## 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 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



## **Vegetation Cover Nov 2022**

#### Land use and forest cover

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments -Non-forest 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest 3 Conservation and natural environments -Non-Woodland forest 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated 9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated **11** Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 12 Production native forests and plantation forests 13 Other uses

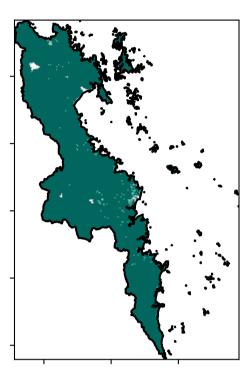
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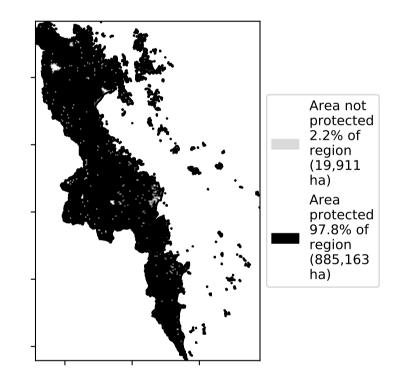
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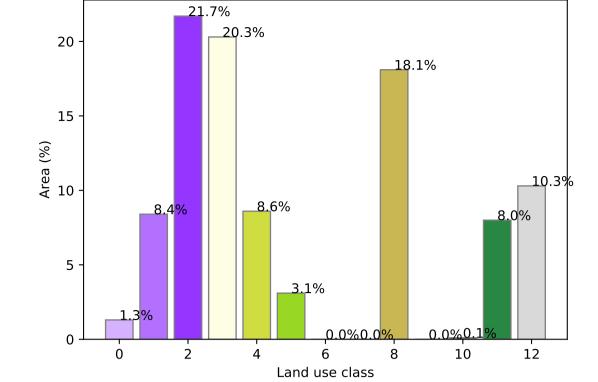
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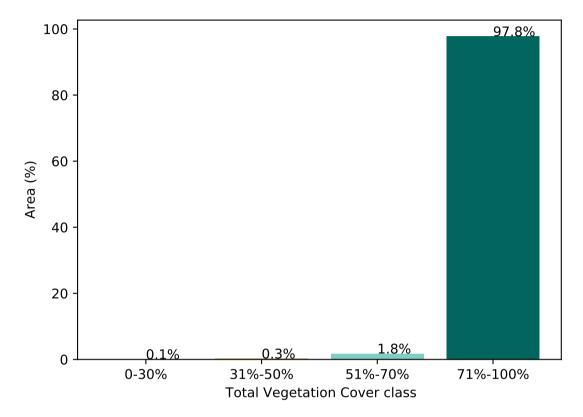


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

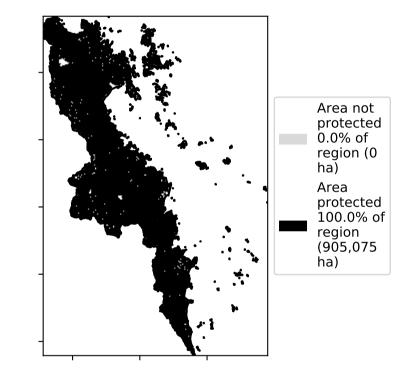




#### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



#### Proportion of each land class in area

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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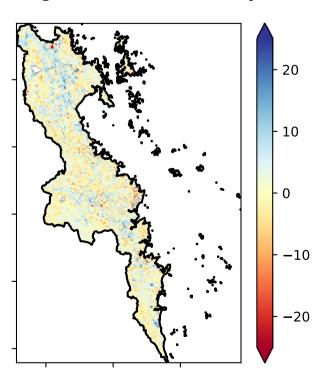
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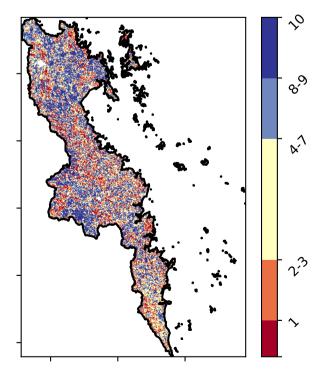
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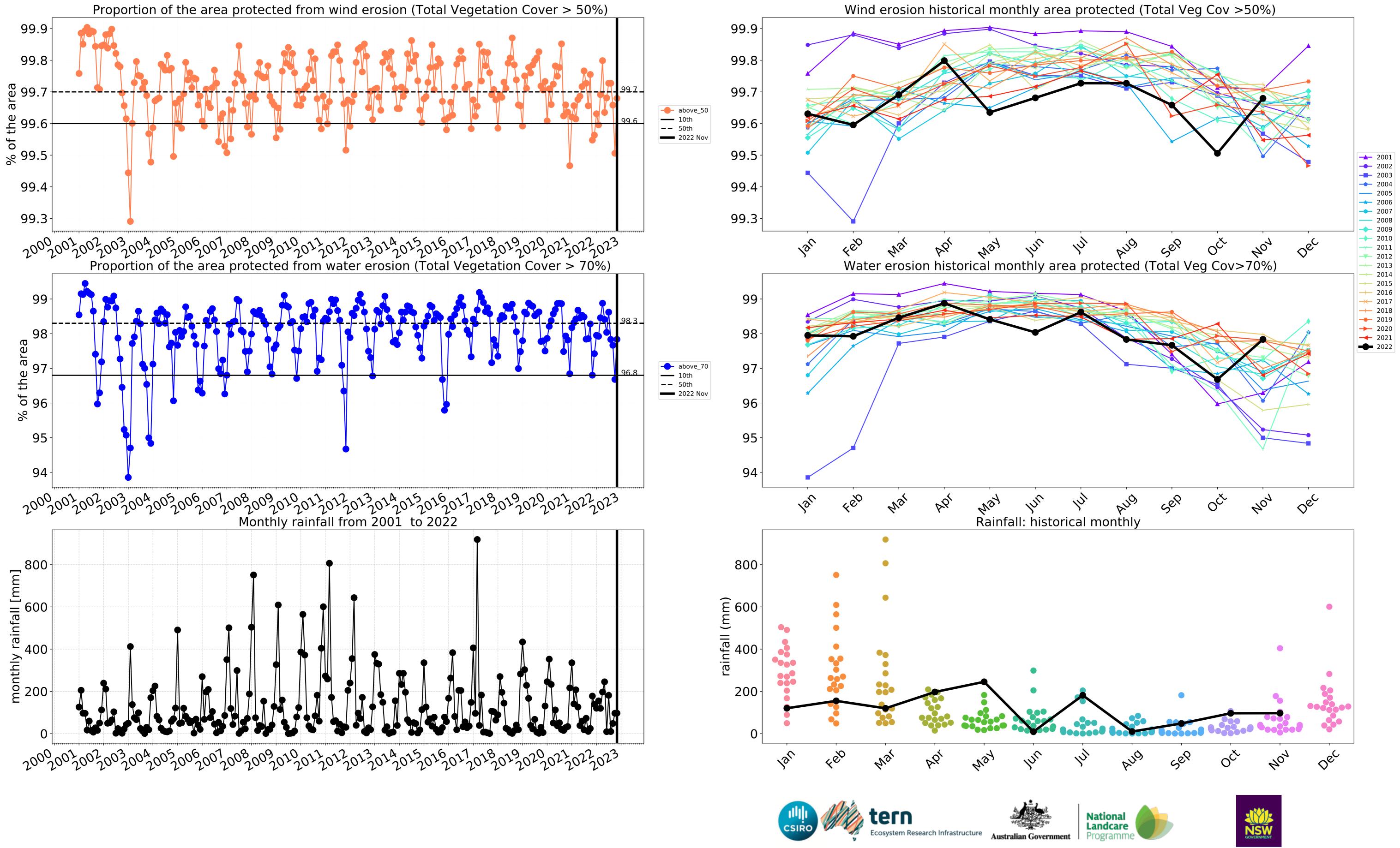
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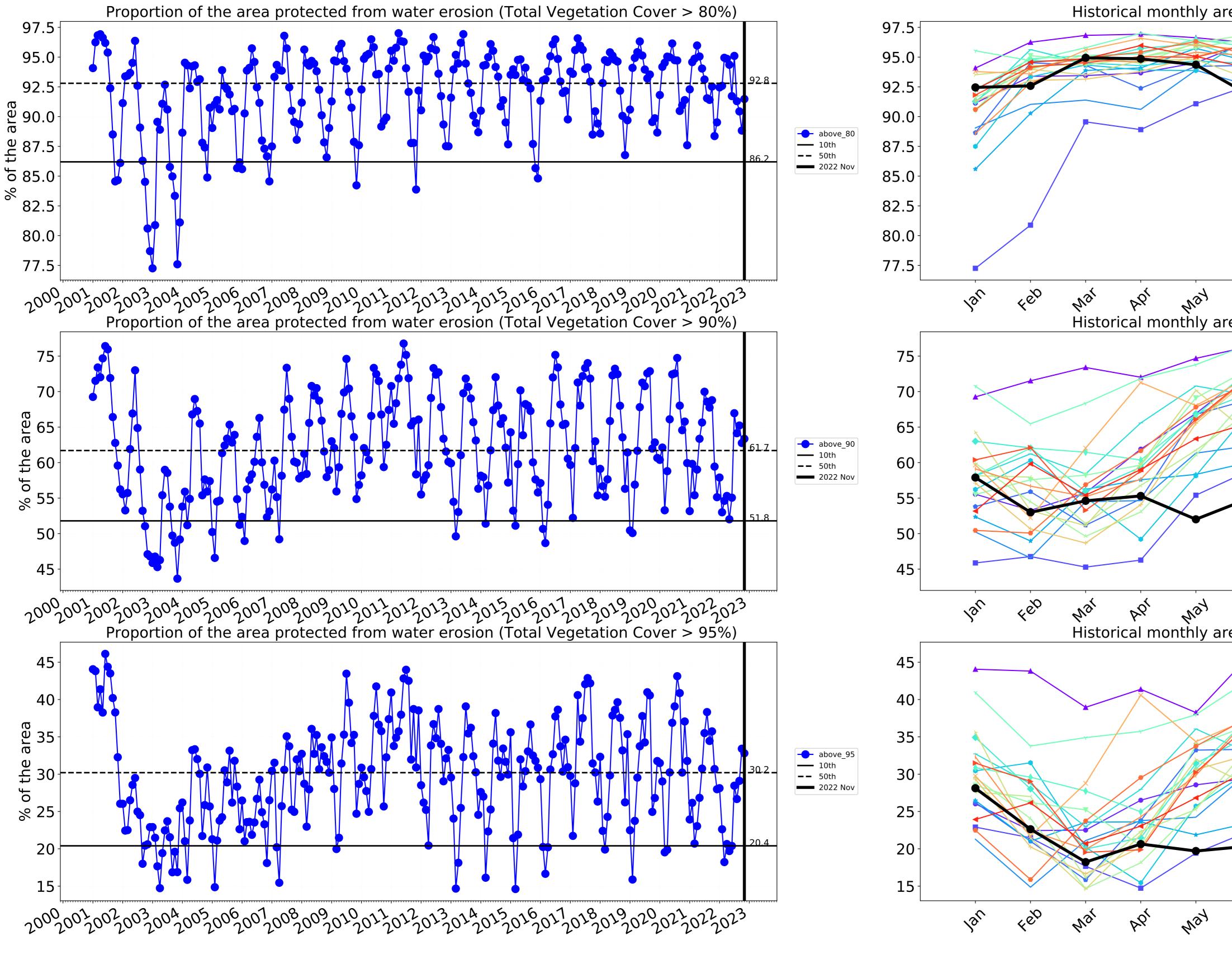
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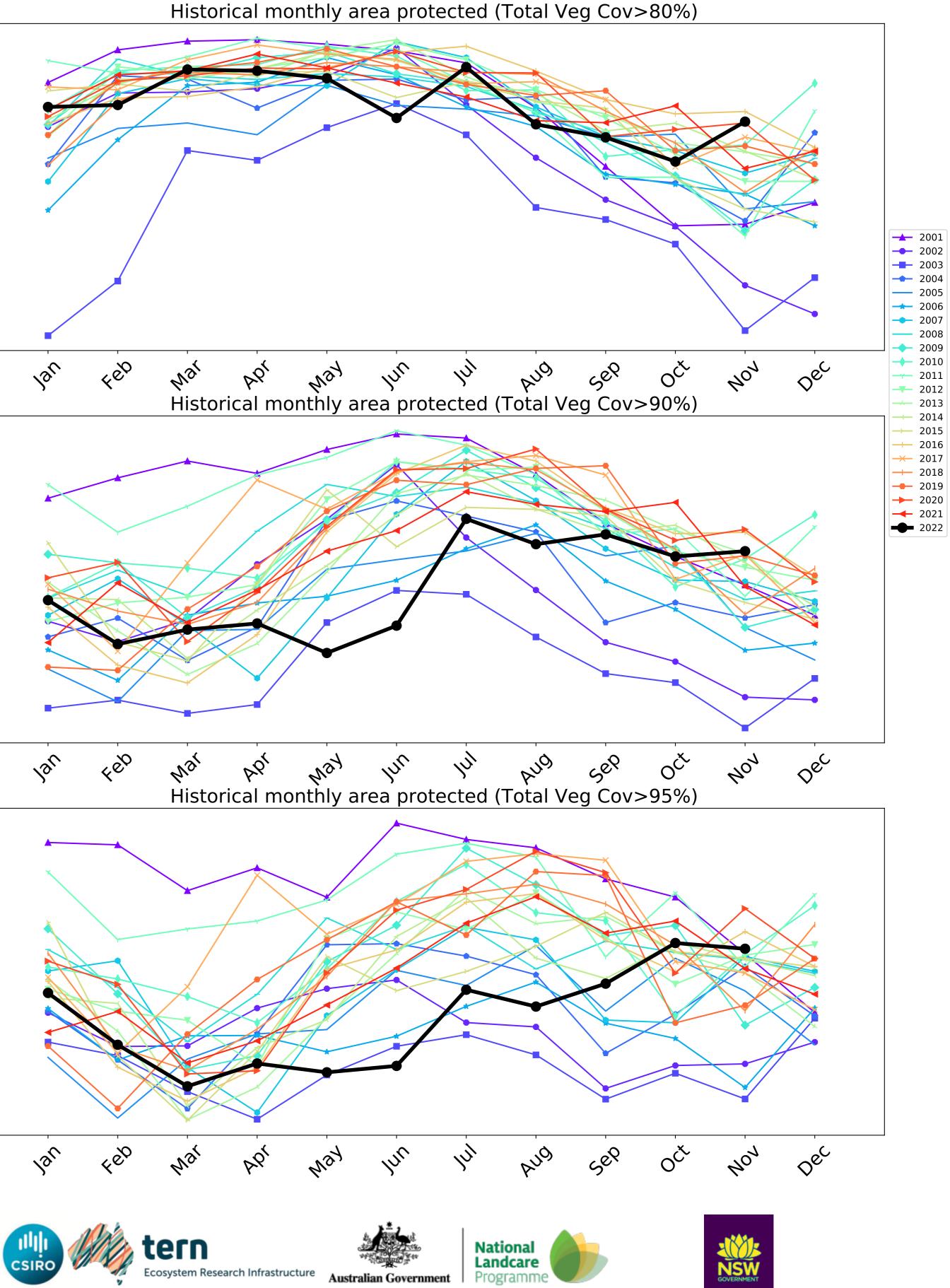
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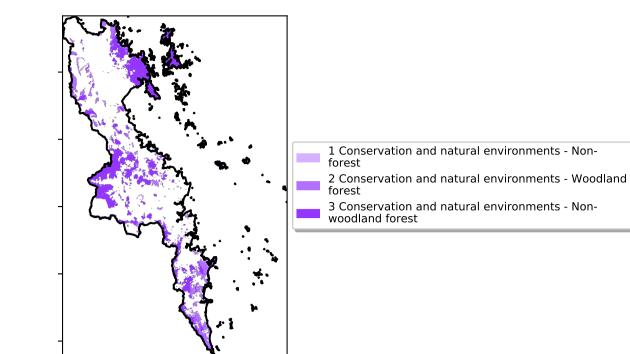




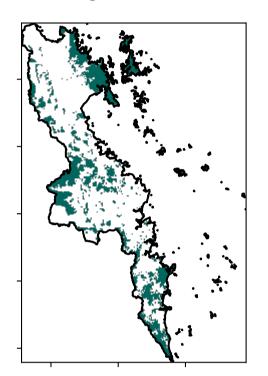


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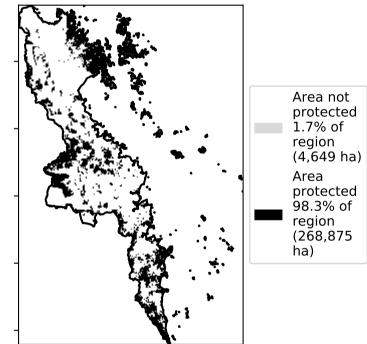
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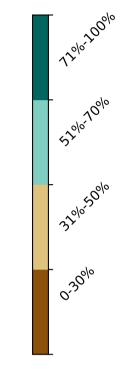


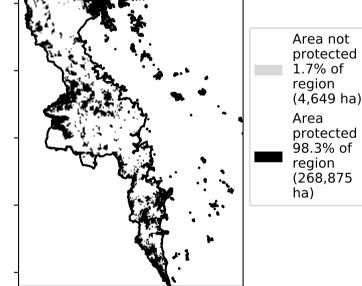
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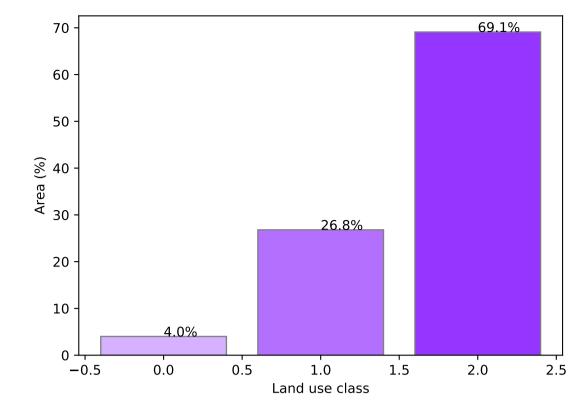






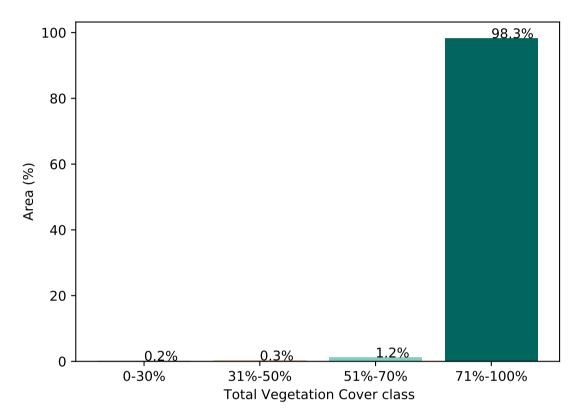




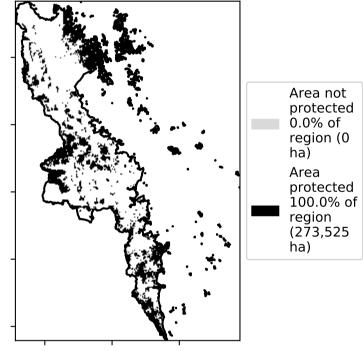


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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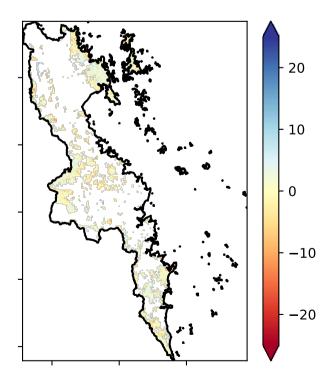
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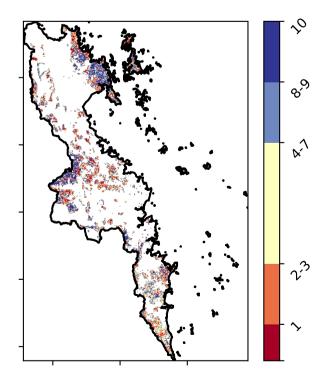
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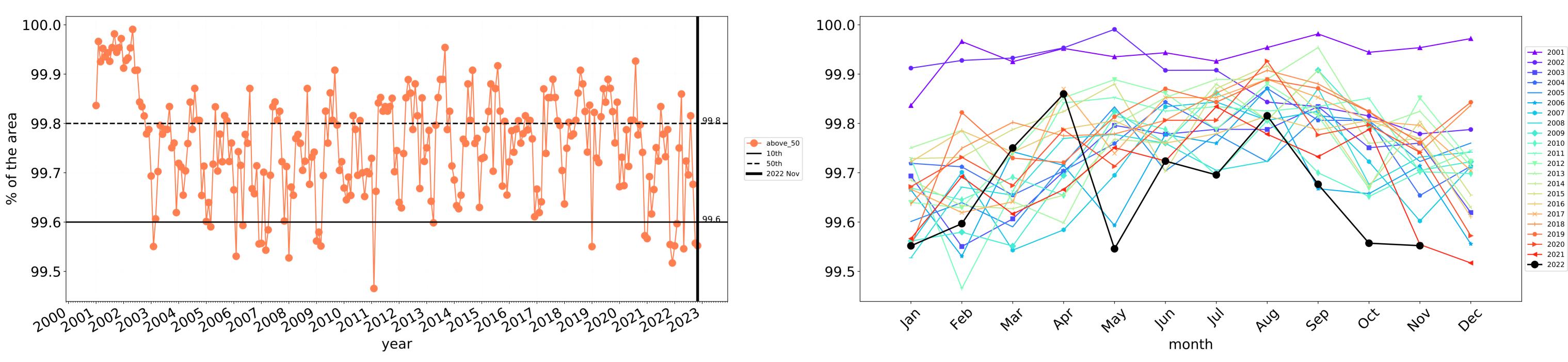
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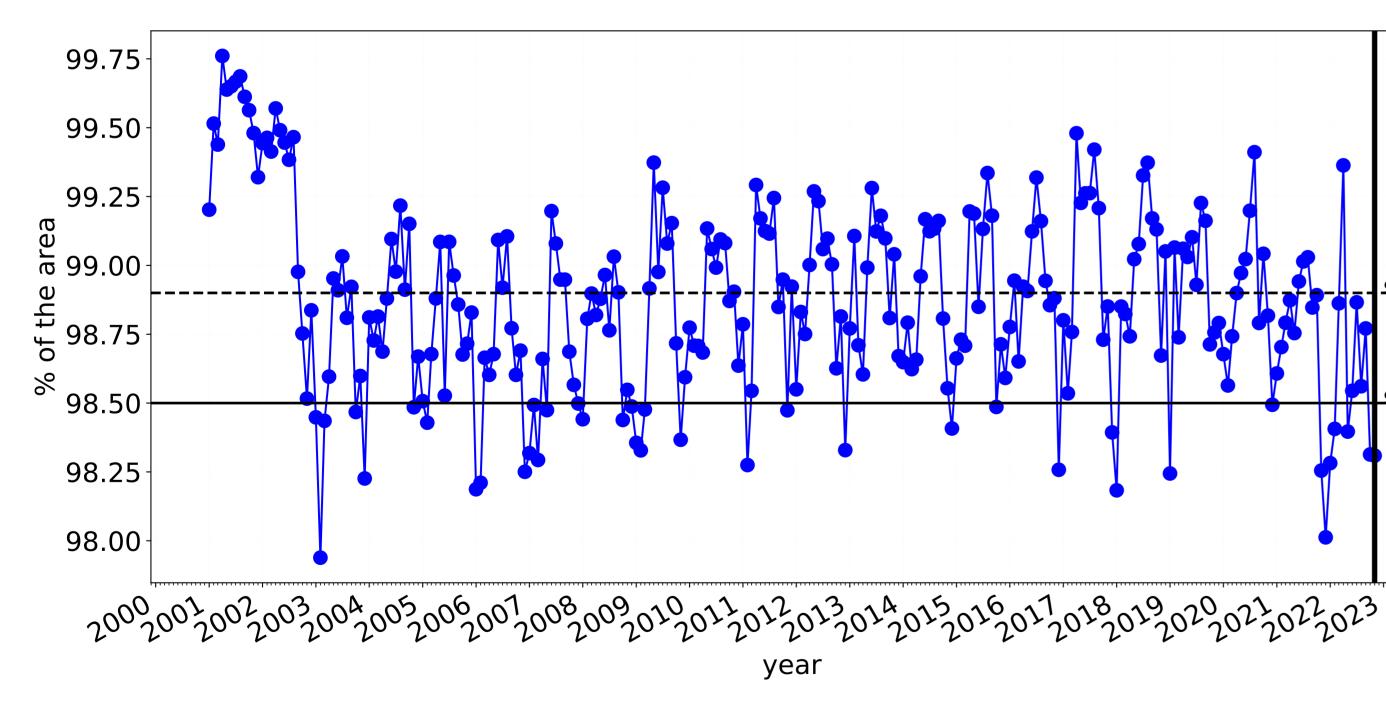






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

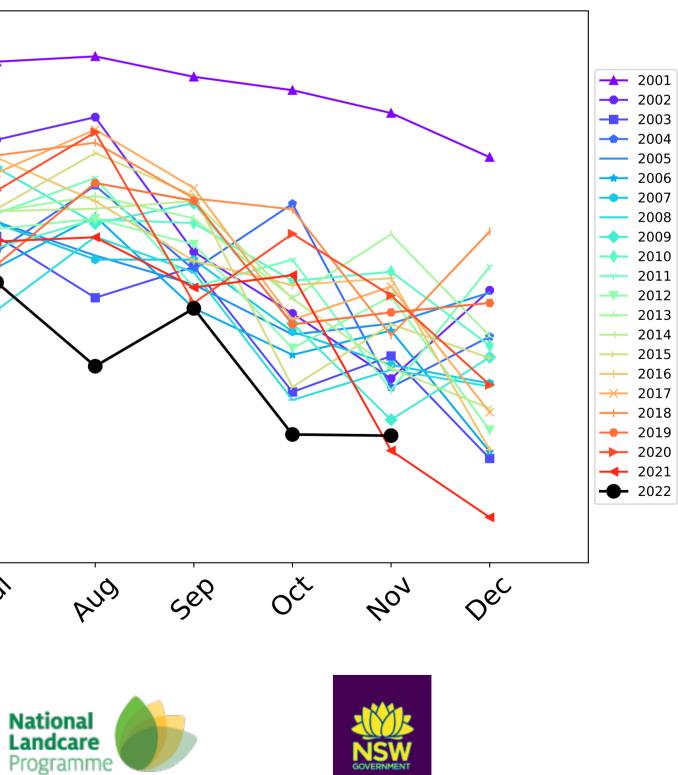
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

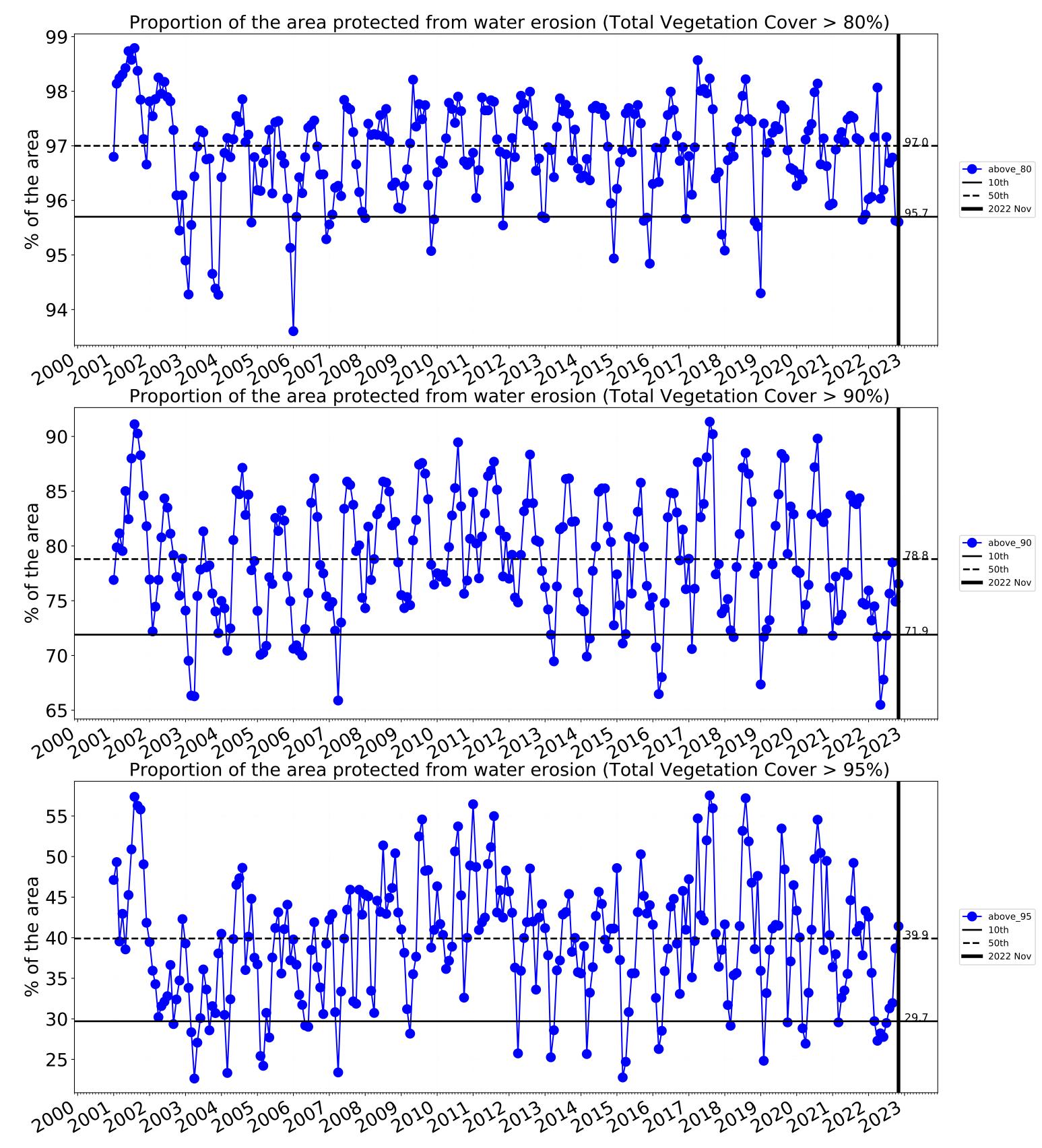


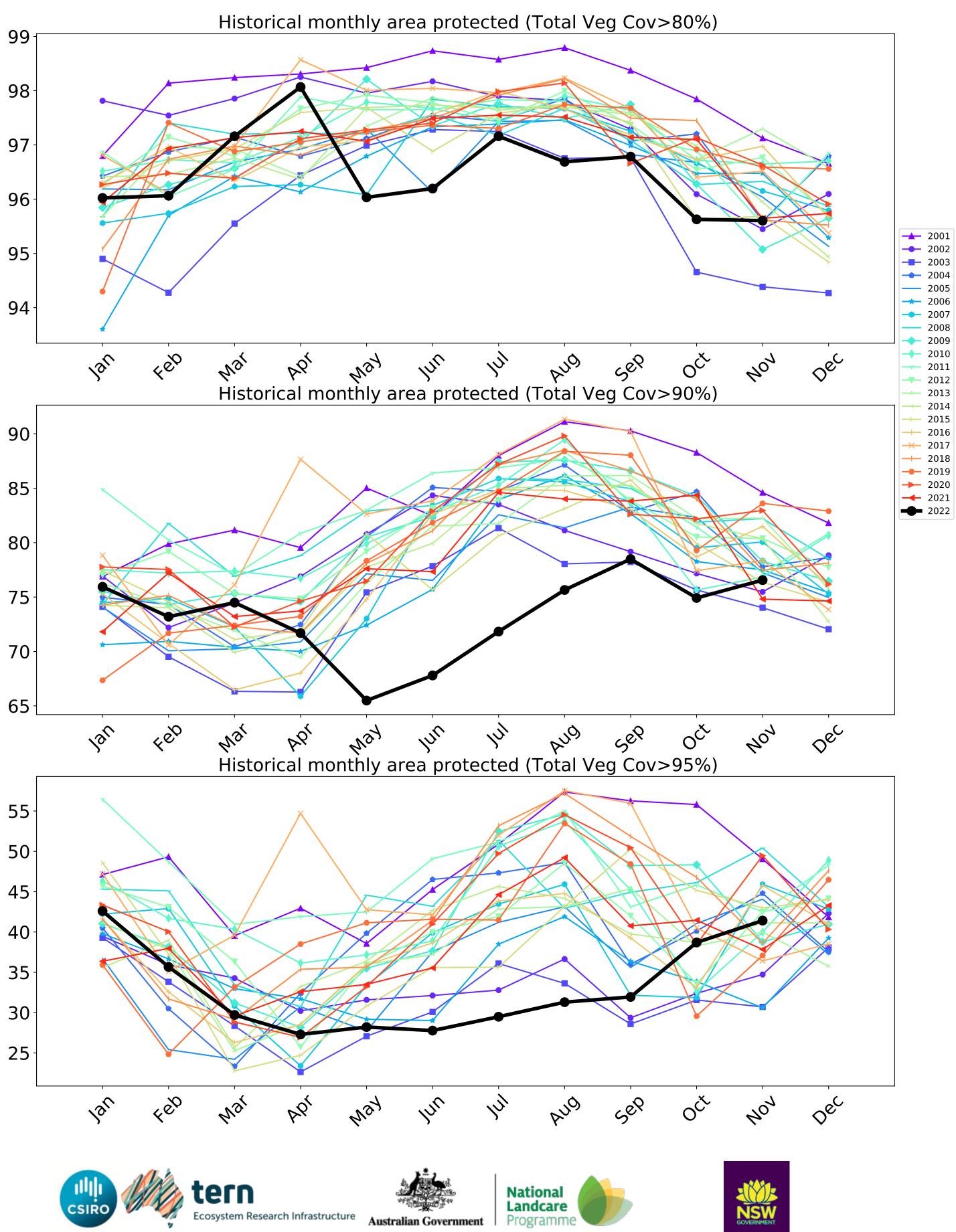
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



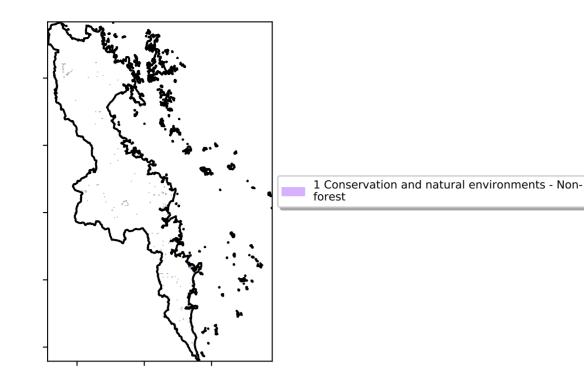




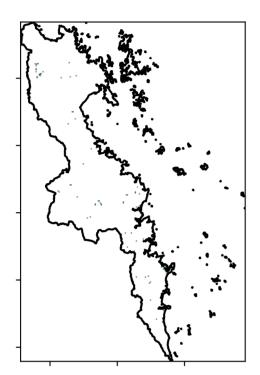


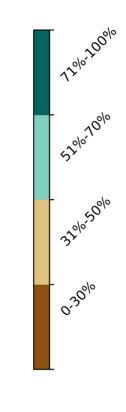
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Land use and forest cover

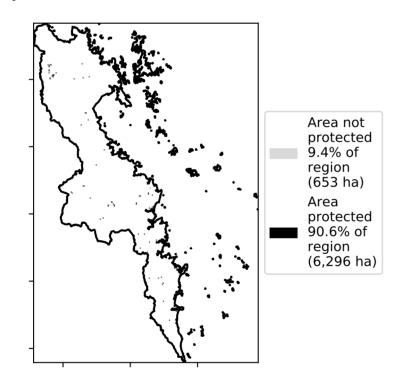


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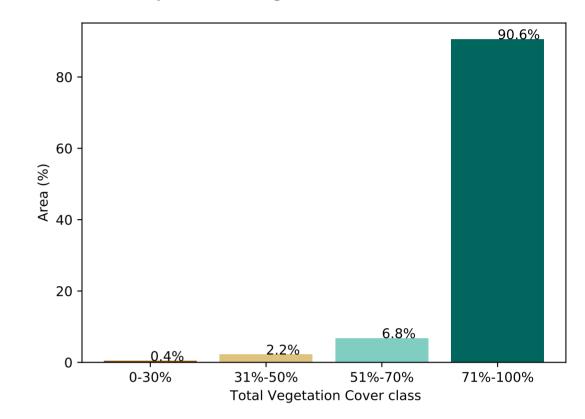




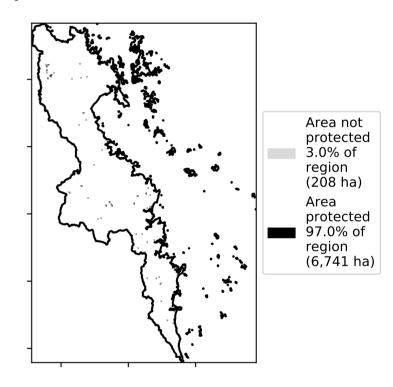
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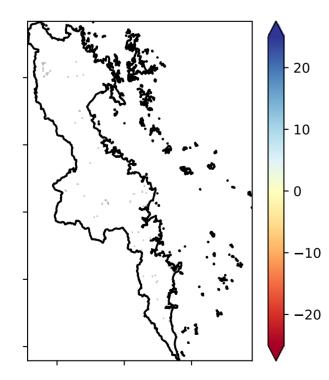
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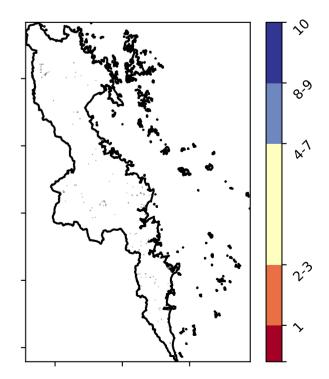
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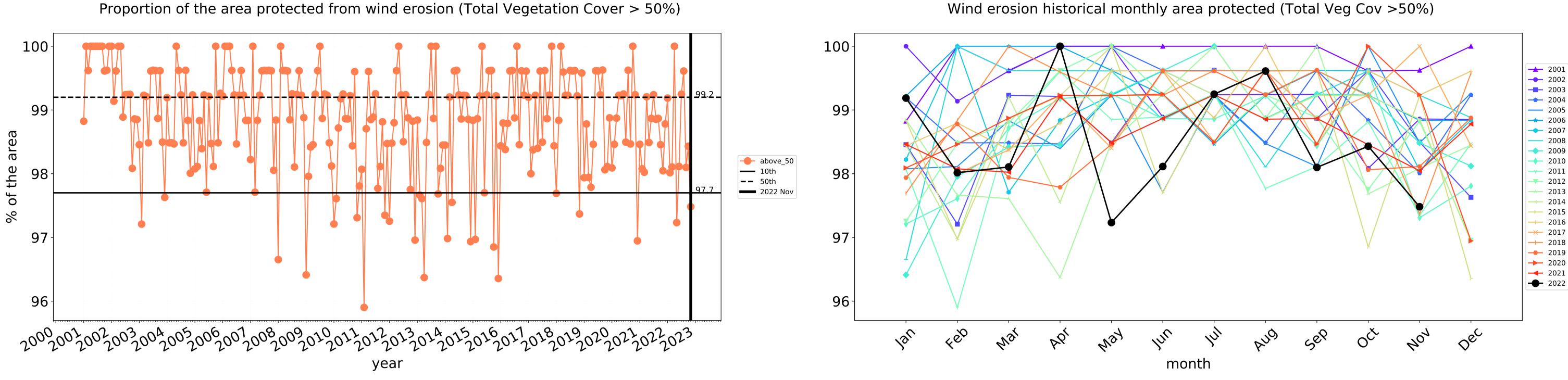


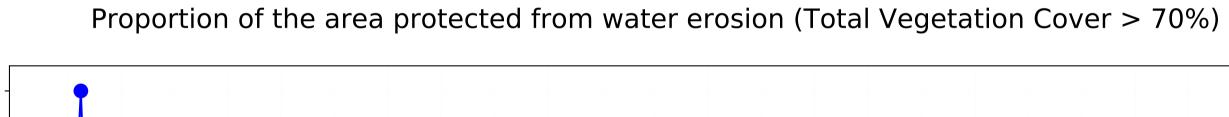
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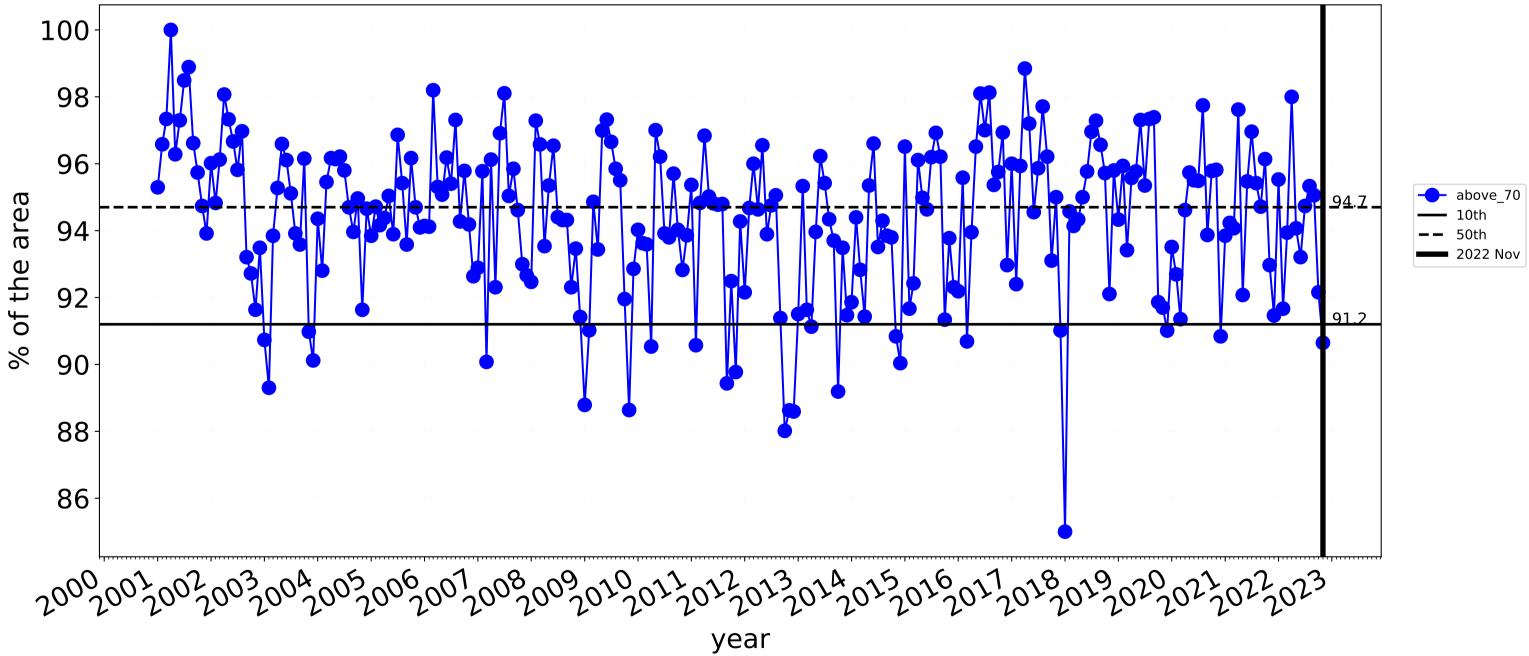






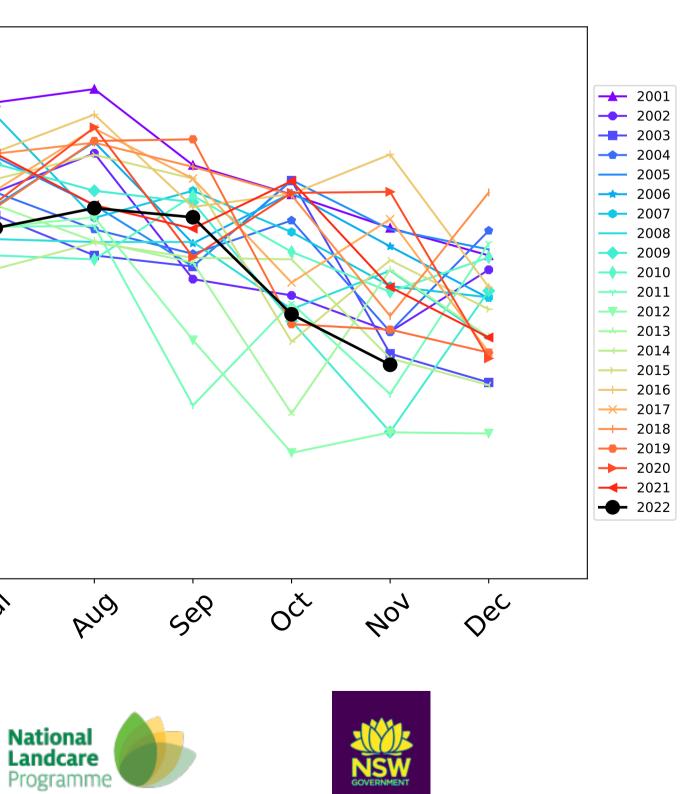


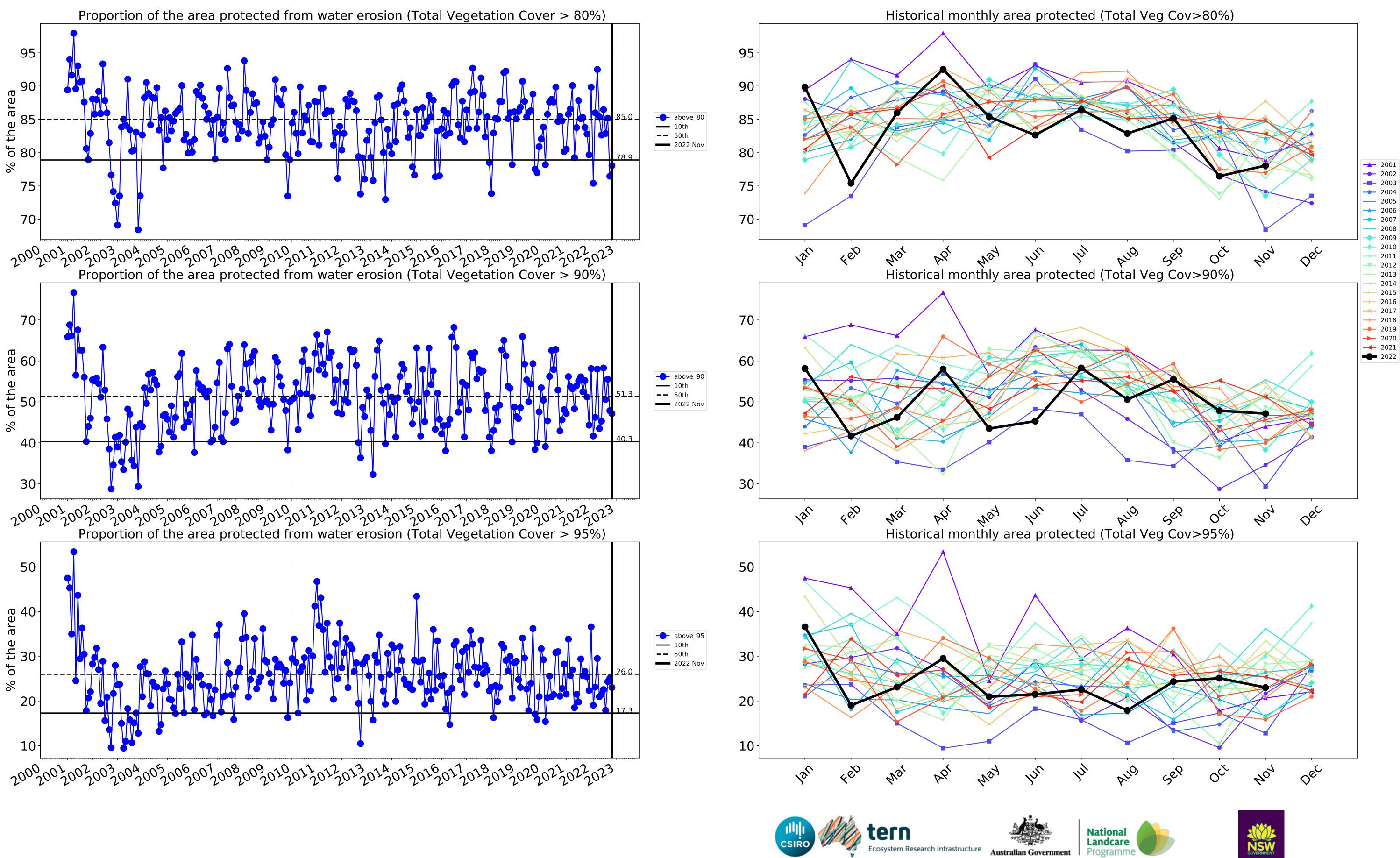




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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

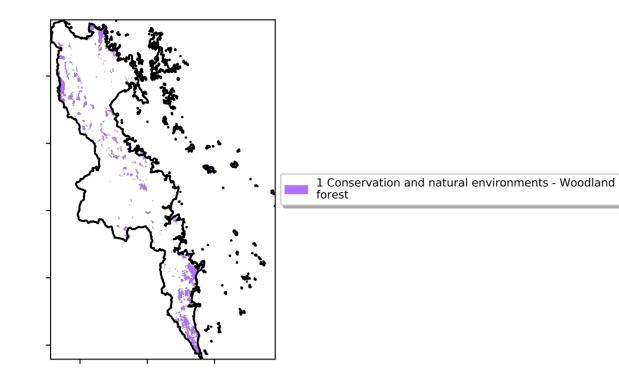




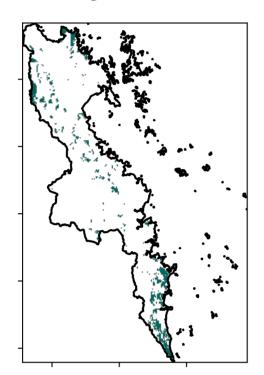


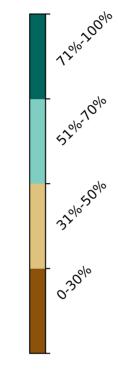
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Land use and forest cover

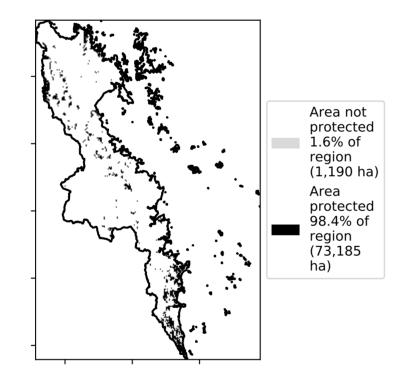


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



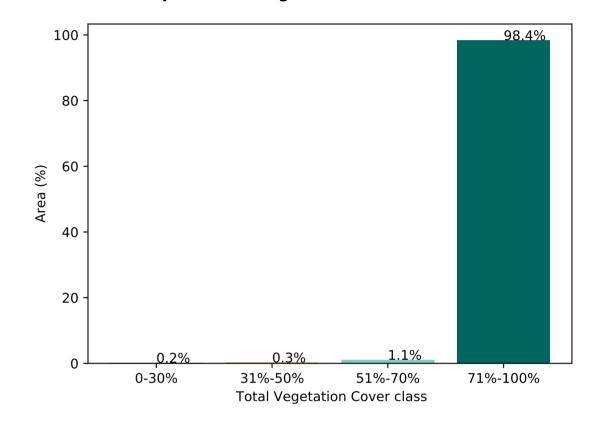


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

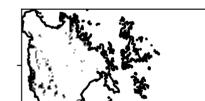




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



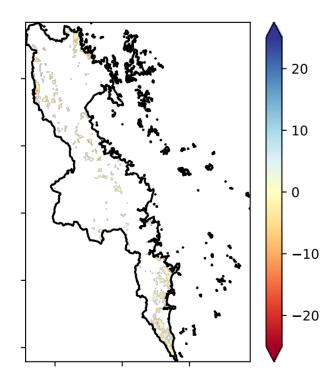
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



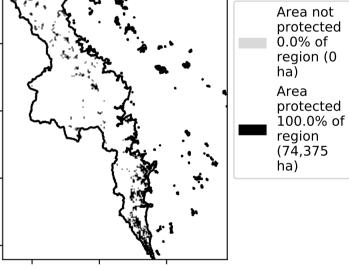
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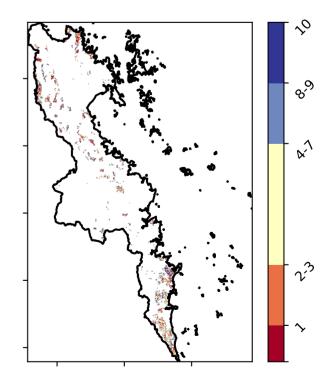
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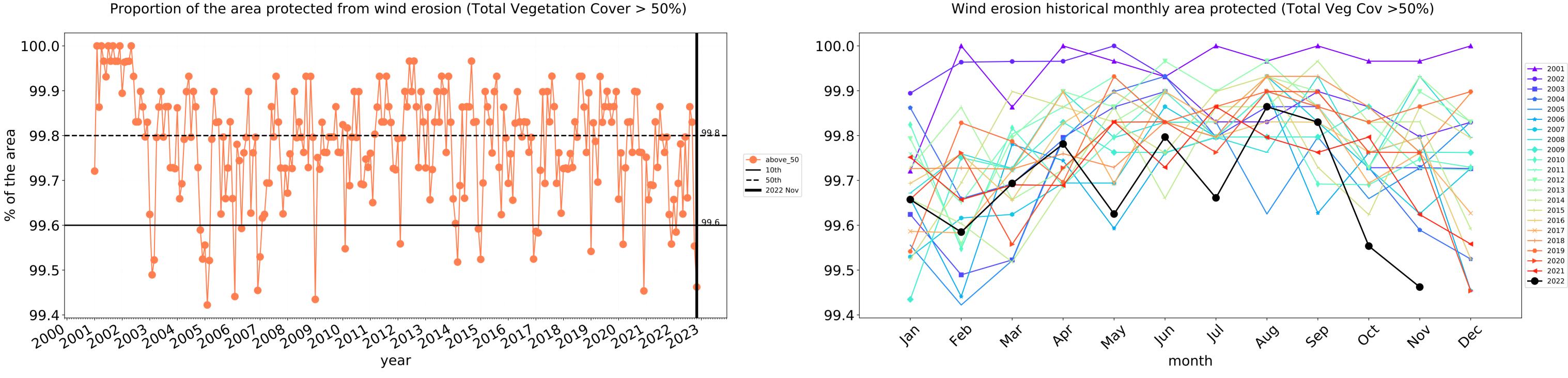
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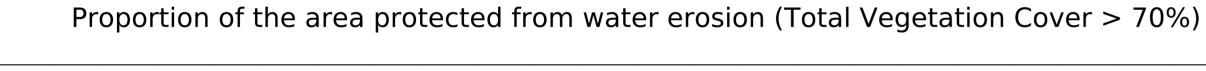


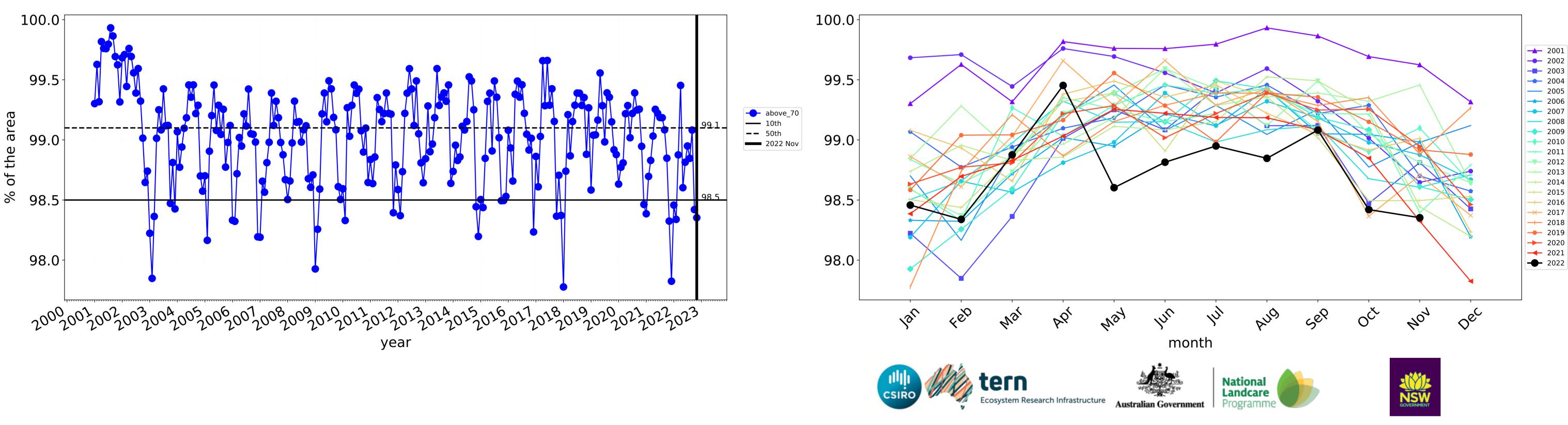






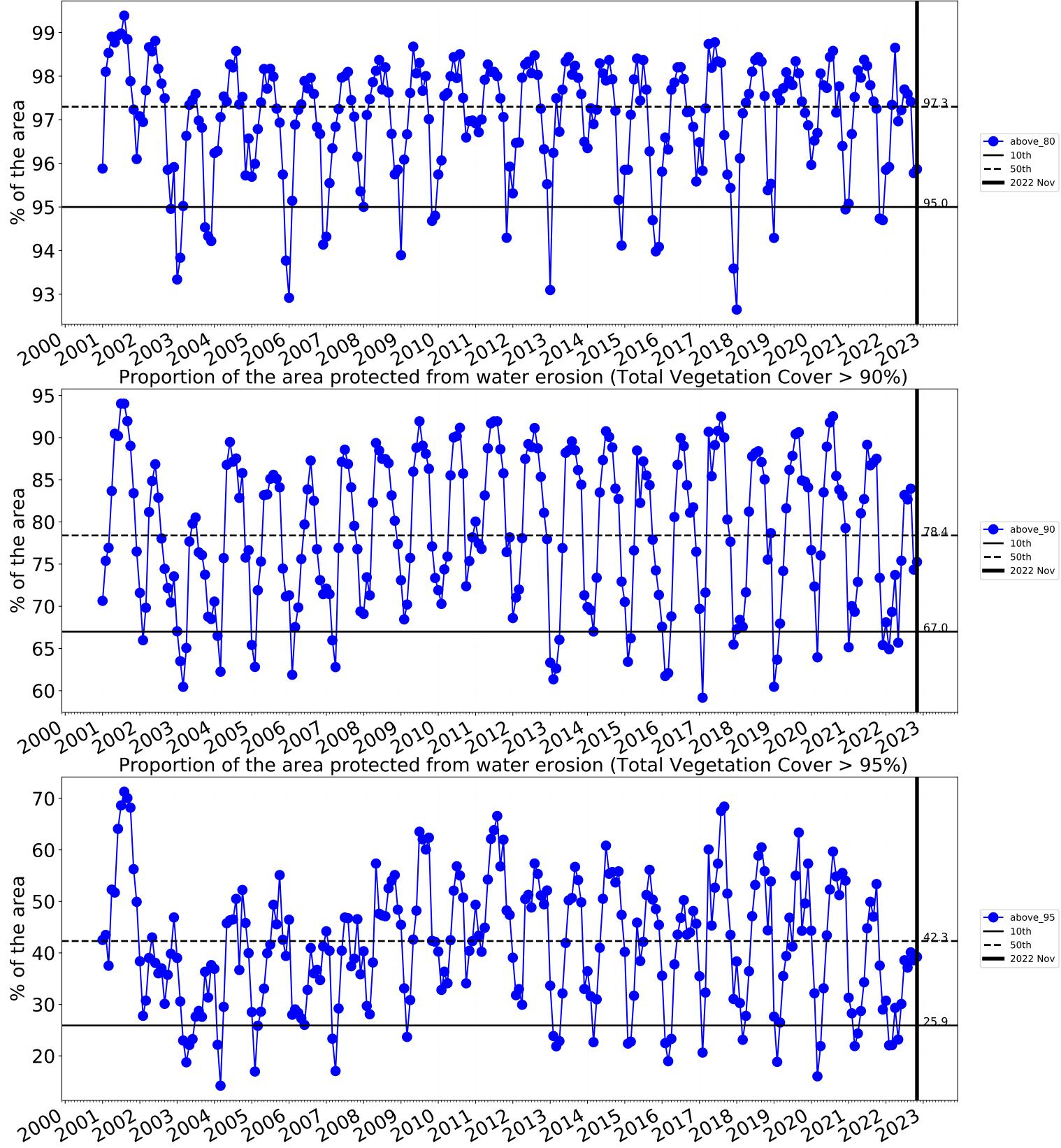
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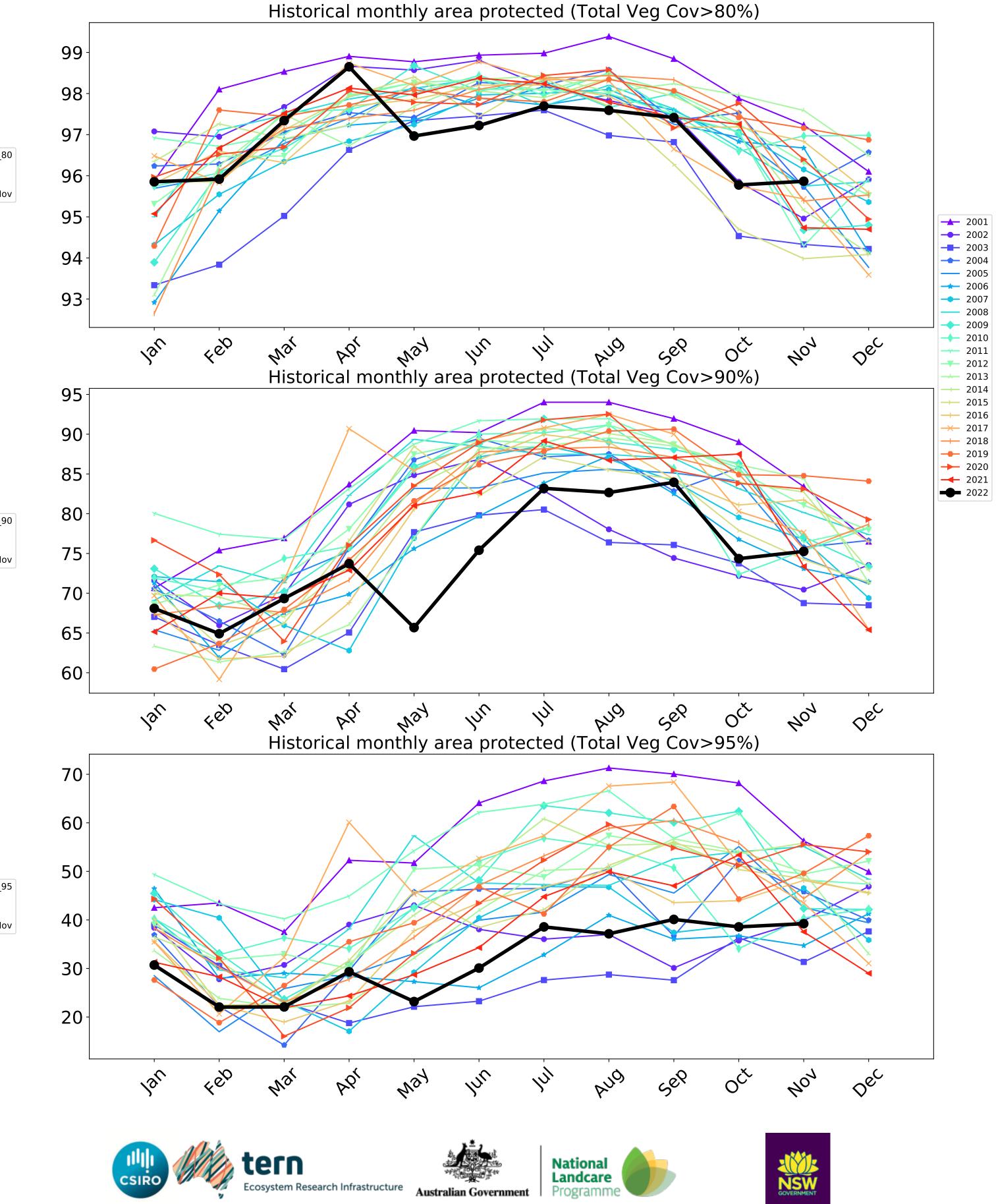




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)







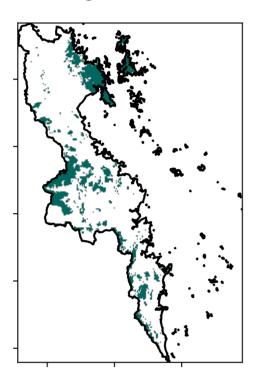
### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover

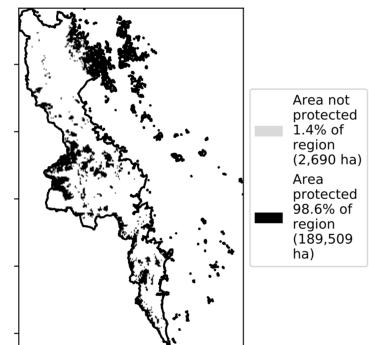


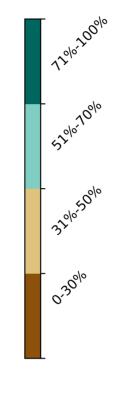
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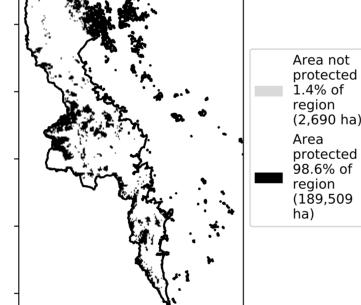
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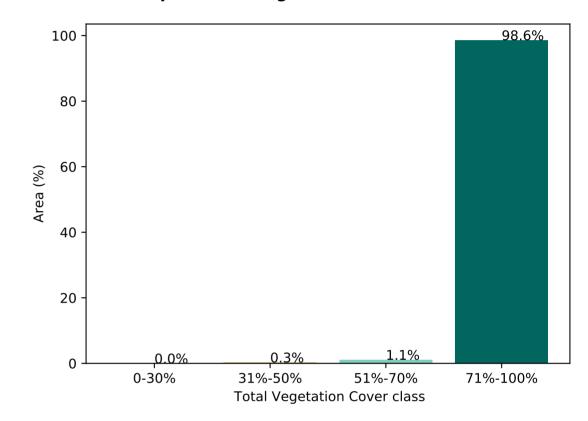








Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

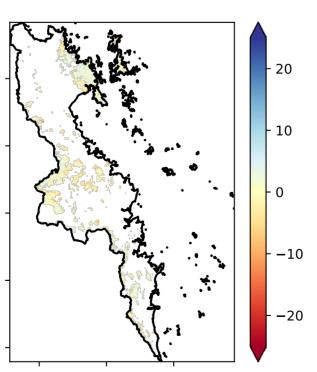


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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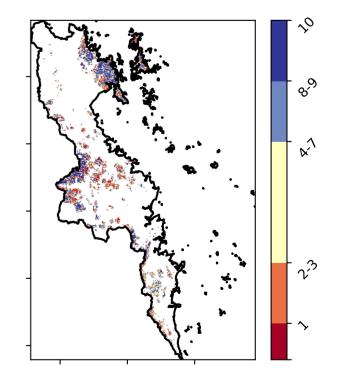
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Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha) Area protected 100.0% of region (192,200 ha)

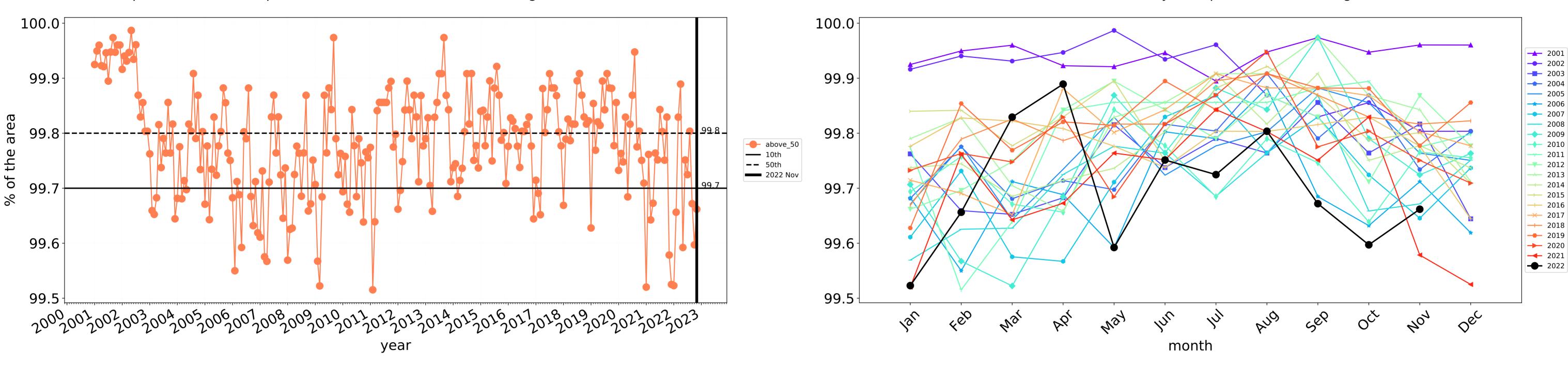
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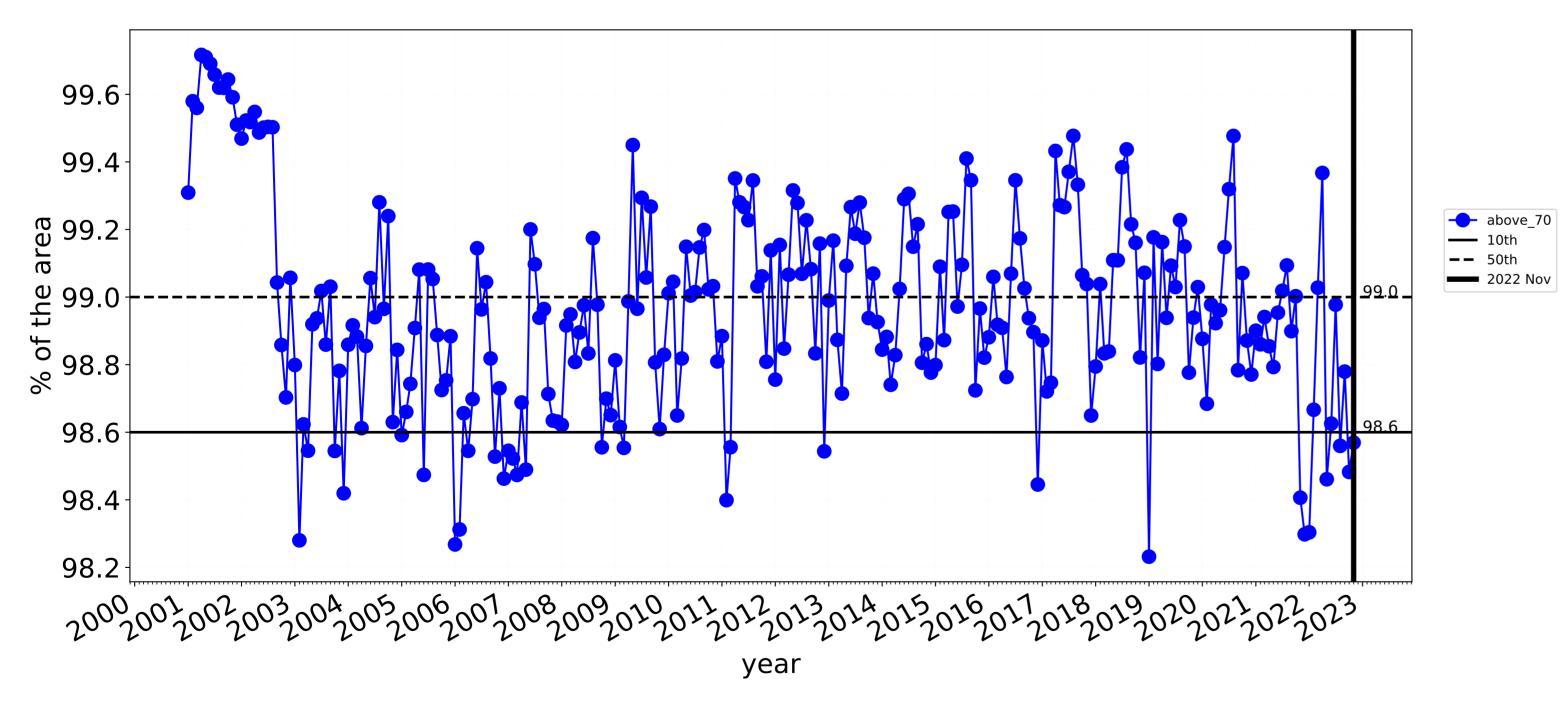


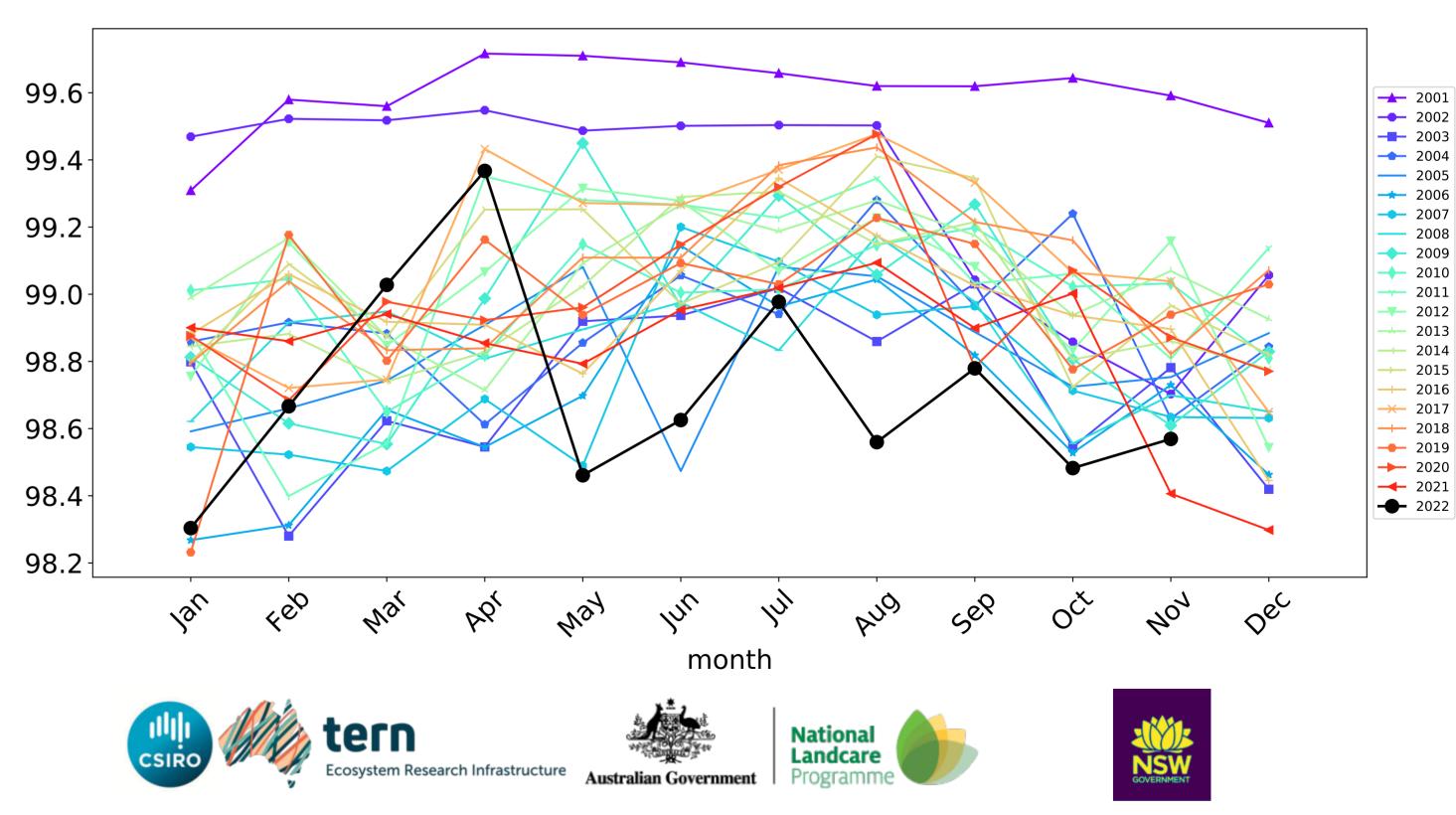




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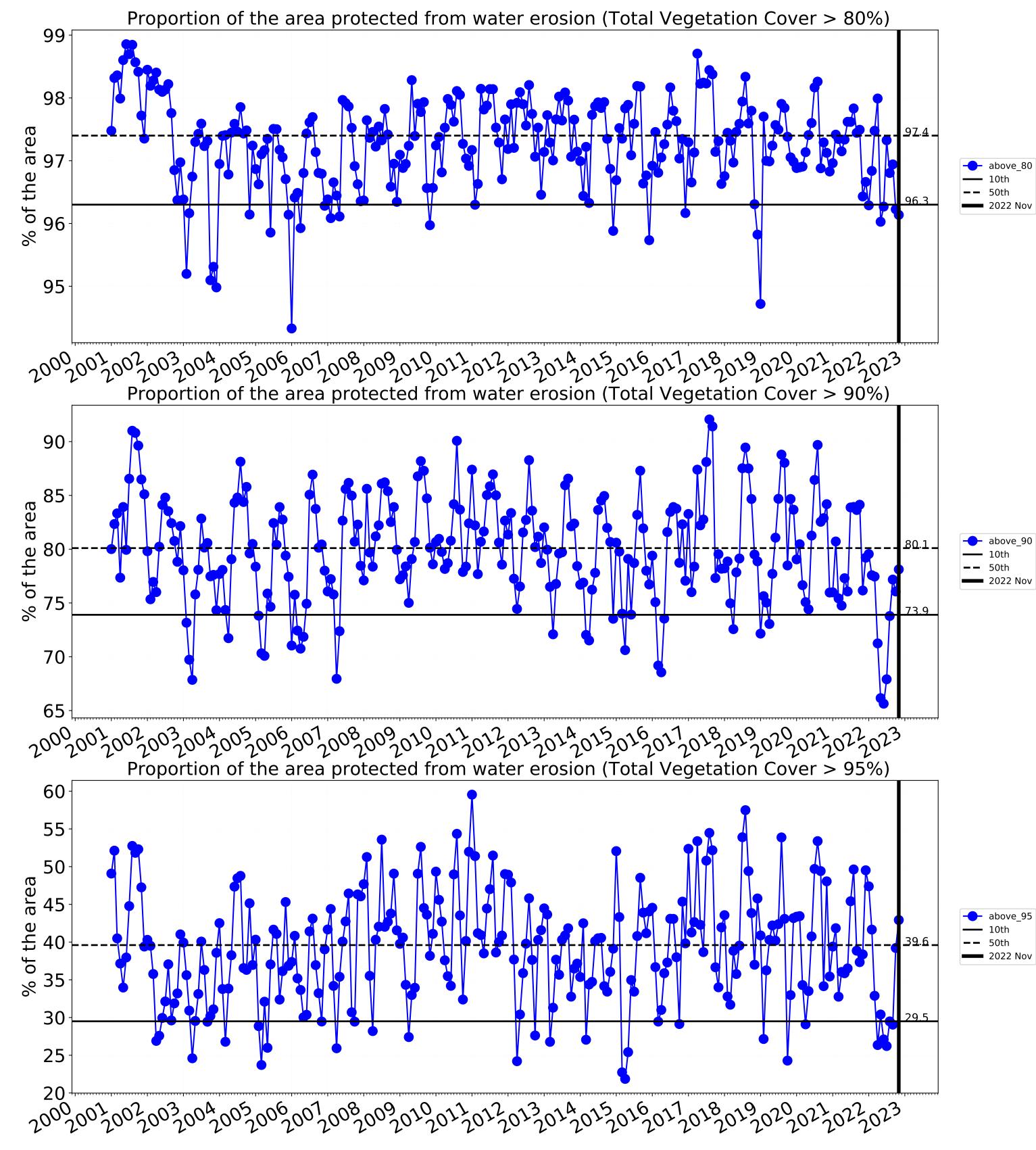
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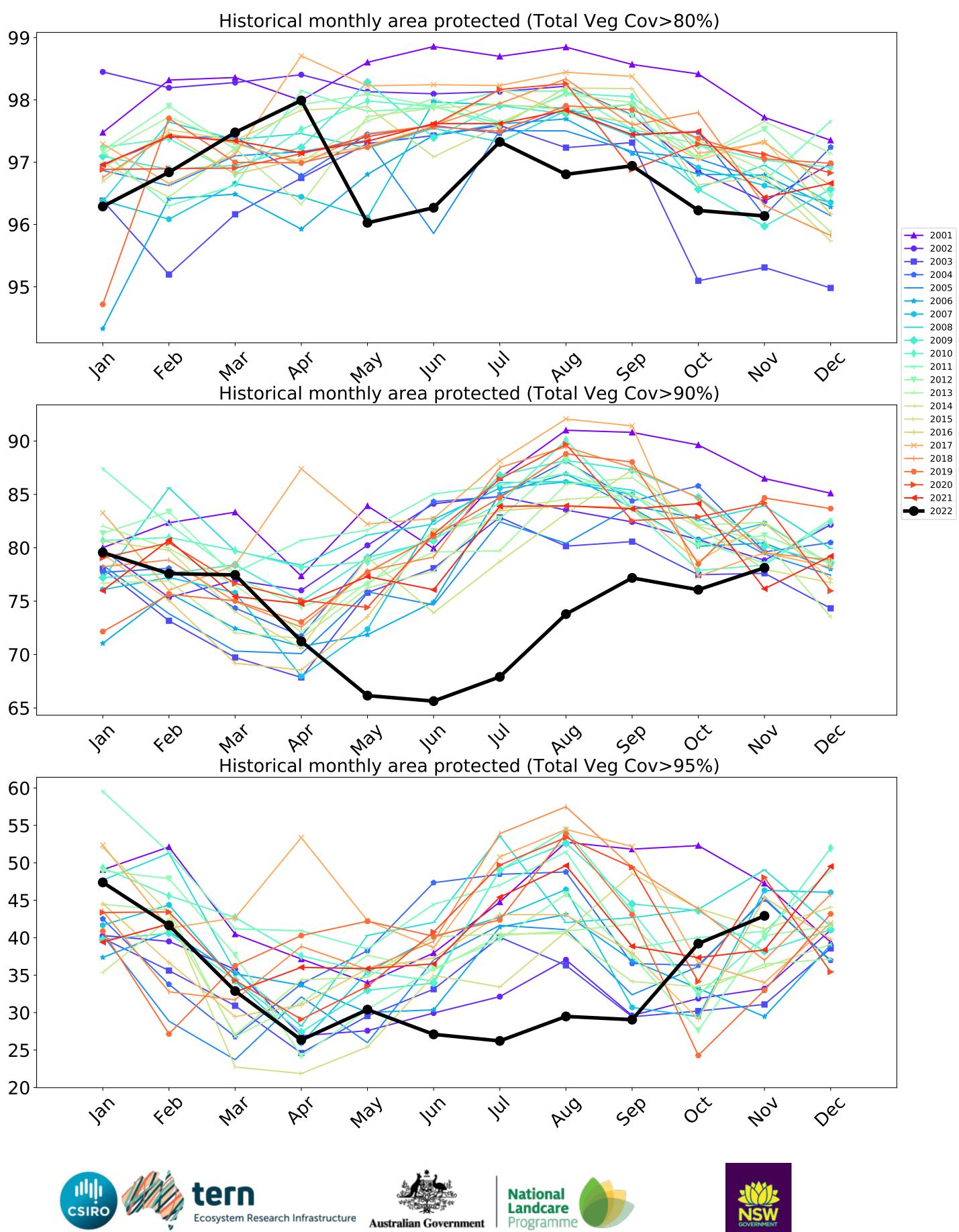




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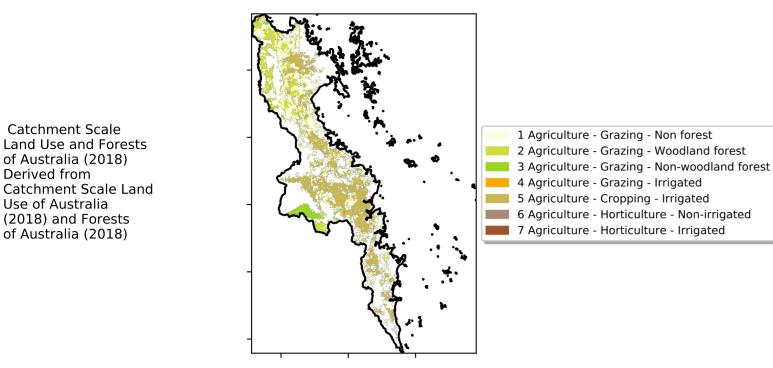




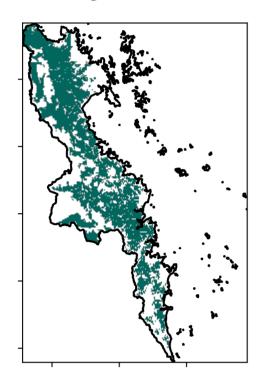


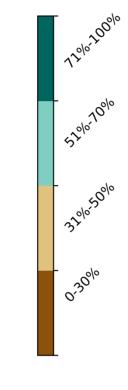
## Agriculture

#### Land use and forest cover

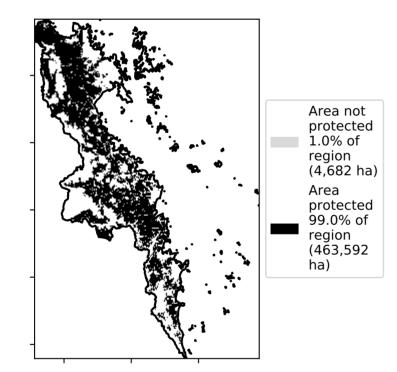


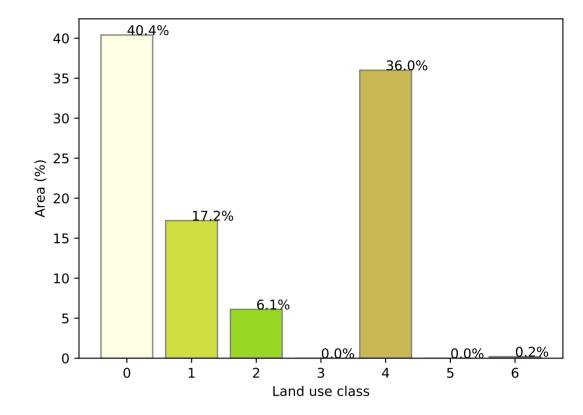
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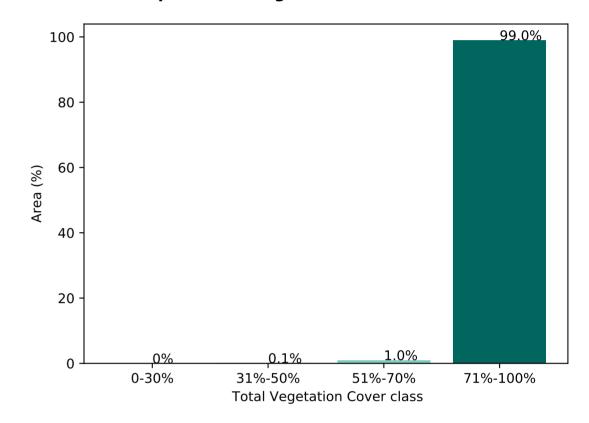
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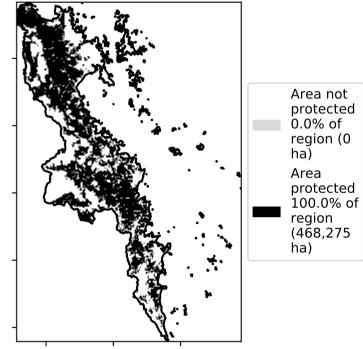


#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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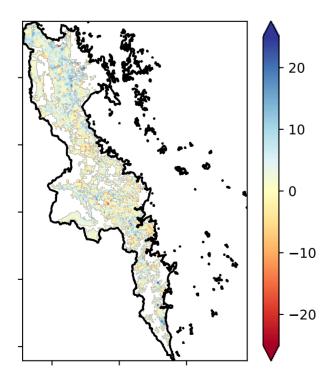
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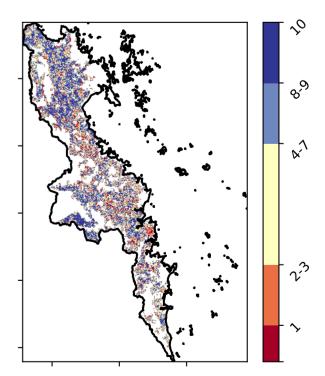
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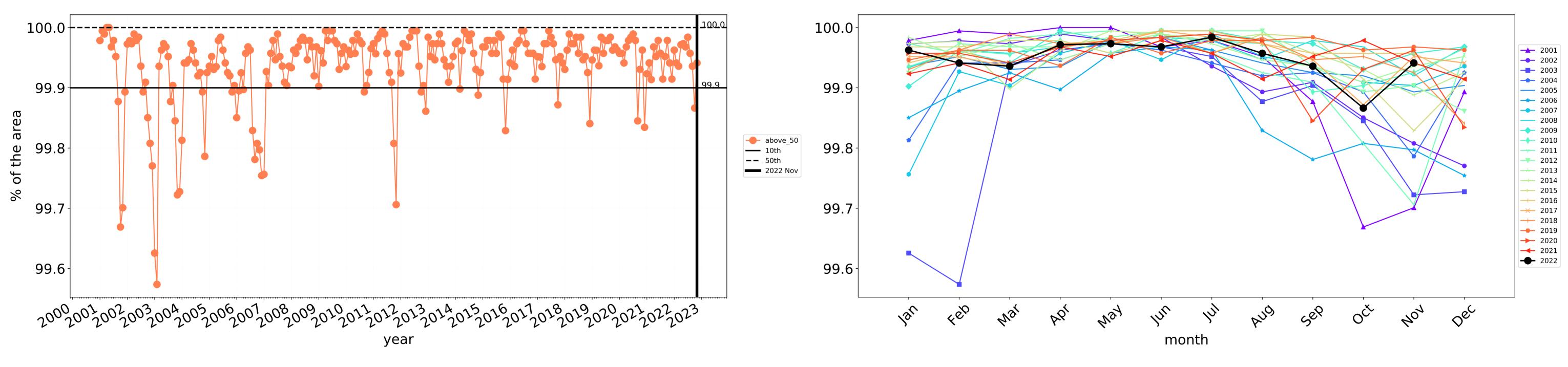


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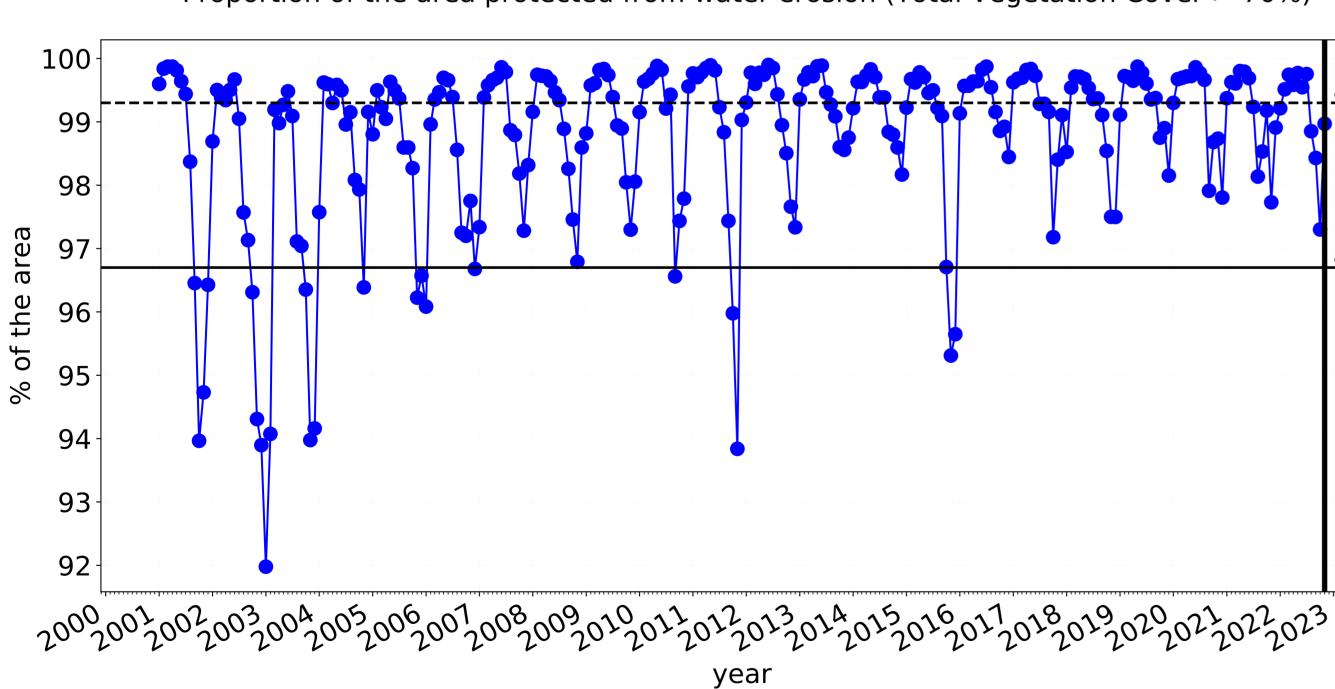




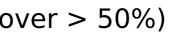




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



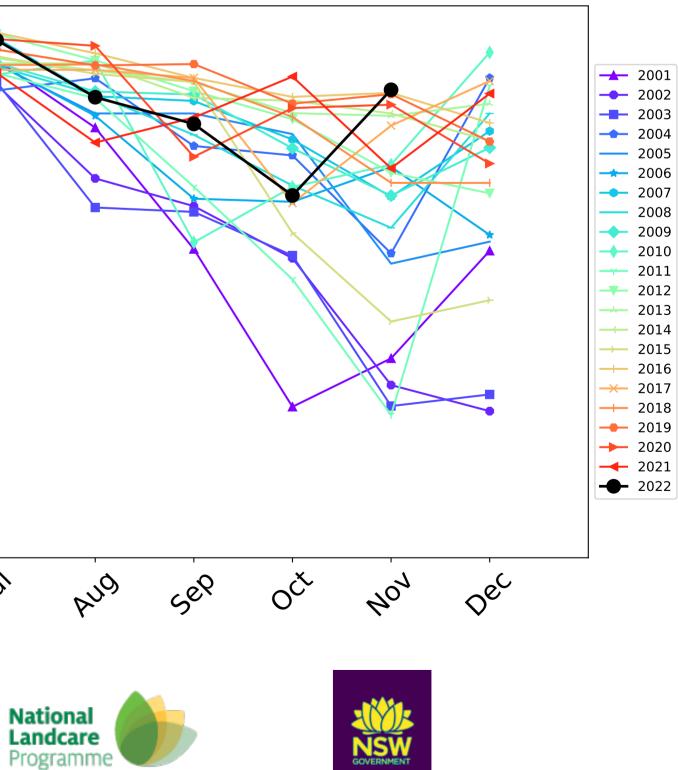
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

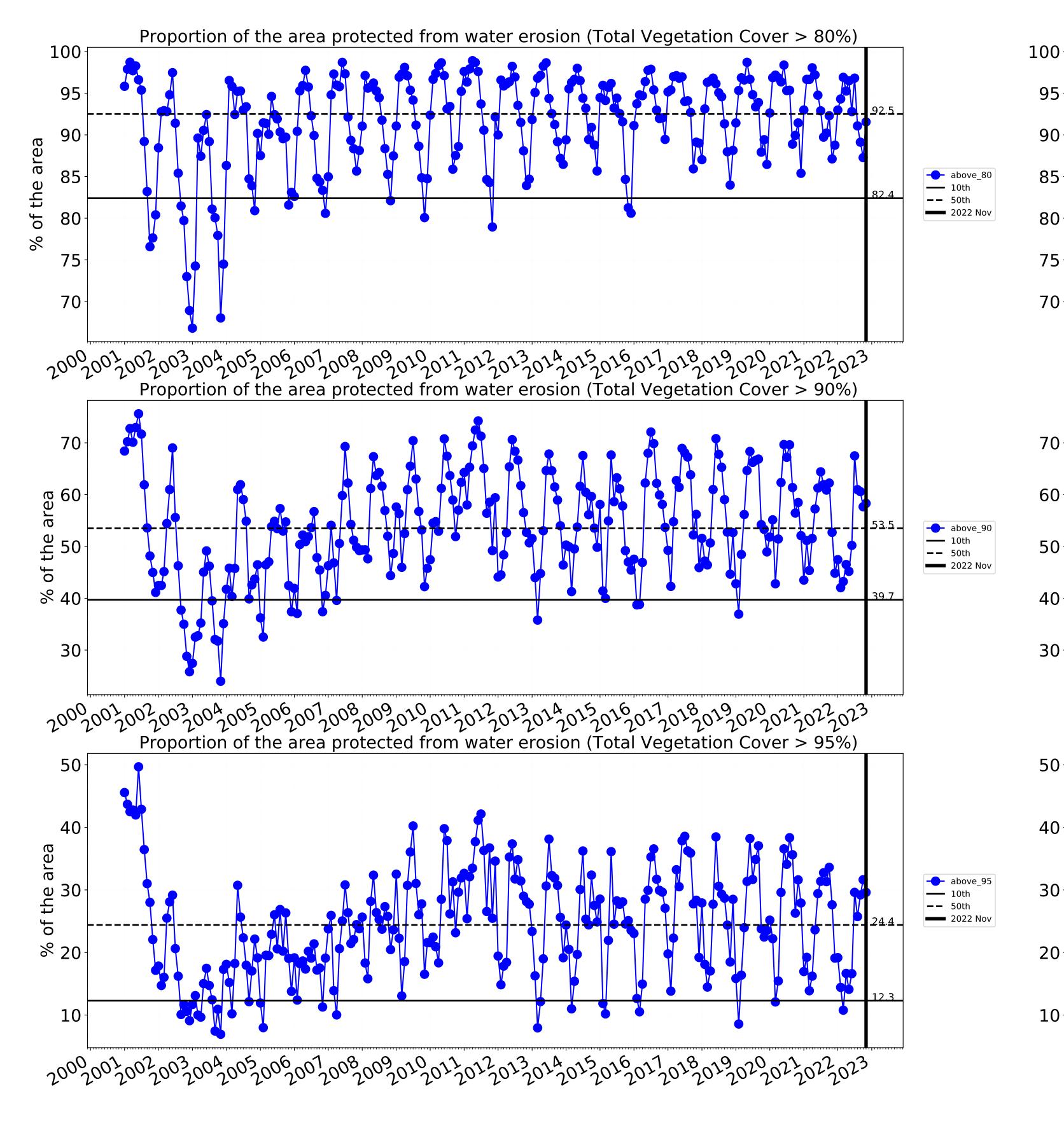


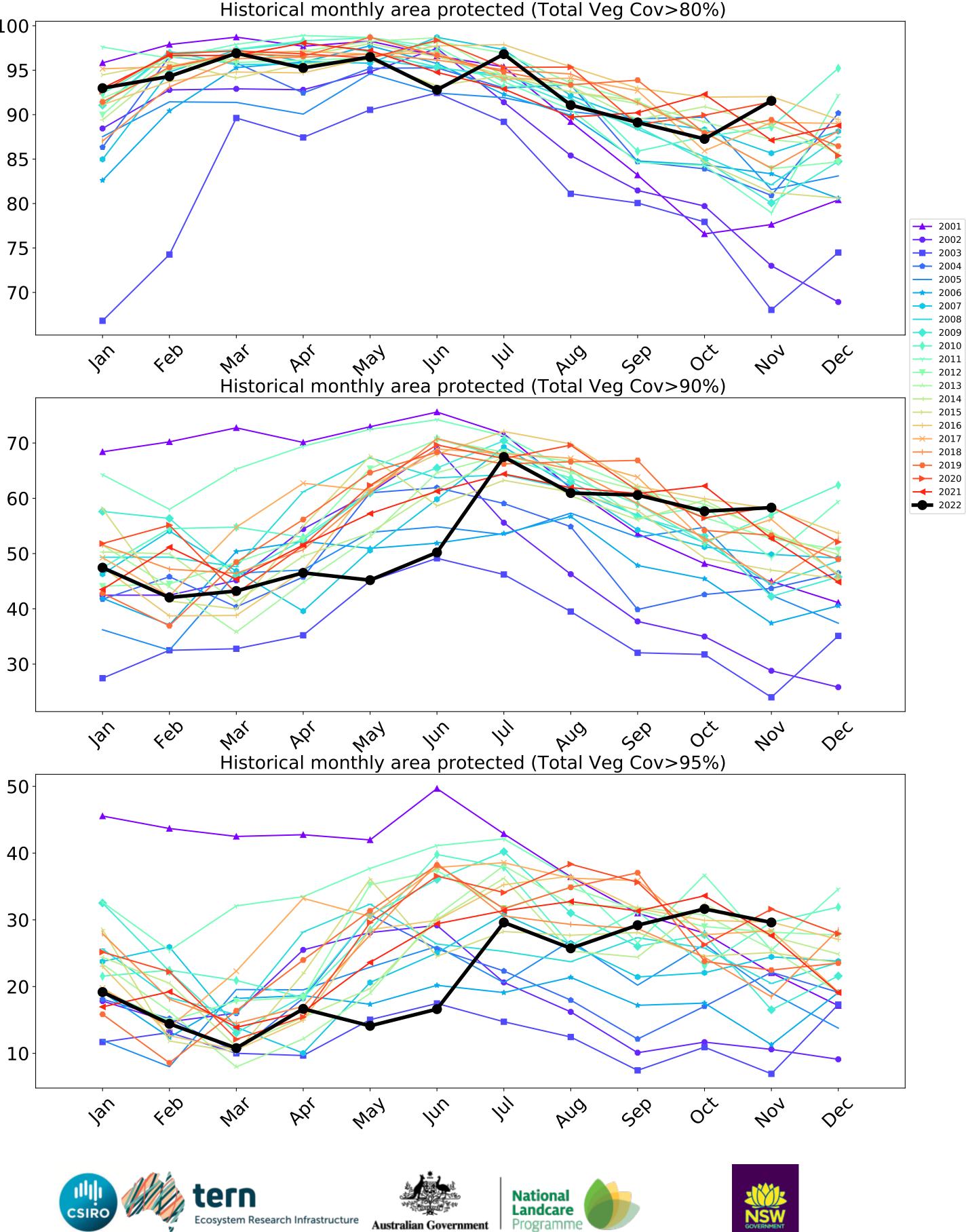
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



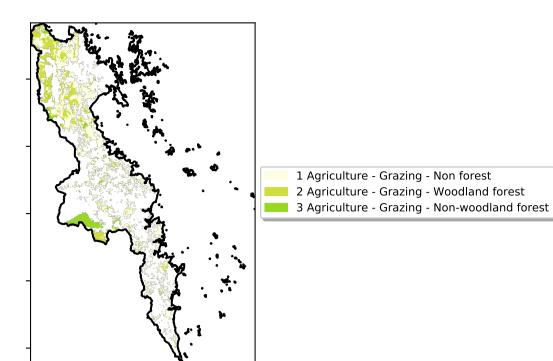




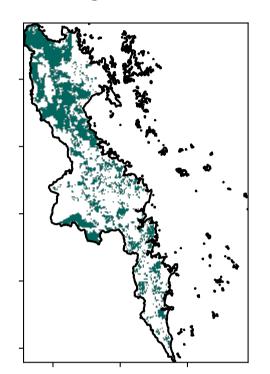
## Grazing

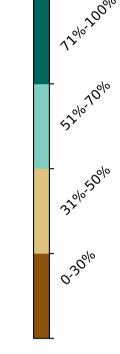
Land use and forest cover

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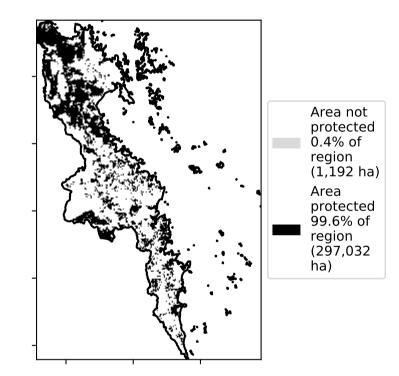


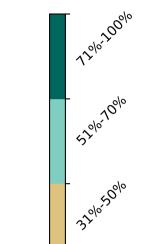
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



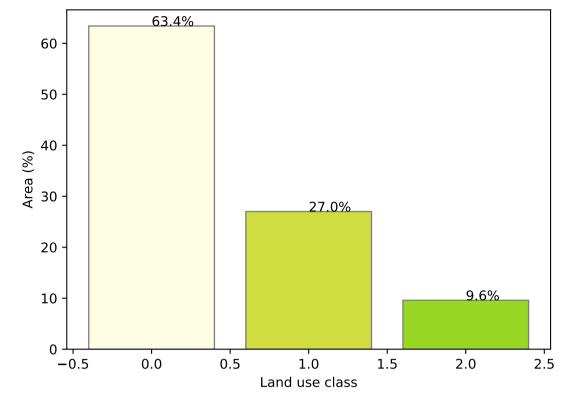


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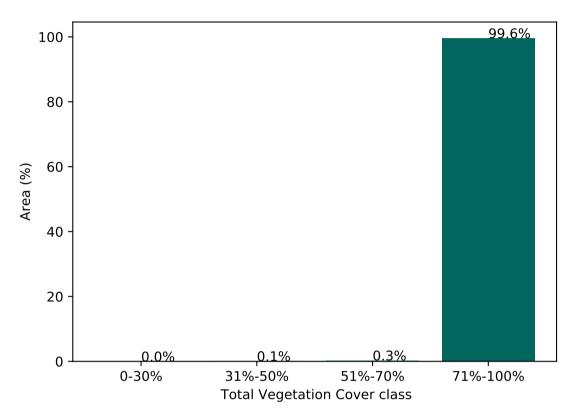




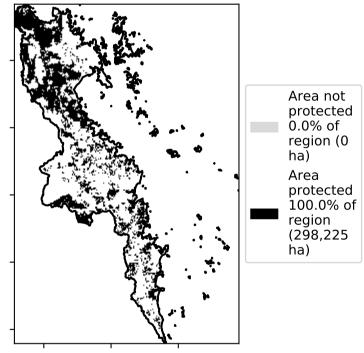
# Proportion of each land class in area



### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

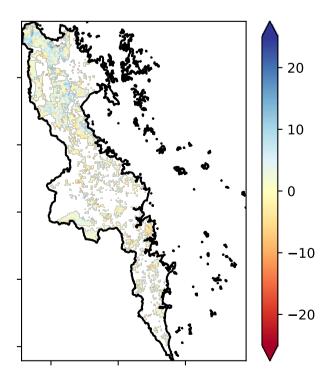


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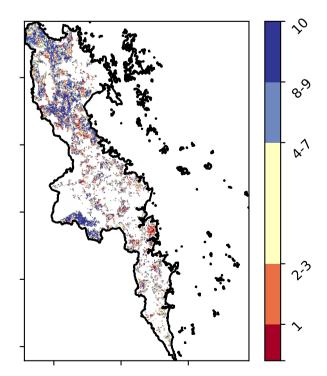


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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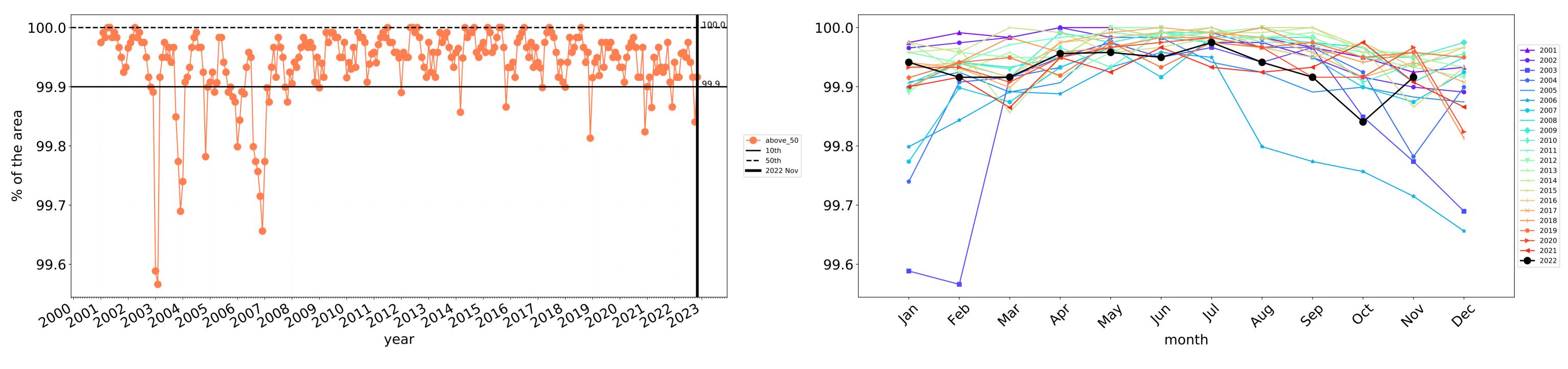


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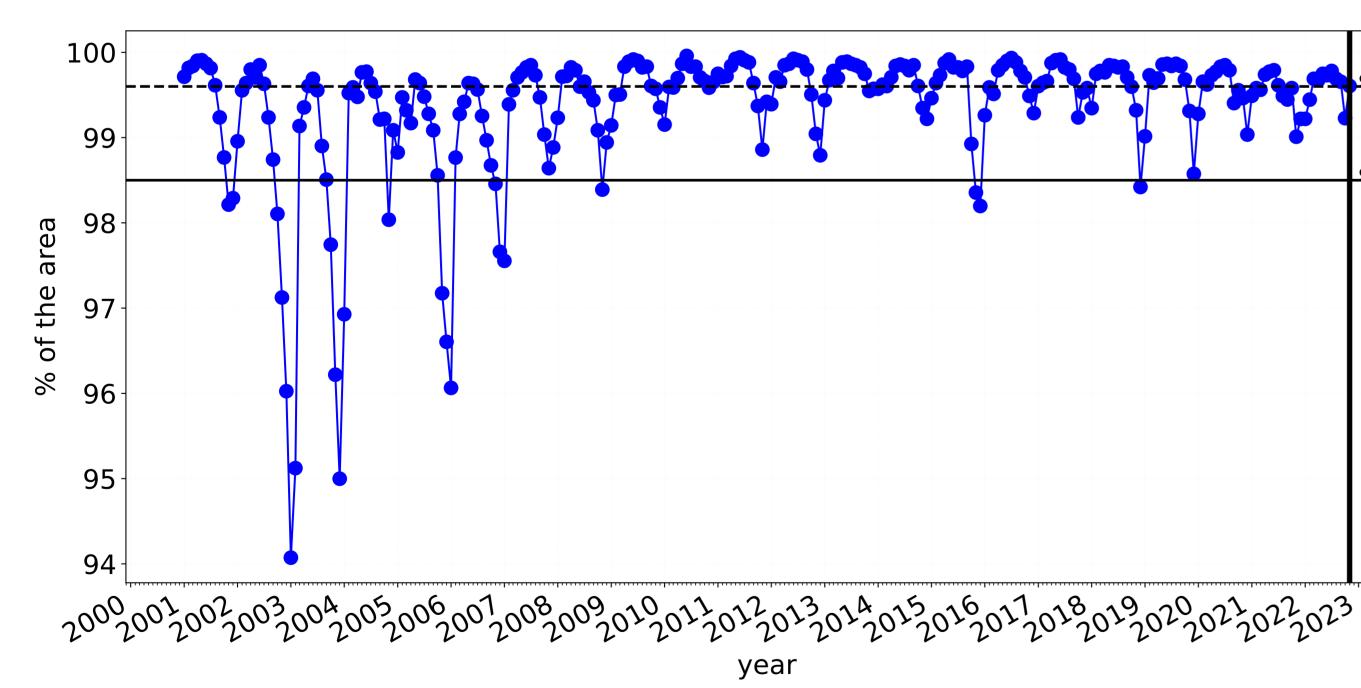


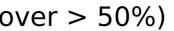




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

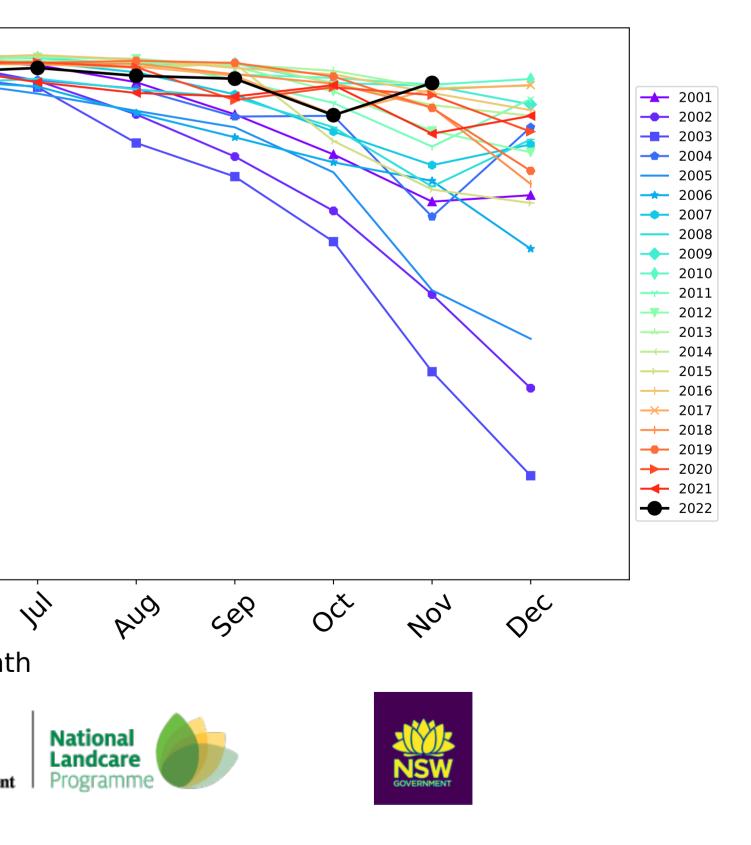


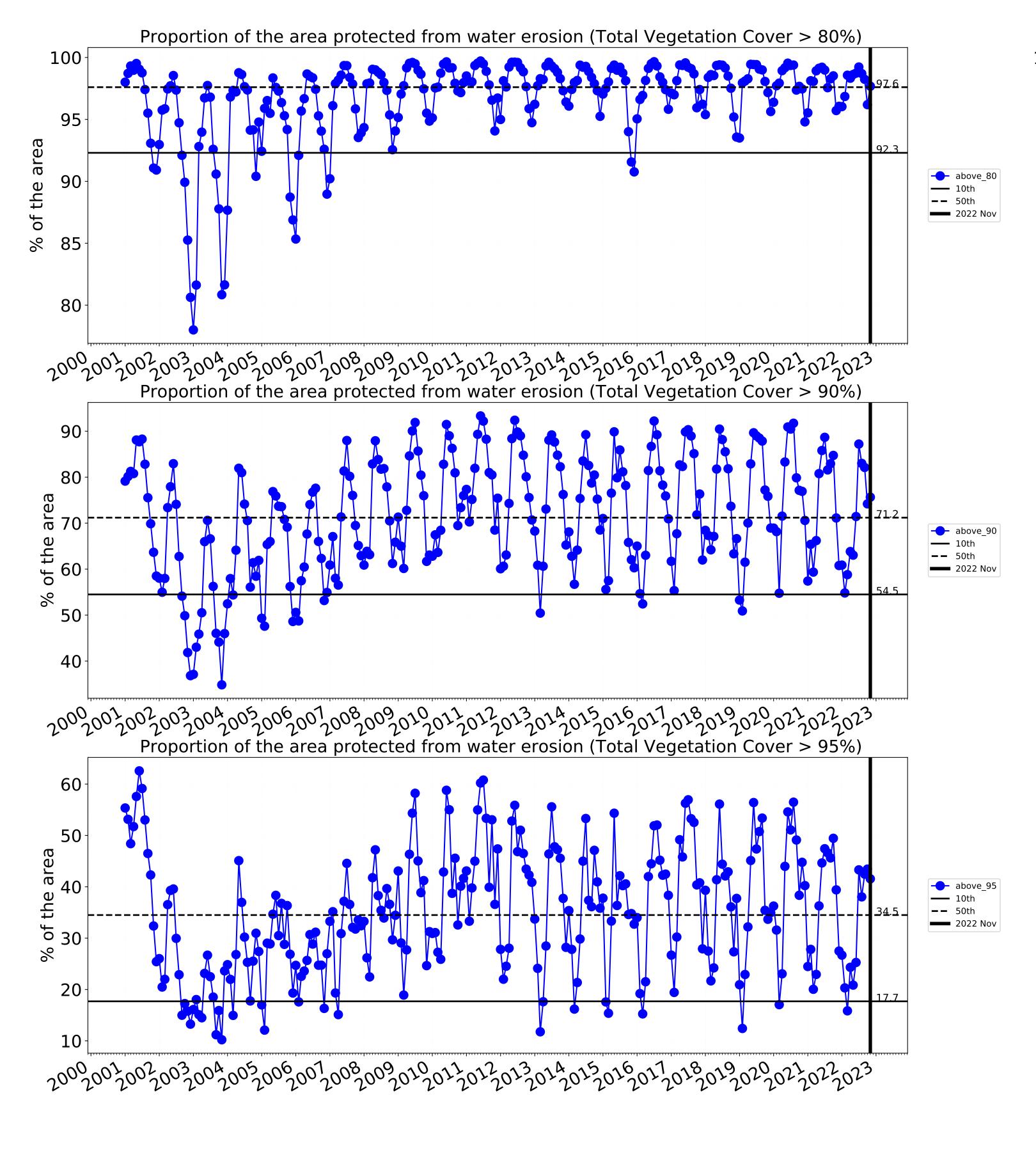


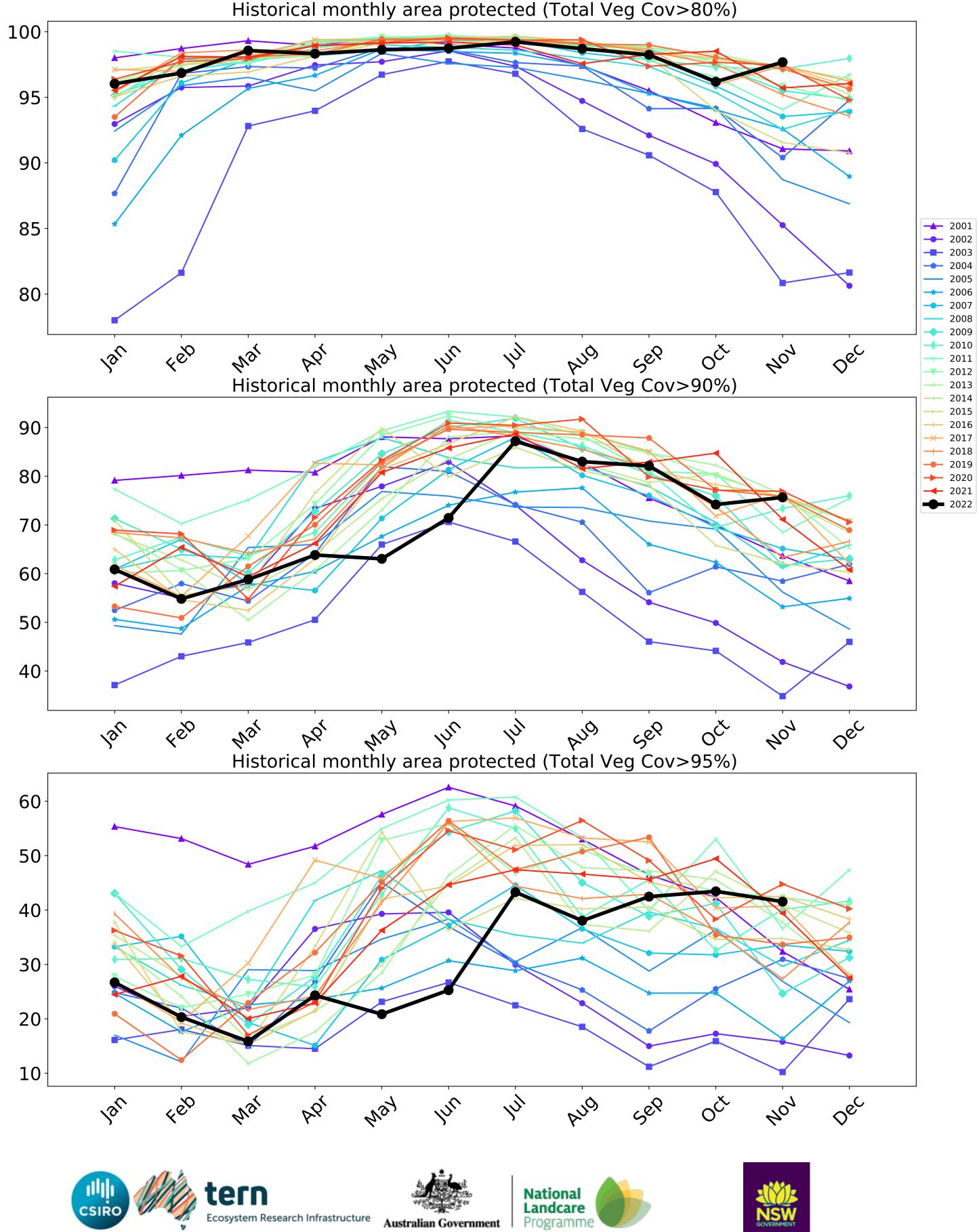
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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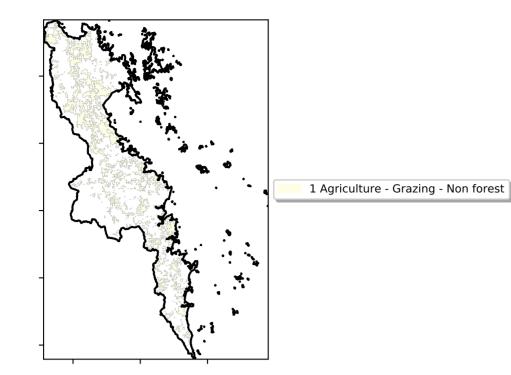




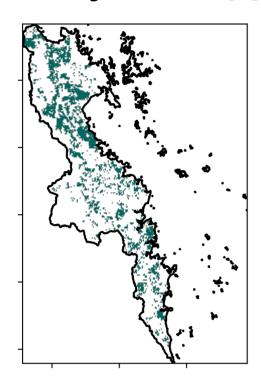


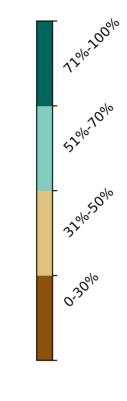
### **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover

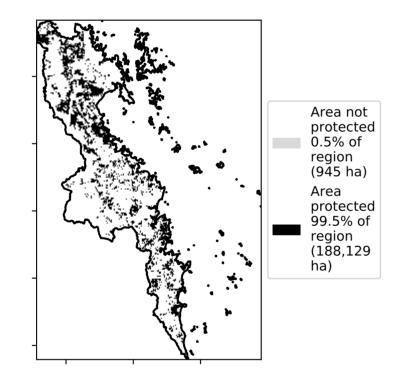


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

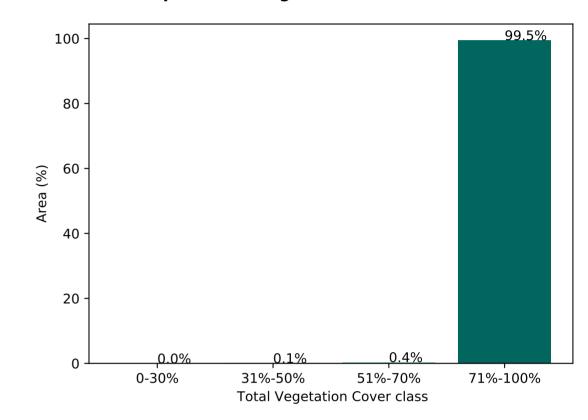




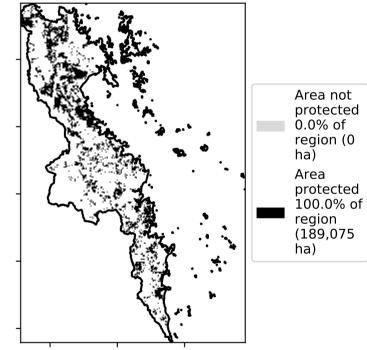
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

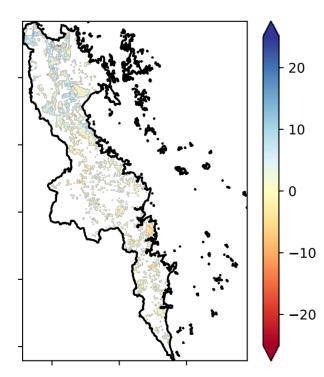


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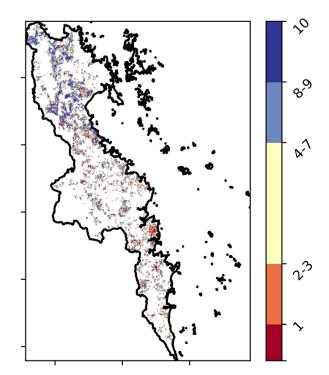
Catchment Scale

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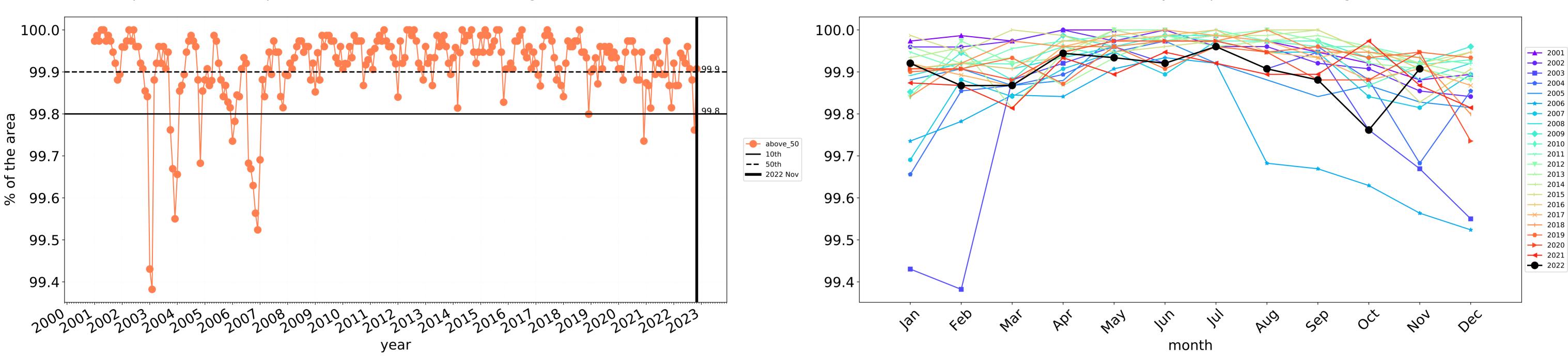


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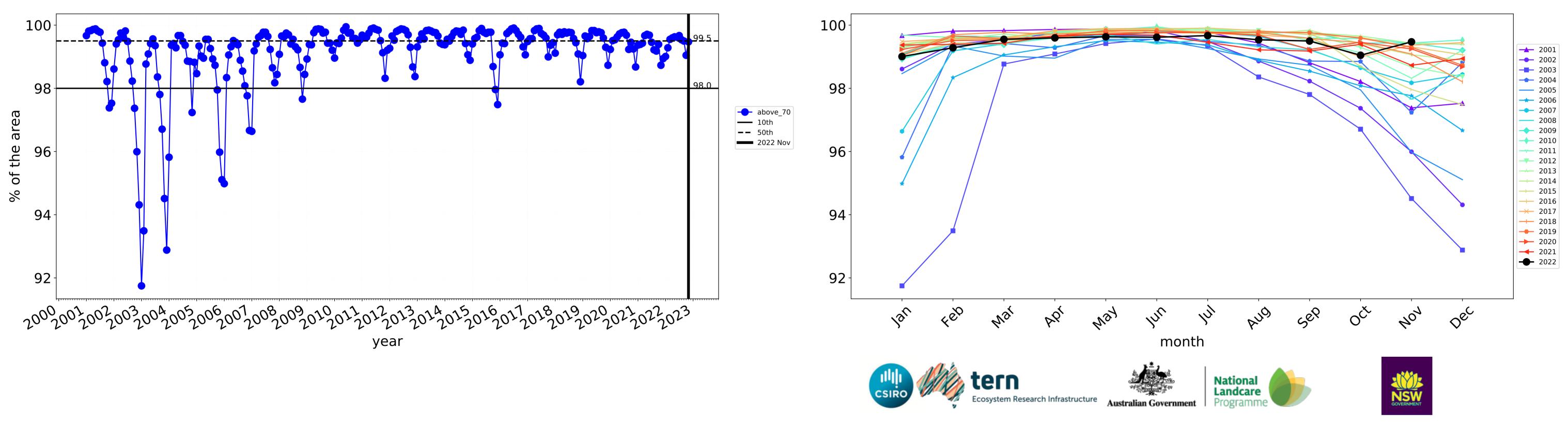






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

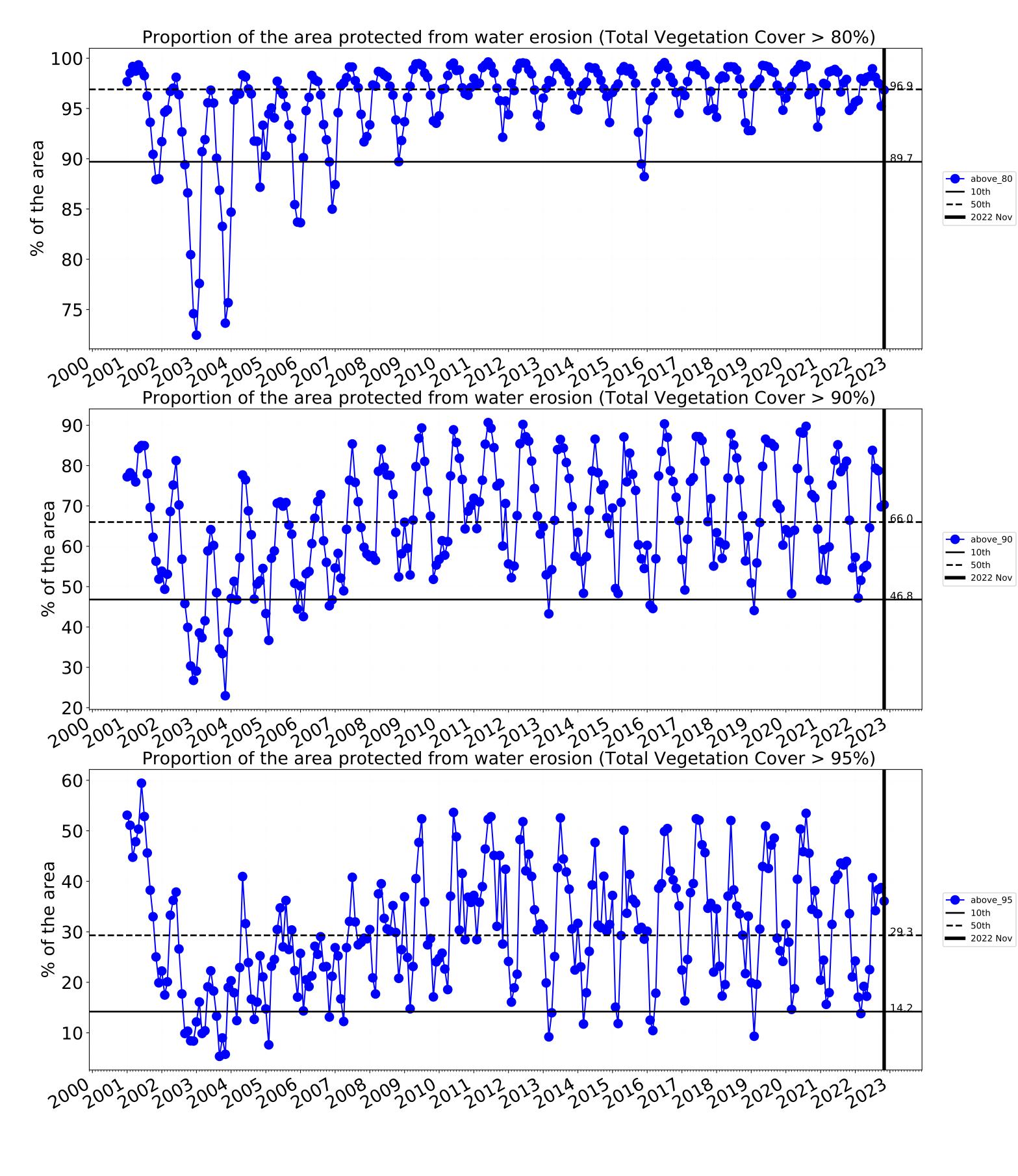
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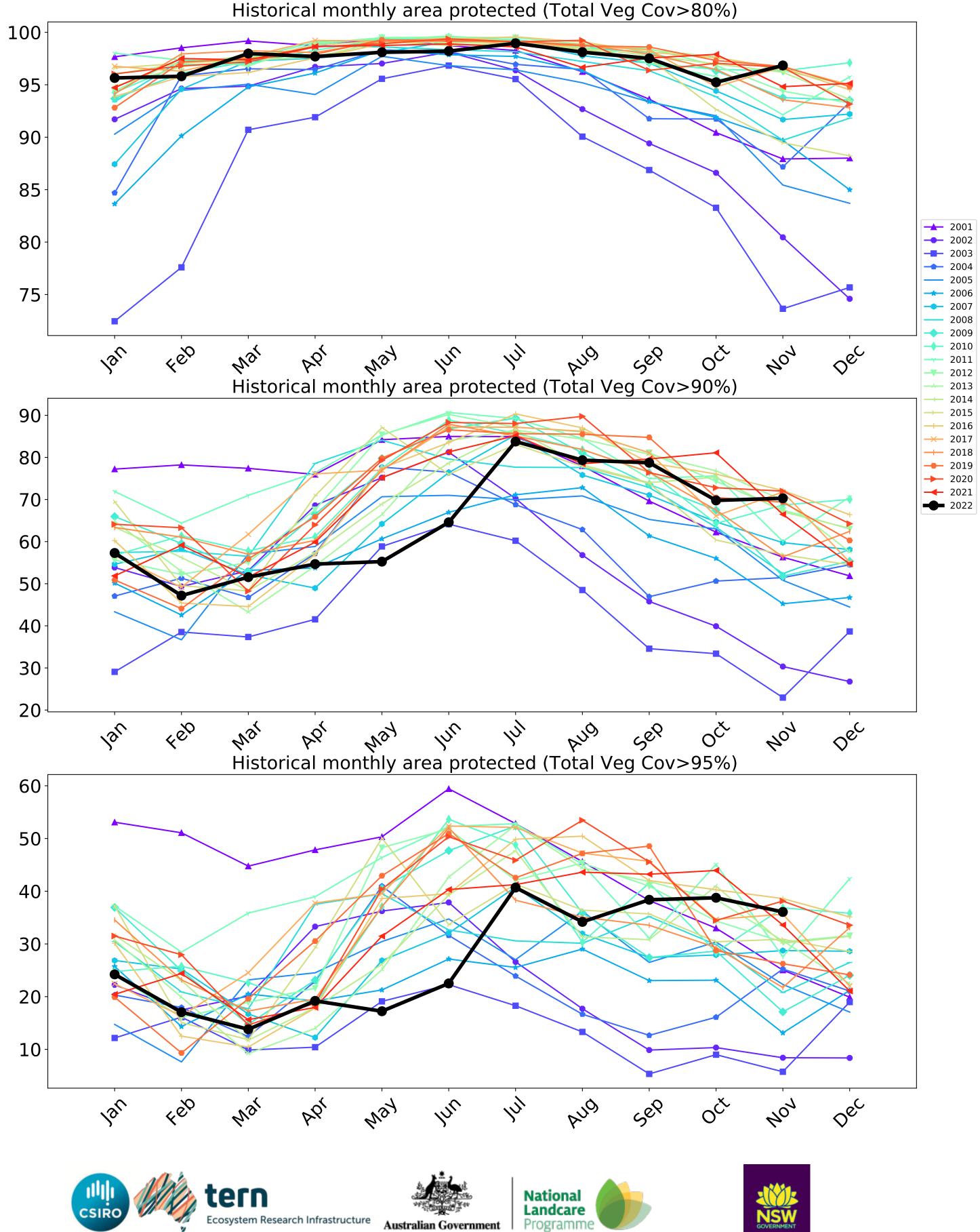


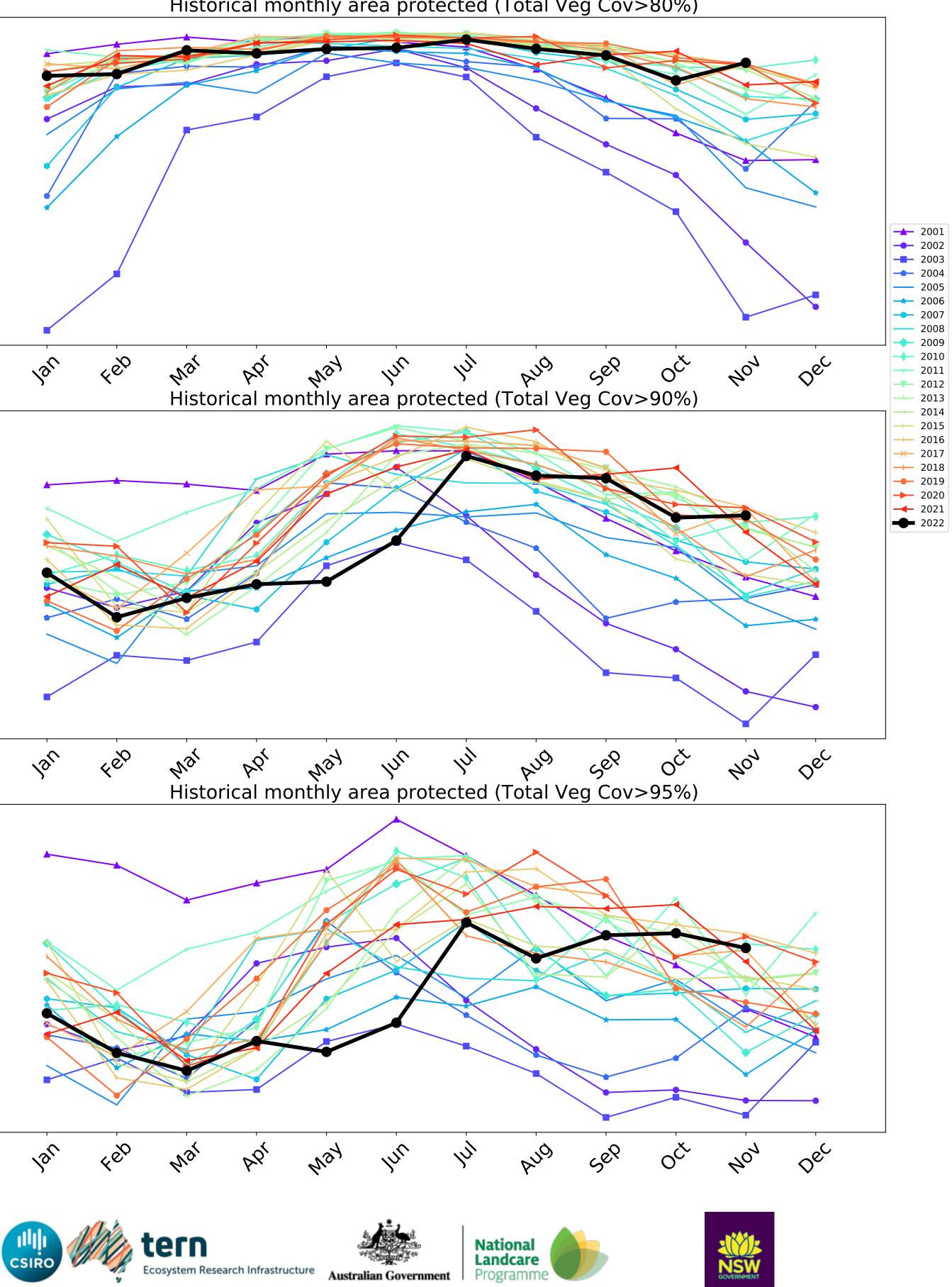
## Grazing non forest timeseries

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

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

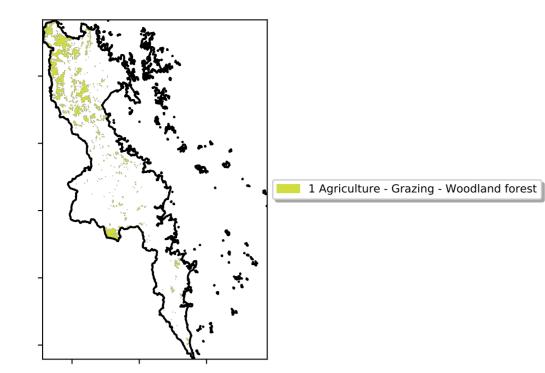




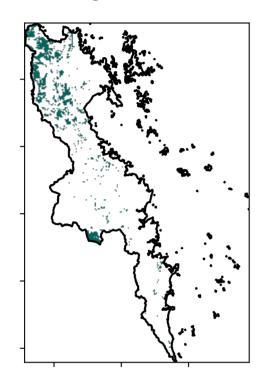


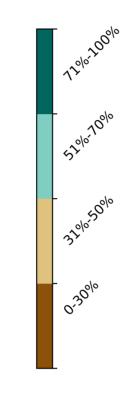
## **Grazing Woodland forest**

Land use and forest cover

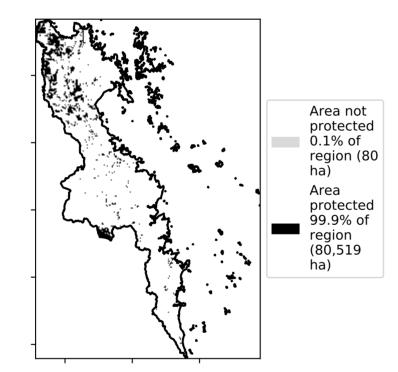


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

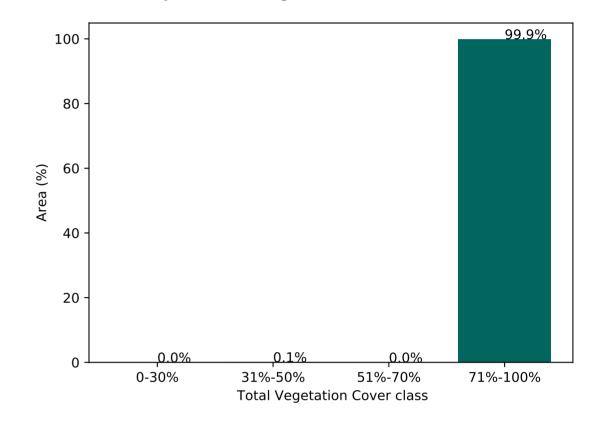




% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



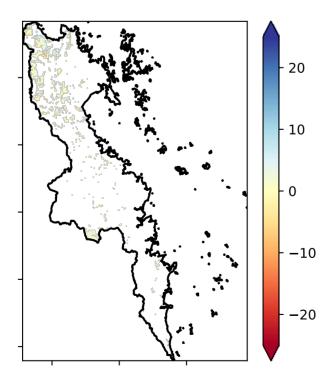
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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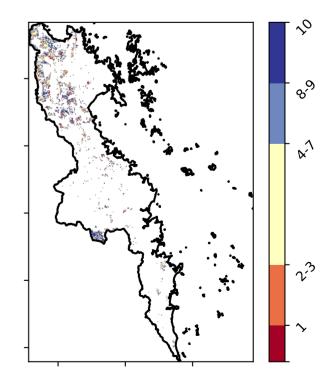
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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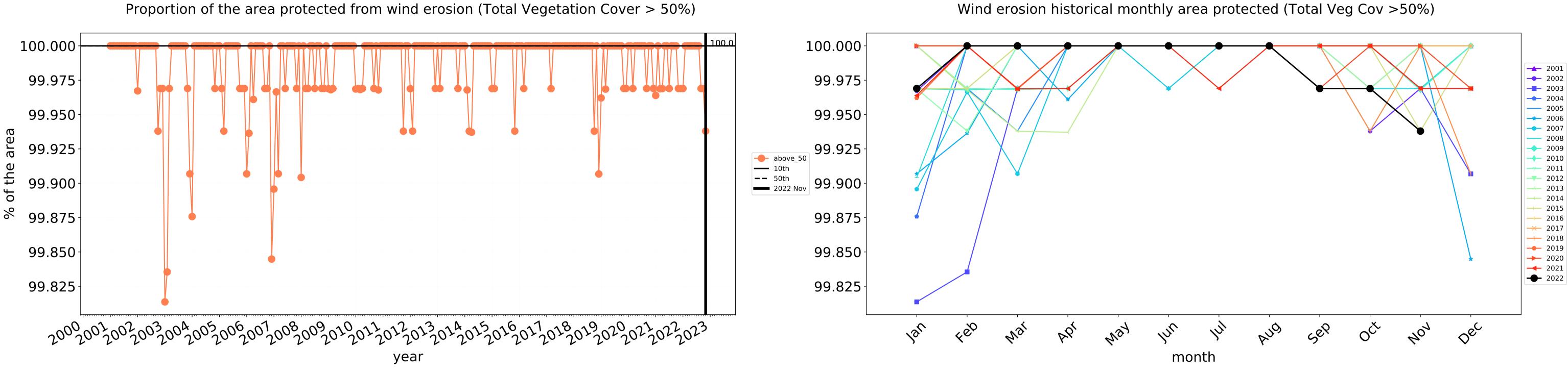
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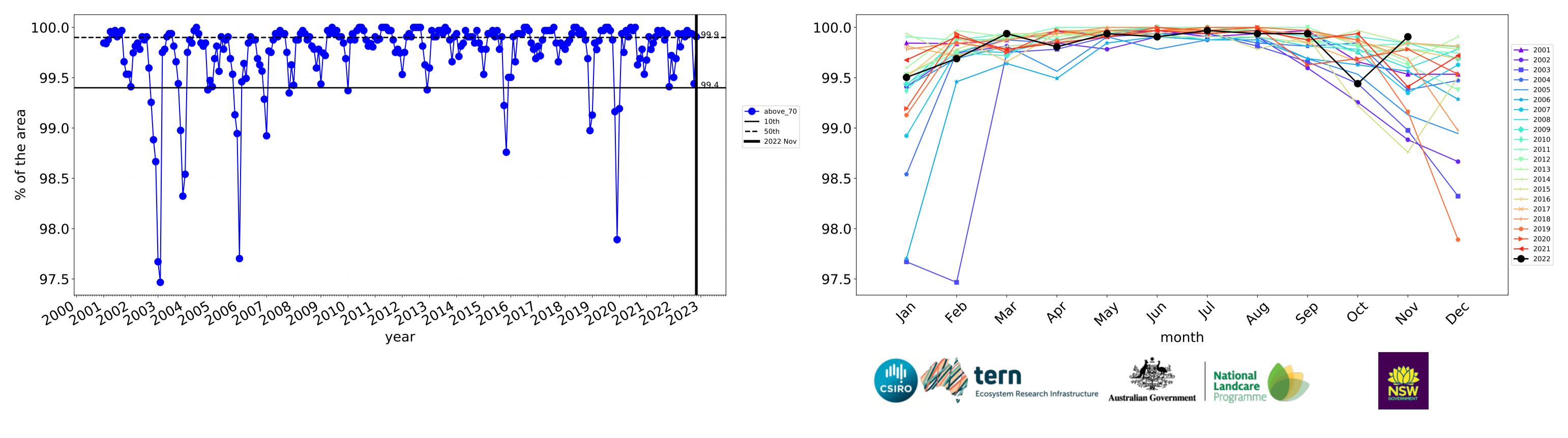
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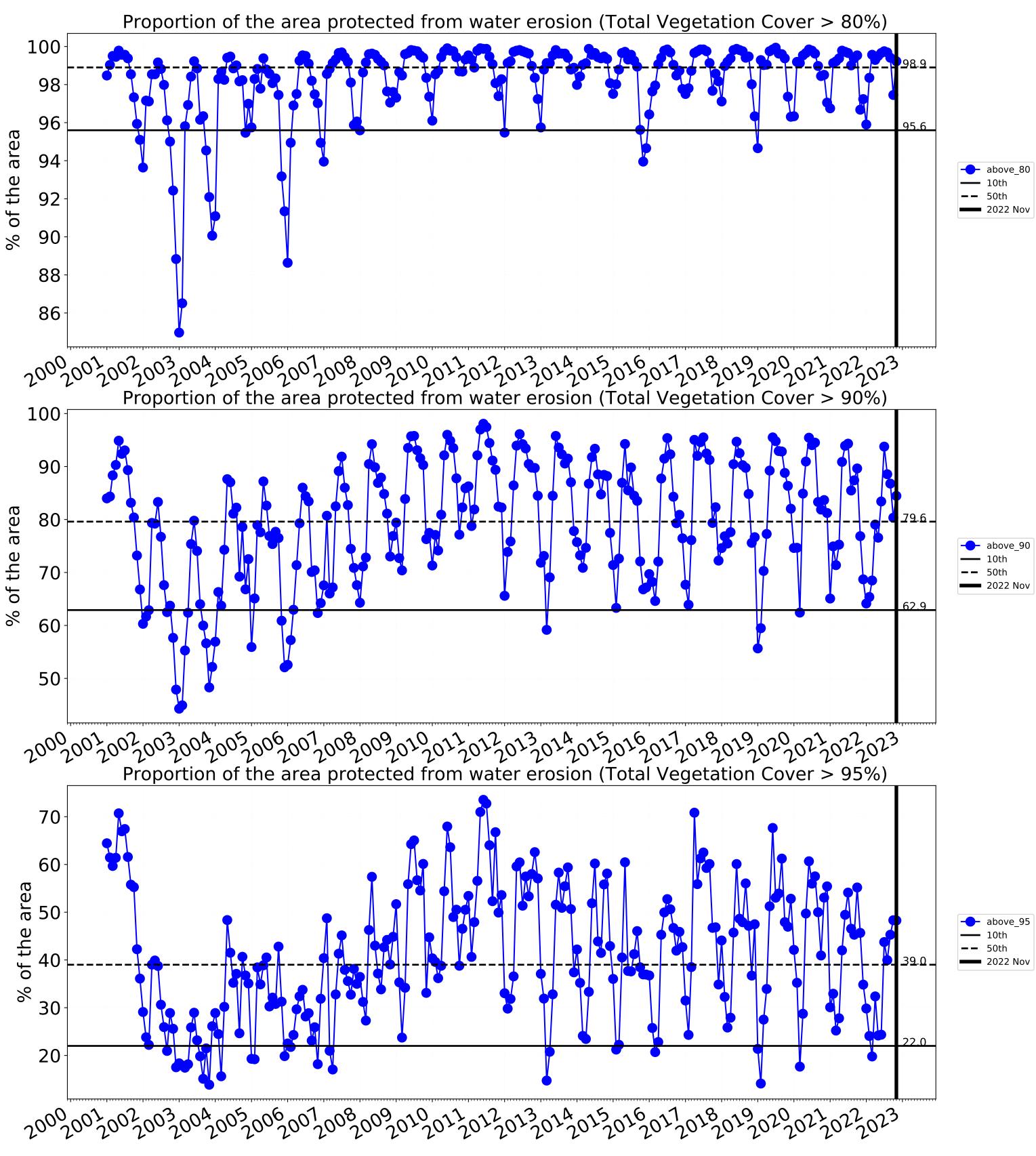




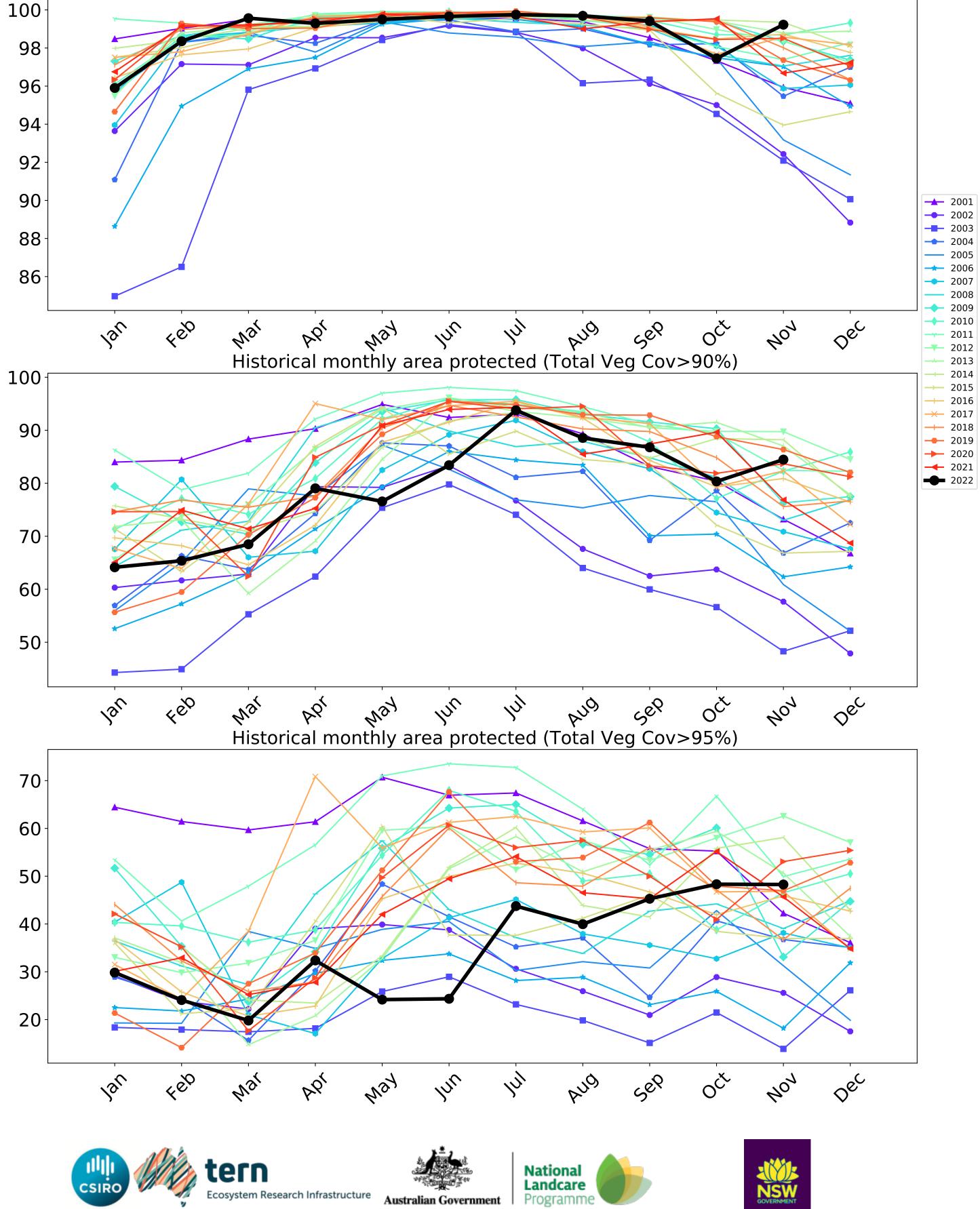
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)

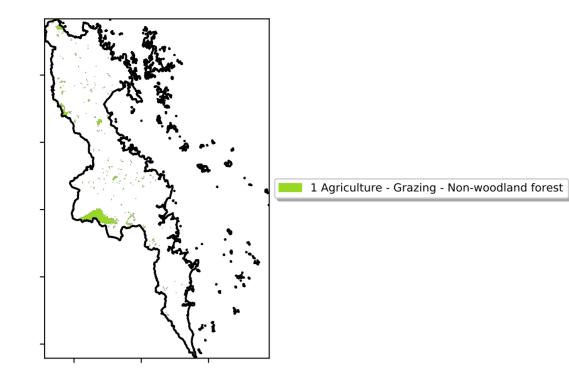




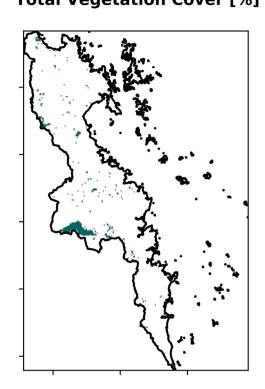
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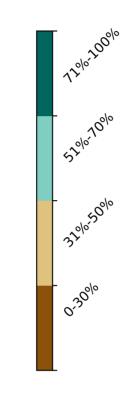
## Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

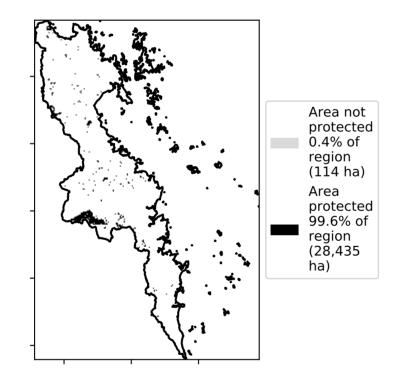


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

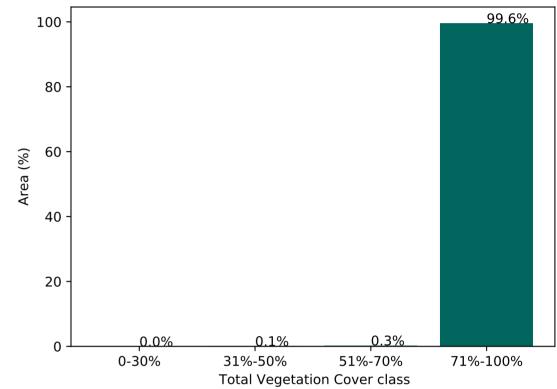




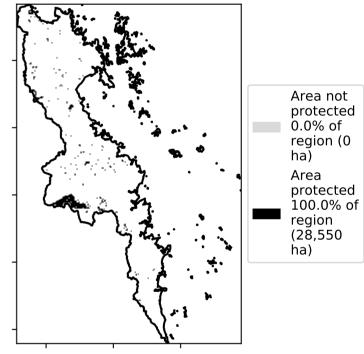
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



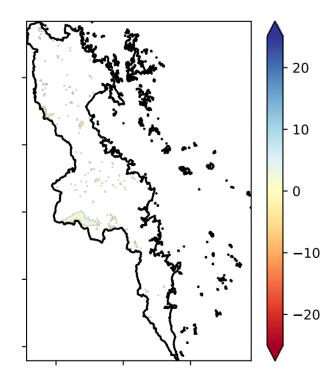
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



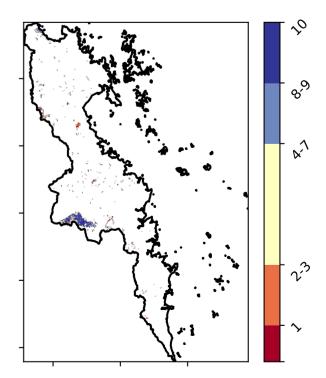
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**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

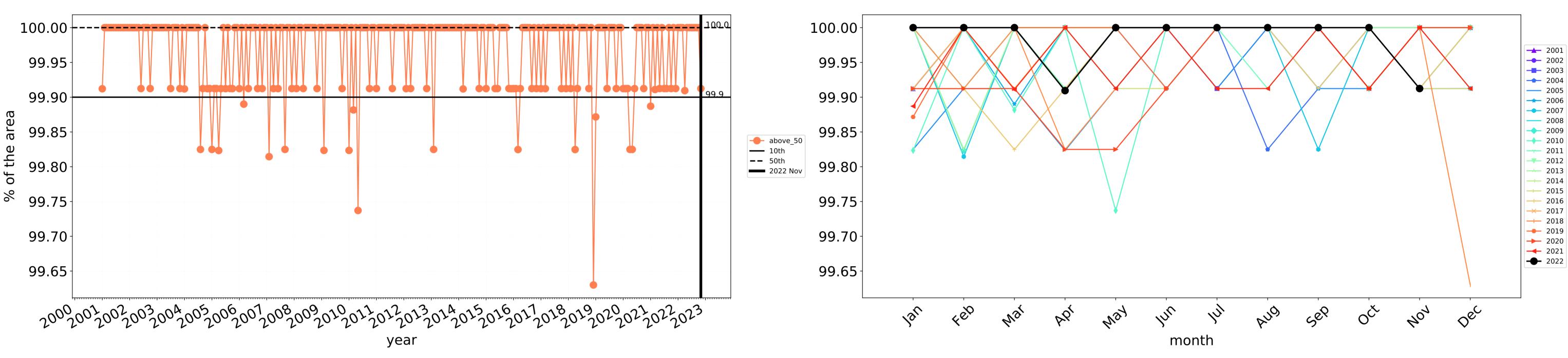
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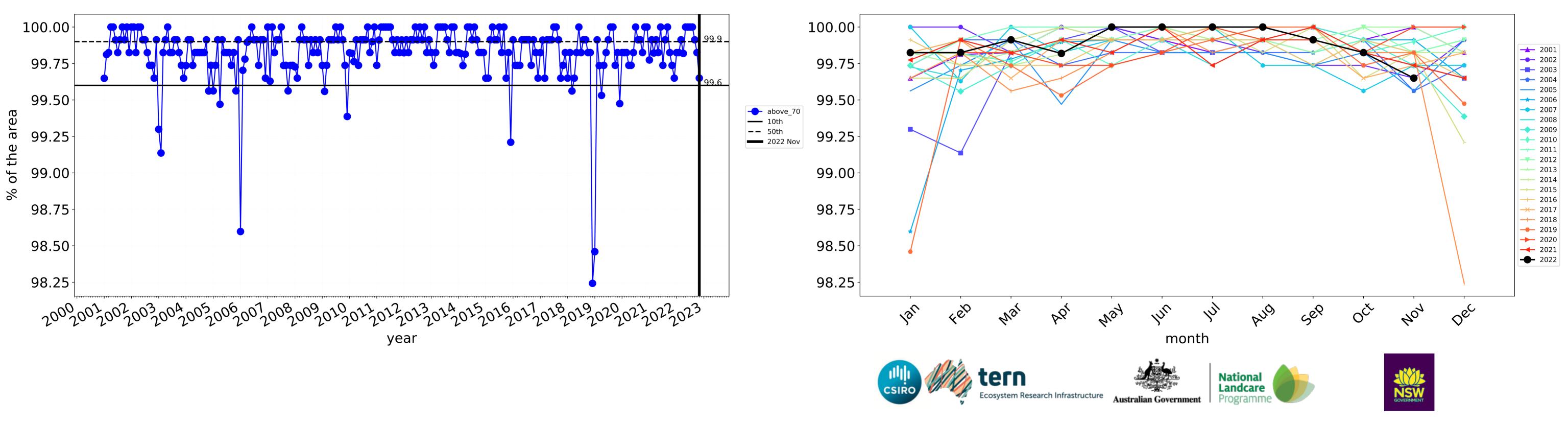






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

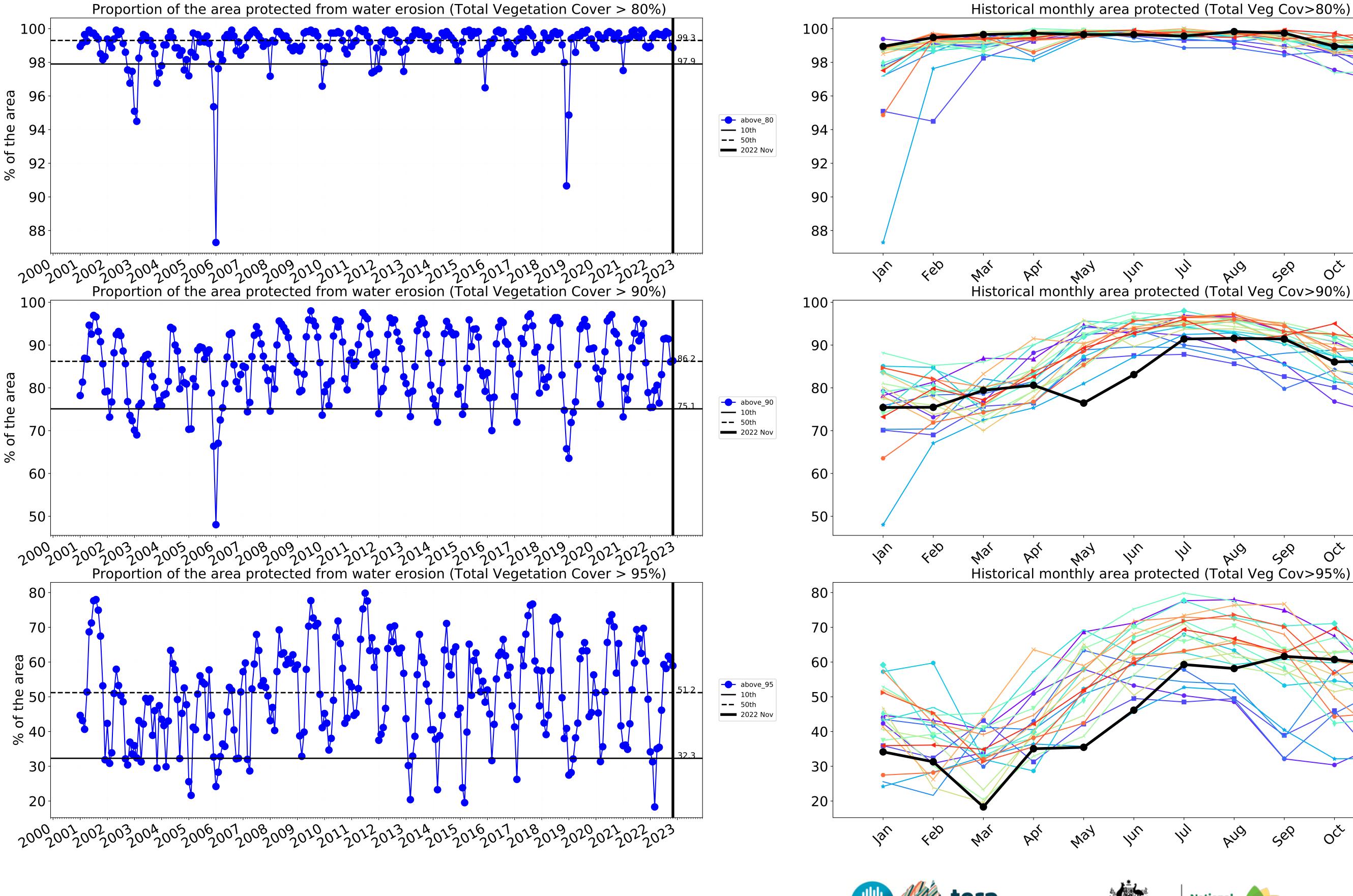
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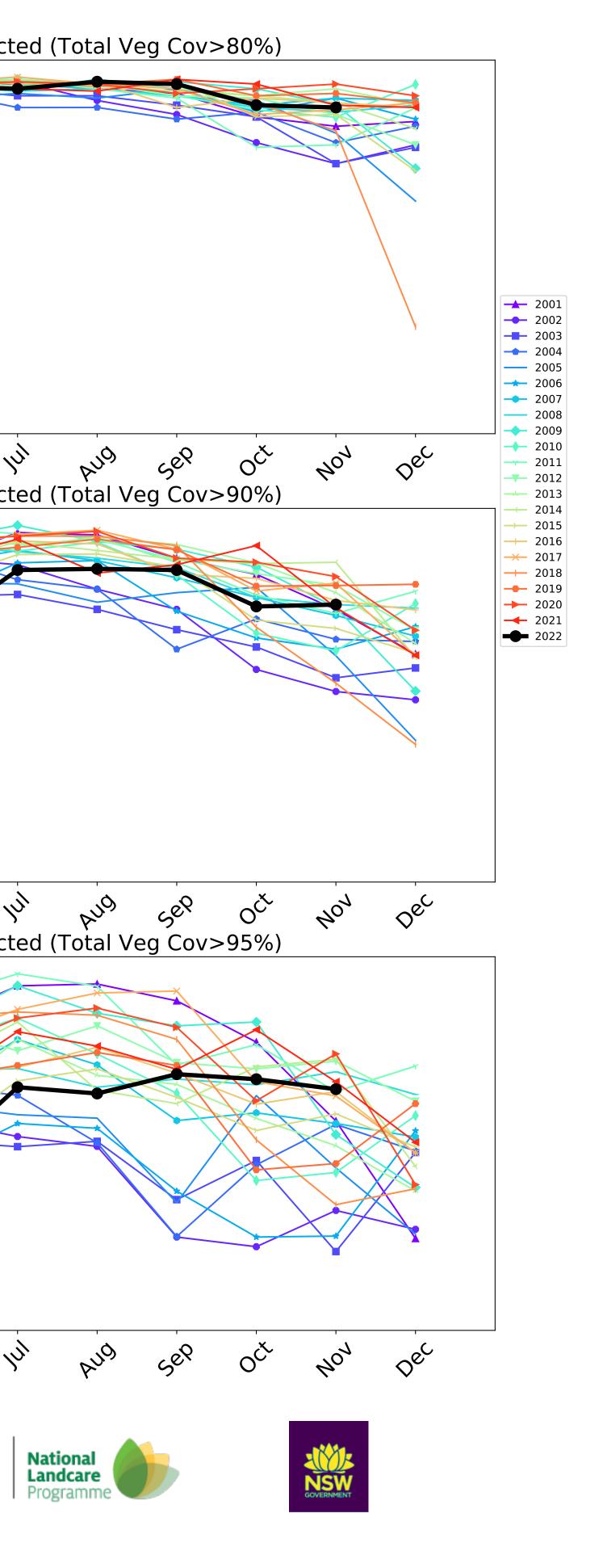


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



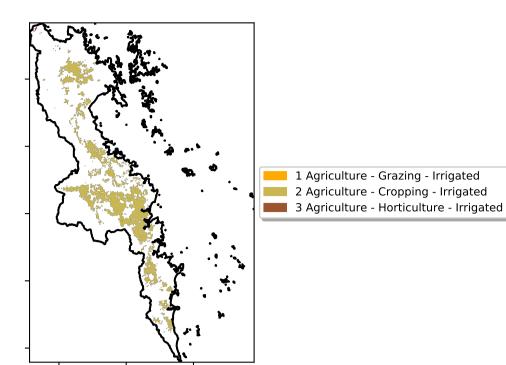




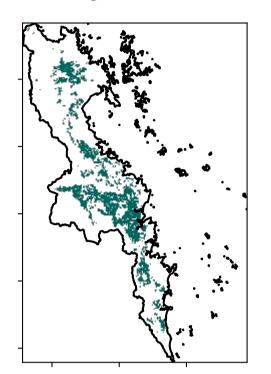
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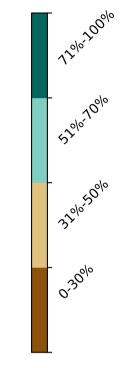
Land use and forest cover

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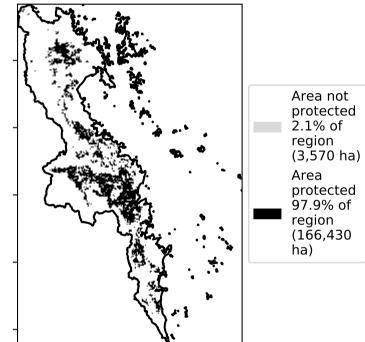


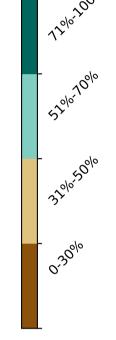
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

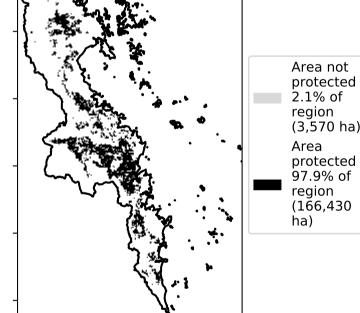


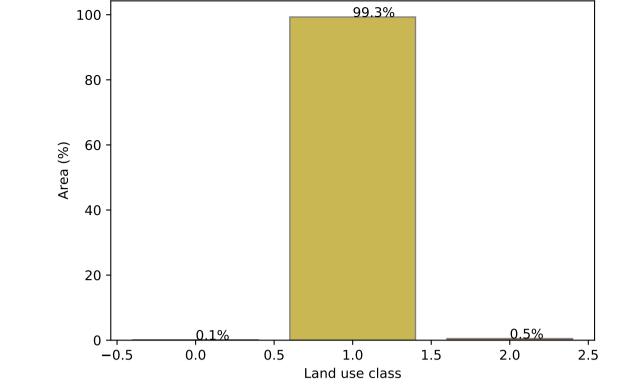


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



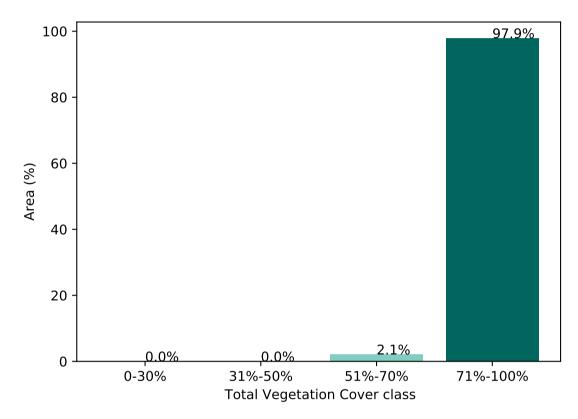




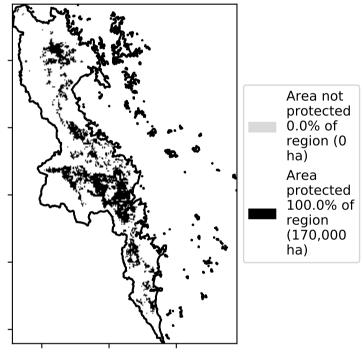


### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

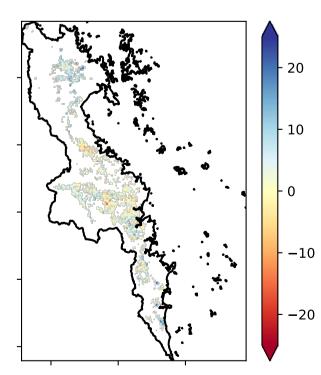


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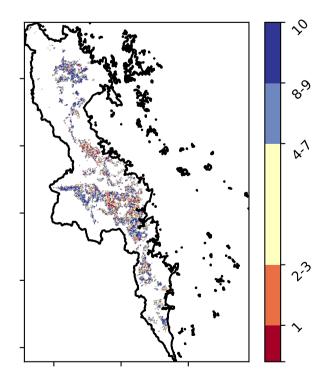


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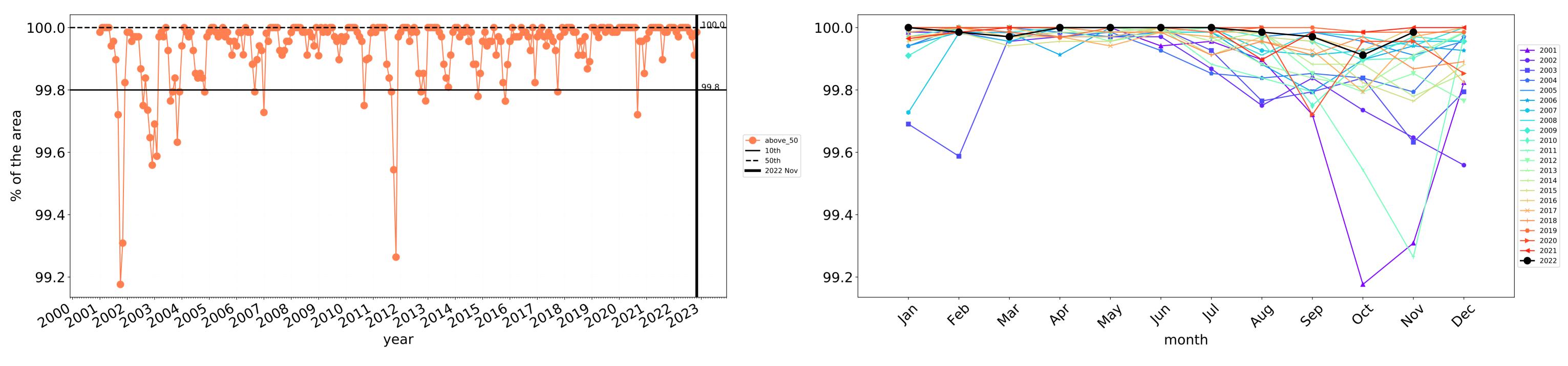
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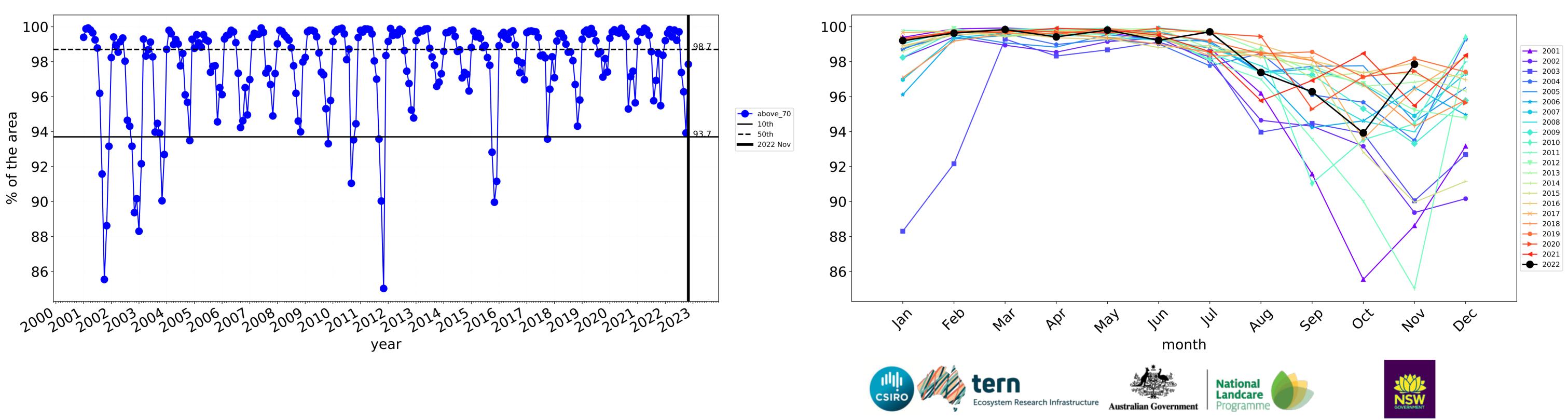


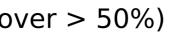




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

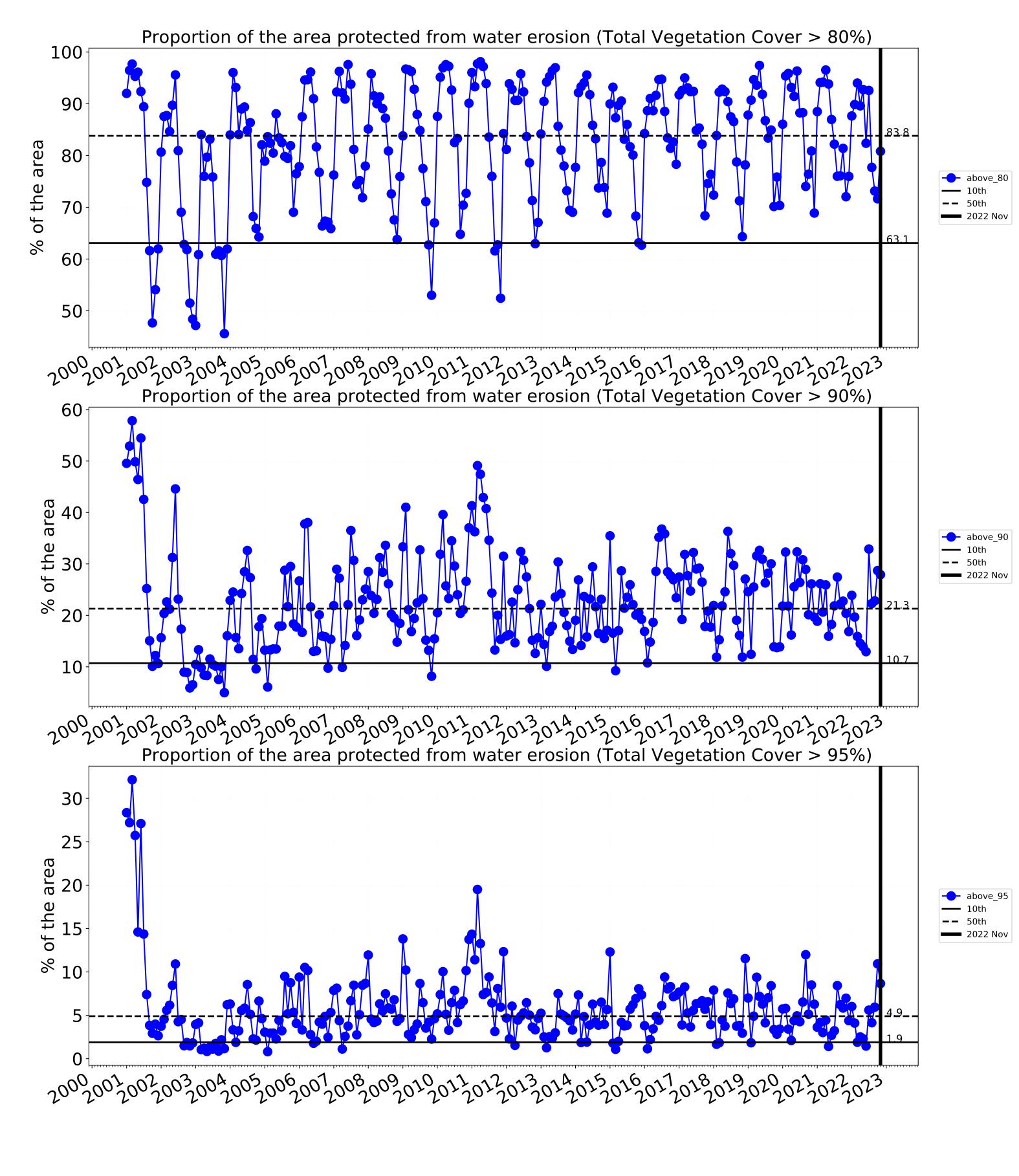


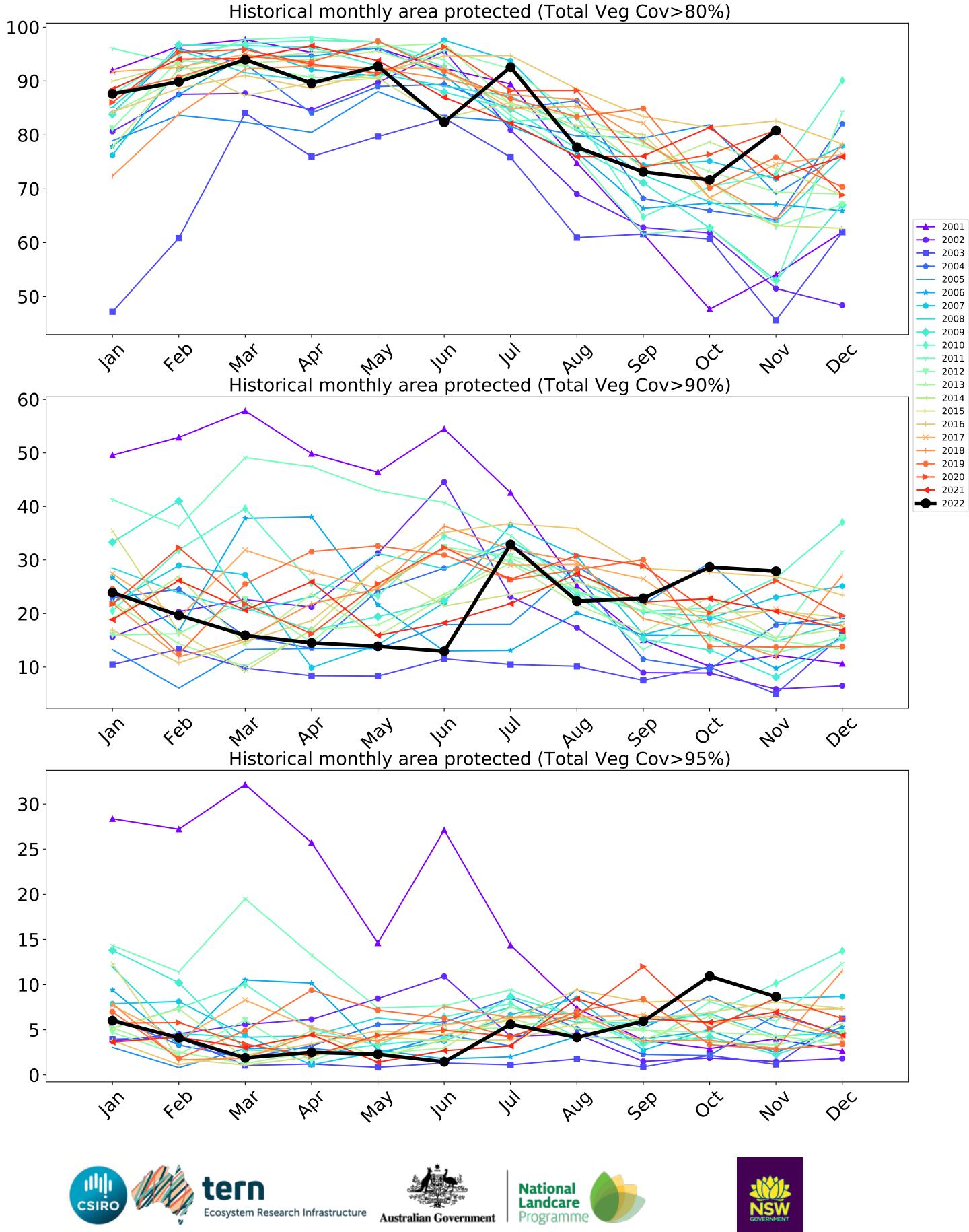




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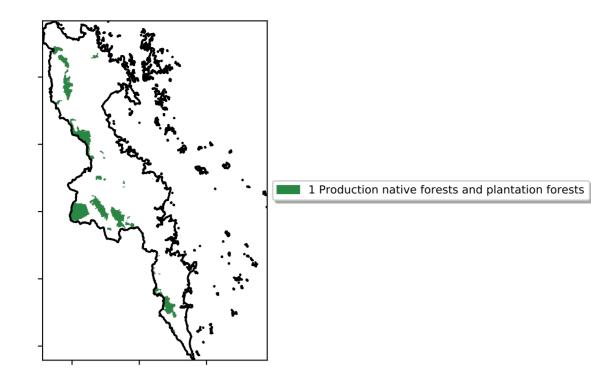




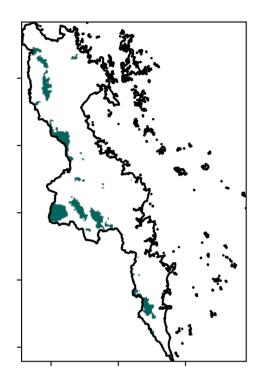


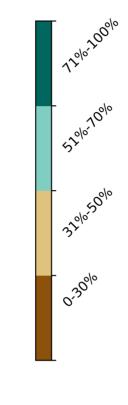
## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover

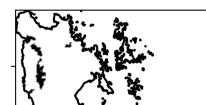


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

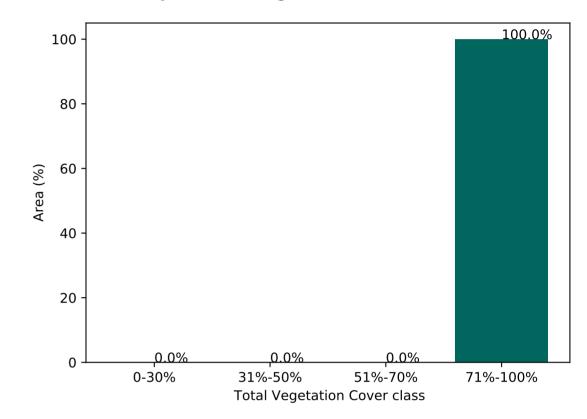




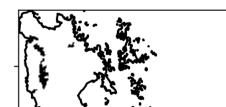
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



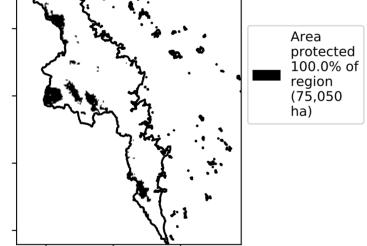




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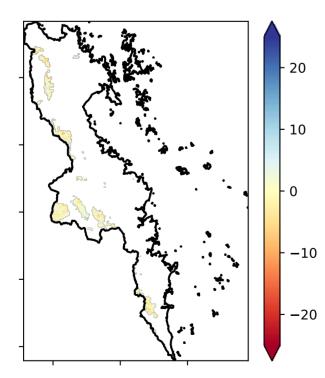


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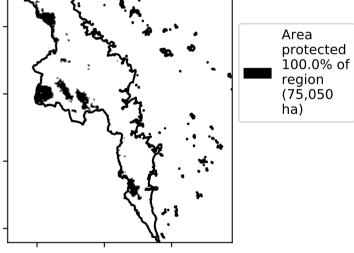


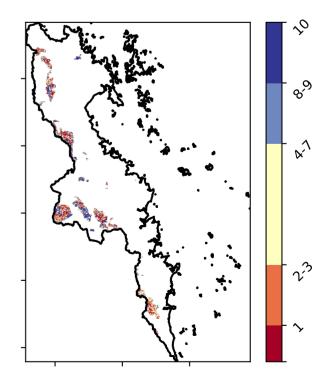
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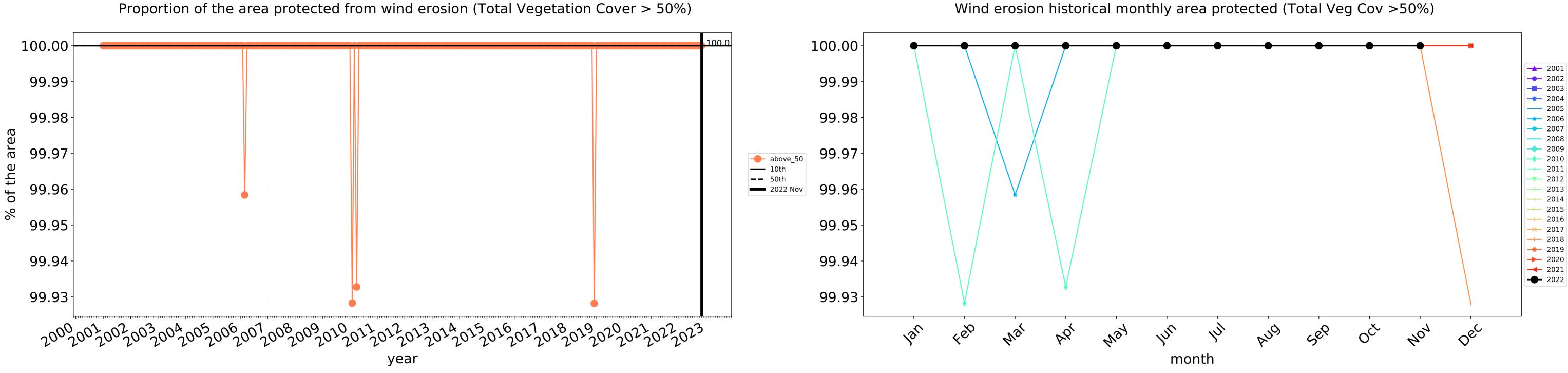




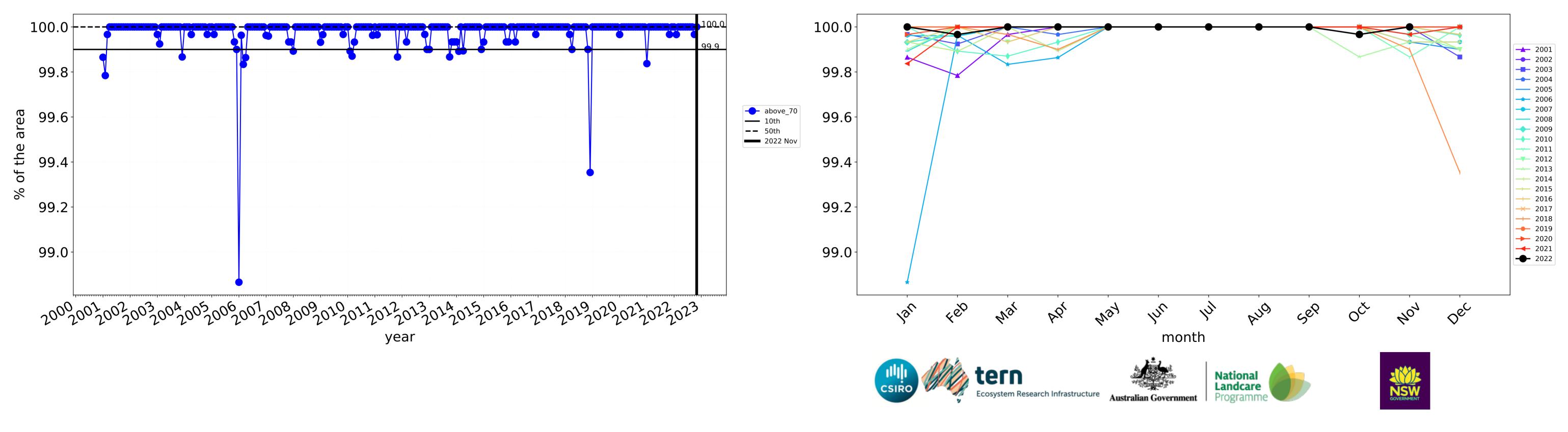




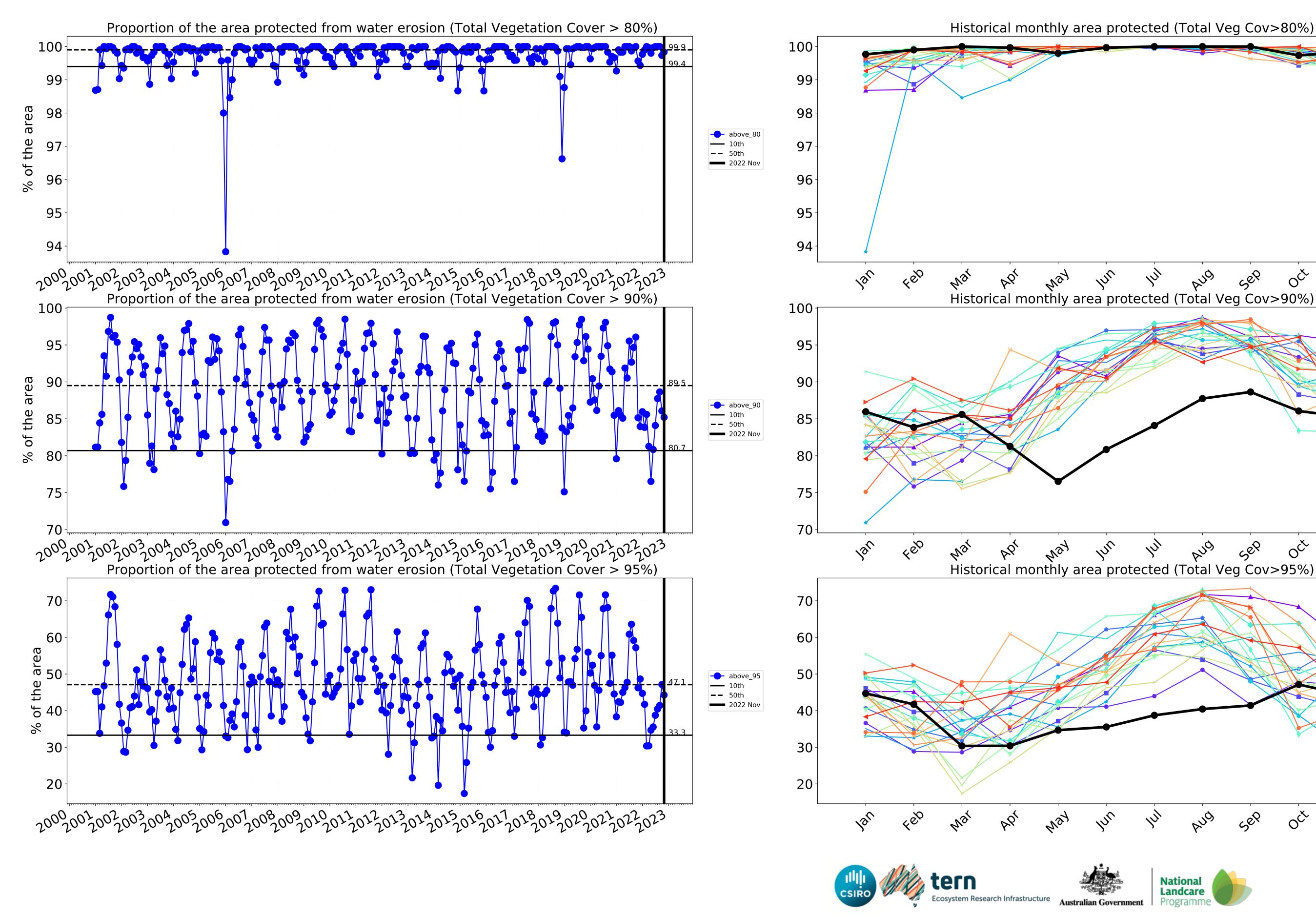
## Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

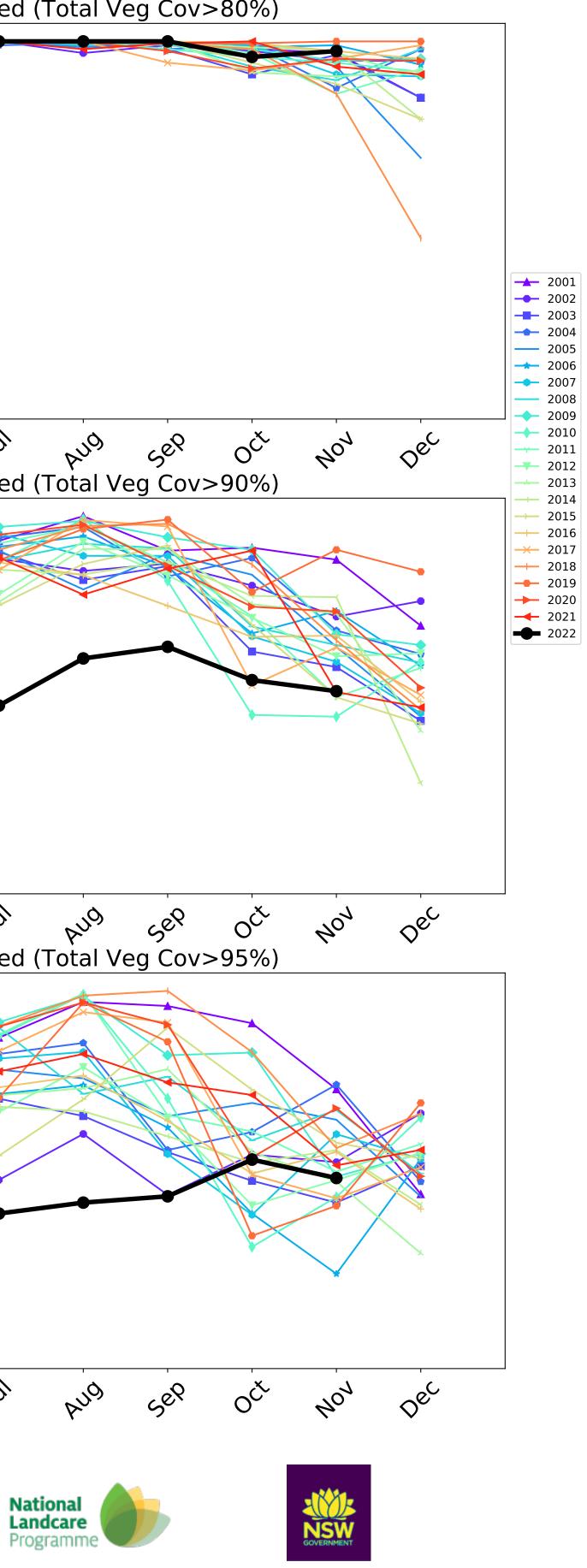


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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





## Mackay Whitsunday (905,075 ha and no data 27,985 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	905,075	99.9% 904,475	99.7% 902,175	97.8% 885,475	91.5% 827,950	63.4% 573,425	32.8% 296,850
Conservation and natural environments	273,525	99.9% 273,200	99.6% 272,300	98.3% 268,900	95.6% 261,500	76.6% 209,400	41.4% 113,275
Conservation and natural environments non forest	6,950	99.6% 6,925	97.5% 6,775	90.6% 6,300	78.1% 5,425	47.1% 3,275	23.0% 1,600
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest Conservation and	74,375	99.8% 74,200	99.5% 73,975	98.4% 73,150	95.9% 71,300	75.3% 55,975	39.2% 29,175
natural environments Forest (non woodland)	192,200	99.9% 192,075	99.7% 191,550	98.6% 189,450	96.1% 184,775	78.1% 150,150	42.9% 82,500
Agriculture	468,275	100.0% 468,275	99.9% 468,000	99.0% 463,450	91.6% 428,725	58.3% 273,075	29.6% 138,650
Grazing	298,225	100.0% 298,225	99.9% 297,975	99.6% 297,050	97.7% 291,300	75.7% 225,625	41.6% 123,925
Grazing non forest	189,075	100.0% 189,075	99.9% 188,900	99.5% 188,075	96.8% 183,100	70.3% 132,900	36.1% 68,200
Grazing Woodland forest	80,600	100.0% 80,600	99.9% 80,550	99.9% 80,525	99.2% 79,975	84.5% 68,075	48.3% 38,900
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.9% 28,525	99.6% 28,450	98.9% 28,225	86.3% 24,650	58.9% 16,825
Irrigation	170,000	100.0% 170,000	100.0% 169,975	97.9% 166,350	80.8% 137,375	27.9% 47,450	8.7% 14,725
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,050	100.0% 75,050	100.0% 75,050	100.0% 75,050	99.8% 74,925	85.2% 63,950	44.3% 33,225

