Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Wet Tropics QLD

Date: October 2023

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.

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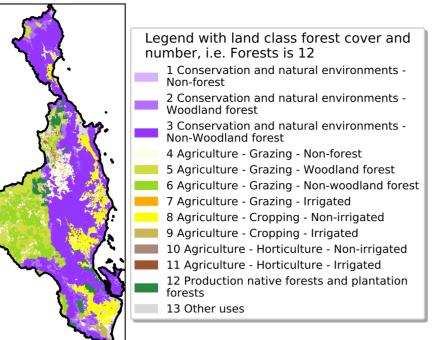
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Vegetation Cover Oct 2023

Land use and forest cover



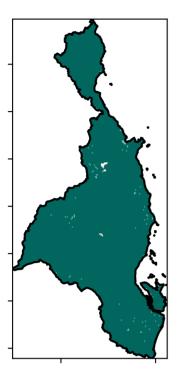
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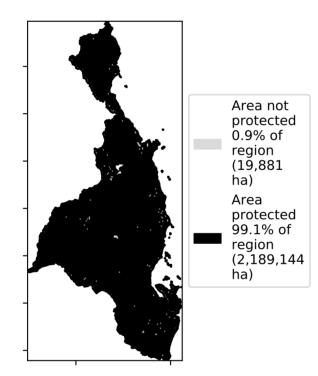
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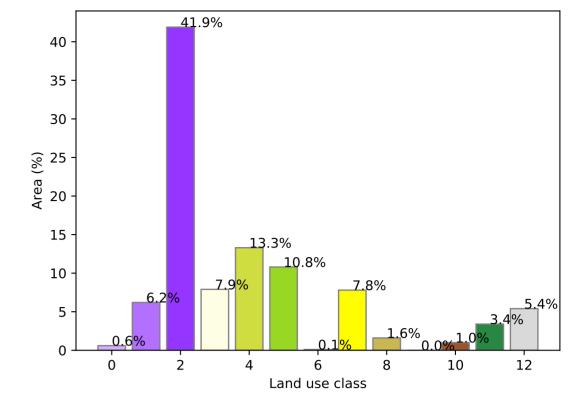
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]

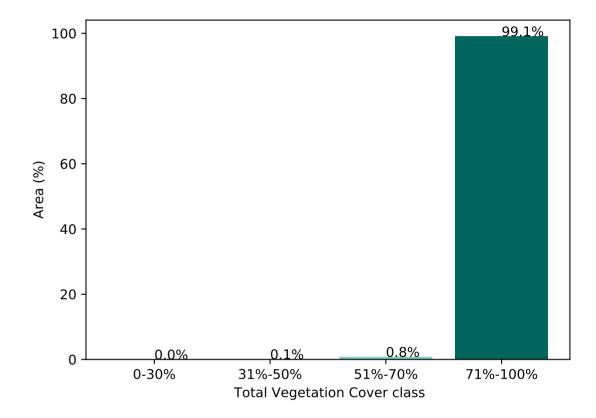


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

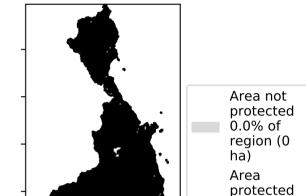




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Catchment Scale

of Australia (2018)

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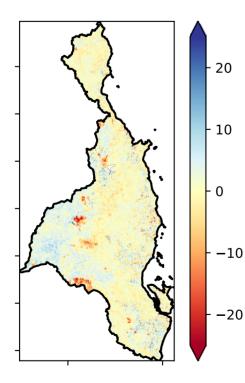
Use of Australia

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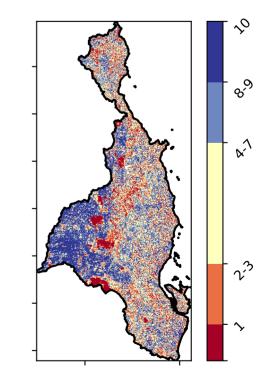
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Land Use and Forests

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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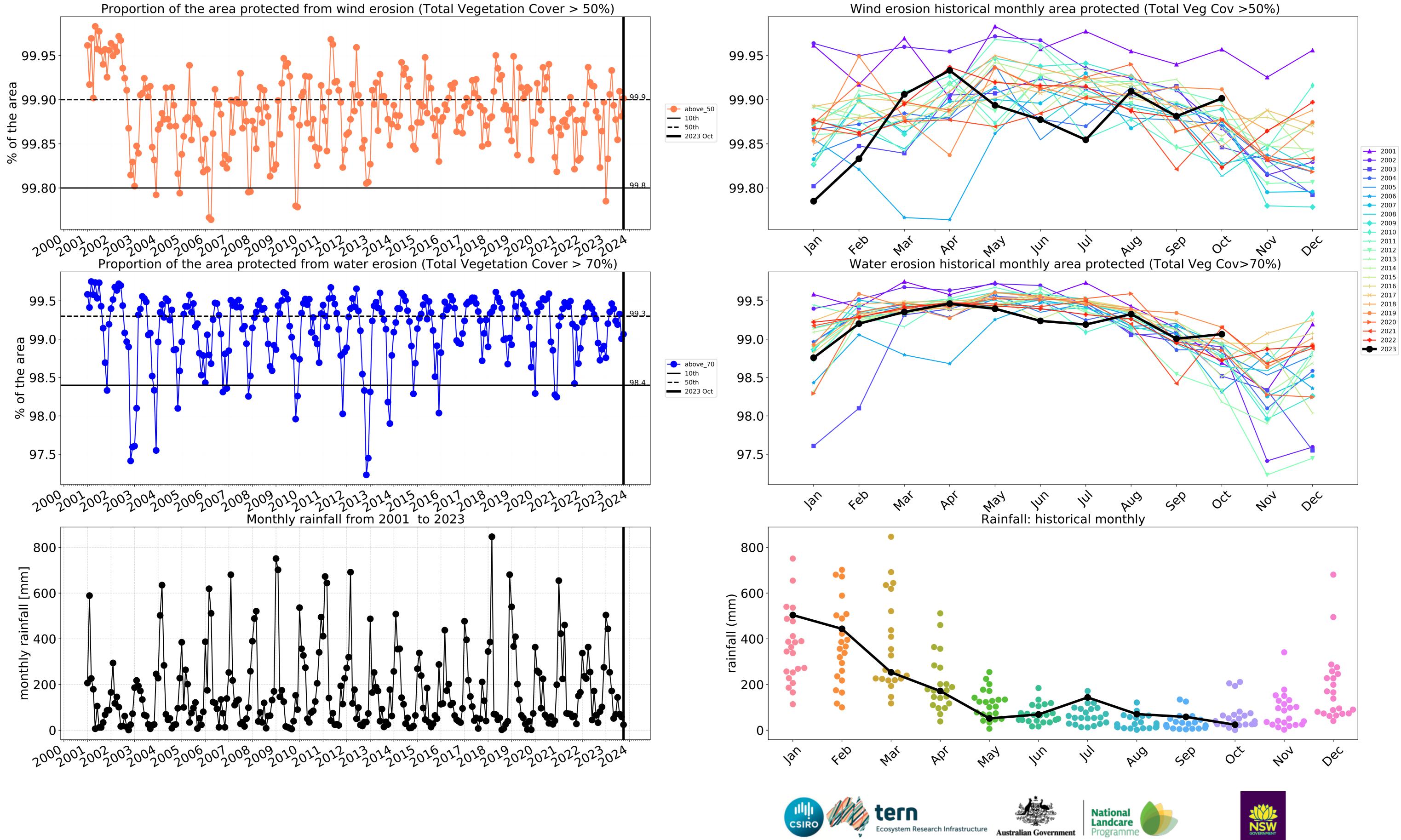
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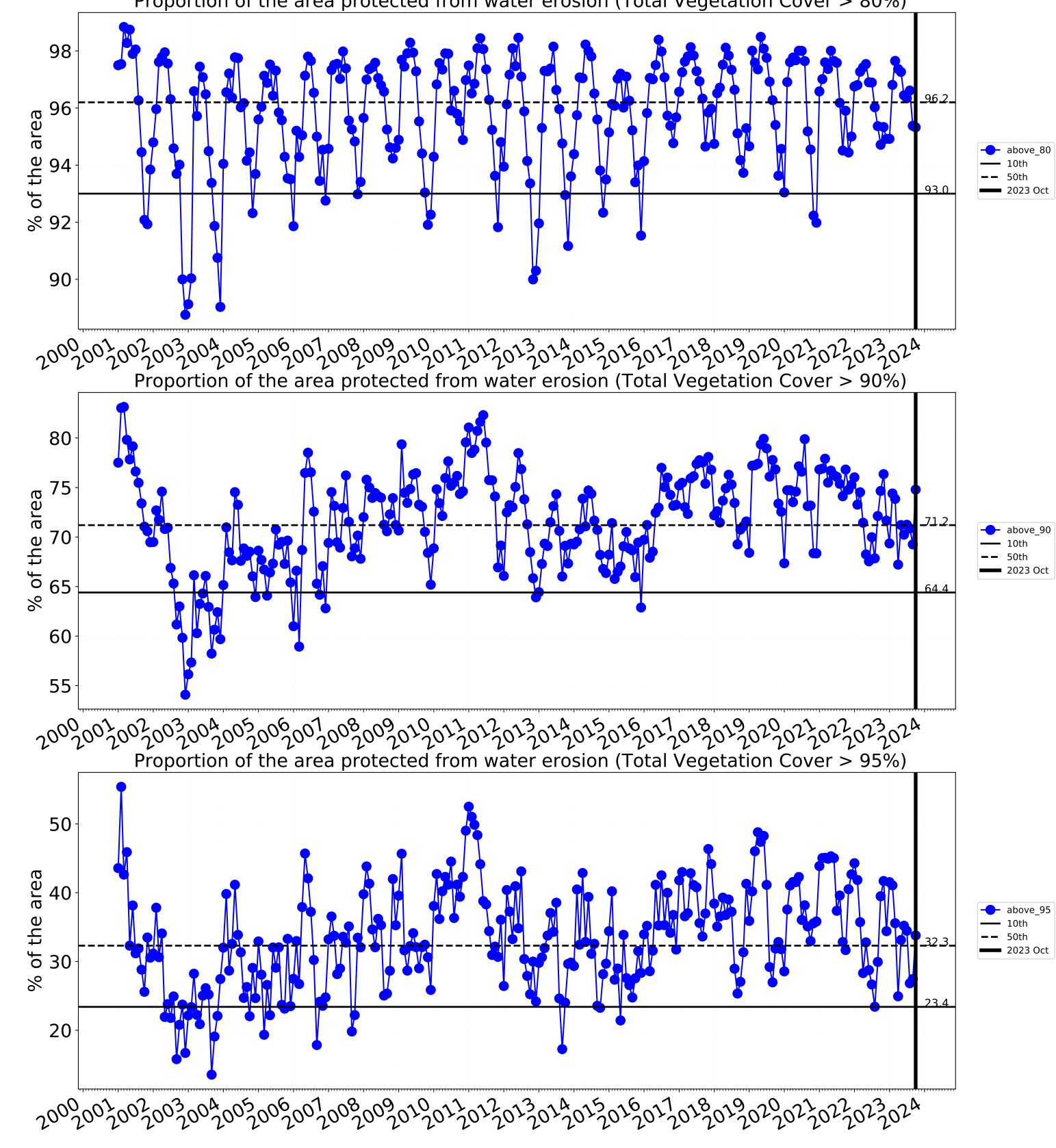
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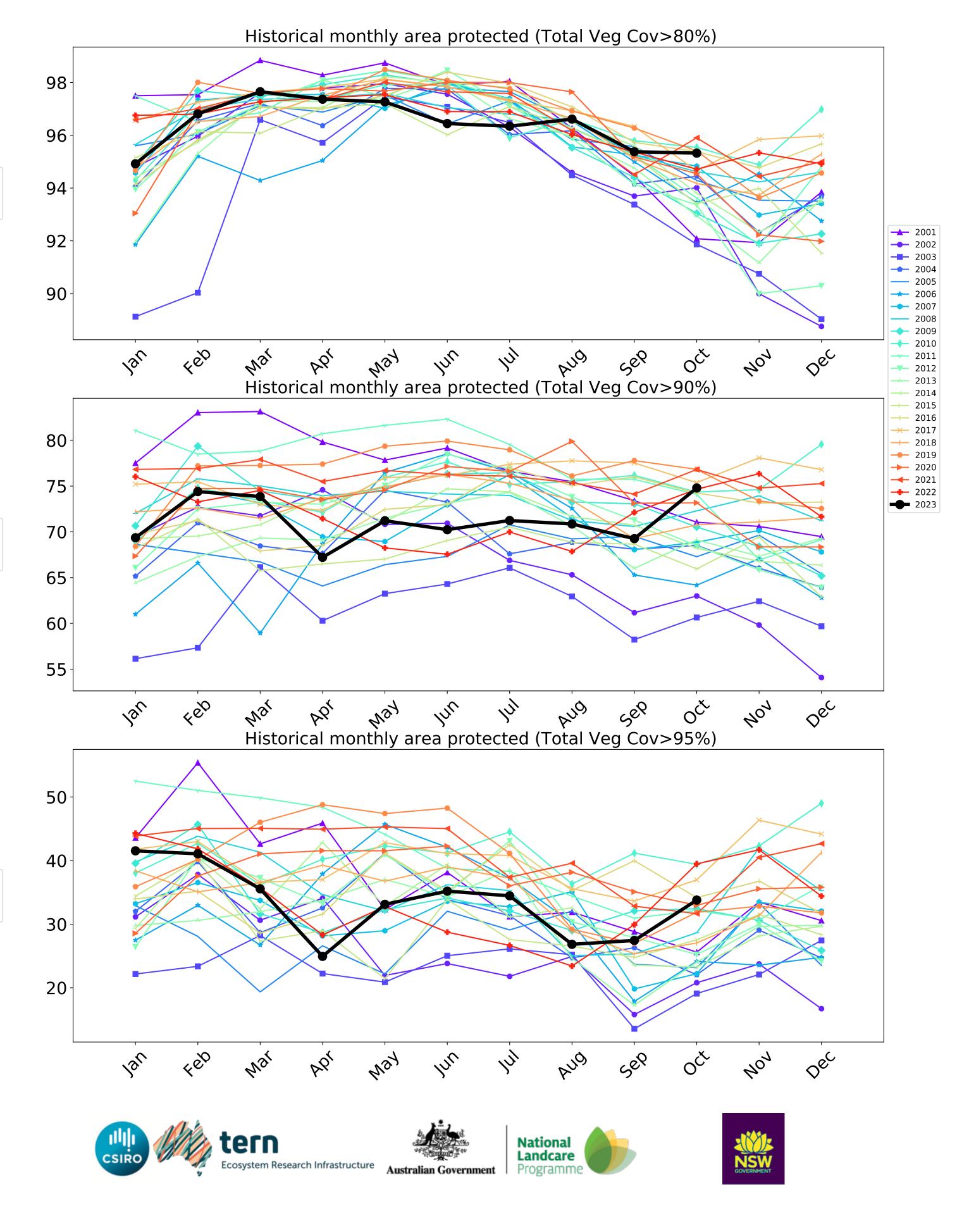




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)







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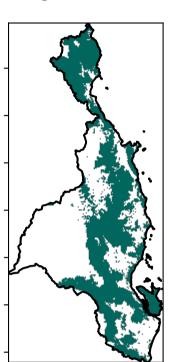
Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

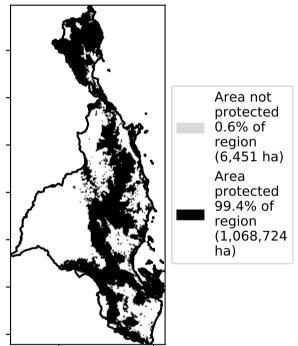


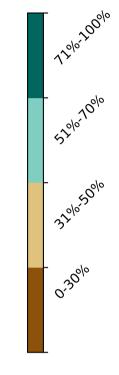
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2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments - Nonwoodland forest

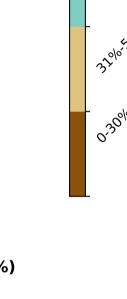
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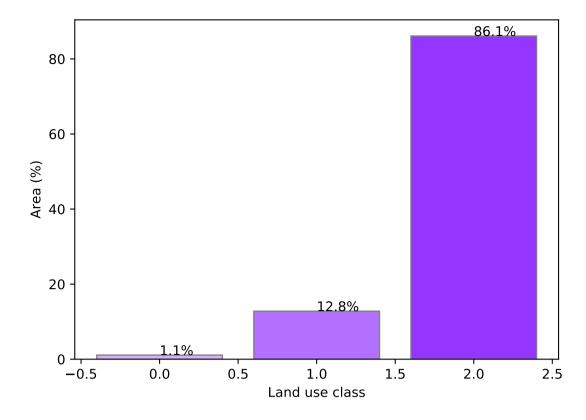




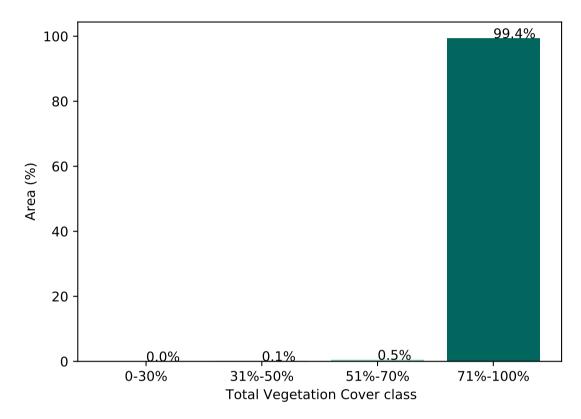








Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

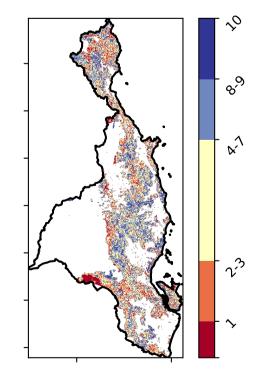


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



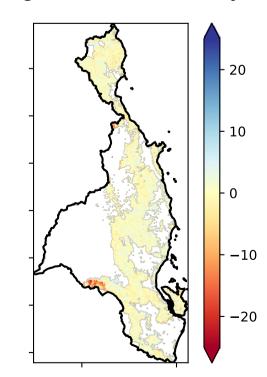
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



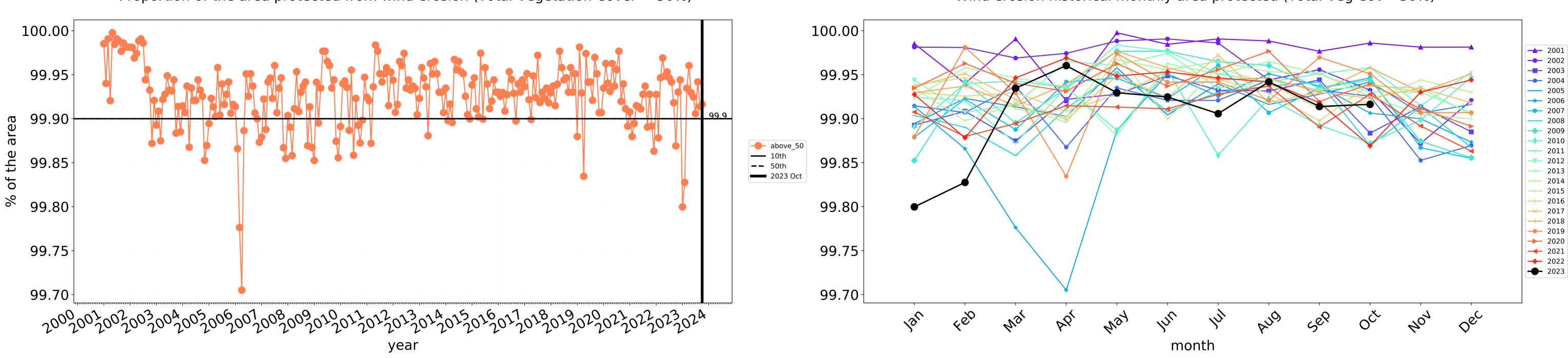
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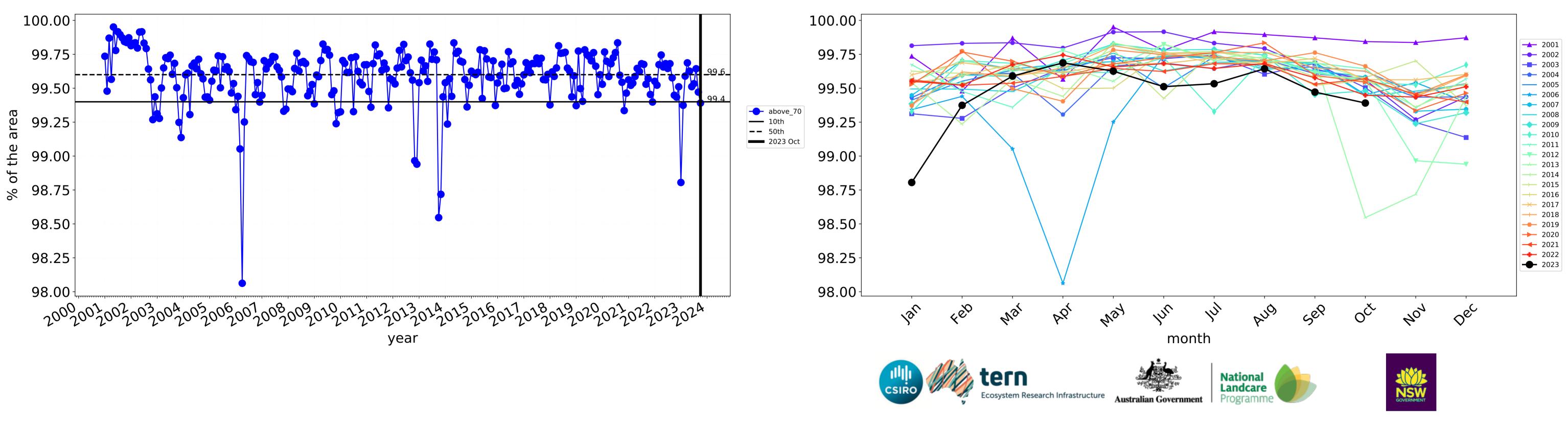






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



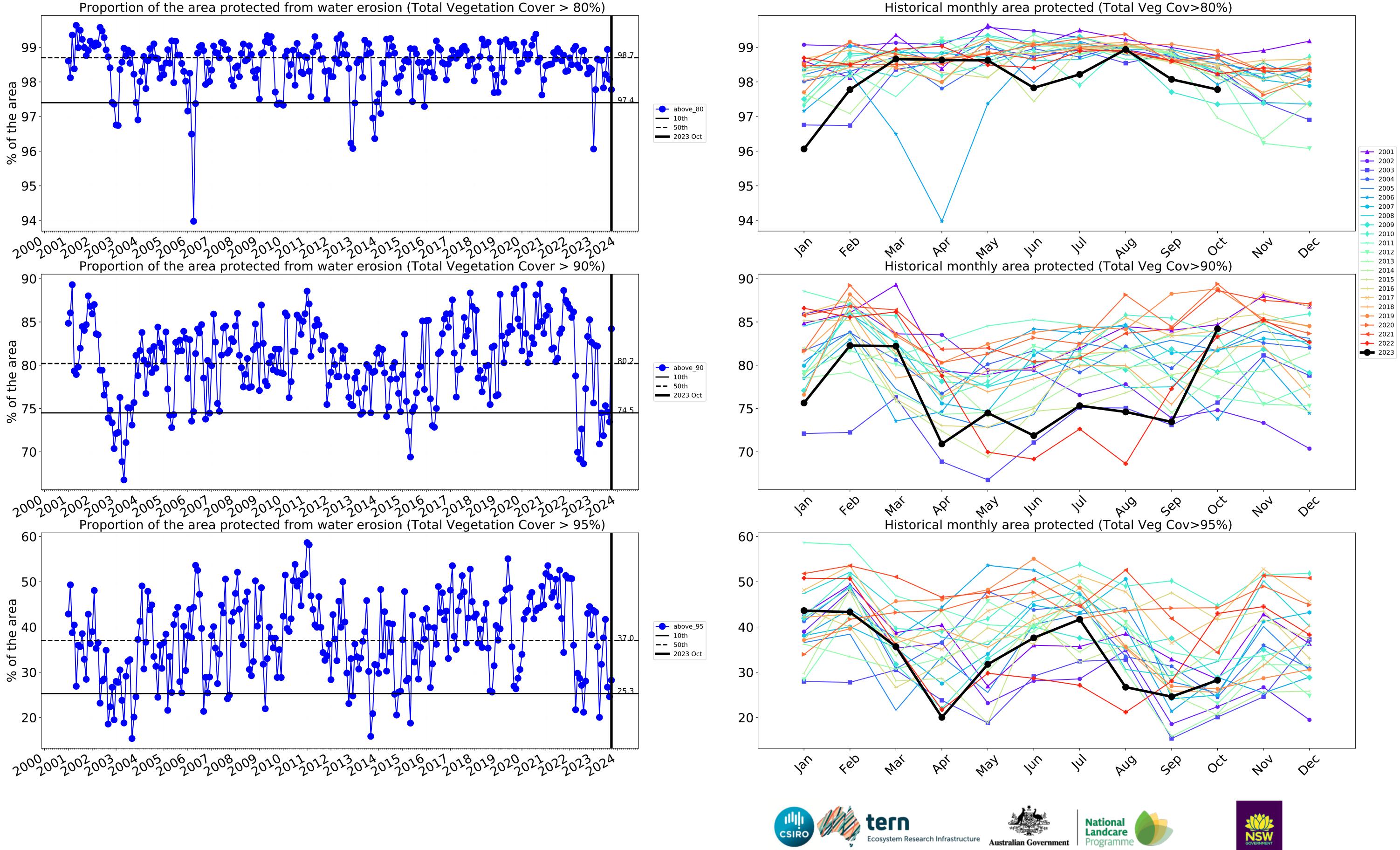




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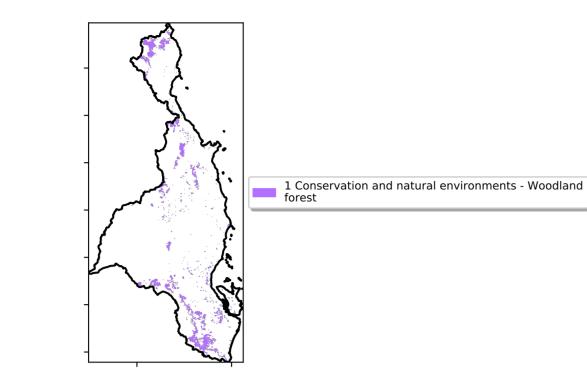
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

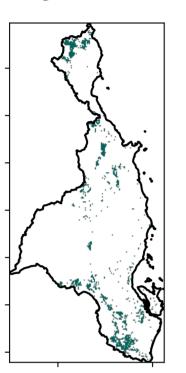


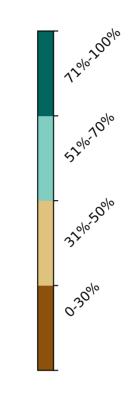
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

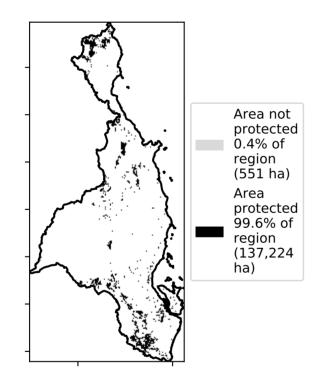


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

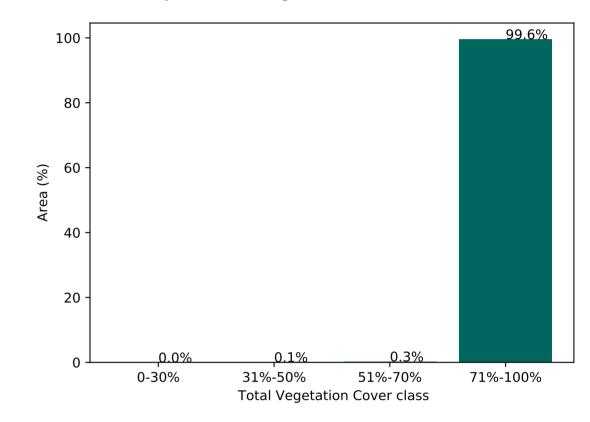




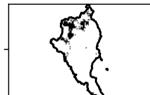
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



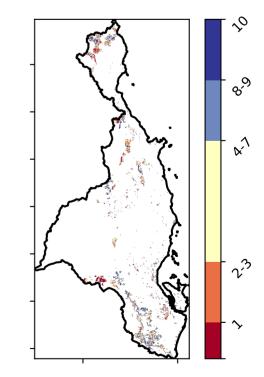
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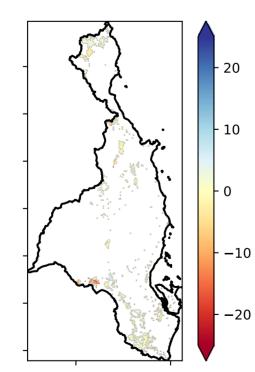
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



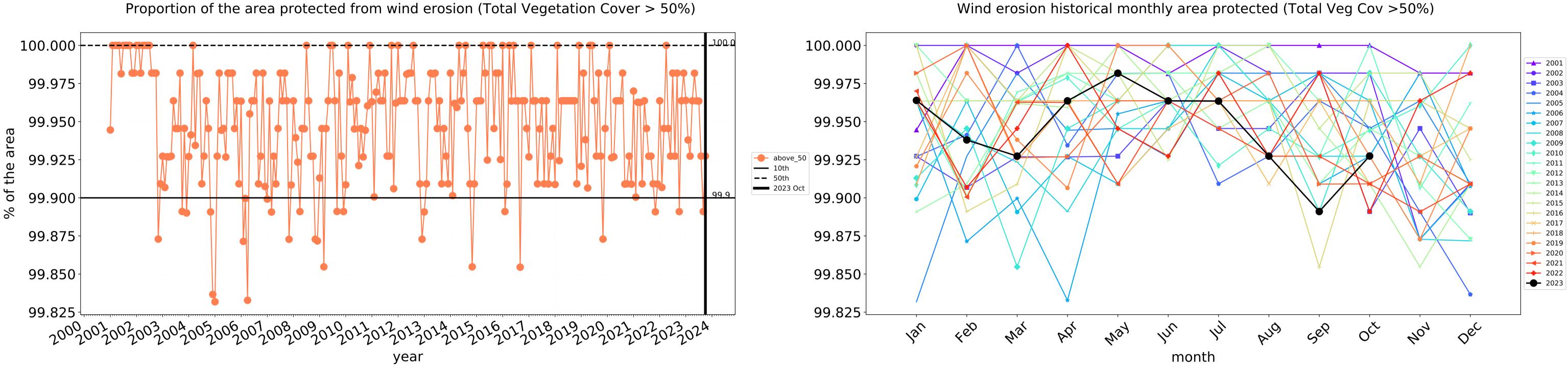
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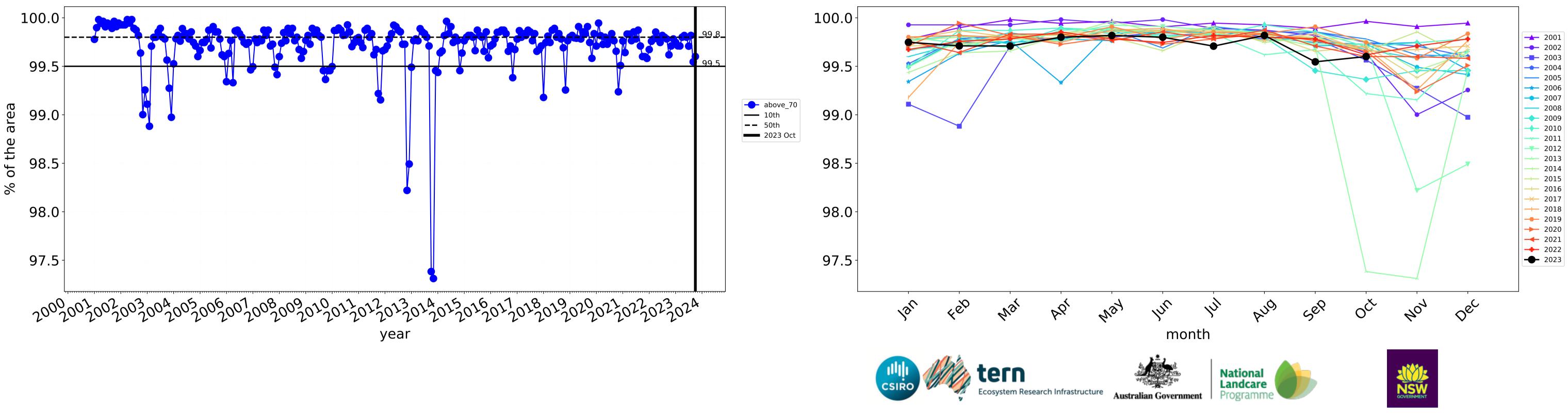
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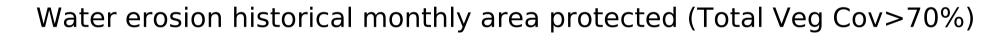


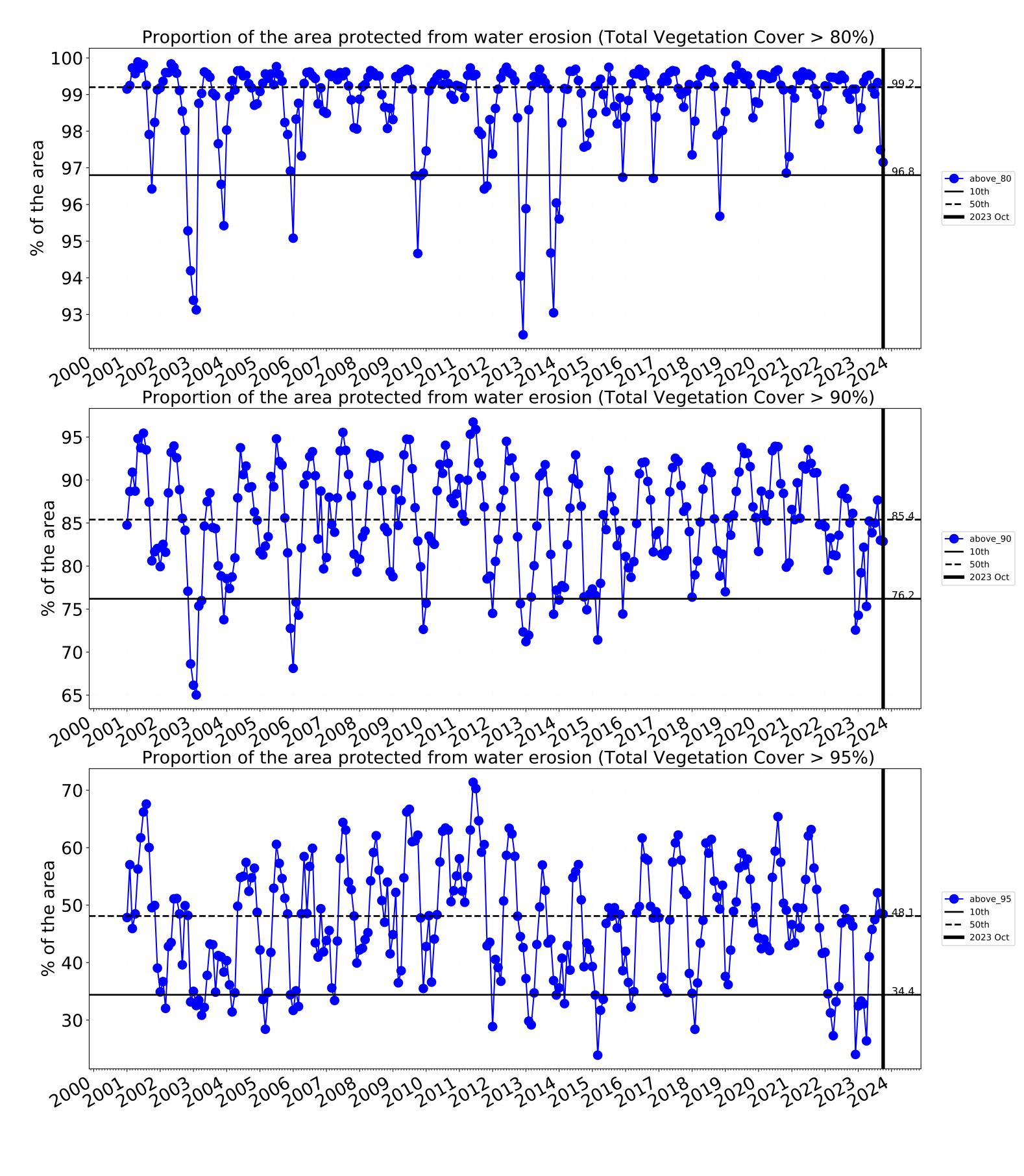


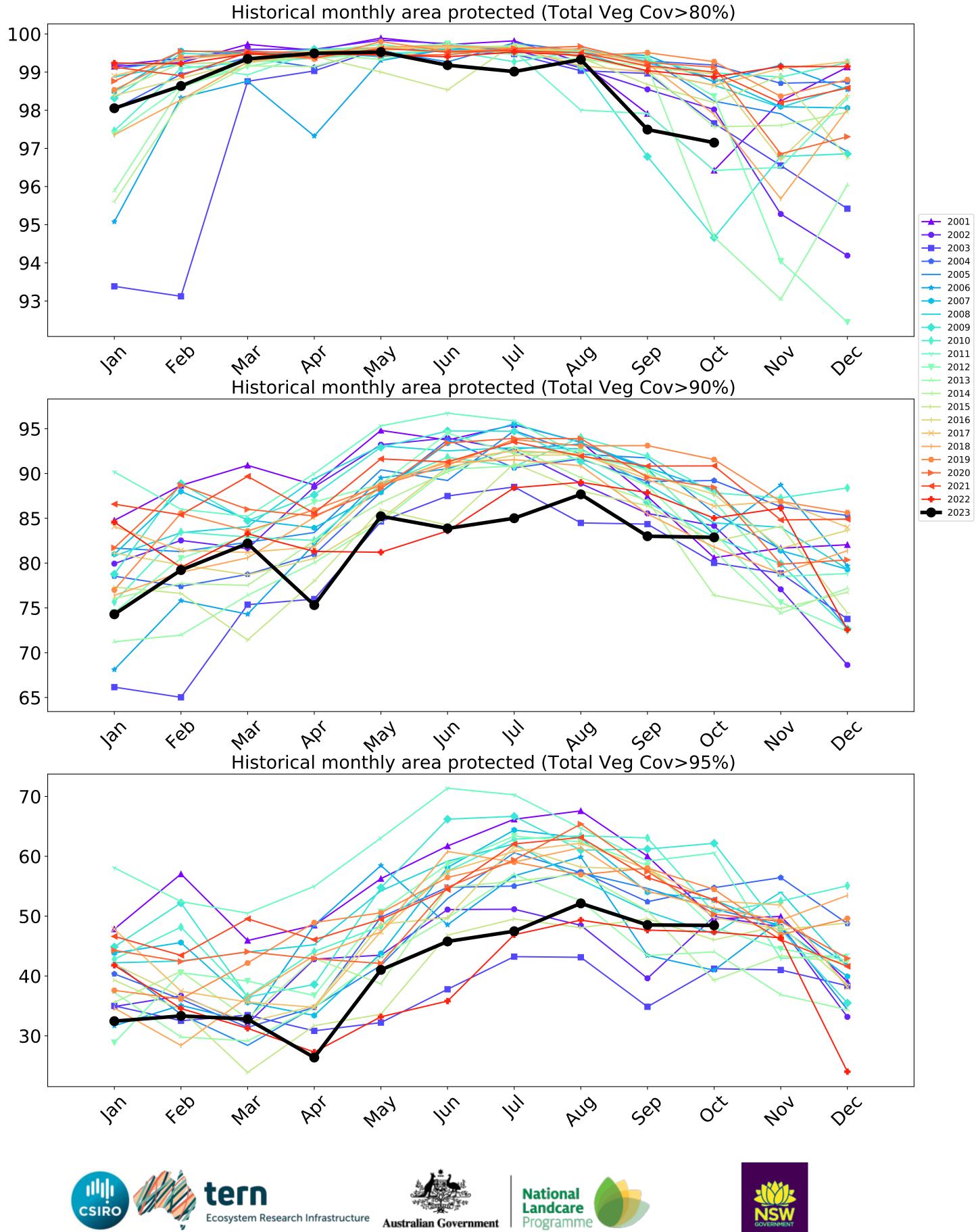










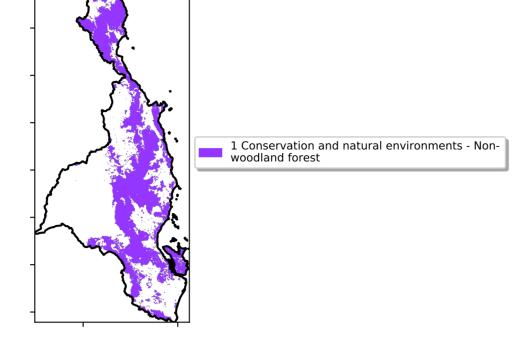




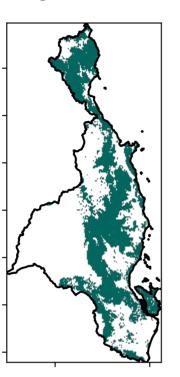
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

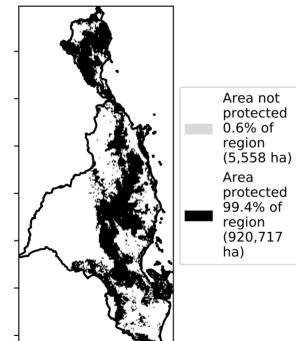
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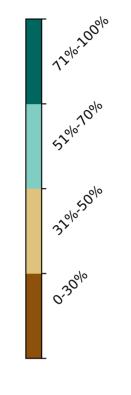


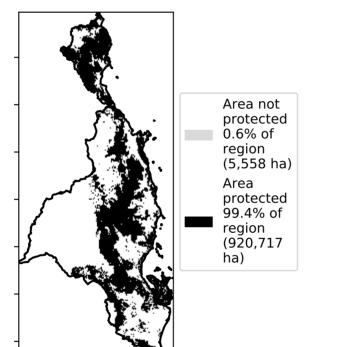
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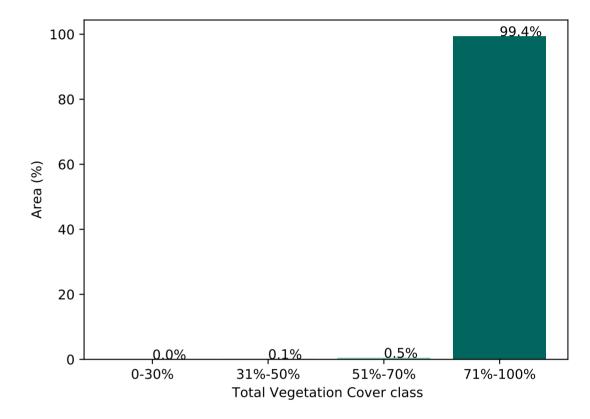
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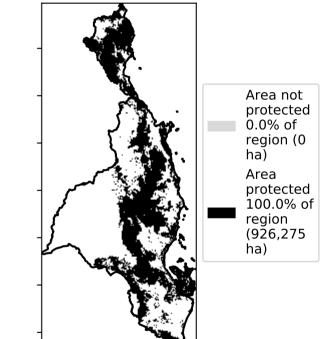




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

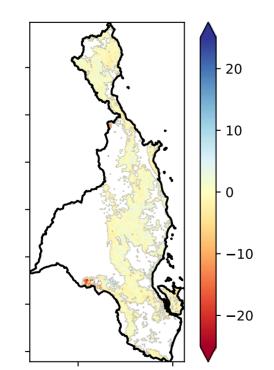


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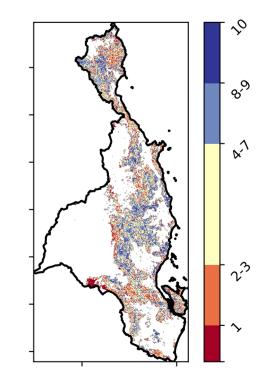


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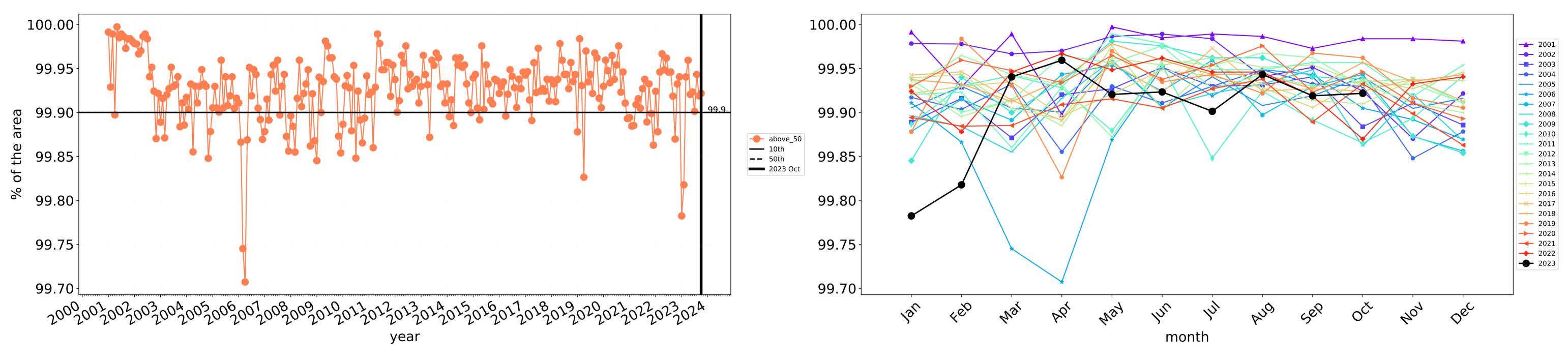


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



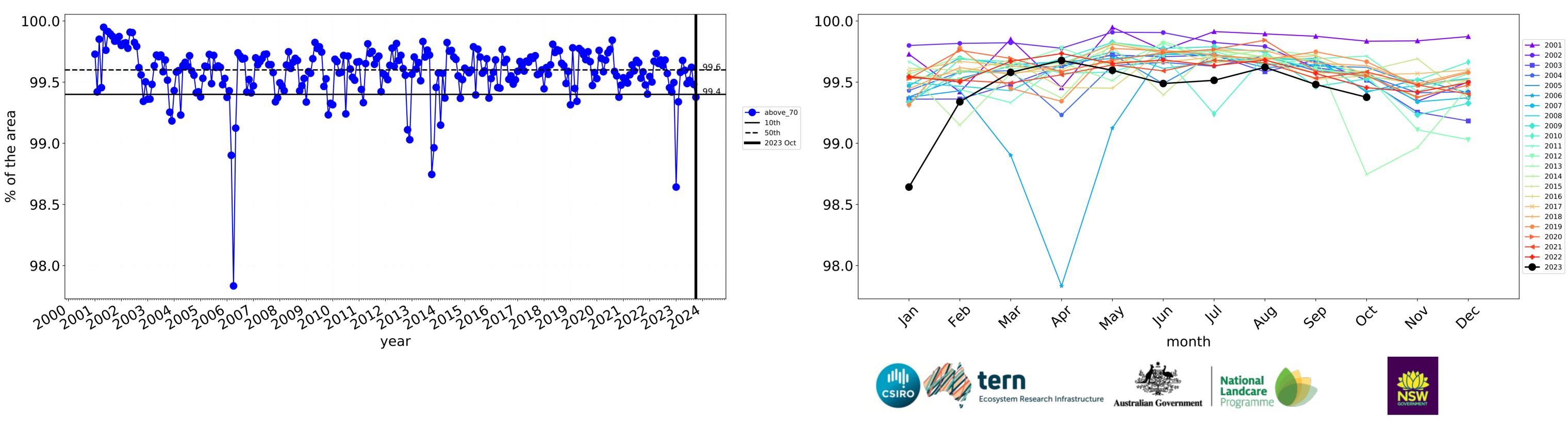


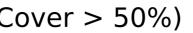




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

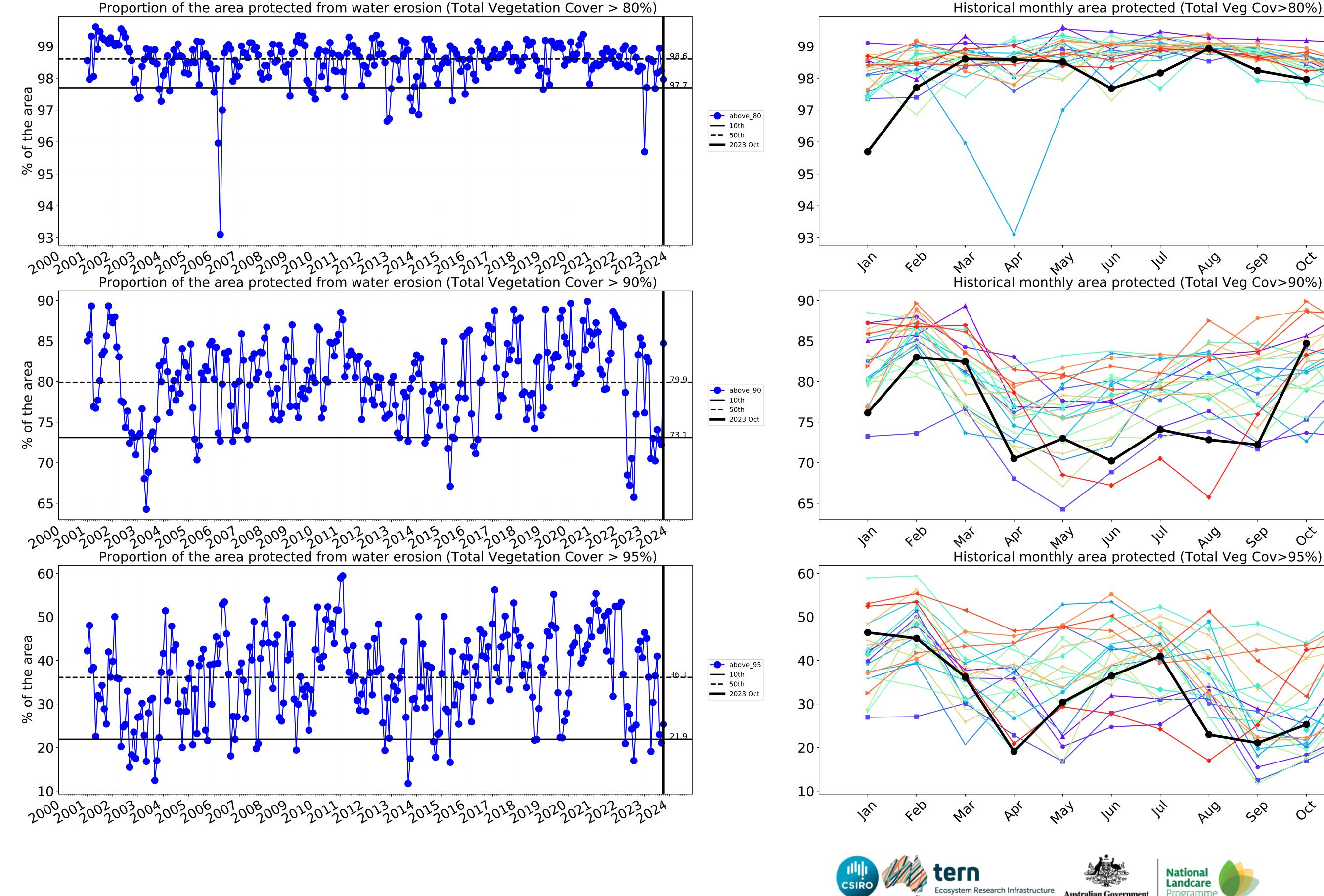






Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

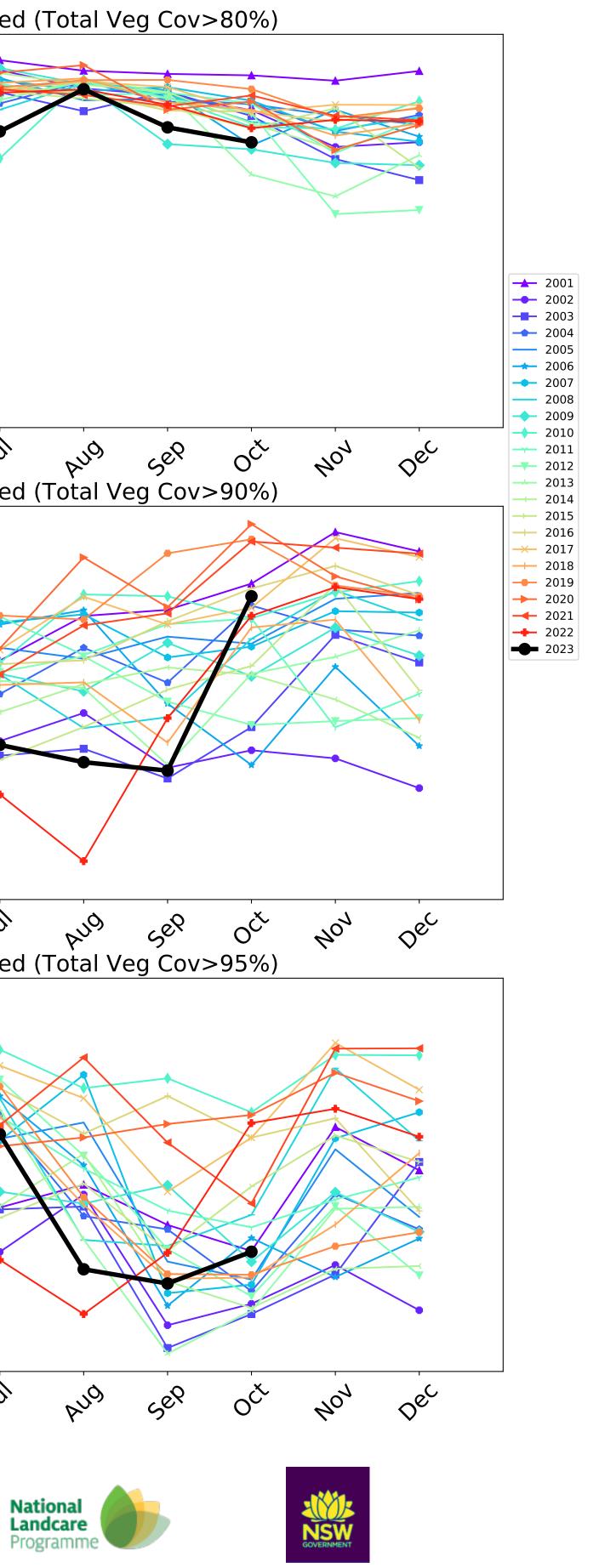
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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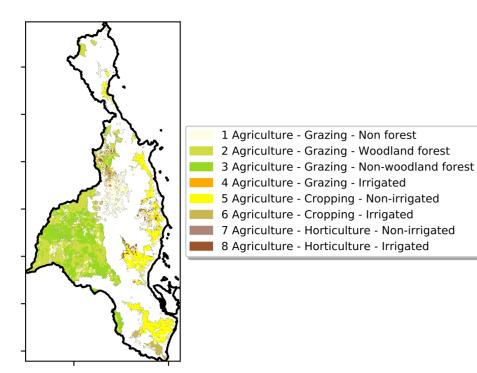
Ecosystem Research Infrastructure



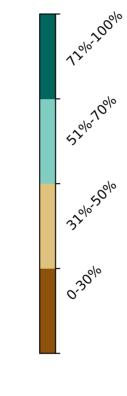
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

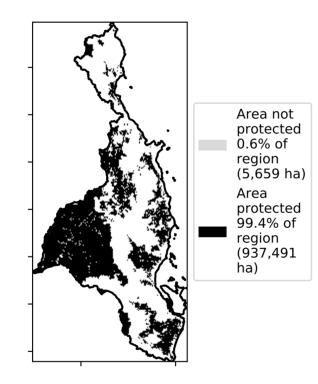
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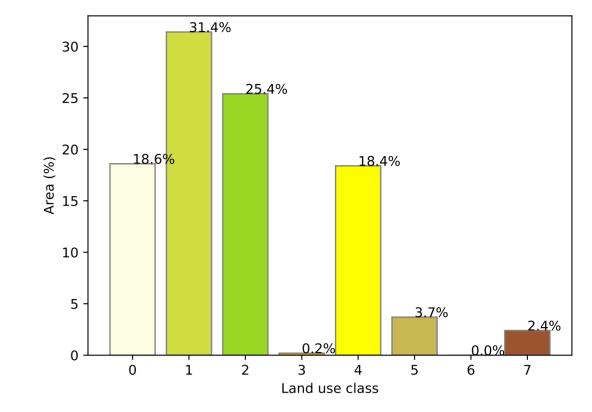


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



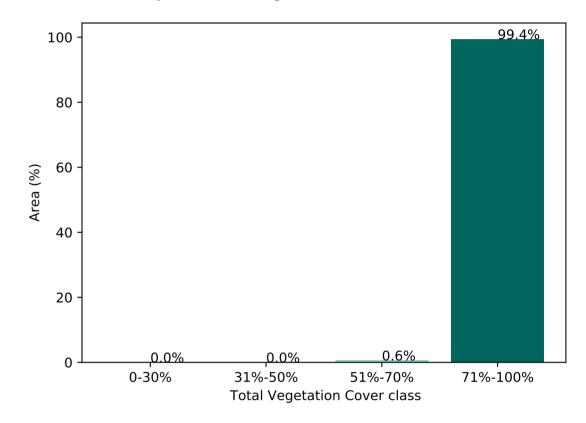
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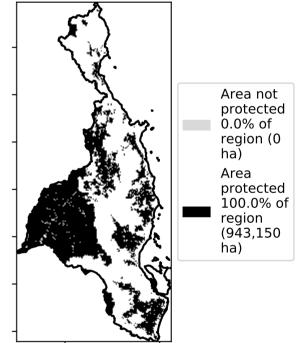


Proportion of each land class in area

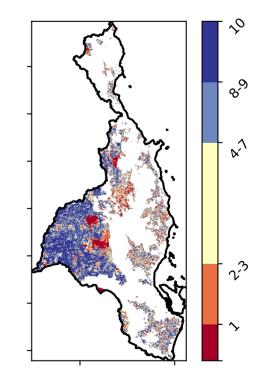
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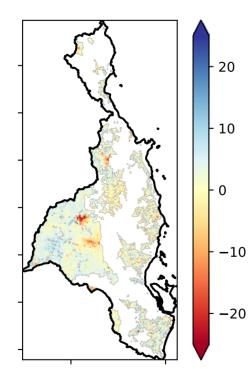


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



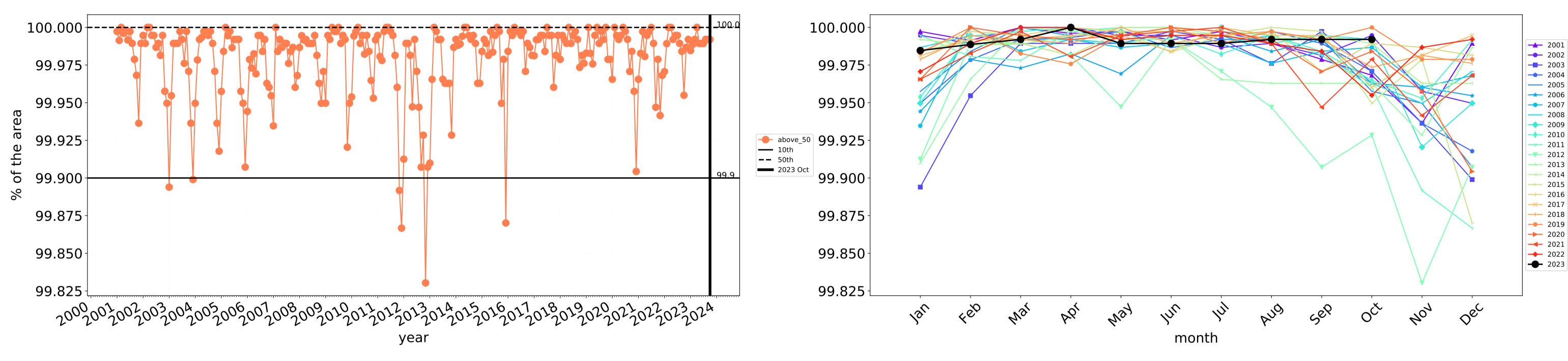
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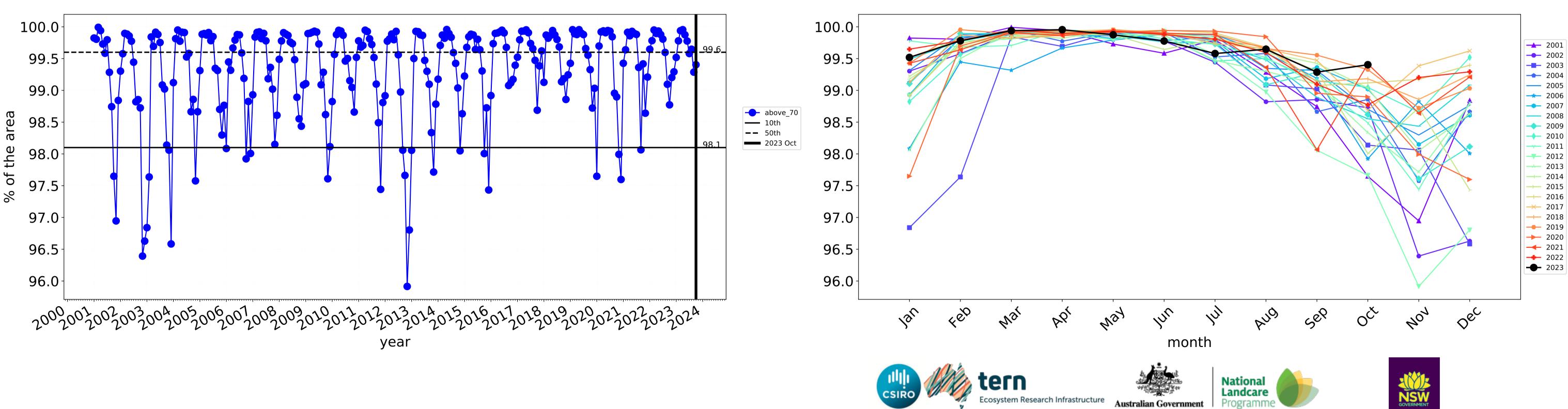


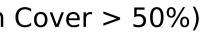




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

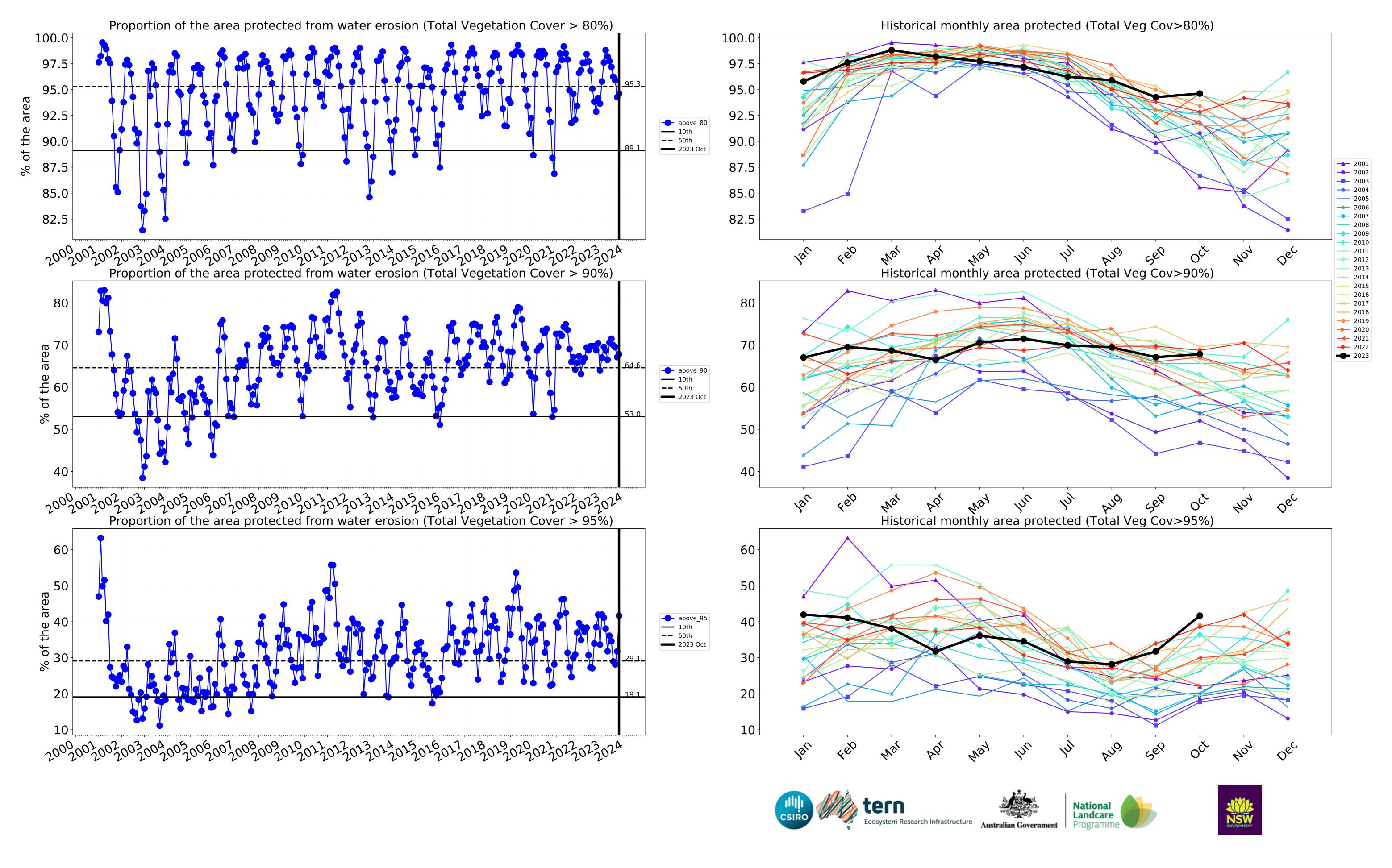






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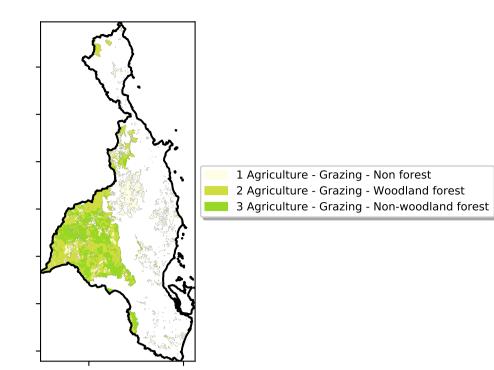
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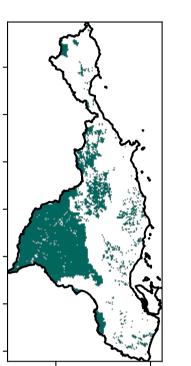
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

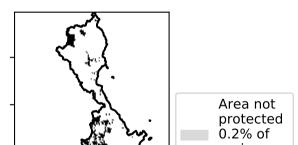
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]







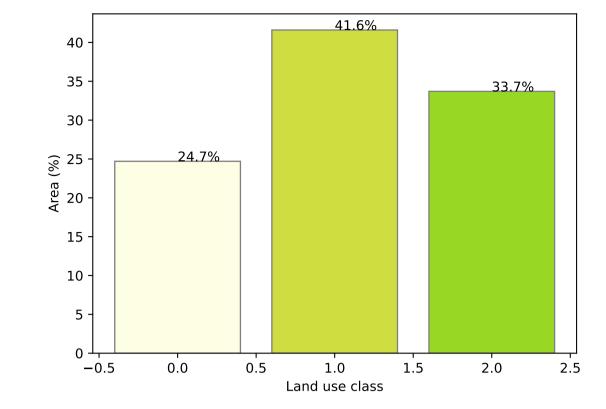
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region (709,478

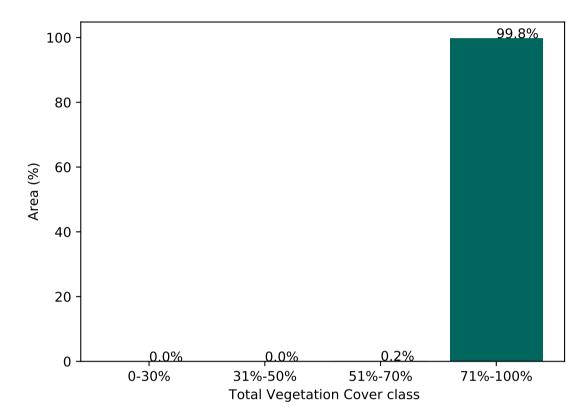
Area

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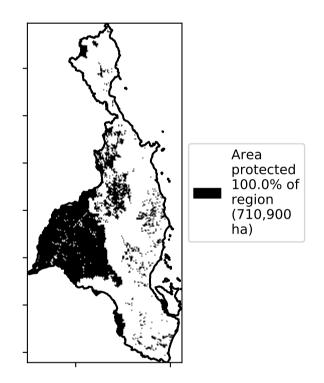


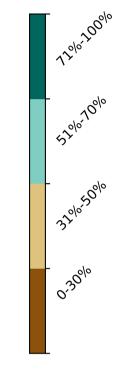
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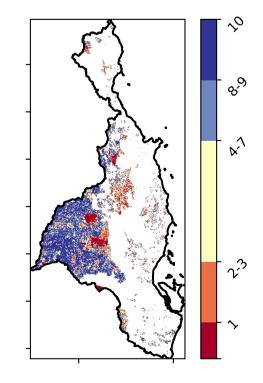


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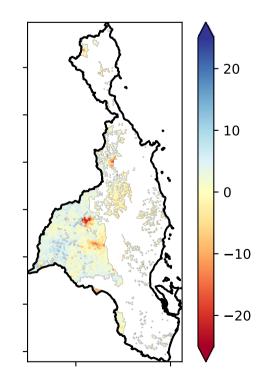


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





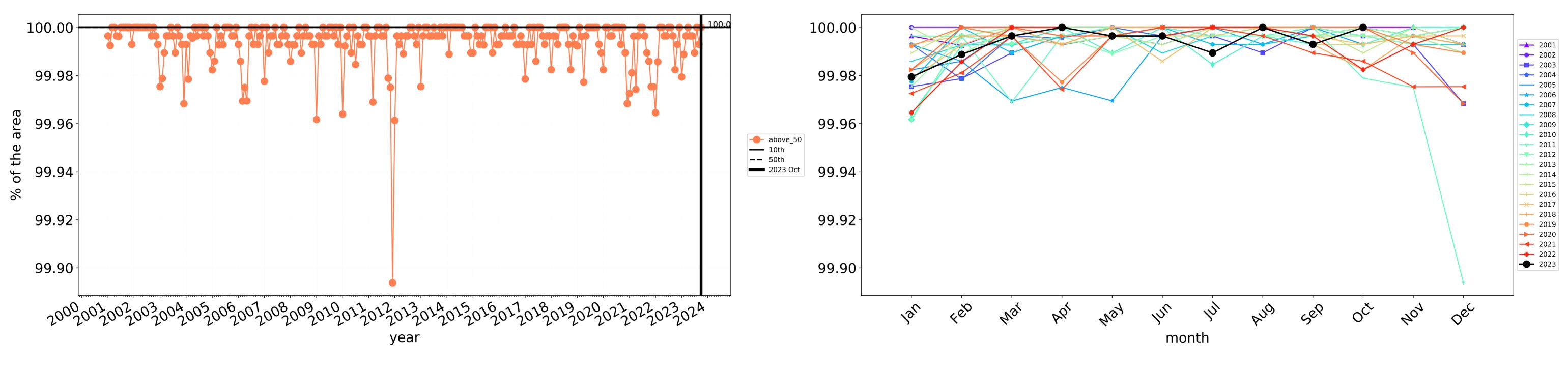
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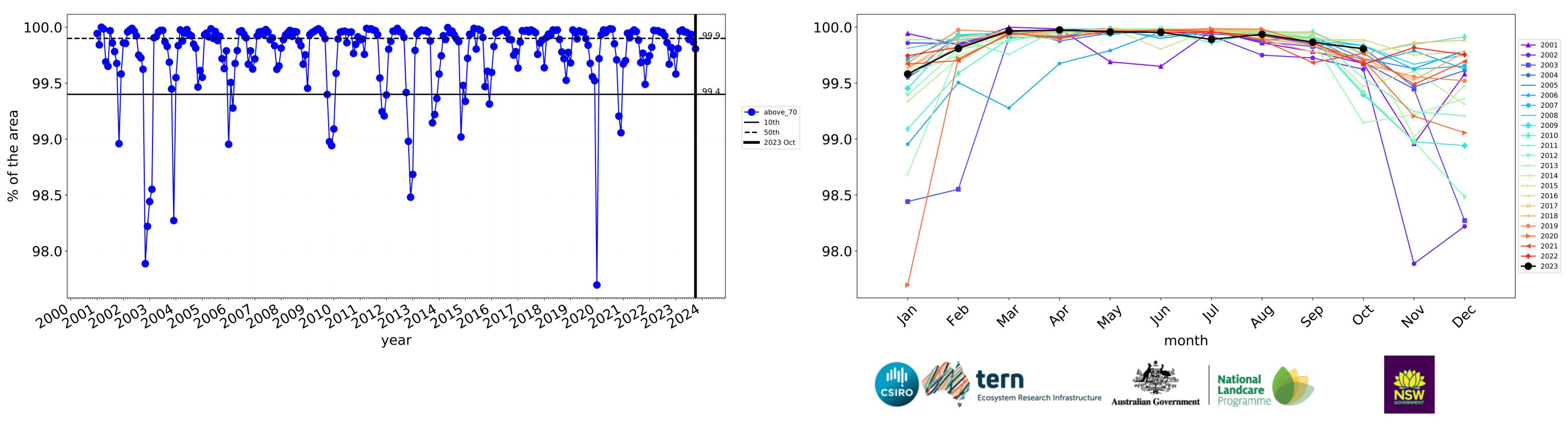
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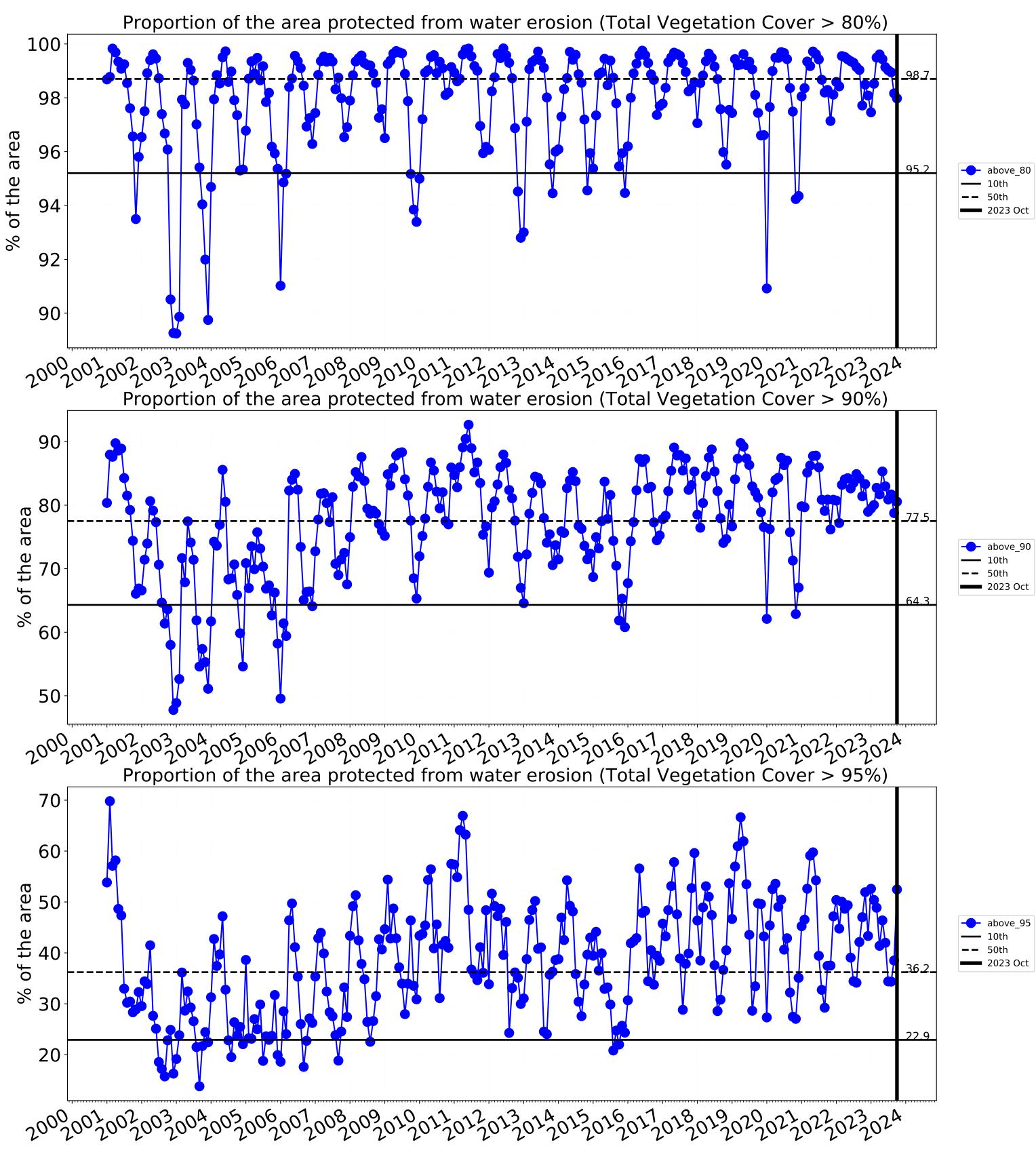


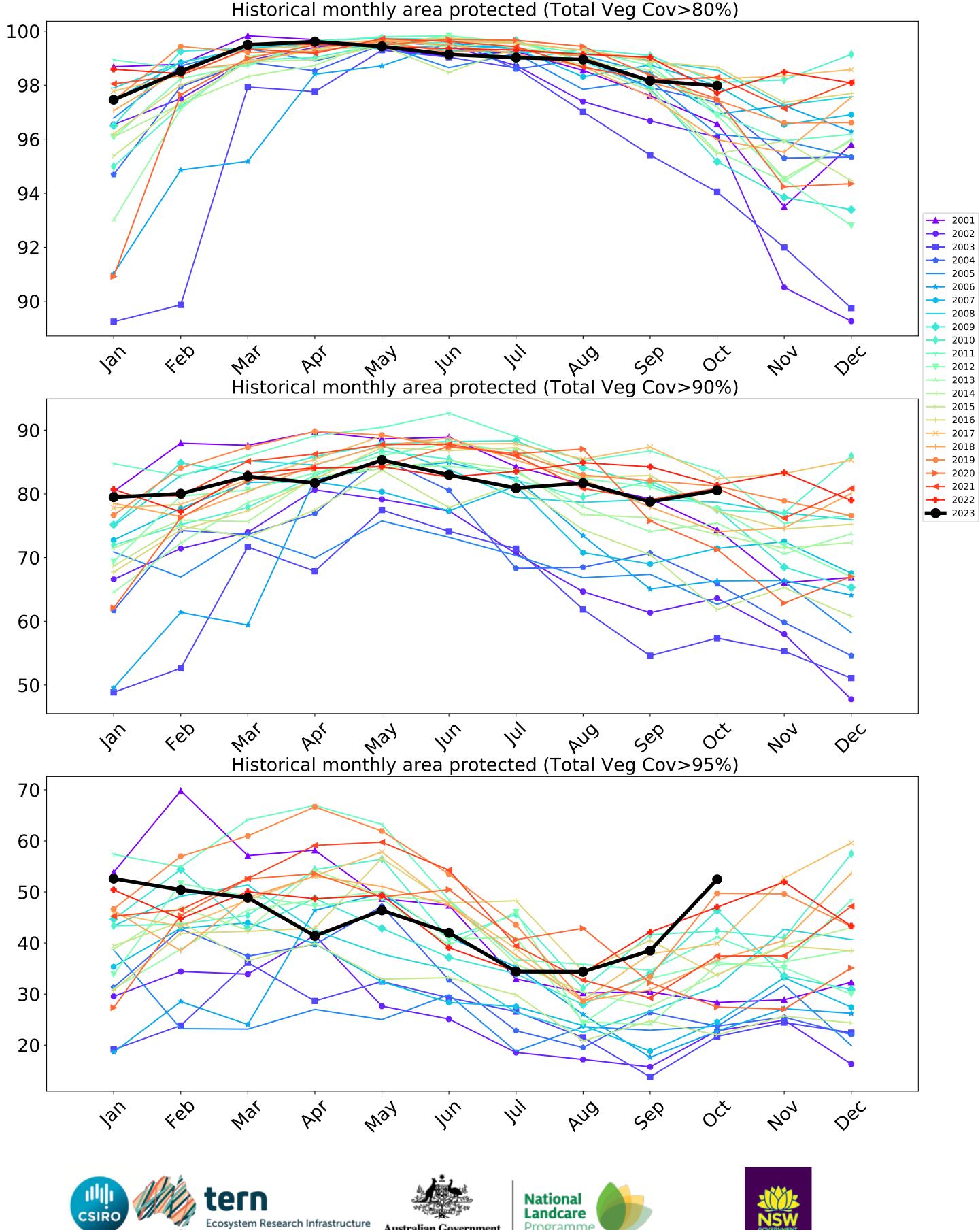
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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



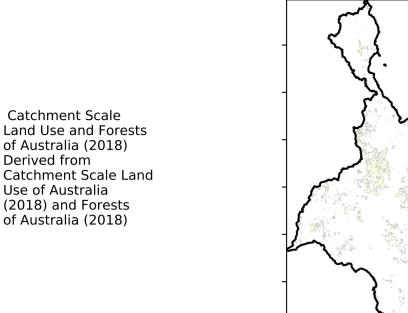




Programm

Grazing non forest

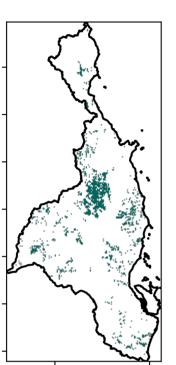
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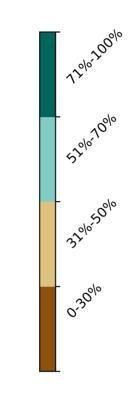


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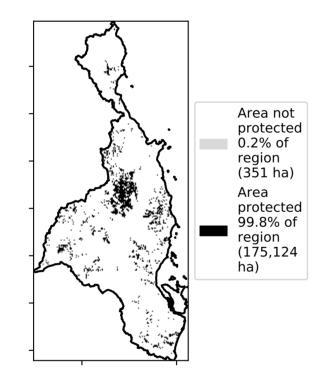
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

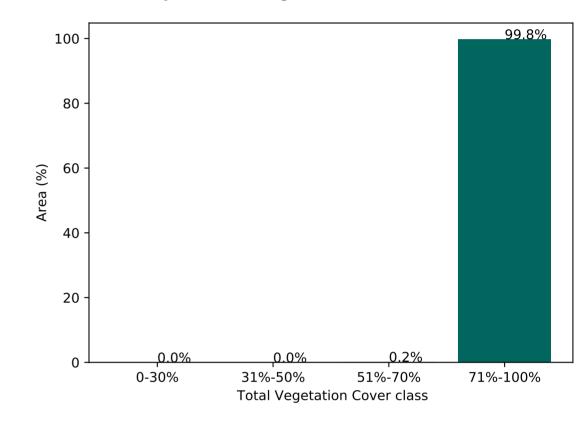




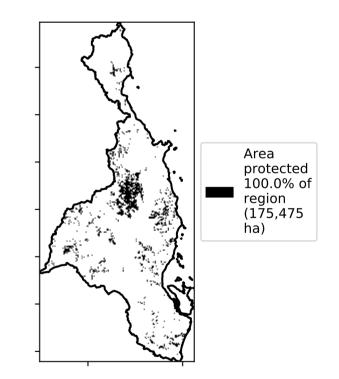
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



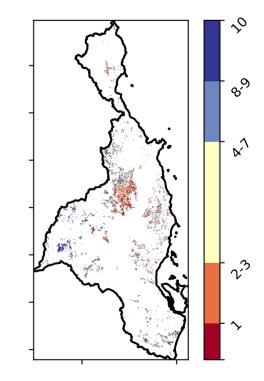
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

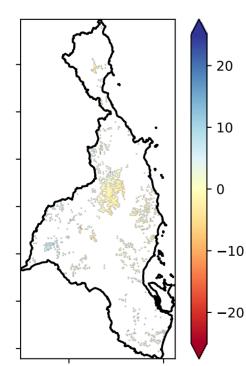


Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

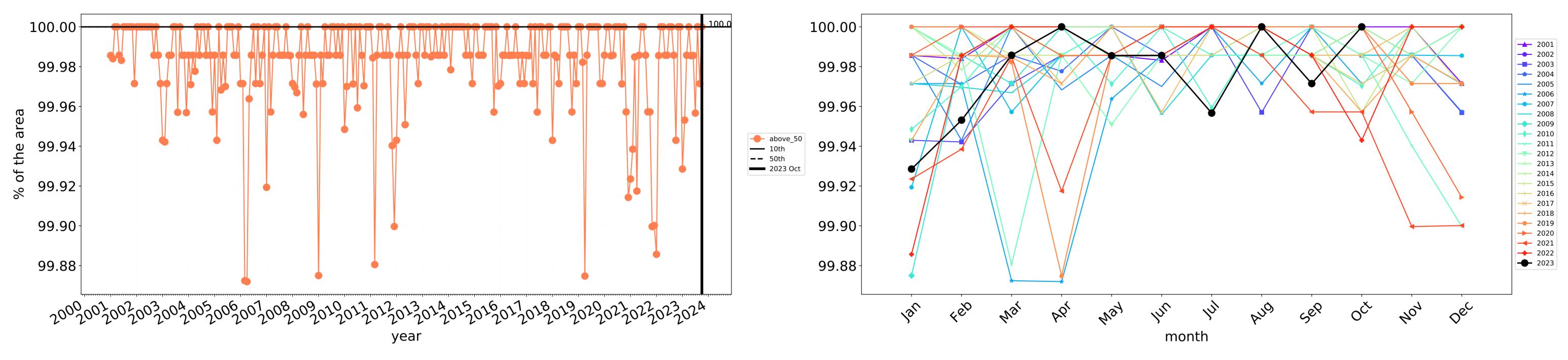
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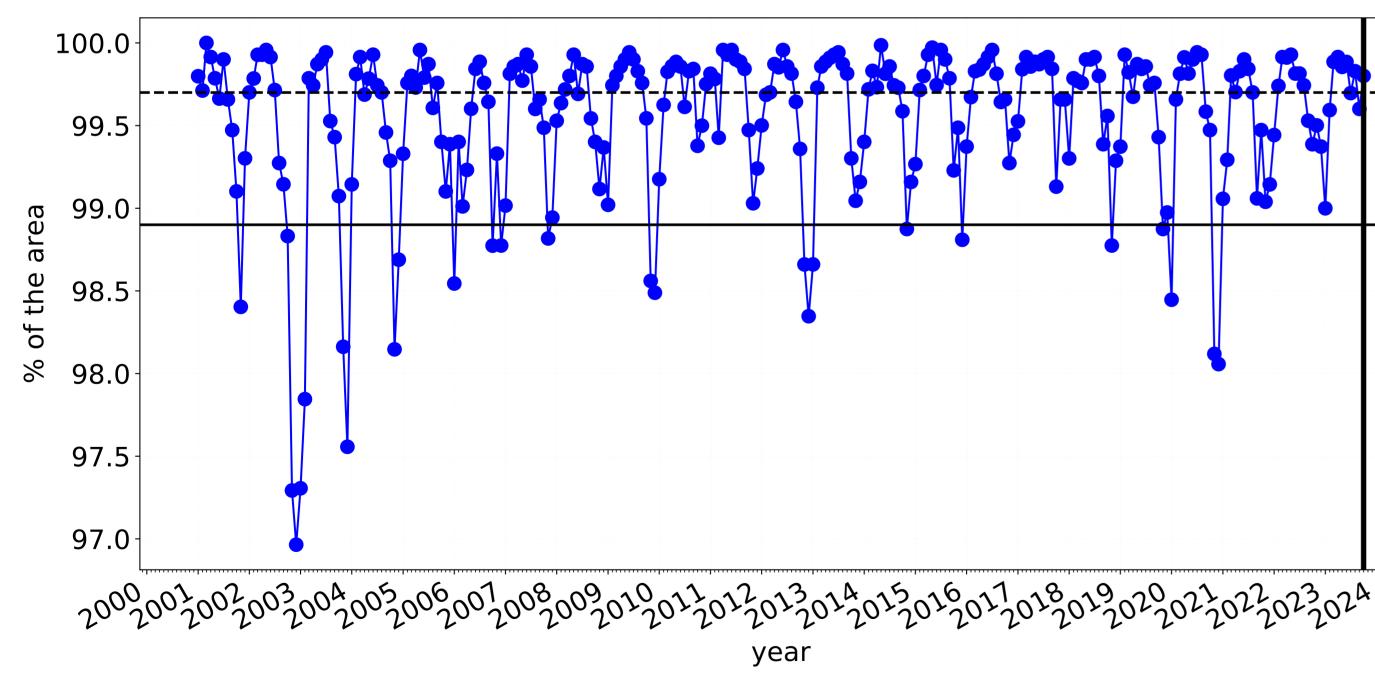








Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

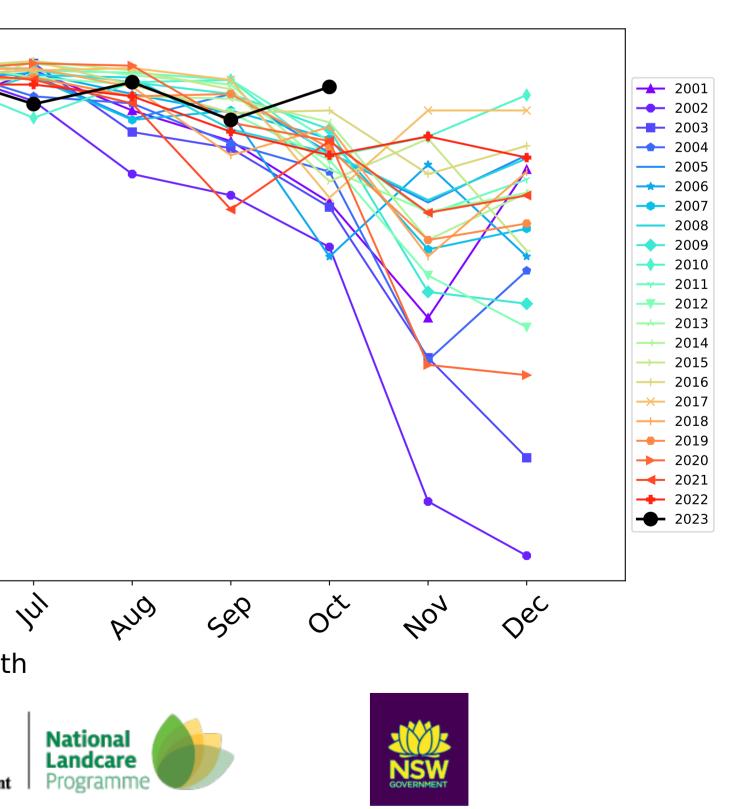


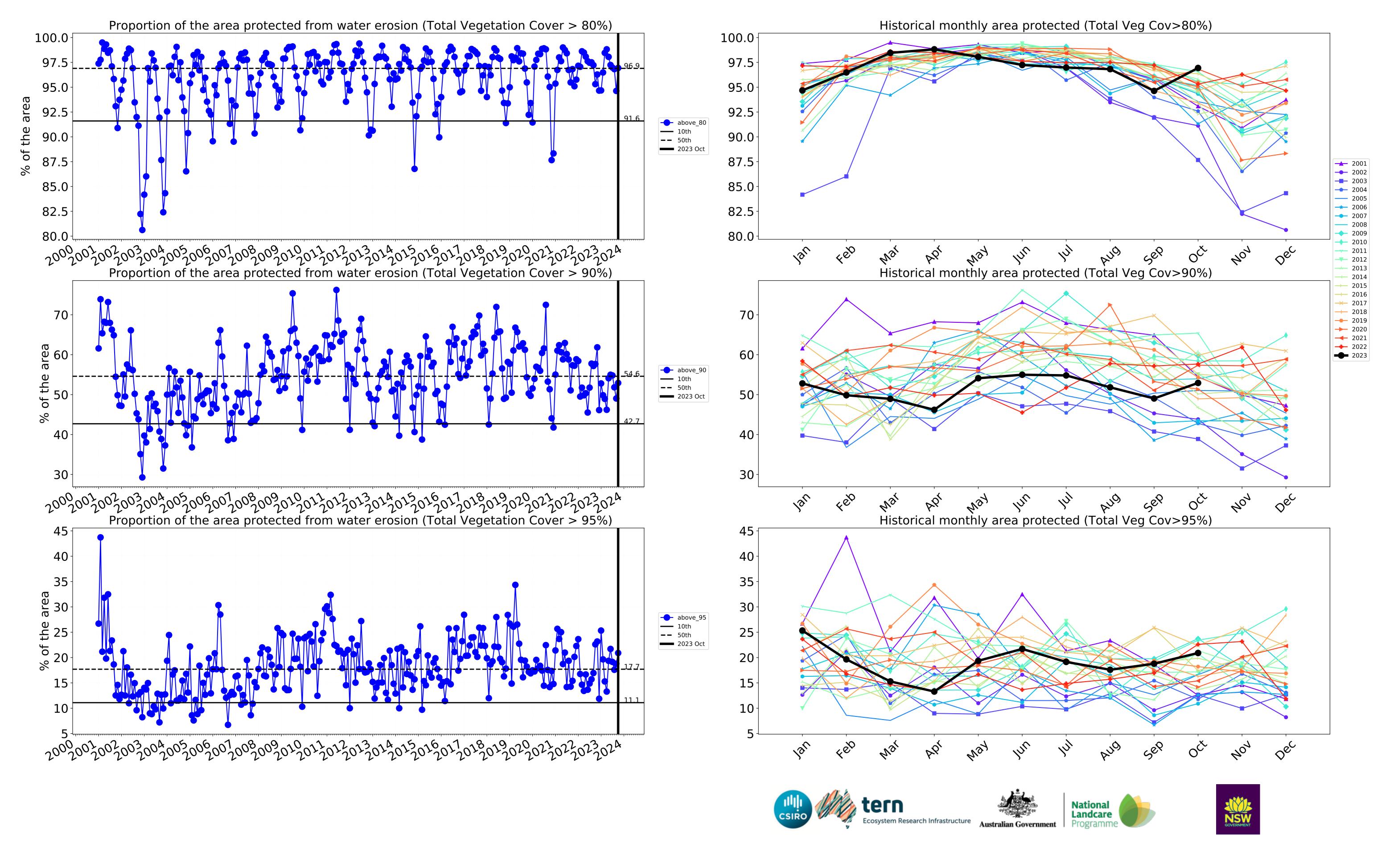


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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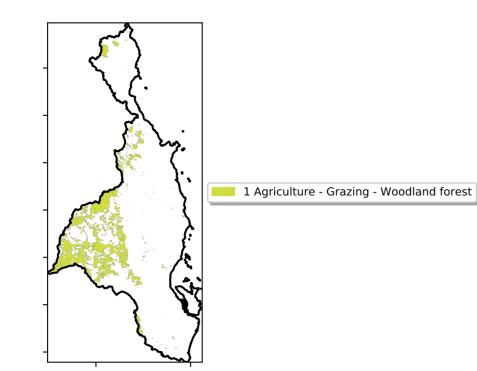
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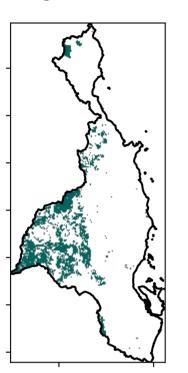


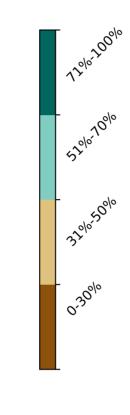
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

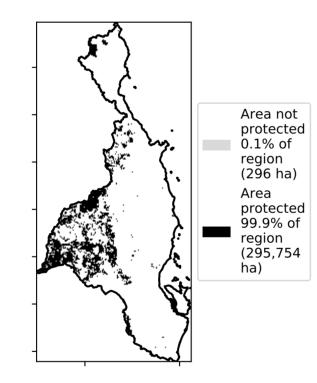


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

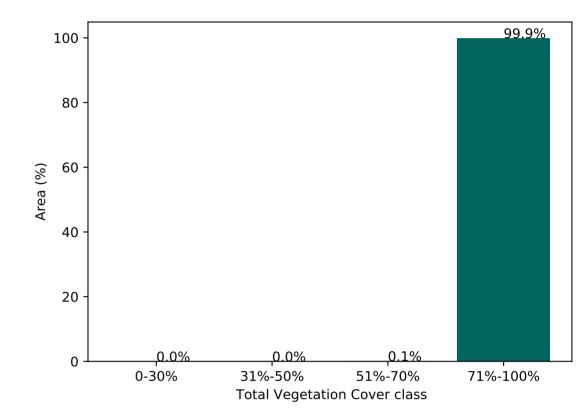




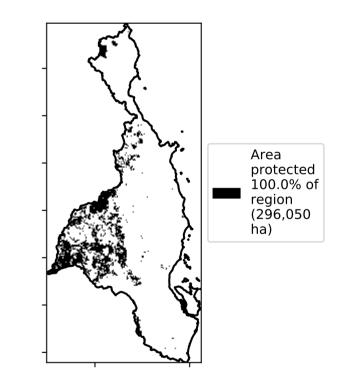
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

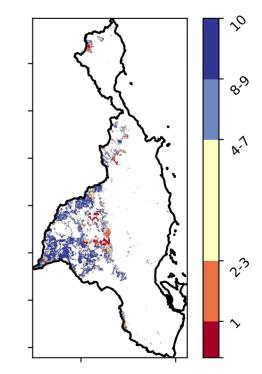


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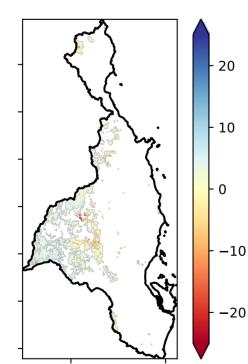
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



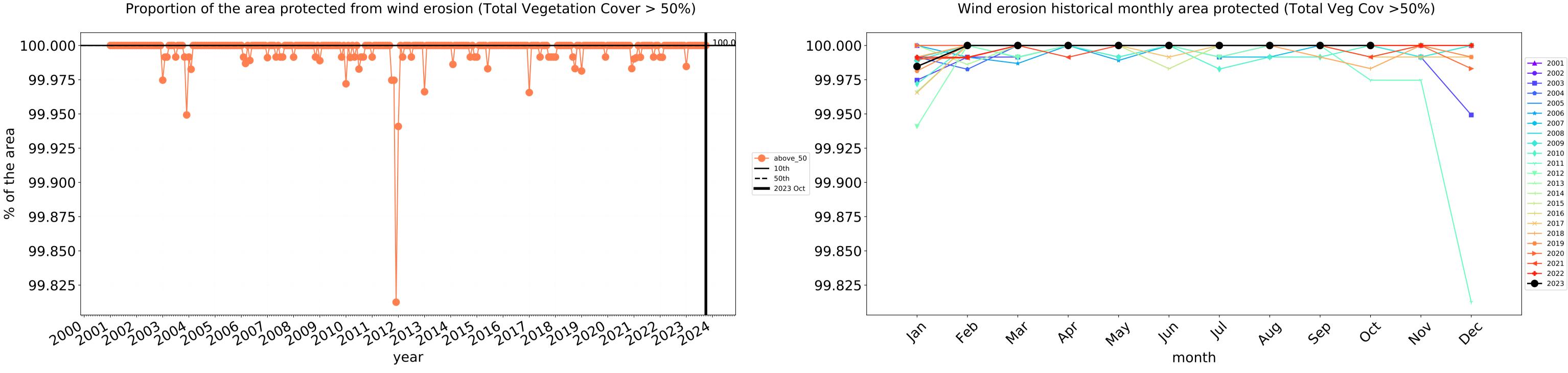
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

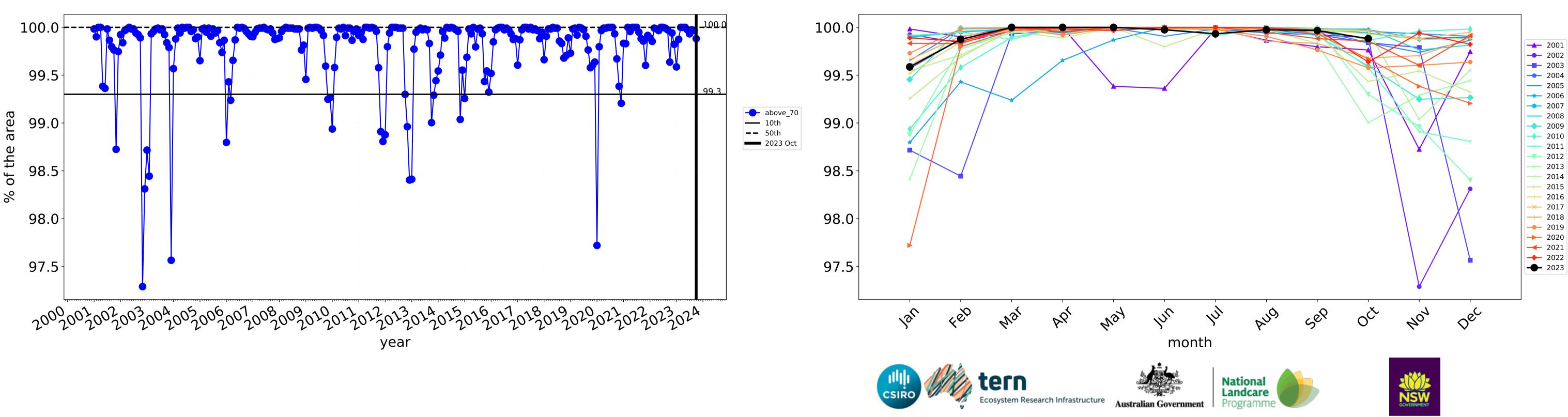
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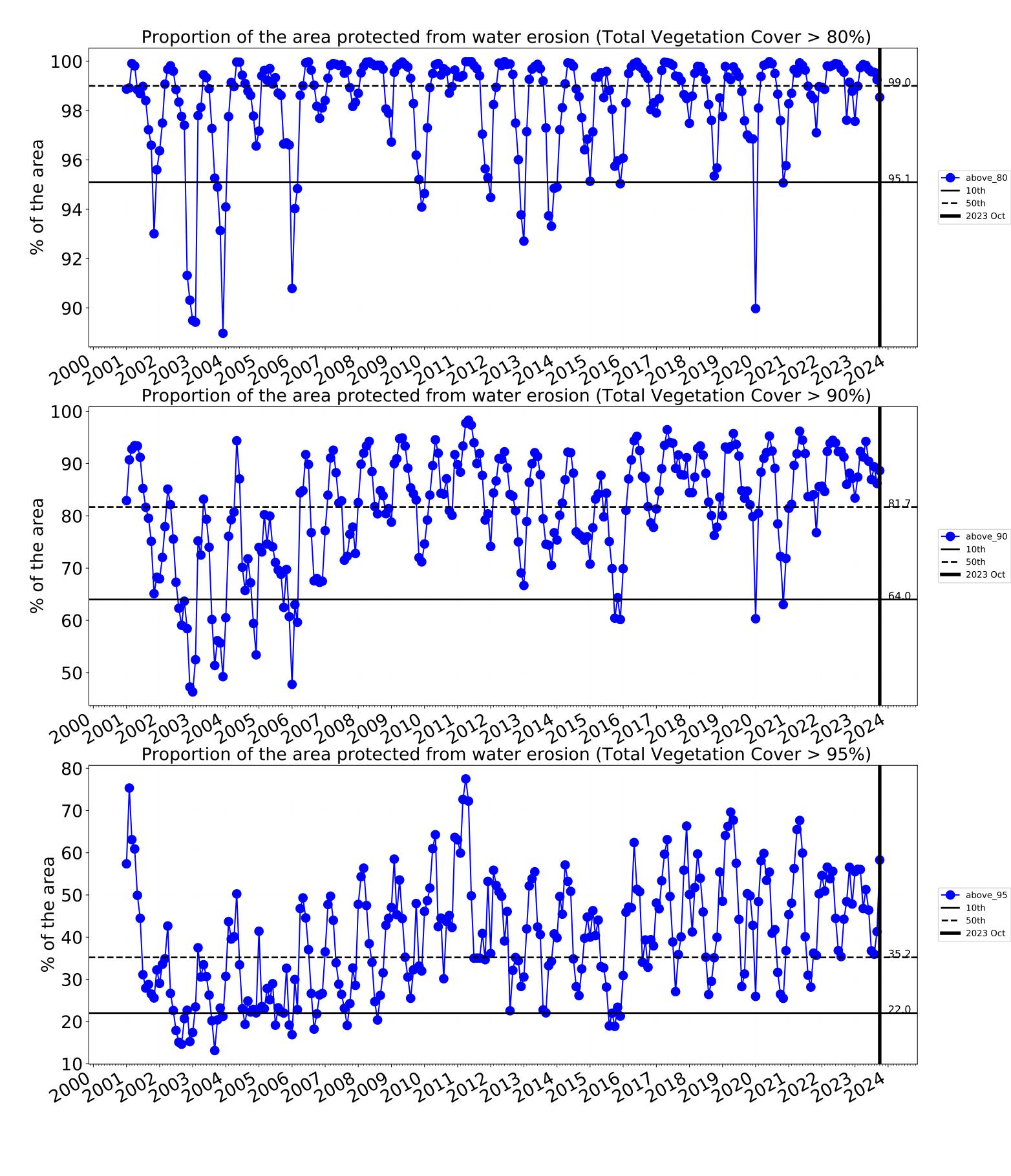


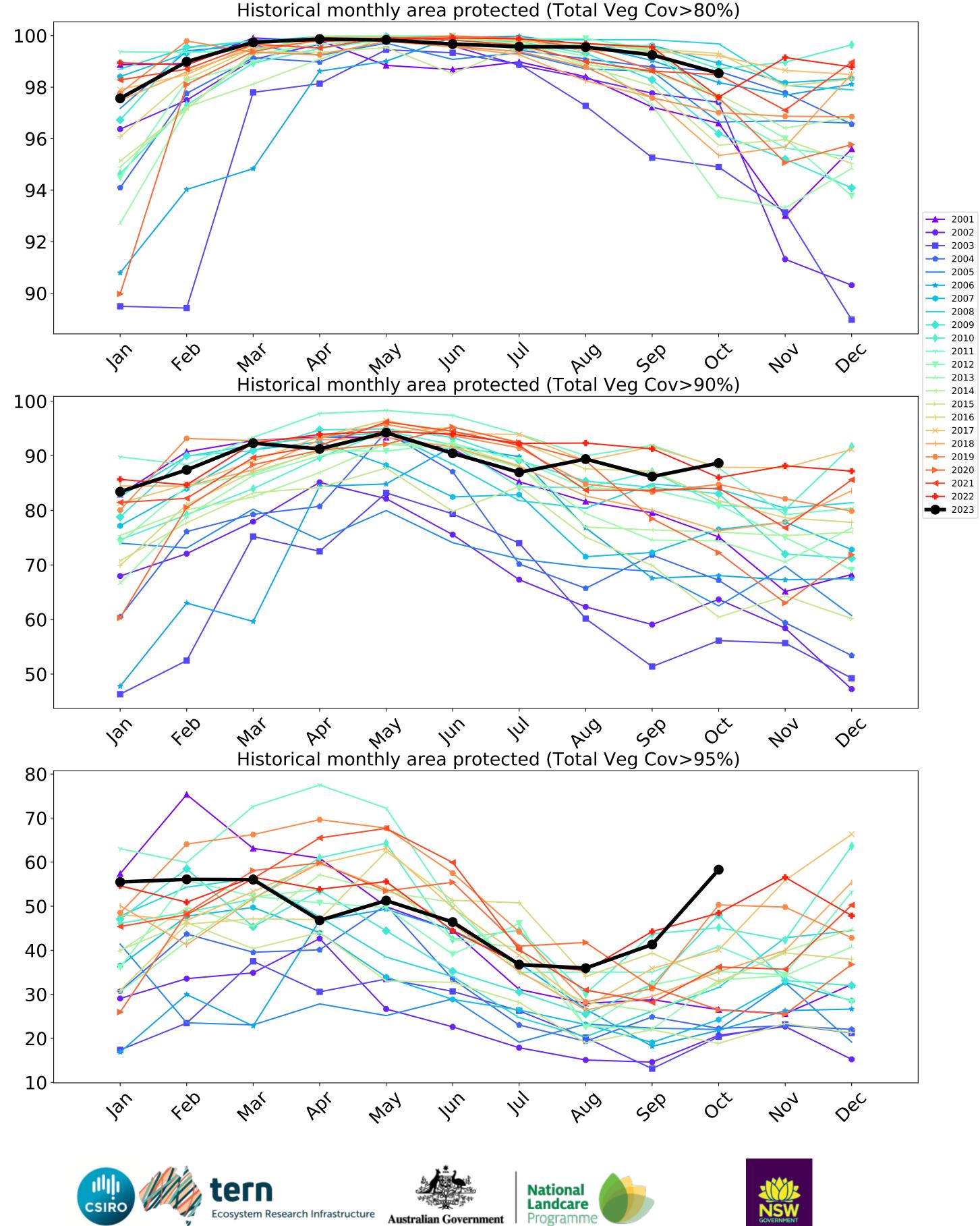






Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

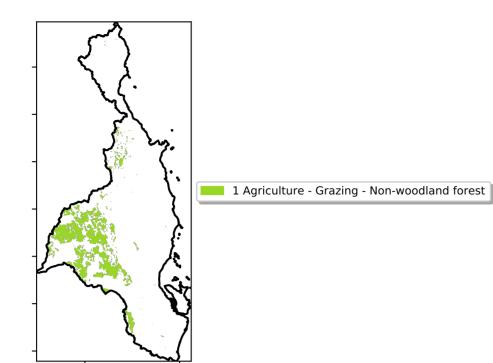




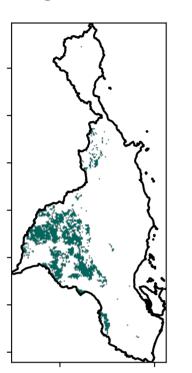
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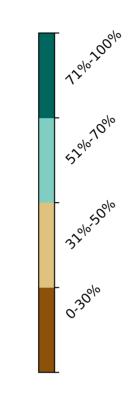
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

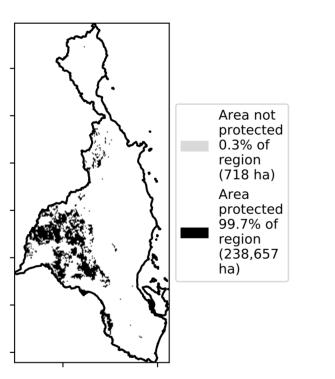


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

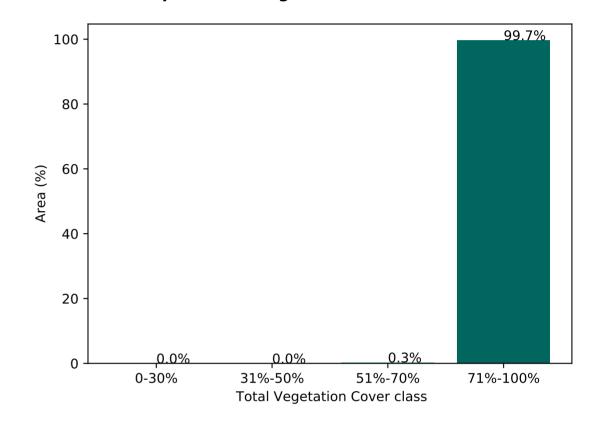




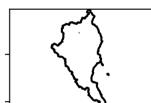
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



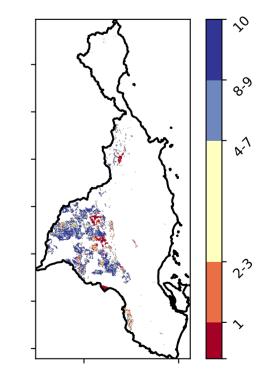
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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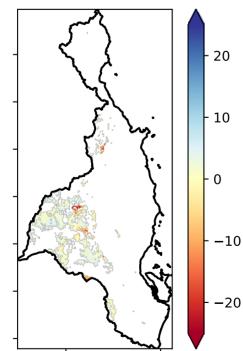
> Area protected 100.0% of region (239,375 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



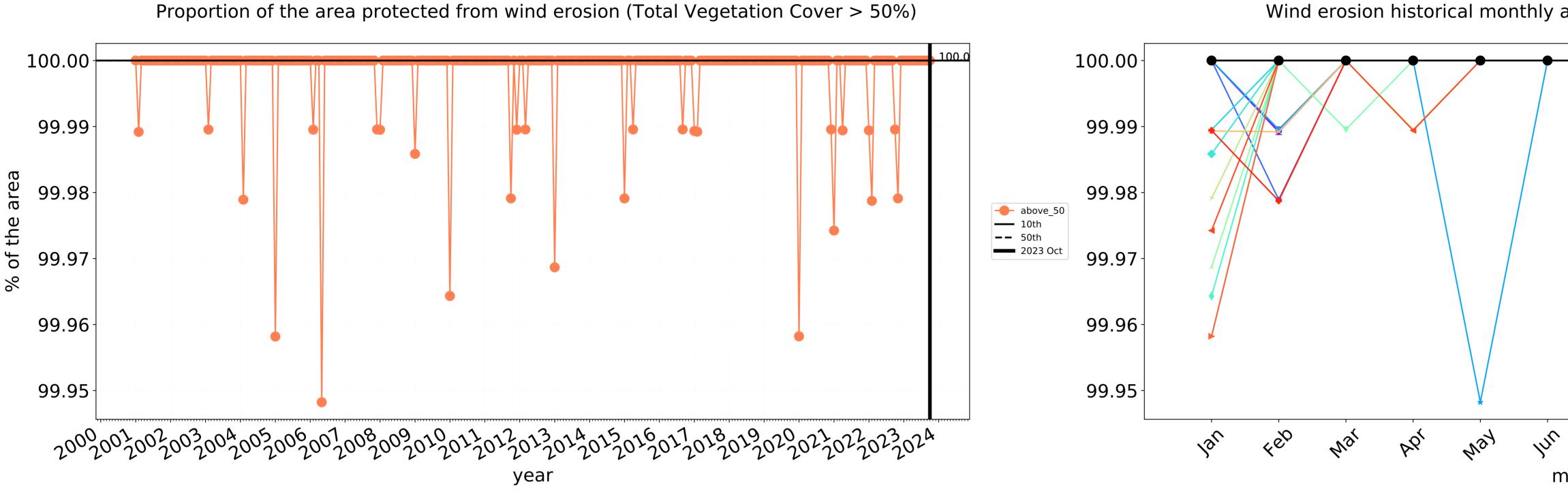
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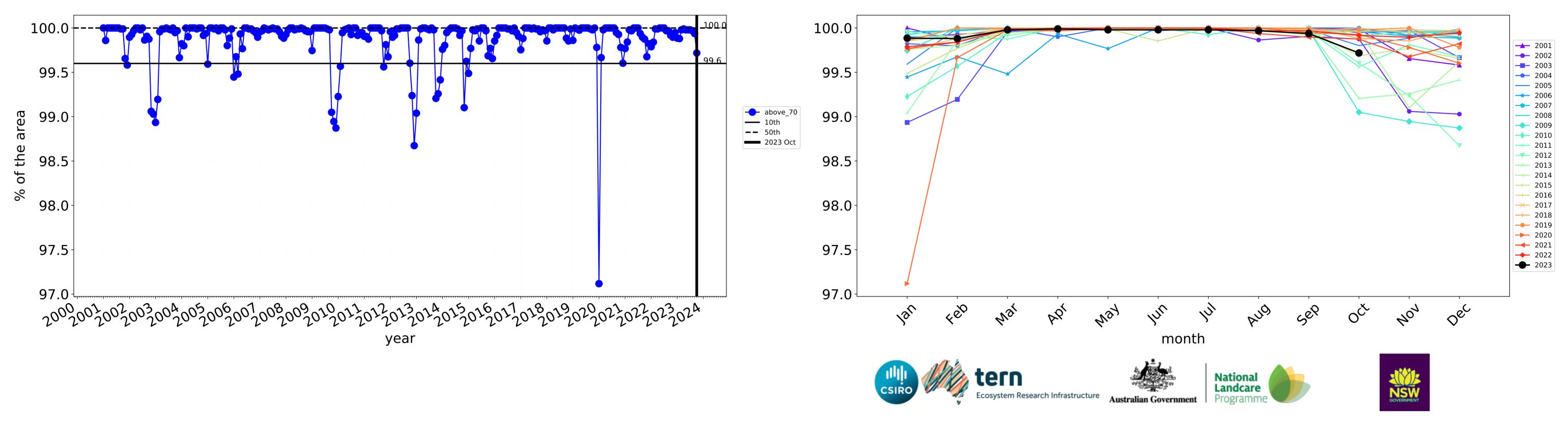
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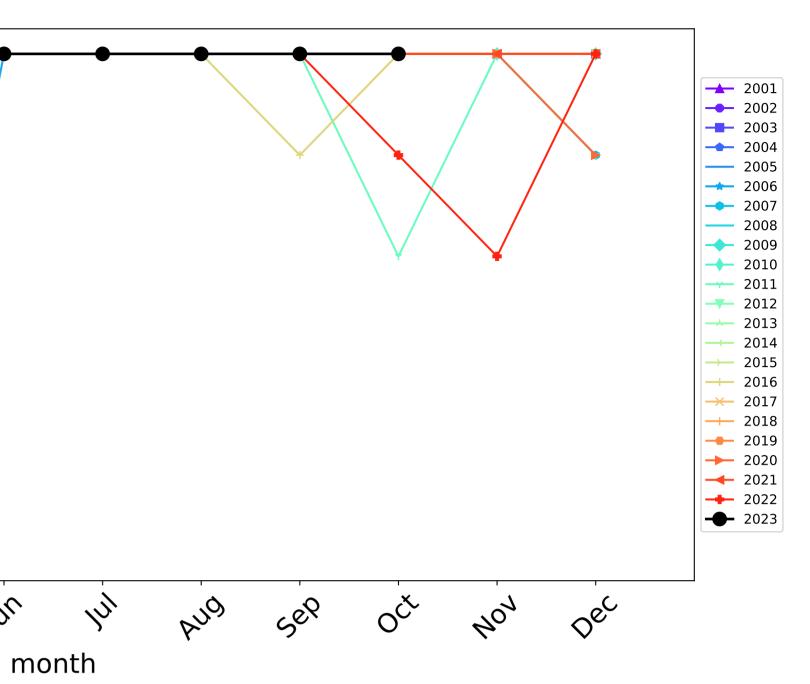


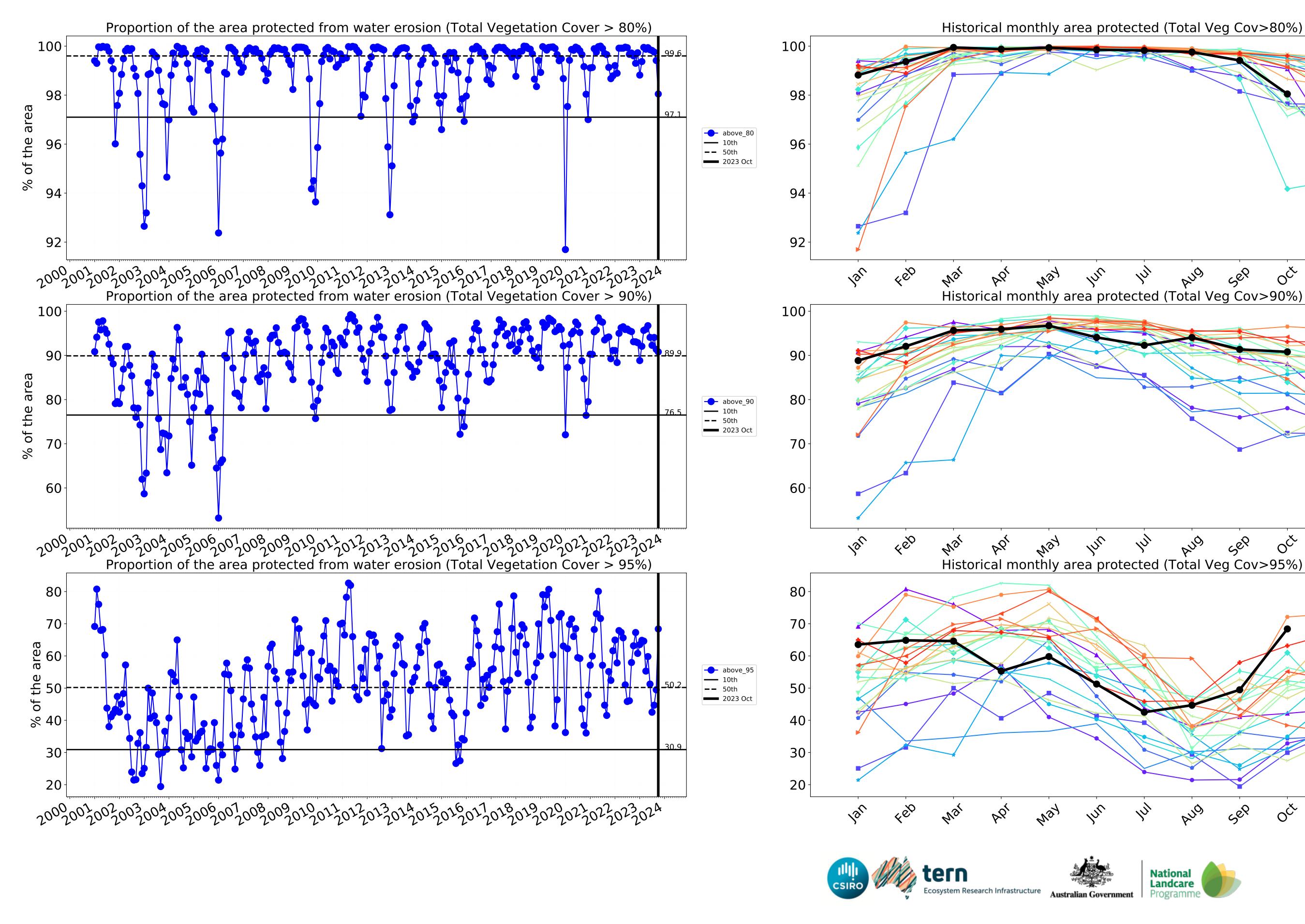


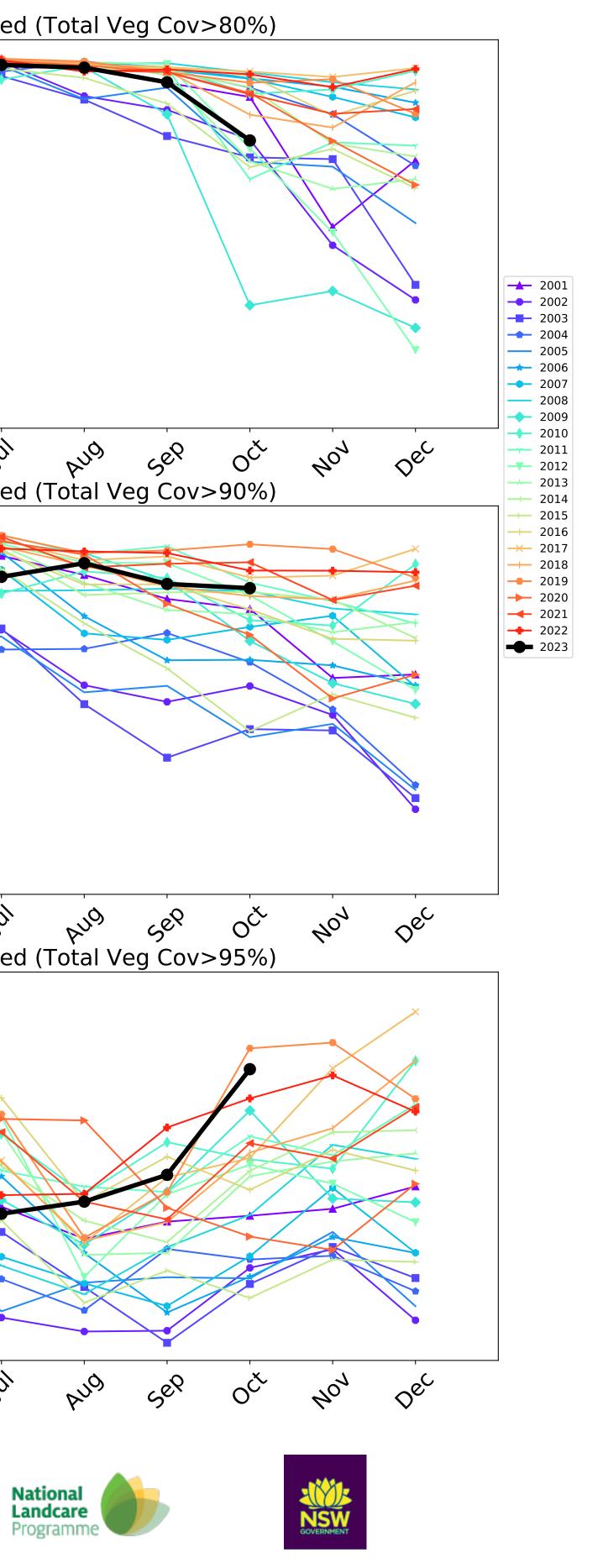


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

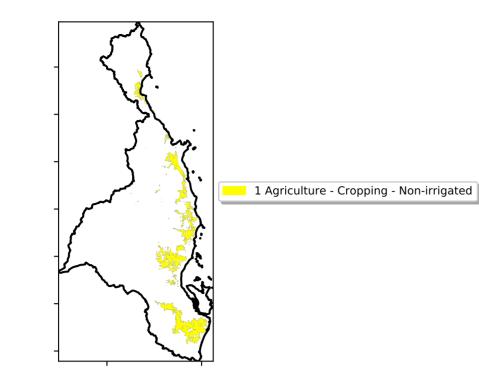




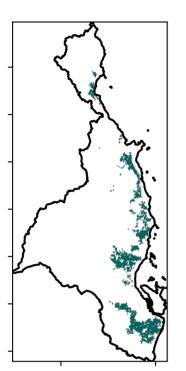


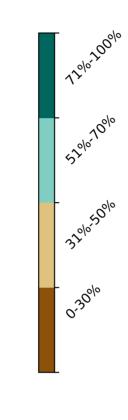
Cropping

Land use and forest cover

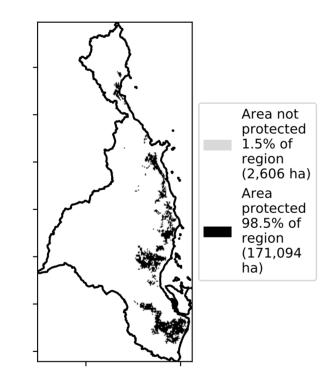


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

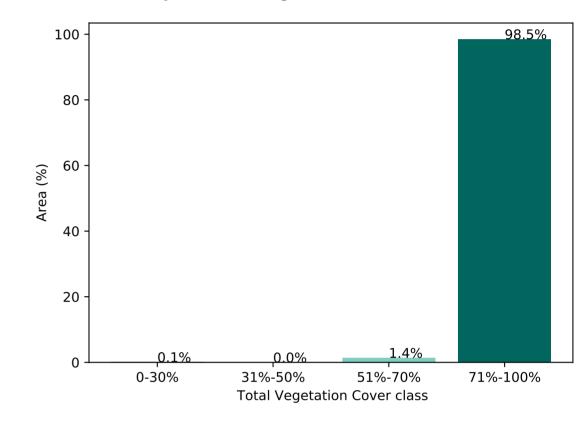




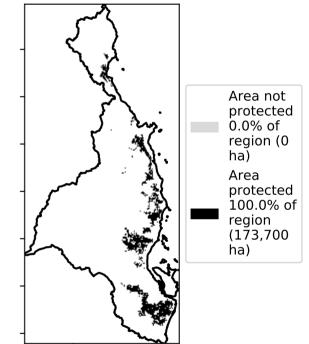
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

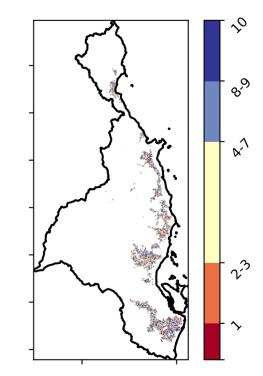


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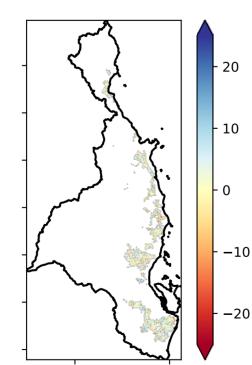
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

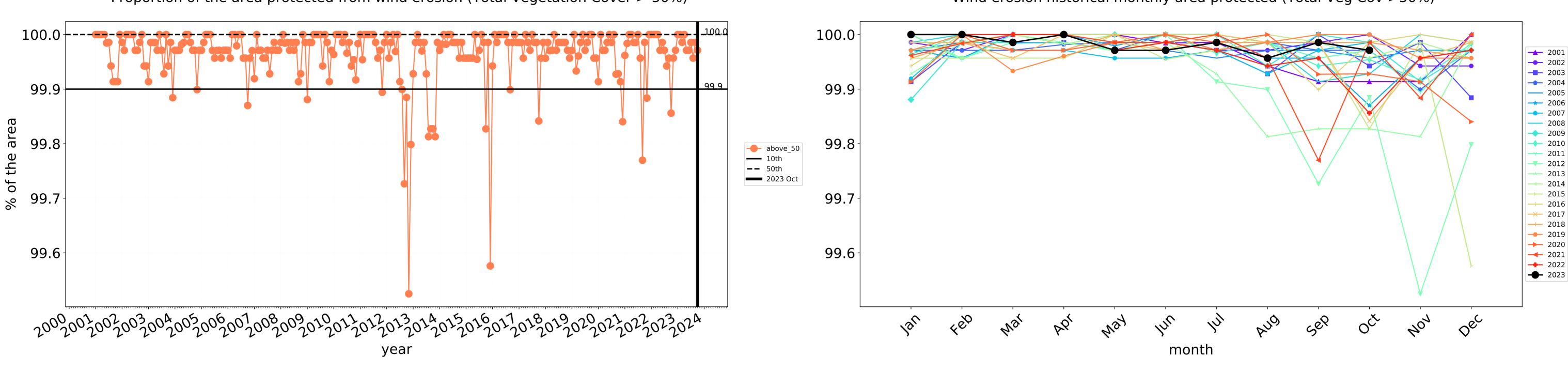
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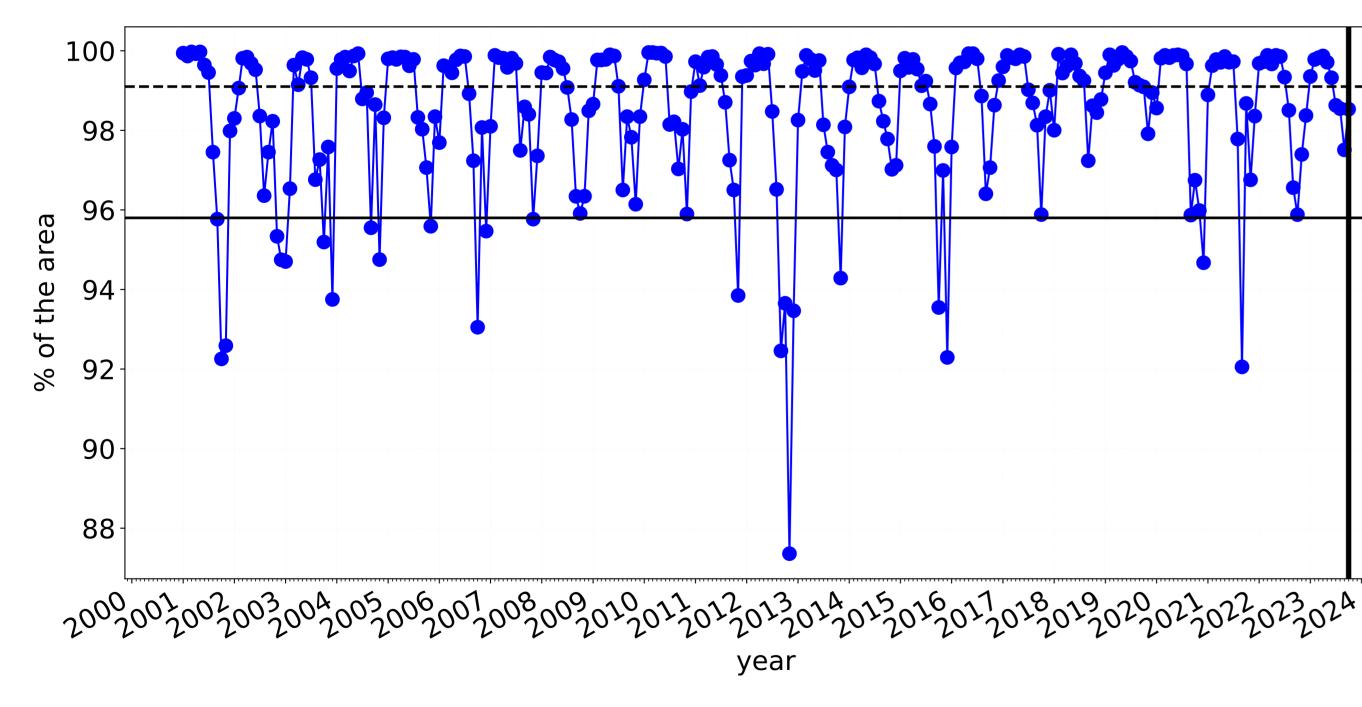
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

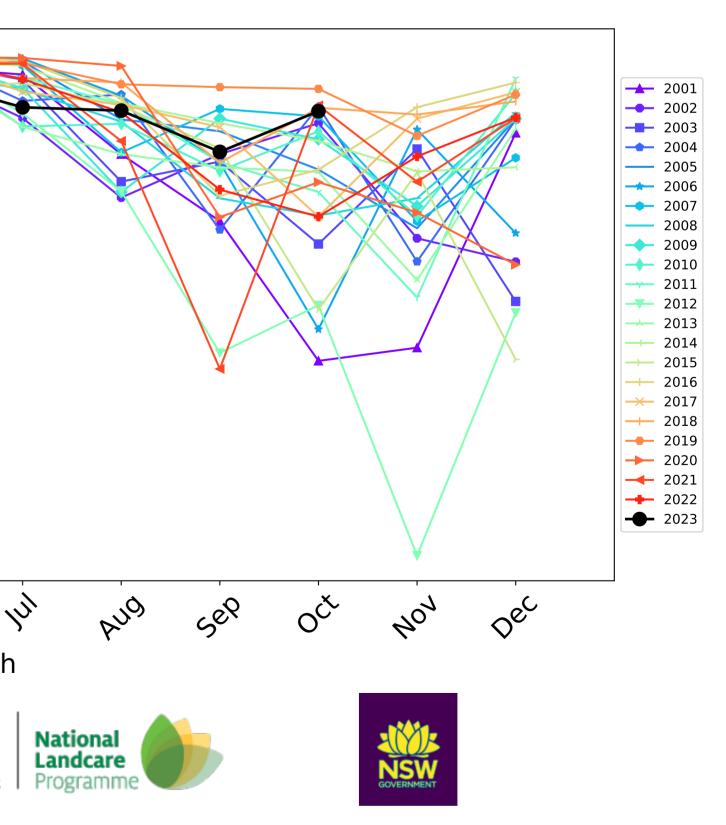


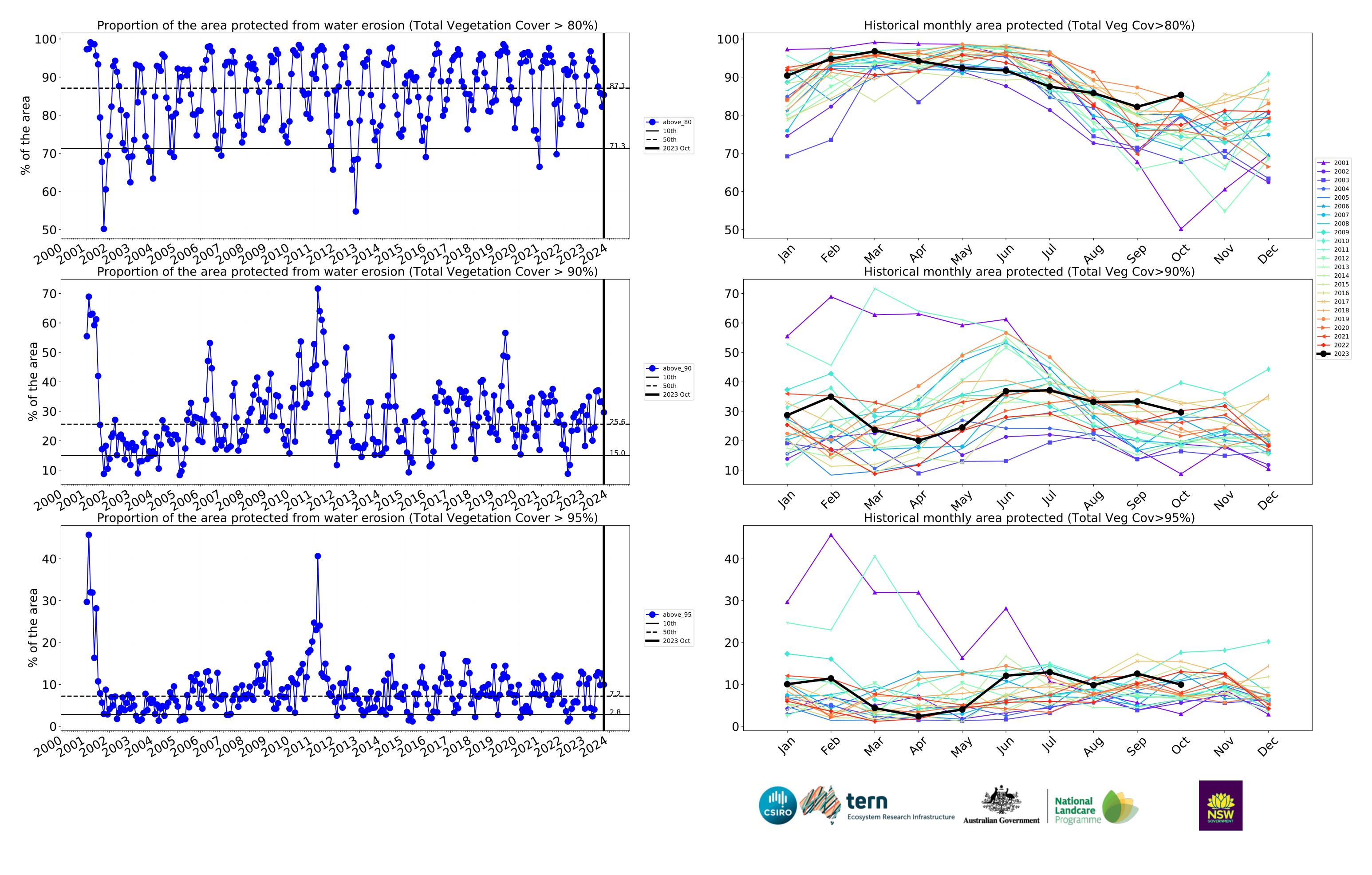
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

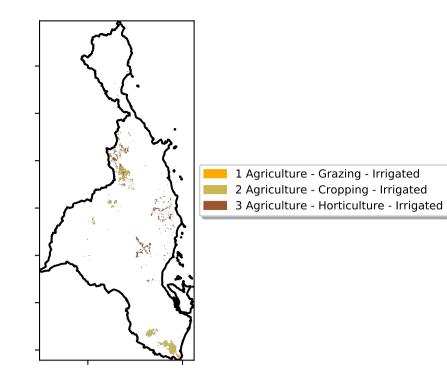




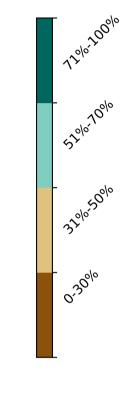
Irrigation

Land use and forest cover

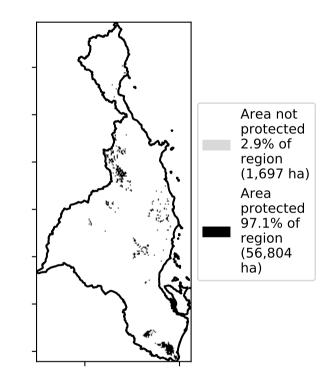
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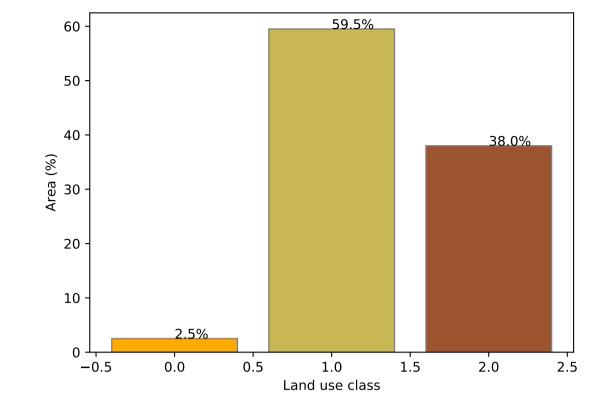


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



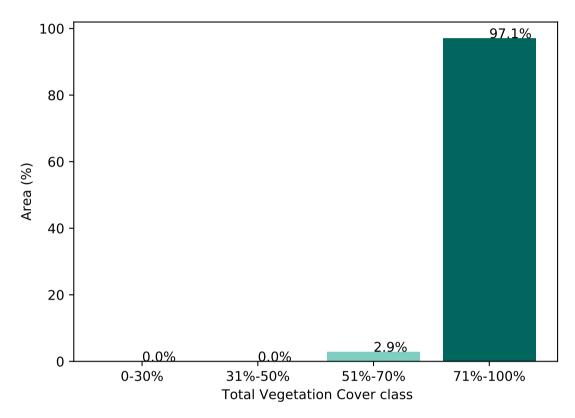
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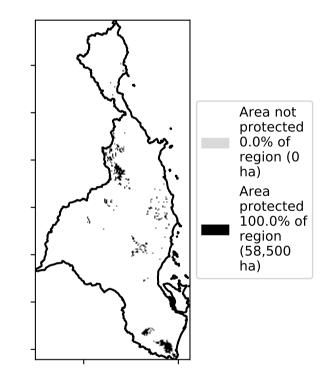


Proportion of each land class in area

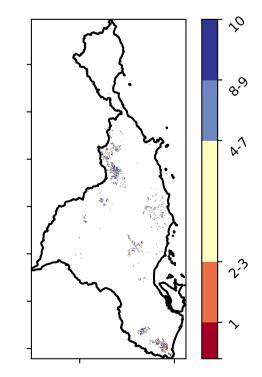
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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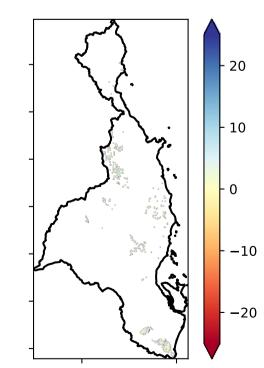


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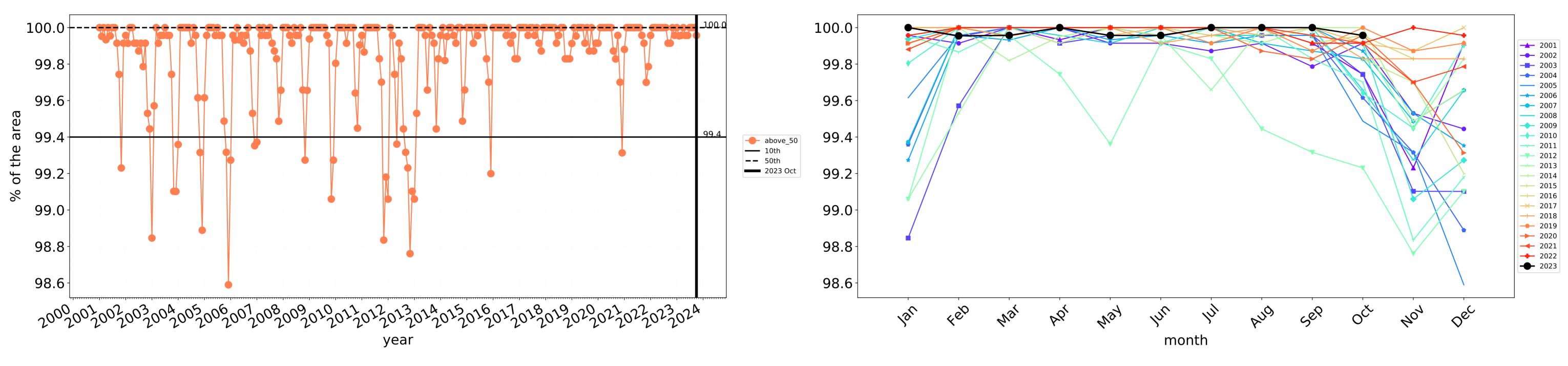


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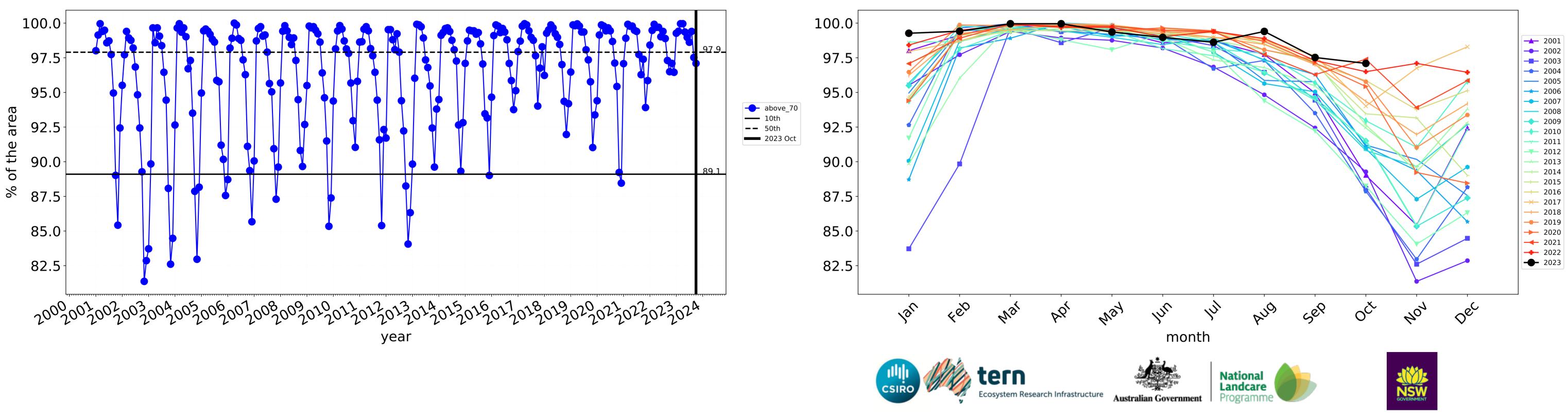


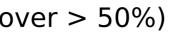




Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

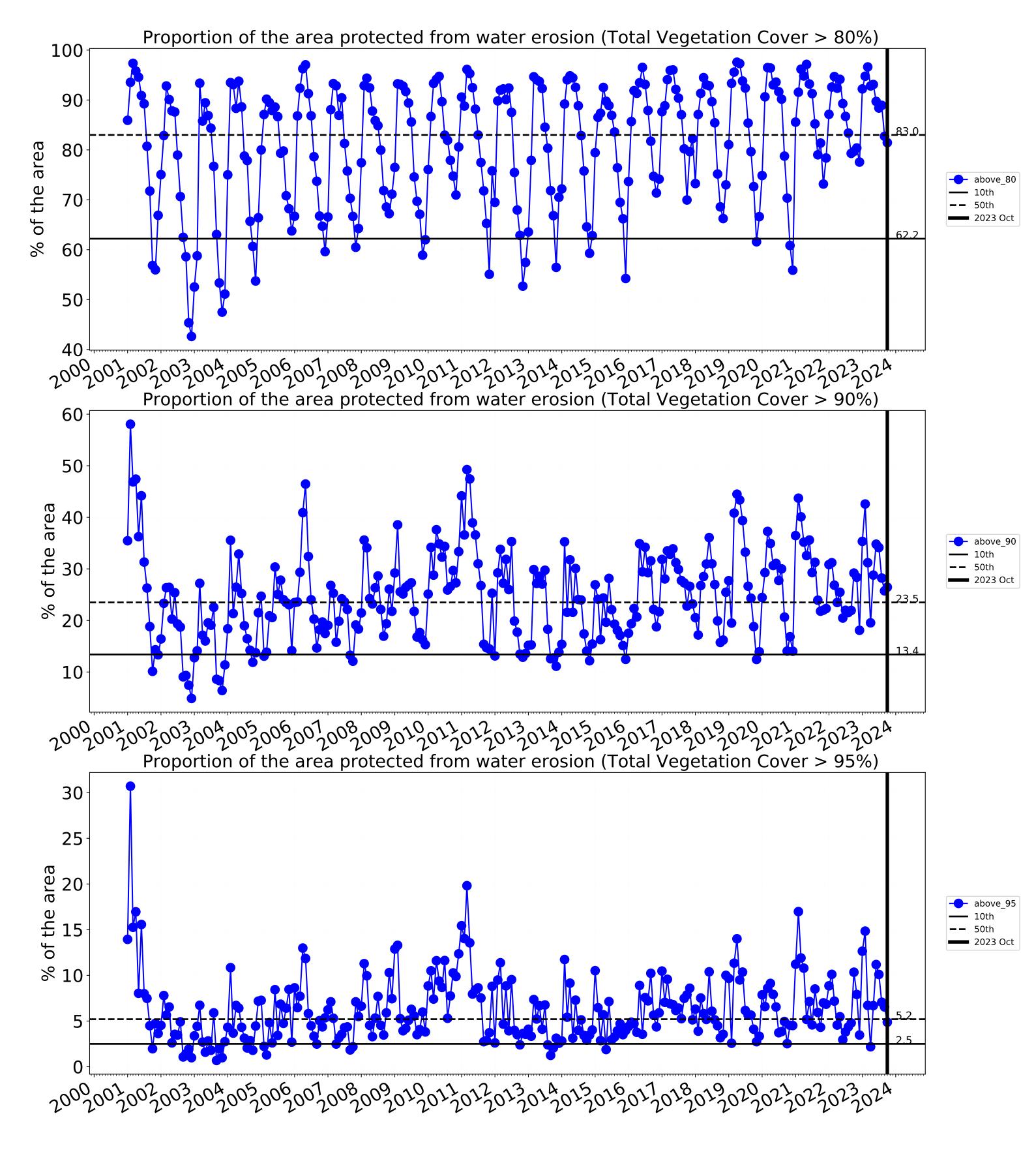


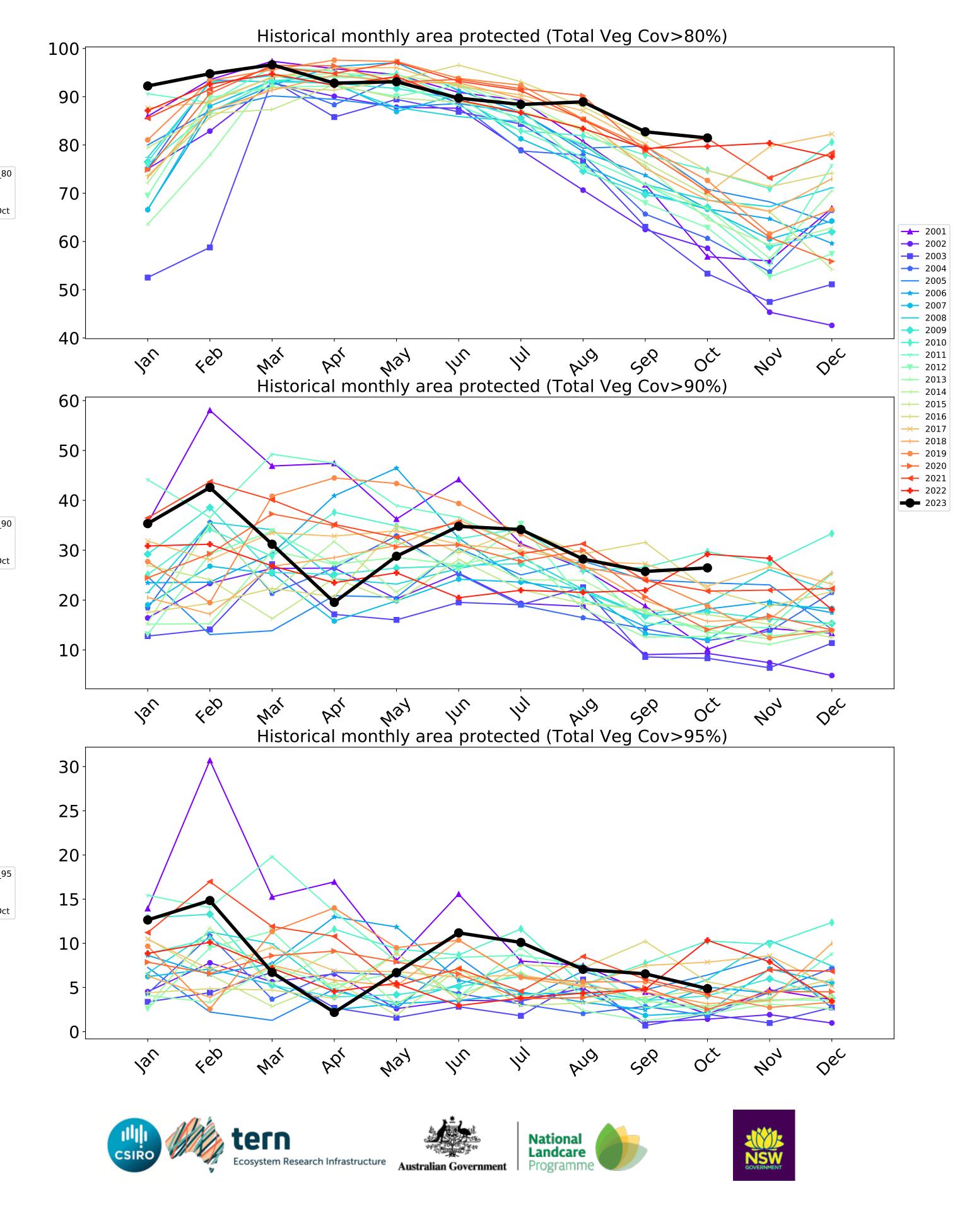




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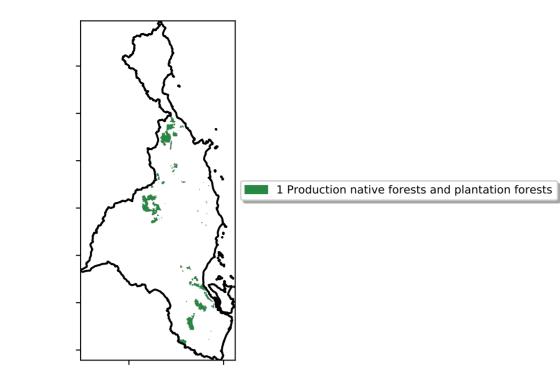




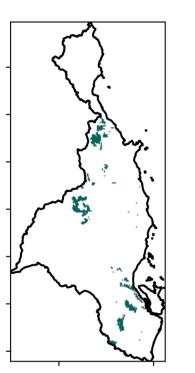


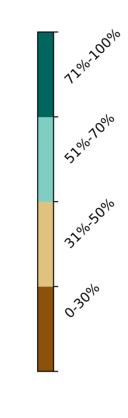
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

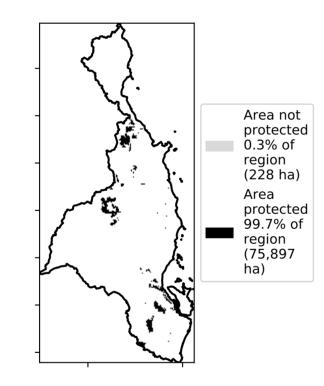


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

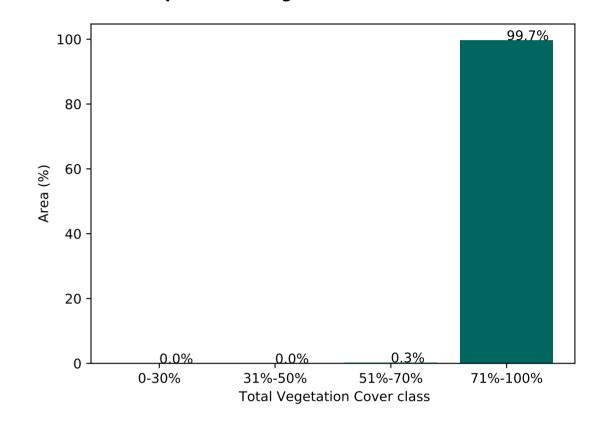




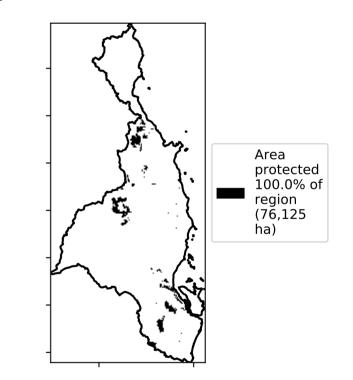
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

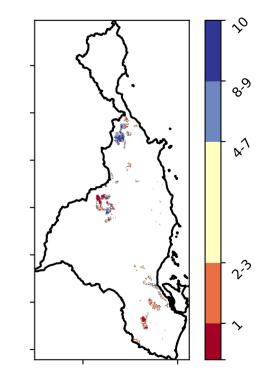


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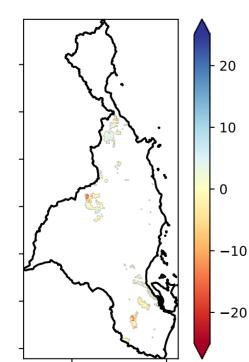
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

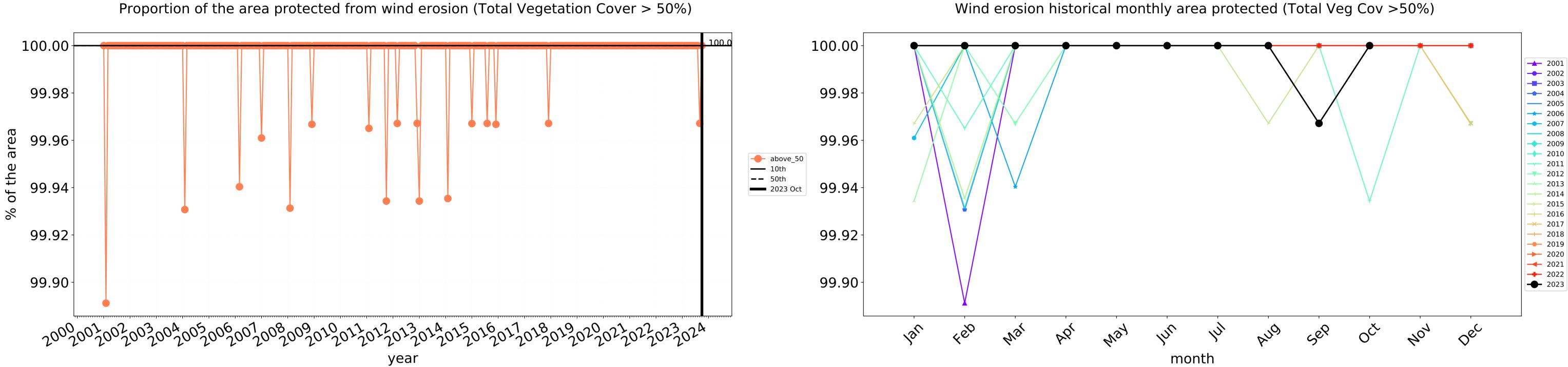
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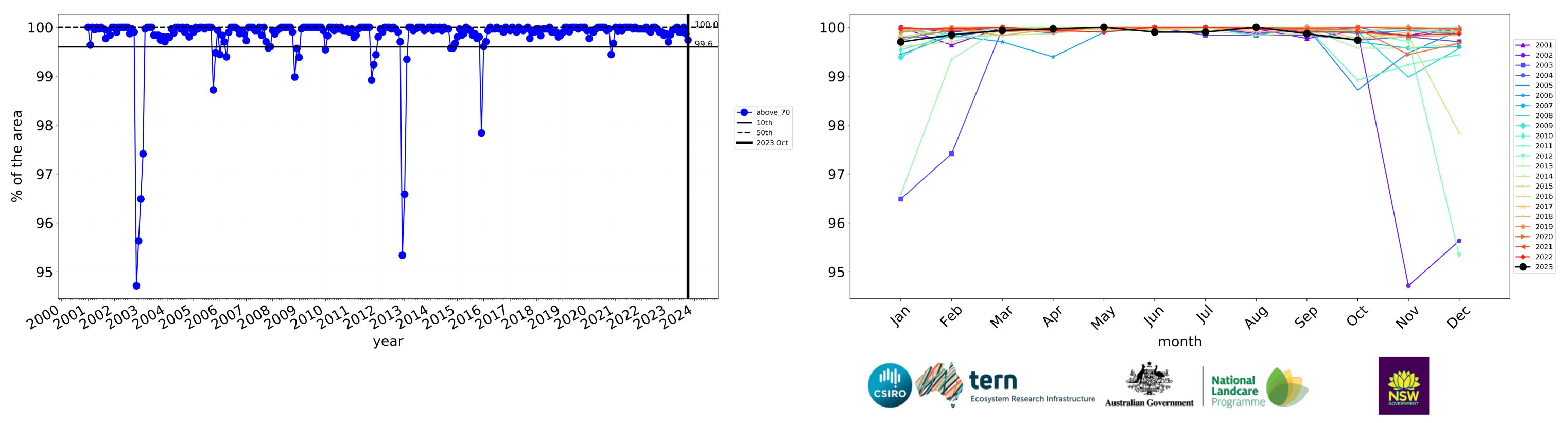


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

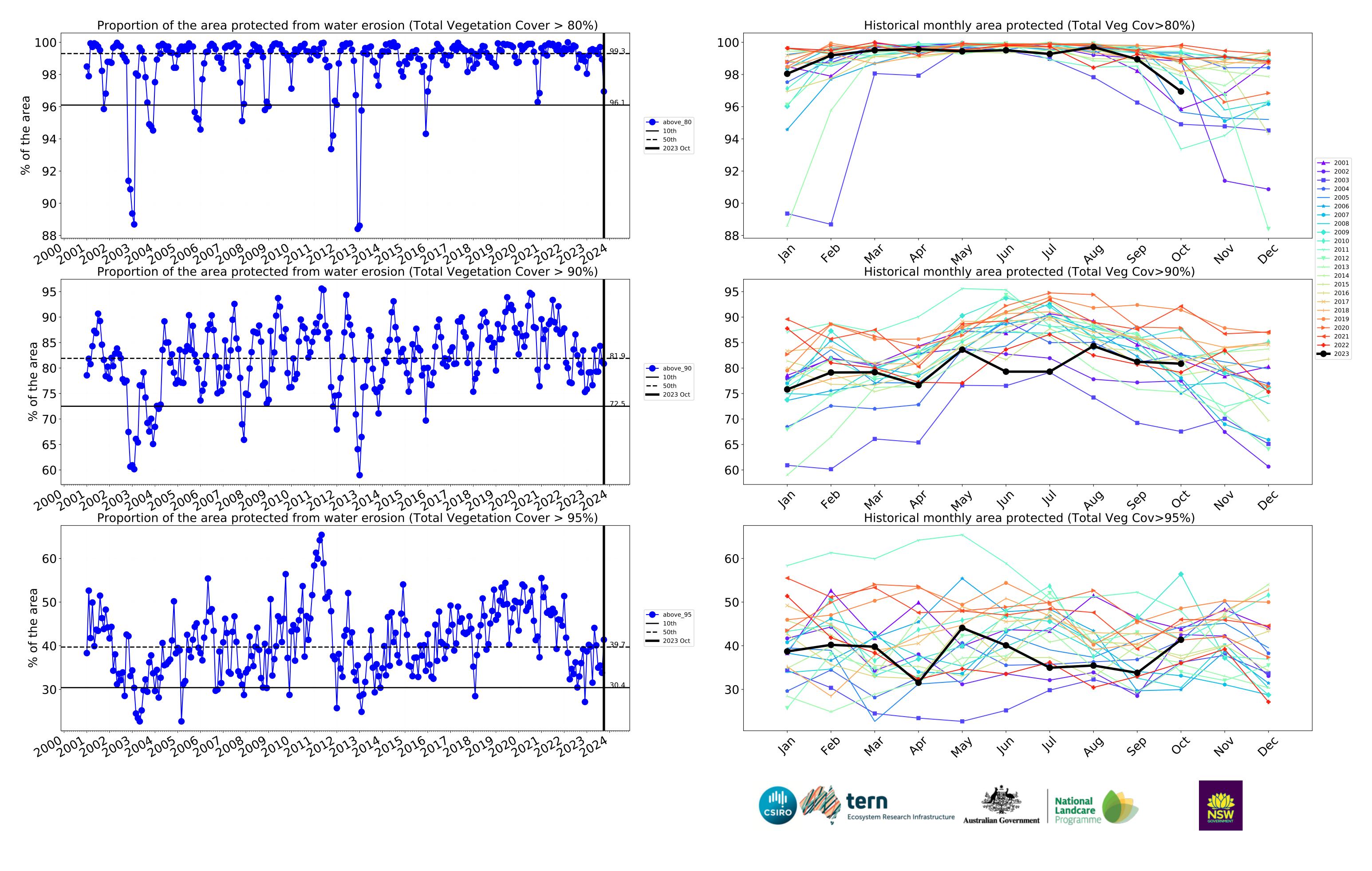


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



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



Wet Tropics (2,209,025 ha and no data 15,219 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	2,209,025	100.0% 2,208,675	99.9% 2,206,850	99.1% 2,188,375	95.3% 2,105,725	74.8% 1,652,175	33.8% 746,400
Conservation and natural environments	1,075,175	100.0% 1,075,025	99.9% 1,074,275	99.4% 1,068,625	97.8% 1,051,300	84.2% 905,425	28.3% 303,750
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	137,775	100.0% 137,750	99.9% 137,675	99.6% 137,225	97.2% 133,850	82.9% 114,175	48.4% 66,750
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	926,275	100.0% 926,175	99.9% 925,550	99.4% 920,500	98.0% 907,425	84.7% 784,650	25.3% 234,275
Agriculture	943,150	100.0% 943,125	100.0% 943,075	99.4% 937,525	94.6% 892,425	67.8% 639,650	41.7% 393,075
Grazing	710,900	100.0% 710,900	100.0% 710,900	99.8% 709,525	98.0% 696,525	80.6% 572,700	52.5% 372,925
Grazing non forest	175,475	100.0% 175,475	100.0% 175,475	99.8% 175,125	96.9% 170,100	52.9% 92,875	20.9% 36,675
Grazing Woodland forest	296,050	100.0% 296,050	100.0% 296,050	99.9% 295,700	98.5% 291,725	88.7% 262,475	58.3% 172,550
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	239,375	100.0% 239,375	100.0% 239,375	99.7% 238,700	98.0% 234,700	90.8% 217,350	68.4% 163,700
Cropping	173,700	100.0% 173,675	100.0% 173,650	98.5% 171,150	85.3% 148,225	29.6% 51,450	10.0% 17,300
Irrigation	58,500	100.0% 58,500	100.0% 58,475	97.1% 56,800	81.5% 47,650	26.5% 15,475	4.9% 2,850
Production native forests and plantation forests	76,125	100.0% 76,125	100.0% 76,125	99.7% 75,925	96.9% 73,800	80.9% 61,550	41.4% 31,500

