

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 Nov 2018

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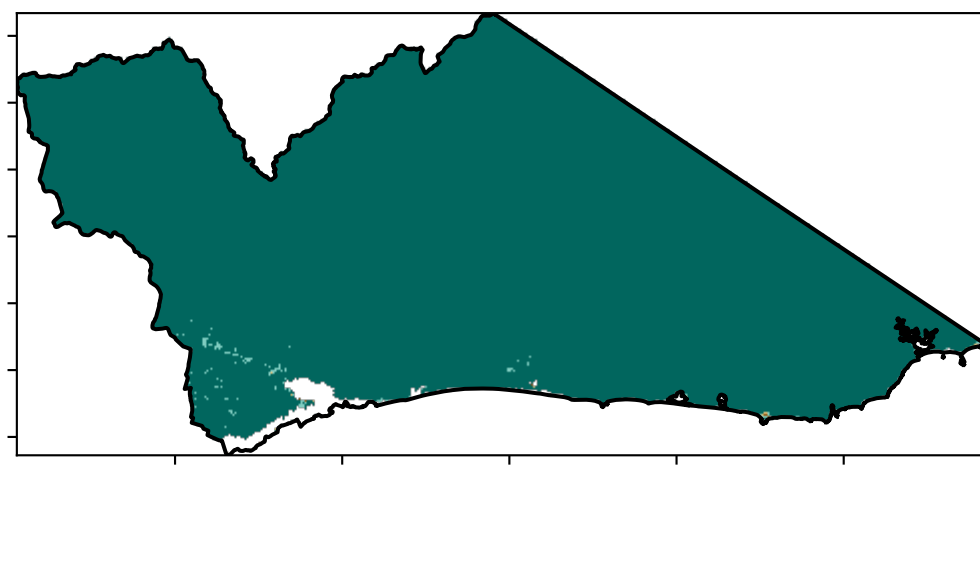
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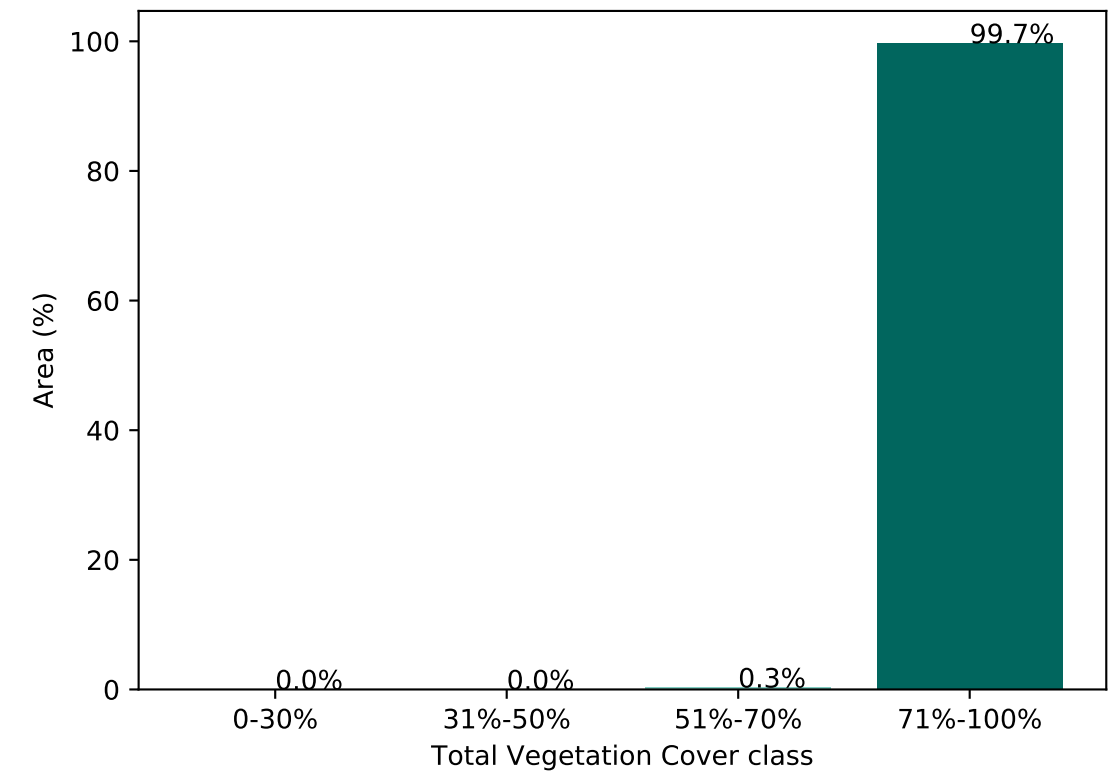
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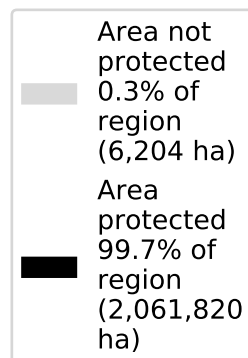
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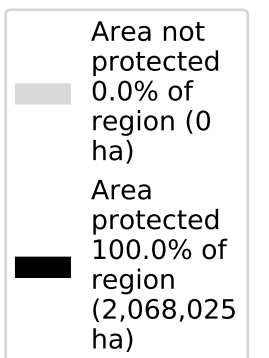
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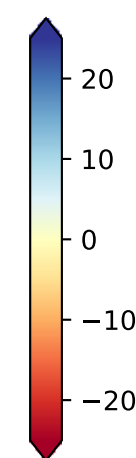
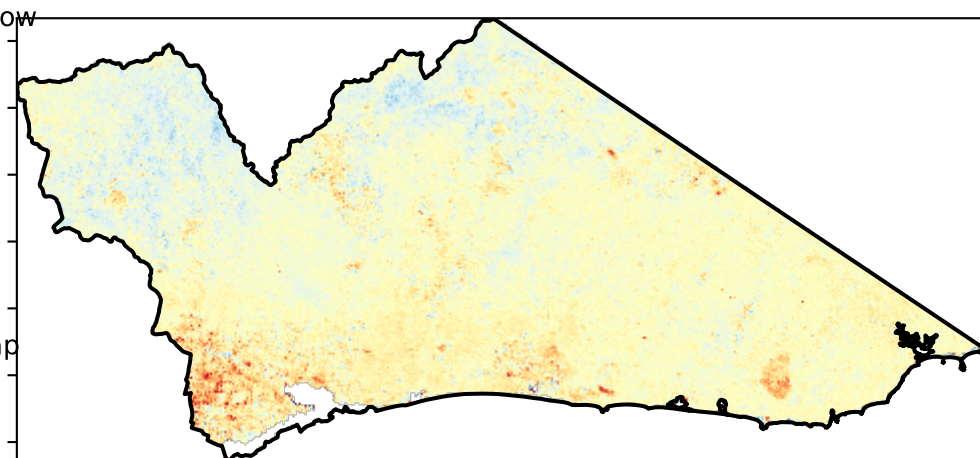


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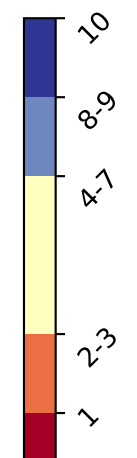
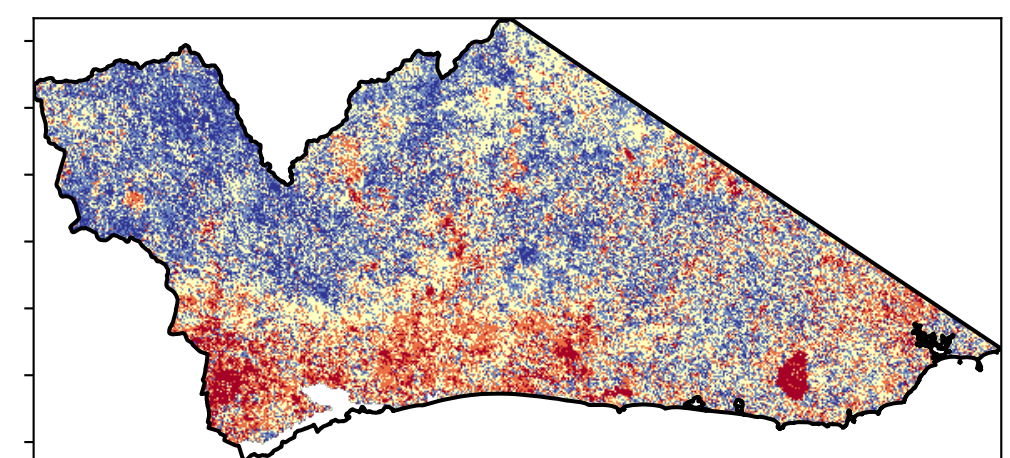
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Anomaly show how many percentage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.



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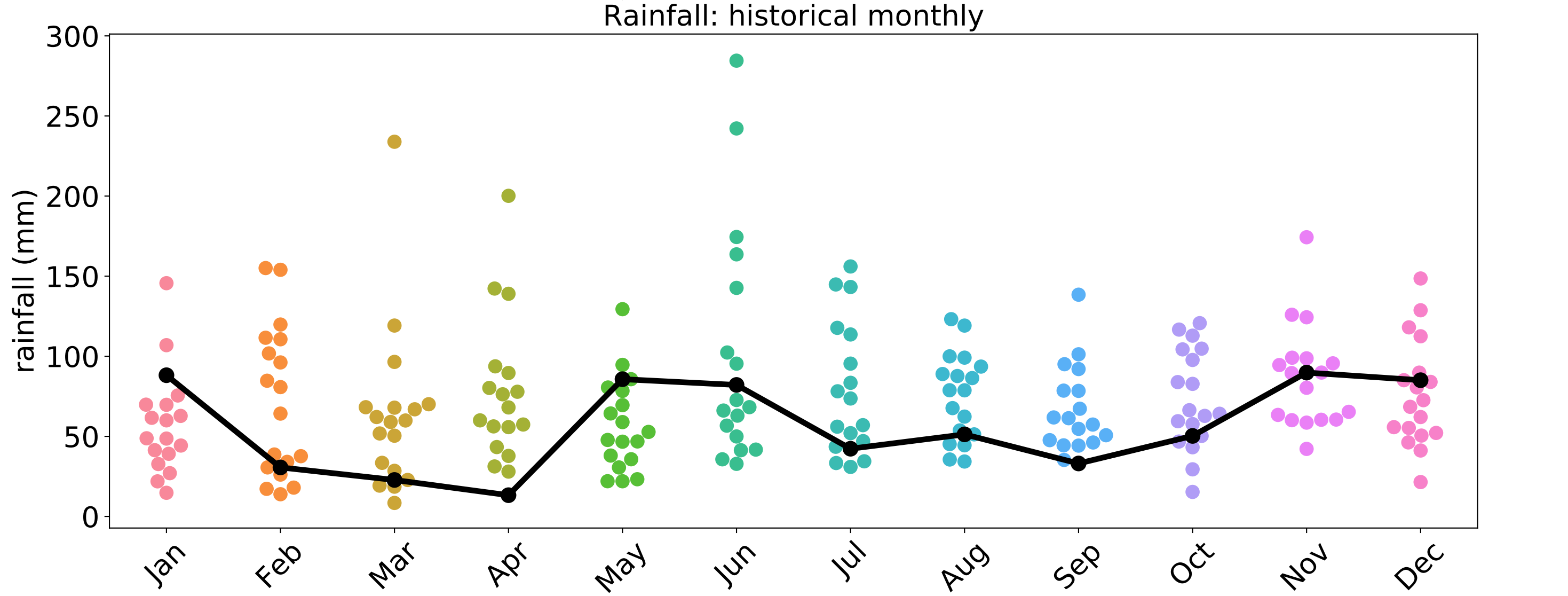
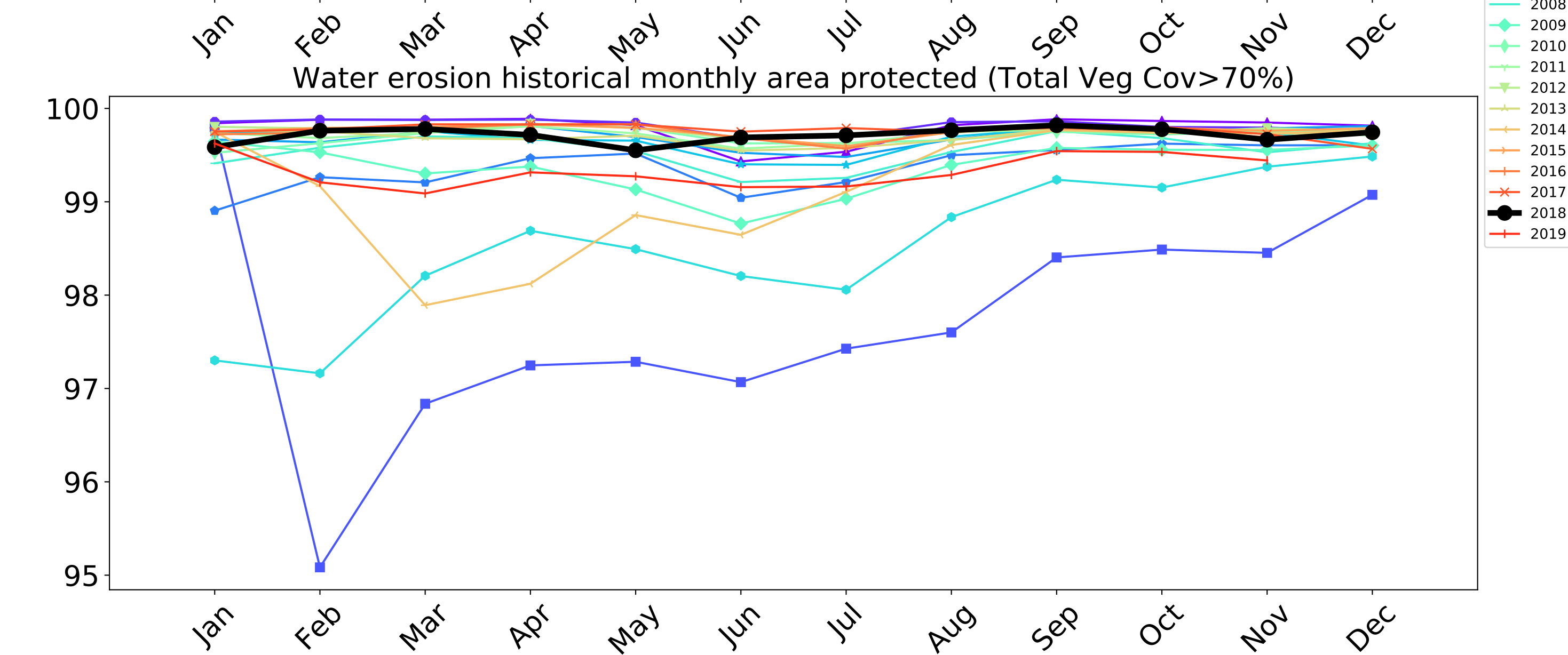
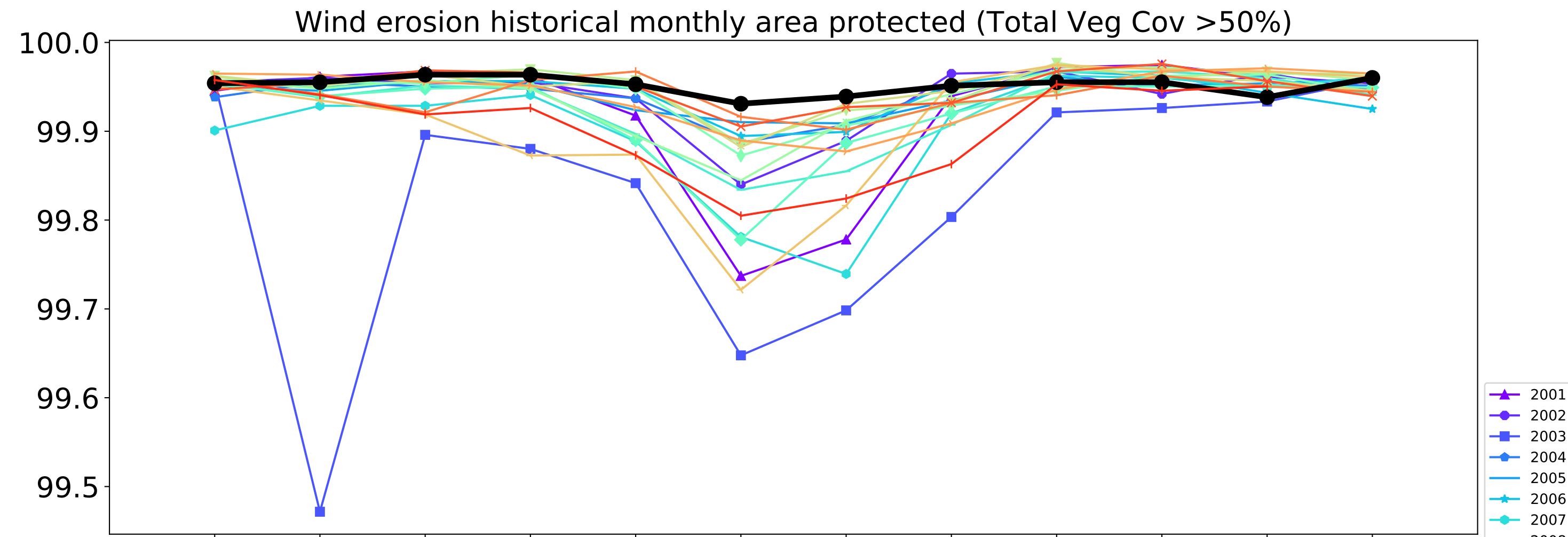
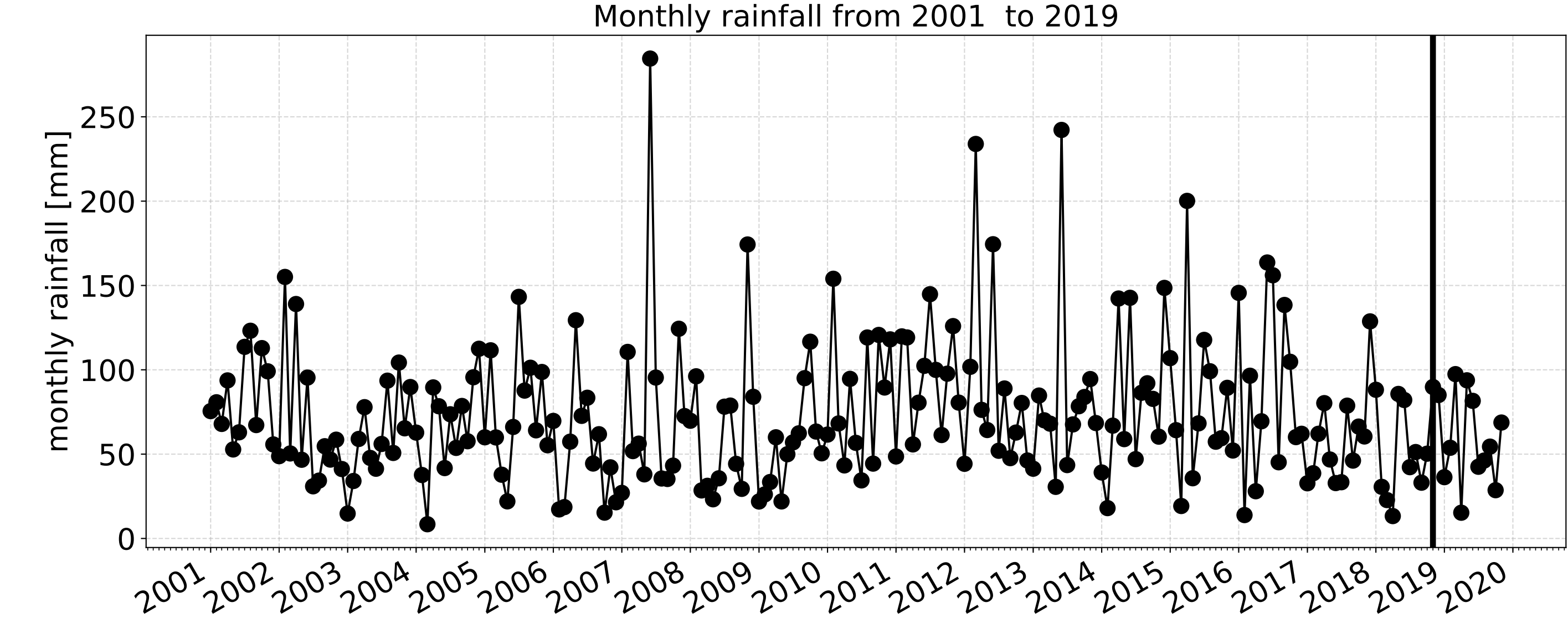
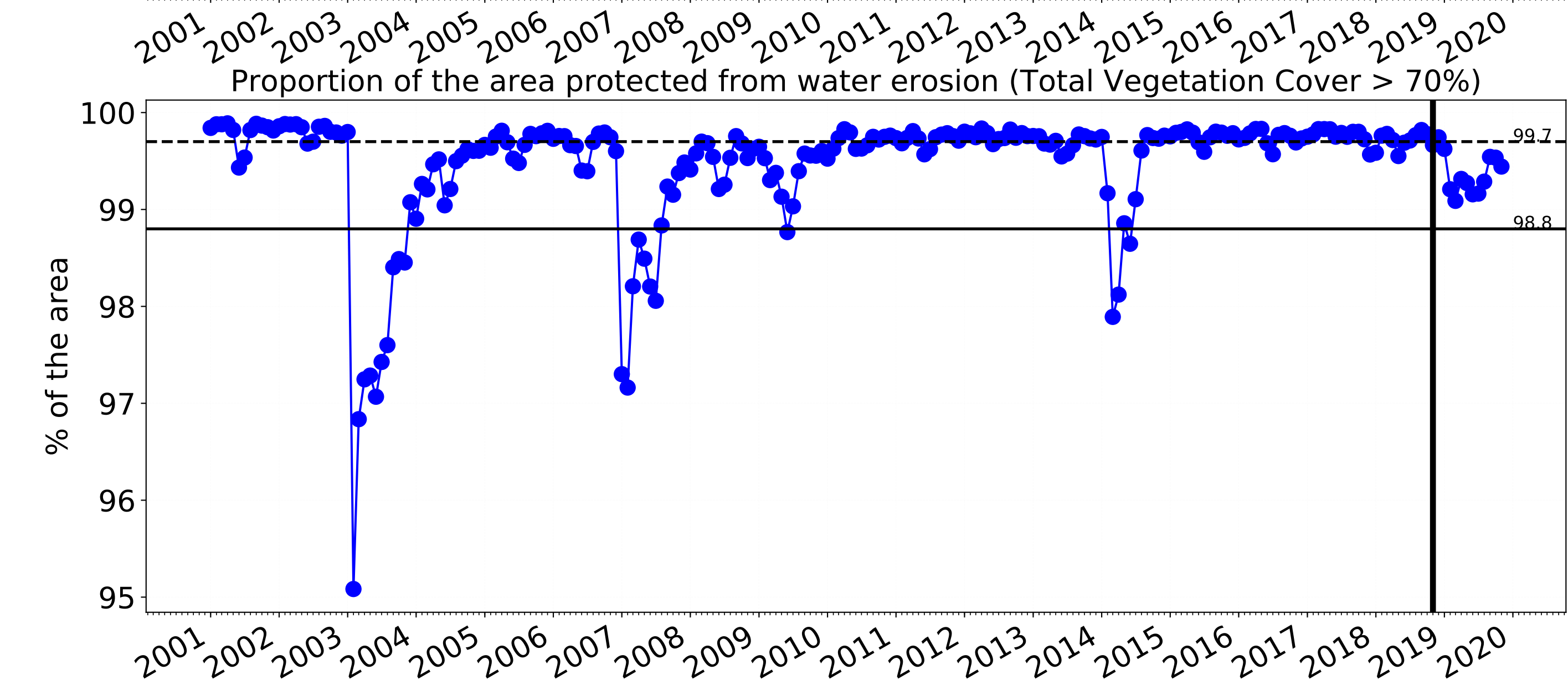
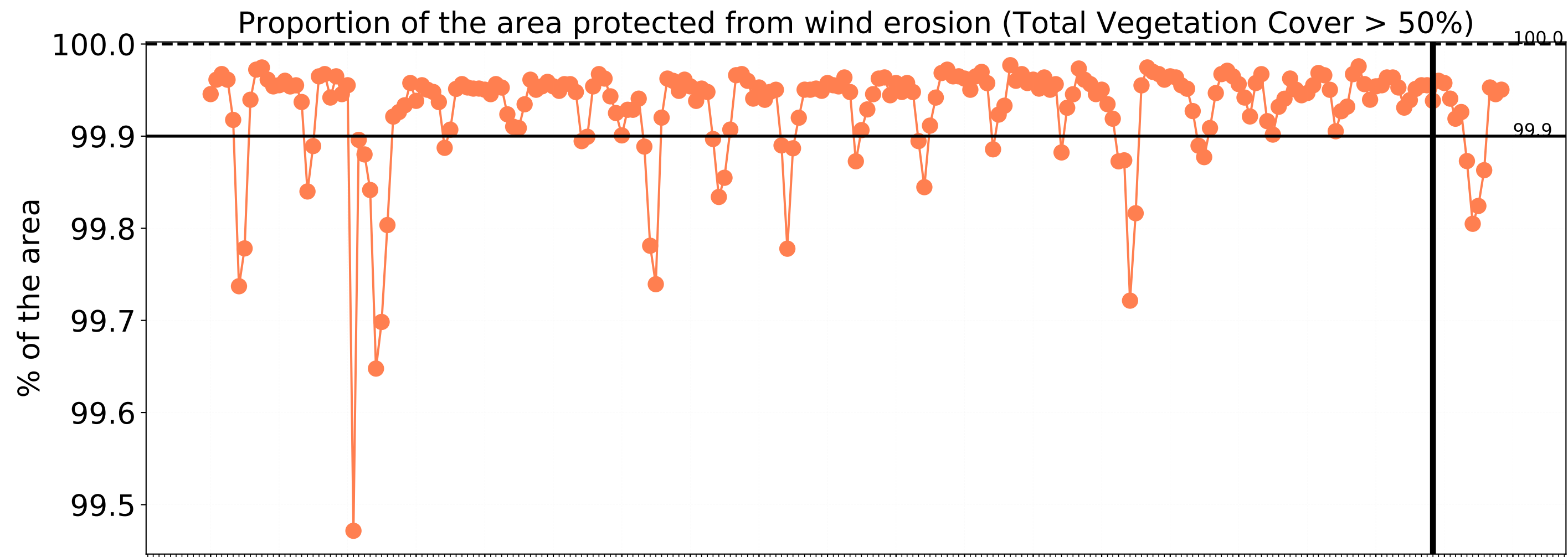
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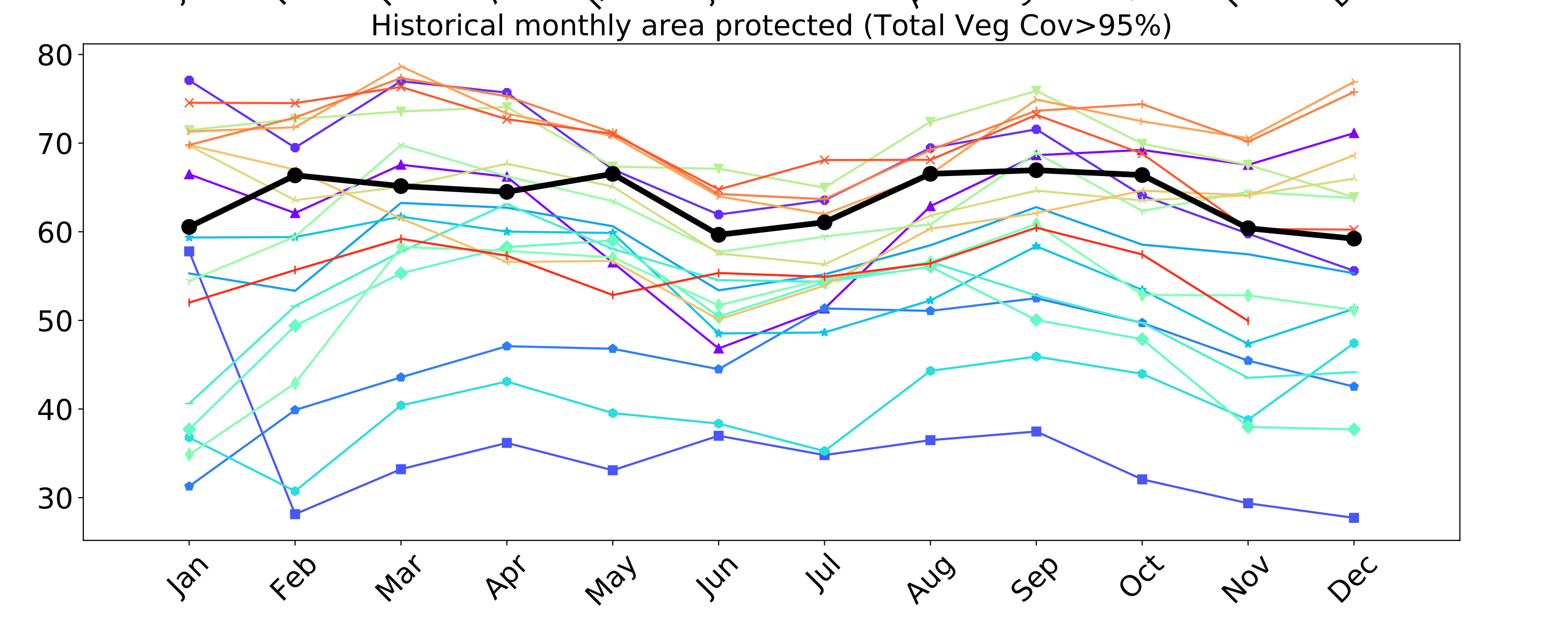
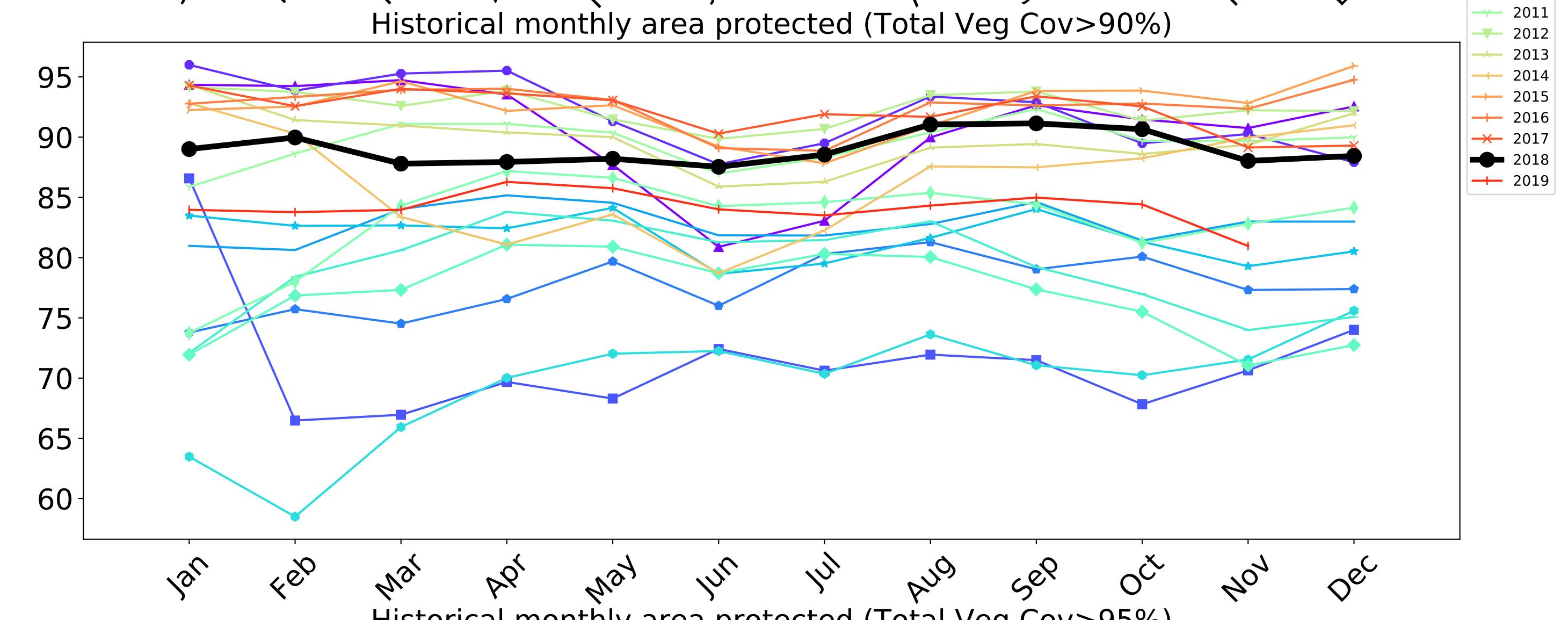
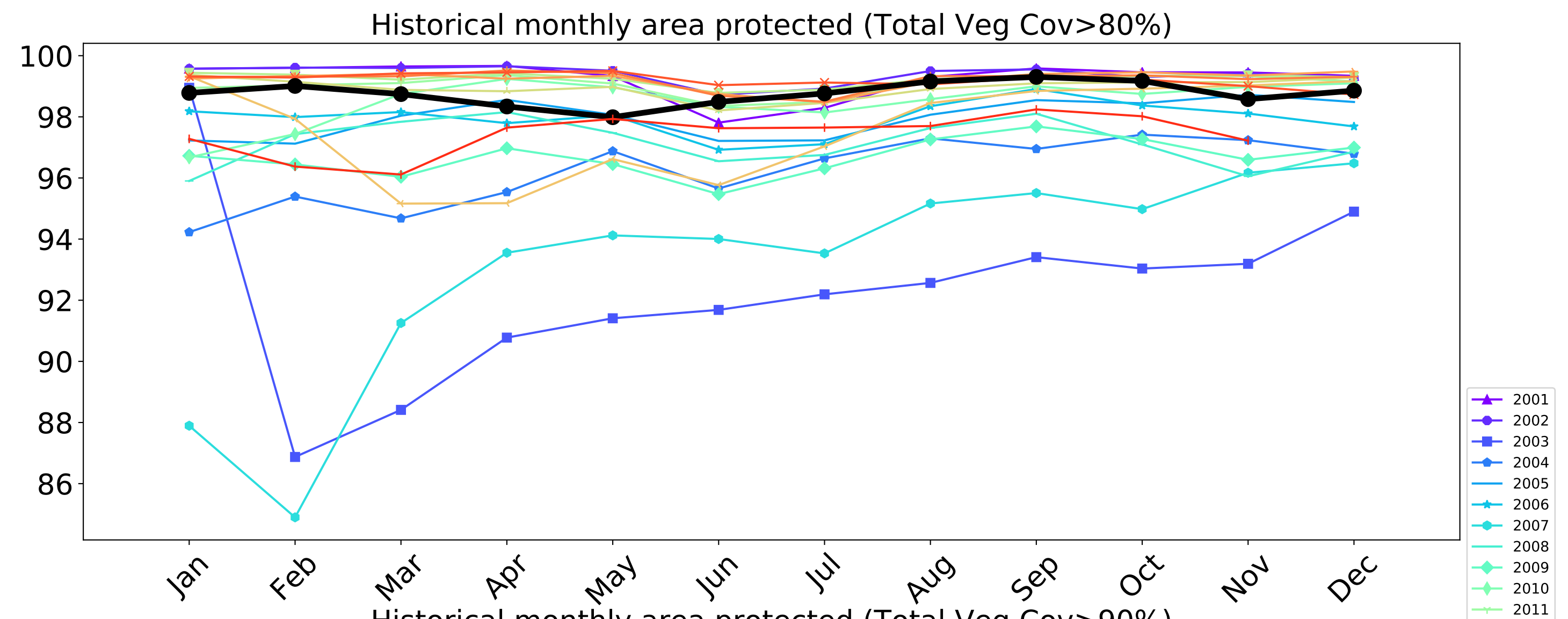
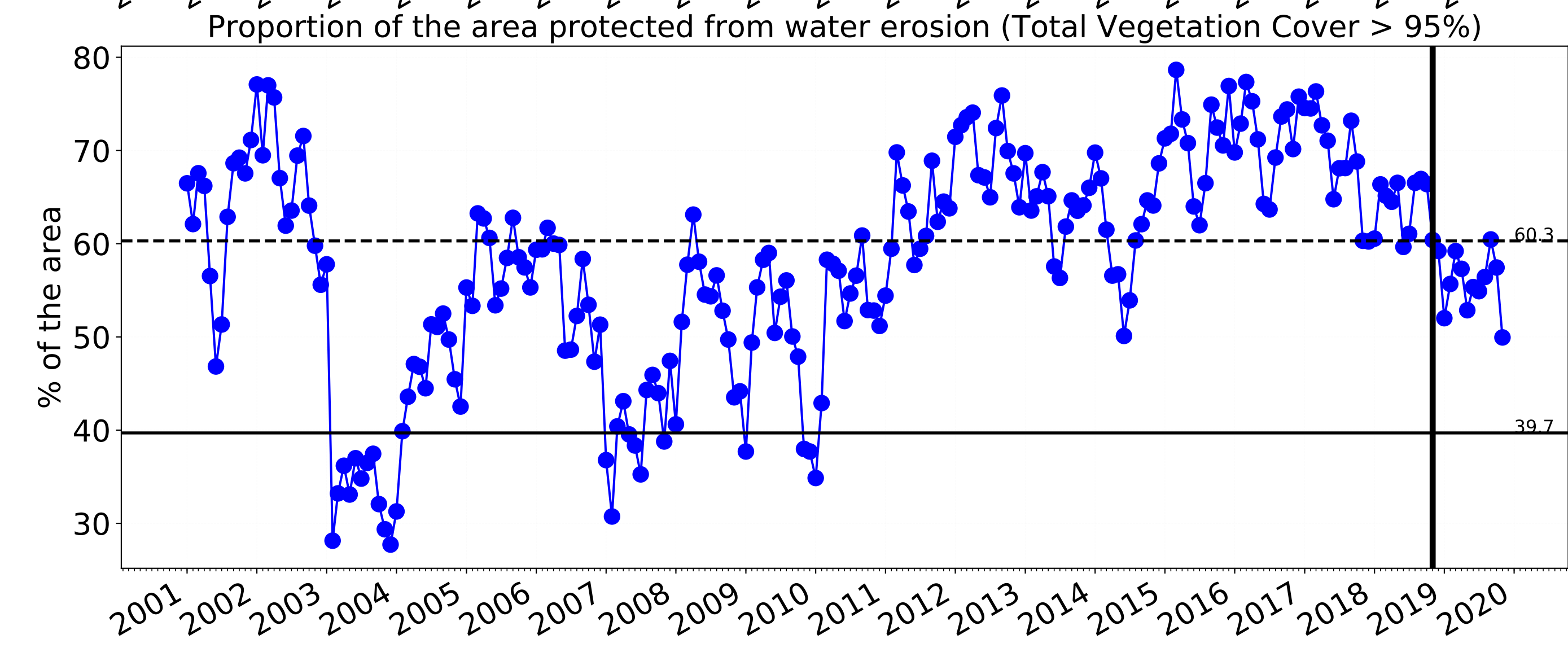
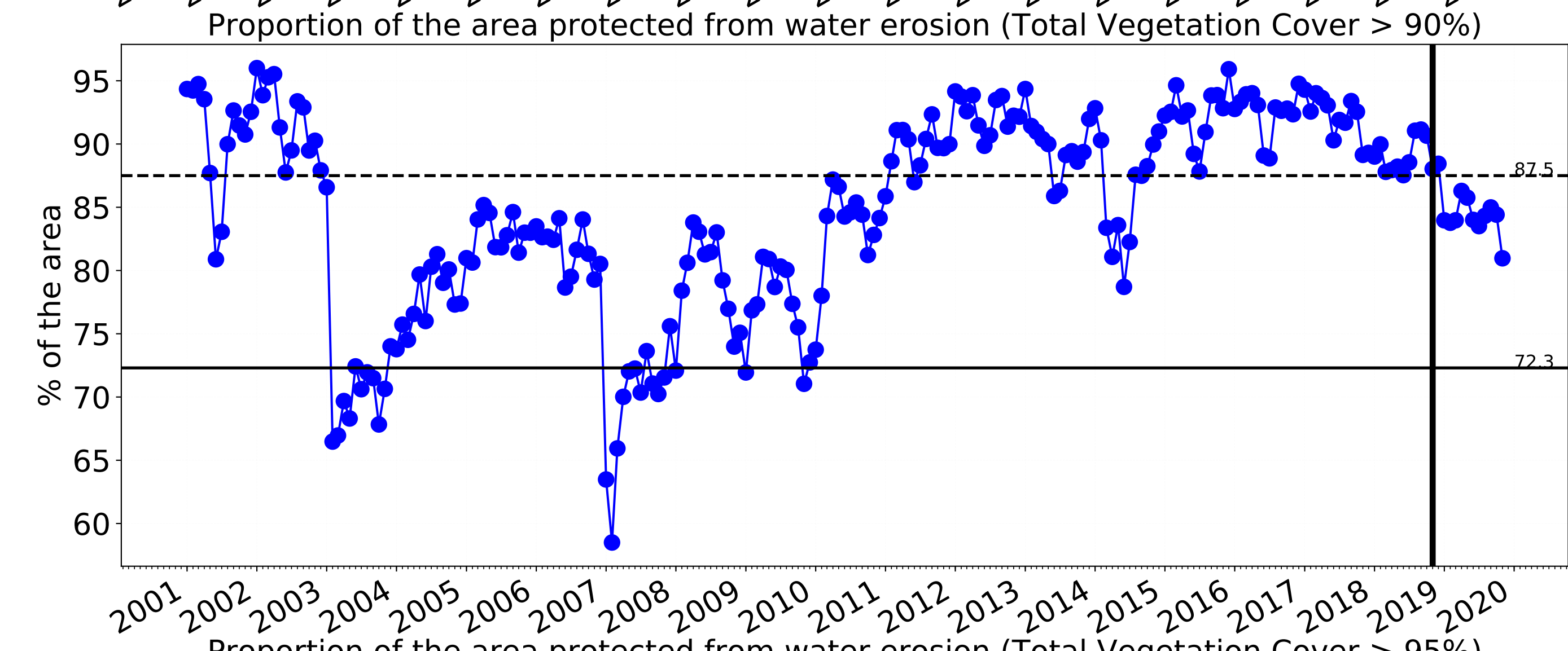
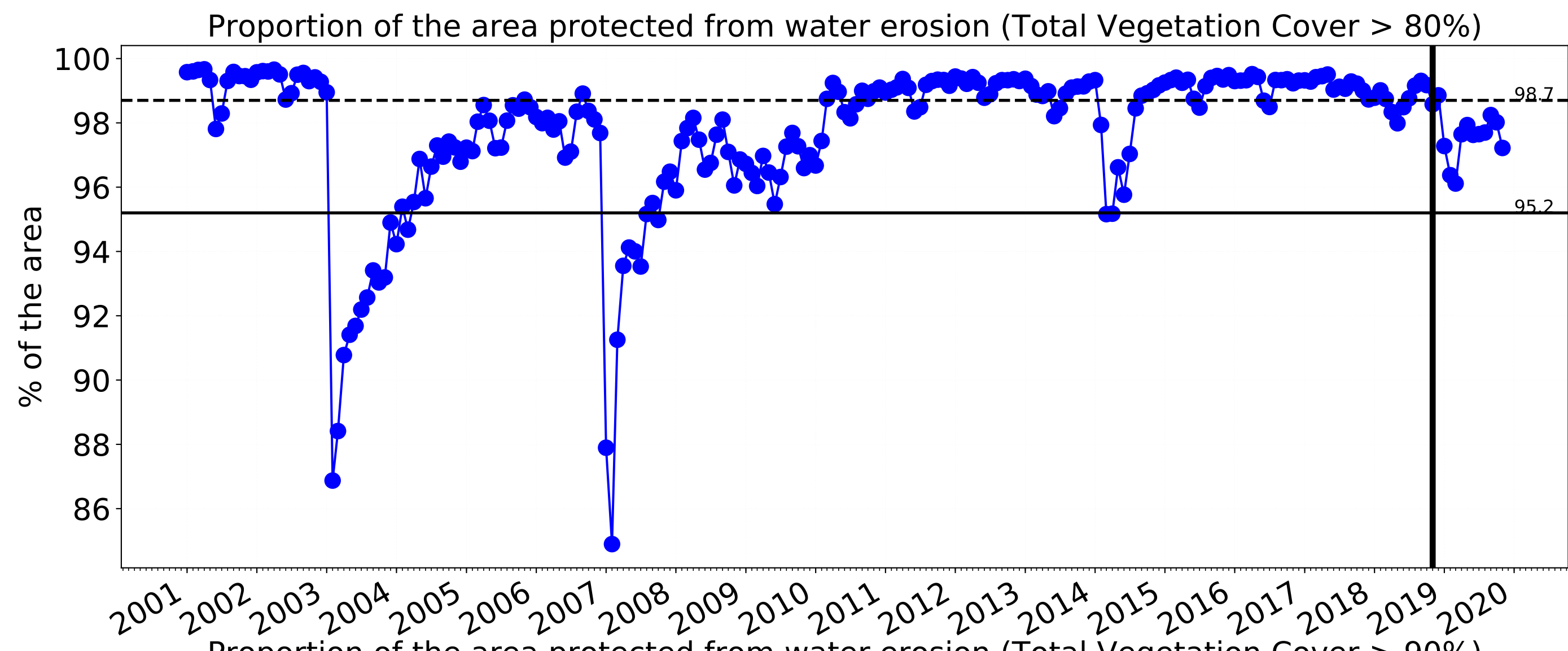


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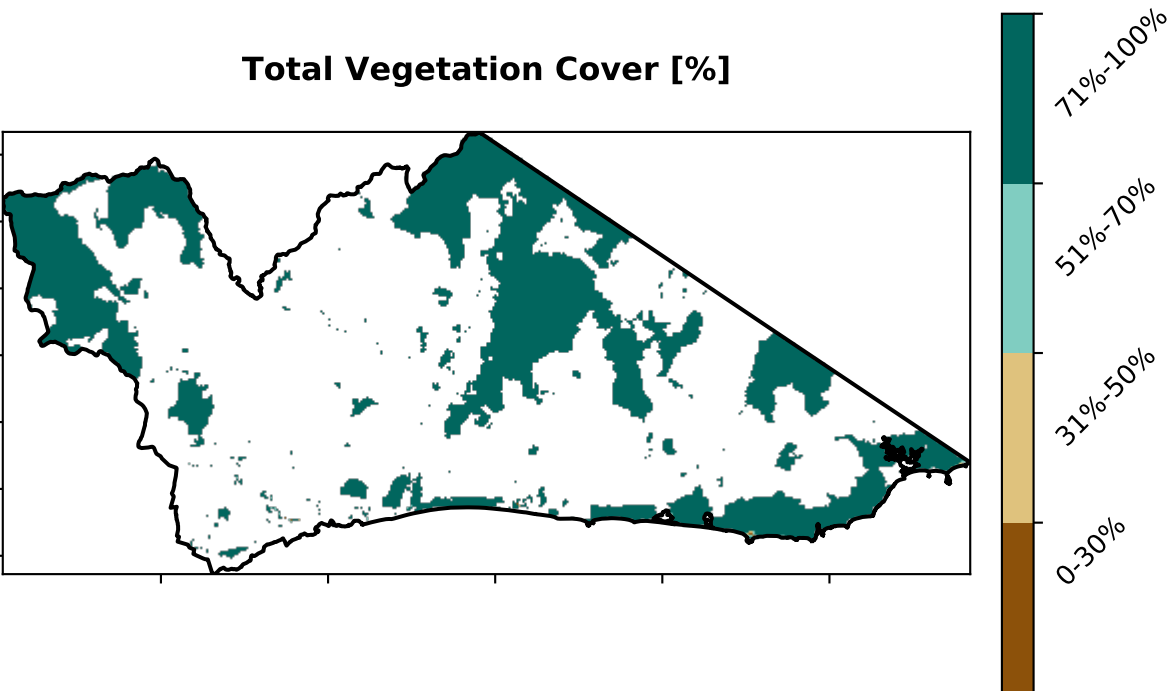
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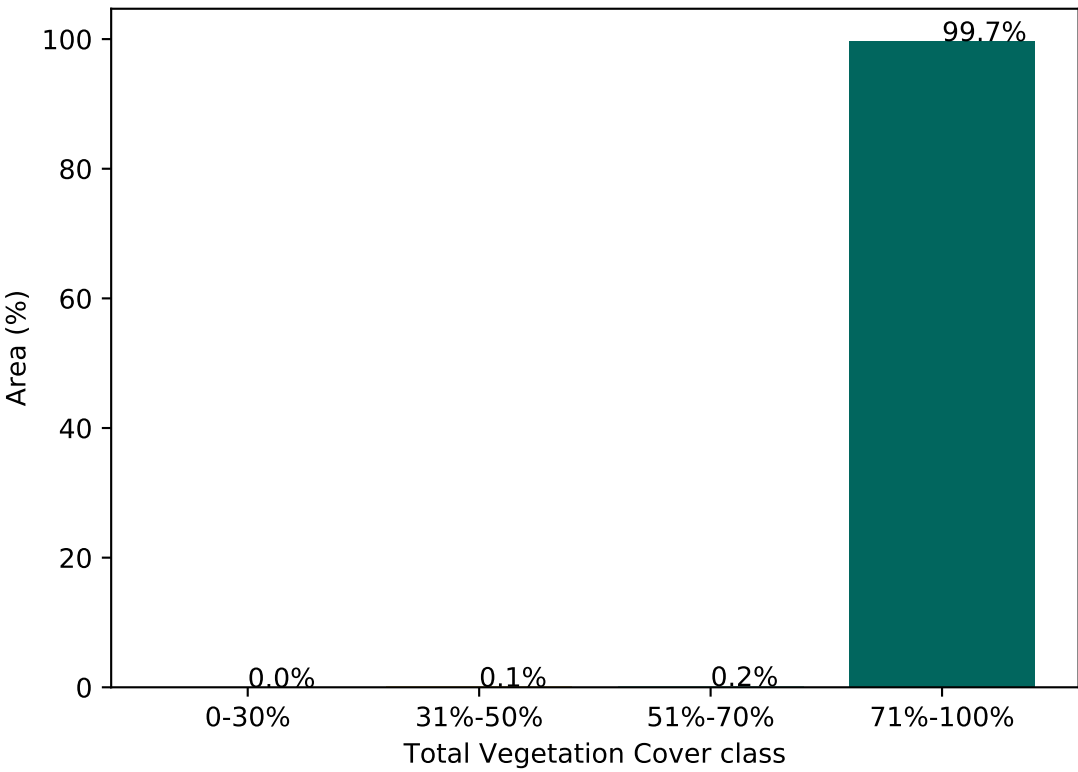
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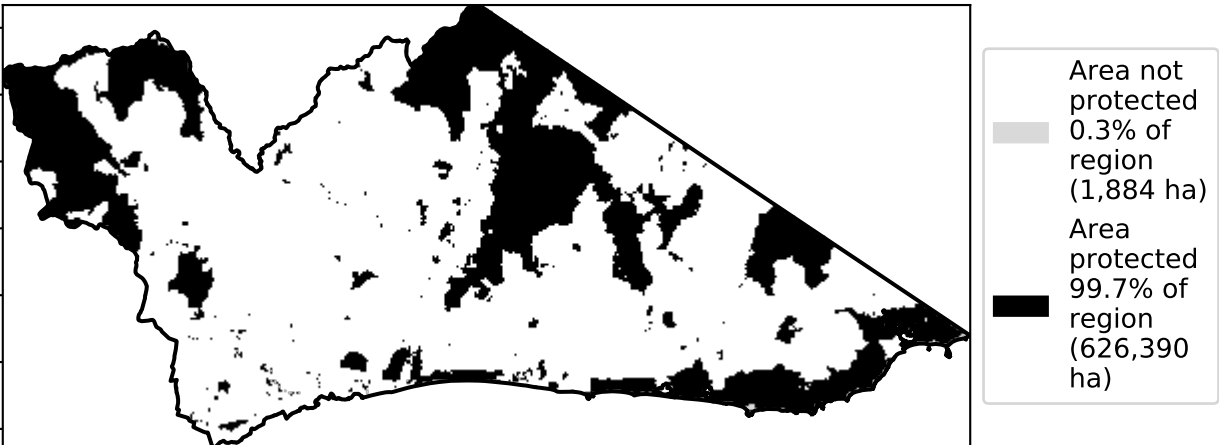
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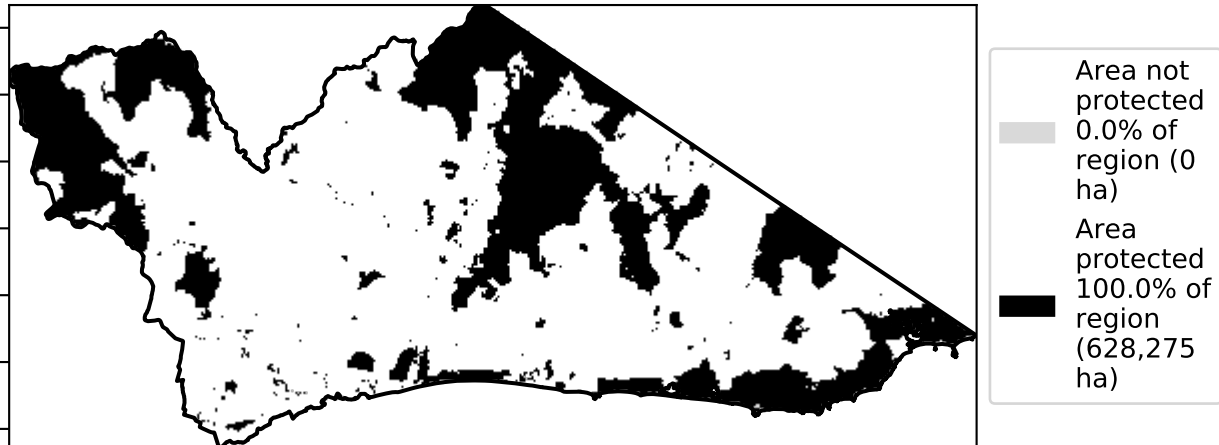
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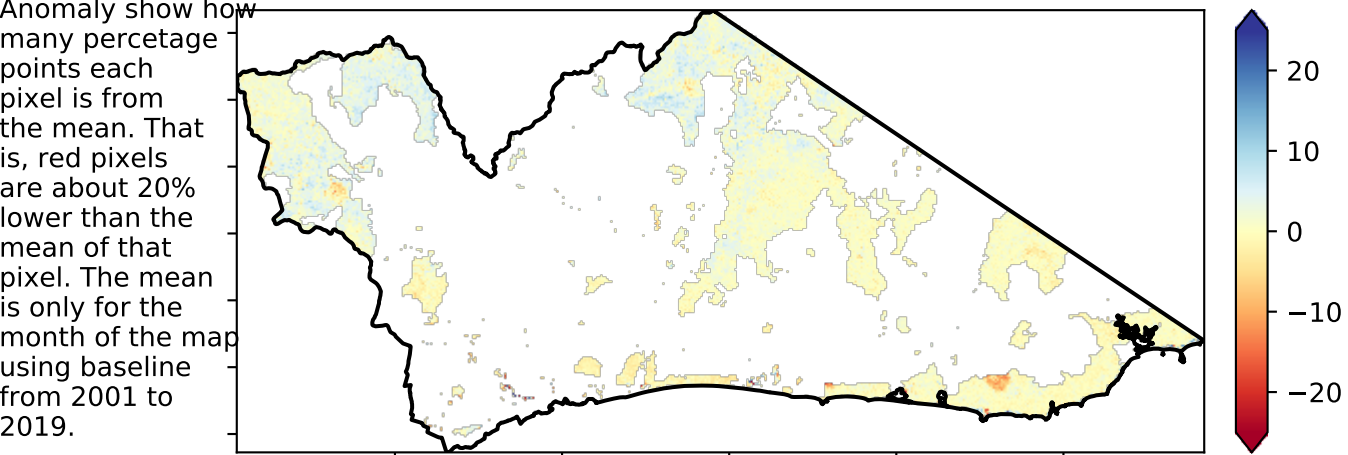
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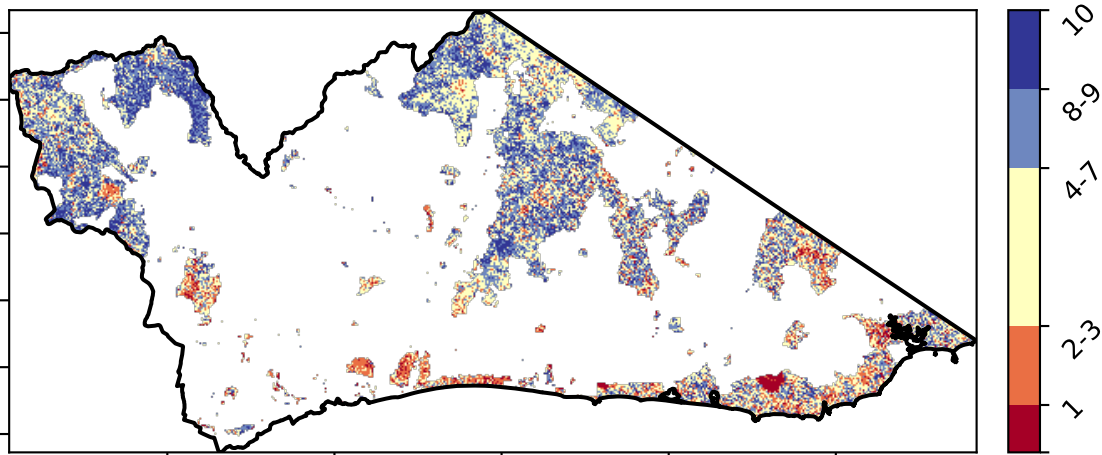


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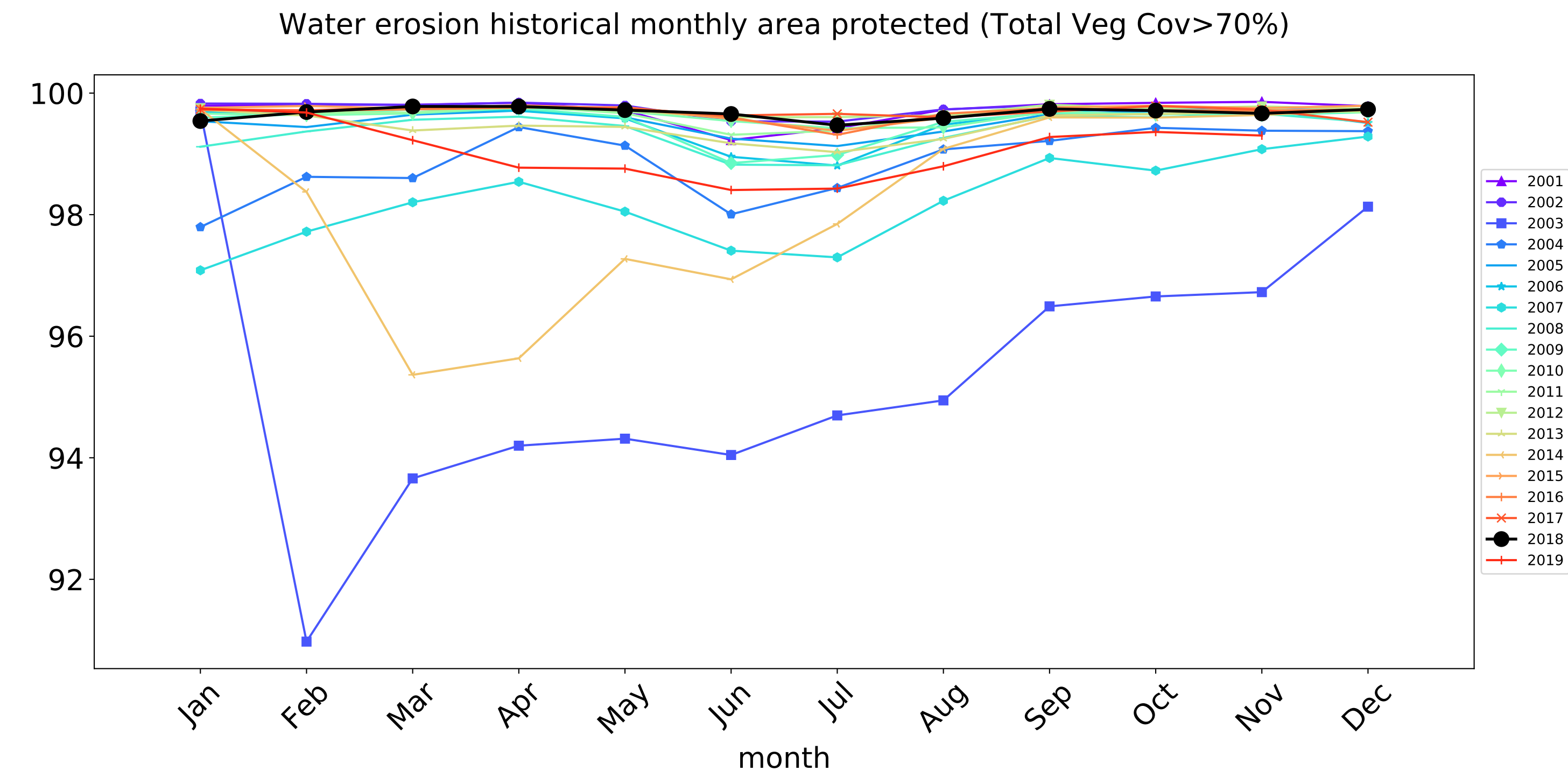
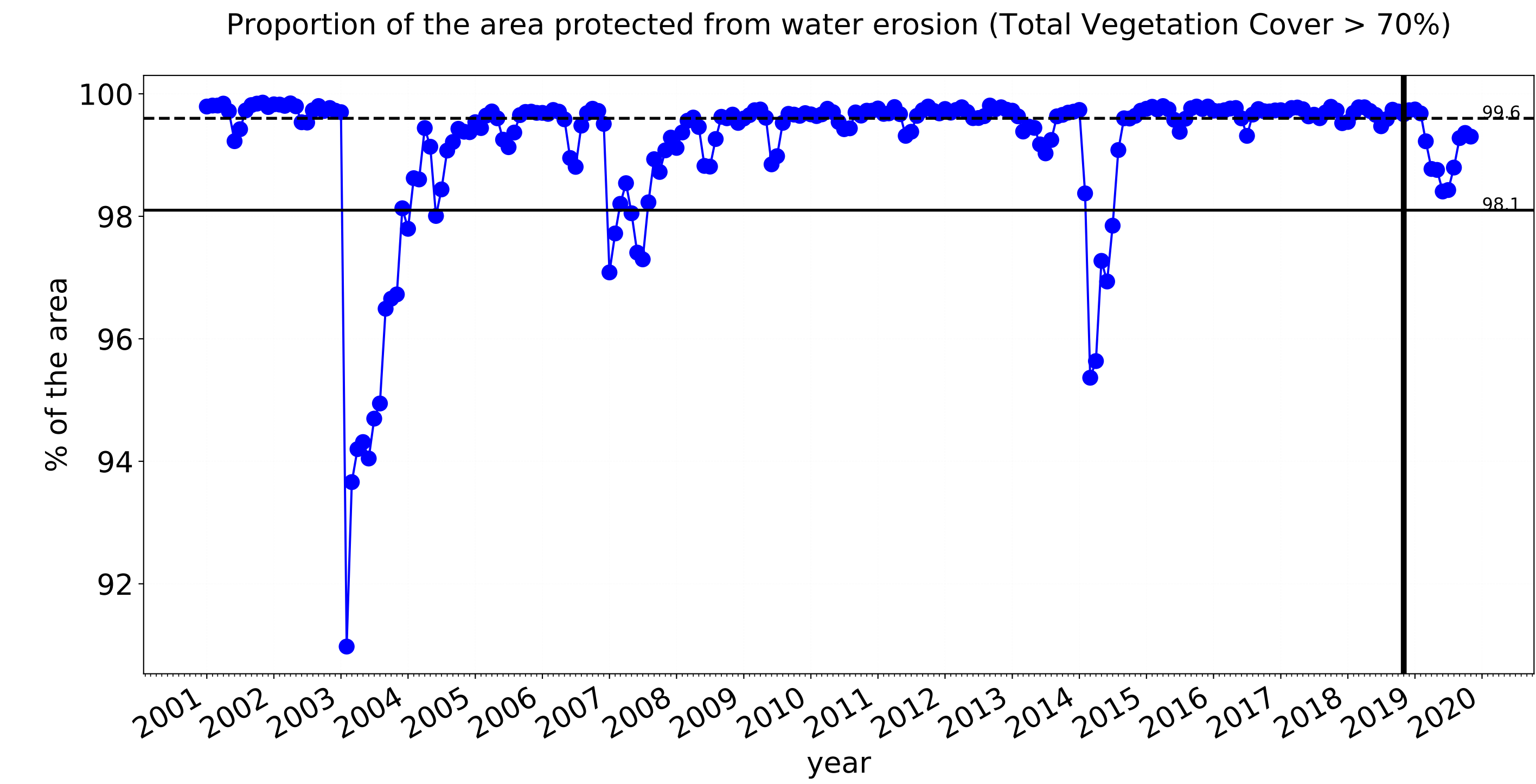
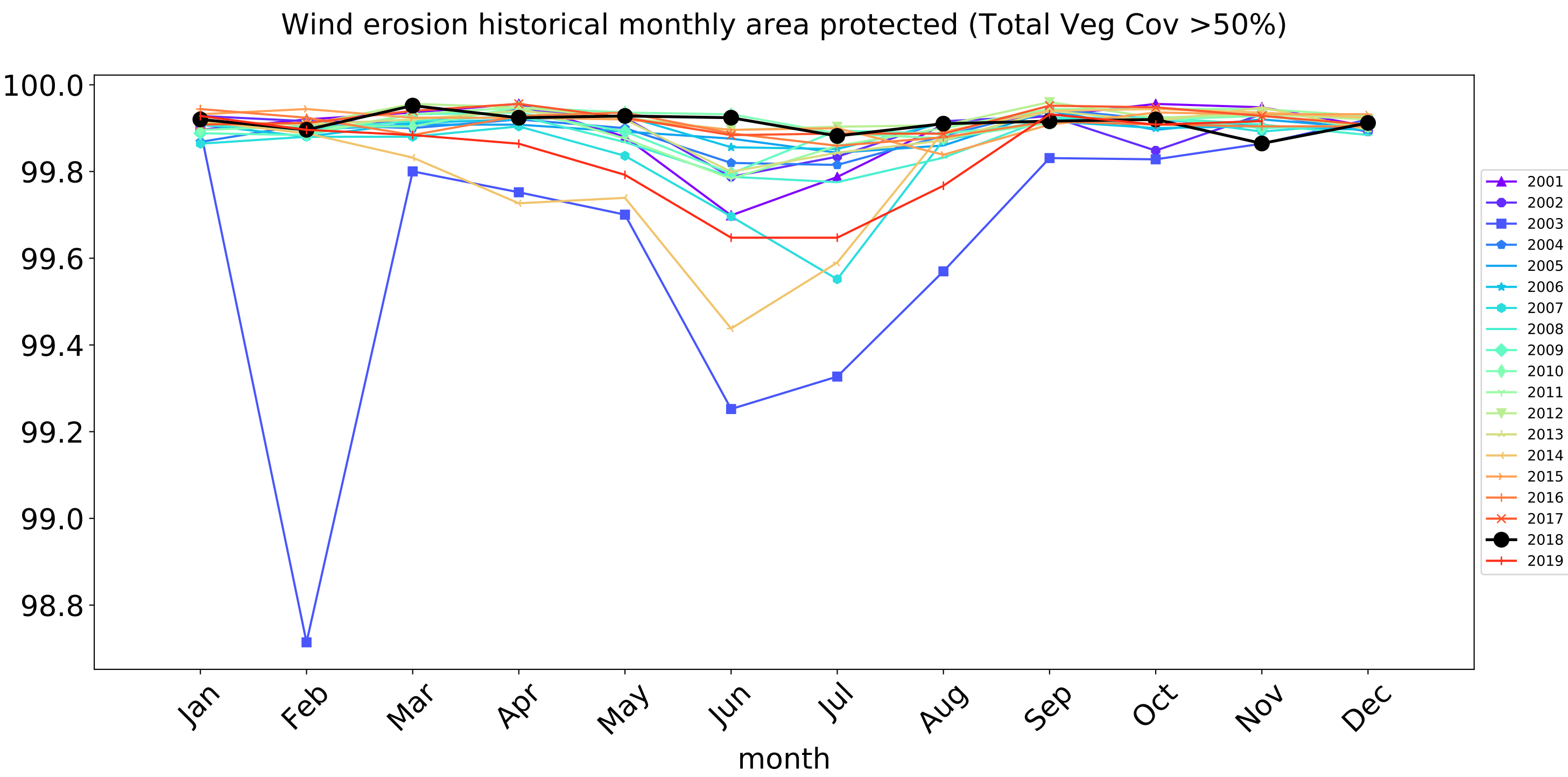
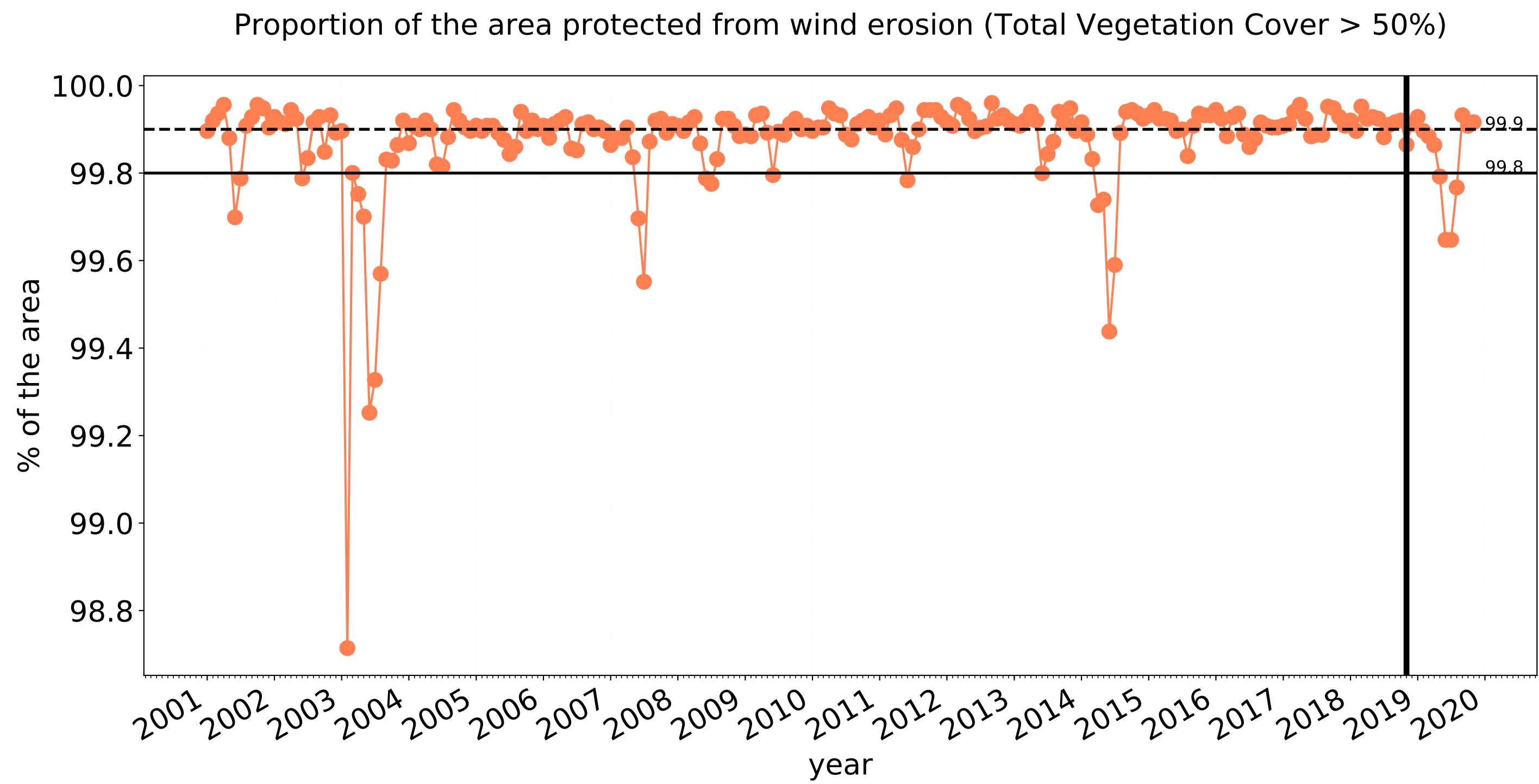


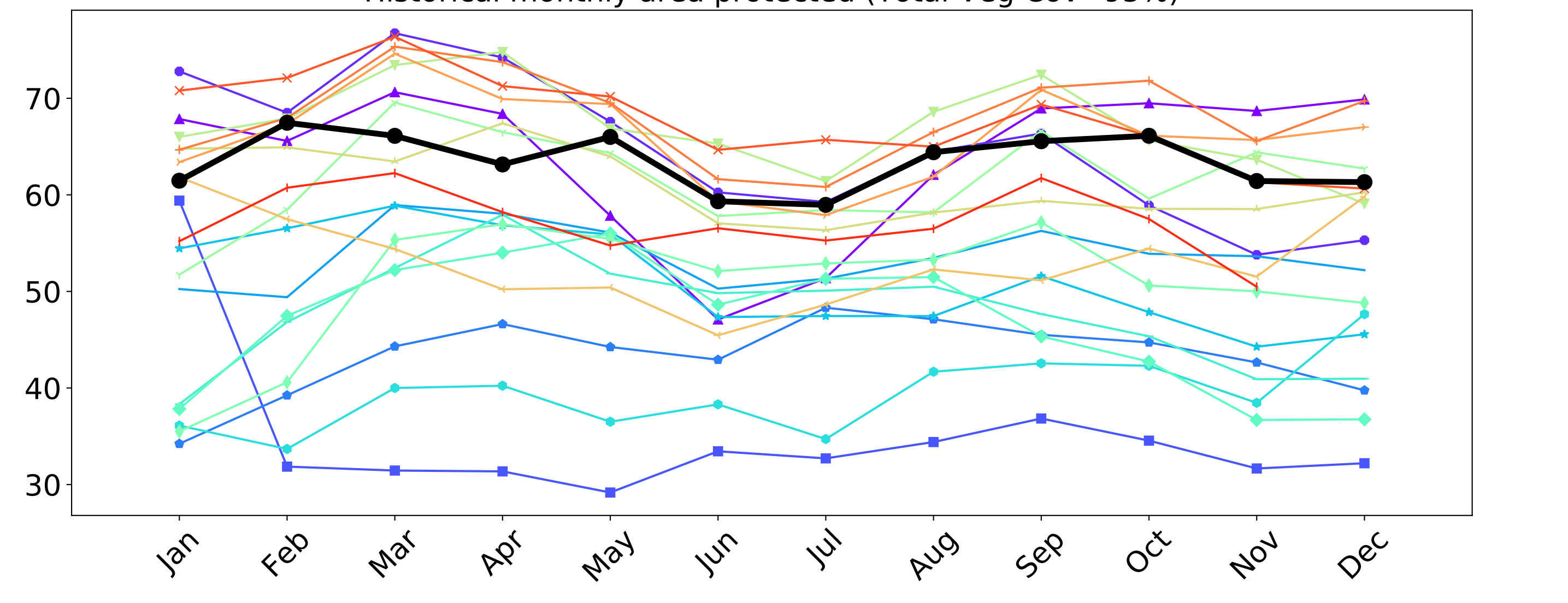
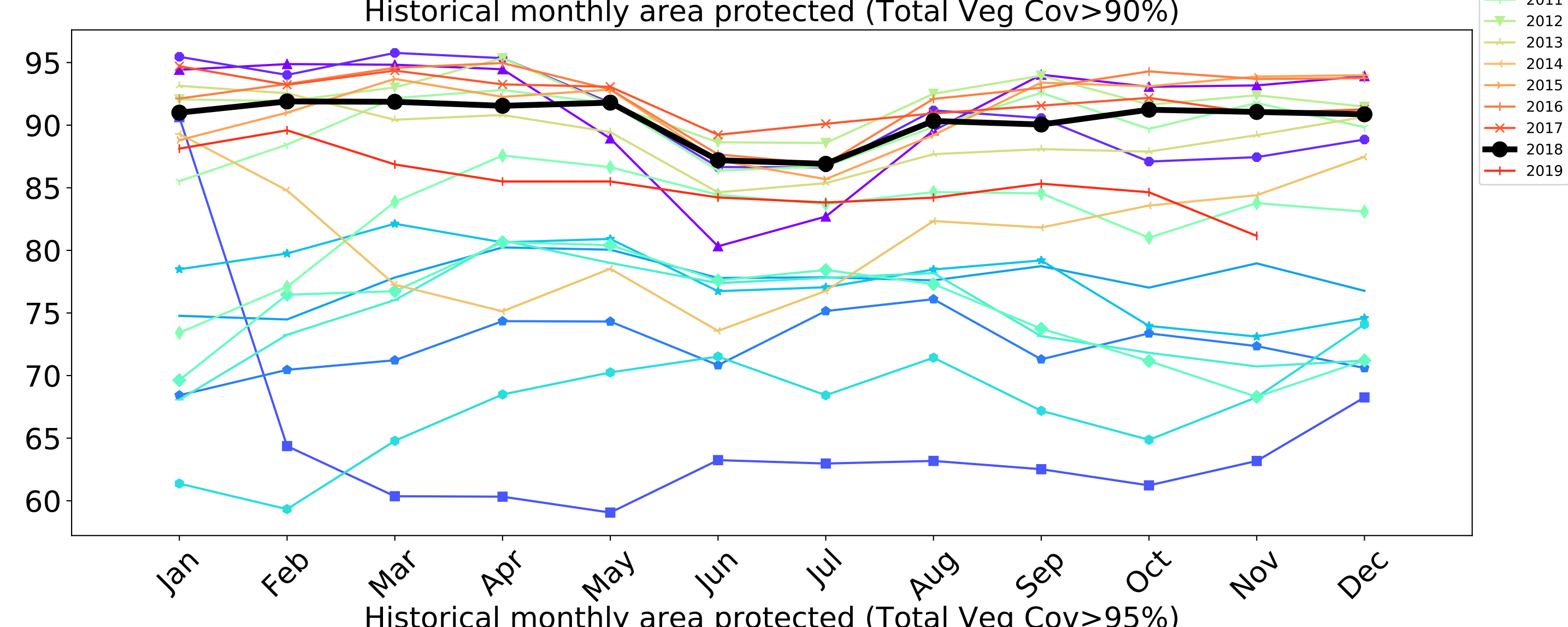
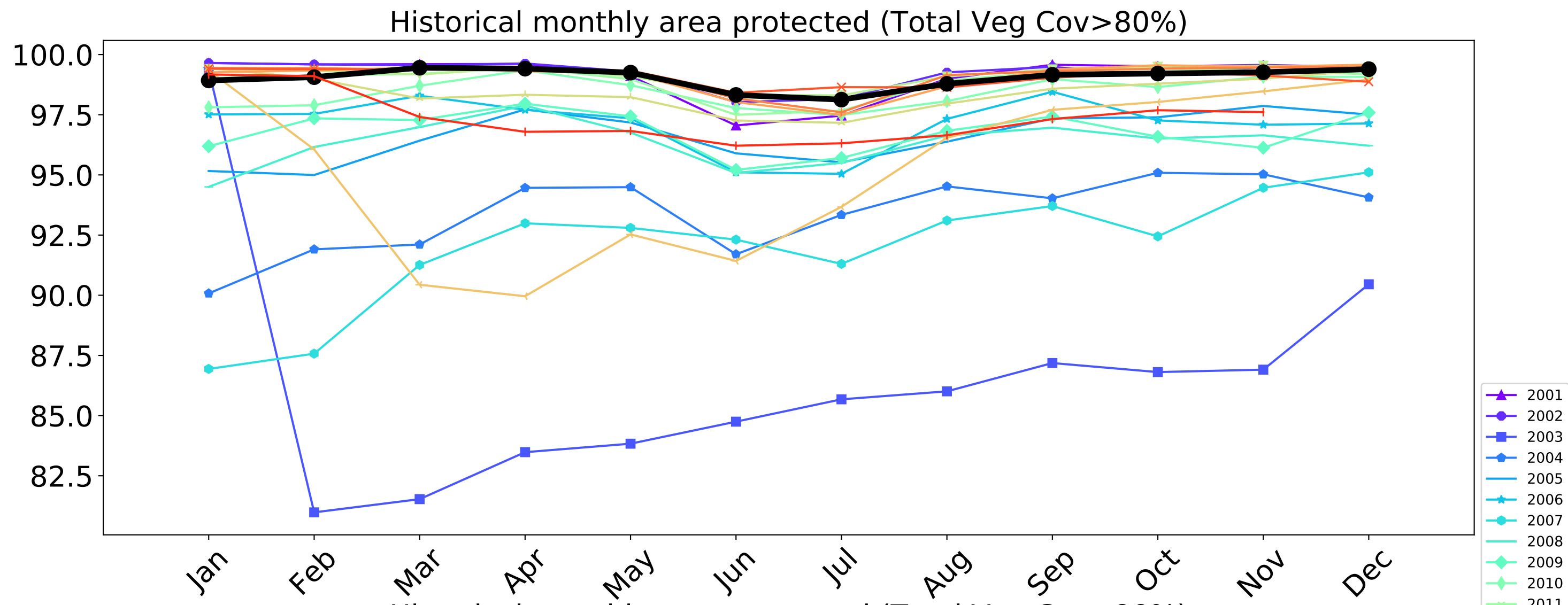
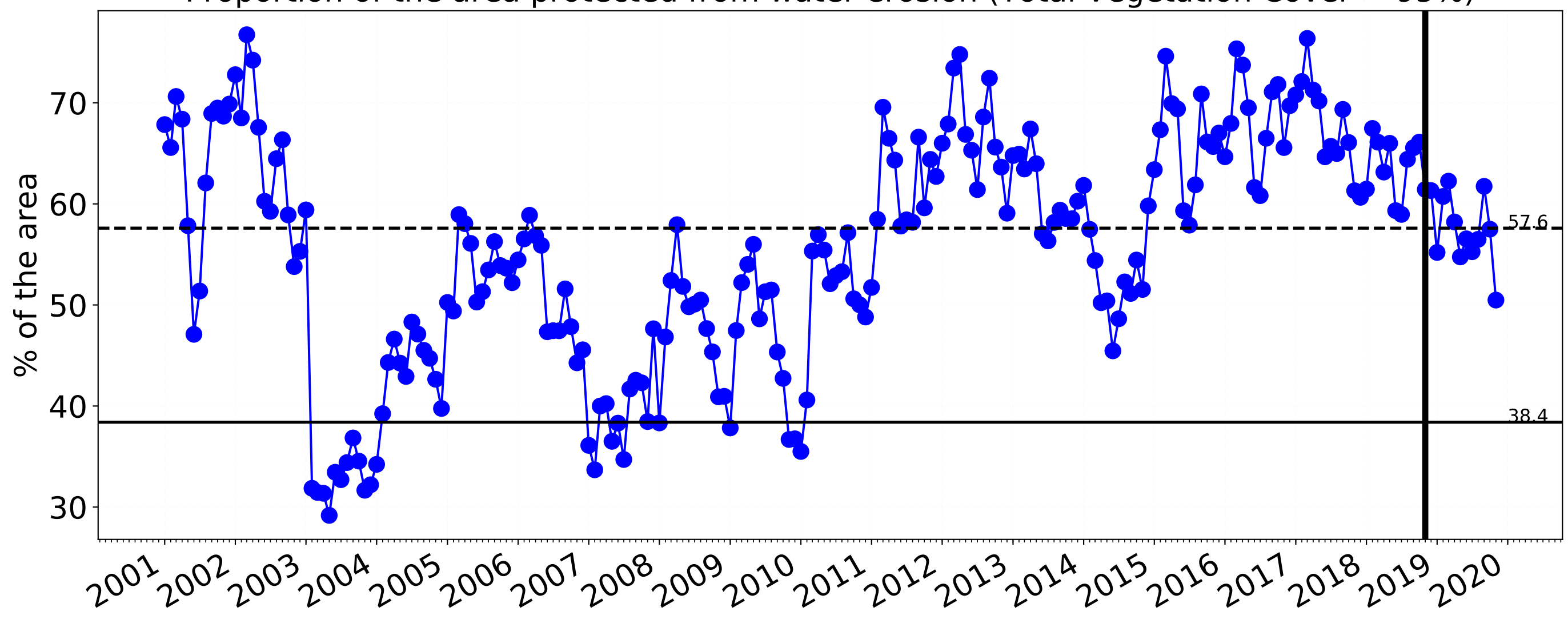
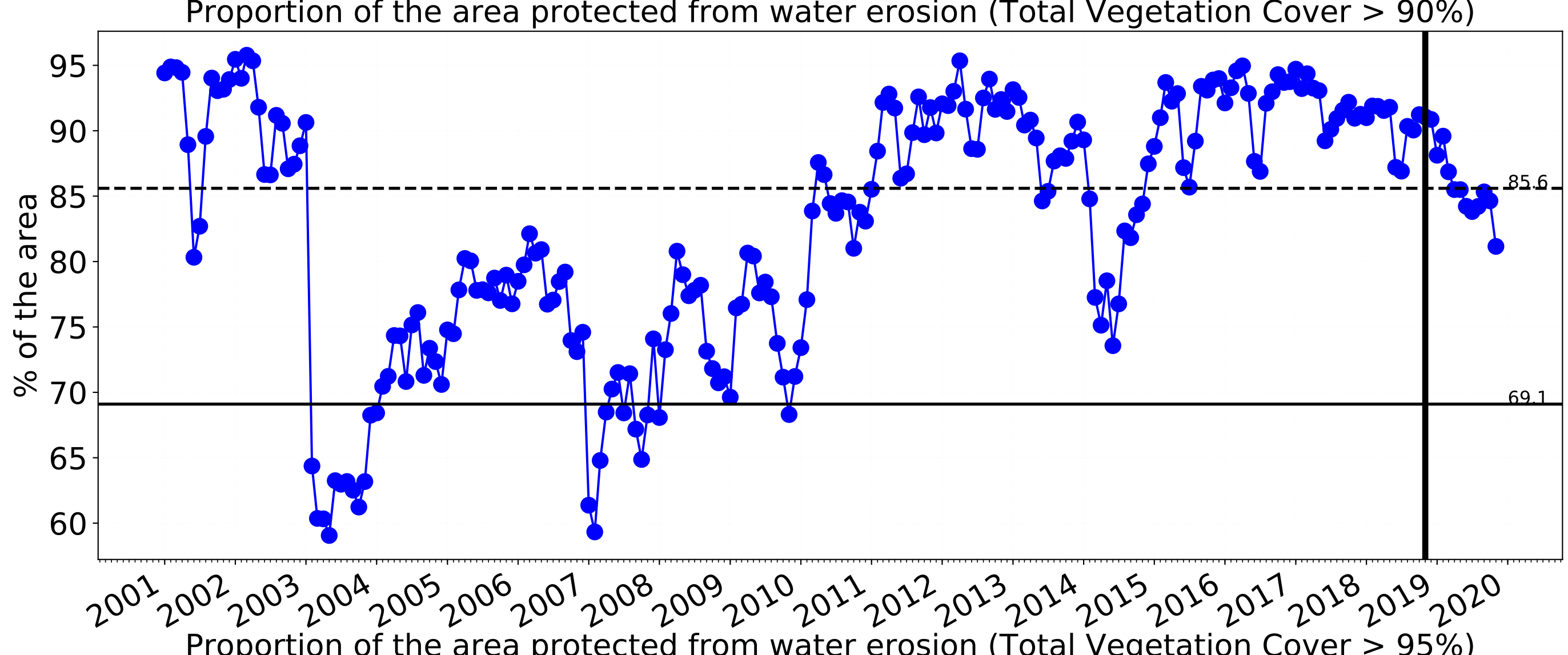
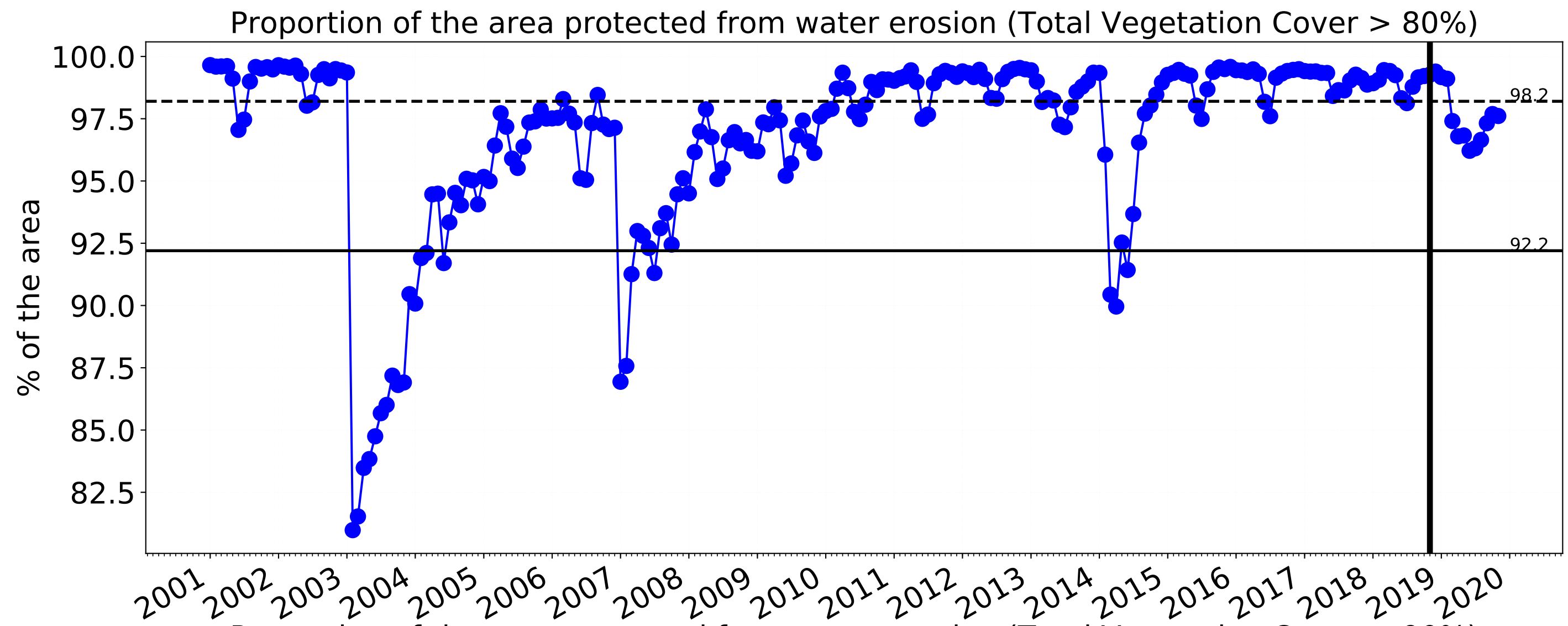
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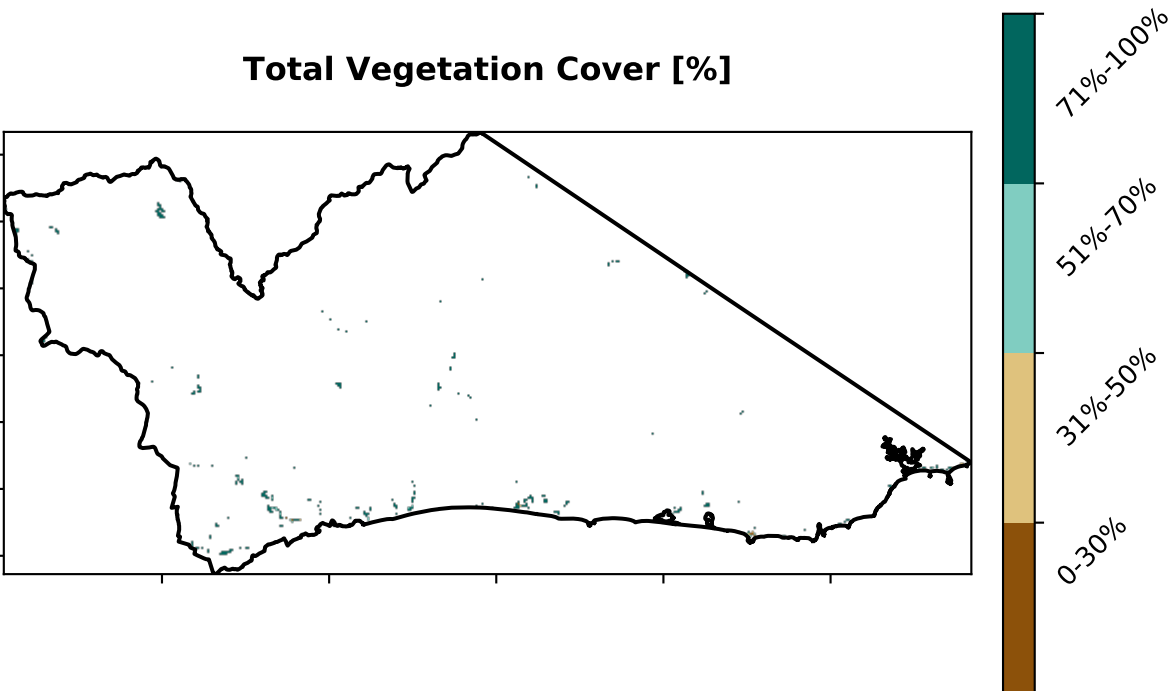


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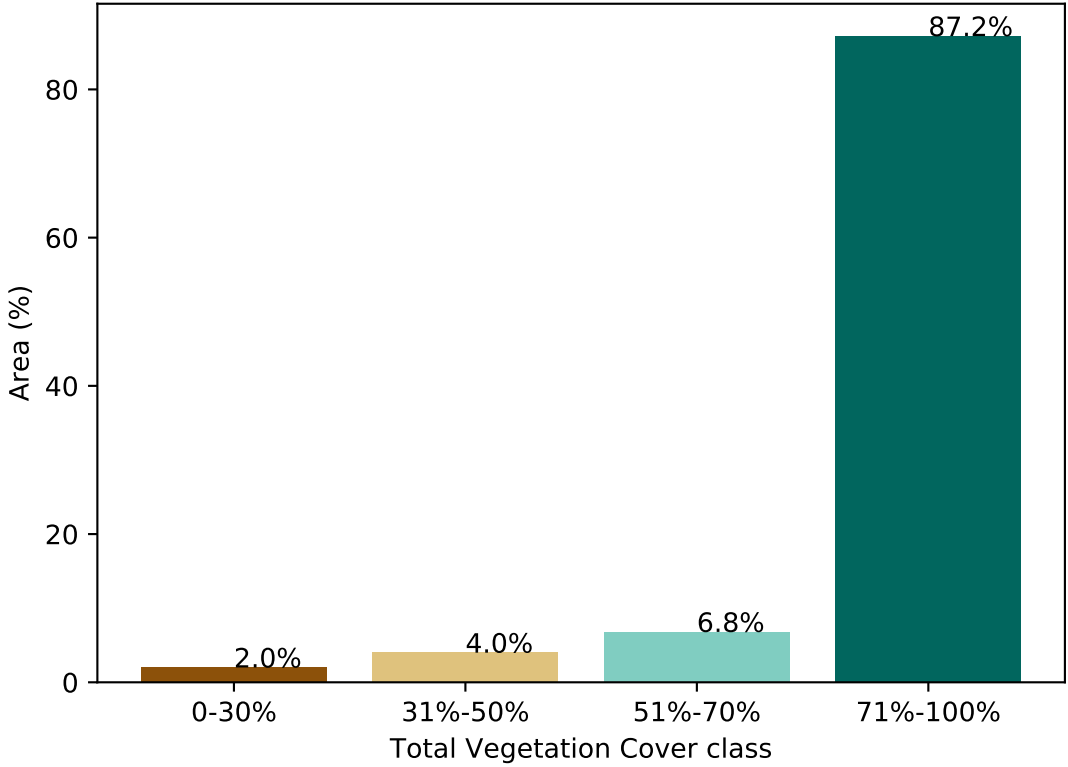
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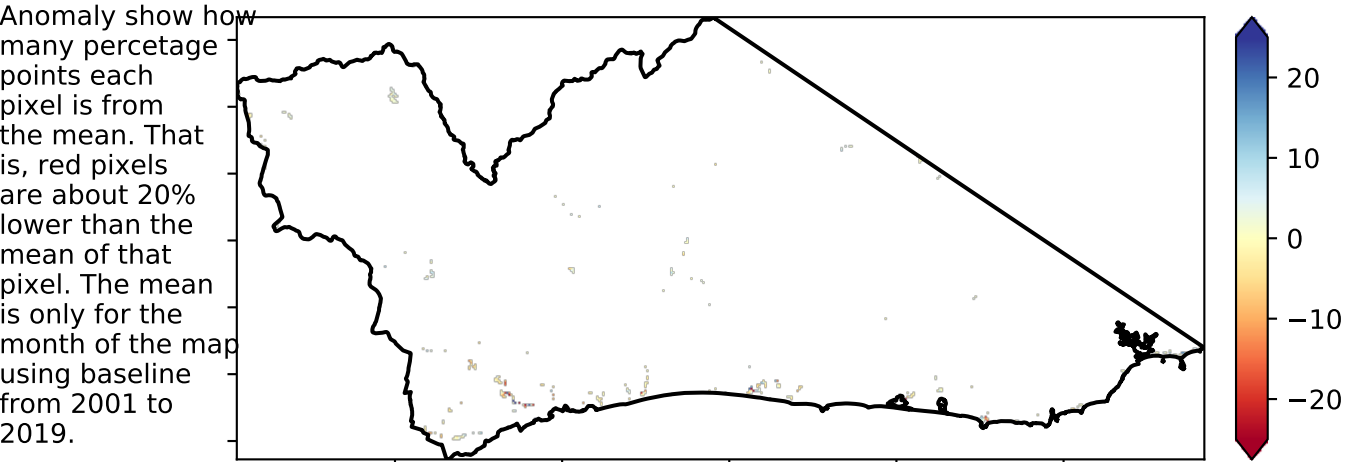
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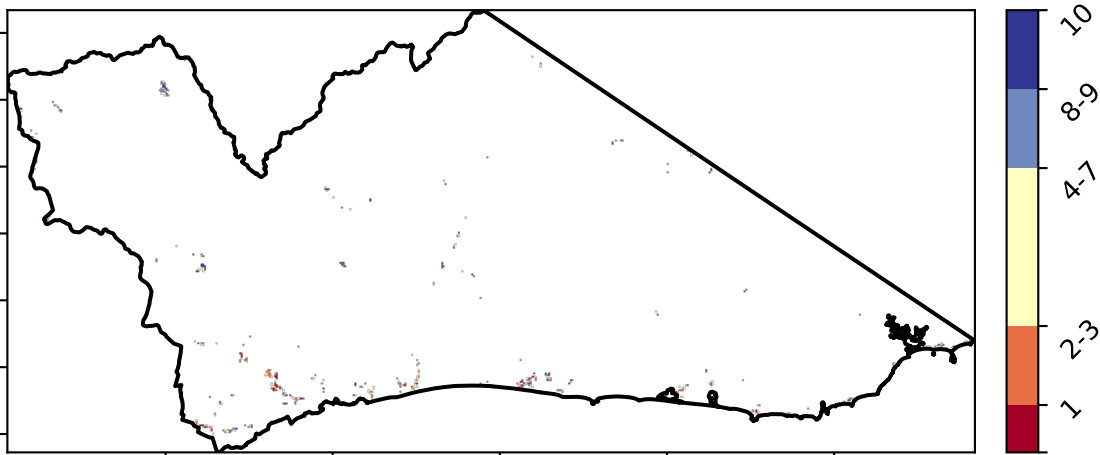


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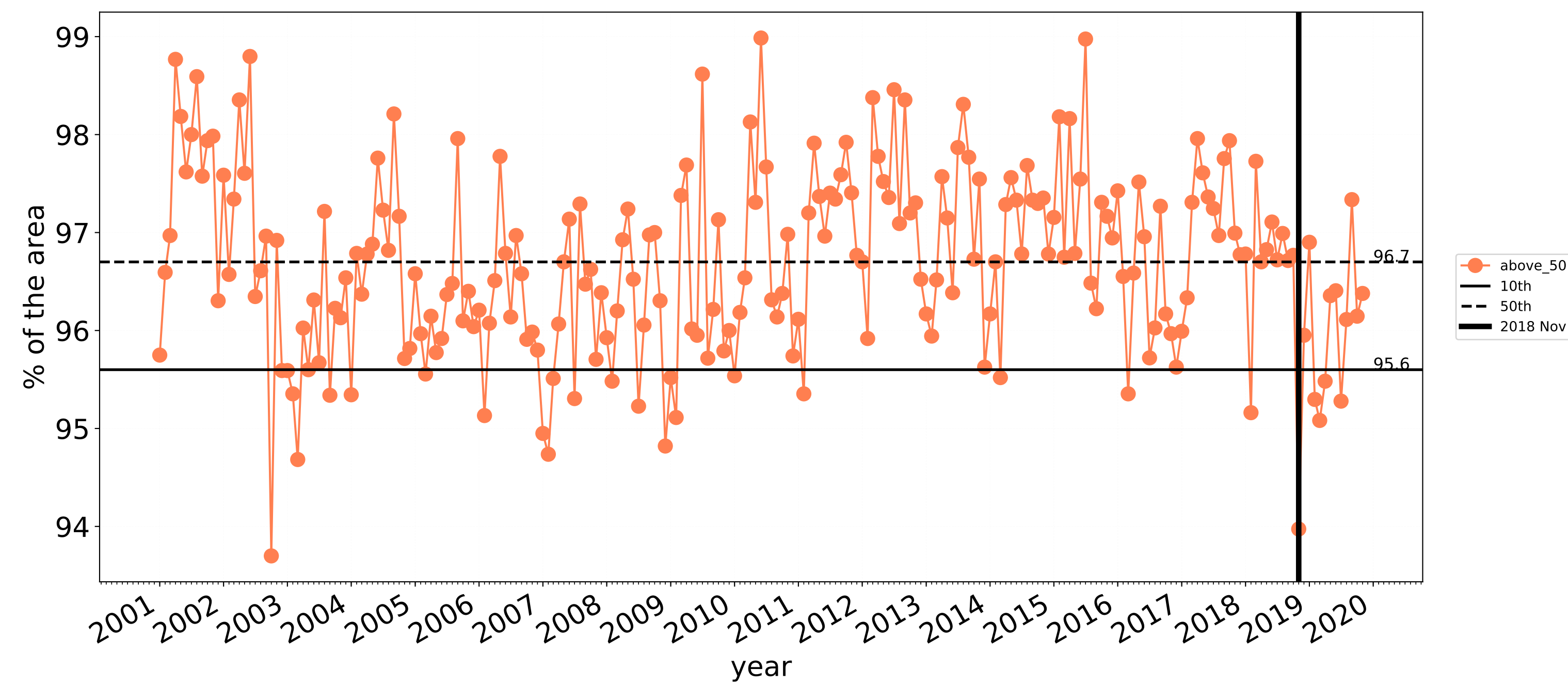
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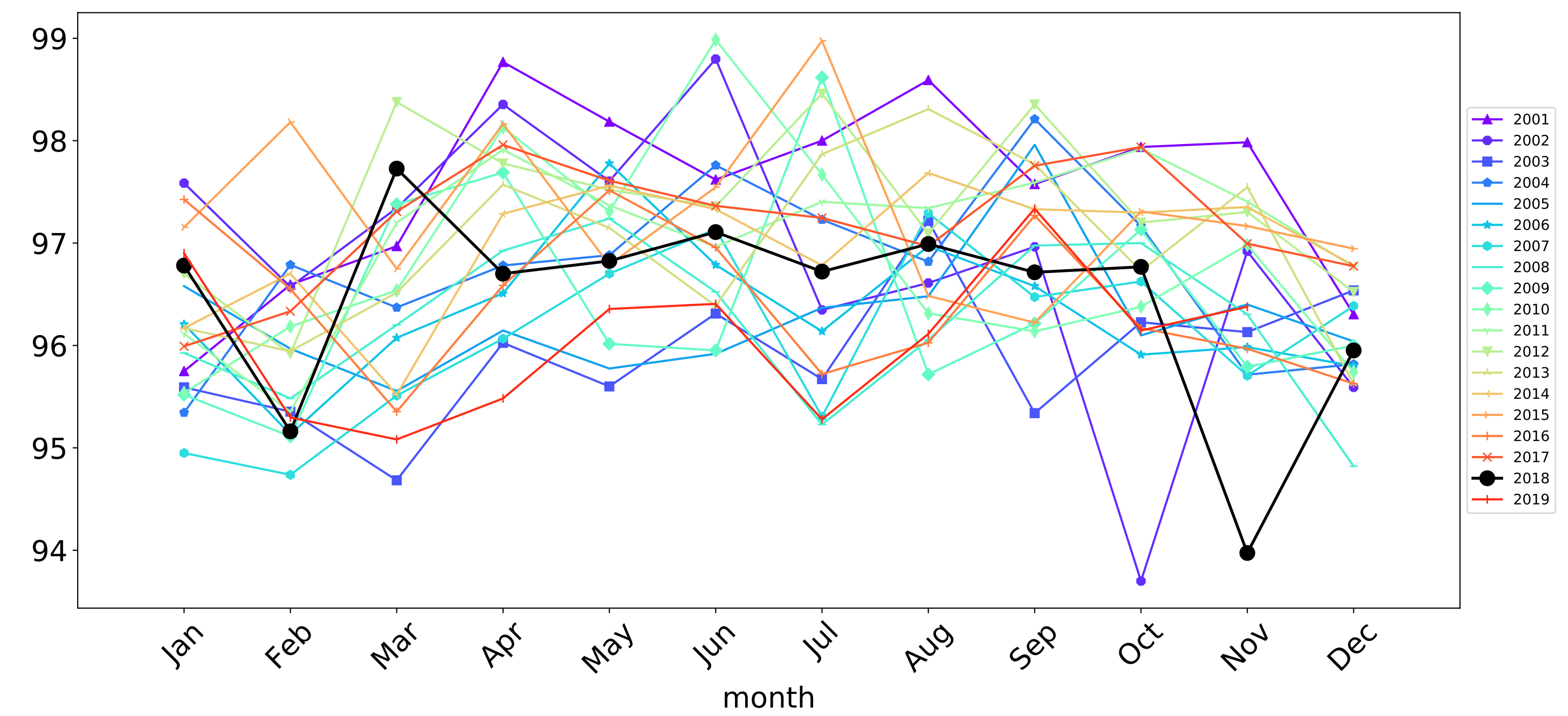
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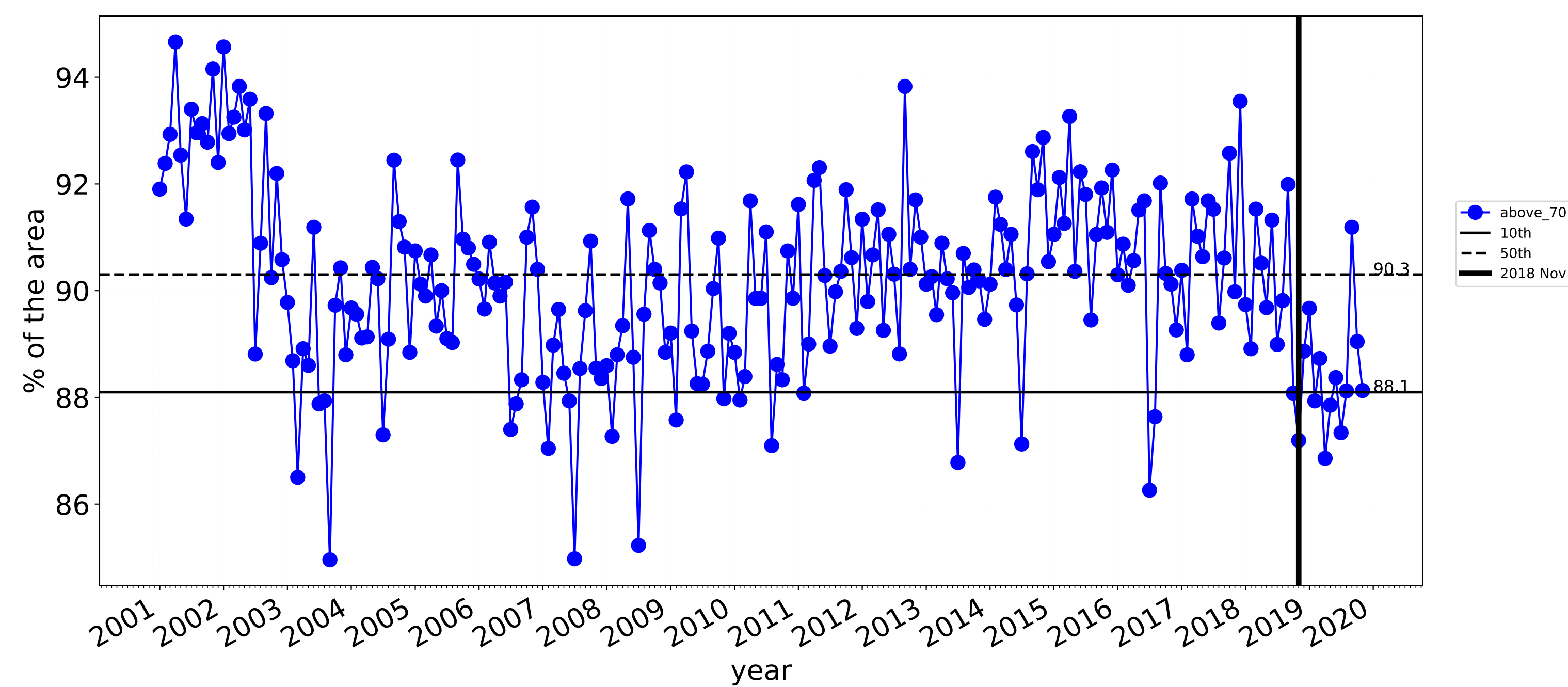
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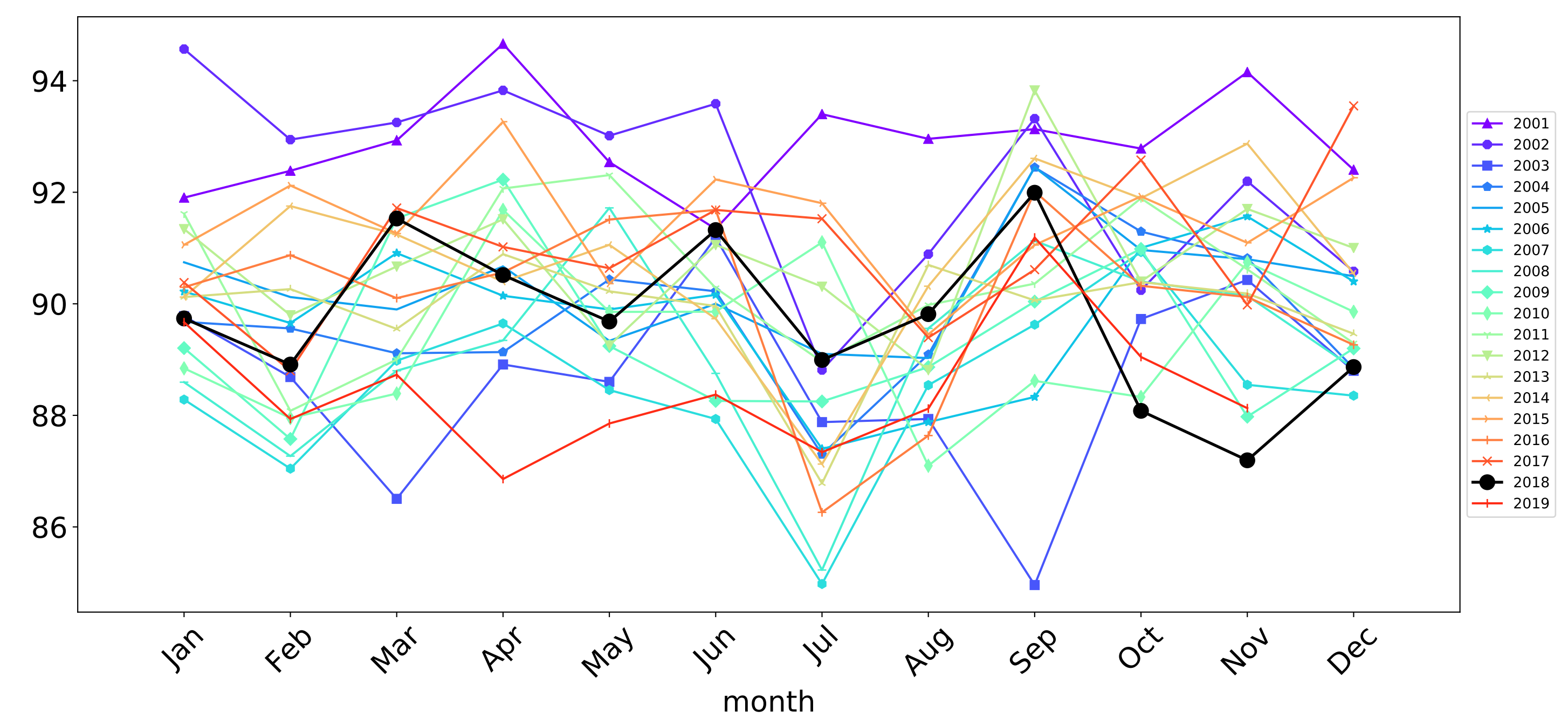
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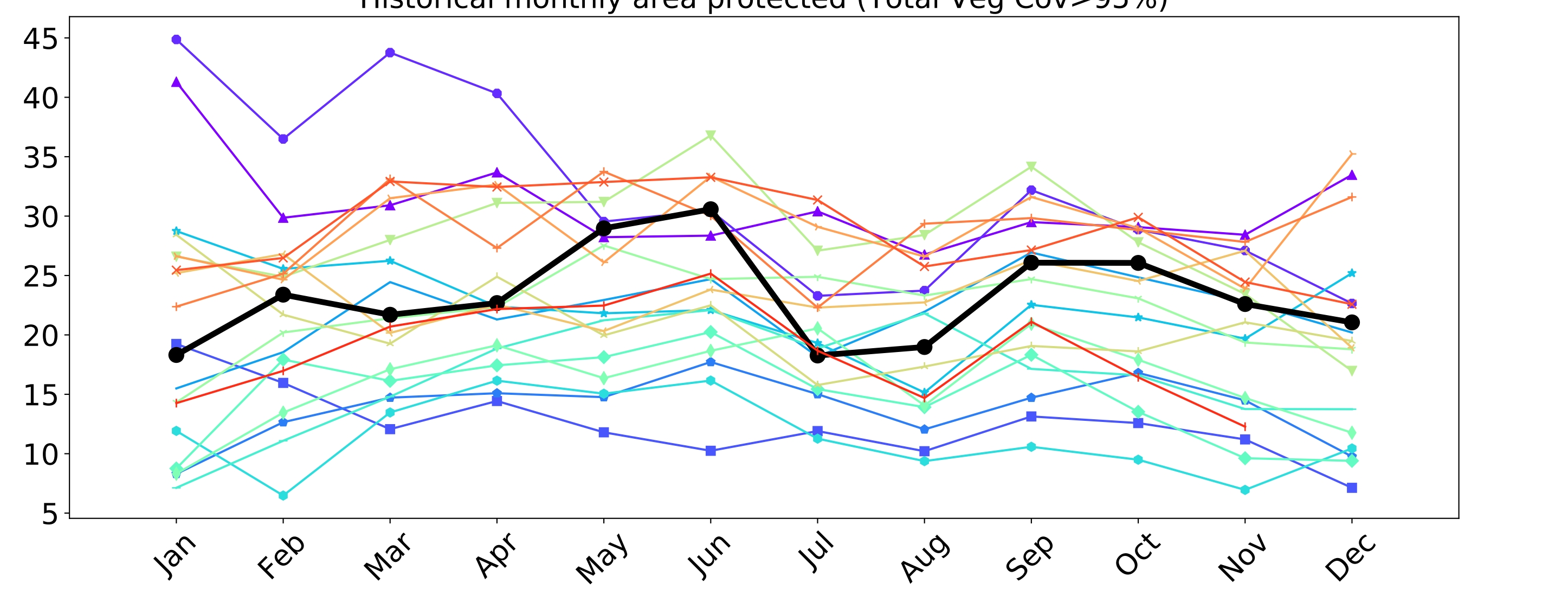
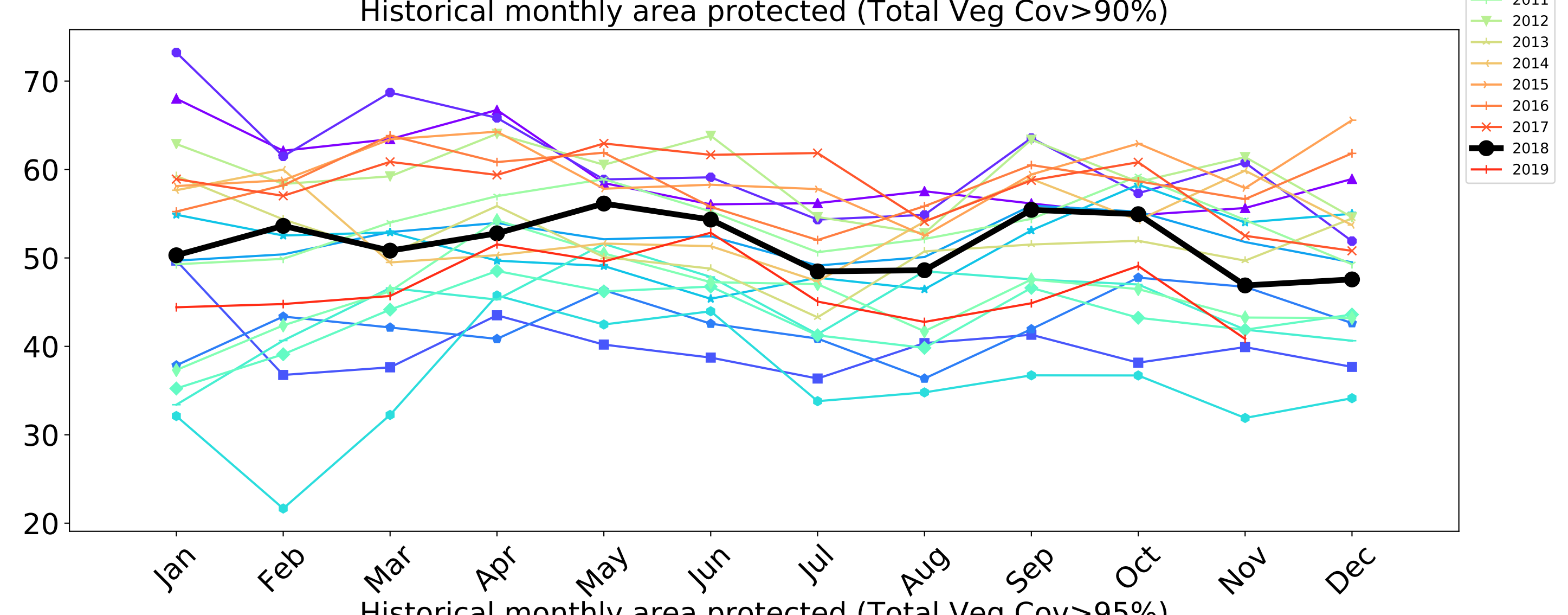
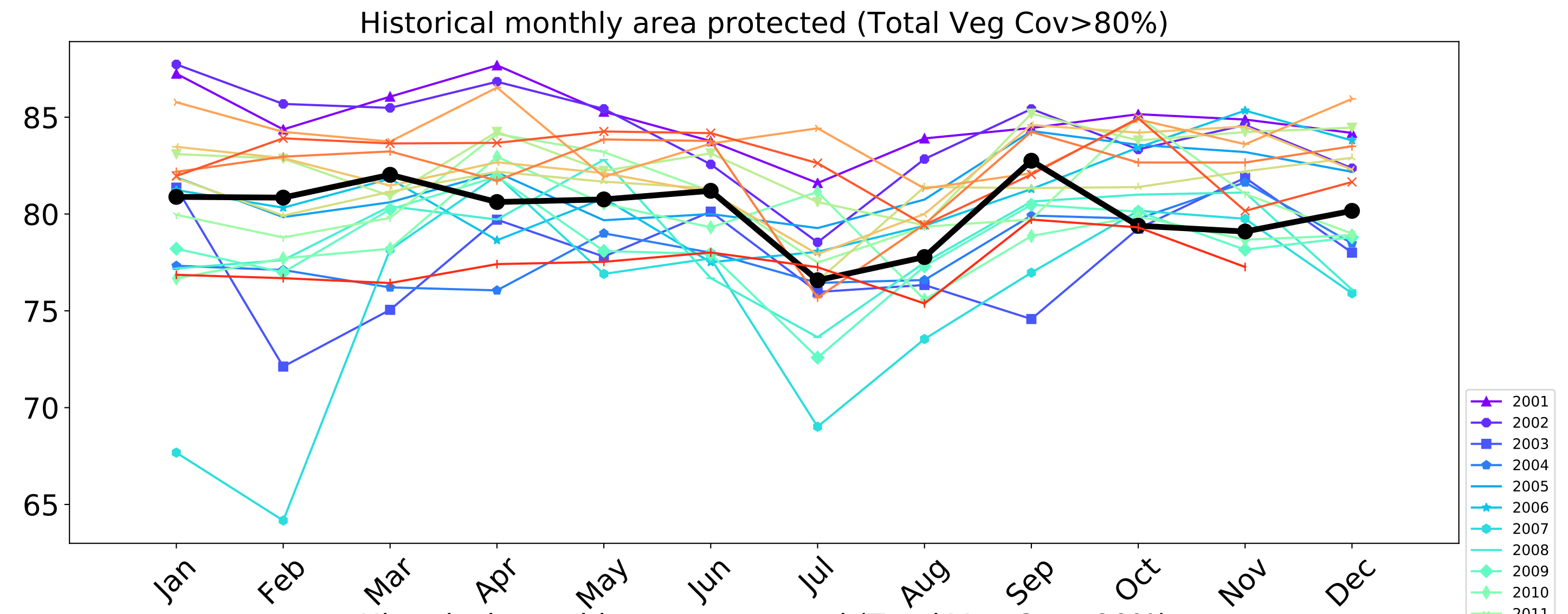
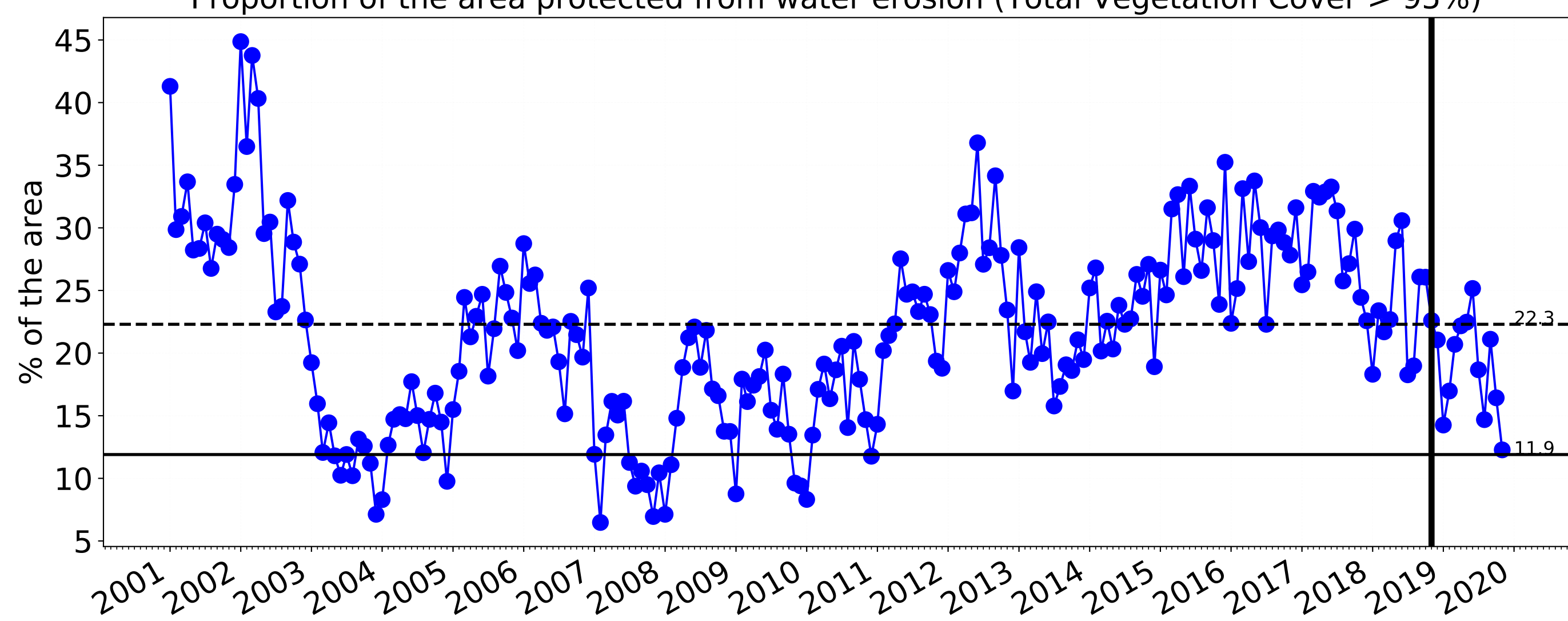
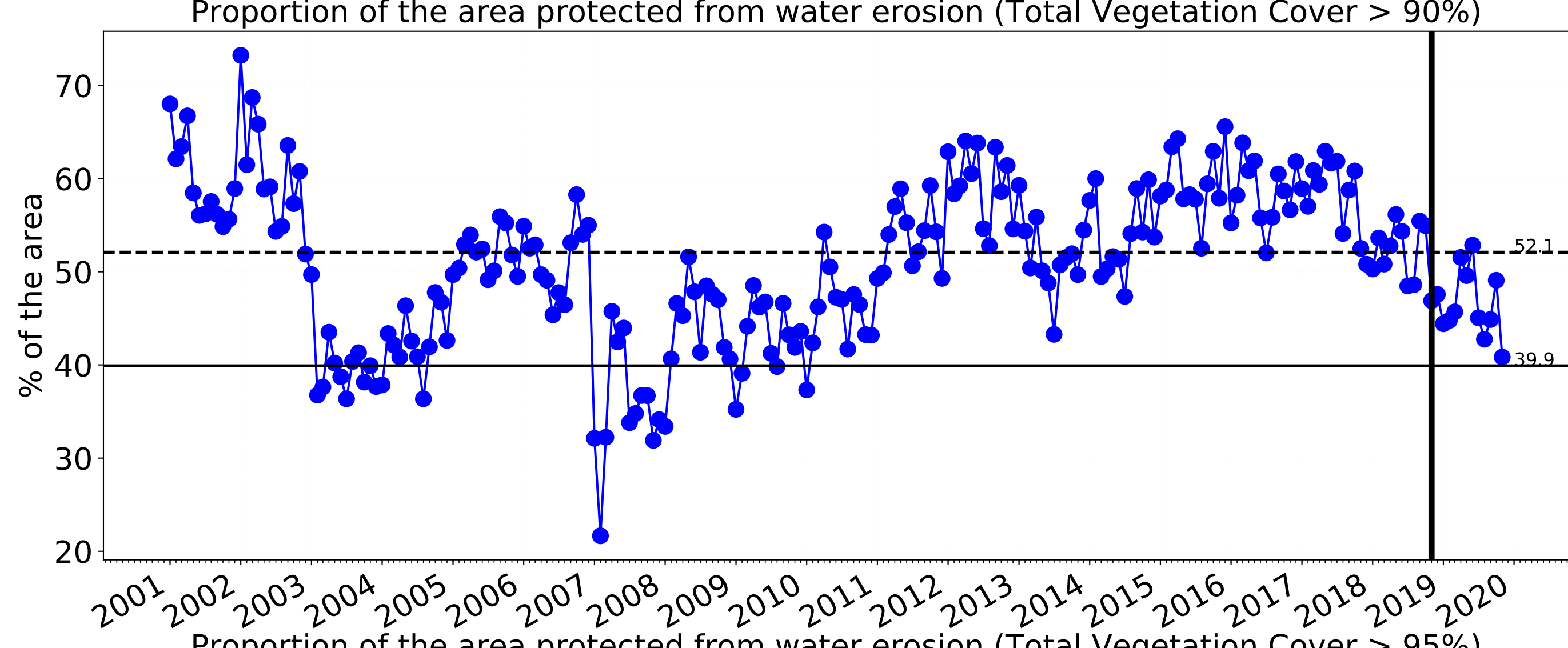
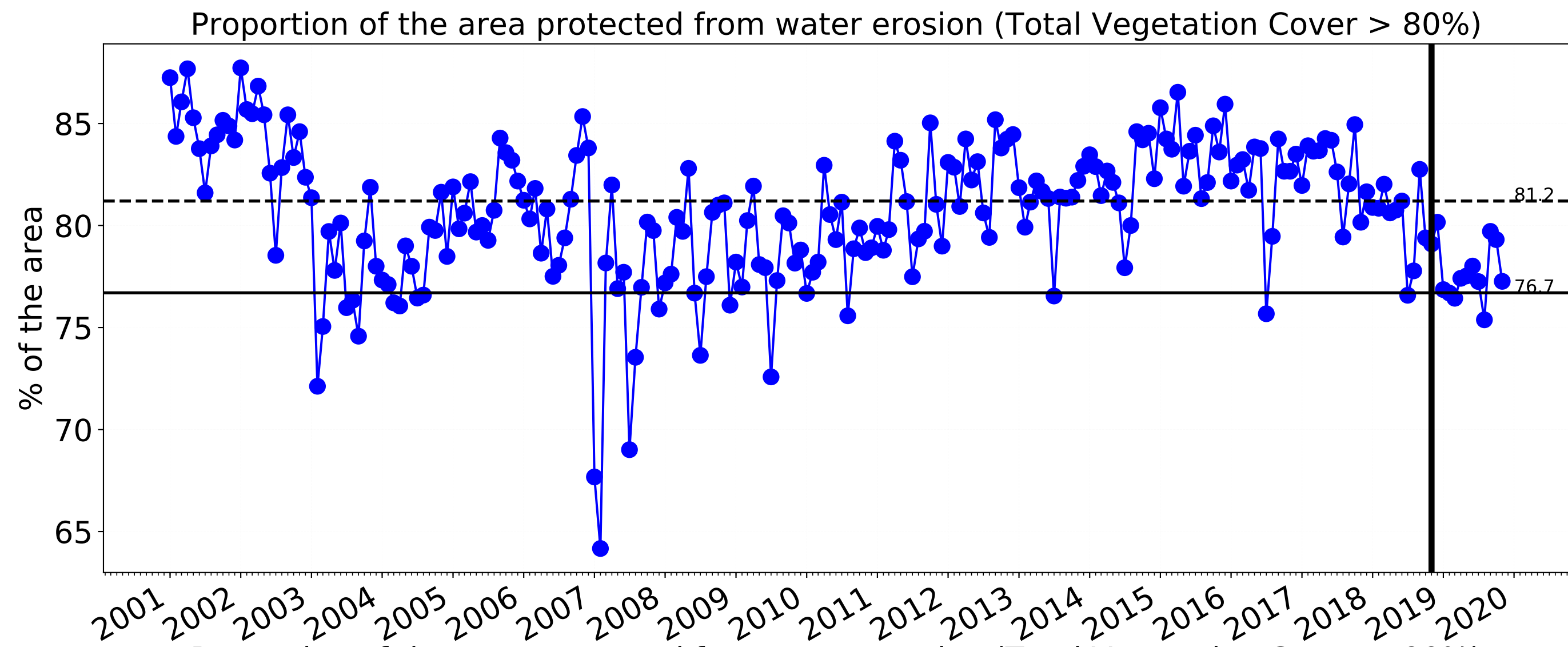


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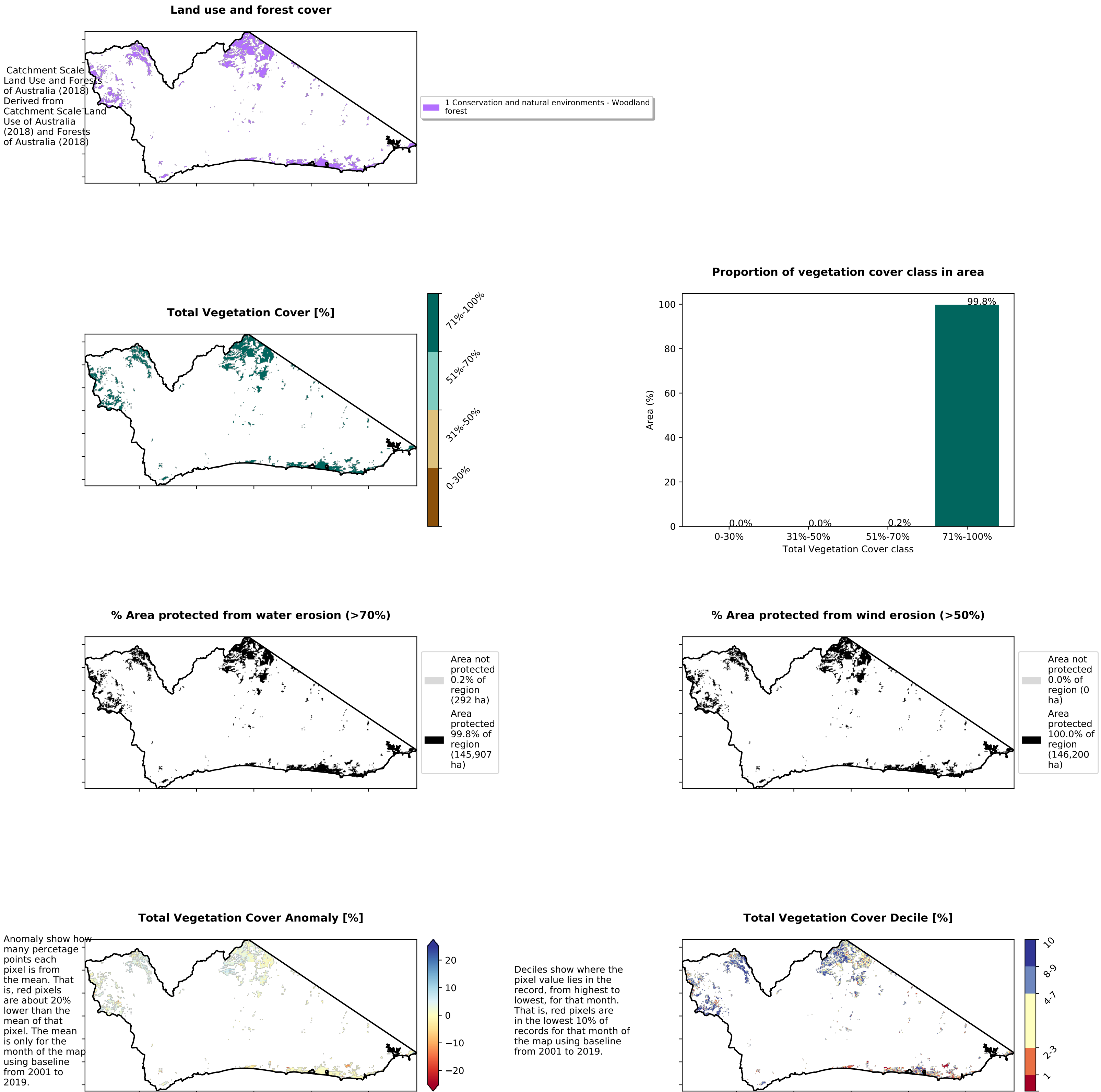


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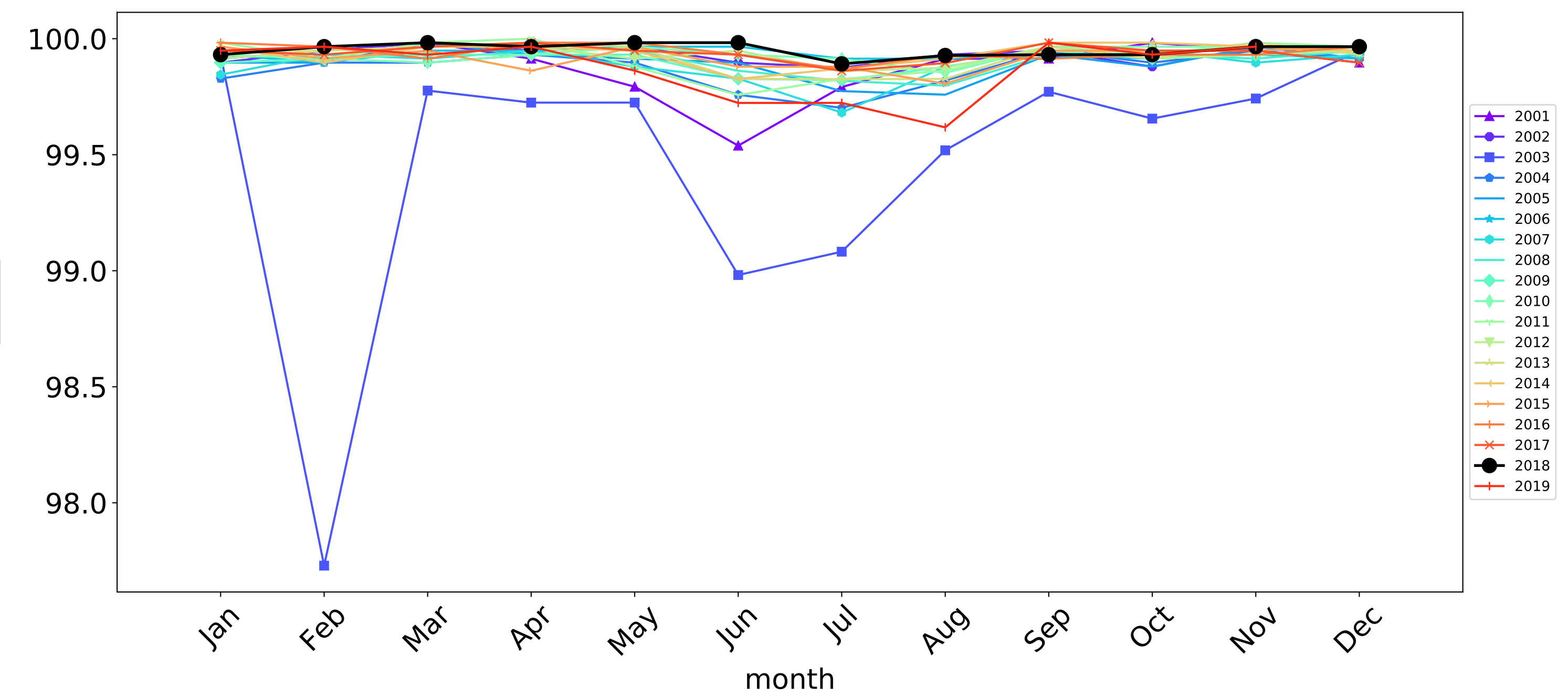
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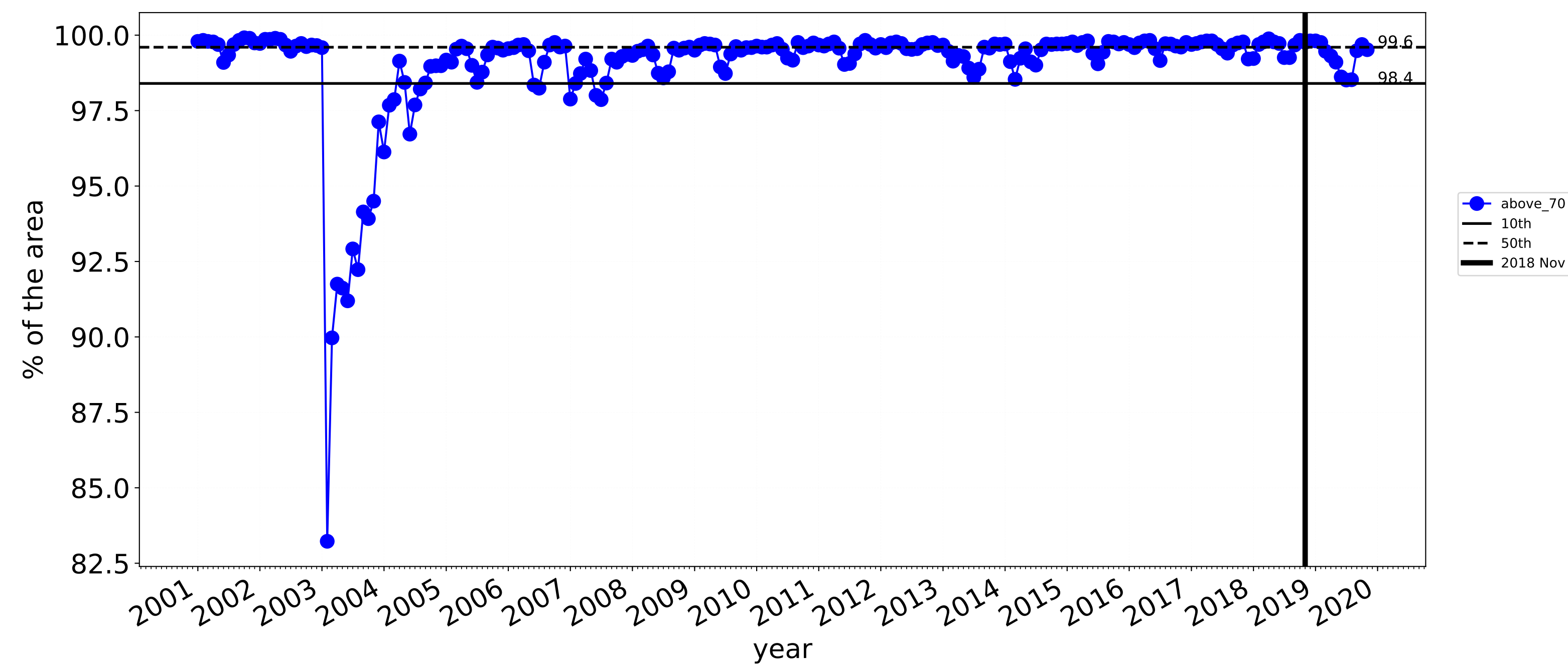
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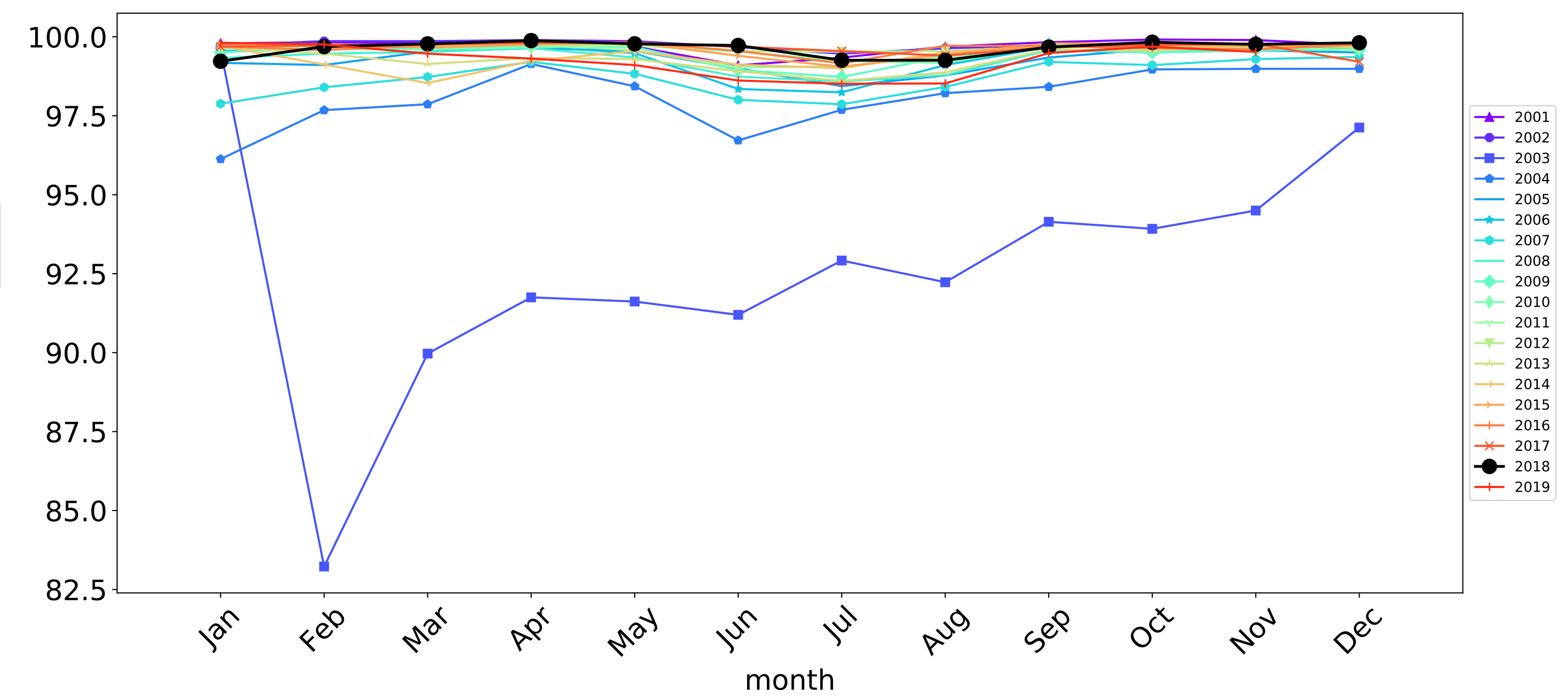
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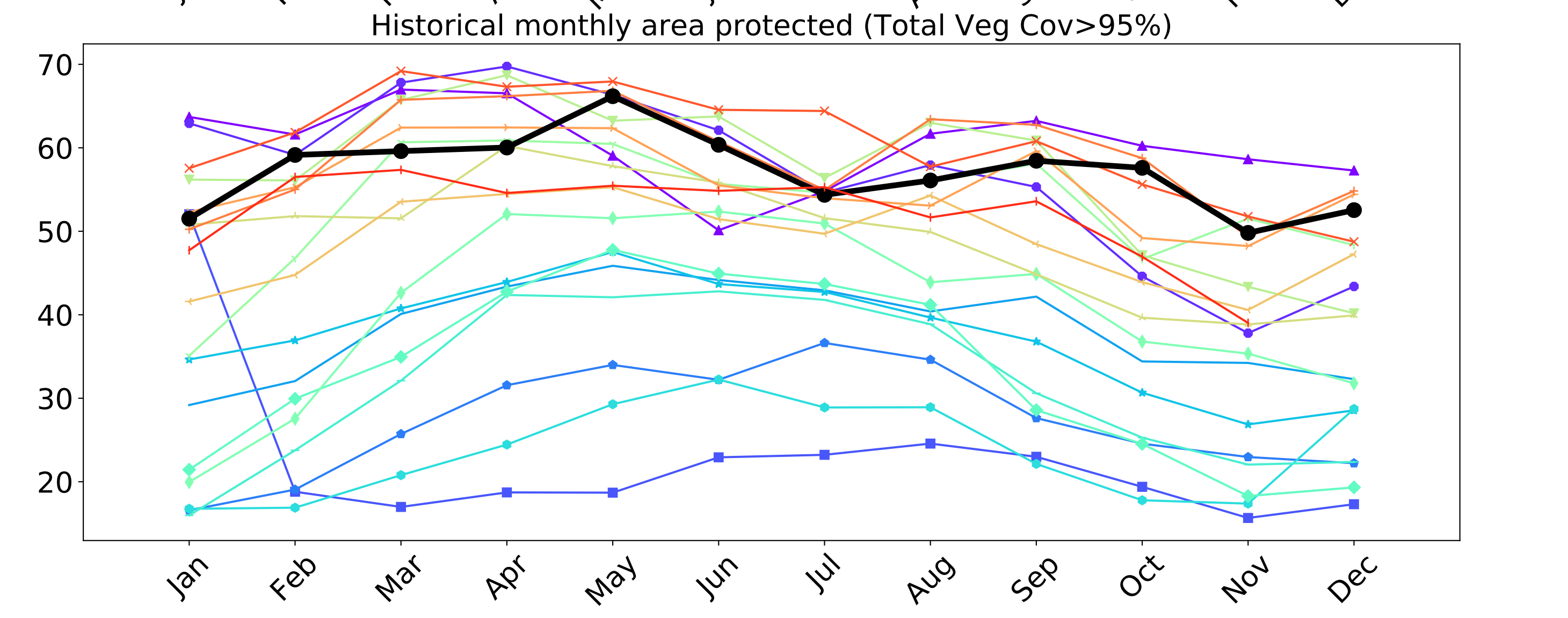
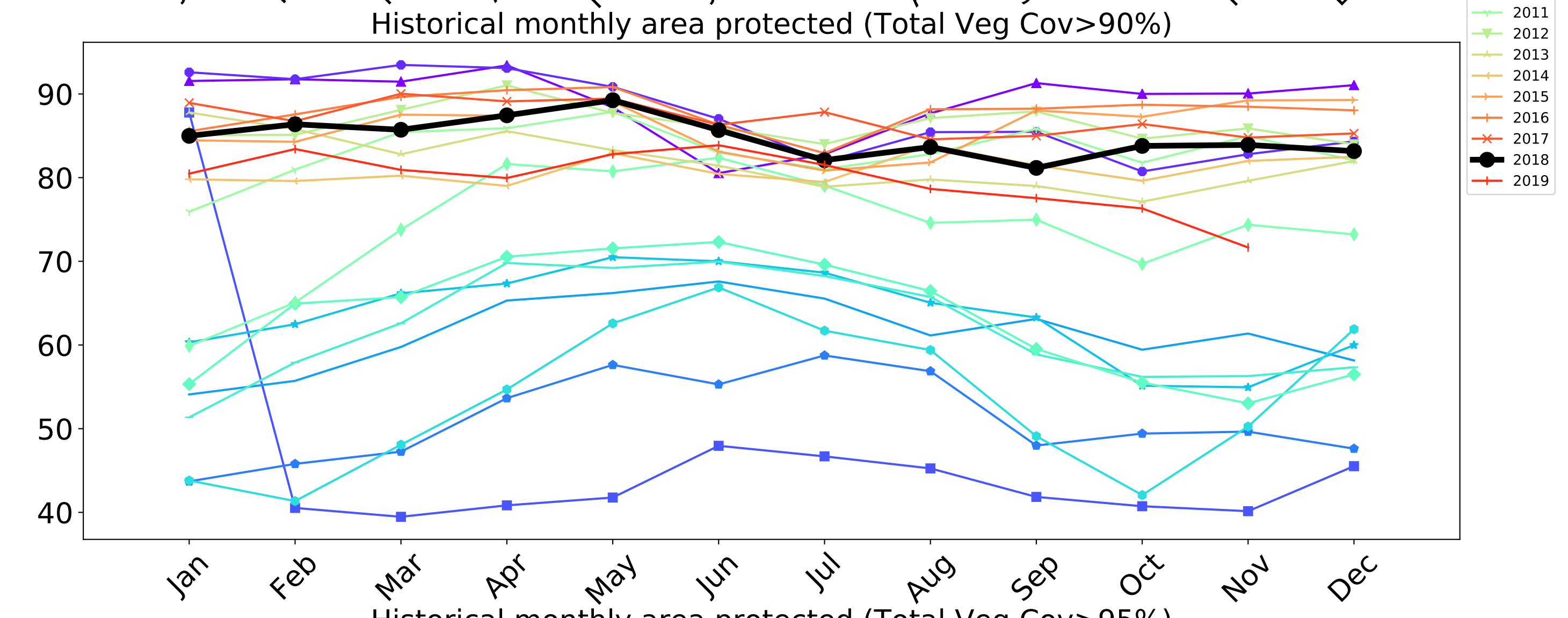
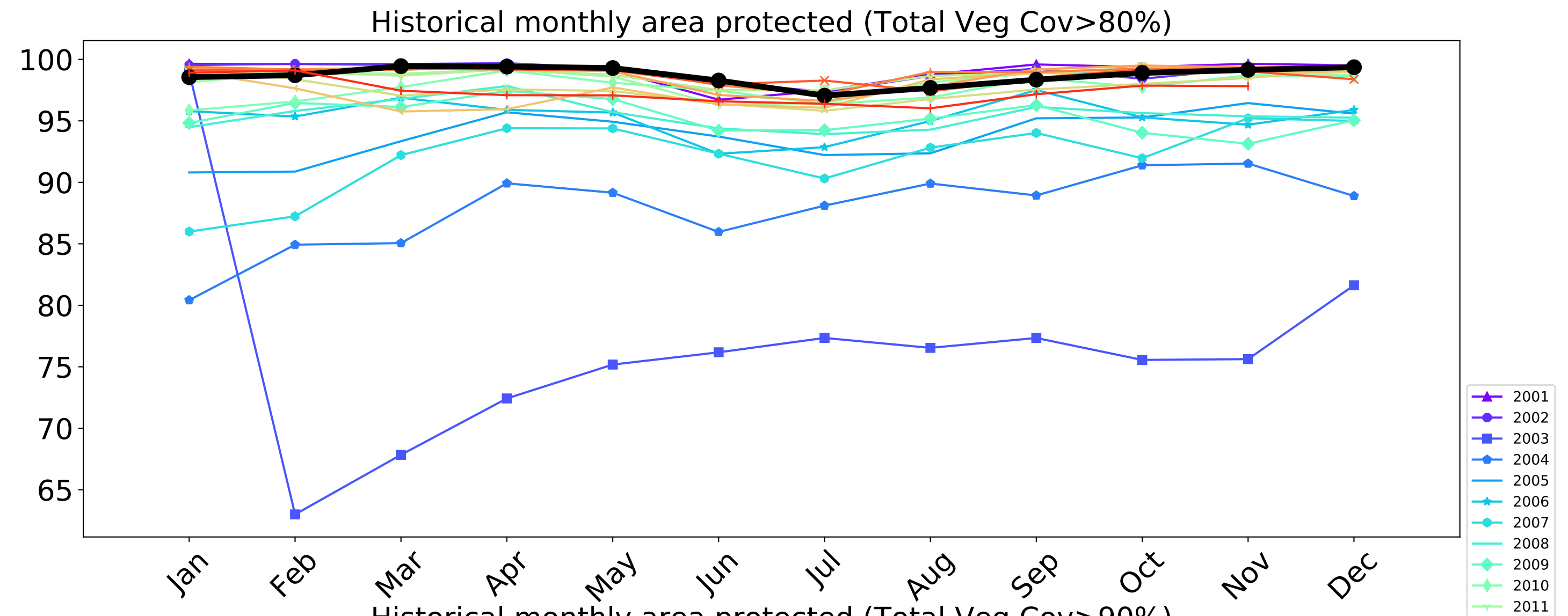
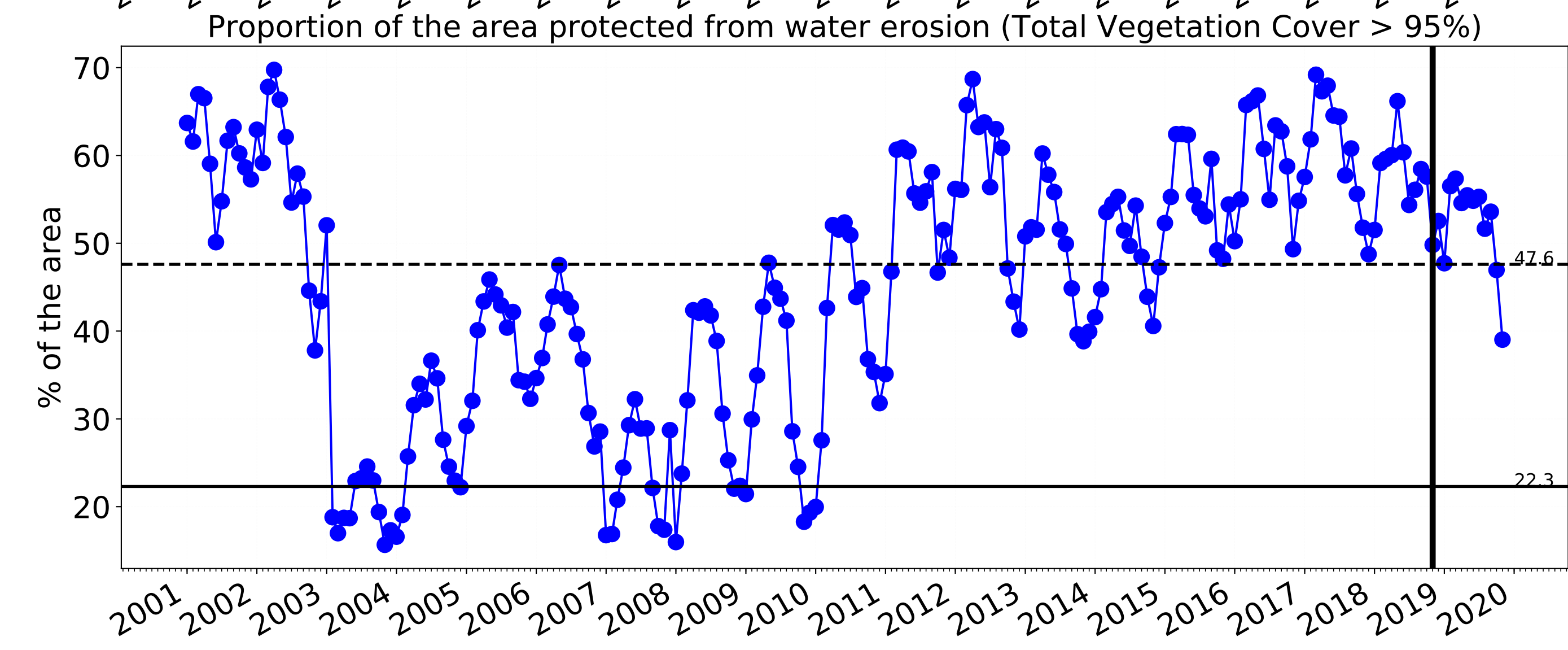
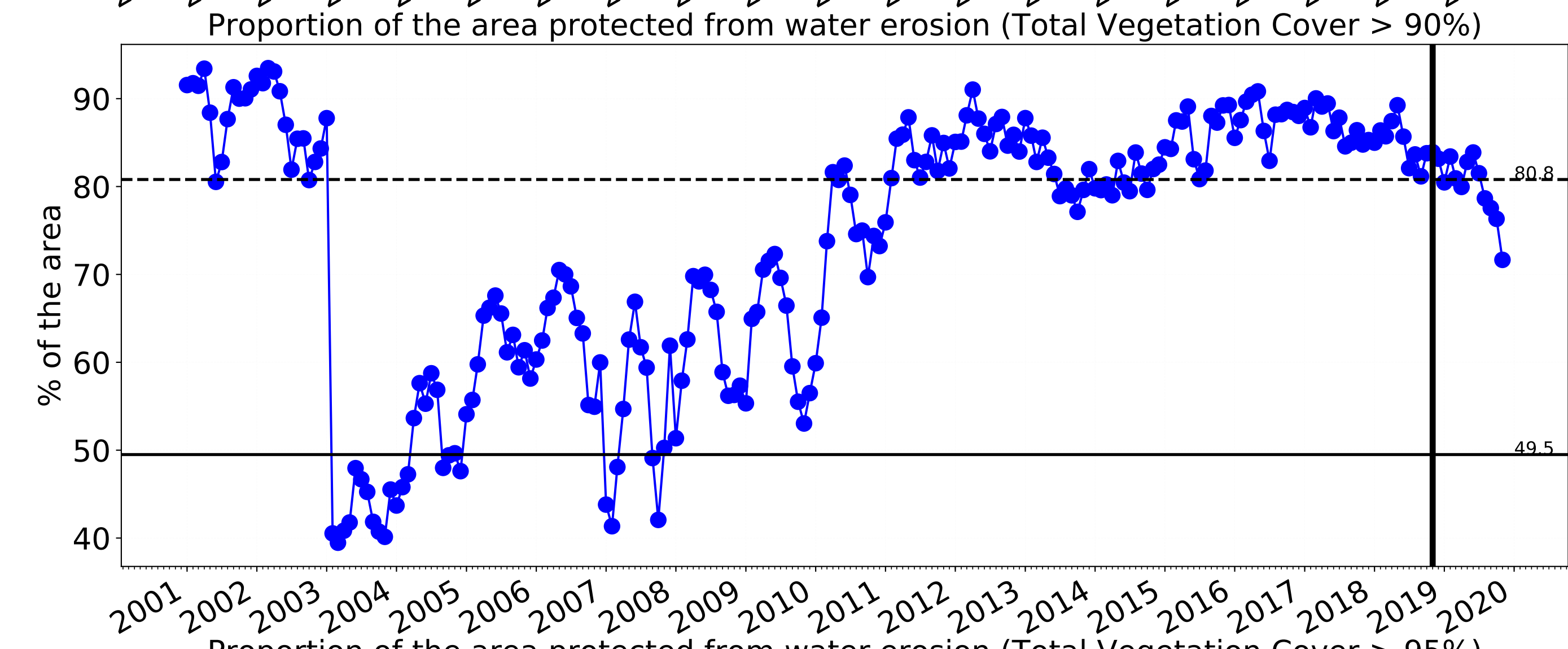
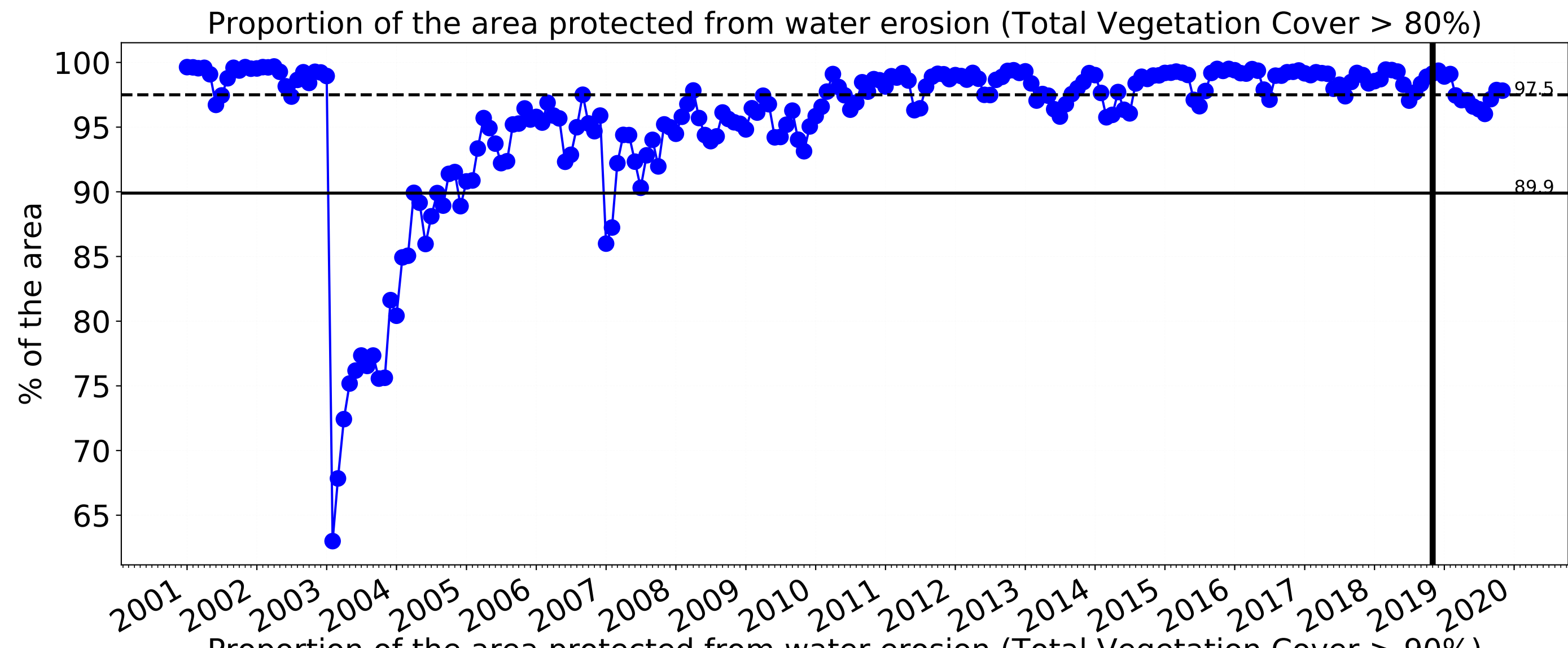


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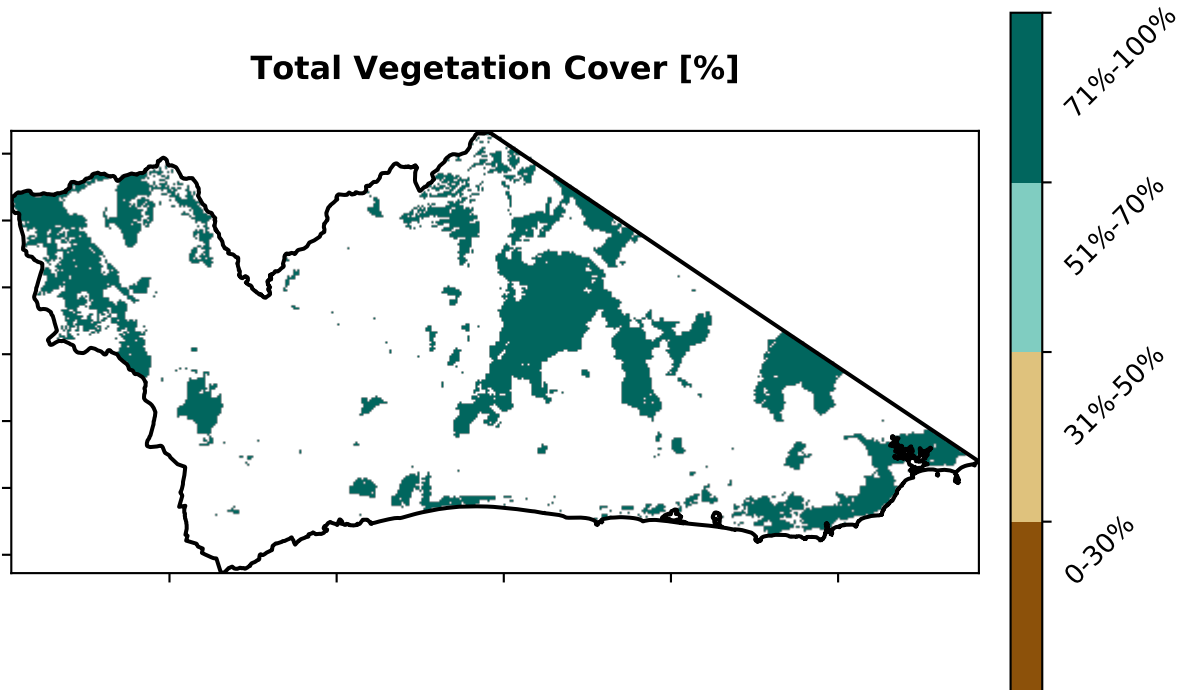


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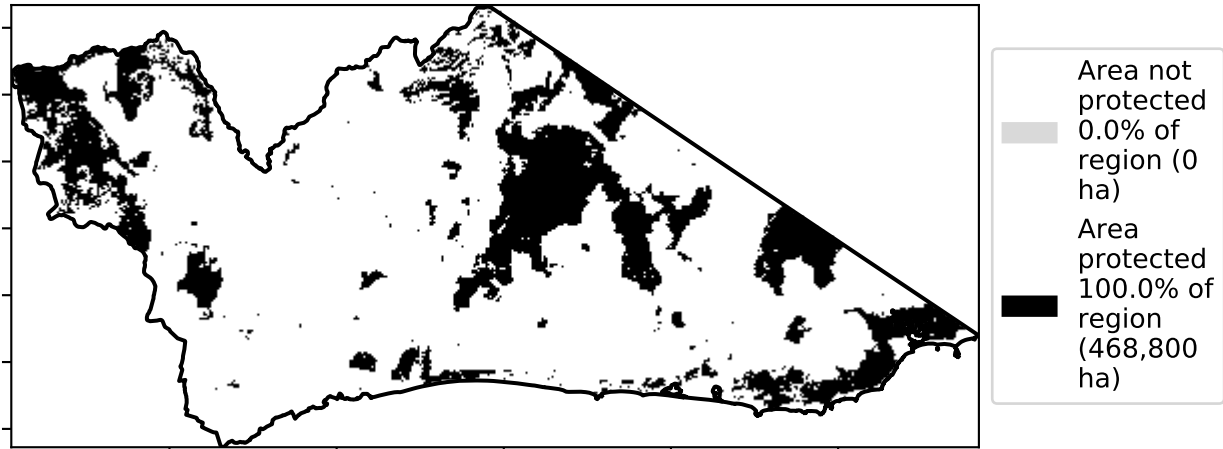
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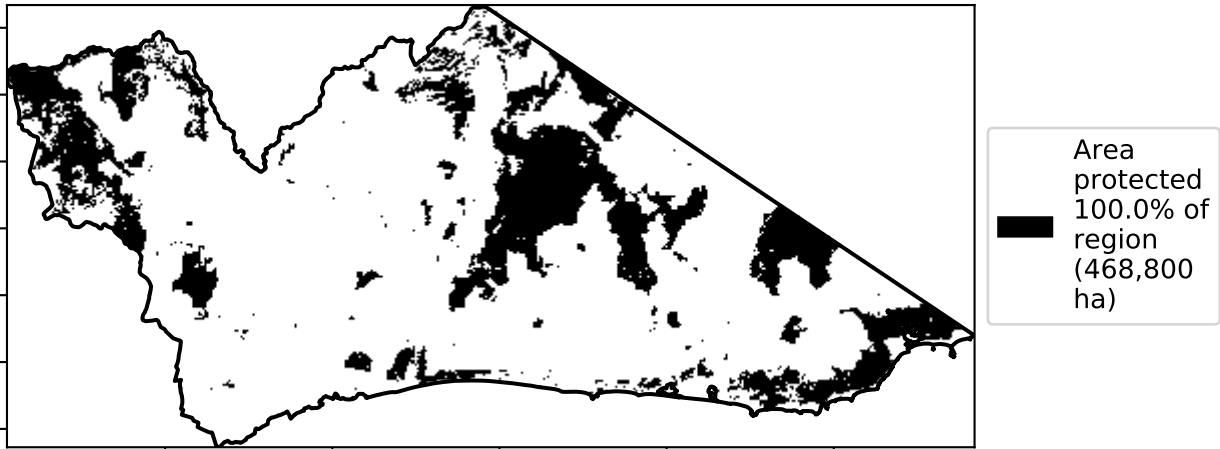
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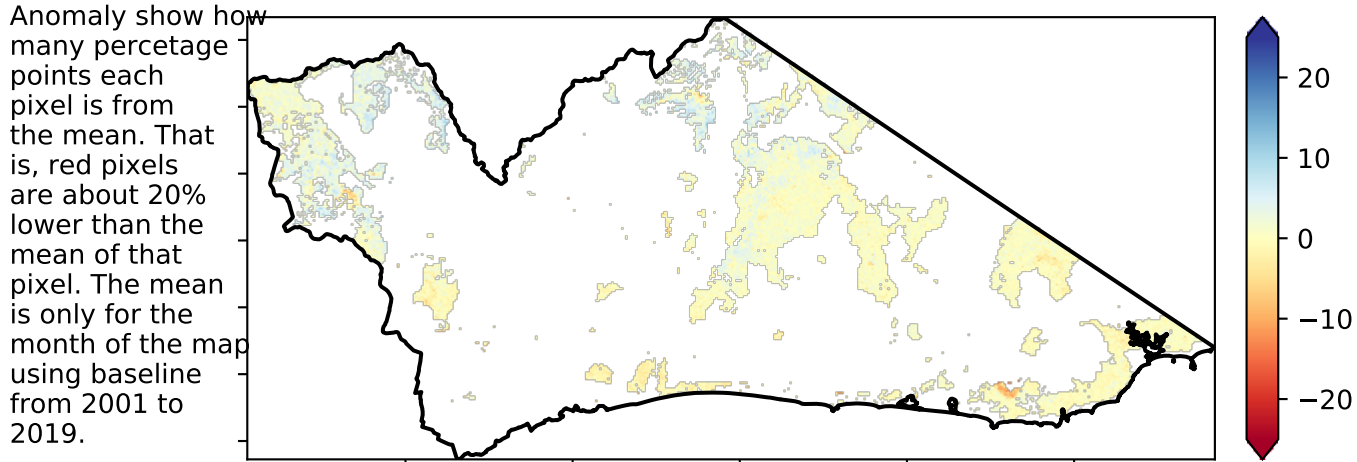
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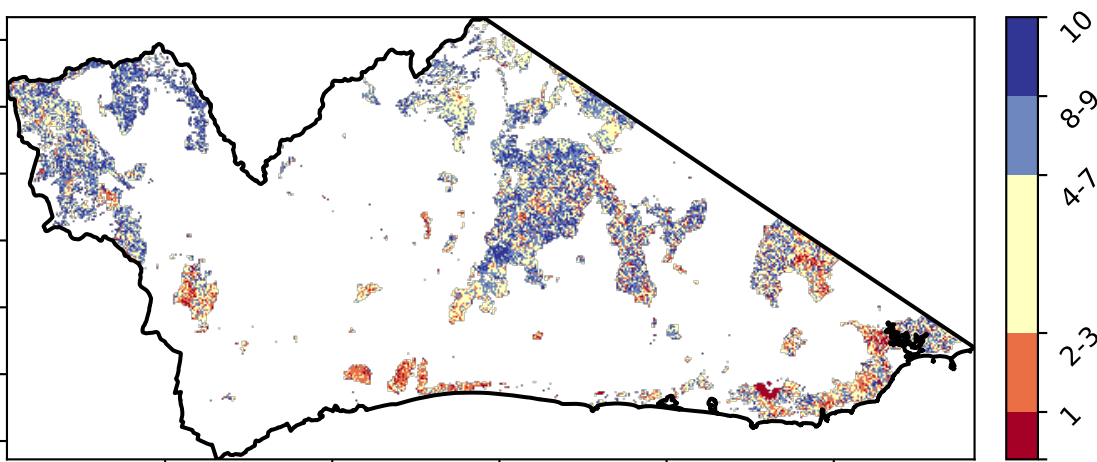


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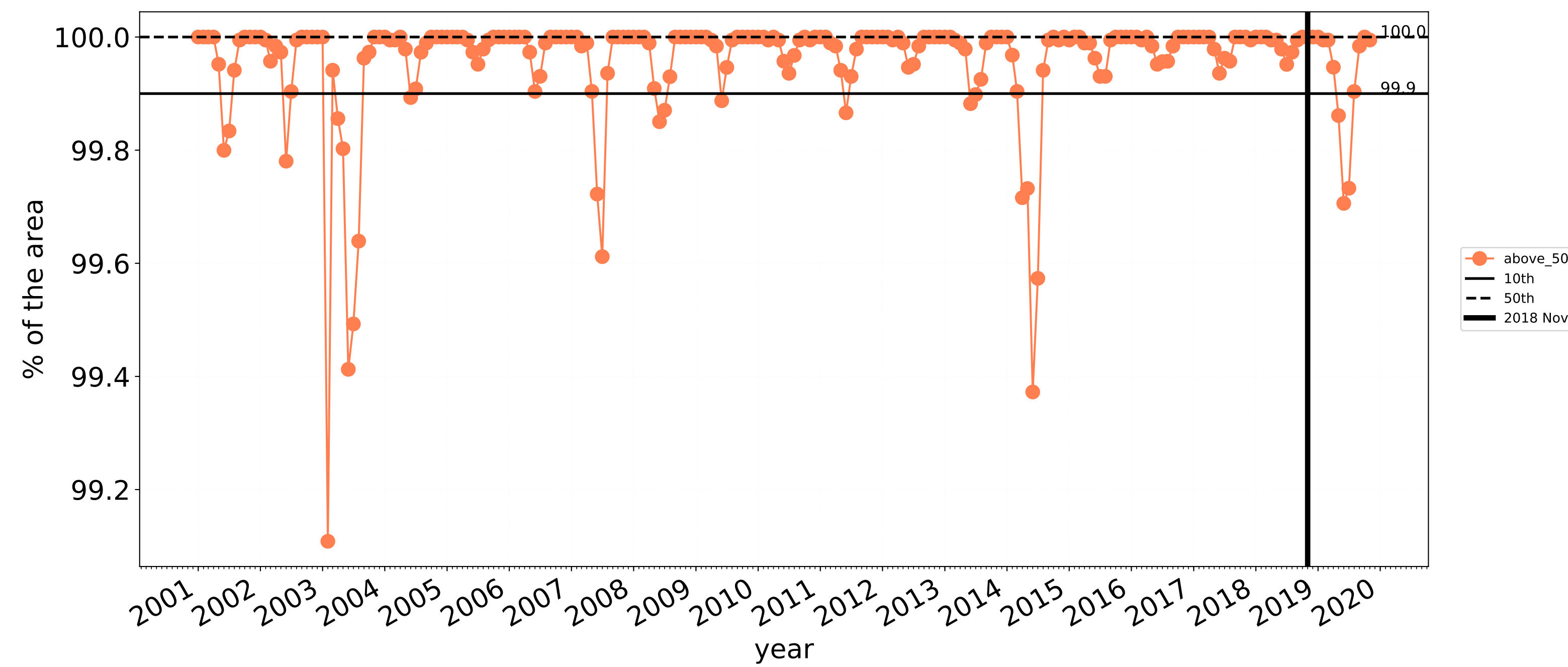
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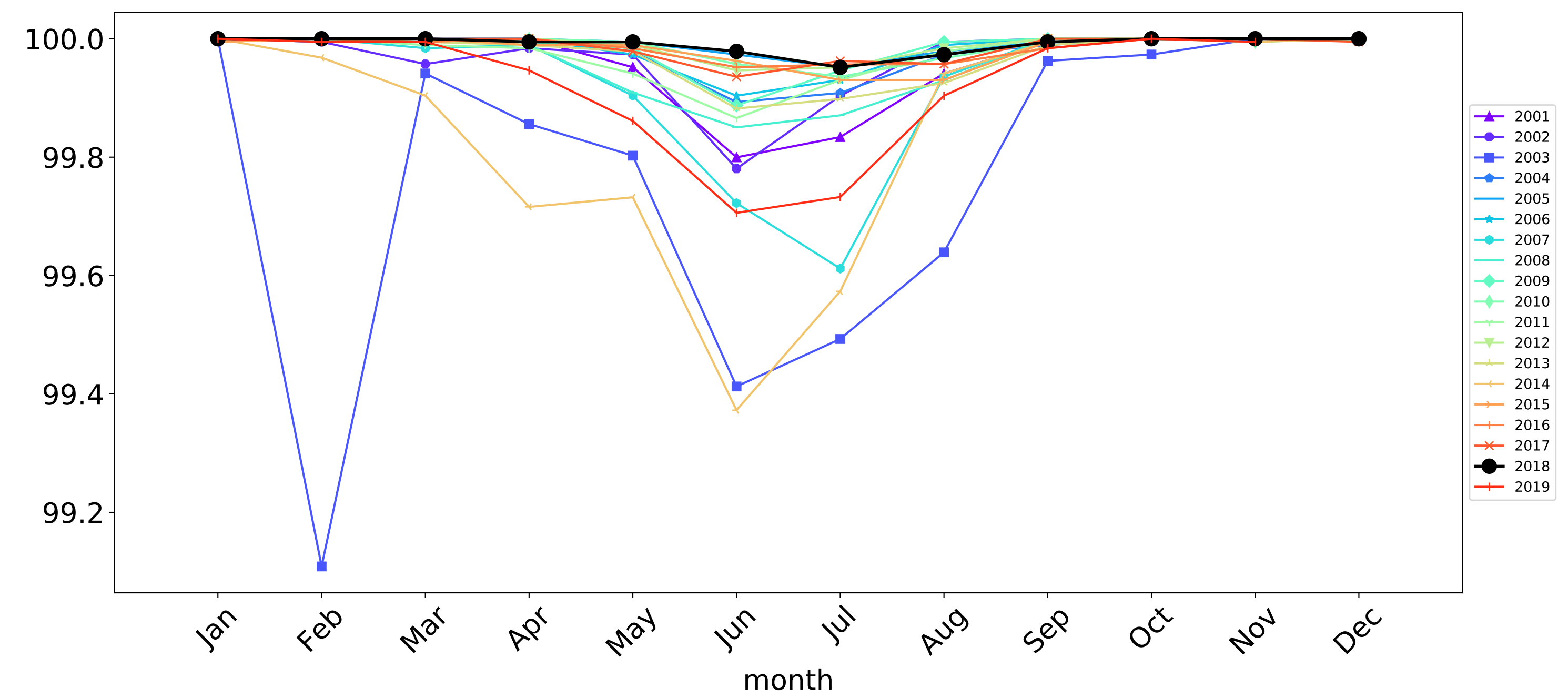


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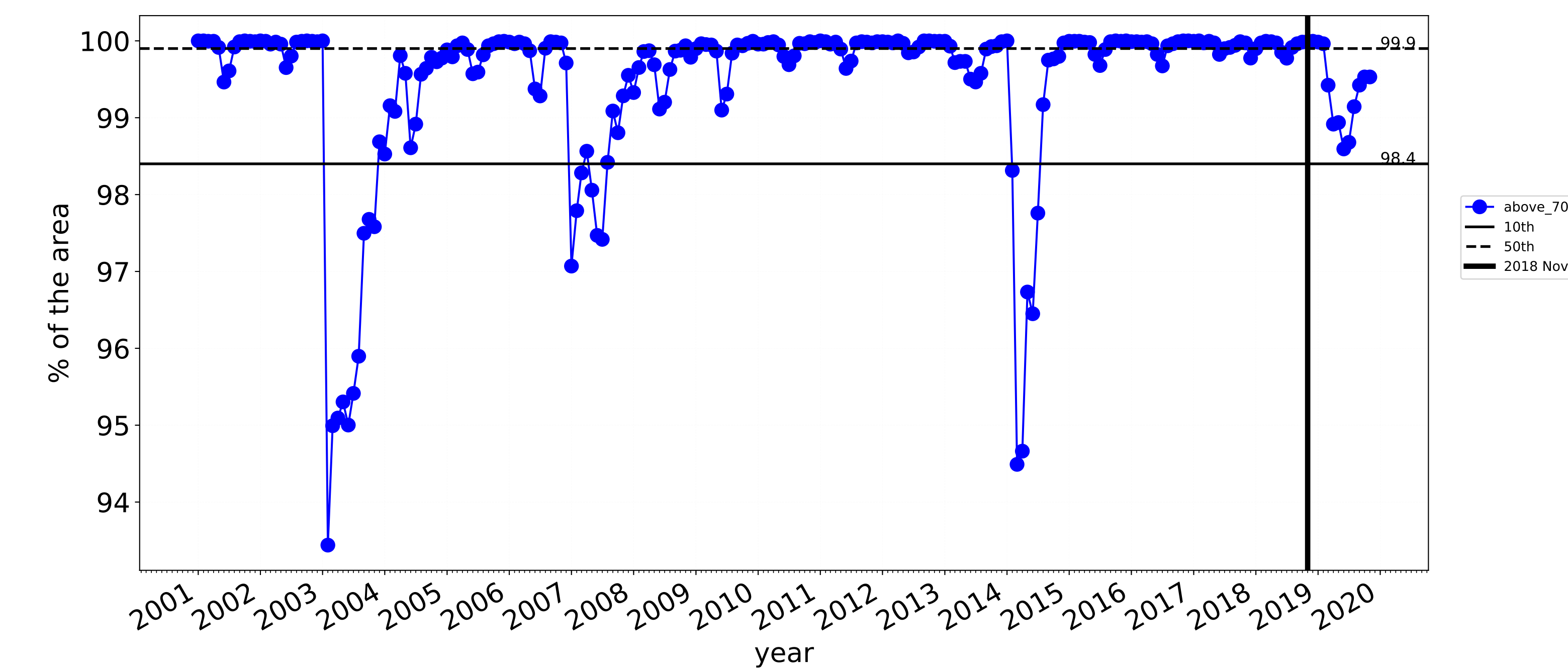
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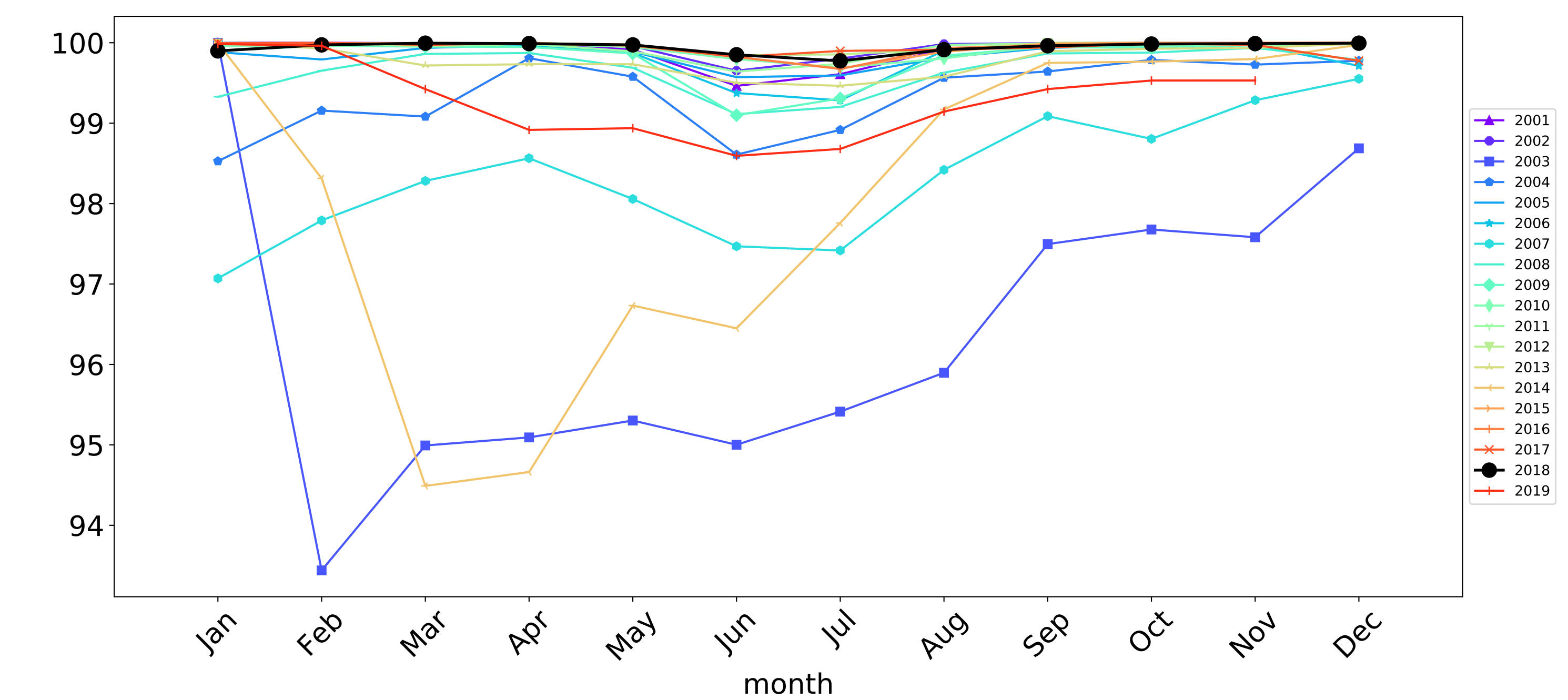
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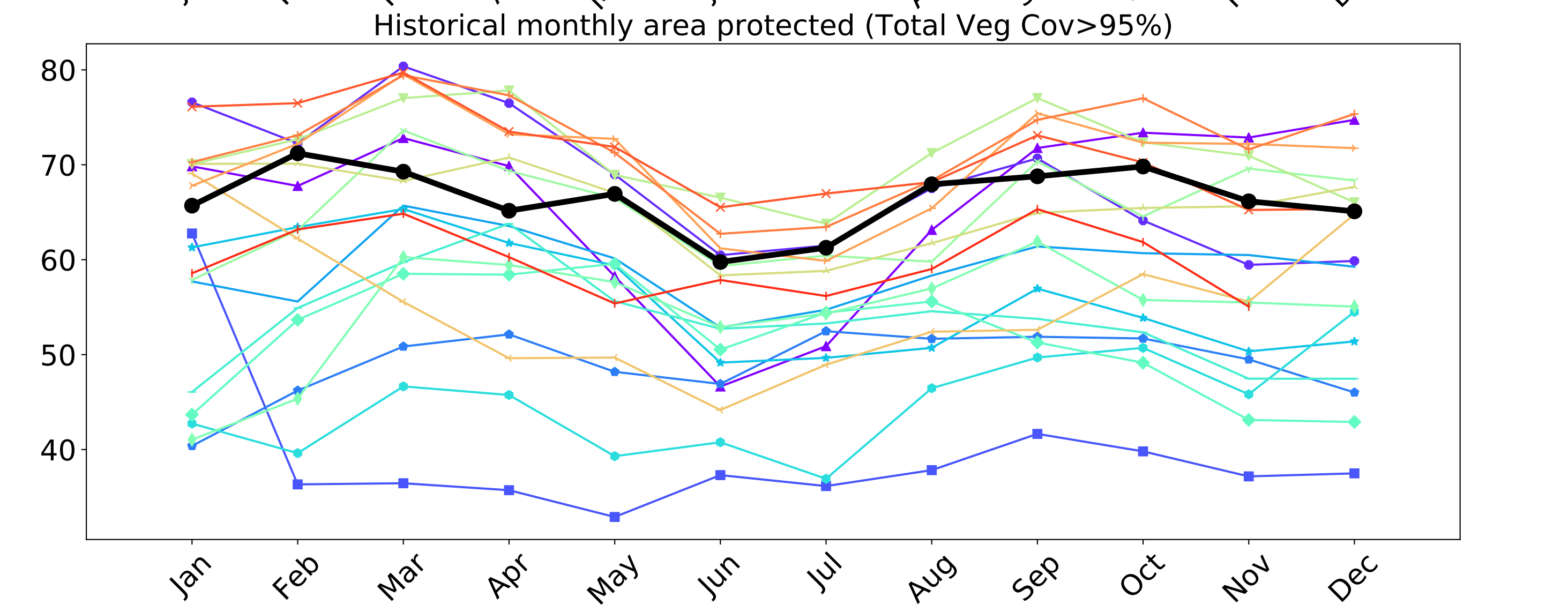
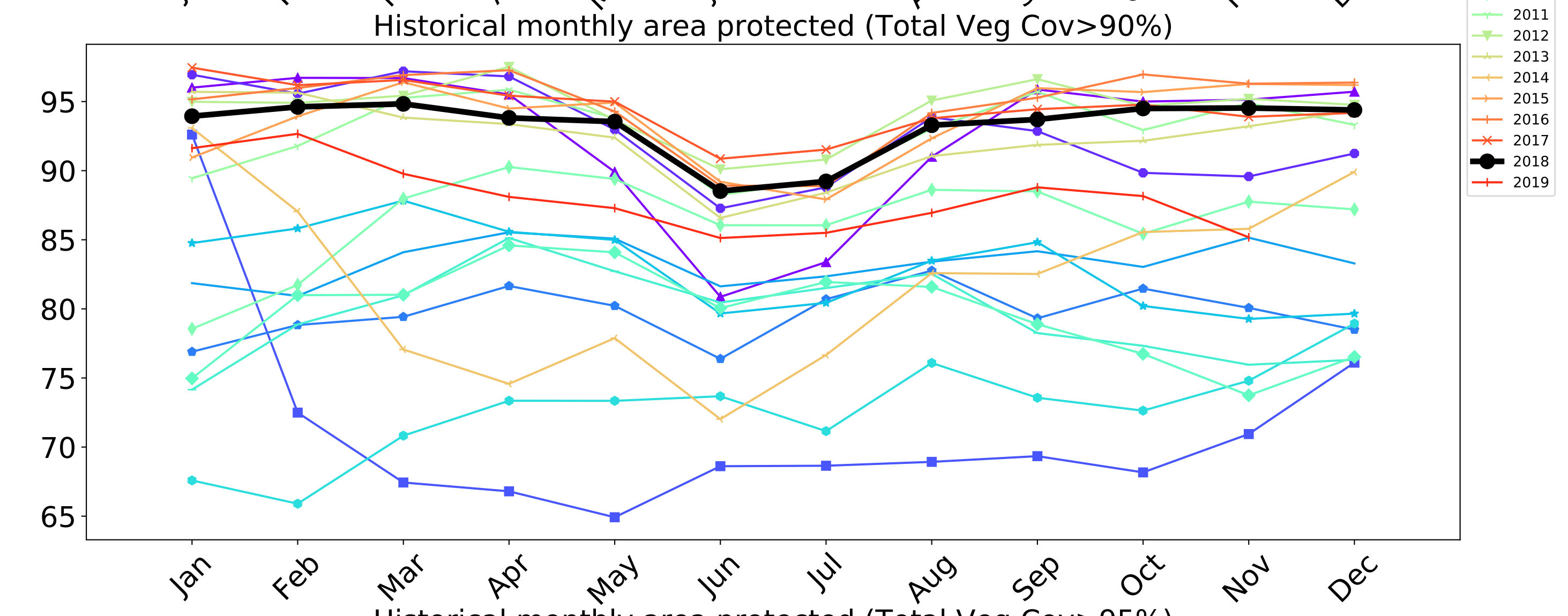
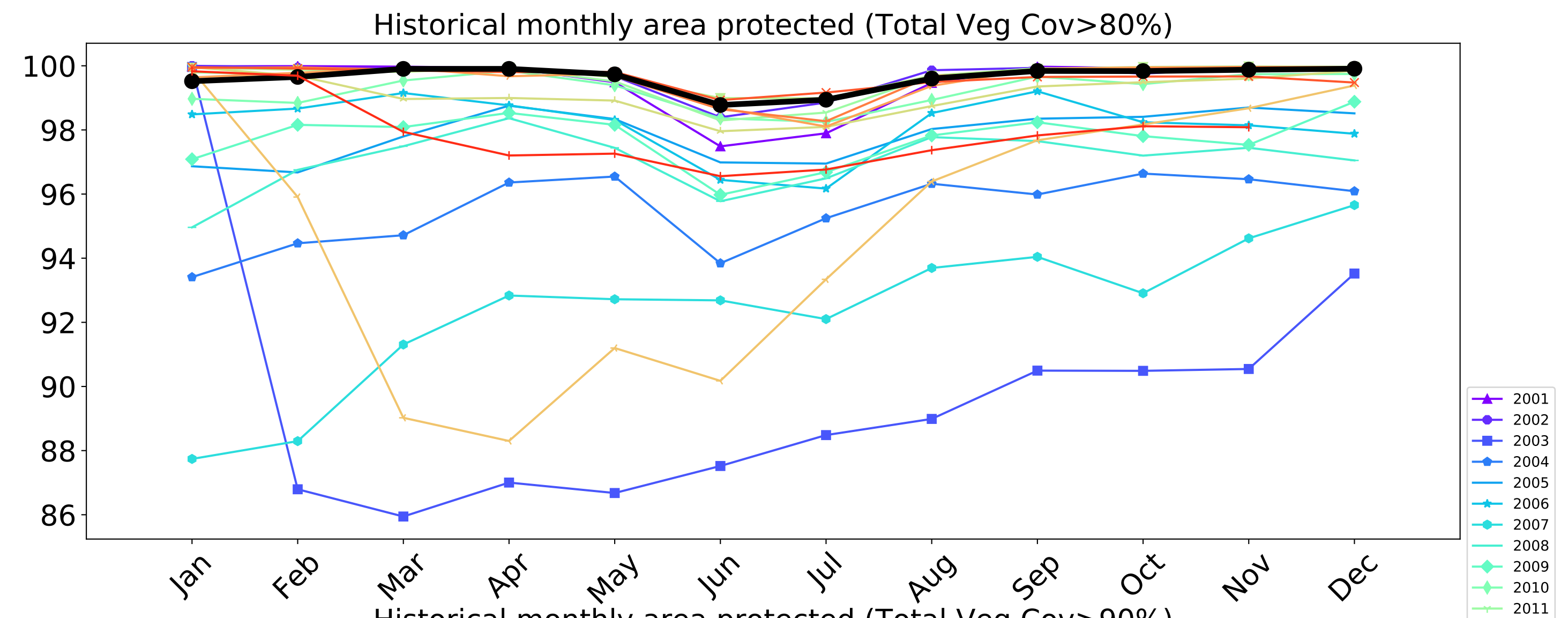
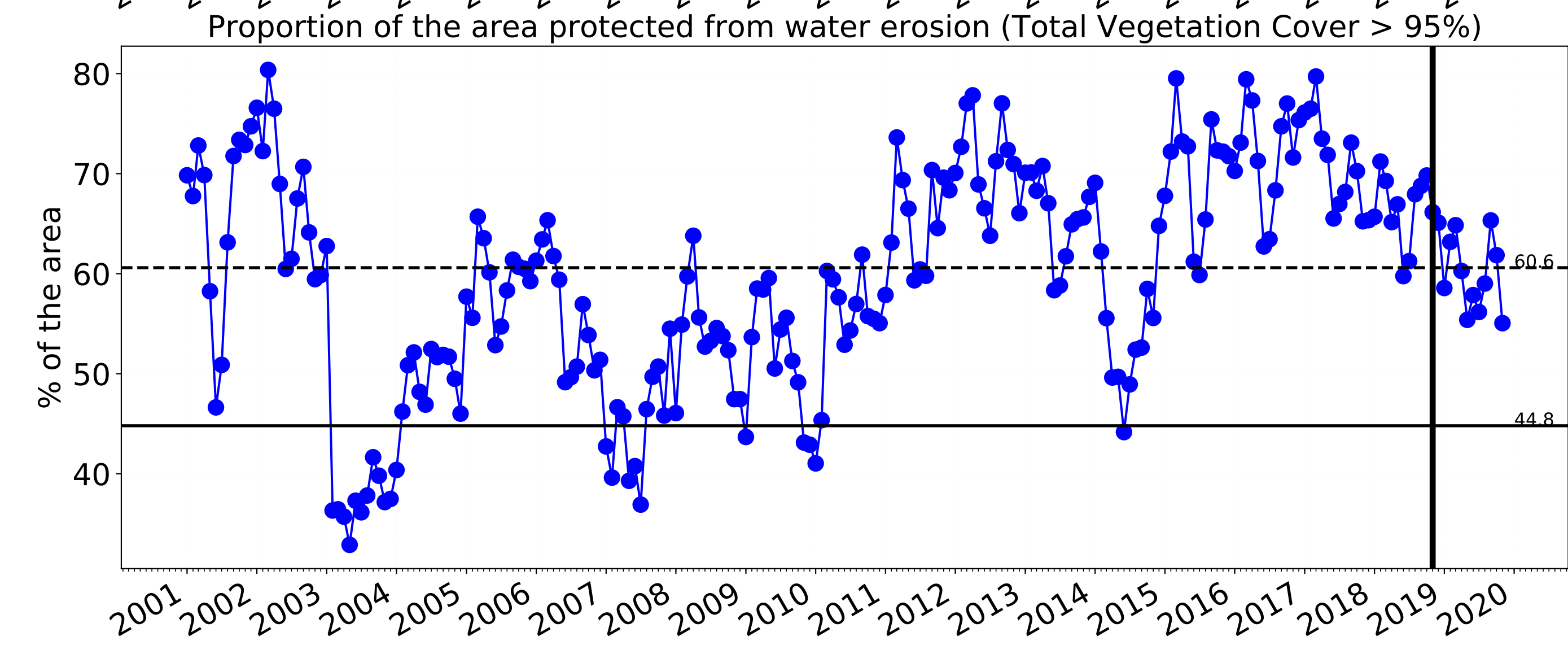
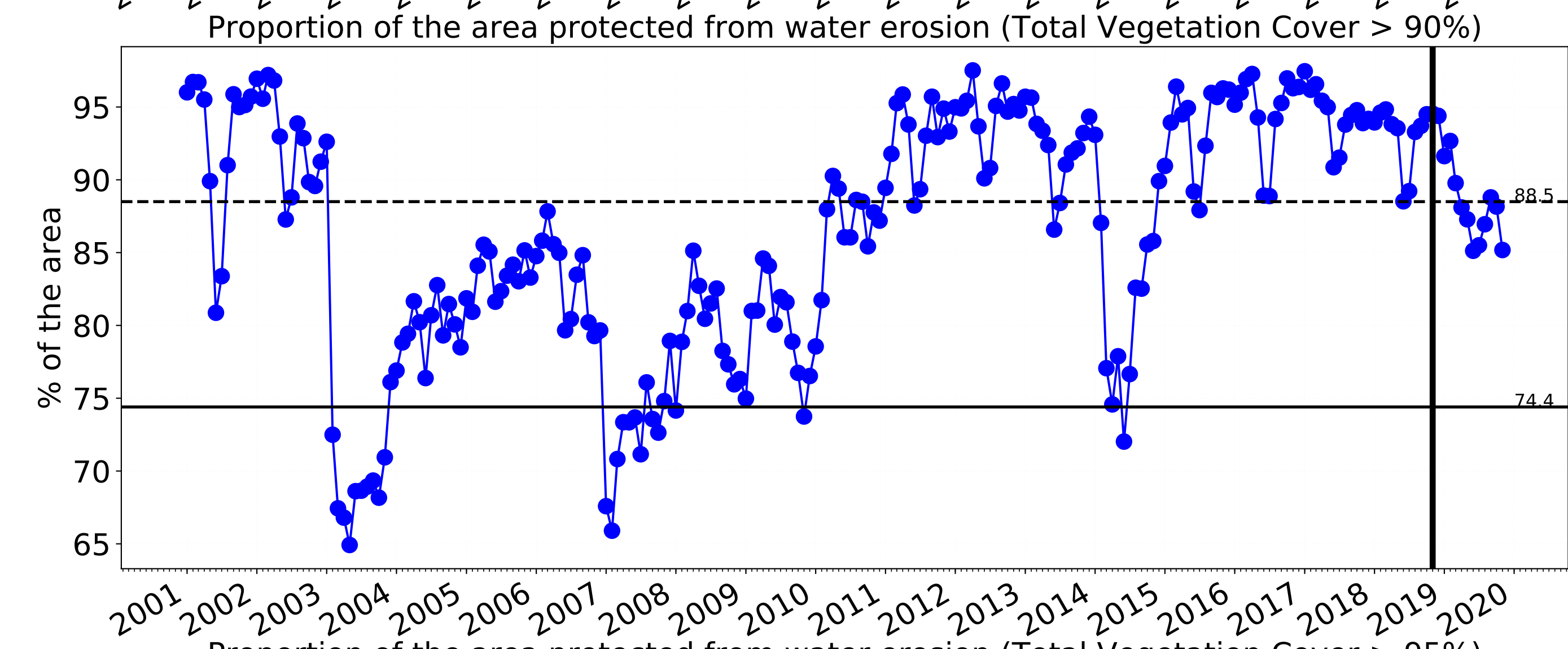
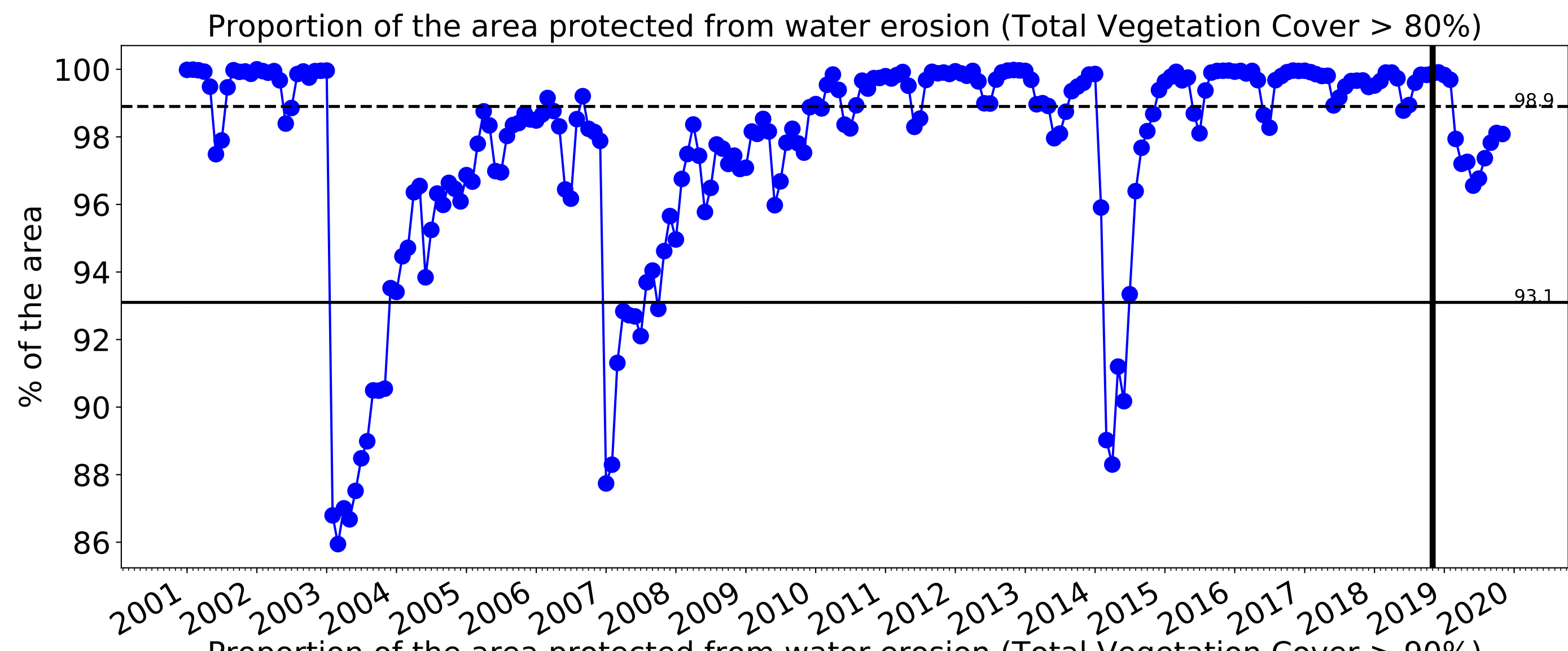


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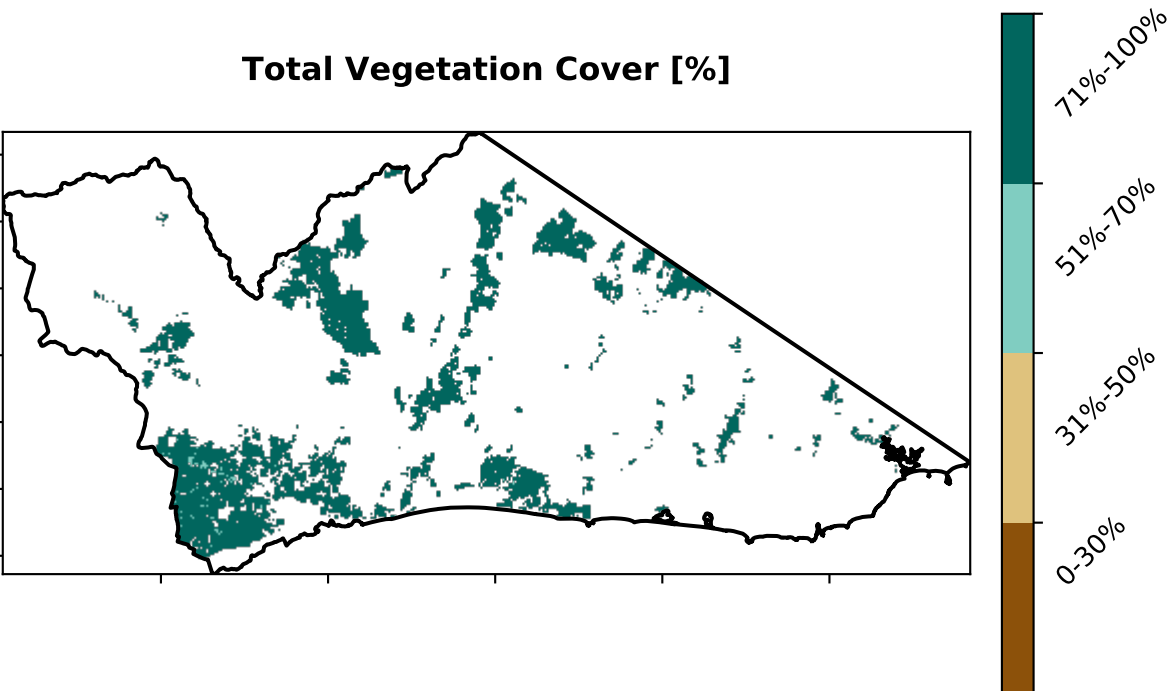
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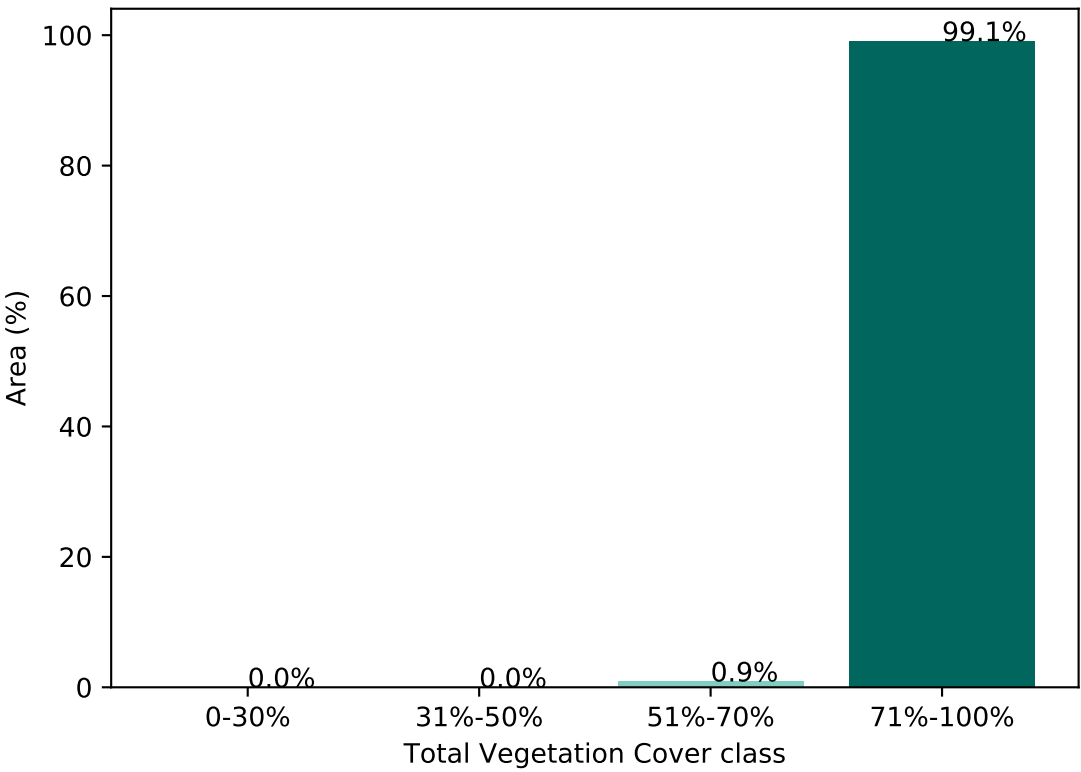
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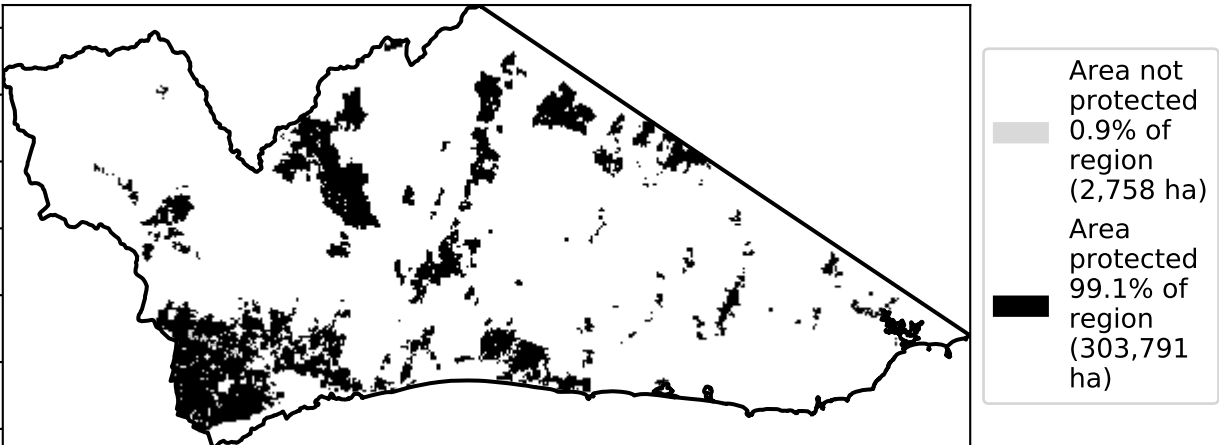
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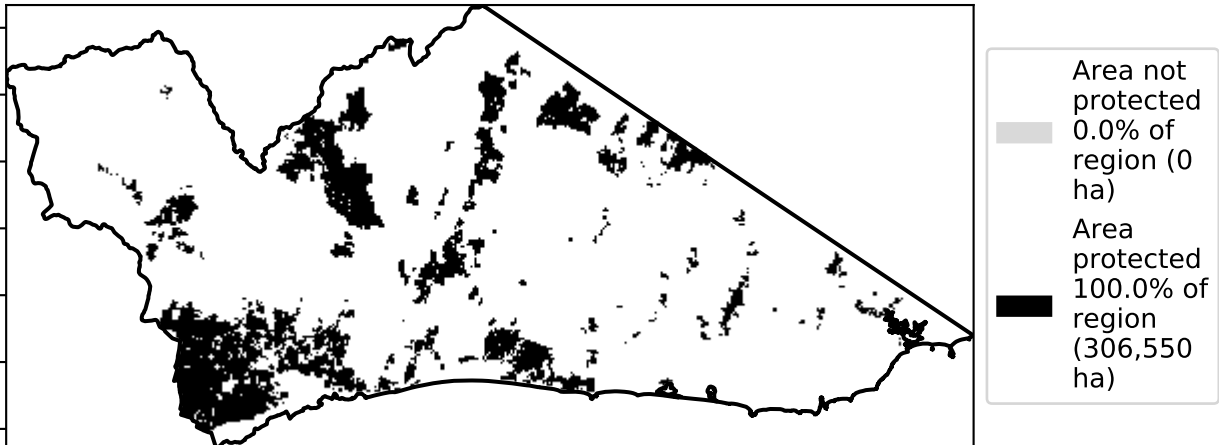
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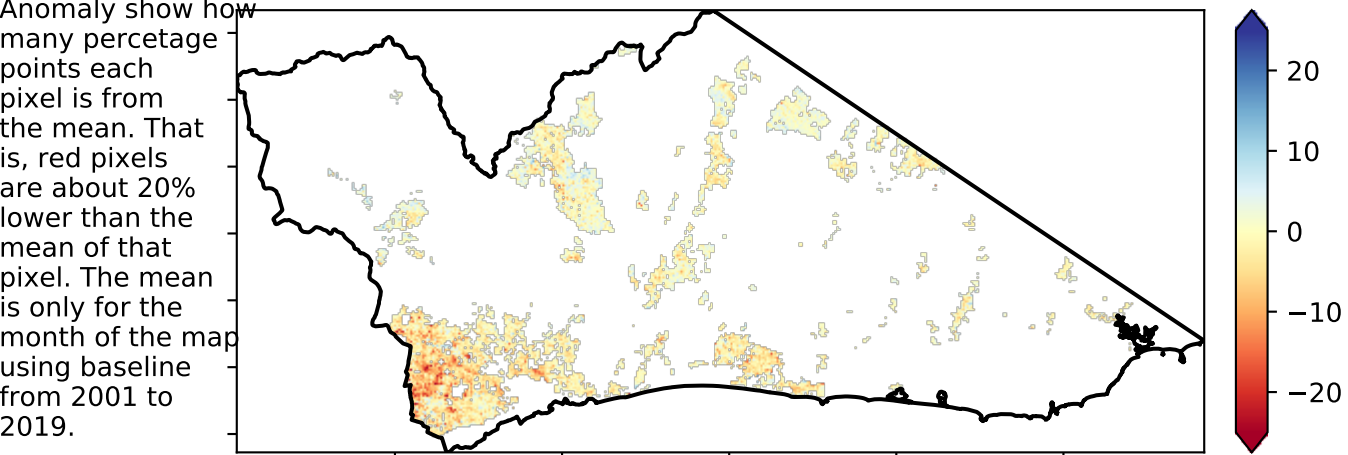
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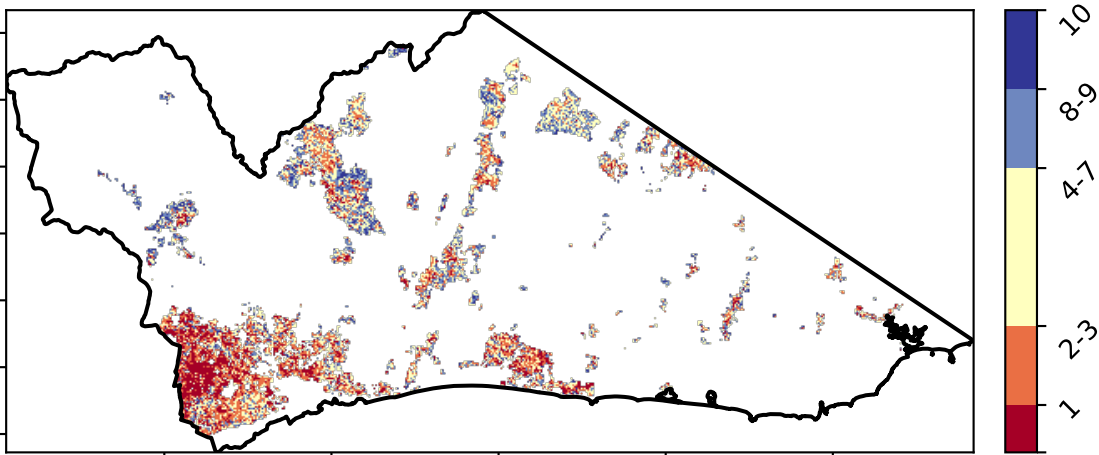


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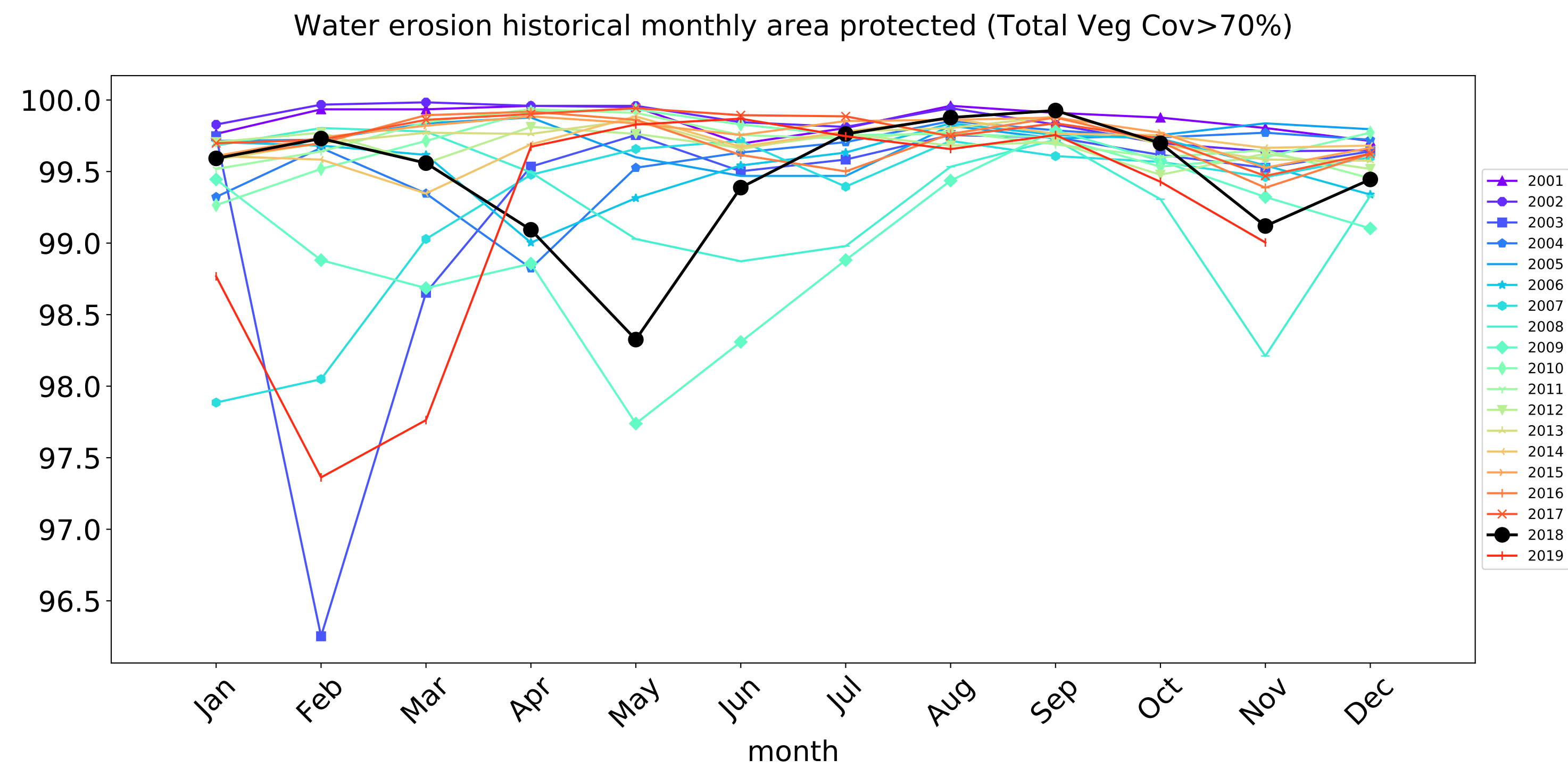
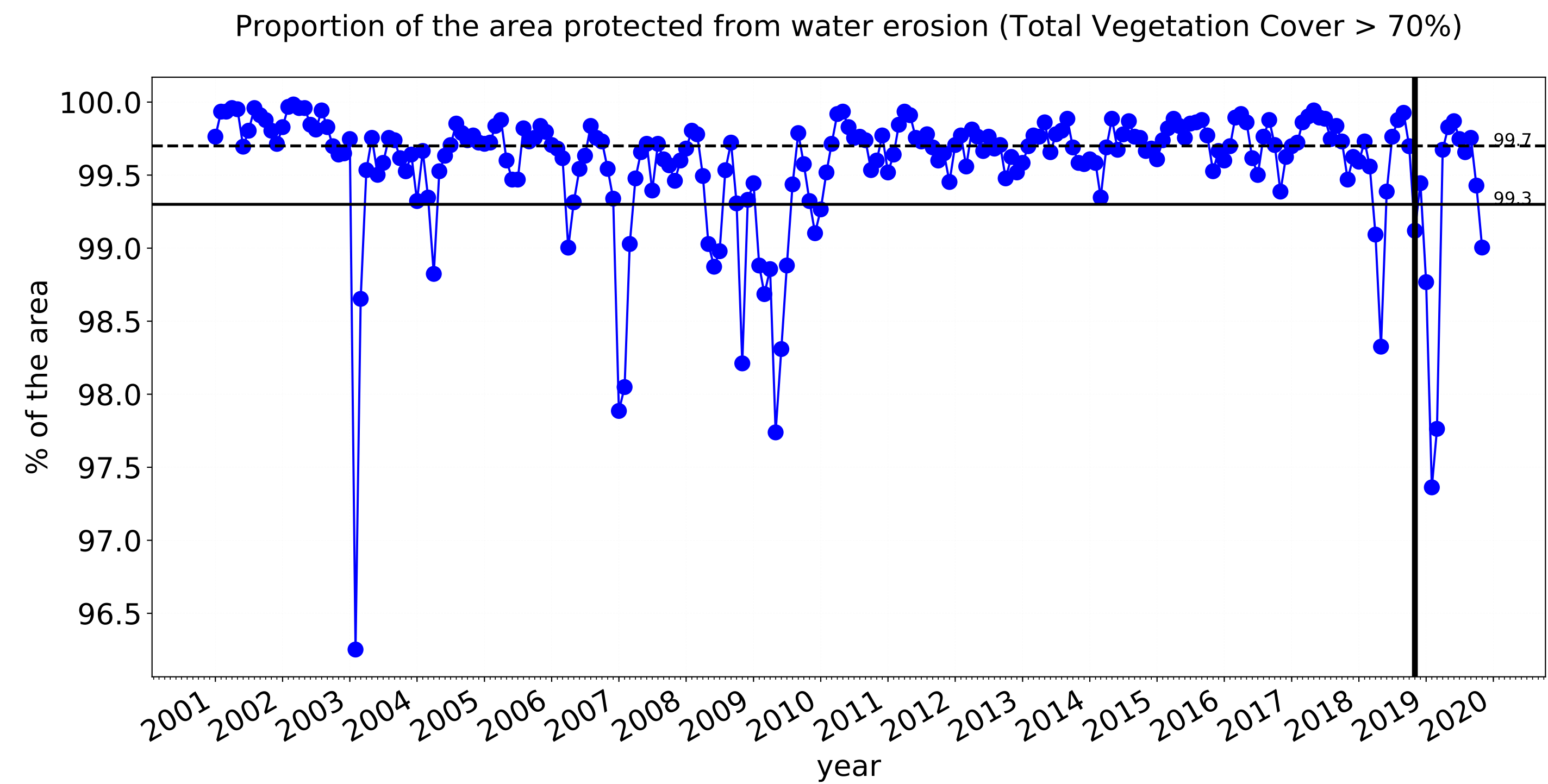
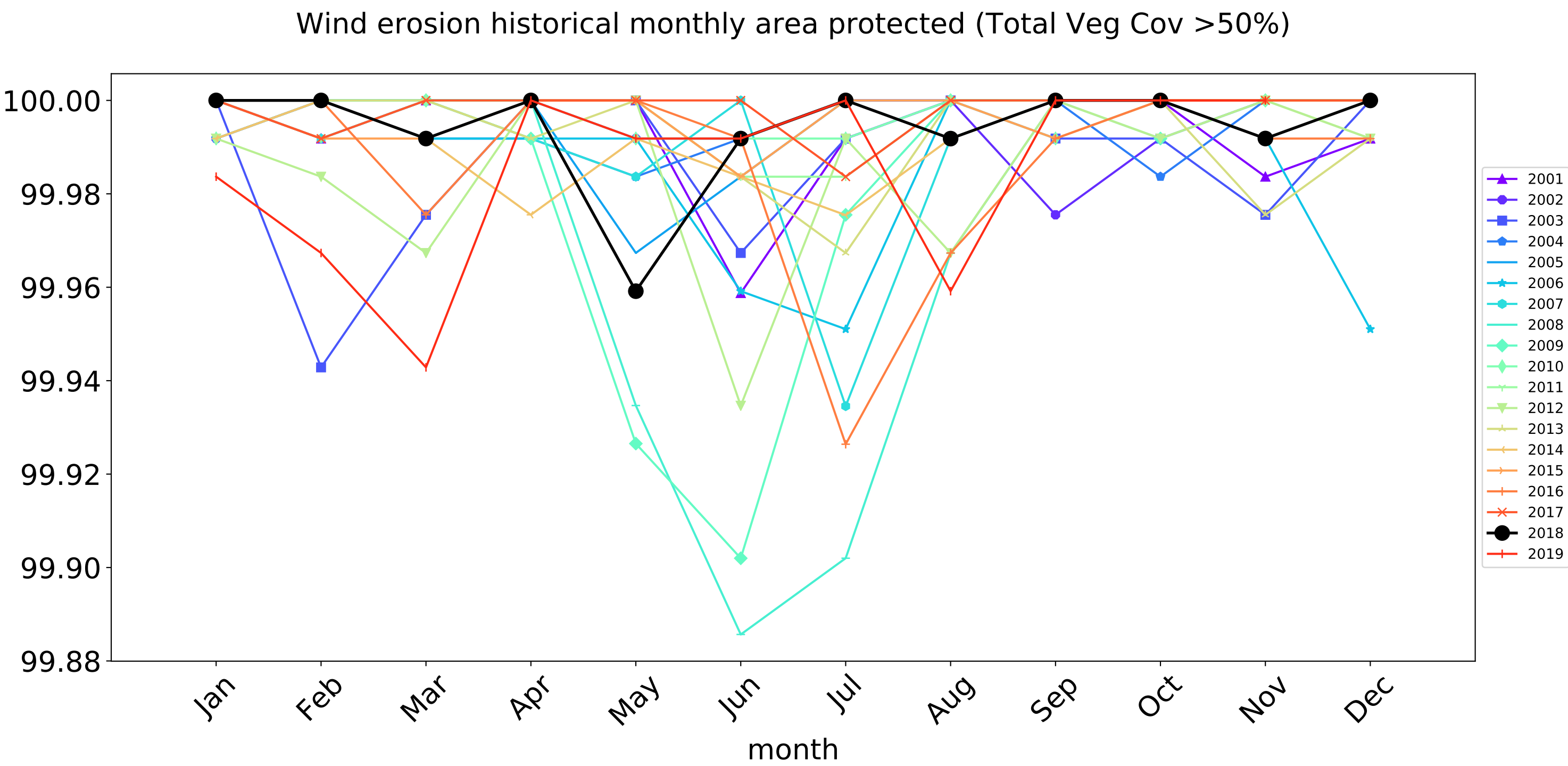
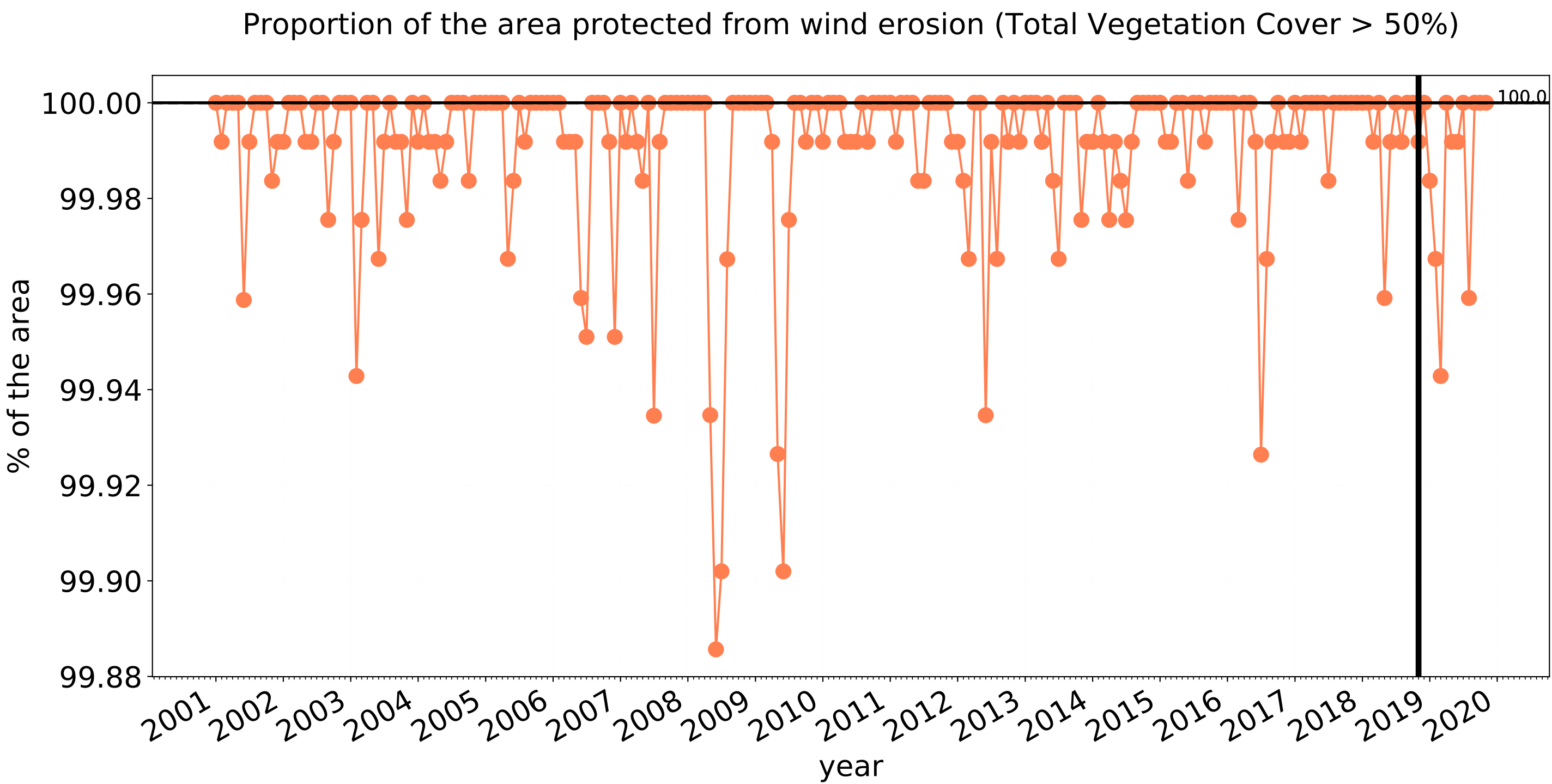


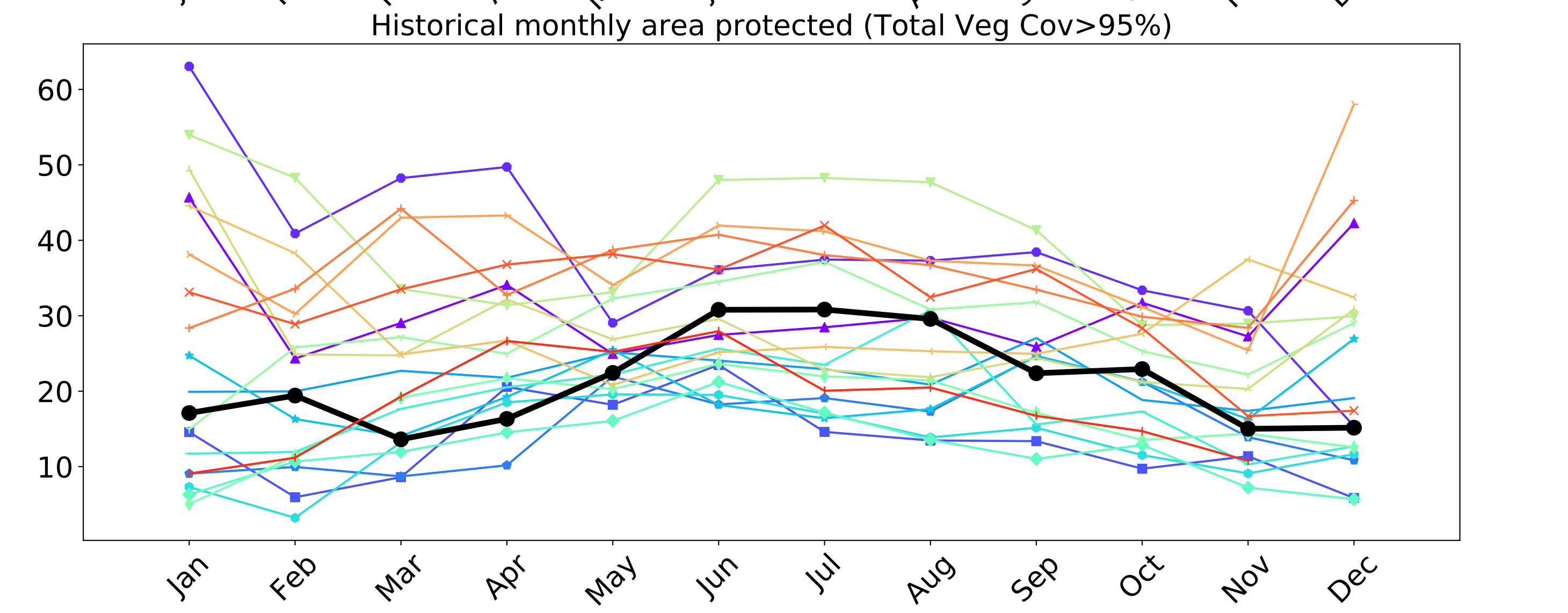
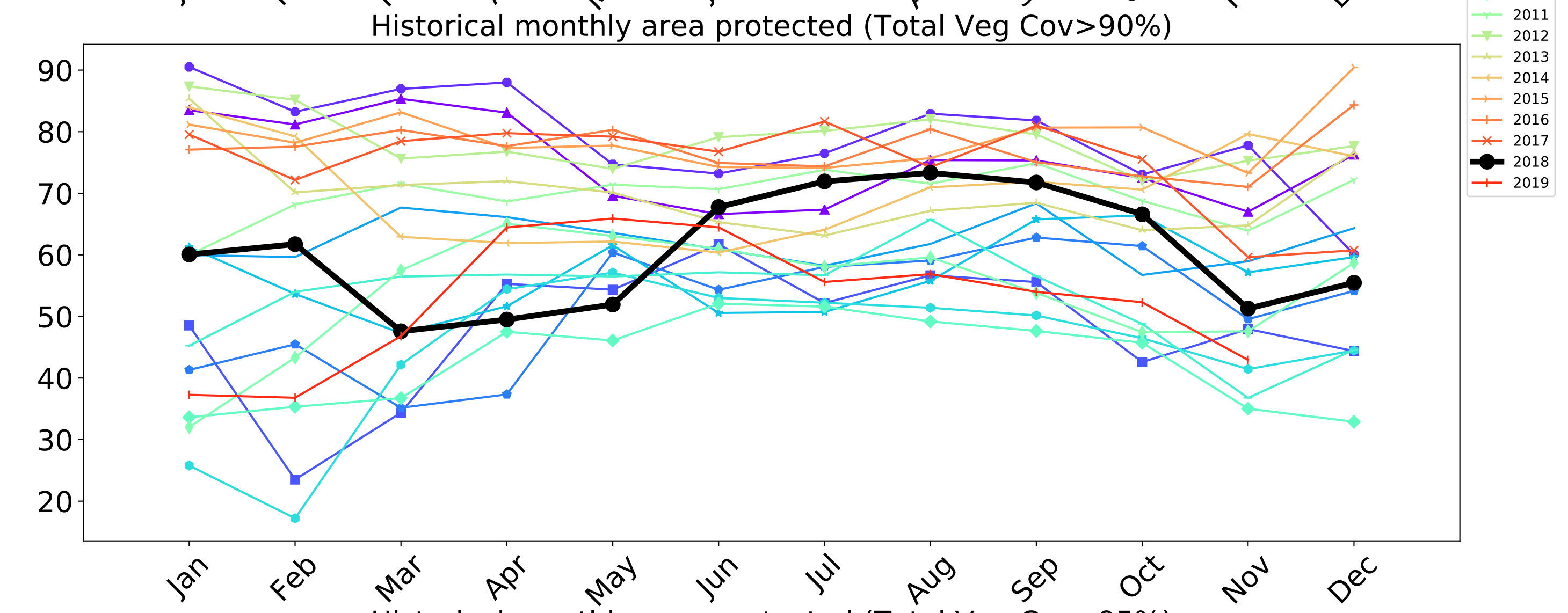
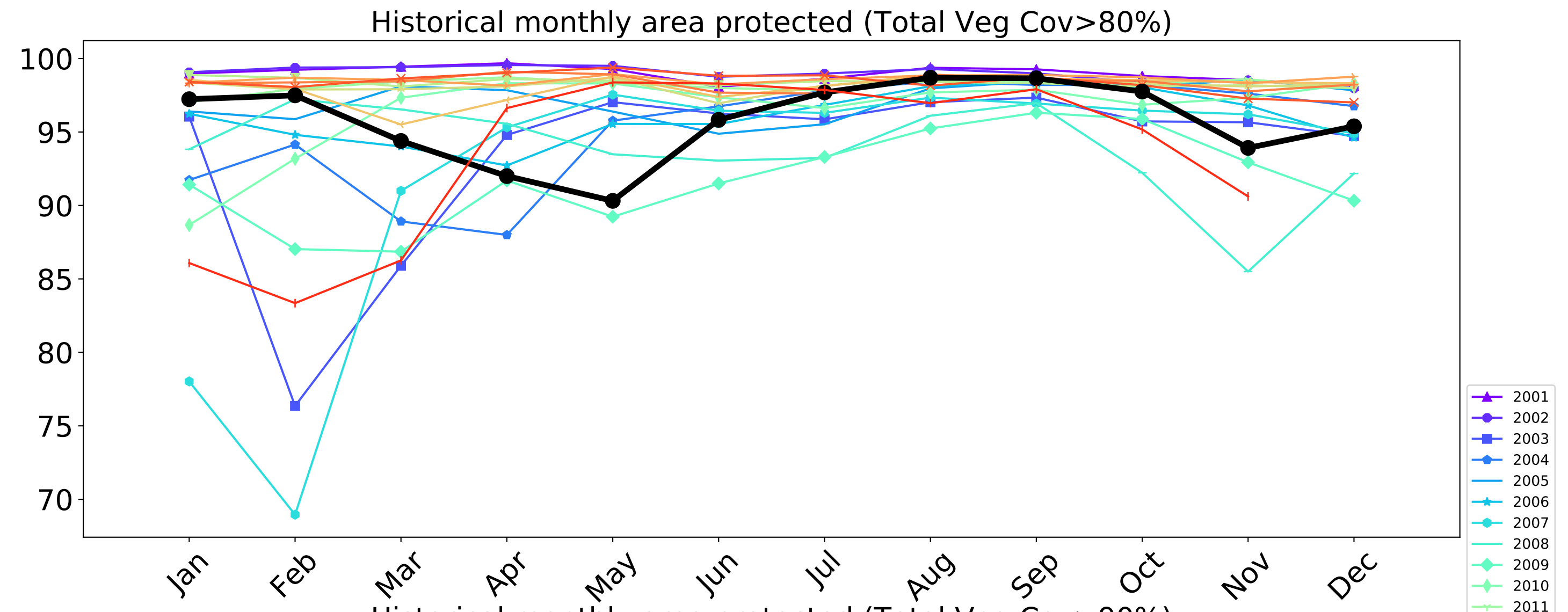
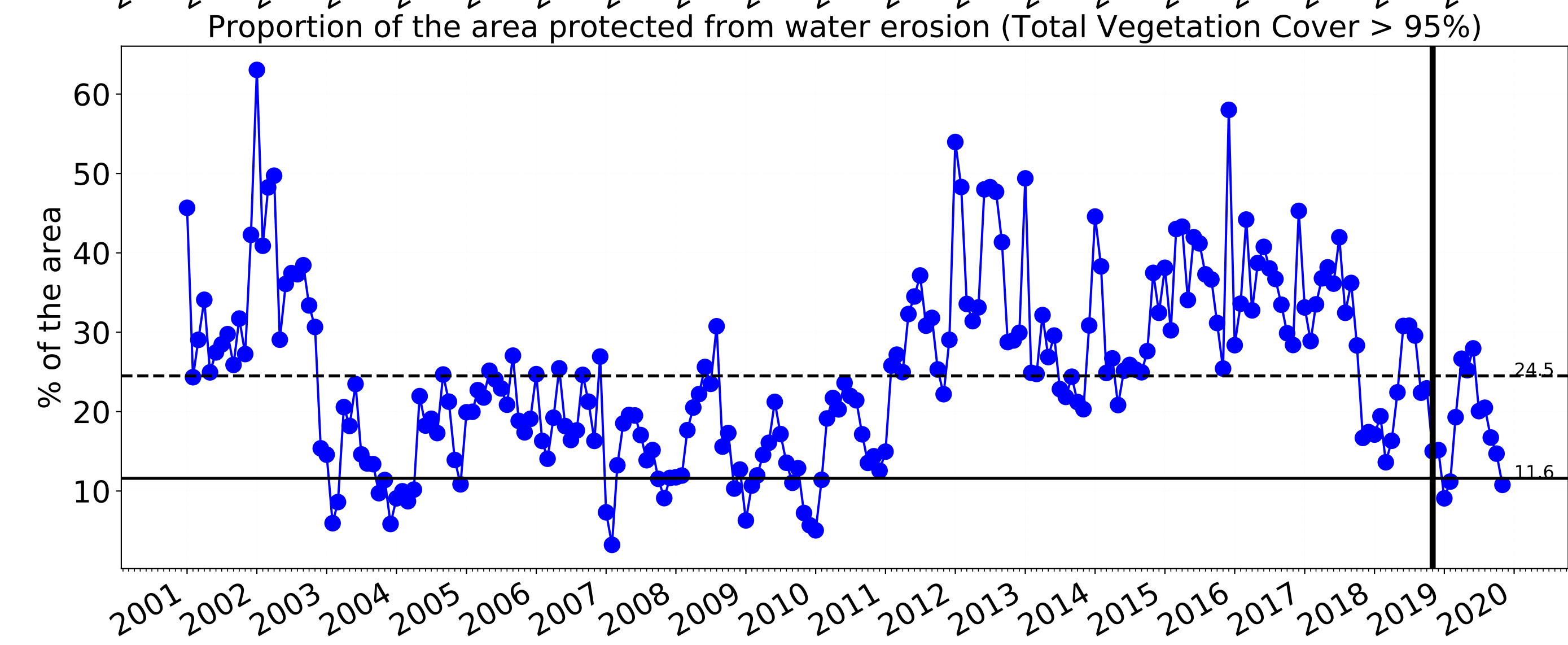
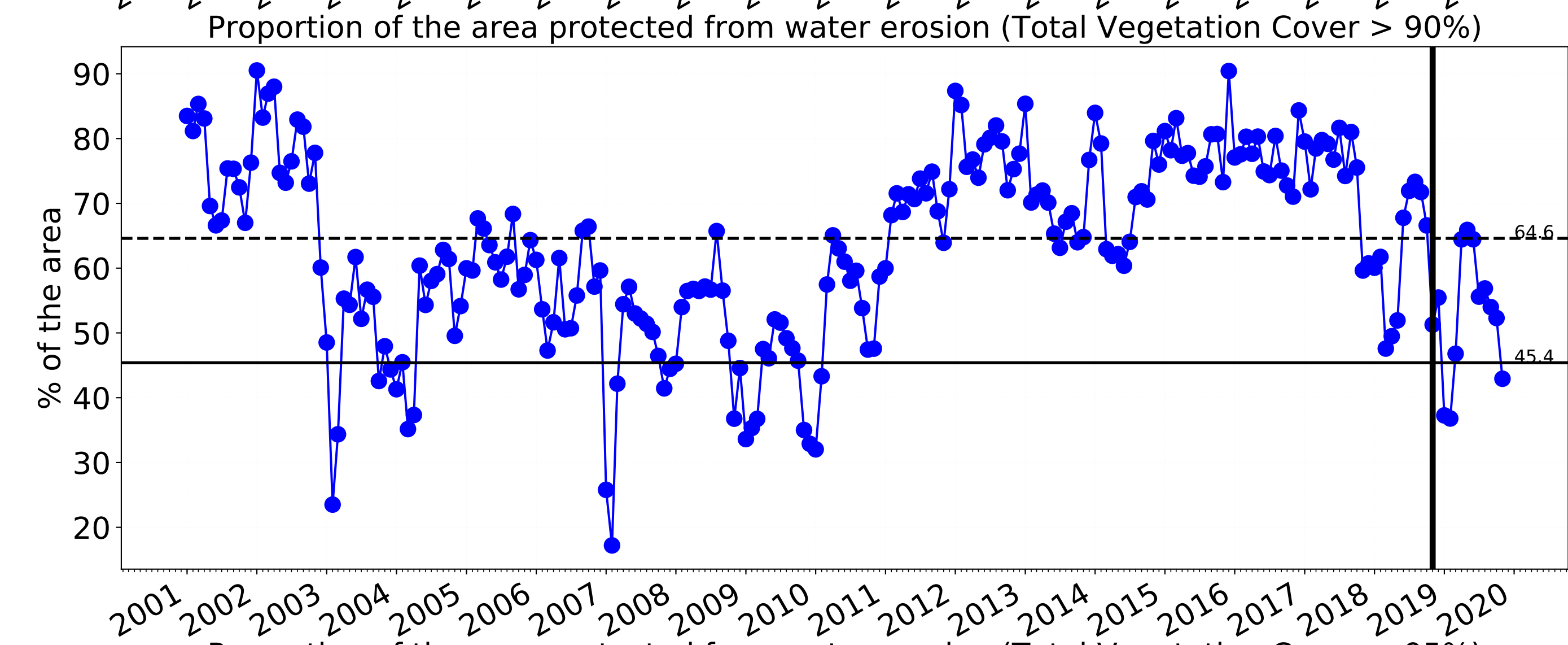
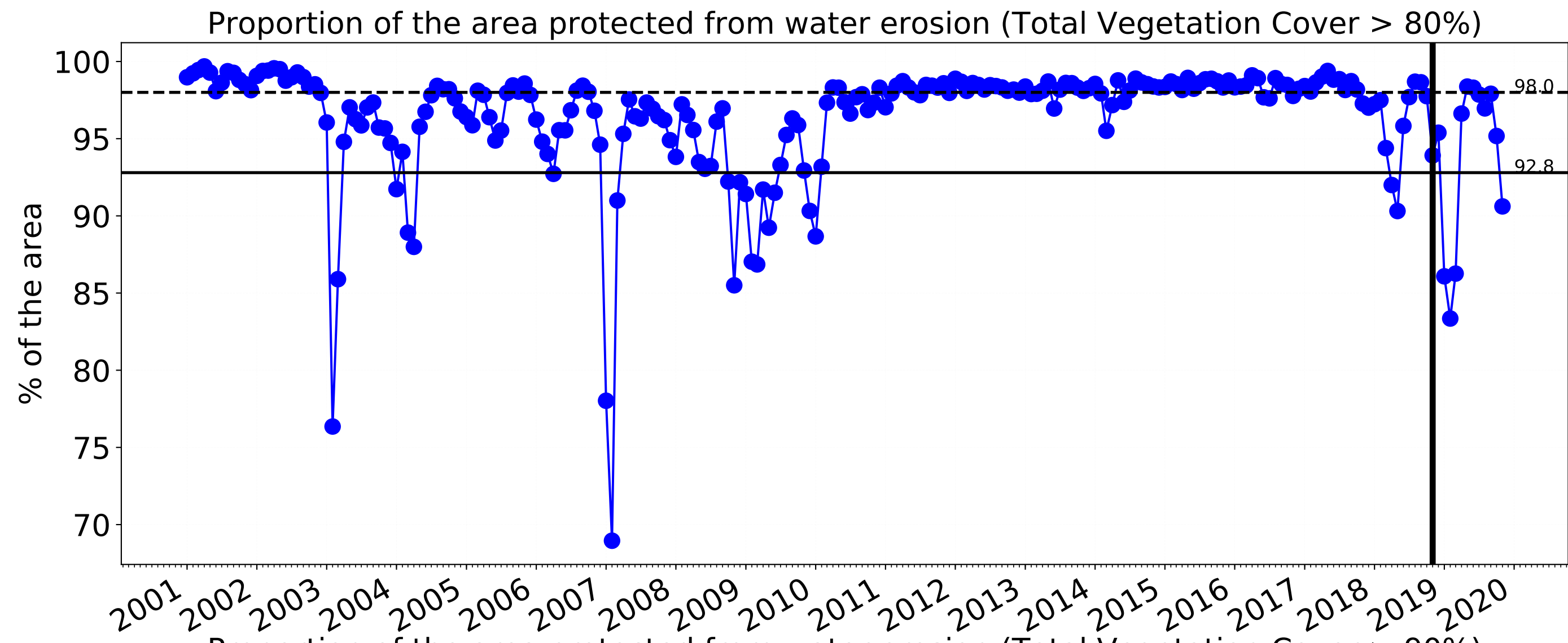
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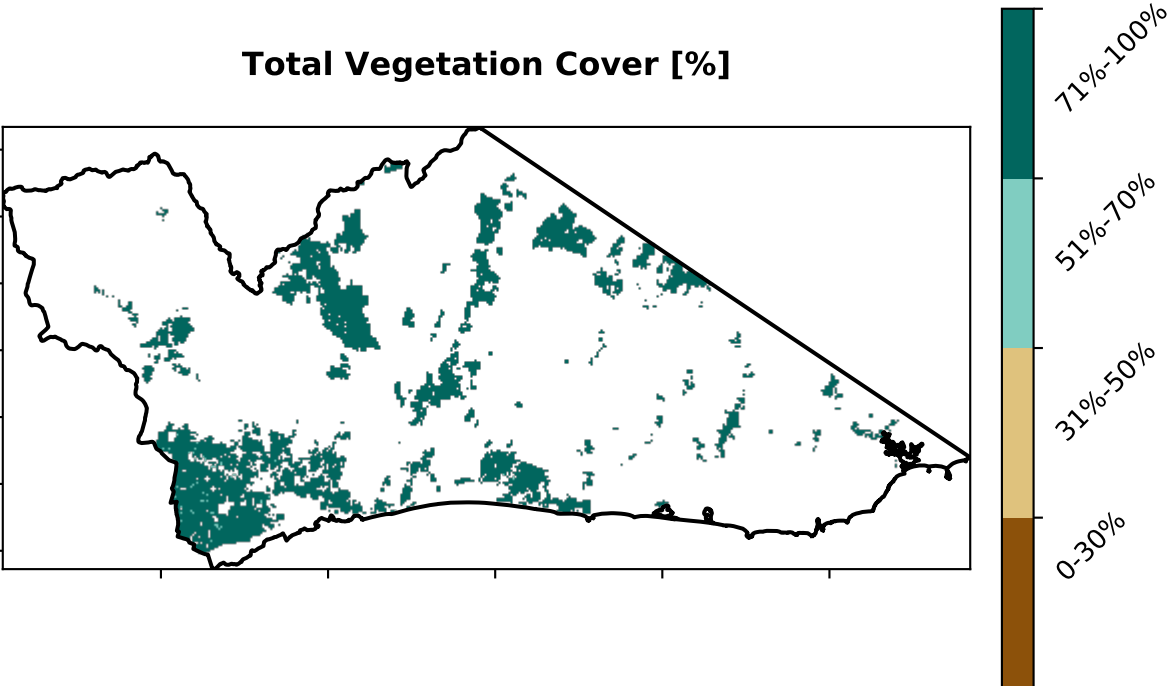
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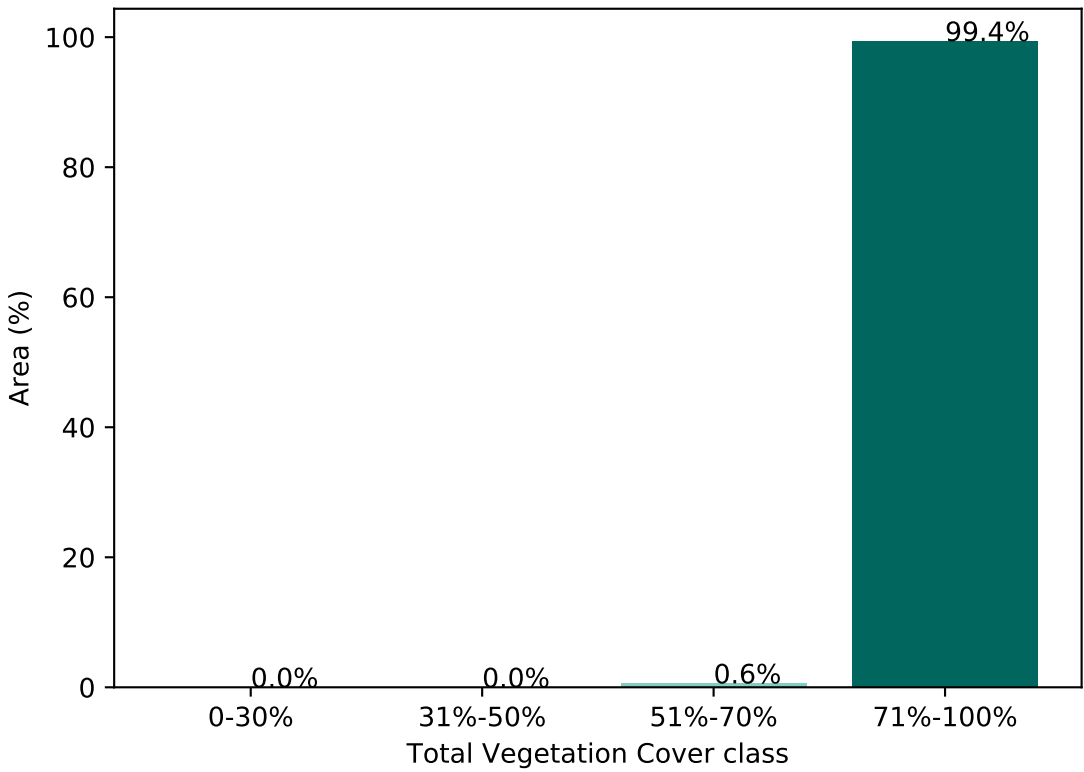
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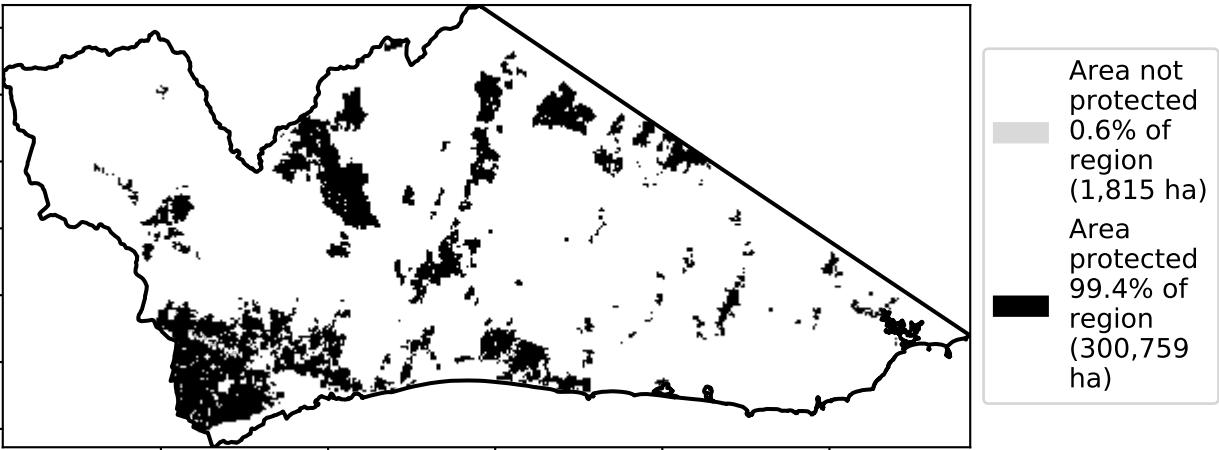
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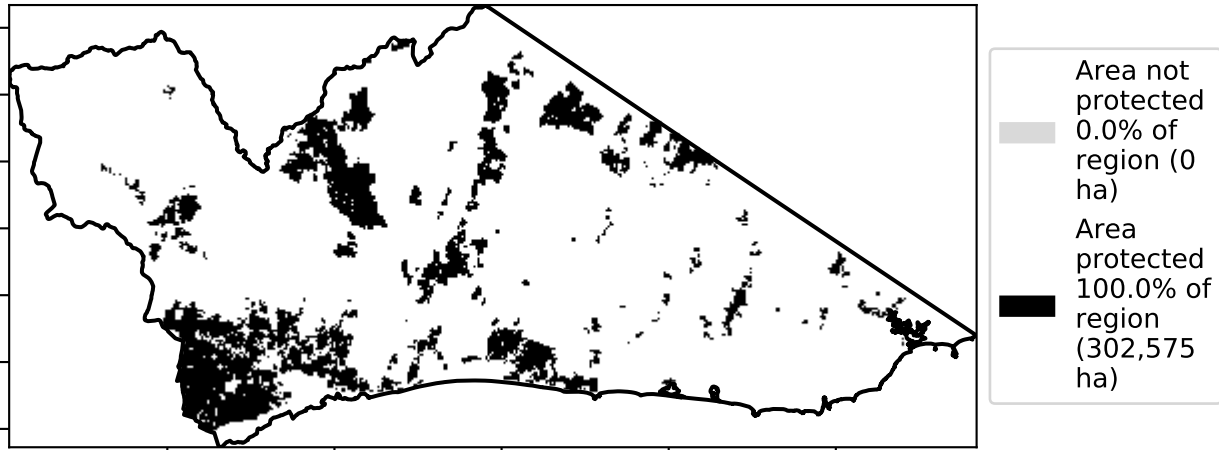
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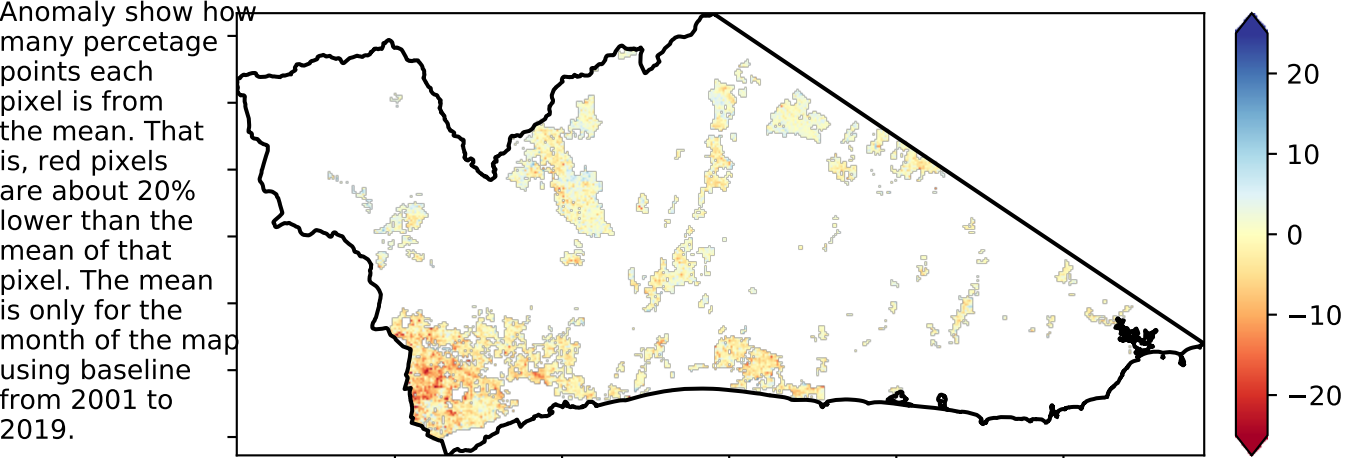
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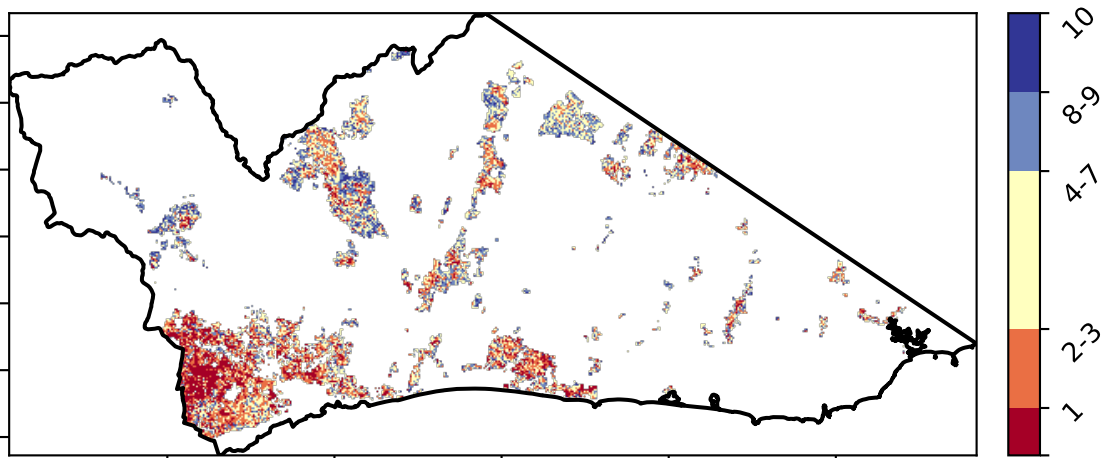


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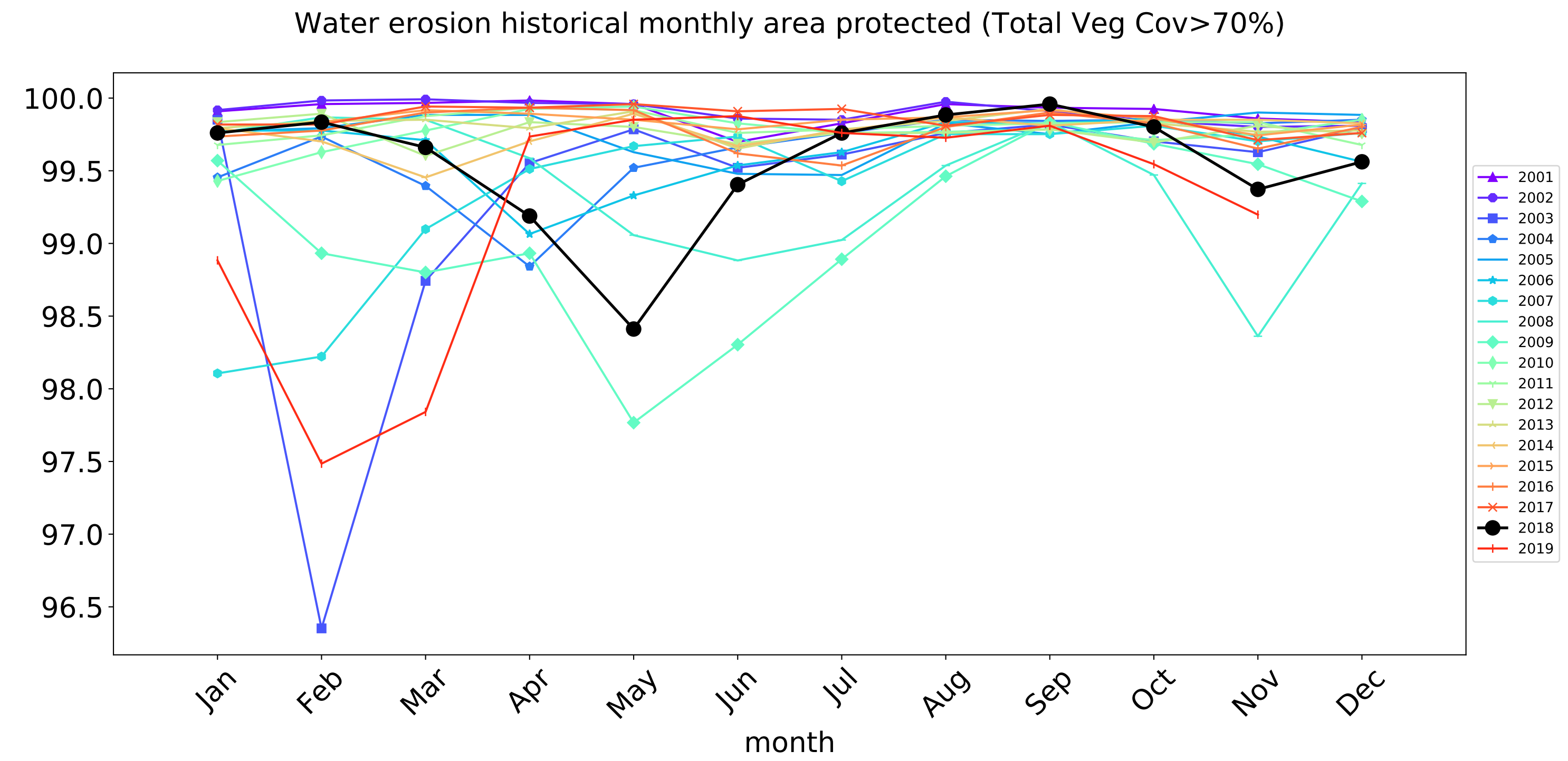
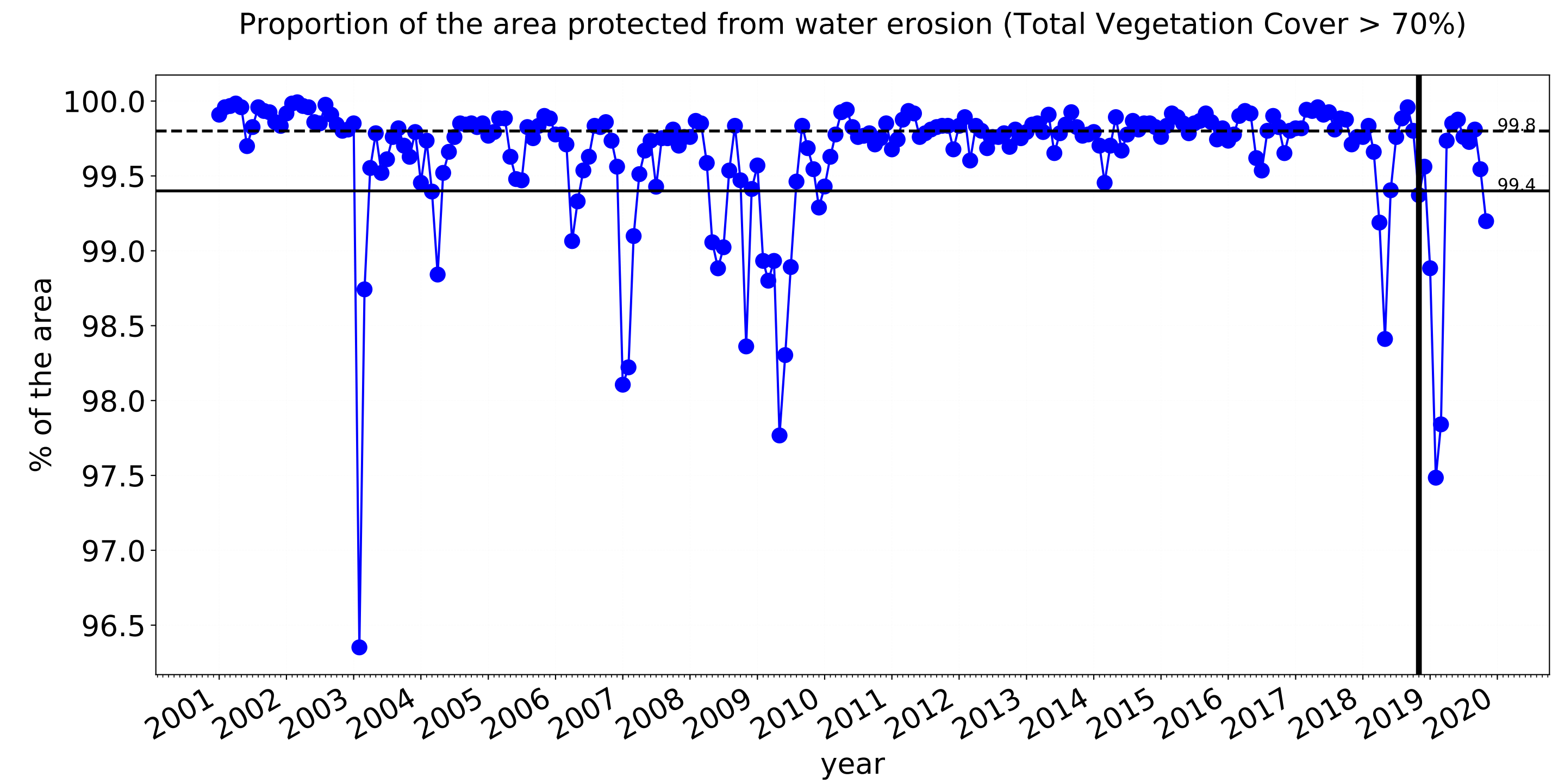
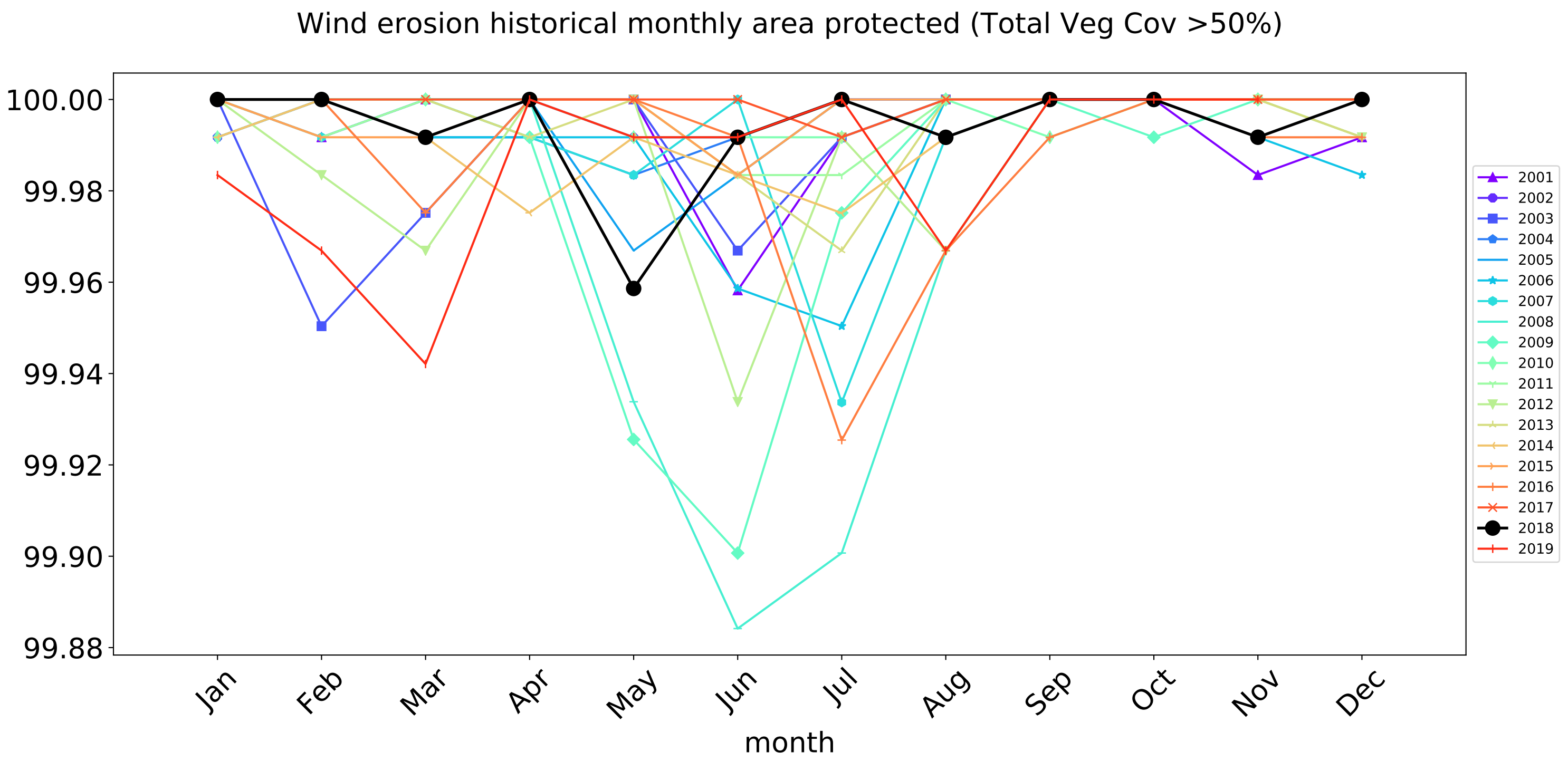
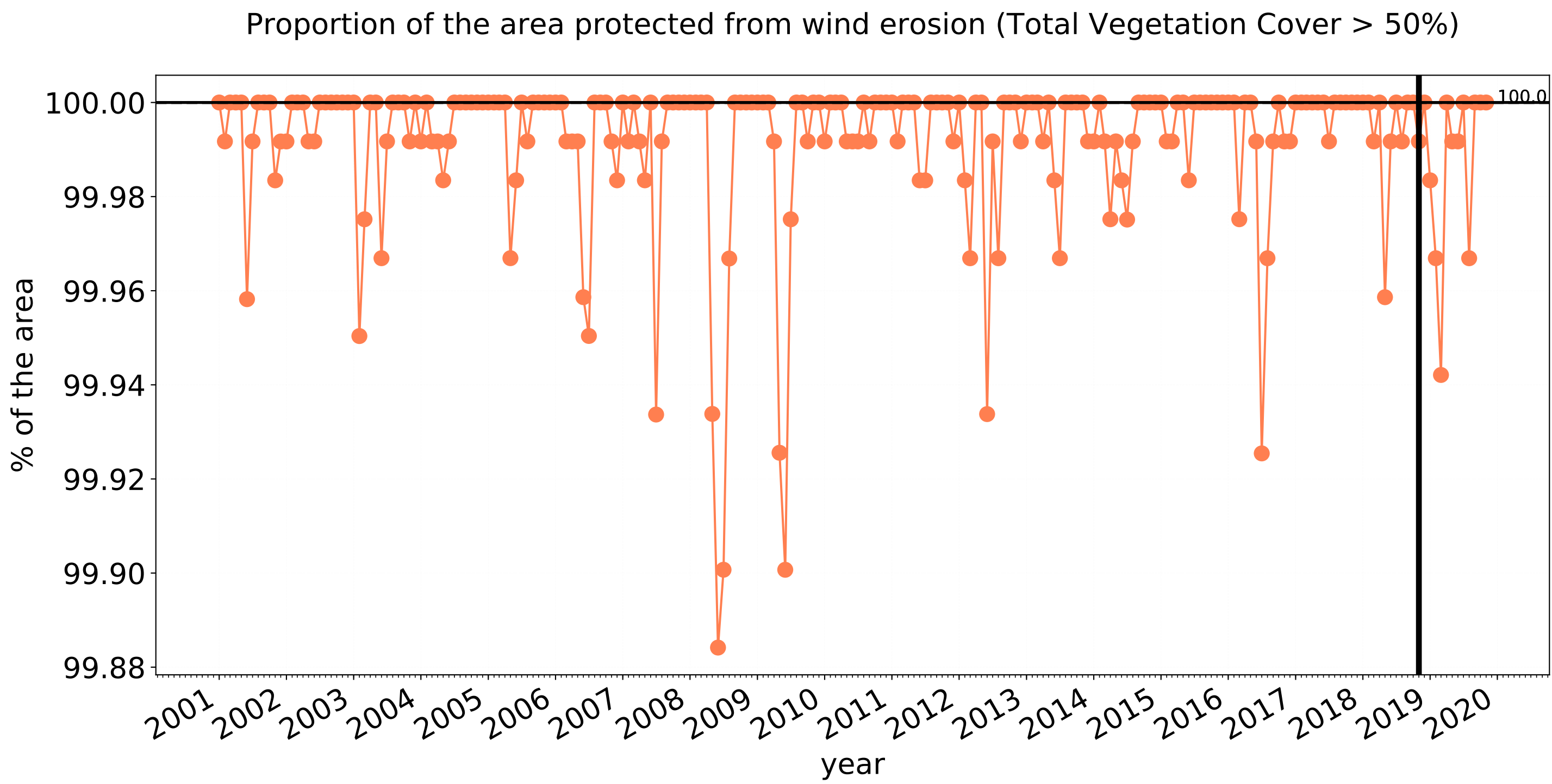


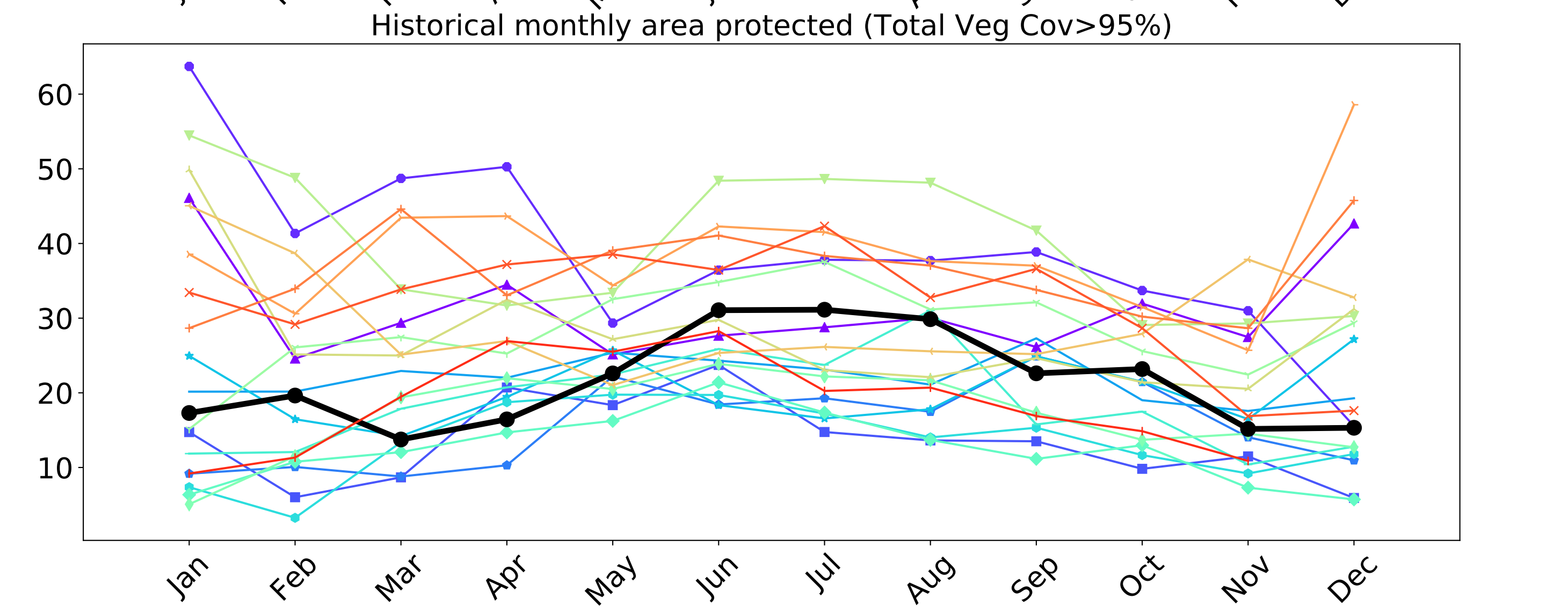
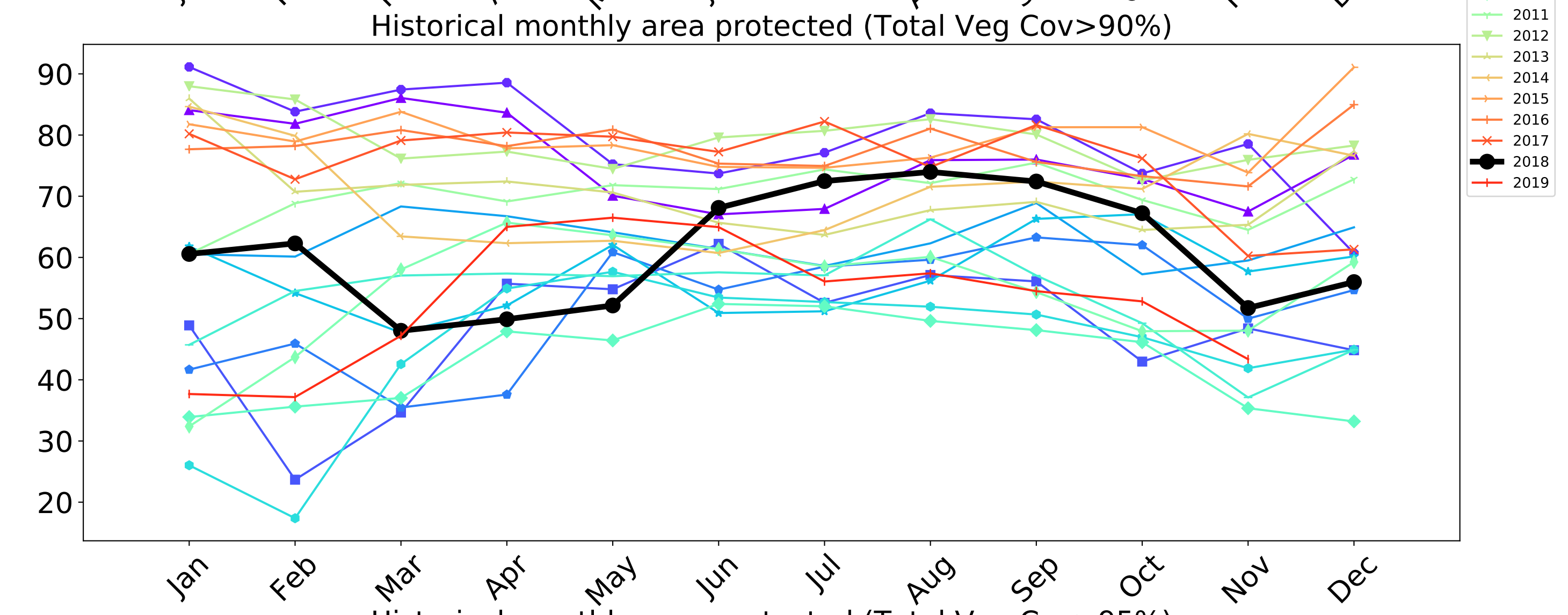
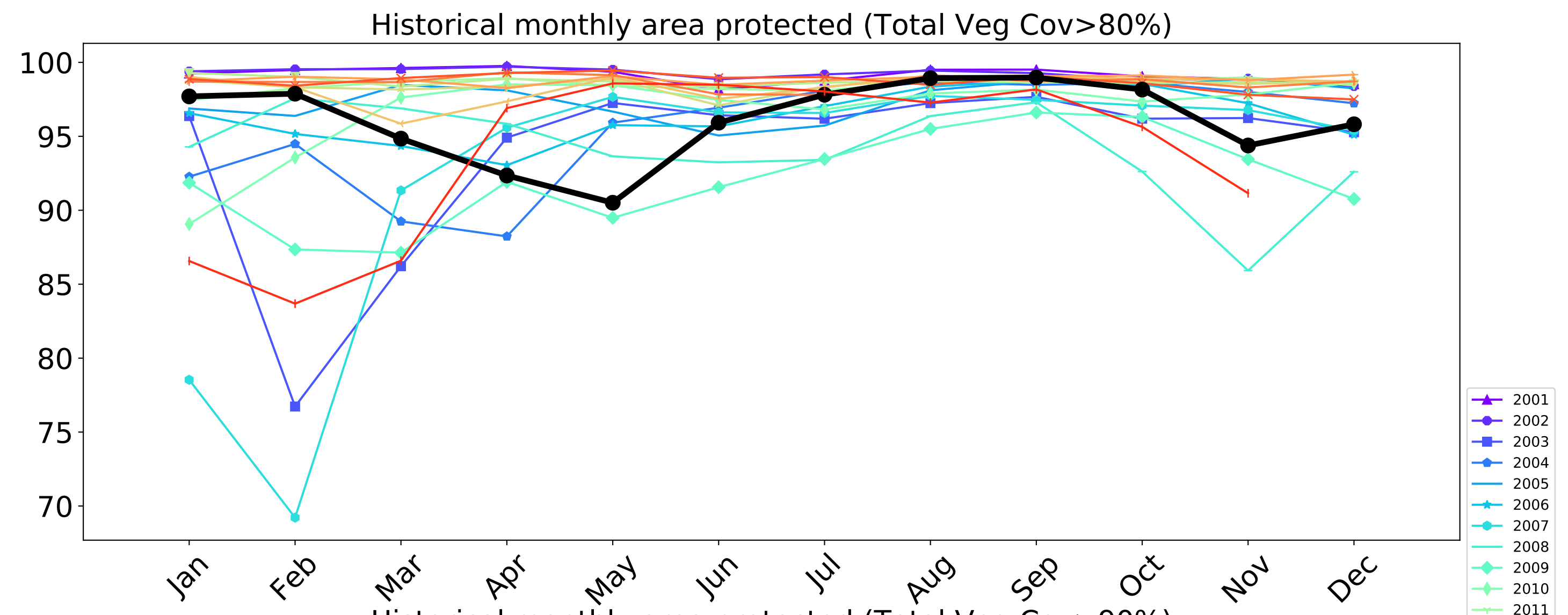
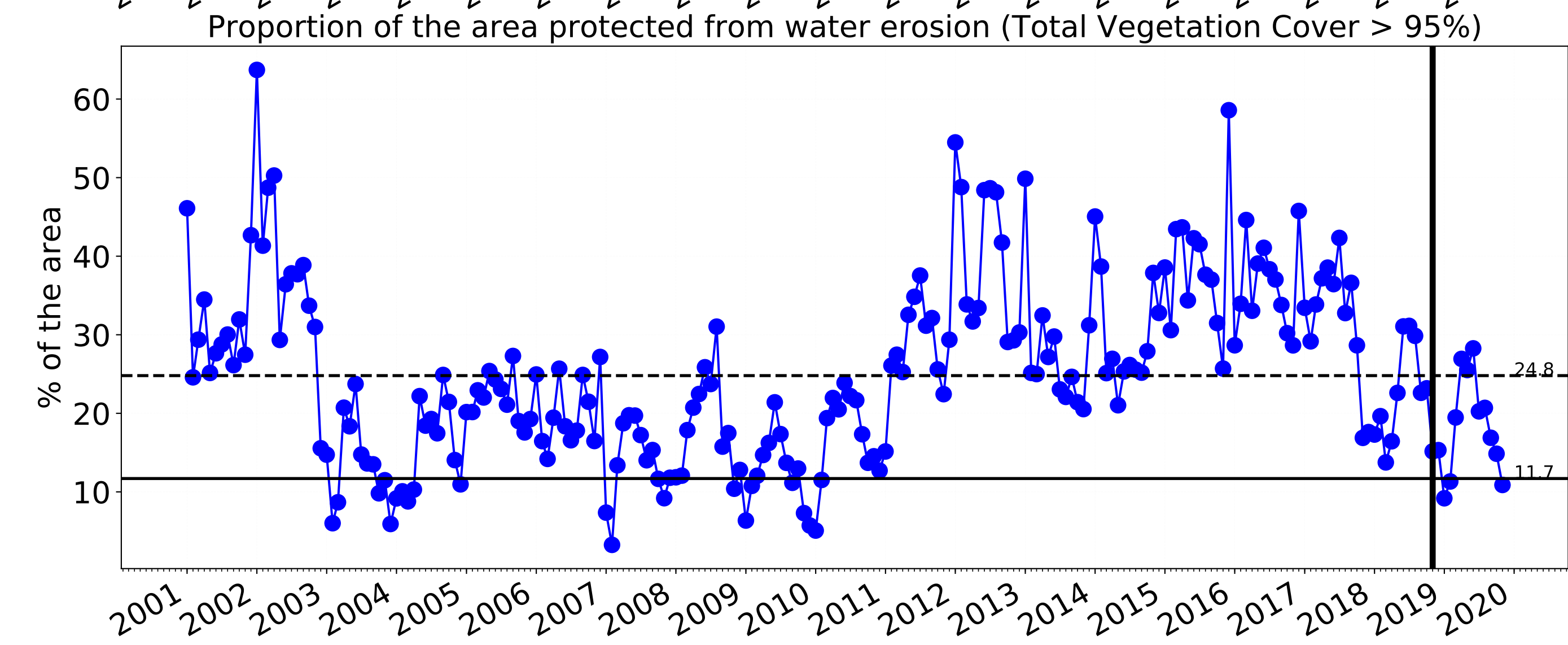
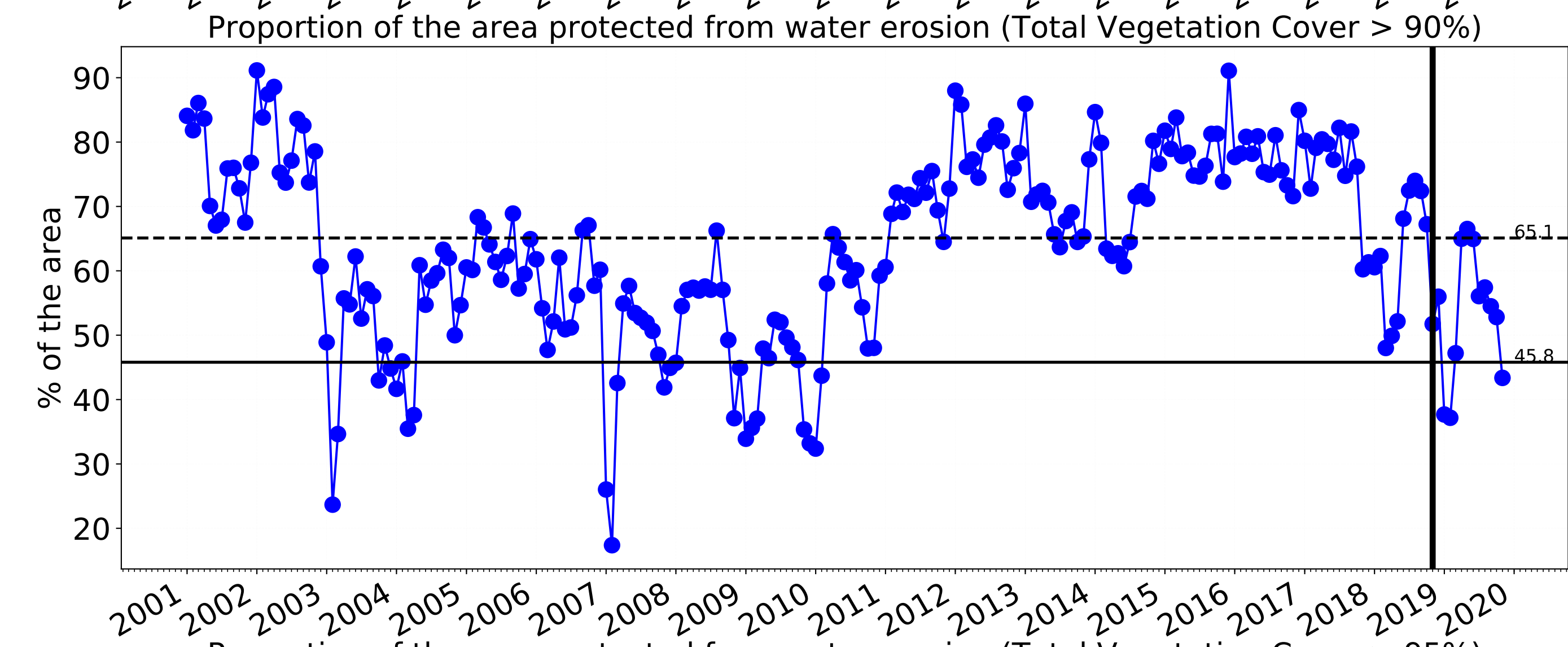
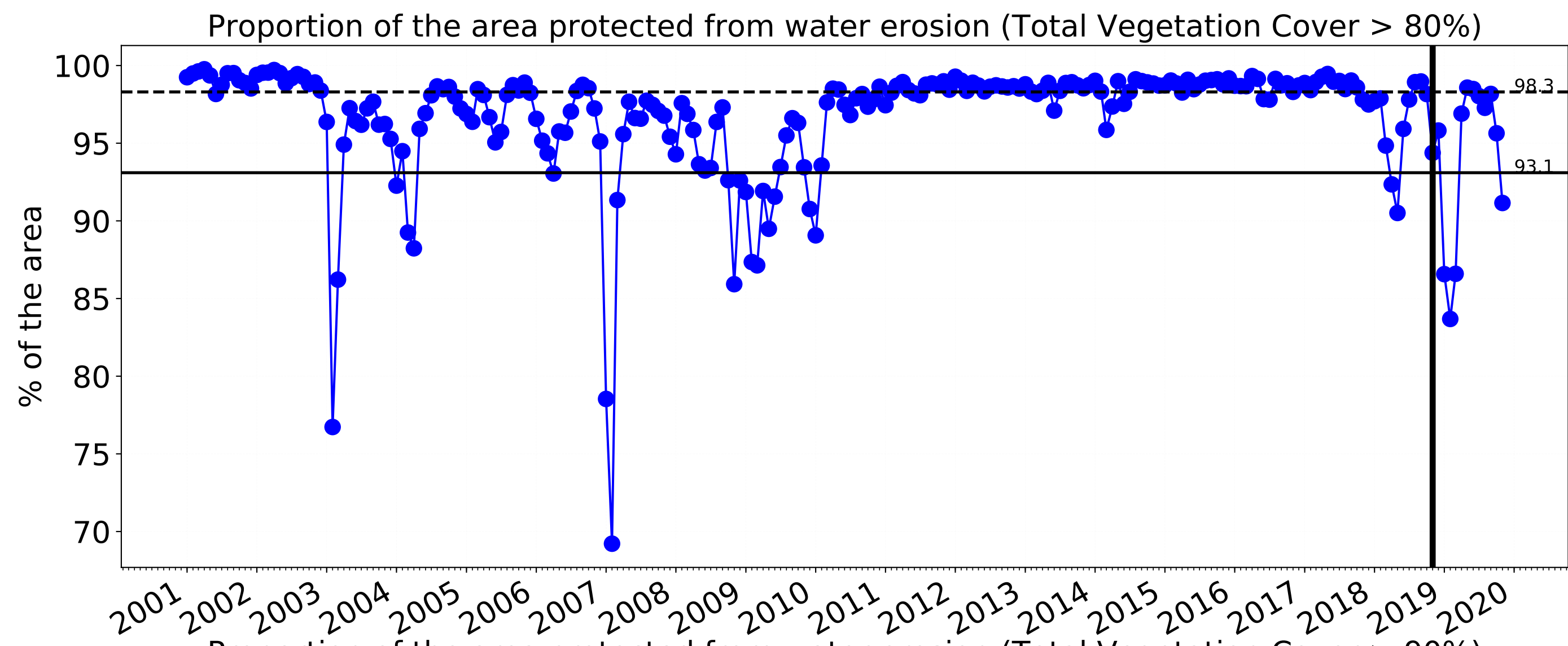
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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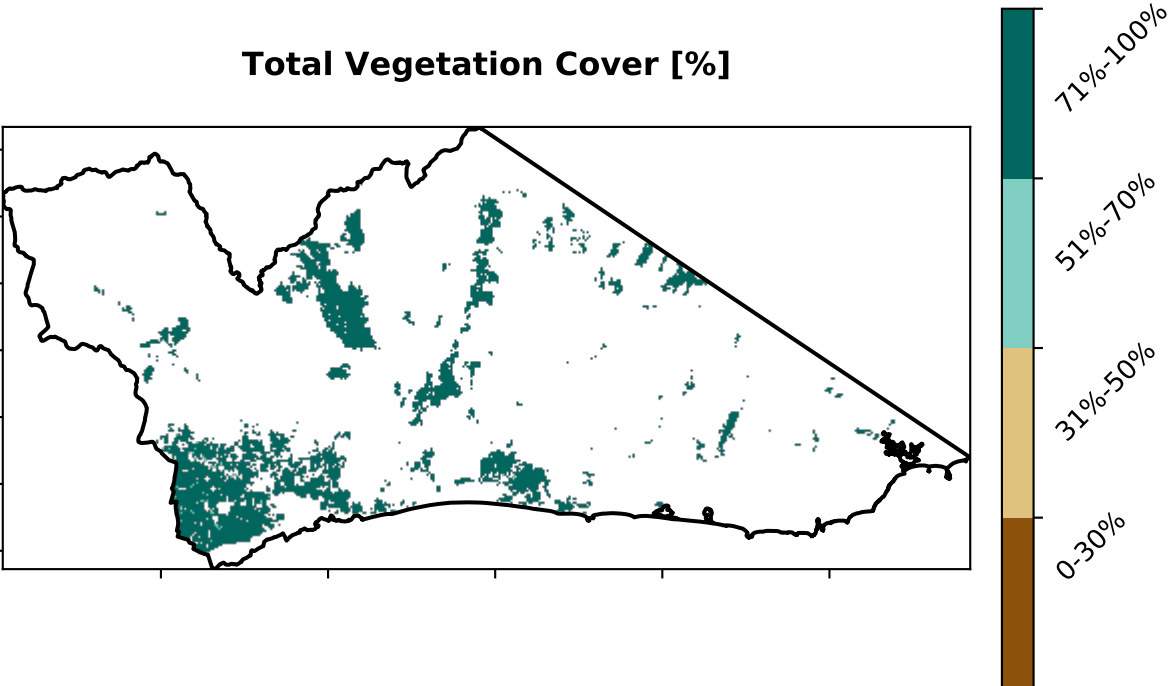


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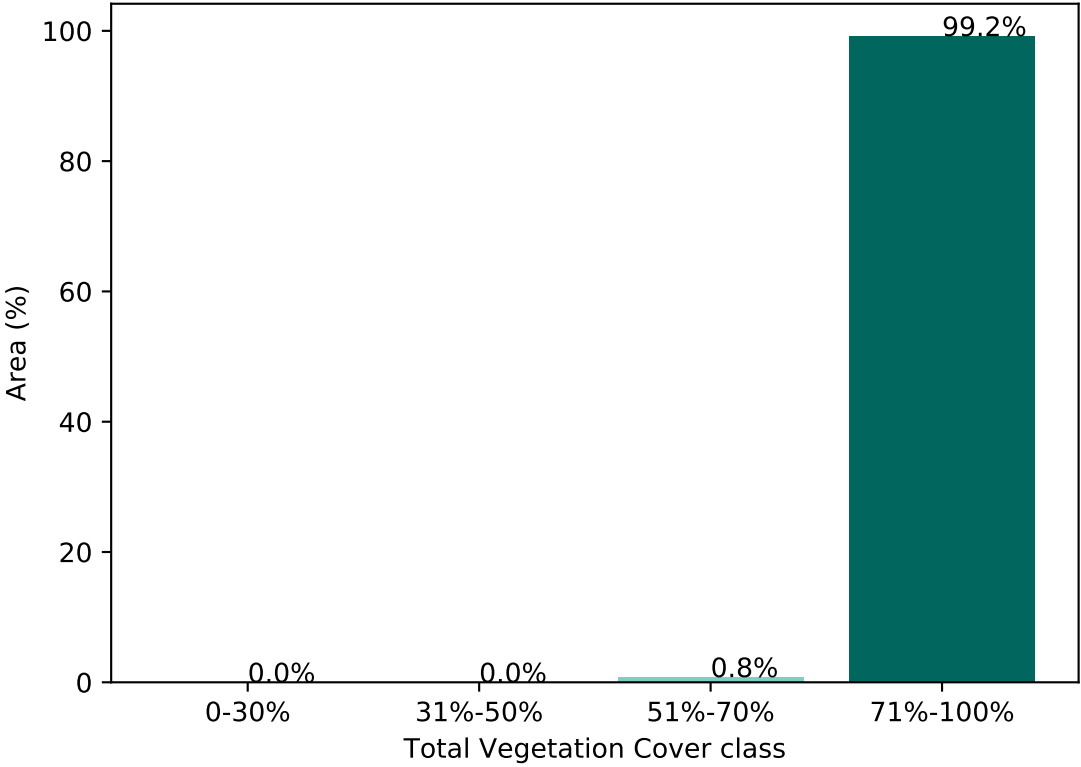
Land use and forest cover



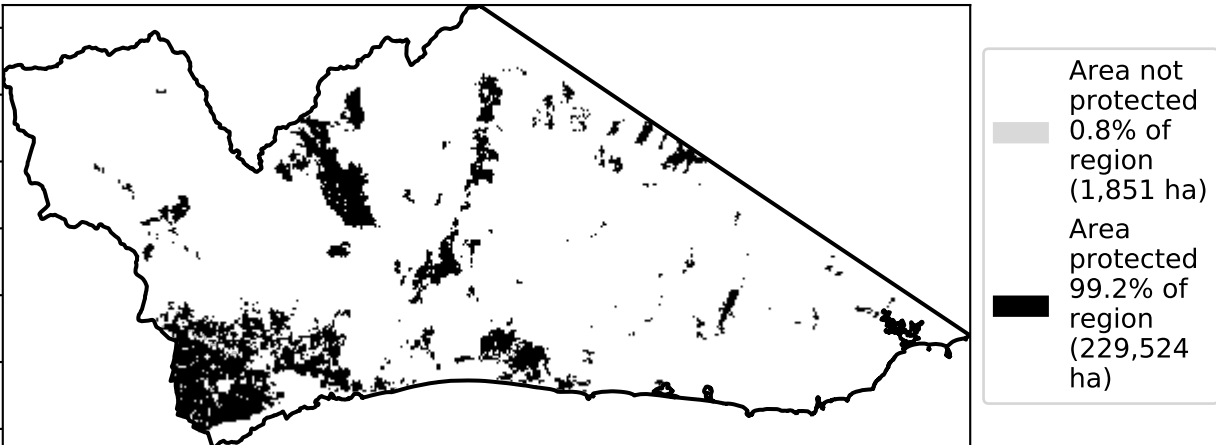
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



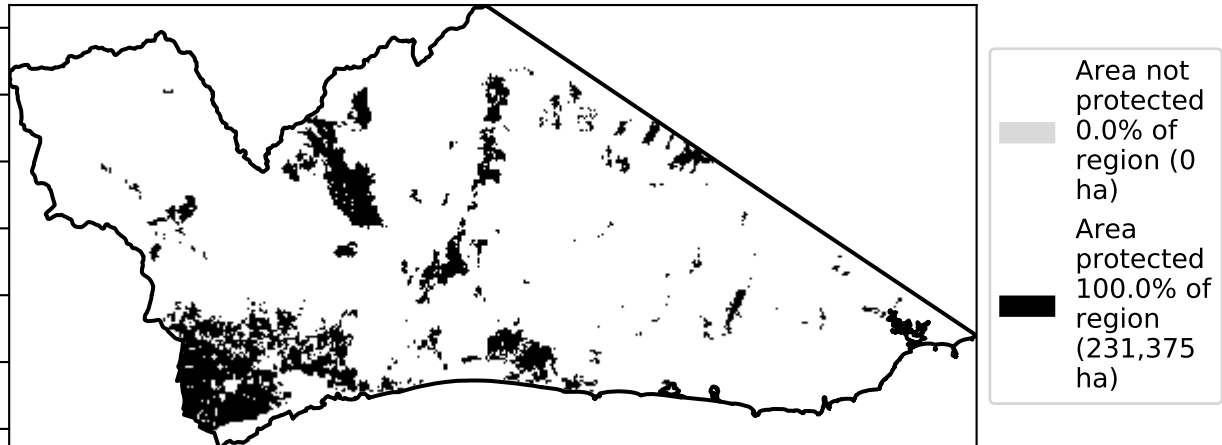
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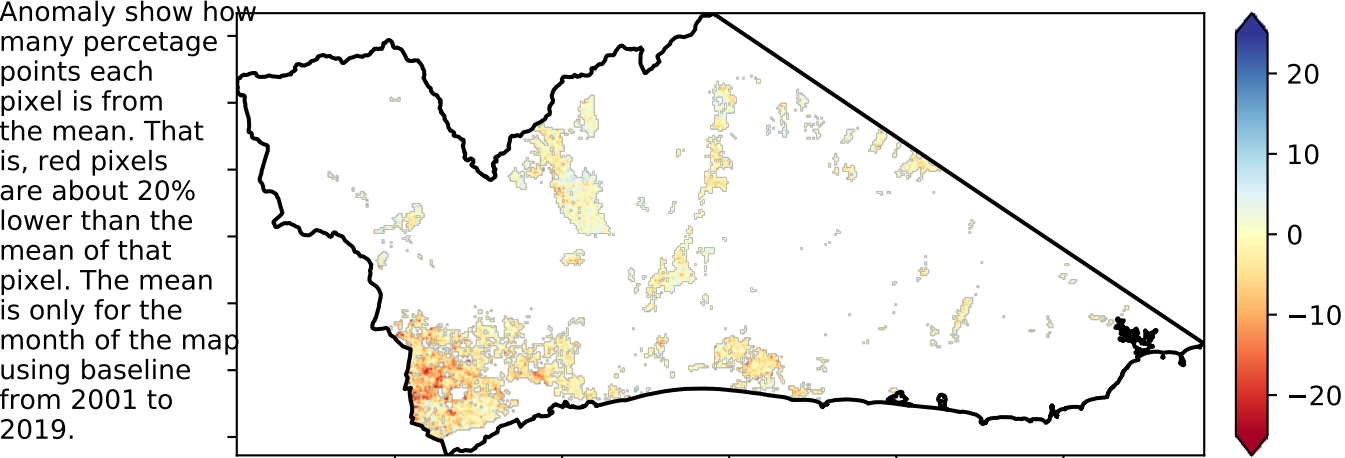
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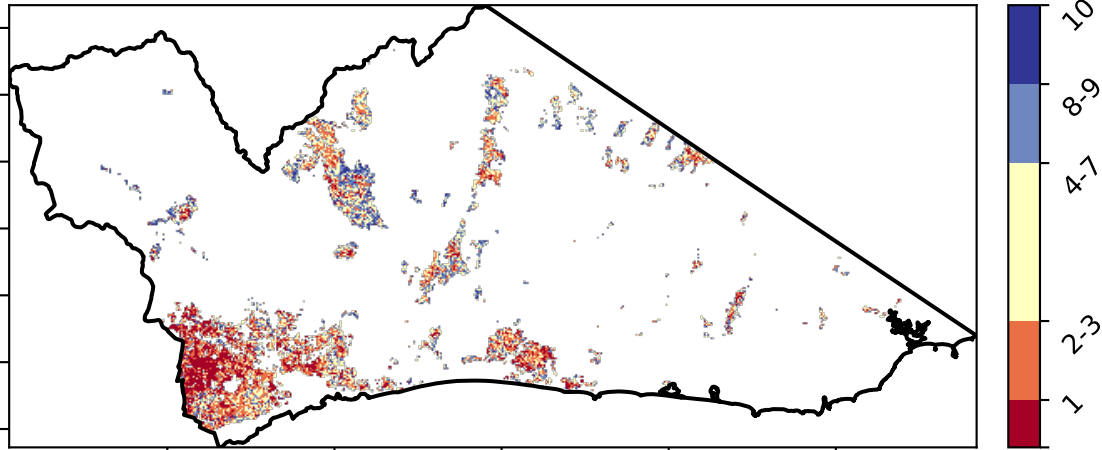


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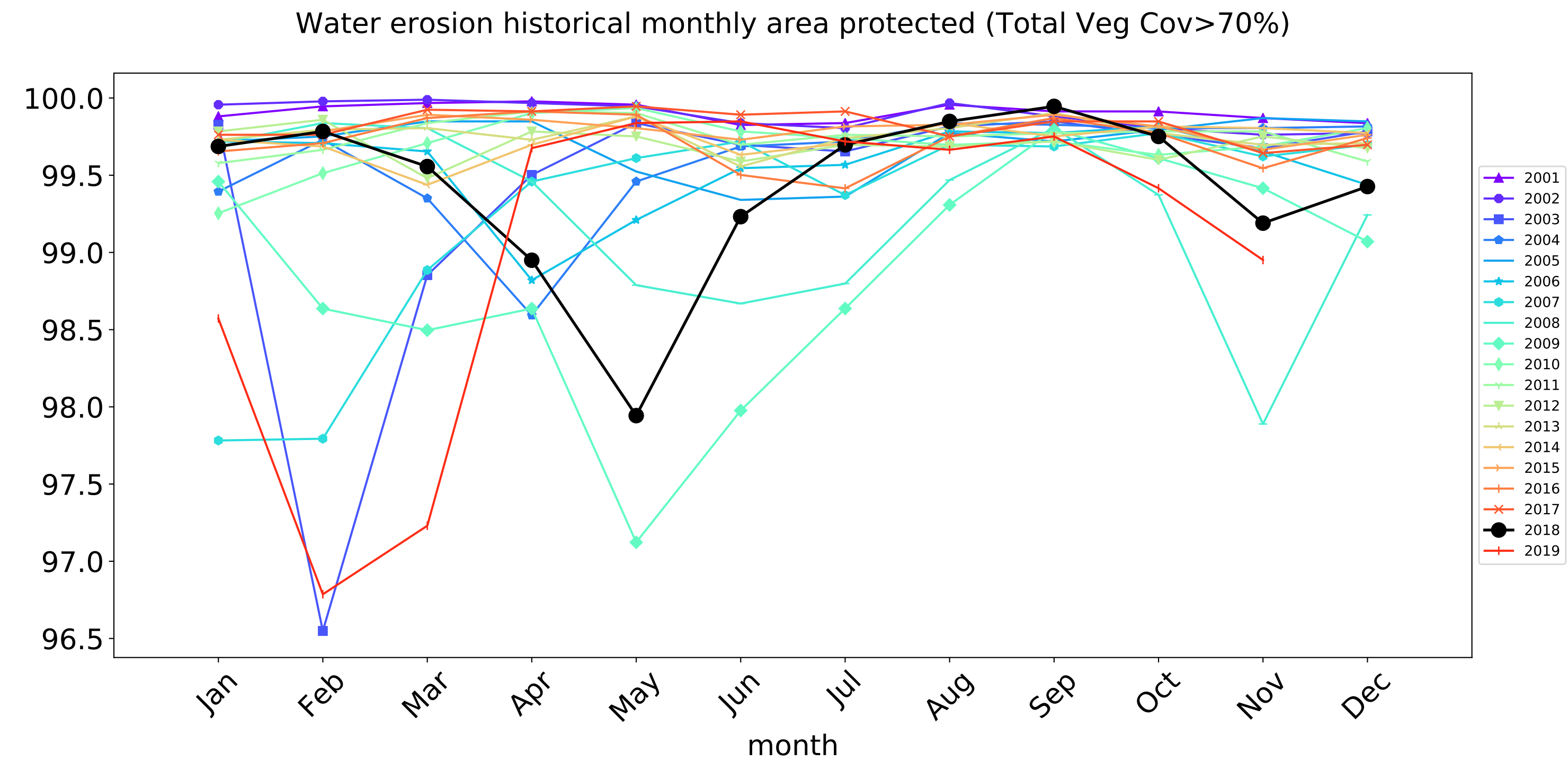
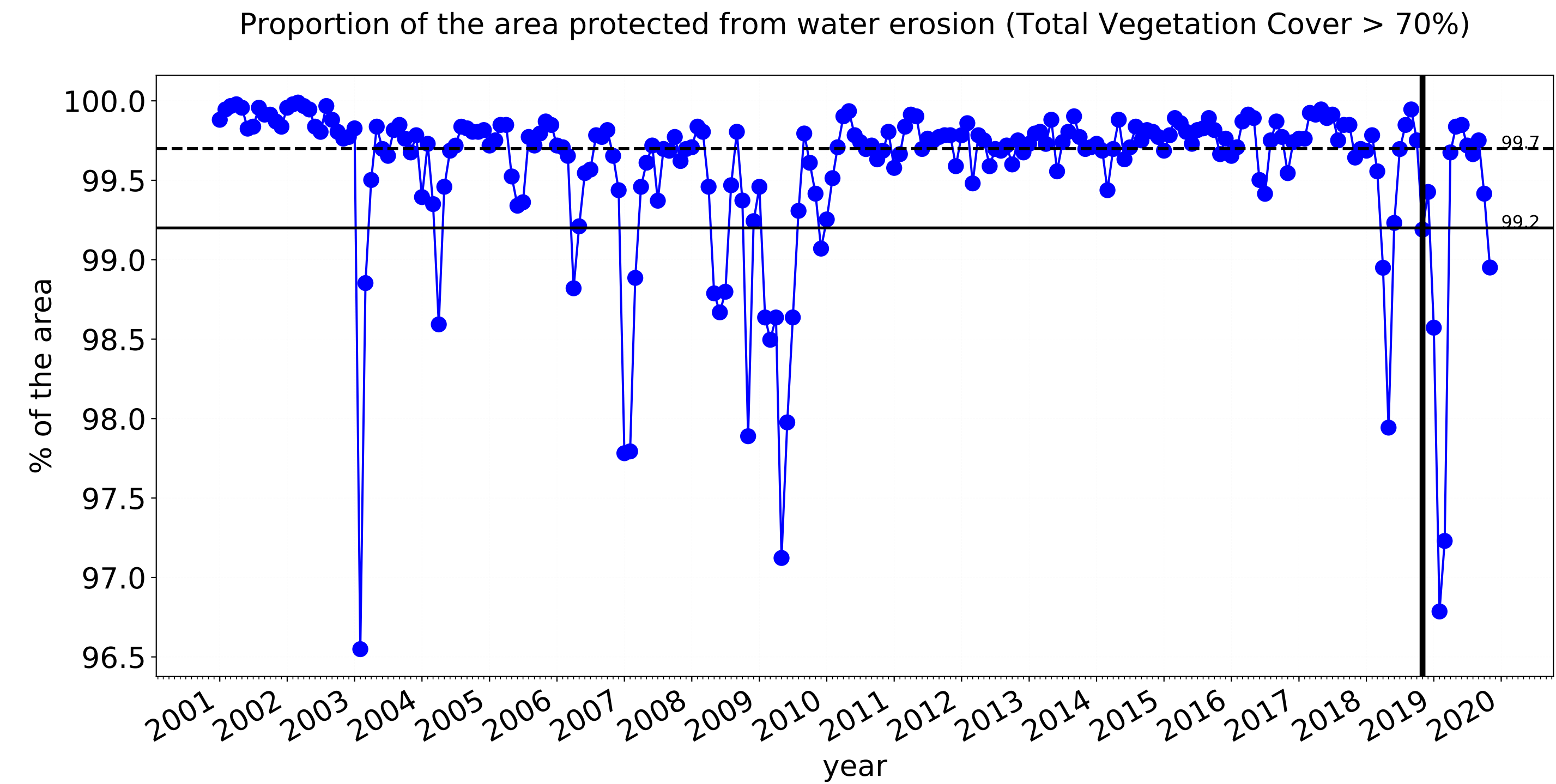
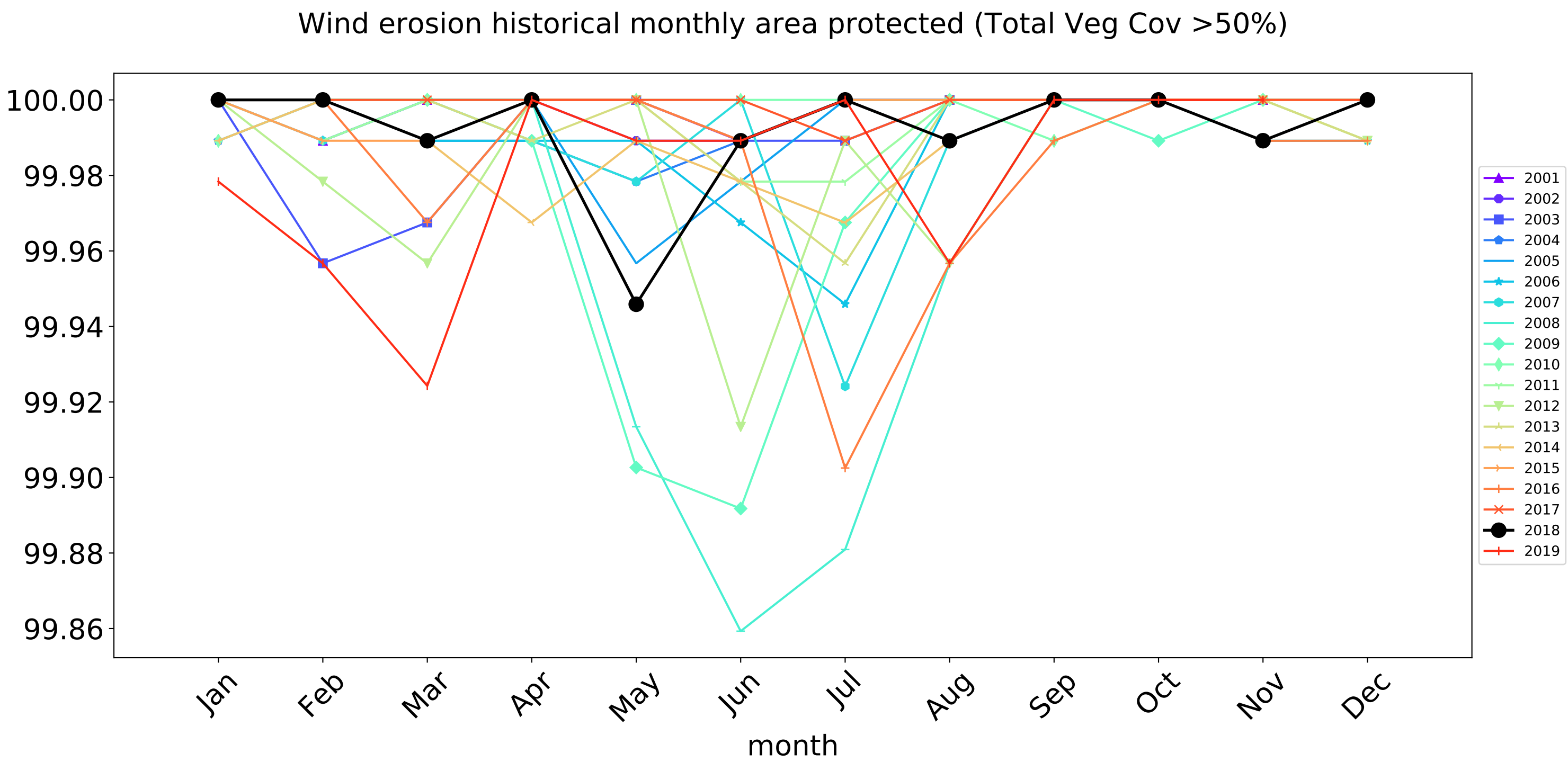
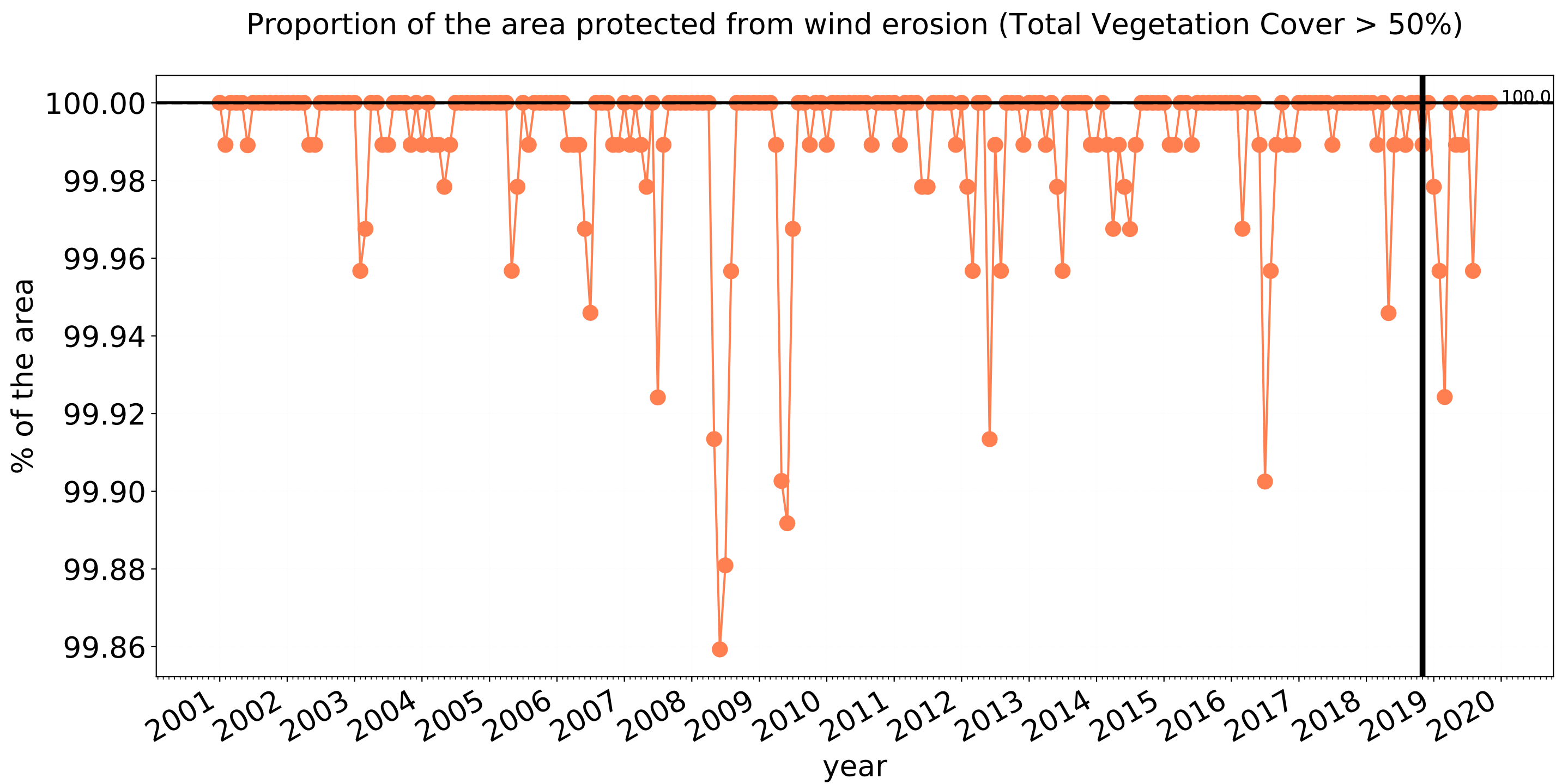


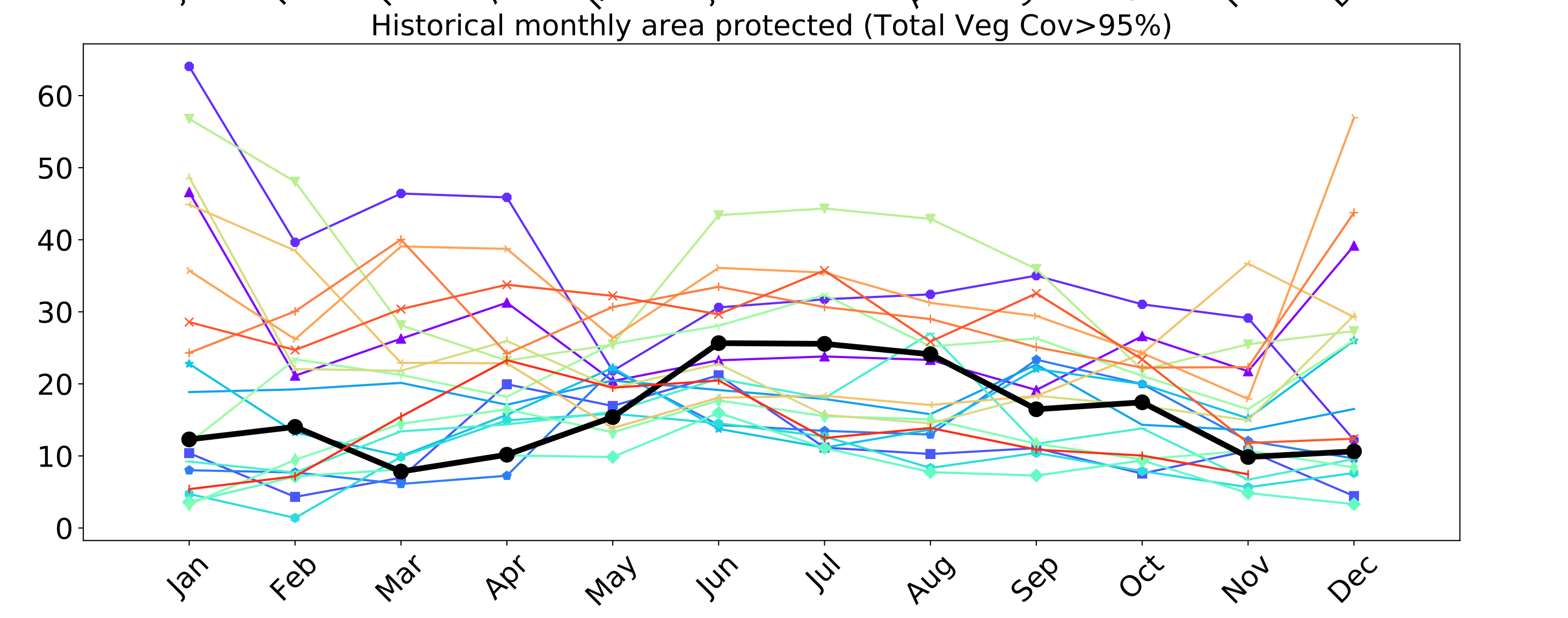
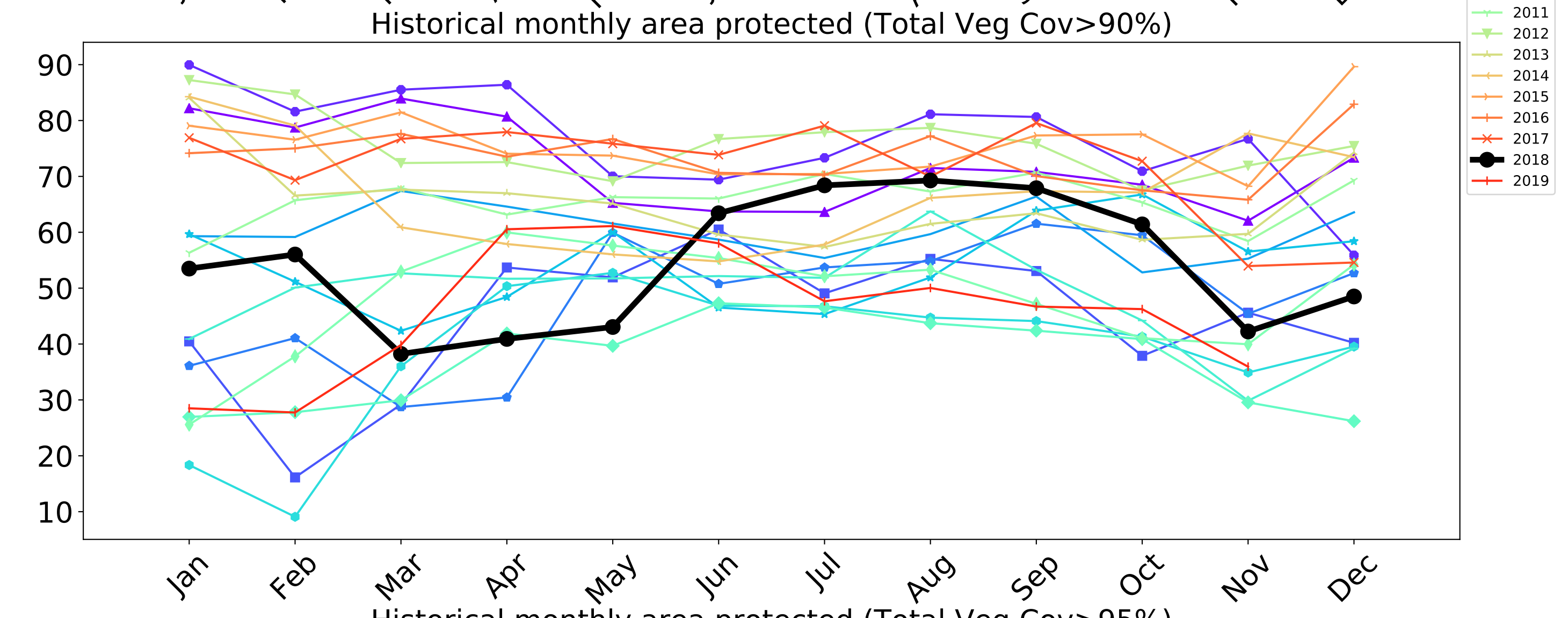
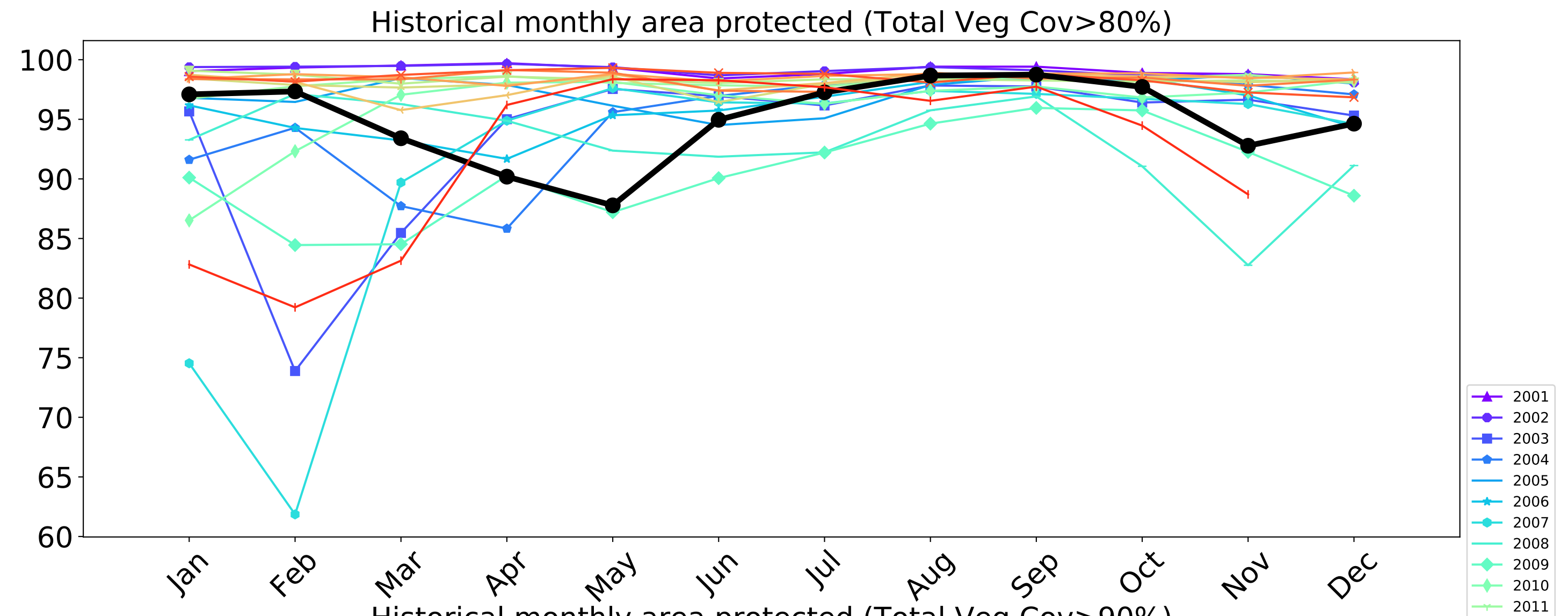
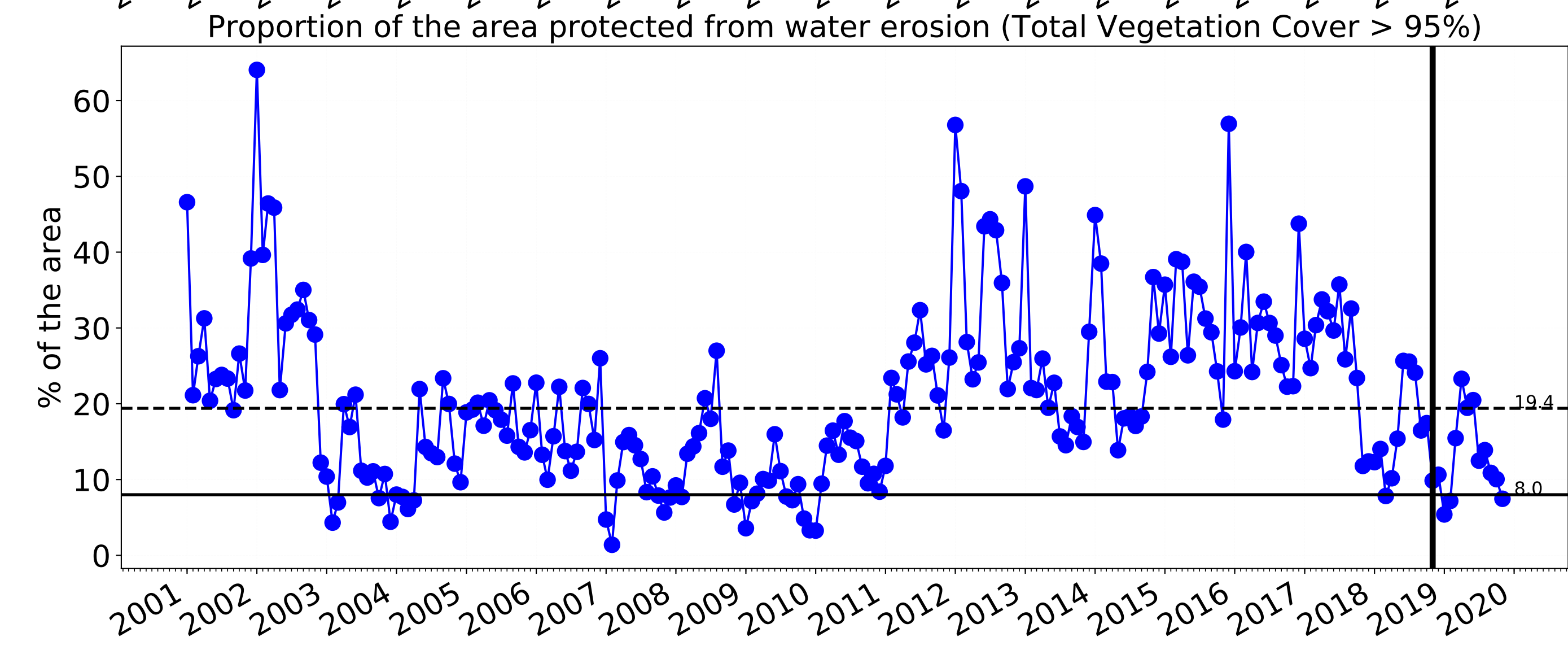
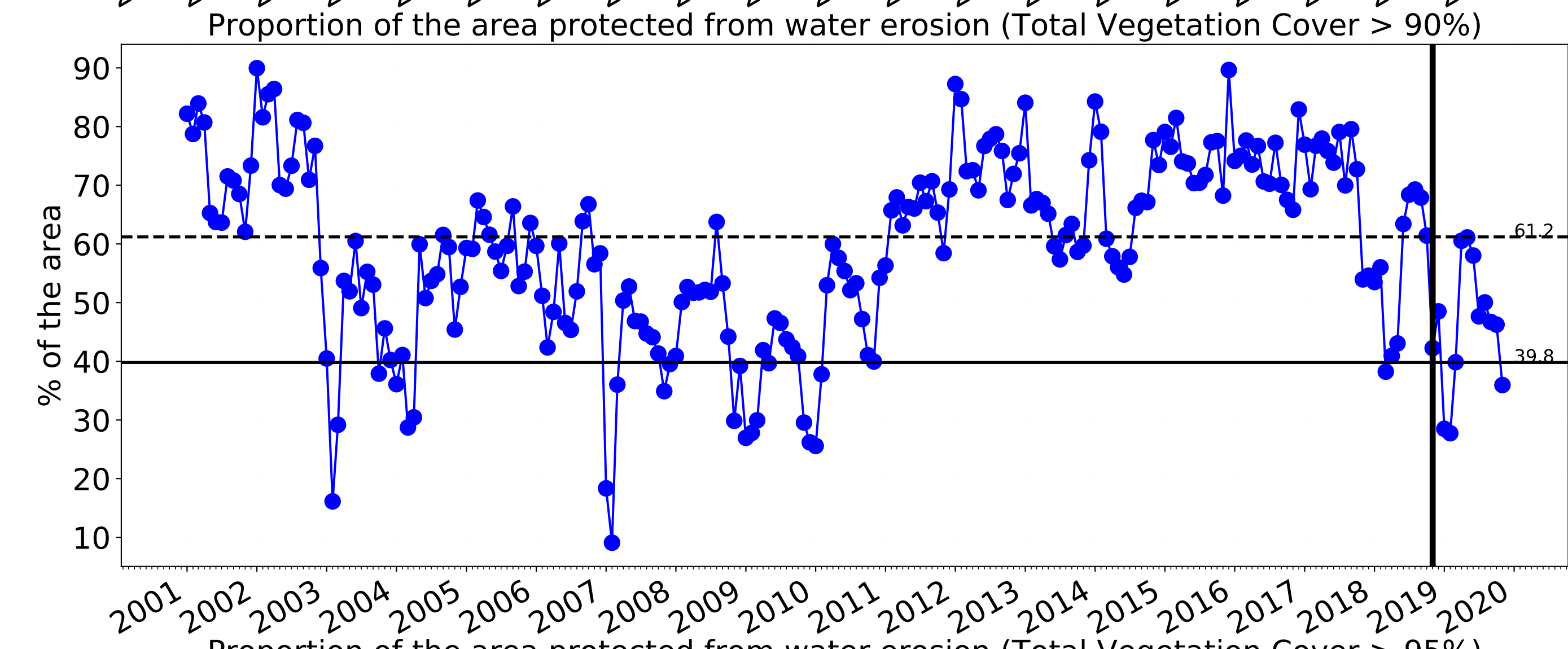
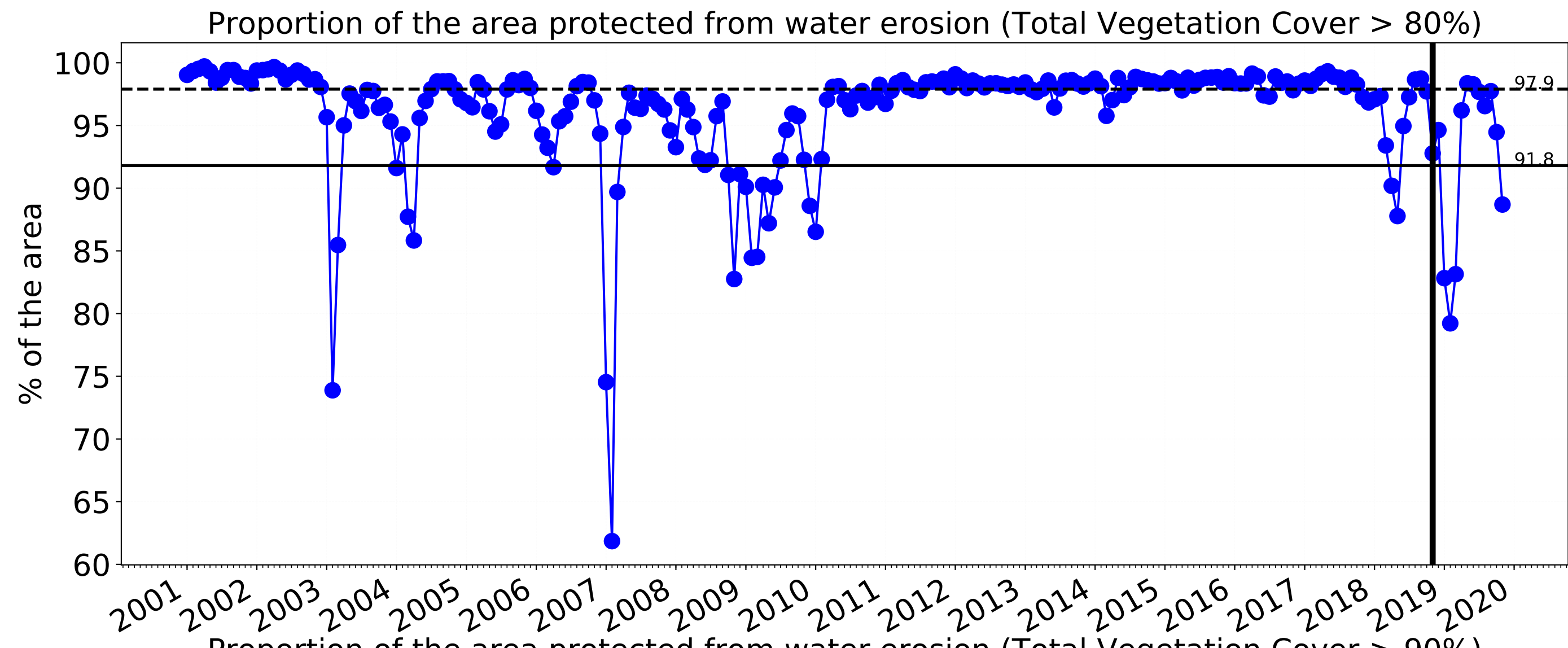
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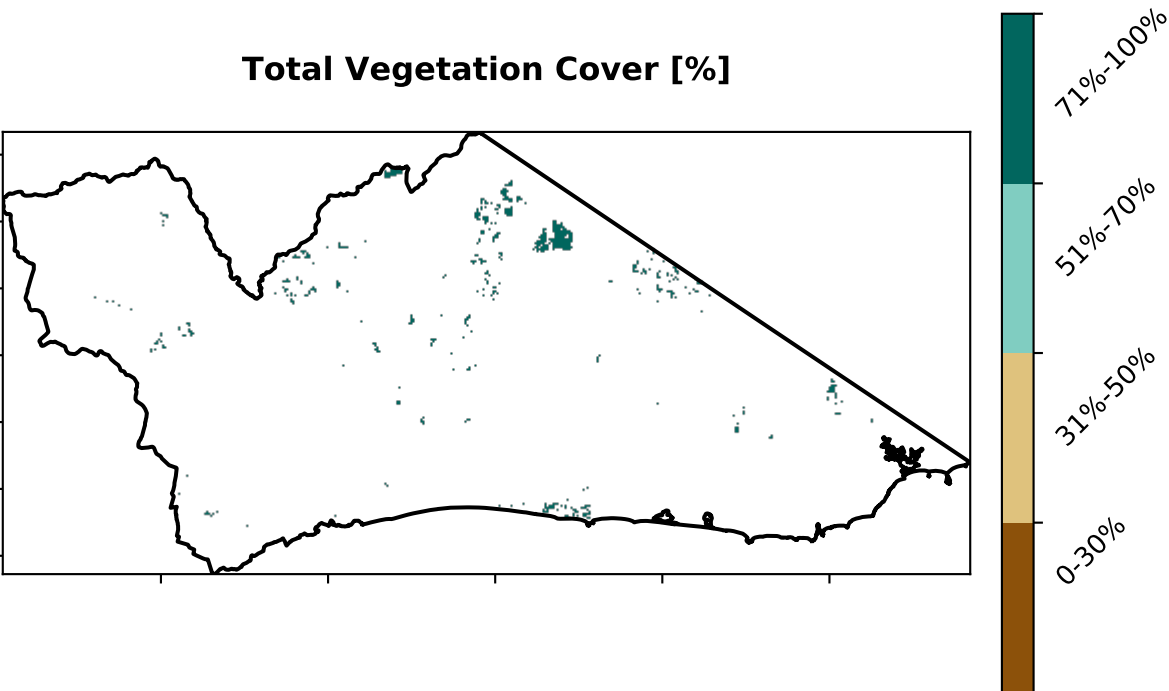


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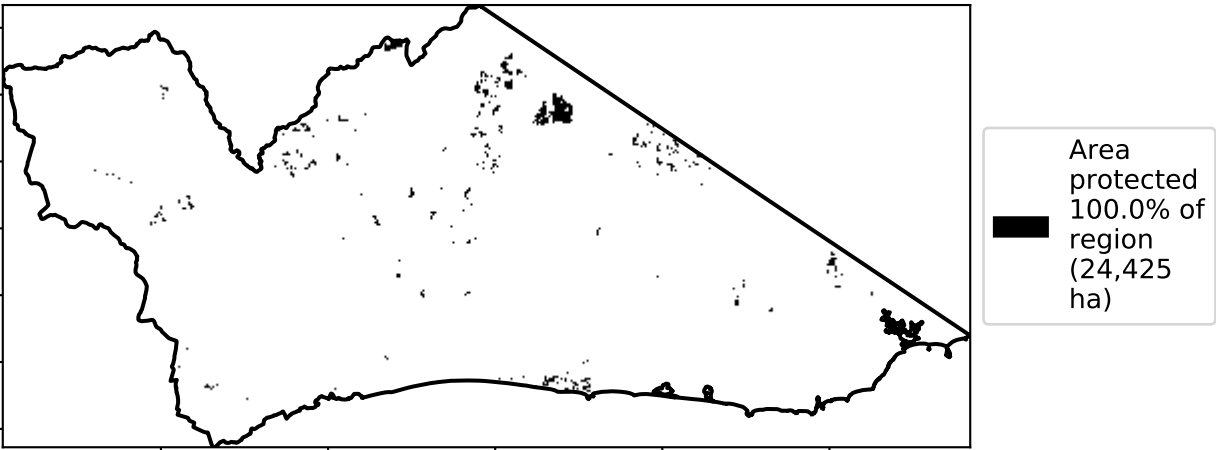
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



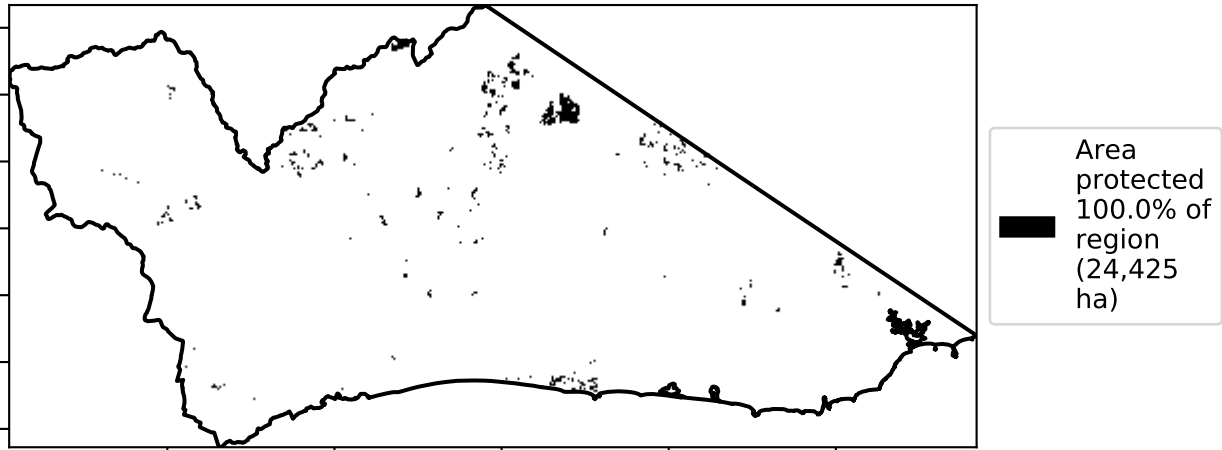
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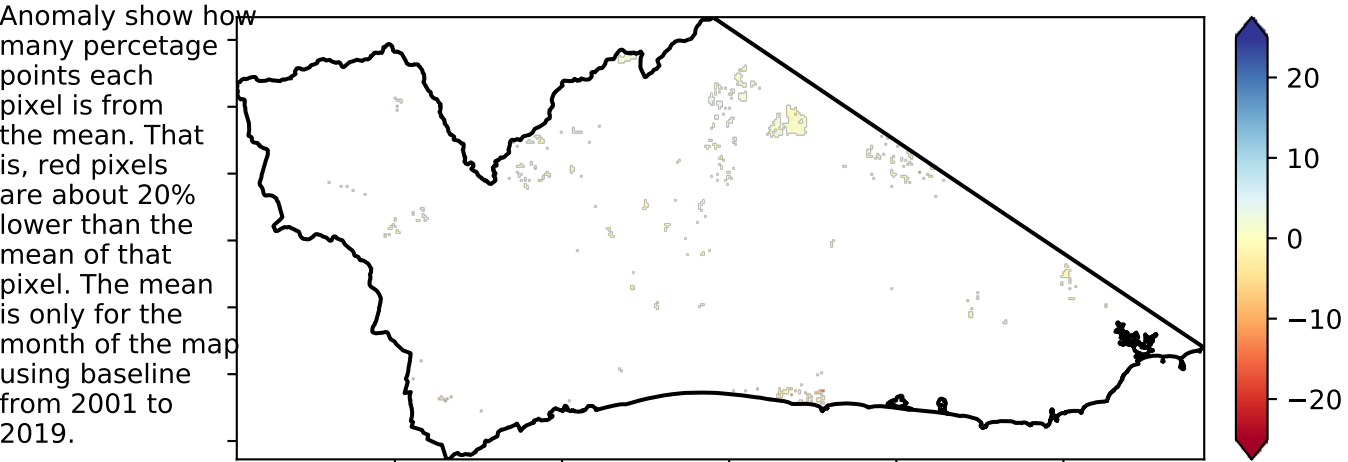
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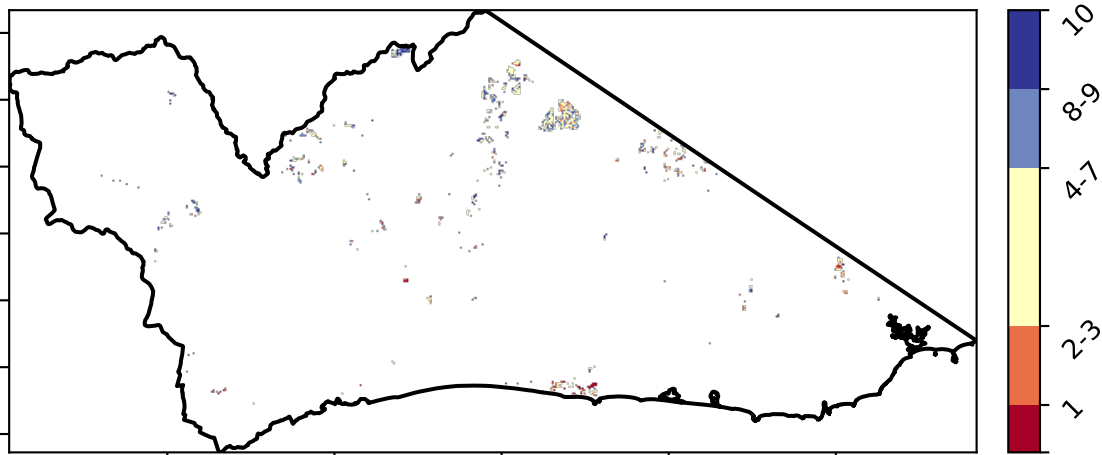


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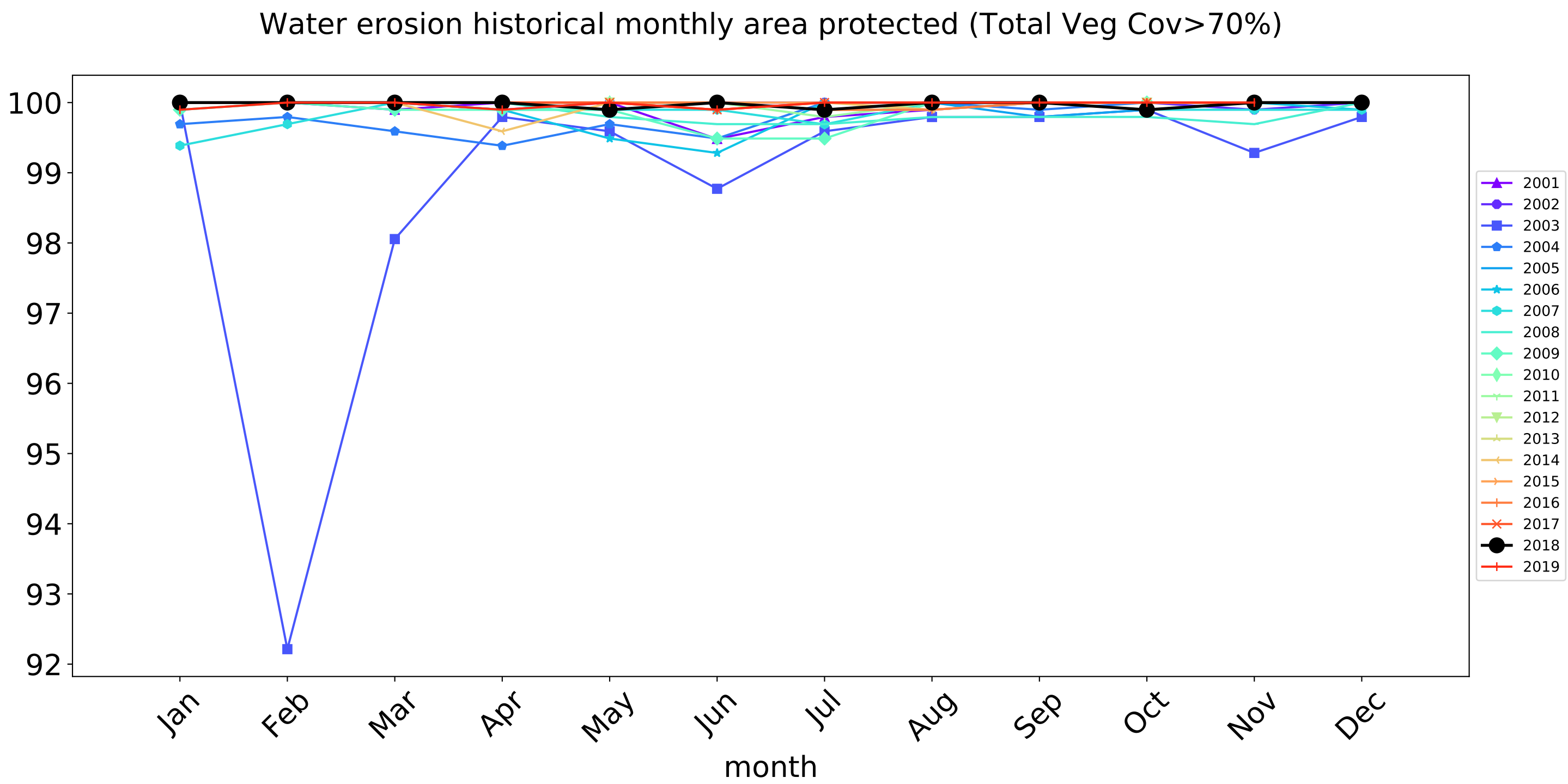
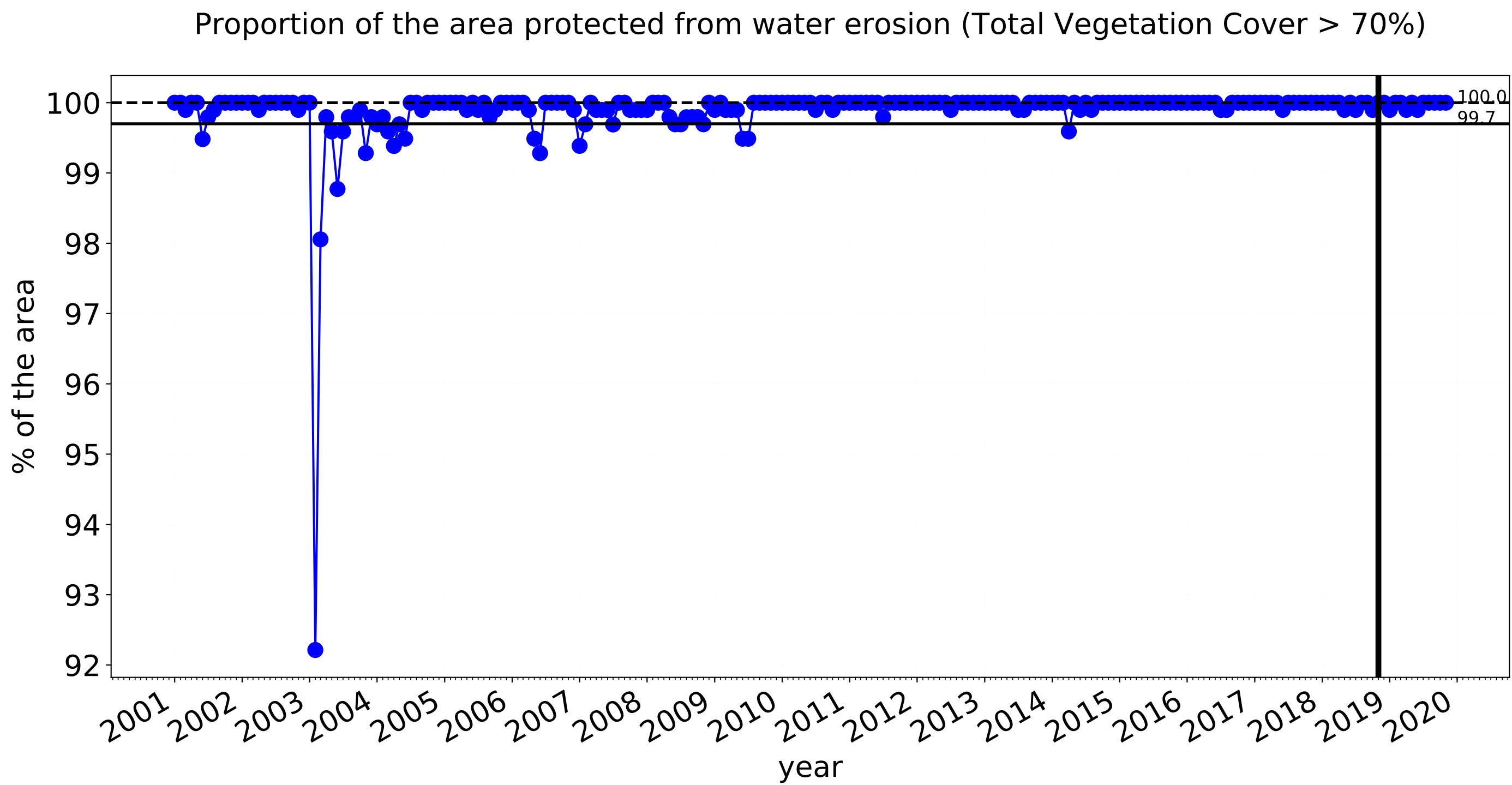
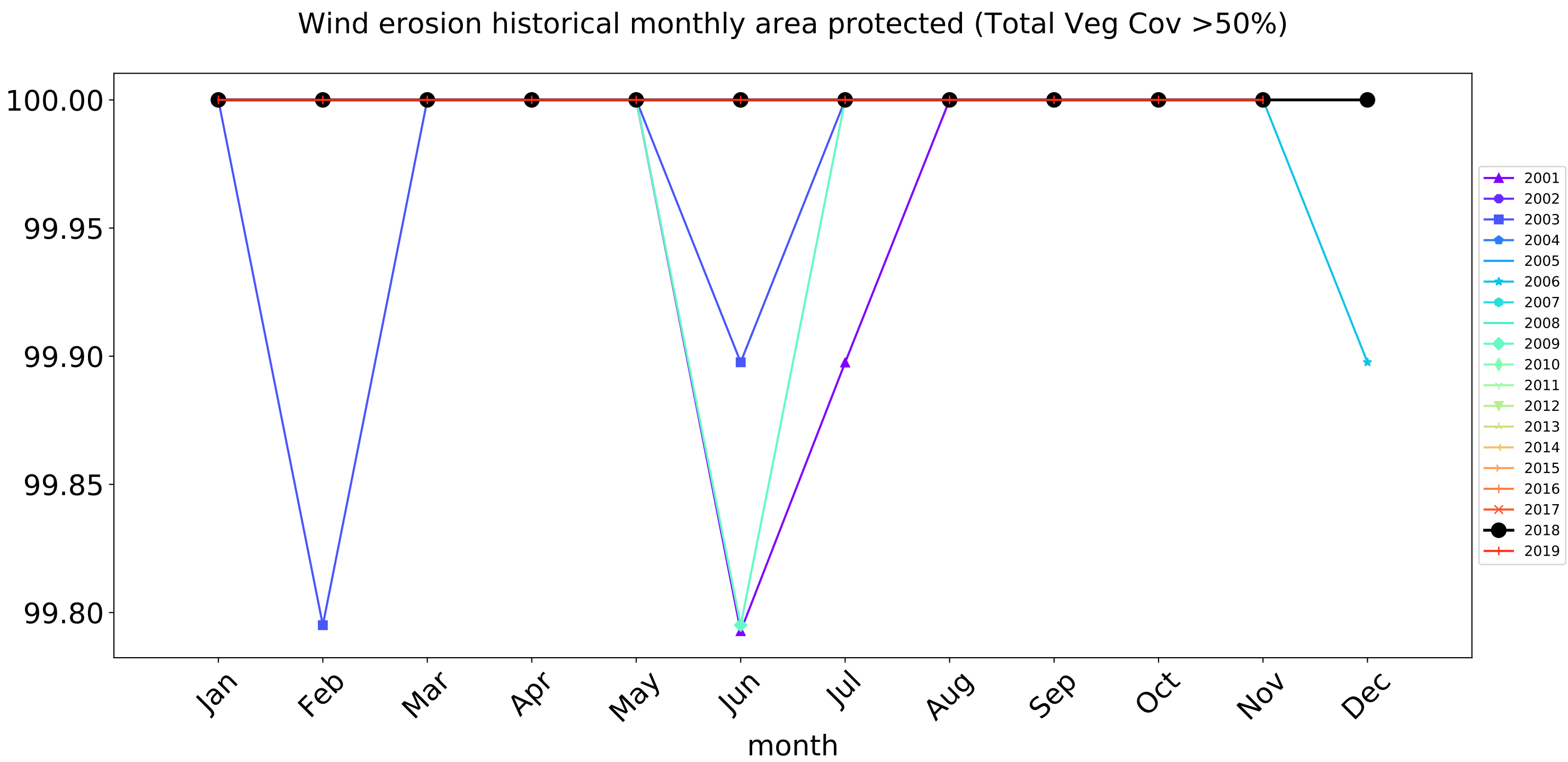
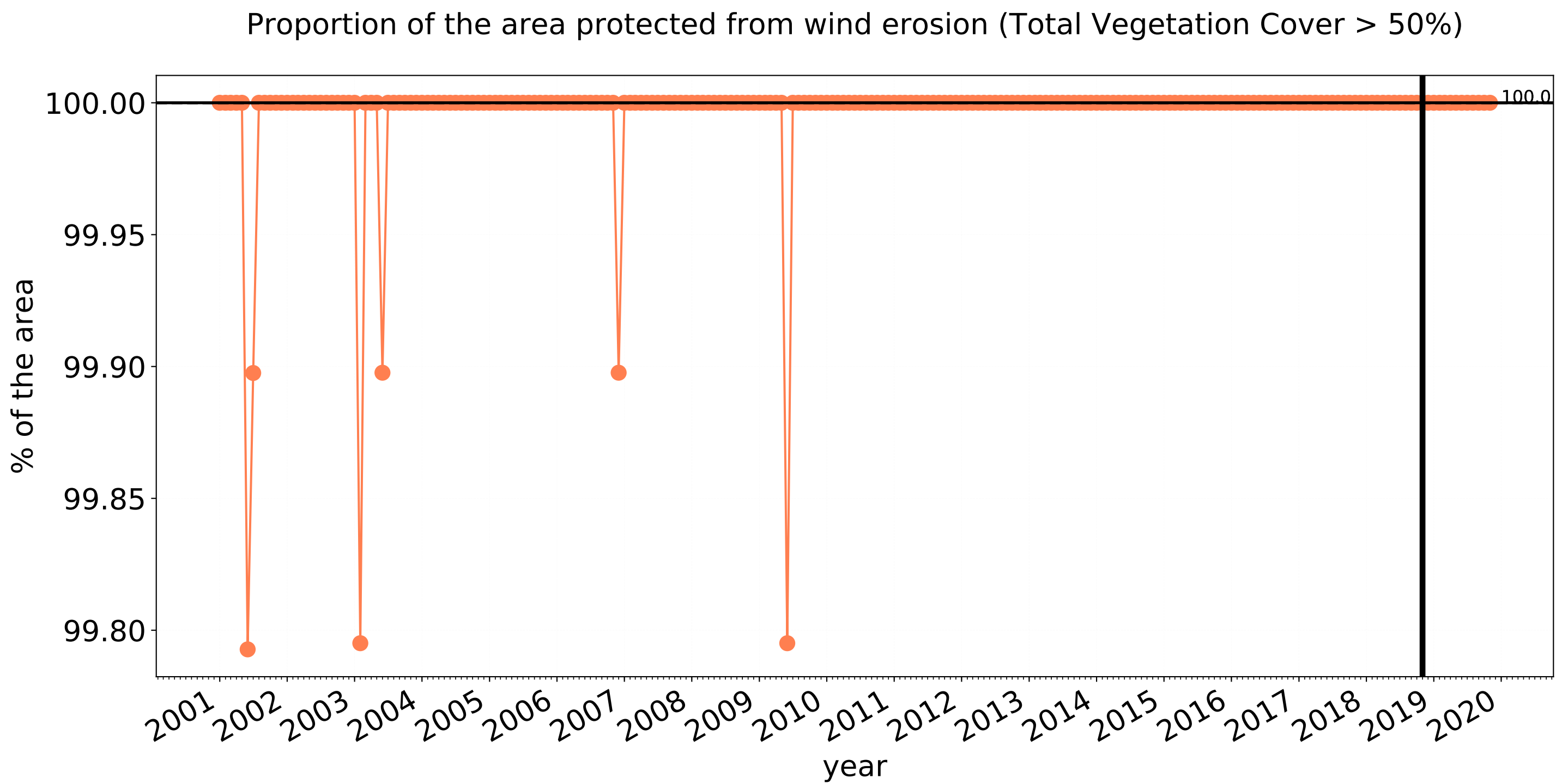


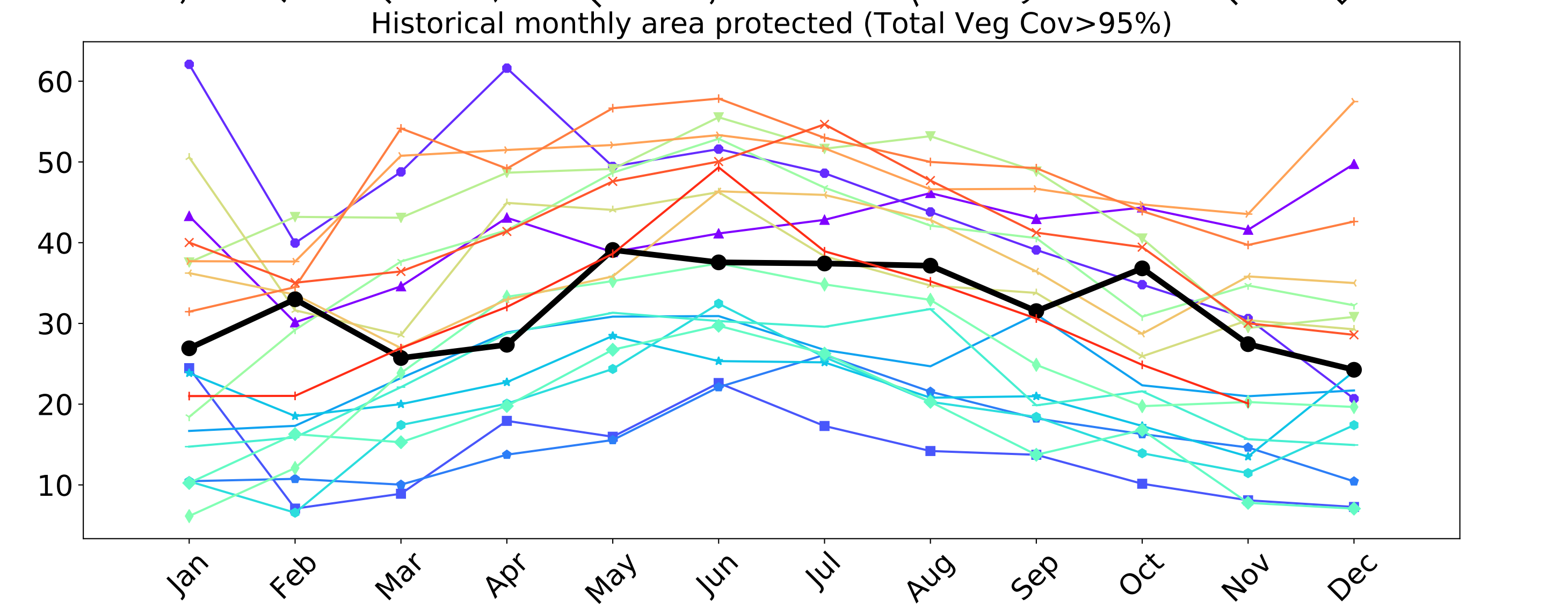
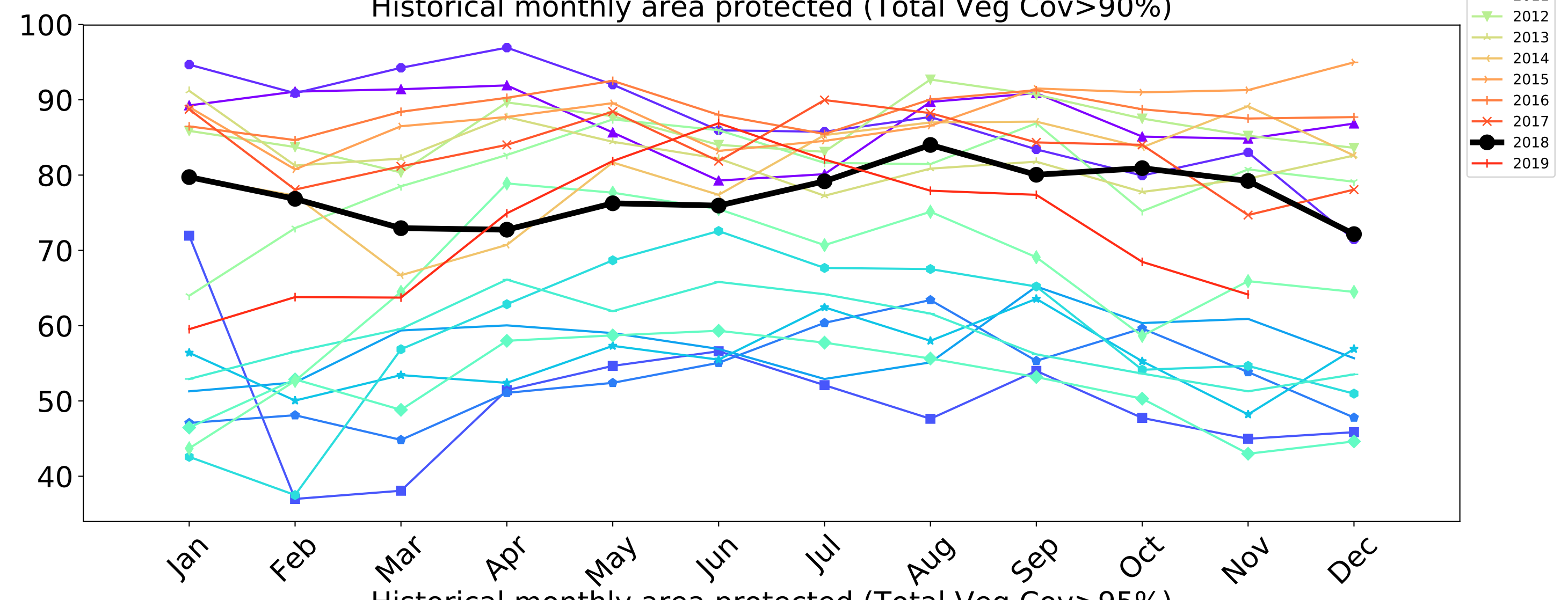
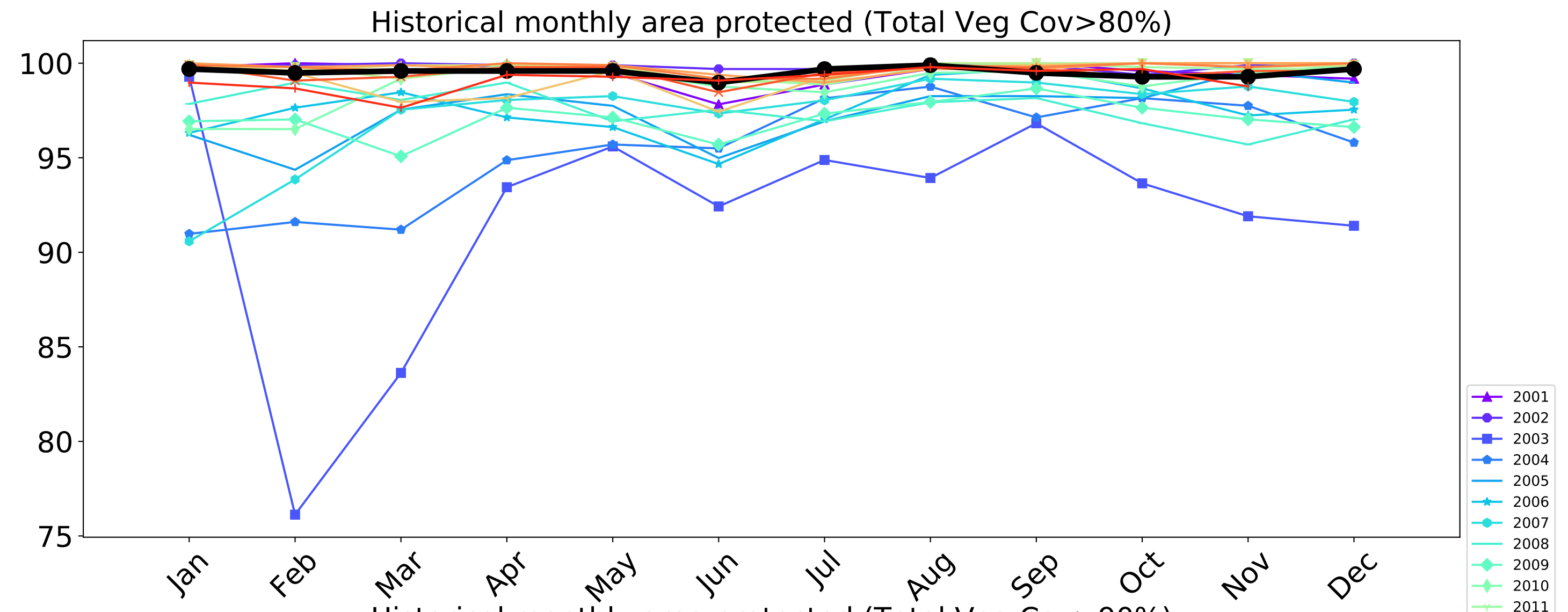
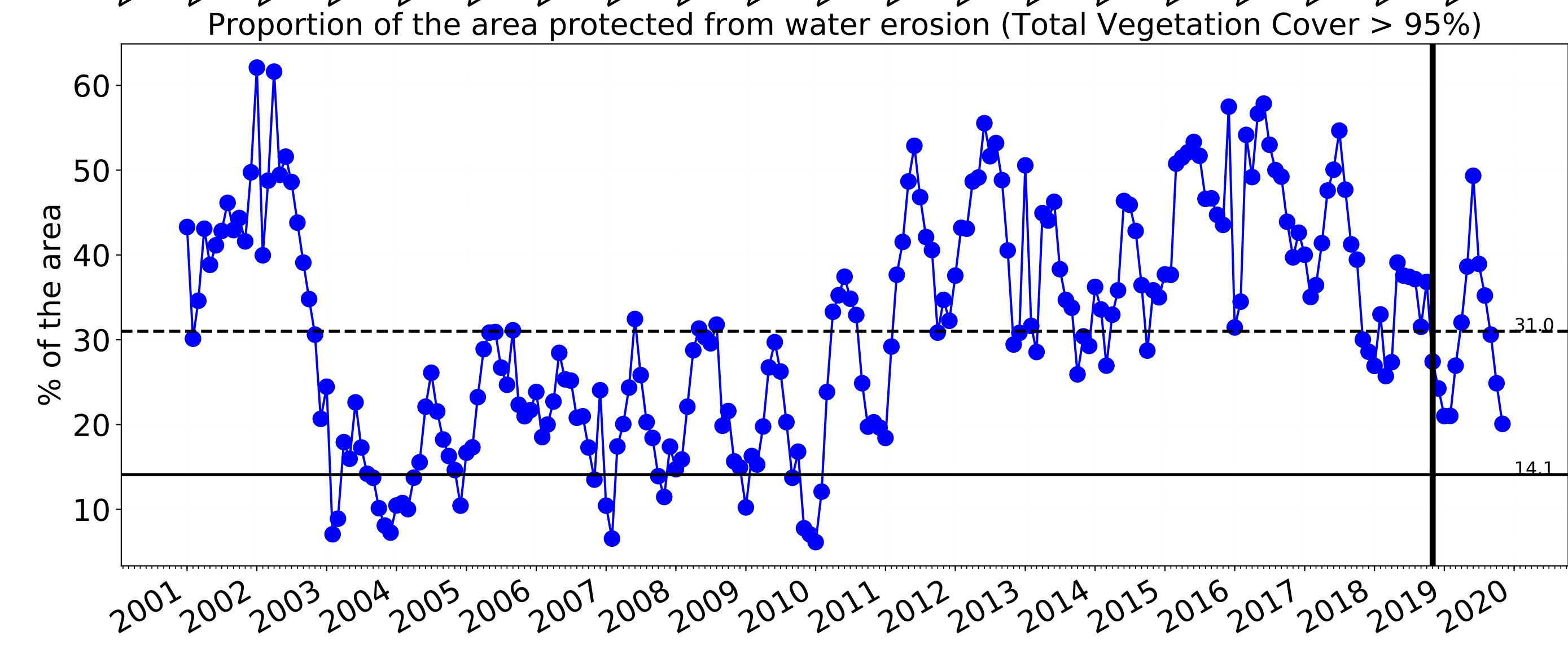
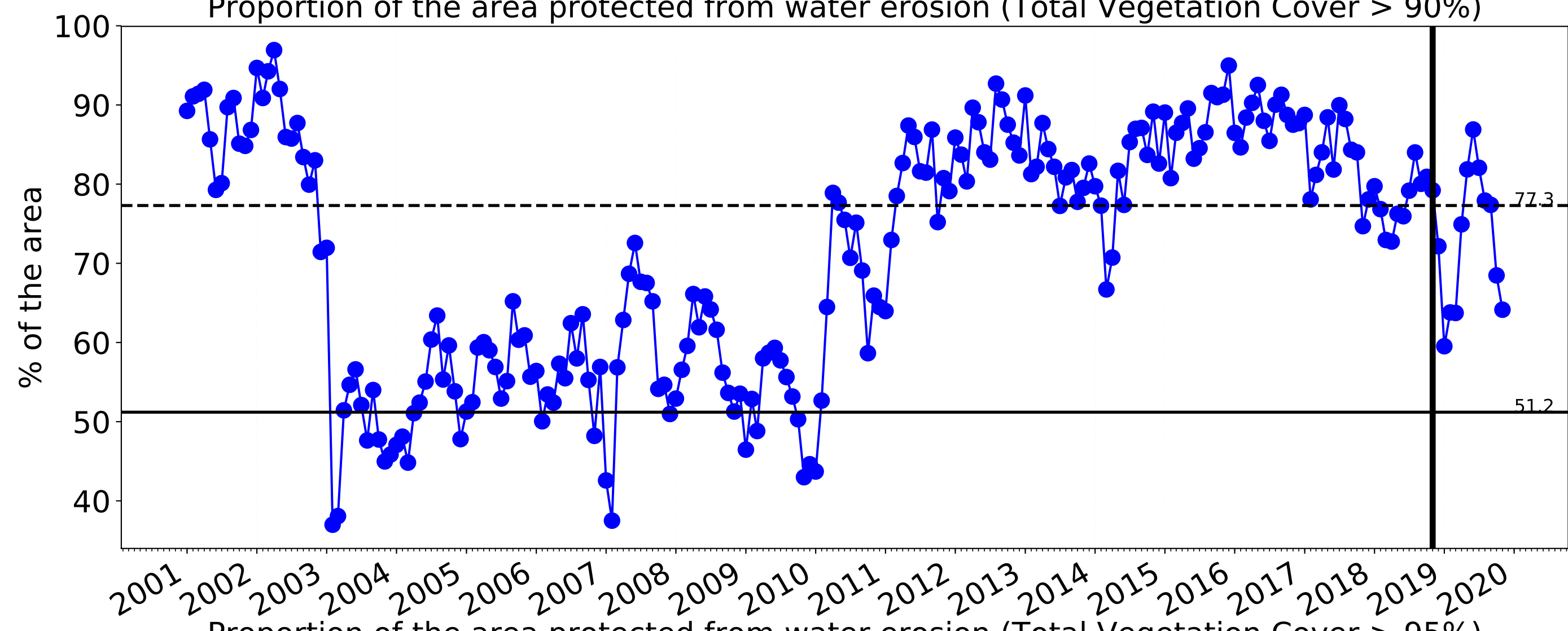
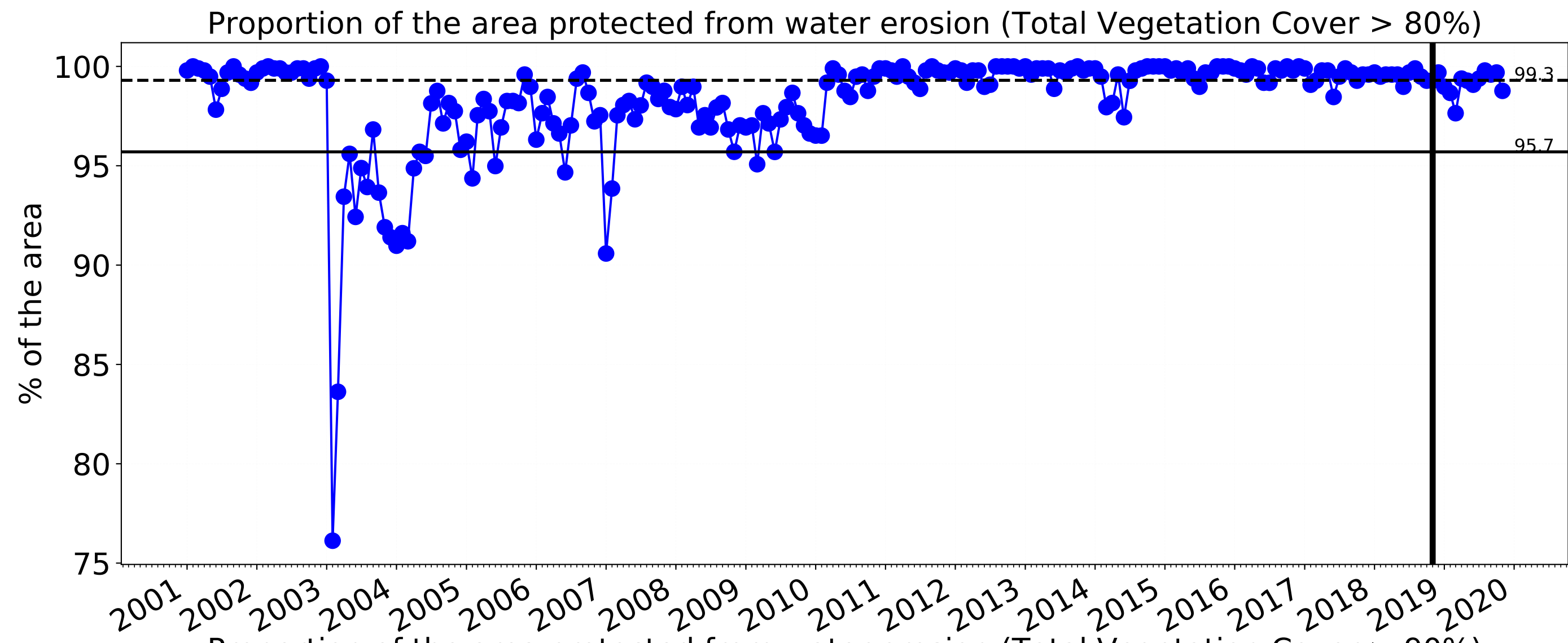
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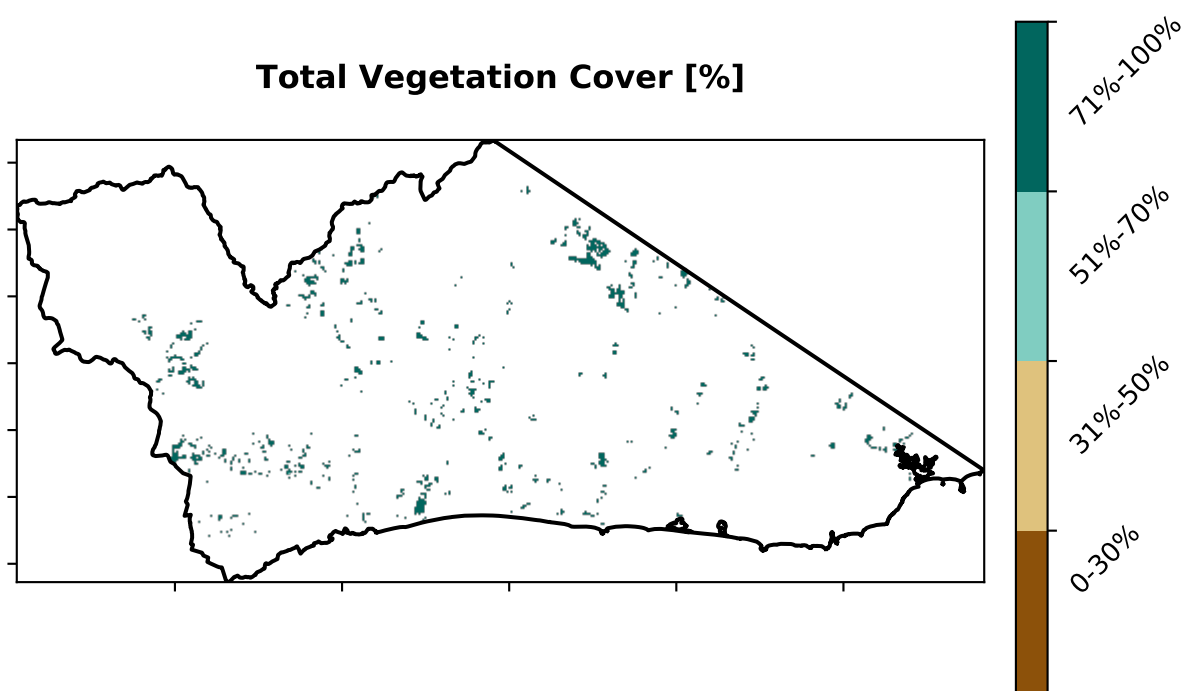


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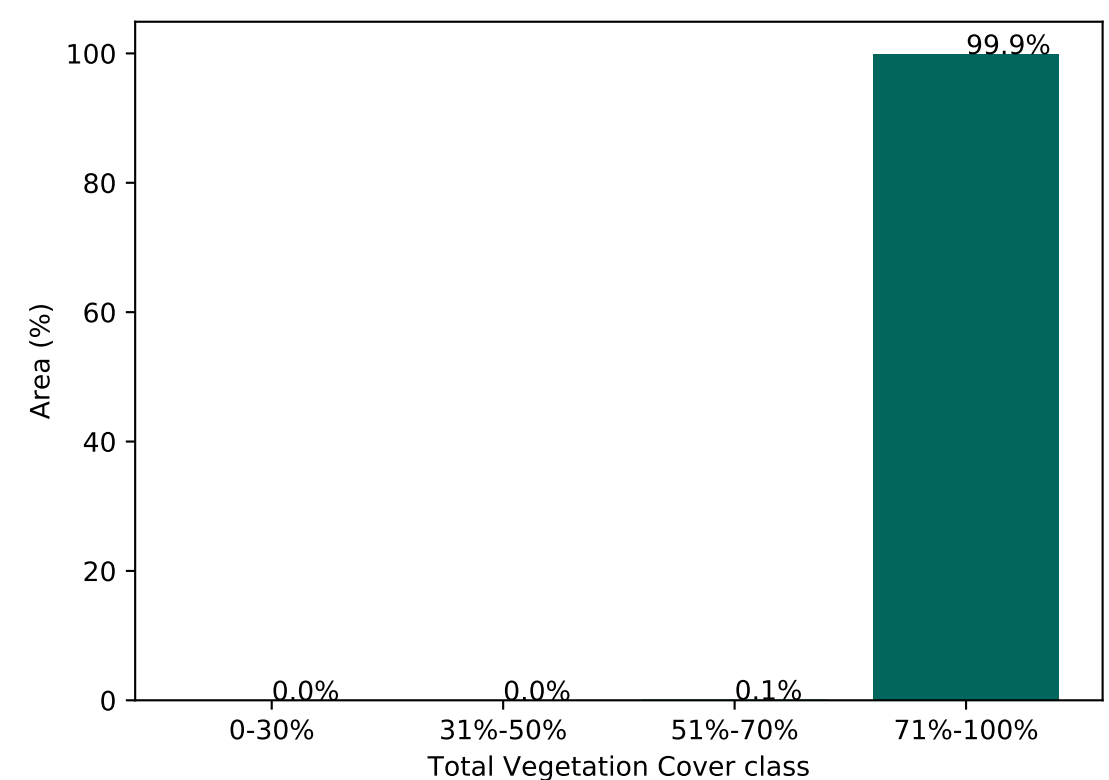
Land use and forest cover



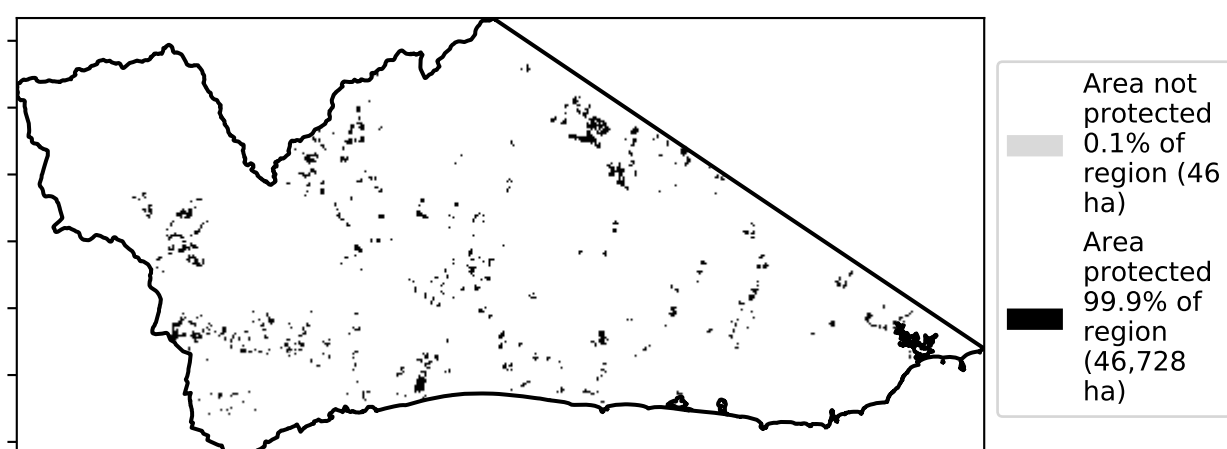
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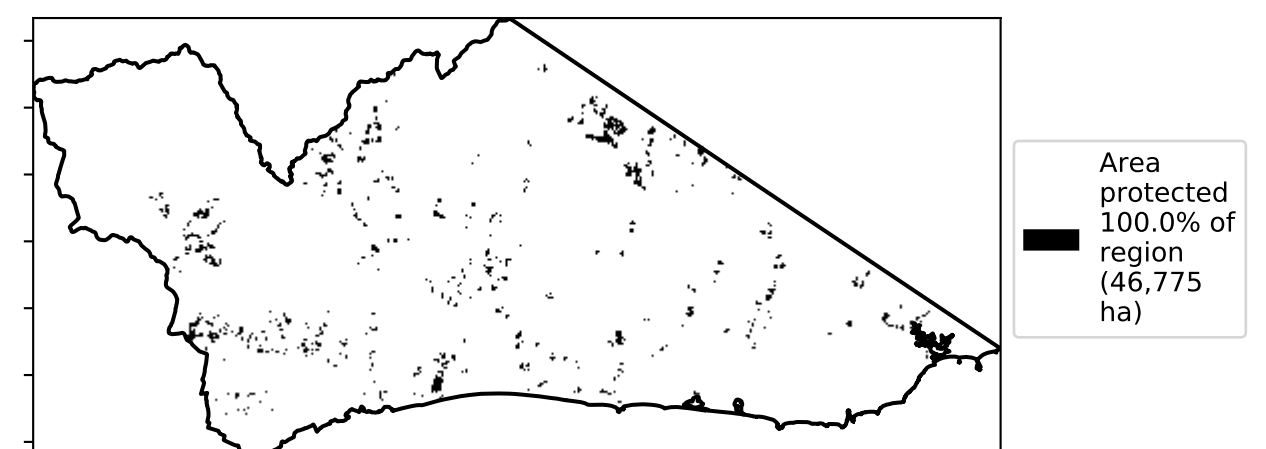
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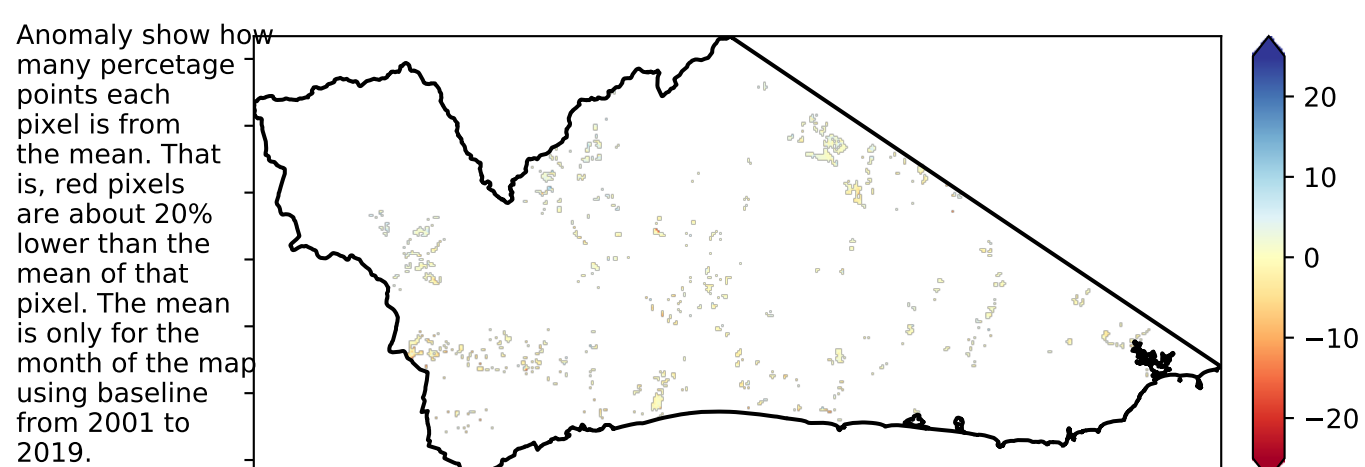
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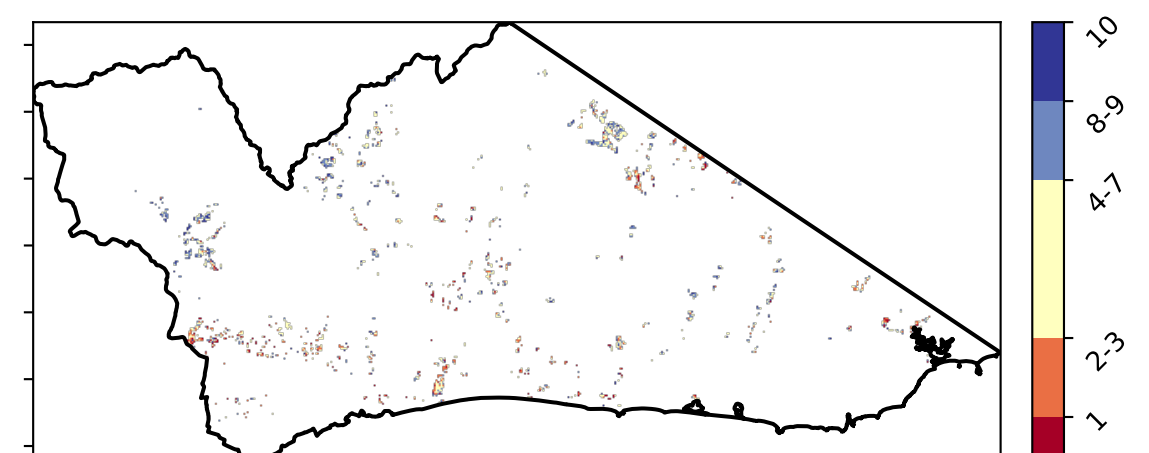


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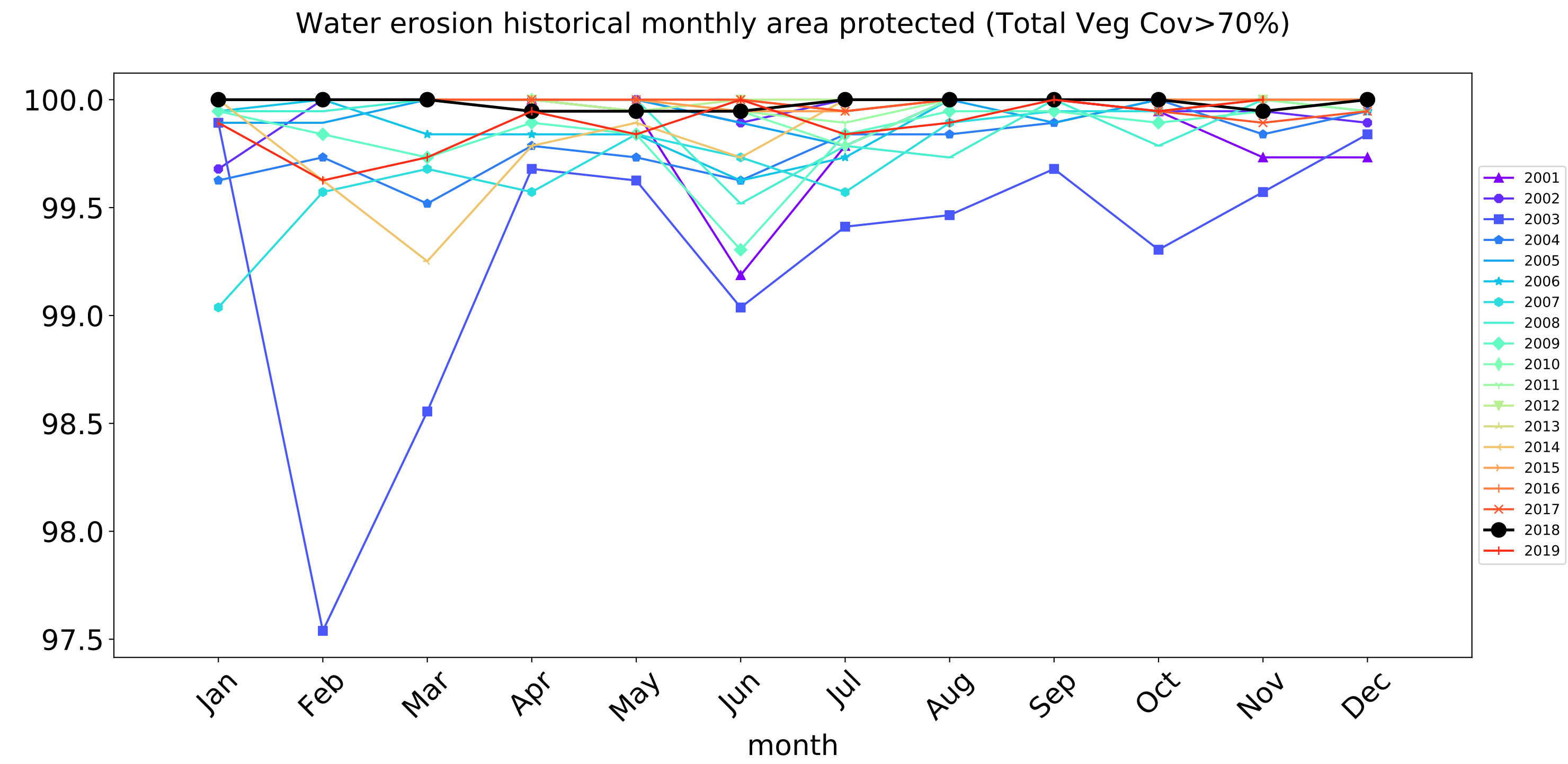
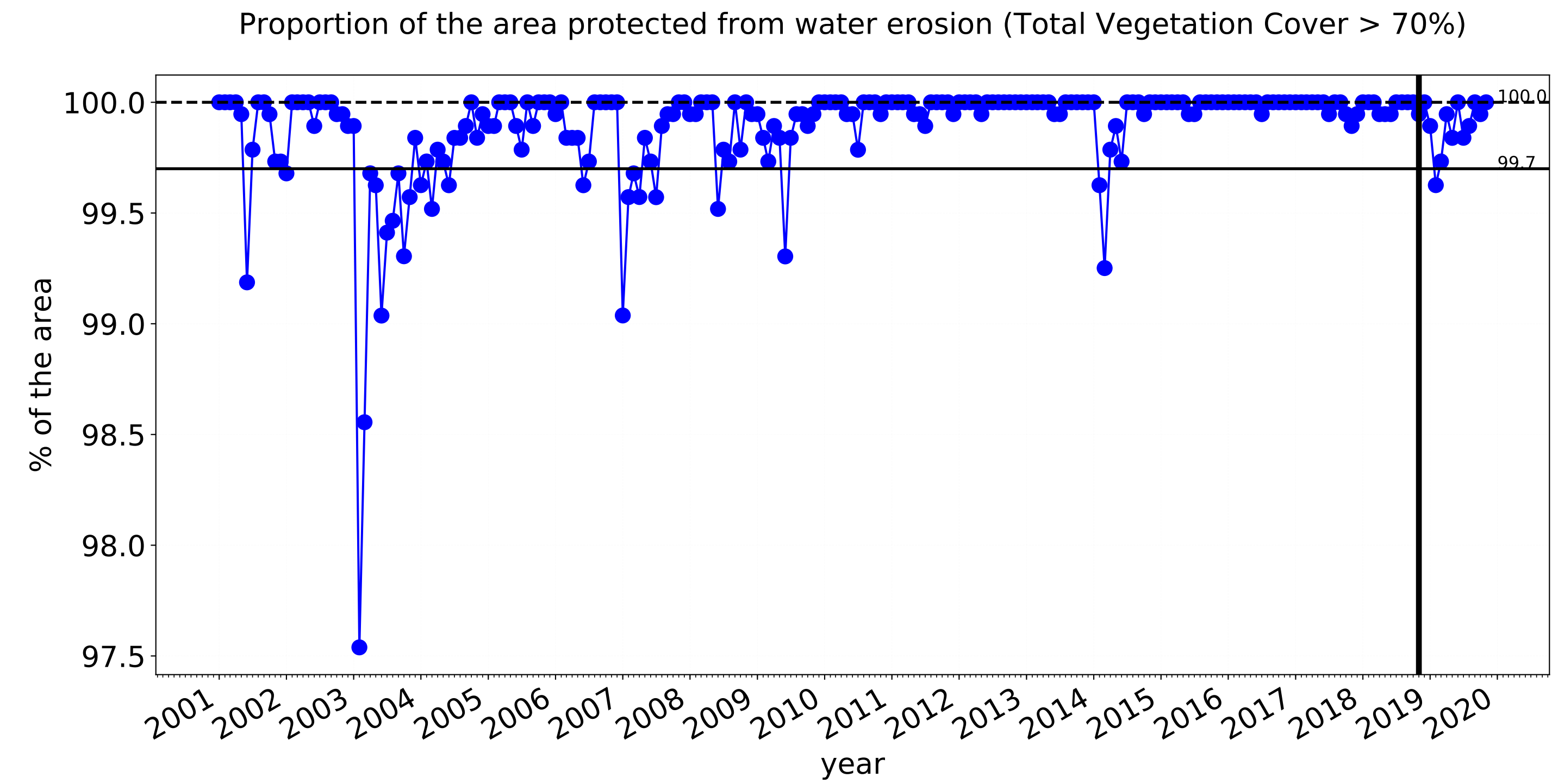
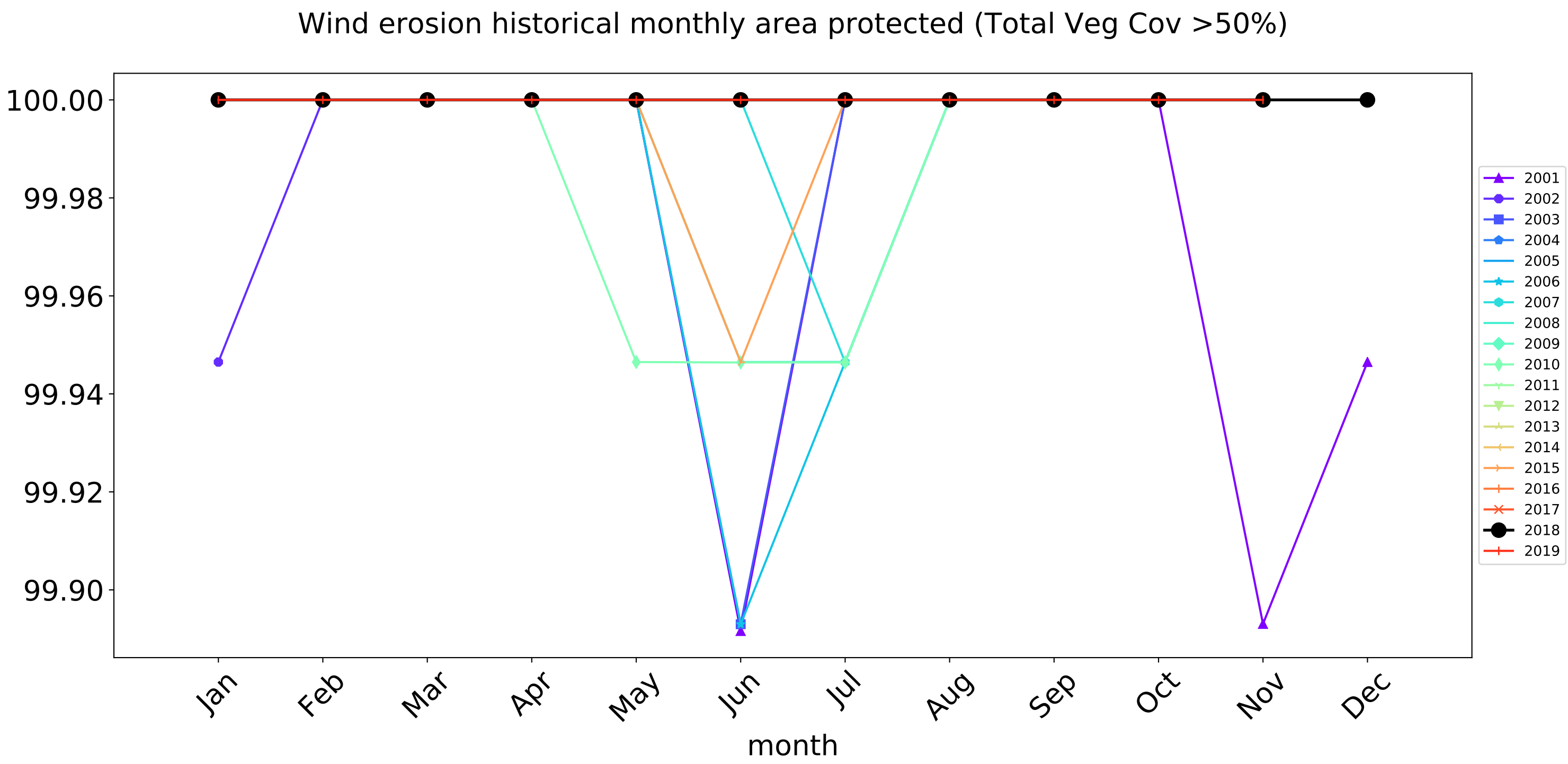
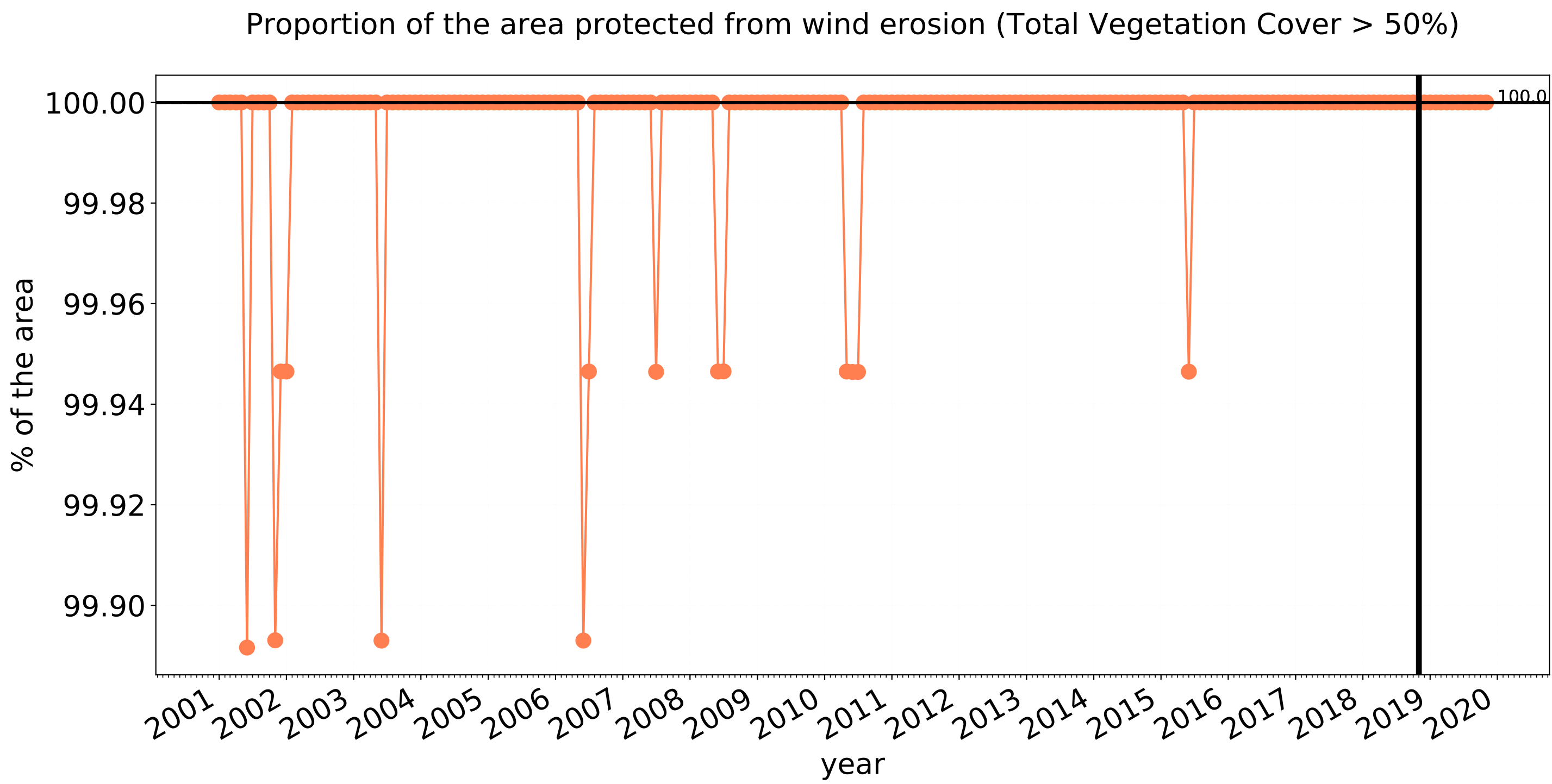


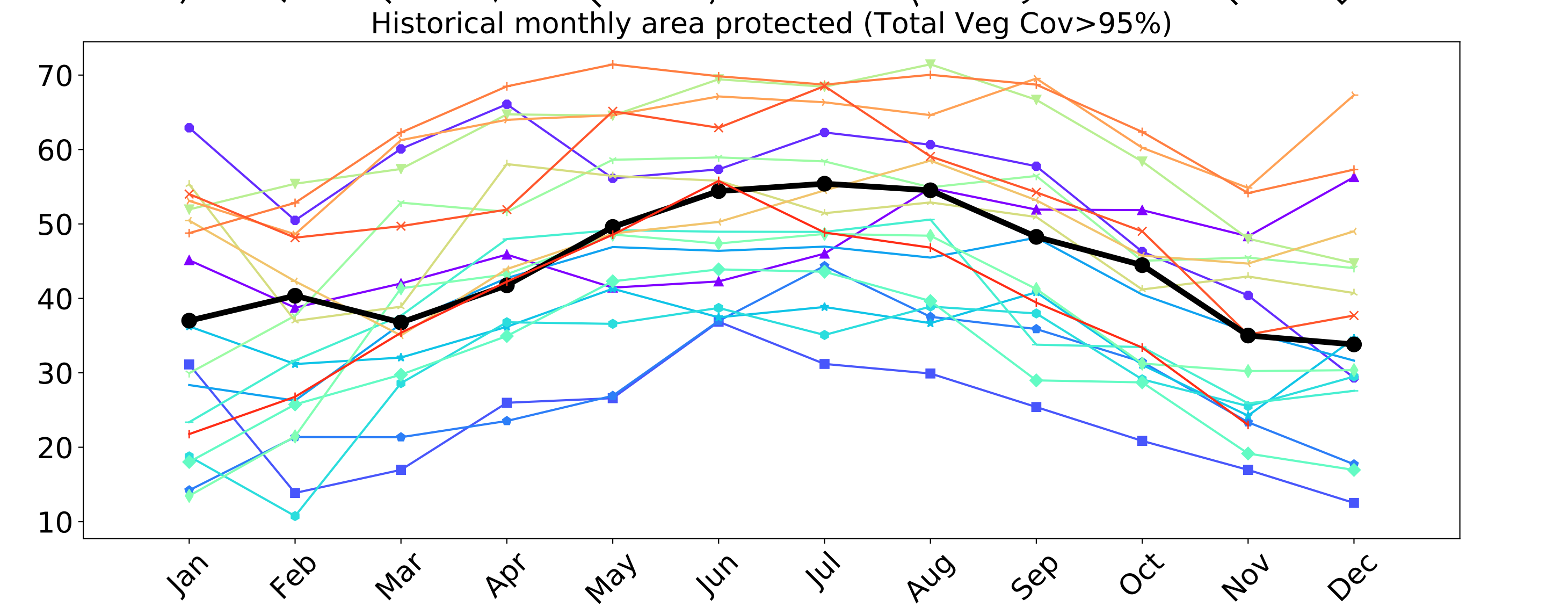
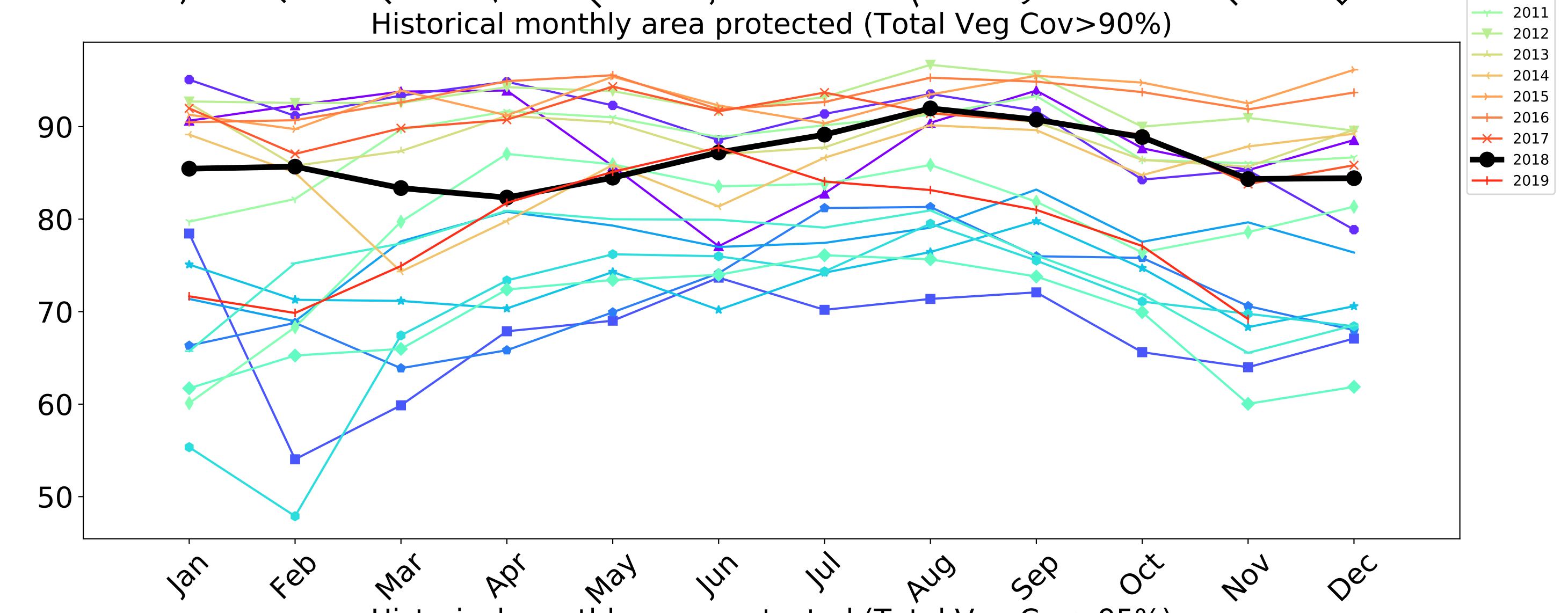
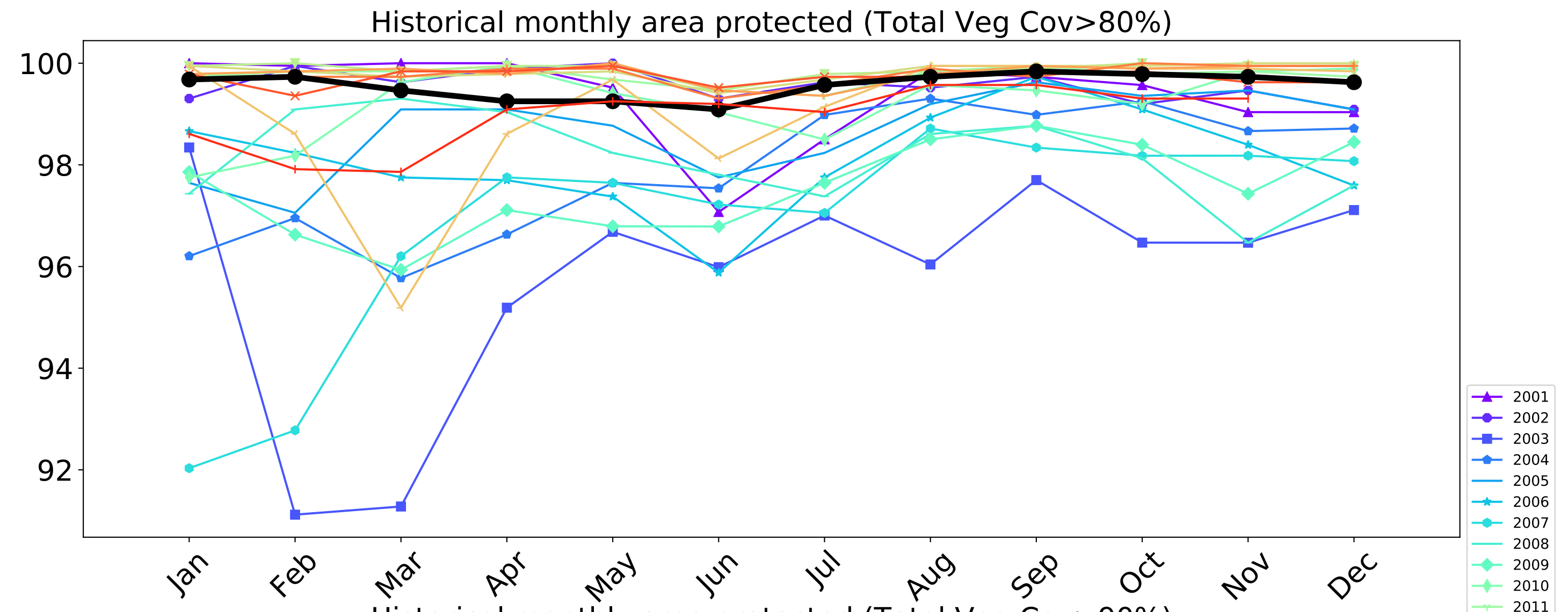
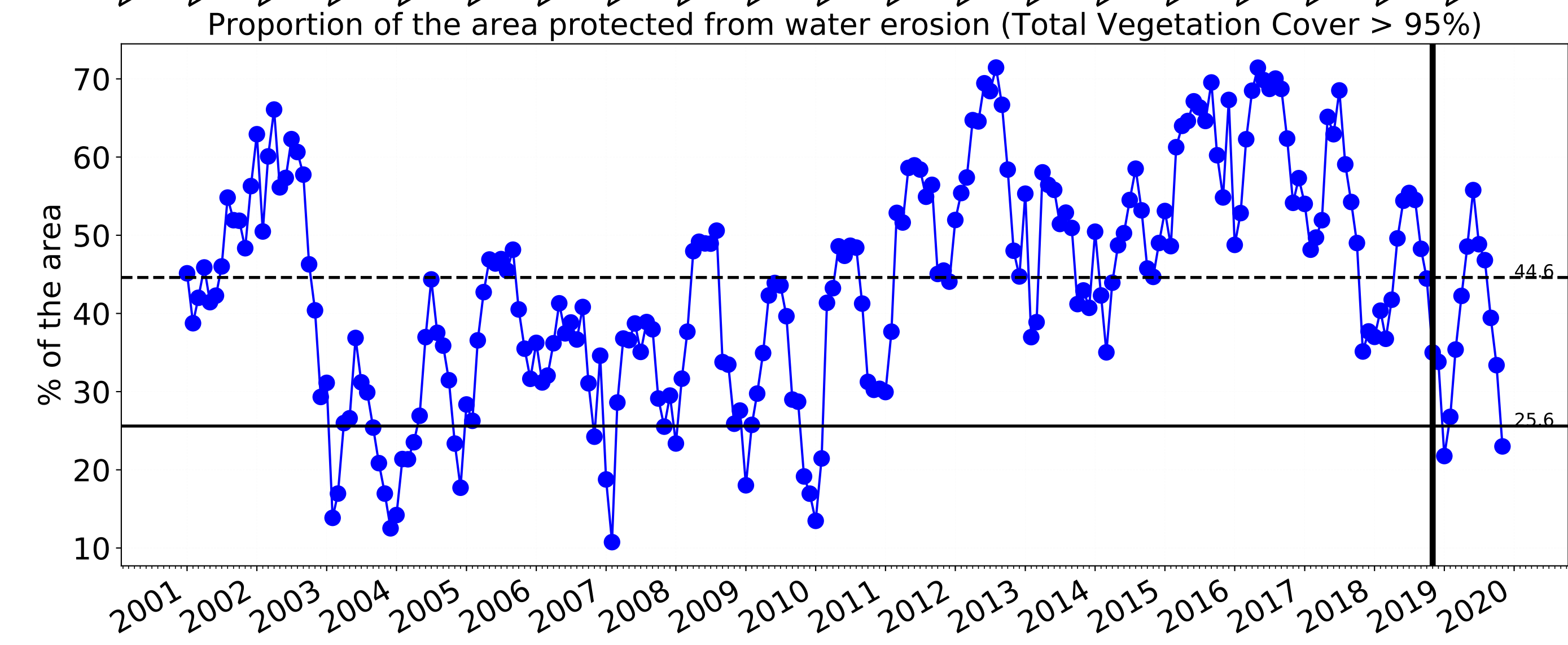
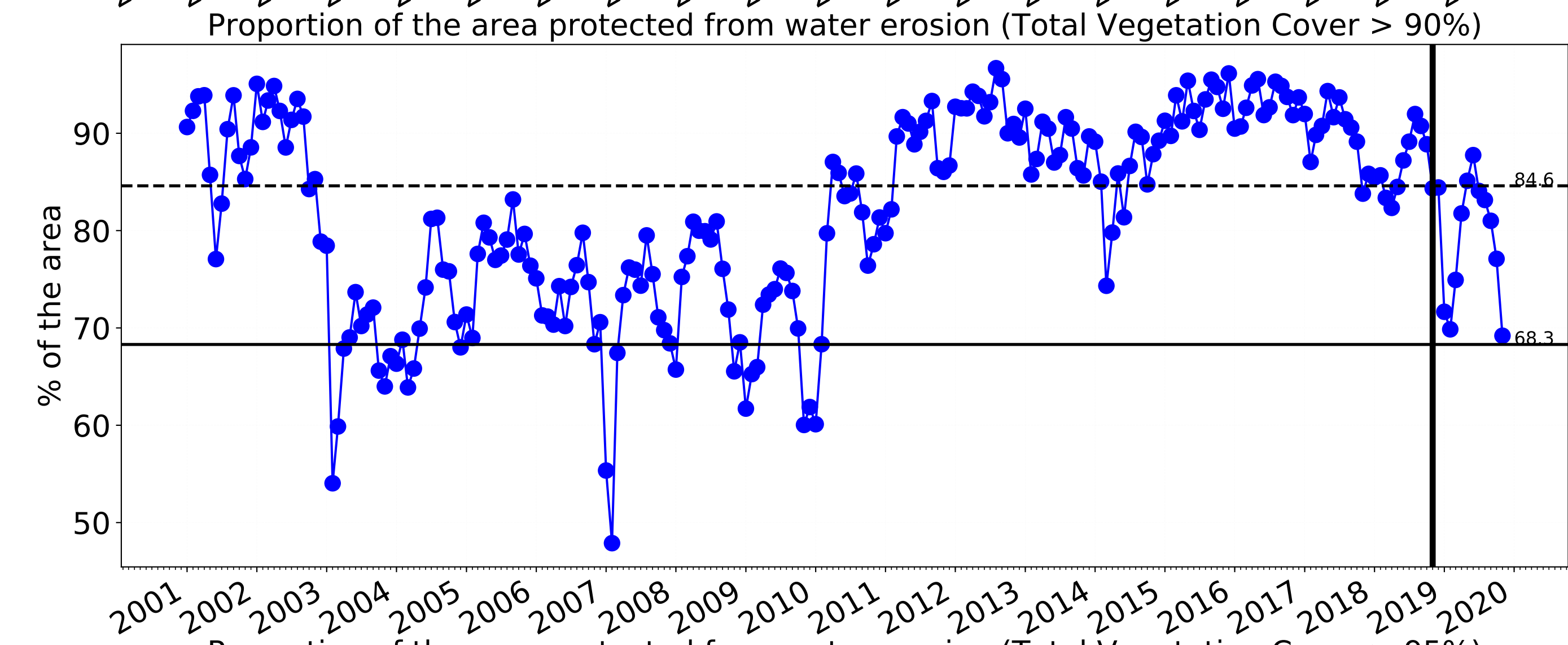
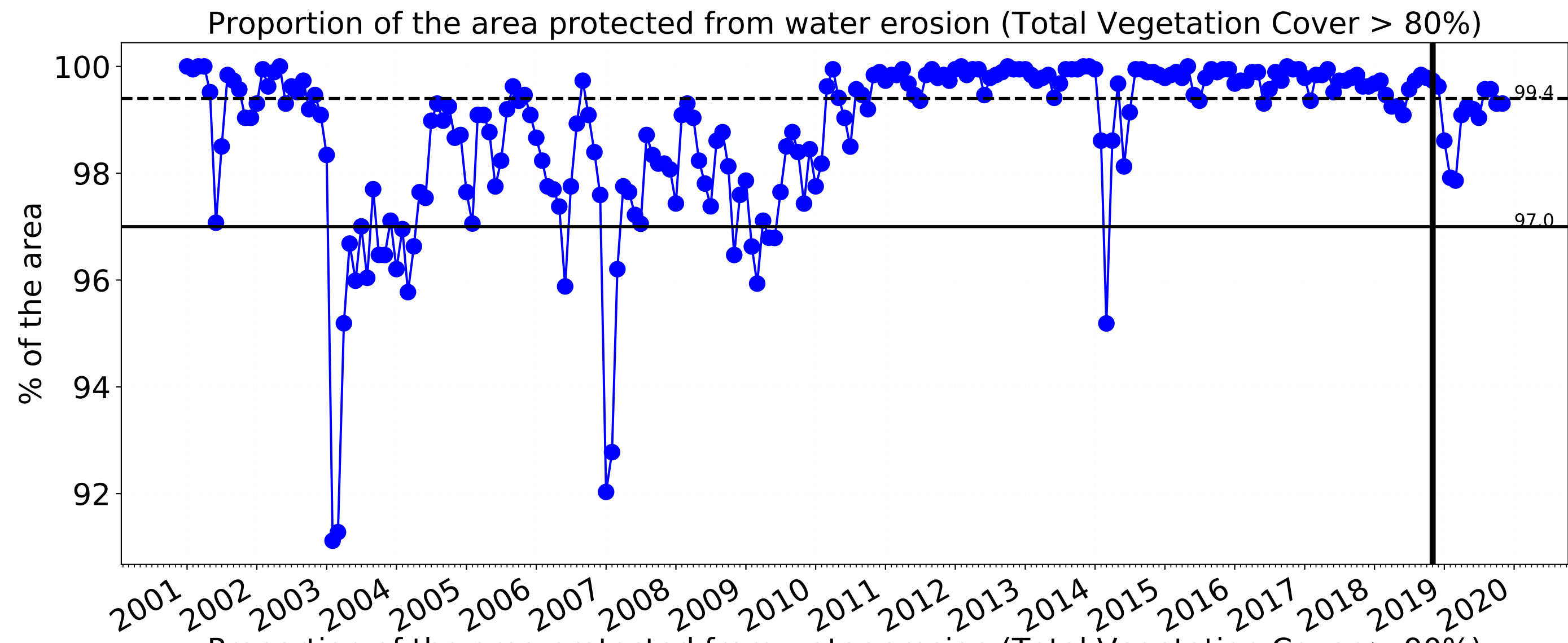
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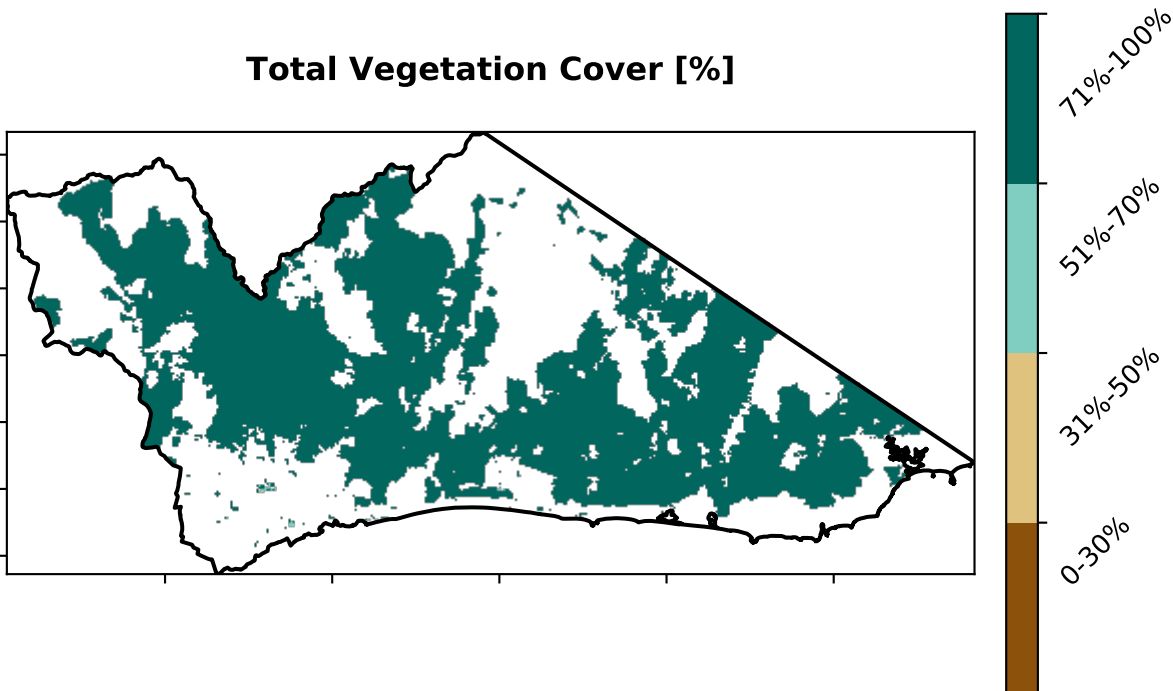


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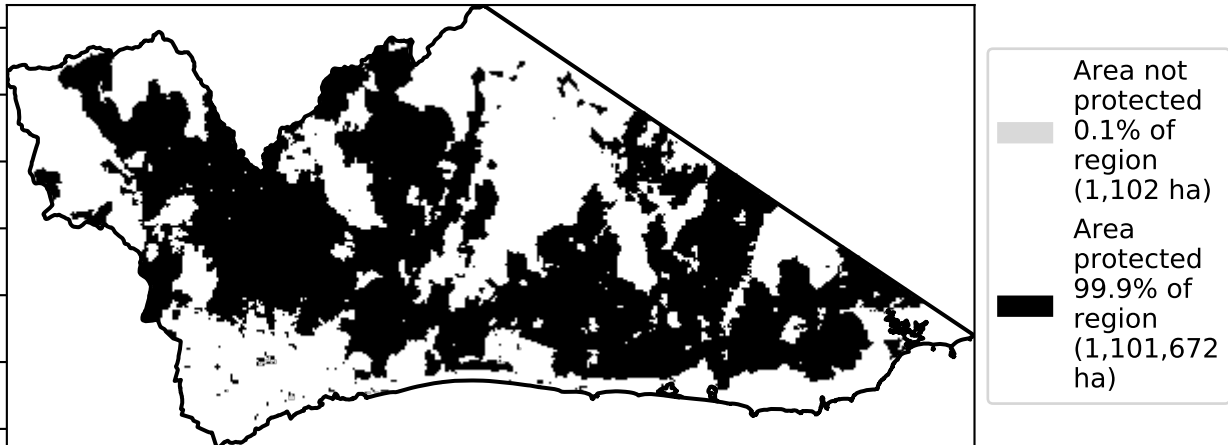
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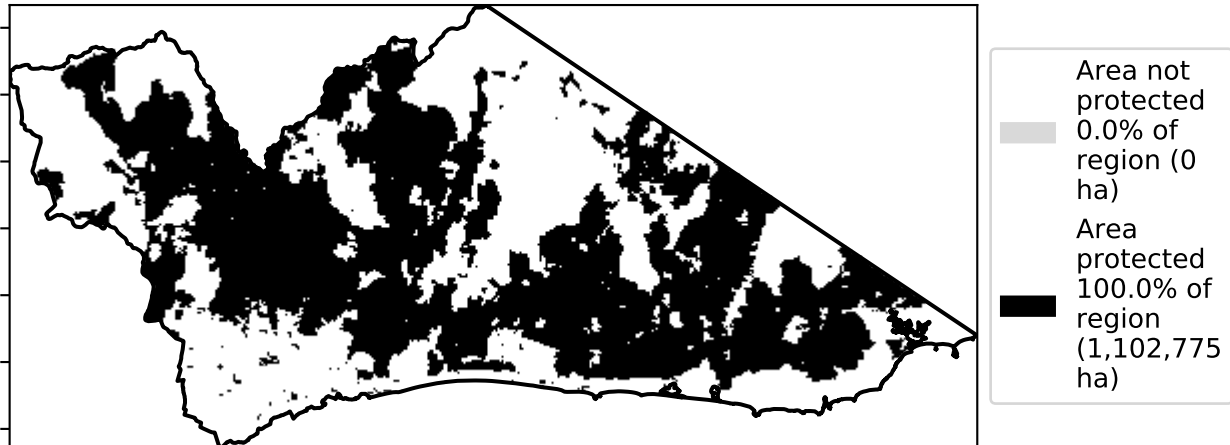
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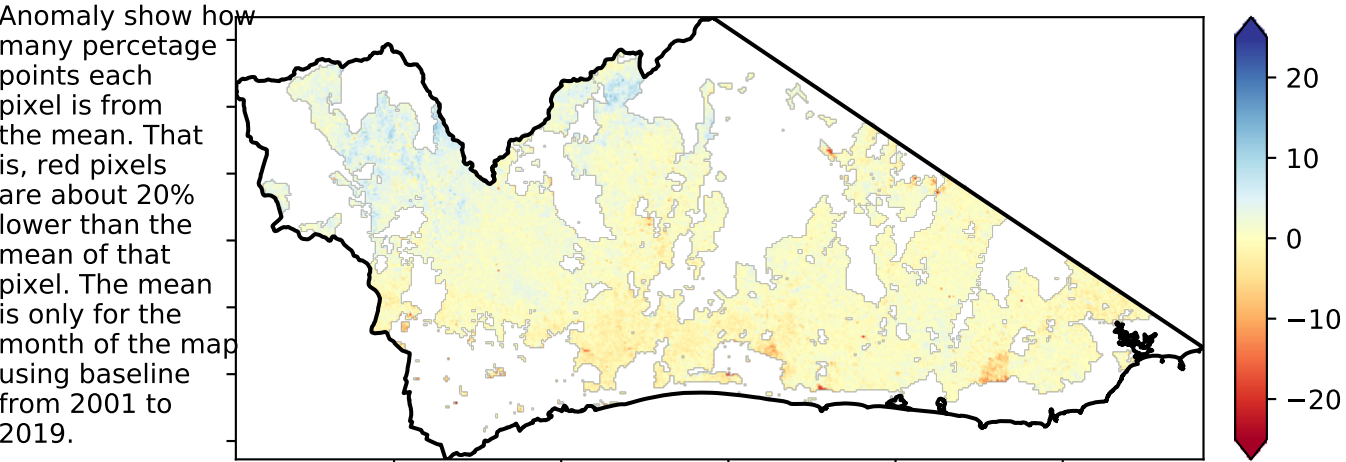
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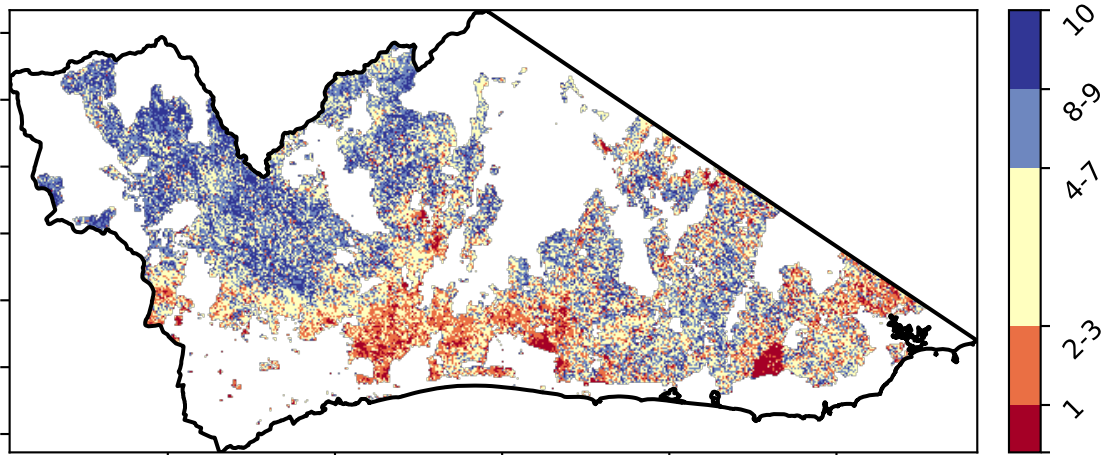


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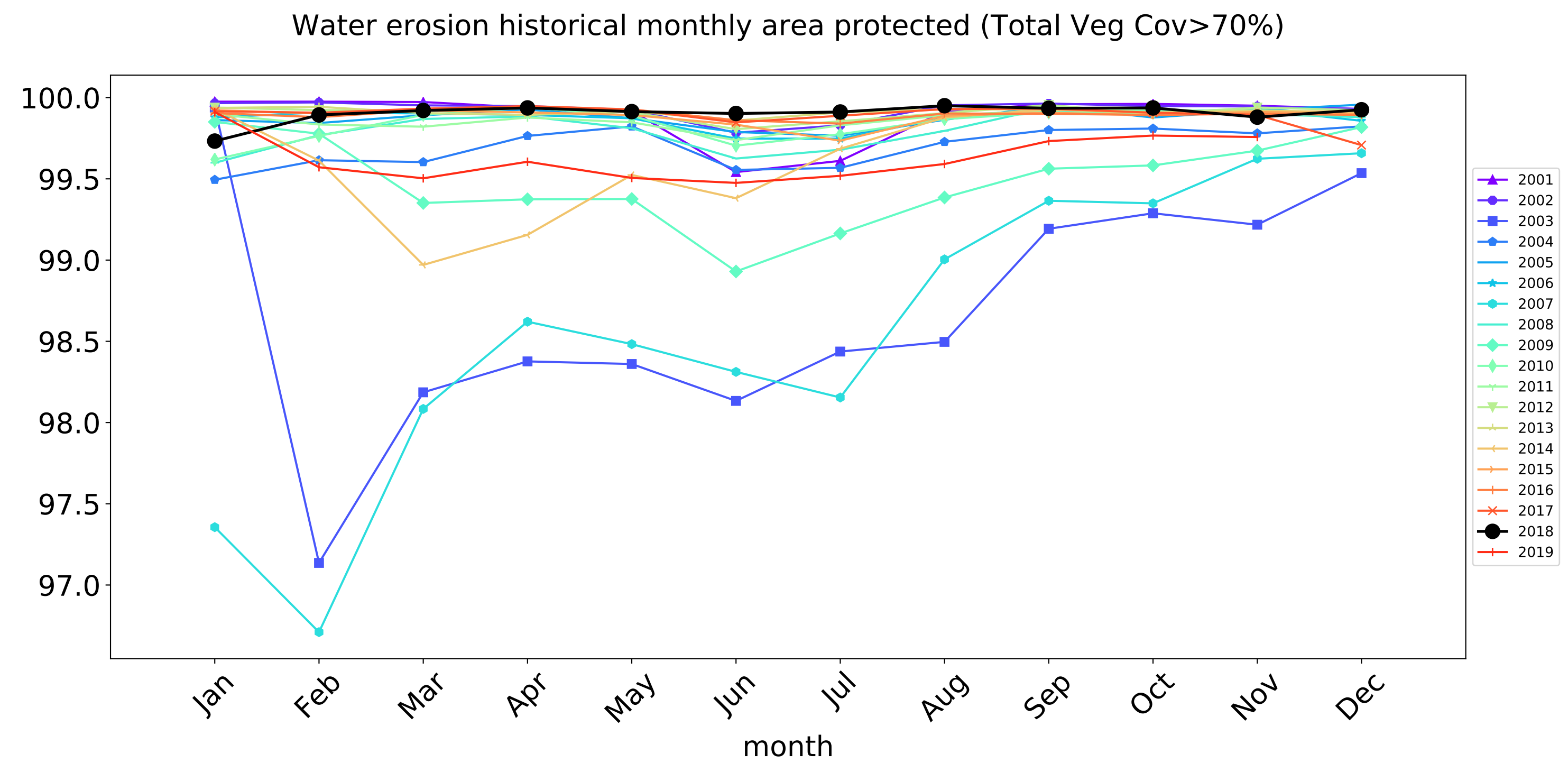
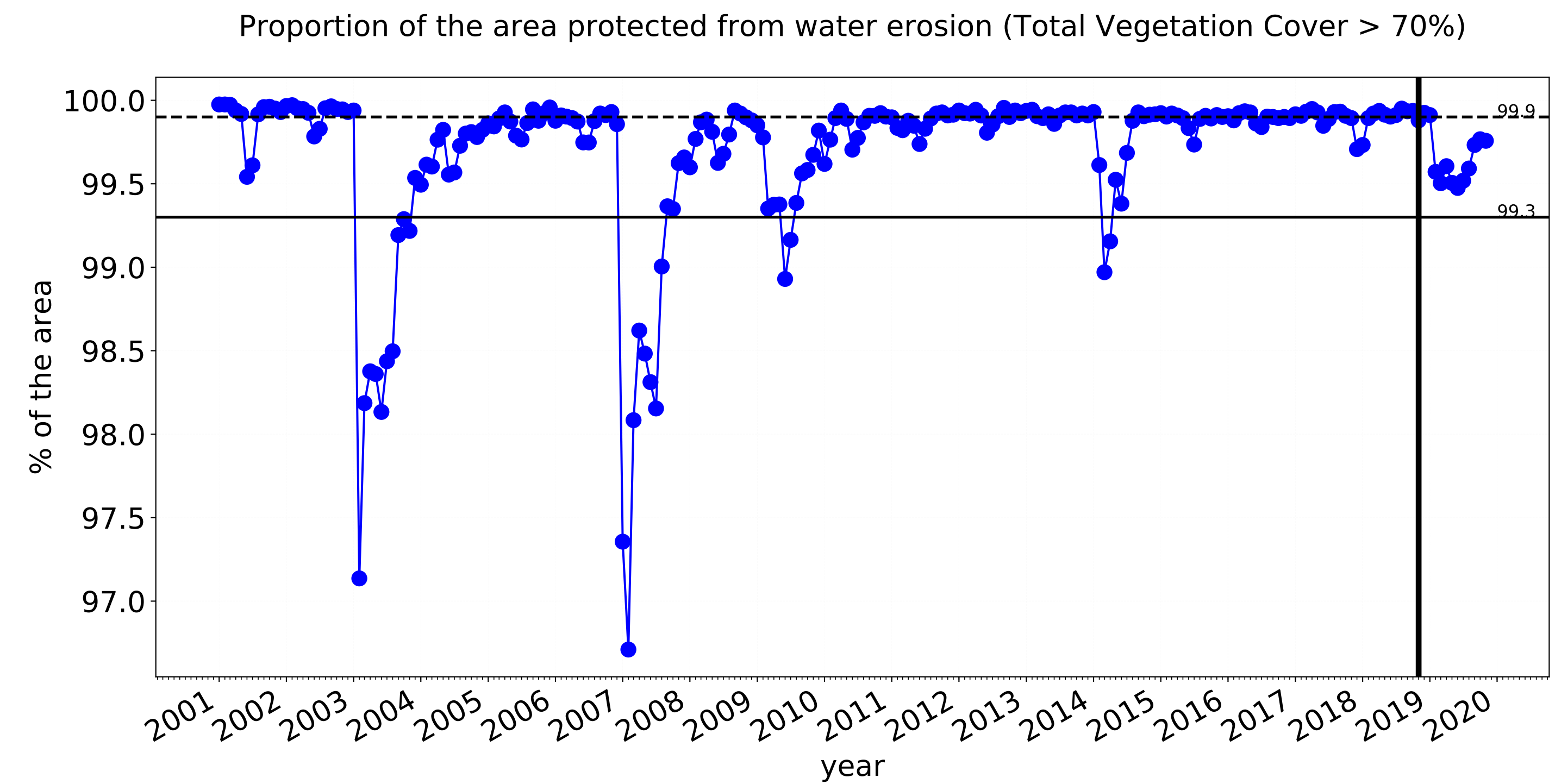
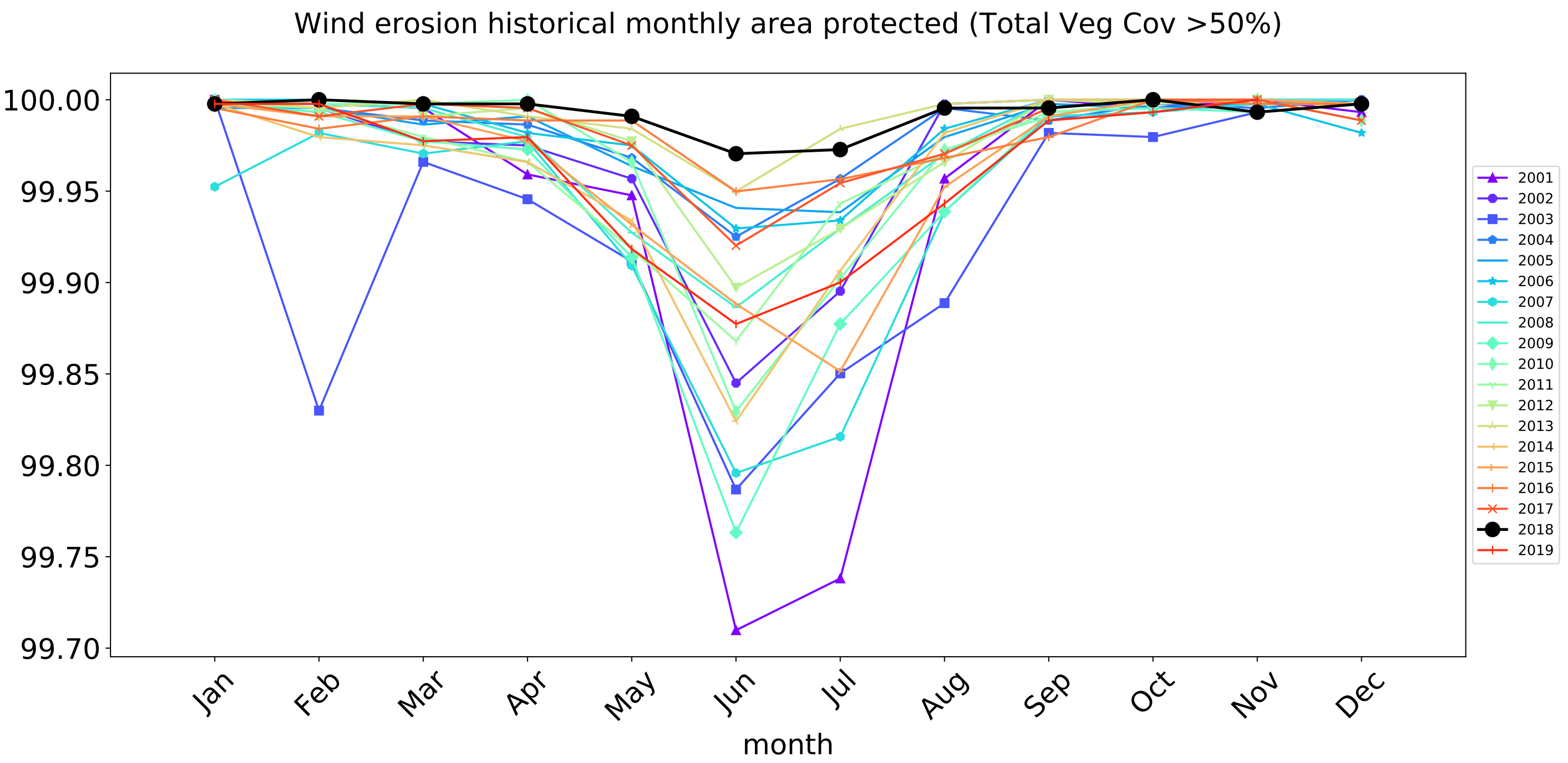
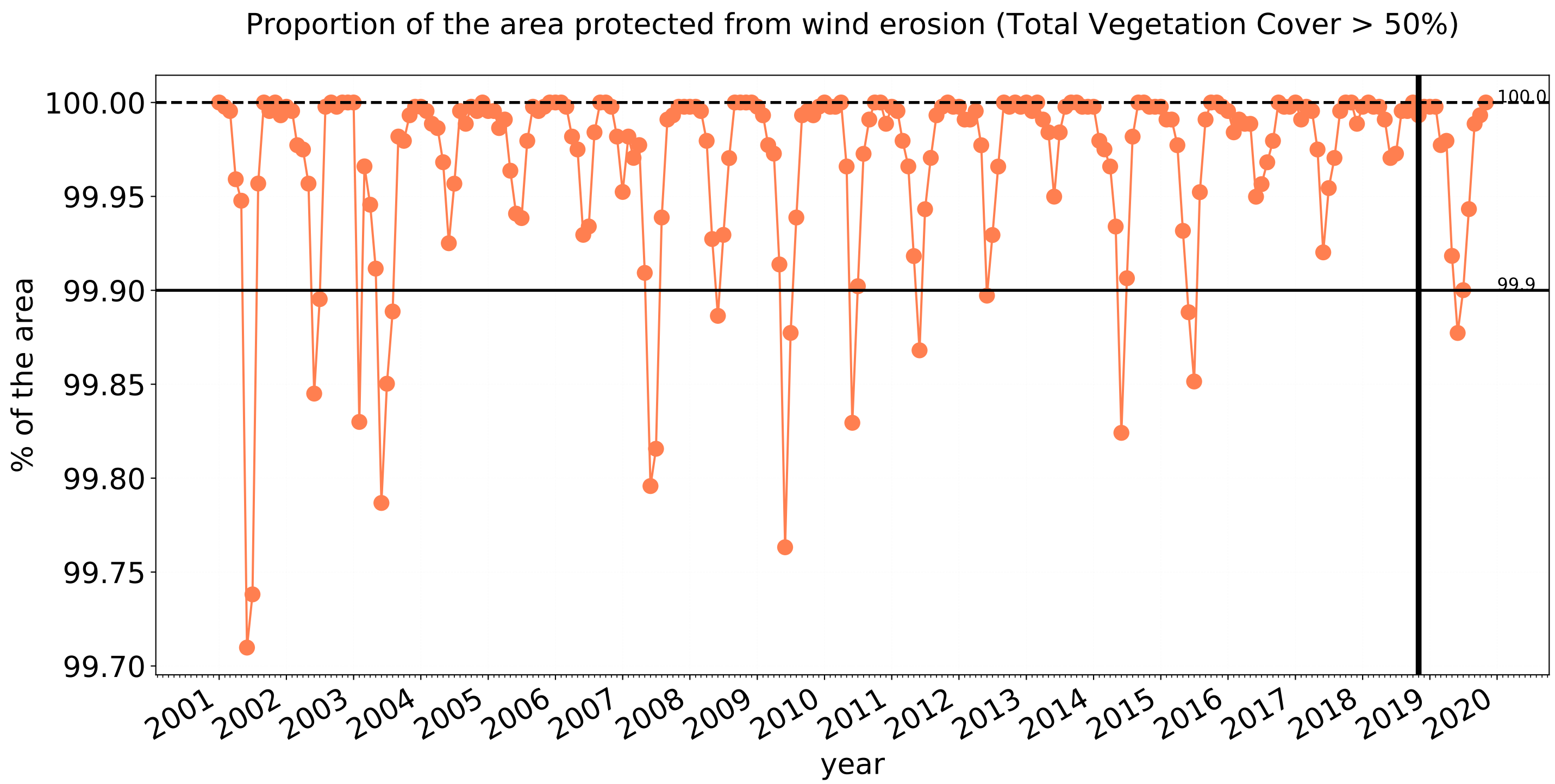


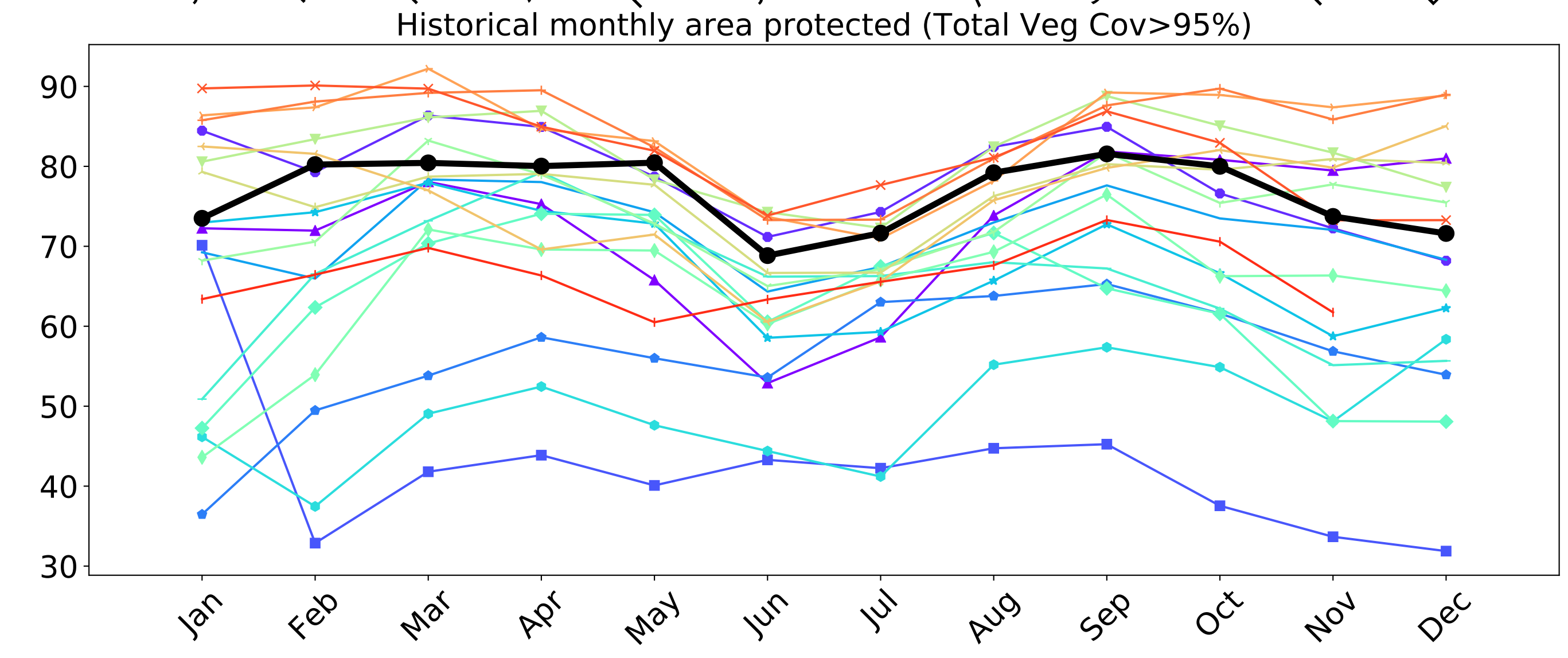
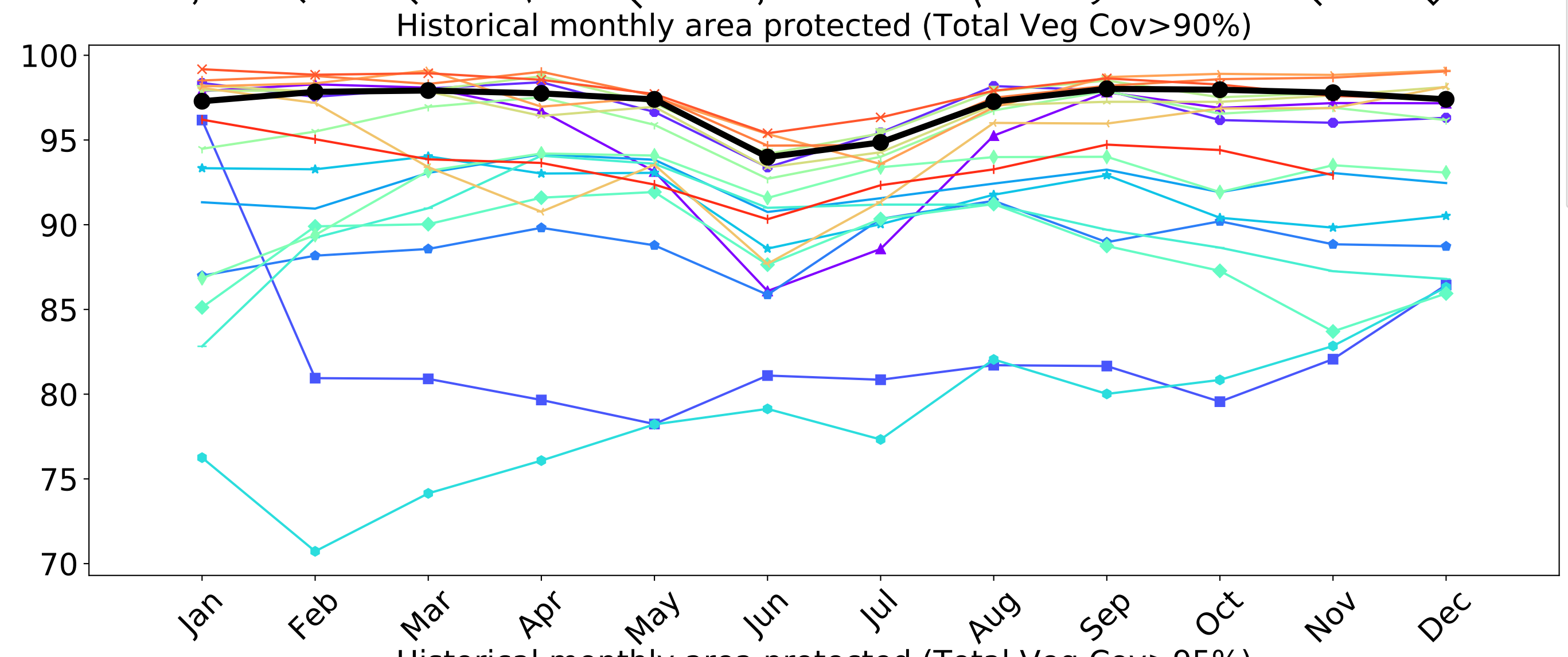
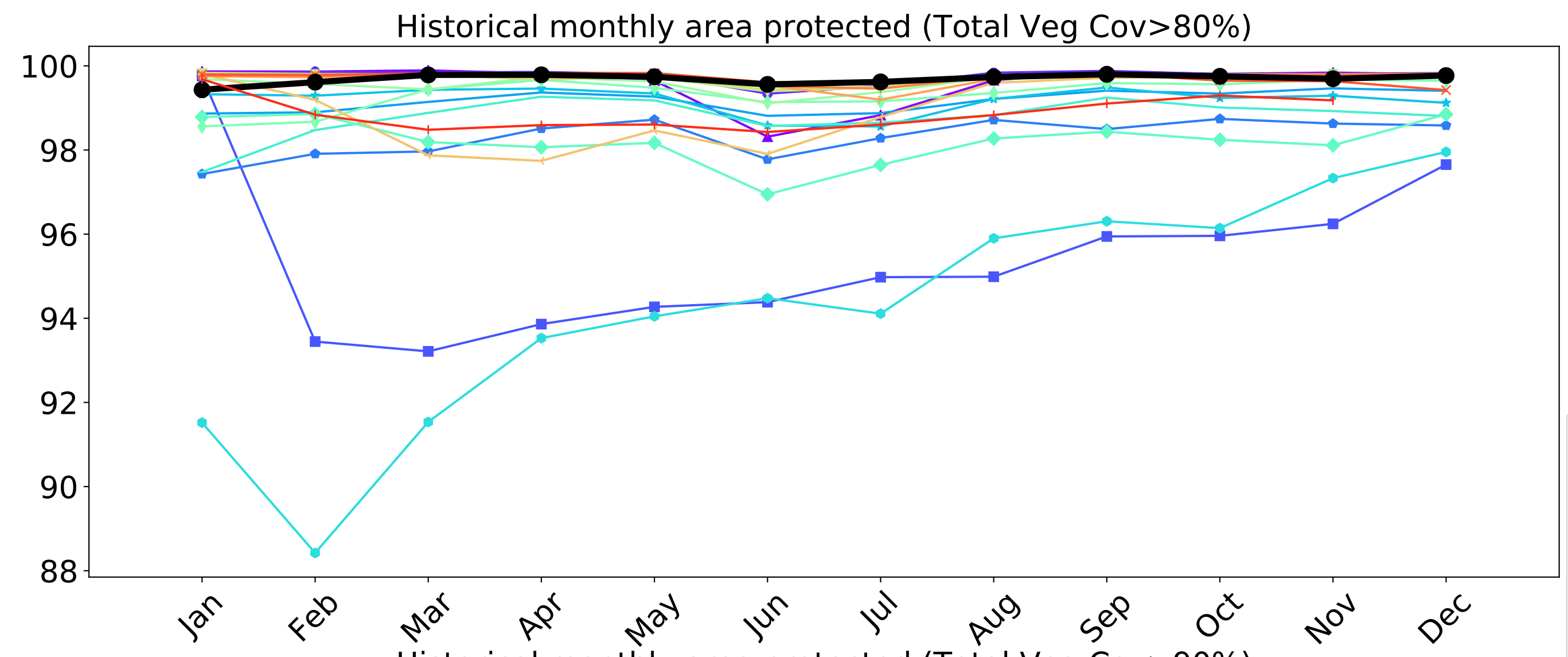
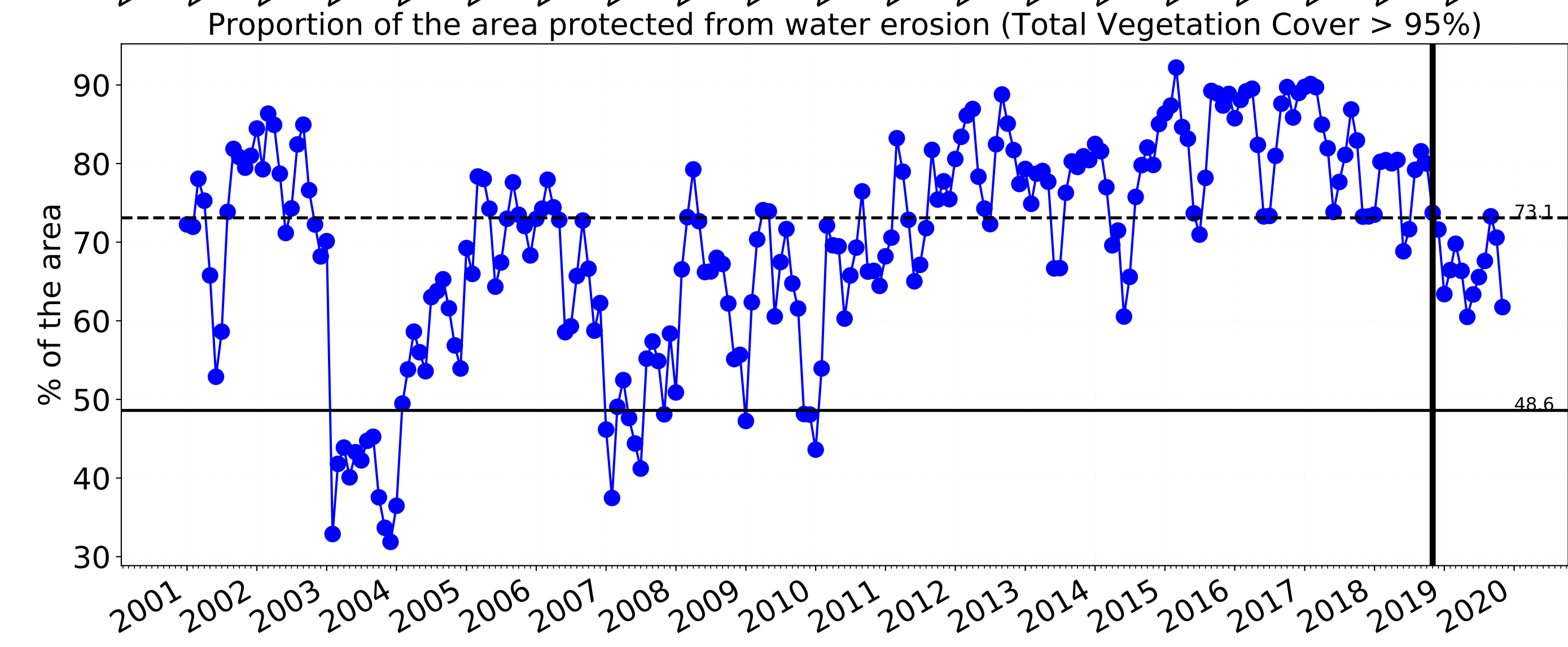
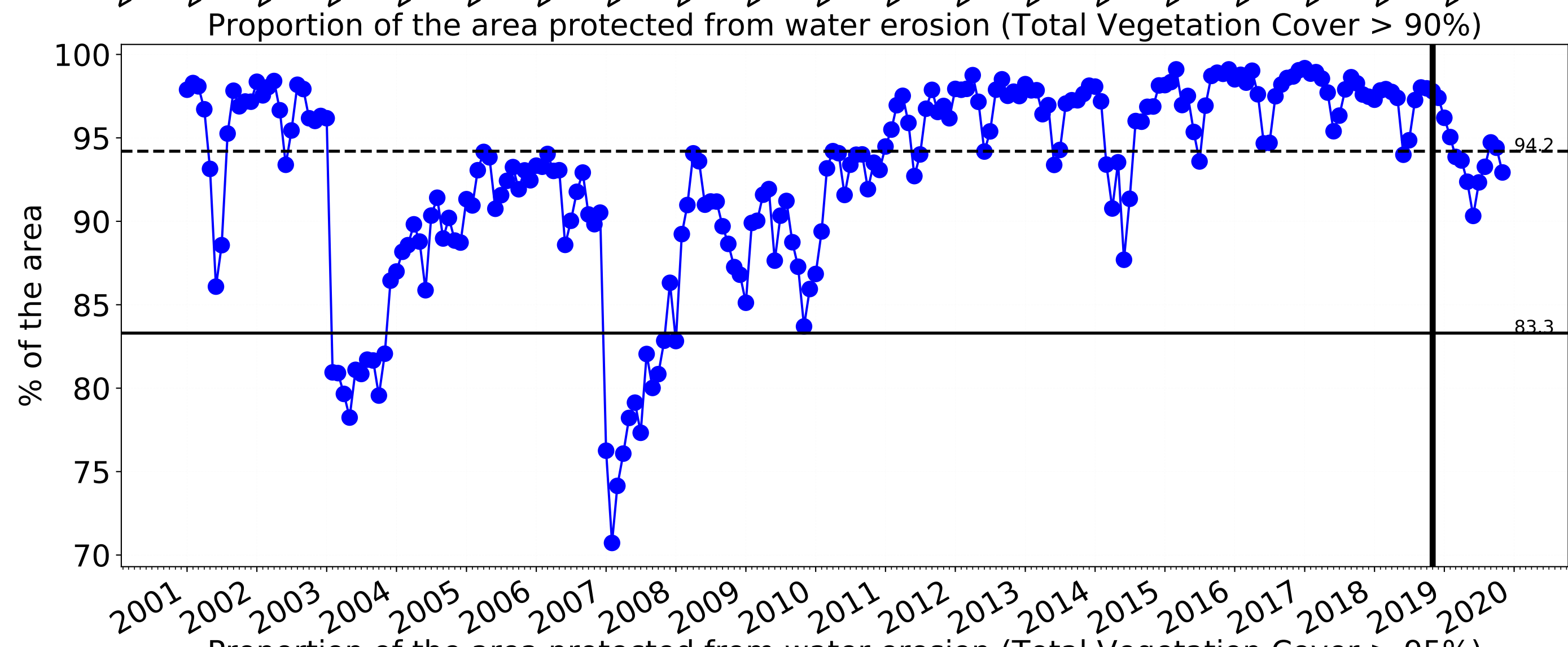
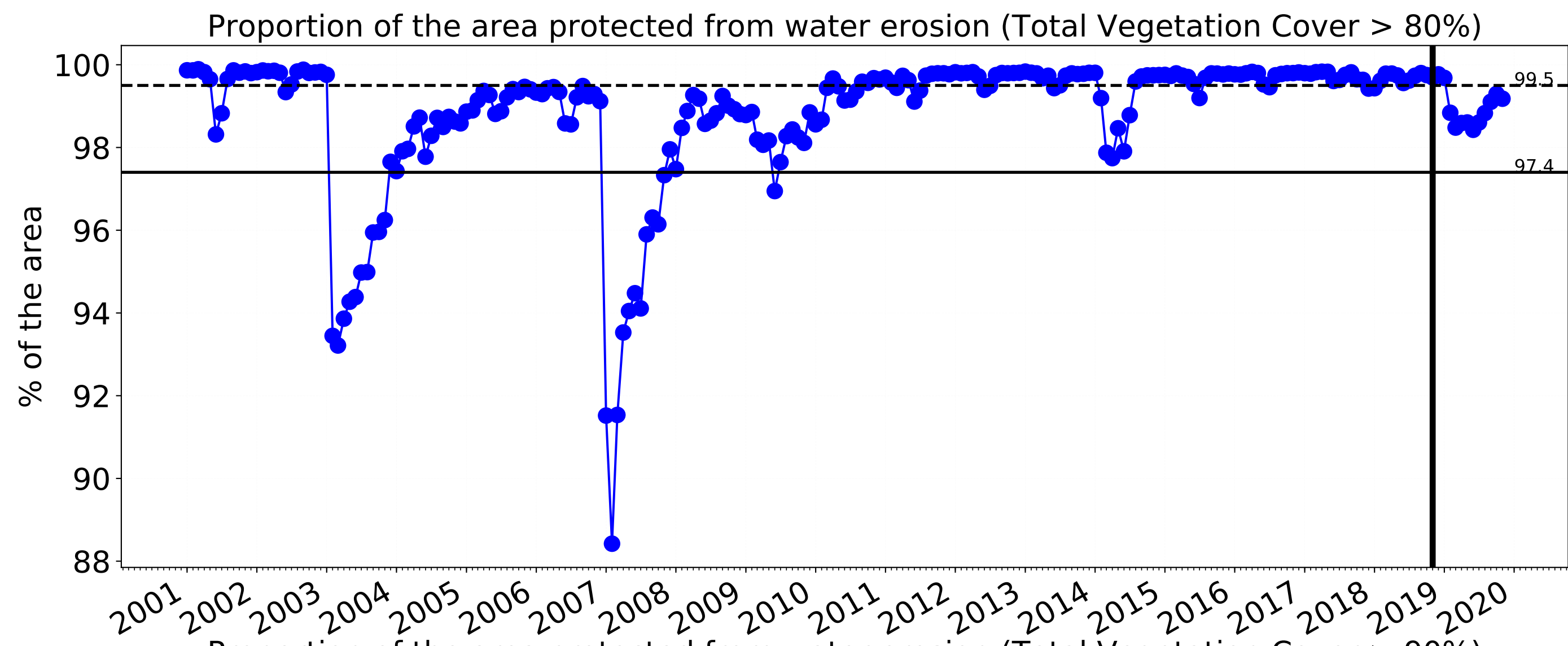
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries





East Gippsland (2,068,025 ha and no data 31,688 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	2,068,025	100.0% 2,067,649	99.9% 2,066,749	99.7% 2,061,098	98.6% 2,038,643	88.0% 1,820,421	60.4% 1,249,021
Conservation and natural environments	628,275	100.0% 628,000	99.9% 627,425	99.7% 626,175	99.3% 623,675	91.1% 572,075	61.4% 385,950
Conservation and natural environments non forest	13,275	97.9% 13,000	94.0% 12,475	87.2% 11,575	79.1% 10,500	46.9% 6,225	22.6% 3,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	146,200	100.0% 146,200	100.0% 146,150	99.8% 145,850	99.1% 144,950	83.9% 122,675	49.8% 72,825
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	468,800	100.0% 468,800	100.0% 468,800	100.0% 468,750	99.9% 468,225	94.5% 443,175	66.2% 310,125
Agriculture	306,550	100.0% 306,550	100.0% 306,525	99.1% 303,850	93.9% 287,900	51.3% 157,200	15.0% 46,025
Grazing	302,575	100.0% 302,575	100.0% 302,550	99.4% 300,675	94.4% 285,575	51.7% 156,550	15.2% 45,875
Grazing non forest	231,375	100.0% 231,375	100.0% 231,350	99.2% 229,500	92.8% 214,675	42.2% 97,750	9.9% 22,800
Grazing Woodland forest	24,425	100.0% 24,425	100.0% 24,425	100.0% 24,425	99.3% 24,250	79.2% 19,350	27.4% 6,700
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	46,775	100.0% 46,775	100.0% 46,775	99.9% 46,750	99.7% 46,650	84.3% 39,450	35.0% 16,375
Production native forests and plantation forests	1,102,775	100.0% 1,102,750	100.0% 1,102,700	99.9% 1,101,450	99.7% 1,099,400	97.8% 1,078,425	73.7% 813,150



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