Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:NRM Southern Gulf QLD   Date: June 2024

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

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

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.
   • 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep
slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
   • 51-70% Moderate cover - protected from wind erosion
   • 31-50% Low cover - not protected
   • 0-30% Very Low cover - not protected
Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:
   • Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
   • Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.
Comparison with previous years:

   • Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
   • Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.
Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available.
Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection
   • Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for
     each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
   • Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for
     each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
Rainfall
   • Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).
Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.
Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:
   • the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
   • the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
   • the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

Acknowledgment of data:

1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification

2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018

3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover

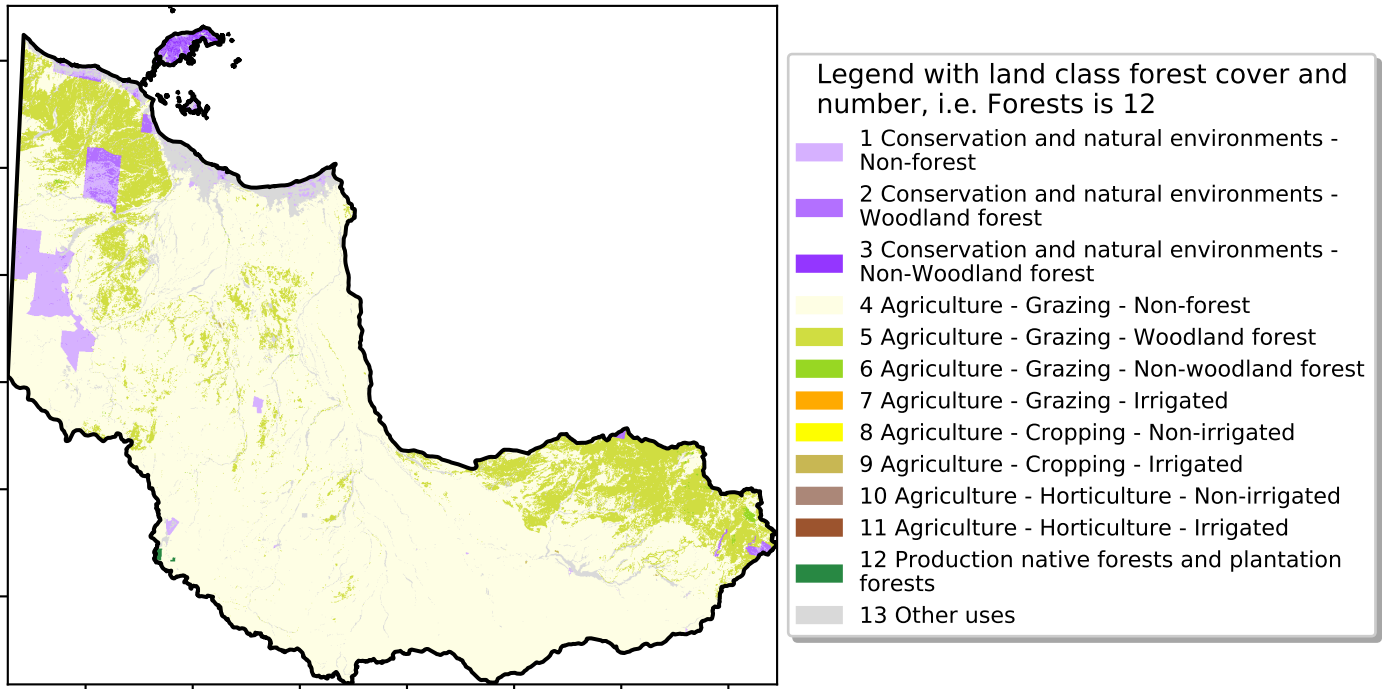4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:
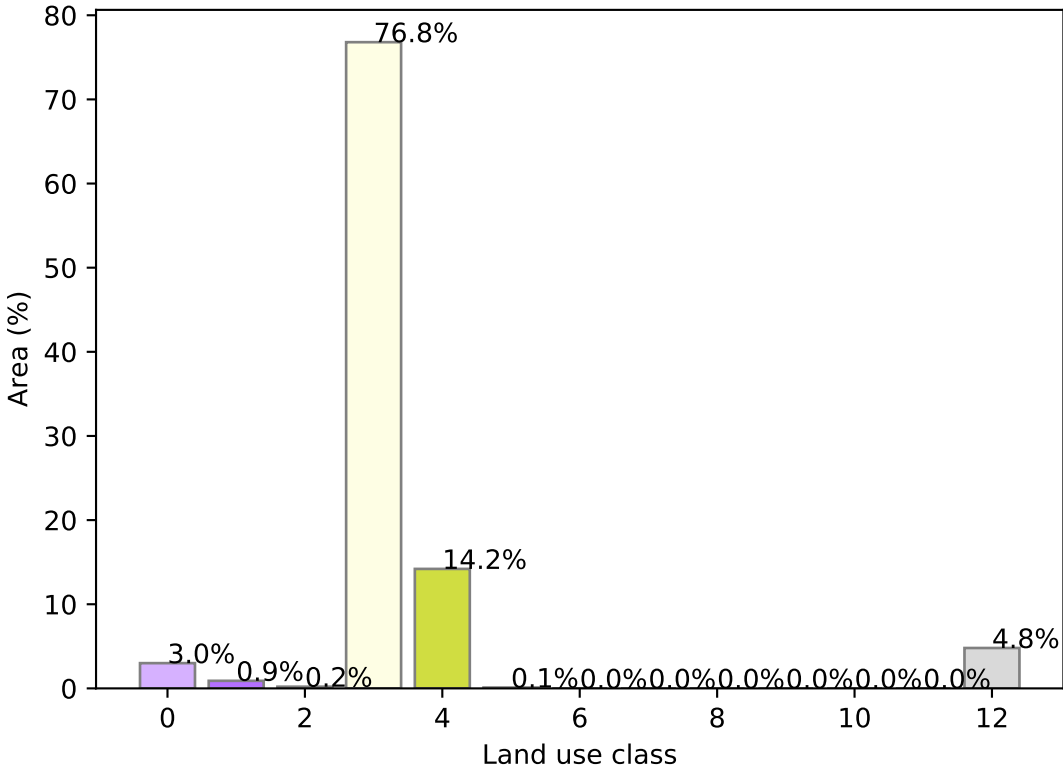
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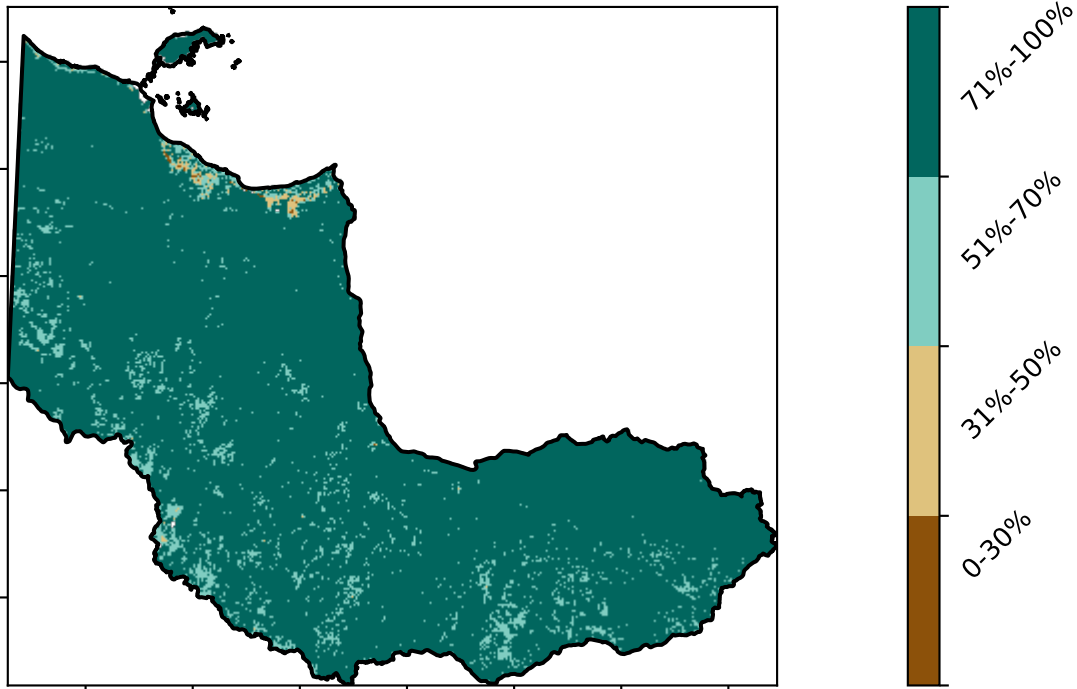# Vegetation Cover Jun 2024

Land use and forest cover

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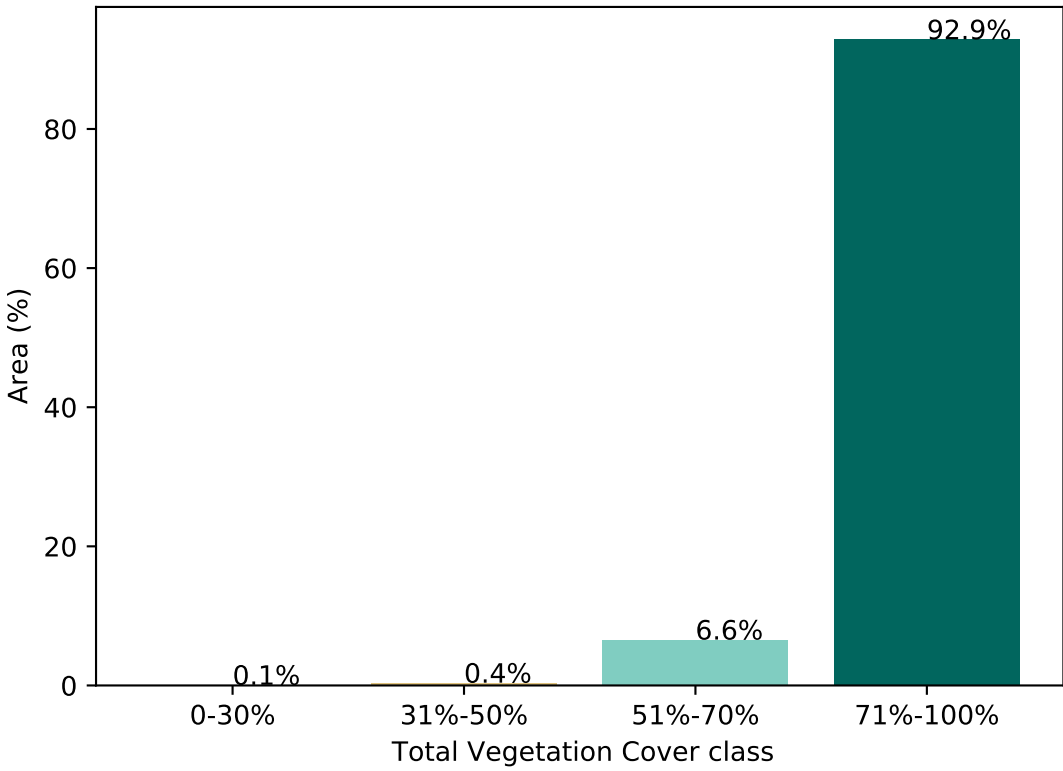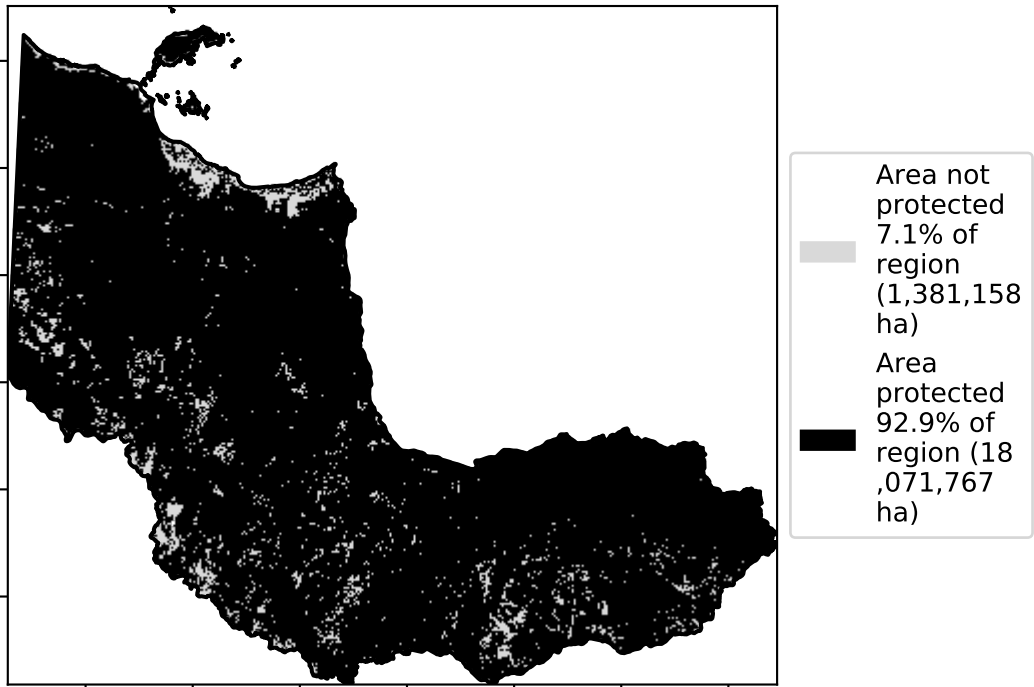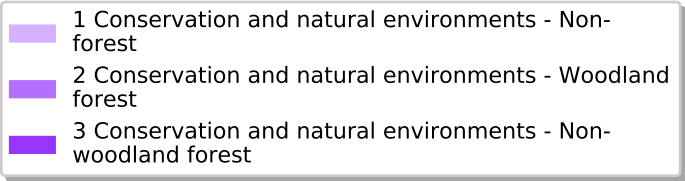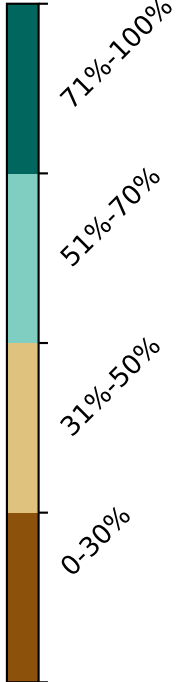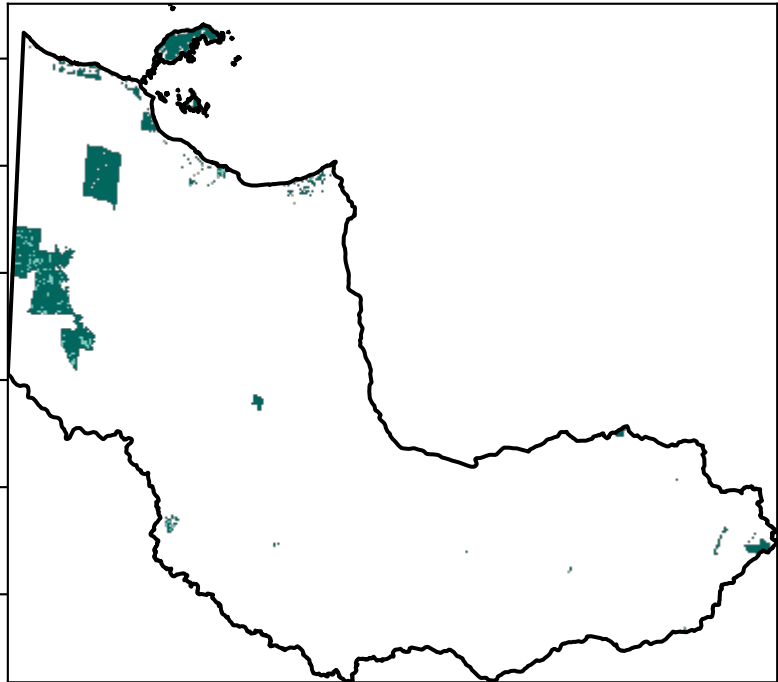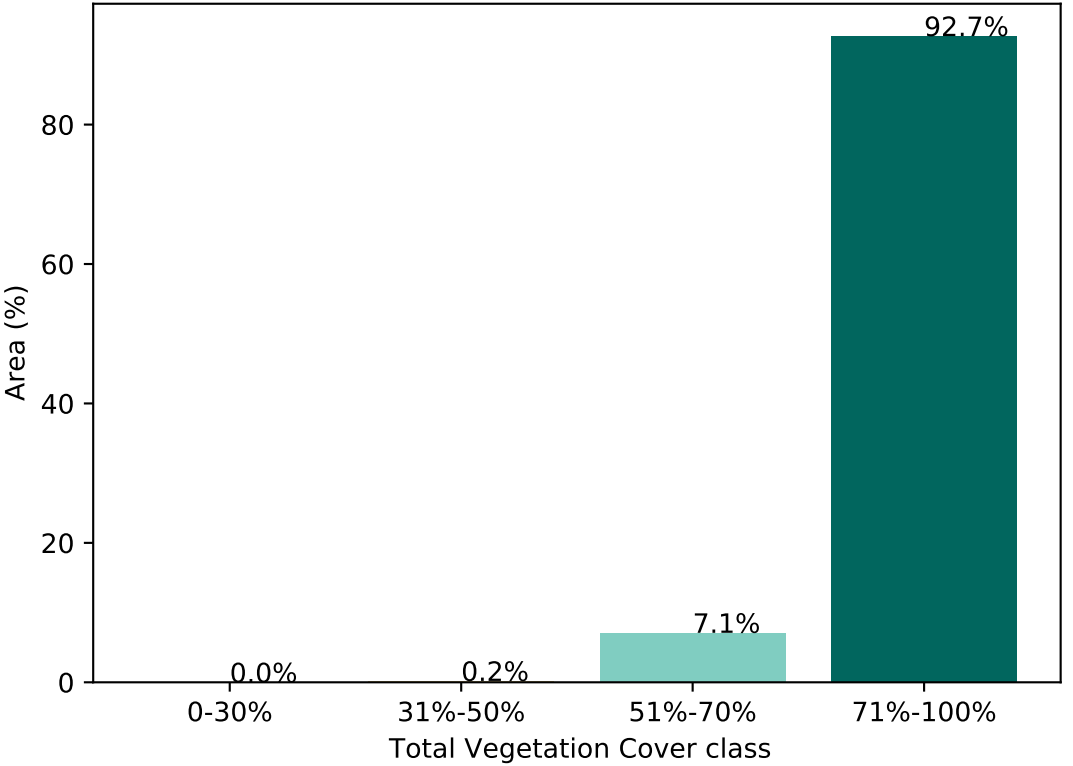

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12
- 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
- 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
- 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
- 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
- 5 Agriculture - 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

Proportion of each land class in area
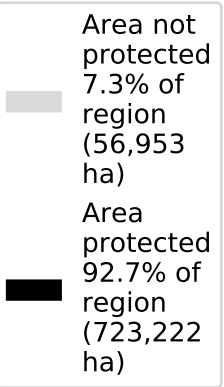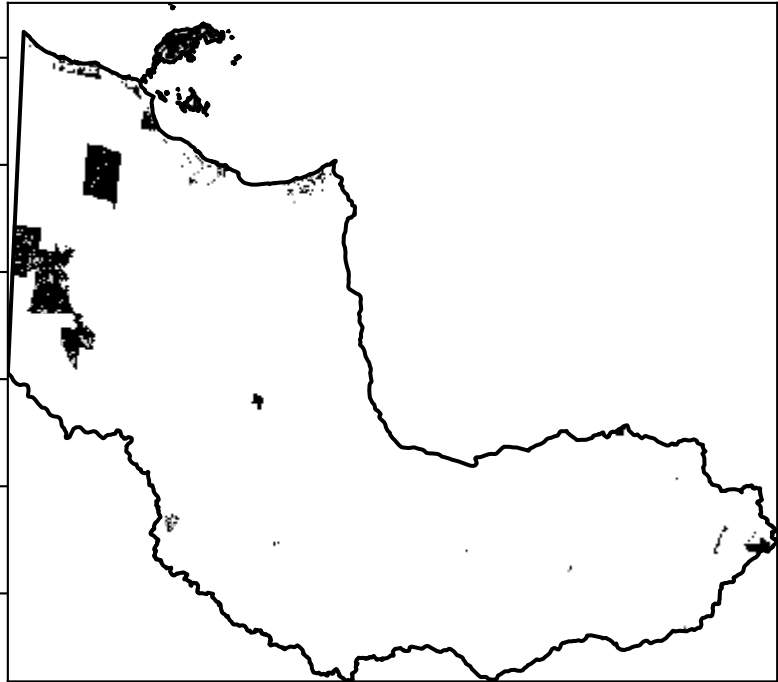

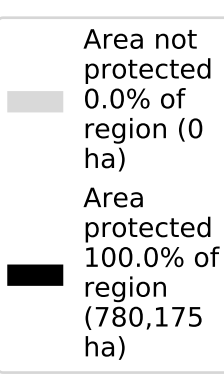## Total Vegetation Cover [%]

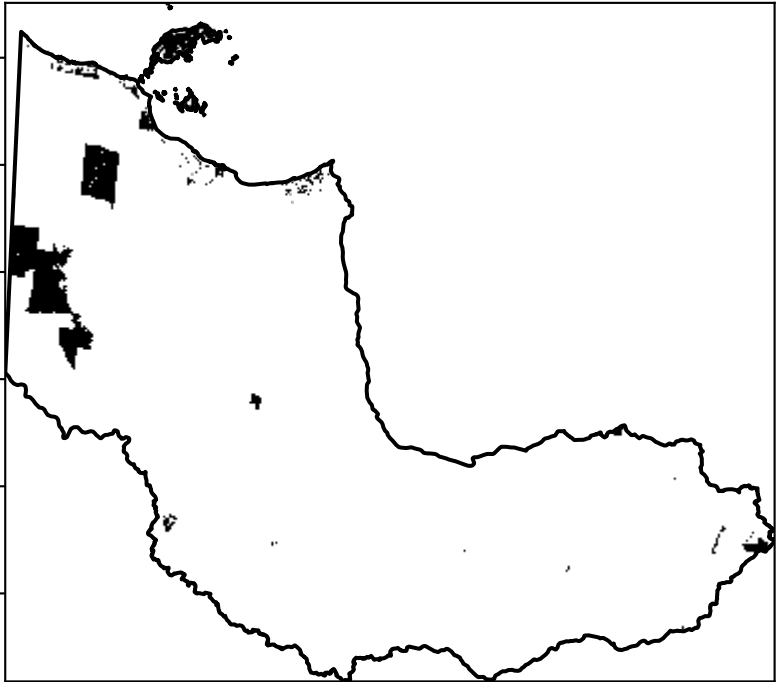## Proportion of vegetation cover class in area
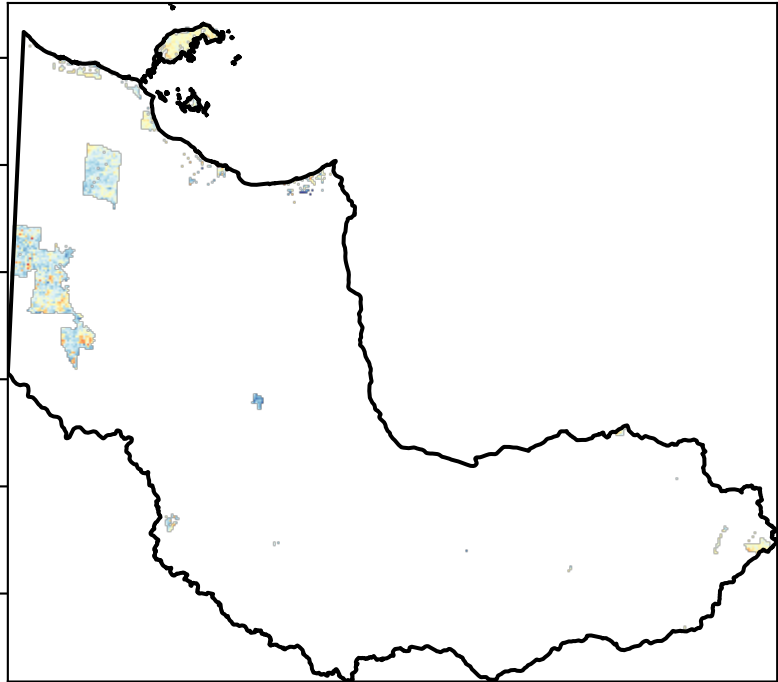

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 7.1% of region (1,381,158 ha)

Area protected 92.9% of region (18,071,767 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
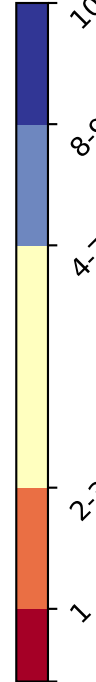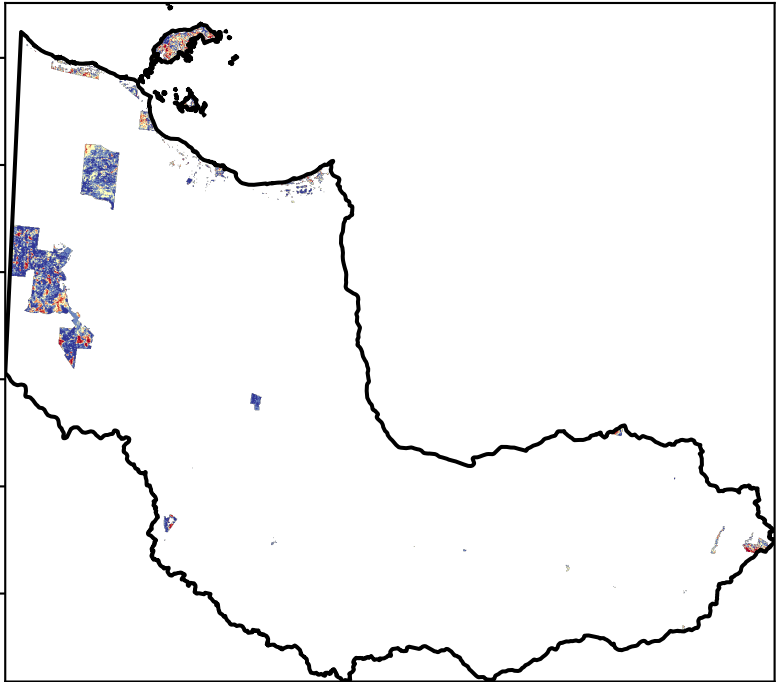
Area protected 100.0% of region (19,452,925 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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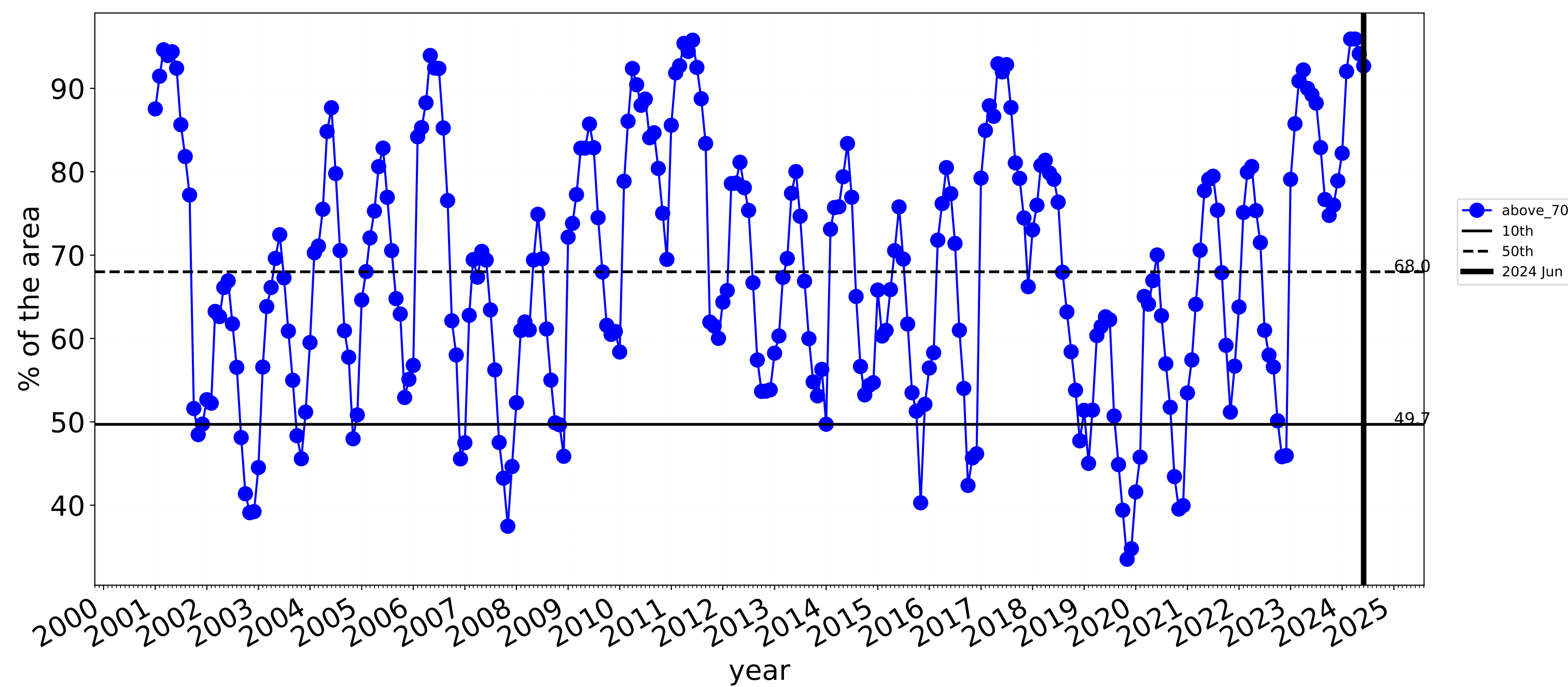
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

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

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

Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2024

Rainfall: historical monthly

Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

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Legend:
- 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
- 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
- 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

Proportion of each land class in area

73.3%, 22.4%, 4.4%

Y-axis: Area (%)
X-axis: Land use class

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Legend: 71%-100%, 51%-70%, 31%-50%, 0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

0-30%: 0.0%, 31%-50%: 0.2%, 51%-70%: 7.1%, 71%-100%: 92.7%

Y-axis: Area (%)
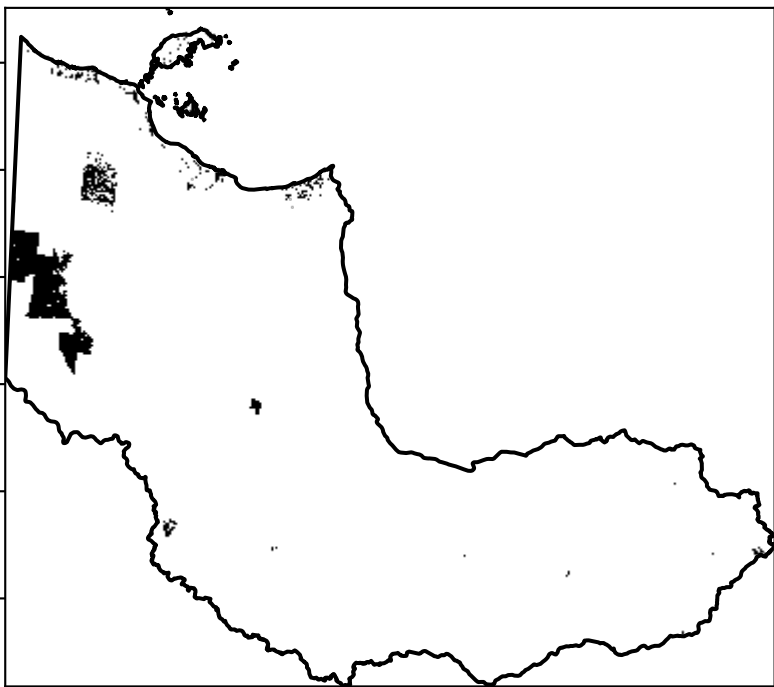X-axis: Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 7.3% of region (56,953 ha)

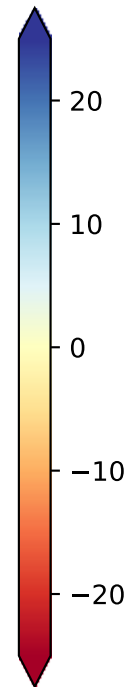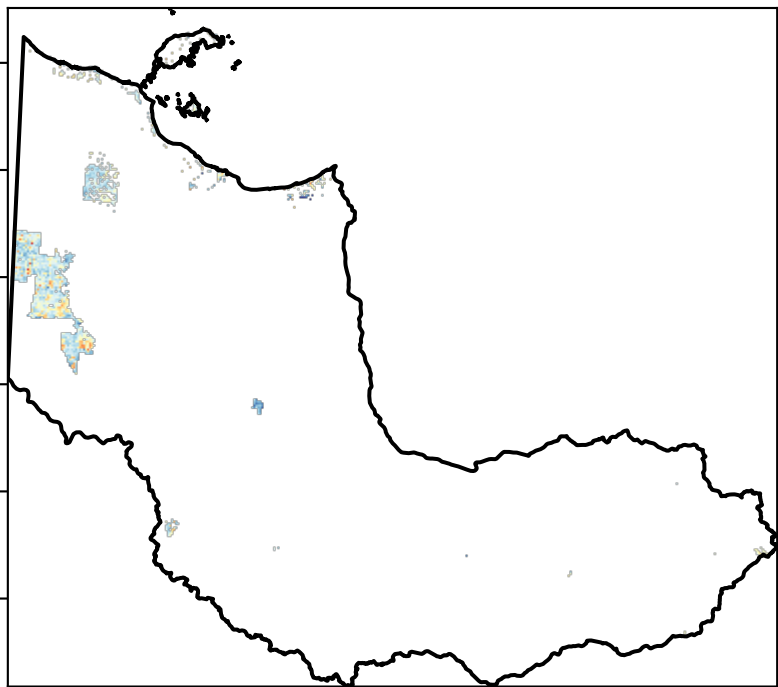Area protected 92.7% of region (723,222 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (780,175 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Legend: 10, 8-9, 4-7, 2-3, 1

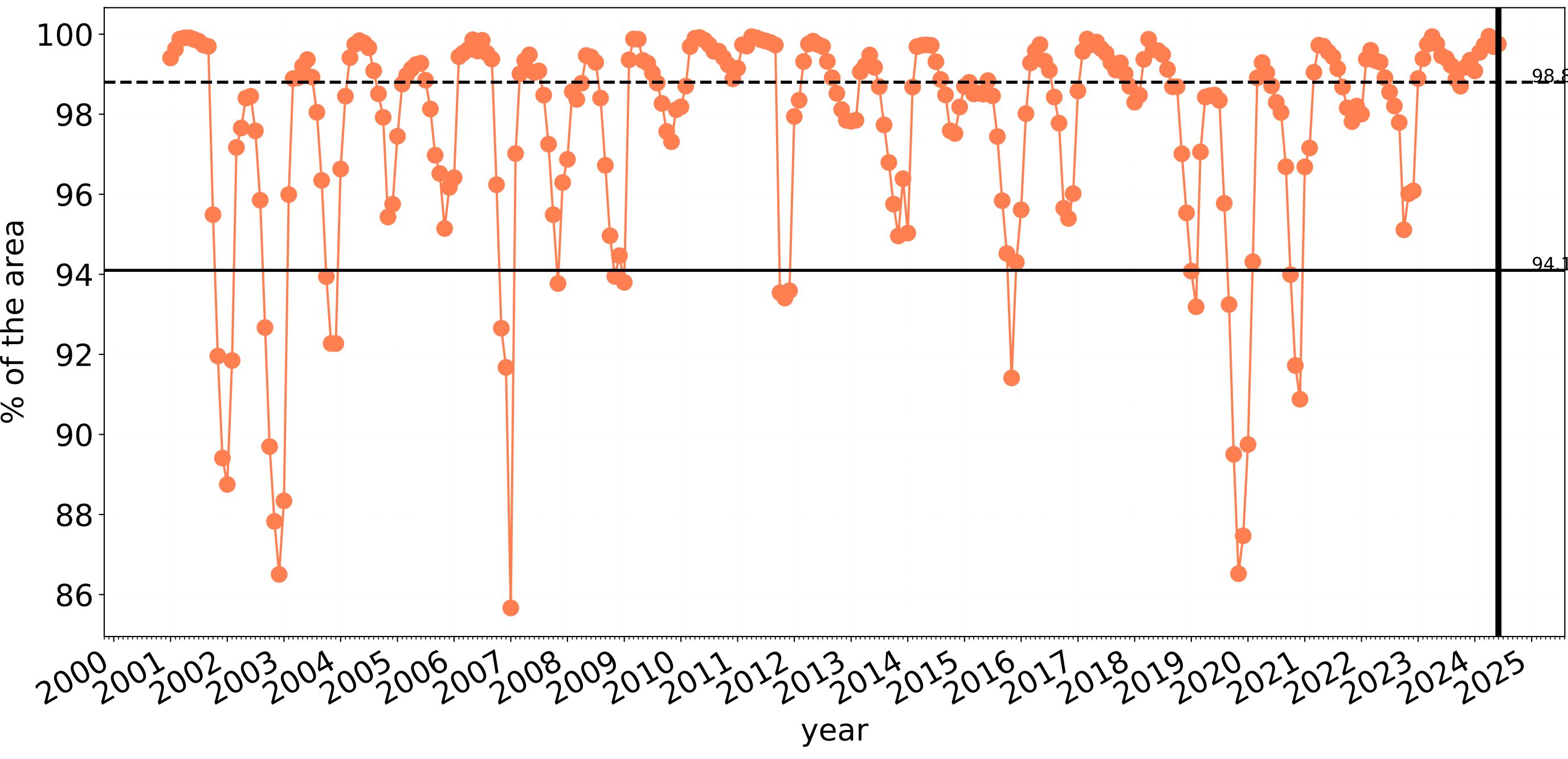# Conservation and natural environments timeseries

Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
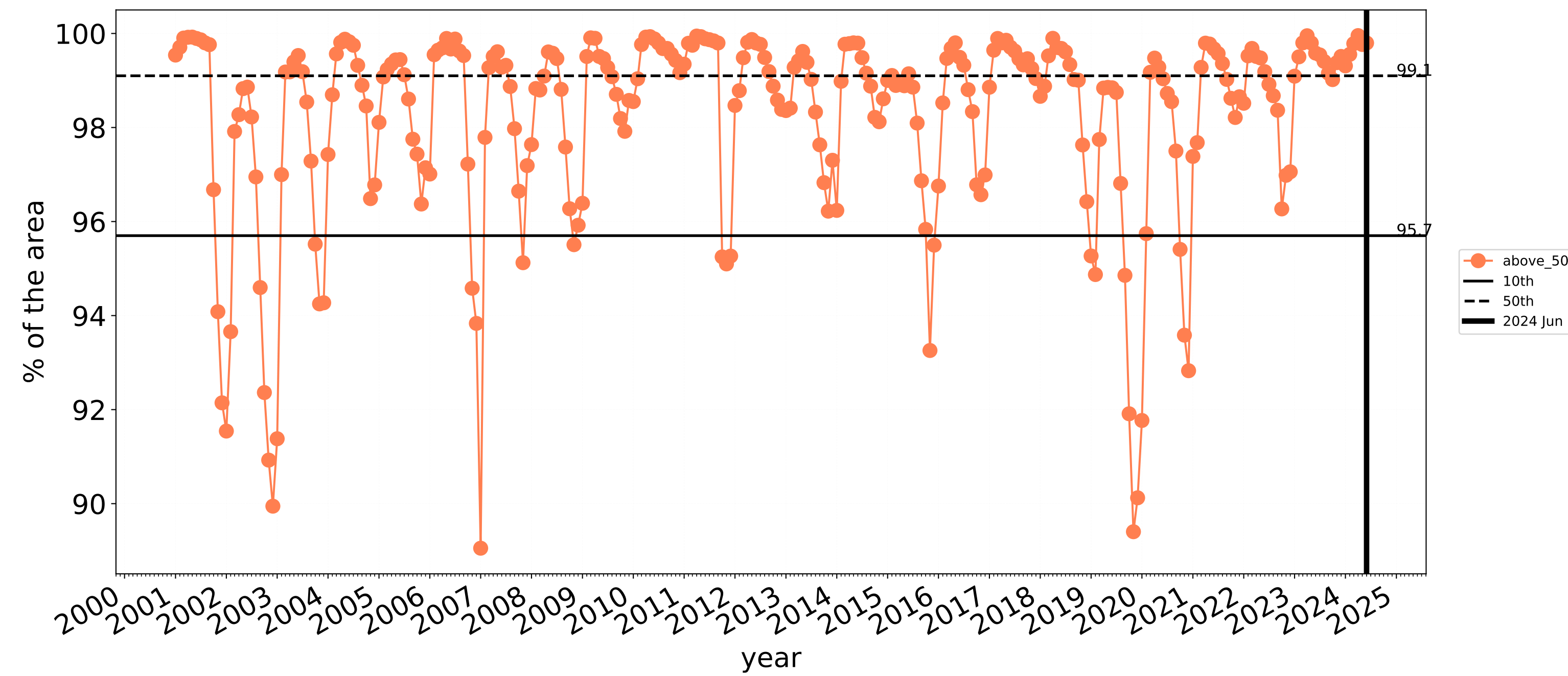
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)
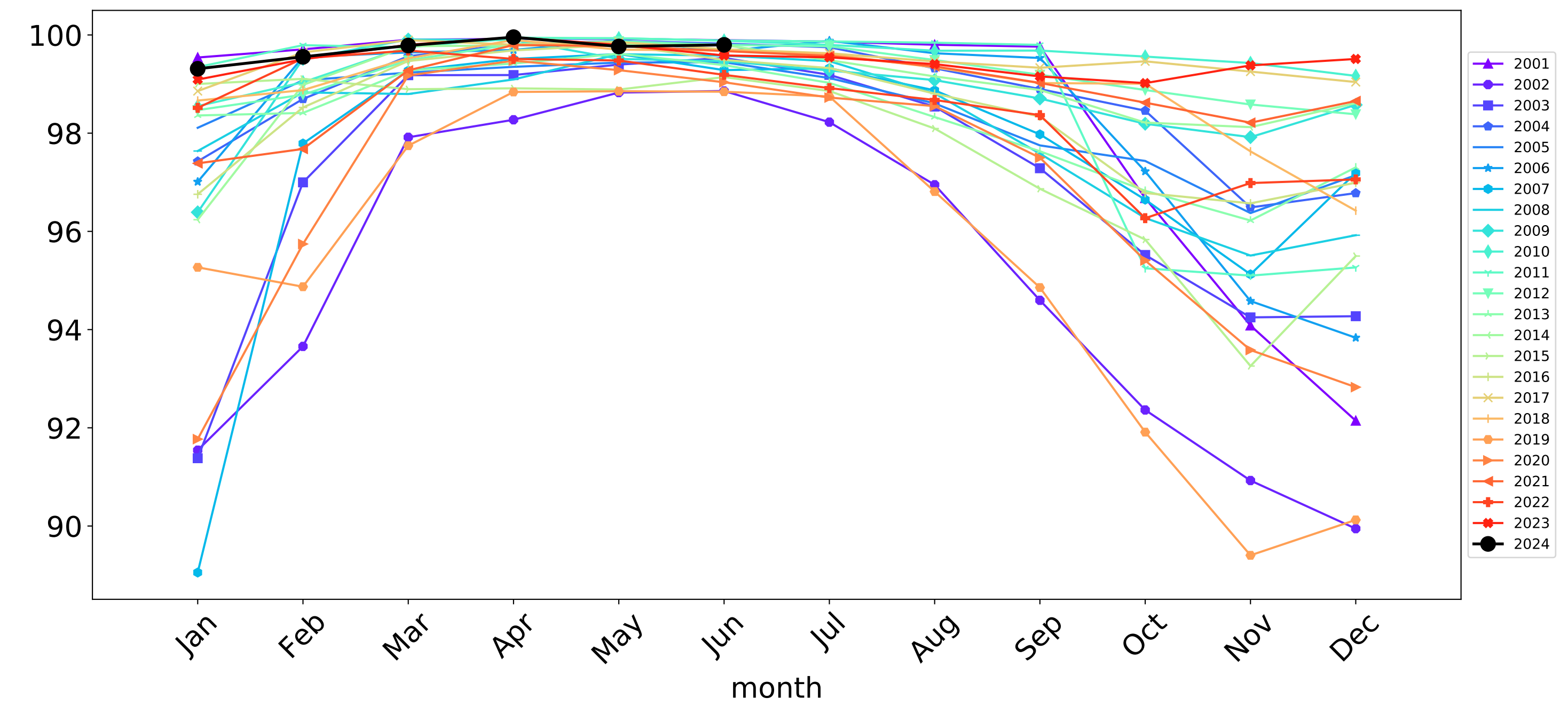
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
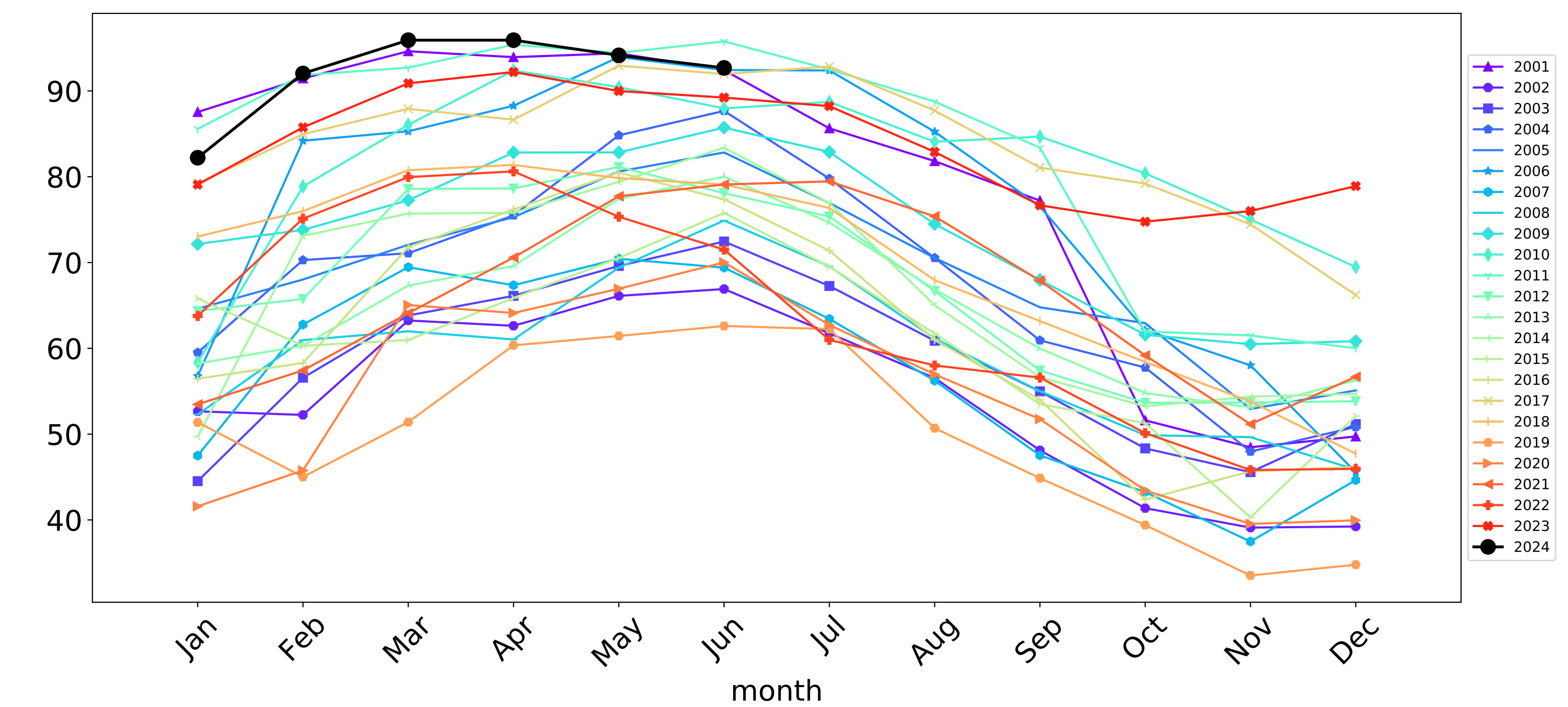
Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]
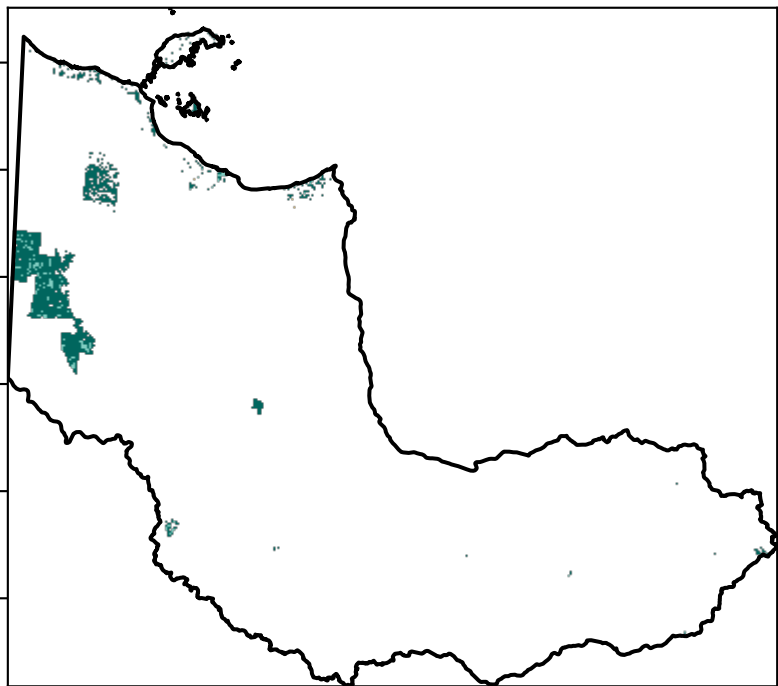
71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

90.3%

9.5%

0.0%   0.2%

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%
Total Vegetation Cover class
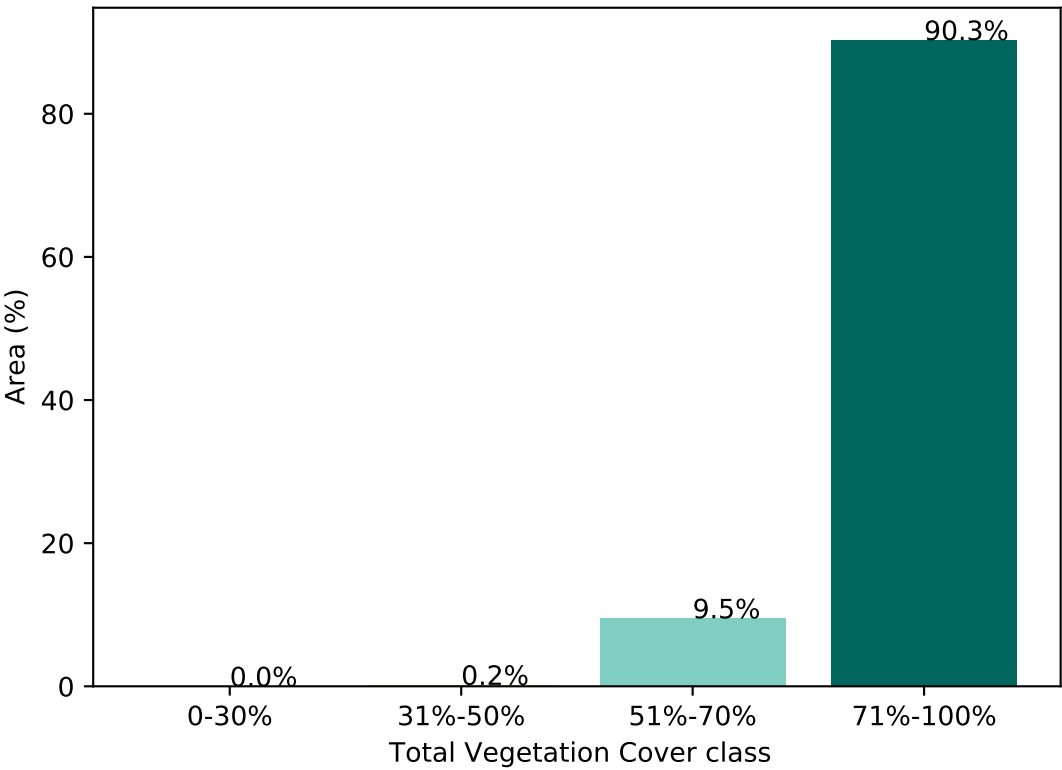
Area (%)

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)
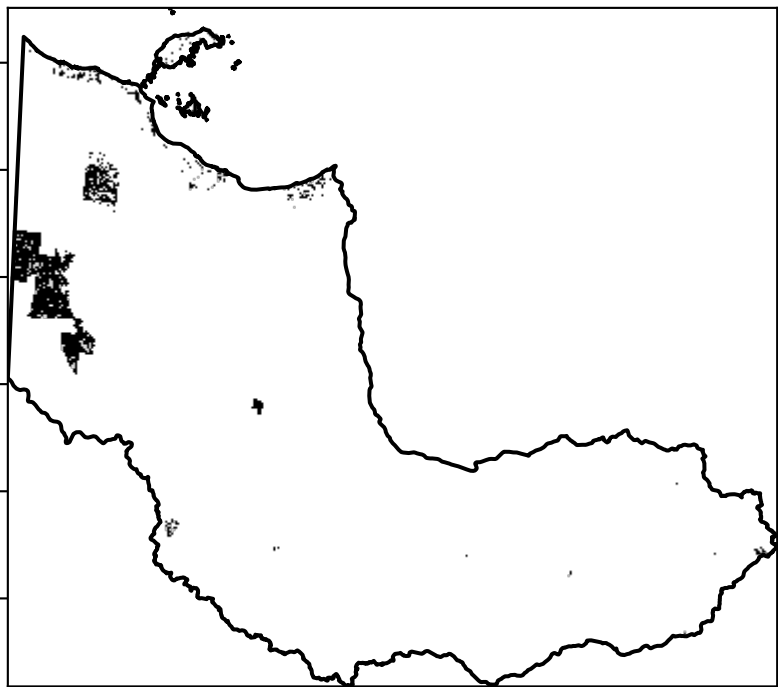
Area not protected 9.7% of region (55,525 ha)

Area protected 90.3% of region (516,900 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (572,425 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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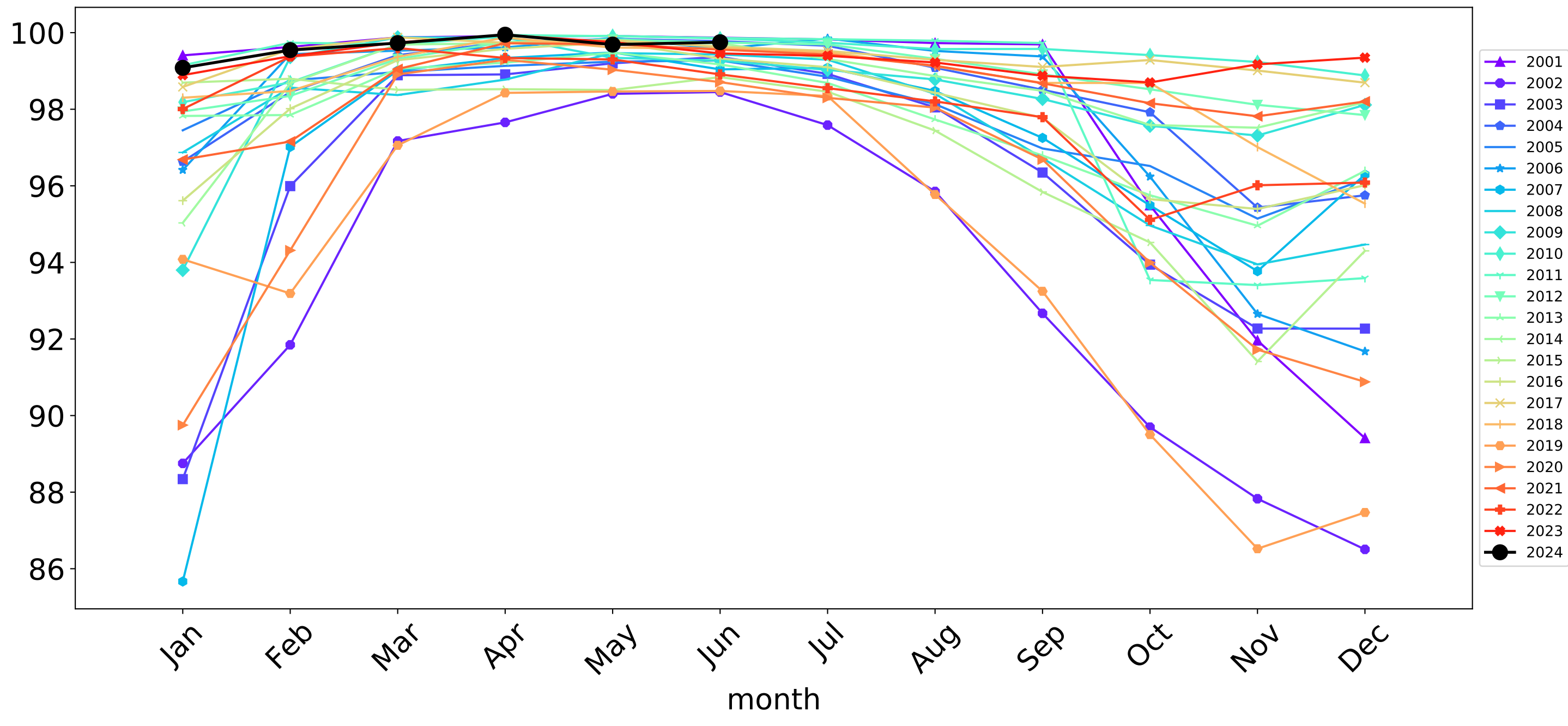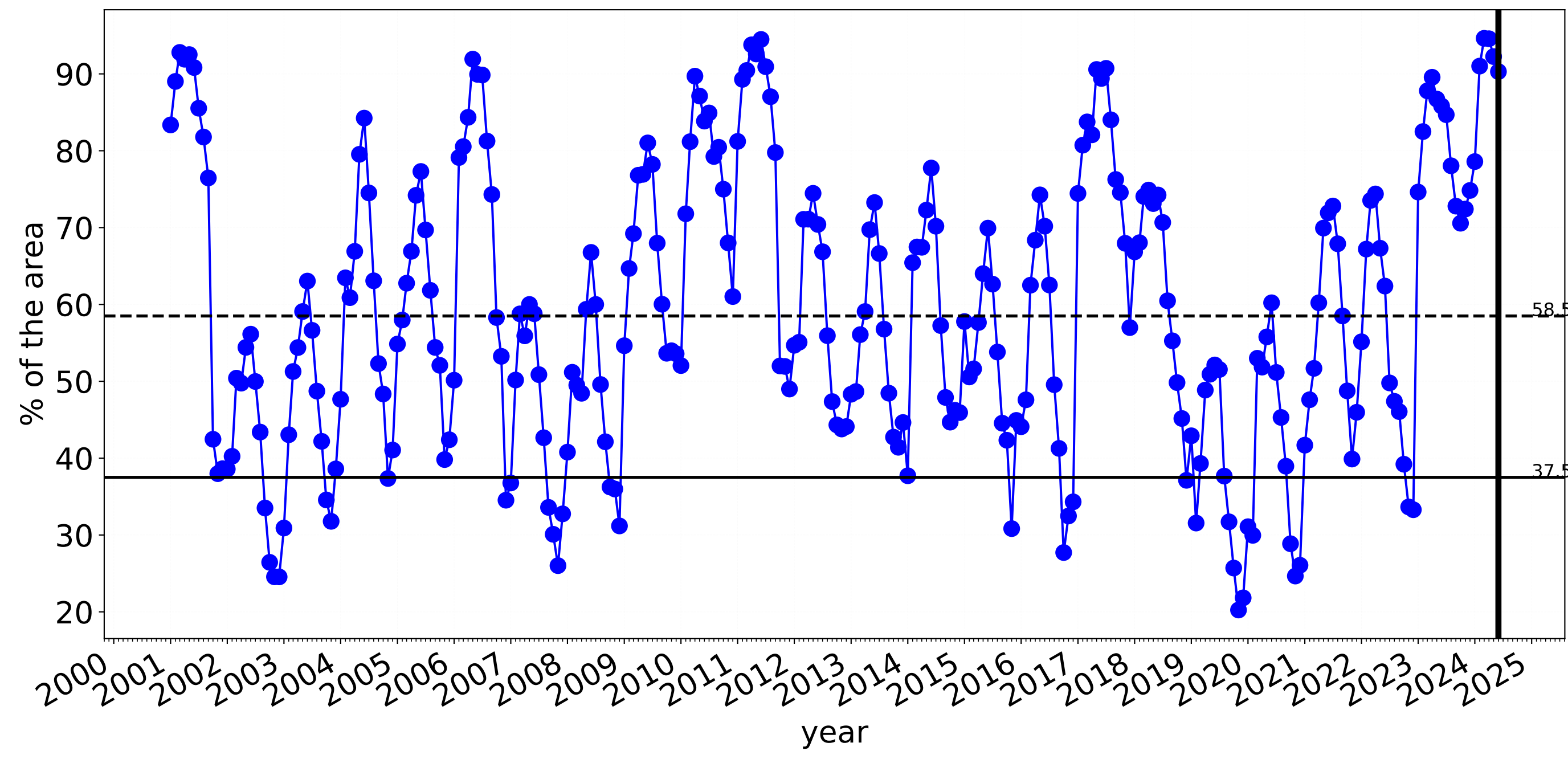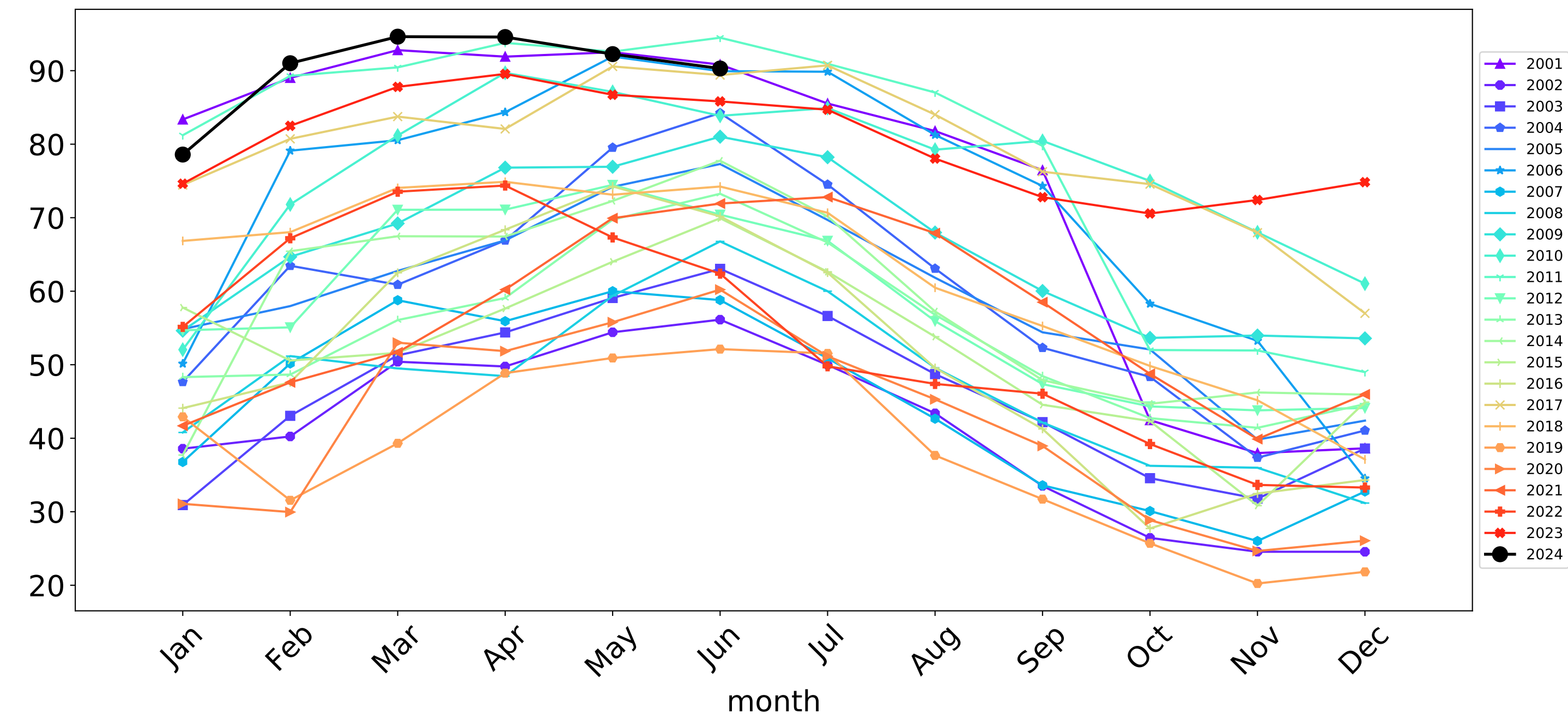
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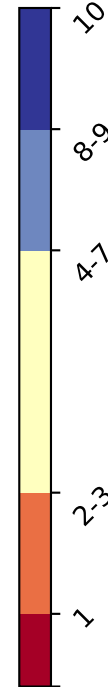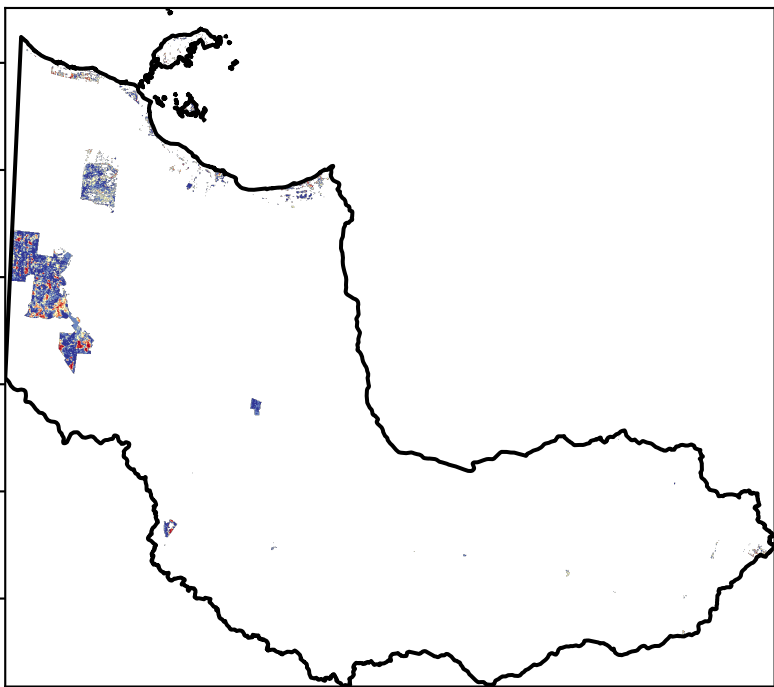
Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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

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

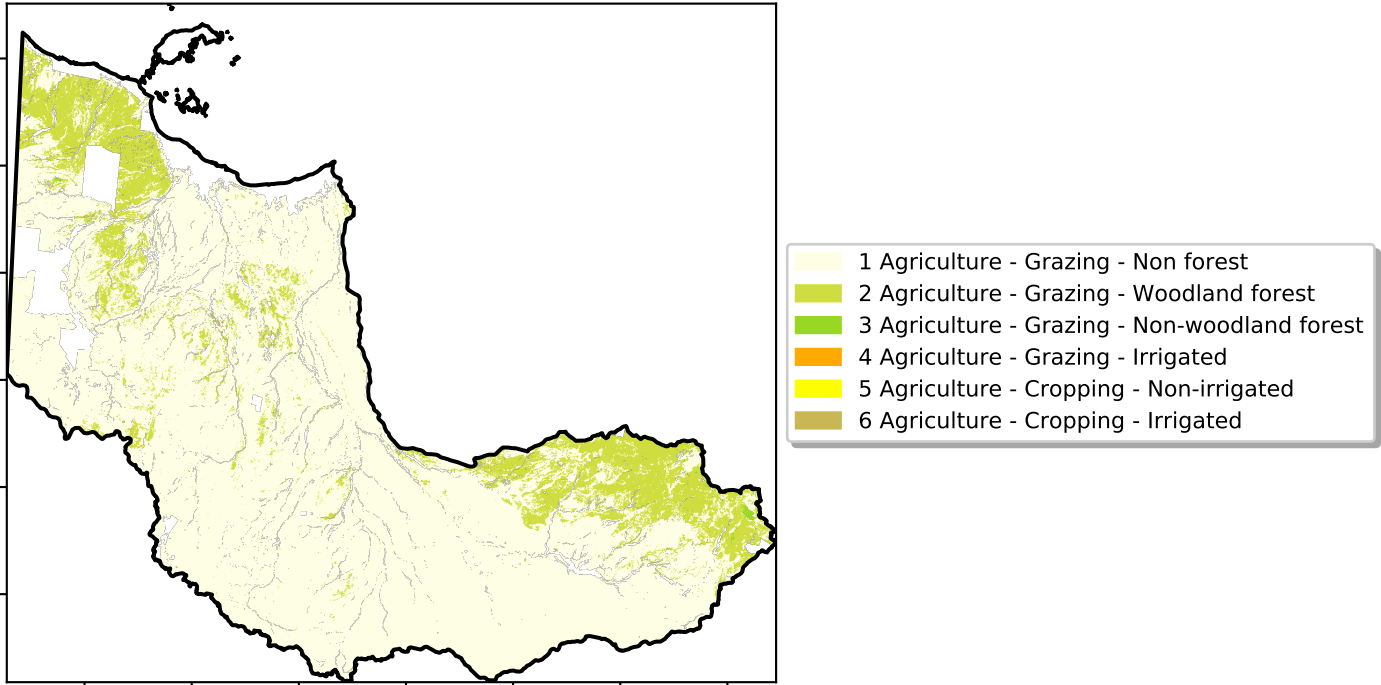Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

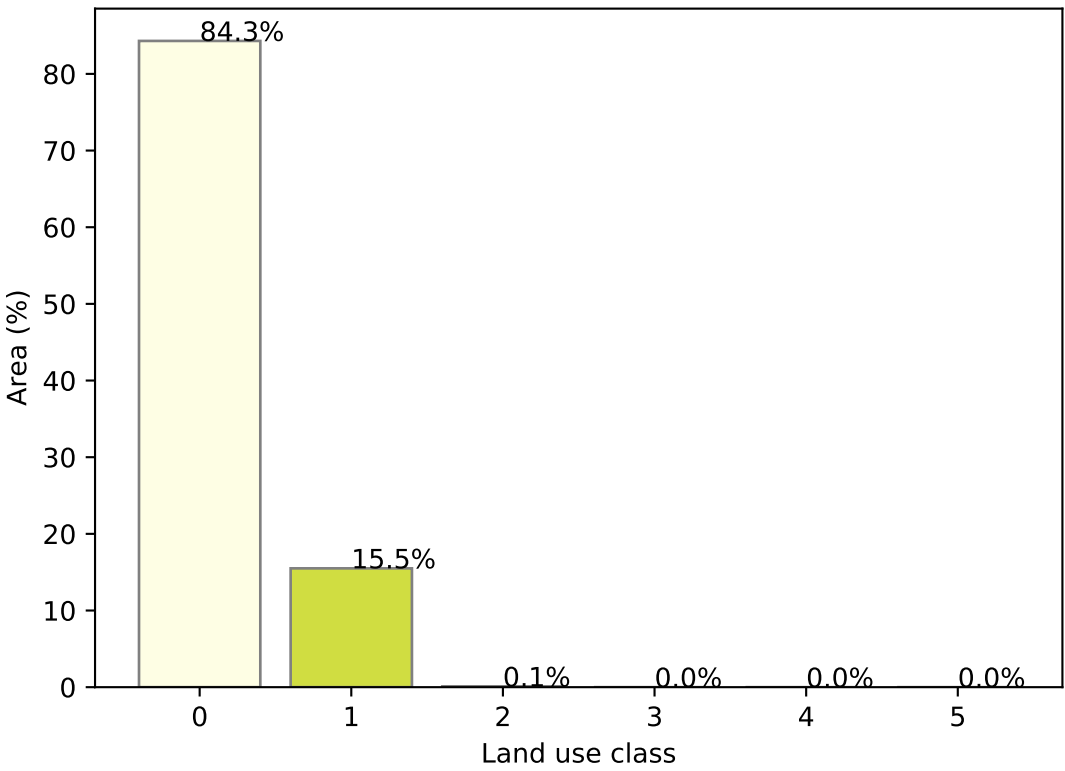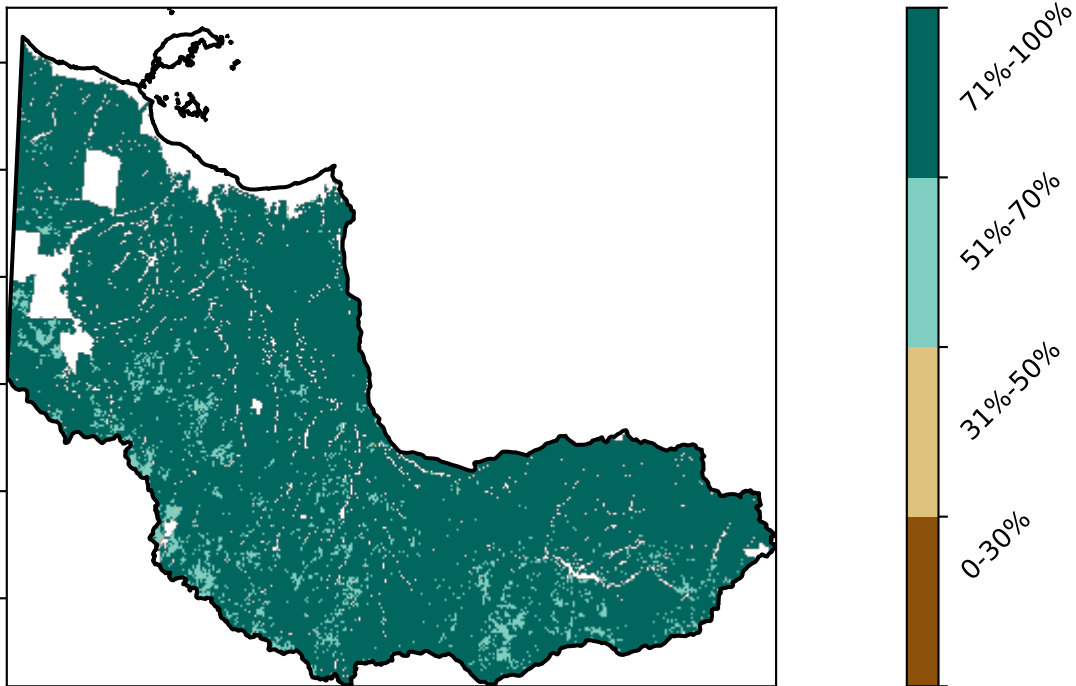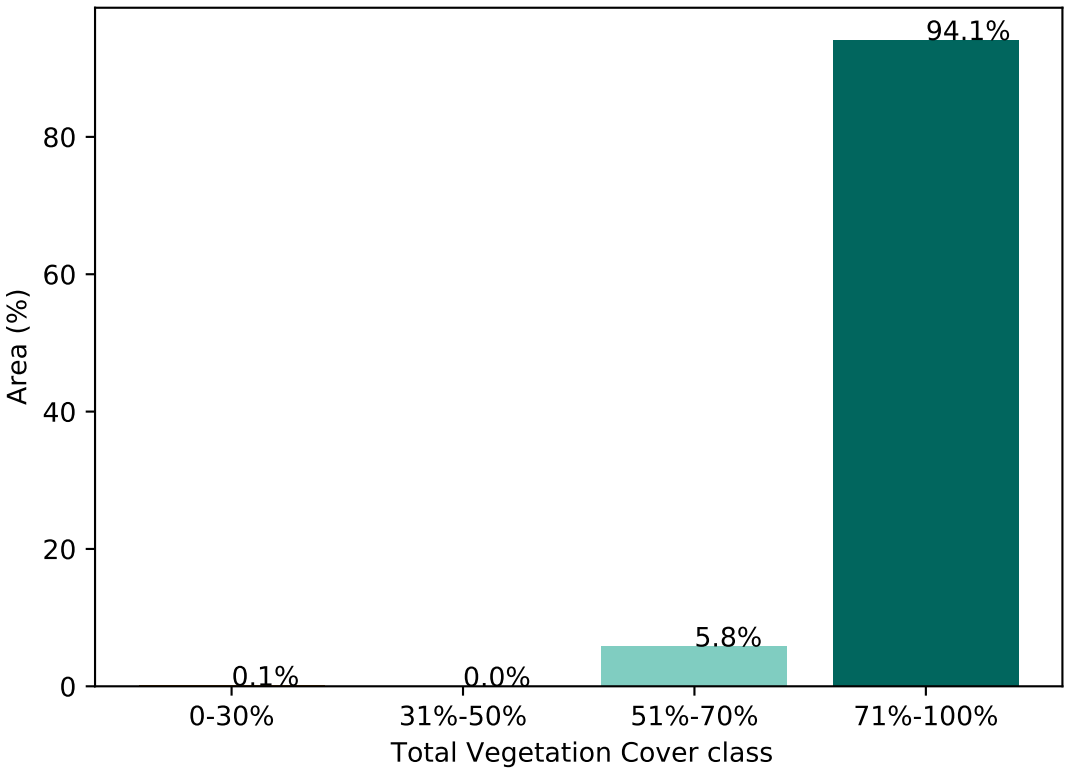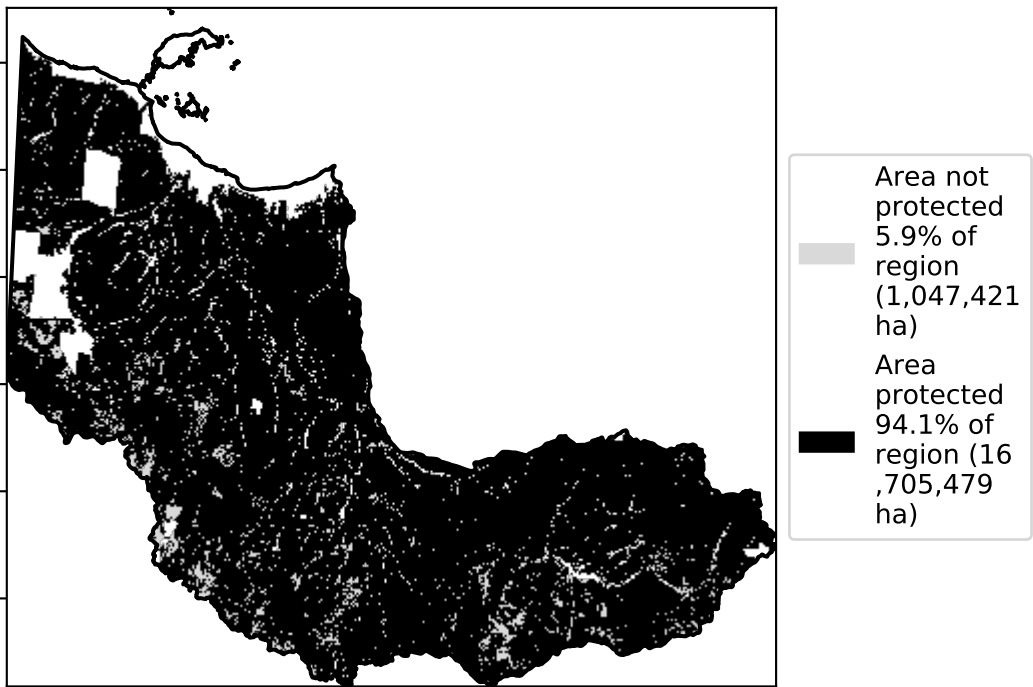Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

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1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
4 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
5 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
6 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 5.9% of region (1,047,421 ha)

Area protected 94.1% of region (16,705,479 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)

Area protected 100.0% of region (17,752,900 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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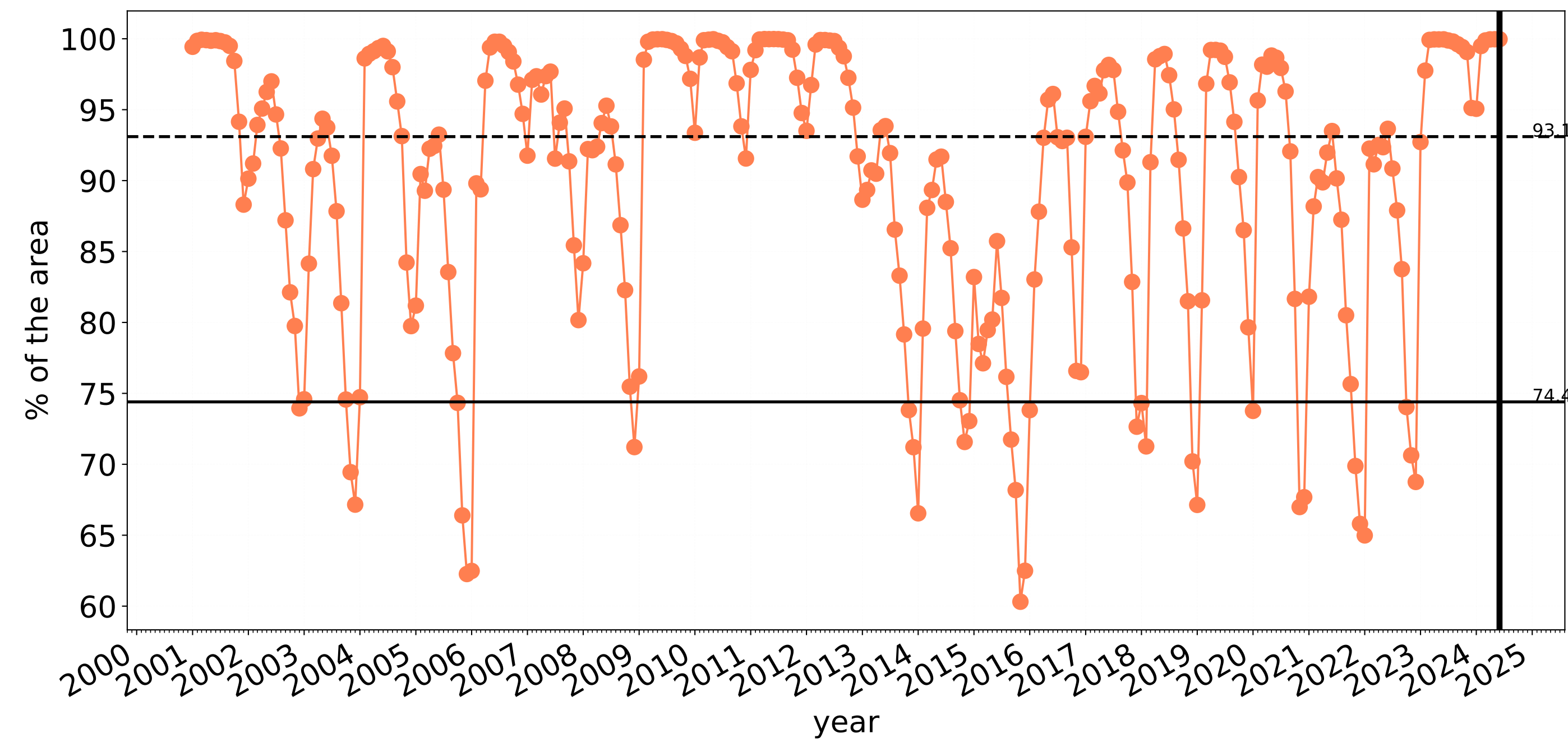

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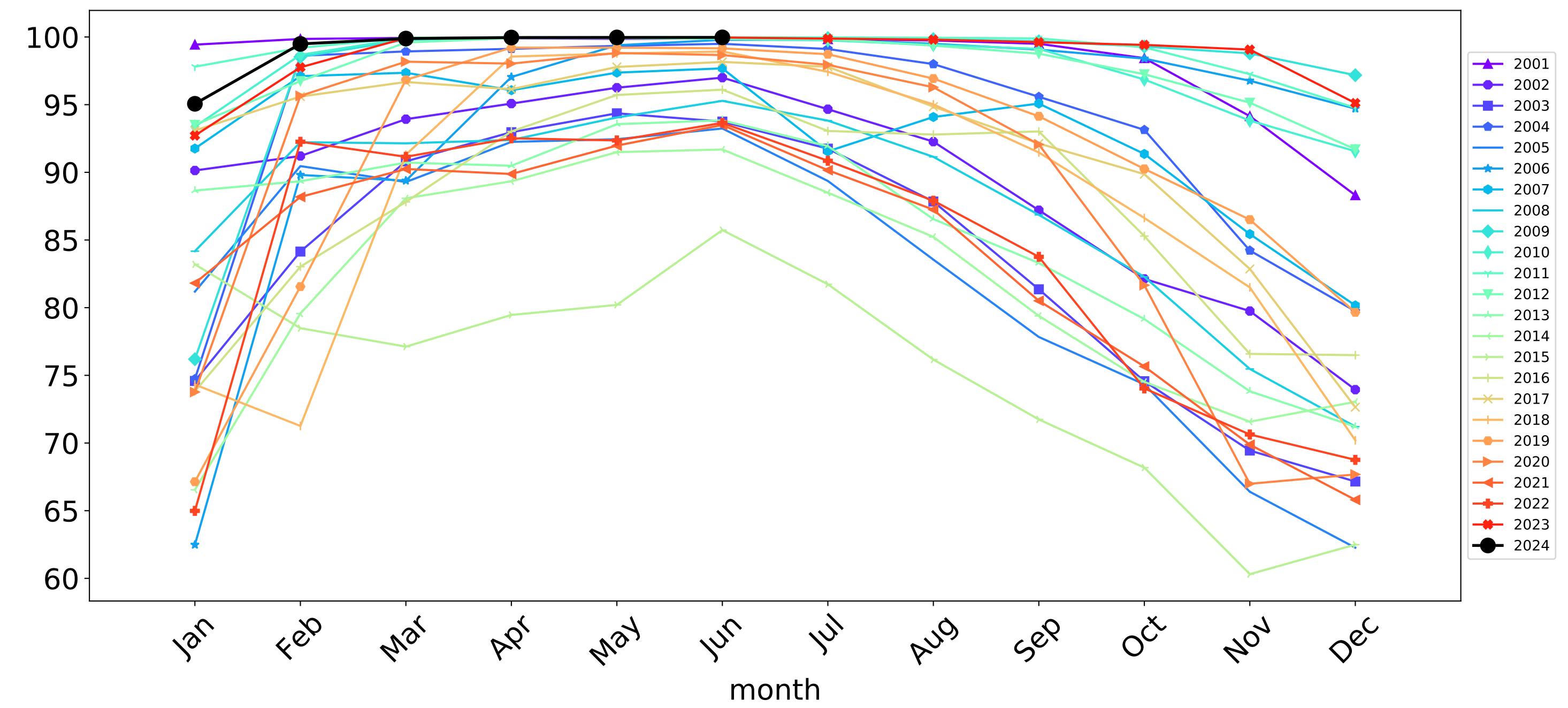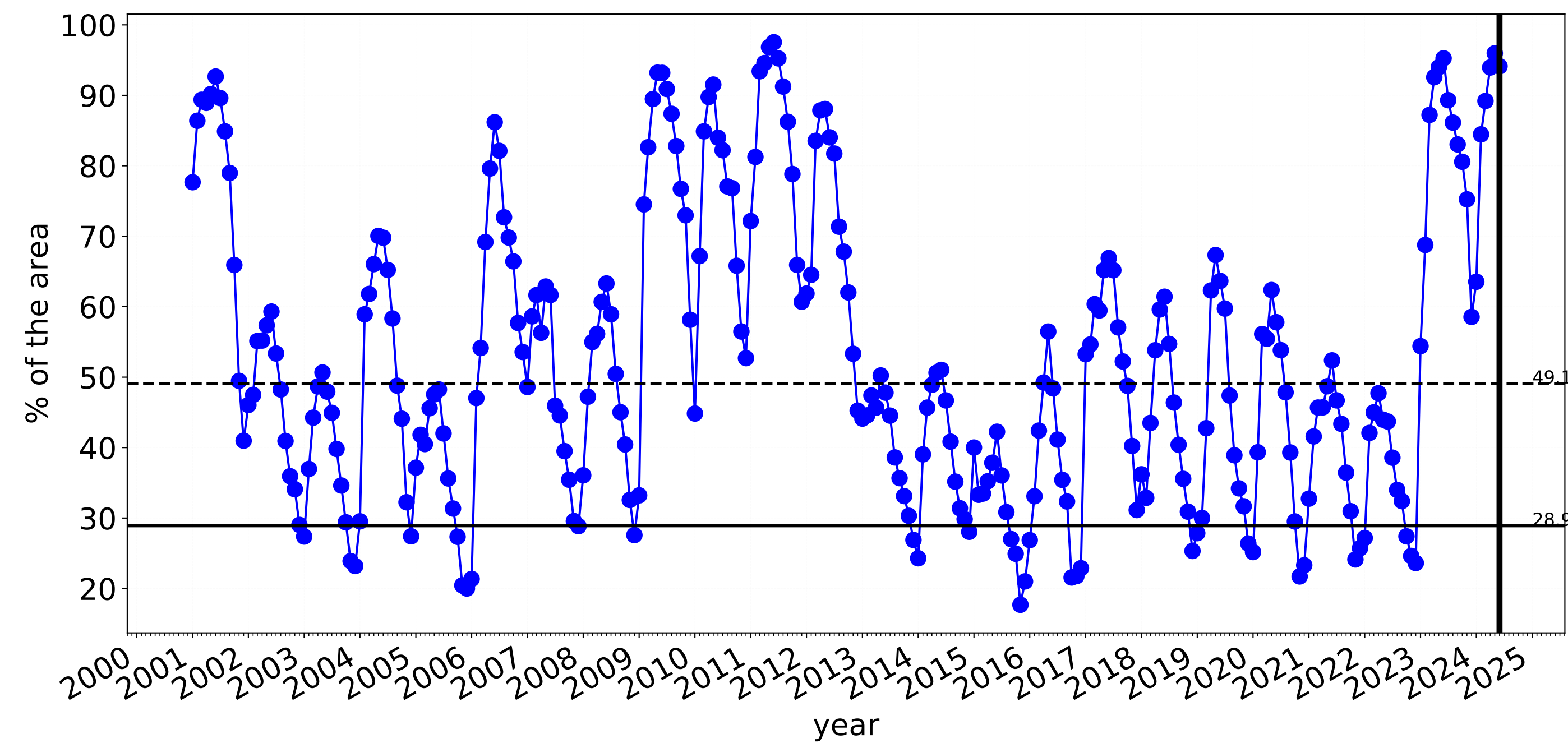
Agriculture timeseries

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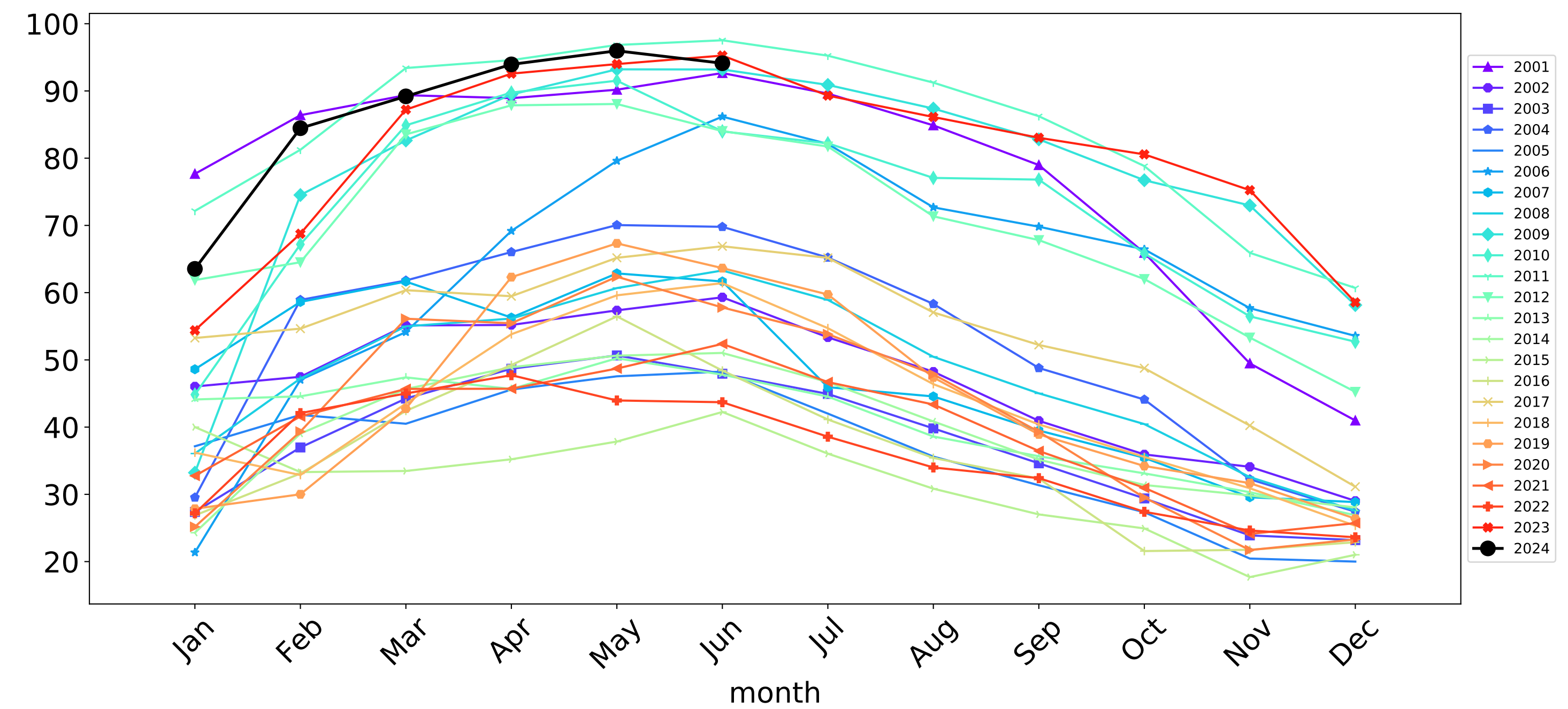

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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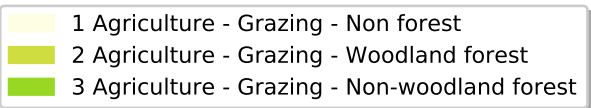

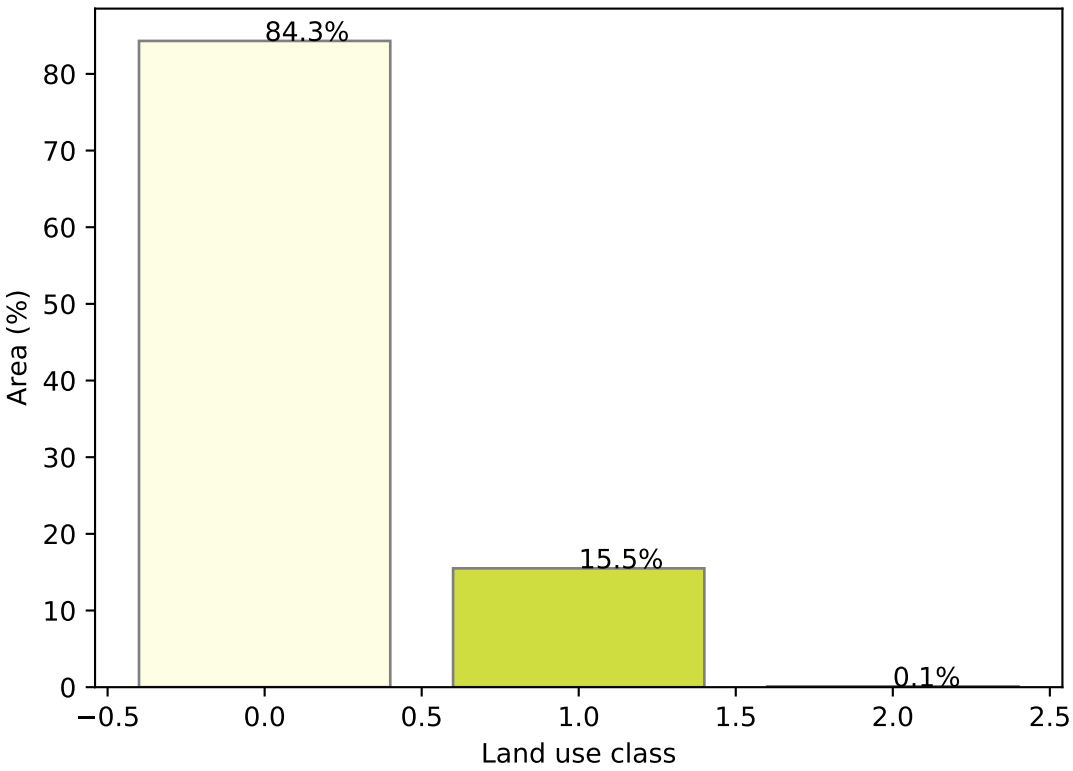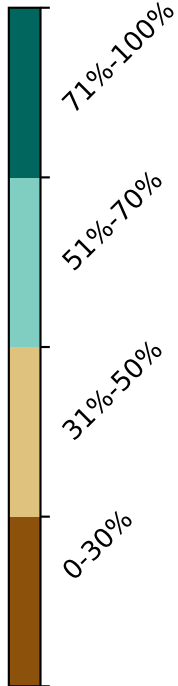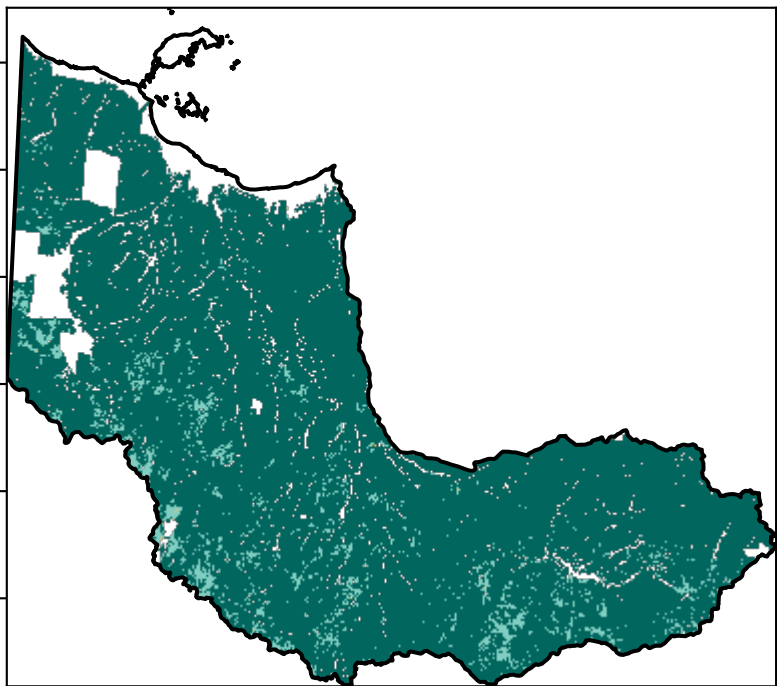Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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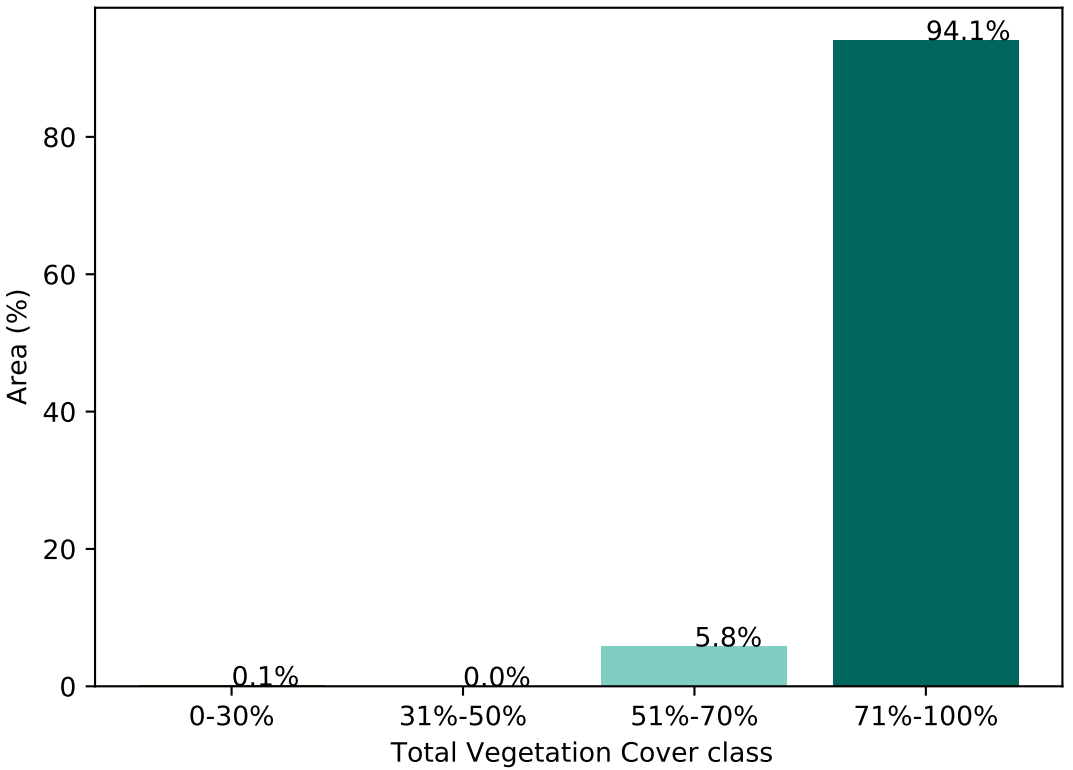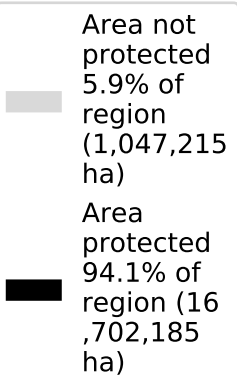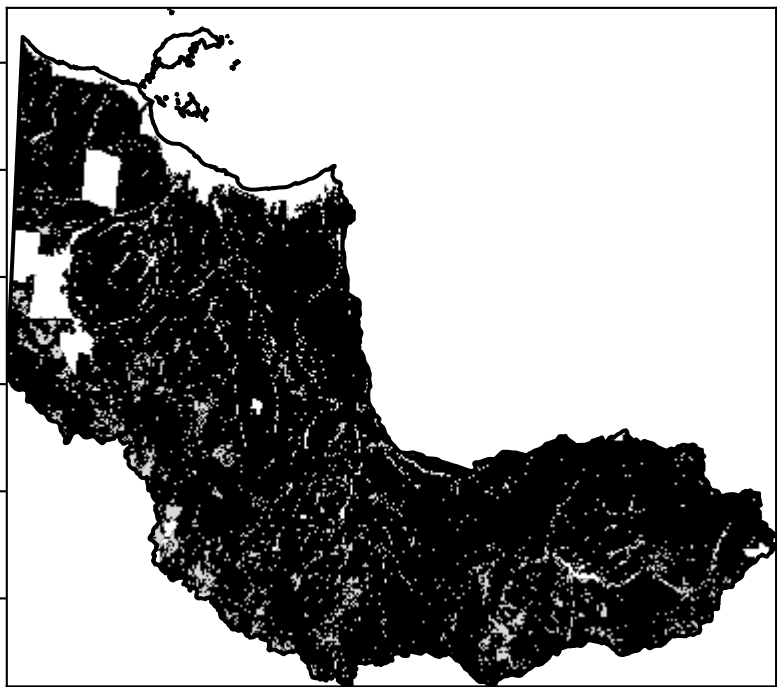Use of Australia
(2018) and Forests
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1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

Proportion of each land class in area

84.3%
15.5%
0.1%

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

94.1%
0.1%   0.0%   5.8%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
5.9% of
region
(1,047,215
ha)

Area
protected
94.1% of
region (16
,702,185
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
0.0% of
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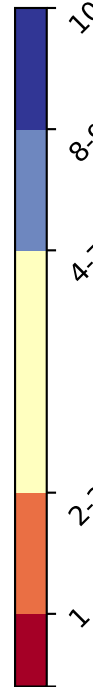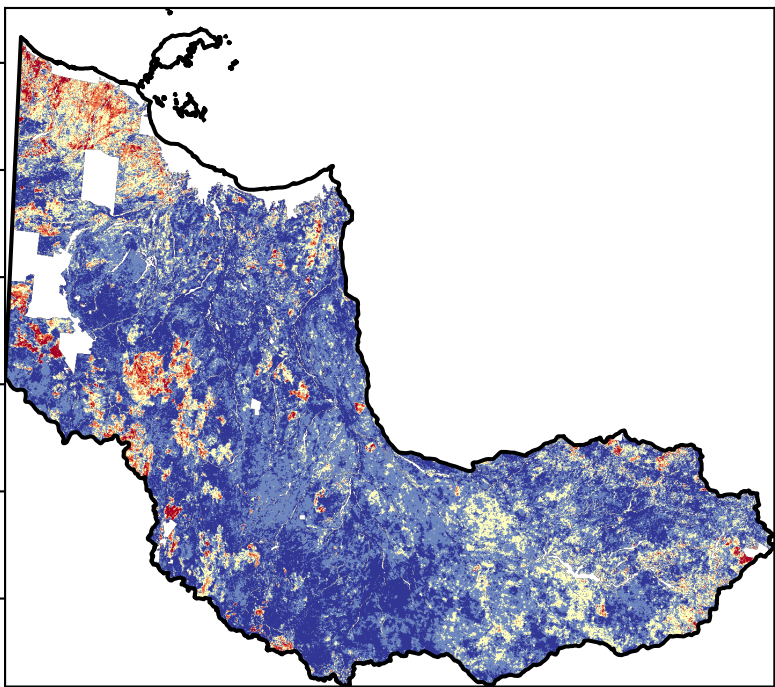ha)

Area
protected
100.0% of
region (17
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ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how
many percetage
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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Grazing timeseries

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

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

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

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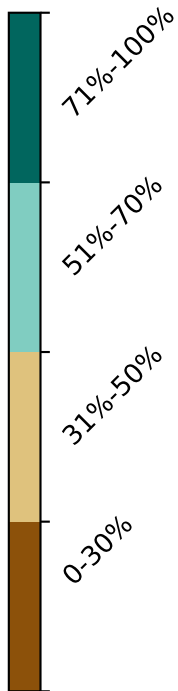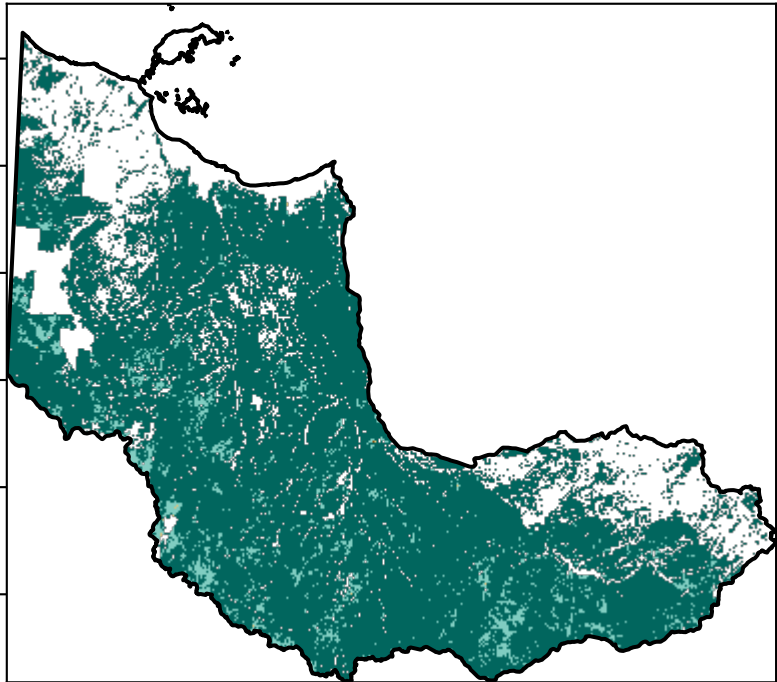
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

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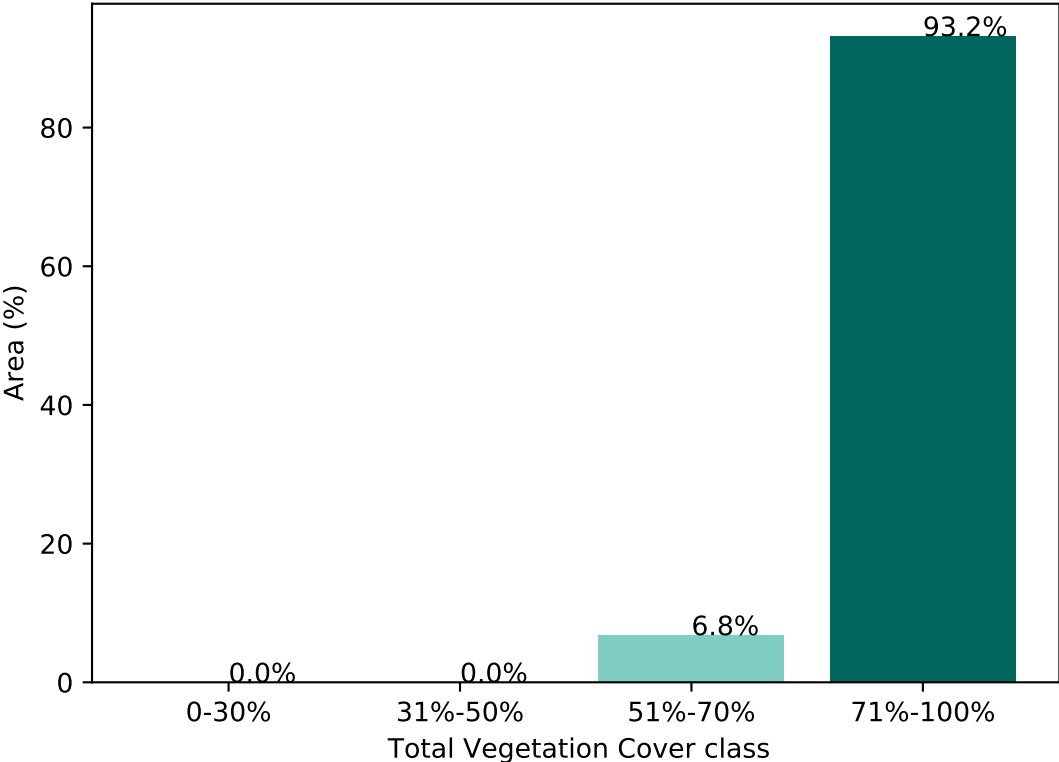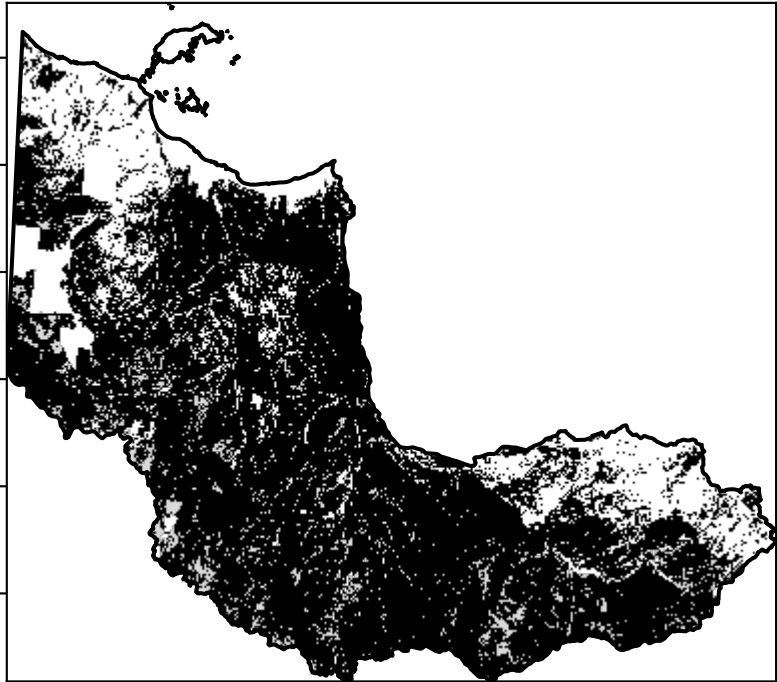
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%
51%-70%
31%-50%
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

93.2%

6.8%

0.0%   0.0%

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%
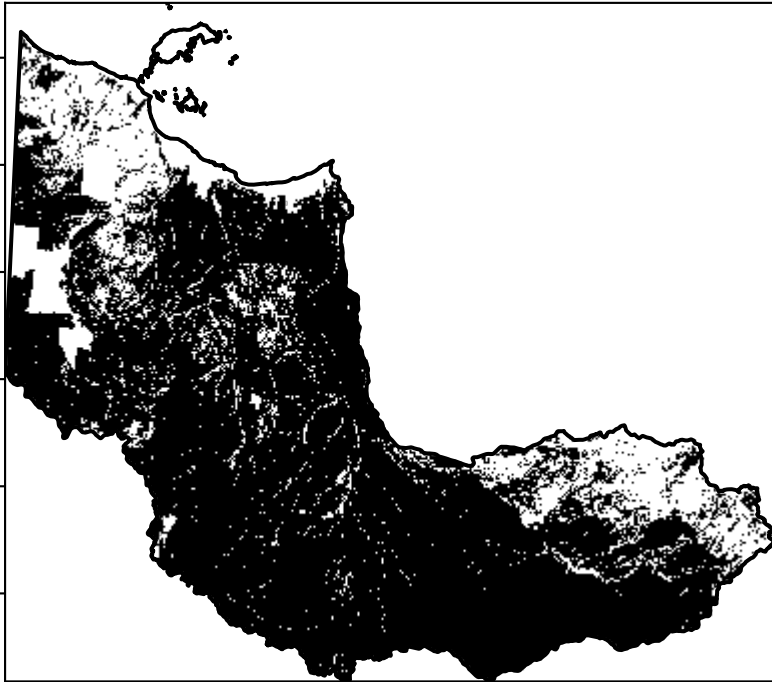
Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 6.8% of region (1,017,928 ha)
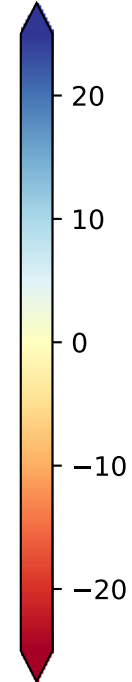
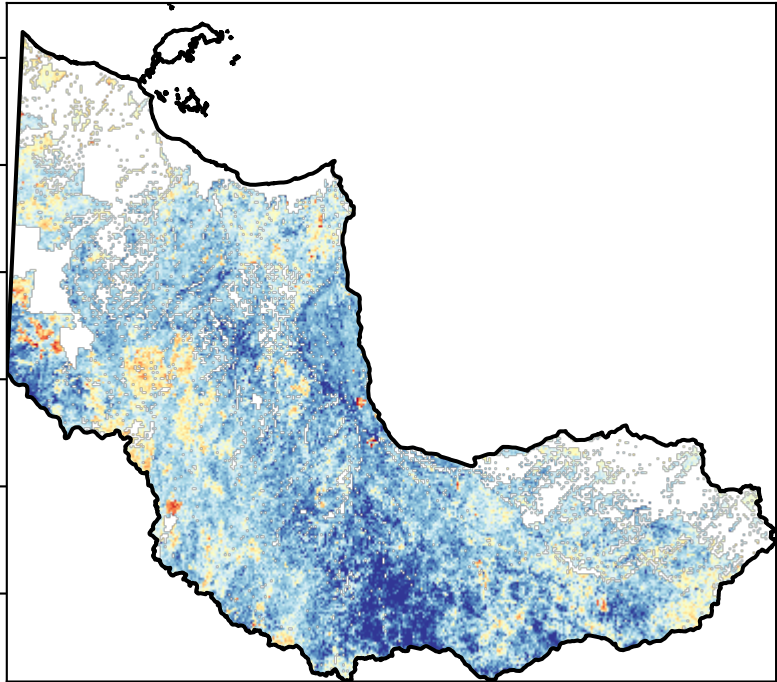Area protected 93.2% of region (13,951,597 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
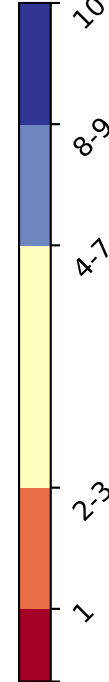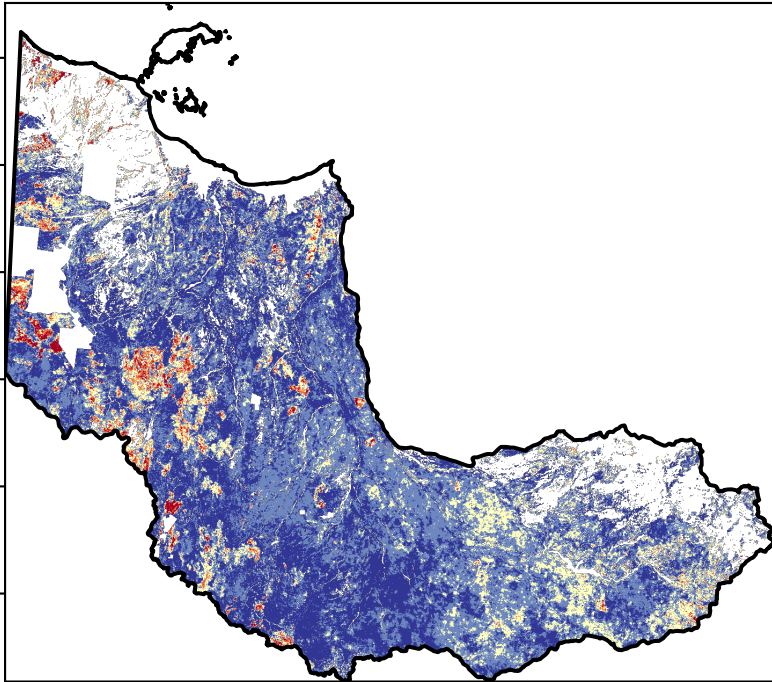
Area protected 100.0% of region (14,969,525 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

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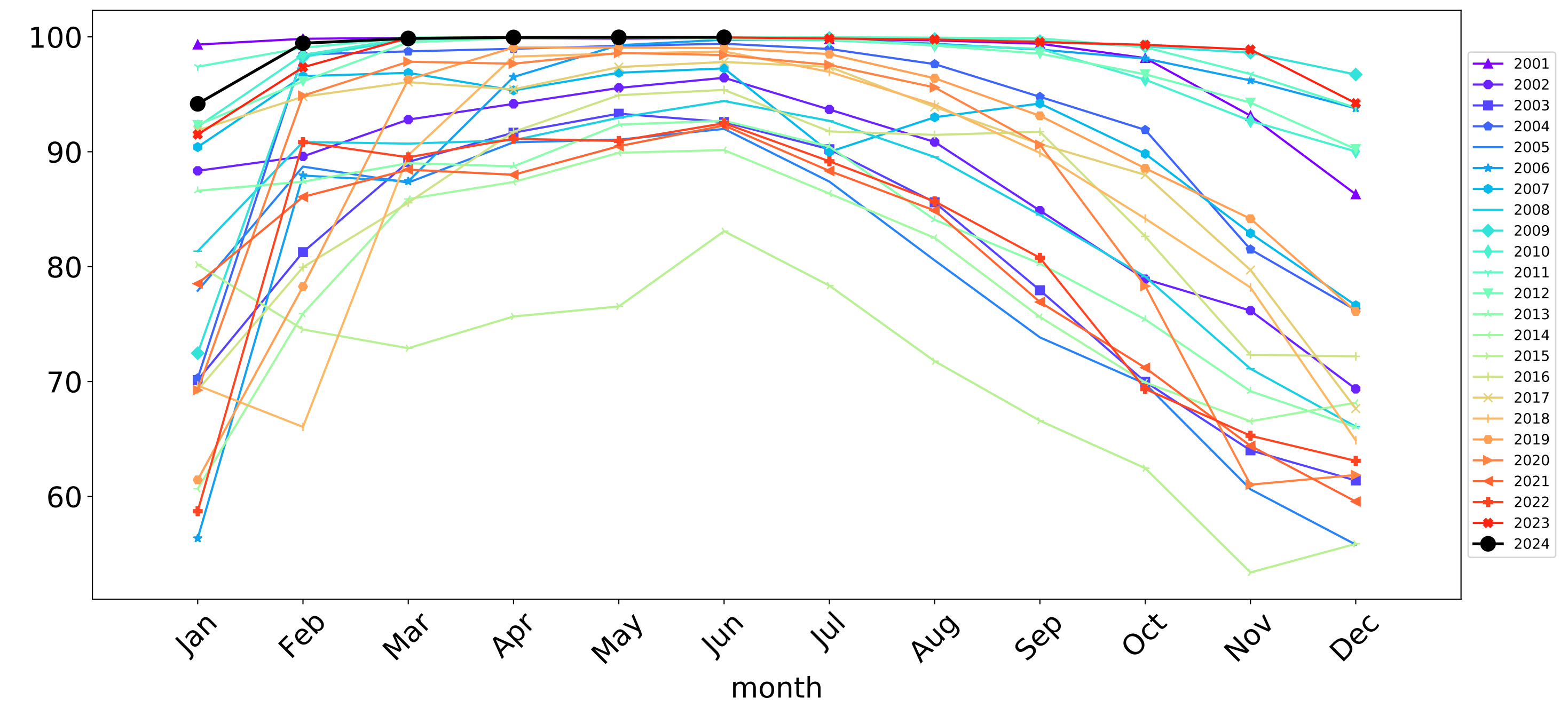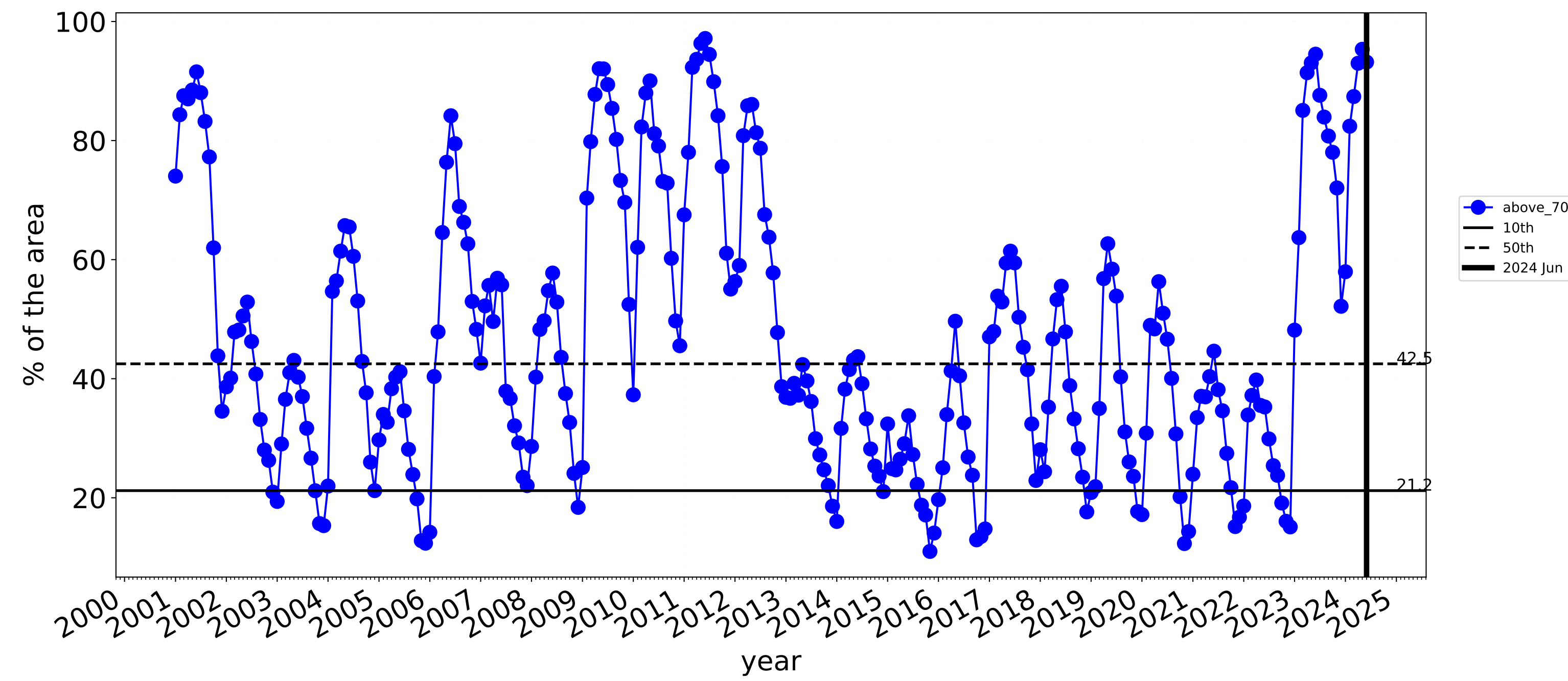1

Grazing non forest timeseries

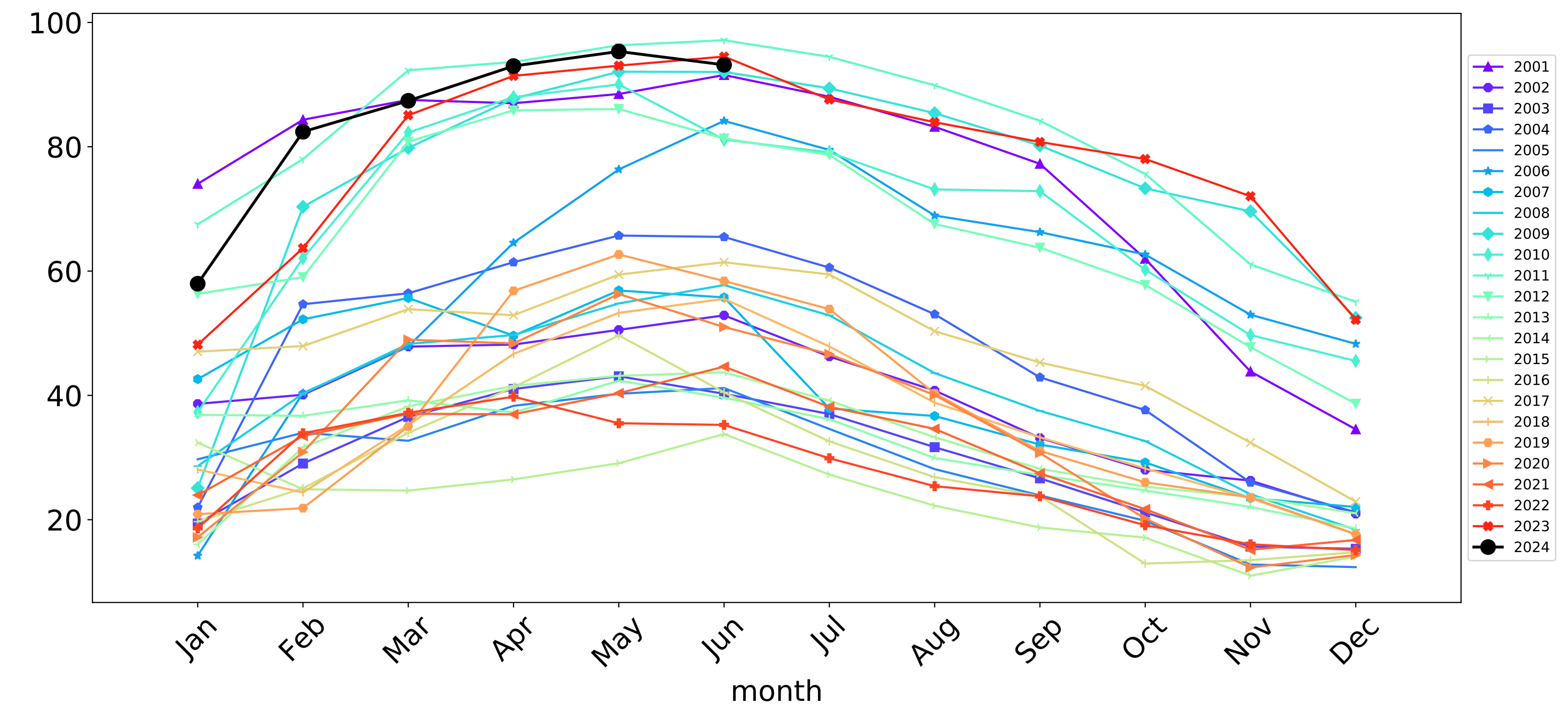Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

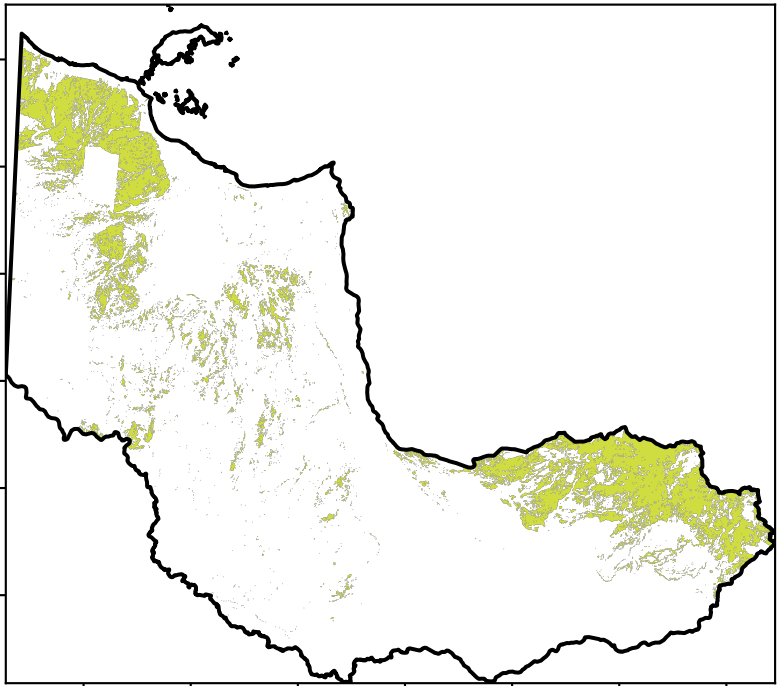Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

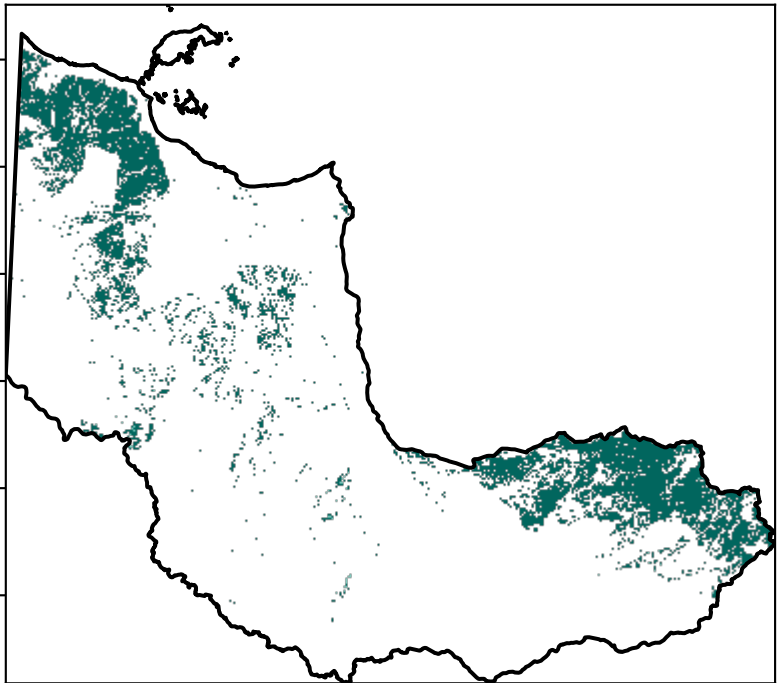Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
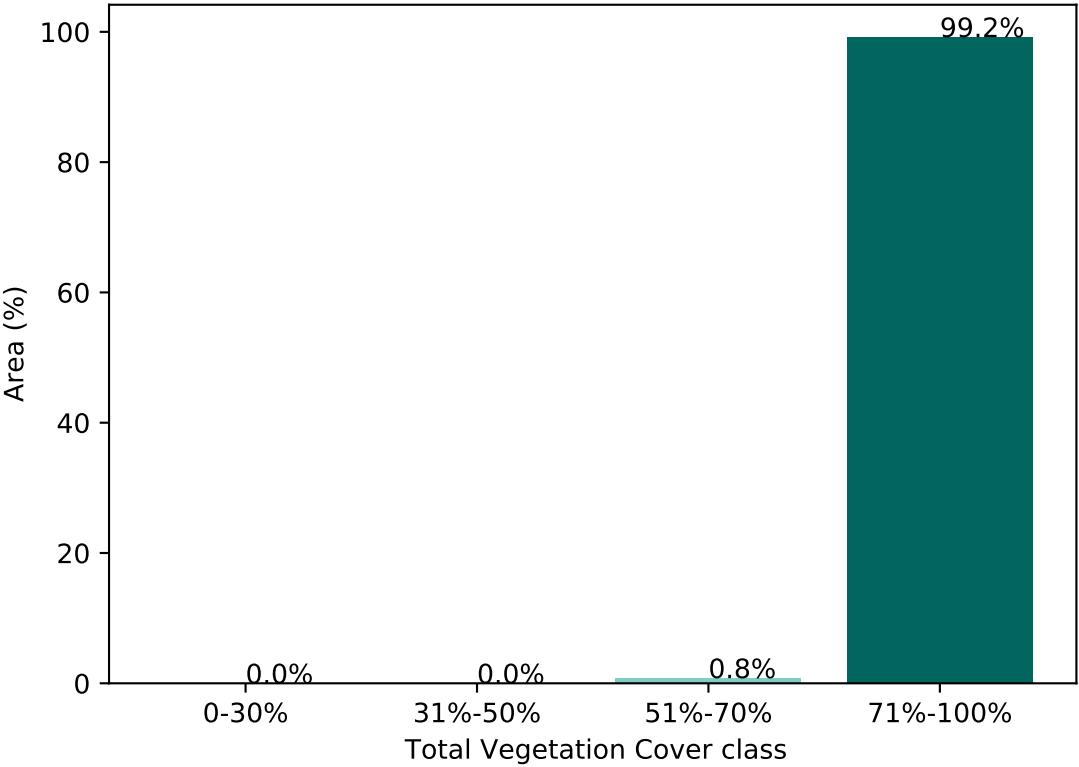
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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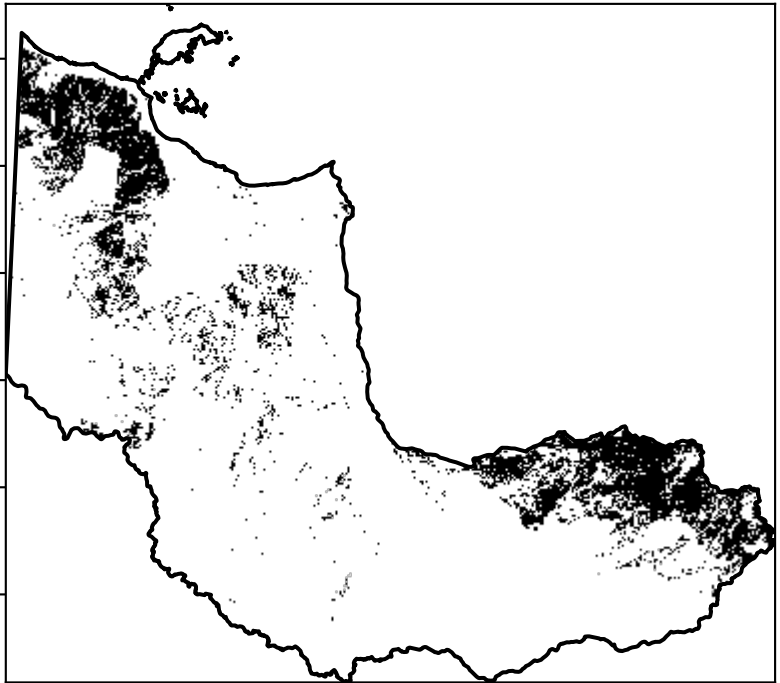(2018) and Forests
of Australia (2018)

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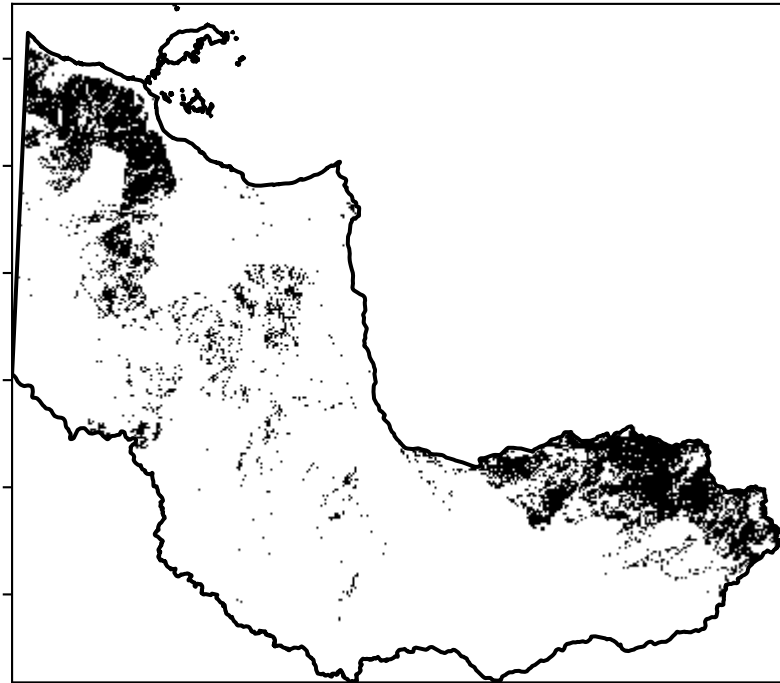
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

0.0%   0.0%   0.8%   99.2%

Area (%)

0-30%   31%-50%   51%-70%   71%-100%
Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
0.8% of
region
(22,059
ha)

Area
protected
99.2% of
region
(2,735,291
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area
protected
100.0% of
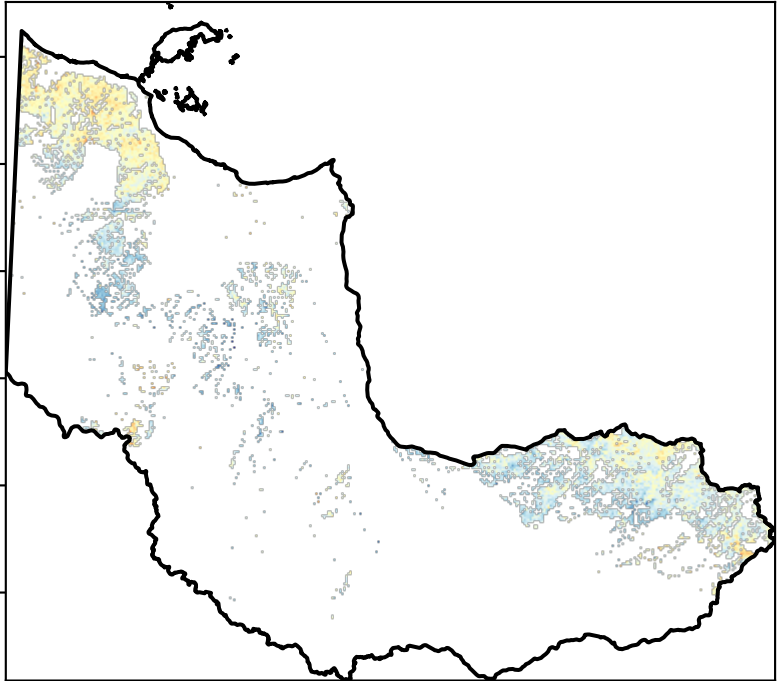region
(2,757,350
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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many percetage
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

Deciles show where the
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Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

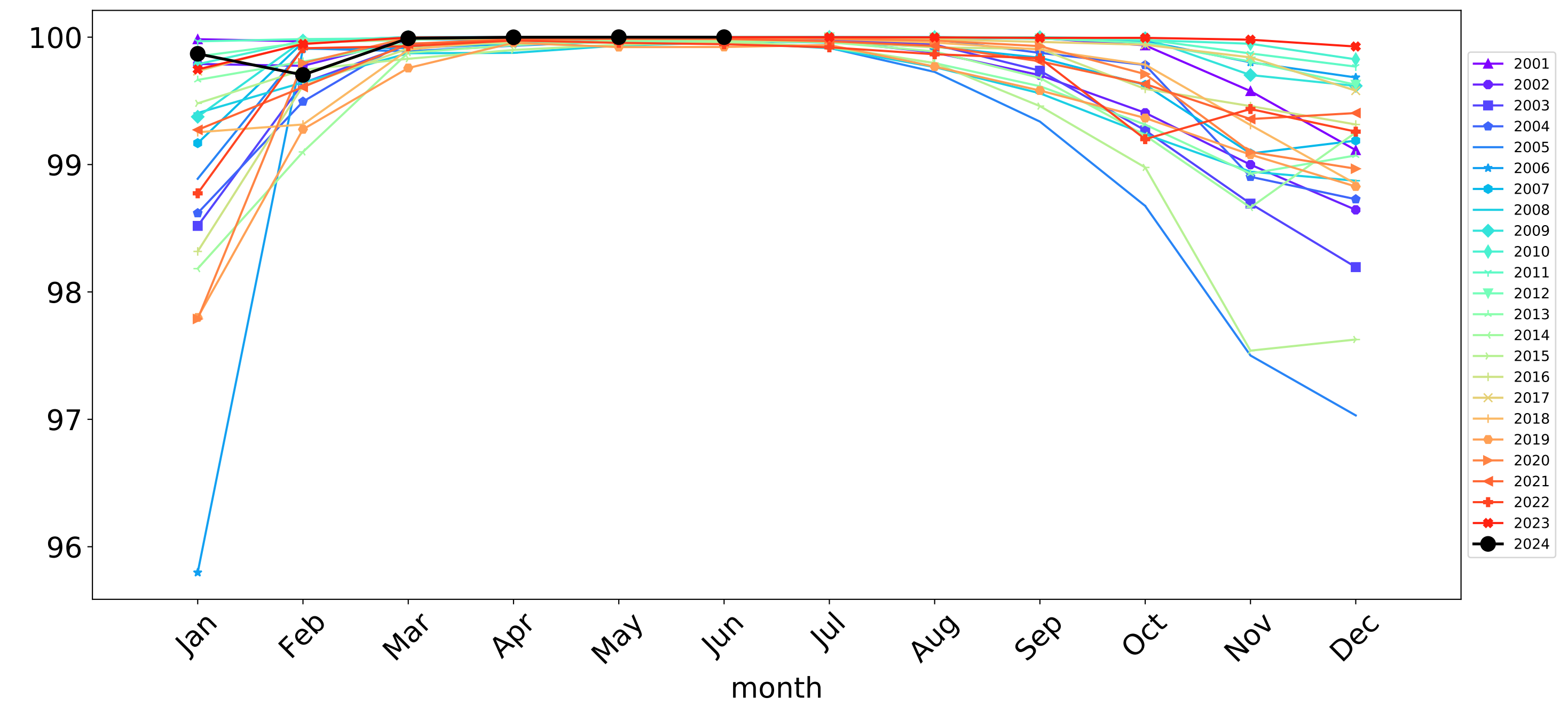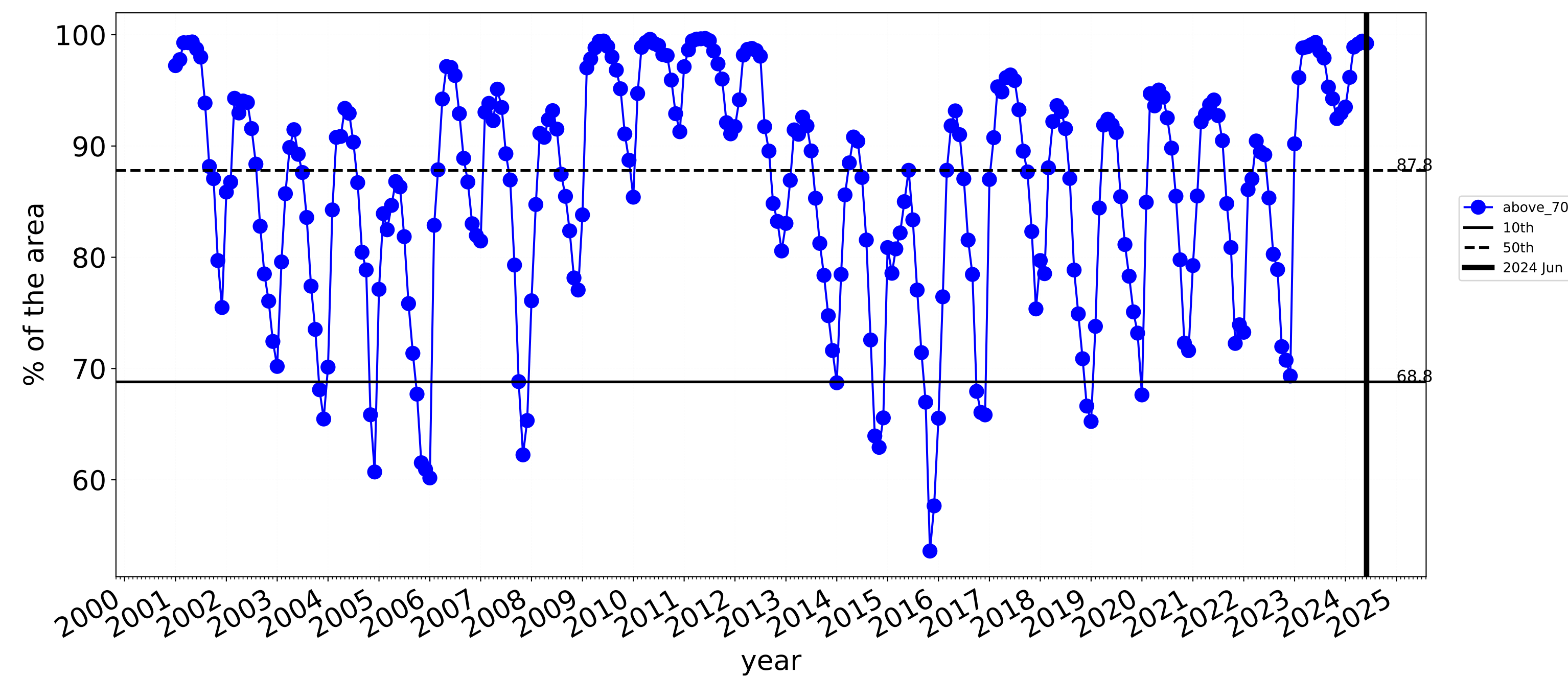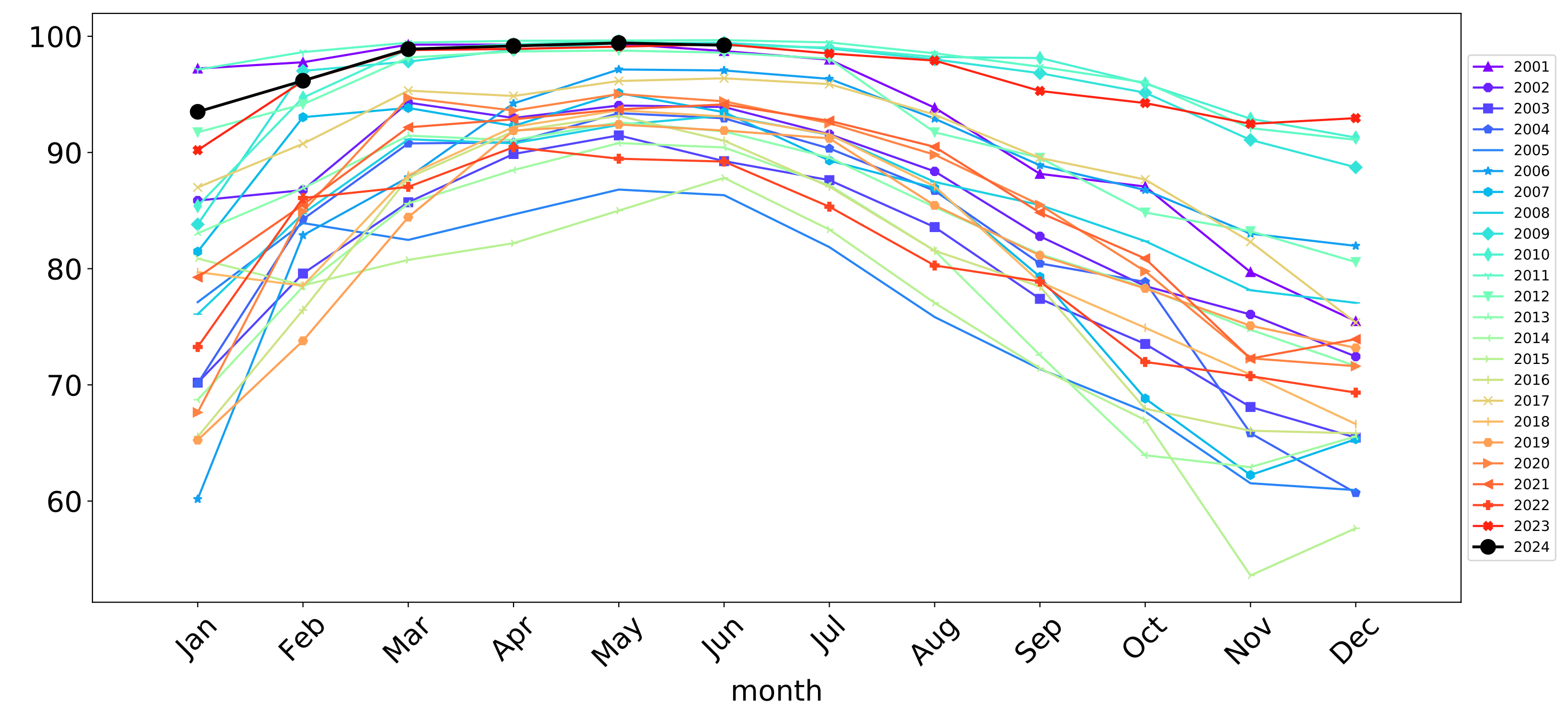Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)
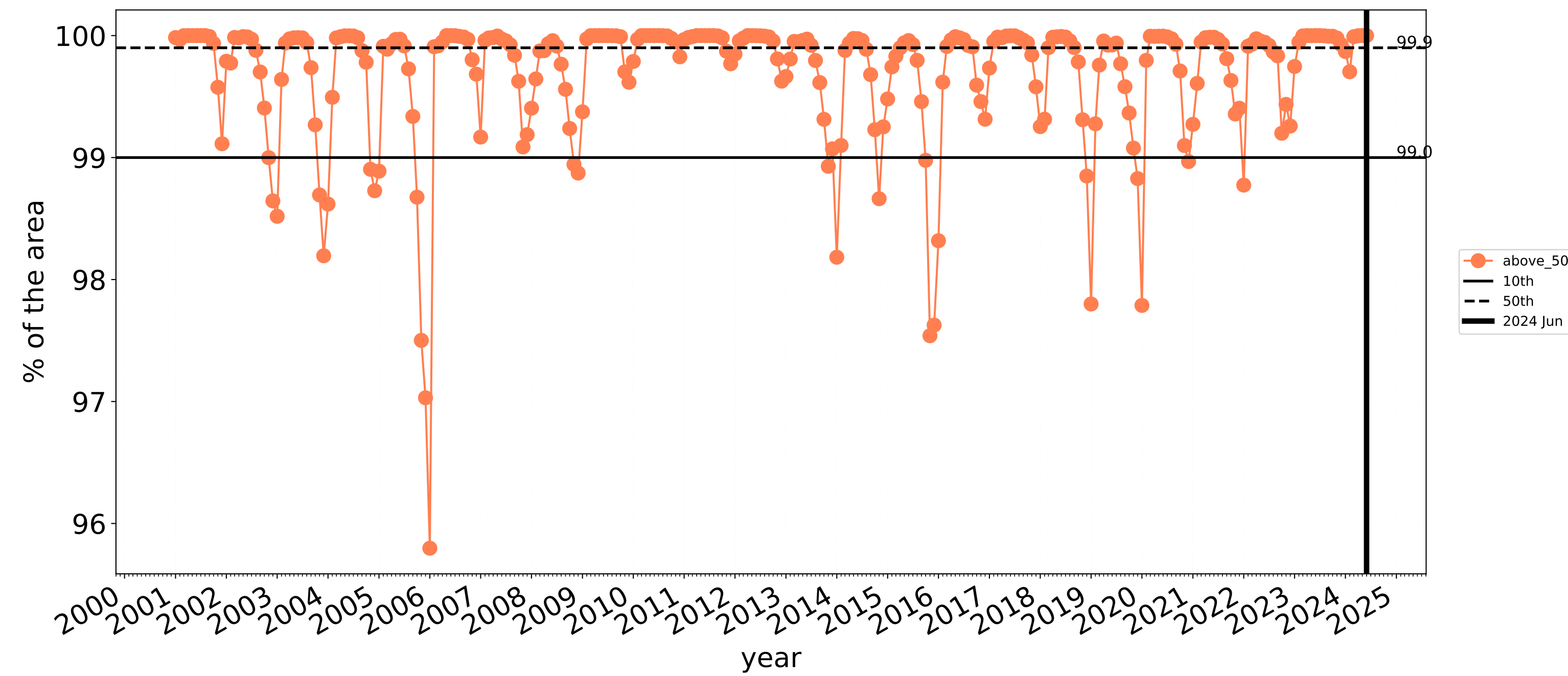
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

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

Southern Gulf (19,452,925 ha and no data 27,576 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	19,452,925	99.9% 19,441,225	99.5% 19,361,475	92.9% 18,078,925	70.5% 13,713,150	28.1% 5,467,550	10.0% 1,936,325
Conservation and natural environments	780,175	100.0% 779,950	99.8% 778,600	92.7% 723,125	69.6% 542,800	25.3% 197,425	8.9% 69,050
Conservation and natural environments non forest	572,425	100.0% 572,225	99.8% 571,000	90.3% 516,875	60.1% 344,050	13.0% 74,350	4.1% 23,500
Agriculture	17,752,900	100.0% 17,752,475	100.0% 17,747,450	94.1% 16,709,300	71.7% 12,737,425	28.9% 5,127,450	10.3% 1,821,375
Grazing	17,749,400	100.0% 17,748,975	100.0% 17,744,025	94.1% 16,706,675	71.8% 12,735,275	28.9% 5,126,400	10.3% 1,820,650
Grazing non forest	14,969,525	100.0% 14,969,100	100.0% 14,964,150	93.2% 13,948,275	67.8% 10,151,150	26.9% 4,020,675	11.5% 1,721,325
Grazing Woodland forest	2,757,350	100.0% 2,757,350	100.0% 2,757,350	99.2% 2,736,000	93.0% 2,563,000	39.6% 1,093,075	3.6% 99,100