# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region: NRM Goulburn Broken VIC

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:

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











**Date: February 2008** 



# **Vegetation Cover Feb 2008**

#### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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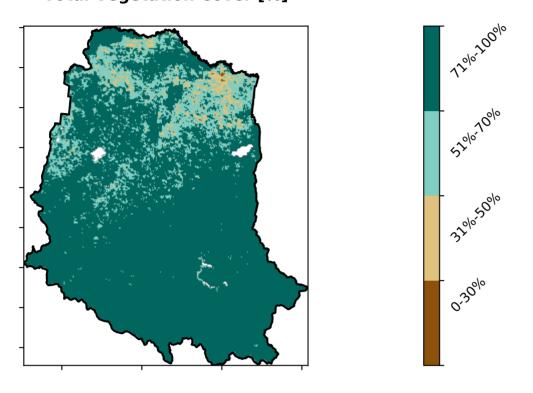
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Land Use and Forests

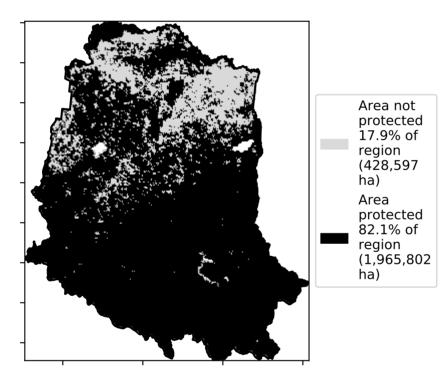
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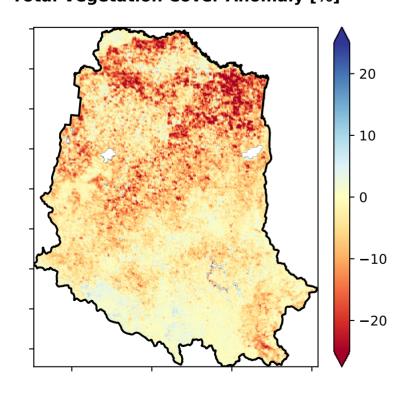
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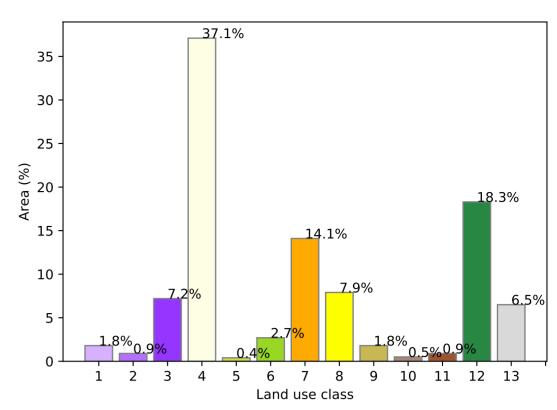


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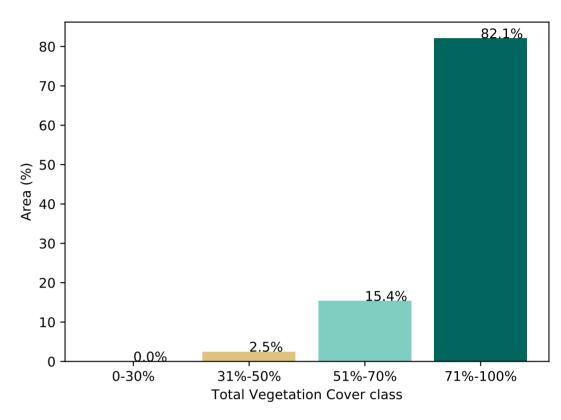


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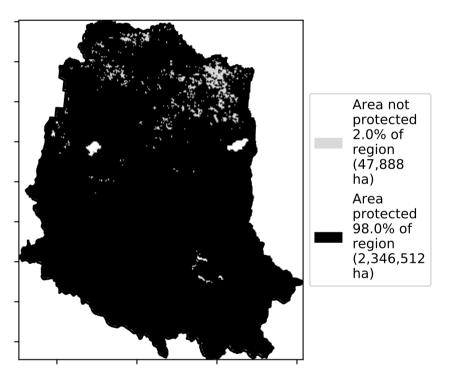
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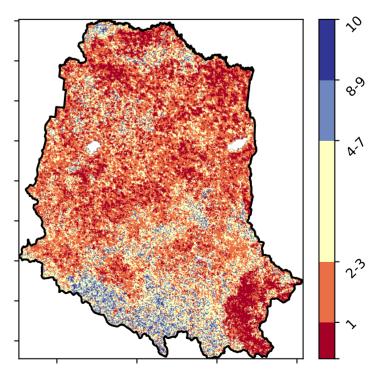
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





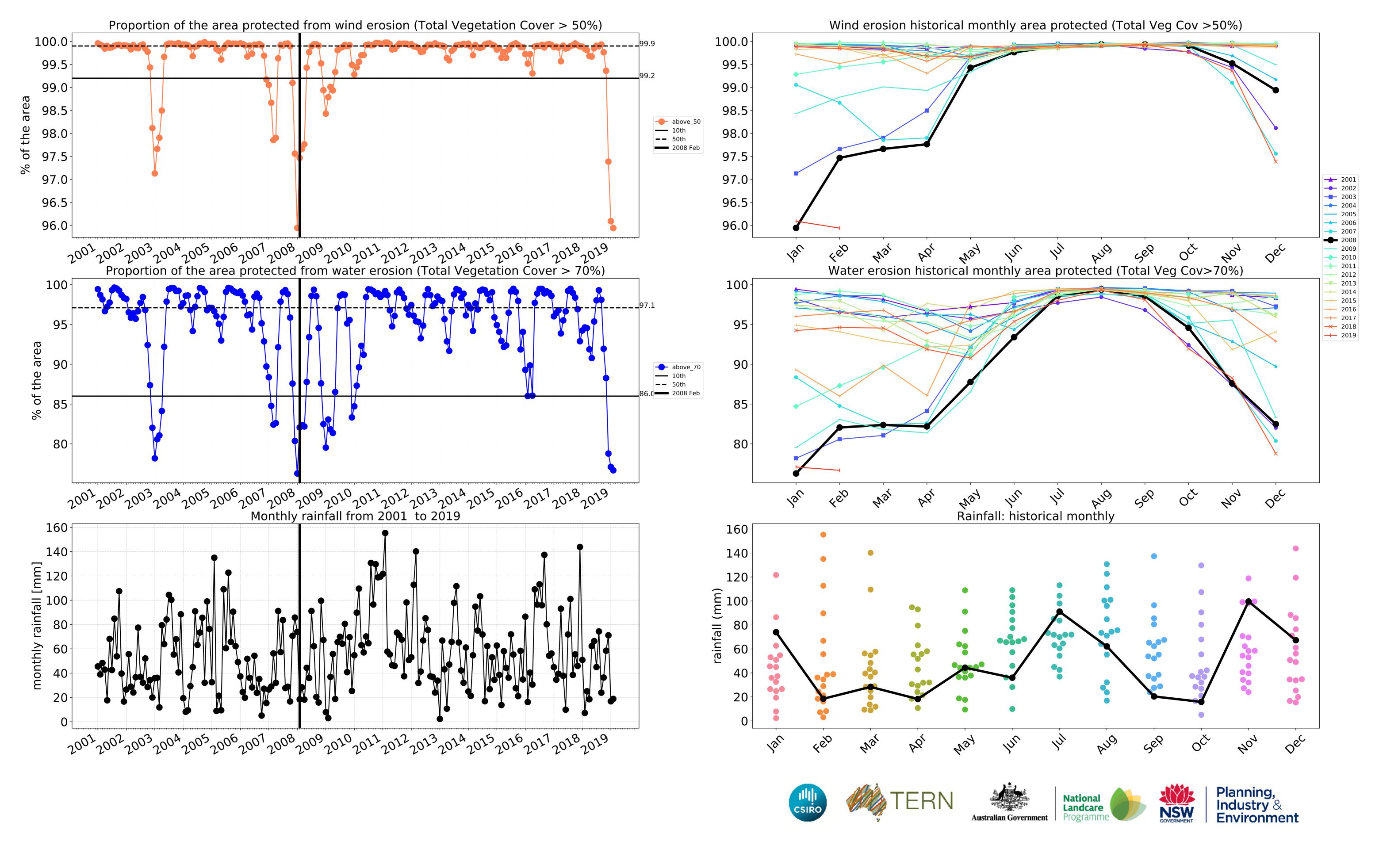


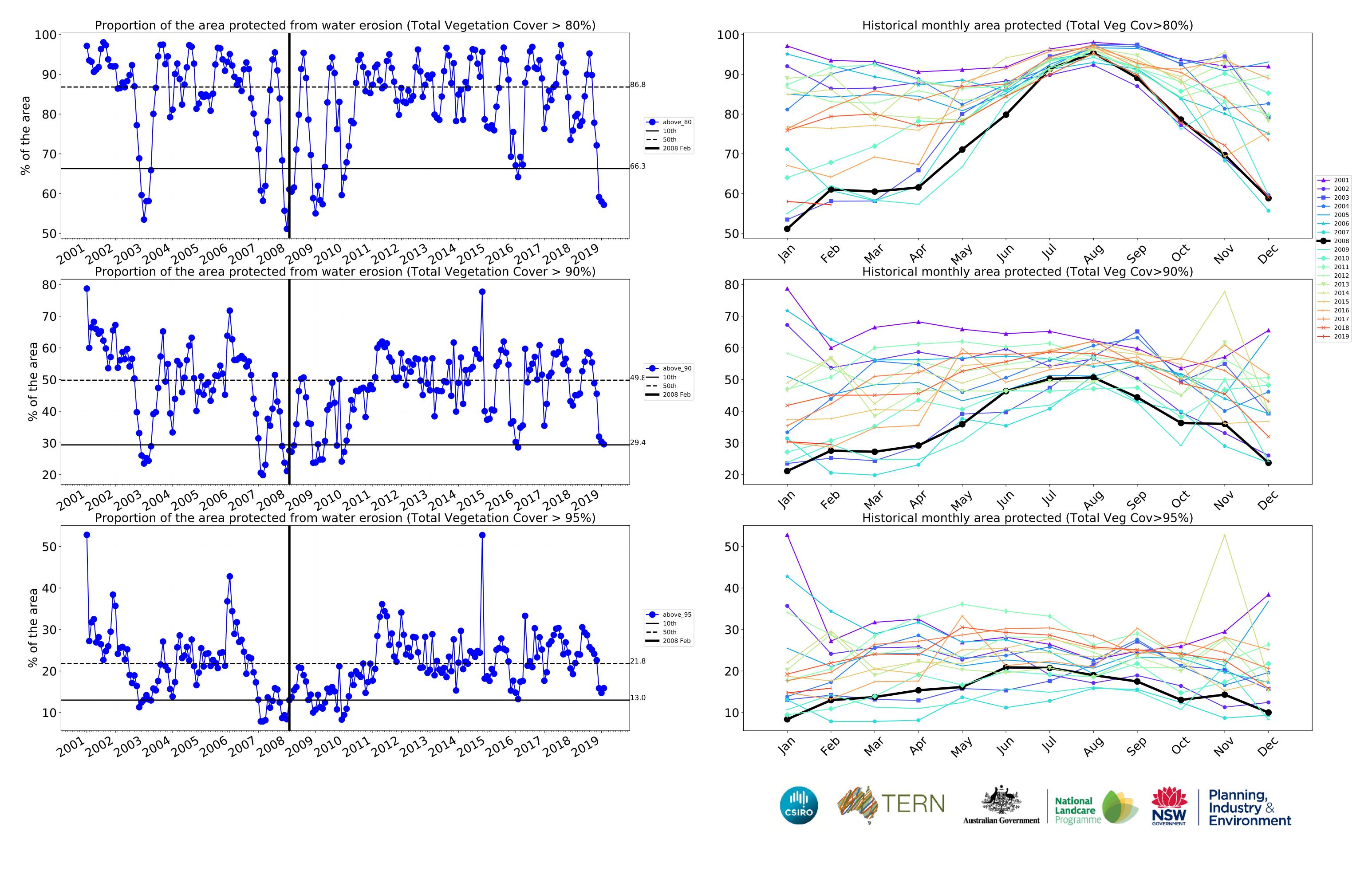












# **Conservation and natural environments**

# Land use and forest cover

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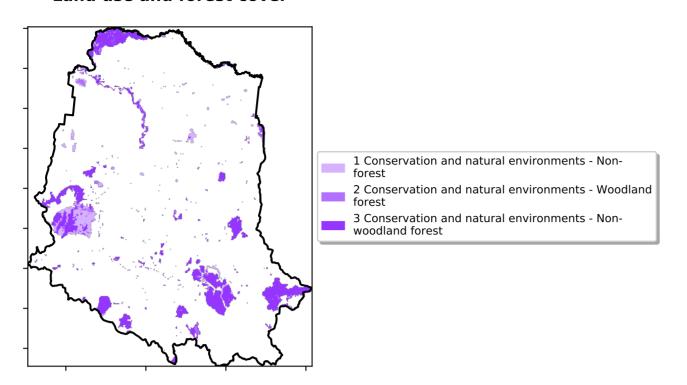
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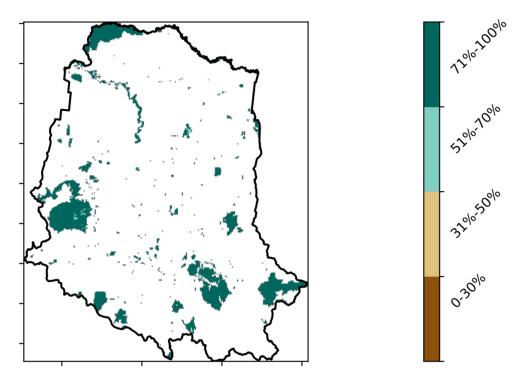
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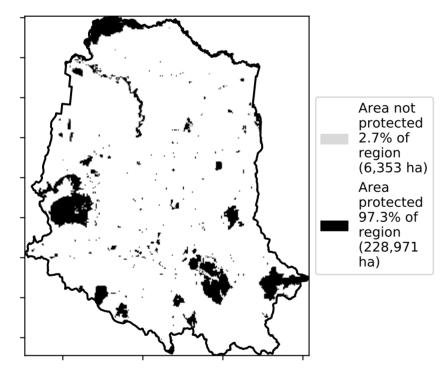
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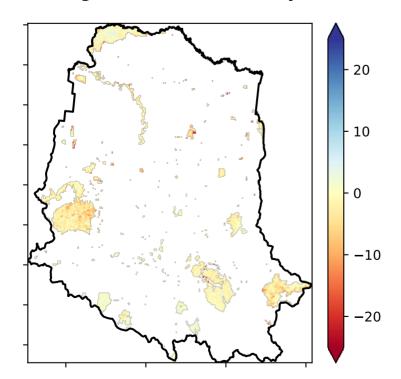
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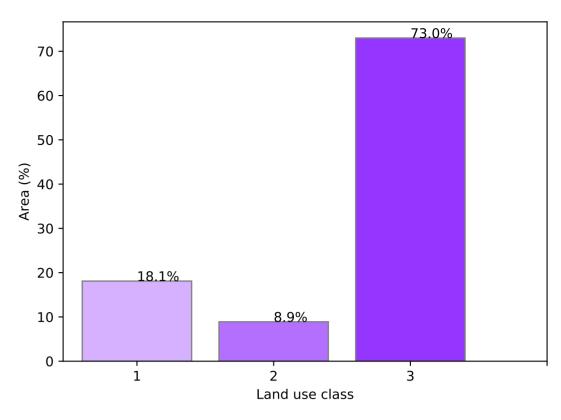


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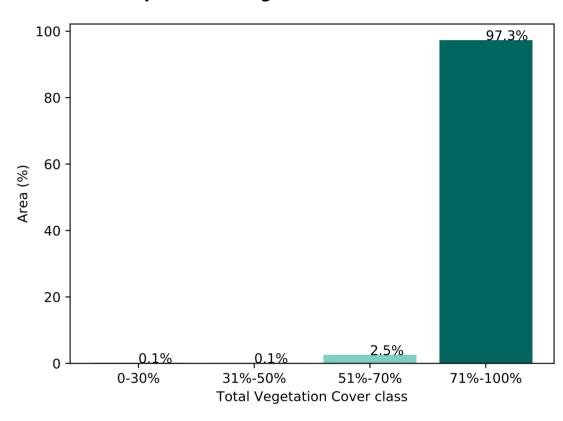


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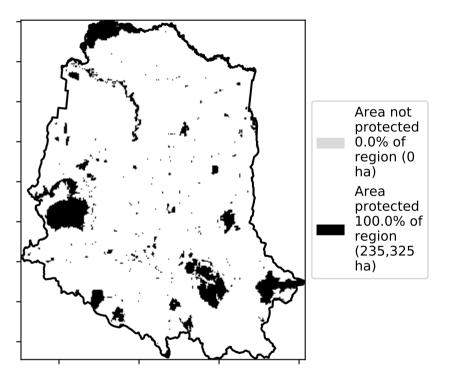
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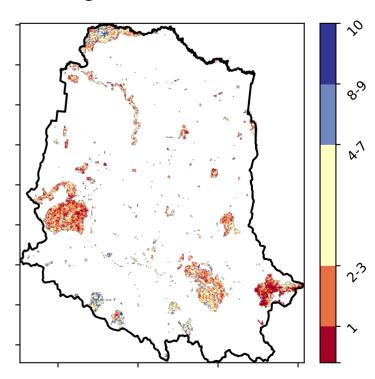


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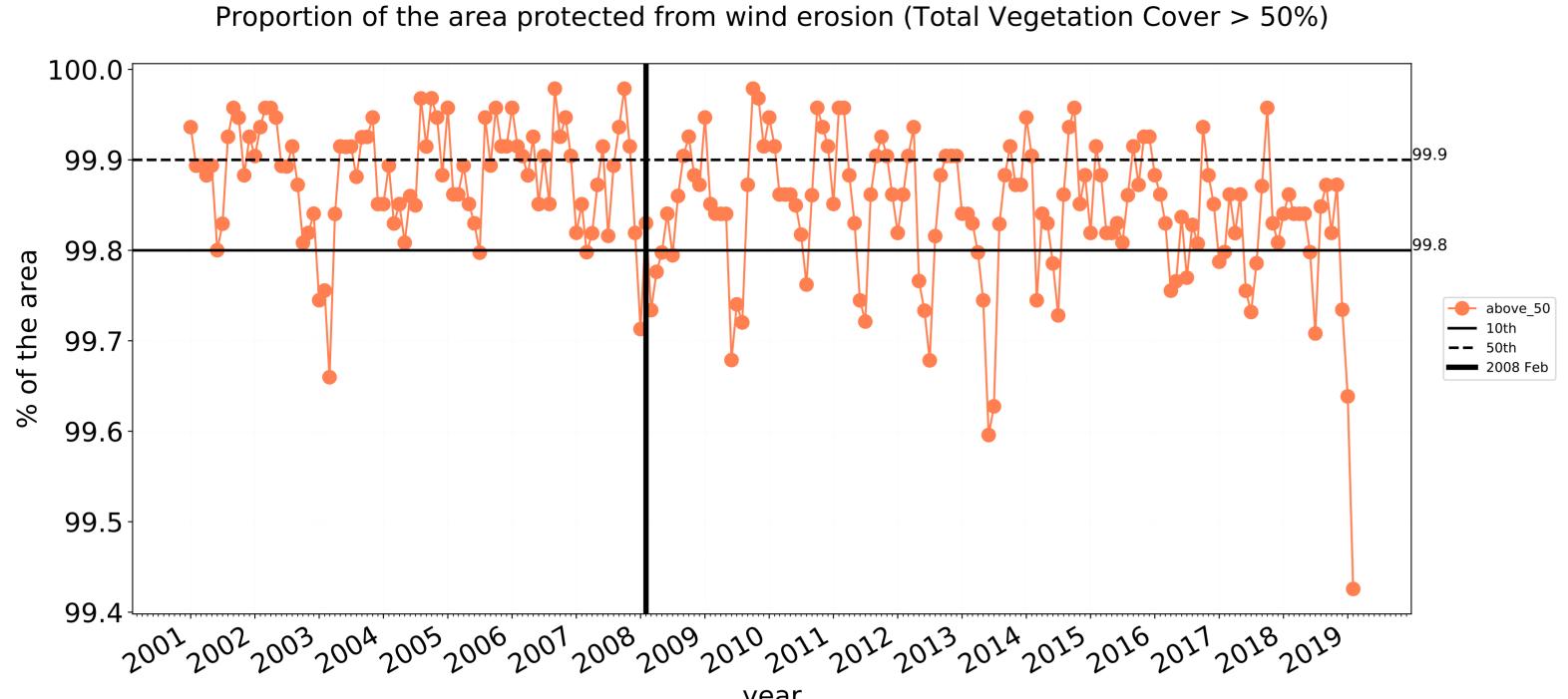


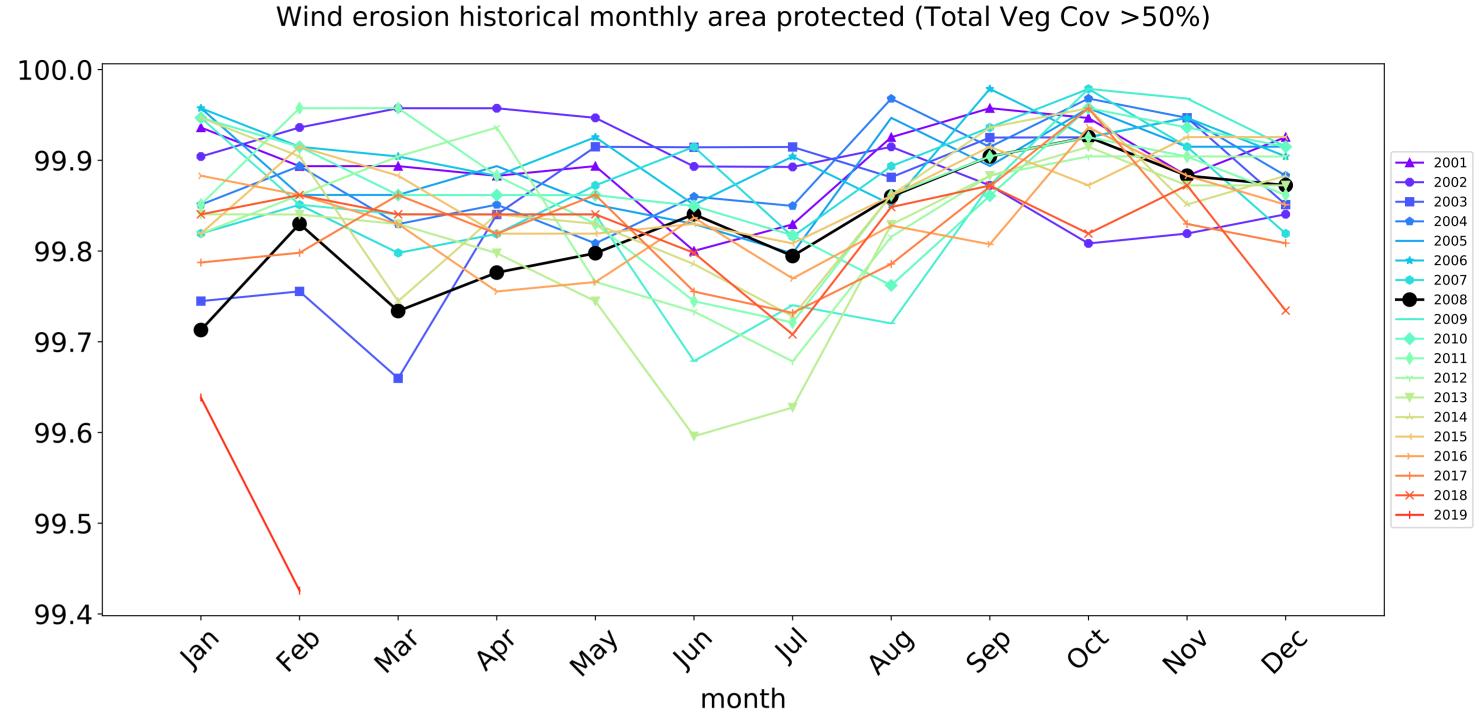


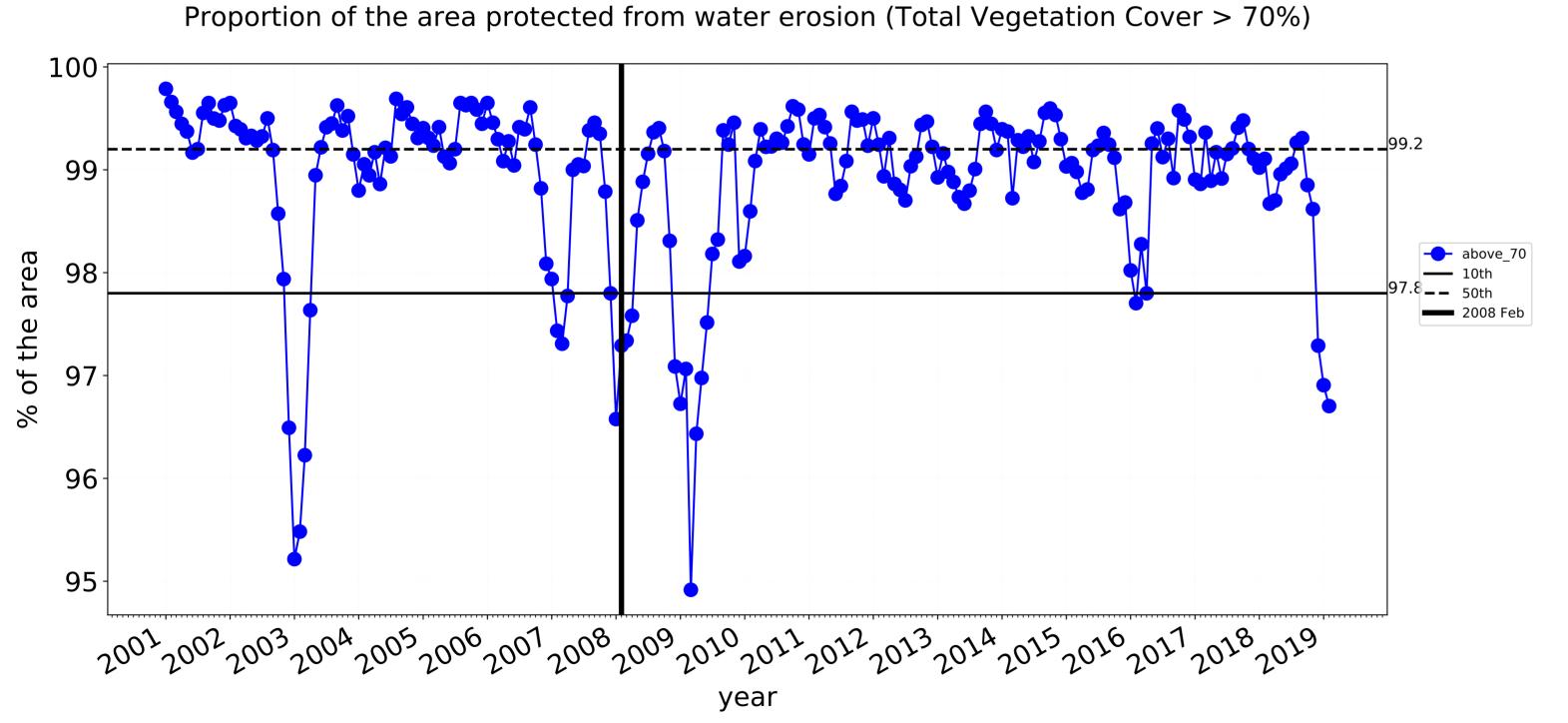


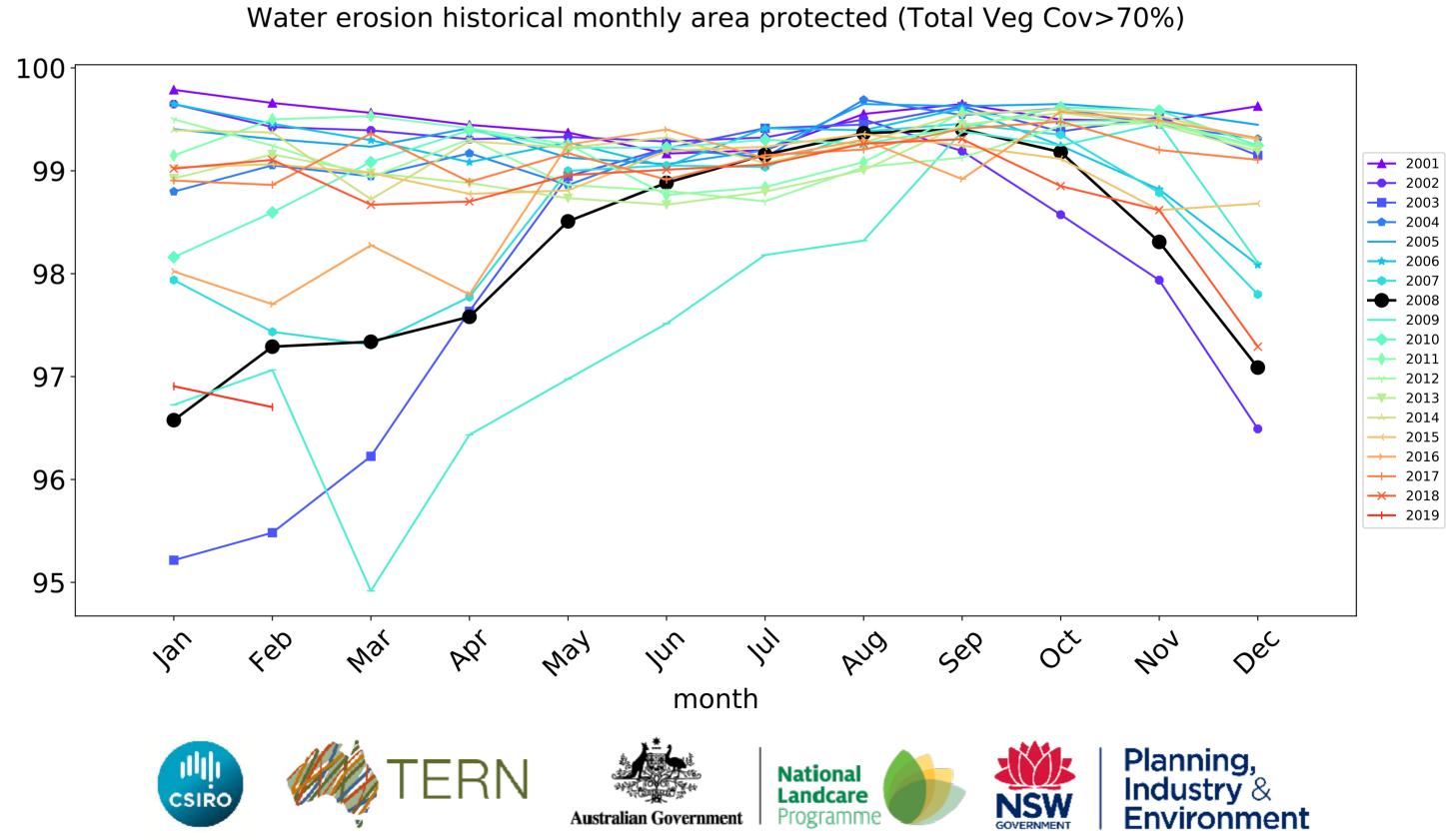


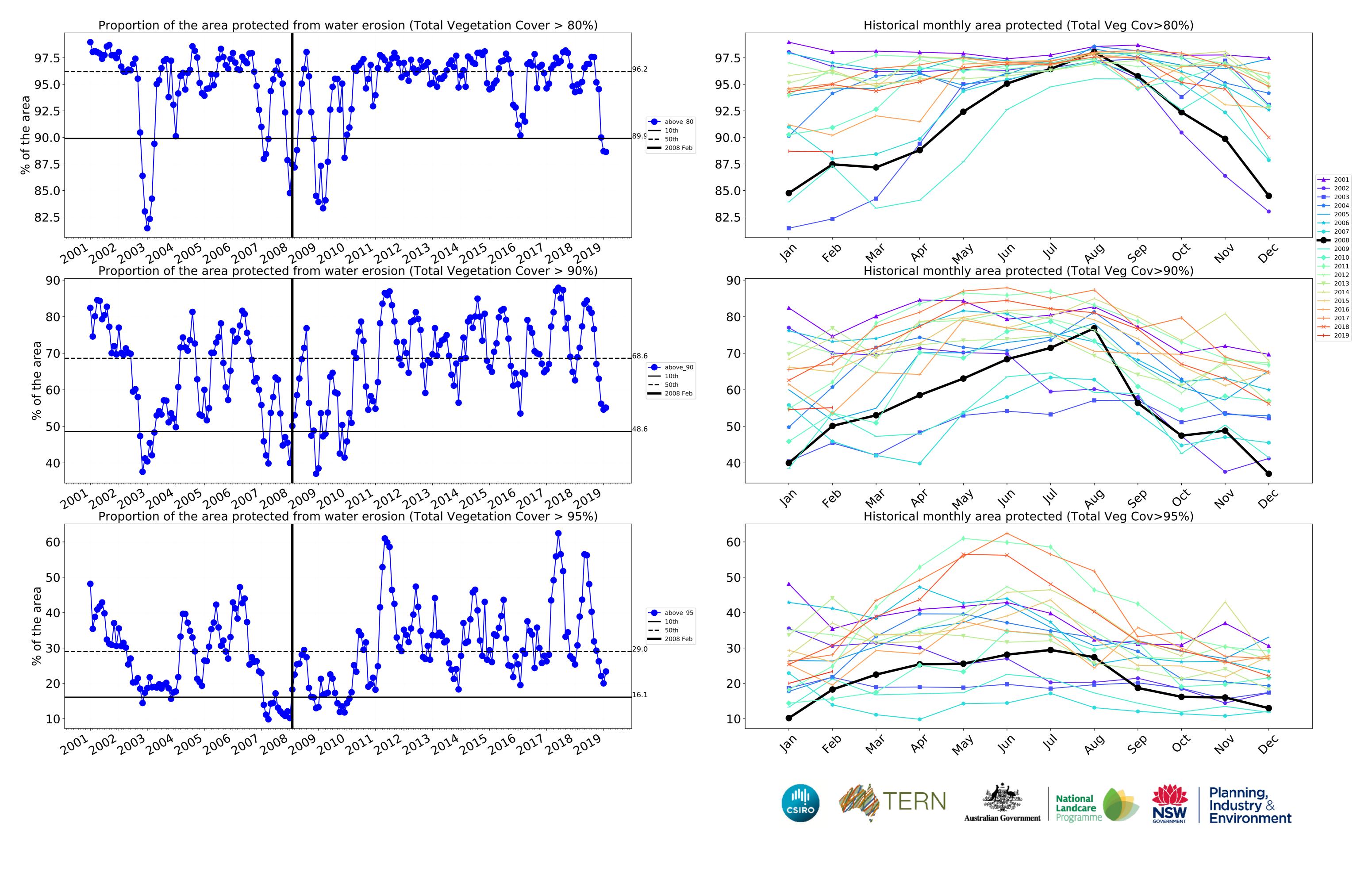
# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**











# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

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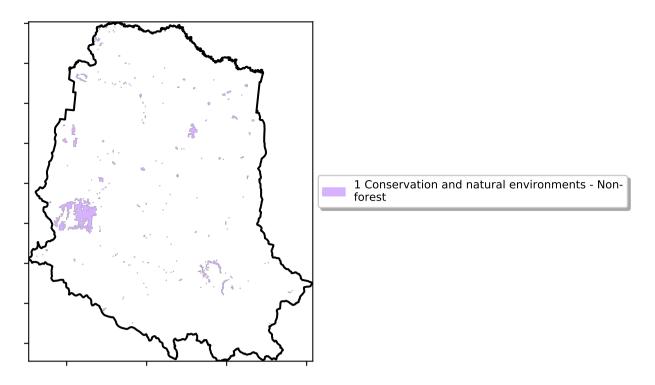
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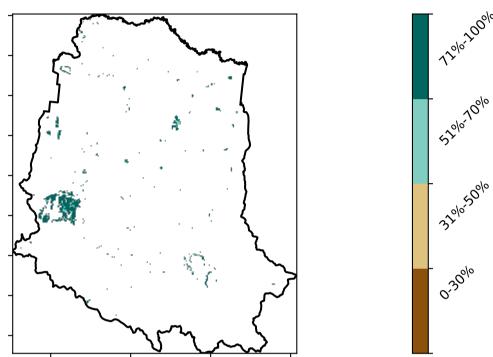
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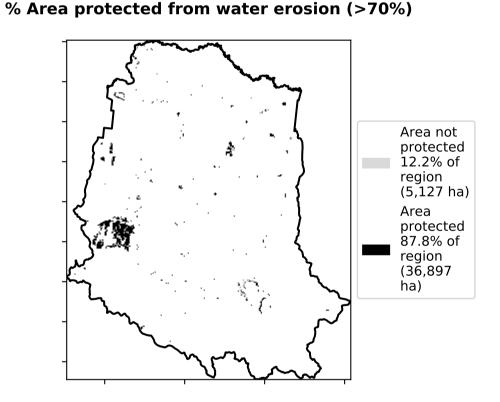
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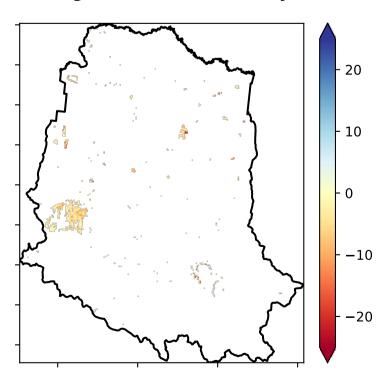


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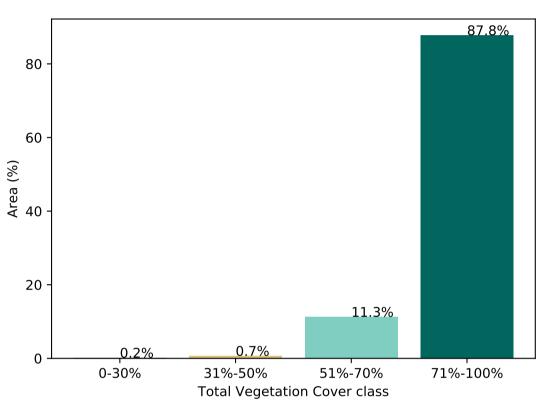


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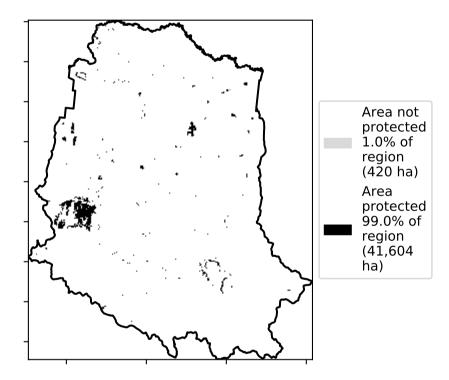


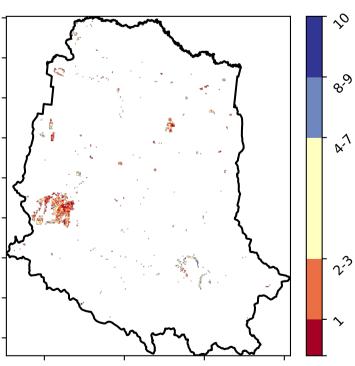
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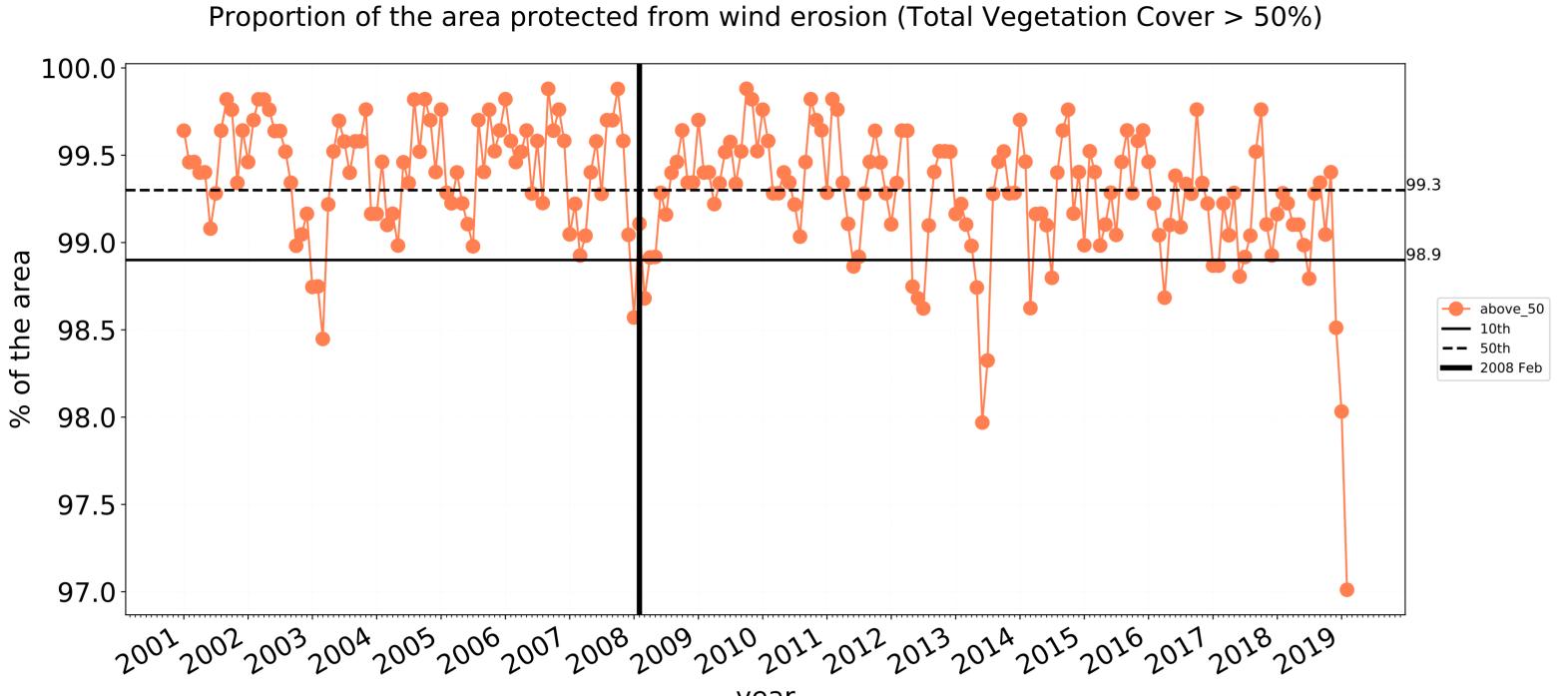


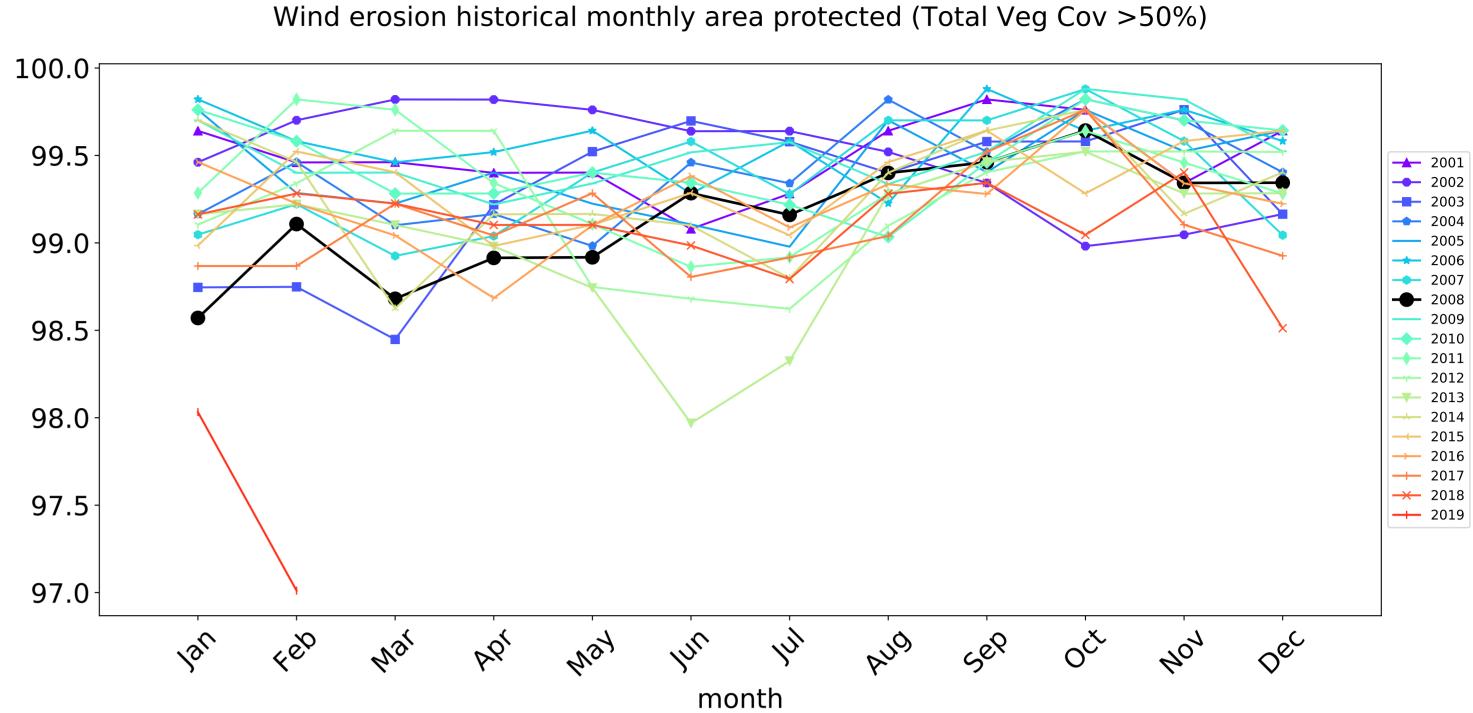


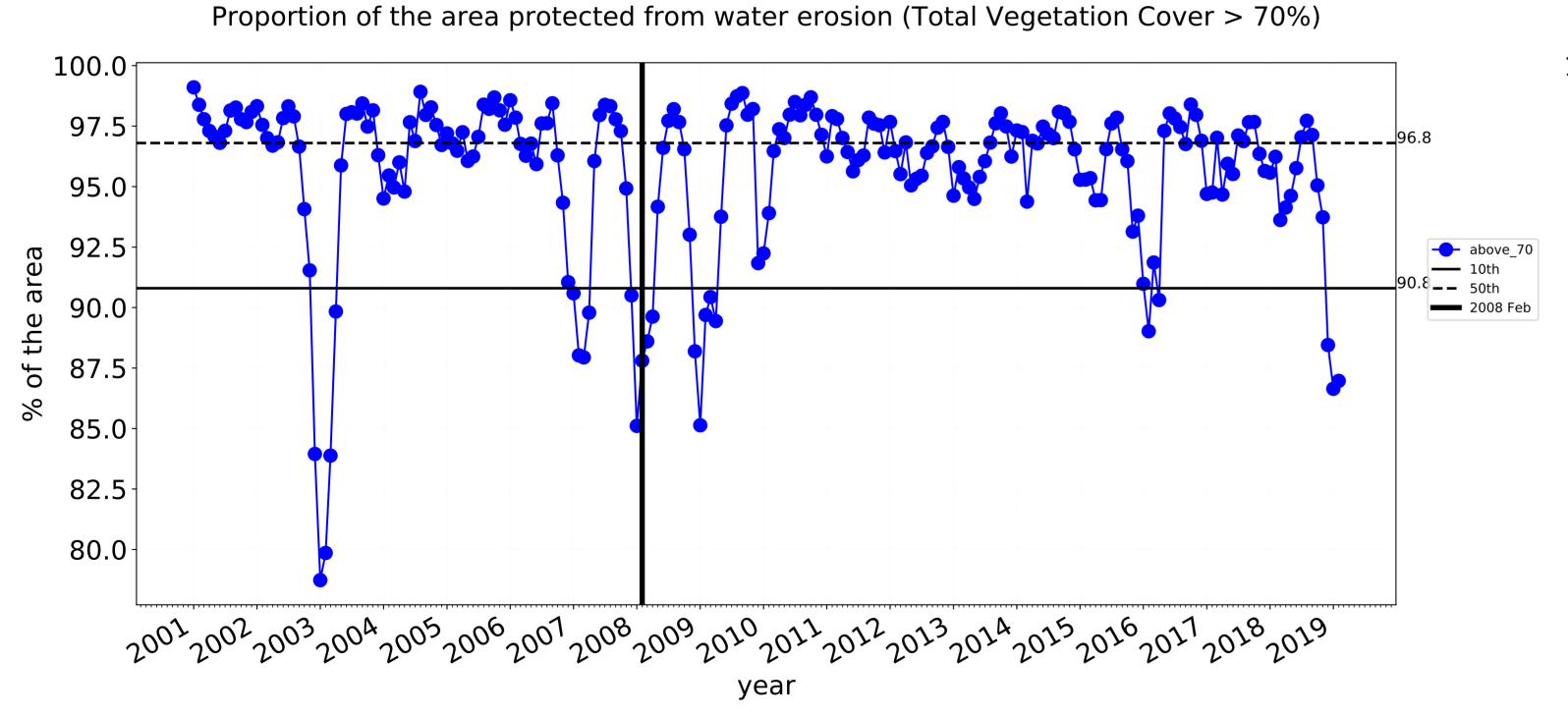


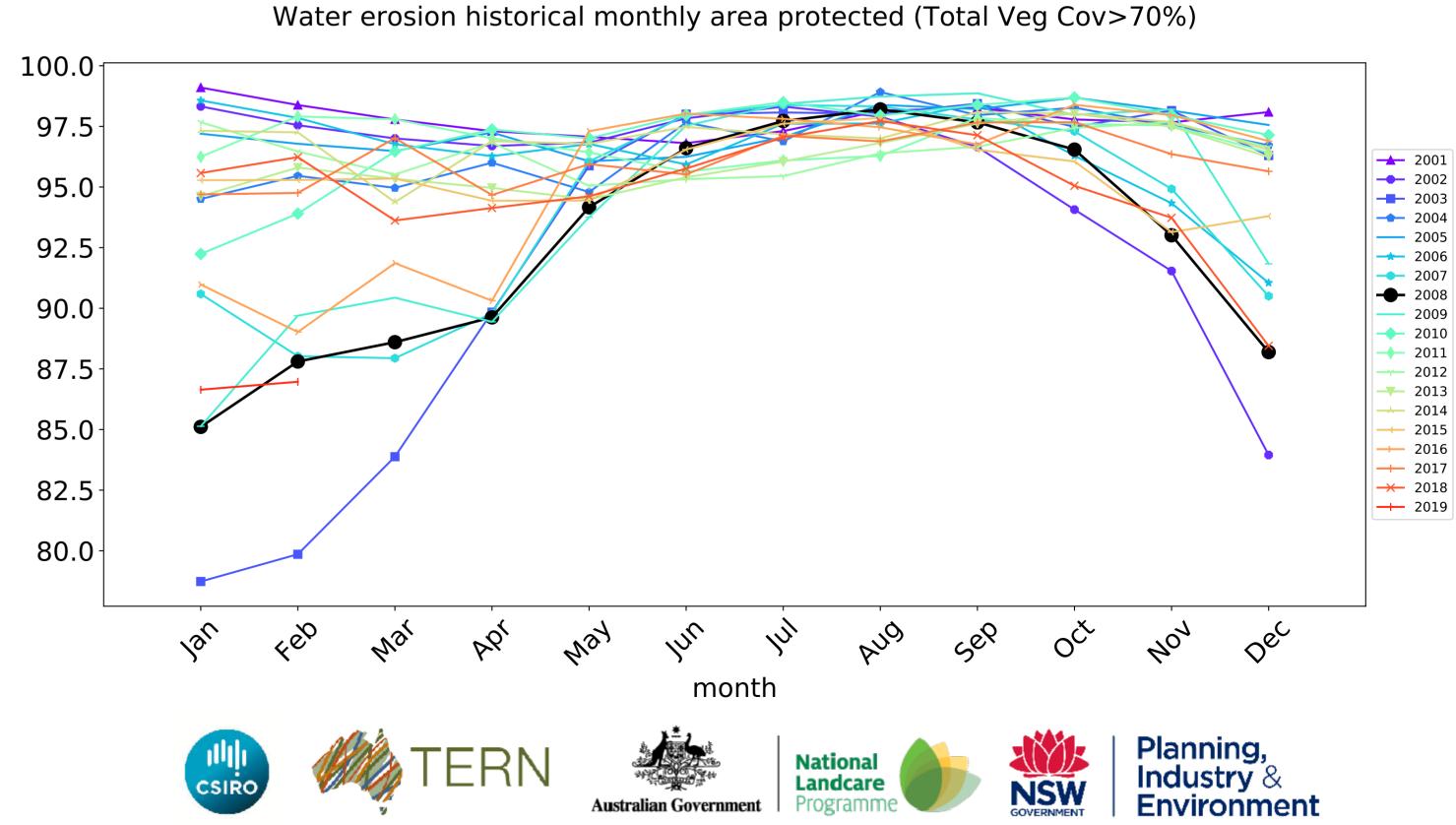


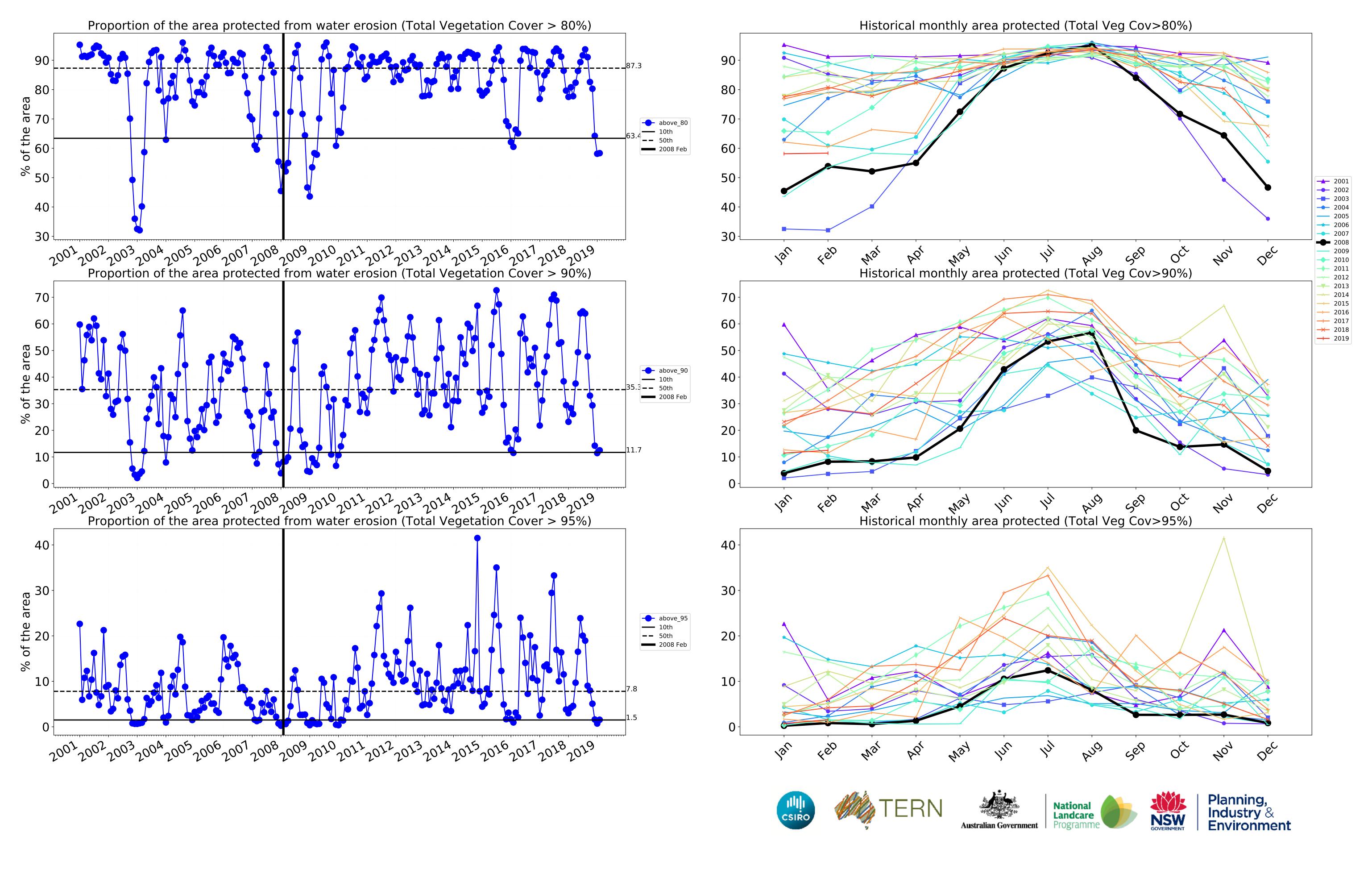
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# **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

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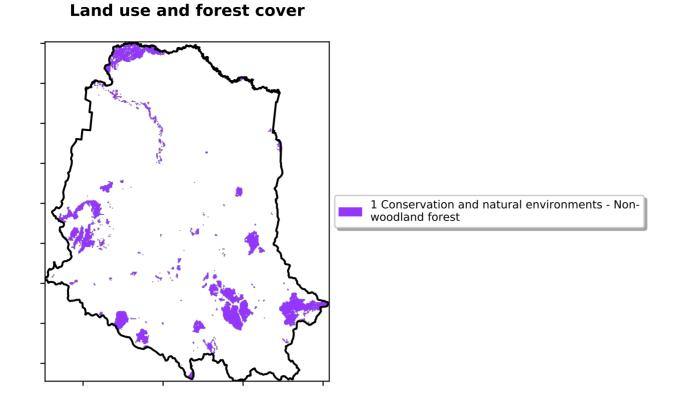
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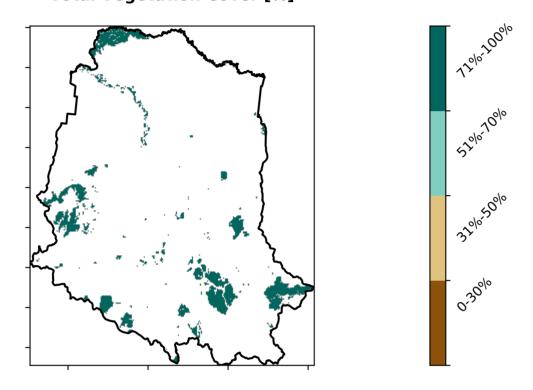
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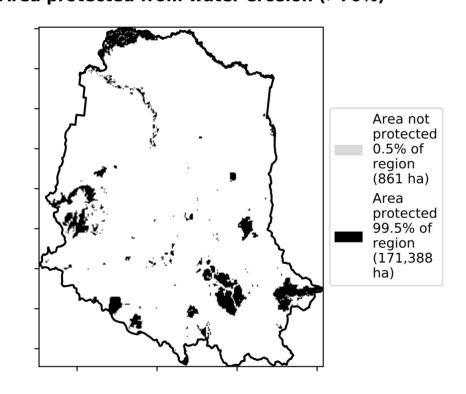
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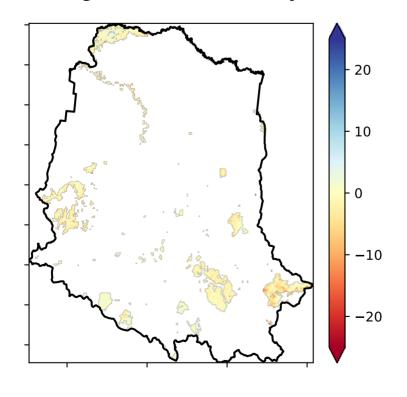
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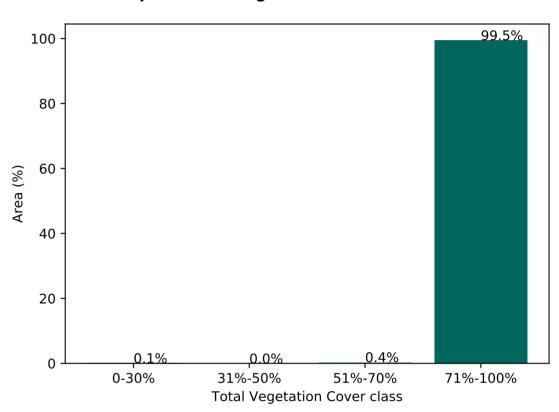


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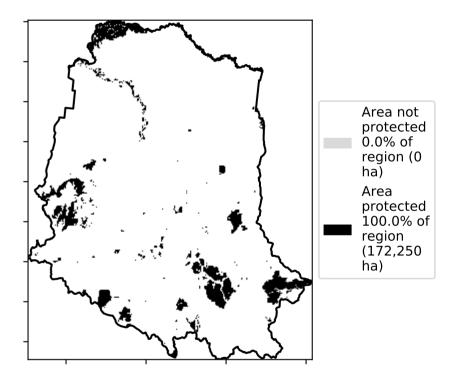


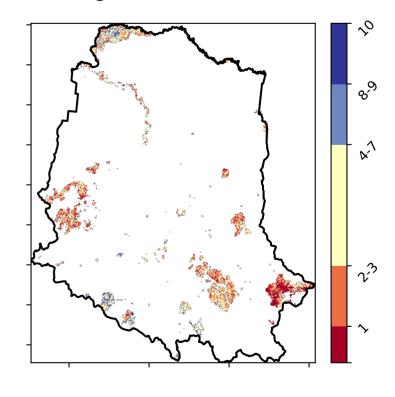
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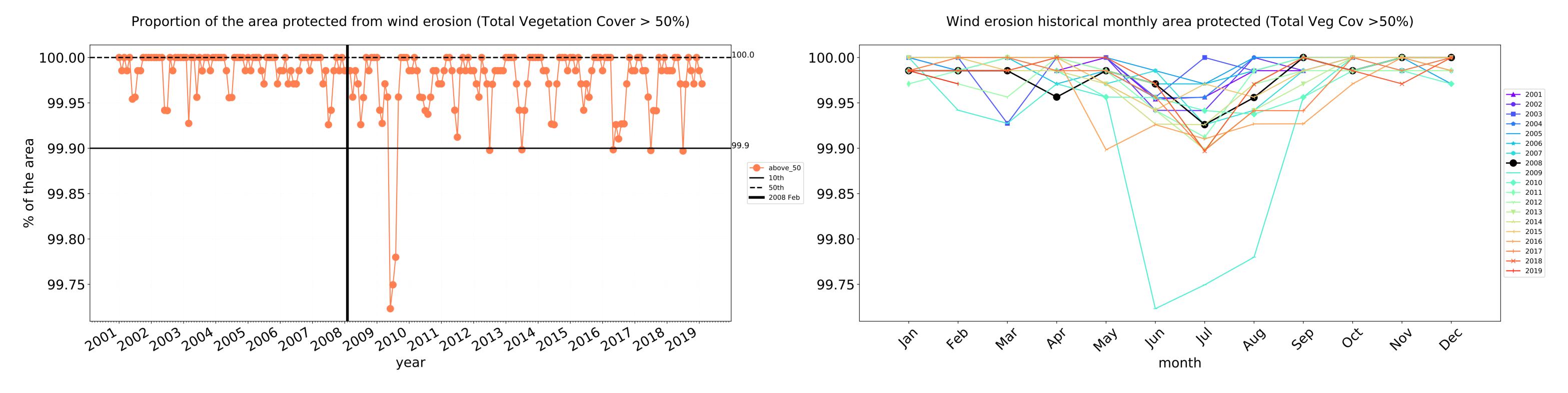


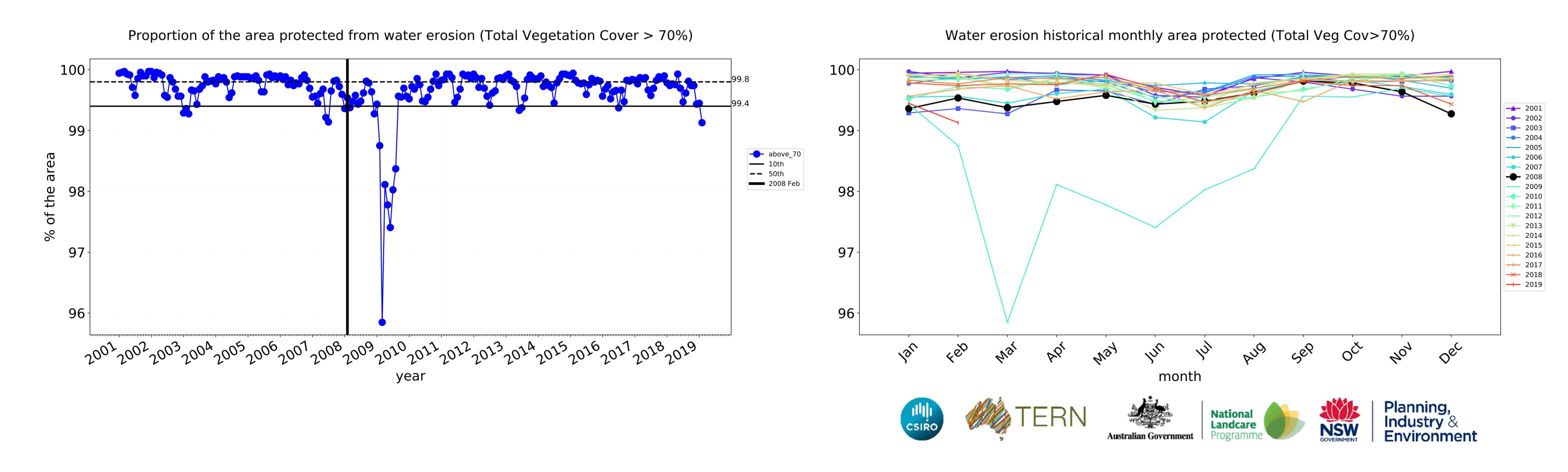


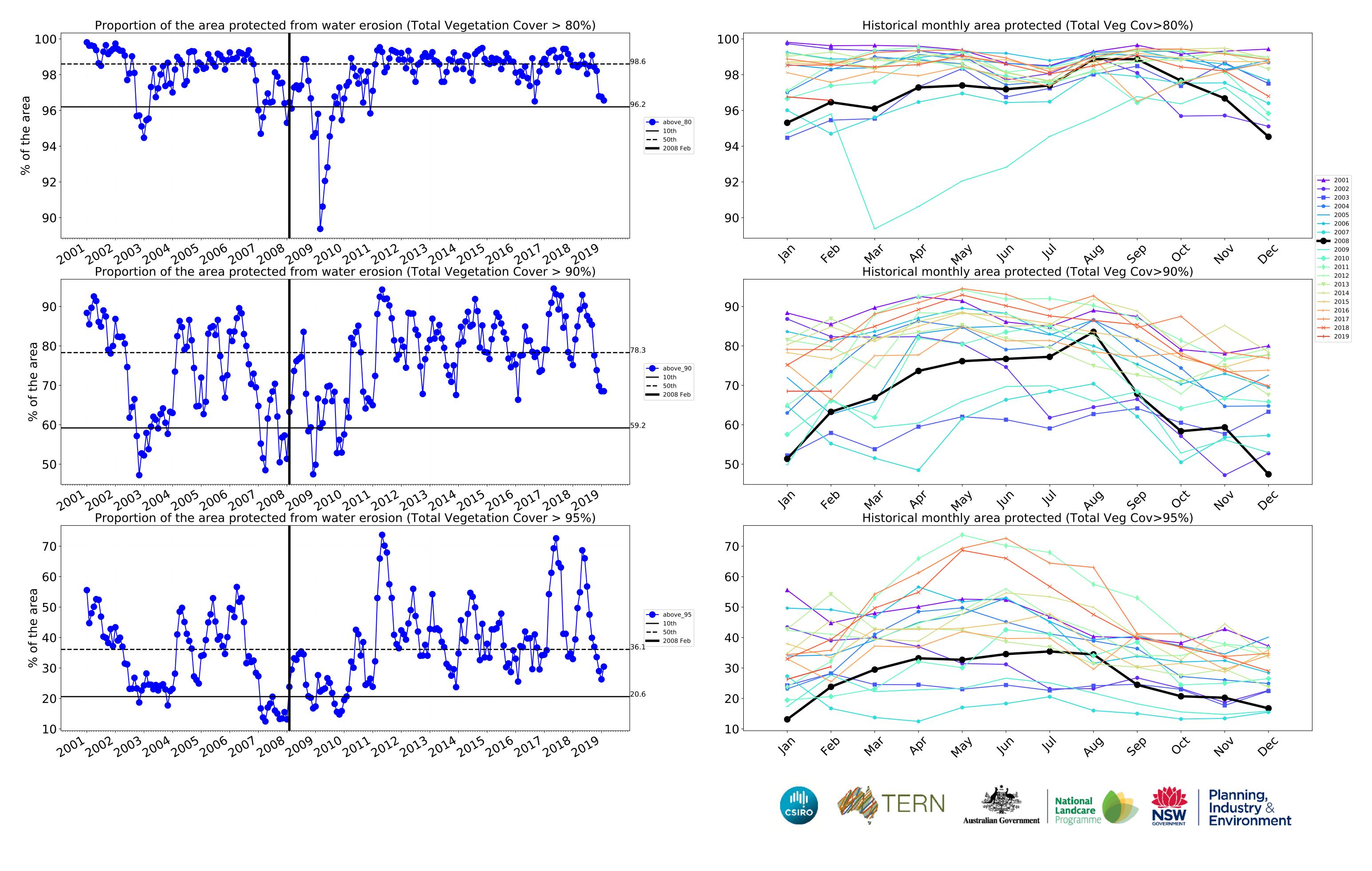












# **Agriculture**

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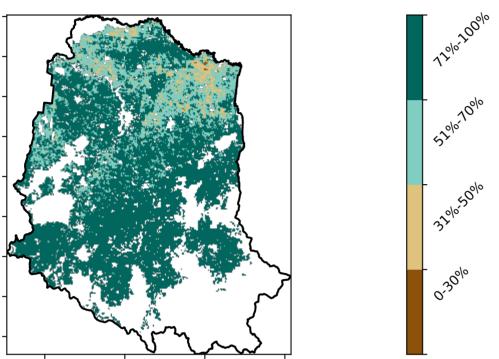
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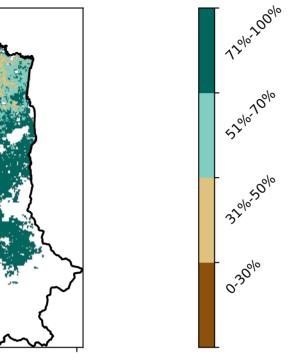
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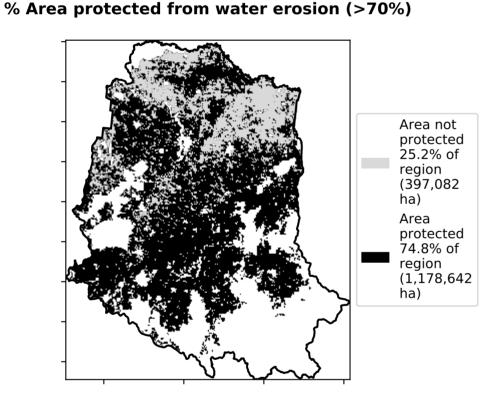
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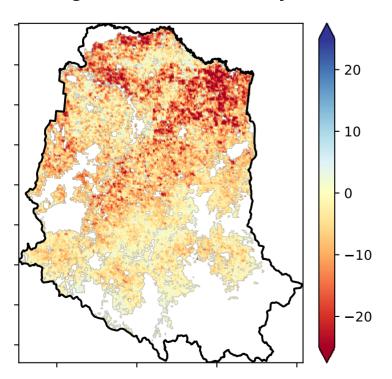


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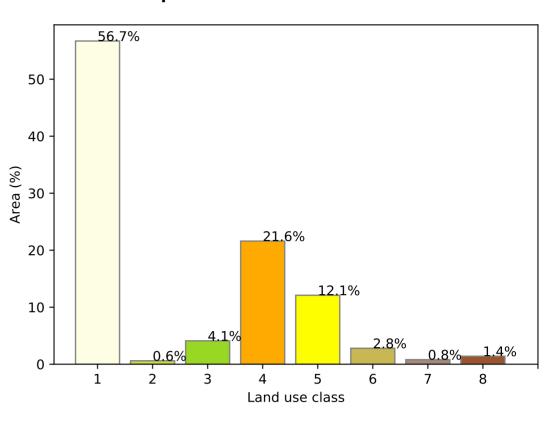


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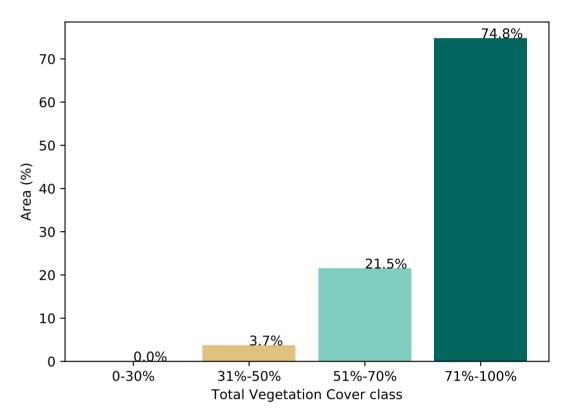


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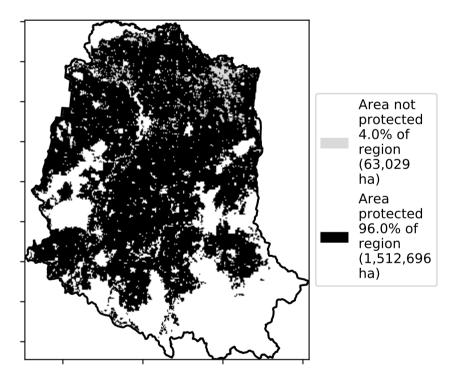
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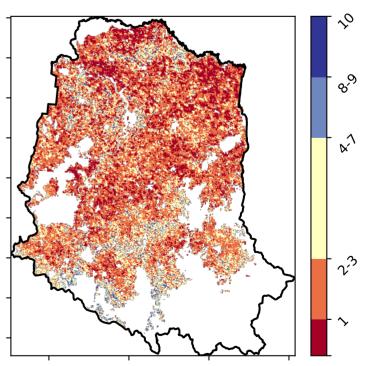


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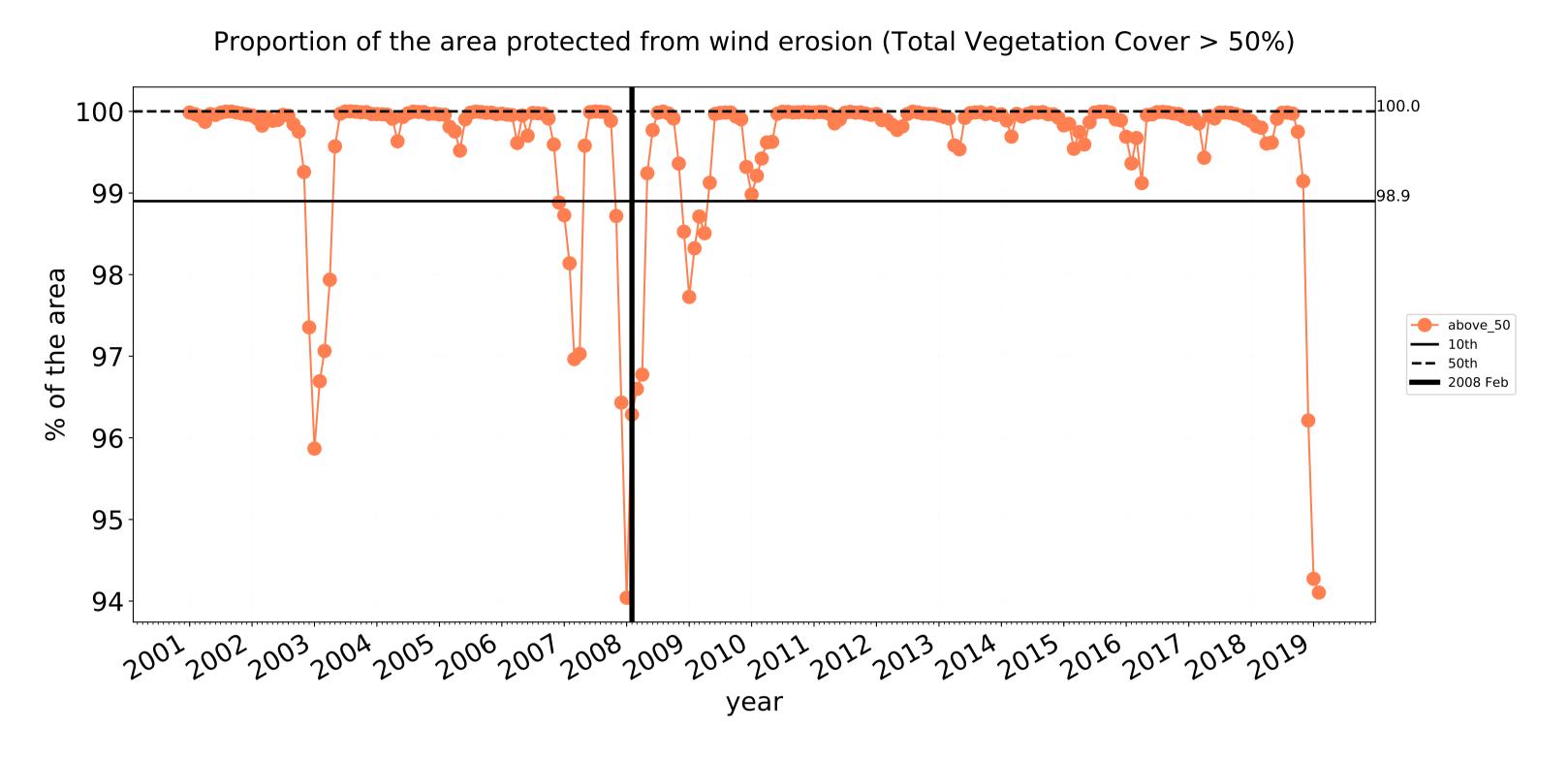


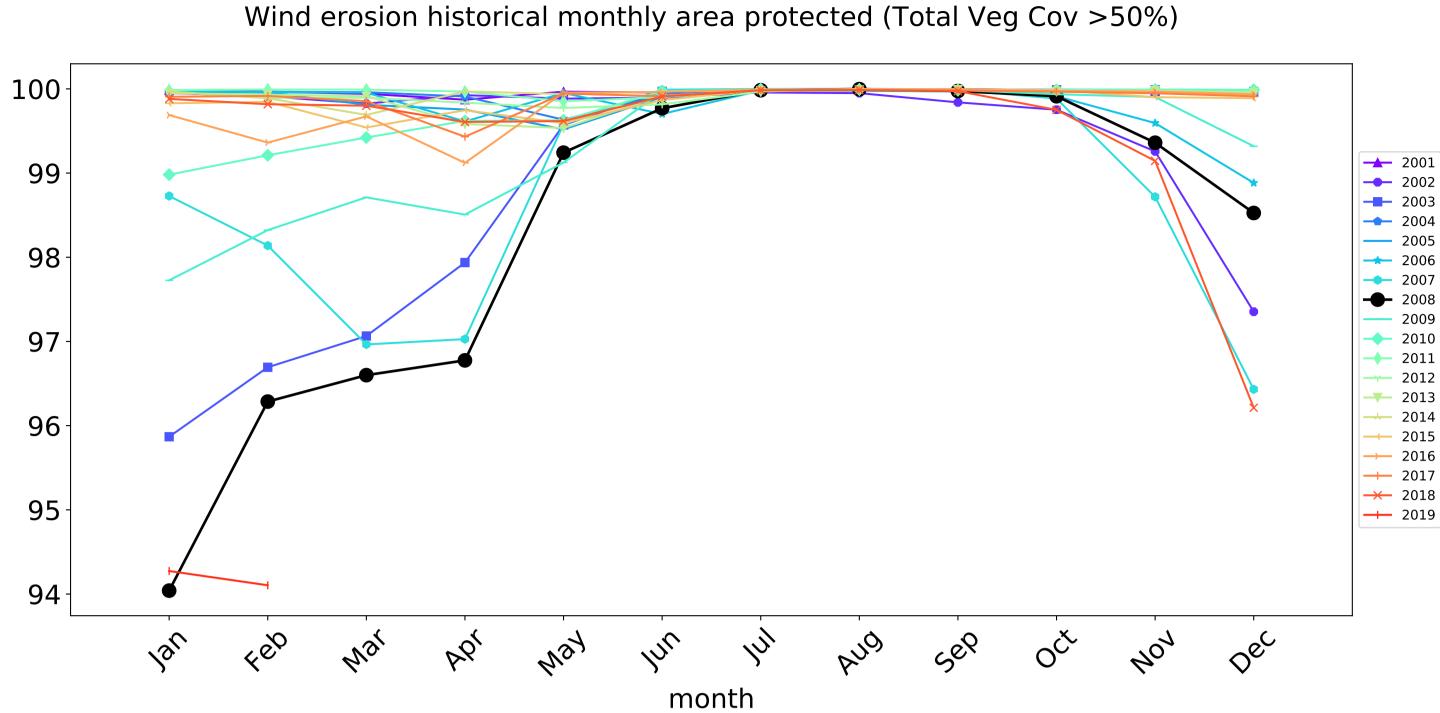


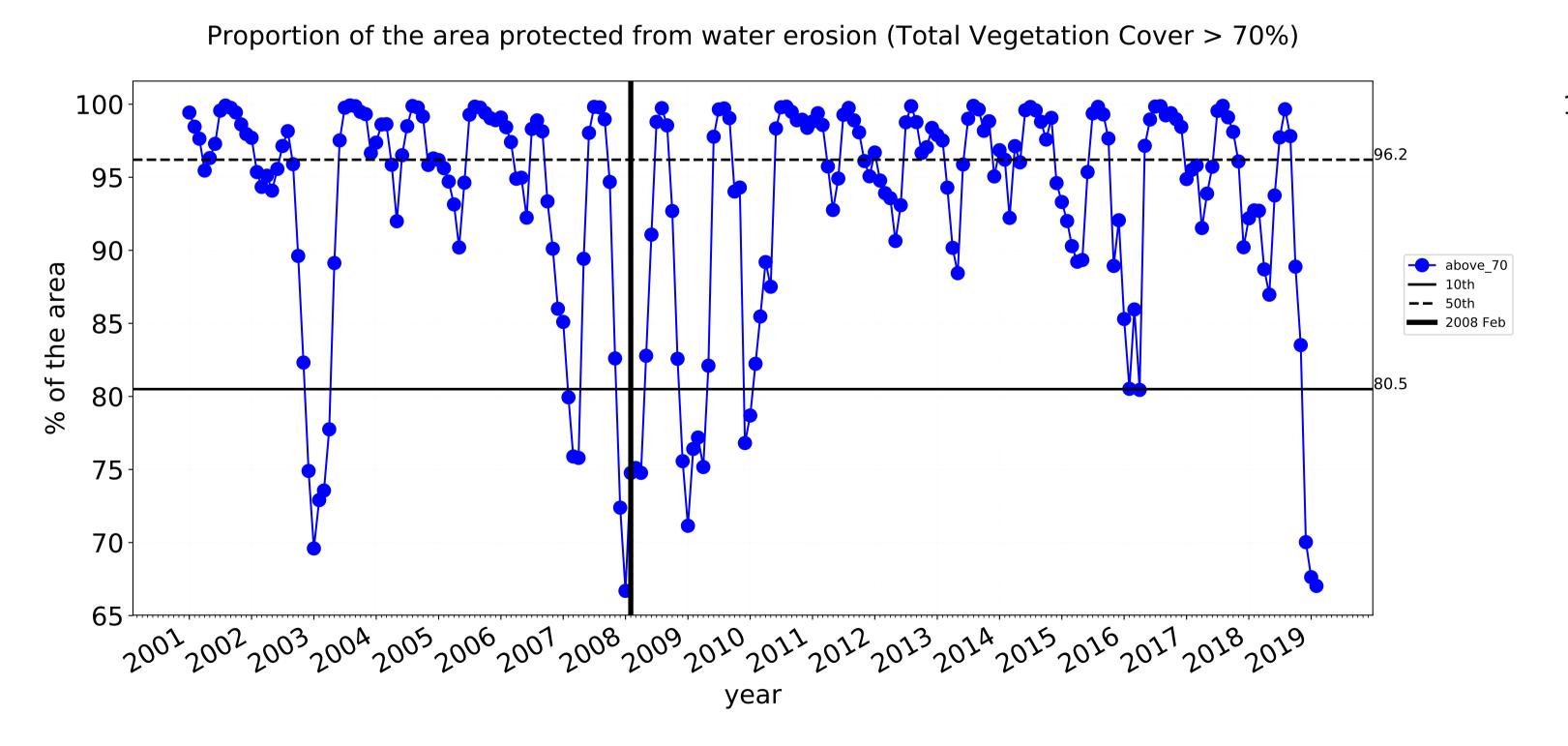


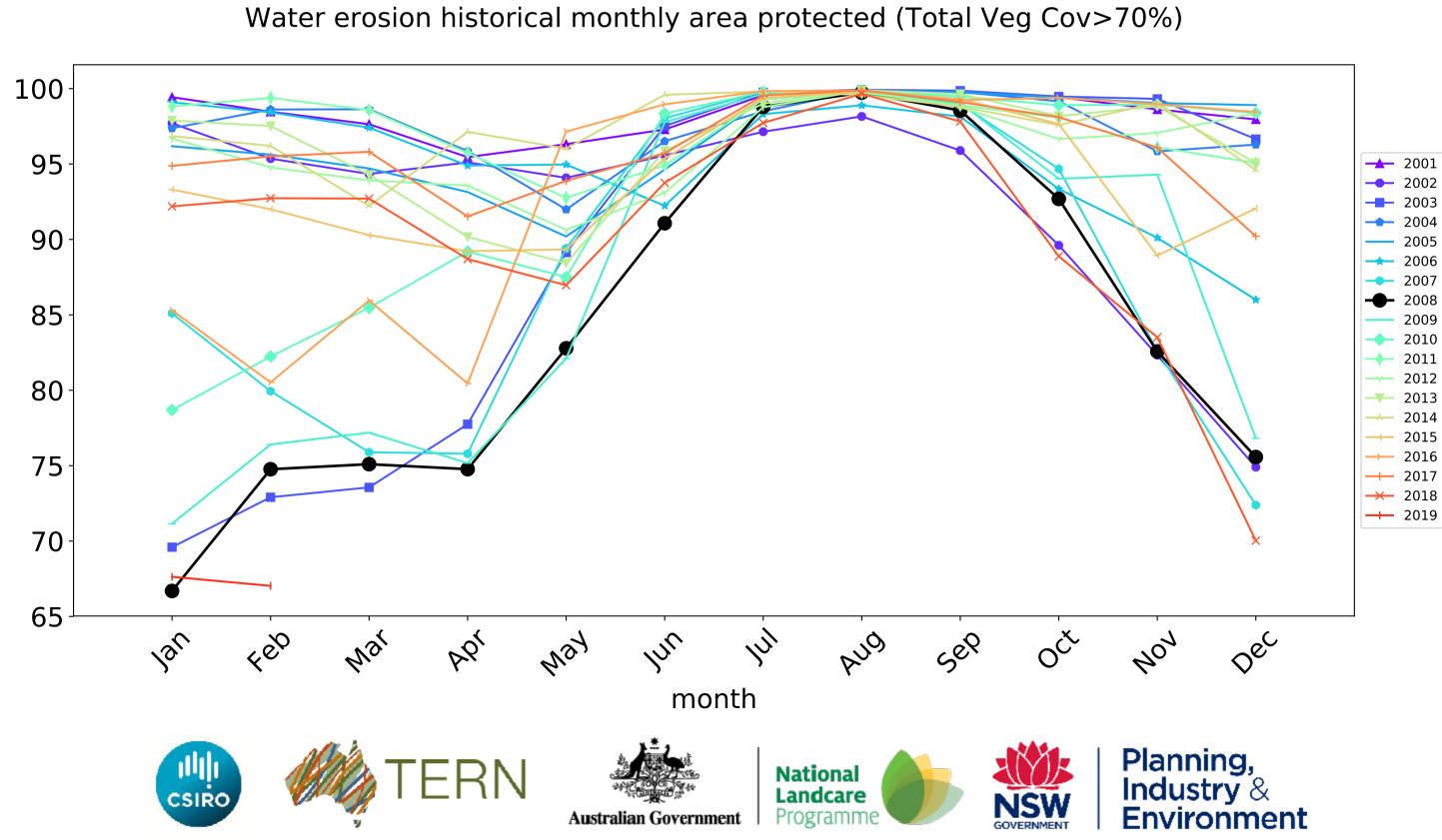


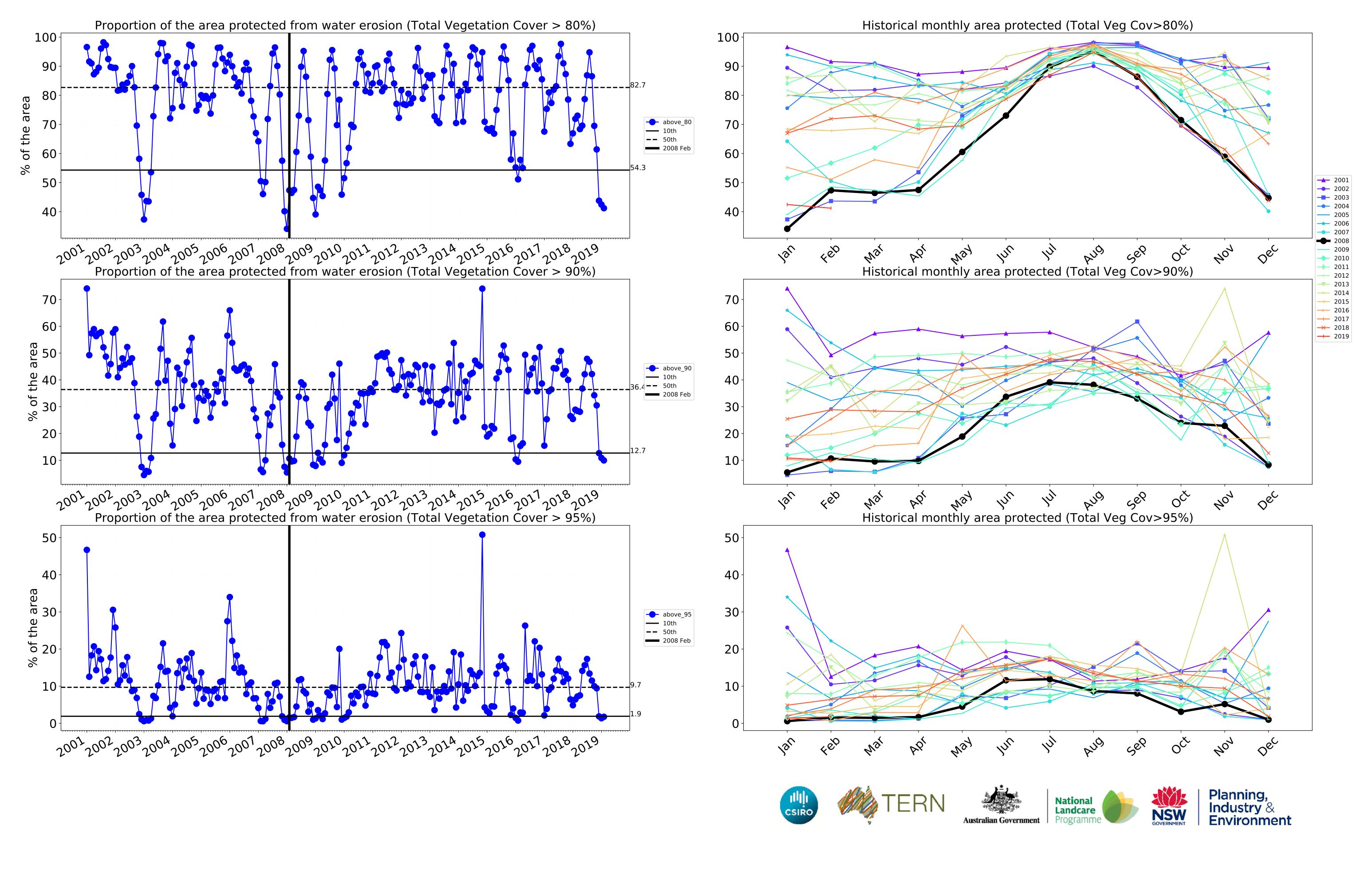
# **Agriculture timeseries**











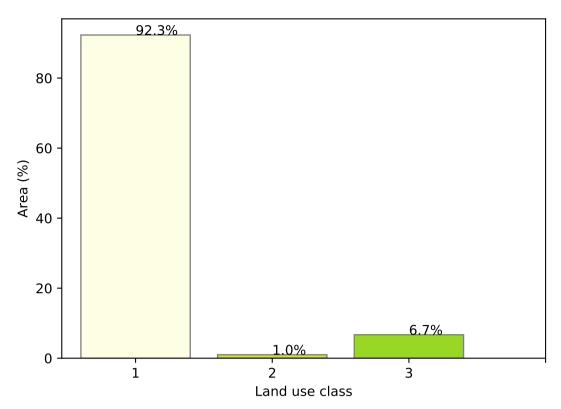
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# **Land use and forest cover**

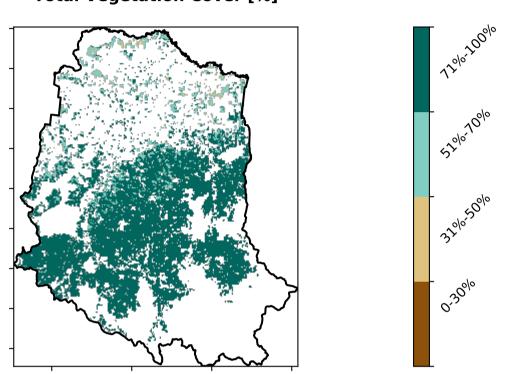
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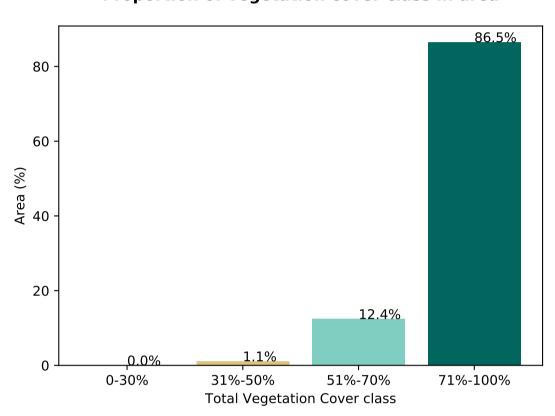
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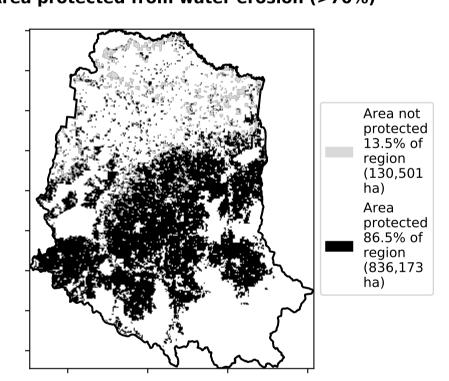
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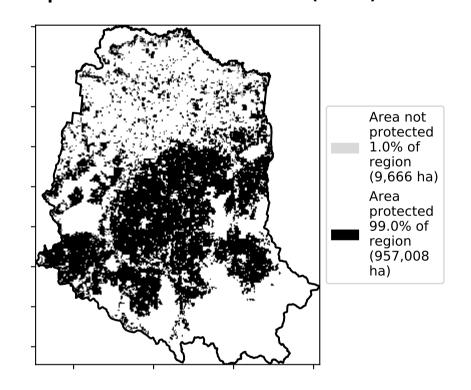
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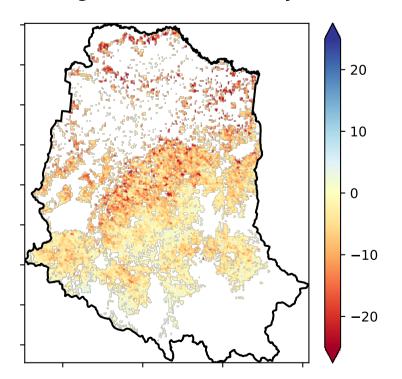
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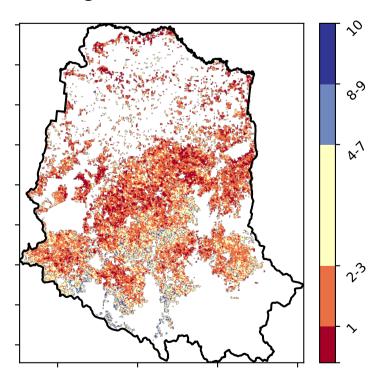


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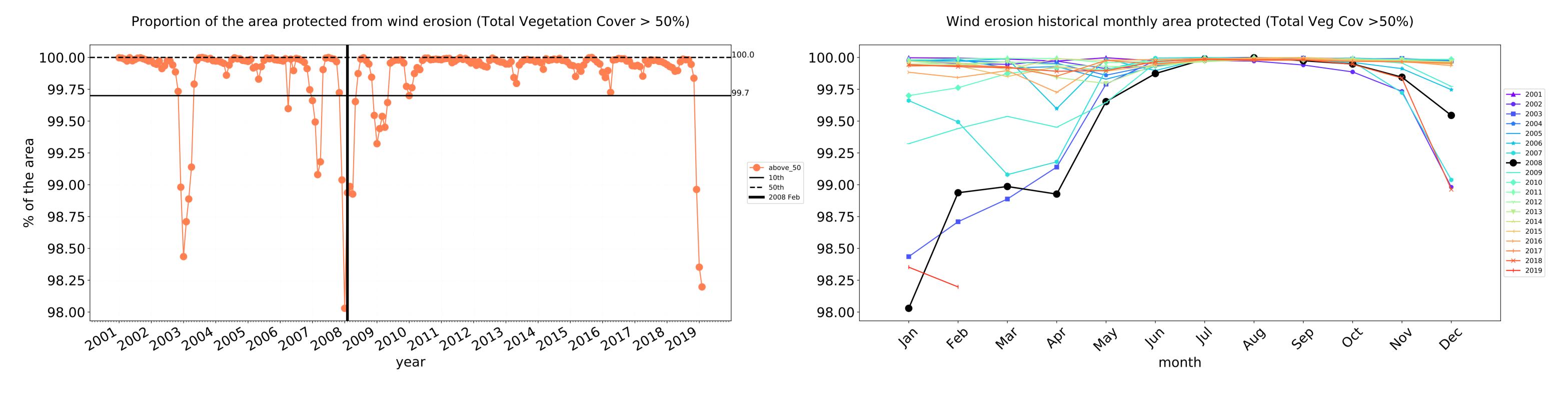


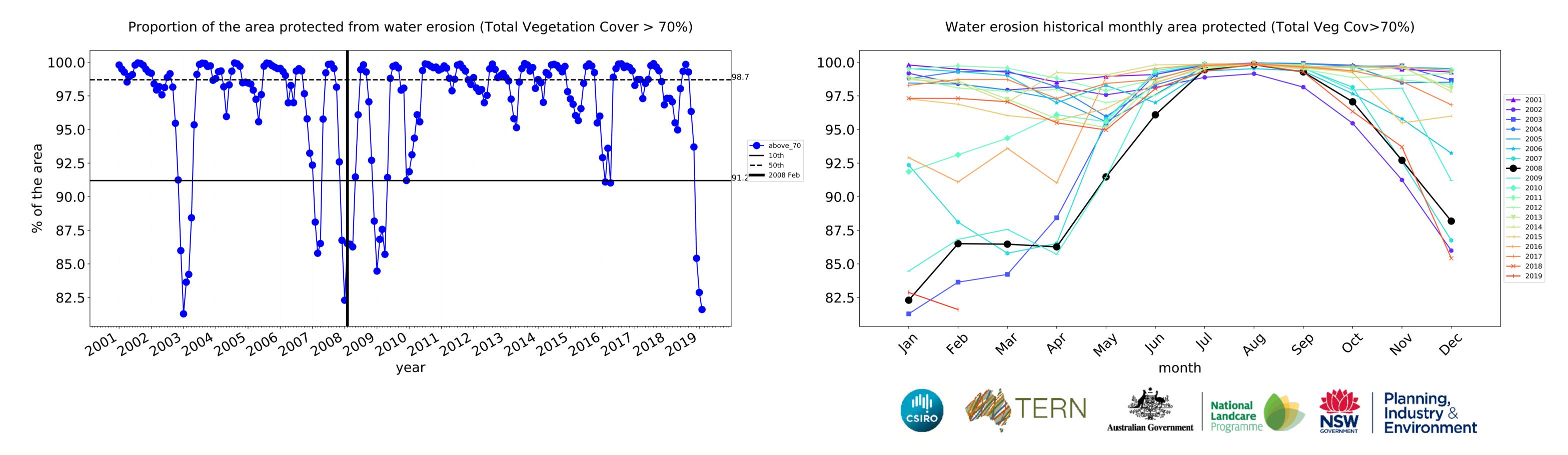


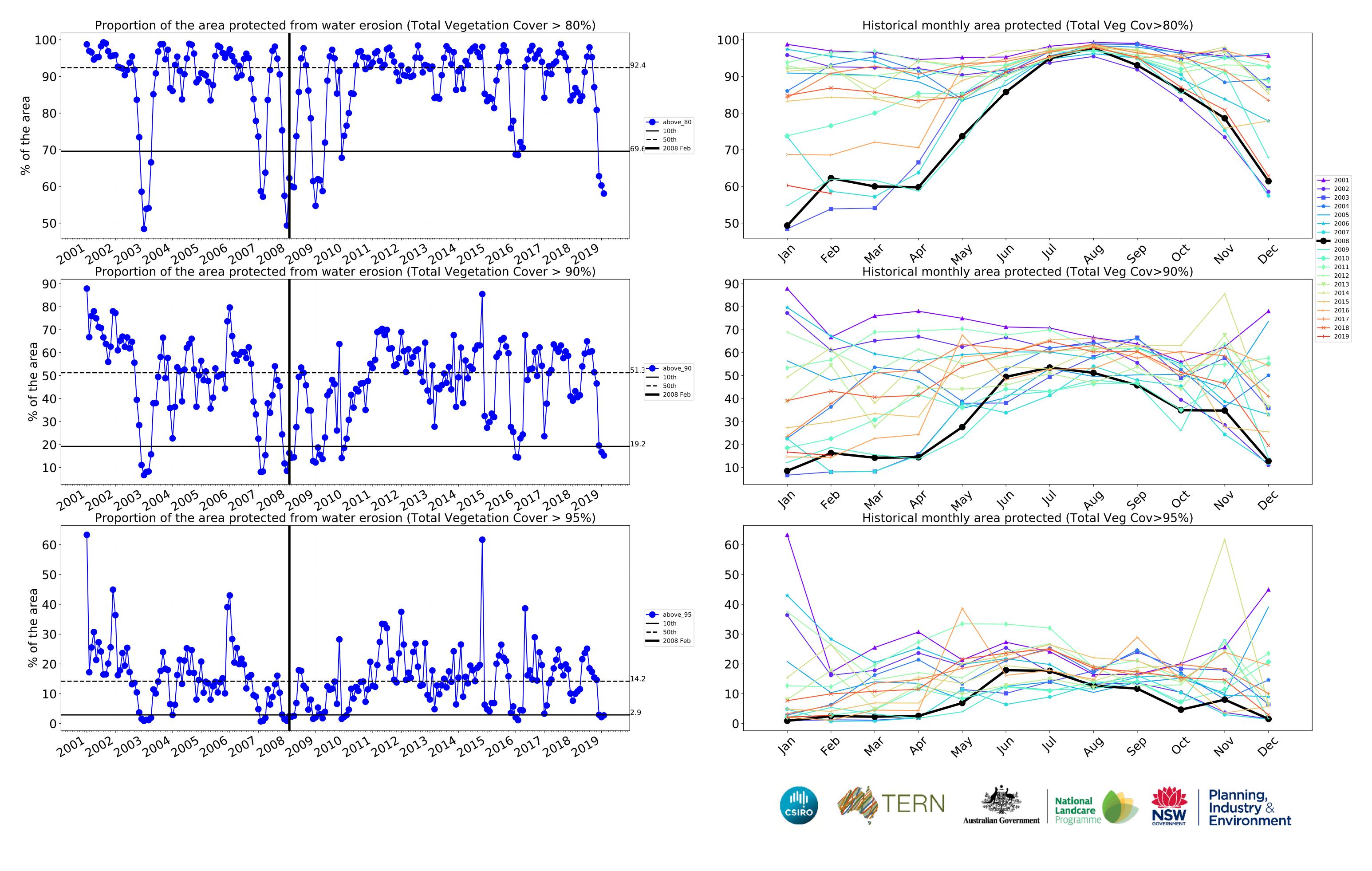




# **Grazing timeseries**







# **Grazing non forest**

### **Land use and forest cover**

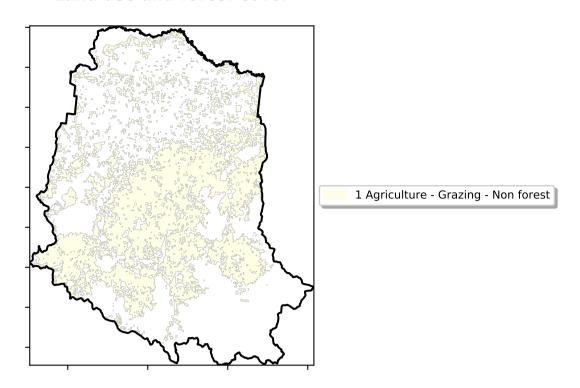
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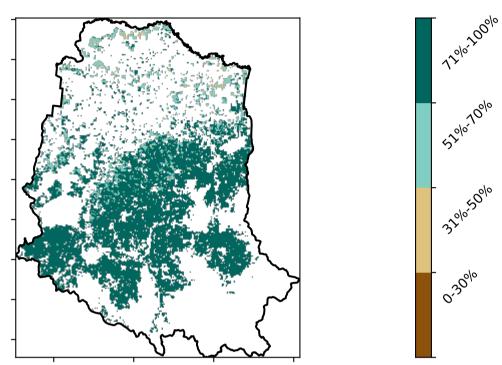
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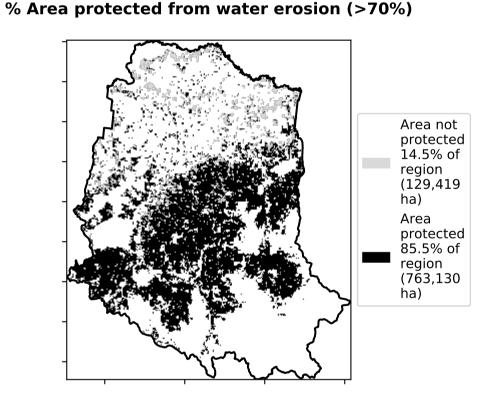
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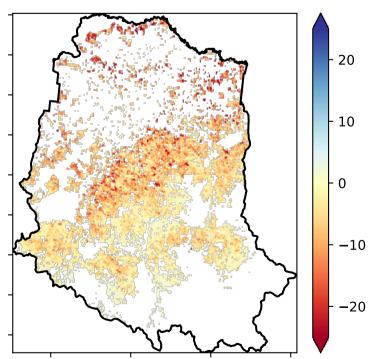


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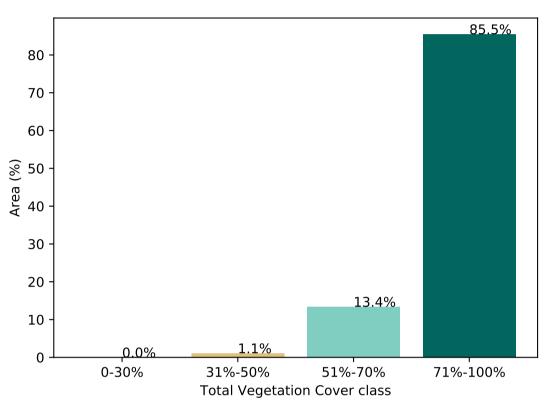


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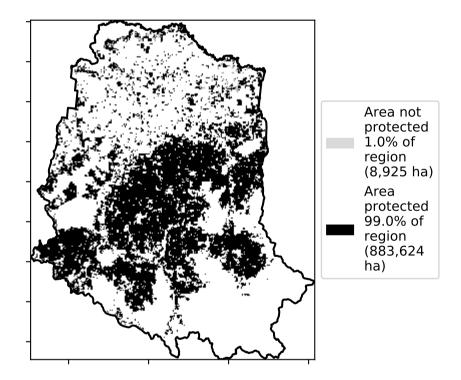


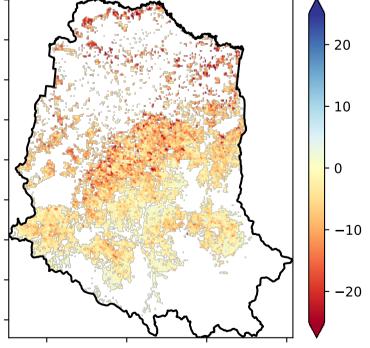
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**

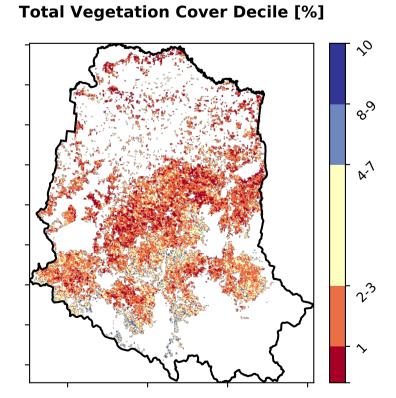


# % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





records for that month of







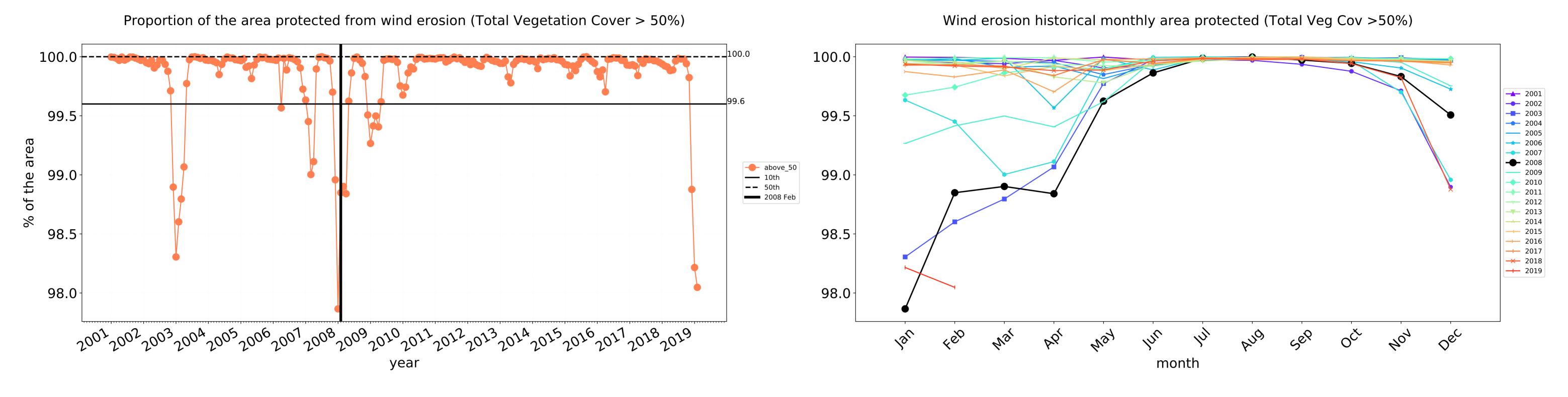


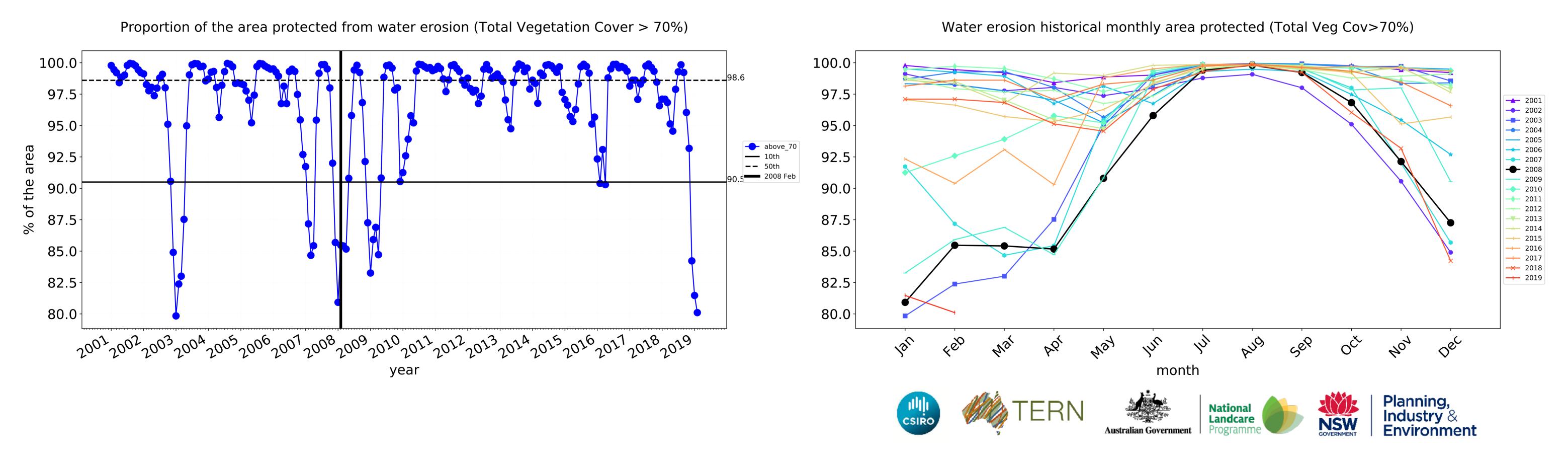


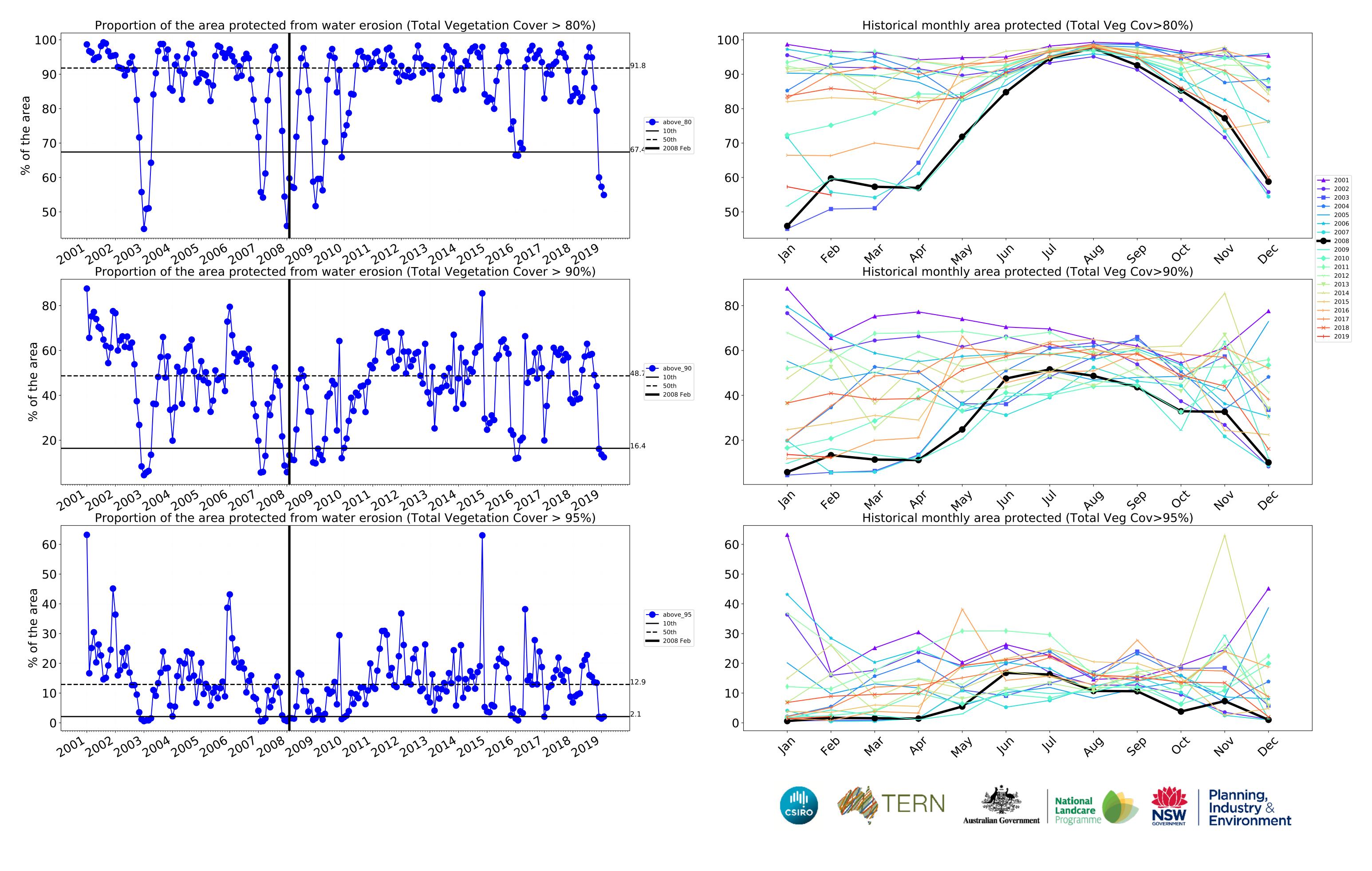




# **Grazing non forest timeseries**







# **Grazing - Forest (non woodland)**

# Land use and forest cover

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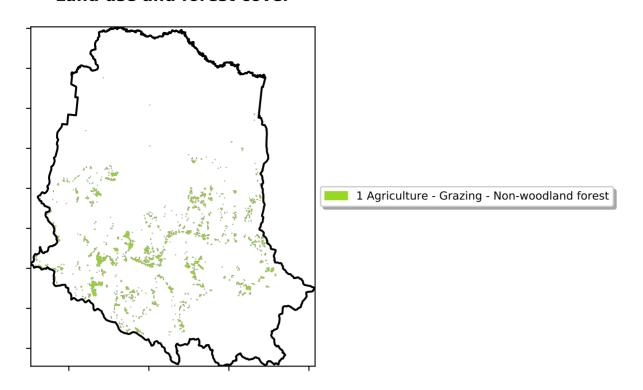
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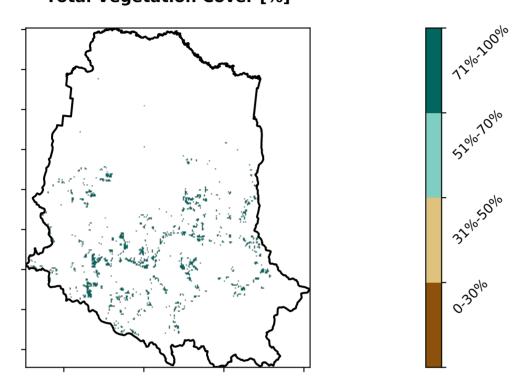
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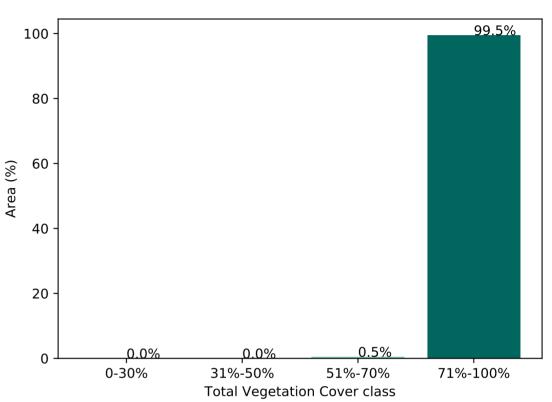
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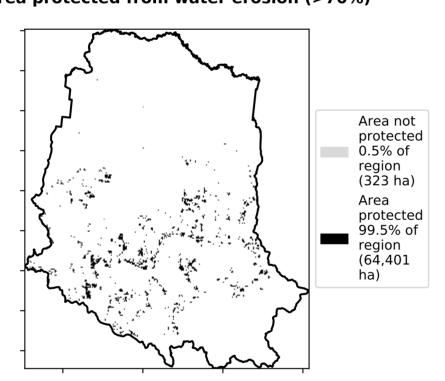
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



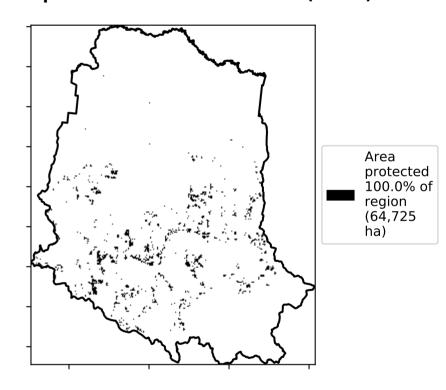
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



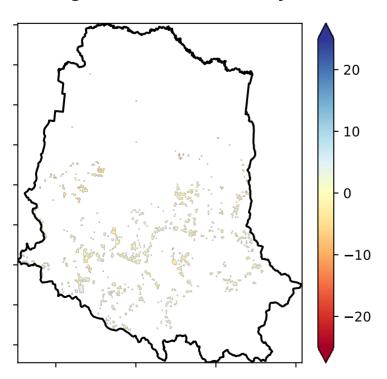
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



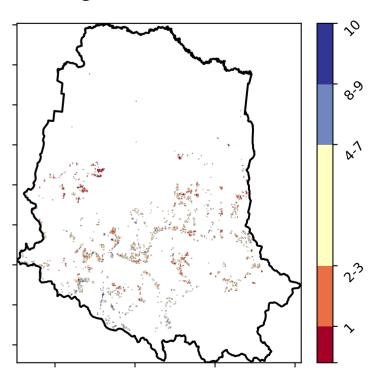
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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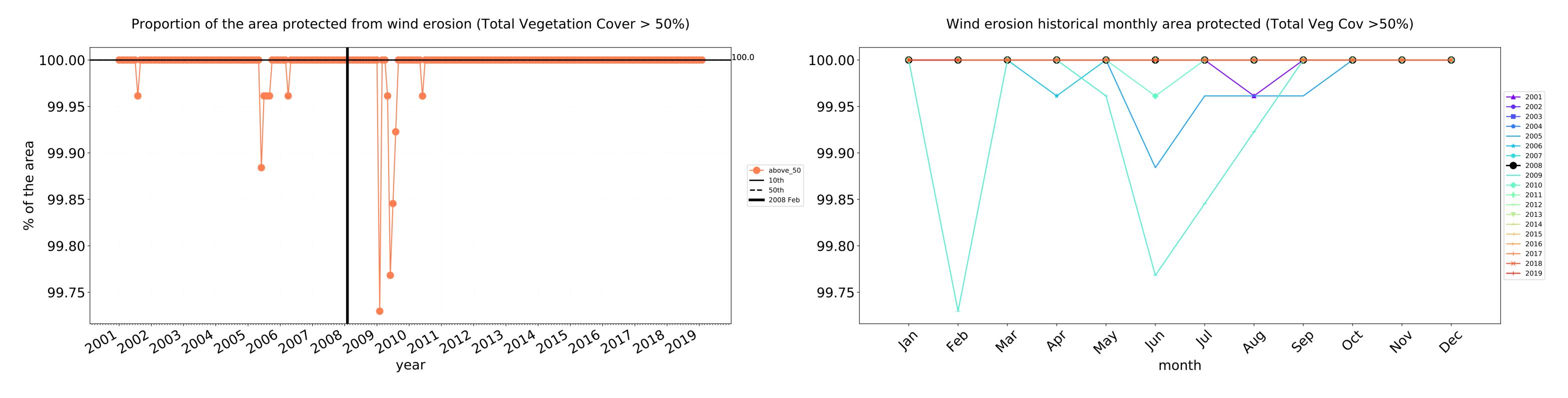


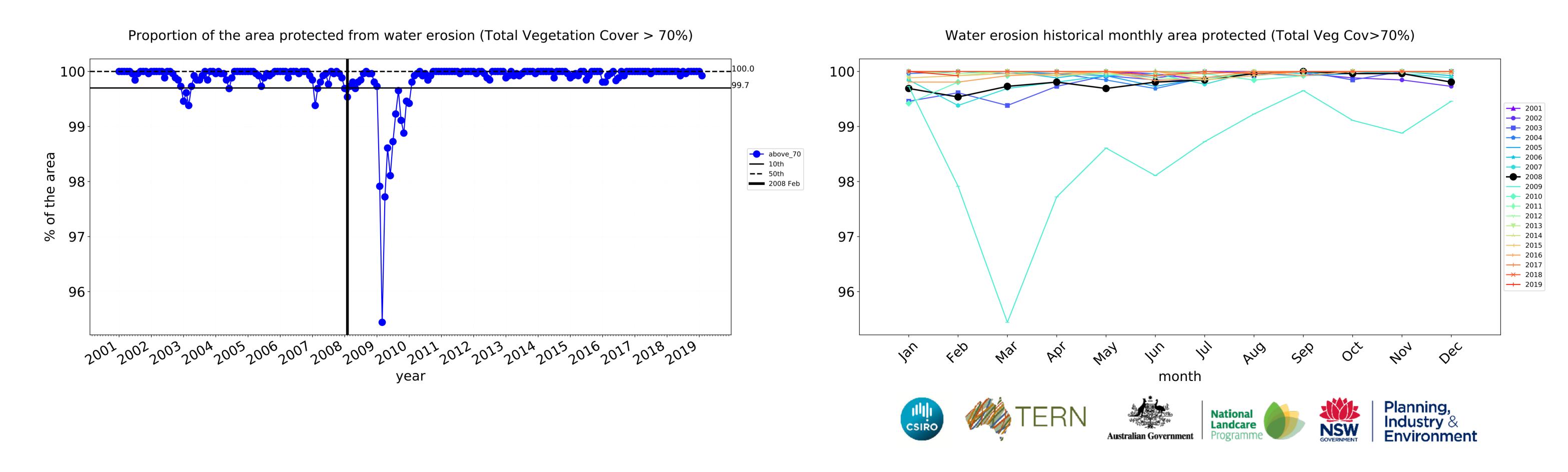


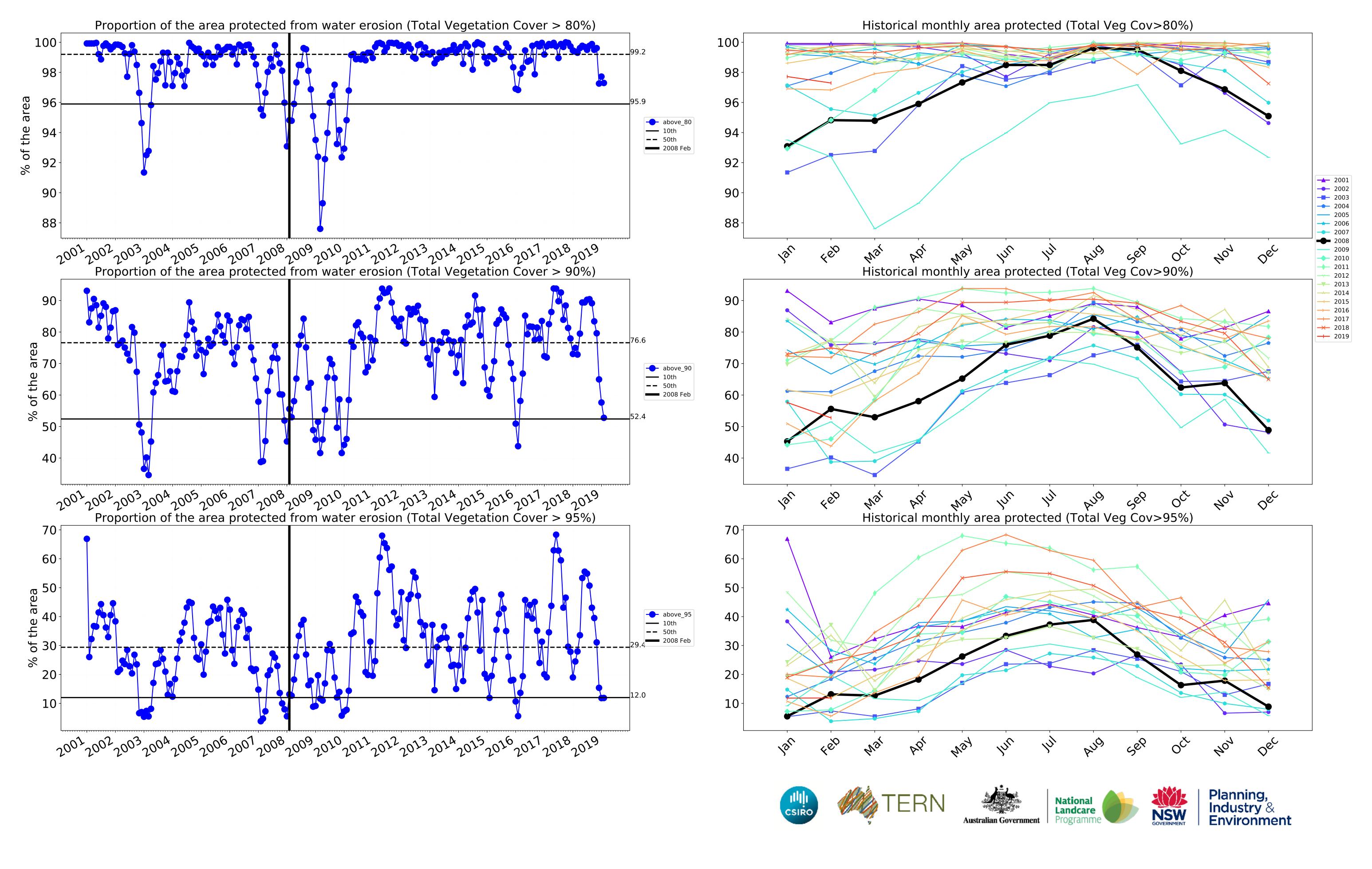












# **Cropping**

#### Land use and forest cover

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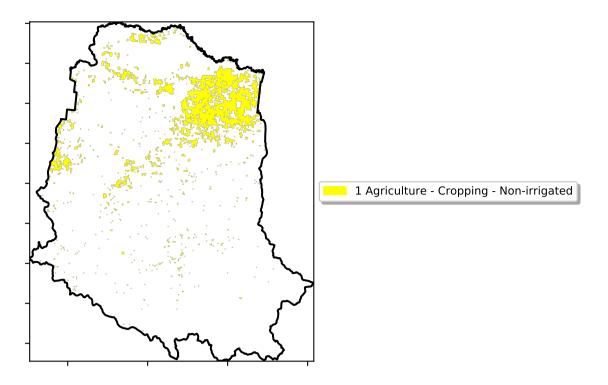
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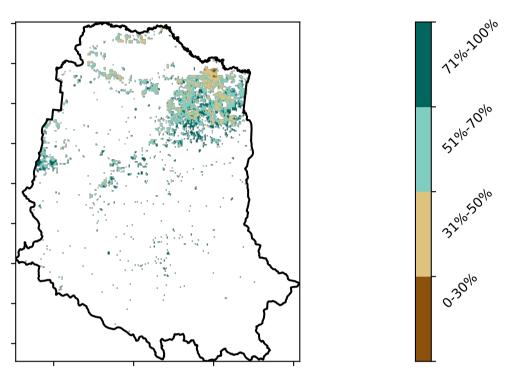
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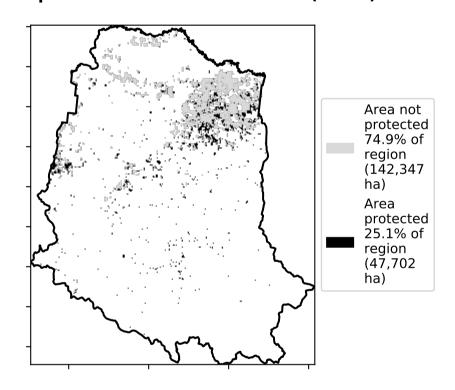
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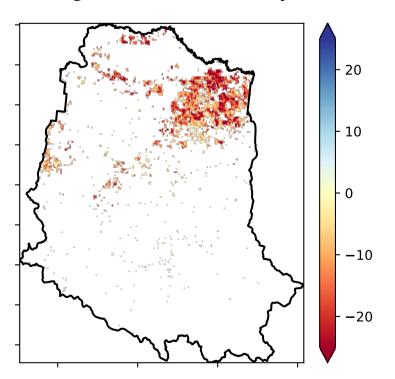
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

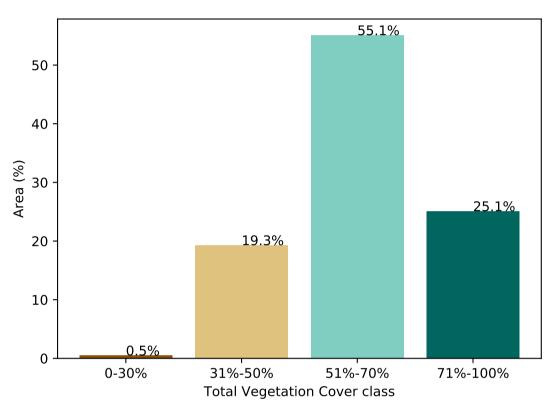


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

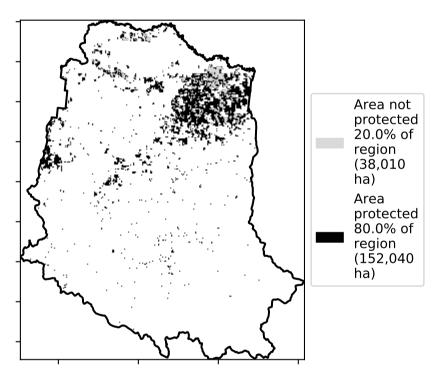


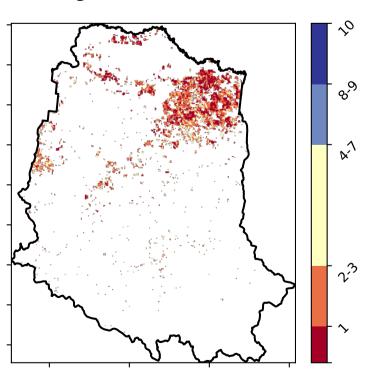
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# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









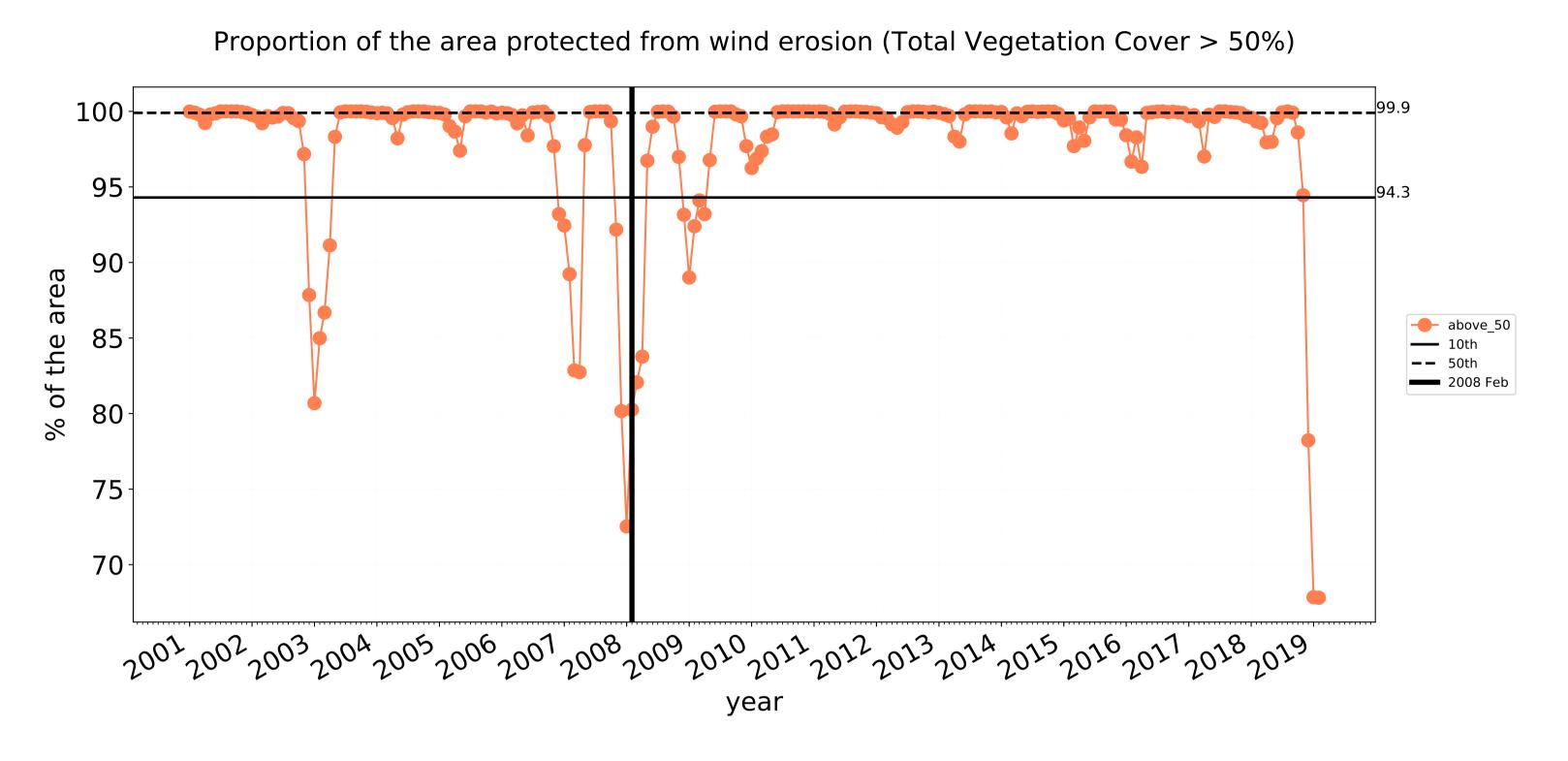


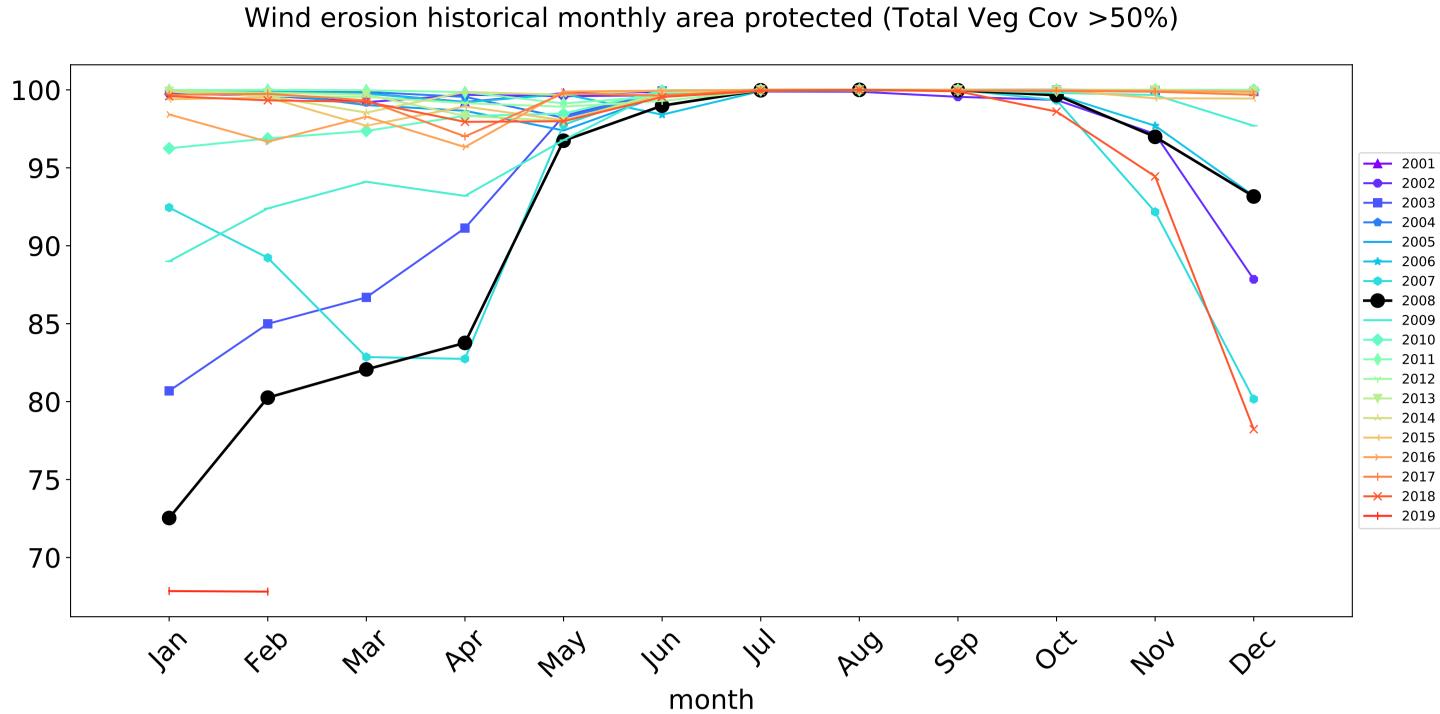


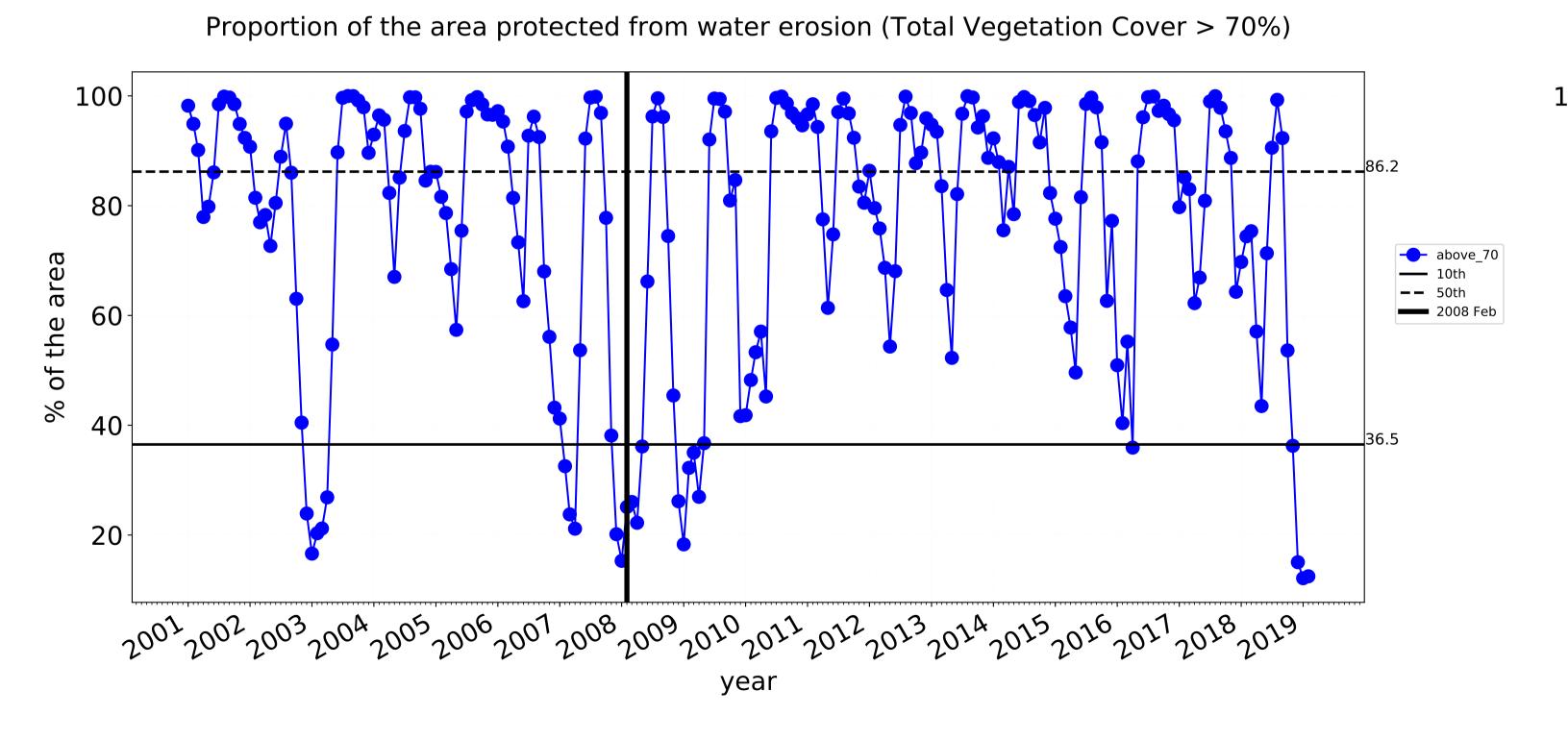


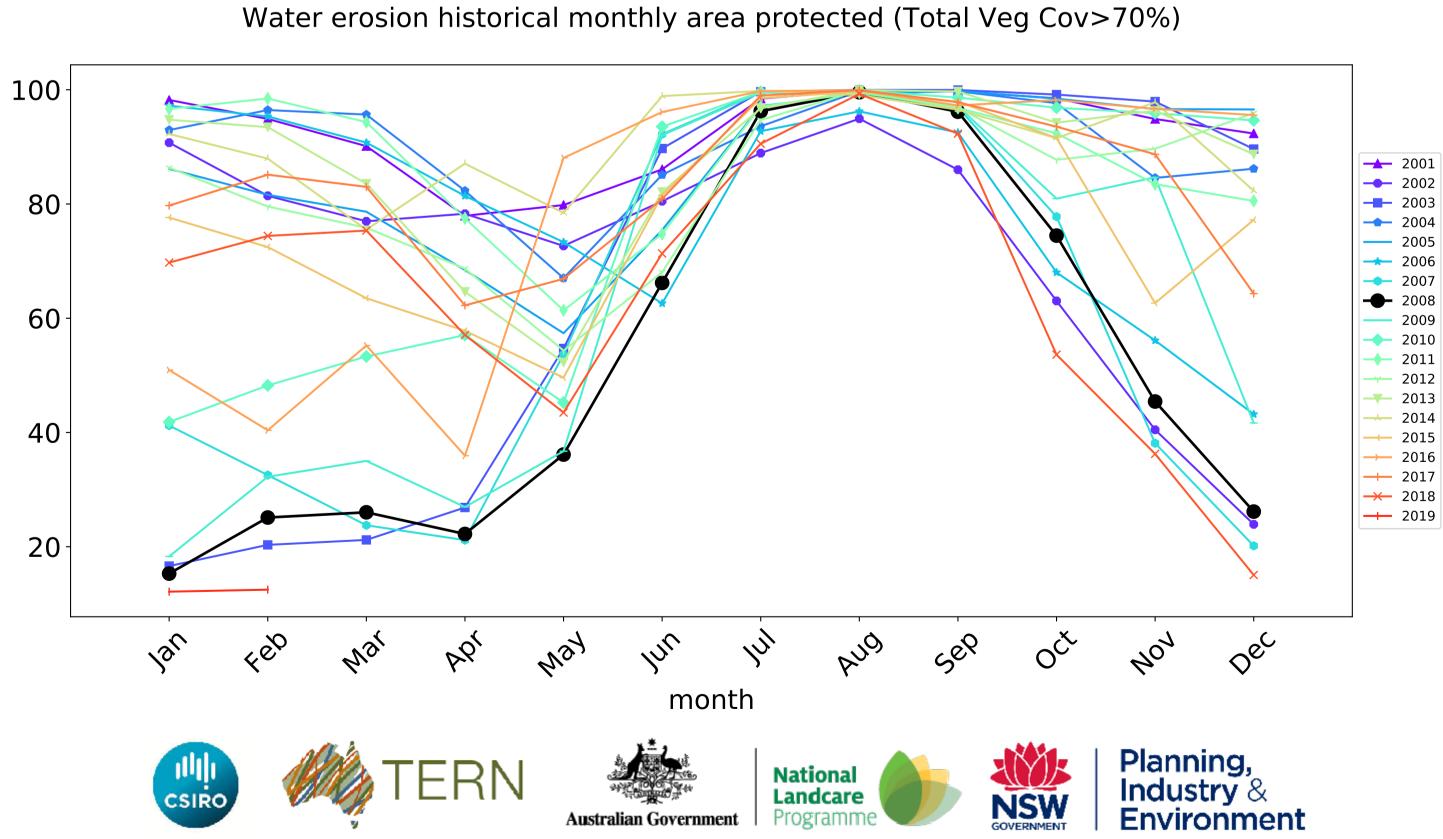


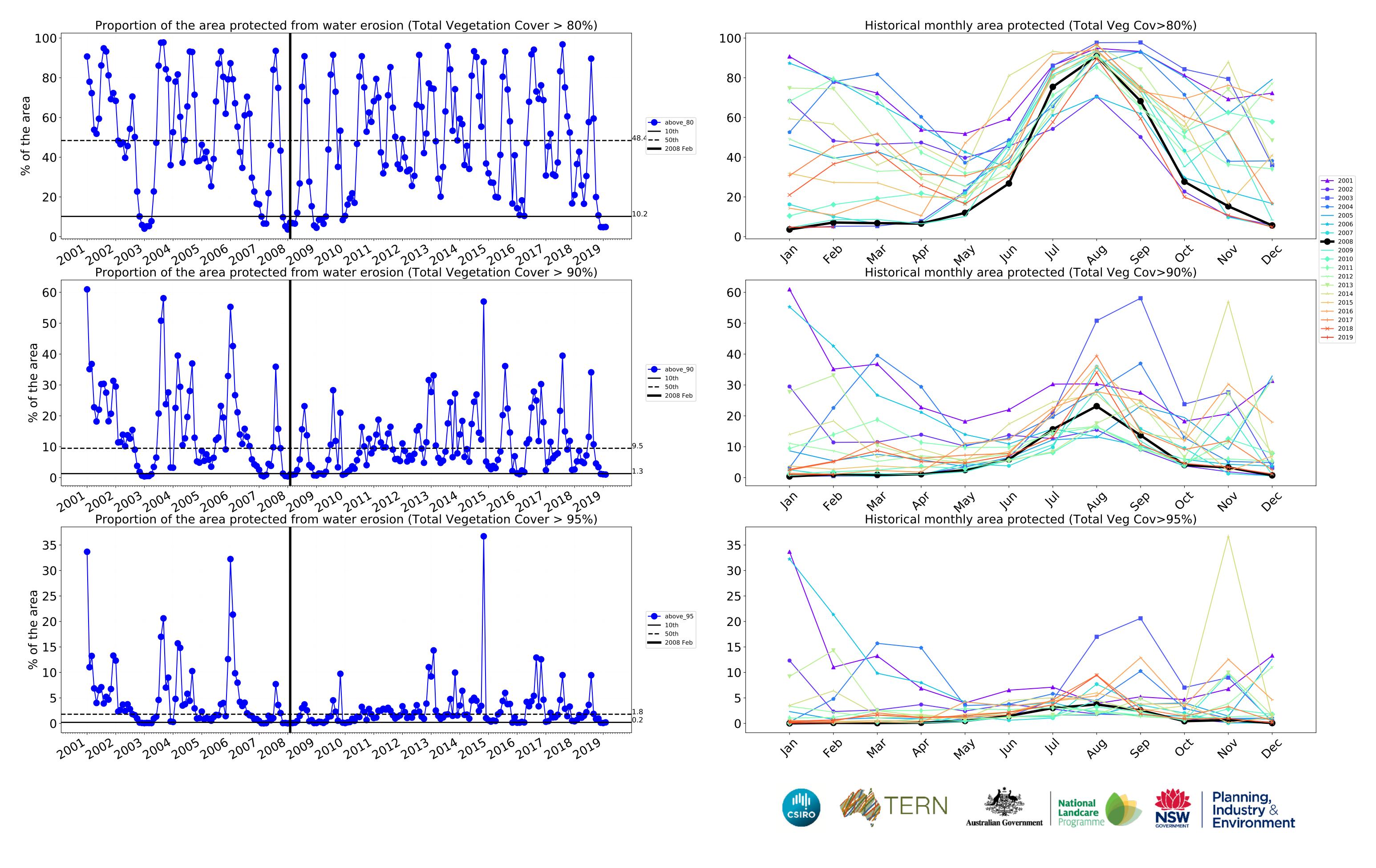
# **Cropping timeseries**











# Irrigation

# Land use and forest cover

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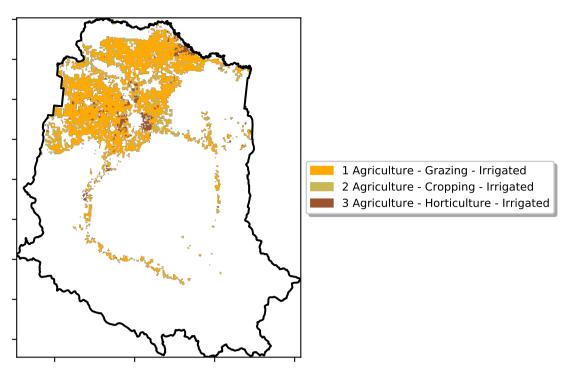
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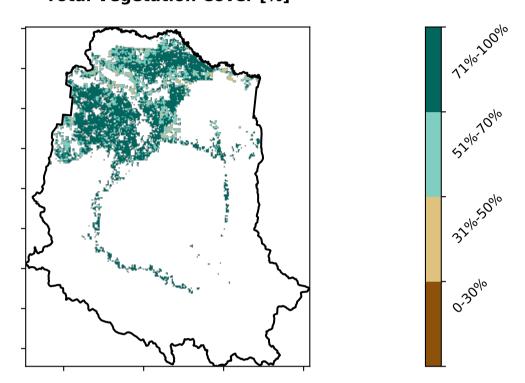
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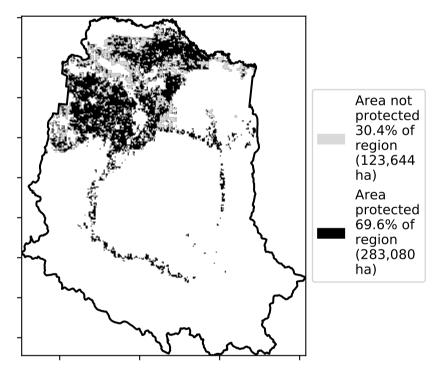
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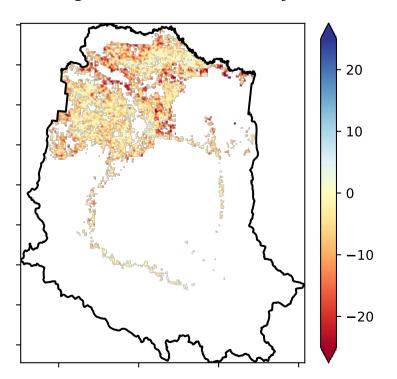
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

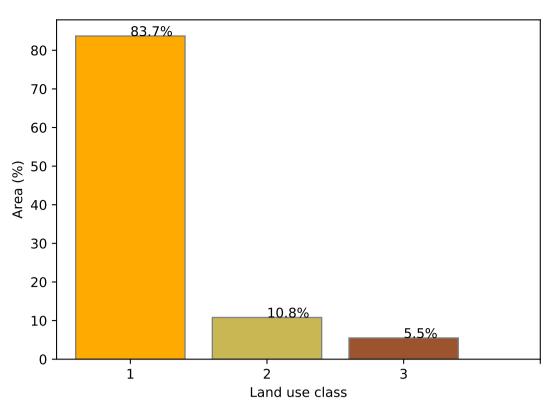


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

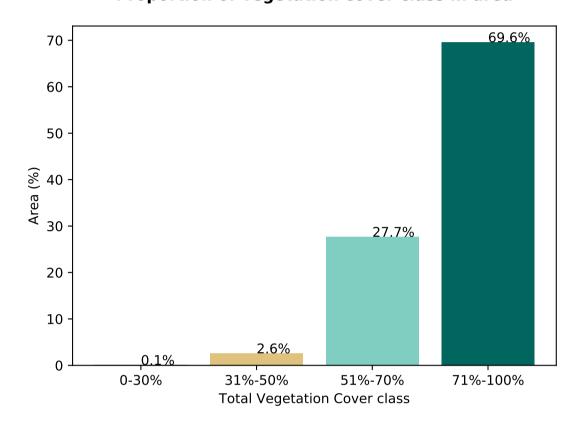


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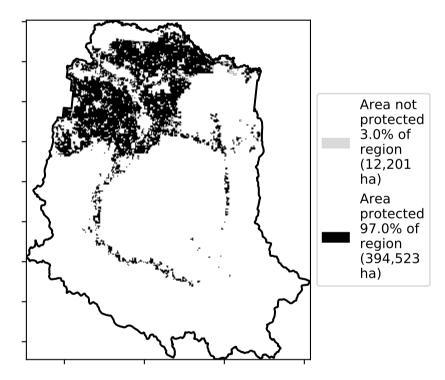
### Proportion of each land class in area

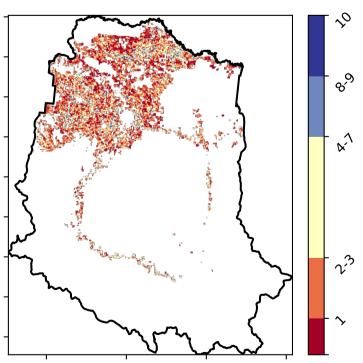


# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







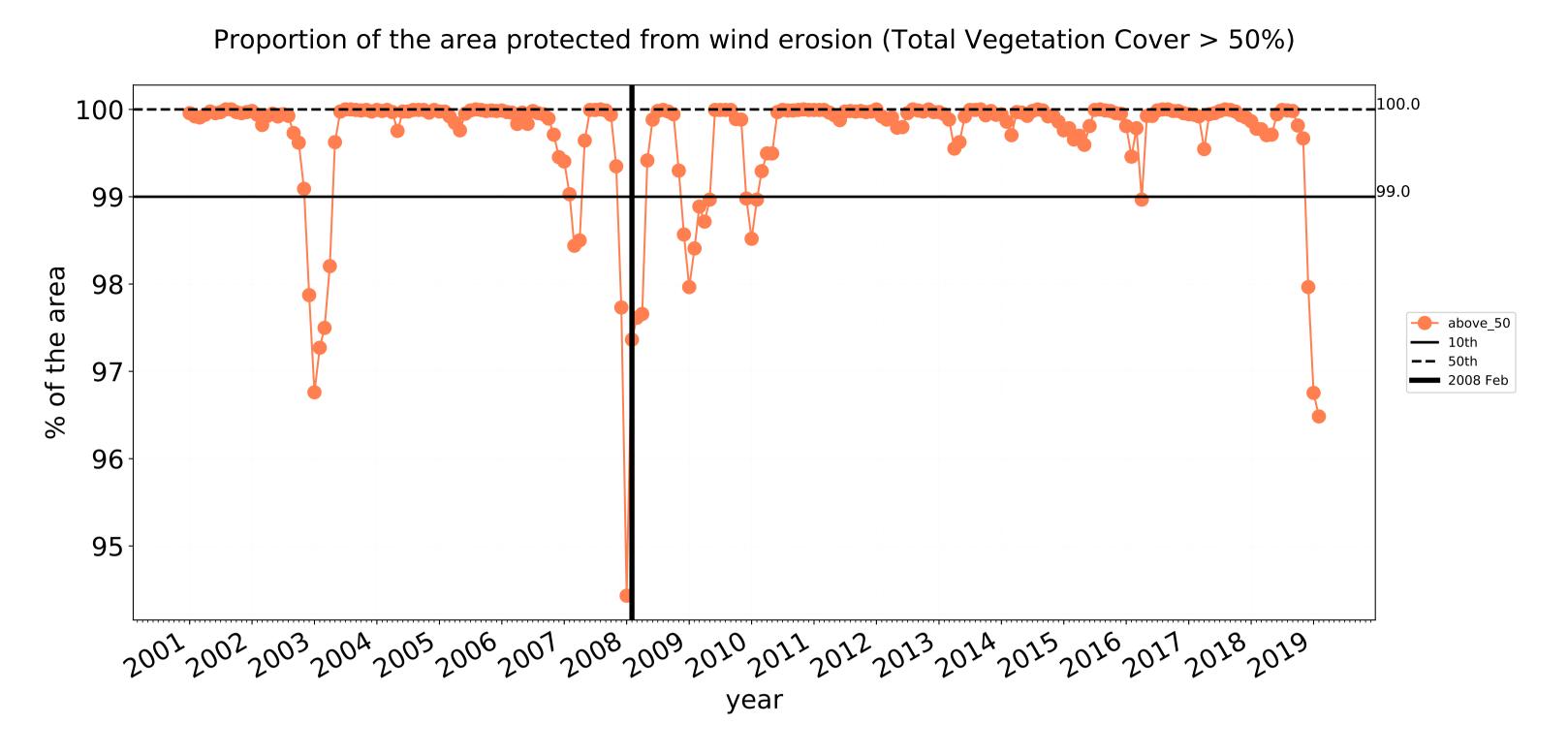


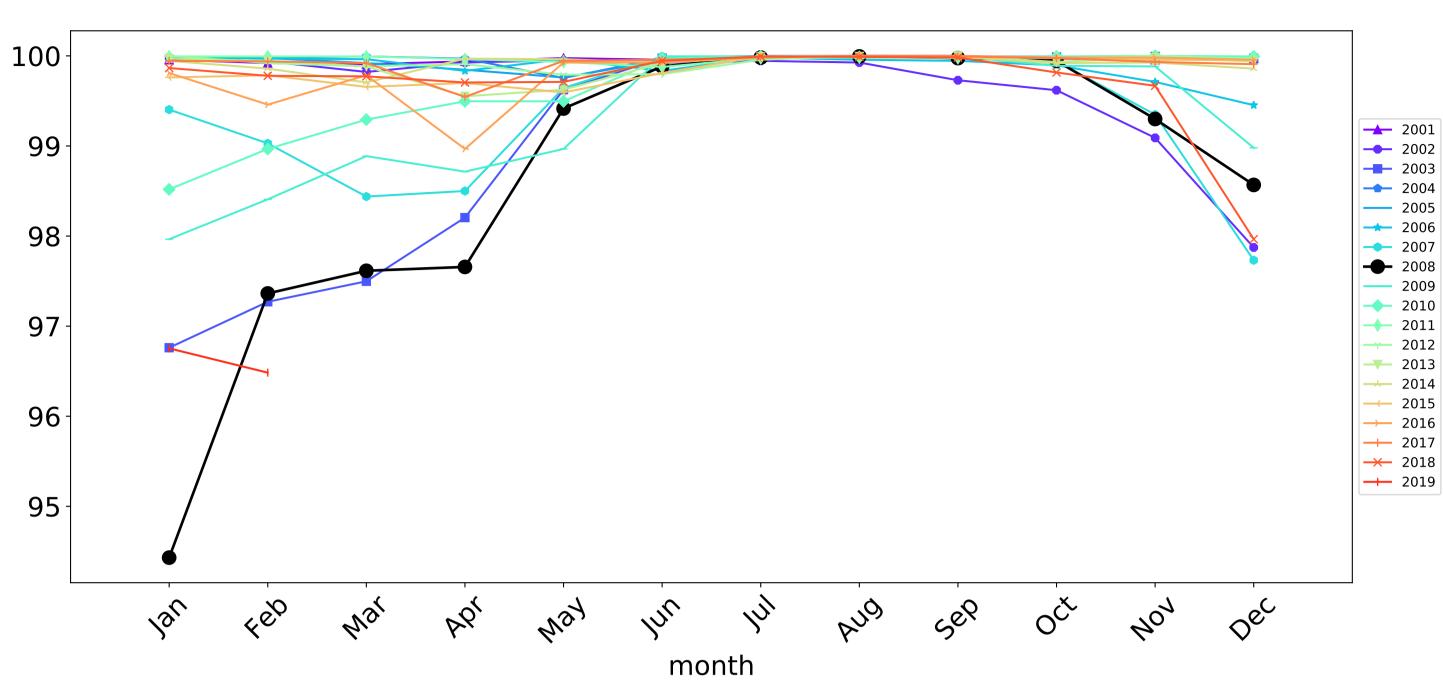




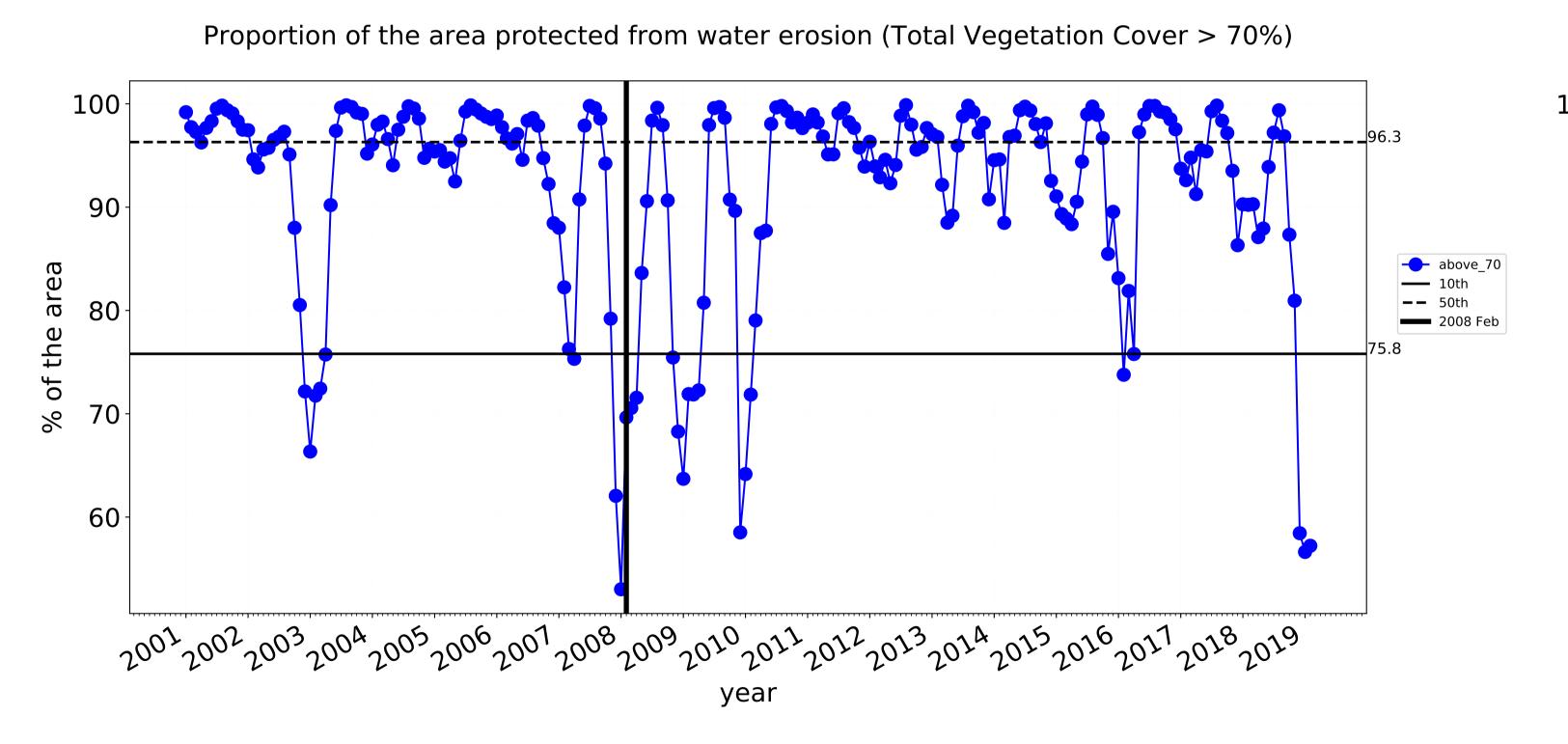


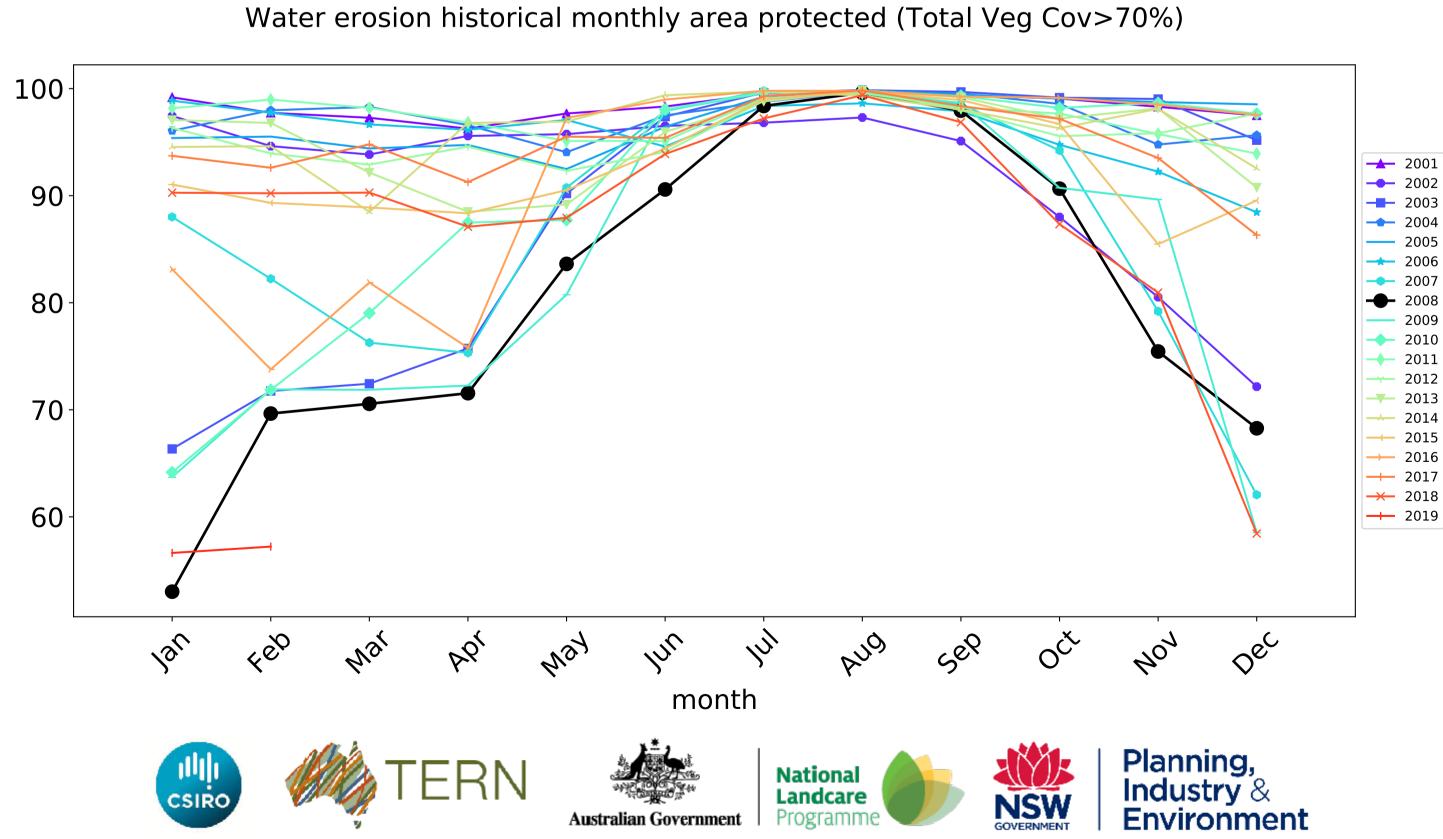


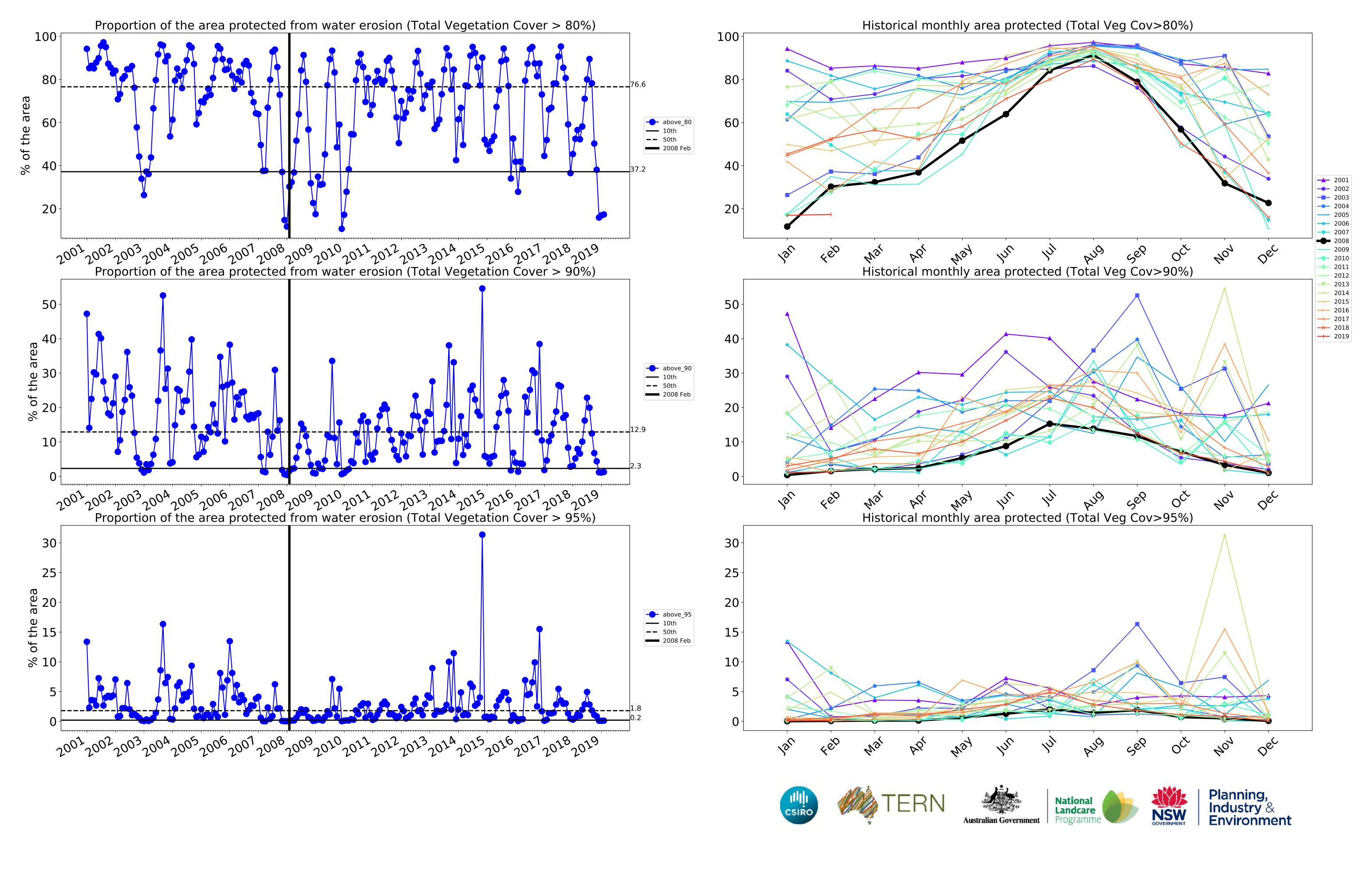




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

### Land use and forest cover

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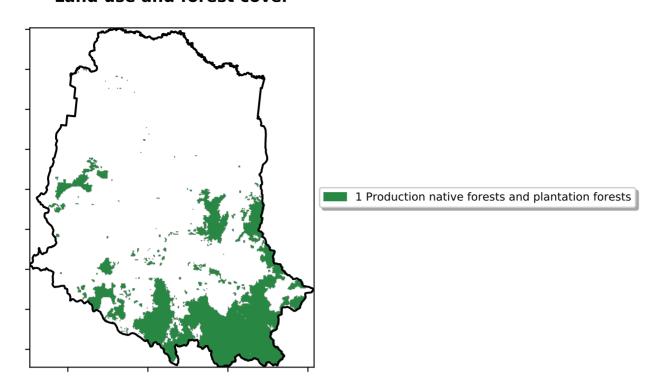
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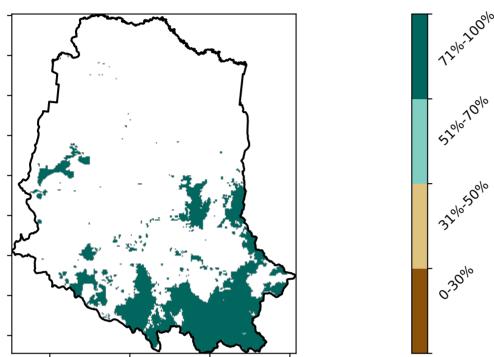
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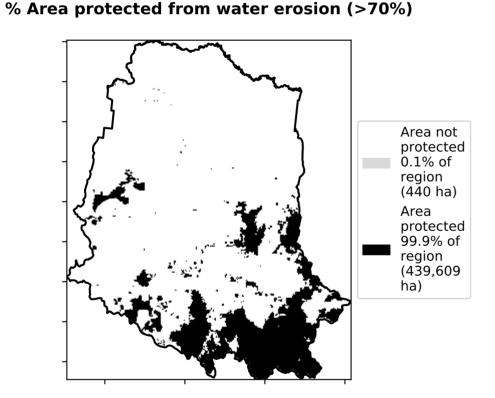
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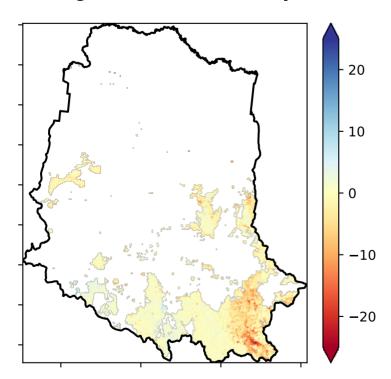


# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



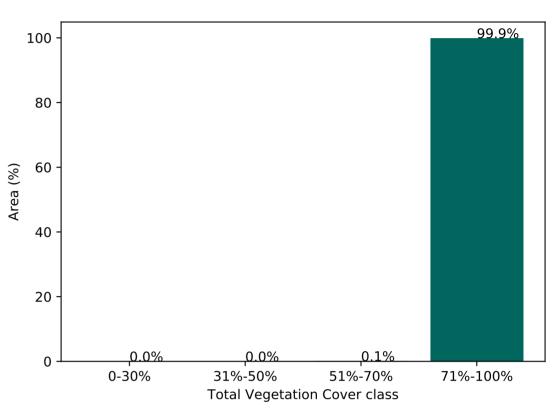


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

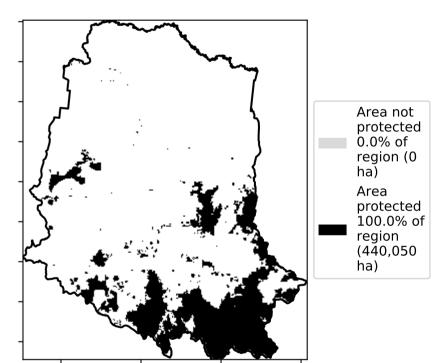


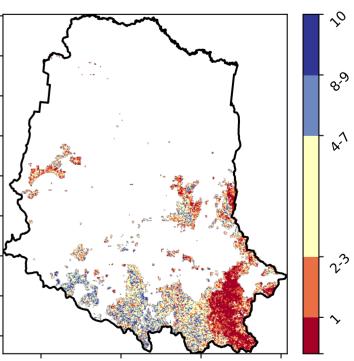
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# **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









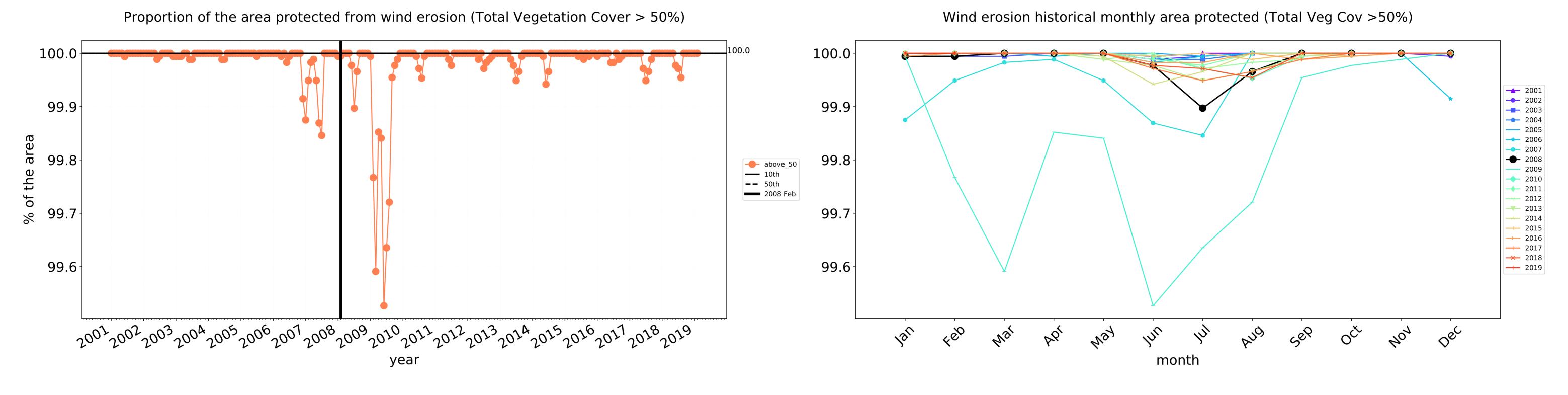


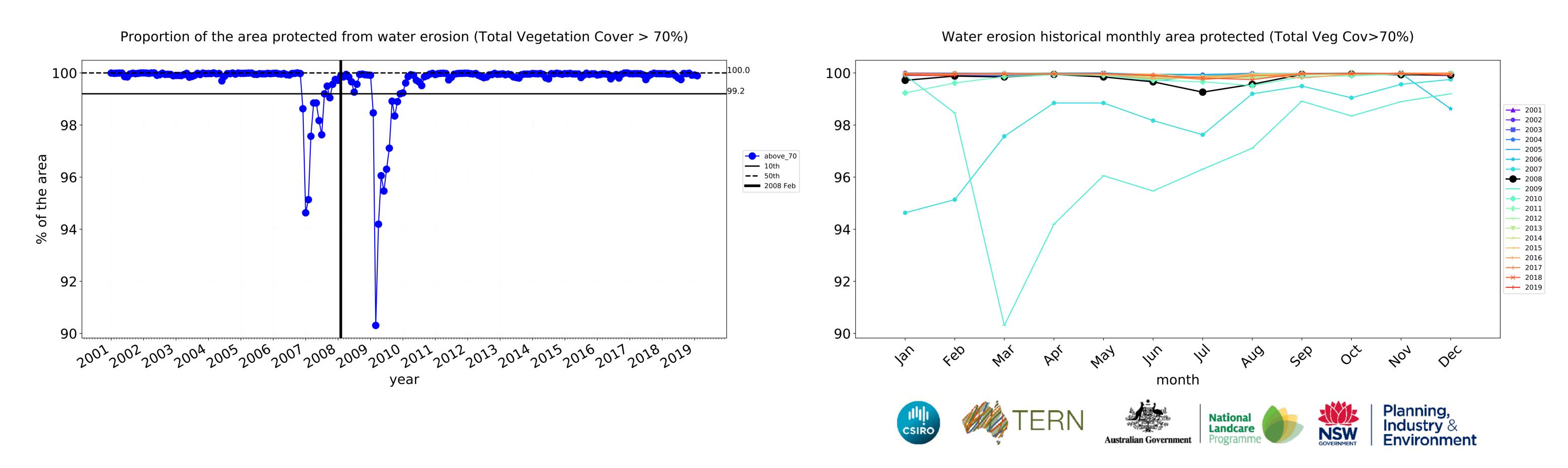


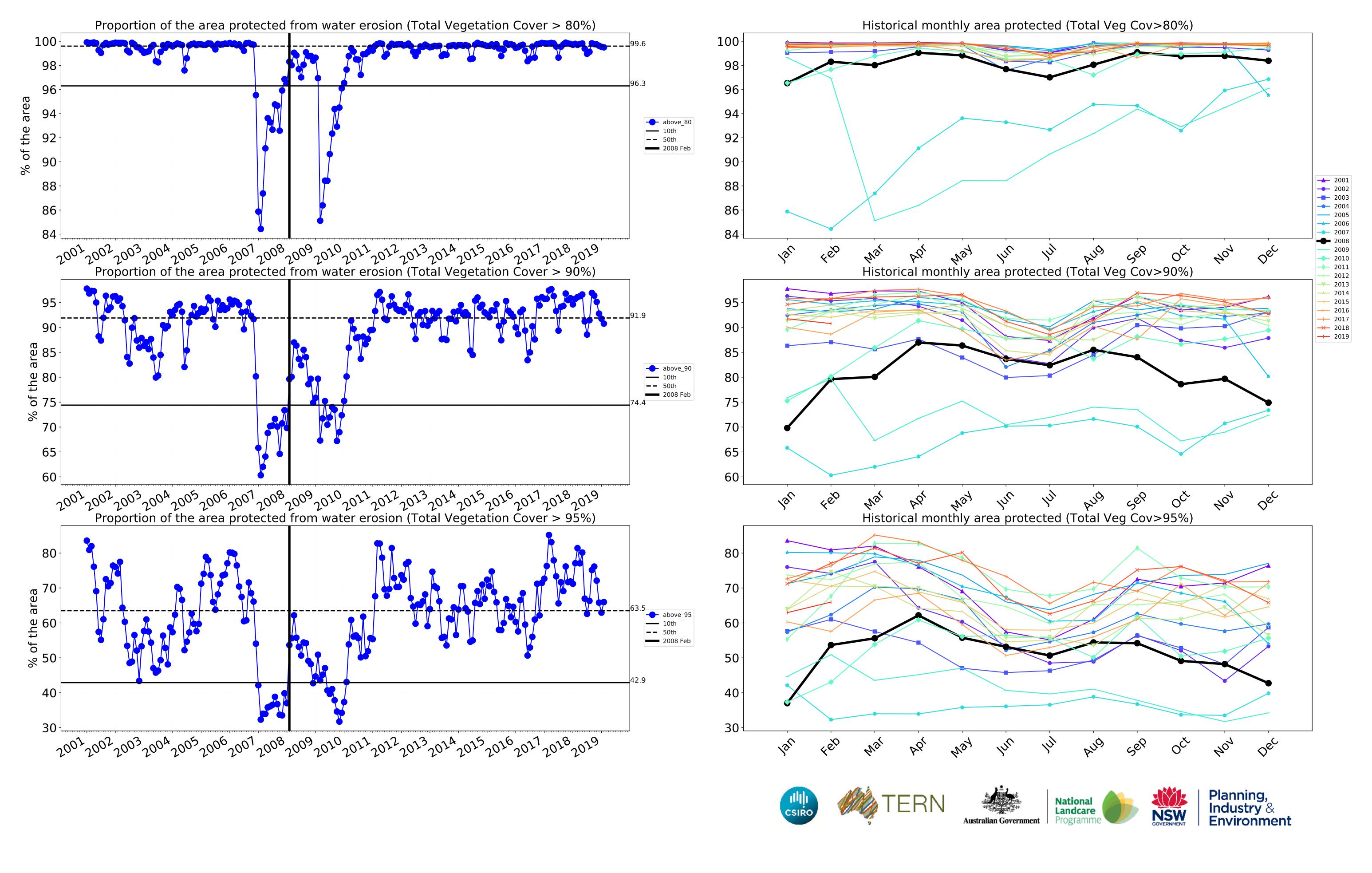




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Goulburn Broken (2,394,400 ha and no data 13,063 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	2,394,400	100.0% 2,393,299	97.5% 2,333,736	82.1% 1,964,955	61.0% 1,461,720	27.6% 660,369	13.0% 310,943
Conservation and natural environments	235,325	100.0% 235,250	99.8% 234,925	97.3% 228,950	87.5% 205,825	50.1% 117,925	18.3% 43,000
Conservation and natural environments non forest	42,025	99.8% 41,950	99.1% 41,650	87.8% 36,900	53.9% 22,650	8.2% 3,450	0.8% 350
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	172,250	100.0% 172,250	100.0% 172,225	99.5% 171,450	96.5% 166,150	63.3% 109,000	23.8% 41,025
Agriculture	1,575,725	99.9% 1,574,850	96.3% 1,517,200	74.8% 1,178,075	47.4% 746,200	10.7% 168,000	1.6% 24,900
Grazing	966,675	100.0% 966,650	98.9% 956,400	86.5% 836,225	62.3% 601,825	16.3% 157,700	2.5% 24,000
Grazing non forest	892,550	100.0% 892,525	98.8% 882,275	85.5% 762,825	59.7% 533,225	13.3% 119,000	1.7% 14,875
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	64,725	100.0% 64,725	100.0% 64,725	99.5% 64,425	94.8% 61,375	55.6% 35,975	13.1% 8,500
Cropping	190,050	99.6% 189,200	80.3% 152,525	25.1% 47,725	7.1% 13,525	1.1% 2,025	0.1% 200
Irrigation	406,725	100.0% 406,725	97.4% 396,000	69.6% 283,275	30.3% 123,075	1.6% 6,325	0.1% 300
Production native forests and plantation forests	440,050	100.0% 440,050	100.0% 440,025	99.9% 439,525	98.3% 432,600	79.6% 350,375	53.7% 236,125











