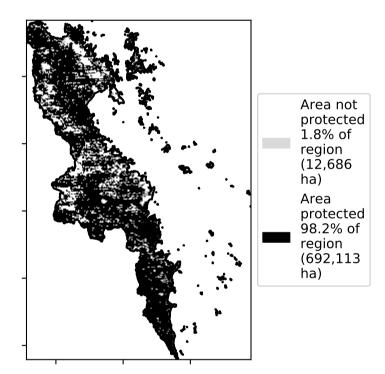
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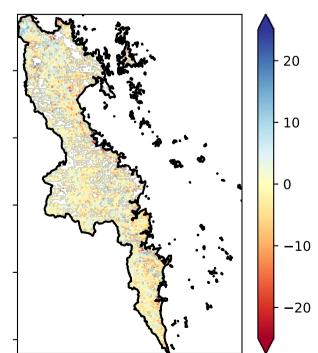




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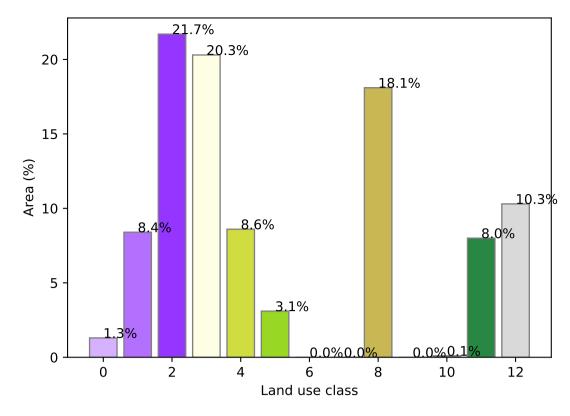


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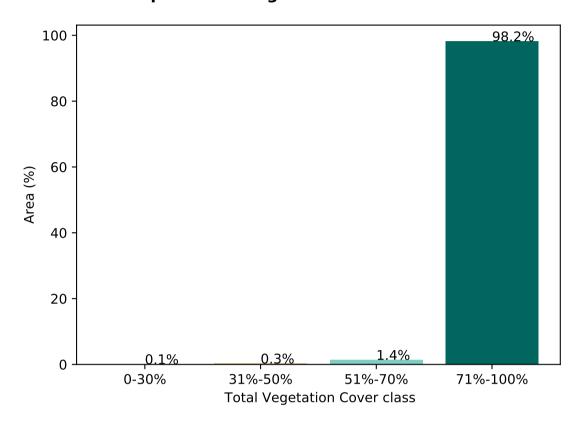


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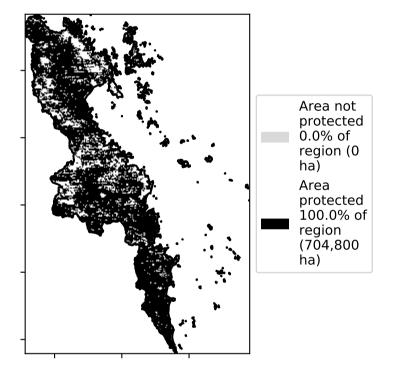
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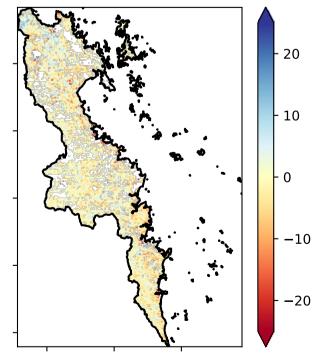


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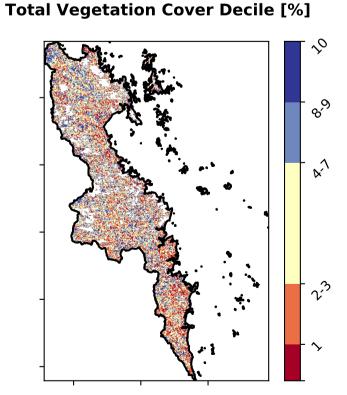


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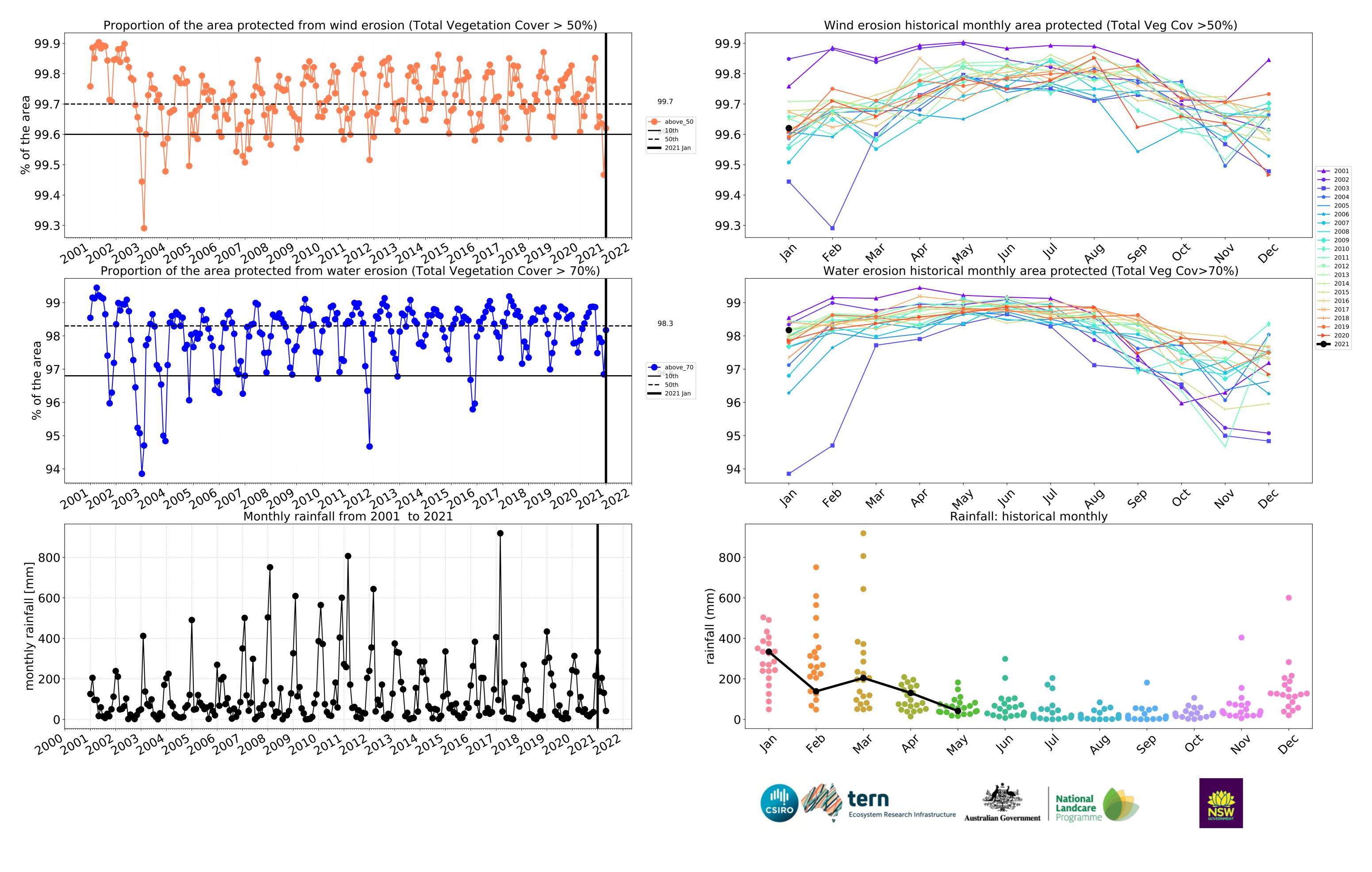


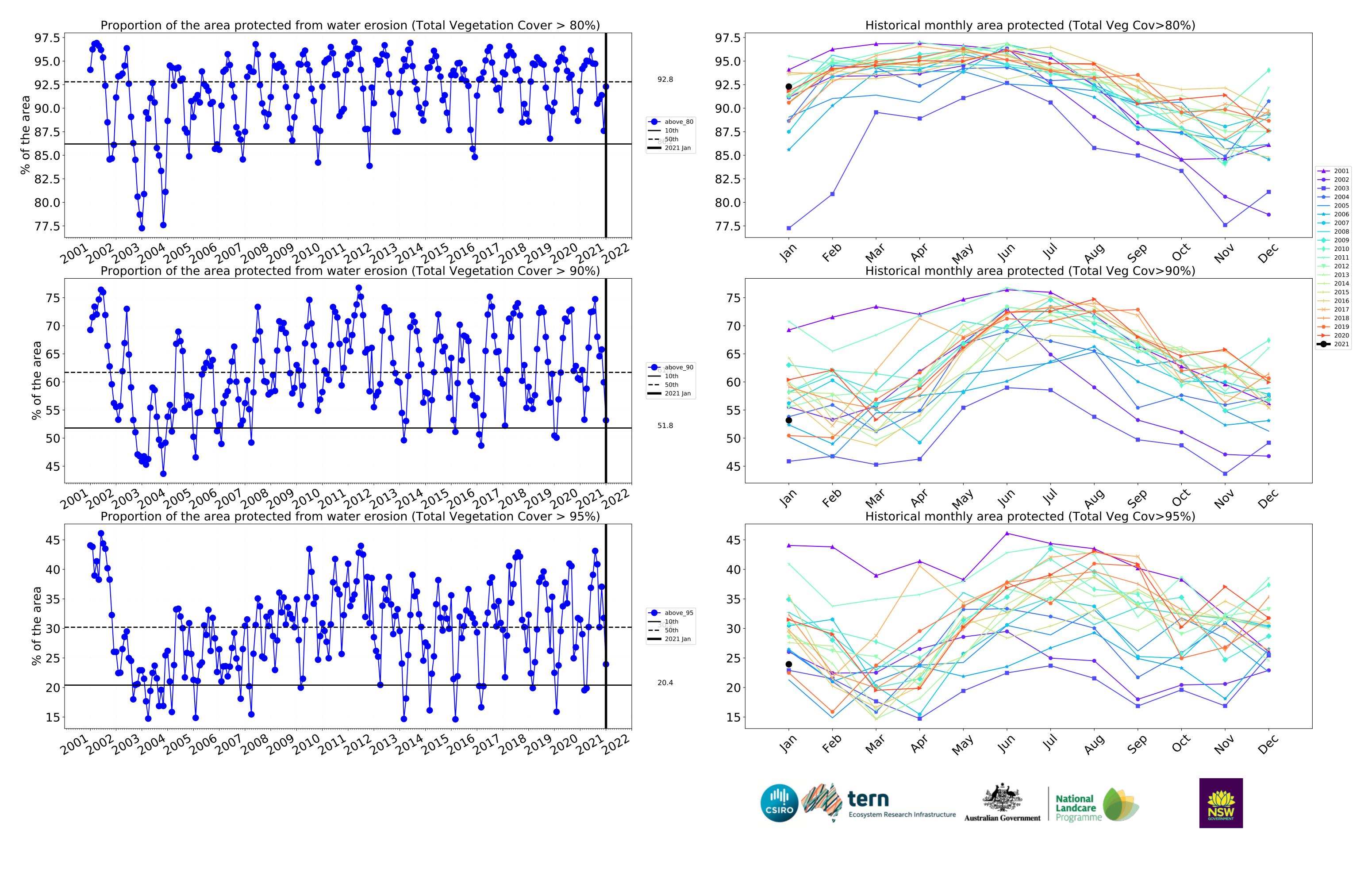












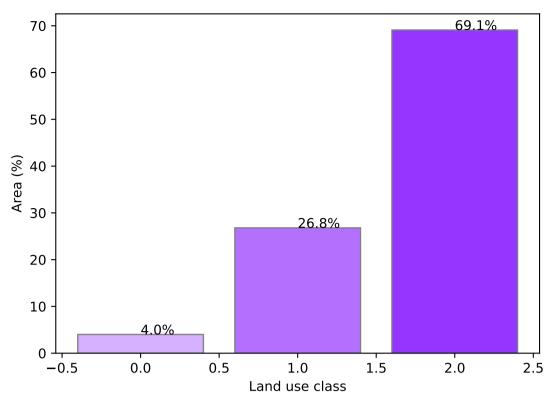
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# **Conservation and natural environments**

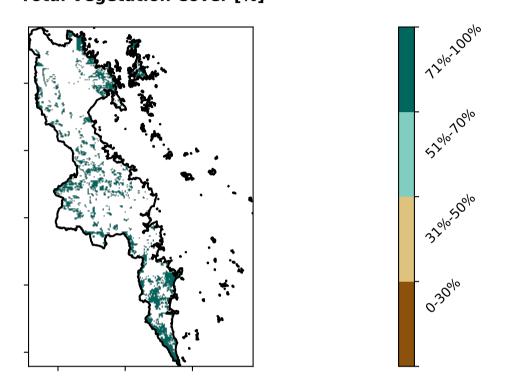
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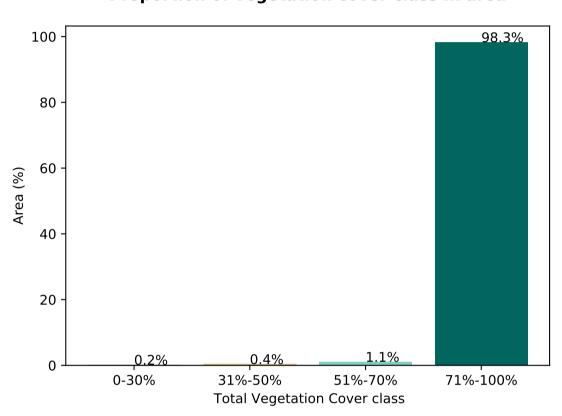
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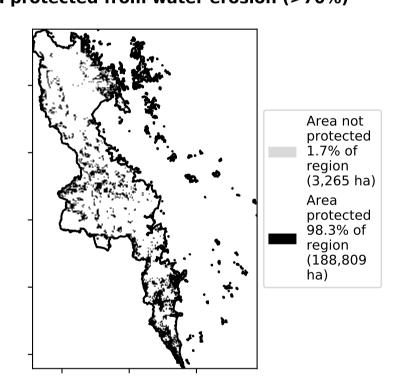
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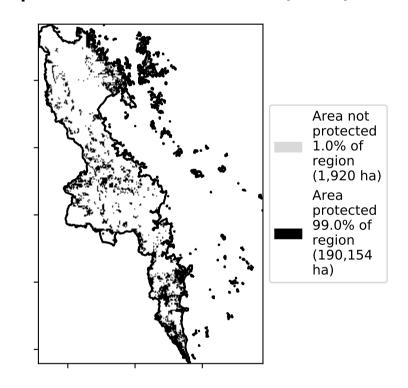
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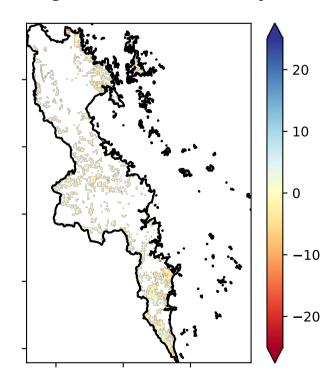
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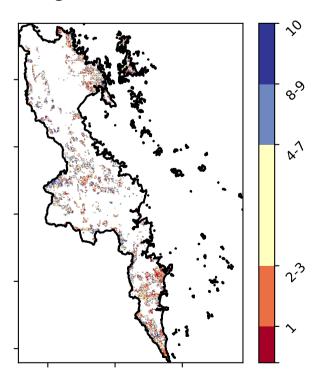


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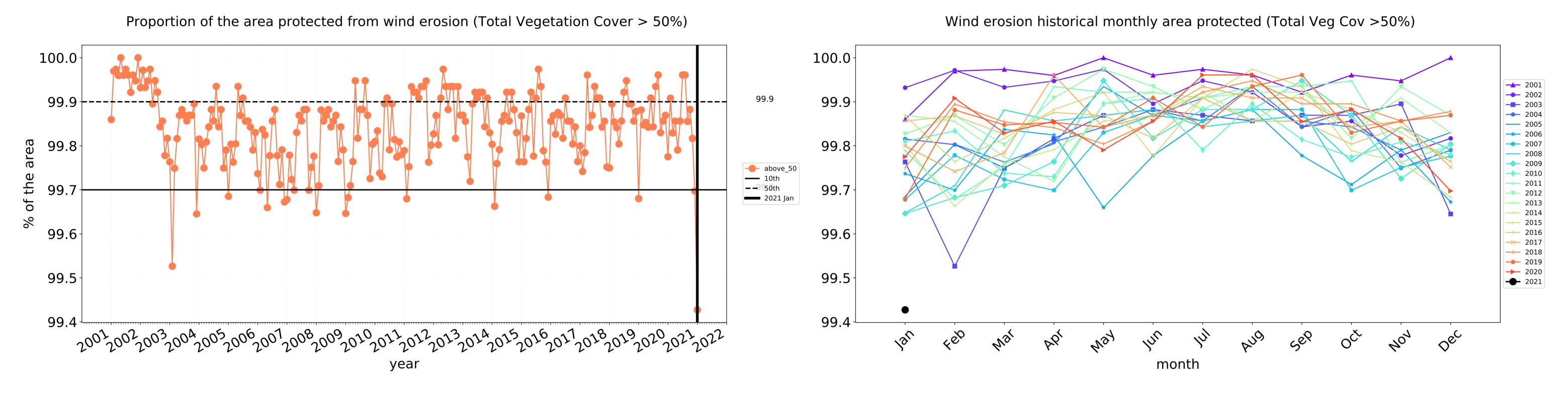


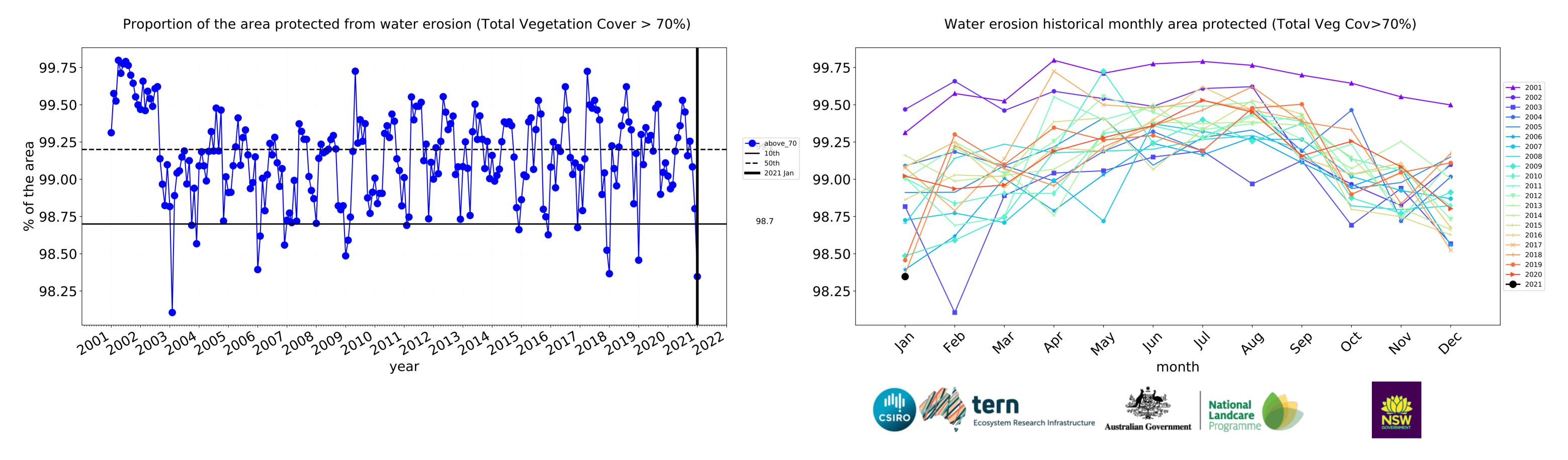


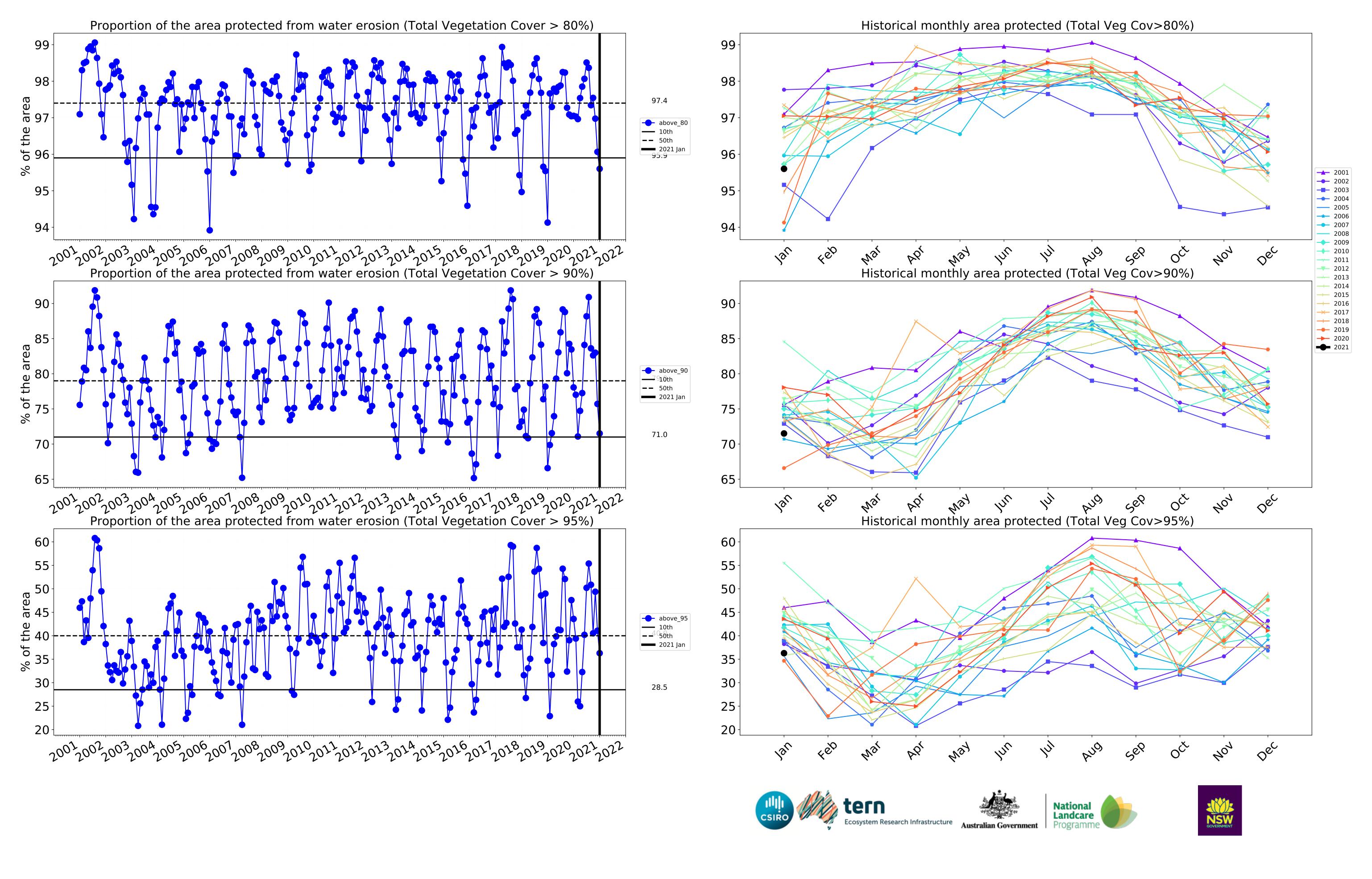




# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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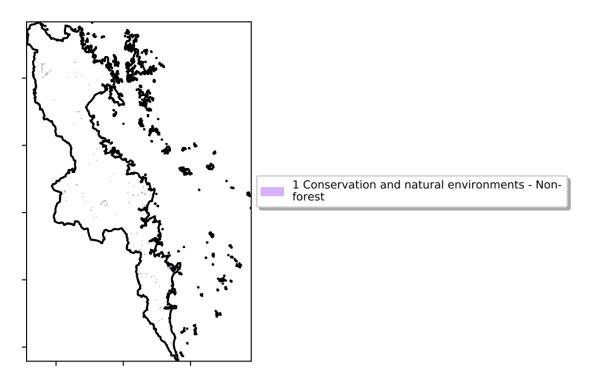
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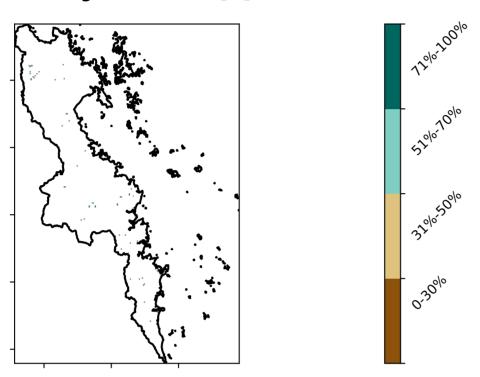
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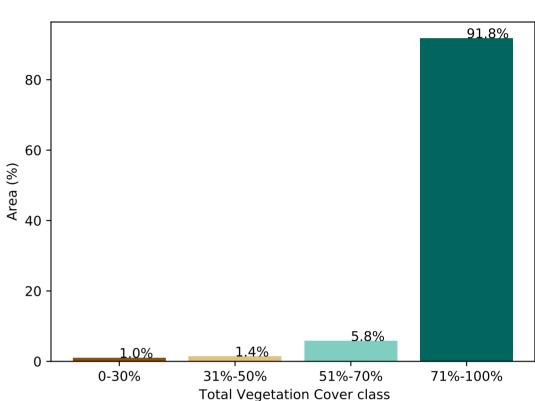
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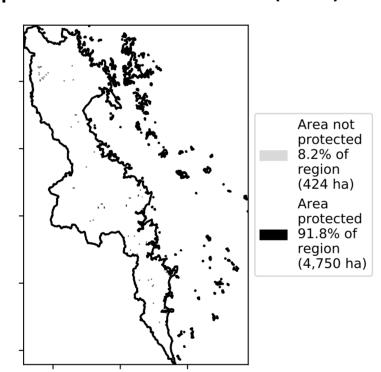
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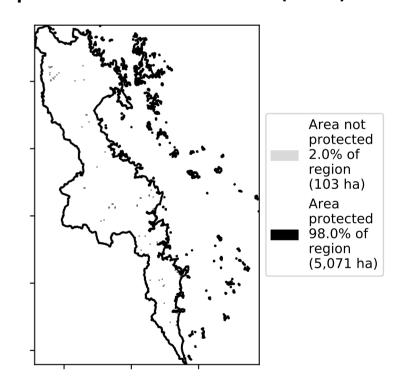
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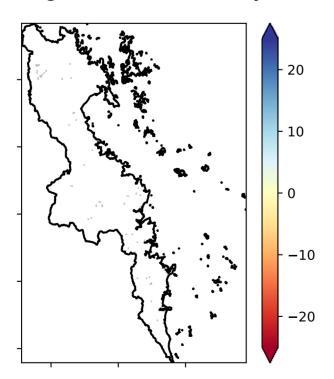
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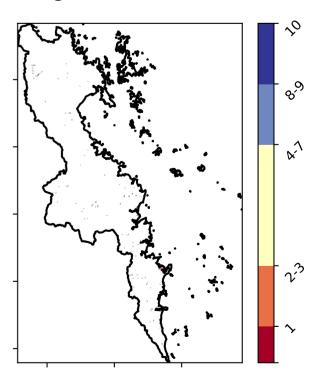
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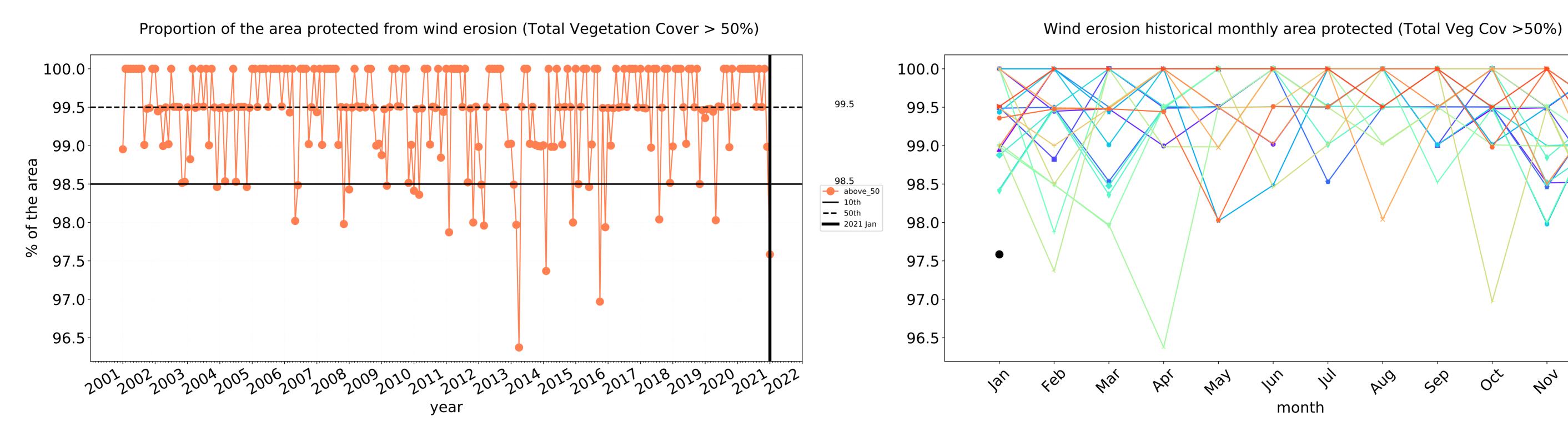


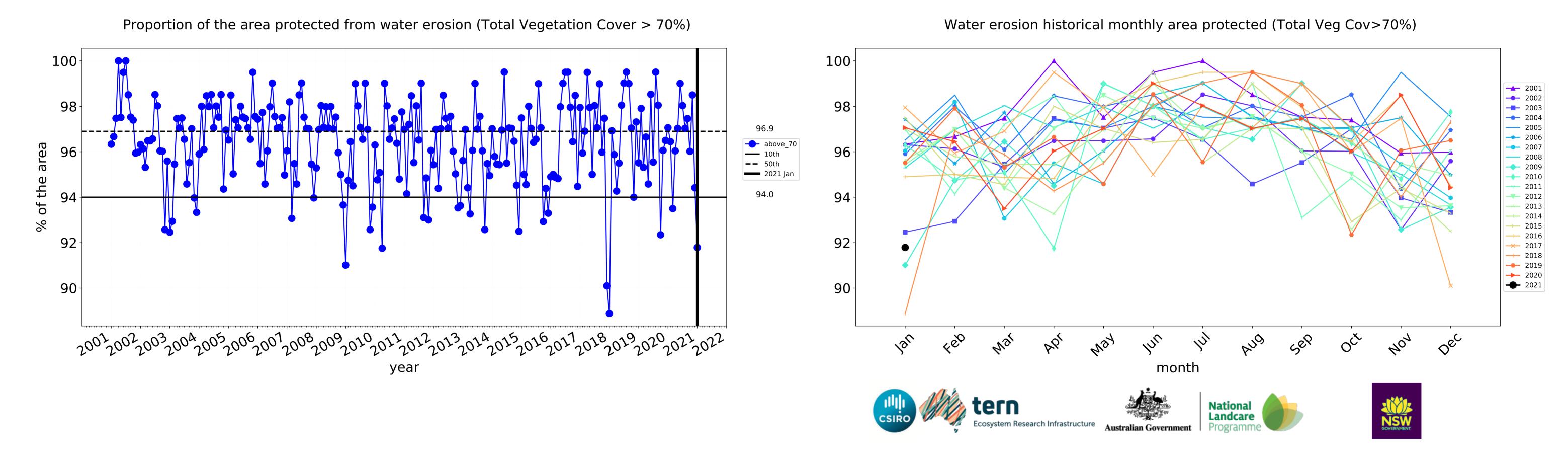


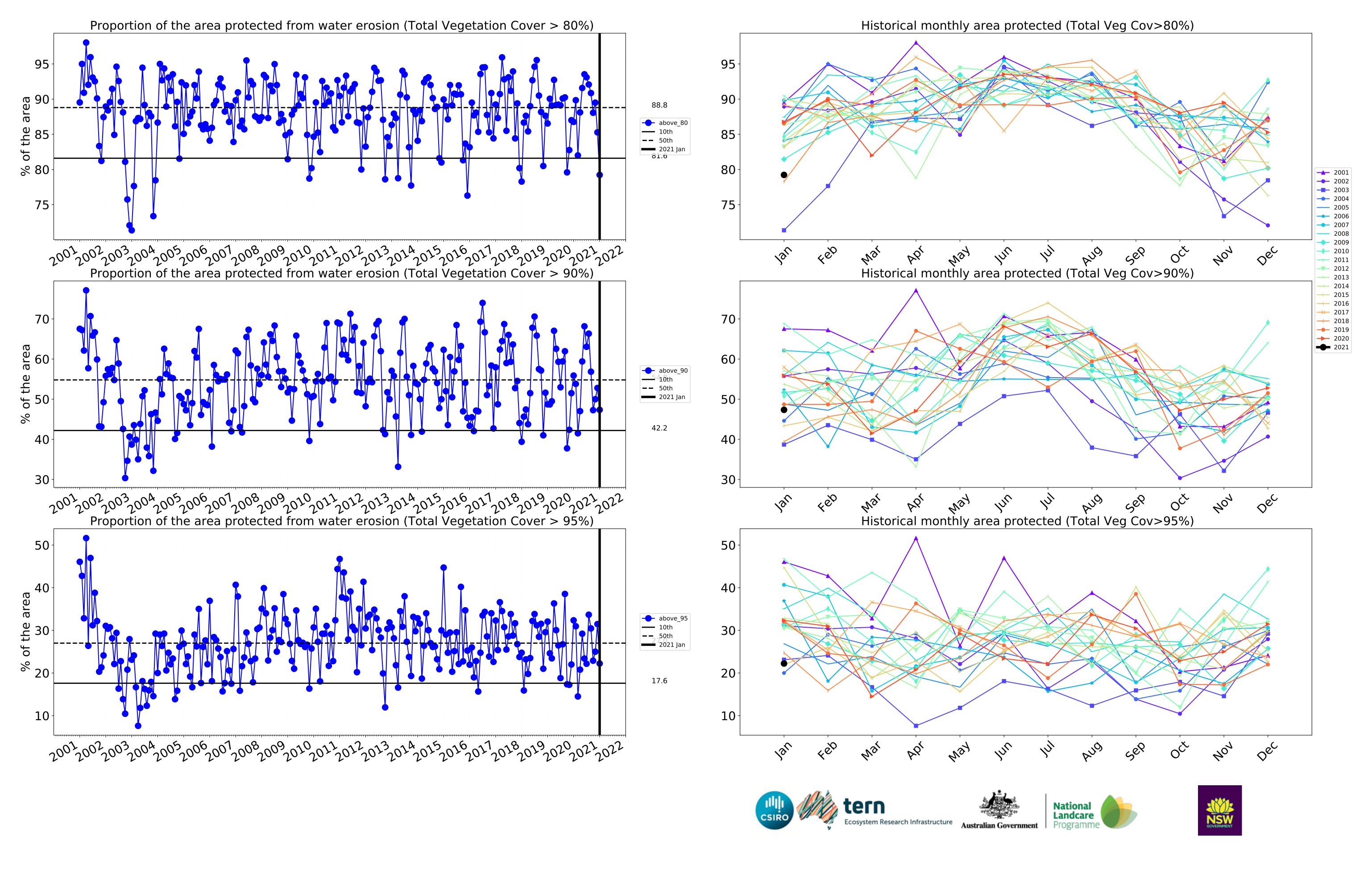




# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries







# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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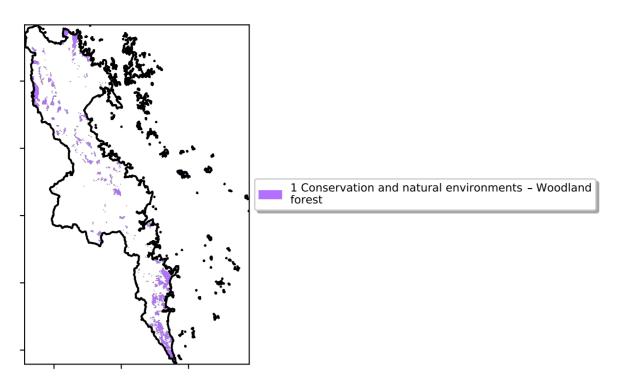
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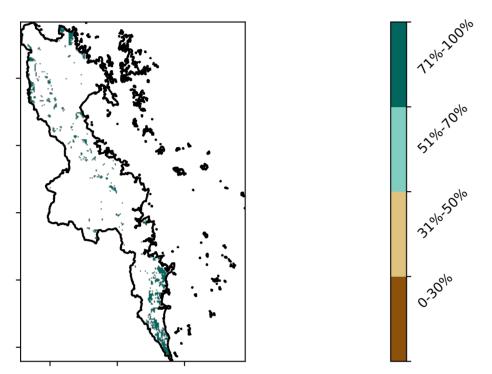
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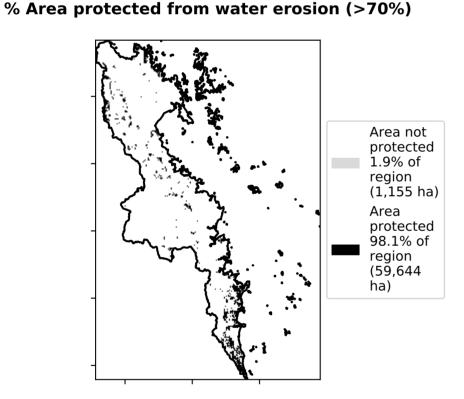
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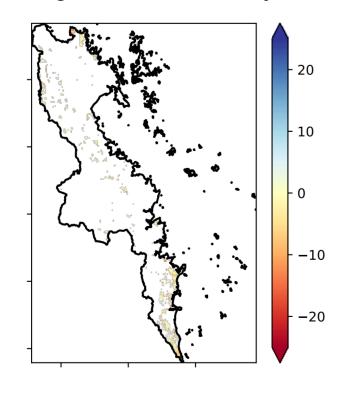


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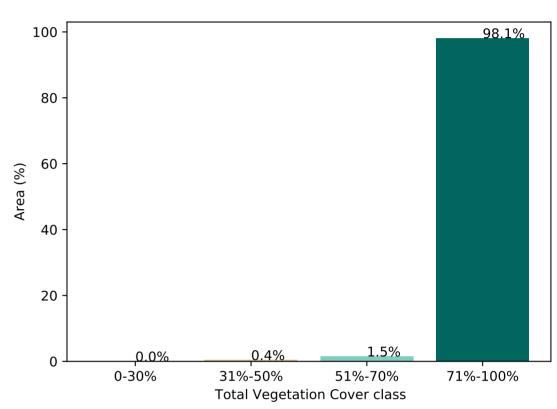


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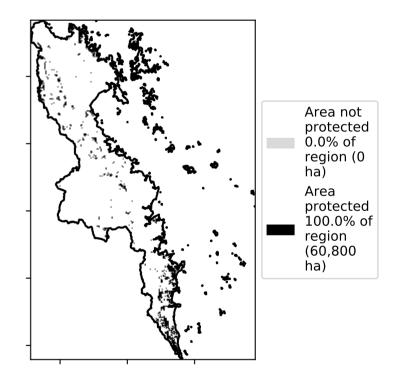


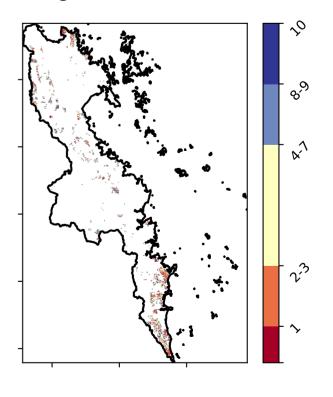
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









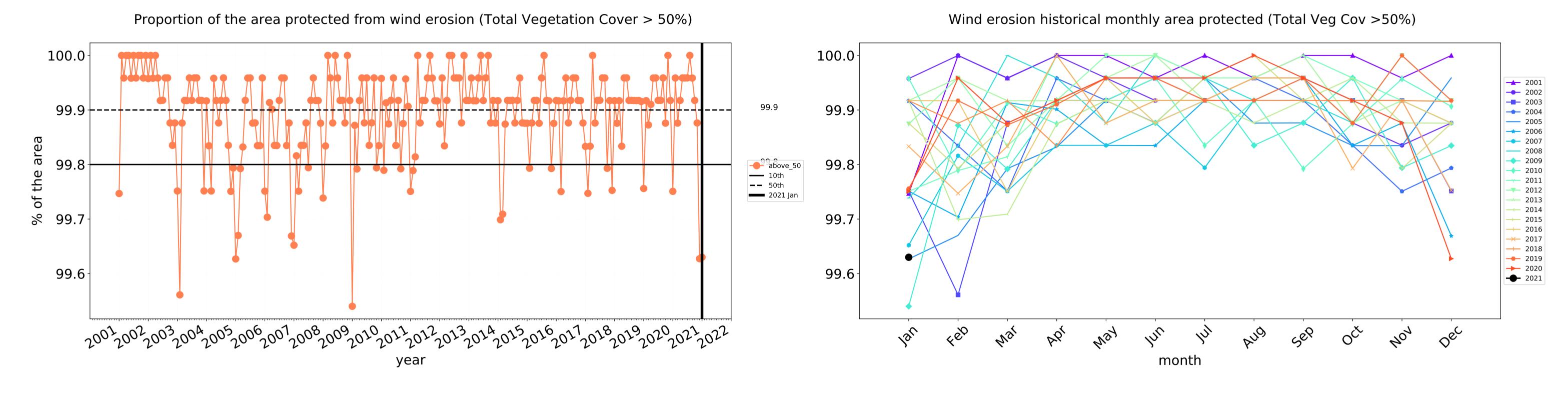


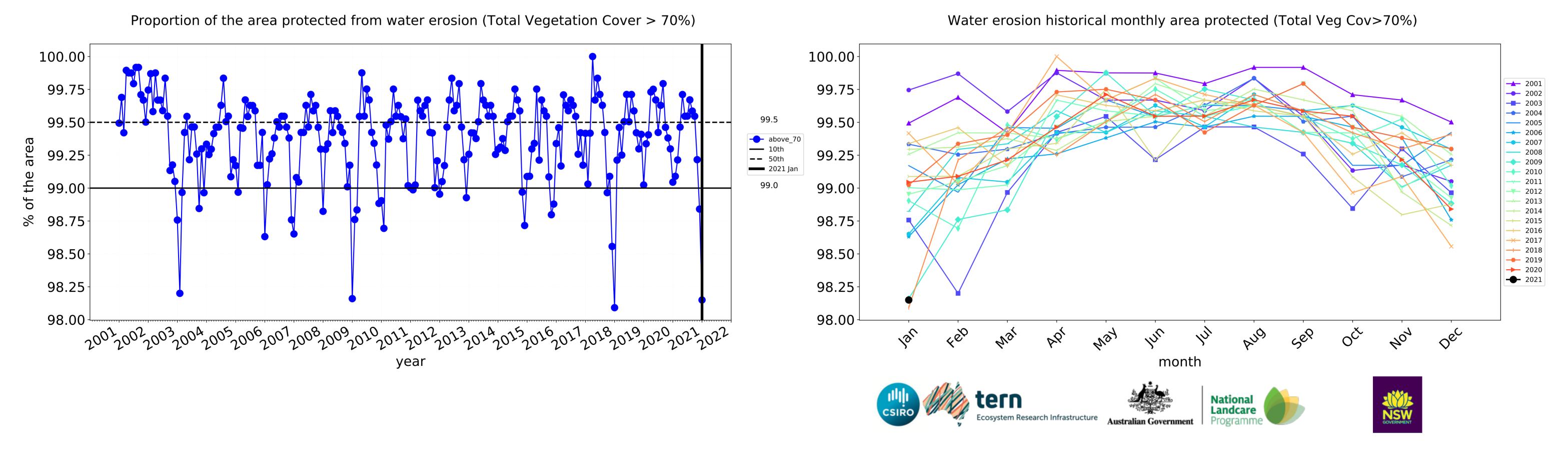


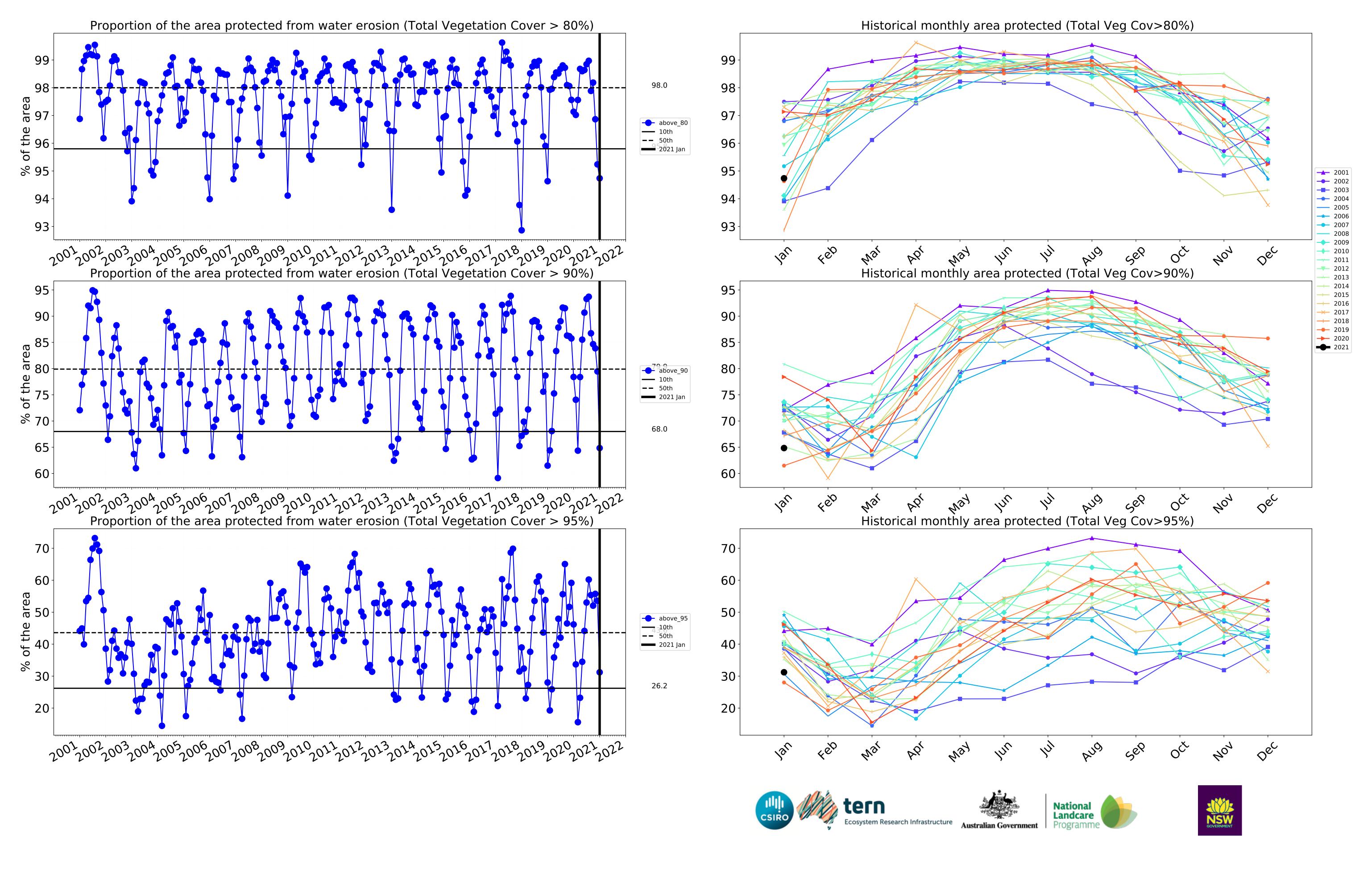




# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**







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

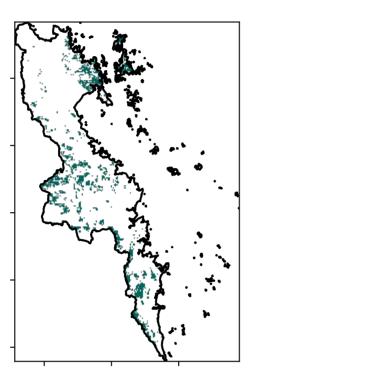
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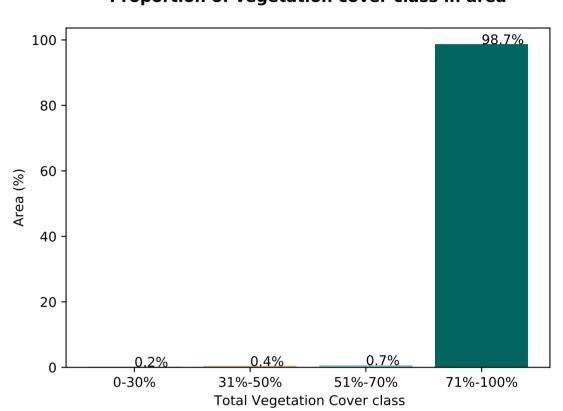
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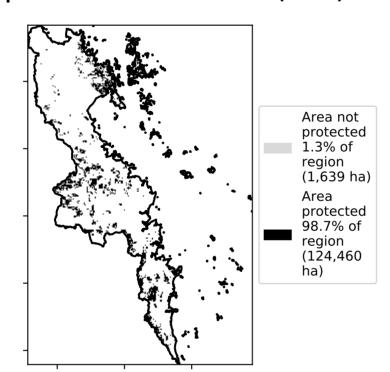
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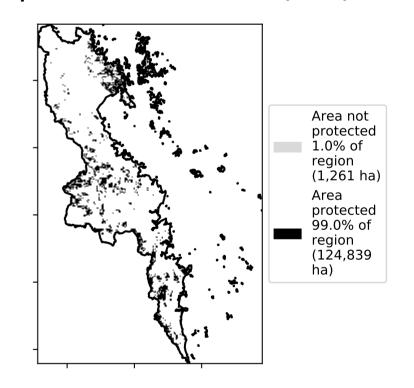
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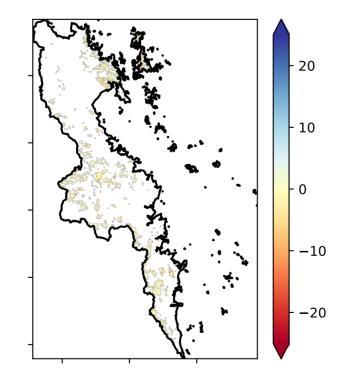
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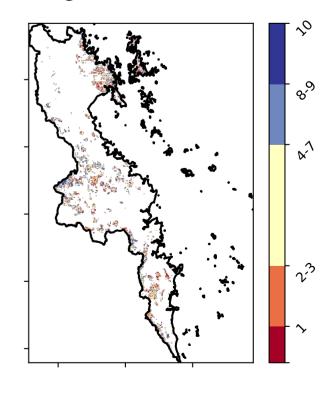


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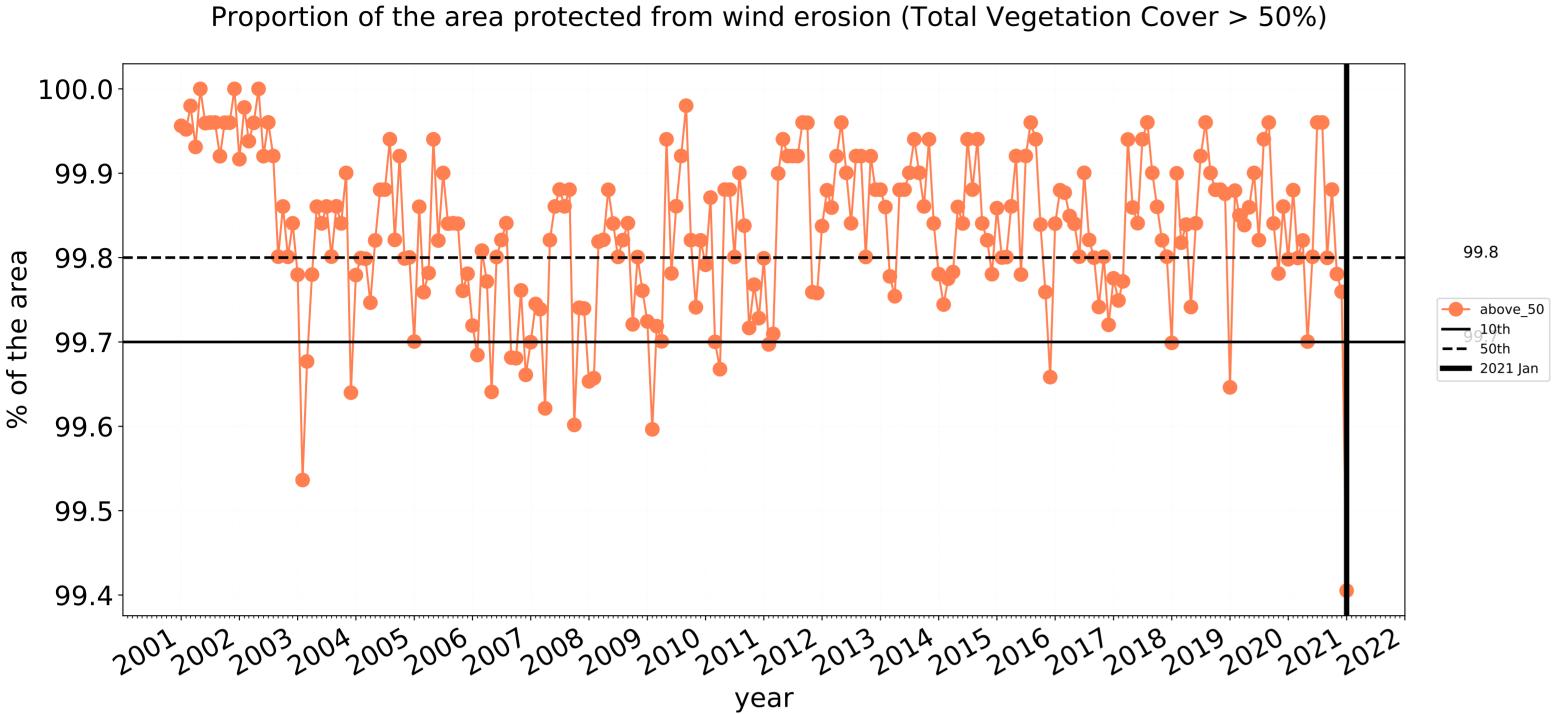
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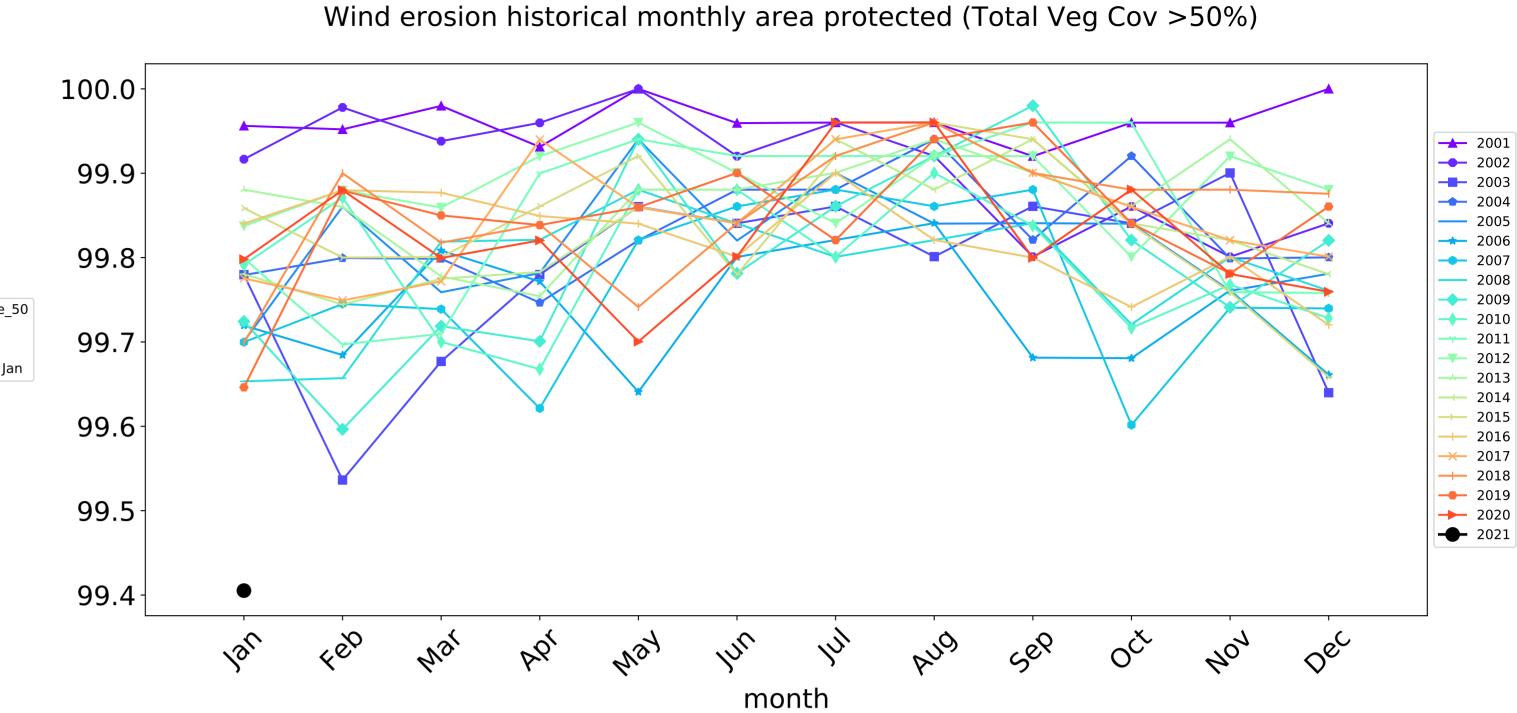


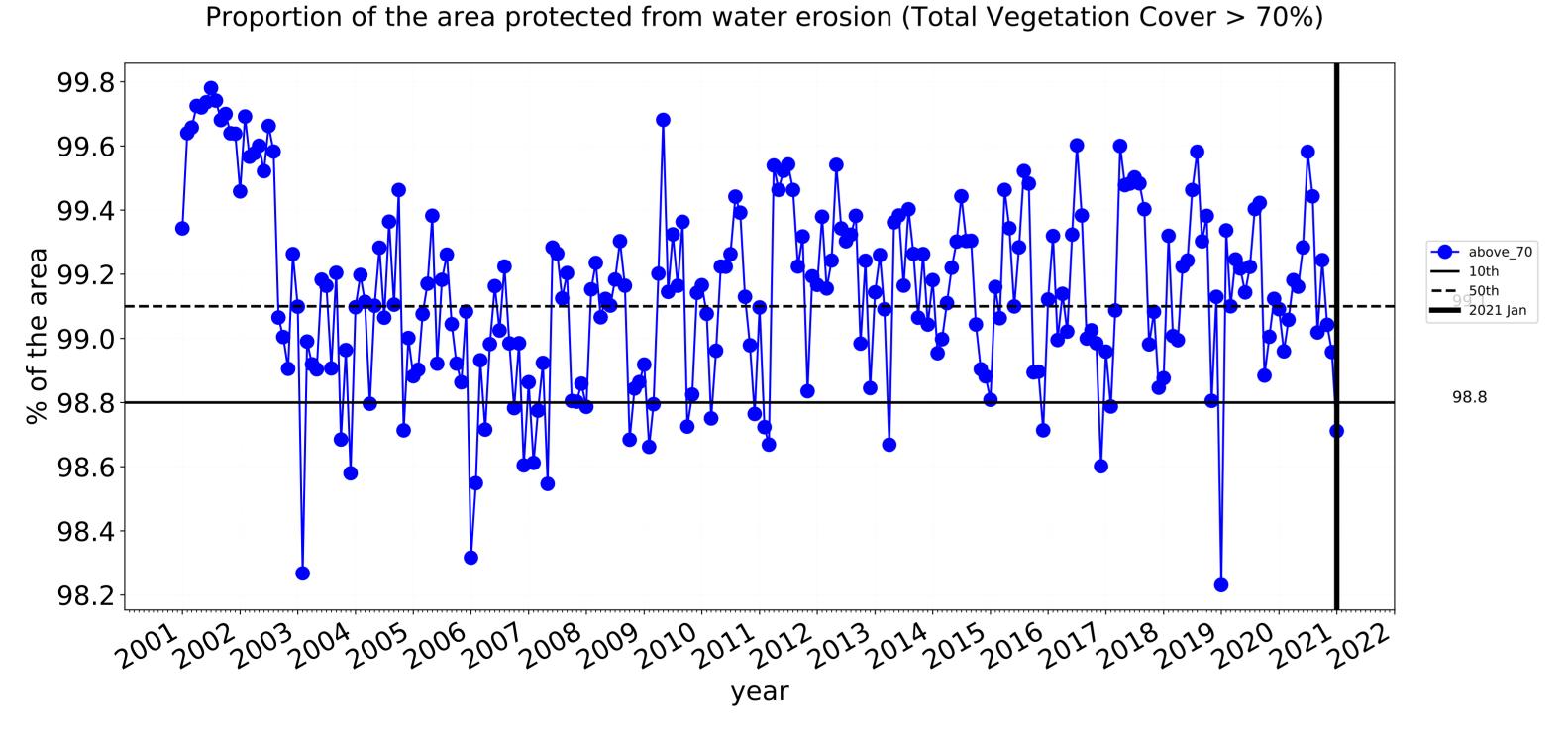


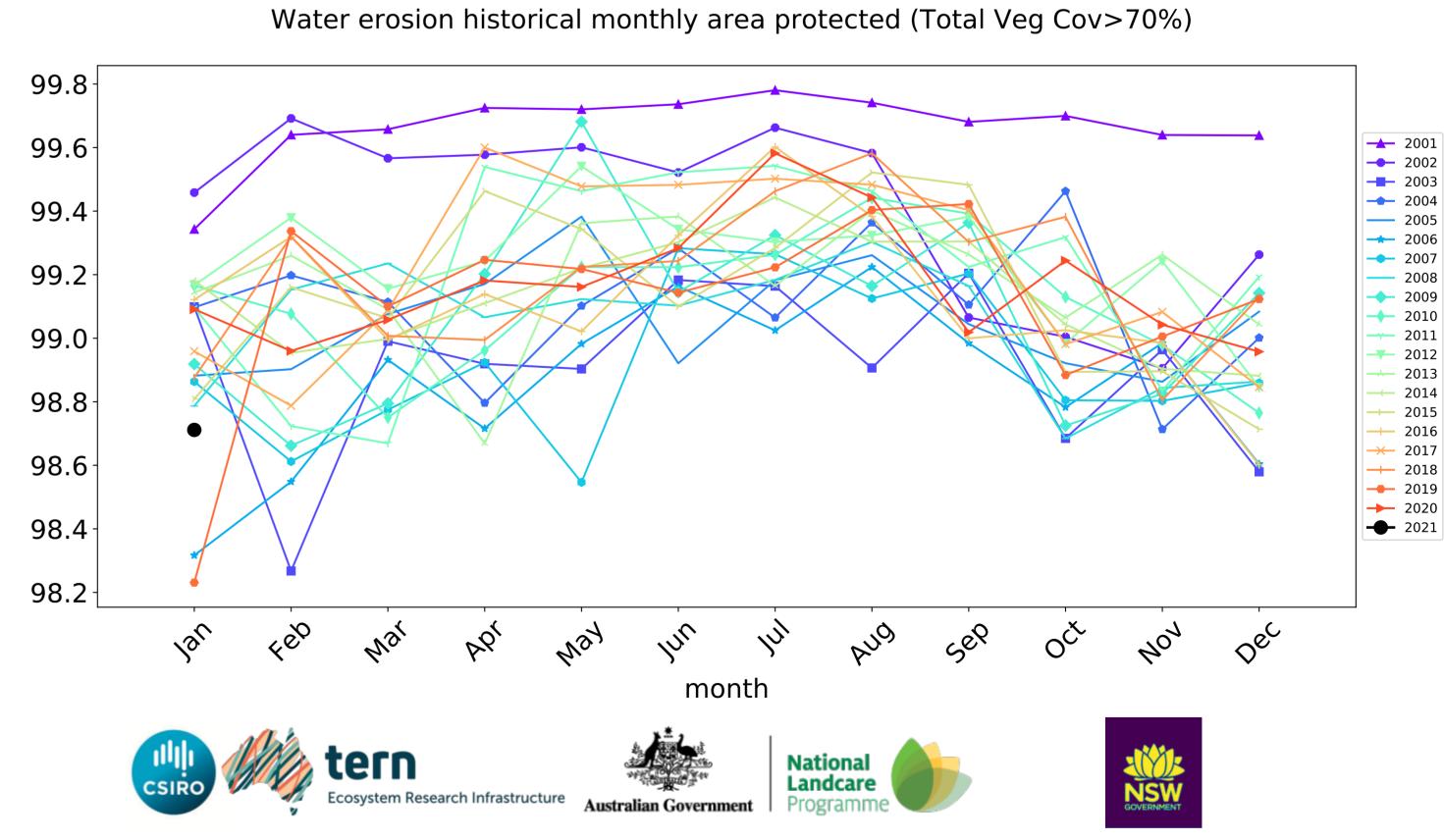


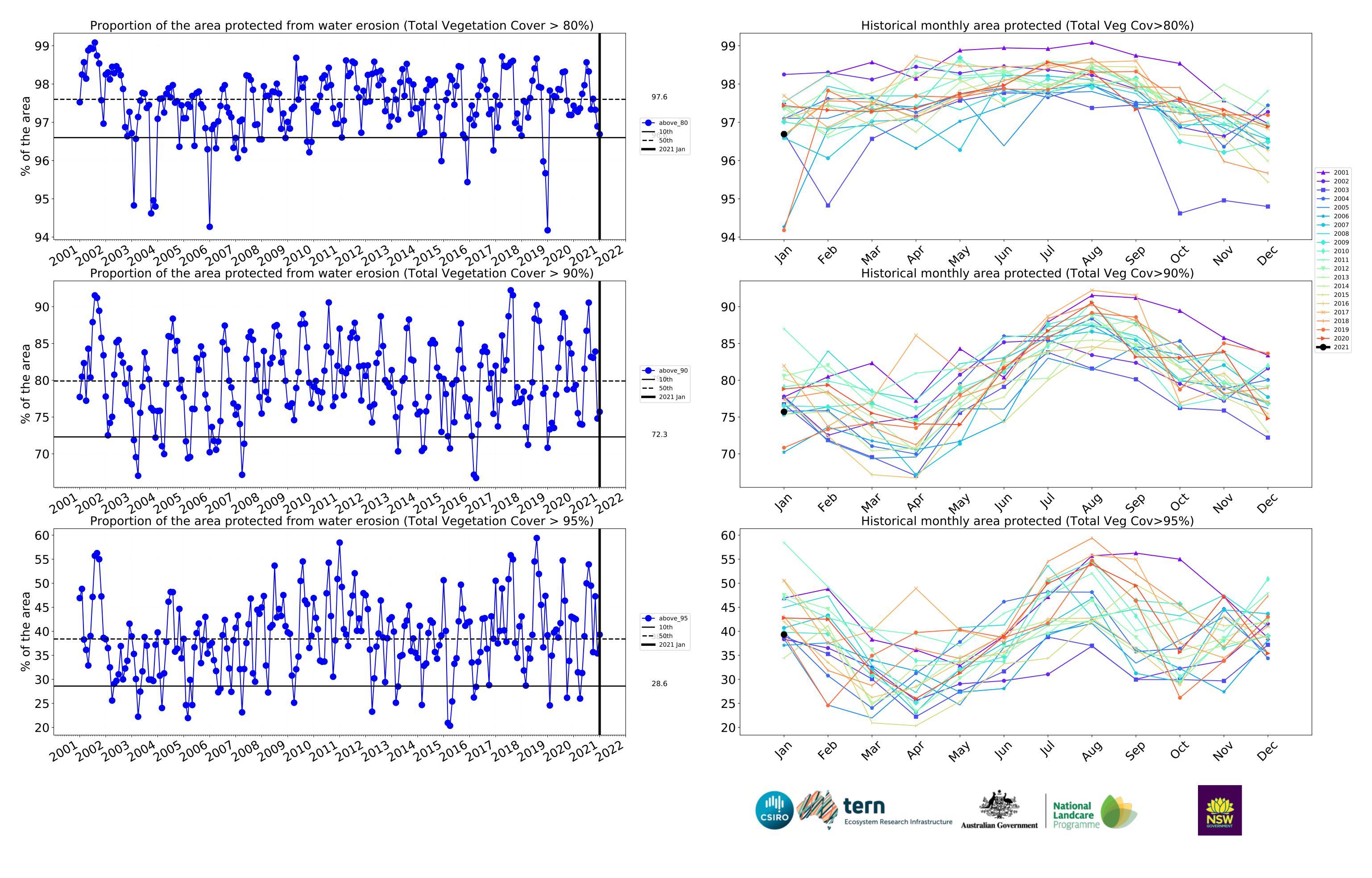












# **Agriculture**

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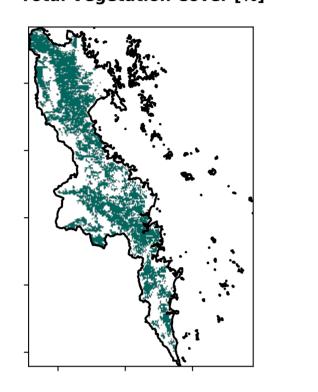
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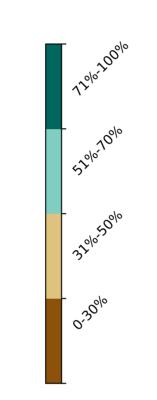
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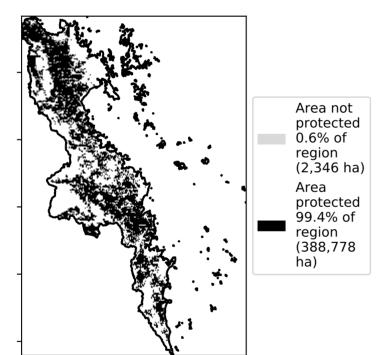
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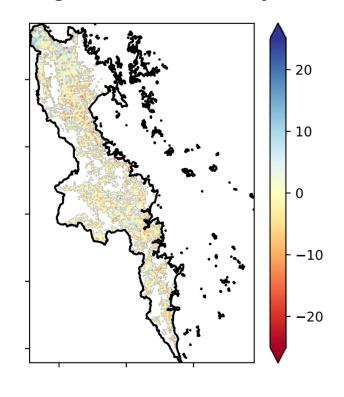




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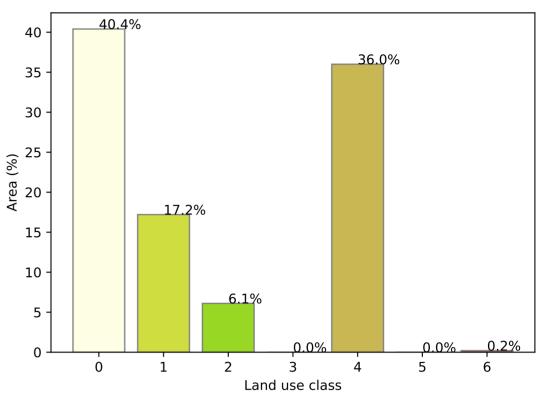


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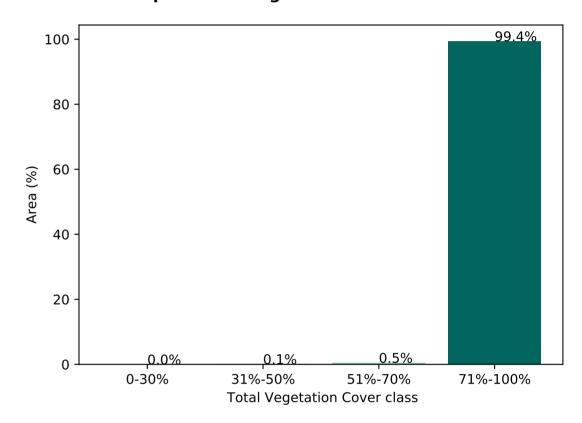


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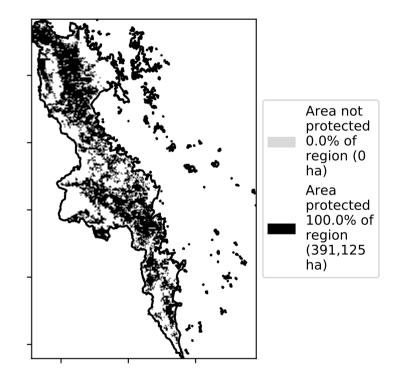
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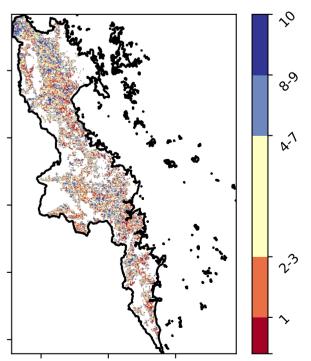


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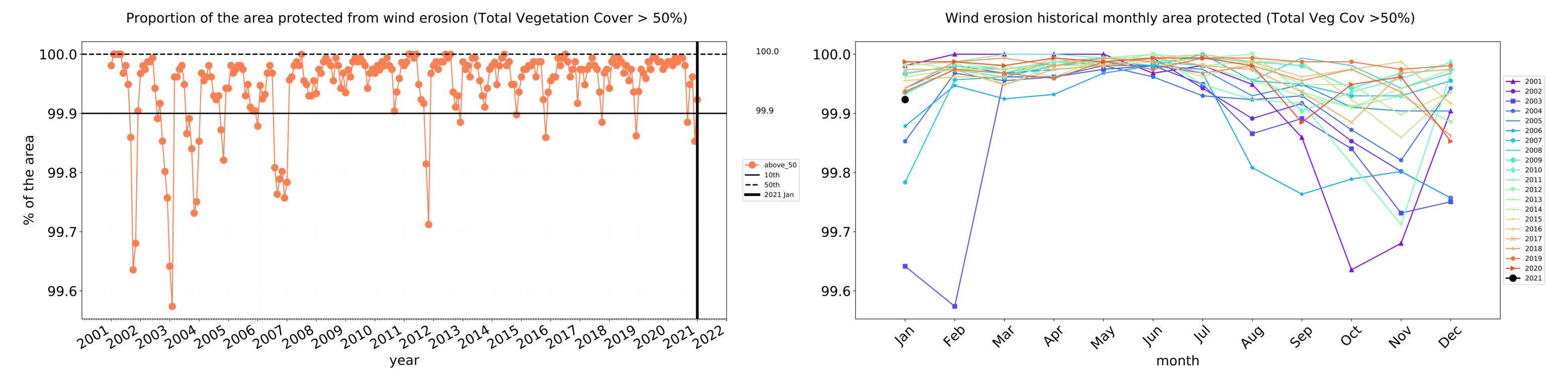


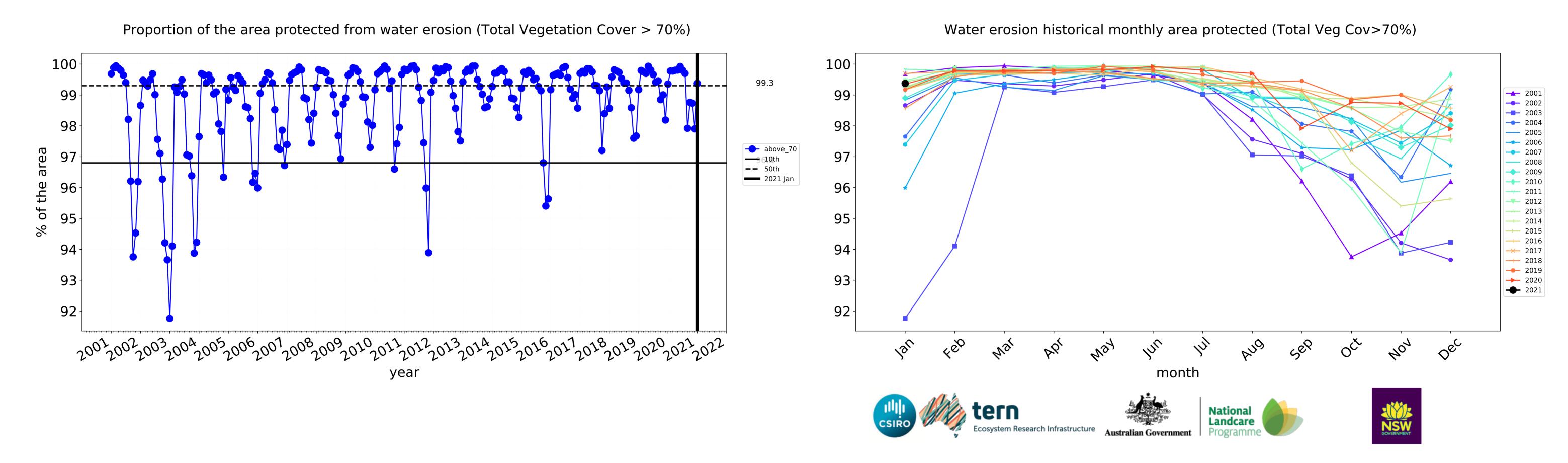


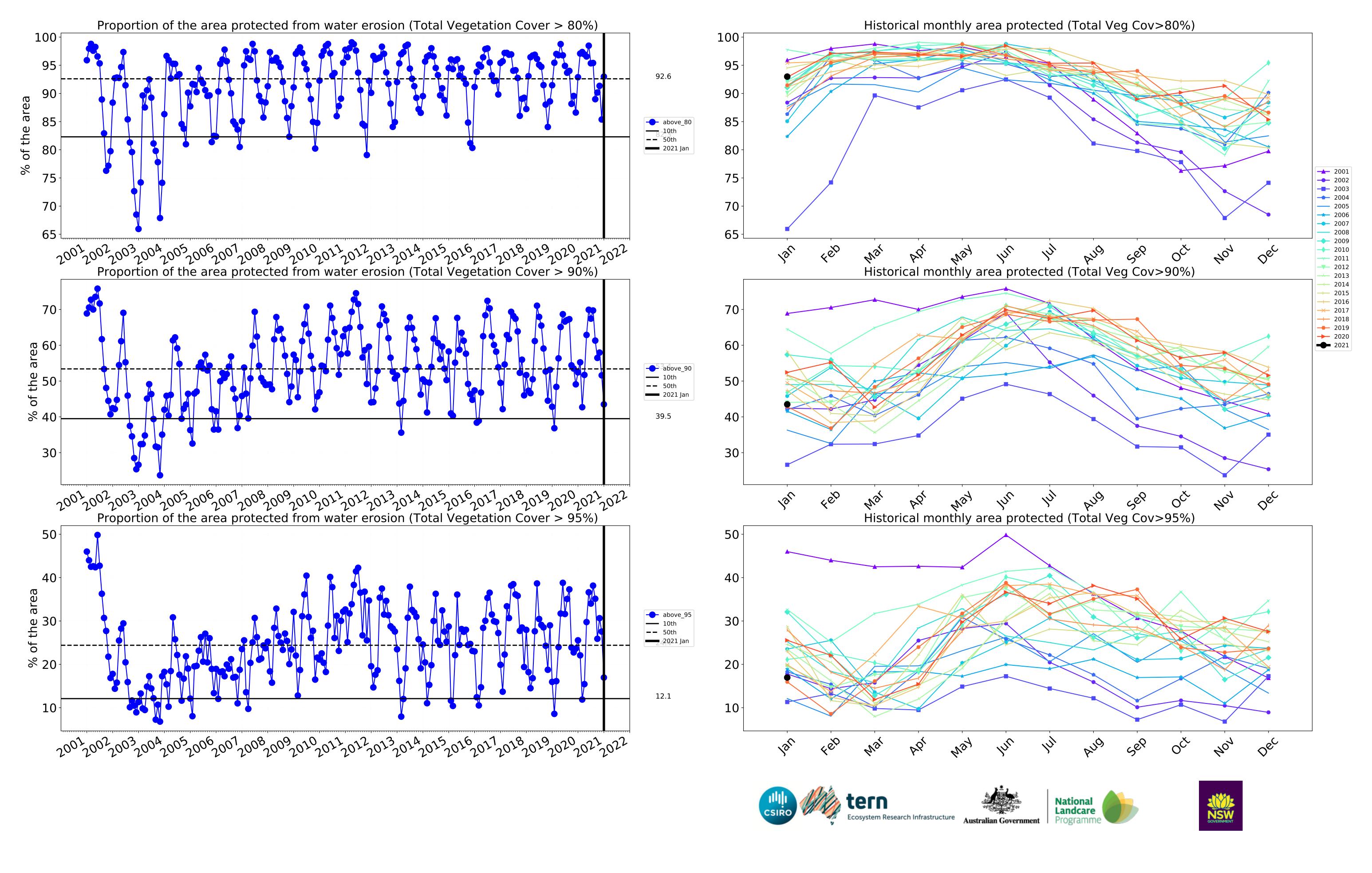




# **Agriculture timeseries**







# **Grazing**

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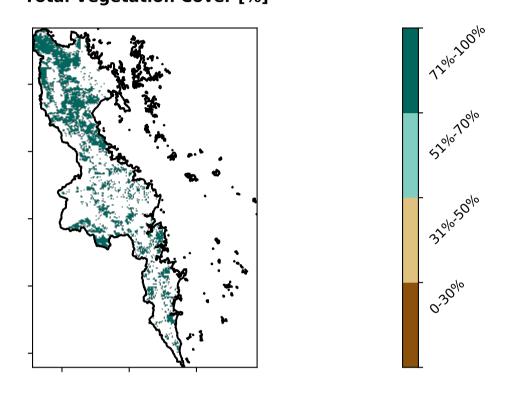
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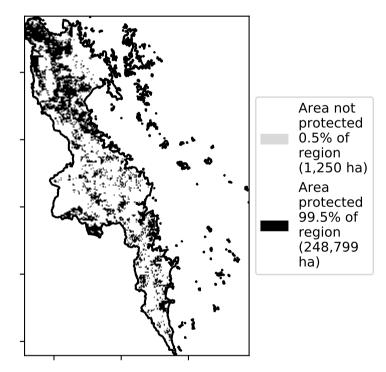
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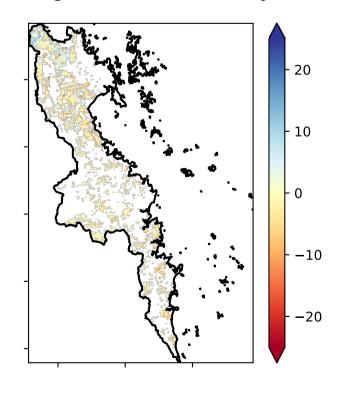
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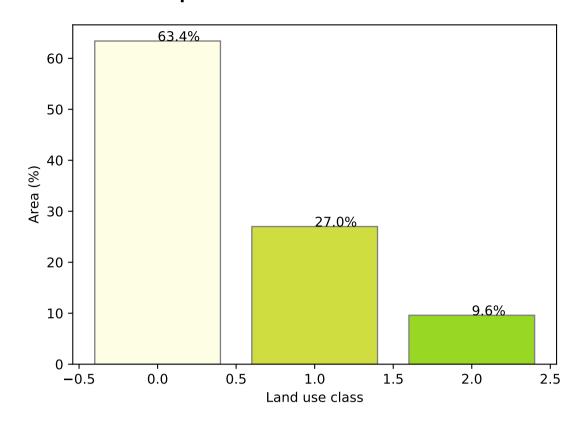


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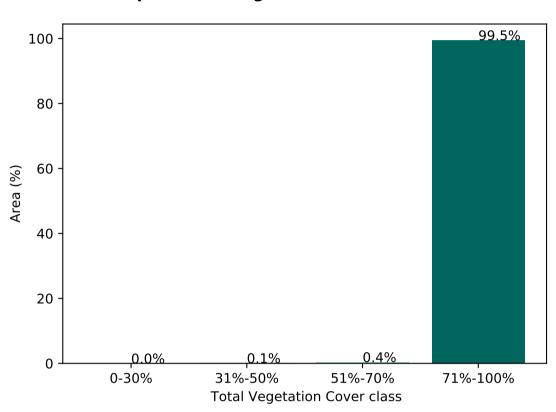


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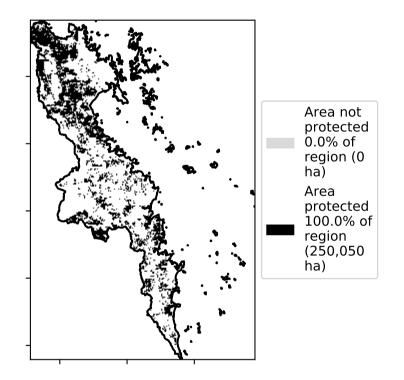
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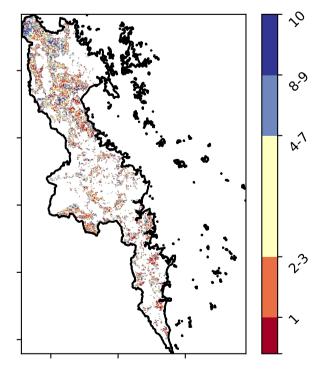


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## % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





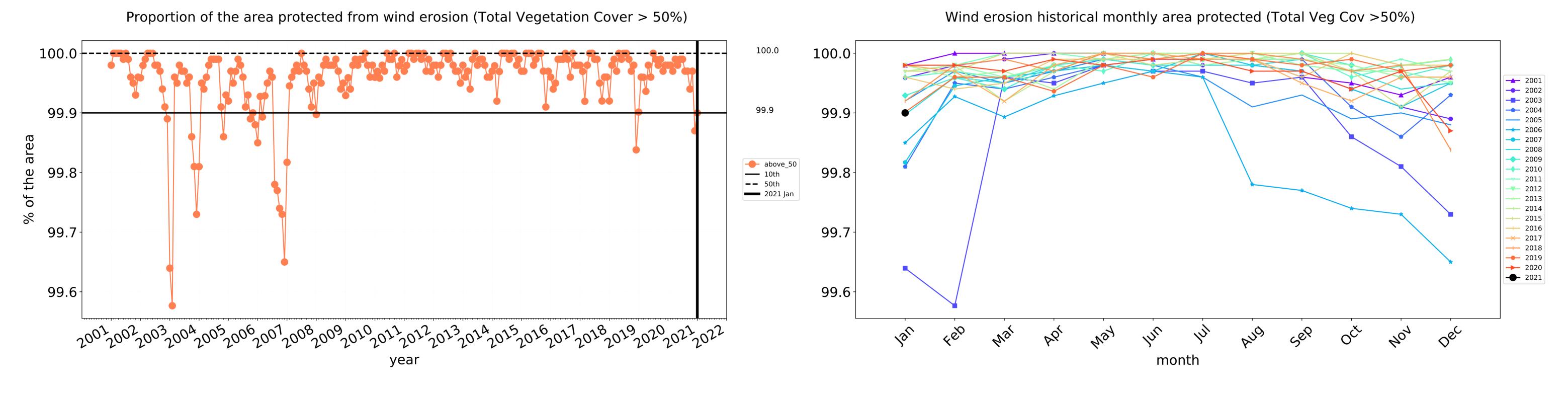


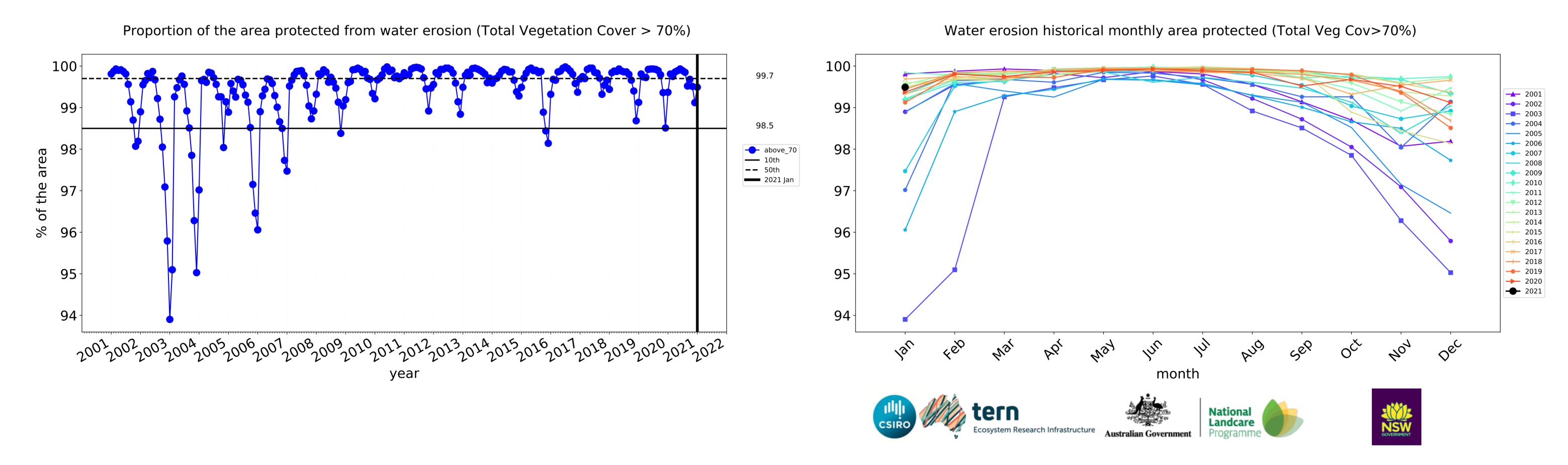


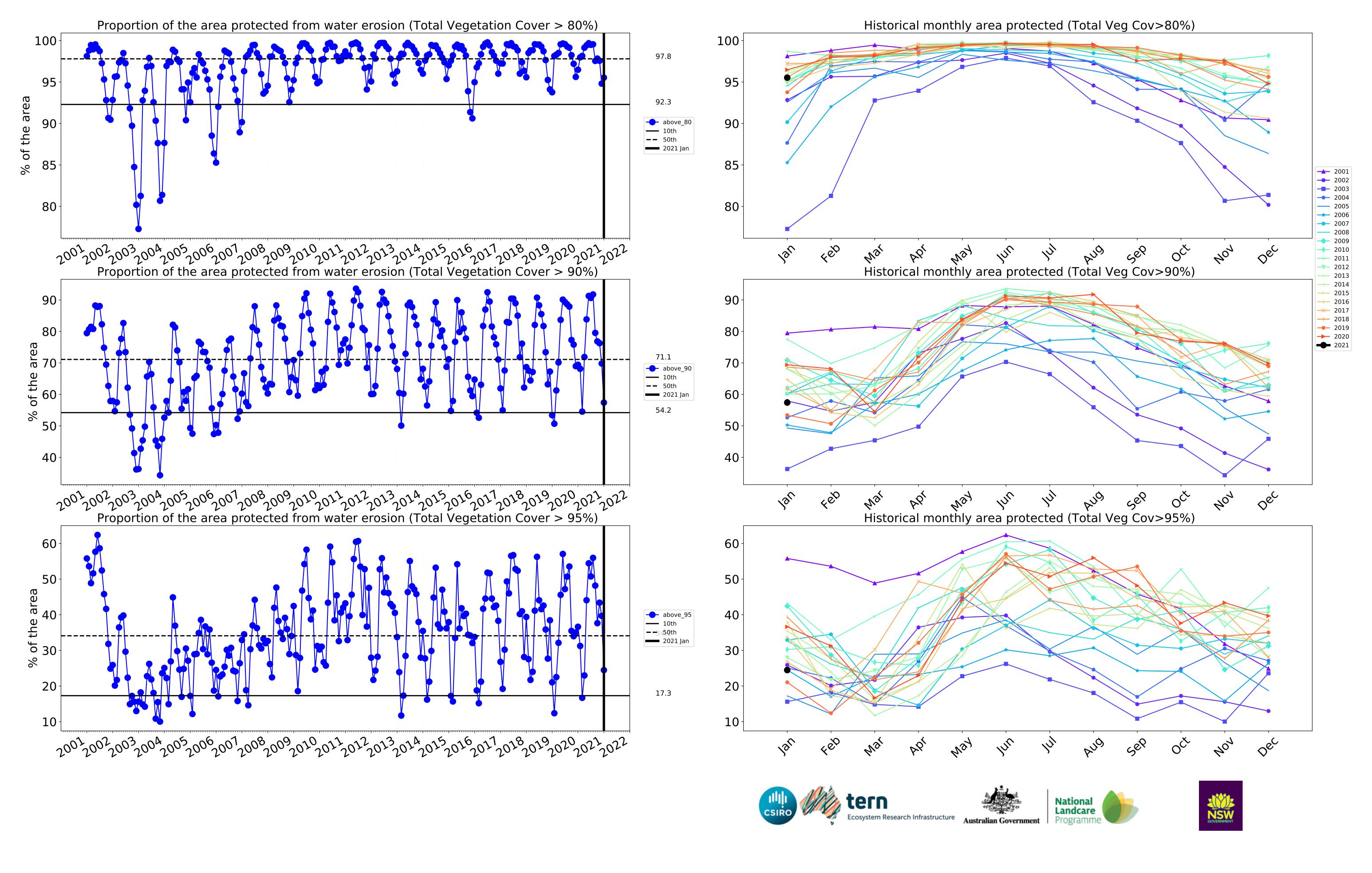




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

### Land use and forest cover

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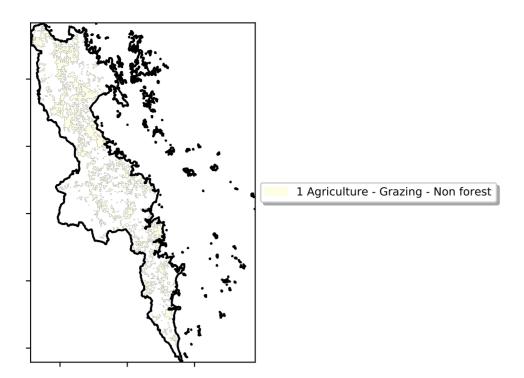
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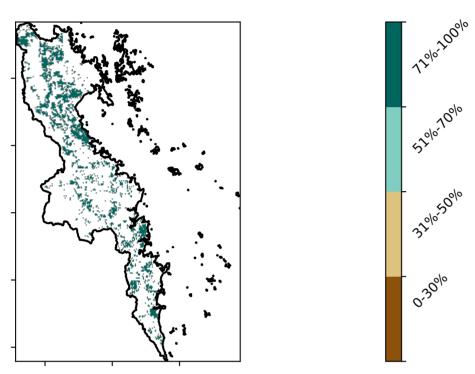
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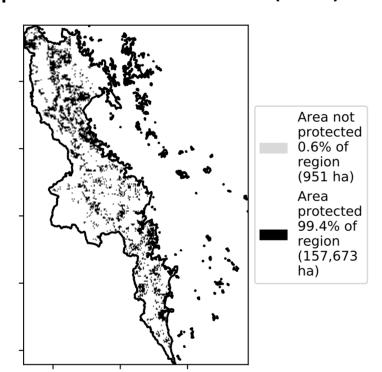
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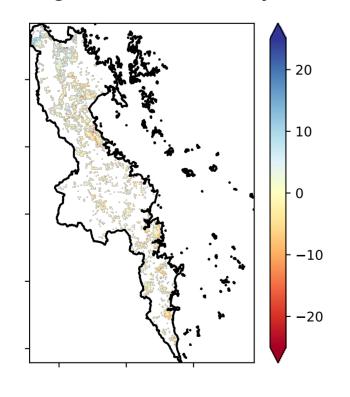
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

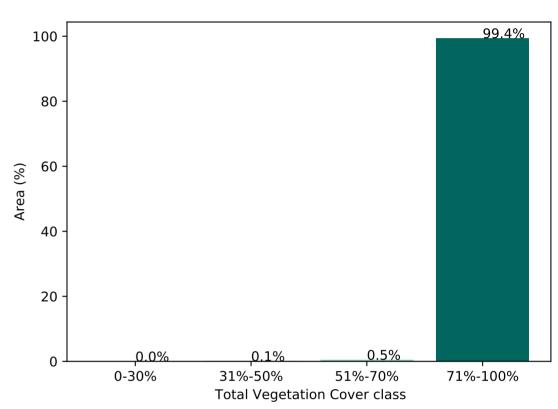


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

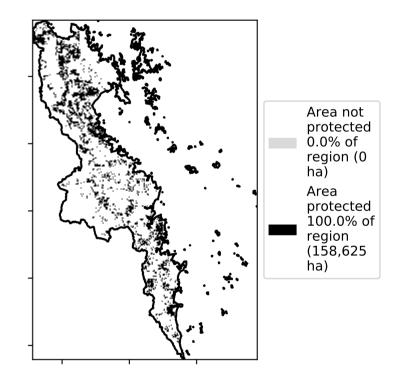


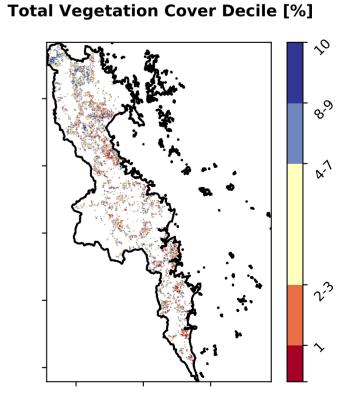
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









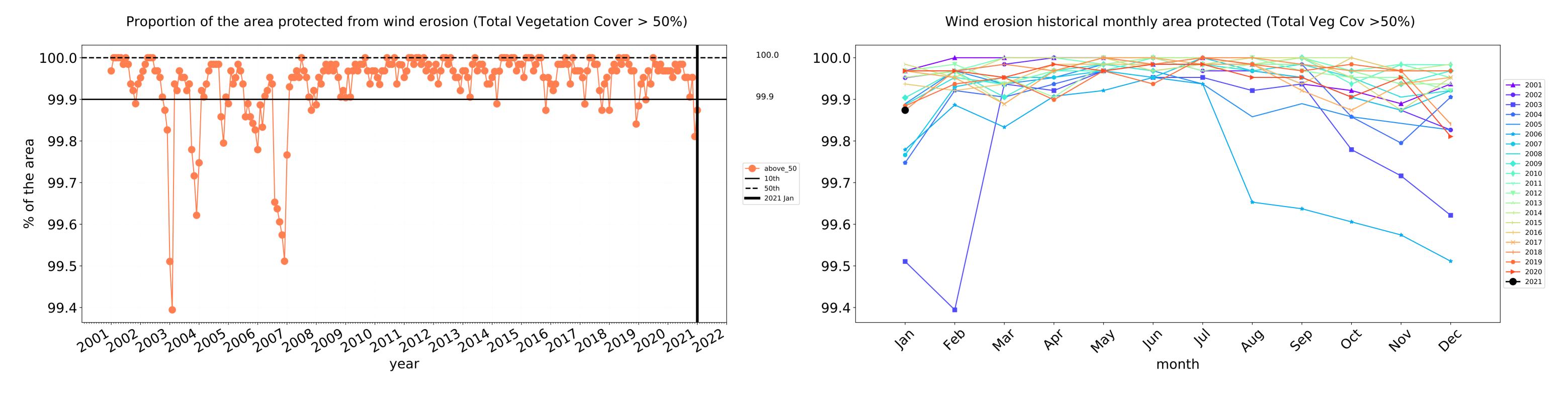


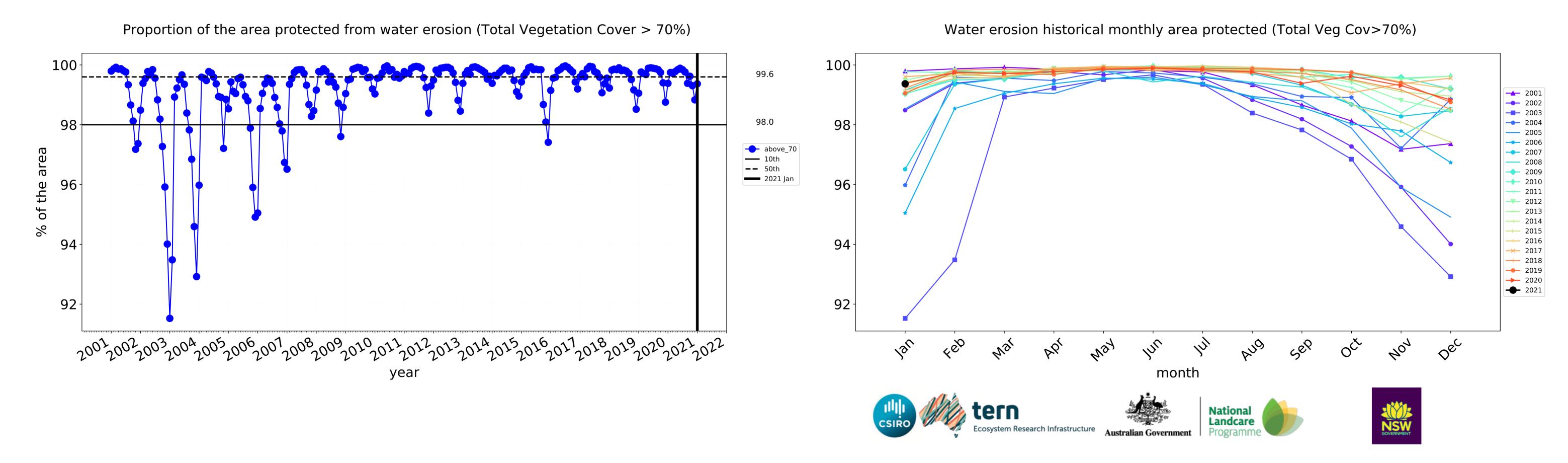


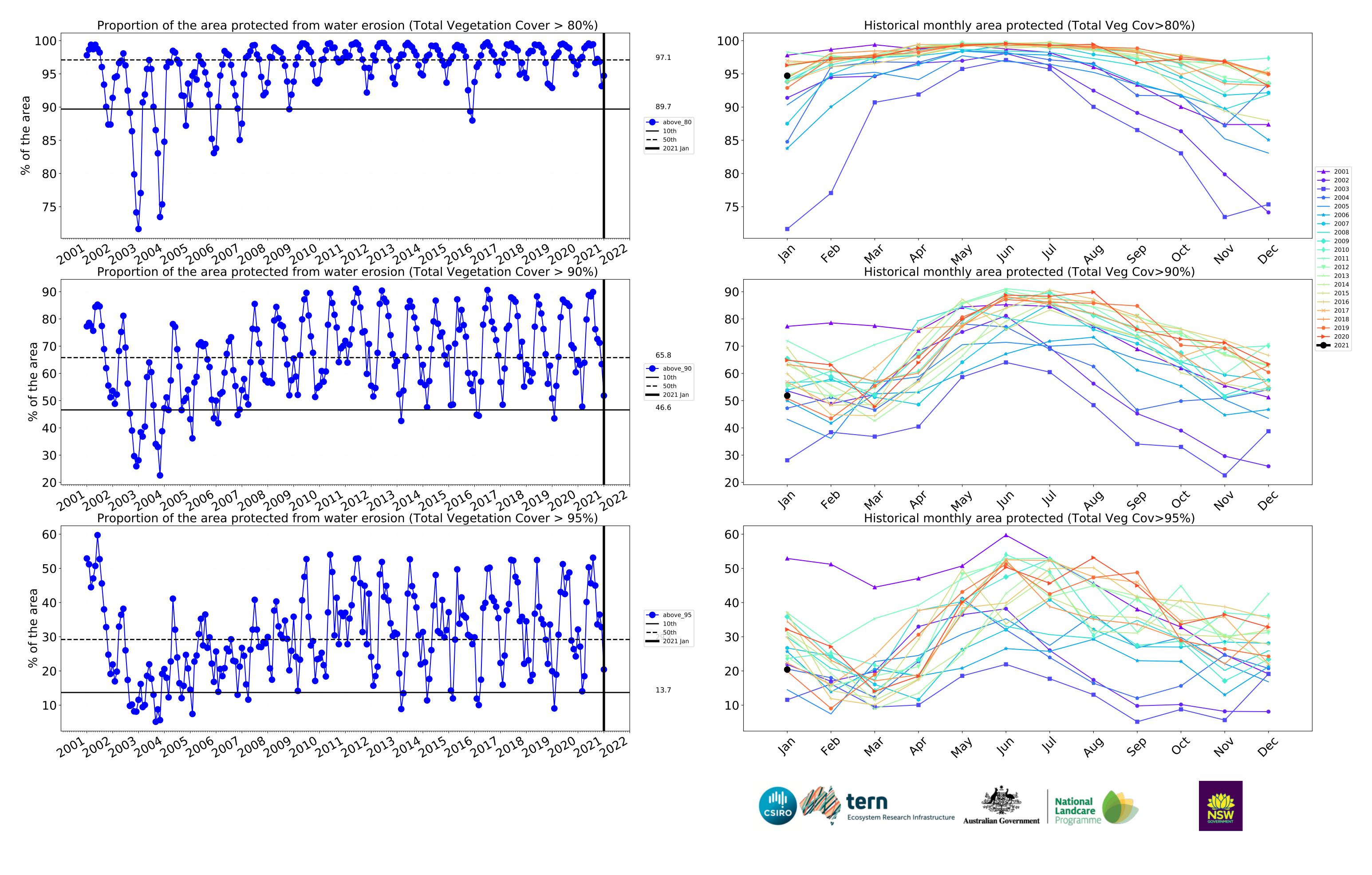




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**



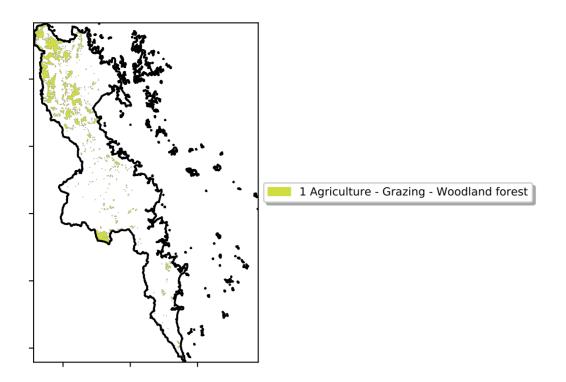




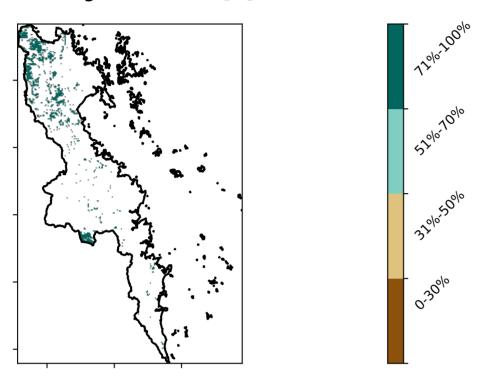
# **Grazing Woodland forest**

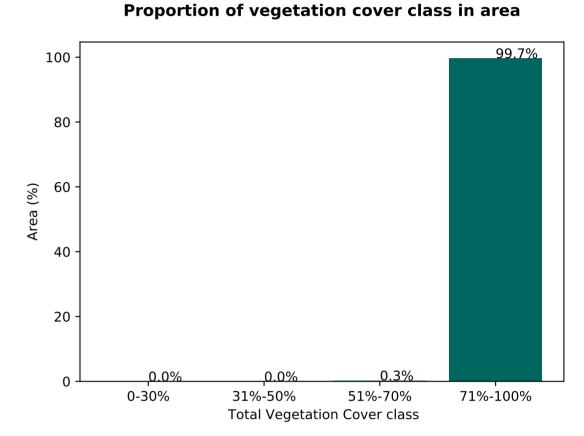
## Land use and forest cover

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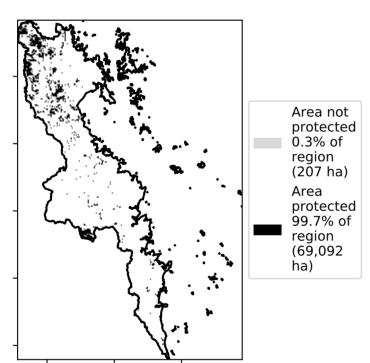


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

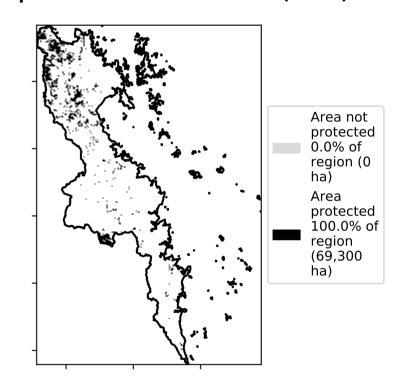




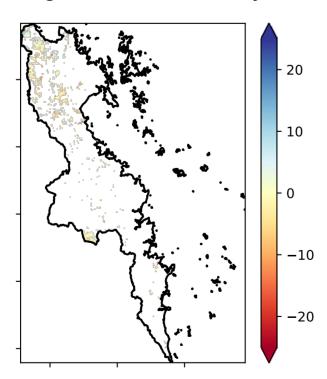
## % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

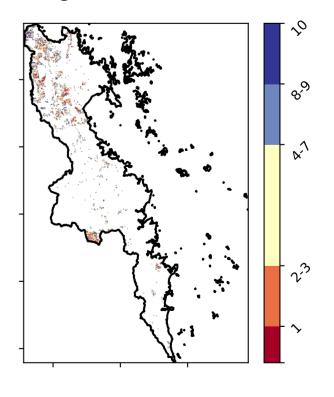


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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# Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Anomaly show how many percetage points each

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using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

is only for the month of the map

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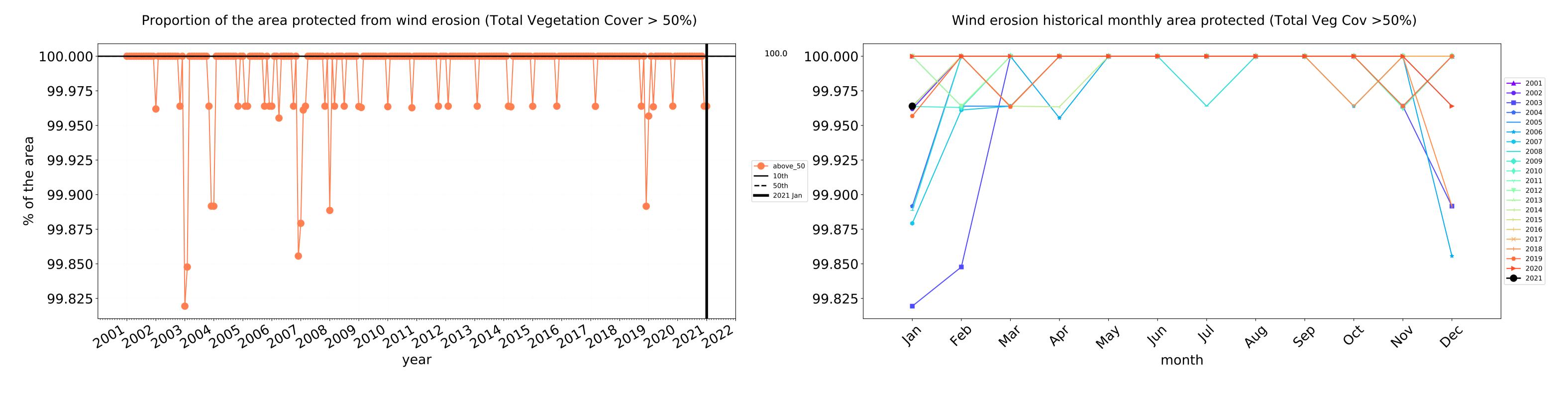


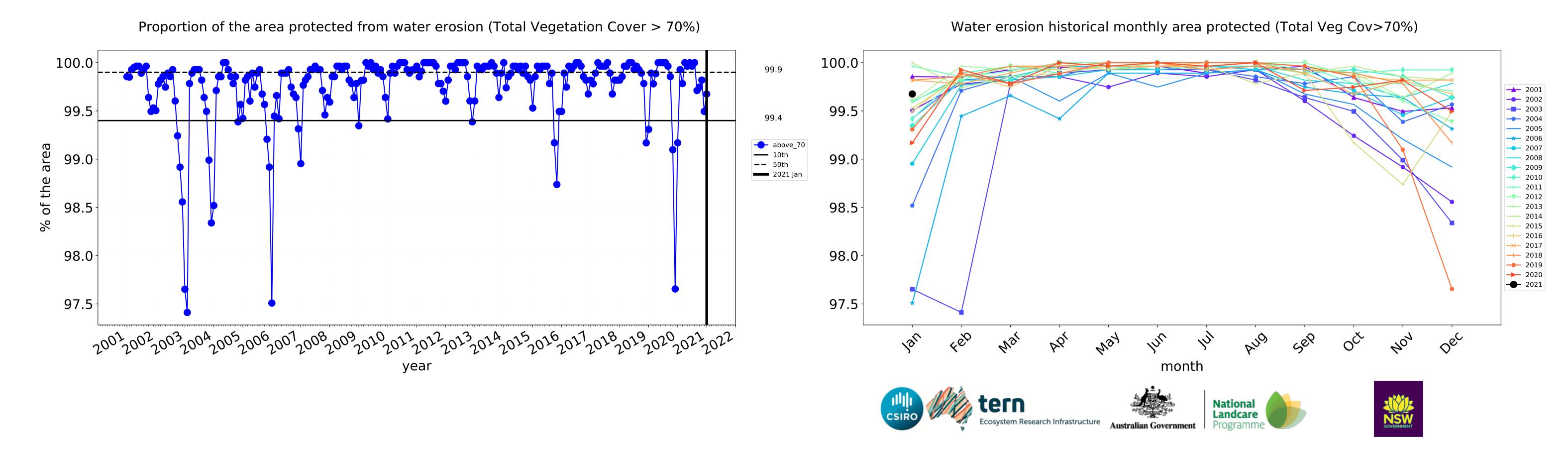


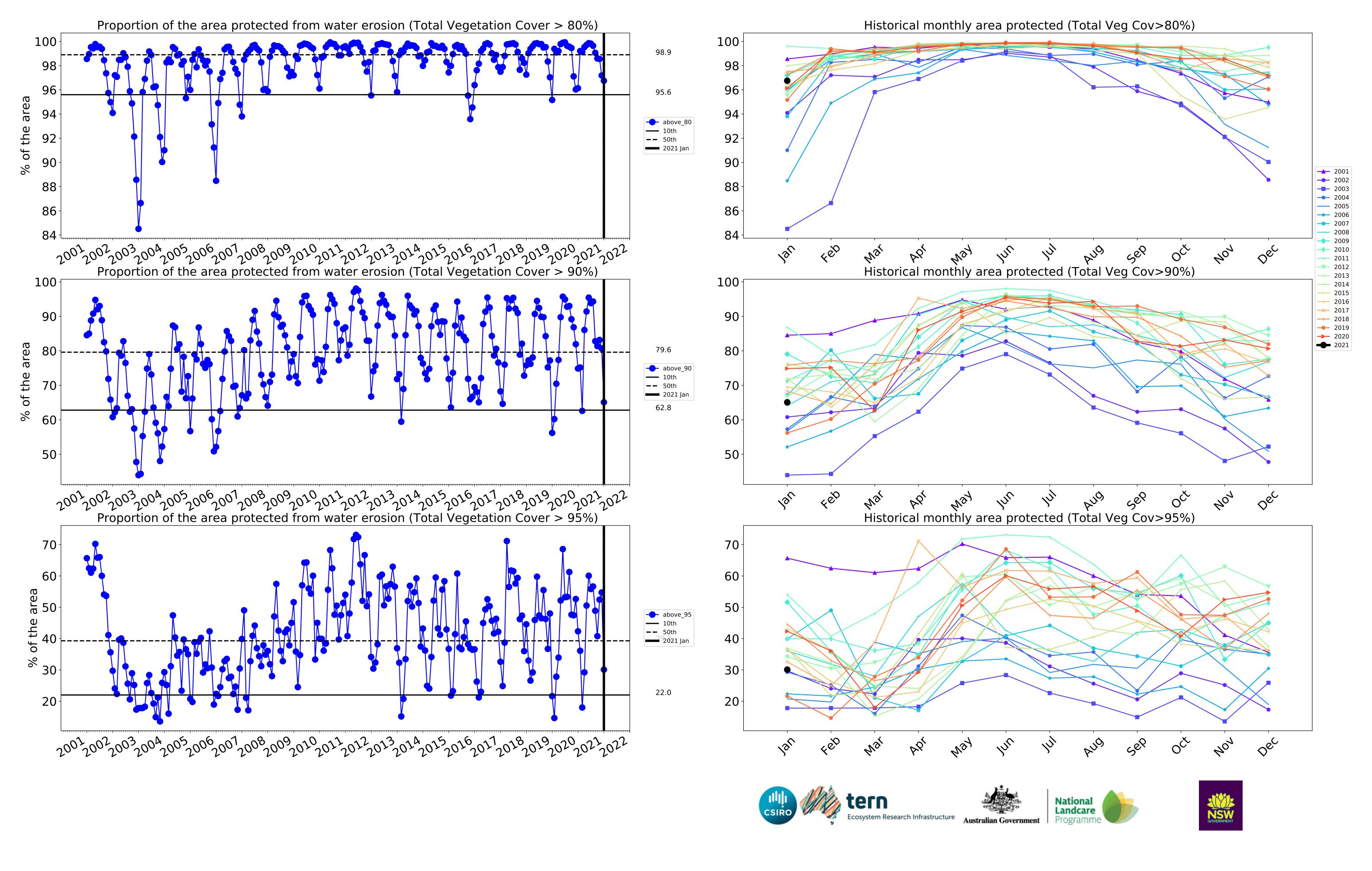




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**







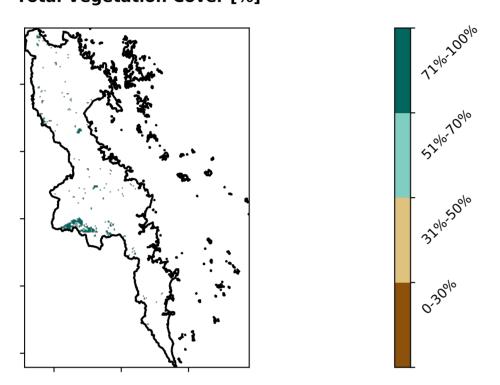
# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

### Land use and forest cover

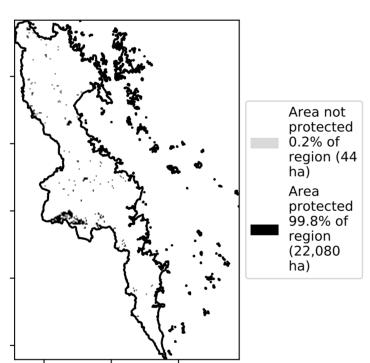
Catchment Scale 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

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

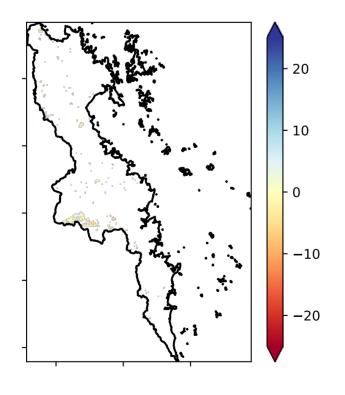
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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



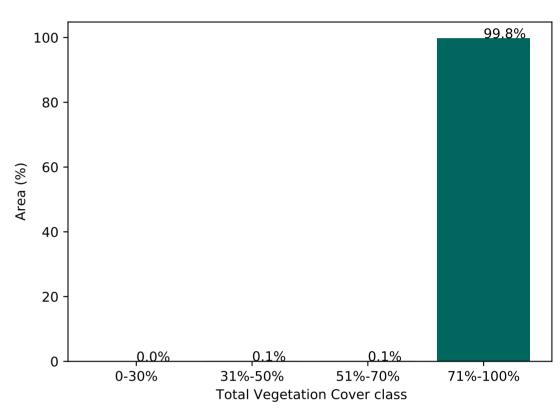
# Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



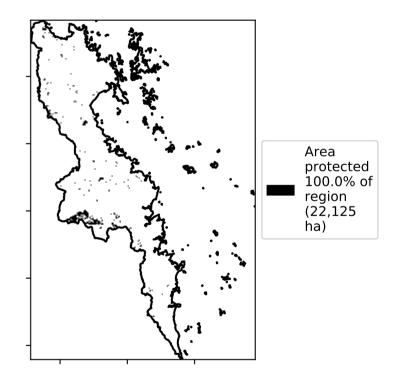
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

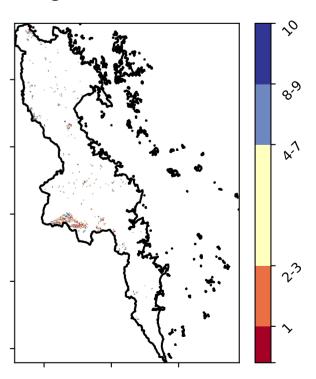
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



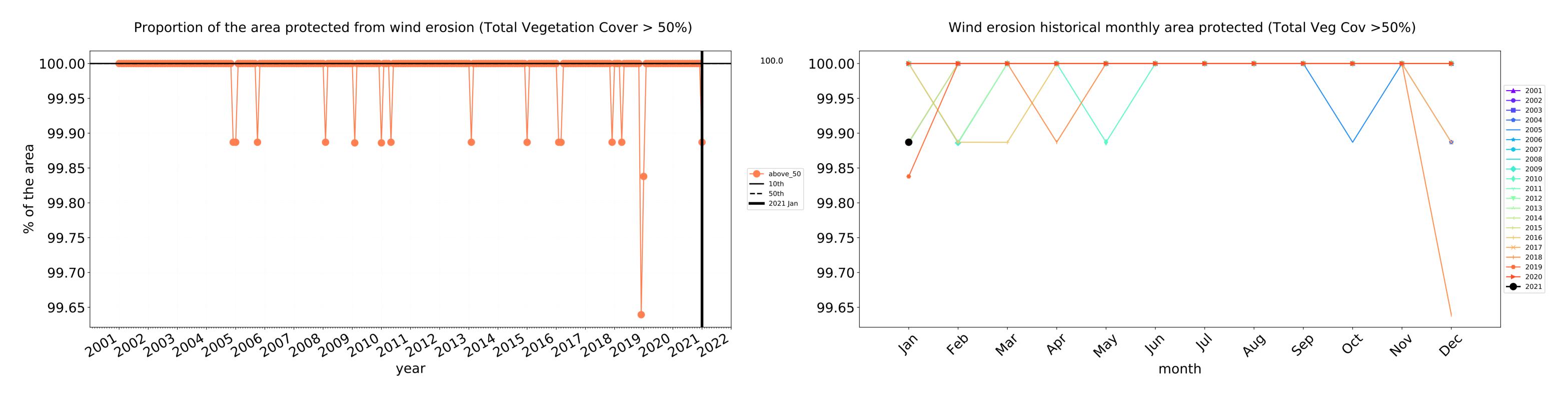


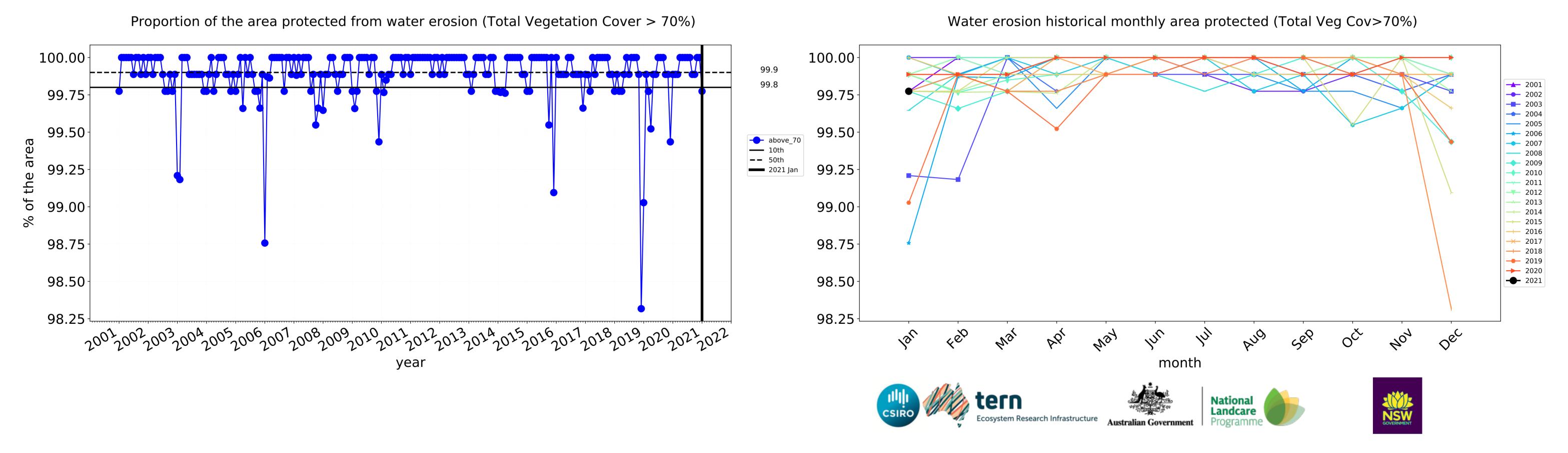


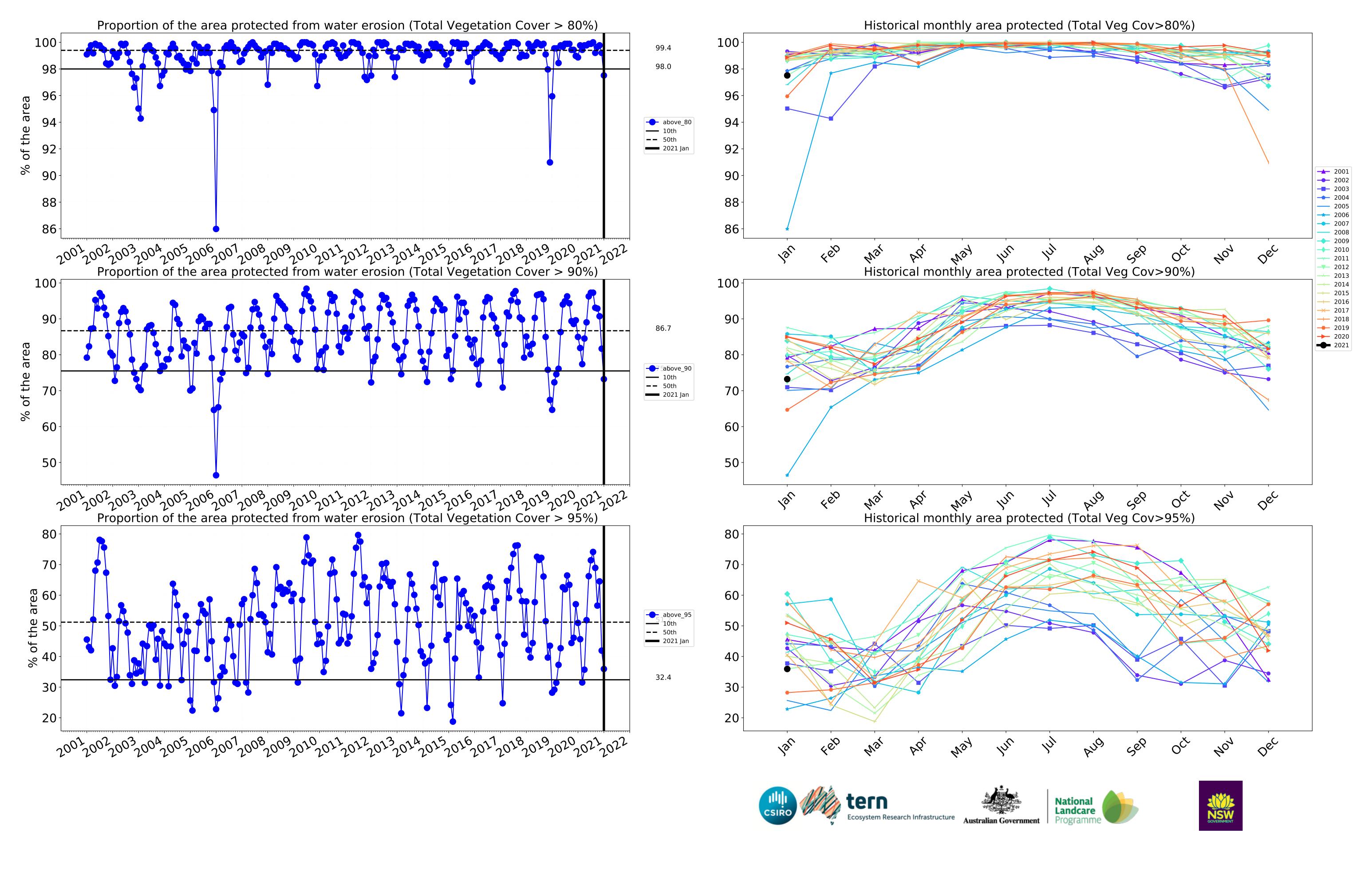












# **Irrigation**

### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land

Derived from

Use of Australia (2018) and Forests

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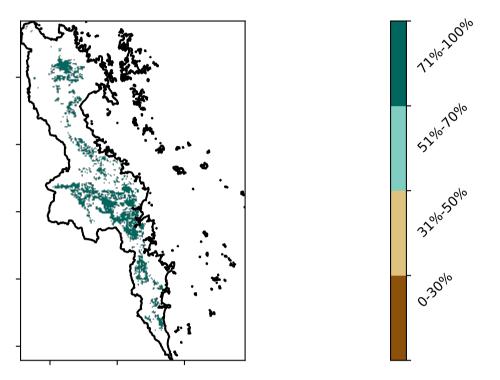
using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

is only for the month of the map

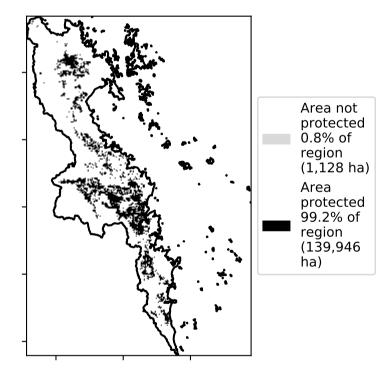
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# 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

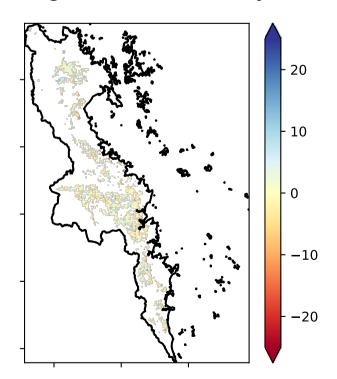
## **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

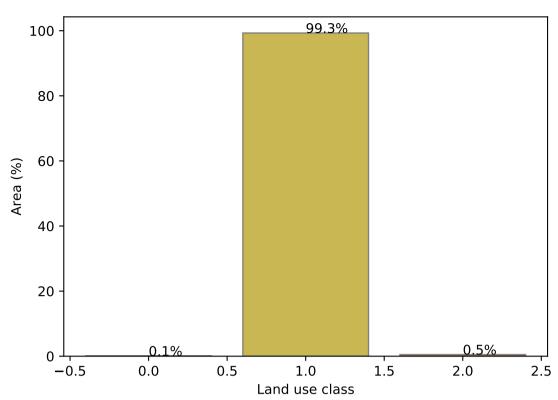


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

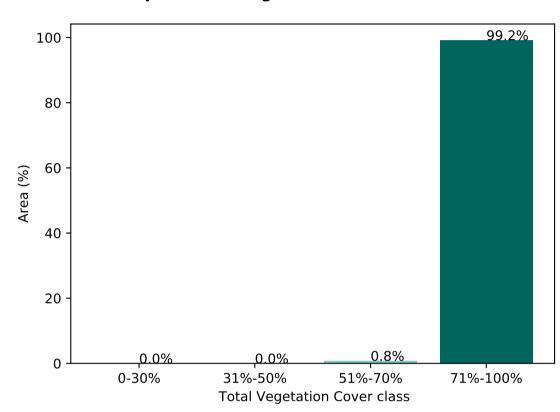


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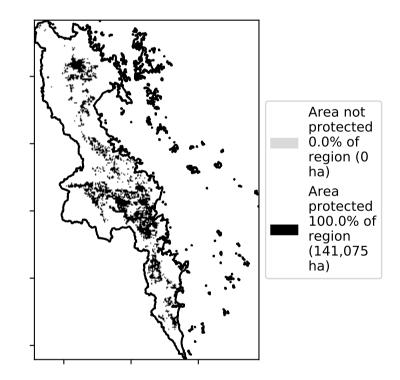
# Proportion of each land class in area

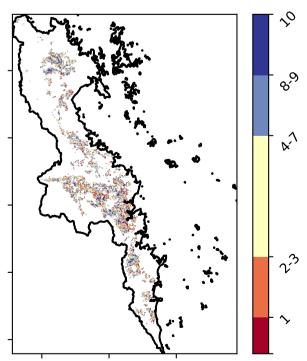


### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





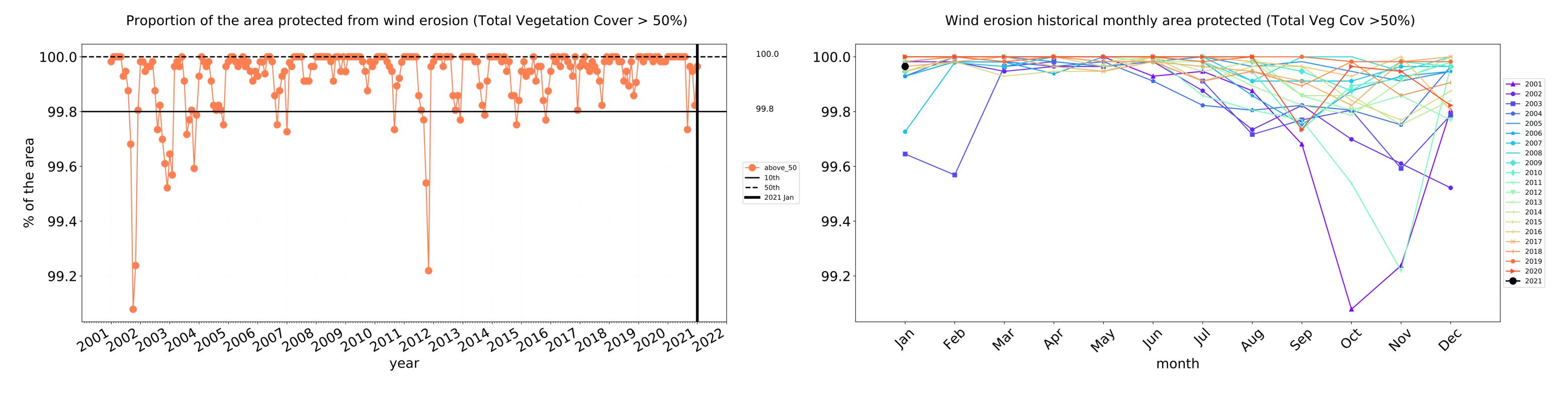


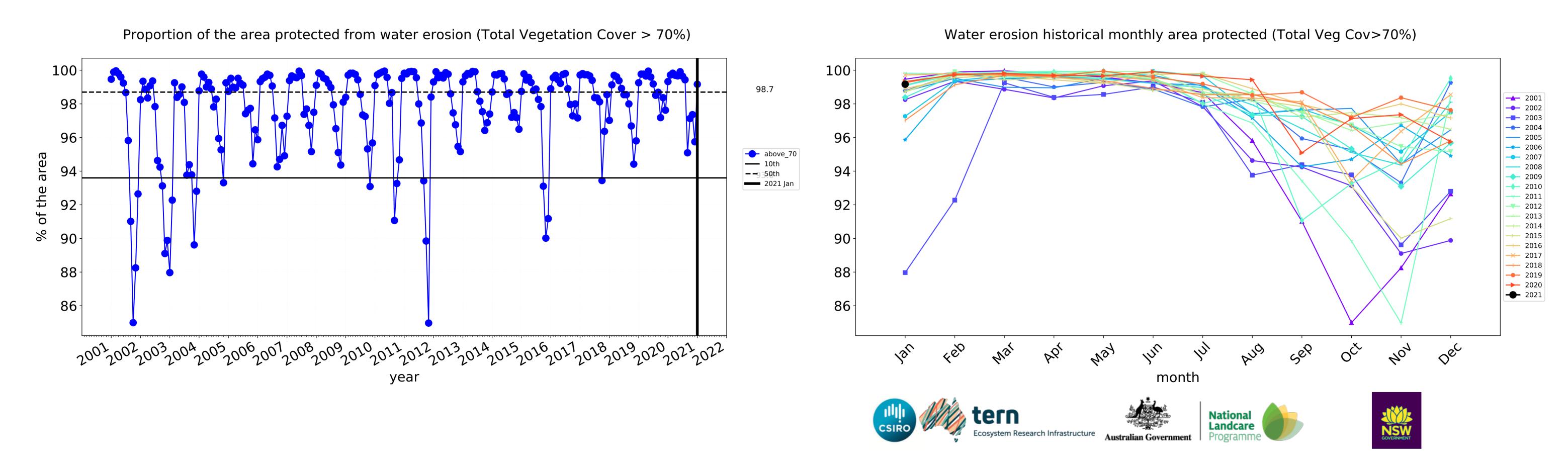


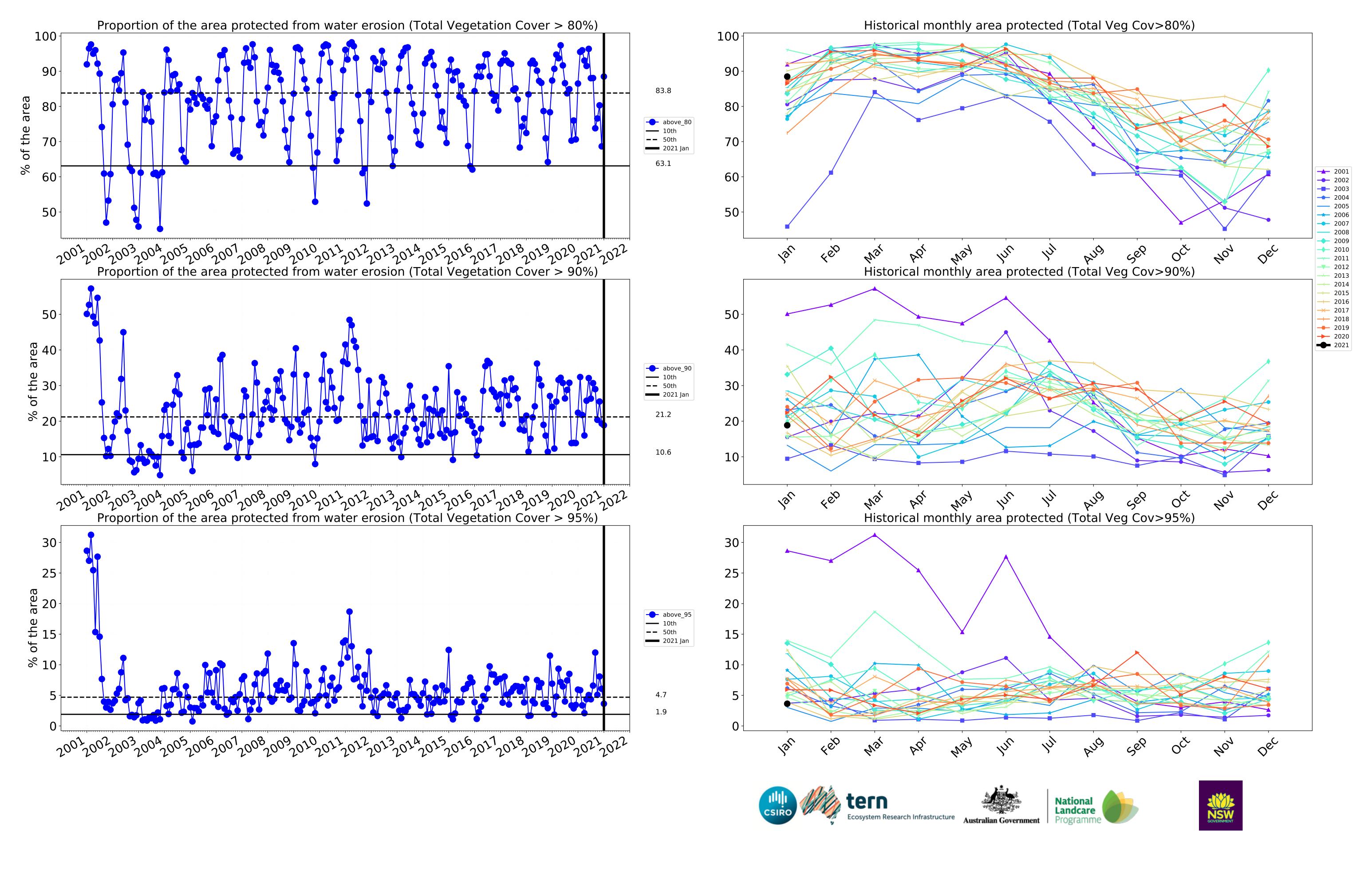




# Irrigation timeseries







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

### Land use and forest cover

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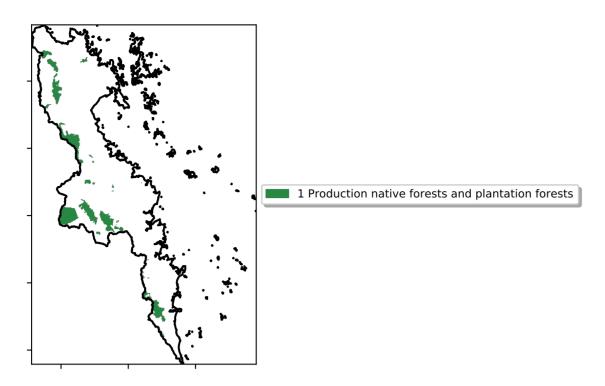
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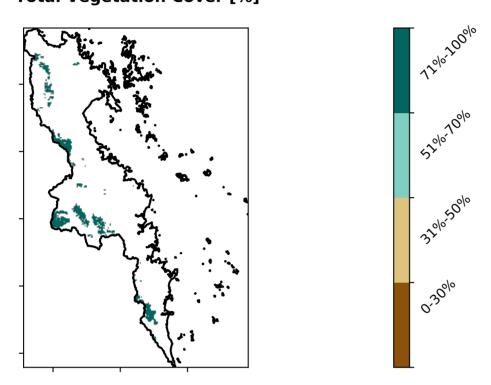
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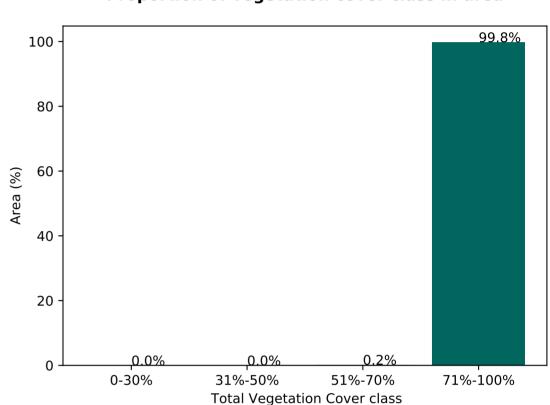
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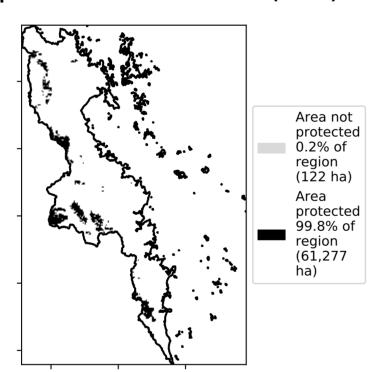
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]



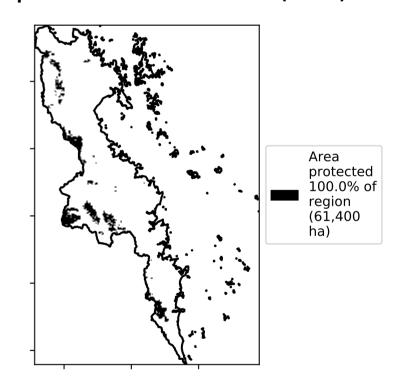
### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



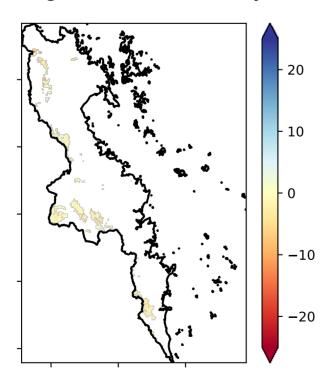
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



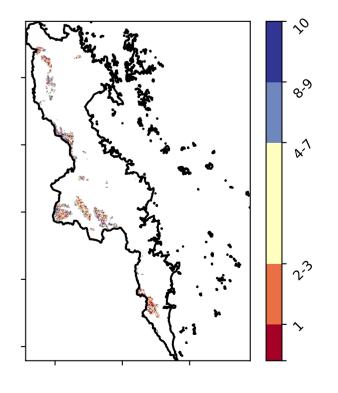
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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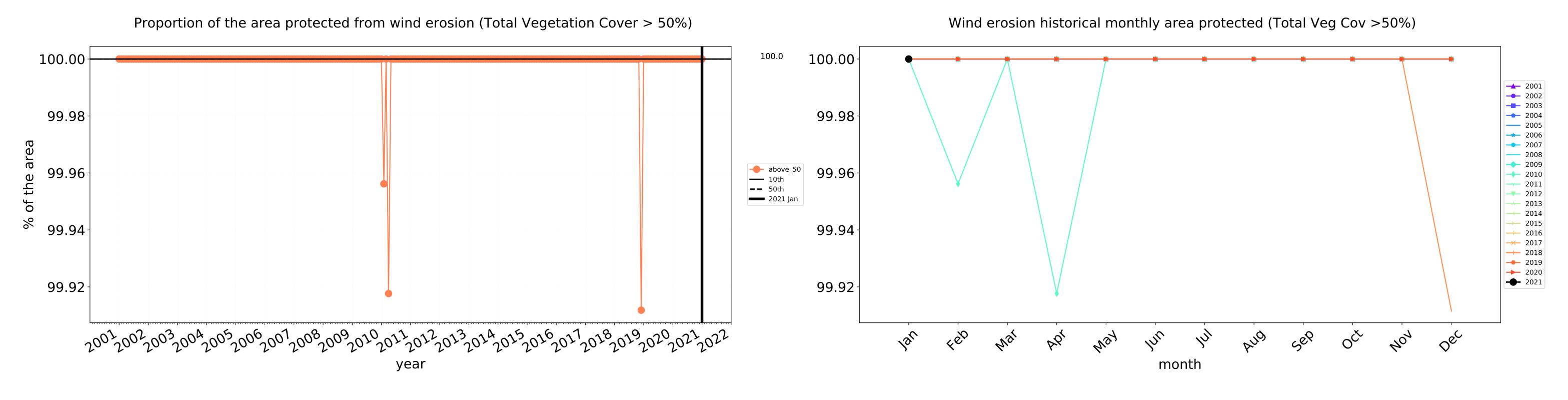


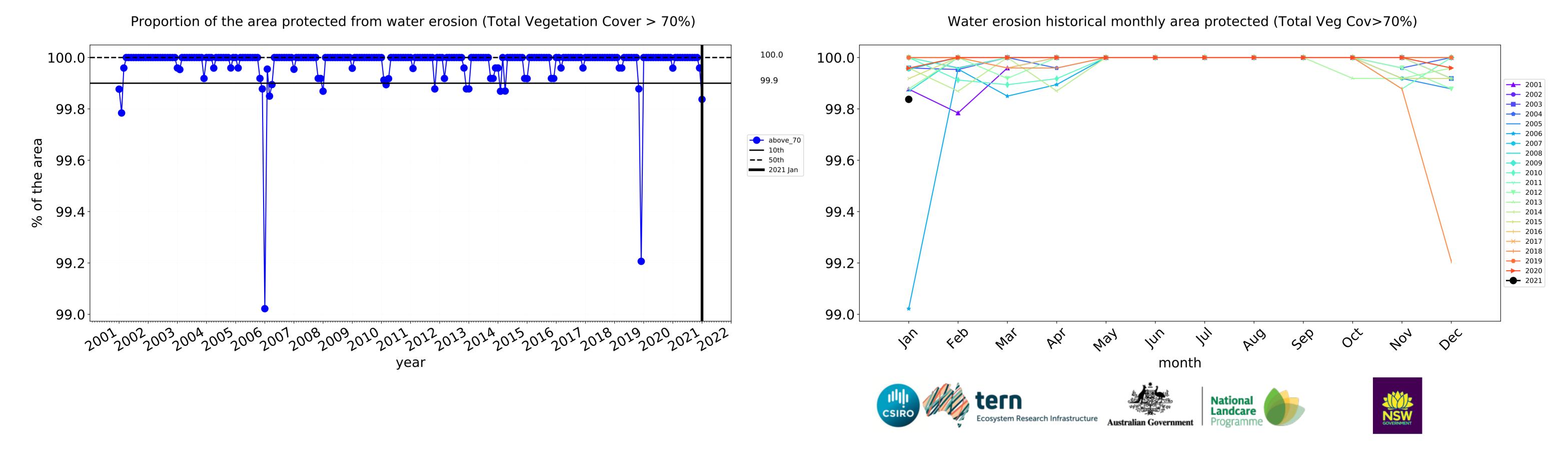


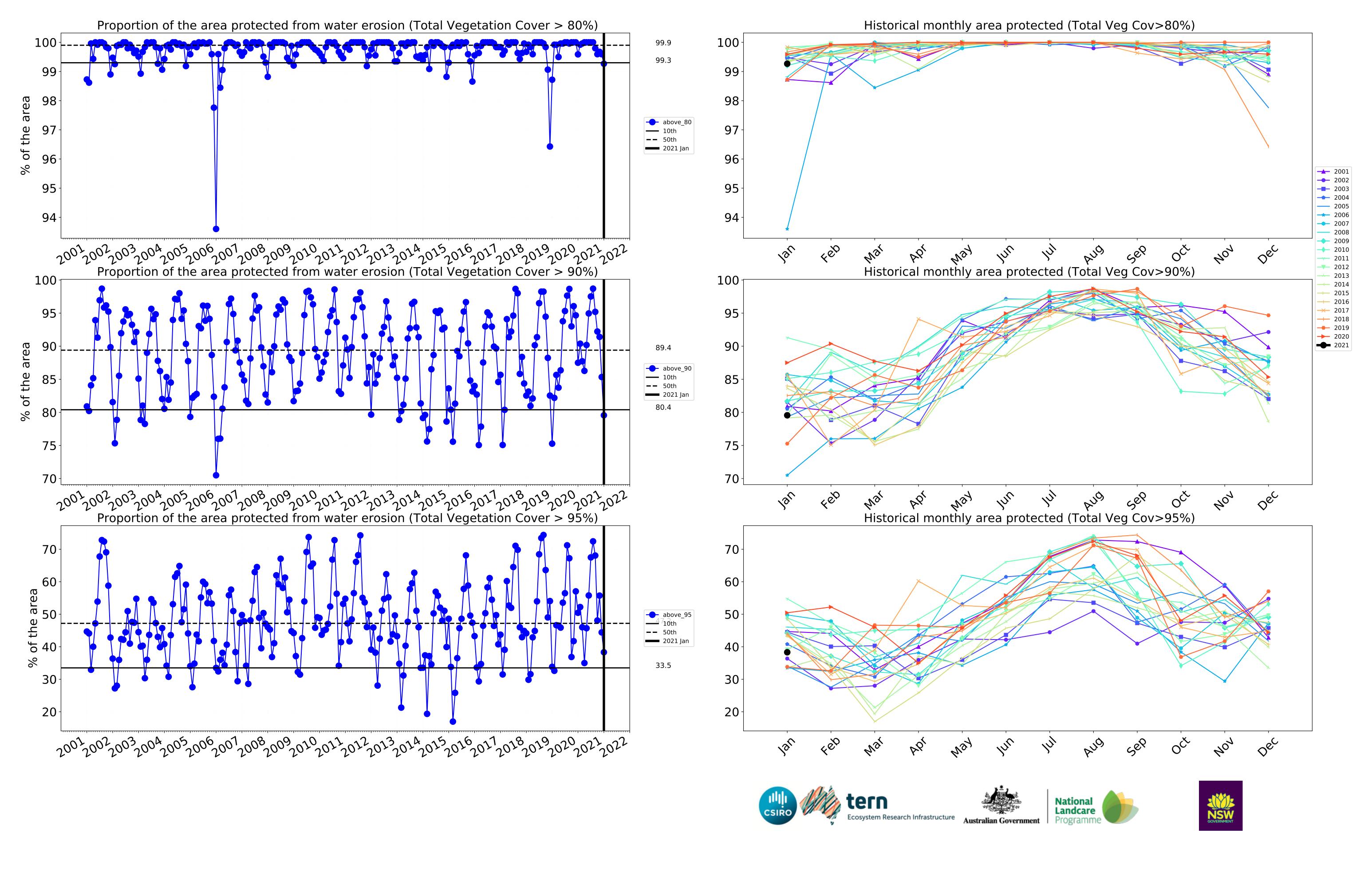




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Mackay Whitsunday (704,800 ha and no data 228,260 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	704,800	99.9% 704,075	99.6% 702,125	98.2% 691,925	92.3% 650,475	53.2% 374,775	23.9% 168,675
Conservation and natural environments	192,075	99.8% 191,750	99.4% 190,975	98.3% 188,900	95.6% 183,625	71.5% 137,350	36.3% 69,700
Conservation and natural environments non forest	5,175	99.0% 5,125	97.6% 5,050	91.8% 4,750	79.2% 4,100	47.3% 2,450	22.2% 1,150
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	60,800	100.0% 60,800	99.6% 60,575	98.1% 59,675	94.7% 57,600	64.8% 39,425	31.2% 18,975
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	126,100	99.8% 125,825	99.4% 125,350	98.7% 124,475	96.7% 121,925	75.7% 95,475	39.3% 49,575
Agriculture	391,125	100.0% 391,100	99.9% 390,825	99.4% 388,675	93.0% 363,700	43.5% 170,125	17.0% 66,325
Grazing	250,050	100.0% 250,025	99.9% 249,800	99.5% 248,775	95.5% 238,875	57.4% 143,525	24.5% 61,200
Grazing non forest	158,625	100.0% 158,600	99.9% 158,425	99.4% 157,625	94.7% 150,250	51.8% 82,225	20.4% 32,400
Grazing Woodland forest	69,300	100.0% 69,300	100.0% 69,275	99.7% 69,075	96.8% 67,050	65.1% 45,100	30.1% 20,850
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	22,125	100.0% 22,125	99.9% 22,100	99.8% 22,075	97.5% 21,575	73.2% 16,200	35.9% 7,950
Irrigation	141,075	100.0% 141,075	100.0% 141,025	99.2% 139,900	88.5% 124,825	18.9% 26,600	3.6% 5,125
Production native forests and plantation forests	61,400	100.0% 61,400	100.0% 61,400	99.8% 61,300	99.3% 60,950	79.6% 48,850	38.3% 23,525







