

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

Land use forest cover:

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

Total vegetation Cover:

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

- 71-100% High cover – protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)
- 51-70% Moderate cover – protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover – not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover – not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

- Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.
- Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares.

Comparison with previous years:

- Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.
- Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

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

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data.

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

#### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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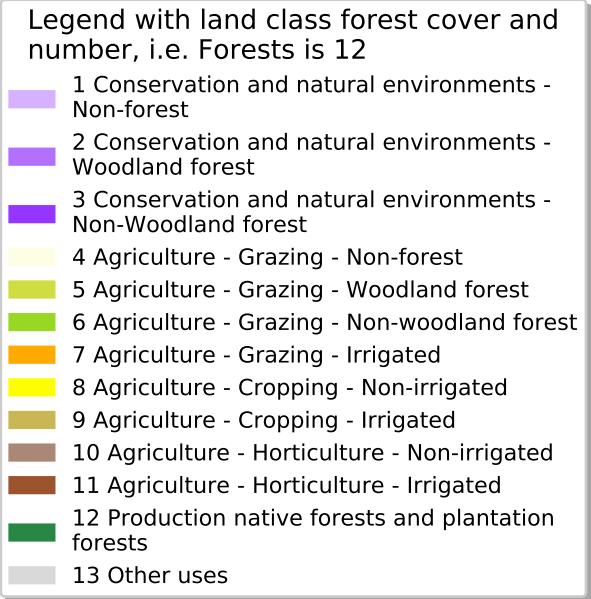




# Vegetation Cover Sep 2015

Land use and forest cover

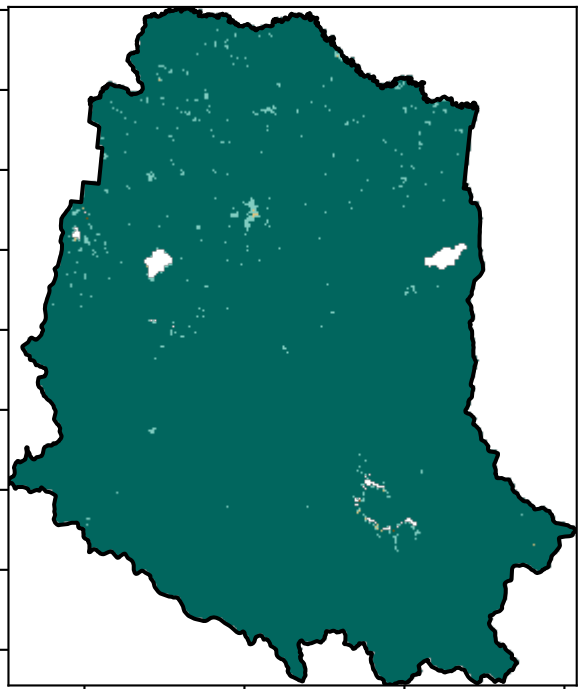
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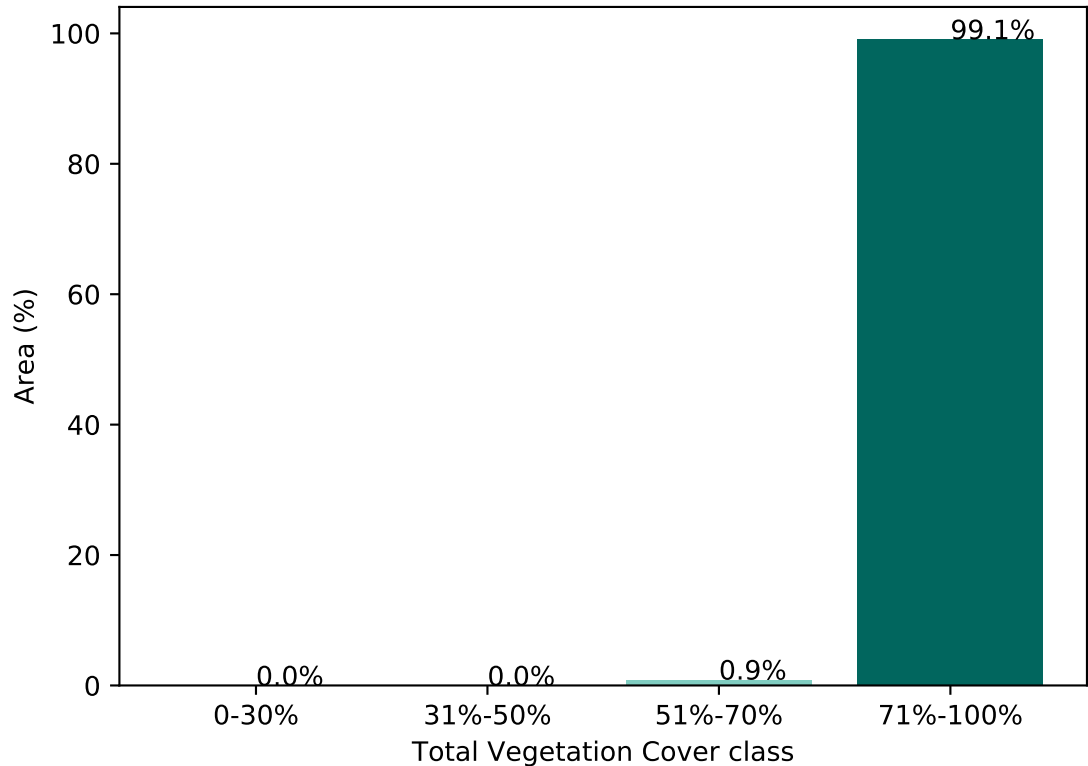
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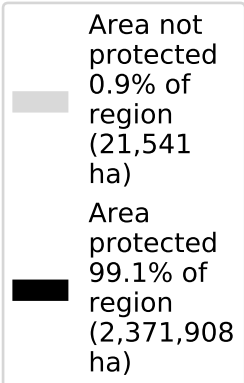
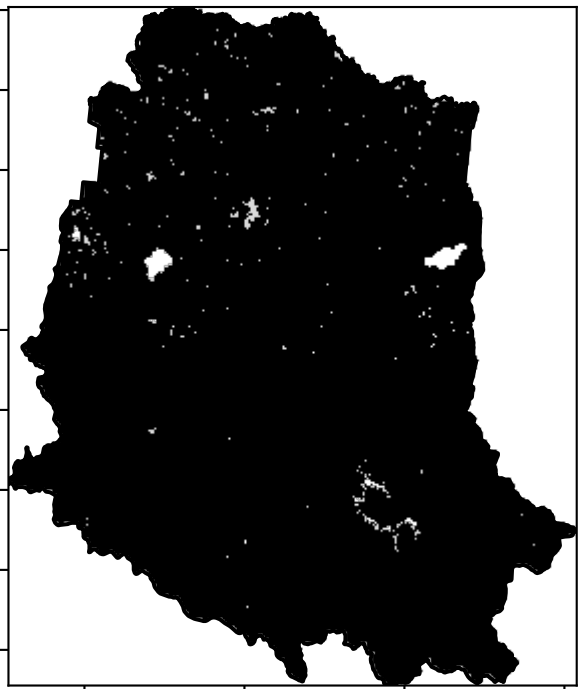
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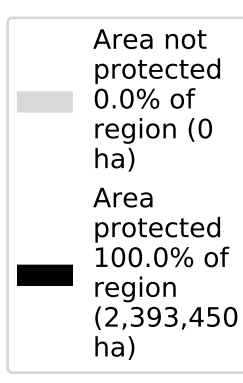
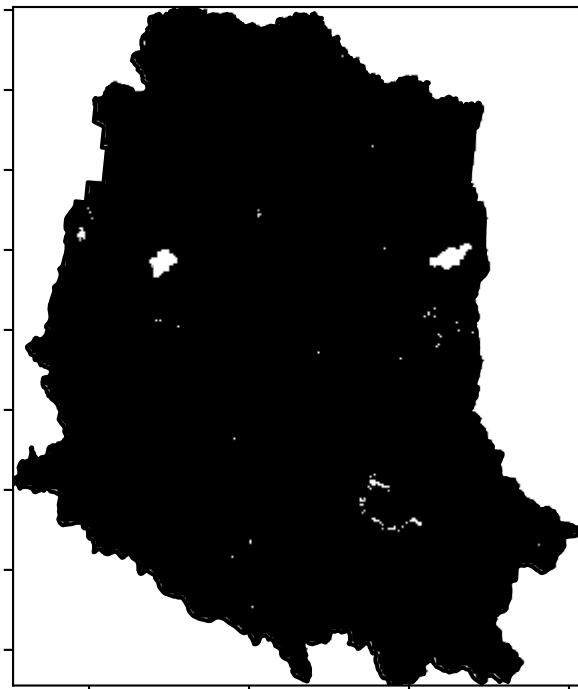
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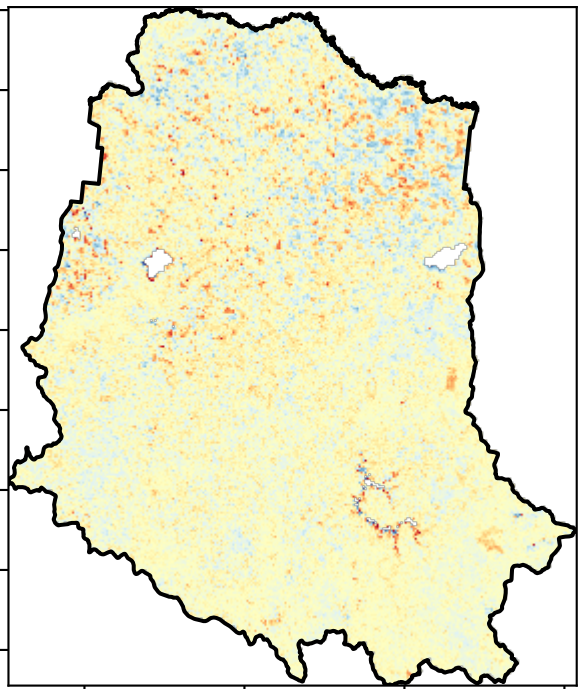
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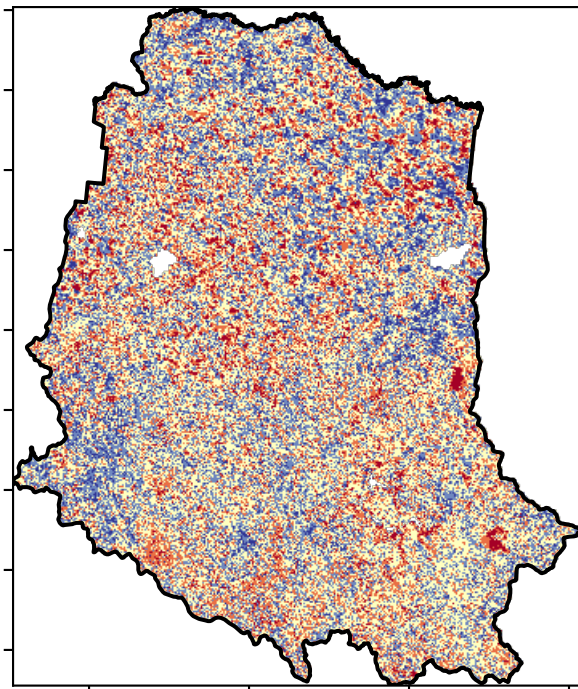
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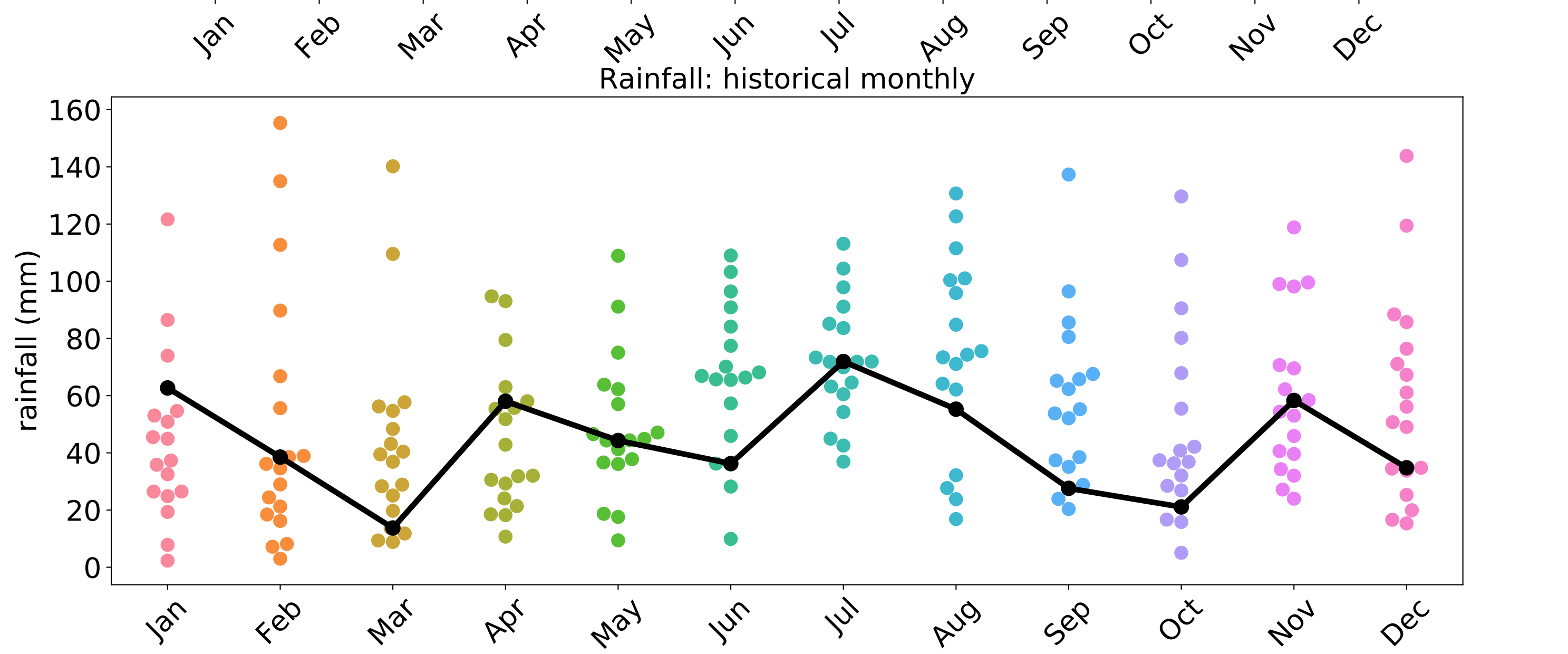
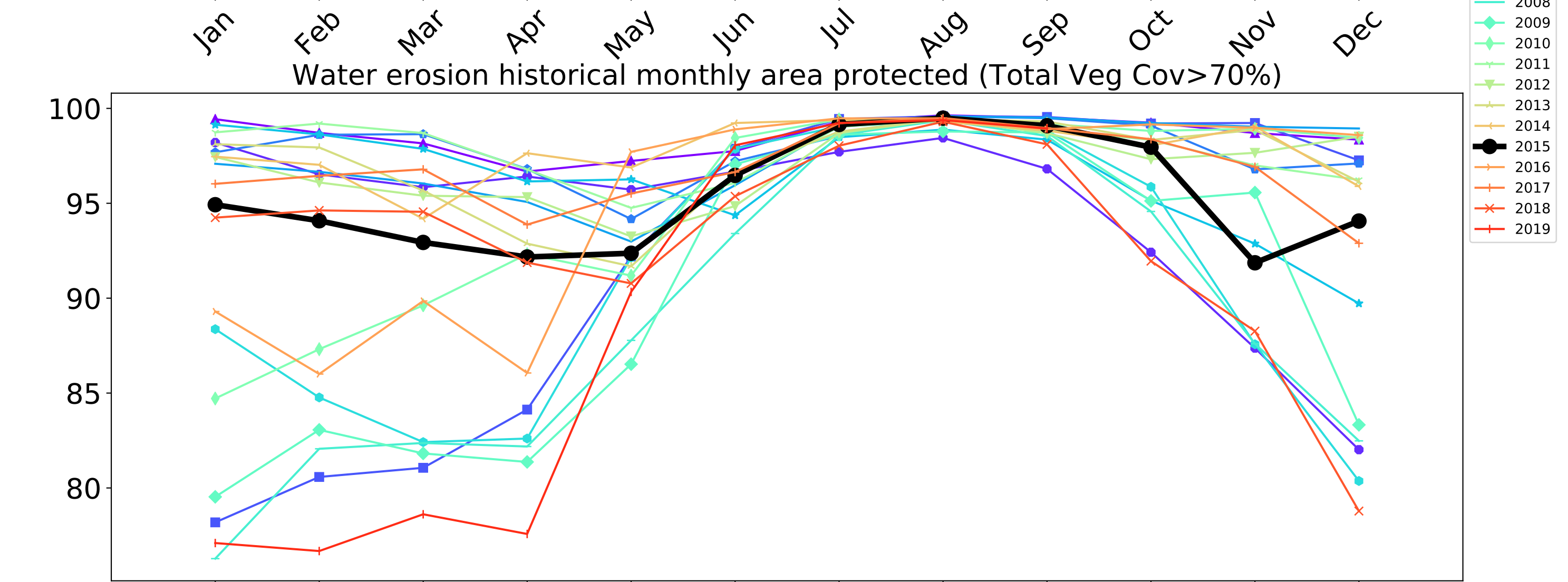
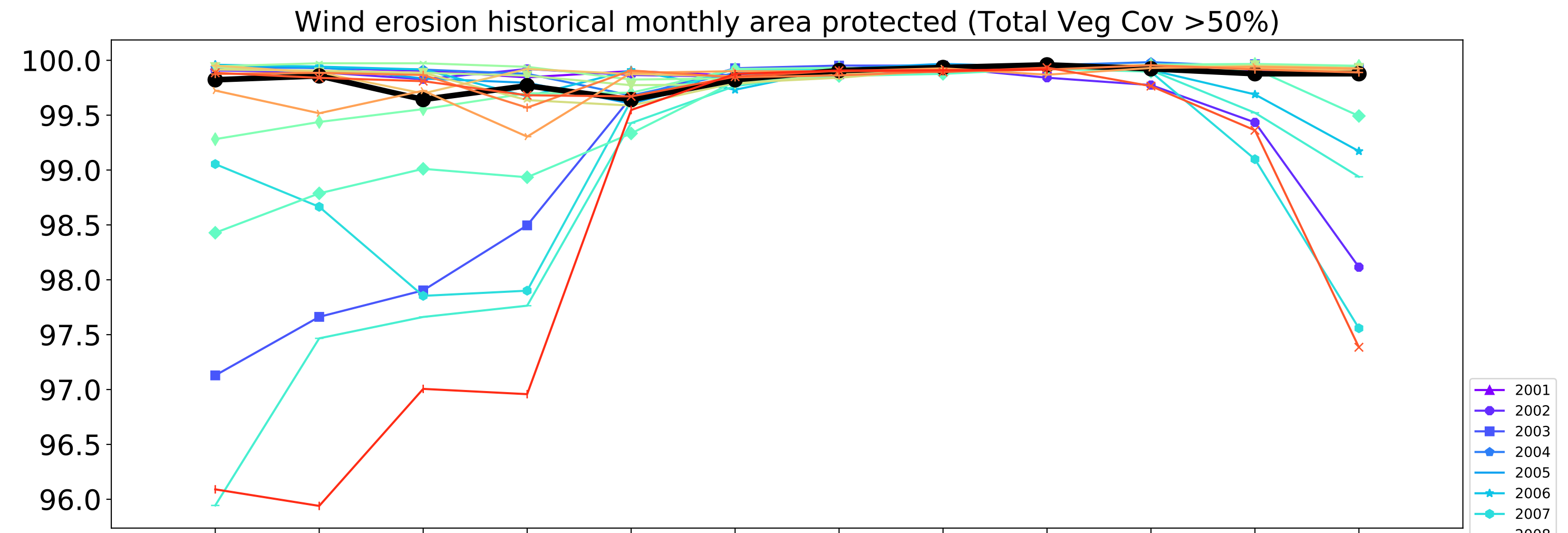
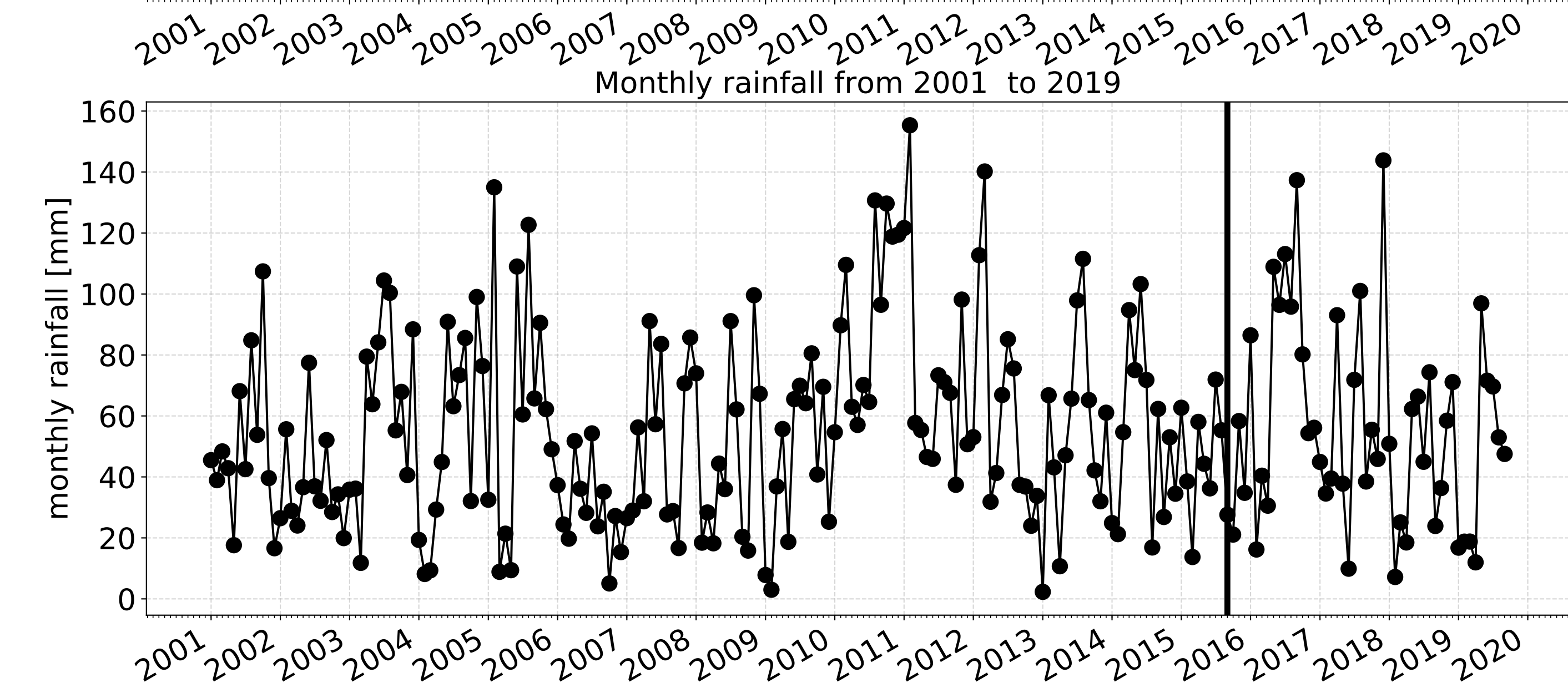
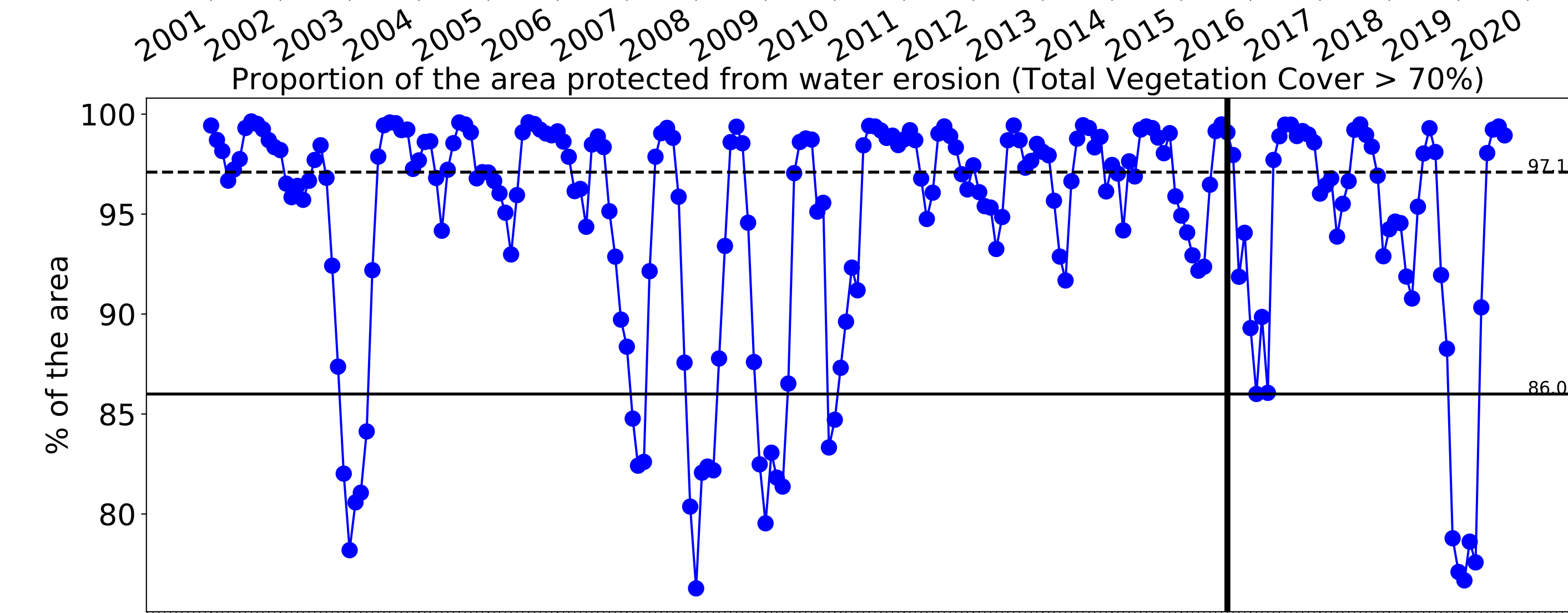
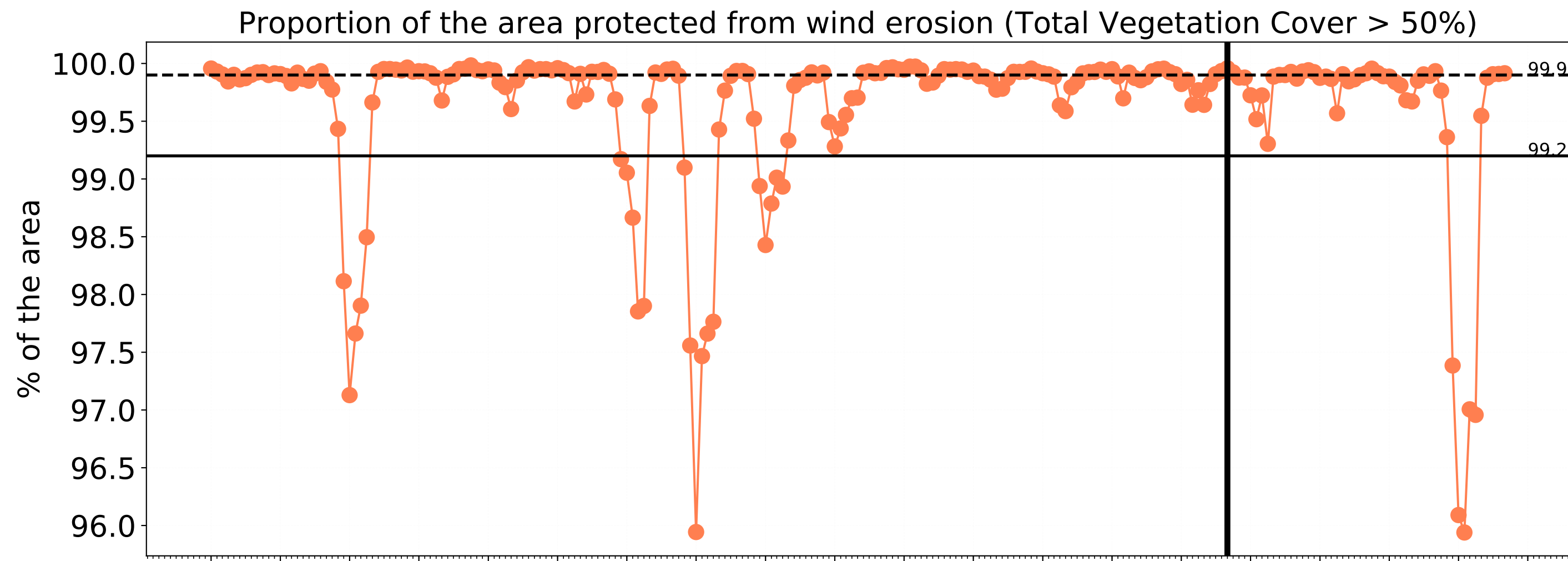
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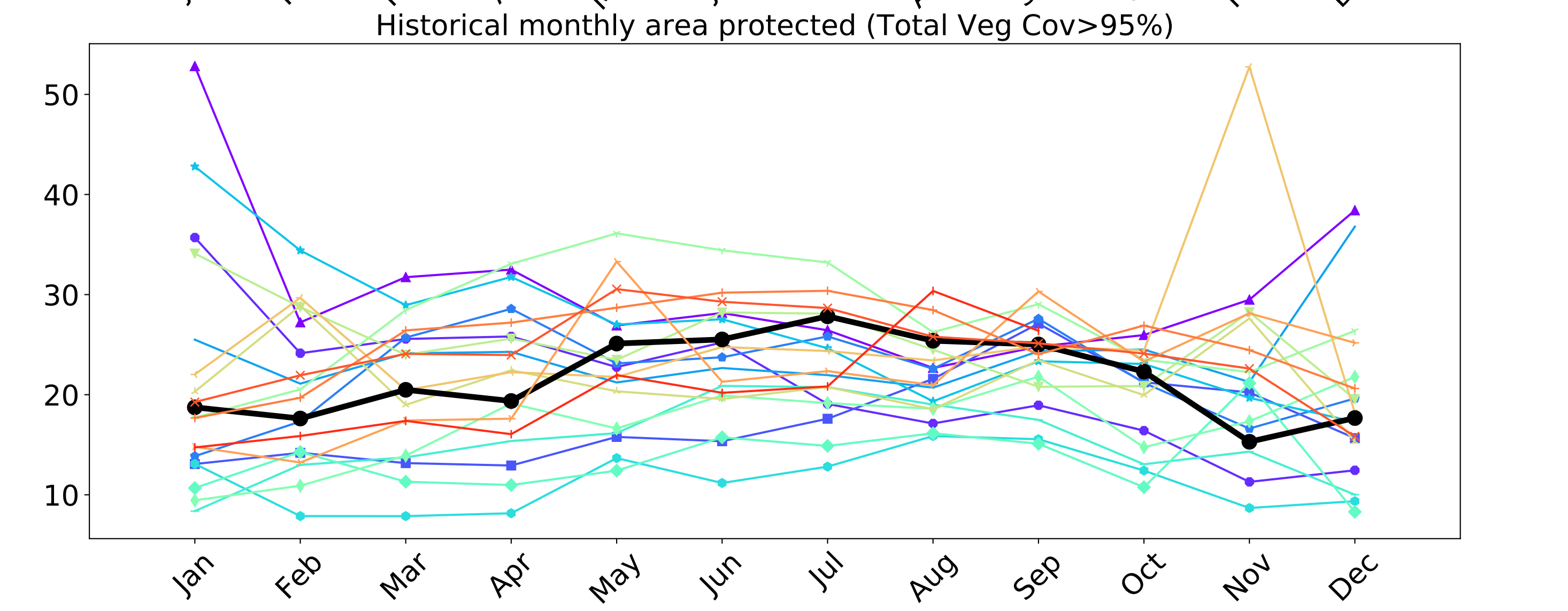
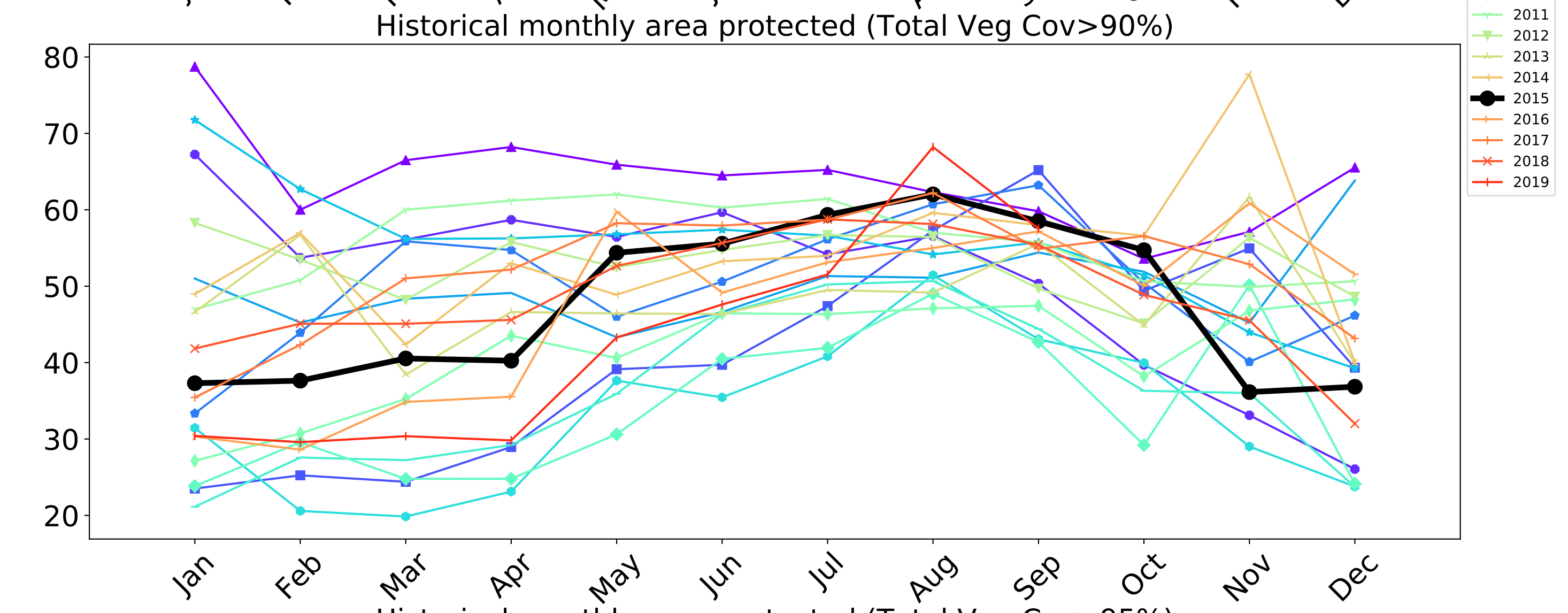
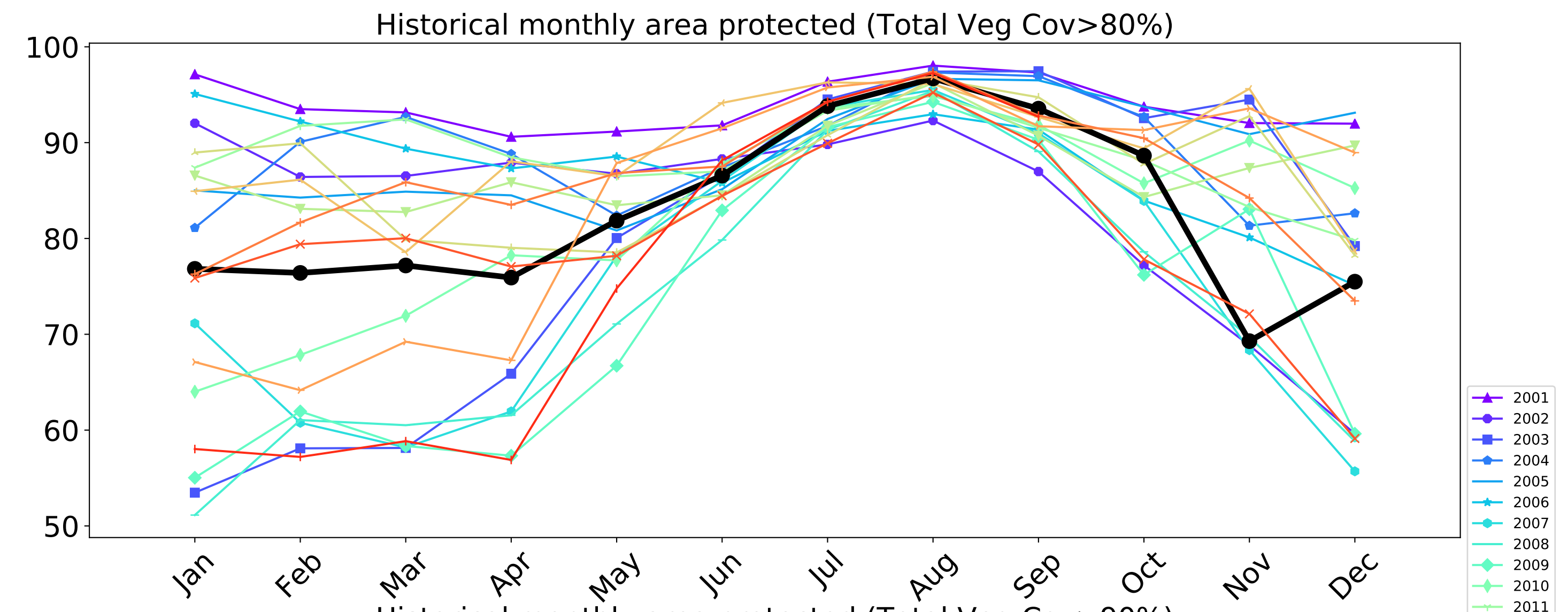
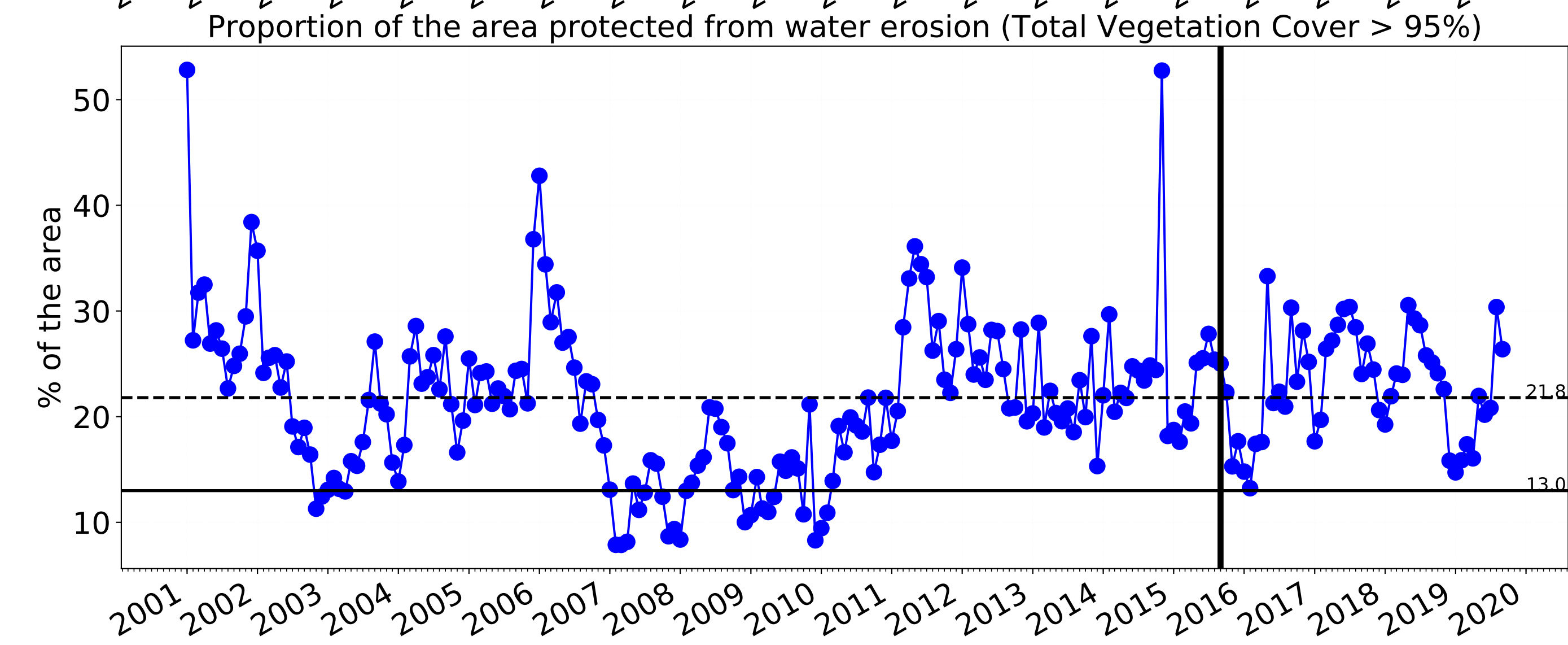
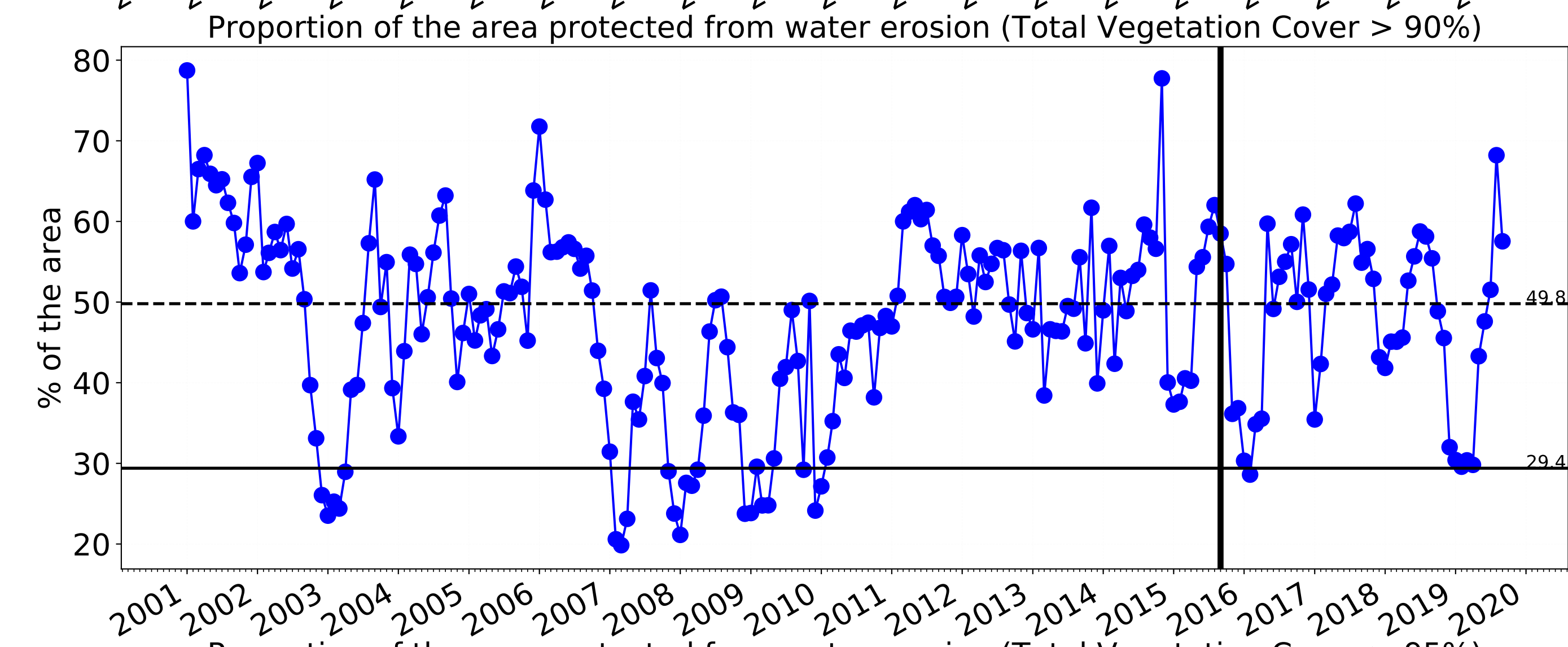
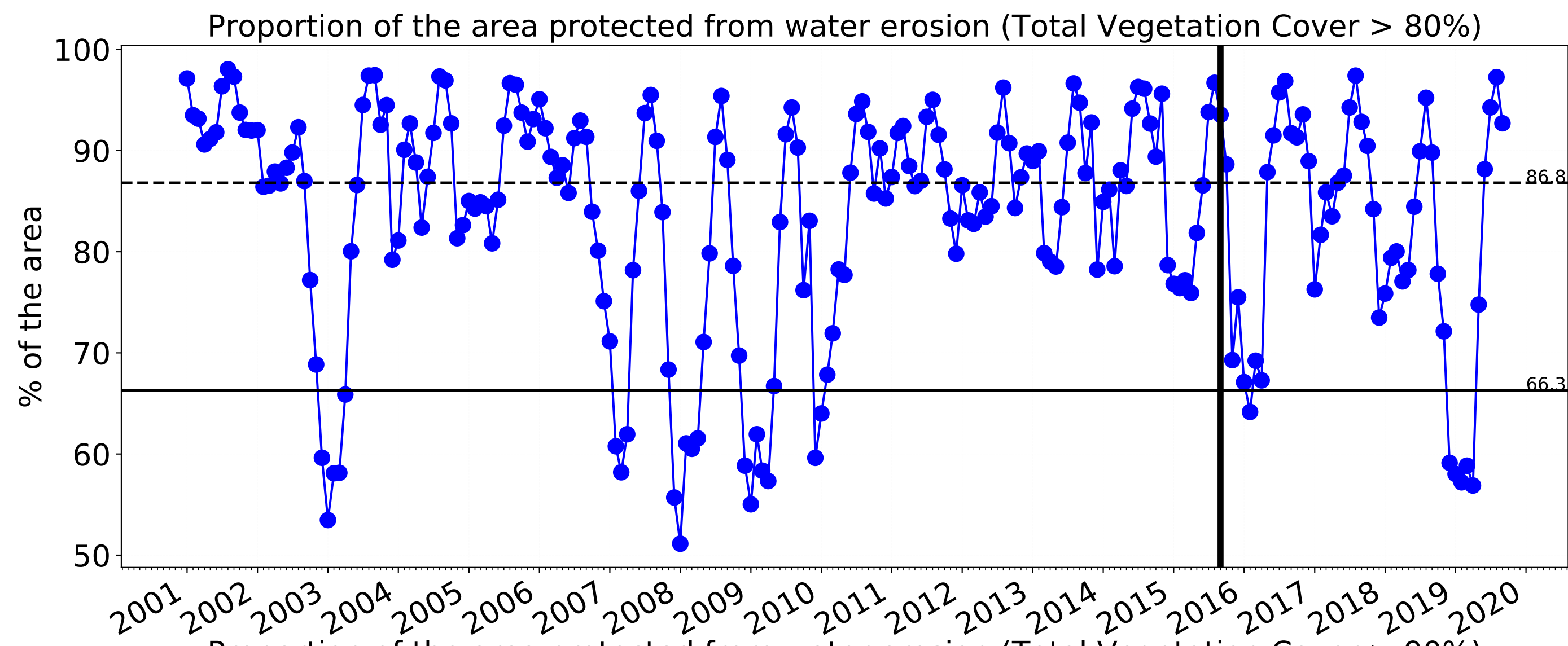
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# Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover



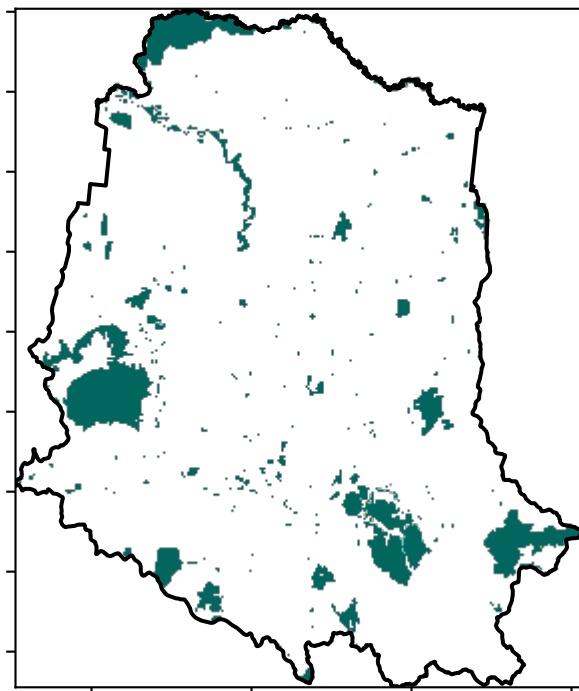
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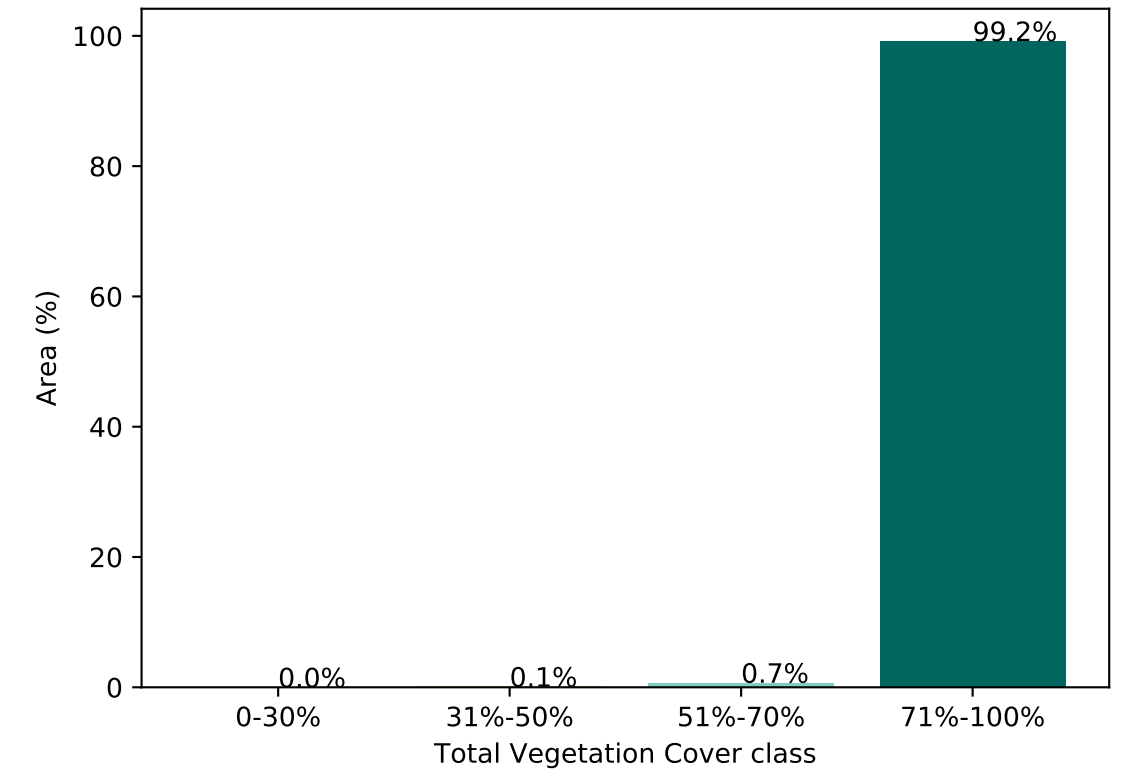
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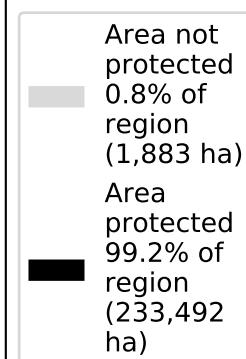
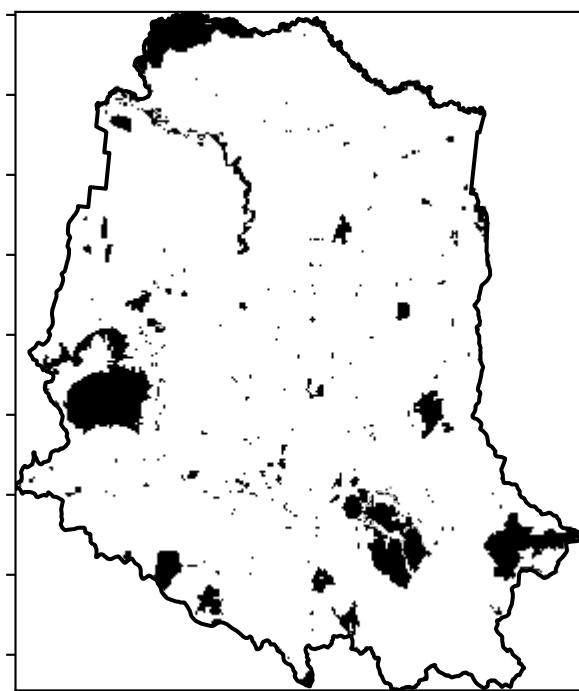
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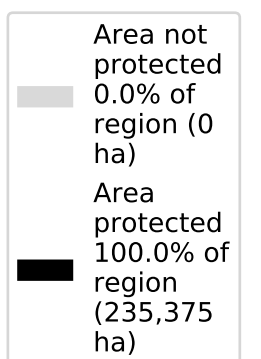
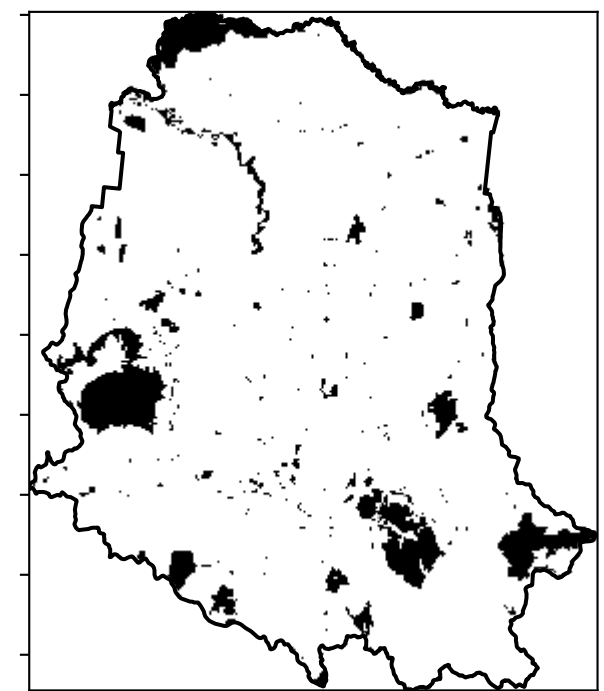
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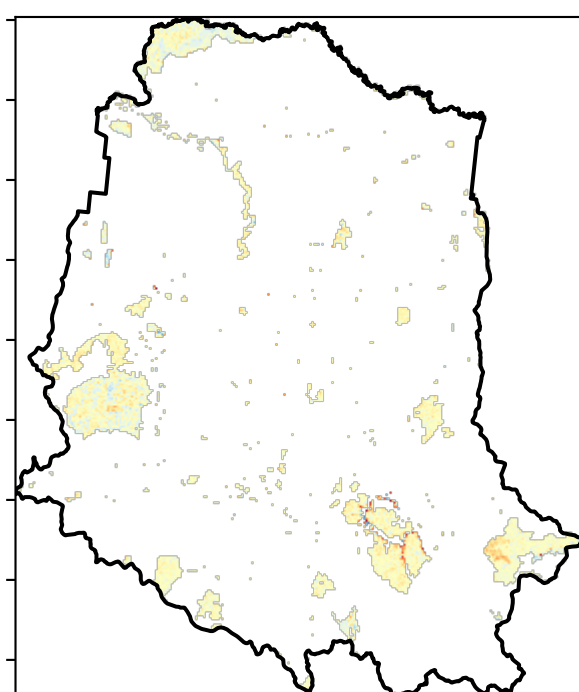
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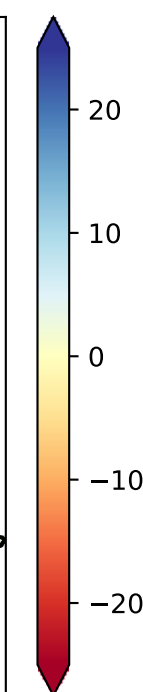
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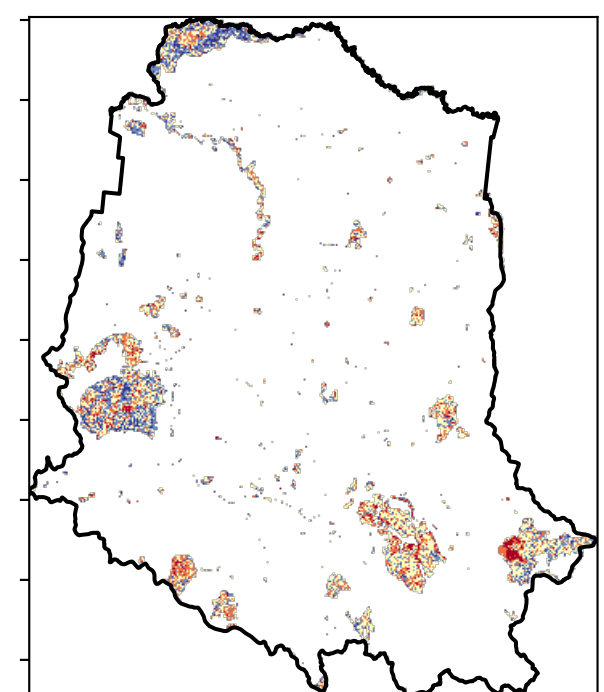


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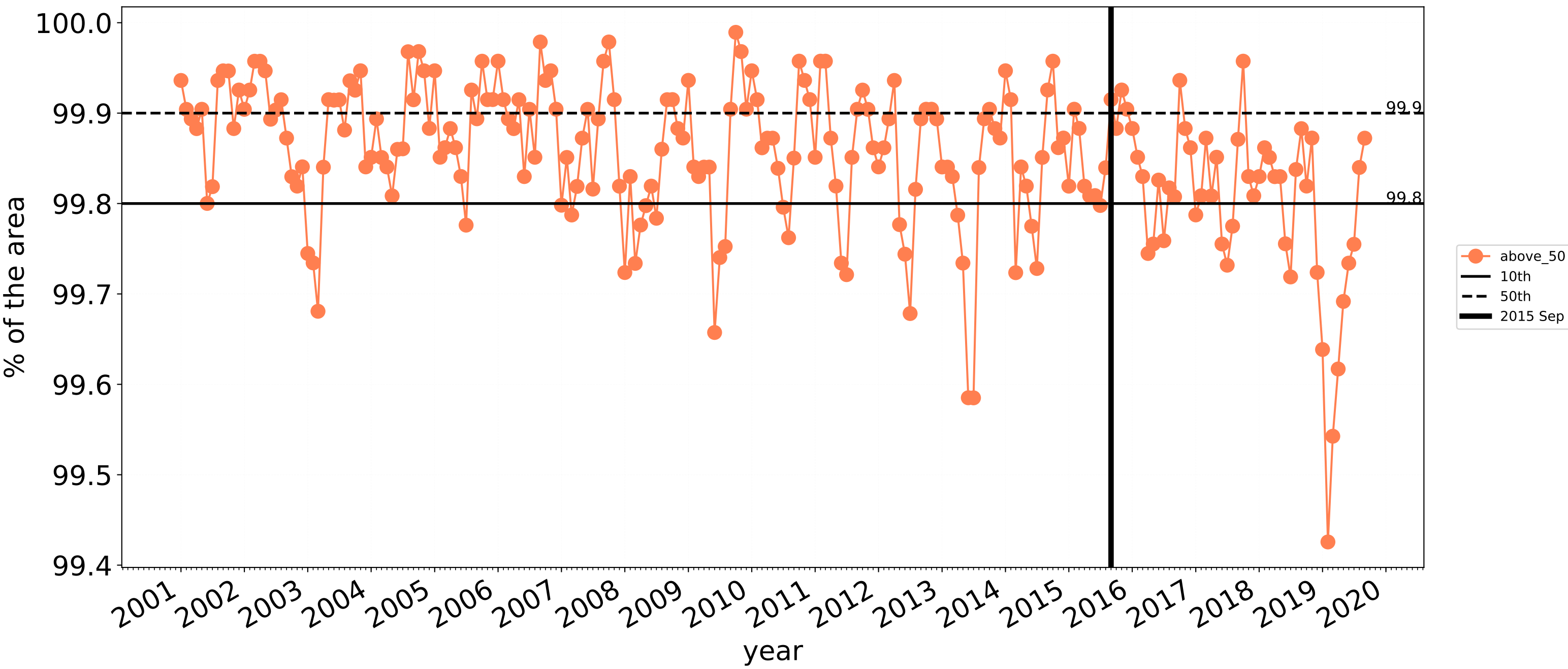
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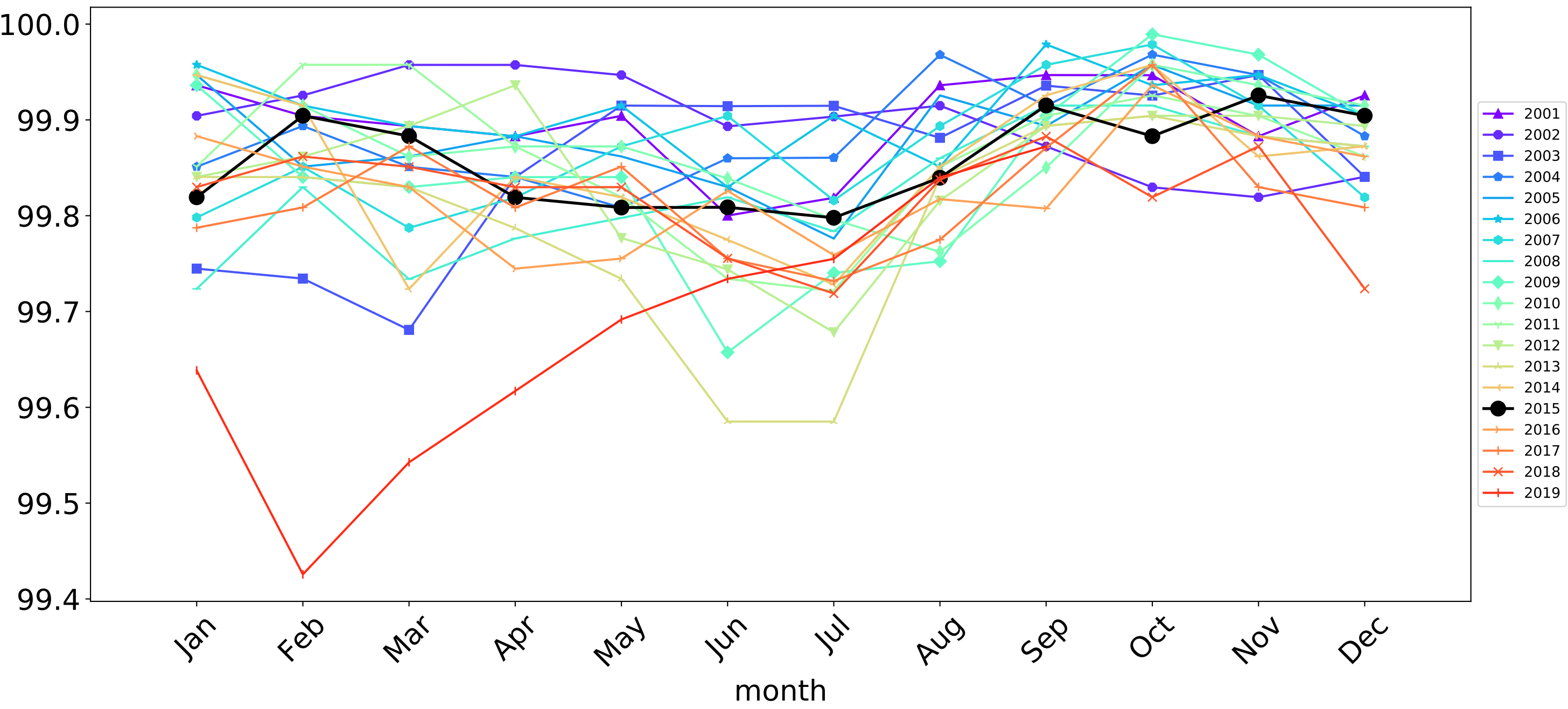
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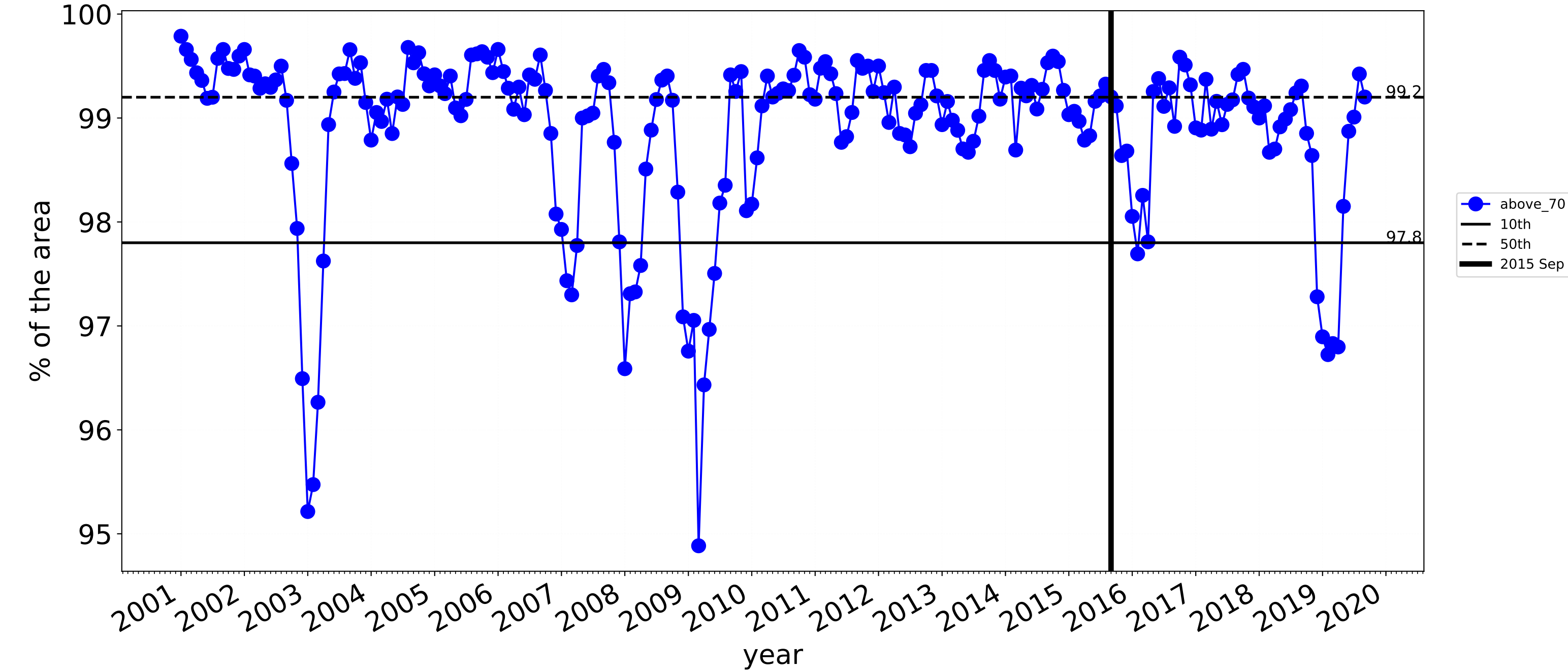
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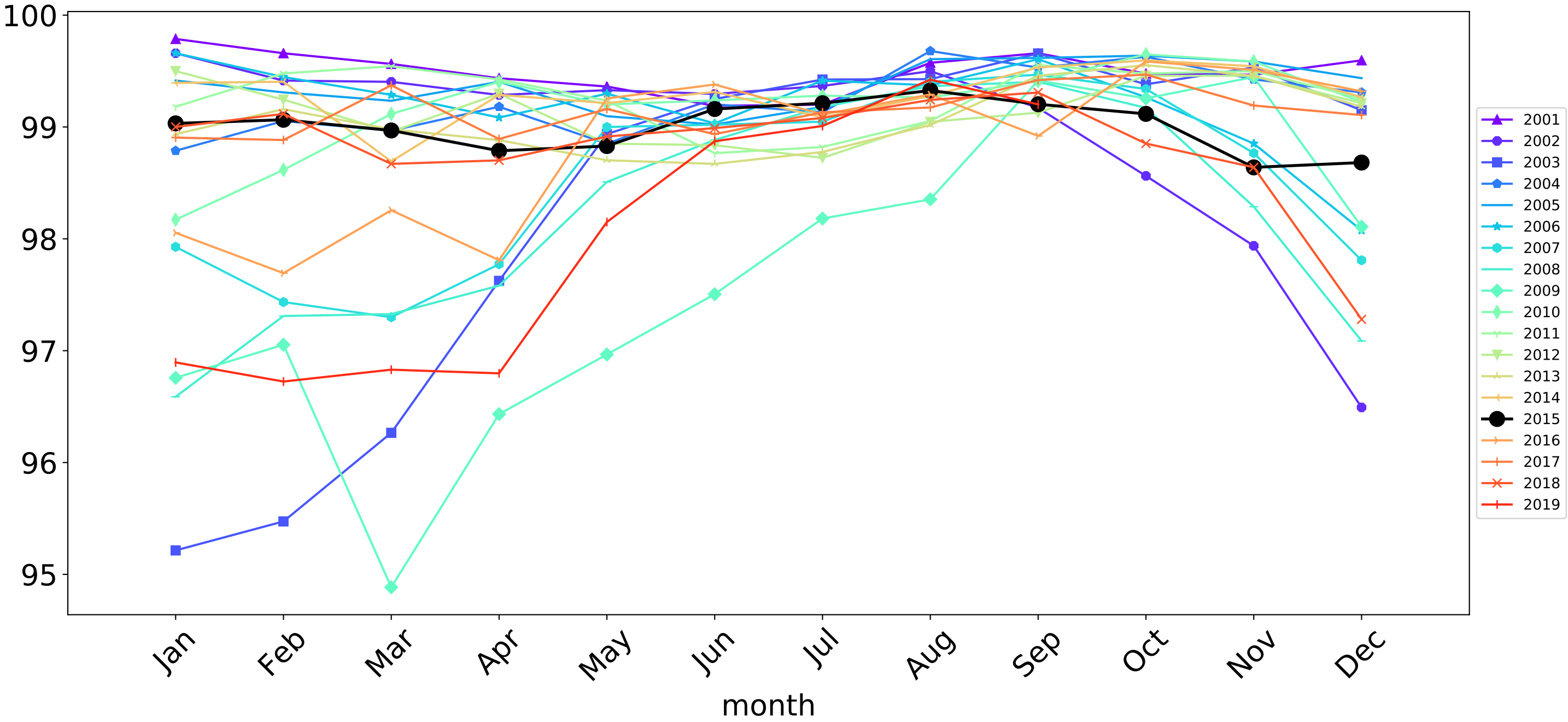
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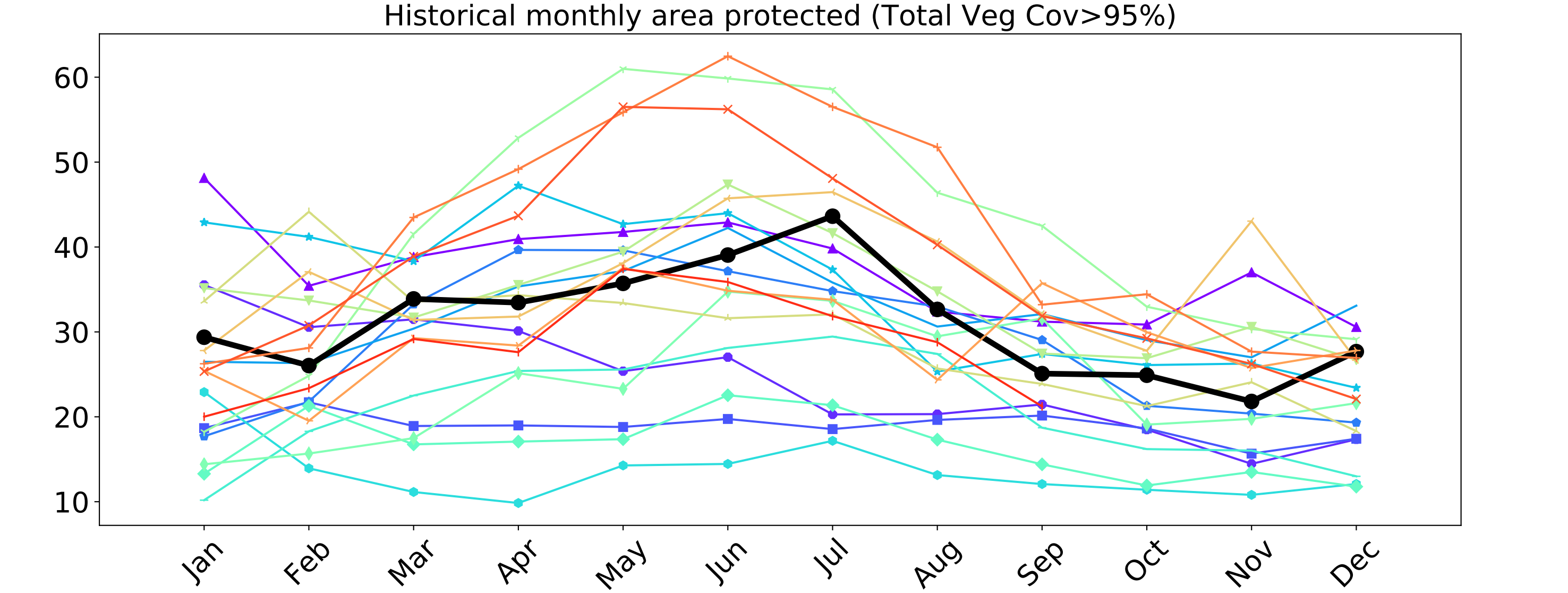
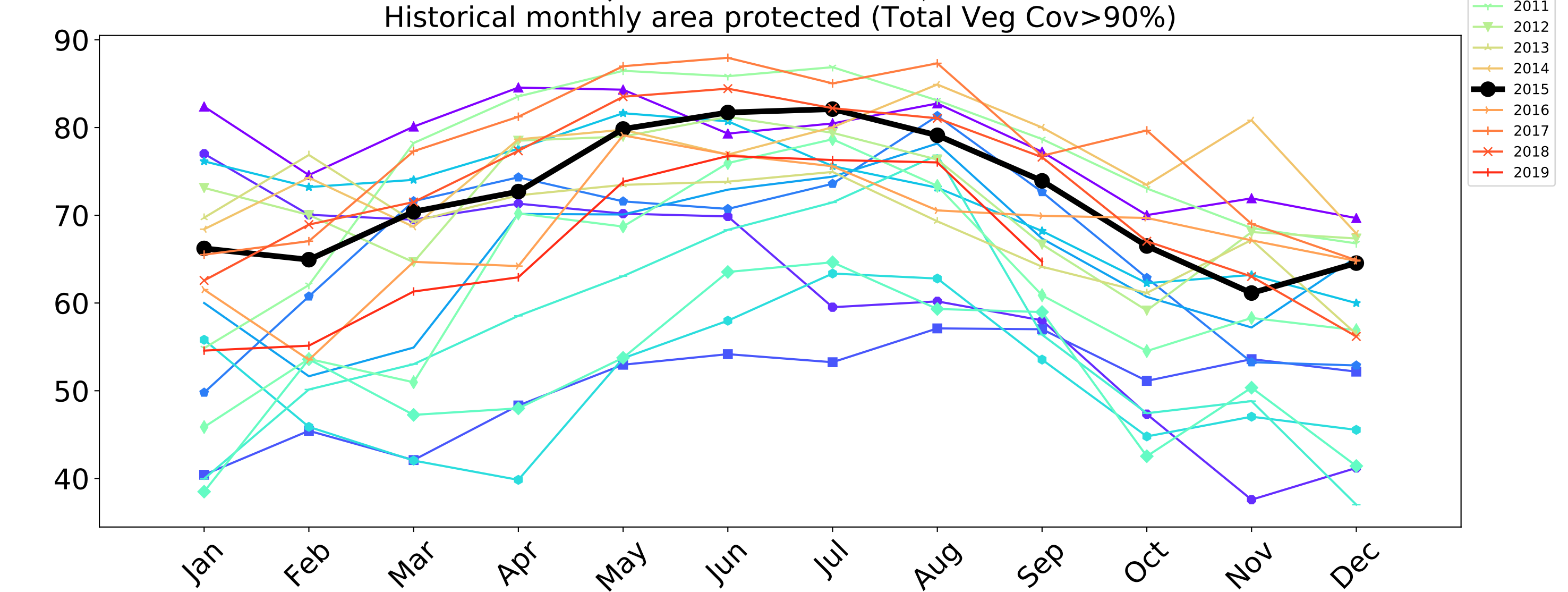
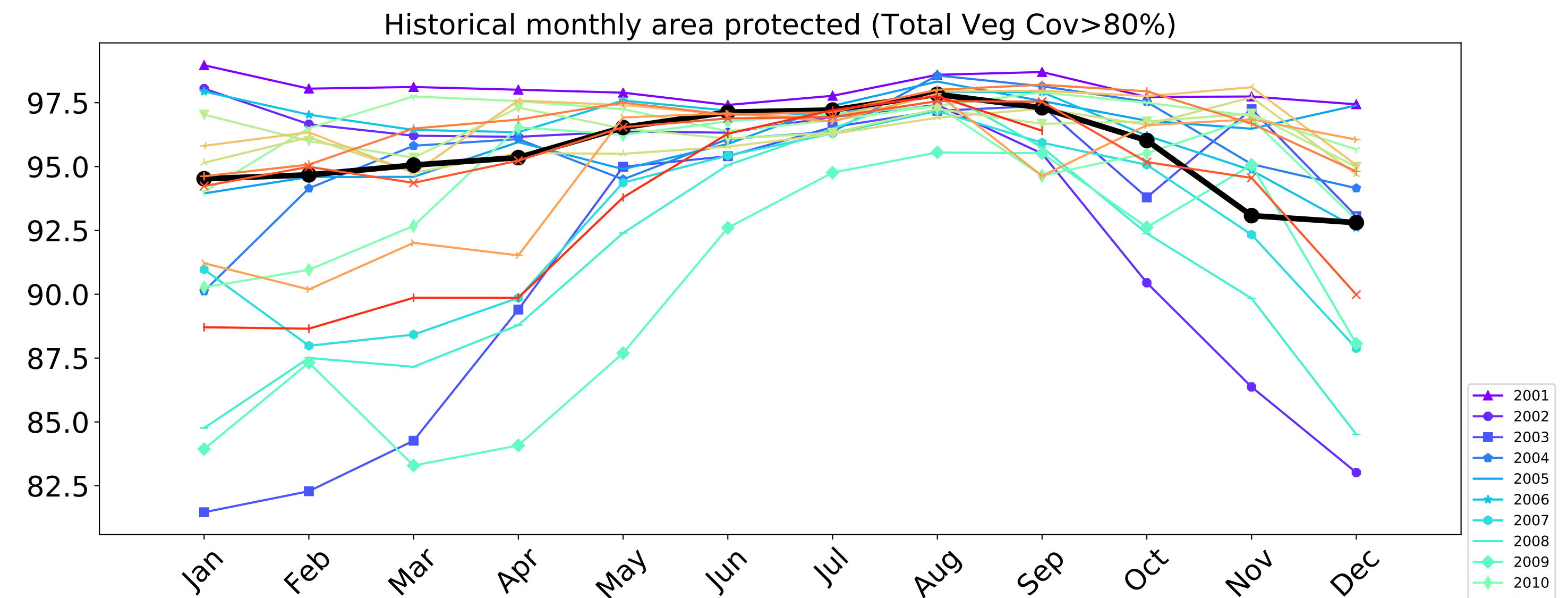
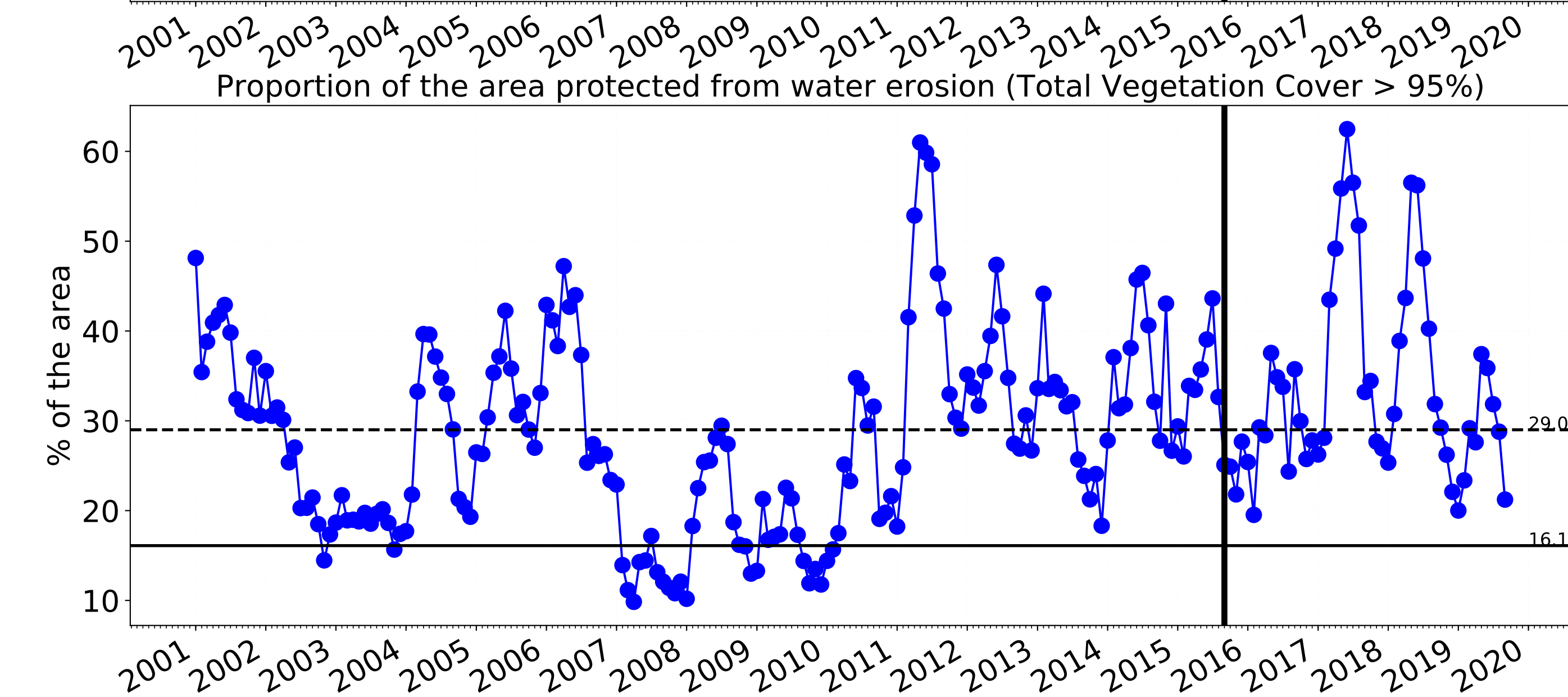
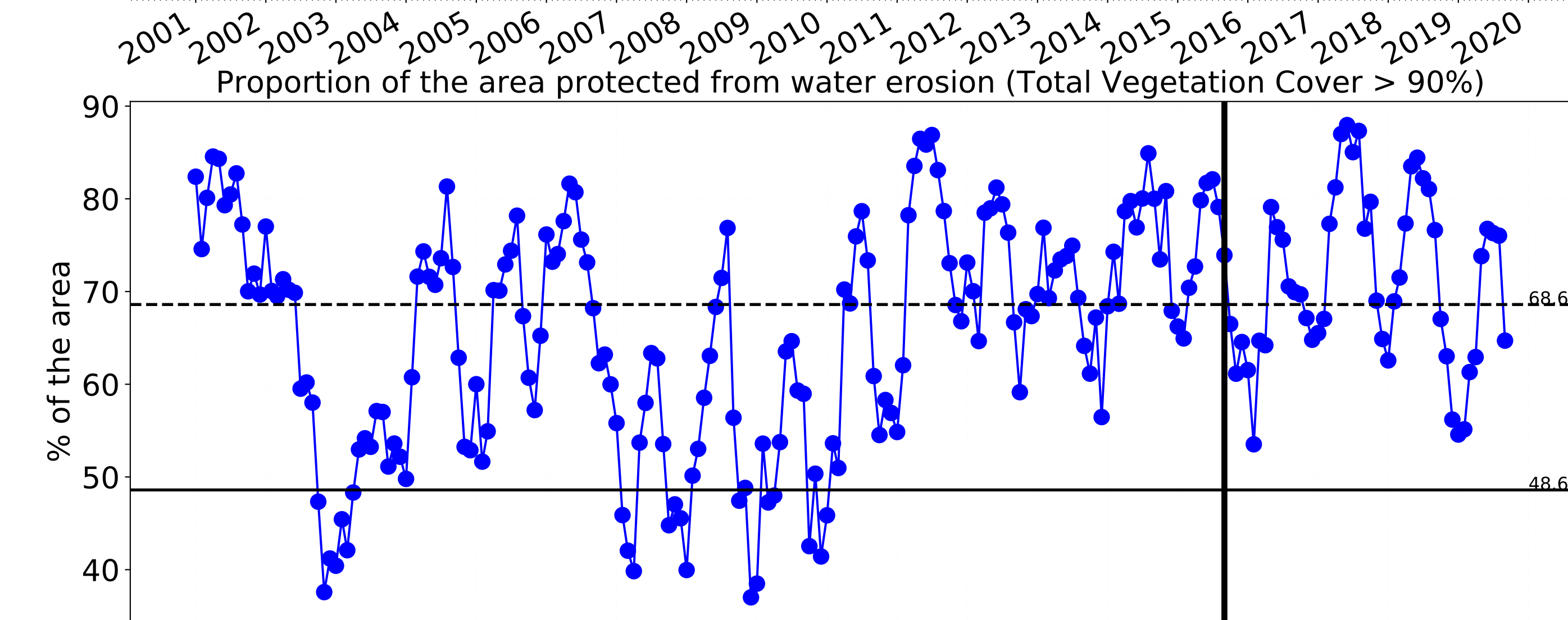
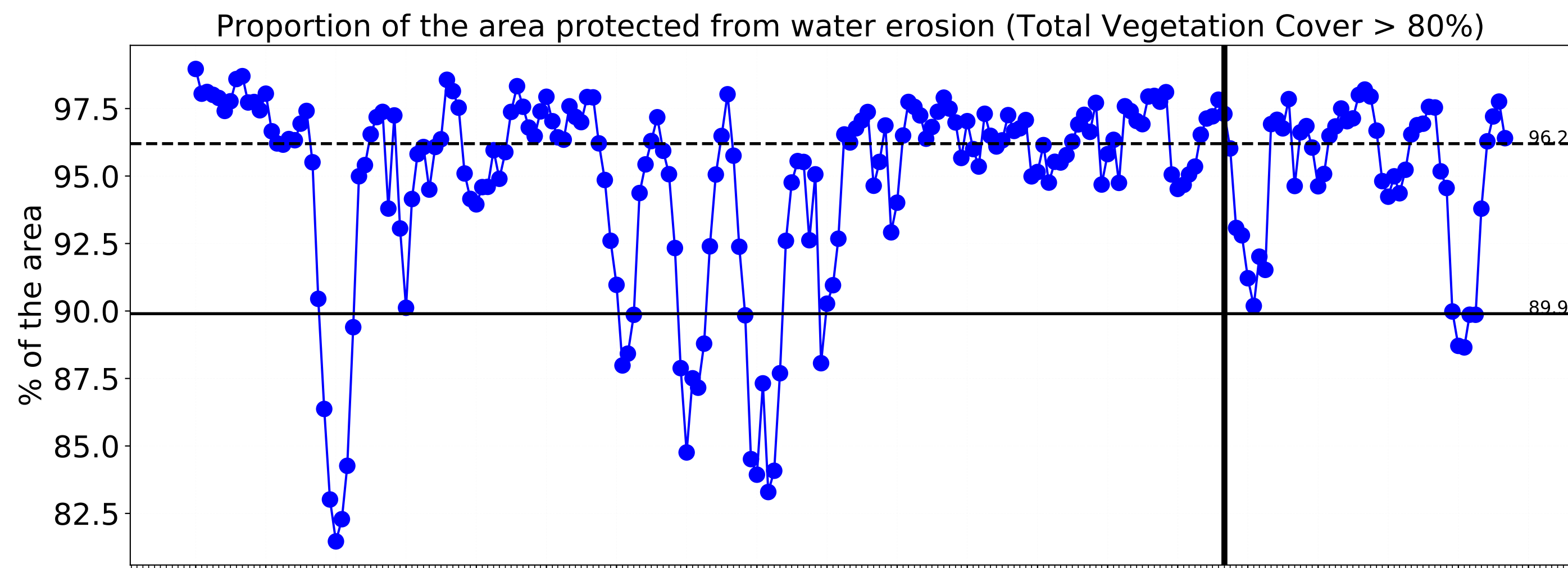
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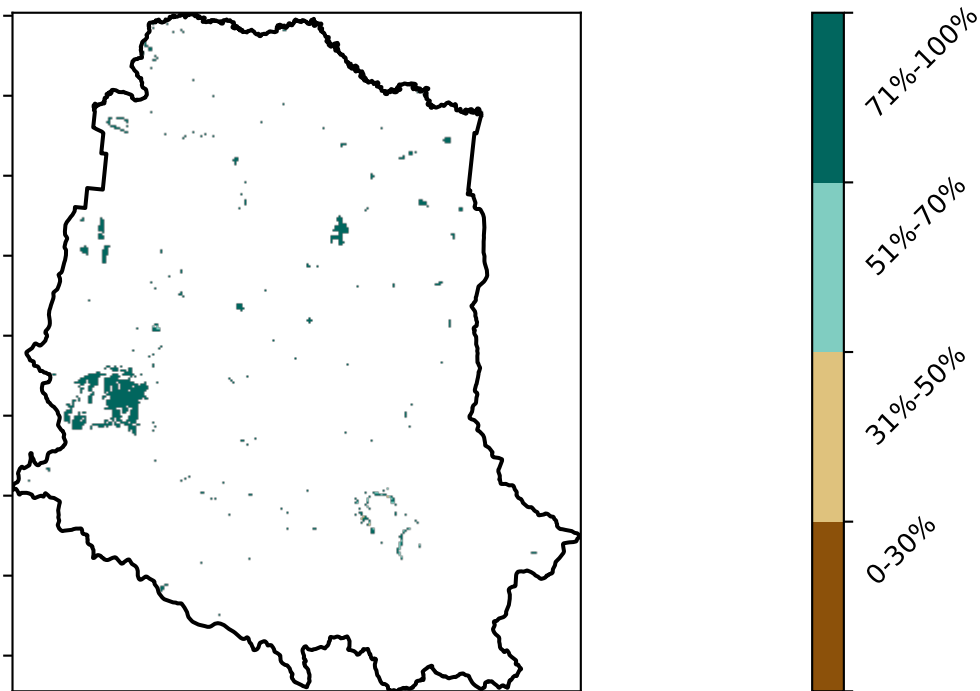


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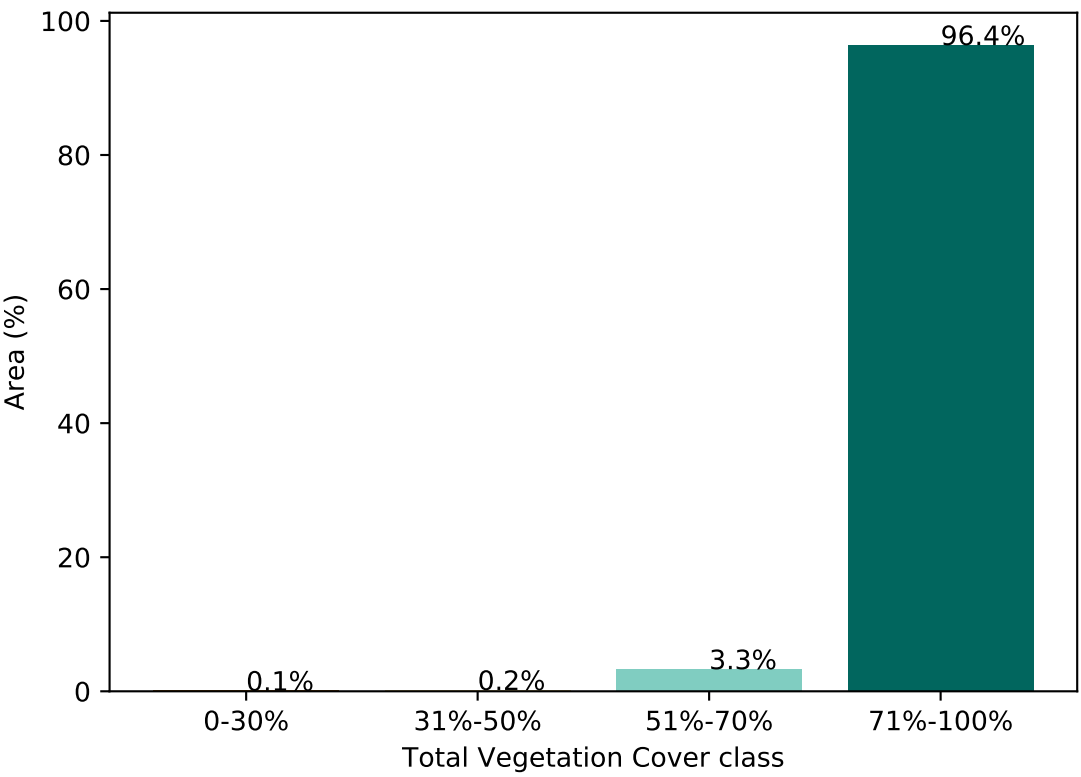
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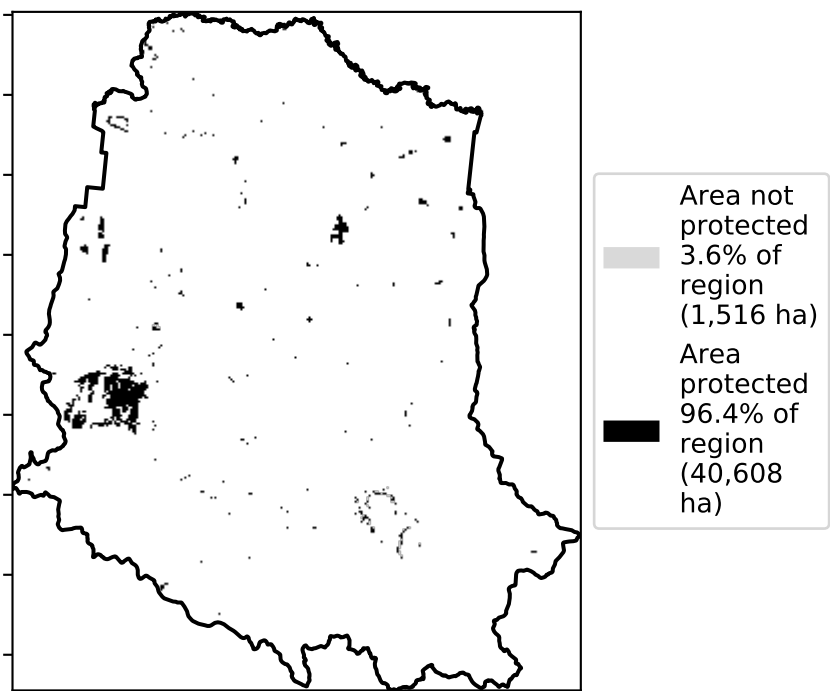
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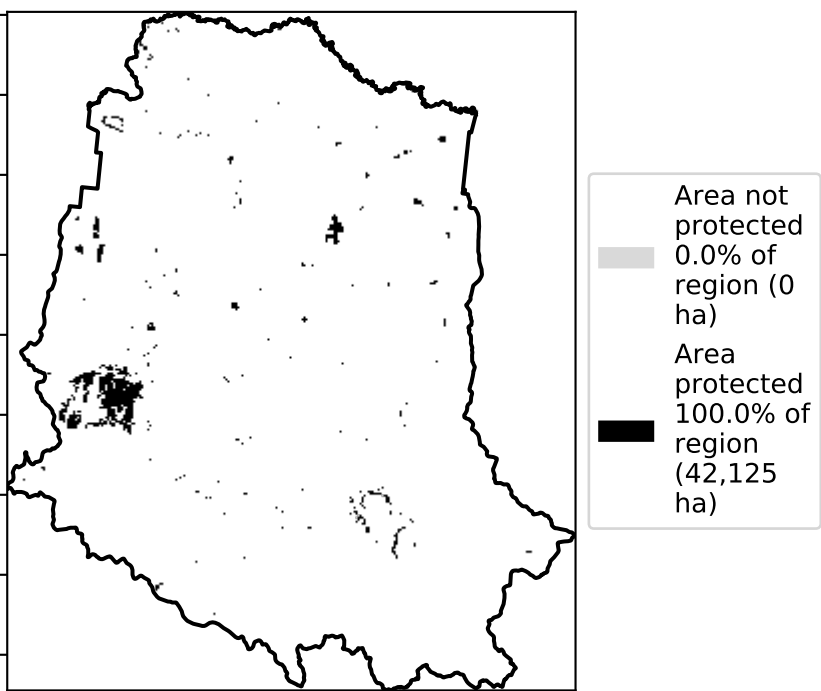
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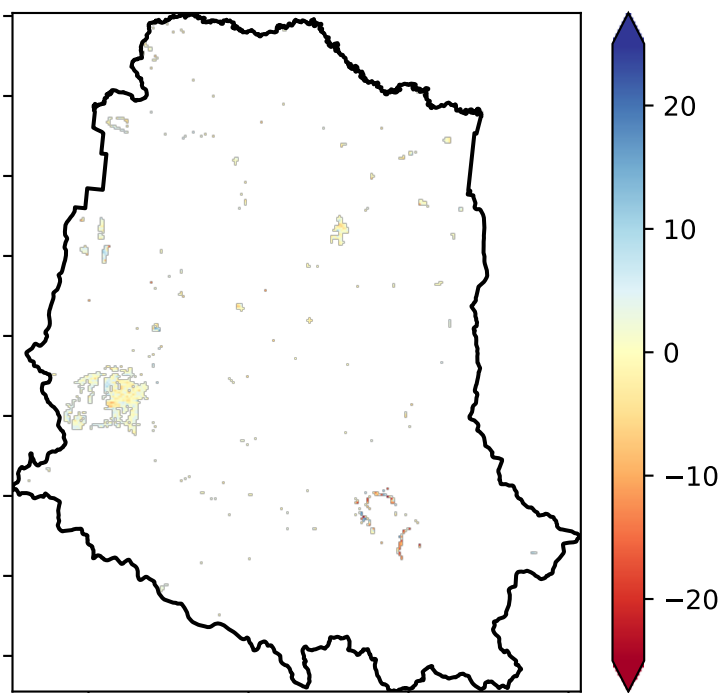
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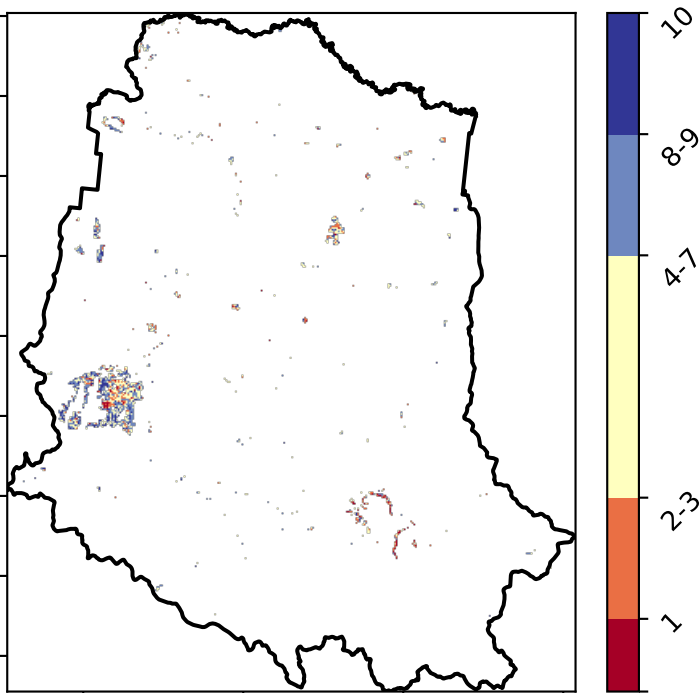
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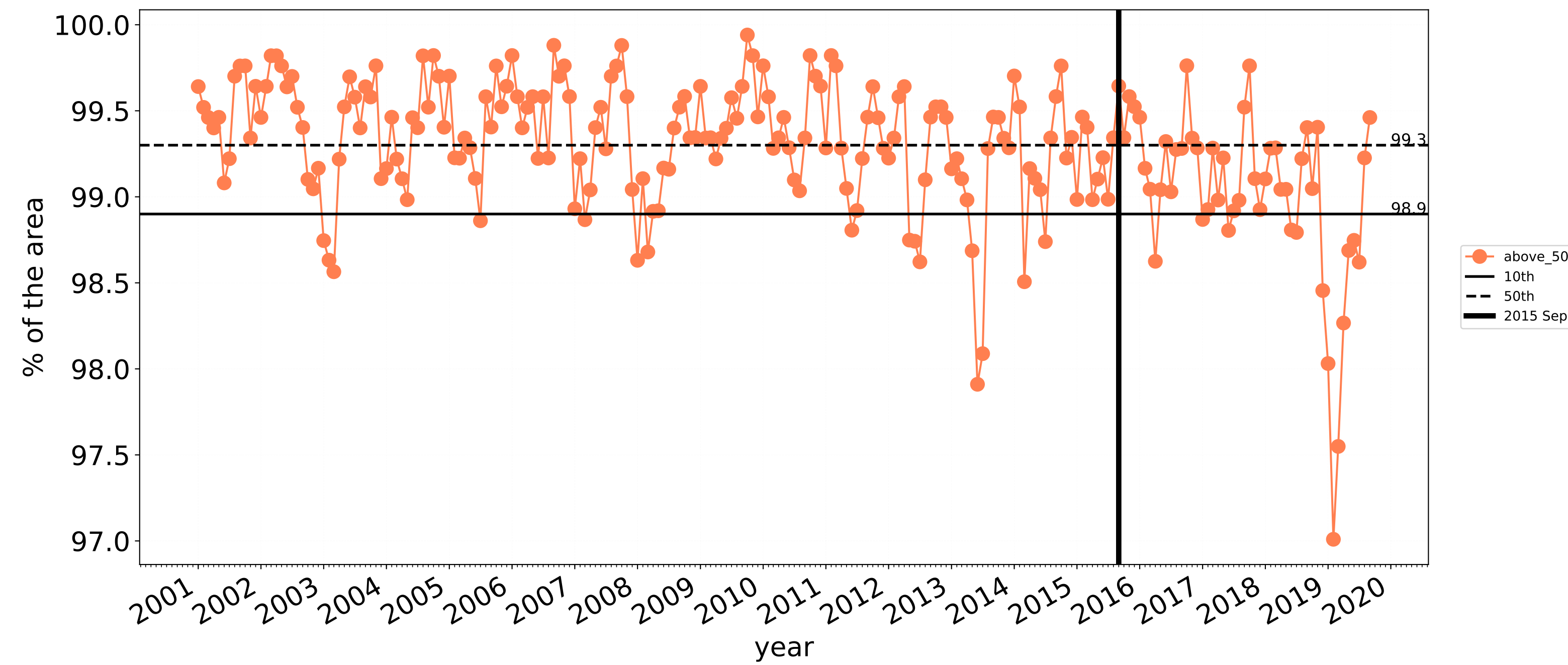


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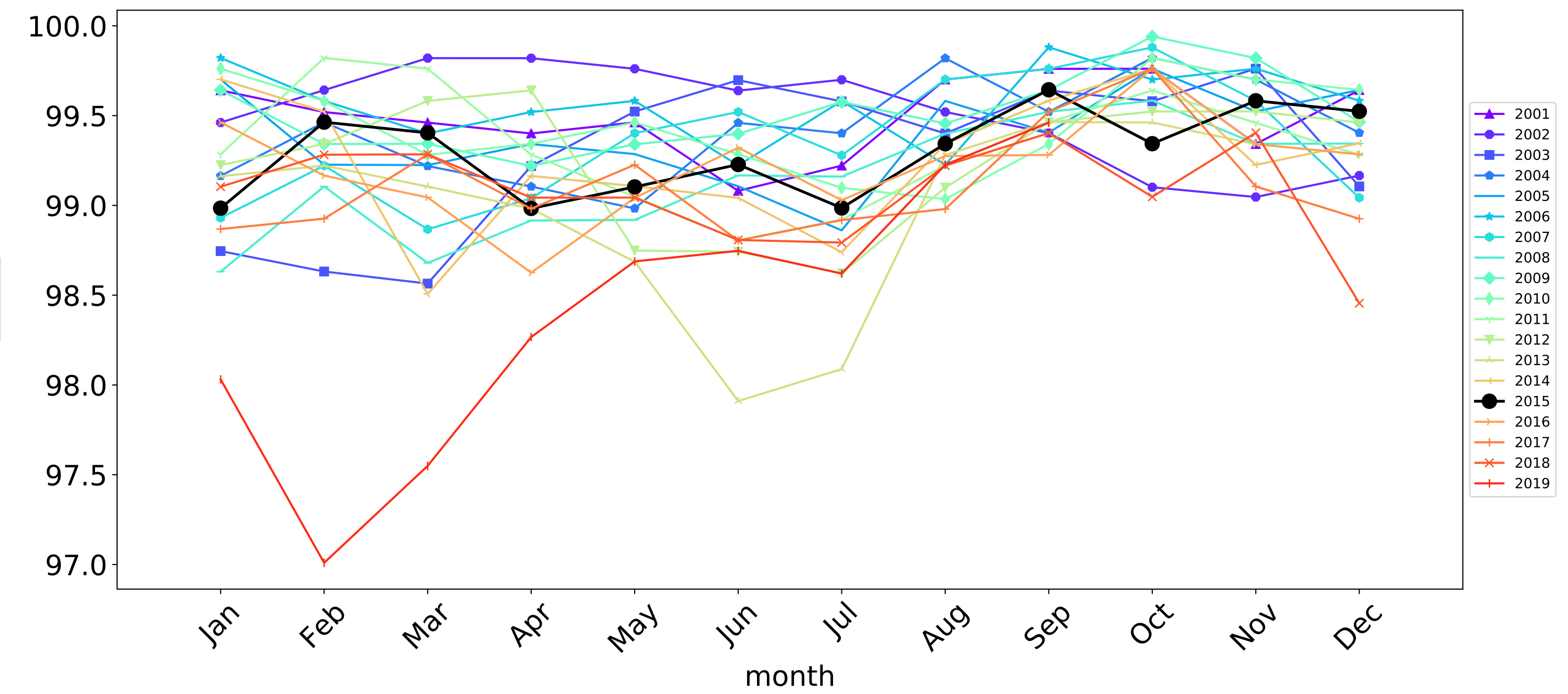


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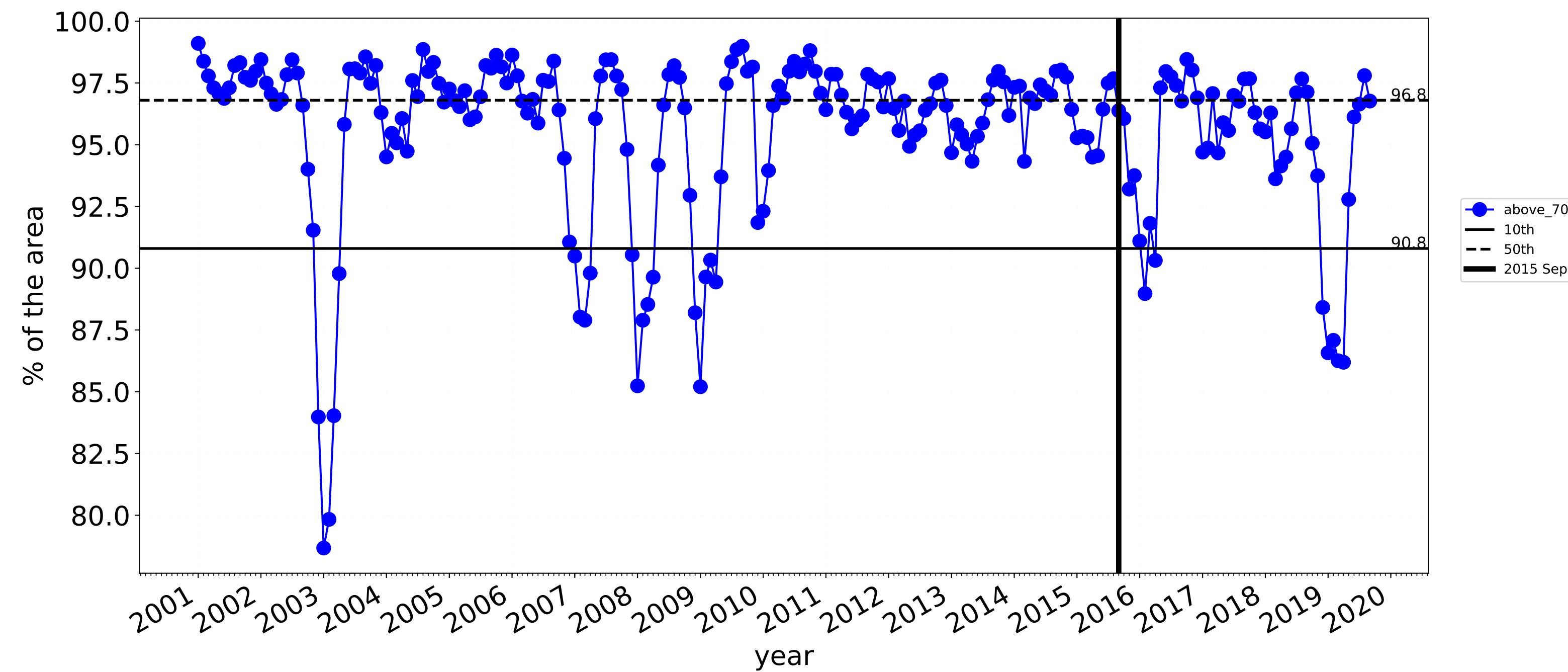
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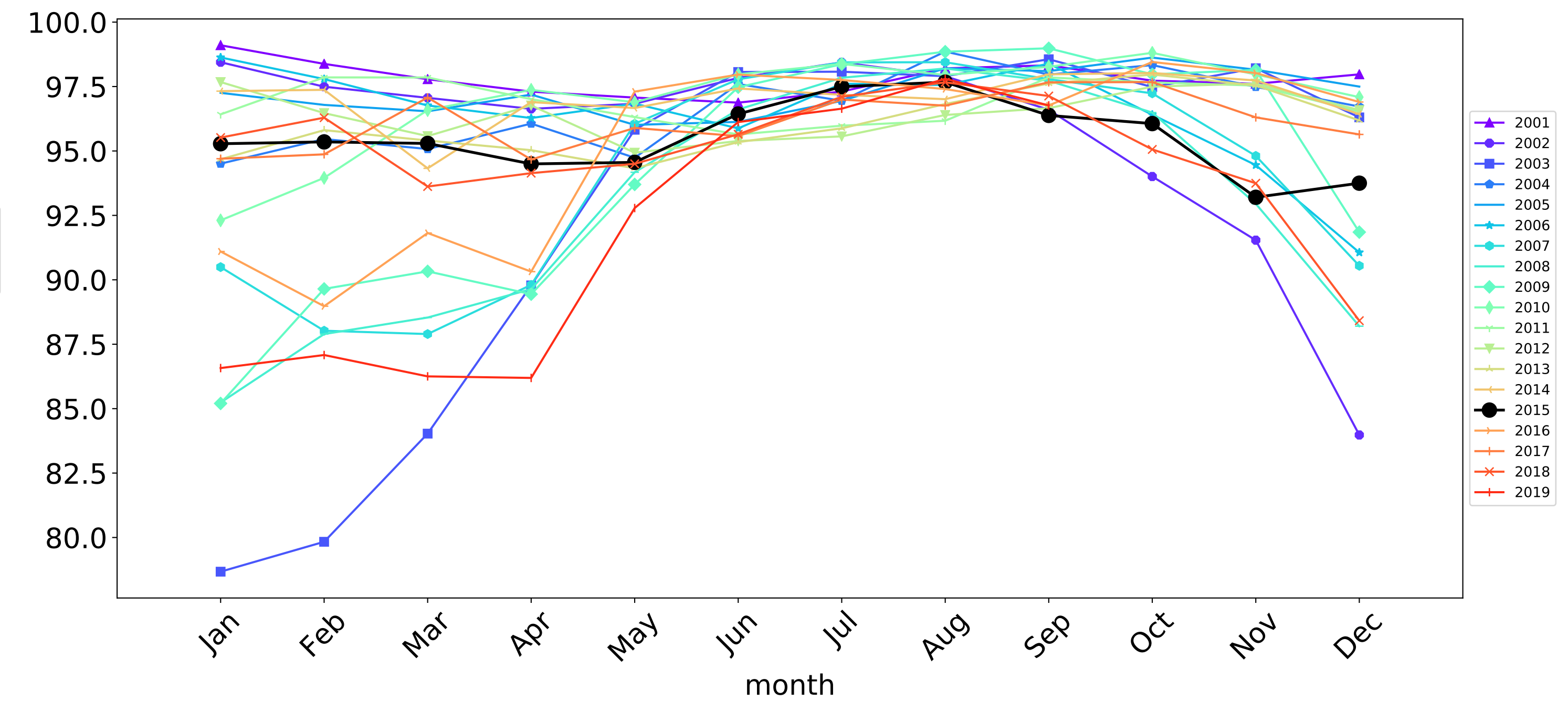
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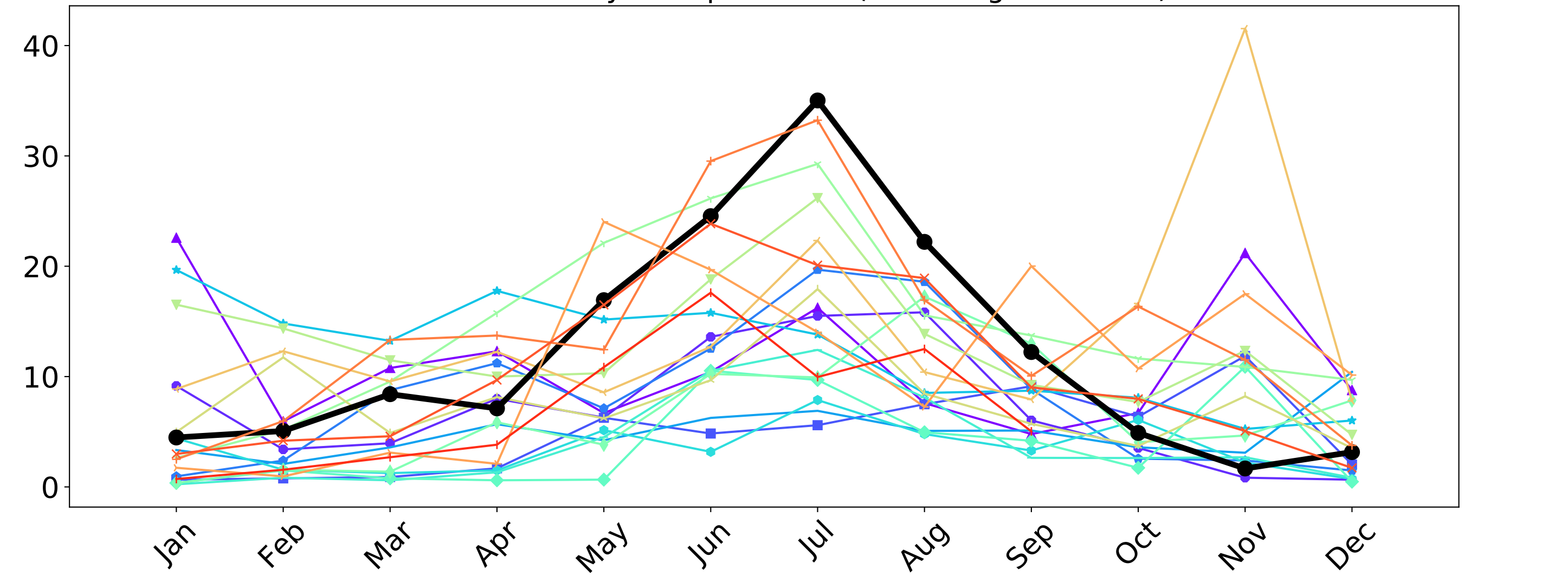
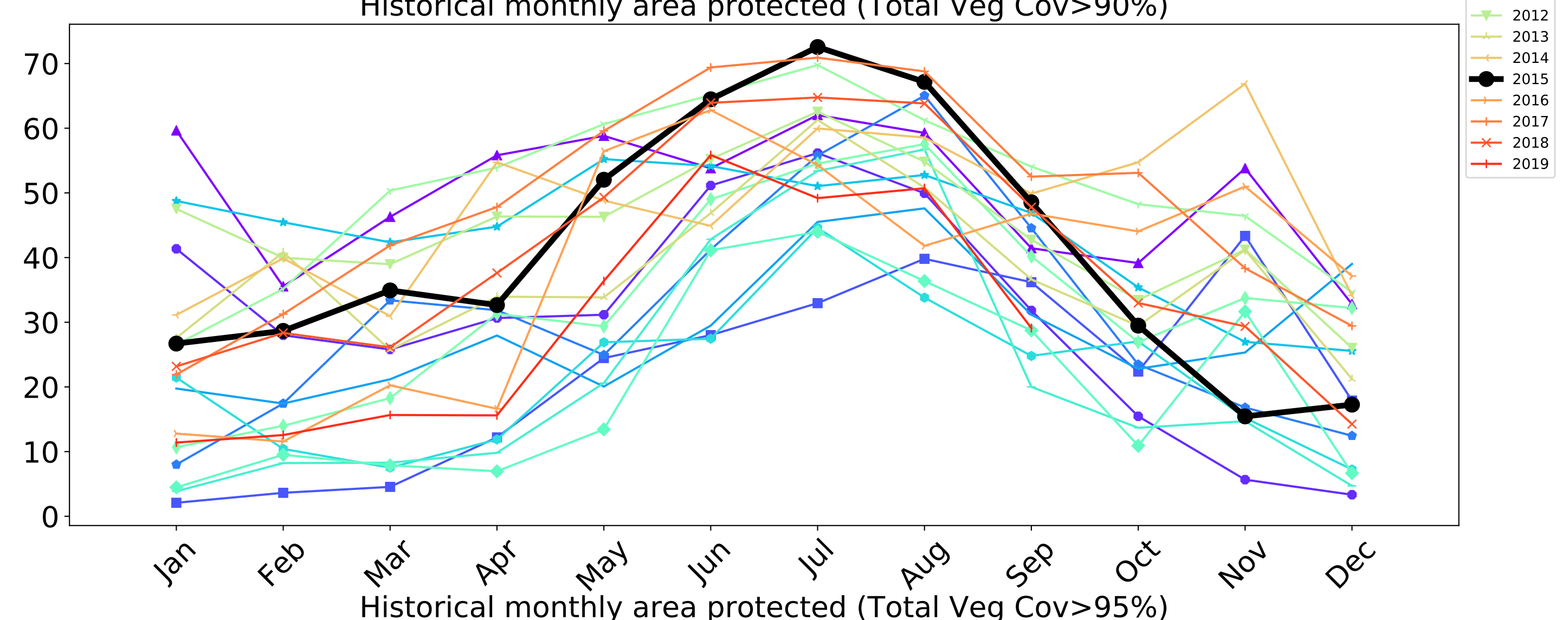
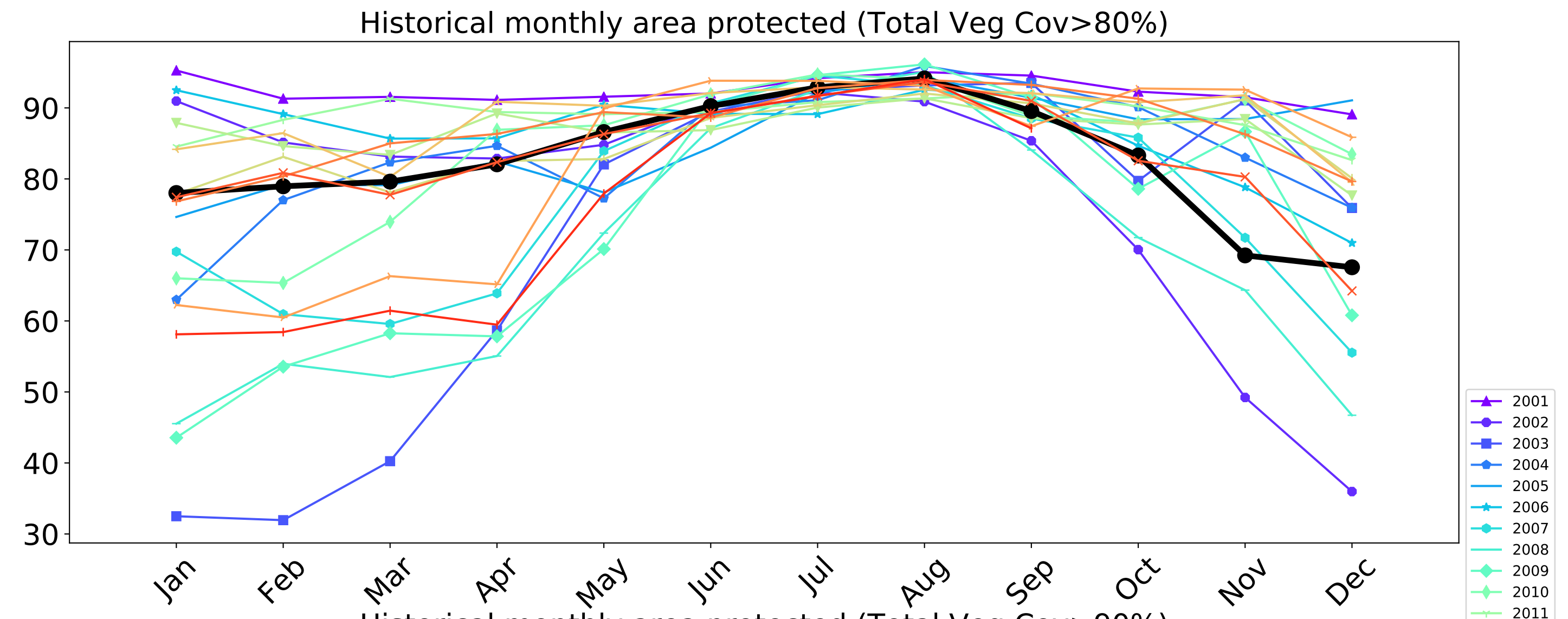
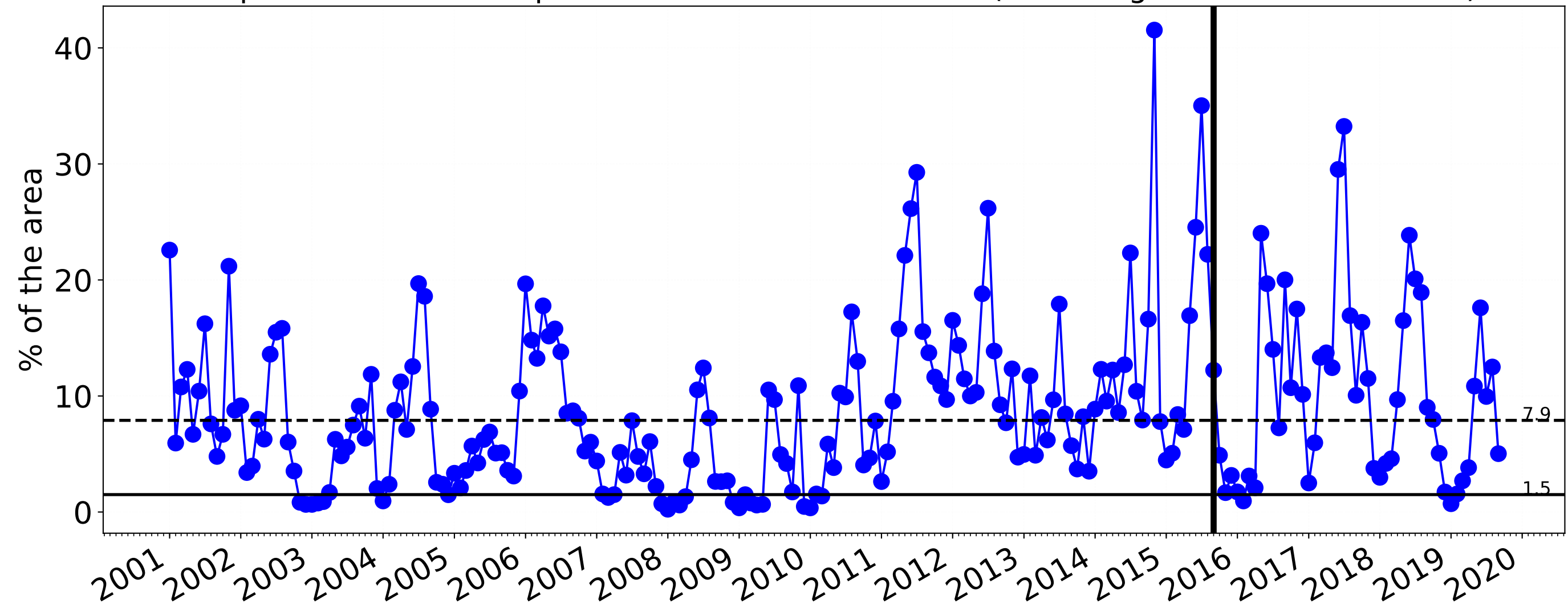
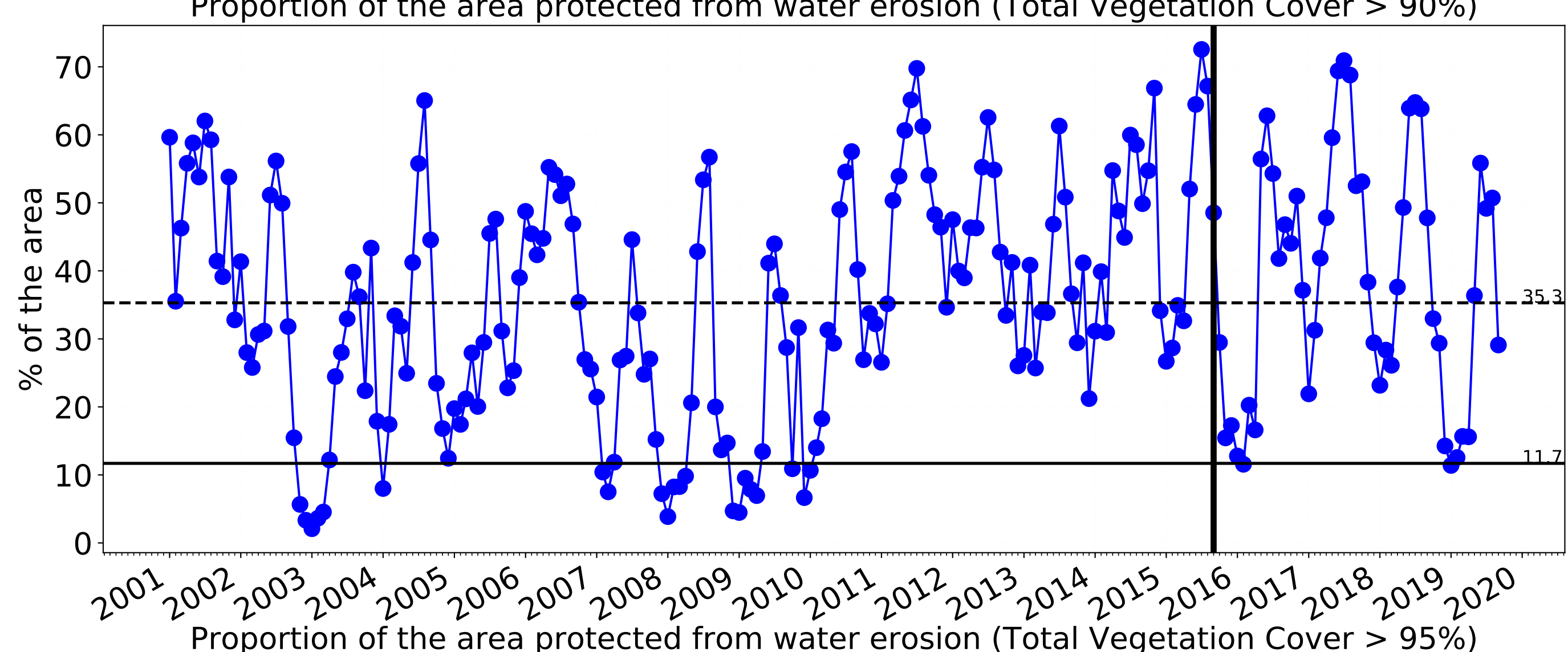
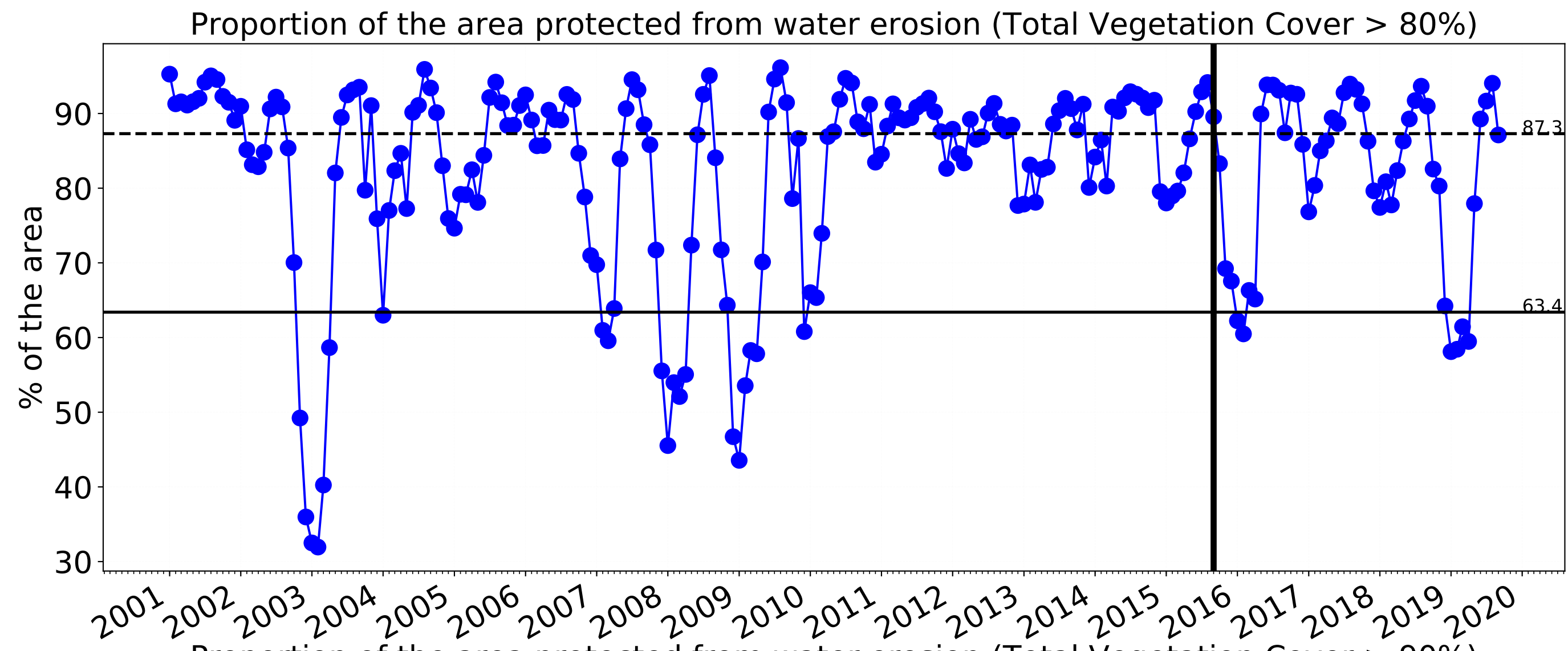
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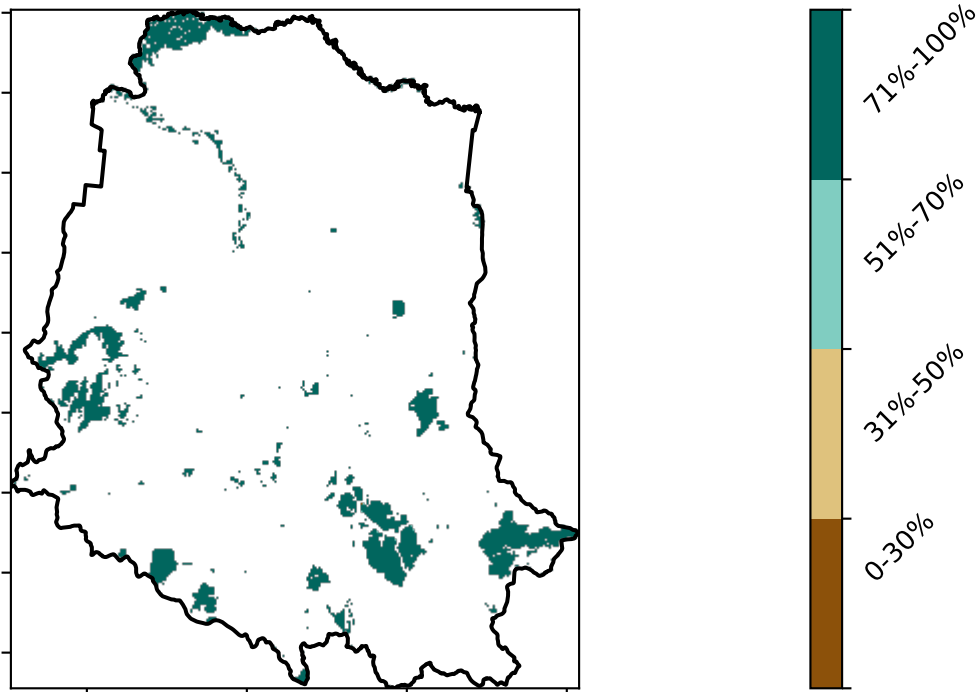
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

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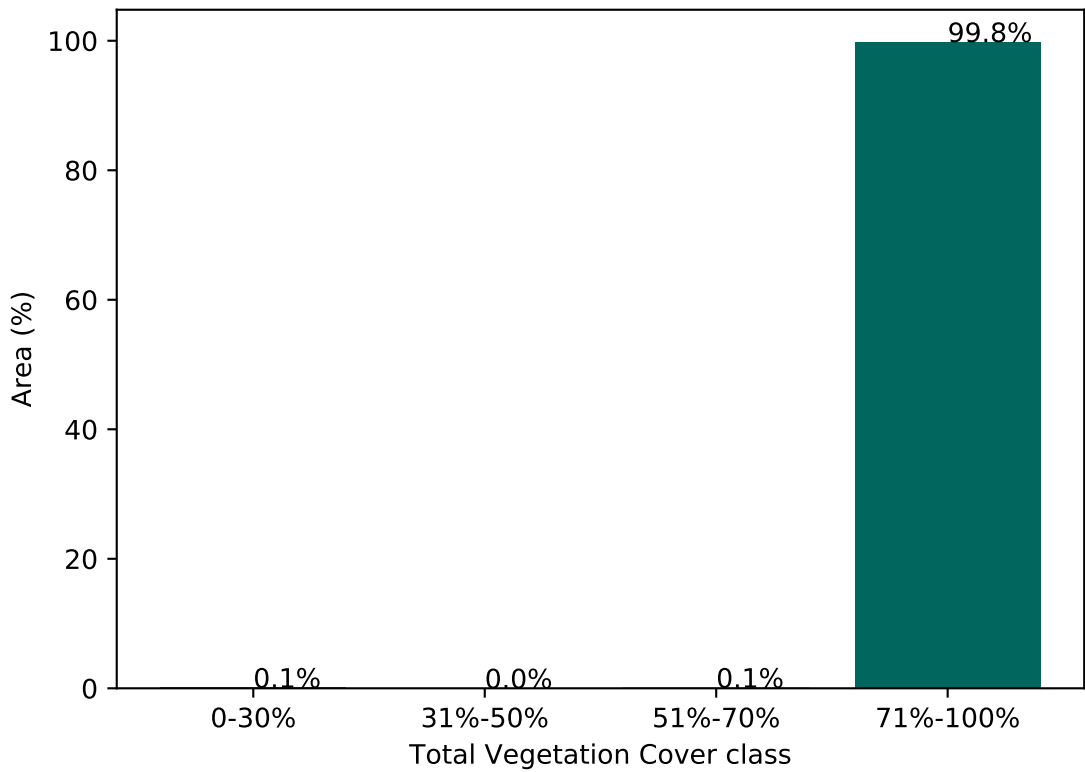
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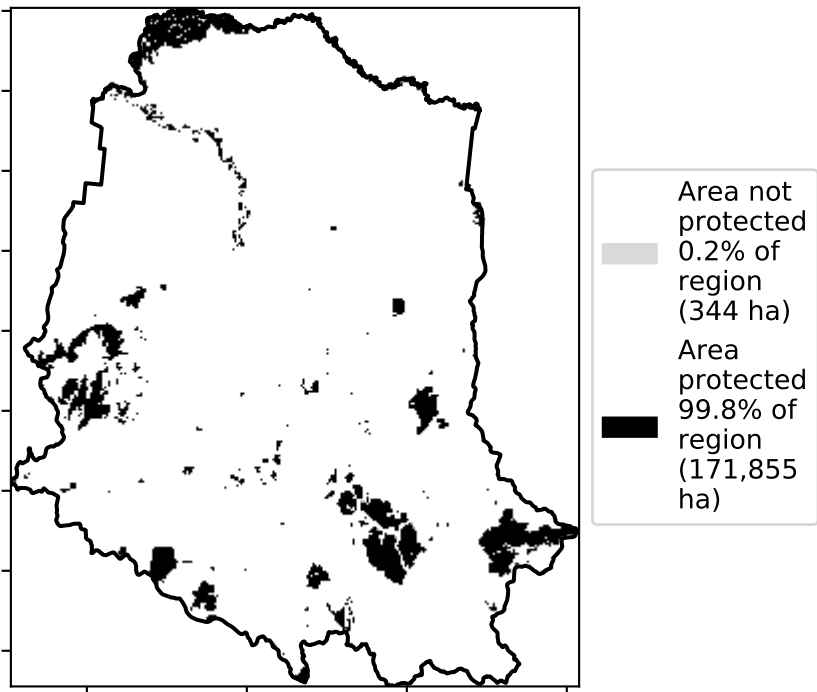
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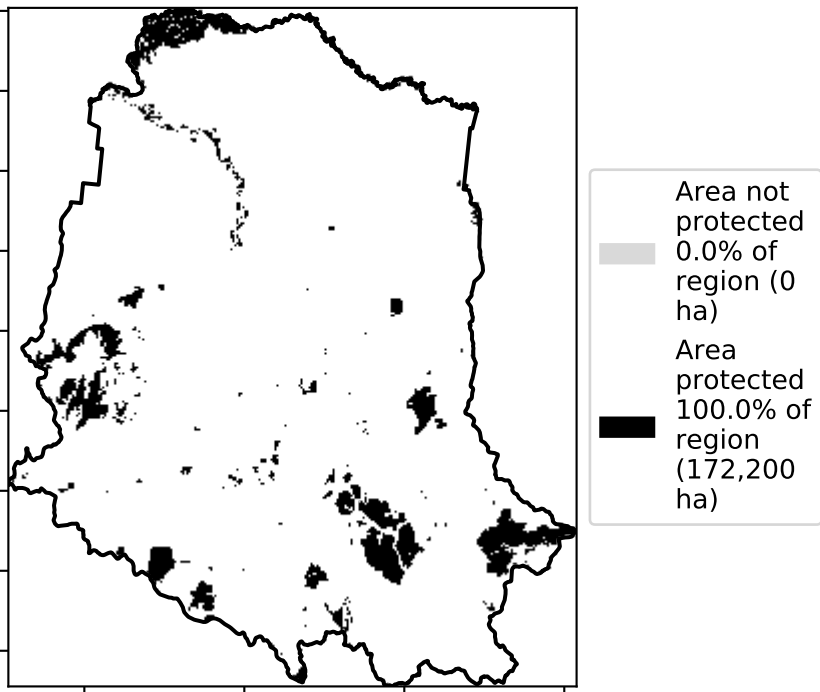
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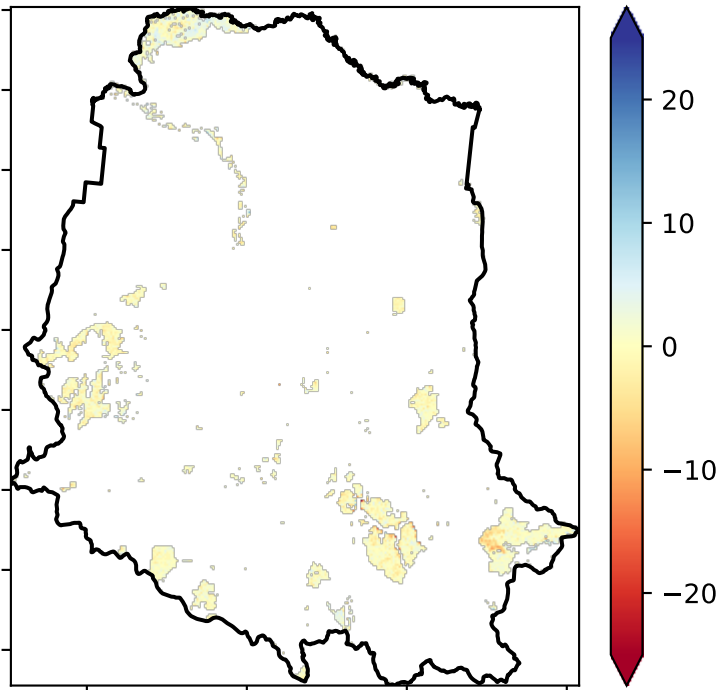


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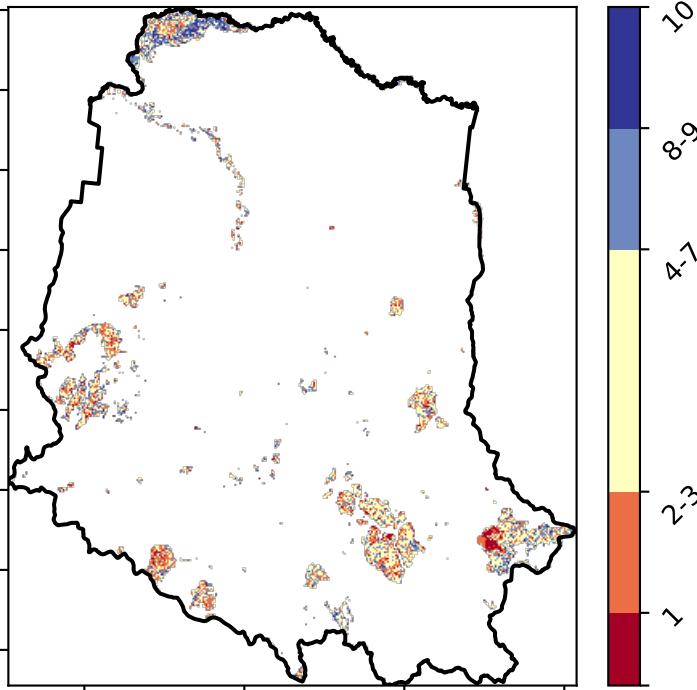
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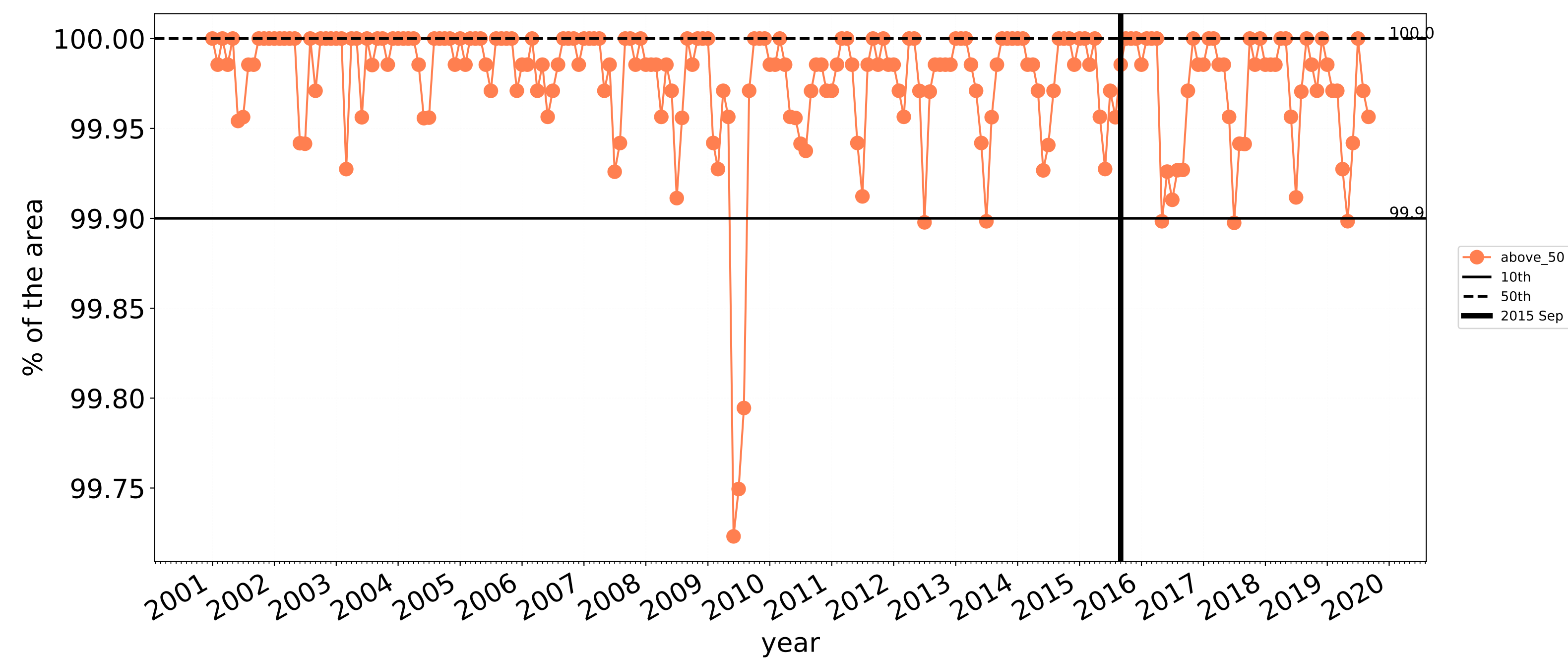


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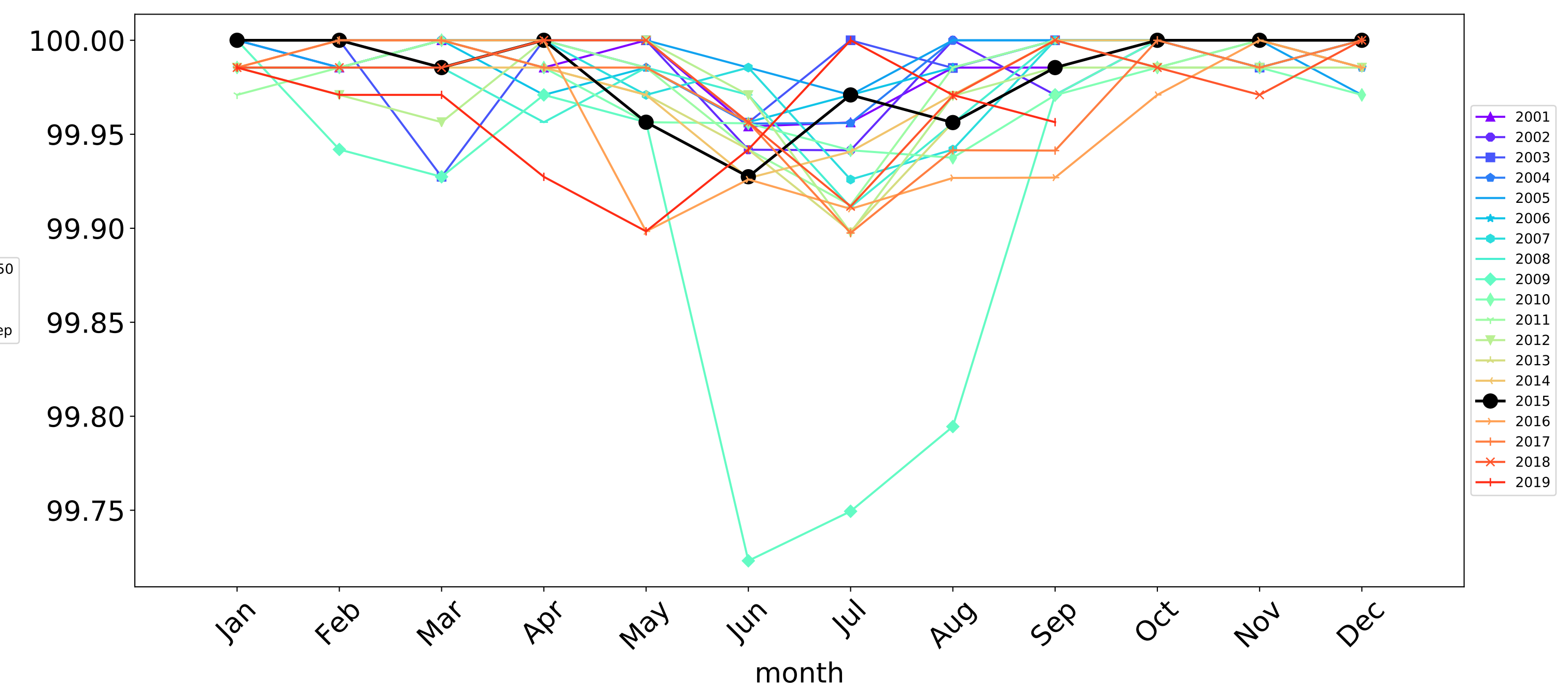


# Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland) timeseries

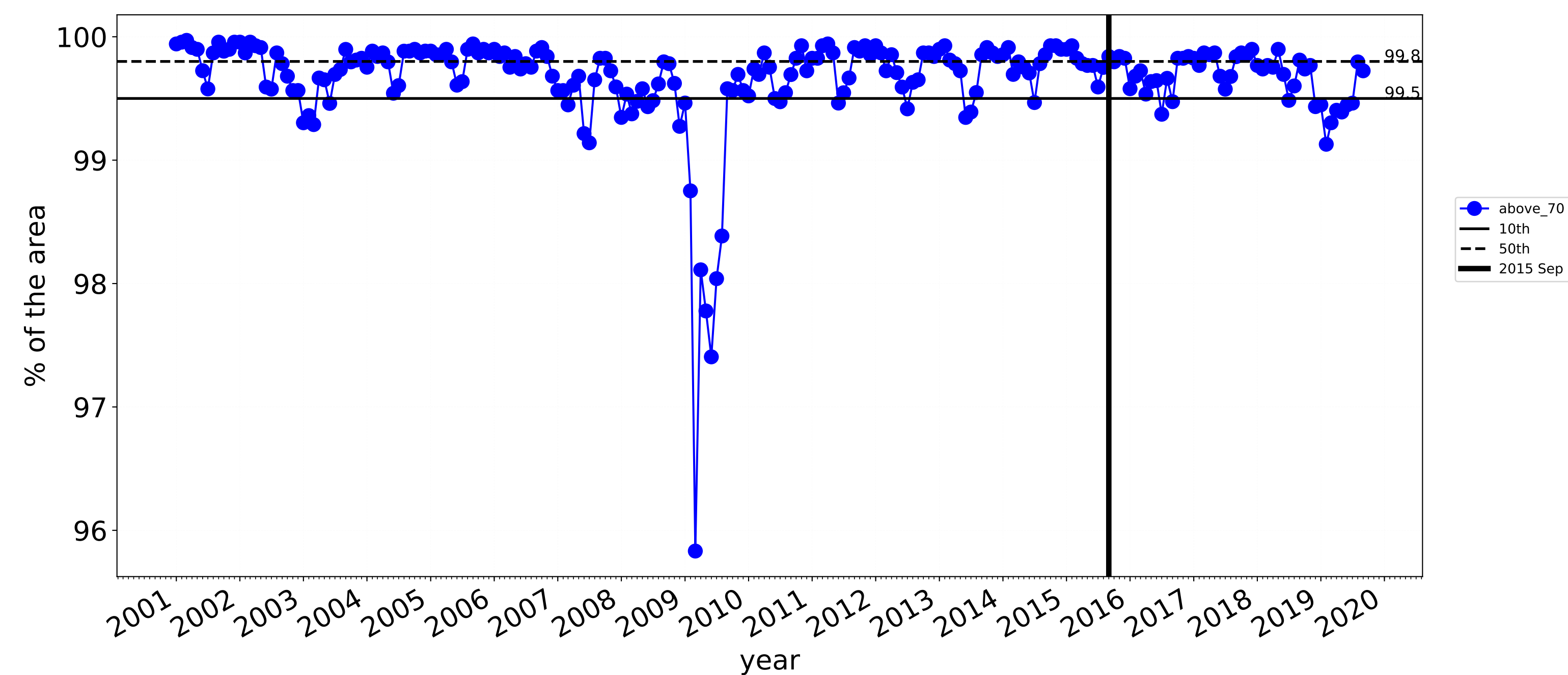
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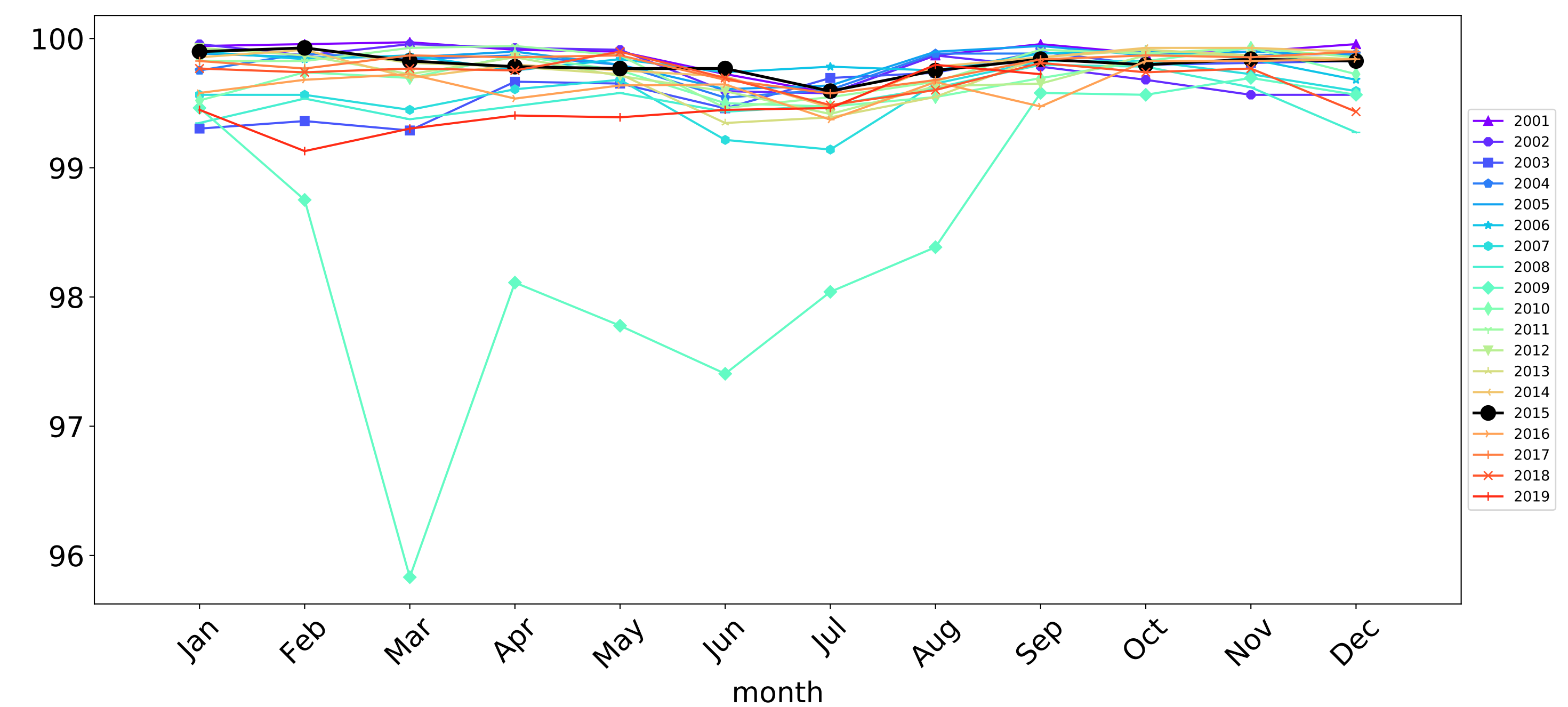
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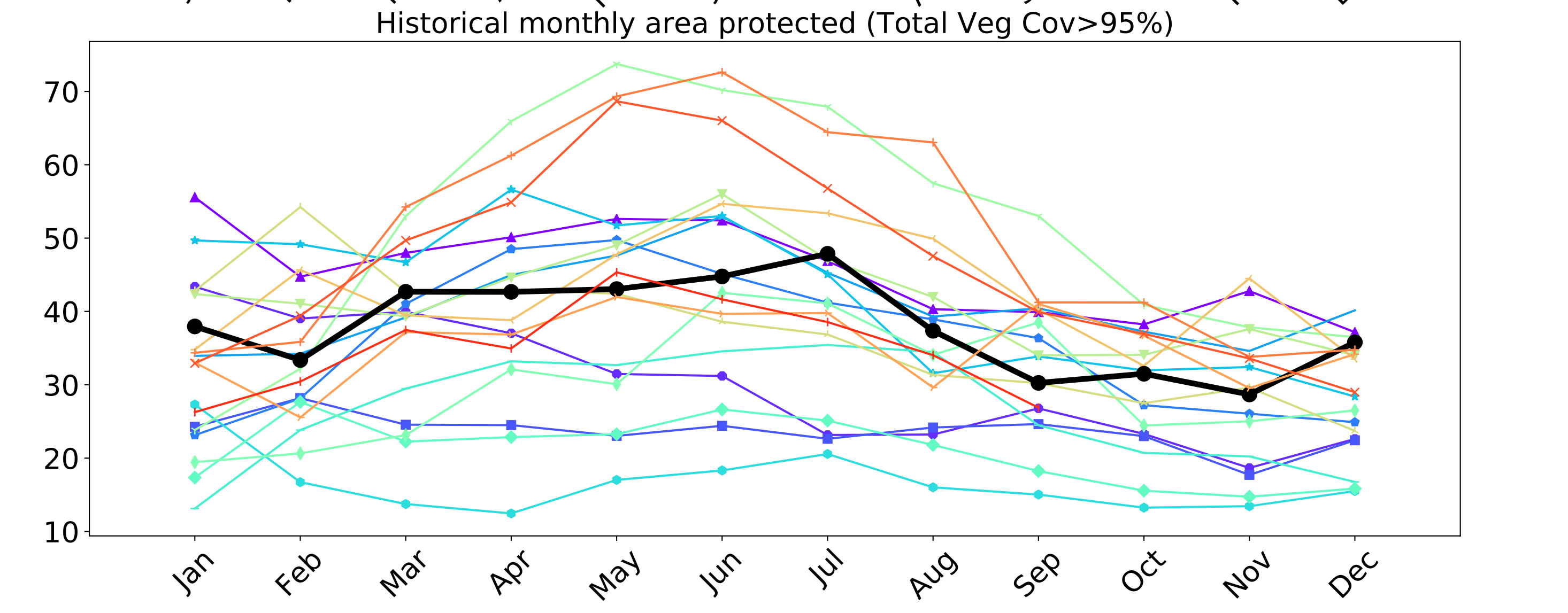
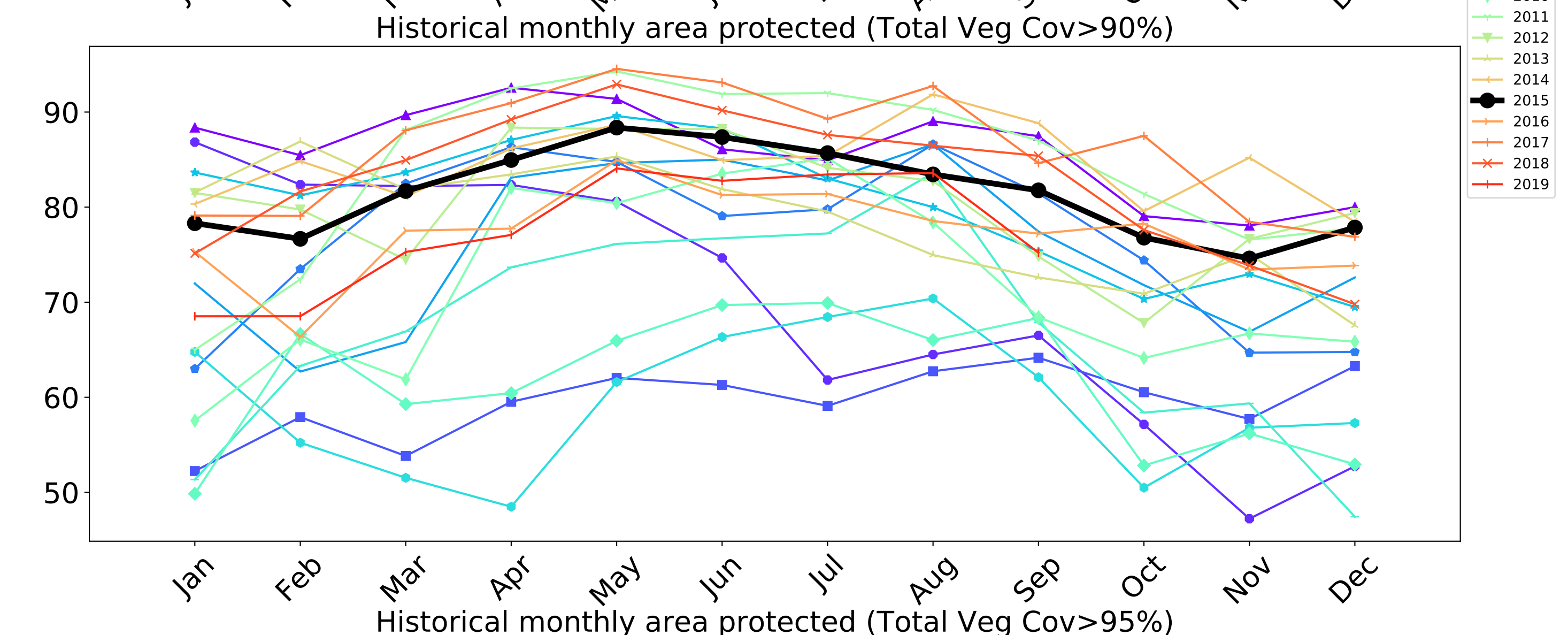
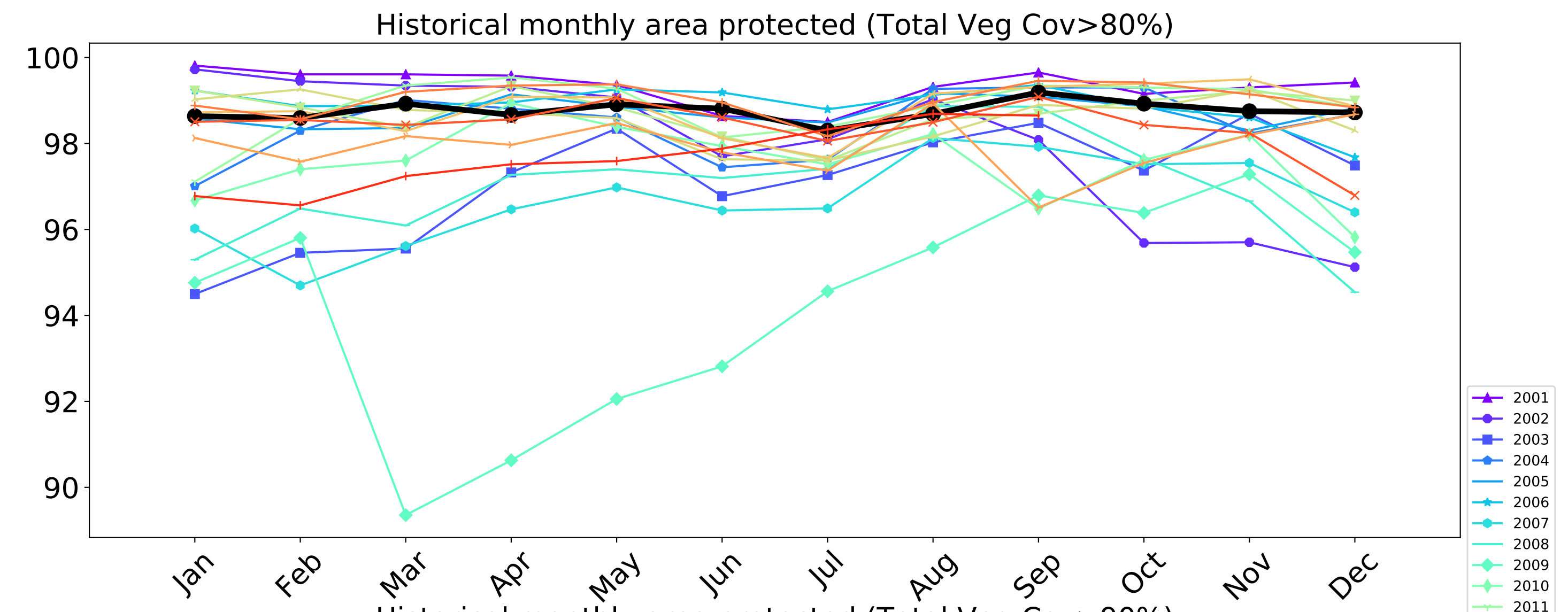
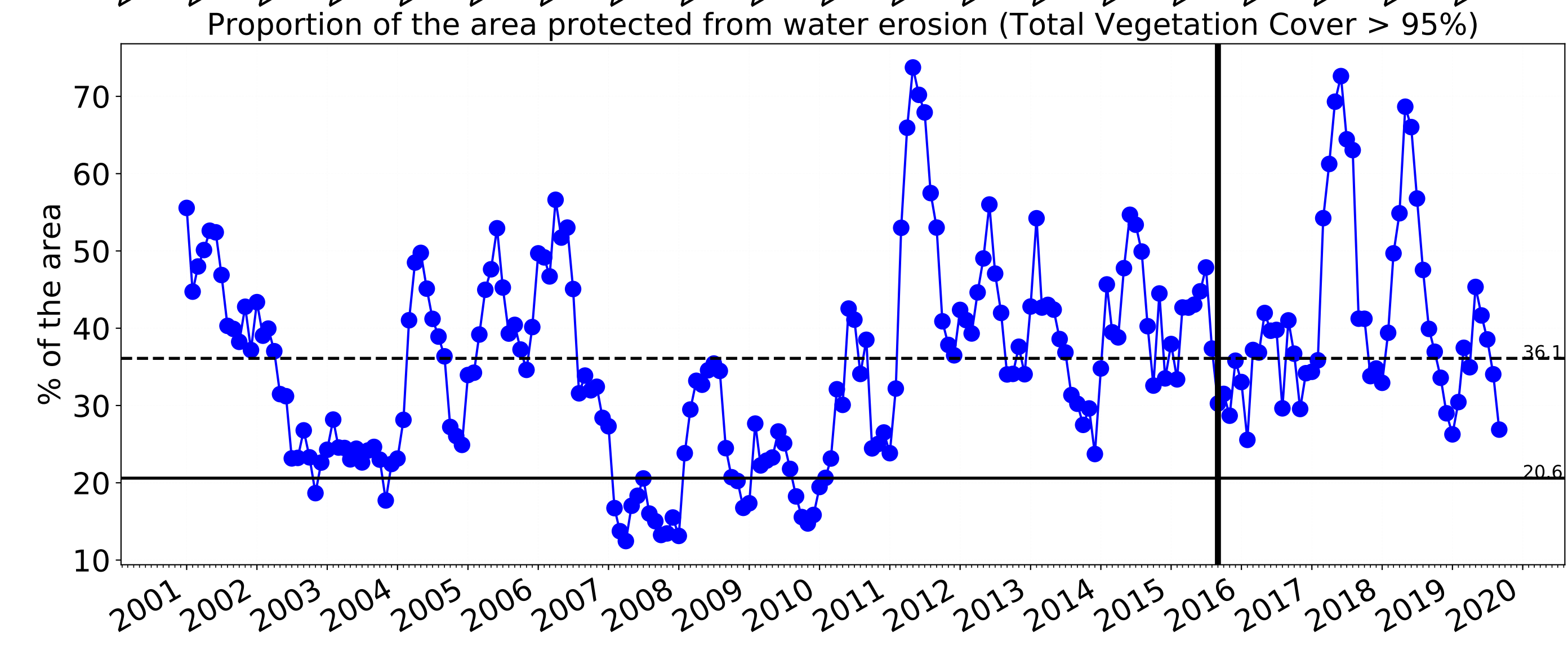
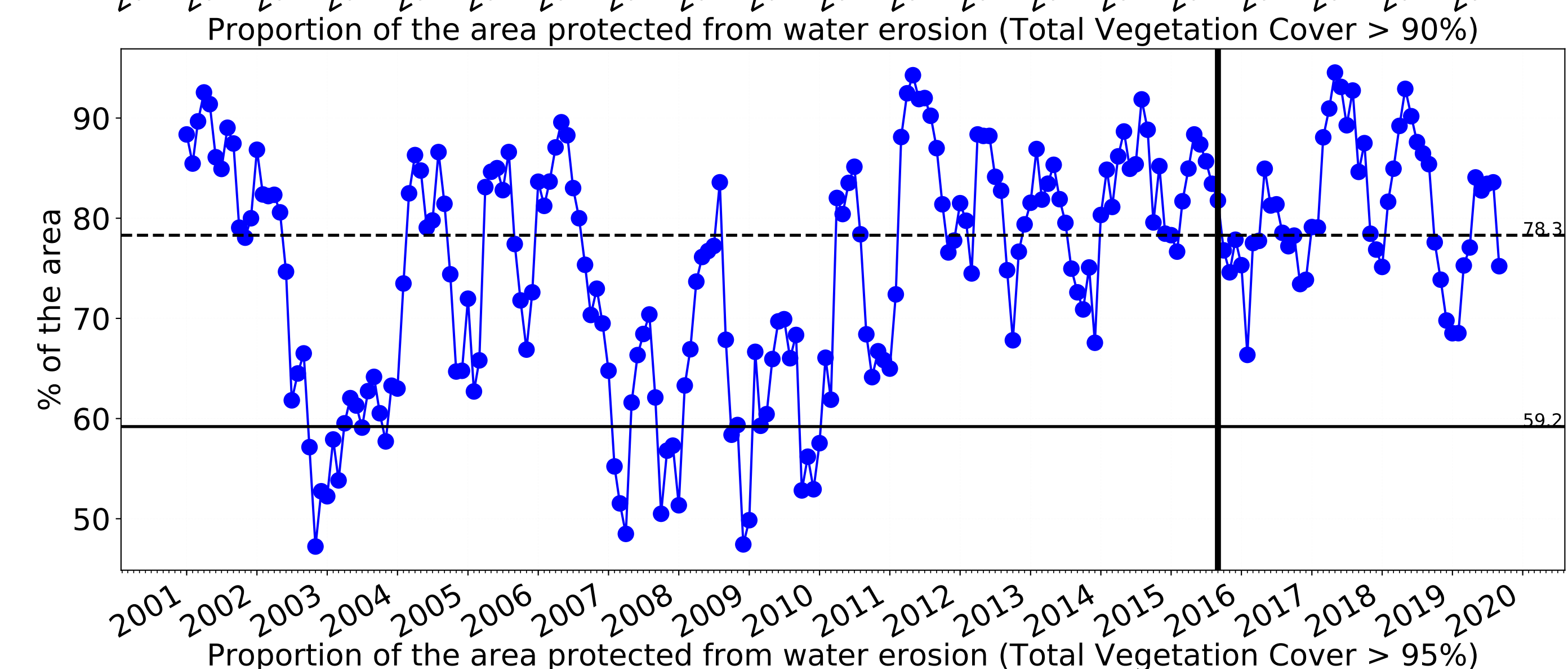
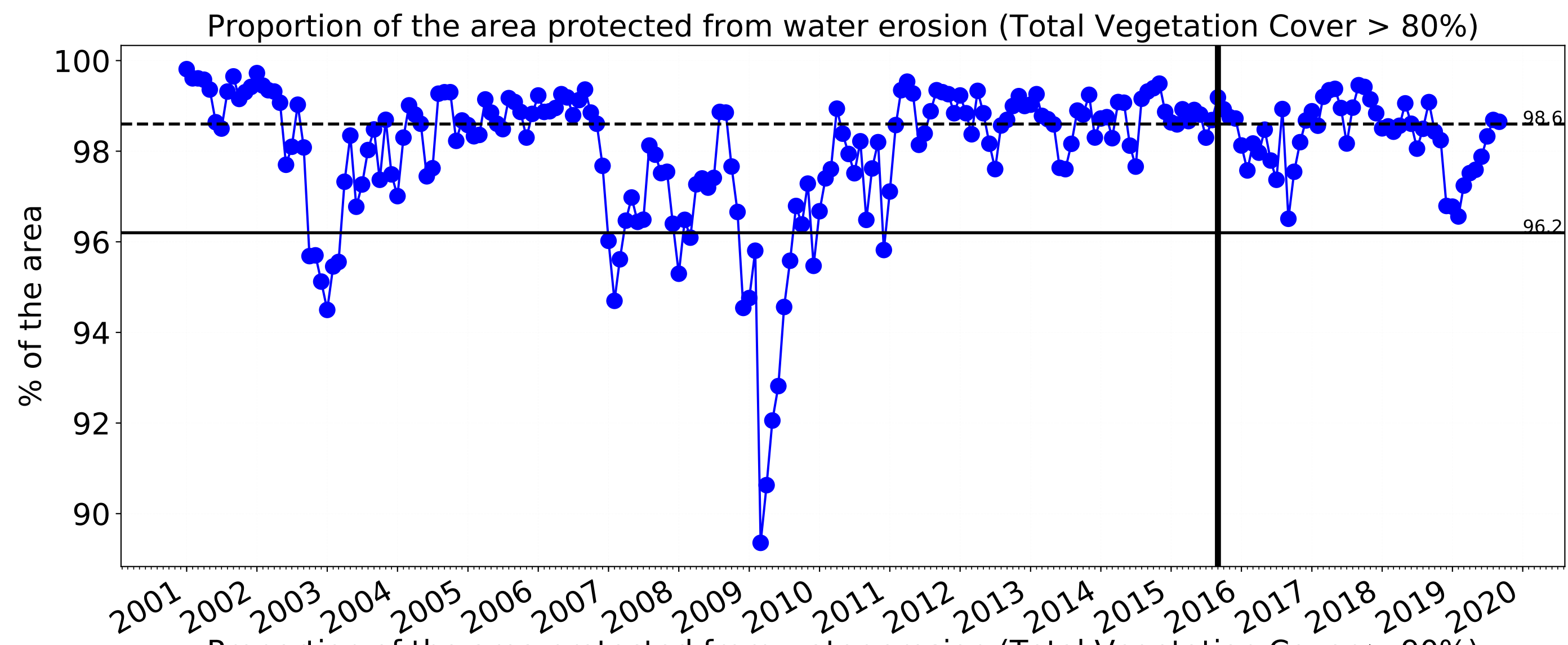
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Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

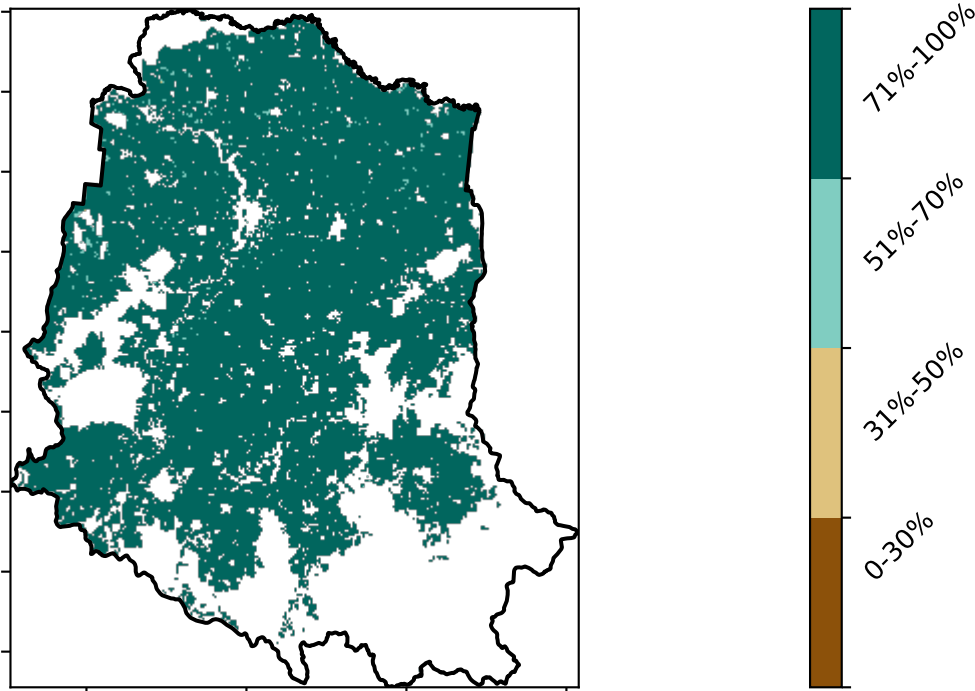
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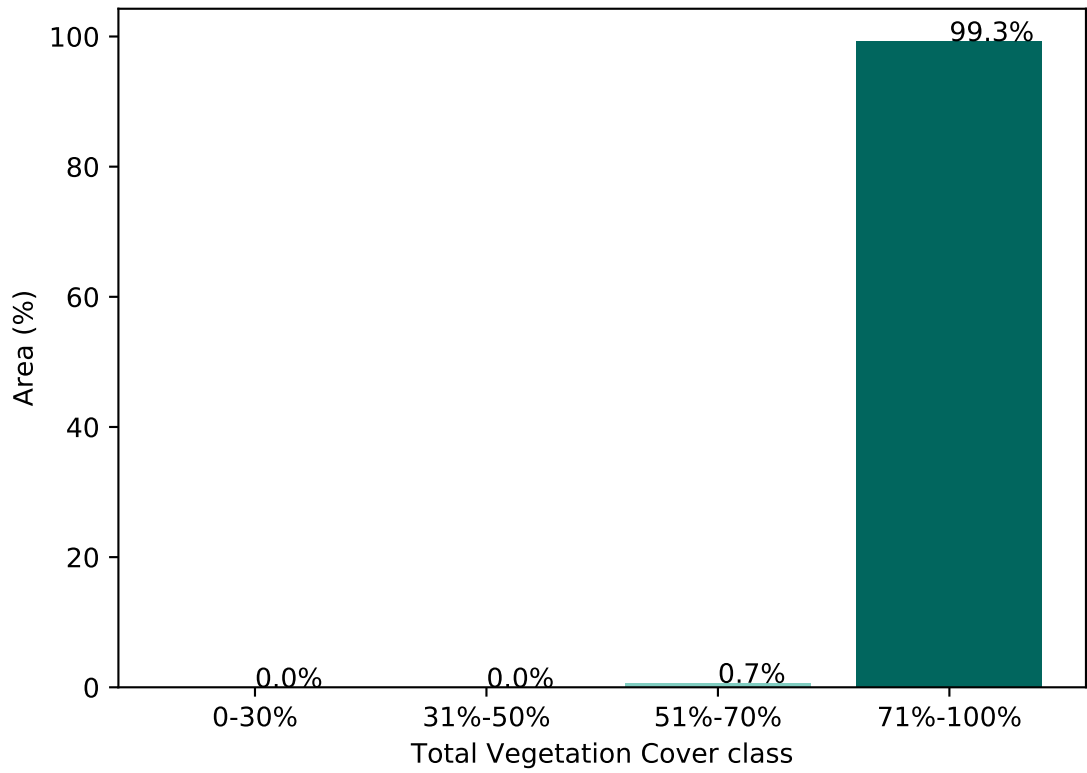
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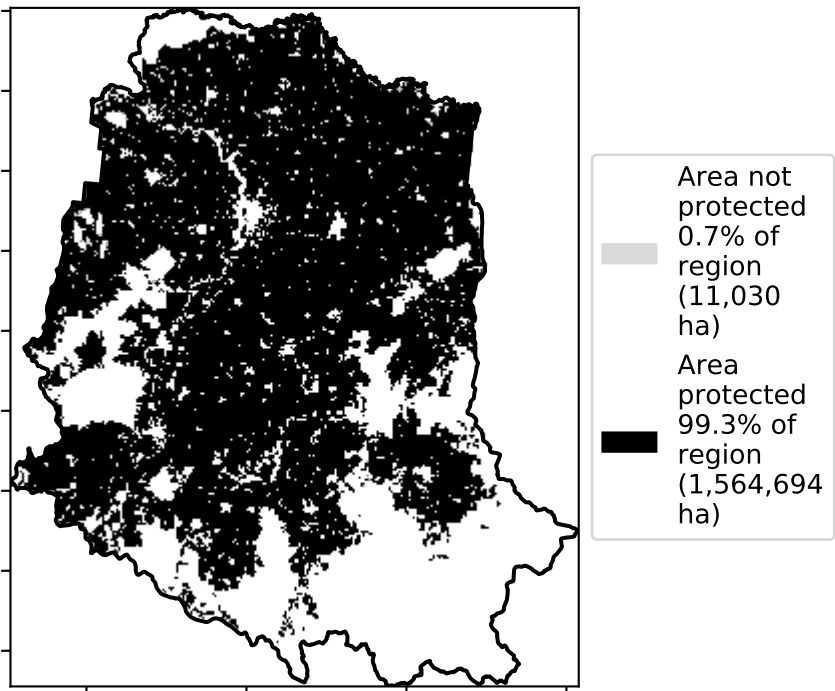
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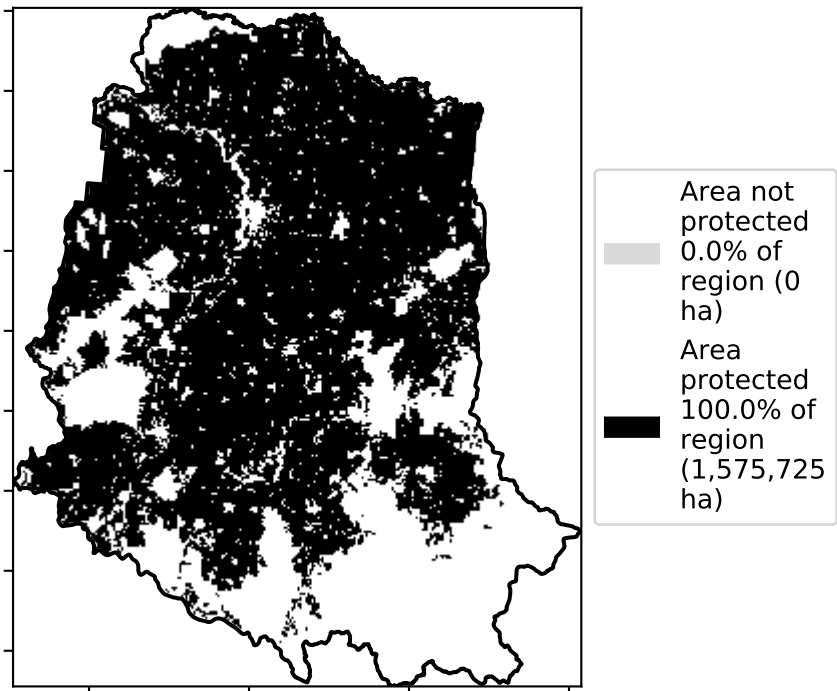
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

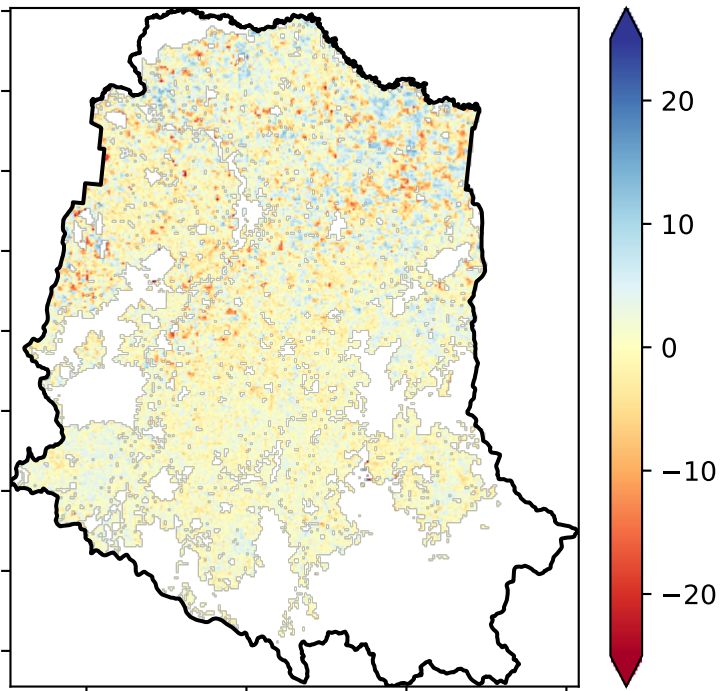


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



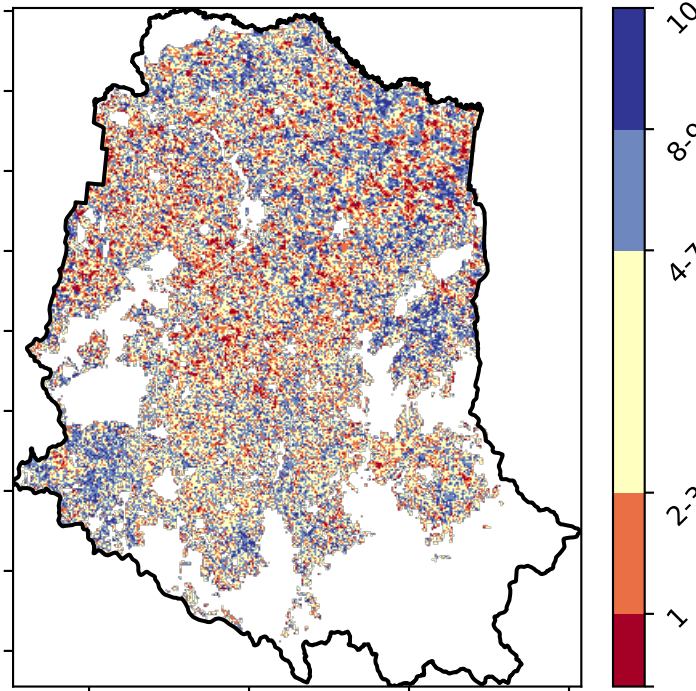
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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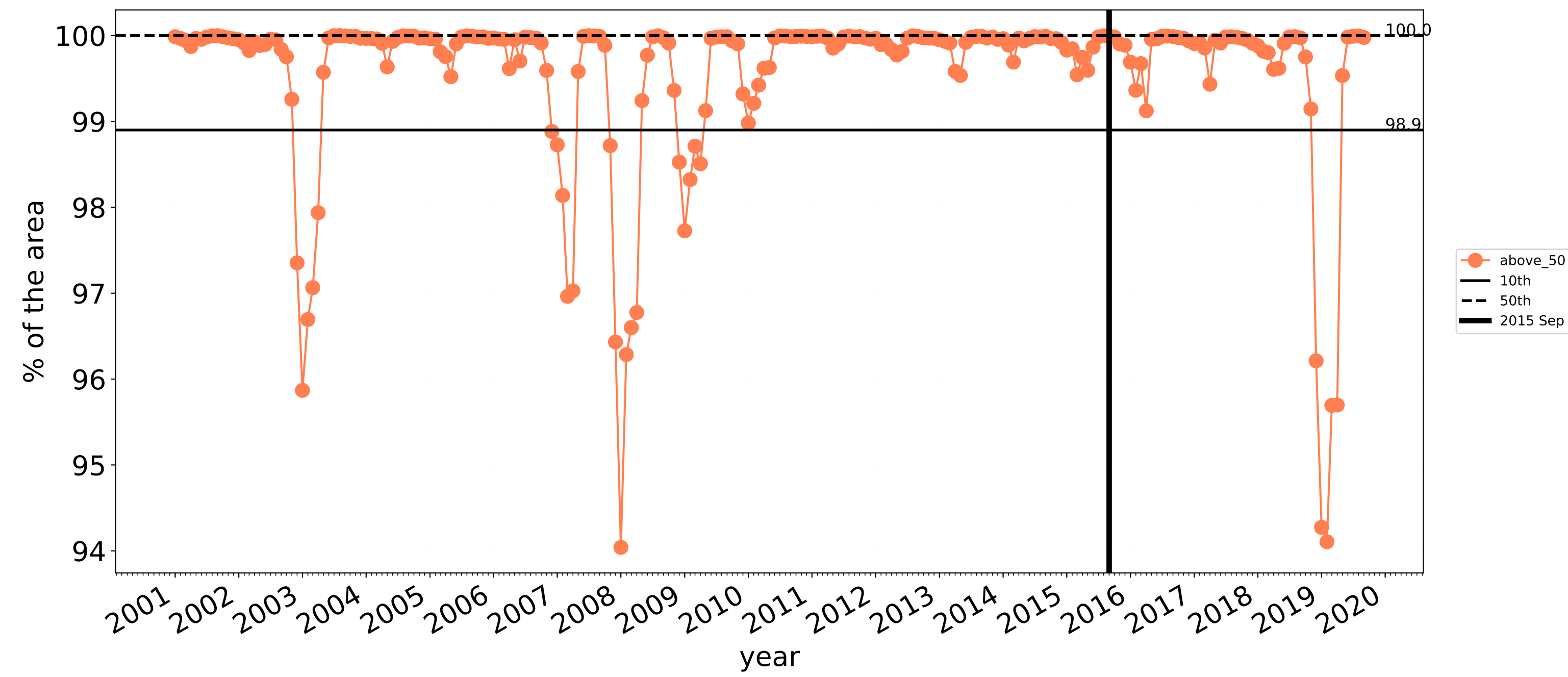


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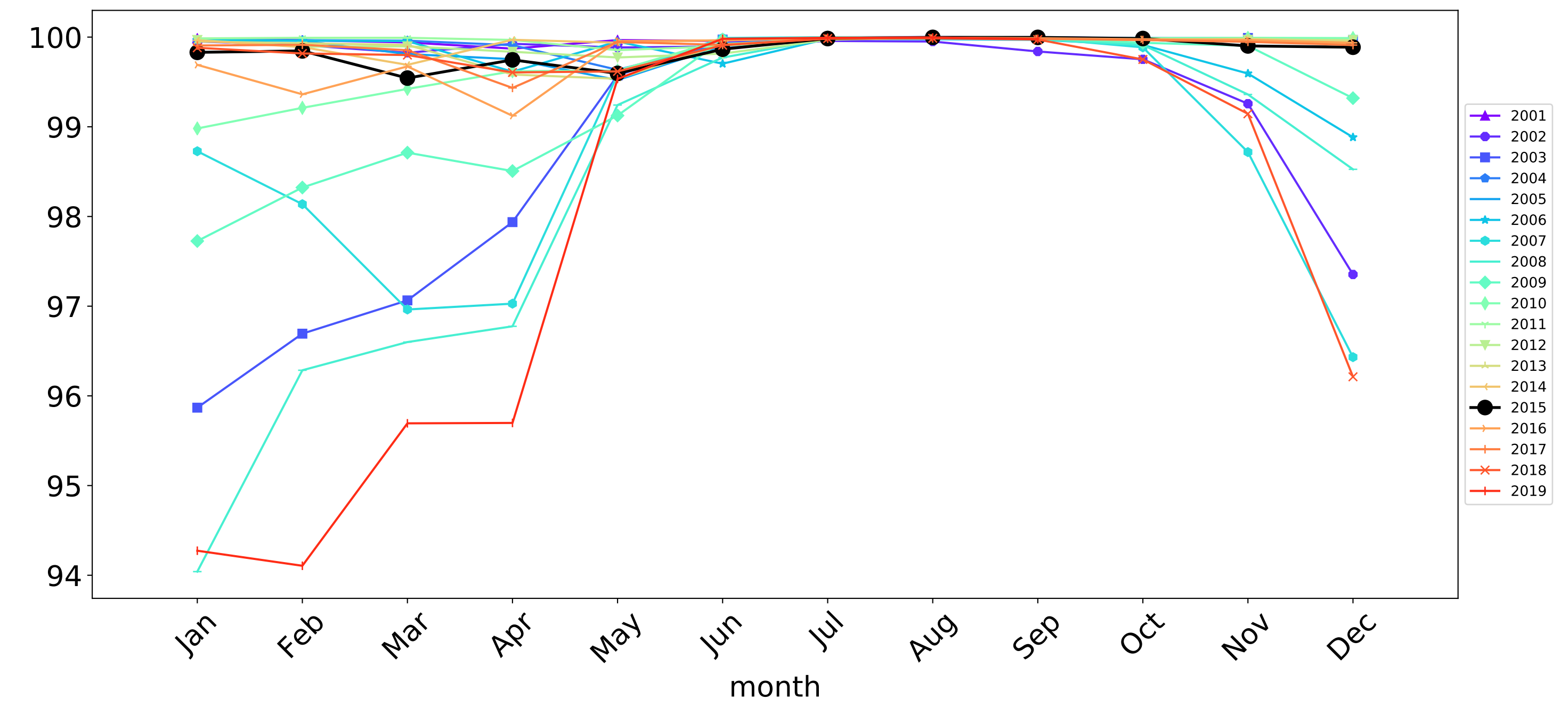


# Agriculture timeseries

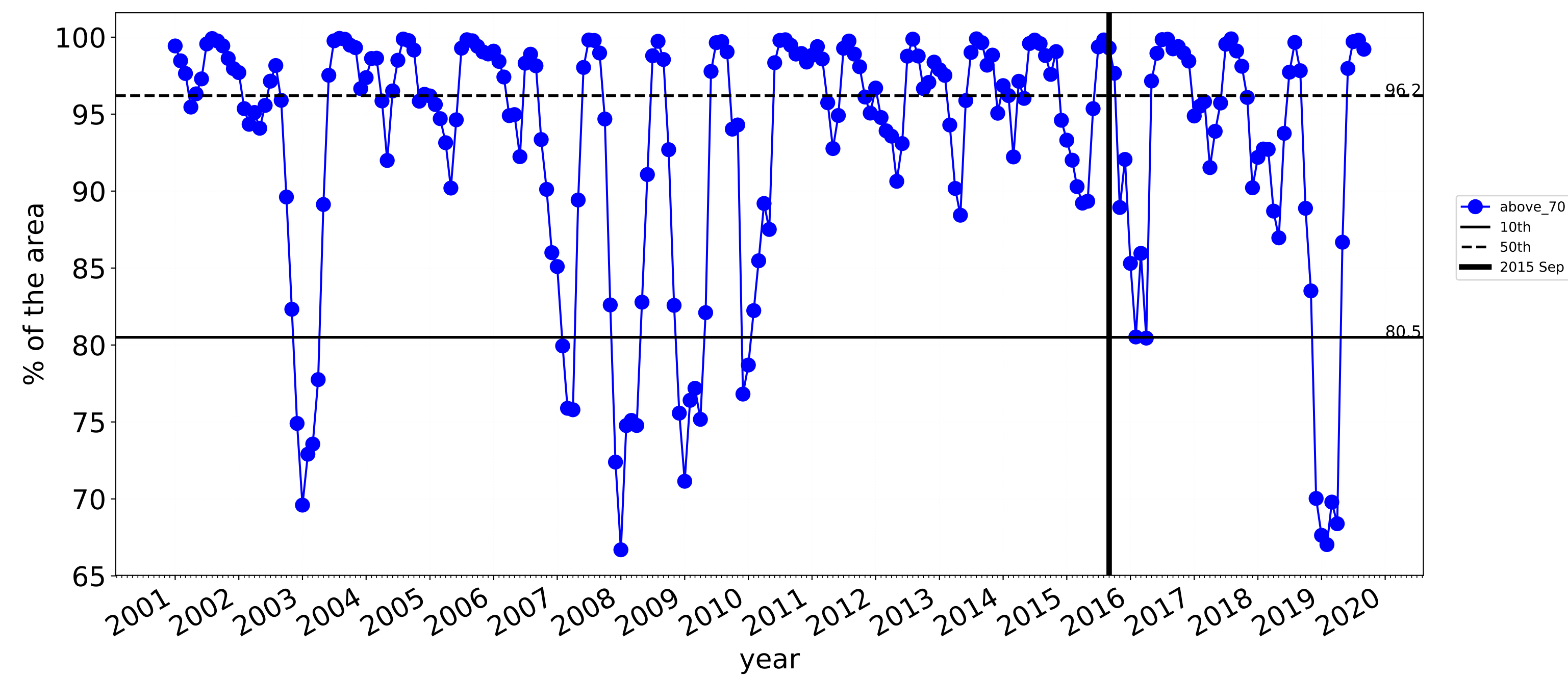
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



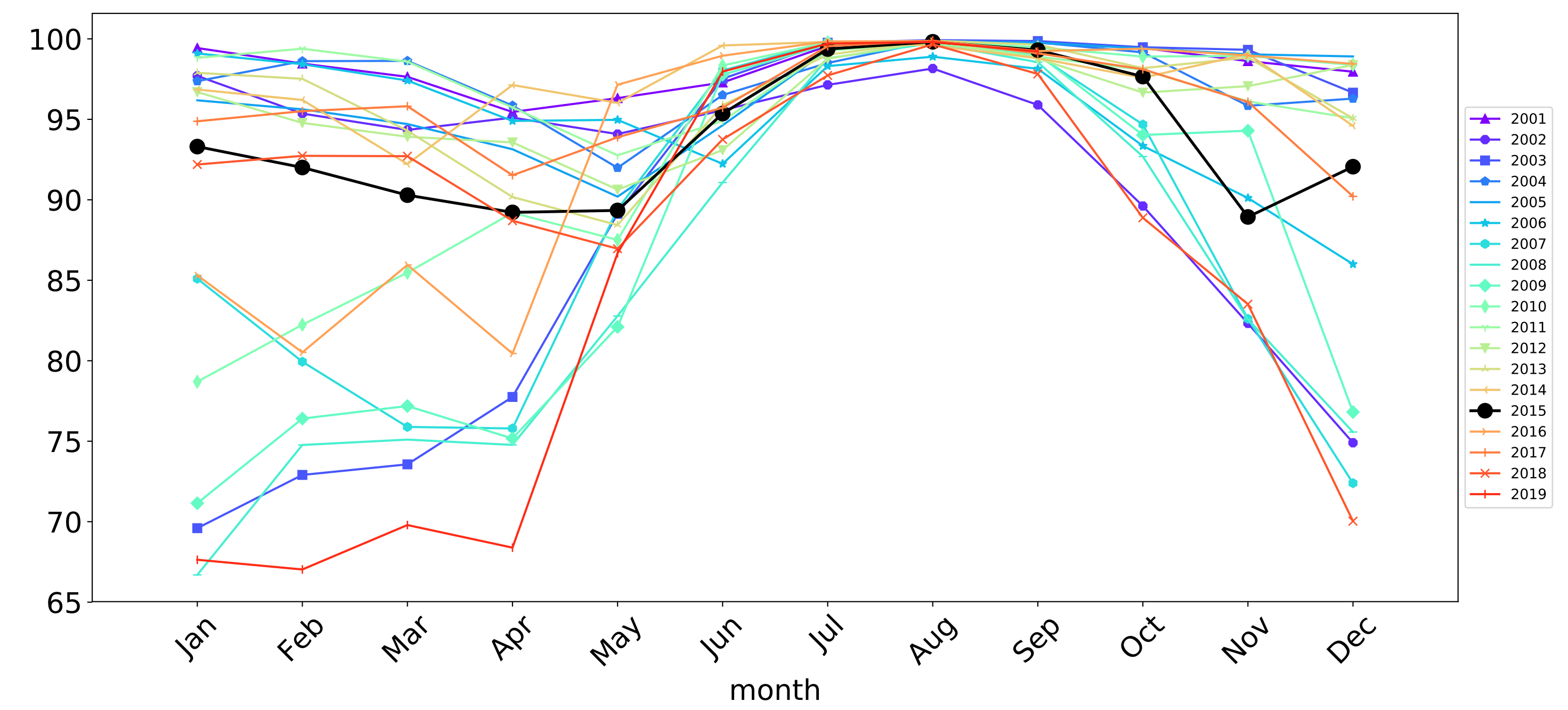
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



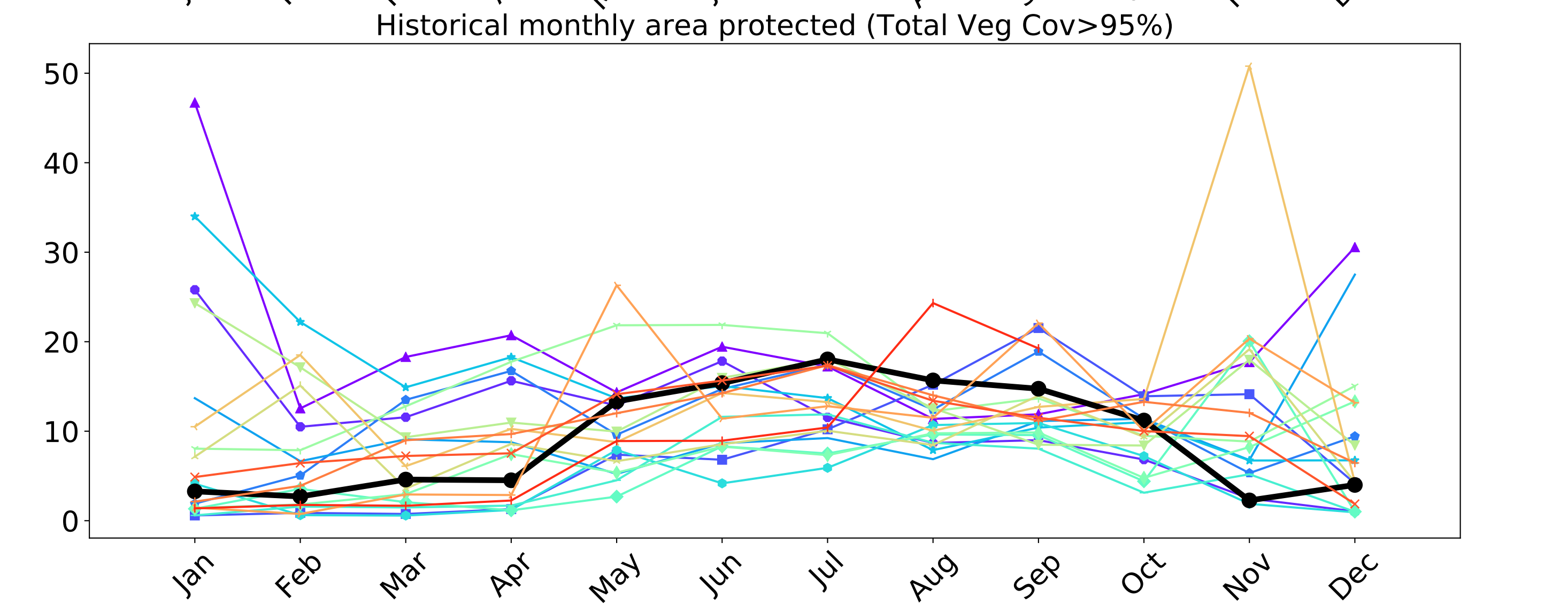
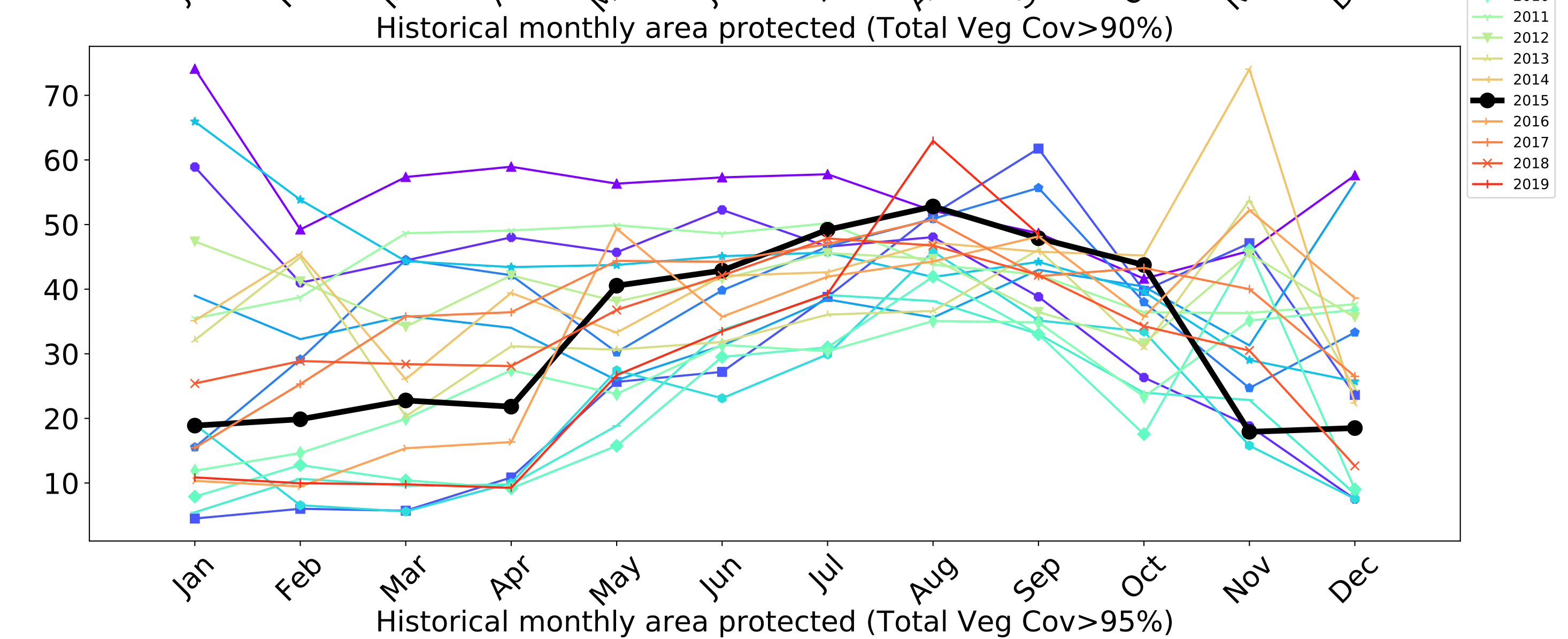
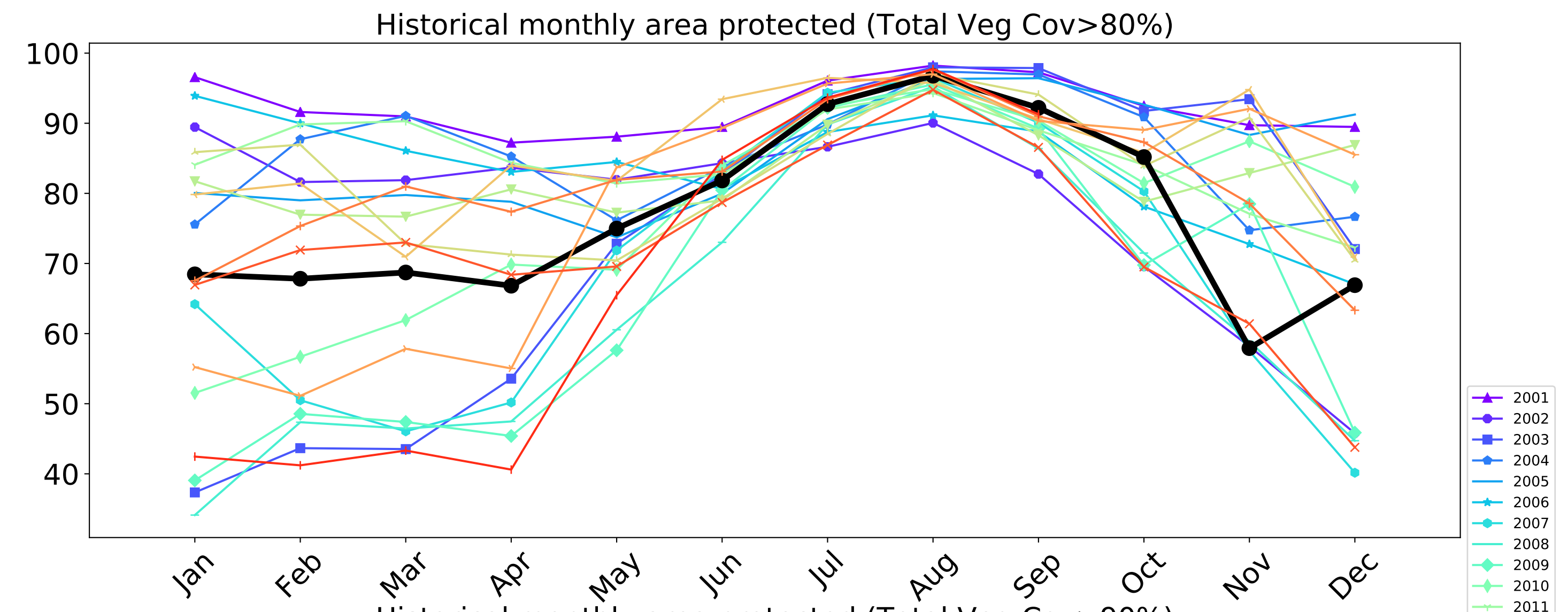
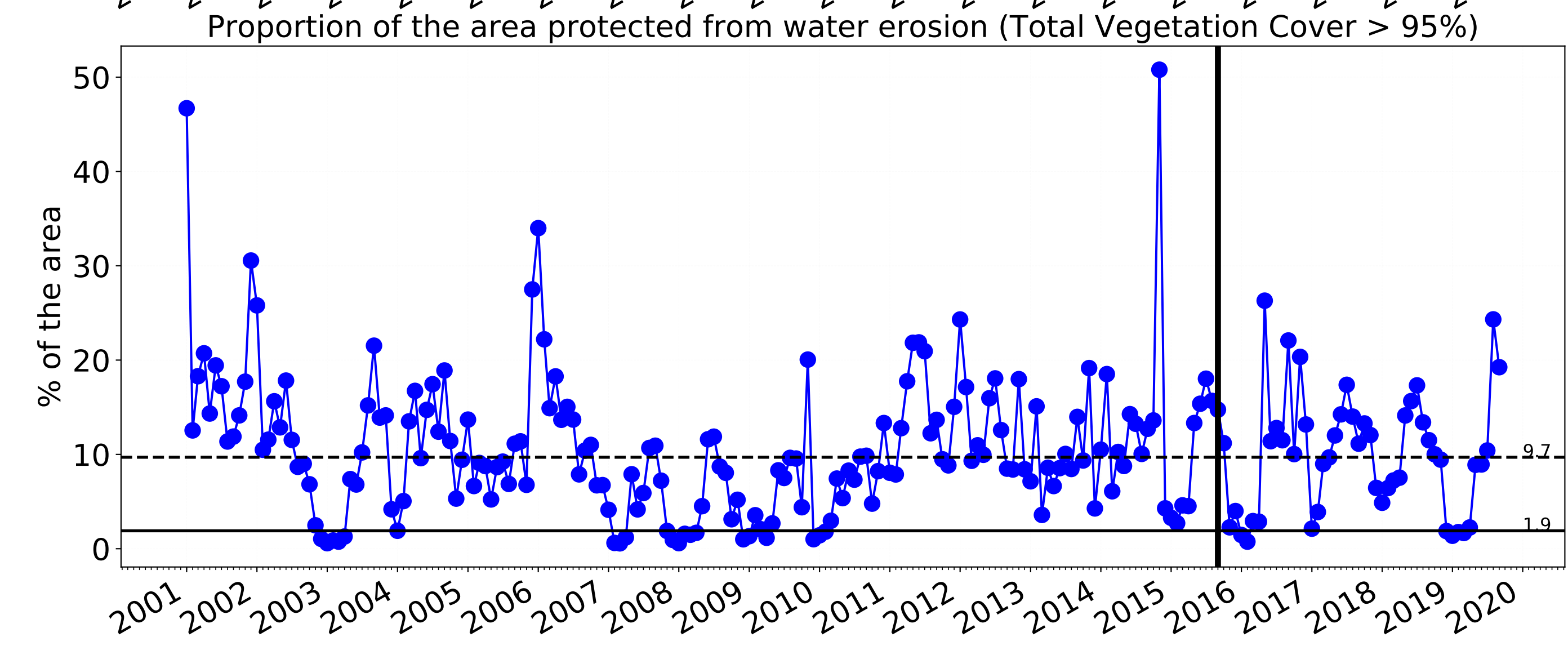
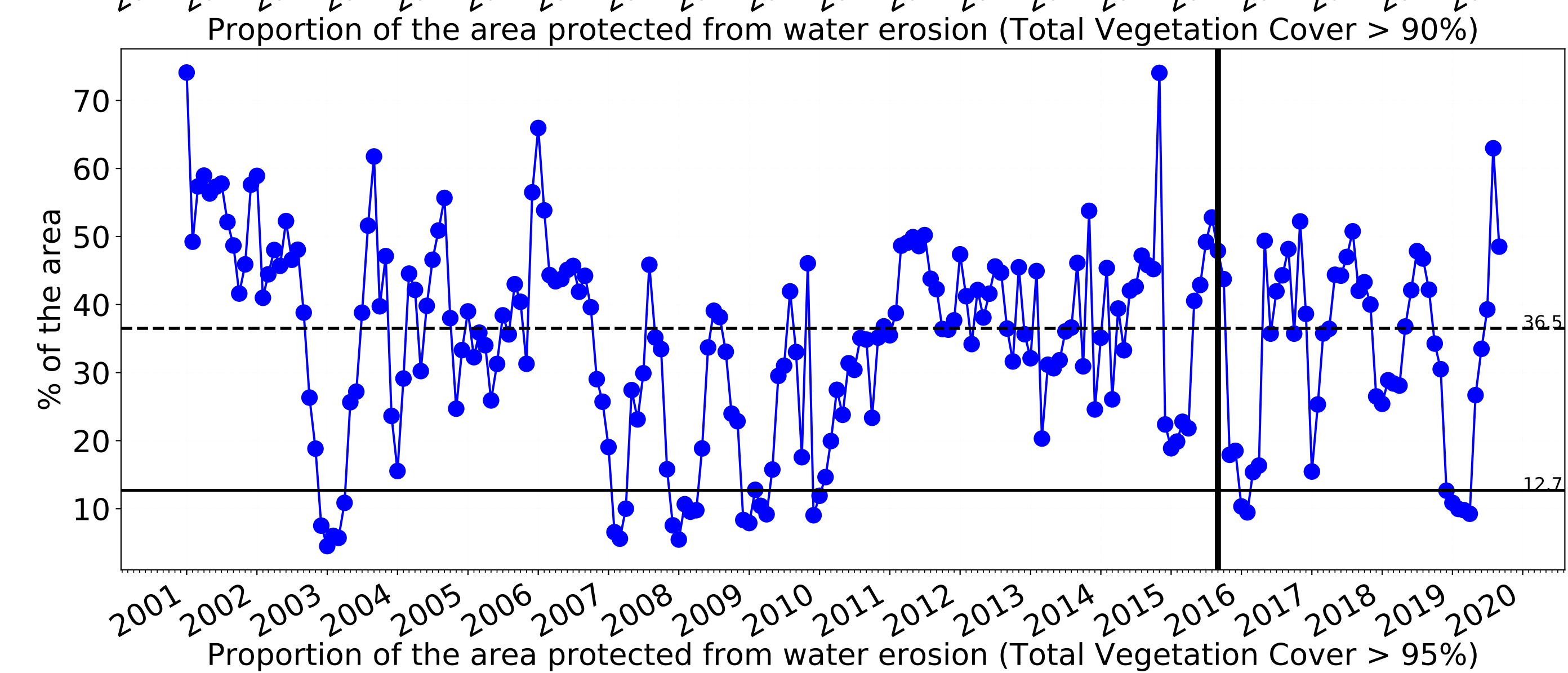
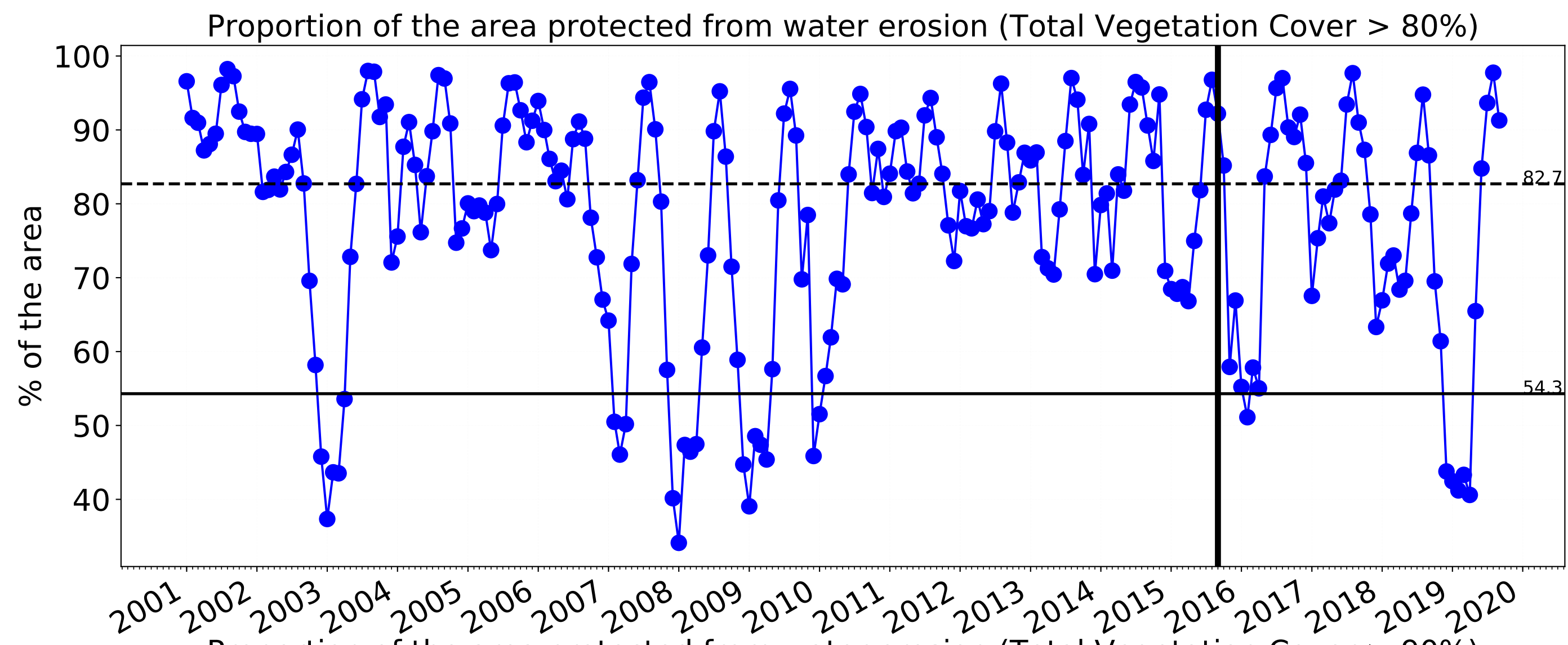
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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









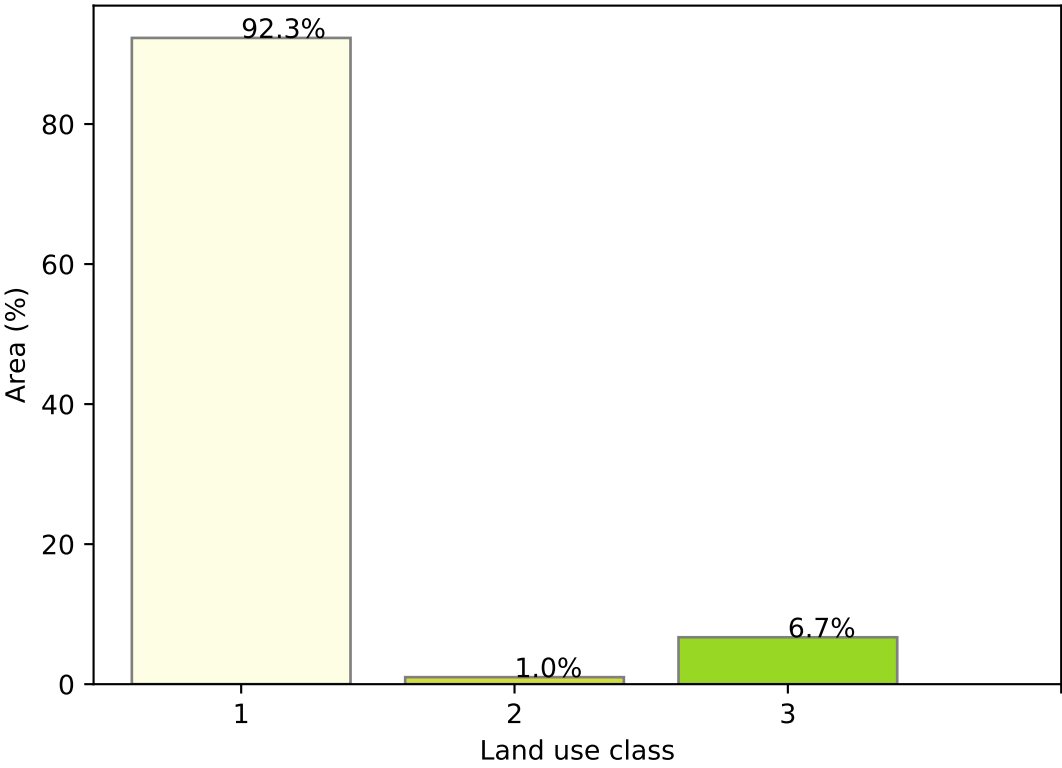
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

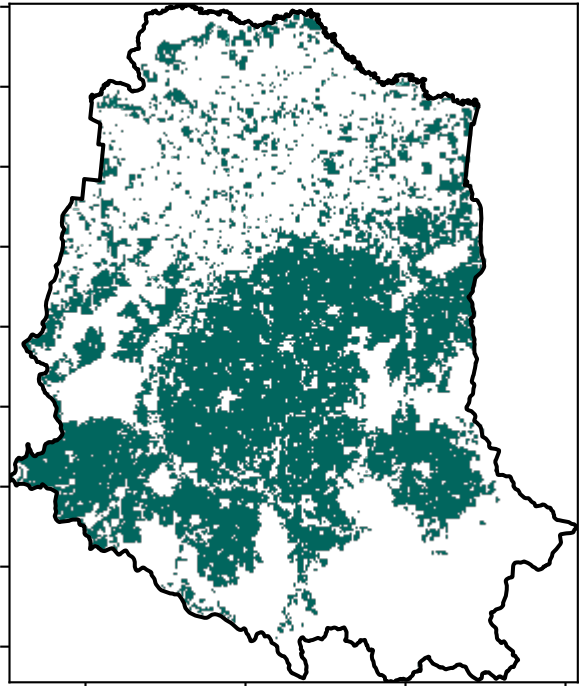
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)  
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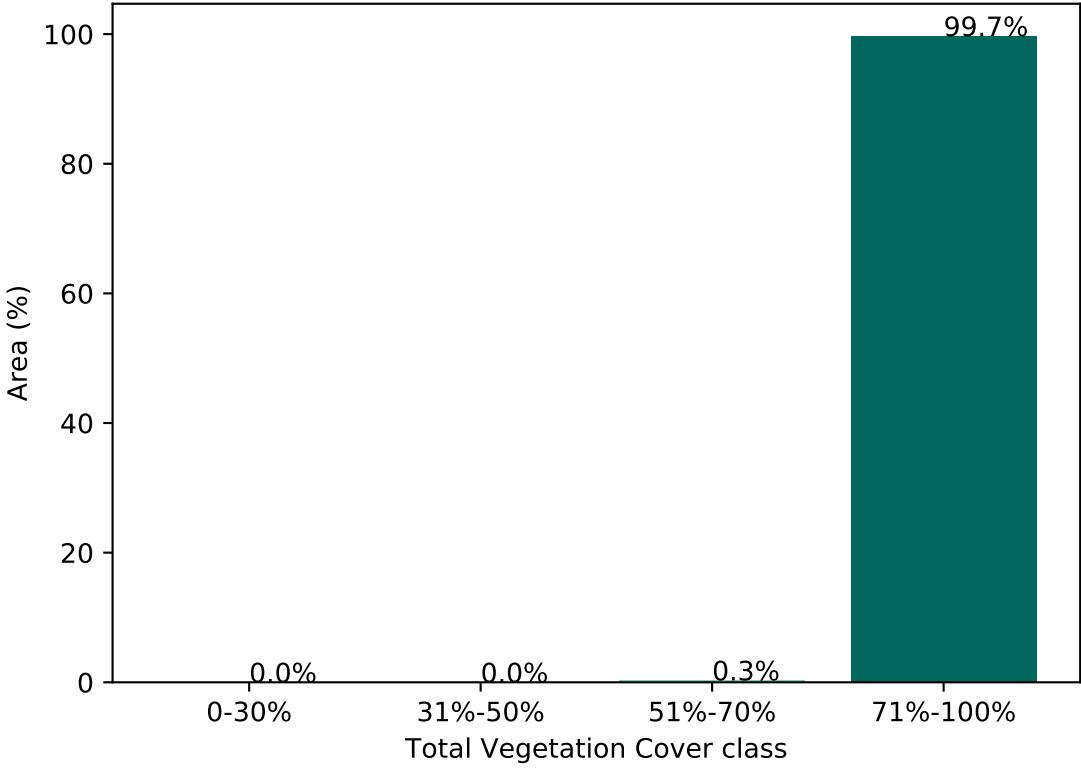
Proportion of each land class in area



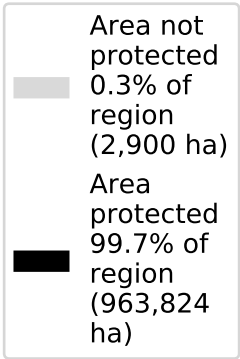
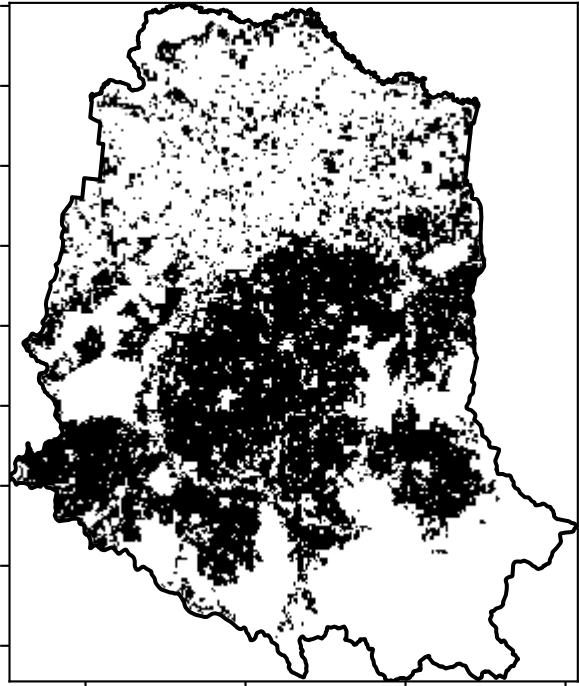
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



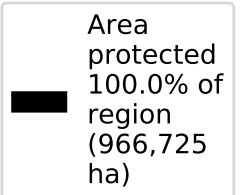
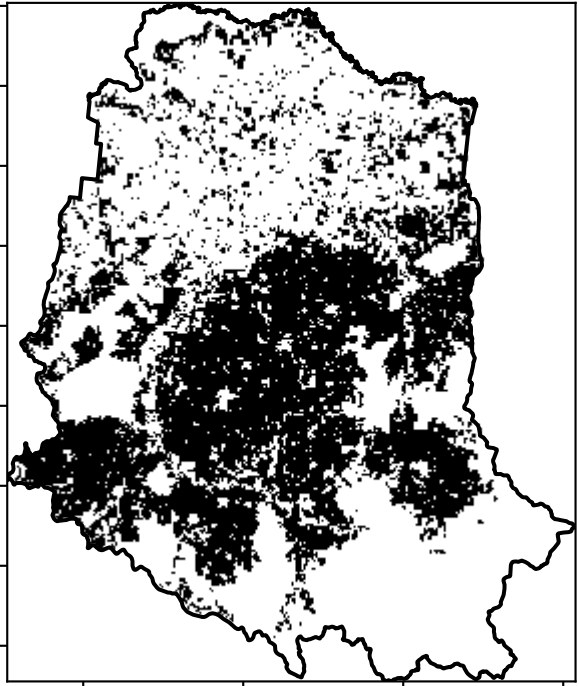
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

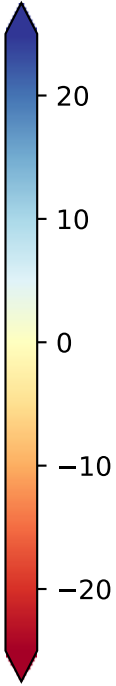
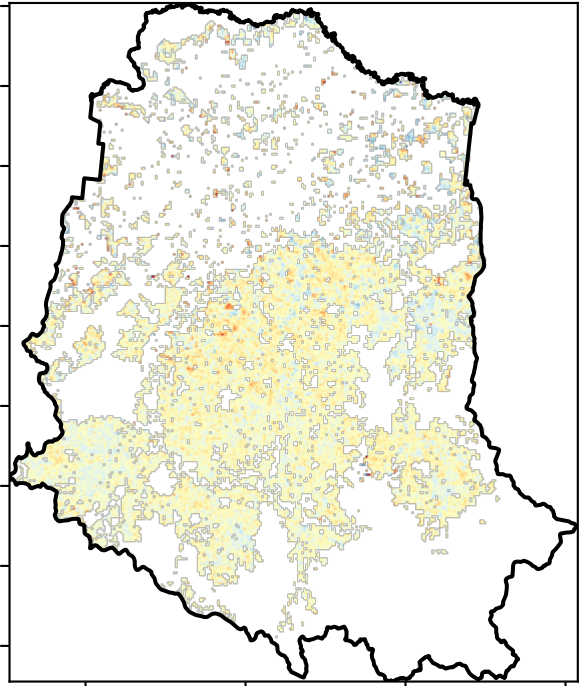


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



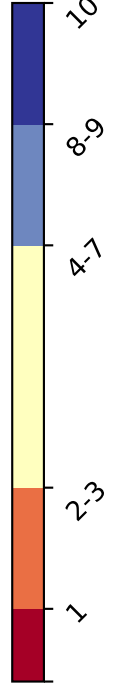
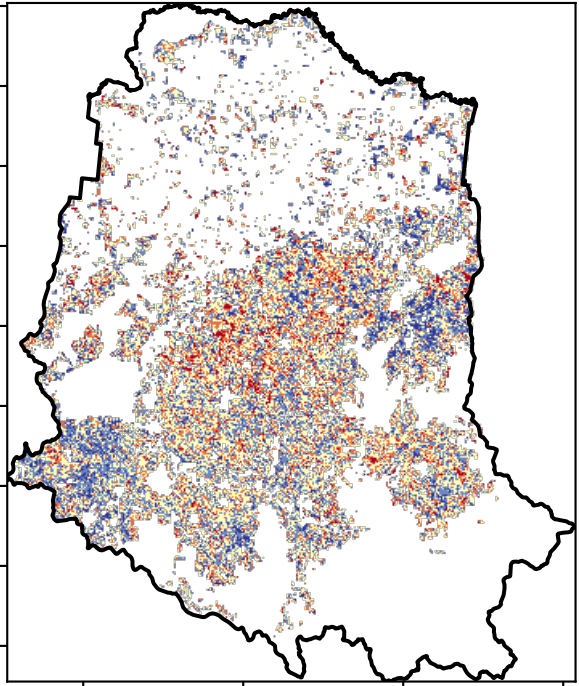
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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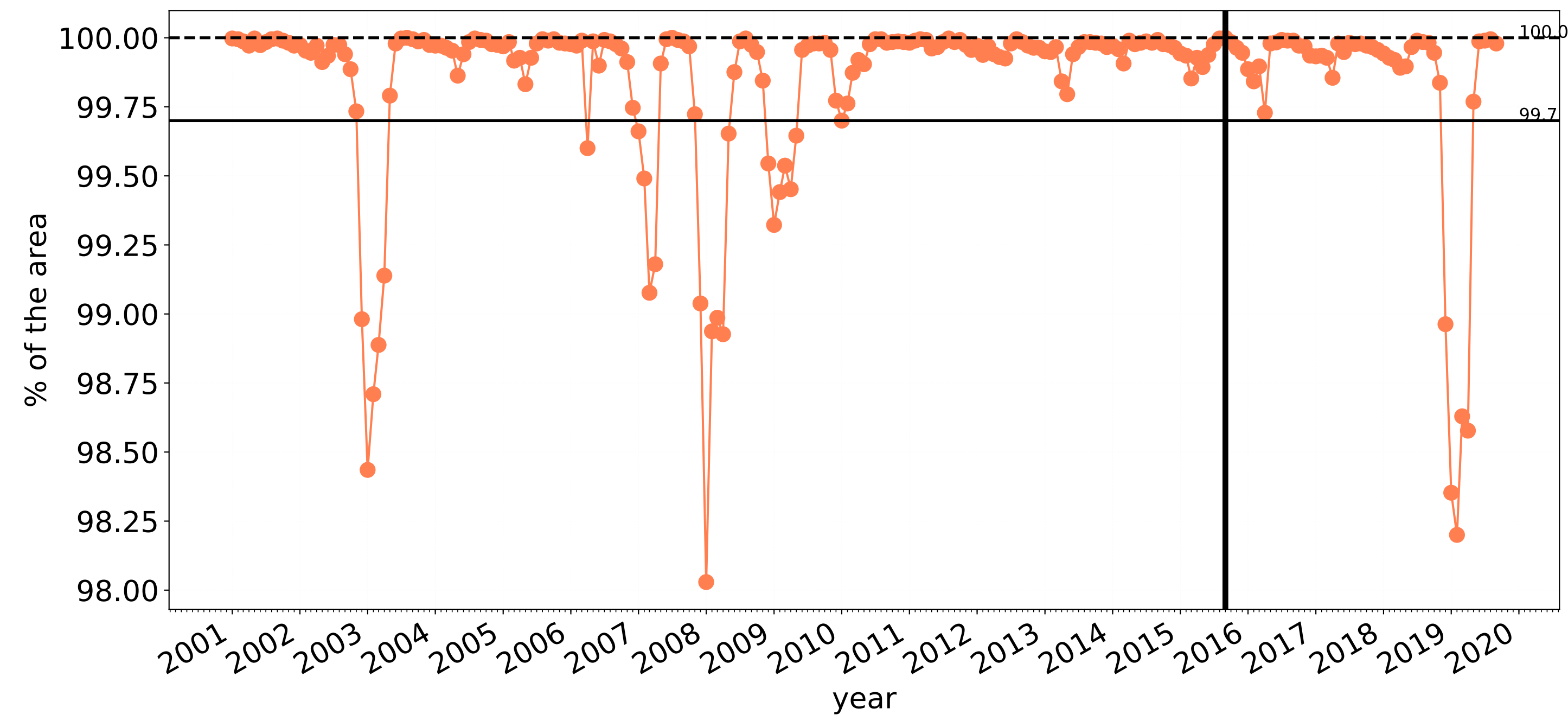


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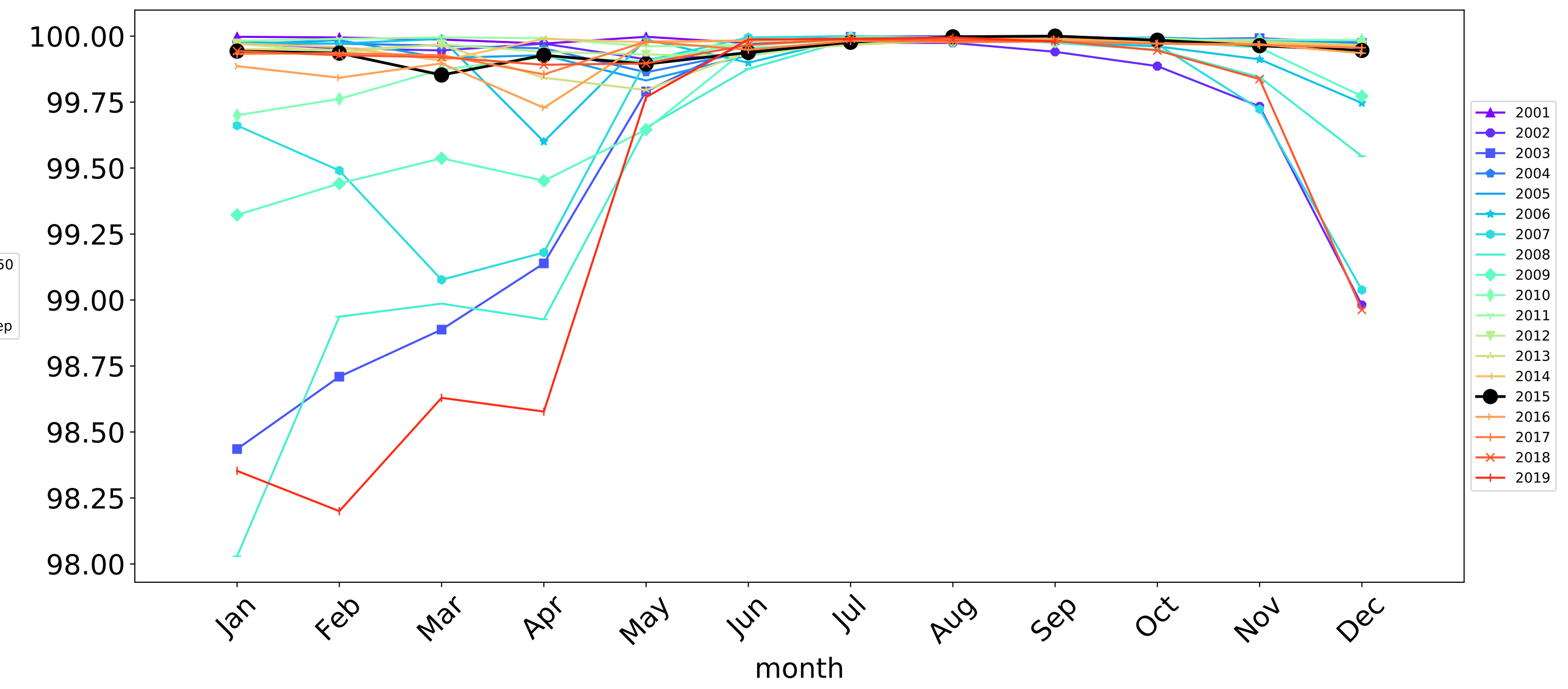


## Grazing timeseries

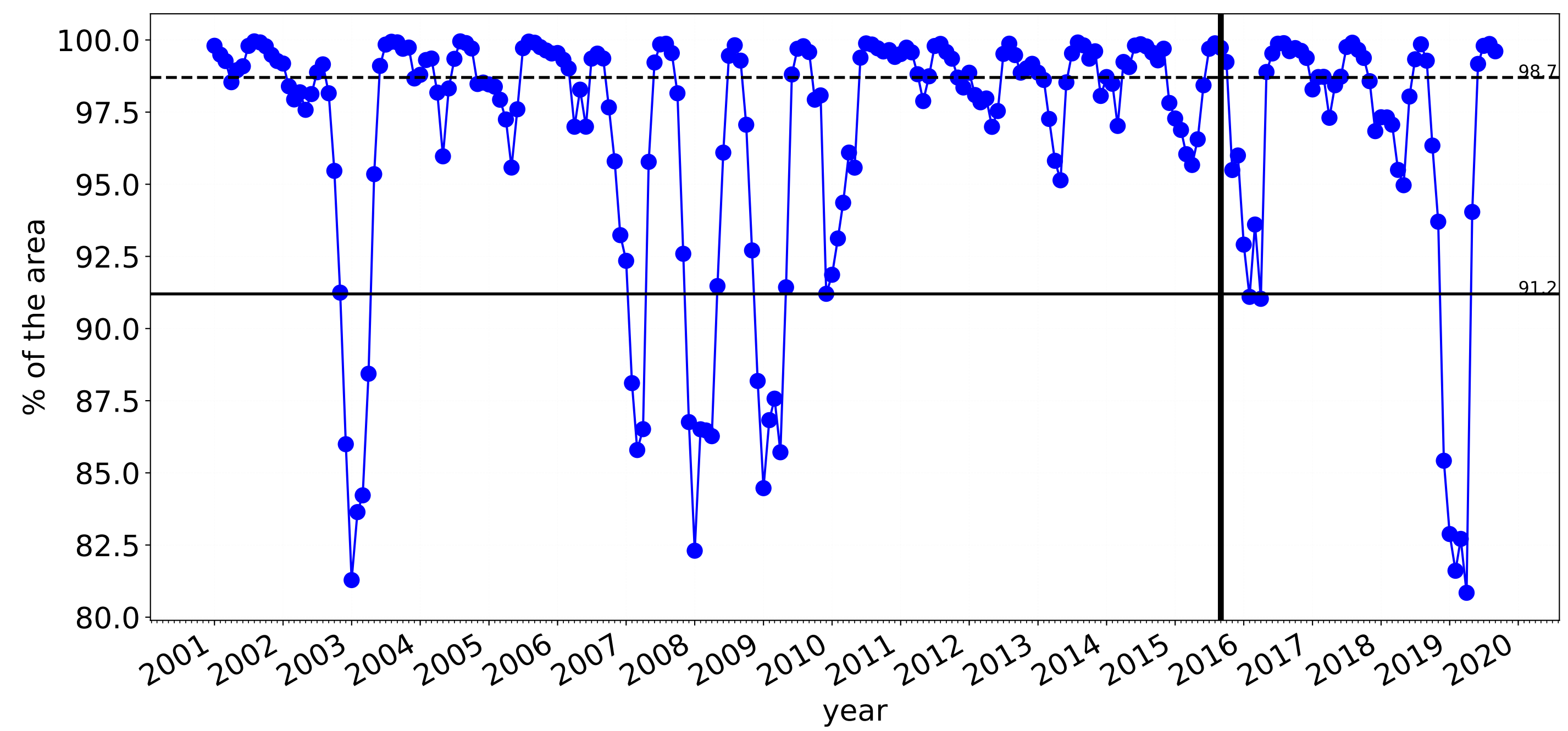
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



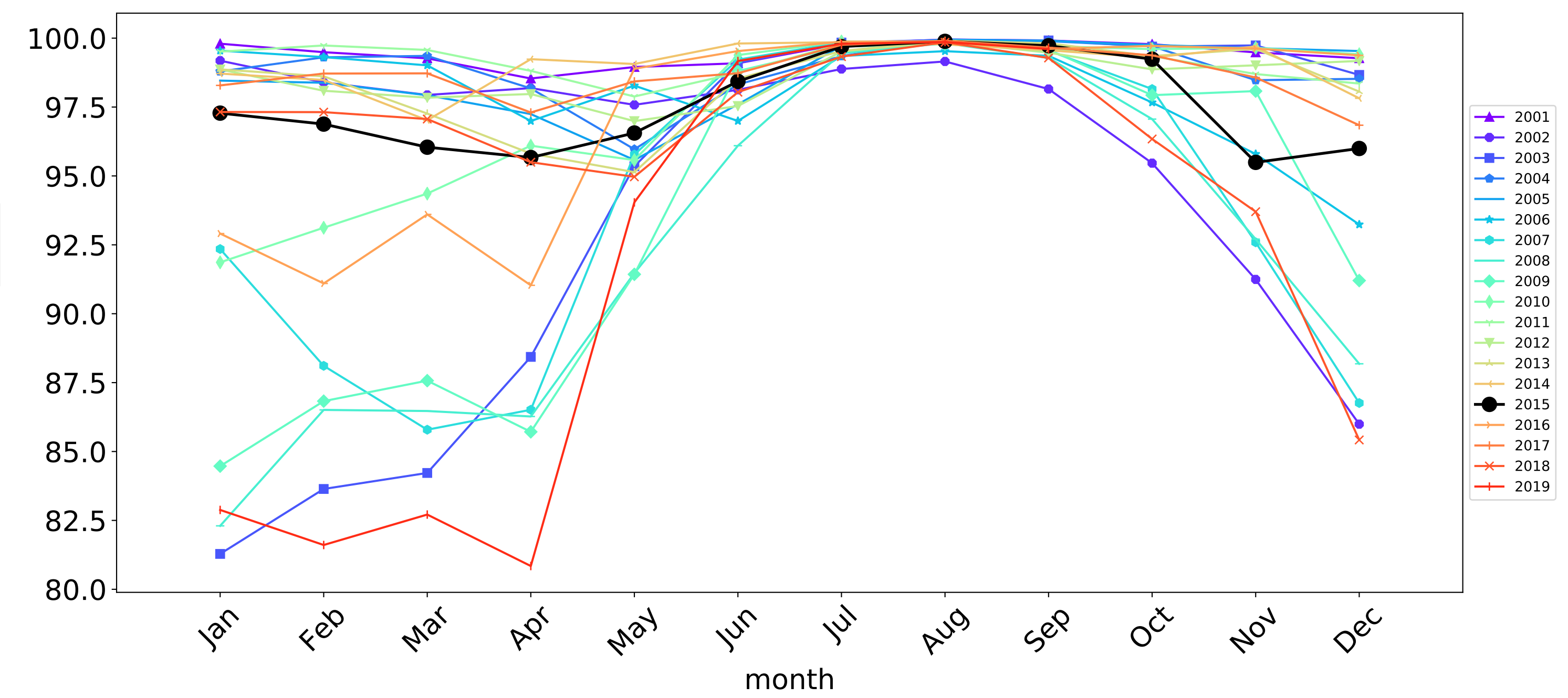
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



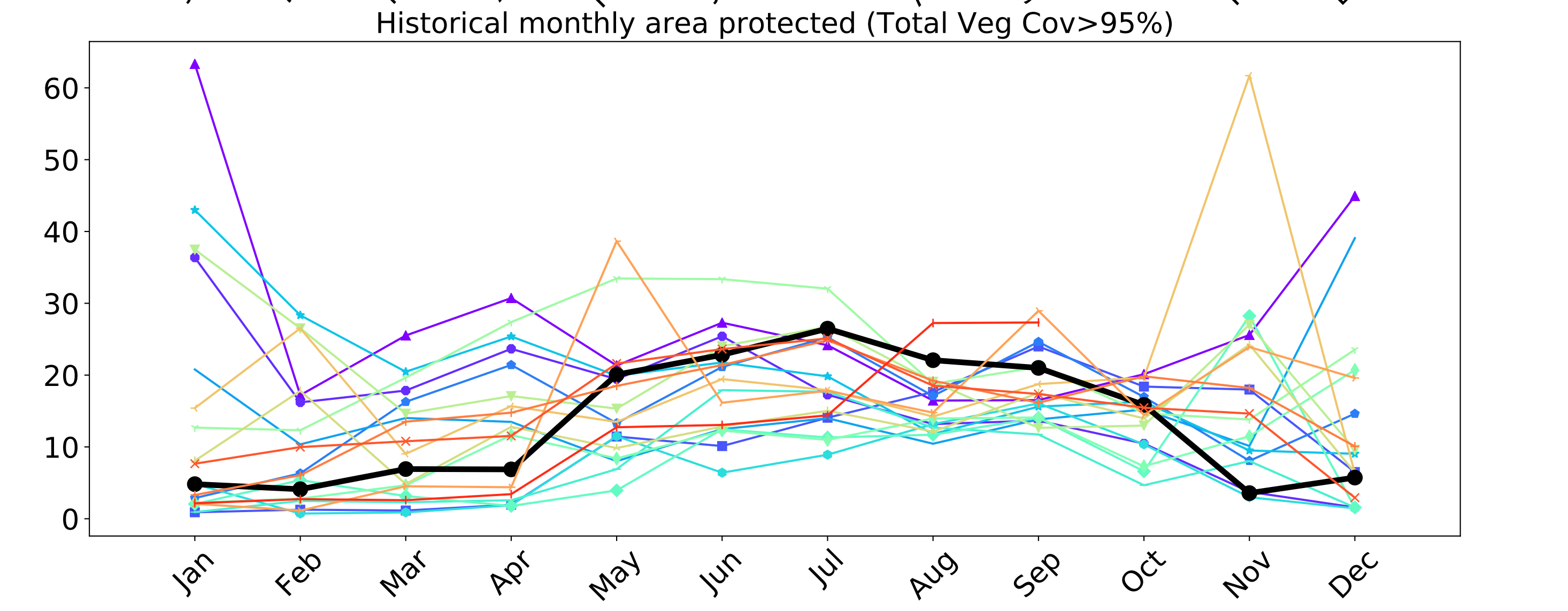
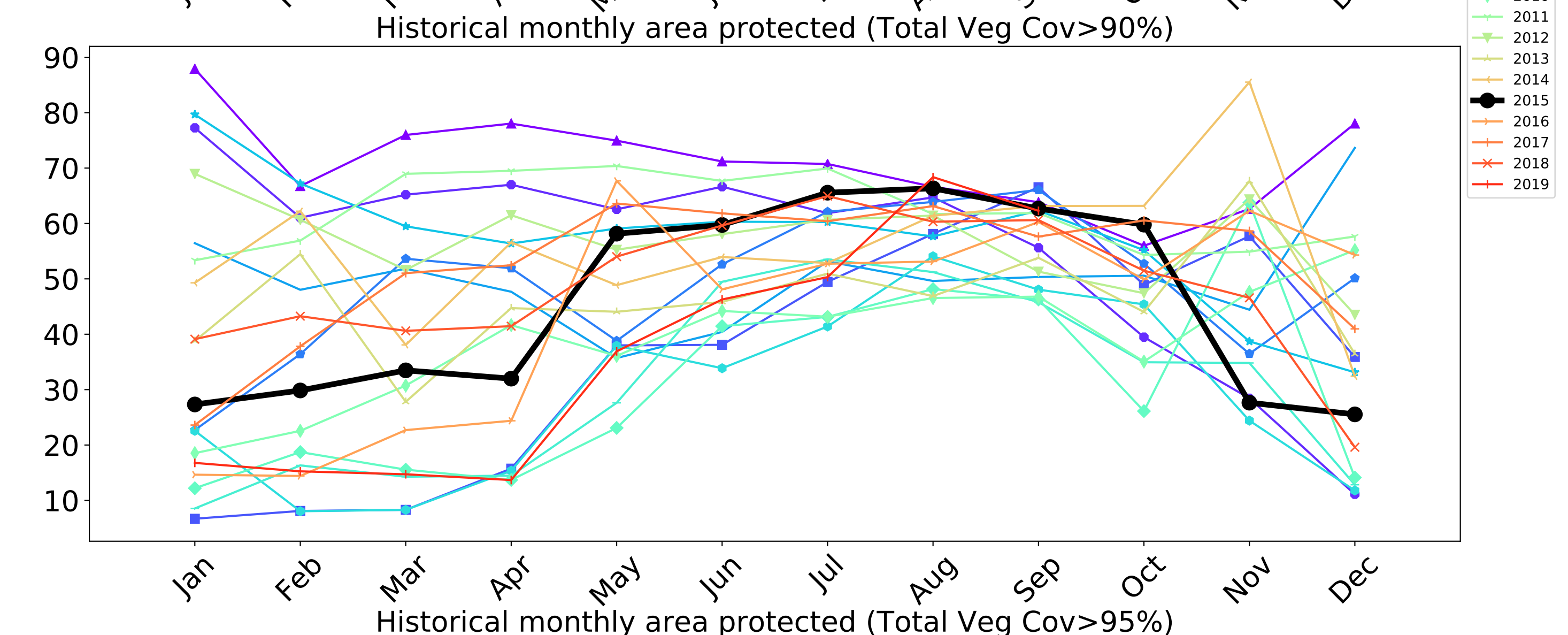
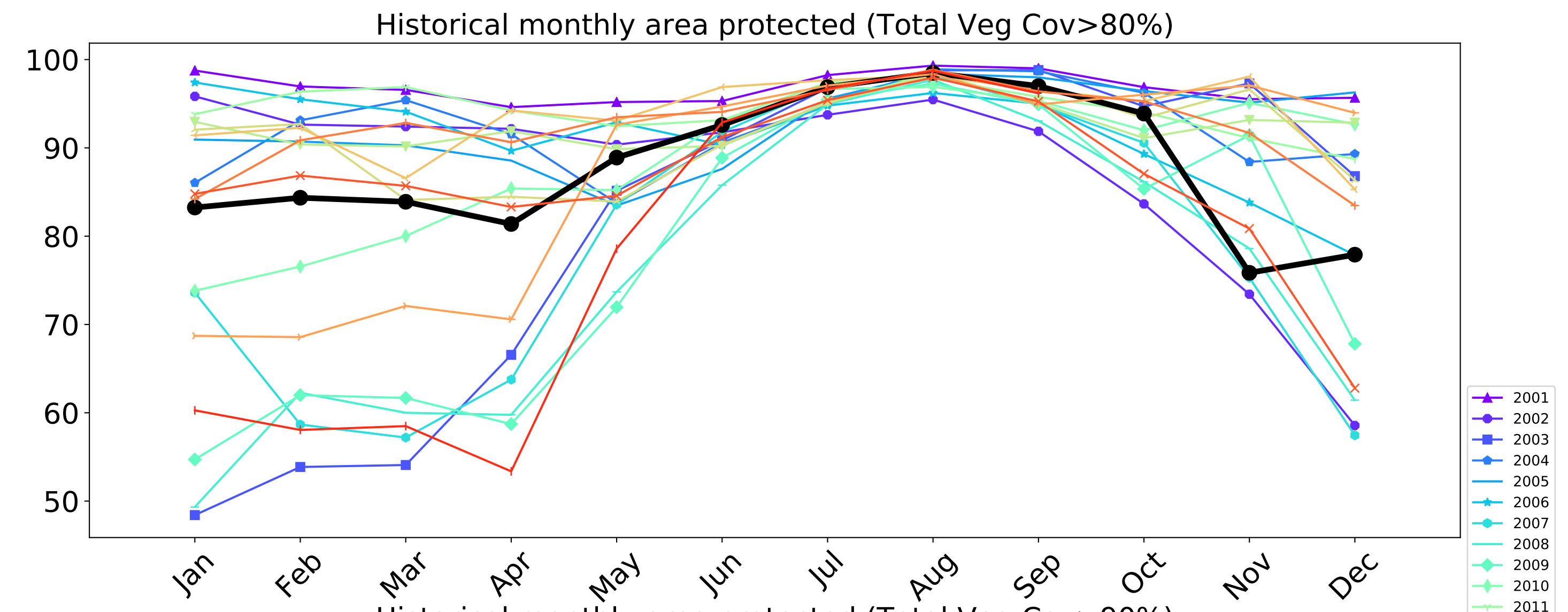
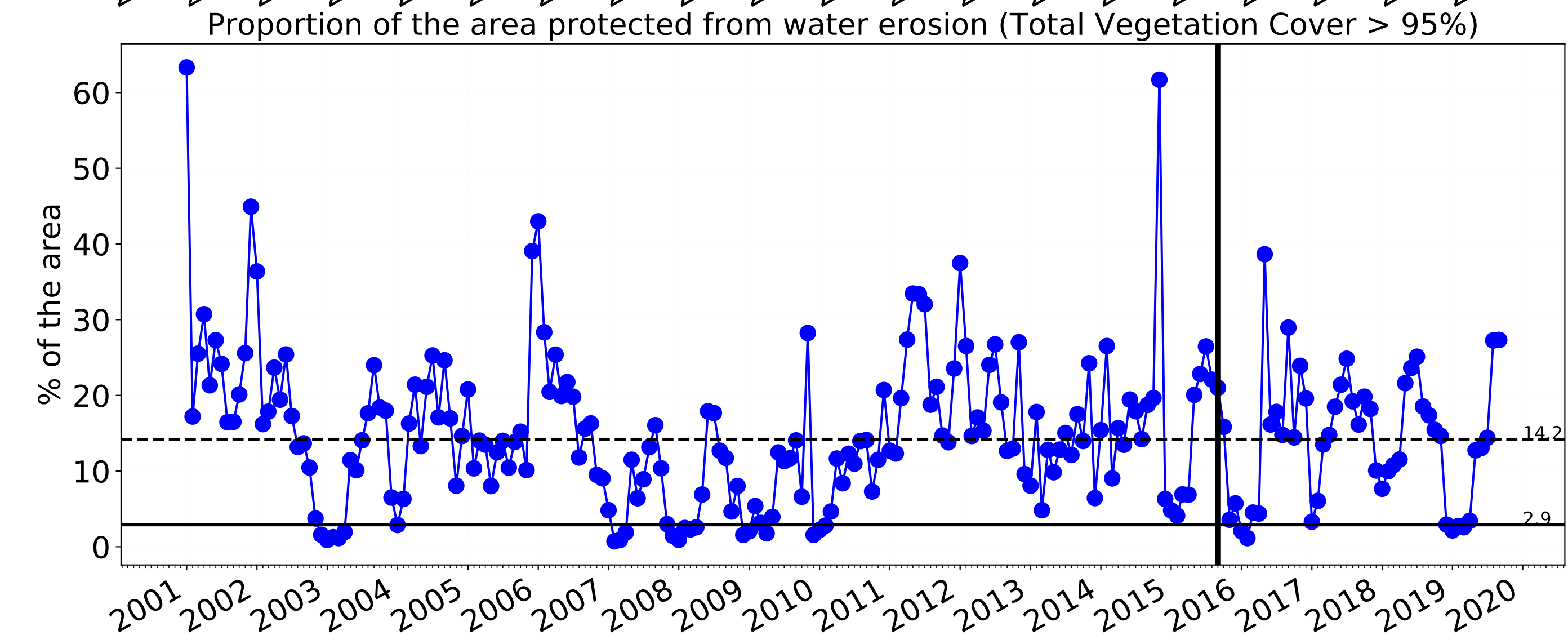
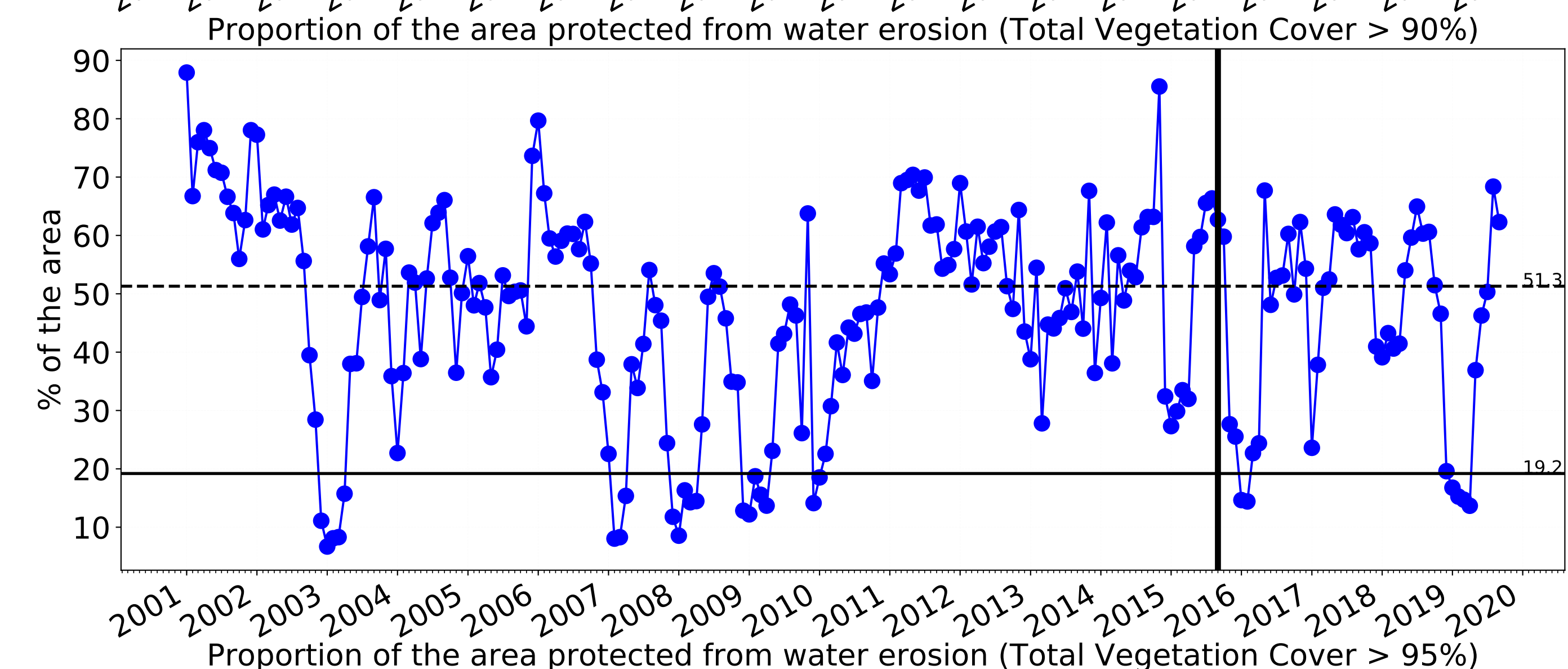
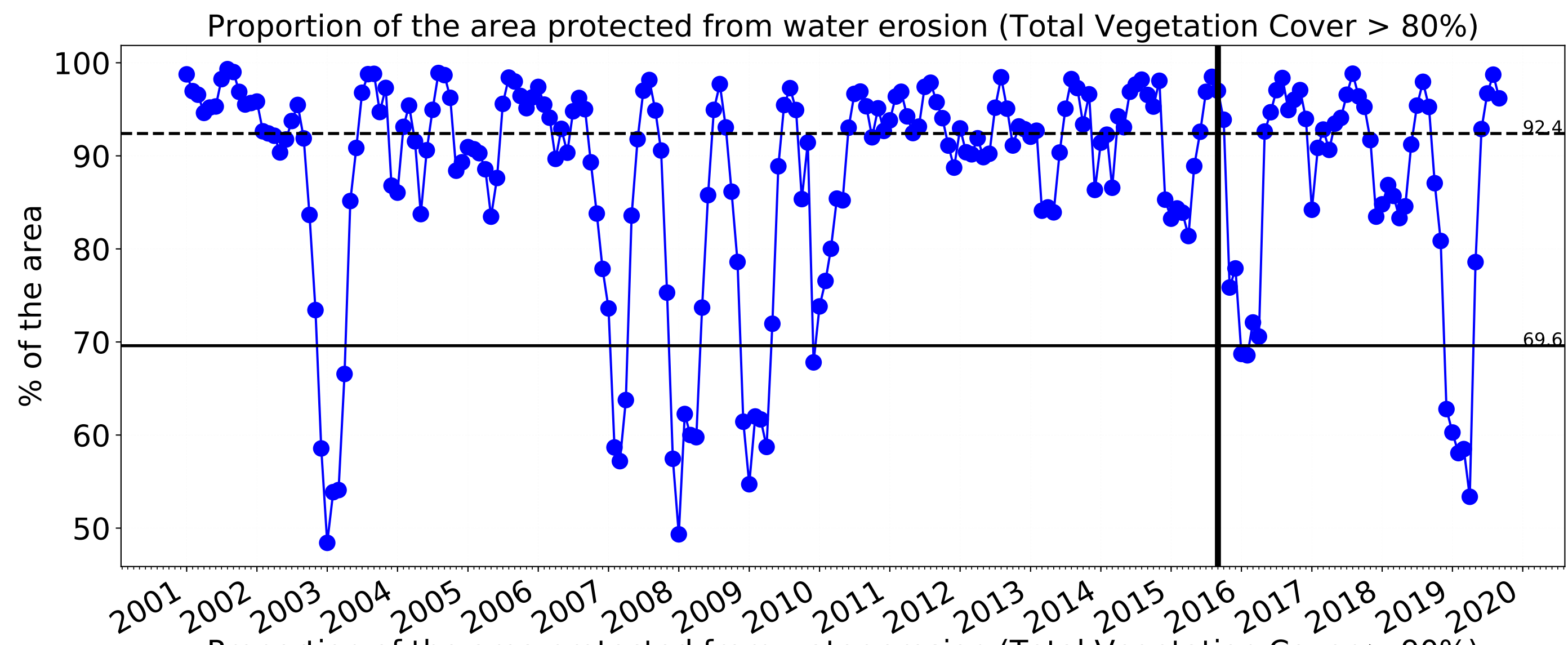
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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









# Grazing non forest

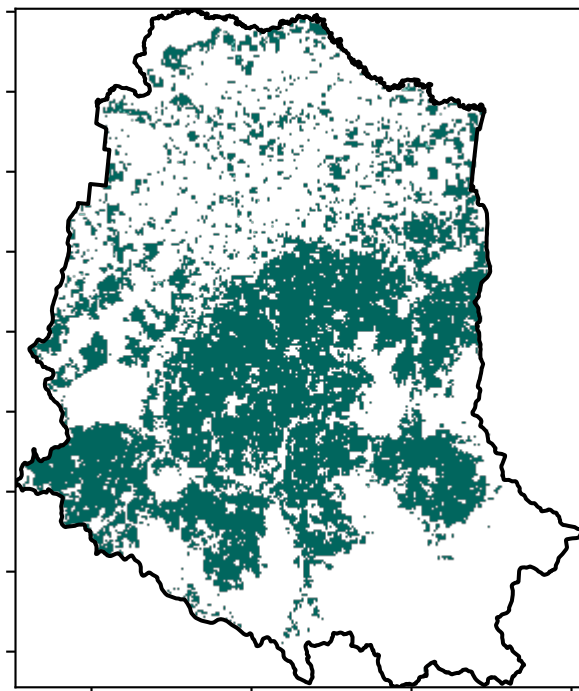
Land use and forest cover



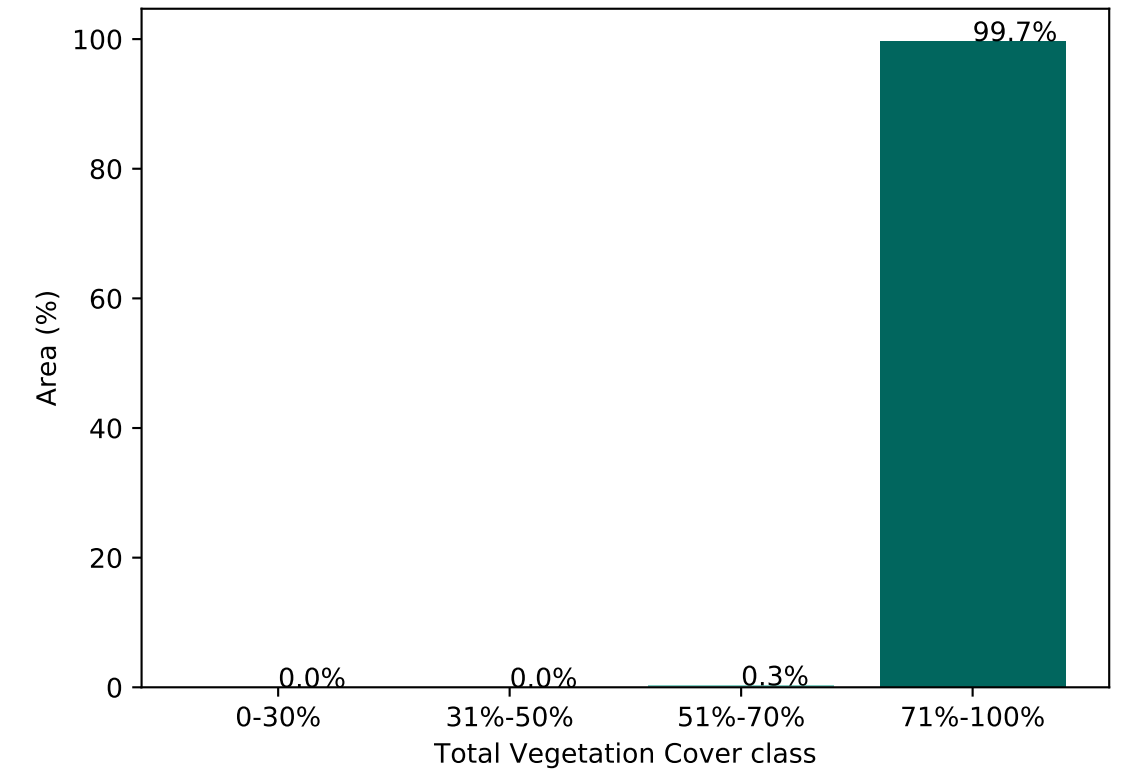
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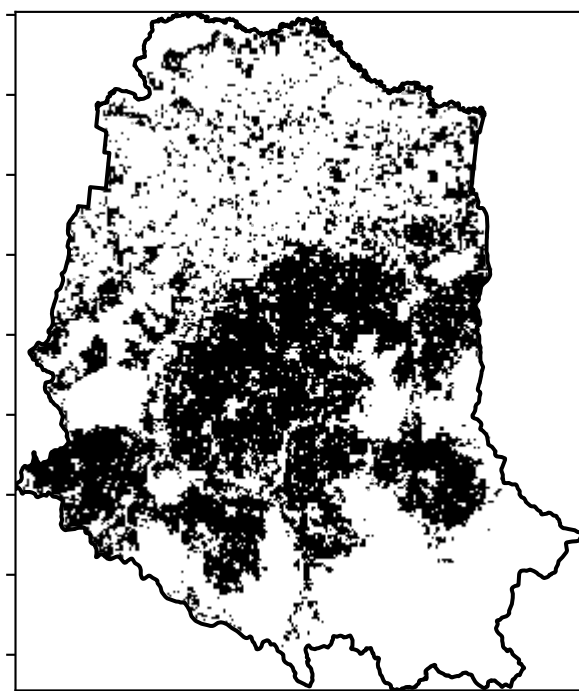
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

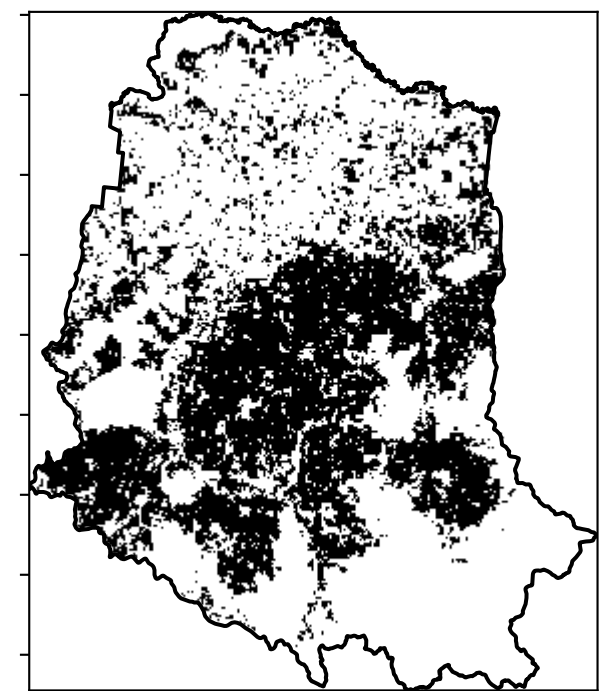


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



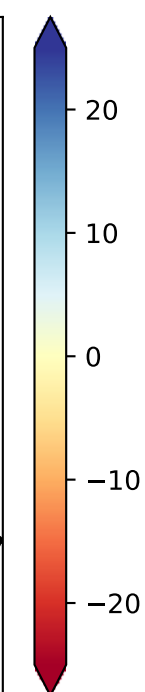
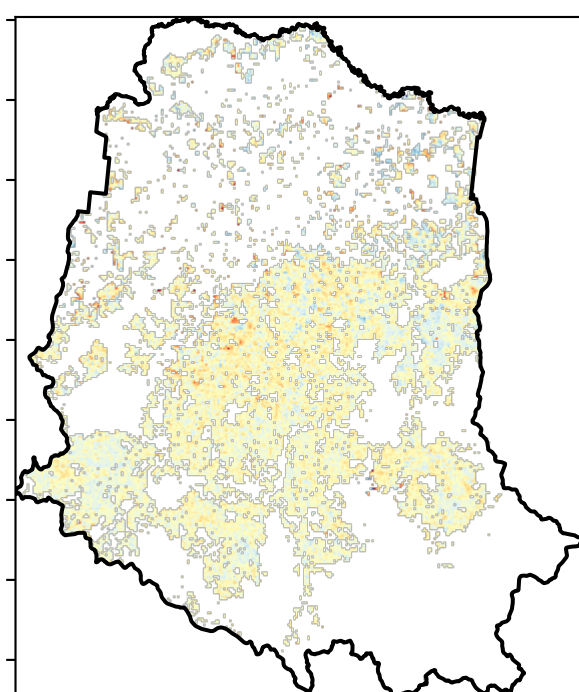
Area not protected  
0.3% of  
region  
(2,677 ha)  
Area  
protected  
99.7% of  
region  
(889,922  
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area  
protected  
100.0% of  
region  
(892,600  
ha)

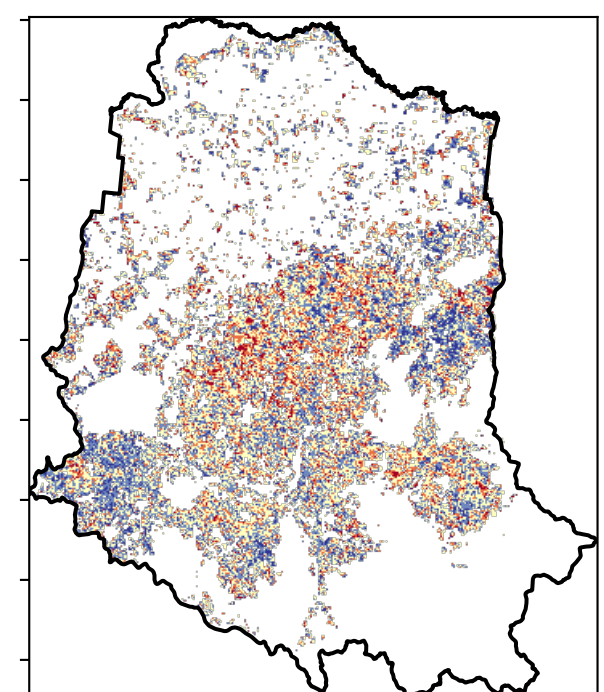
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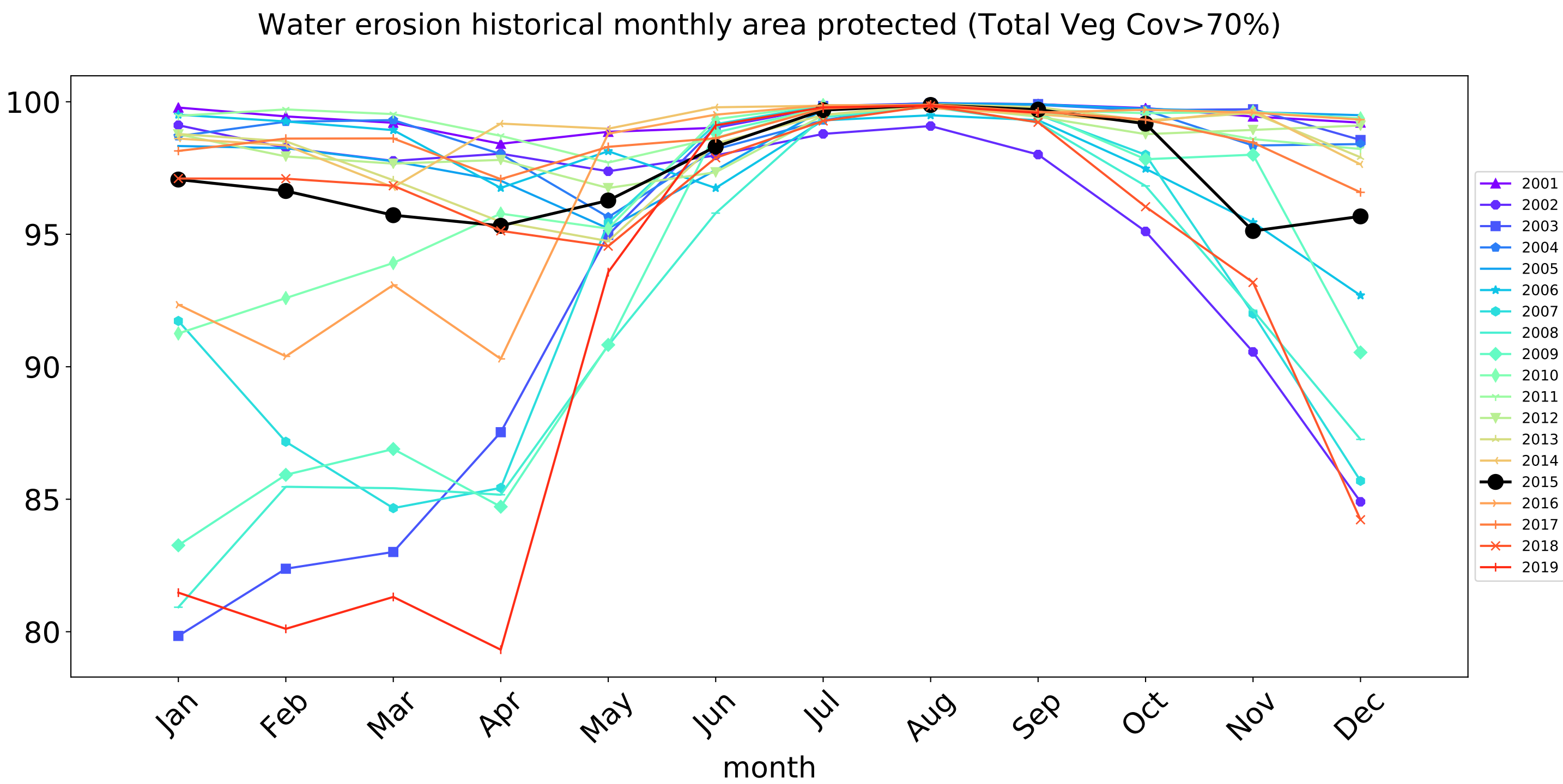
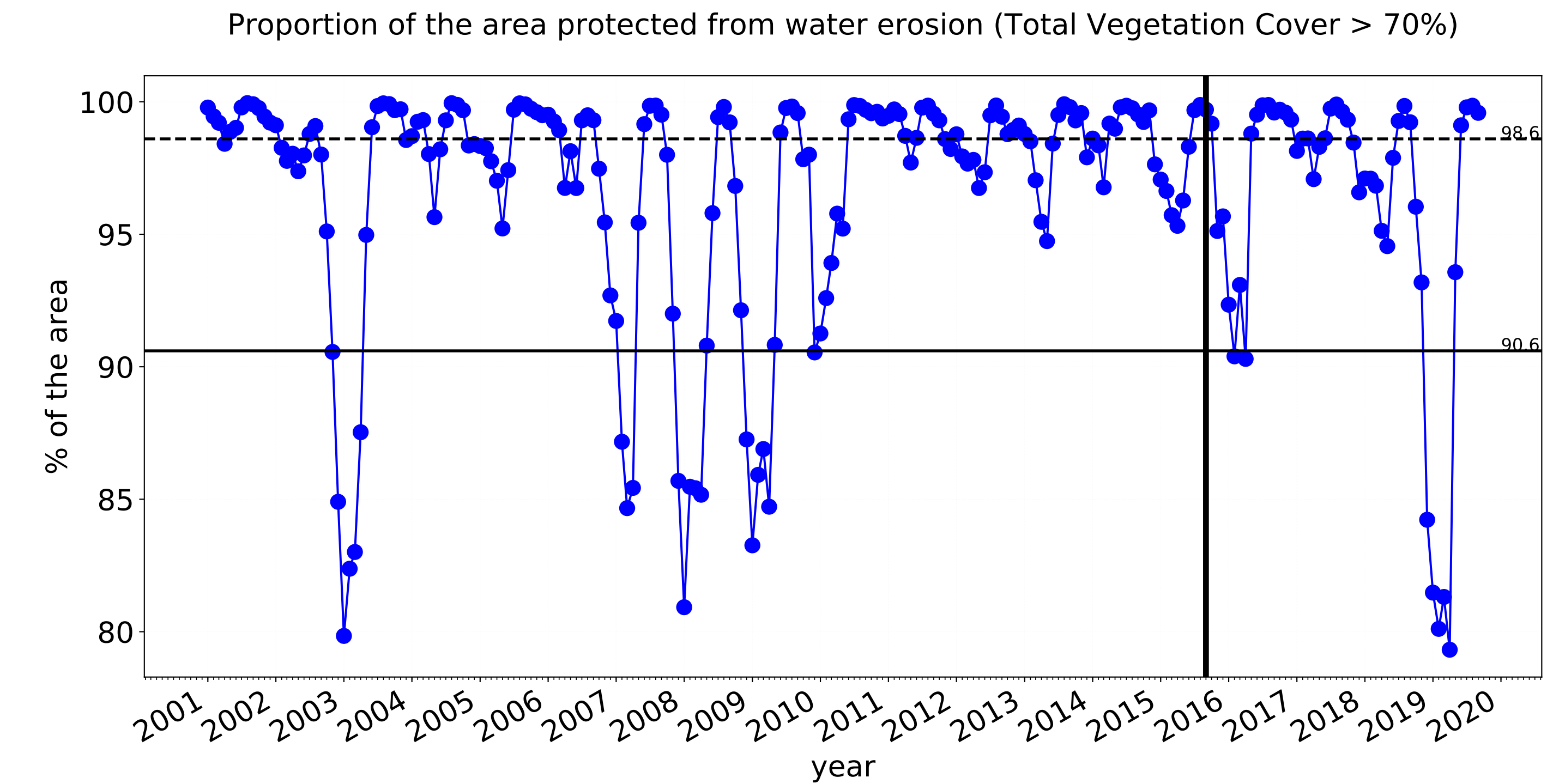
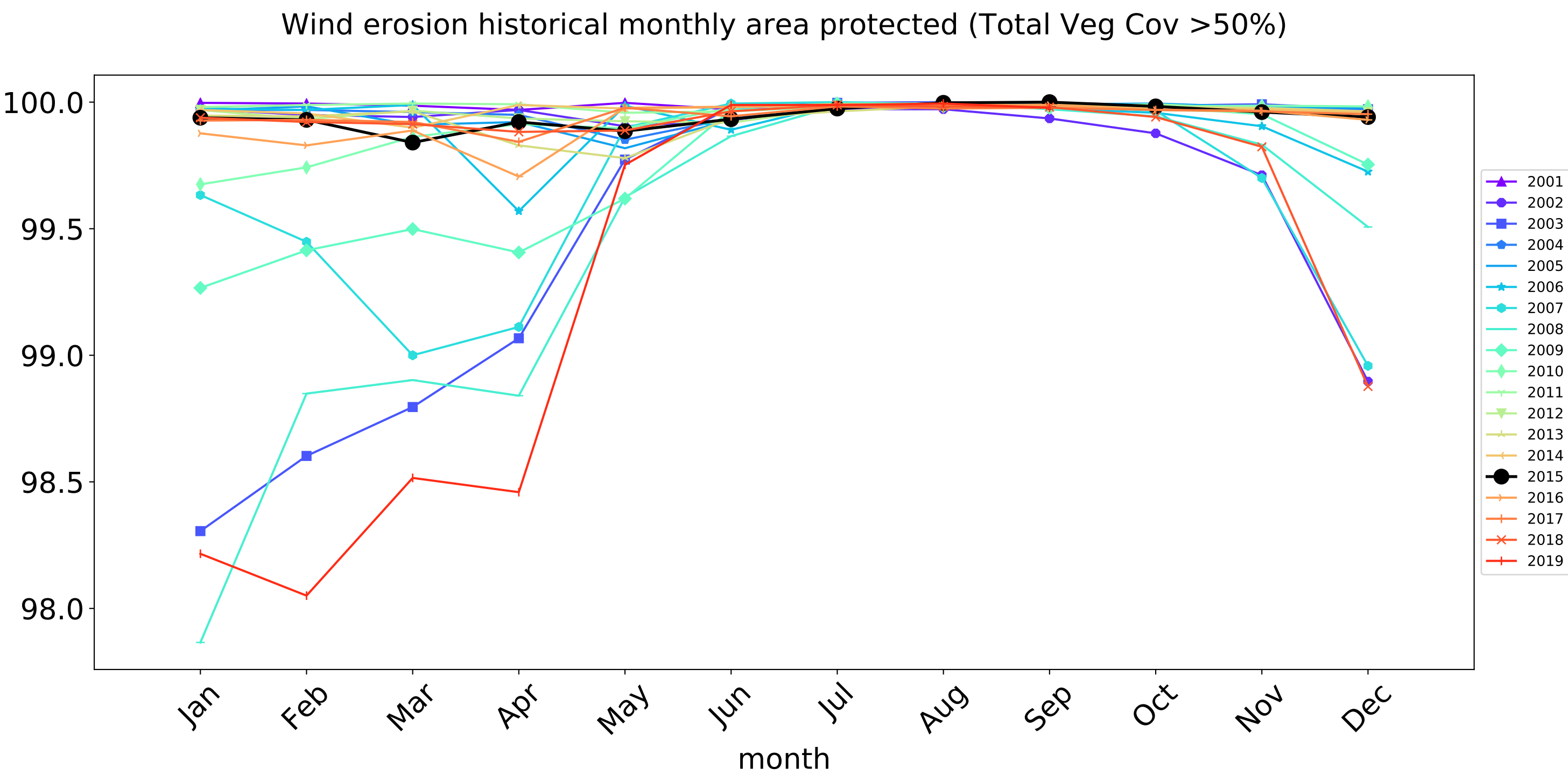
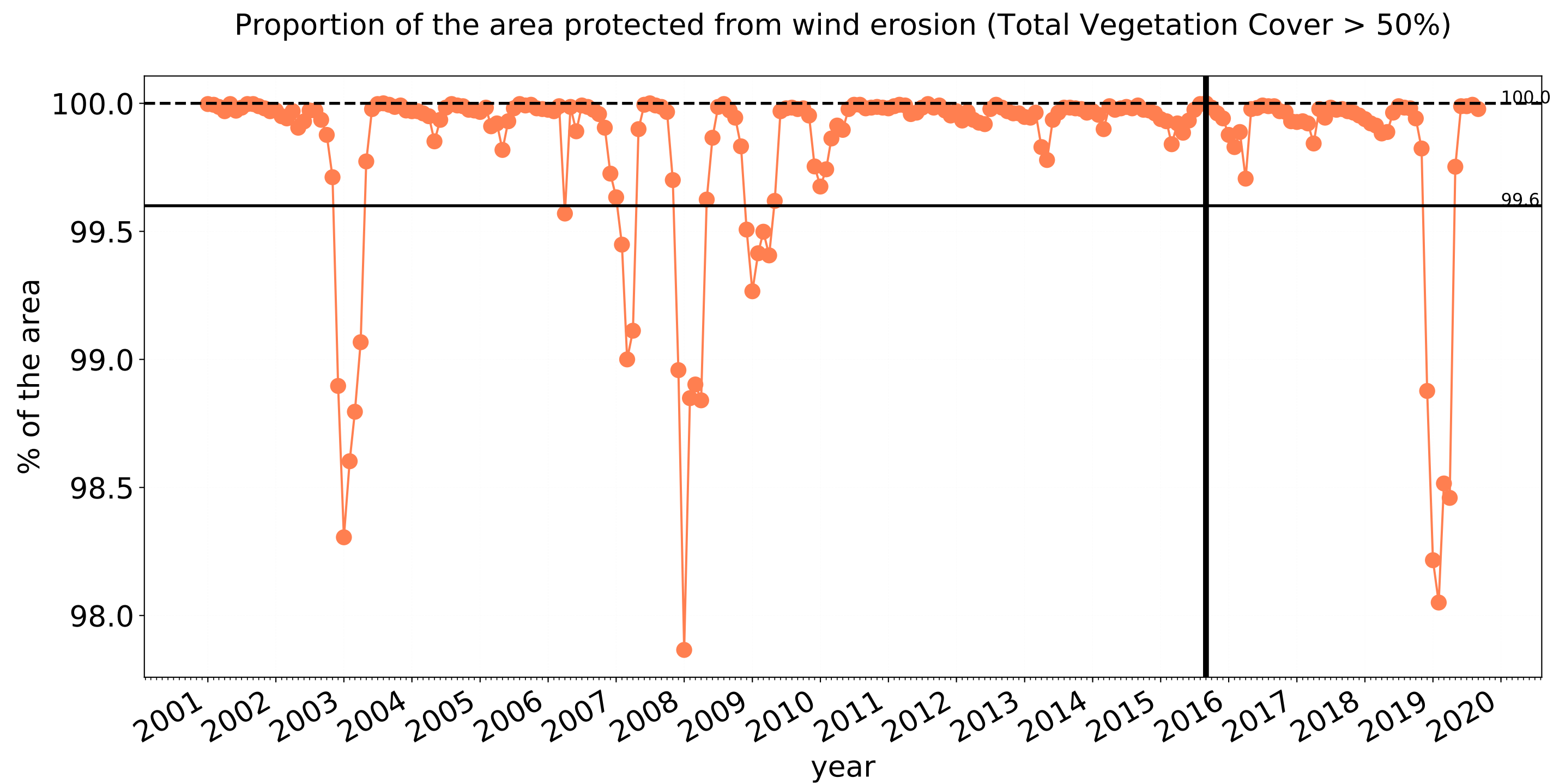
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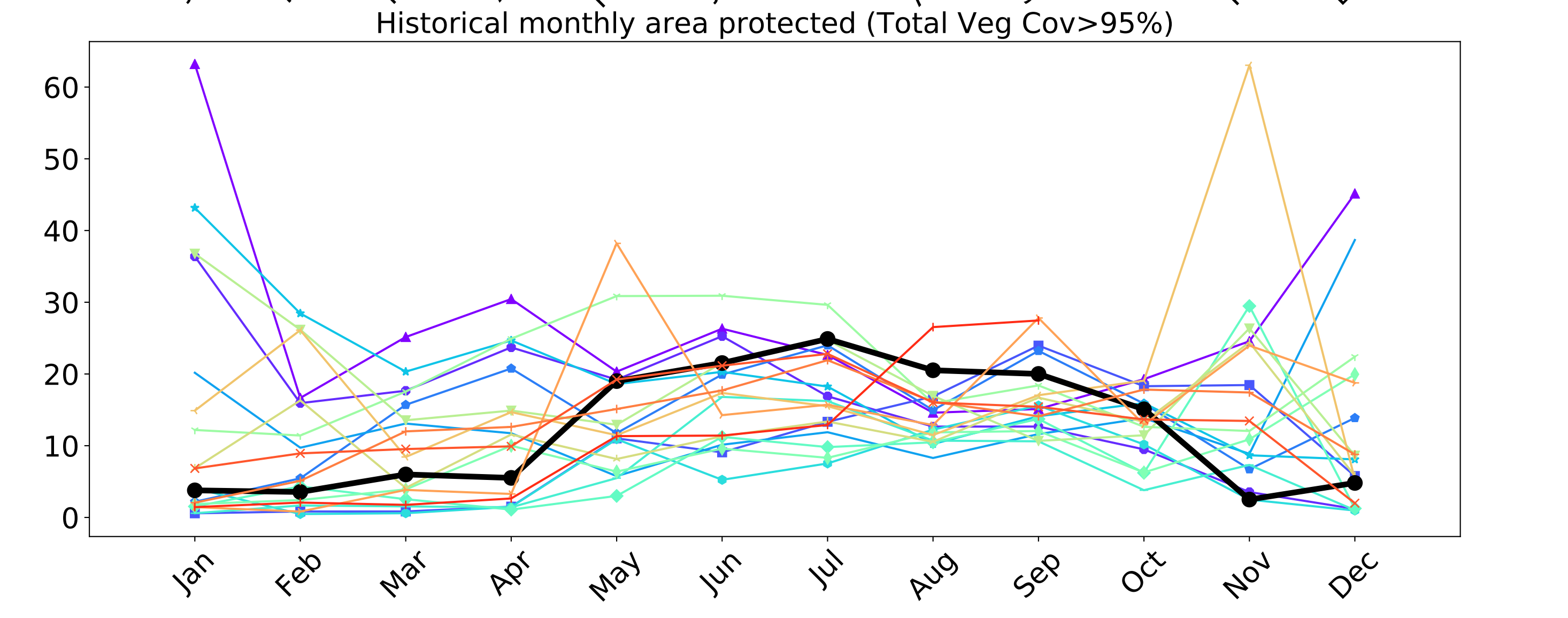
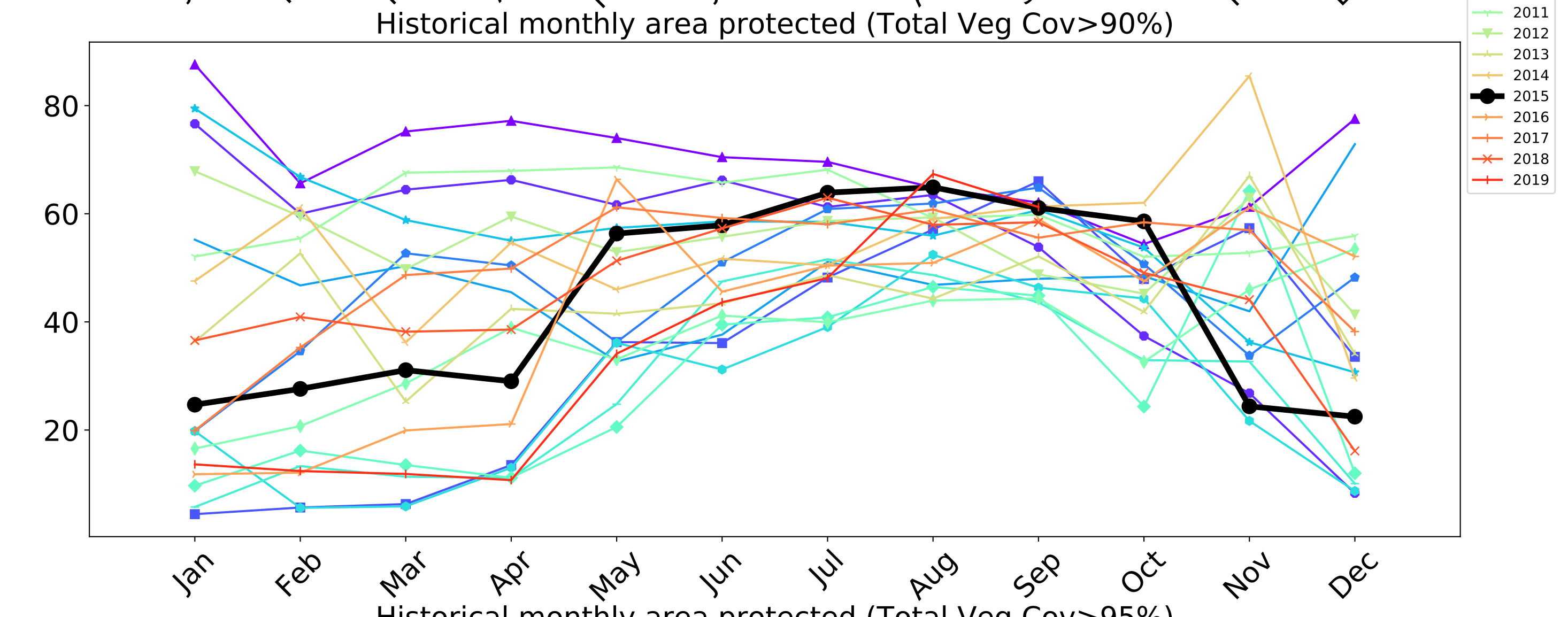
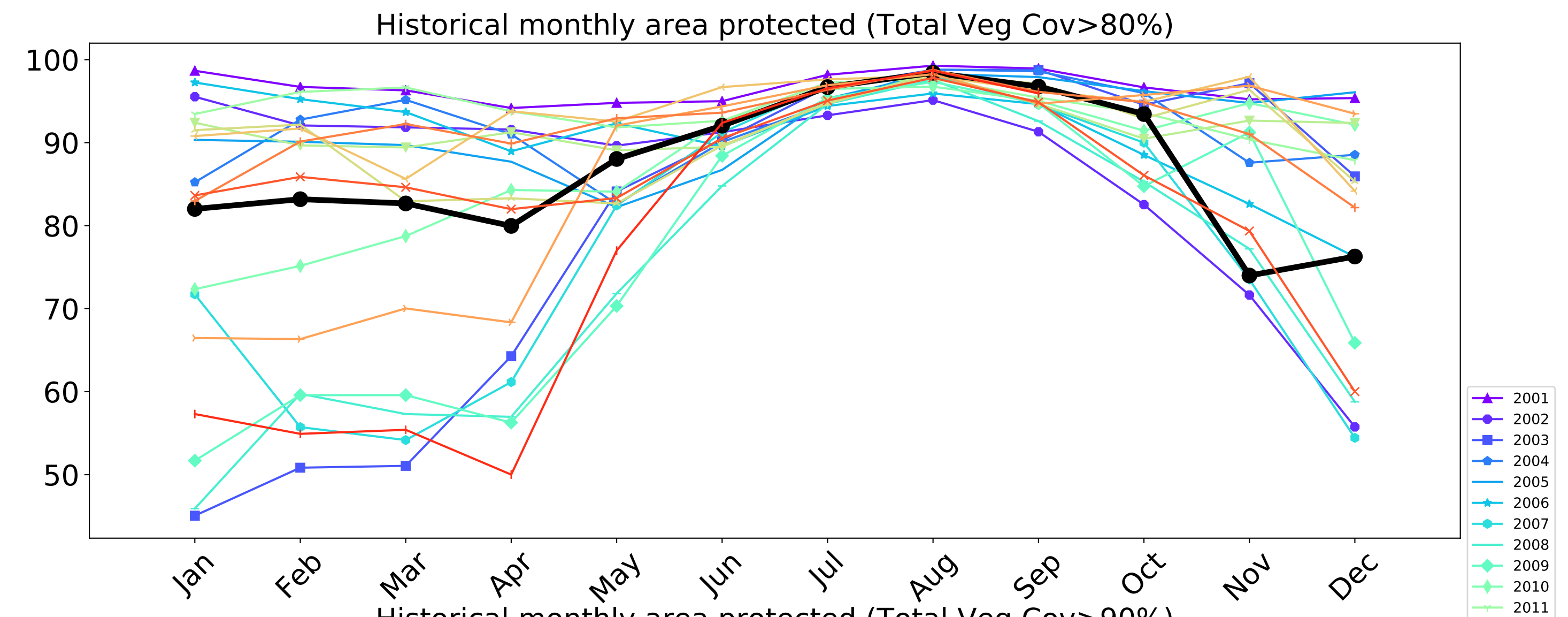
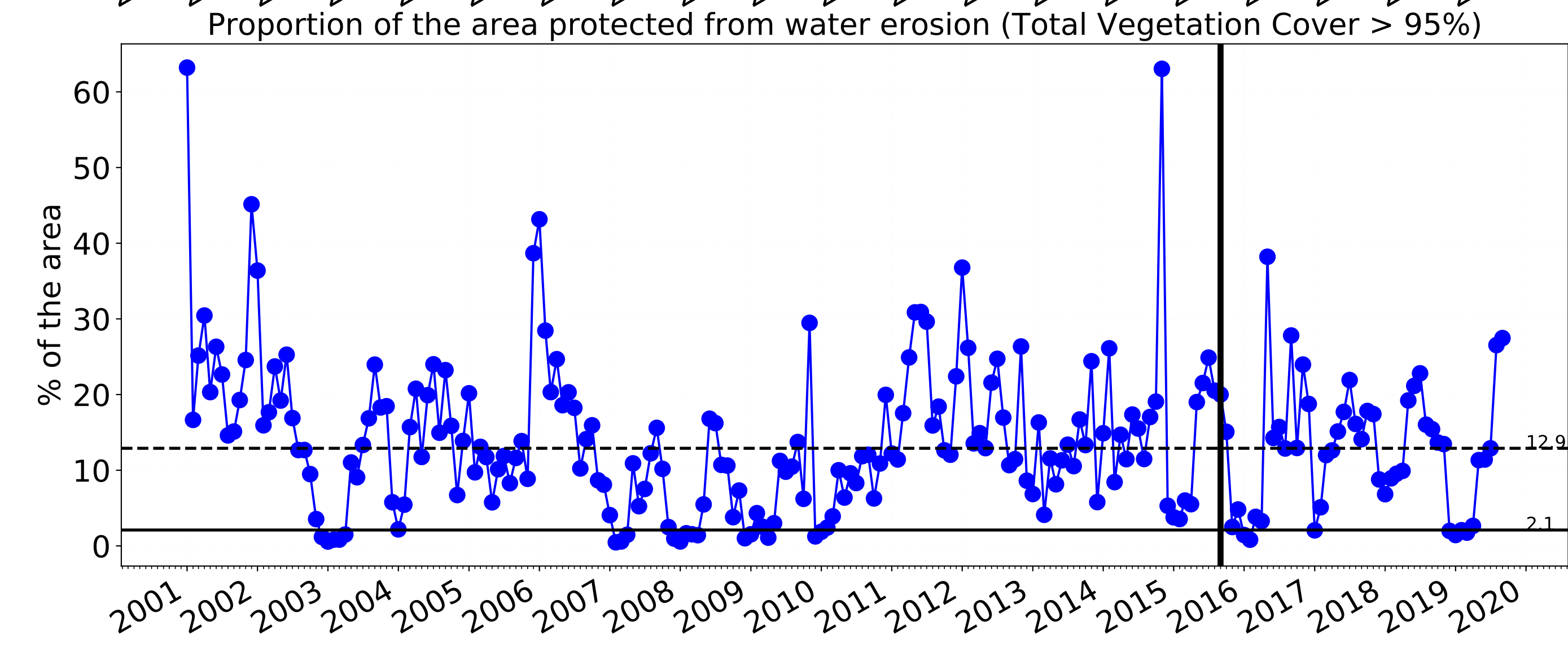
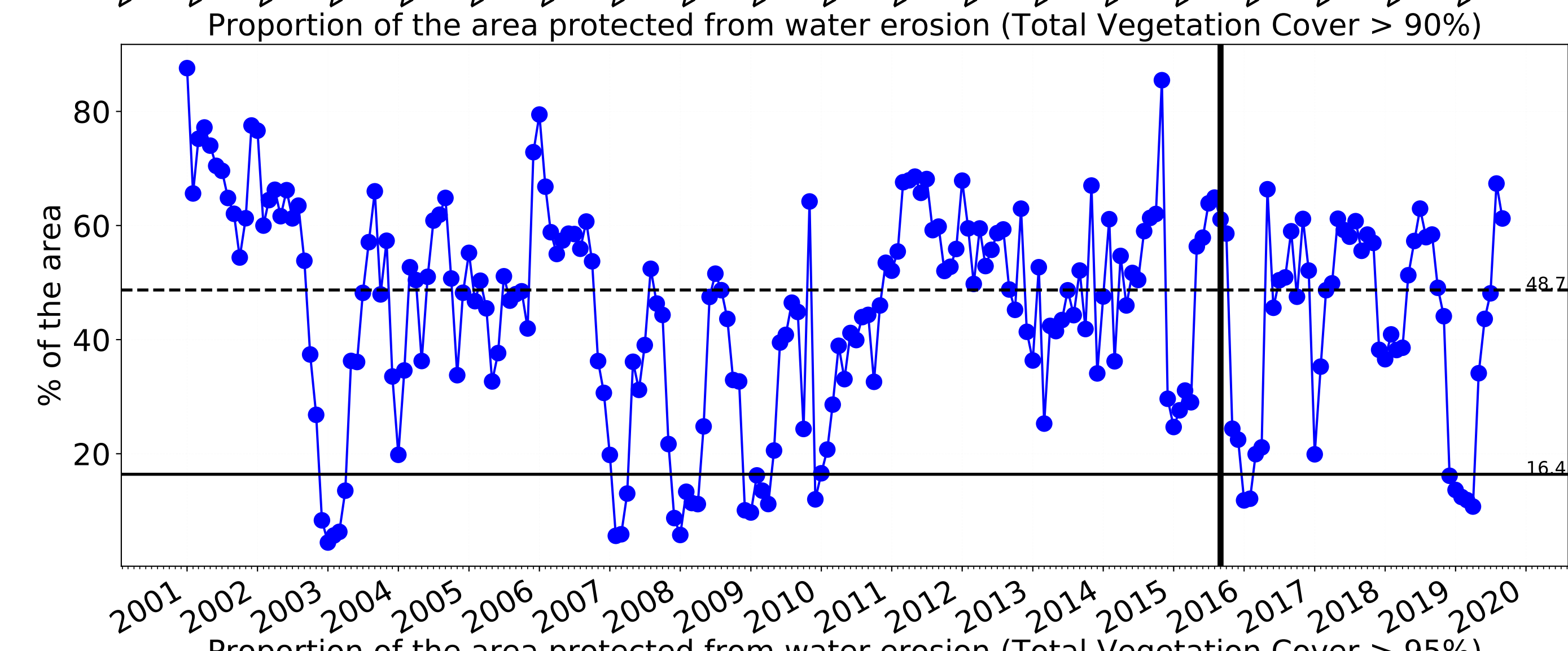
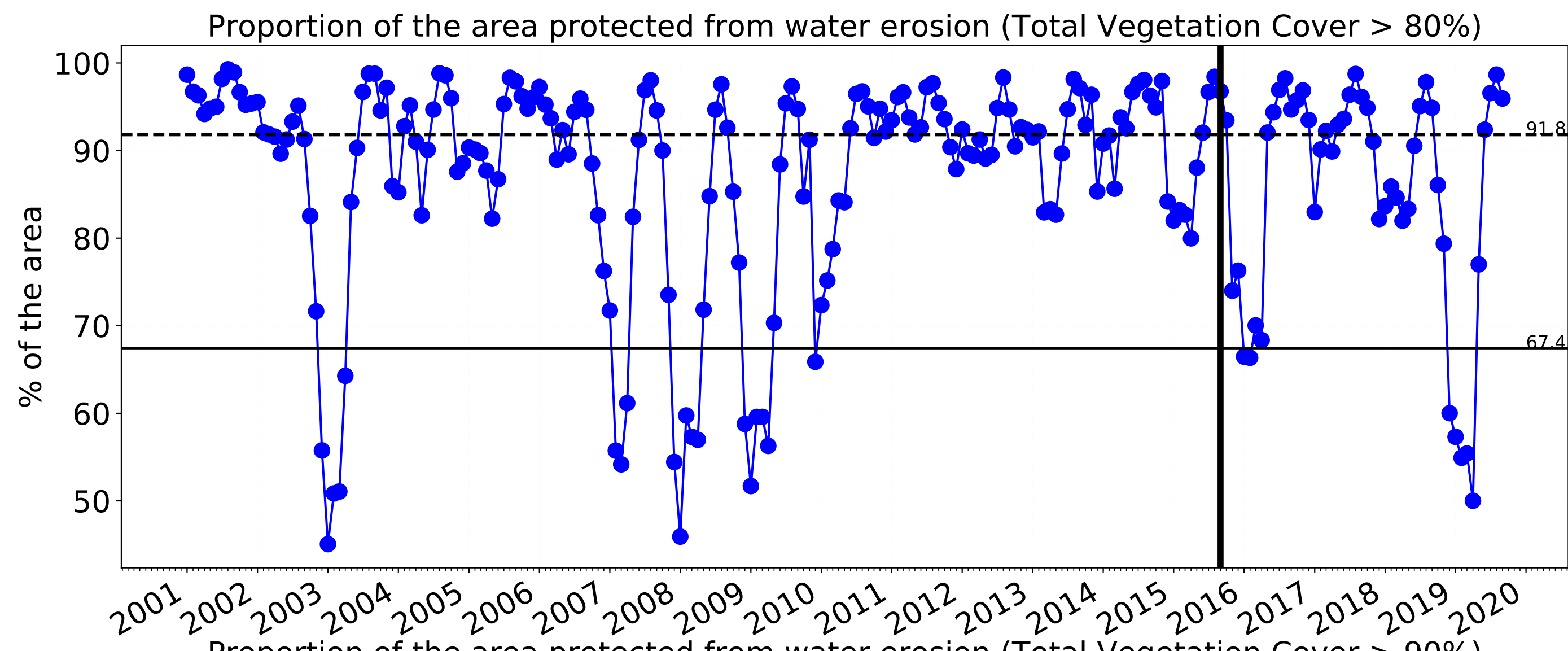
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Grazing non forest timeseries







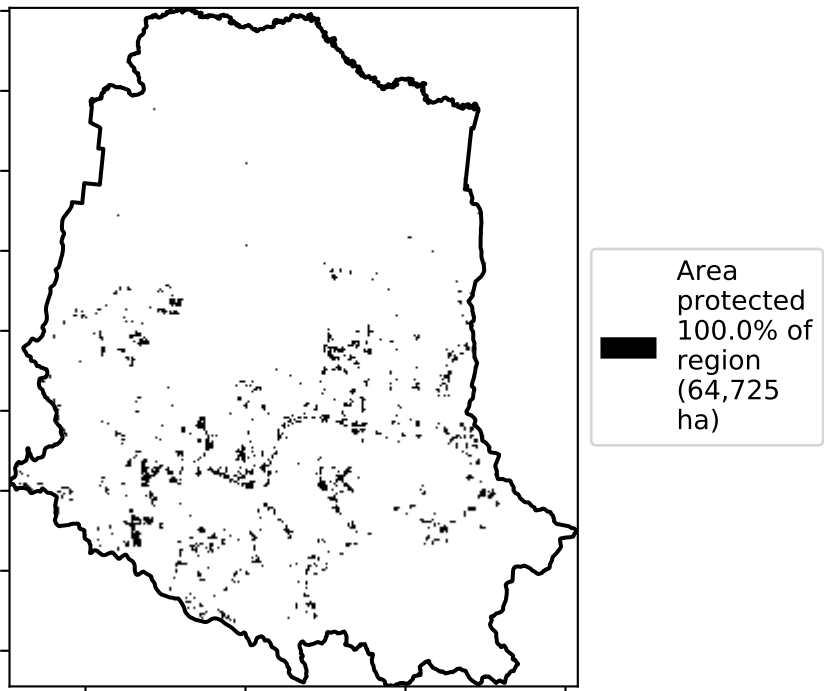


Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

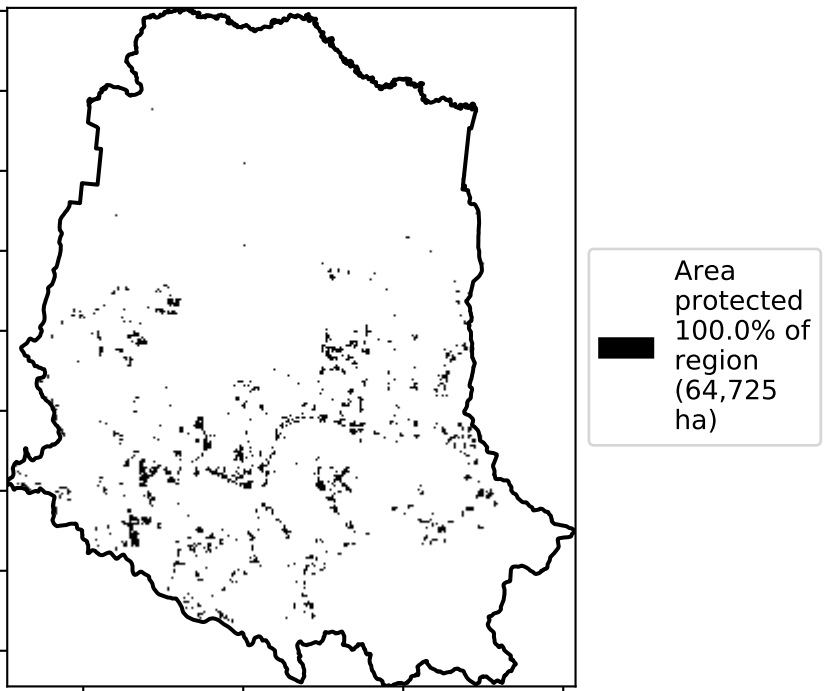
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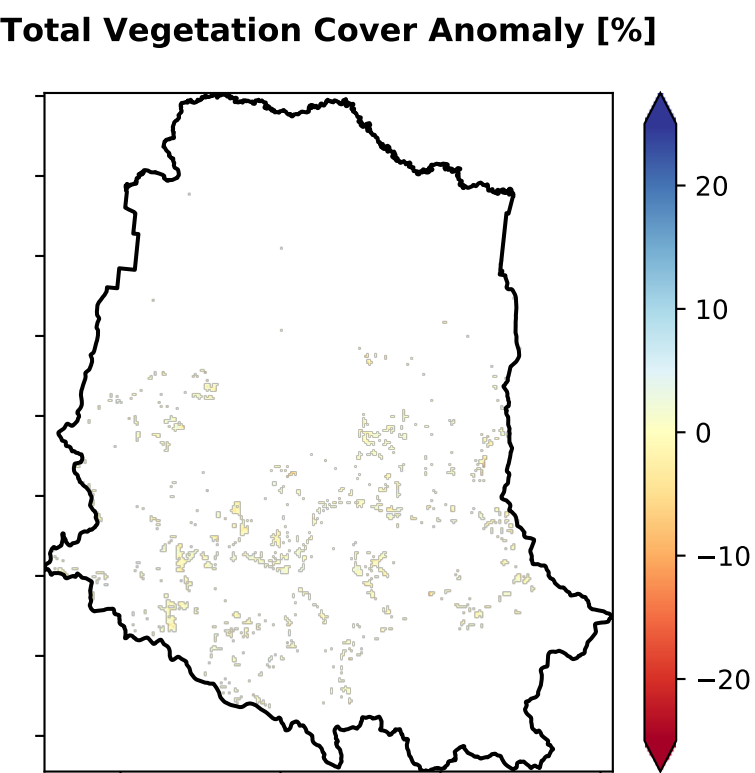
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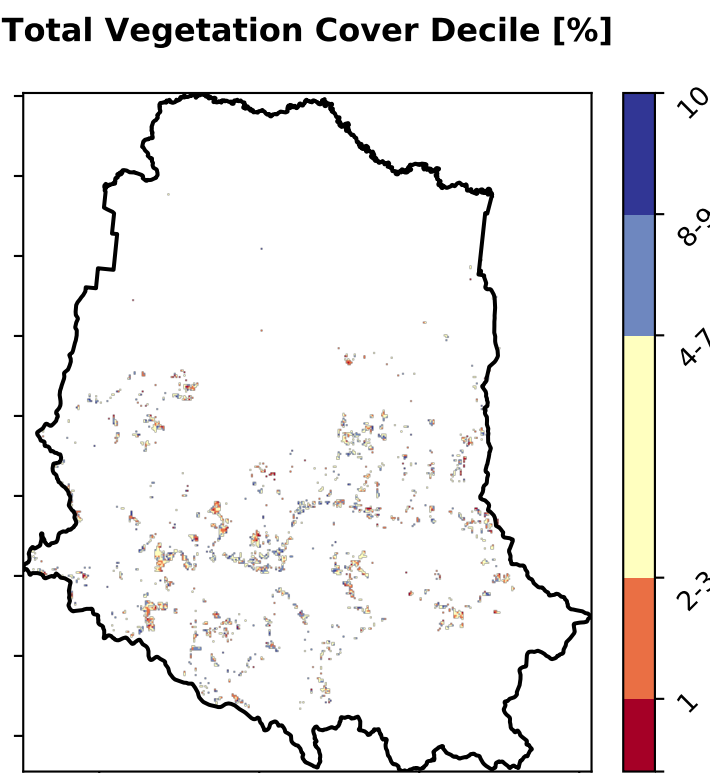
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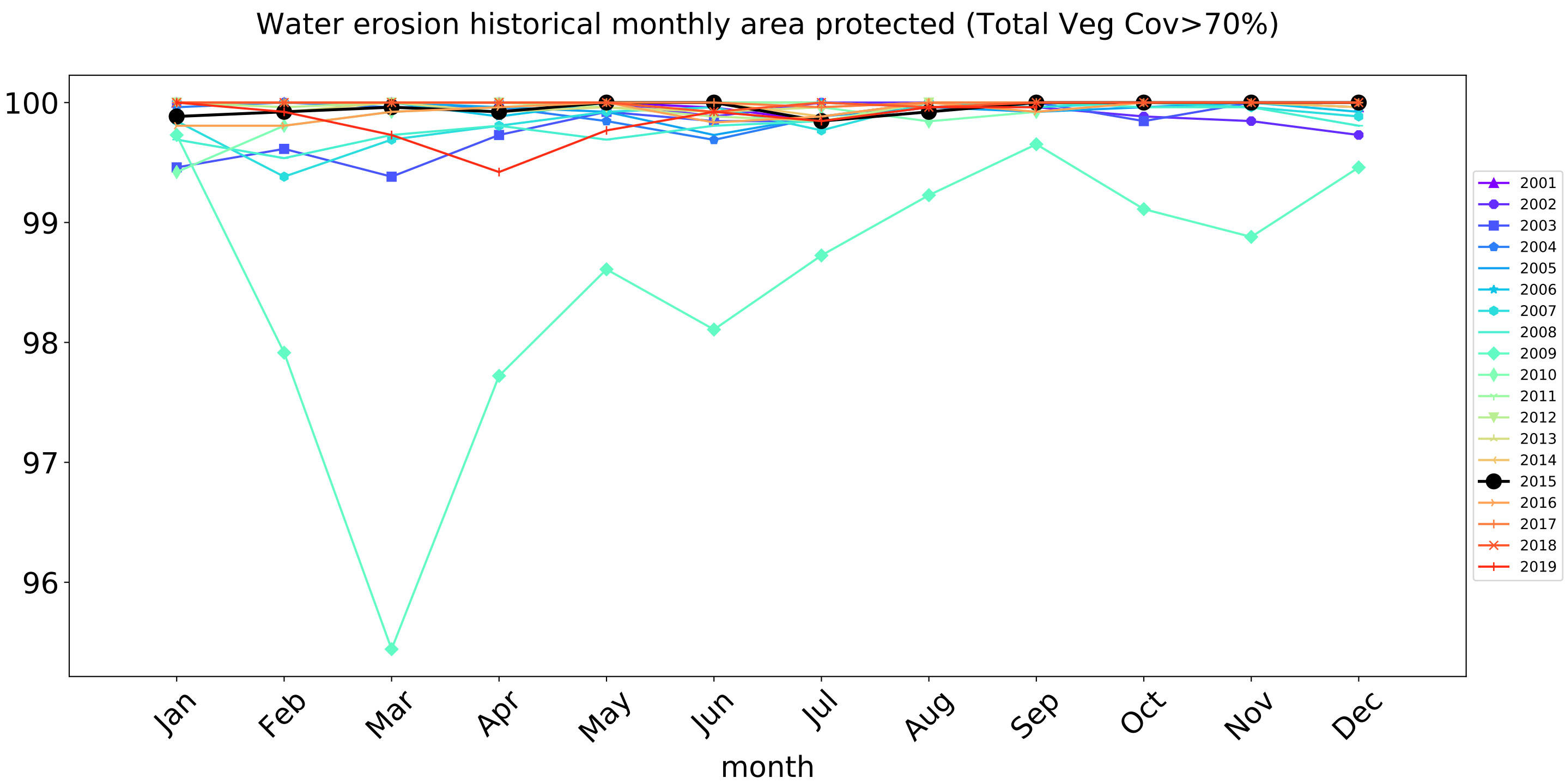
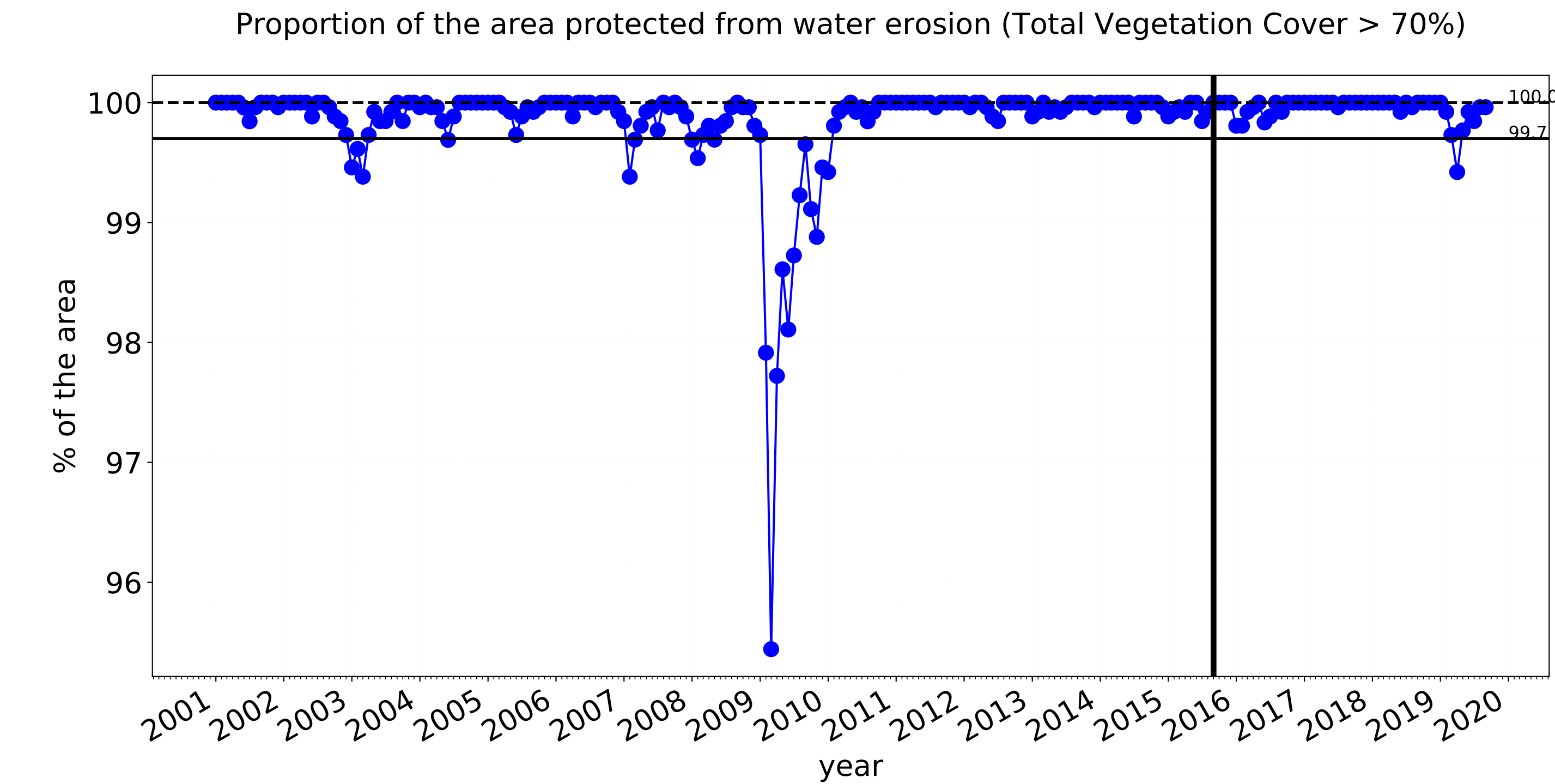
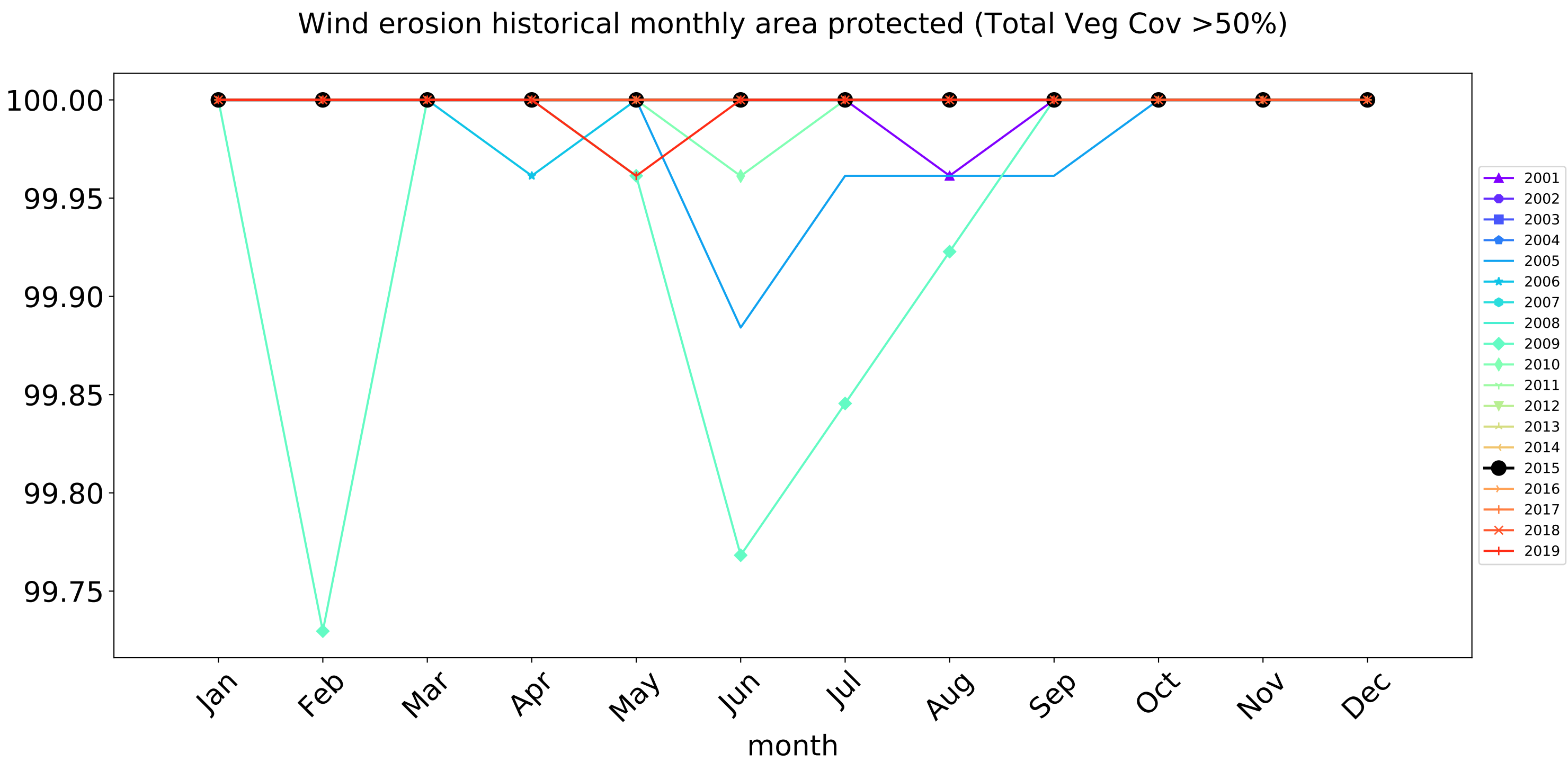
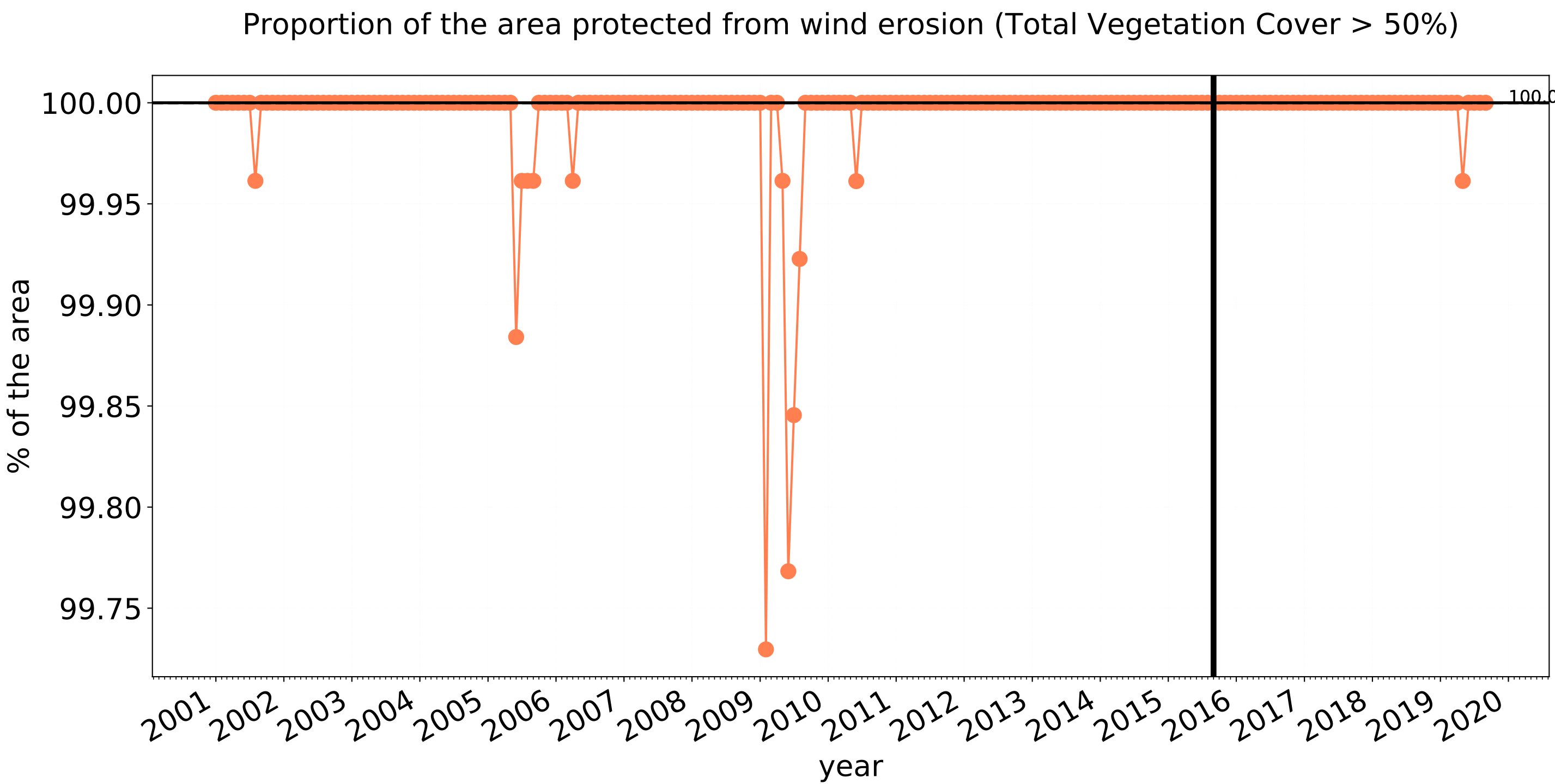
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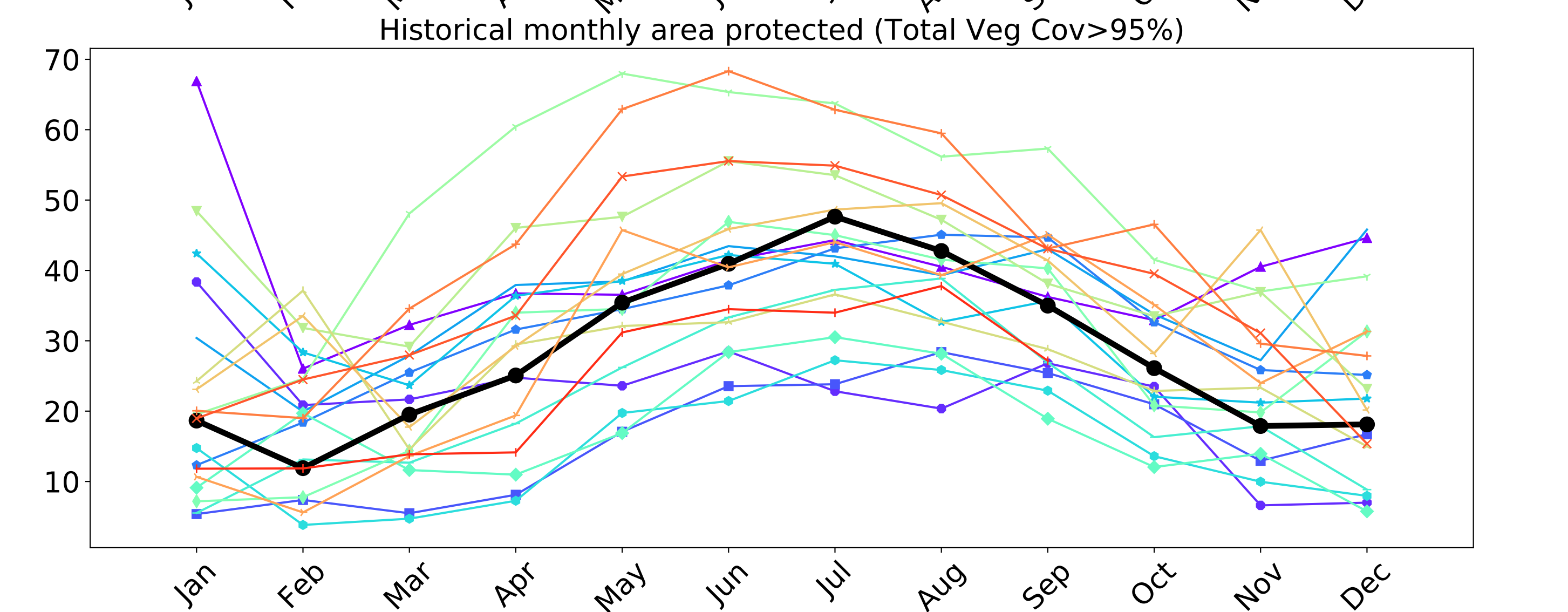
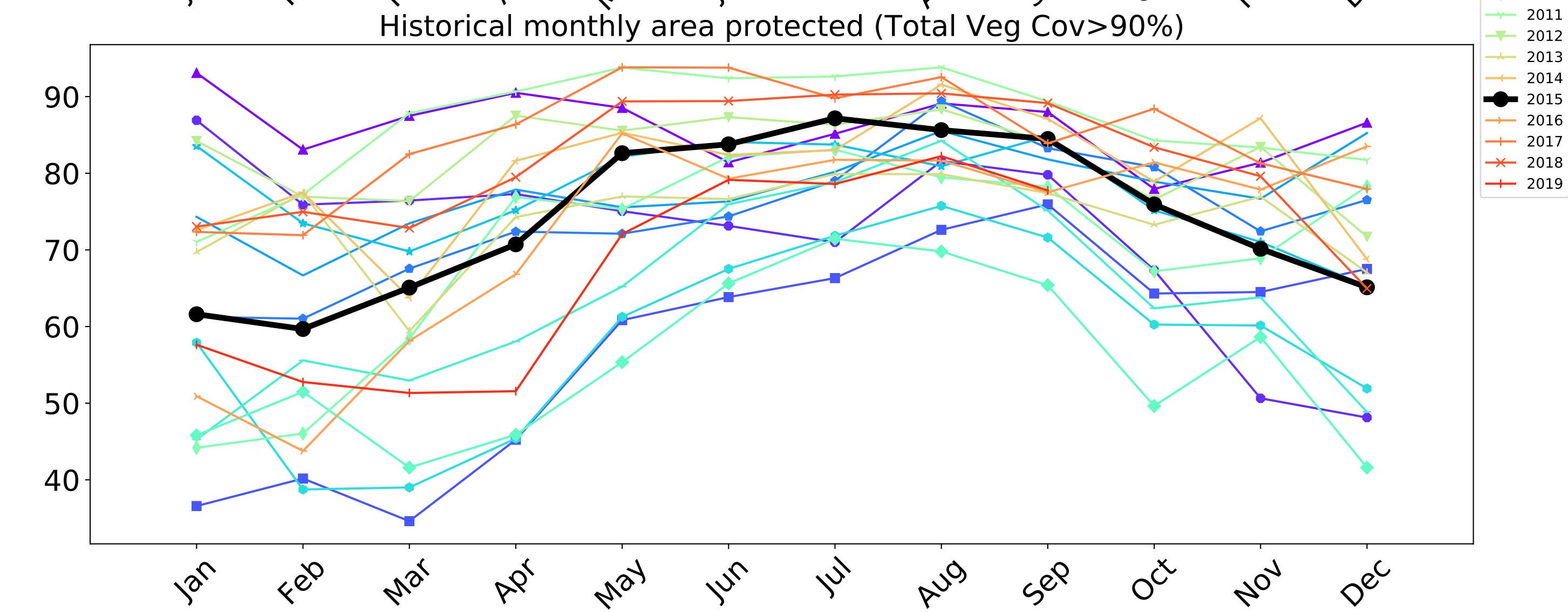
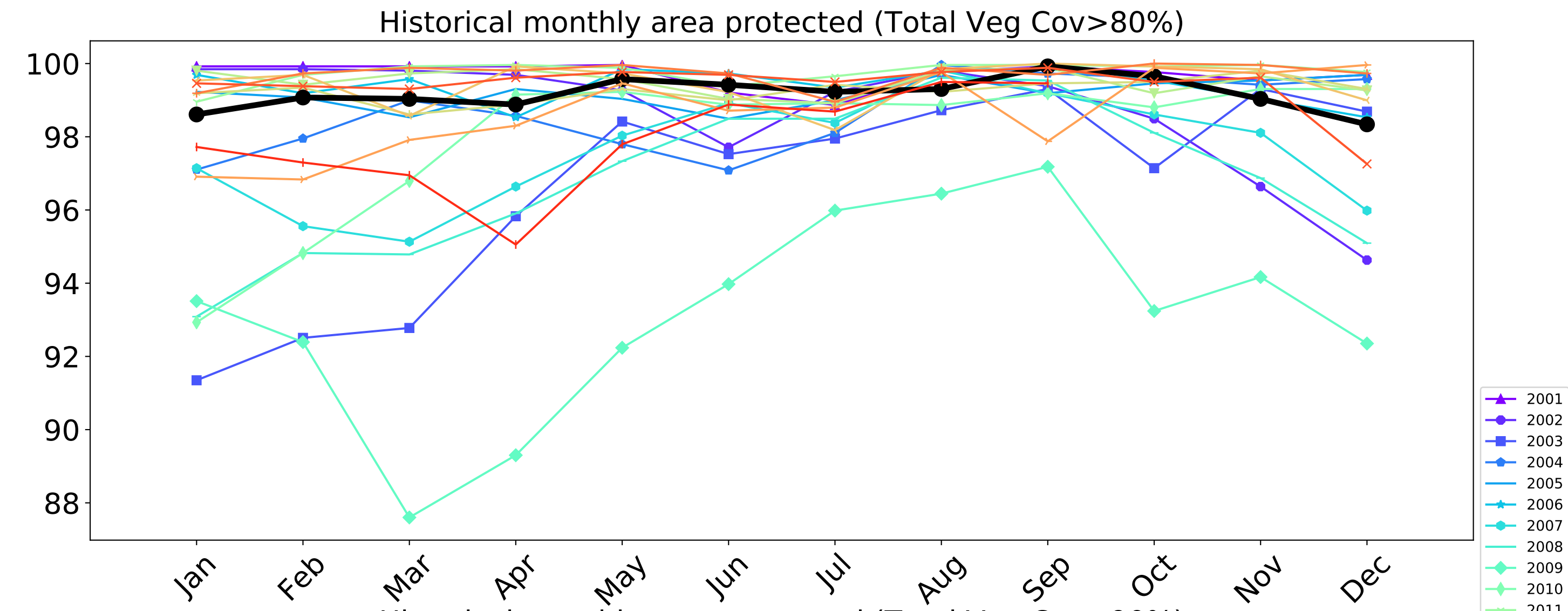
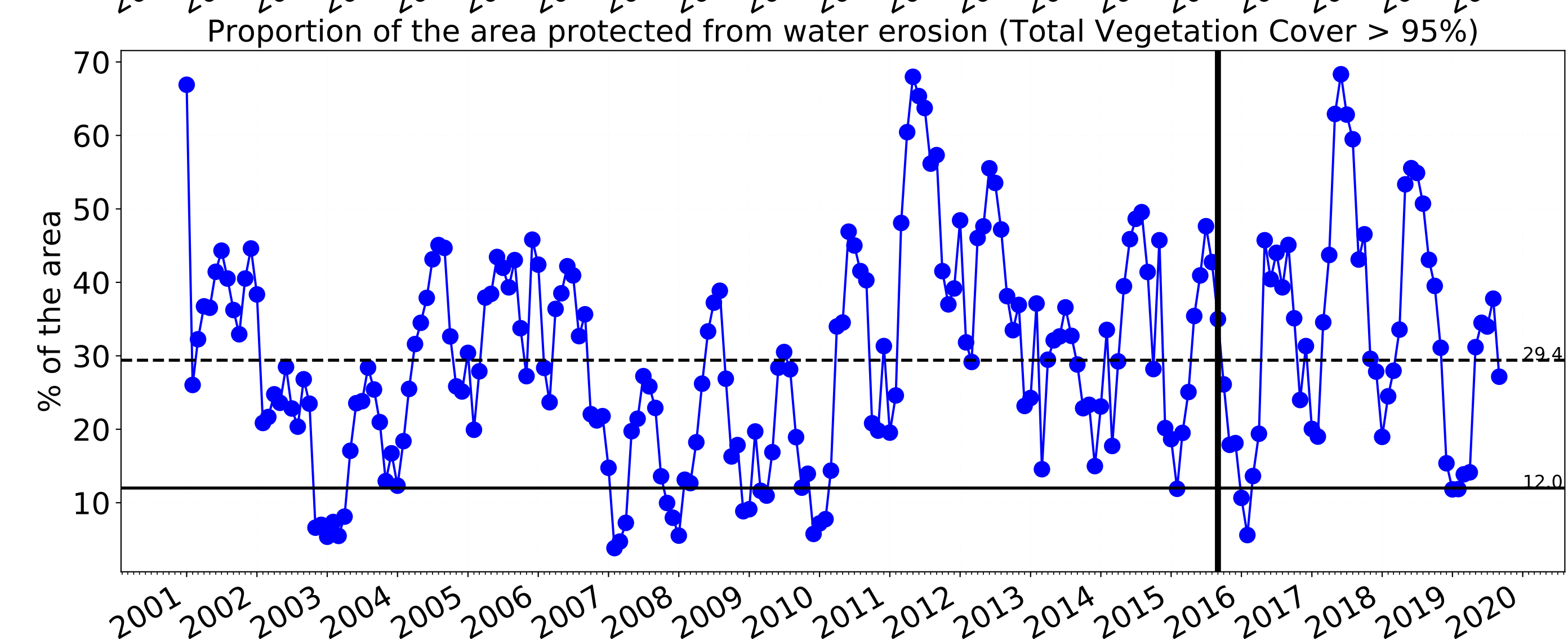
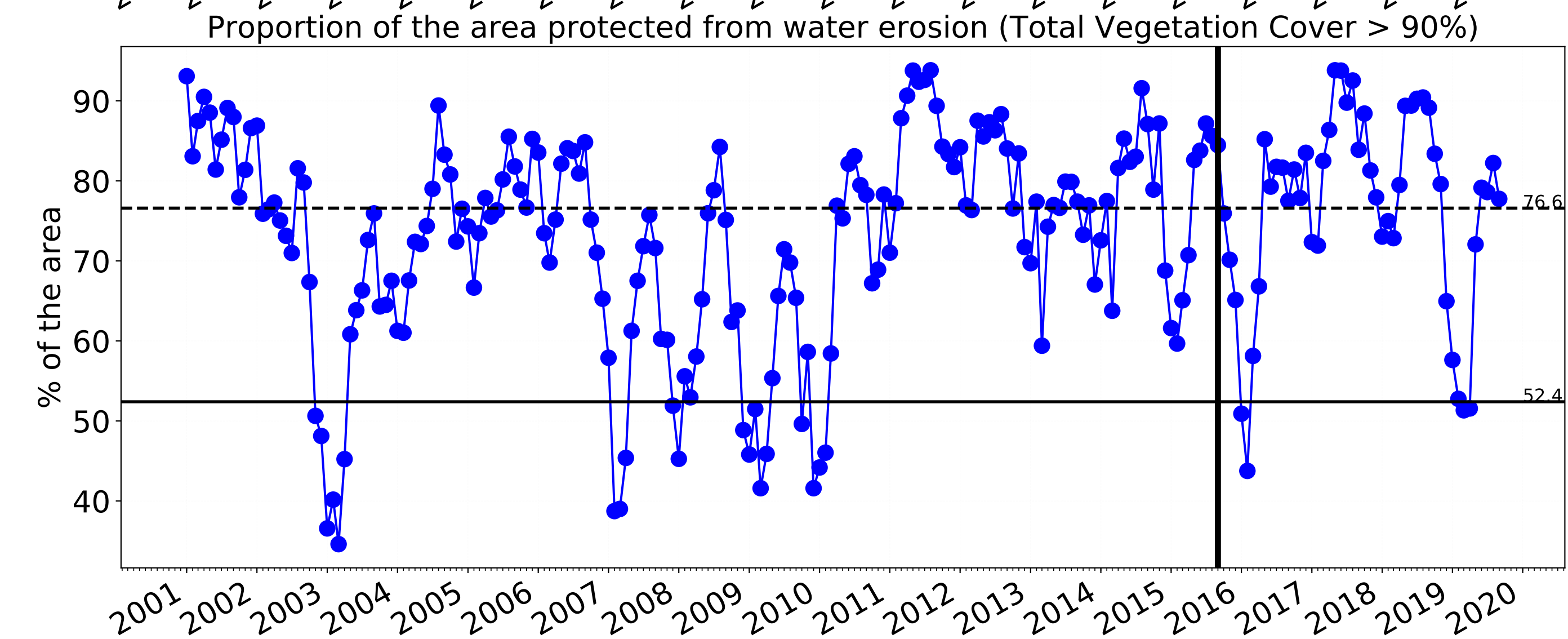
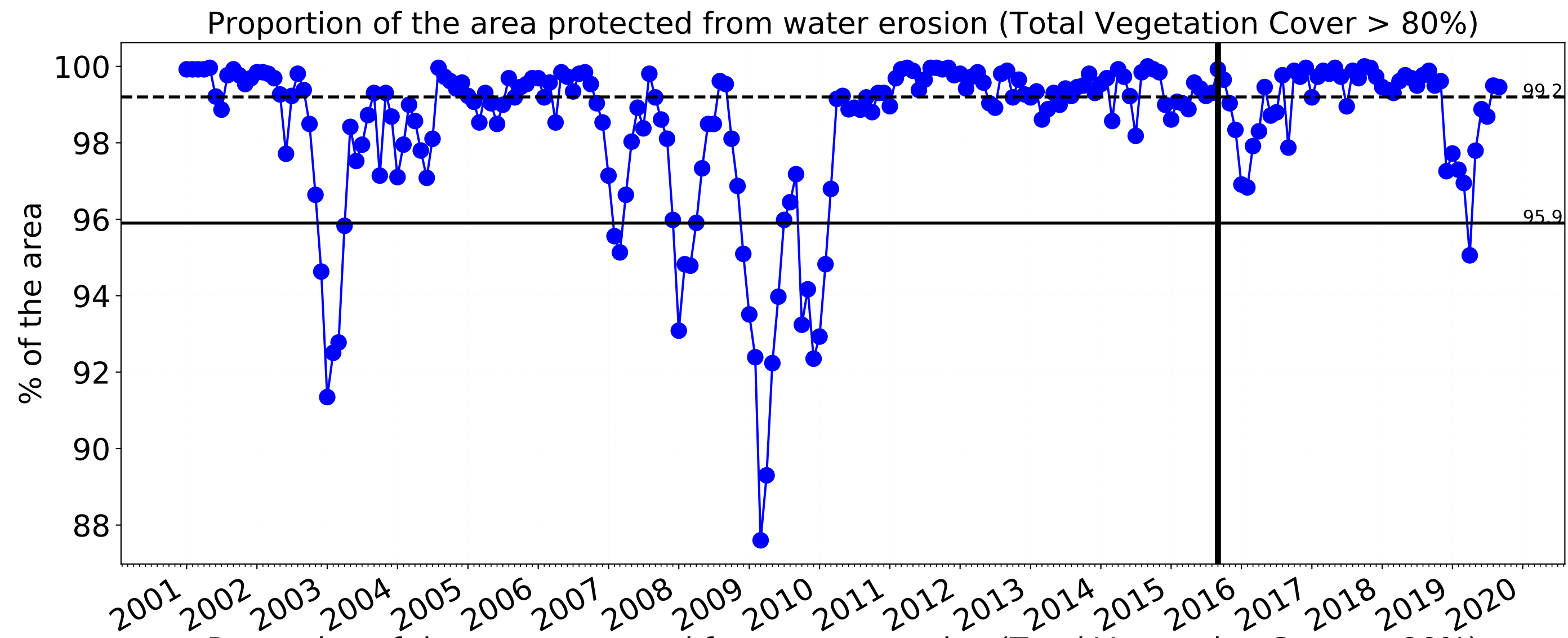
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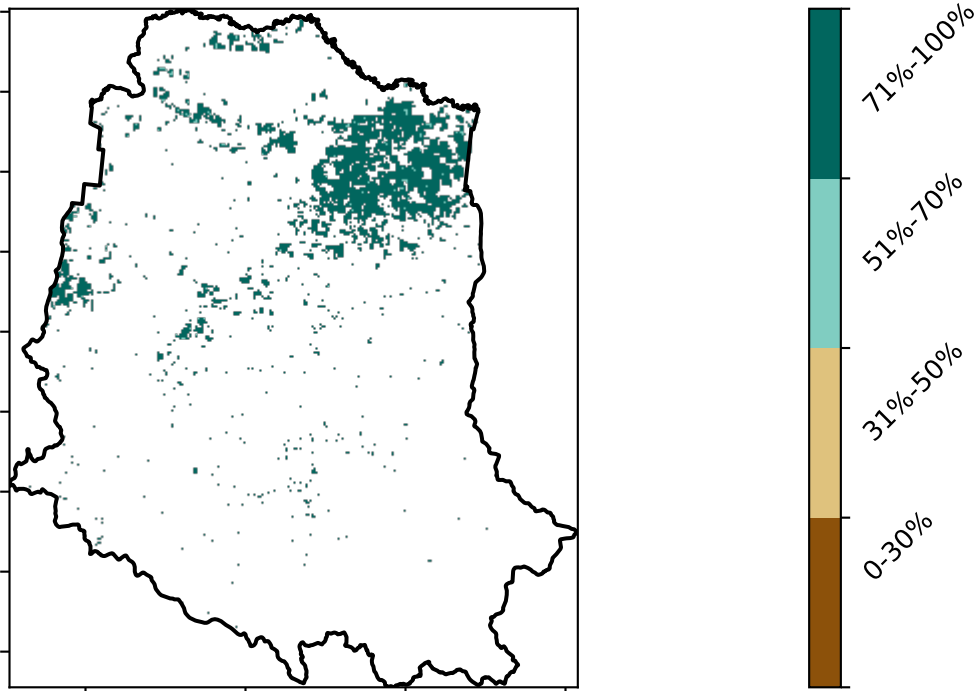
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Land use and forest cover

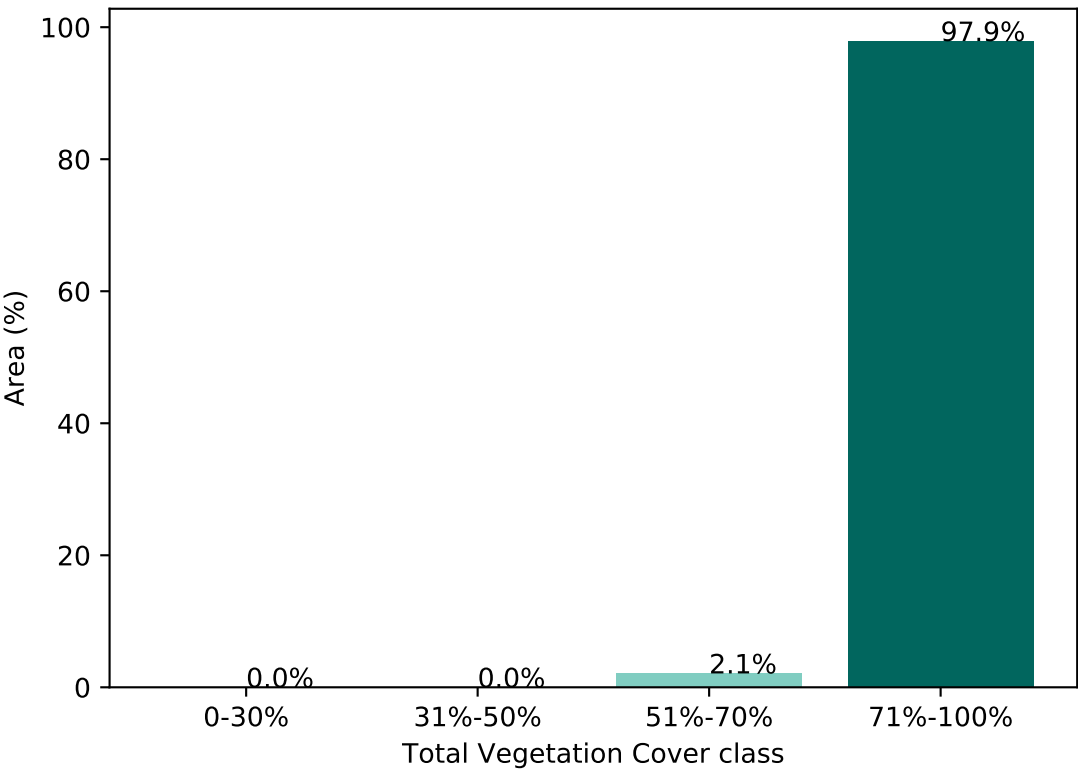


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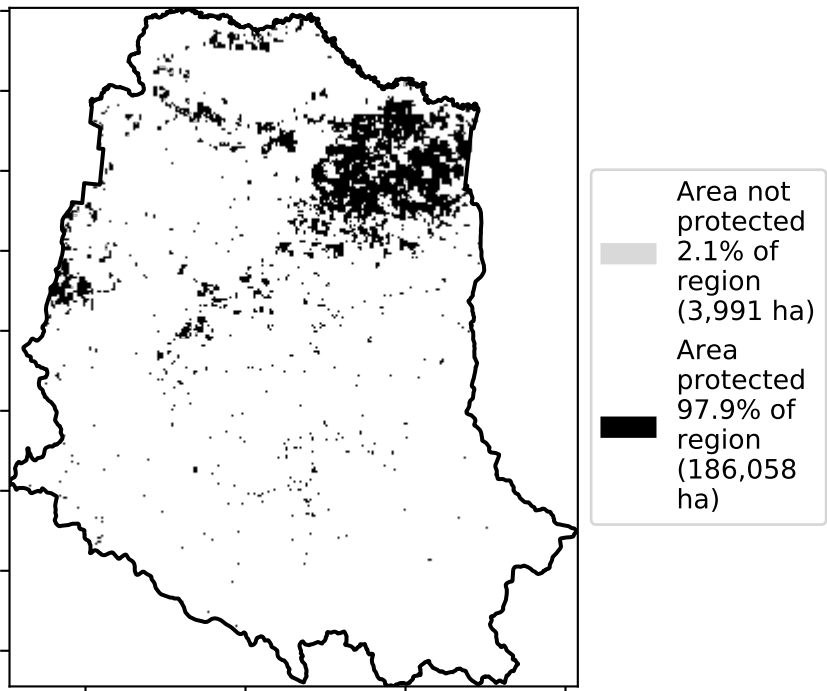
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



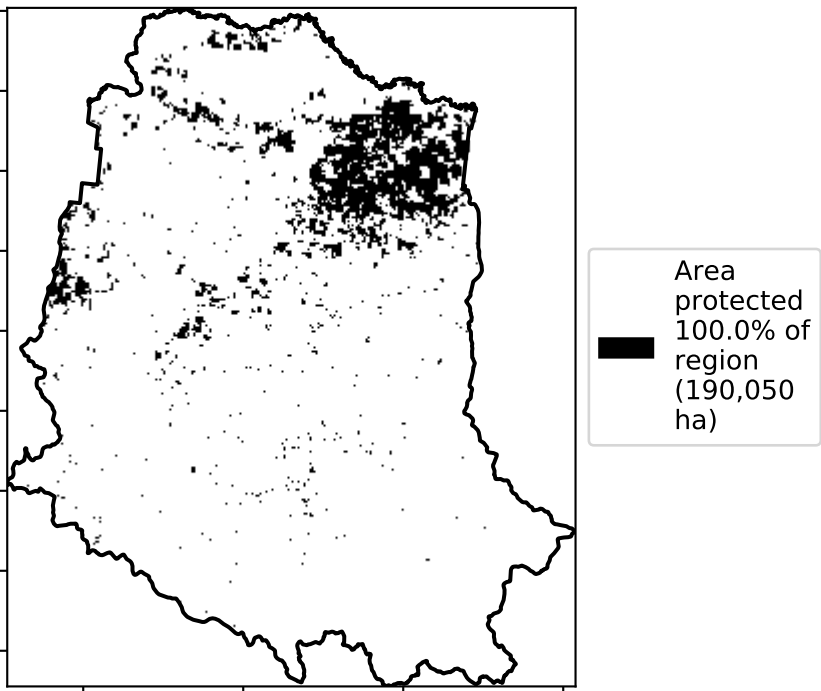
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



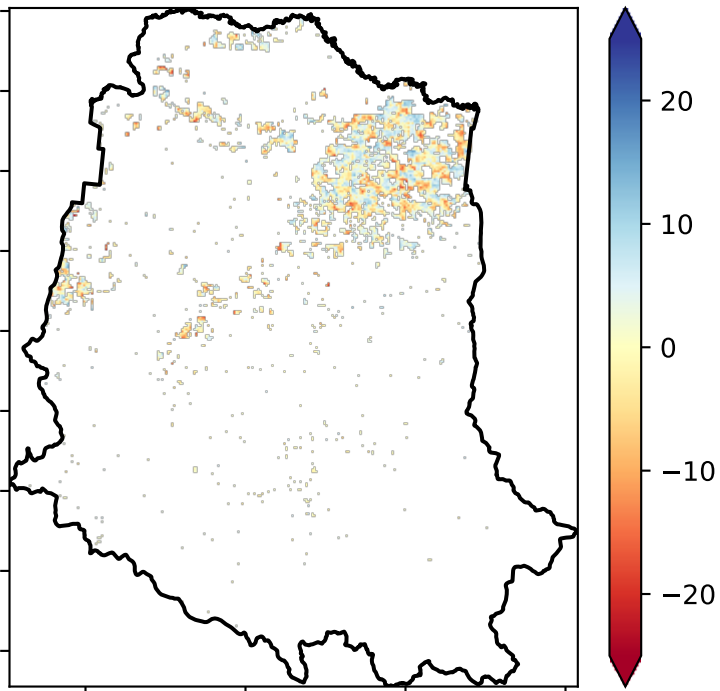
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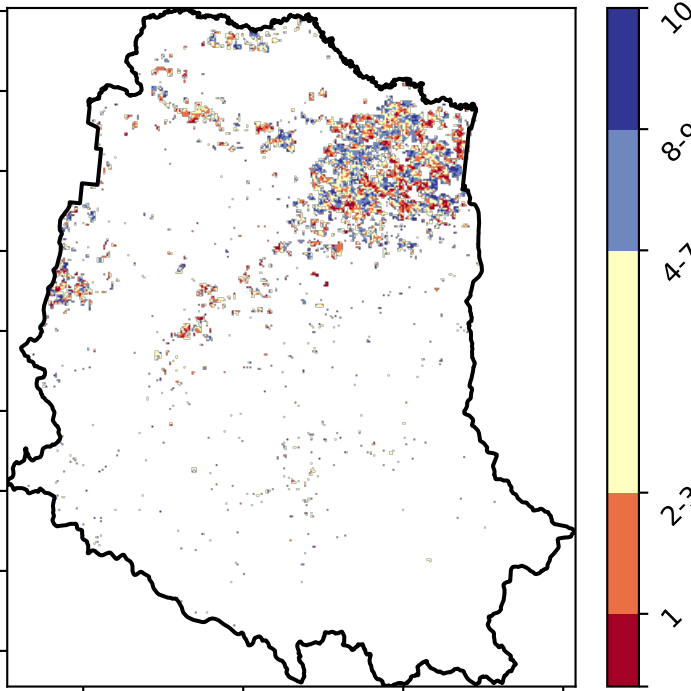


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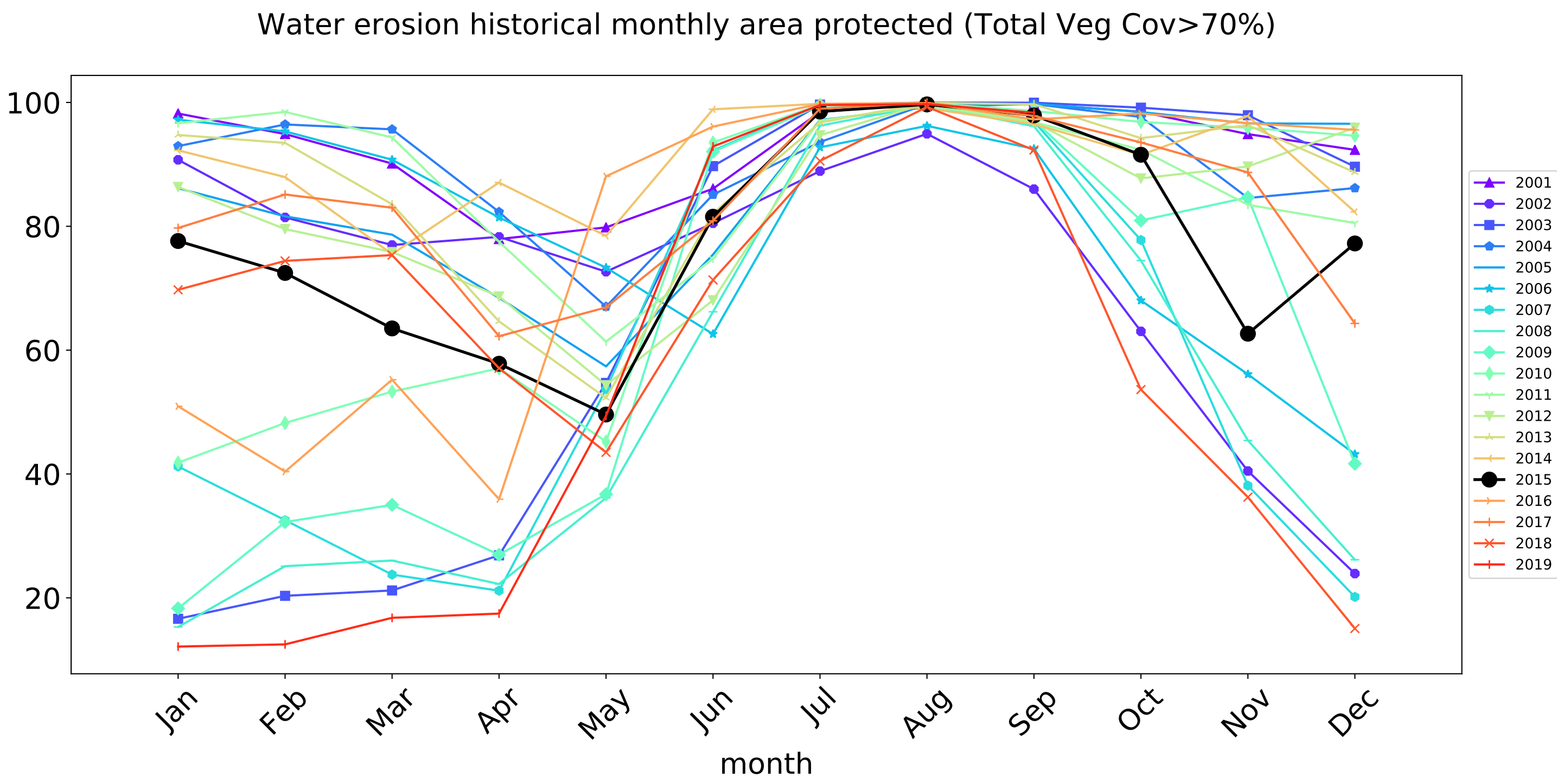
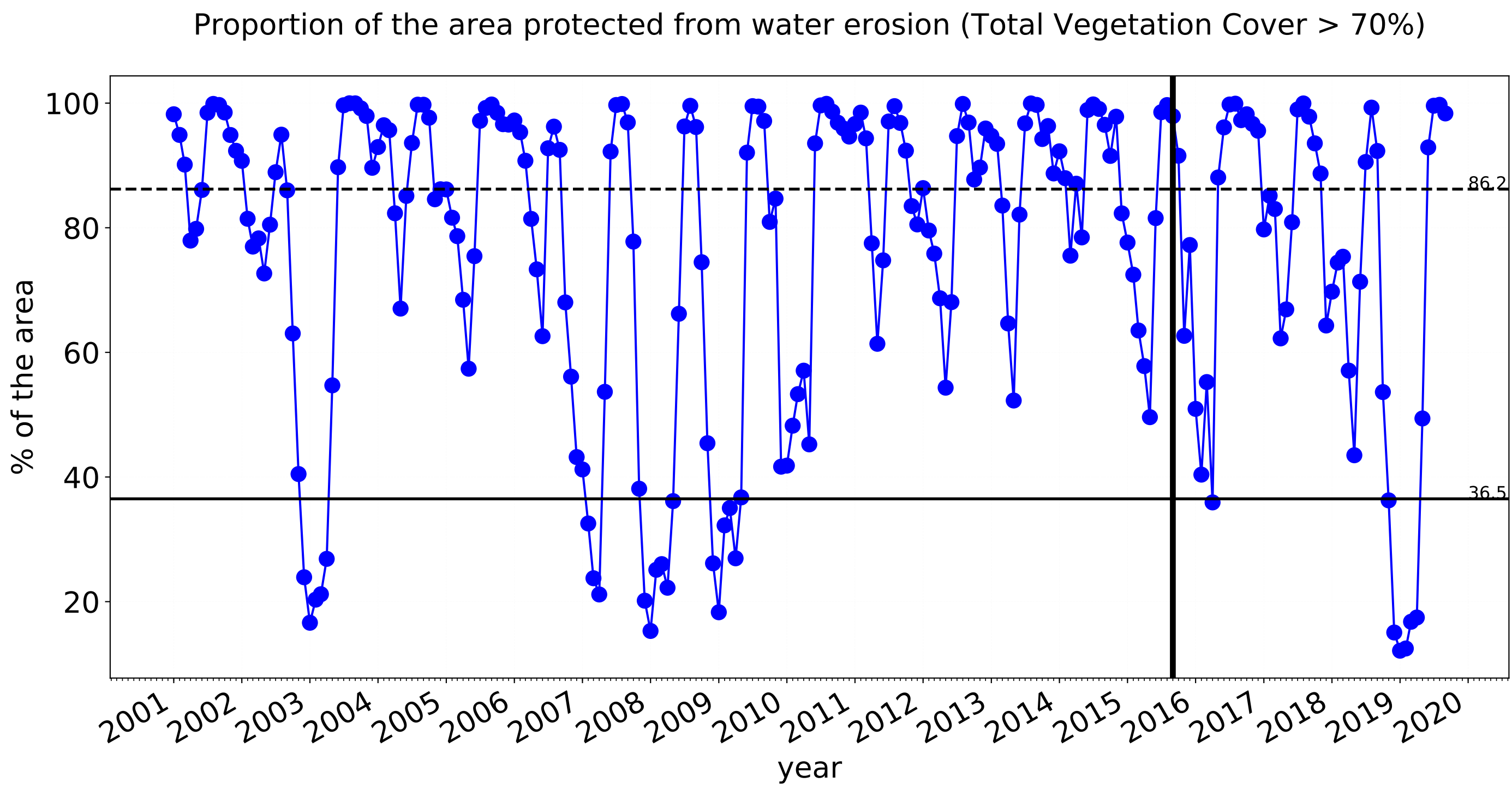
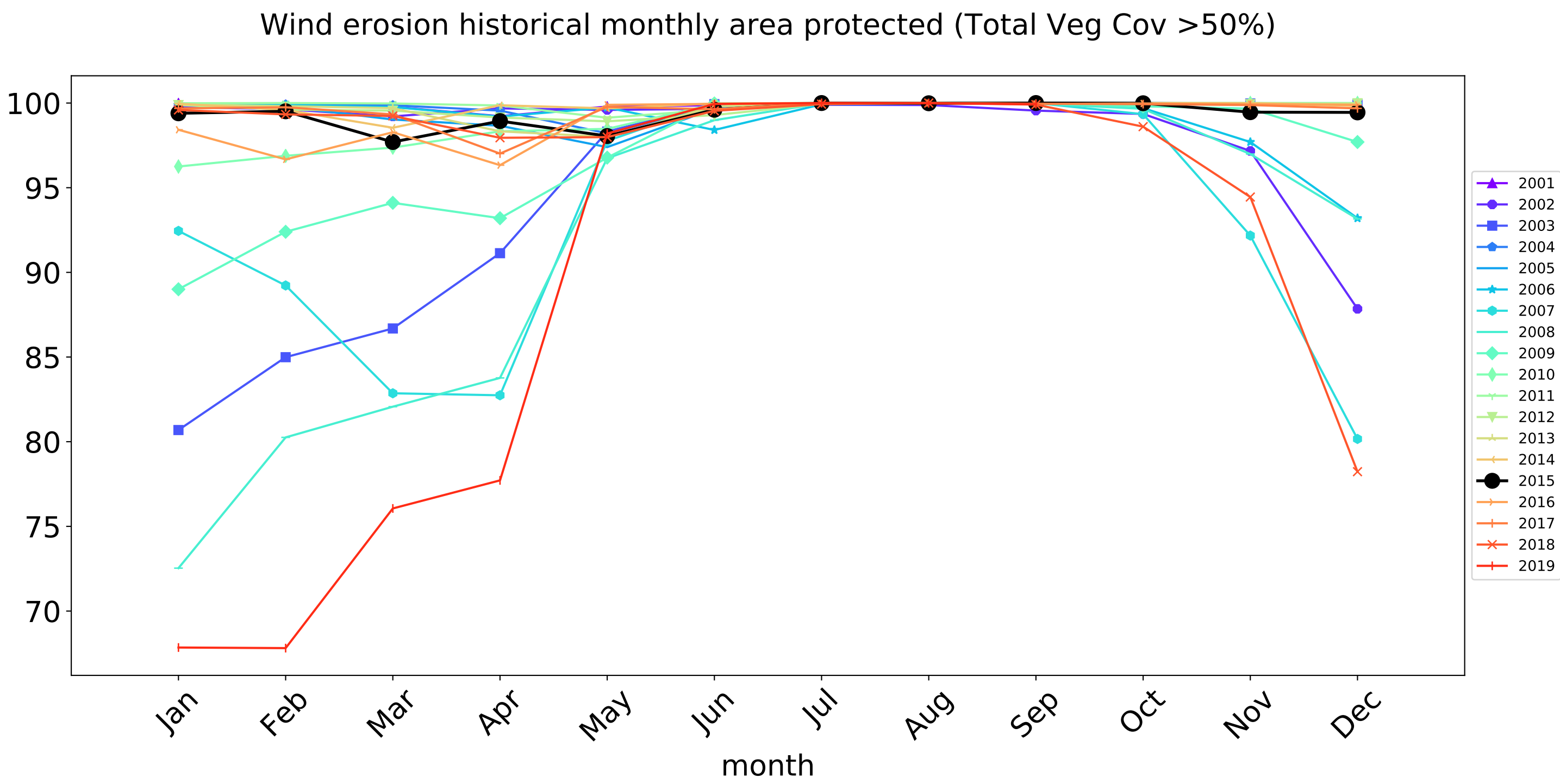
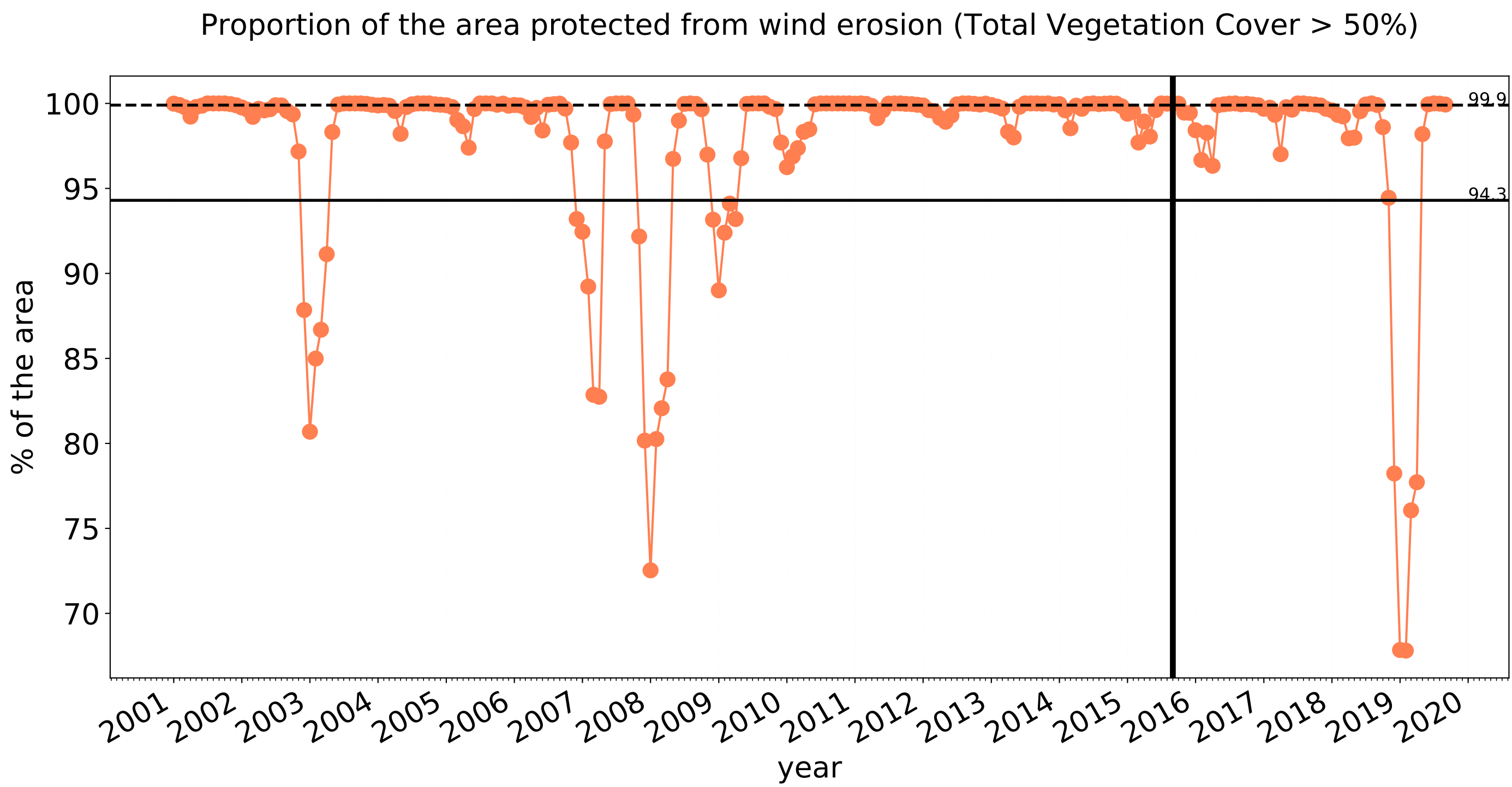
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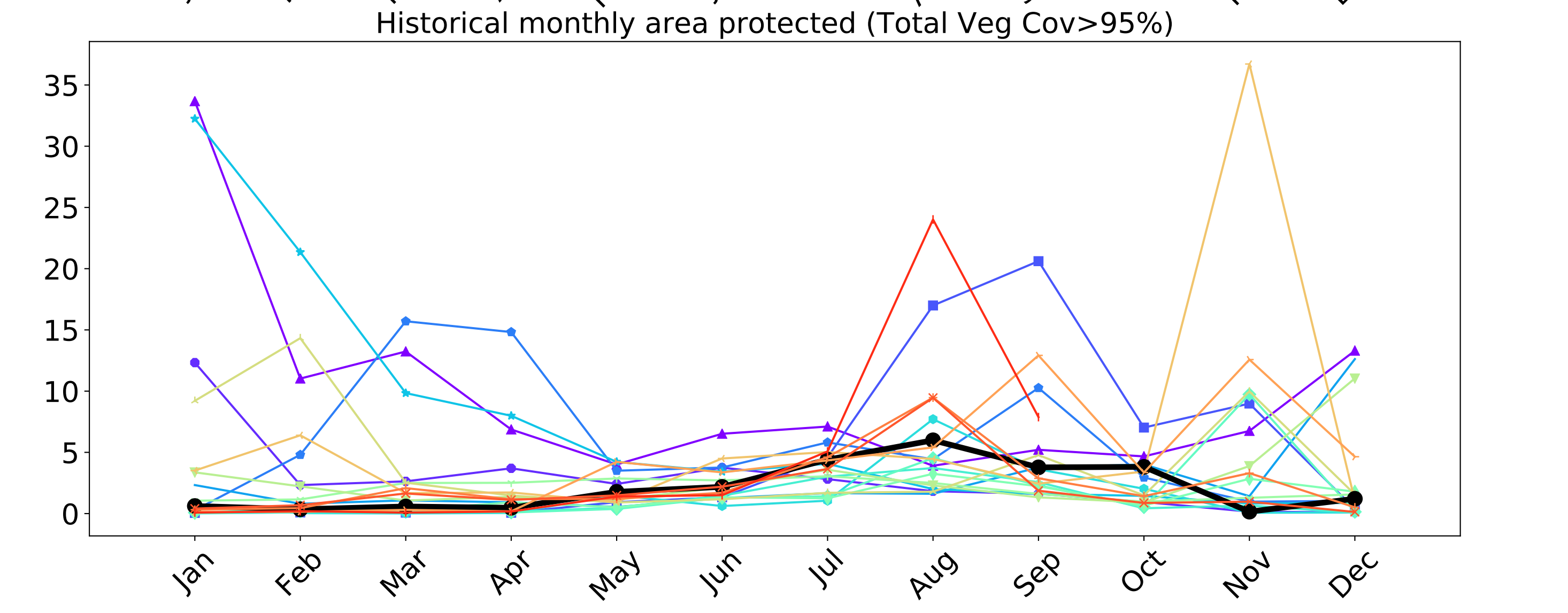
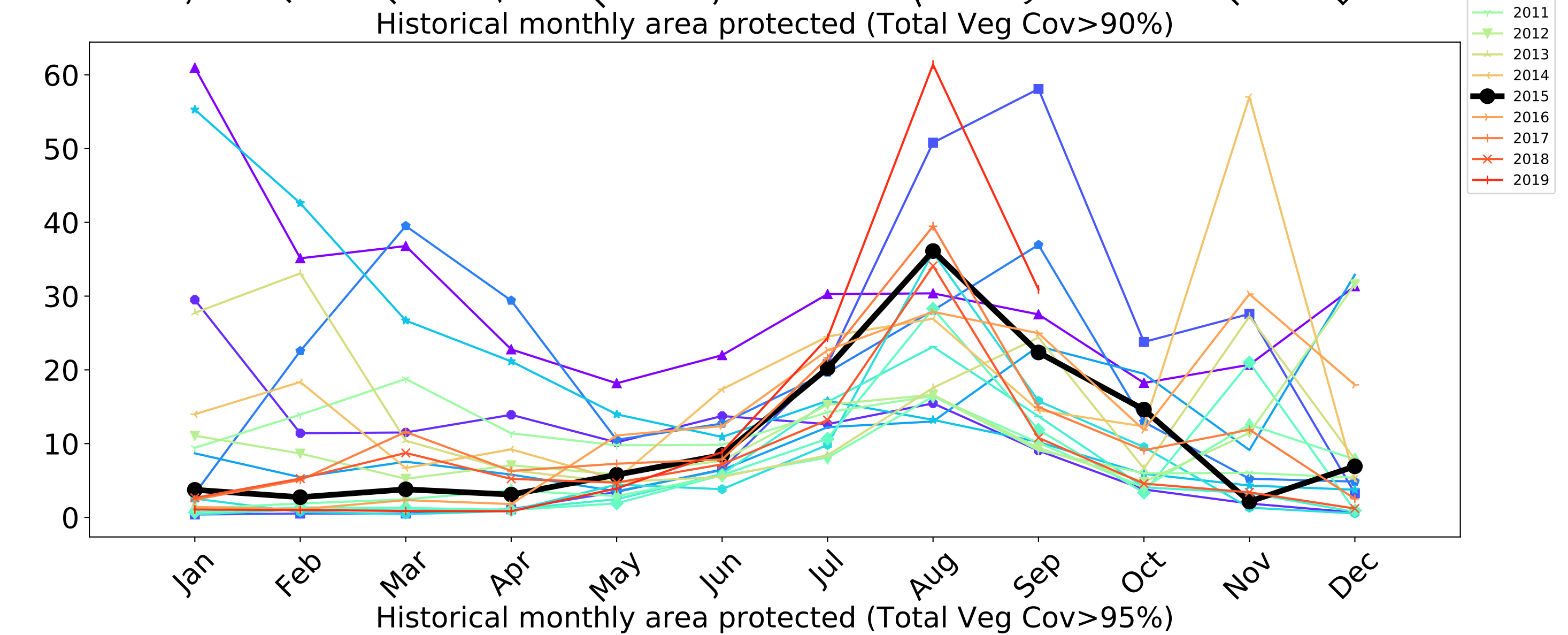
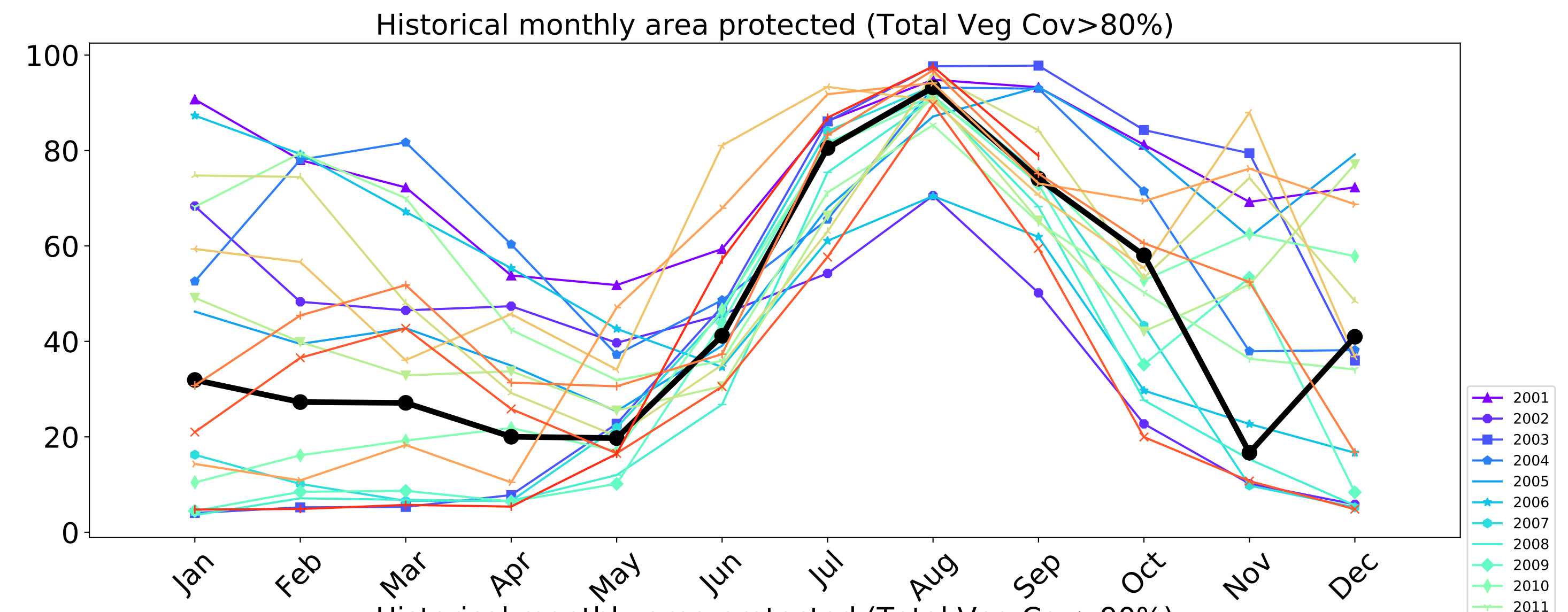
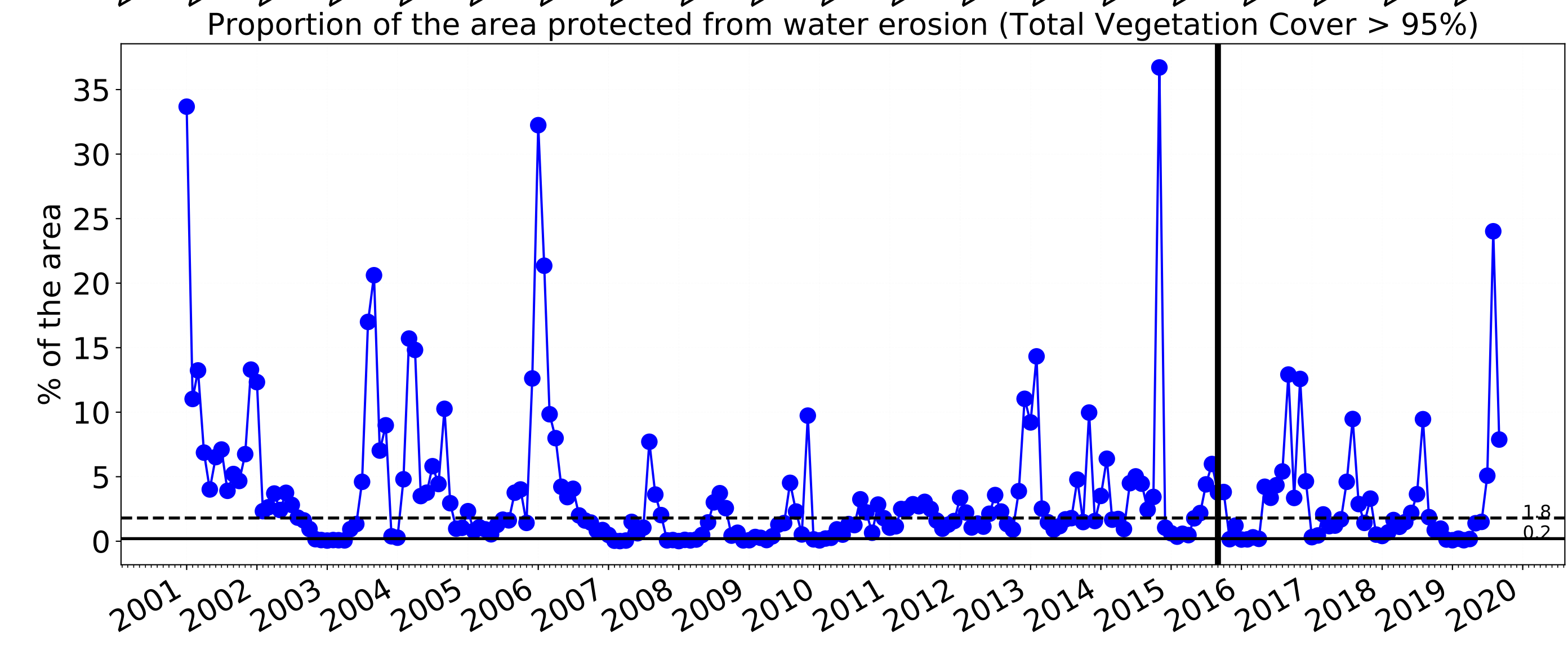
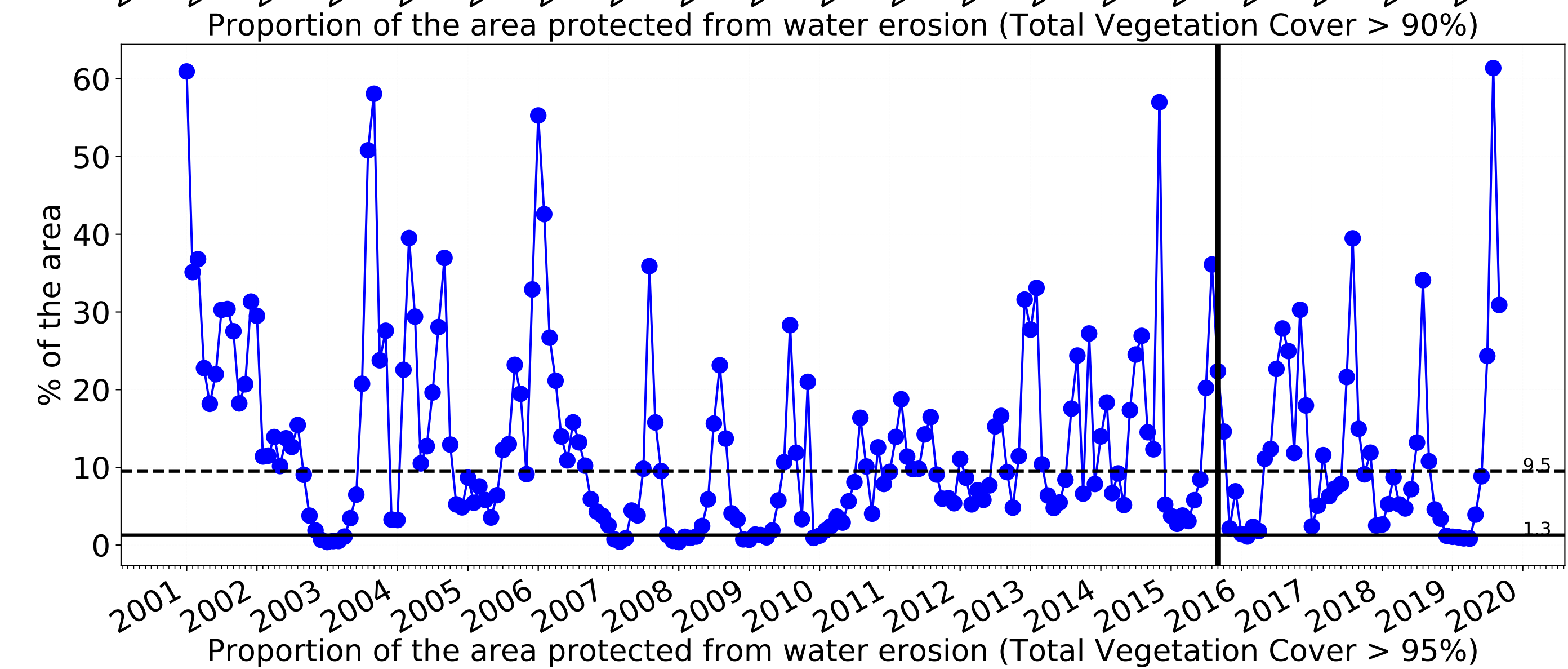
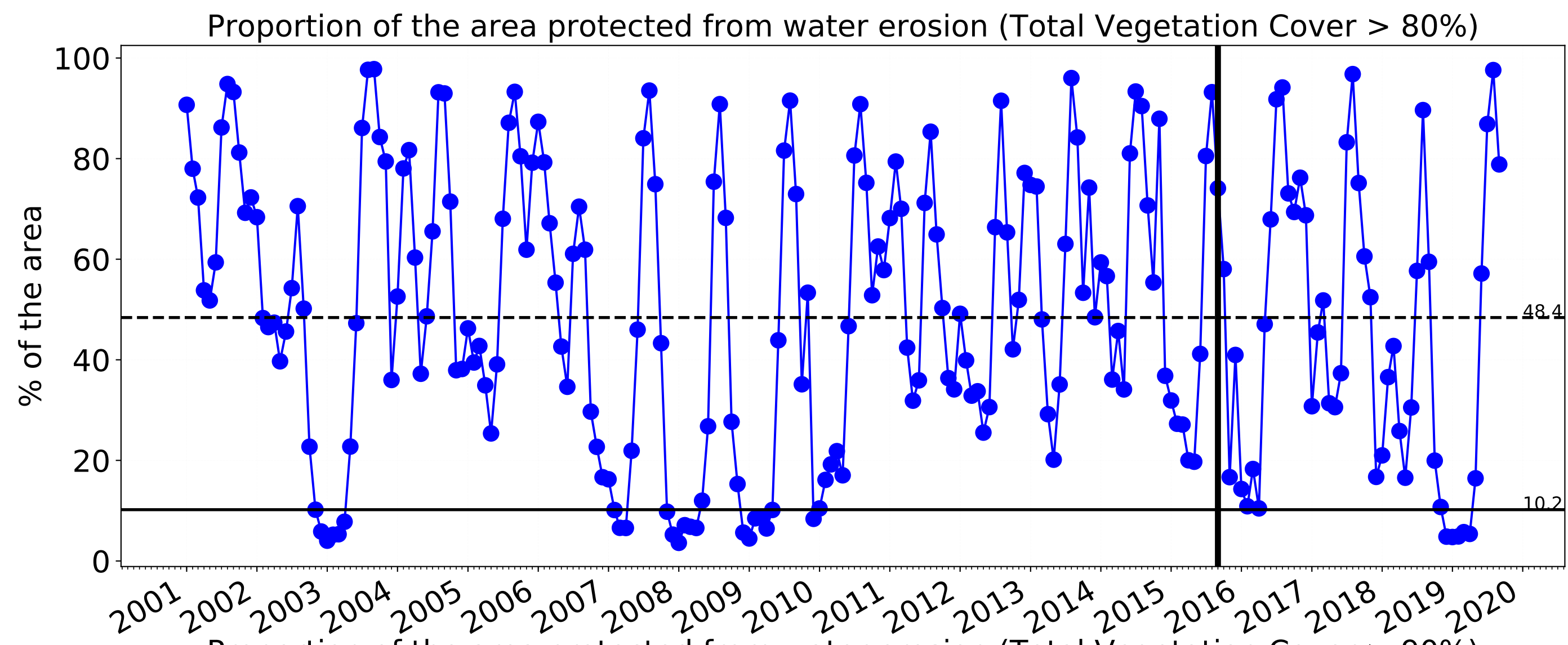
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Land use and forest cover

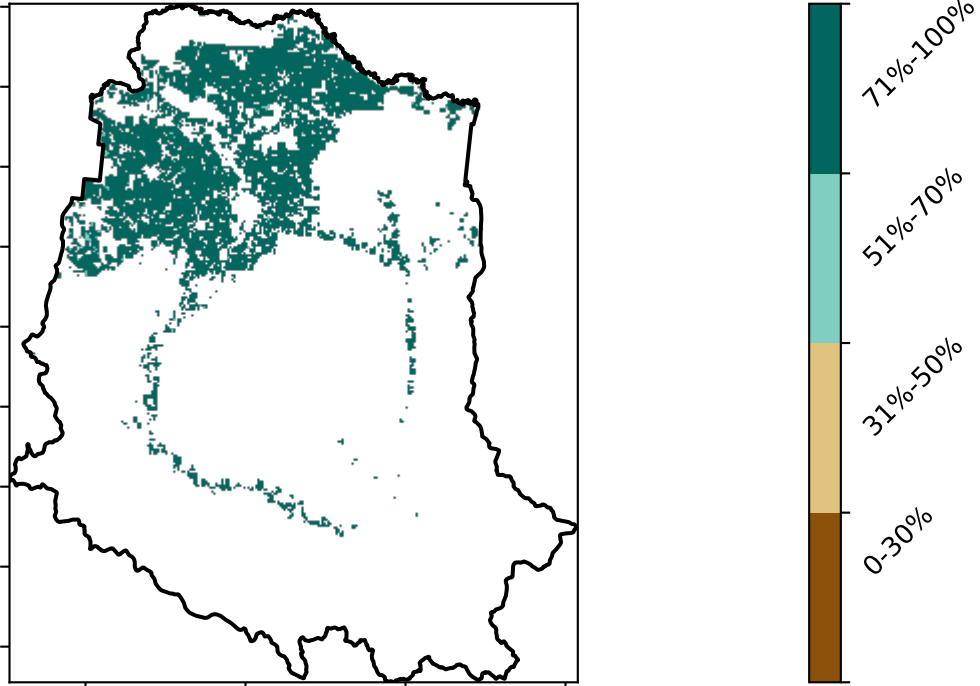
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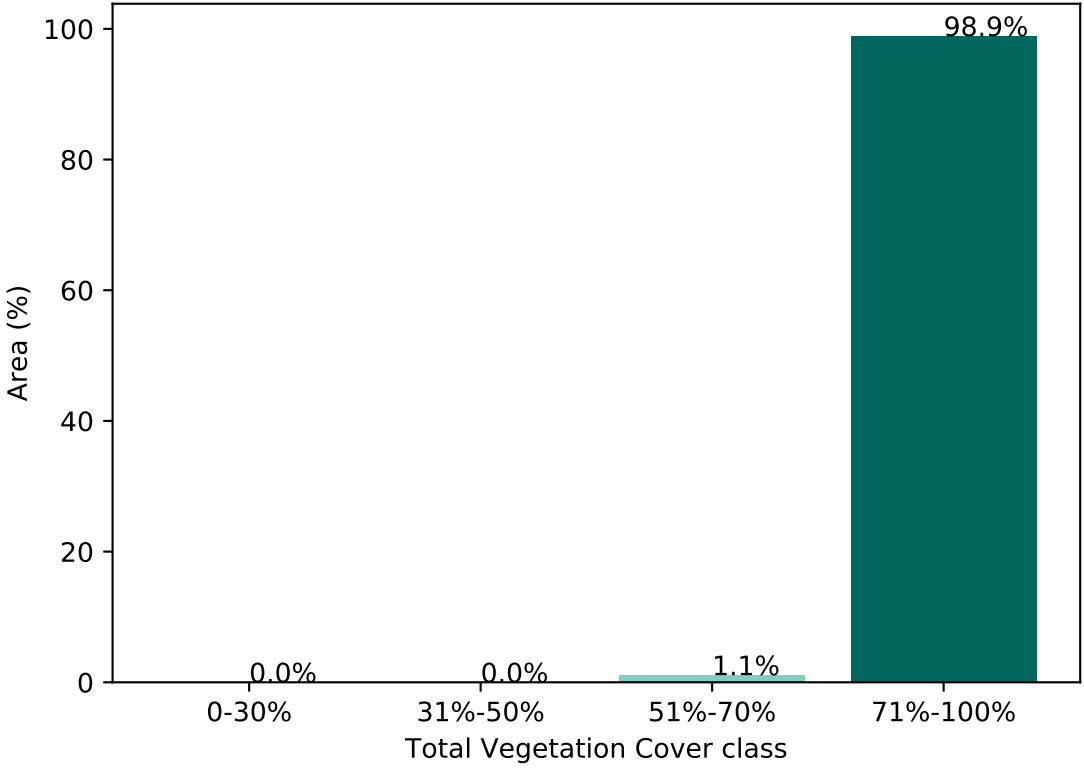
Proportion of each land class in area



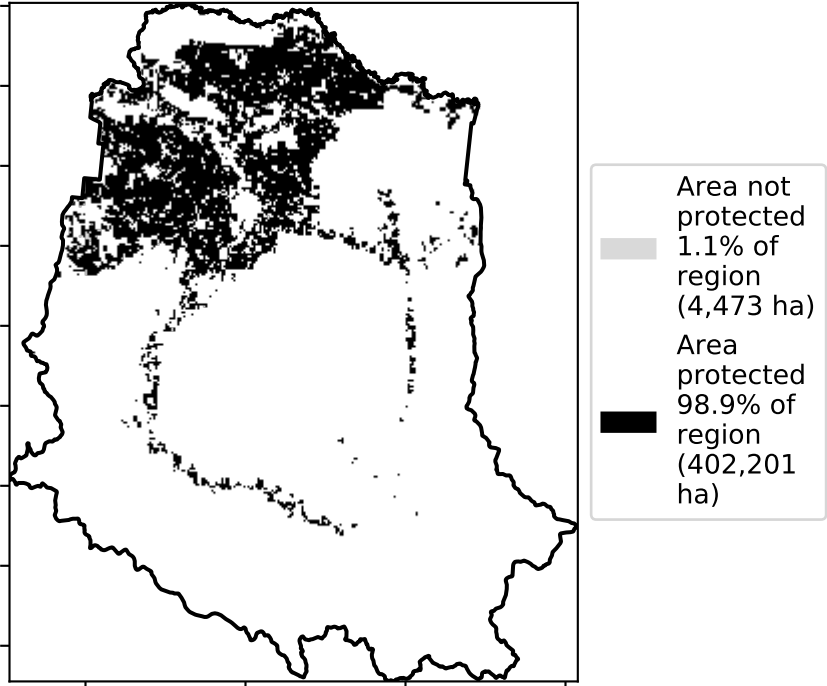
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



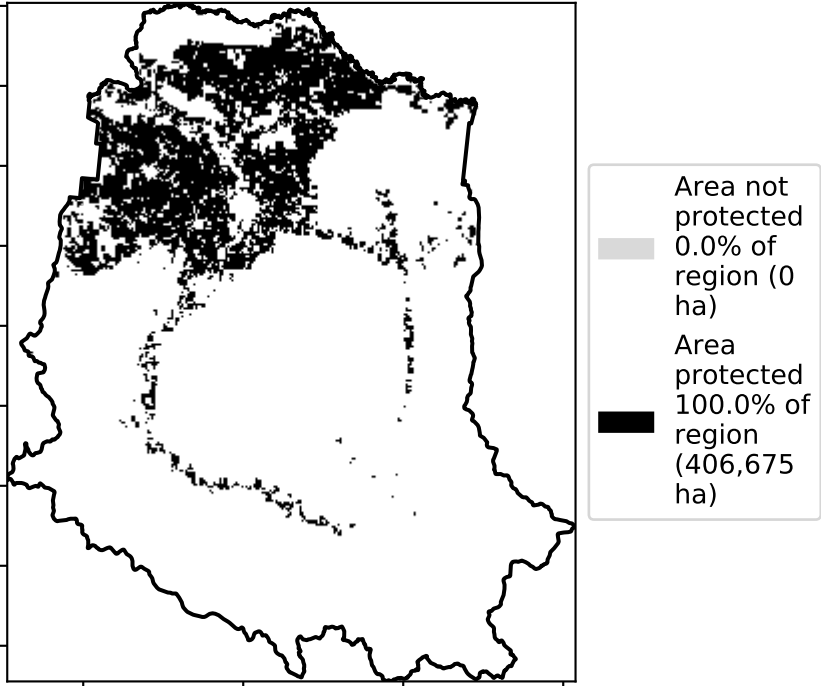
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

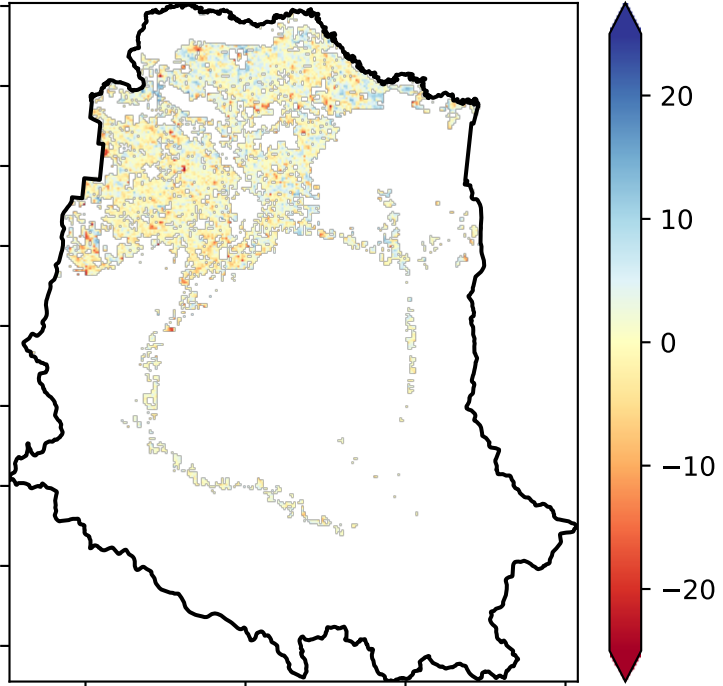


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



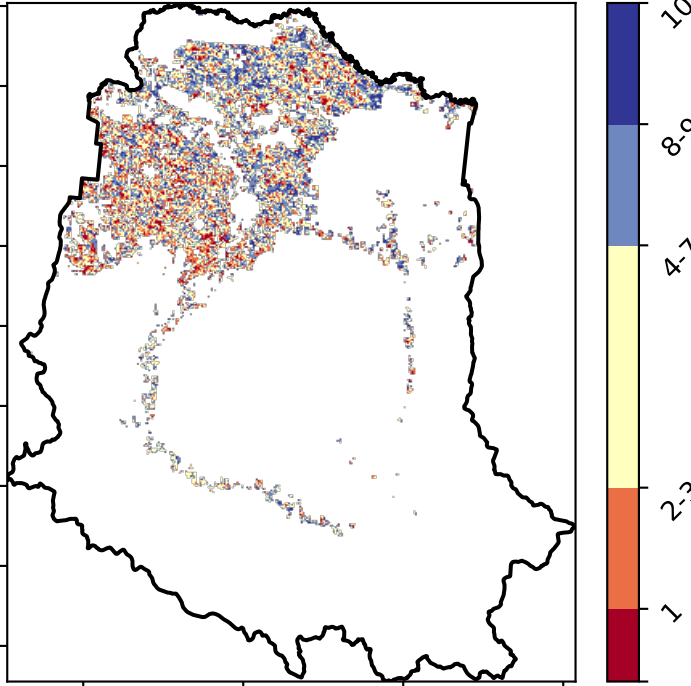
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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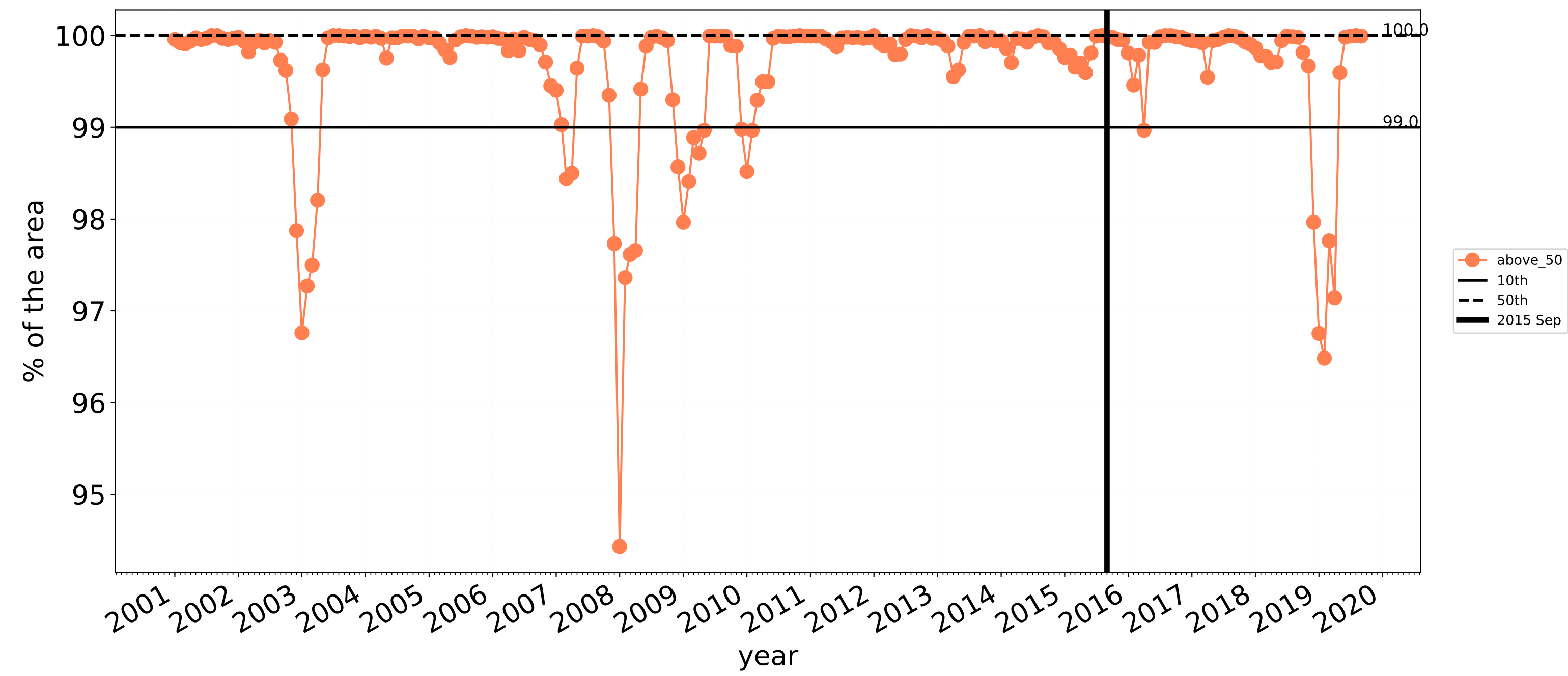


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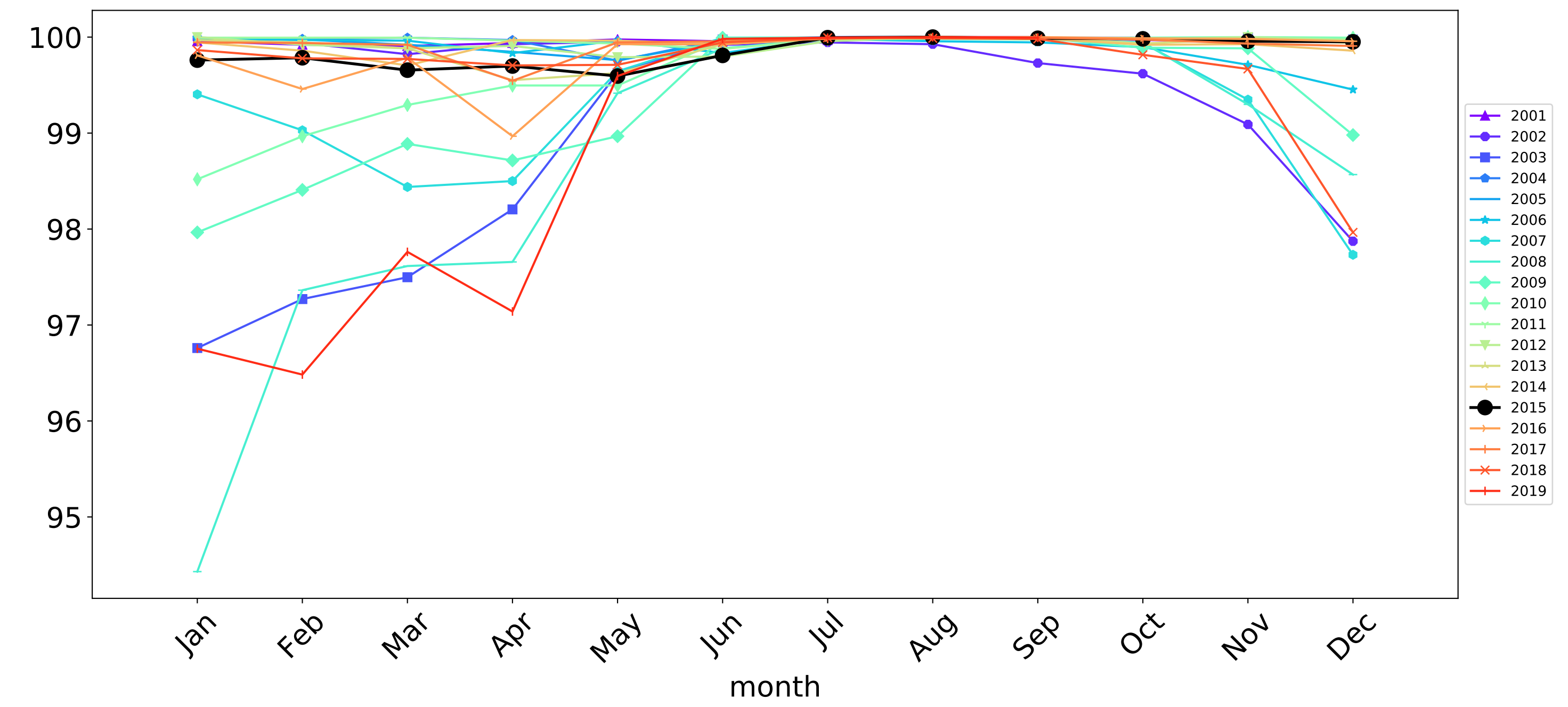


# Irrigation timeseries

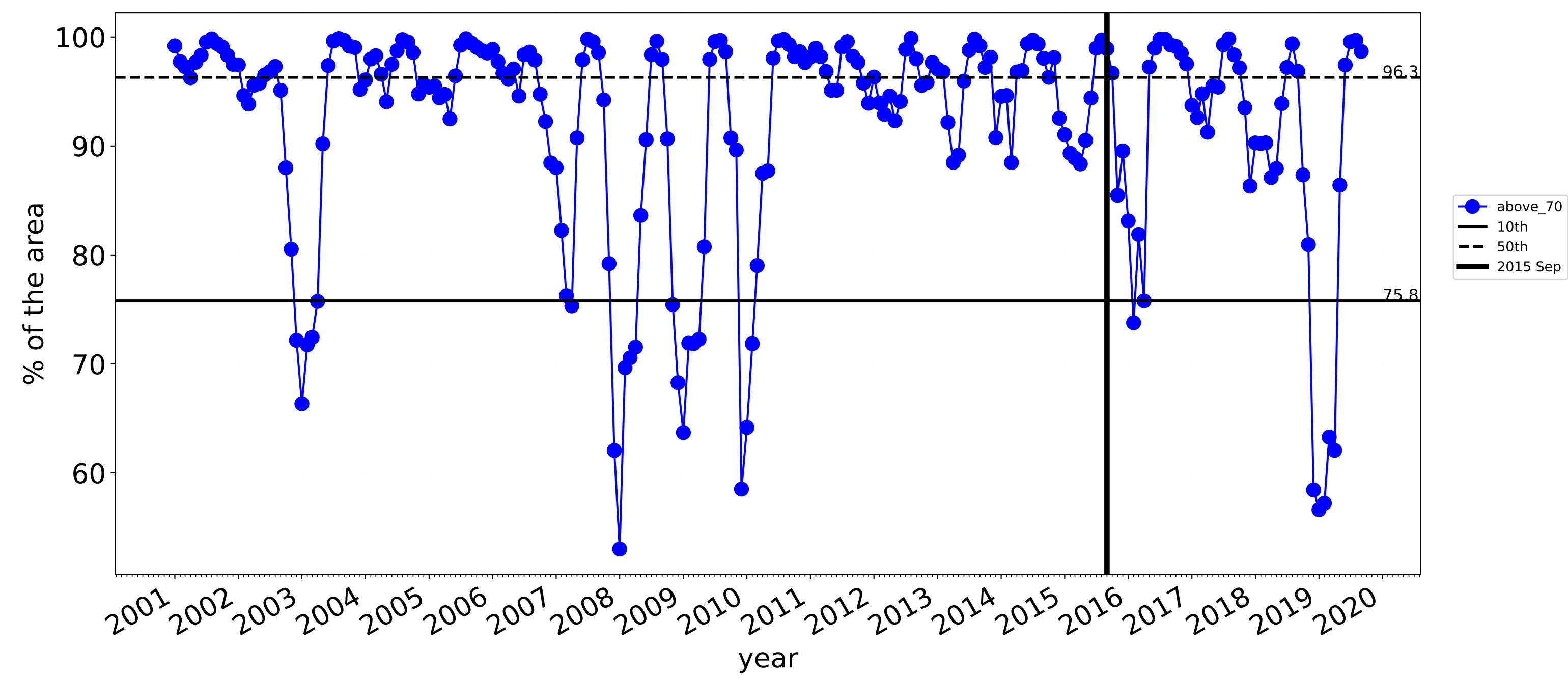
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



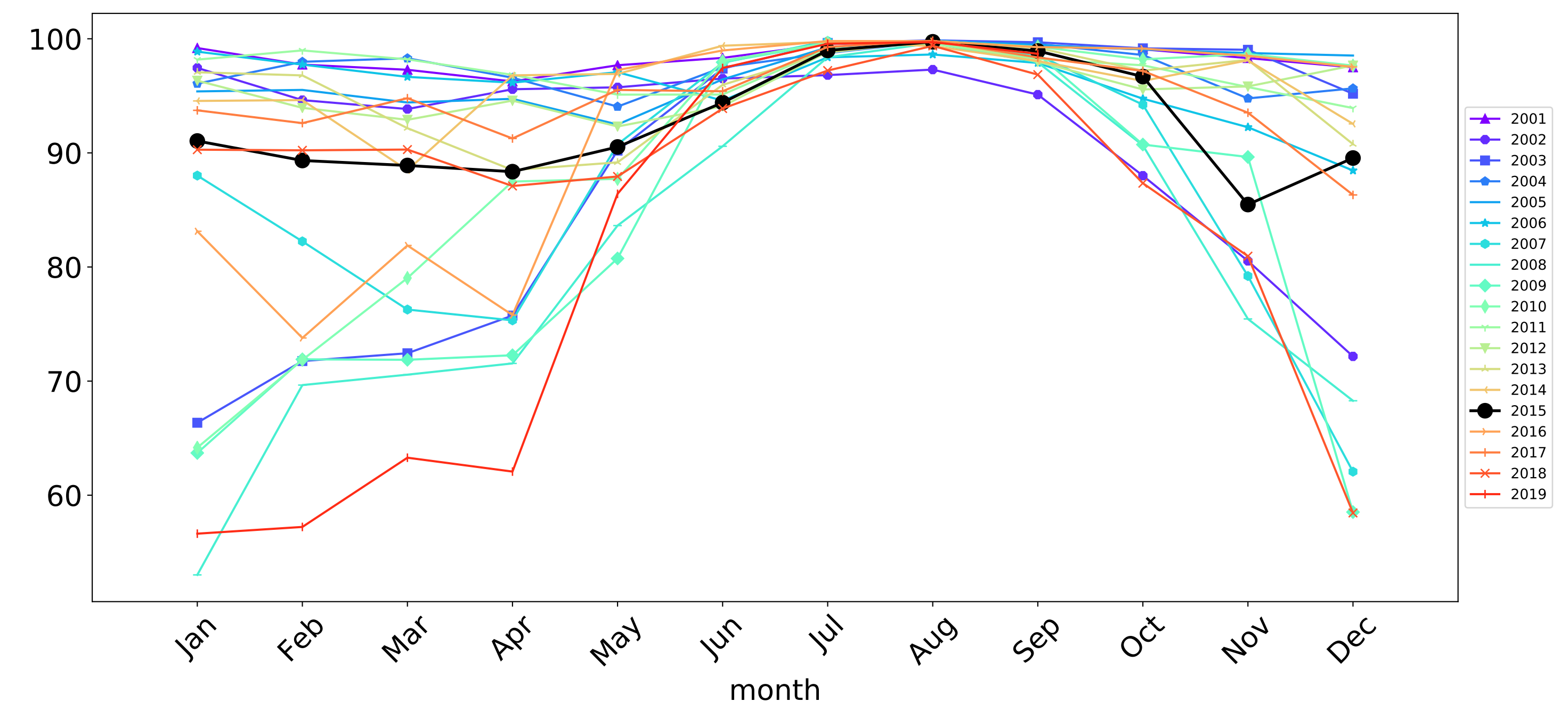
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



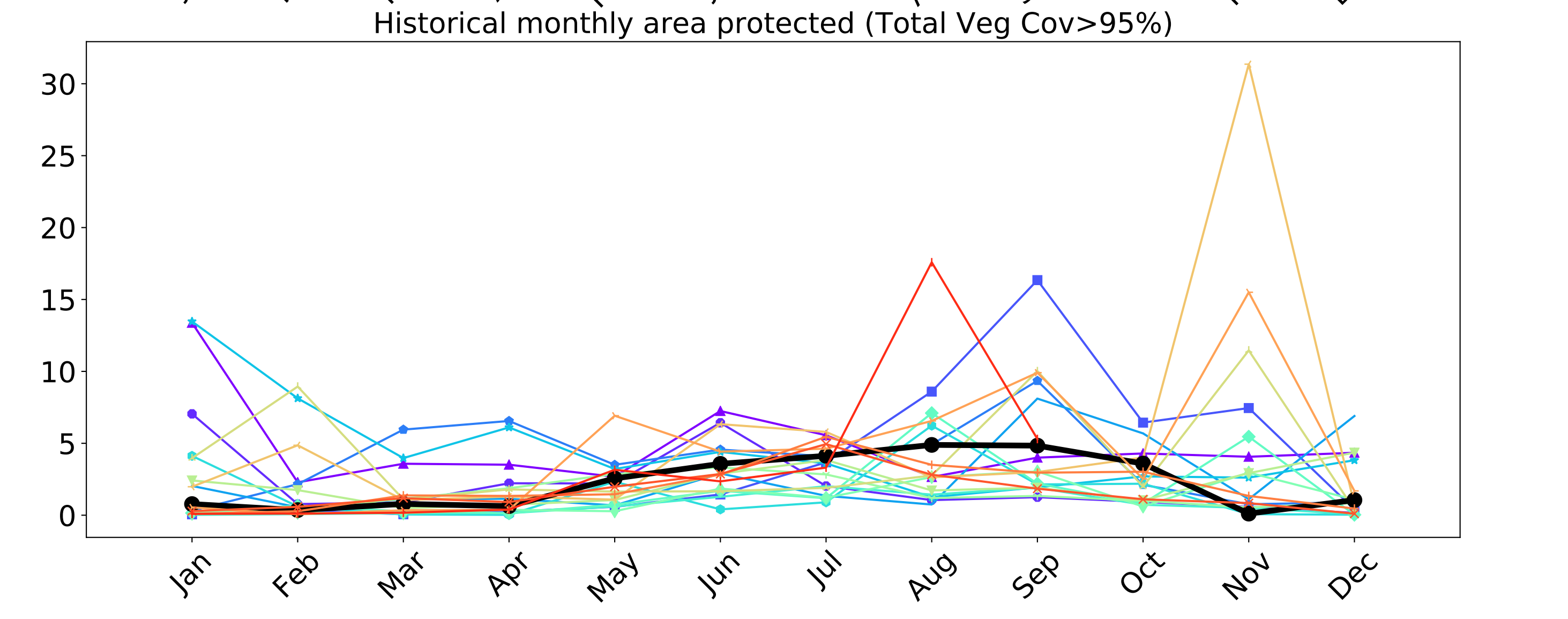
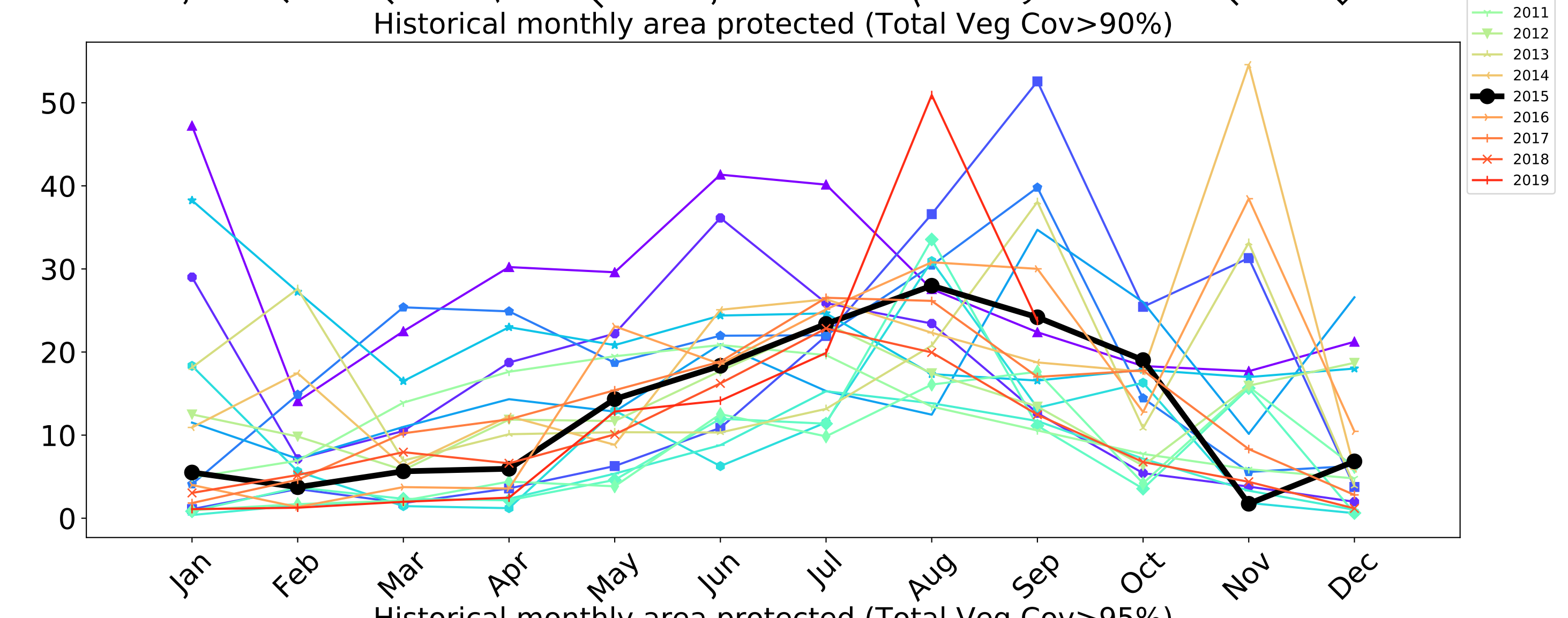
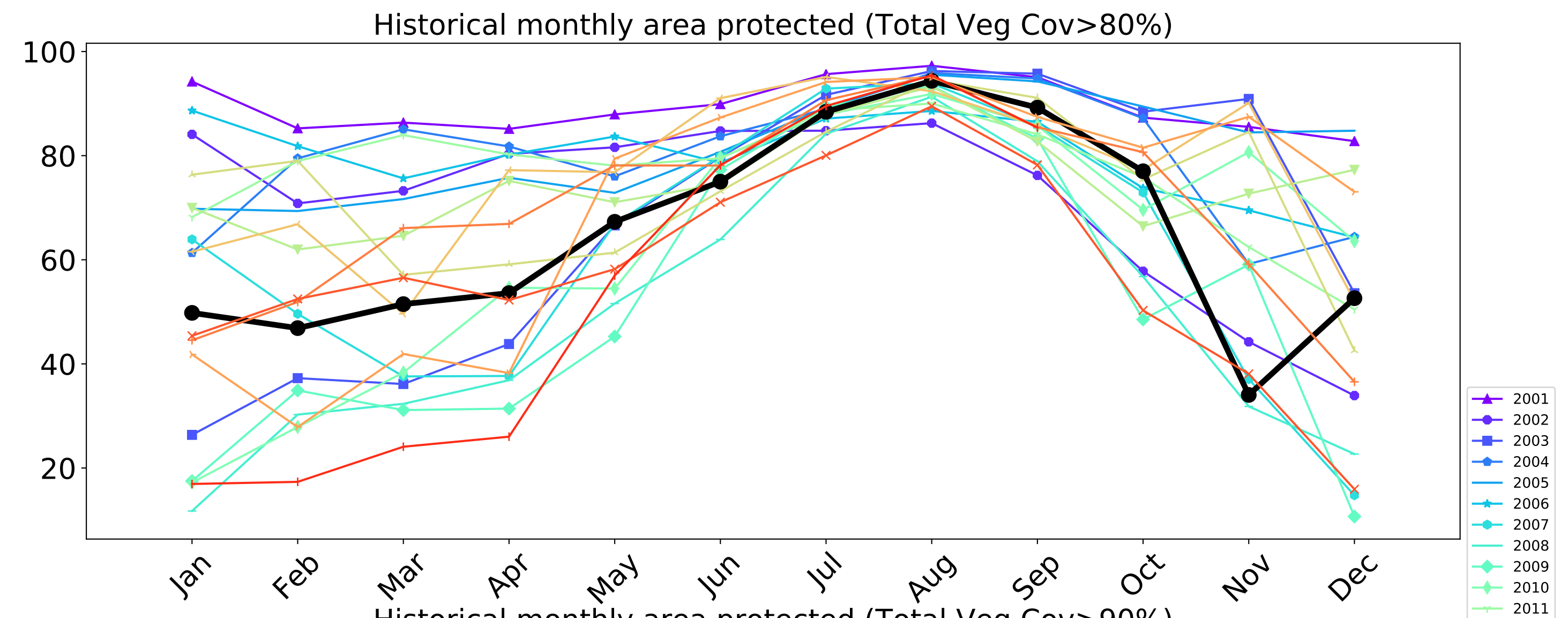
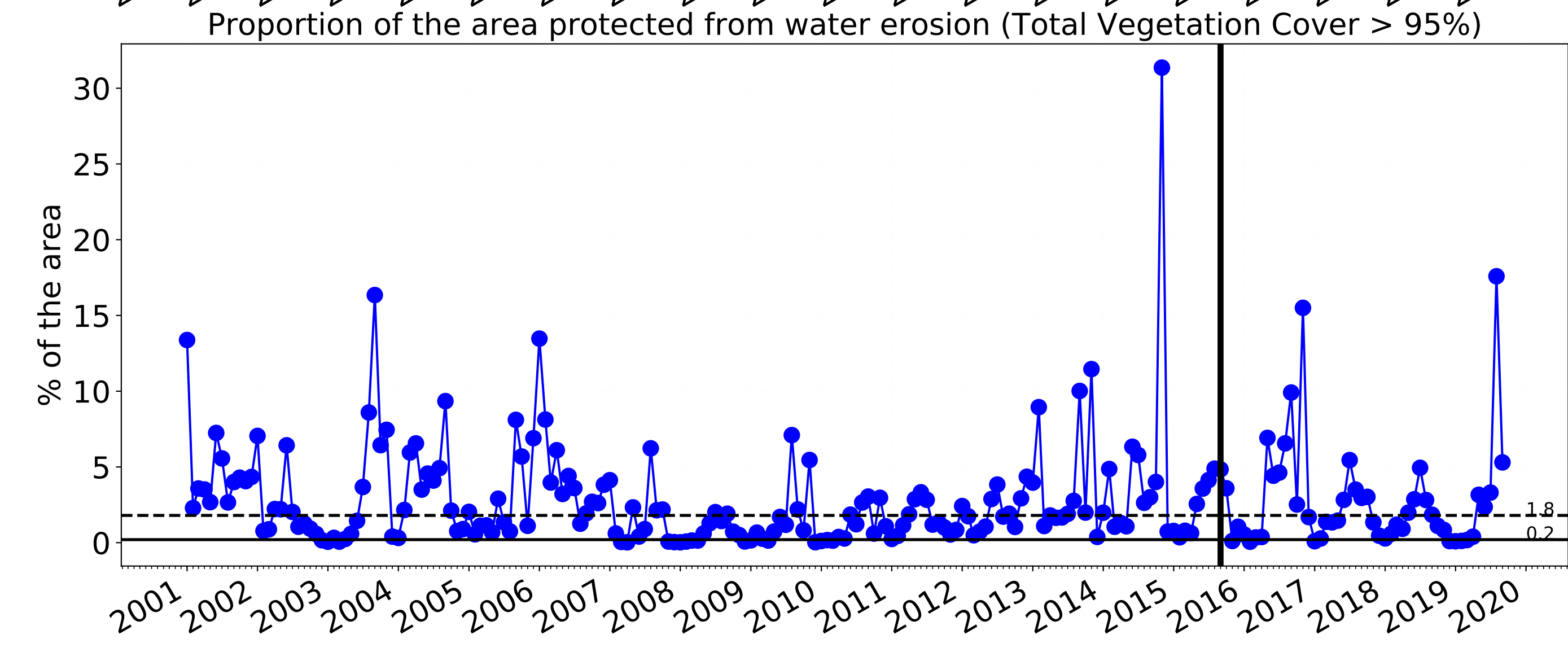
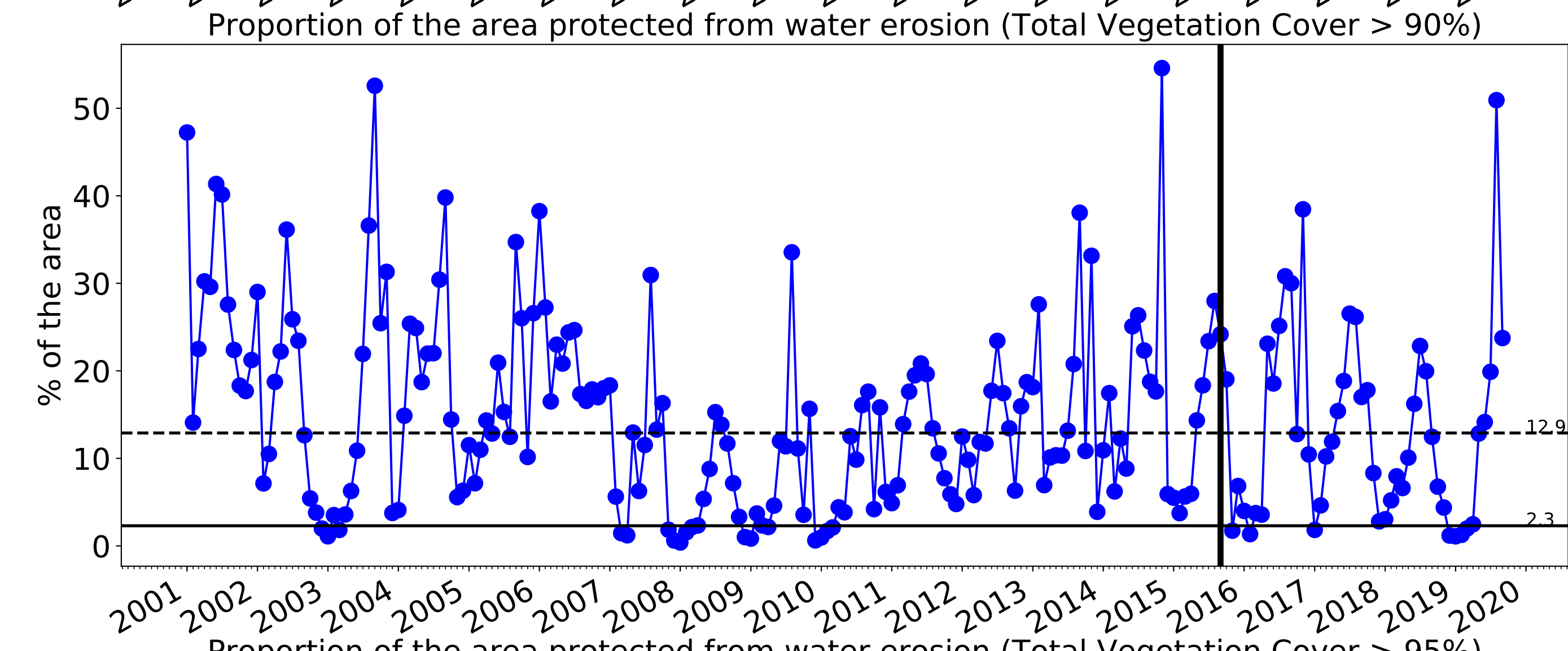
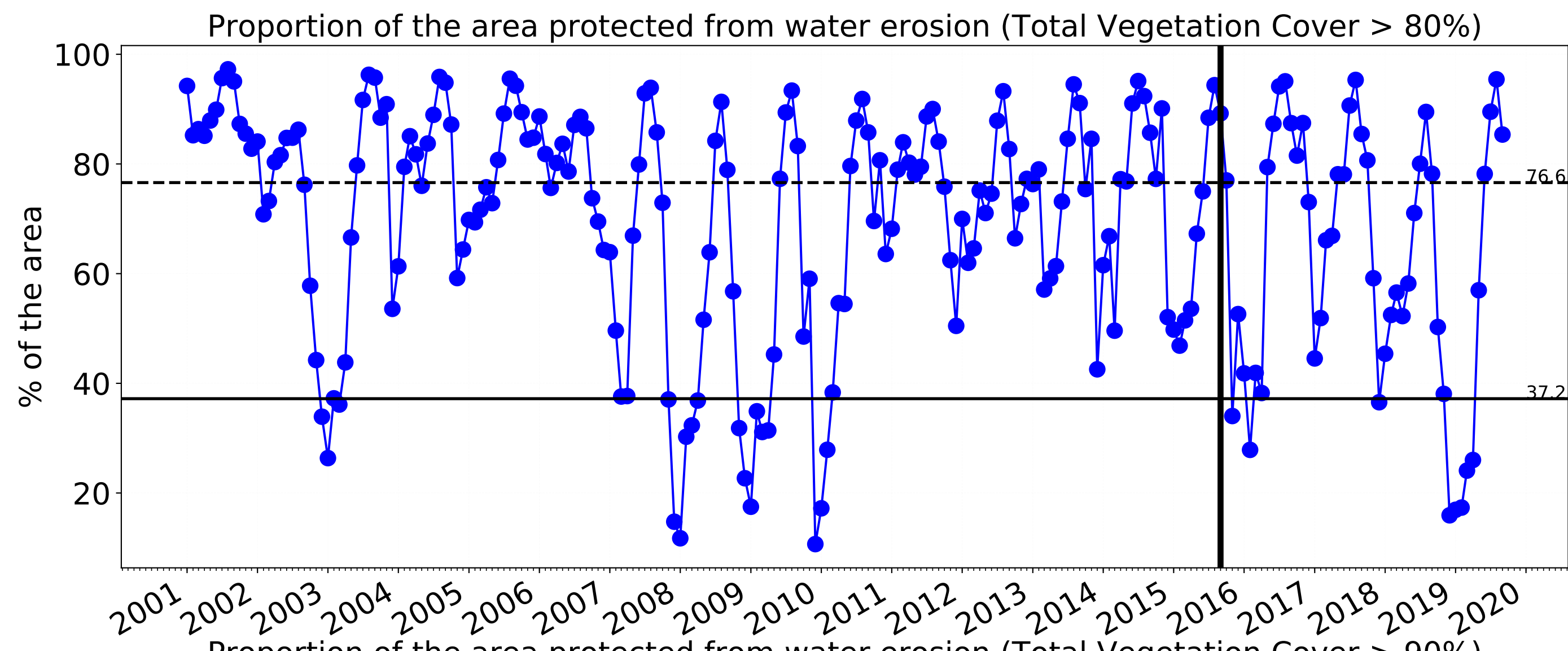
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



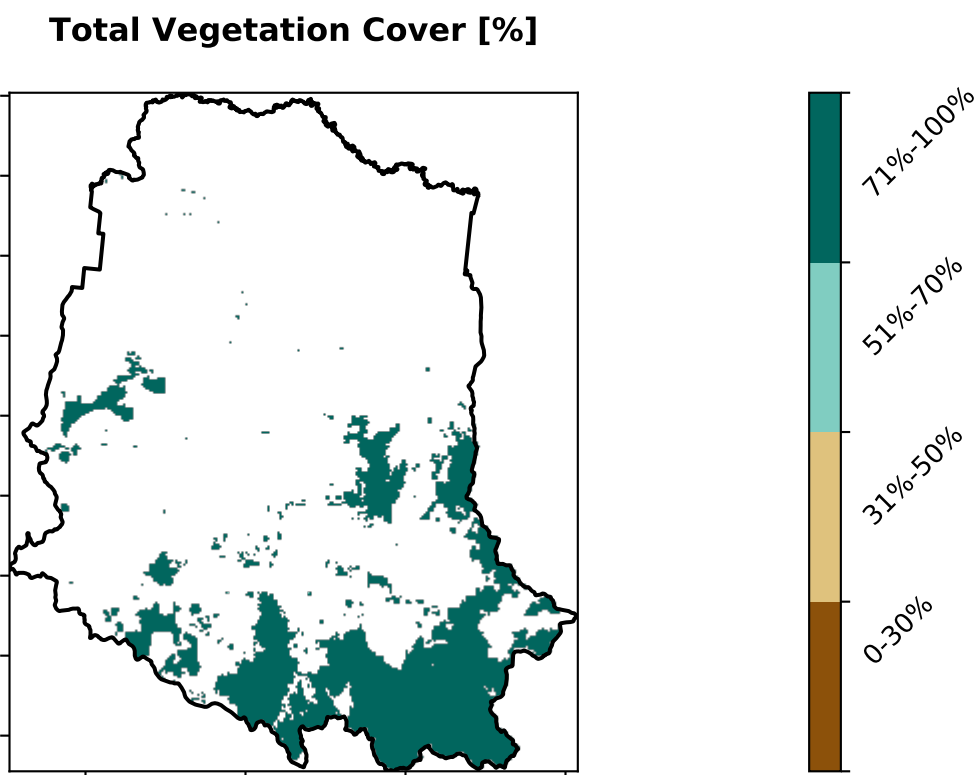




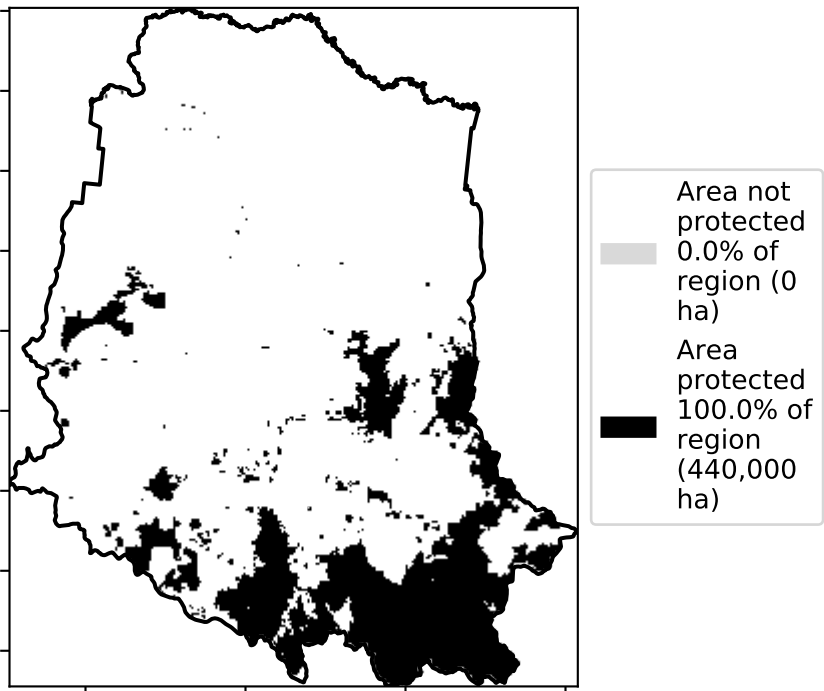


Production native forests and plantation forests

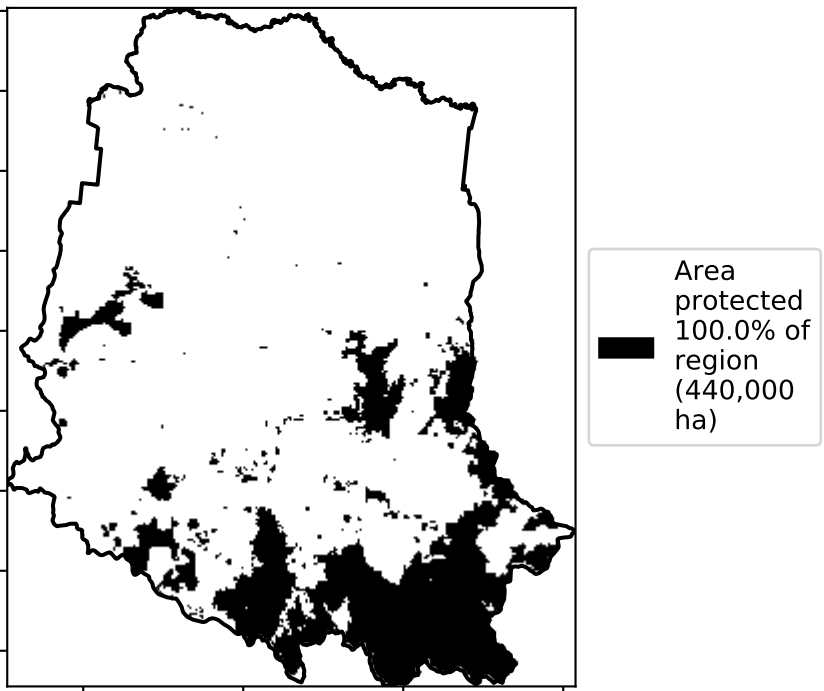
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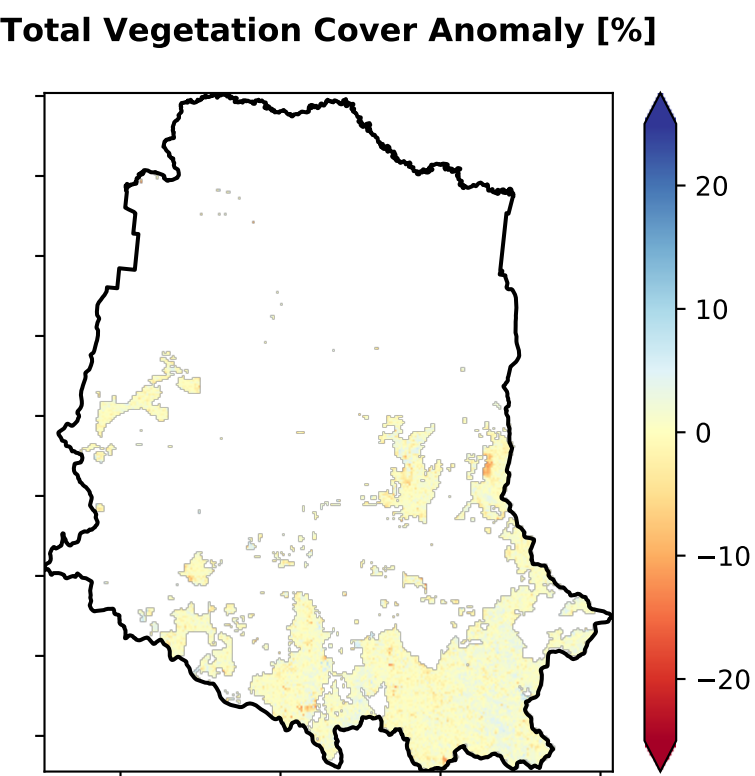
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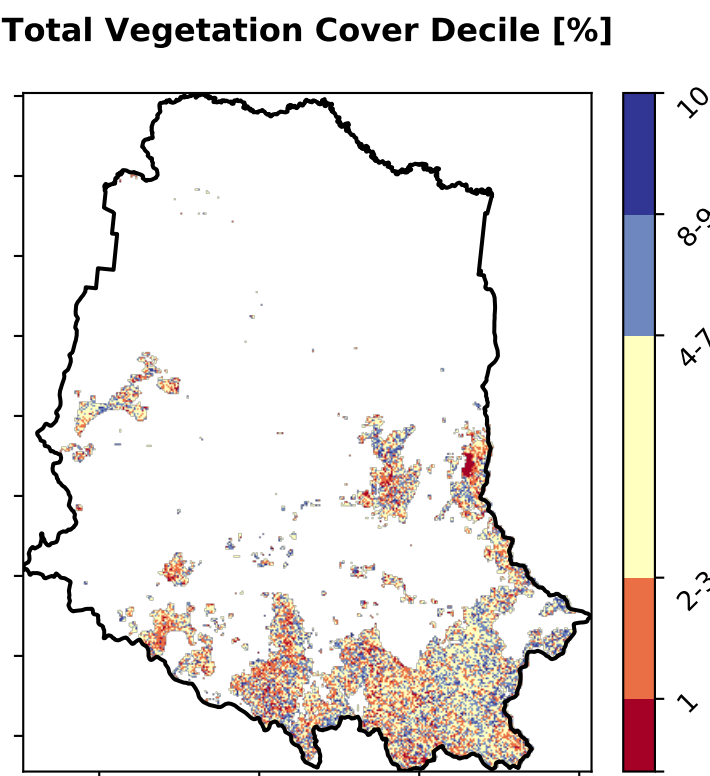
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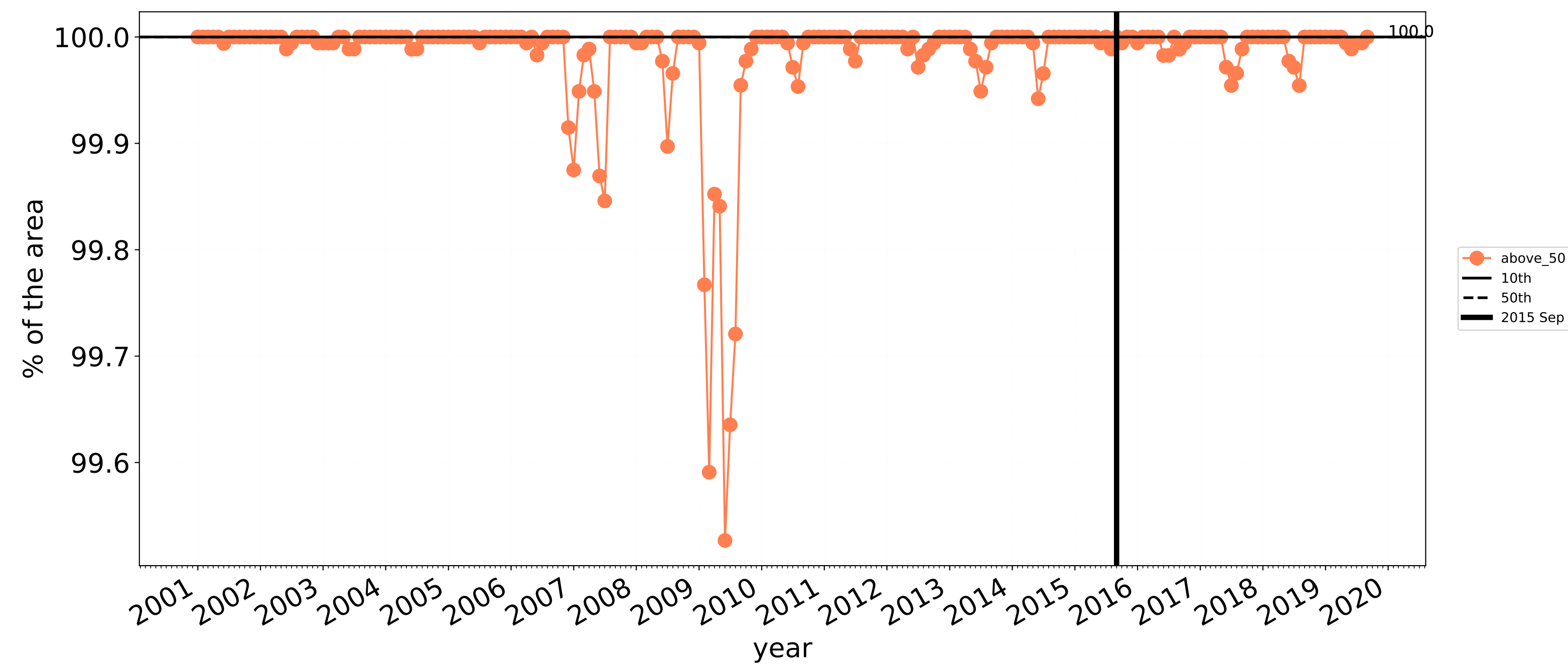


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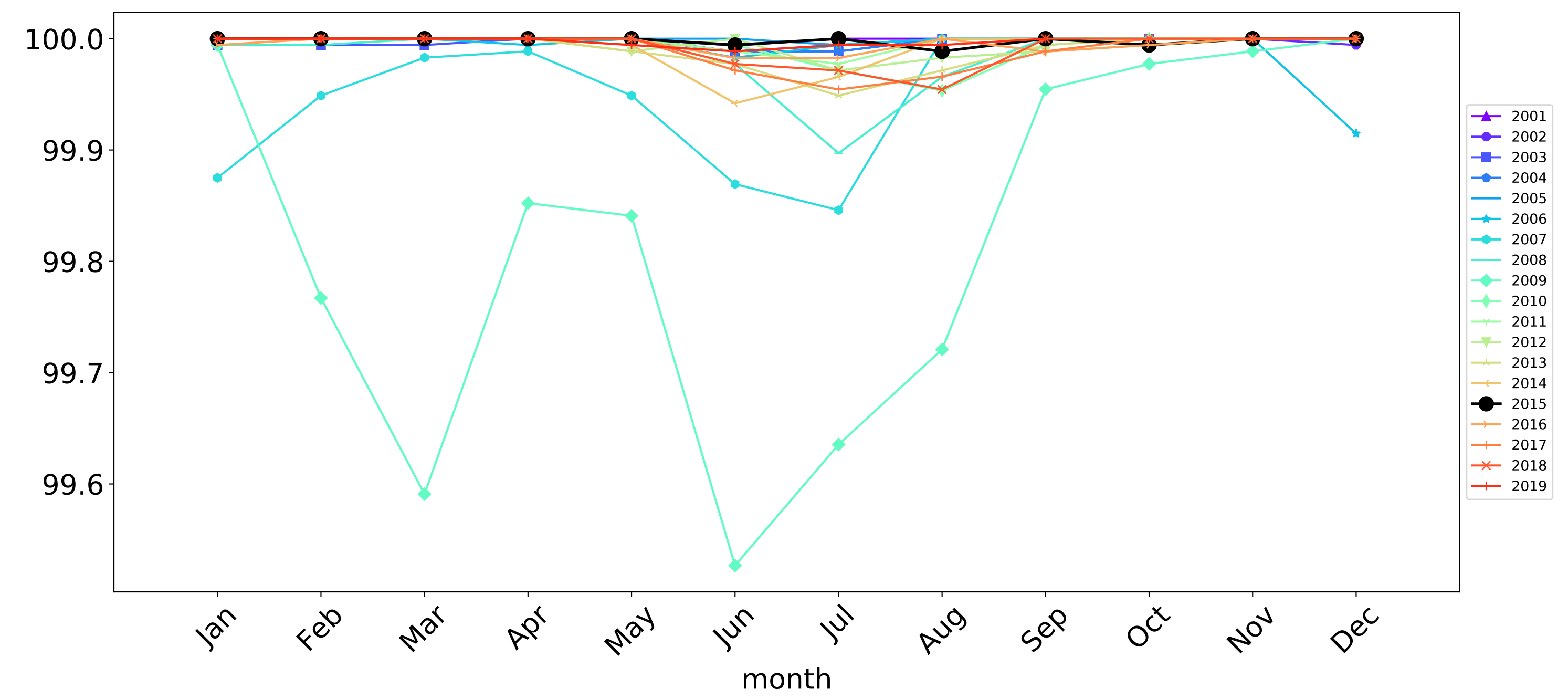


# Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

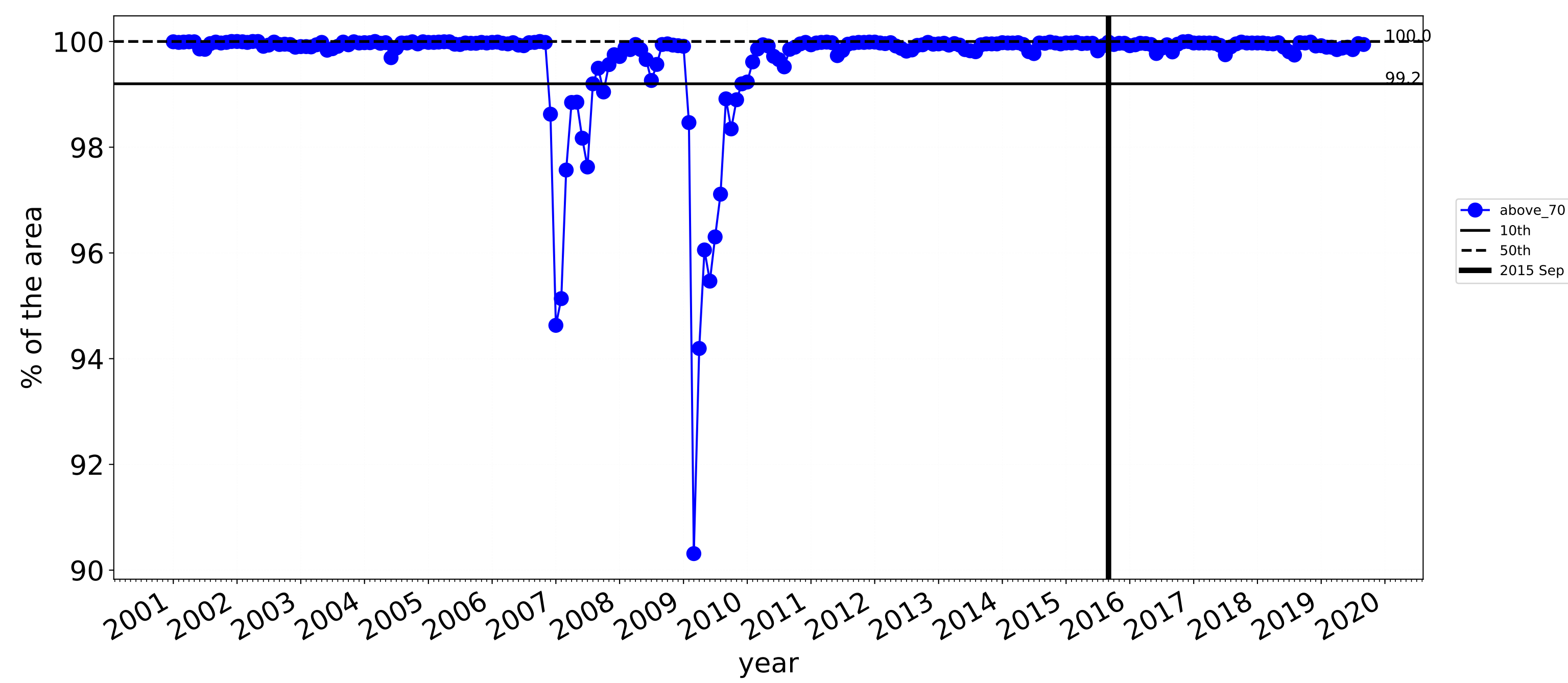
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



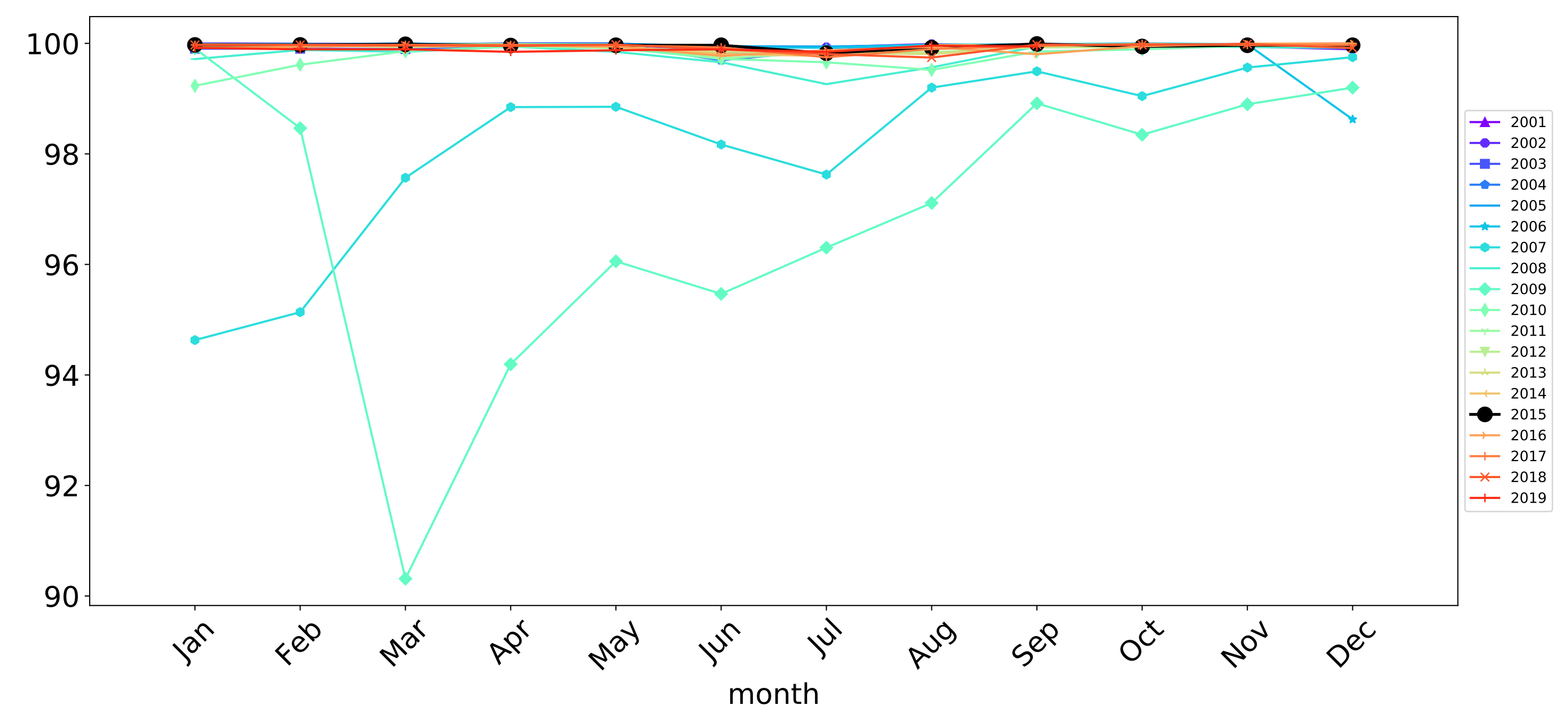
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



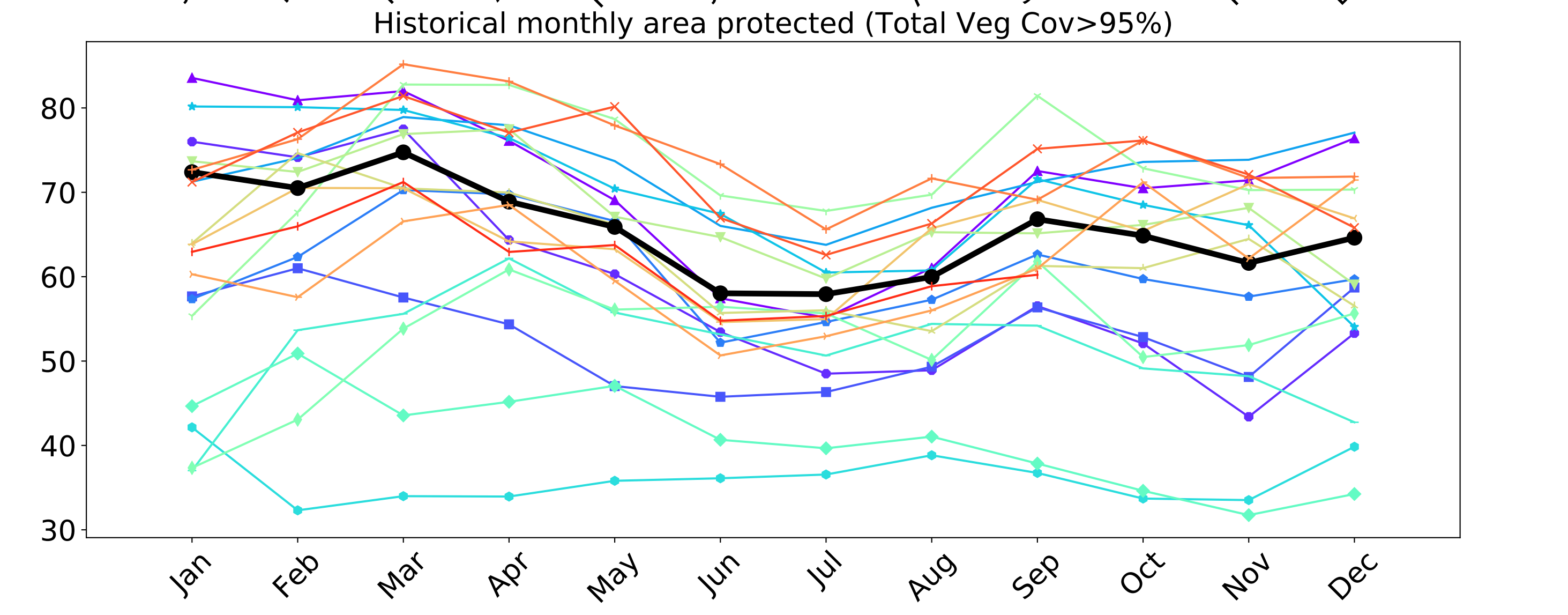
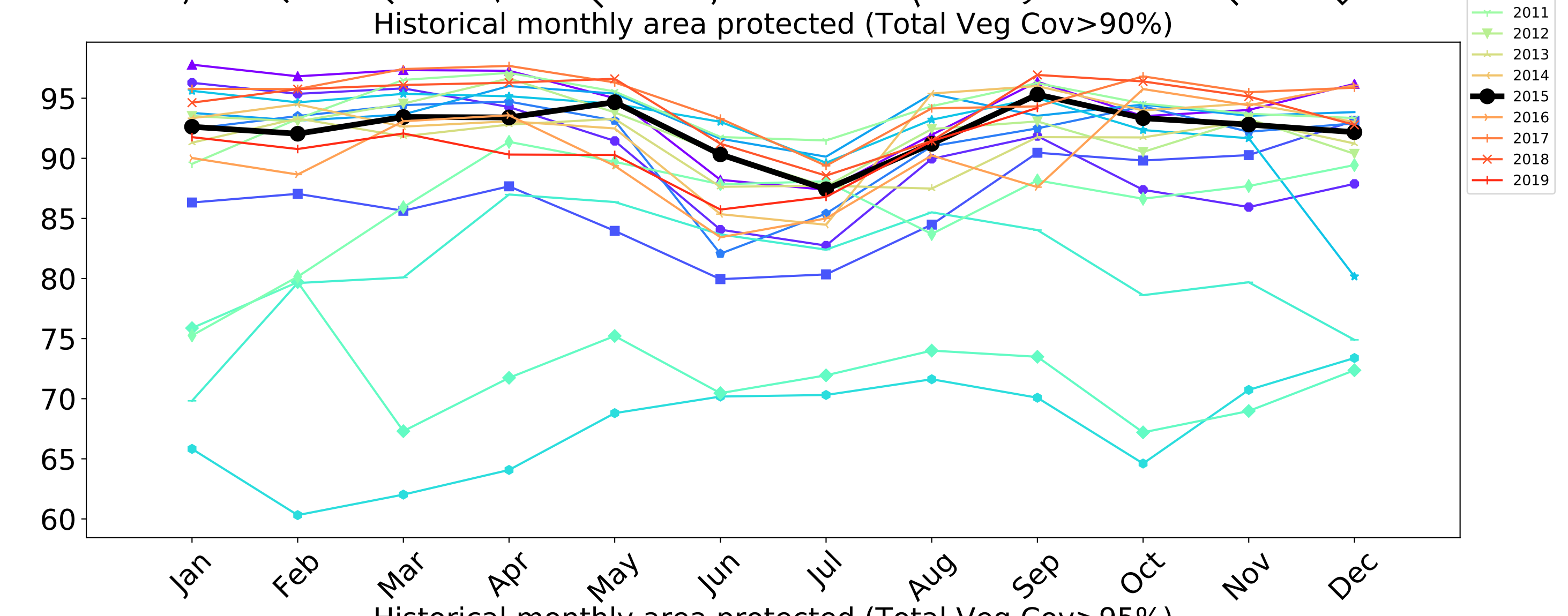
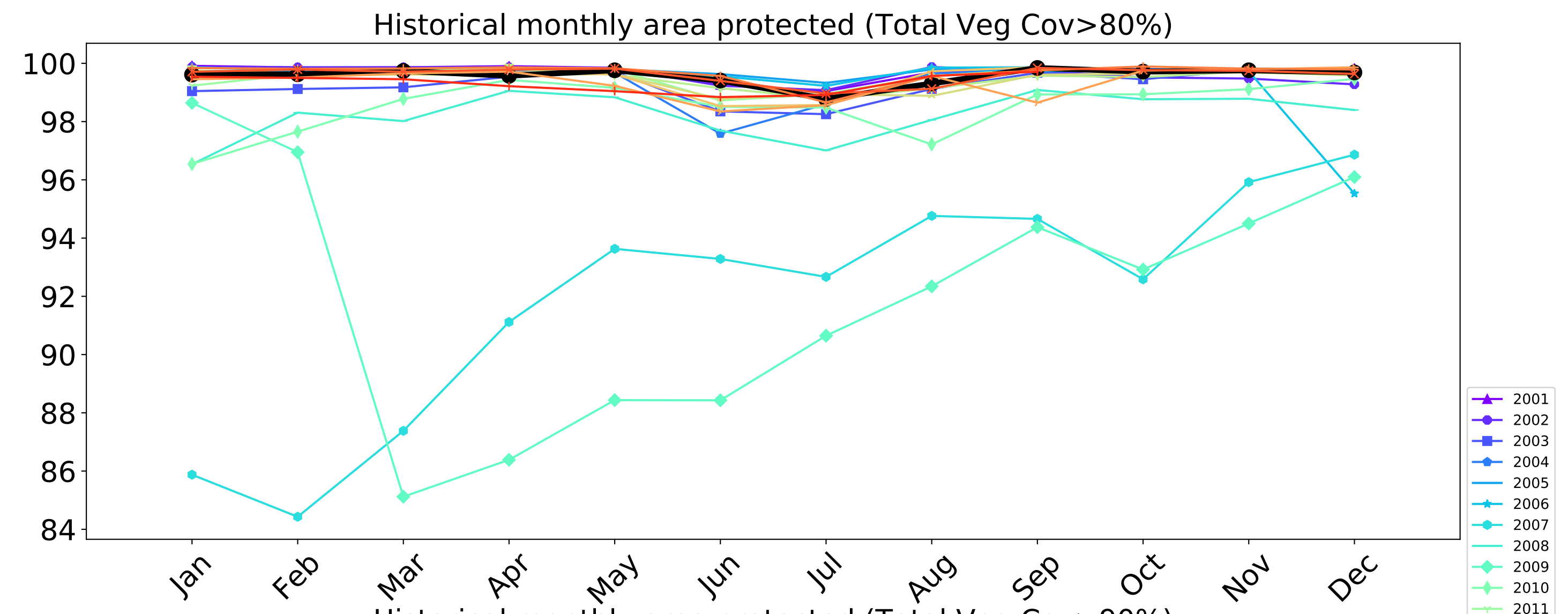
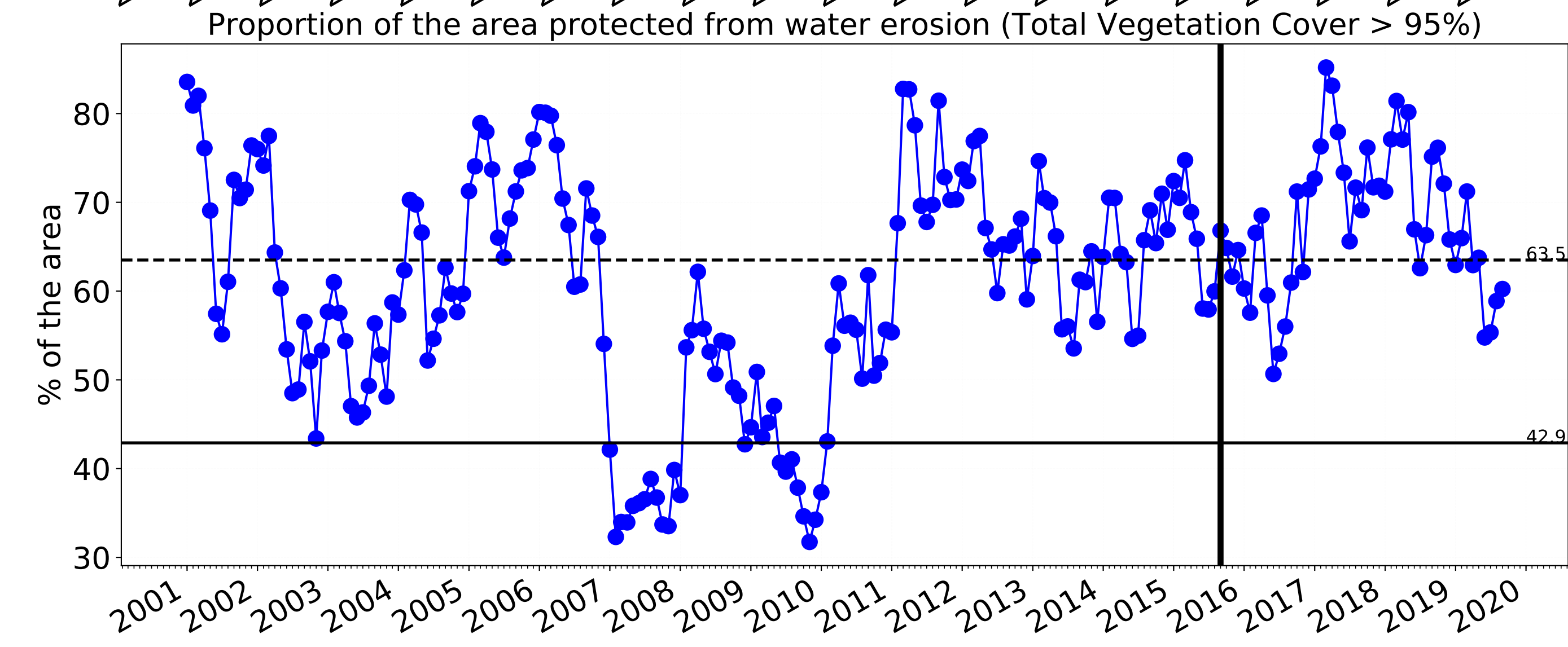
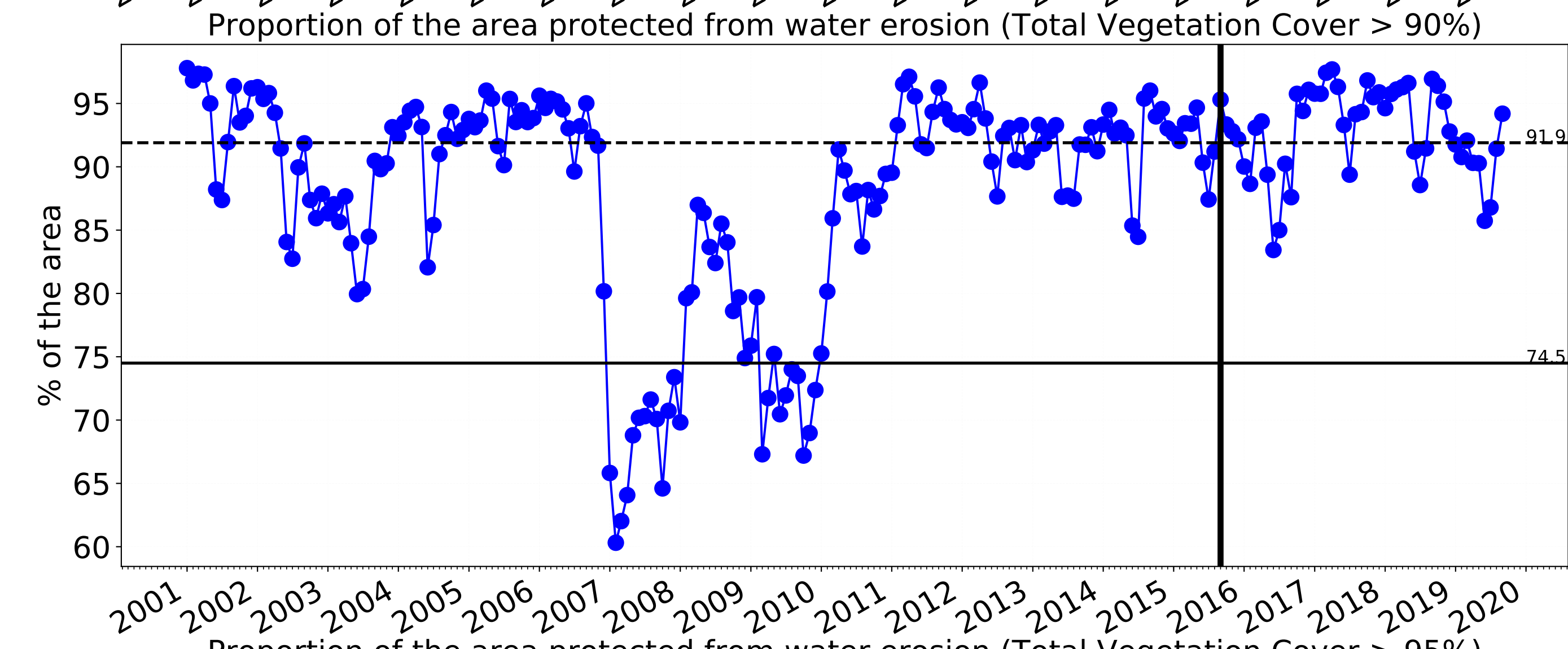
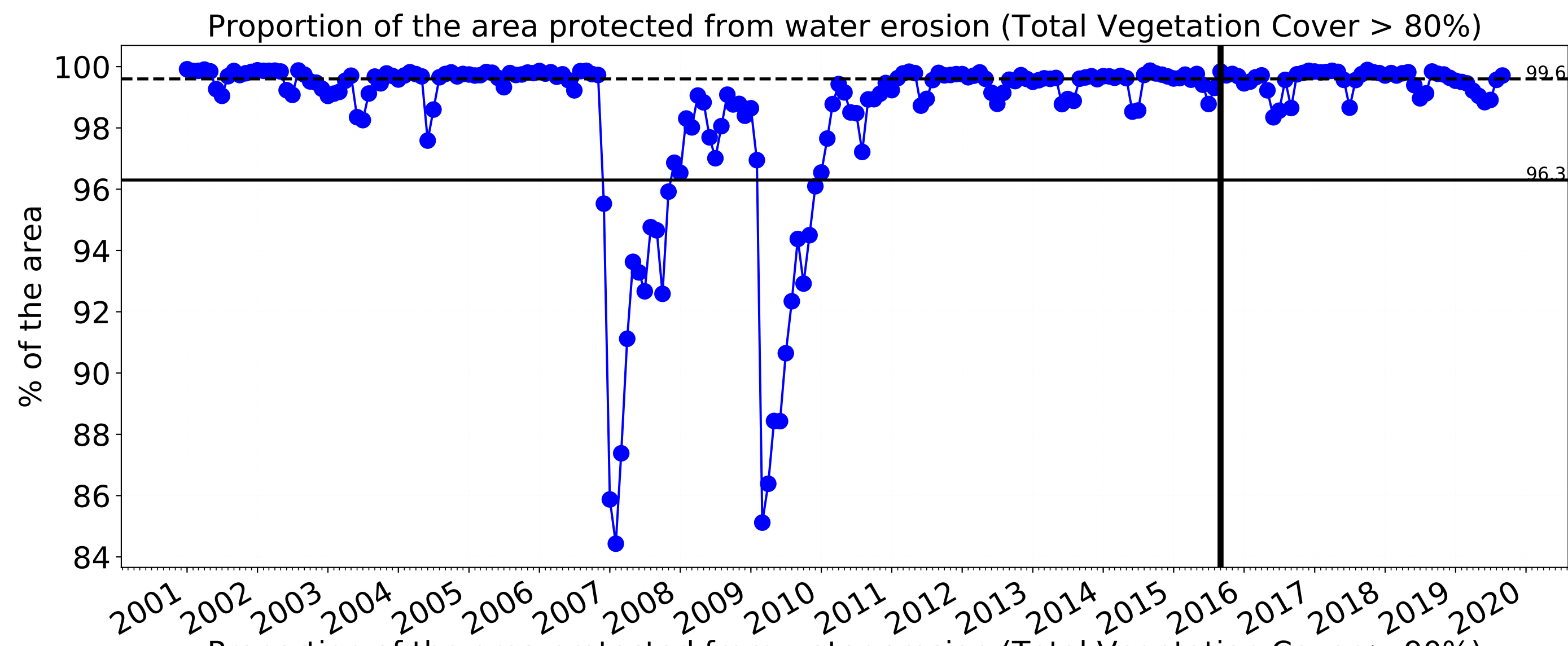
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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









Goulburn Broken (2,393,450 ha and no data 14,013 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	2,393,450	100.0% 2,393,225	100.0% 2,392,450	99.1% 2,371,608	93.5% 2,238,961	58.5% 1,400,044	25.0% 598,812
Conservation and natural environments	235,375	100.0% 235,300	99.9% 235,175	99.2% 233,500	97.3% 229,025	73.9% 174,000	25.1% 59,050
Conservation and natural environments non forest	42,125	99.9% 42,075	99.6% 41,975	96.4% 40,600	89.6% 37,725	48.5% 20,450	12.2% 5,150
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	172,200	100.0% 172,175	100.0% 172,175	99.8% 171,925	99.2% 170,800	81.8% 140,800	30.3% 52,100
Agriculture	1,575,725	100.0% 1,575,725	100.0% 1,575,675	99.3% 1,564,725	92.2% 1,452,875	47.9% 754,525	14.7% 232,350
Grazing	966,725	100.0% 966,725	100.0% 966,725	99.7% 964,075	97.0% 937,650	62.7% 606,100	21.0% 203,050
Grazing non forest	892,600	100.0% 892,600	100.0% 892,600	99.7% 889,950	96.8% 863,675	61.1% 545,200	20.0% 178,600
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	64,725	100.0% 64,725	100.0% 64,725	100.0% 64,725	99.9% 64,675	84.5% 54,675	35.0% 22,650
Cropping	190,050	100.0% 190,050	100.0% 190,050	97.9% 186,075	74.1% 140,825	22.4% 42,500	3.8% 7,175
Irrigation	406,675	100.0% 406,675	100.0% 406,625	98.9% 402,325	89.2% 362,850	24.2% 98,350	4.8% 19,675
Production native forests and plantation forests	440,000	100.0% 440,000	100.0% 440,000	100.0% 439,950	99.8% 439,300	95.3% 419,350	66.8% 293,975



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