Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM North East VIC

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

Land use forest cover:

Date: May 2025

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

Acknowledgment of data:

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

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









Vegetation Cover May 2025

Land use and forest cover

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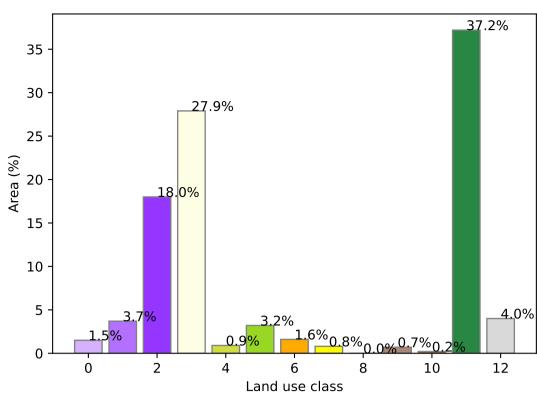
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Land Use and Forests

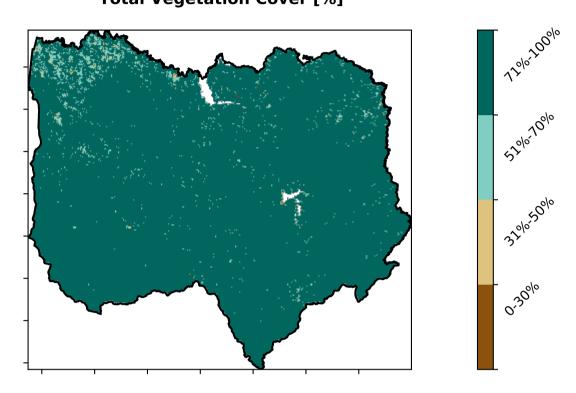
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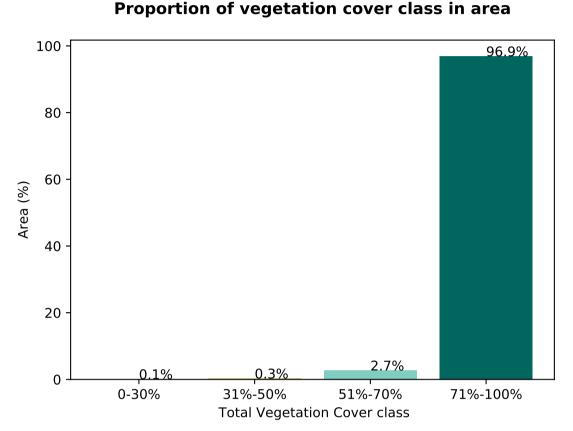
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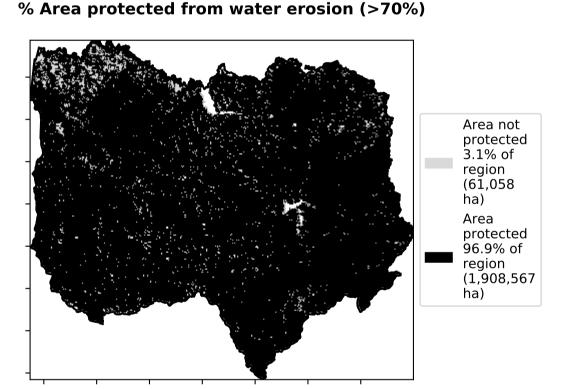
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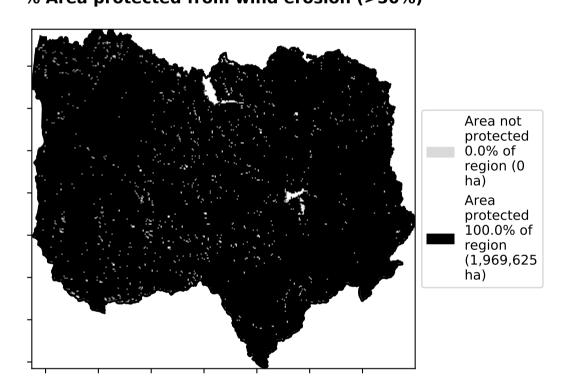
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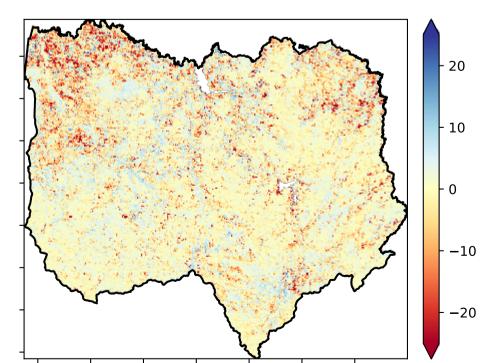
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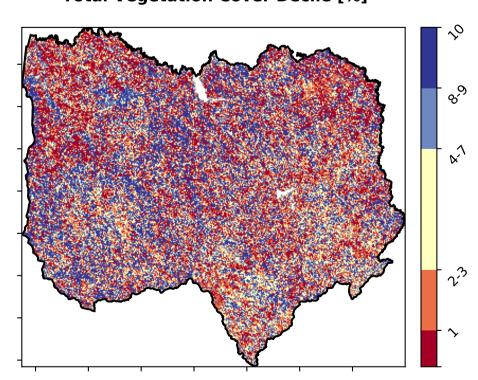
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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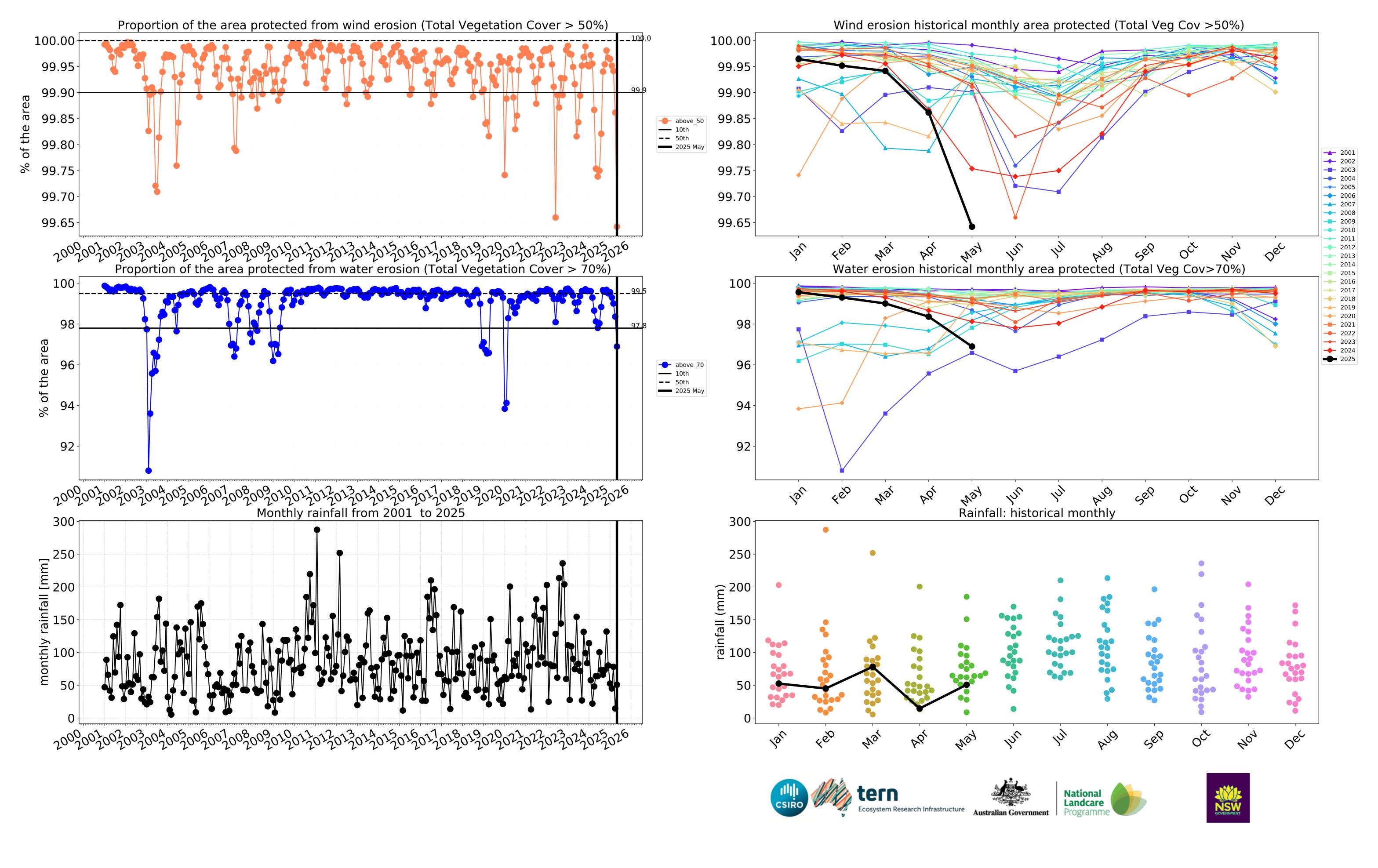


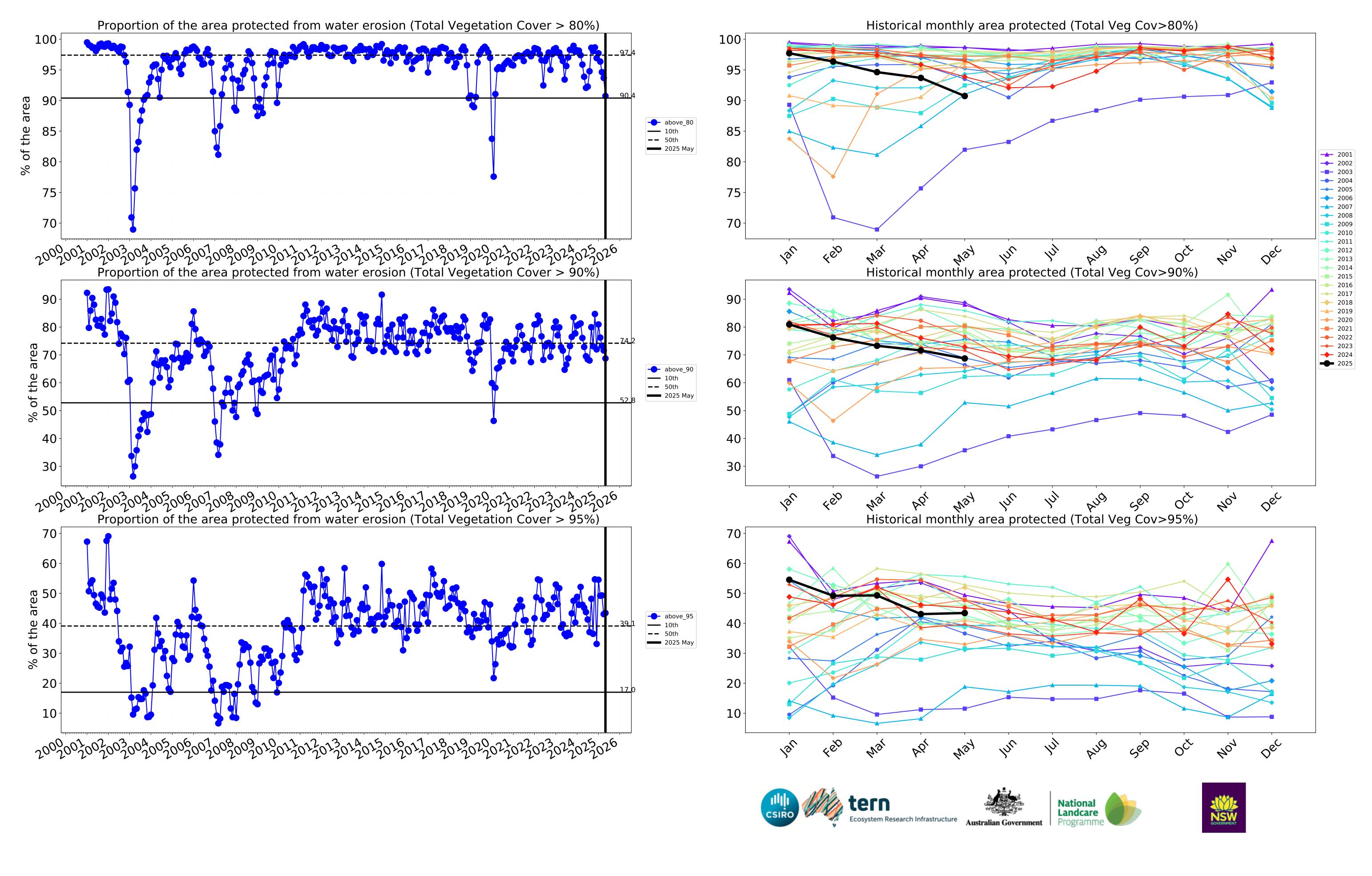












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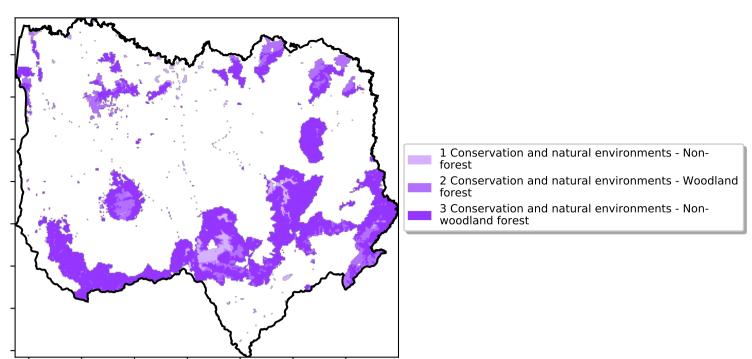
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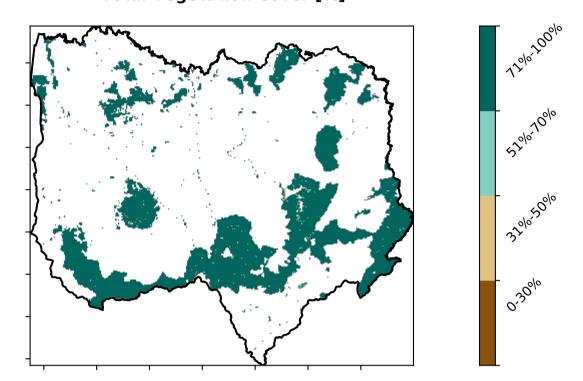


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Proportion of each land class in area

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

Land use and forest cover



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

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Land use class

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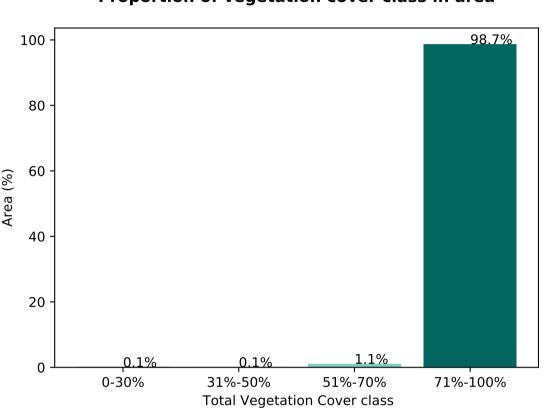
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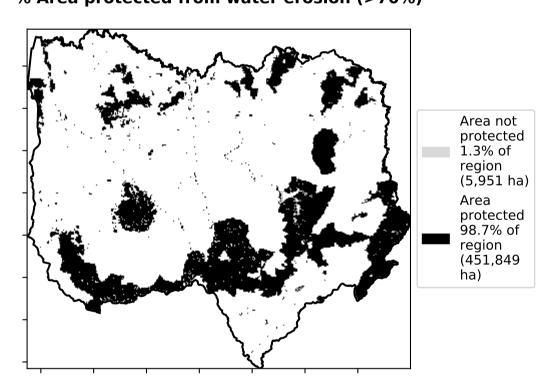
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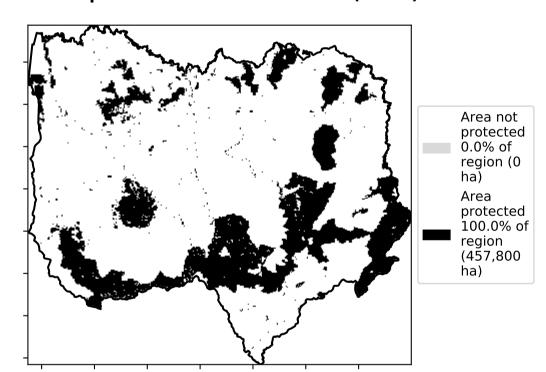
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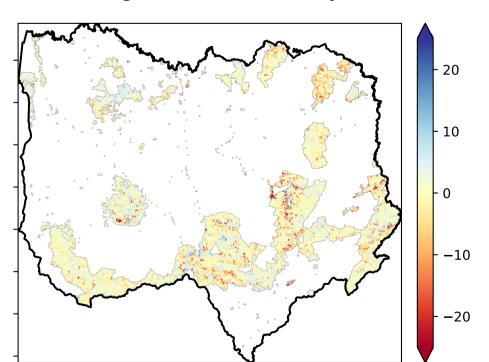
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



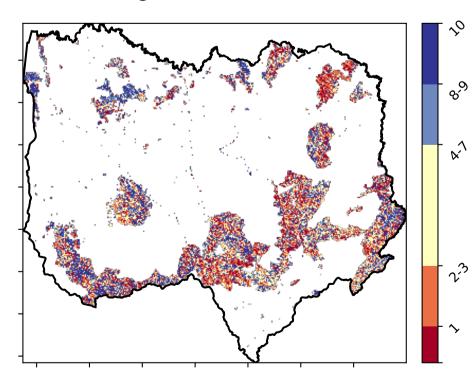
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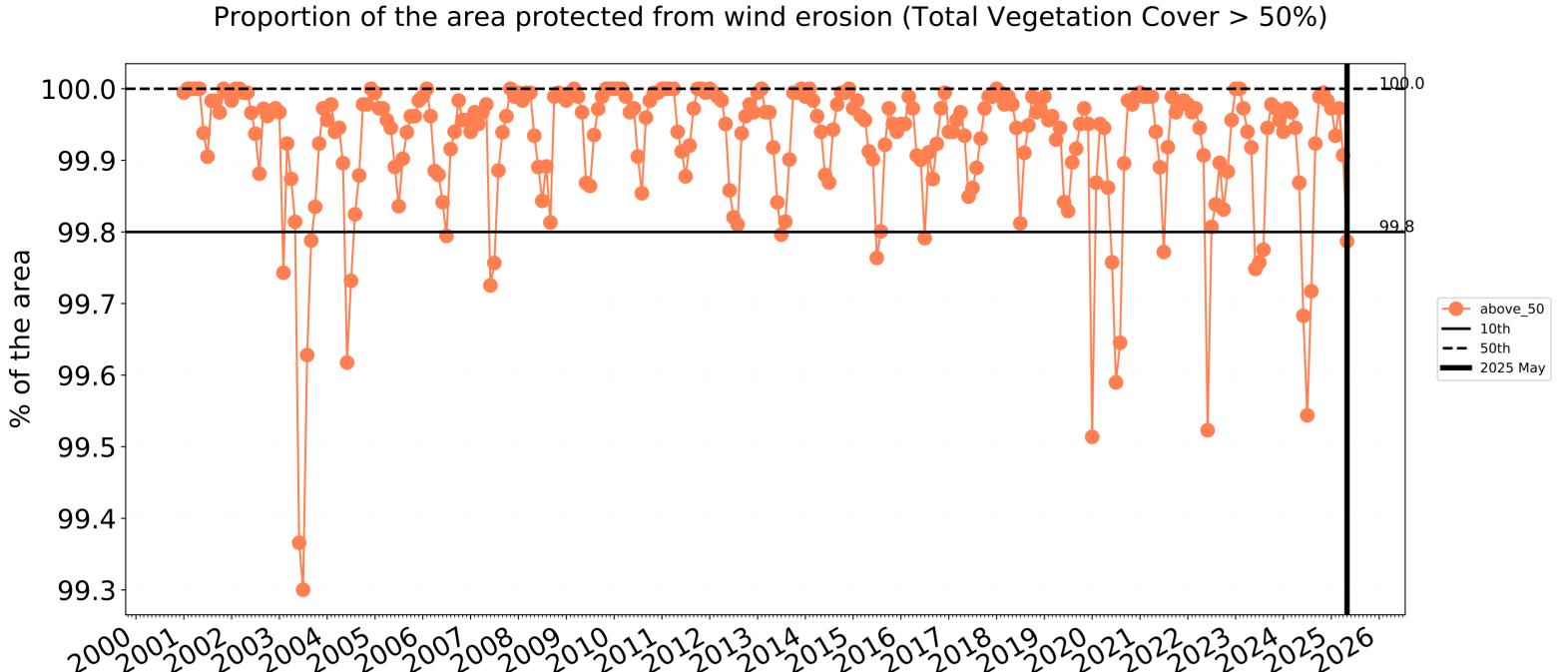


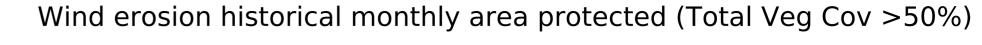


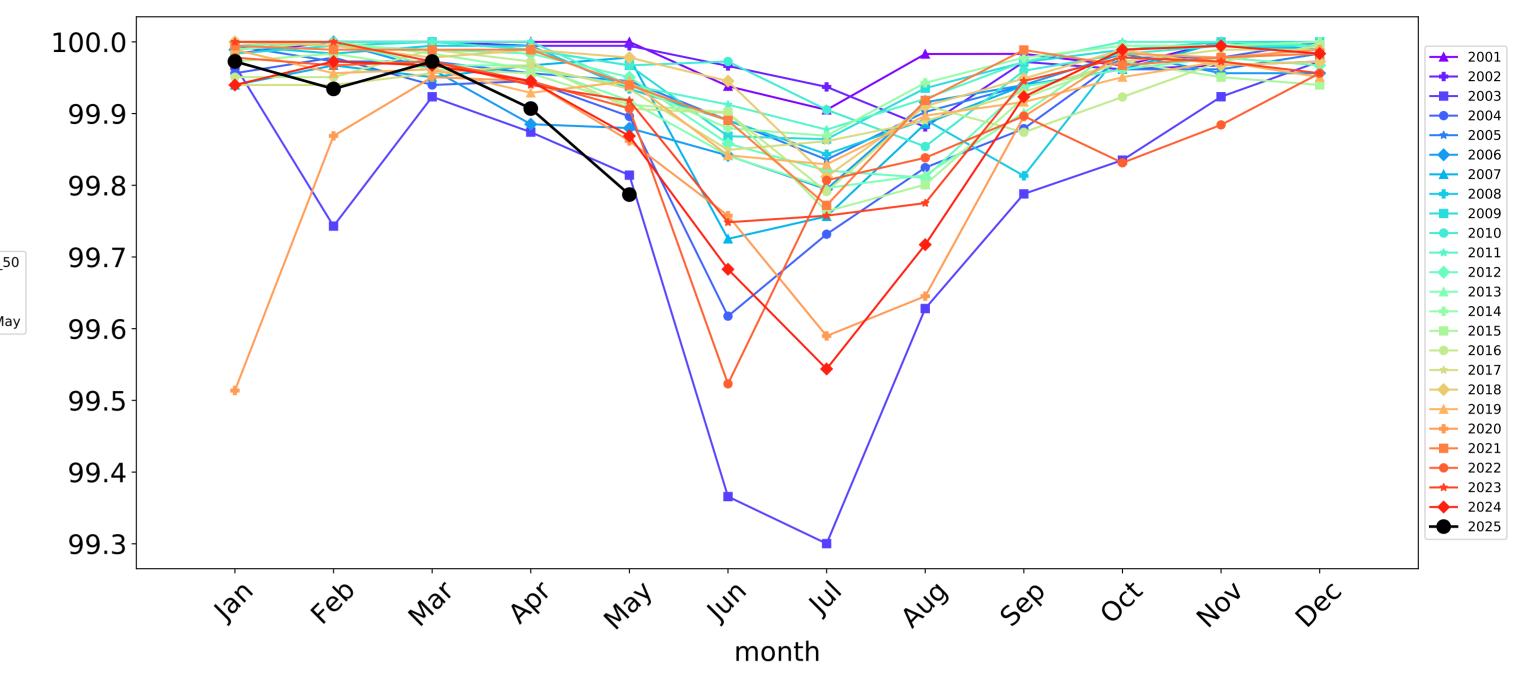


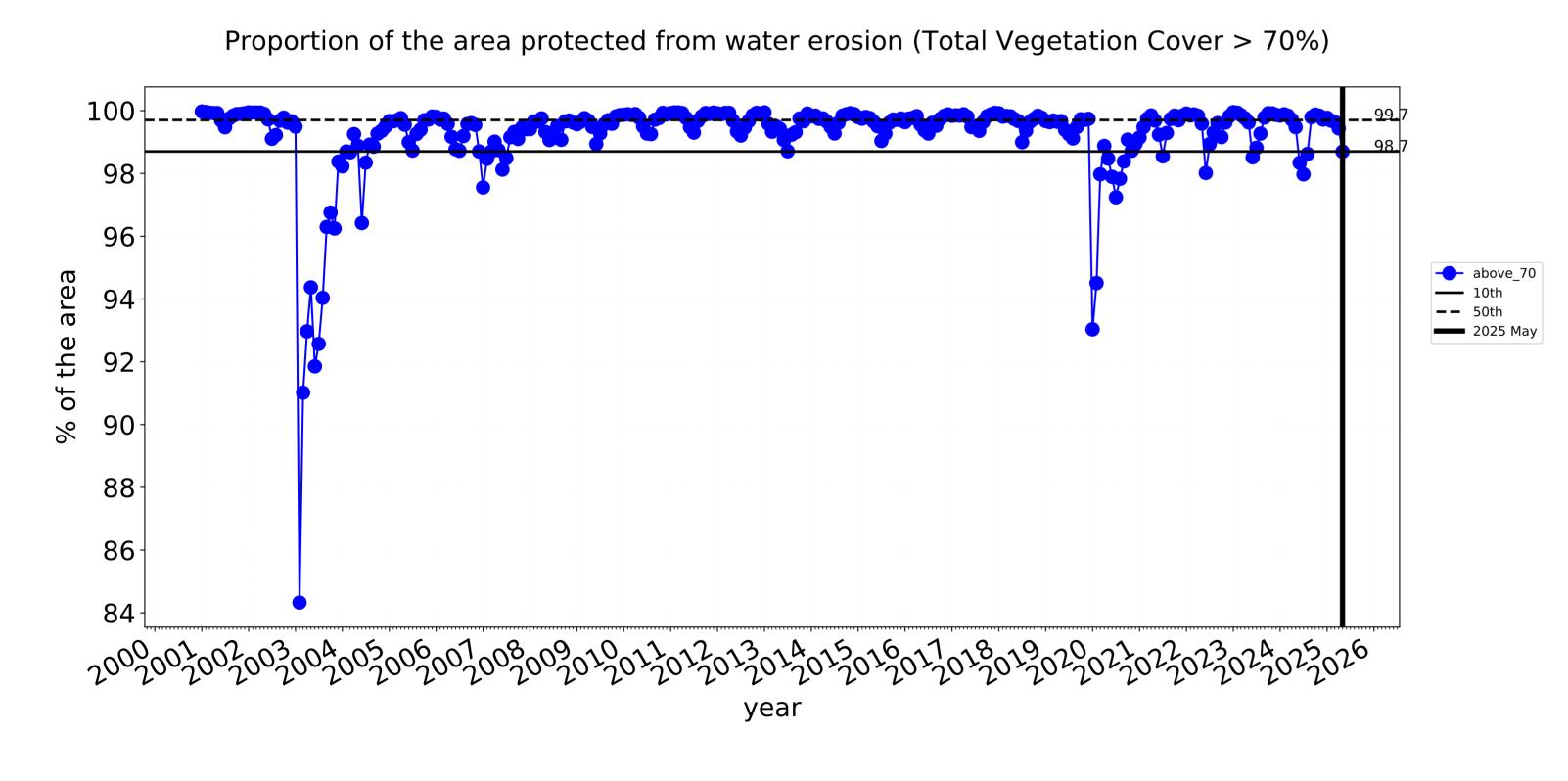


Conservation and natural environments timeseries



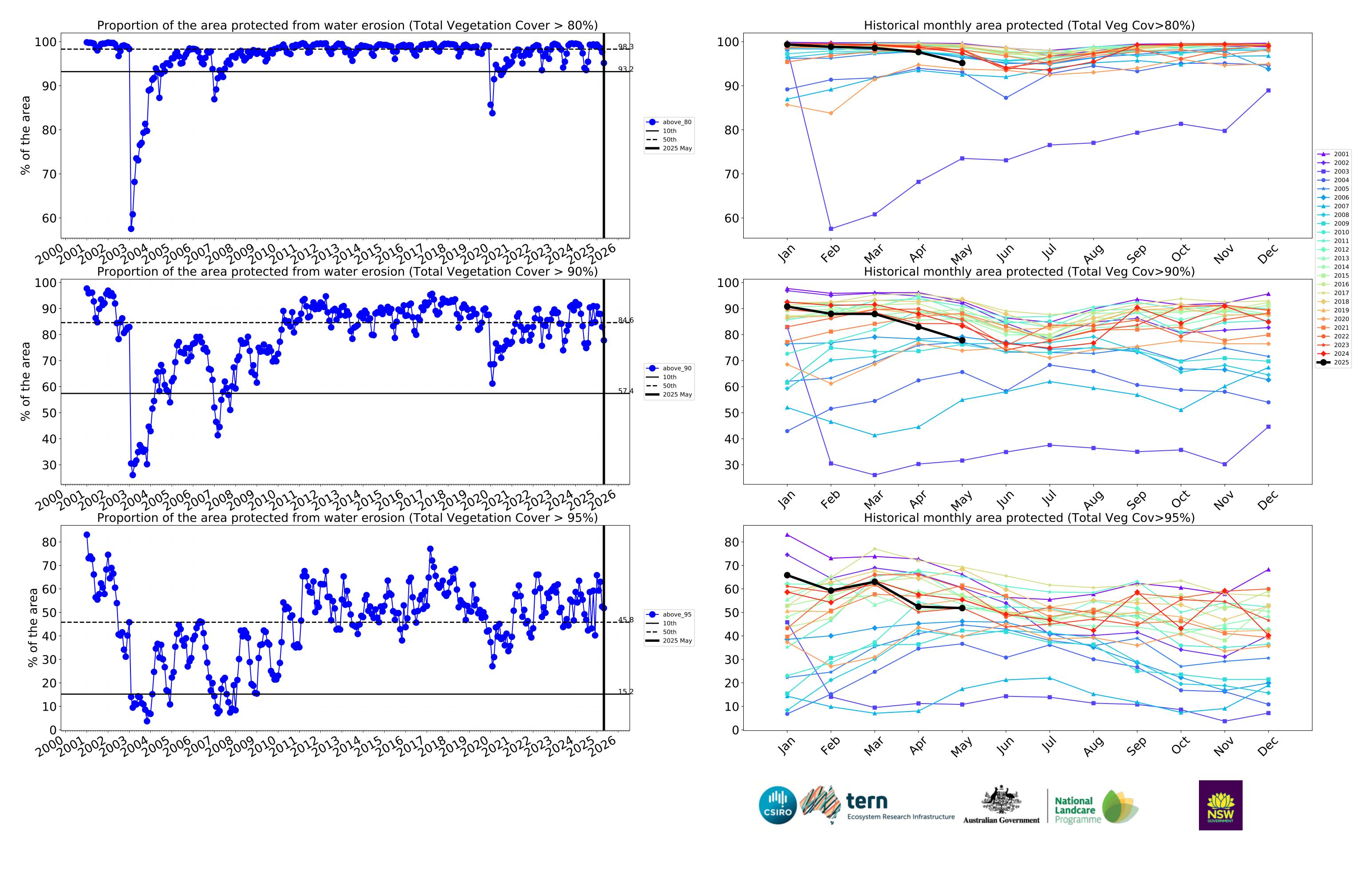






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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



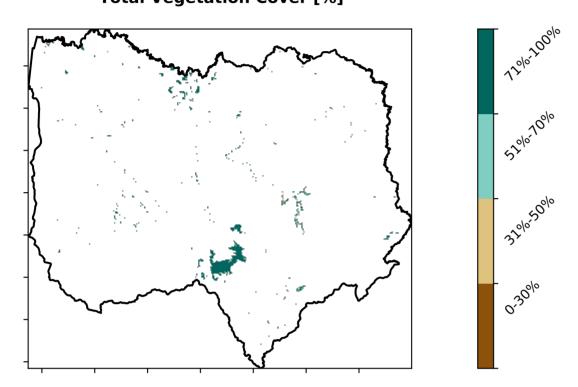
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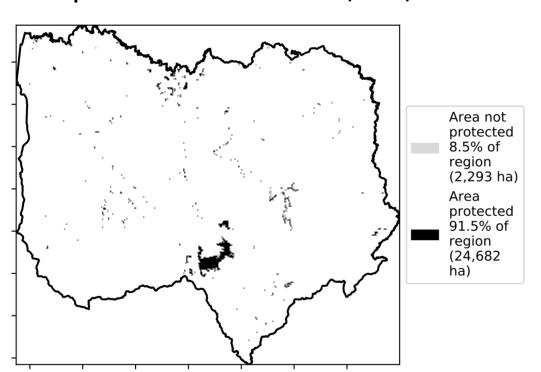
Land use and forest cover

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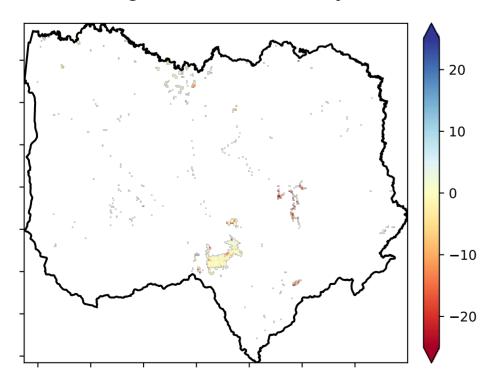
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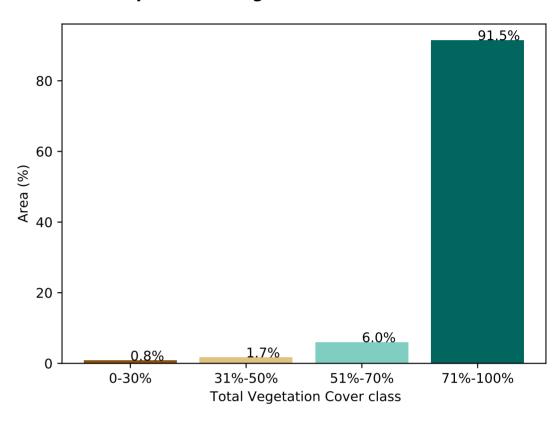
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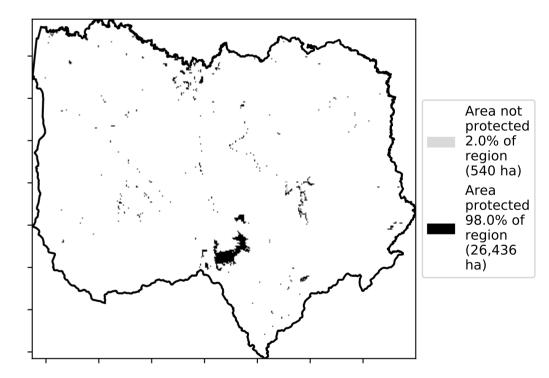


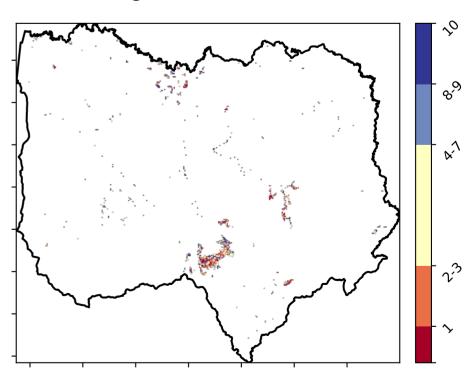
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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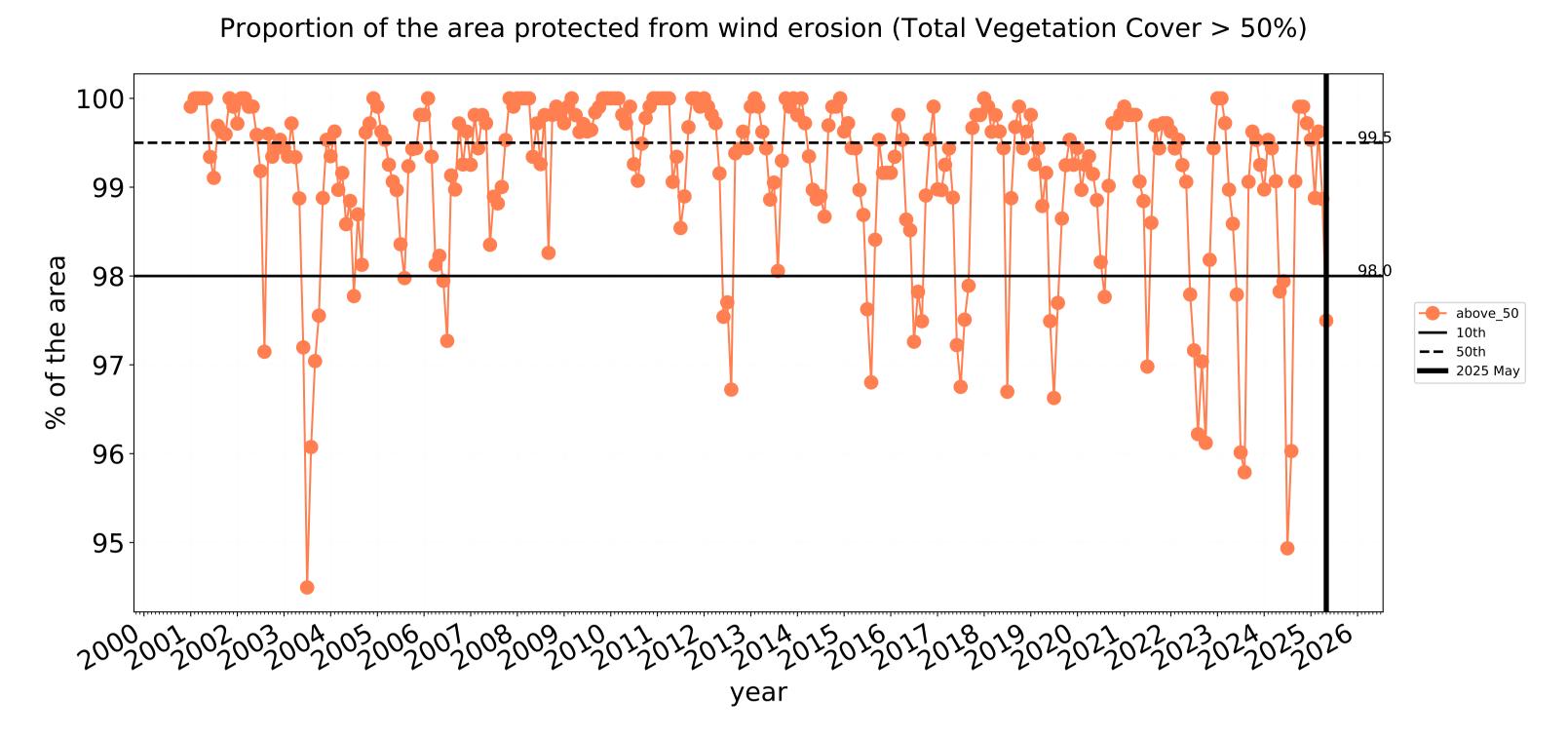


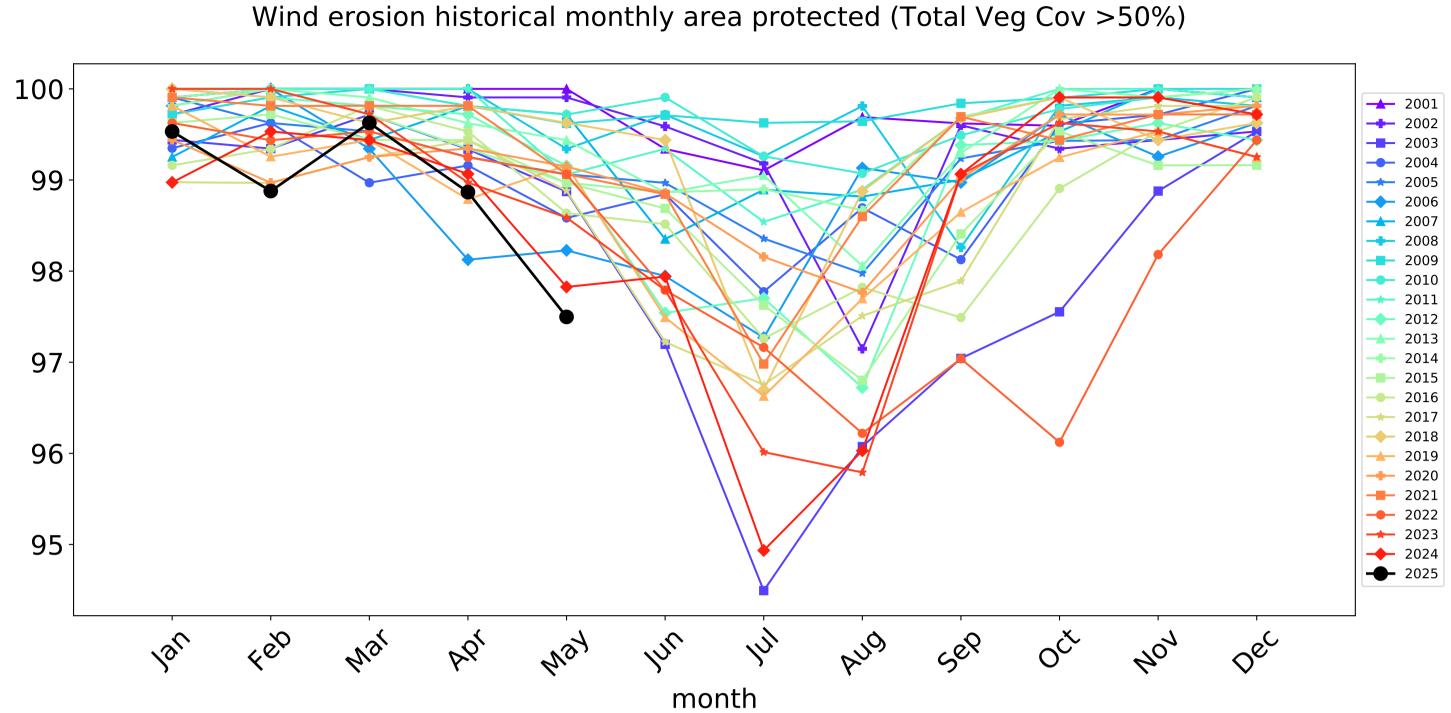


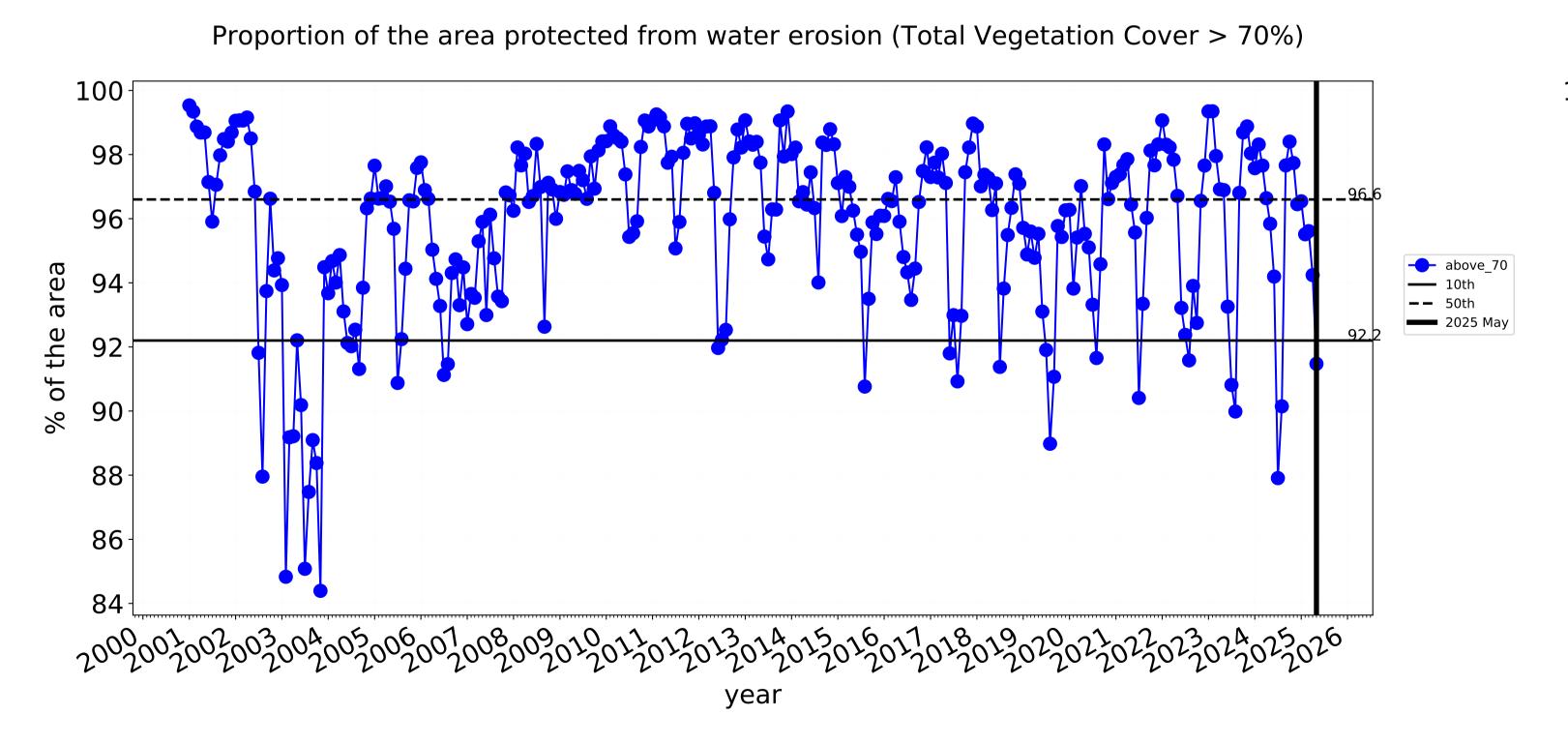


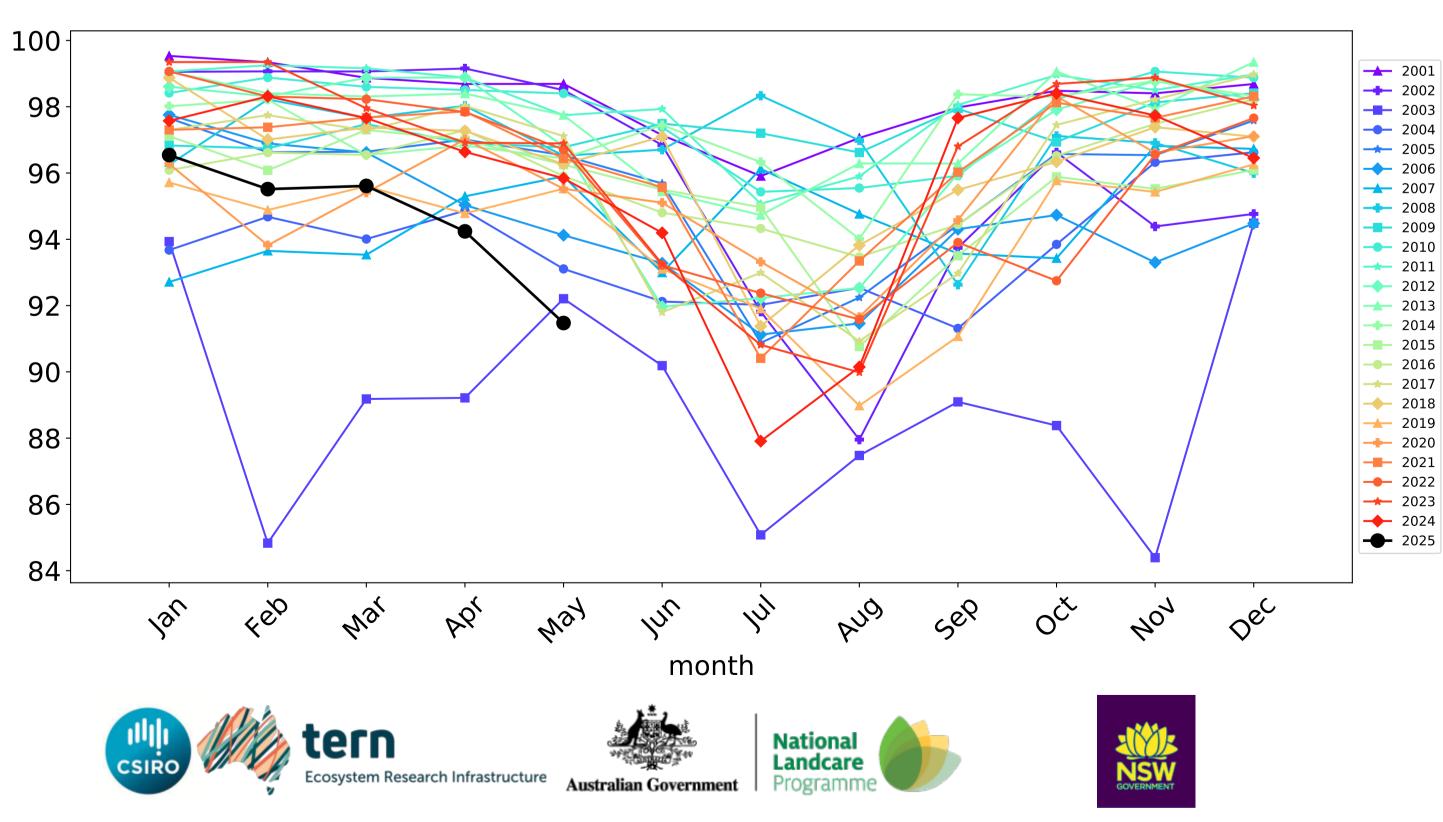


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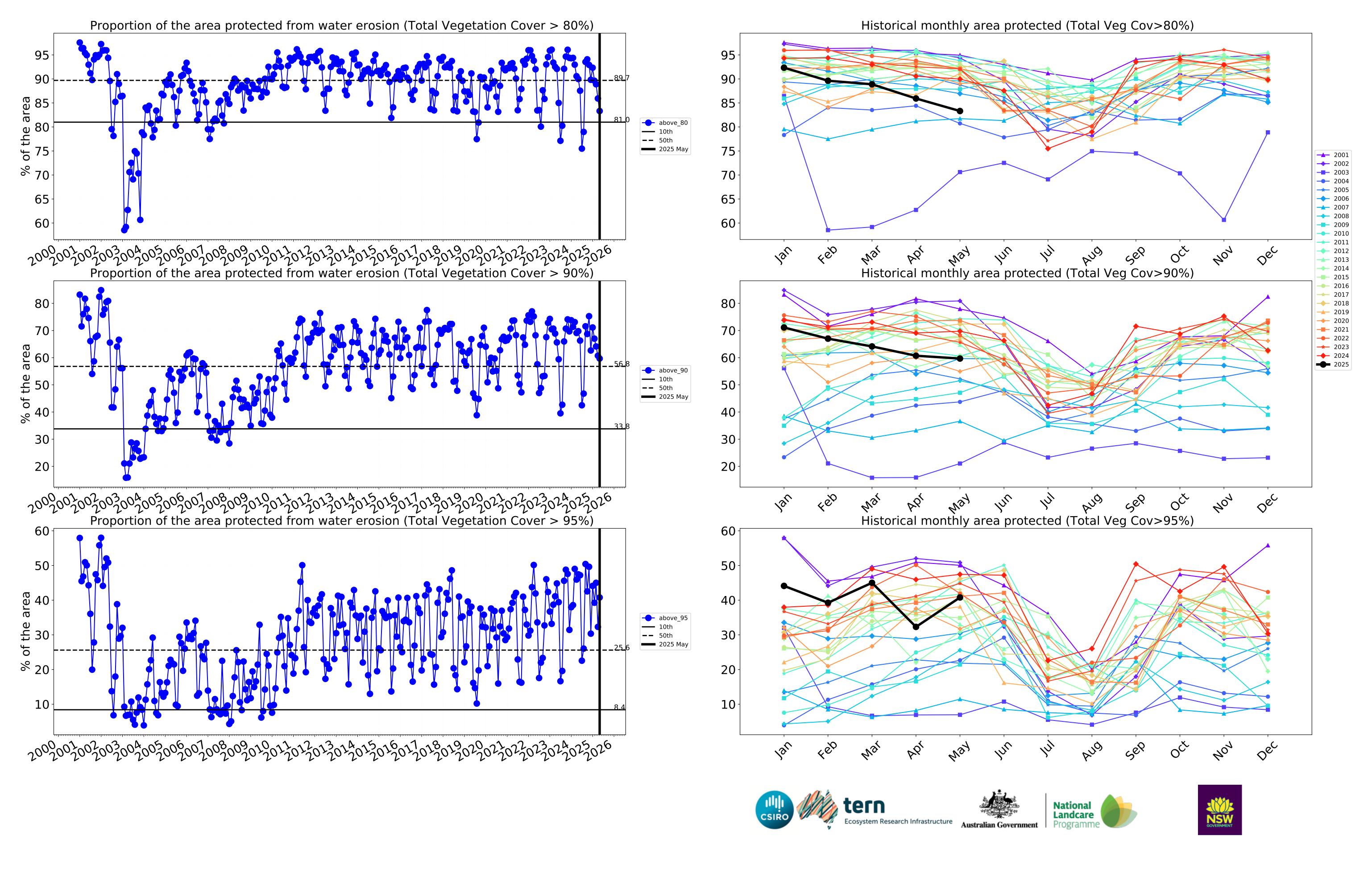








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

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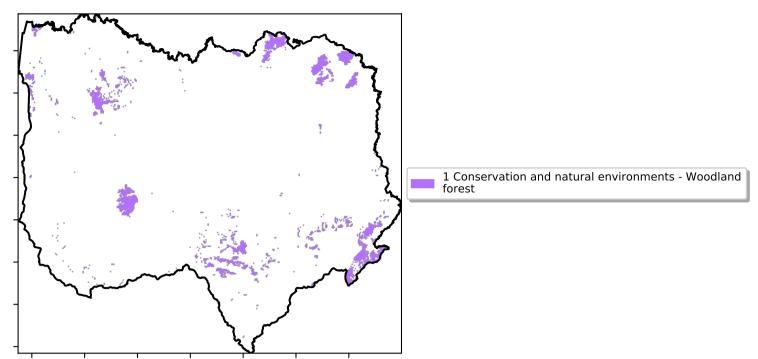
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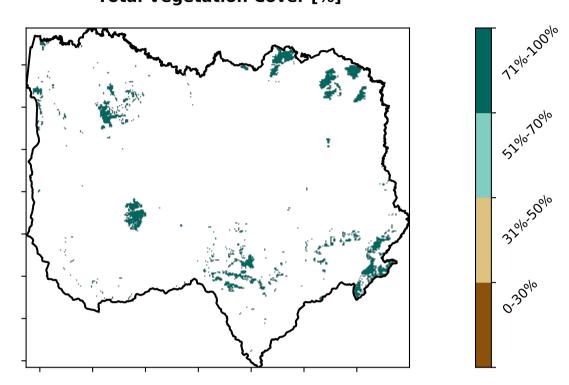
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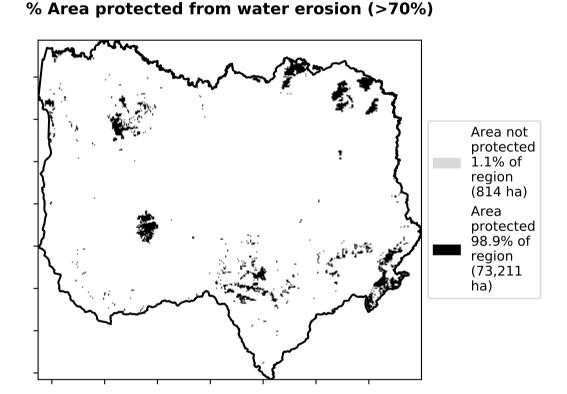
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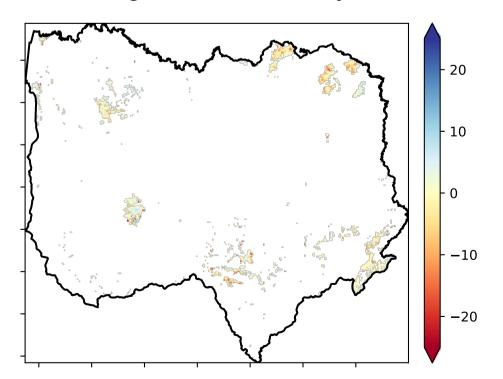


Total Vegetation Cover [%]



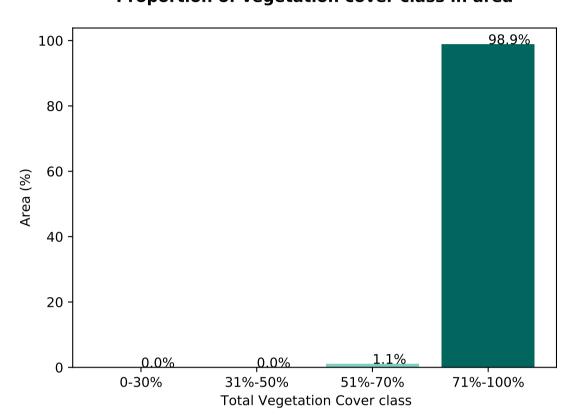


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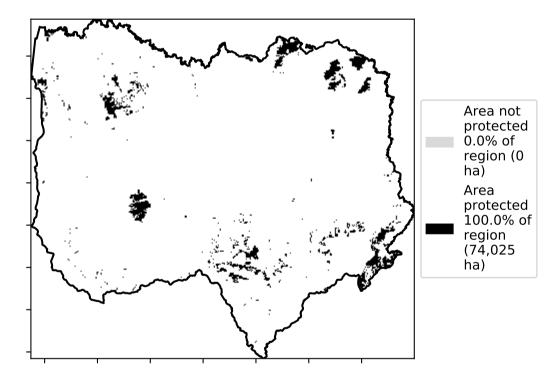


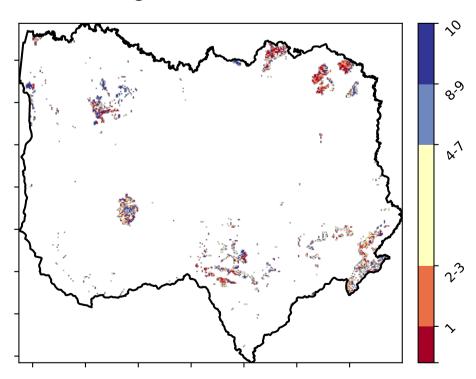
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





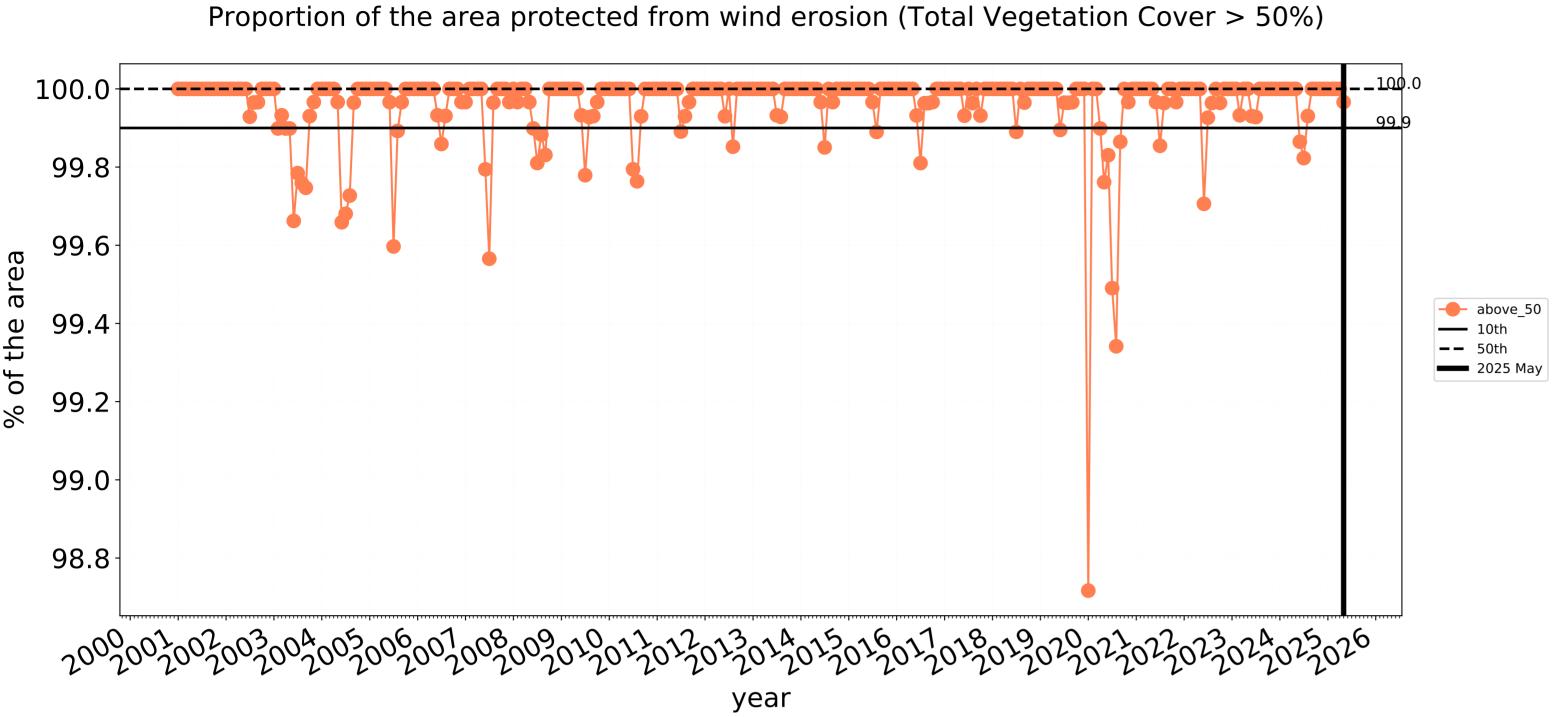


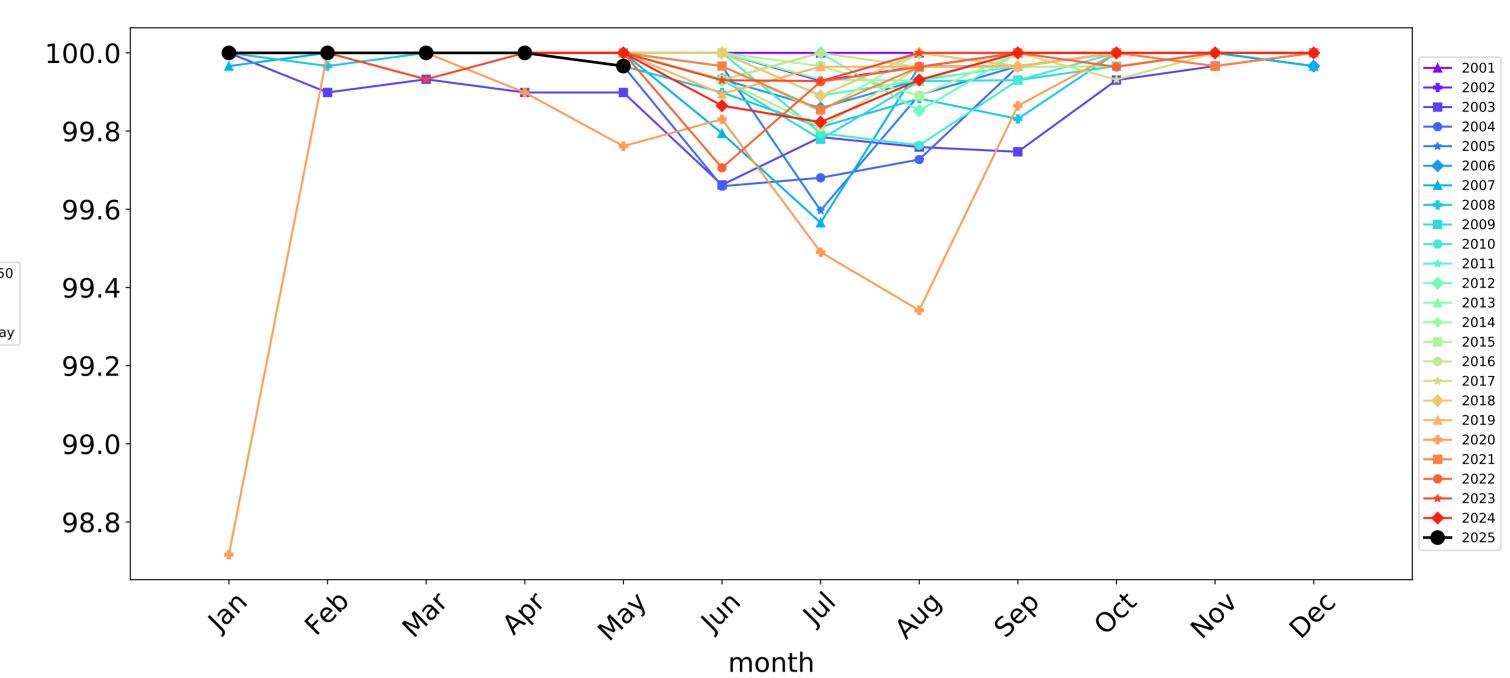




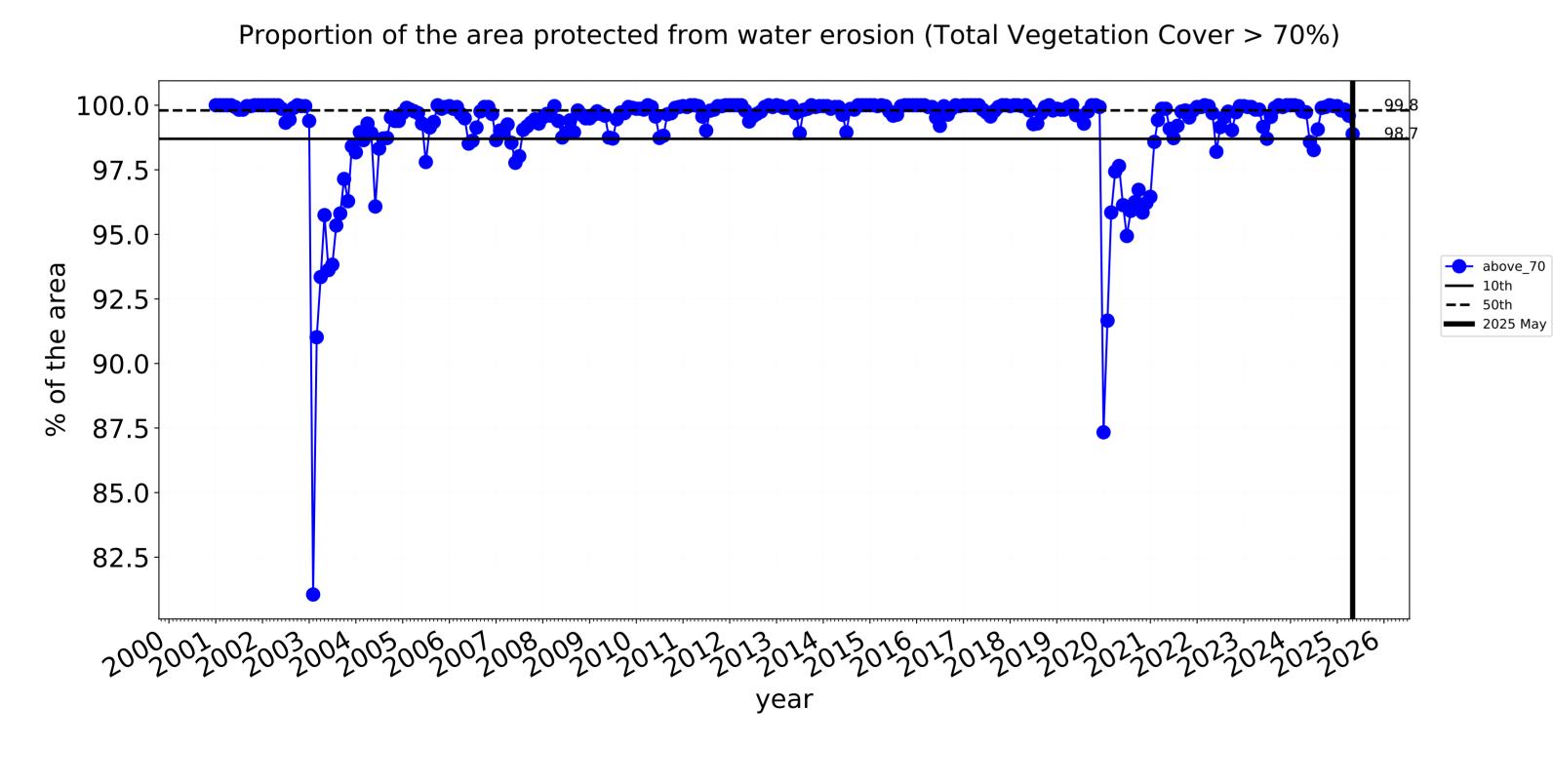


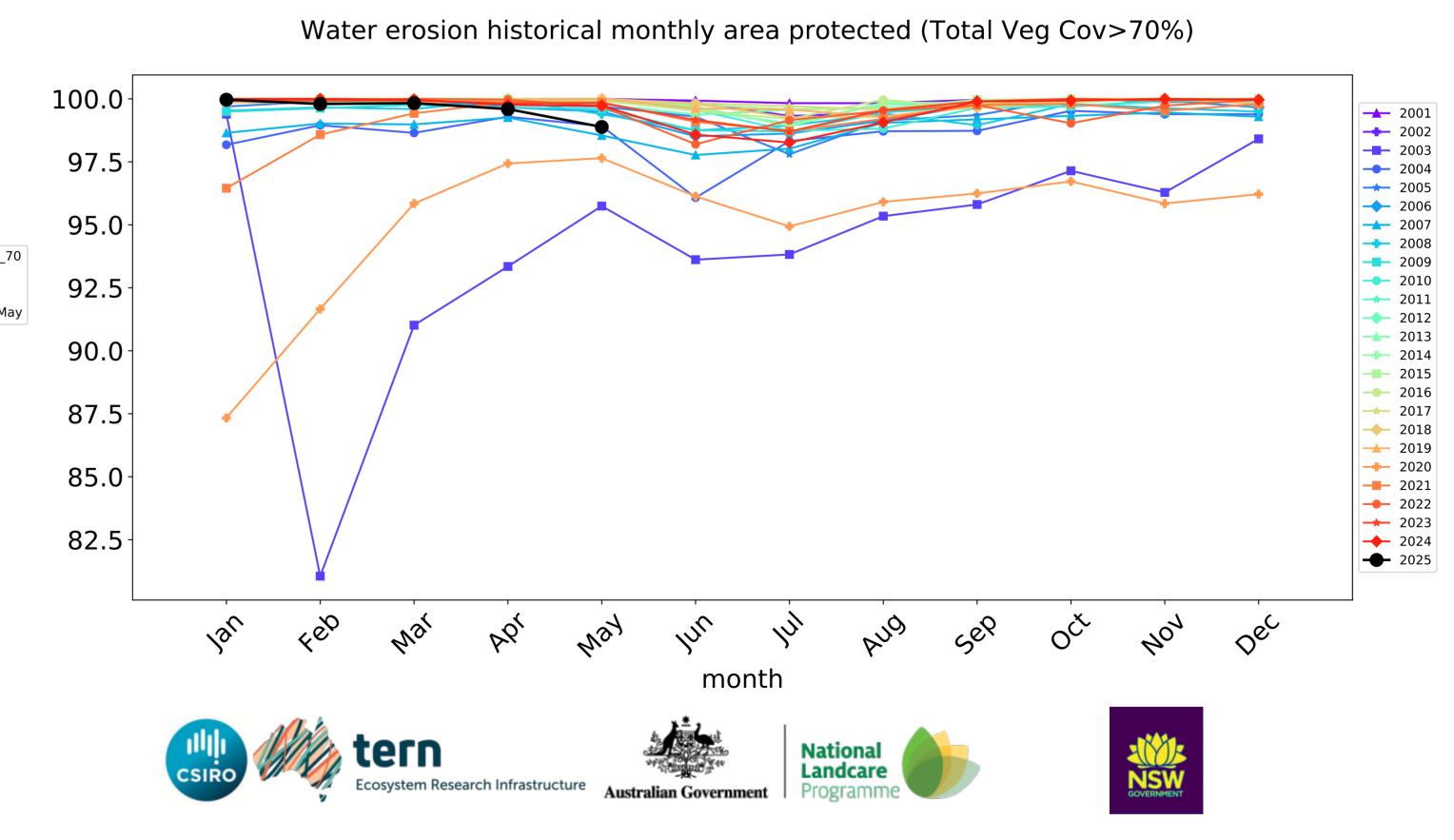
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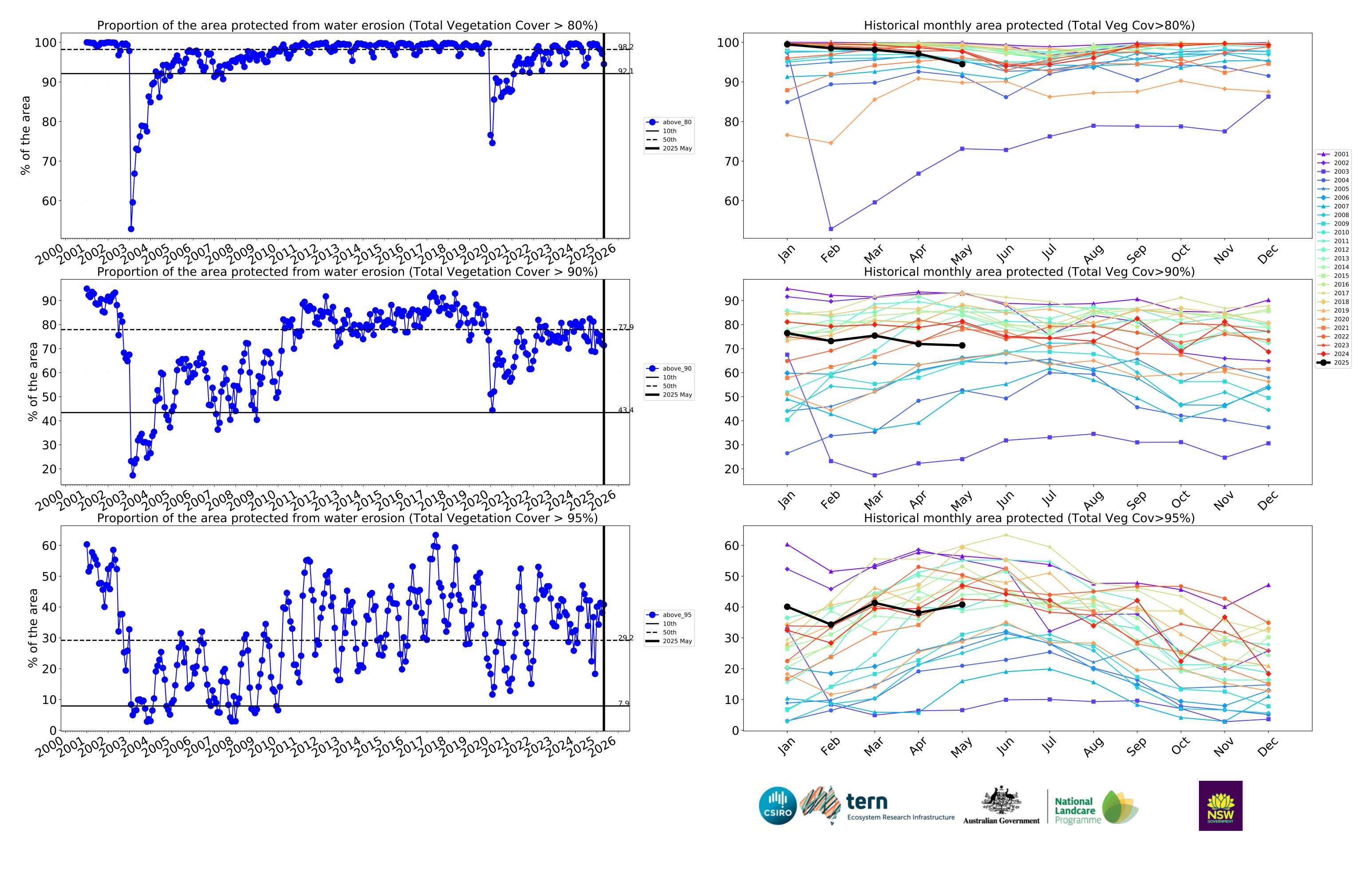




Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



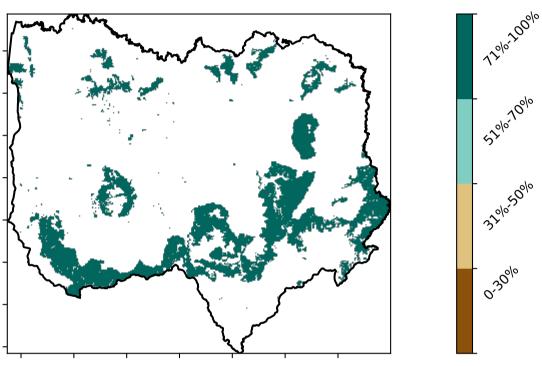


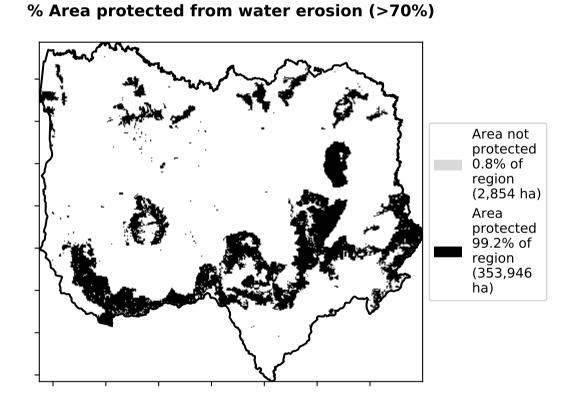


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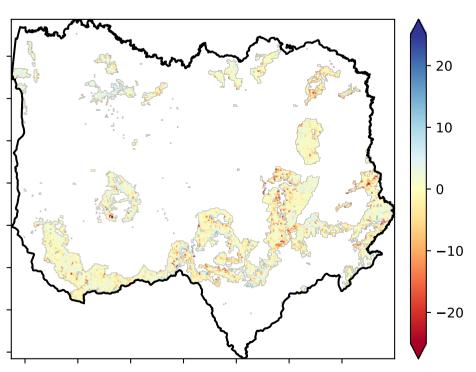
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Total Vegetation Cover [%]





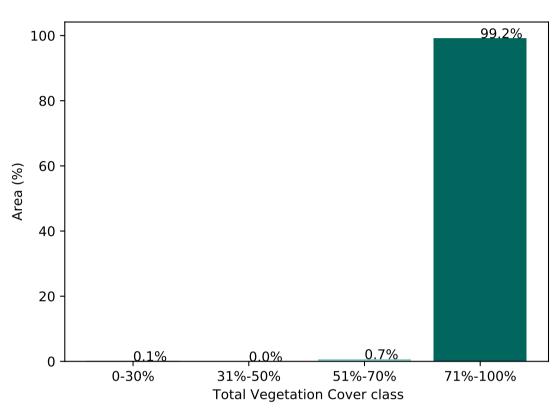
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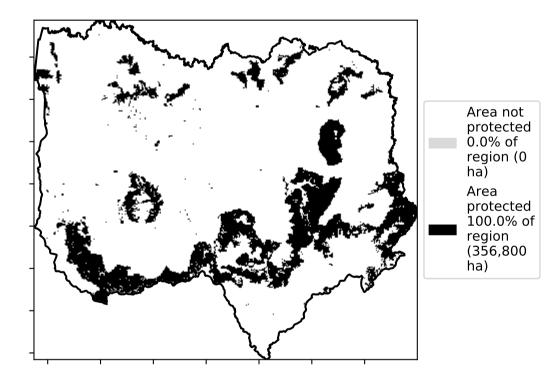
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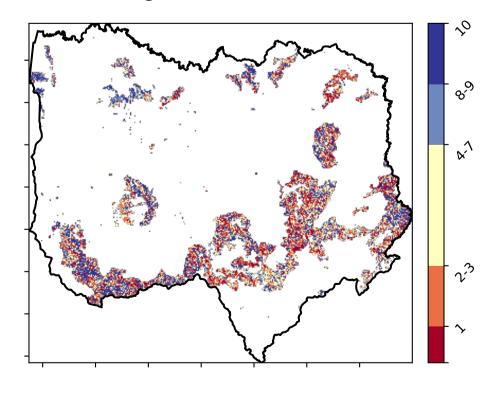
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





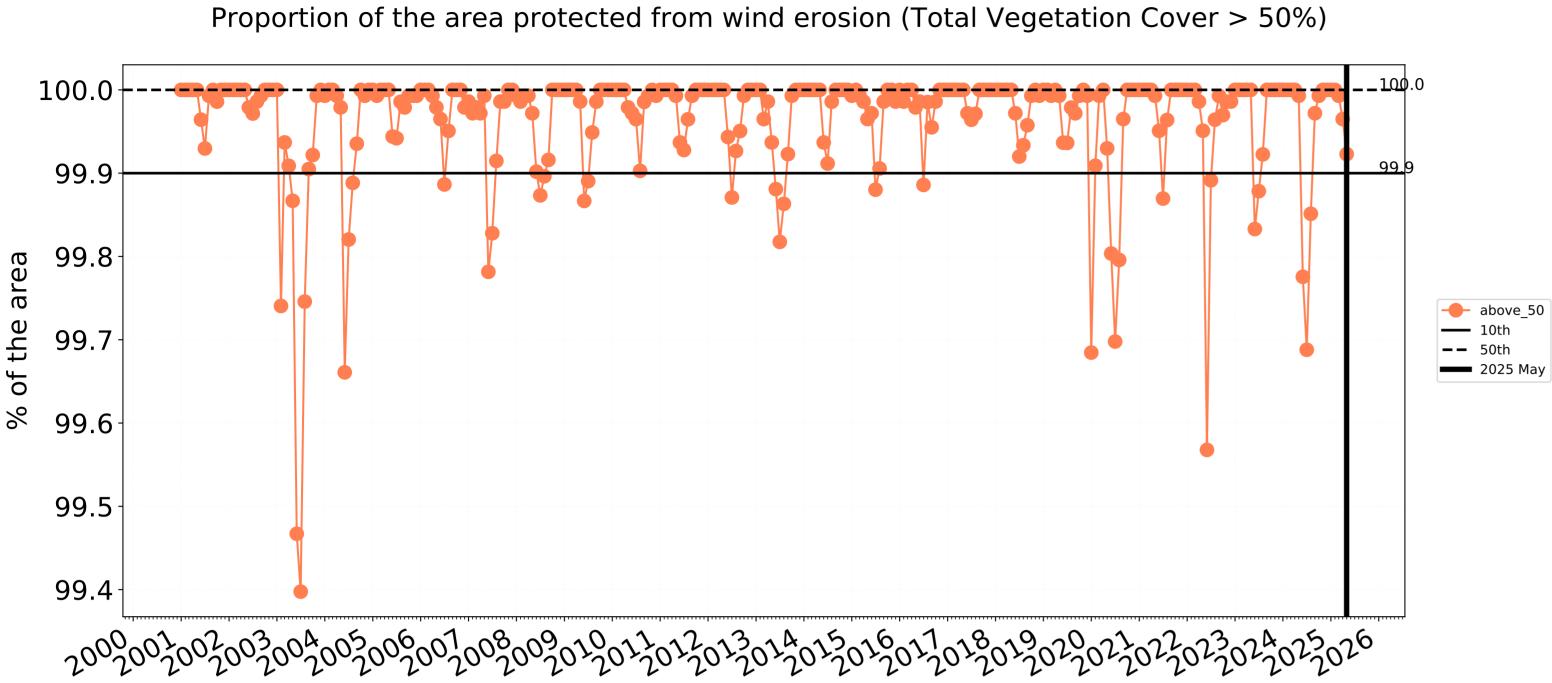


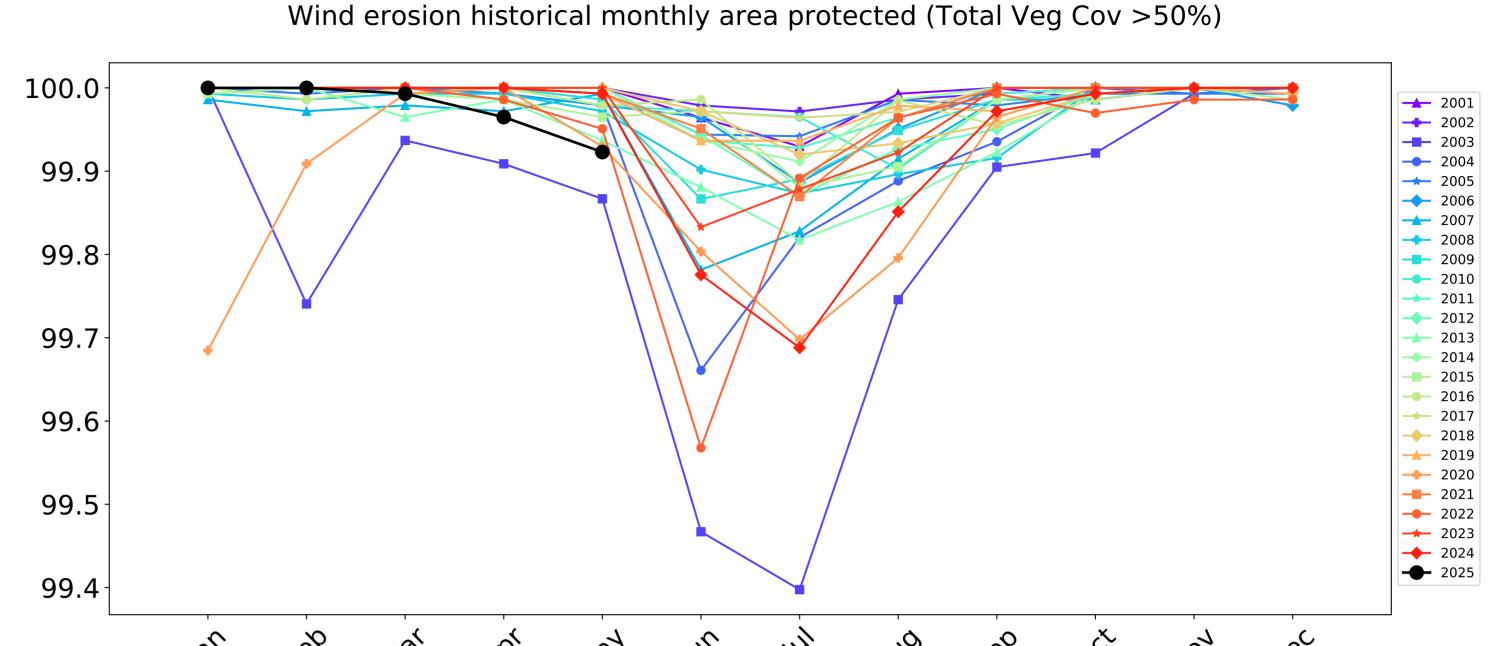






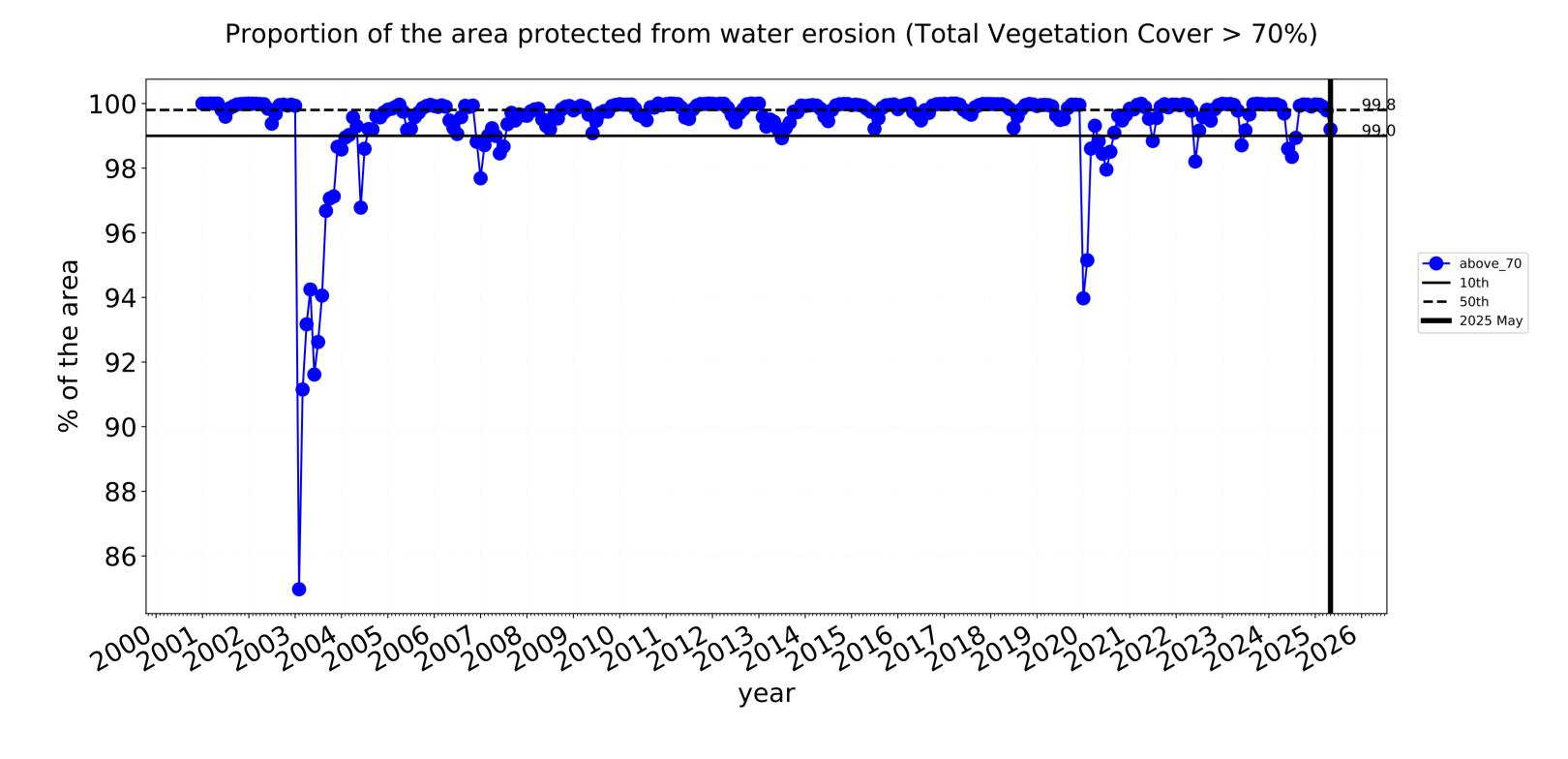


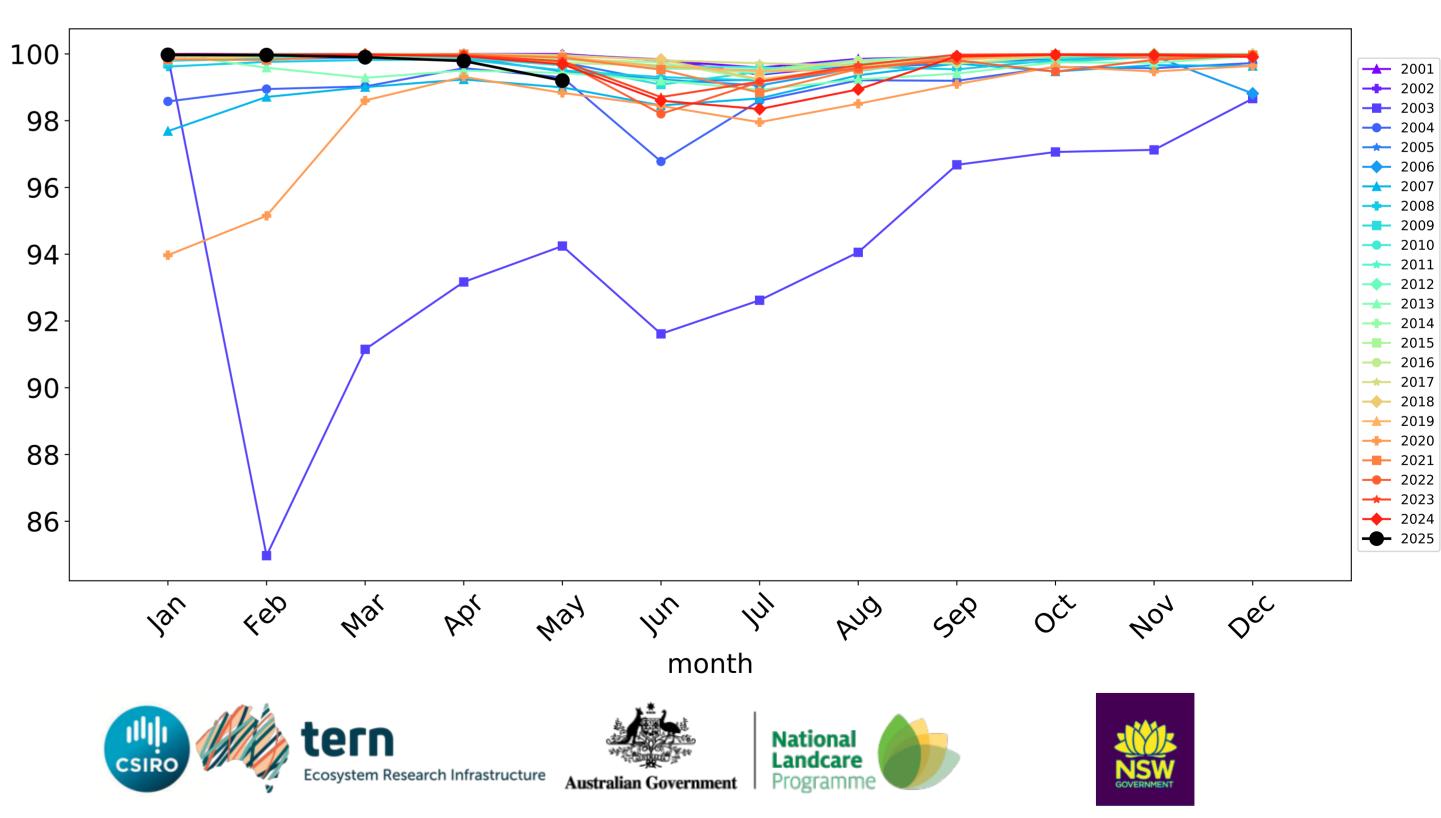


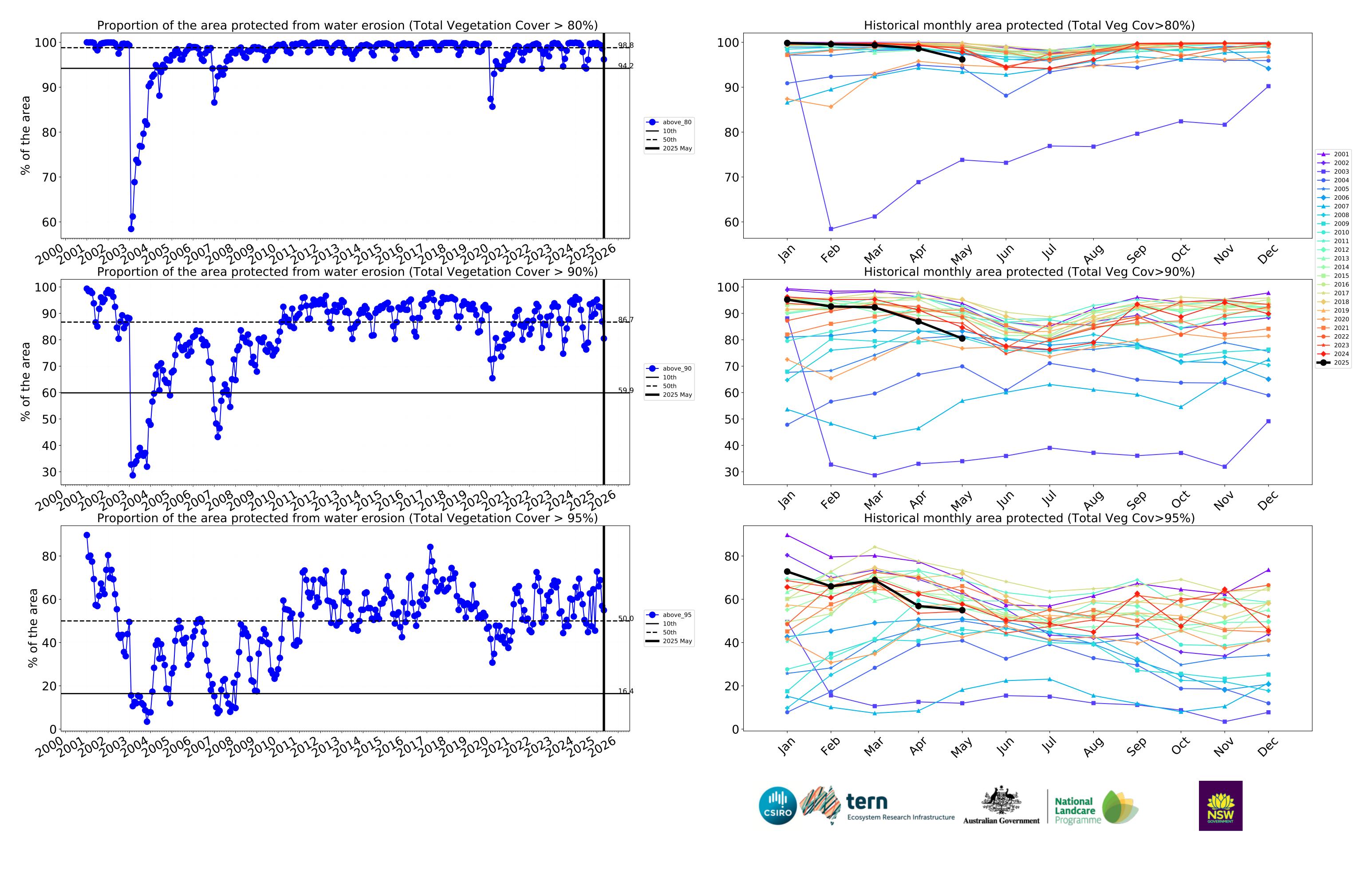


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





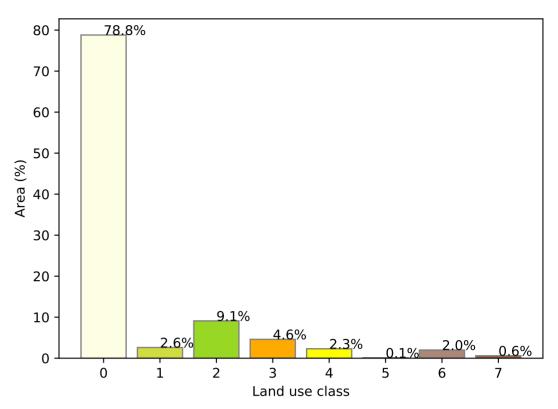


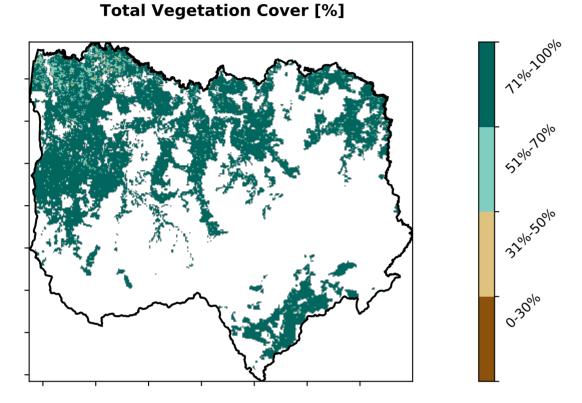
Agriculture

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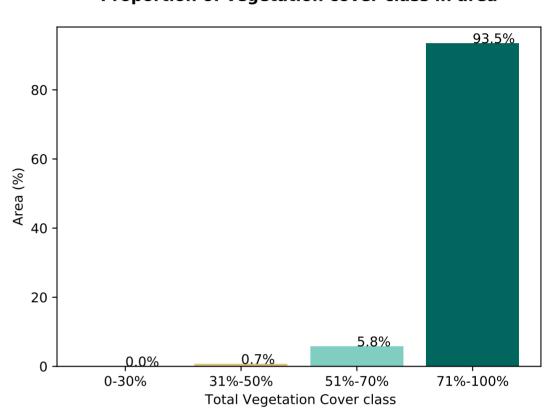
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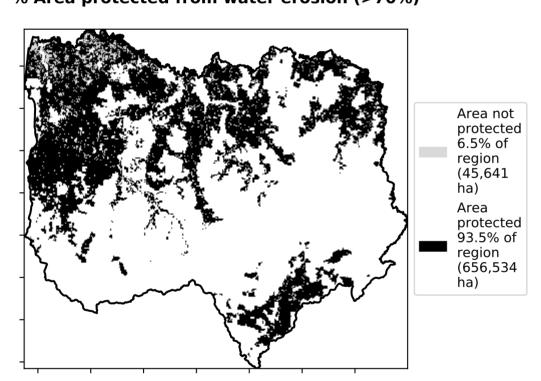




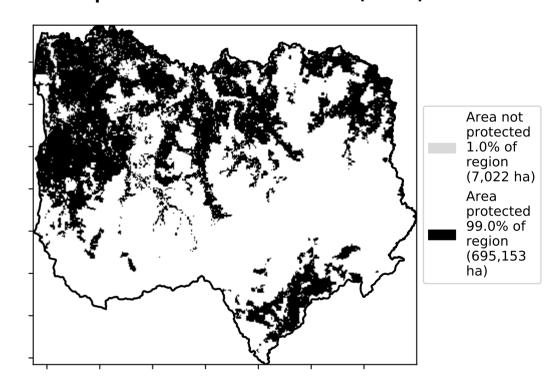
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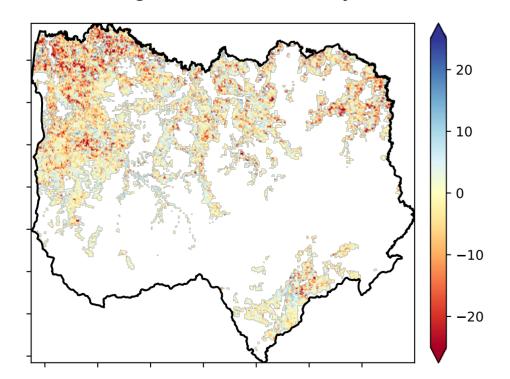
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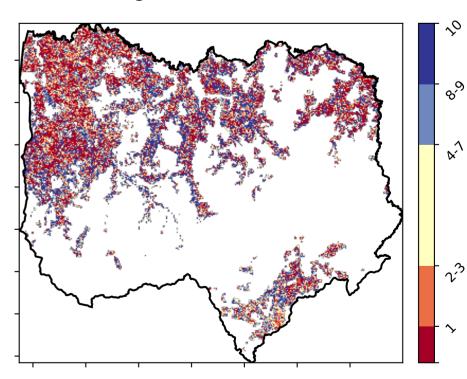


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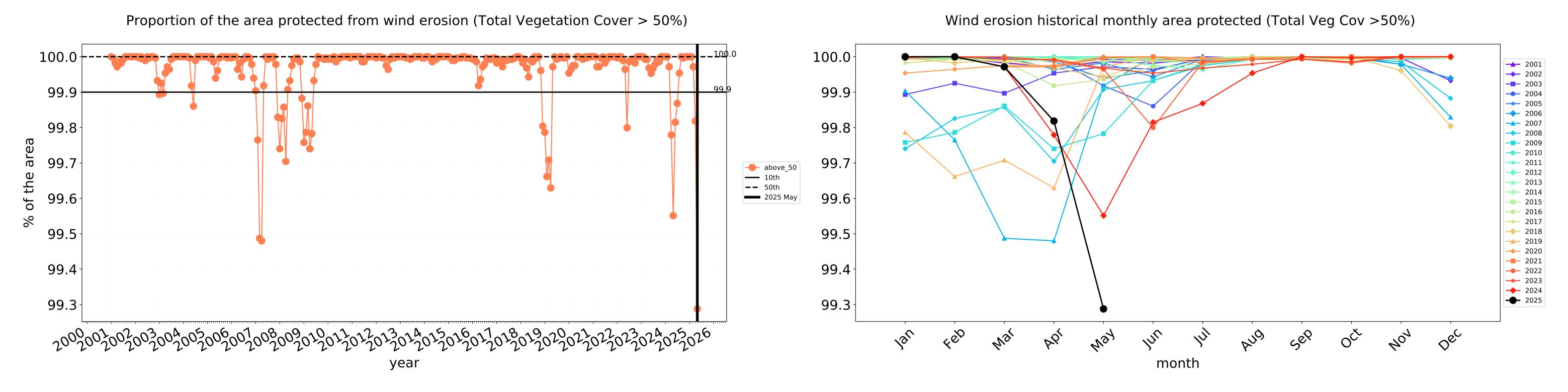


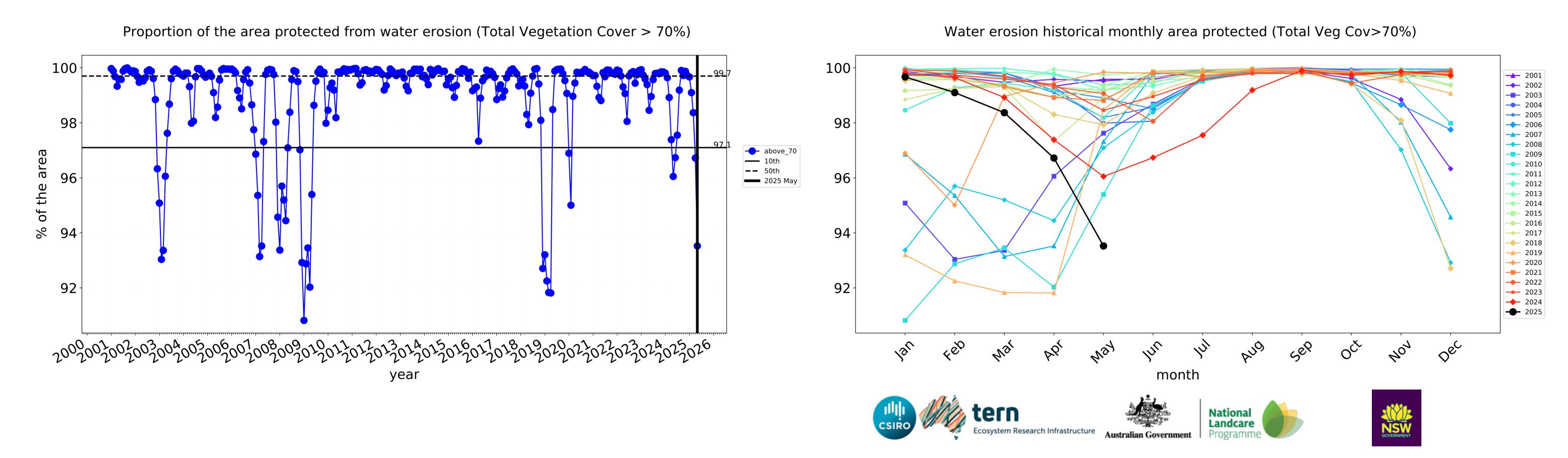


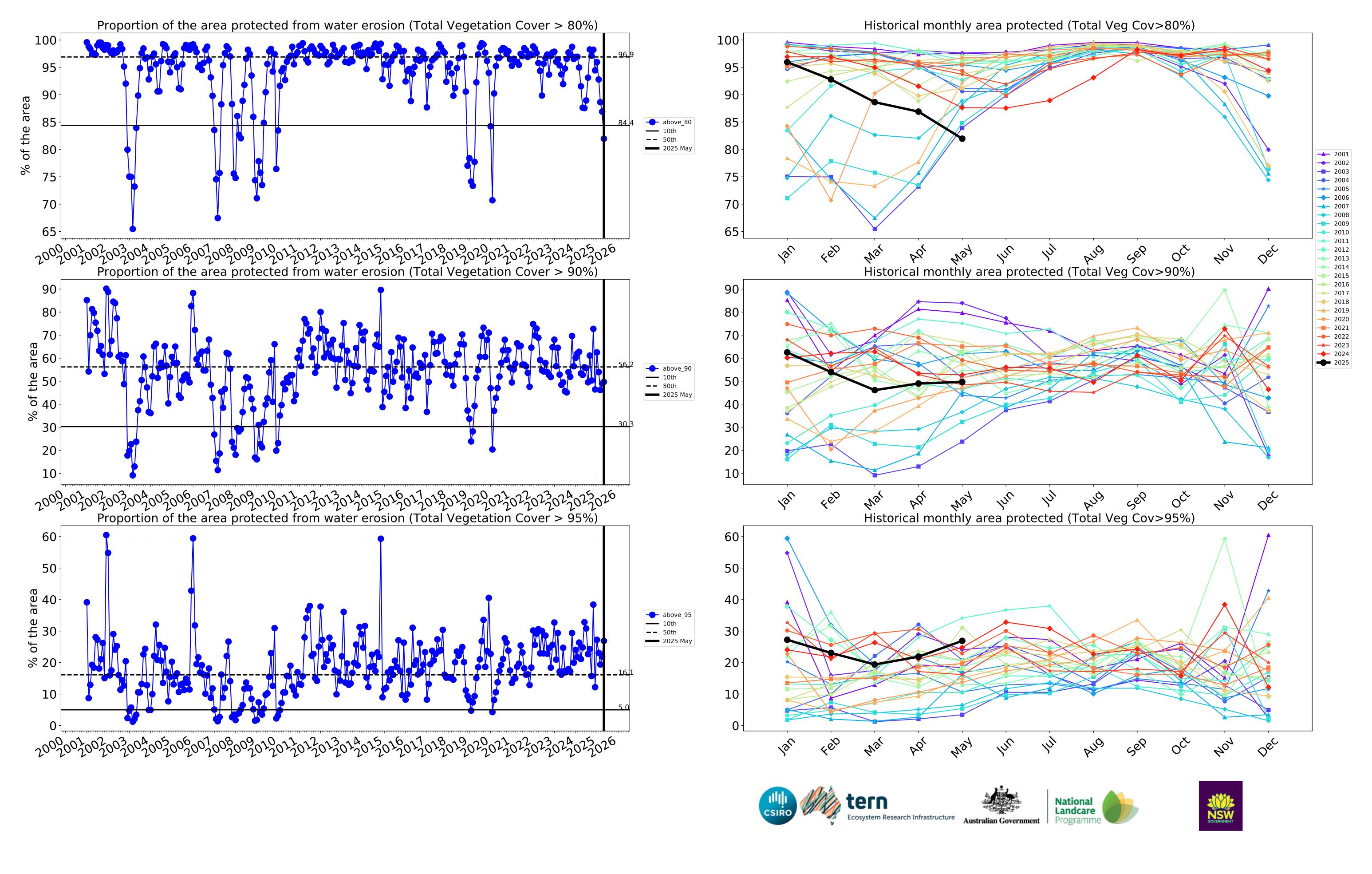




Agriculture timeseries







Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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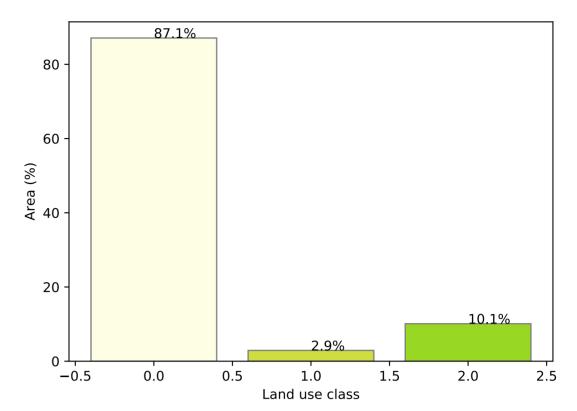
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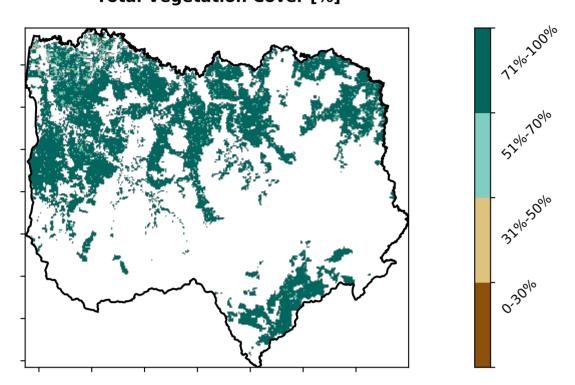
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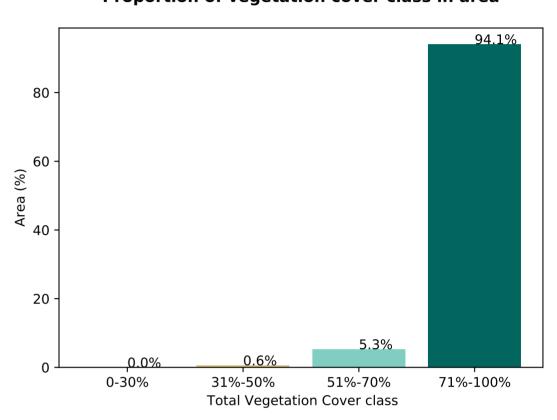
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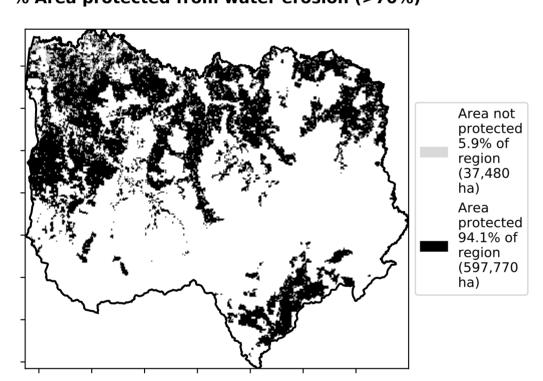
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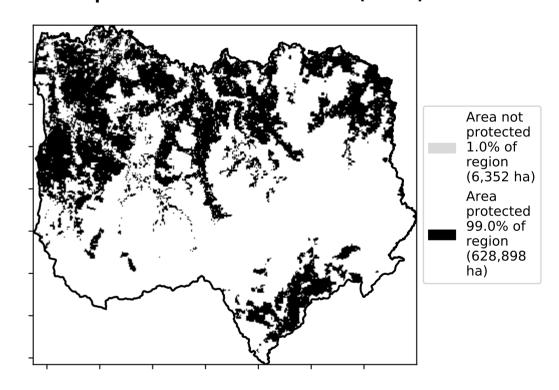
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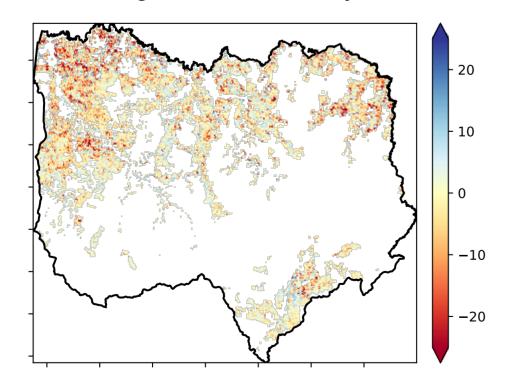
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

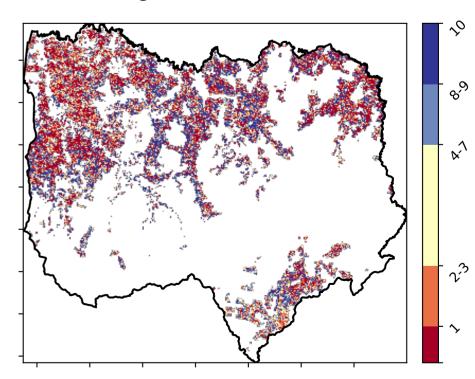


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



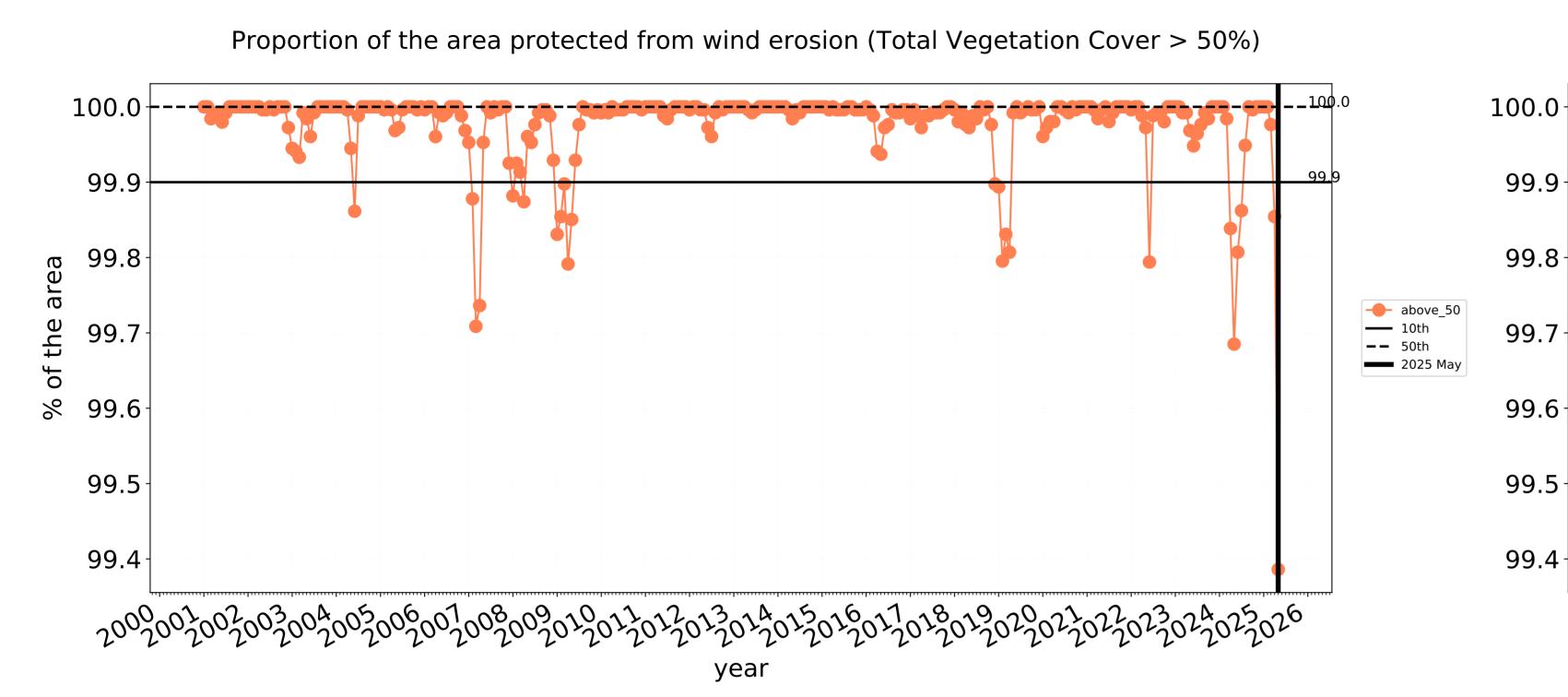


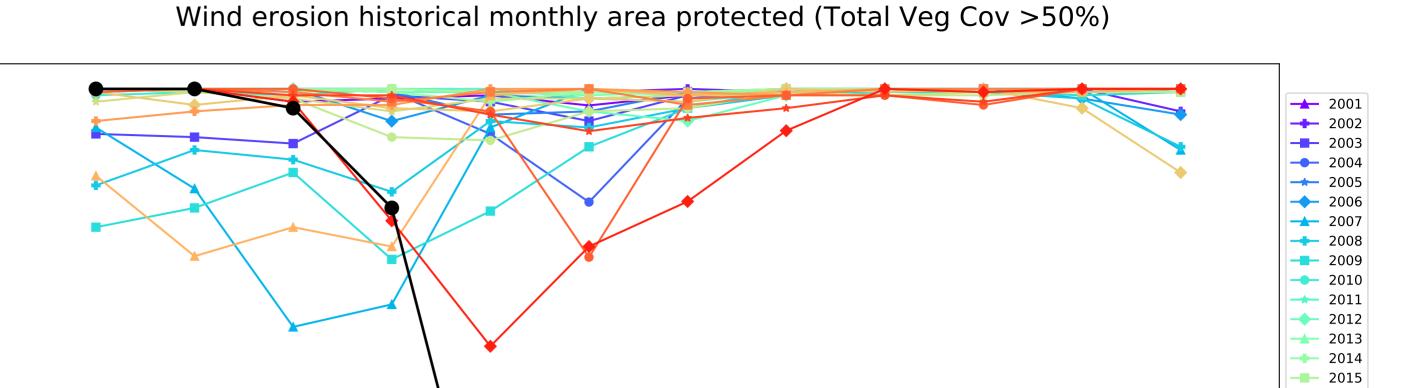


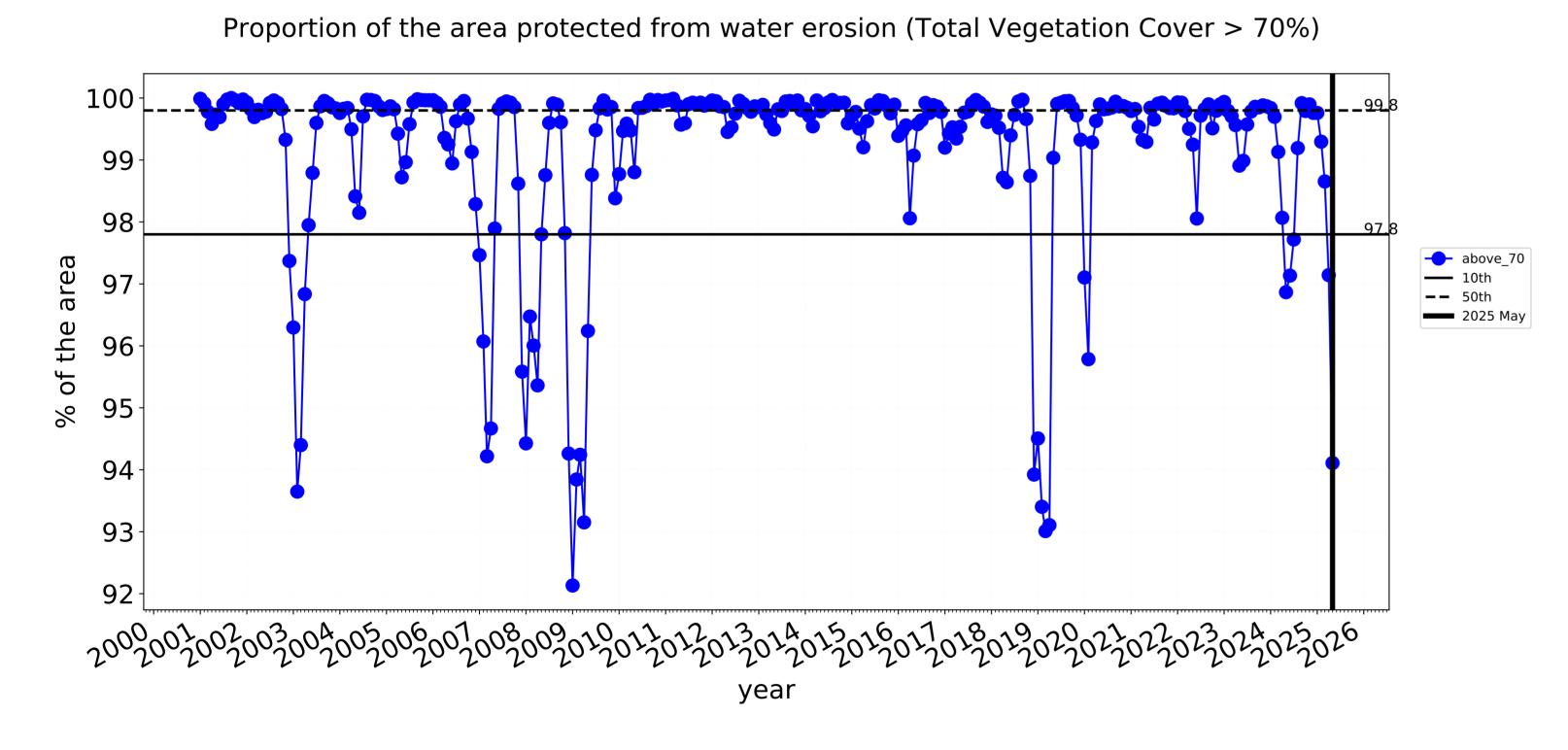


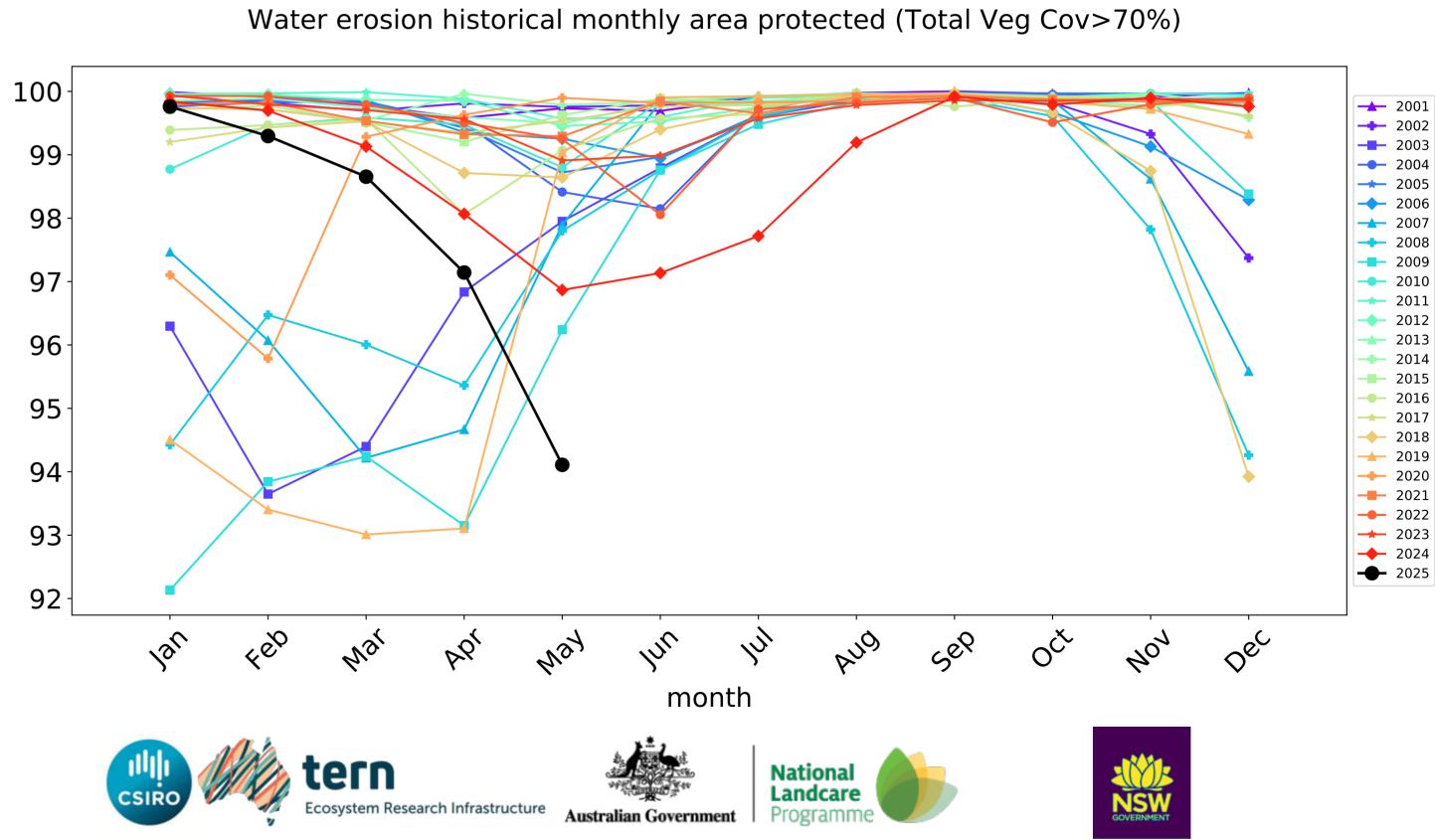


Grazing timeseries

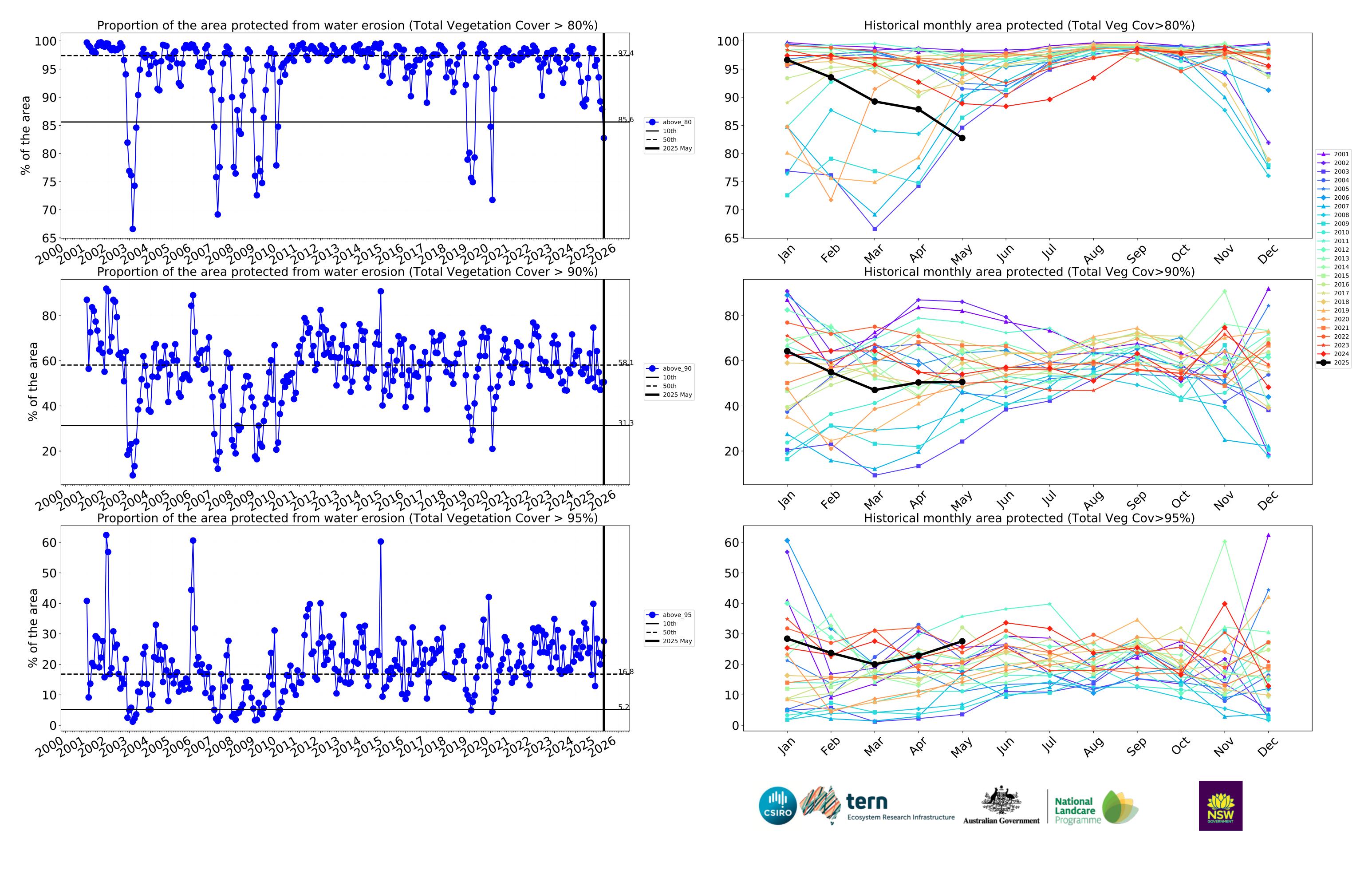








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Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

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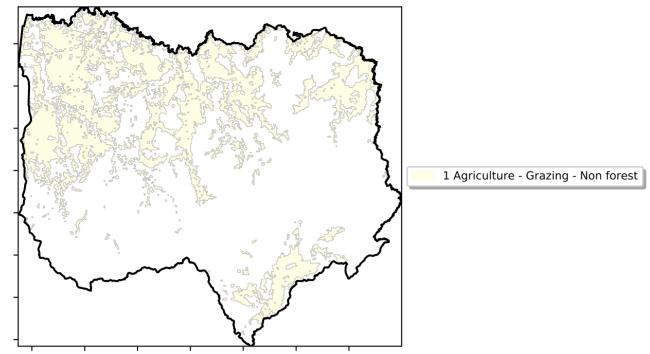
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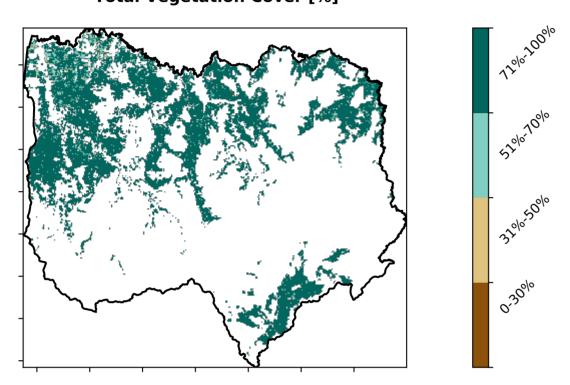
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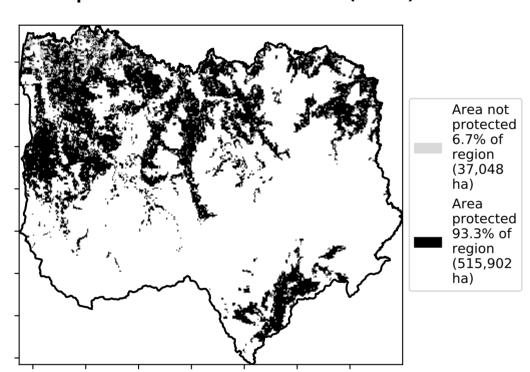
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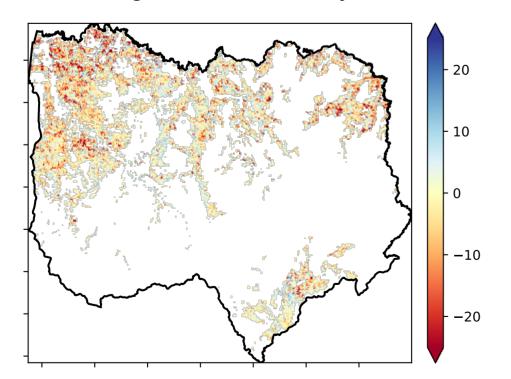
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% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

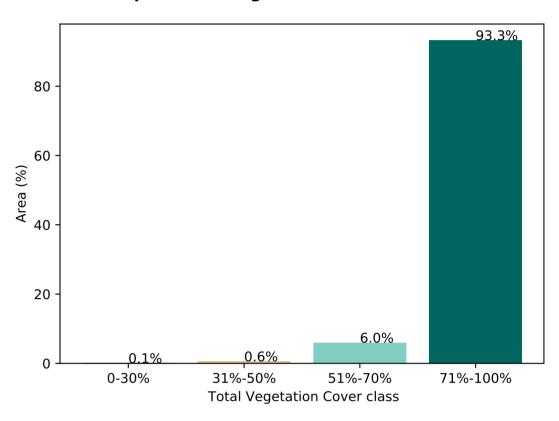


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

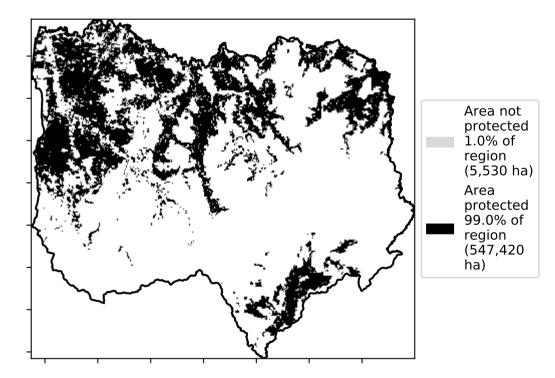


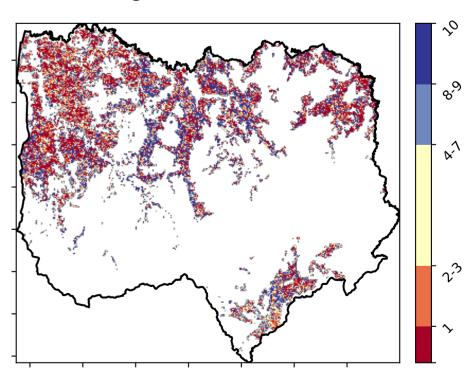
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





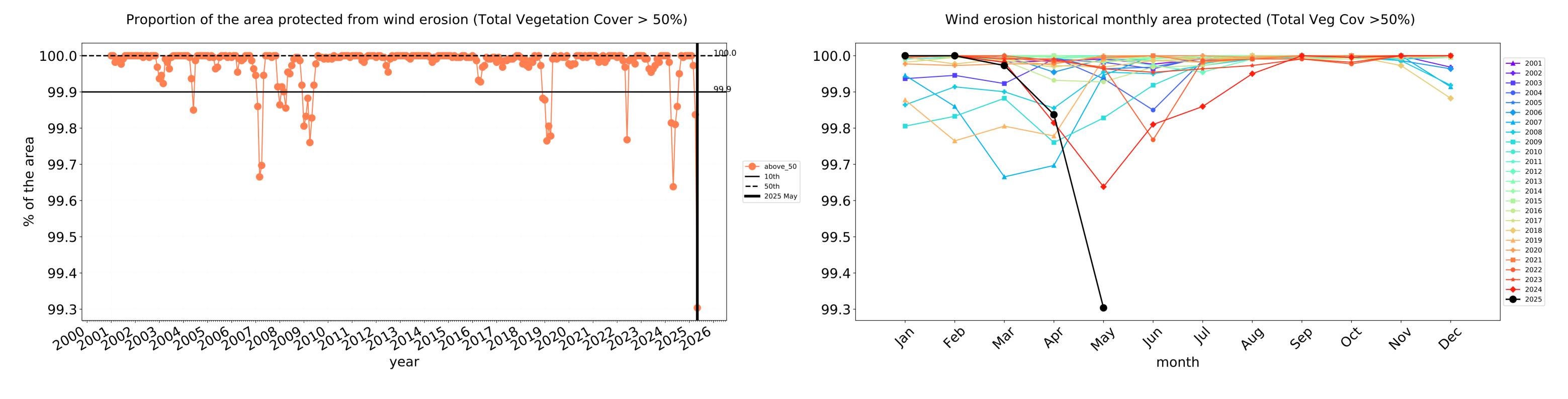


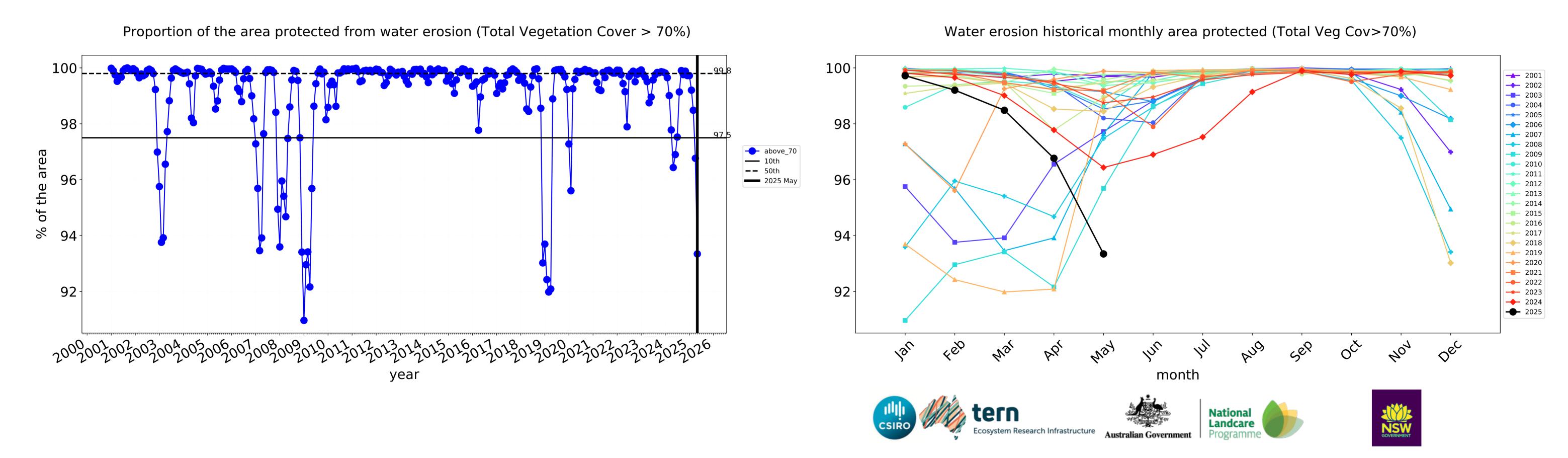


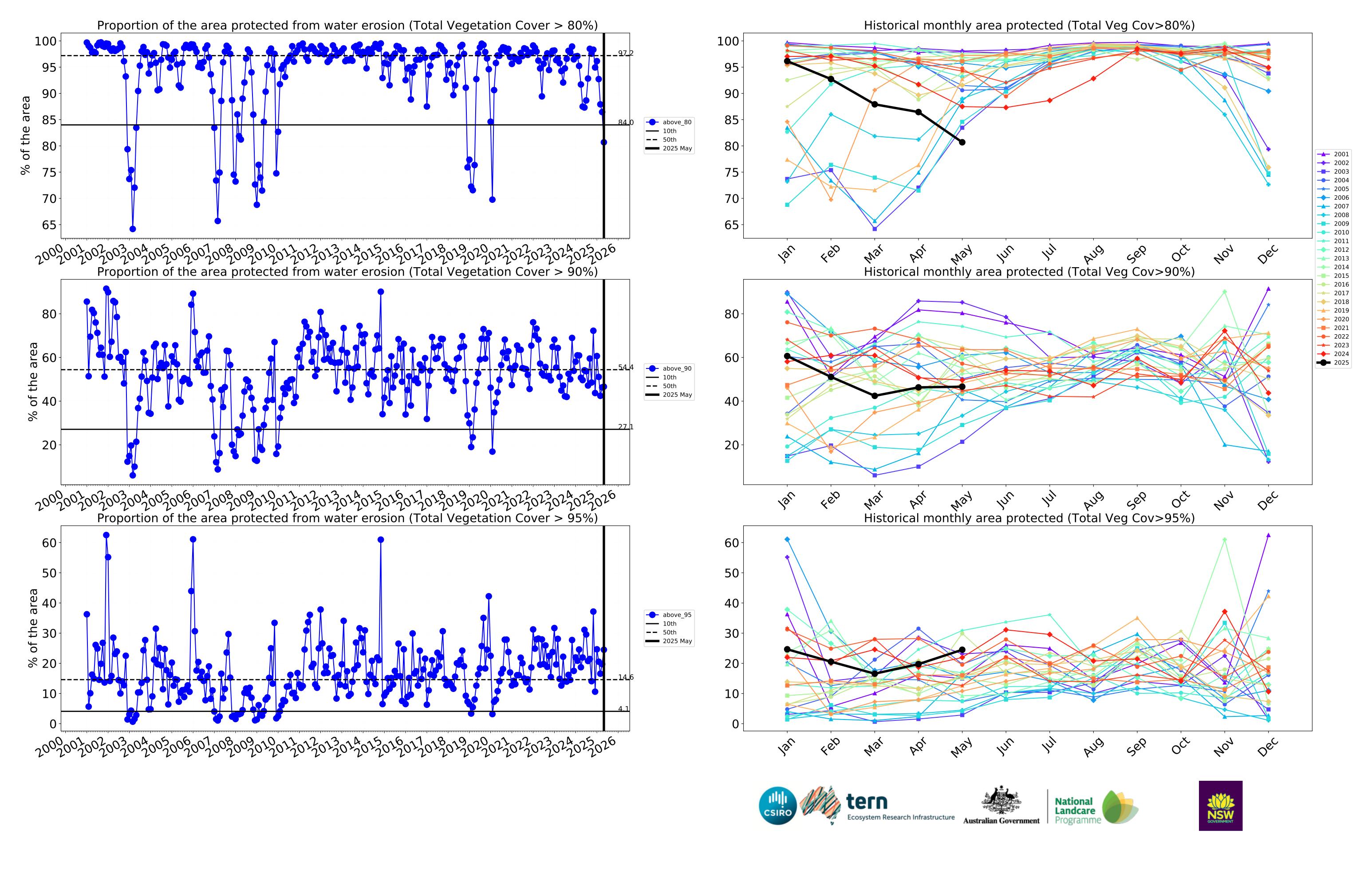




Grazing non forest timeseries







Grazing - Forest (non woodland)

Land use and forest cover

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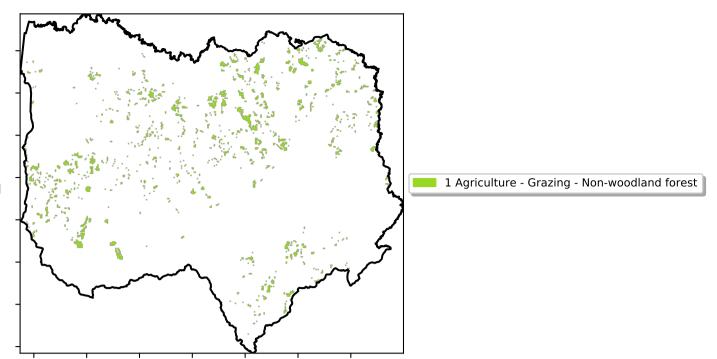
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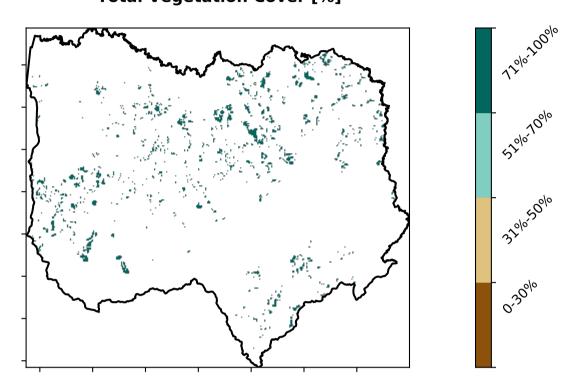
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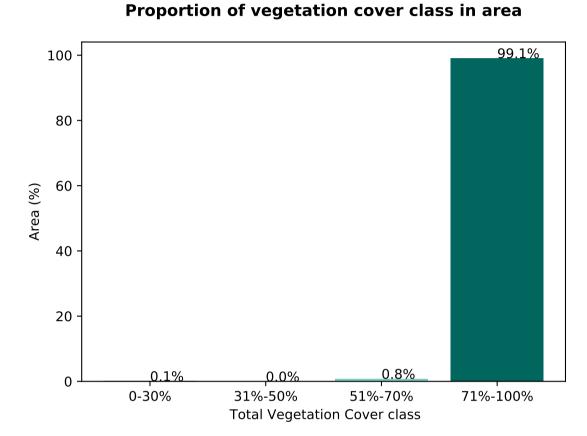
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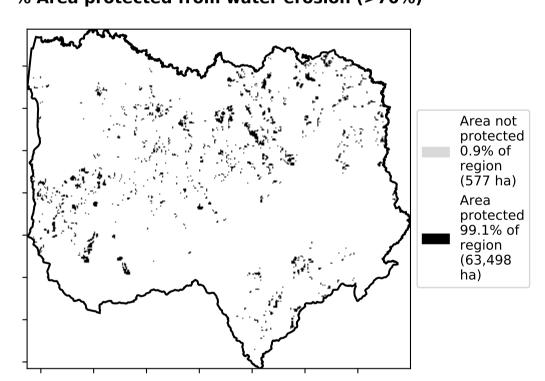


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

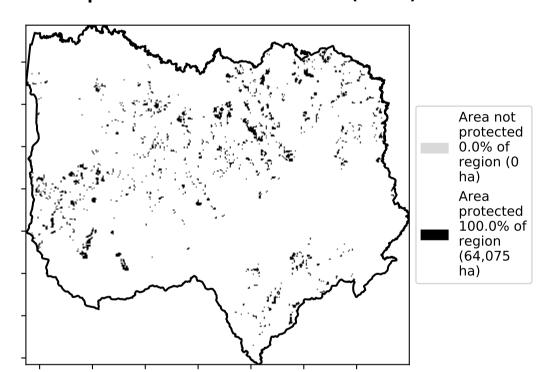




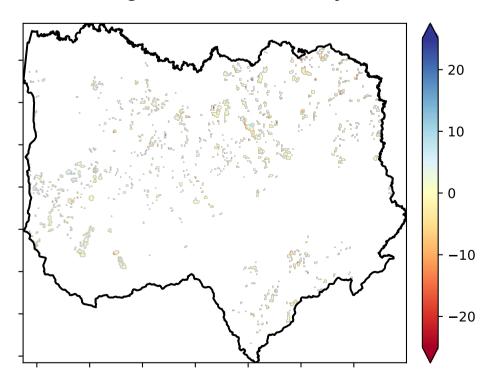
% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

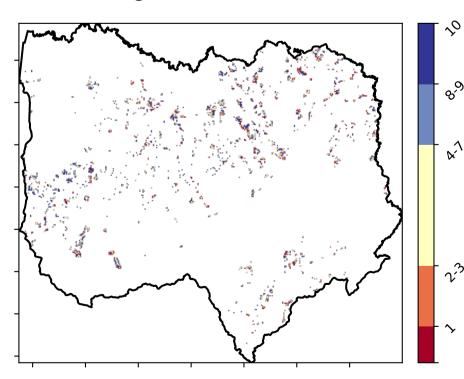


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



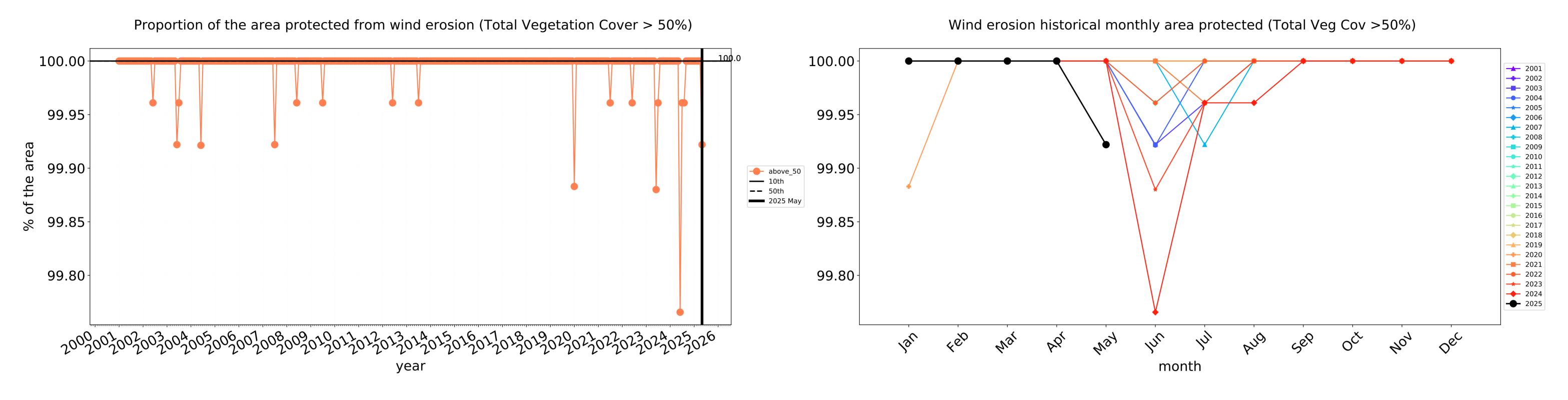


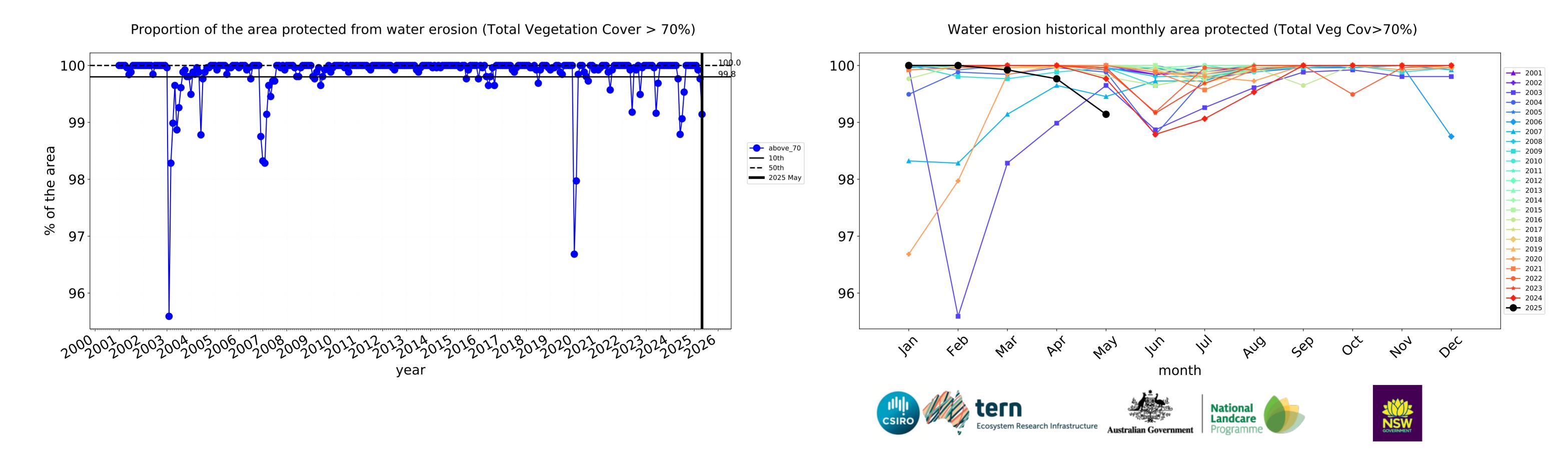


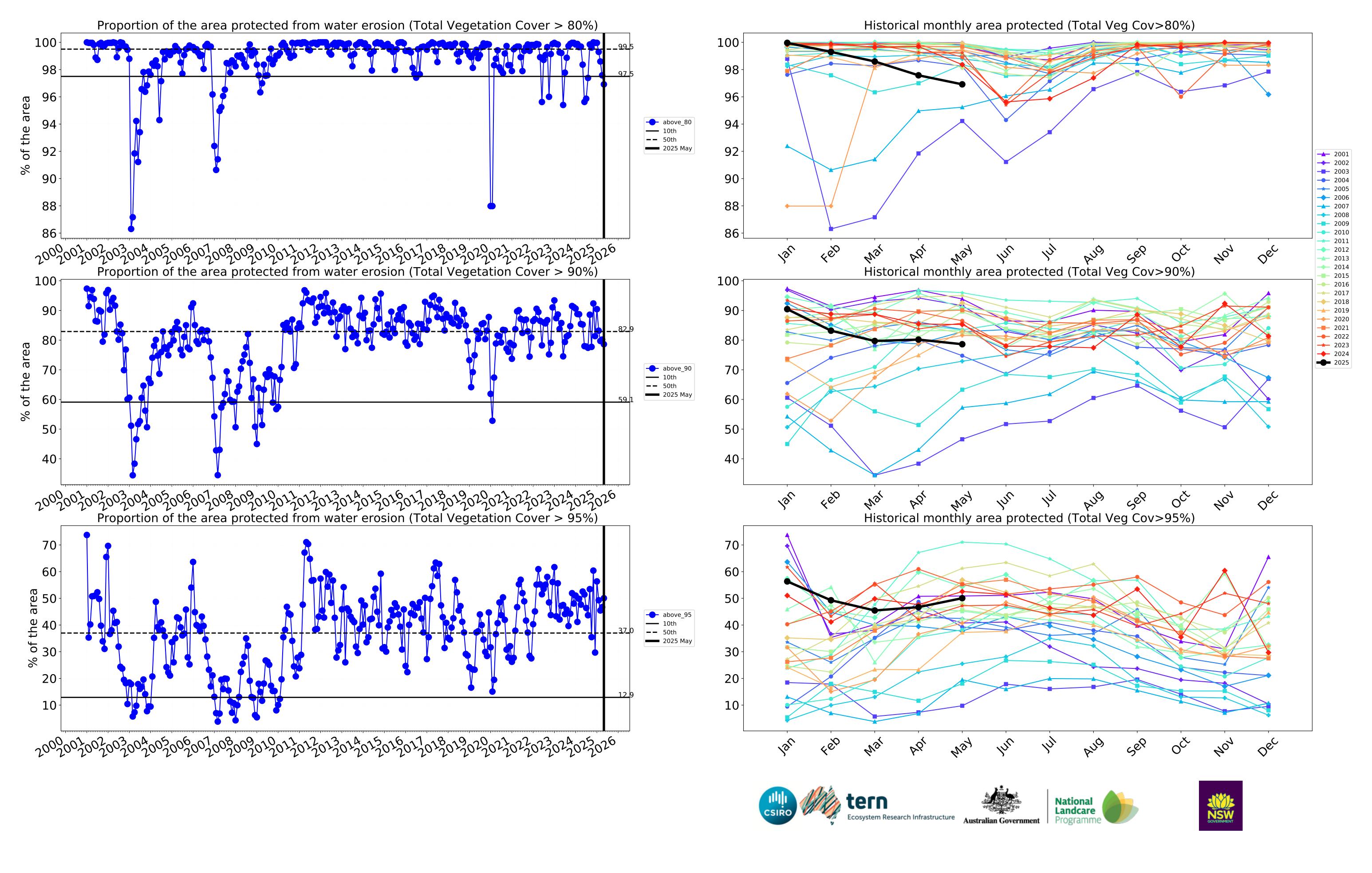












Irrigation

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Anomaly show how many percetage points each

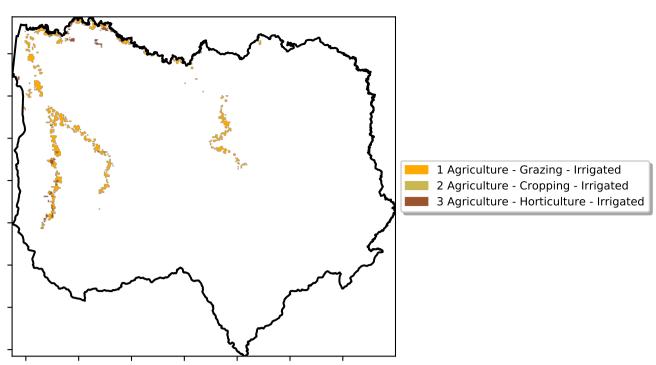
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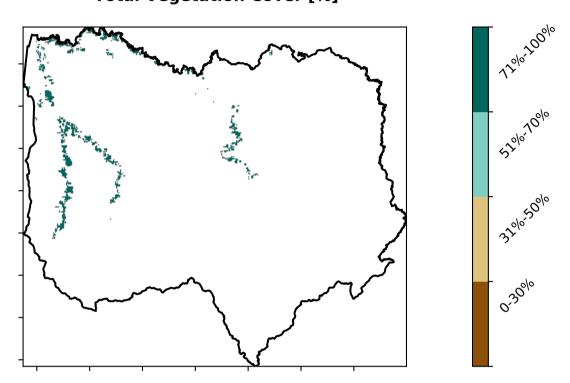
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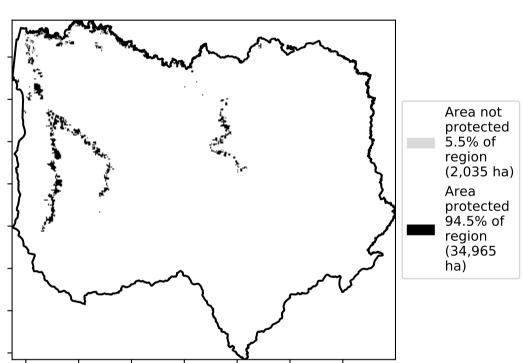


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

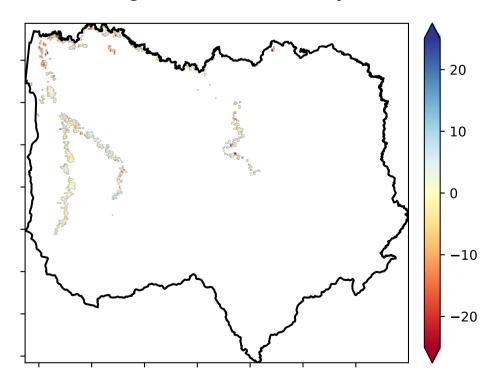
Land use and forest cover



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

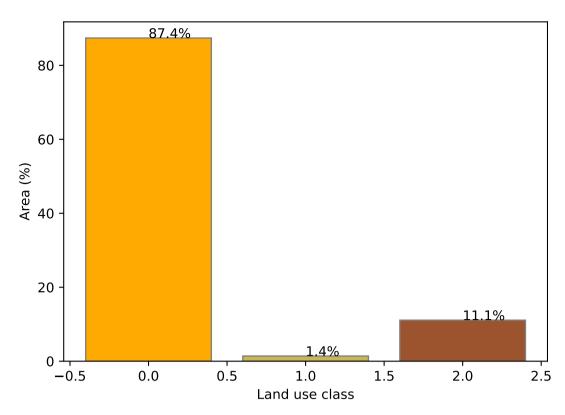


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

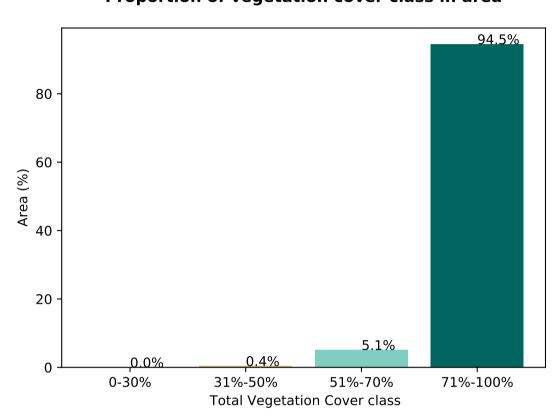


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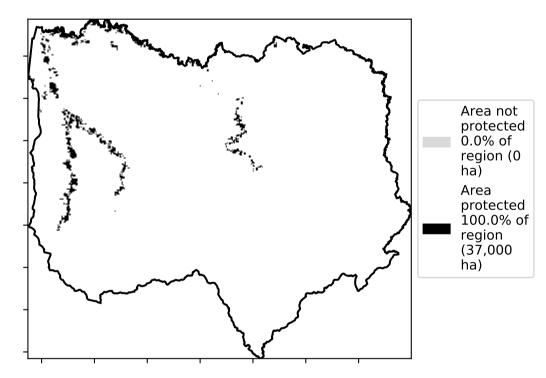
Proportion of each land class in area

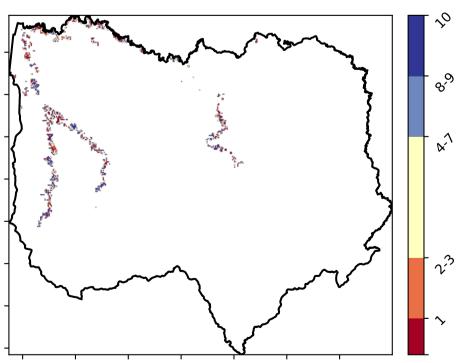


Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)





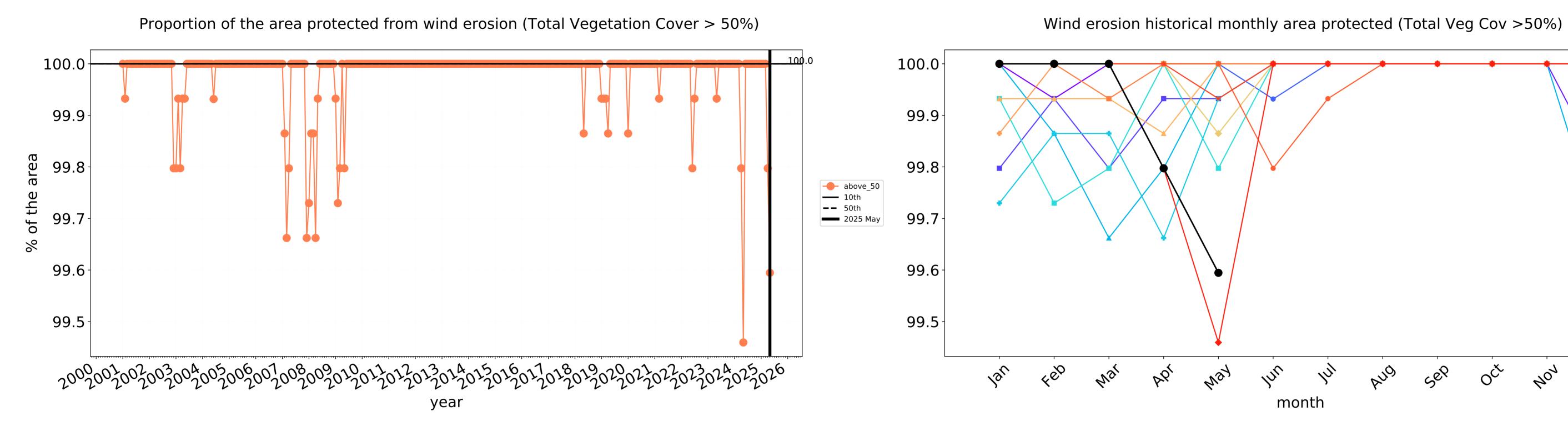


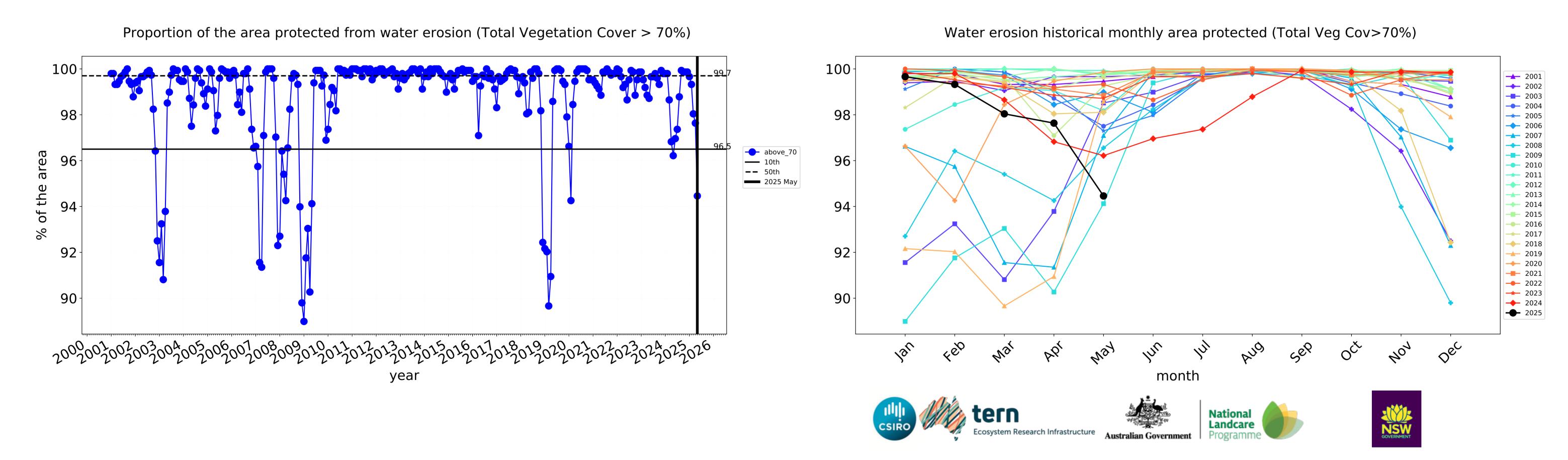




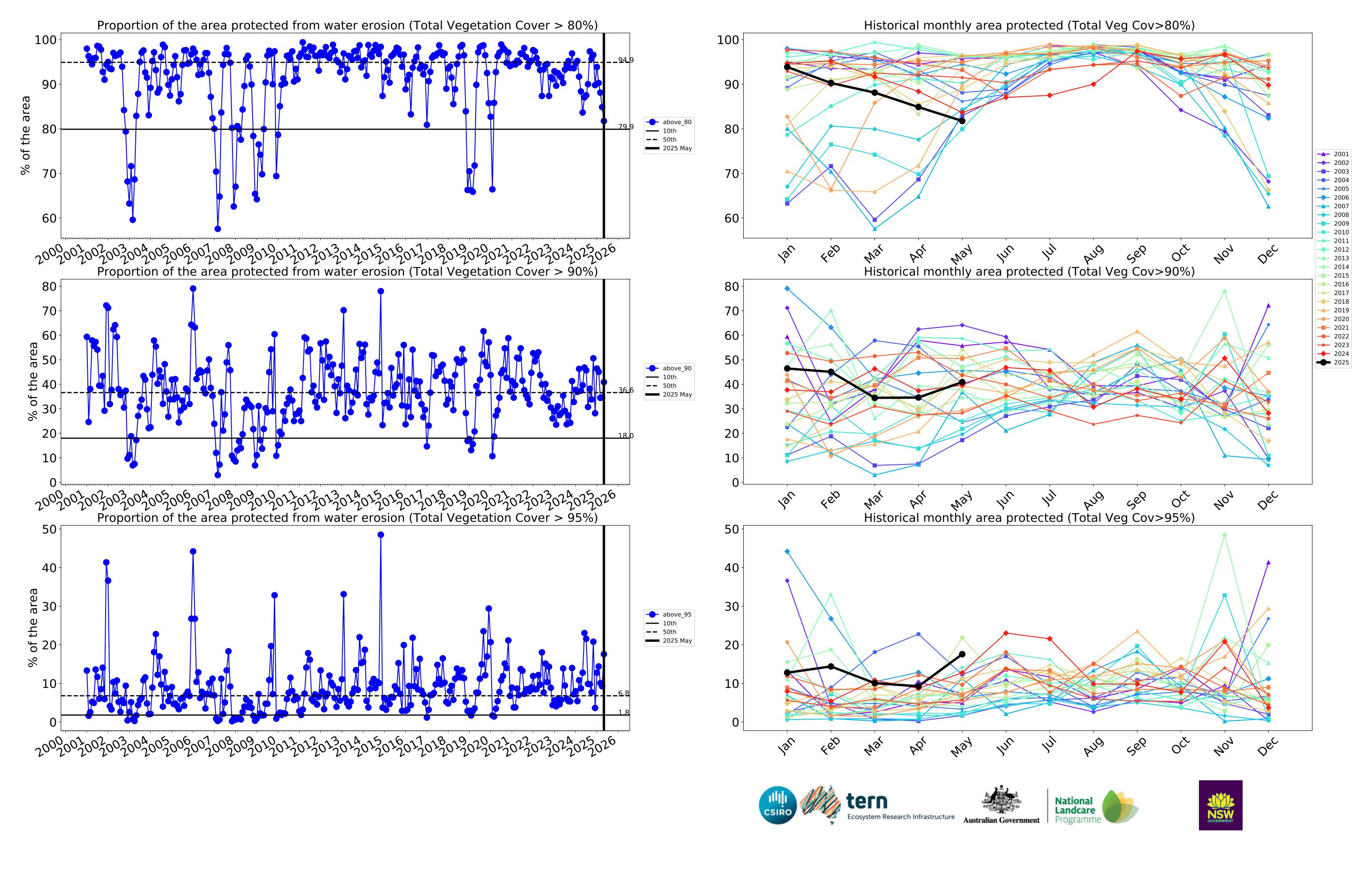


Irrigation timeseries





→ 2024 **→** 2025



Production native forests and plantation forests

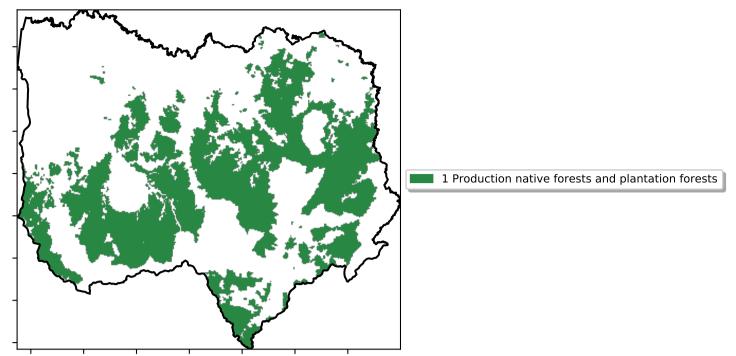
Land use and forest cover

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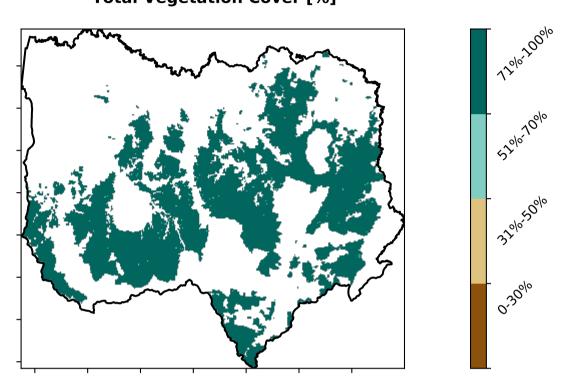
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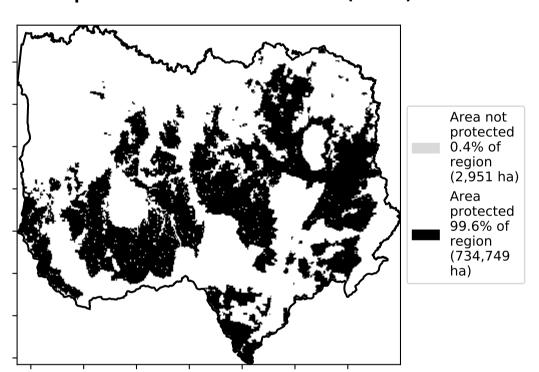
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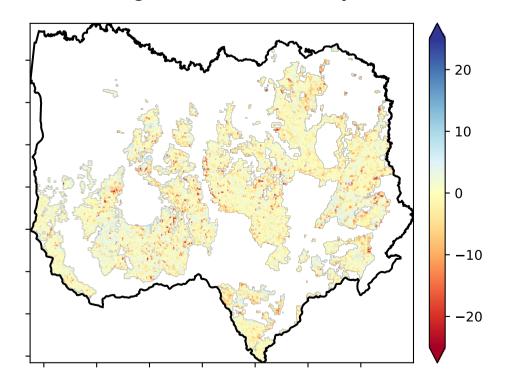
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

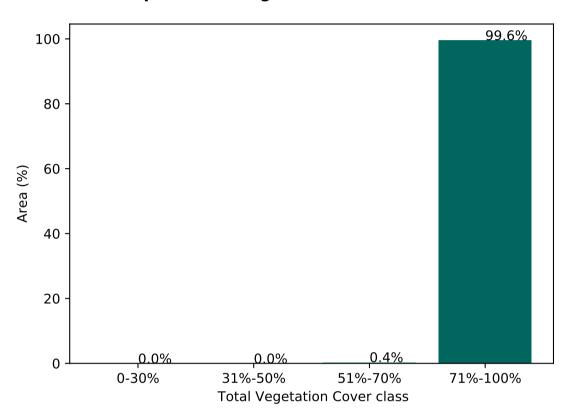


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

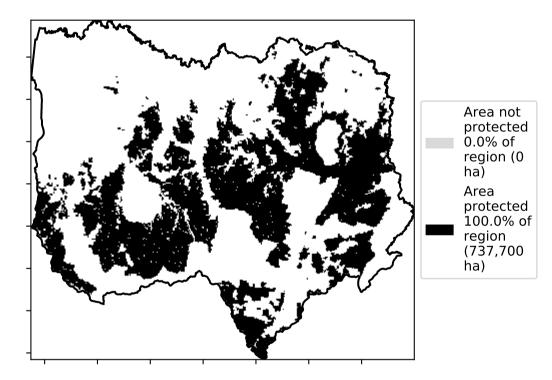


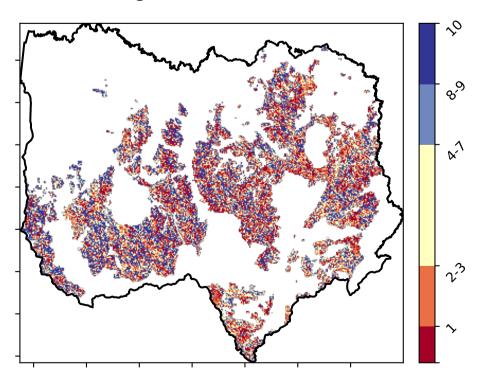
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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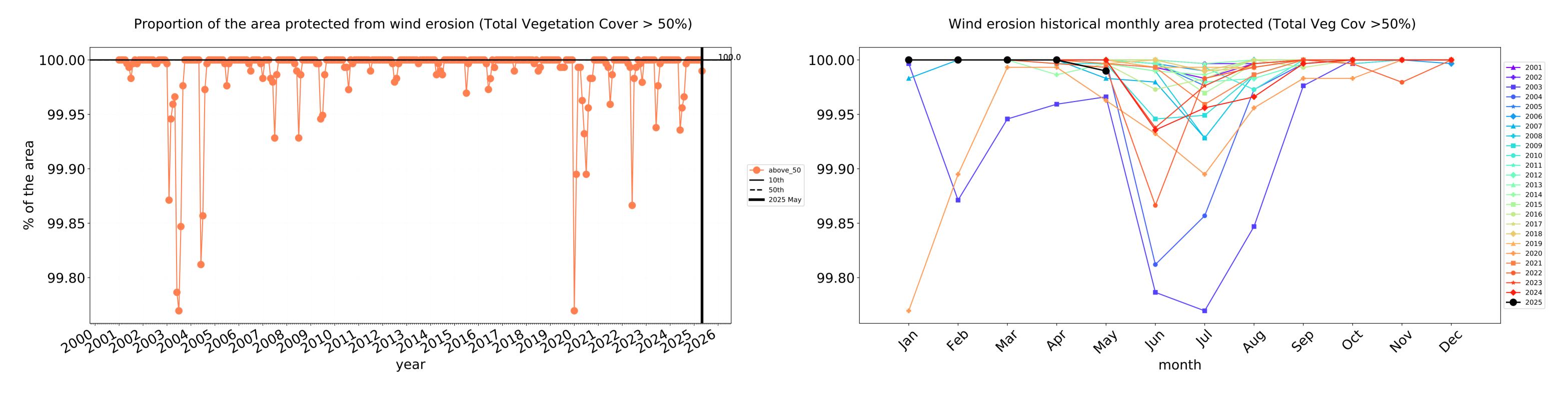


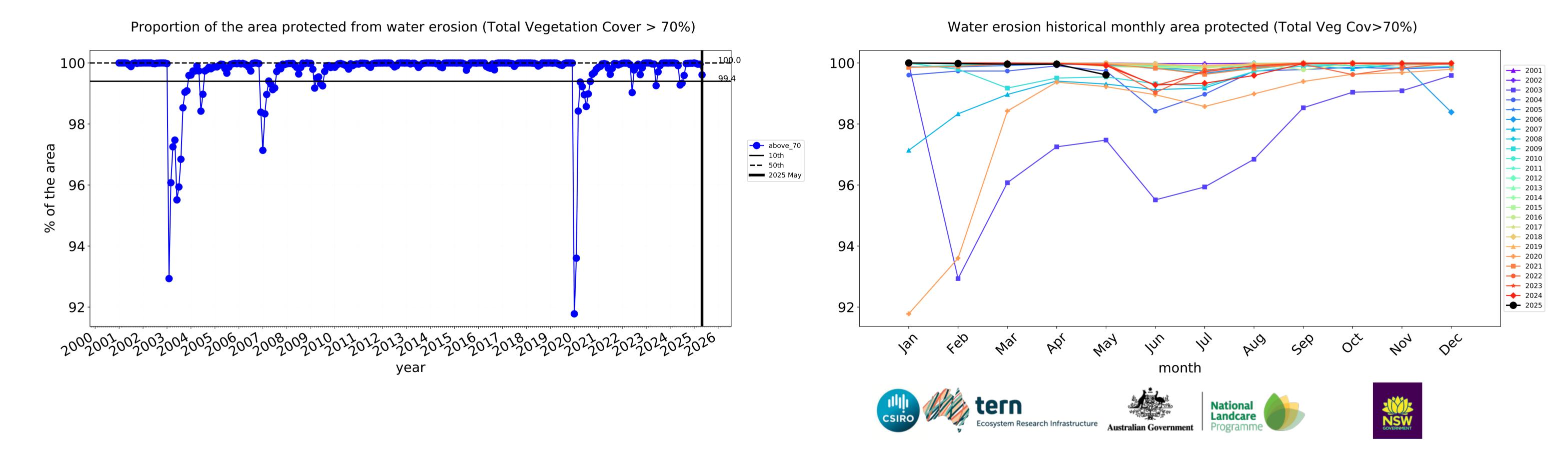


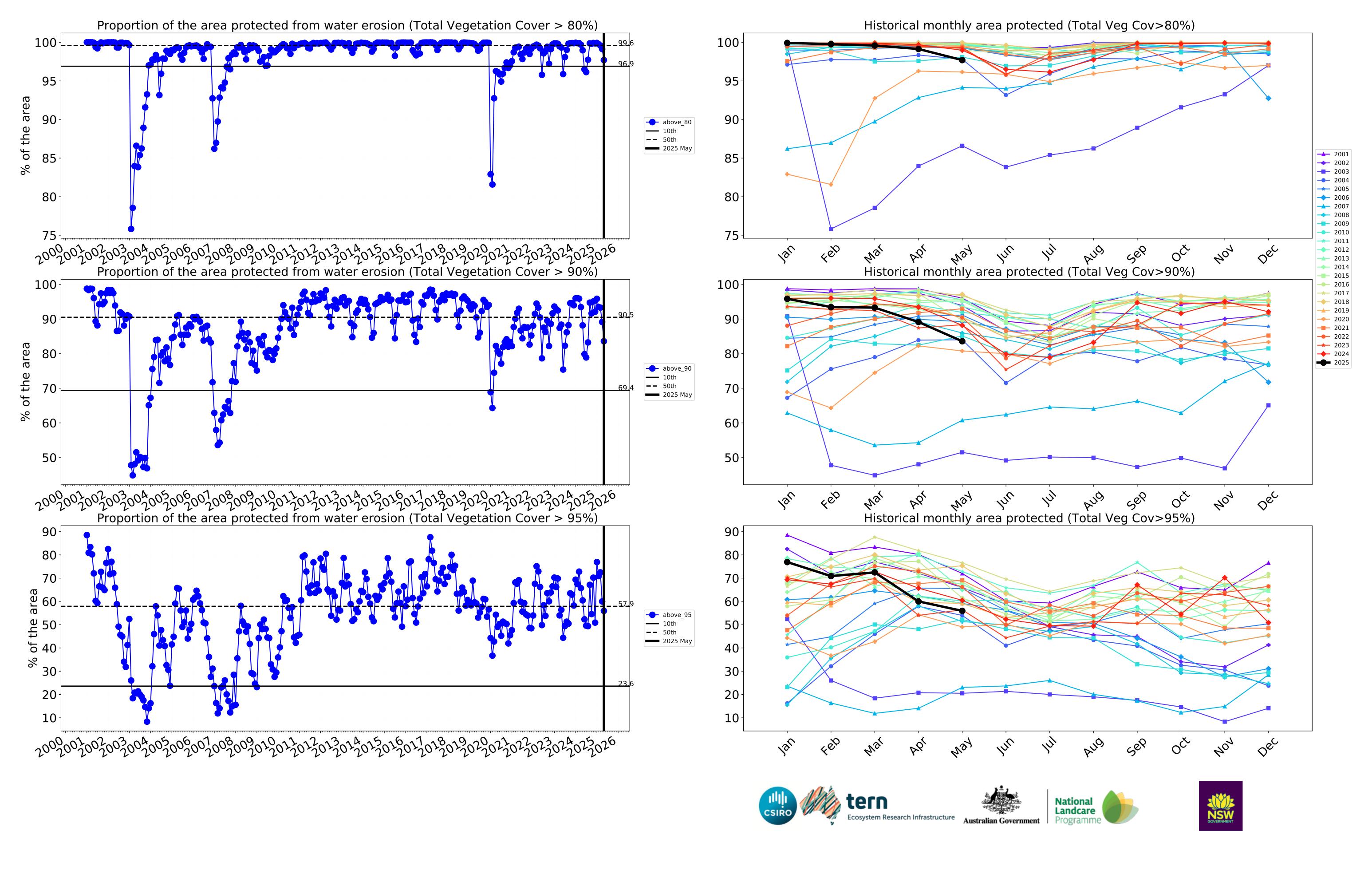




Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries







North East (1,969,625 ha and no data 10,791 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	1,969,625	99.9% 1,968,600	99.6% 1,962,575	96.9% 1,908,475	90.7% 1,787,125	68.7% 1,353,700	43.4% 855,700
Conservation and natural environments	457,800	99.9% 457,475	99.8% 456,825	98.7% 451,825	95.2% 435,625	77.8% 356,075	51.8% 237,275
Conservation and natural environments non forest	26,975	99.2% 26,750	97.5% 26,300	91.5% 24,675	83.3% 22,475	59.7% 16,100	40.8% 11,000
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	74,025	100.0% 74,025	100.0% 74,000	98.9% 73,200	94.5% 69,950	71.3% 52,800	40.8% 30,200
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	356,800	100.0% 356,700	99.9% 356,525	99.2% 353,950	96.2% 343,200	80.5% 287,175	55.0% 196,075
Agriculture	702,175	99.9% 701,775	99.3% 697,175	93.5% 656,700	82.0% 575,550	49.7% 348,875	26.9% 188,800
Grazing	635,250	99.9% 634,925	99.4% 631,350	94.1% 597,825	82.7% 525,650	50.6% 321,500	27.6% 175,150
Grazing non forest	552,950	99.9% 552,650	99.3% 549,100	93.3% 516,150	80.7% 446,175	46.6% 257,775	24.5% 135,475
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	64,075	100.0% 64,050	99.9% 64,025	99.1% 63,525	96.9% 62,100	78.6% 50,375	50.1% 32,075
Irrigation	37,000	100.0% 37,000	99.6% 36,850	94.5% 34,950	81.8% 30,250	40.9% 15,125	17.6% 6,500
Production native forests and plantation forests	737,700	100.0% 737,700	100.0% 737,625	99.6% 734,825	97.7% 720,725	83.6% 616,550	55.9% 412,700







