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.

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:

Total vegetation Cover:

- 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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Date: September 2022

Vegetation Cover Sep 2022

Land use and forest cover

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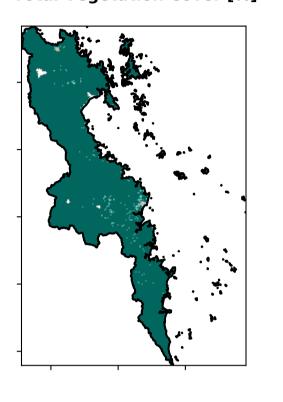
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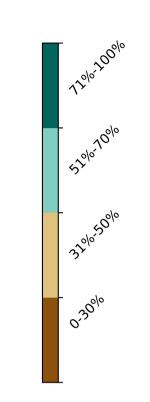
Land Use and Forests

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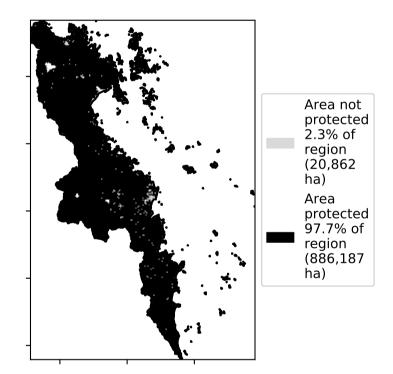
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

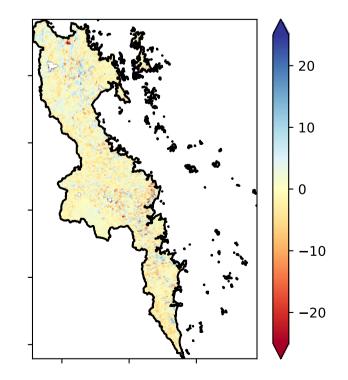




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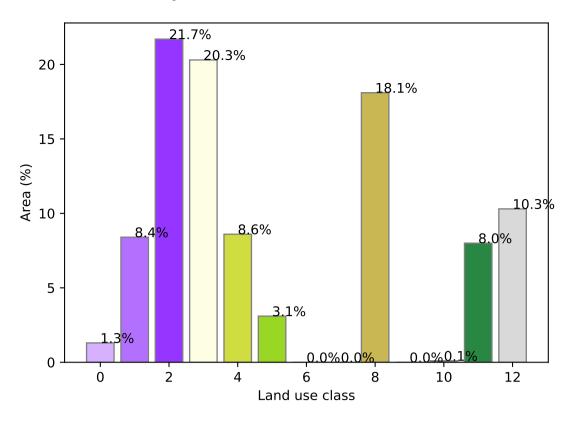


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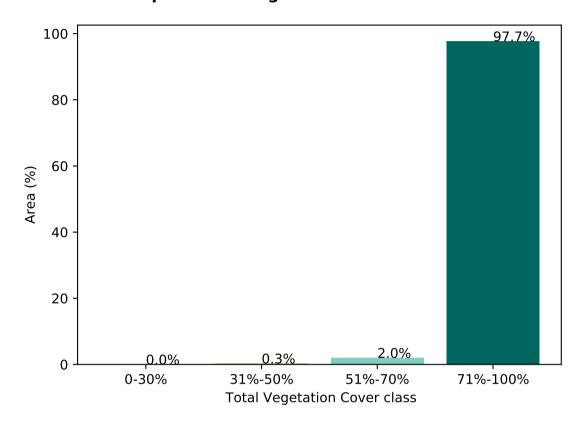


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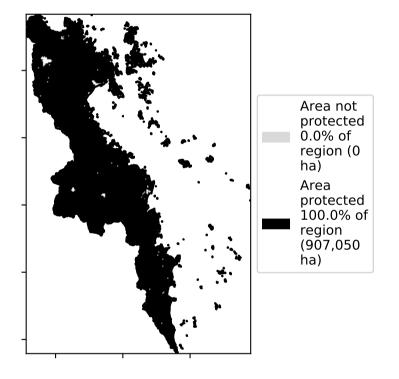
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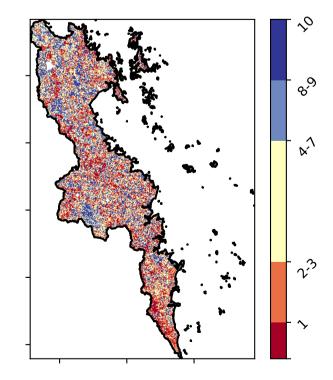


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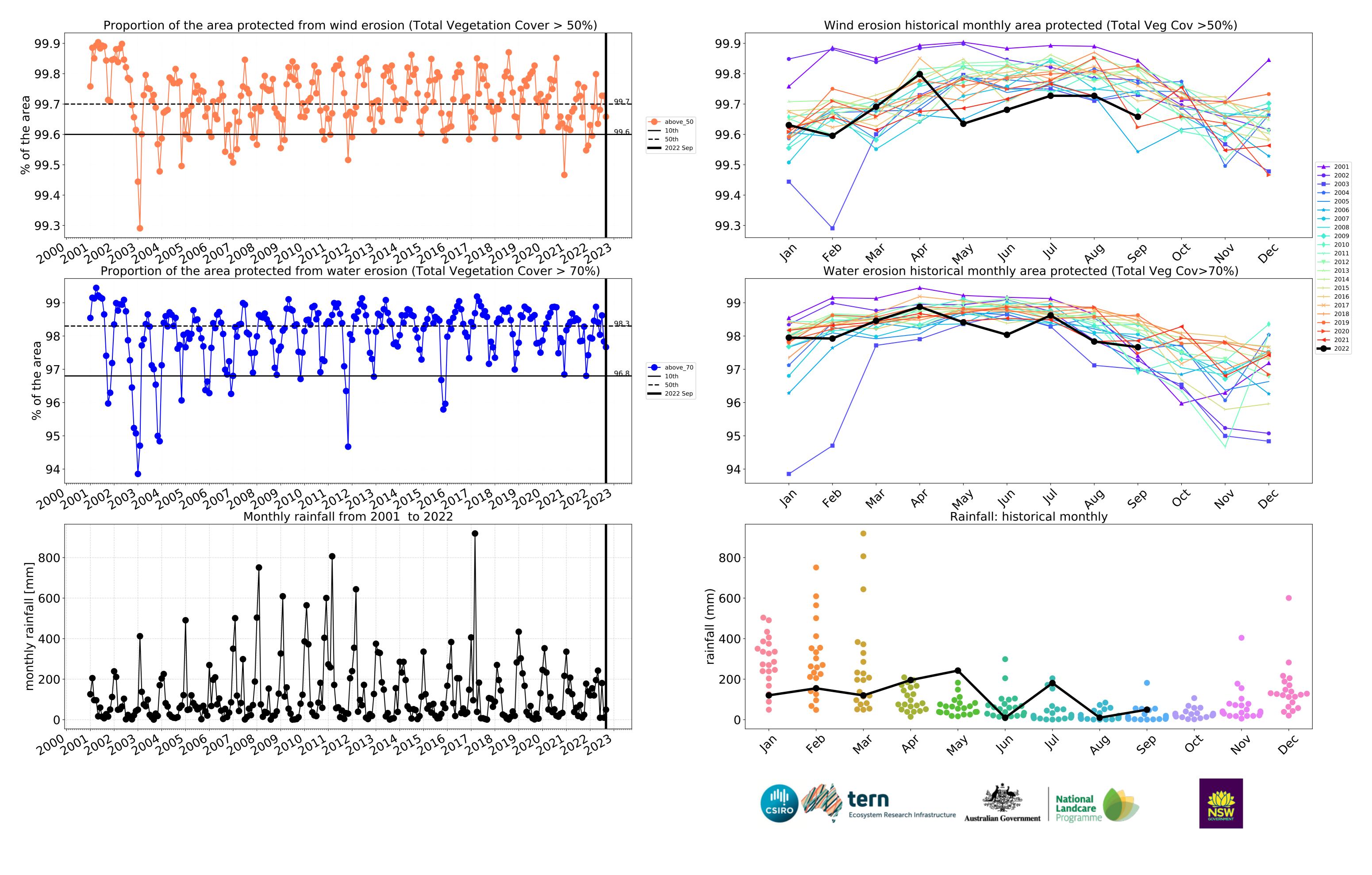


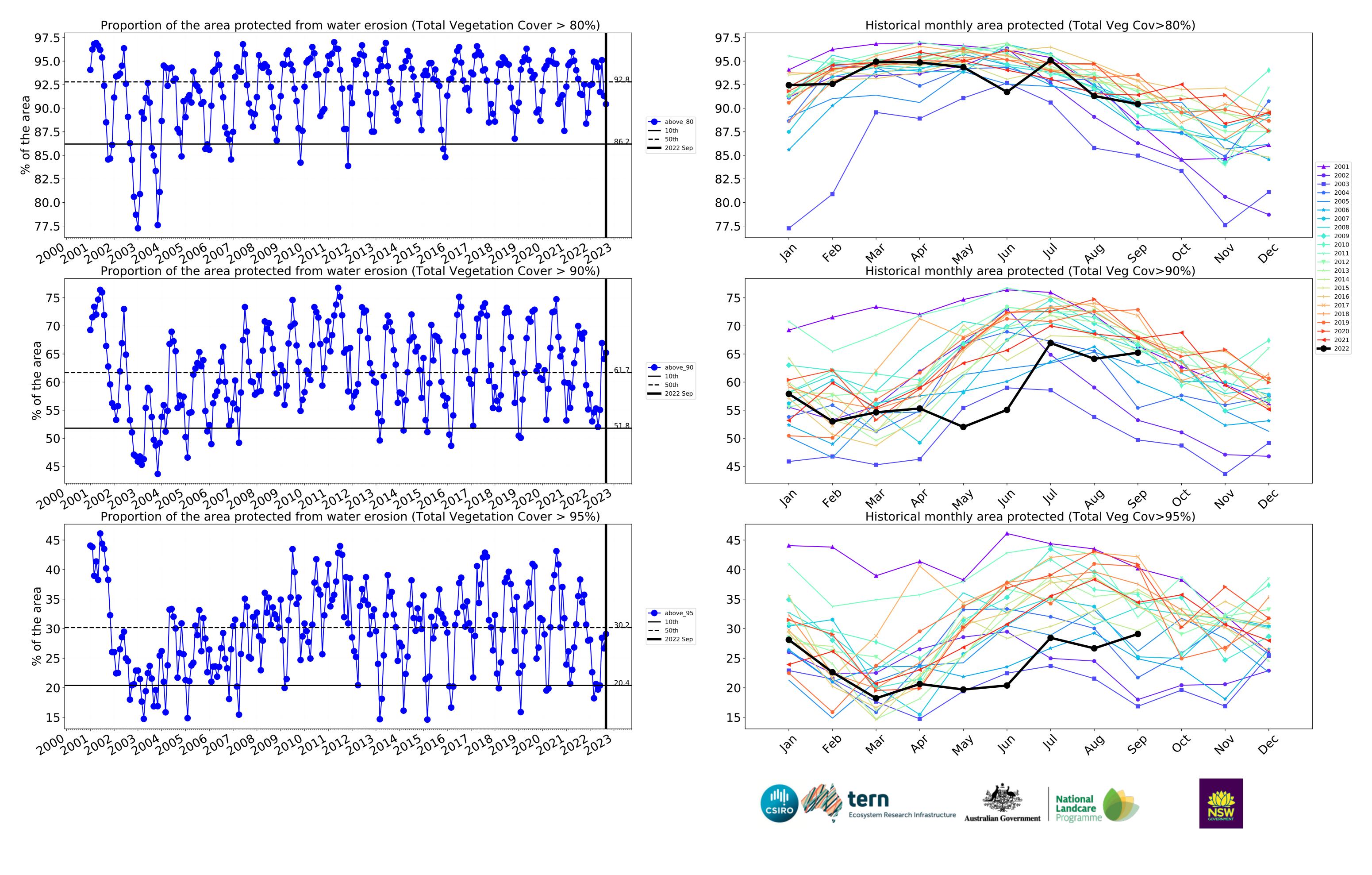










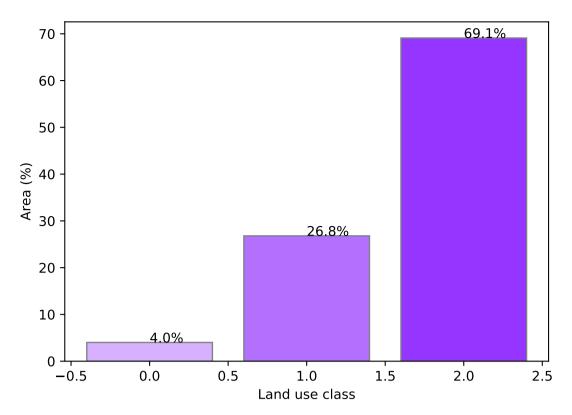


Conservation and natural environments

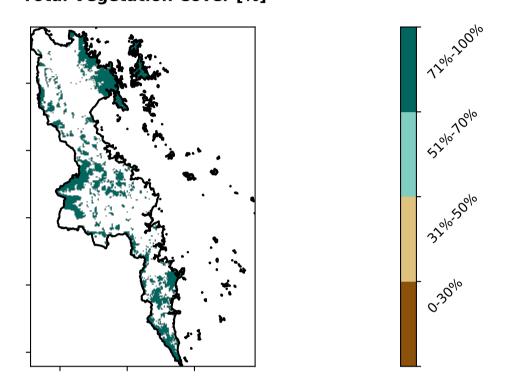
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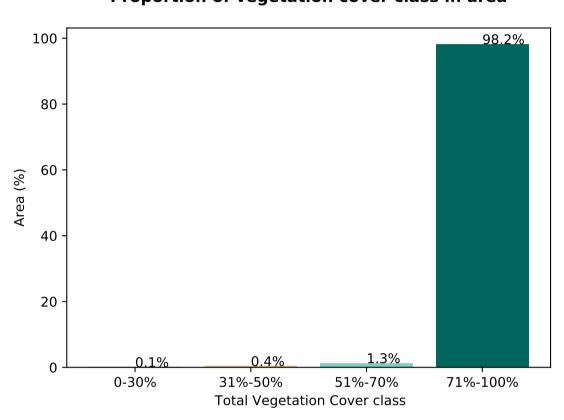
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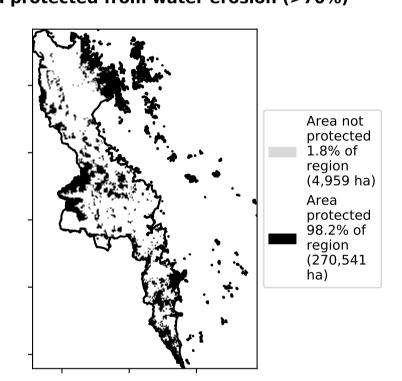
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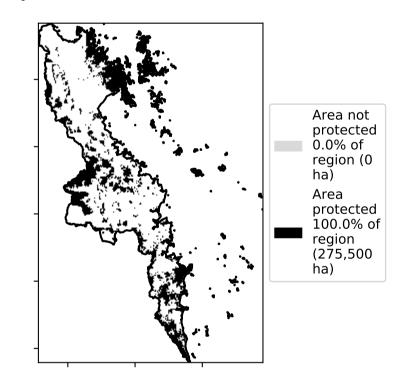
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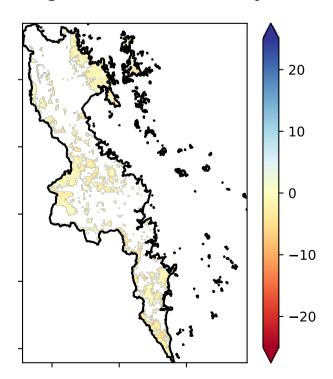
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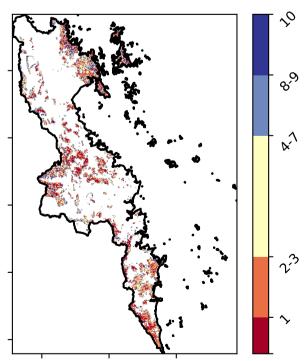


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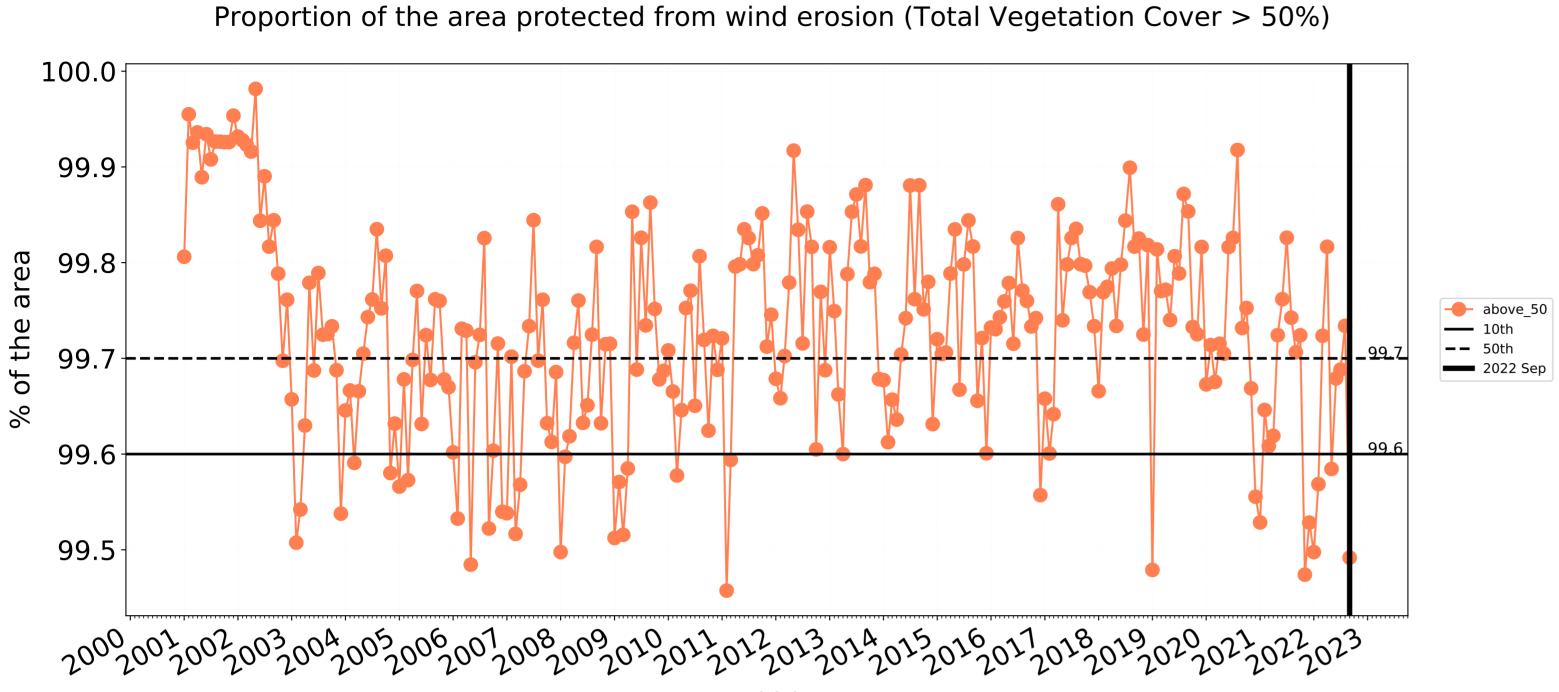


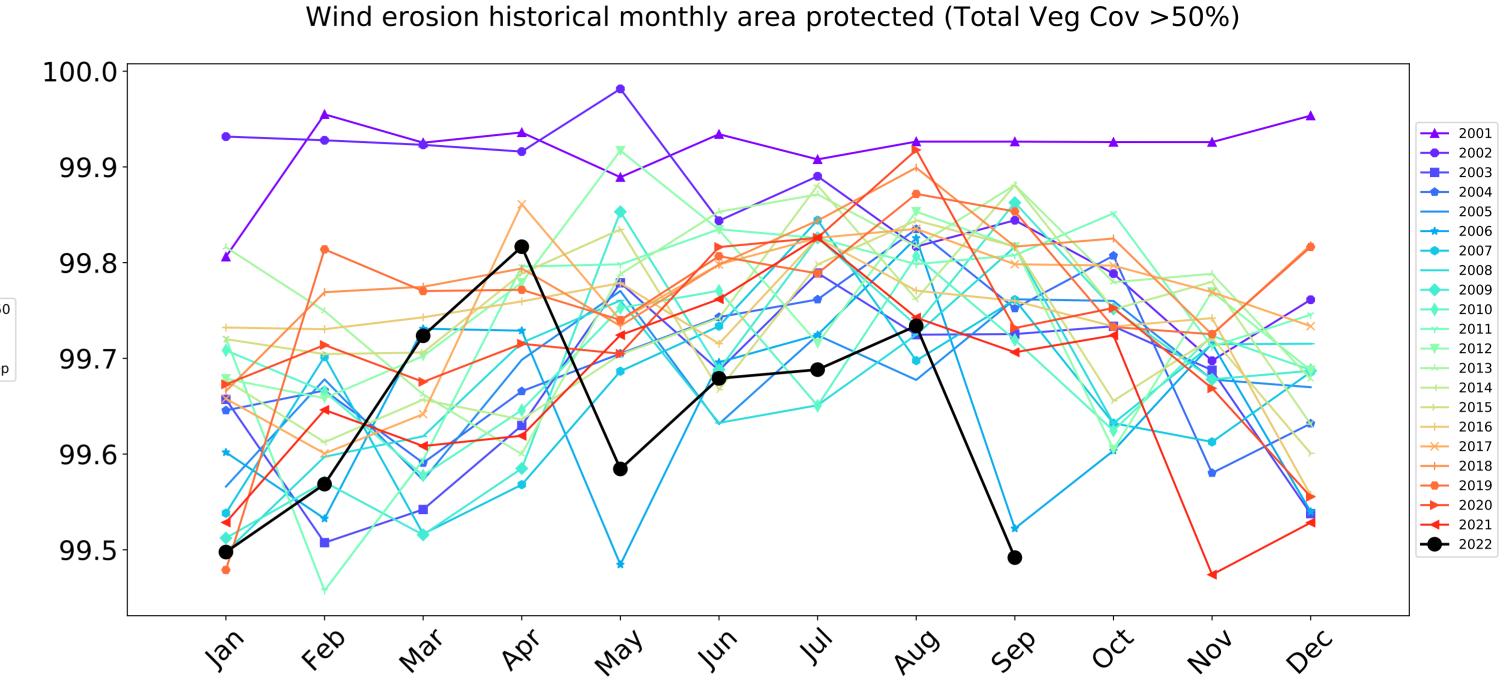




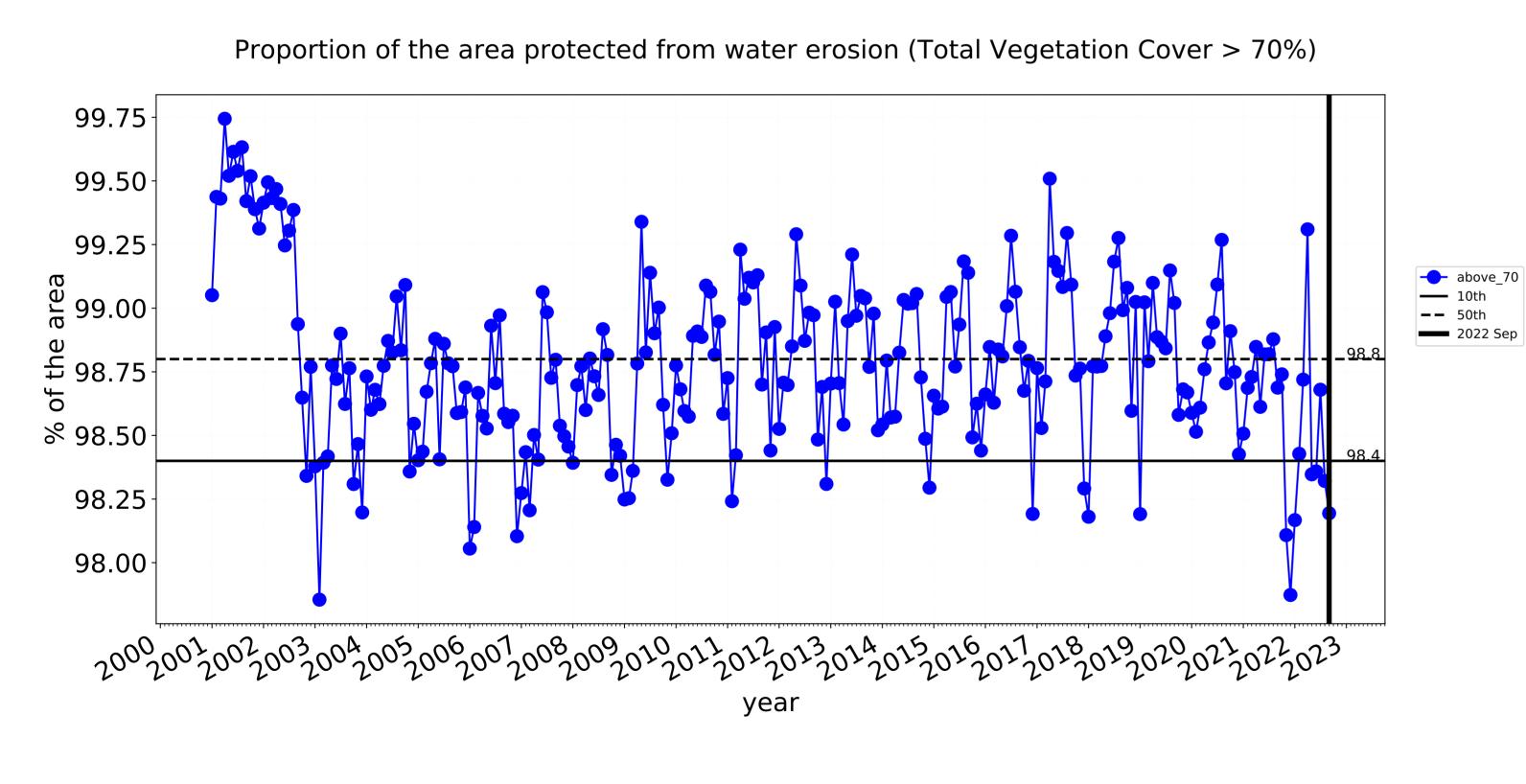


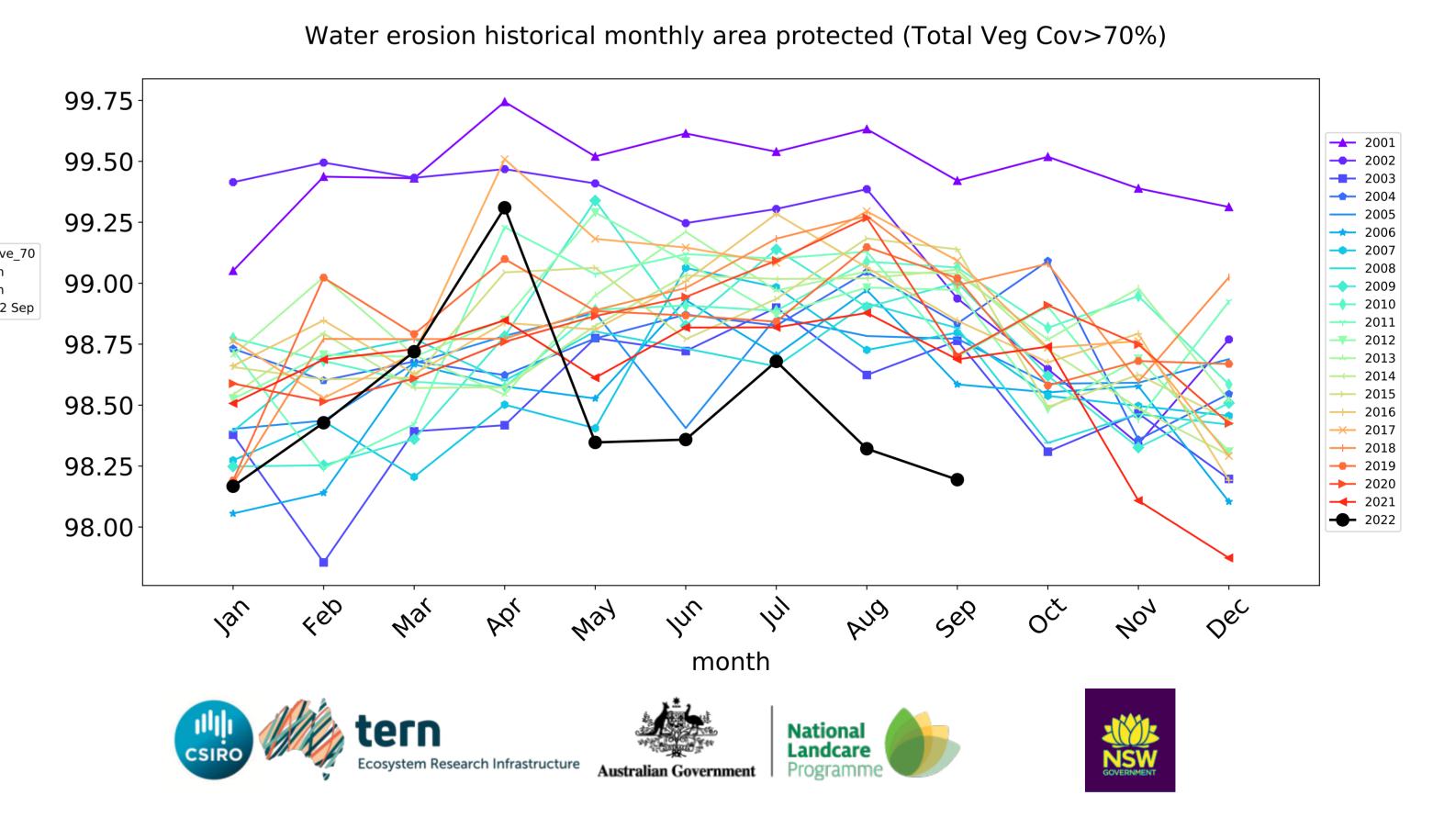
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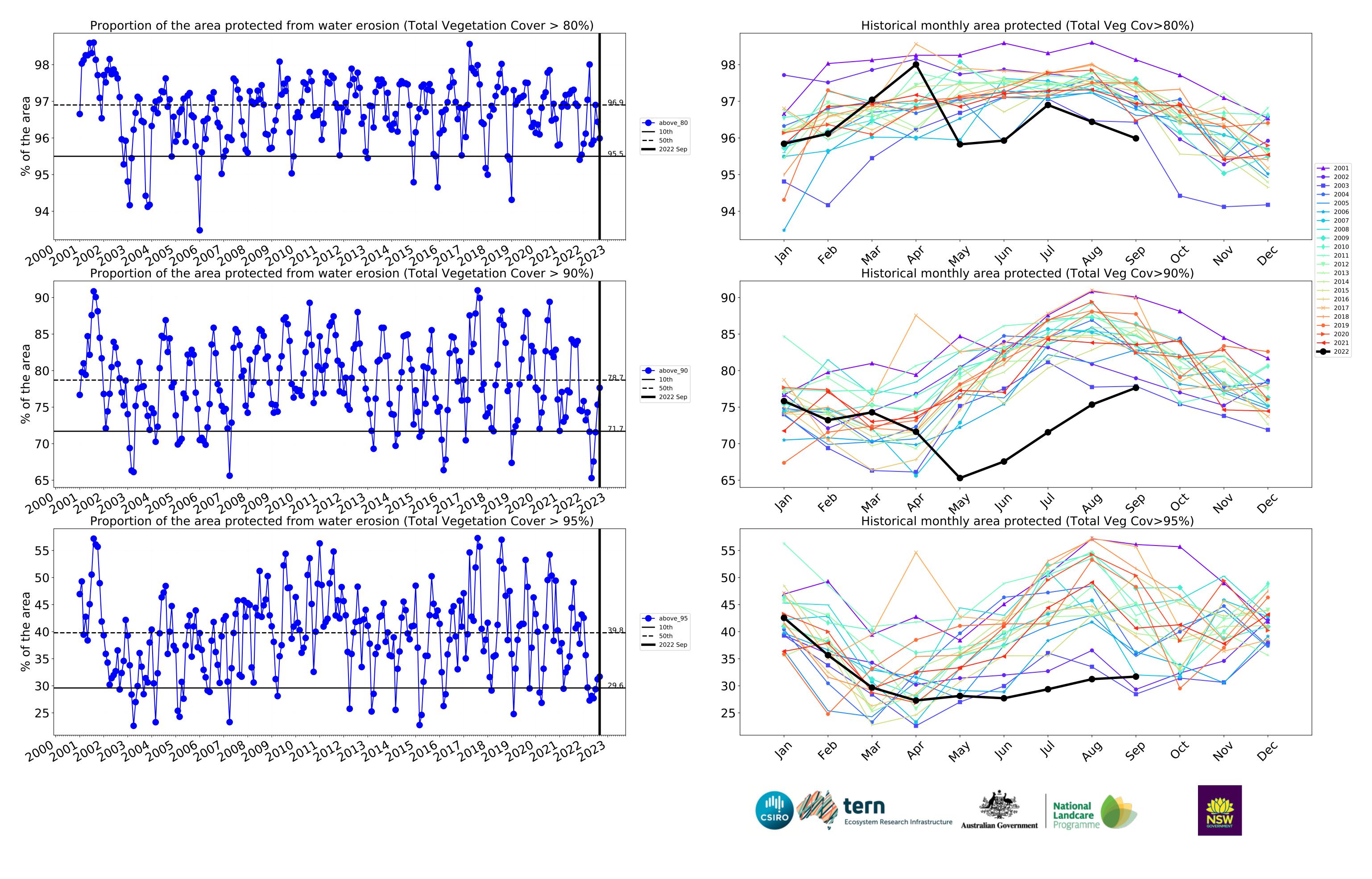




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Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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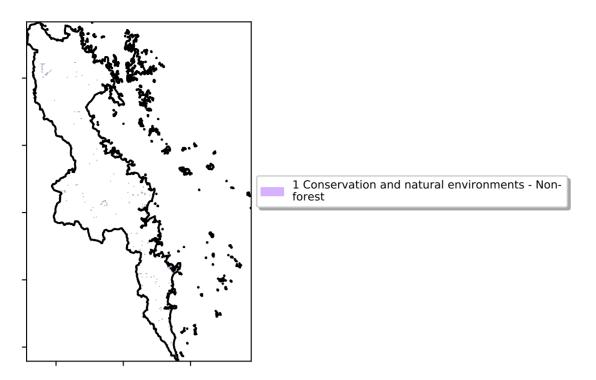
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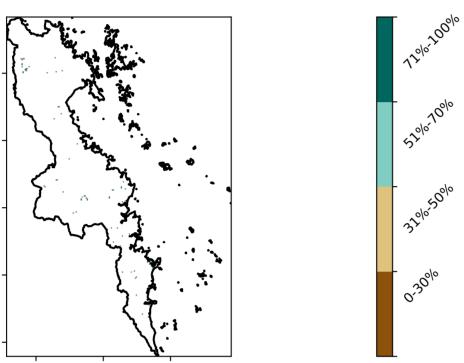
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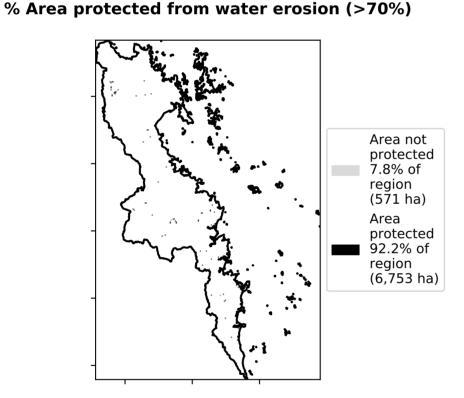
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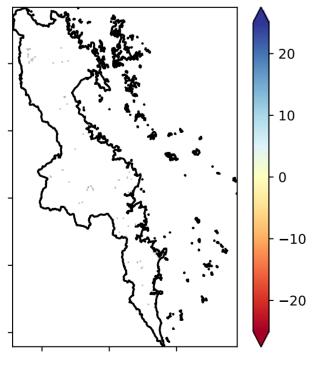


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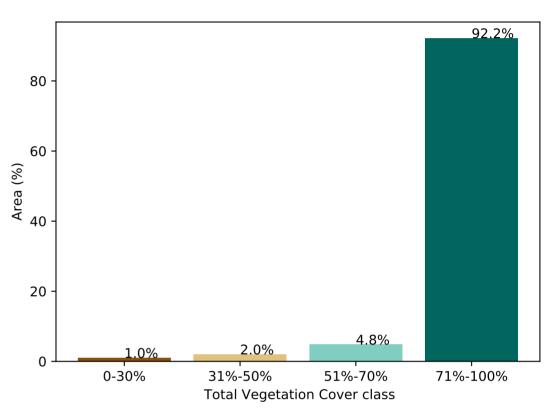


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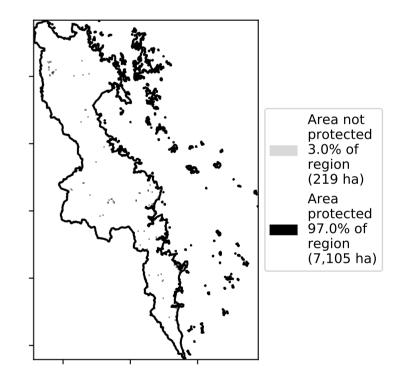


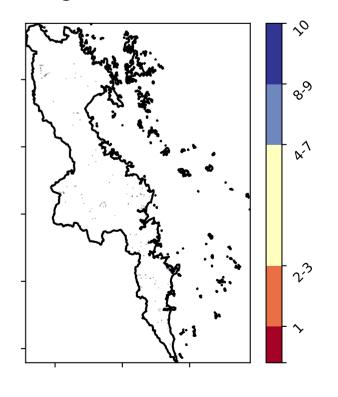
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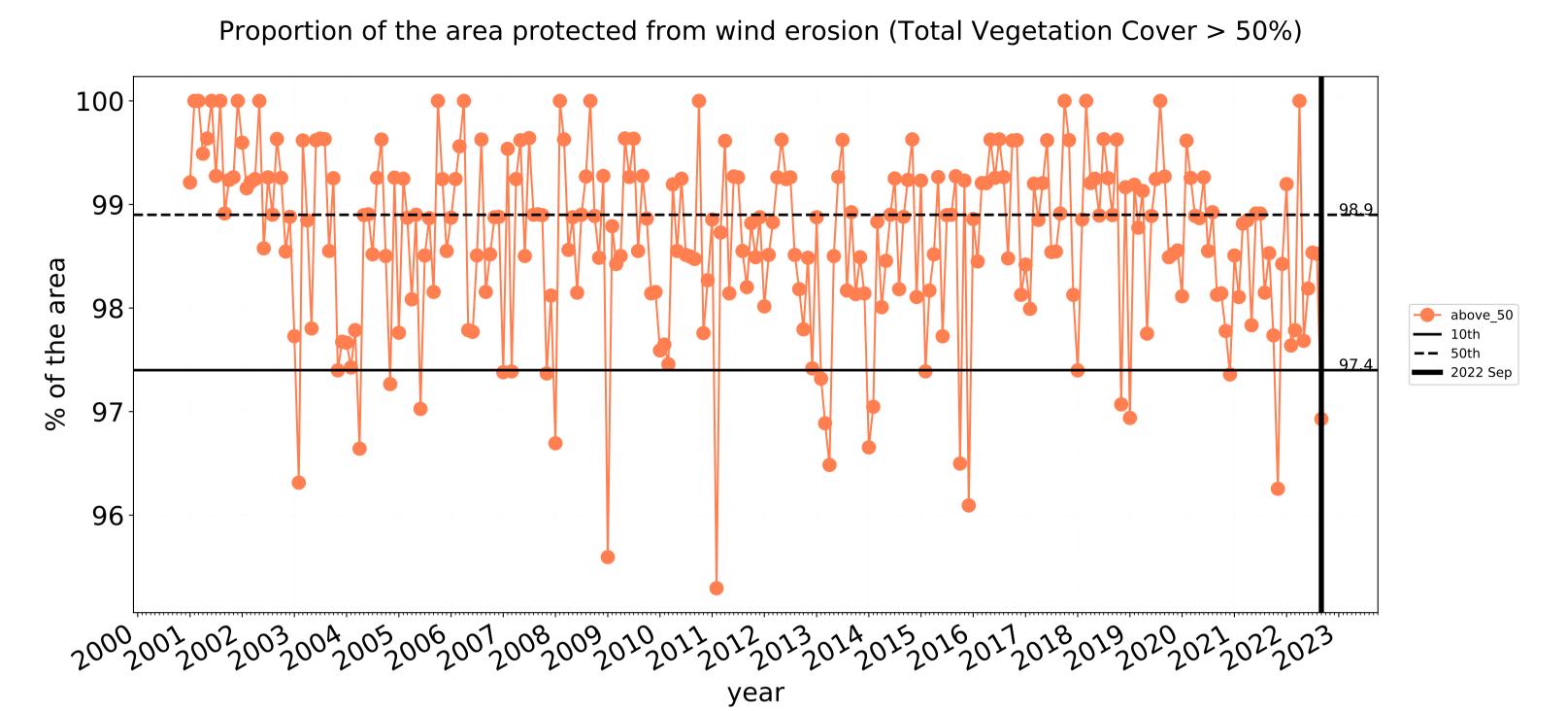


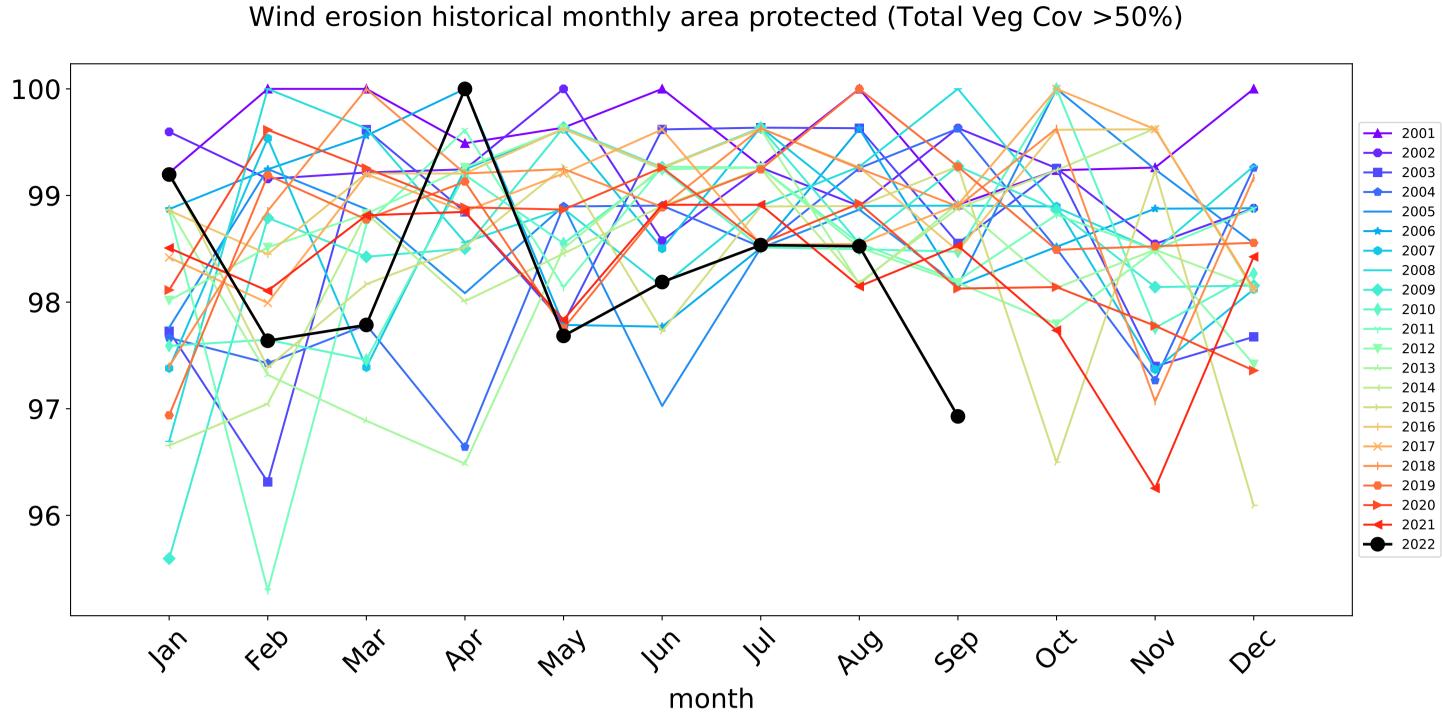


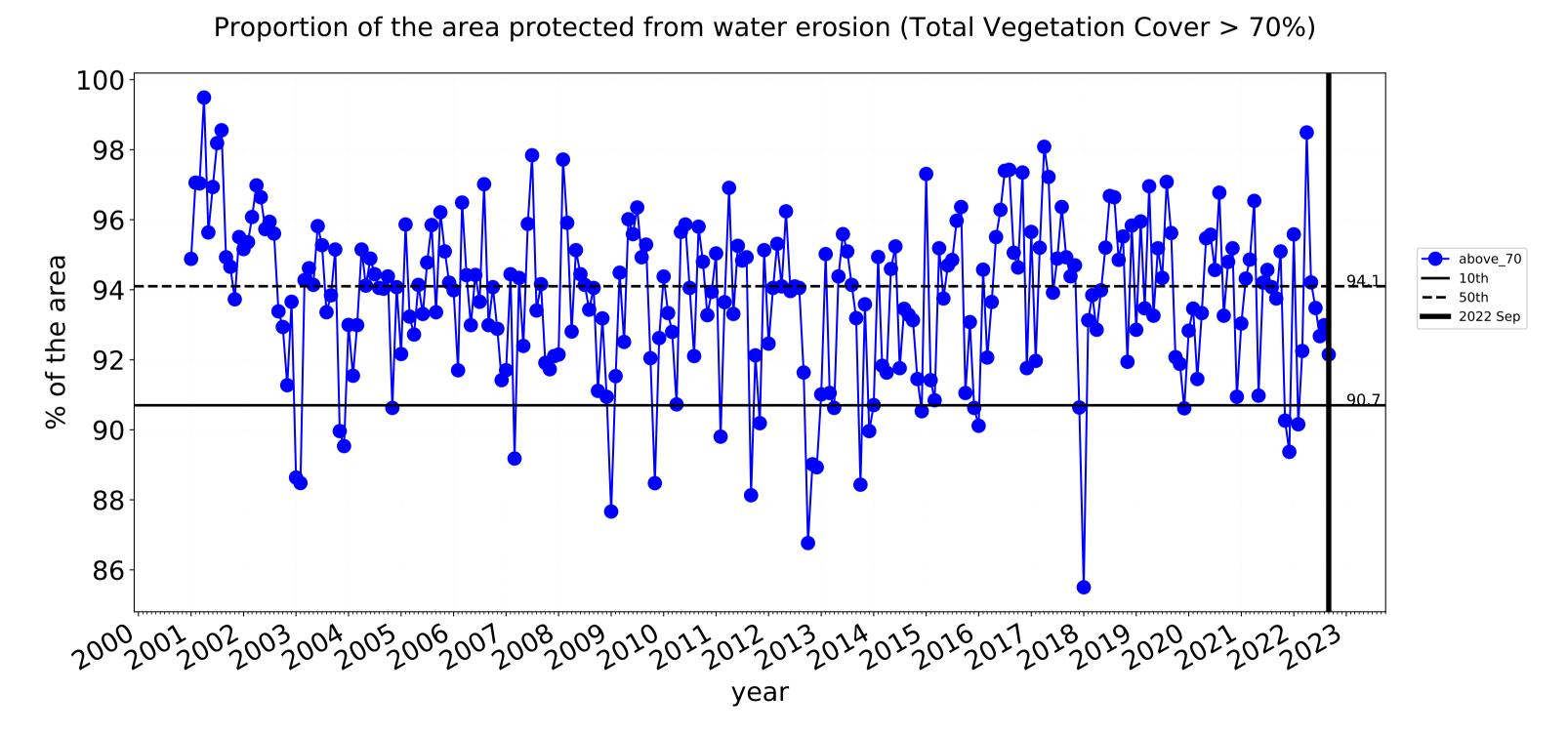


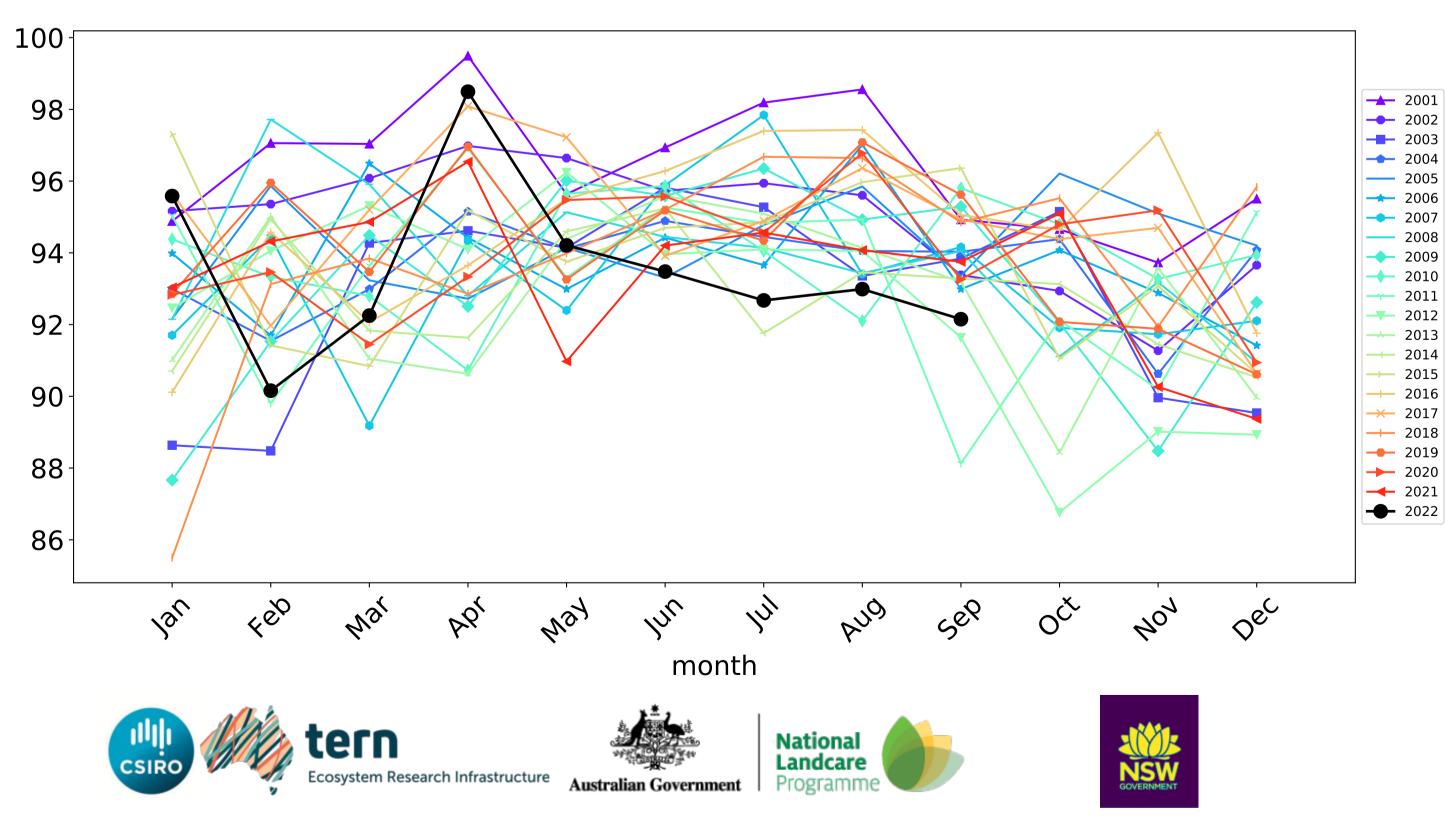


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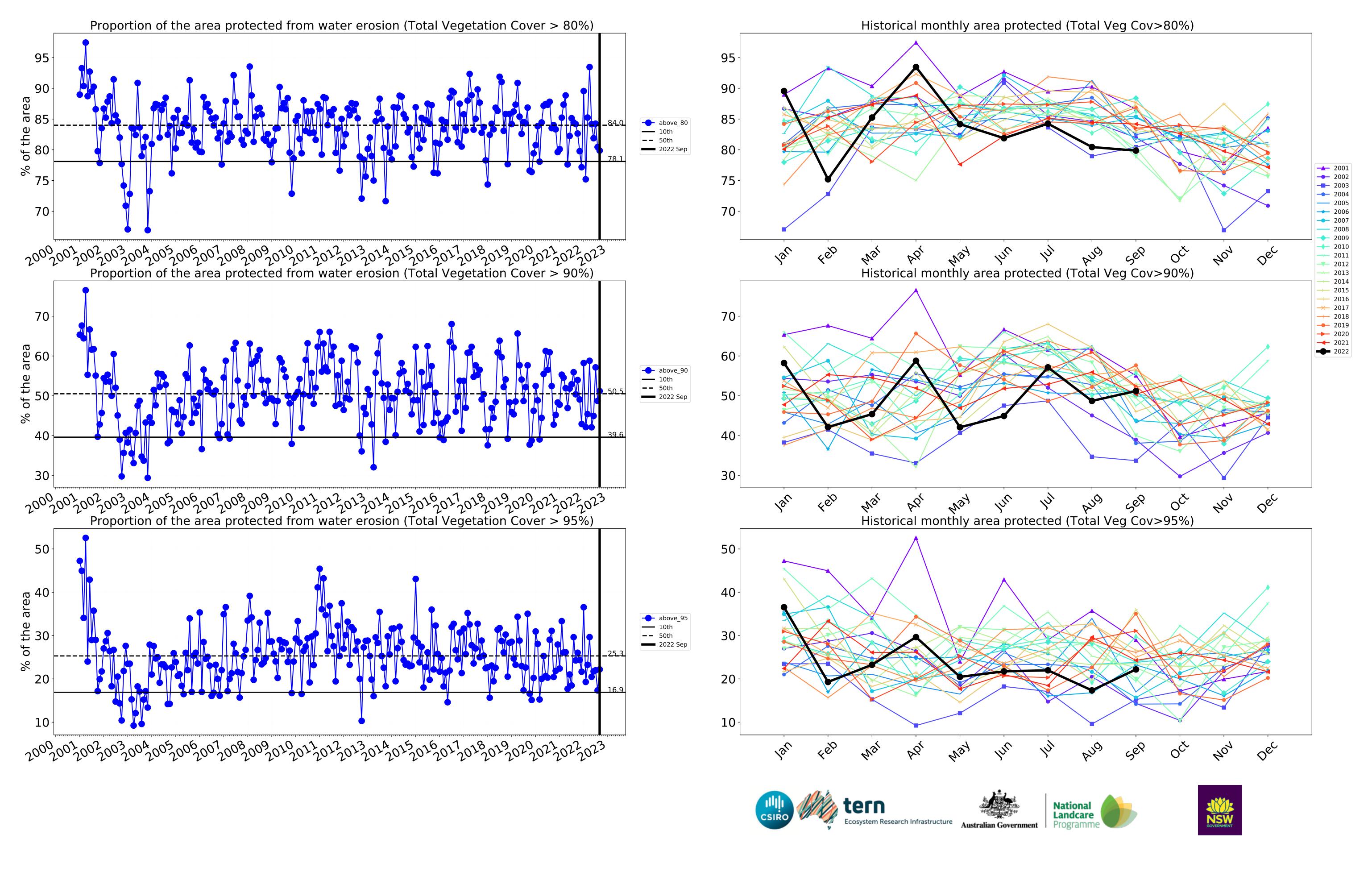








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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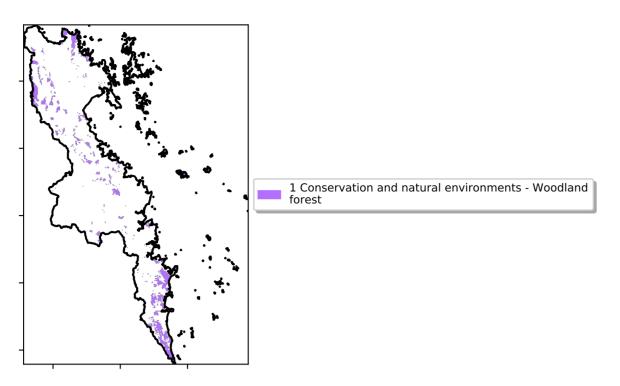
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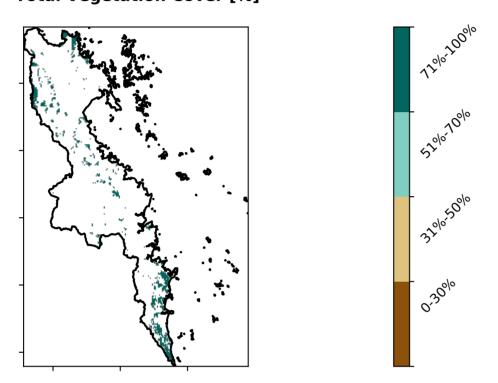
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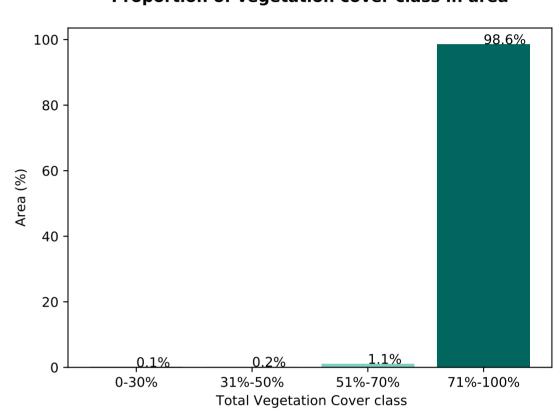
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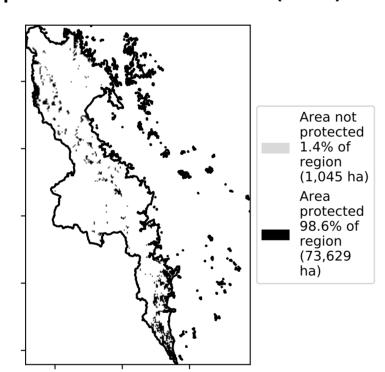
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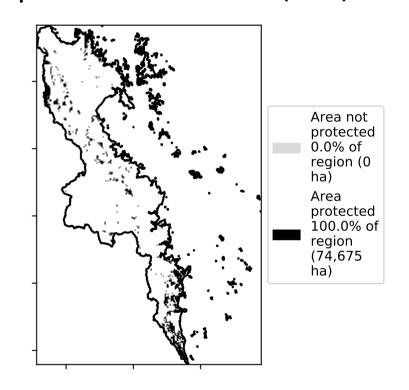
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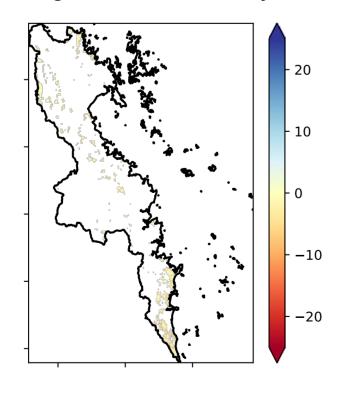
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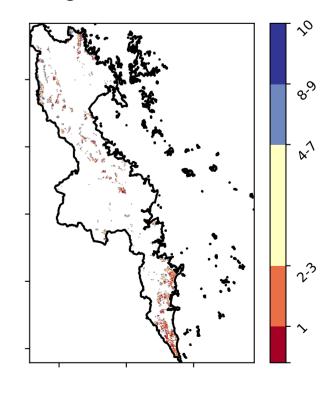
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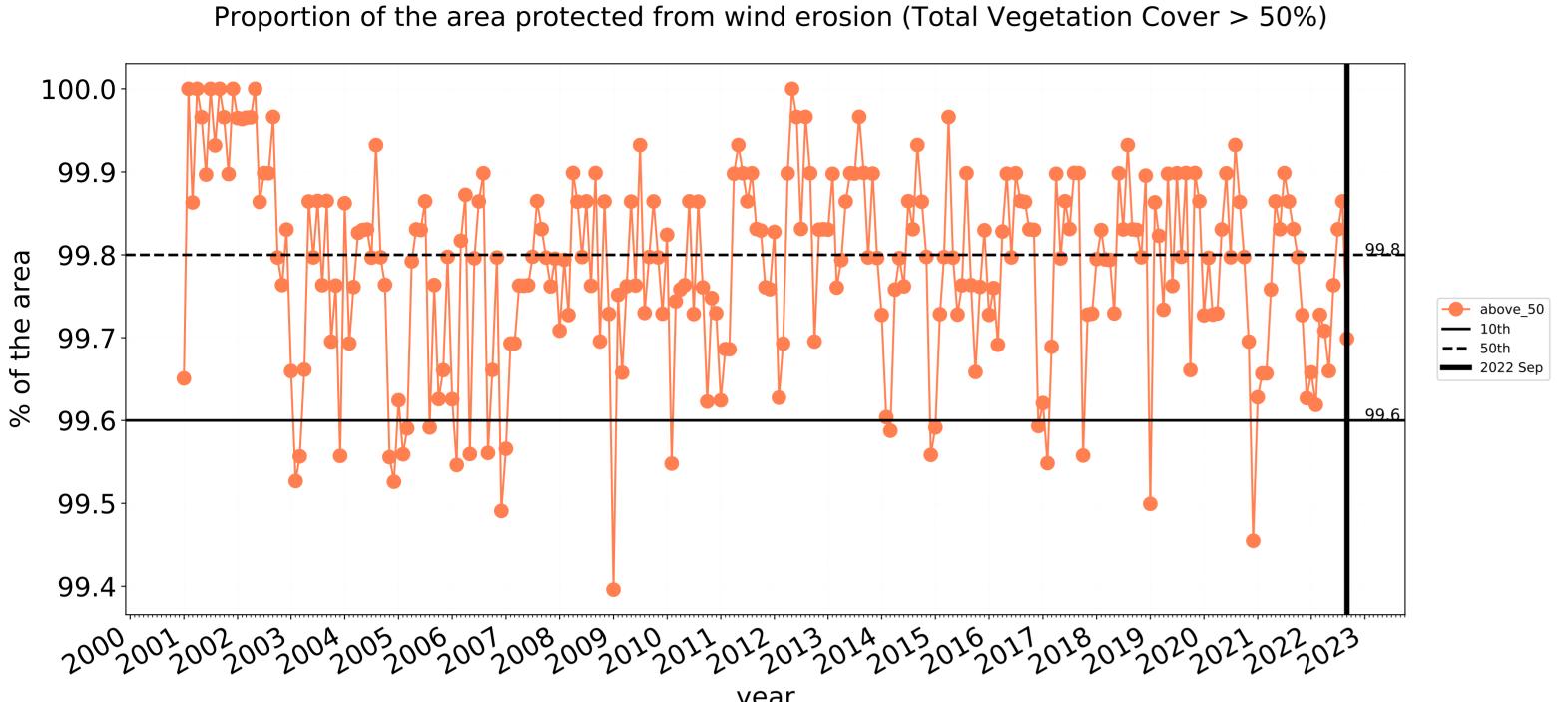


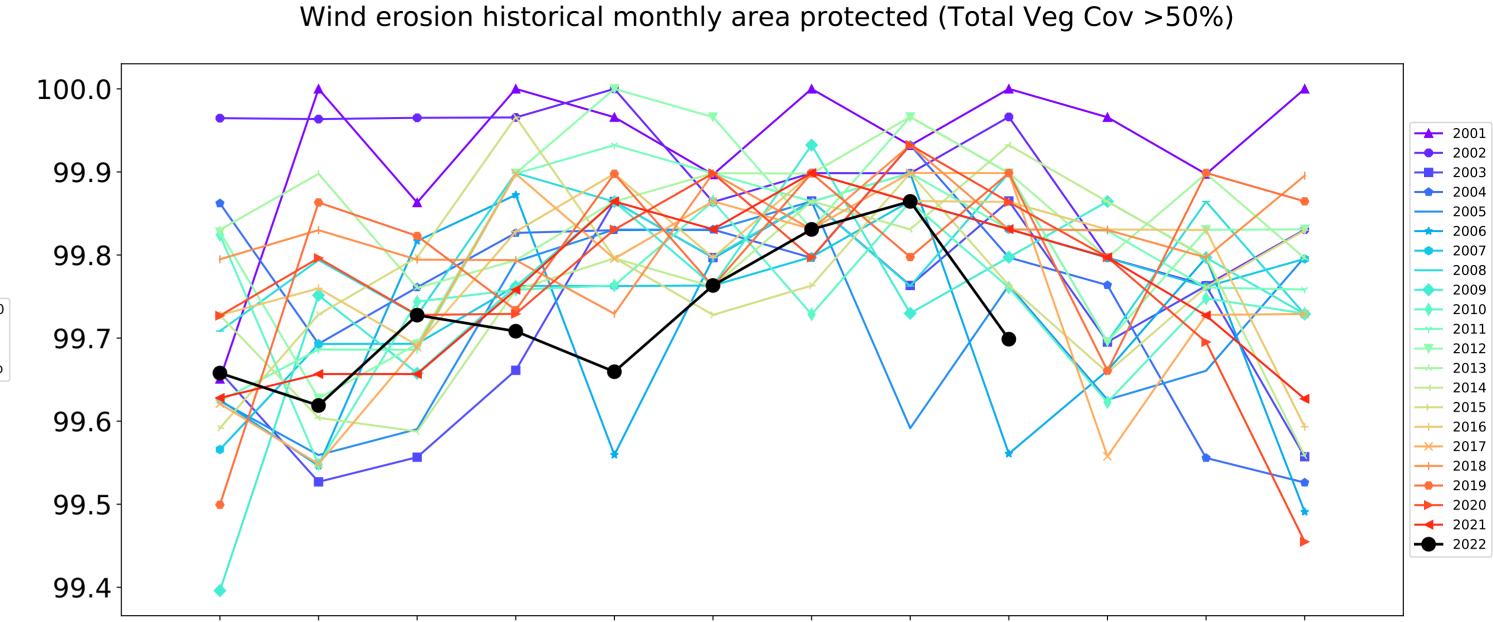




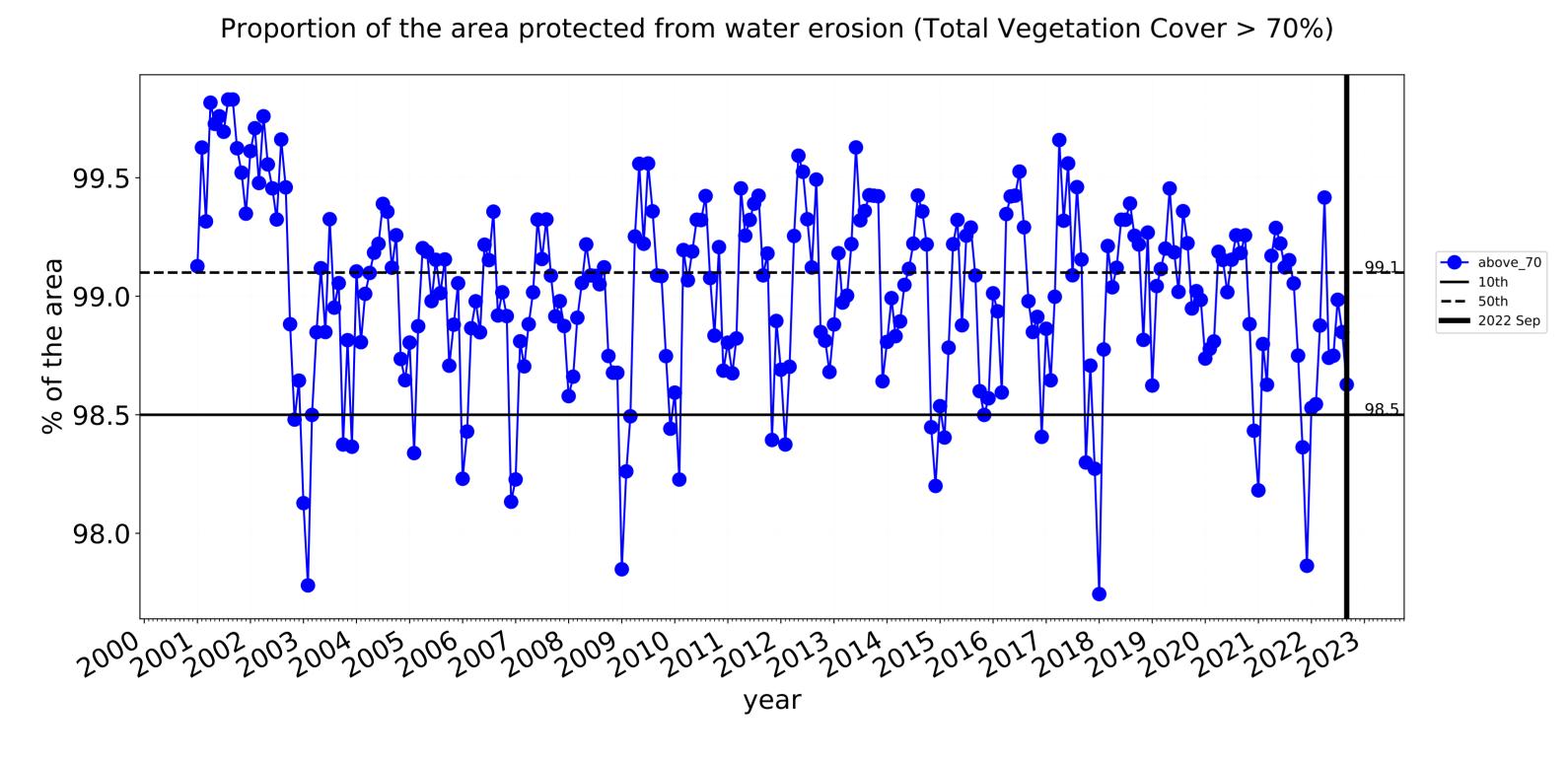


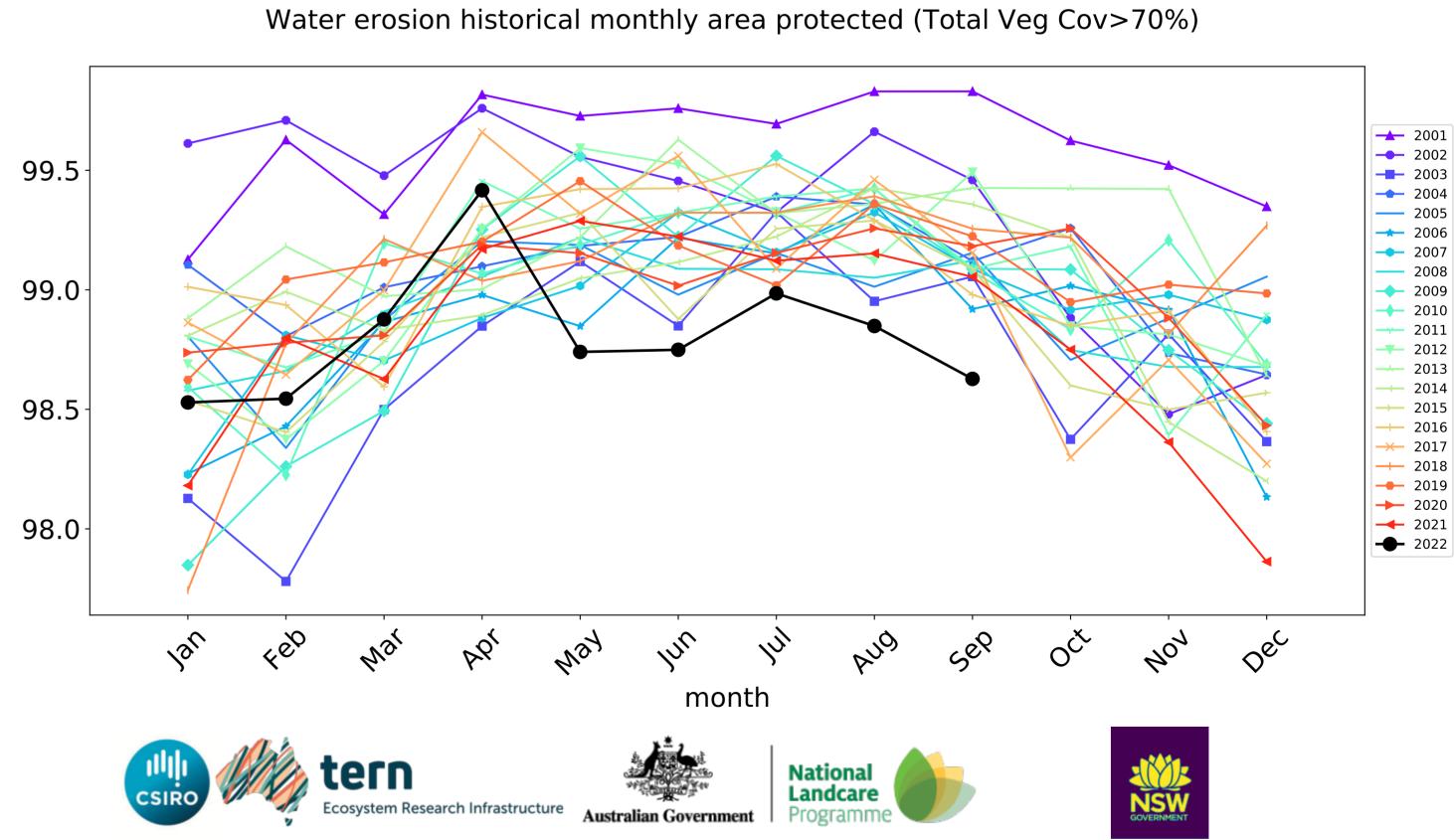
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

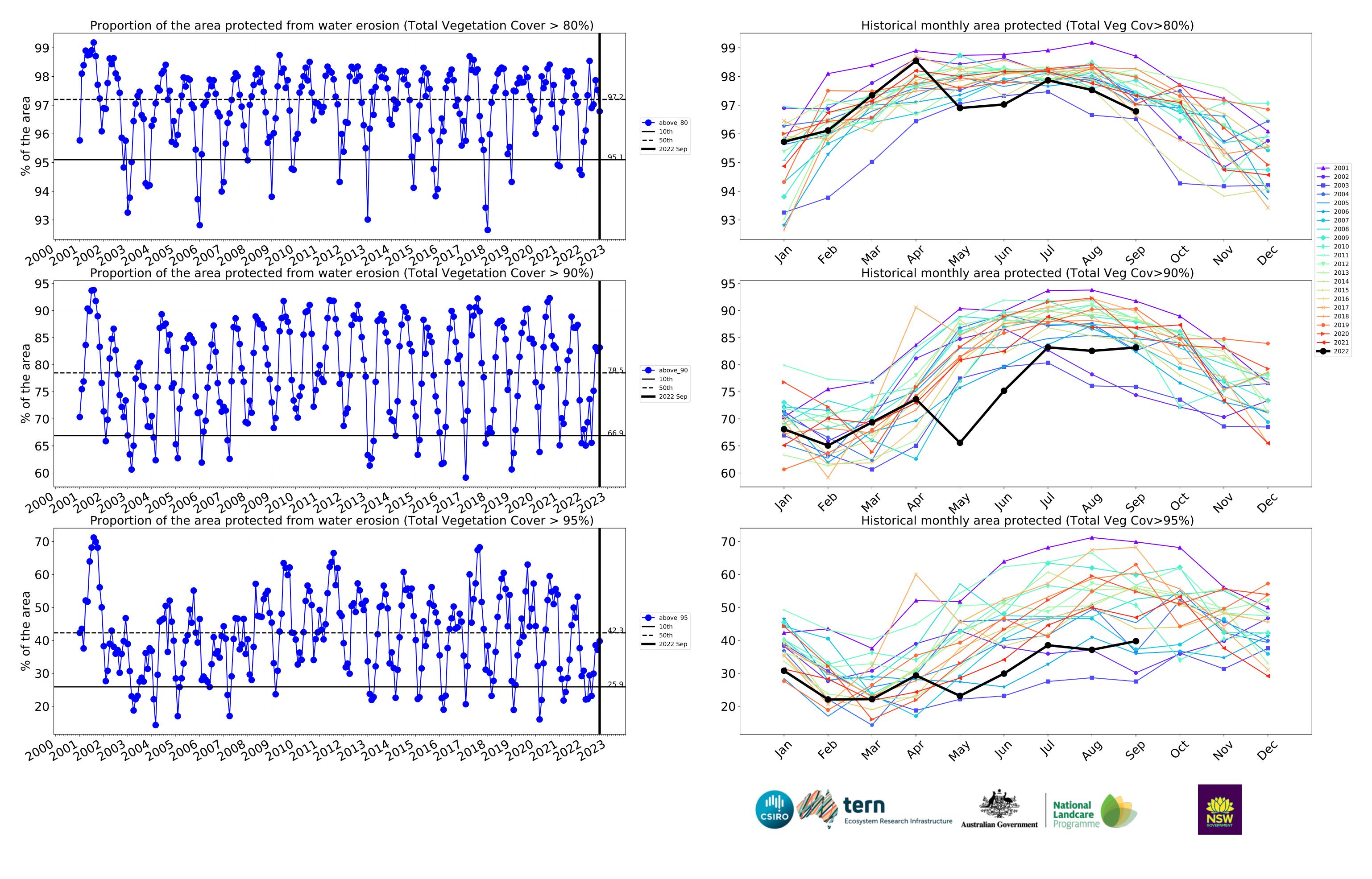




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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

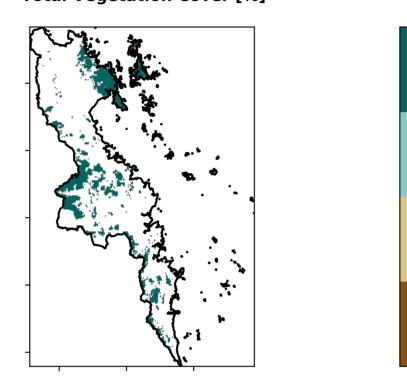
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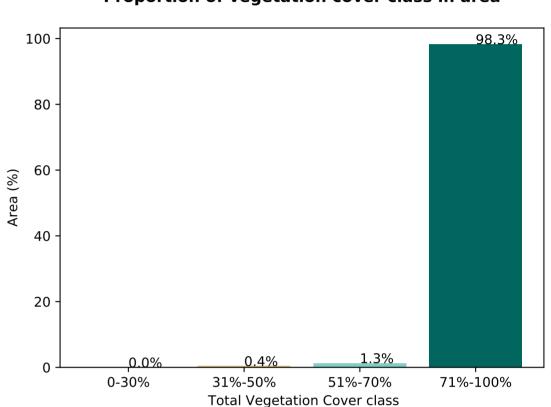
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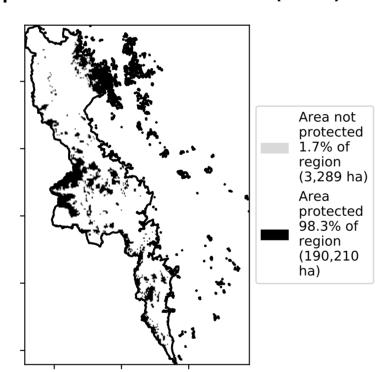
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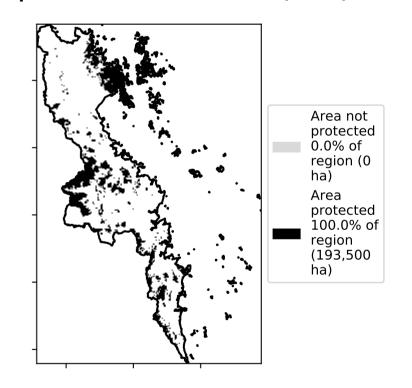
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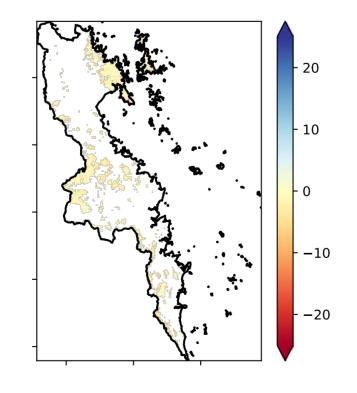
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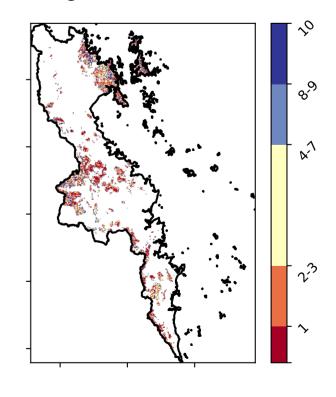


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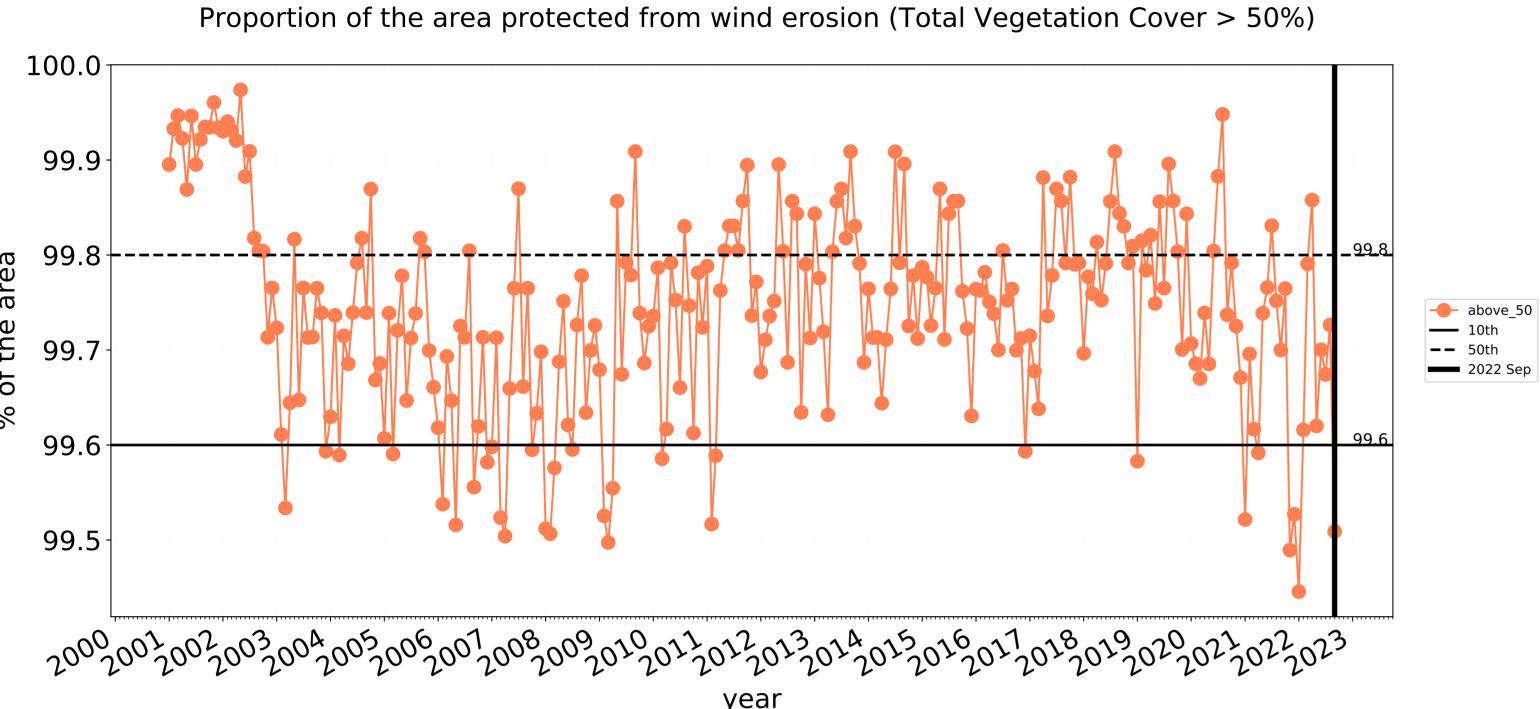


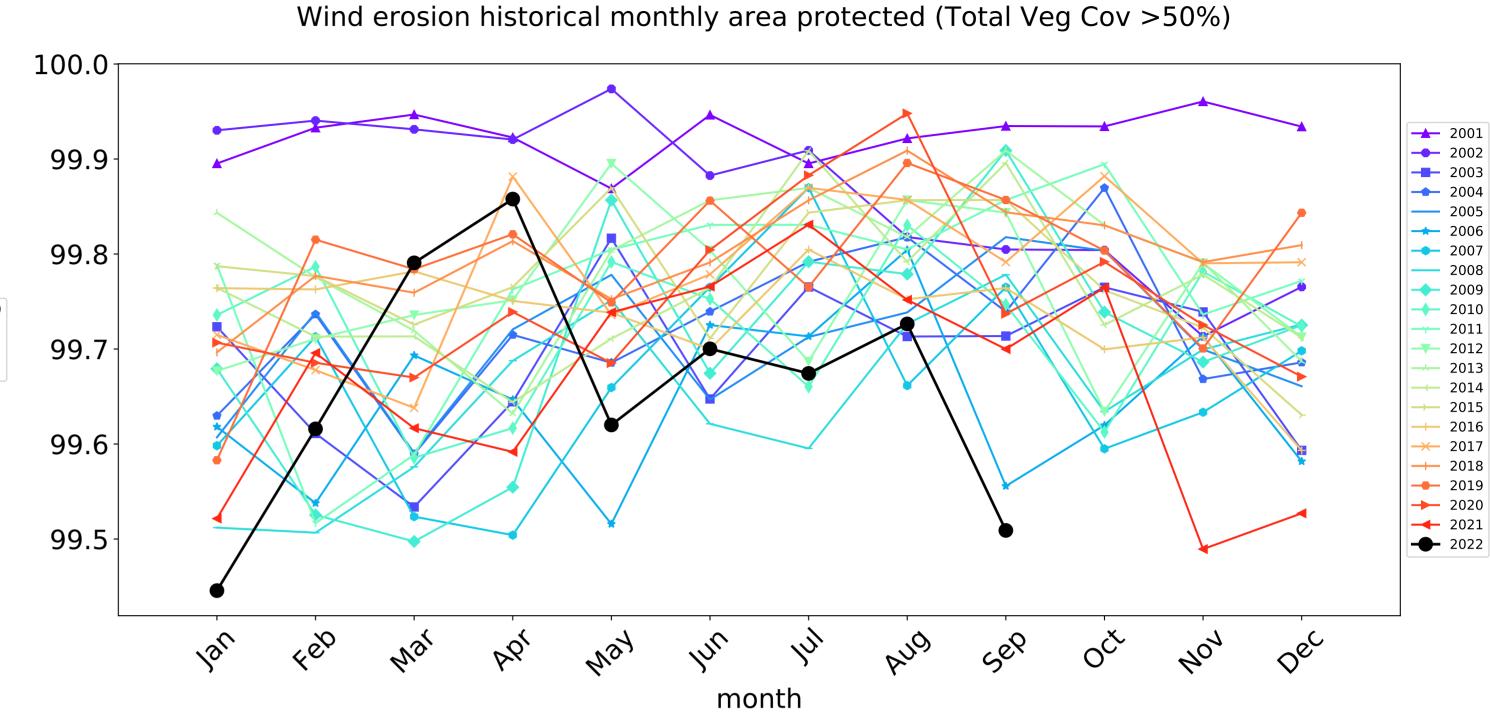


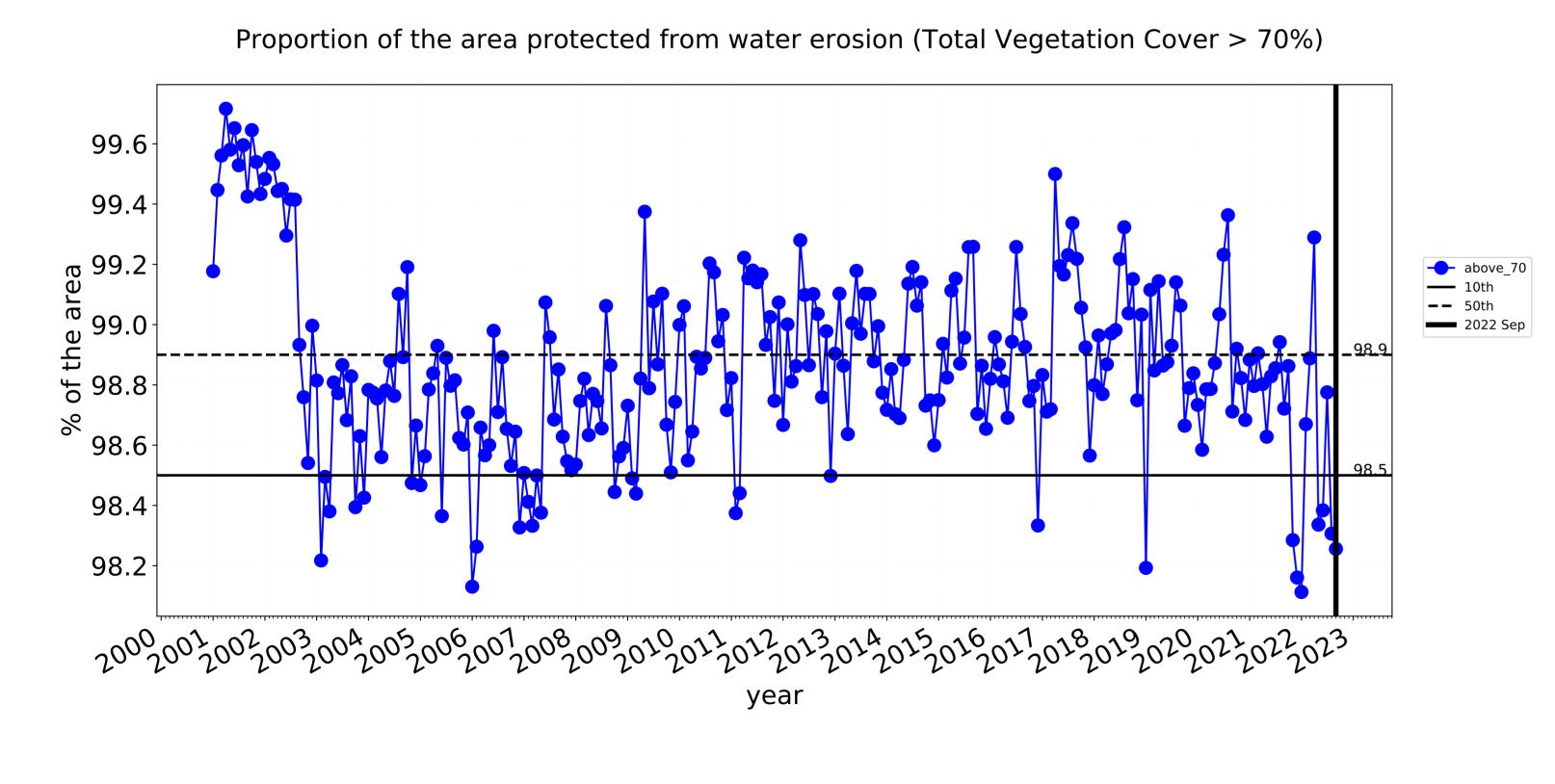


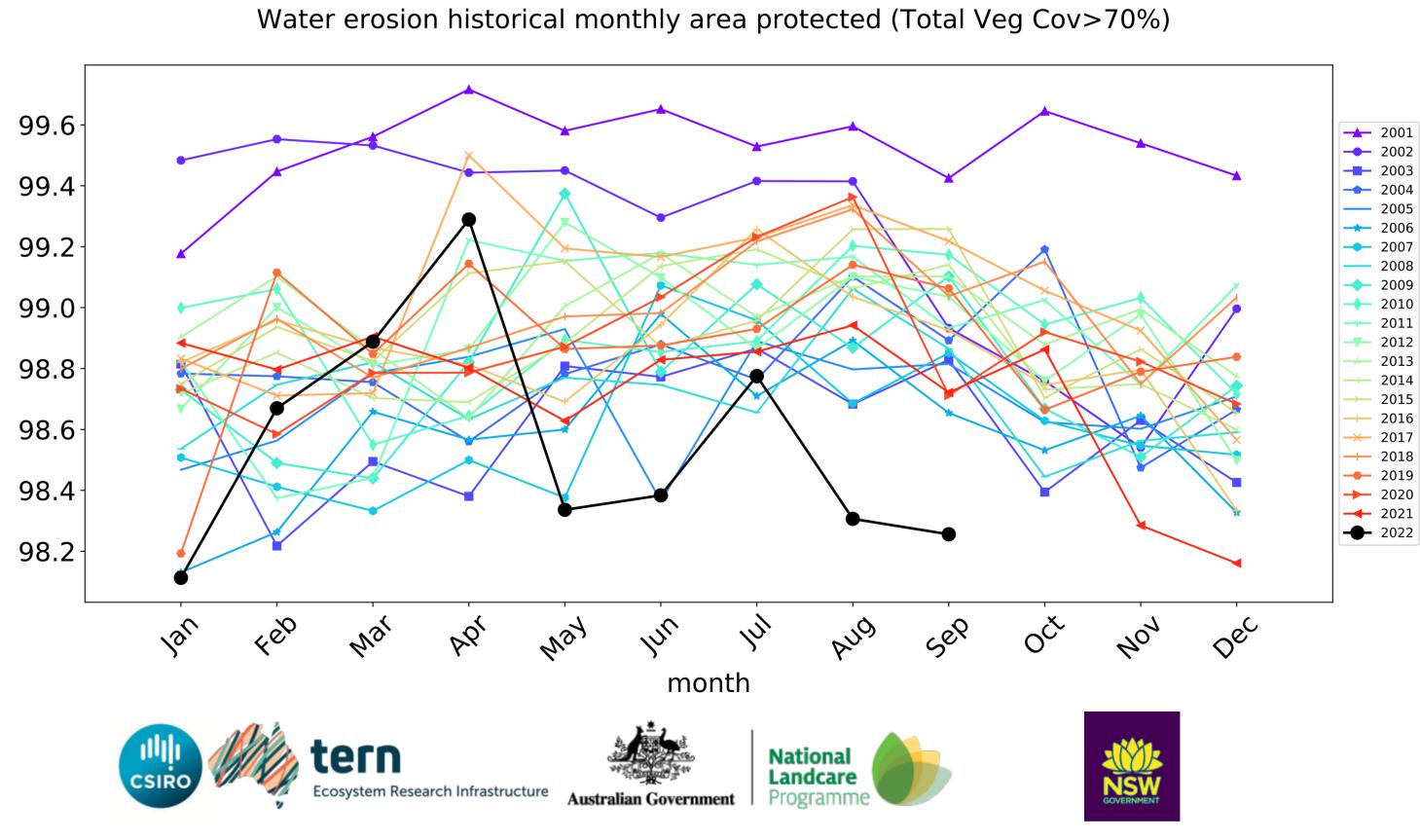


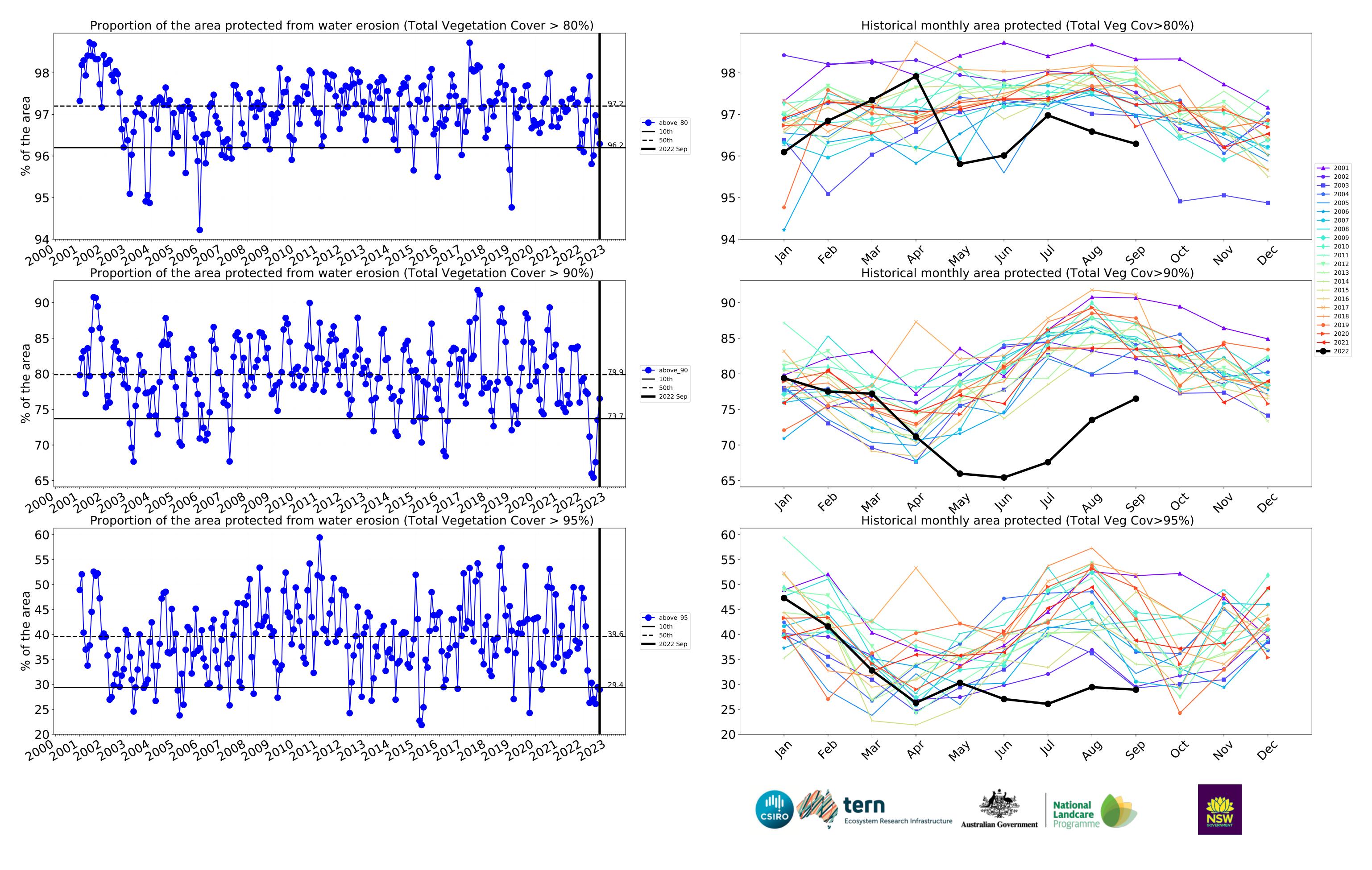
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries











Agriculture

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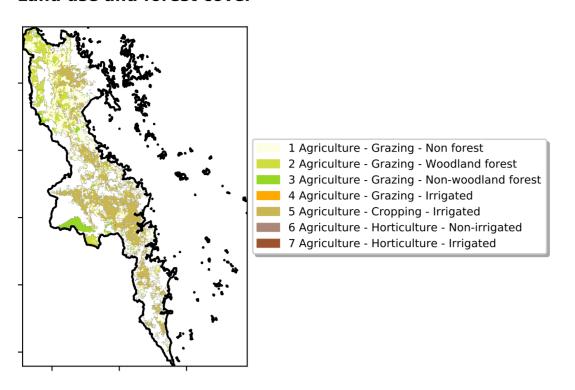
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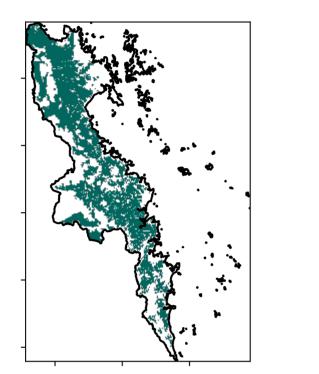
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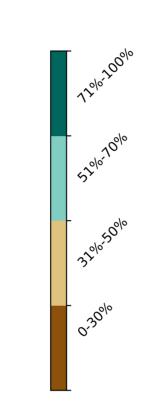
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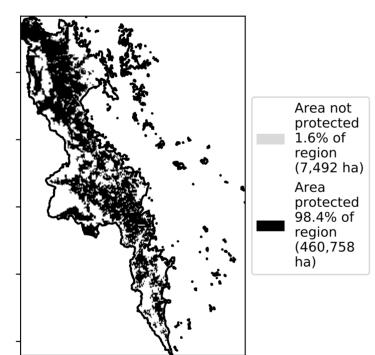


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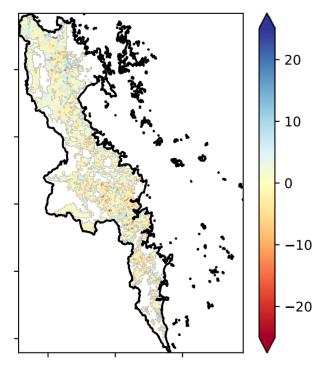




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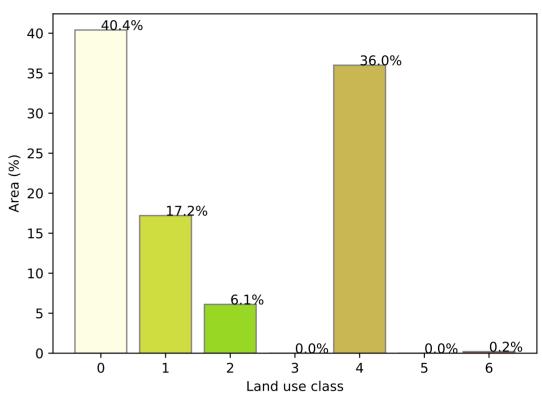


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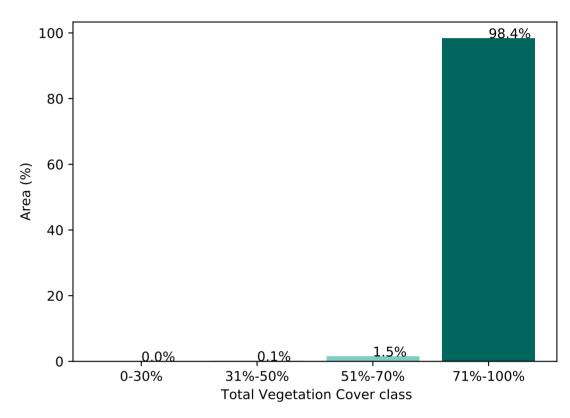


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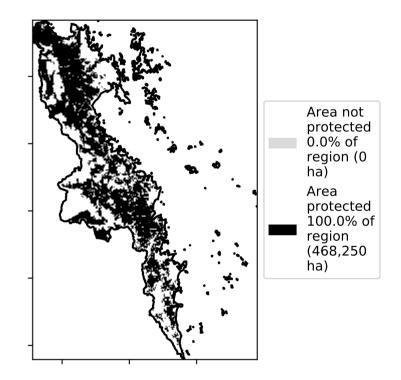
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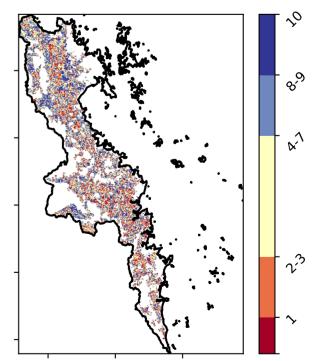
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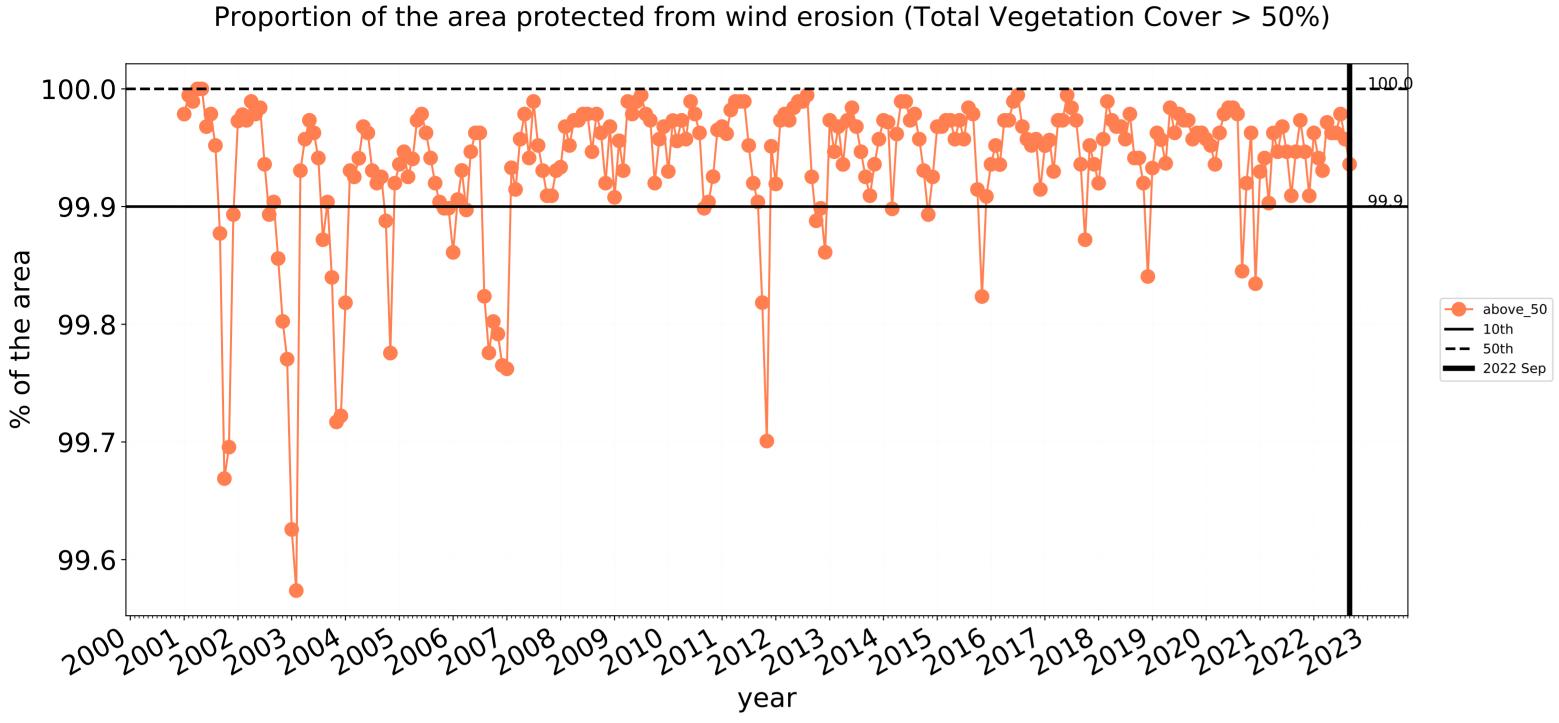
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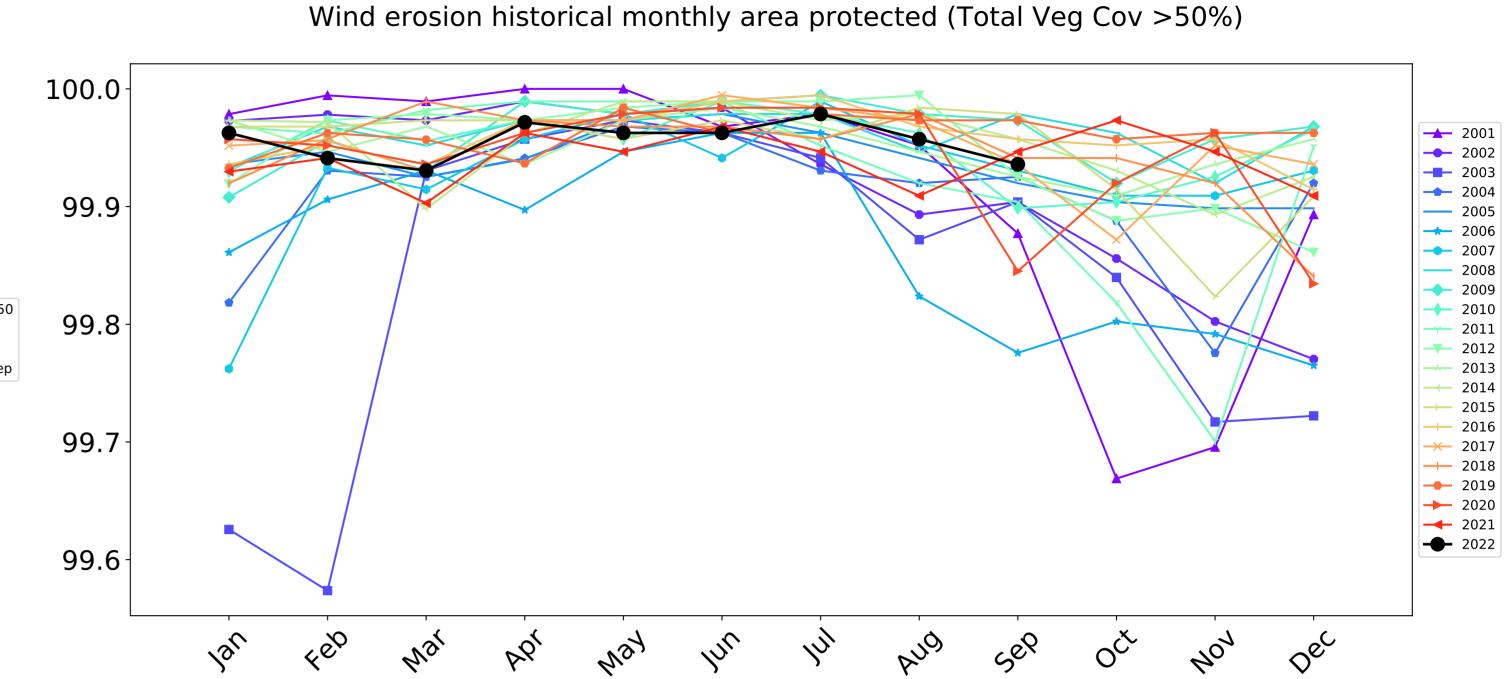




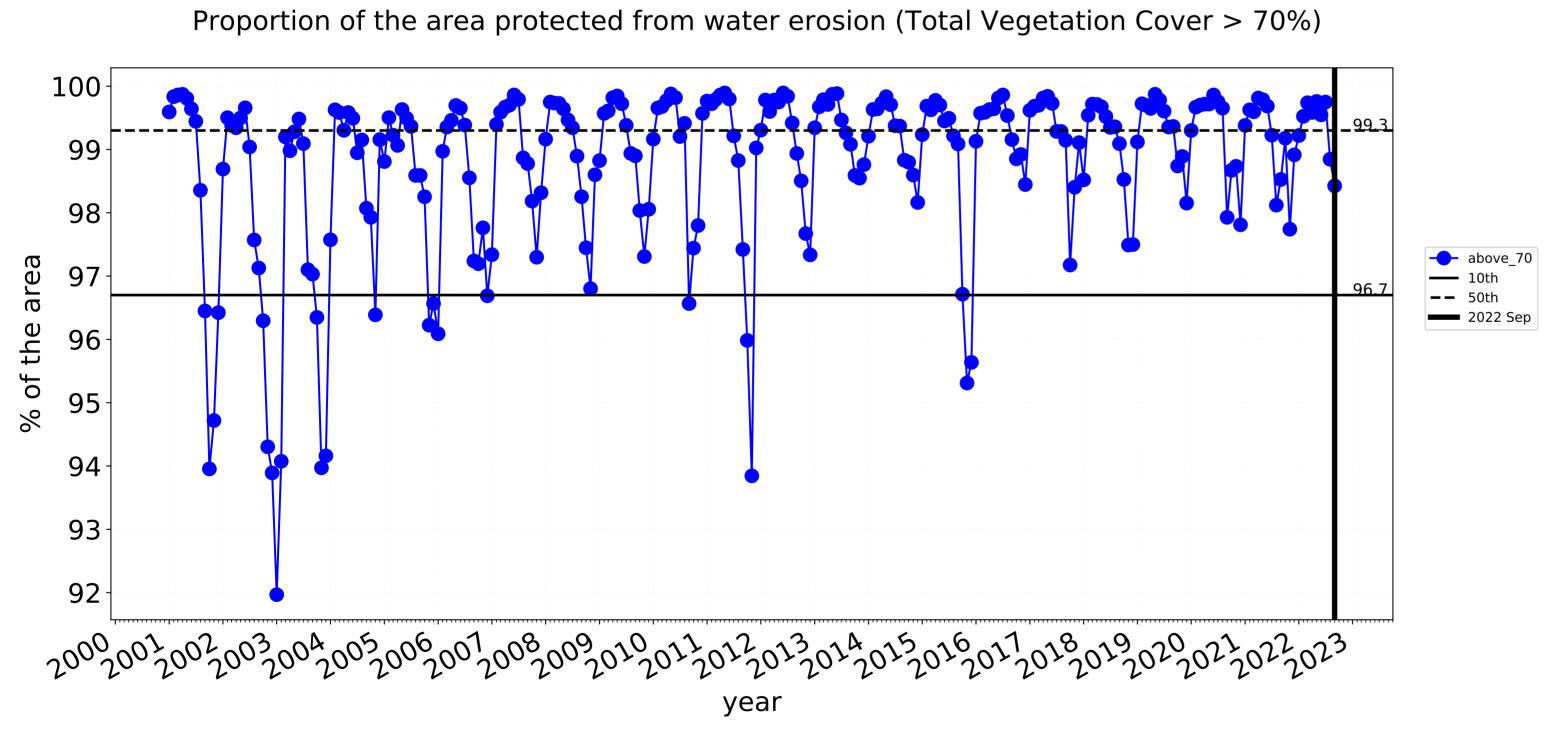


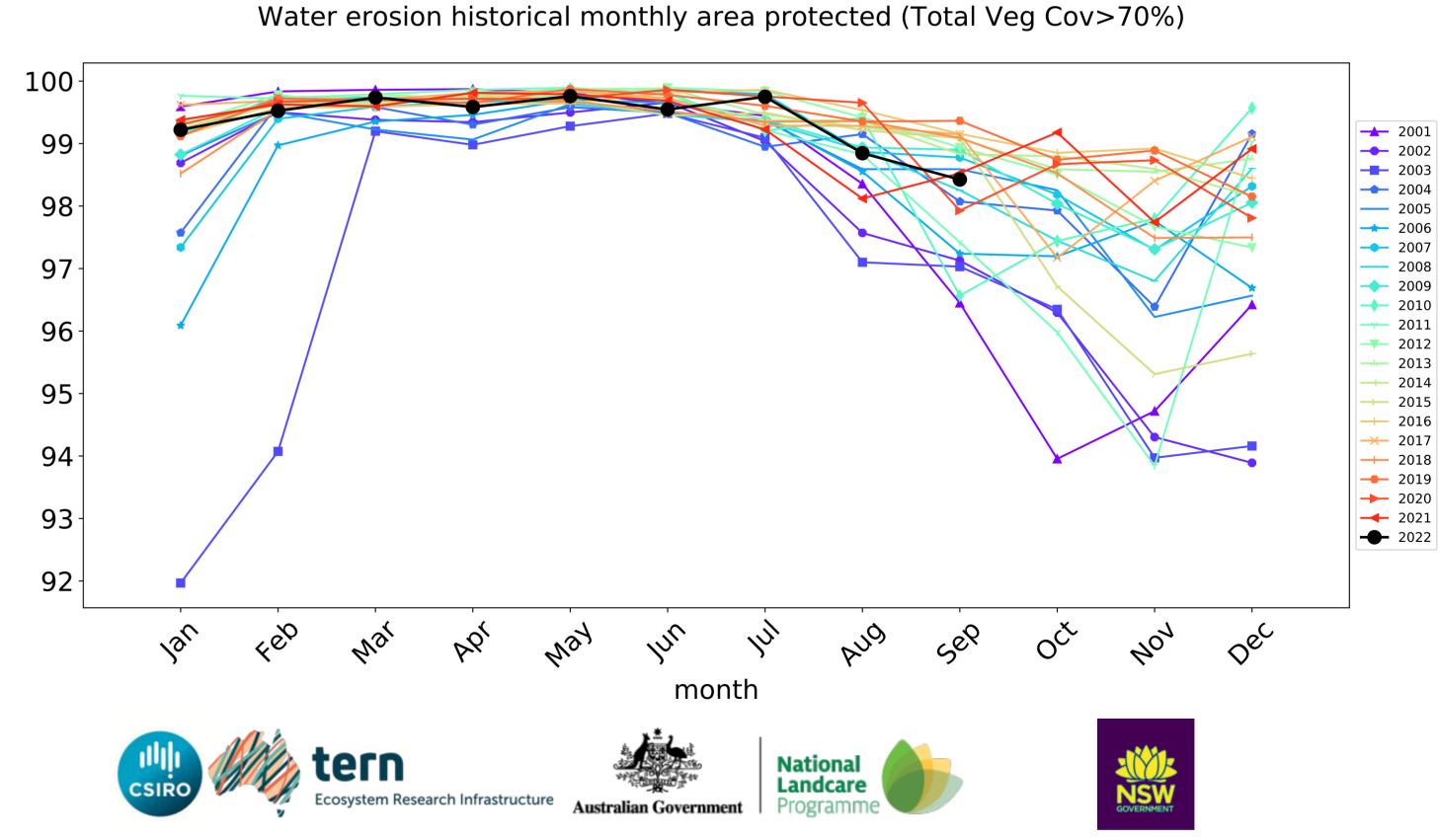
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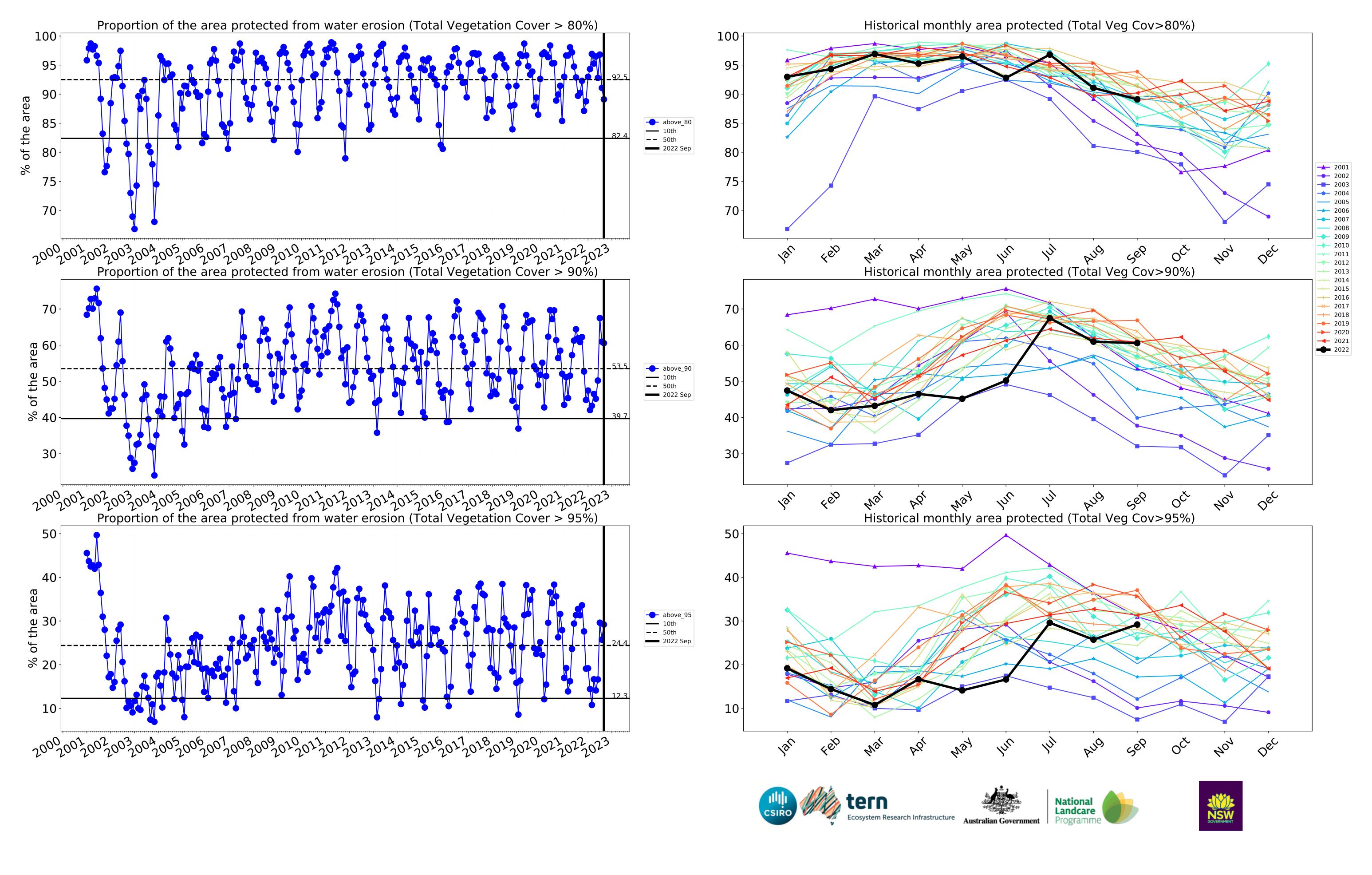




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Grazing

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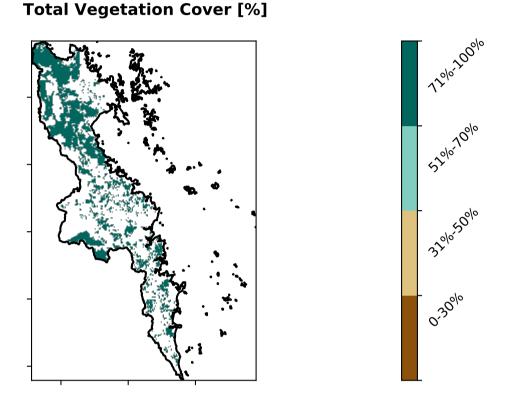
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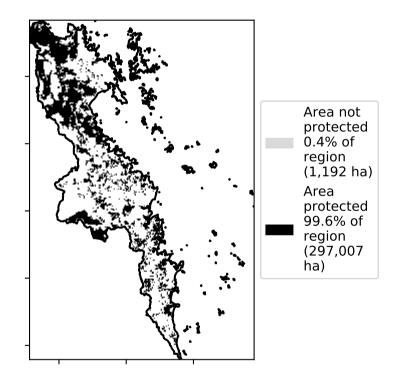
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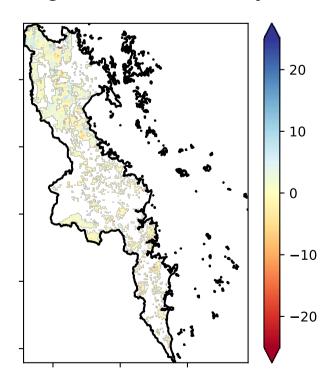
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

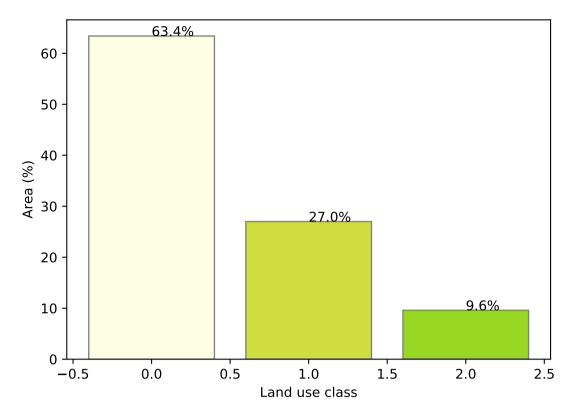


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

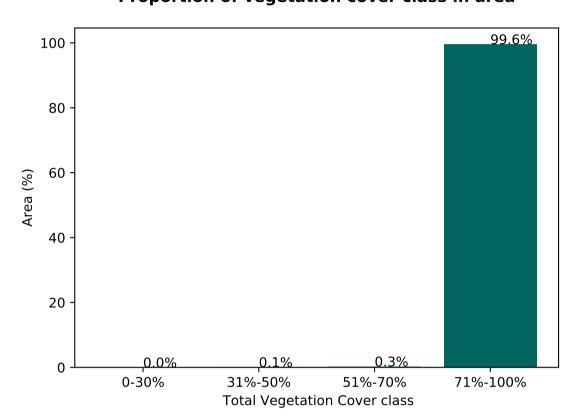


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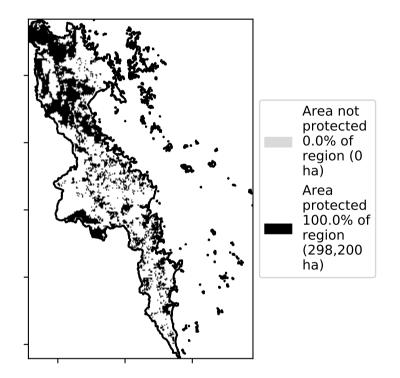
Proportion of each land class in area



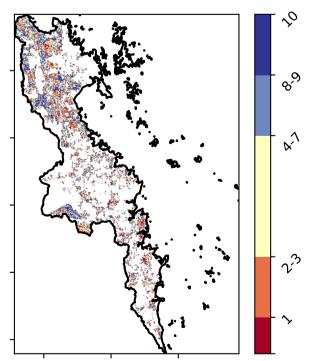
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







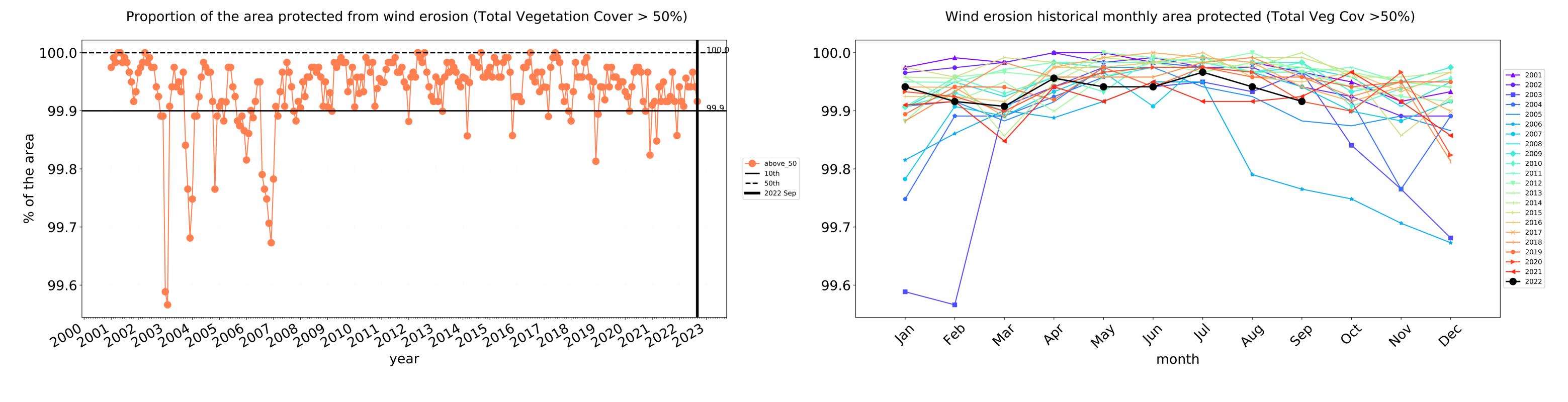
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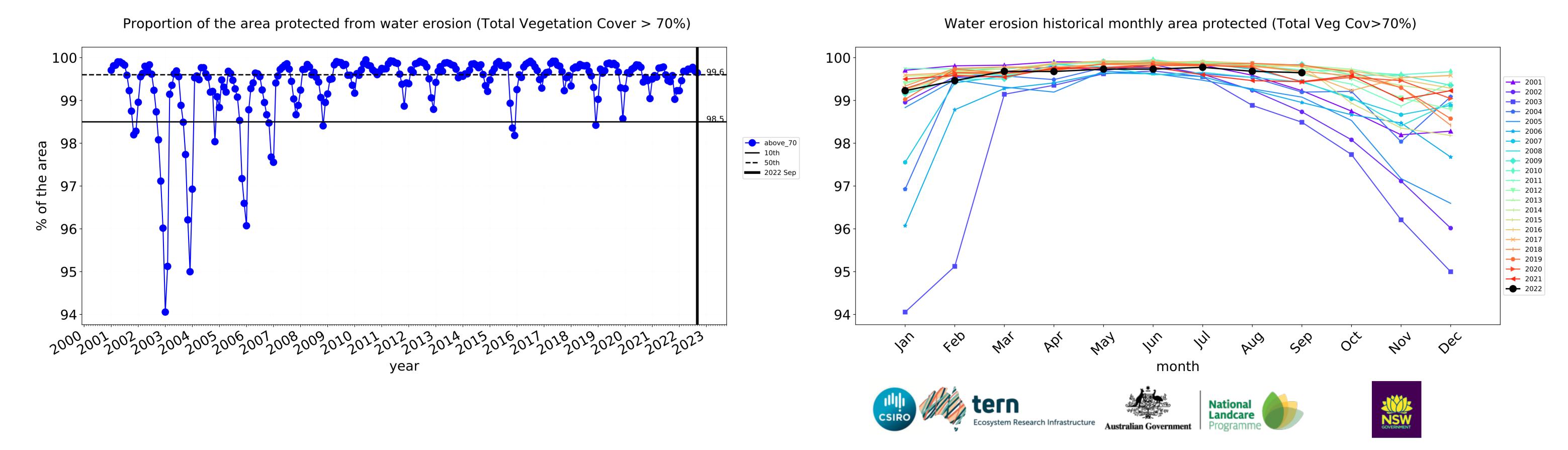


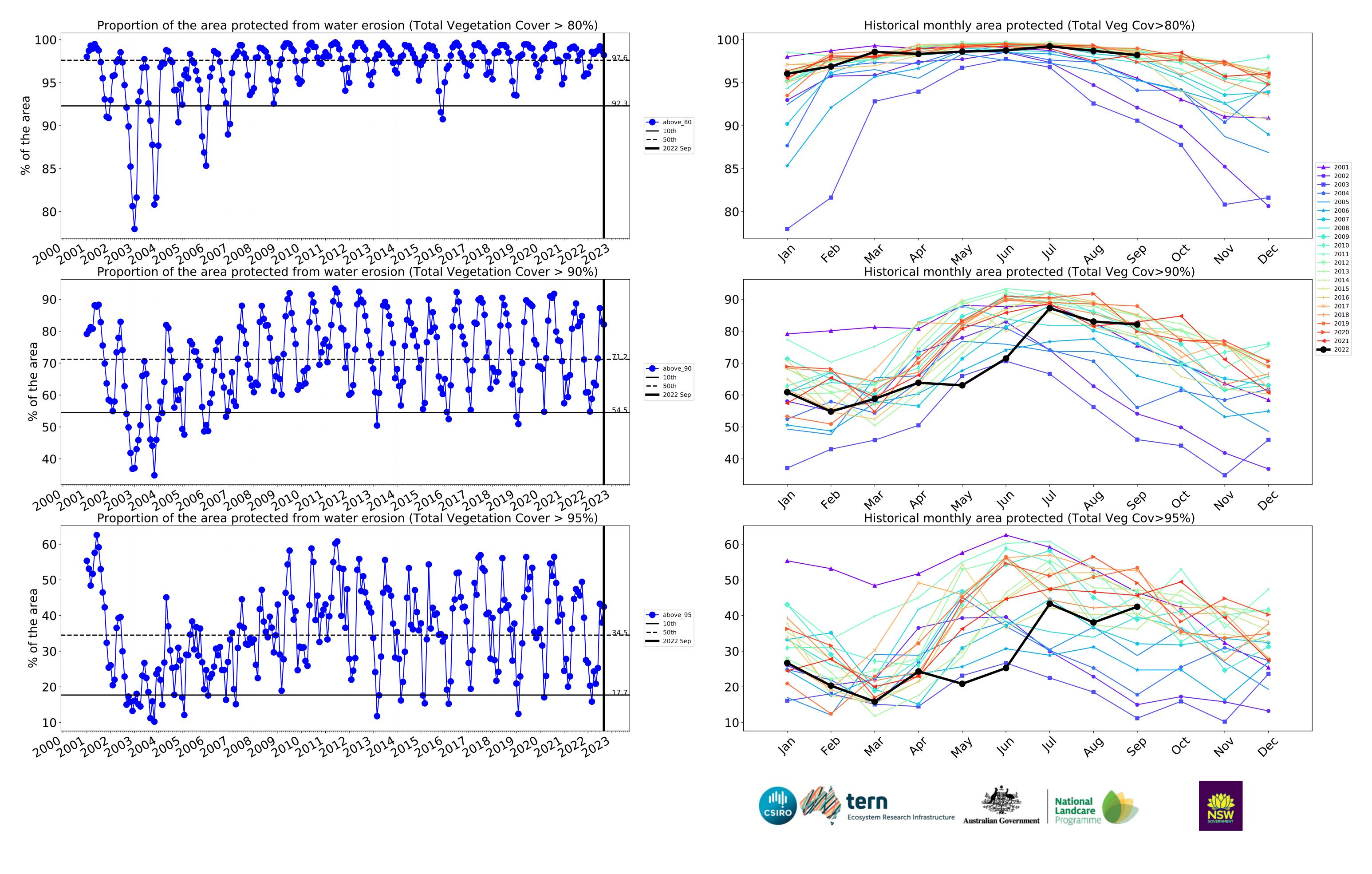




Grazing timeseries







Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

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Anomaly show how many percetage points each

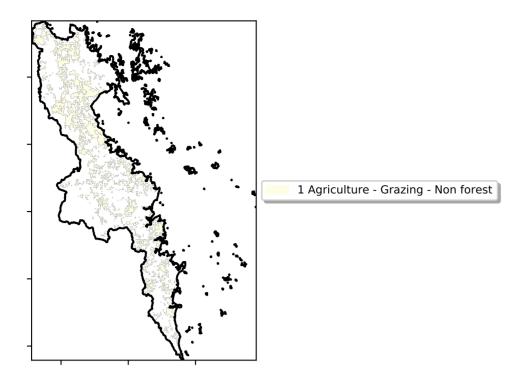
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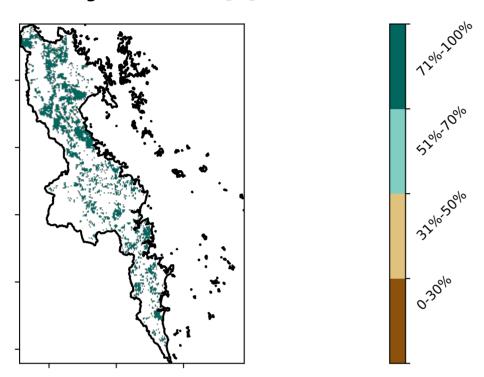
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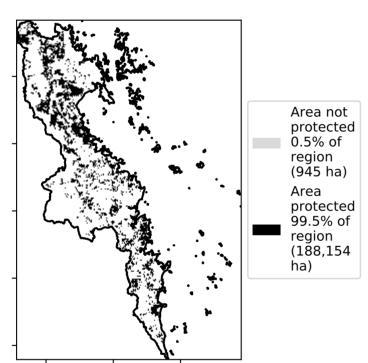
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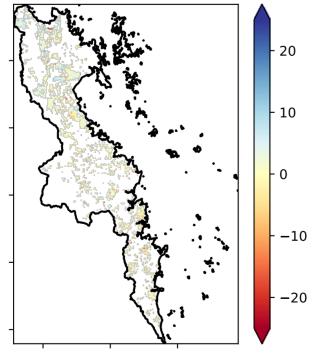
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

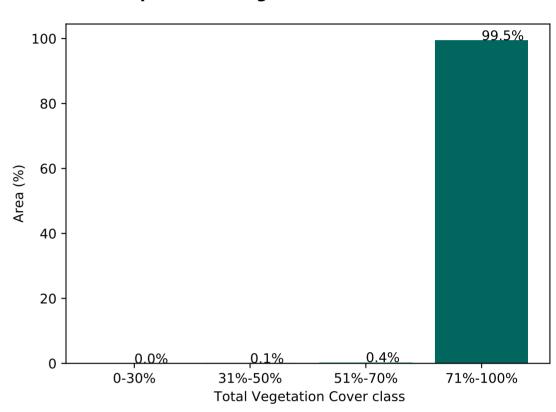


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

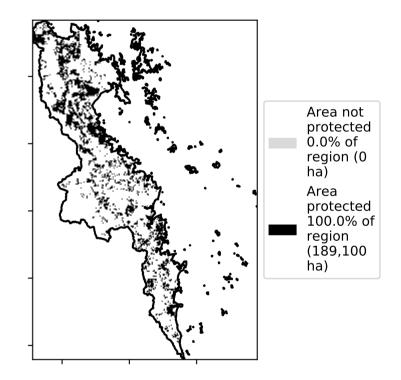


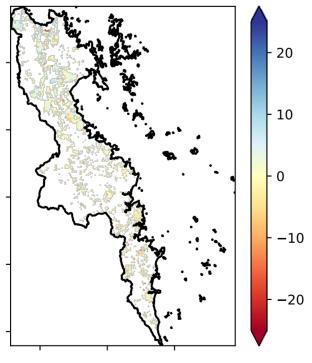
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

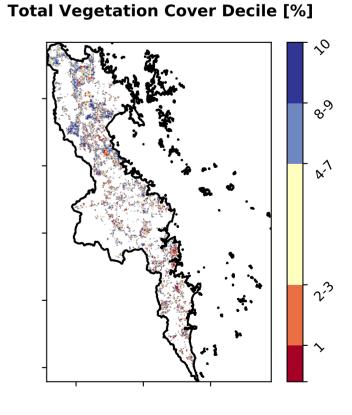


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





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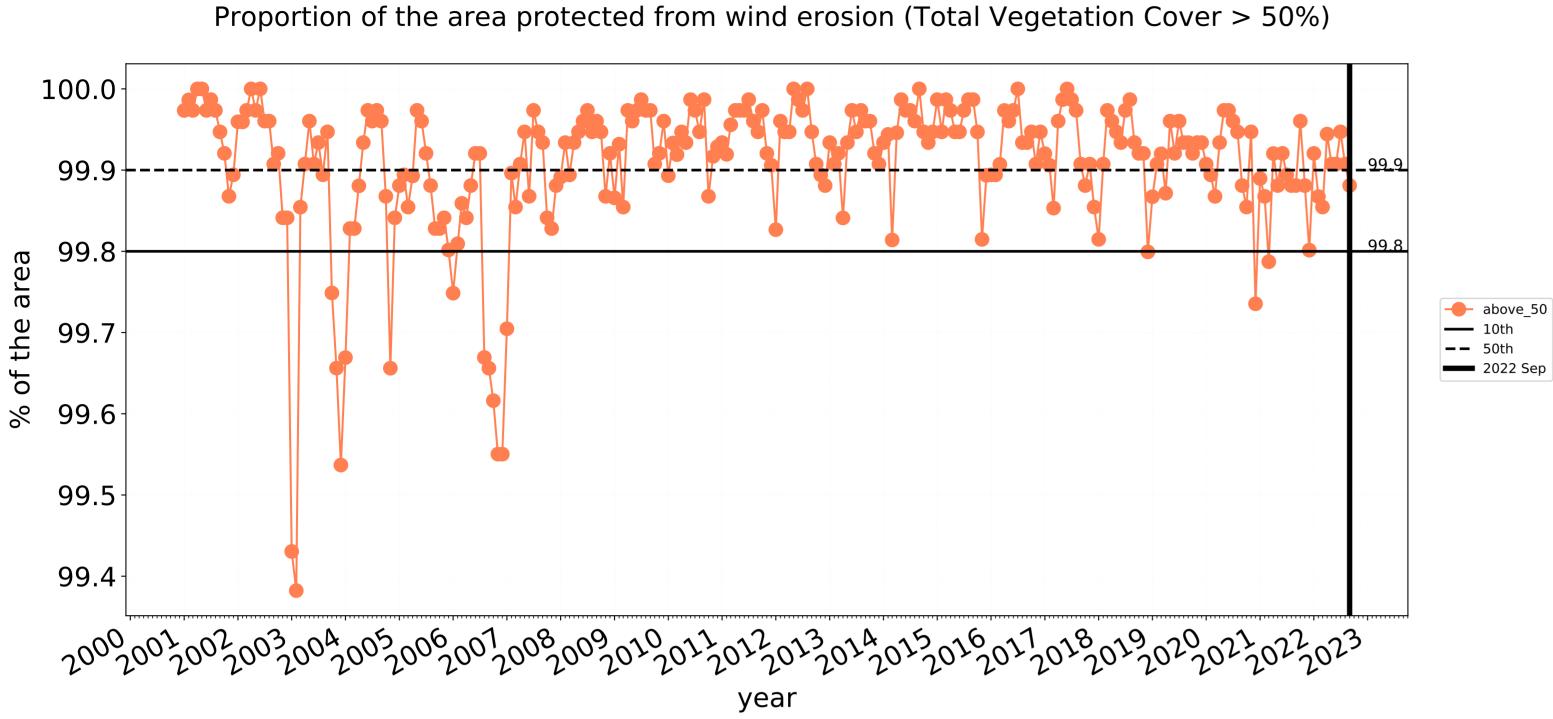


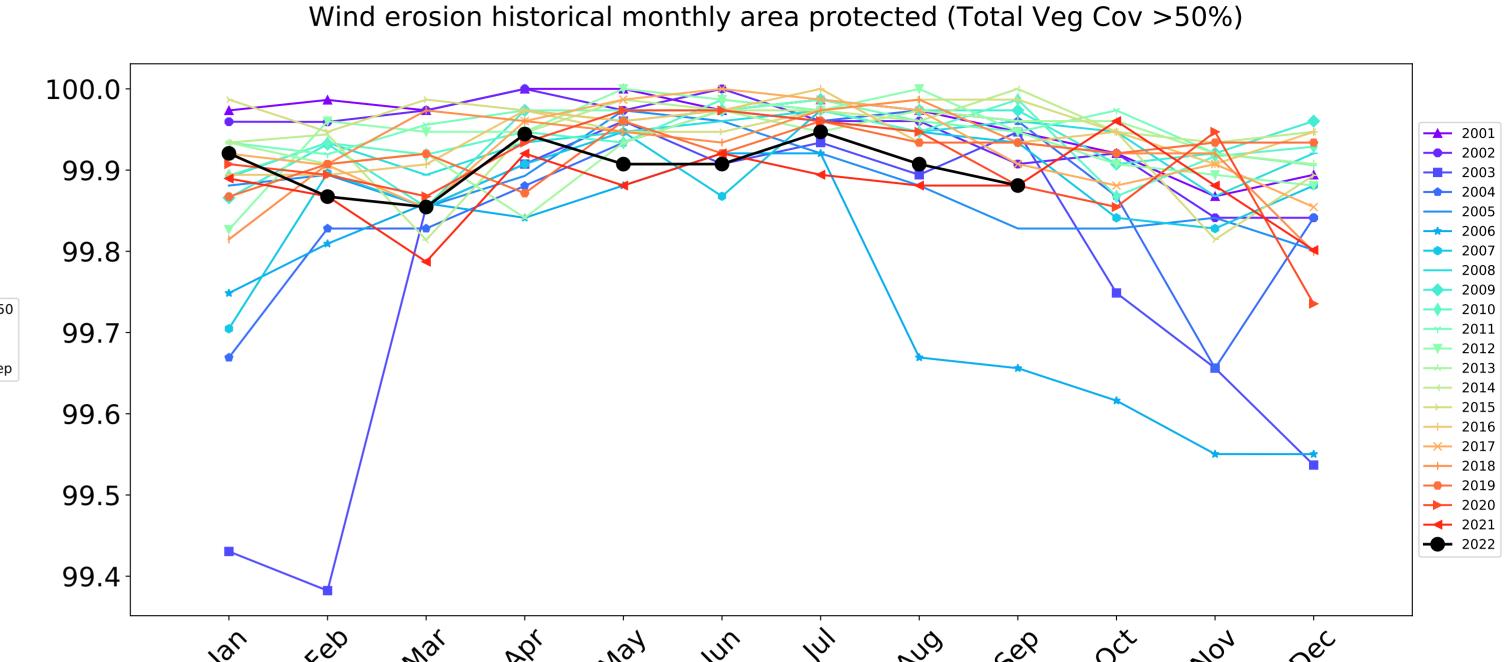




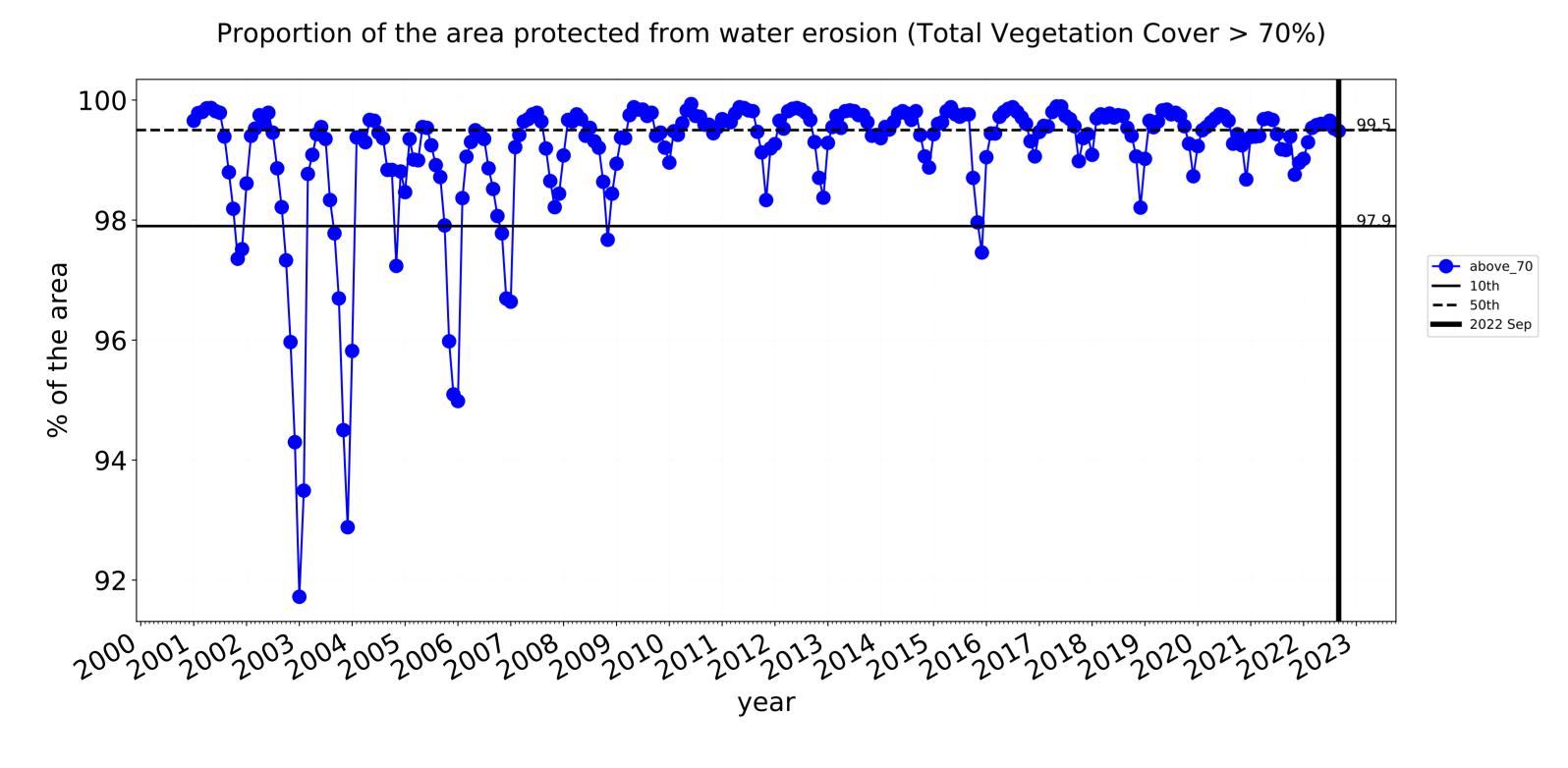


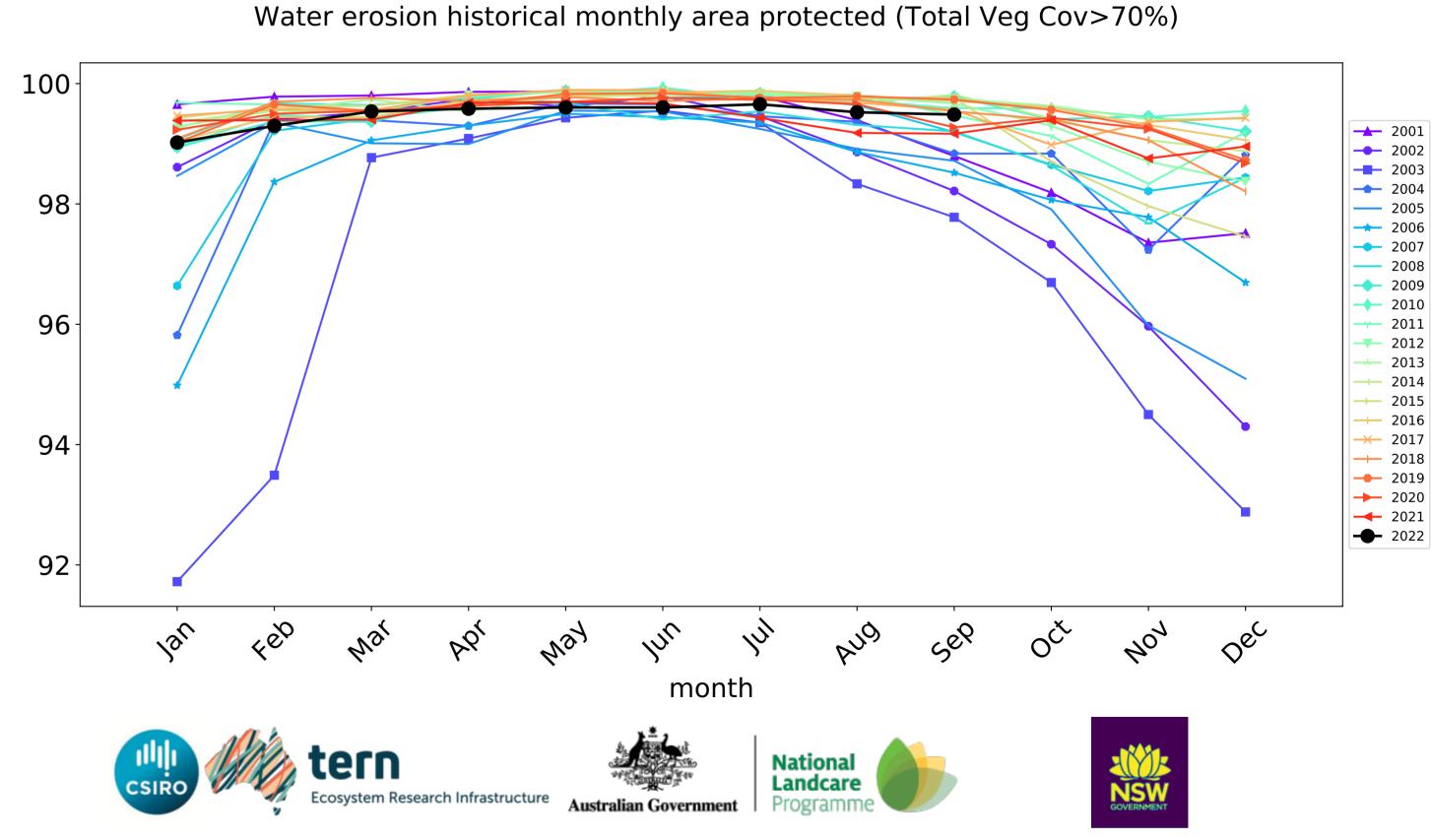
Grazing non forest timeseries

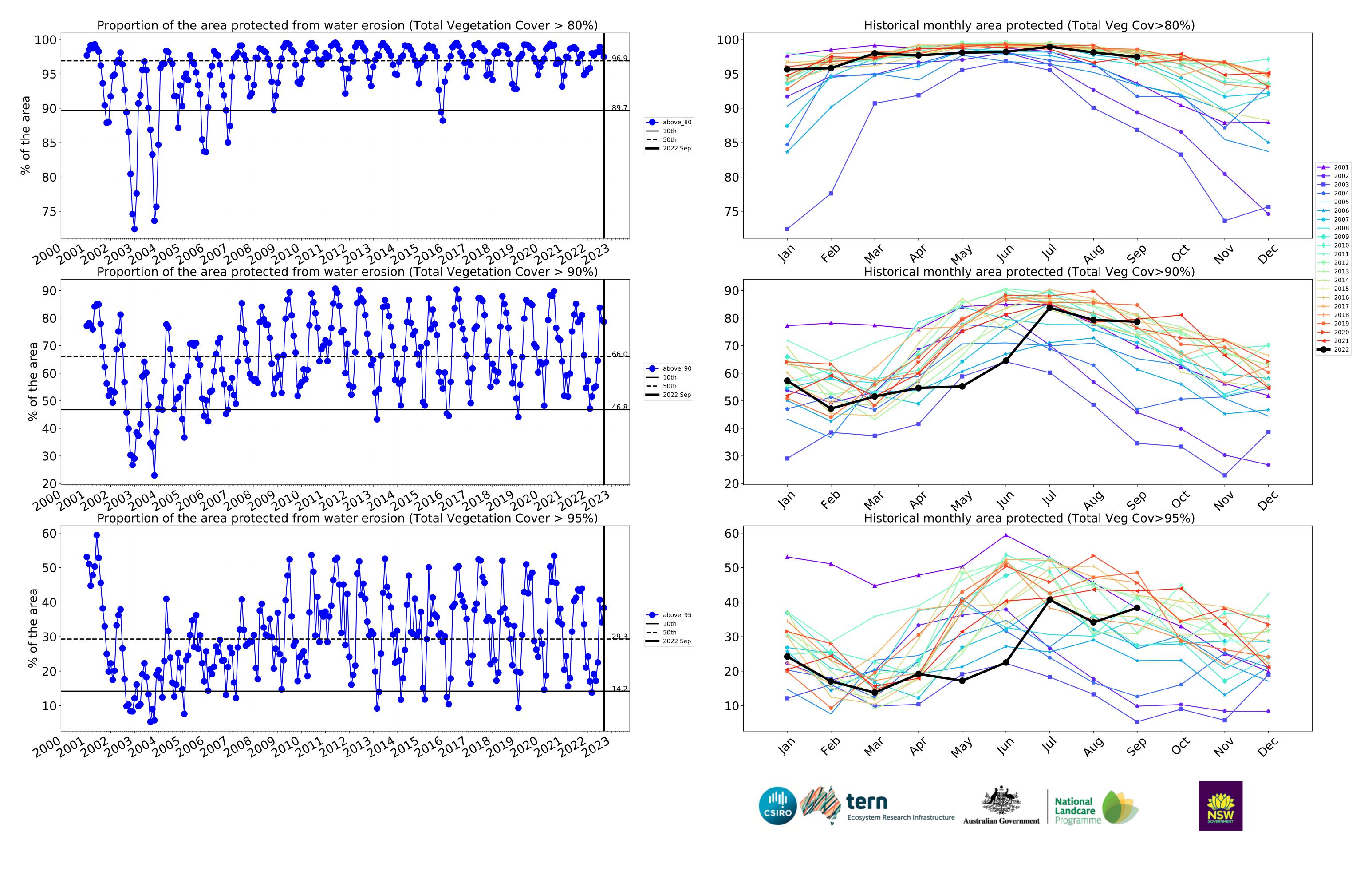




month







Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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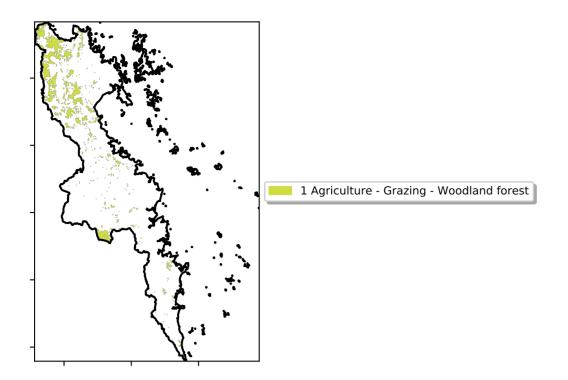
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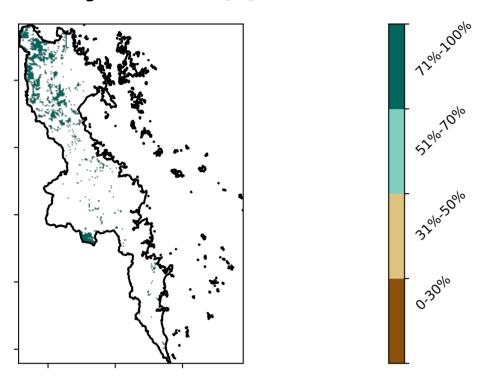
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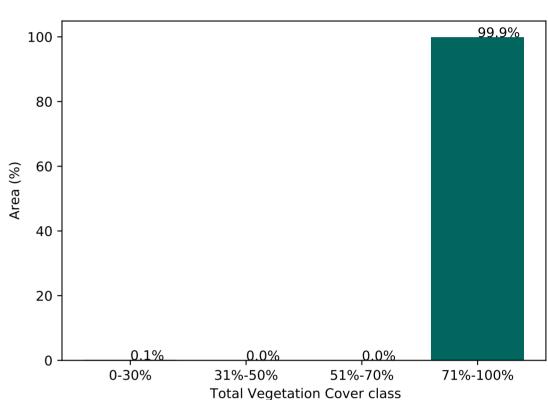
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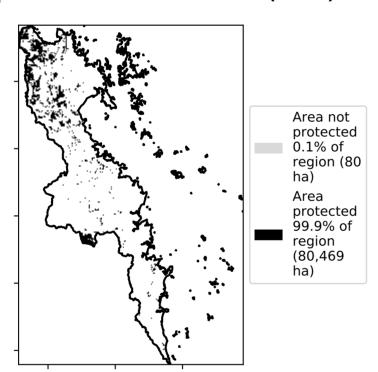
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



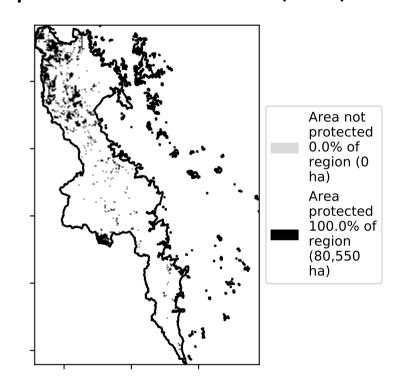
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



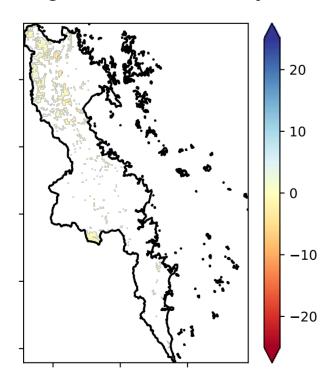
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



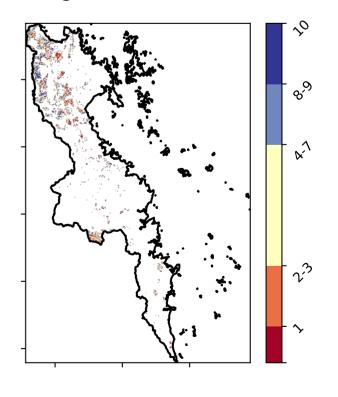
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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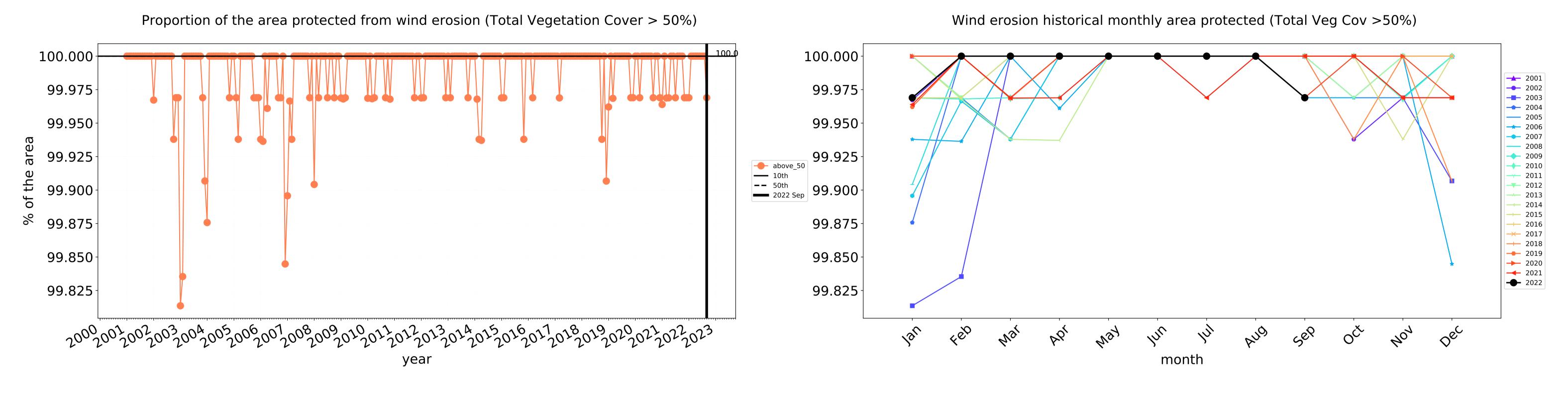


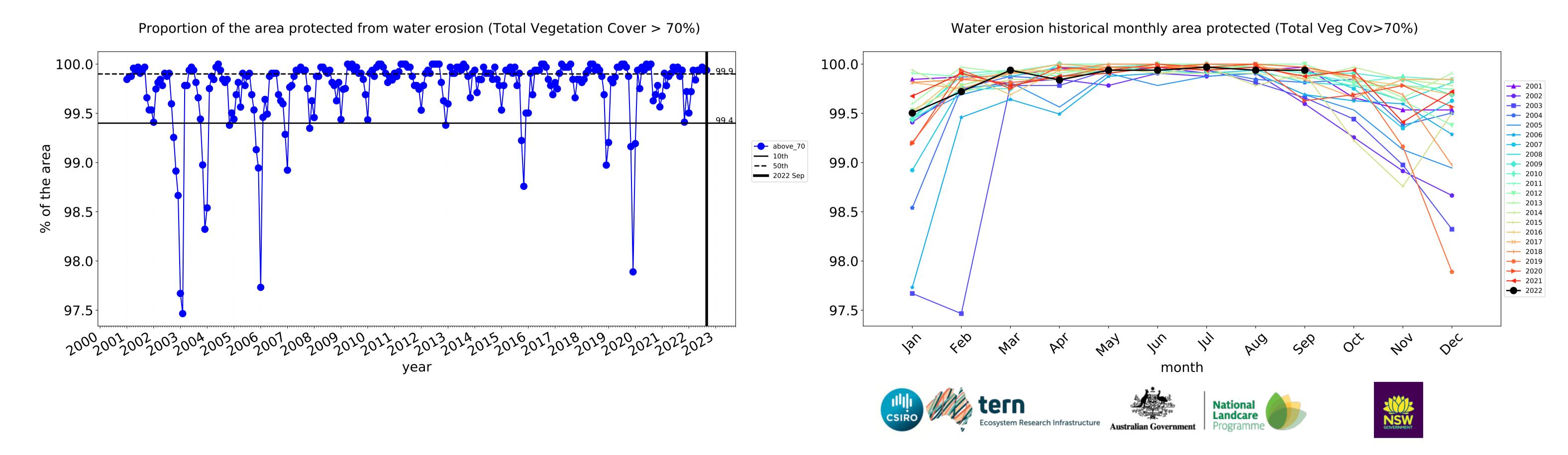


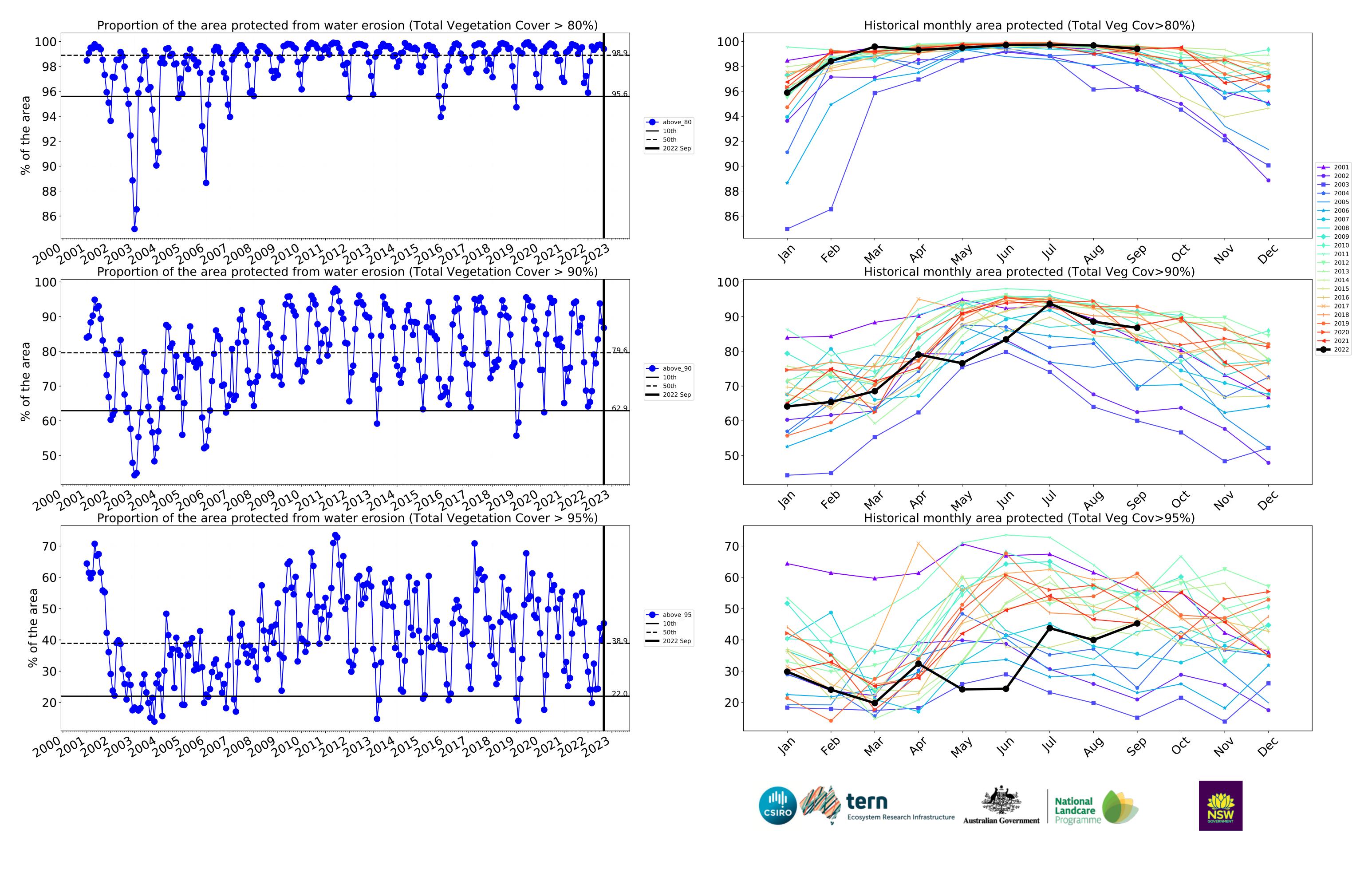




Grazing Woodland forest timeseries







Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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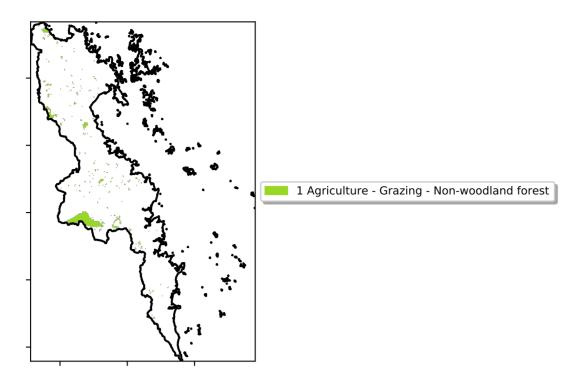
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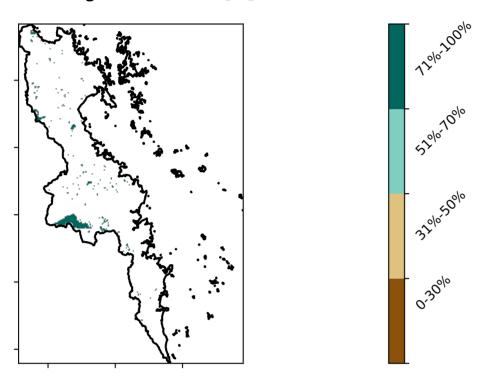
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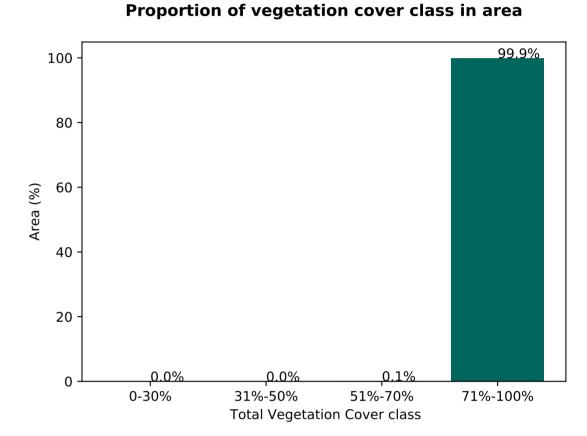
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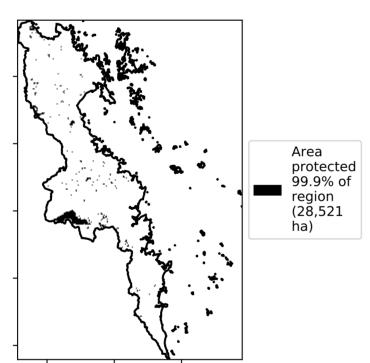


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

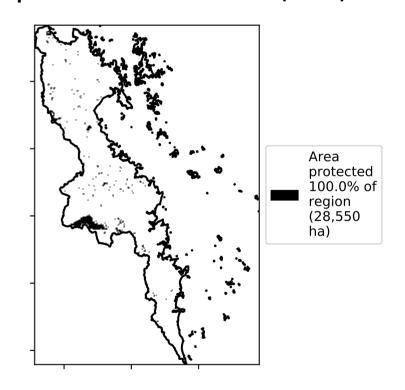




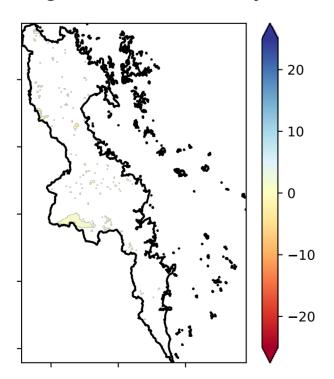
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



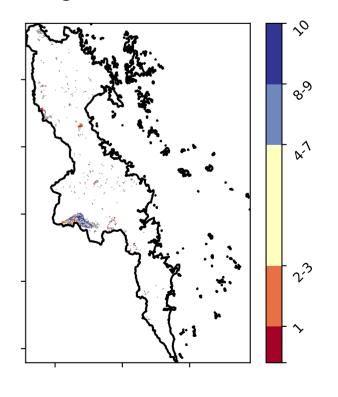
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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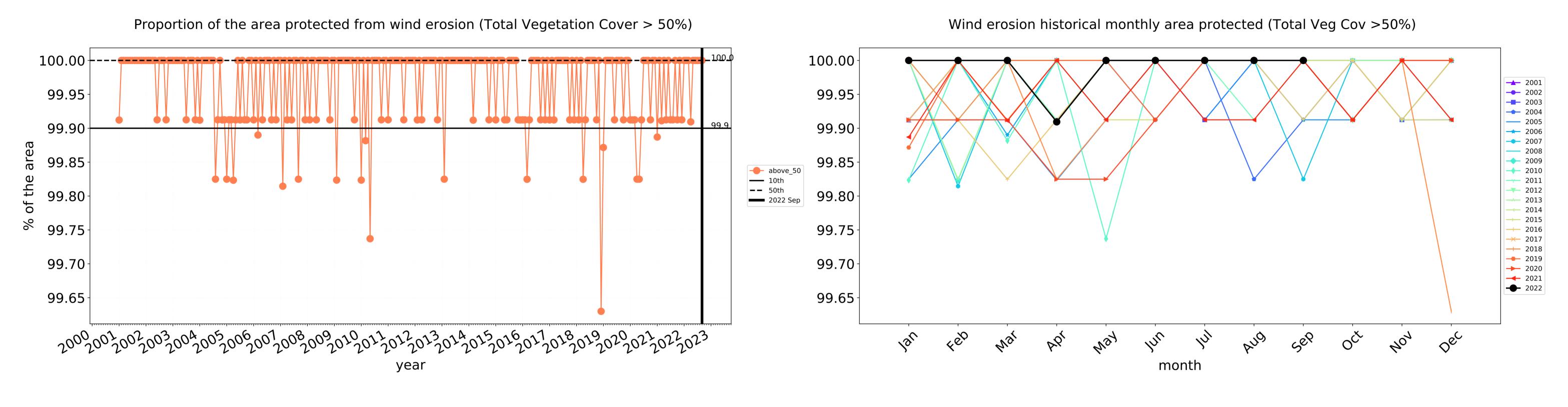


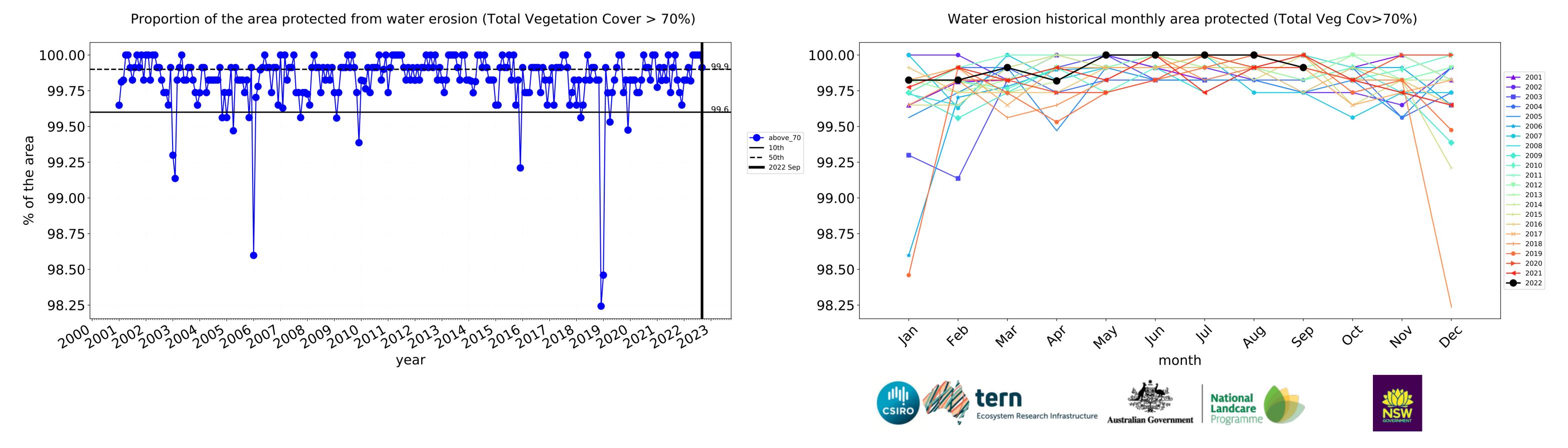


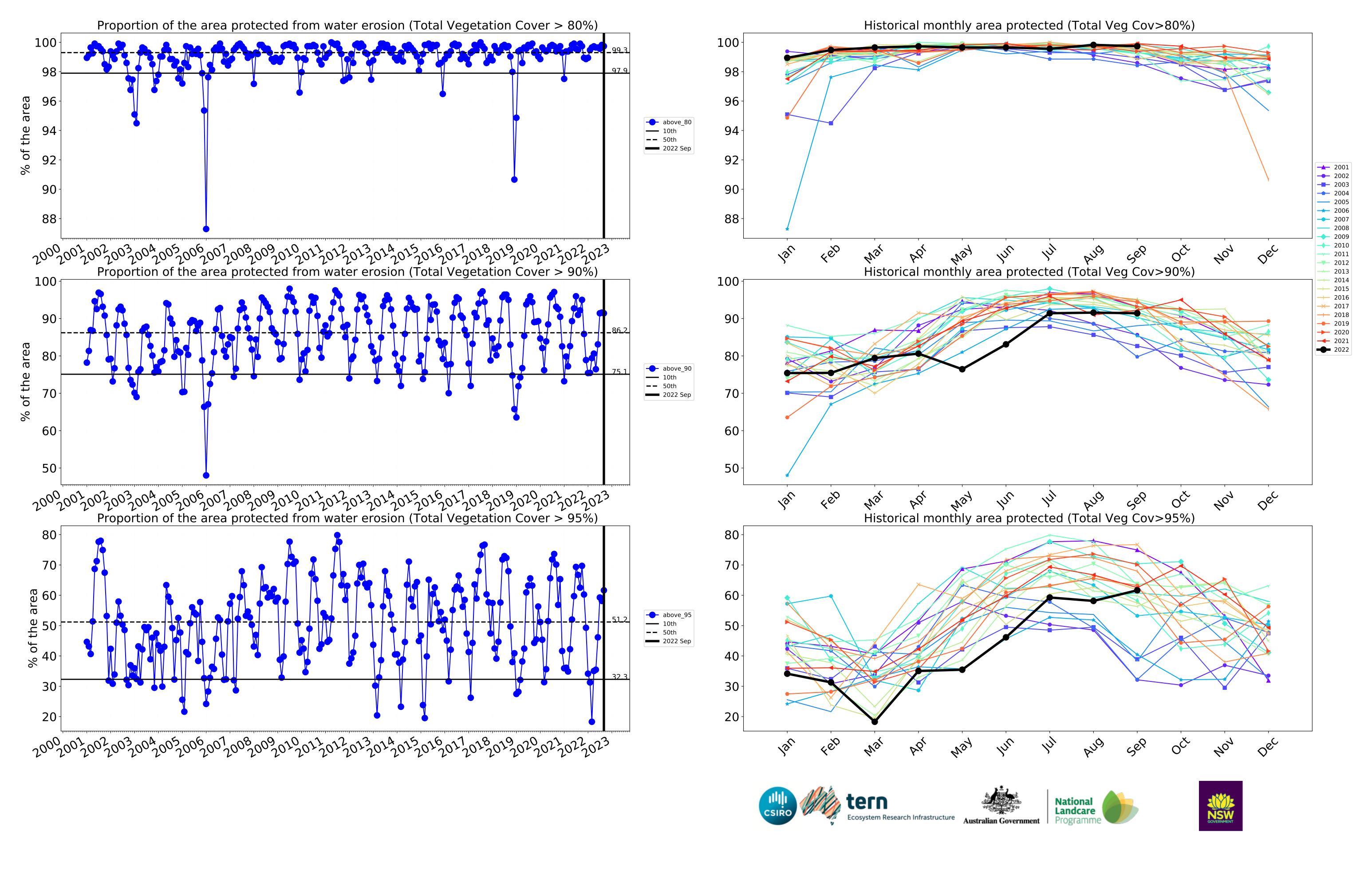












Irrigation

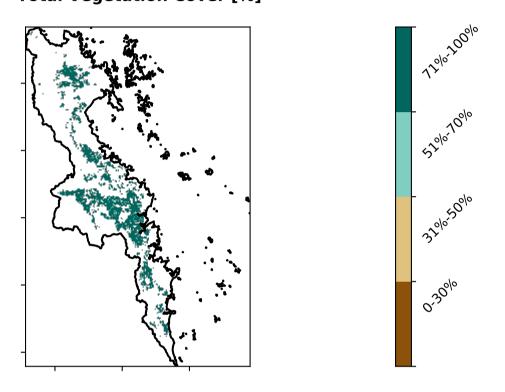
Land use and forest cover

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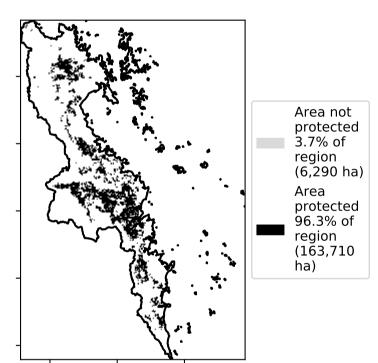
Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale

Total Vegetation Cover [%]



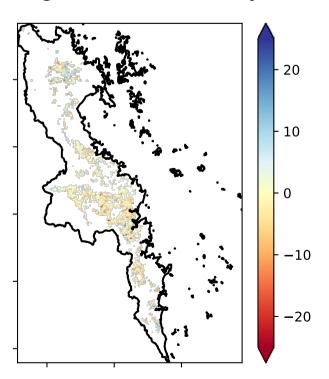
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



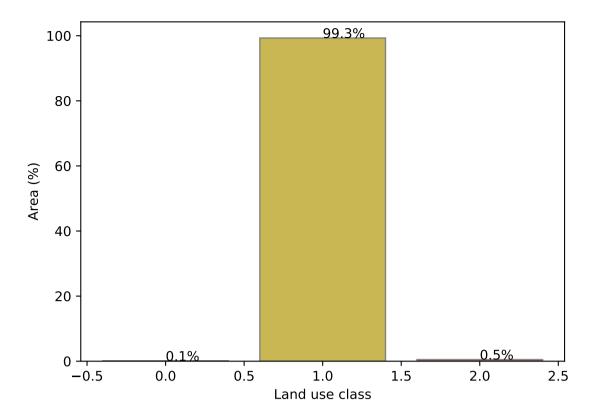
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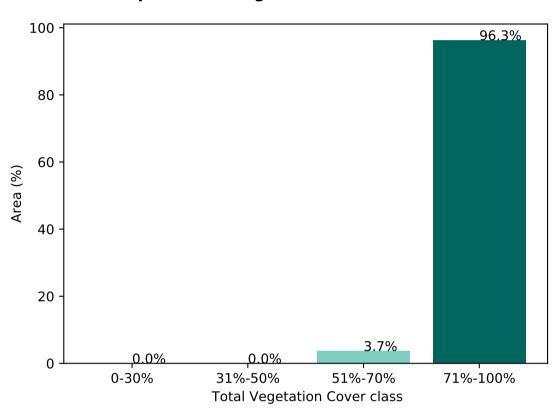
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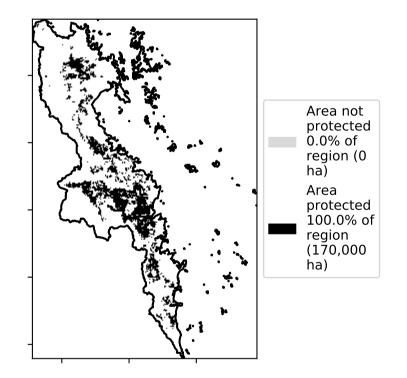
Proportion of each land class in area



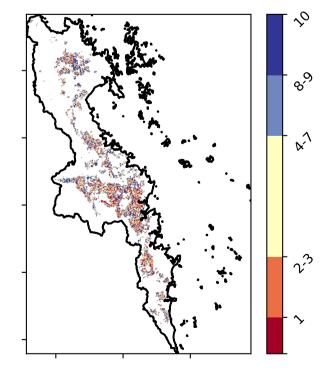
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



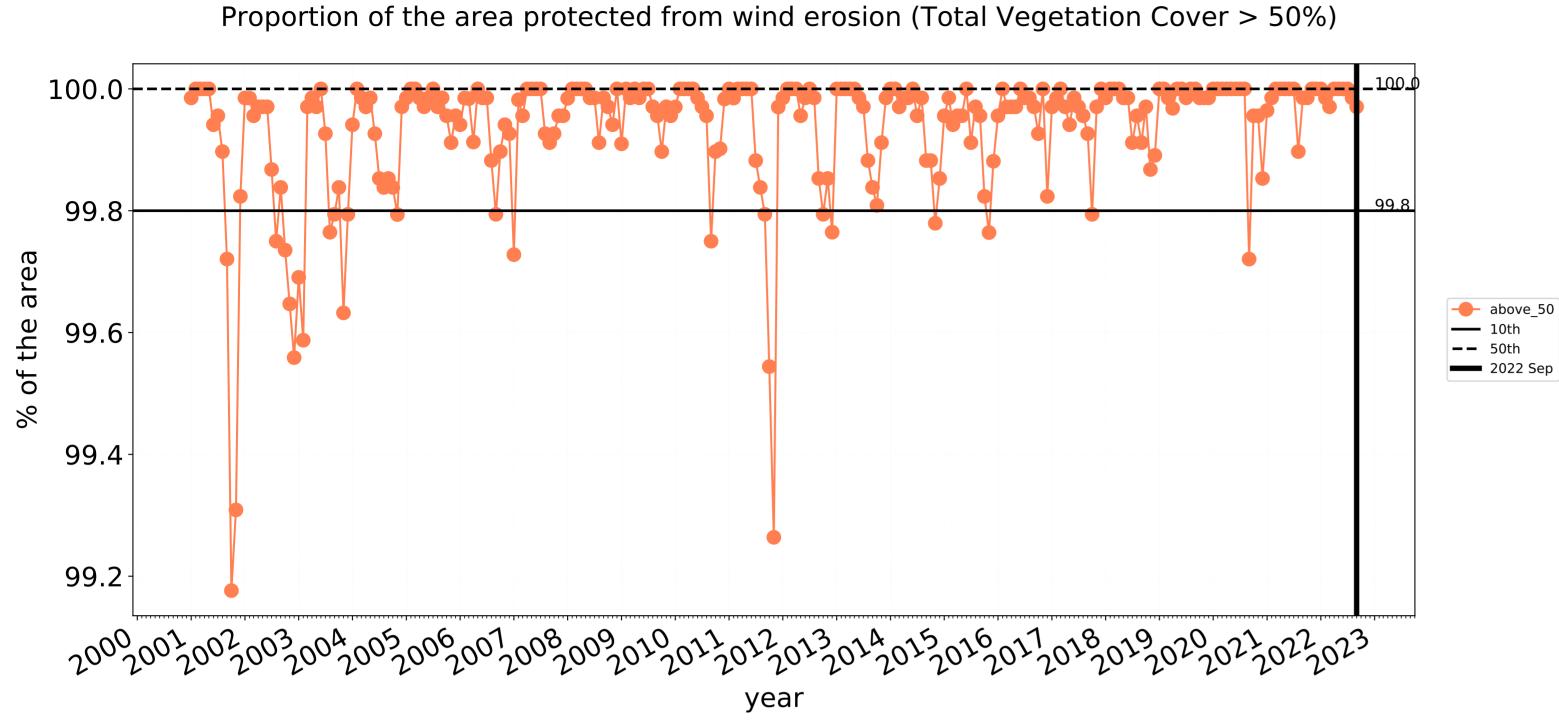
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

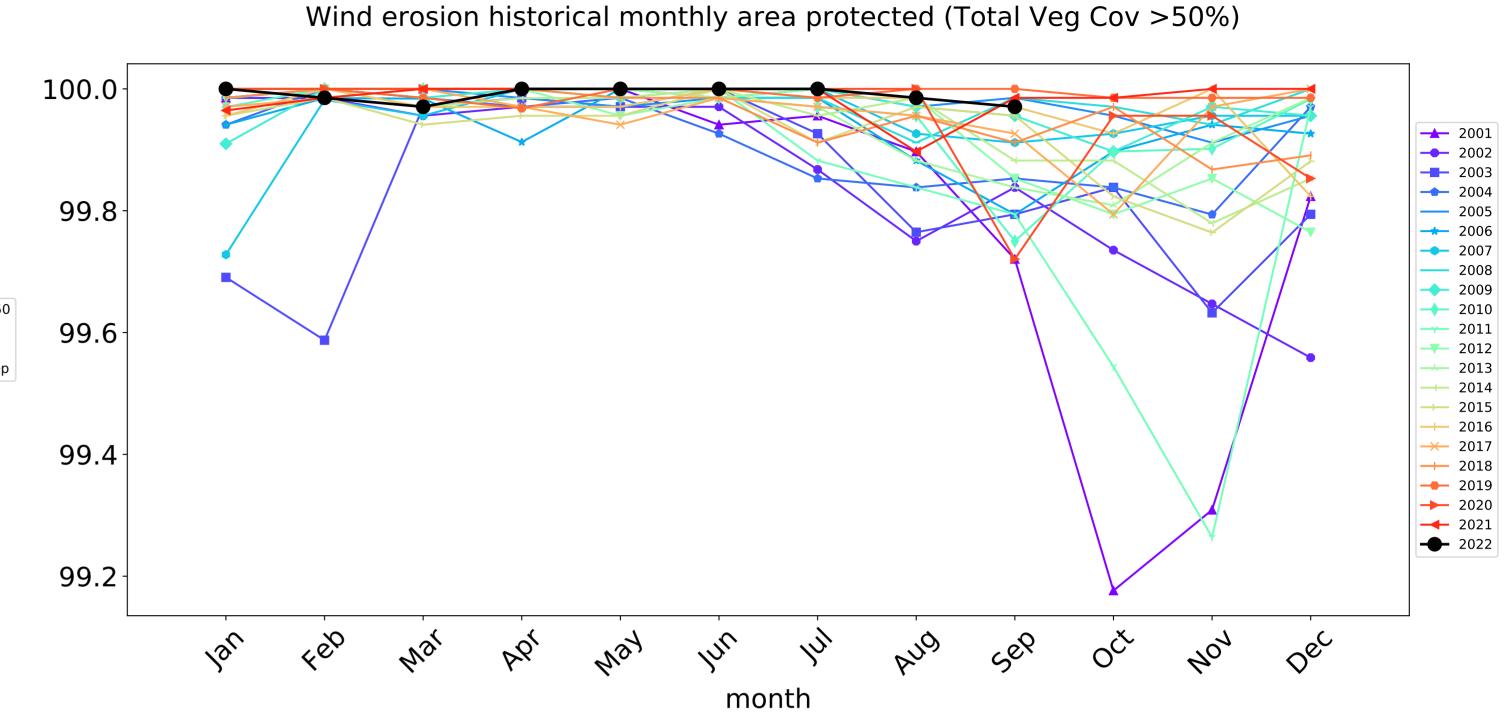


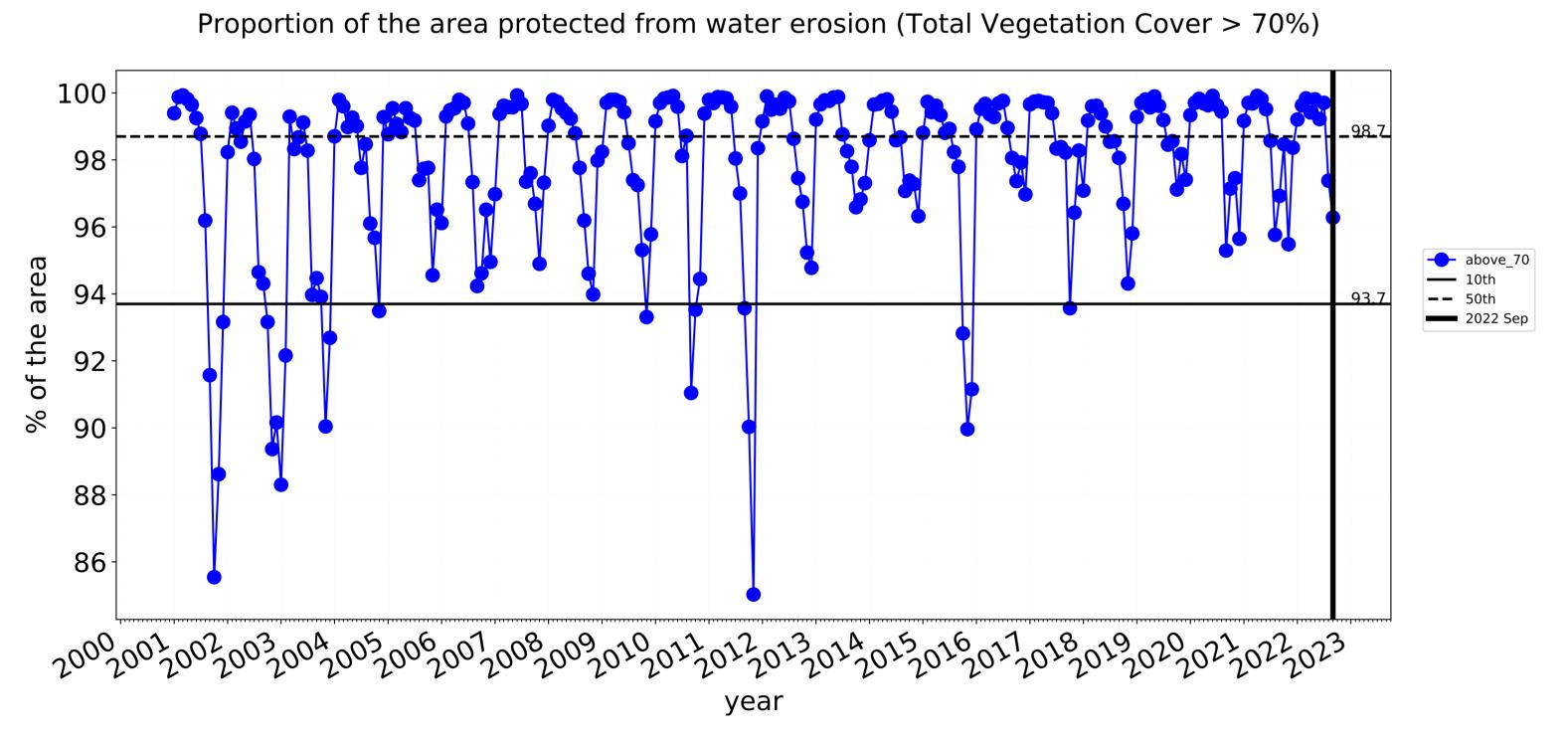


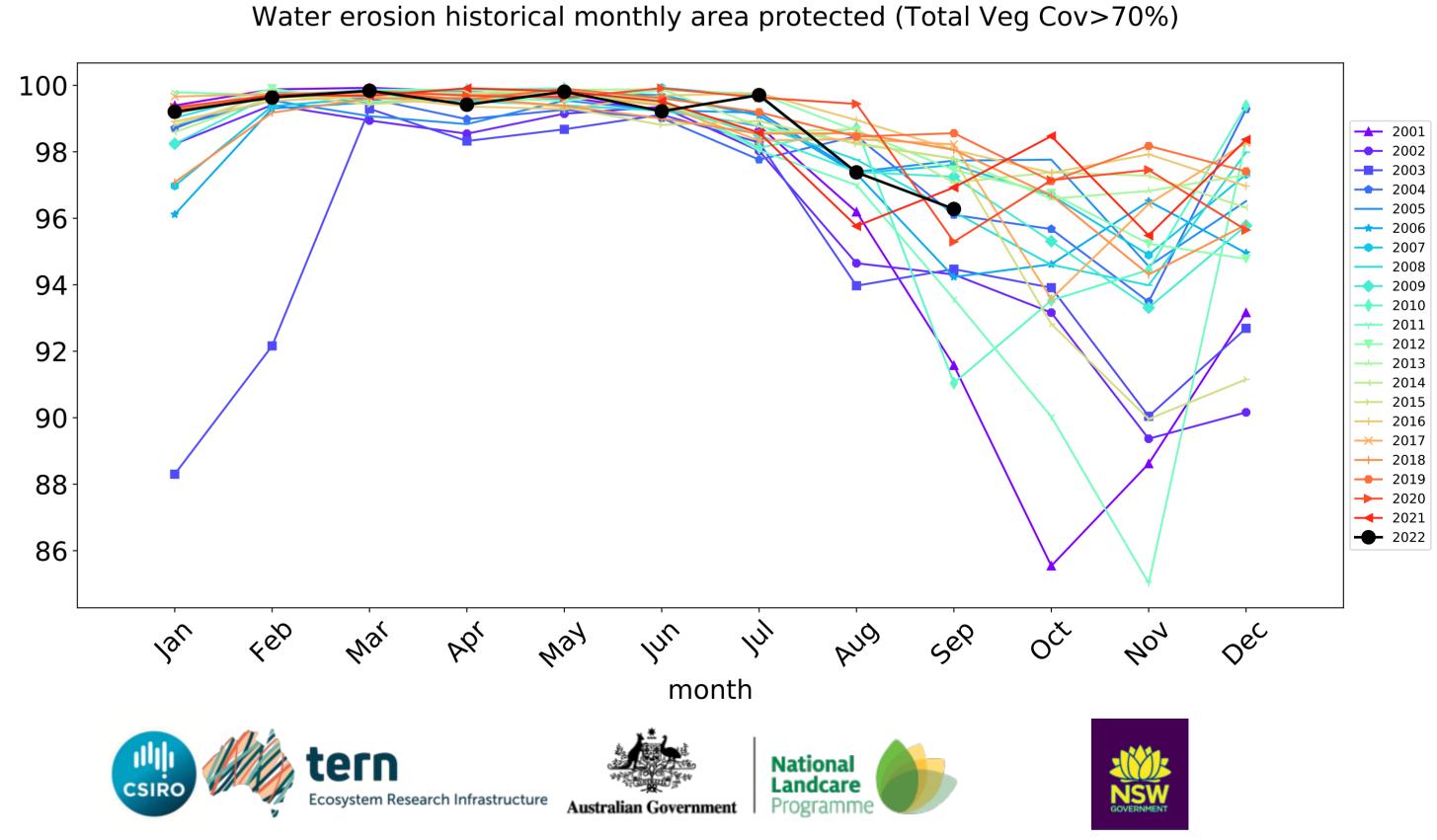
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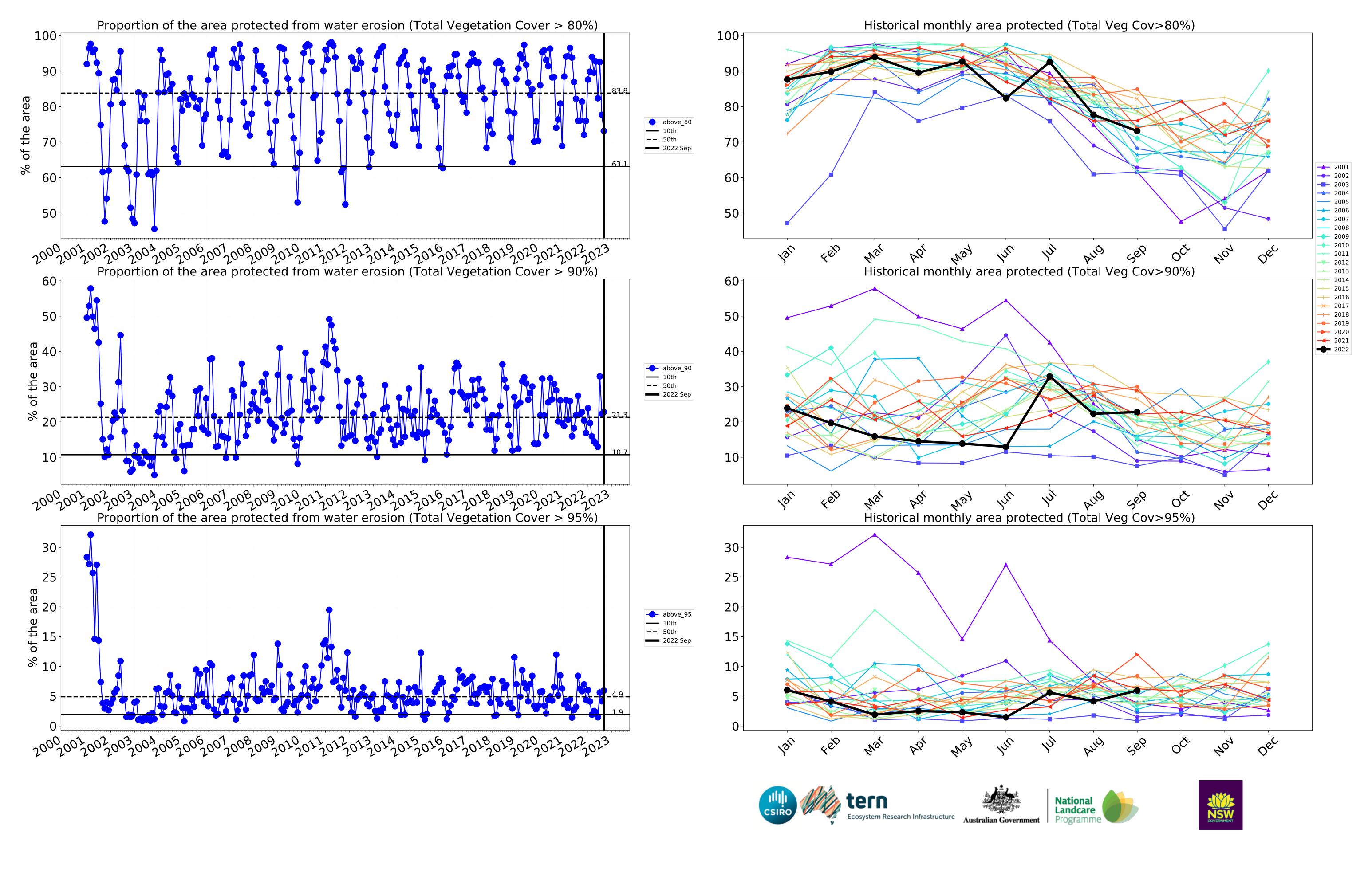
Irrigation timeseries











Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

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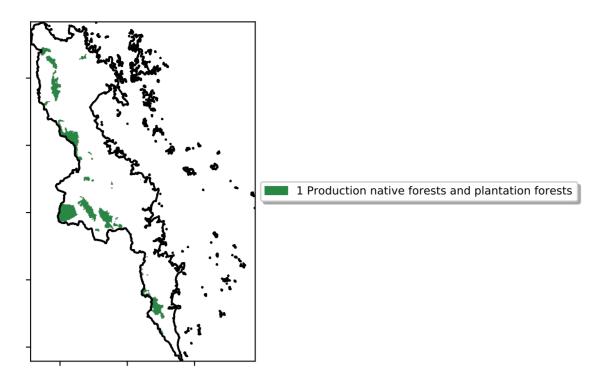
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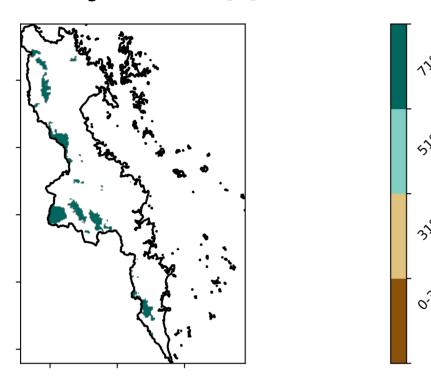
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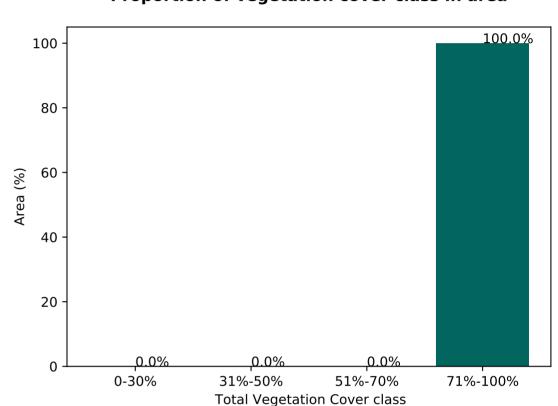
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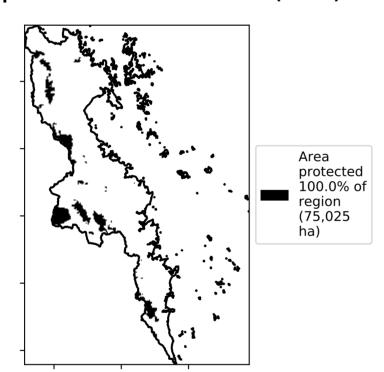
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



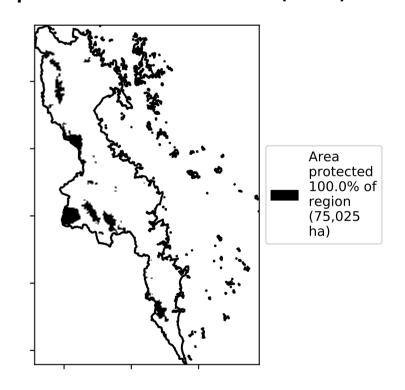
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



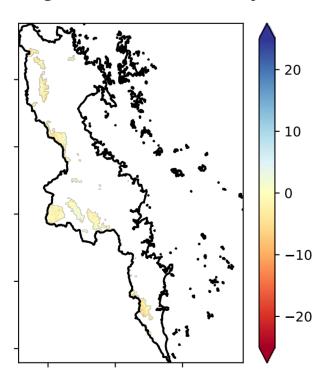
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

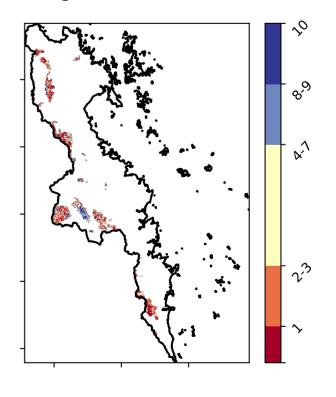


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







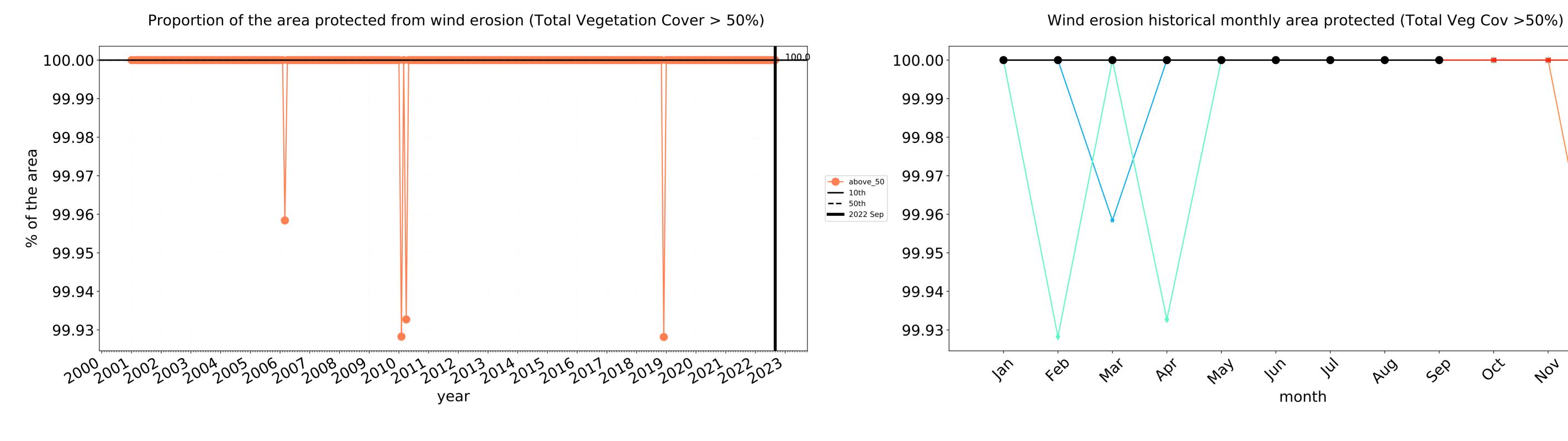
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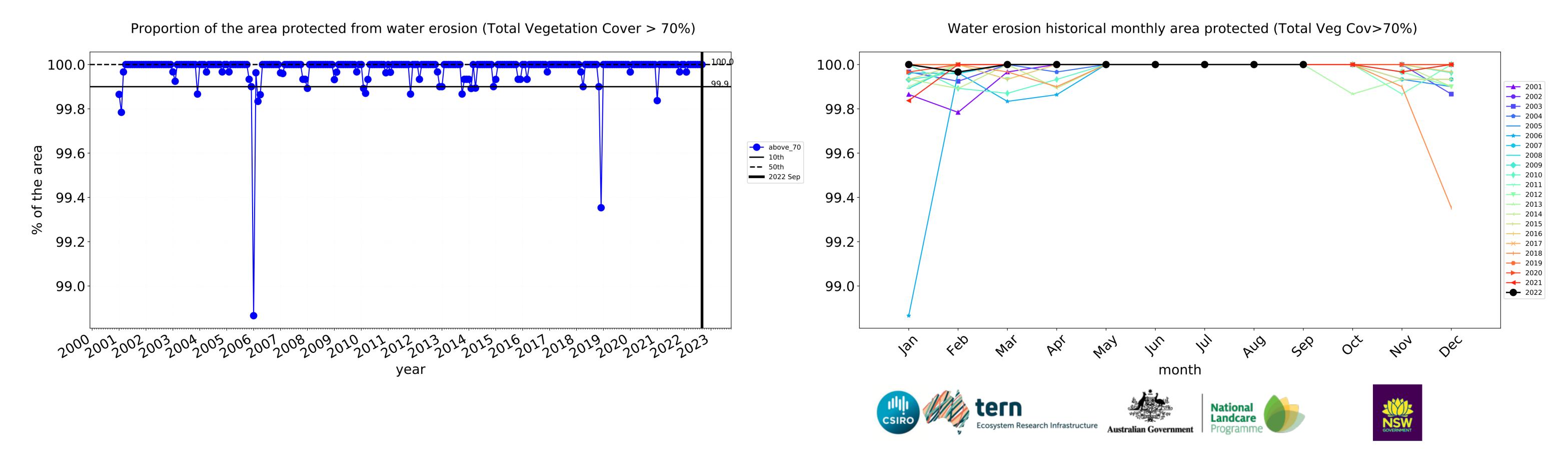




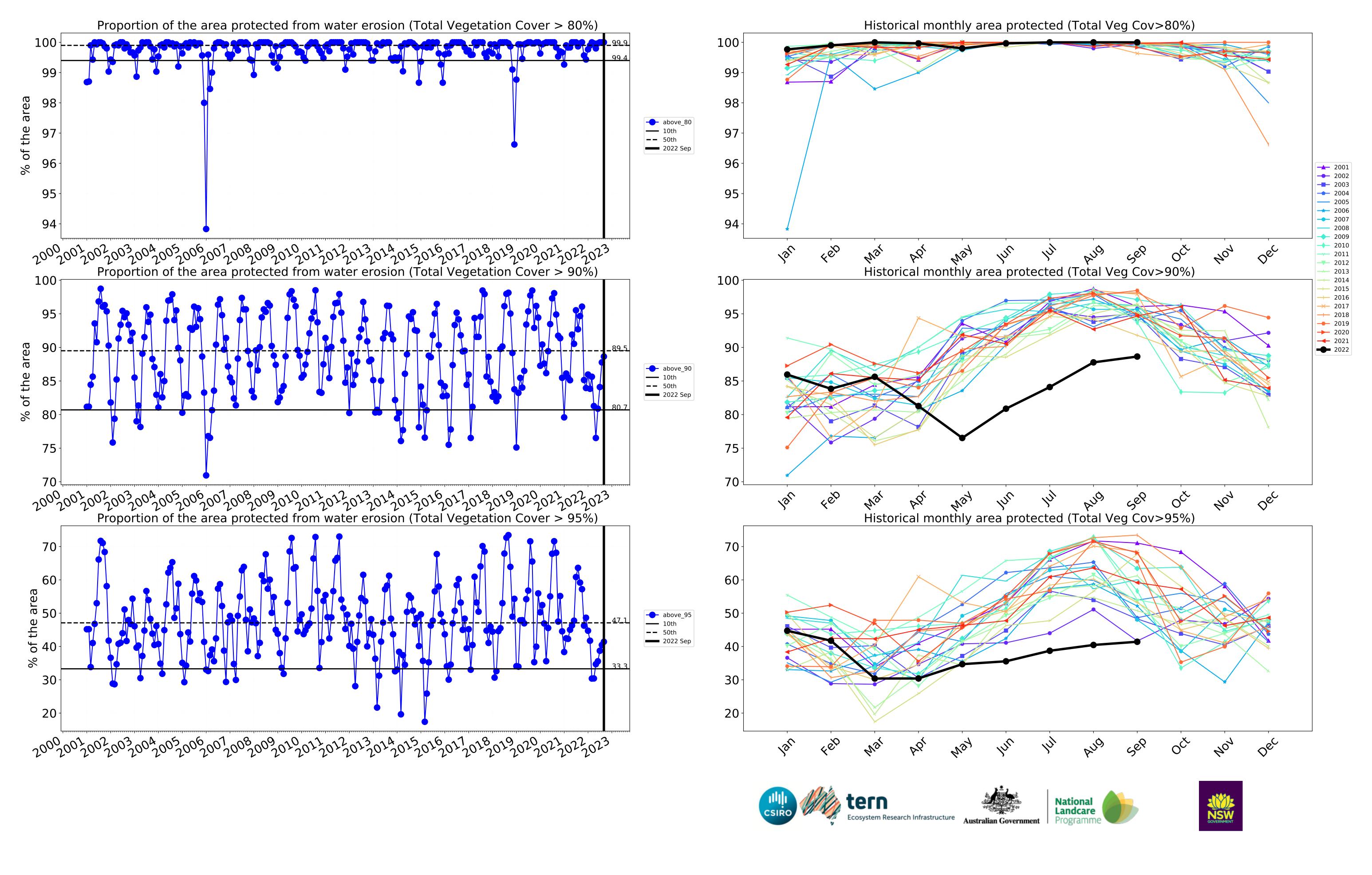


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries





--- 2018 --- 2019



Mackay Whitsunday (907,050 ha and no data 26,010 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	907,050	99.9% 906,375	99.7% 903,950	97.7% 885,875	90.4% 820,300	65.2% 591,650	29.1% 263,950
Conservation and natural environments	275,500	99.9% 275,175	99.5% 274,100	98.2% 270,525	96.0% 264,450	77.6% 213,925	31.7% 87,325
Conservation and natural environments non forest	7,325	99.0% 7,250	96.9% 7,100	92.2% 6,750	79.9% 5,850	51.2% 3,750	22.2% 1,625
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,675	99.9% 74,625	99.7% 74,450	98.6% 73,650	96.8% 72,275	83.2% 62,125	39.8% 29,700
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	193,500	99.9% 193,300	99.5% 192,550	98.3% 190,125	96.3% 186,325	76.5% 148,050	28.9% 56,000
Agriculture	468,250	100.0% 468,200	99.9% 467,950	98.4% 460,875	89.1% 417,225	60.6% 283,625	29.2% 136,725
Grazing	298,200	100.0% 298,150	99.9% 297,950	99.6% 297,150	98.2% 292,850	82.1% 244,800	42.5% 126,625
Grazing non forest	189,100	100.0% 189,050	99.9% 188,875	99.5% 188,125	97.5% 184,300	78.7% 148,800	38.4% 72,550
Grazing Woodland forest	80,550	100.0% 80,550	100.0% 80,525	99.9% 80,500	99.4% 80,075	86.8% 69,900	45.3% 36,475
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	28,550	100.0% 28,550	100.0% 28,550	99.9% 28,525	99.7% 28,475	91.4% 26,100	61.6% 17,600
Irrigation	170,000	100.0% 170,000	100.0% 169,950	96.3% 163,675	73.1% 124,325	22.8% 38,800	5.9% 10,100
Production native forests and plantation forests	75,025	100.0% 75,025	100.0% 75,025	100.0% 75,025	100.0% 75,025	88.6% 66,500	41.4% 31,075







