Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:NRM East Gippsland VIC Date: October 2025

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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Land use and forest cover

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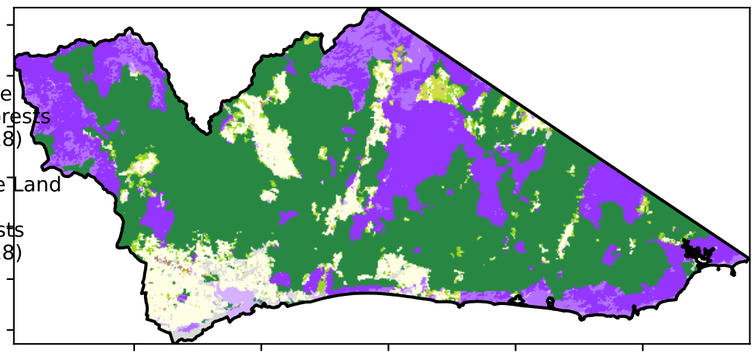

Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12

- 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
- 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
- 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-Woodland forest
- 4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
- 5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
- 7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
- 8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
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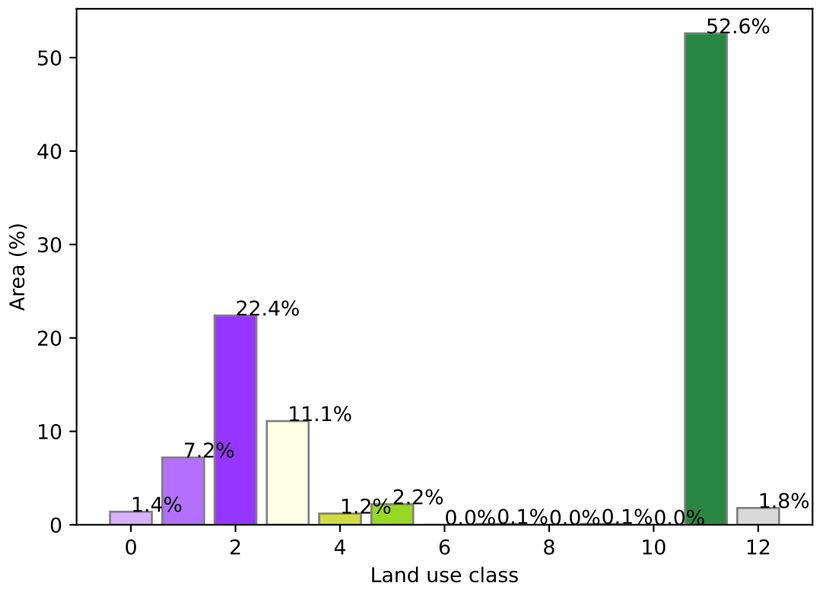
- 12 Production native forests and plantation forests
- 13 Other uses

Proportion of each land class in area



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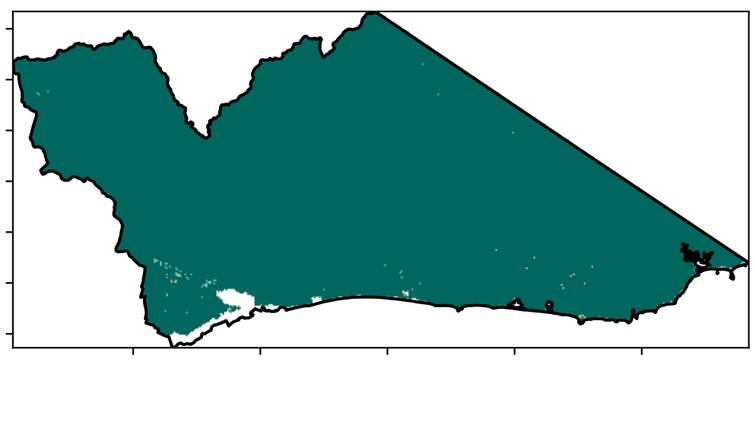

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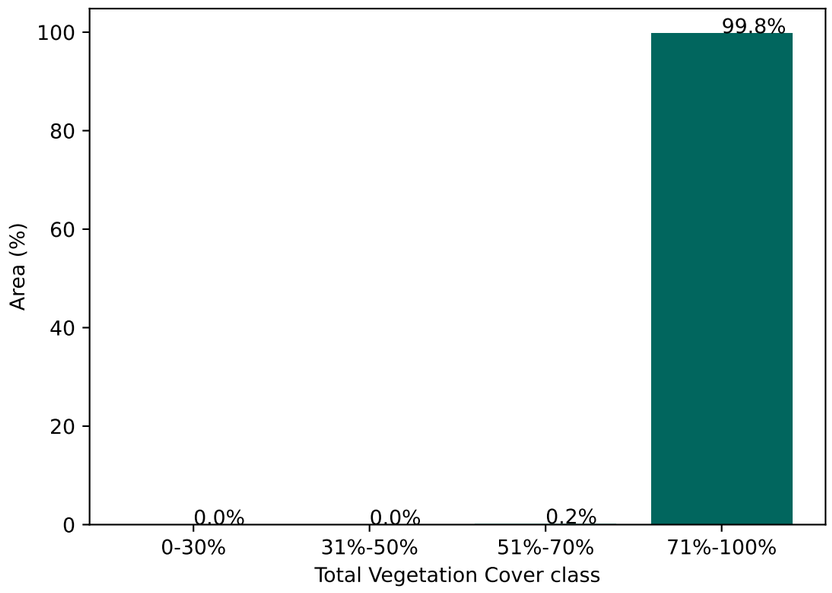

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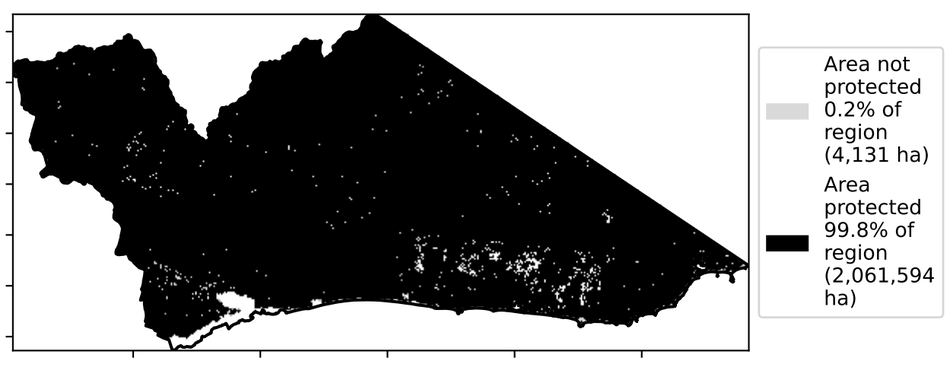

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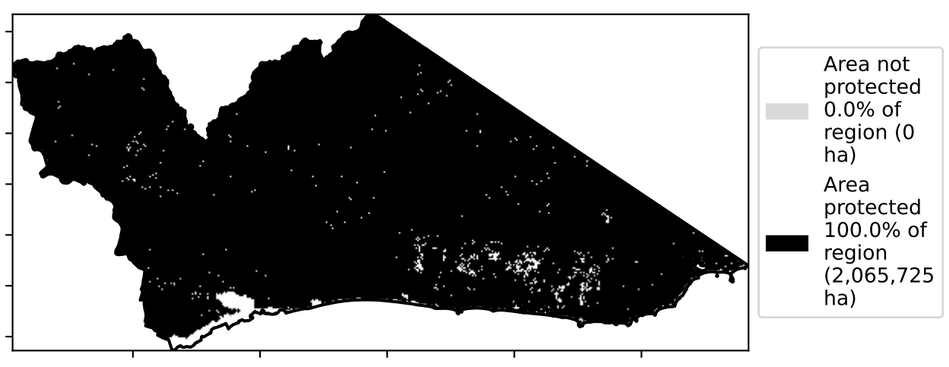
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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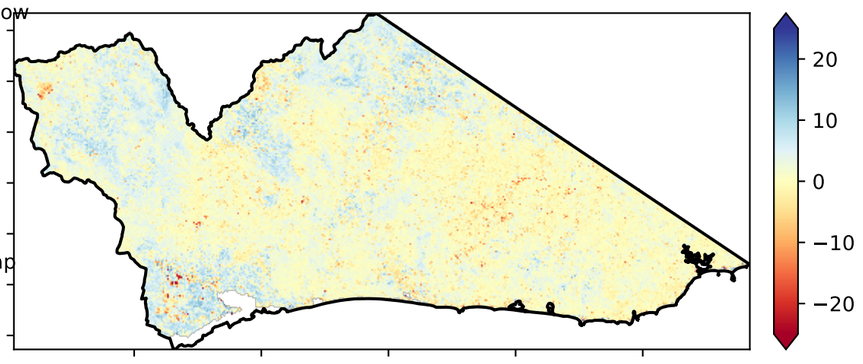

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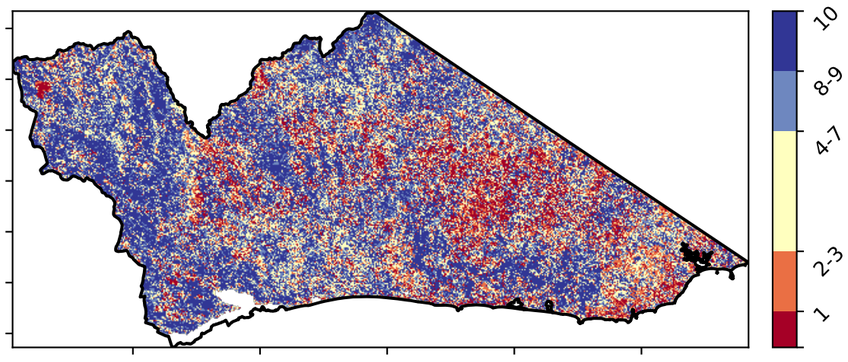

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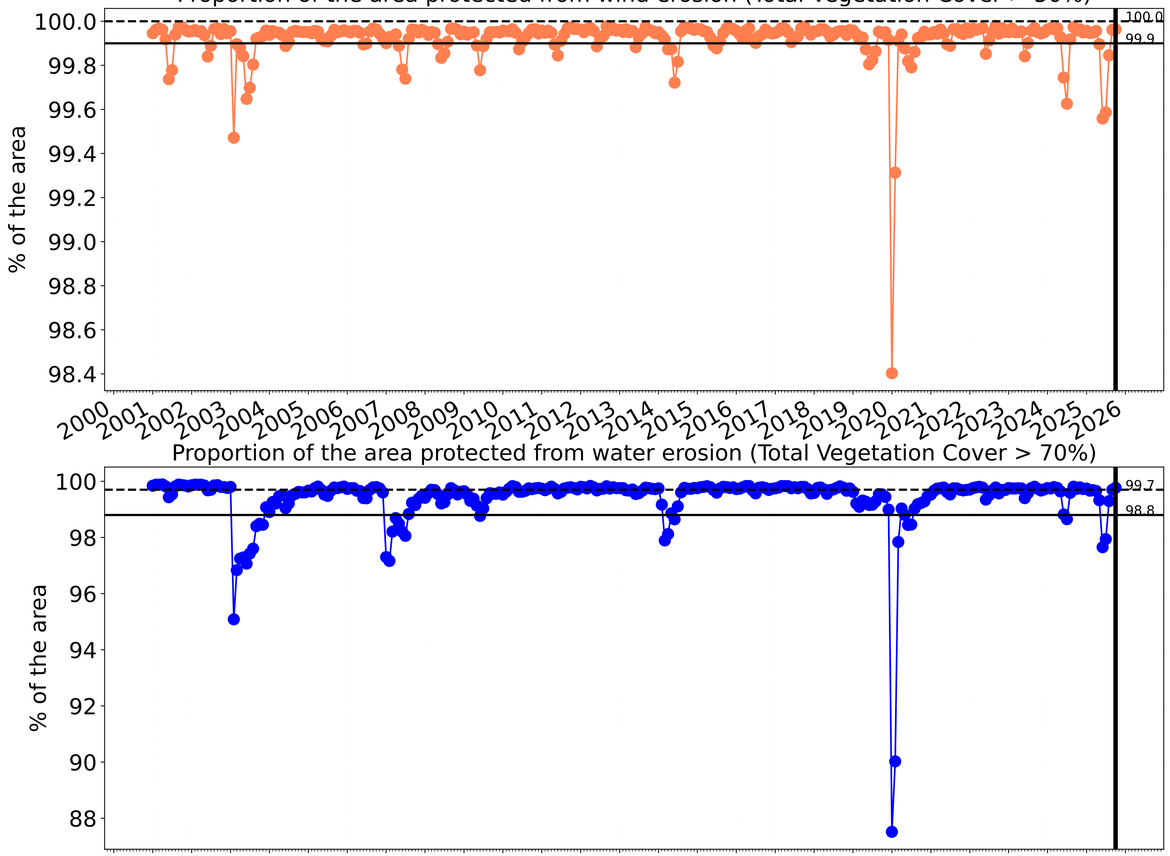

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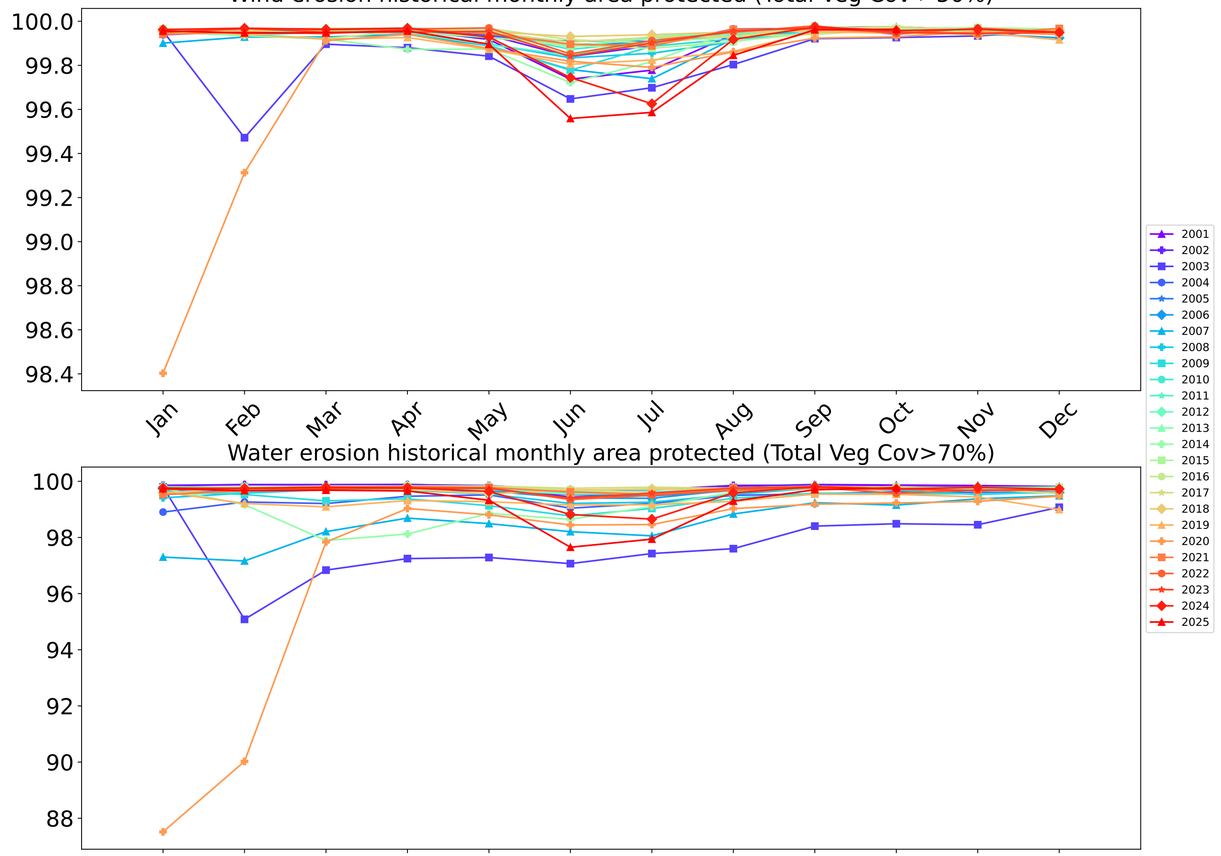

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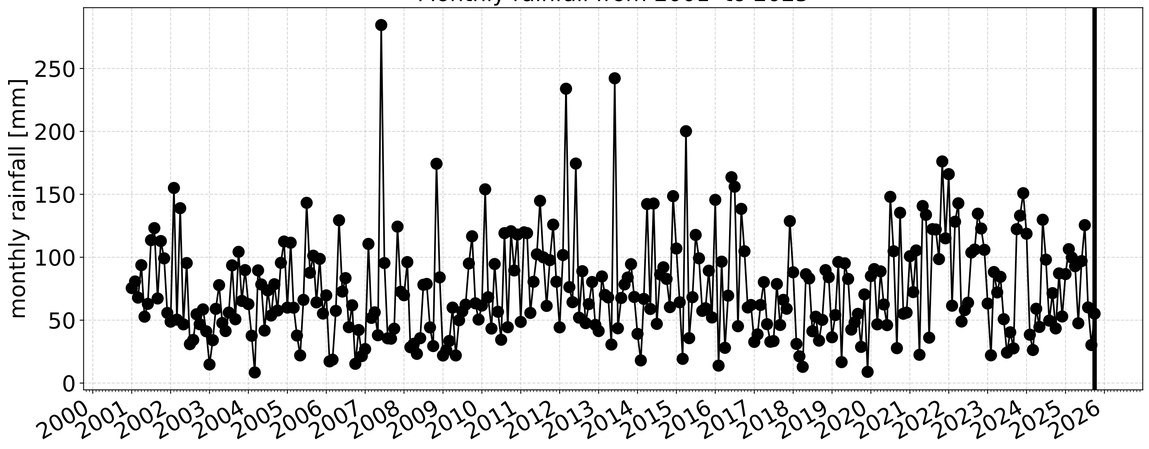

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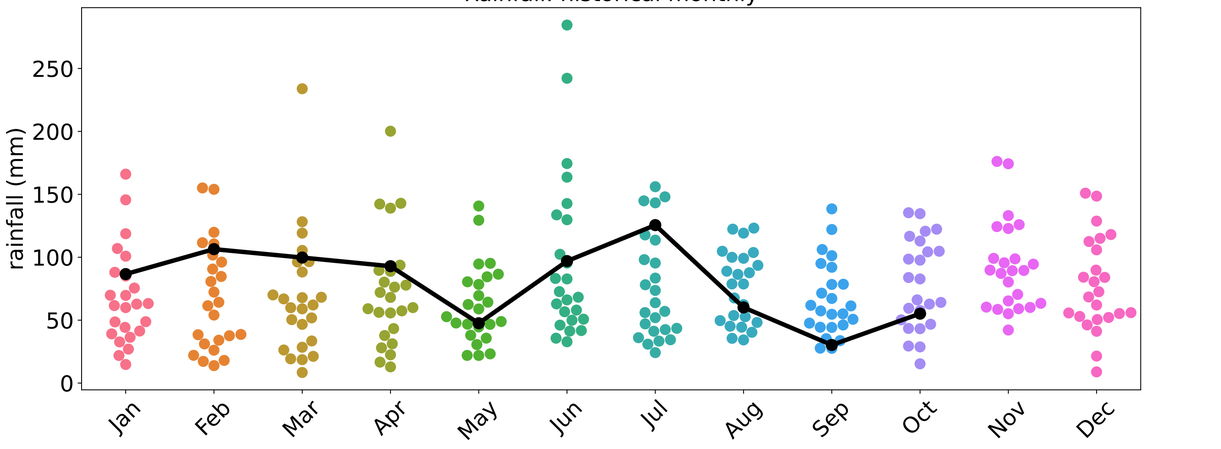

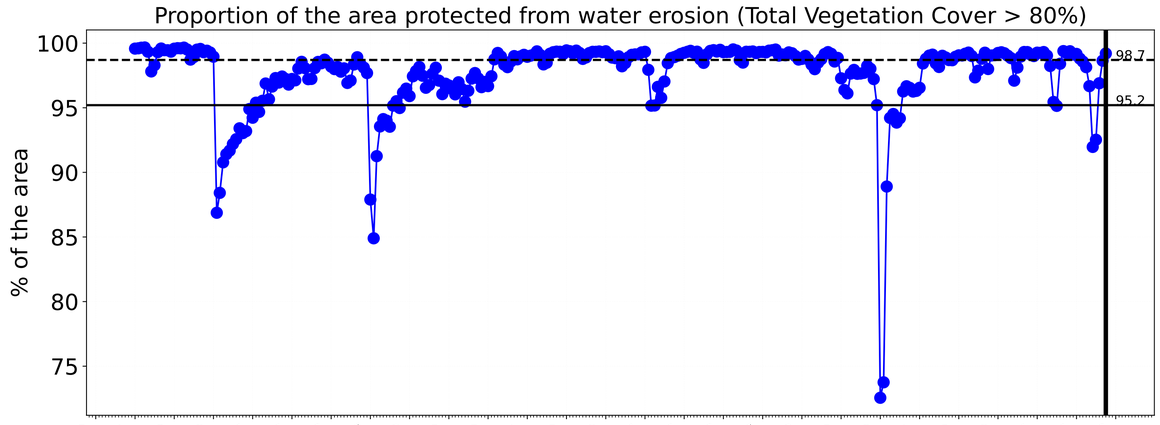
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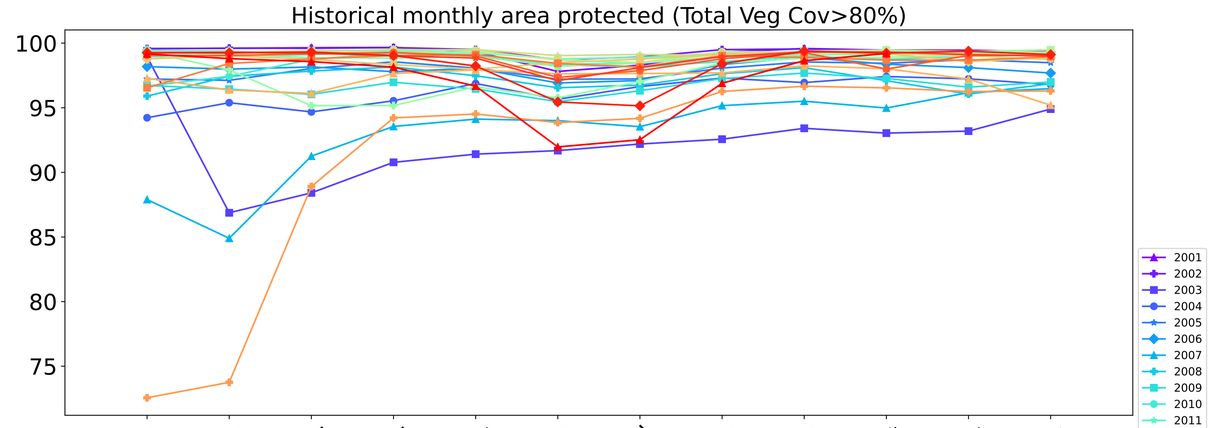
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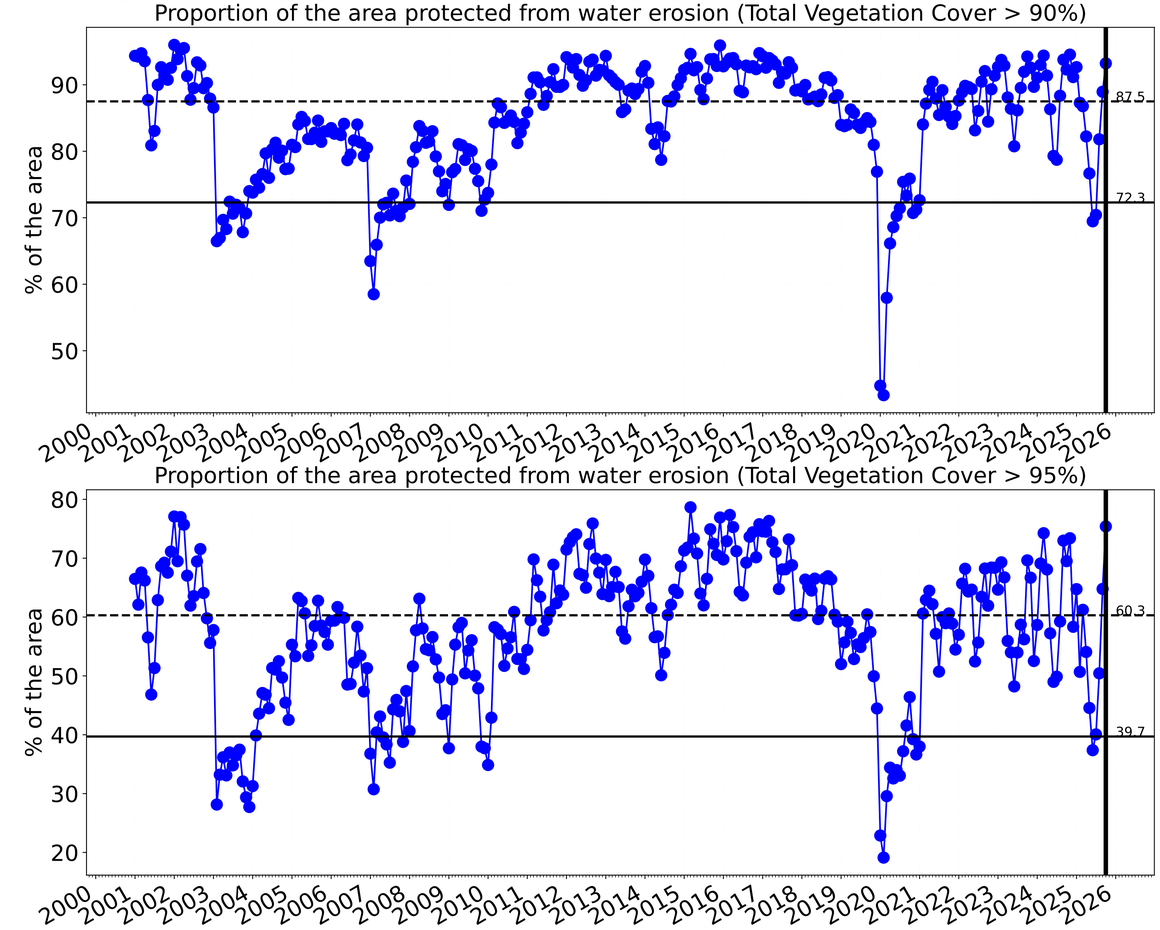
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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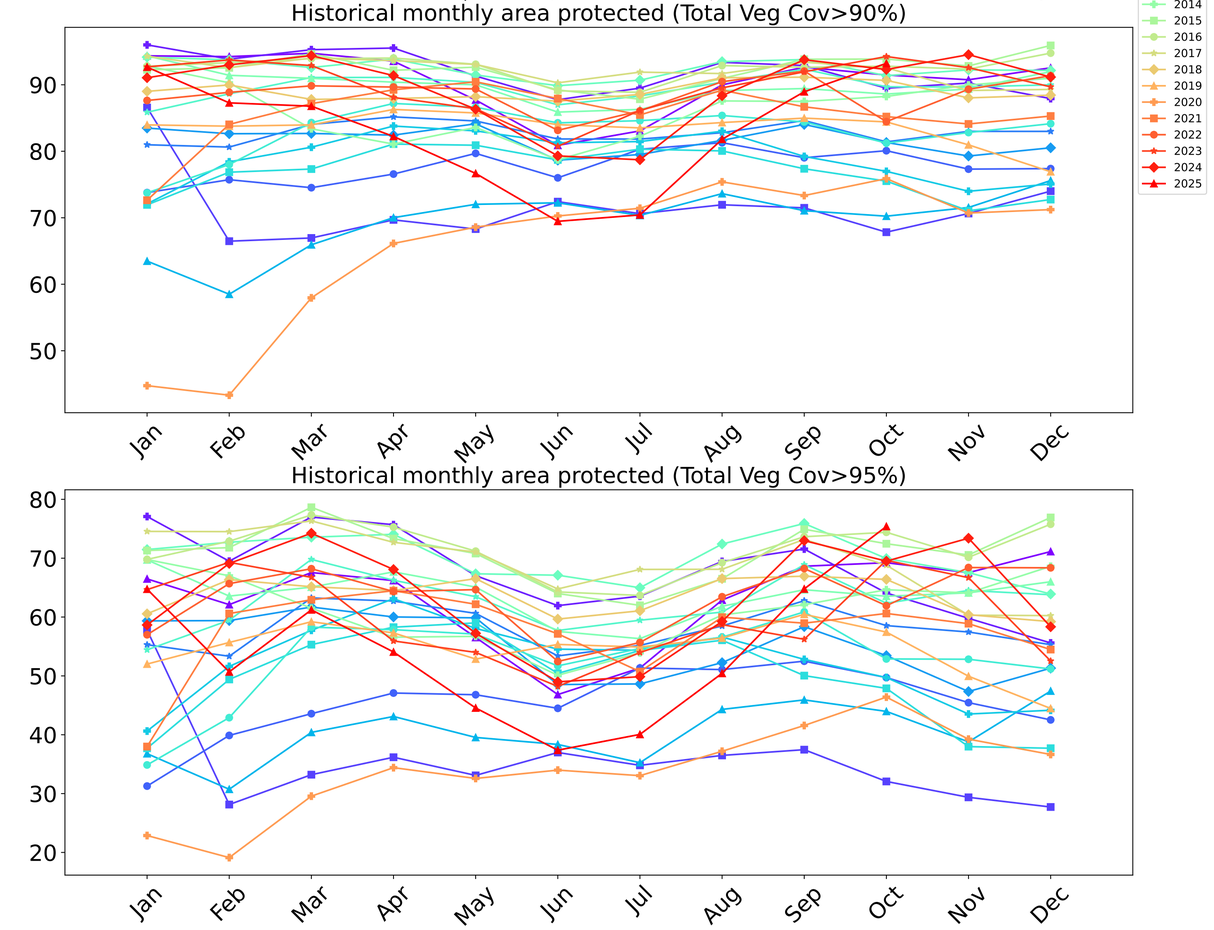
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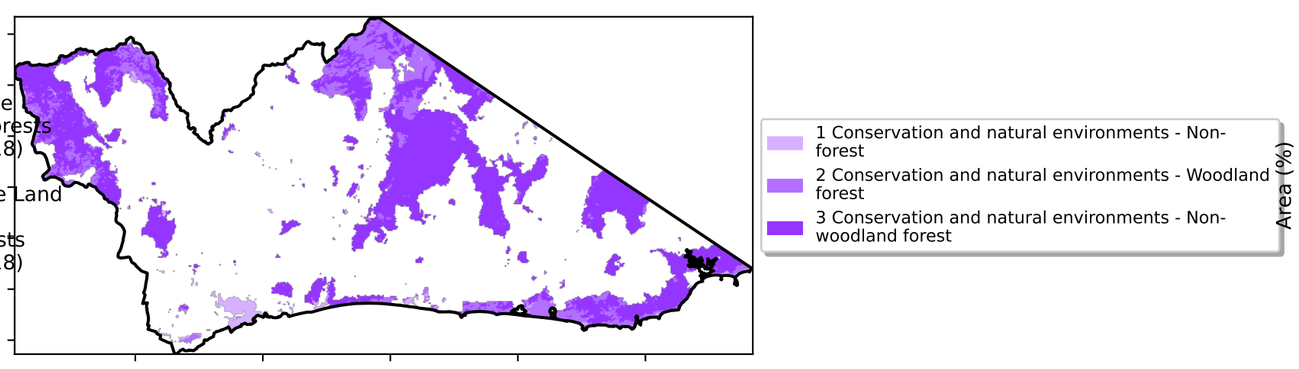

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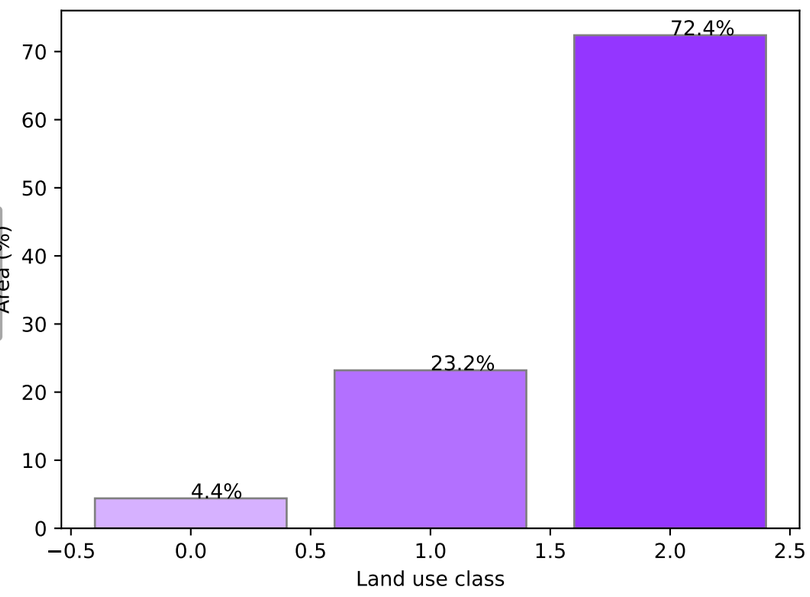

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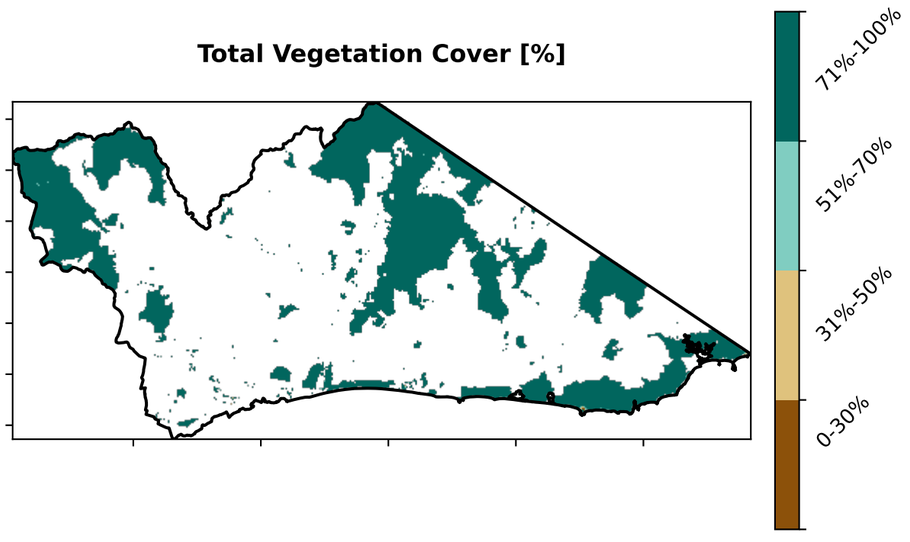

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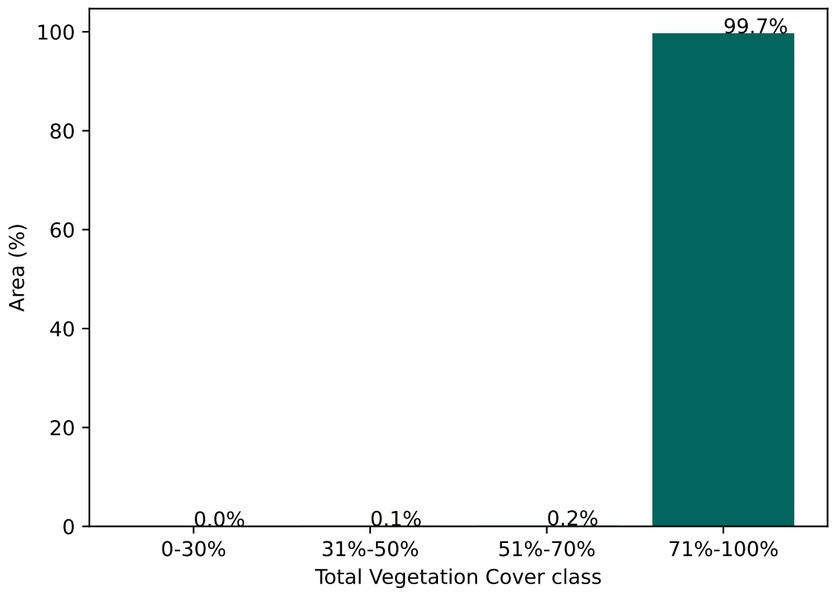

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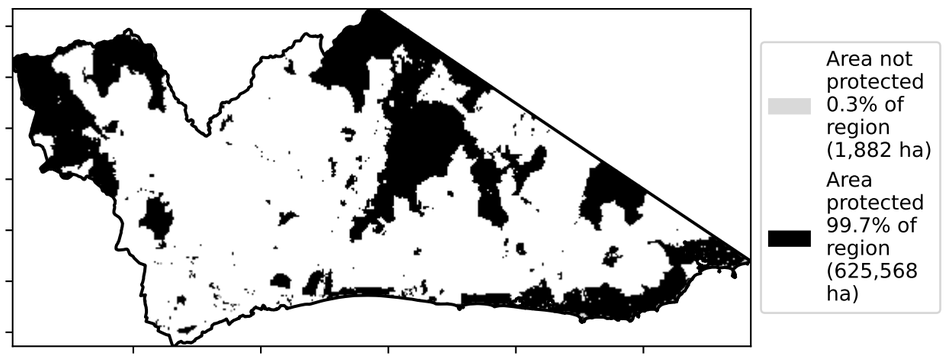

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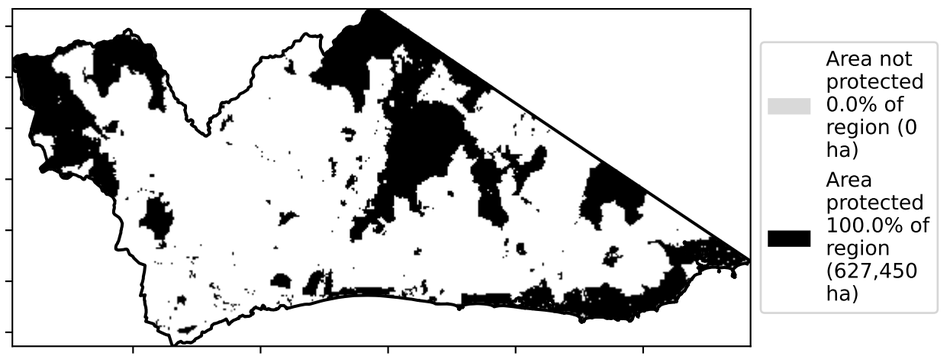

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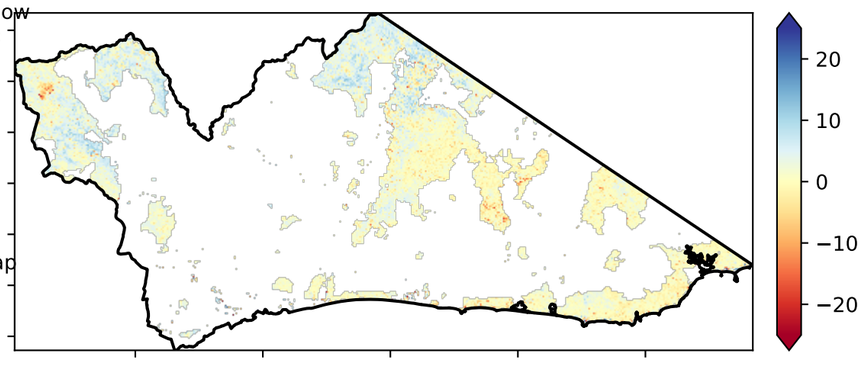

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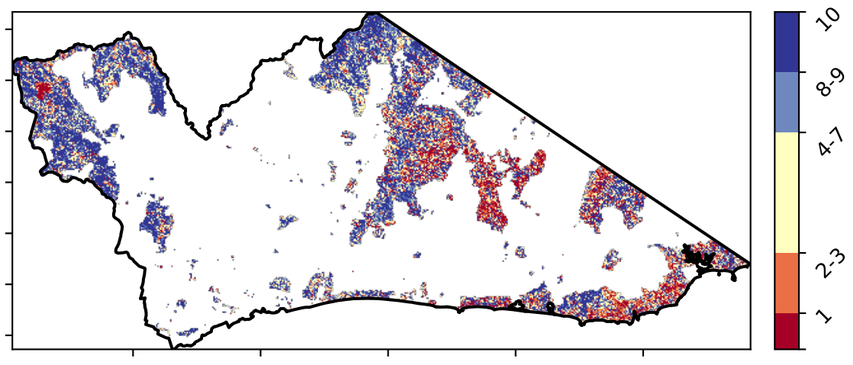

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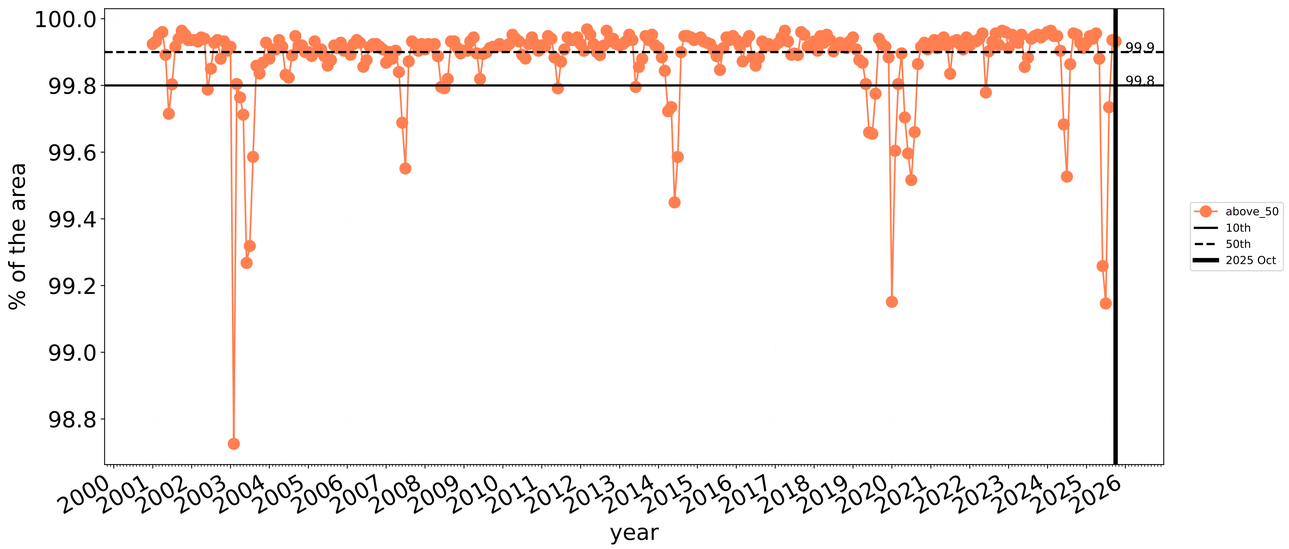

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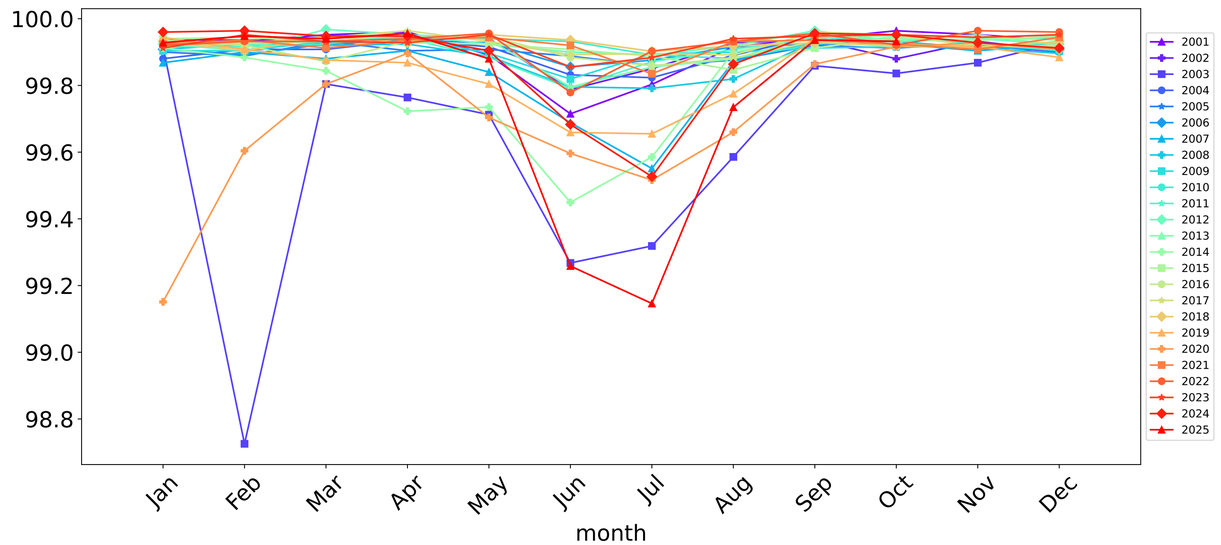

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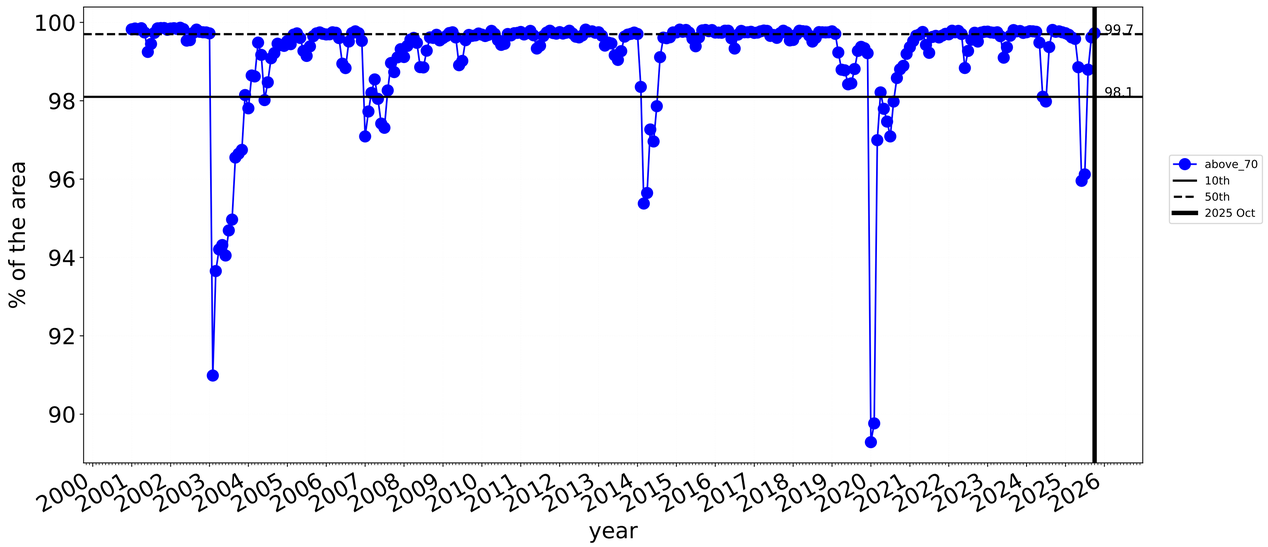

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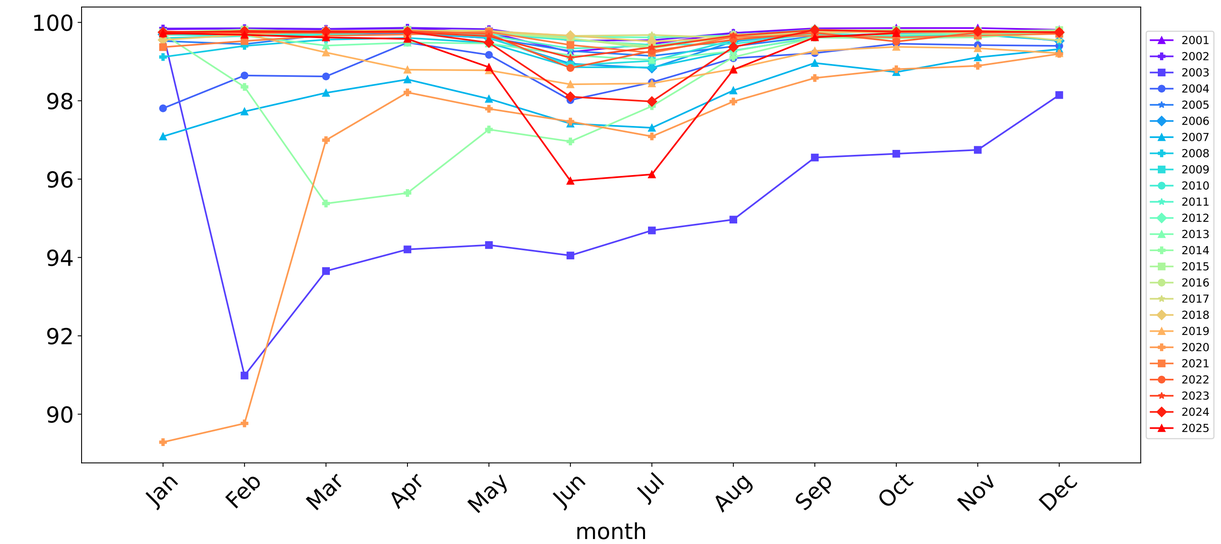

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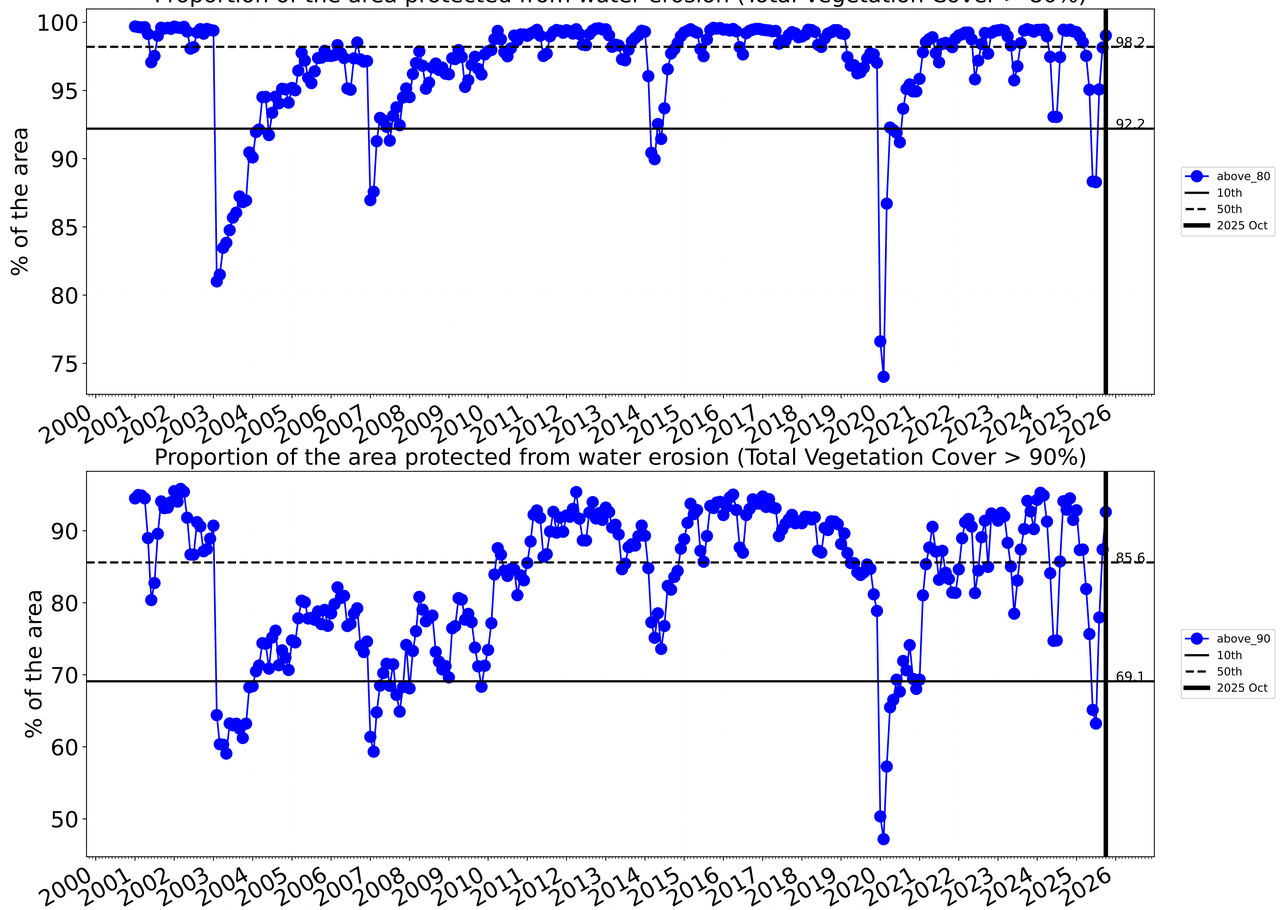

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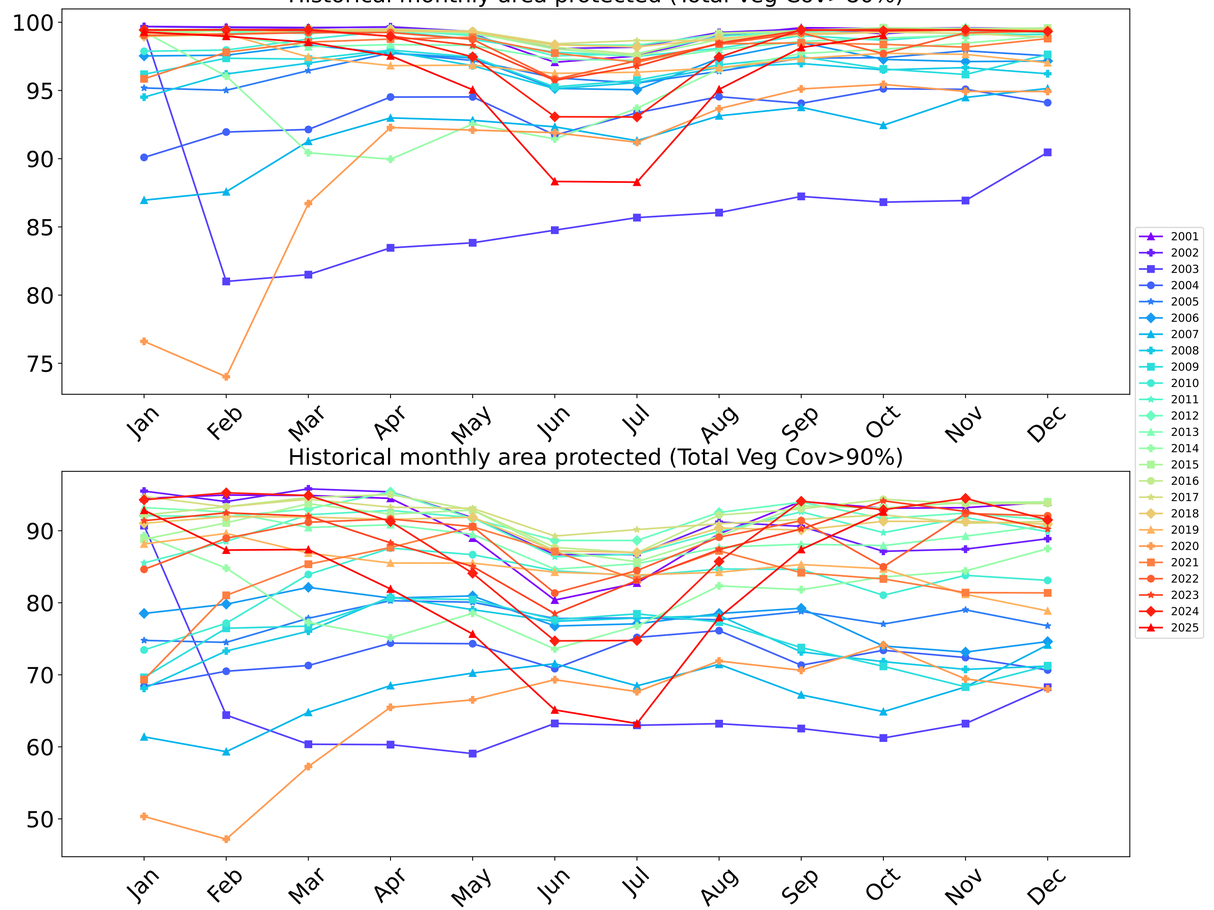

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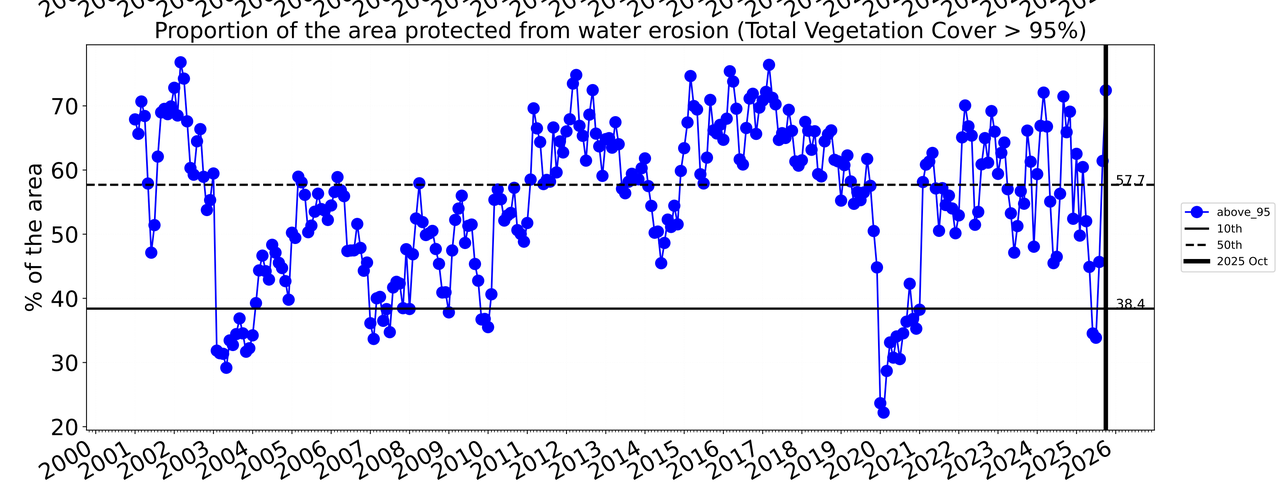

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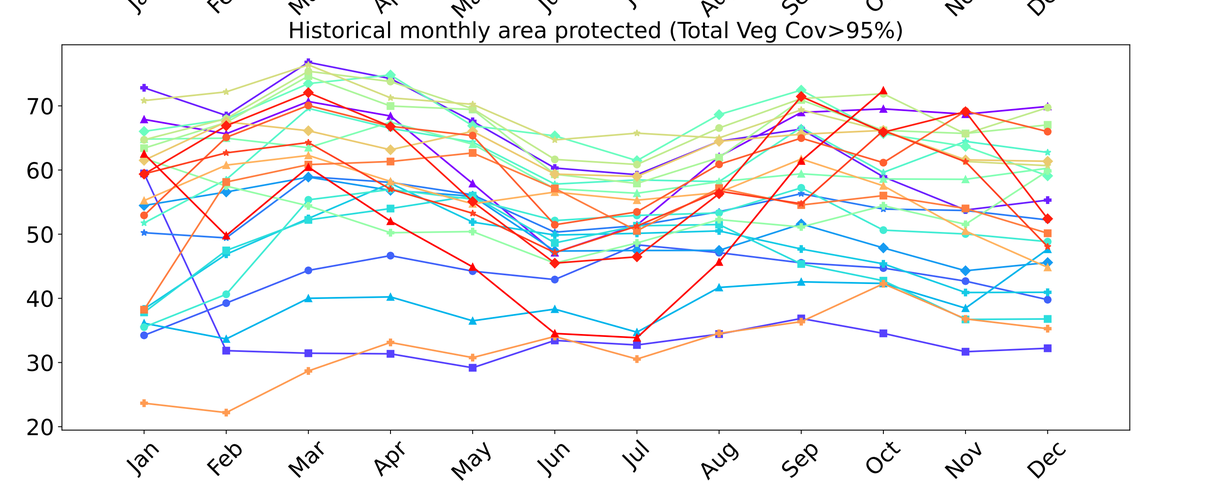

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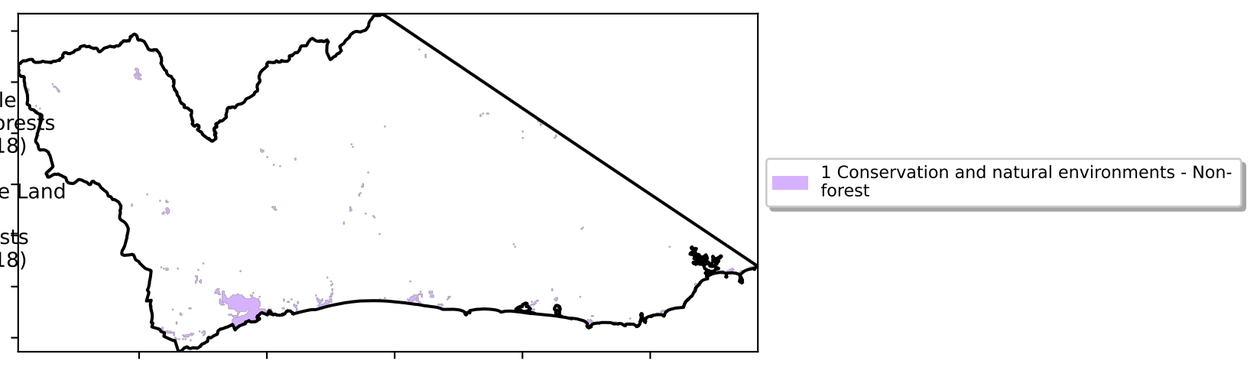

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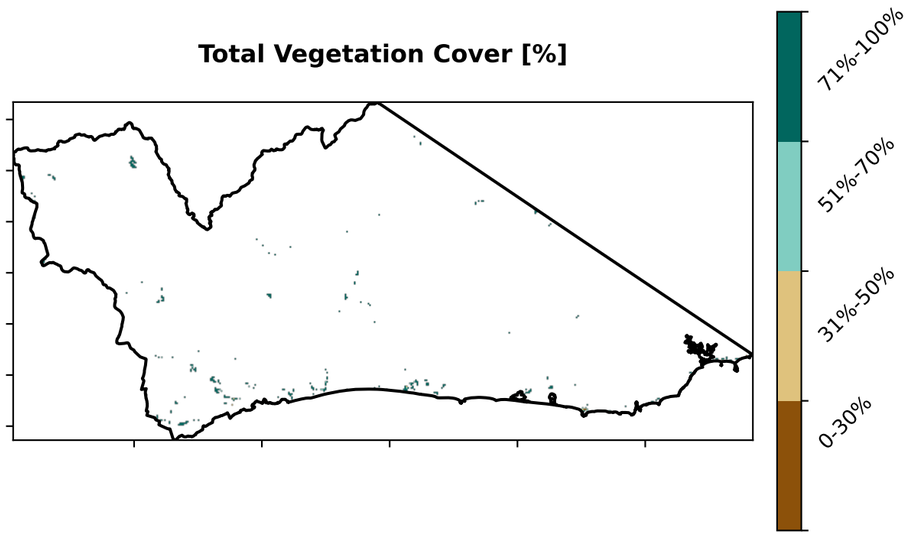

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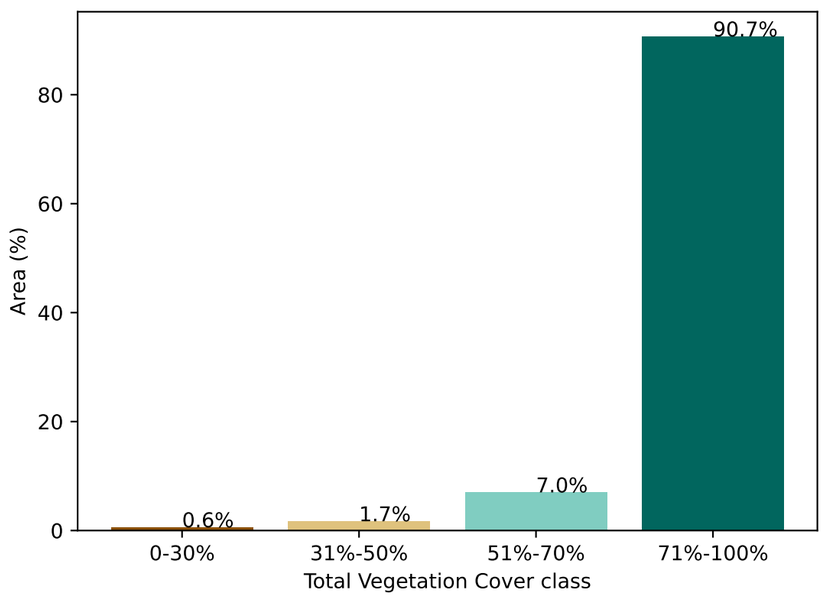

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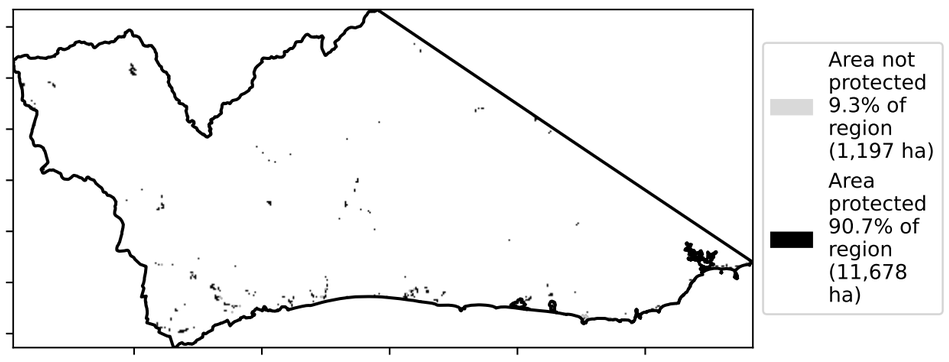

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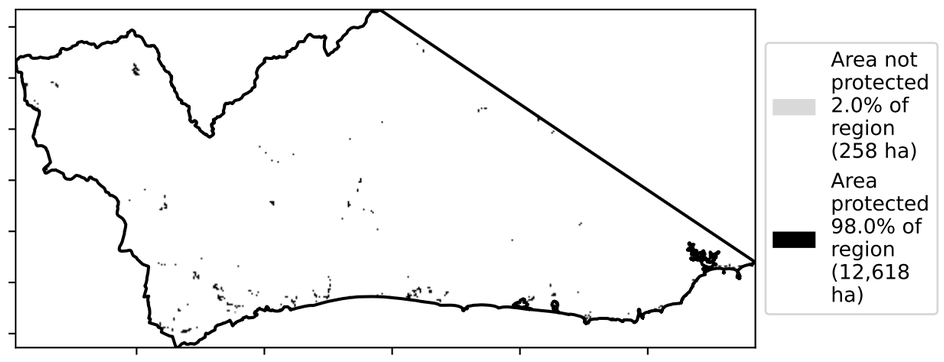

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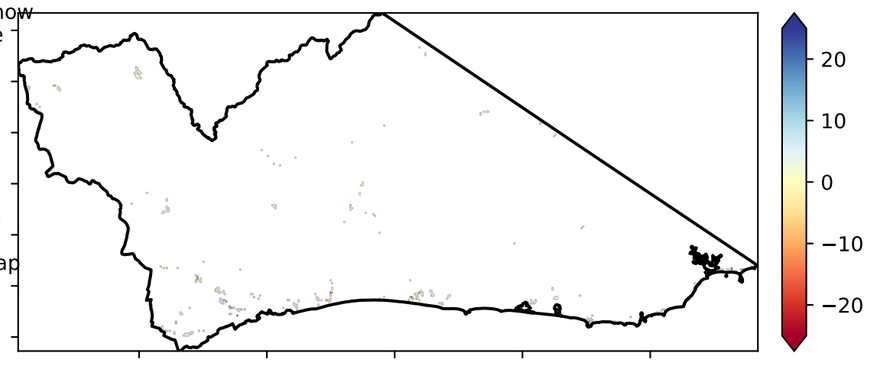

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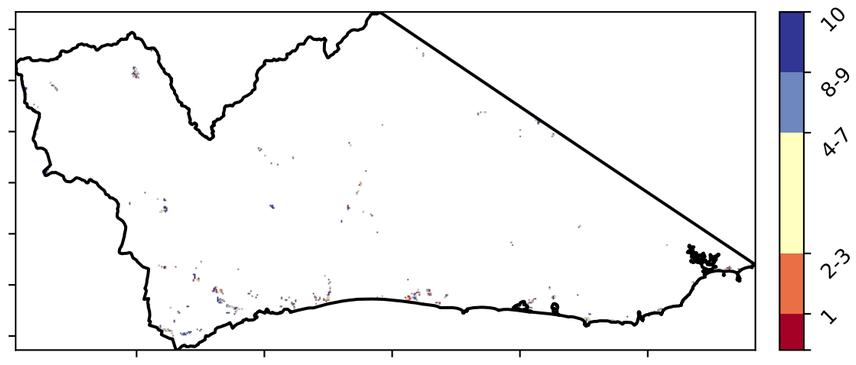
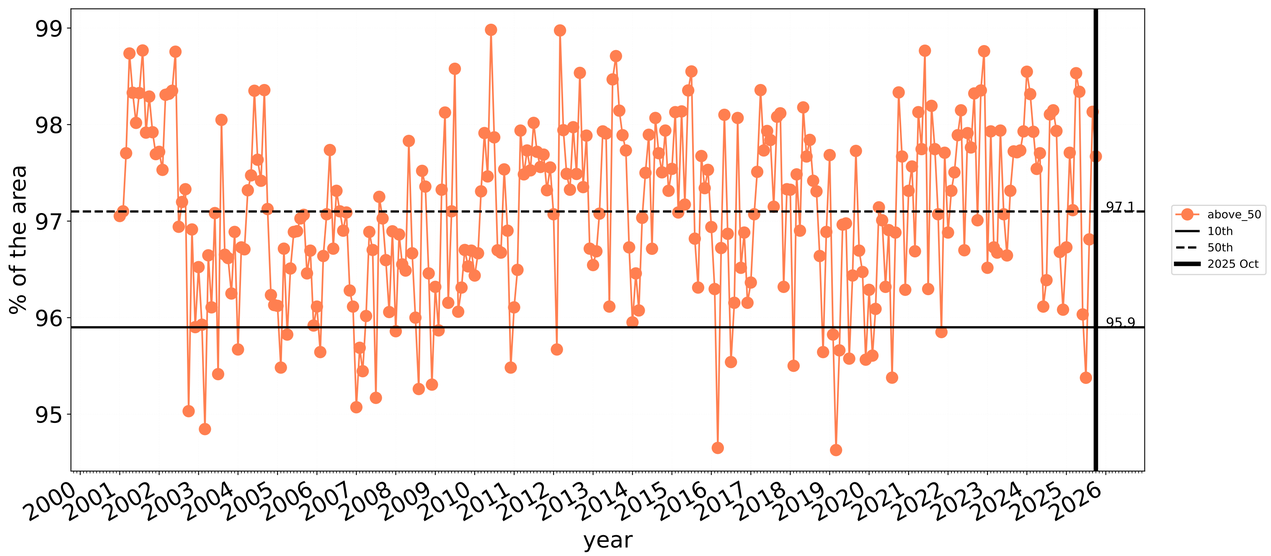


Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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



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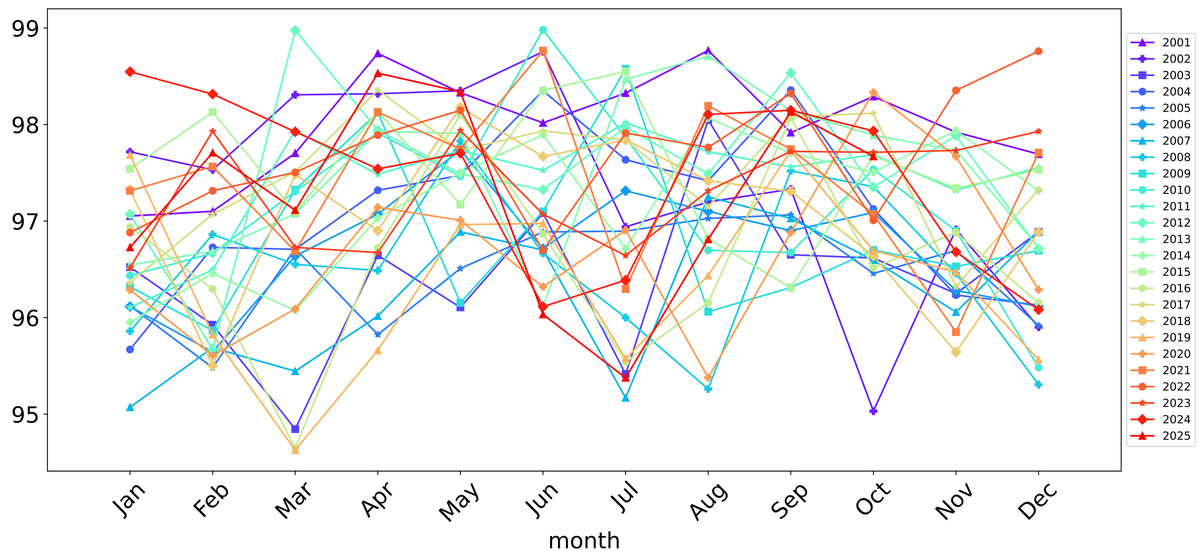

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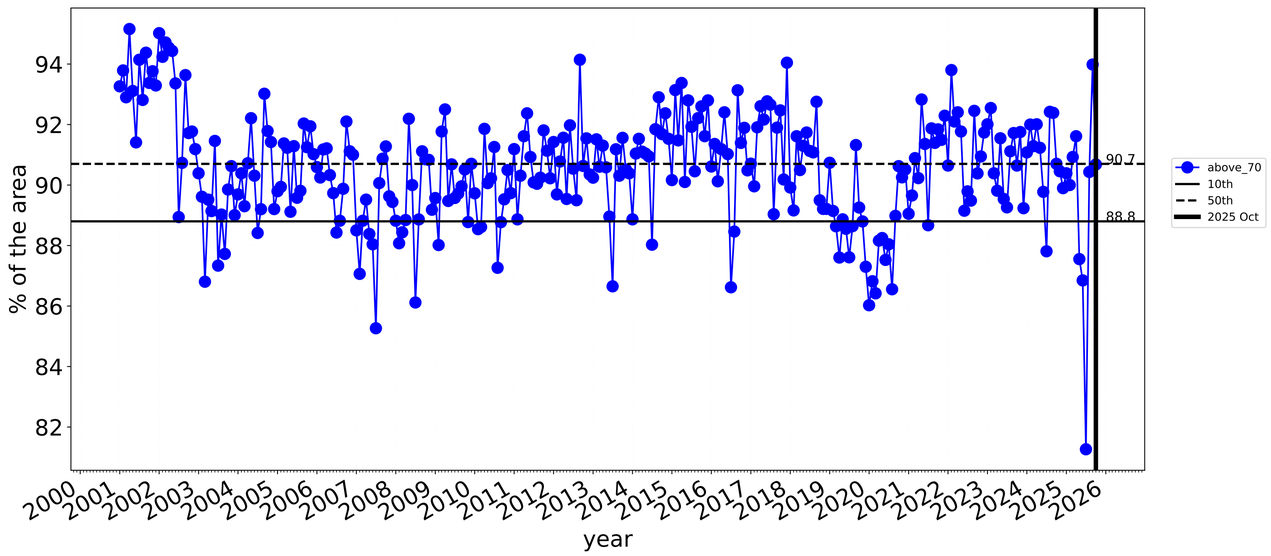

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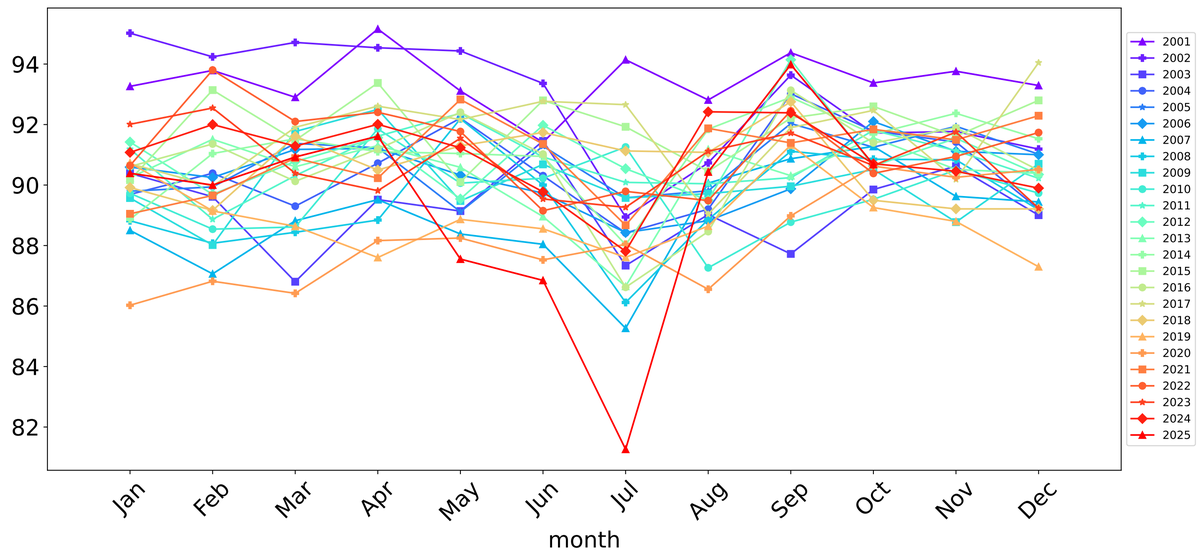

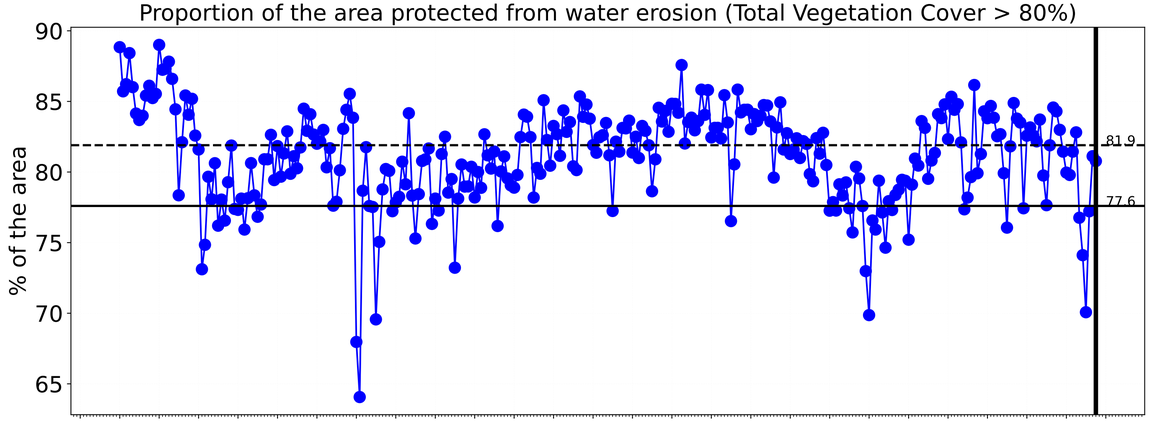
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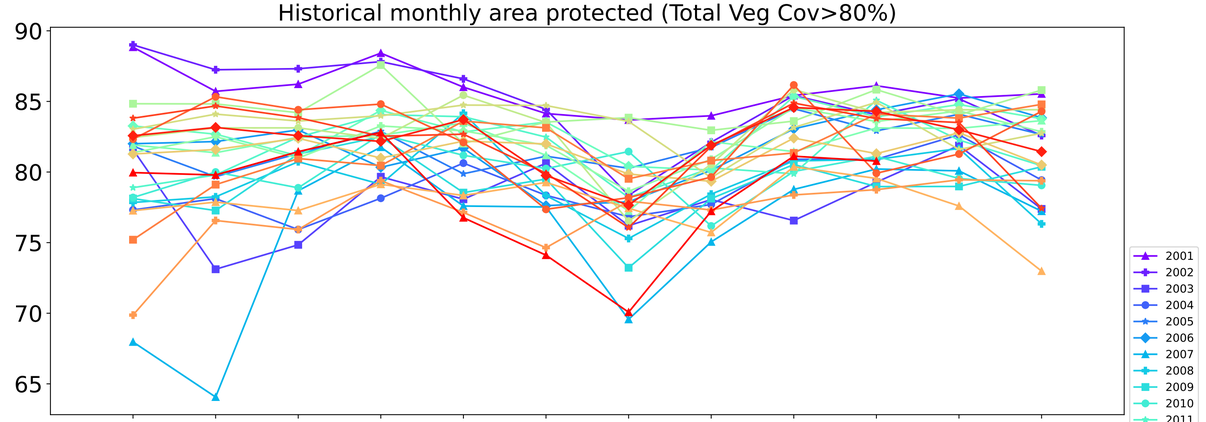
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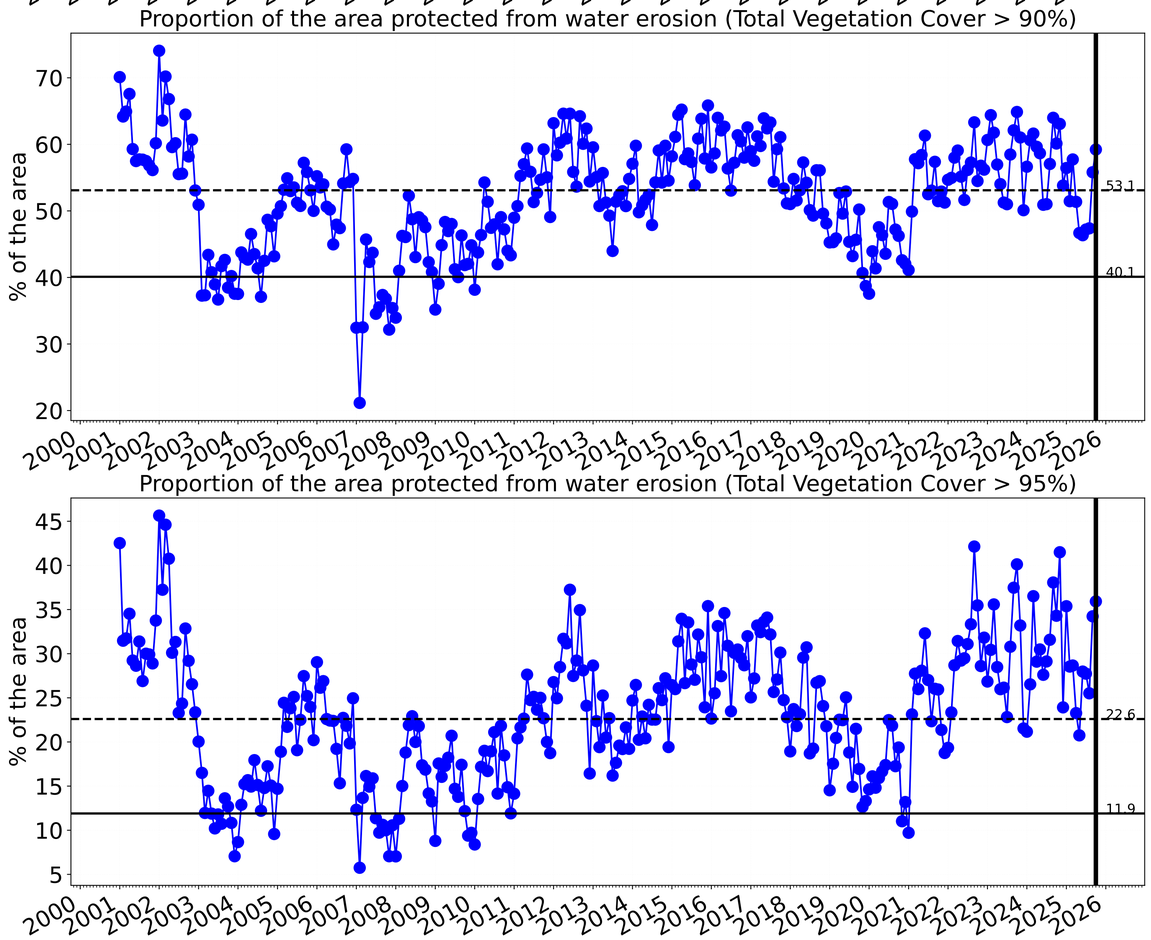
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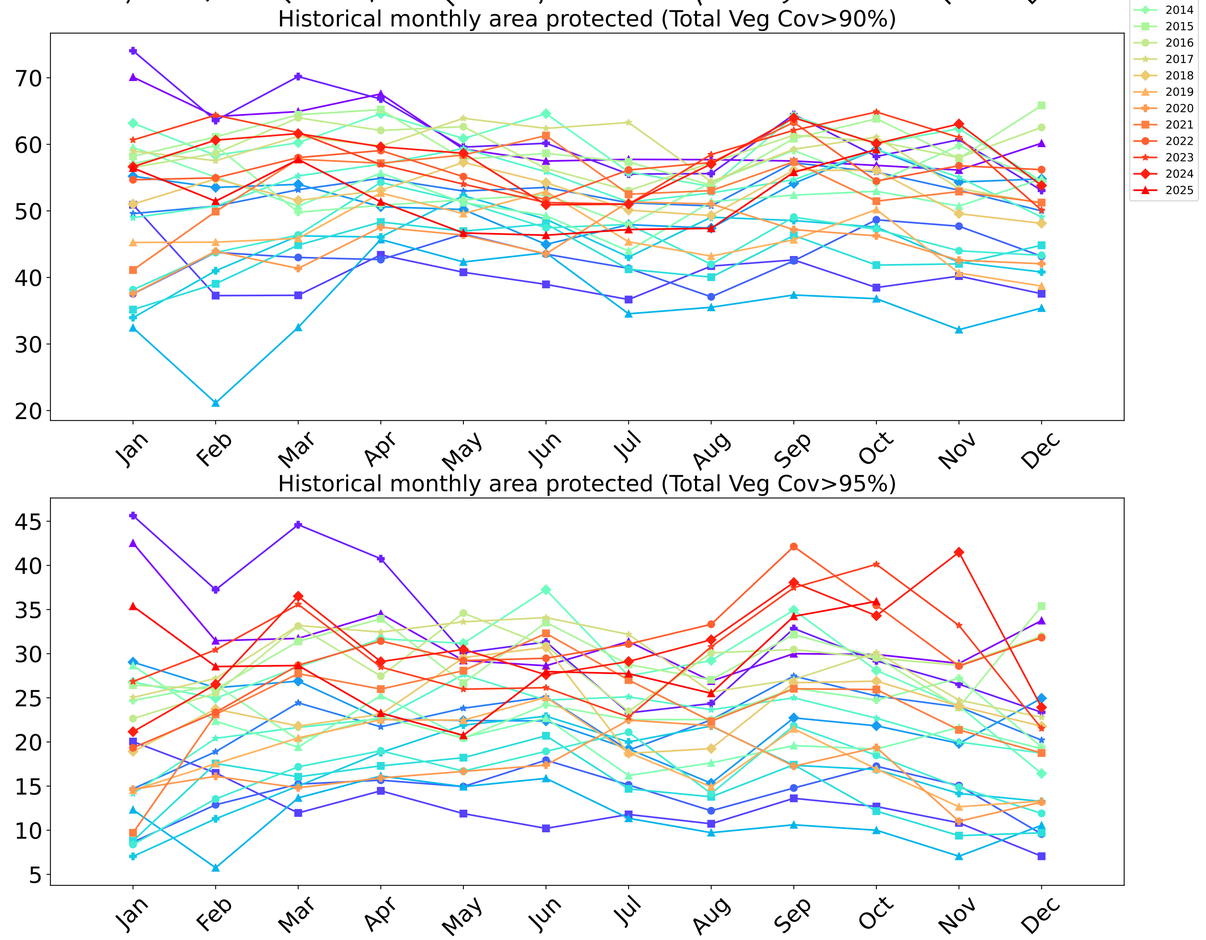
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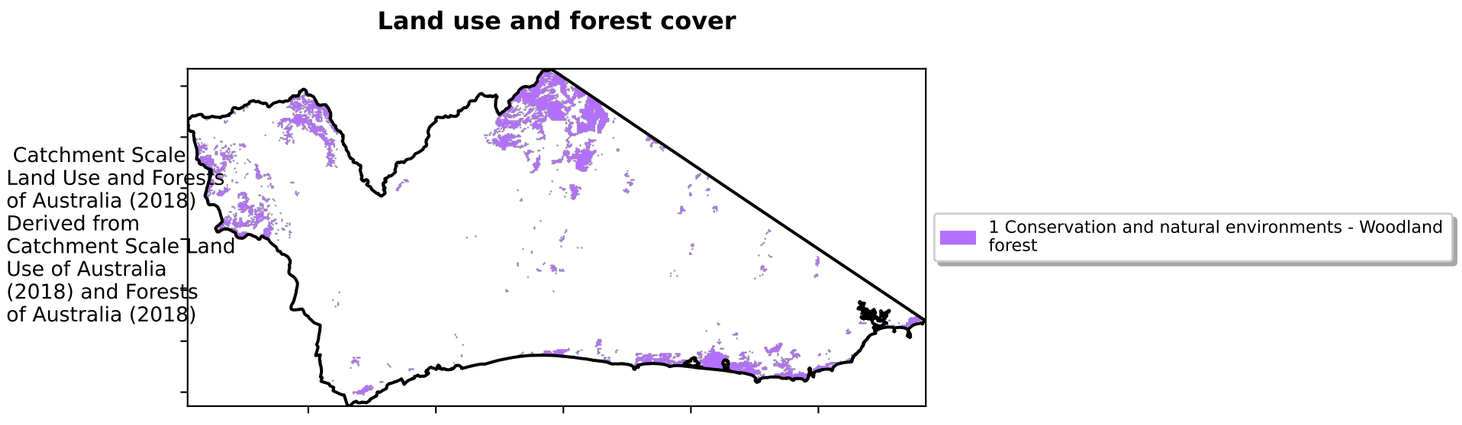
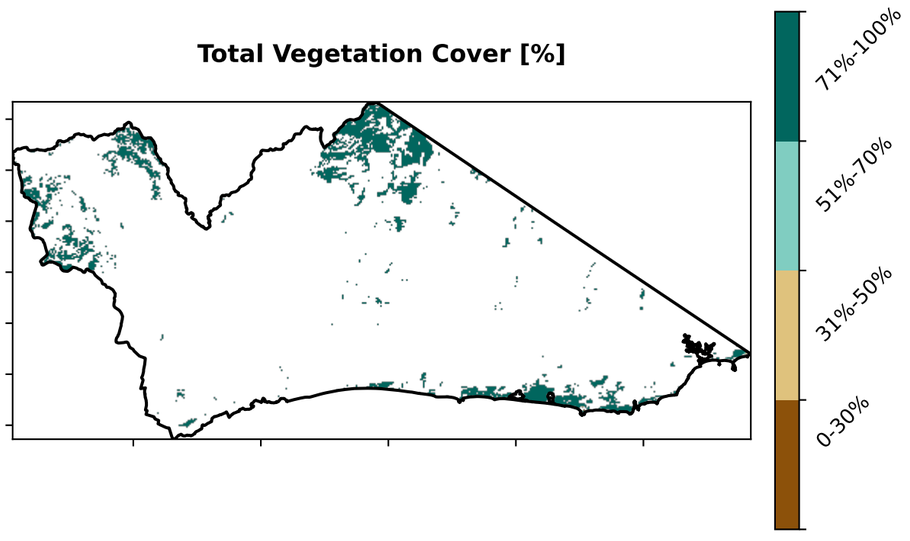
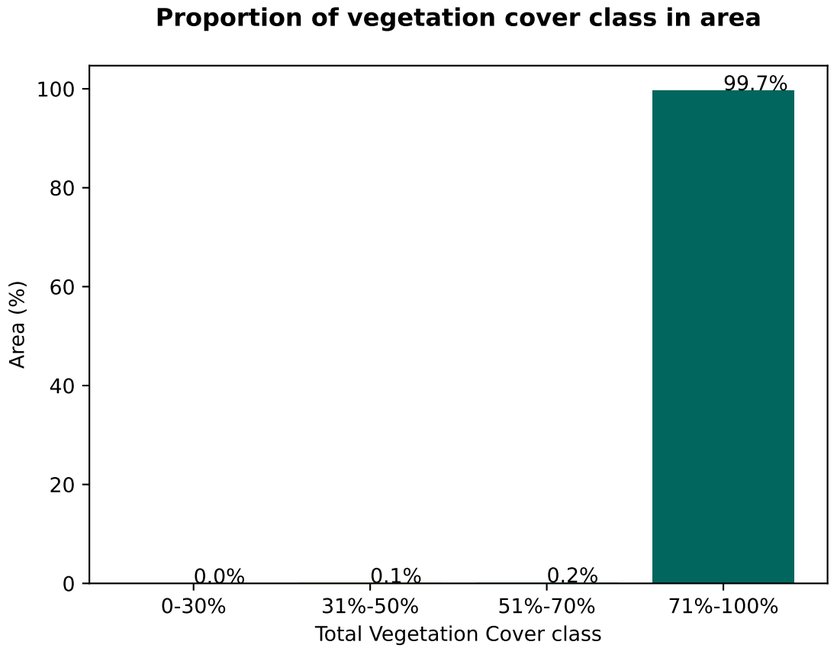
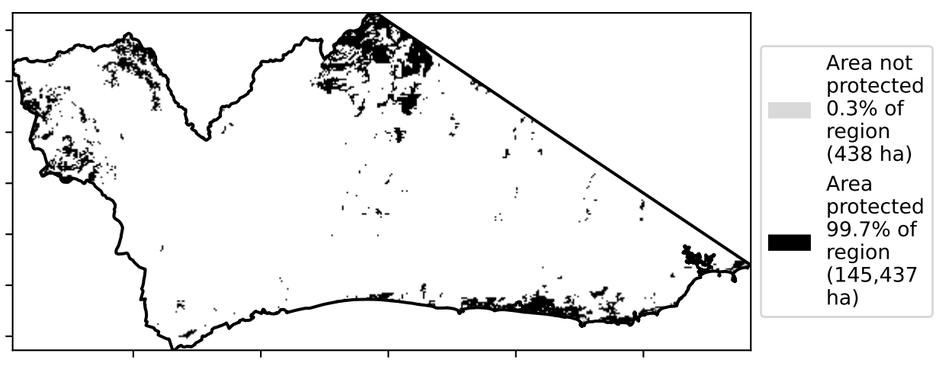
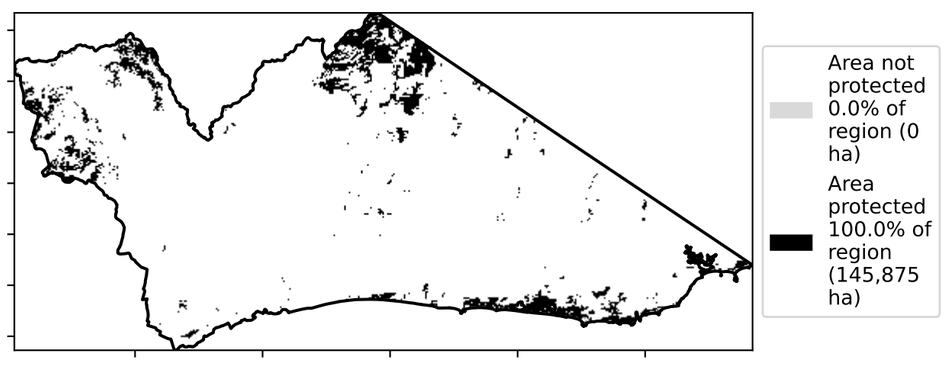
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

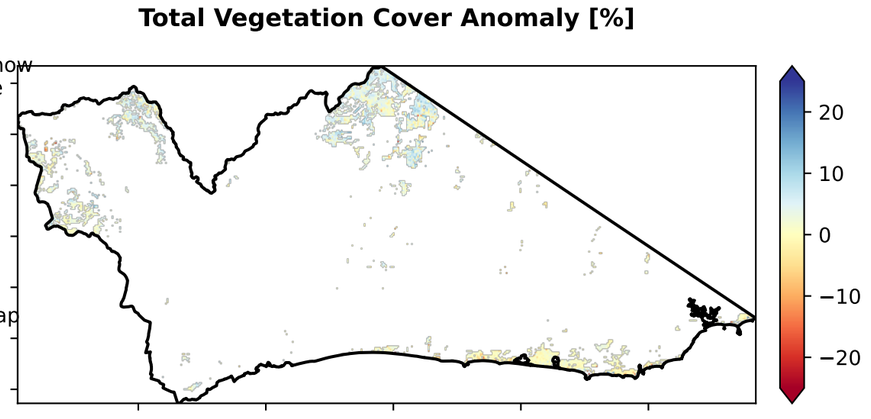


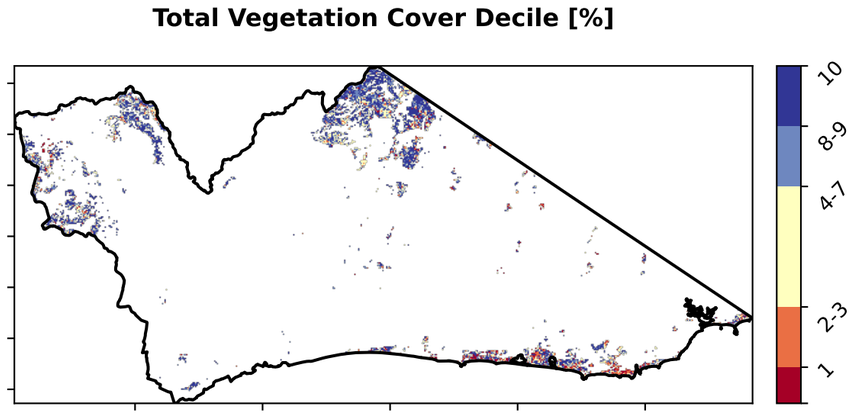






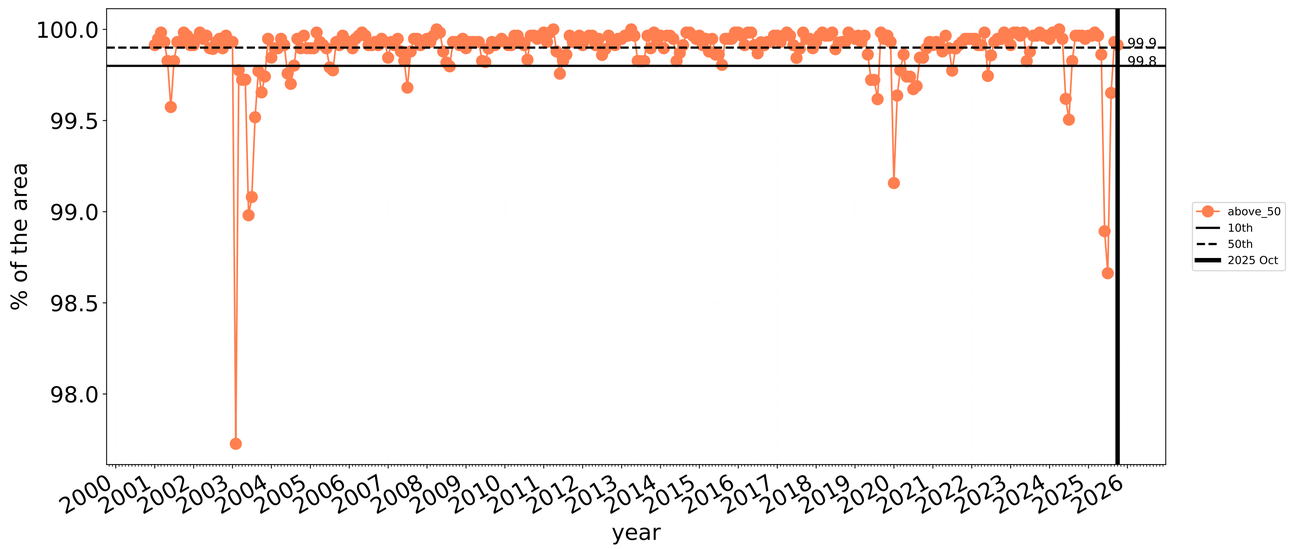






Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

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



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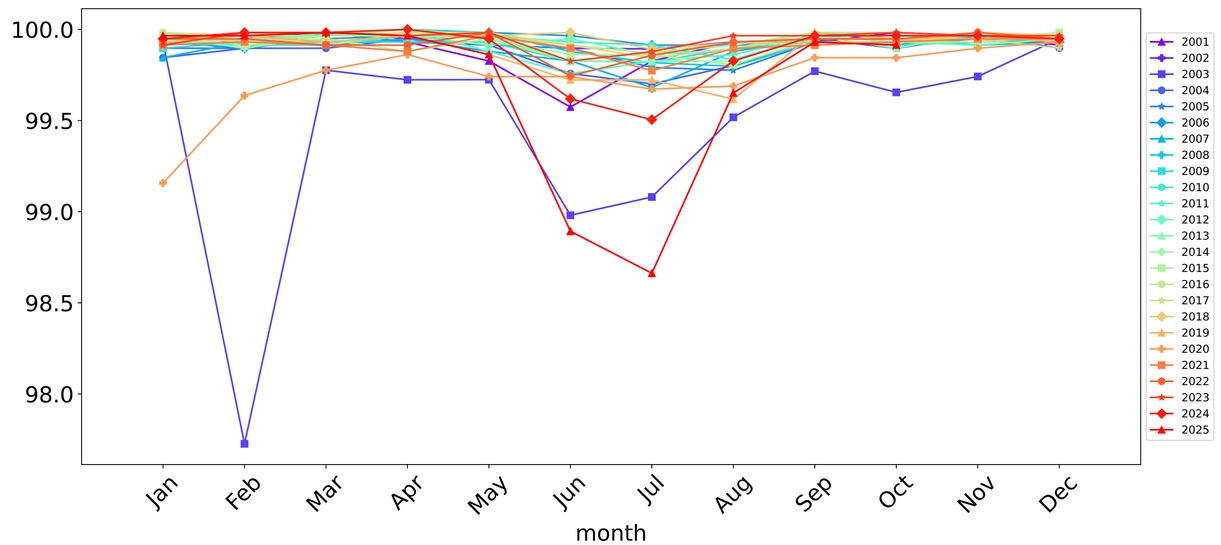

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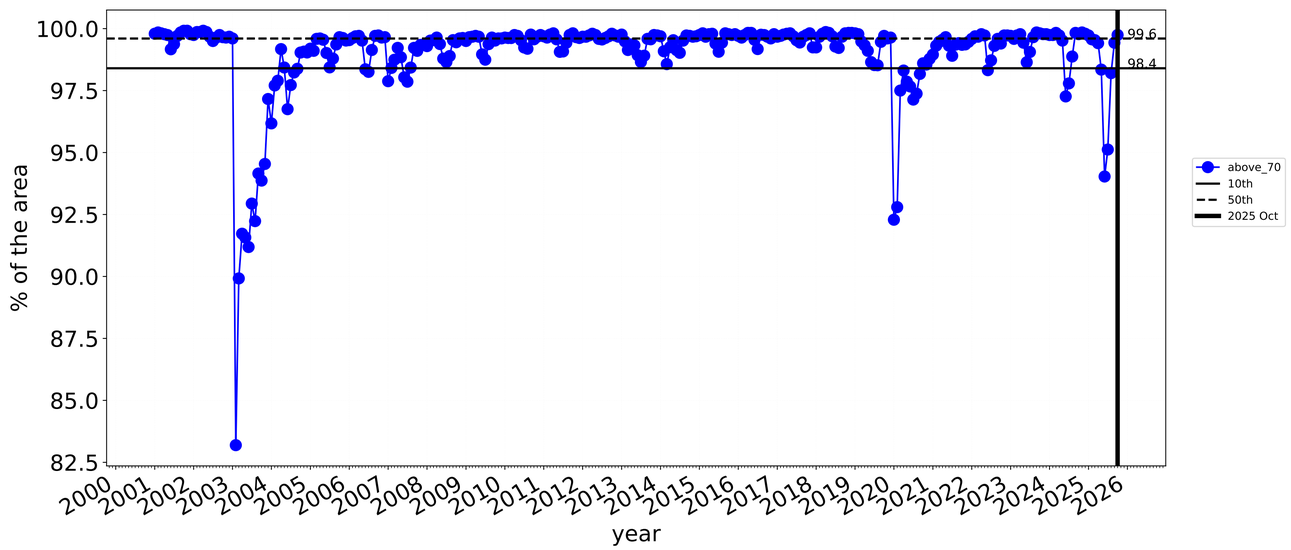

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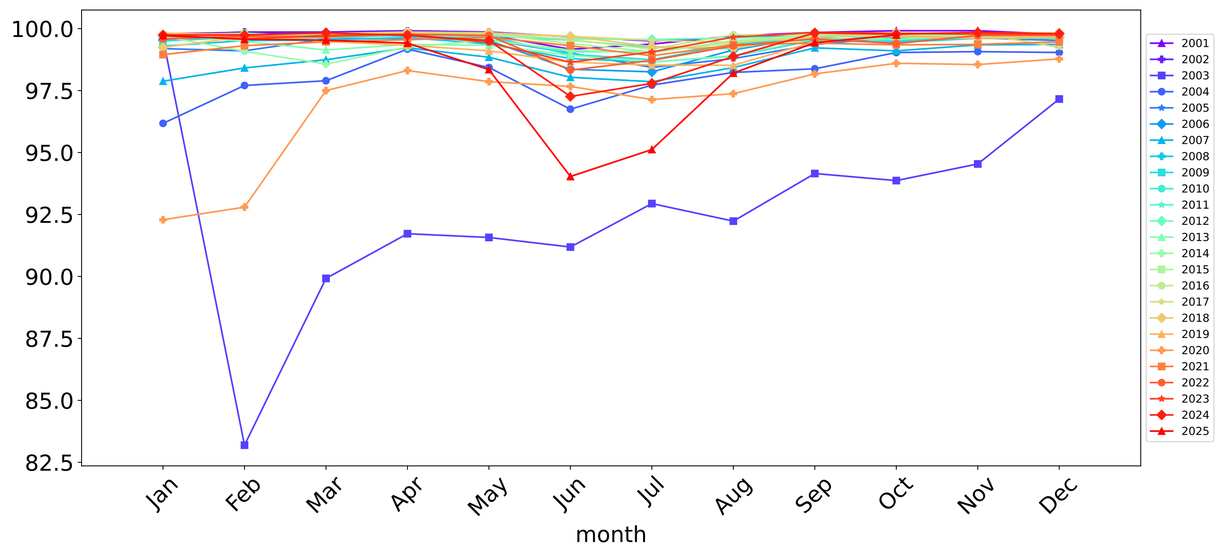

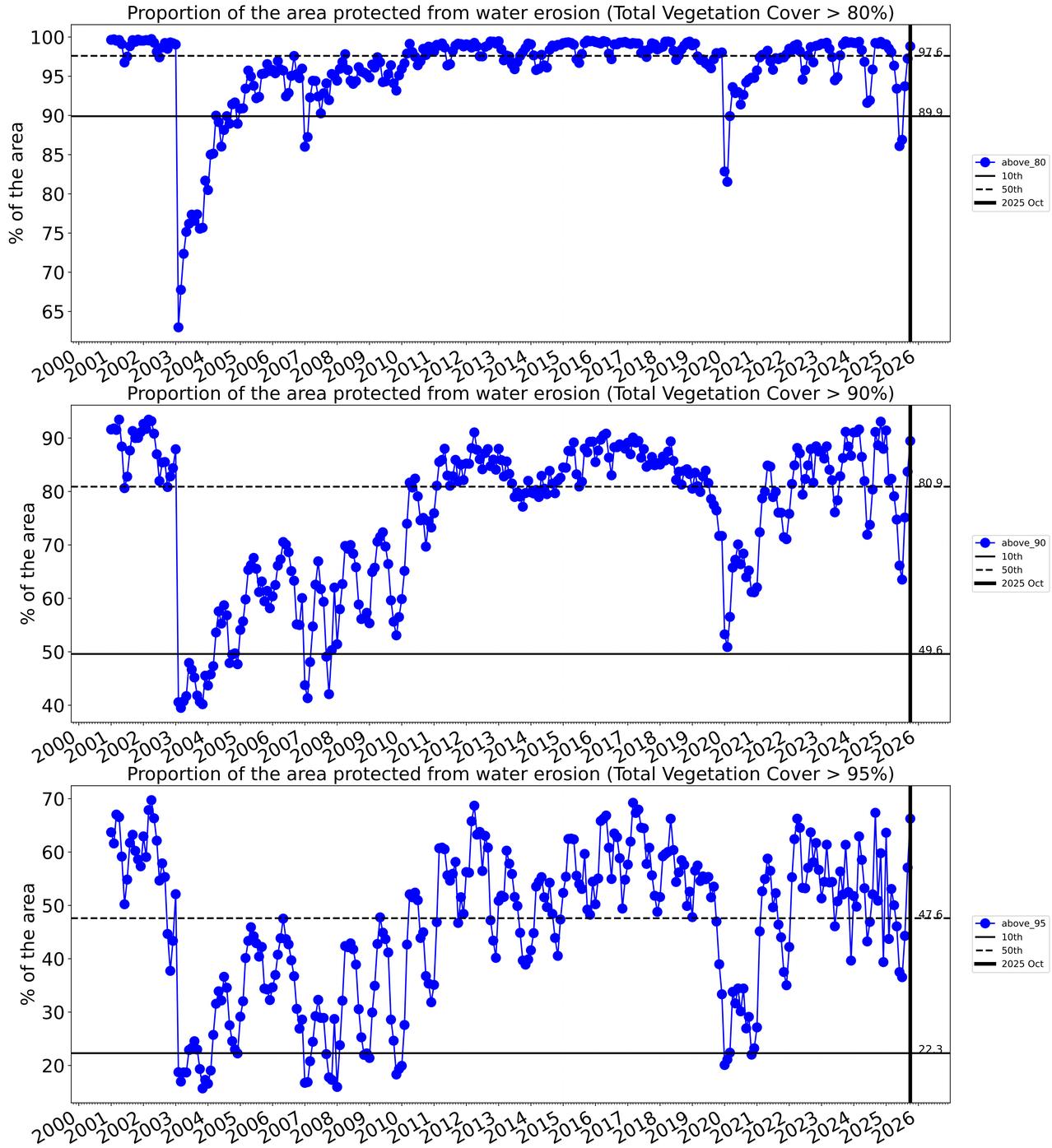
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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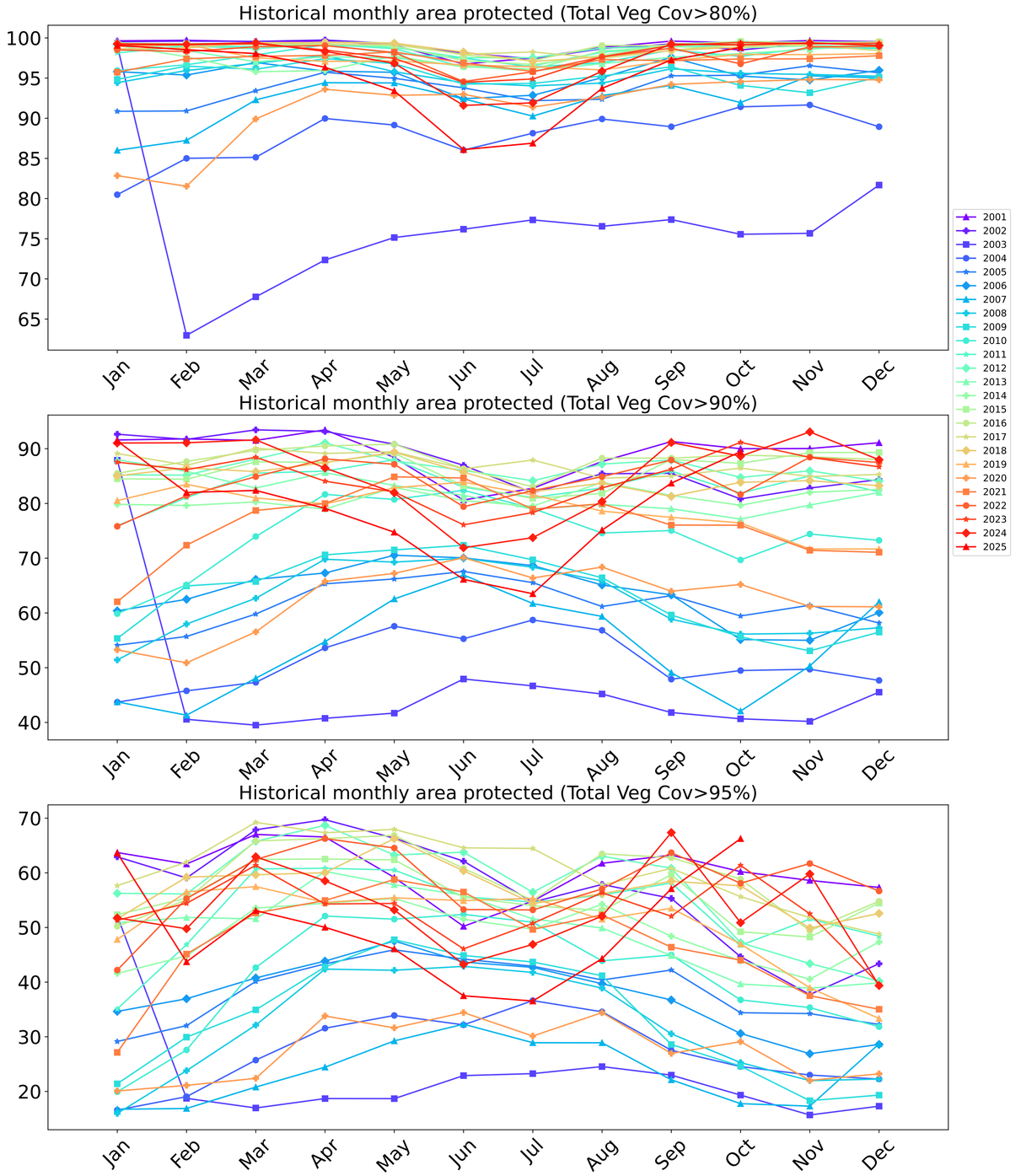
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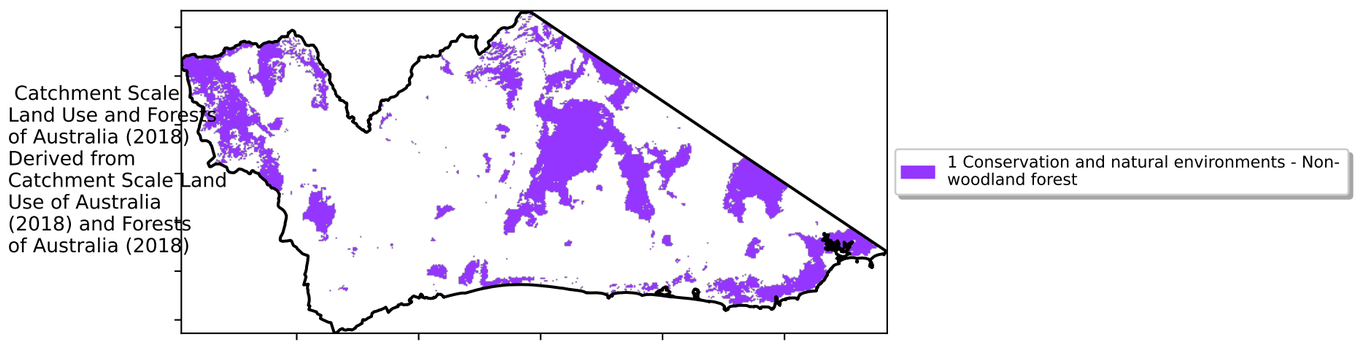
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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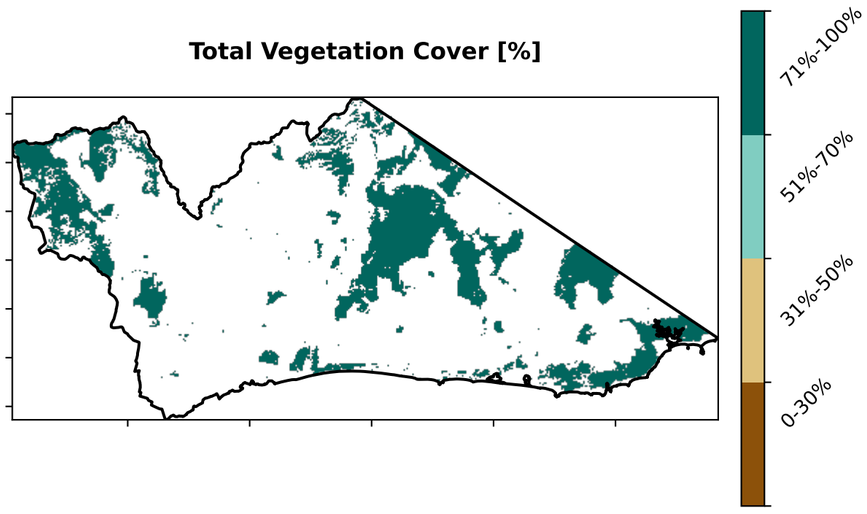
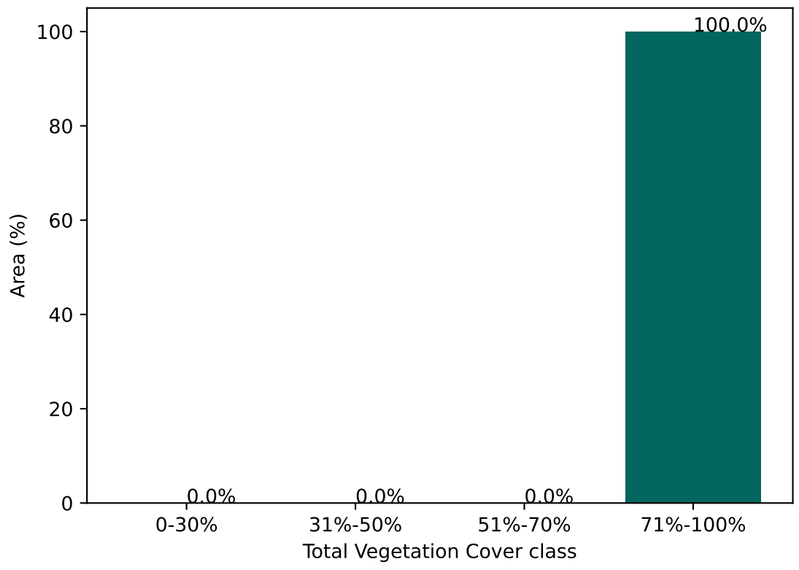
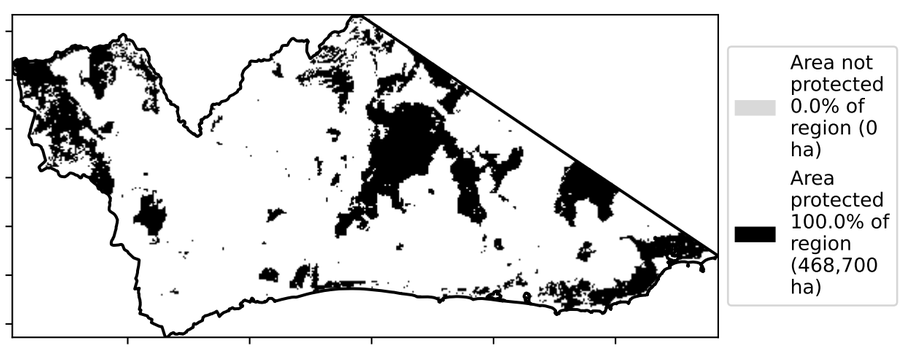


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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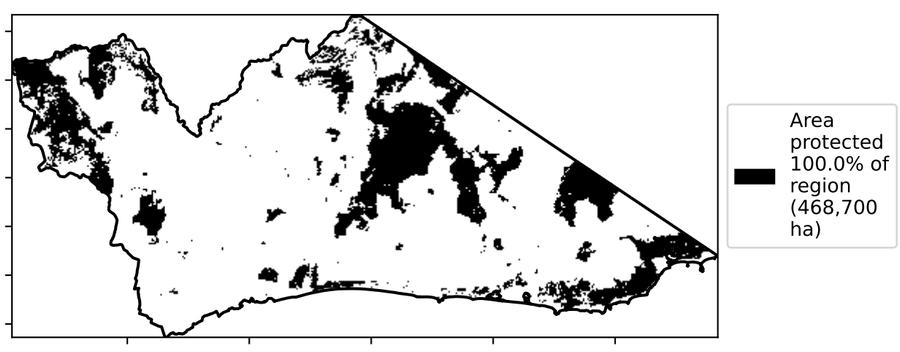

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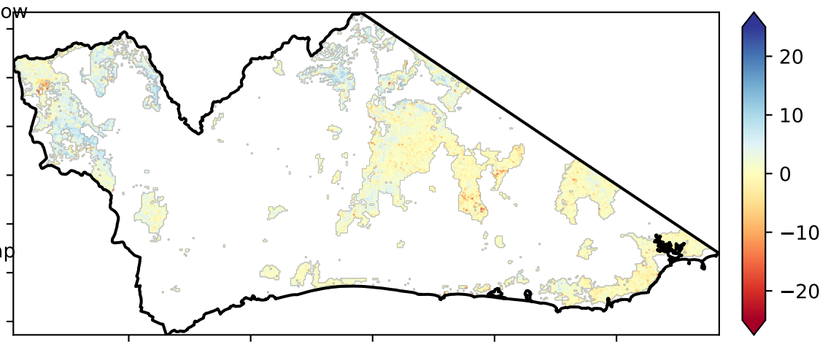

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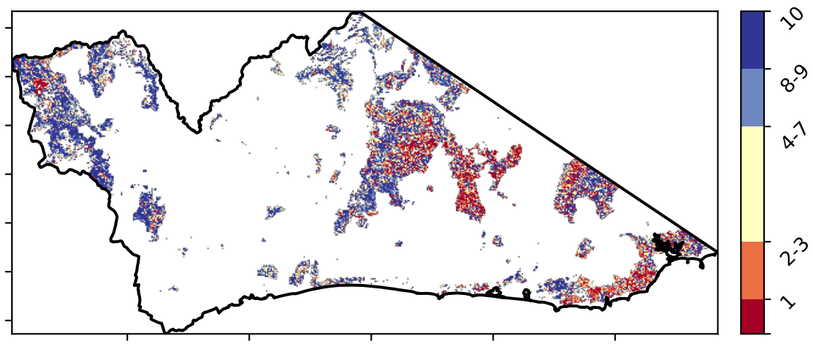
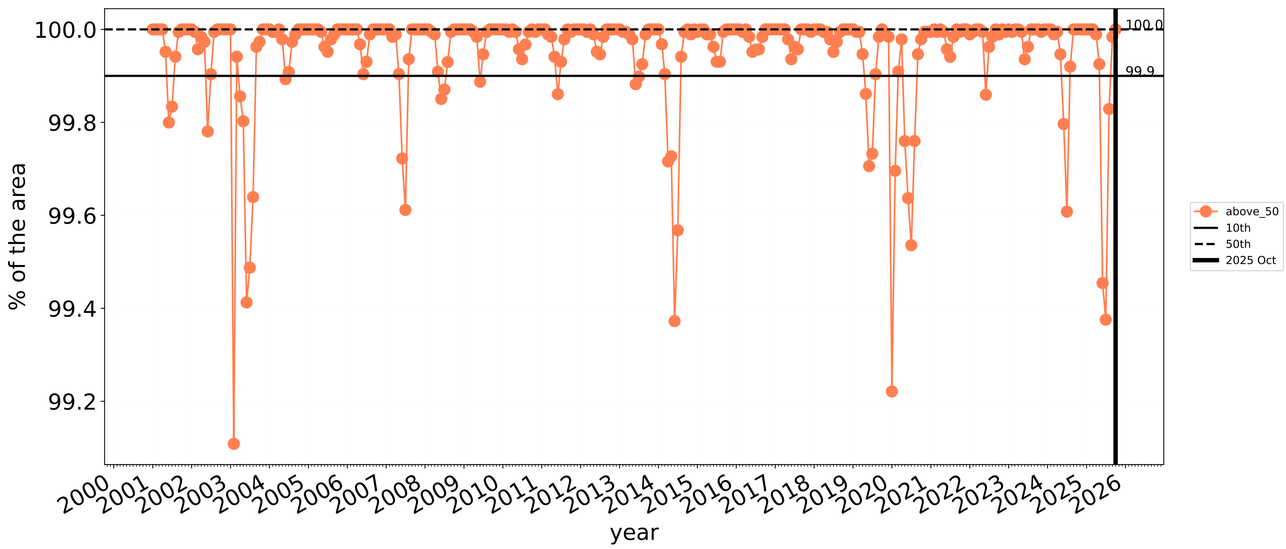
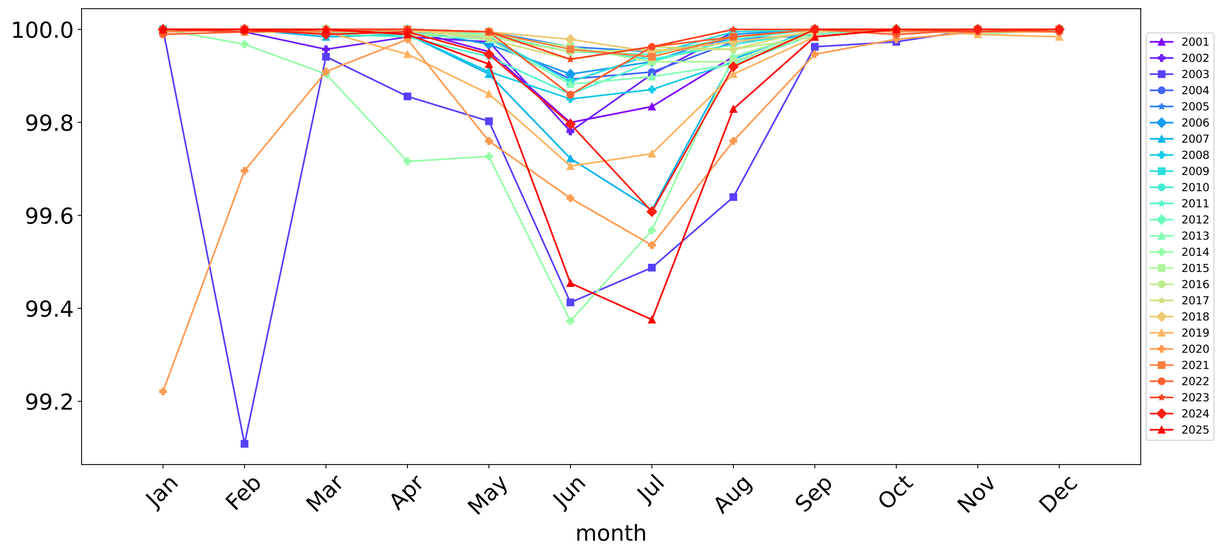


Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

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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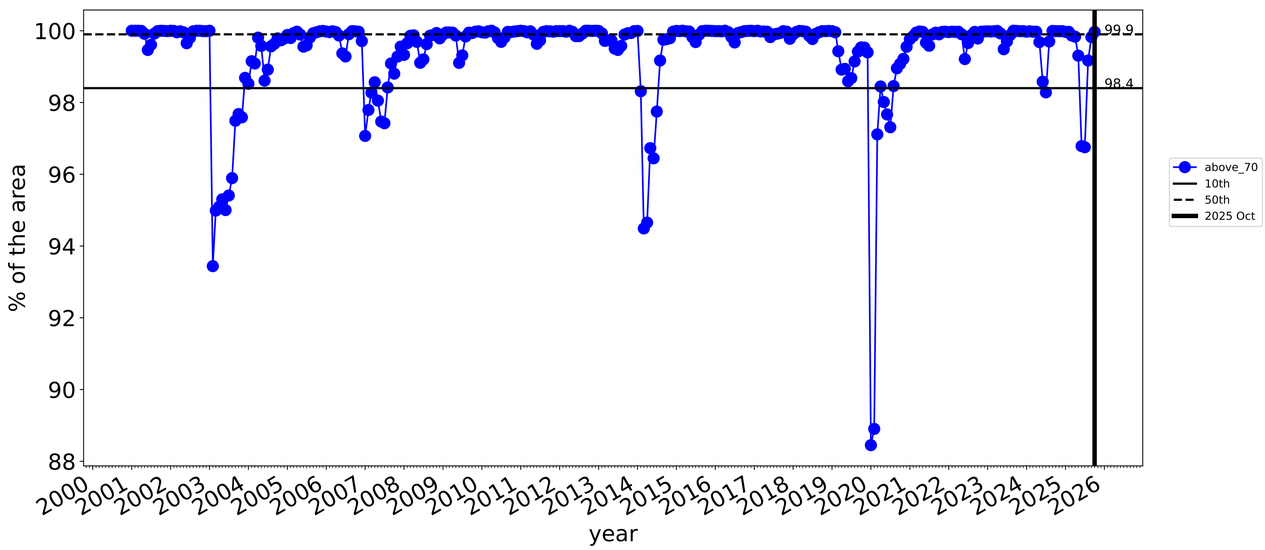

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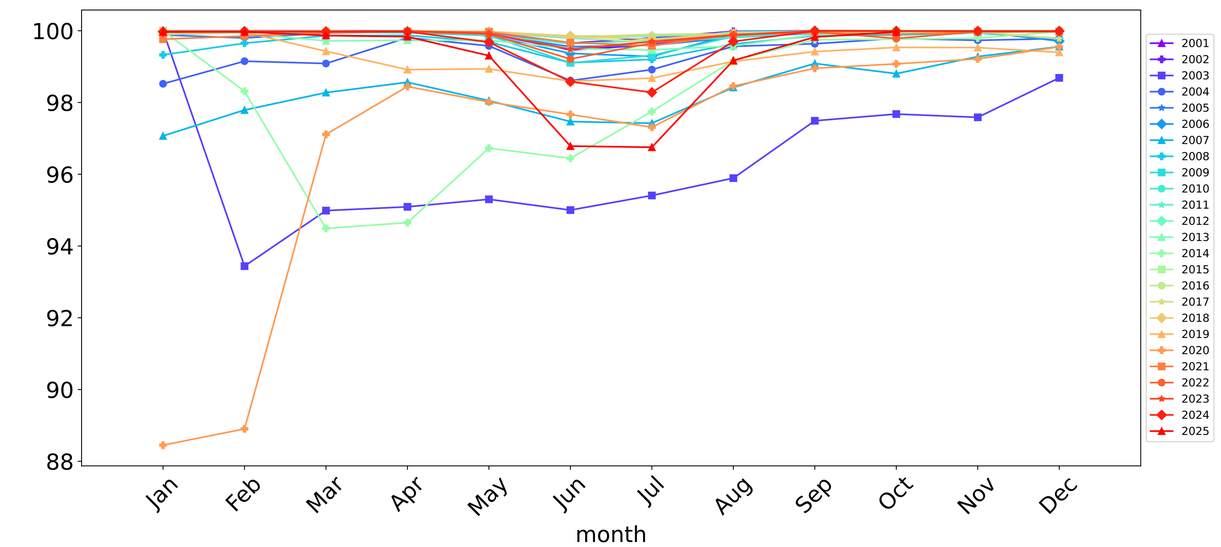

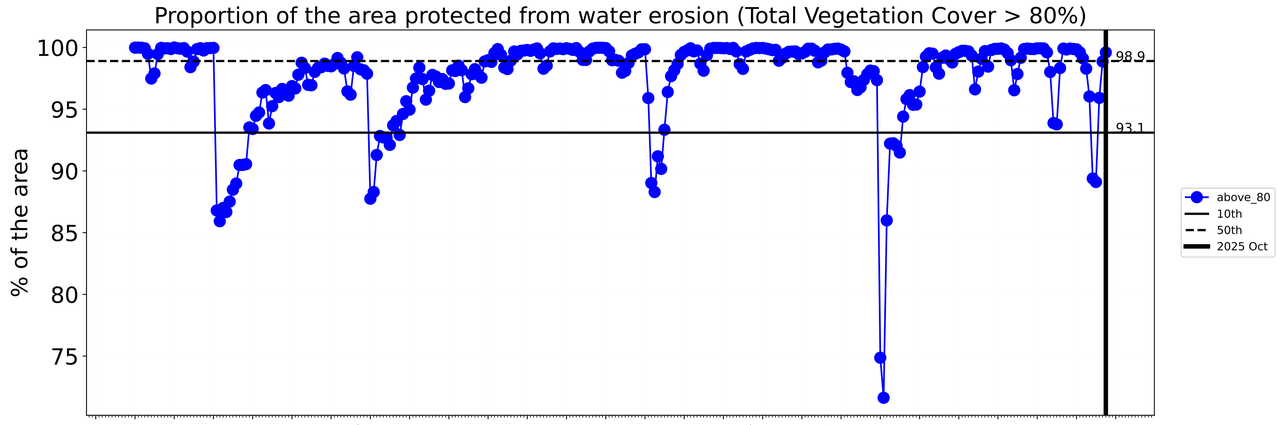
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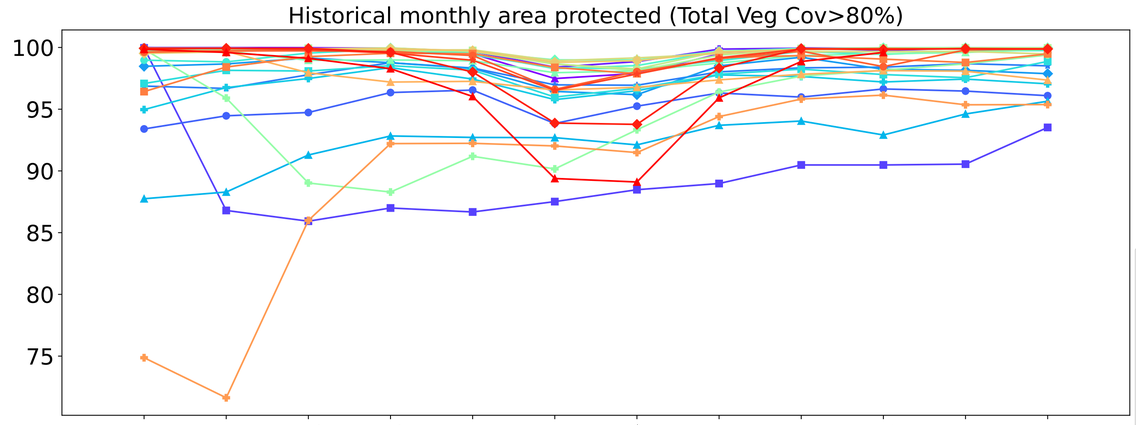
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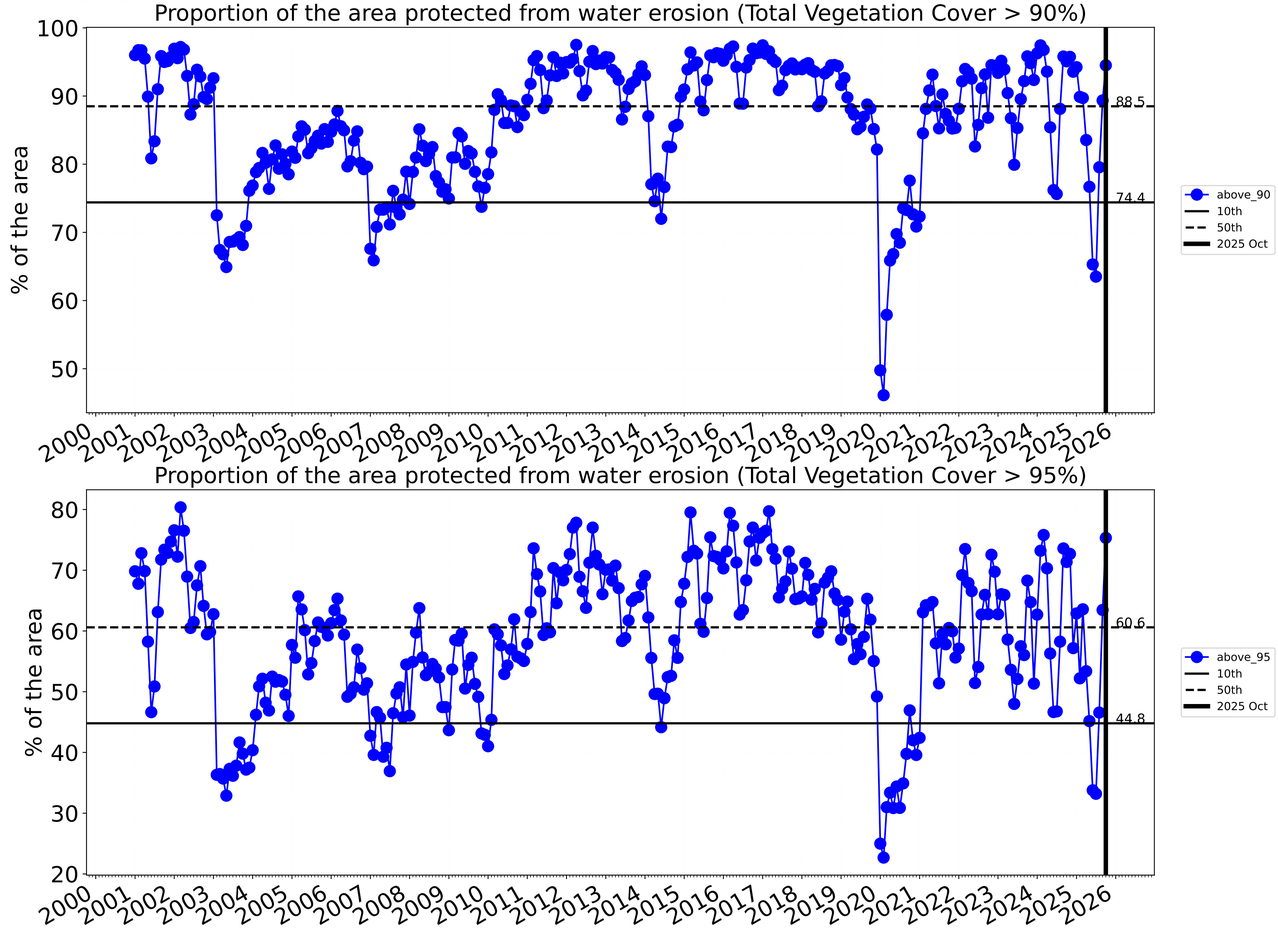
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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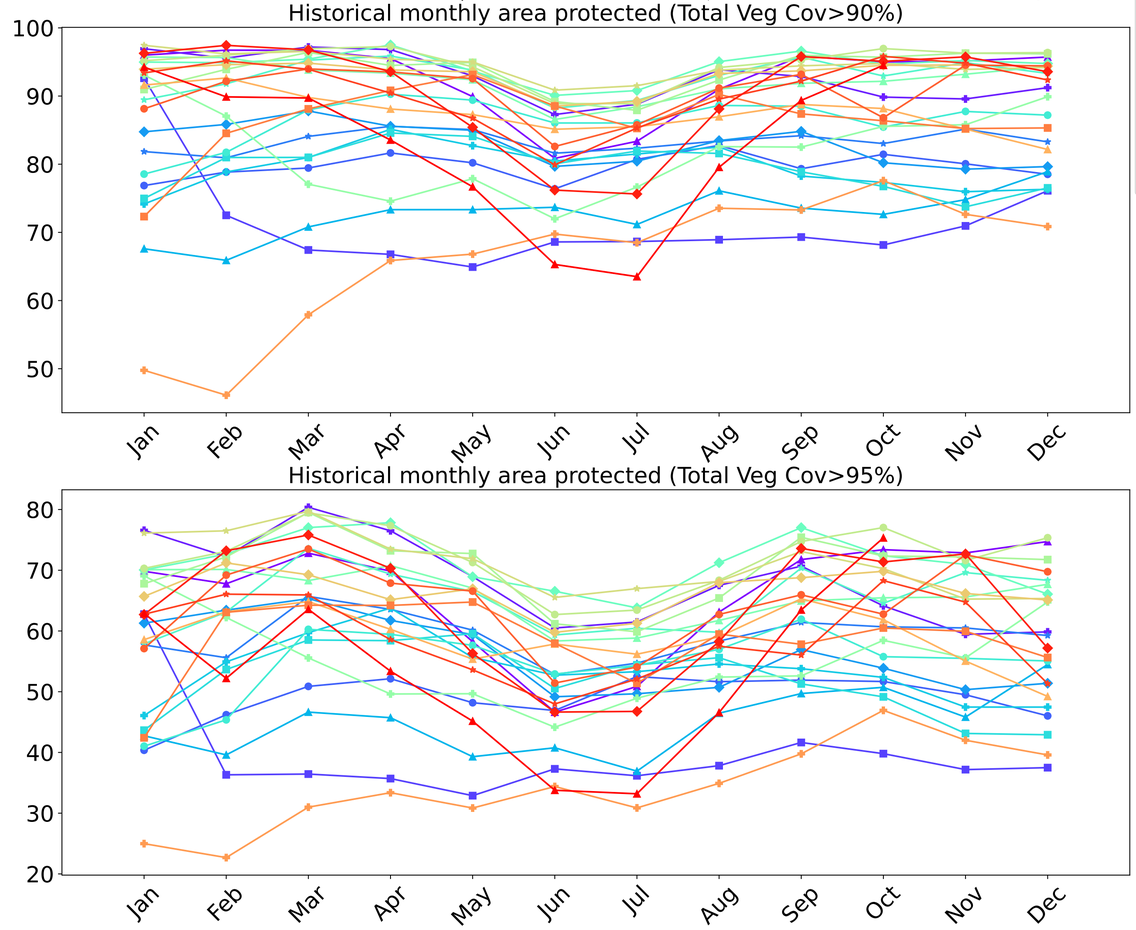
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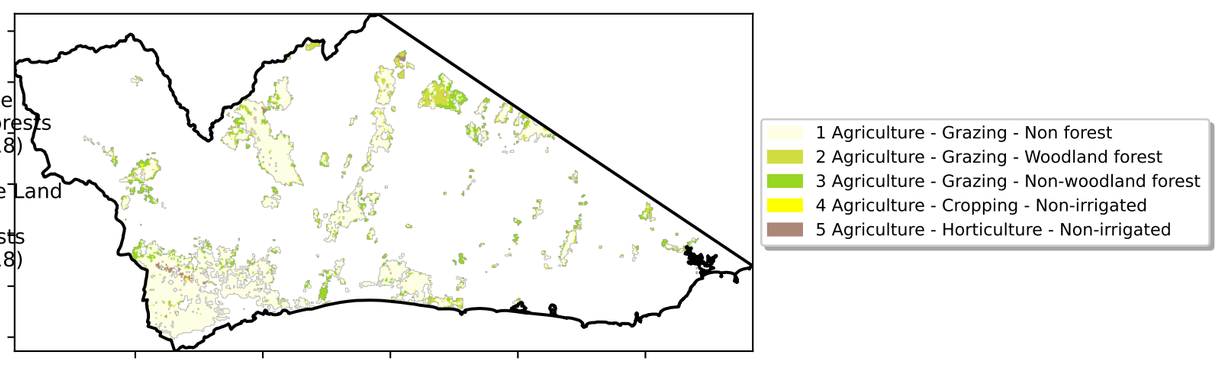
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover



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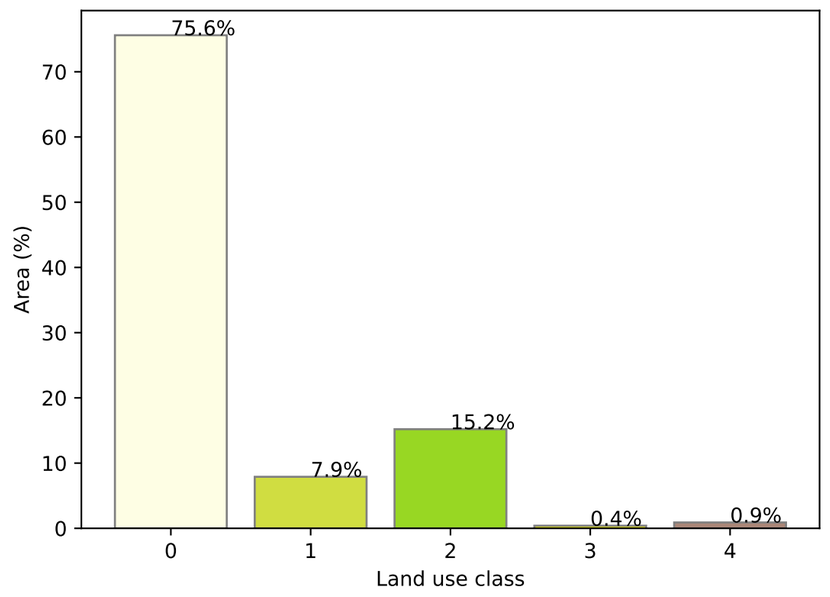
Proportion of each land class in area



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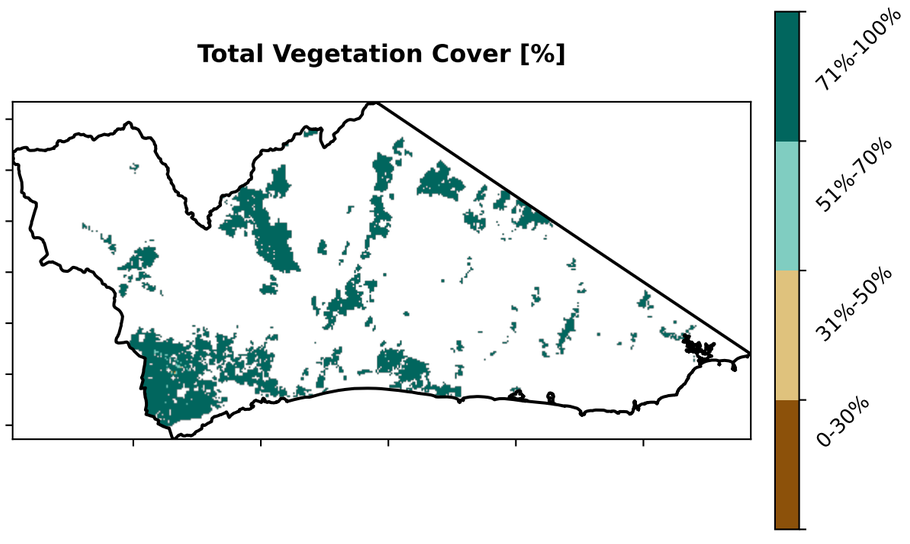

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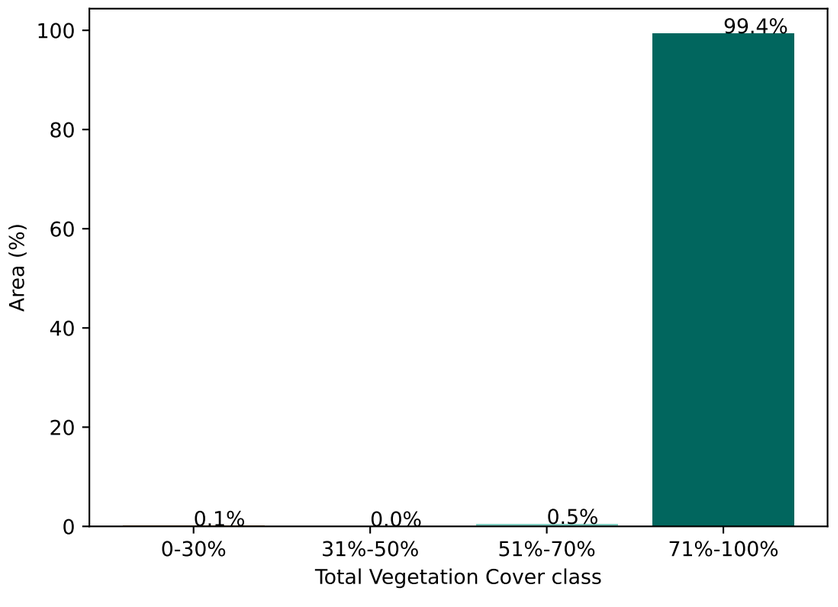

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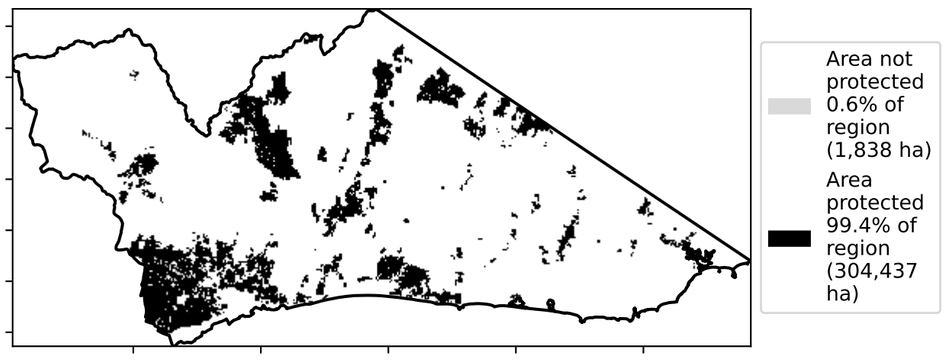

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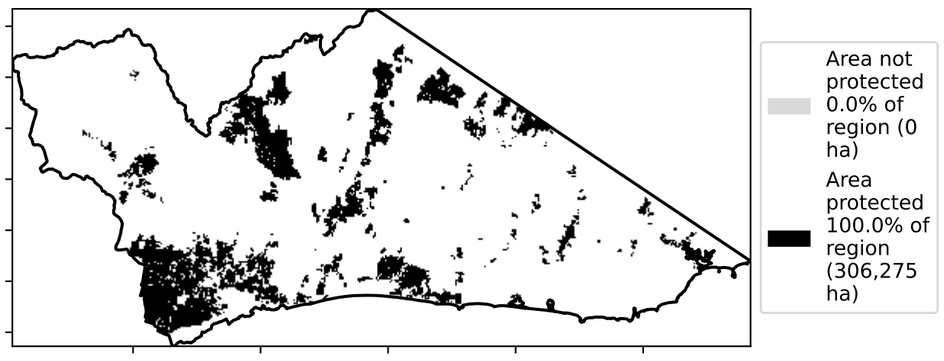

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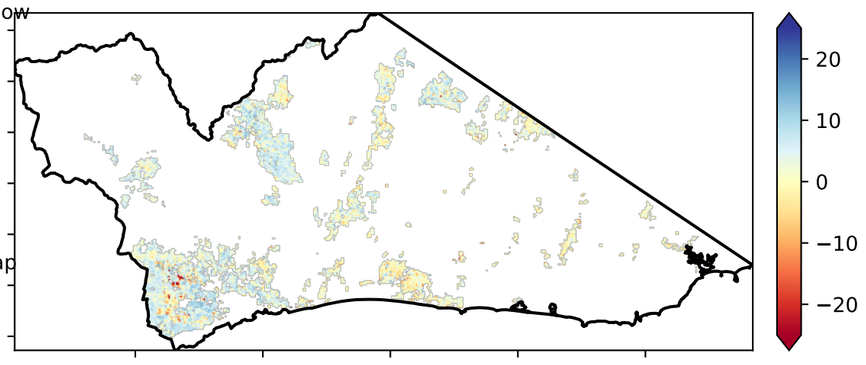

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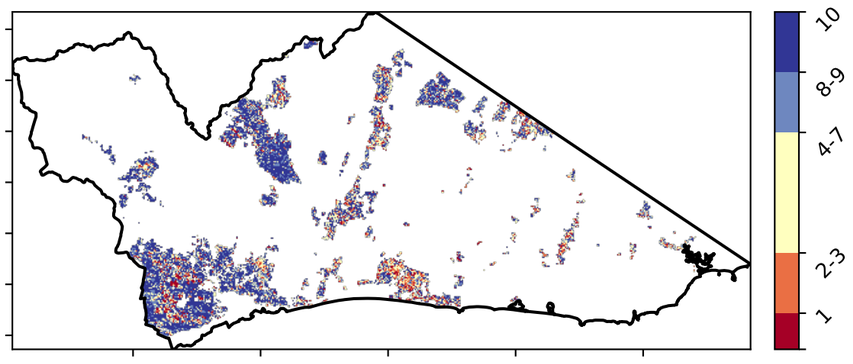
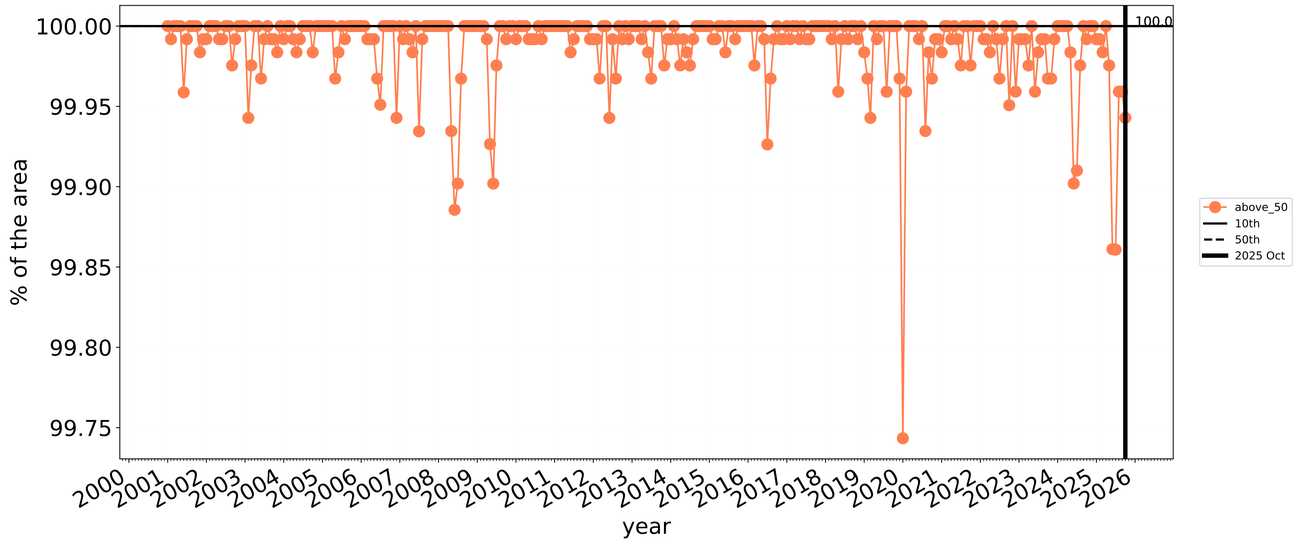
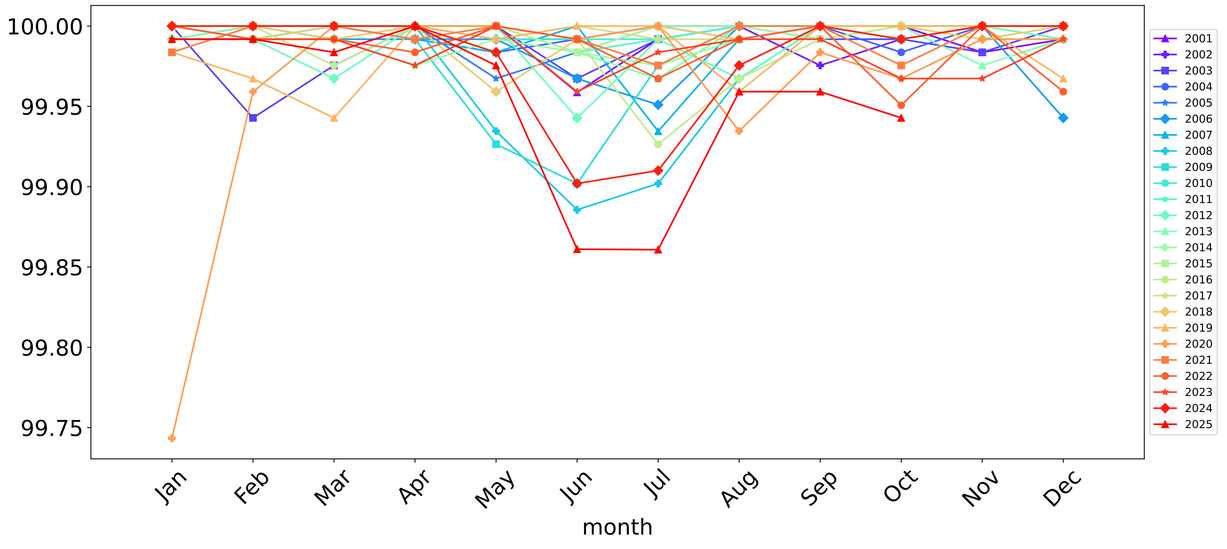


Agriculture timeseries

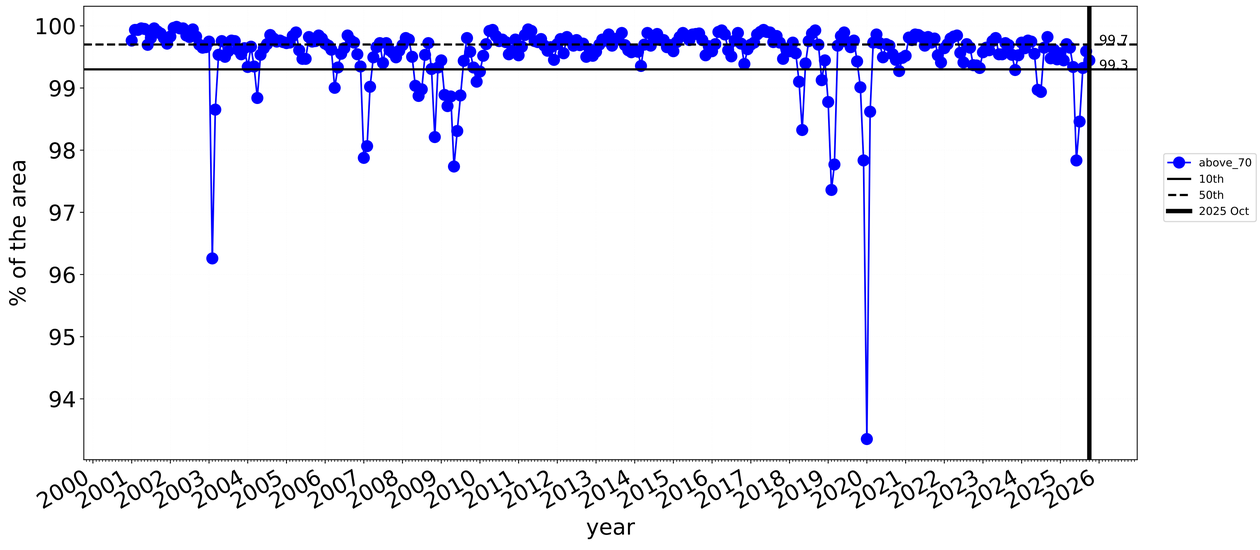
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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



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



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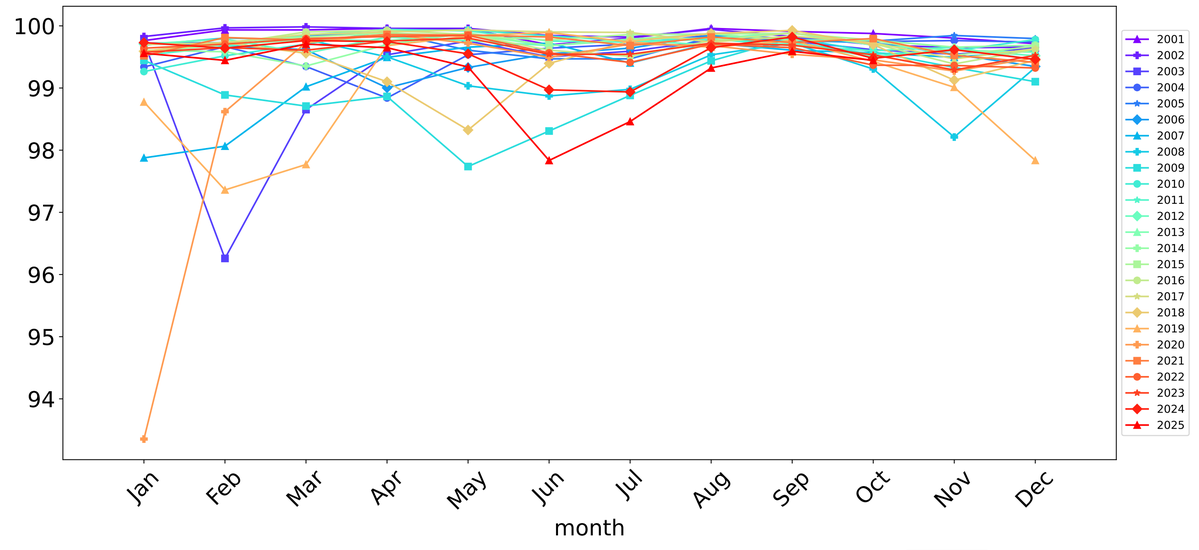

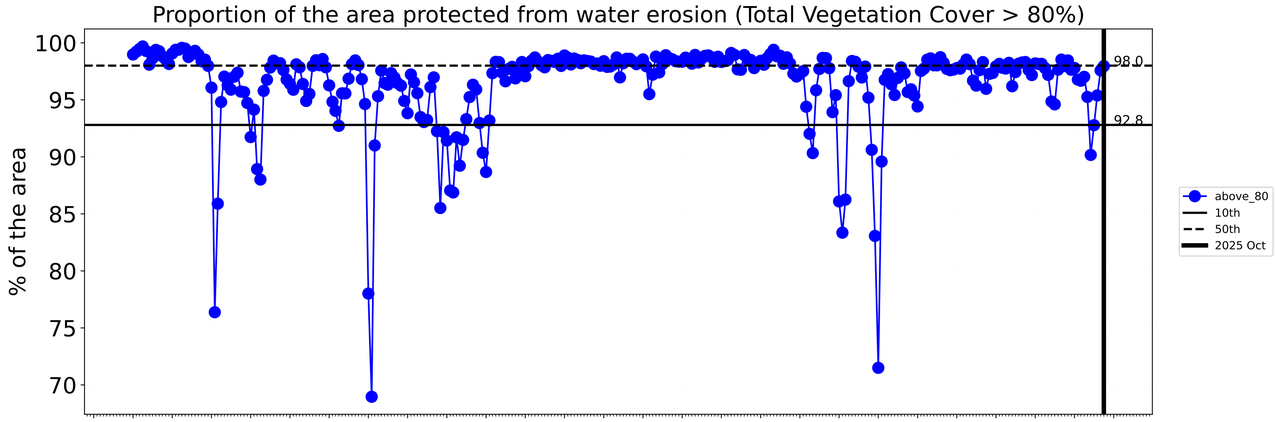
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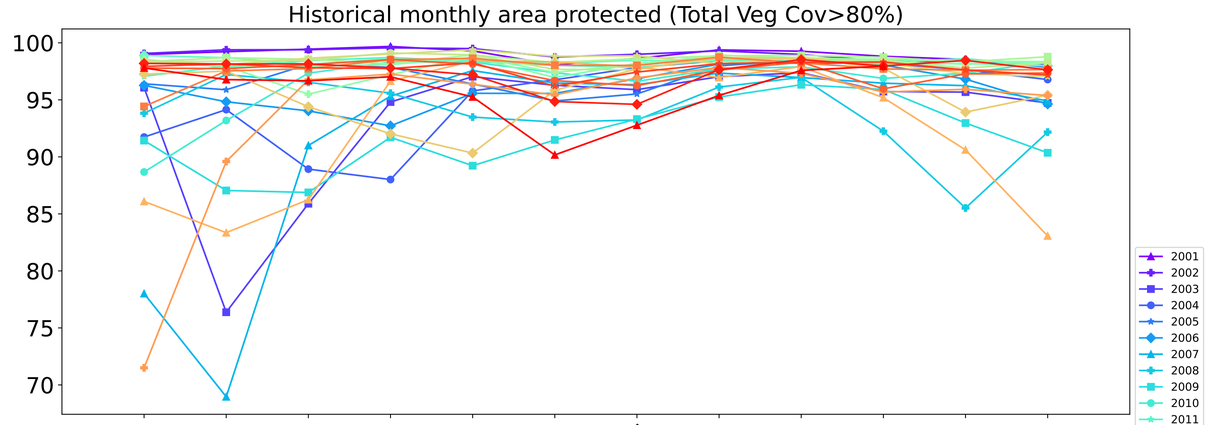
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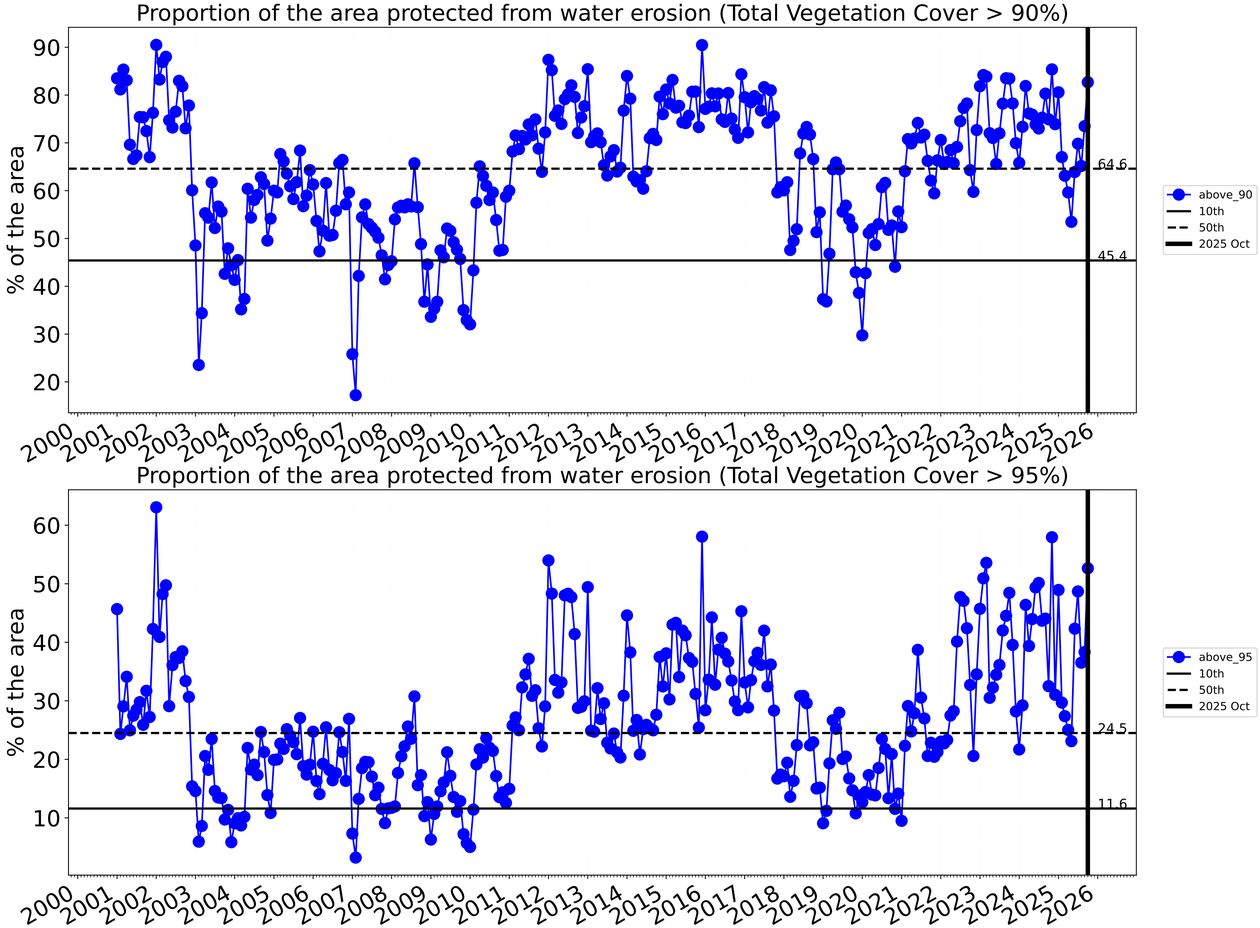
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
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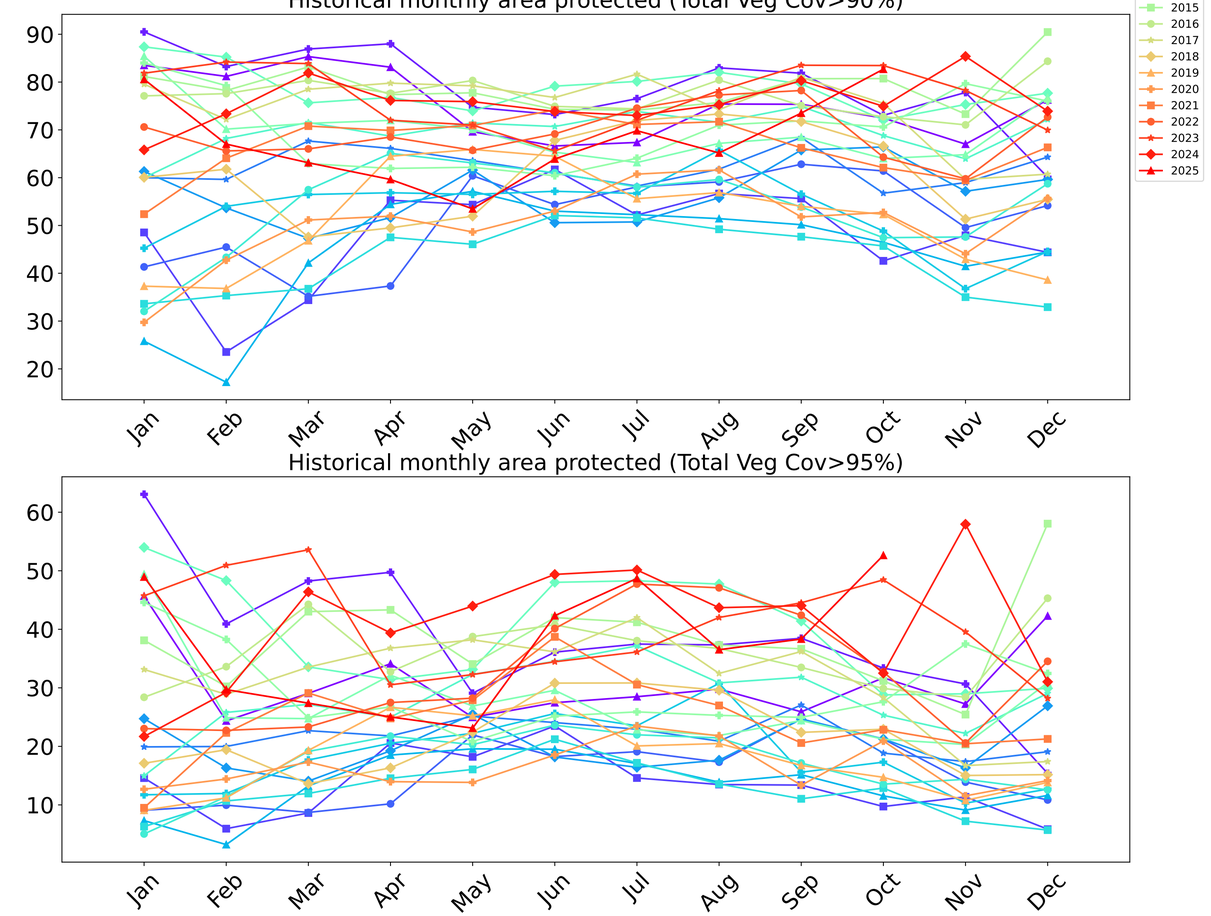
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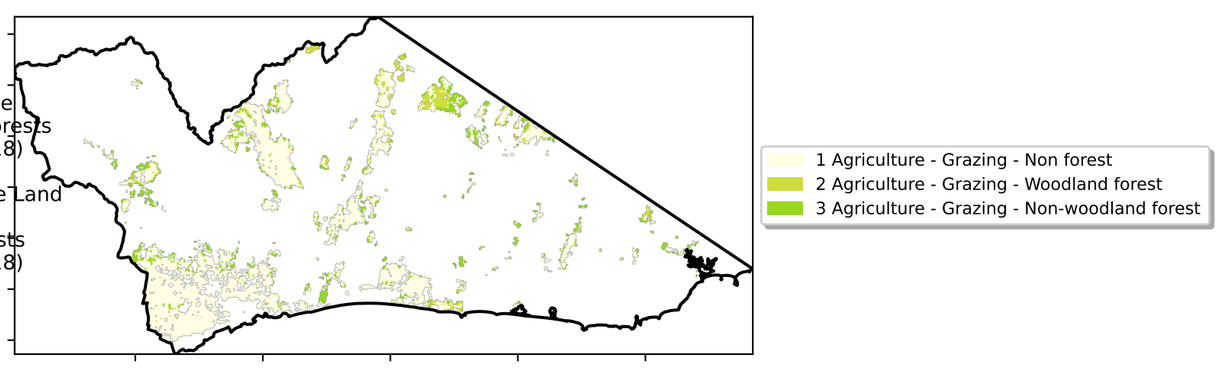
Grazing

Land use and forest cover



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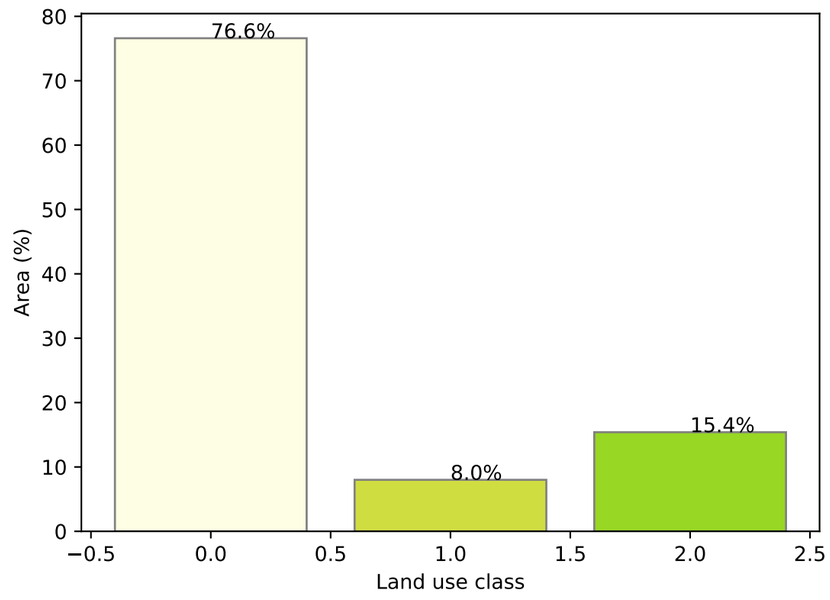
Proportion of each land class in area



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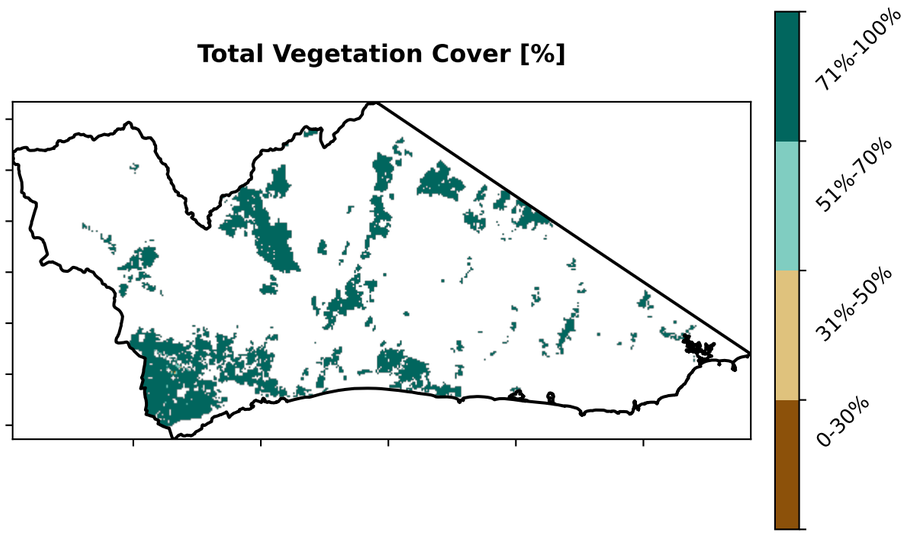

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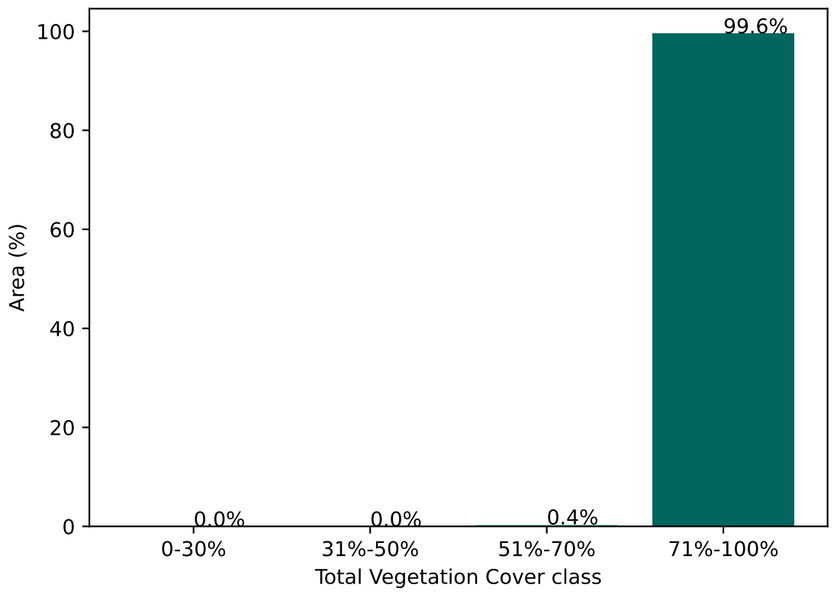
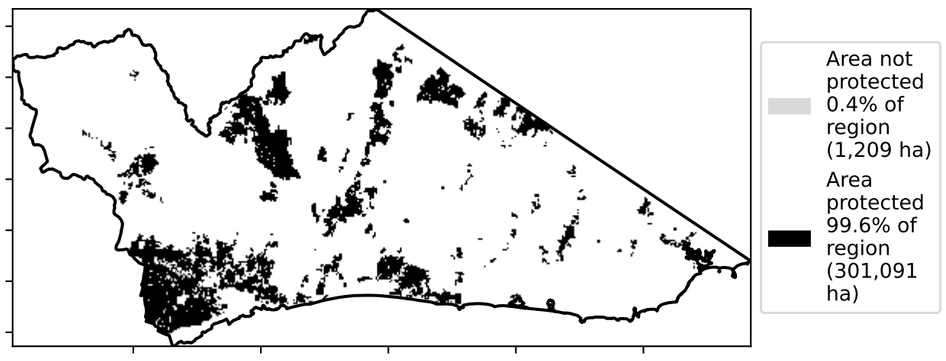


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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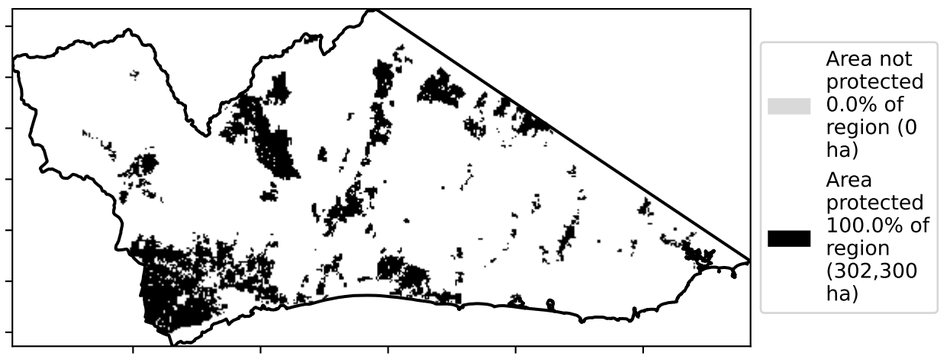

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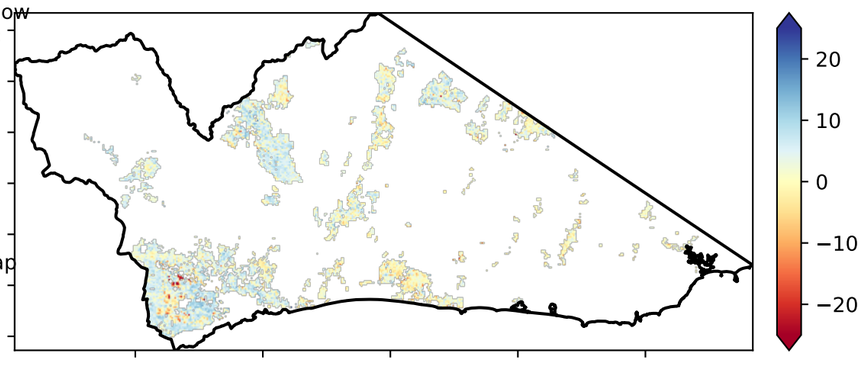

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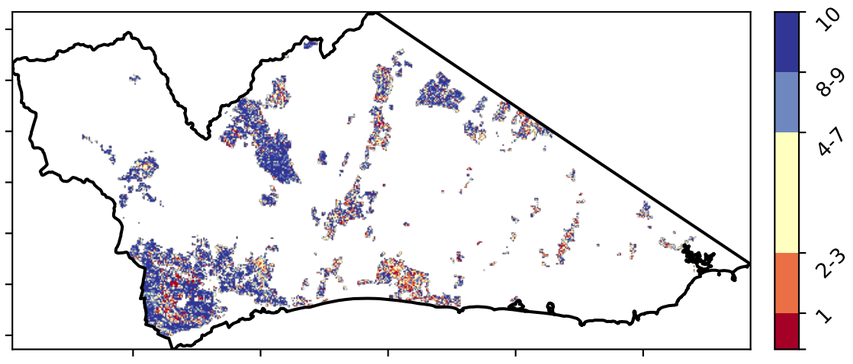
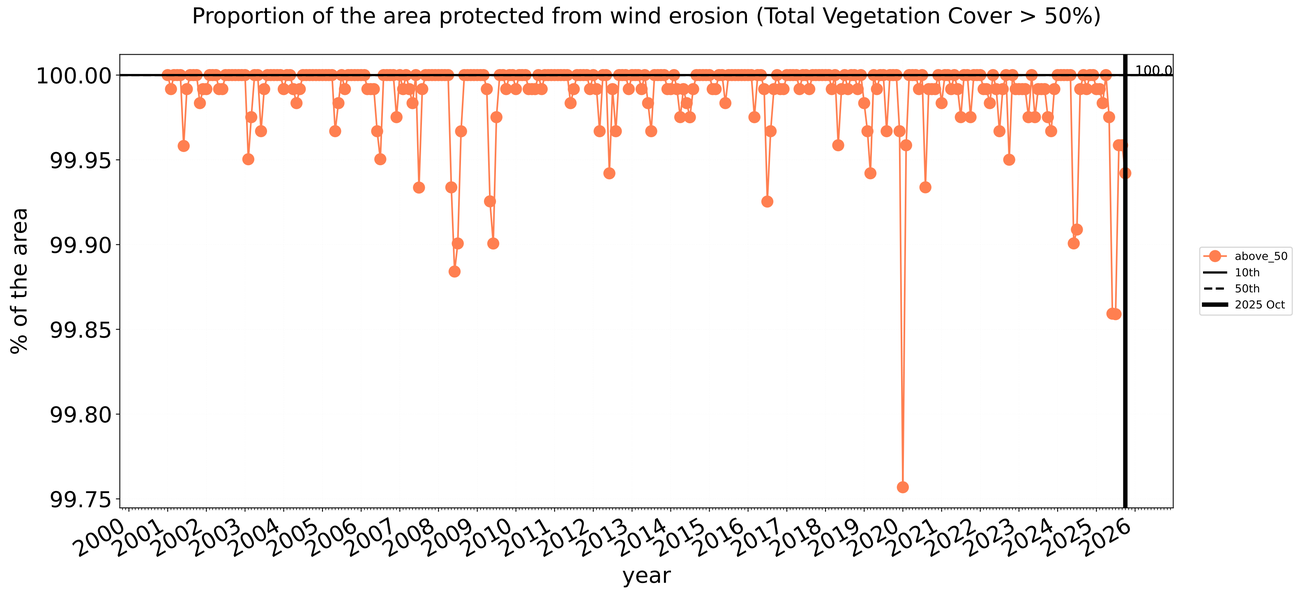
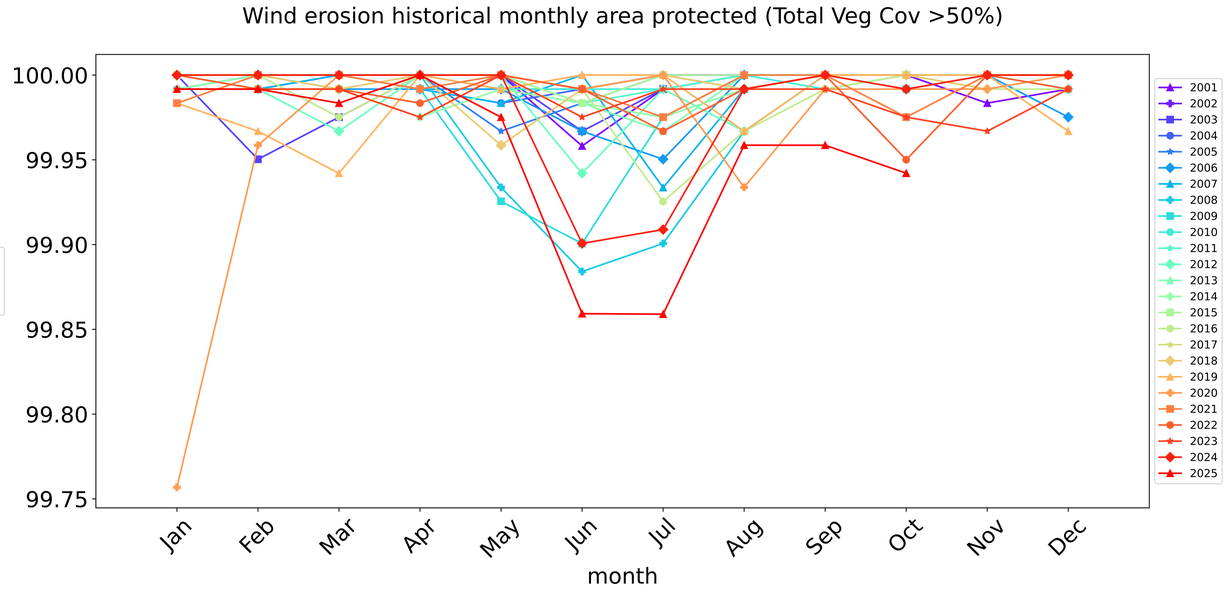
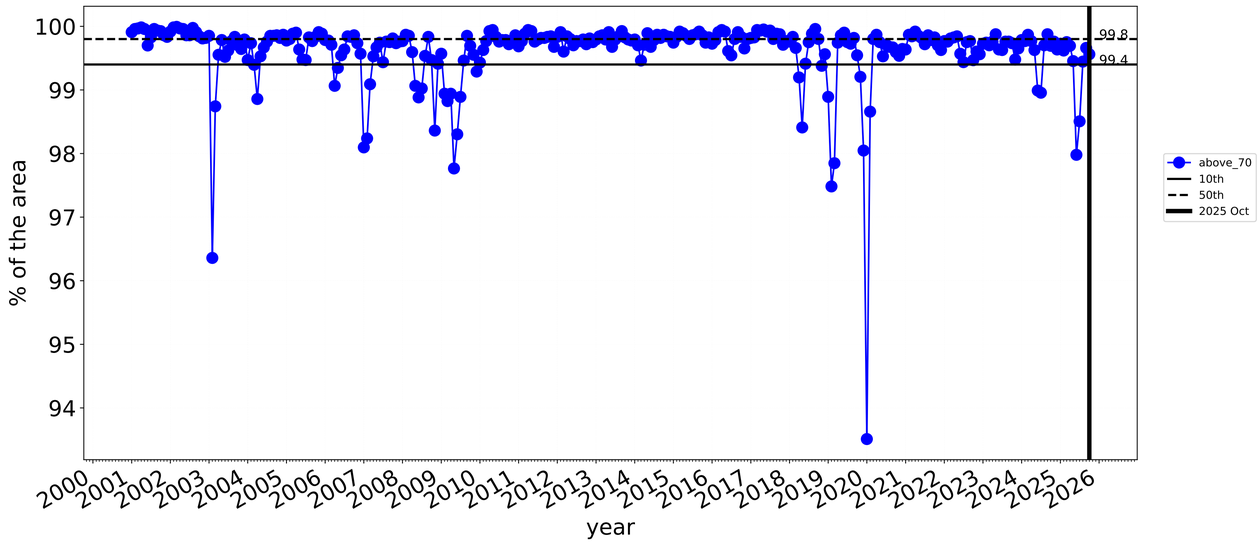
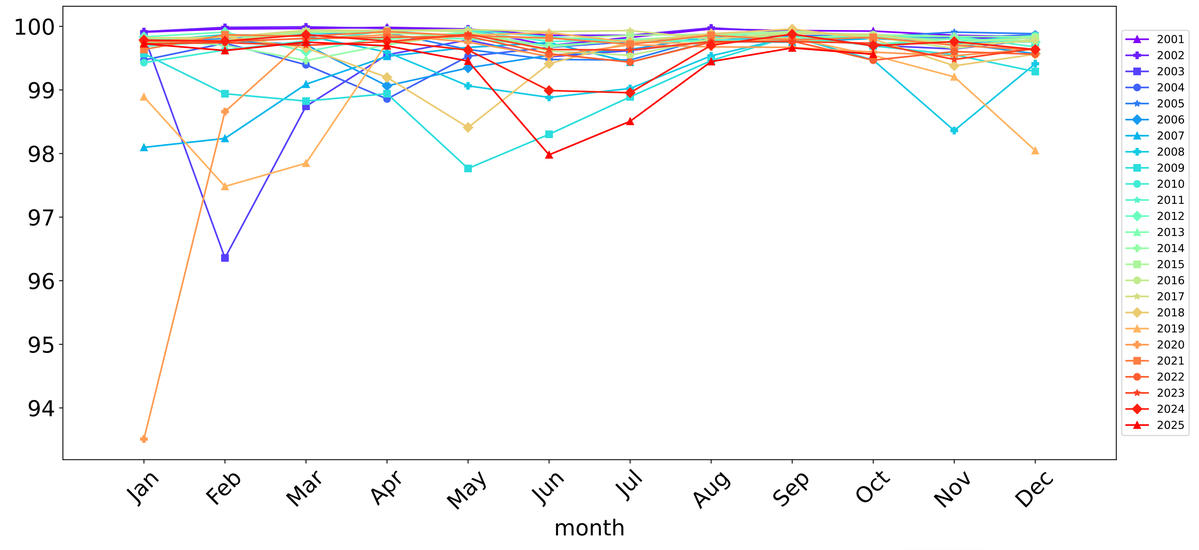


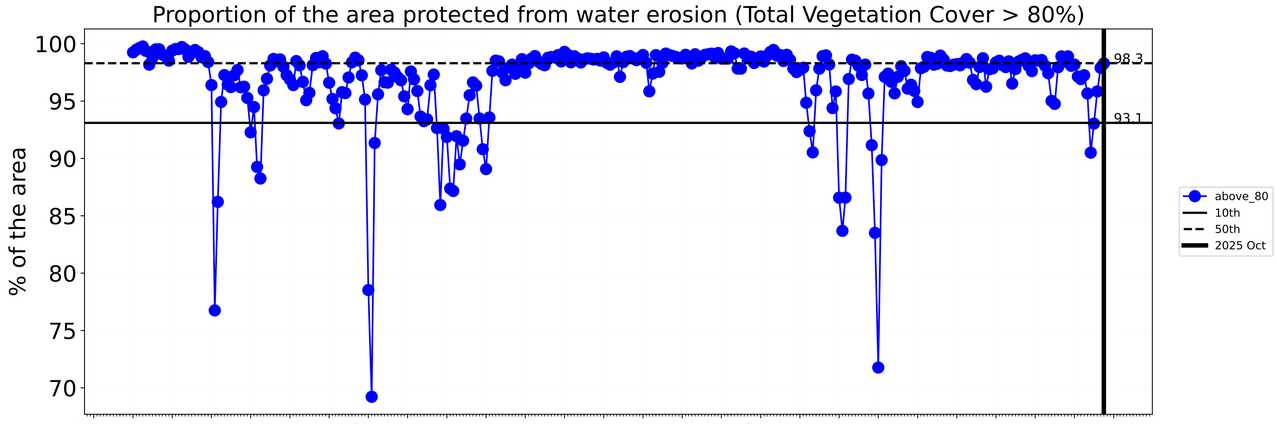
Grazing timeseries







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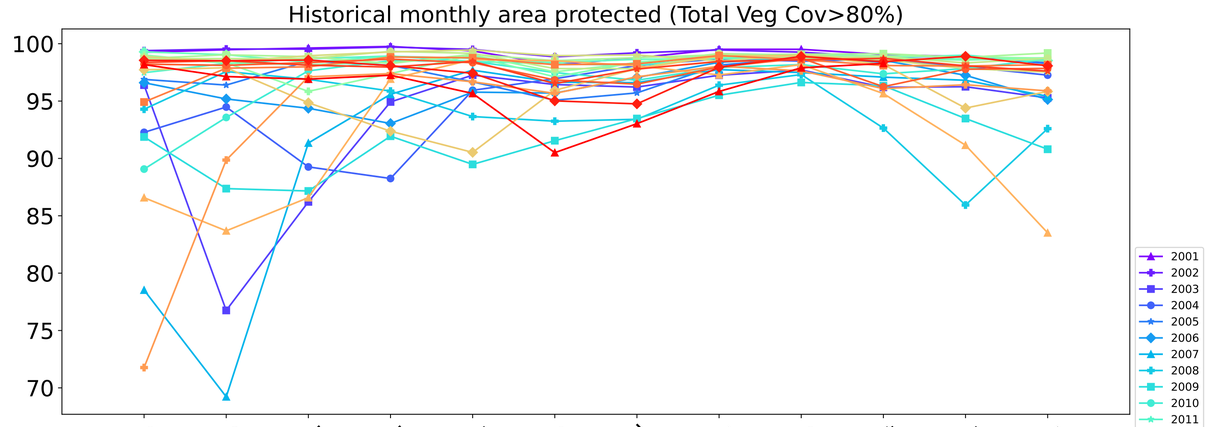
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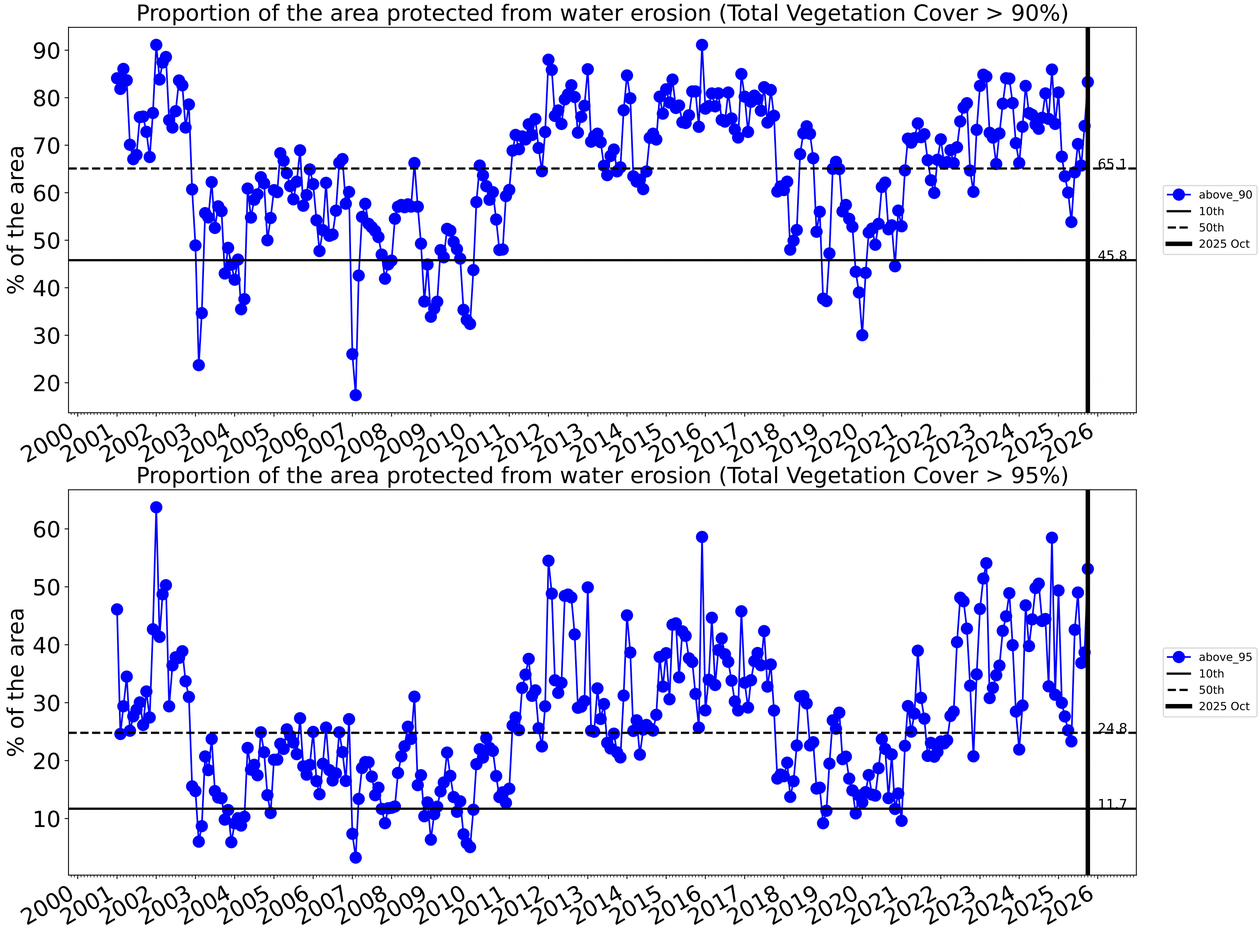
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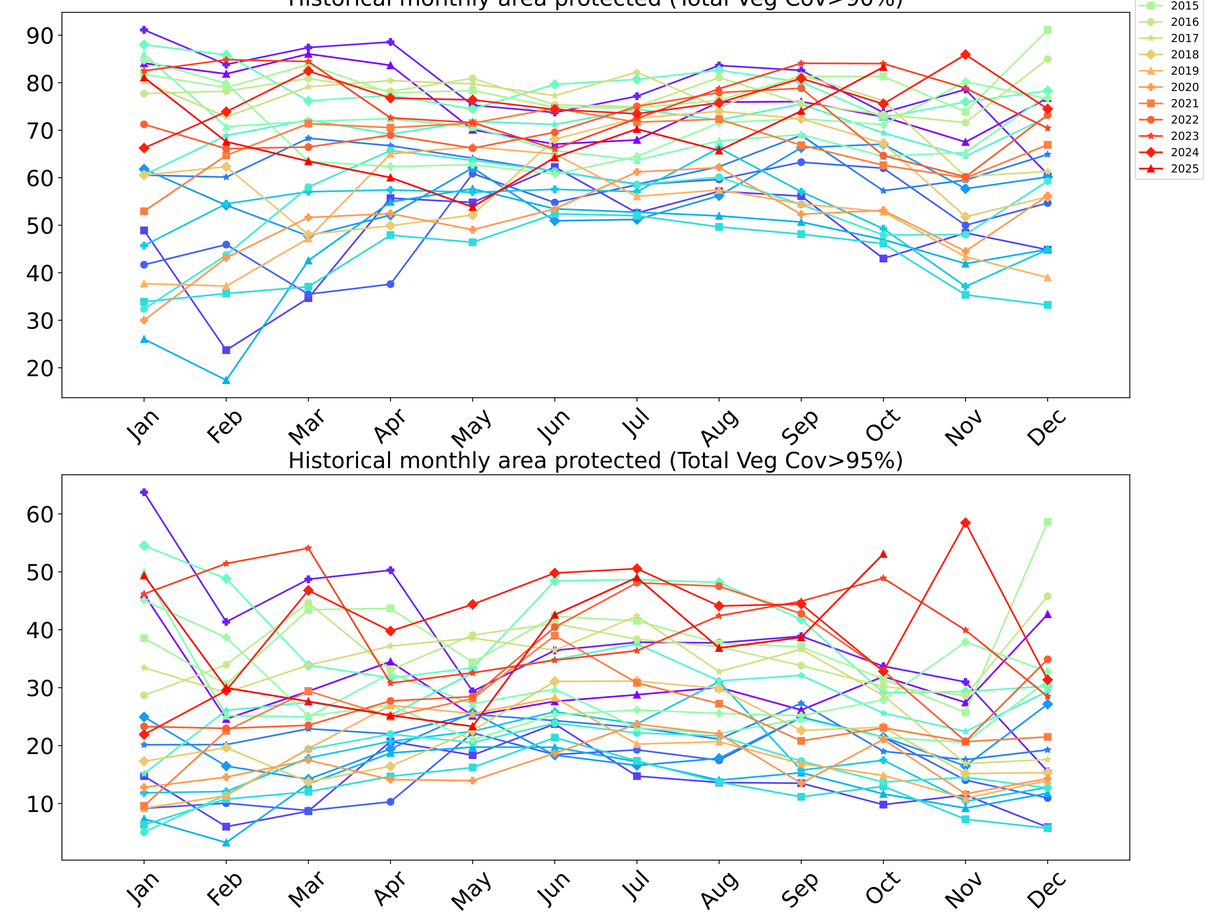
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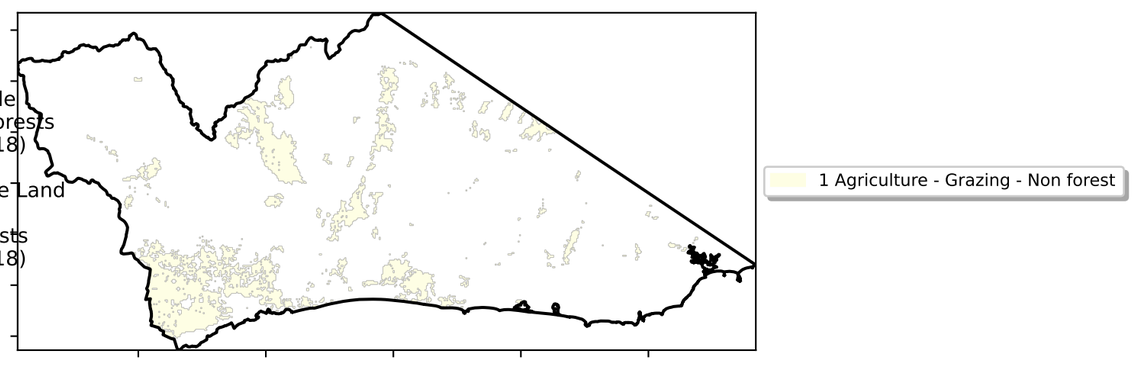
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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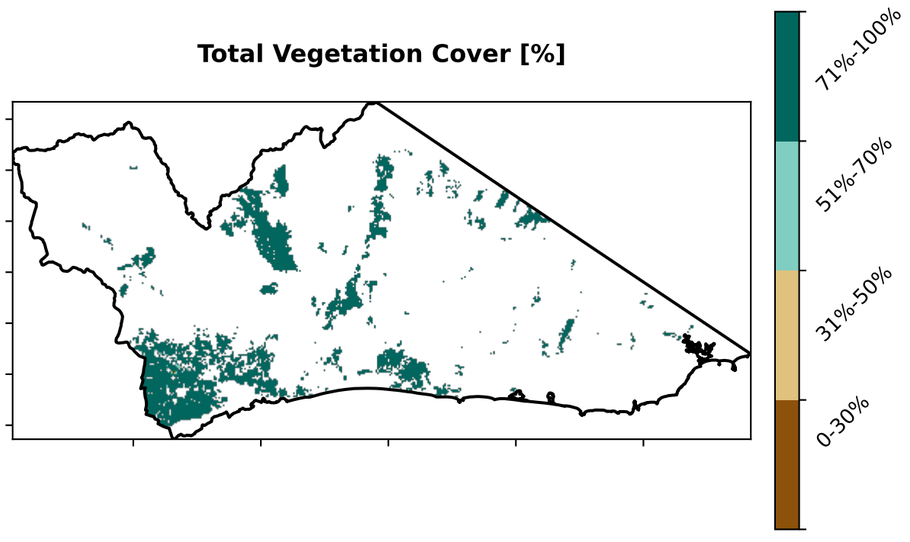
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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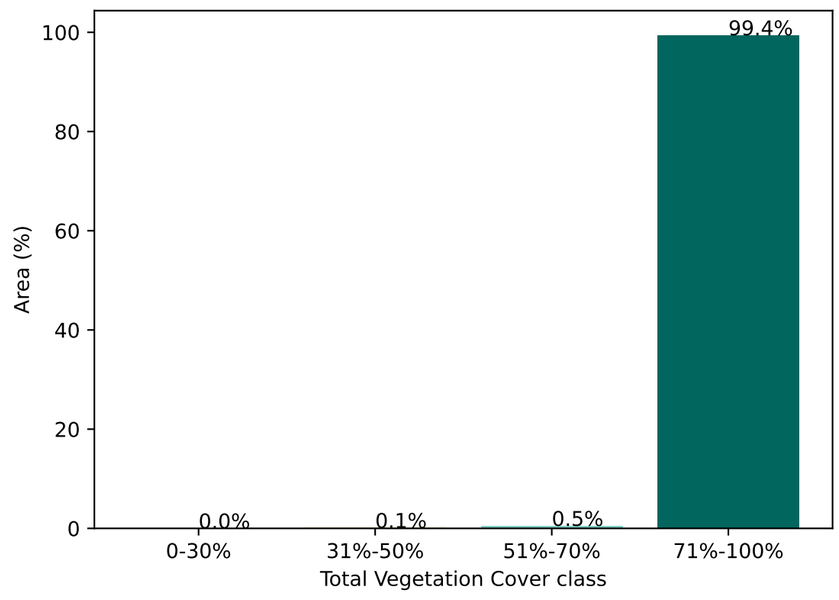

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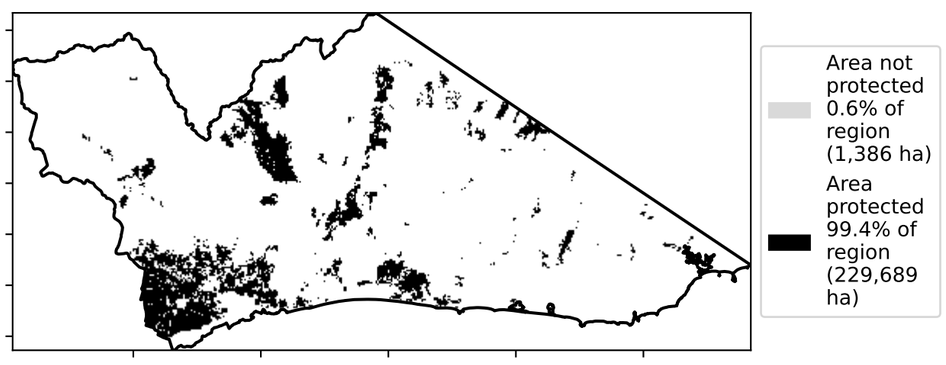

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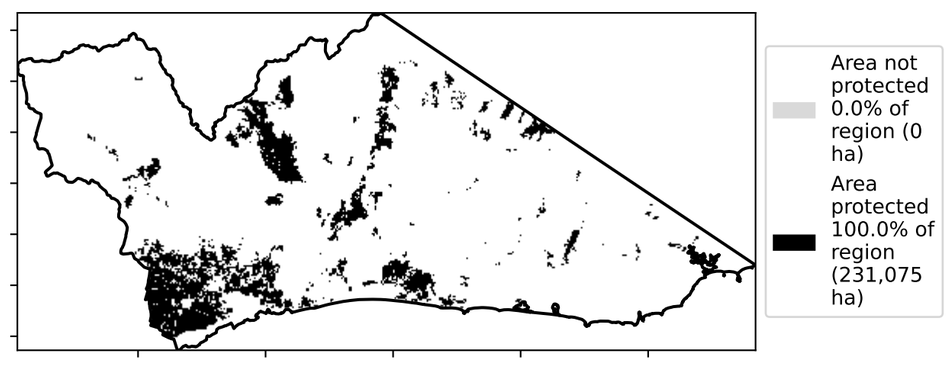

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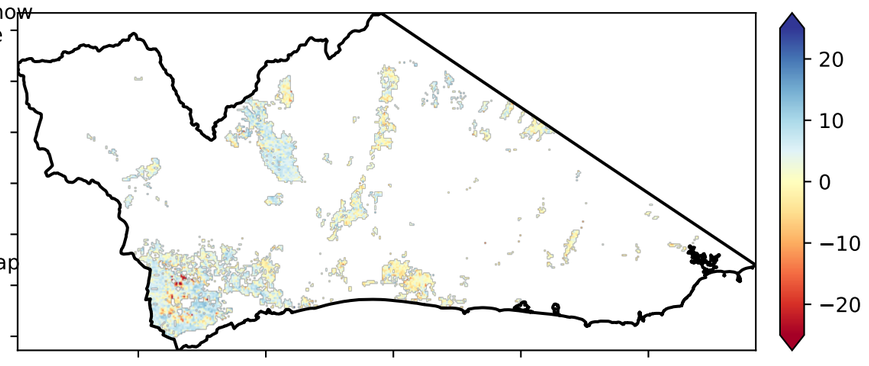

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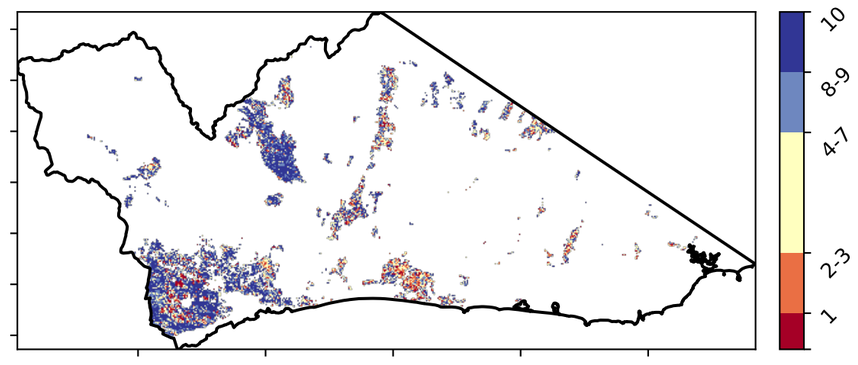
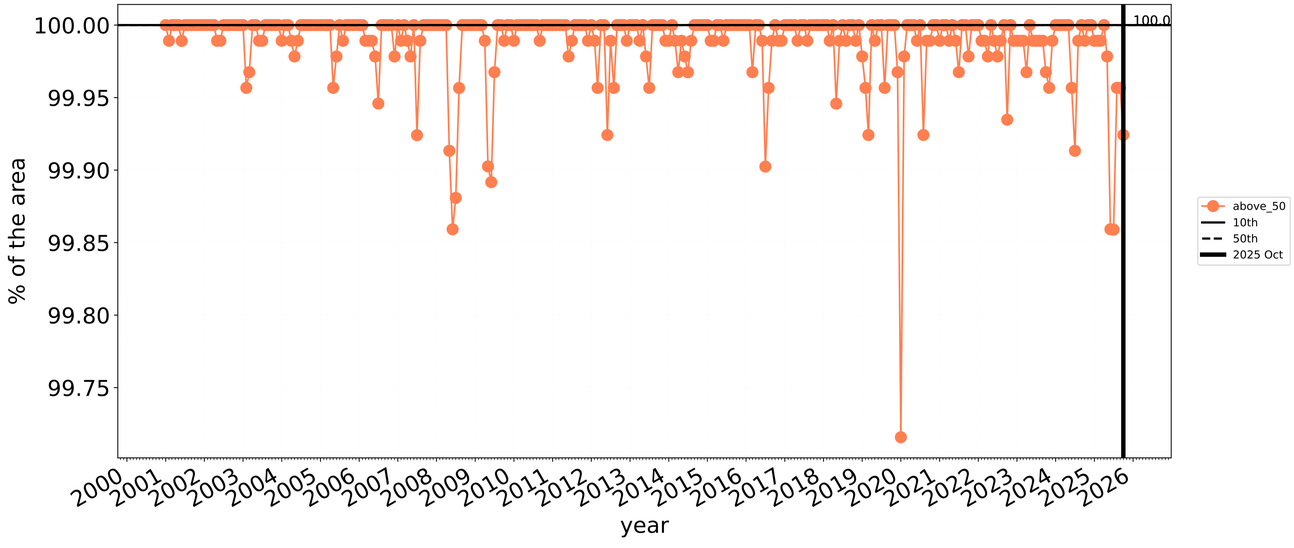
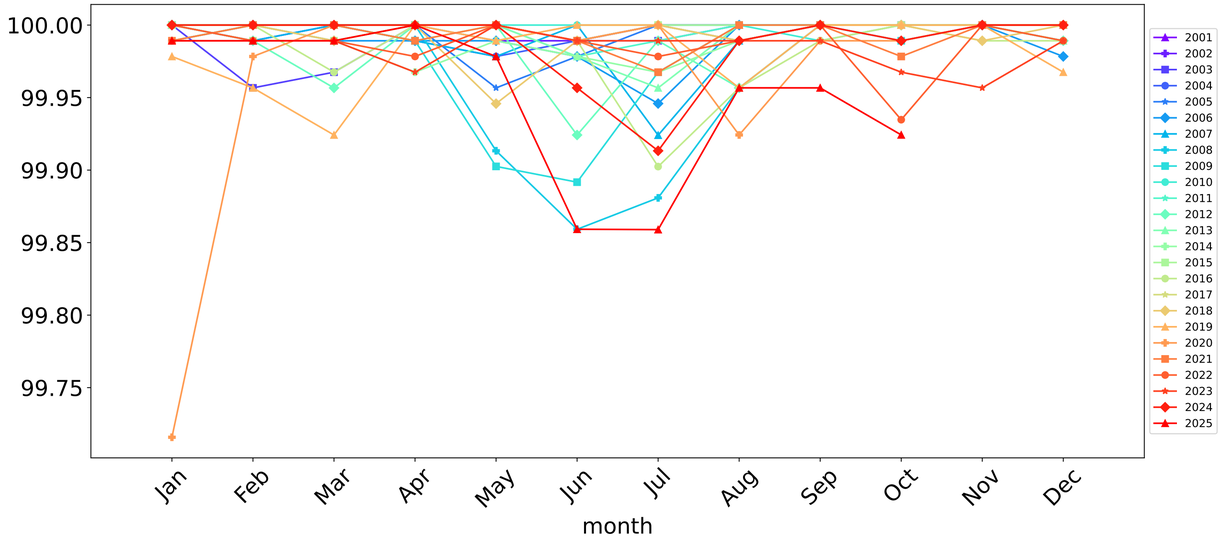


Grazing non forest timeseries

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



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



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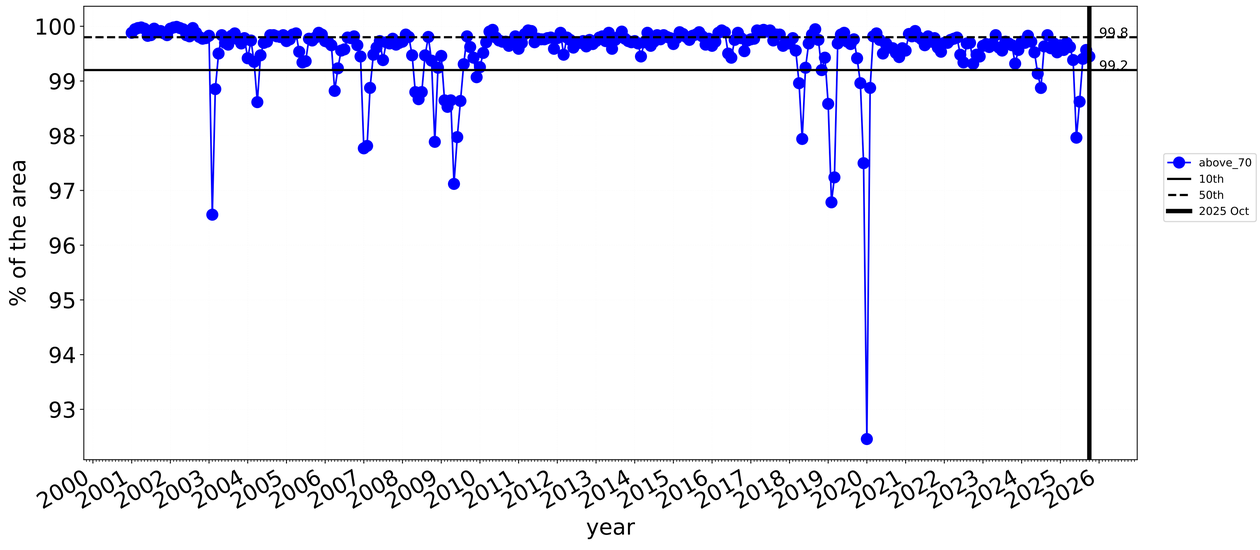

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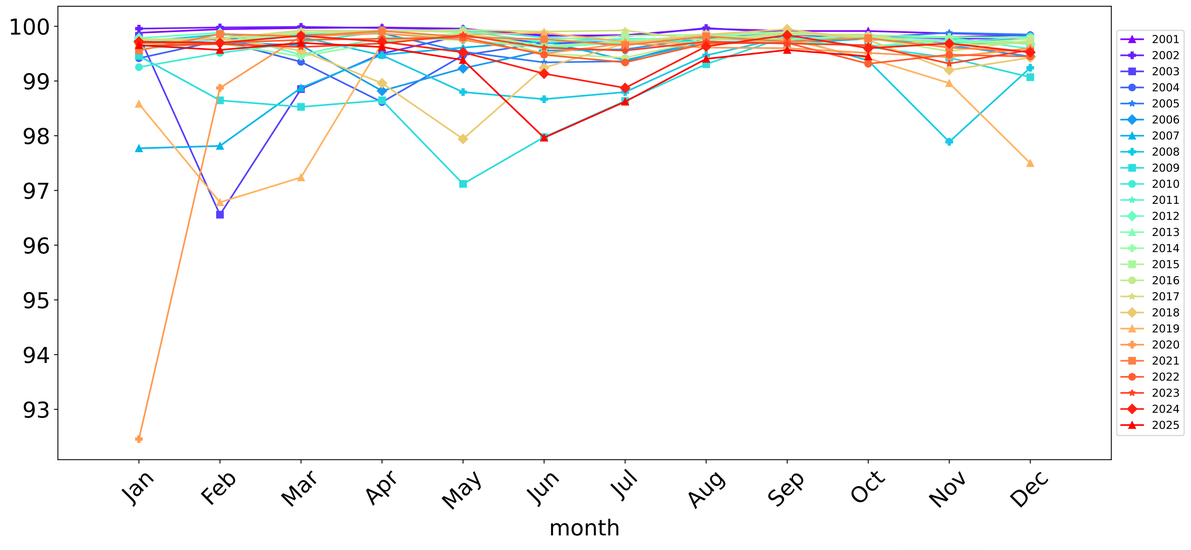

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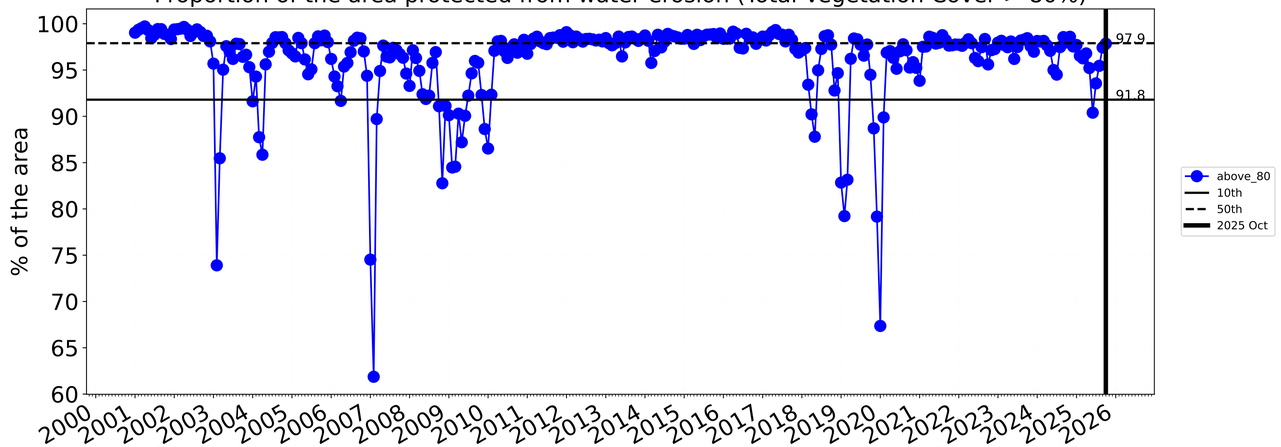

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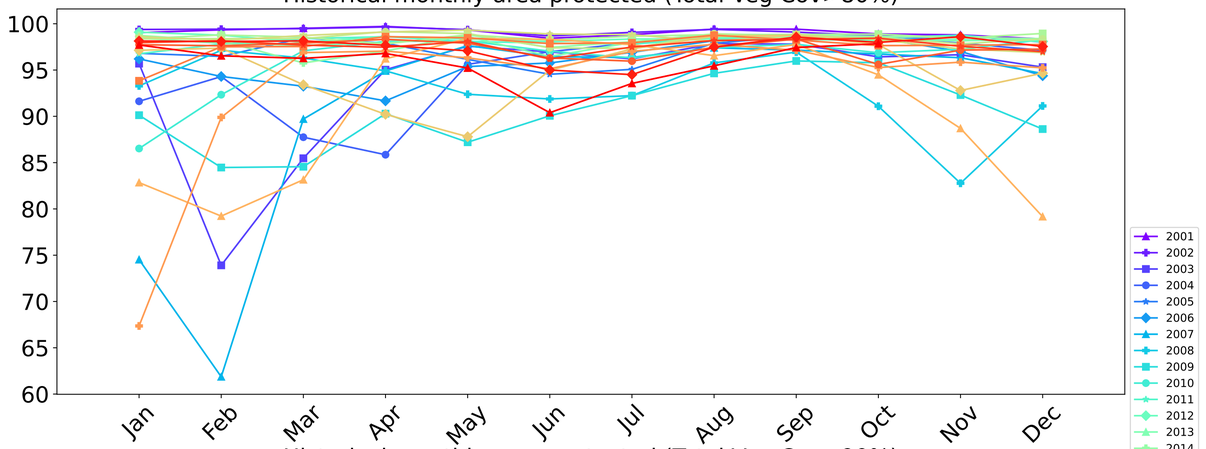

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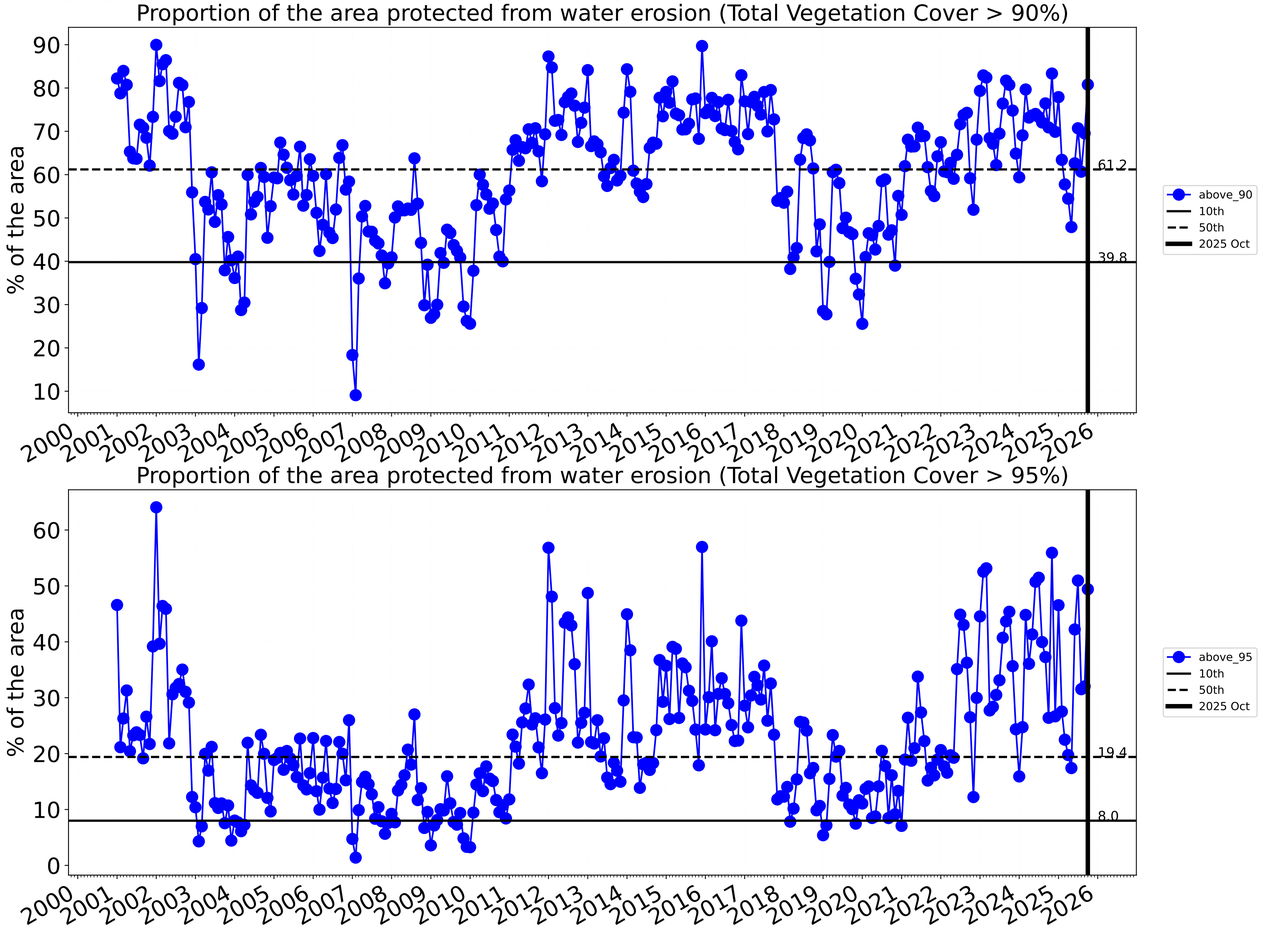

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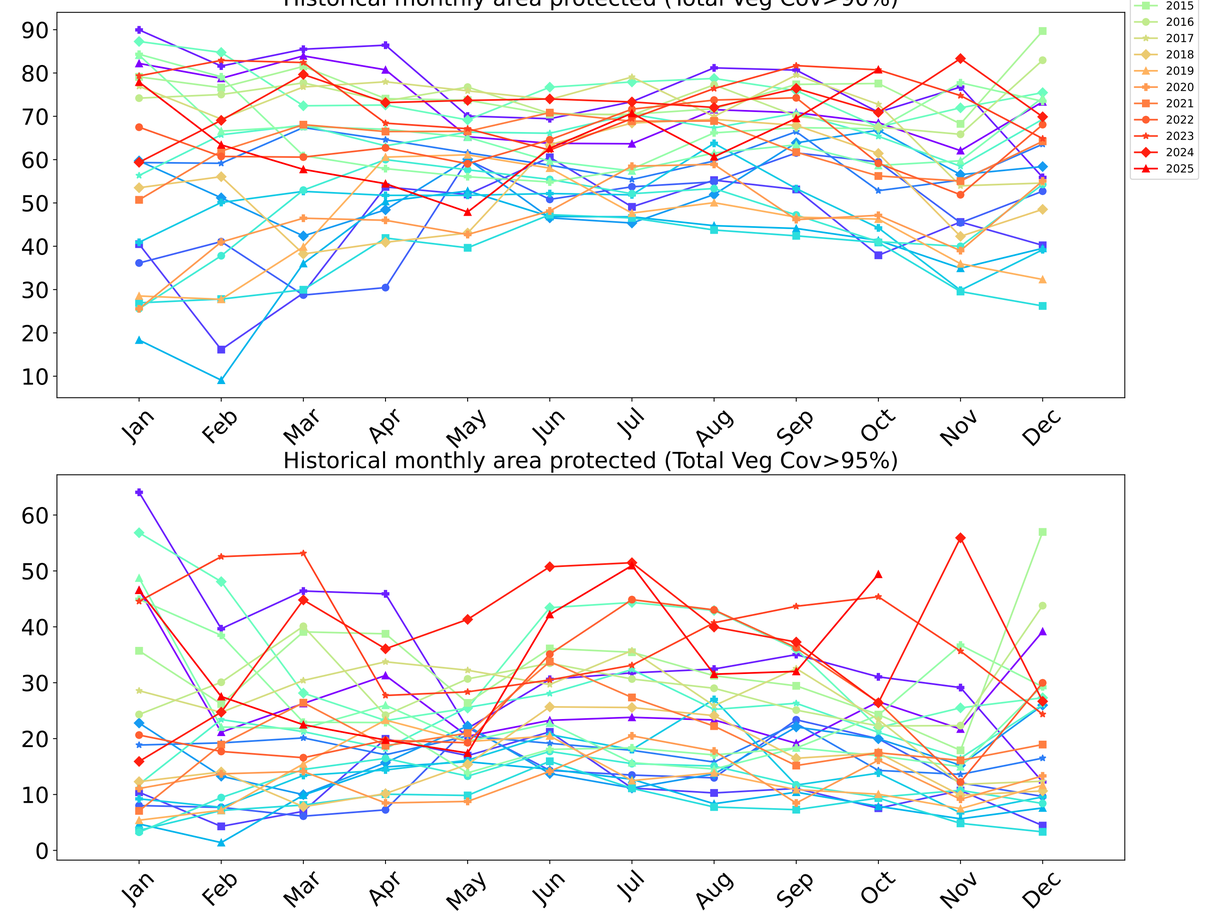

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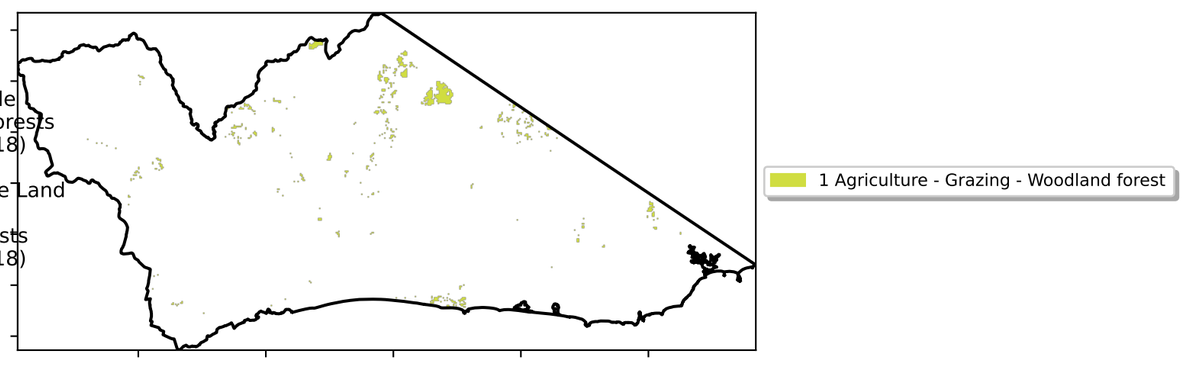
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover



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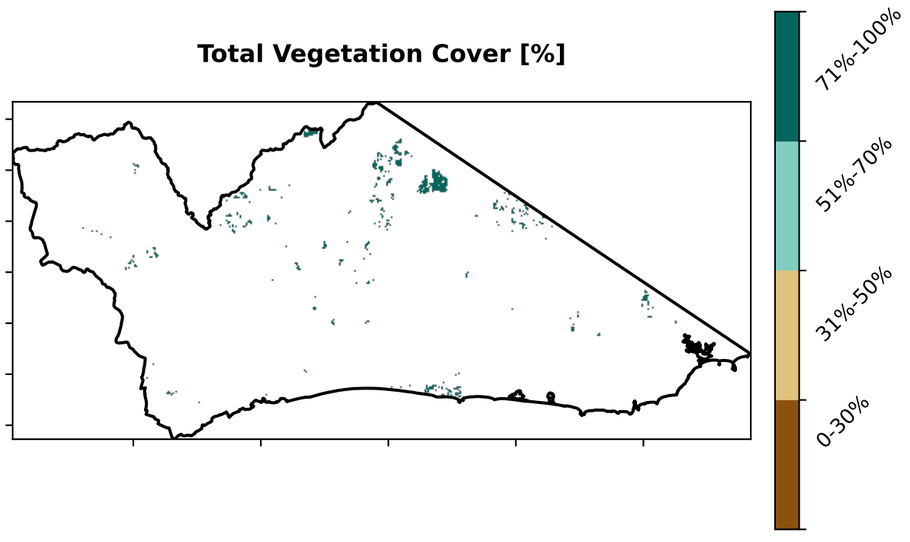

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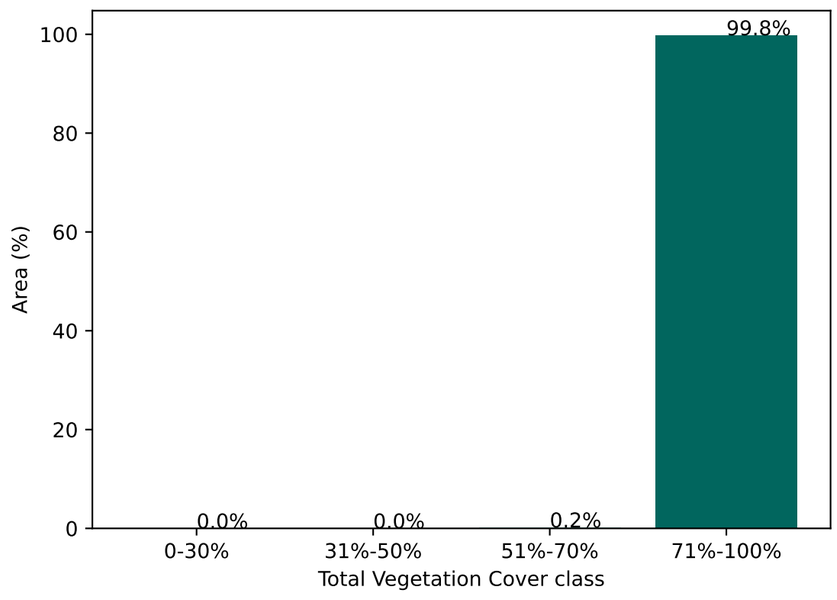

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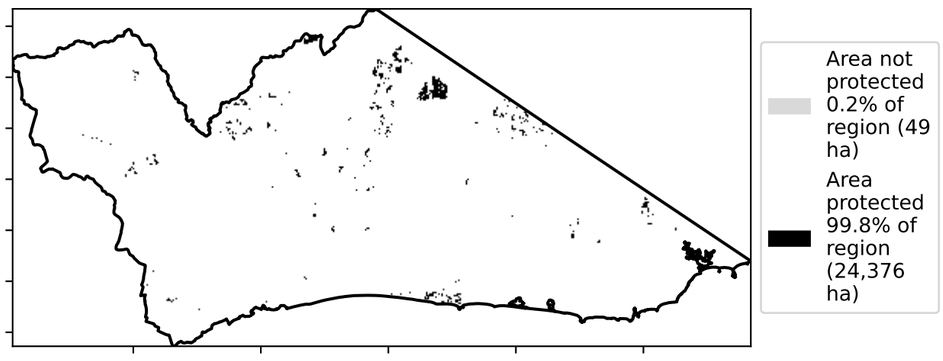

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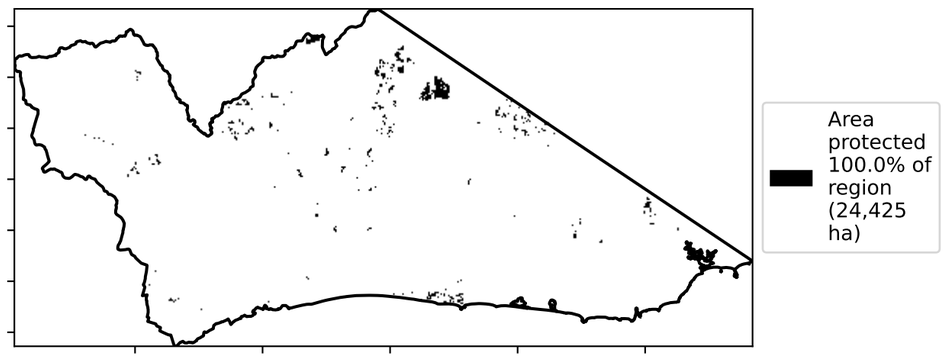

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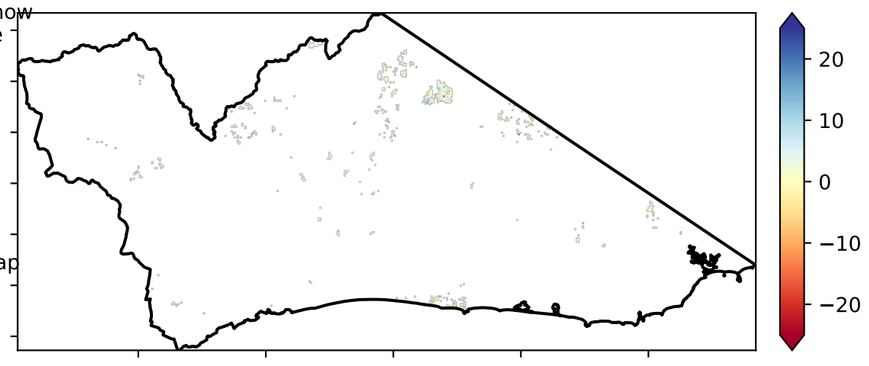

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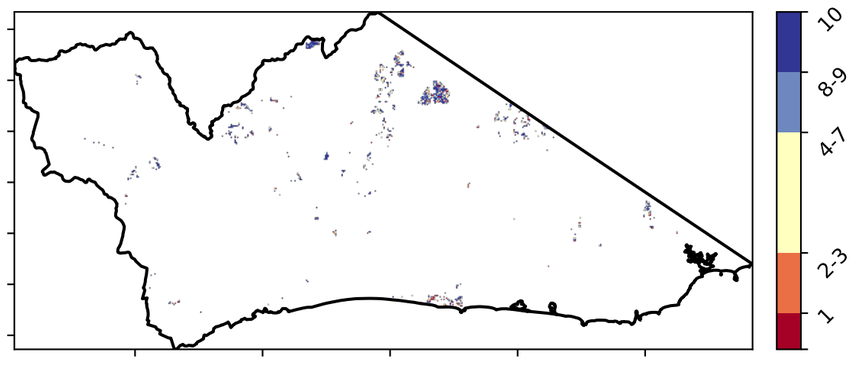
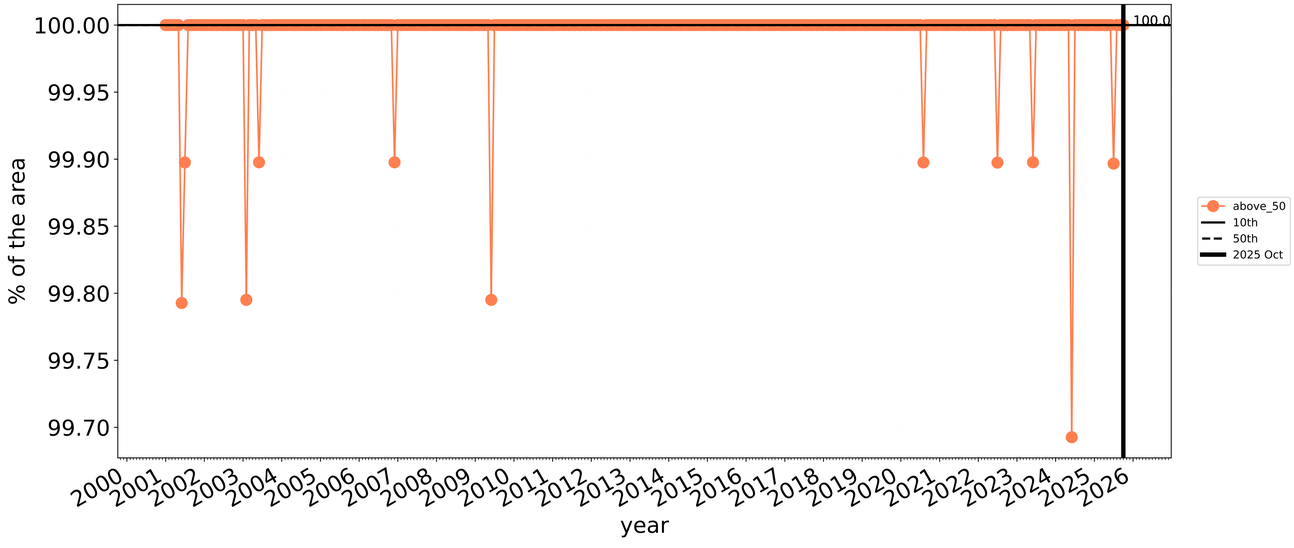
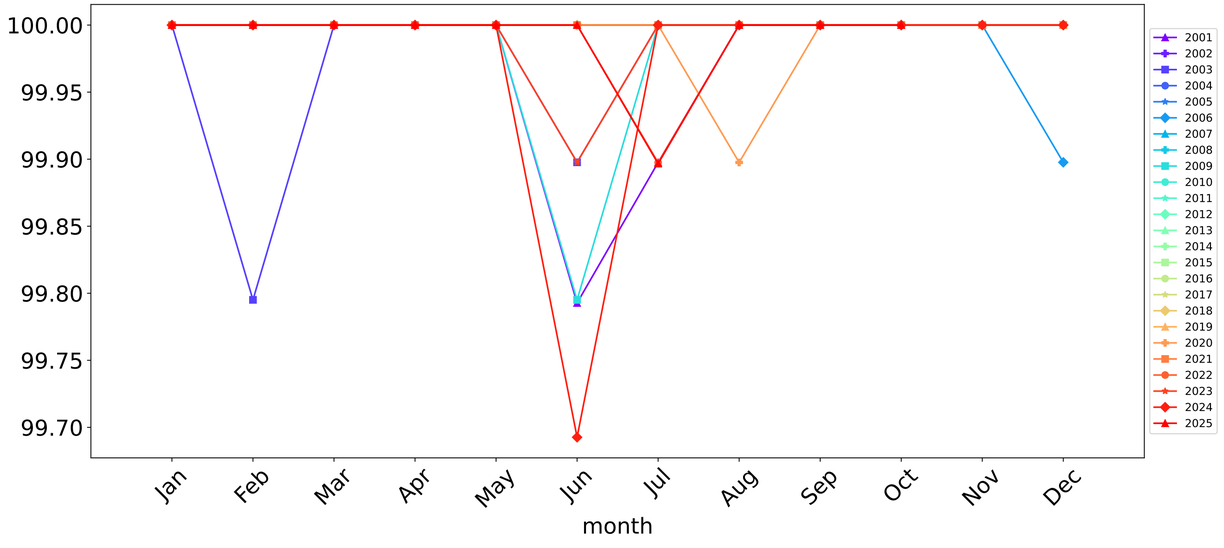


Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

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



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



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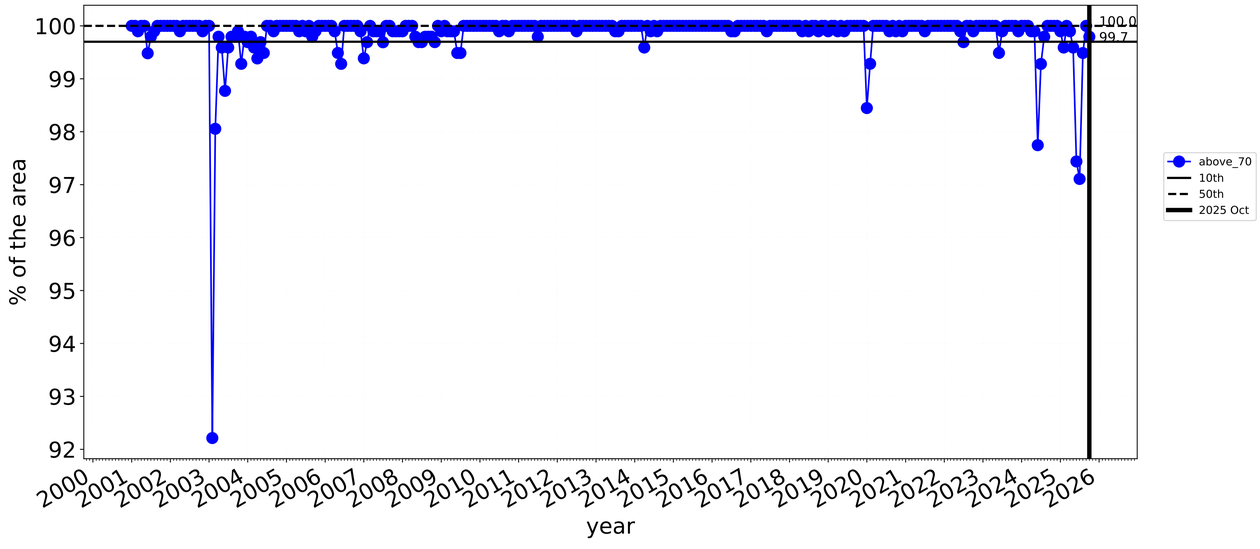
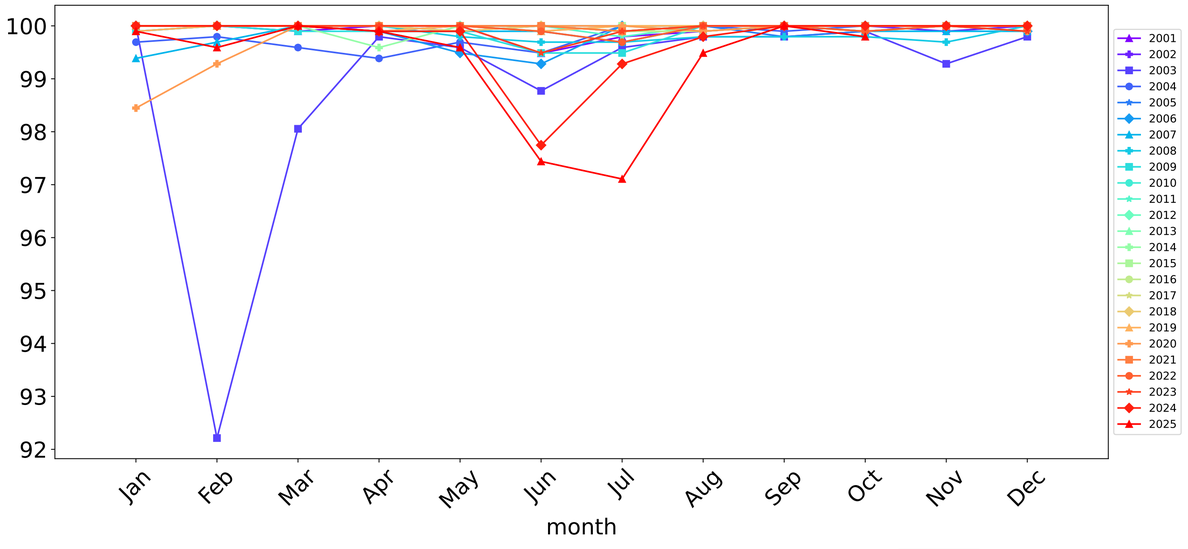
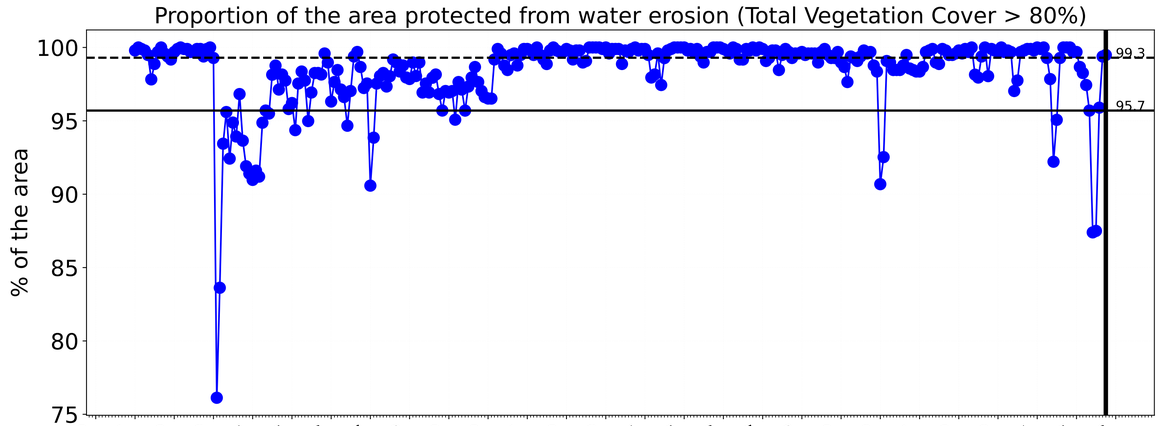


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)




Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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95.7
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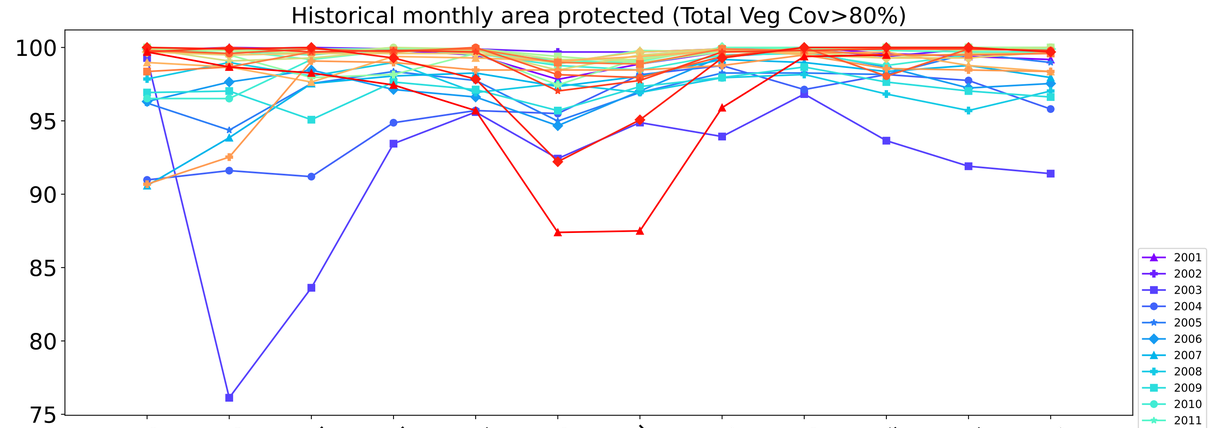
10th
50th
2025 Oct


Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>80%)
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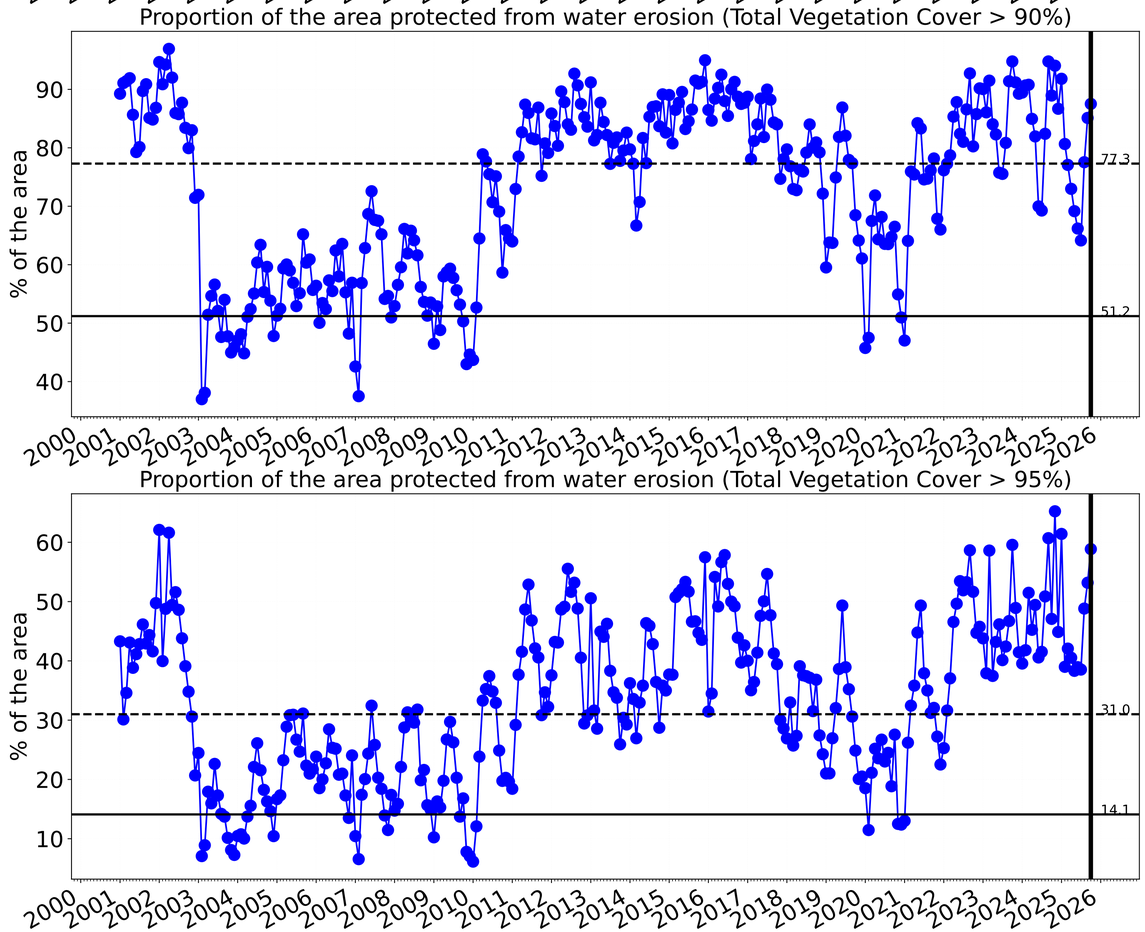
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
77.3
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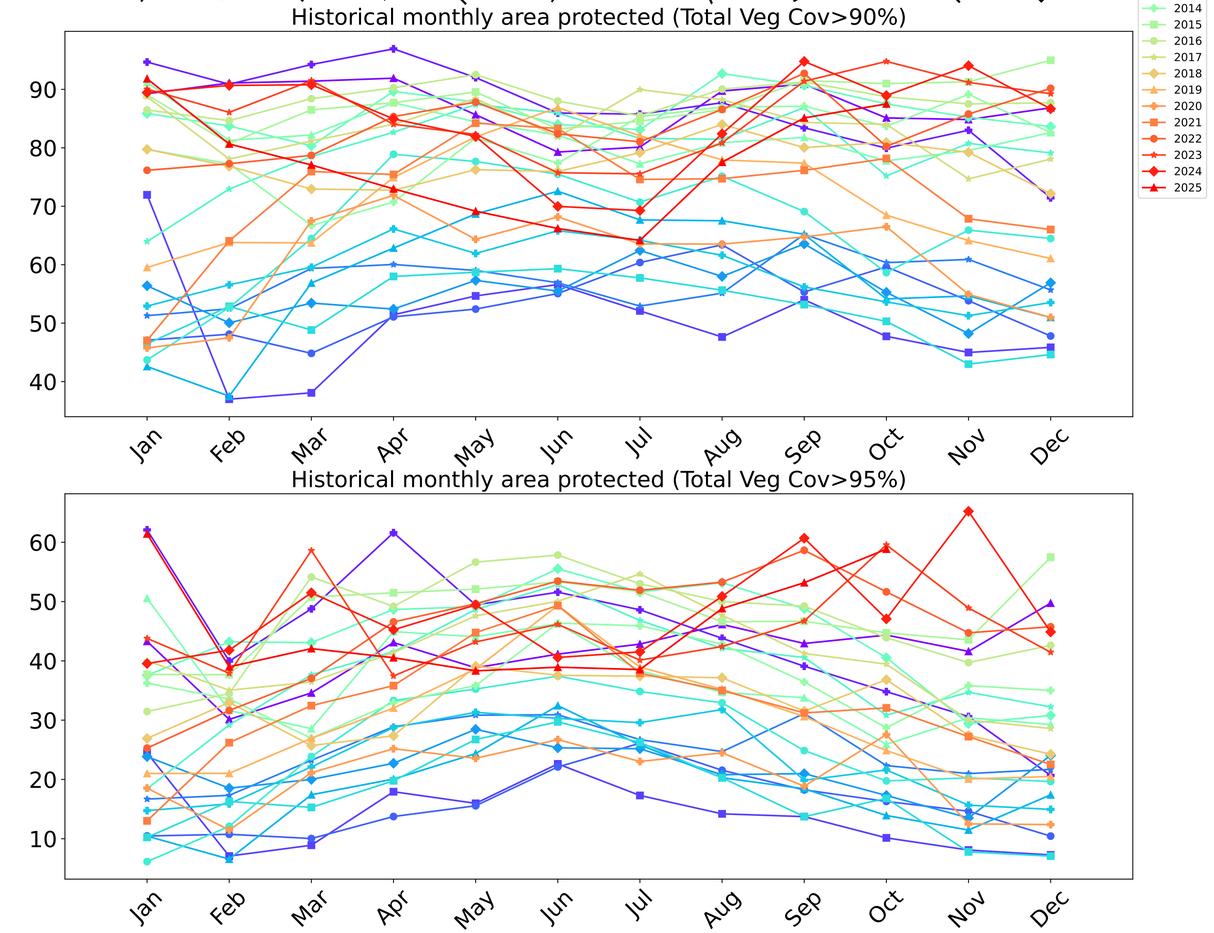
Historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>90%)
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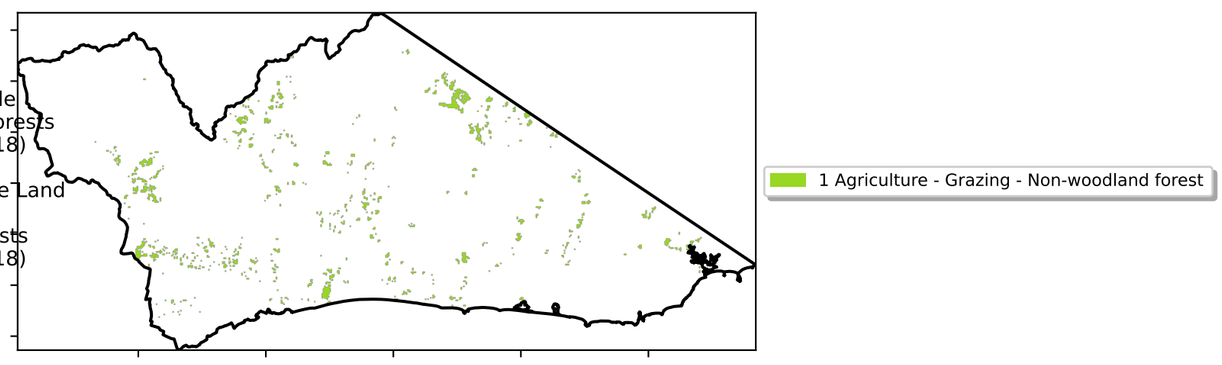
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover



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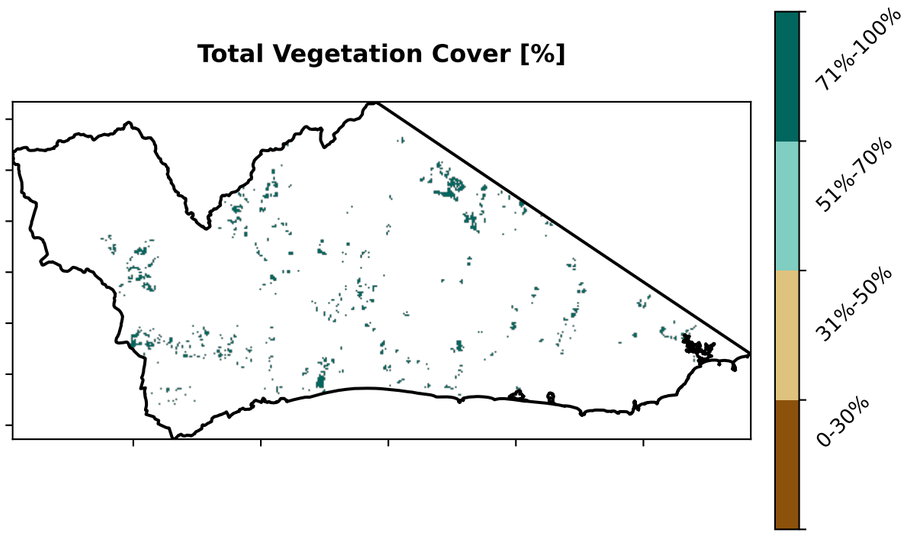
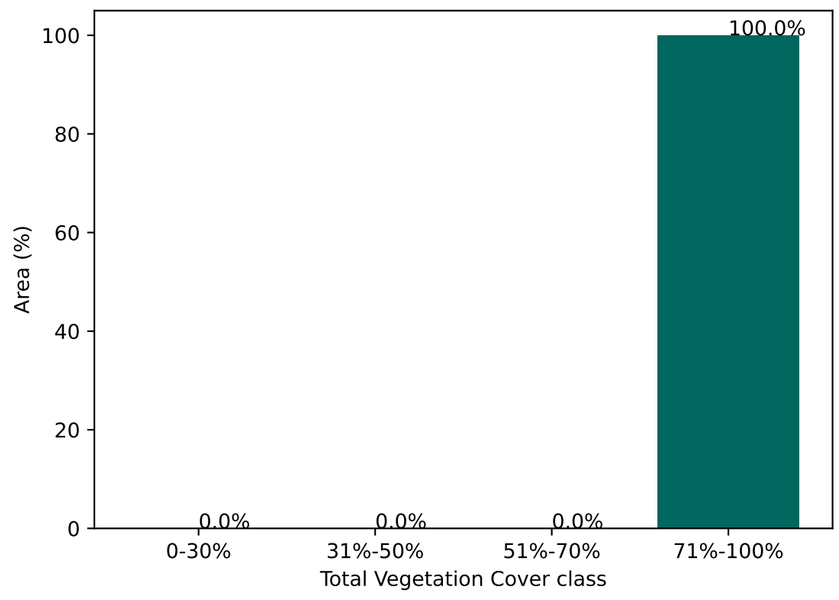
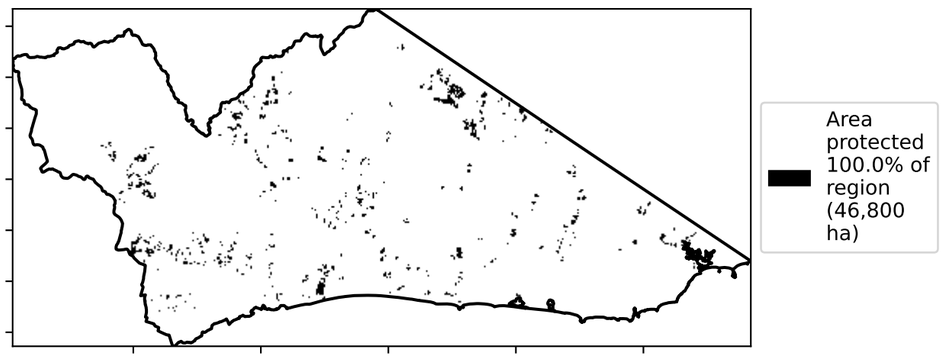
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



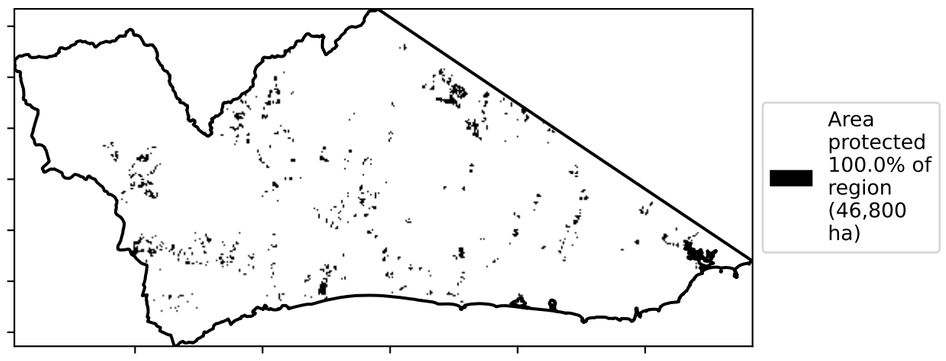
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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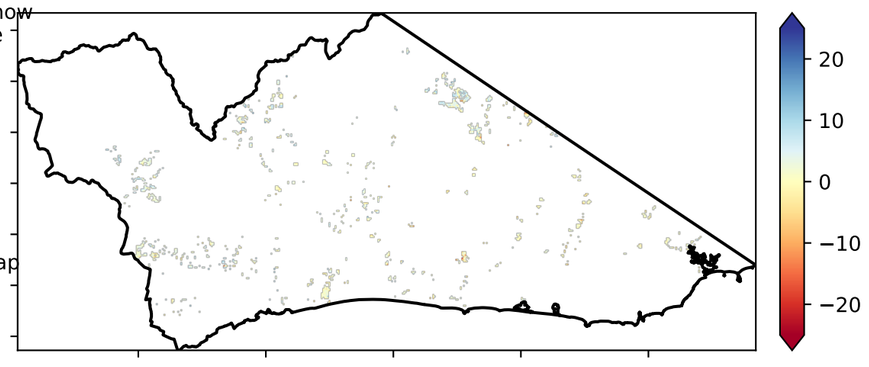

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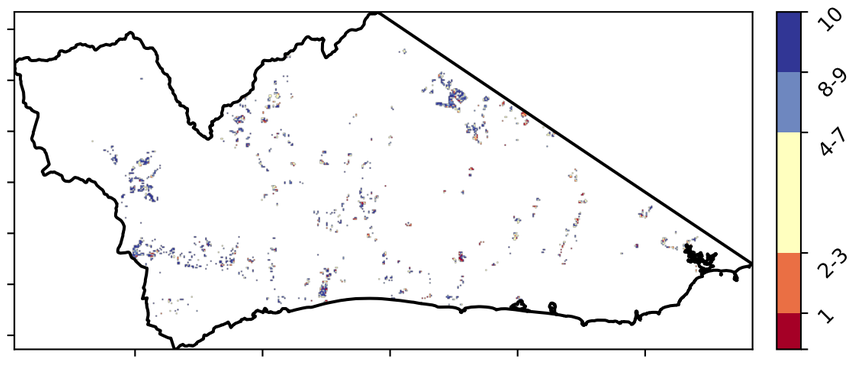
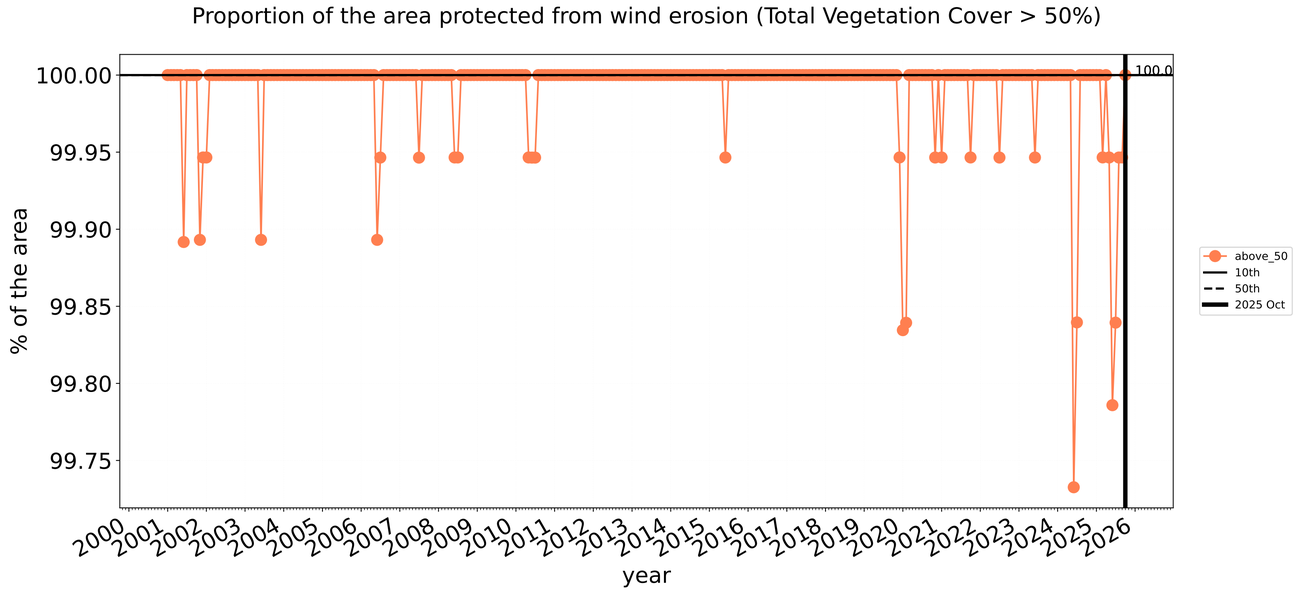
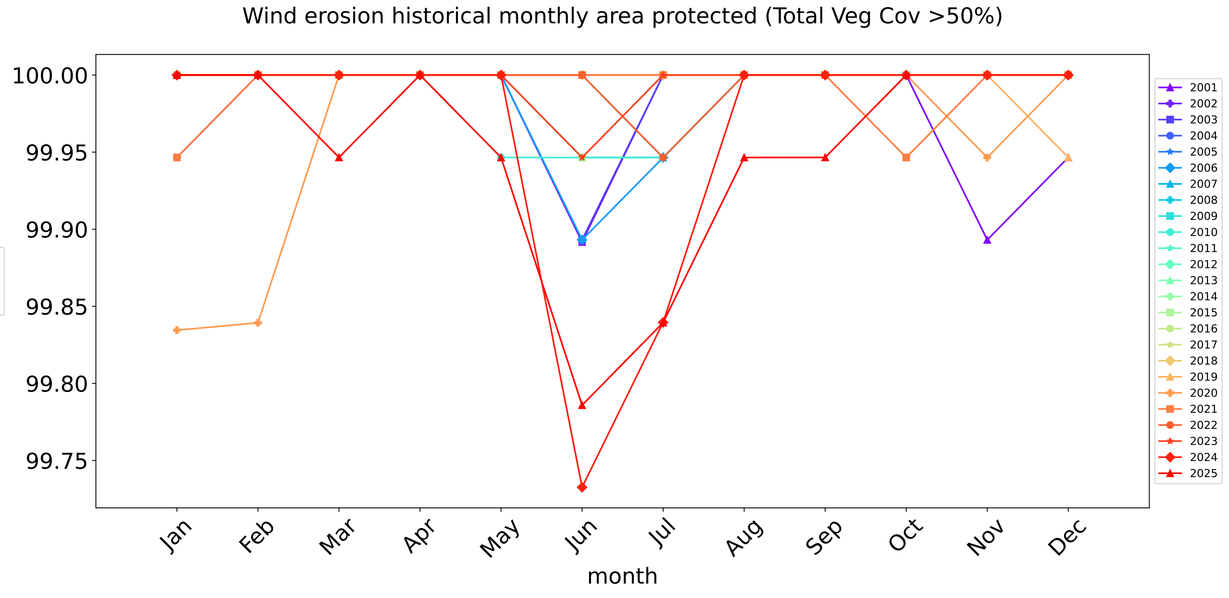
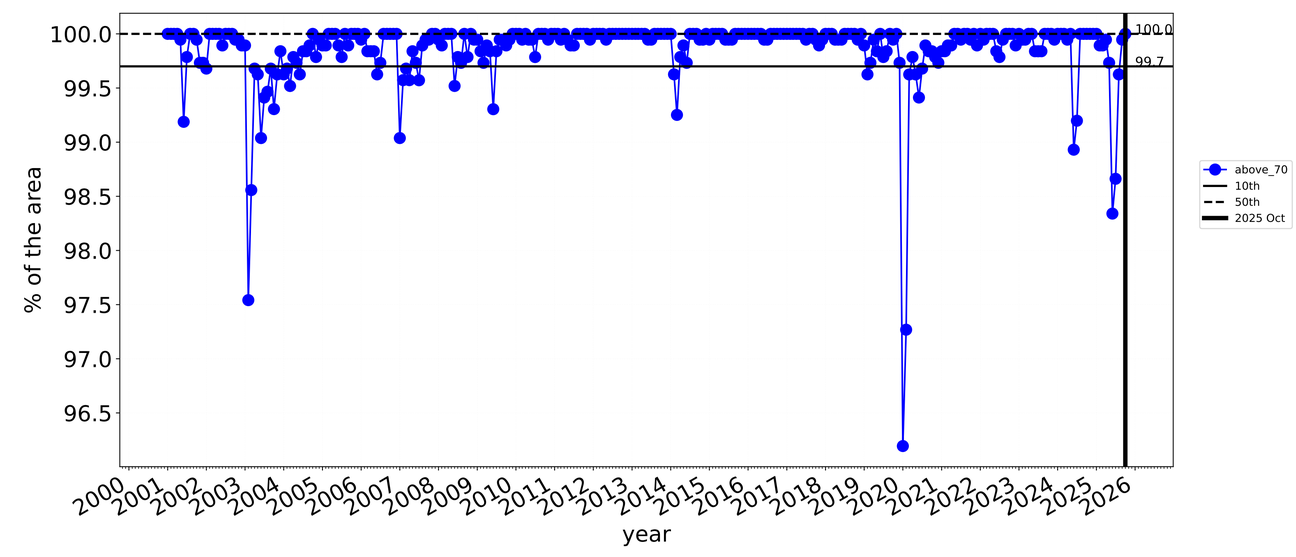
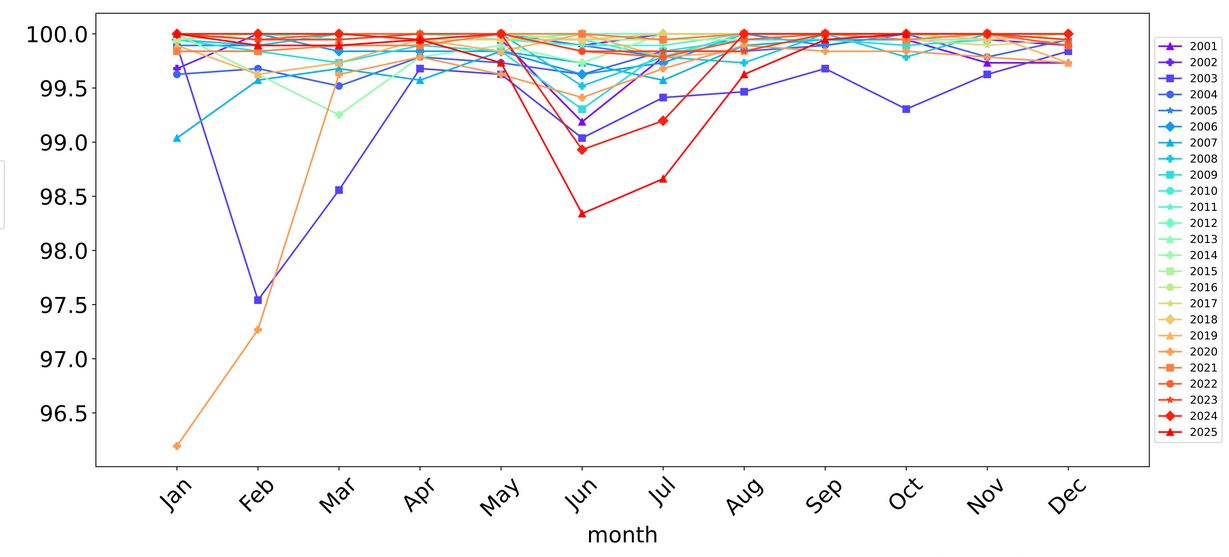


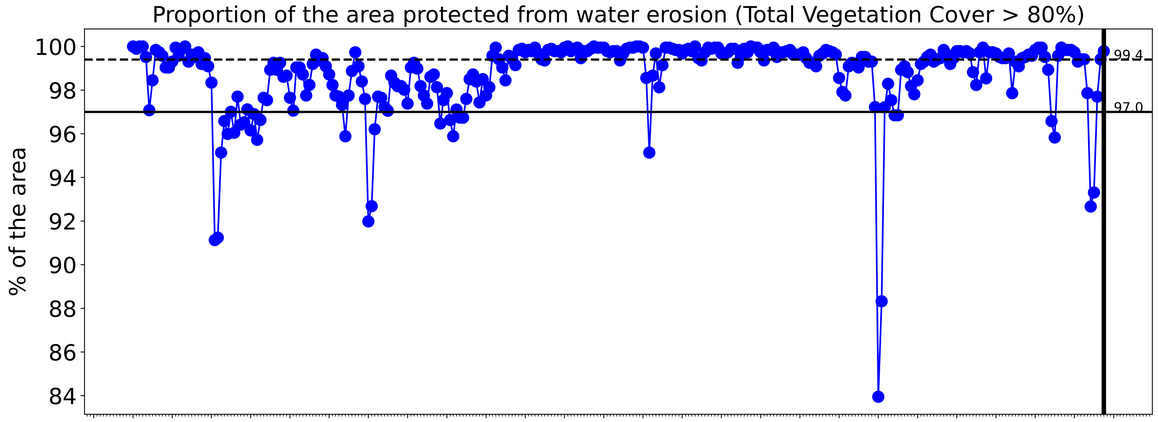
Grazing - Forest (non woodland) timeseries










Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)
% of the area
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10th
50th
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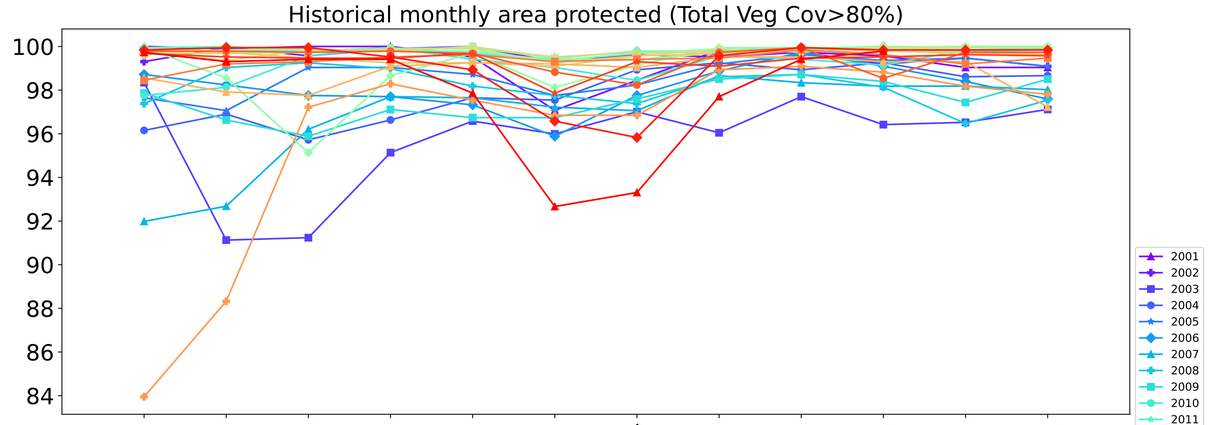
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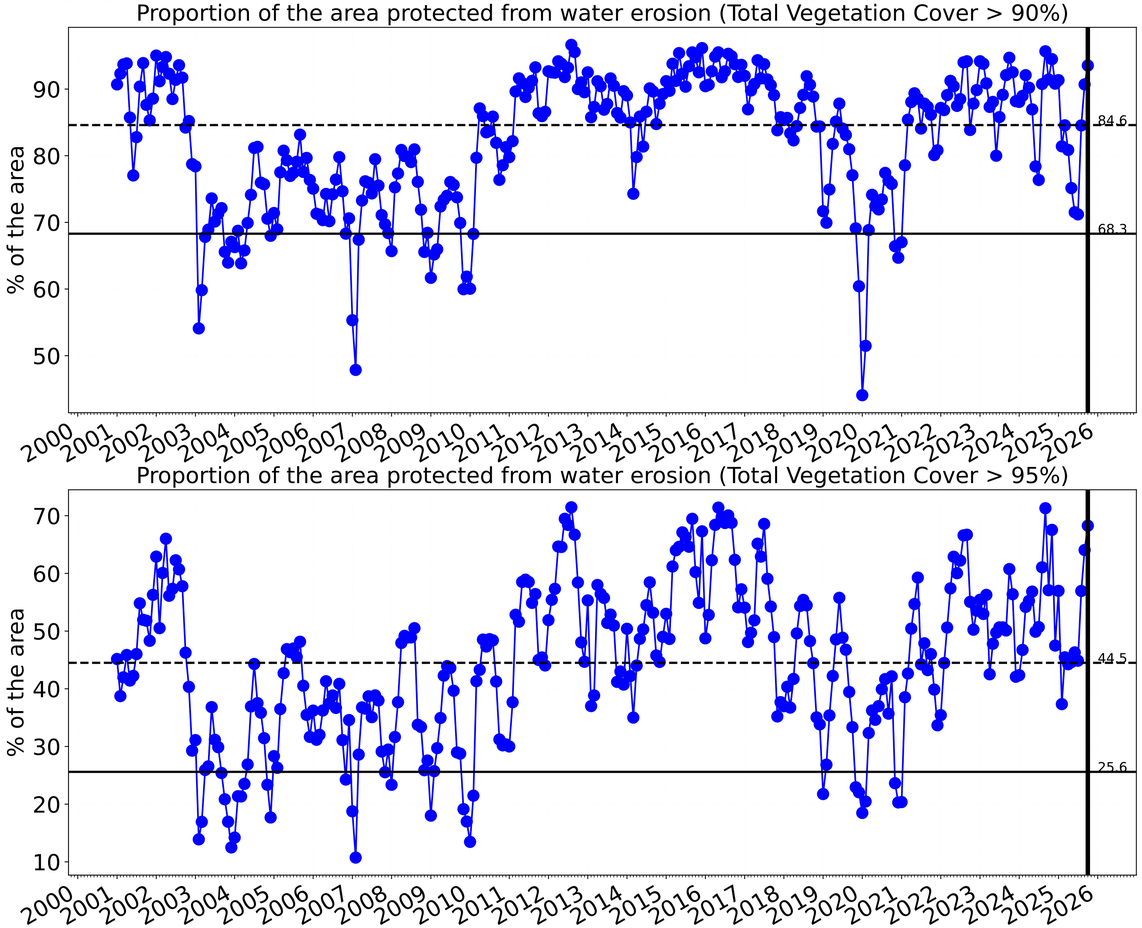
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 90%)
% of the area
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68.3
above_90
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% of the area
44.5
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50th
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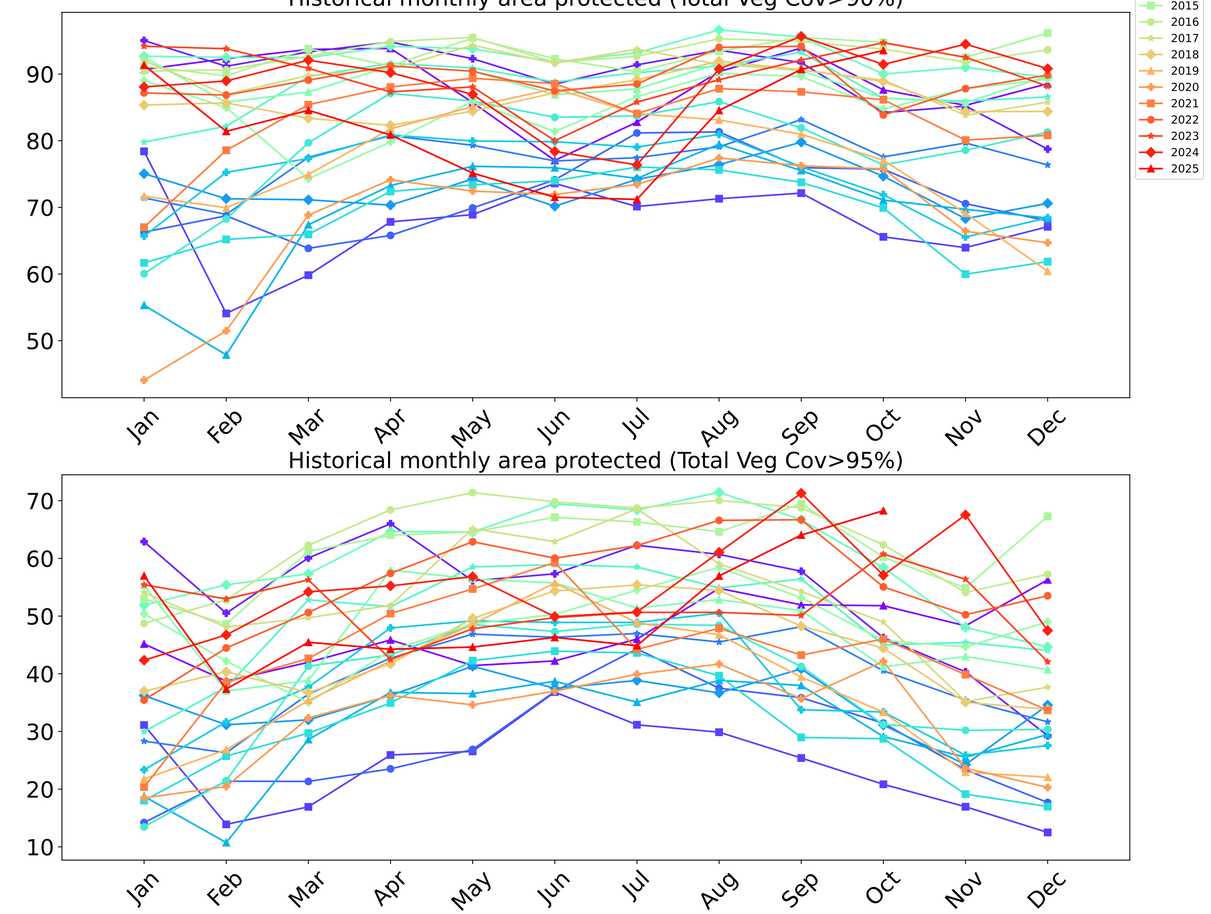
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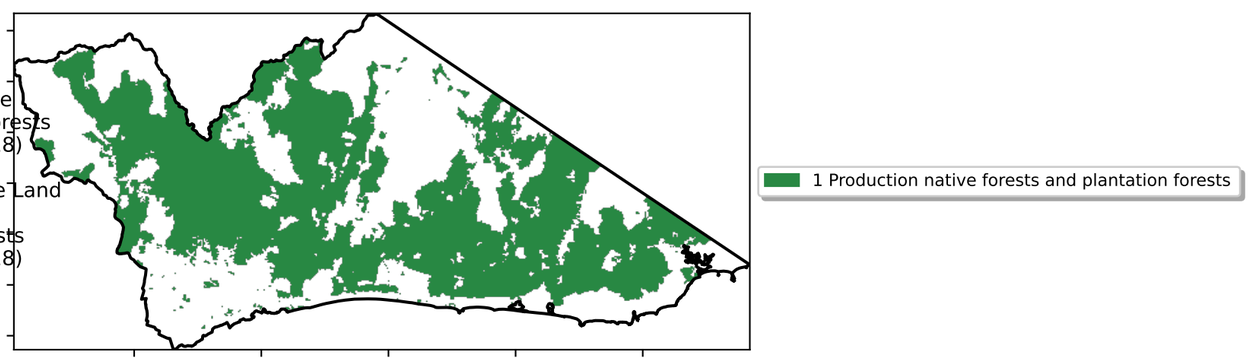
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



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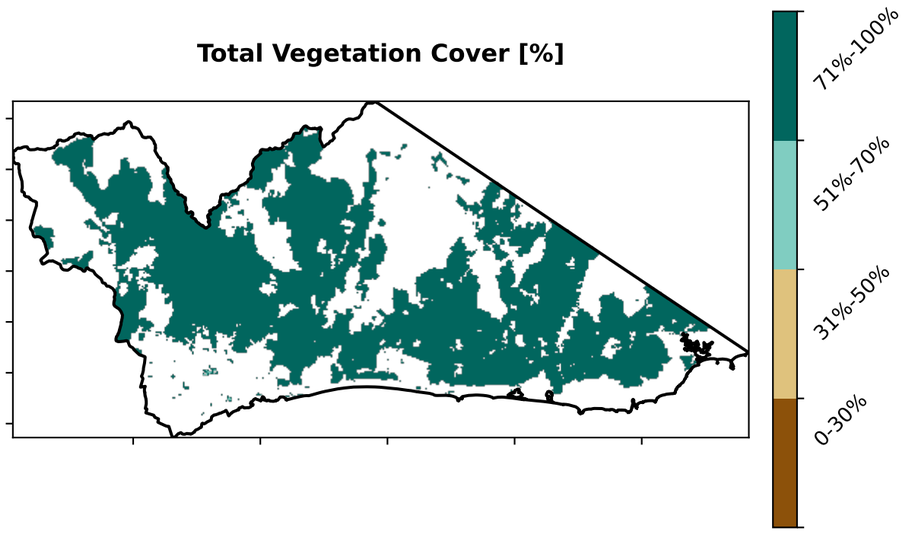

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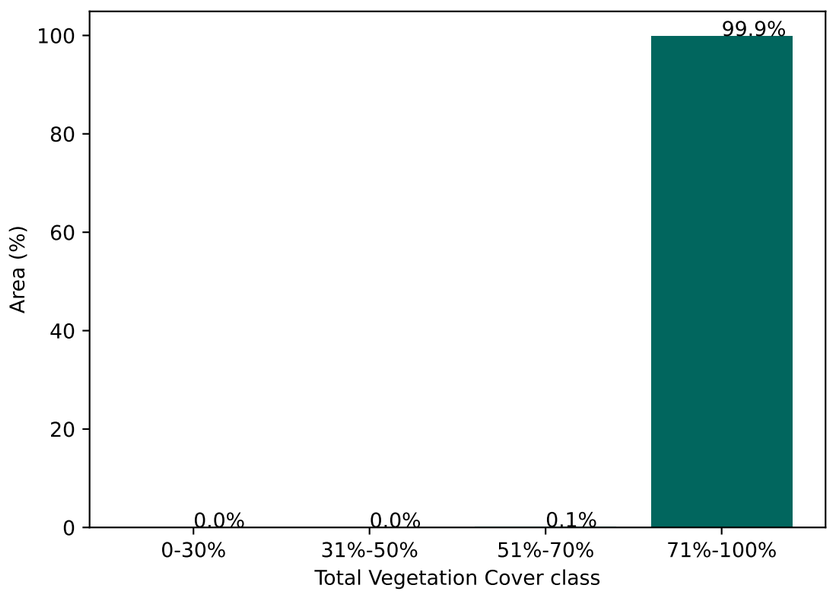

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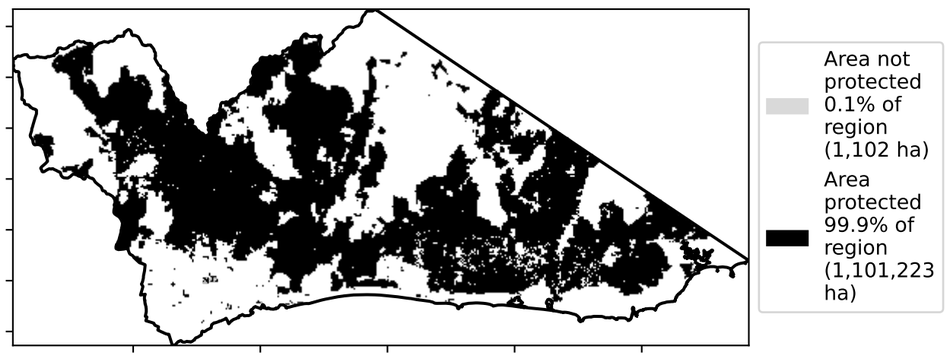

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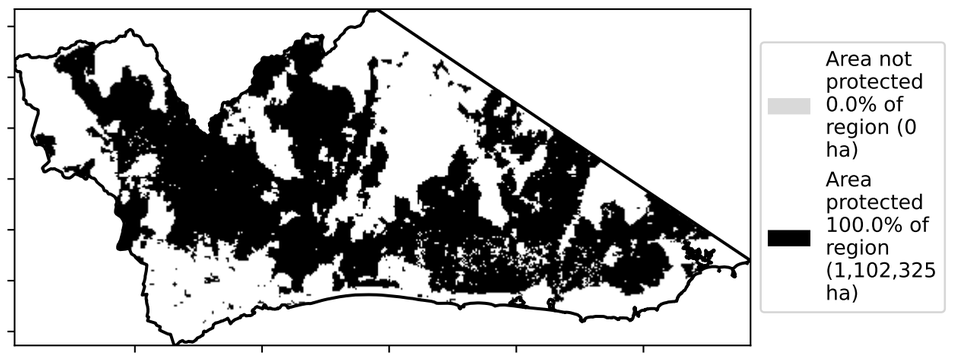

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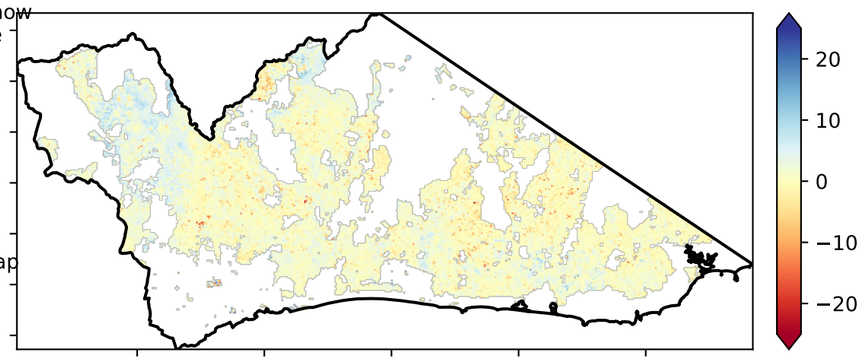

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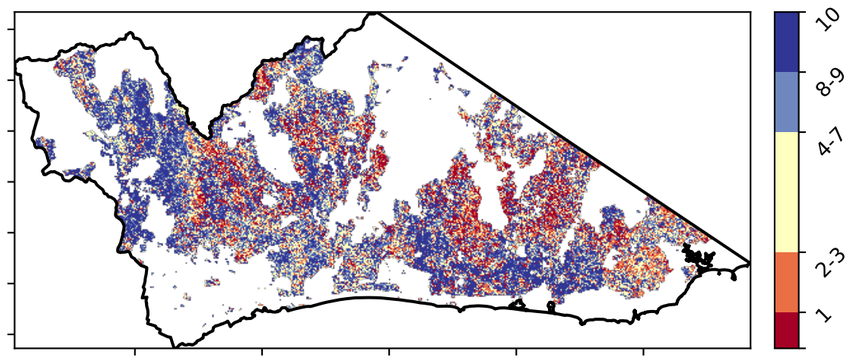
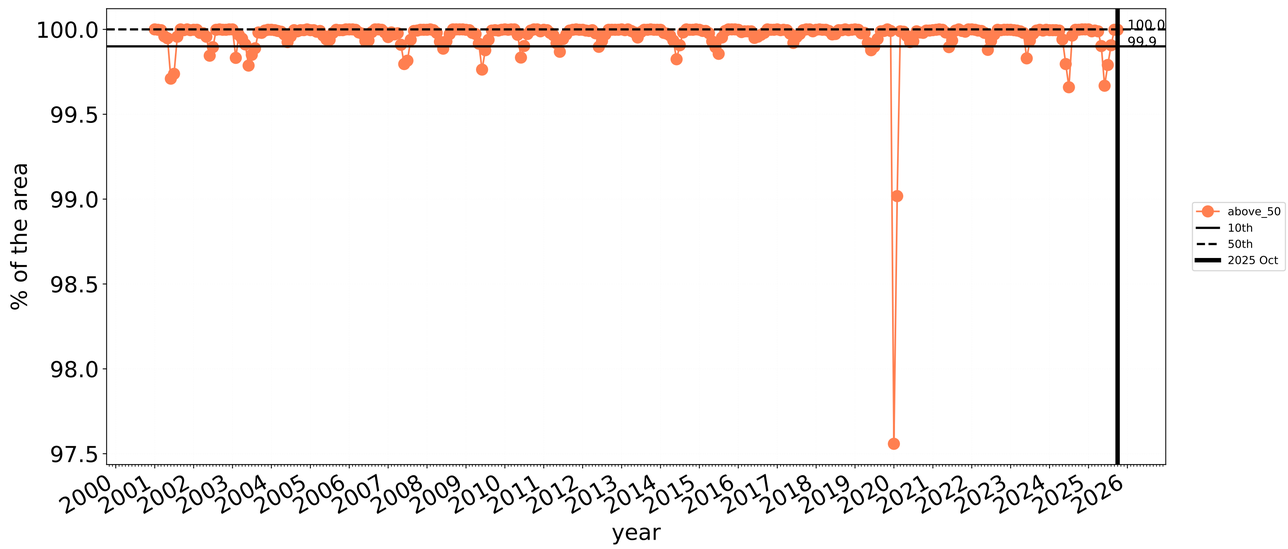
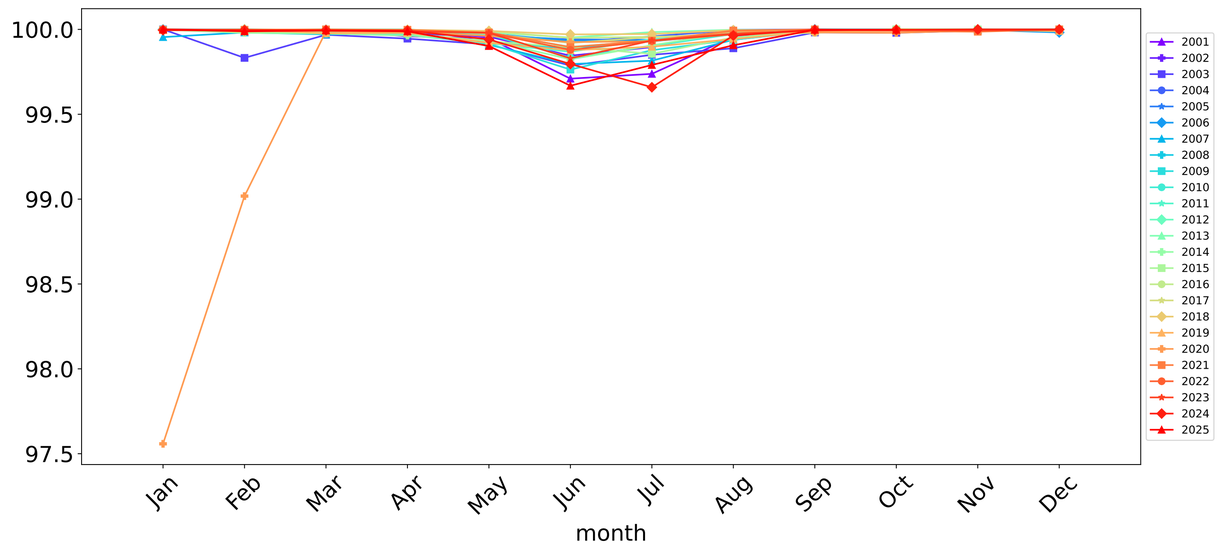


Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

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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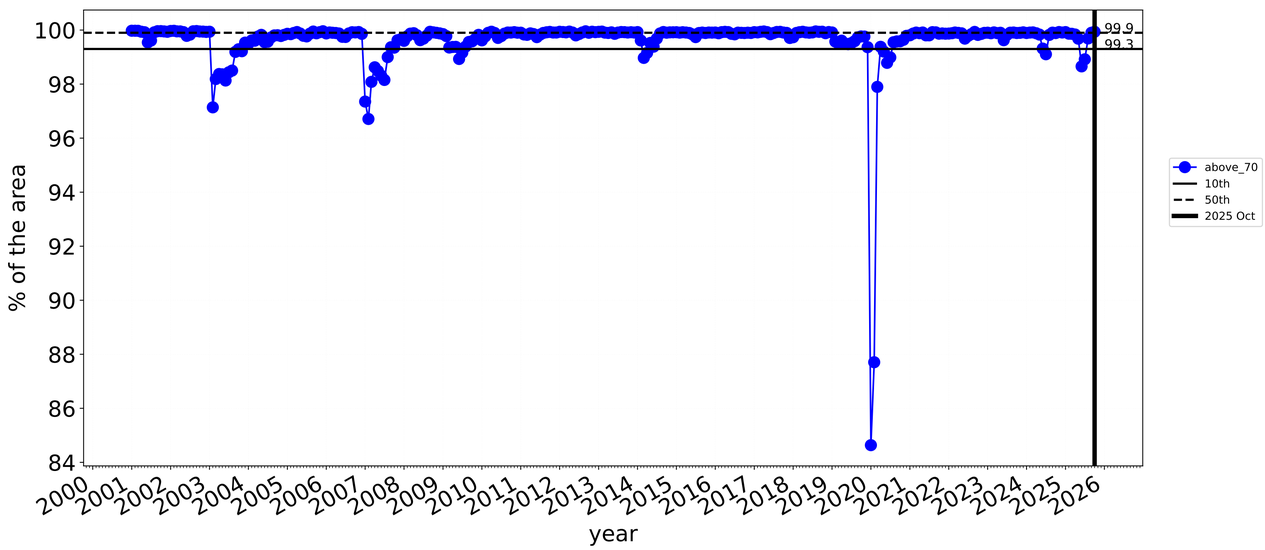

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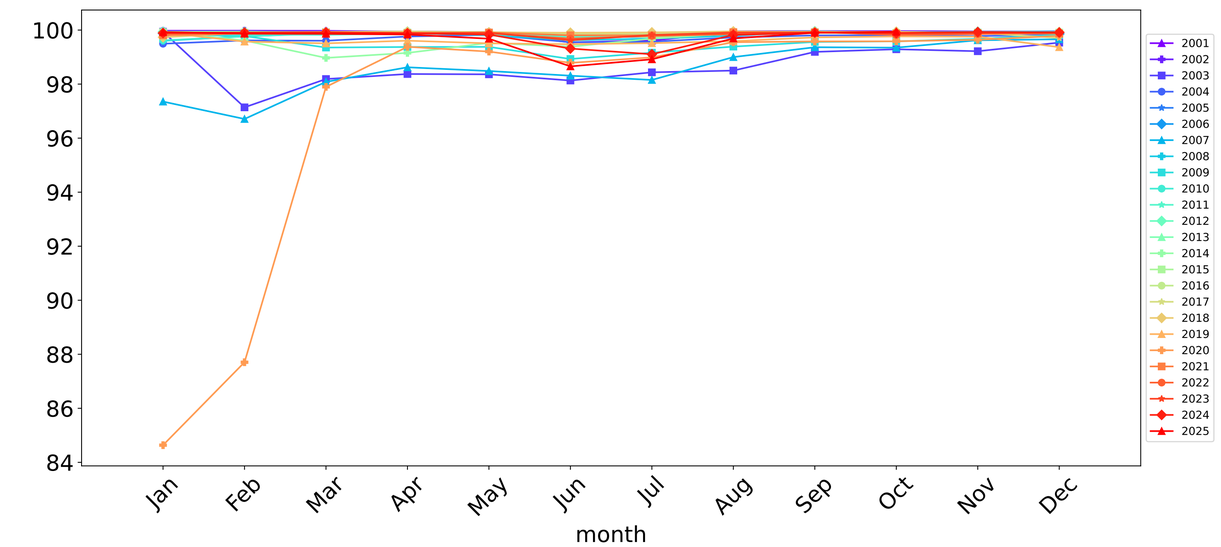

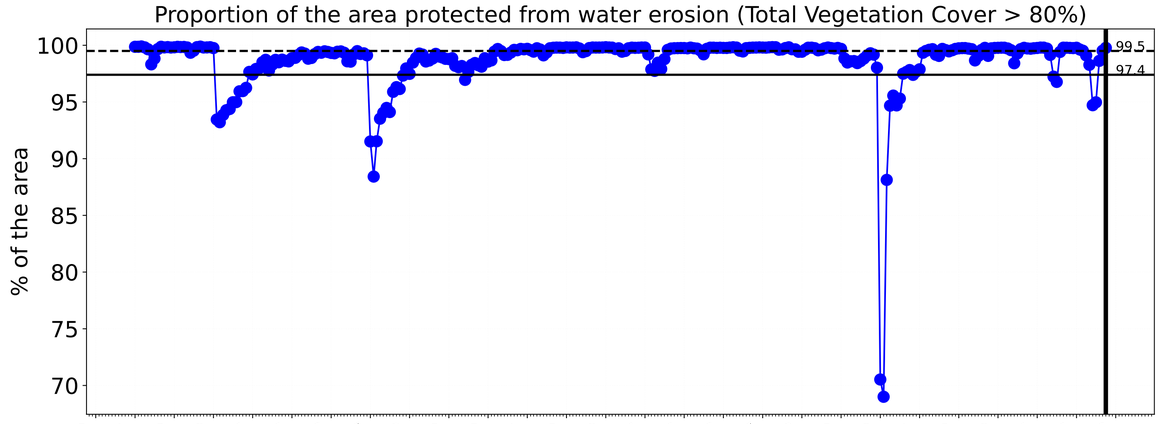
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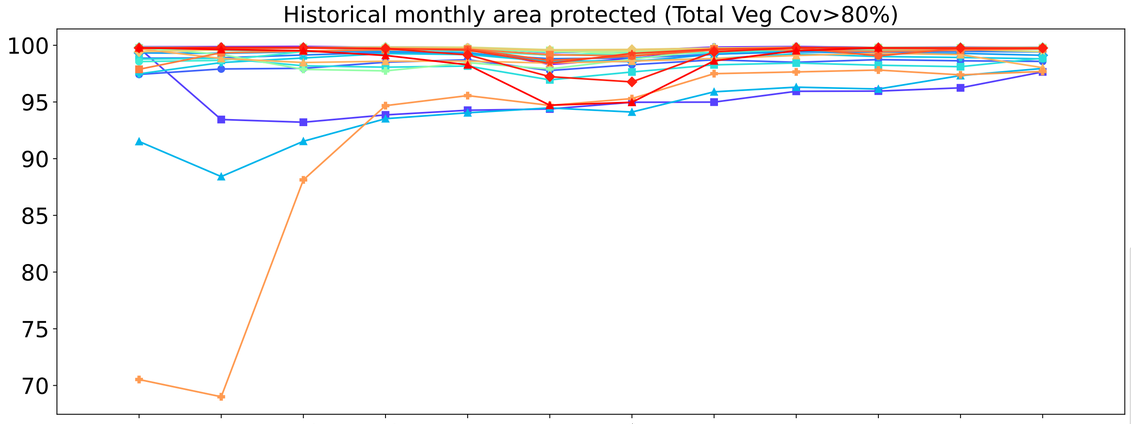
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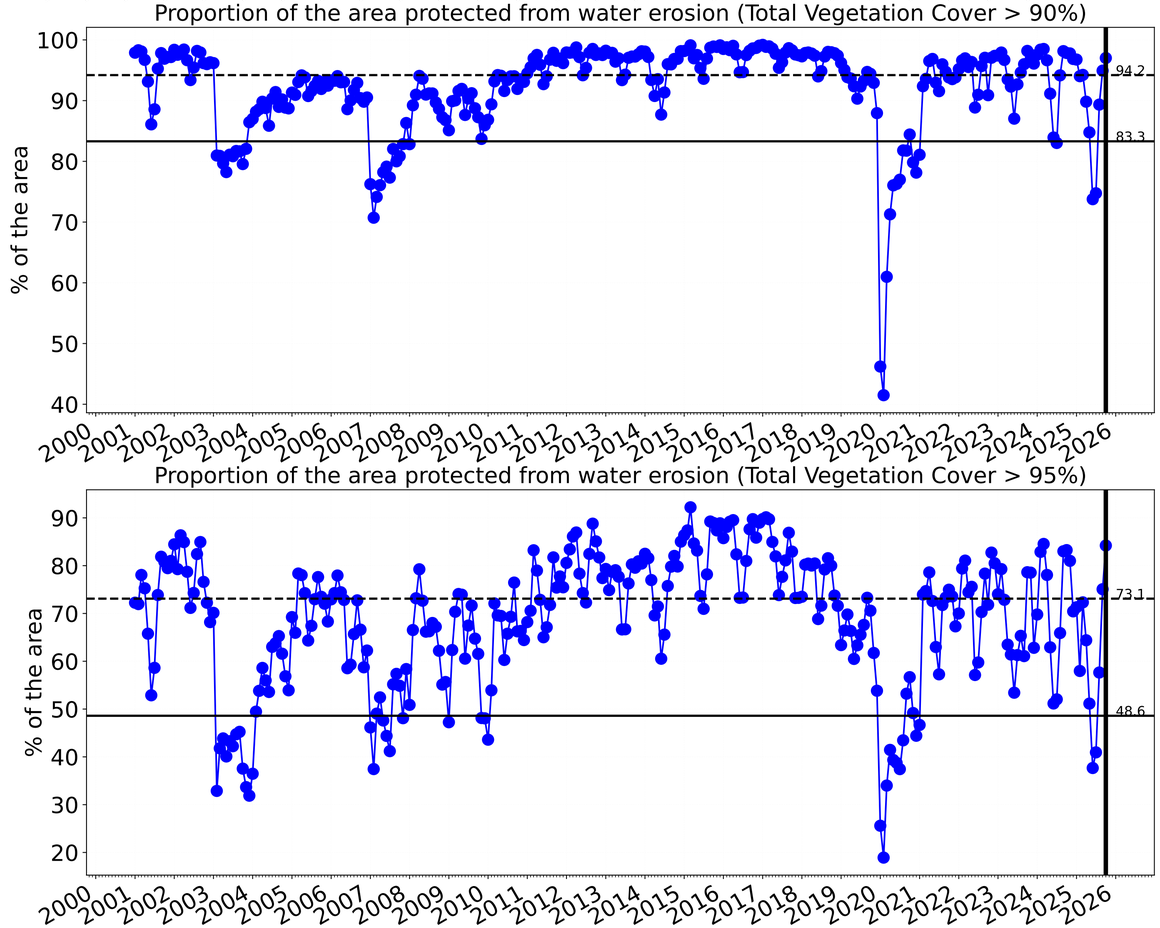
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% of the area
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% of the area
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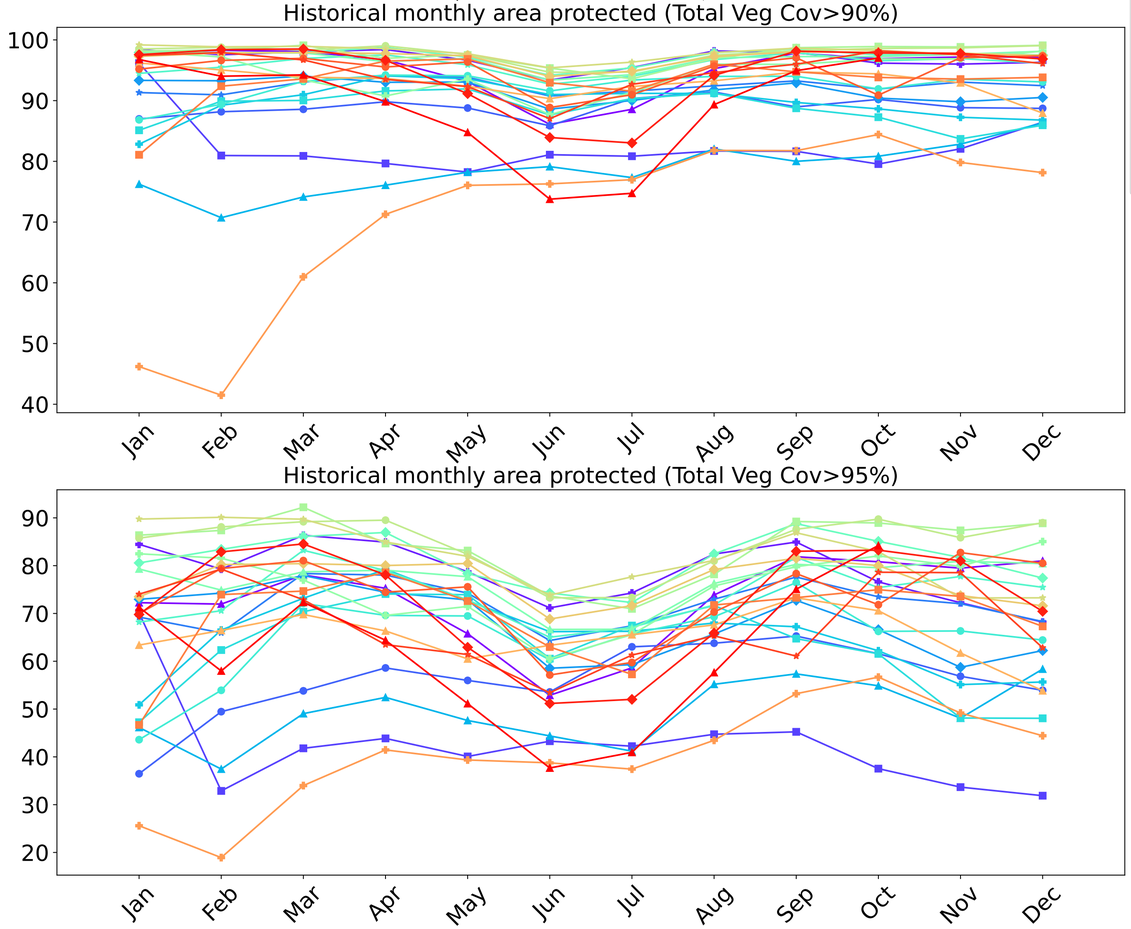
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East Gippsland (2,065,725 ha and no data 33,988 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	2,065,725	100.0% 2,065,525	100.0% 2,064,975	99.8% 2,060,950	99.2% 2,049,200	93.2% 1,925,700	75.4% 1,557,475
Conservation and natural environments	627,450	100.0% 627,350	99.9% 627,025	99.7% 625,725	99.0% 621,350	92.6% 581,100	72.4% 454,350
Conservation and natural environments non forest	12,875	99.4% 12,800	97.7% 12,575	90.7% 11,675	80.8% 10,400	59.2% 7,625	35.9% 4,625
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	145,875	100.0% 145,850	99.9% 145,750	99.7% 145,500	98.8% 144,150	89.5% 130,500	66.3% 96,650
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	468,700	100.0% 468,700	100.0% 468,700	100.0% 468,550	99.6% 466,800	94.5% 442,975	75.3% 353,075
Agriculture	306,275	100.0% 306,250	99.9% 306,100	99.4% 304,575	98.0% 300,025	82.7% 253,275	52.6% 161,225
Grazing	302,300	100.0% 302,275	99.9% 302,125	99.6% 300,975	98.3% 297,100	83.3% 251,825	53.1% 160,500
Grazing non forest	231,075	100.0% 231,050	99.9% 230,900	99.4% 229,800	97.8% 226,100	80.8% 186,675	49.4% 114,175
Grazing Woodland forest	24,425	100.0% 24,425	100.0% 24,425	99.8% 24,375	99.5% 24,300	87.5% 21,375	58.9% 14,375
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	46,800	100.0% 46,800	100.0% 46,800	100.0% 46,800	99.8% 46,700	93.5% 43,775	68.3% 31,950
Production native forests and plantation forests	1,102,325	100.0% 1,102,325	100.0% 1,102,300	99.9% 1,101,625	99.8% 1,099,800	97.0% 1,069,425	84.2% 928,325