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

# Date: April 2016

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

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

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

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

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

### Acknowledgment of data:

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

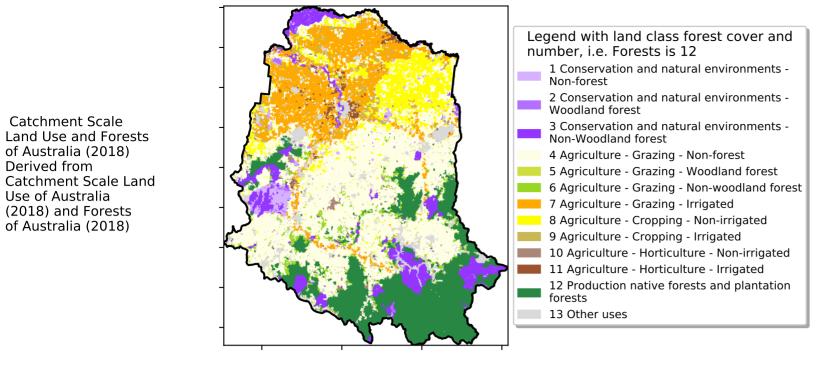
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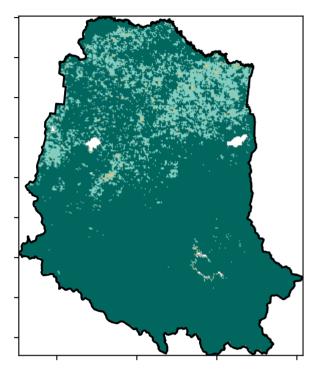
# **Vegetation Cover Apr 2016**

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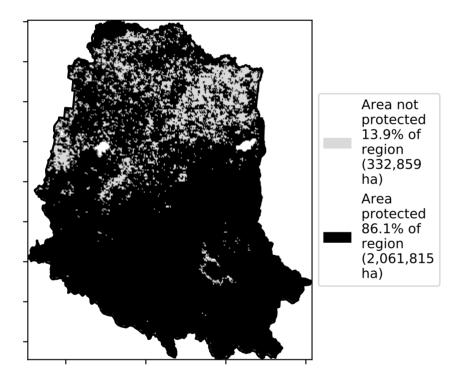
#### Proportion of each land class in area



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



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



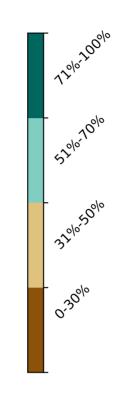
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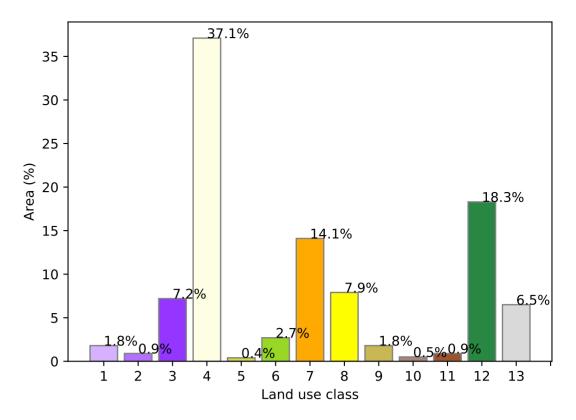
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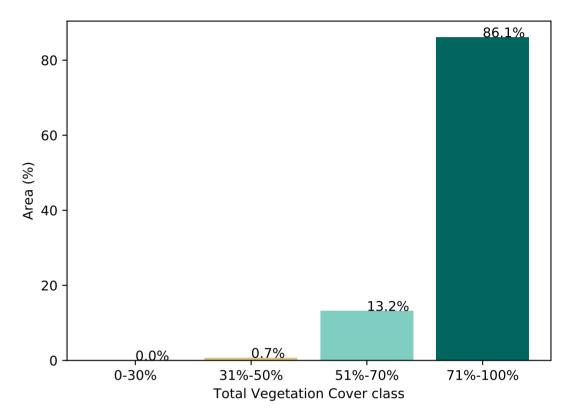
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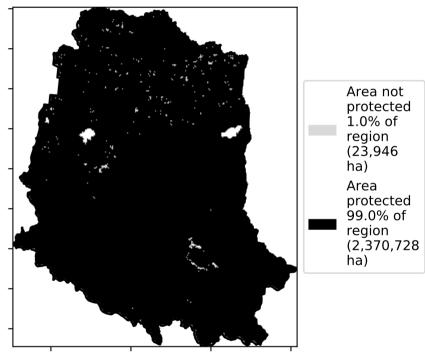




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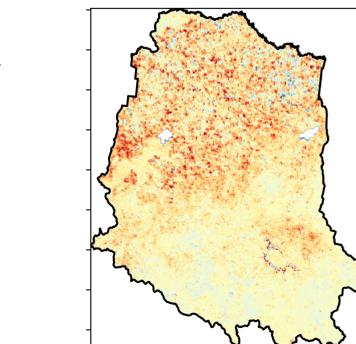


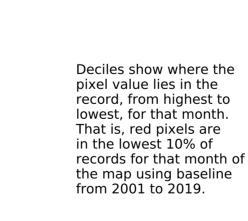
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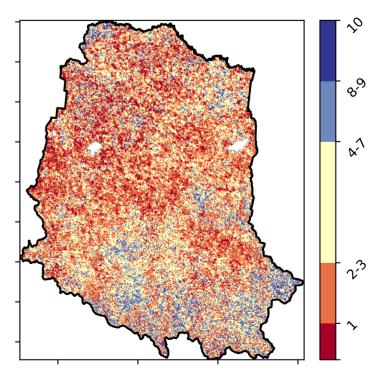
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



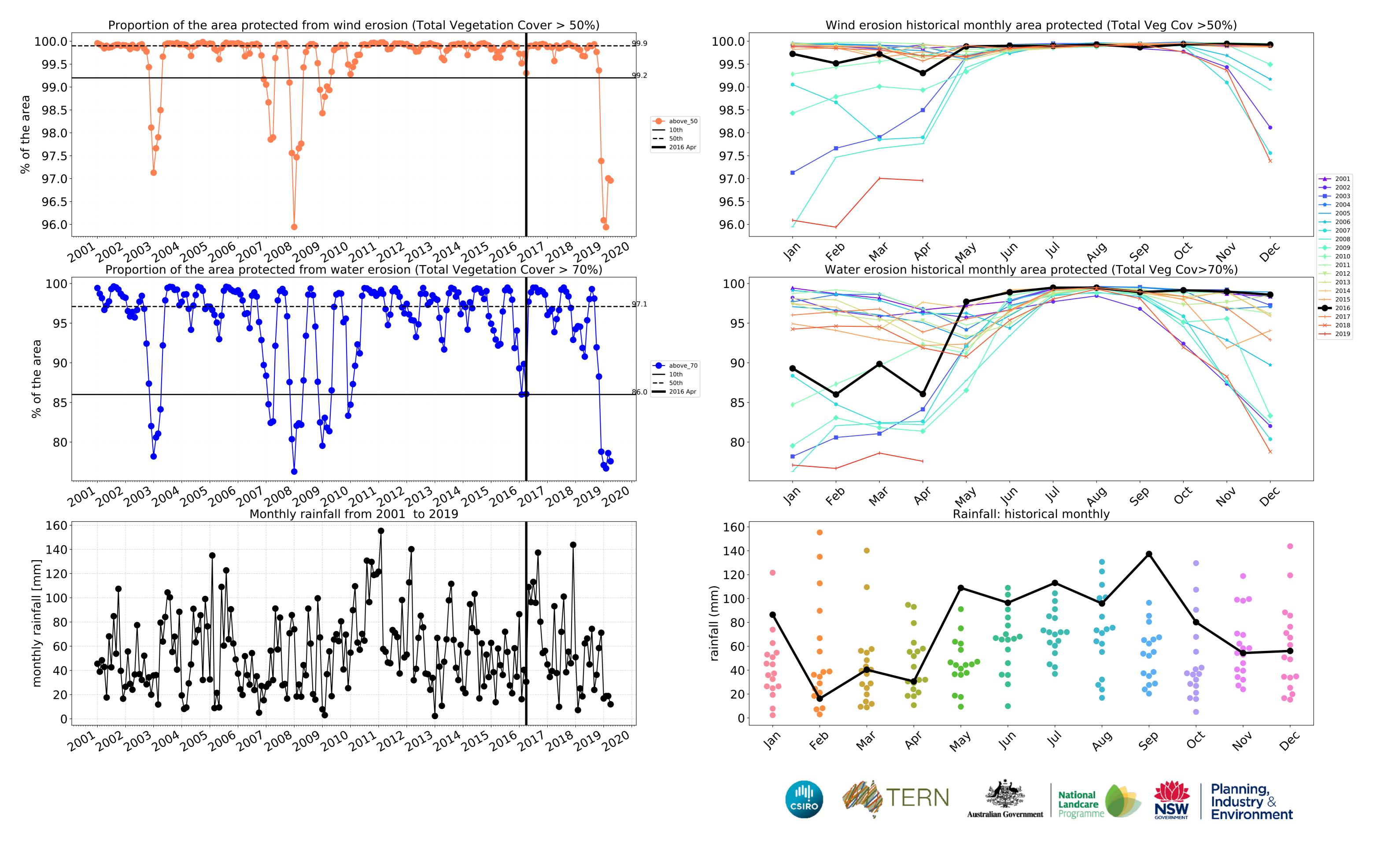


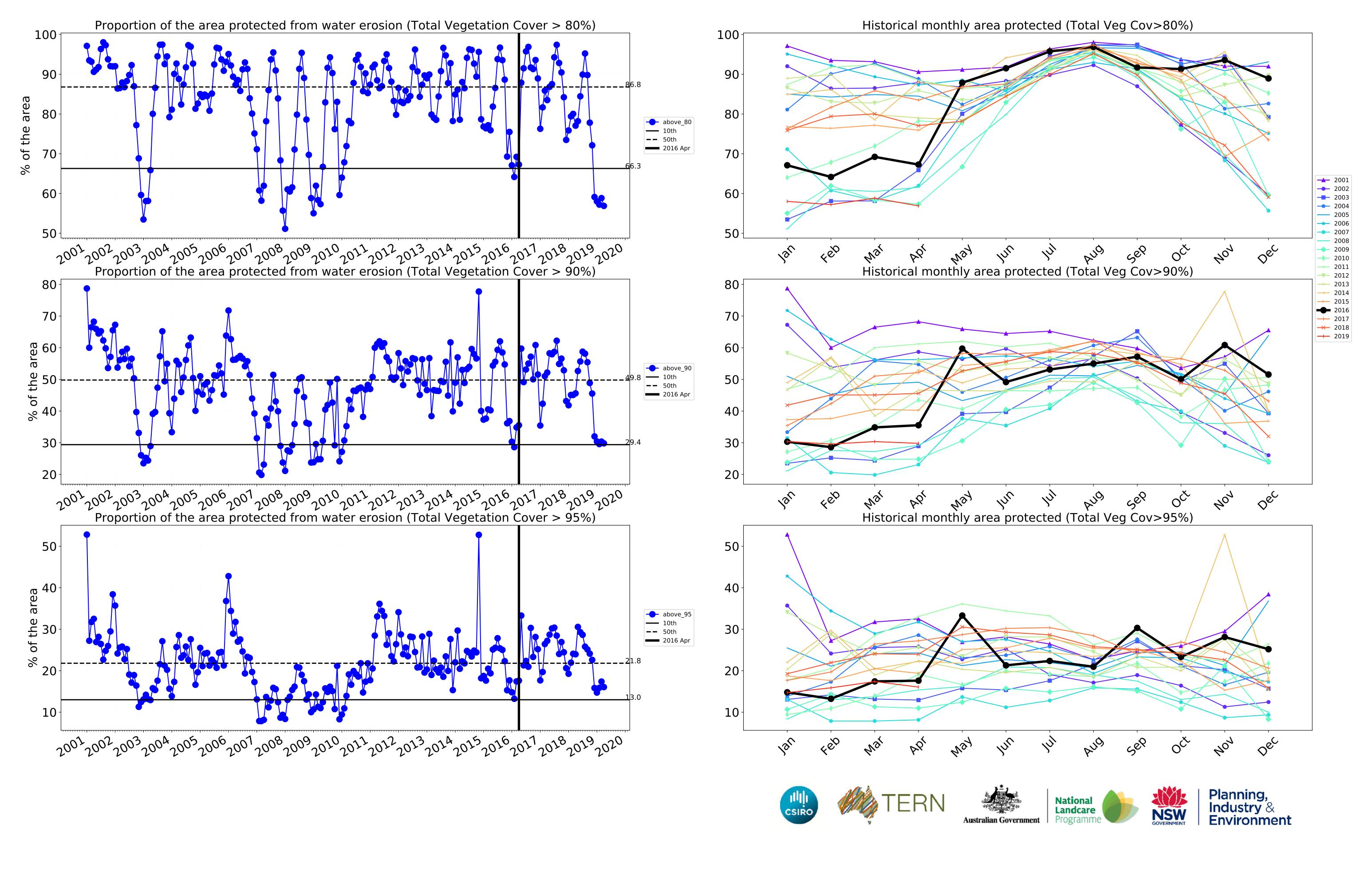
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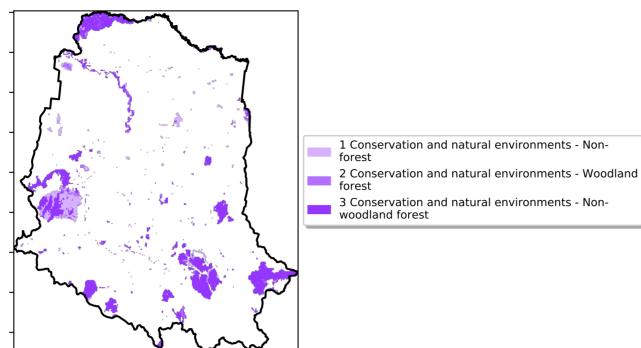






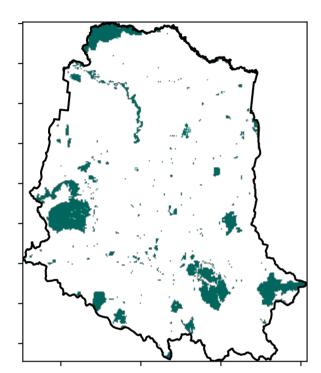
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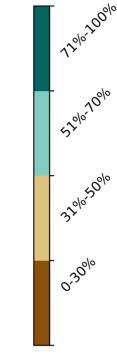
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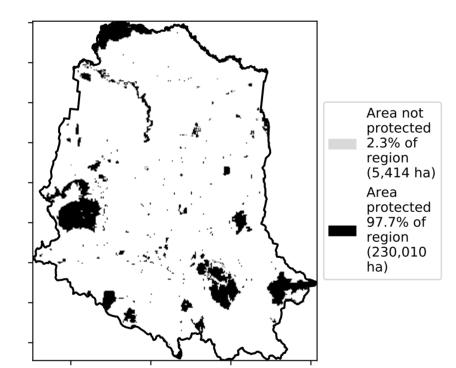
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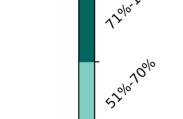
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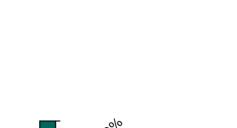


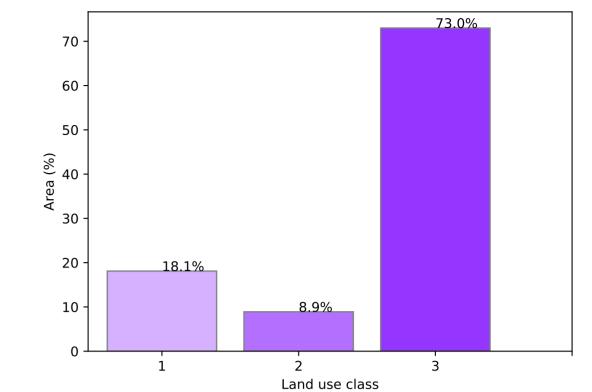


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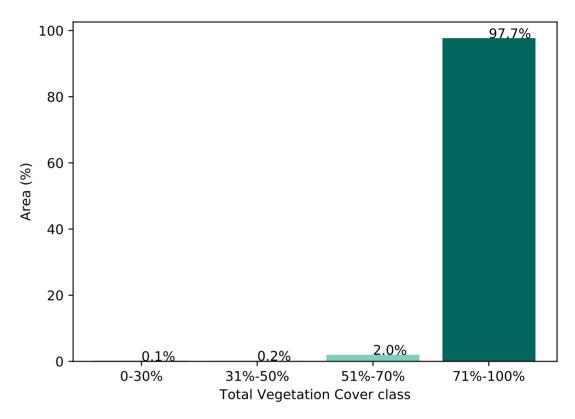




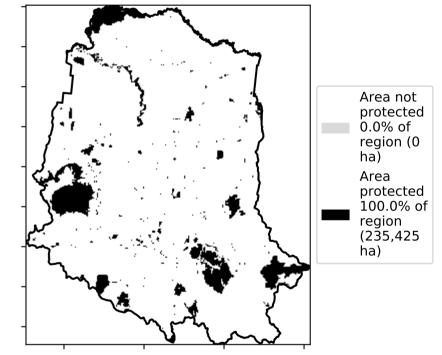


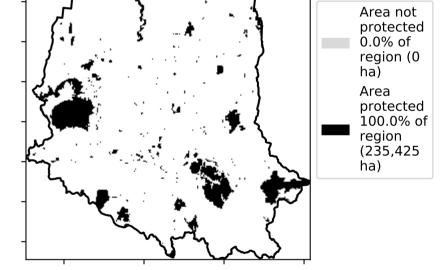
#### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

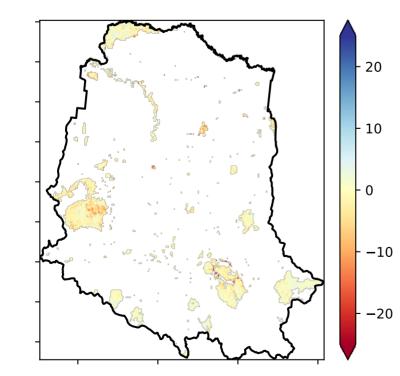


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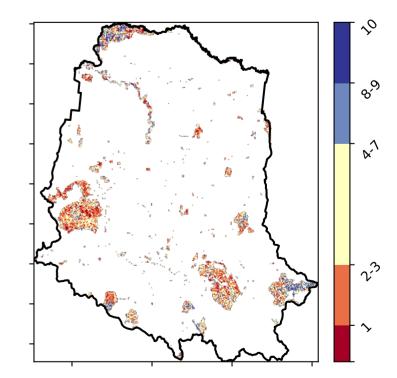




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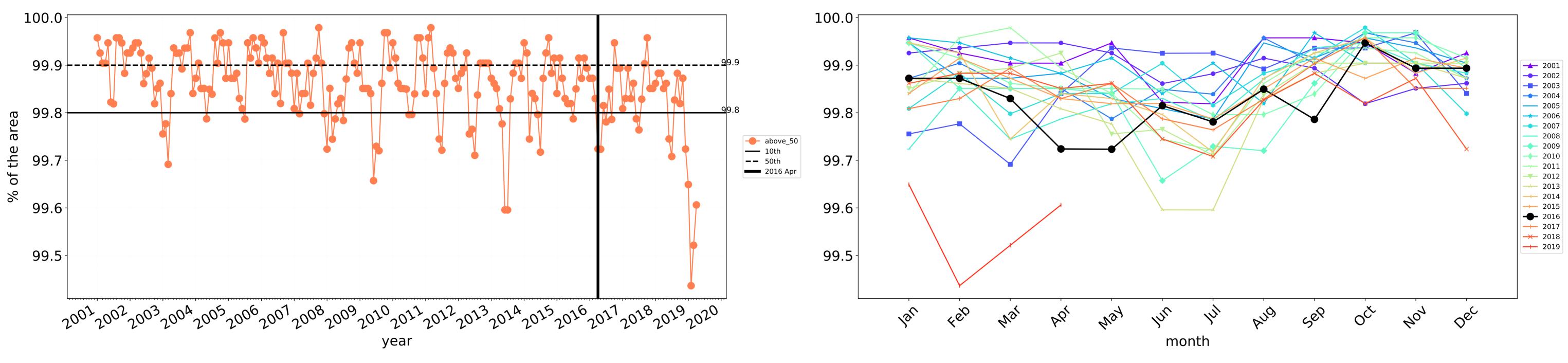
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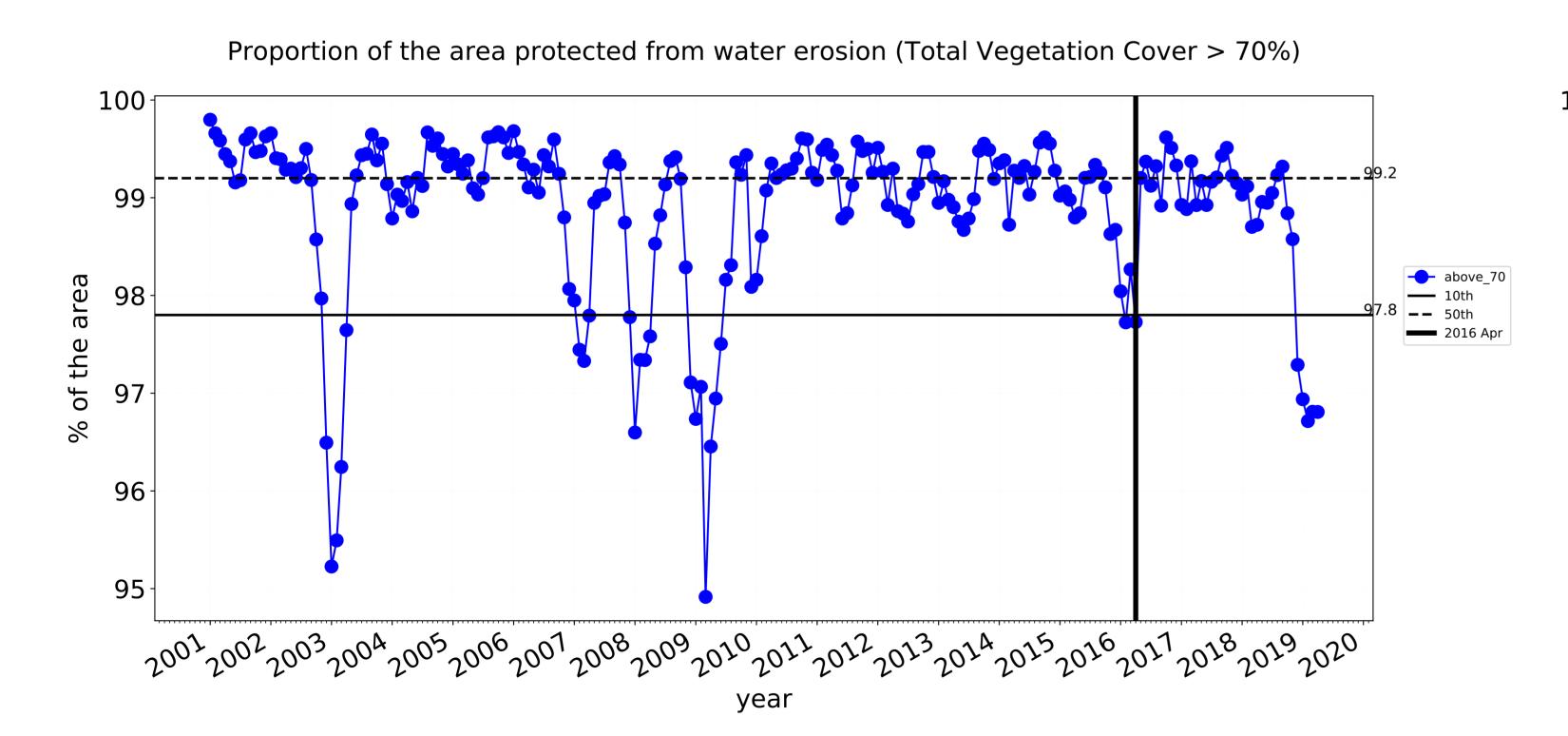
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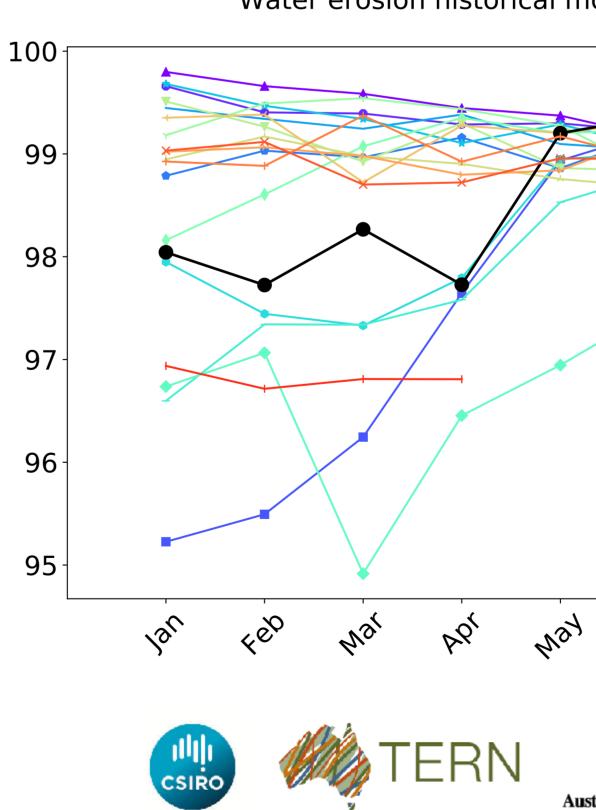
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



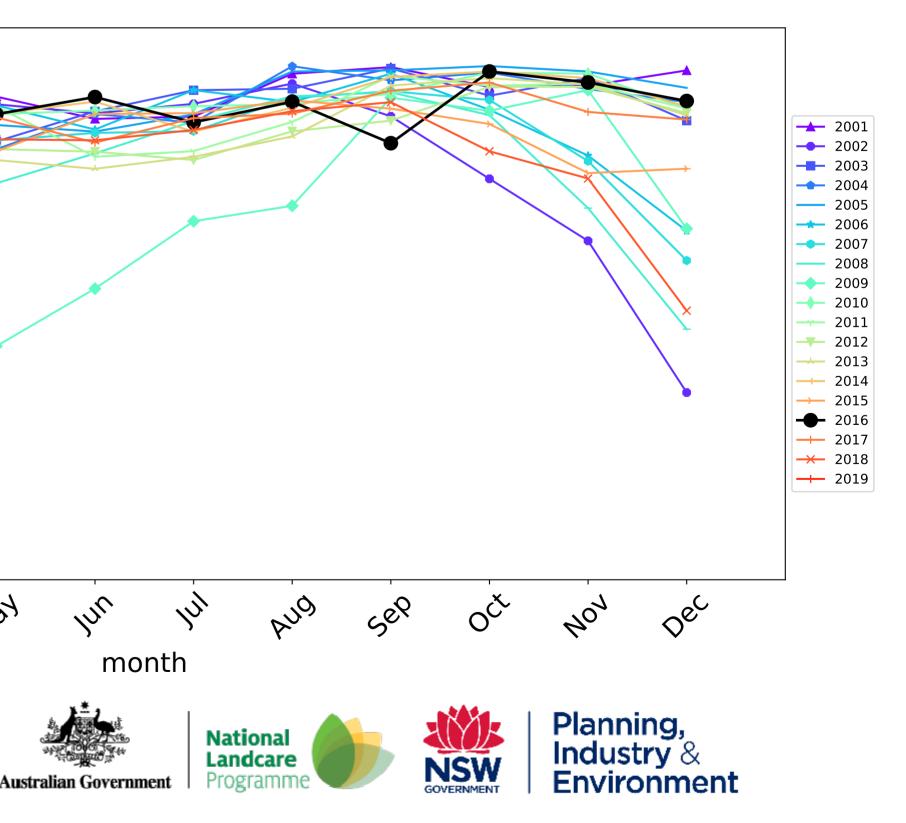
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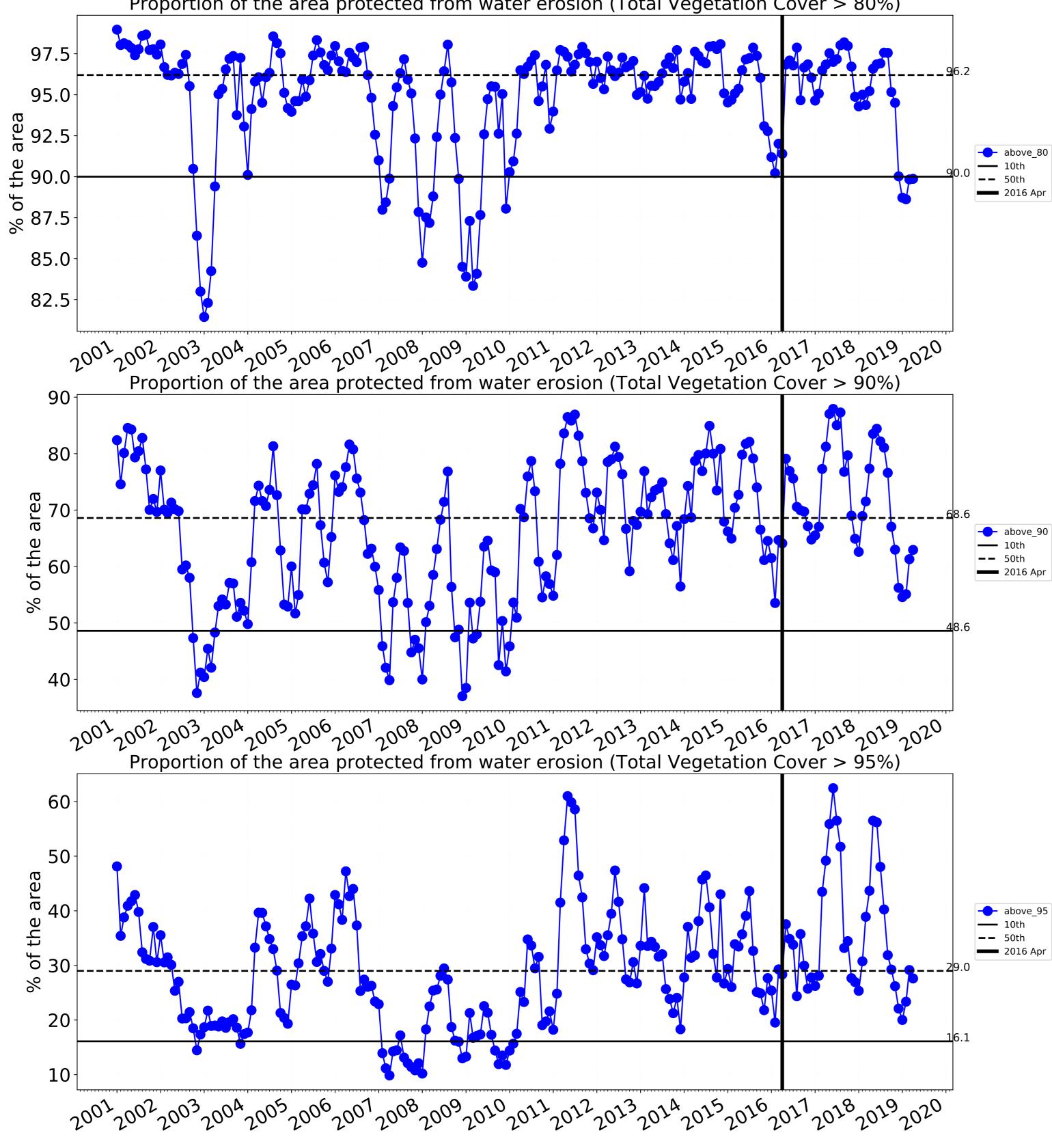


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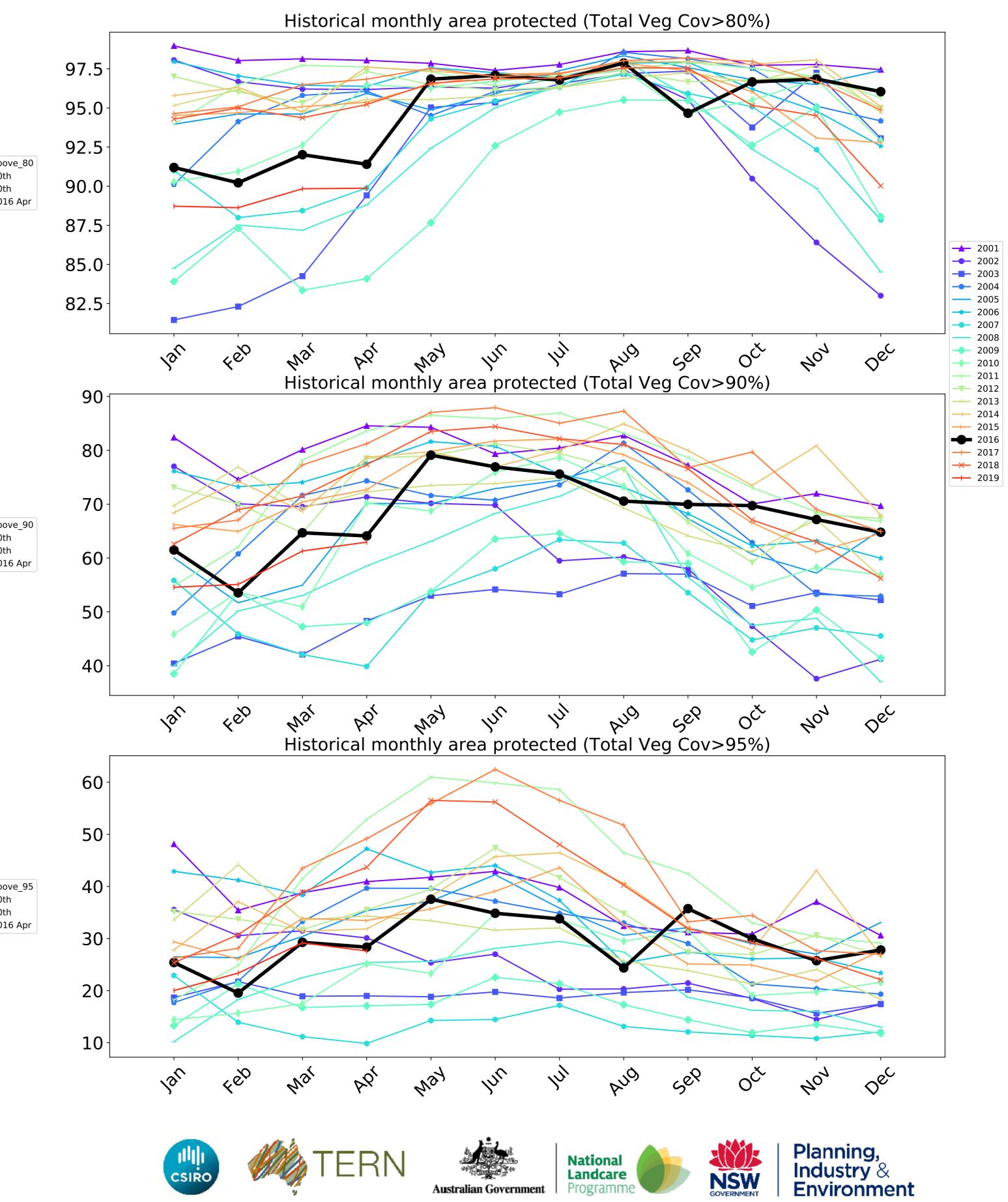
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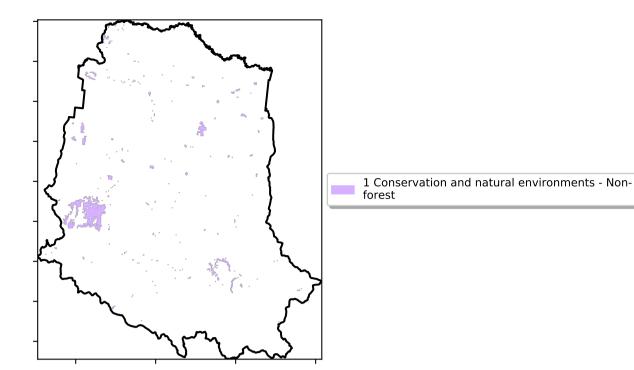
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



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

Land use and forest cover



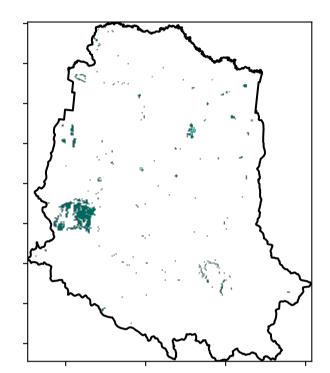
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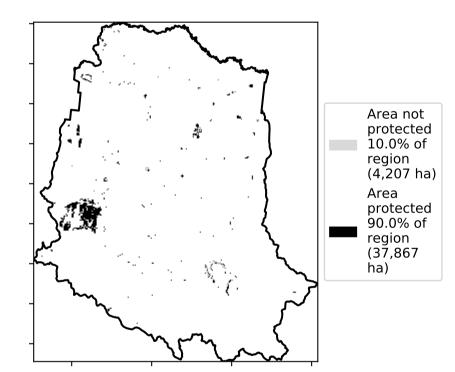
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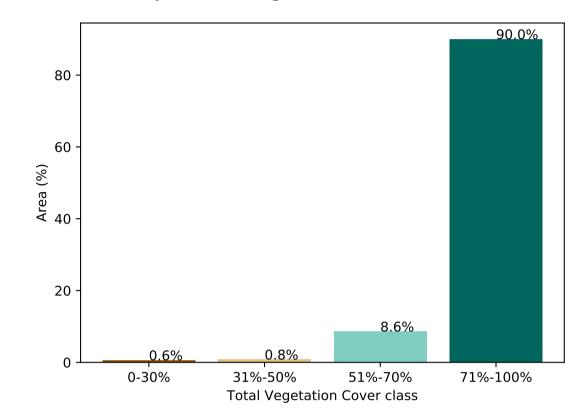
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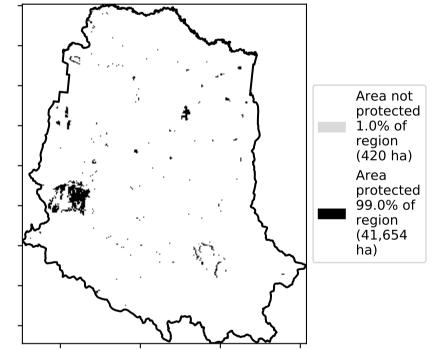




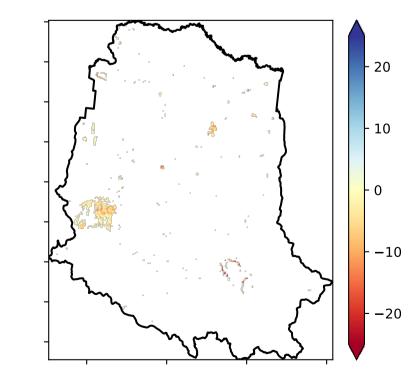




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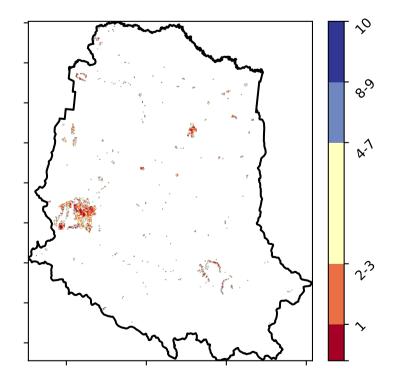


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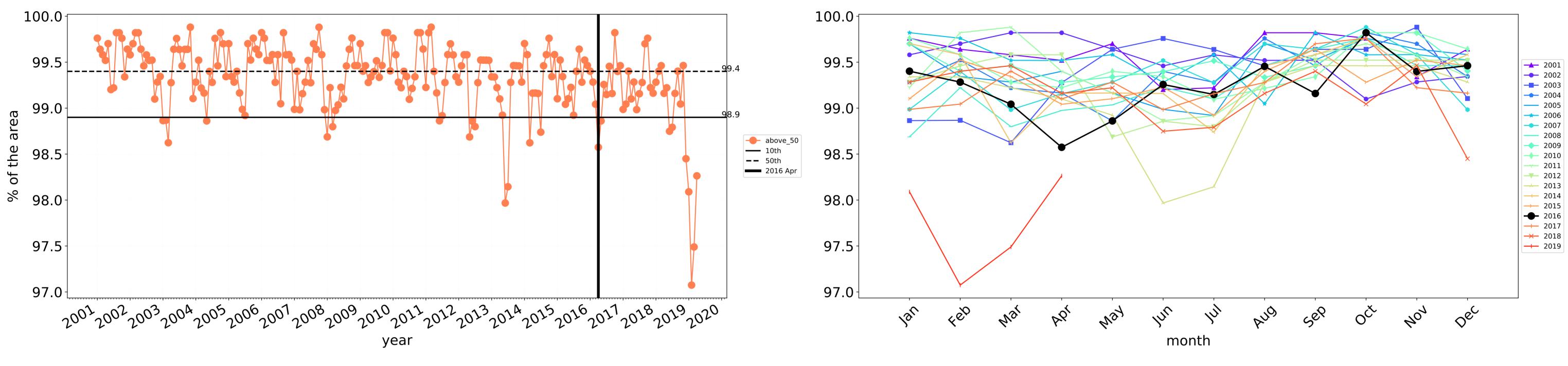
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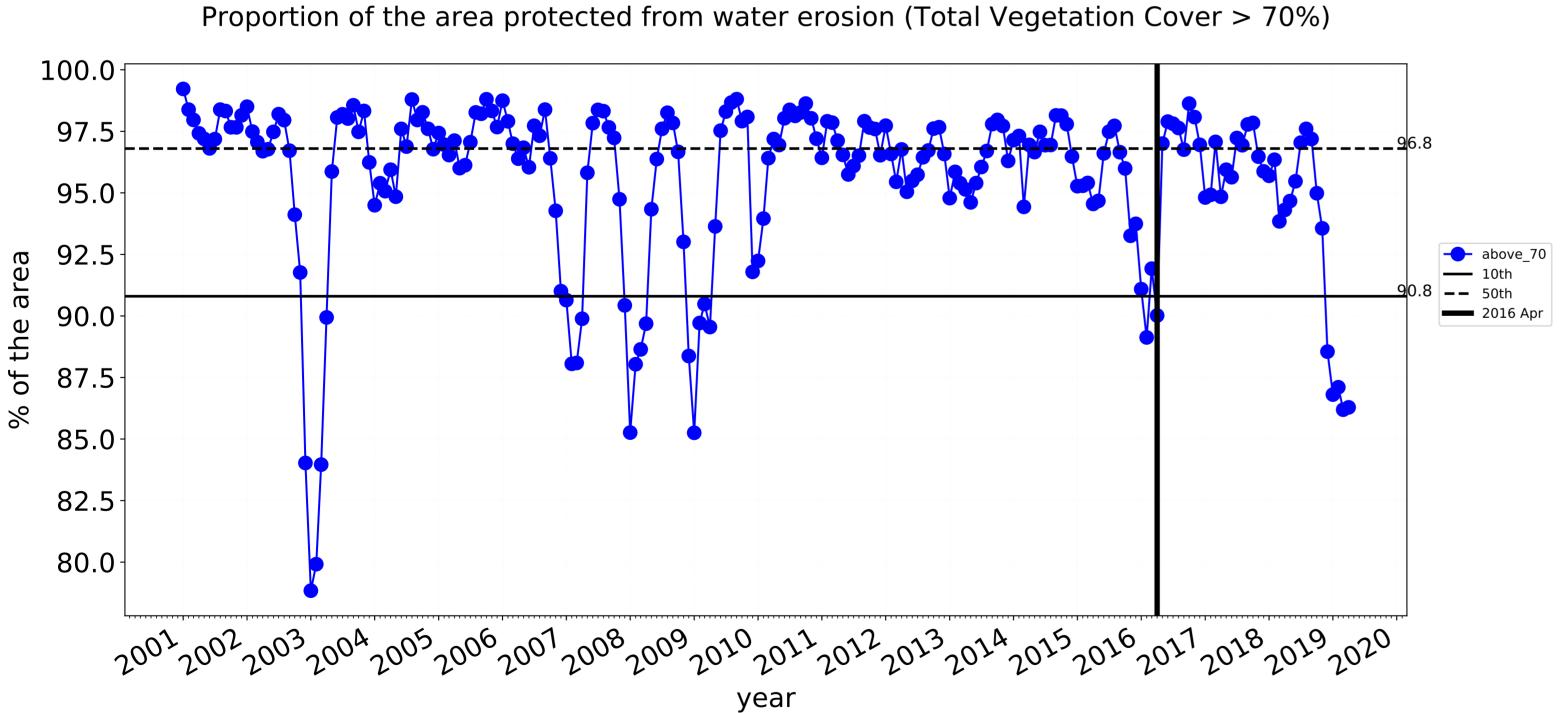
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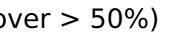
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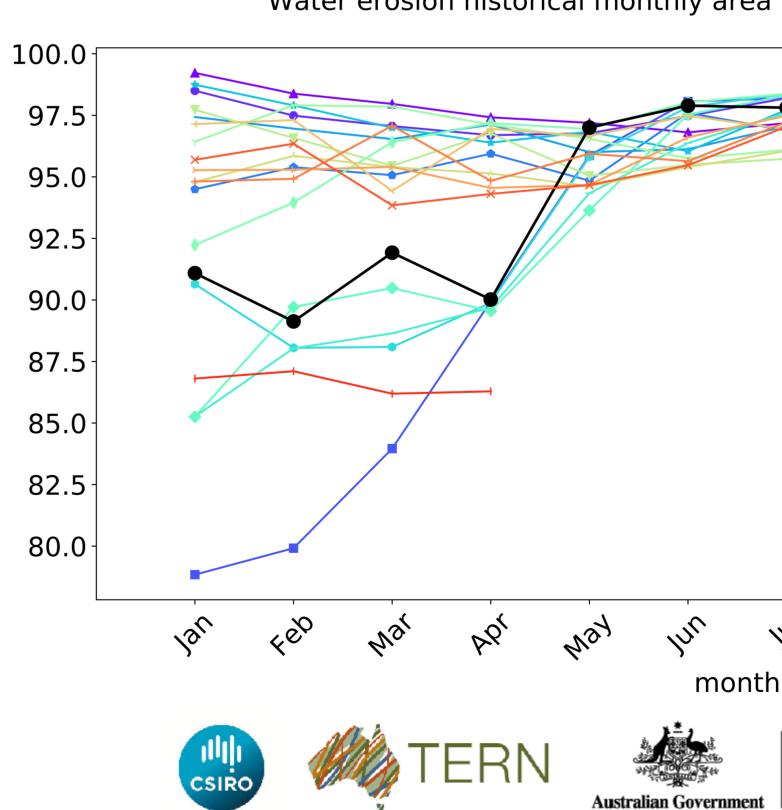


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

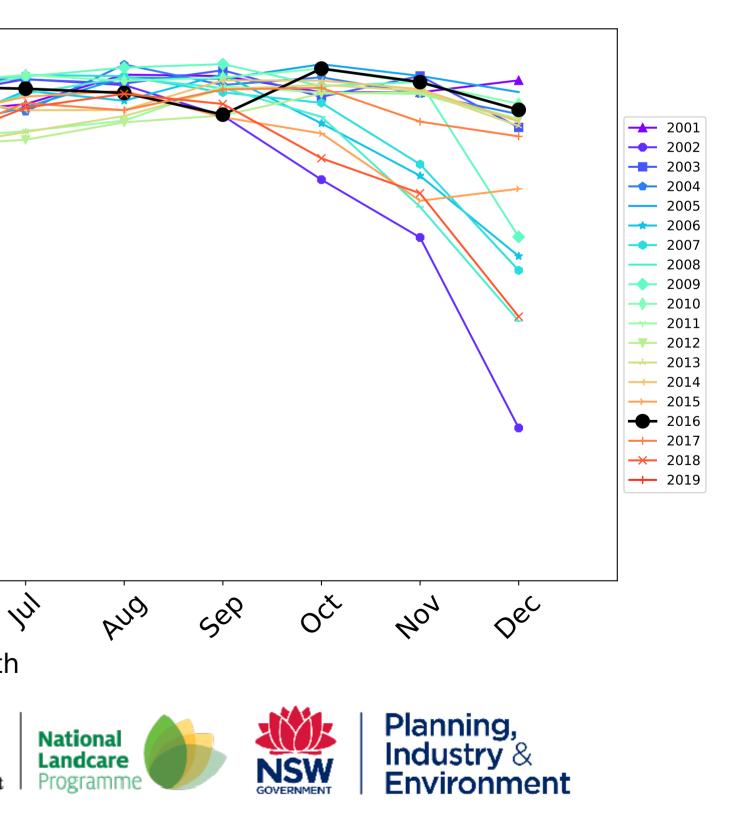




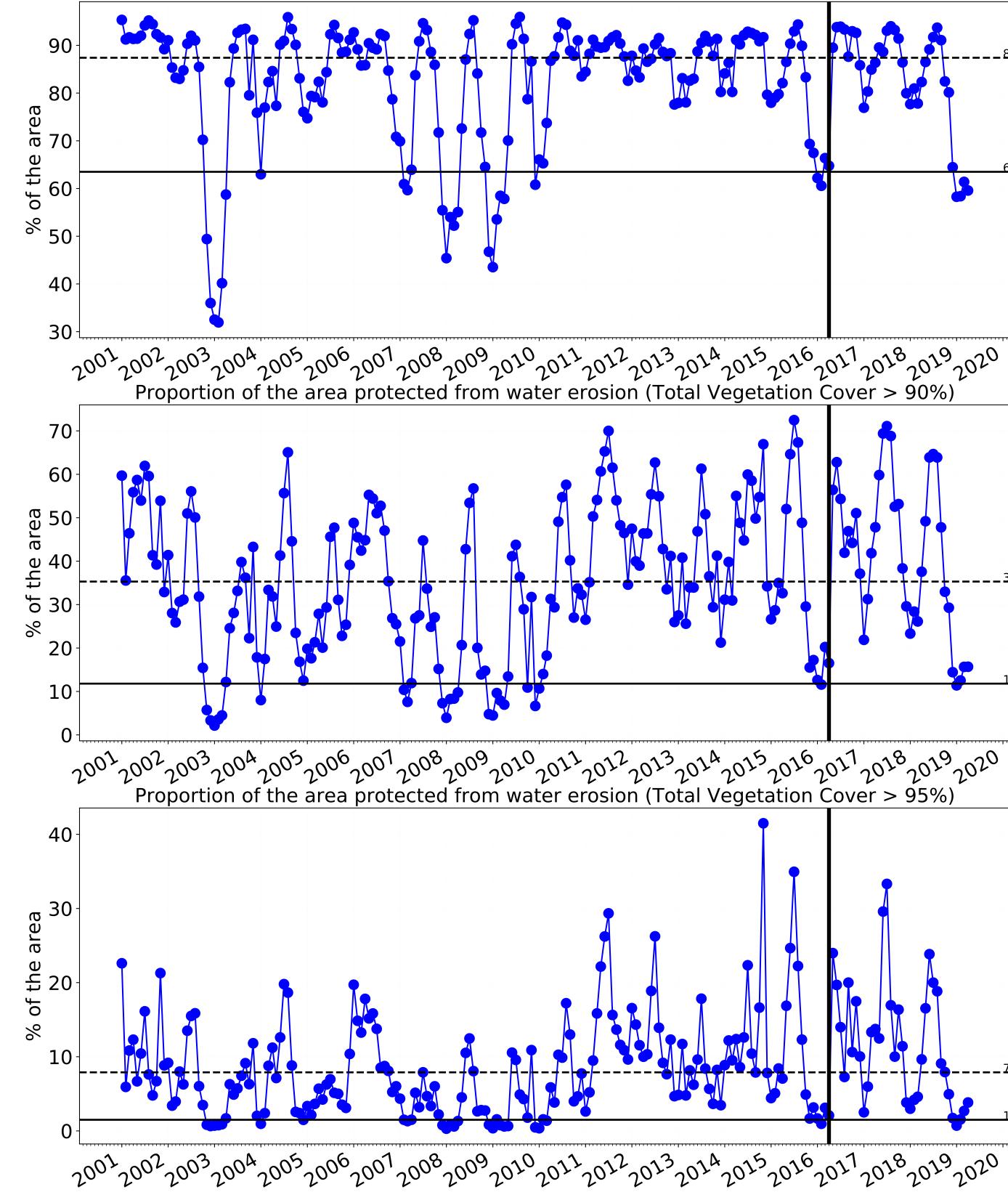
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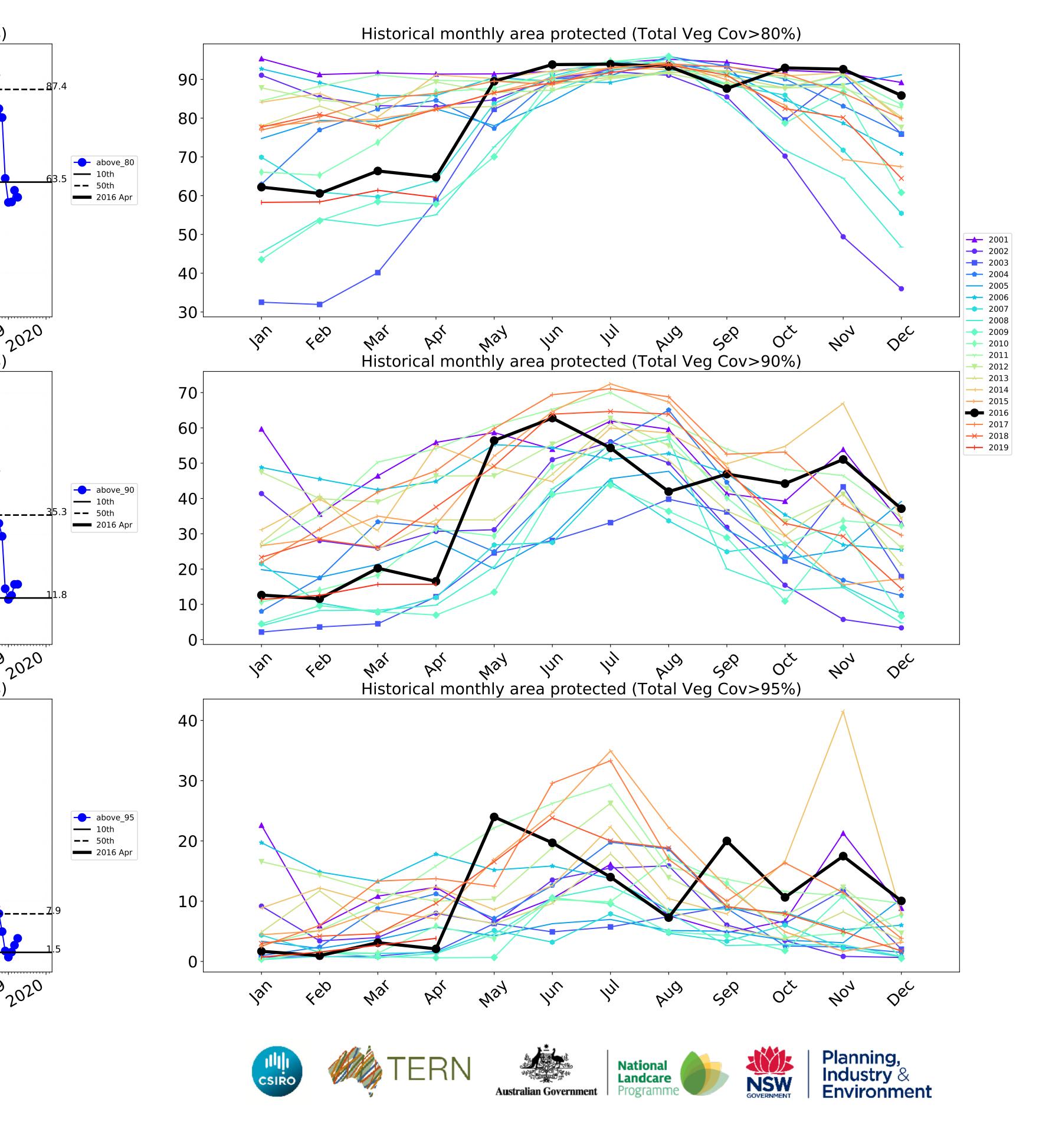


Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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





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

Land use and forest cover

Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

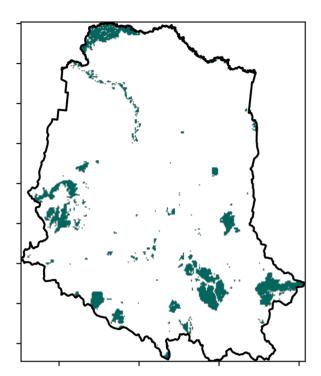
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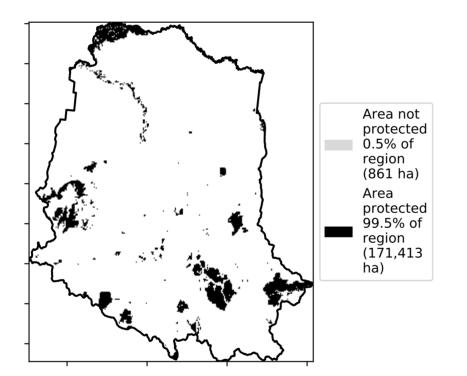
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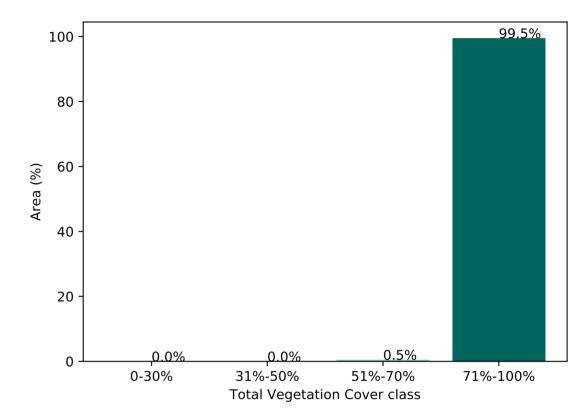
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

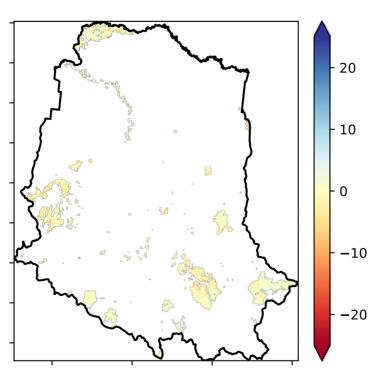
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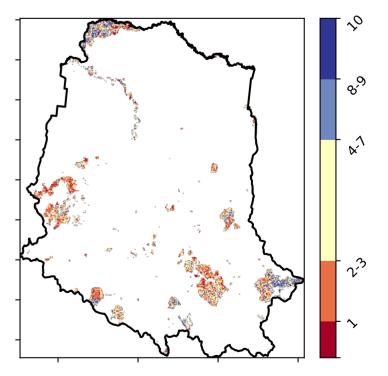
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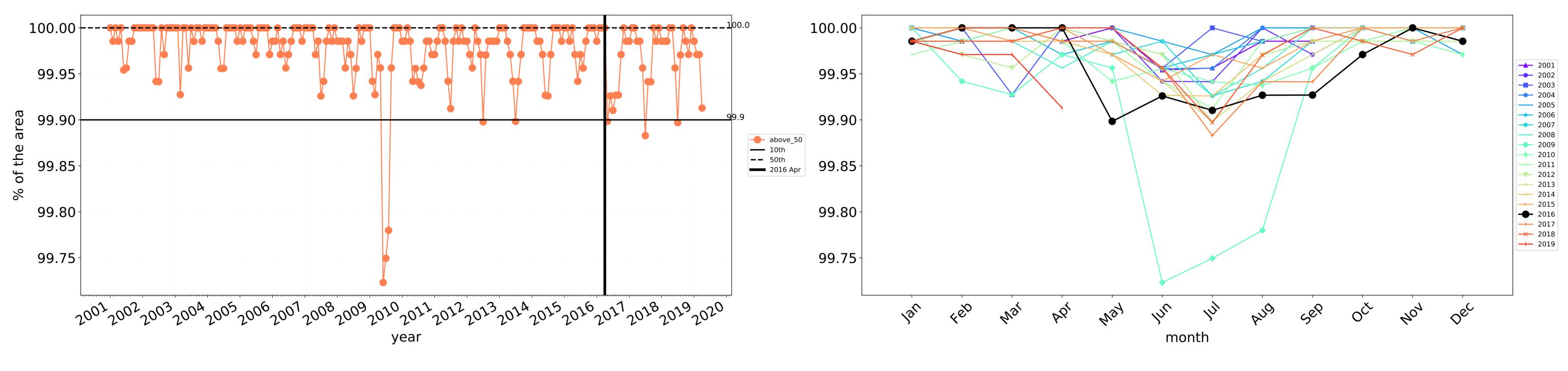
Area protected 100.0% of region (172,275 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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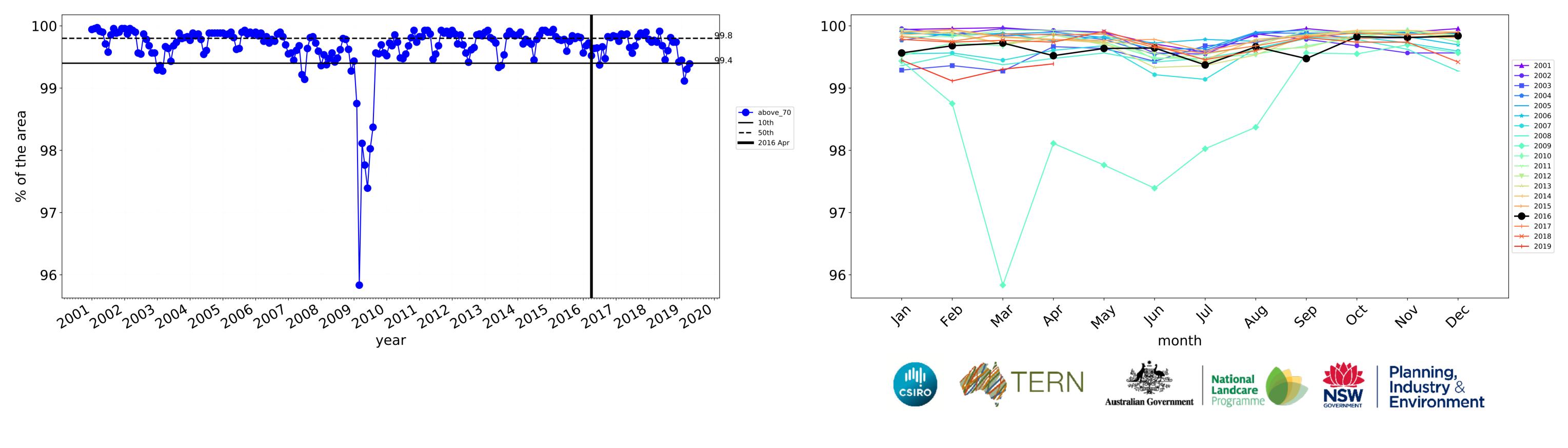






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

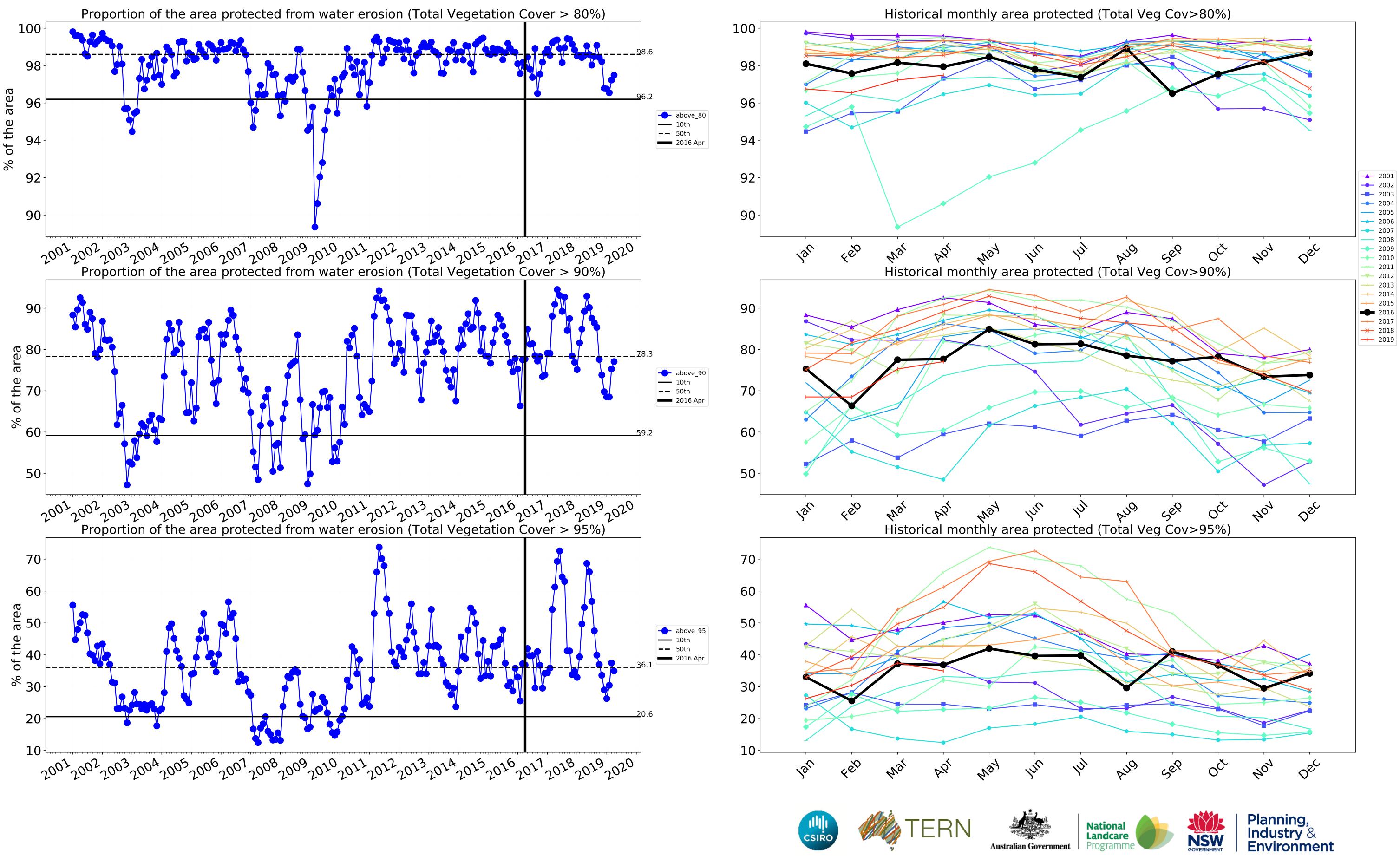
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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

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





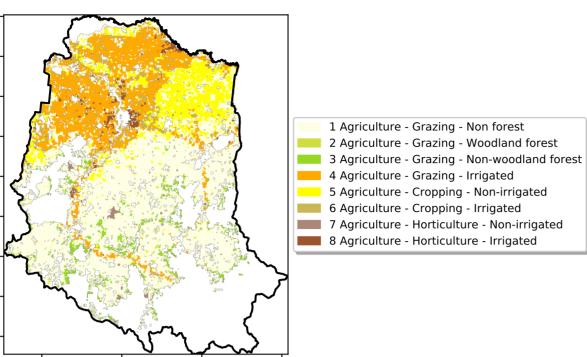
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### Agriculture

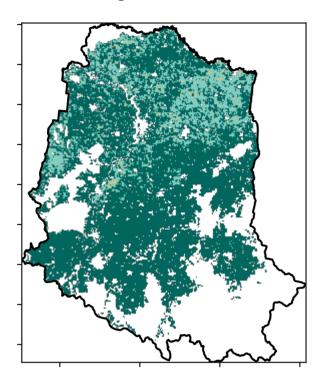
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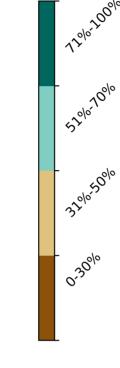
#### Land use and forest cover

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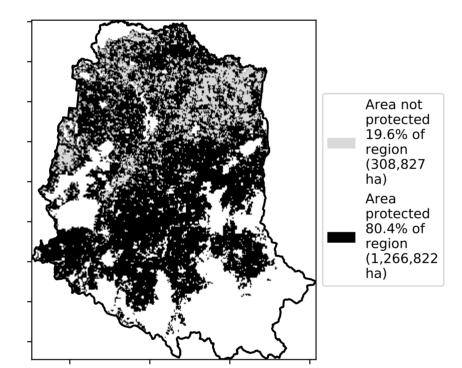


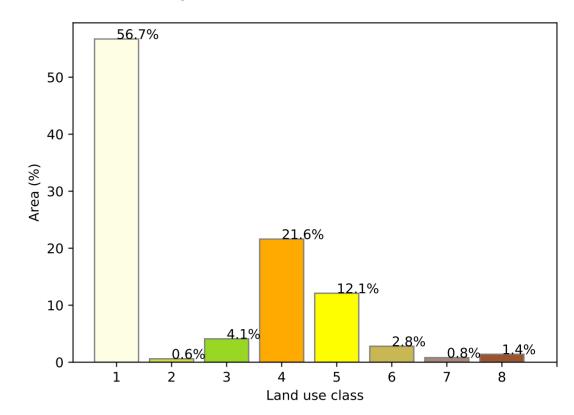
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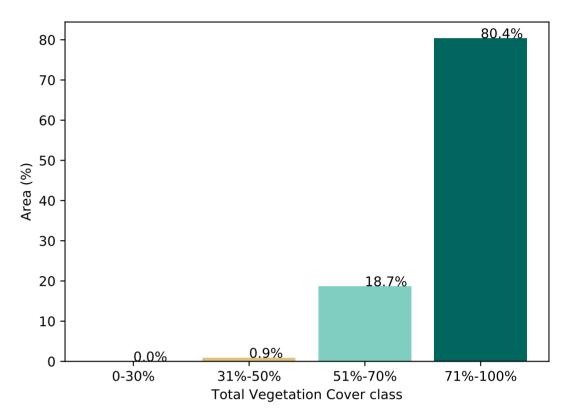


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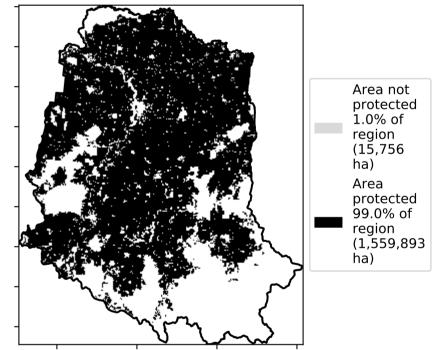




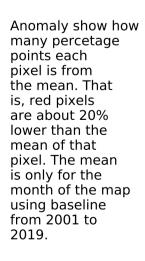
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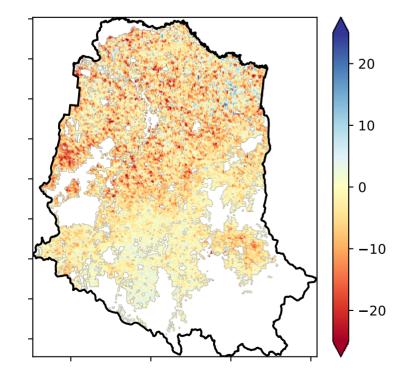


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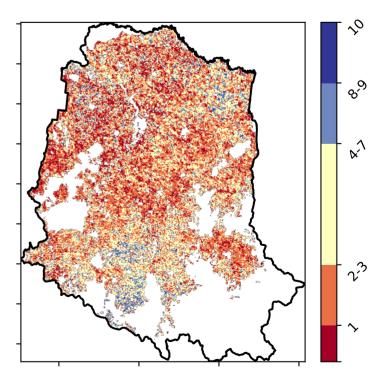
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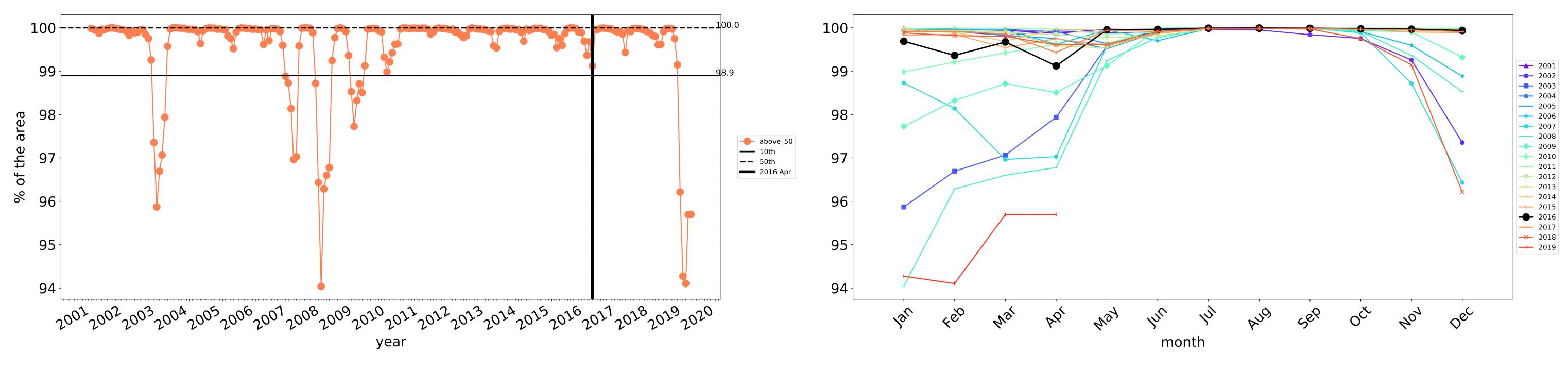


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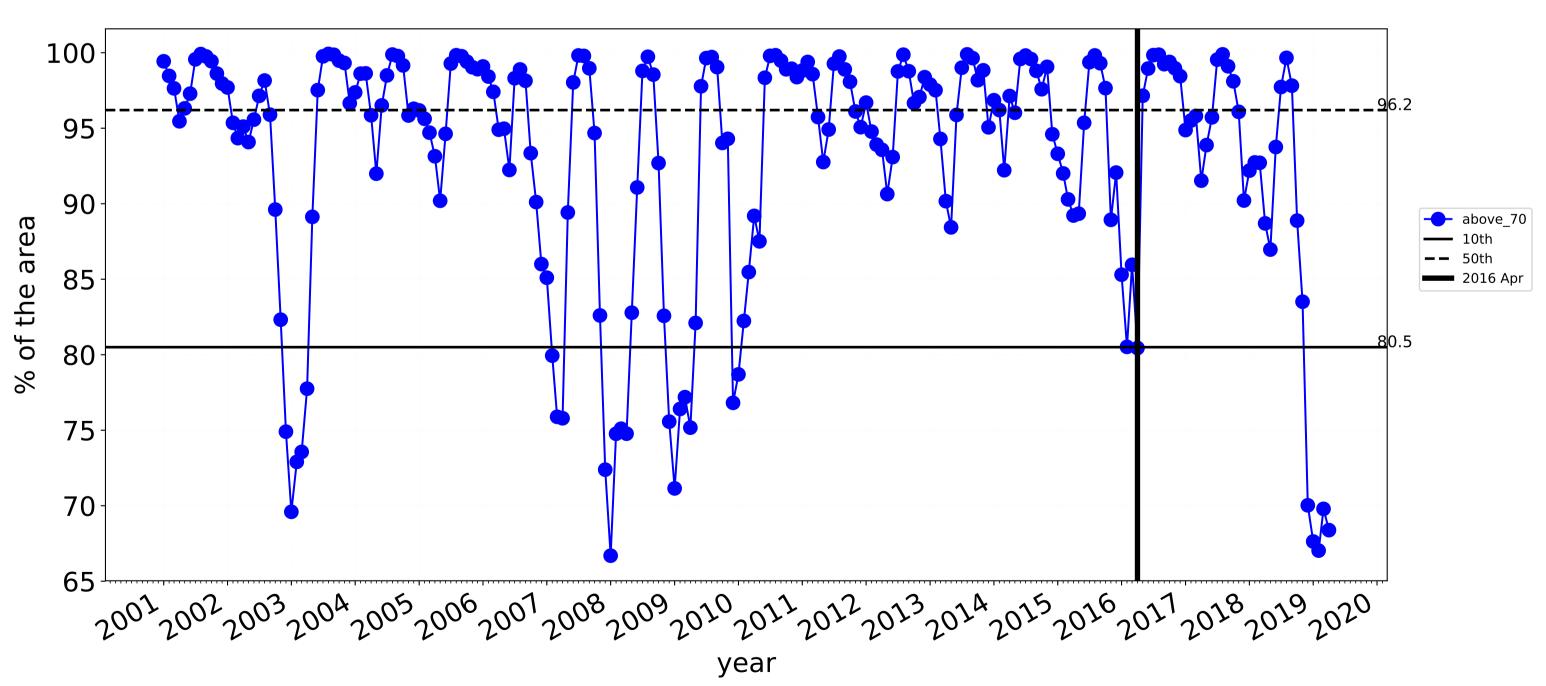






Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

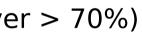
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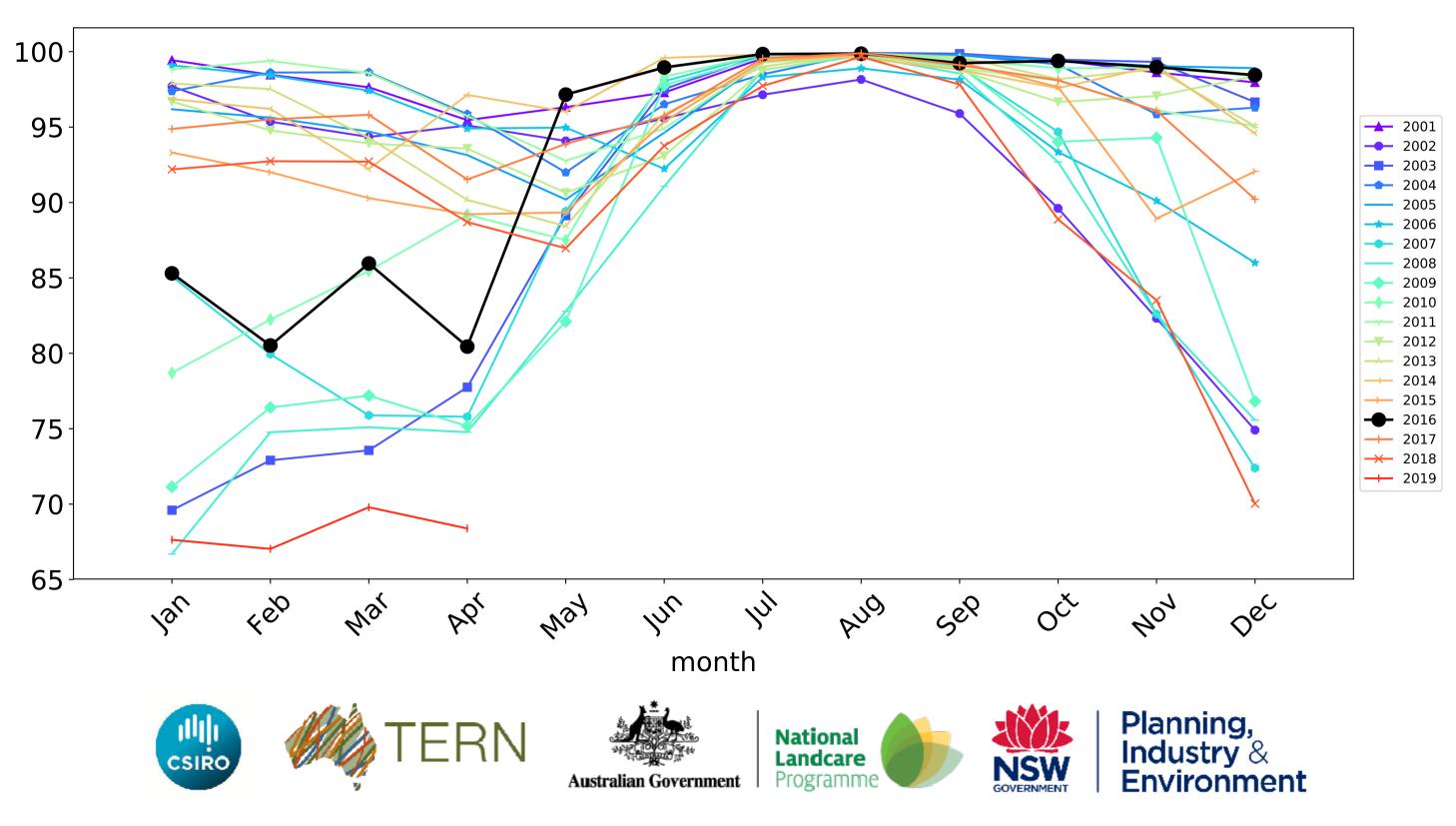
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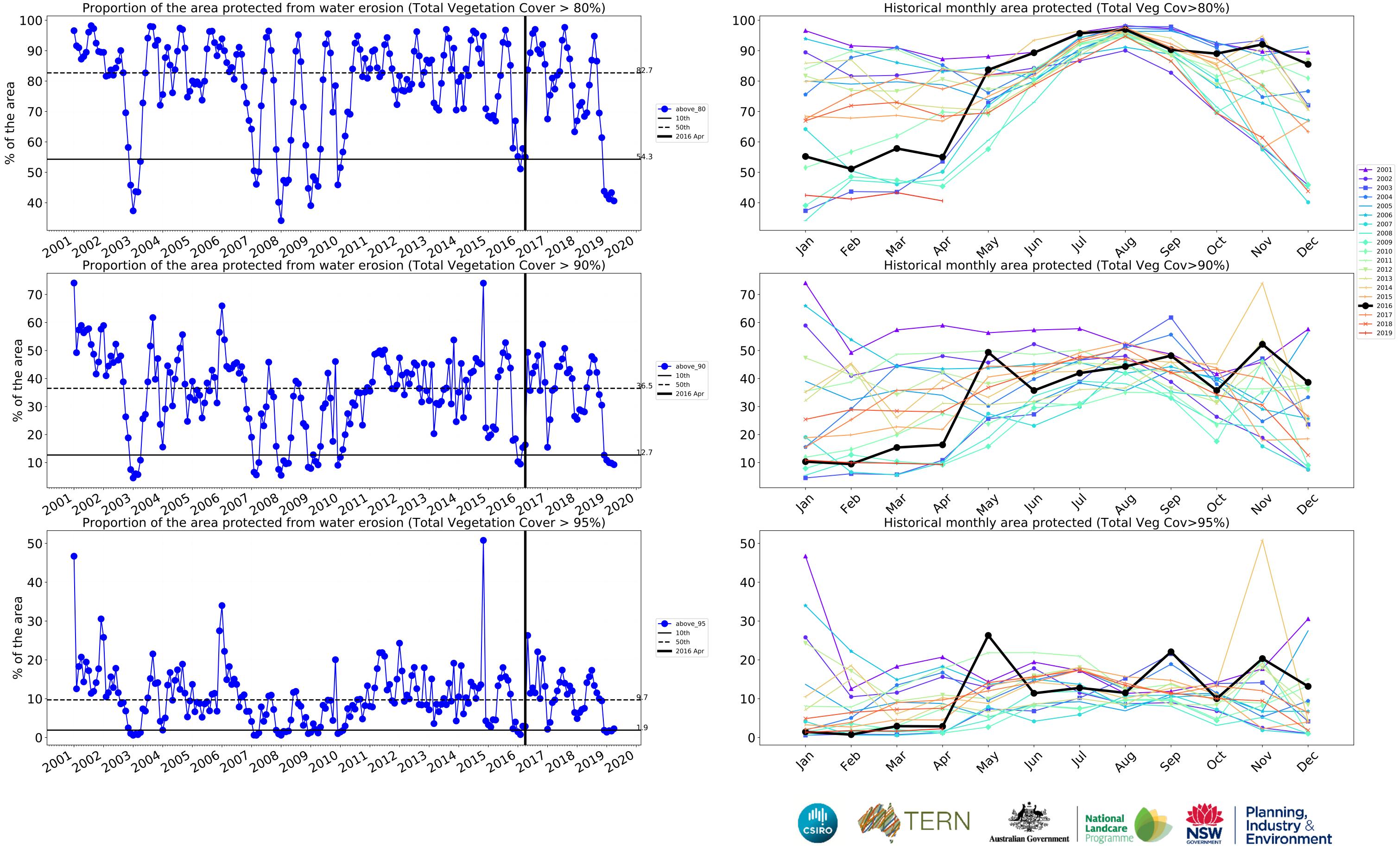


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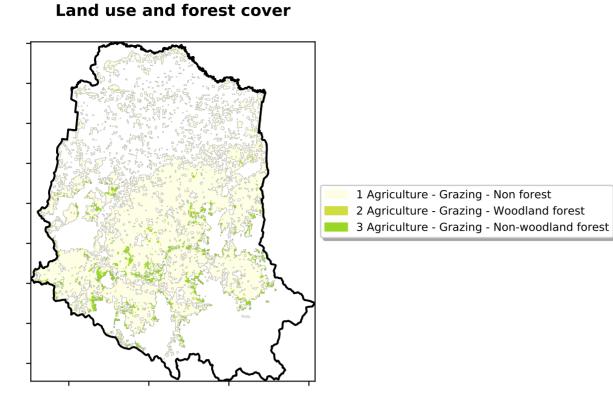
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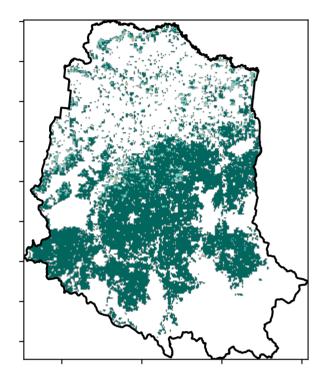


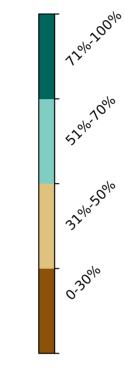
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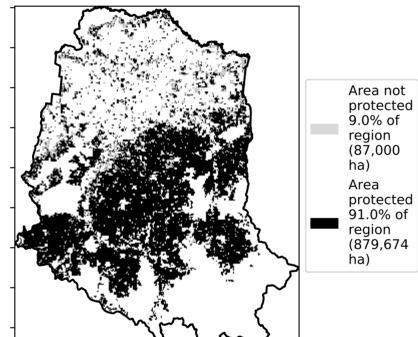


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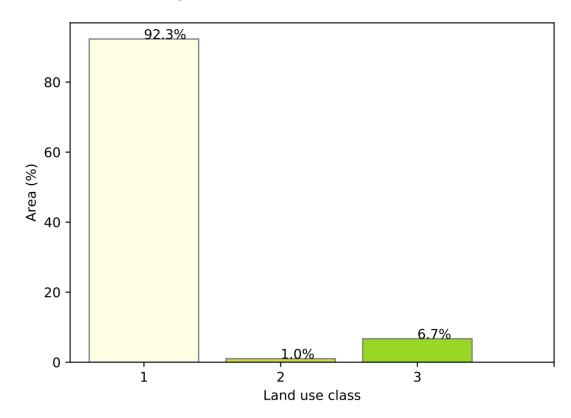




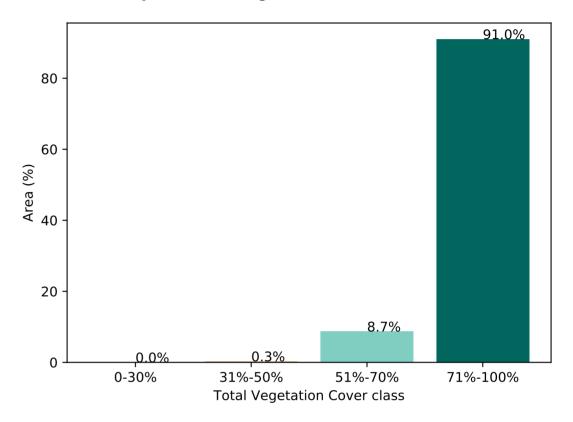
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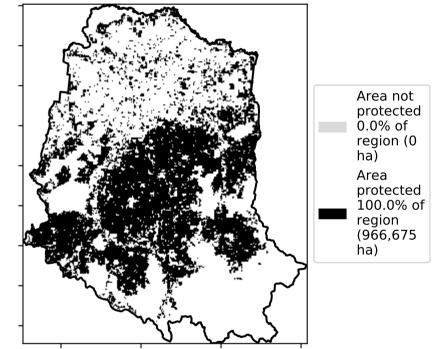
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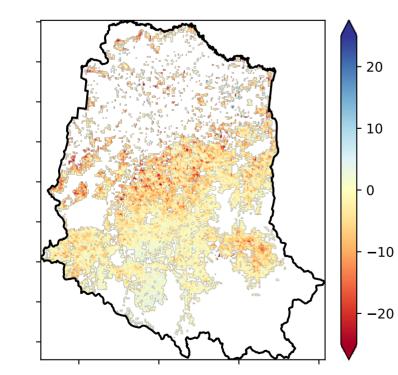
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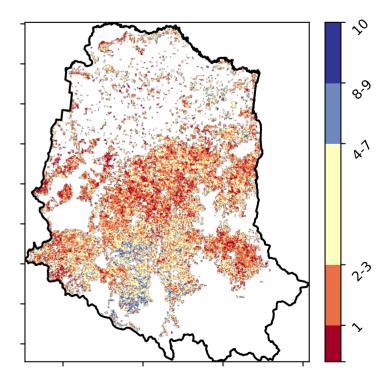


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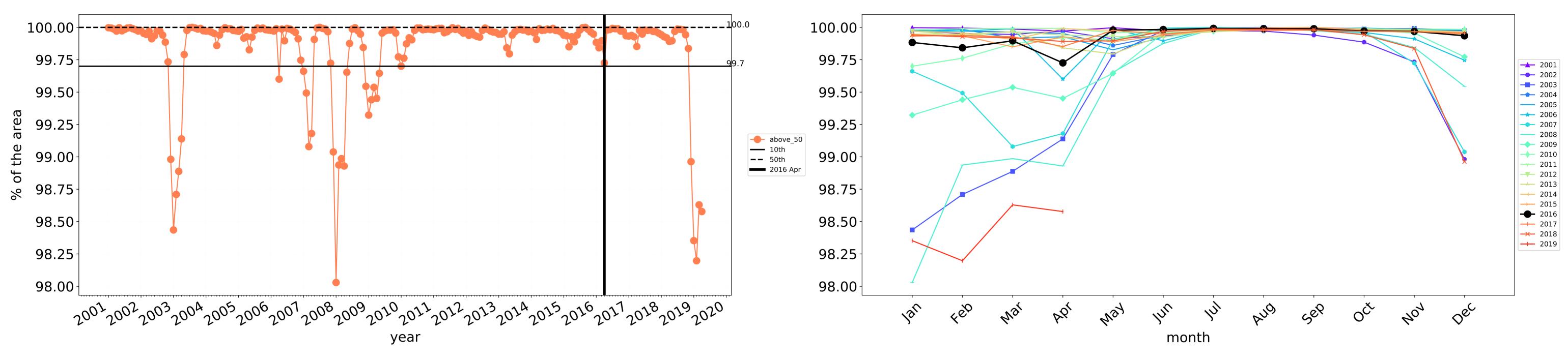
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



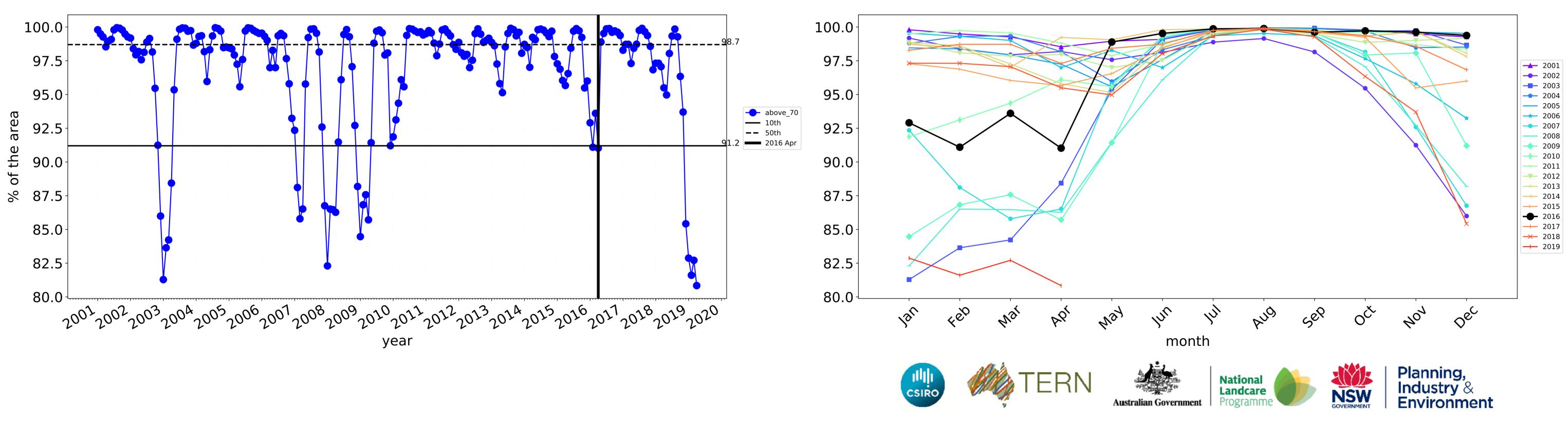


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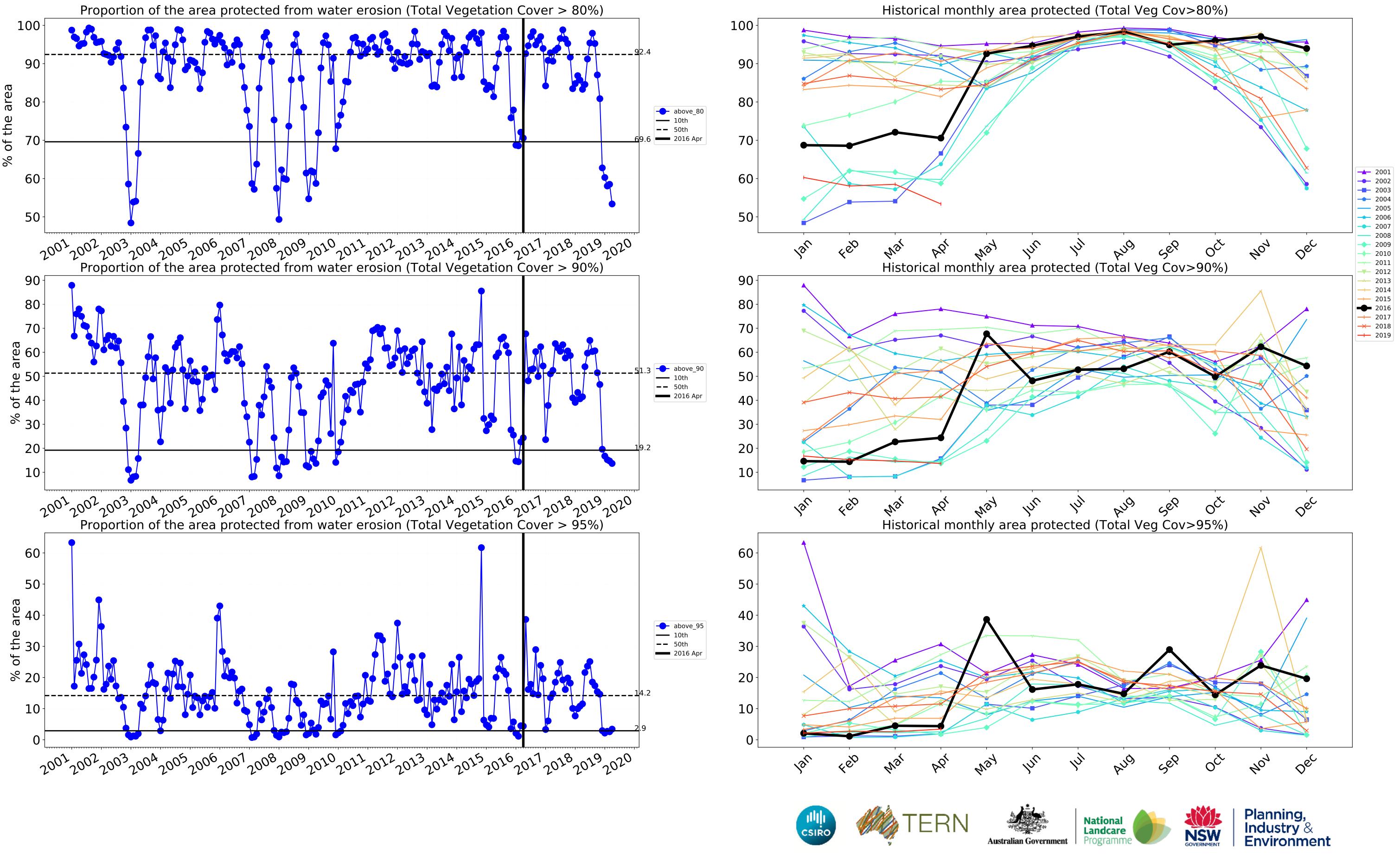
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



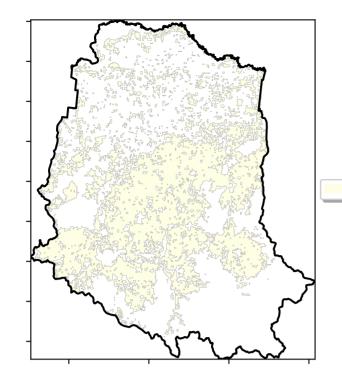
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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



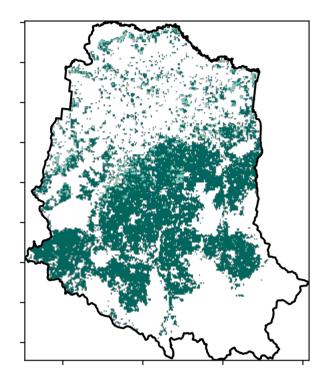
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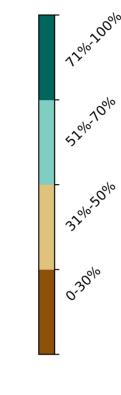
#### Land use and forest cover



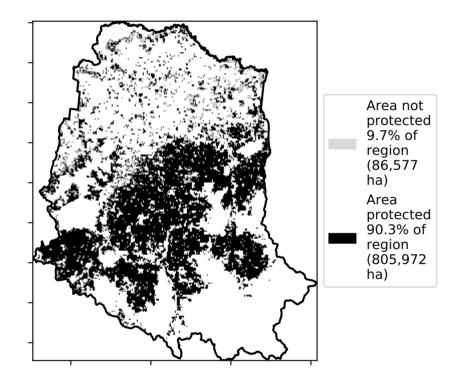
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





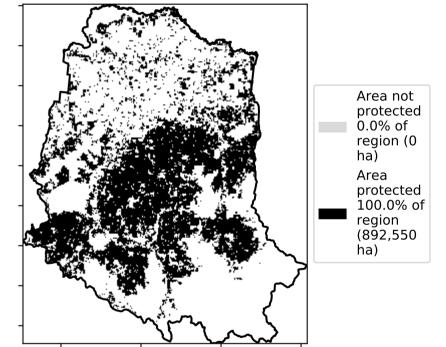
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



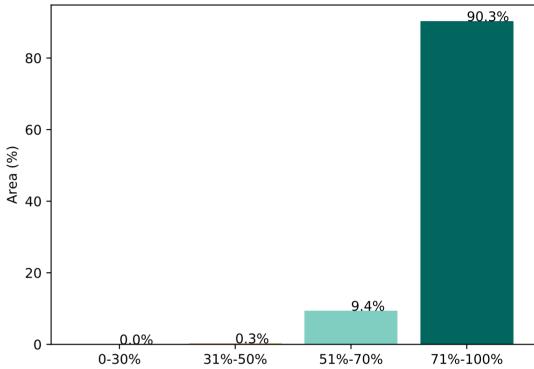
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0-30% 31%-50% 51%-70% 71%-100% Total Vegetation Cover class

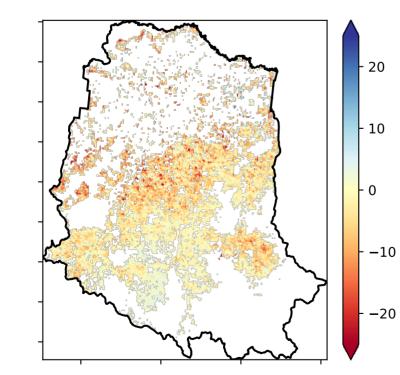
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

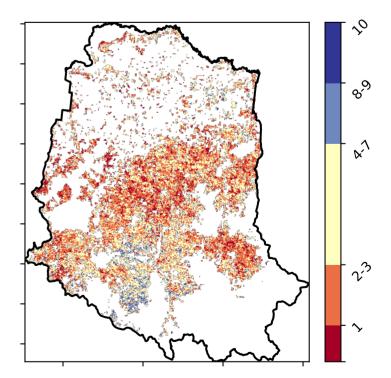


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



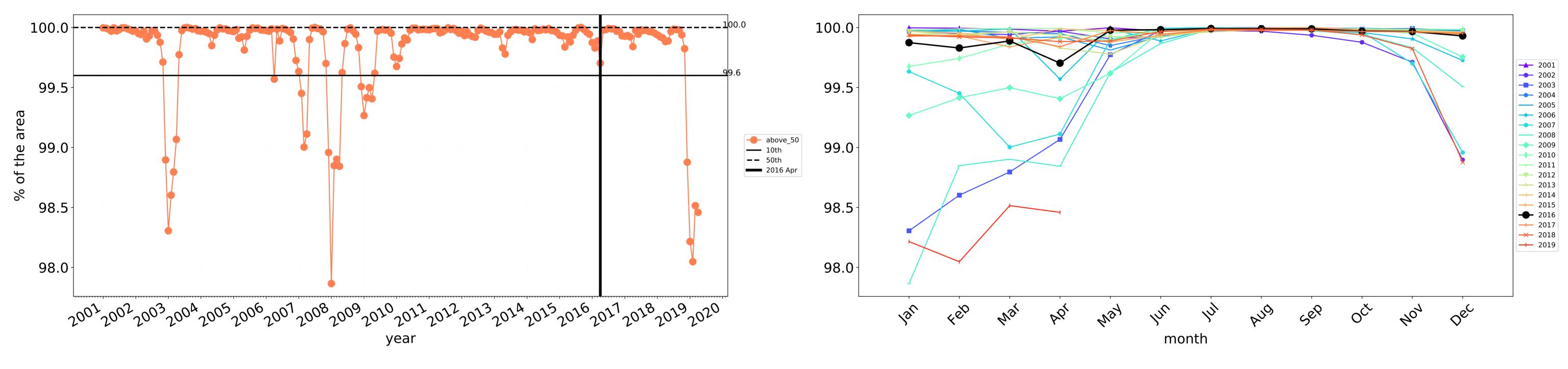


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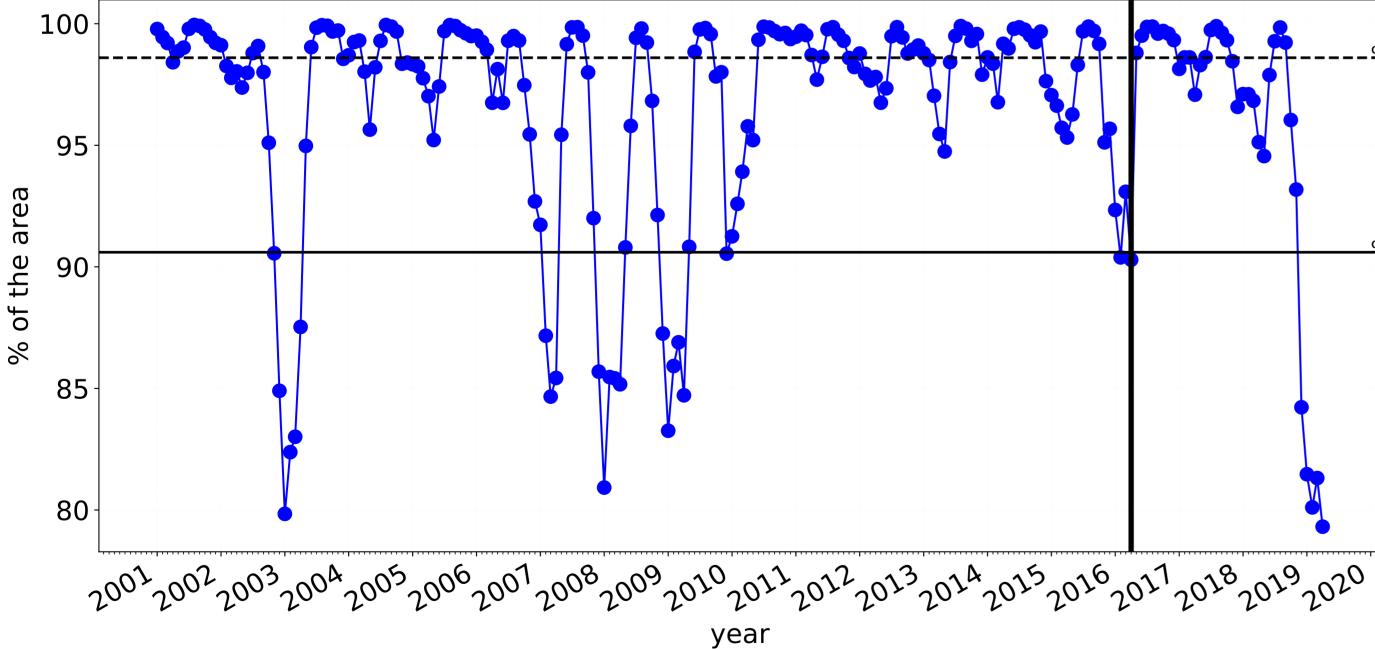
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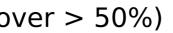
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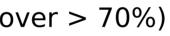
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



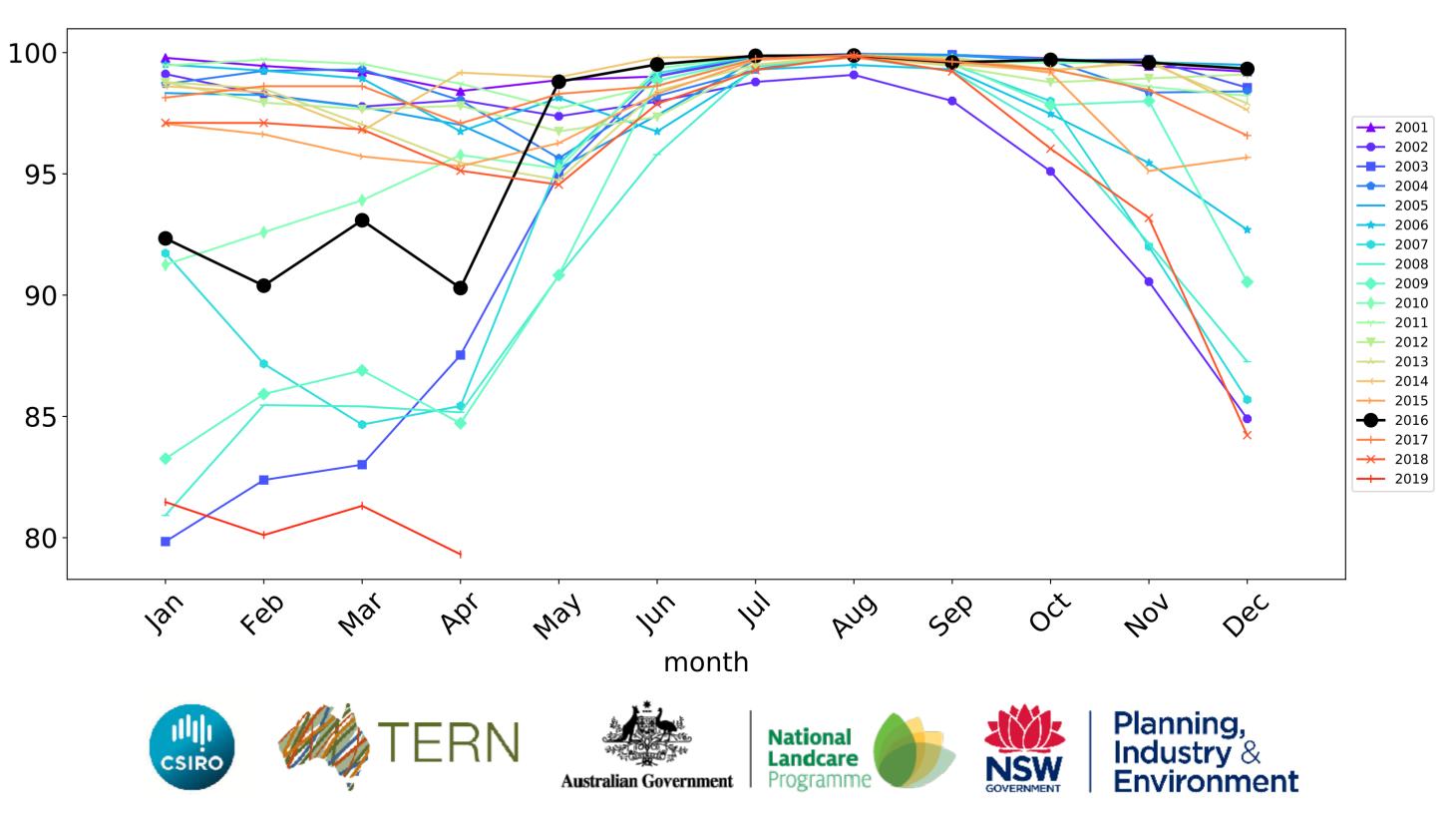


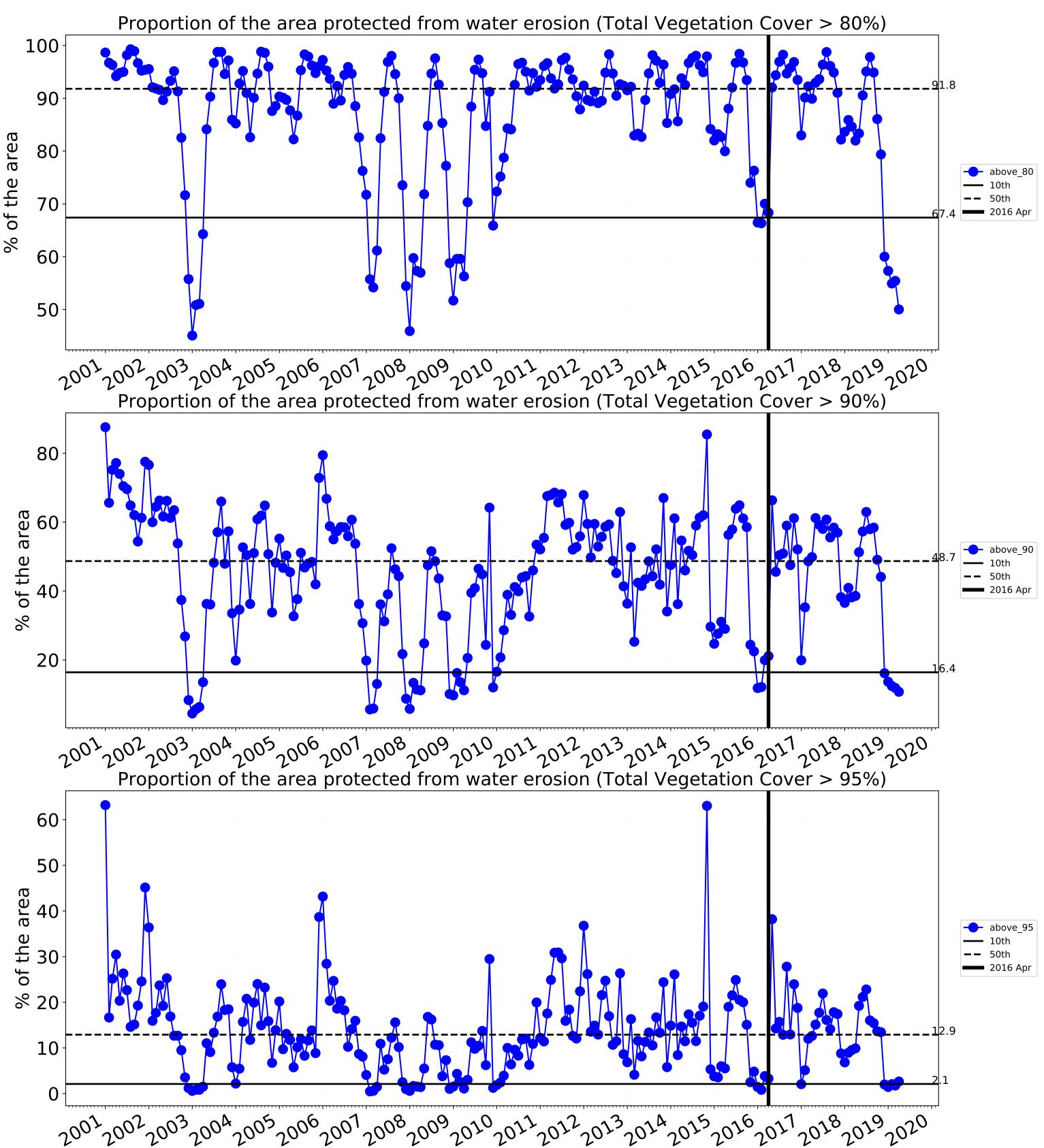
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

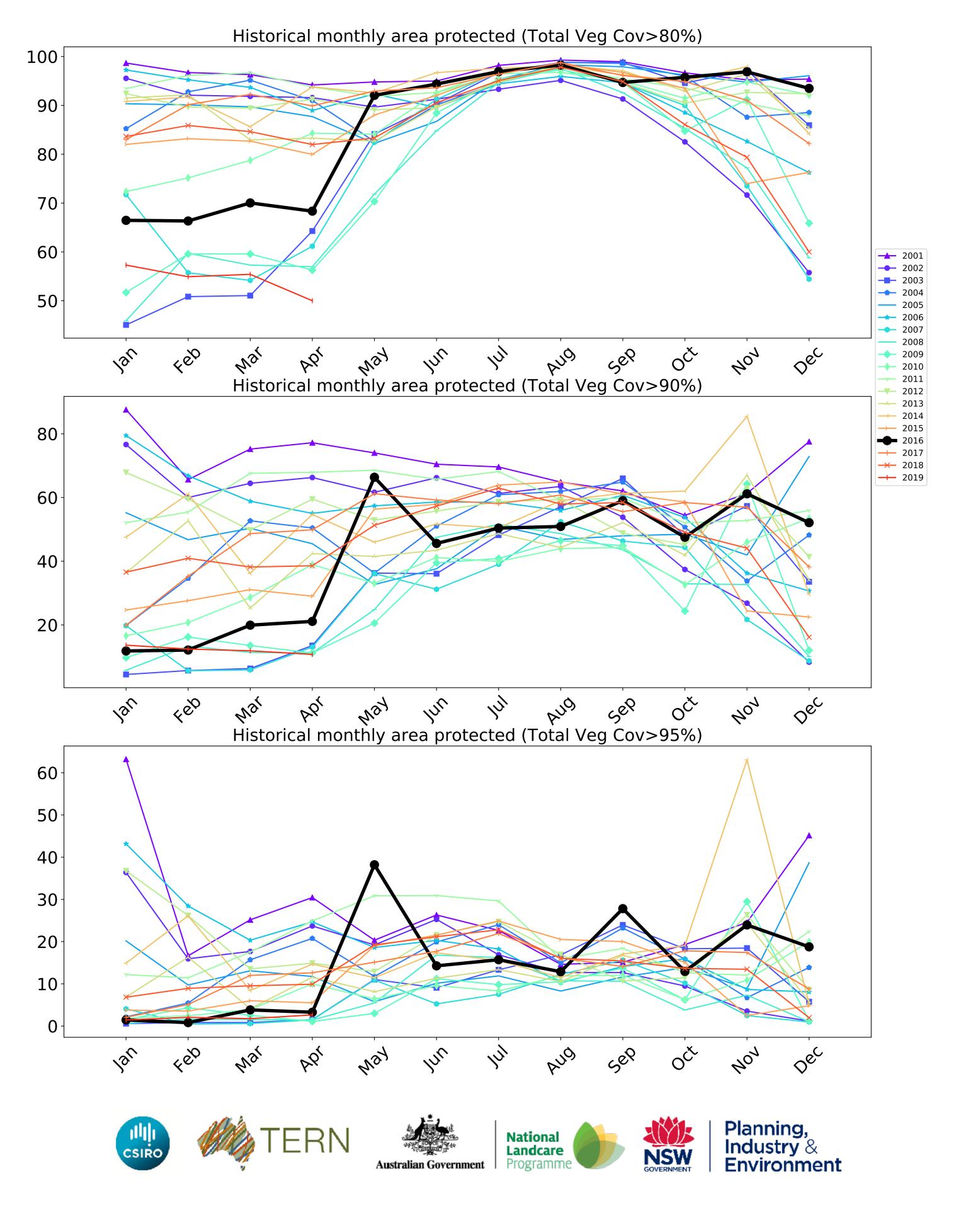


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







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

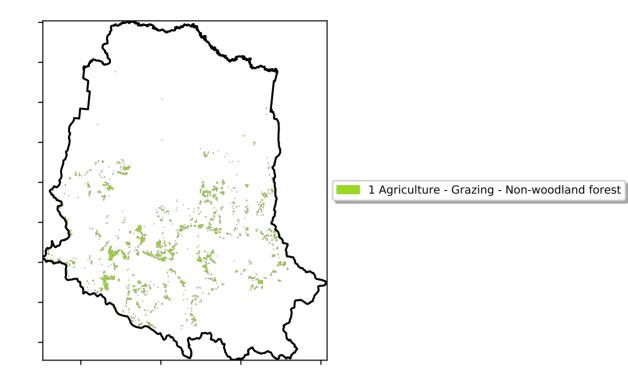
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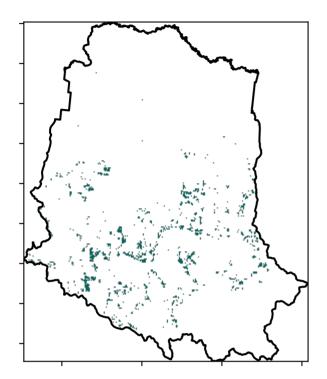
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Land use and forest cover



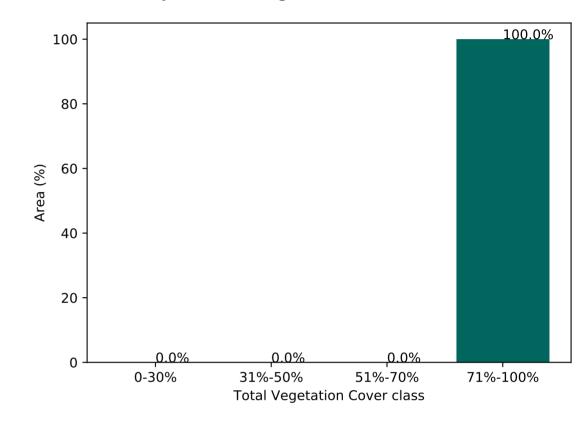
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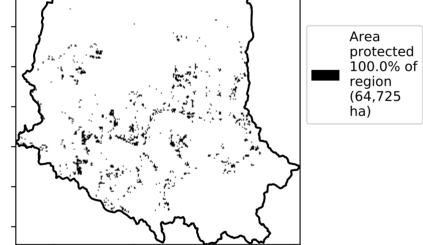
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



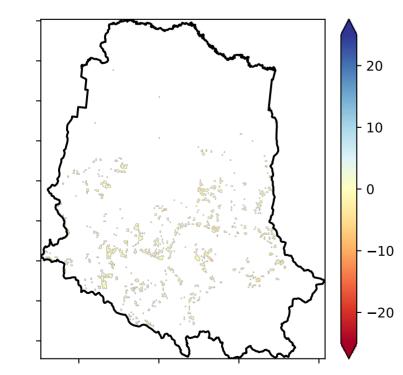
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



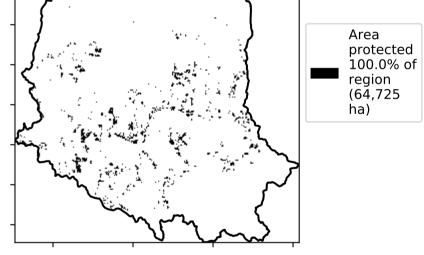
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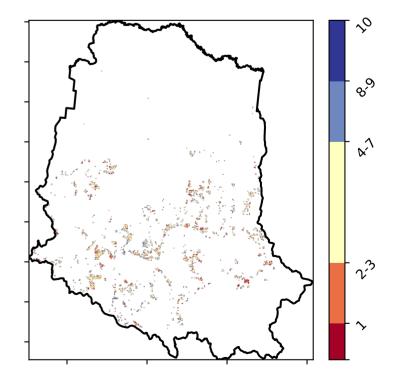
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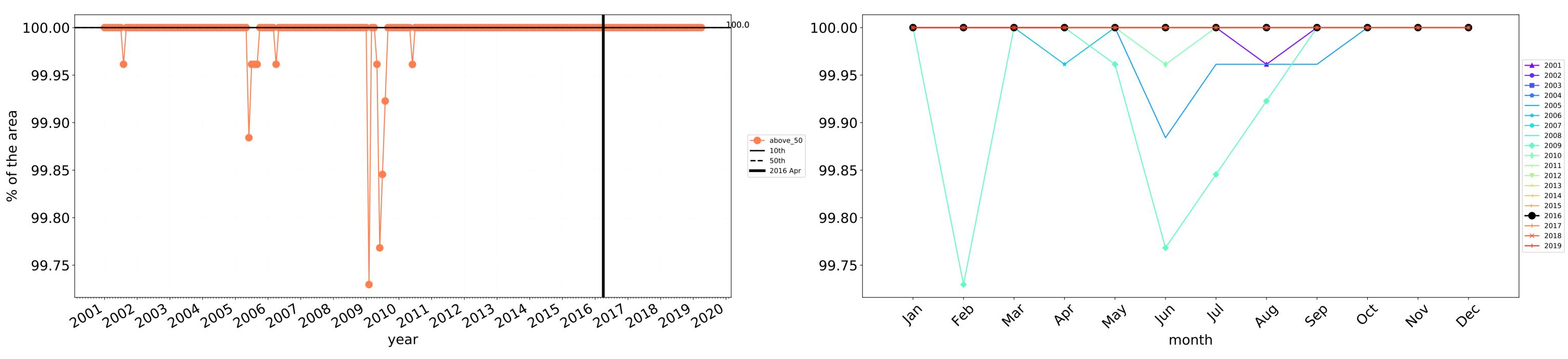


**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 



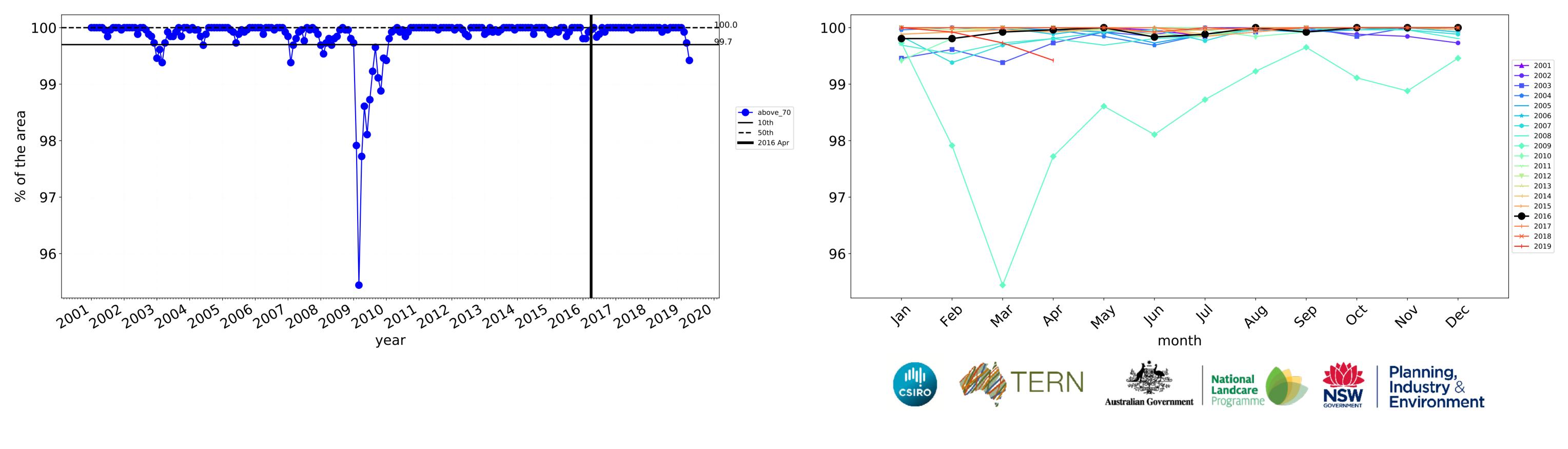


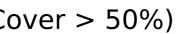
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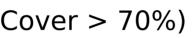
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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



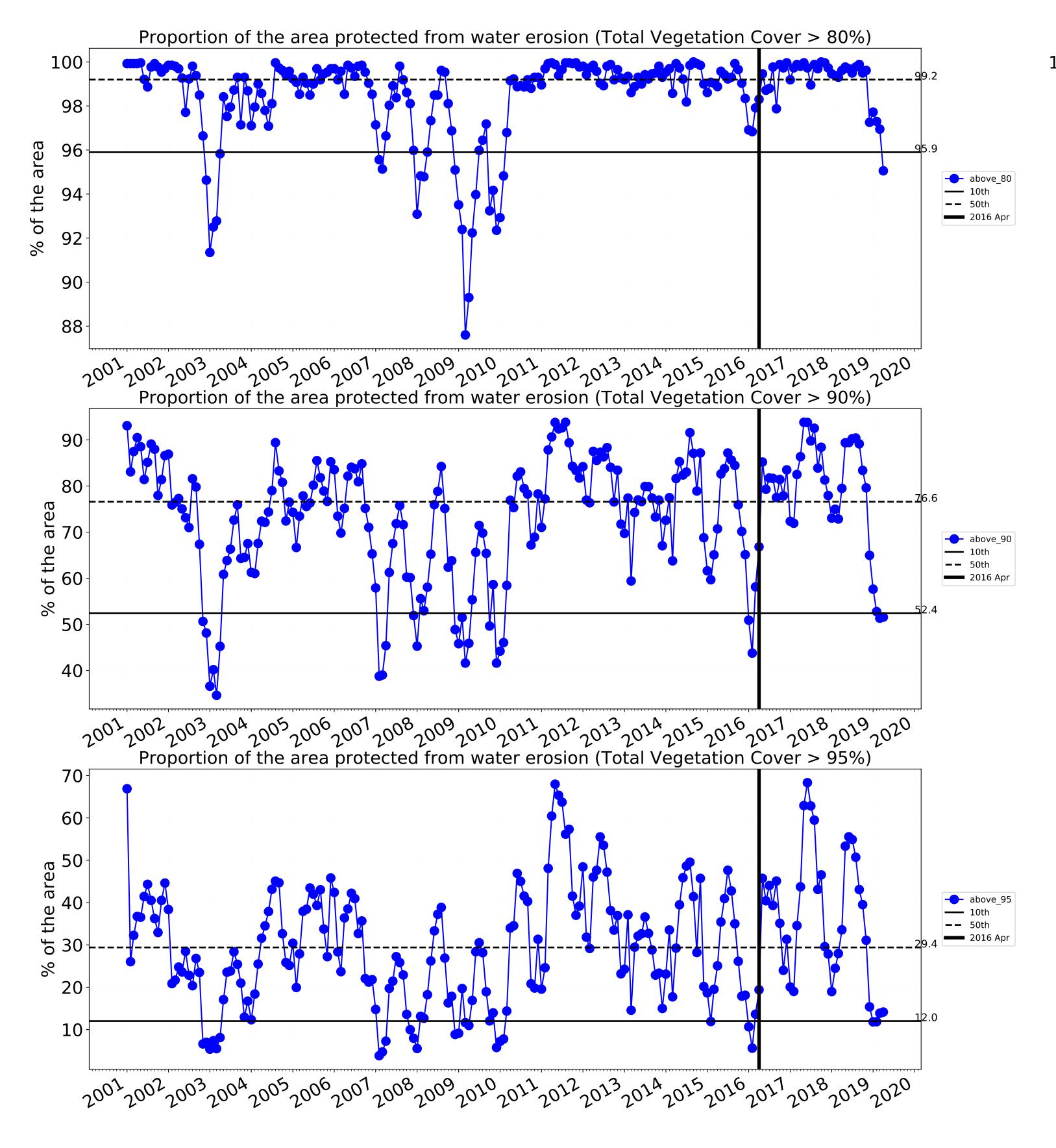


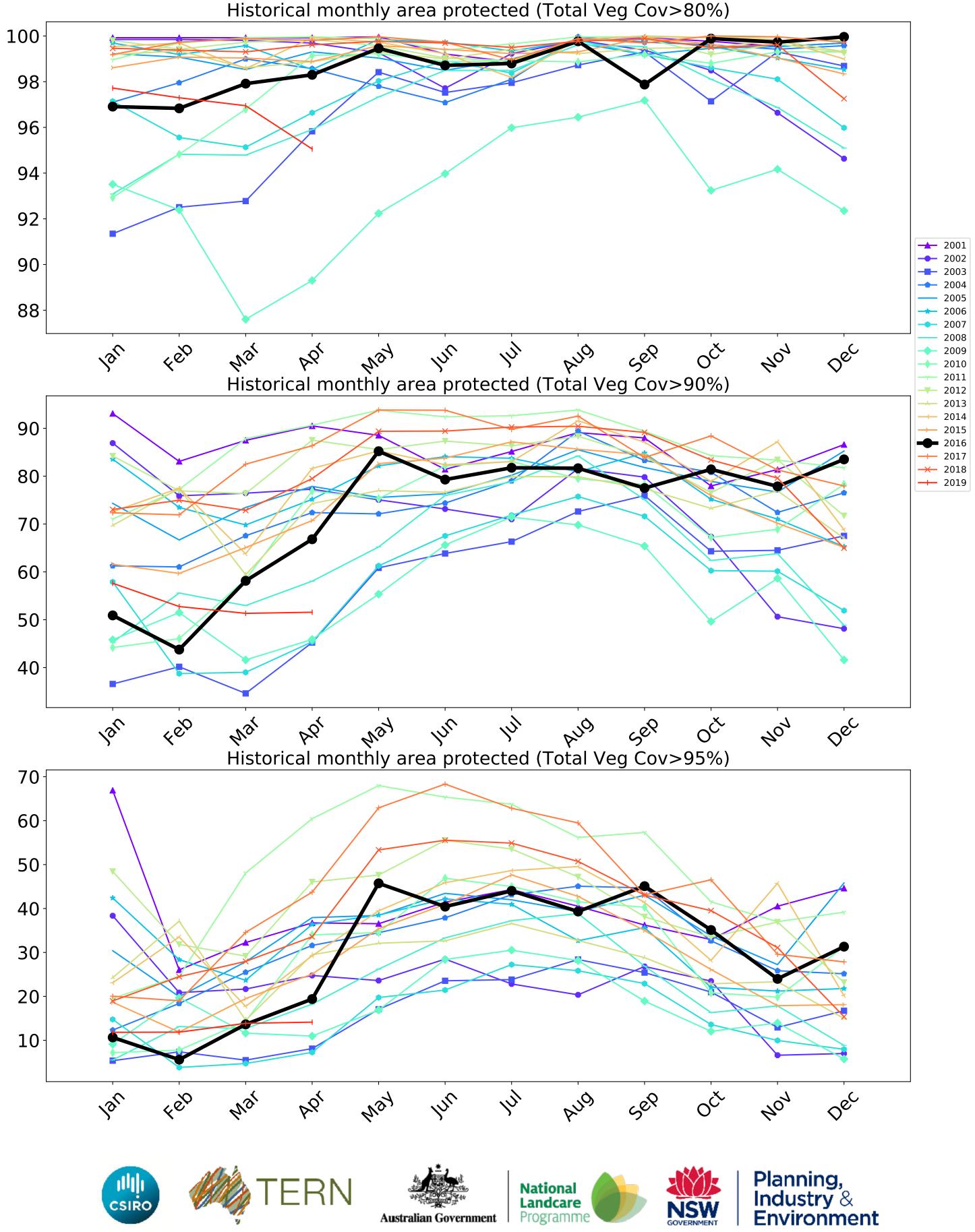
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



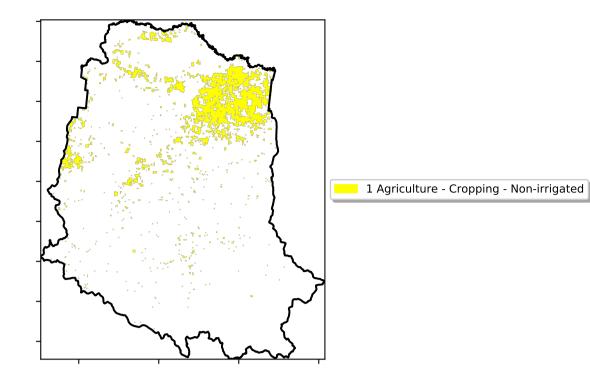




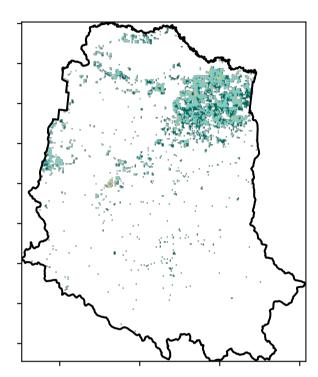


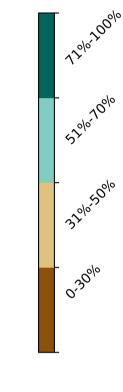
### Cropping

### Land use and forest cover

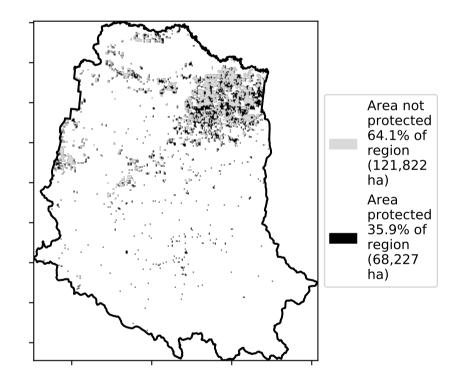


**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



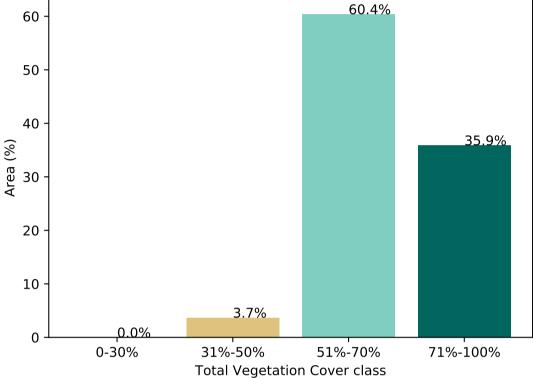


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

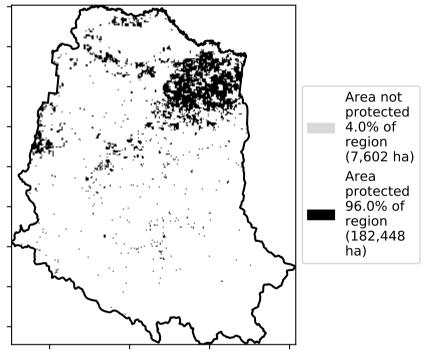


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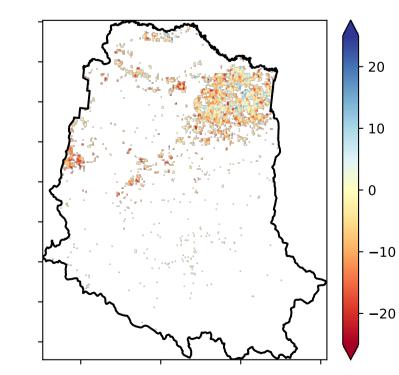




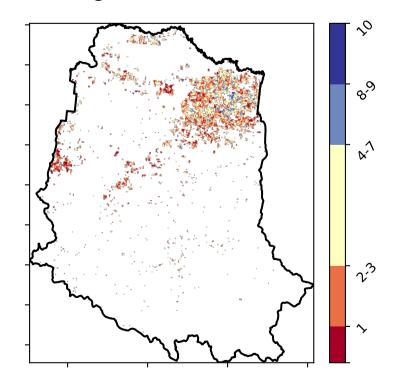
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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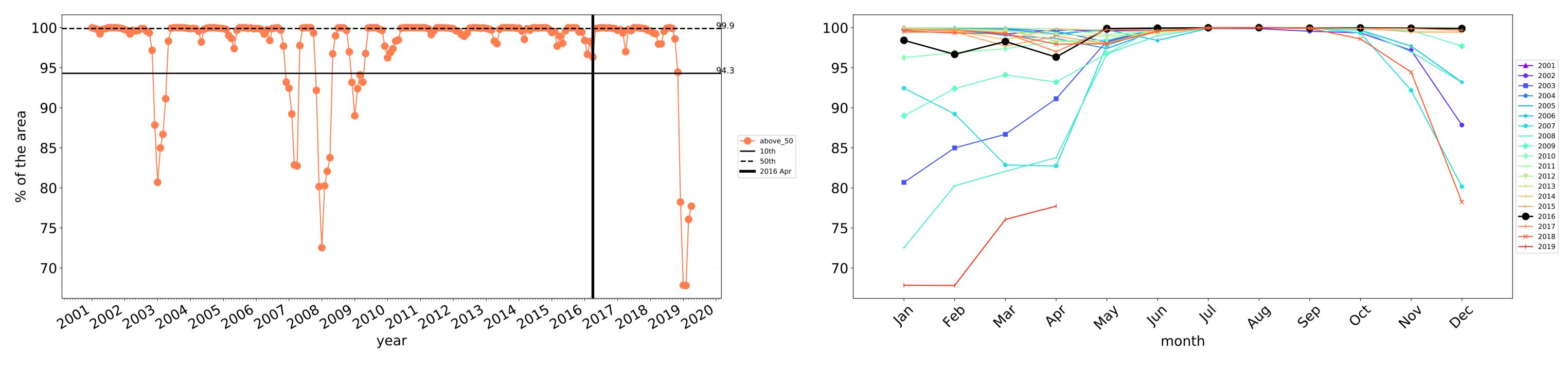
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Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests

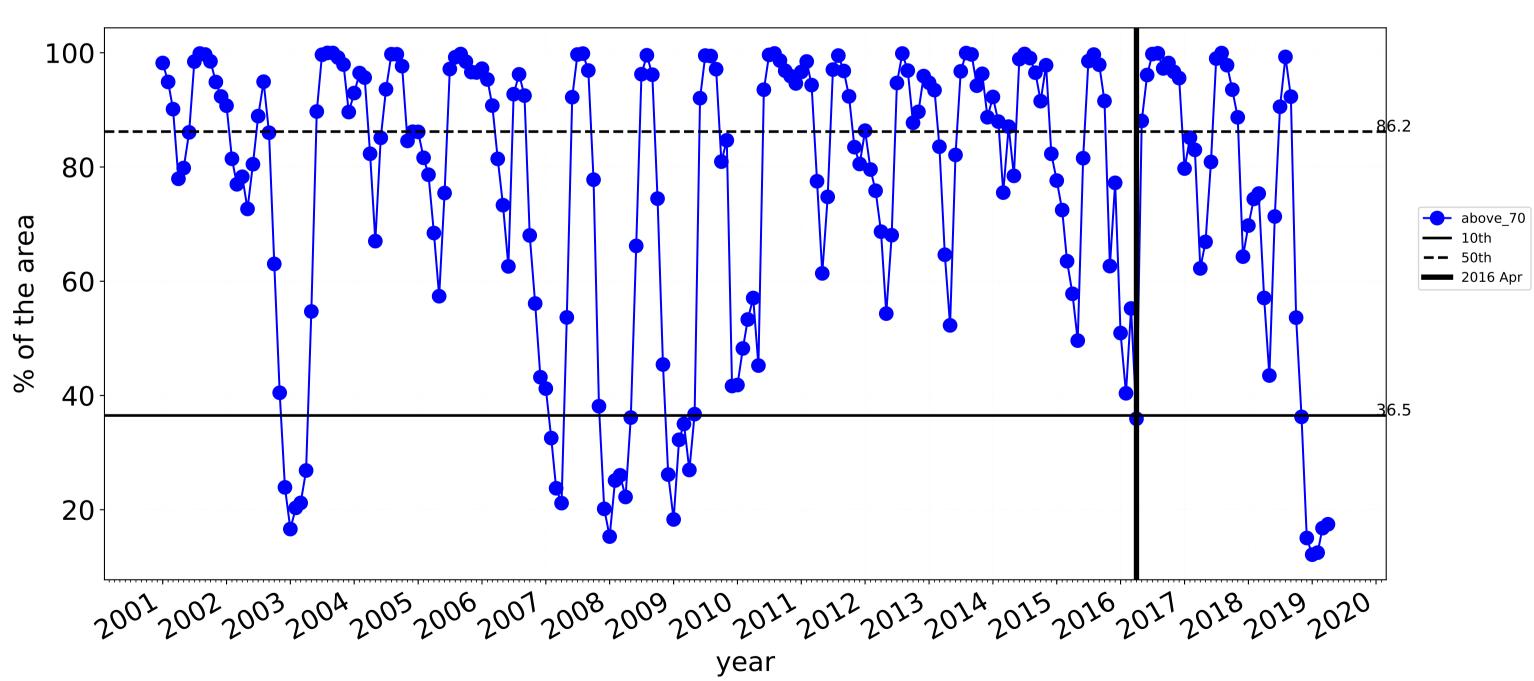
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)





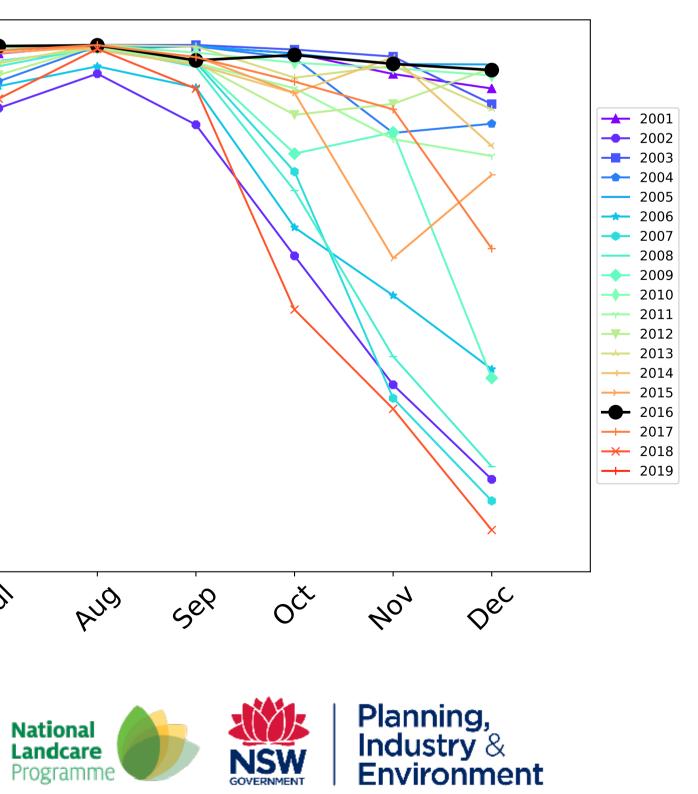
# **Cropping timeseries**

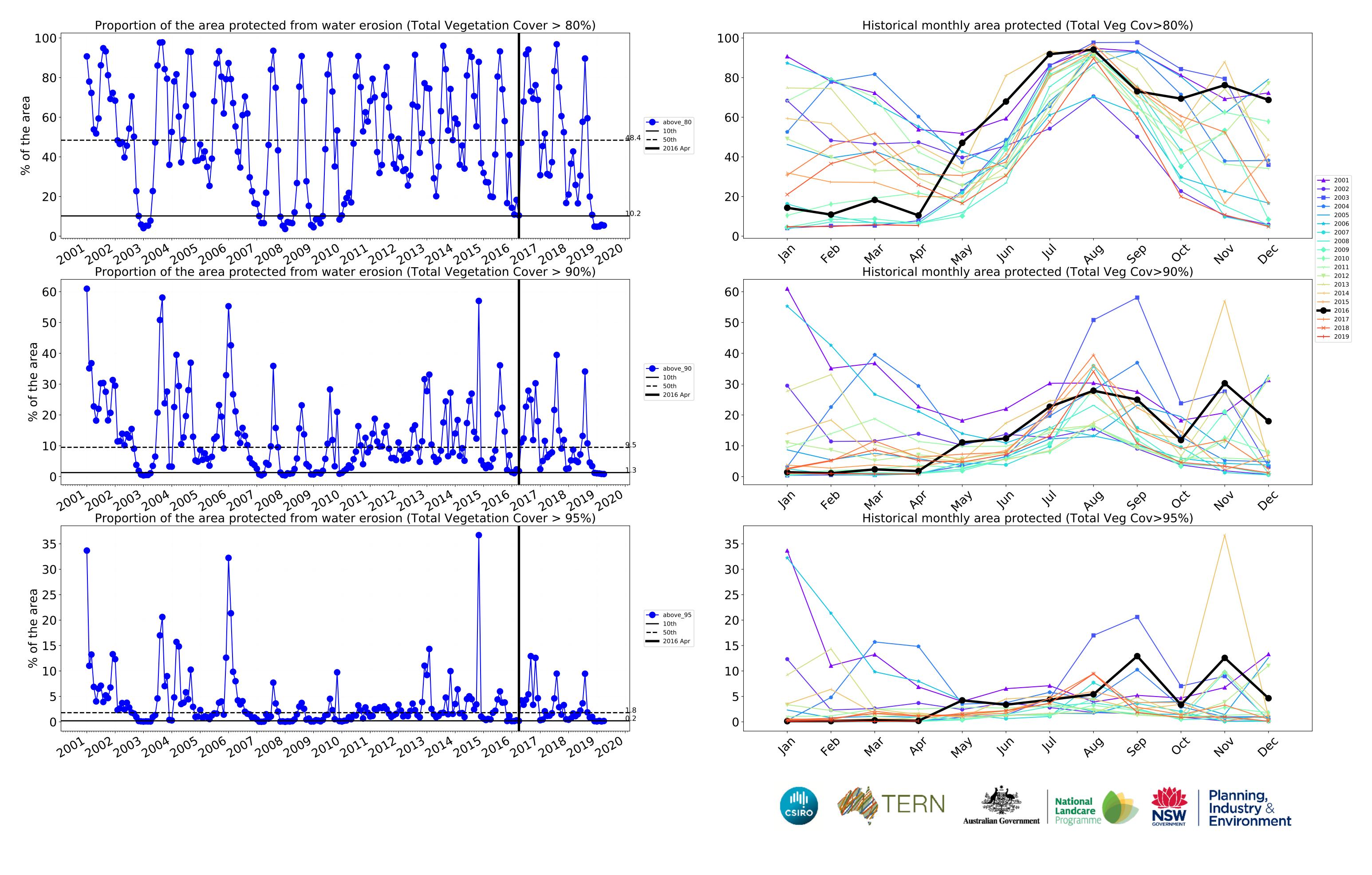


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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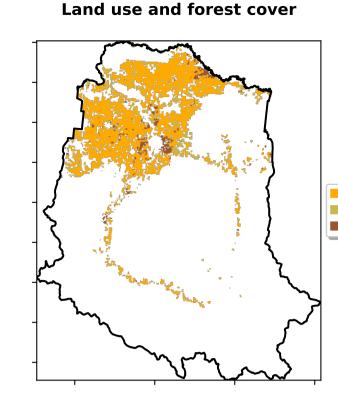
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





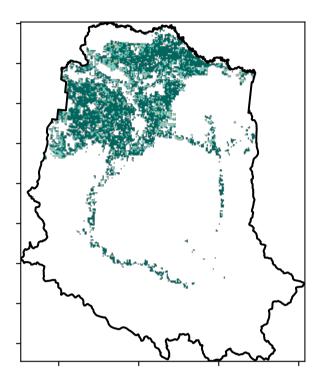
### Irrigation

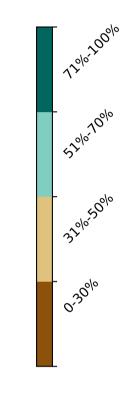
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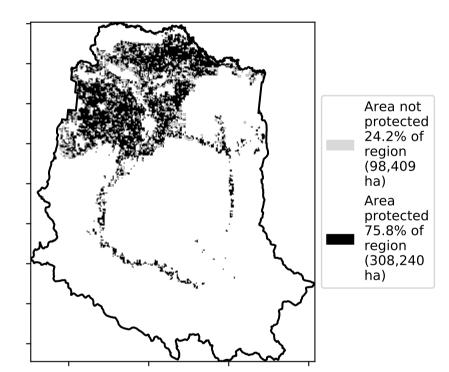
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

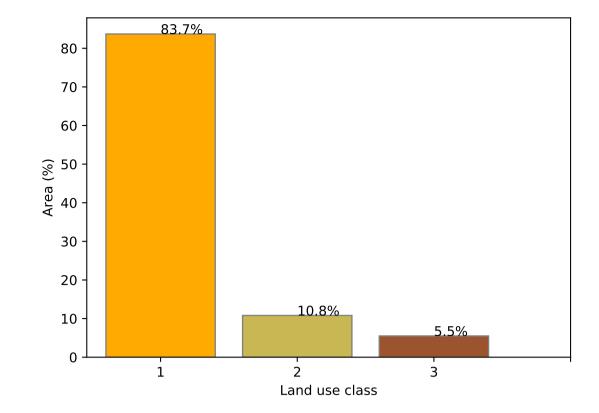
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





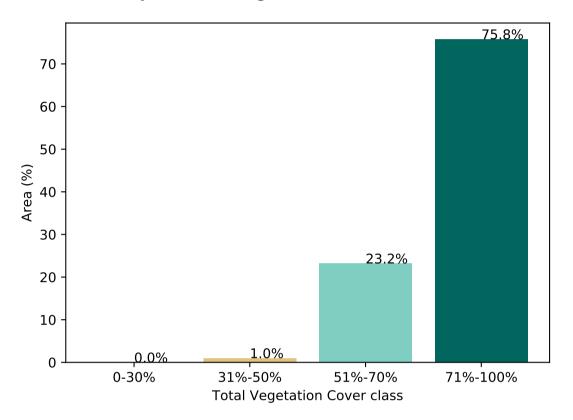
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



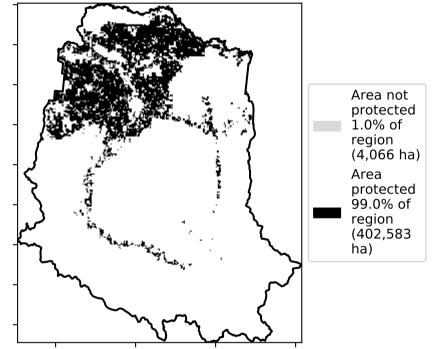


#### Proportion of each land class in area

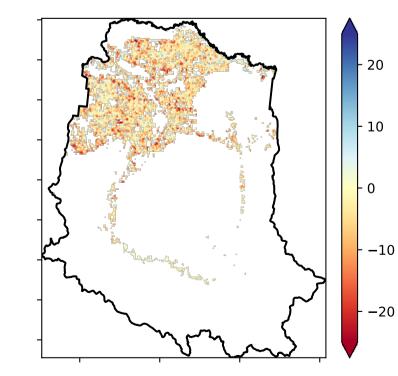
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

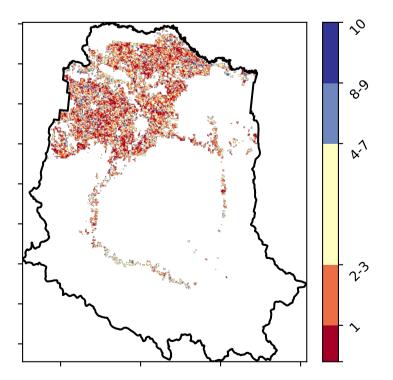


**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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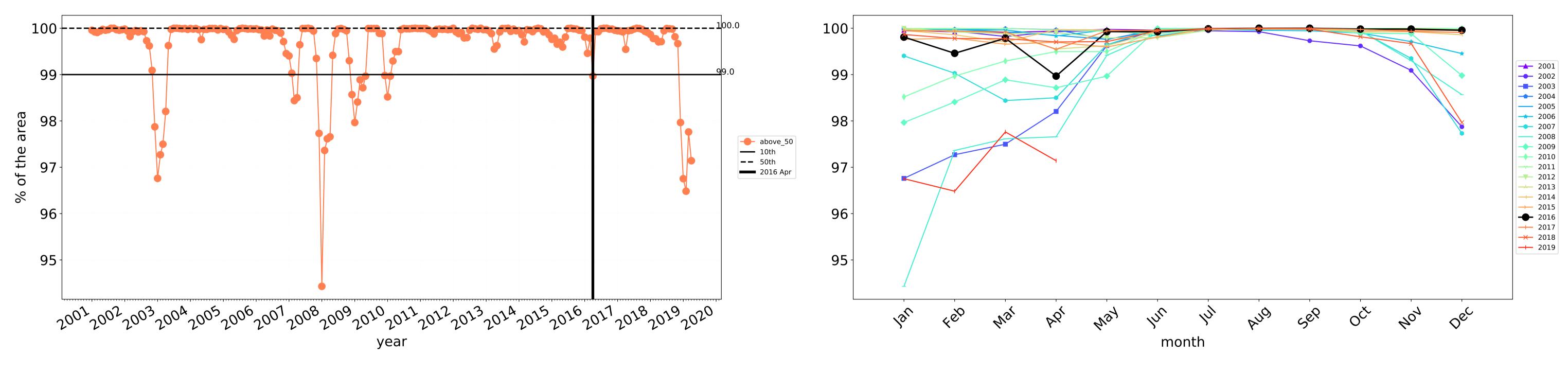
**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





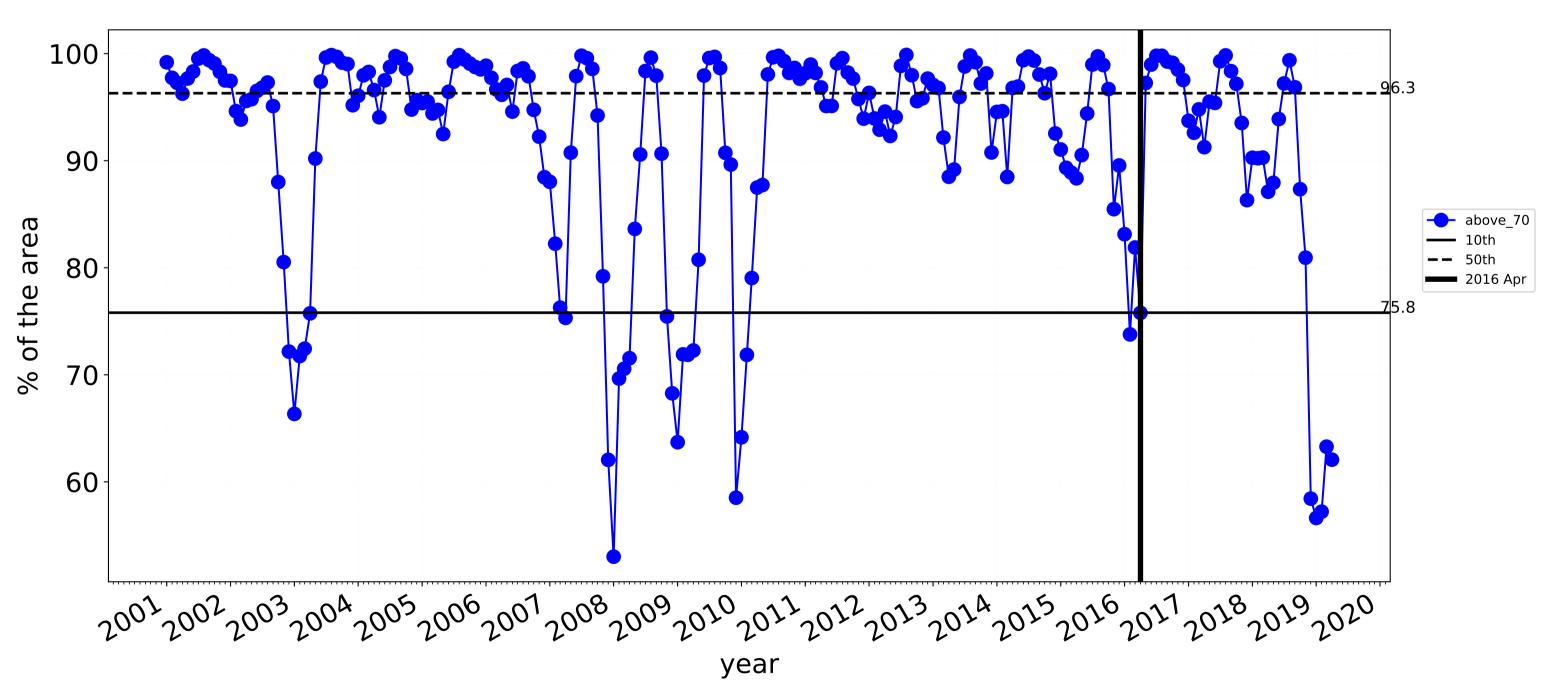
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

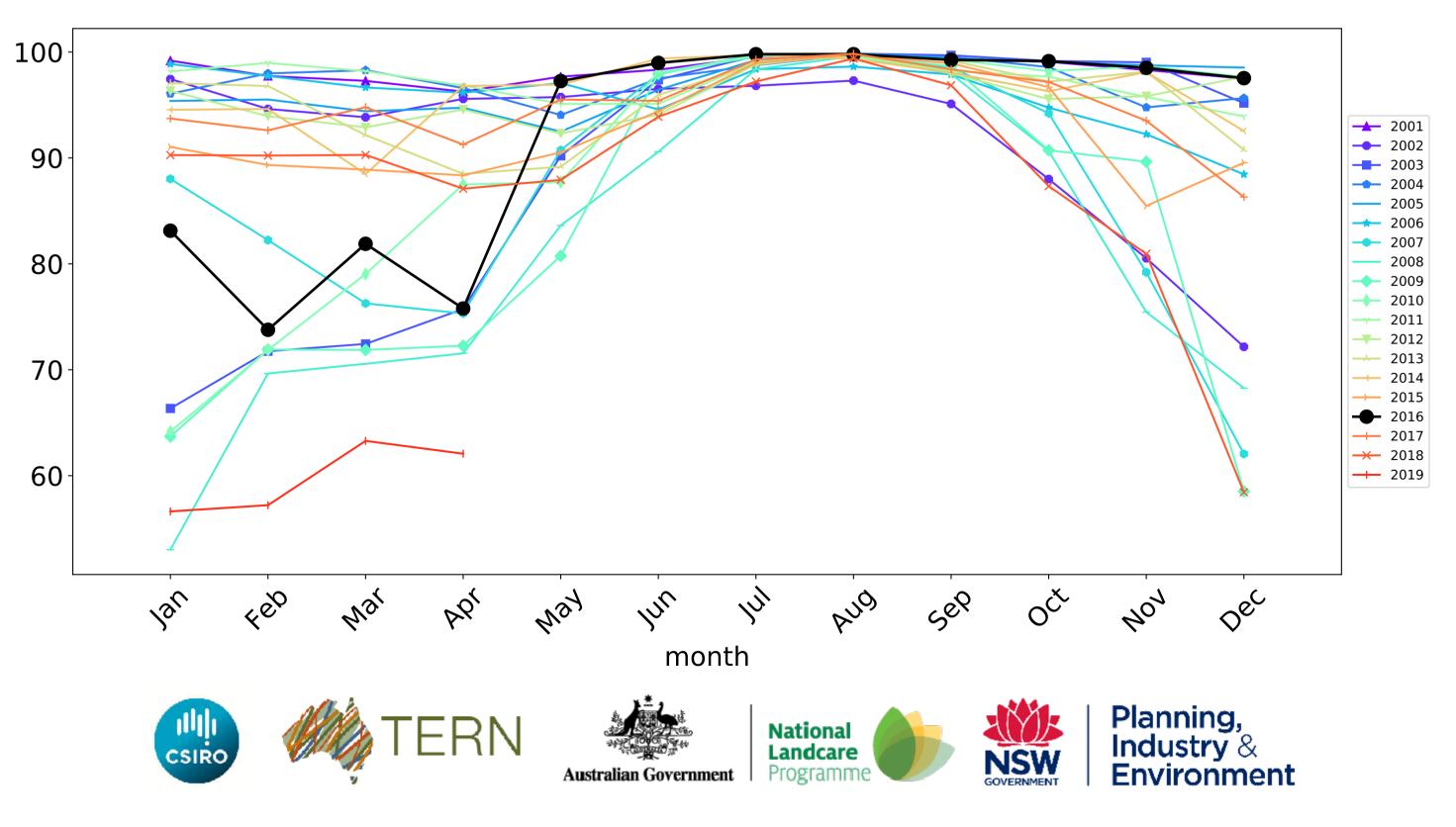
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



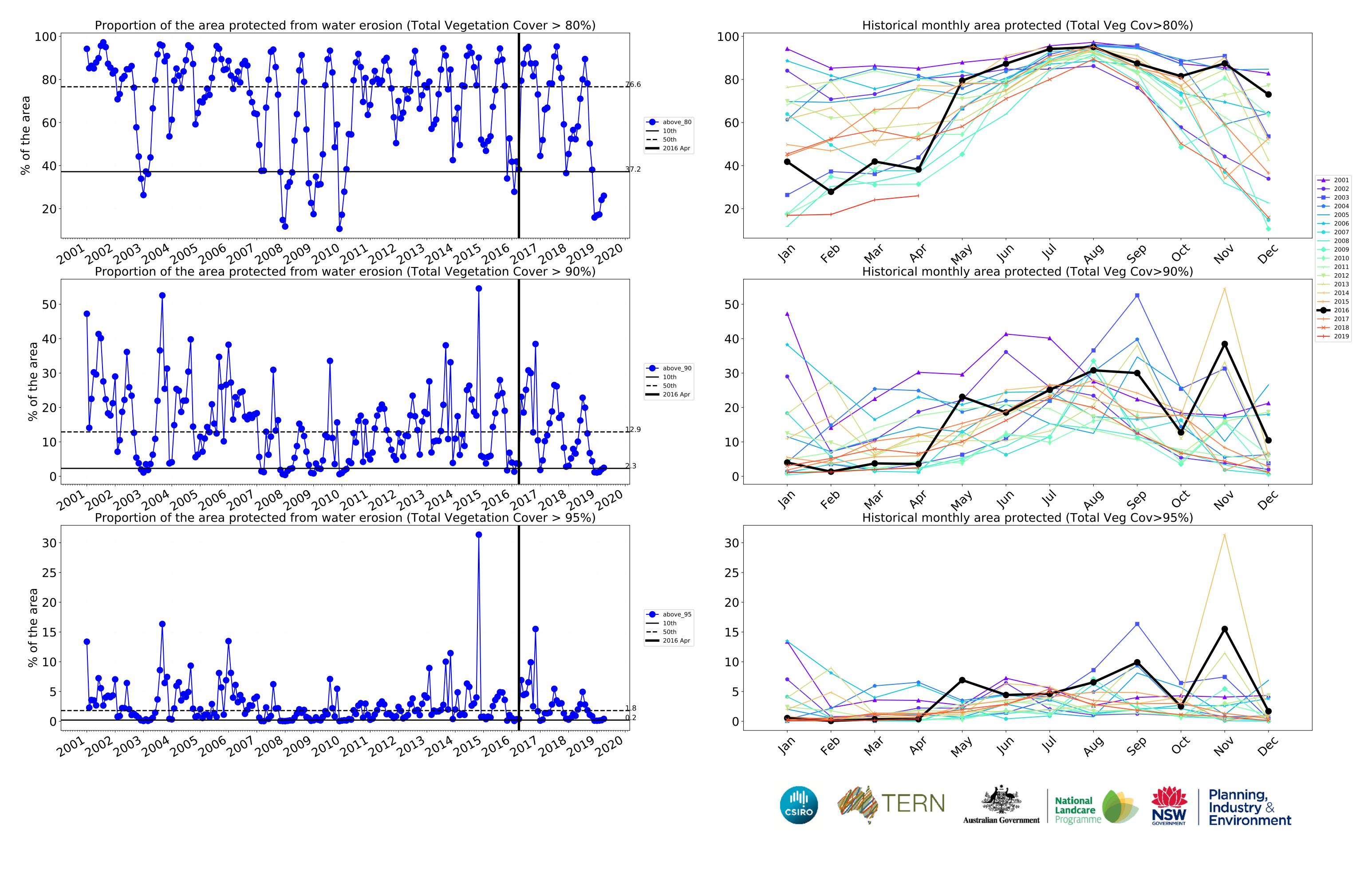
# Irrigation timeseries



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

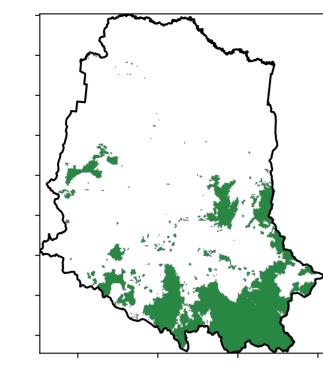


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### **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover



1 Production native forests and plantation forests

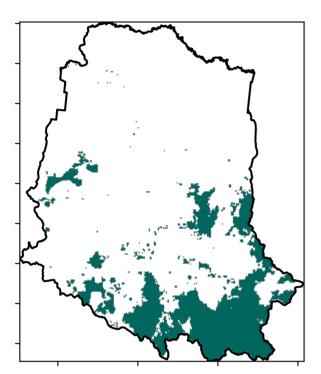
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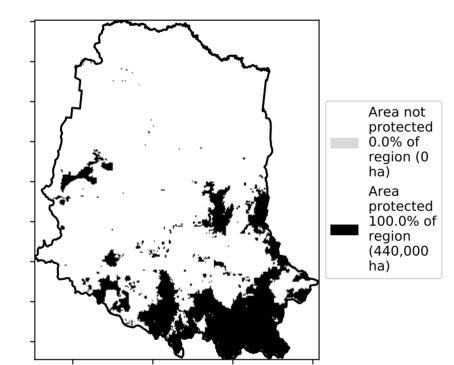
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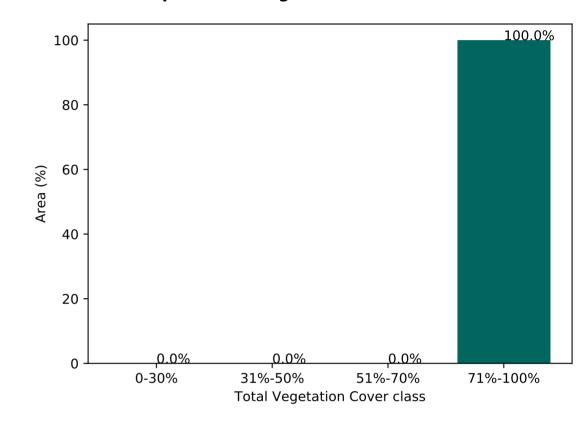
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 







Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

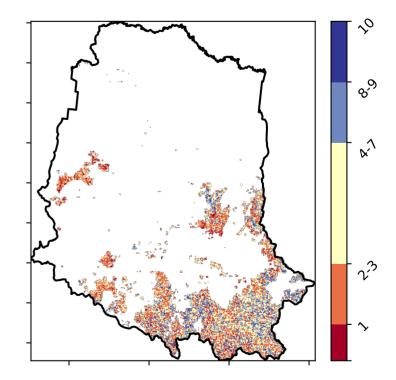
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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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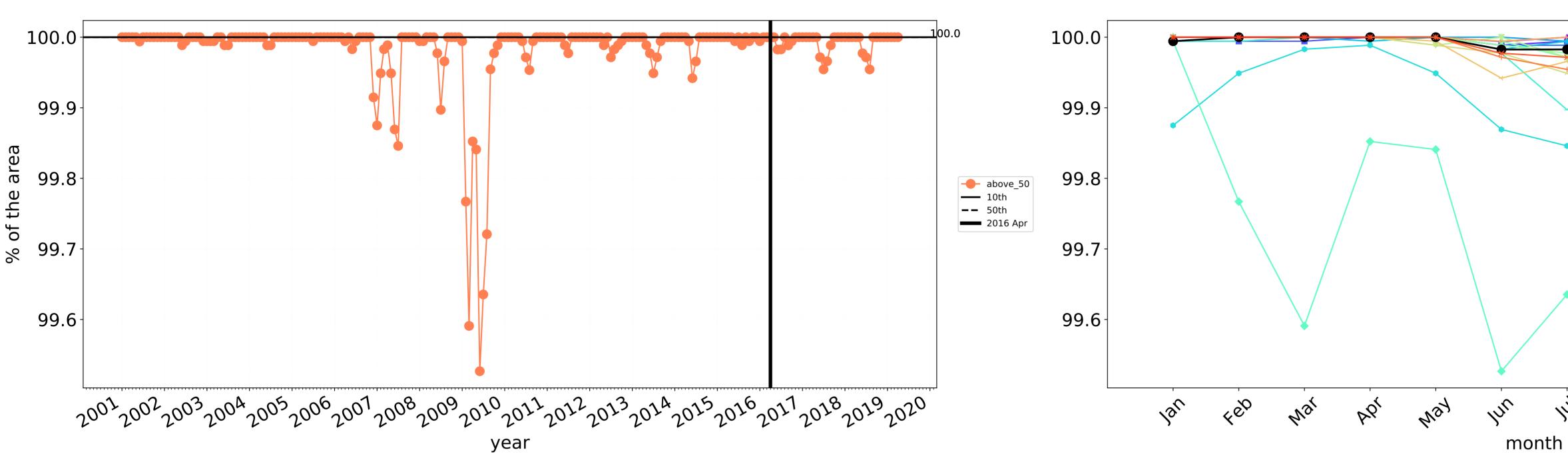
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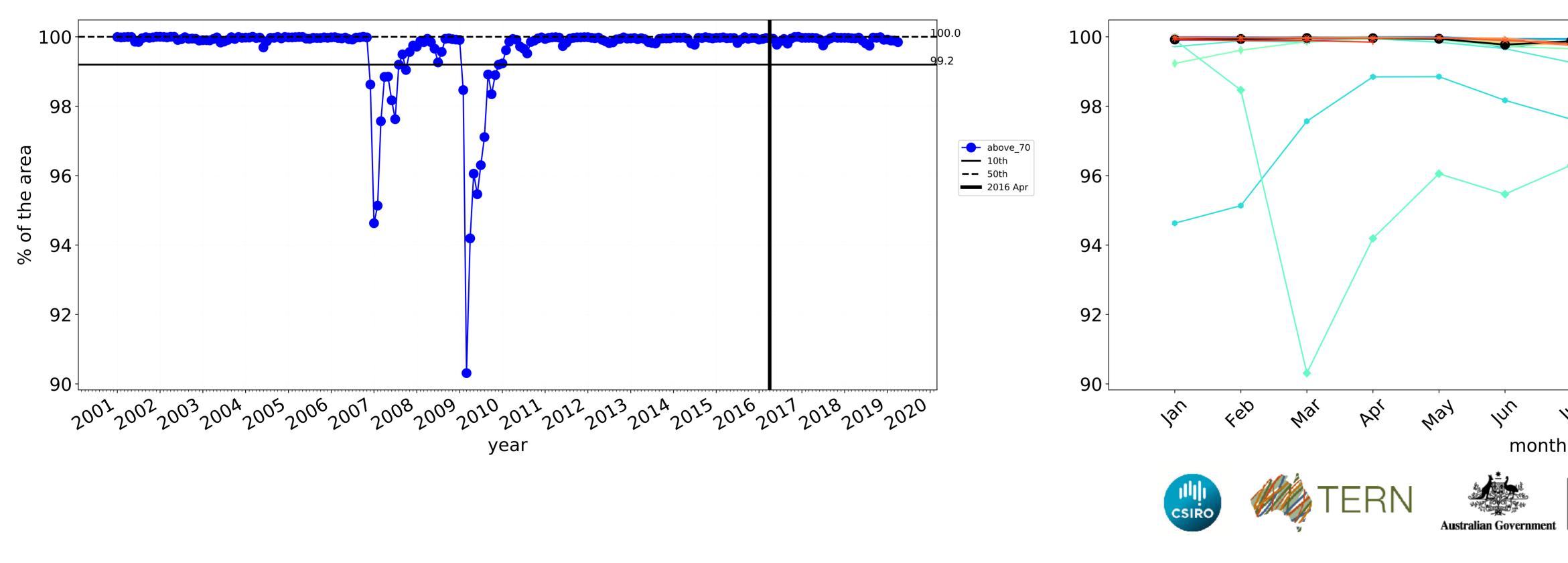
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### Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries

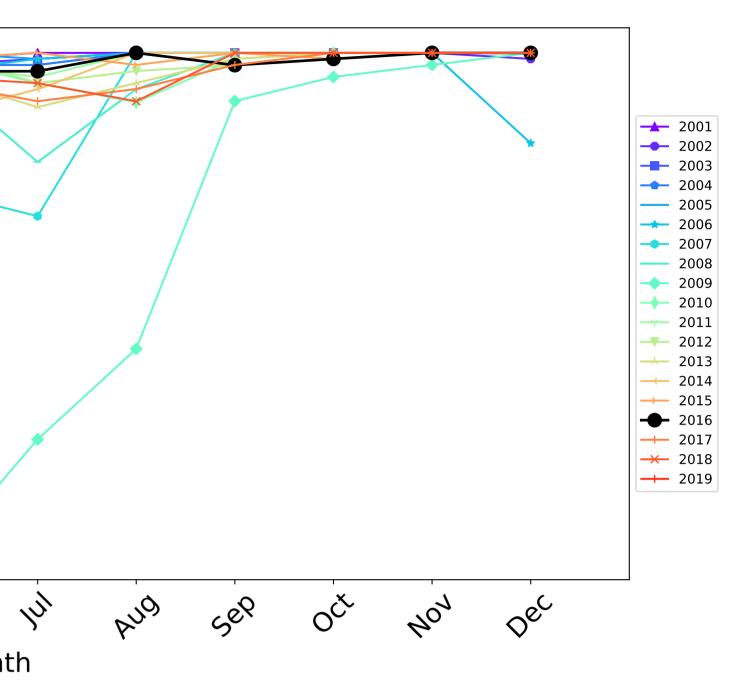


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

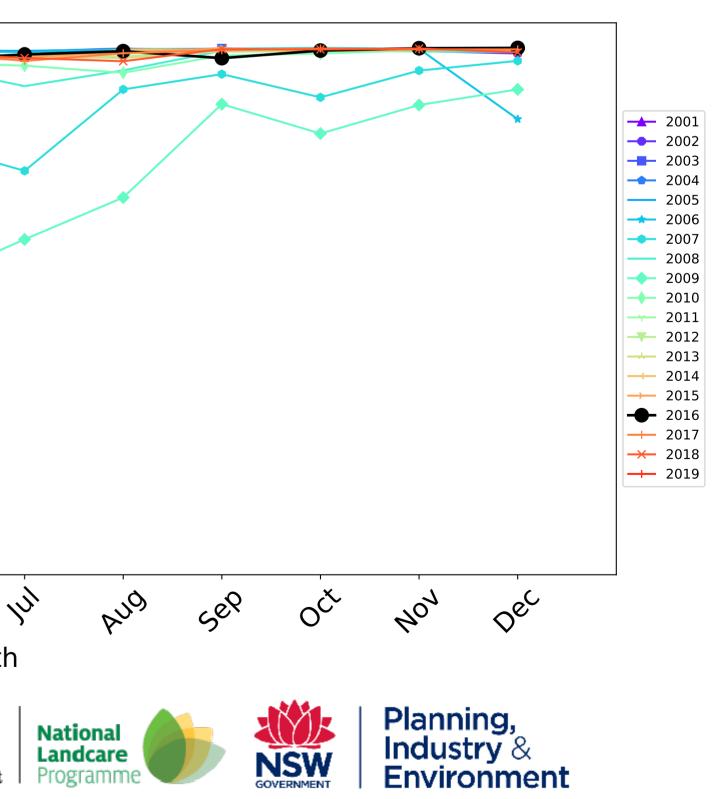
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)

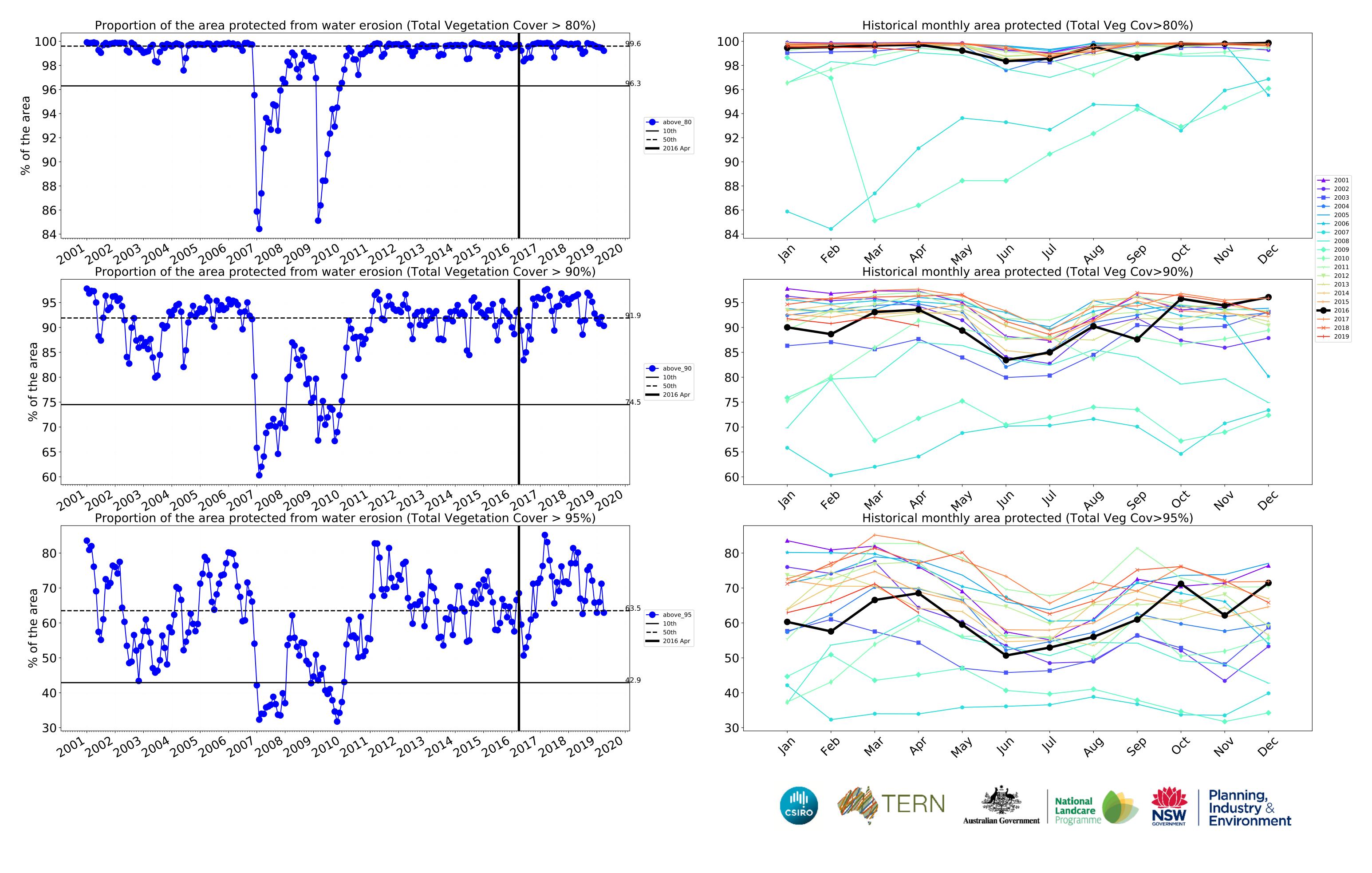


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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





# Goulburn Broken (2,394,675 ha and no data 12,788 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	2,394,675	100.0% 2,393,899	99.3% 2,378,019	86.1% 2,060,834	67.3% 1,611,130	35.5% 850,993	17.6% 421,545
Conservation and natural environments	235,425	99.9% 235,175	99.7% 234,775	97.7% 230,075	91.4% 215,175	64.1% 150,925	28.3% 66,725
Conservation and natural environments non forest	42,075	99.4% 41,825	98.6% 41,475	90.0% 37,875	64.8% 27,250	16.5% 6,950	2.1% 875
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	172,275	100.0% 172,275	100.0% 172,275	99.5% 171,450	97.9% 168,725	77.7% 133,850	36.8% 63,450
Agriculture	1,575,650	100.0% 1,575,425	99.1% 1,561,800	80.4% 1,267,525	55.0% 867,000	16.3% 257,475	2.9% 45,175
Grazing	966,675	100.0% 966,625	99.7% 964,025	91.0% 879,925	70.6% 682,250	24.4% 235,625	4.4% 42,400
Grazing non forest	892,550	100.0% 892,500	99.7% 889,900	90.3% 805,900	68.3% 610,025	21.1% 188,400	3.3% 29,225
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	64,725	100.0% 64,725	100.0% 64,725	100.0% 64,700	98.3% 63,625	66.8% 43,250	19.4% 12,550
Cropping	190,050	100.0% 190,050	96.3% 183,075	35.9% 68,275	10.5% 19,875	1.8% 3,425	0.2% 350
Irrigation	406,650	100.0% 406,475	99.0% 402,450	75.8% 308,175	38.2% 155,475	3.6% 14,525	0.4% 1,525
Production native forests and plantation forests	440,000	100.0% 440,000	100.0% 440,000	100.0% 439,825	99.7% 438,750	93.6% 411,750	68.5% 301,450

