# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Eyre Peninsula SA

# Date: October 2020

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

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

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

• 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:
  - Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
  - Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

### Acknowledgment of data:

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

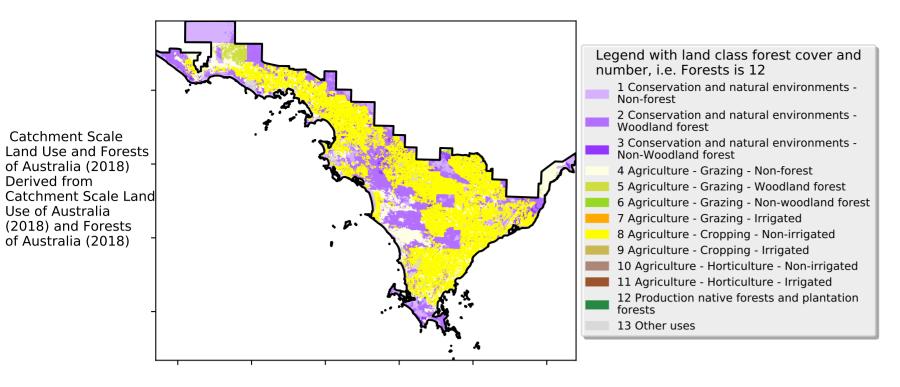
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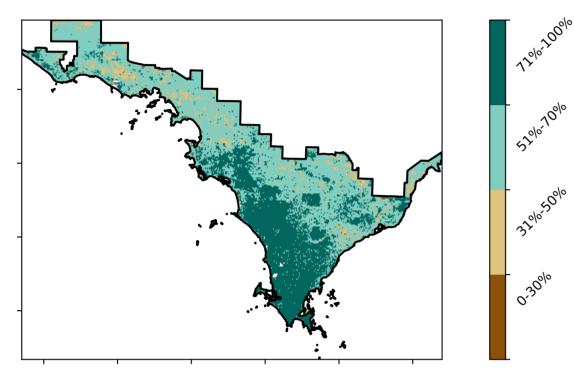
# **Vegetation Cover Oct 2020**

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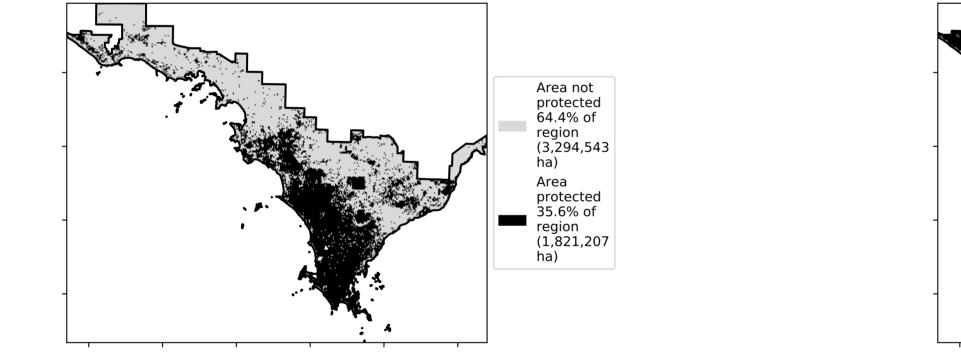
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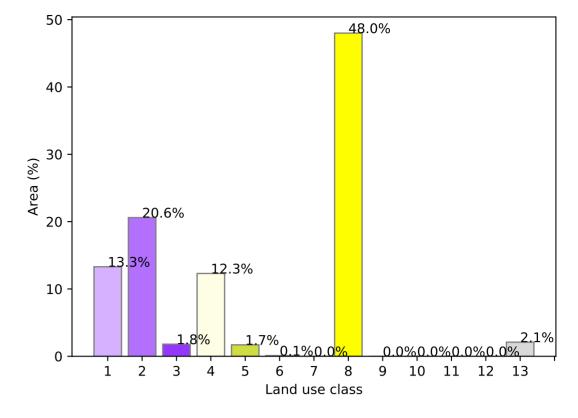


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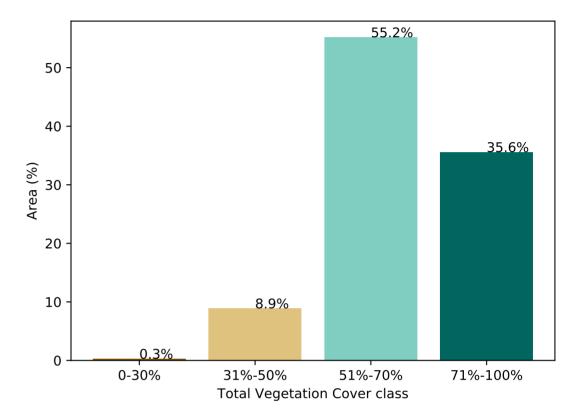


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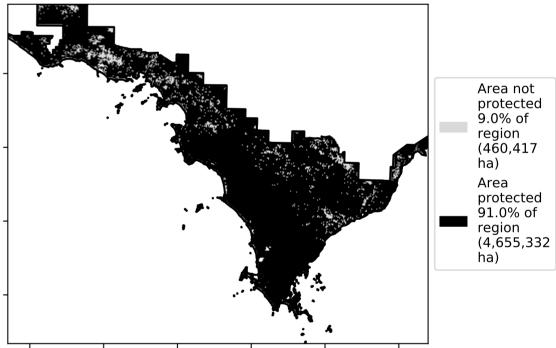




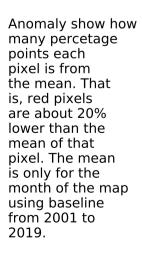
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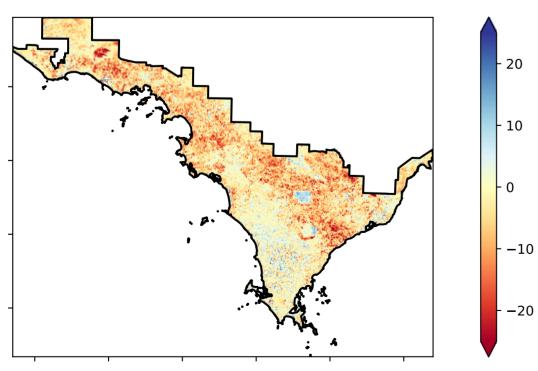


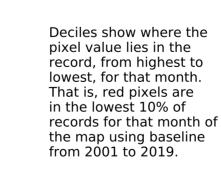
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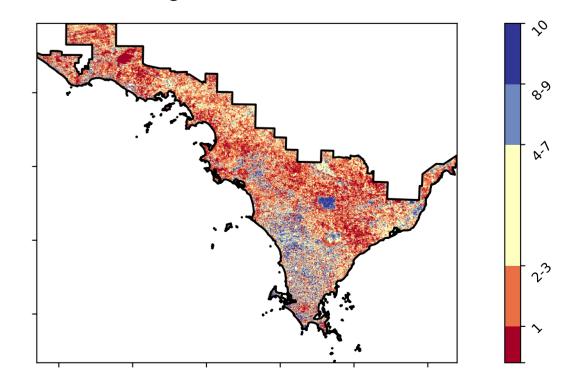
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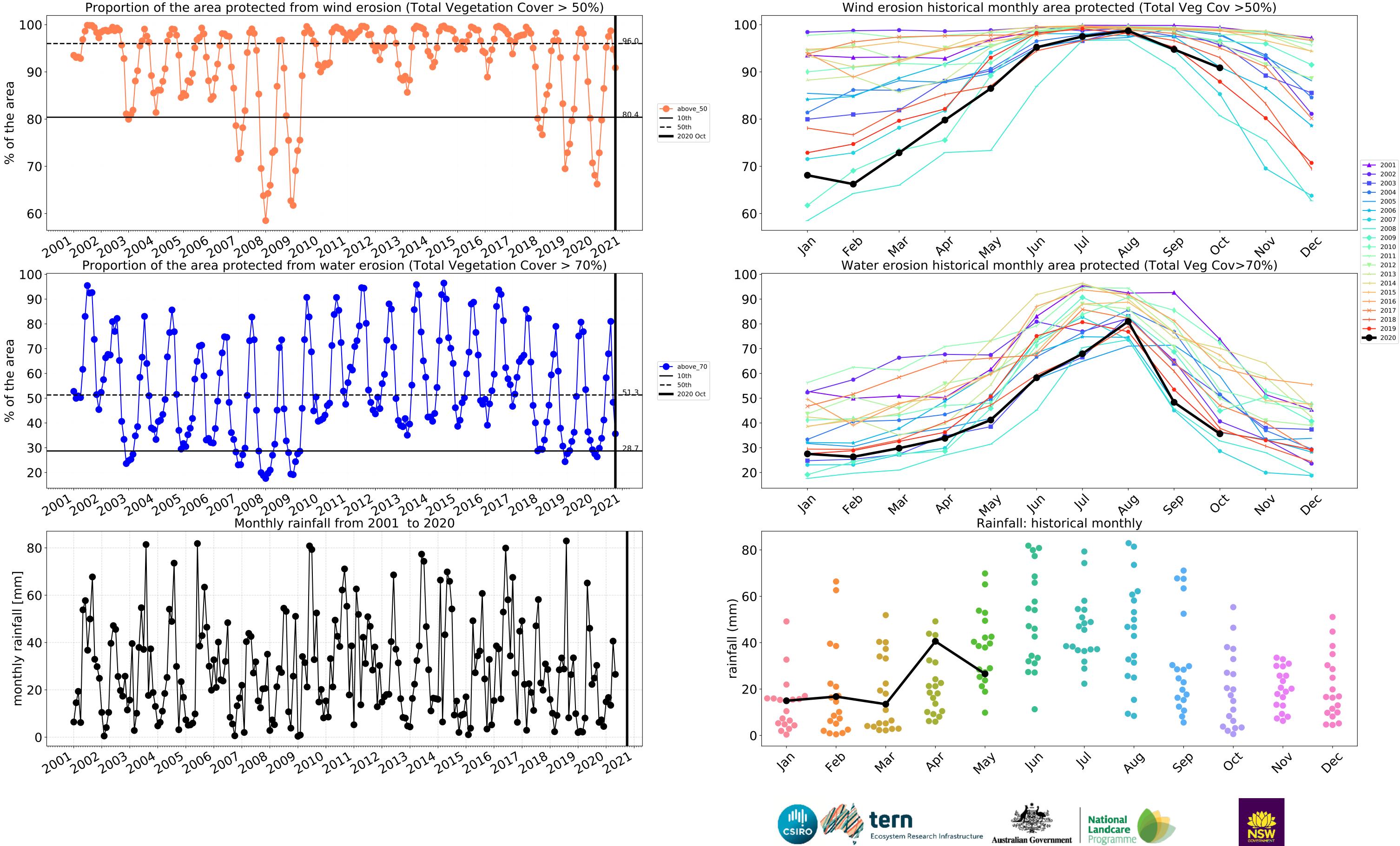




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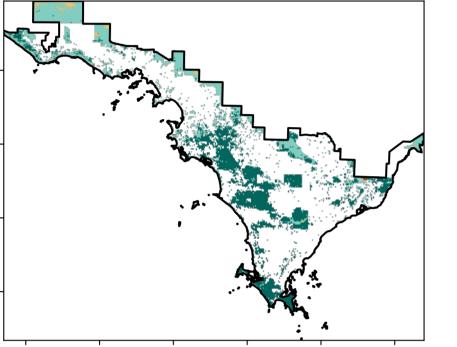
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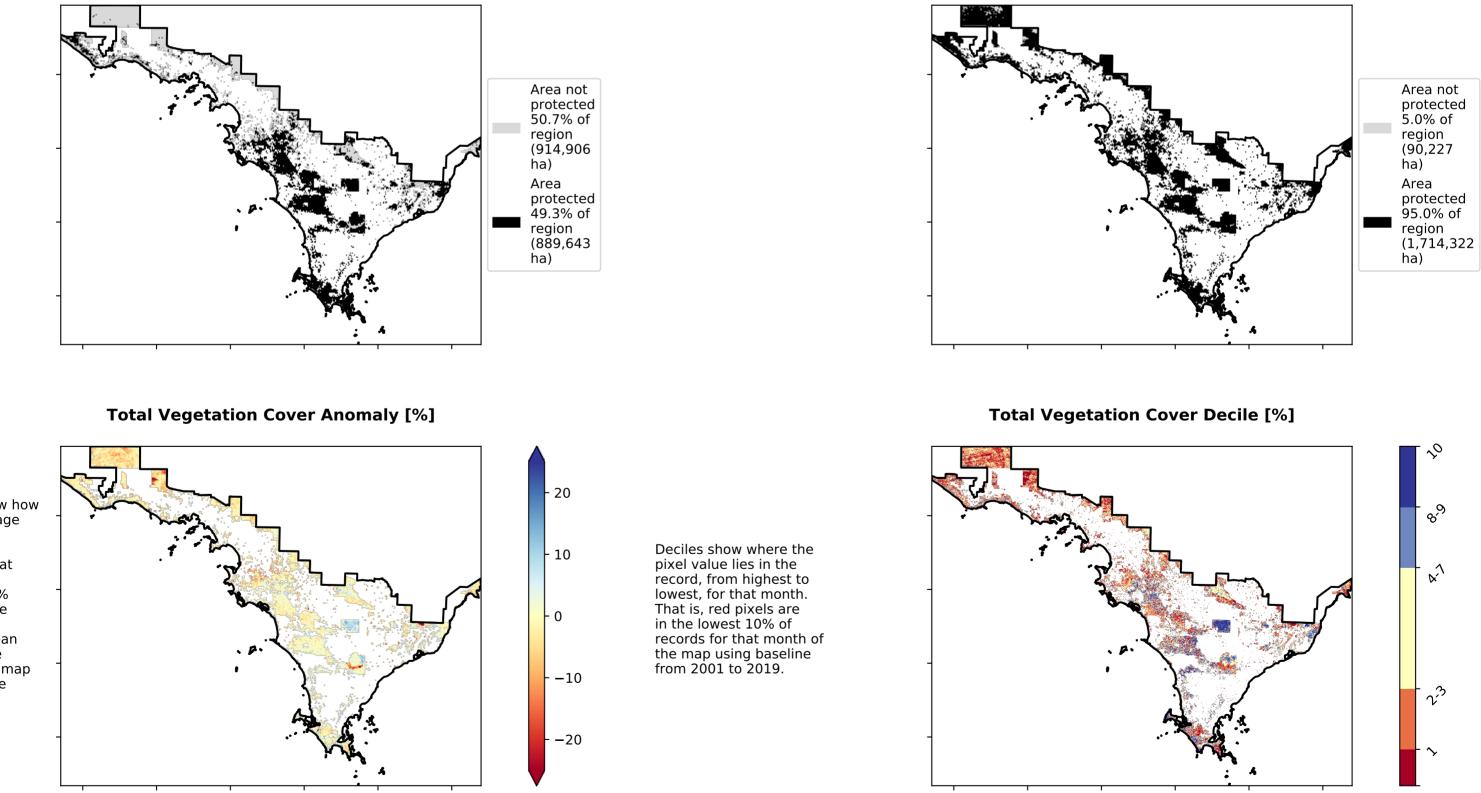
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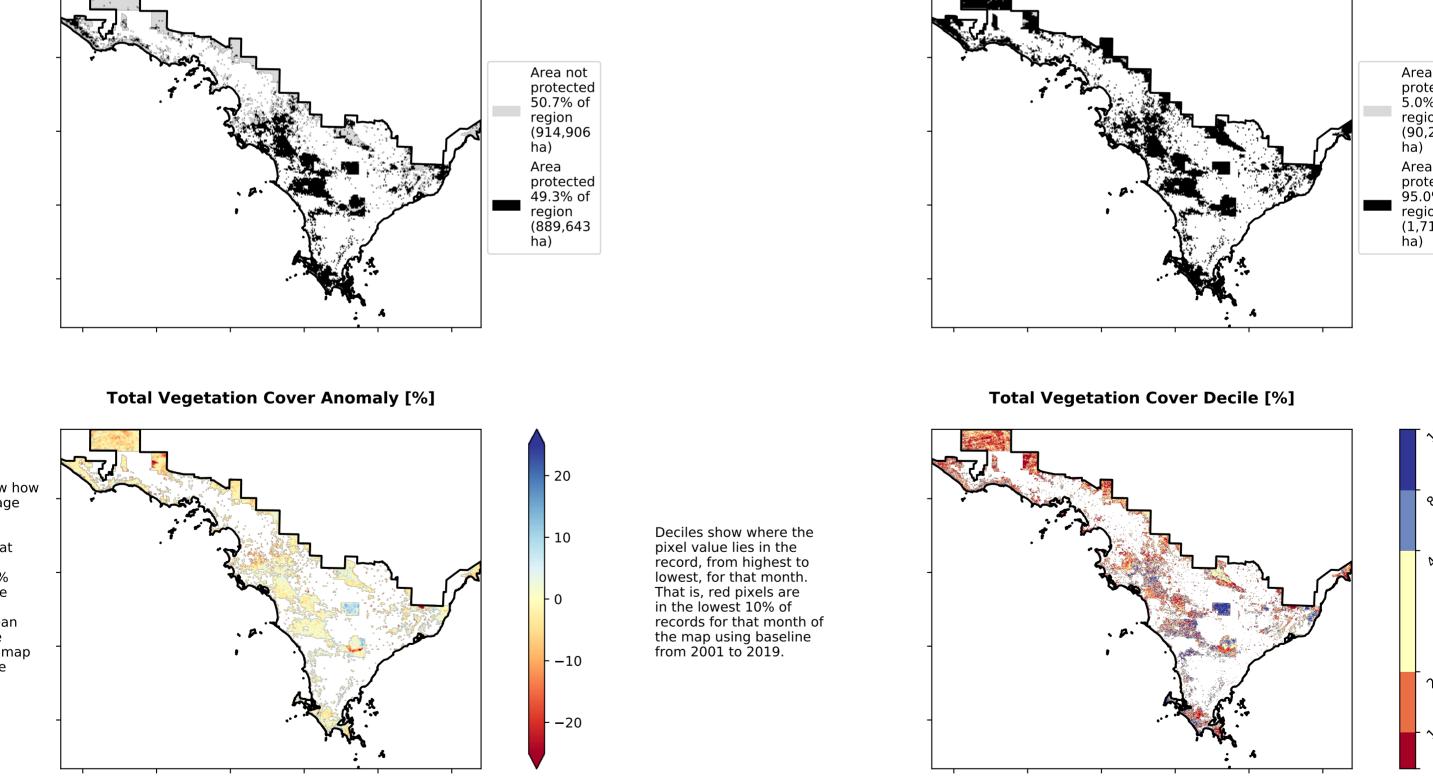


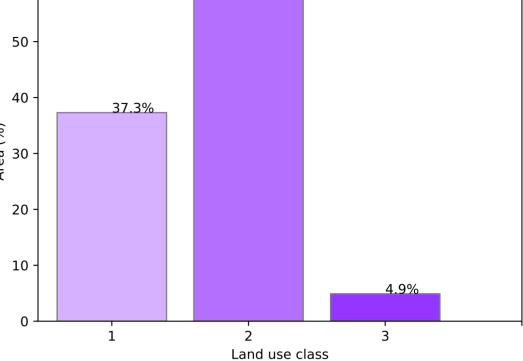
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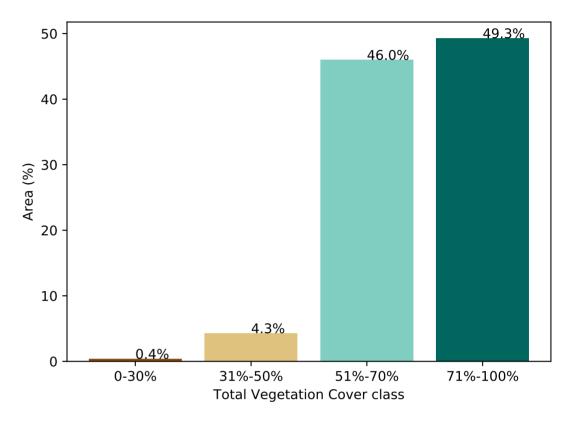
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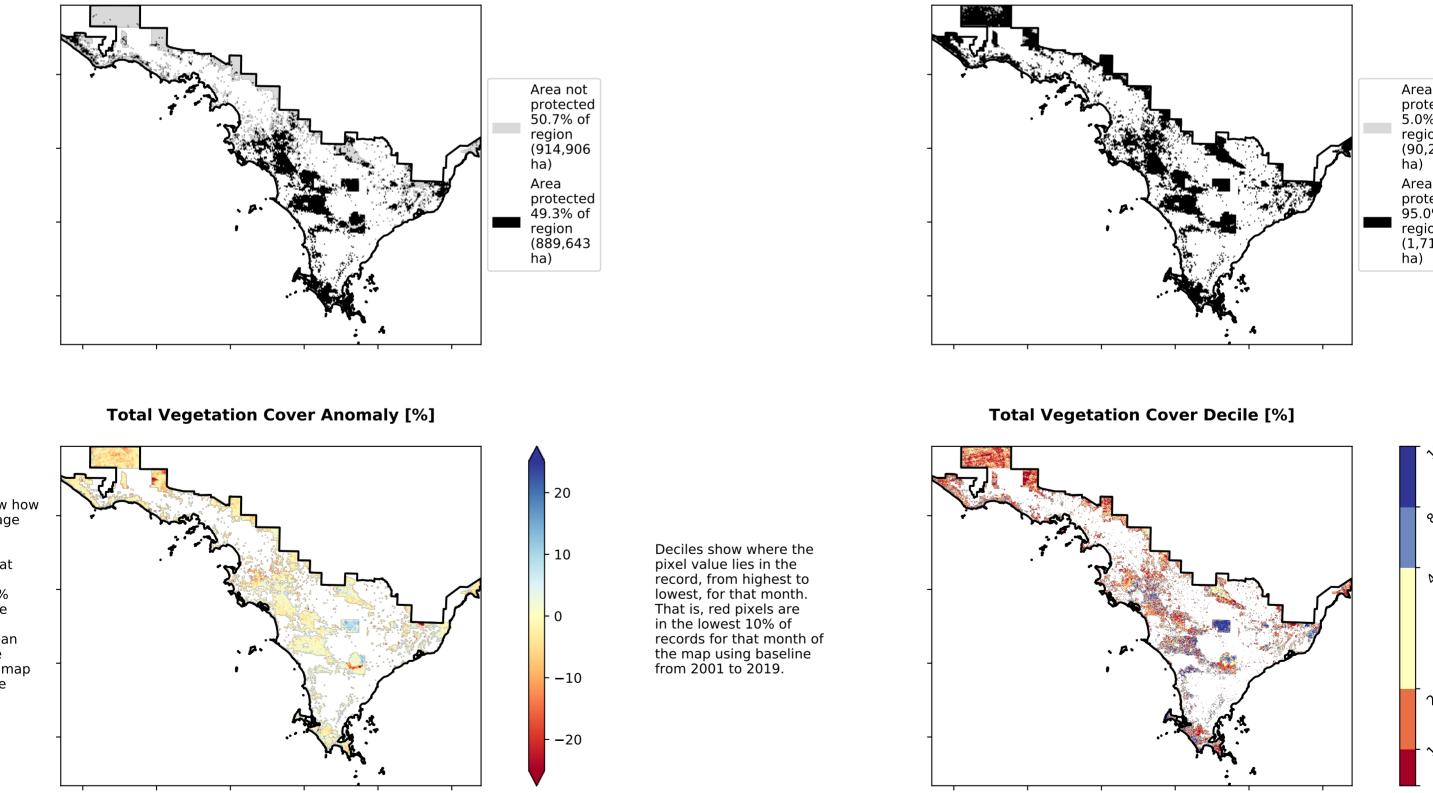


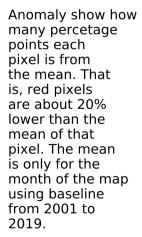
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



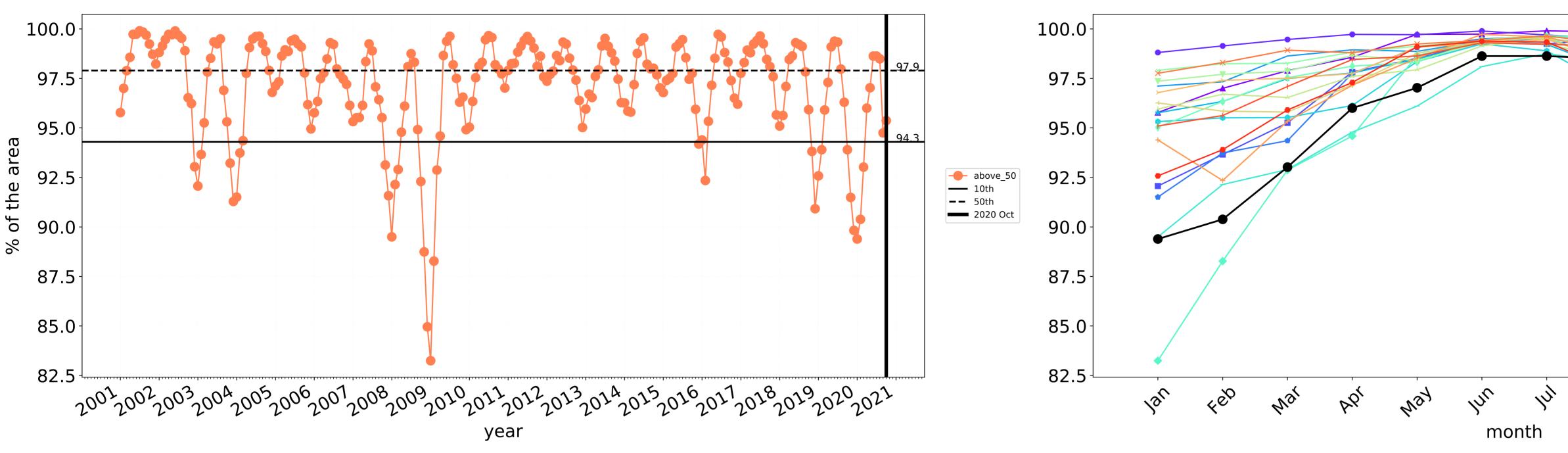
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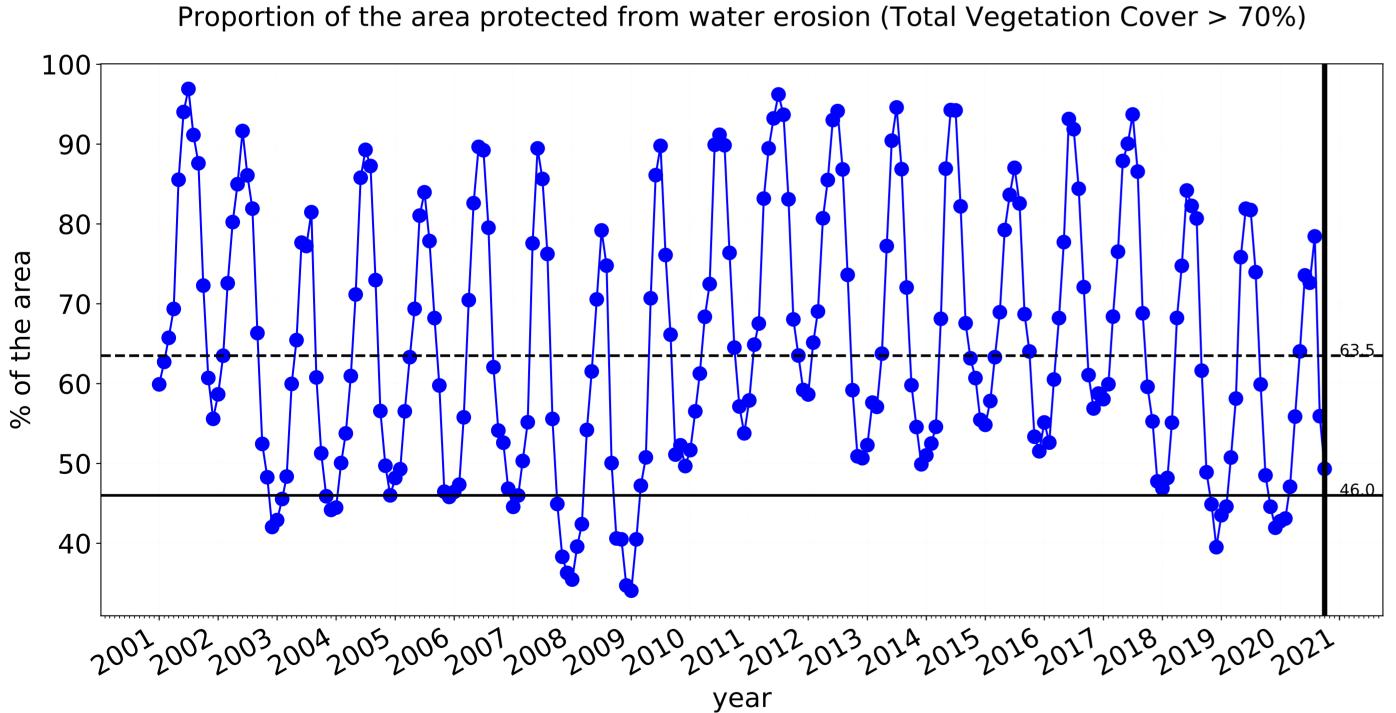




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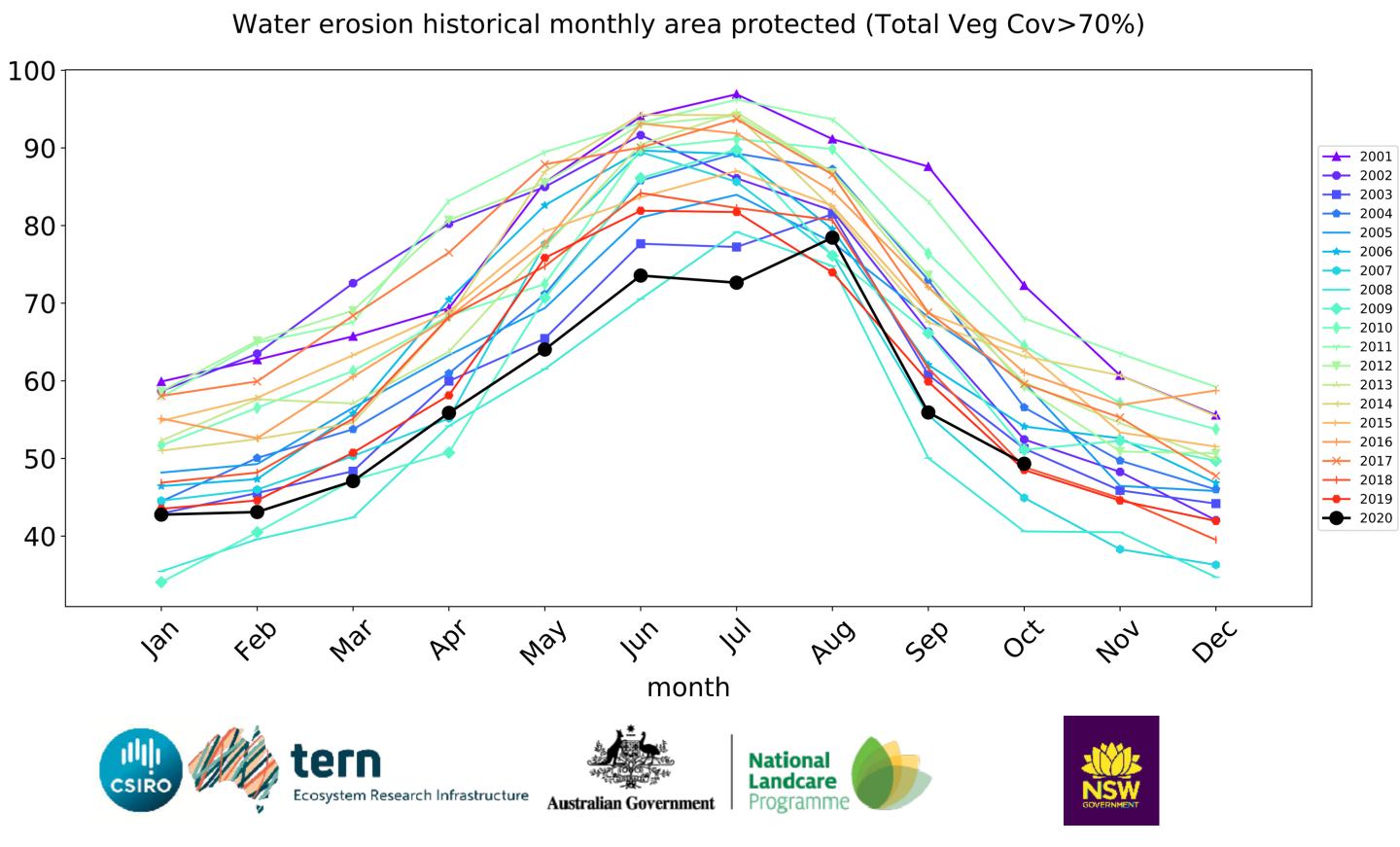
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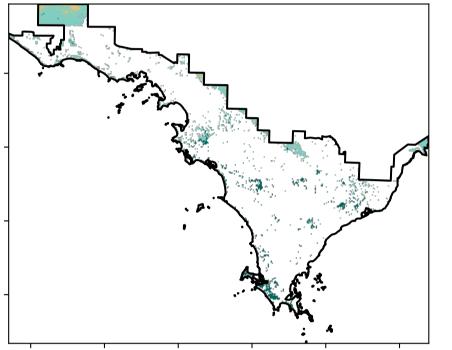
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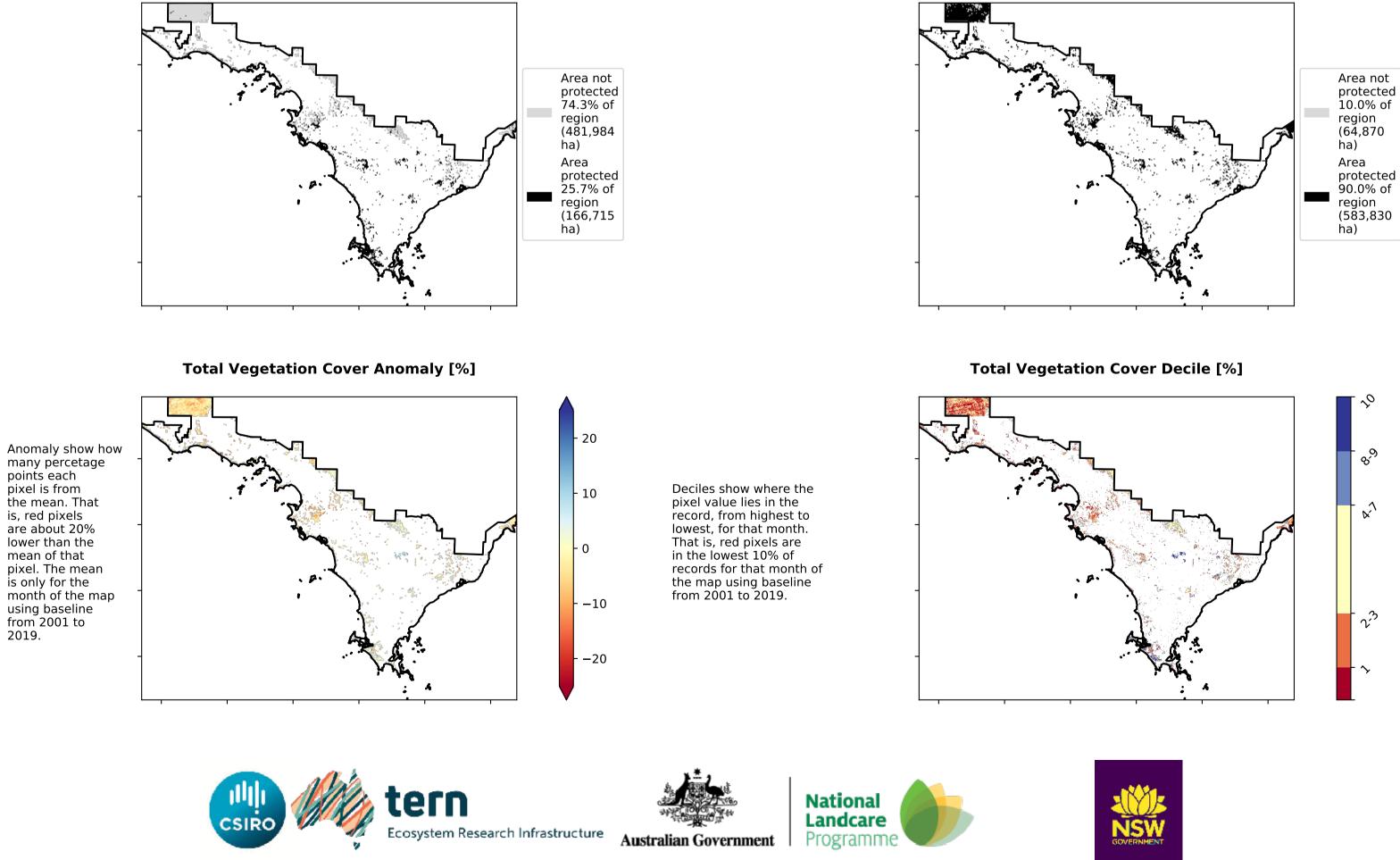
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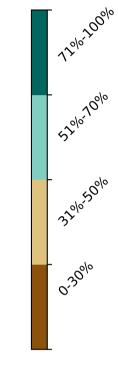
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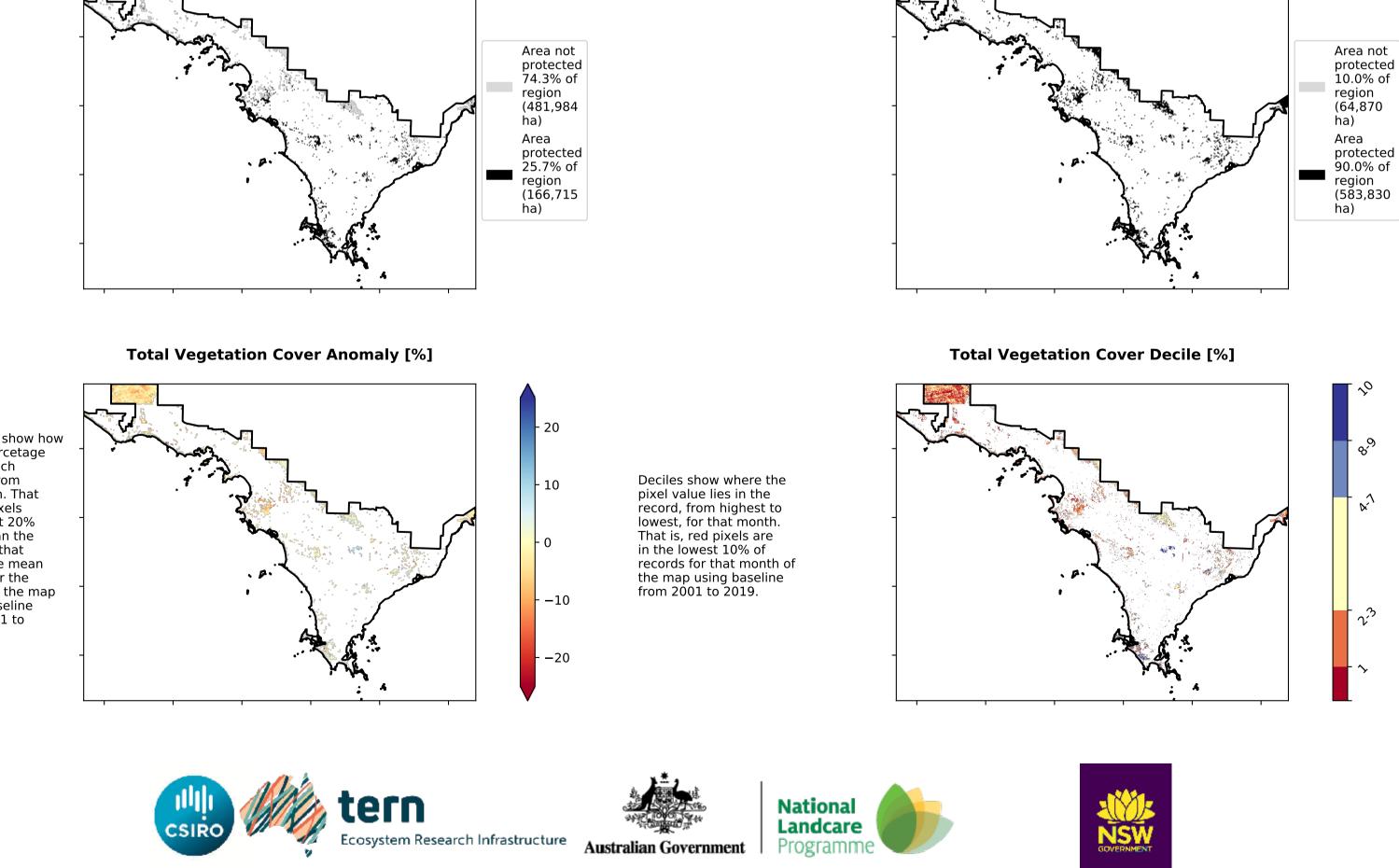
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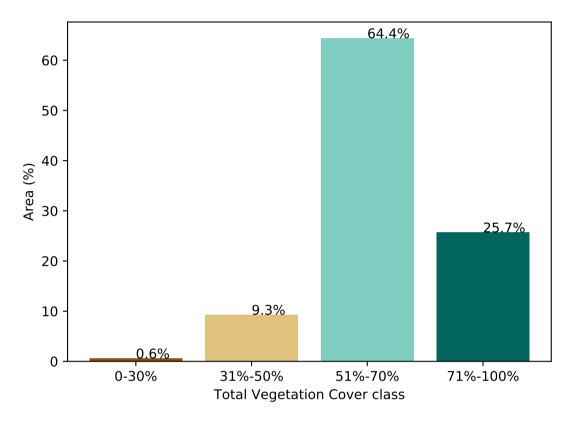
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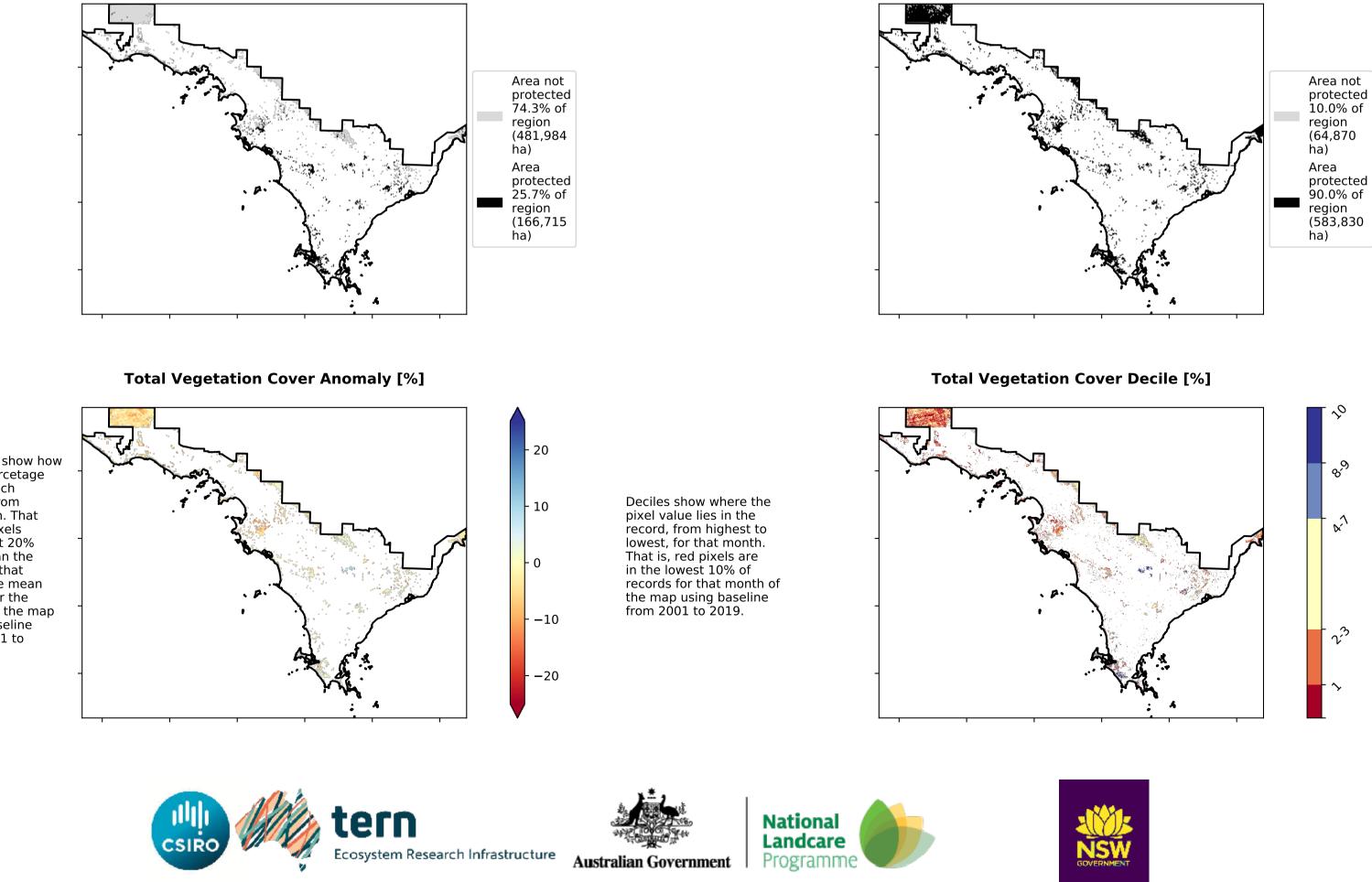


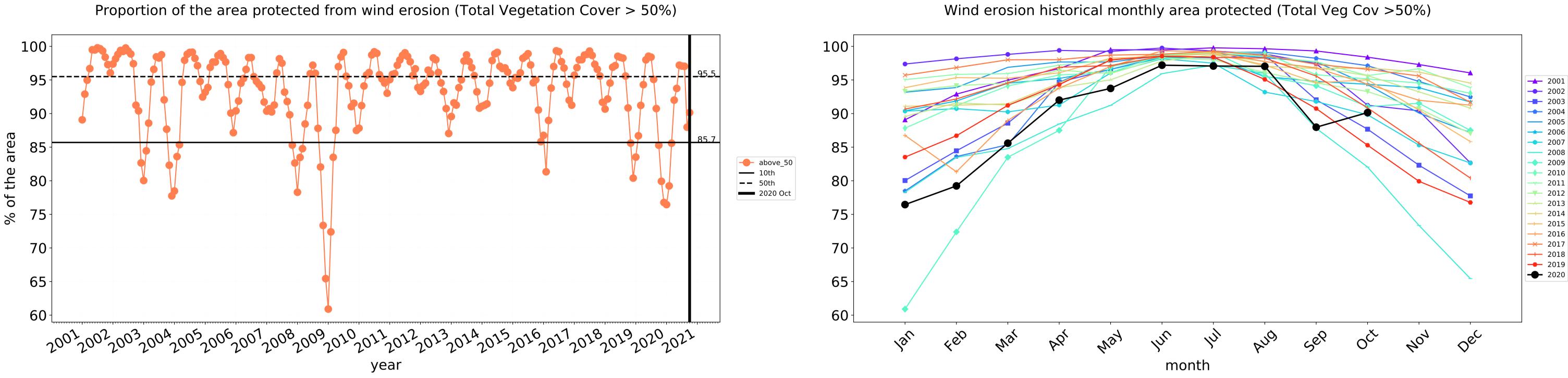






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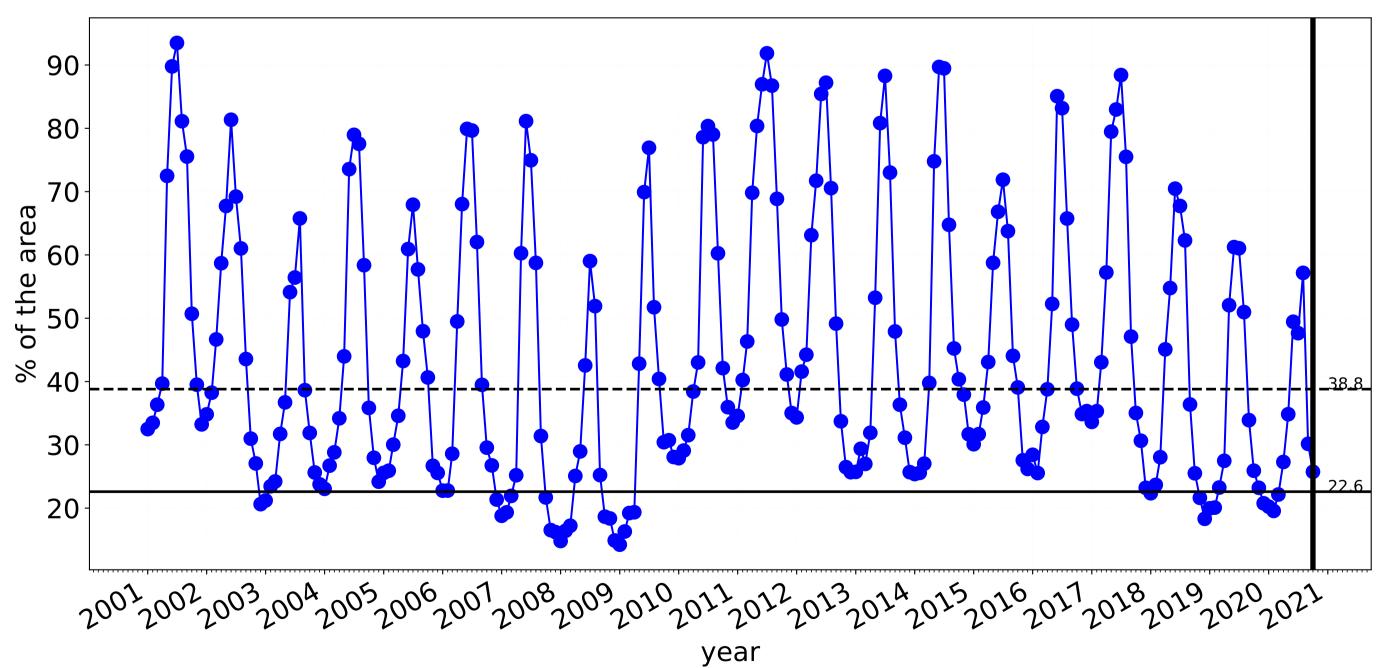
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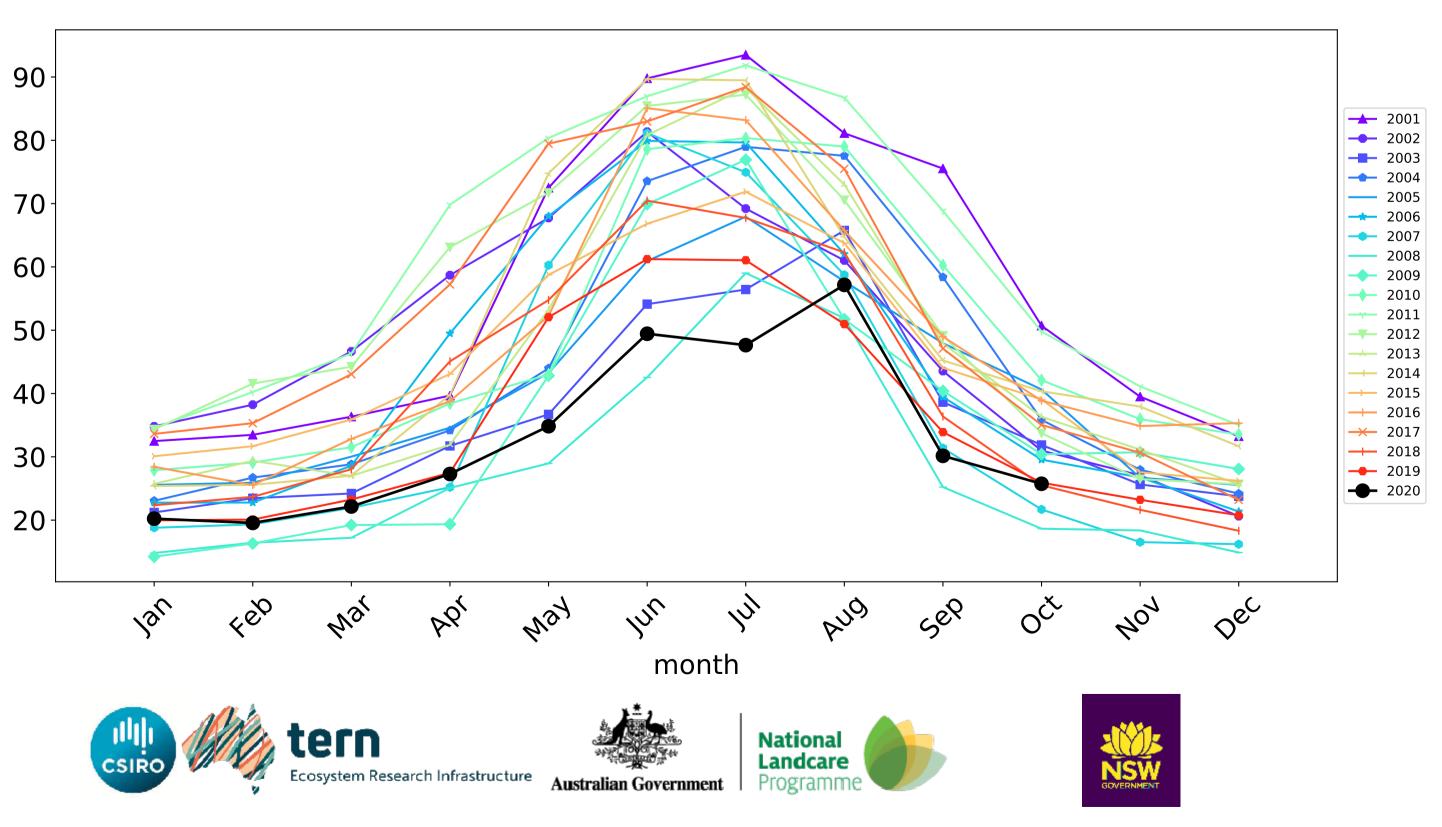
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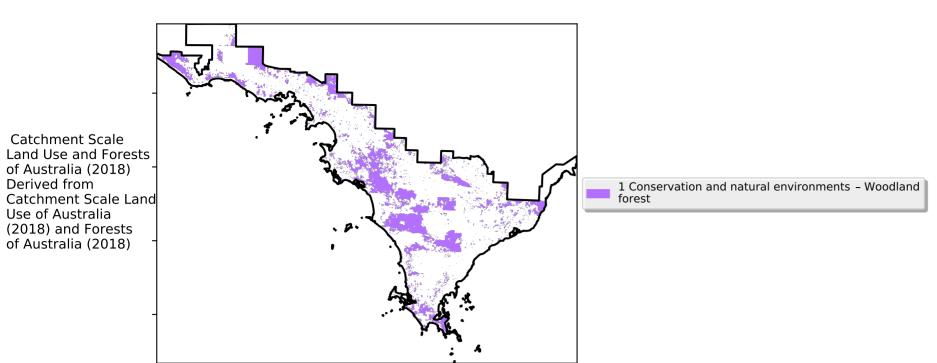
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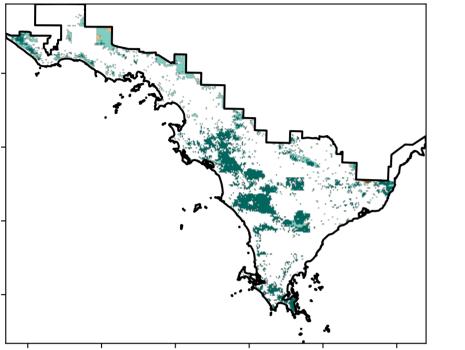
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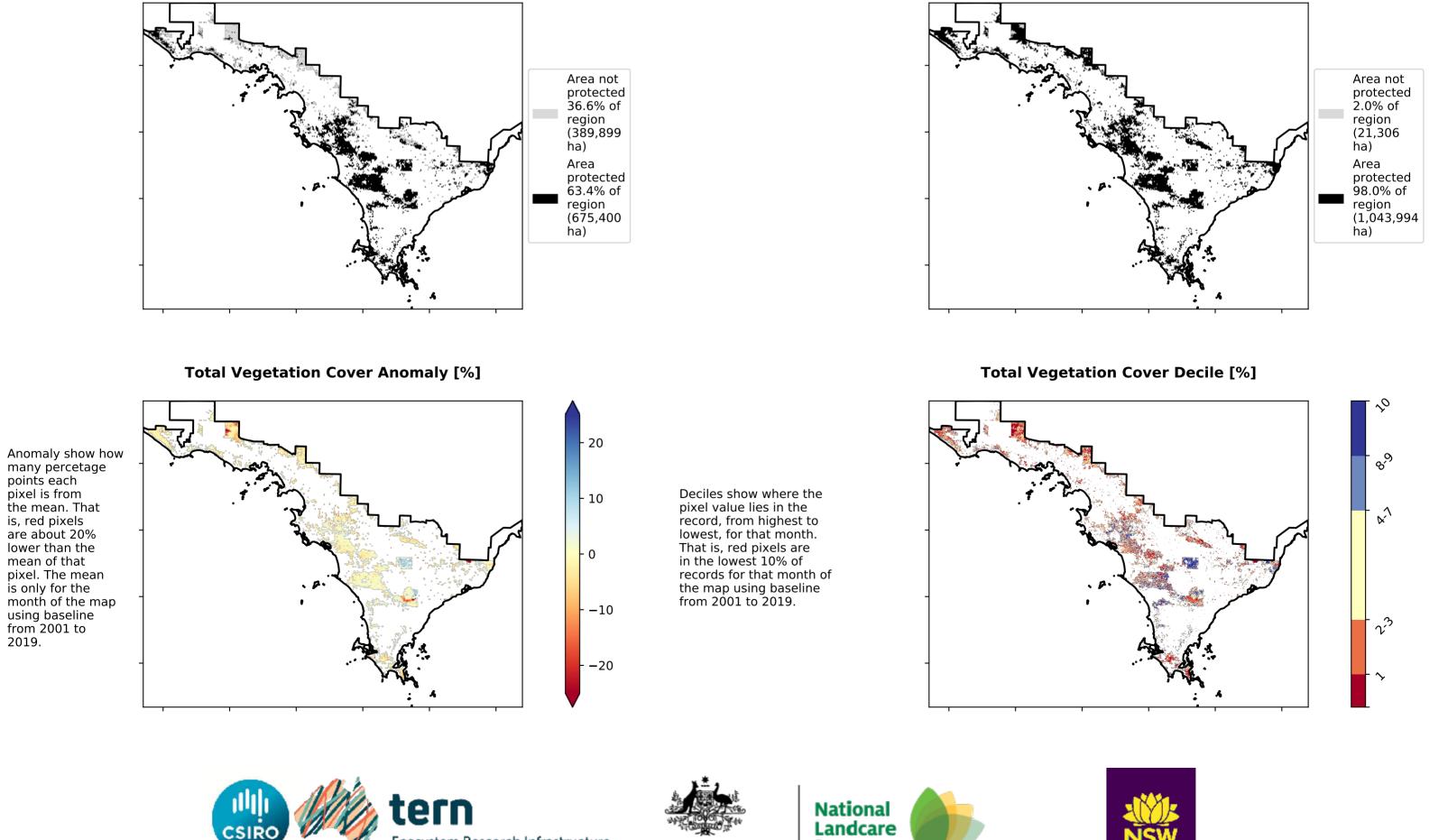
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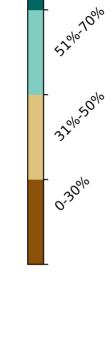
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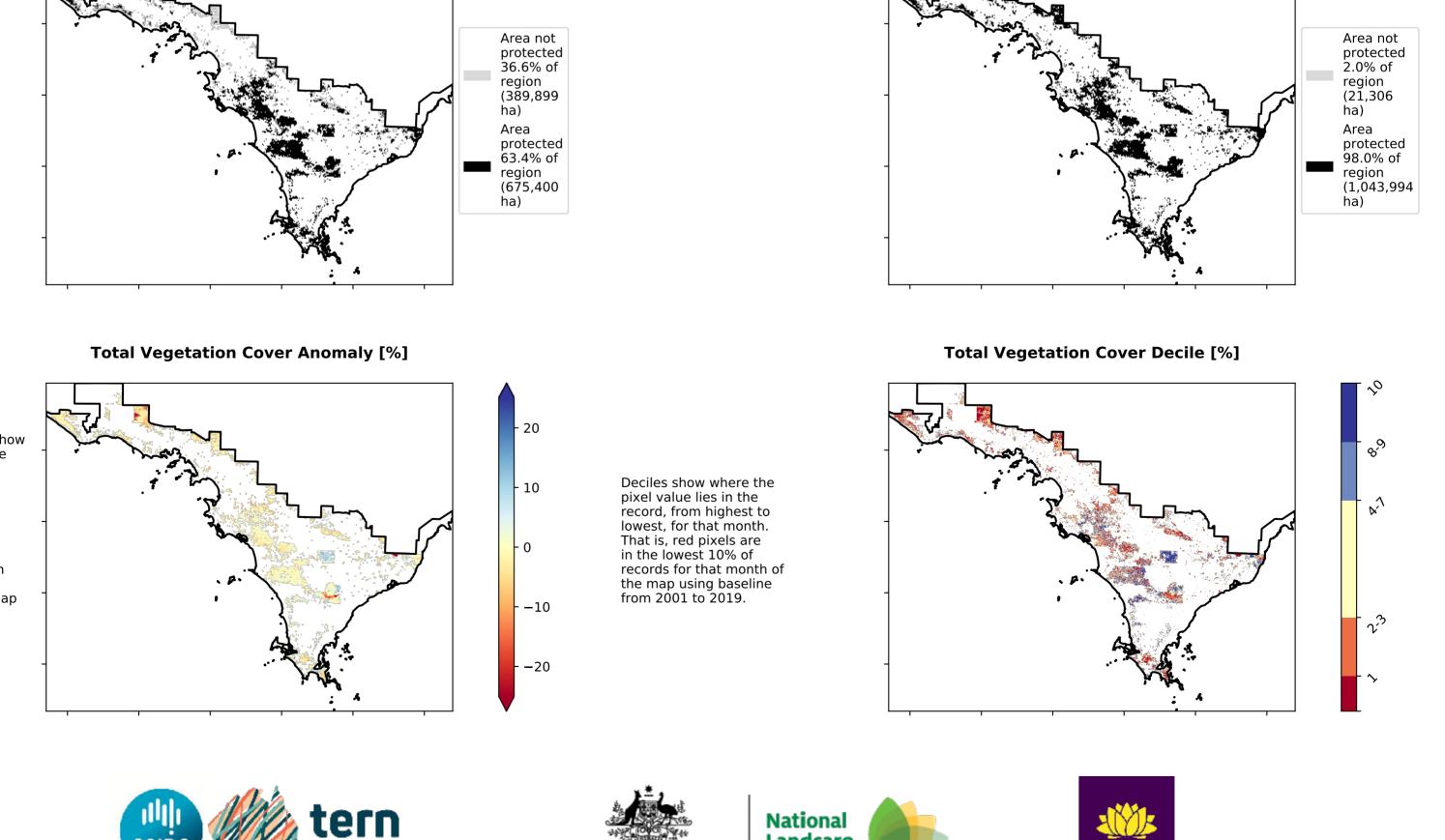


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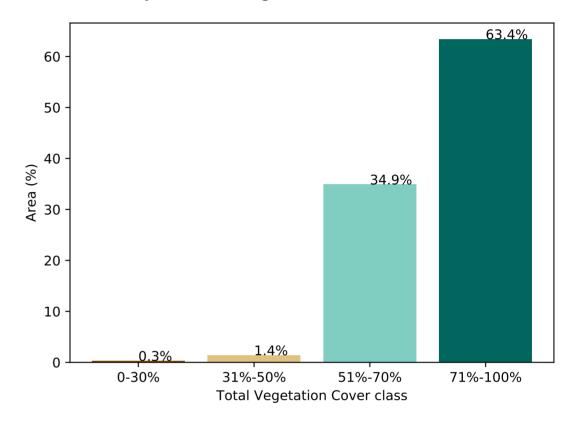


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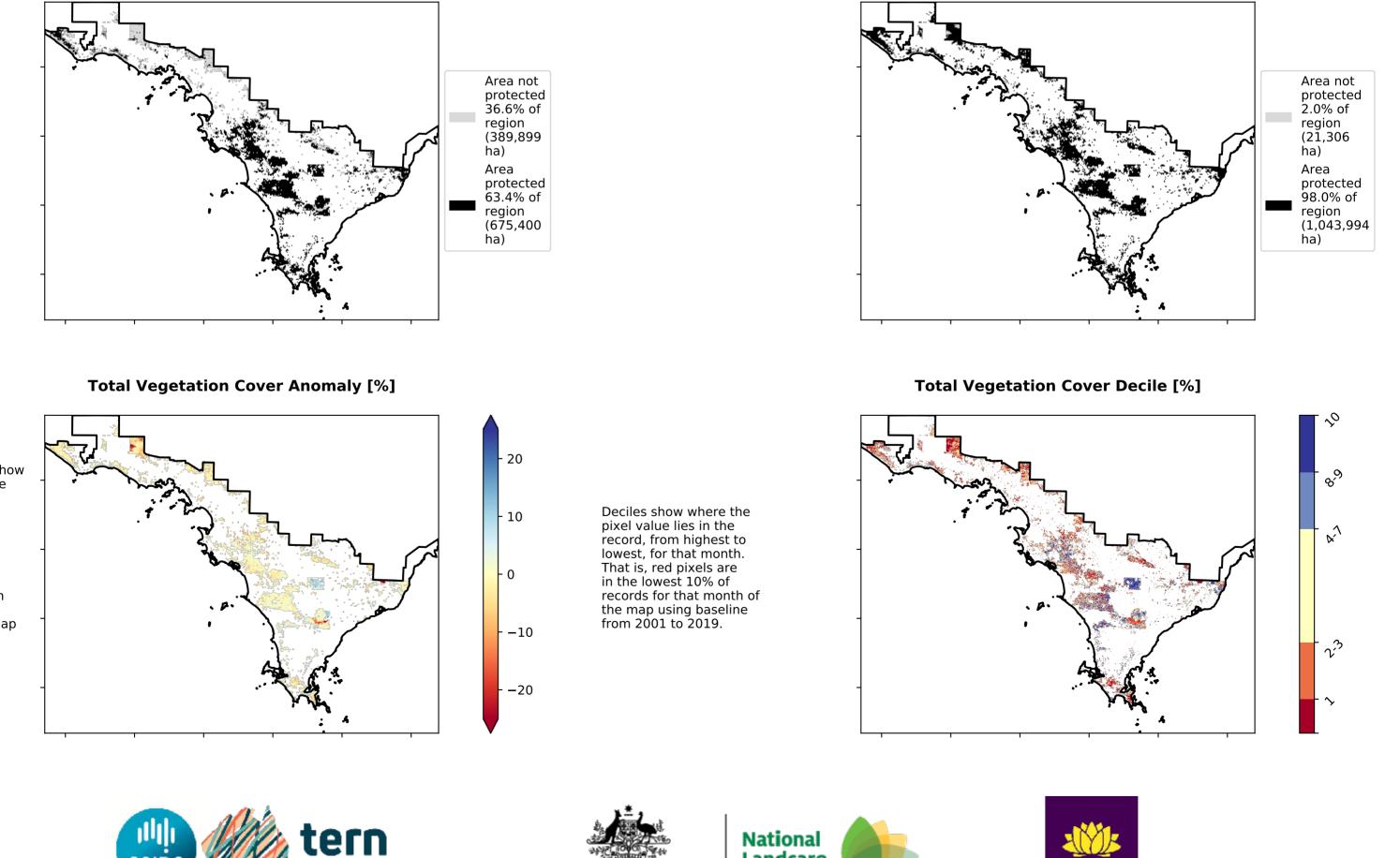


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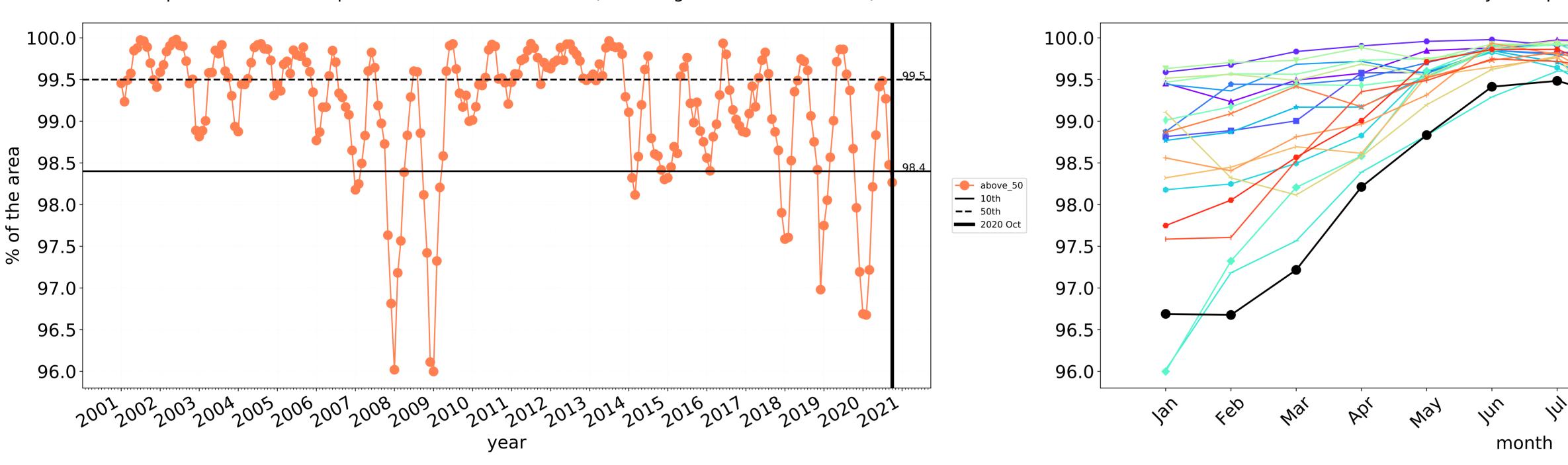


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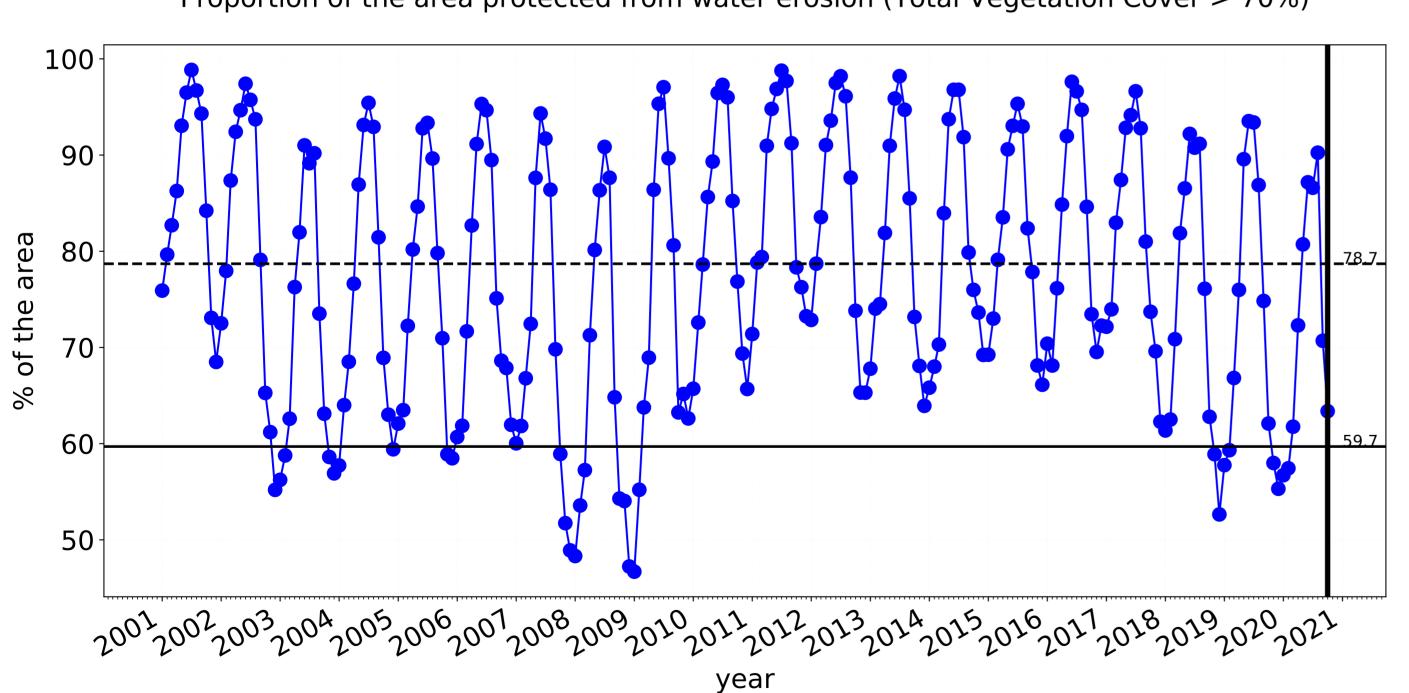


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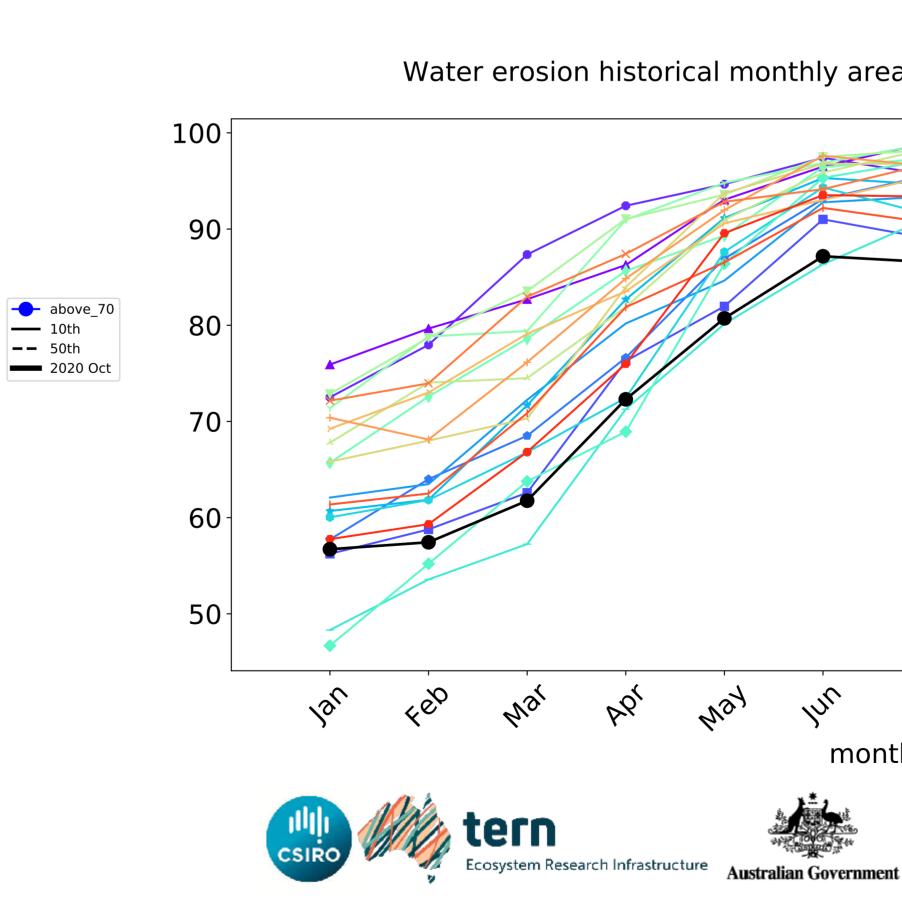
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

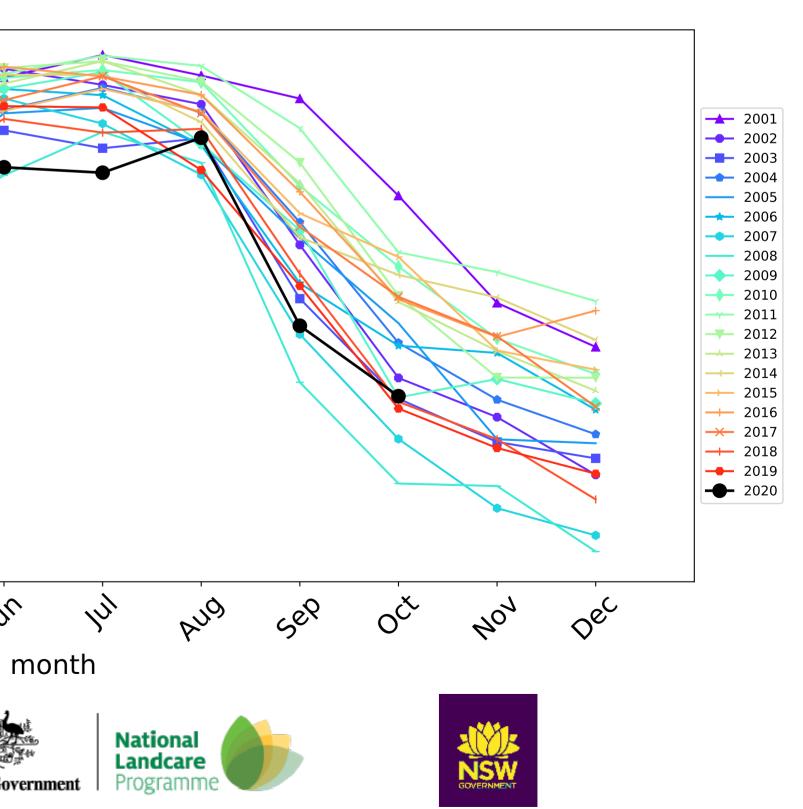
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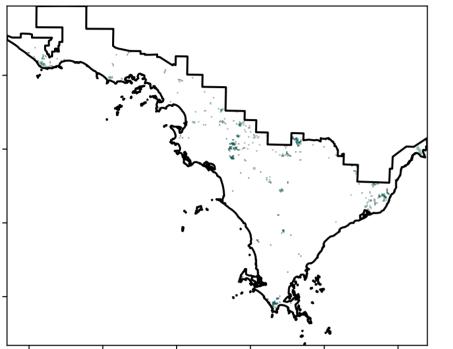
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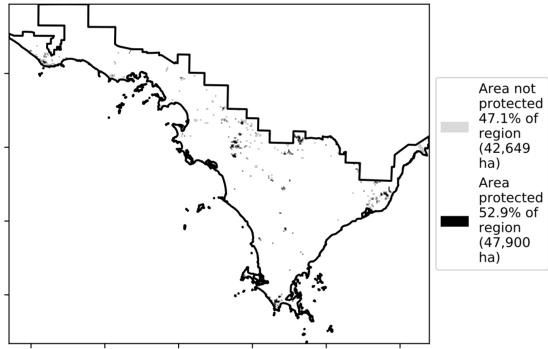
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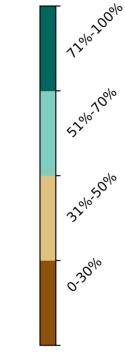
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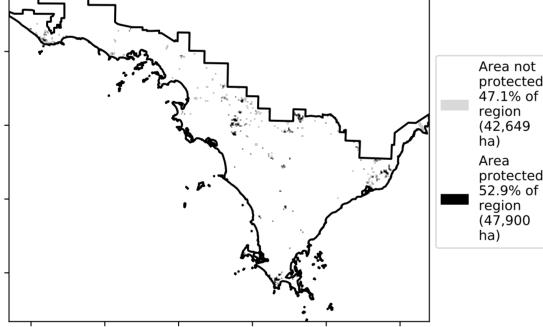
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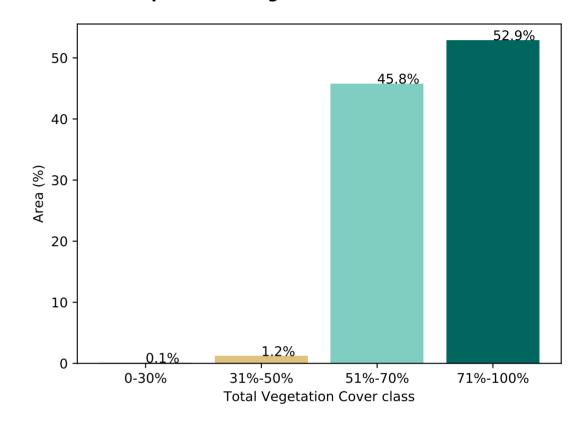
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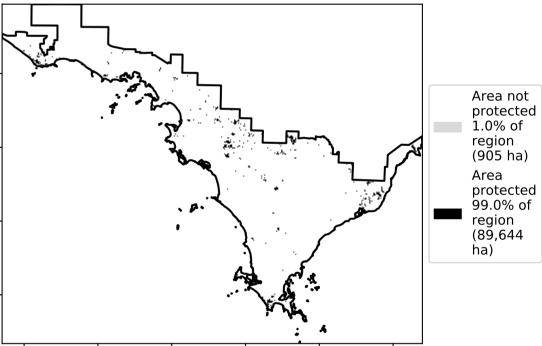
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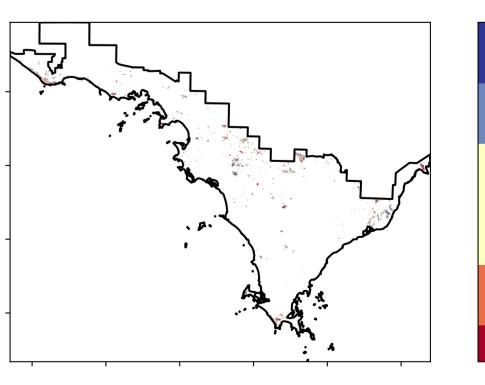
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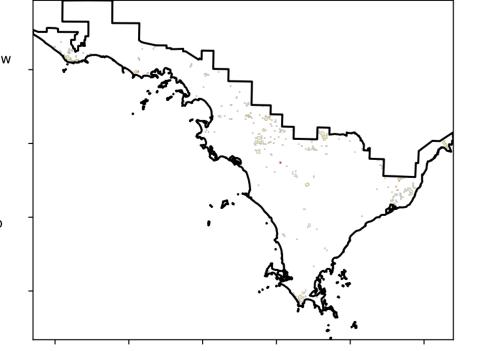
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



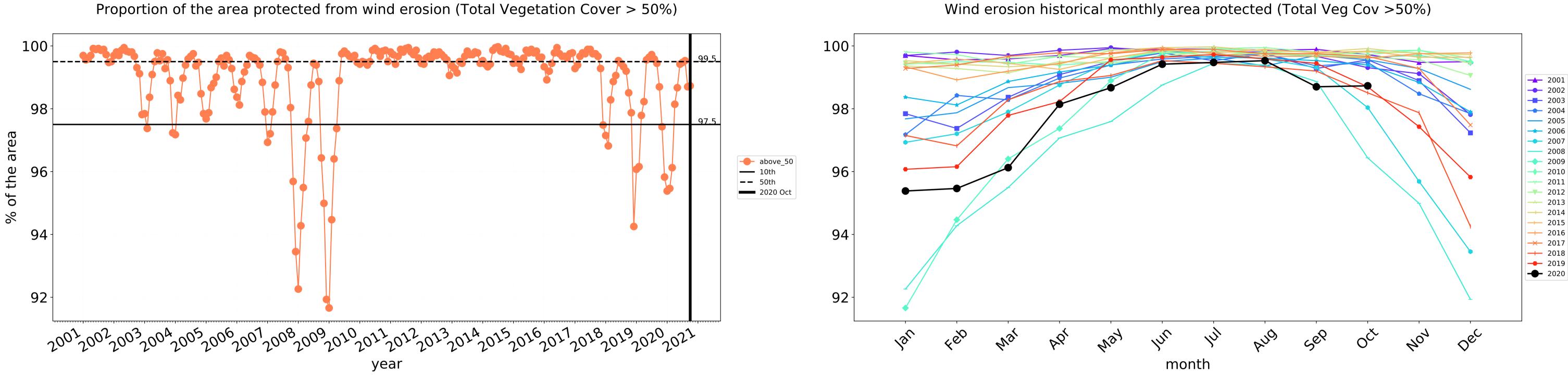
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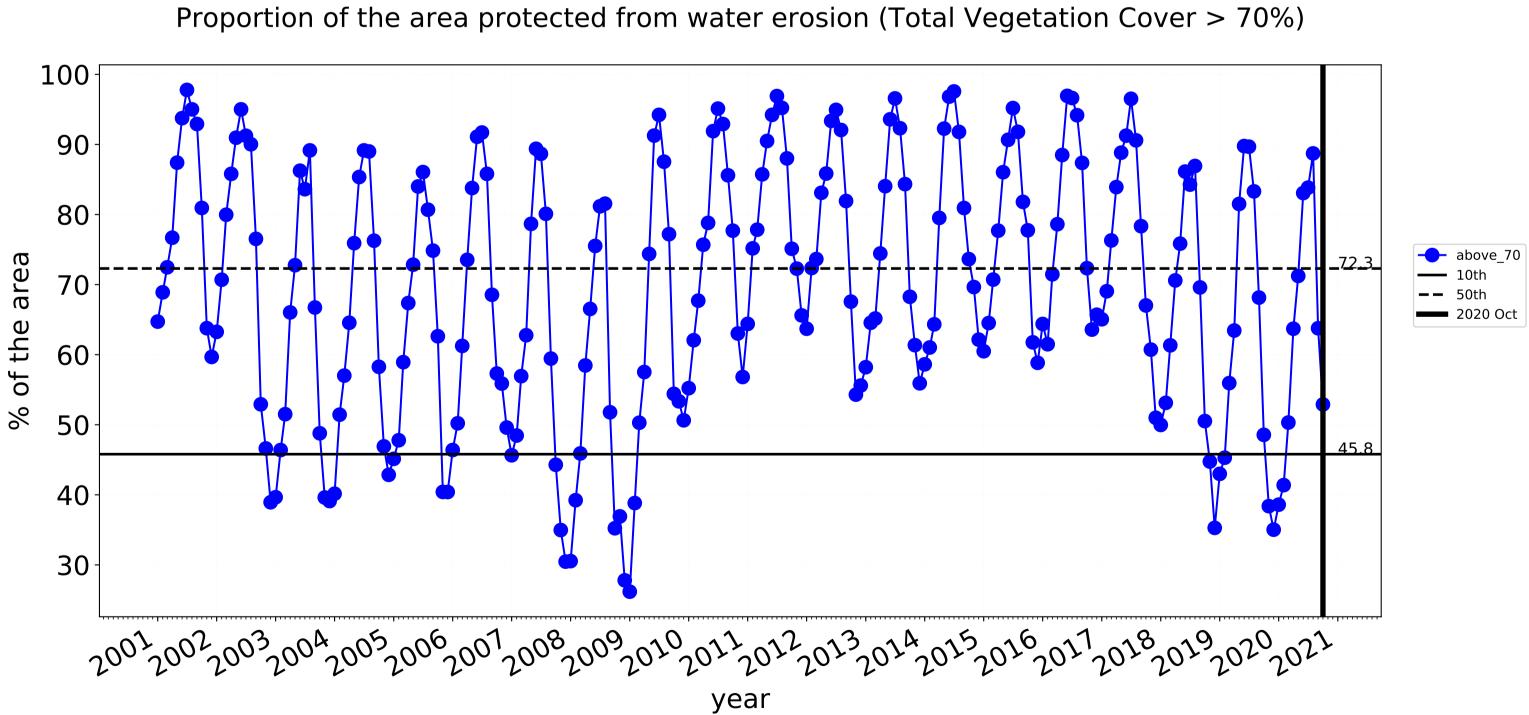


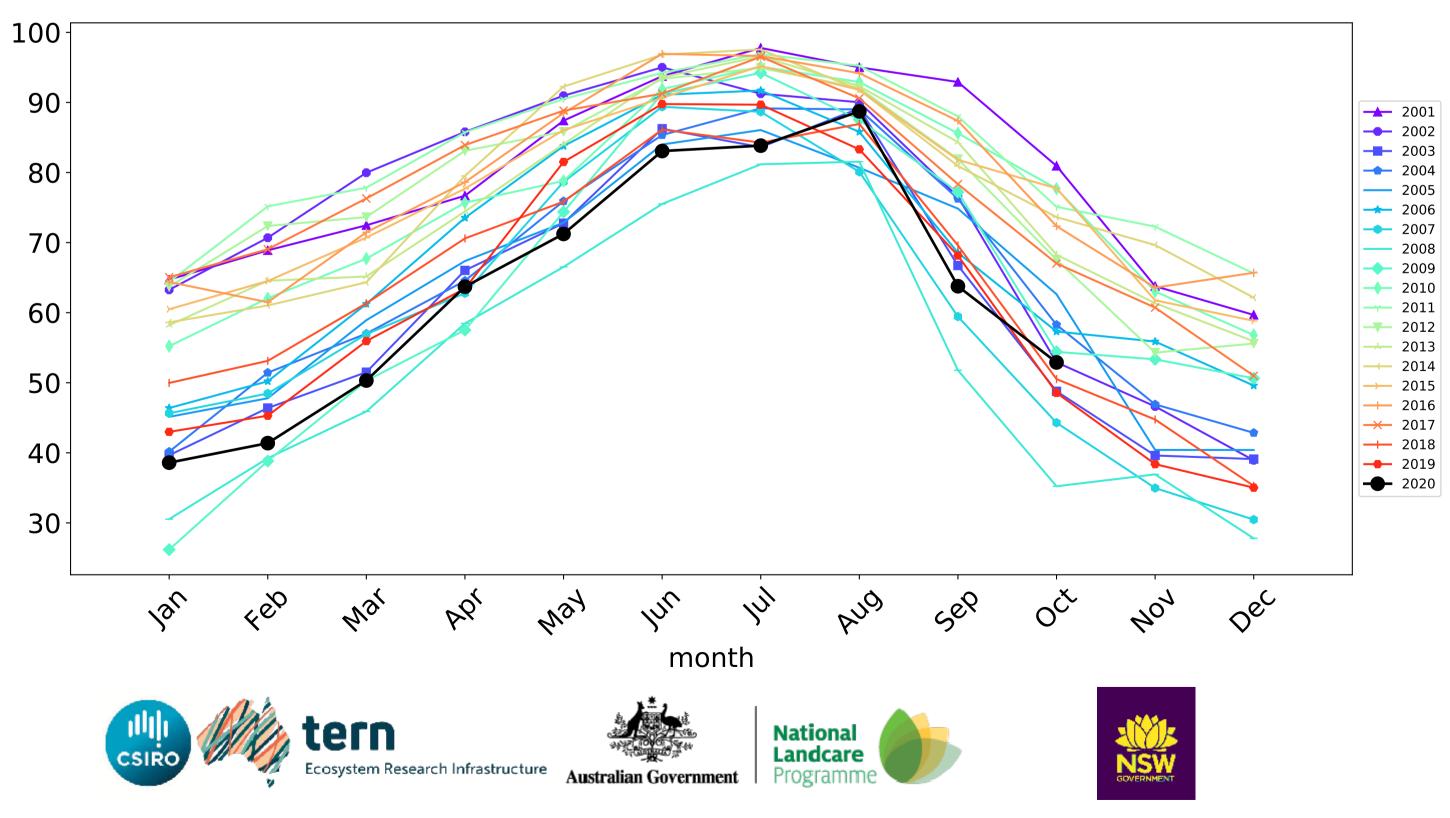
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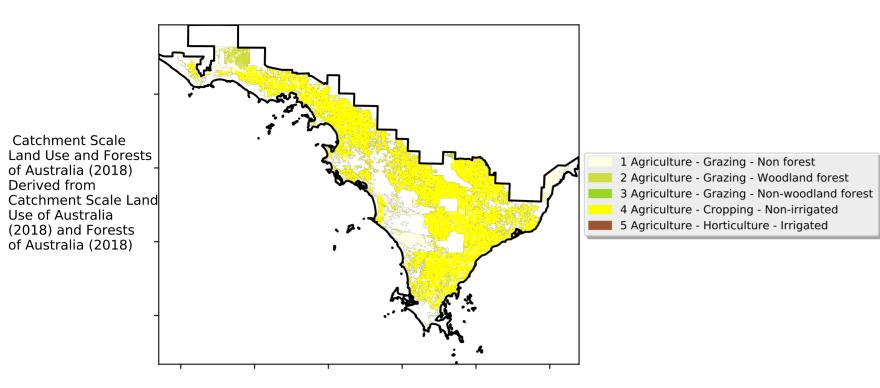




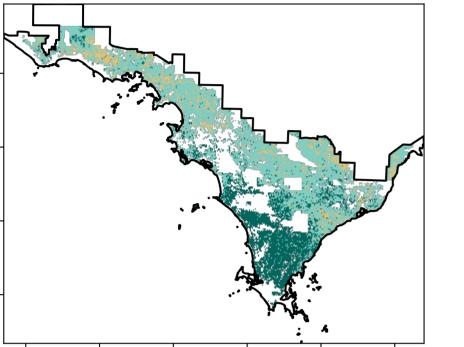
## Agriculture

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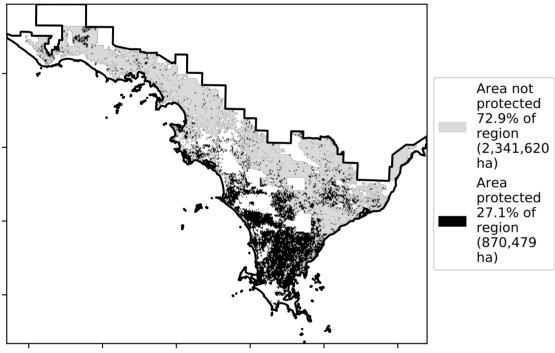
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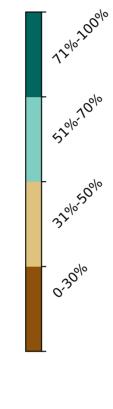


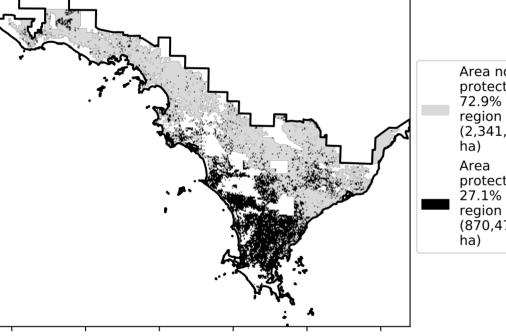
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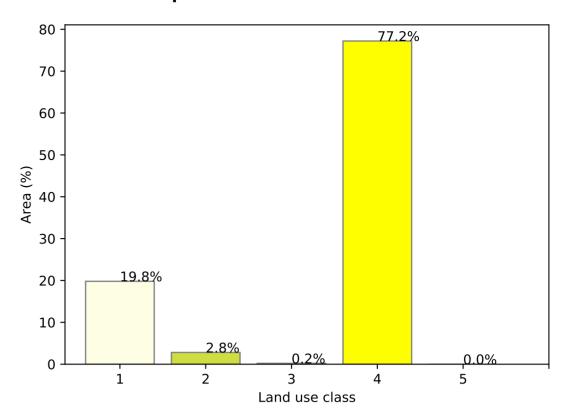


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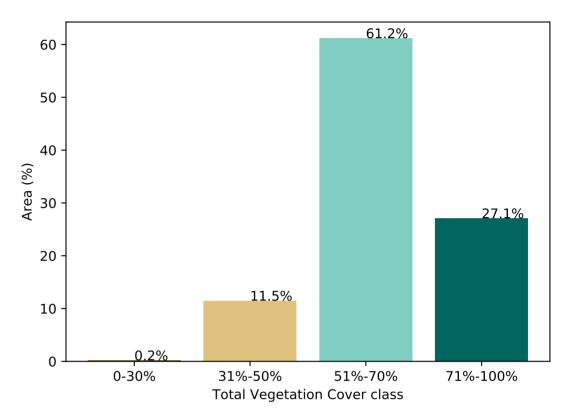




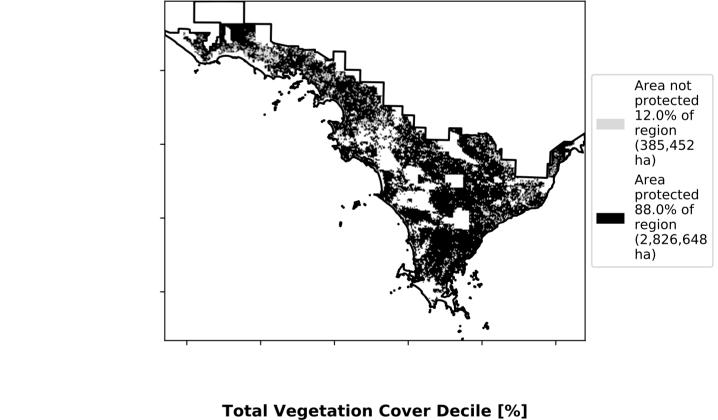




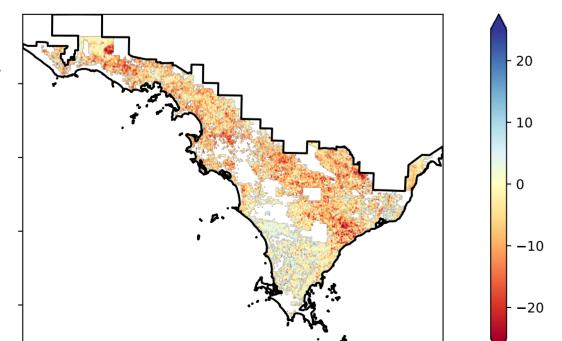
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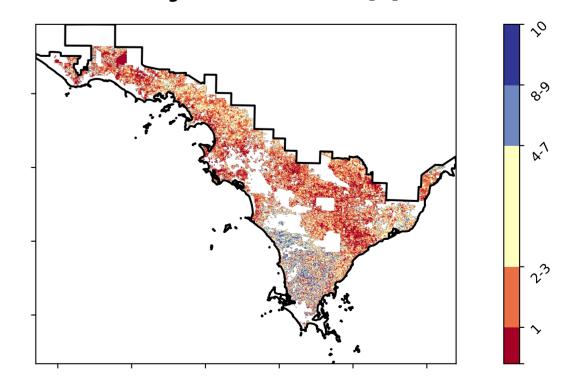
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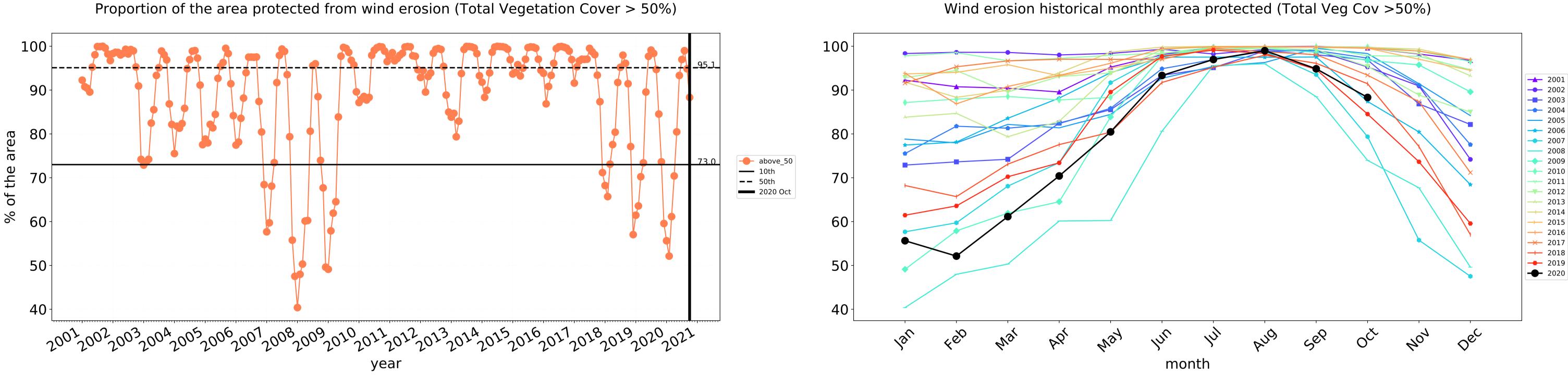


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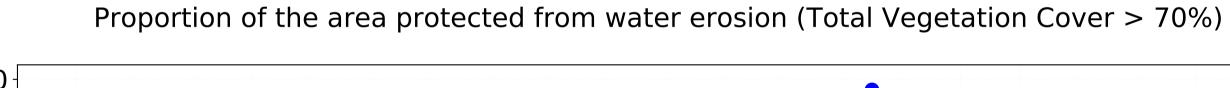


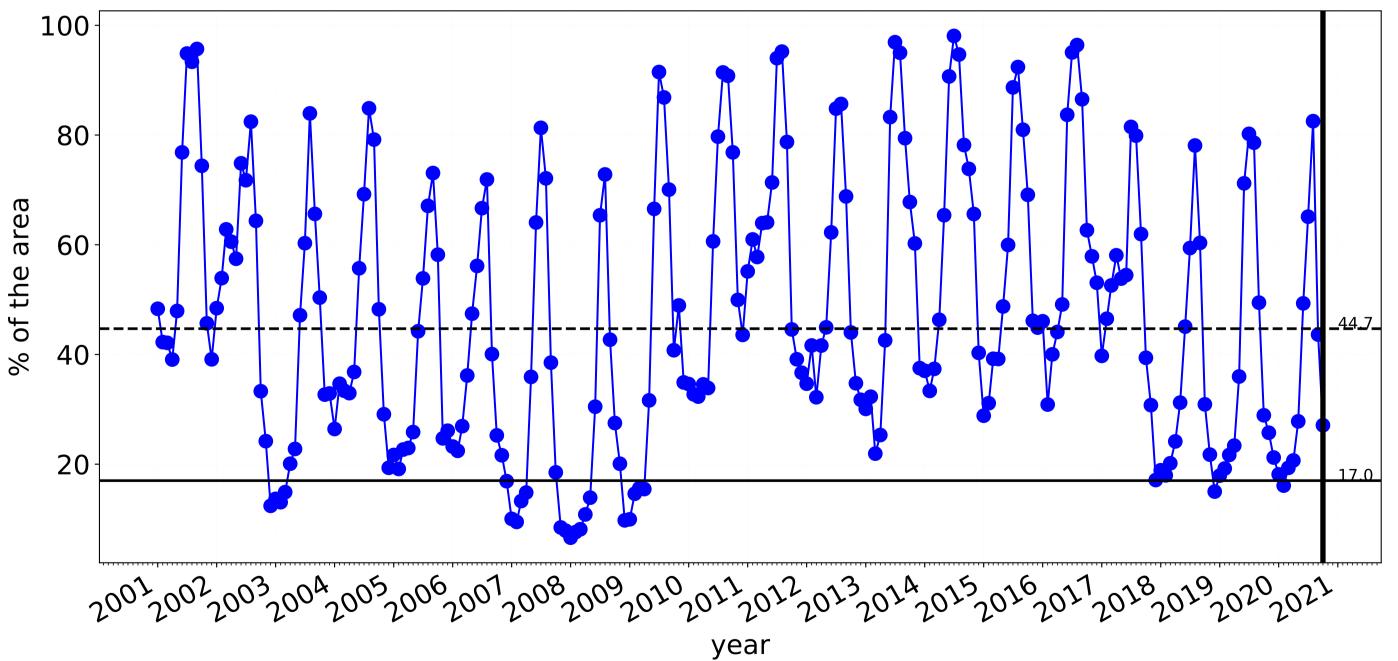
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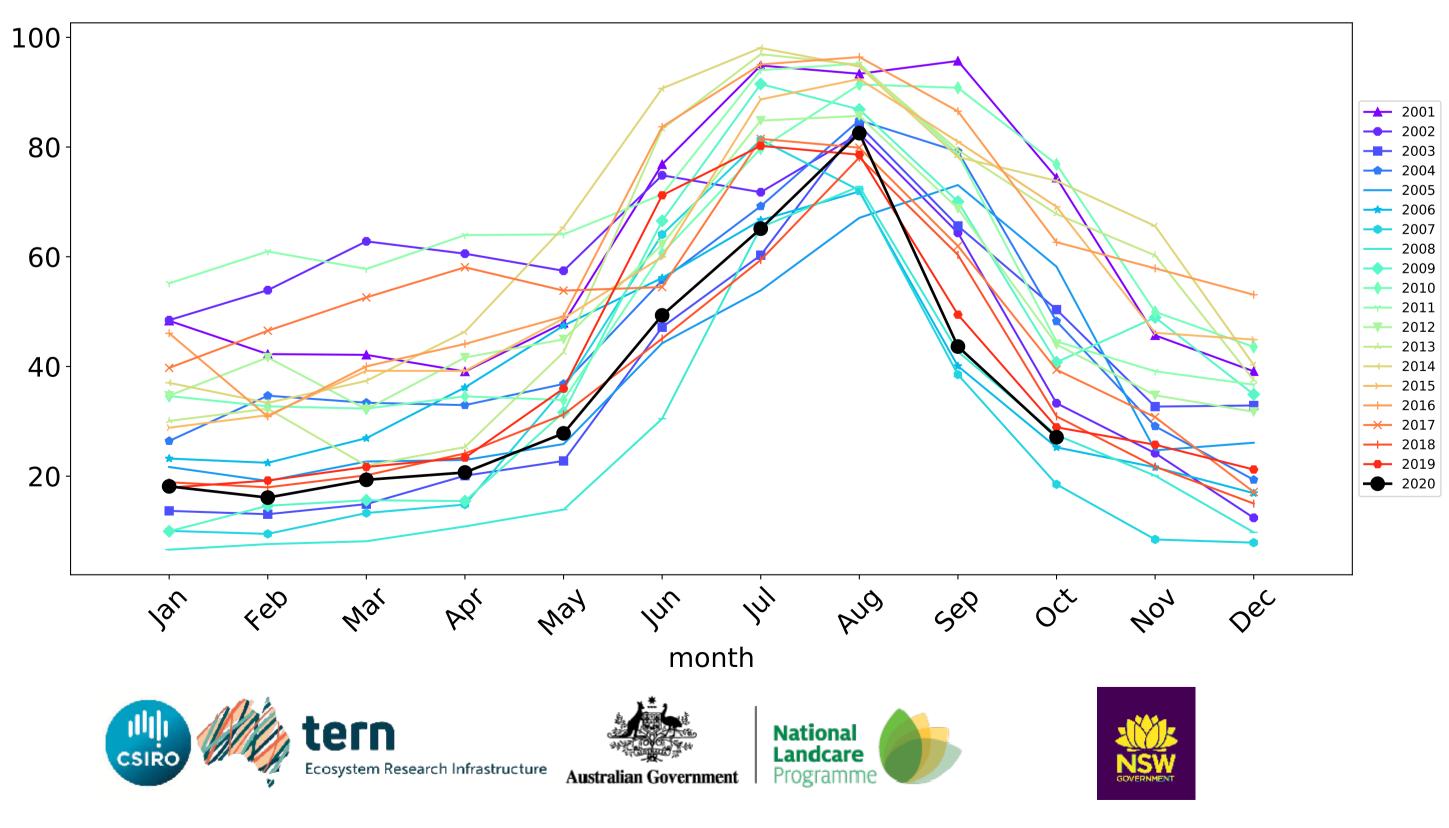
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





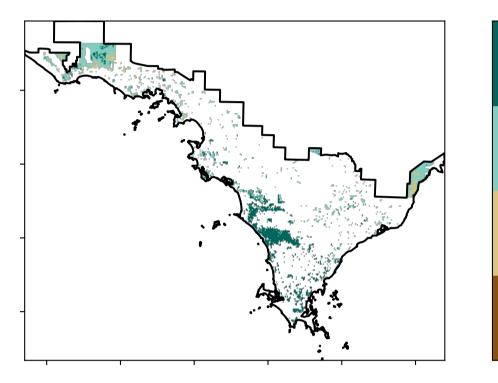
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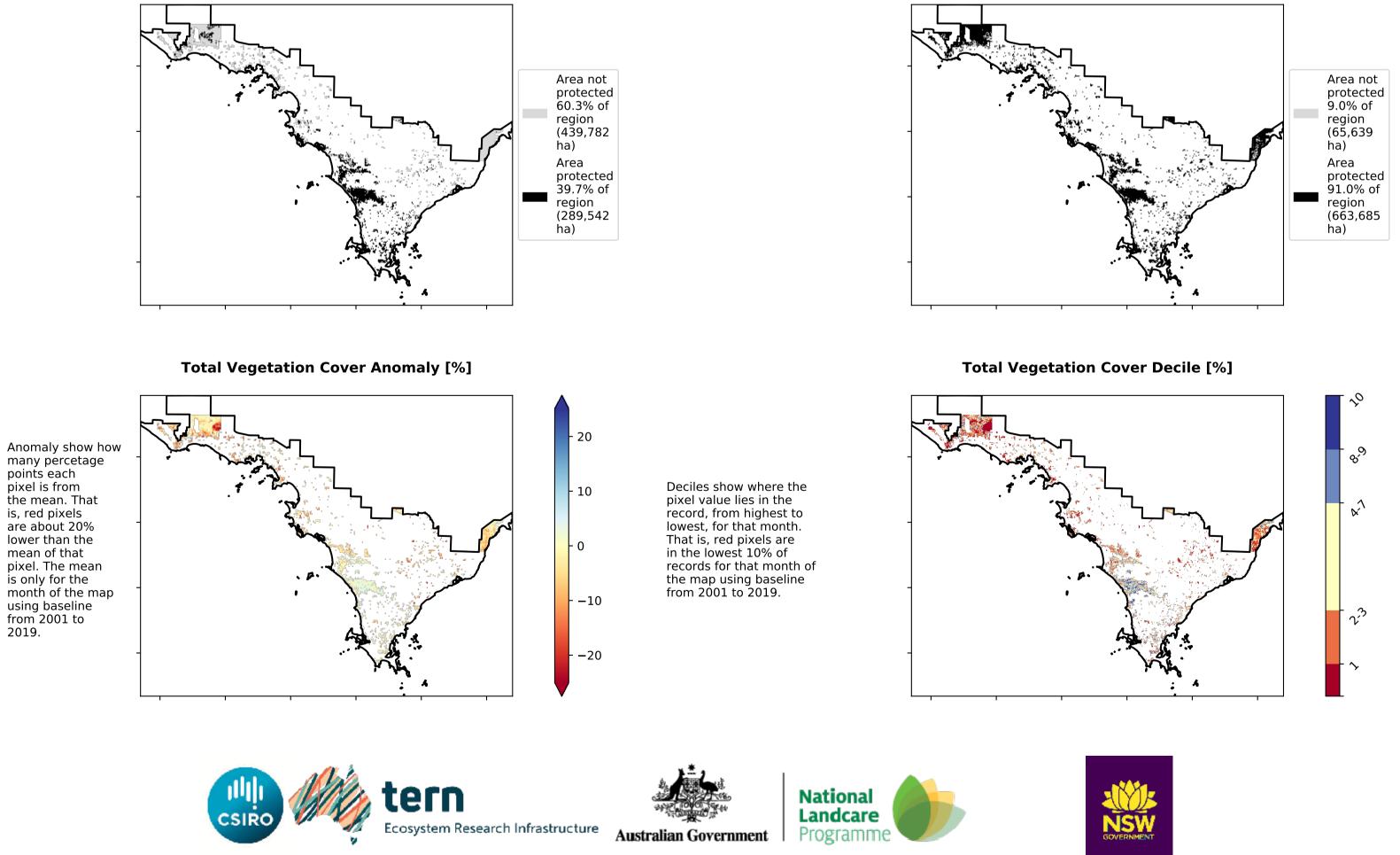
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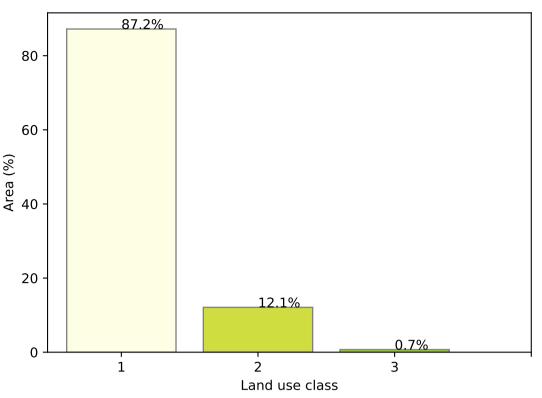
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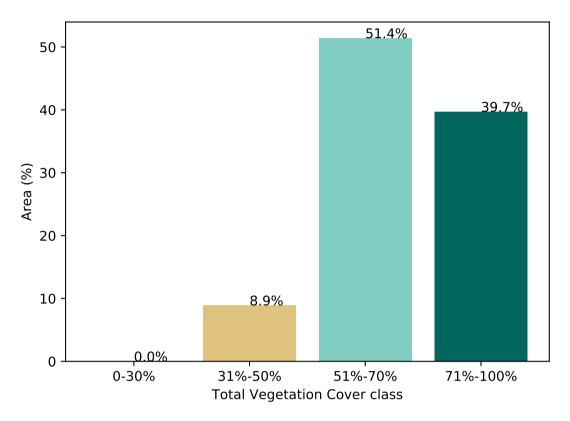
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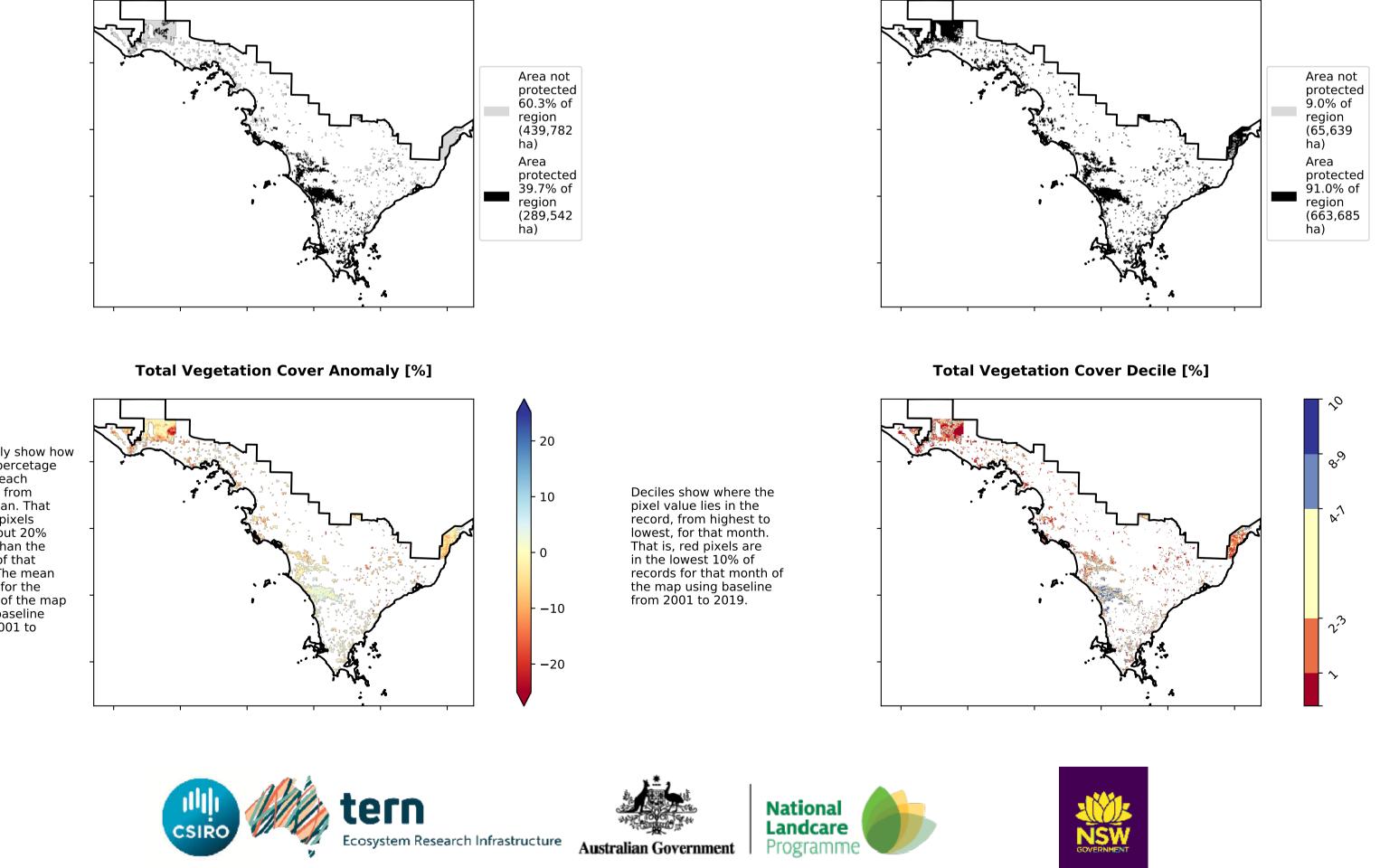


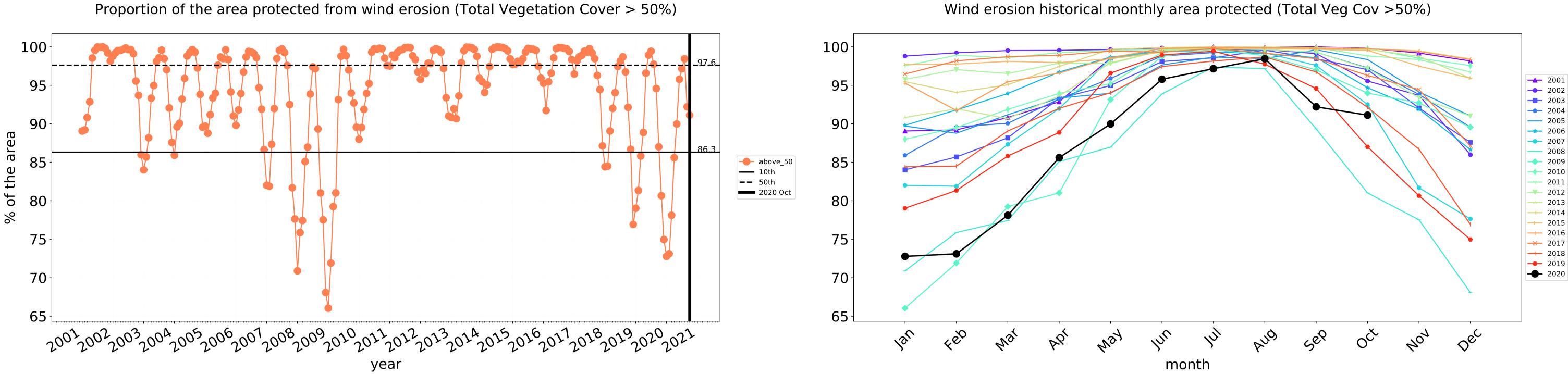


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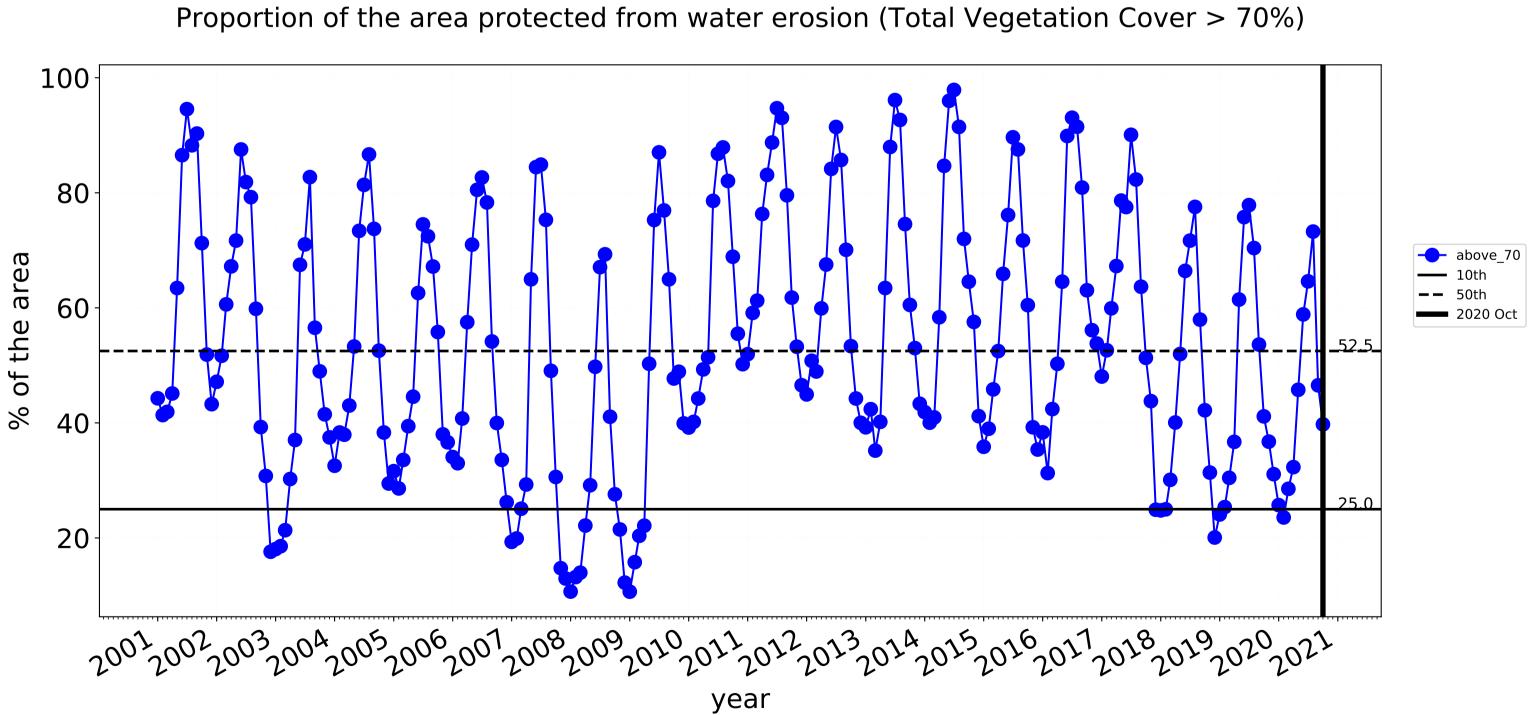
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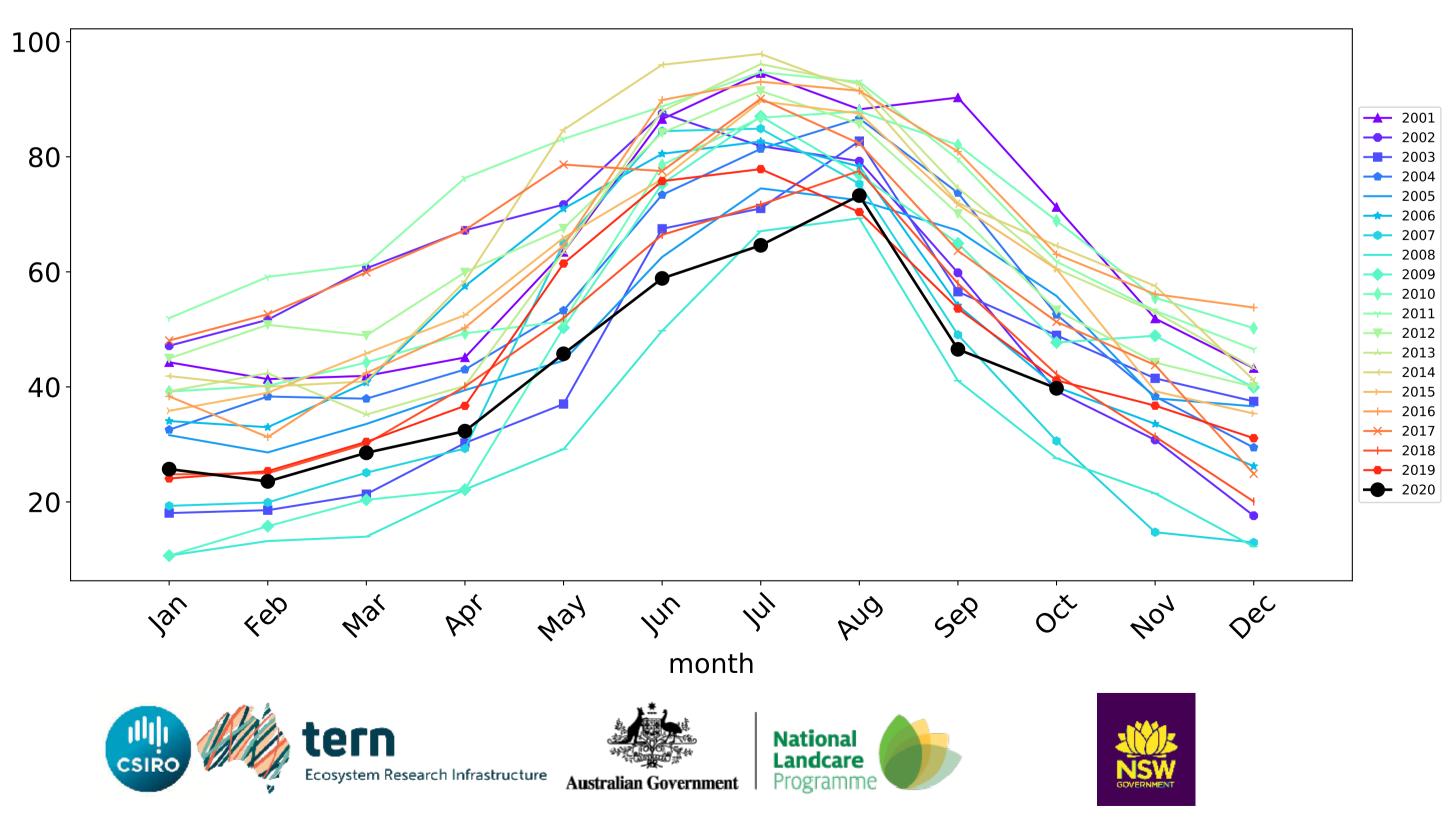


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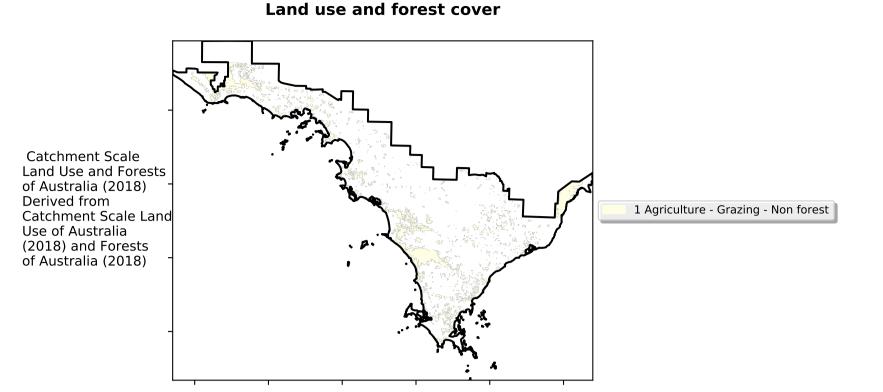
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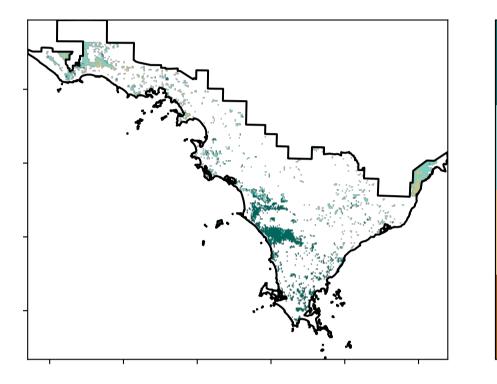
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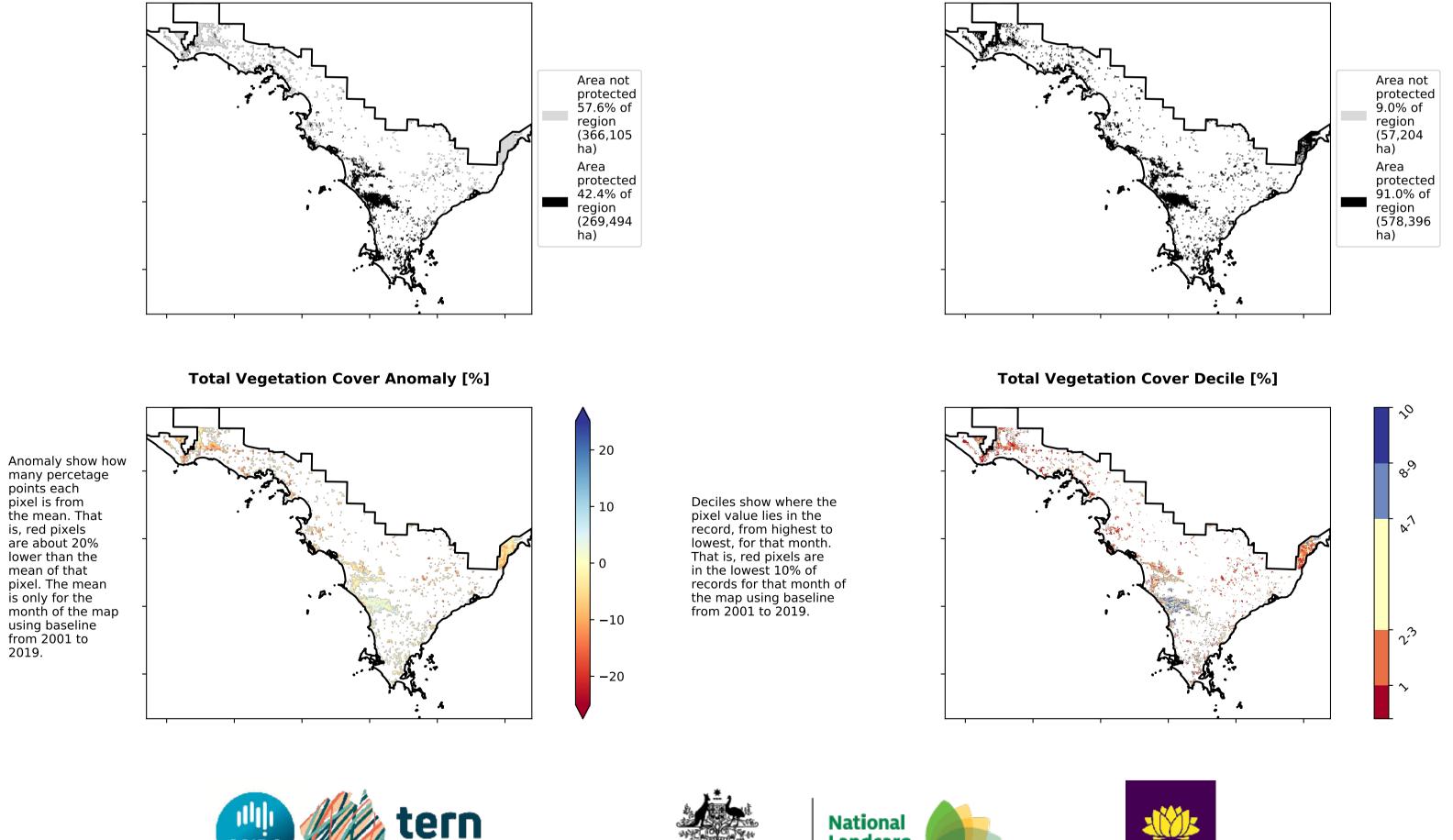


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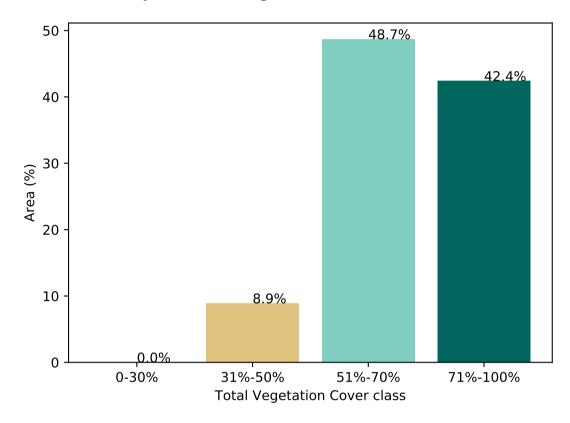
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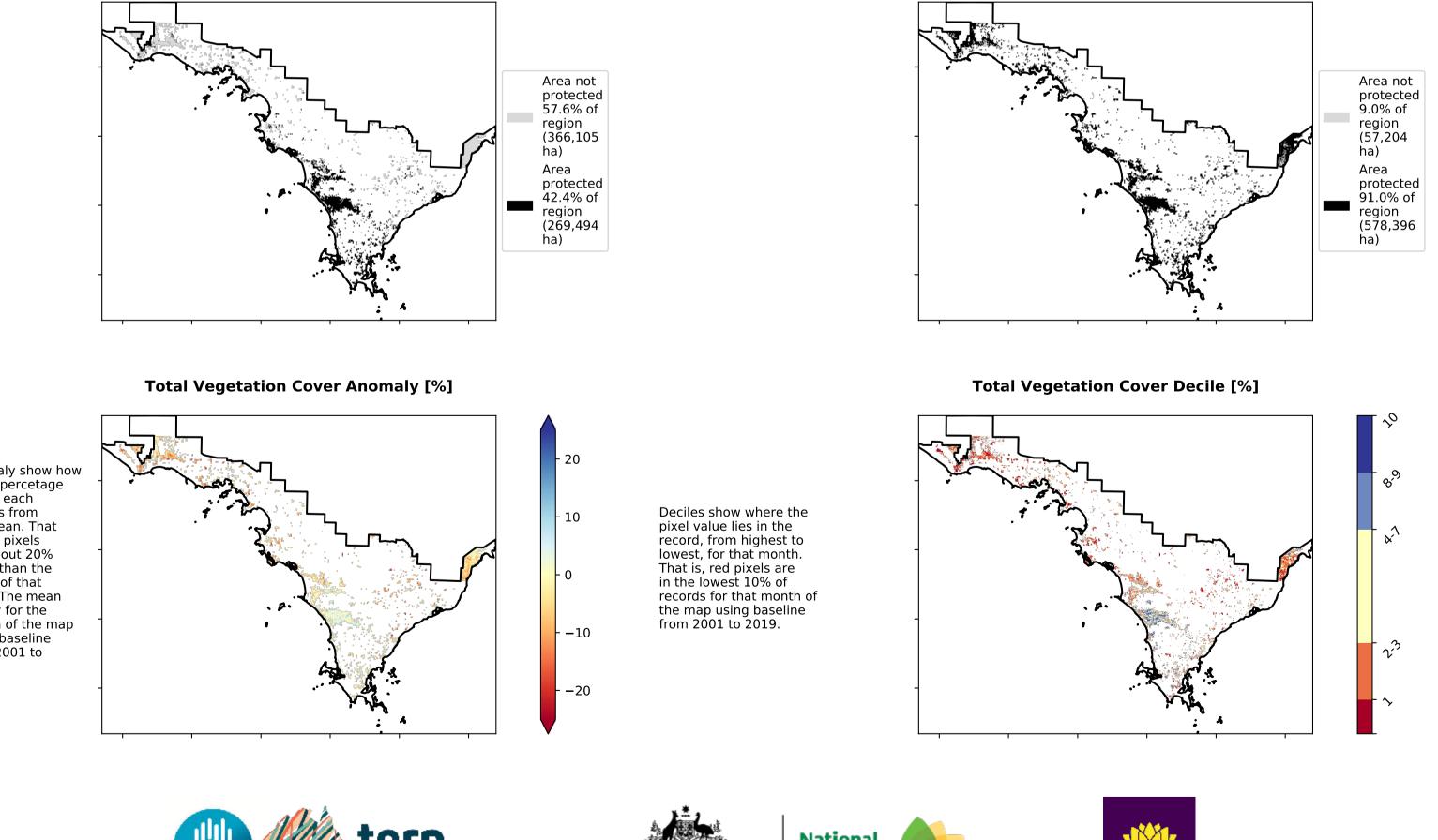
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· 0.30%





% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

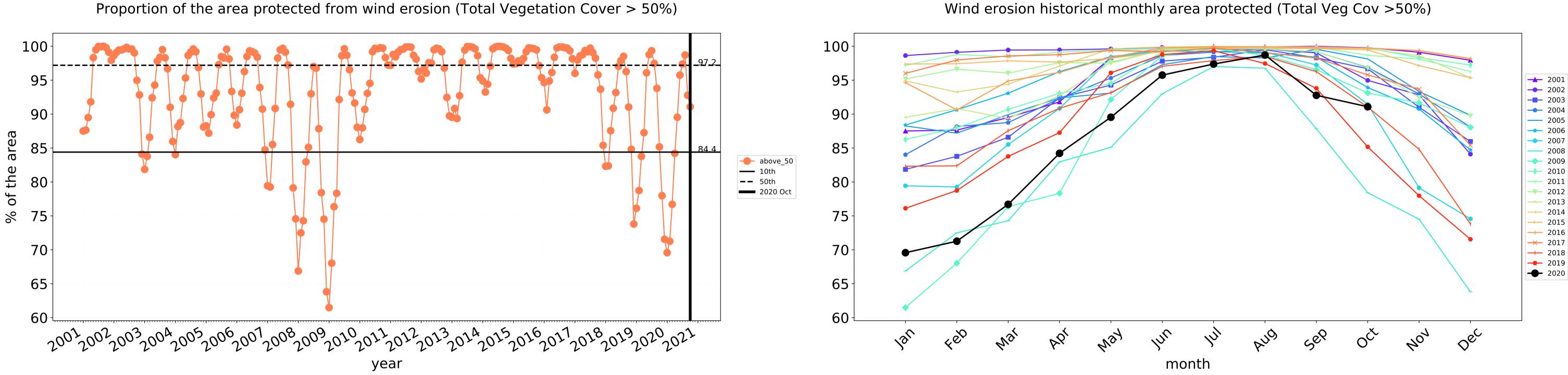


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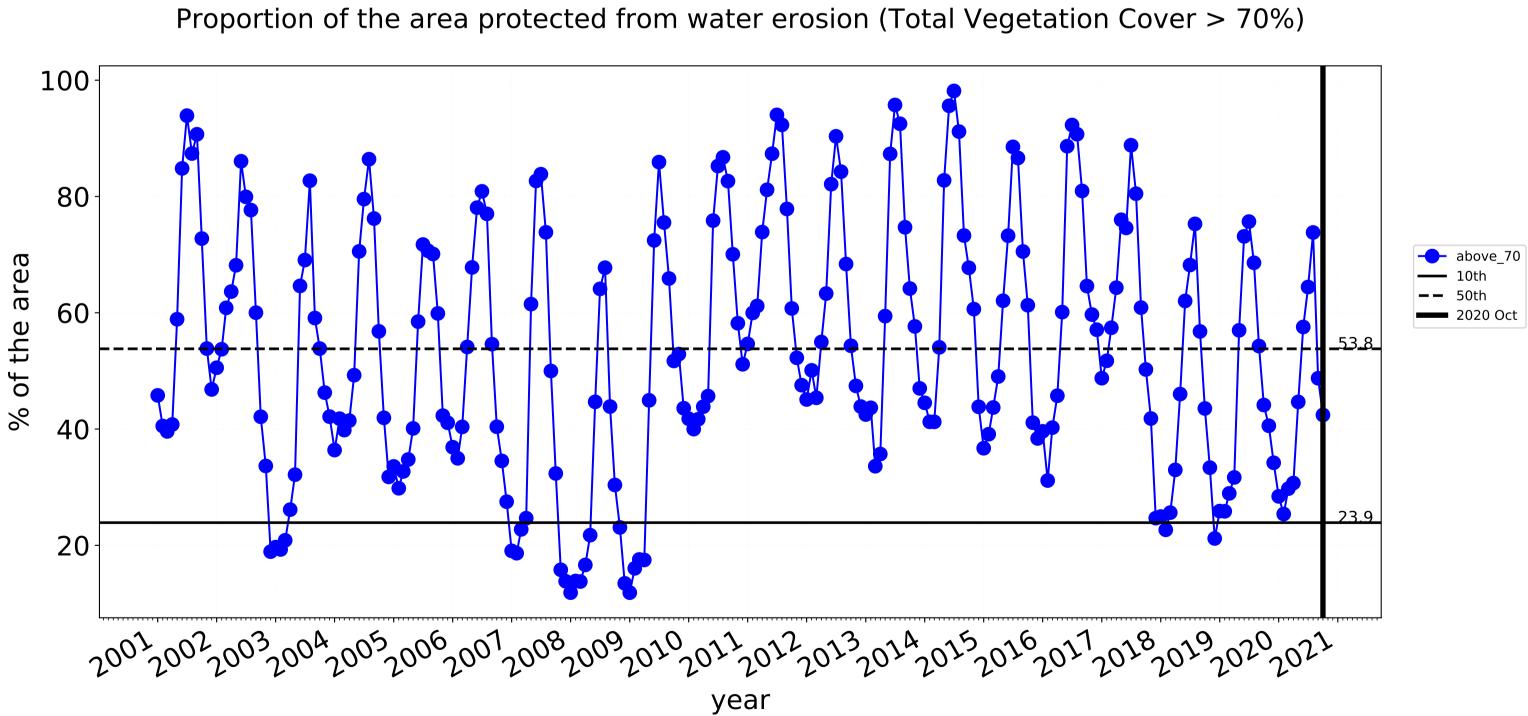
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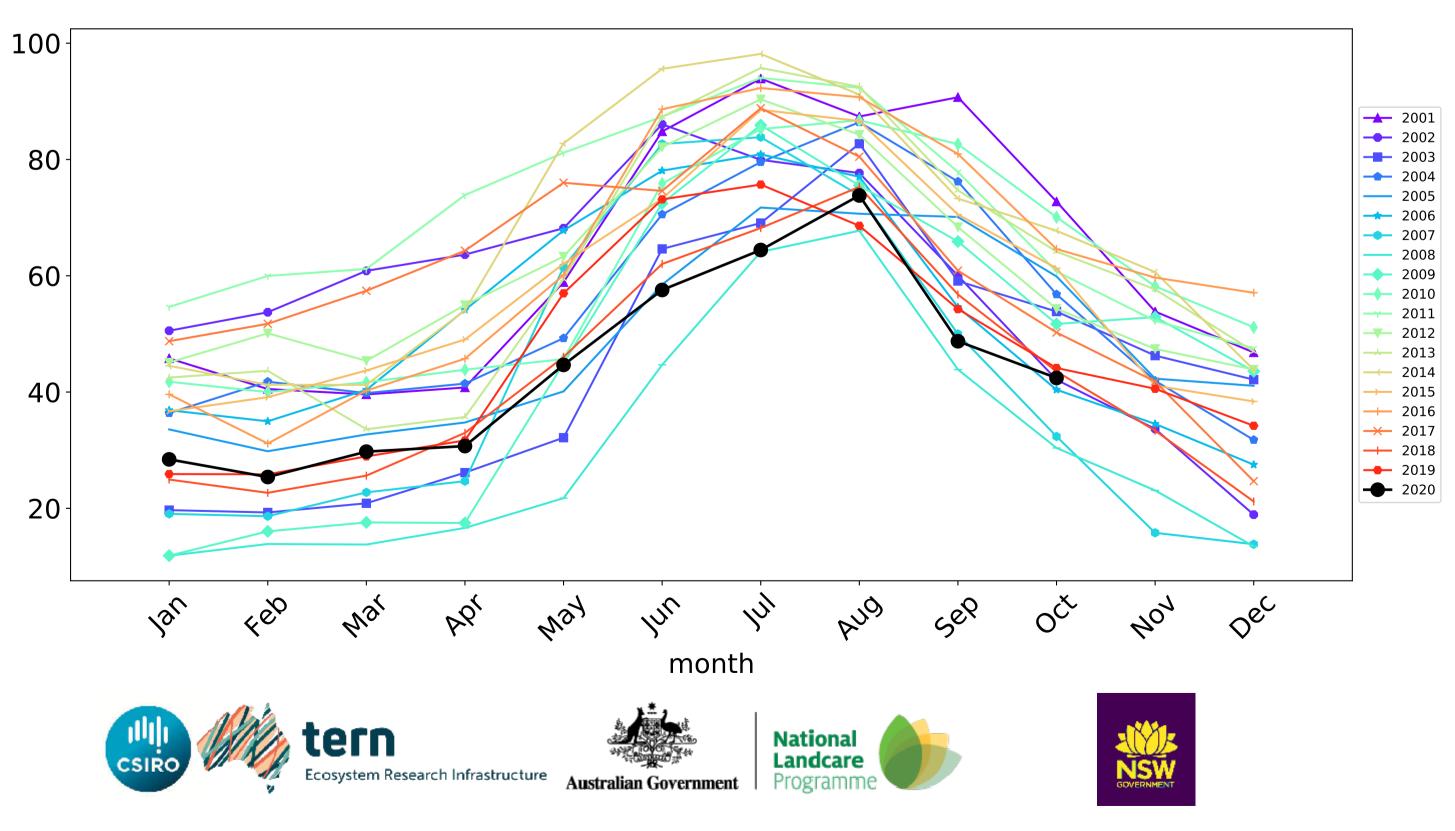
**——** 10th

**——** 2020 Oct

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



# Grazing non forest timeseries



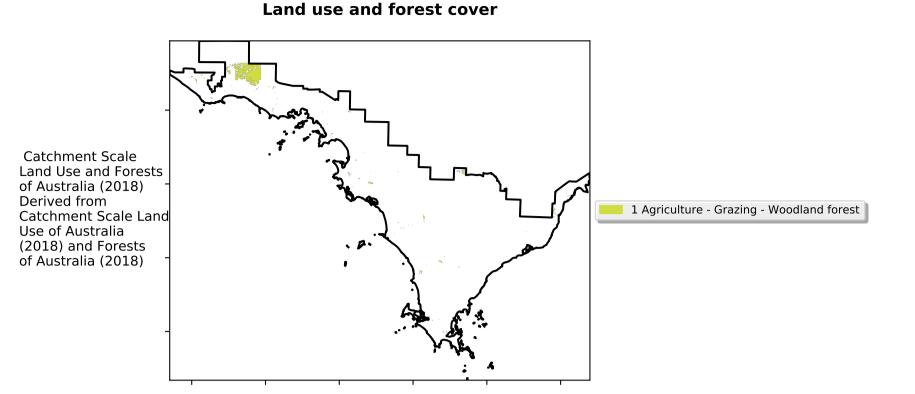
## **Grazing Woodland forest**

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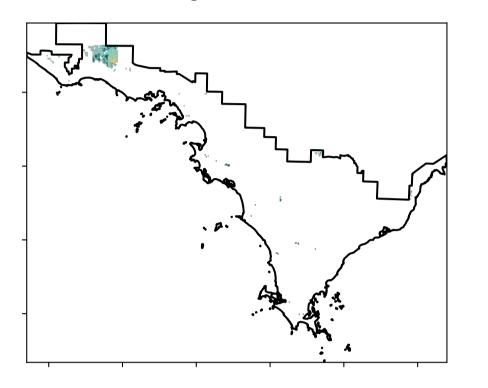
52%70%

32°1050010

· 0.30%

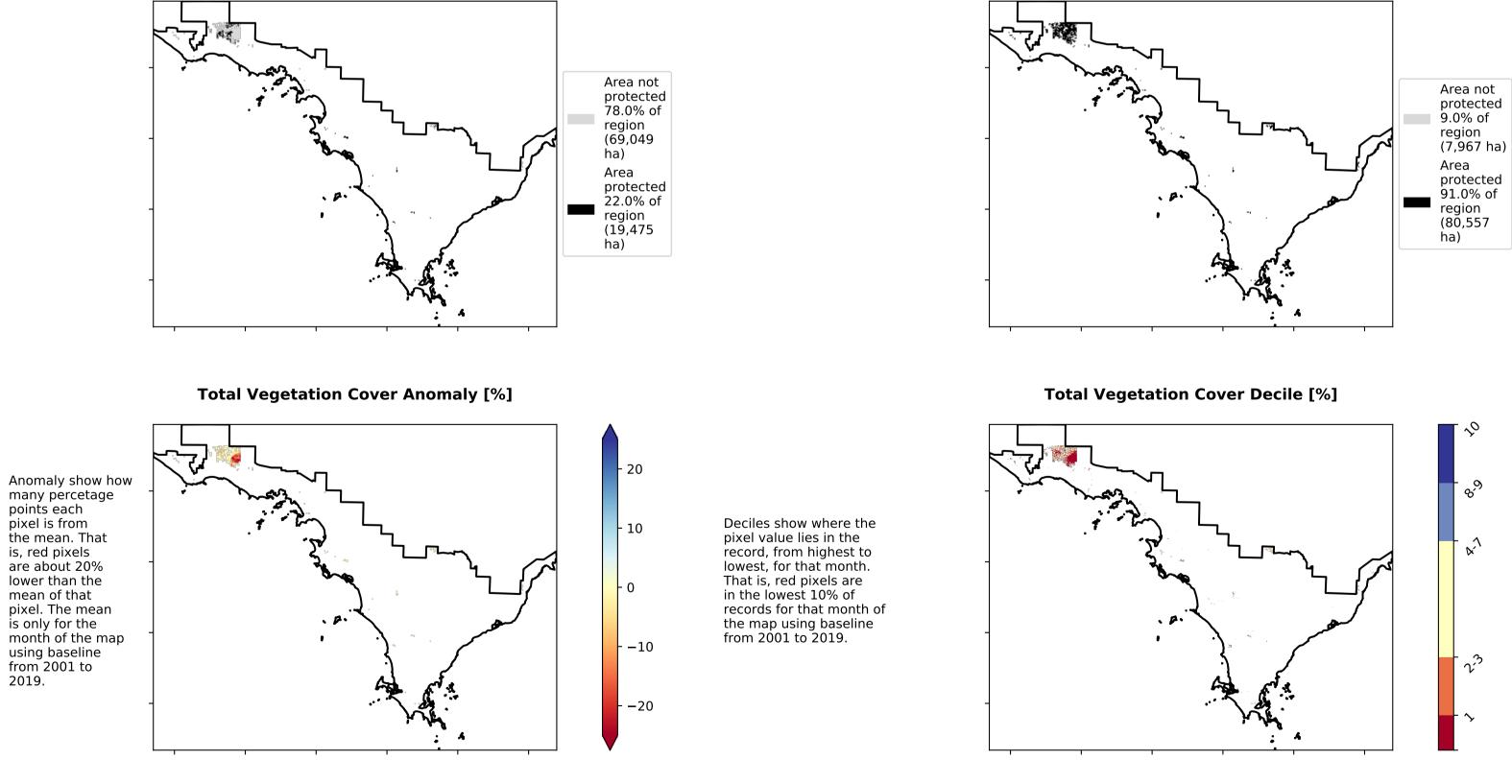


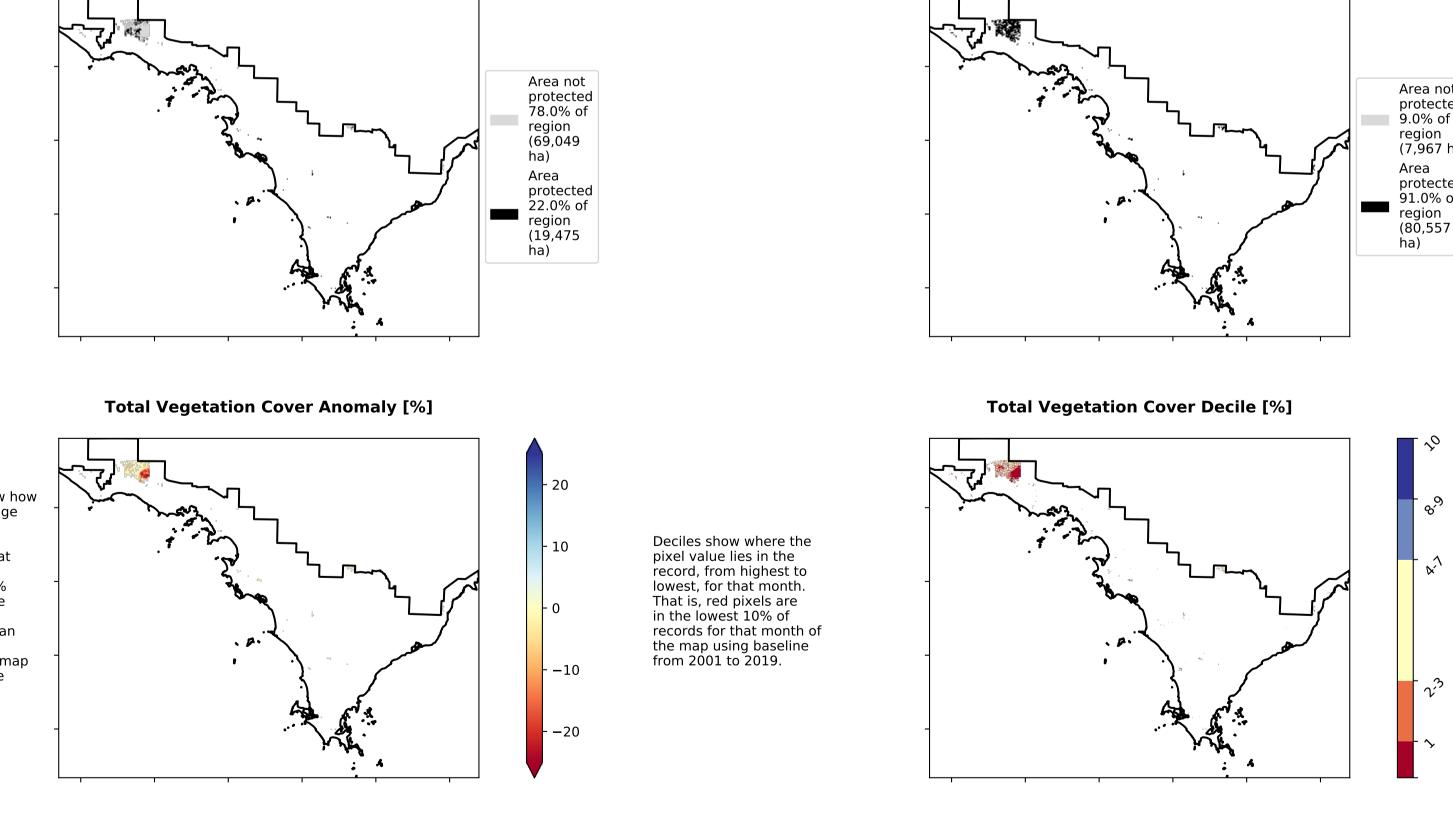
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



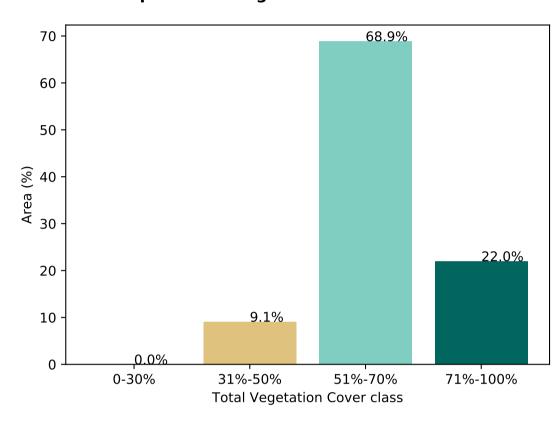
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

is, red pixels

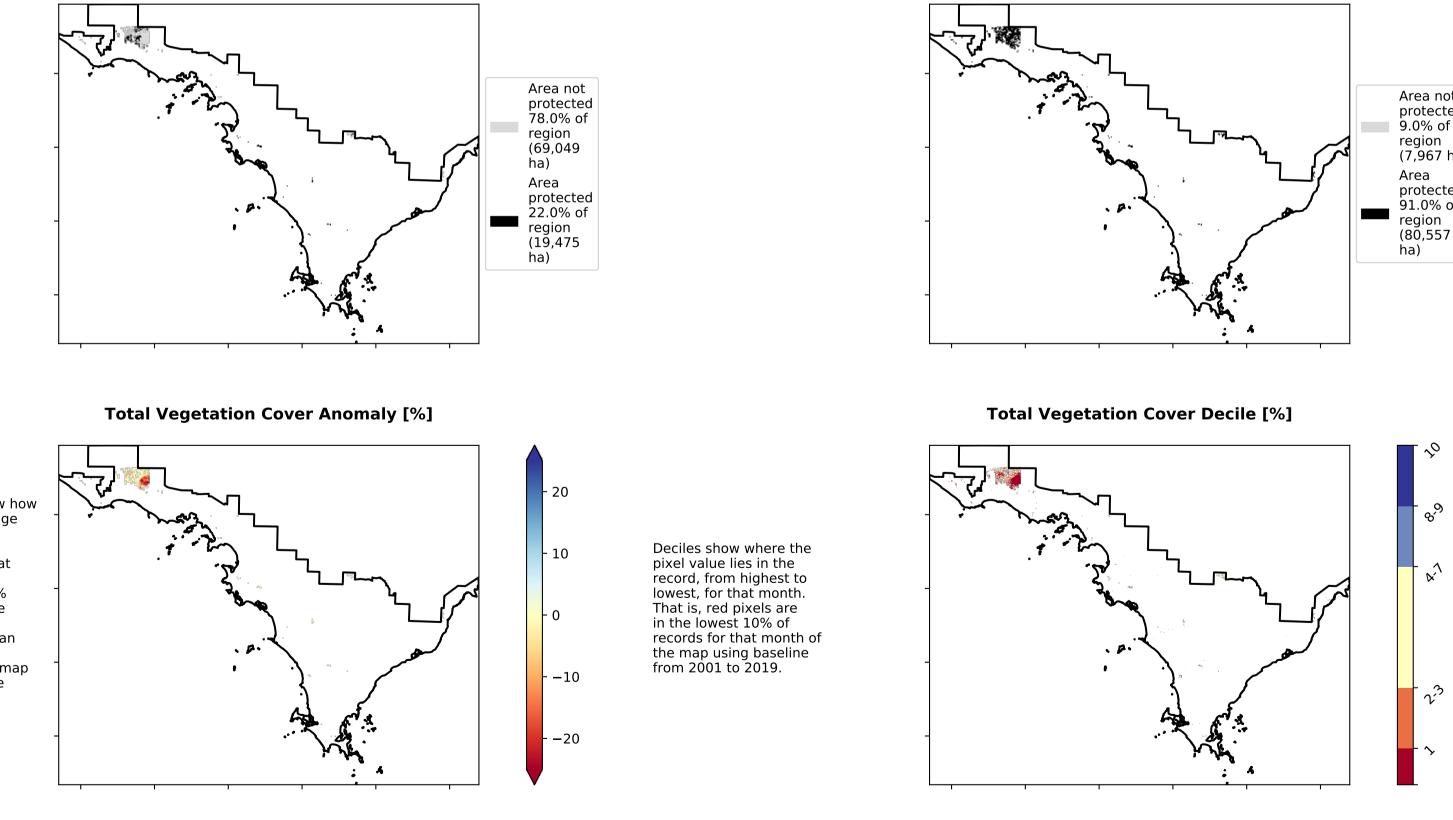






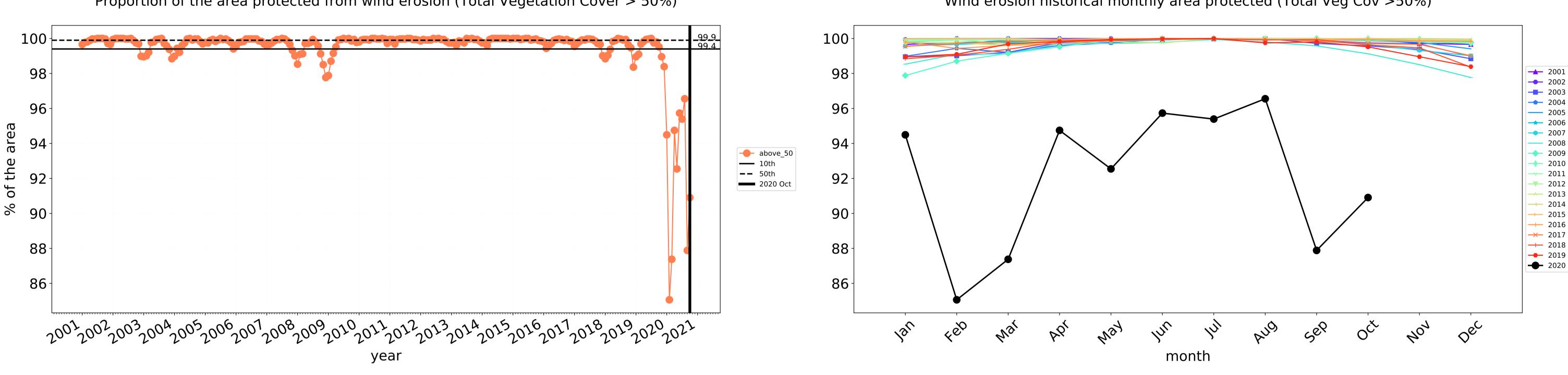


#### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

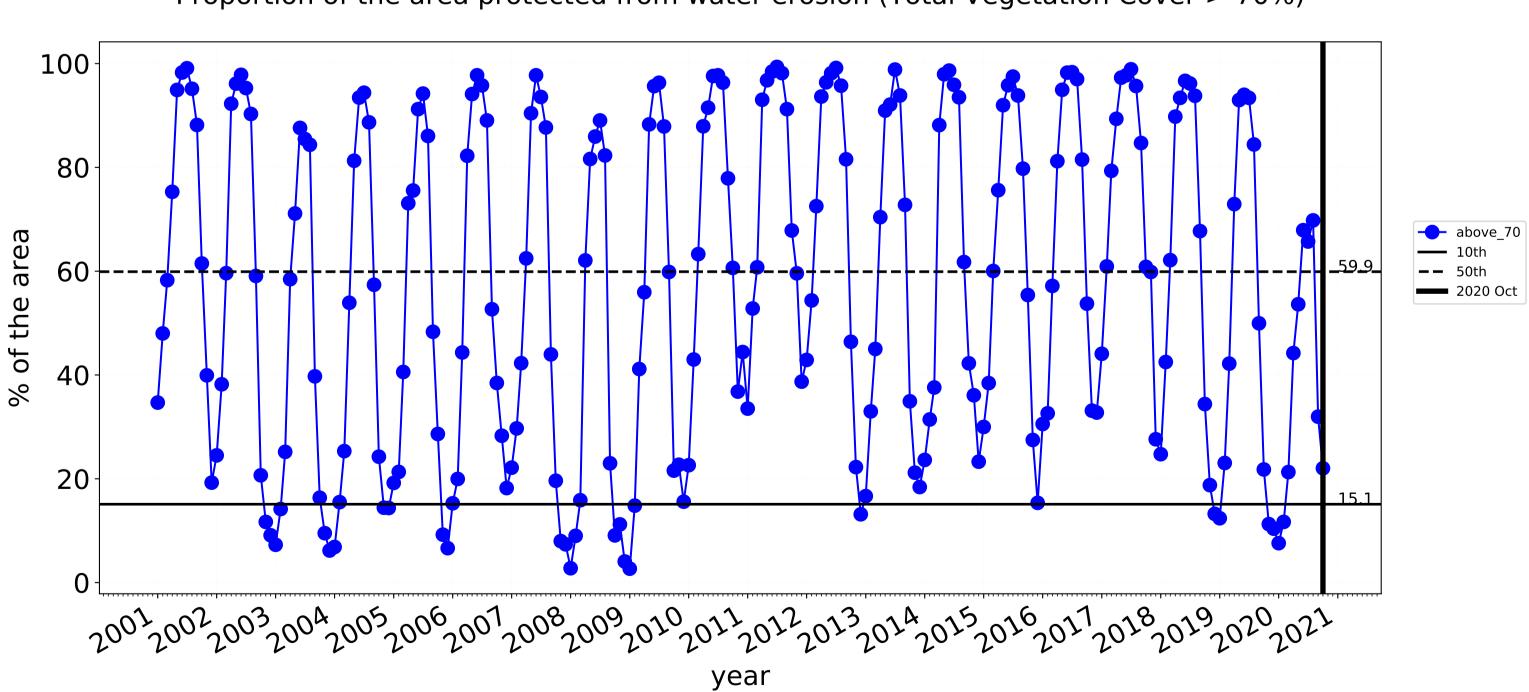




# **Grazing Woodland forest timeseries**



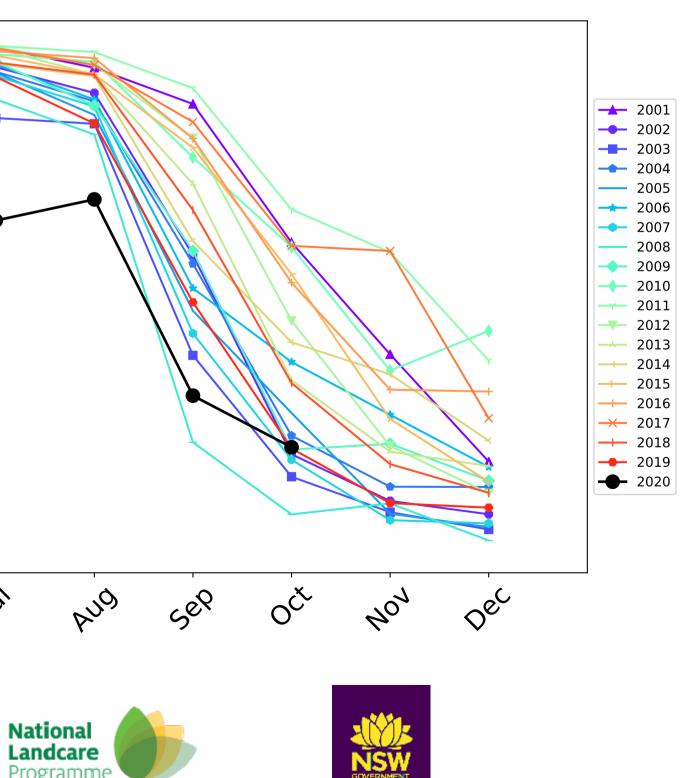
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



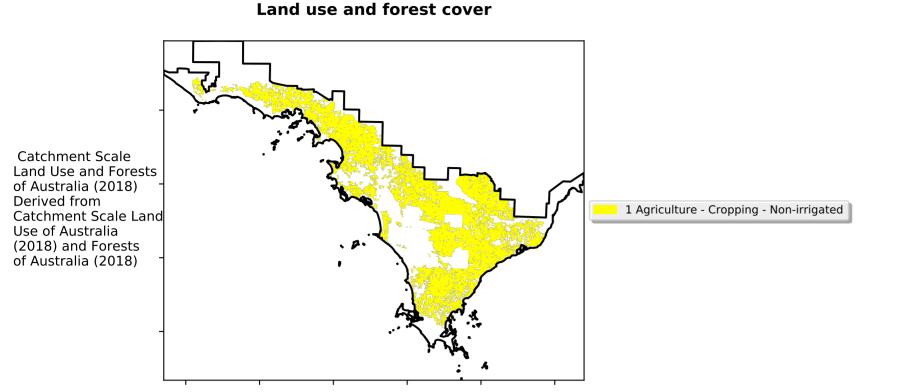
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

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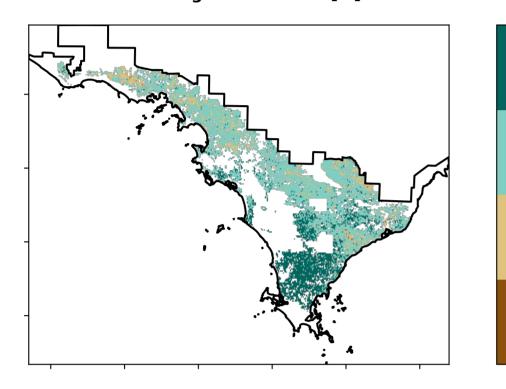
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# Cropping



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



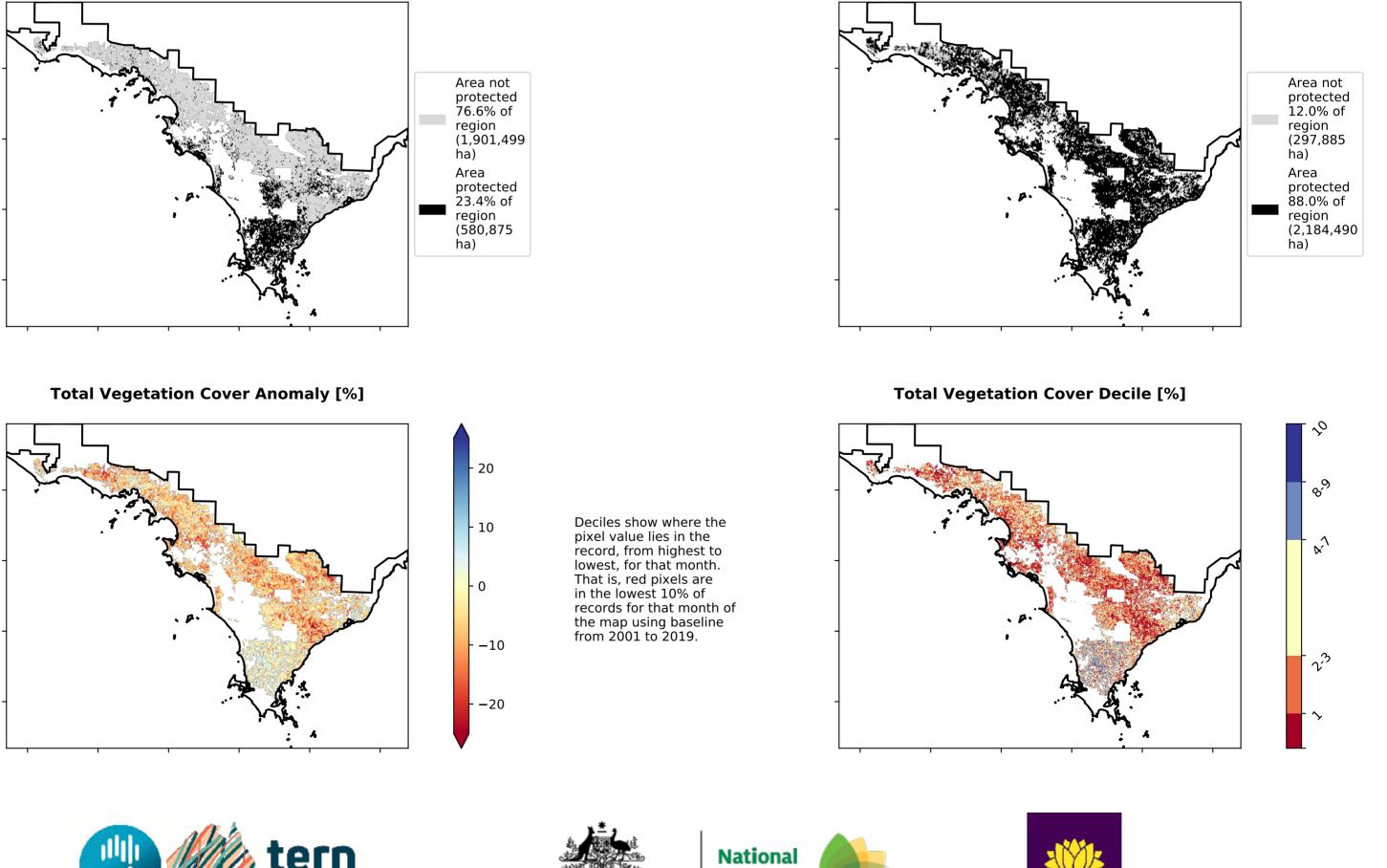
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

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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.



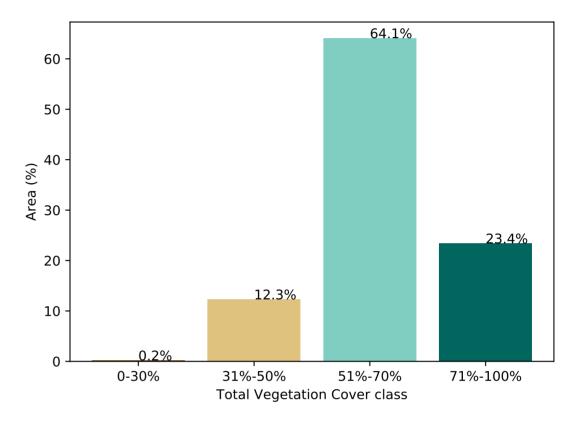
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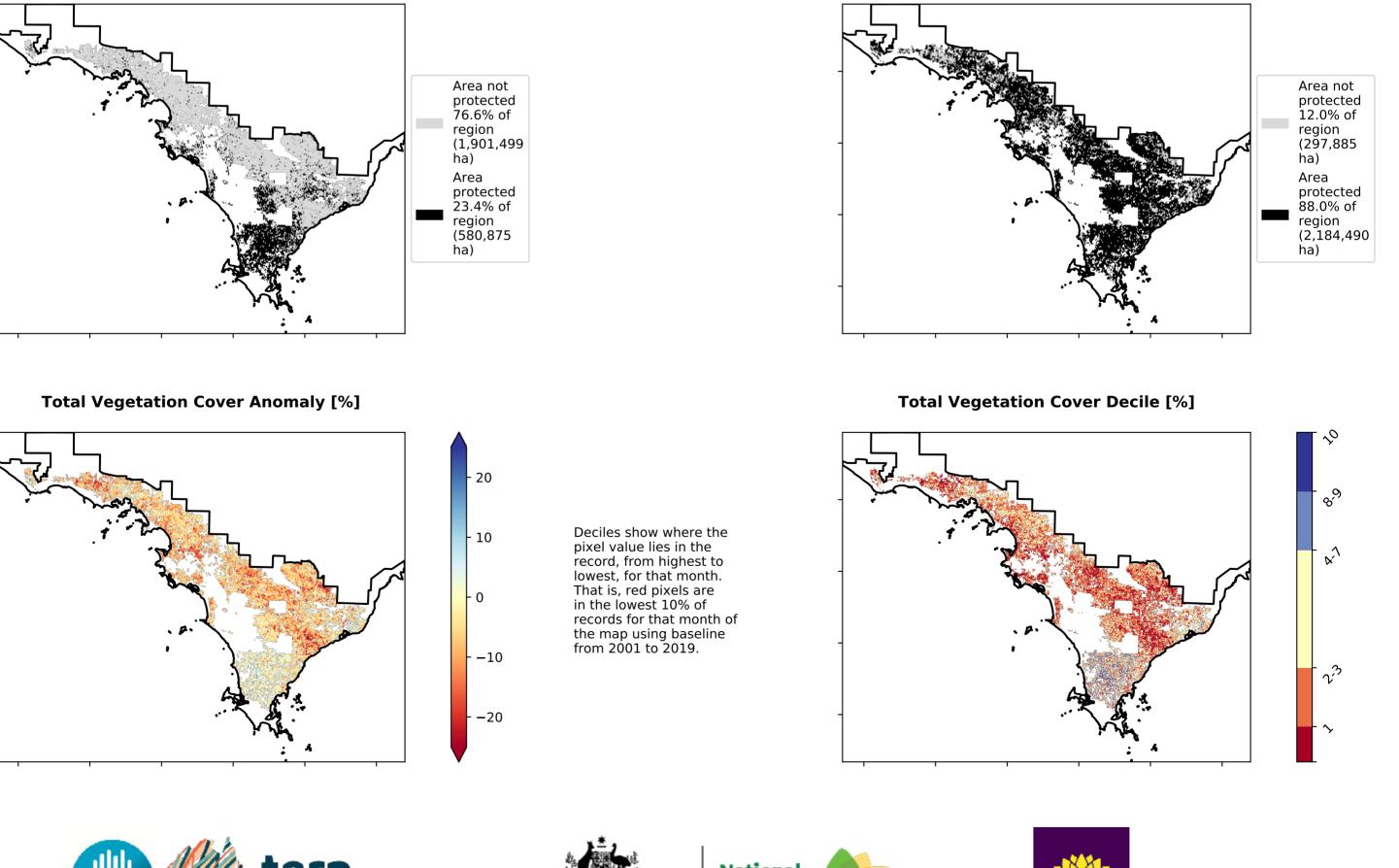
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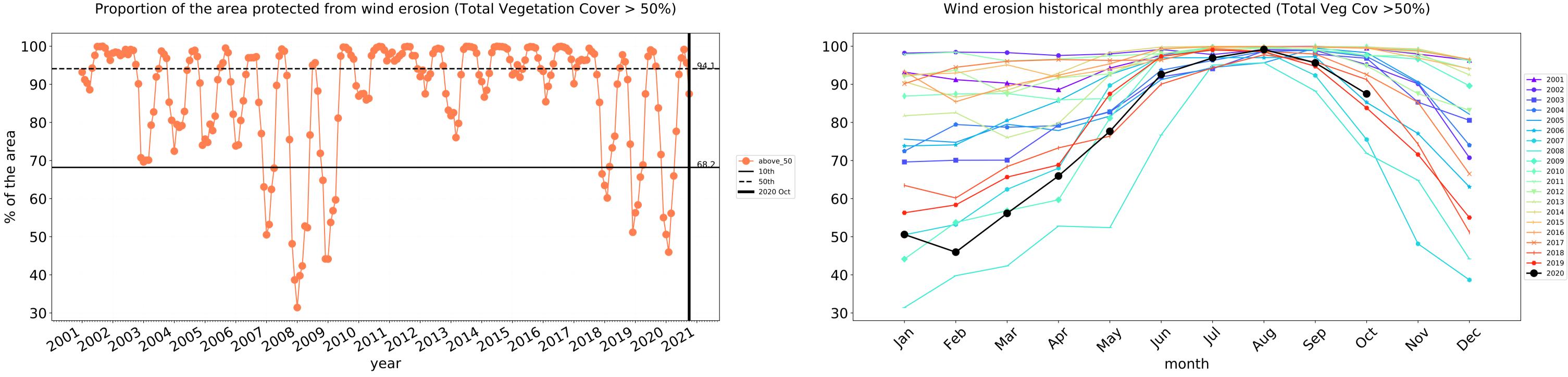
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



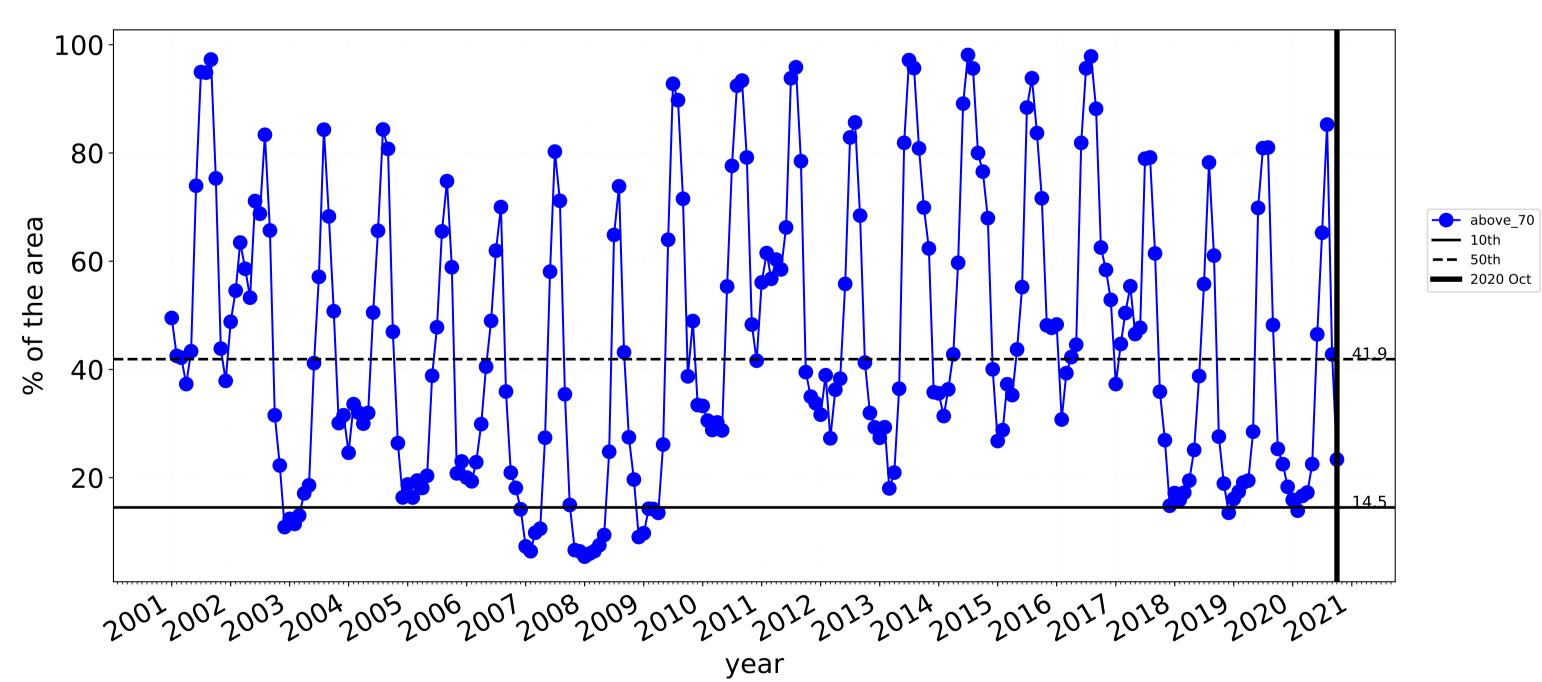
### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



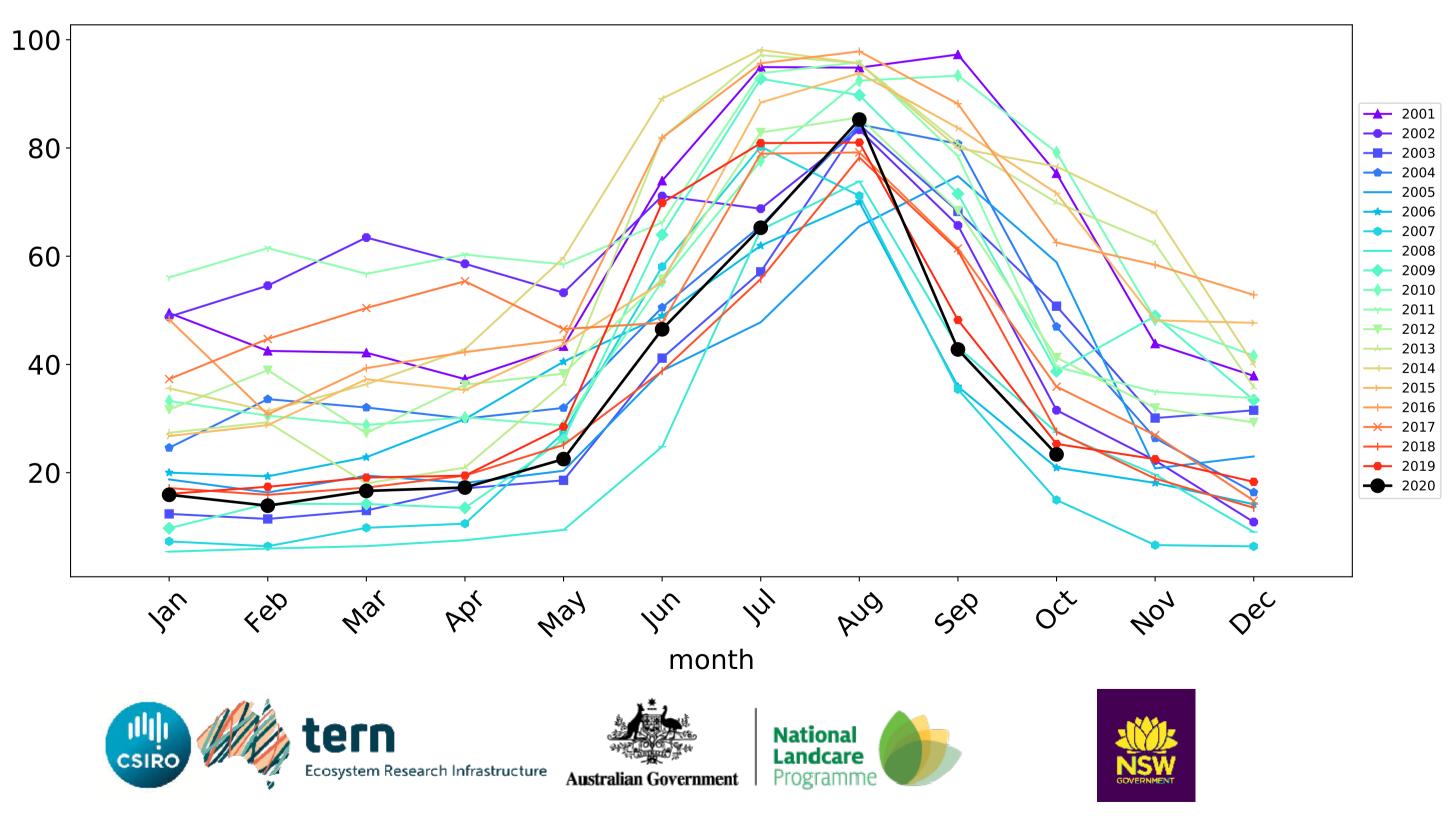
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# **Cropping timeseries**



# Eyre Peninsula (5,115,750 ha and no data 62,003 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	5,115,750	99.7% 5,102,950	90.9% 4,648,525	35.6% 1,822,725	16.2% 826,525	3.2% 165,825	0.8% 40,475
Conservation and natural environments	1,804,550	99.6% 1,797,925	95.4% 1,720,975	49.3% 890,025	25.5% 460,050	5.5% 99,975	0.7% 12,675
Conservation and natural environments non forest	648,700	99.5% 645,275	90.1% 584,750	25.7% 167,000	12.7% 82,400	3.9% 25,525	1.1% 6,900
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,065,300	99.7% 1,062,125	98.3% 1,046,825	63.4% 675,125	34.2% 364,650	6.6% 70,550	0.5% 5,275
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	90,550	100.0% 90,525	98.7% 89,400	52.9% 47,900	14.4% 13,000	4.3% 3,900	0.6% 500
Agriculture	3,212,100	99.9% 3,207,350	88.3% 2,836,900	27.1% 870,400	10.0% 321,250	1.2% 39,225	0.3% 9,400
Grazing	729,325	100.0% 729,100	91.1% 664,525	39.7% 289,900	18.6% 135,650	2.3% 16,775	0.5% 3,475
Grazing non forest	635,600	100.0% 635,375	91.1% 578,950	42.4% 269,650	20.9% 132,950	2.6% 16,325	0.5% 3,425
Grazing Woodland forest	88,525	100.0% 88,525	90.9% 80,475	22.0% 19,500	3.0% 2,650	0.5% 425	0.1% 50
Cropping	2,482,375	99.8% 2,477,850	87.5% 2,171,975	23.4% 580,125	7.5% 185,400	0.9% 22,450	0.2% 5,925

