Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Goulburn Broken VIC

Date: May 2024

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:

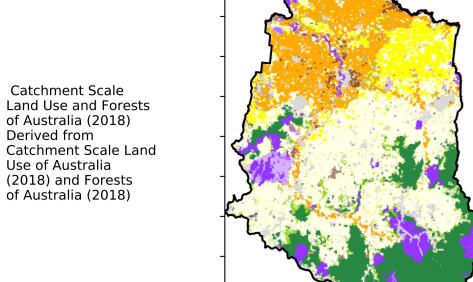
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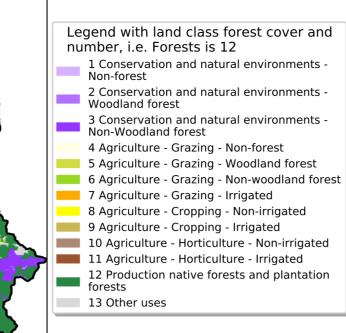


Vegetation Cover May 2024

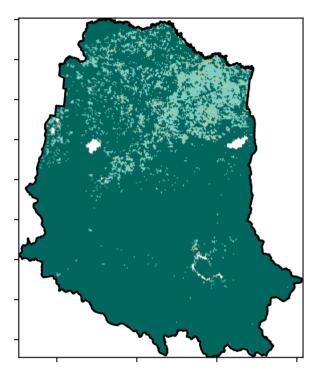
Land use and forest cover

Proportion of each land class in area

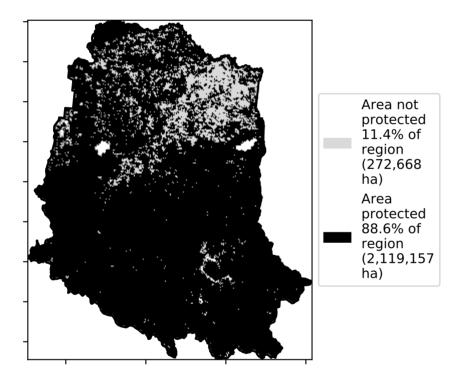


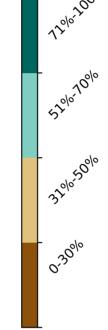


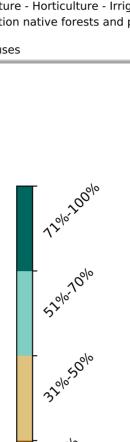
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

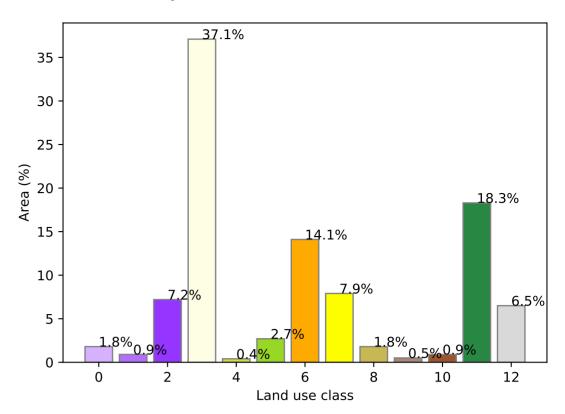


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

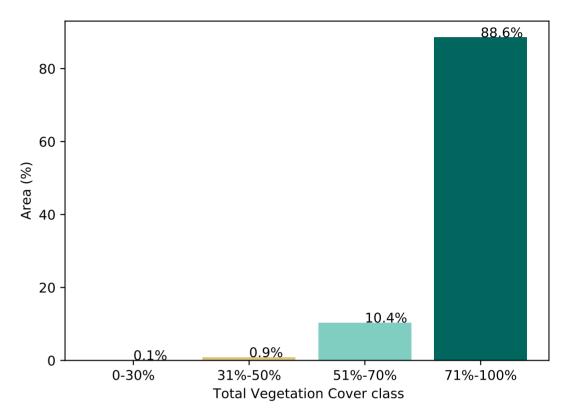




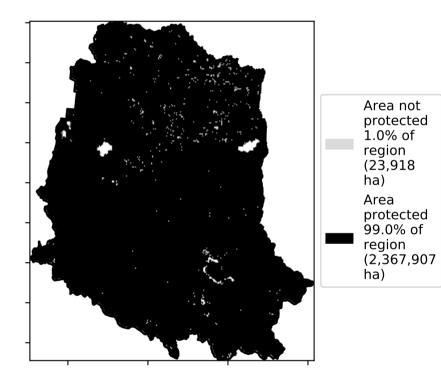




Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

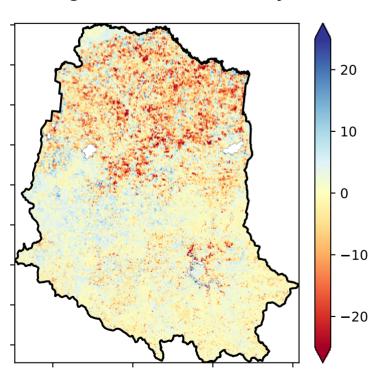


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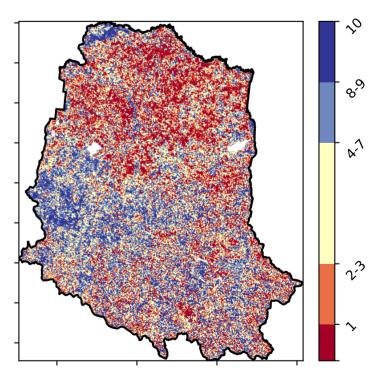


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

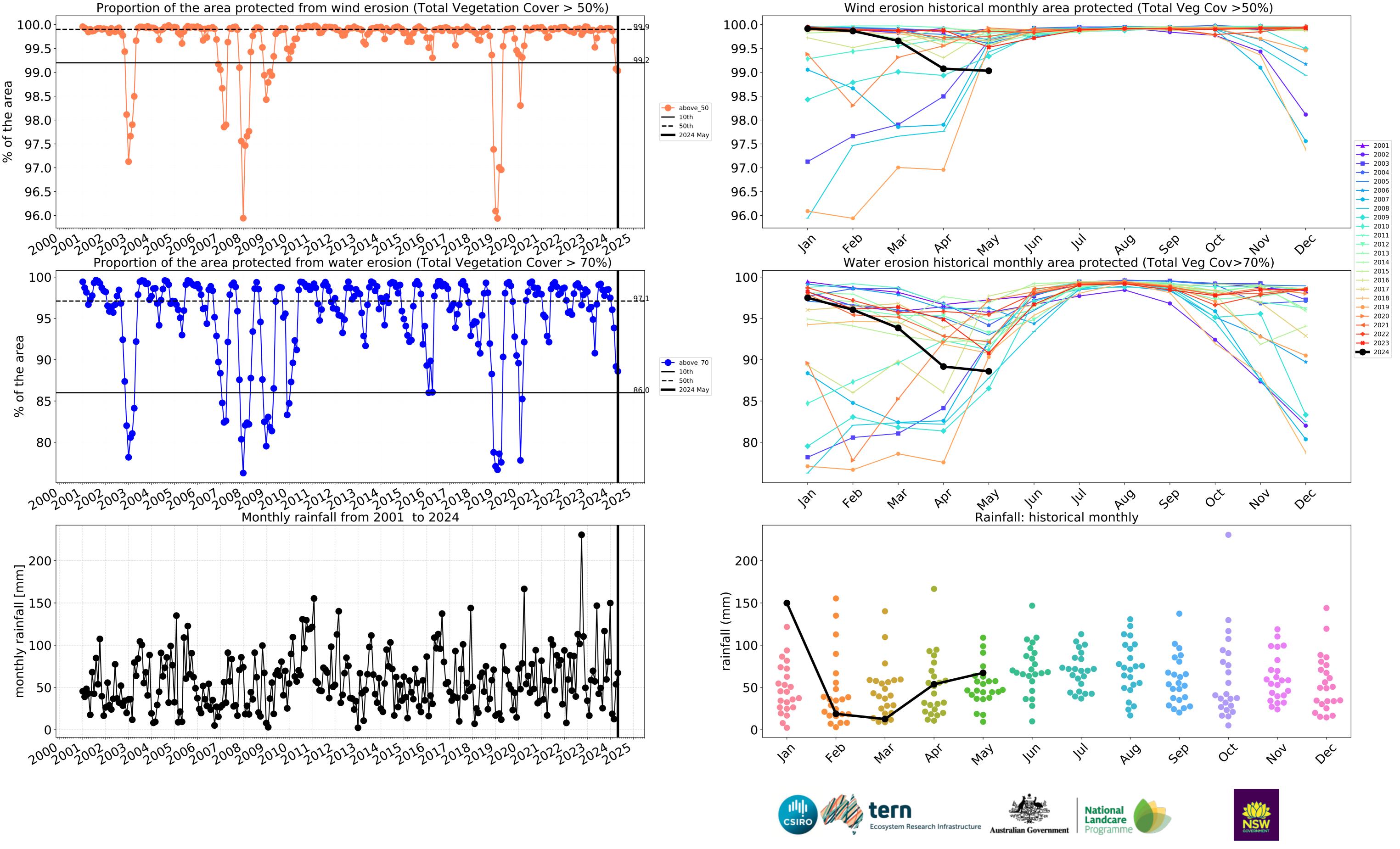
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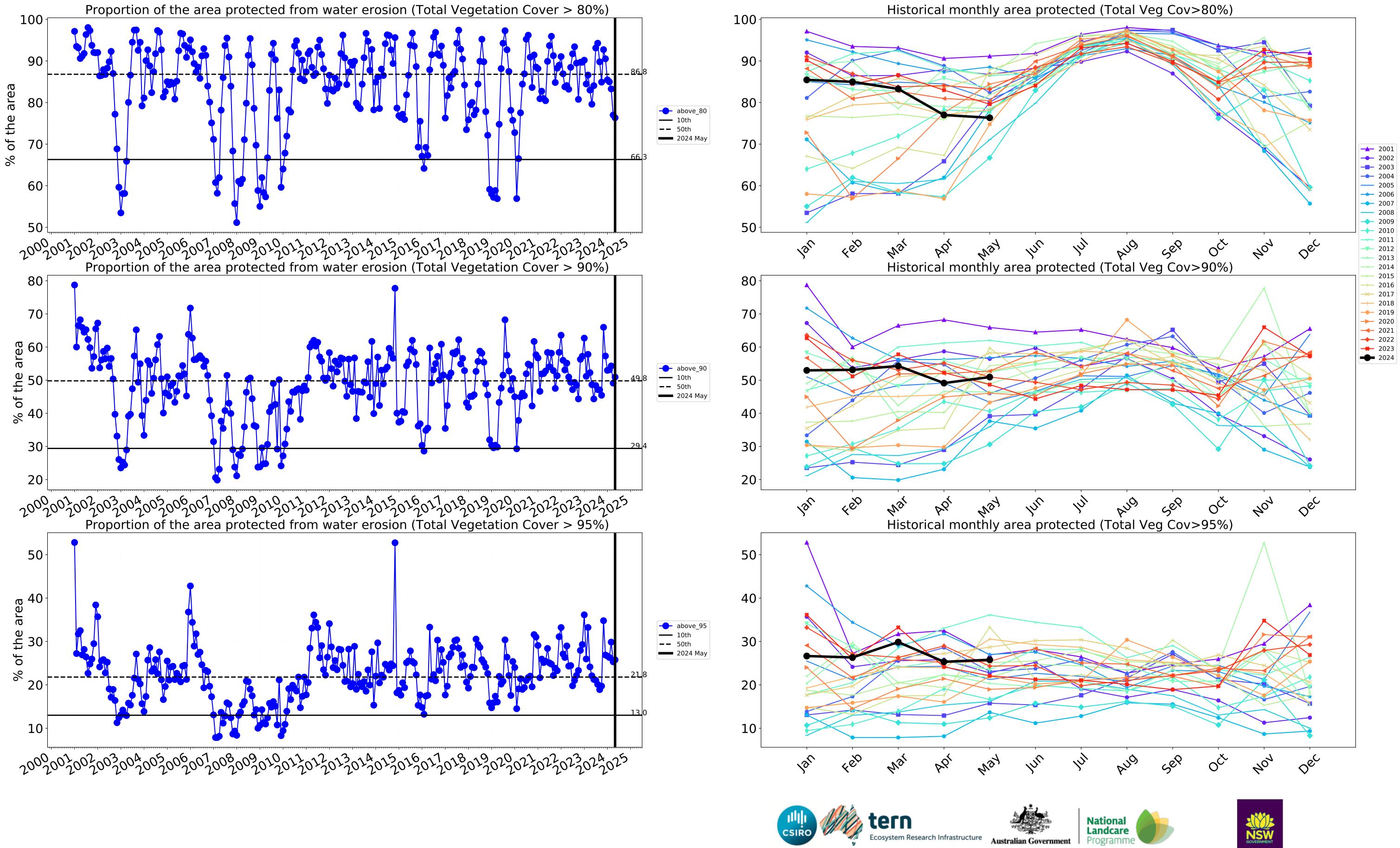


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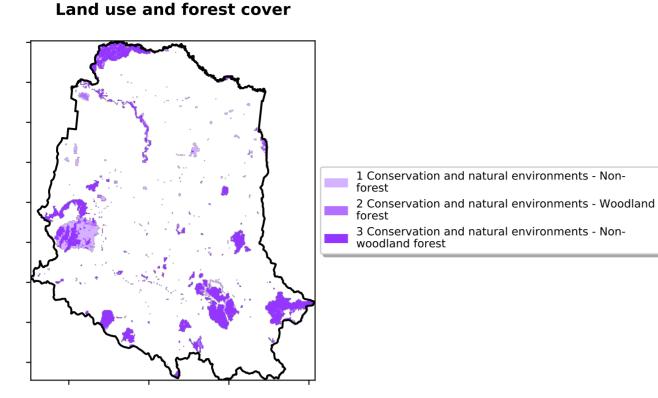


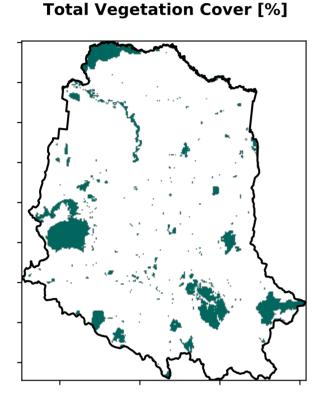




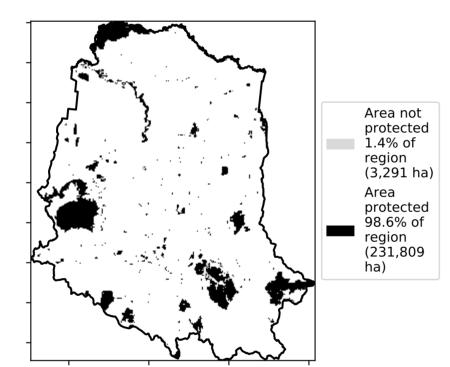
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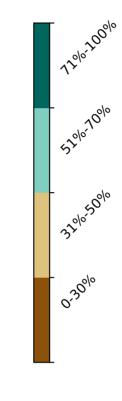
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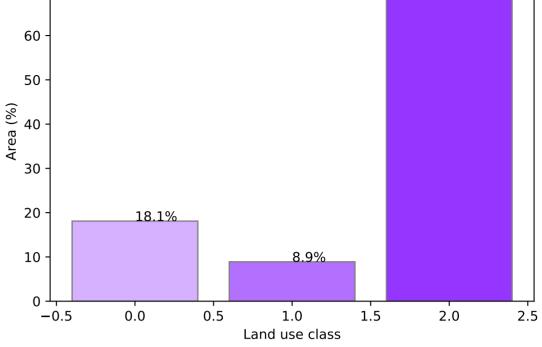








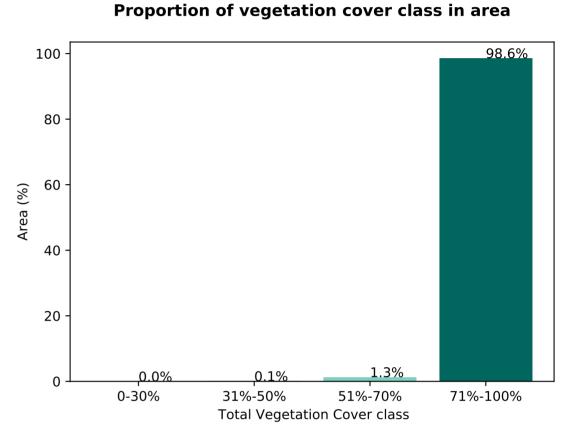




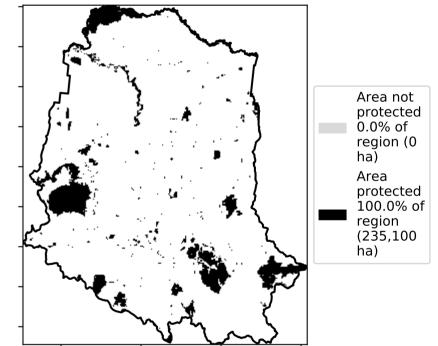
Proportion of each land class in area

70

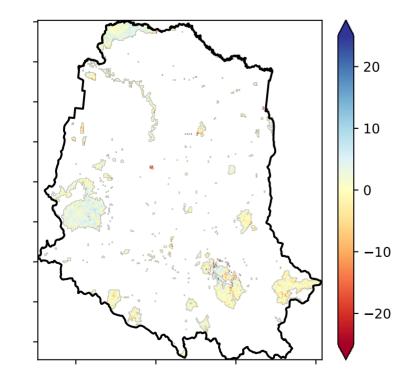
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

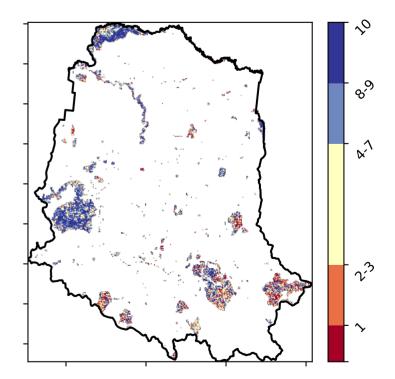


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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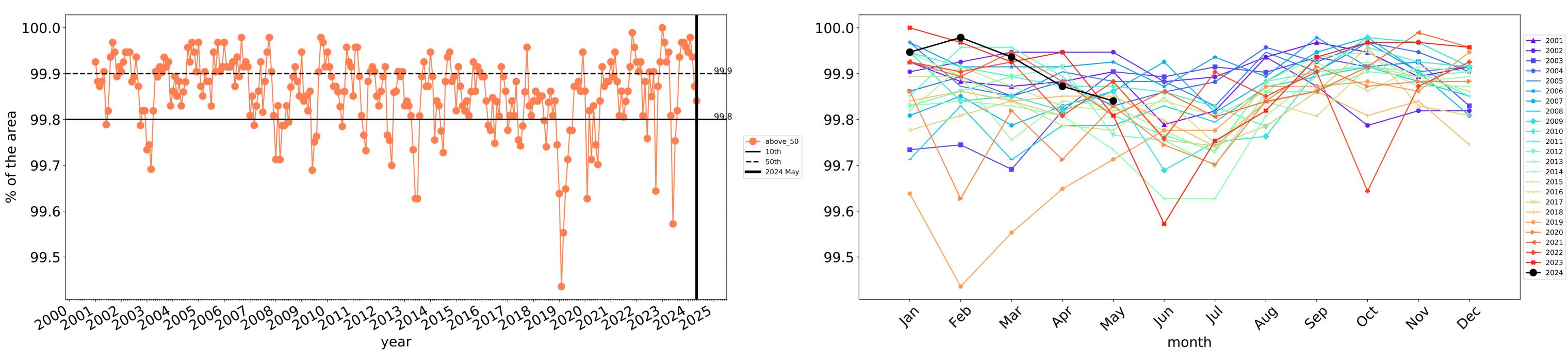
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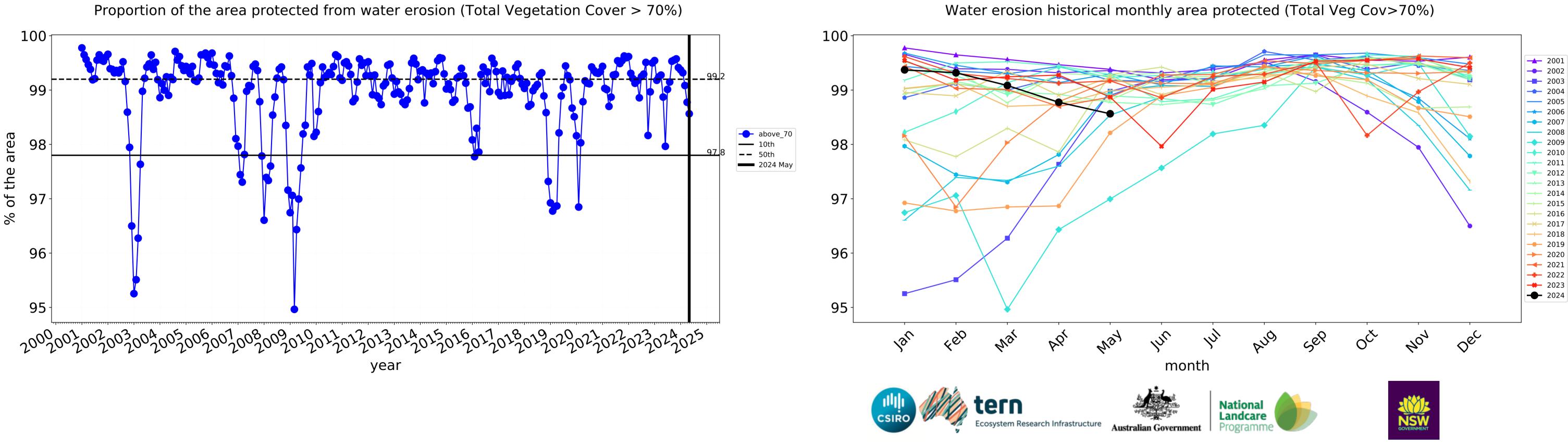


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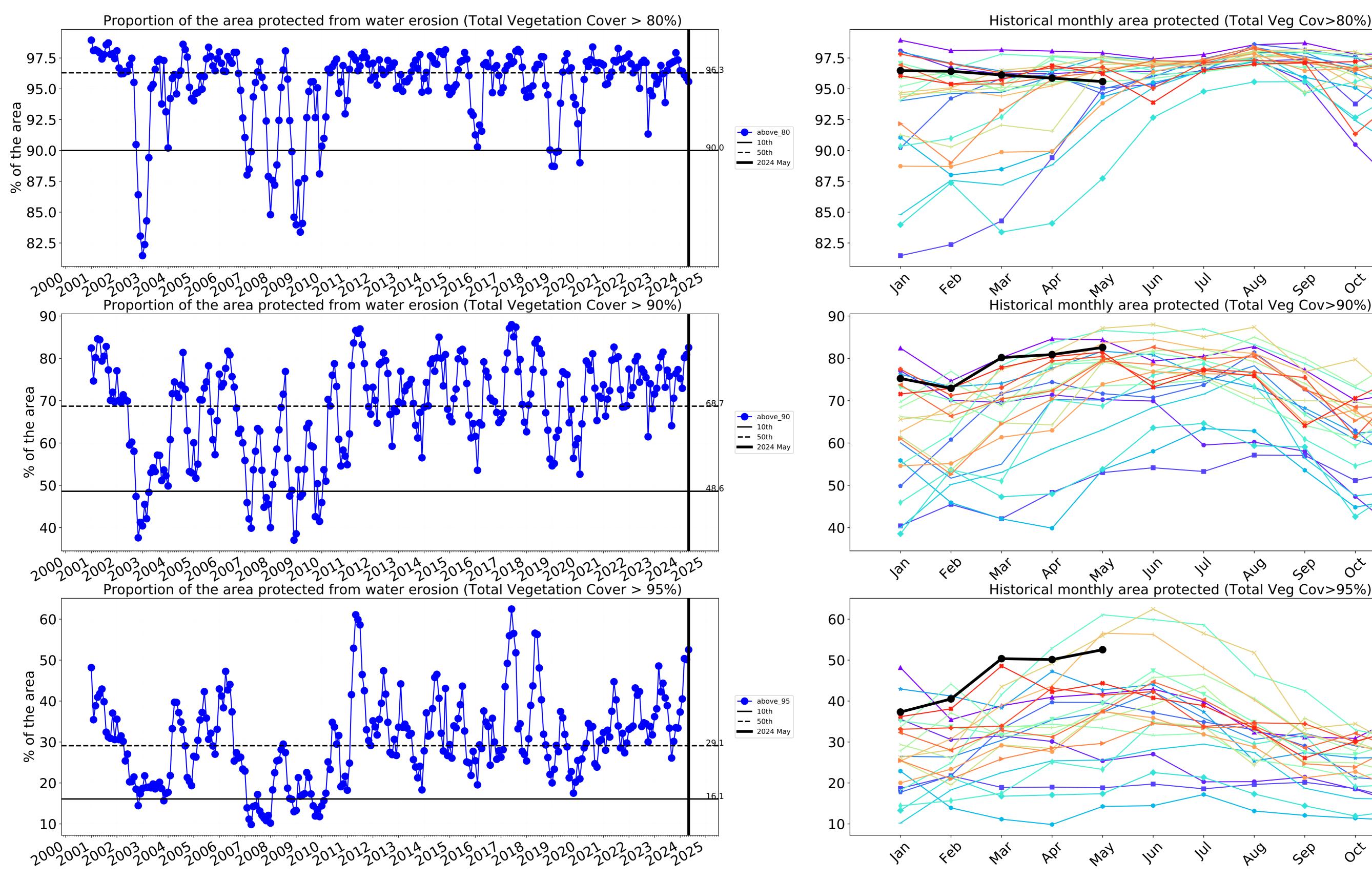


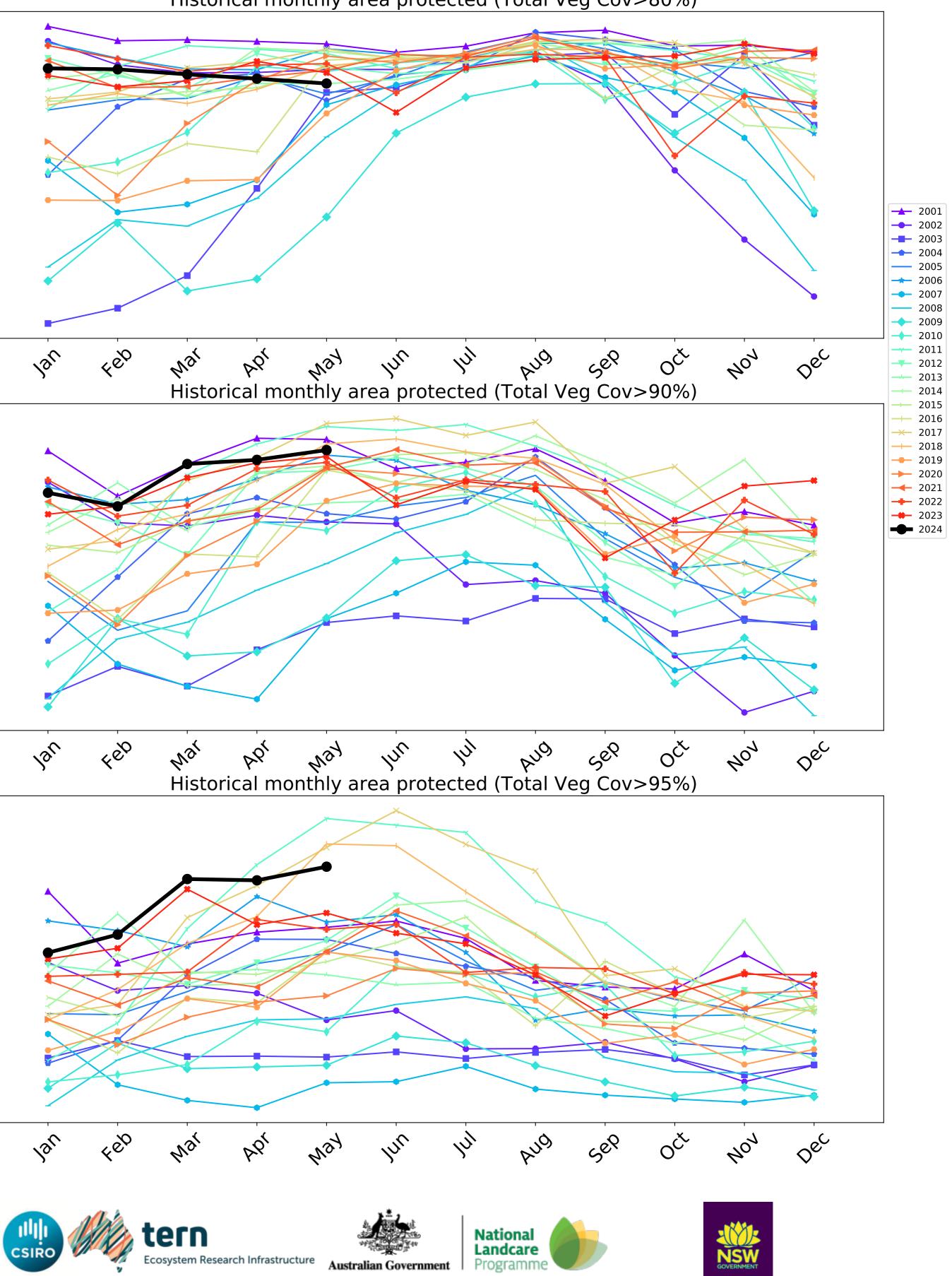


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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





Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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Catchment Scale Land

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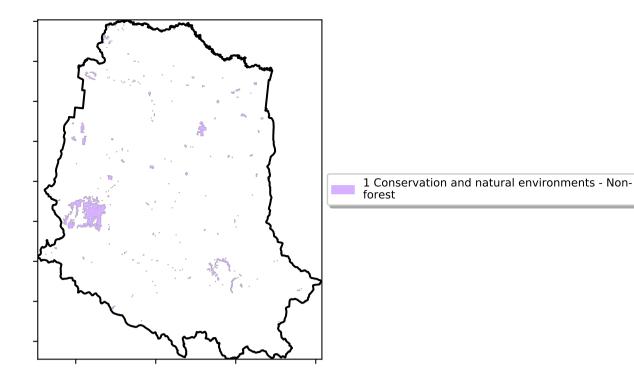
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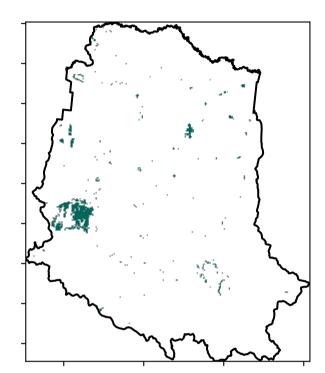
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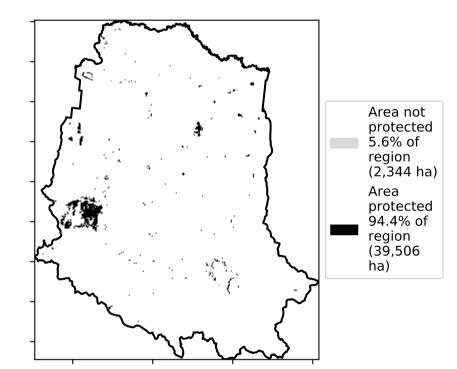
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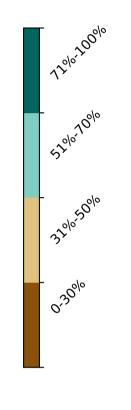


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

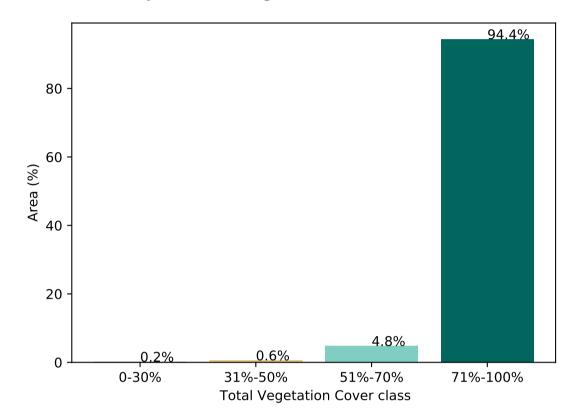




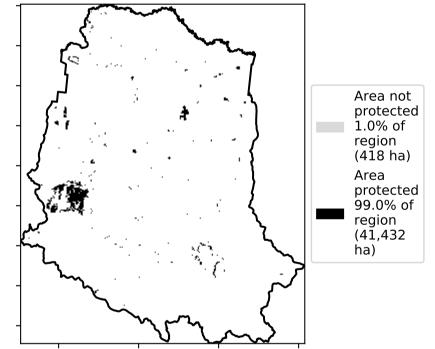




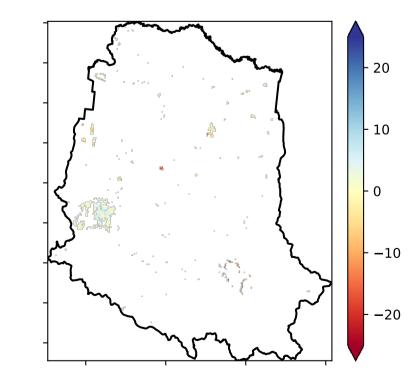
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



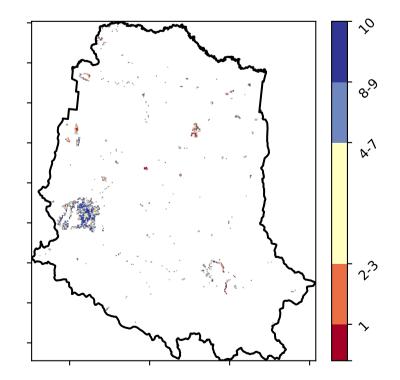
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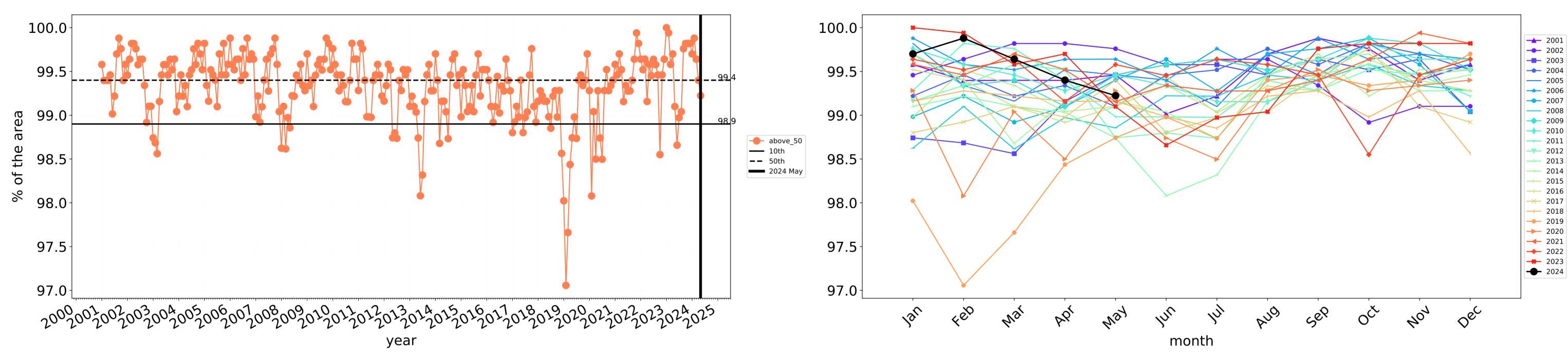
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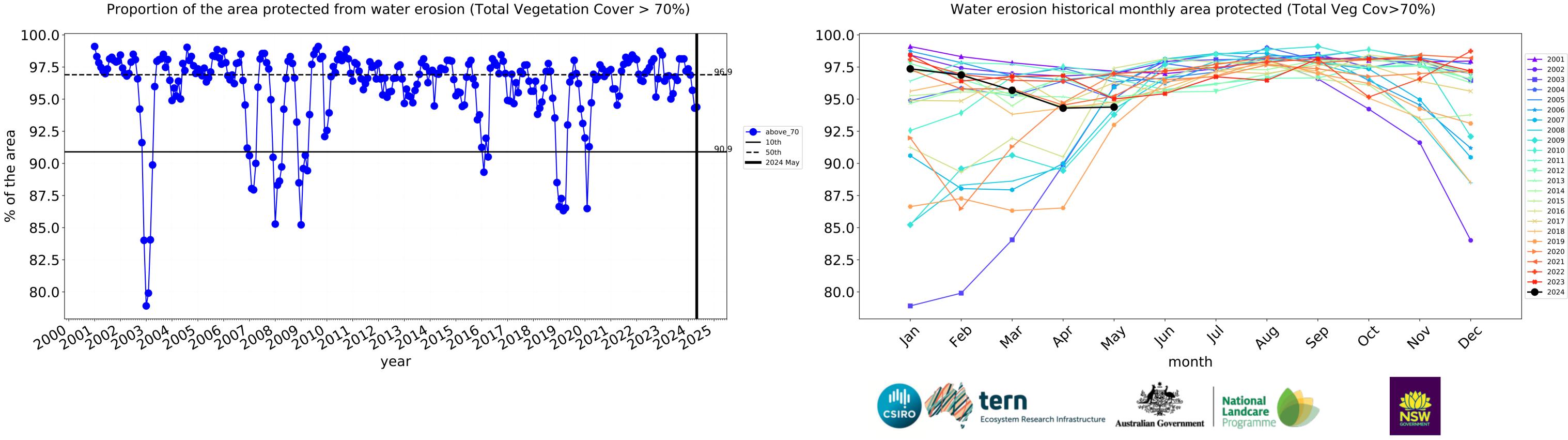
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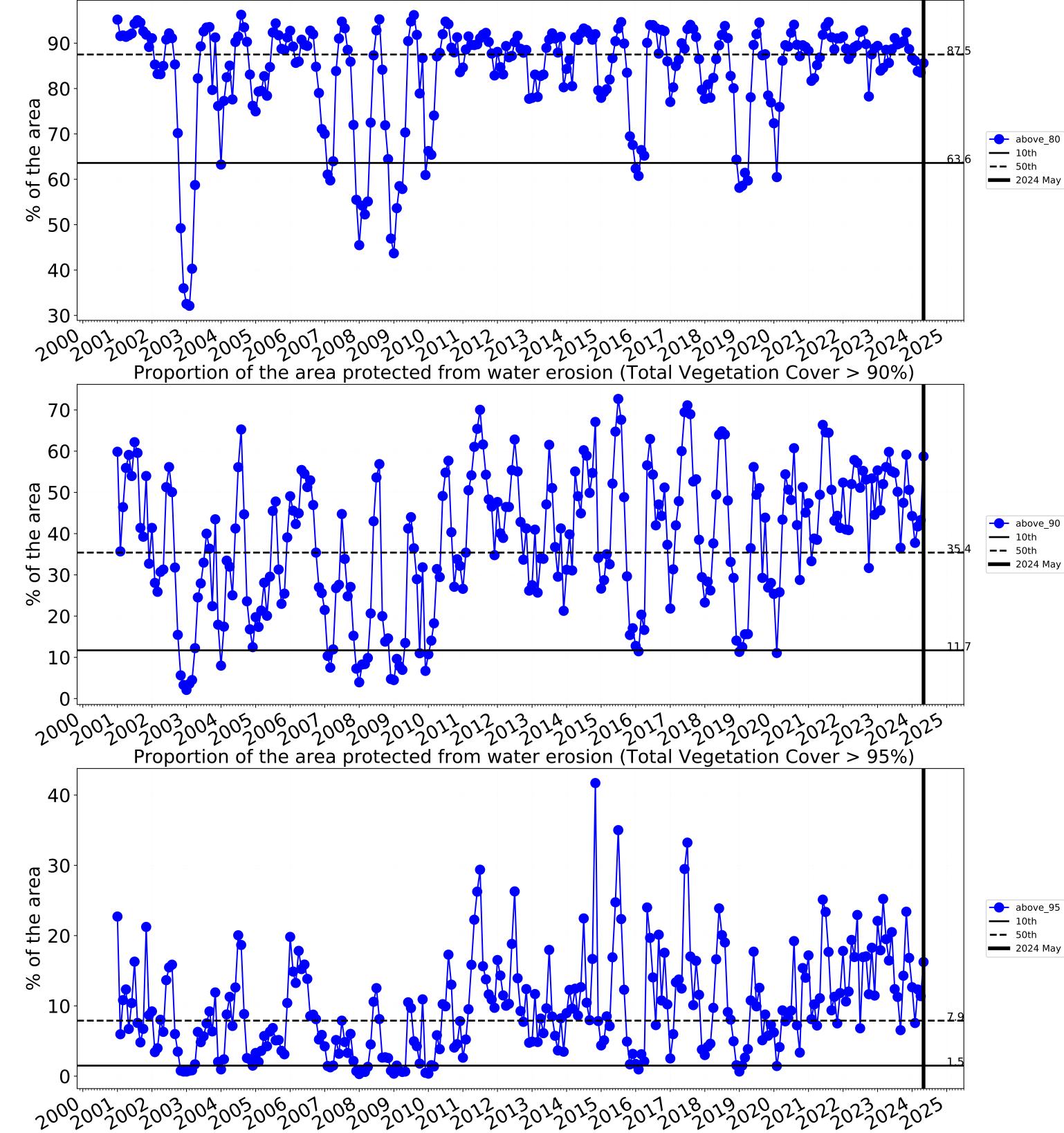


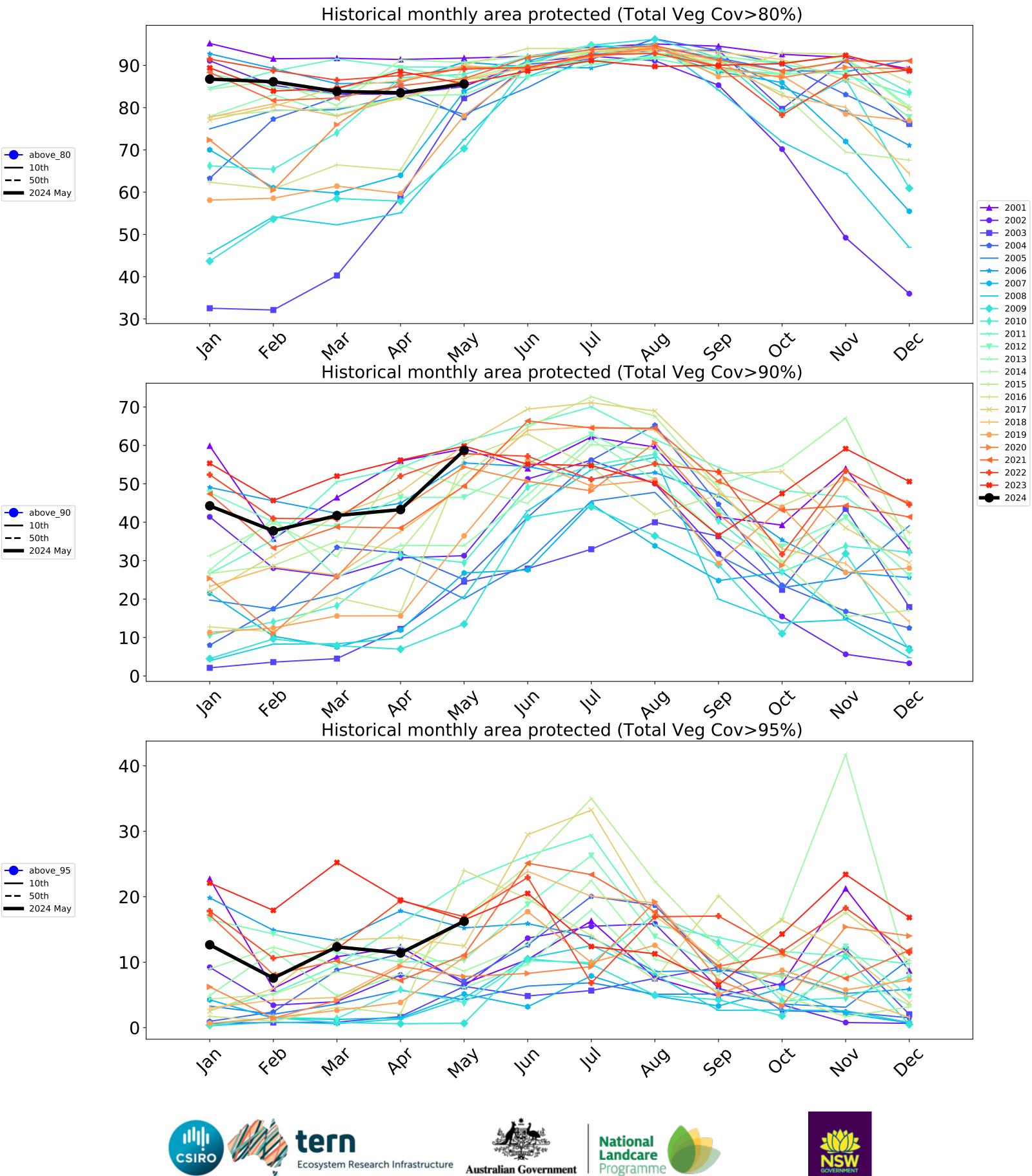




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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





Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

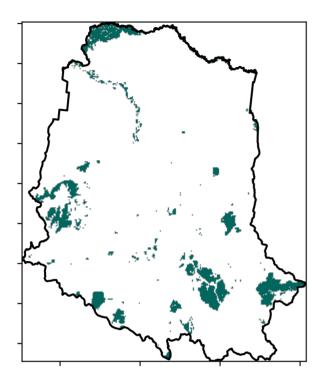
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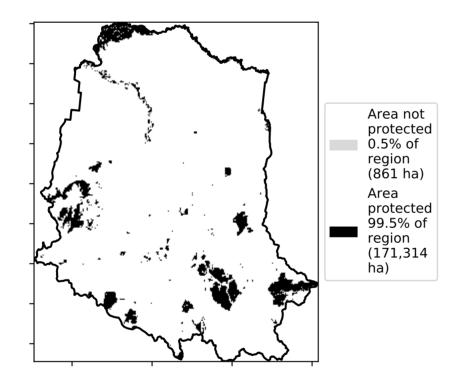
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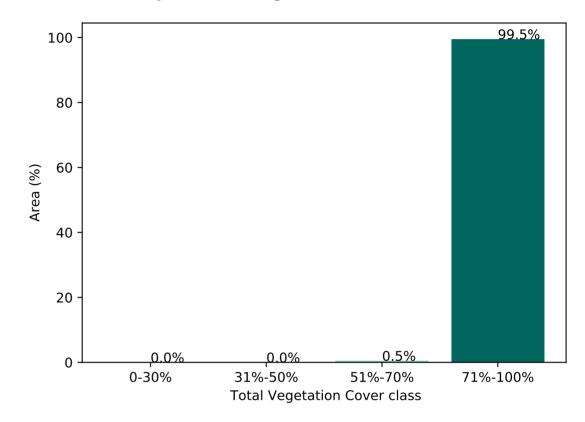
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



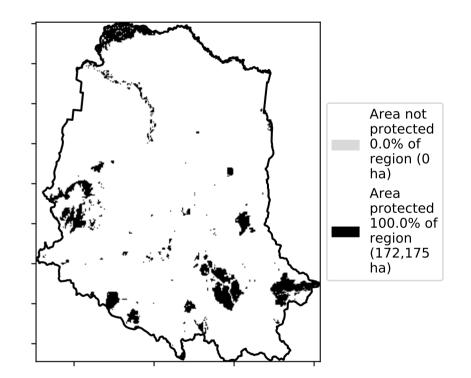
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



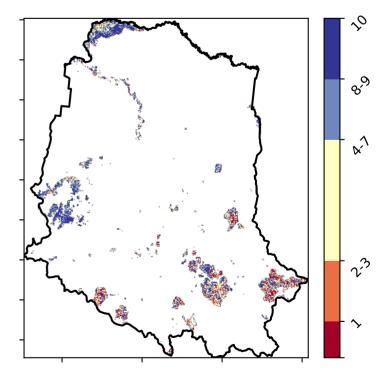
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

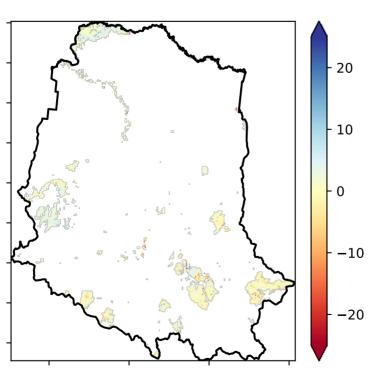
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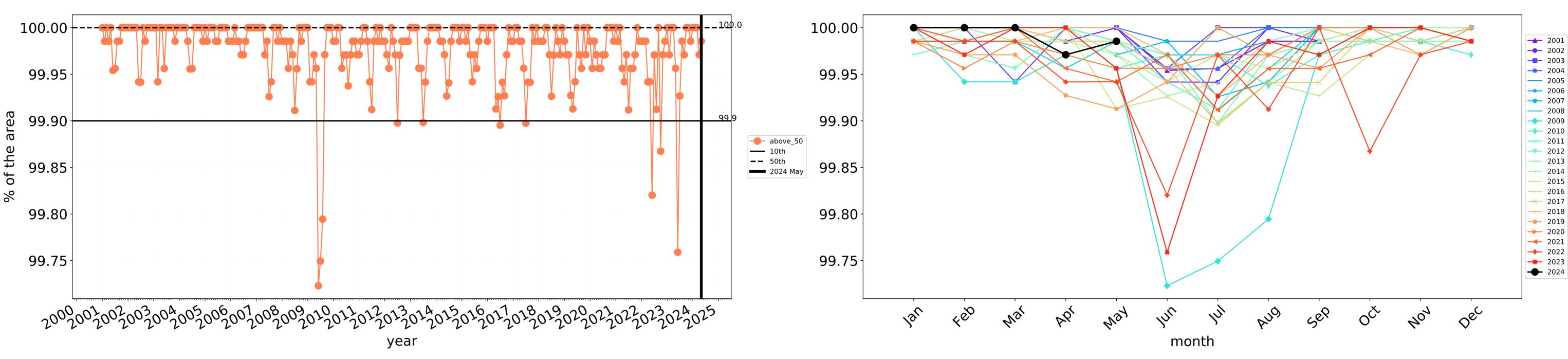


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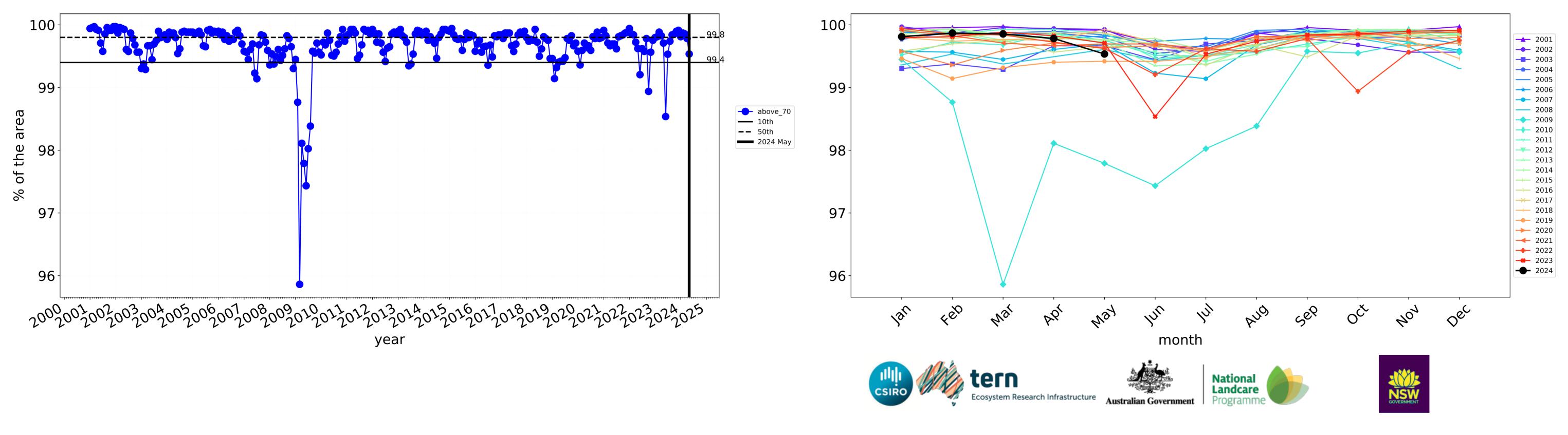
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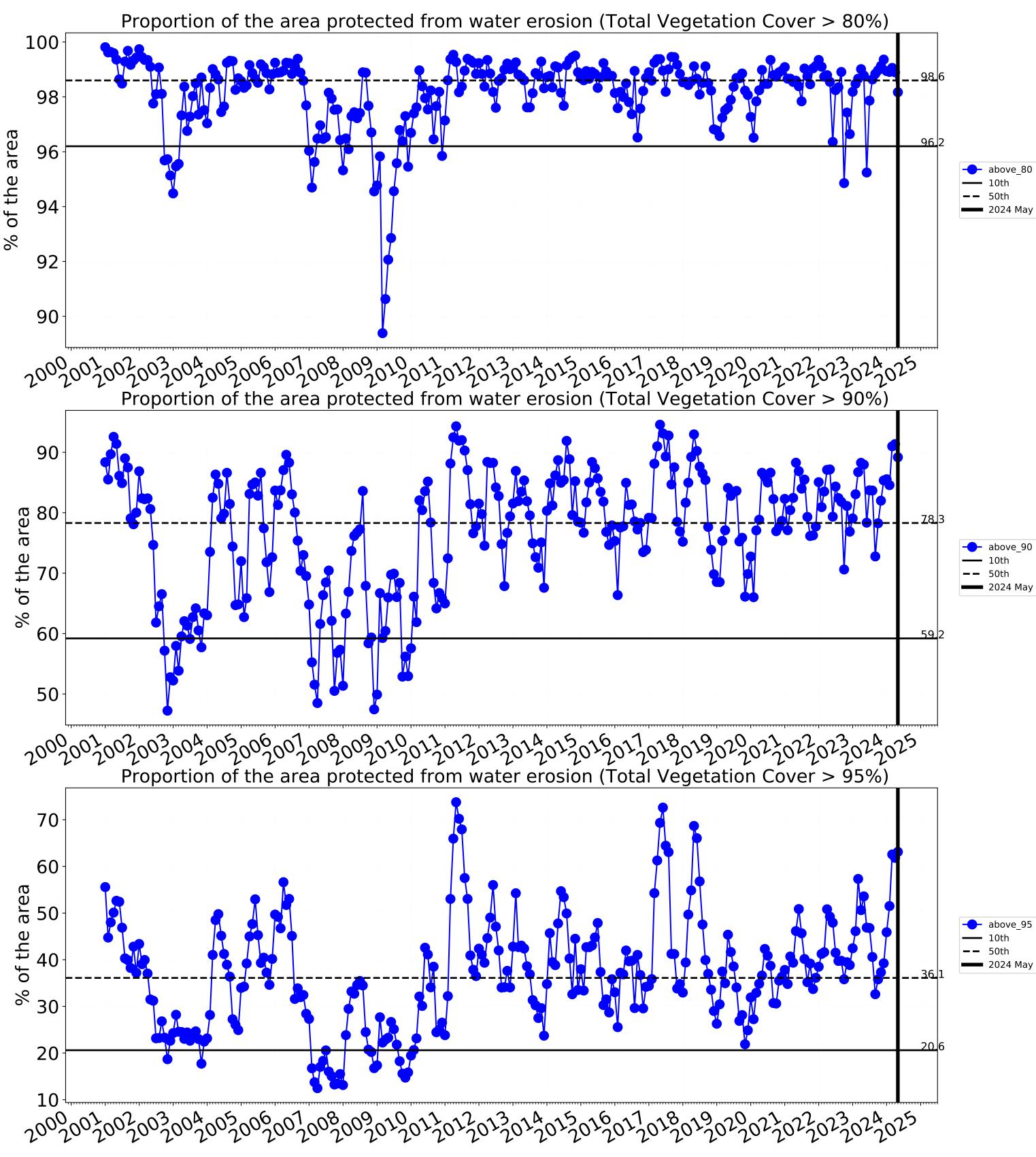


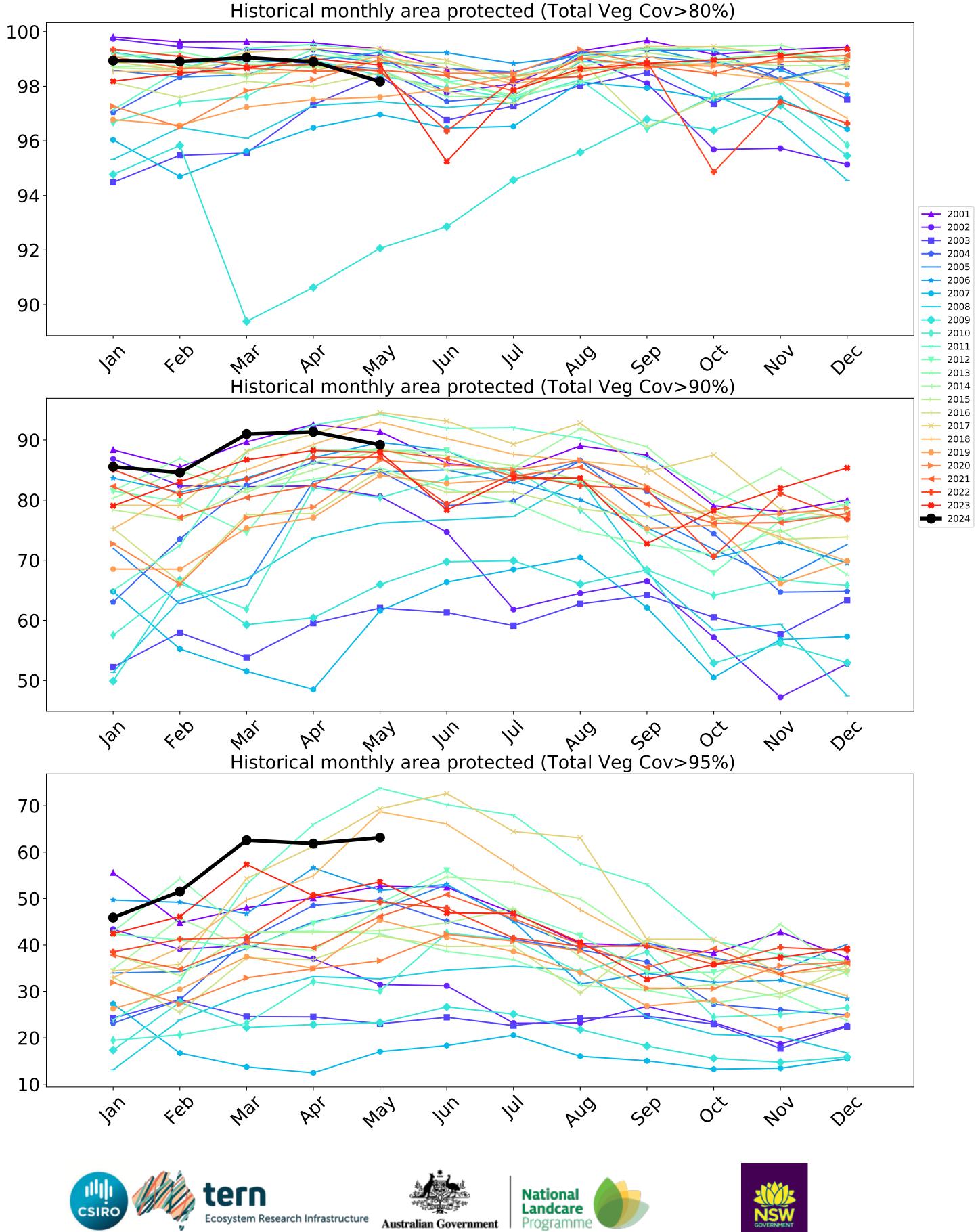
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

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





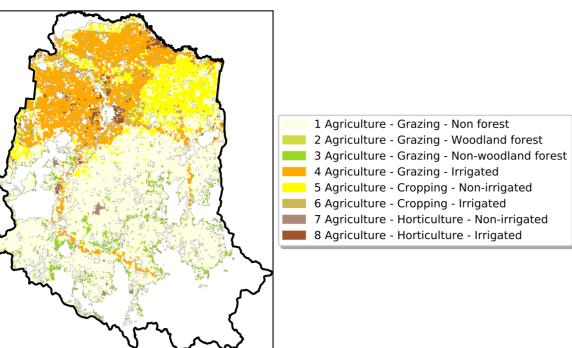


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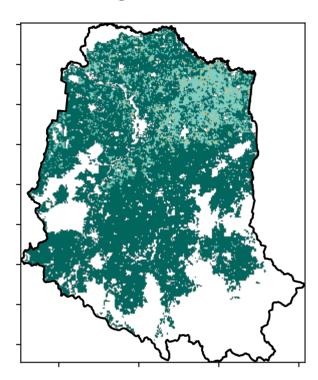
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Land use and forest cover

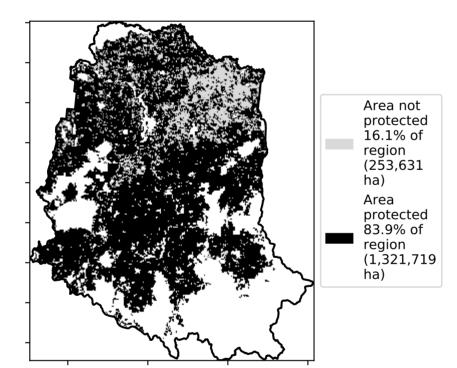
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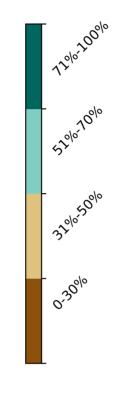


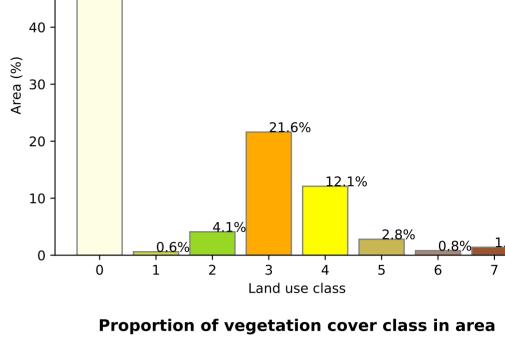
Total Vegetation Cover [%]





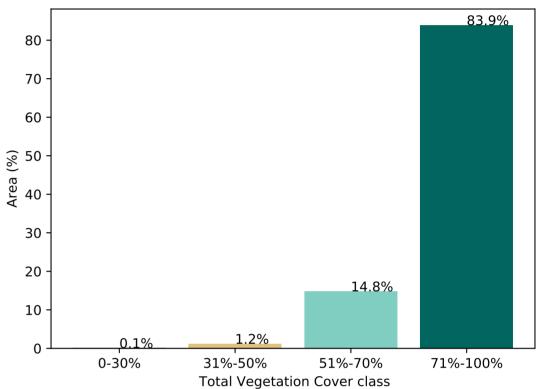




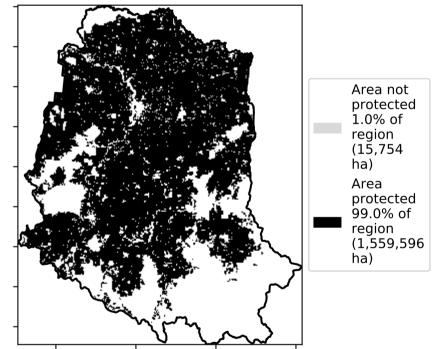


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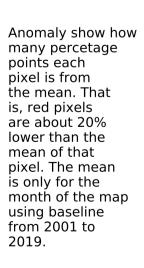
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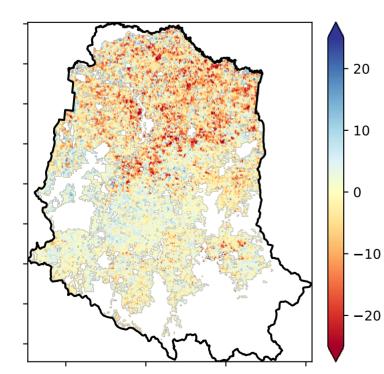


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

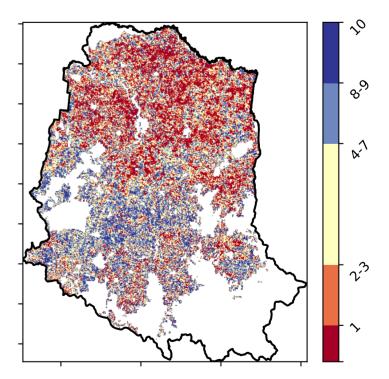


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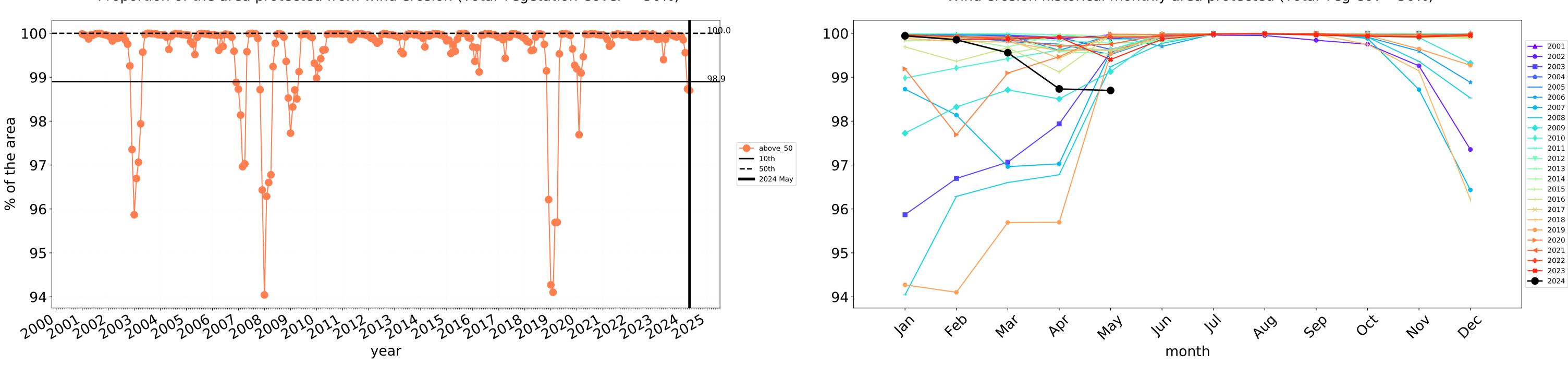




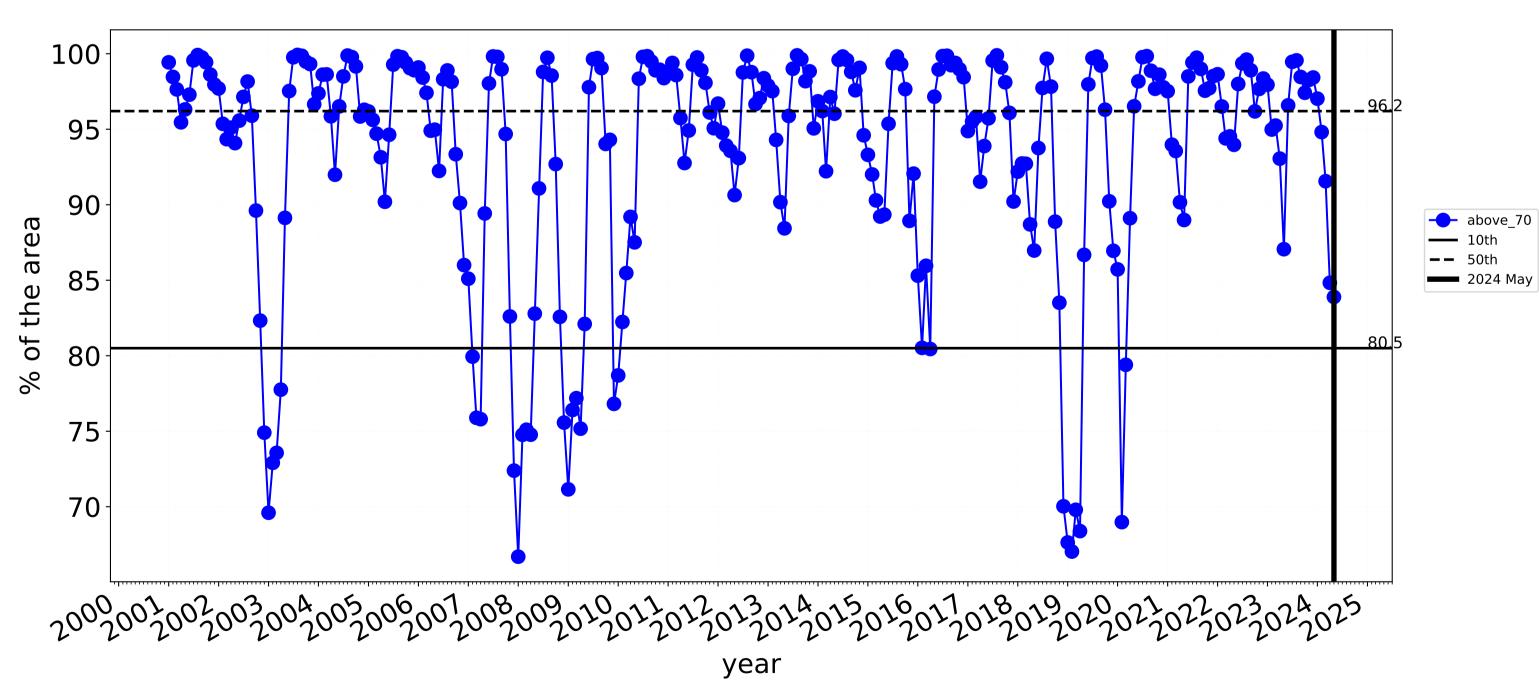
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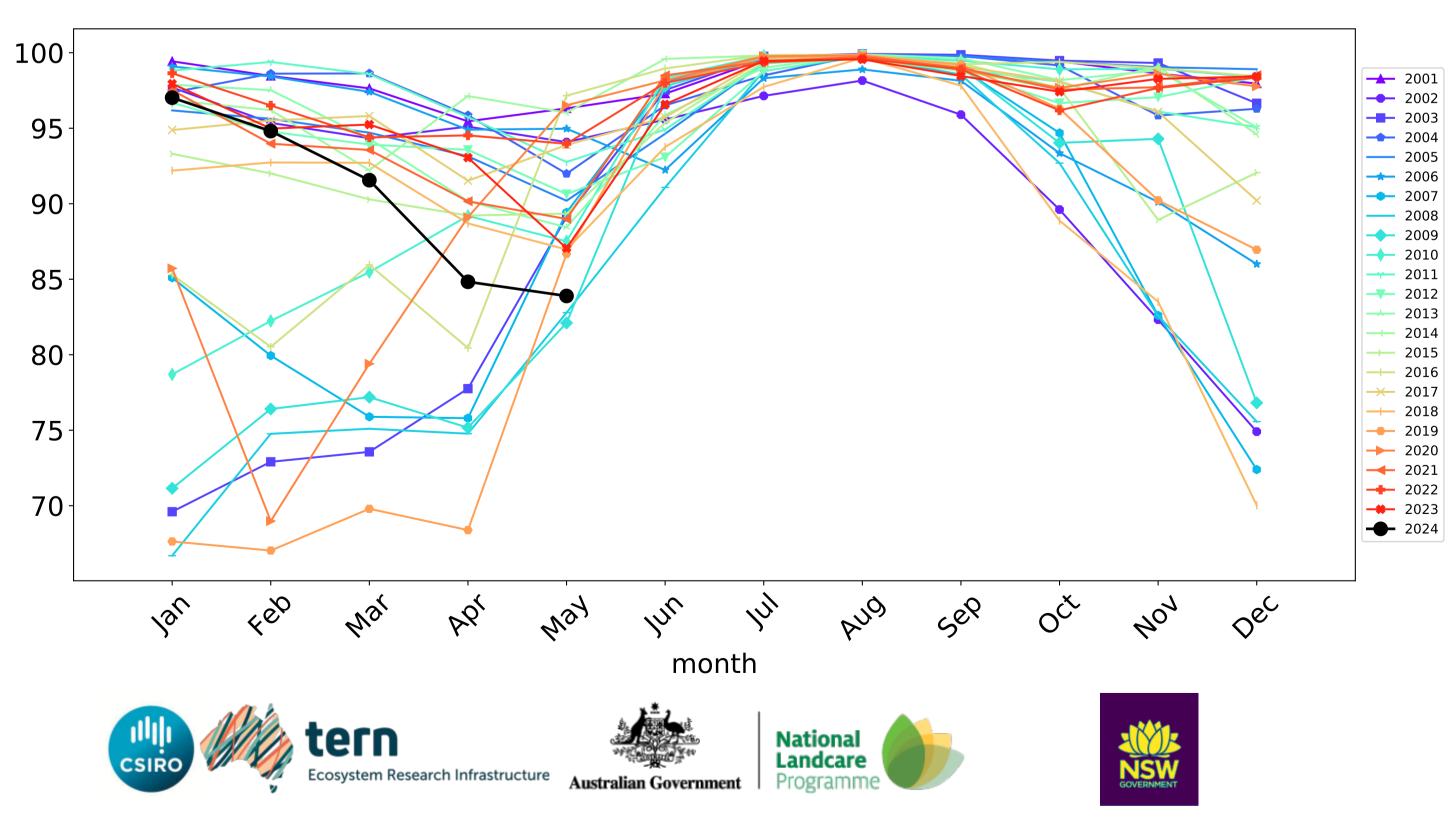


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



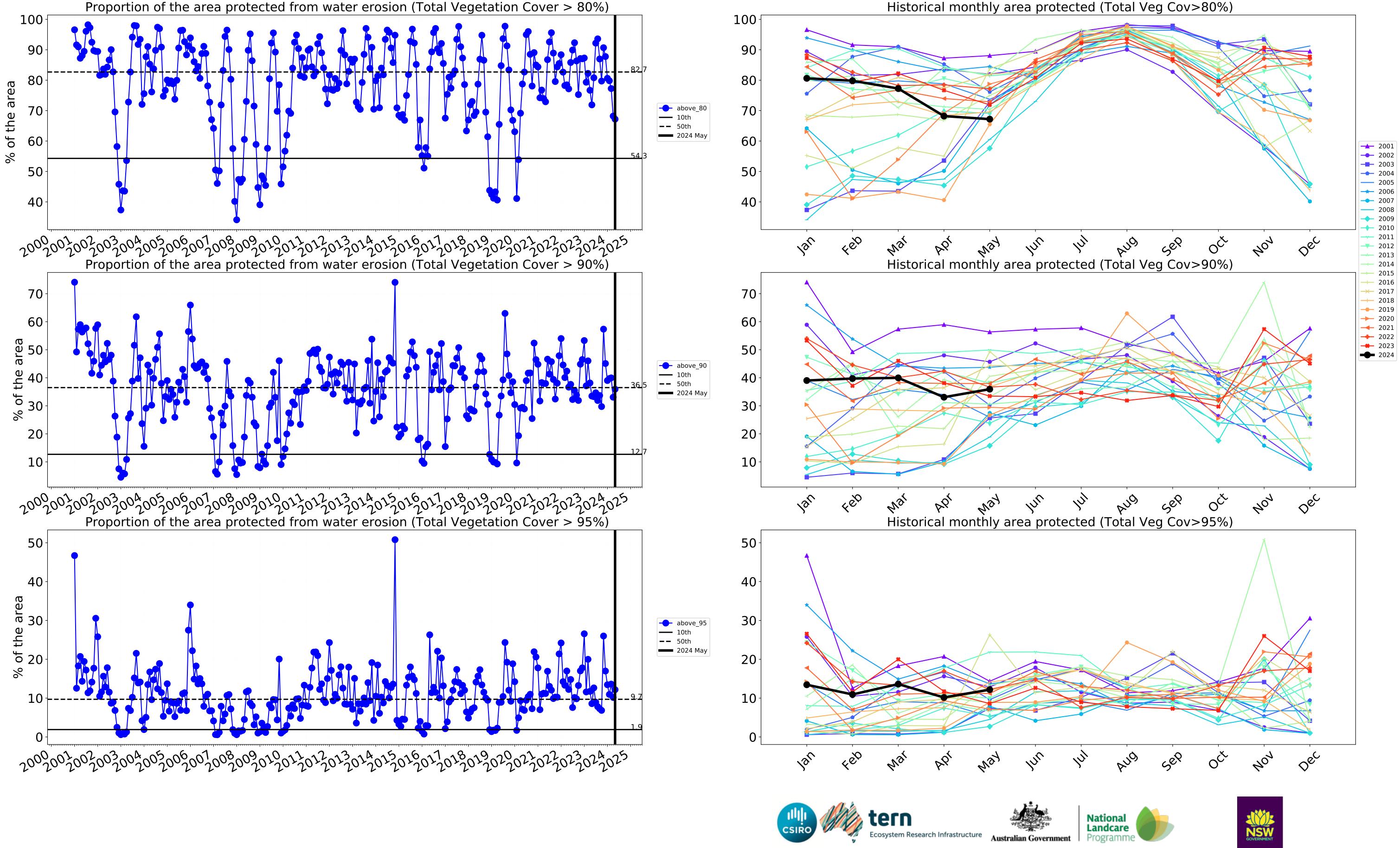
Agriculture timeseries

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



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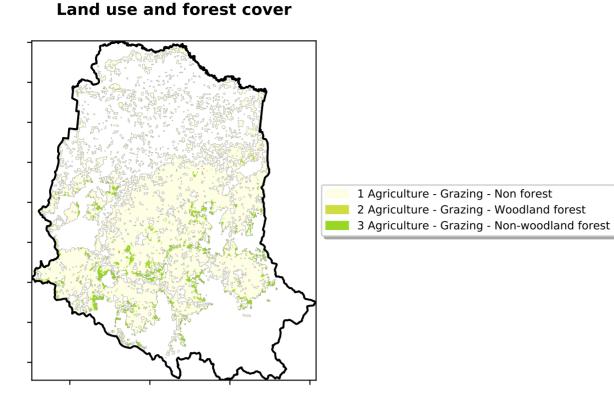
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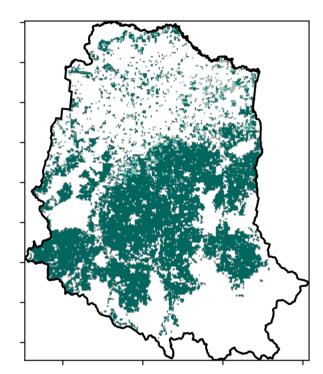
Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)

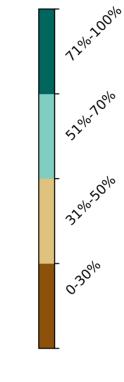
Grazing

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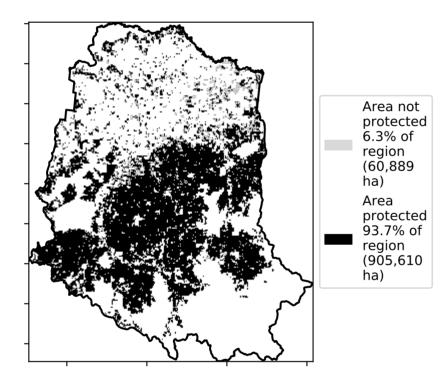


Total Vegetation Cover [%]





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



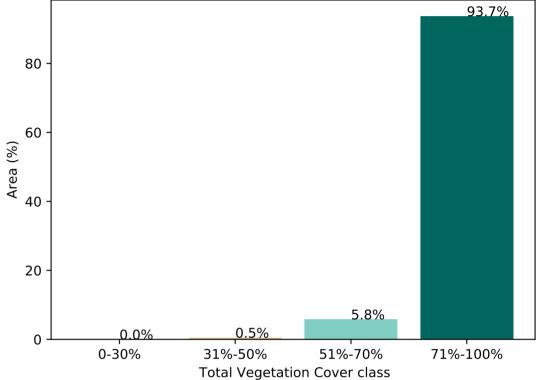
2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

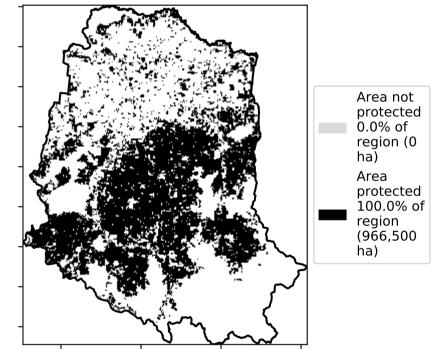
Land use class Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

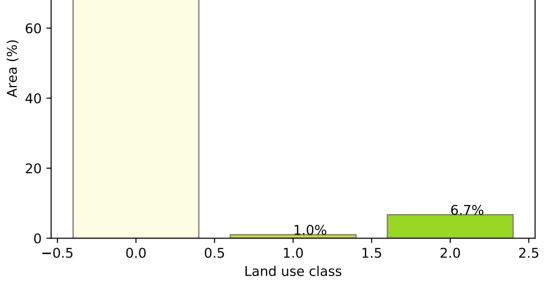
92.3%

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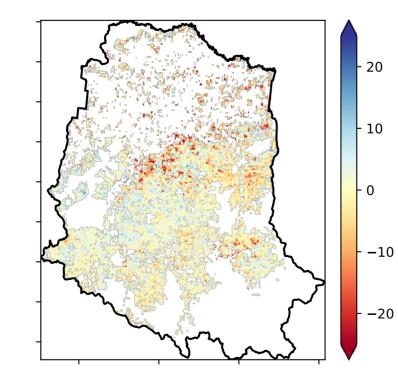
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





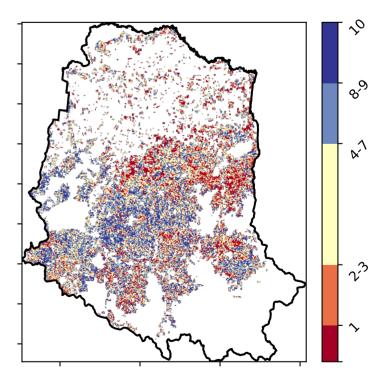
Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



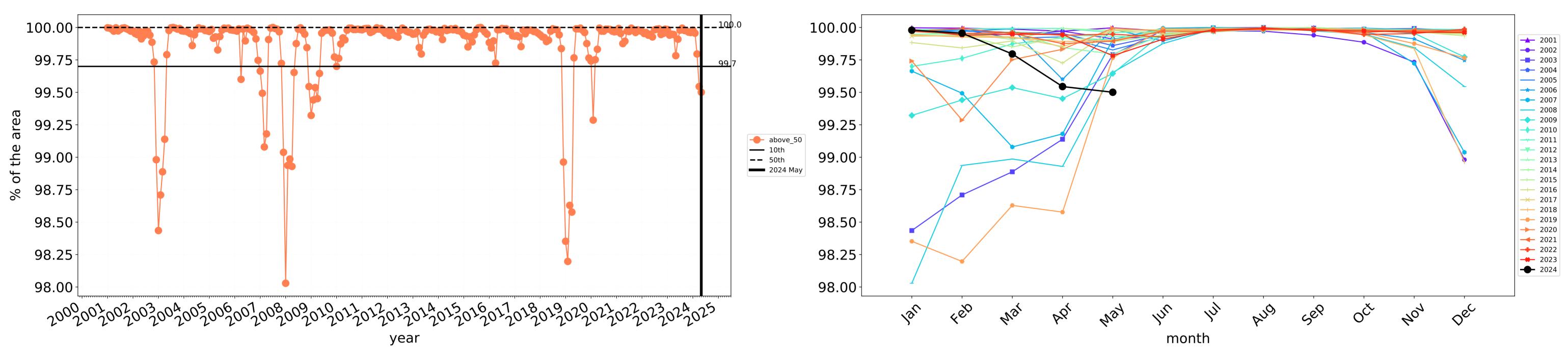
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



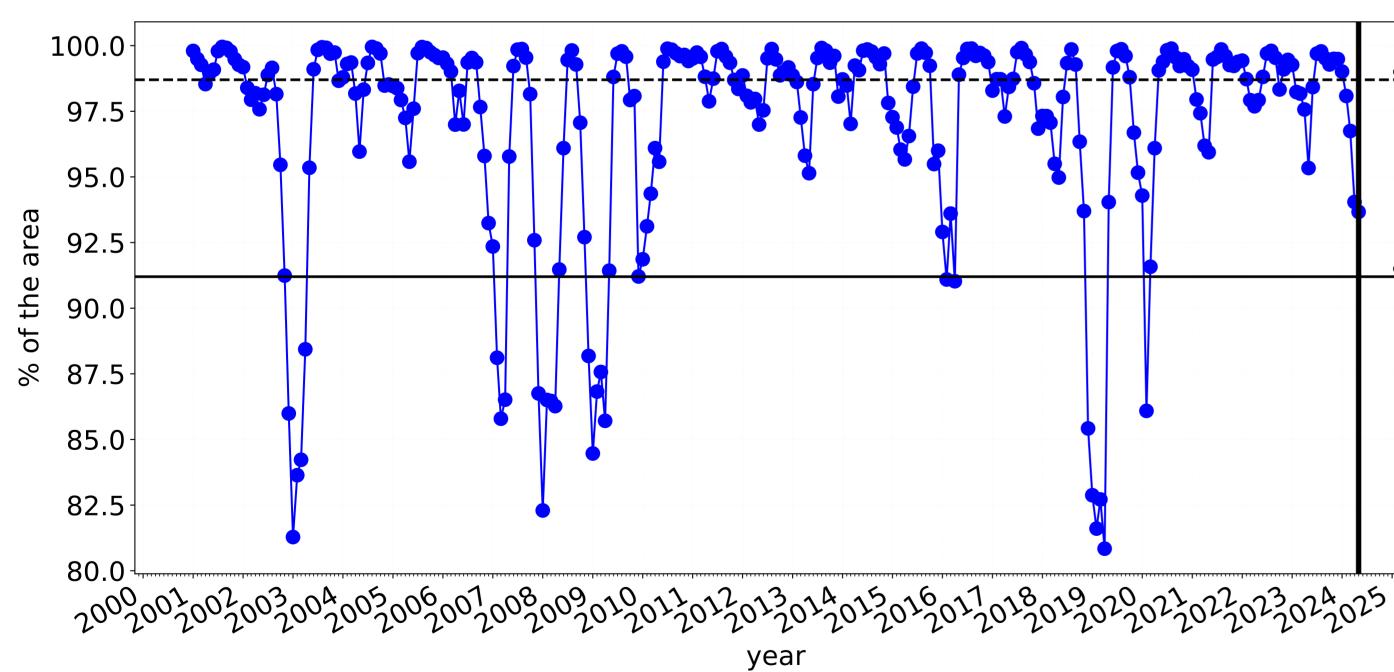


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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

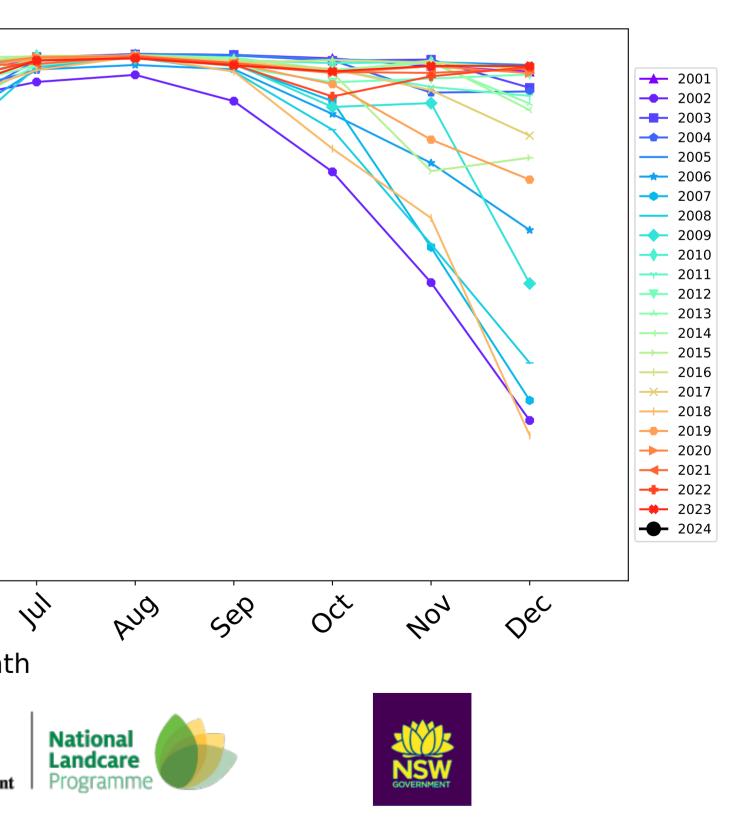


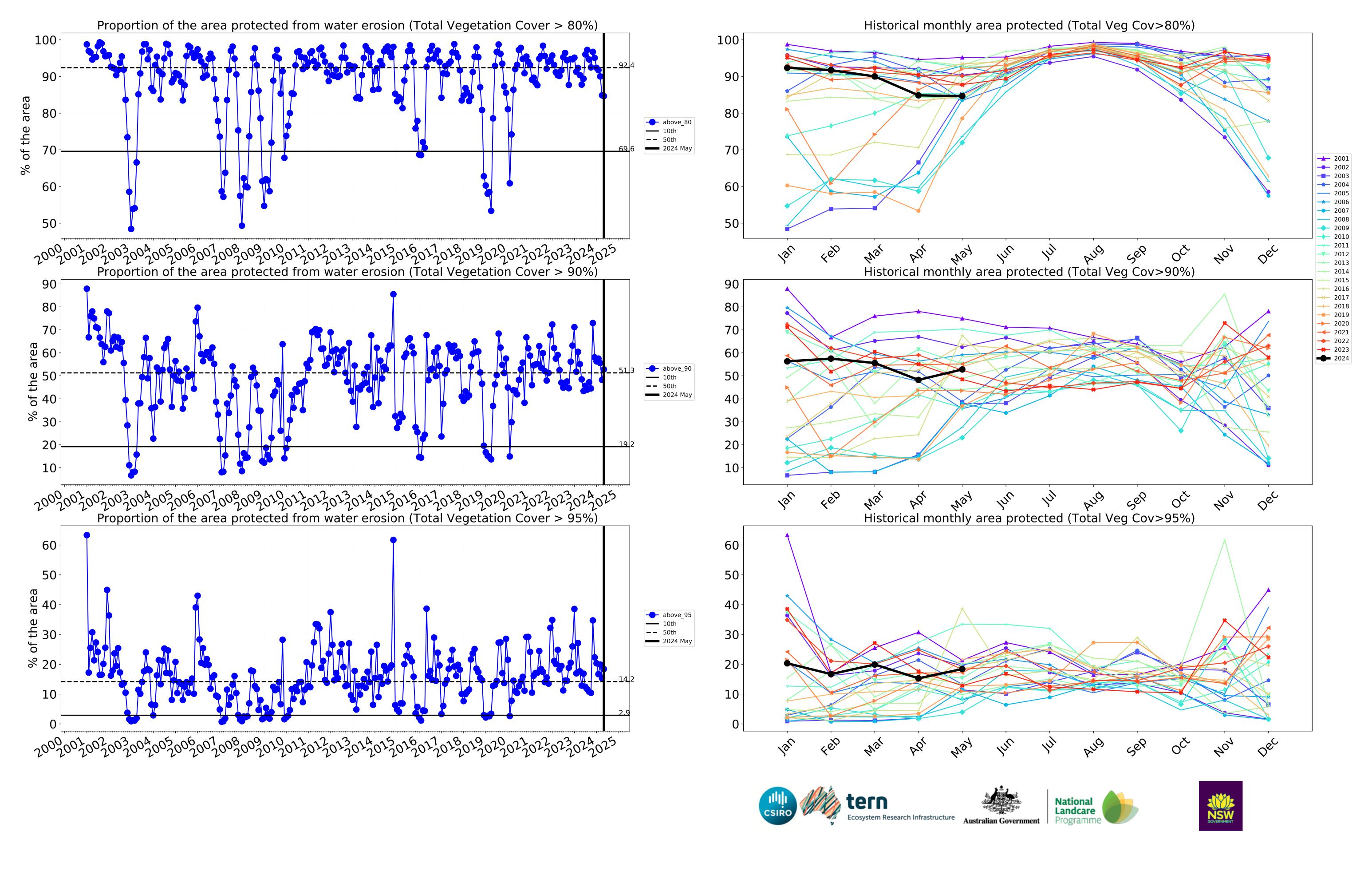


Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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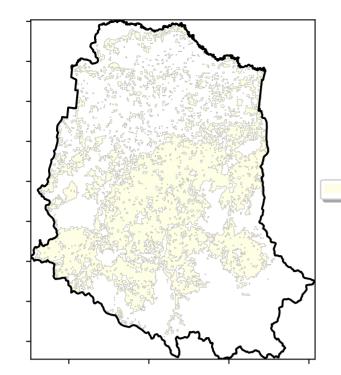
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover



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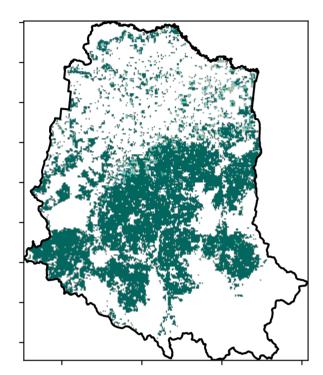
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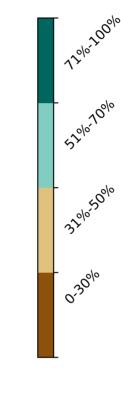
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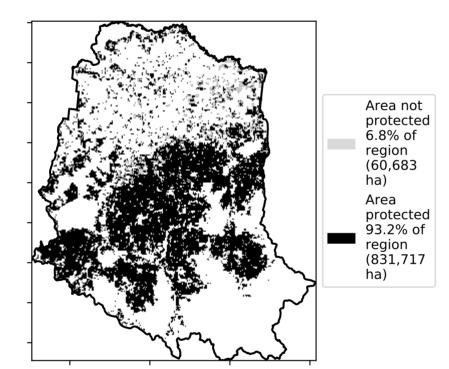
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

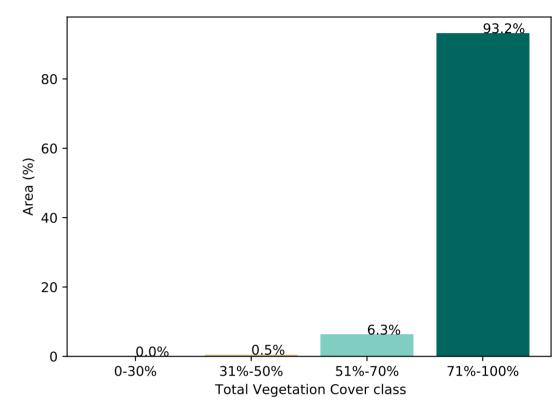




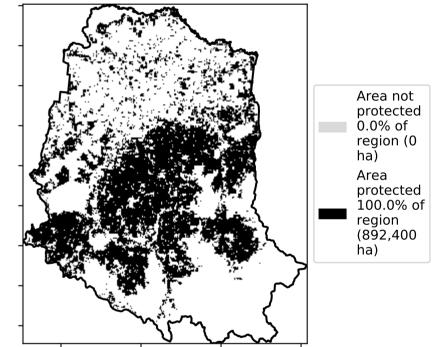
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



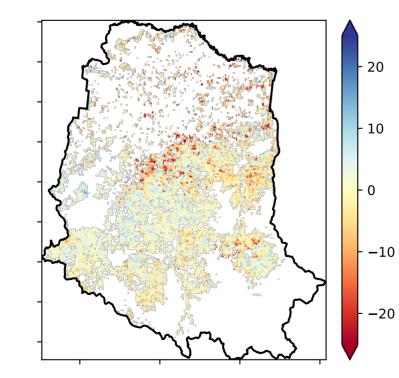
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



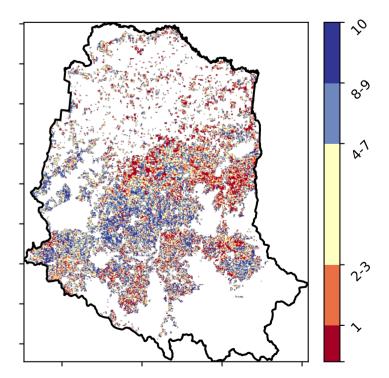
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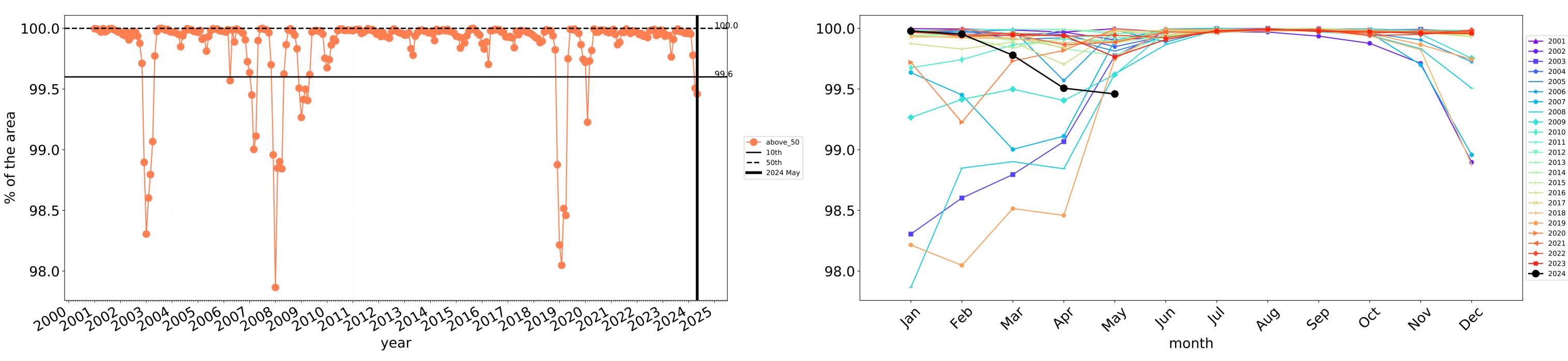
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



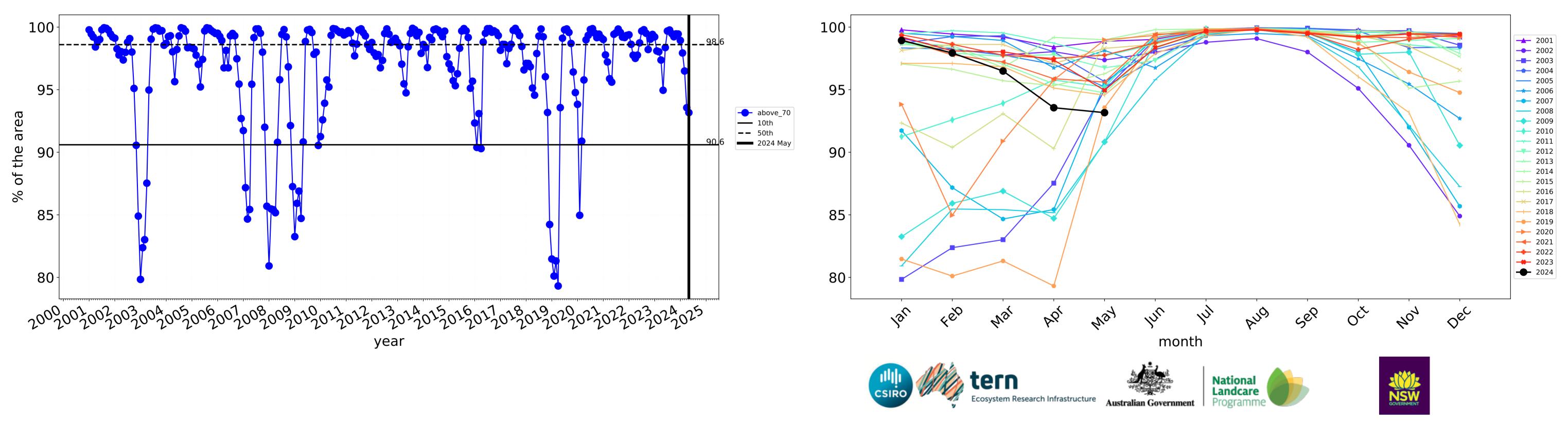
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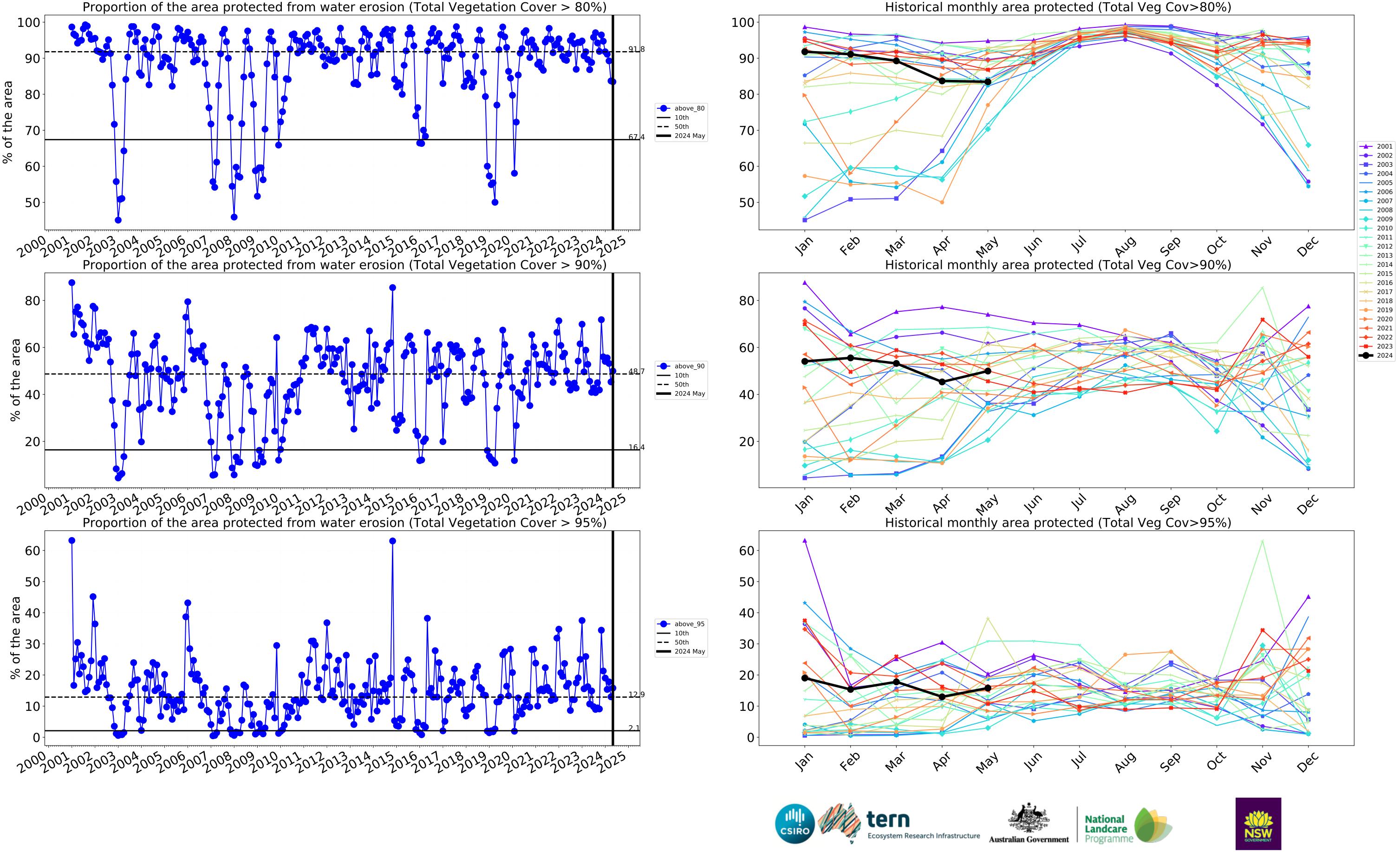


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



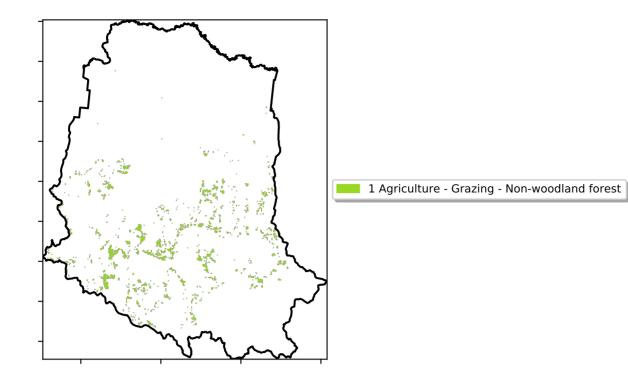
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

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

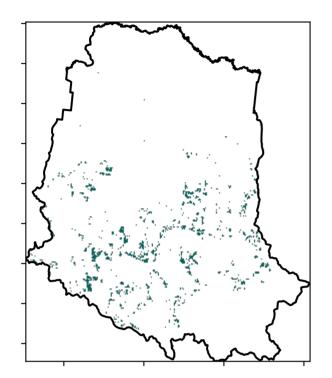


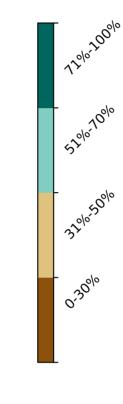
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

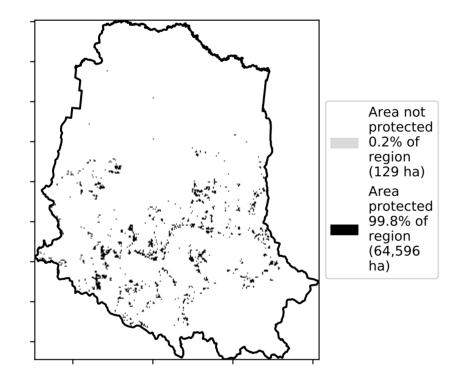


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

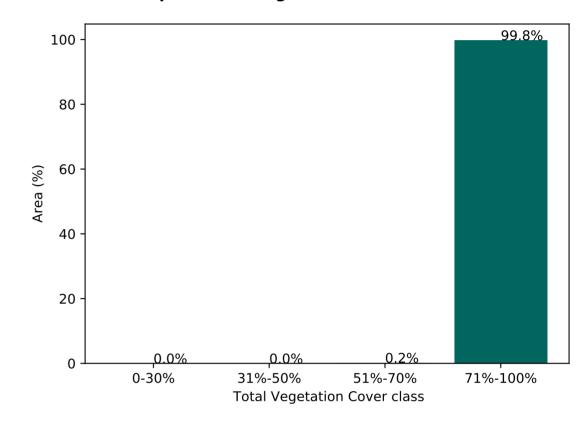




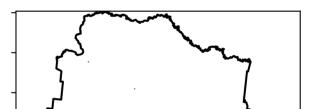
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

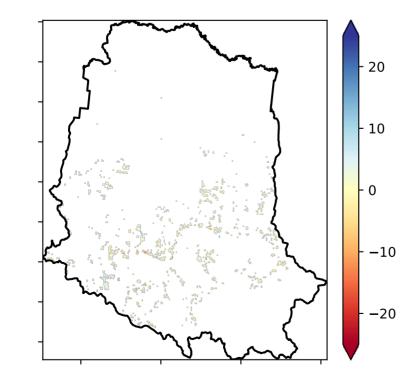


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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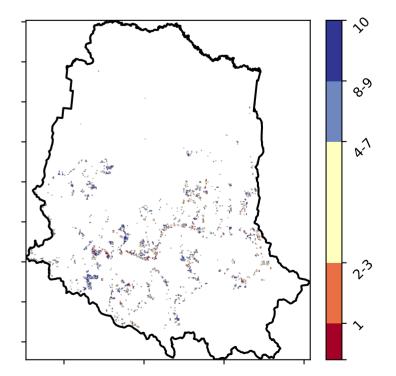
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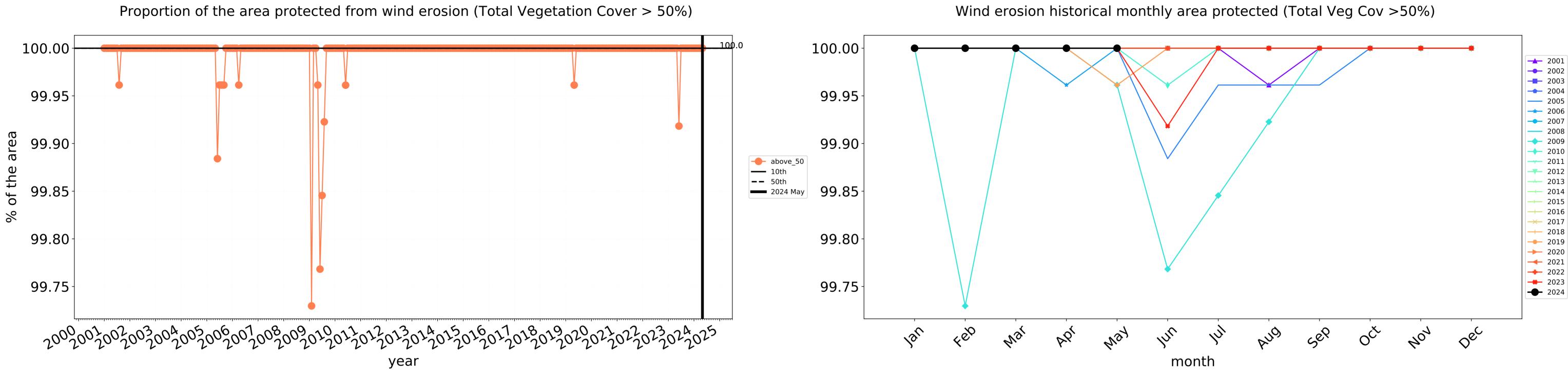
Area protected 100.0% of region (64,725 ha)

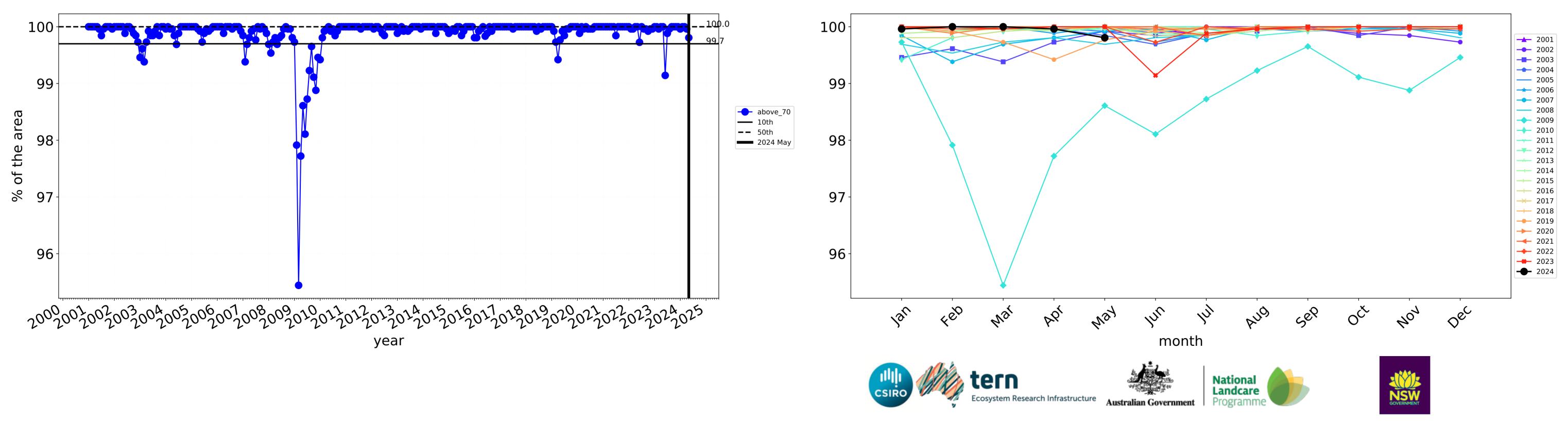
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



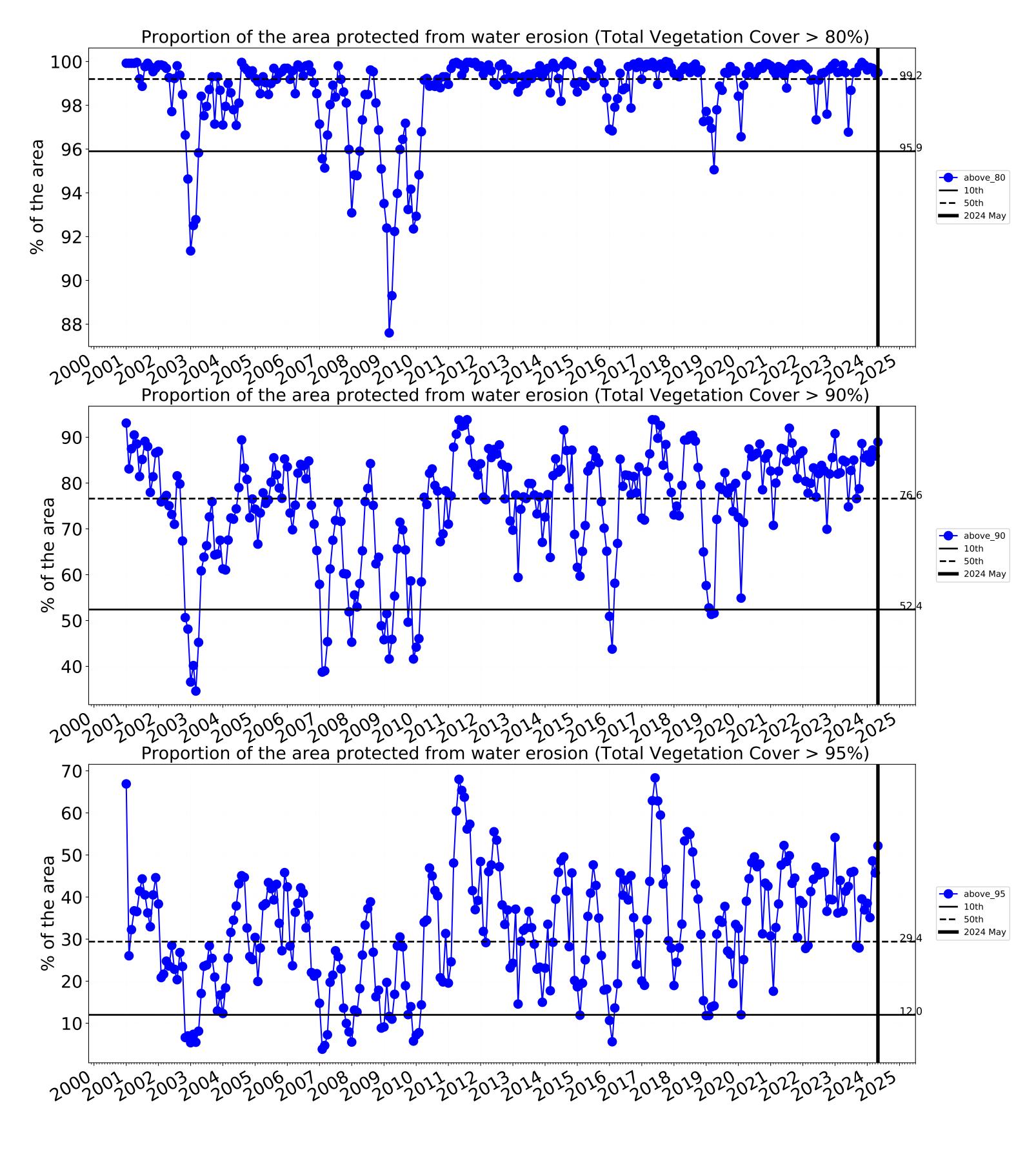


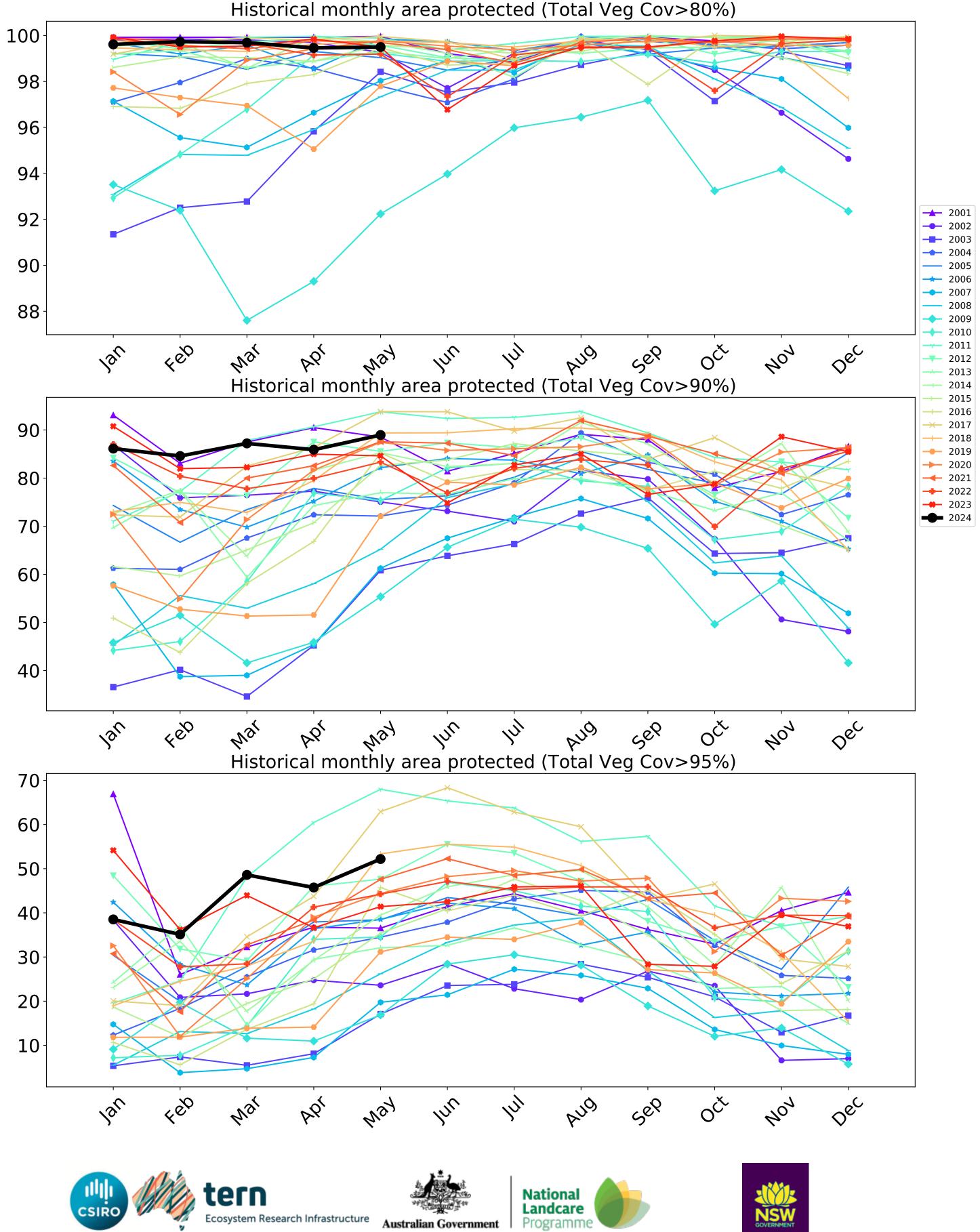
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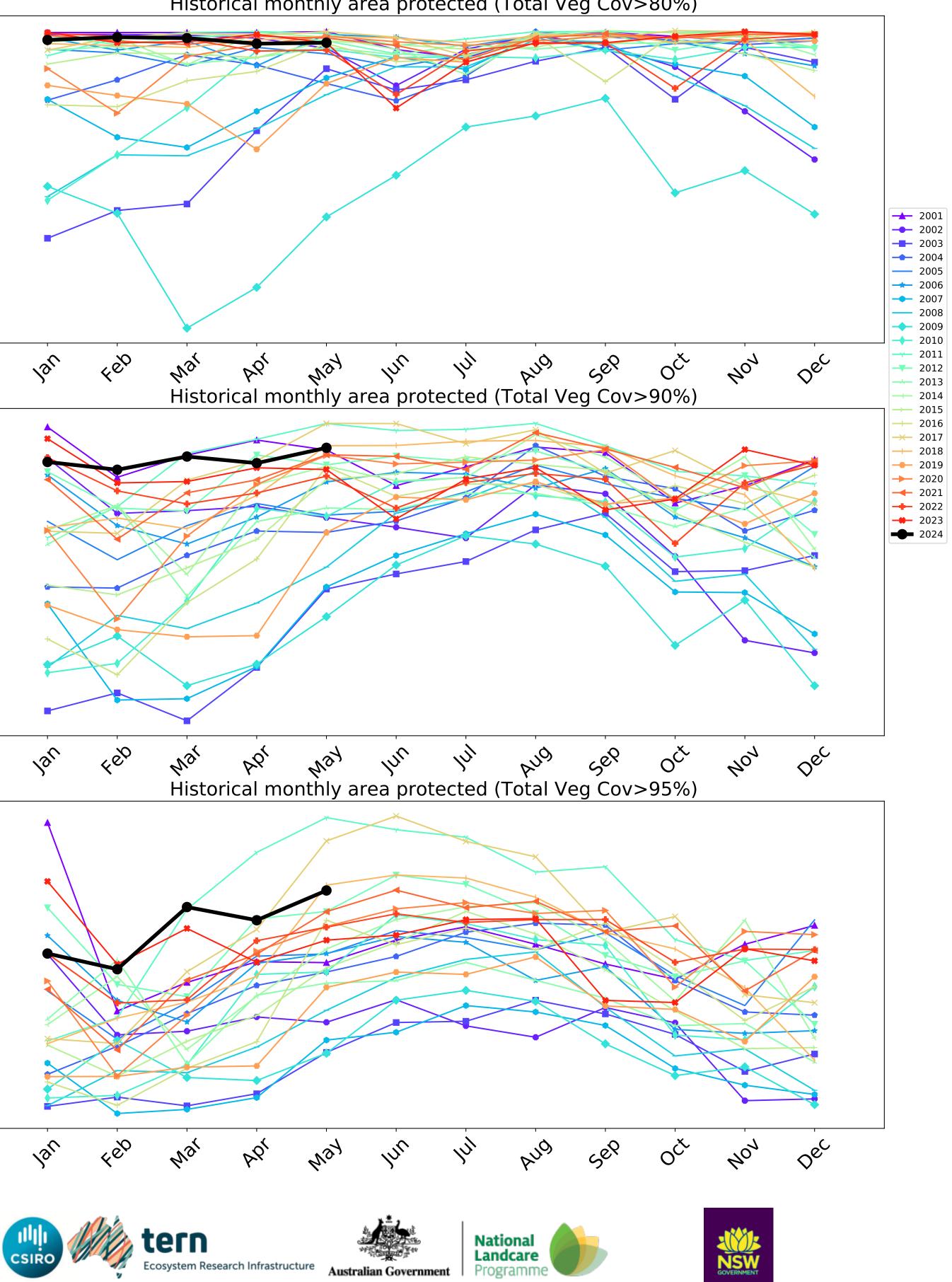




Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

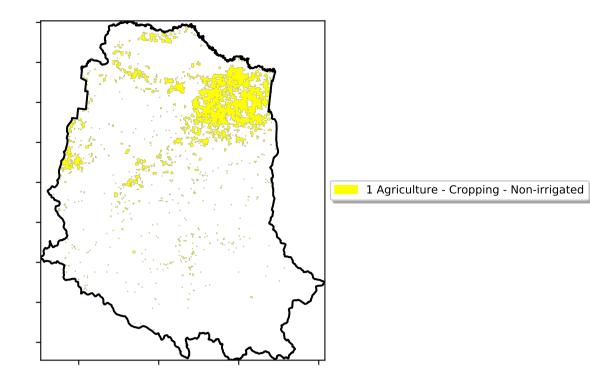




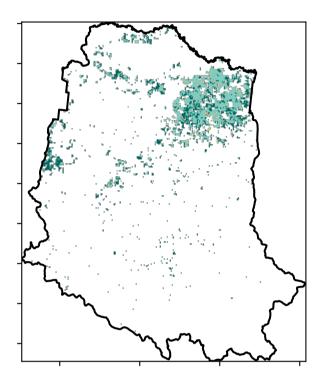


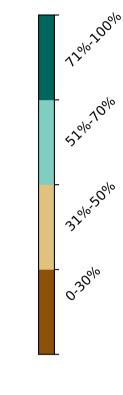
Cropping

Land use and forest cover

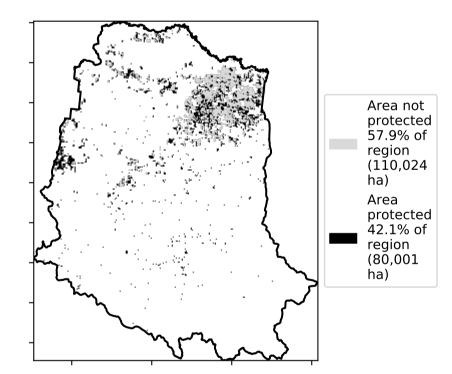


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

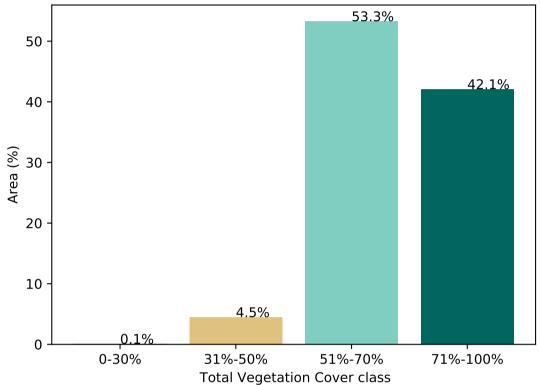




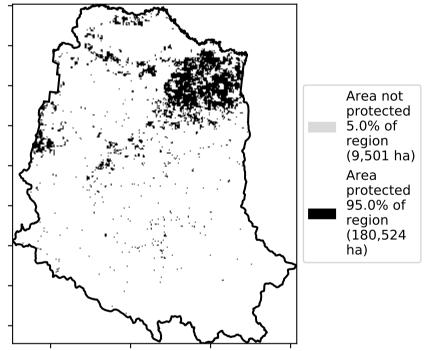
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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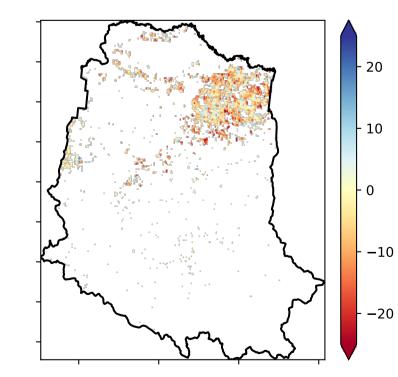
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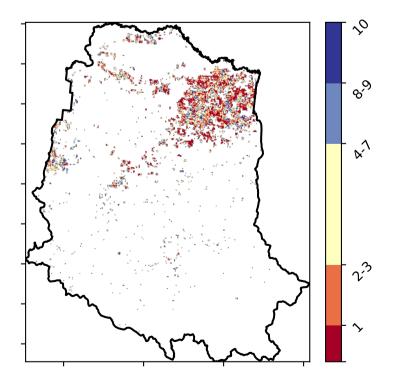
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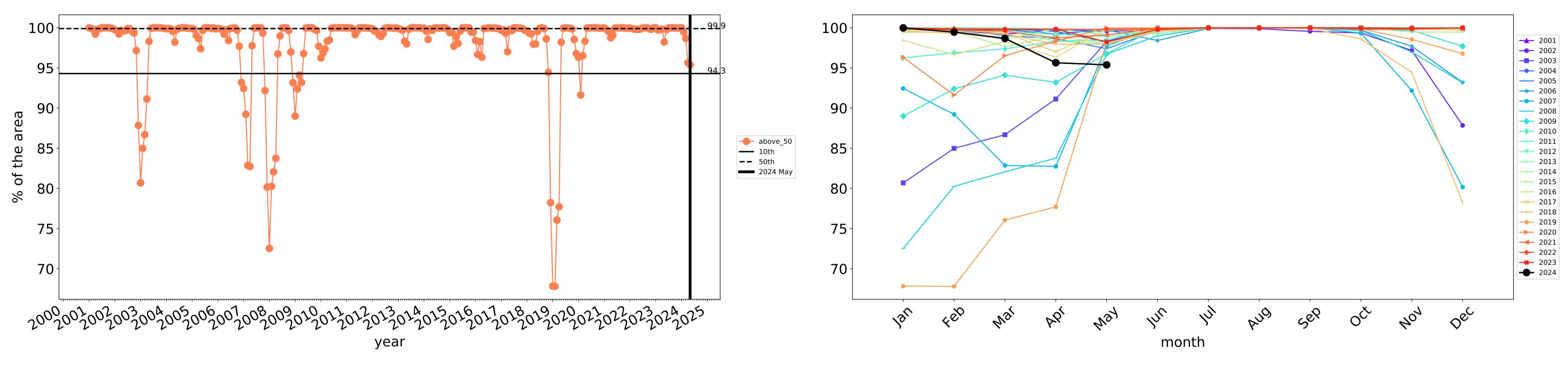
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



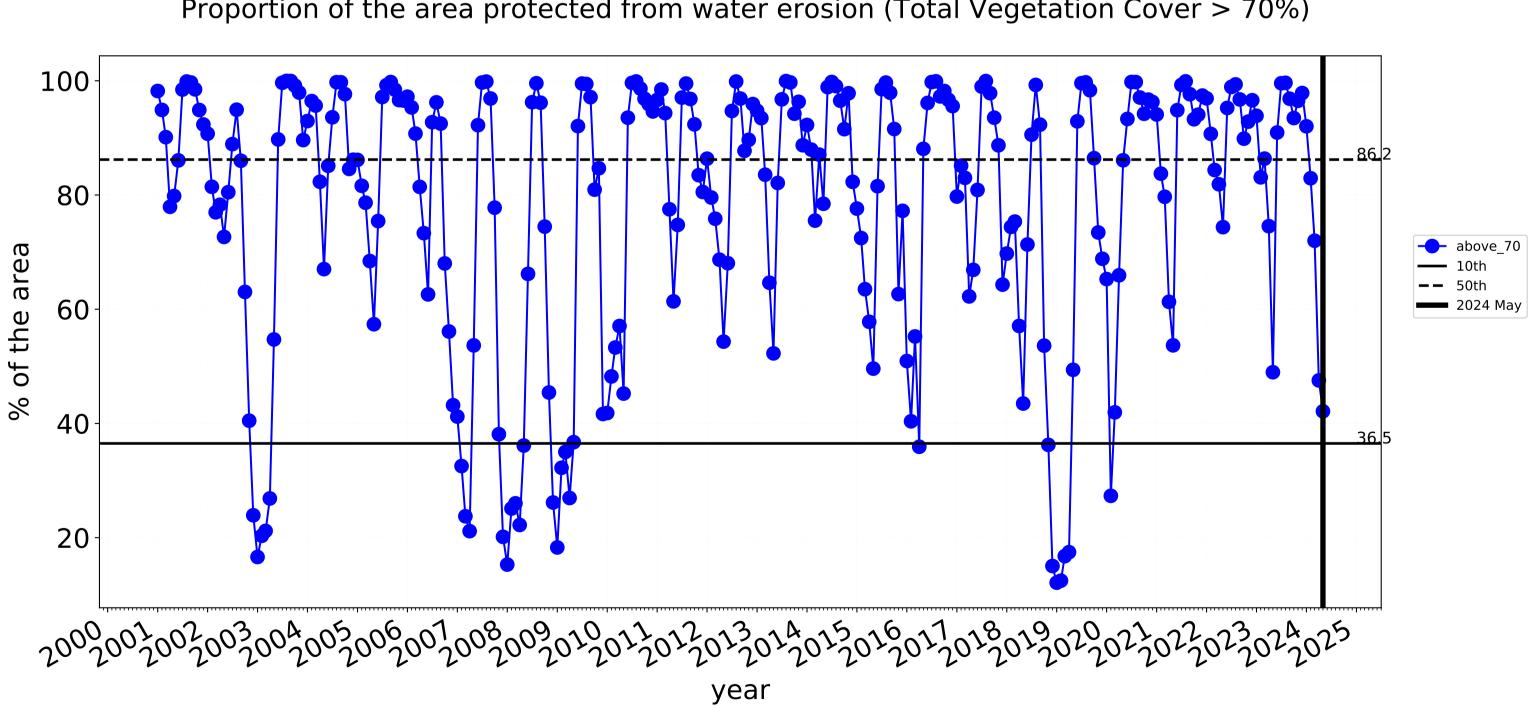
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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



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

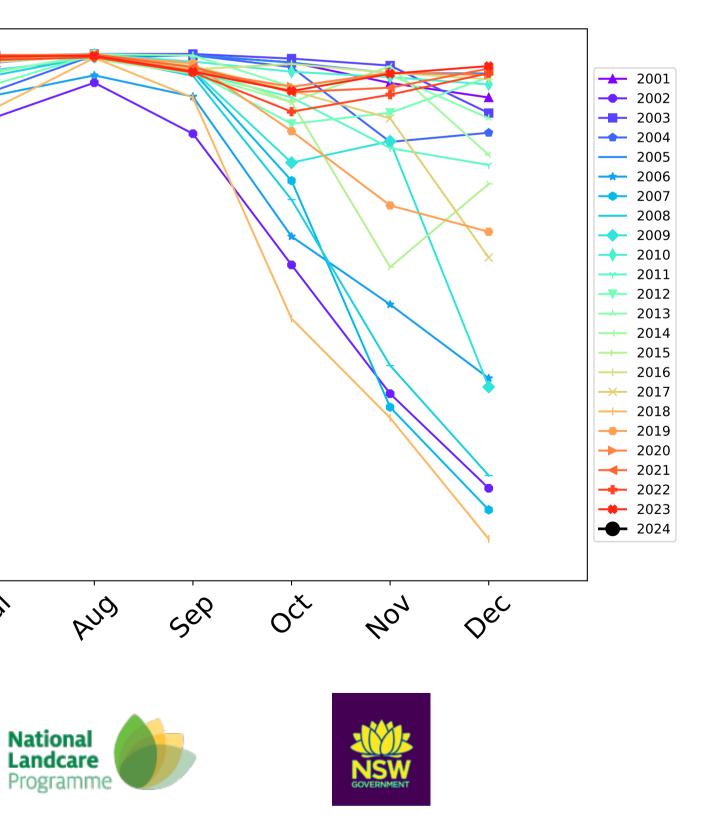
Cropping timeseries

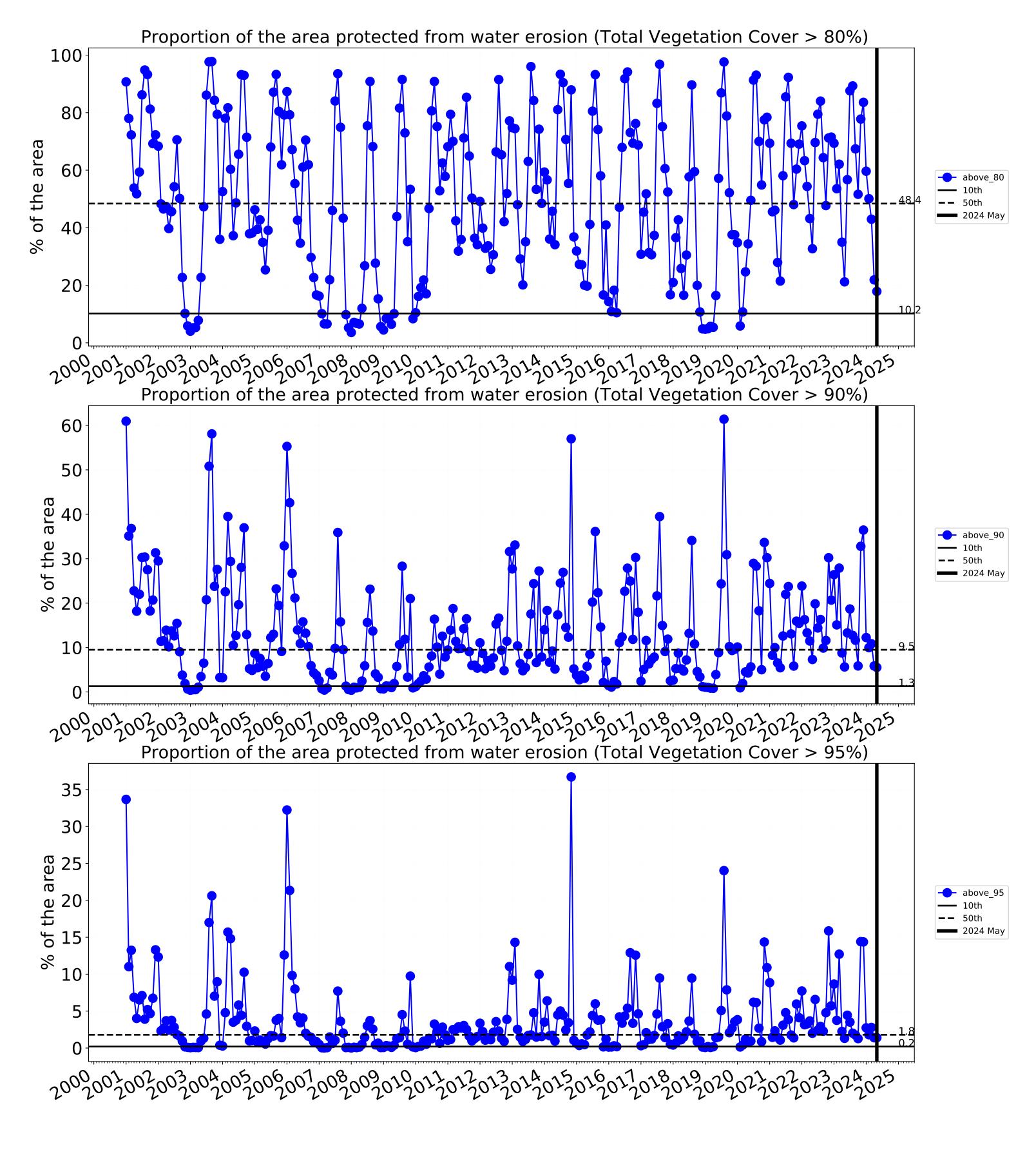


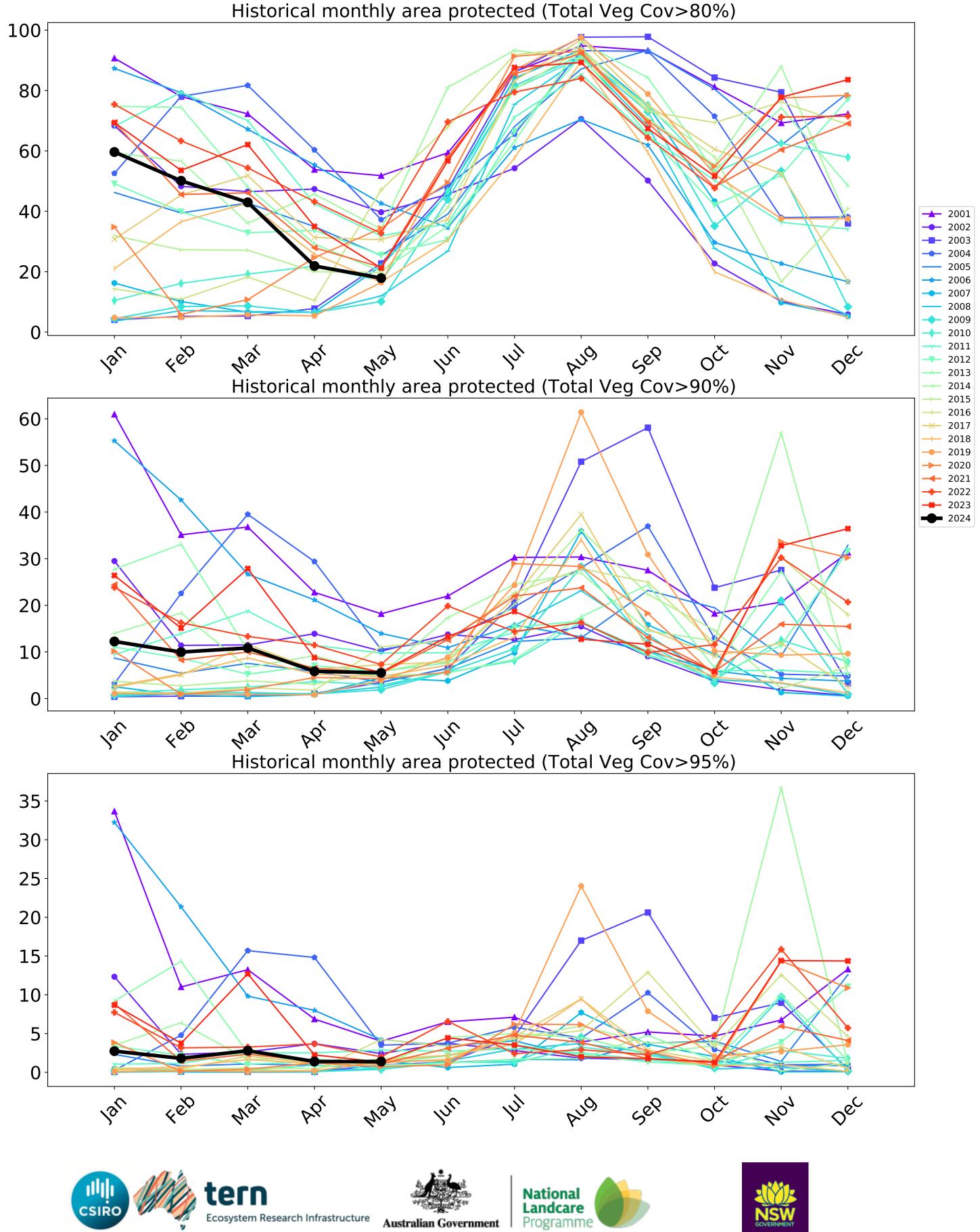
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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







Irrigation

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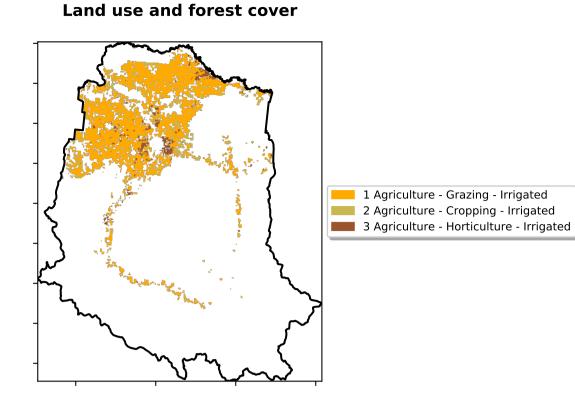
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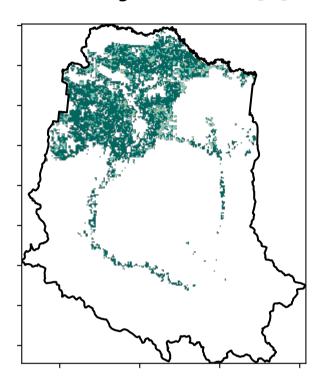
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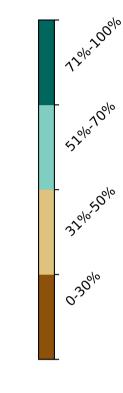
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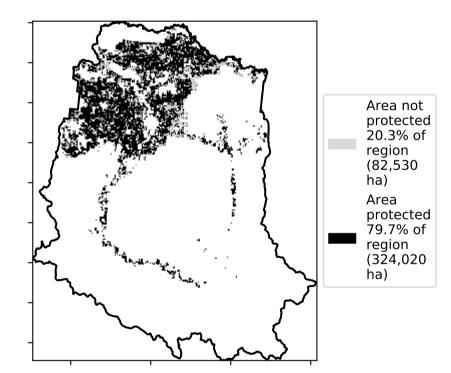
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

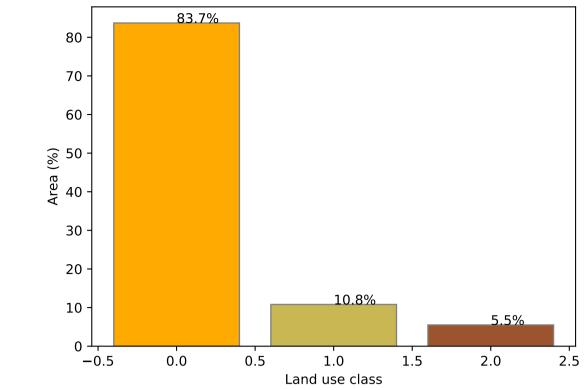




1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated

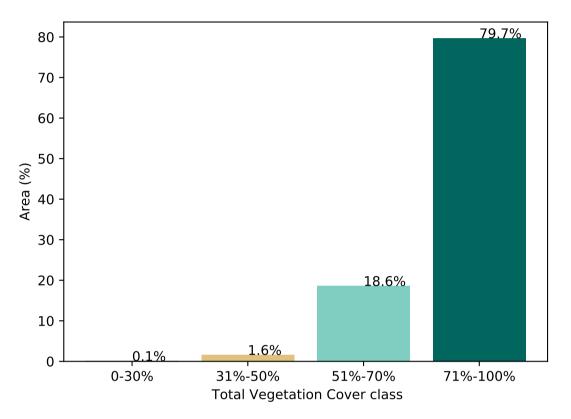
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



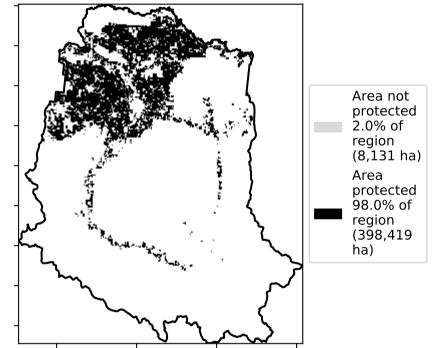


Proportion of each land class in area

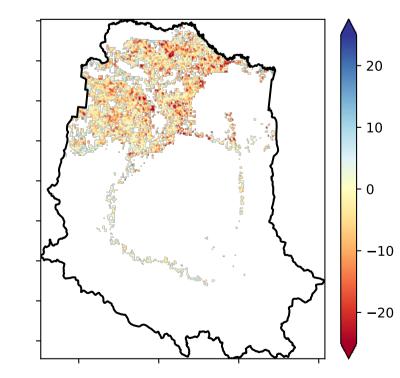
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

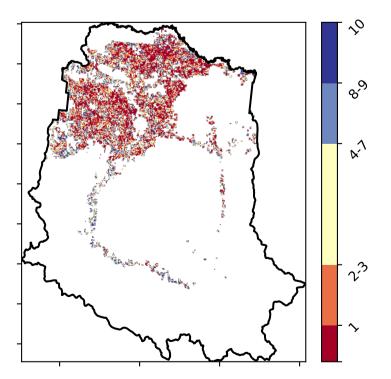


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



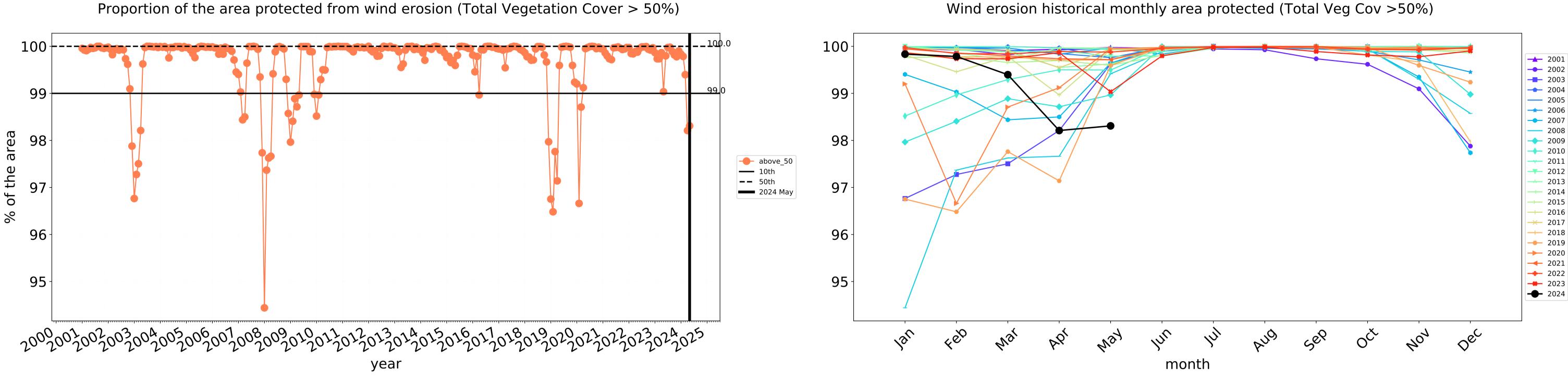
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

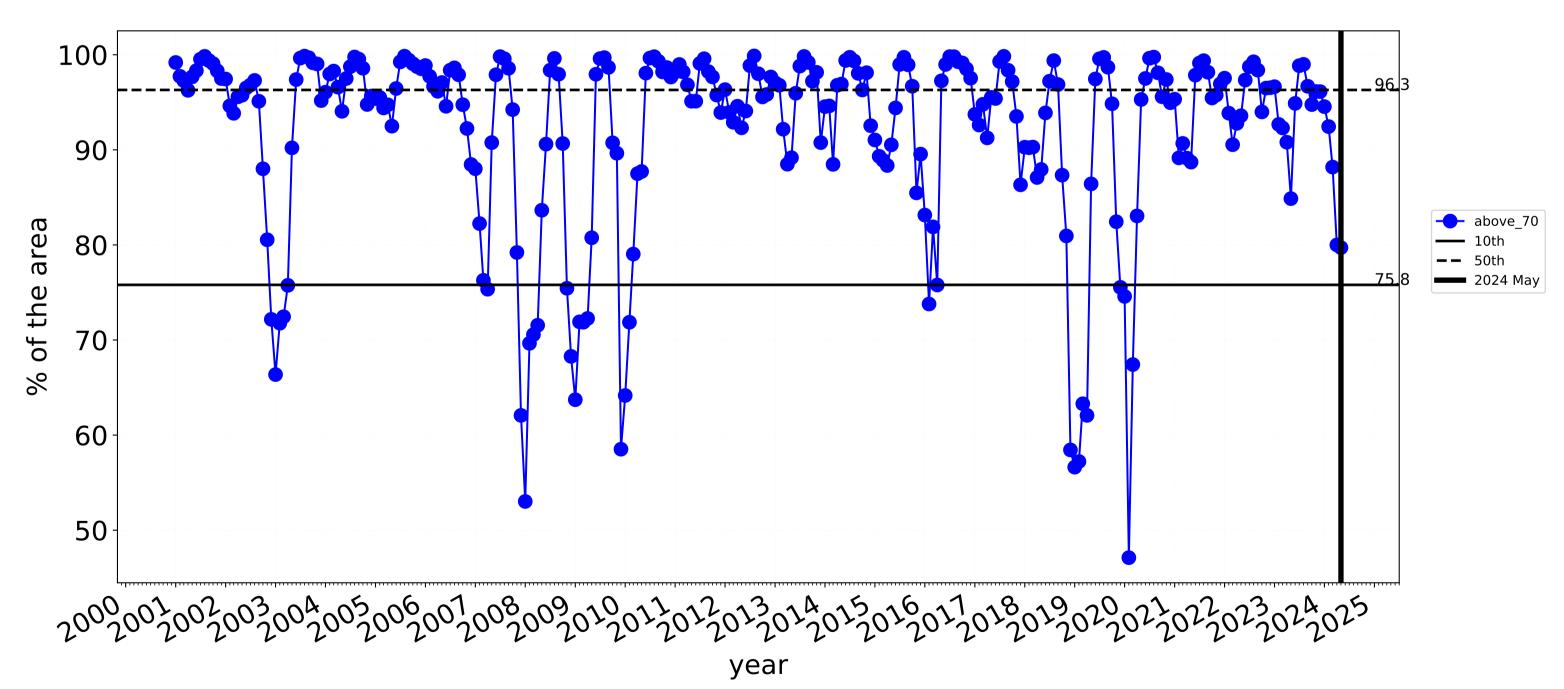




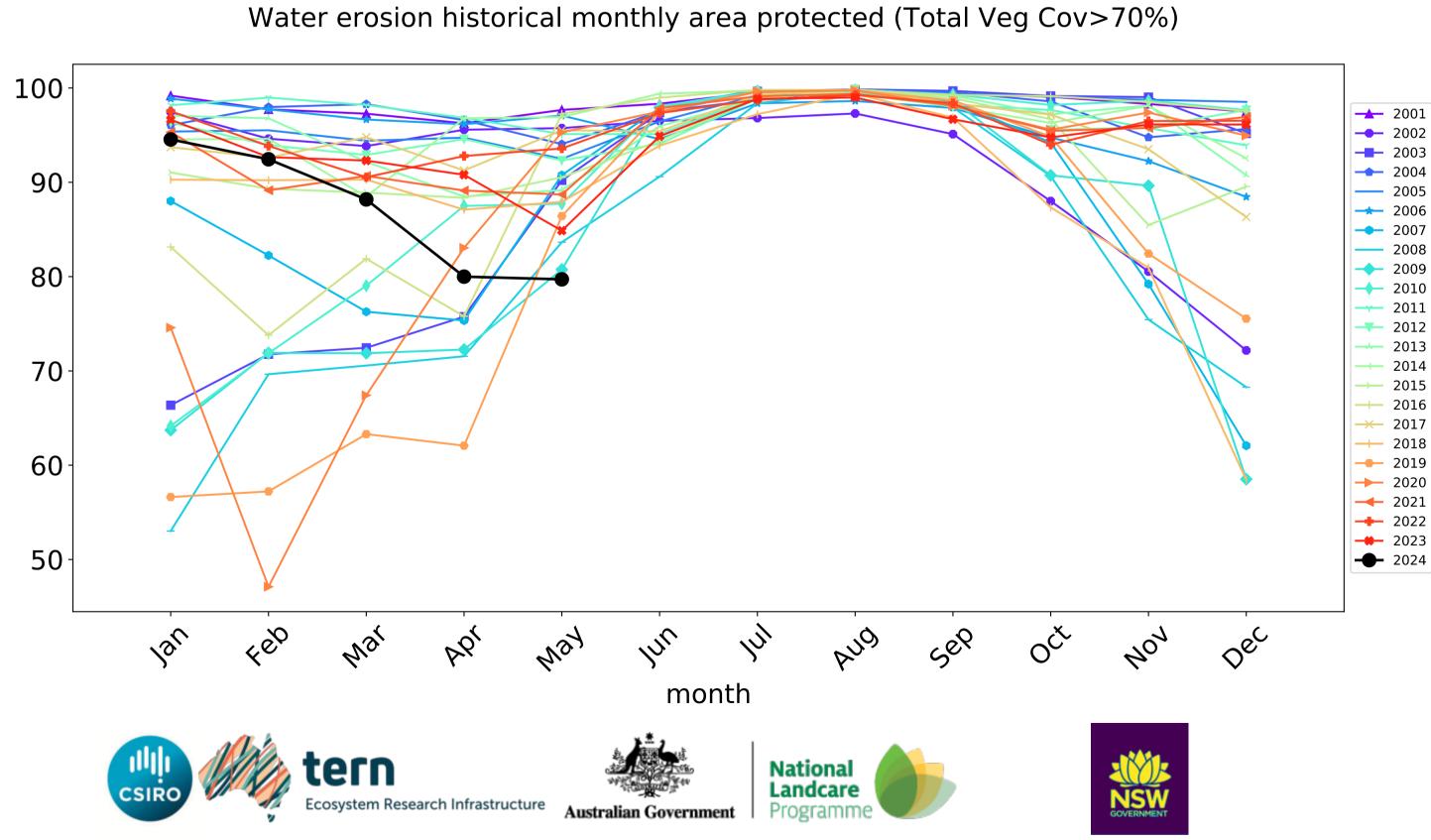
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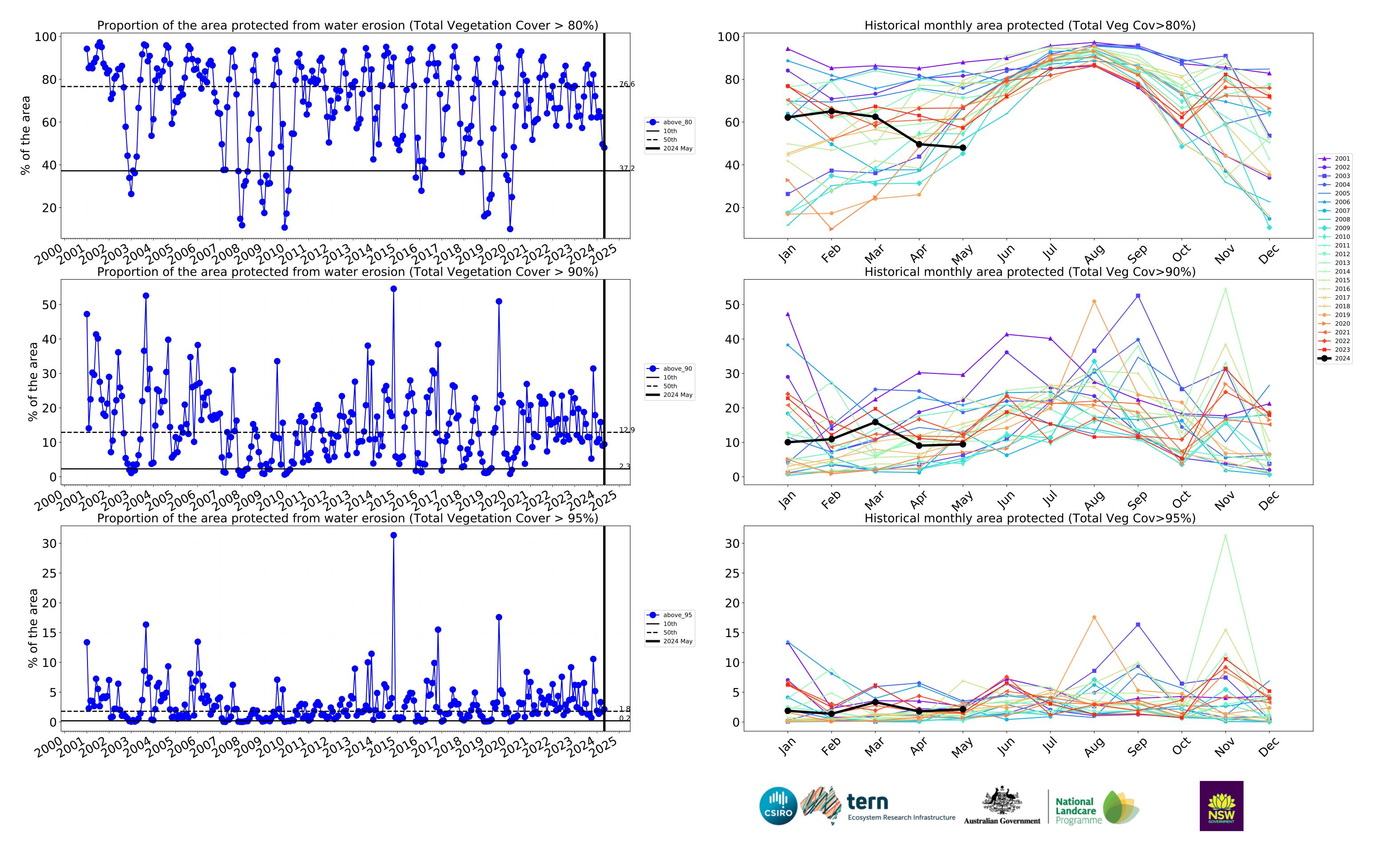


Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



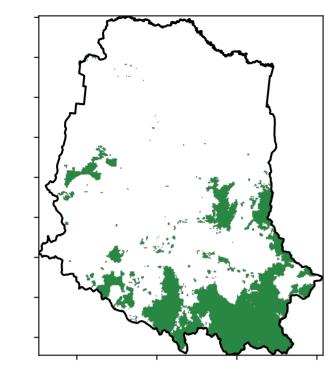
Irrigation timeseries





Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover



1 Production native forests and plantation forests

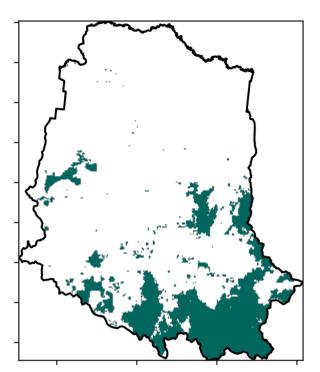
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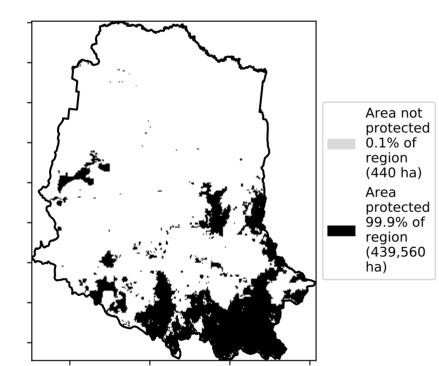
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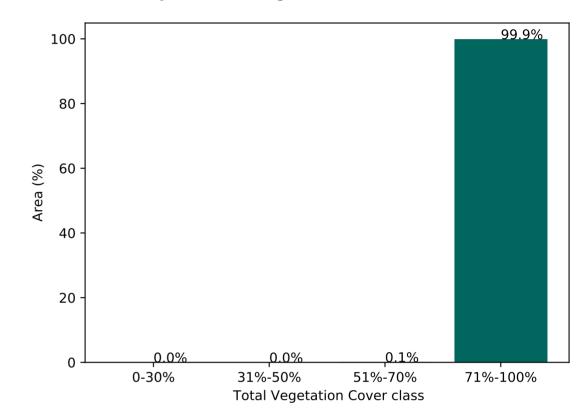
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



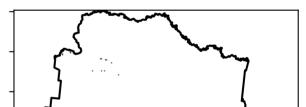




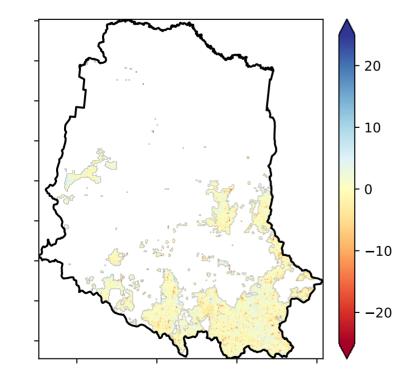
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



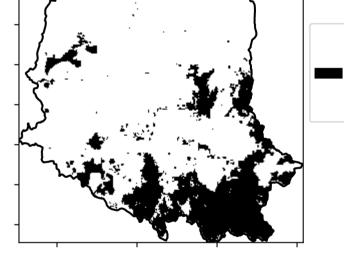
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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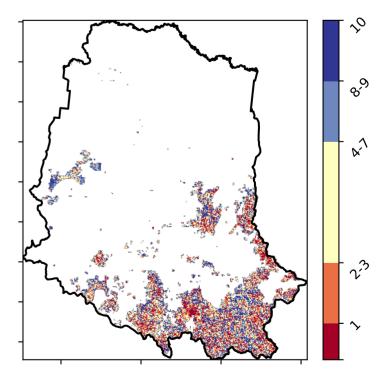
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



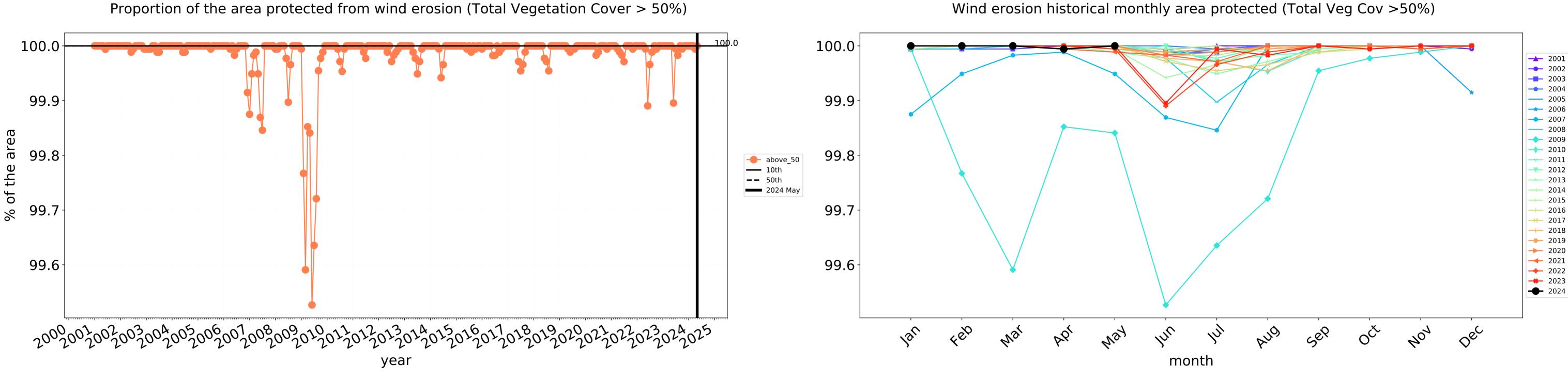


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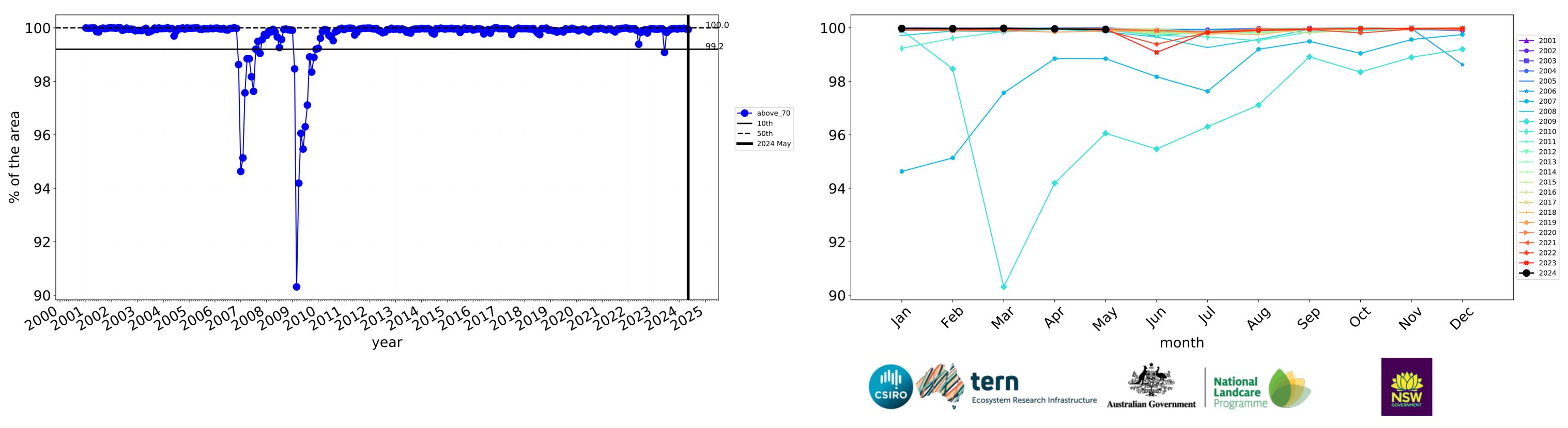
Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

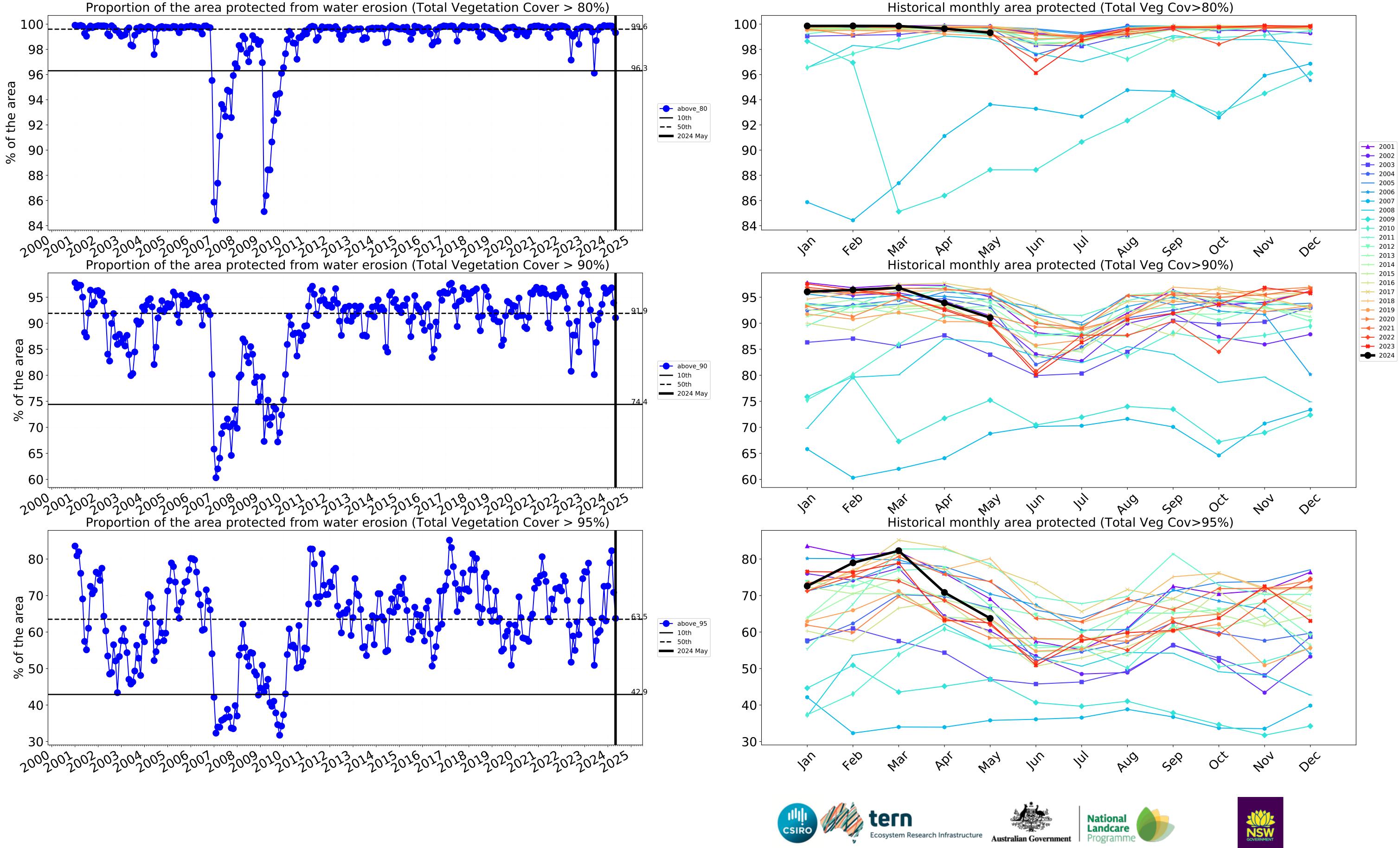
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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



Goulburn Broken (2,391,825 ha and no data 15,638 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	2,391,825	99.9% 2,390,350	99.0% 2,368,675	88.6% 2,119,000	76.3% 1,825,875	50.9% 1,218,375	25.8% 616,675
Conservation and natural environments	235,100	100.0% 235,025	99.8% 234,725	98.6% 231,725	95.6% 224,725	82.6% 194,125	52.5% 123,525
Conservation and natural environments non forest	41,850	99.8% 41,775	99.2% 41,525	94.4% 39,500	85.6% 35,825	58.7% 24,575	16.2% 6,800
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	172,175	100.0% 172,175	100.0% 172,150	99.5% 171,375	98.2% 169,025	89.2% 153,550	63.1% 108,675
Agriculture	1,575,350	99.9% 1,574,450	98.7% 1,554,850	83.9% 1,321,575	67.2% 1,058,625	35.9% 566,125	12.2% 191,875
Grazing	966,500	100.0% 966,175	99.5% 961,675	93.7% 905,300	84.7% 818,200	52.8% 510,175	18.4% 177,925
Grazing non forest	892,400	100.0% 892,075	99.5% 887,575	93.2% 831,425	83.5% 744,750	49.9% 445,700	15.8% 141,050
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	64,725	100.0% 64,725	100.0% 64,725	99.8% 64,600	99.5% 64,400	89.0% 57,575	52.2% 33,775
Cropping	190,025	99.8% 189,725	95.4% 181,250	42.1% 80,050	17.9% 33,975	5.5% 10,500	1.4% 2,650
Irrigation	406,550	99.9% 406,275	98.3% 399,675	79.7% 324,075	48.0% 195,275	9.4% 38,350	2.1% 8,650
Production native forests and plantation forests	440,000	100.0% 440,000	100.0% 440,000	99.9% 439,725	99.3% 437,000	91.0% 400,600	63.8% 280,500

