# **Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Glenelg Hopkins VIC**

# Date: July 2004

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

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

# Acknowledgment of data:

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

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3



# **Vegetation Cover Jul 2004**

#### Land use and forest cover

#### Proportion of each land class in area

61.5%



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



#### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

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









### **Conservation and natural environments**



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





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

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







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



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

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# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**

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



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









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### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



# **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**



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

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





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

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



### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







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



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

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

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



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# Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)



#### Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries**



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

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



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

---- above\_70 **——** 10th **——** 50th **——** 2004 Jul



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





# Agriculture

Land use and forest cover <u>86.3</u>% 80 Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from 60 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest Area (%) 05 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest Catchment Scale Land 4 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated Use of Australia -(2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) 5 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated 6 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated 20 <u>11.1</u>% 0.0% 0 2 3 4 6 1 5 Land use class Proportion of vegetation cover class in area **Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 98.6% 100 120/0 80 52% TO" 60 Area (%) 3200 40 0.30% 20 1.3% 0.0% 0.1% 0 0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class % Area protected from water erosion (>70%) % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Proportion of each land class in area





**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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

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





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

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





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### Grazing



#### Proportion of each land class in area



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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

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





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





# **Grazing non forest**



Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







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

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





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

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



# **Grazing Woodland forest**



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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



# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries



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

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



100 99 ---- above\_70 **——** 10th **——** 50th 98 **——** 2004 Jul 97 96 95



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





# Cropping



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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





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

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



# **Cropping timeseries**

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



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

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# **Production native forests and plantation forests**



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)









**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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

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





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



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





# Glenelg Hopkins (2,656,850 ha and no data 16,331 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	2,656,850	100.0% 2,656,224	99.9% 2,653,622	98.6% 2,620,595	92.7% 2,462,142	47.7% 1,268,476	17.3% 458,646
Conservation and natural environments	253,425	99.8% 253,000	99.6% 252,425	98.3% 249,125	94.2% 238,700	67.7% 171,550	31.2% 79,000
Conservation and natural environments non forest	27,650	98.6% 27,275	96.6% 26,700	88.3% 24,425	75.3% 20,825	42.0% 11,600	18.4% 5,075
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	152,750	100.0% 152,750	100.0% 152,750	99.6% 152,150	97.1% 148,300	69.1% 105,525	27.3% 41,725
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	73,025	99.9% 72,975	99.9% 72,975	99.3% 72,550	95.3% 69,575	74.5% 54,425	44.1% 32,200
Agriculture	1,902,525	100.0% 1,902,450	99.9% 1,900,875	98.6% 1,875,300	91.7% 1,744,175	40.6% 772,800	11.8% 223,600
Grazing	1,690,175	100.0% 1,690,150	100.0% 1,689,575	99.2% 1,676,900	93.9% 1,586,625	42.1% 711,225	11.9% 201,500
Grazing non forest	1,641,525	100.0% 1,641,500	100.0% 1,640,925	99.2% 1,628,325	93.7% 1,538,875	41.2% 676,125	11.3% 185,350
Grazing Woodland forest	29,075	100.0% 29,075	100.0% 29,075	100.0% 29,075	98.9% 28,750	75.1% 21,825	31.7% 9,225
Cropping	210,900	100.0% 210,850	99.5% 209,850	93.4% 197,075	74.2% 156,475	29.0% 61,175	10.4% 22,025
Production native forests and plantation forests	424,350	100.0% 424,350	100.0% 424,250	99.8% 423,425	97.7% 414,500	69.0% 292,750	34.0% 144,425

