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

# **Date: September 2018**

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

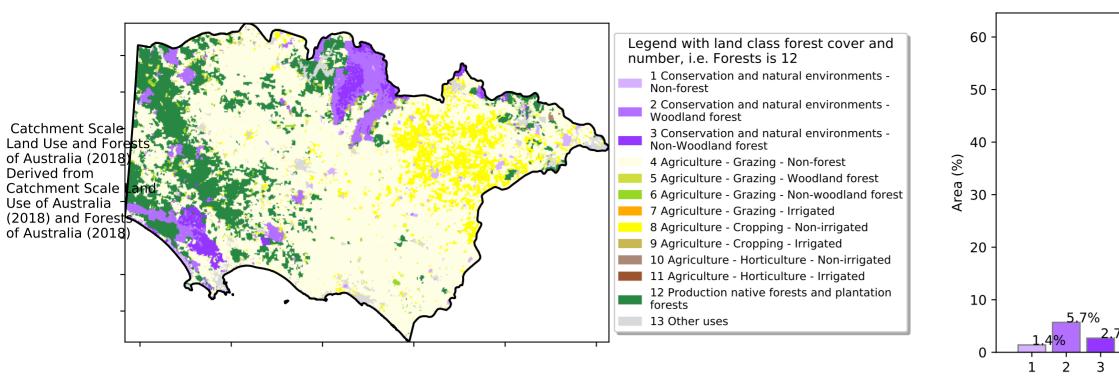


# **Vegetation Cover Sep 2018**

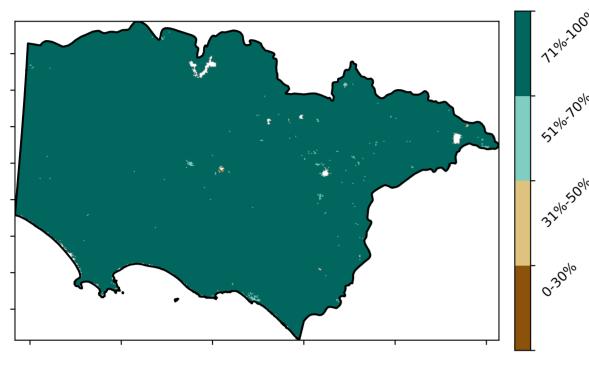
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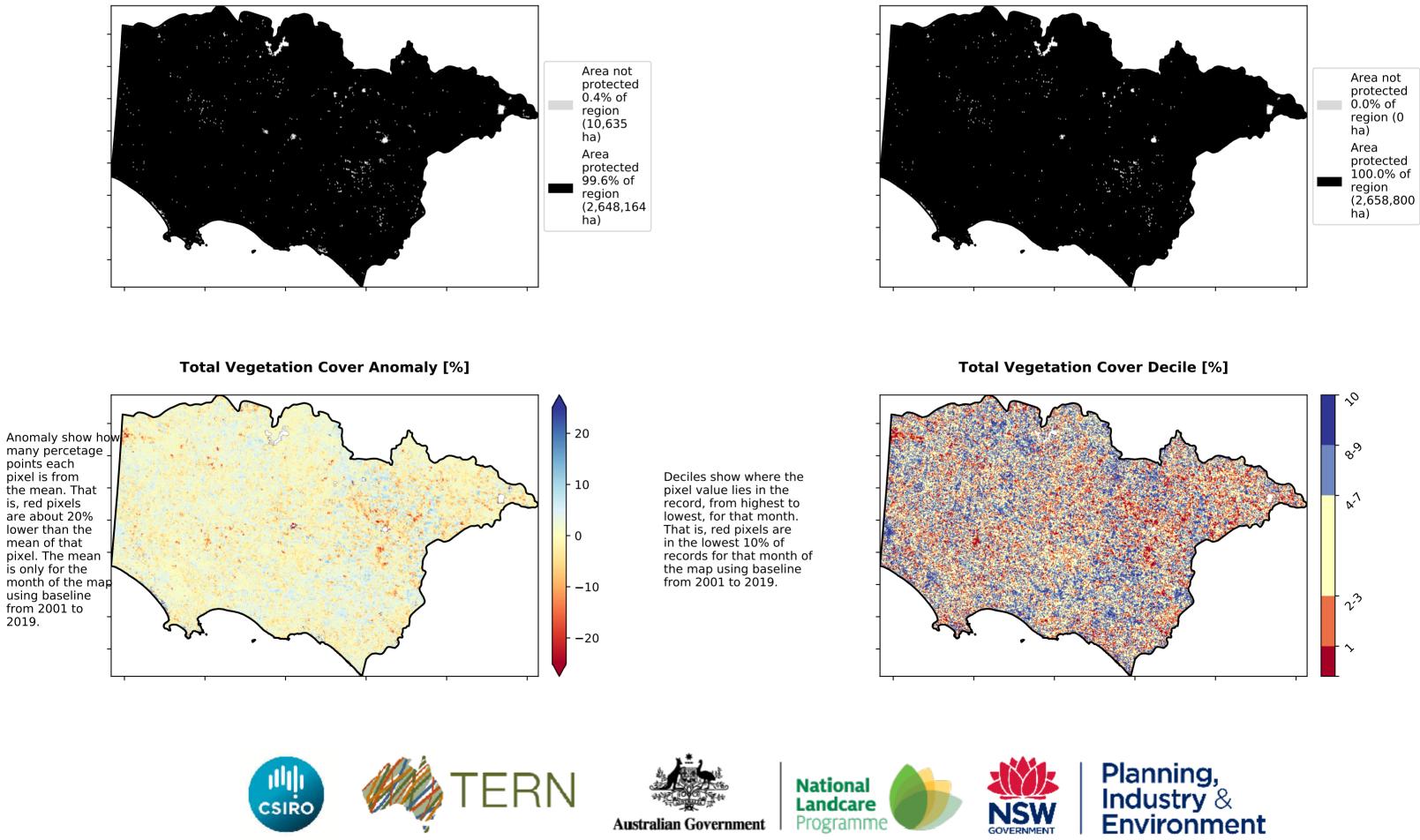


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



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

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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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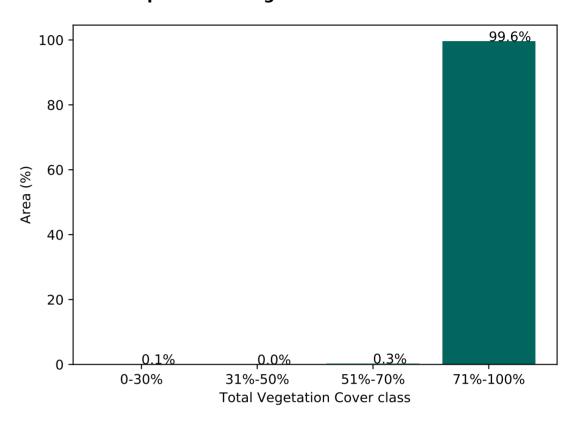
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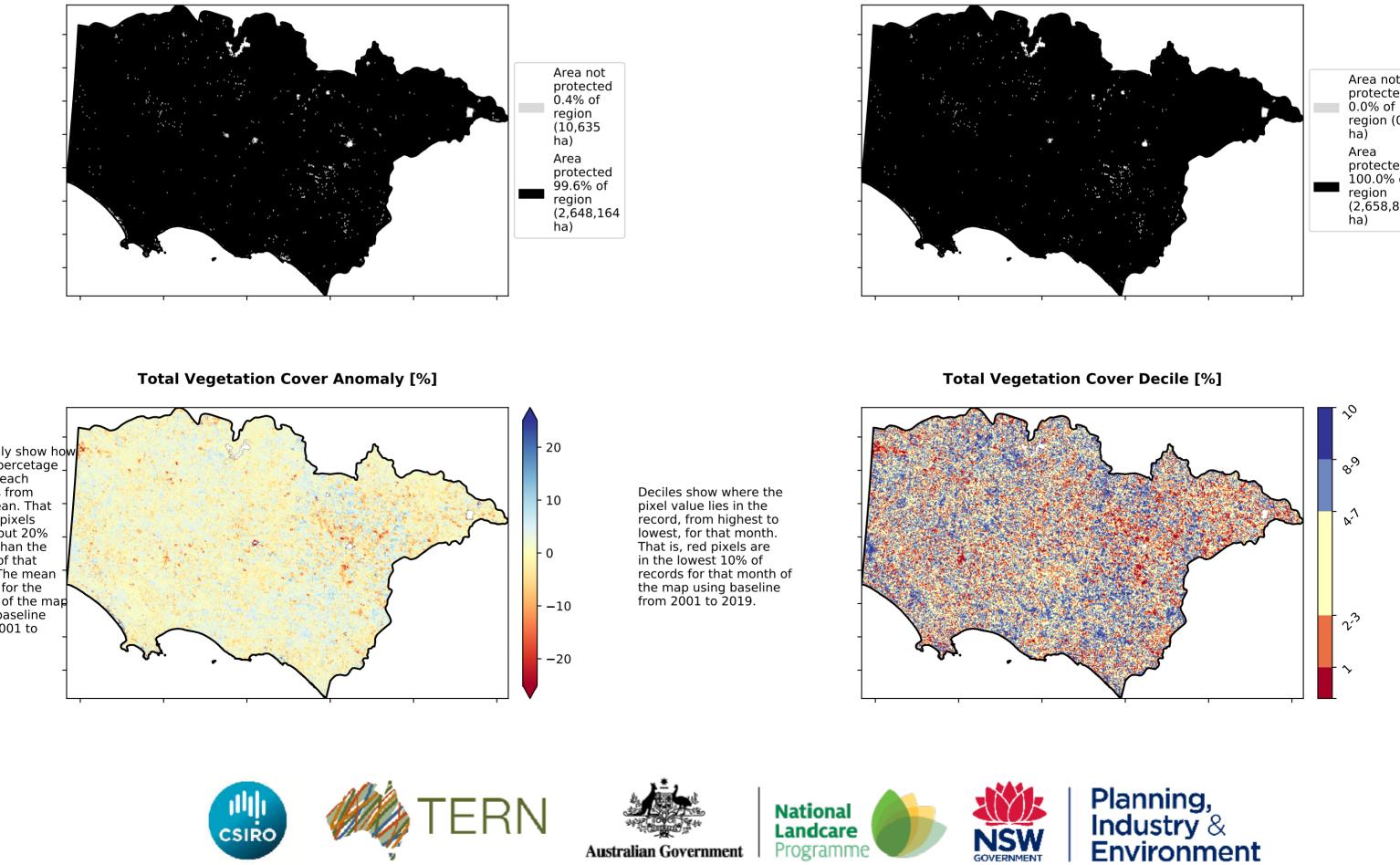
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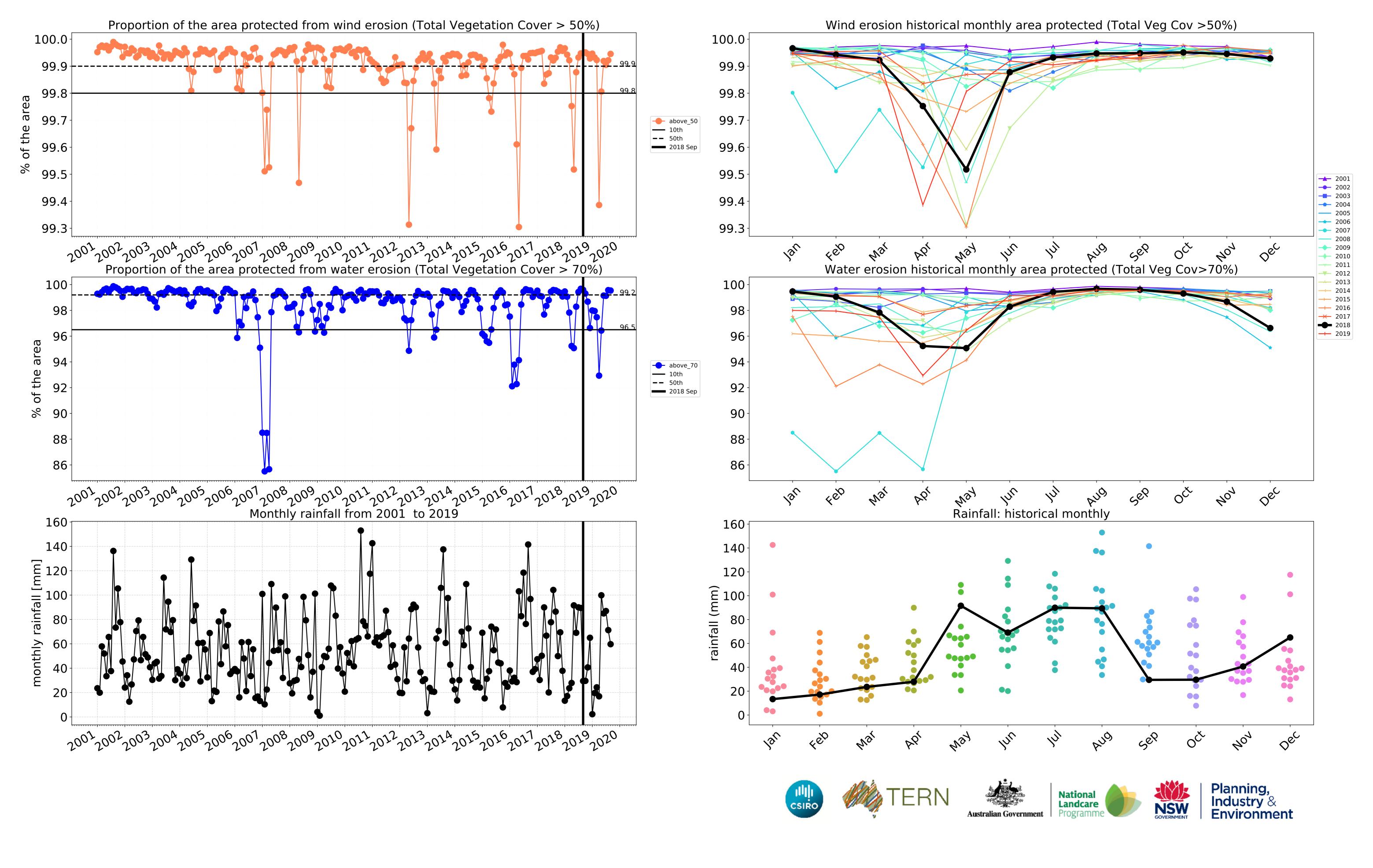
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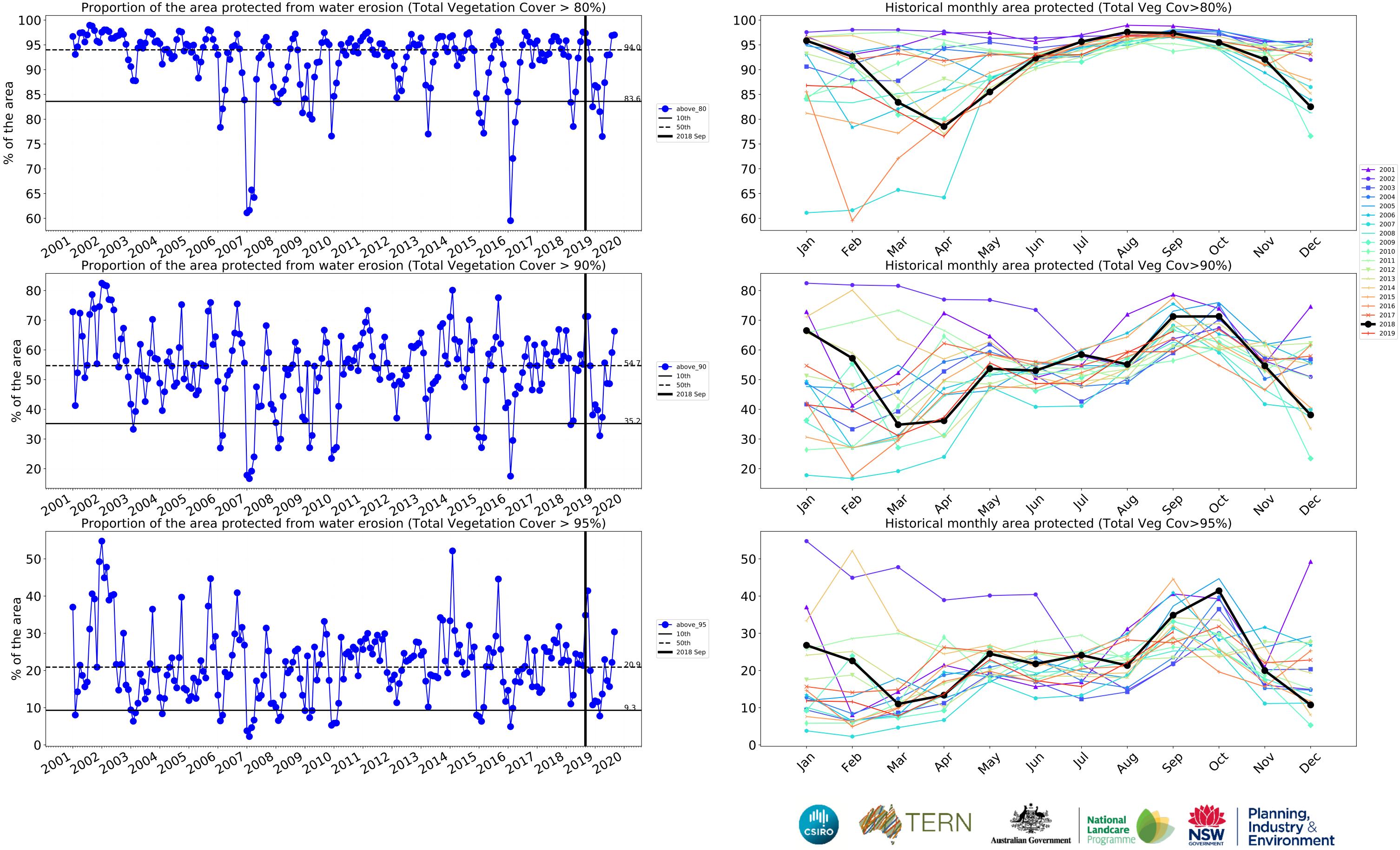
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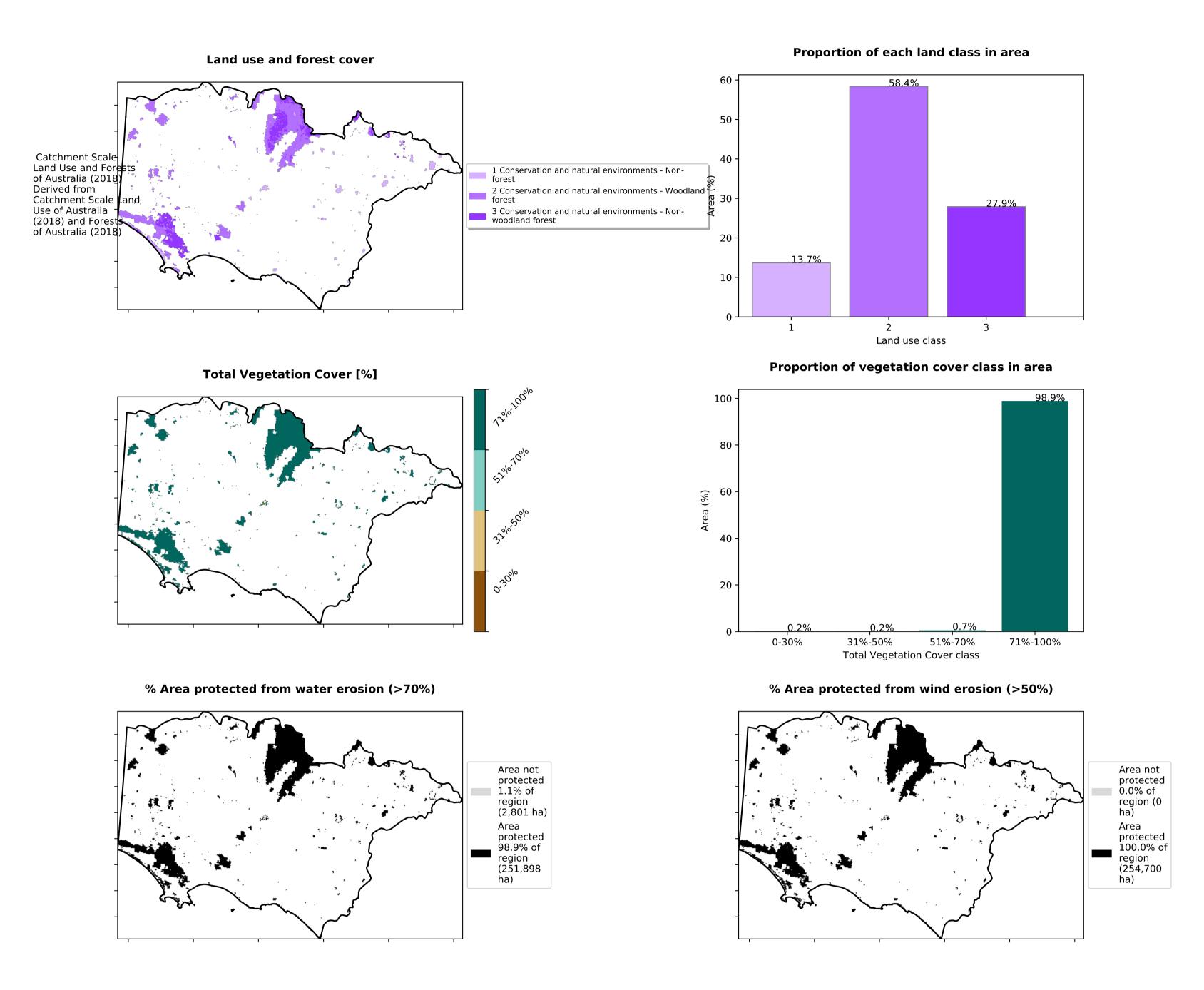
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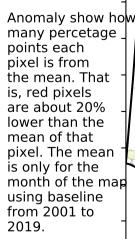


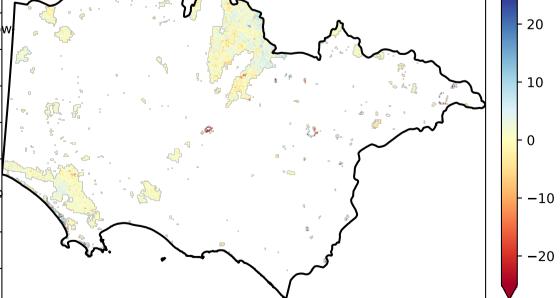


### **Conservation and natural environments**



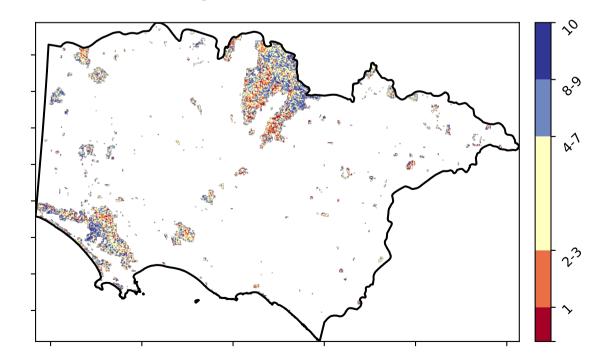
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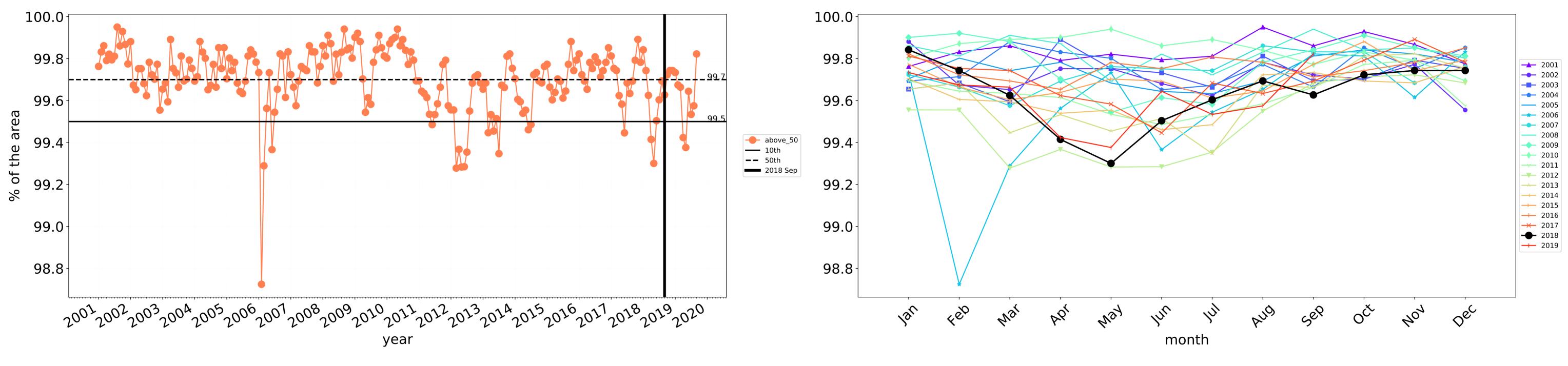


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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 

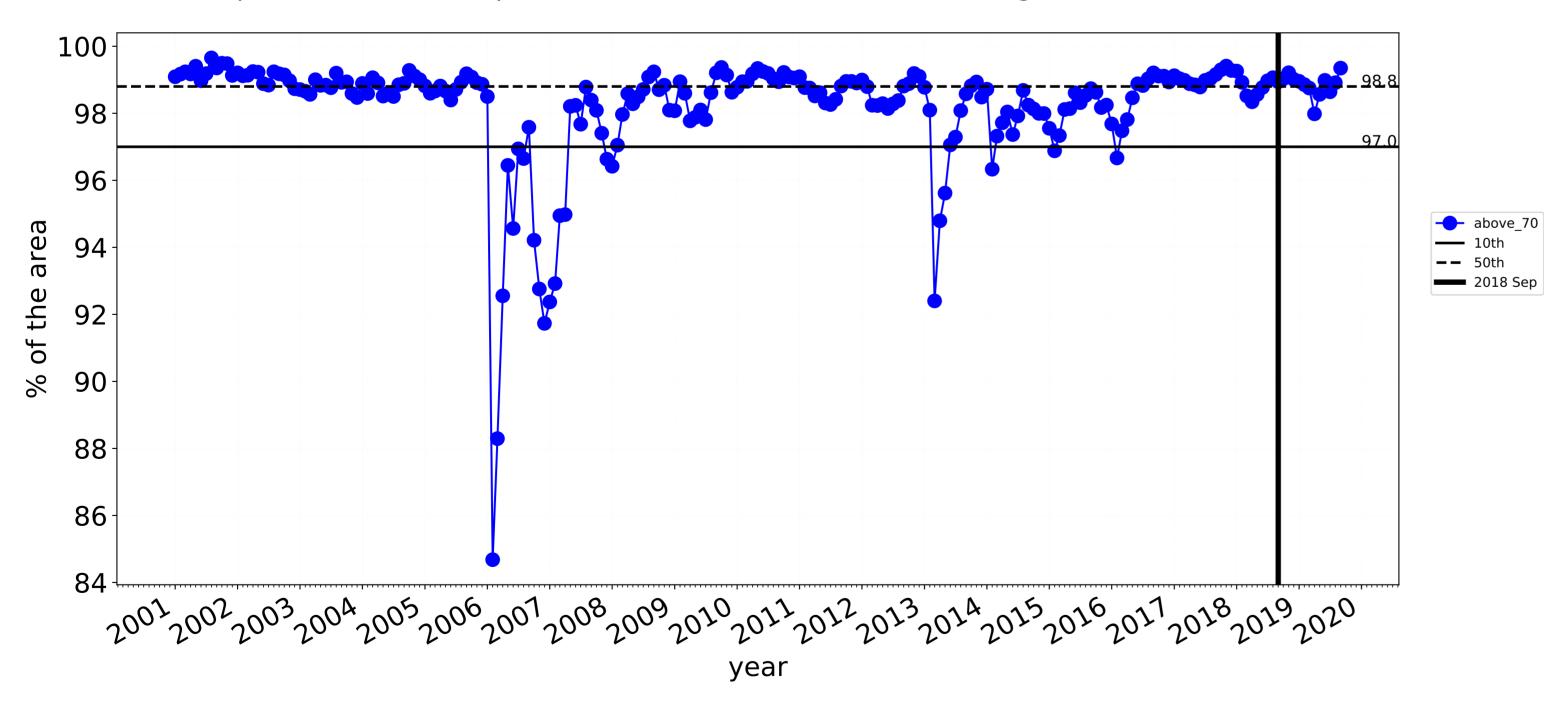




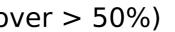


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

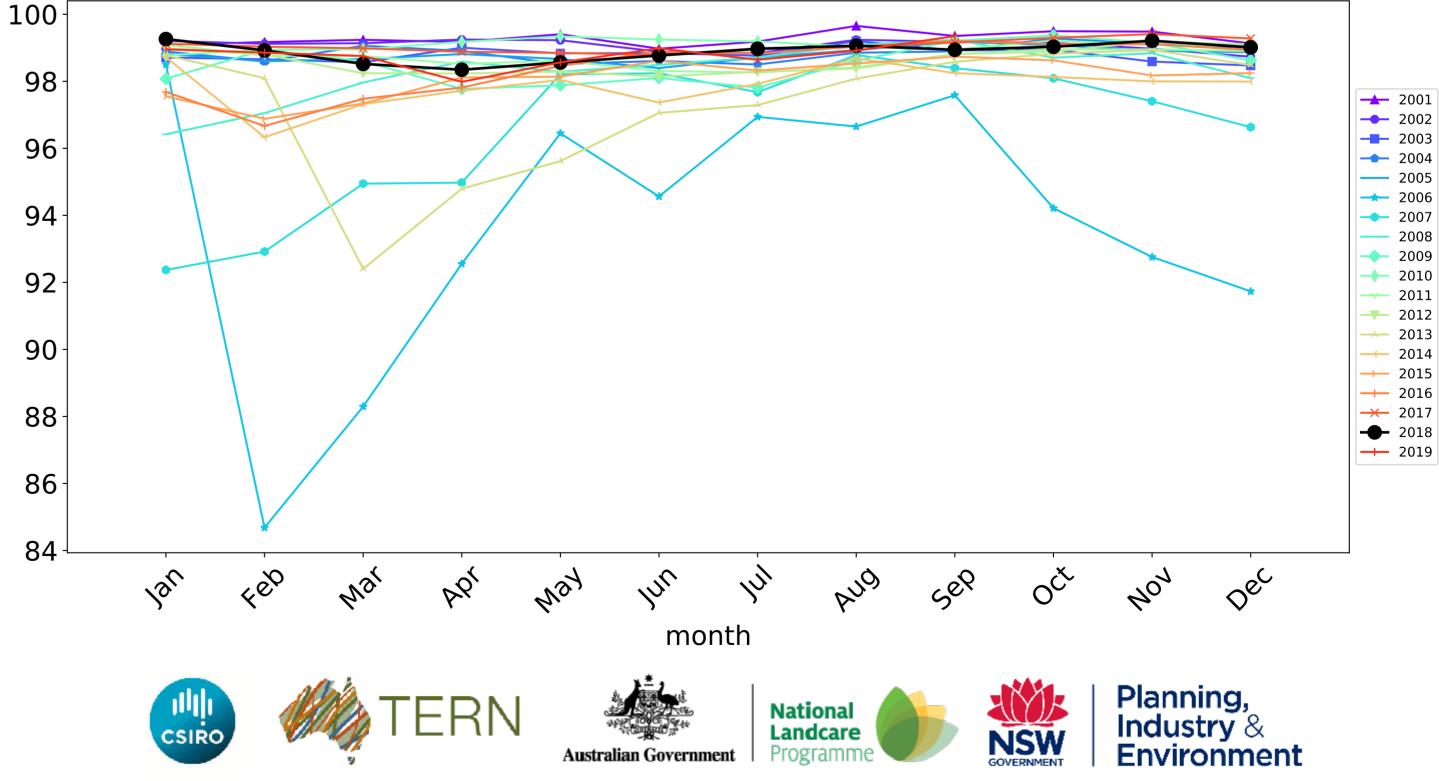
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



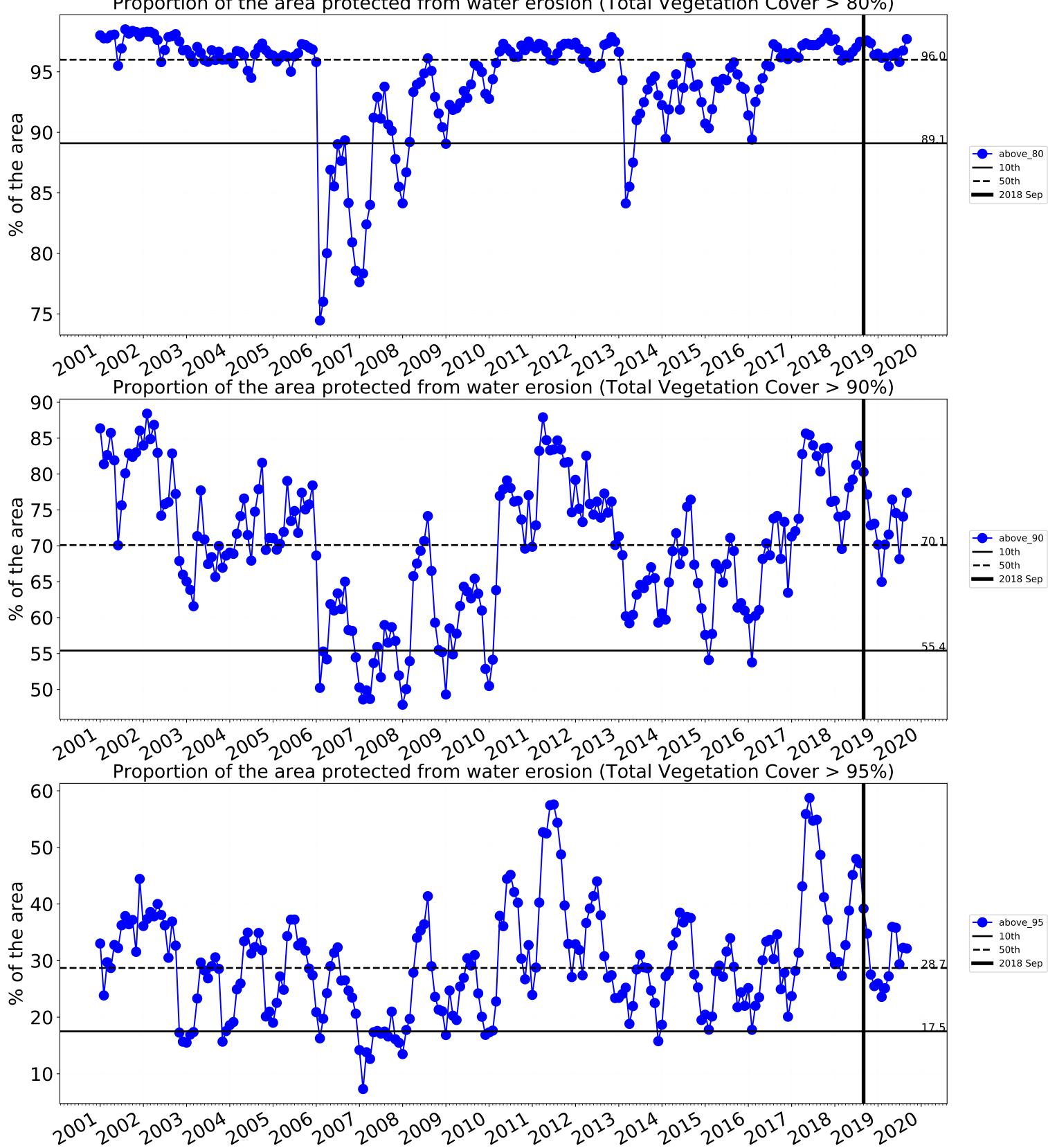
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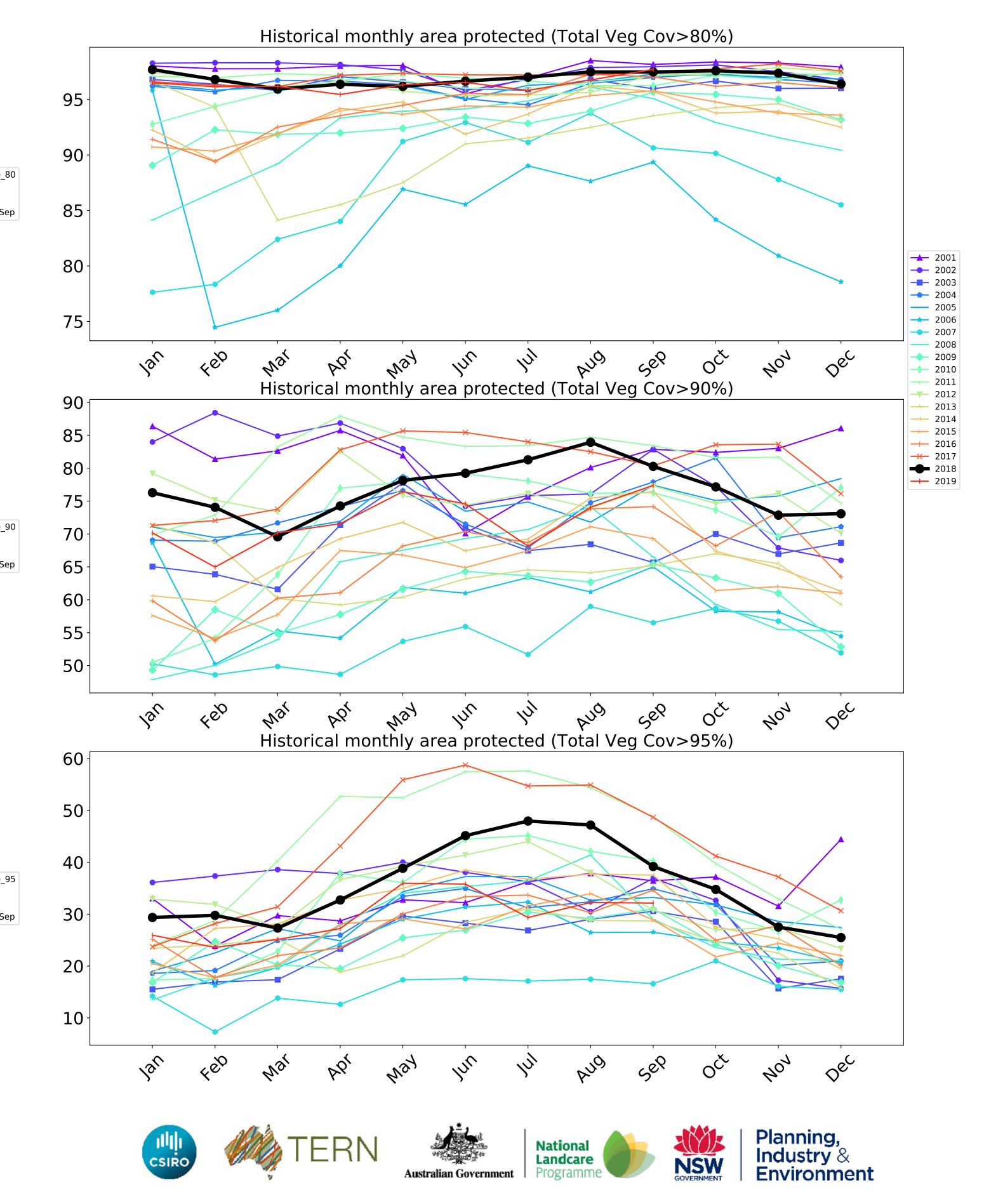
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



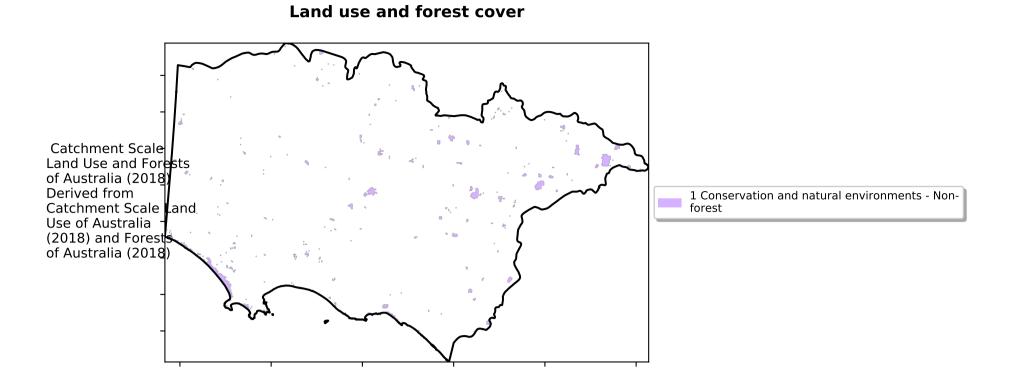
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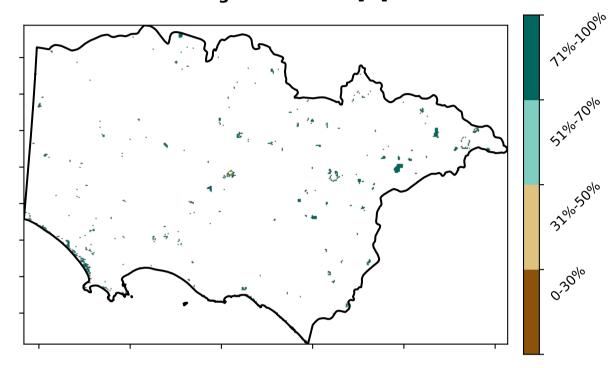
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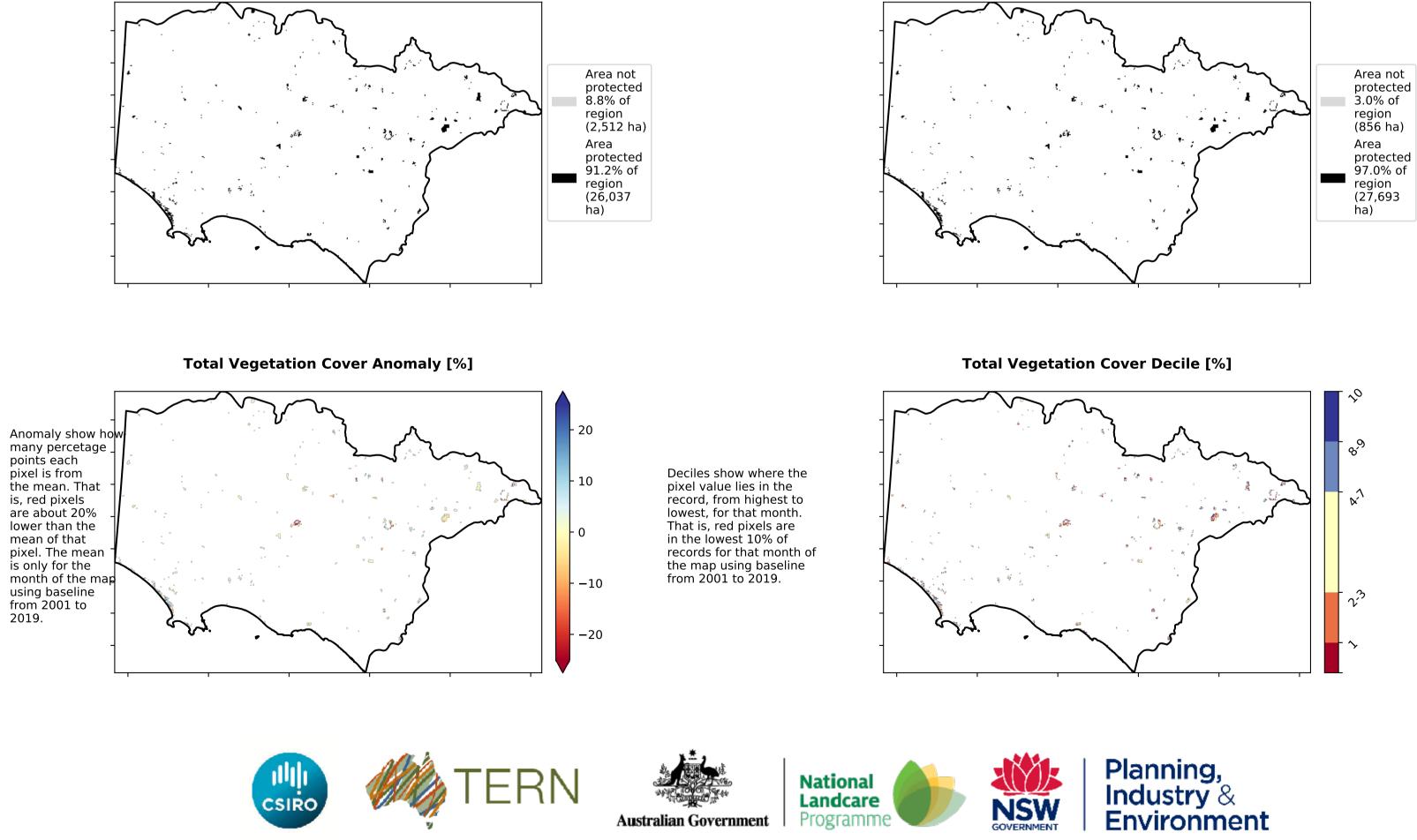
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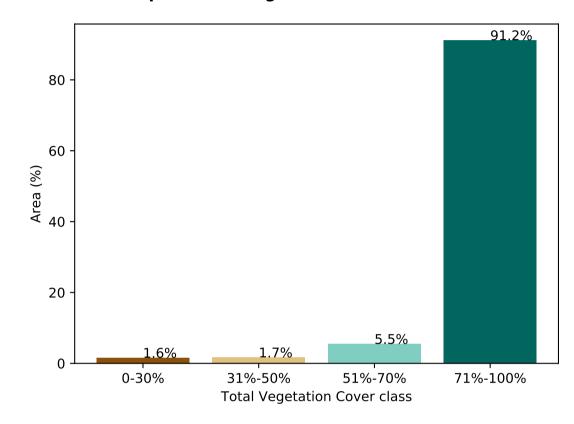
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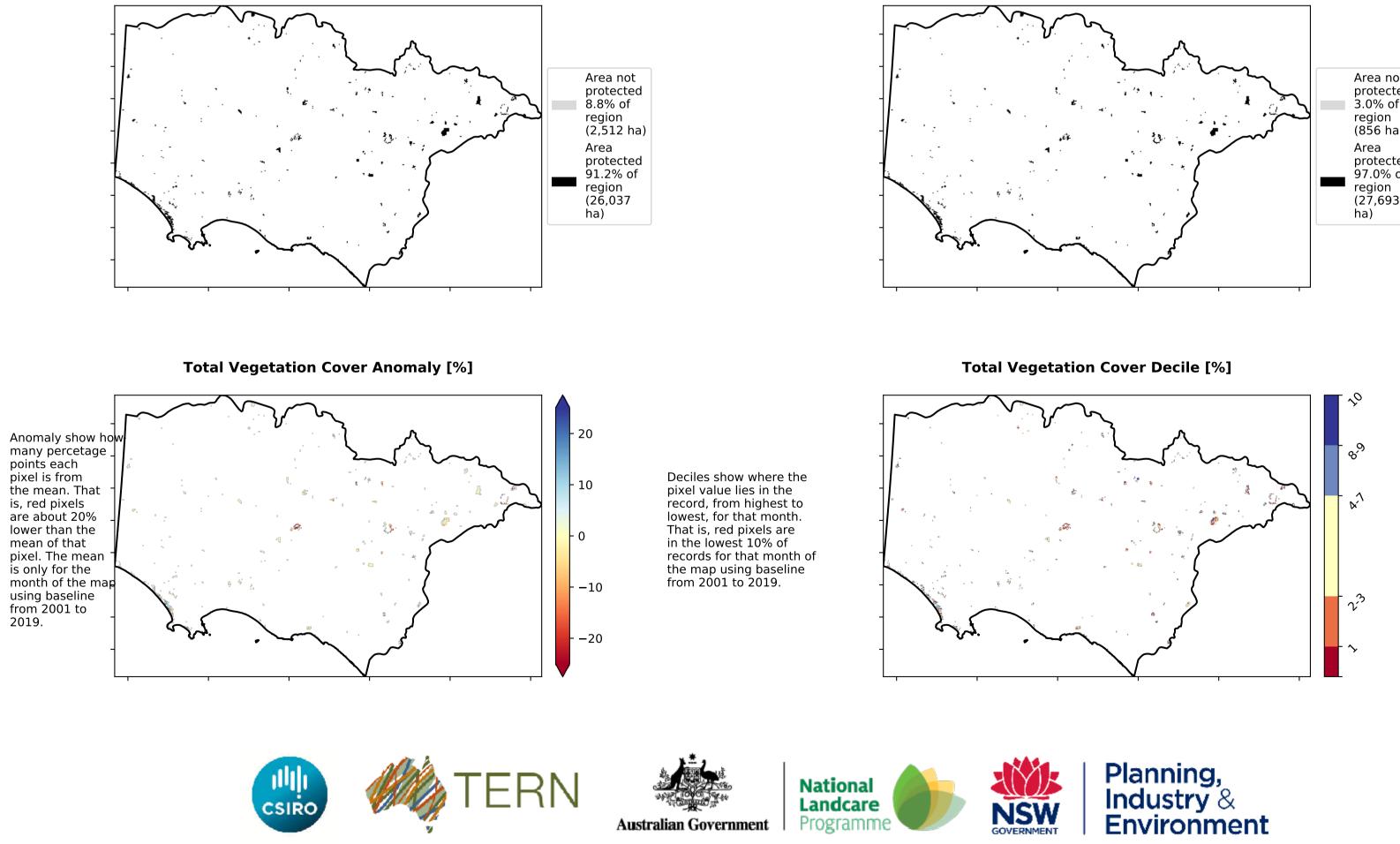
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

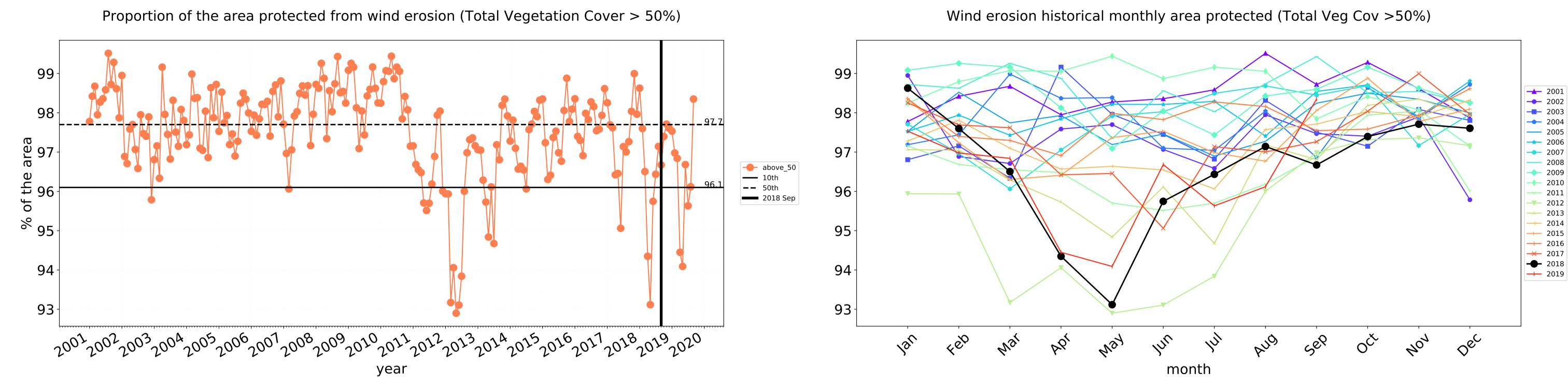




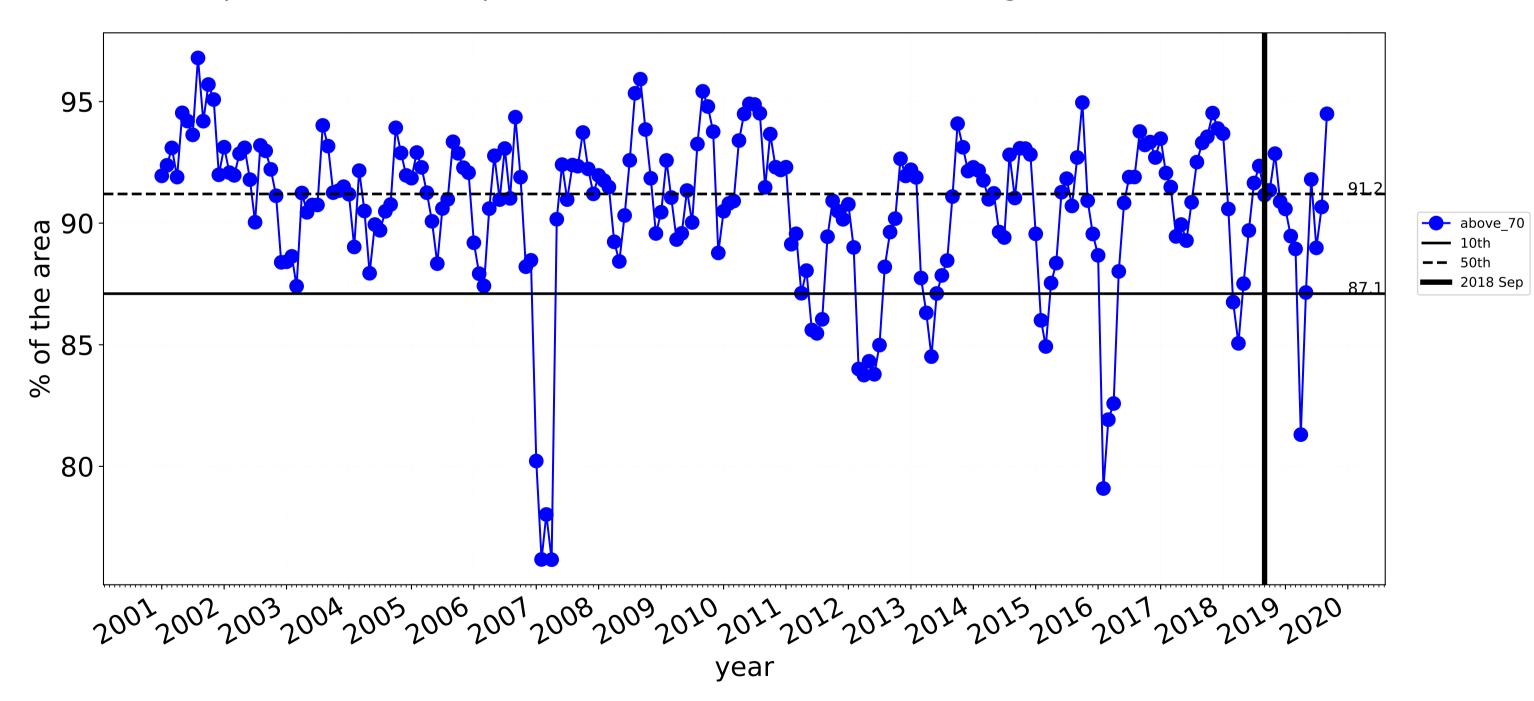


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

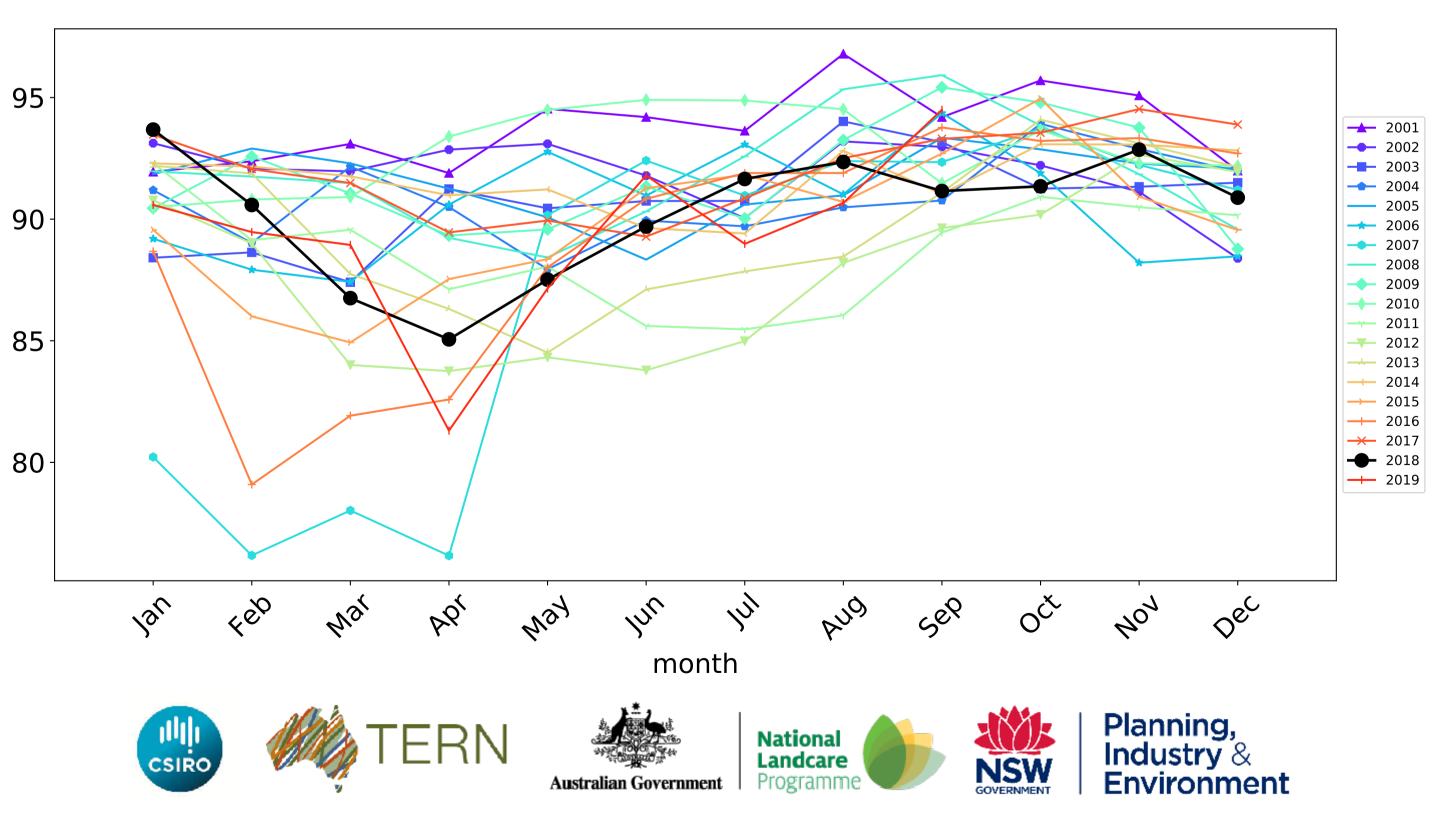


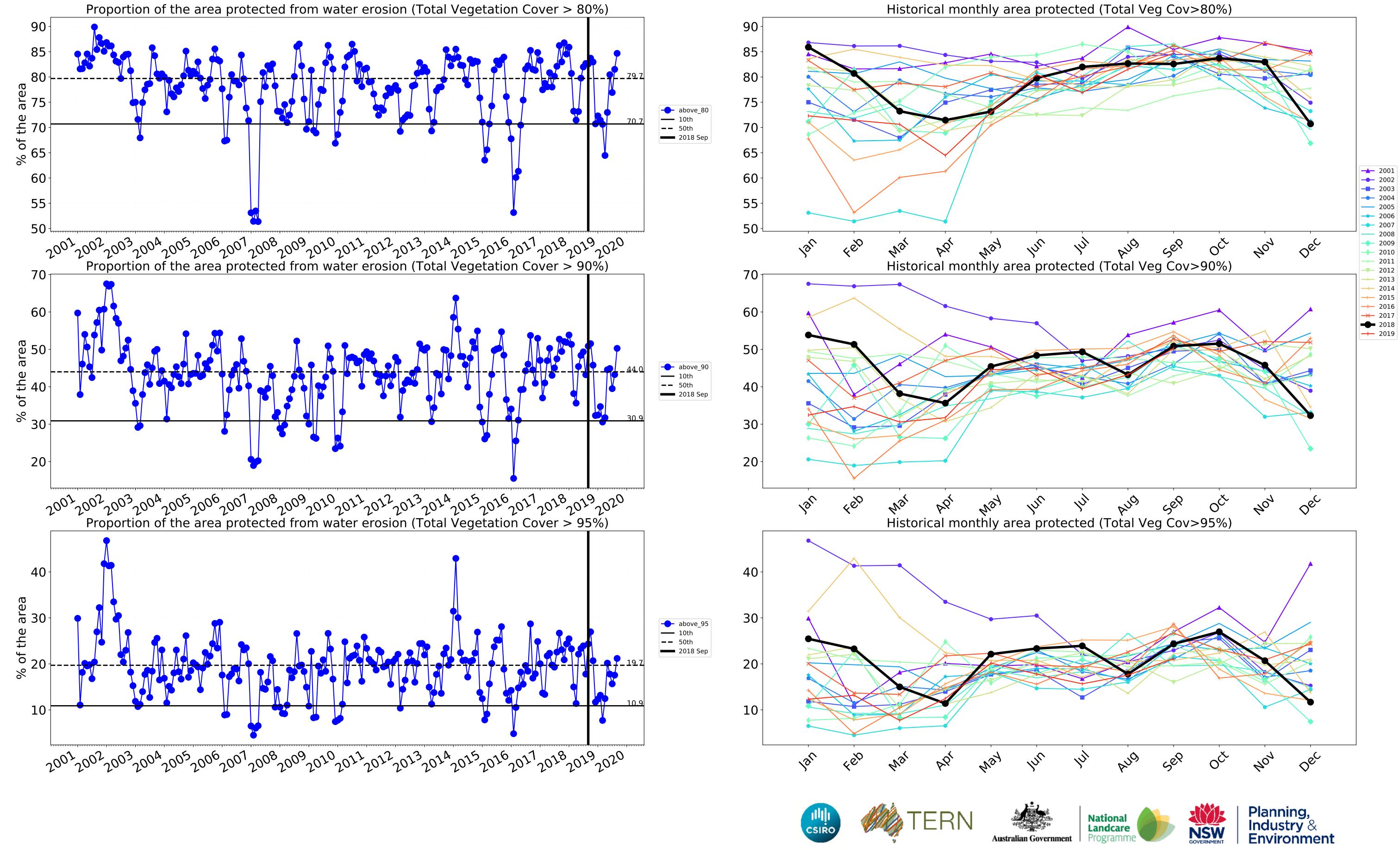


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

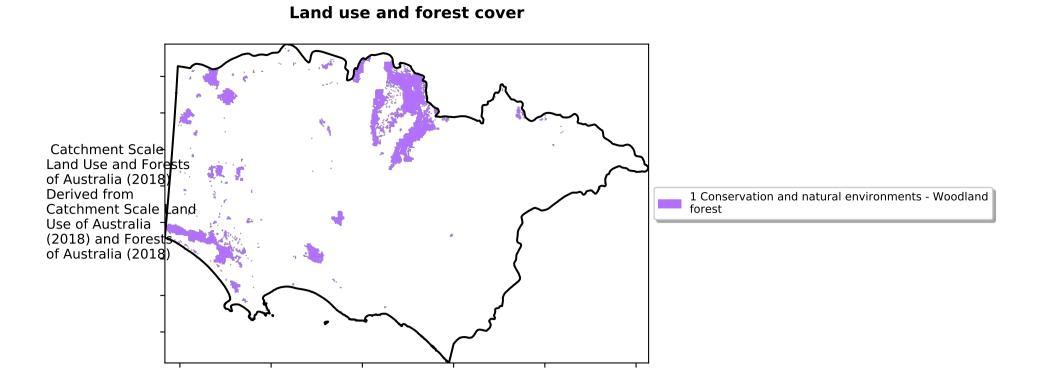


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

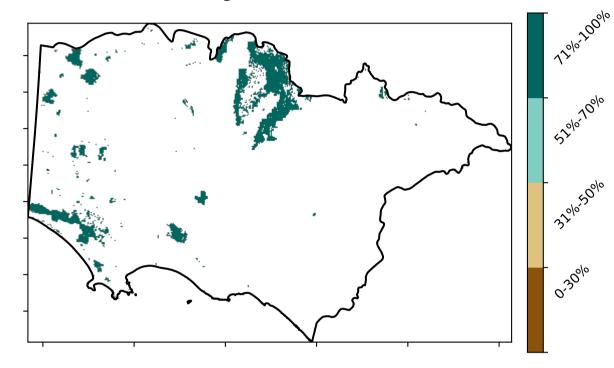




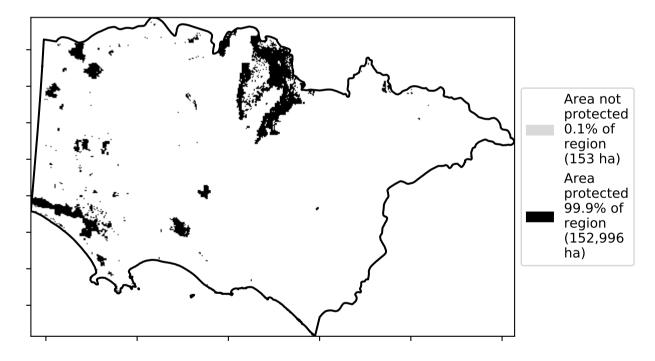
## **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**



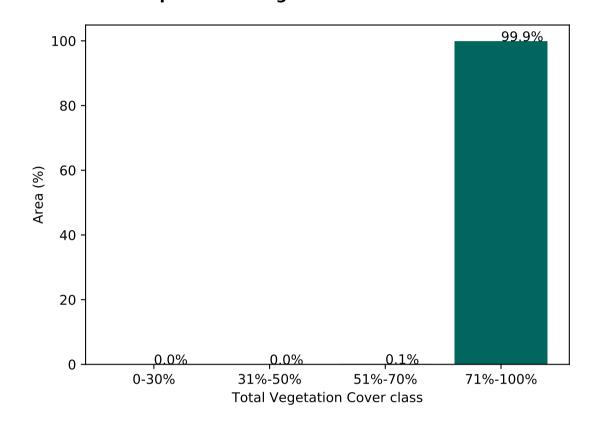
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

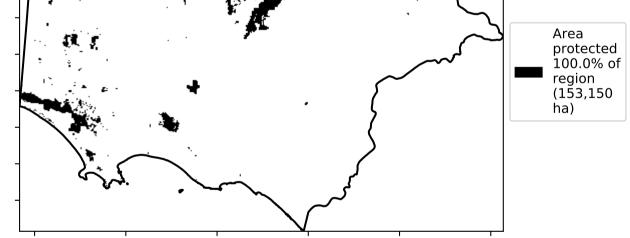


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

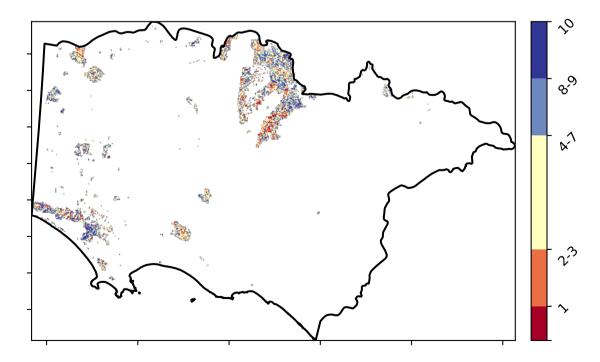
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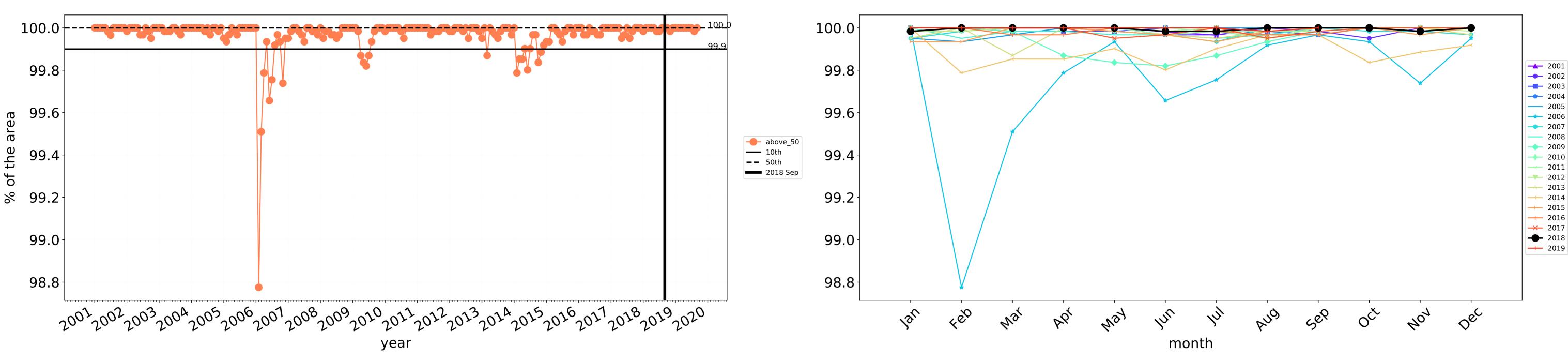
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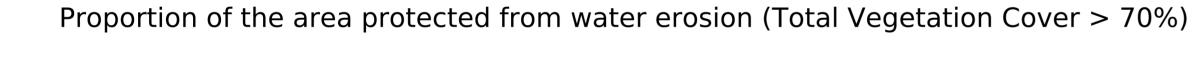
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

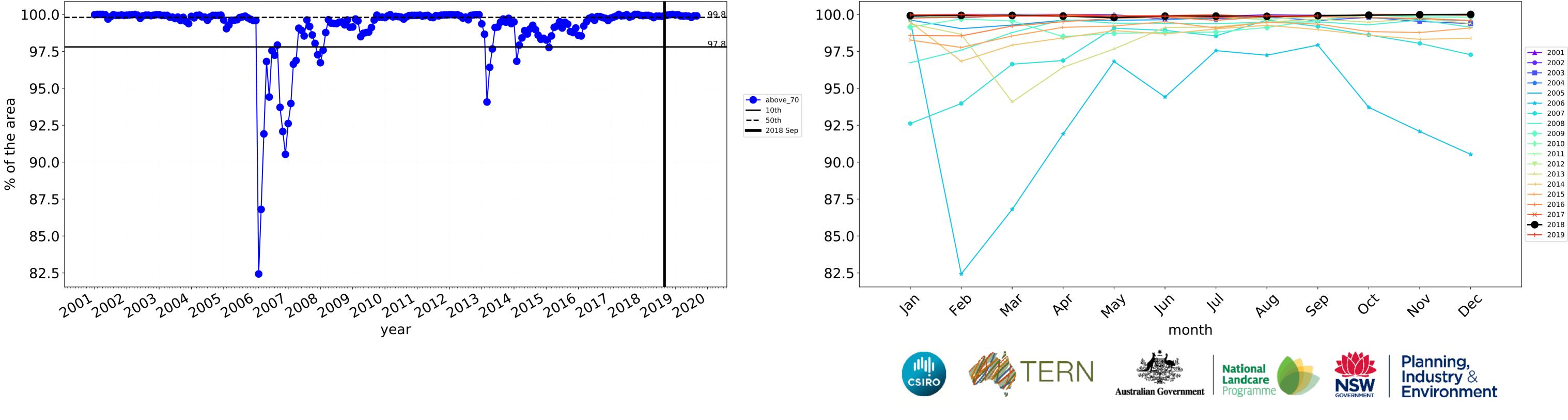






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

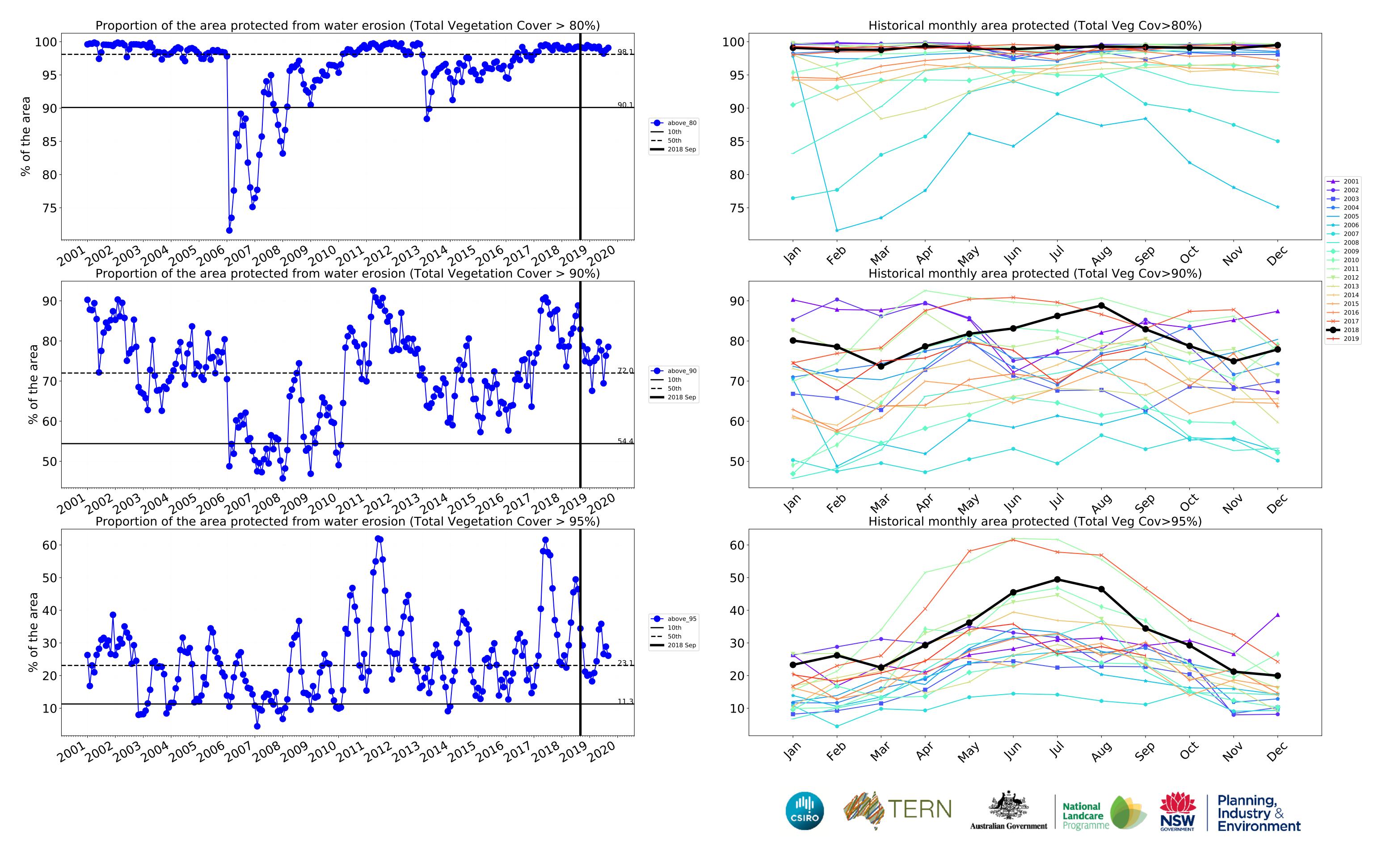




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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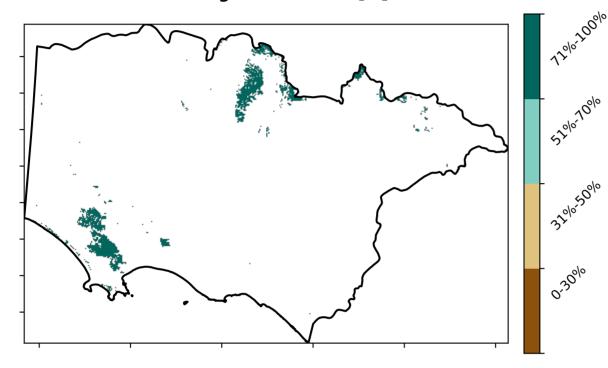
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



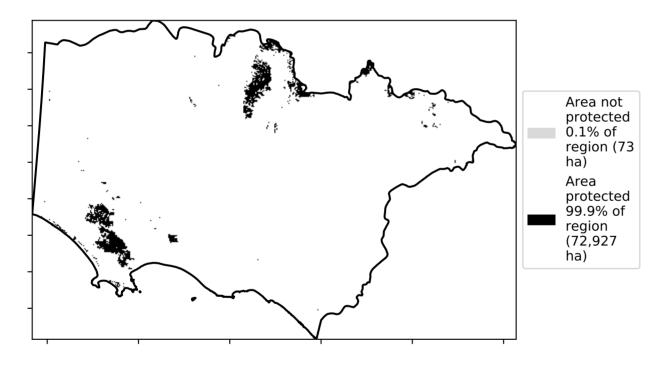
# Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)



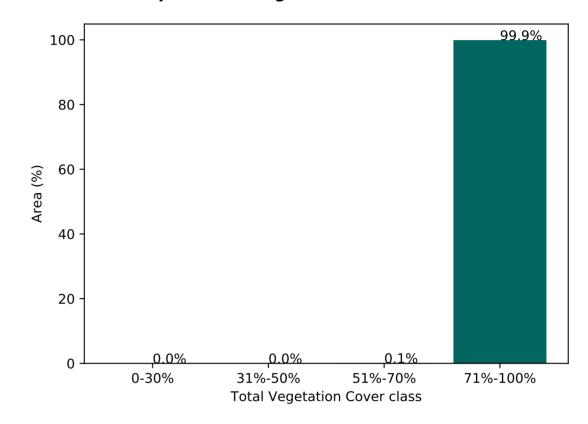
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



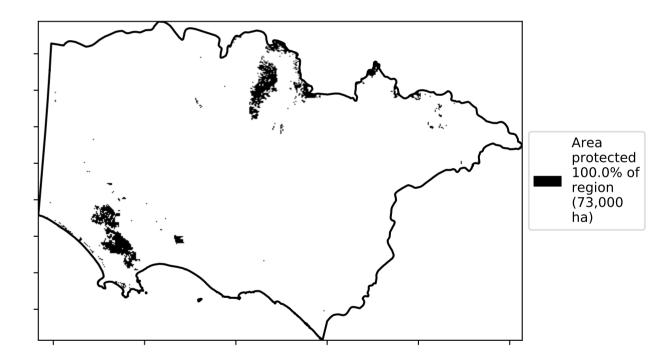
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



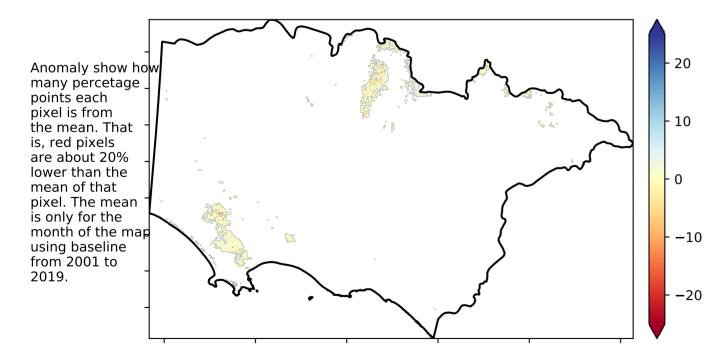
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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

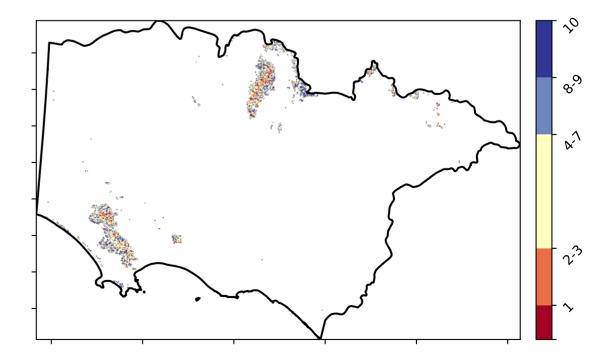


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



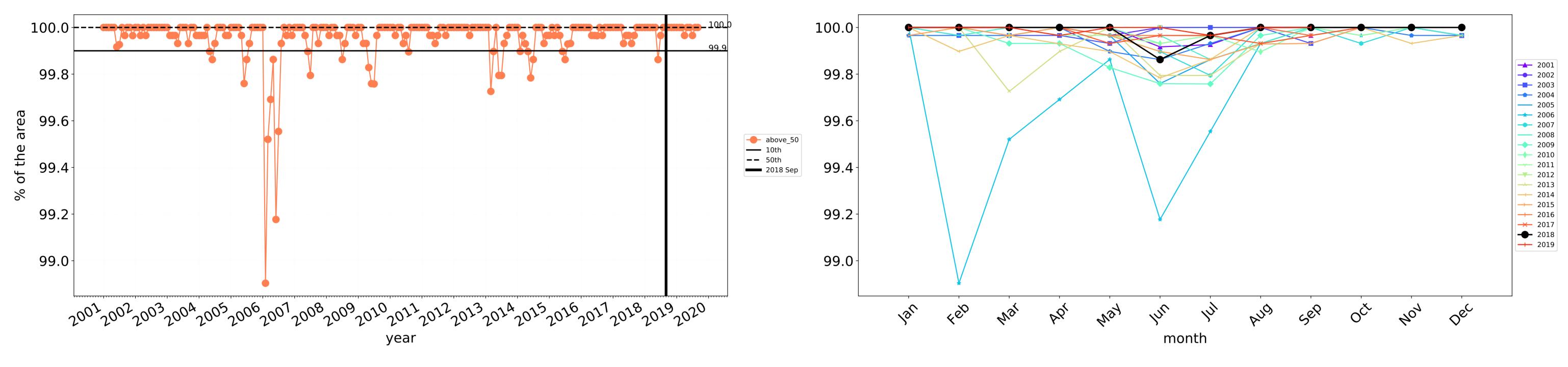
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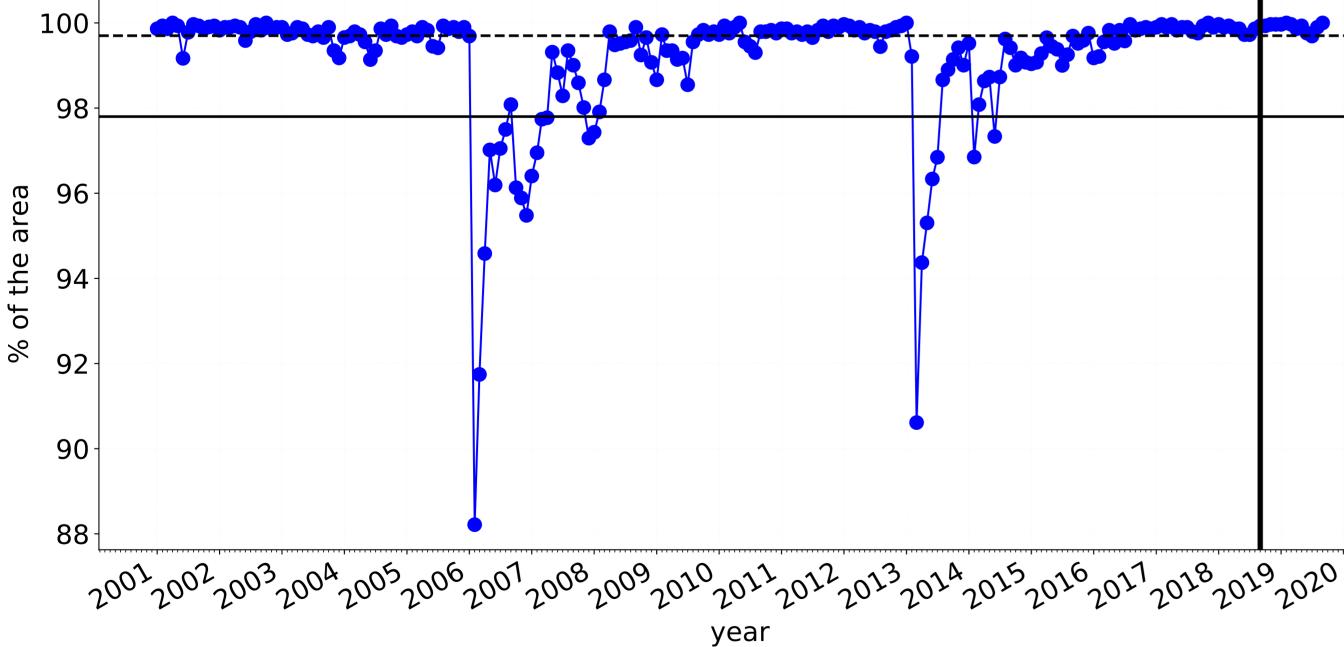


# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries**



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

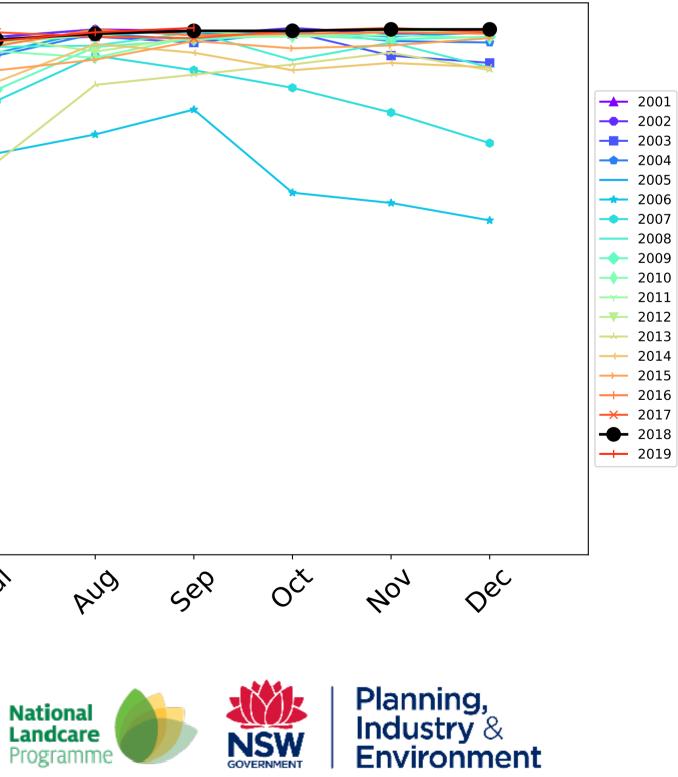
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

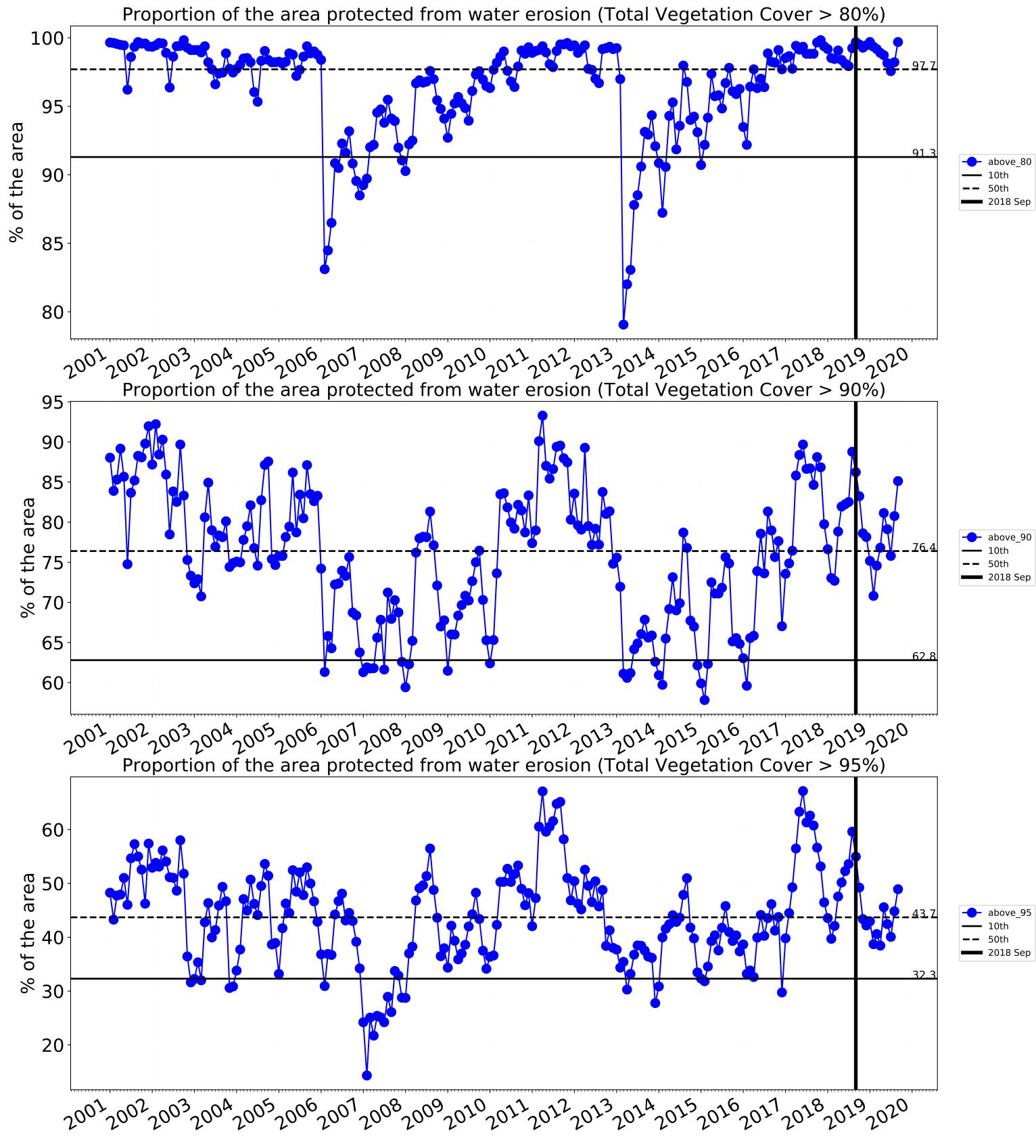


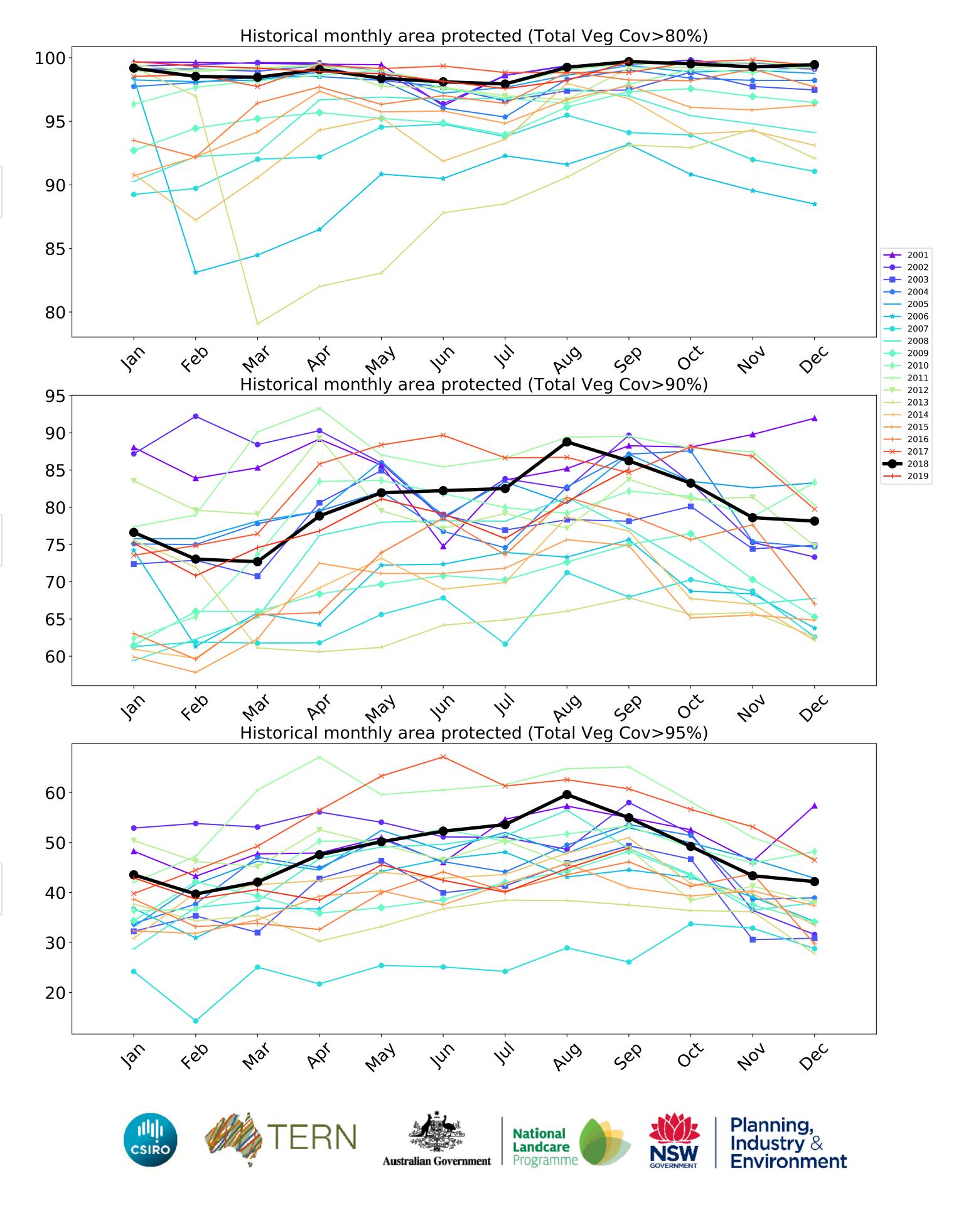
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



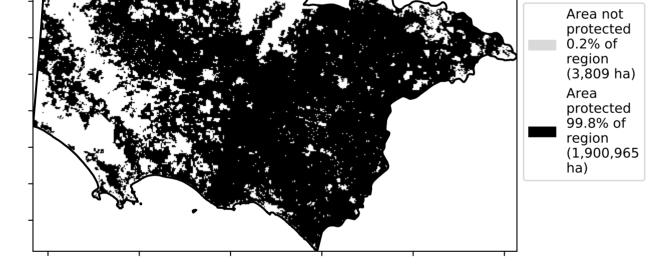




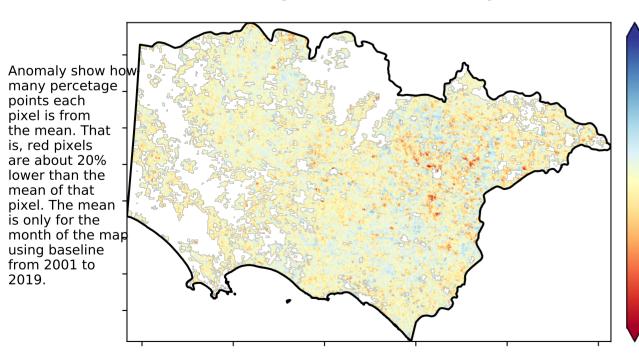
## Agriculture

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 [%]** 99.8% 100 120/0 80 52% TO" 60 Area (%) 3200 40 0.30% 20 0.2% 0.0% 0.0% 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%)

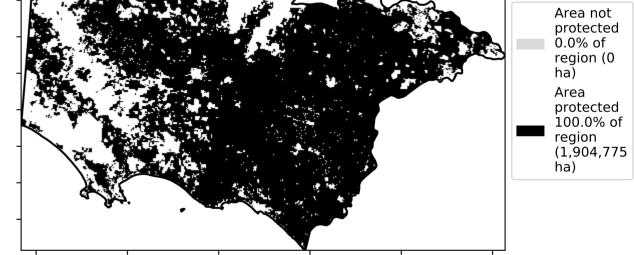
Proportion of each land class in area



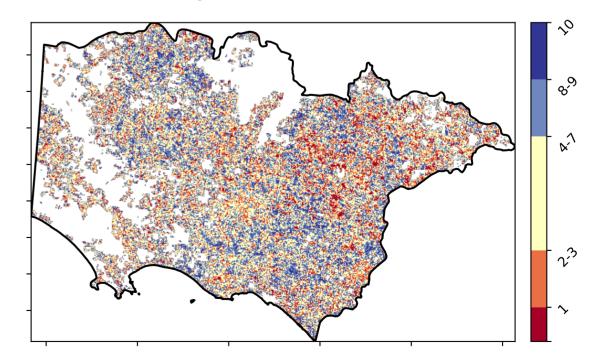
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





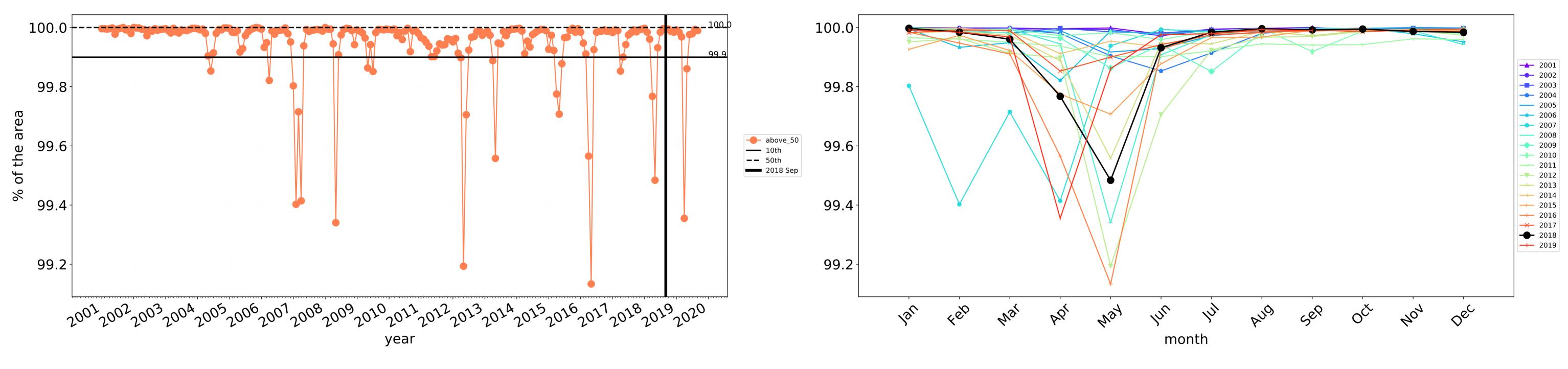
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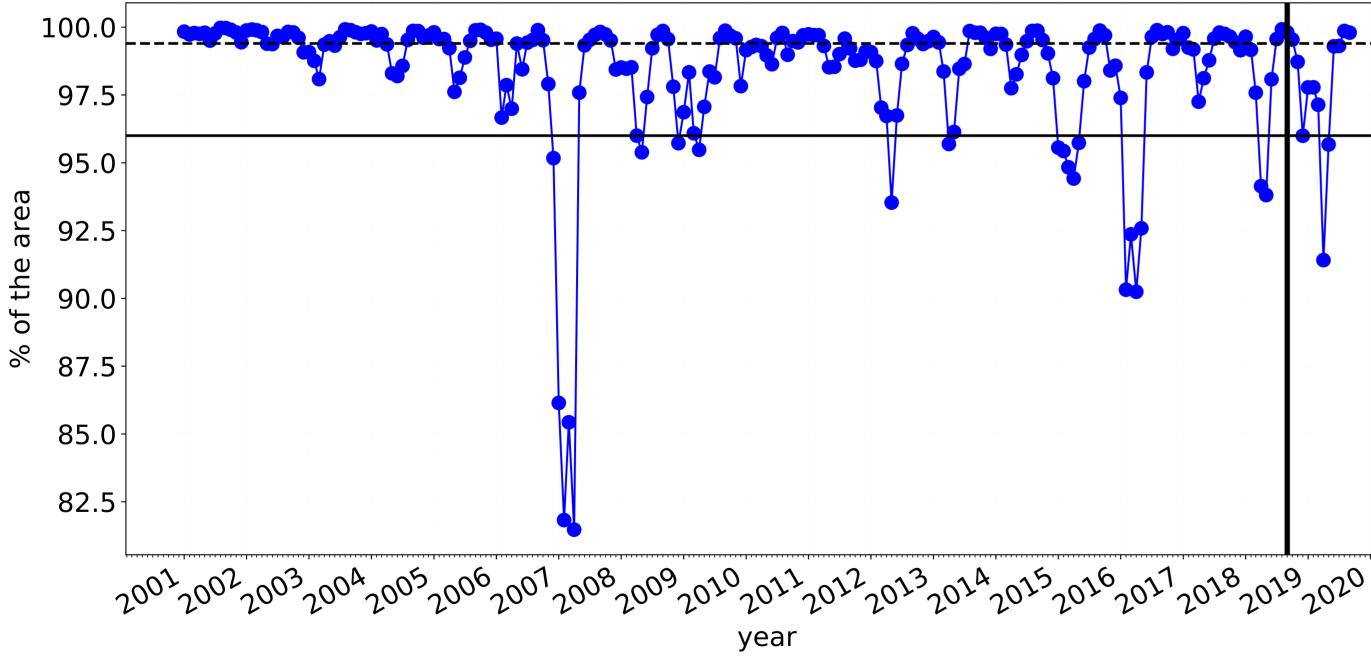
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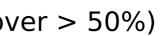
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

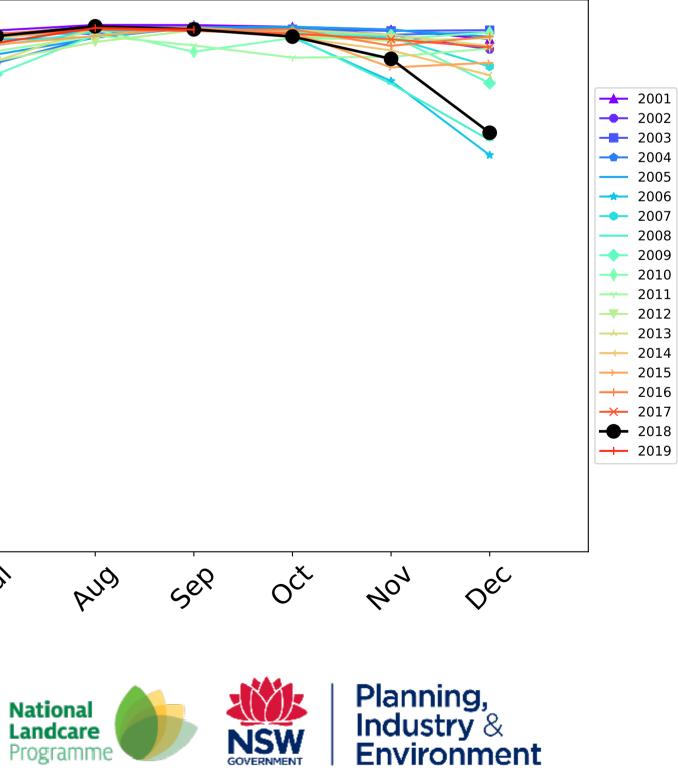


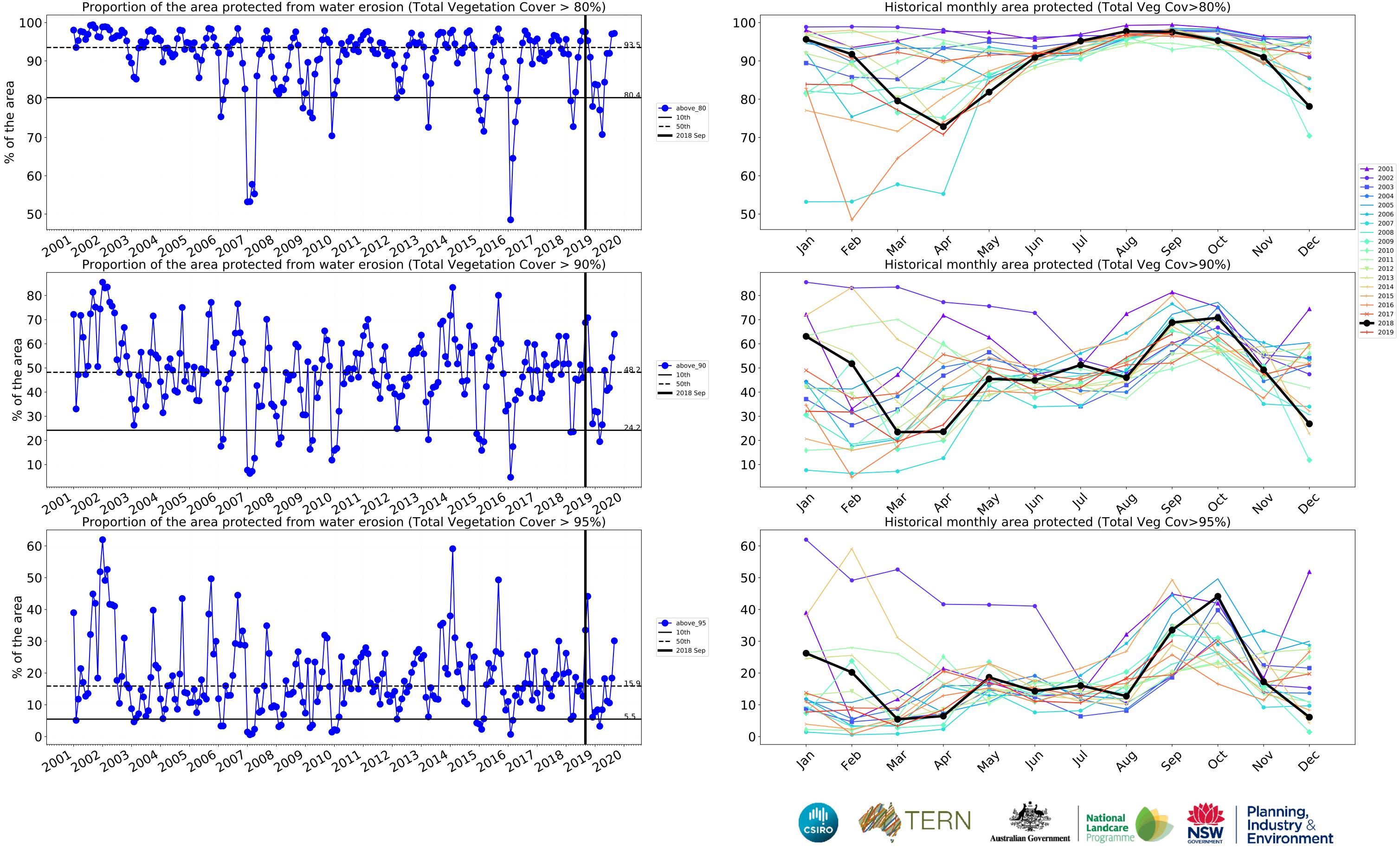


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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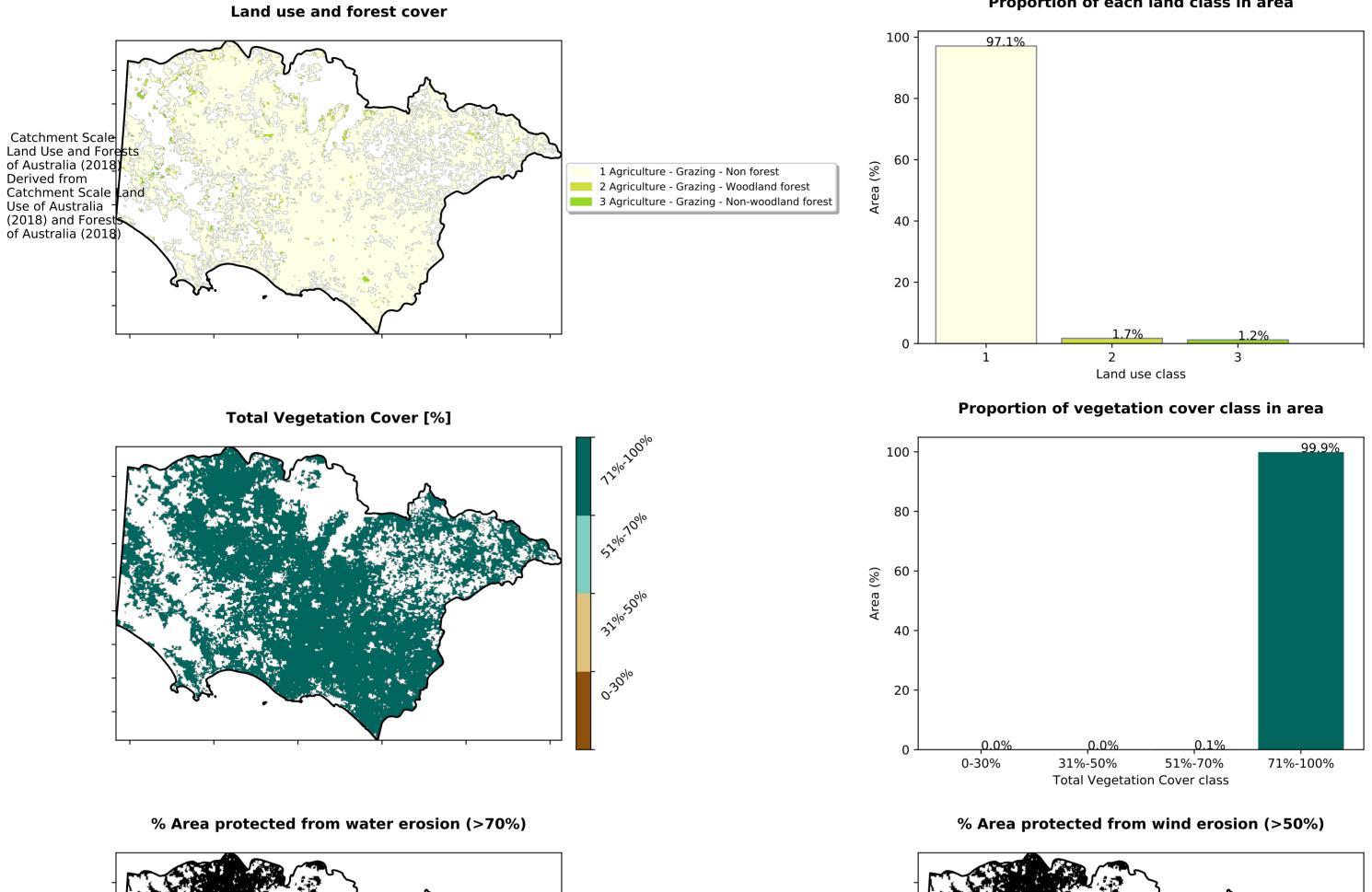
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



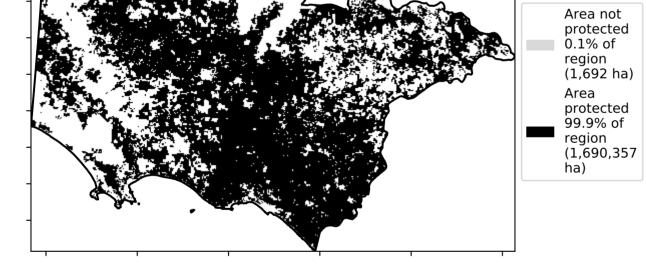


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

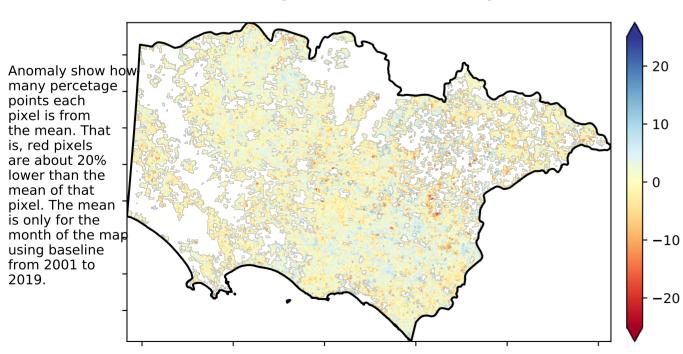
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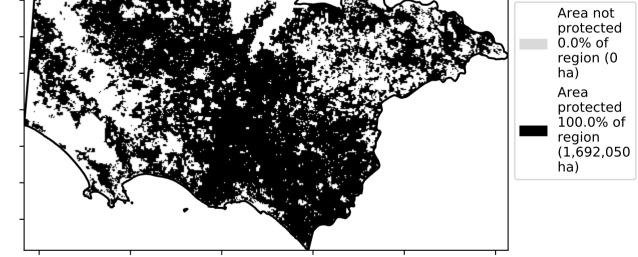
Proportion of each land class in area



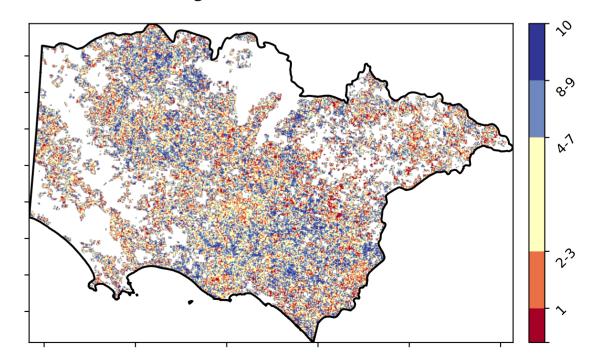
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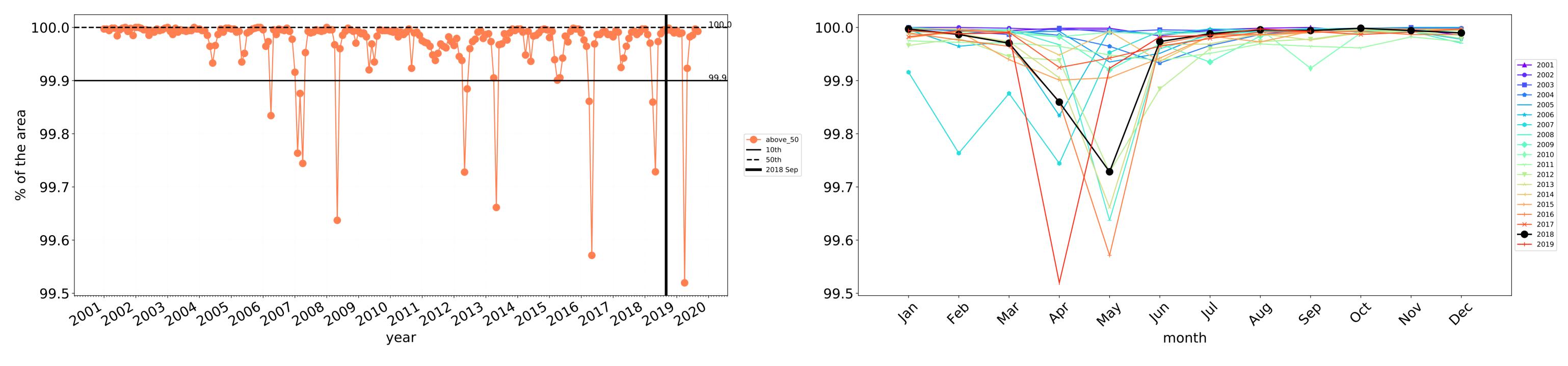
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







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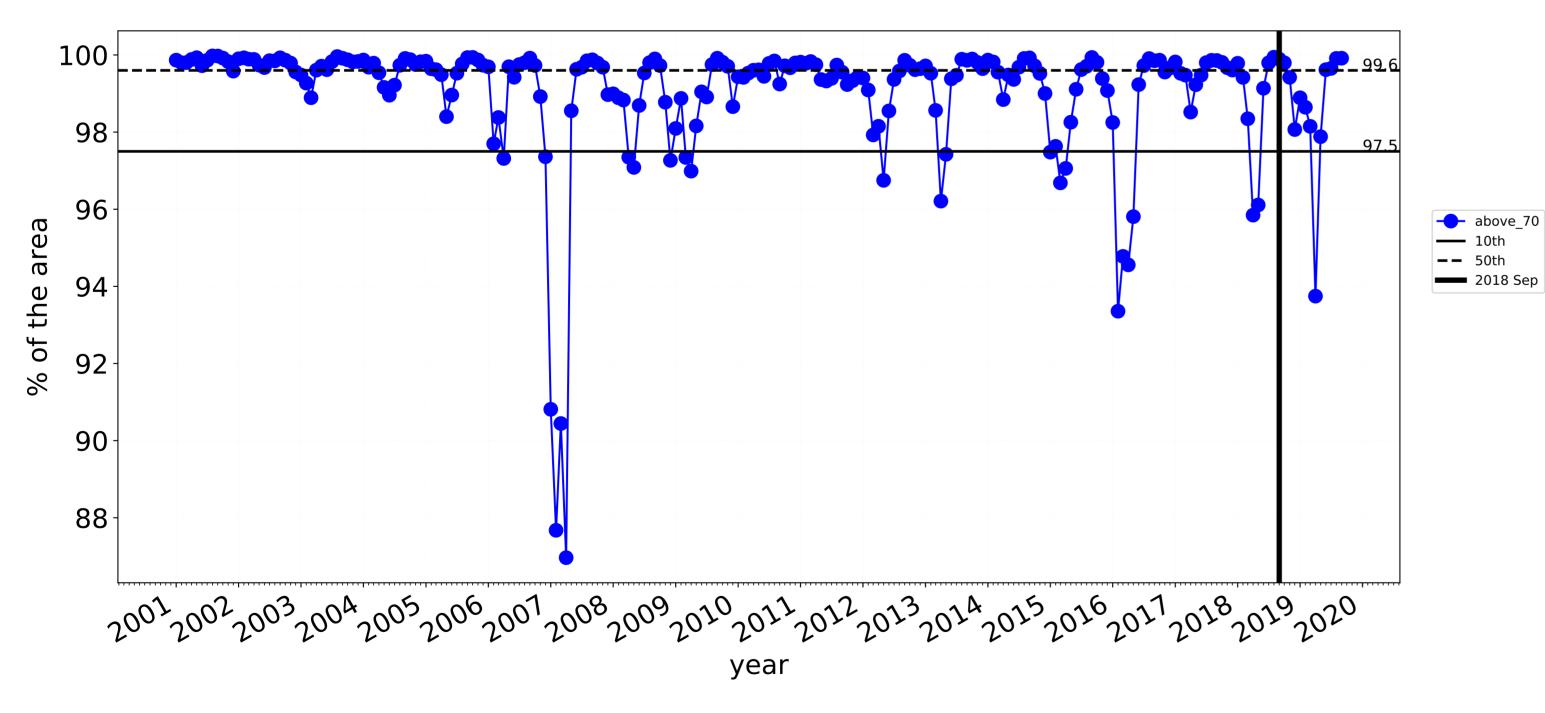
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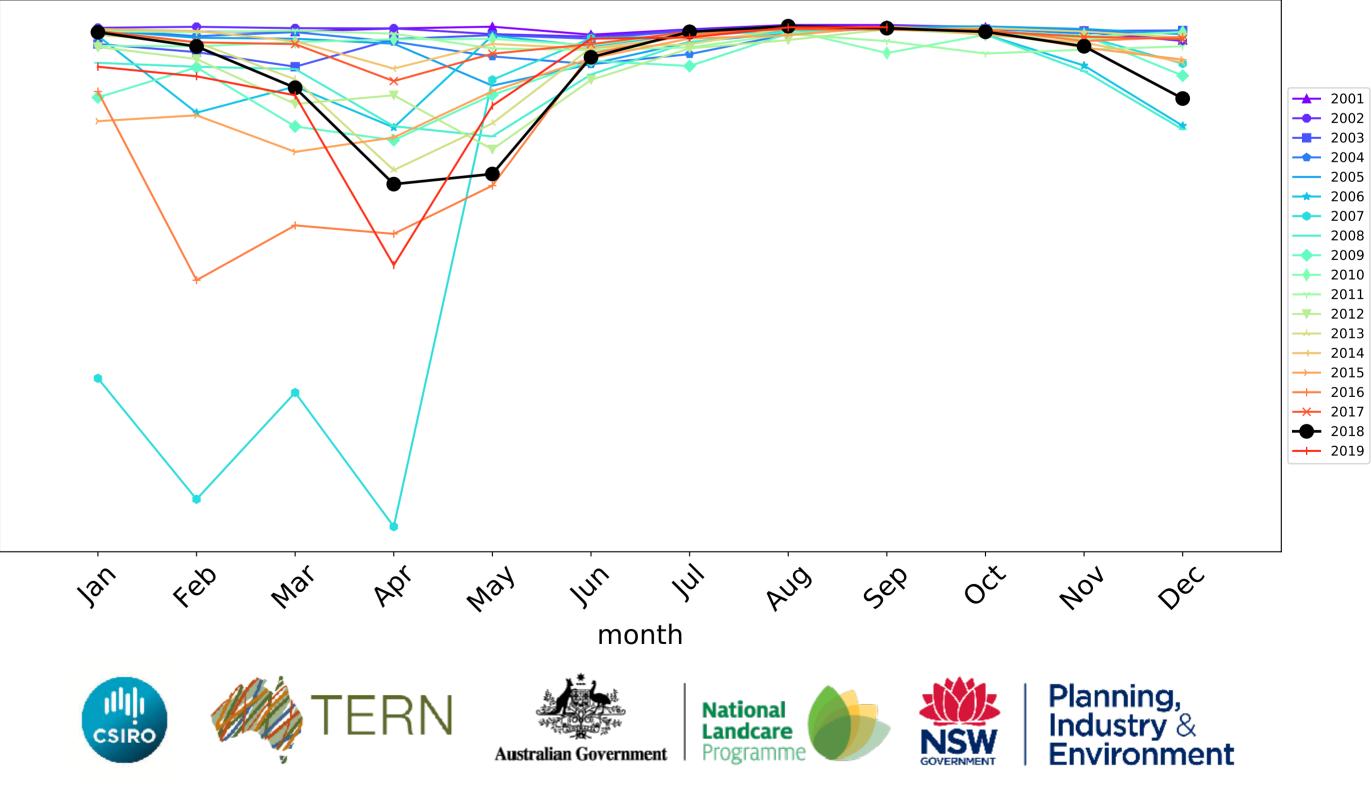
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

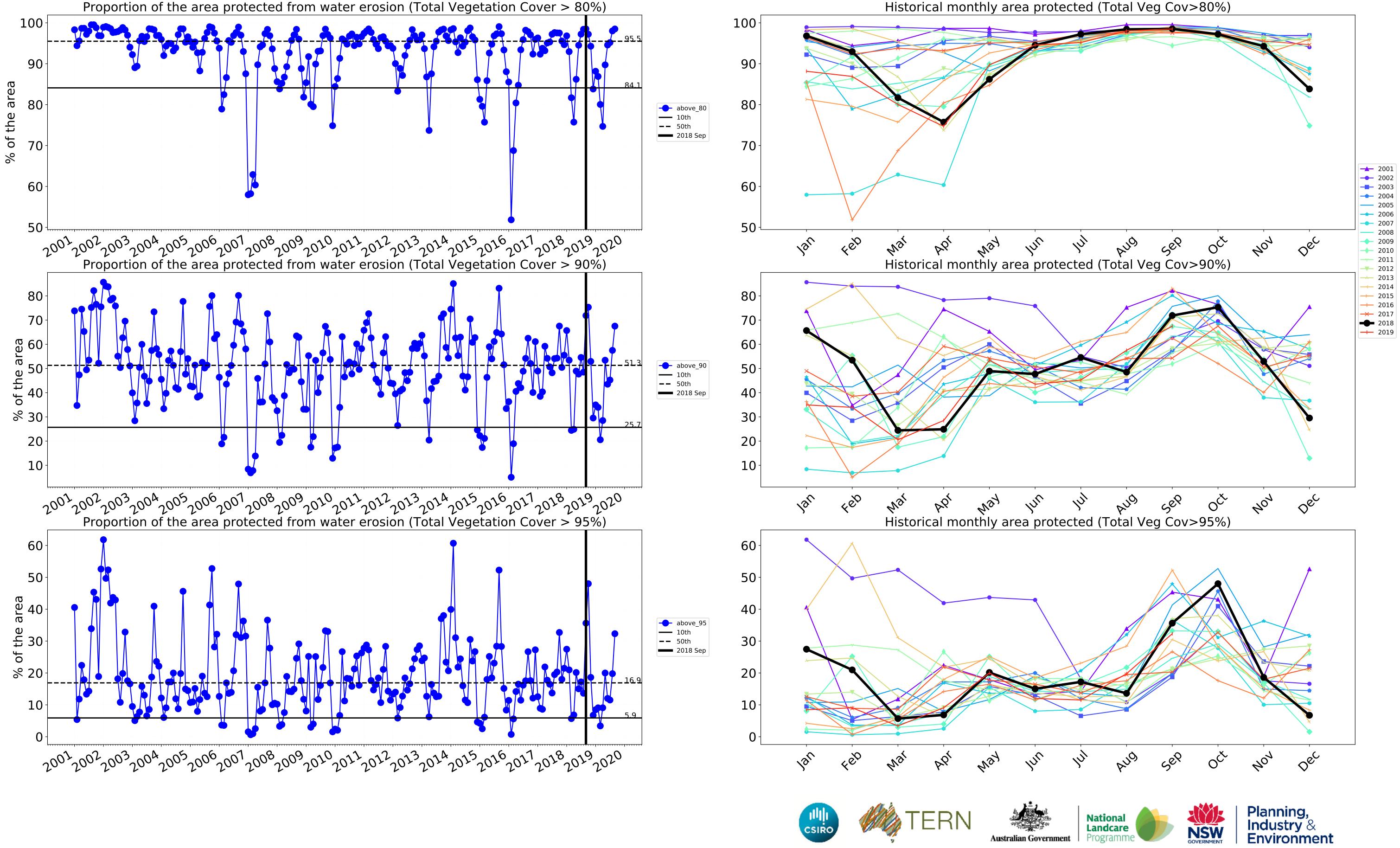
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





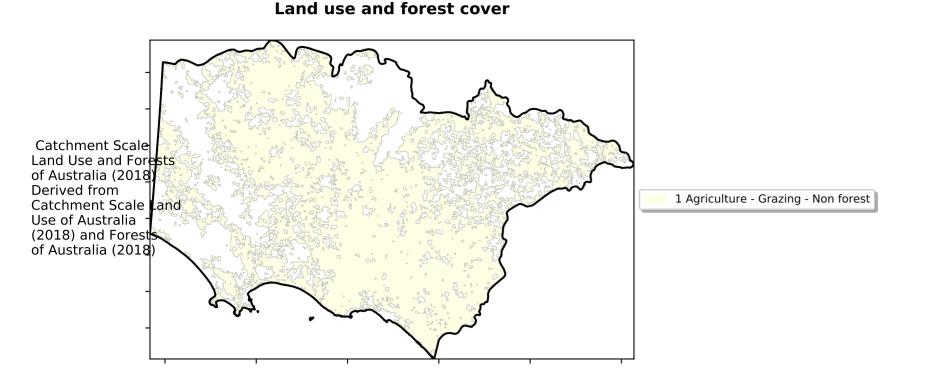


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

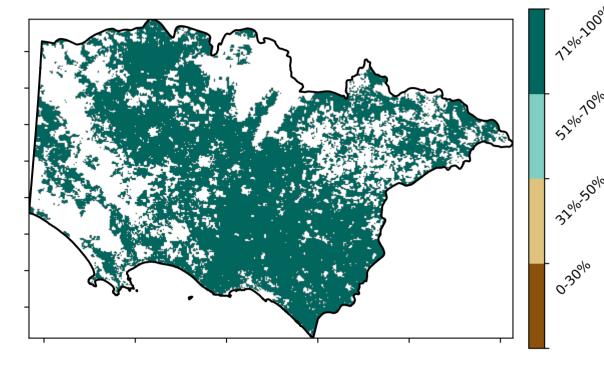


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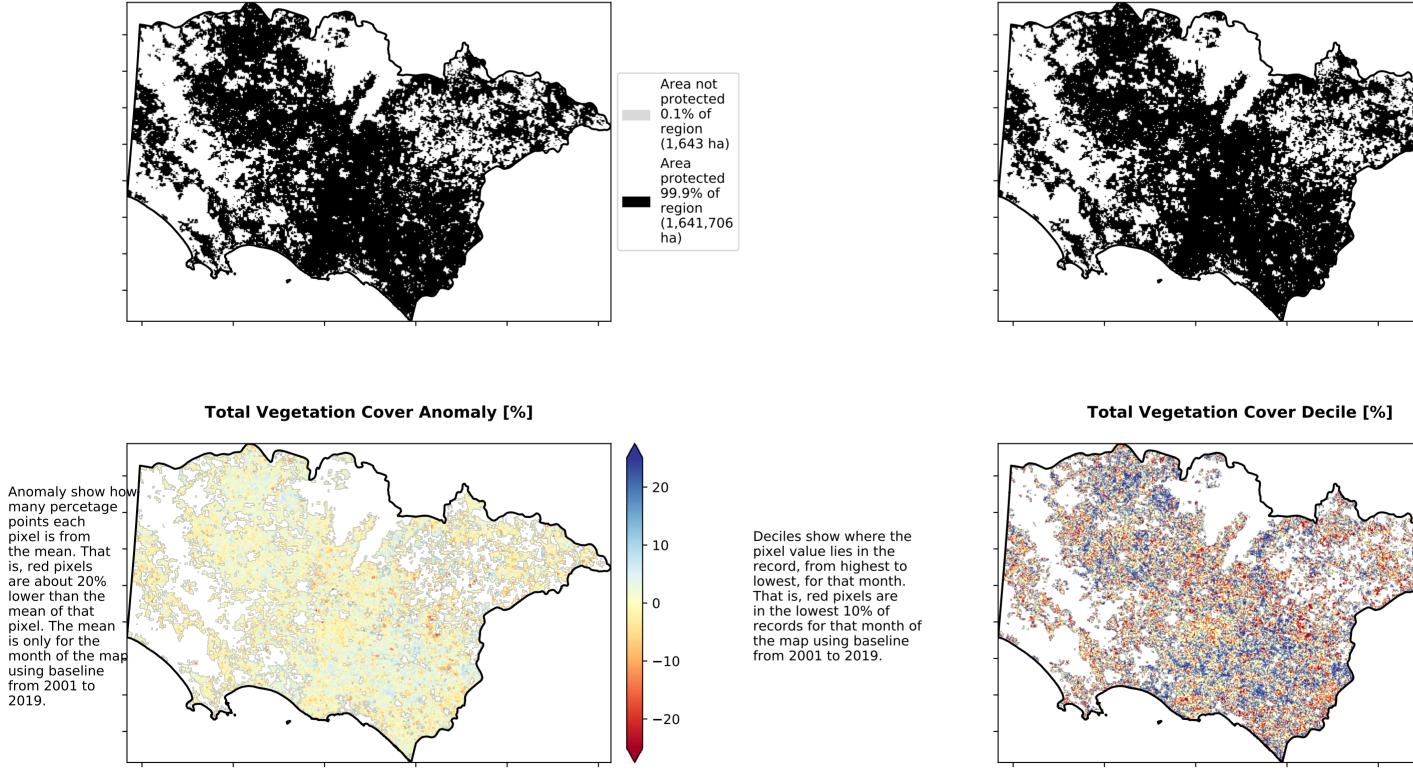
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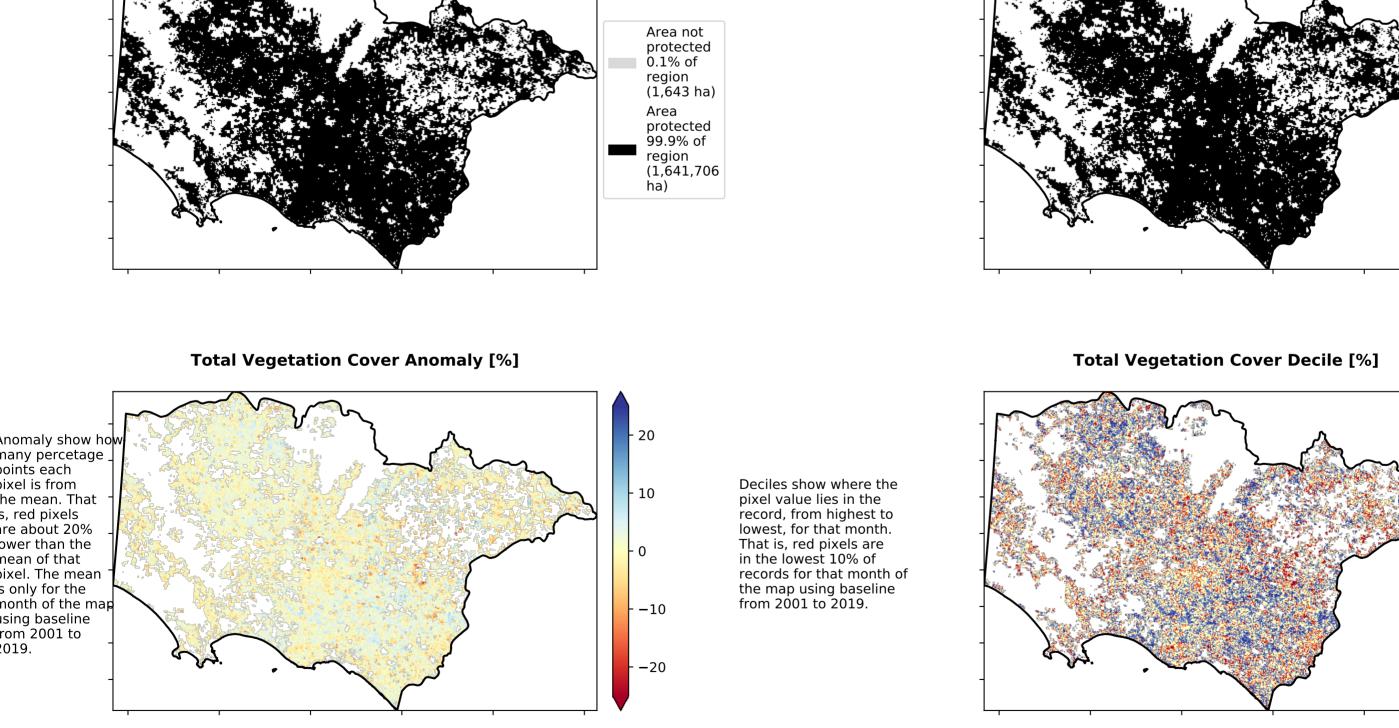


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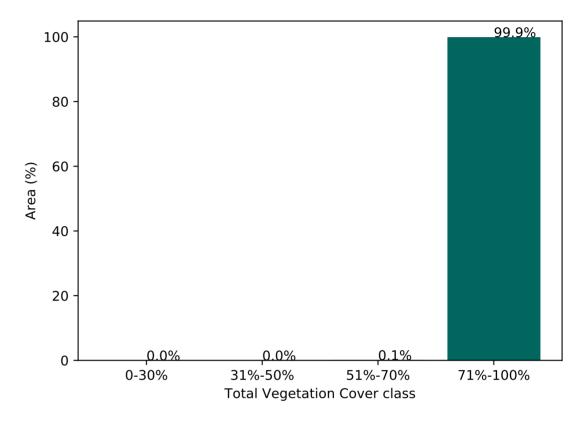


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

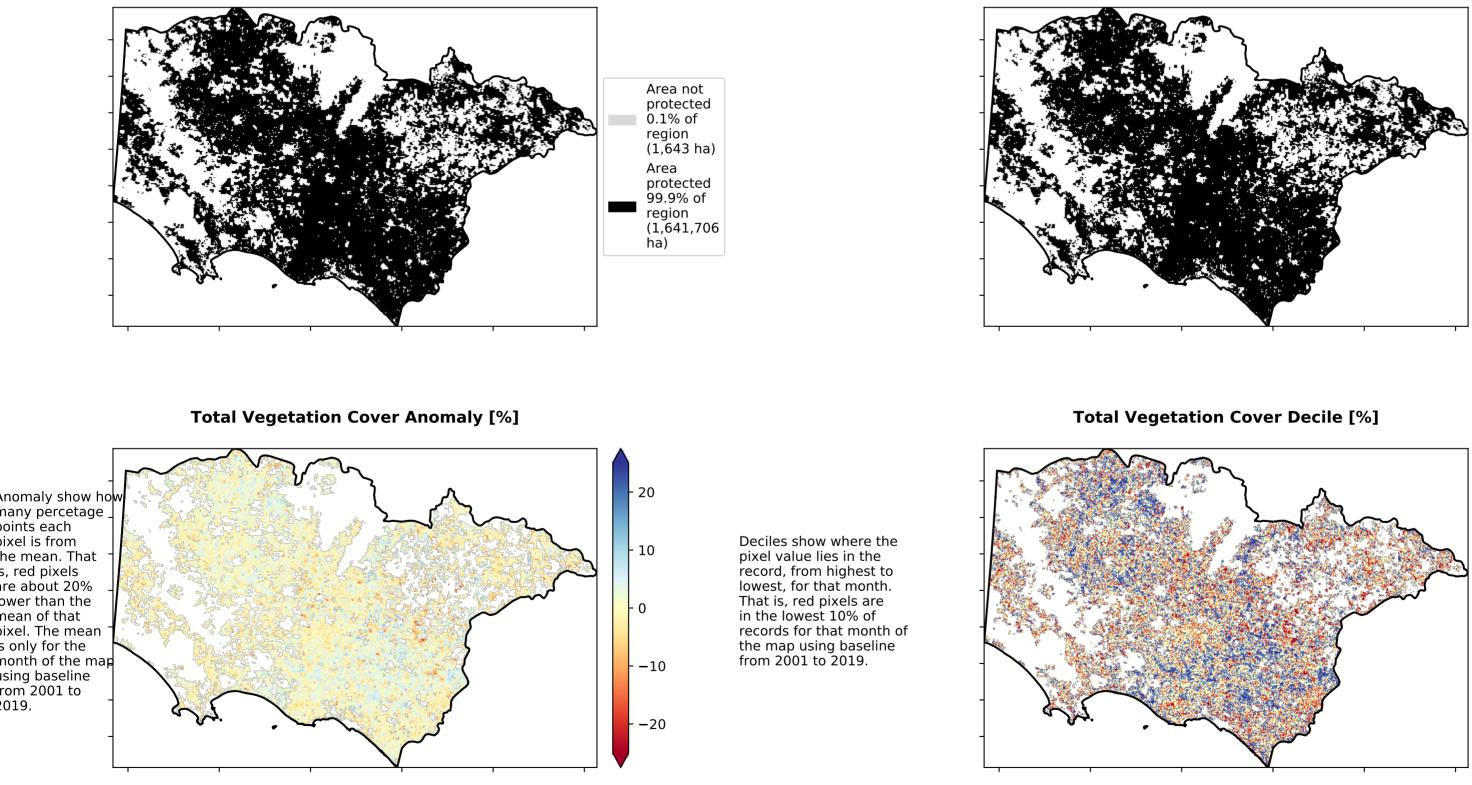








### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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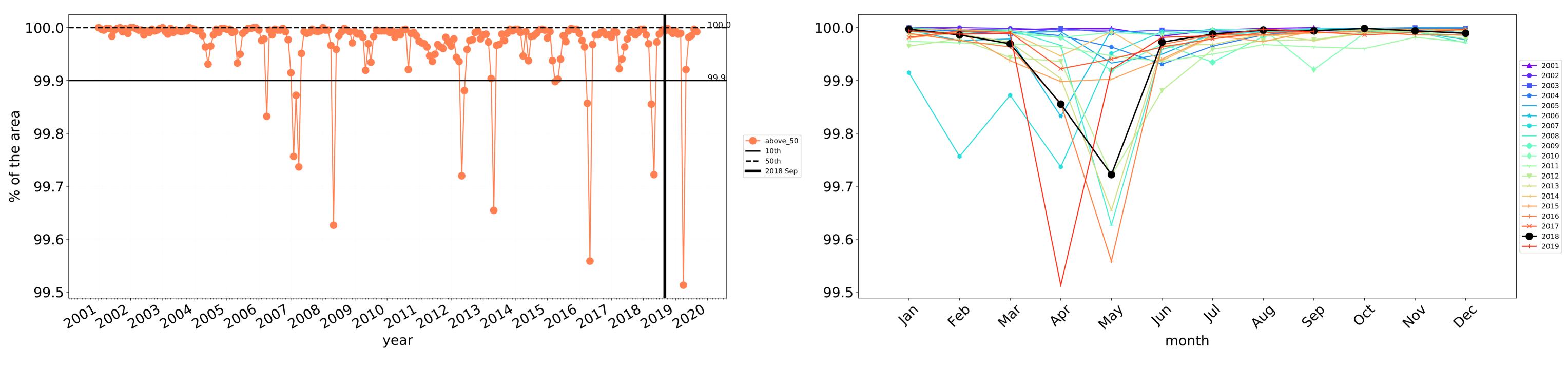
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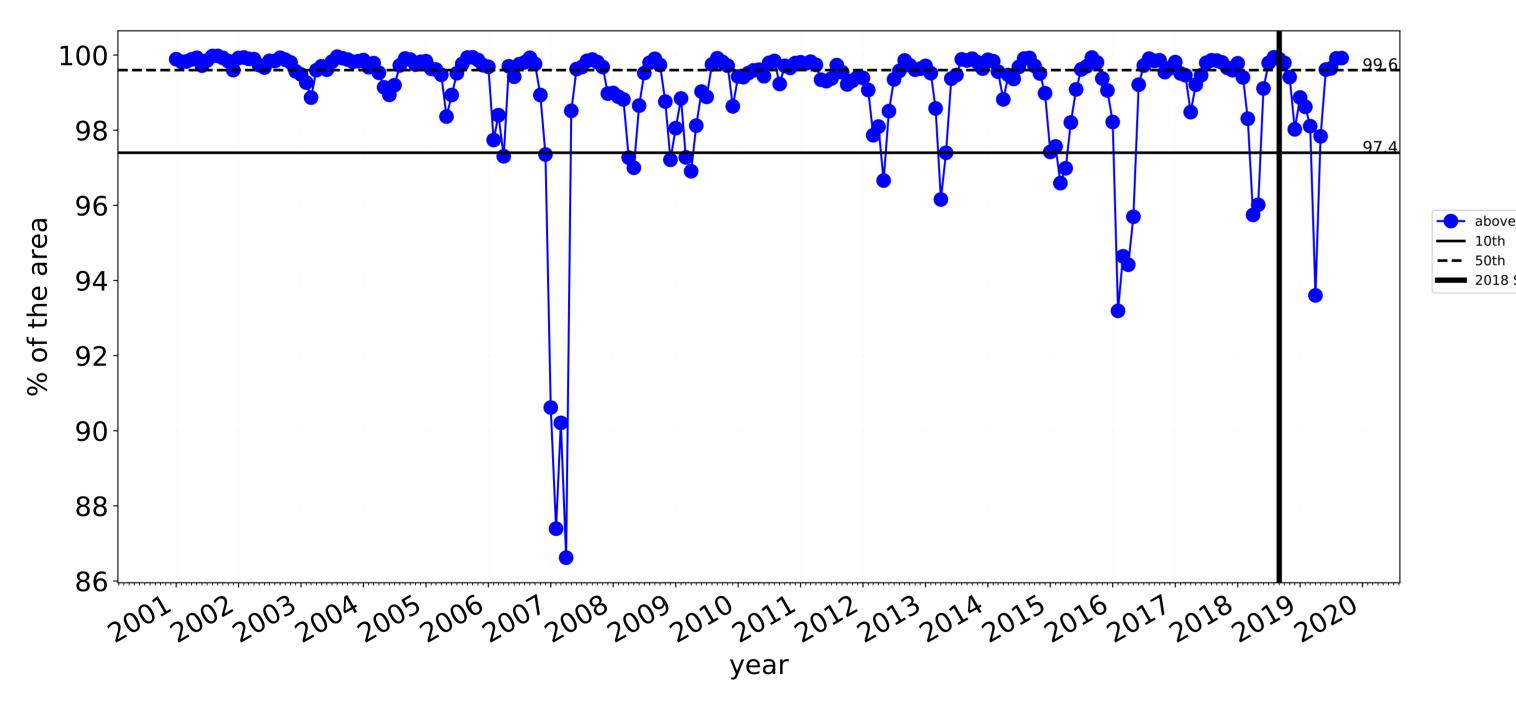
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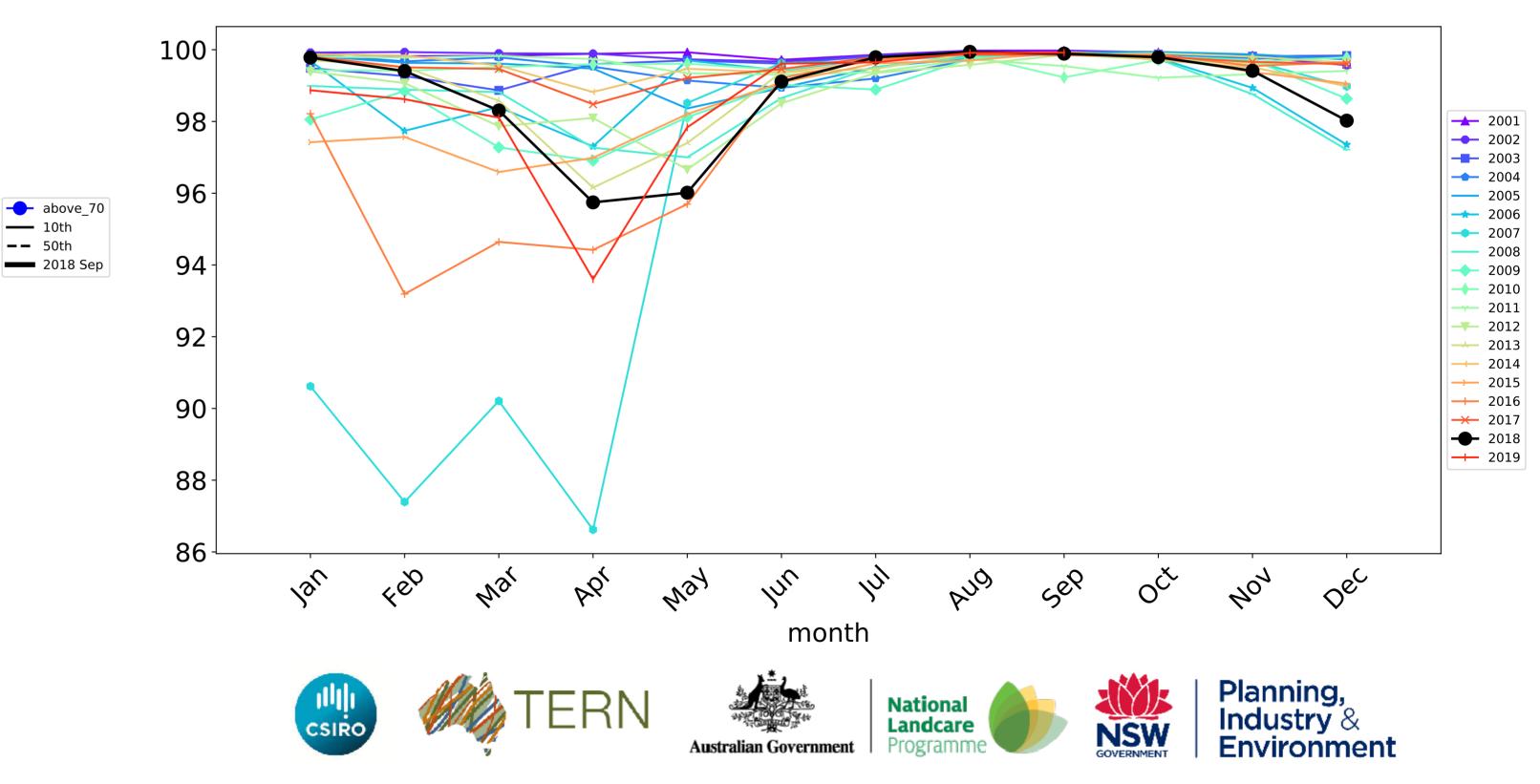


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

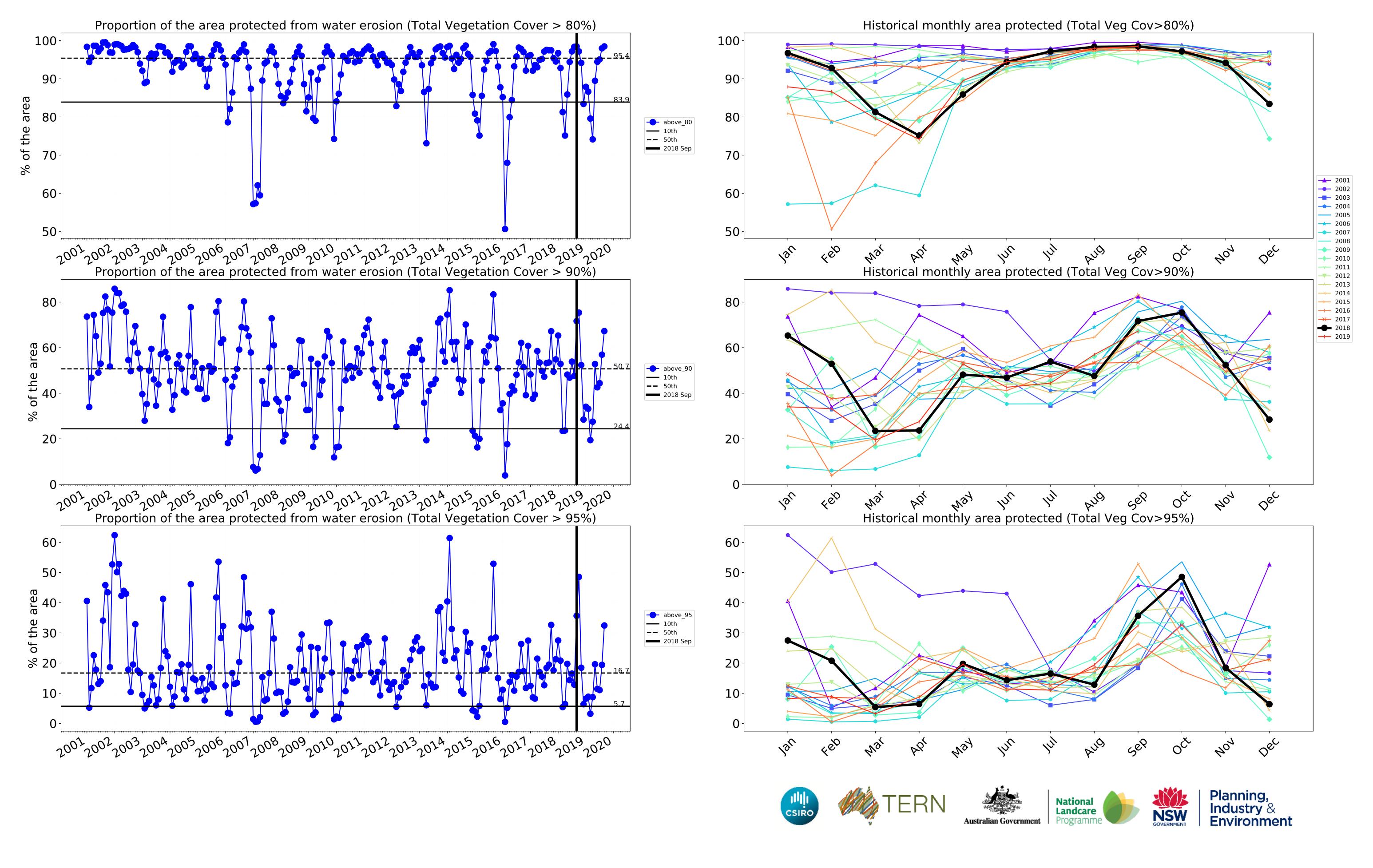
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



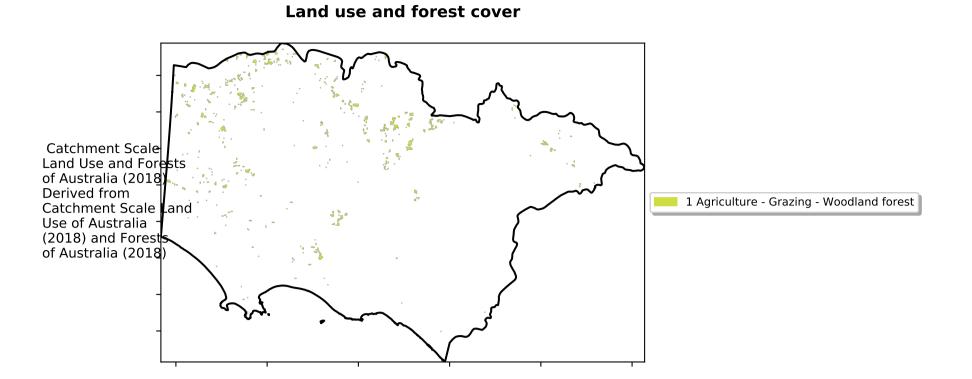
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



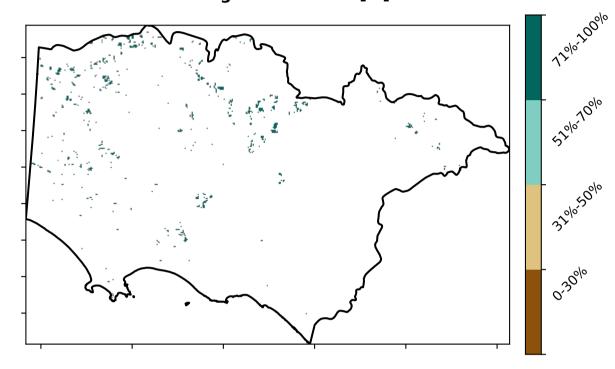
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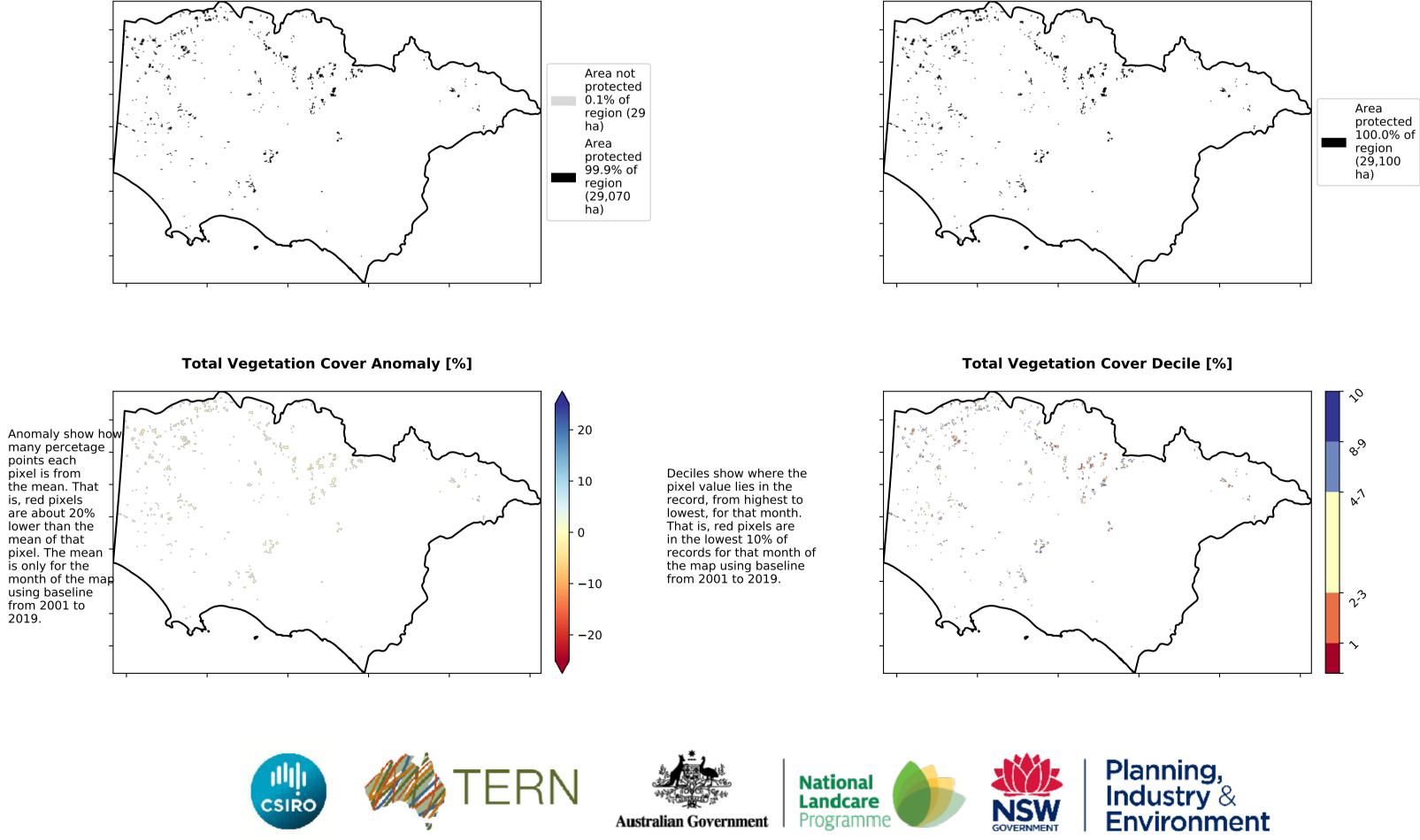
# **Grazing Woodland forest**



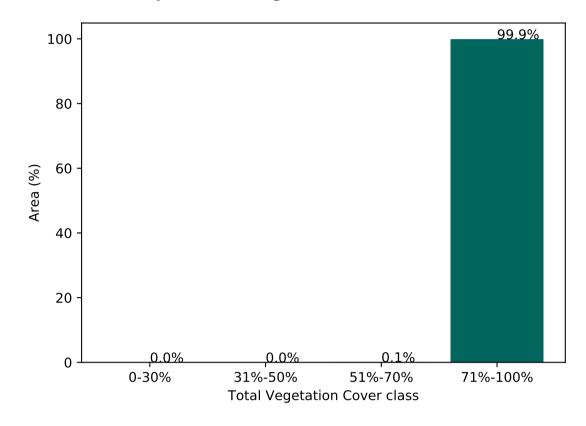
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



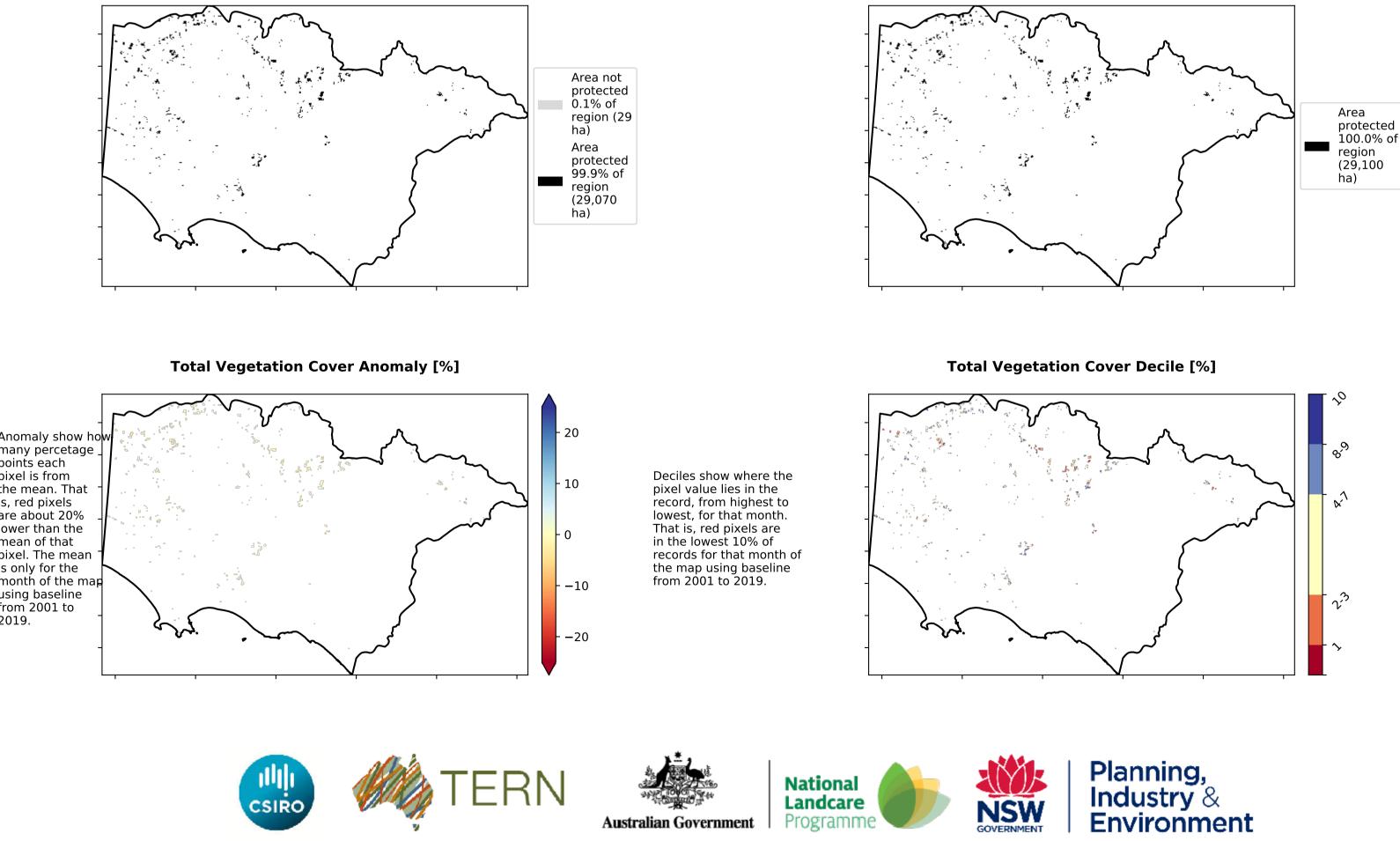
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



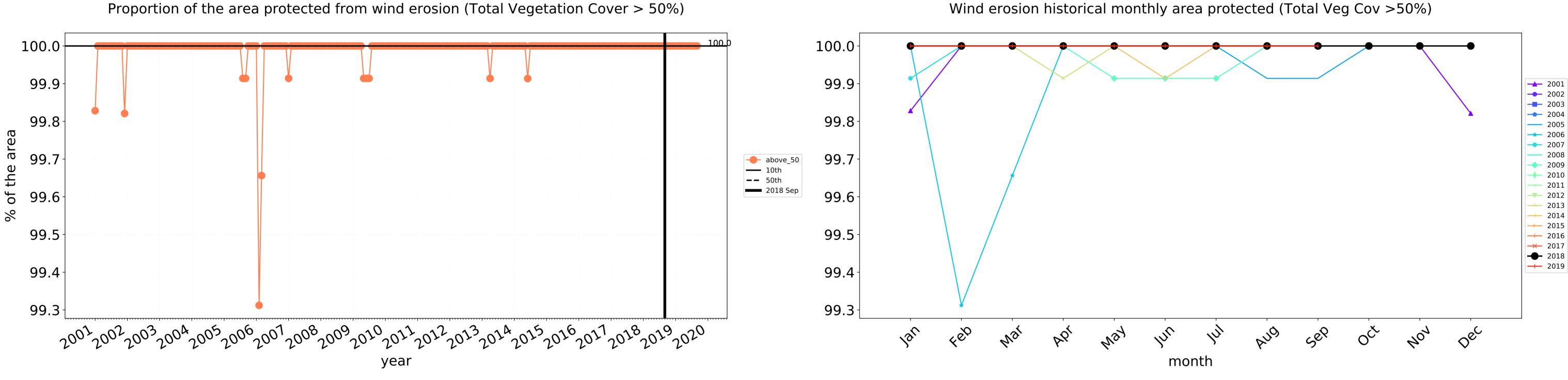




### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

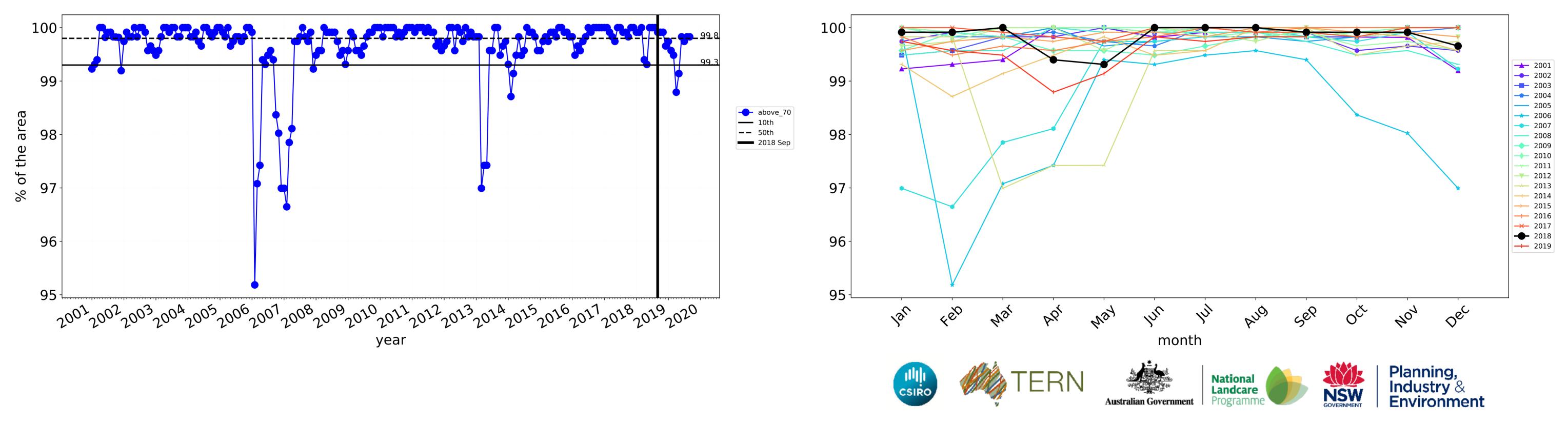


# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

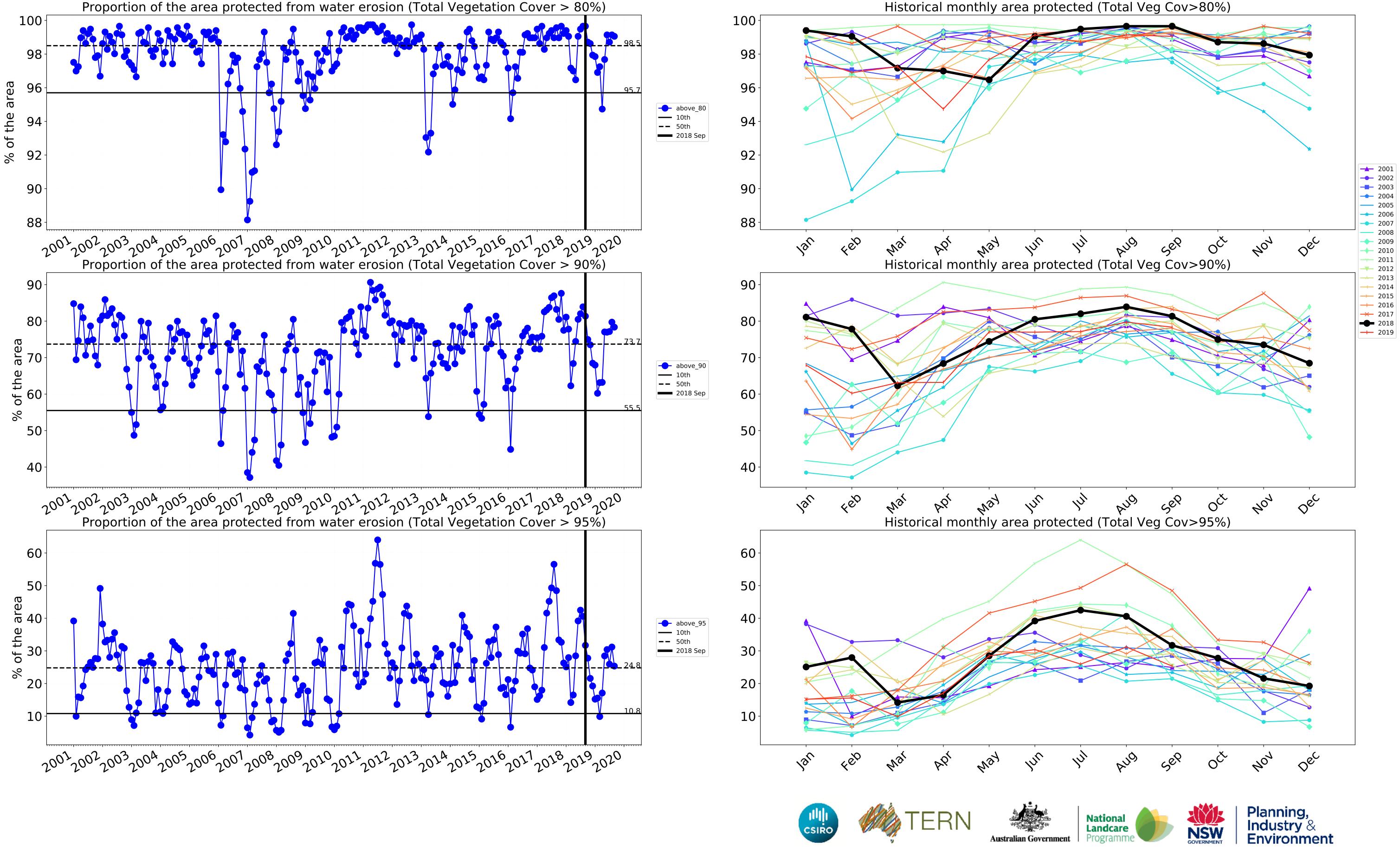


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

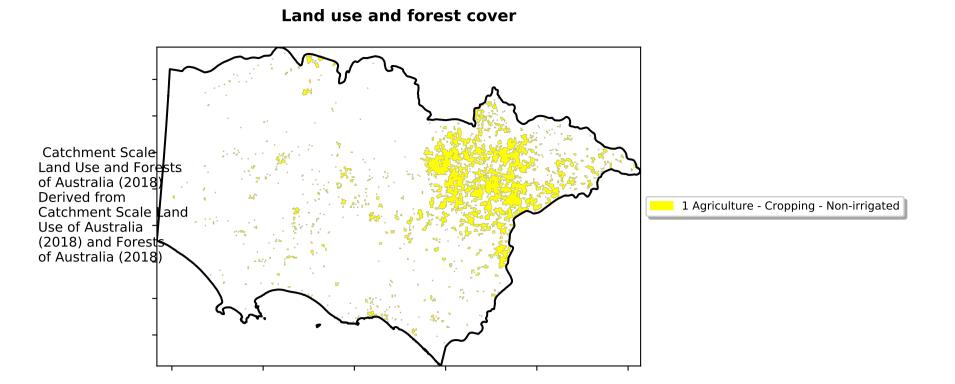
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



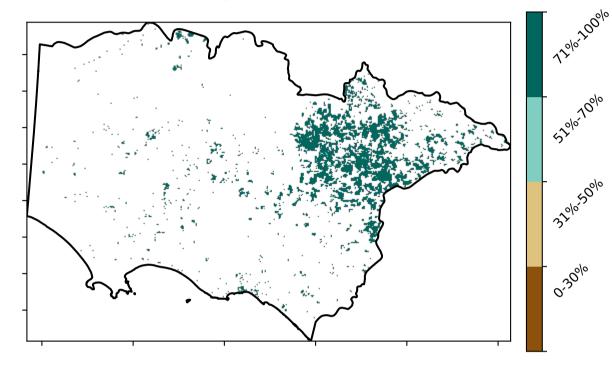
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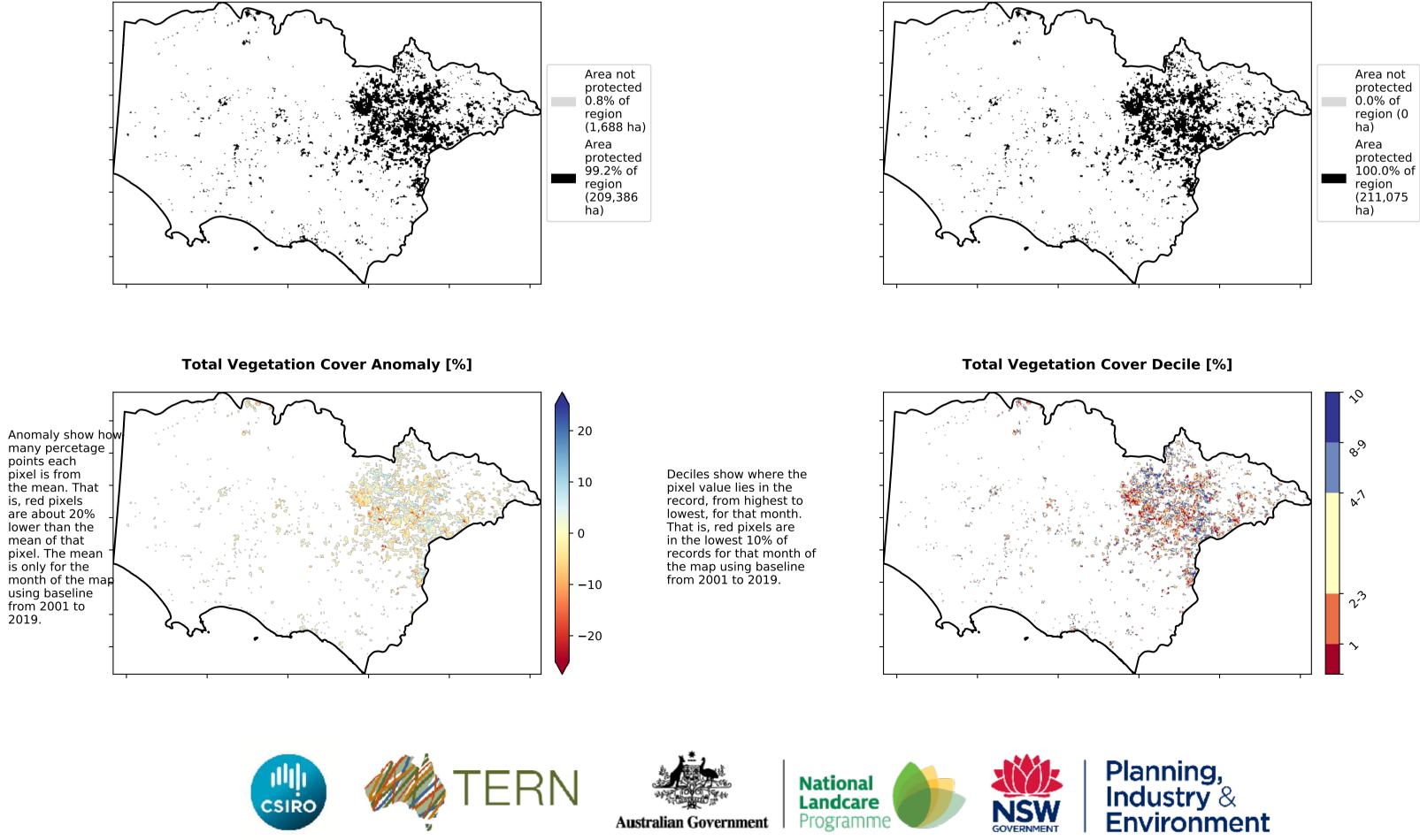
# Cropping



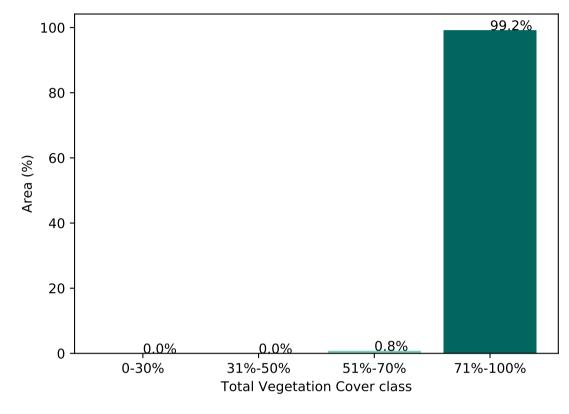
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



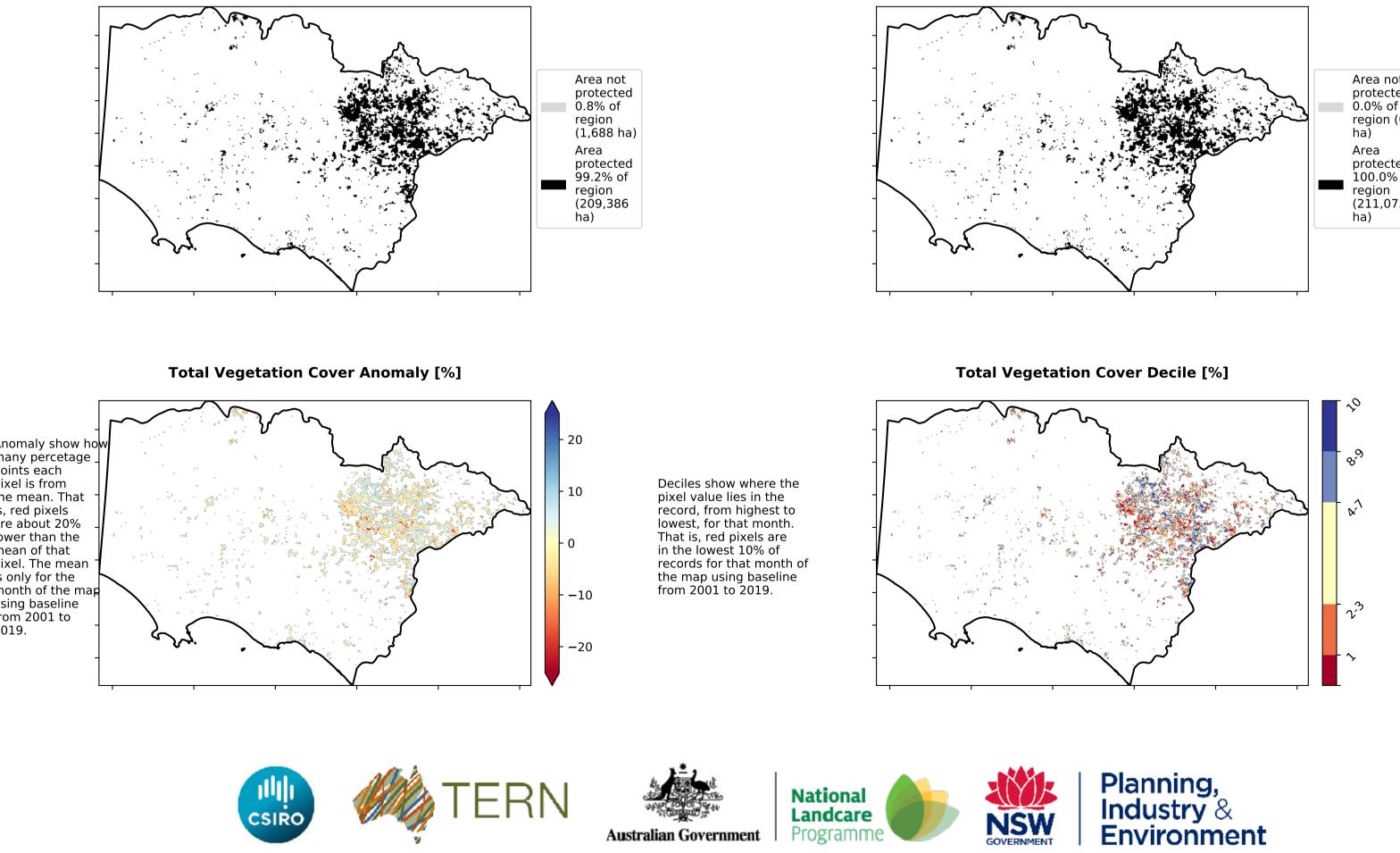
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

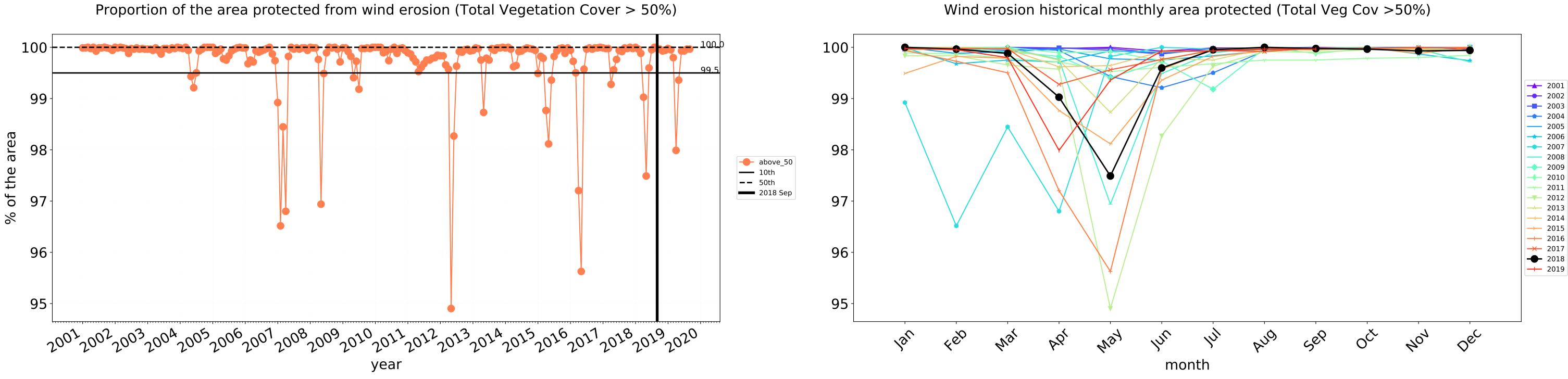


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

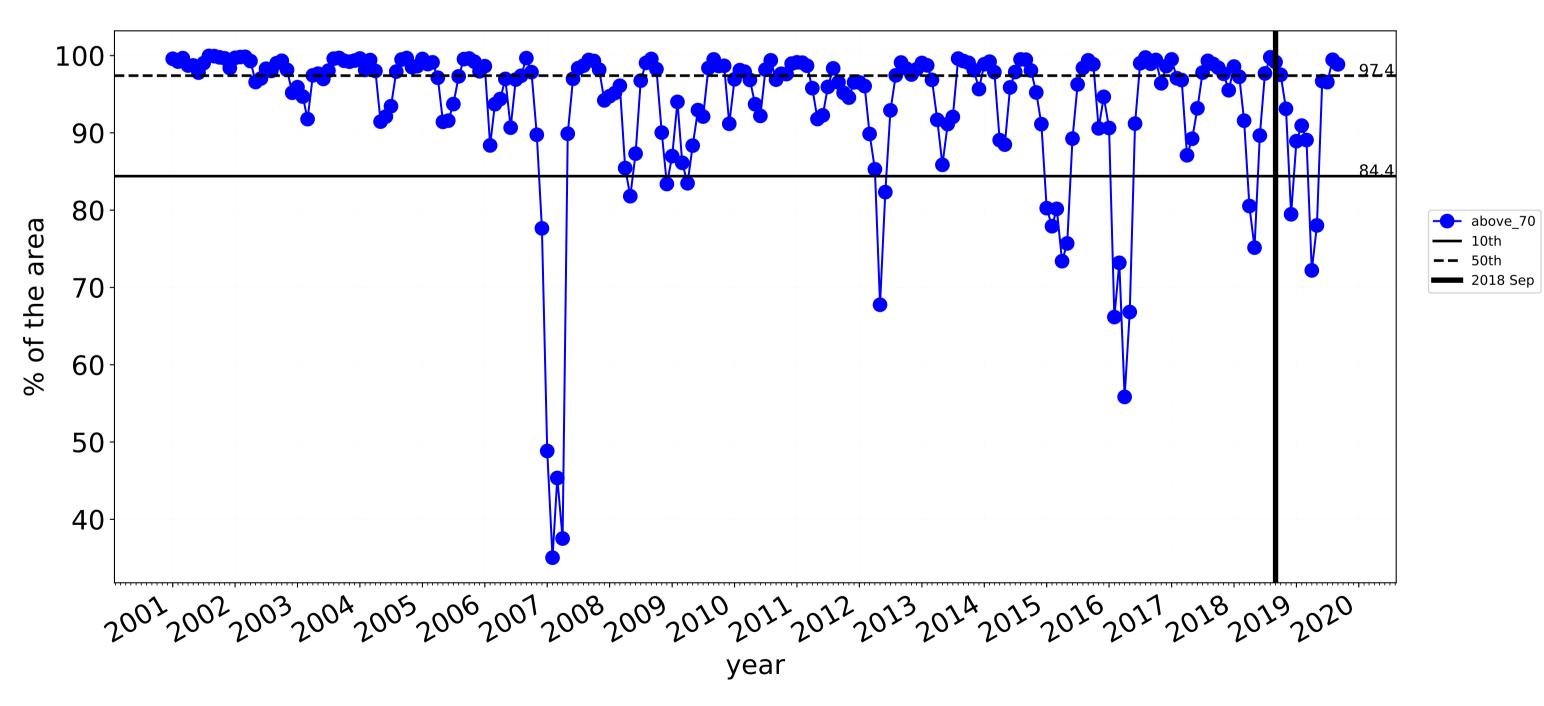


### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



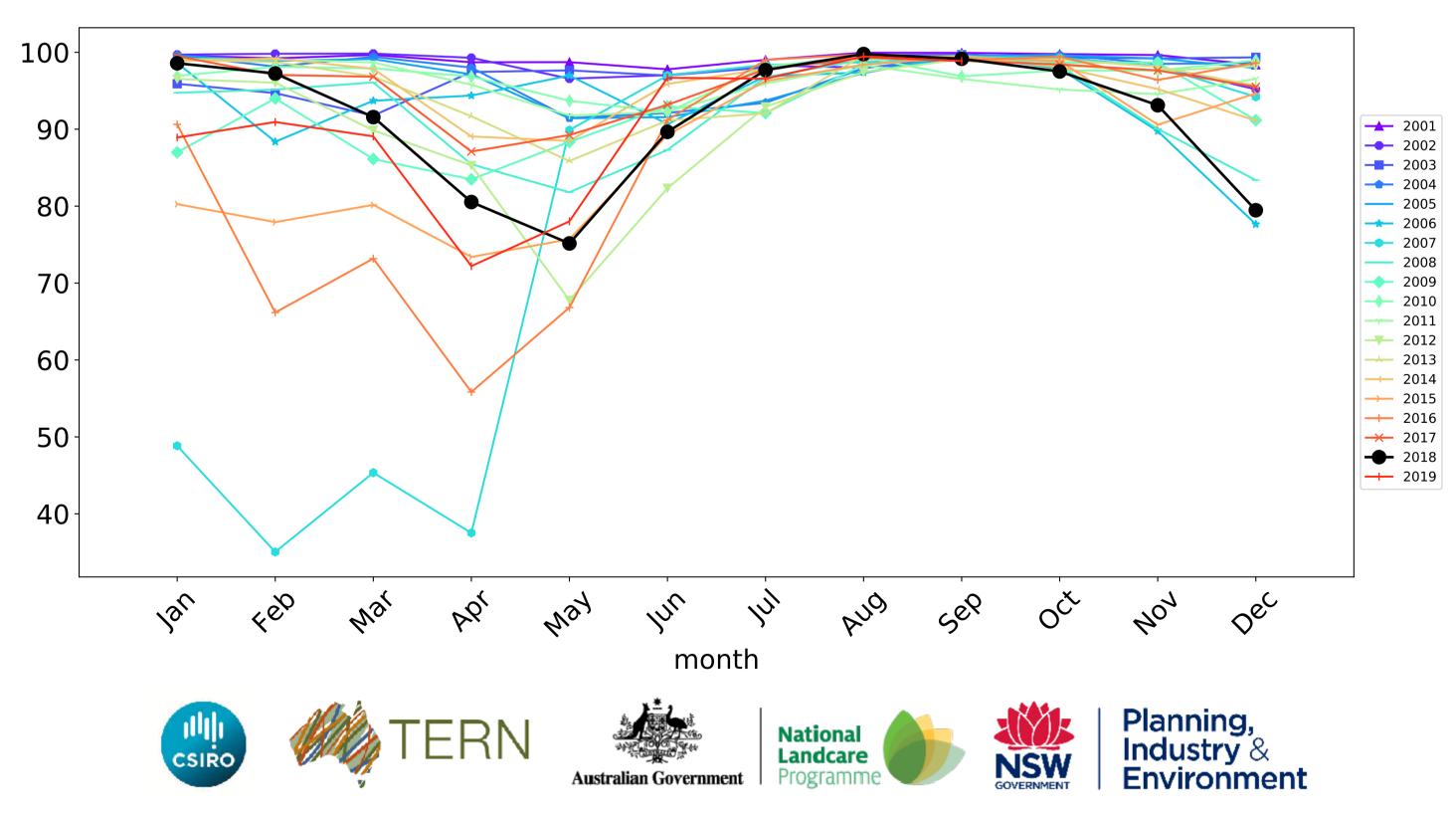


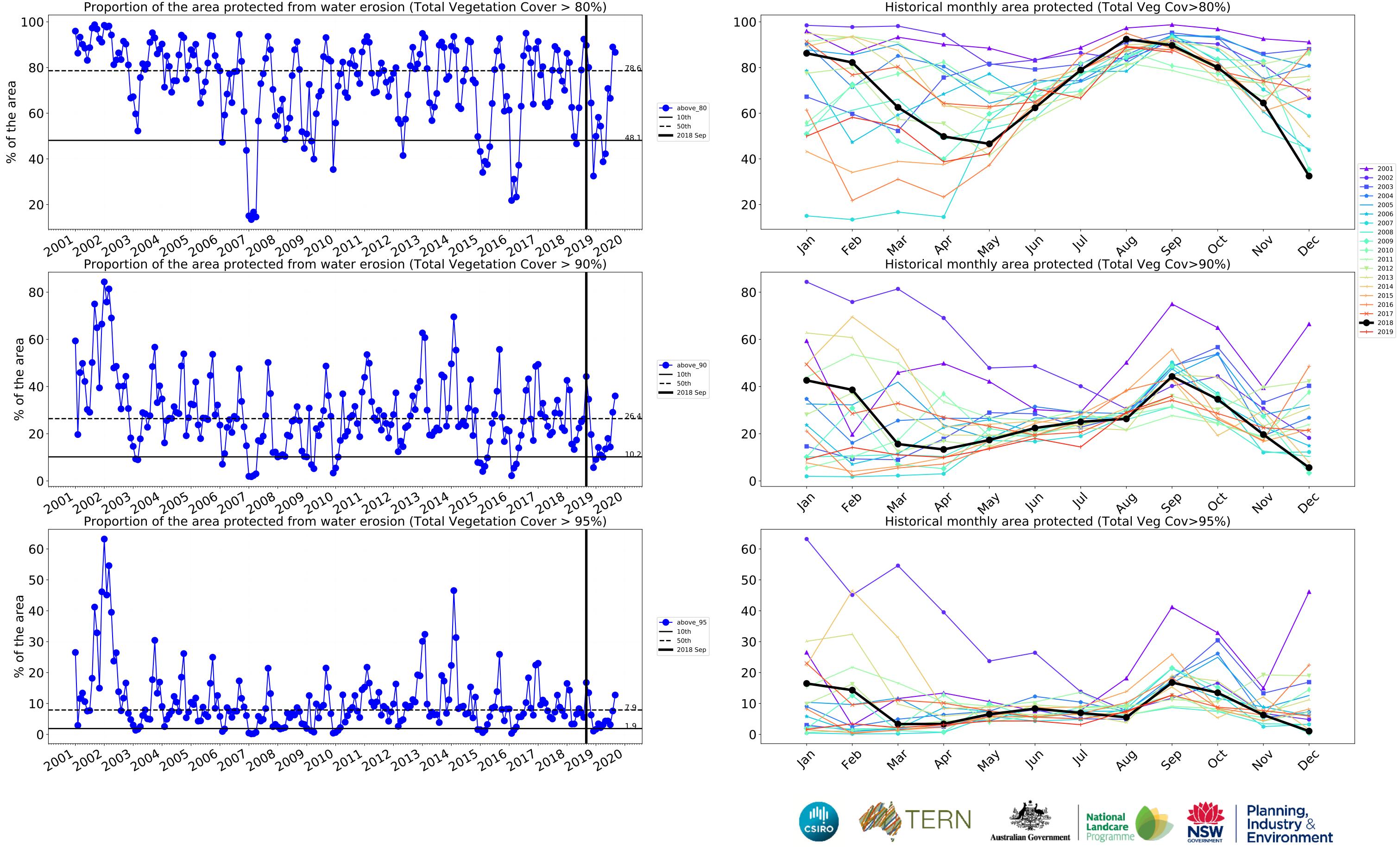
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



# **Cropping timeseries**

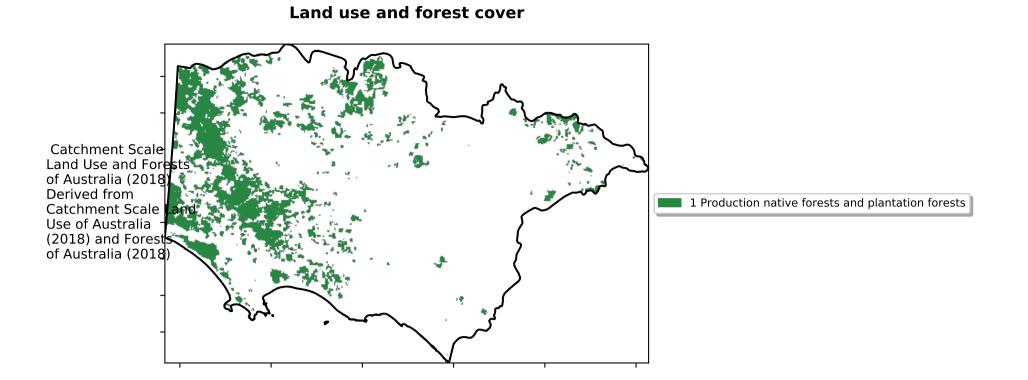
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



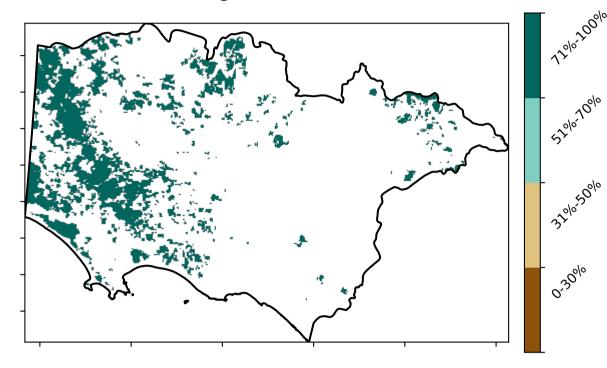


Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

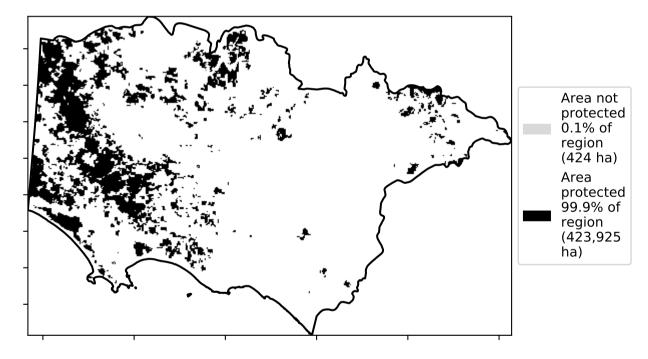
# **Production native forests and plantation forests**



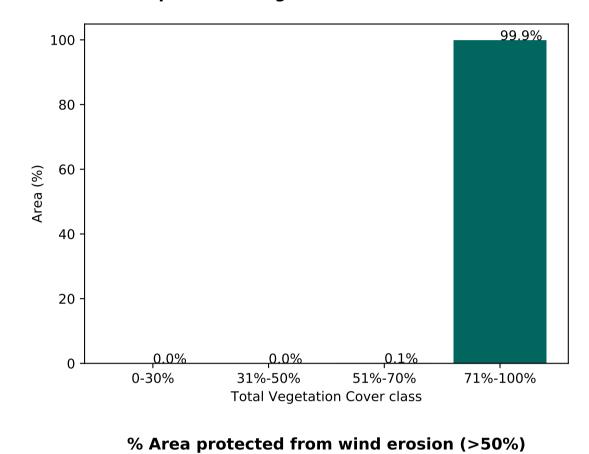
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 

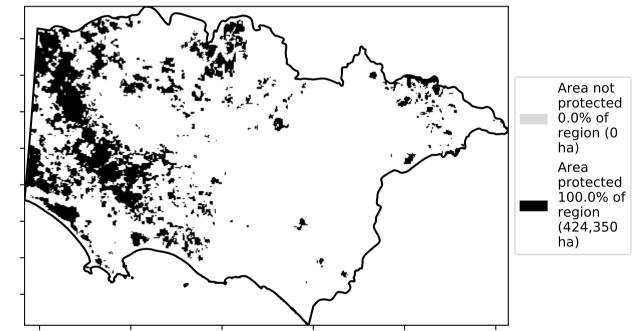


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

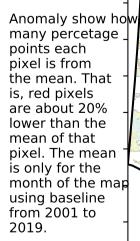


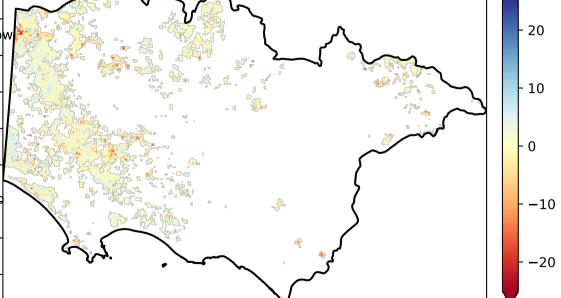
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area





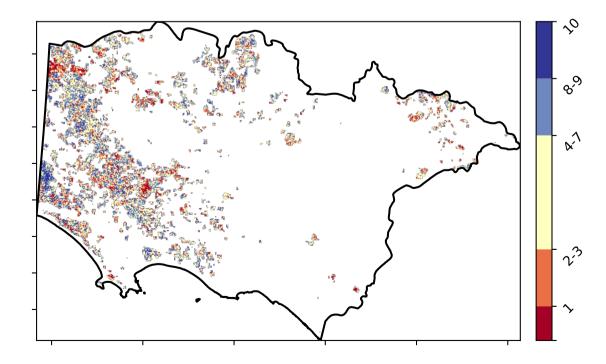
**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





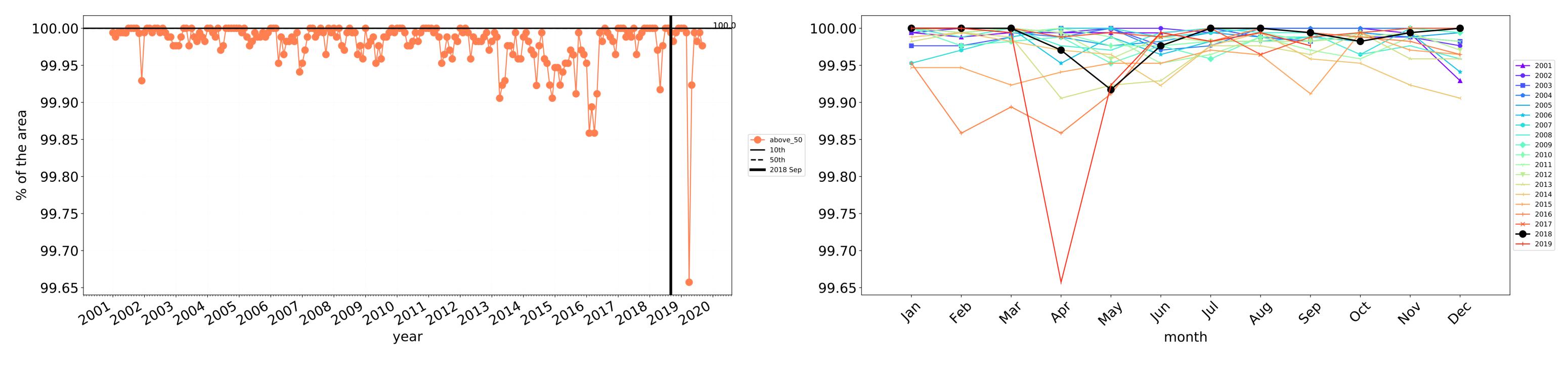
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



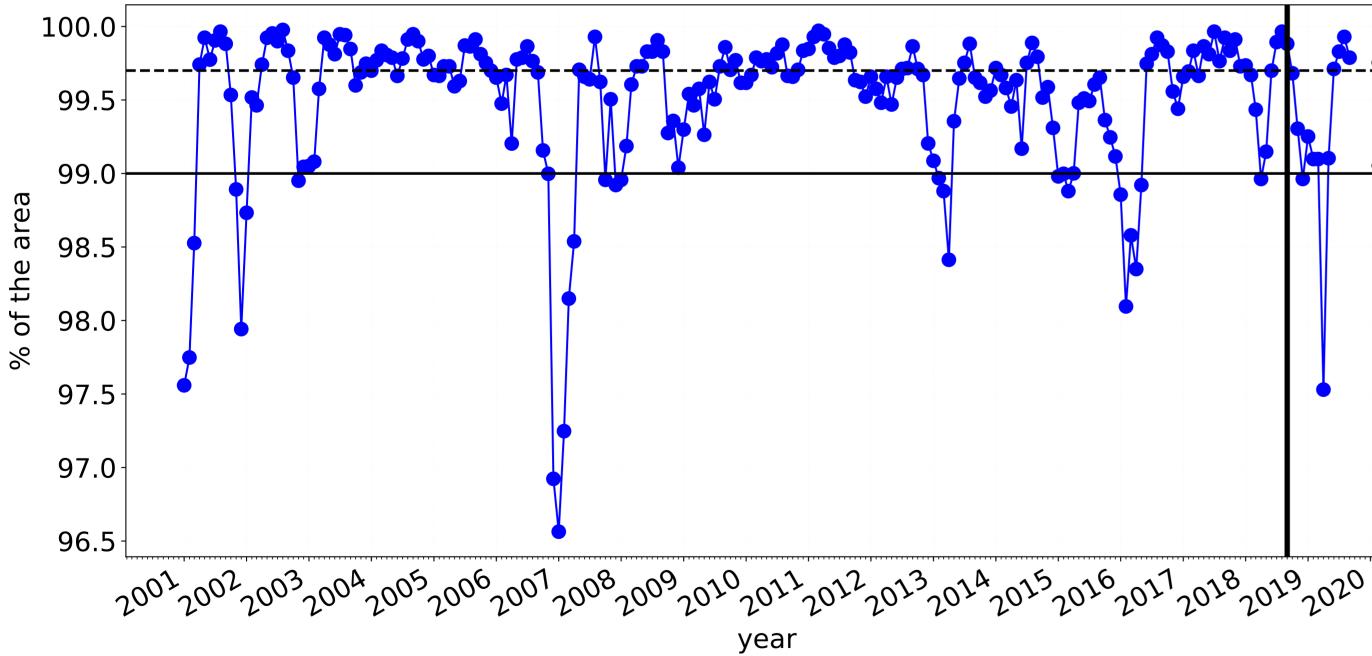


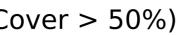
# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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

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

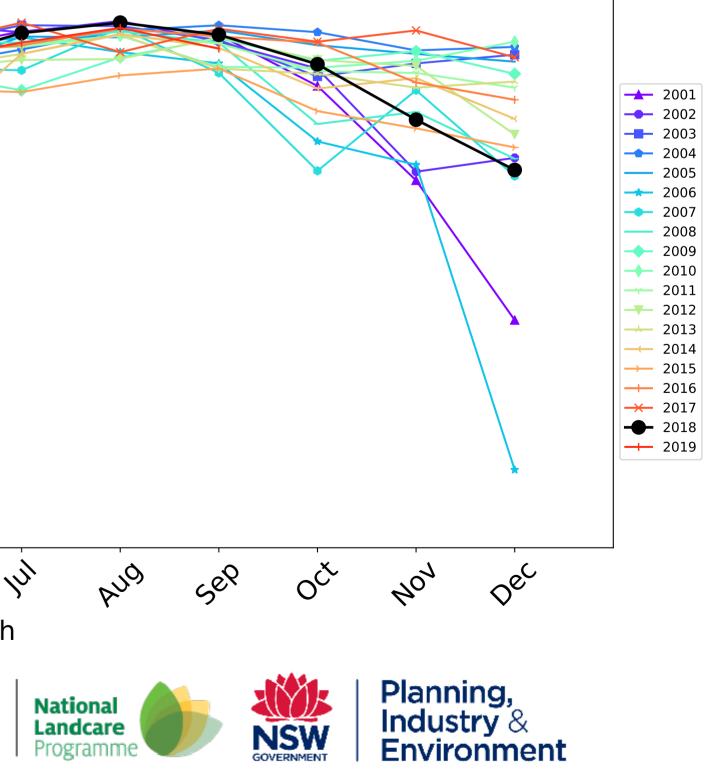


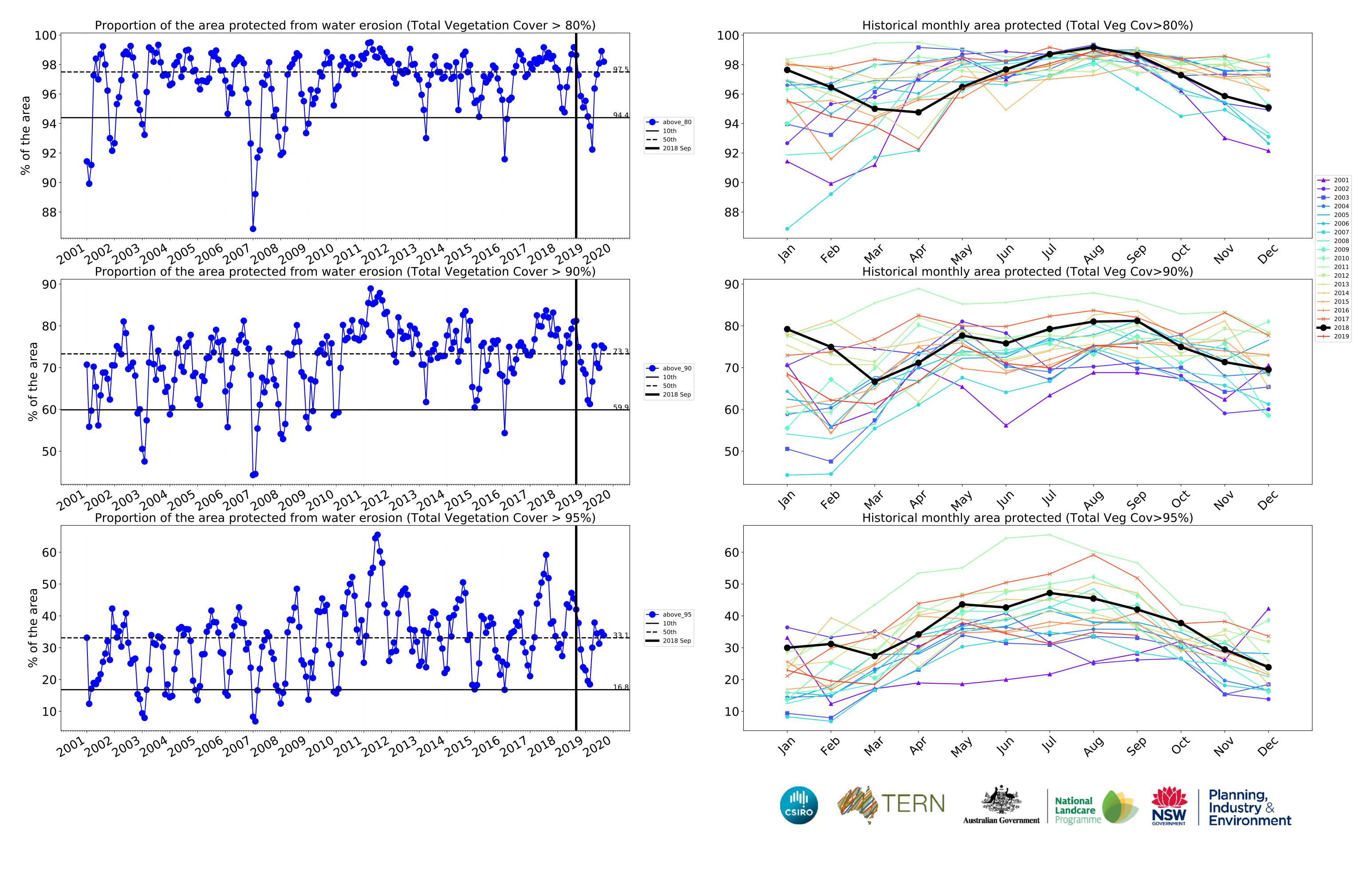


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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





# Glenelg Hopkins (2,658,800 ha and no data 14,381 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	2,658,800	100.0% 2,658,299	99.9% 2,657,424	99.6% 2,648,172	97.4% 2,588,808	71.2% 1,894,095	34.9% 926,967
Conservation and natural environments	254,700	99.8% 254,225	99.6% 253,750	98.9% 252,000	97.5% 248,275	80.3% 204,450	39.2% 99,800
Conservation and natural environments non forest	28,550	98.3% 28,075	96.7% 27,600	91.2% 26,025	82.6% 23,575	50.9% 14,525	24.3% 6,950
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	153,150	100.0% 153,150	100.0% 153,150	99.9% 153,025	99.2% 151,925	82.9% 126,975	34.4% 52,725
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	73,000	100.0% 73,000	100.0% 73,000	99.9% 72,950	99.7% 72,775	86.2% 62,950	55.0% 40,125
Agriculture	1,904,775	100.0% 1,904,750	100.0% 1,904,625	99.8% 1,901,150	97.5% 1,857,725	68.8% 1,310,300	33.5% 638,325
Grazing	1,692,050	100.0% 1,692,025	100.0% 1,691,950	99.9% 1,690,200	98.5% 1,666,975	71.9% 1,216,275	35.6% 602,850
Grazing non forest	1,643,350	100.0% 1,643,325	100.0% 1,643,250	99.9% 1,641,550	98.5% 1,618,550	71.7% 1,177,500	35.7% 585,925
Grazing Woodland forest	29,100	100.0% 29,100	100.0% 29,100	99.9% 29,075	99.7% 29,000	81.4% 23,675	31.7% 9,225
Cropping	211,075	100.0% 211,075	100.0% 211,025	99.2% 209,300	89.7% 189,325	44.3% 93,425	16.8% 35,400
Production native forests and plantation forests	424,350	100.0% 424,350	100.0% 424,325	99.9% 423,850	98.6% 418,600	81.2% 344,625	42.0% 178,225

