# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM West Gippsland VIC

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

Land use forest cover:

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

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

### **Erosion protection**

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

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

### **Acknowledgment of data:**

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

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











Date: January 2010



# **Vegetation Cover Jan 2010**

### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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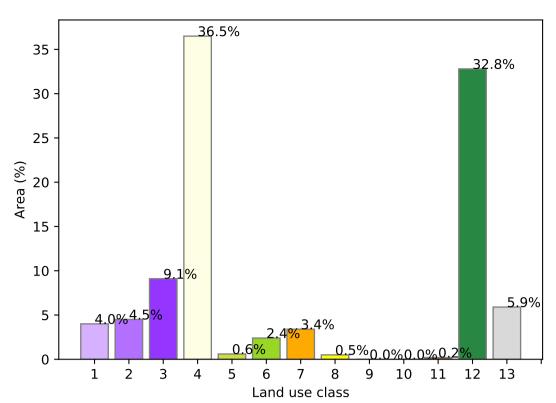
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Land Use and Forests

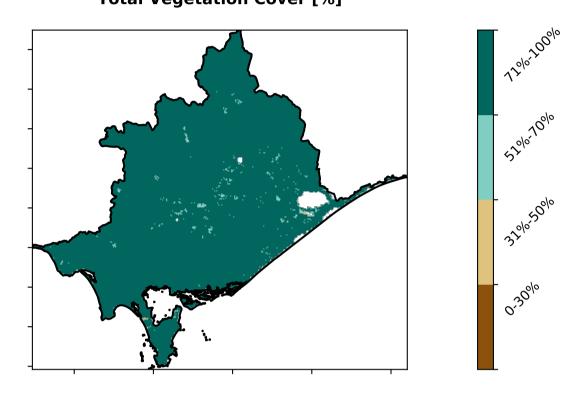
Catchment Scale Land

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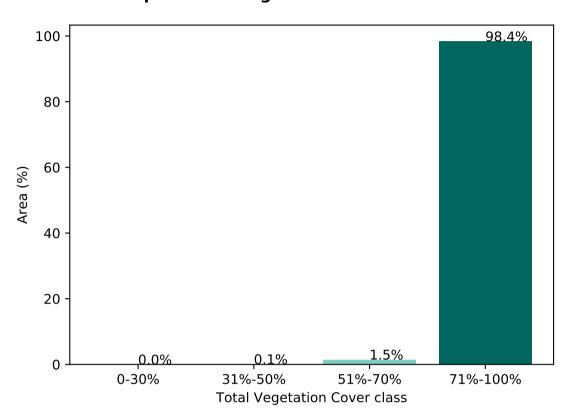
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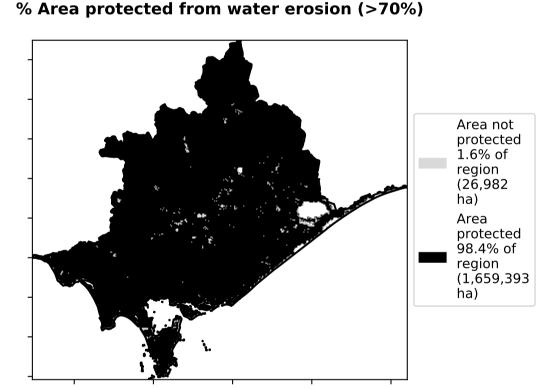


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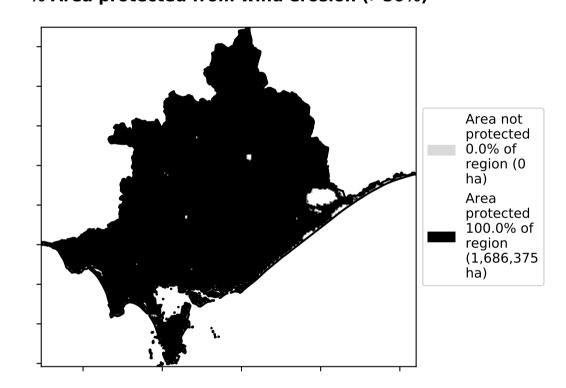


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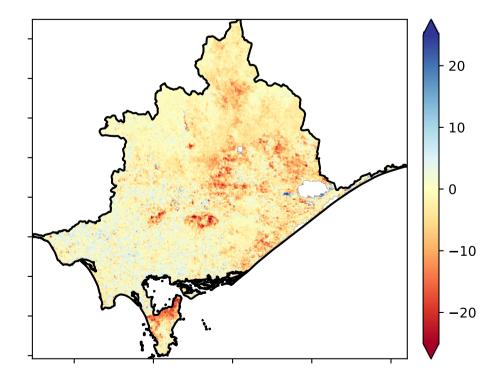




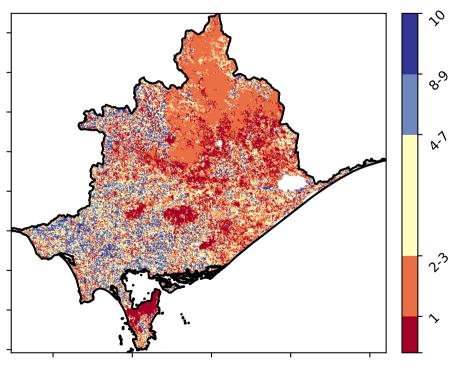
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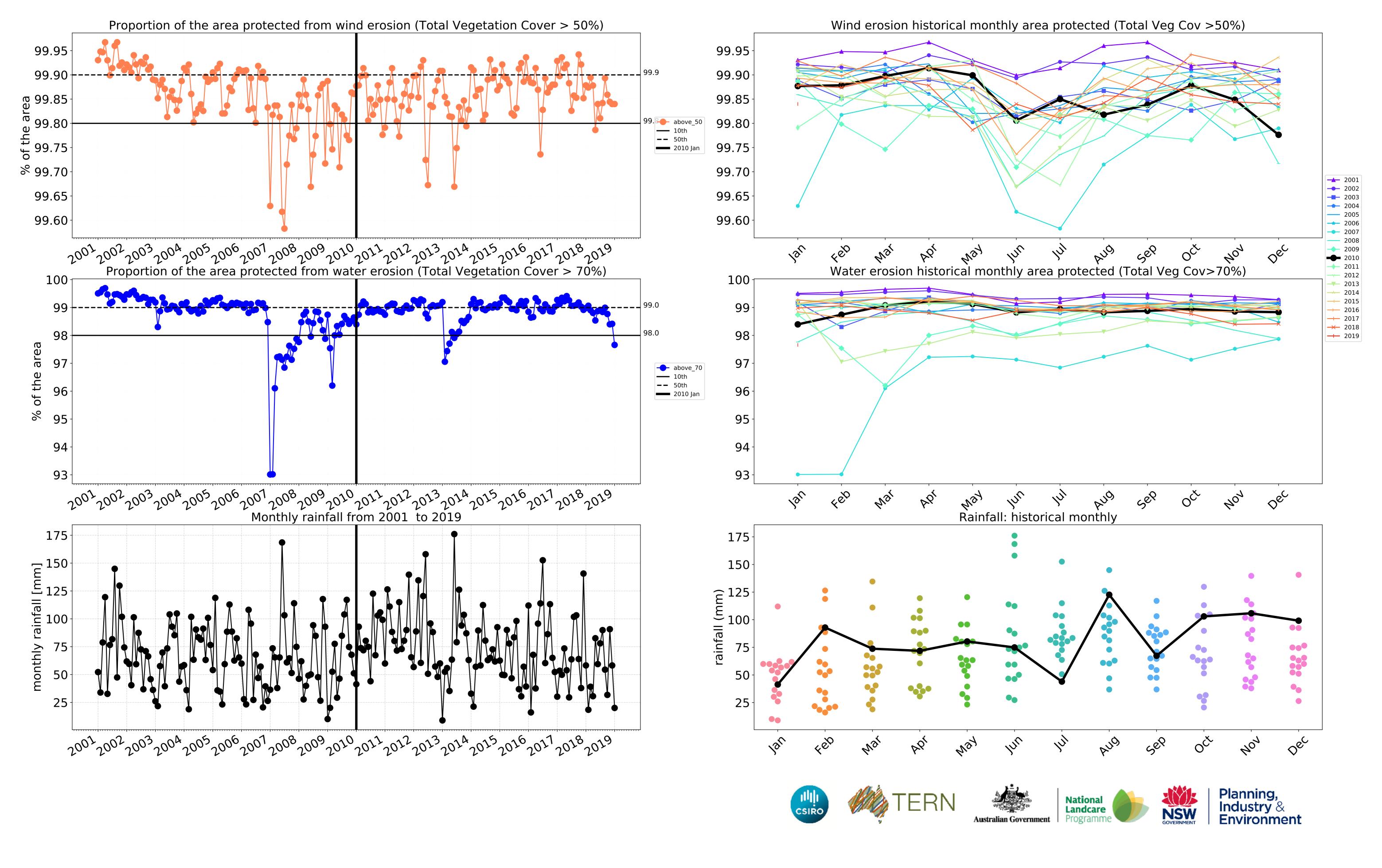


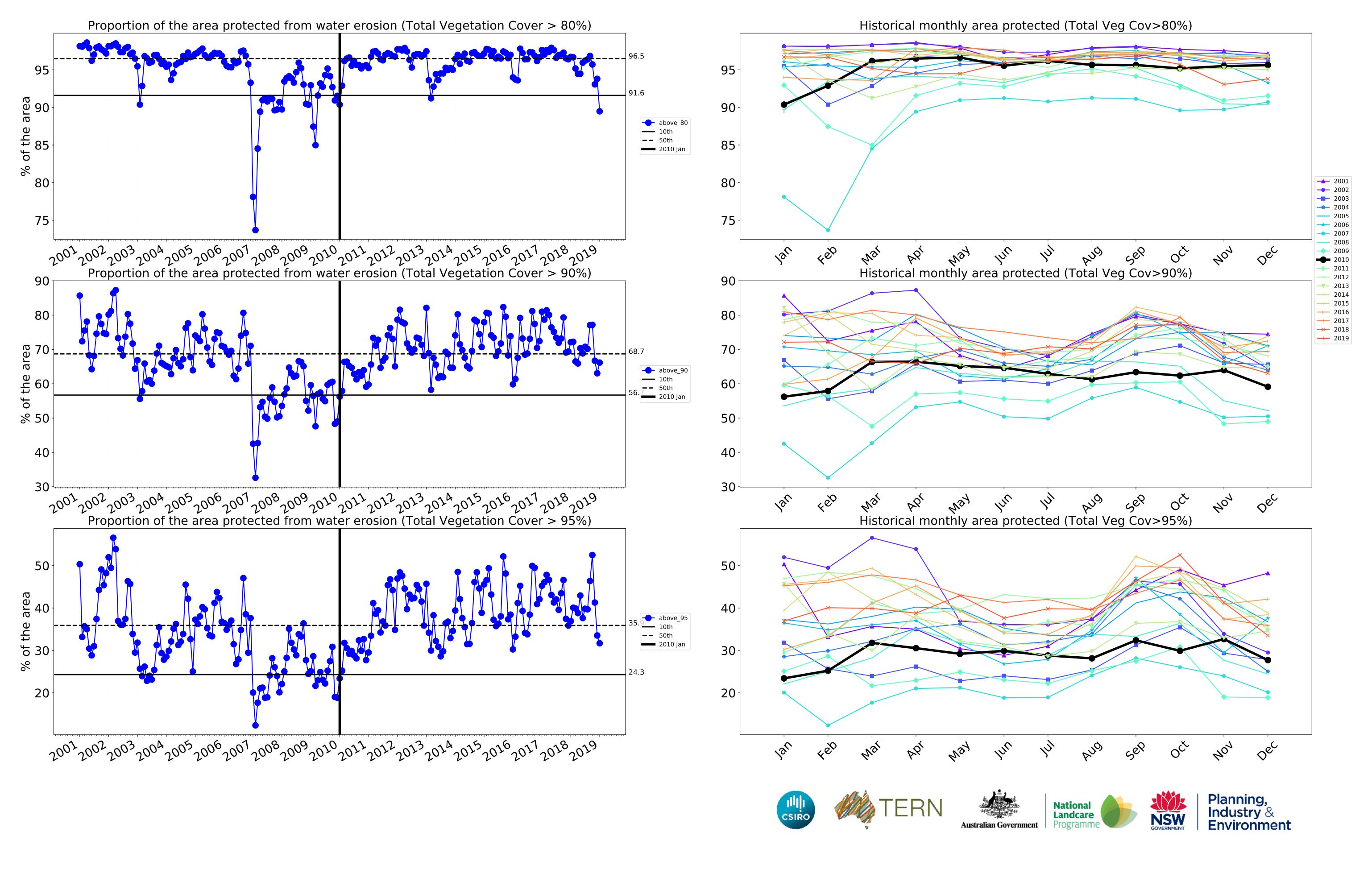










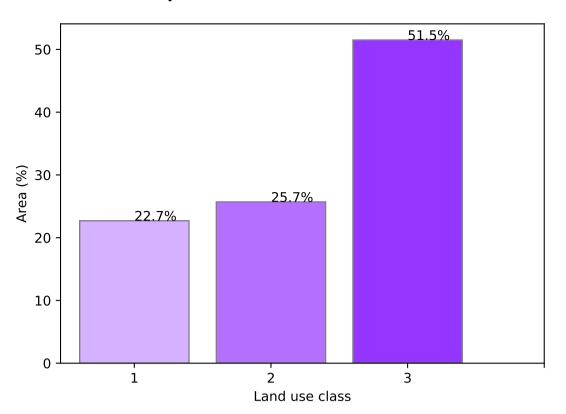


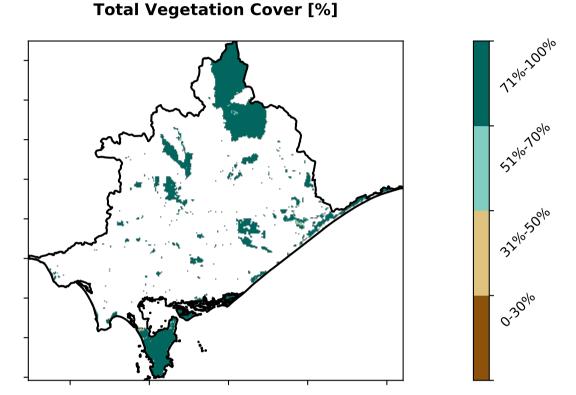
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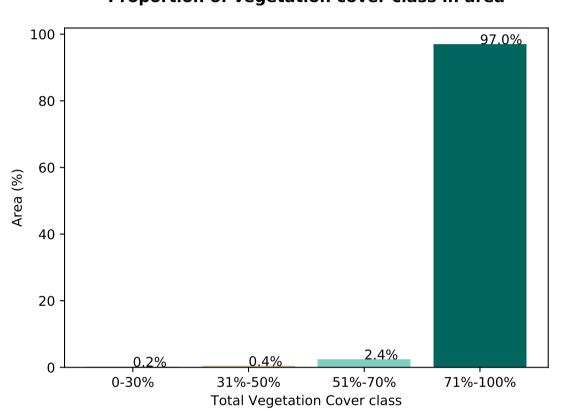
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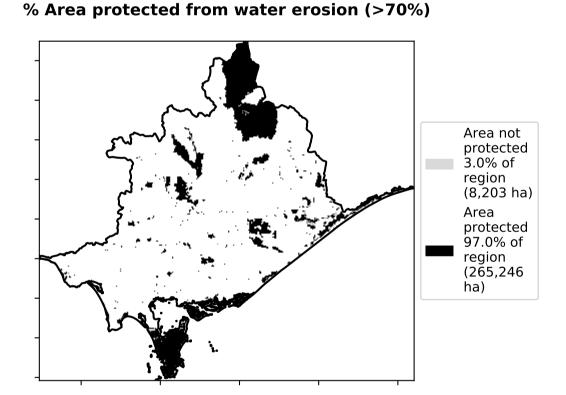
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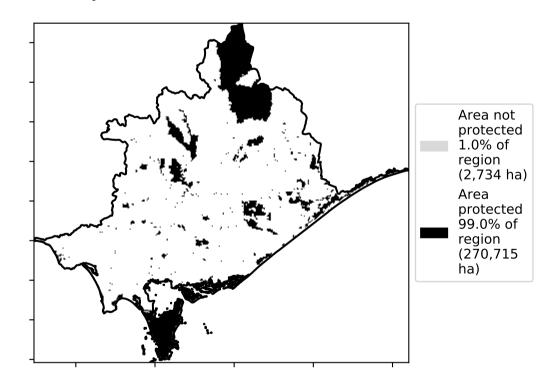


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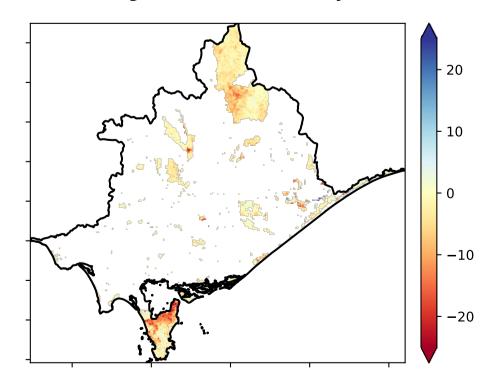
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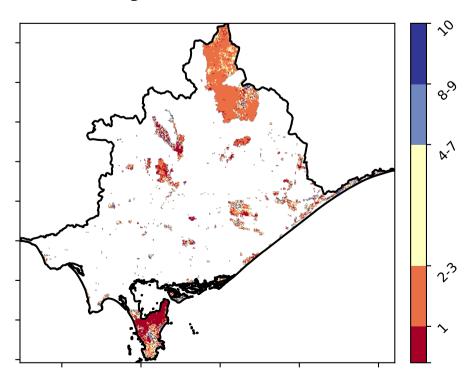
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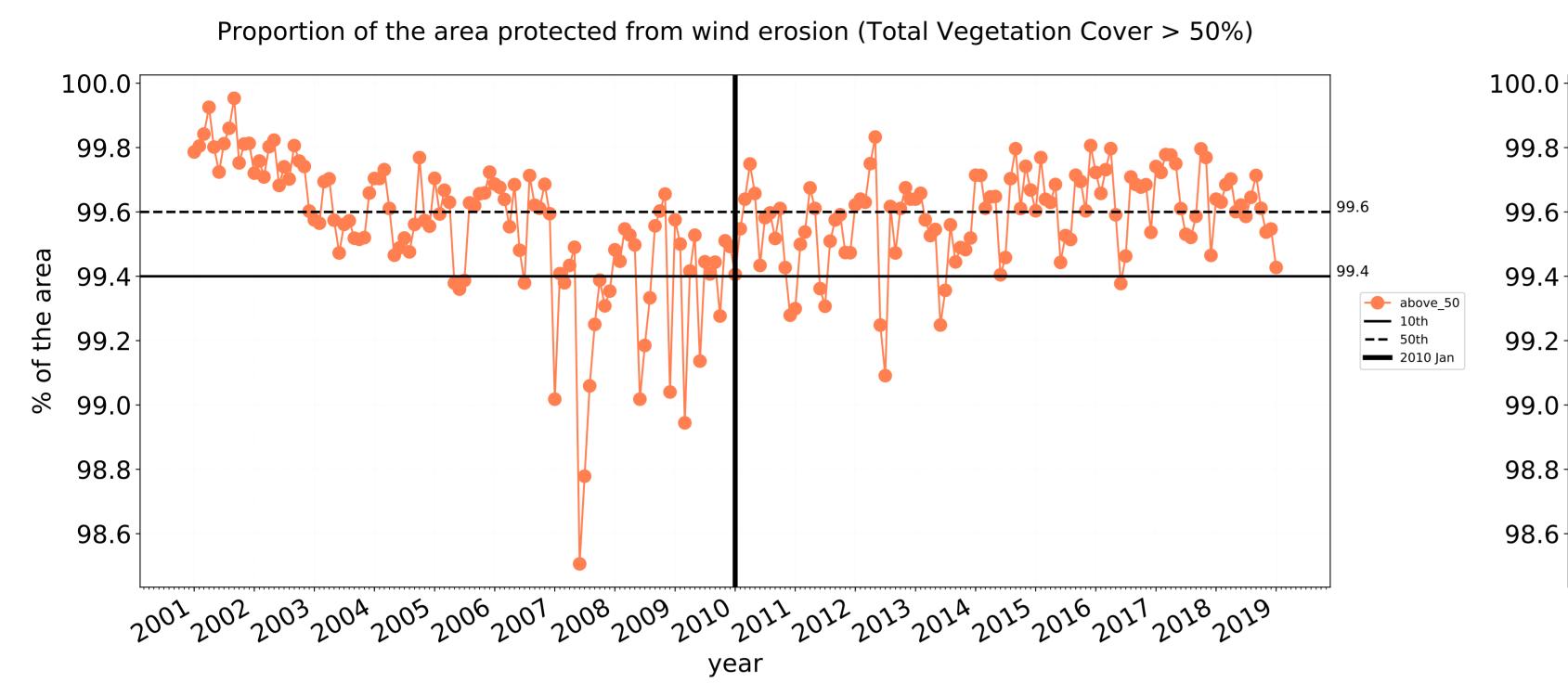


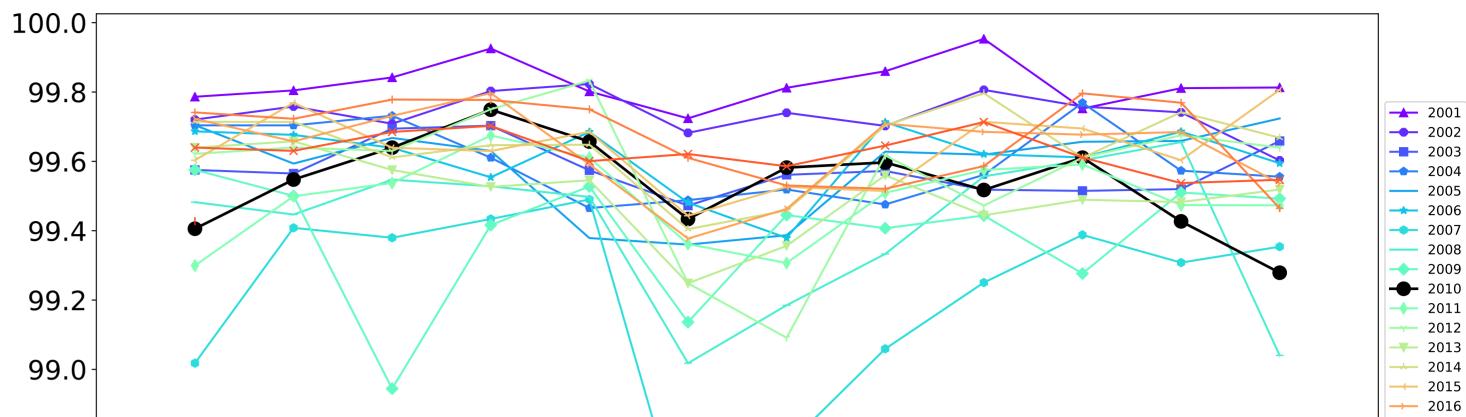






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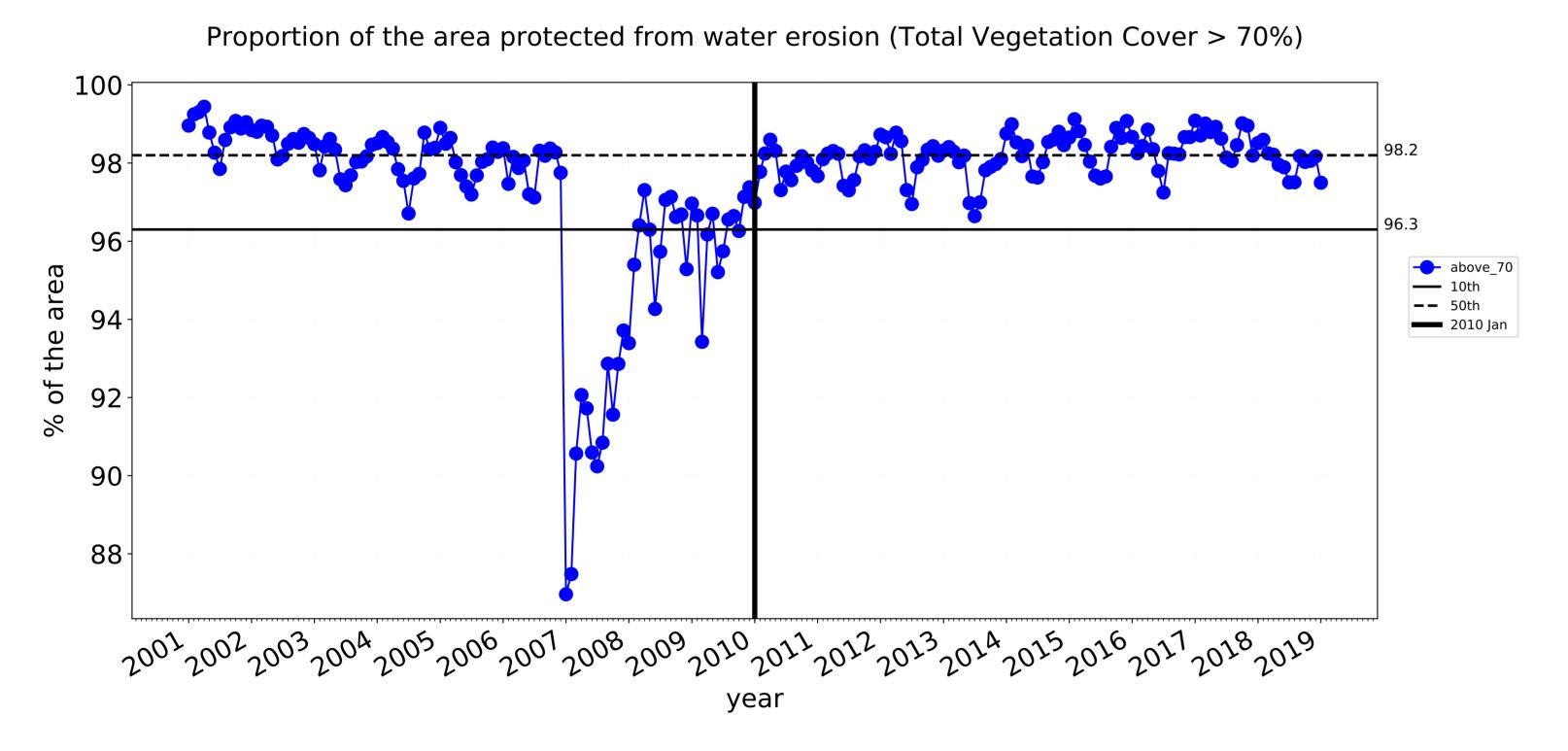


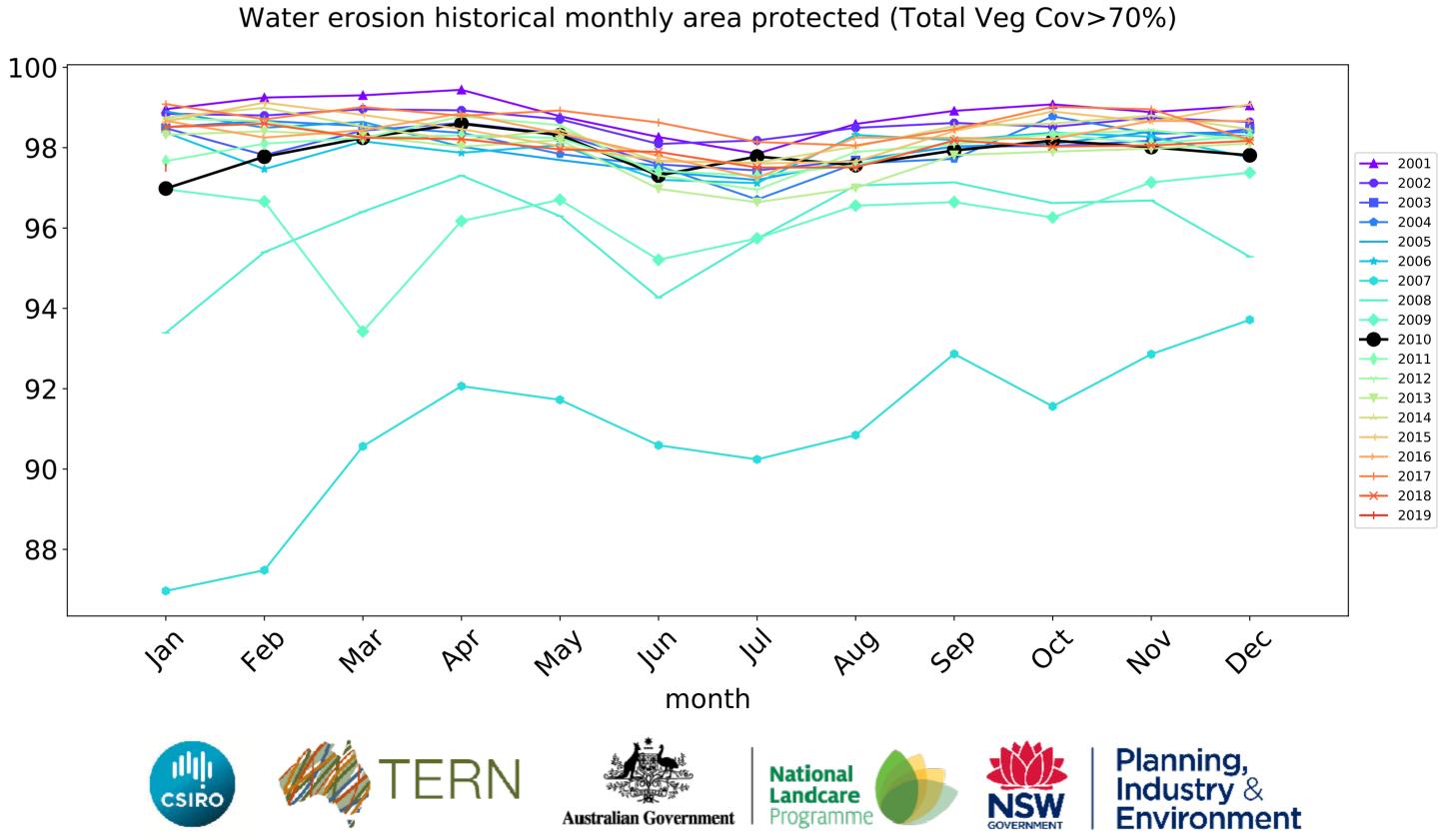
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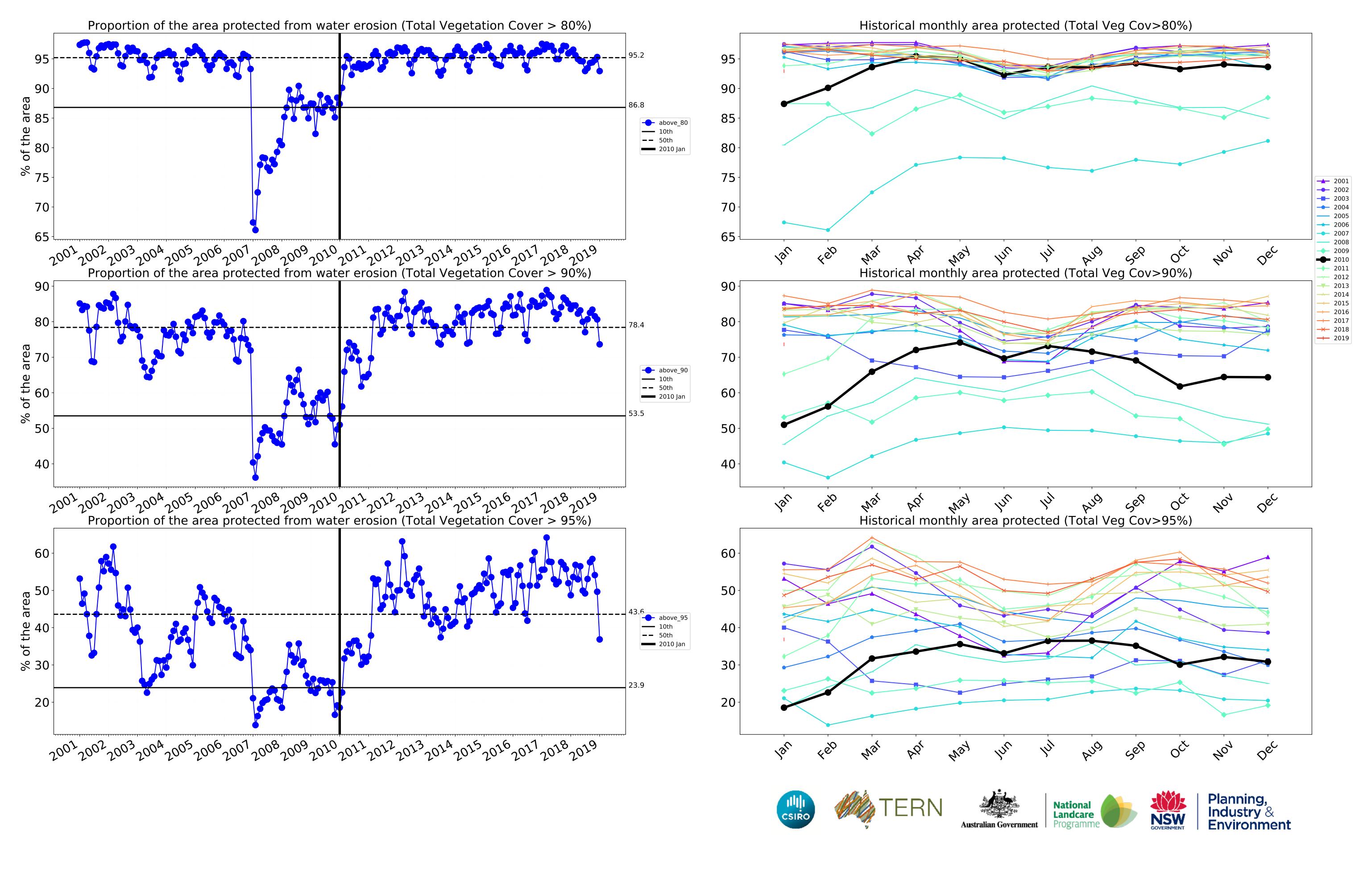
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Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







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

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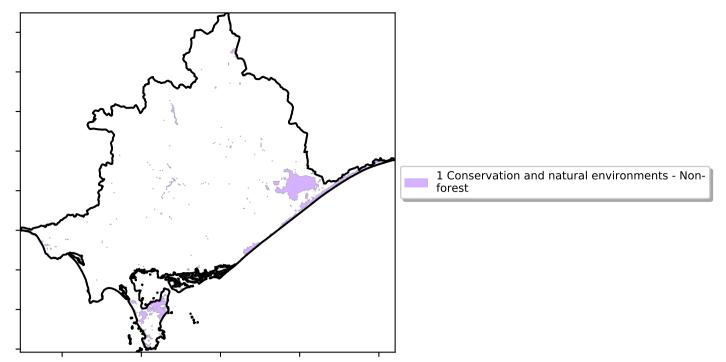
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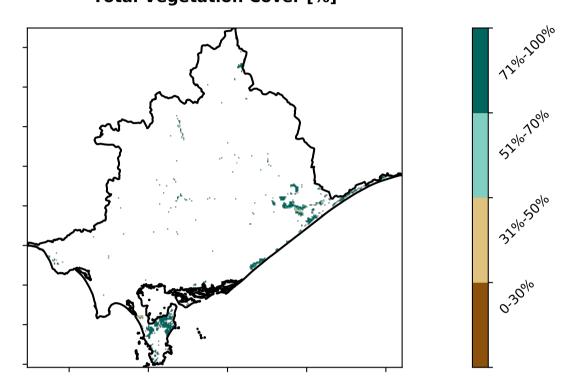
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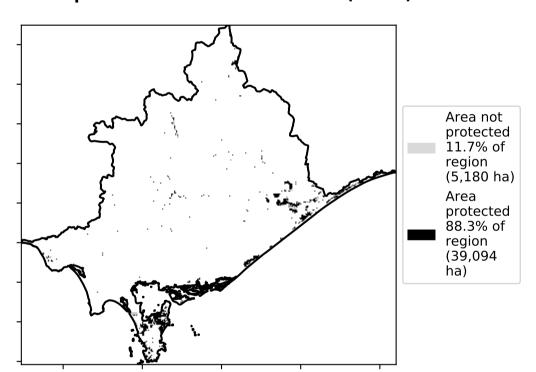
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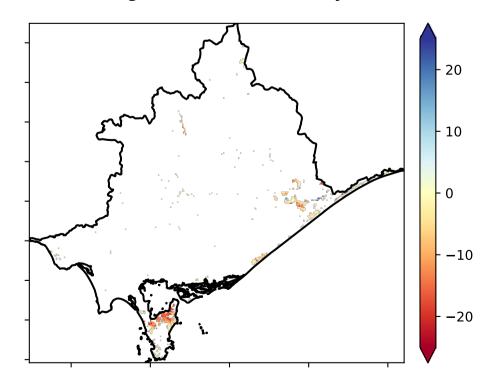
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

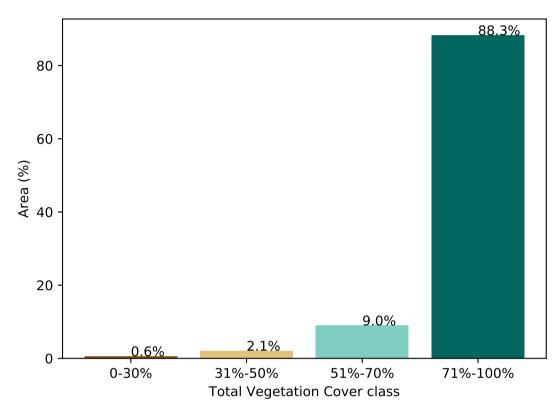


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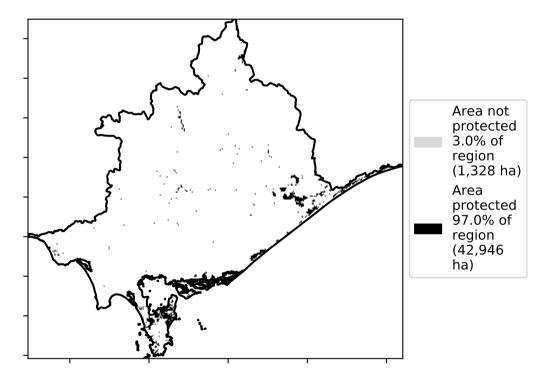


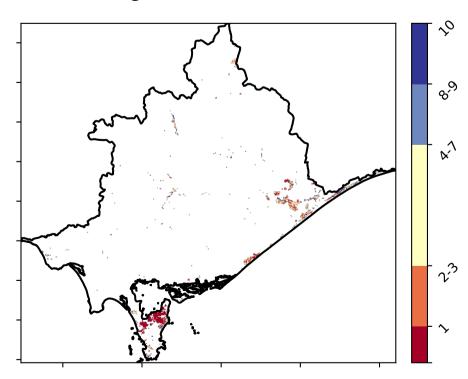
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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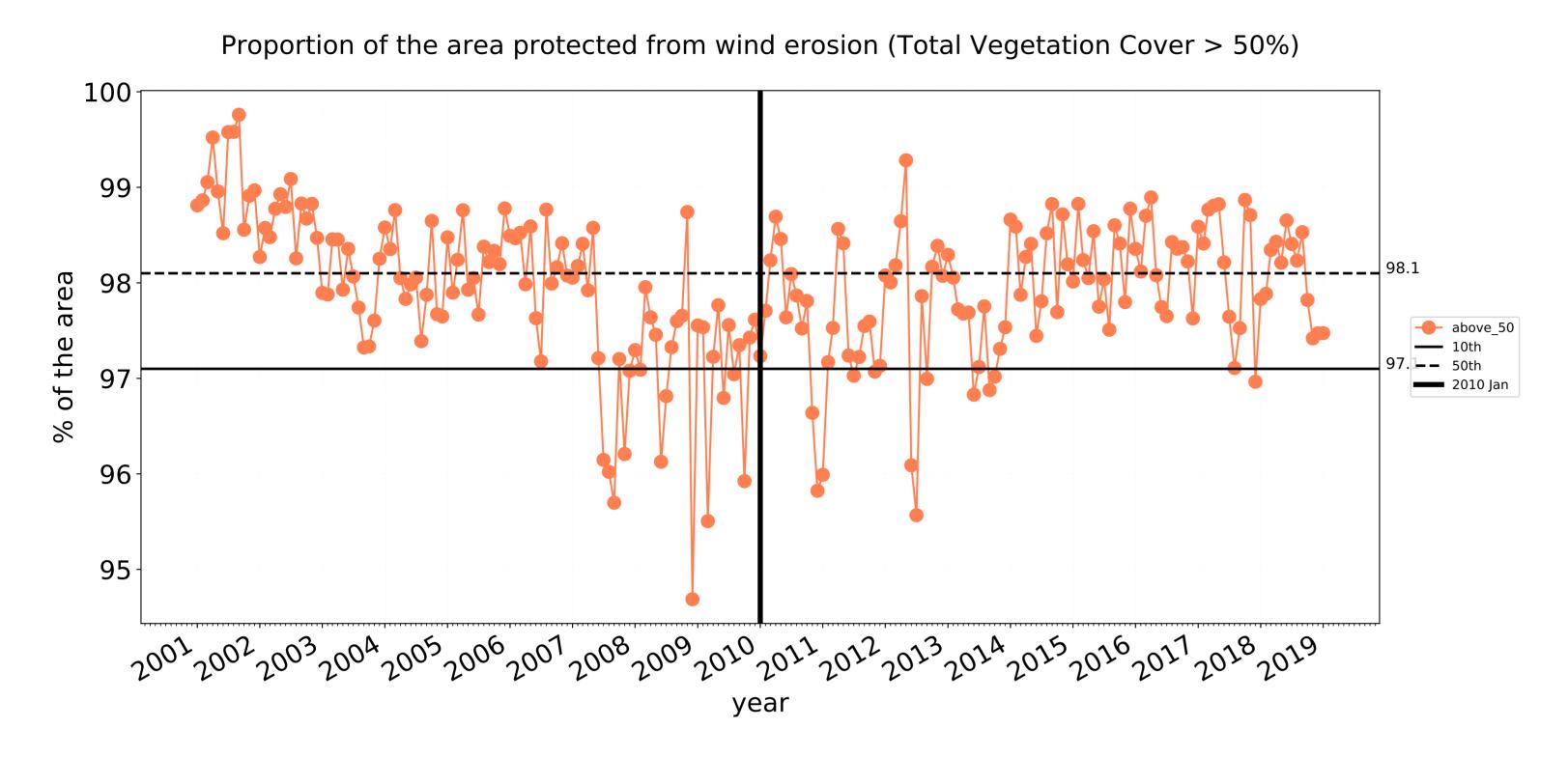


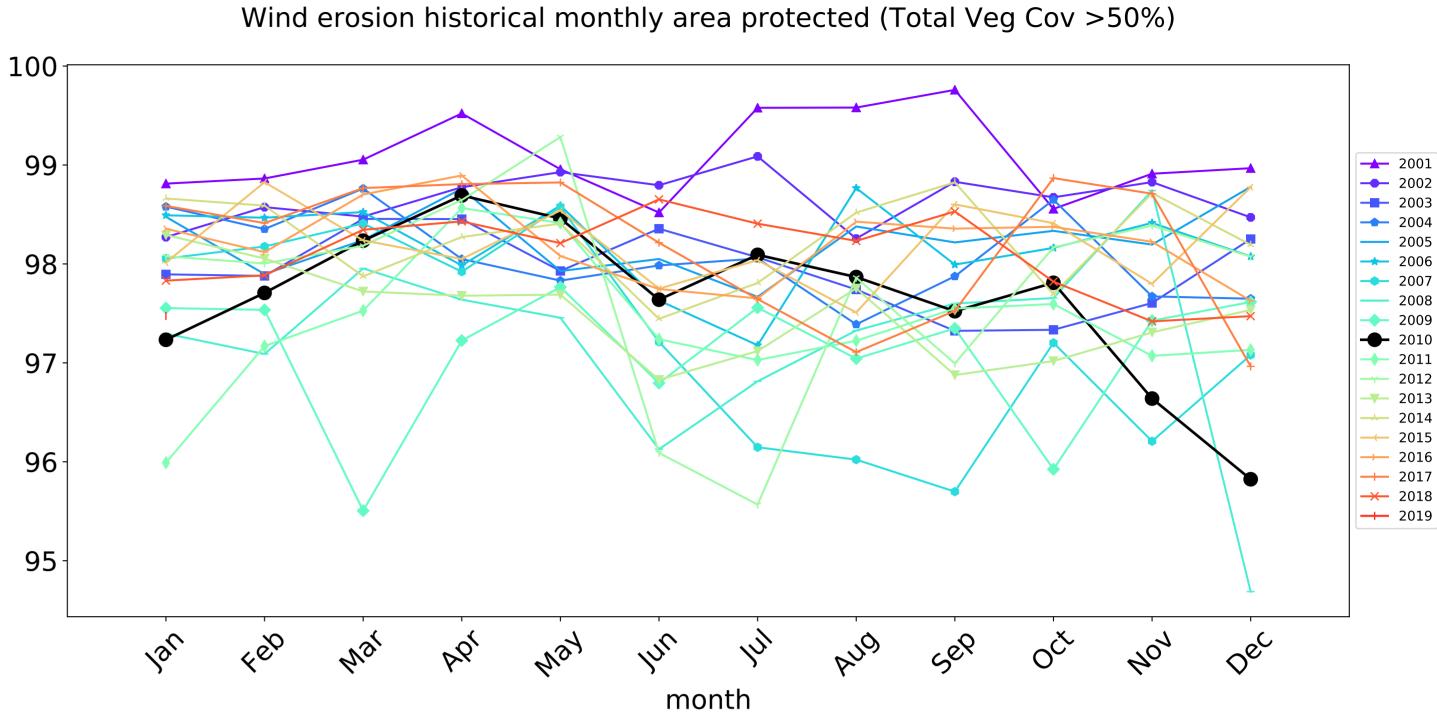


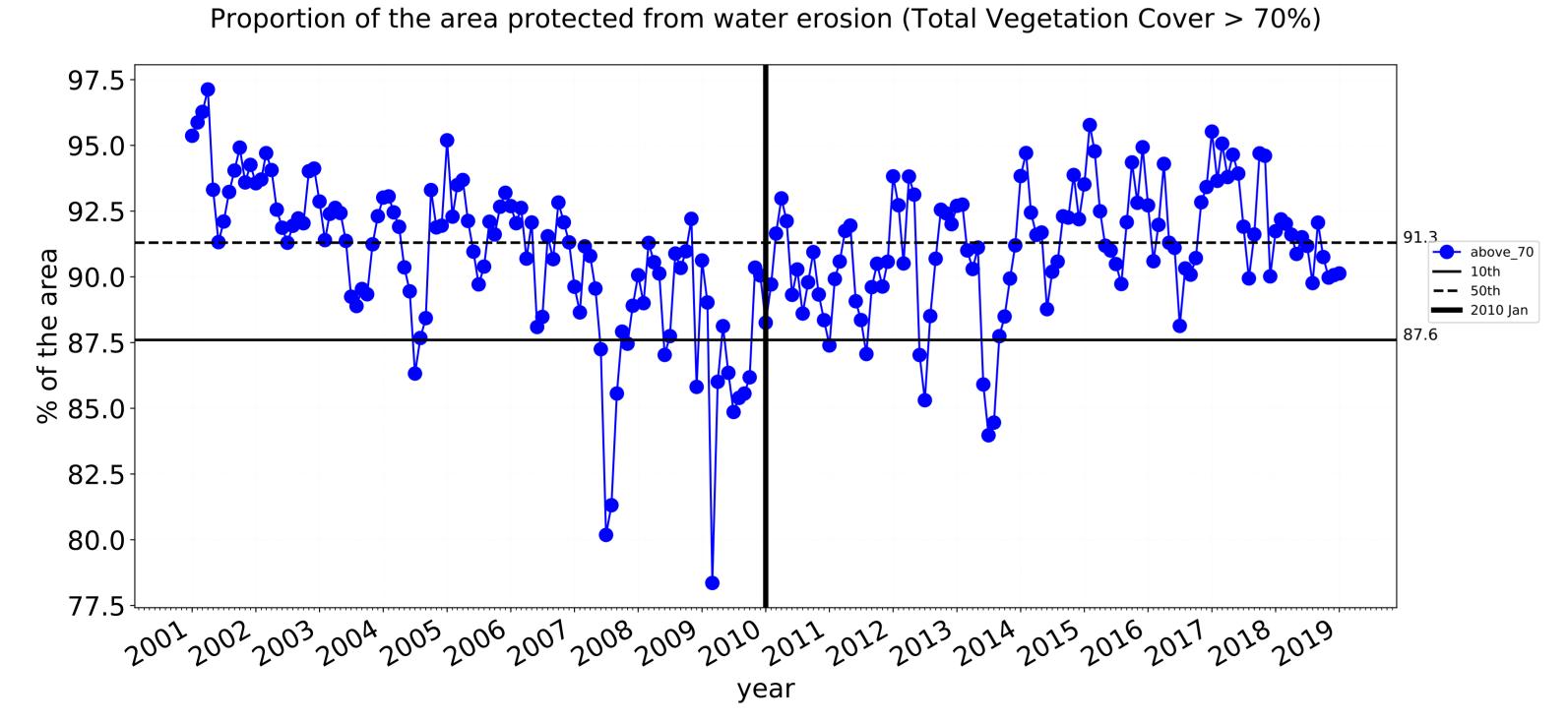


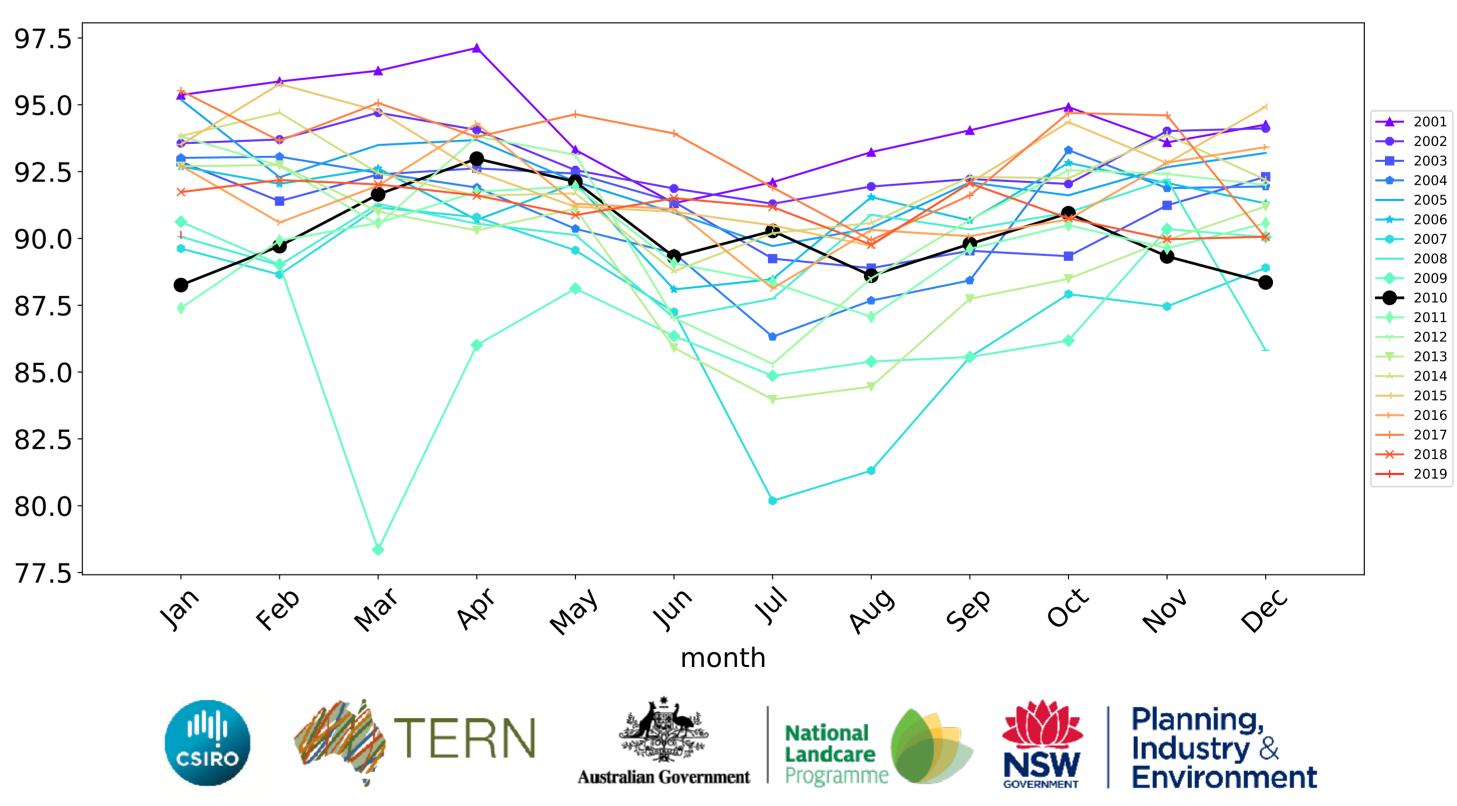


### Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

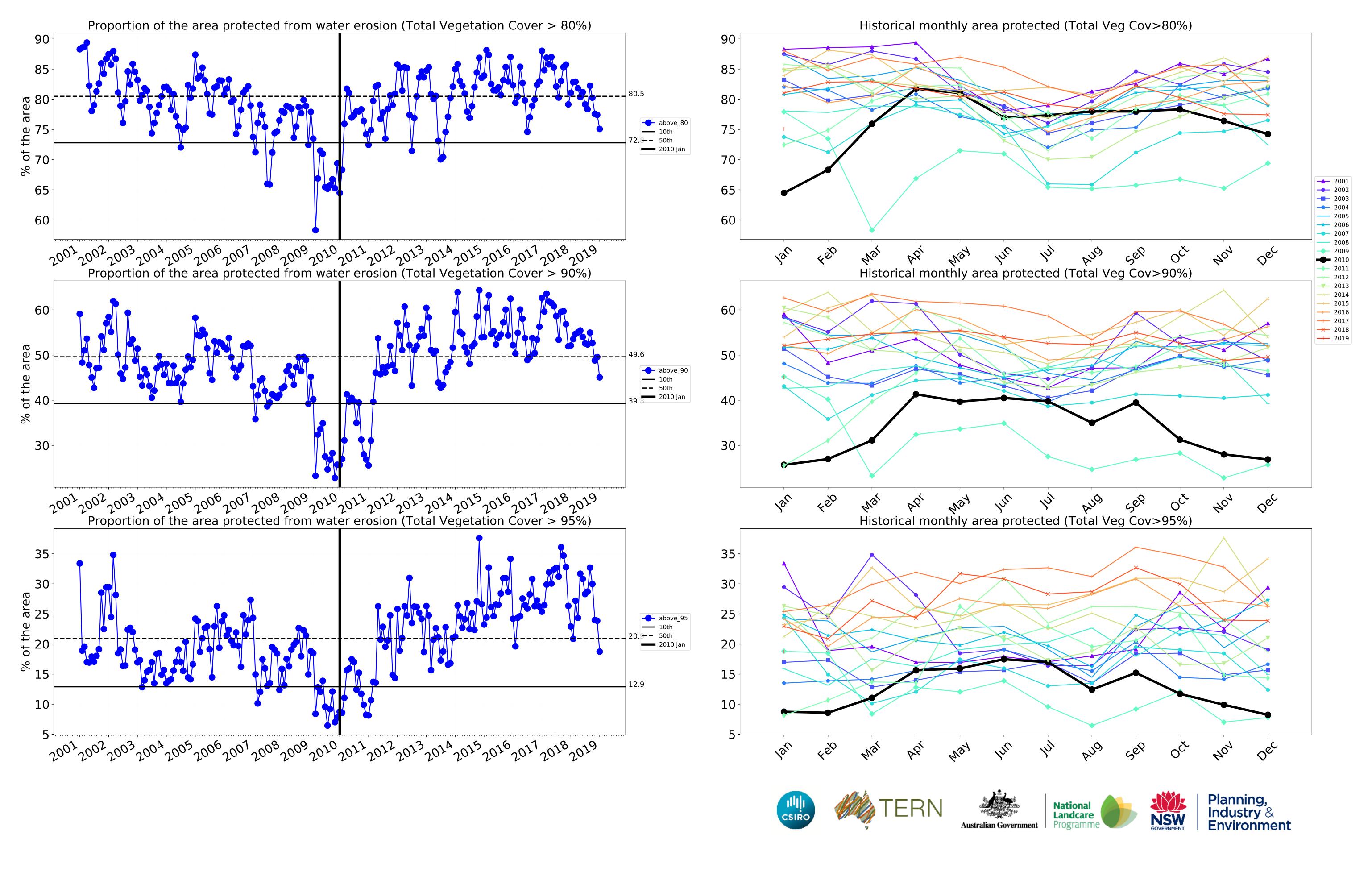








Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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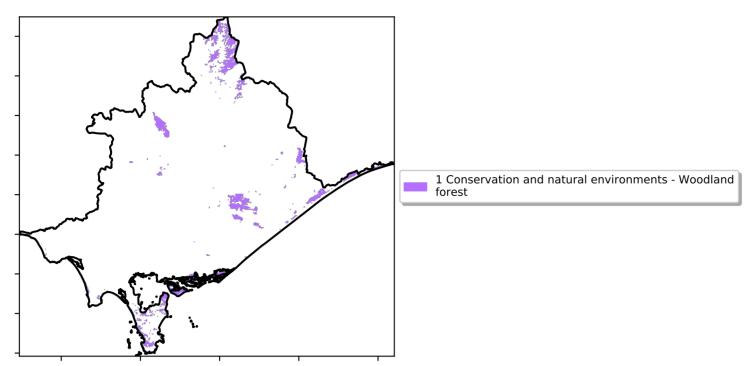
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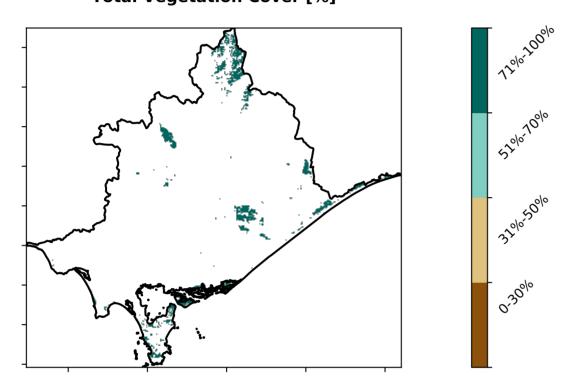
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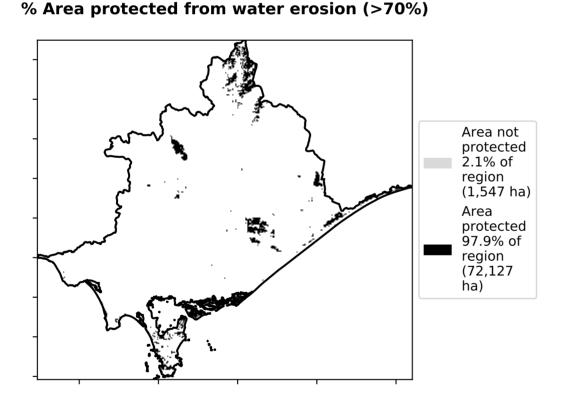
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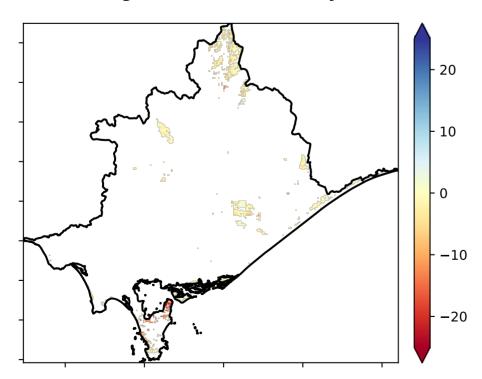


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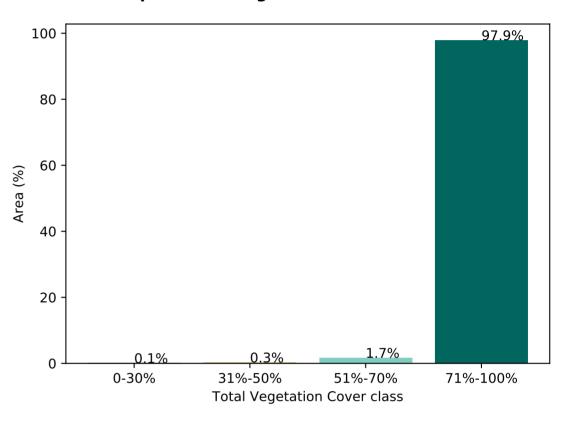


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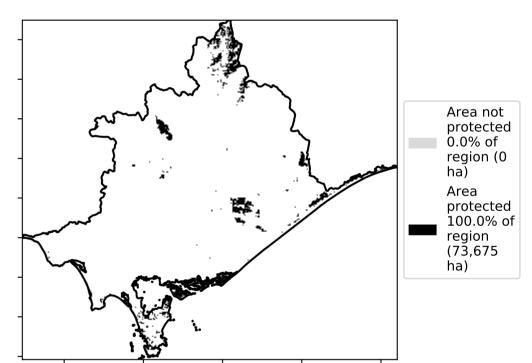


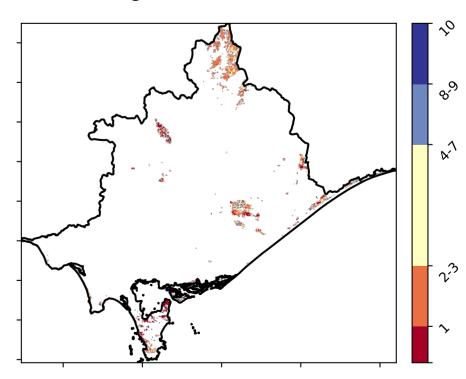
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







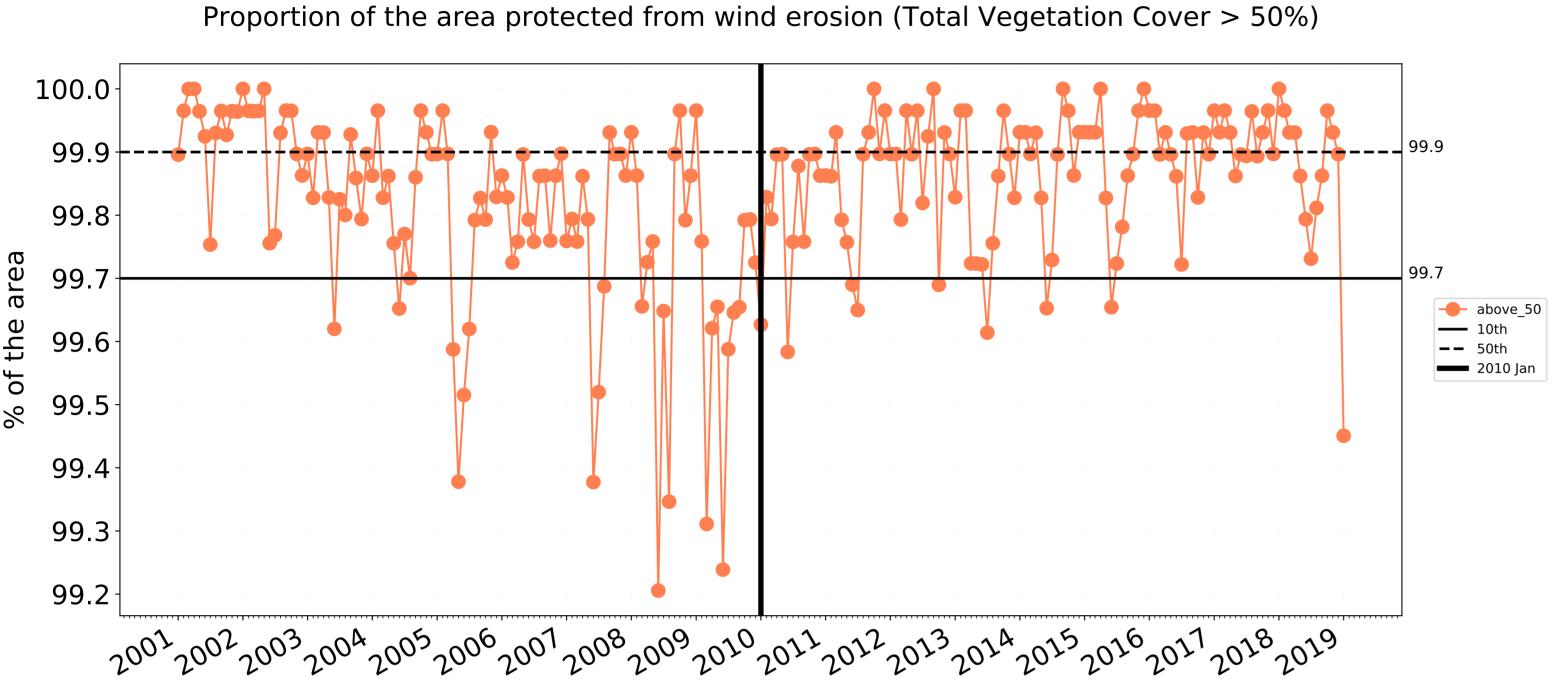




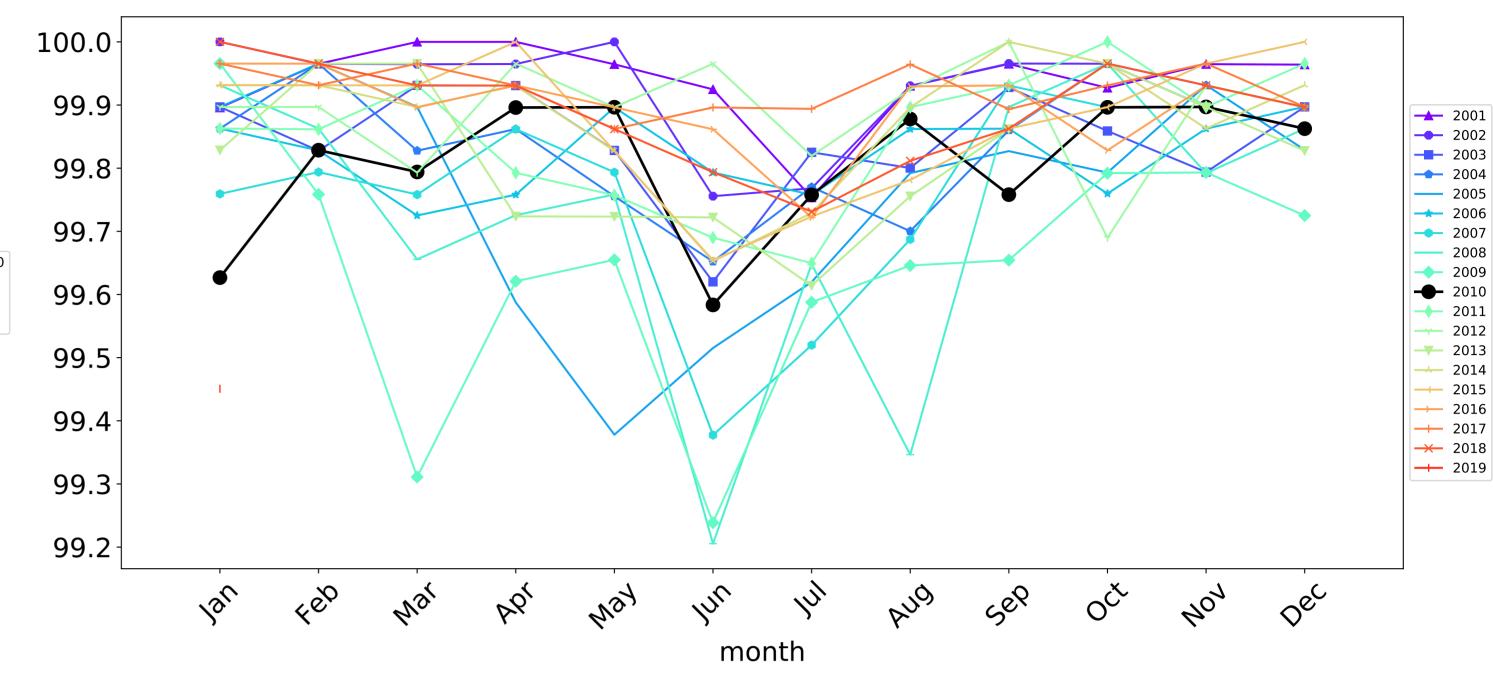


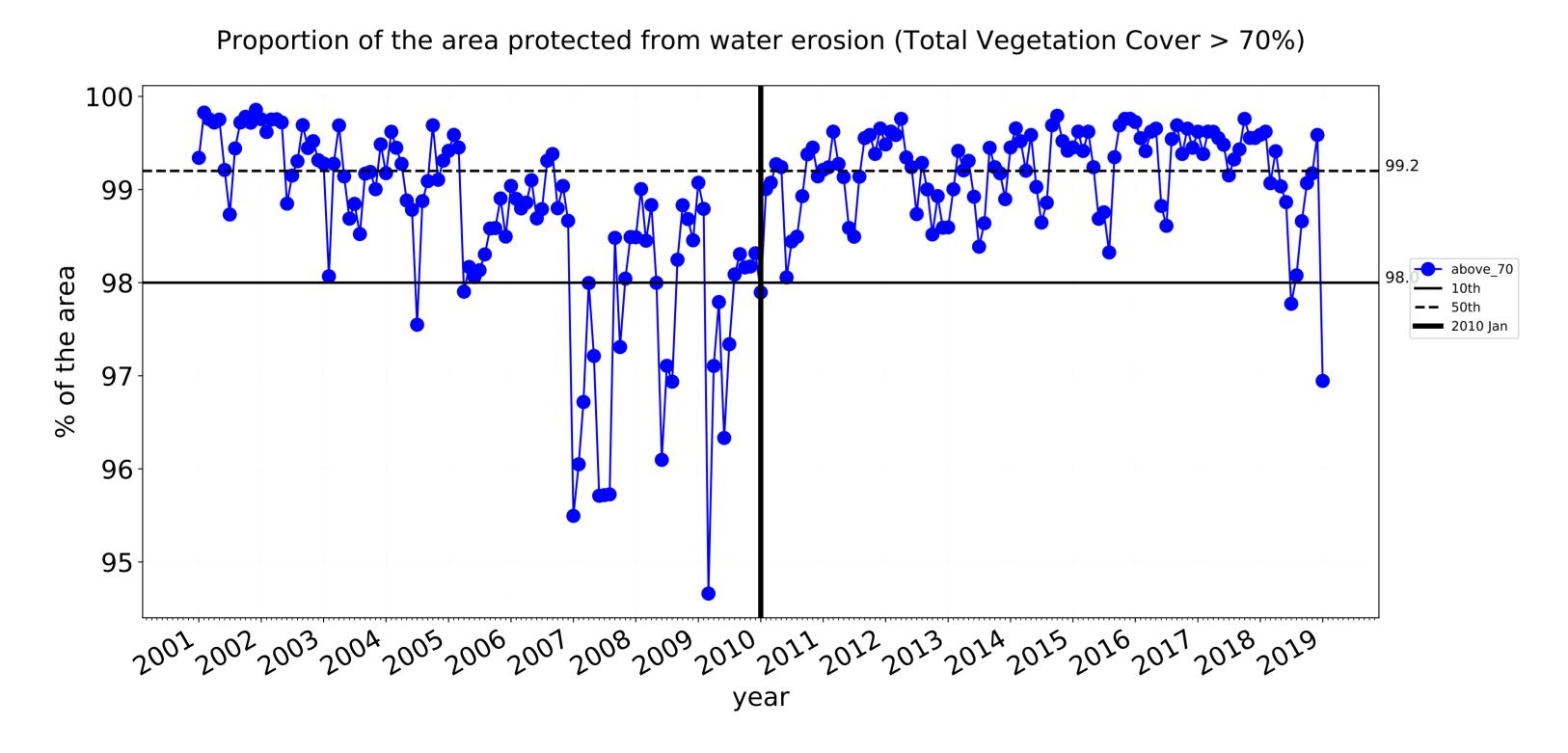


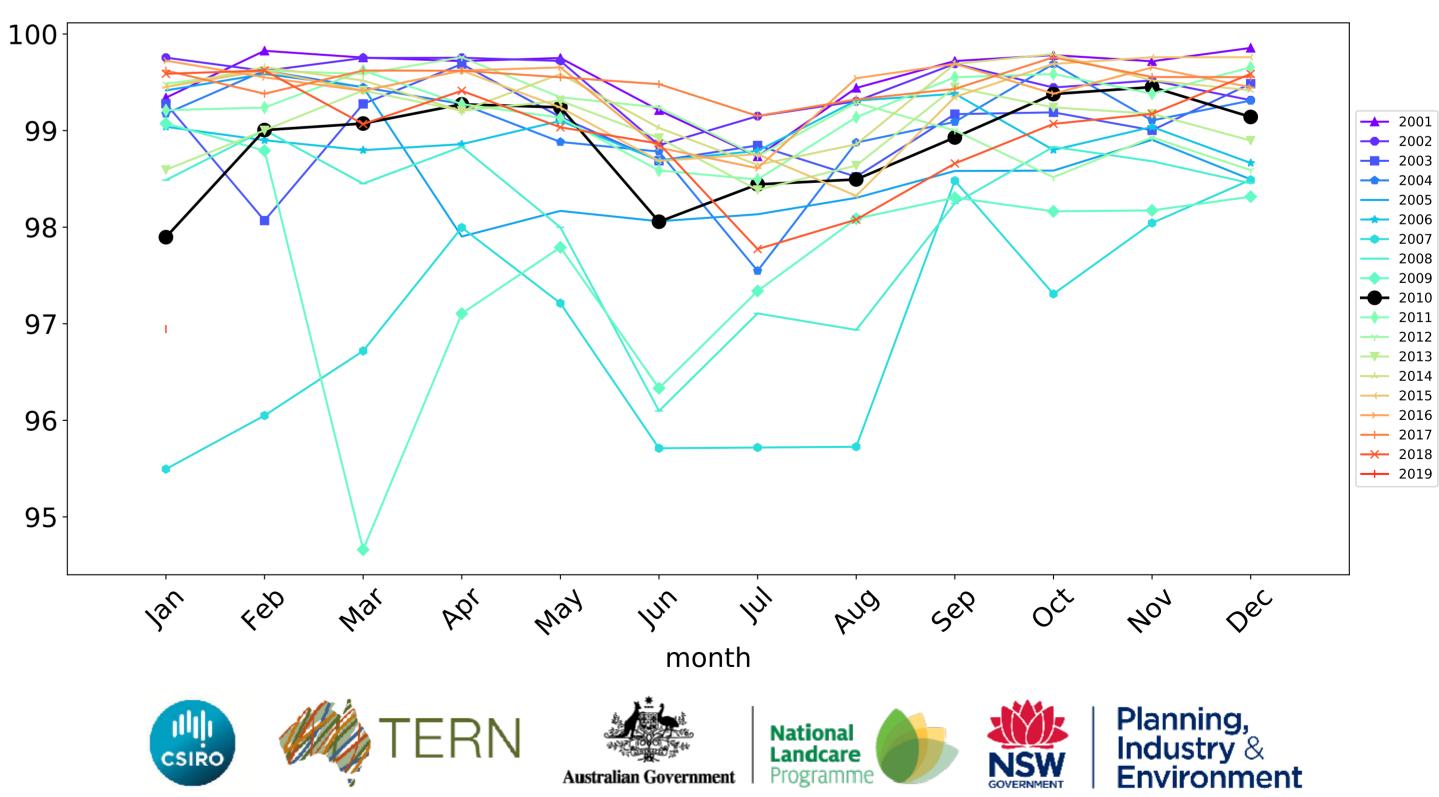




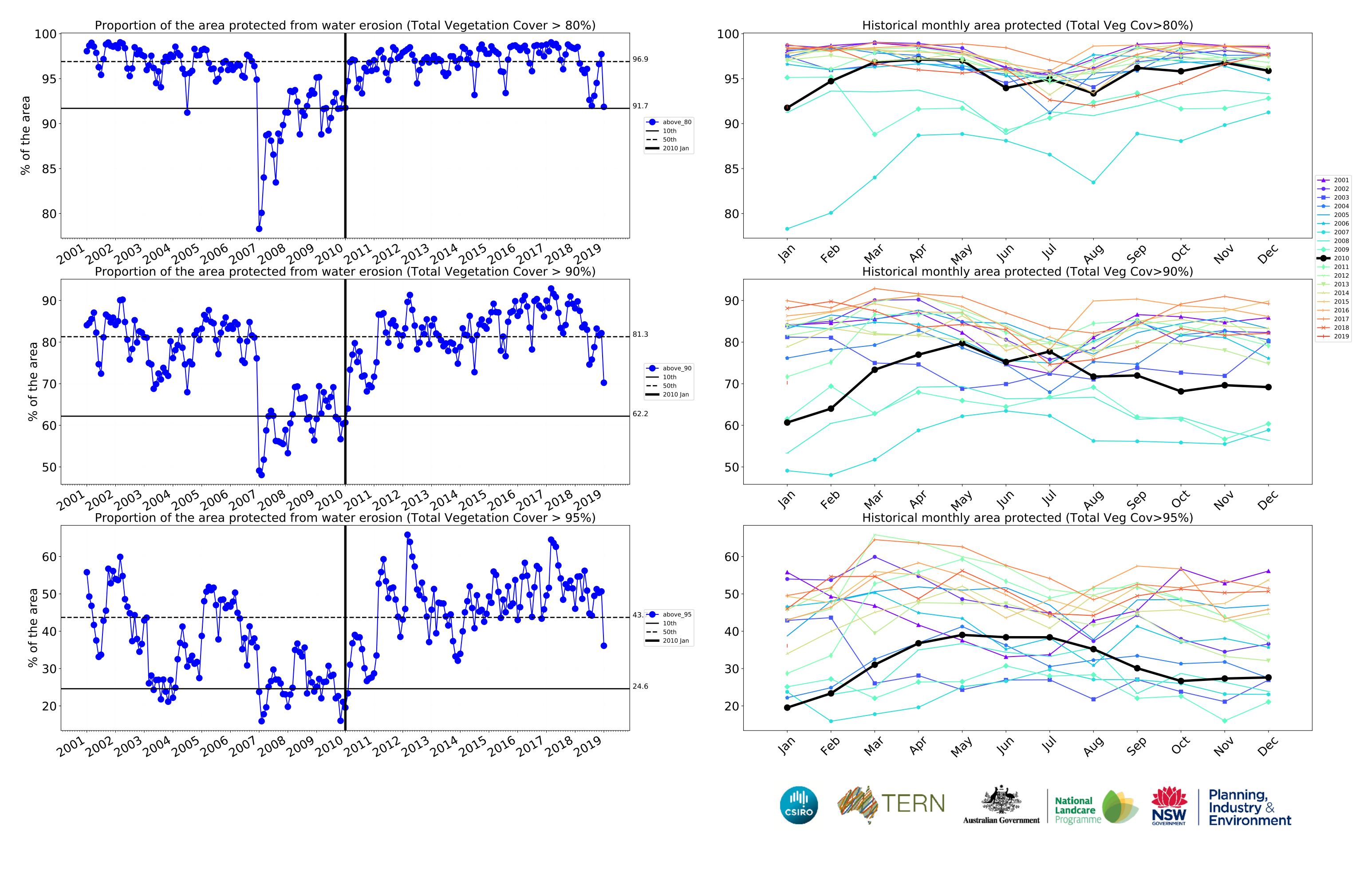
# Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)







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



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

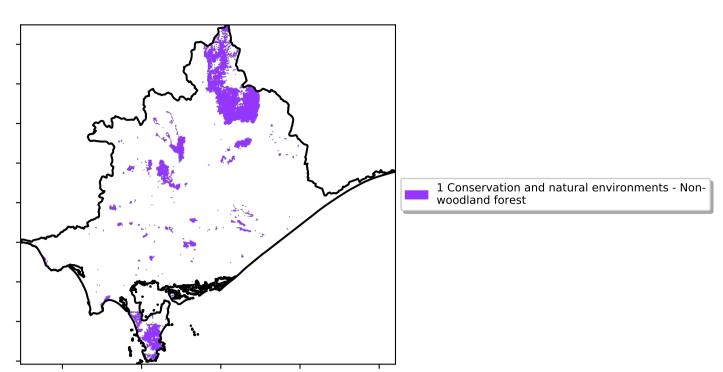
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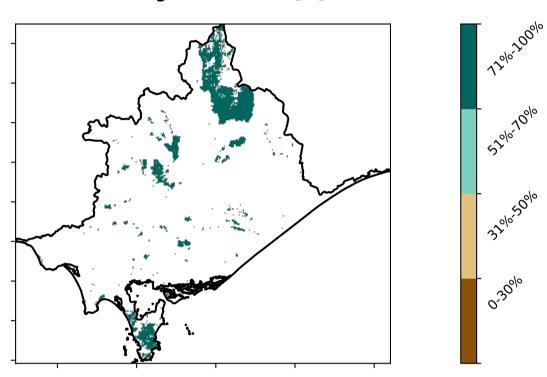
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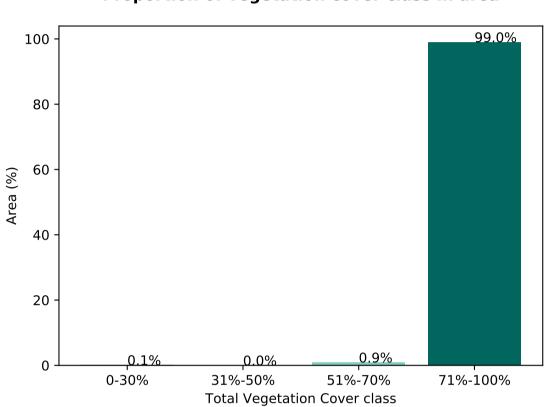
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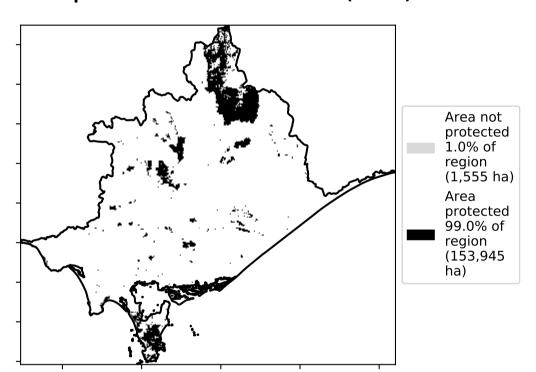
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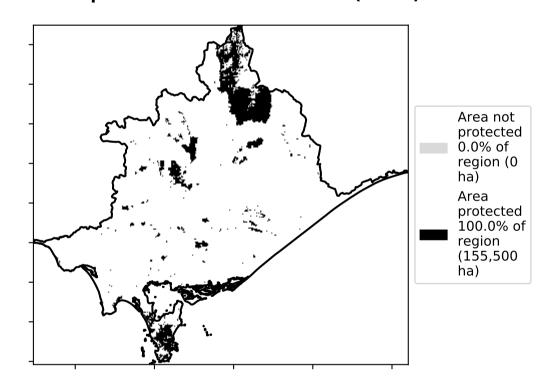
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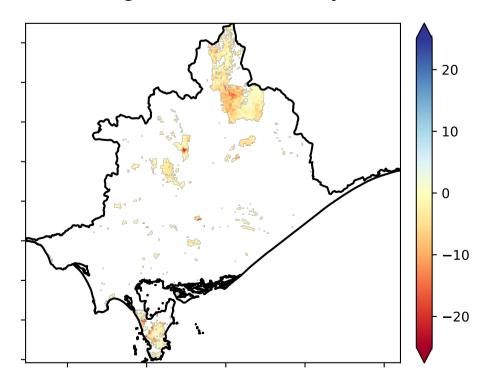
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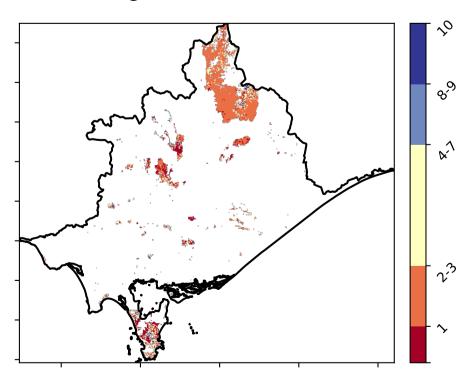
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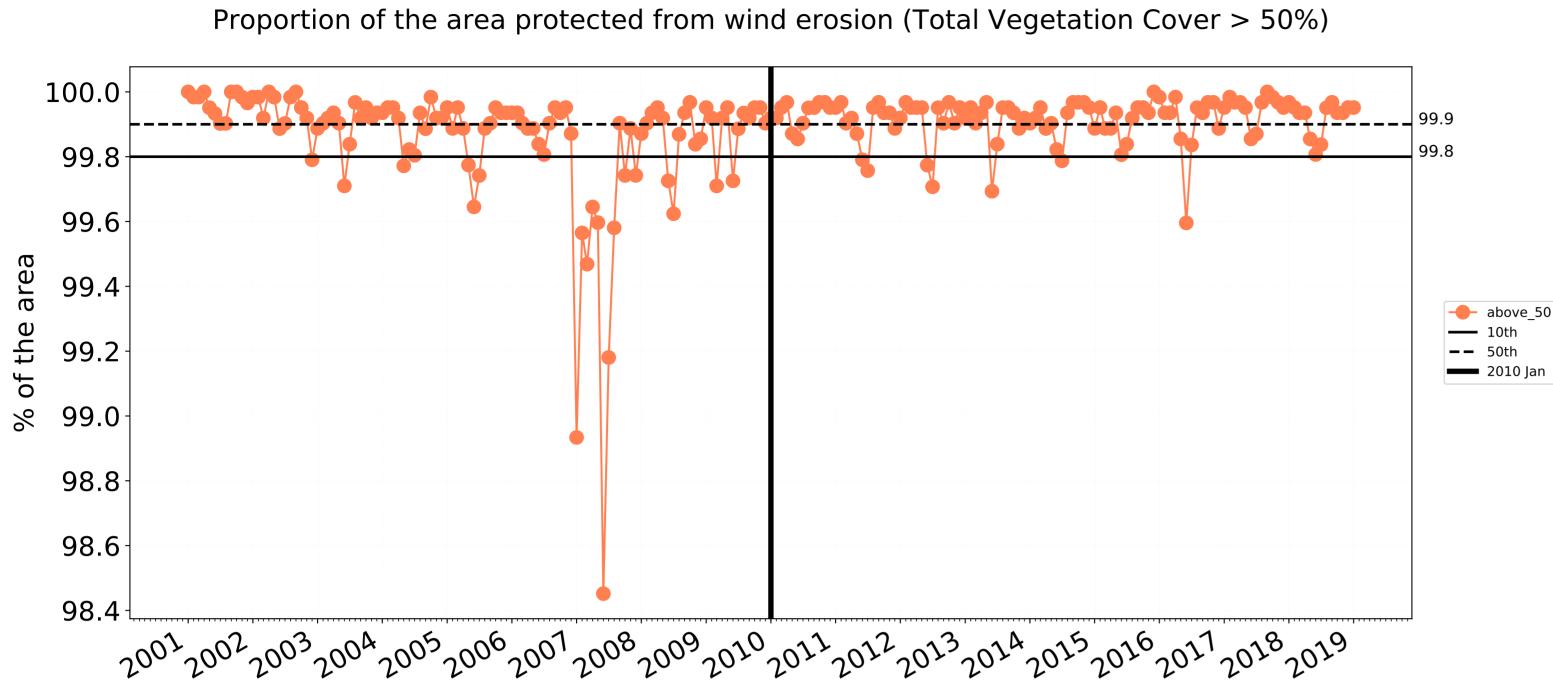


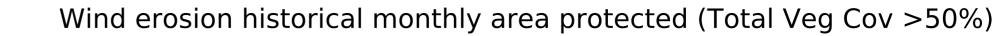


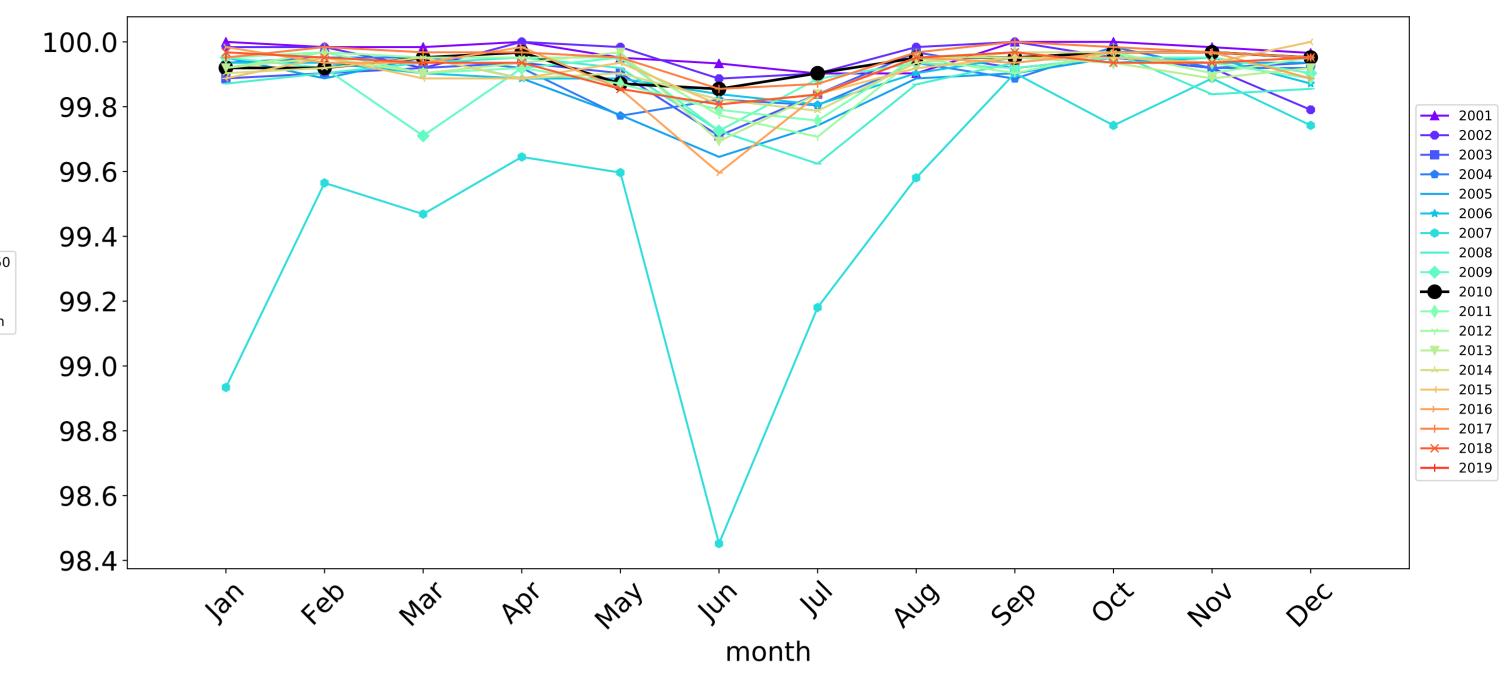


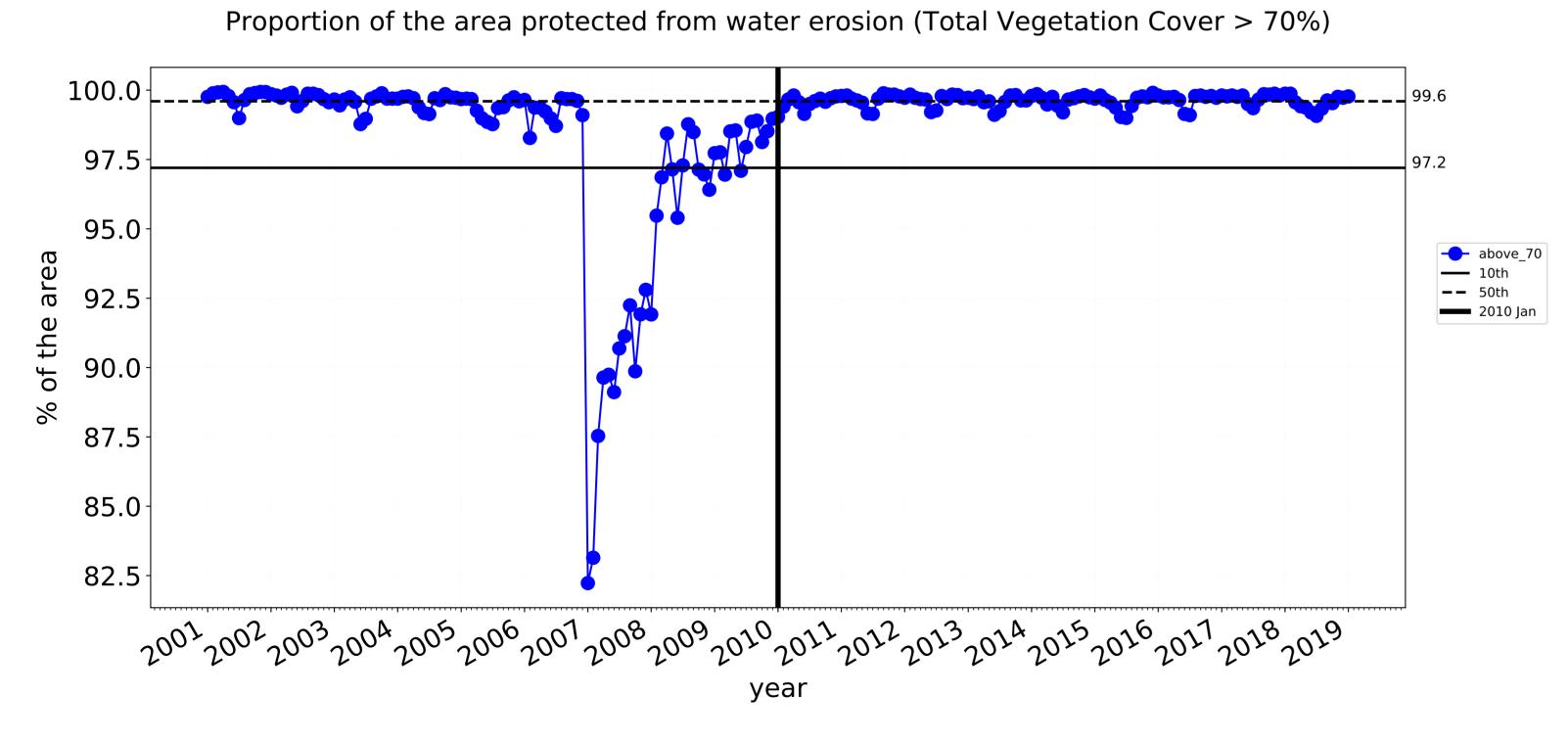


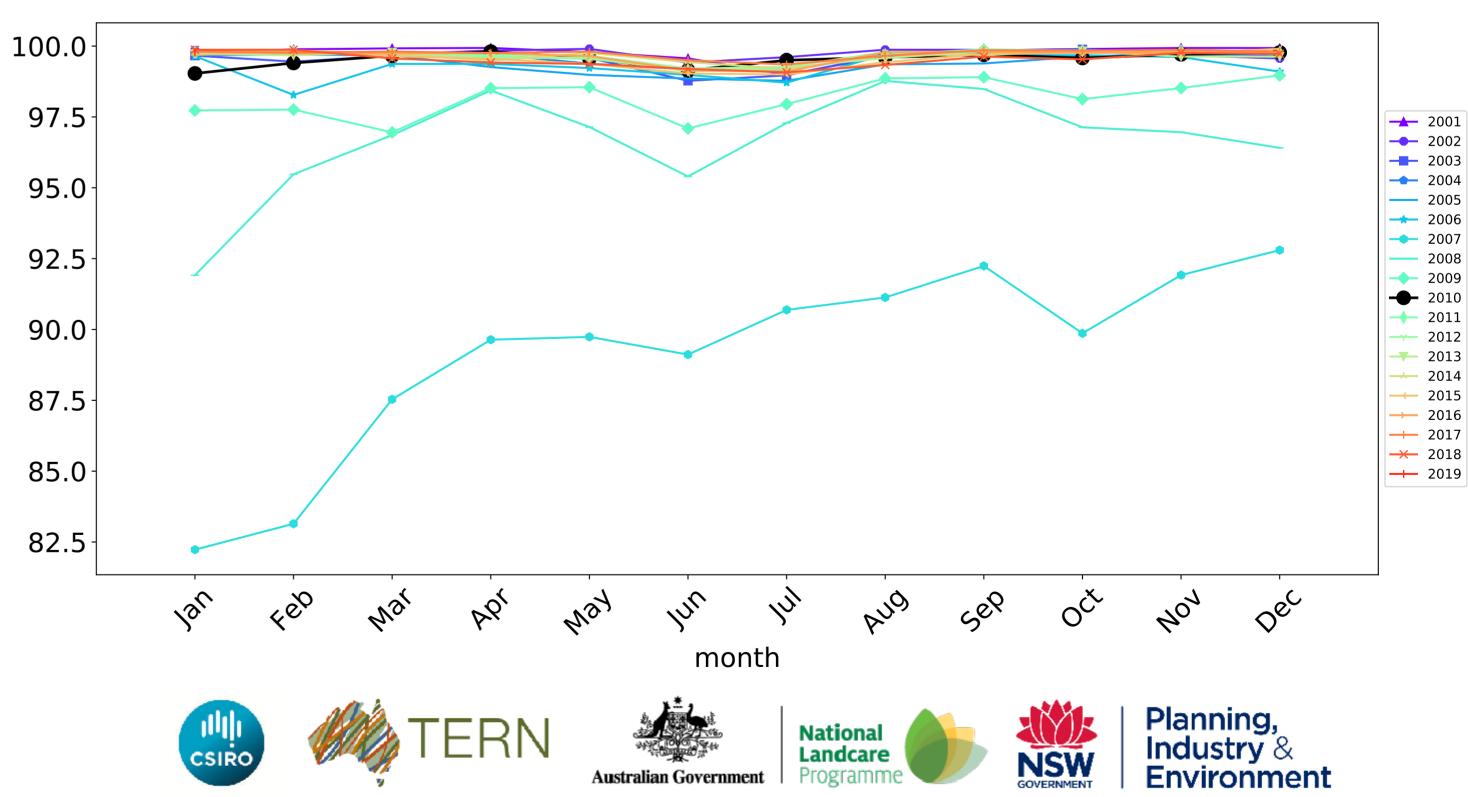




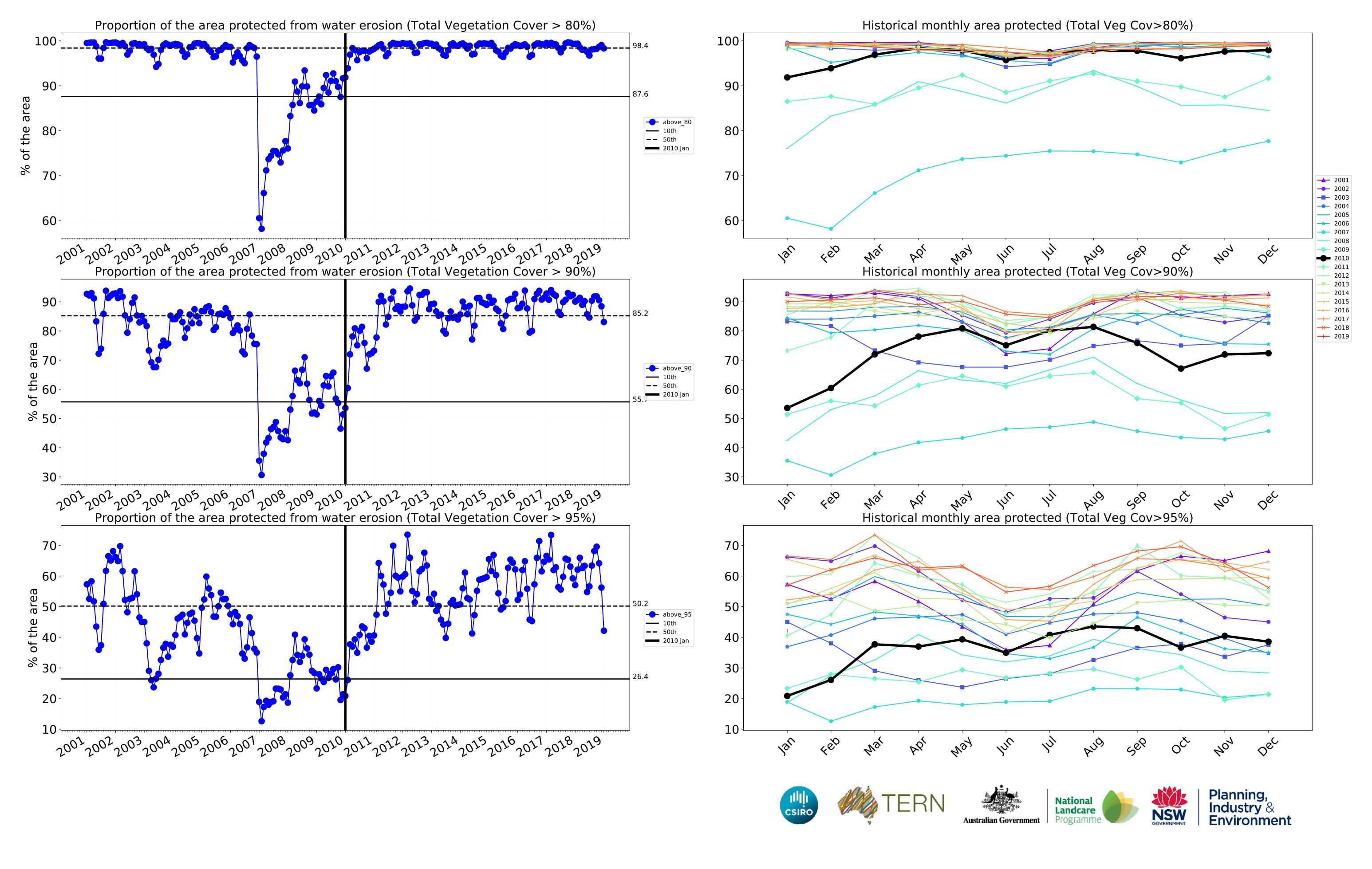








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### **Agriculture**

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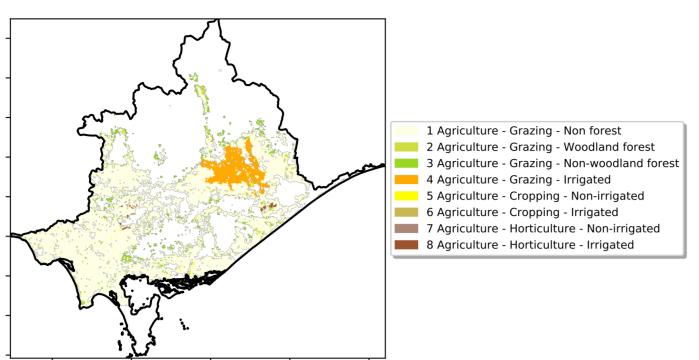
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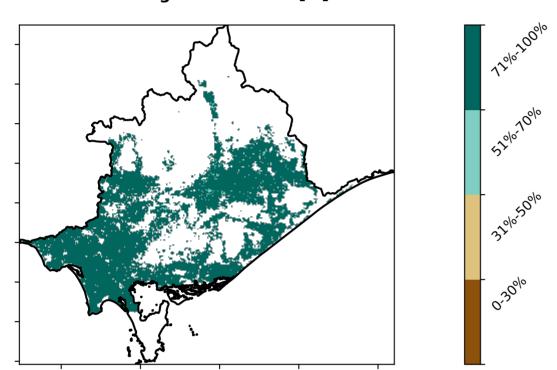
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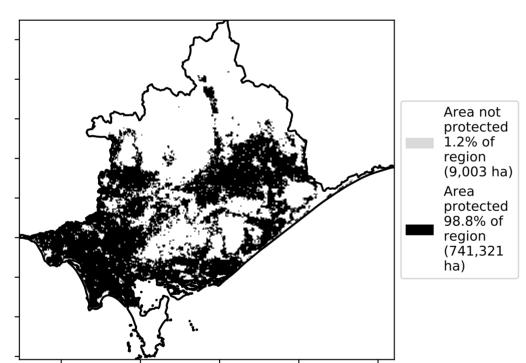


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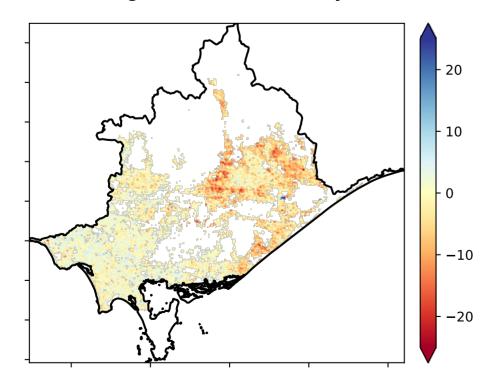
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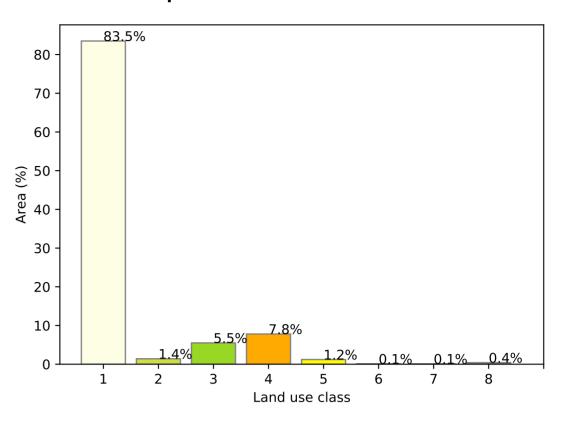


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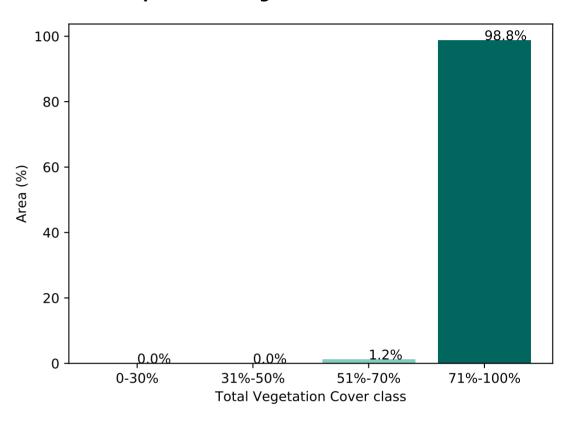


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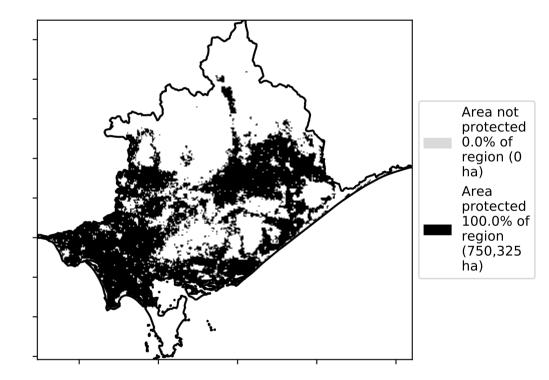
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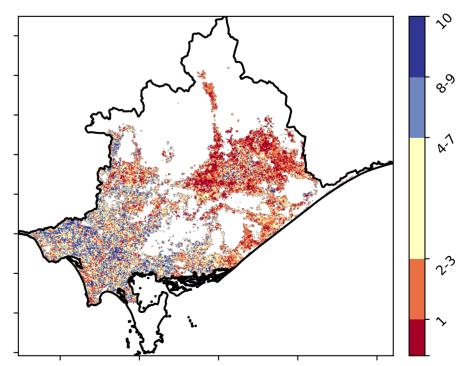


### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









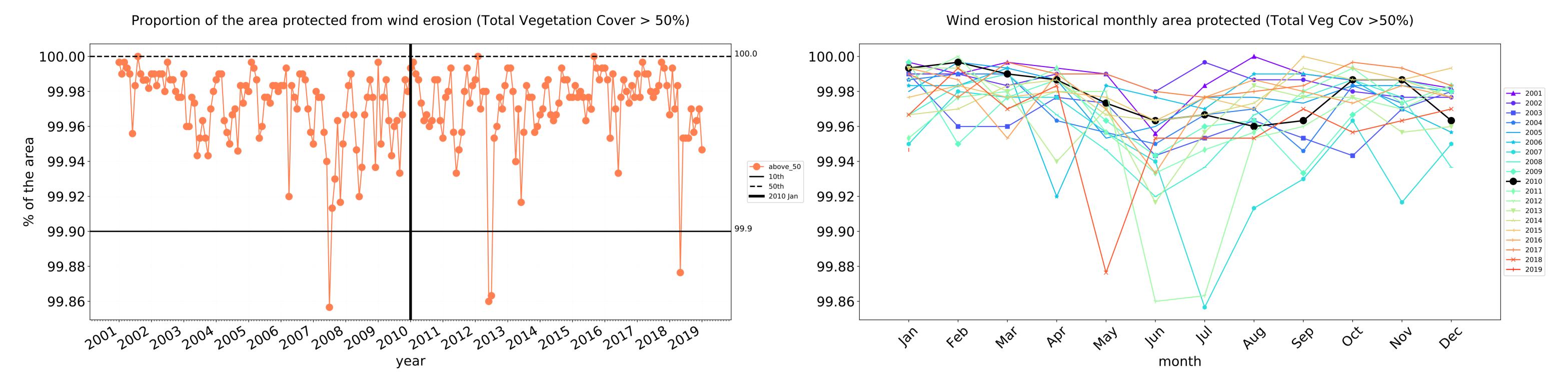


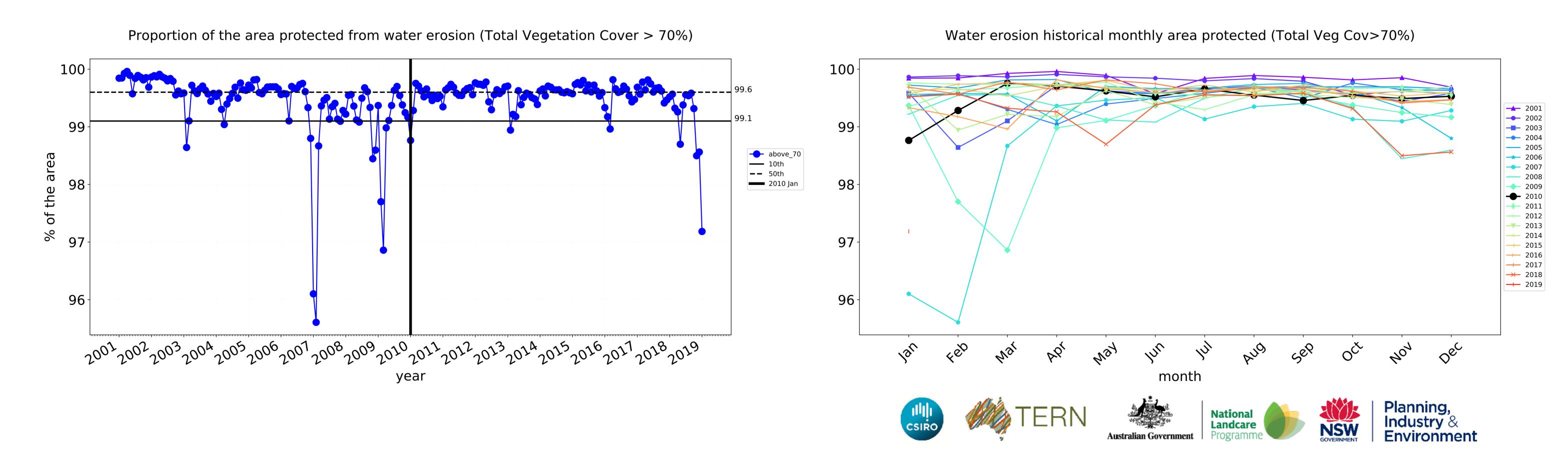


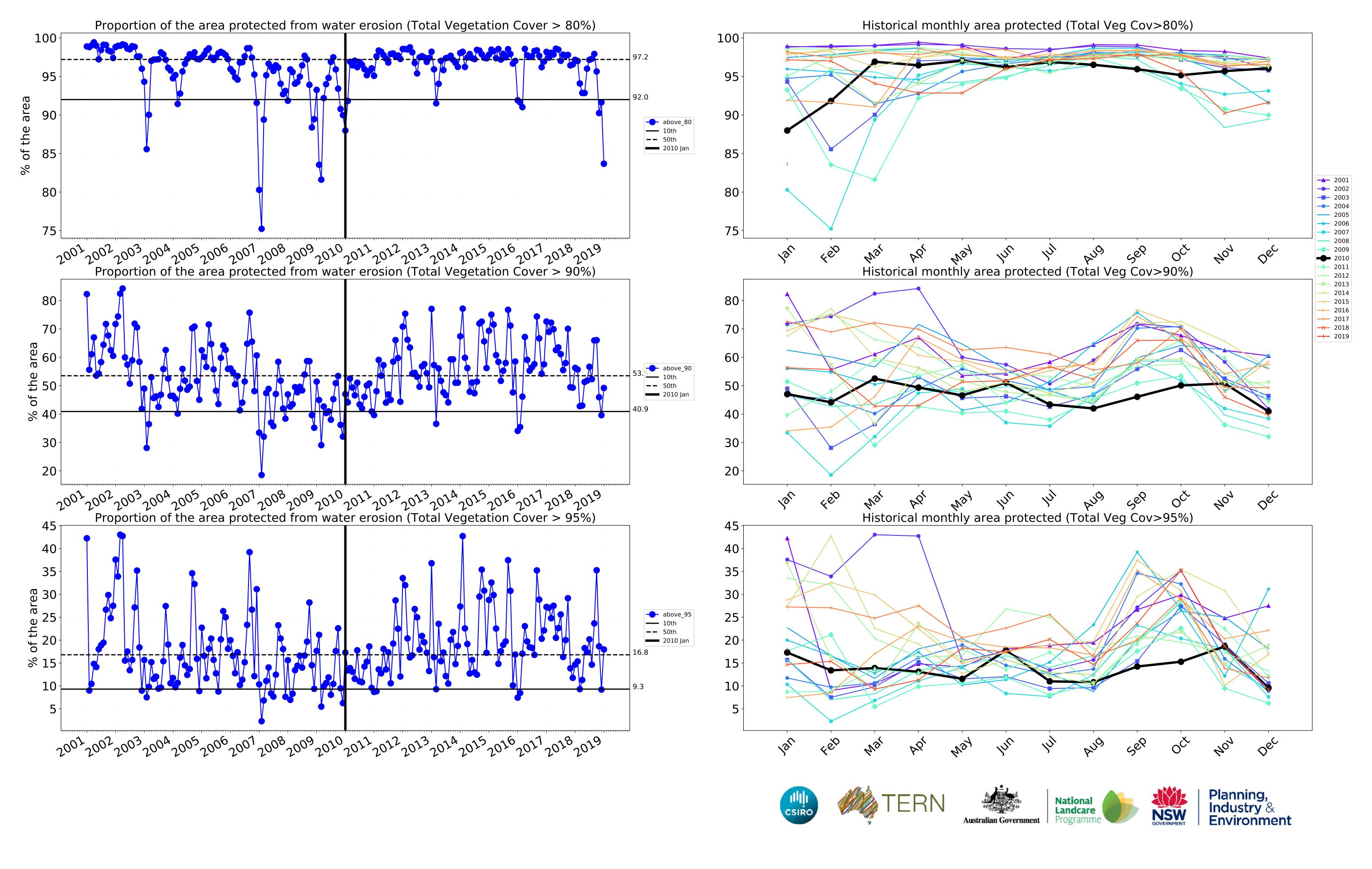




### **Agriculture timeseries**







### Grazing

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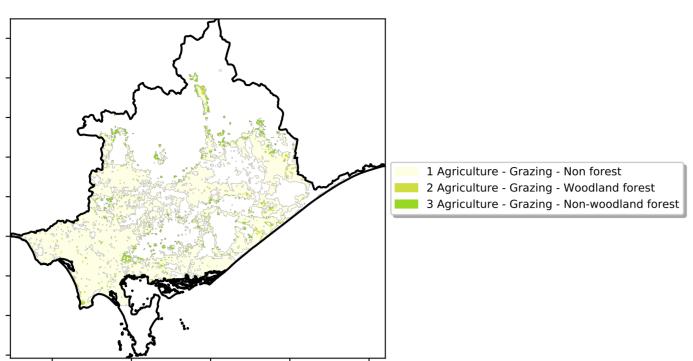
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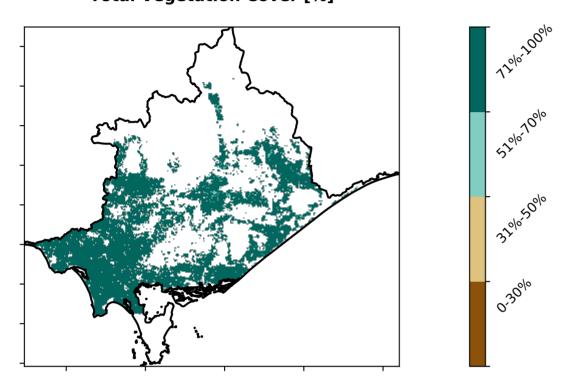
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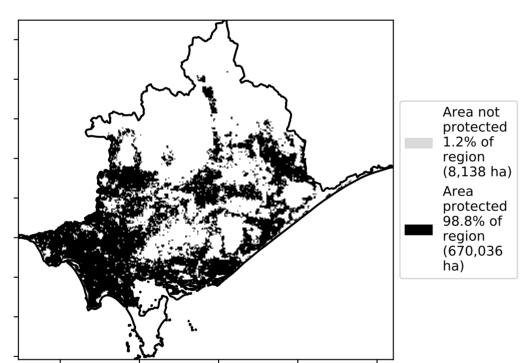


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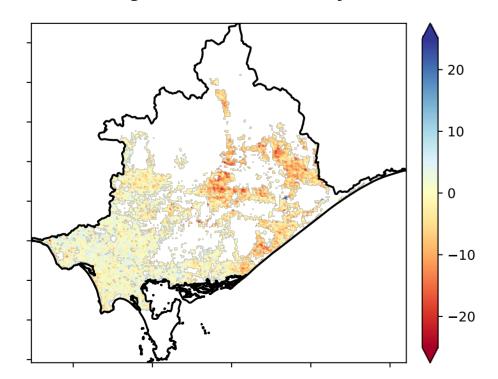
Land use and forest cover



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

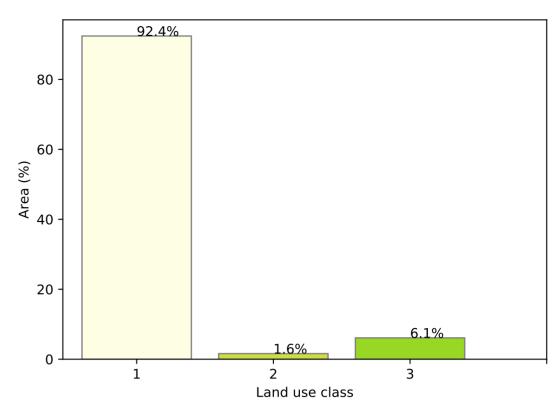


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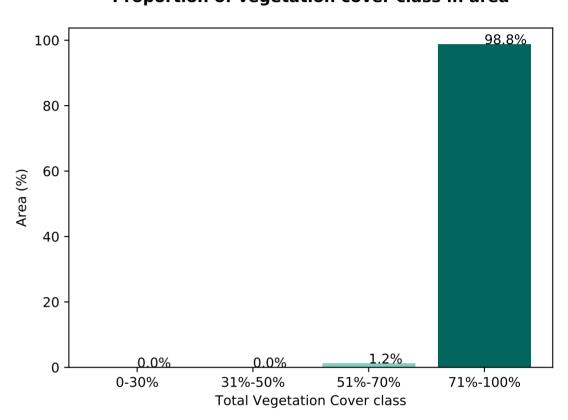


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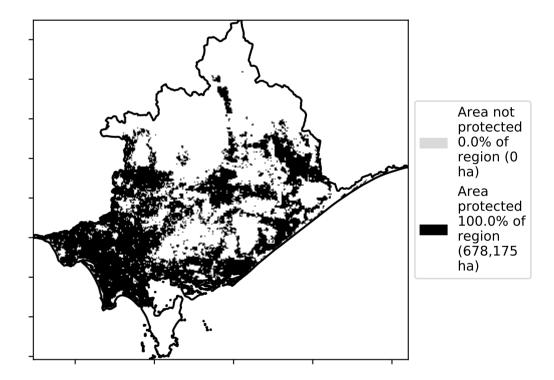
### Proportion of each land class in area



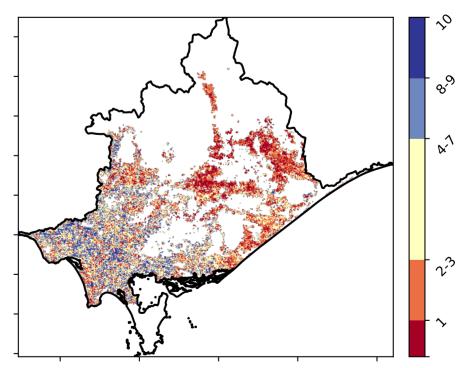
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







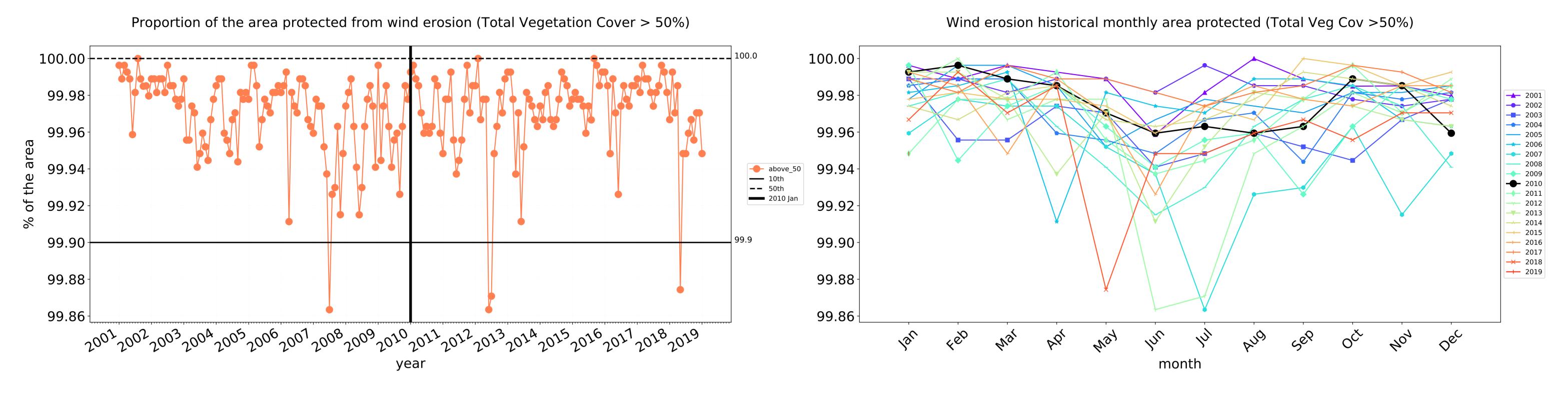


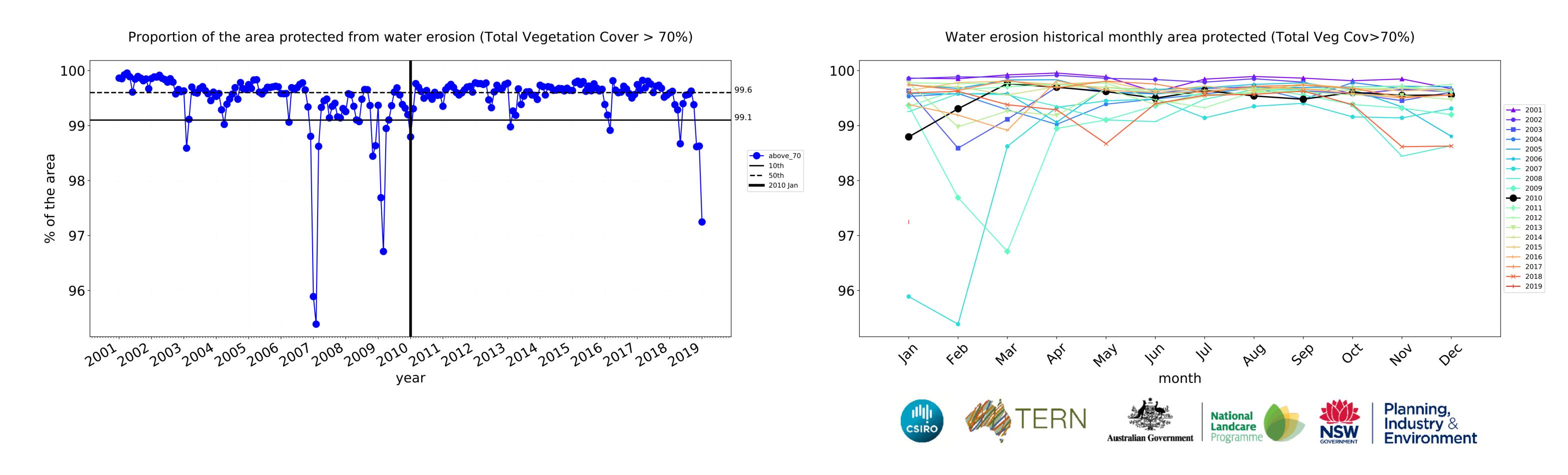


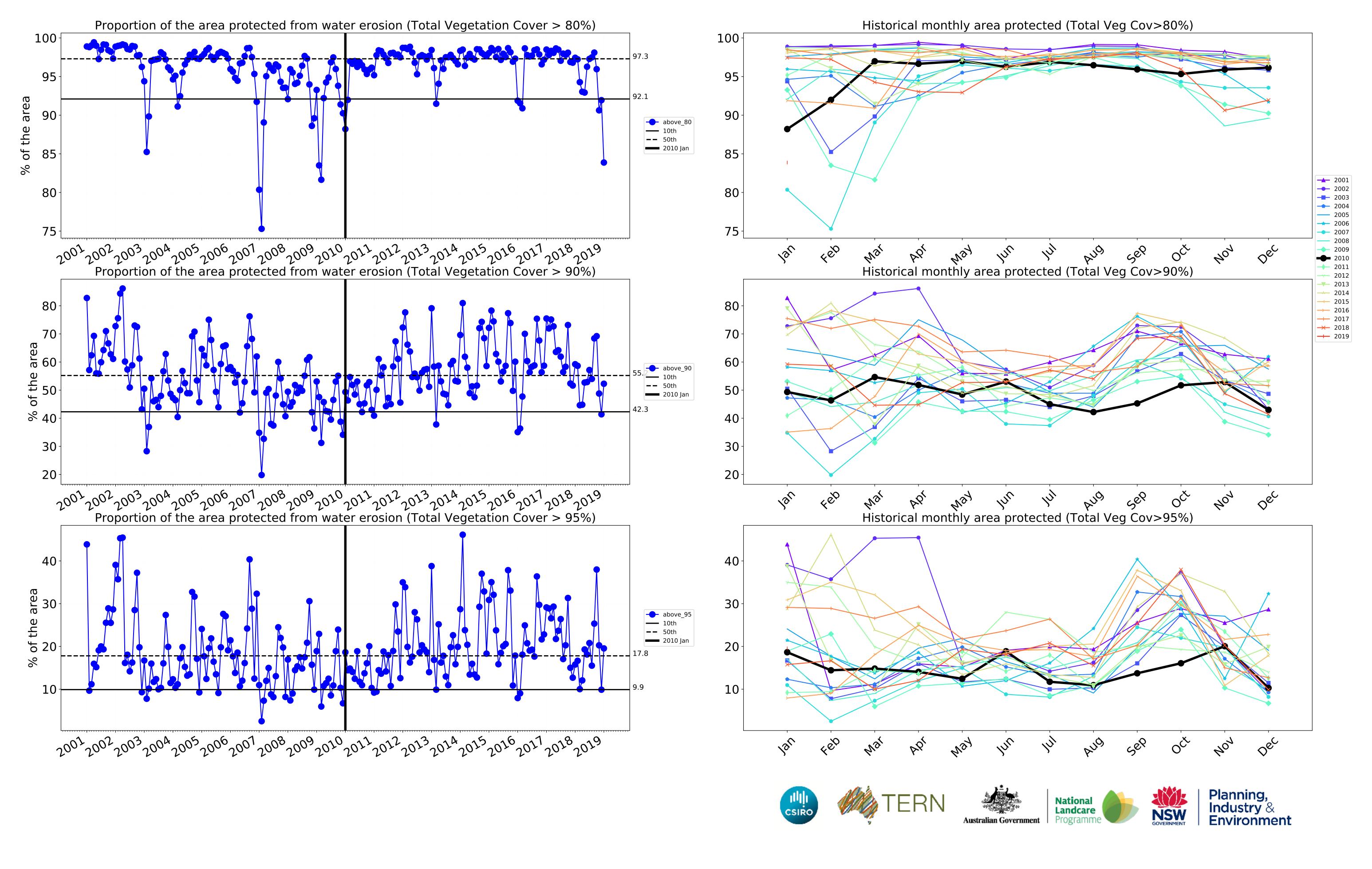




## **Grazing timeseries**







## **Grazing non forest**

### Land use and forest cover

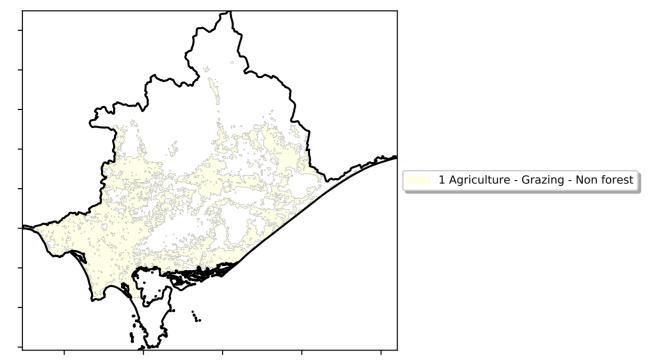
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Anomaly show how many percetage points each

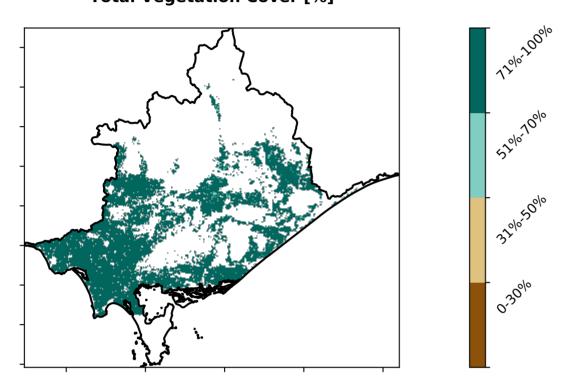
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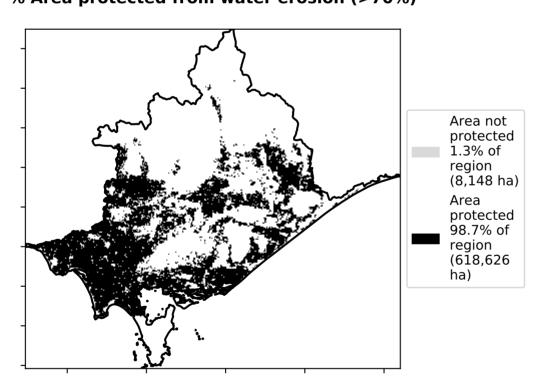
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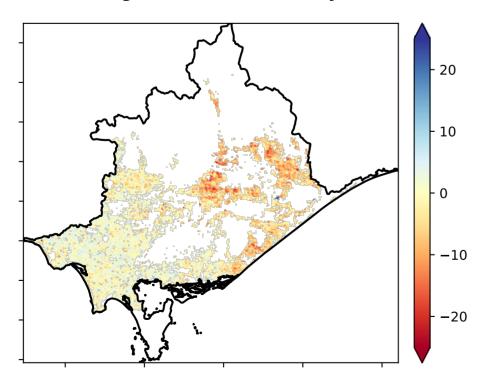
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### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

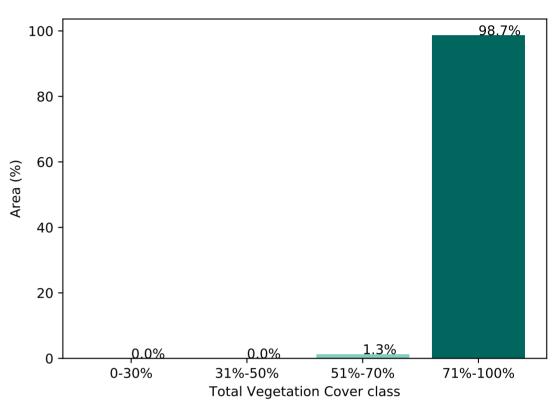


### Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

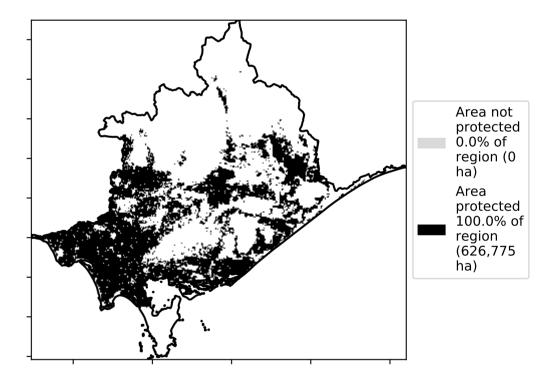


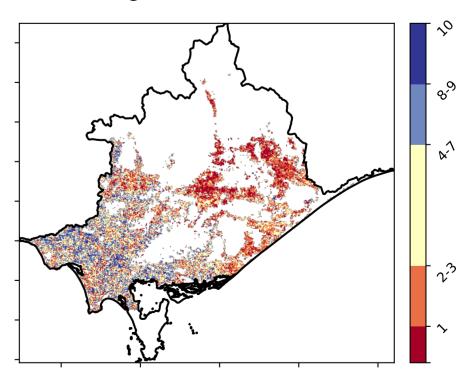
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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









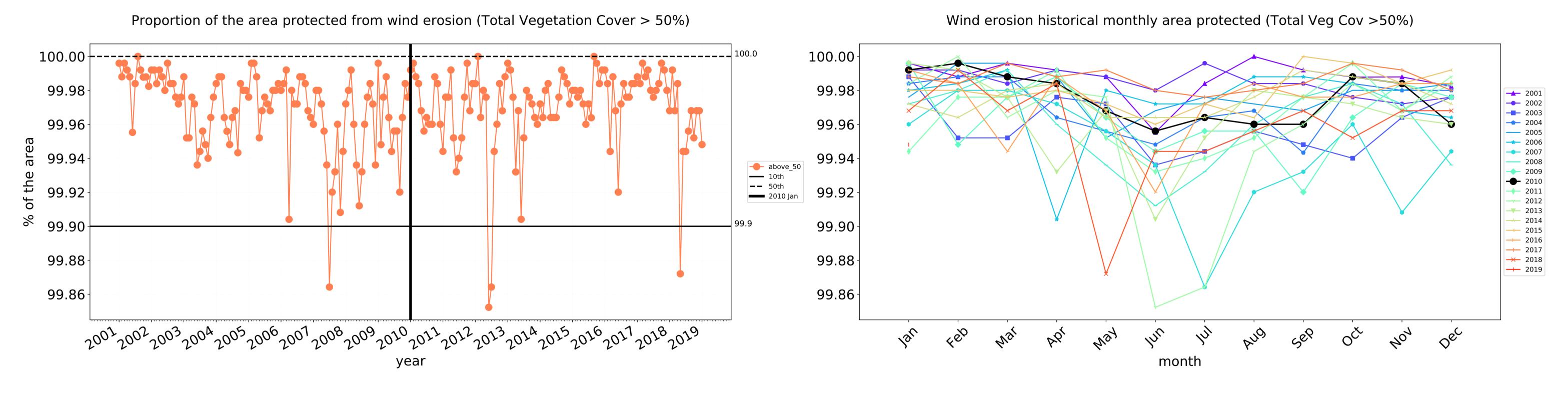


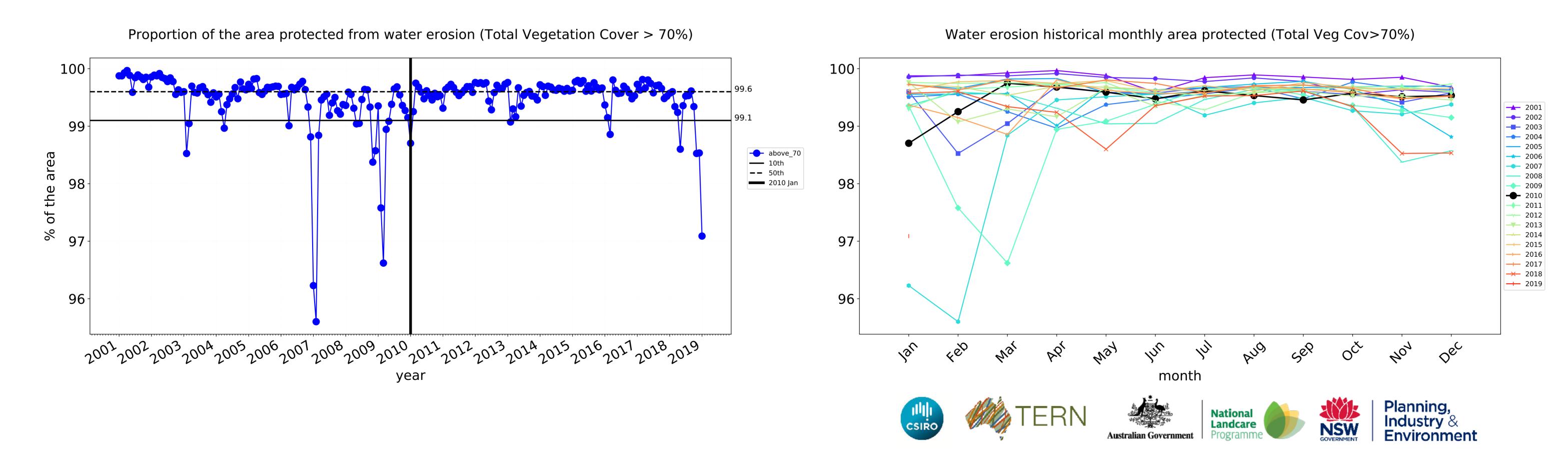


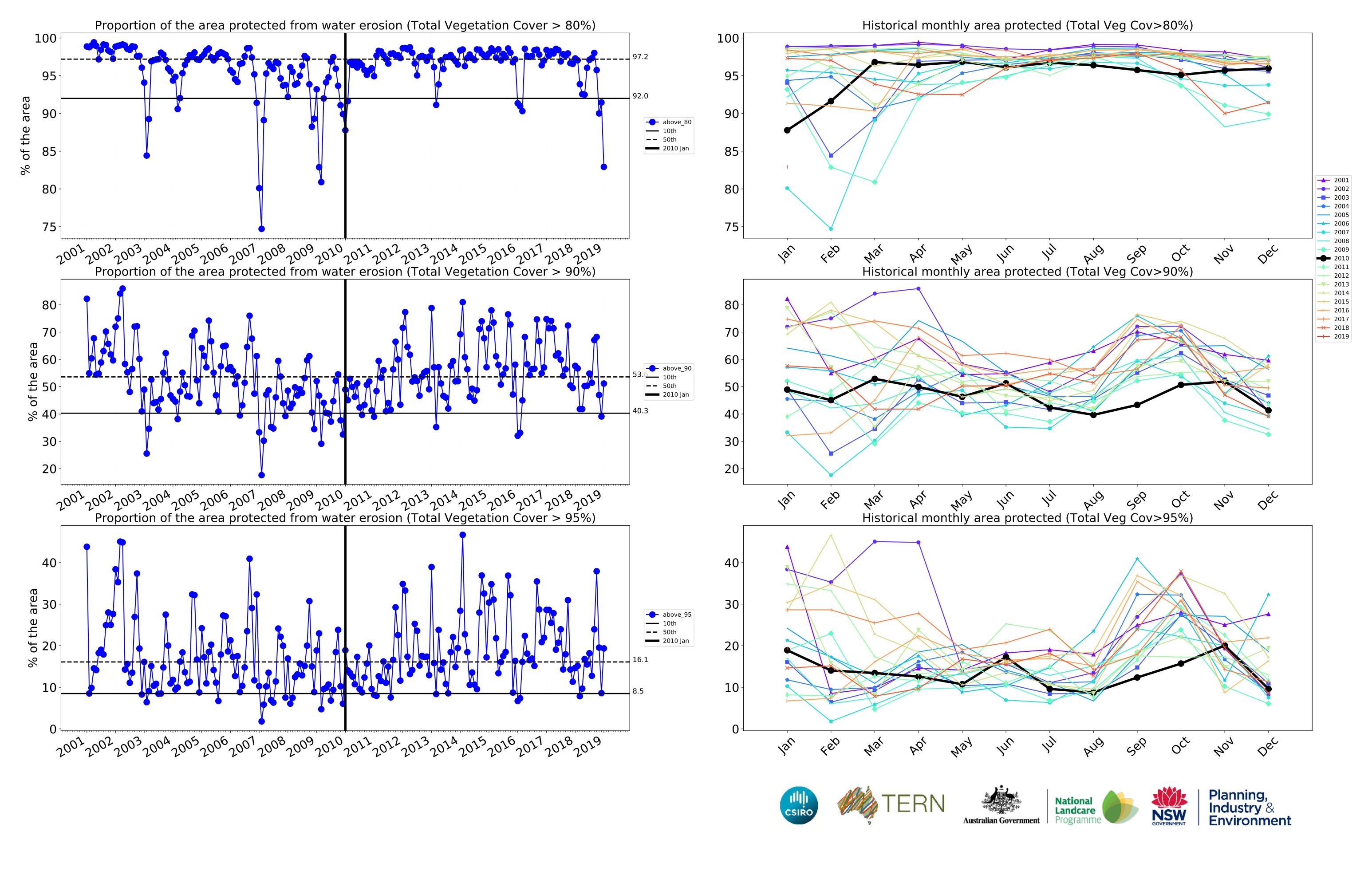




## **Grazing non forest timeseries**







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

### Land use and forest cover

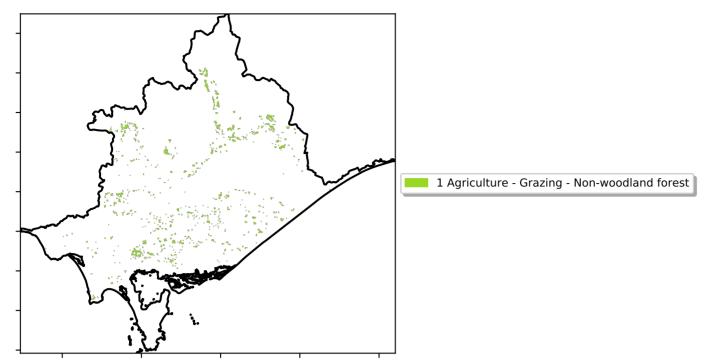
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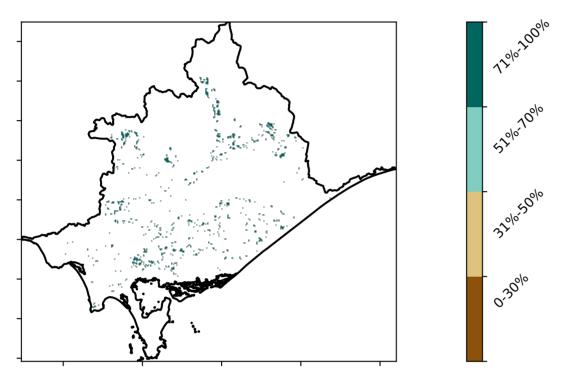
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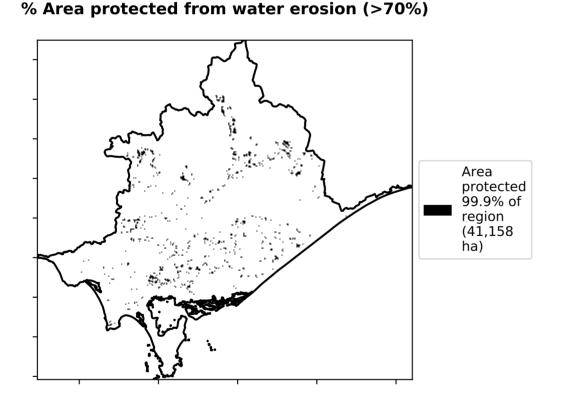
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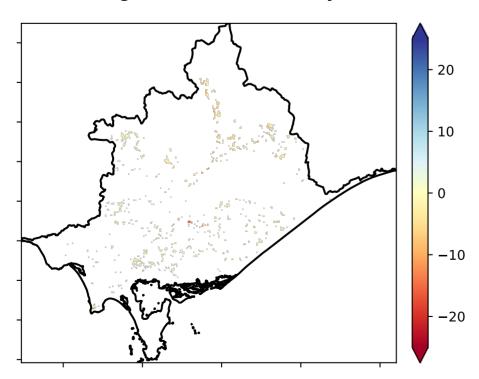


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



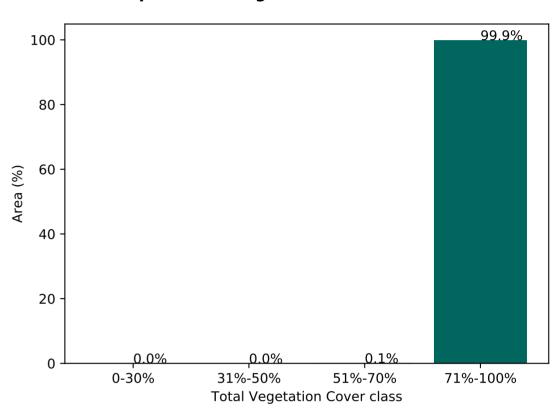


### **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**

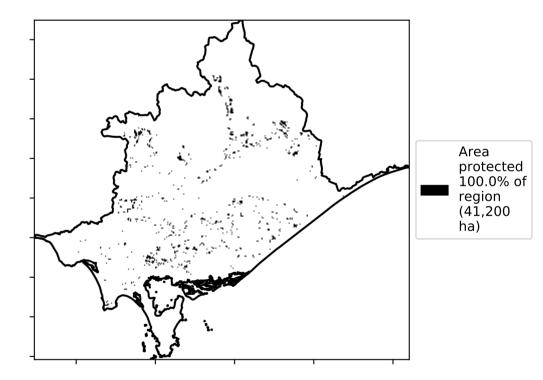


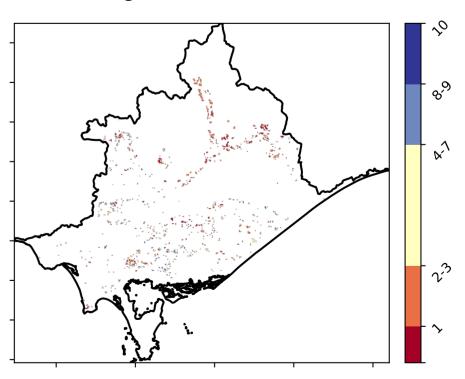
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### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







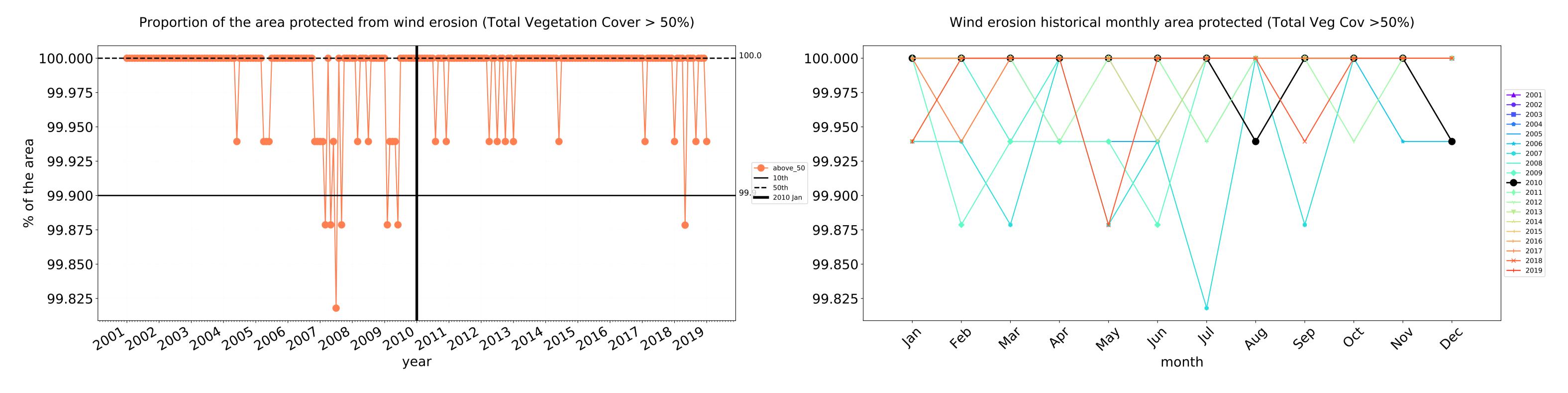


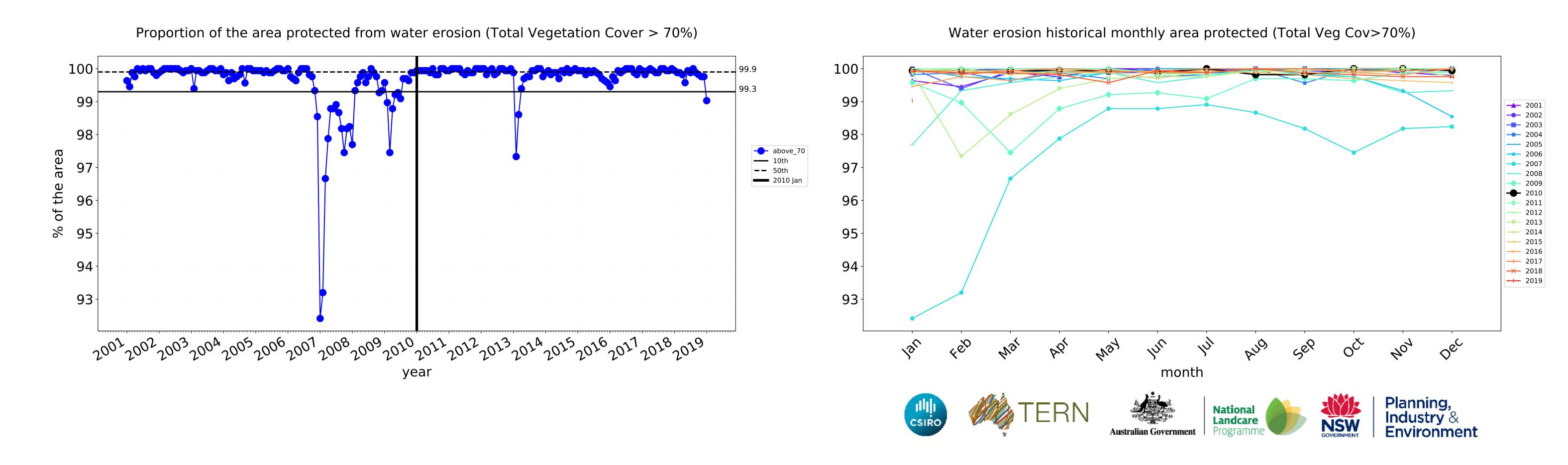


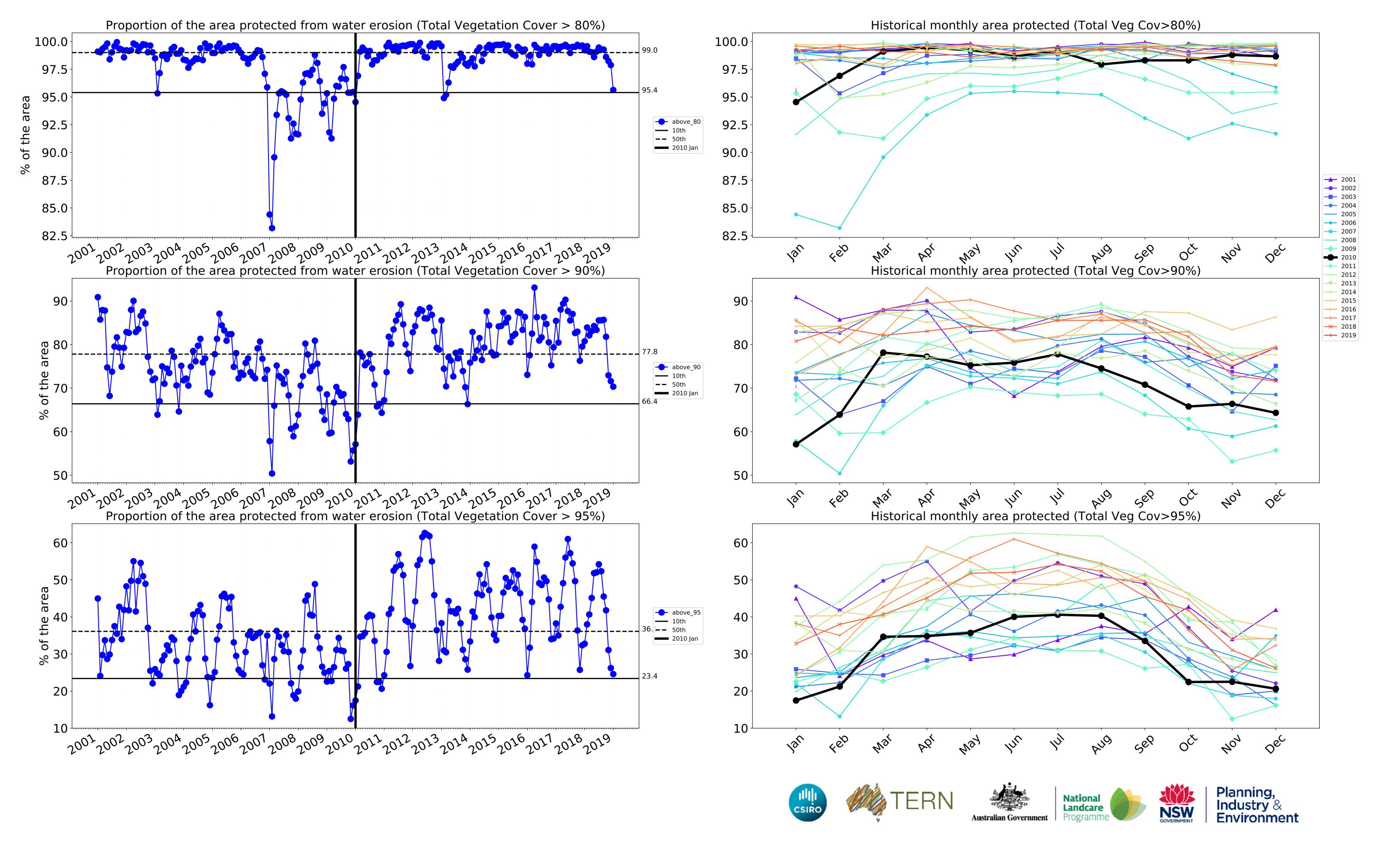












# Irrigation

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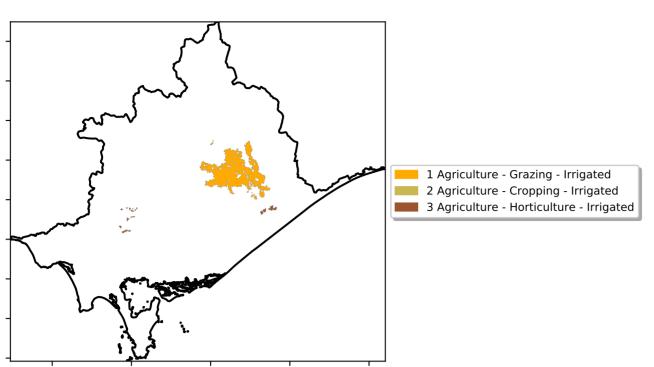
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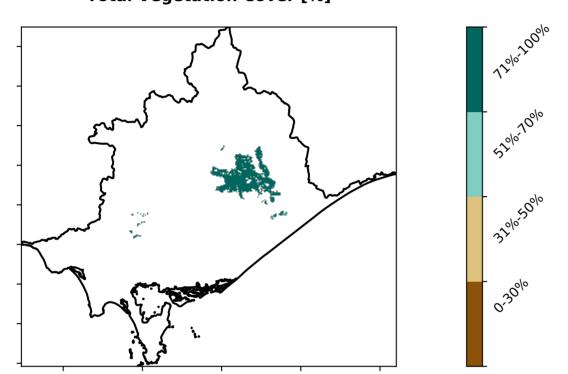
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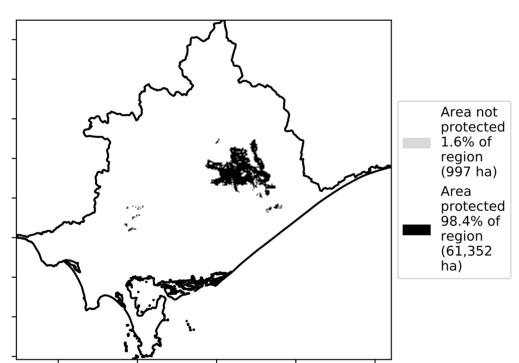


### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**

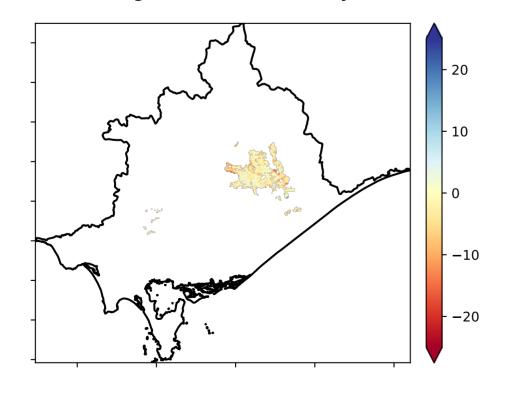
Land use and forest cover



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

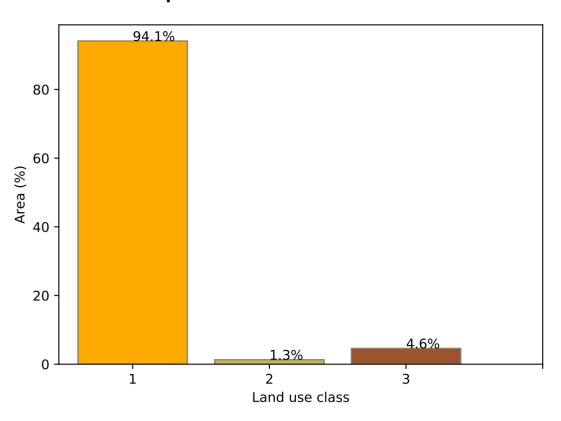


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

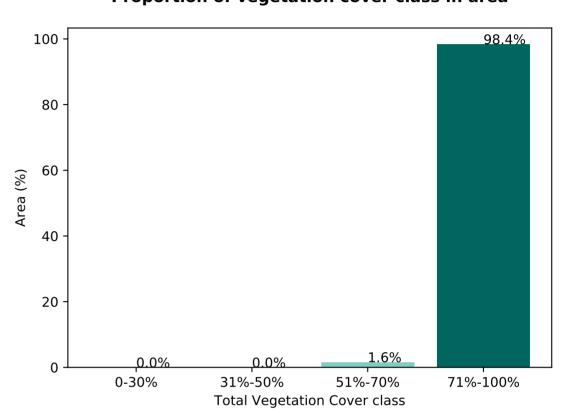


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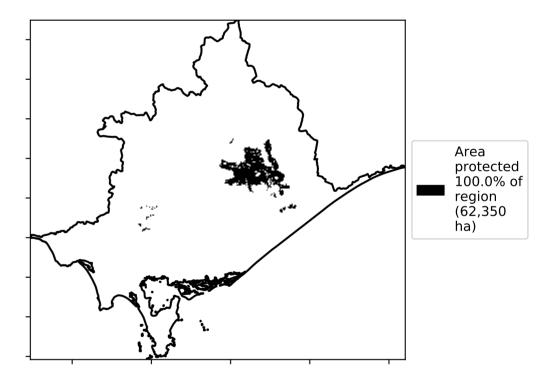
### Proportion of each land class in area



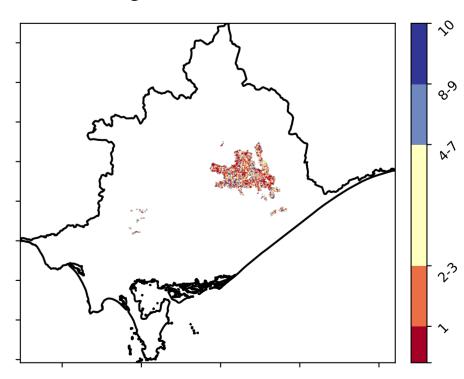
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





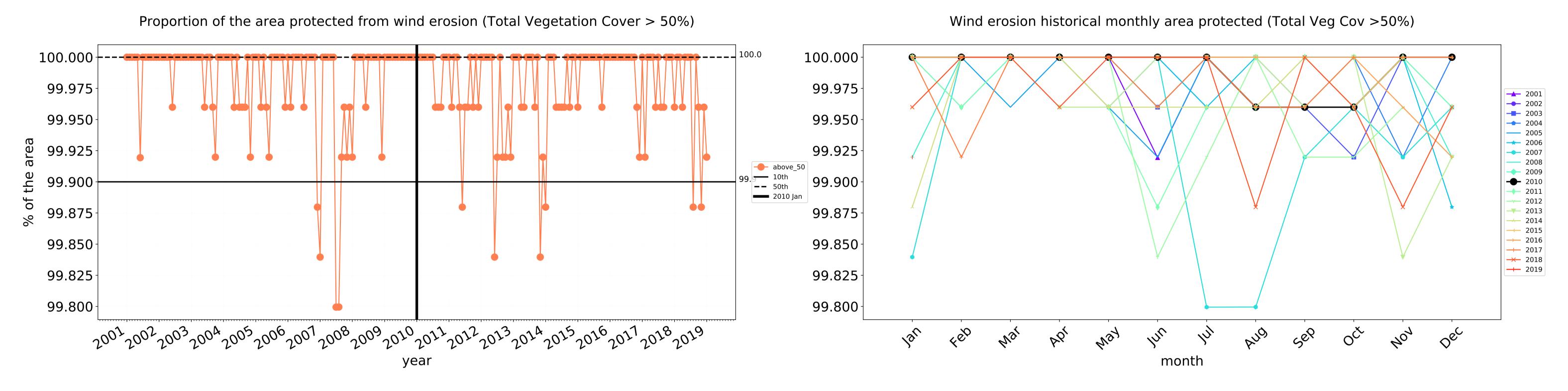


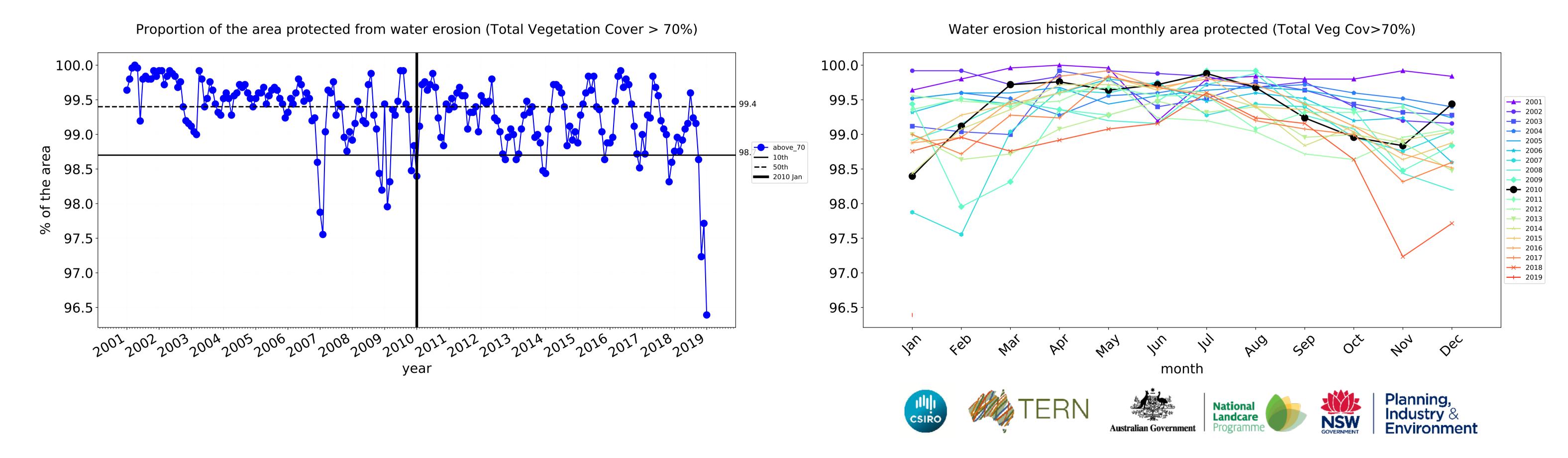


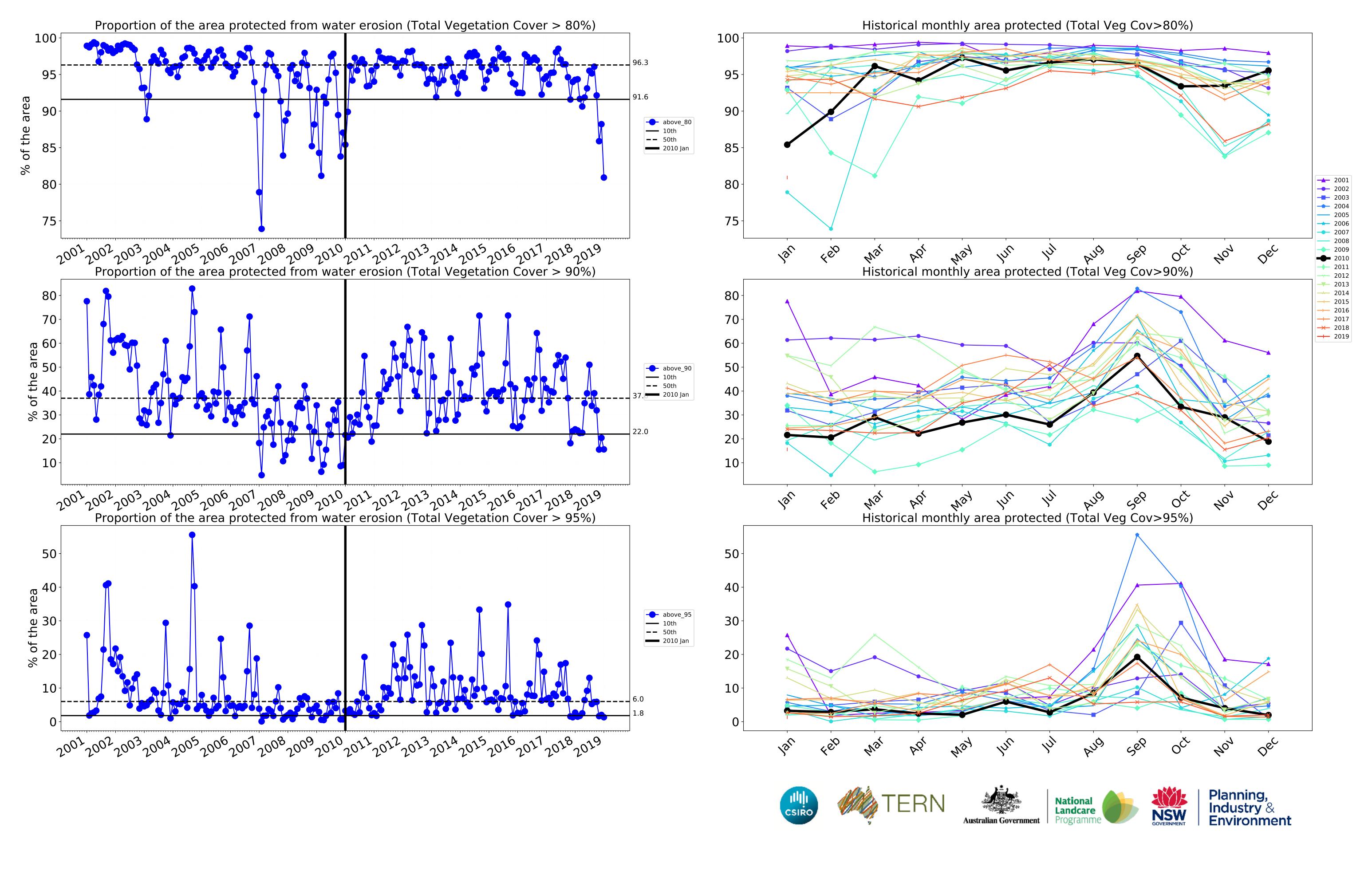












## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

### Land use and forest cover

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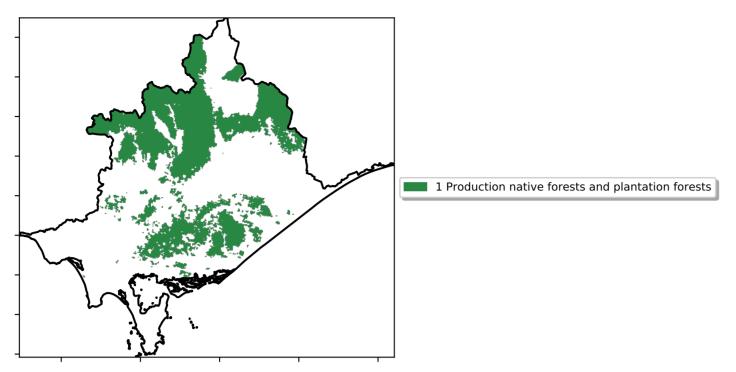
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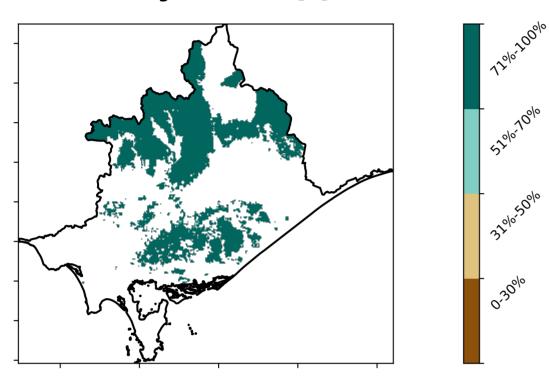
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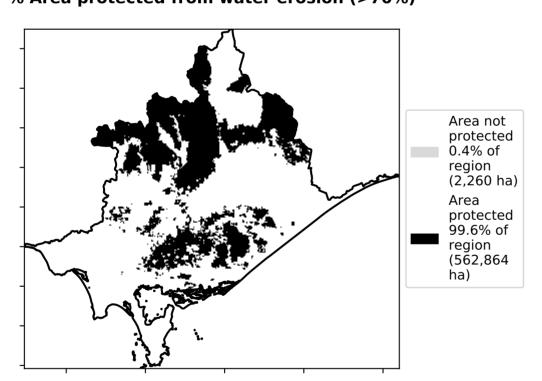
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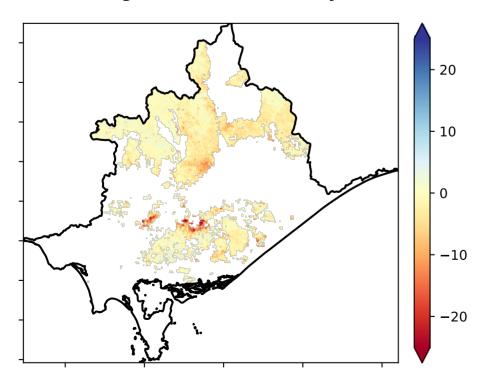
### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



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

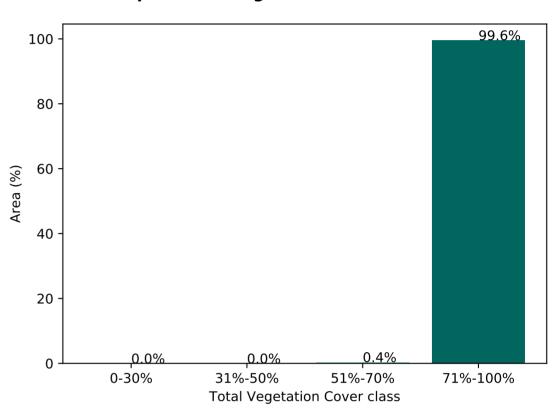


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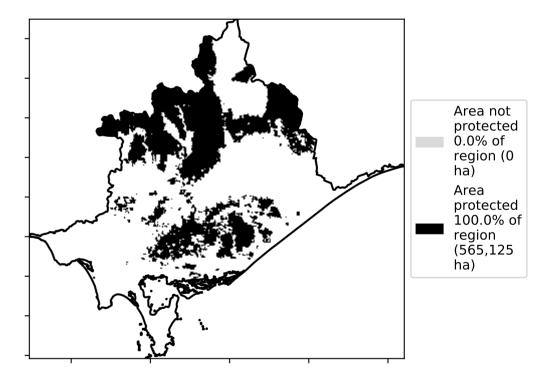


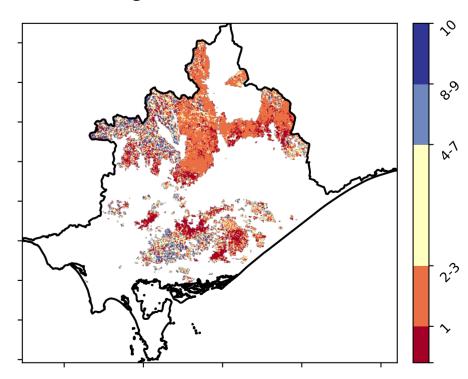
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### **Proportion of vegetation cover class in area**



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









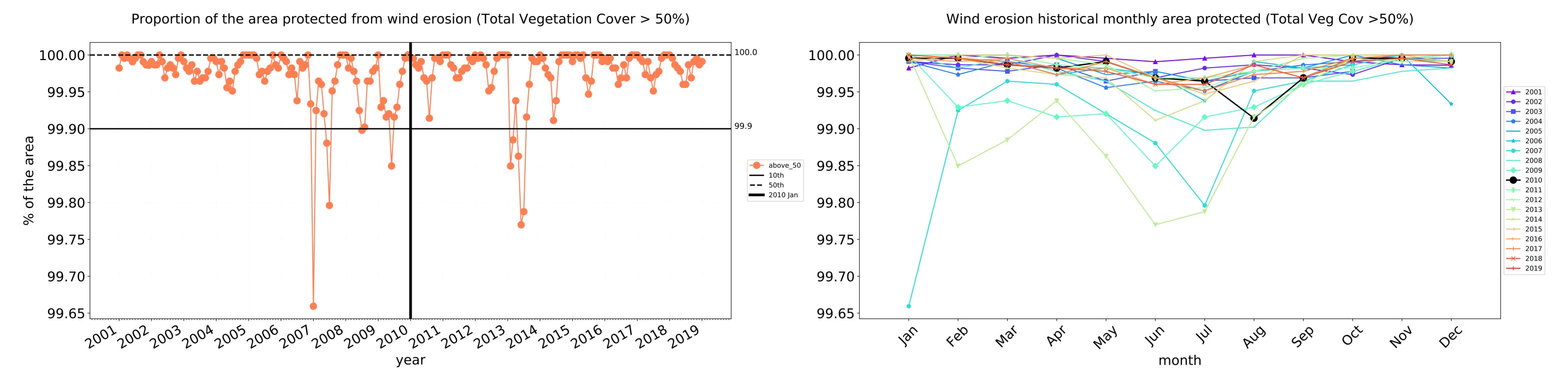


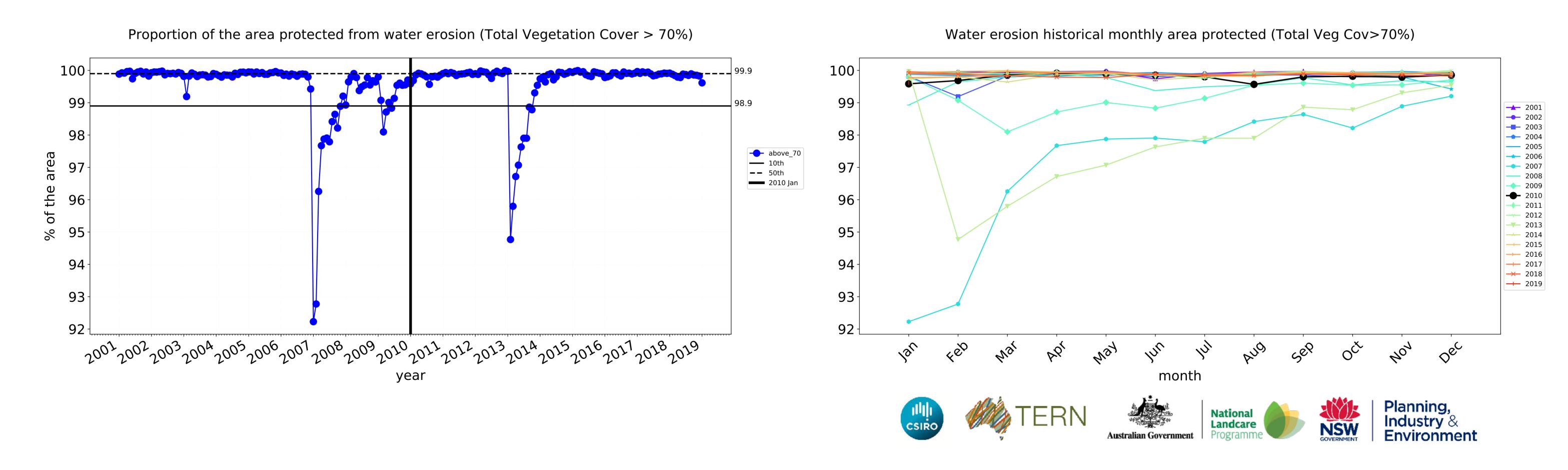


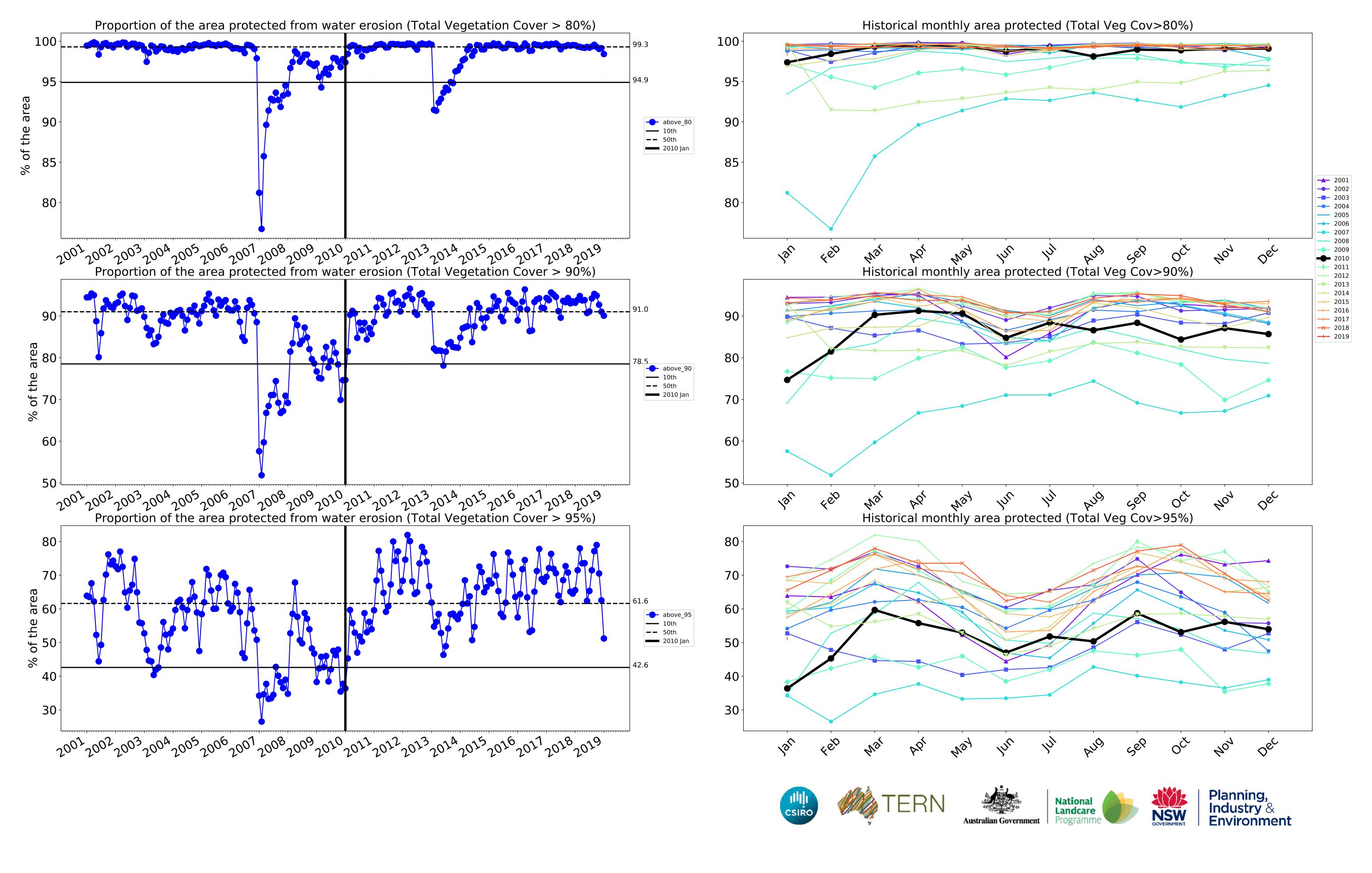




### **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# West Gippsland (1,686,375 ha and no data 39,269 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	1,686,375	100.0% 1,685,899	99.9% 1,684,299	98.4% 1,659,318	90.4% 1,524,061	56.2% 948,174	23.4% 394,843
Conservation and natural environments	273,450	99.9% 273,050	99.4% 271,825	97.0% 265,200	87.4% 239,000	51.0% 139,425	18.5% 50,700
Conservation and natural environments non forest	44,275	99.4% 44,000	97.2% 43,050	88.3% 39,075	64.5% 28,550	25.7% 11,375	8.8% 3,875
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	73,675	99.9% 73,600	99.6% 73,400	97.9% 72,125	91.8% 67,600	60.7% 44,700	19.5% 14,400
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	155,500	100.0% 155,450	99.9% 155,375	99.0% 154,000	91.9% 142,850	53.6% 83,350	20.9% 32,425
Agriculture	750,325	100.0% 750,325	100.0% 750,275	98.8% 741,050	88.0% 660,175	47.0% 352,925	17.3% 129,750
Grazing	678,175	100.0% 678,175	100.0% 678,125	98.8% 670,000	88.2% 598,175	49.3% 334,625	18.6% 126,425
Grazing non forest	626,775	100.0% 626,775	100.0% 626,725	98.7% 618,650	87.8% 550,175	49.0% 306,850	18.9% 118,550
Grazing - Forest (non woodland)	41,200	100.0% 41,200	100.0% 41,200	99.9% 41,175	94.5% 38,950	57.1% 23,525	17.5% 7,200
Irrigation	62,350	100.0% 62,350	100.0% 62,350	98.4% 61,350	85.4% 53,250	21.6% 13,475	3.2% 2,025
Production native forests and plantation forests	565,125	100.0% 565,125	100.0% 565,100	99.6% 562,775	97.4% 550,350	74.7% 422,000	36.4% 205,600











