

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

Land use forest cover:

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

Total vegetation Cover:

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

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

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

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

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

Comparison with previous years:

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

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

Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

Erosion protection

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

Rainfall

- Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

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

Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

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

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

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

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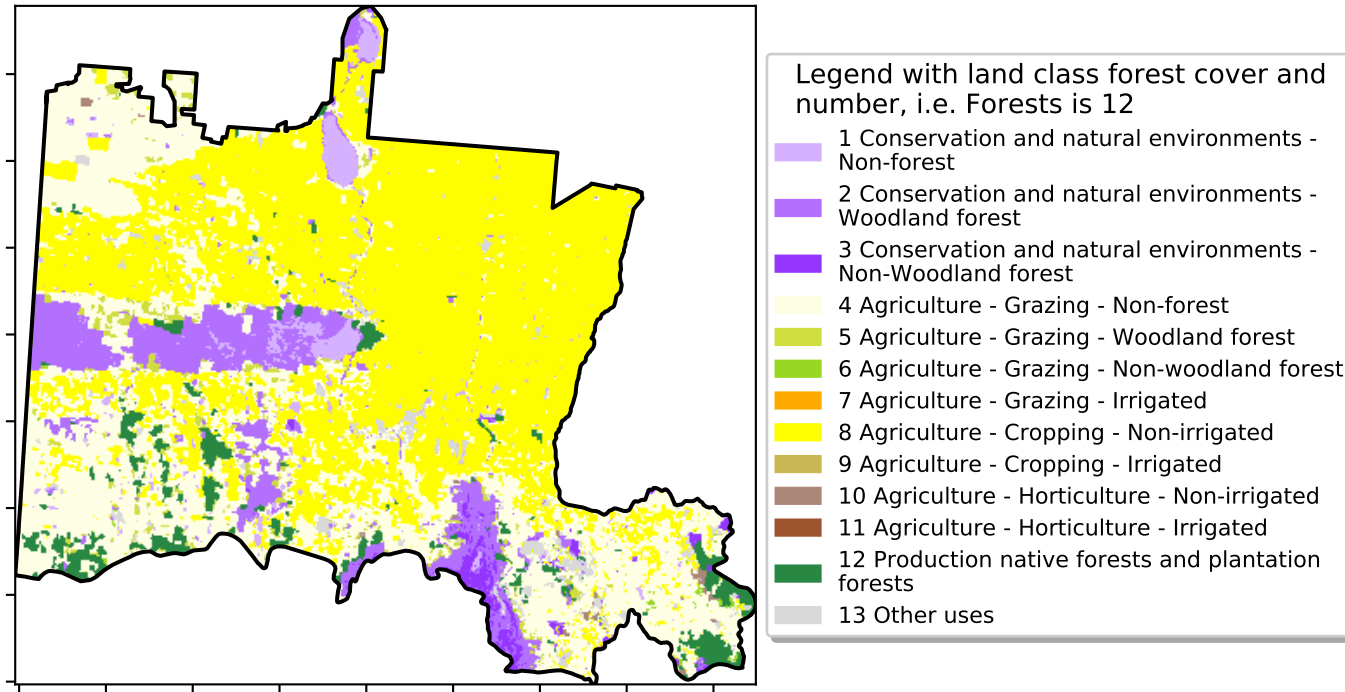




# Vegetation Cover Sep 2021

Land use and forest cover

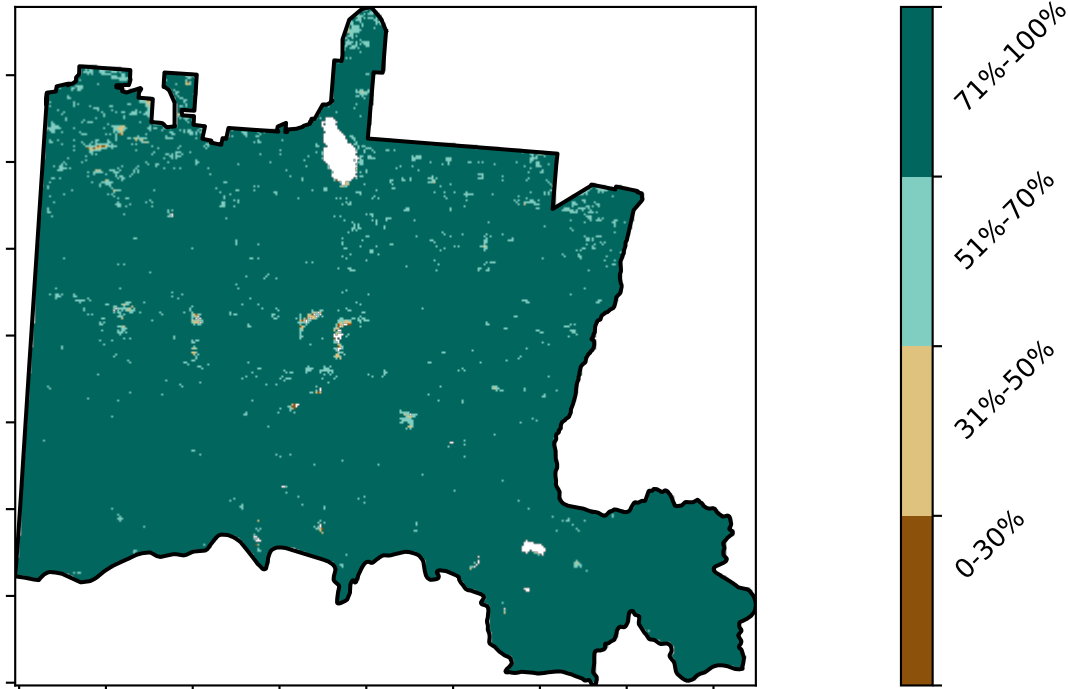
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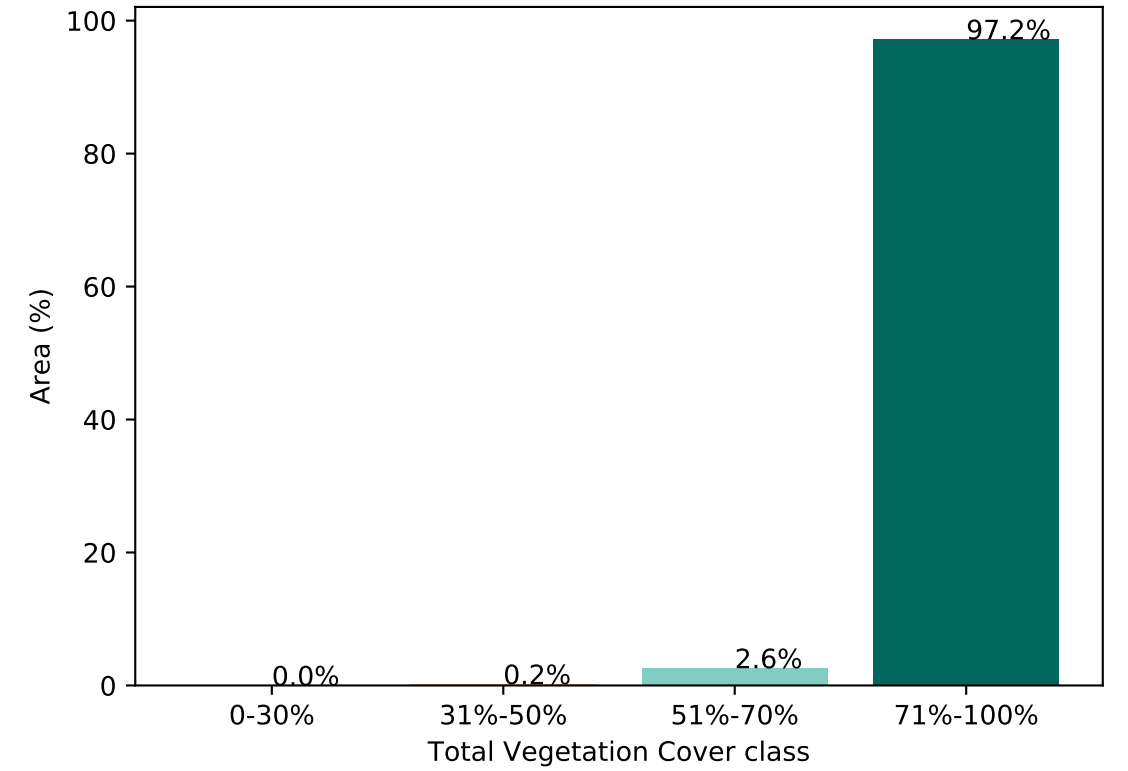
Proportion of each land class in area



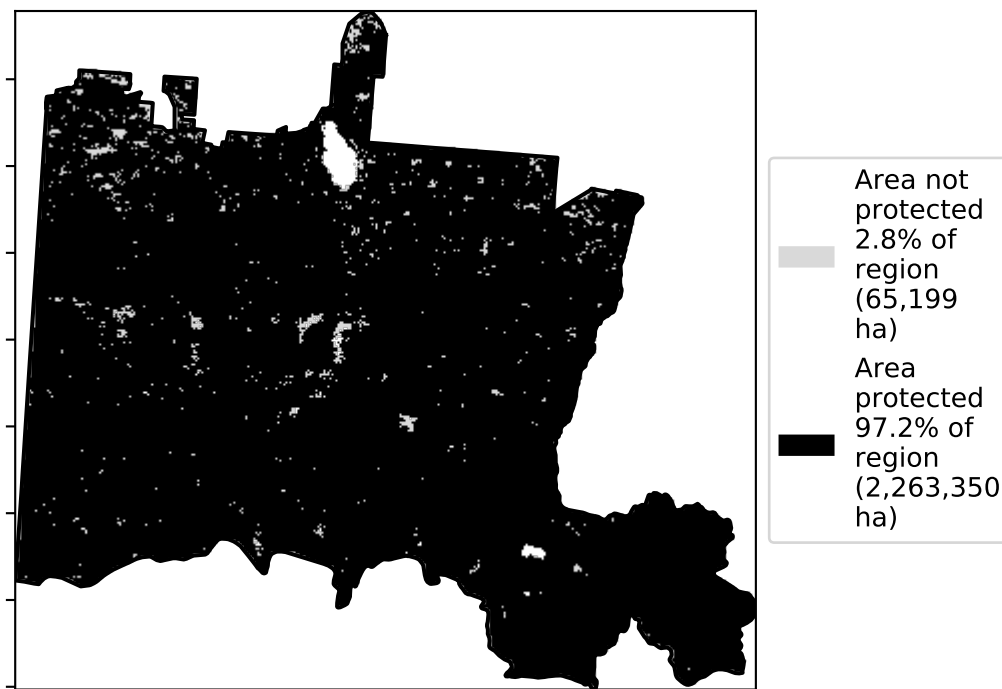
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

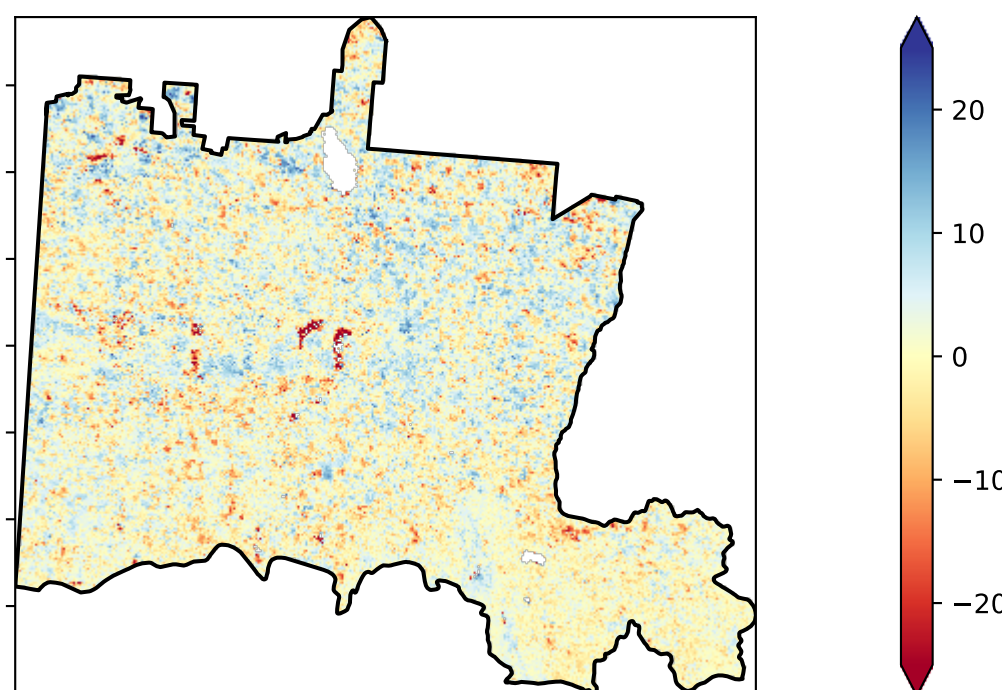


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



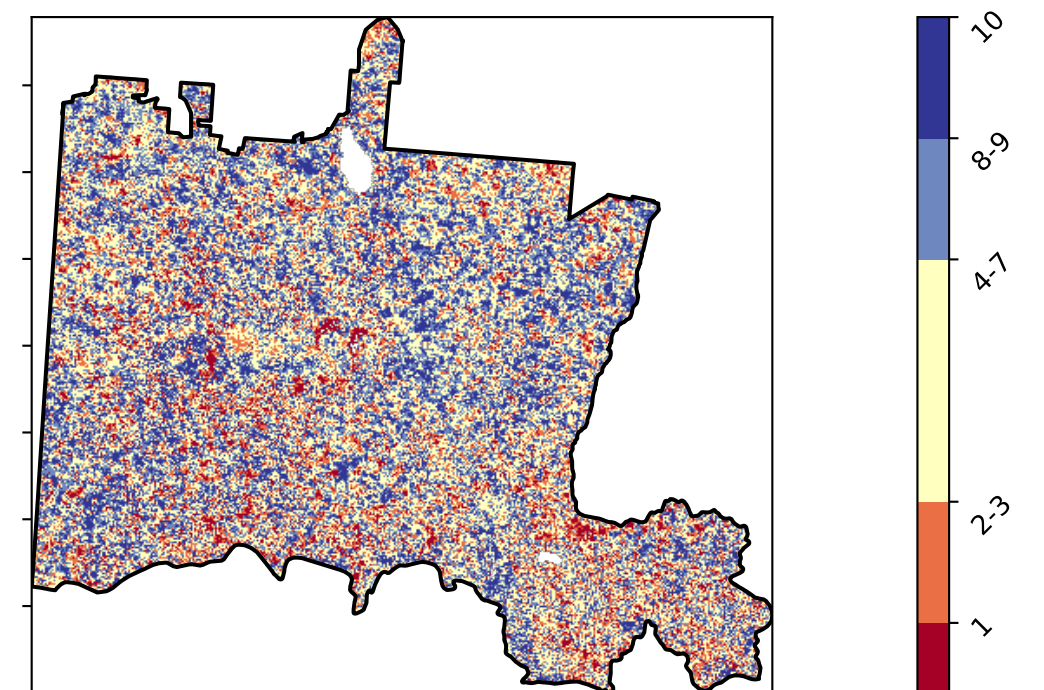
Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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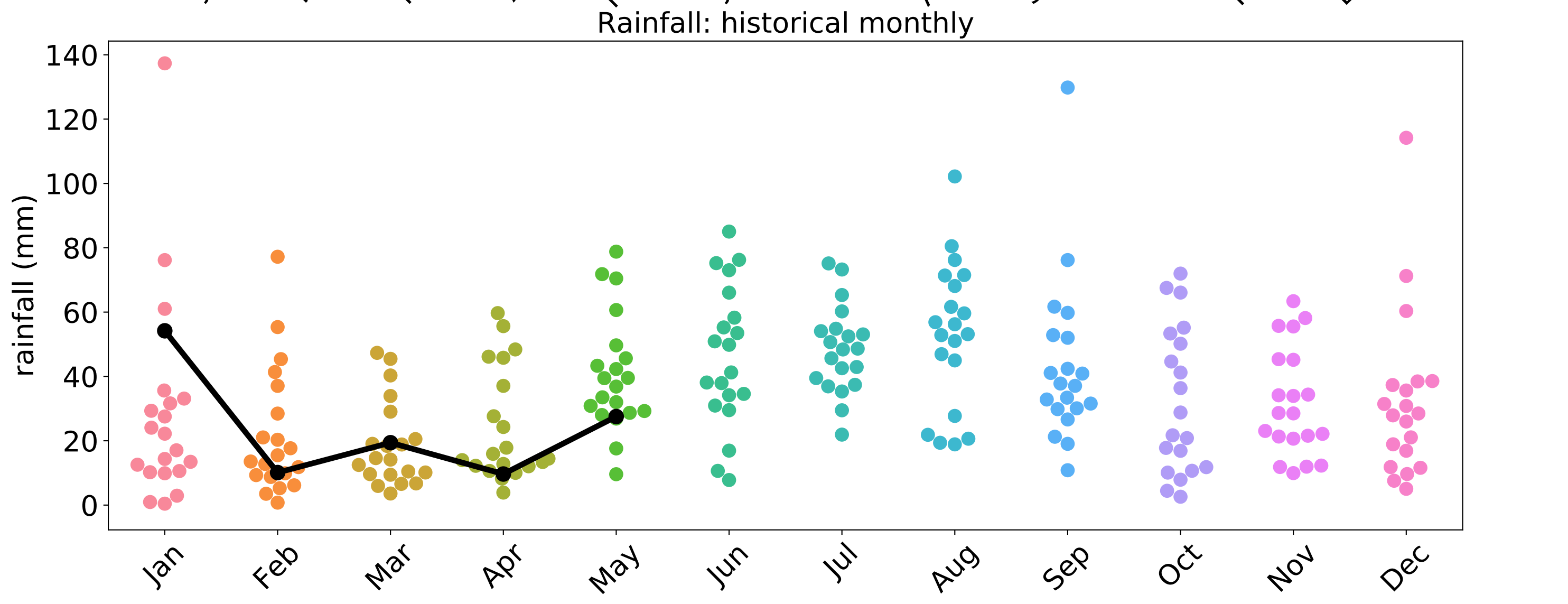
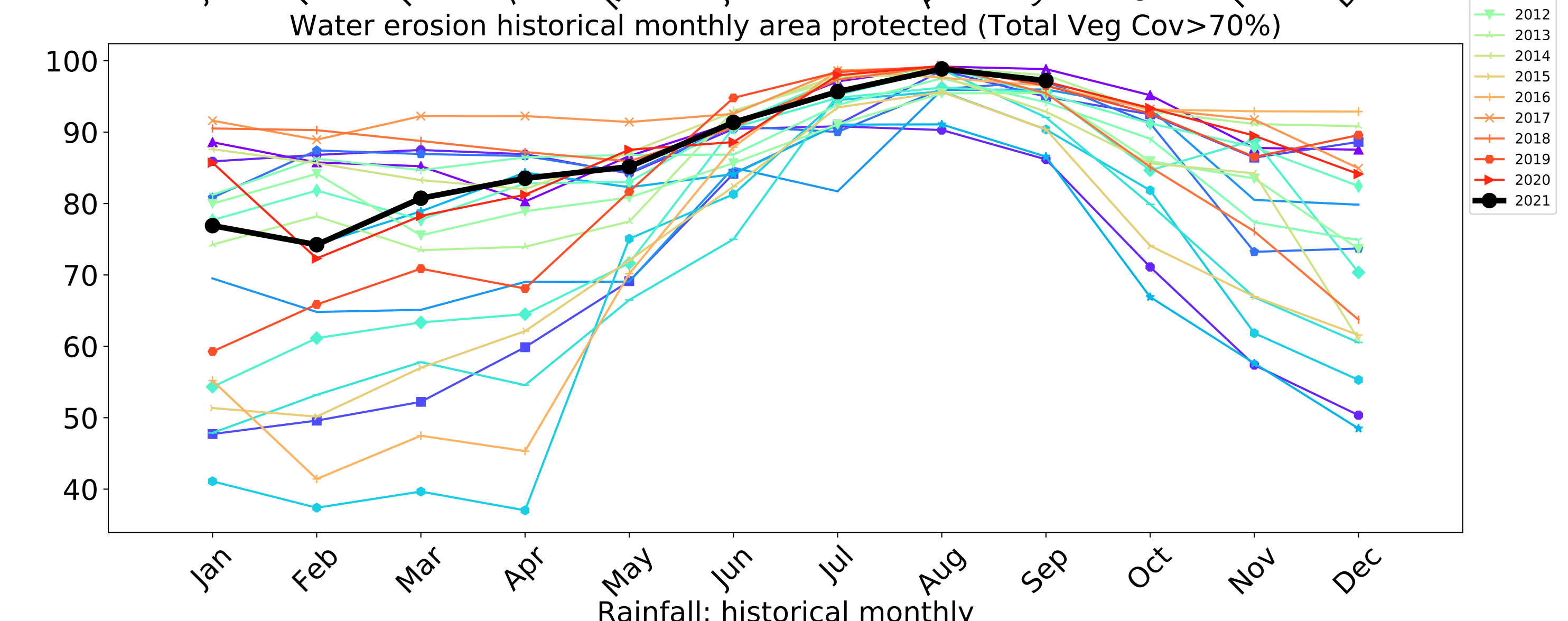
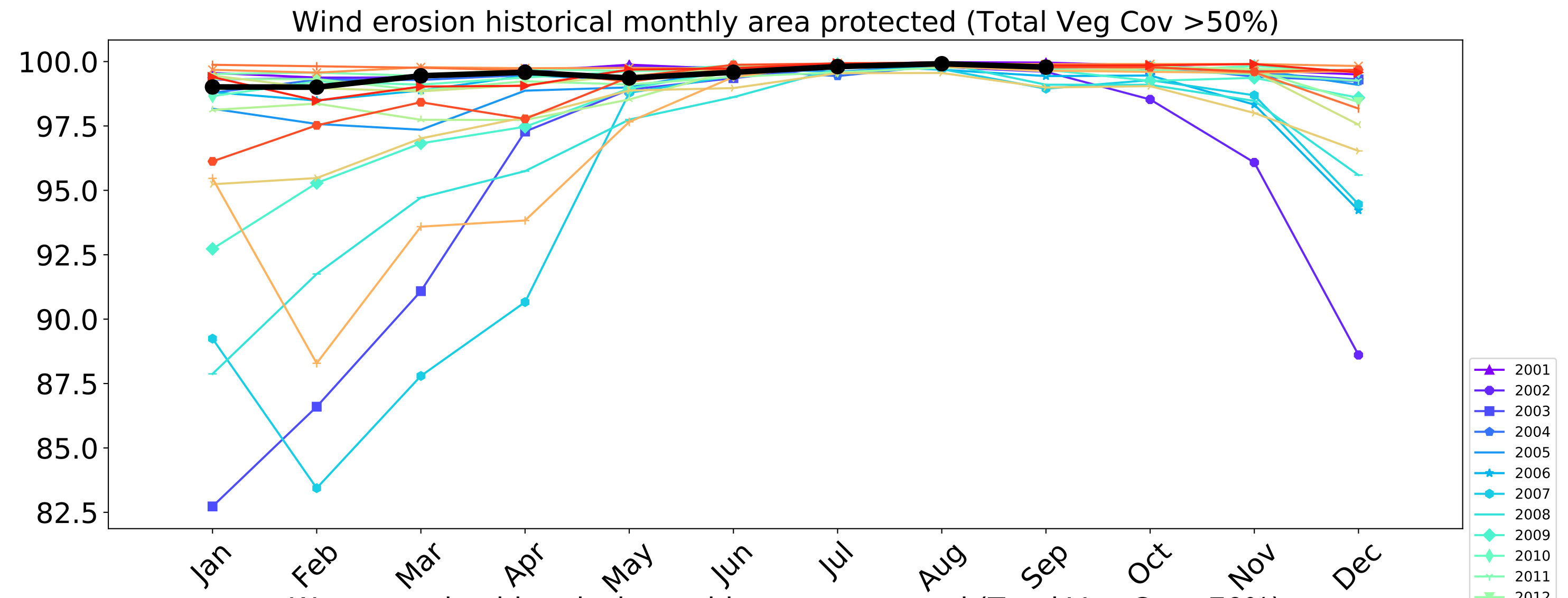
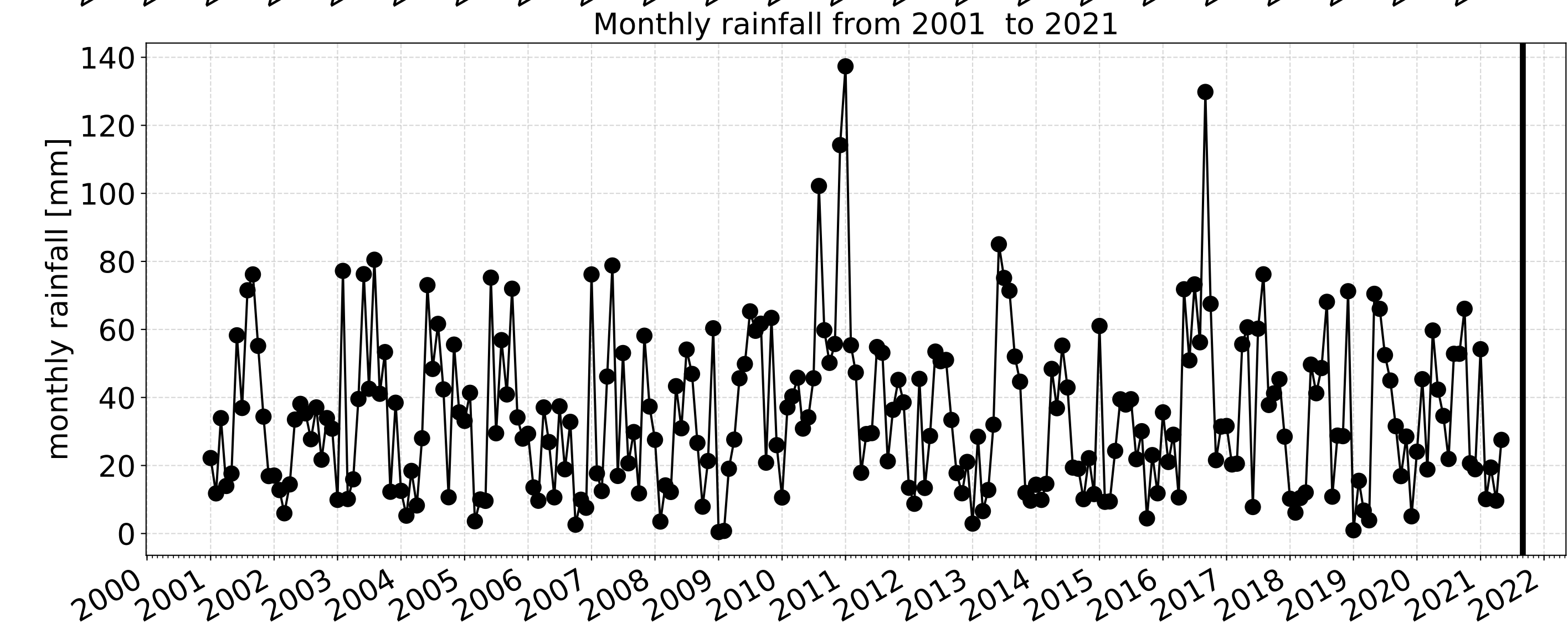
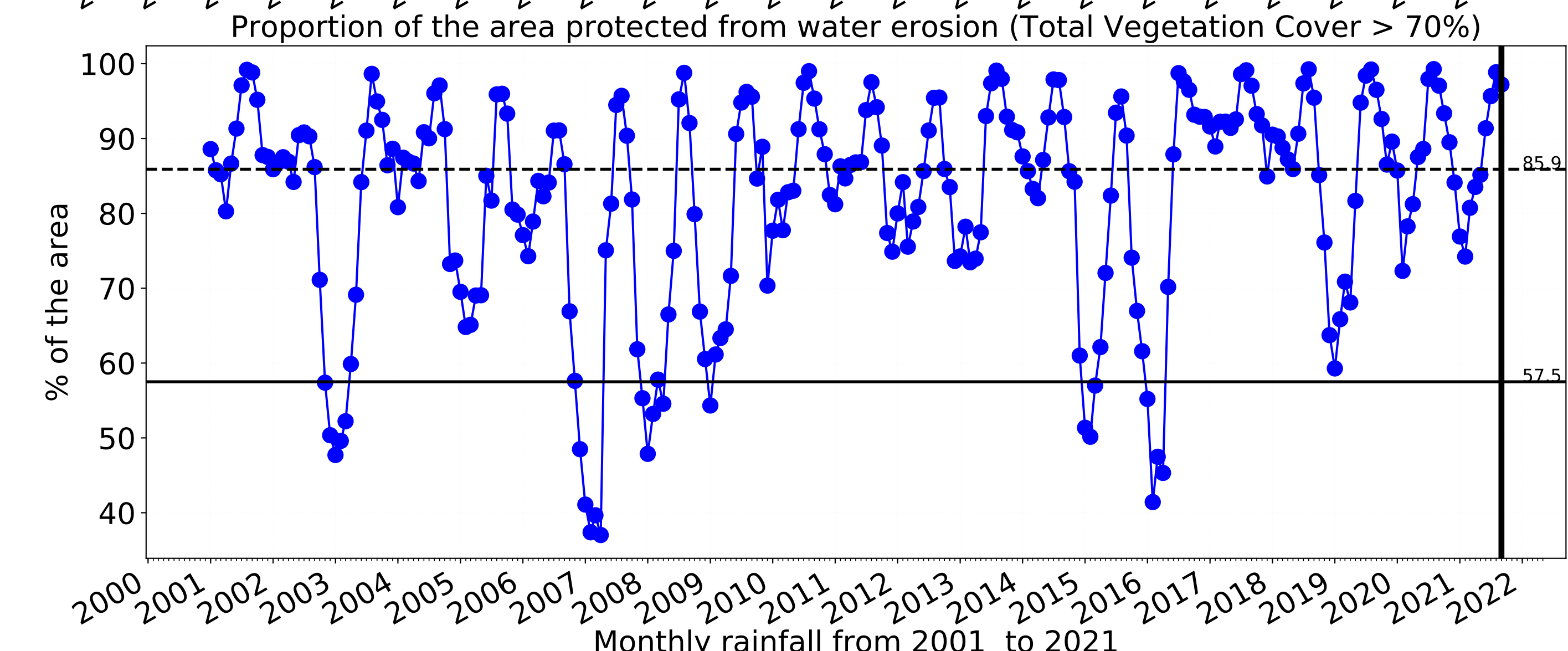
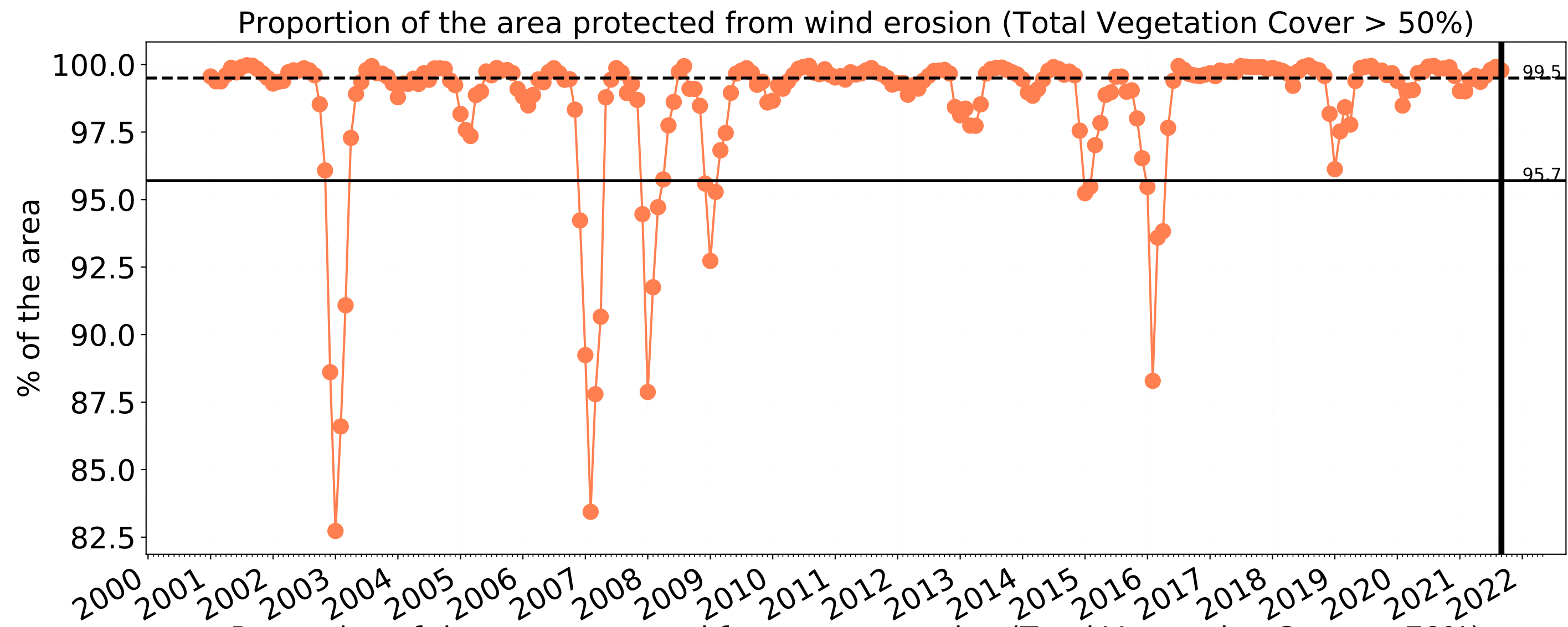
Ecosystem Research Infrastructure



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Conservation and natural environments

Land use and forest cover

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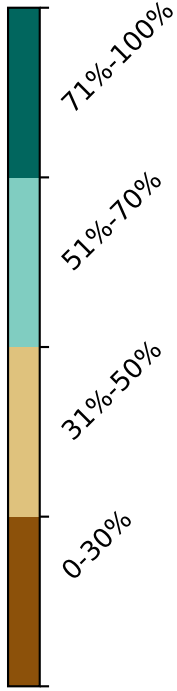
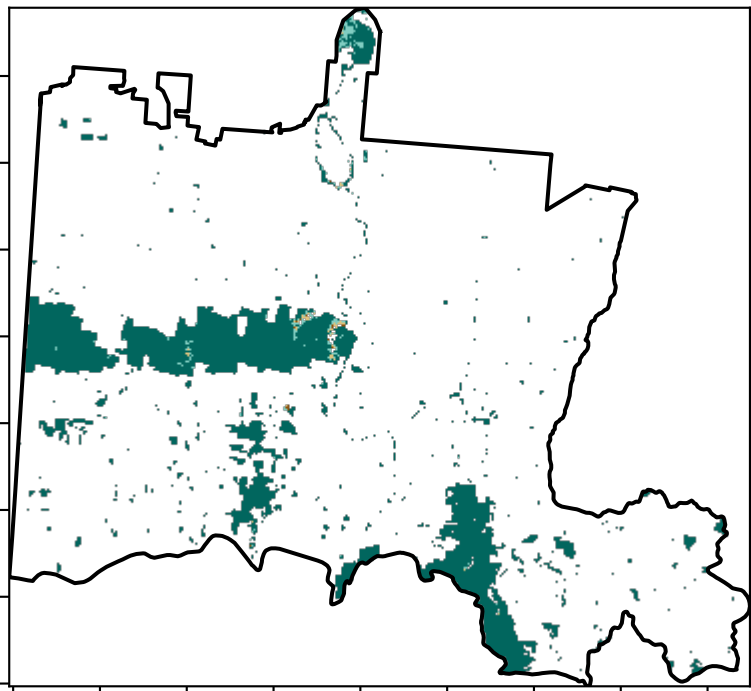


- 1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest
- 2 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest
- 3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

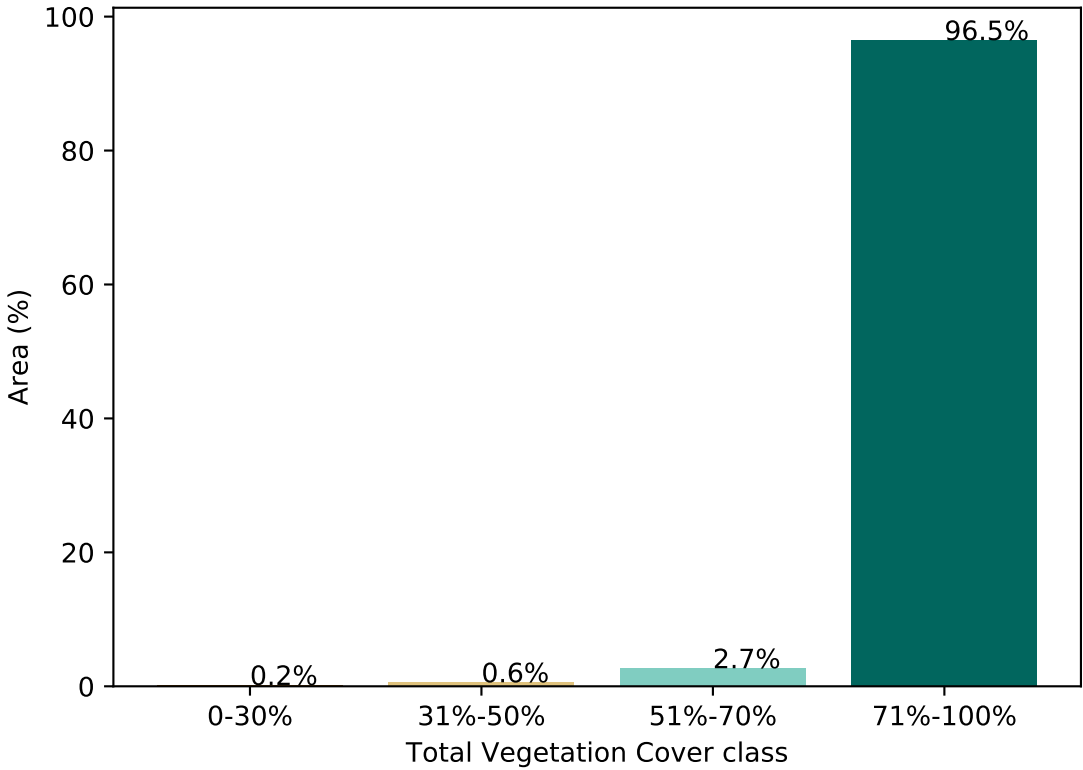
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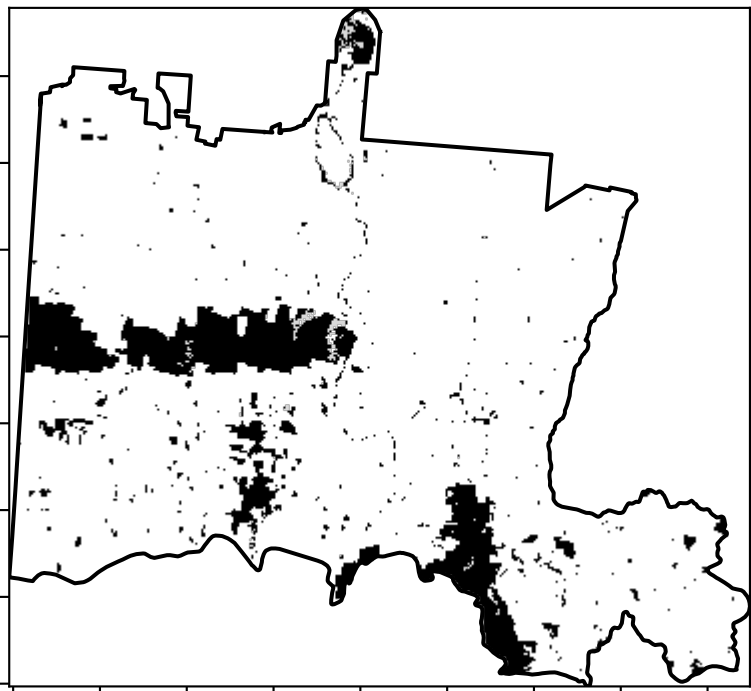
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Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

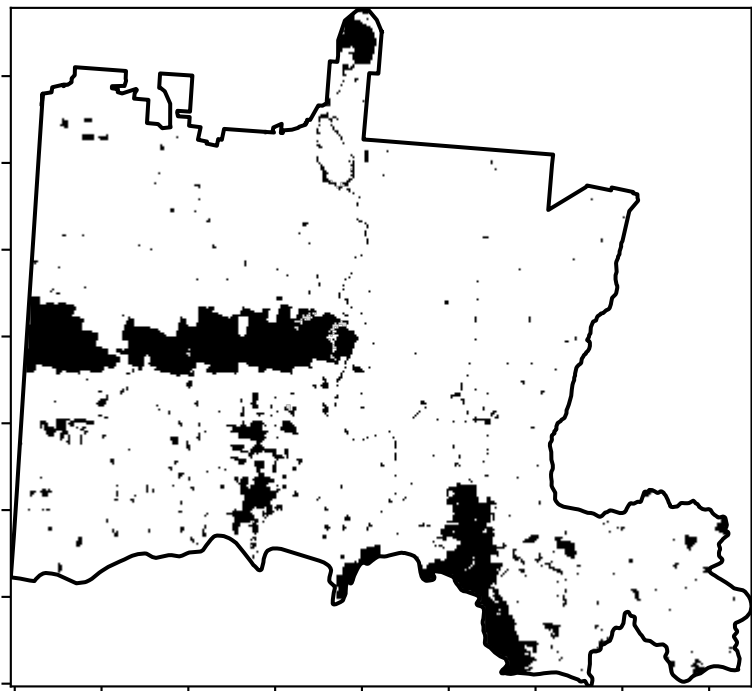


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



- Area not protected 3.5% of region (9,669 ha)
- Area protected 96.5% of region (266,605 ha)

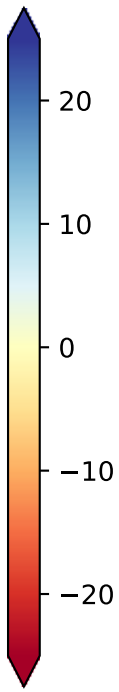
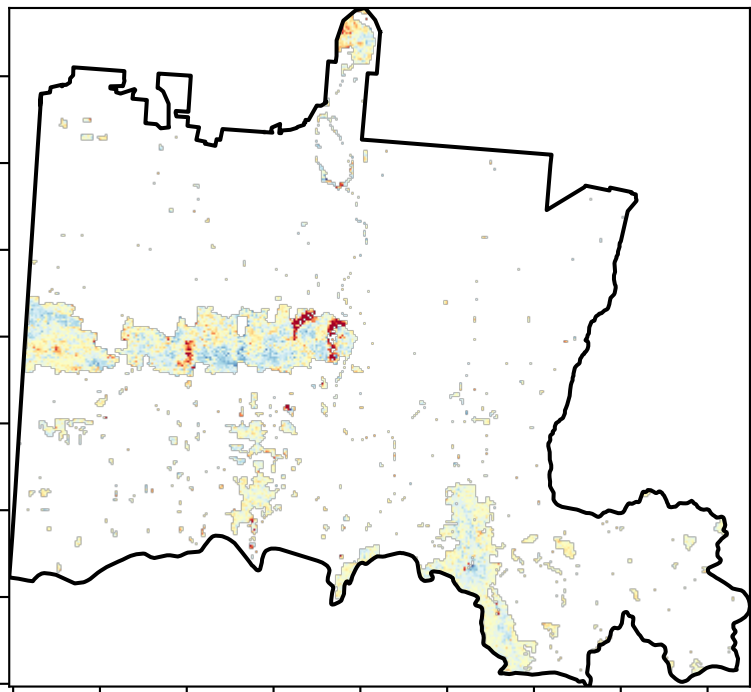
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



- Area not protected 1.0% of region (2,762 ha)
- Area protected 99.0% of region (273,512 ha)

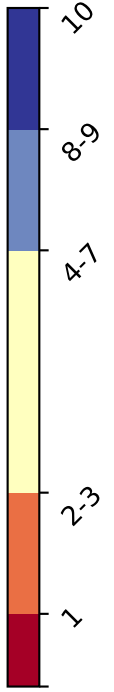
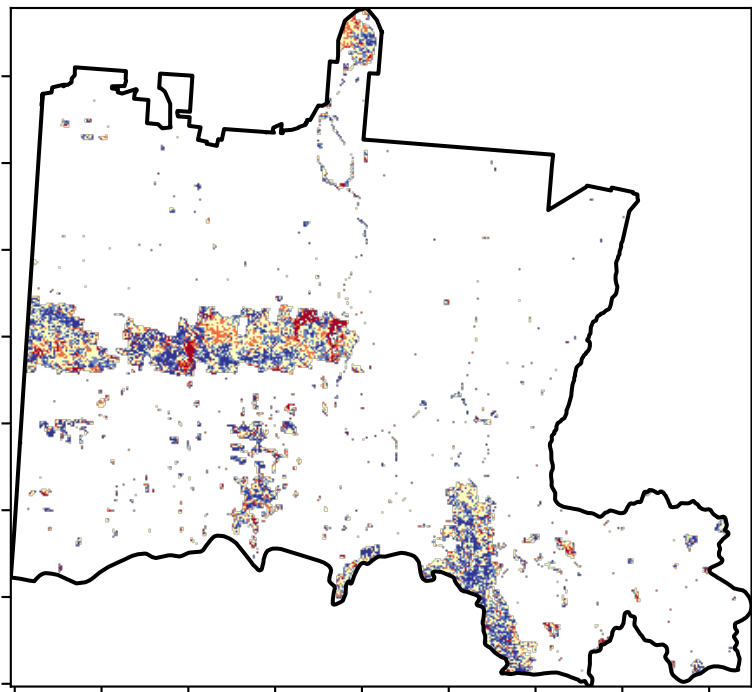
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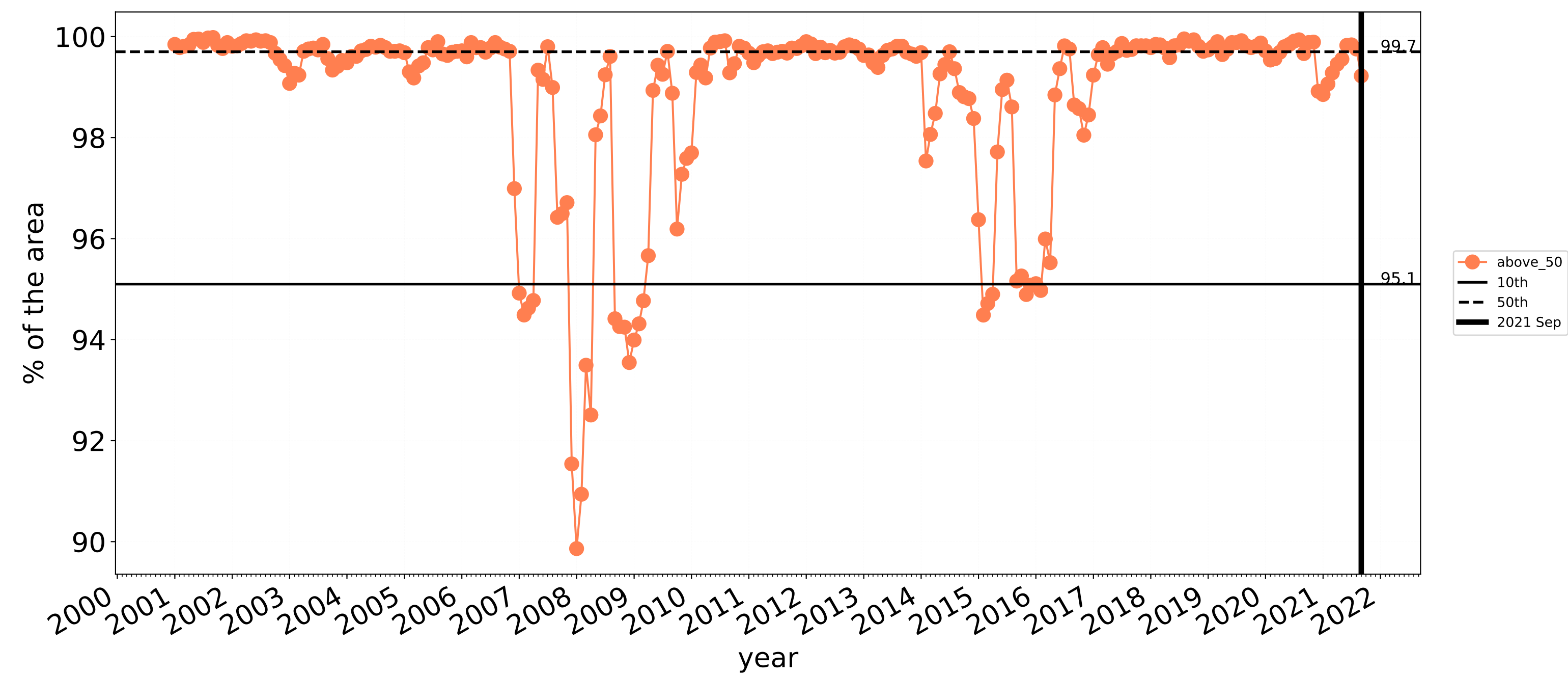
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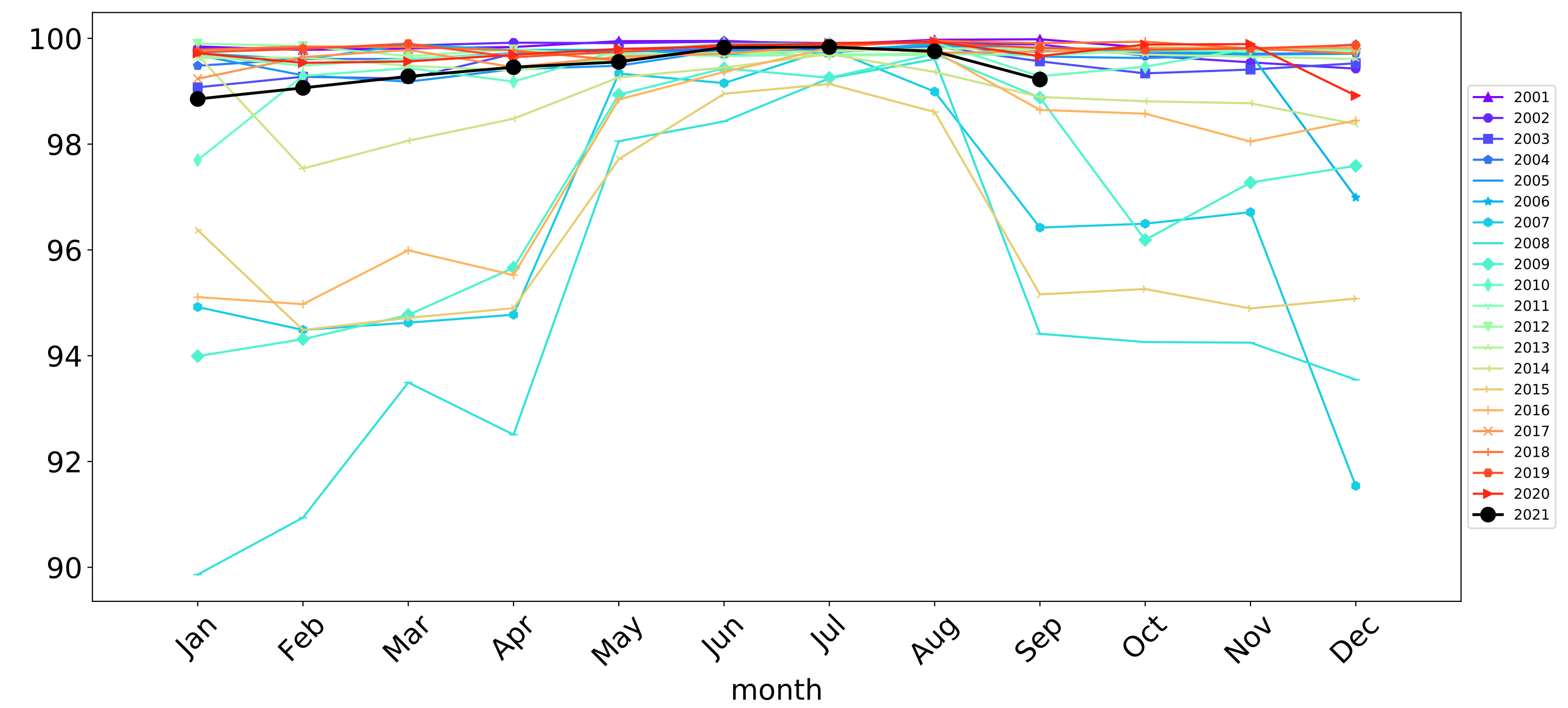


# Conservation and natural environments timeseries

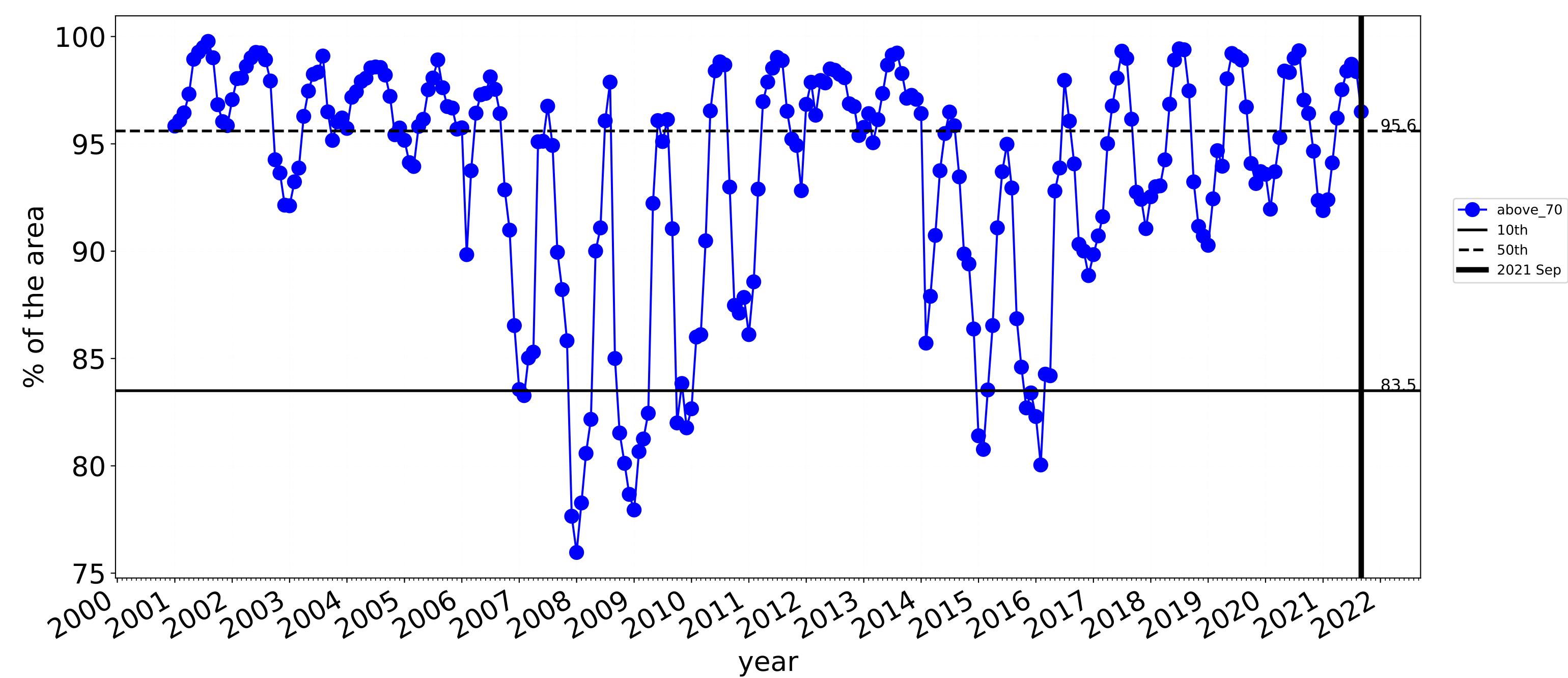
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



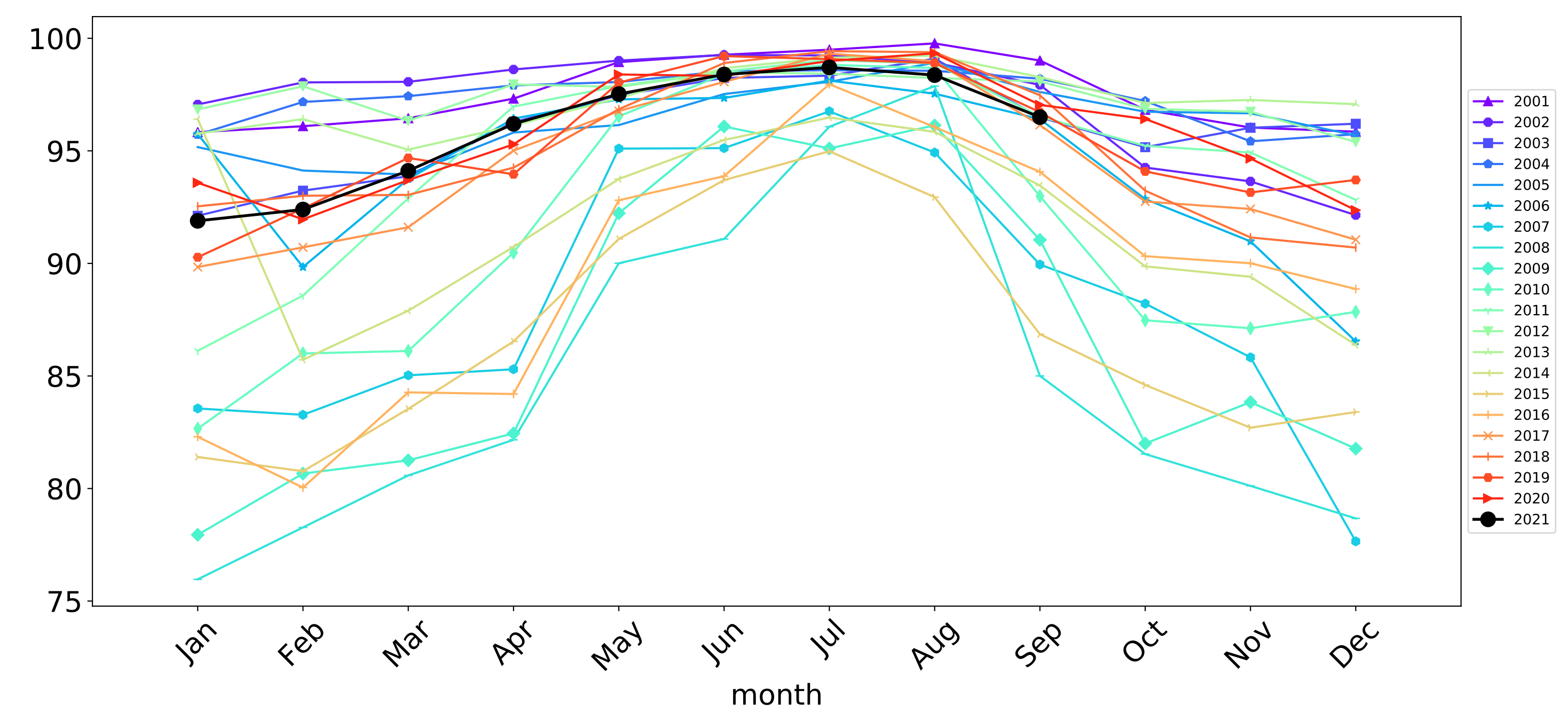
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



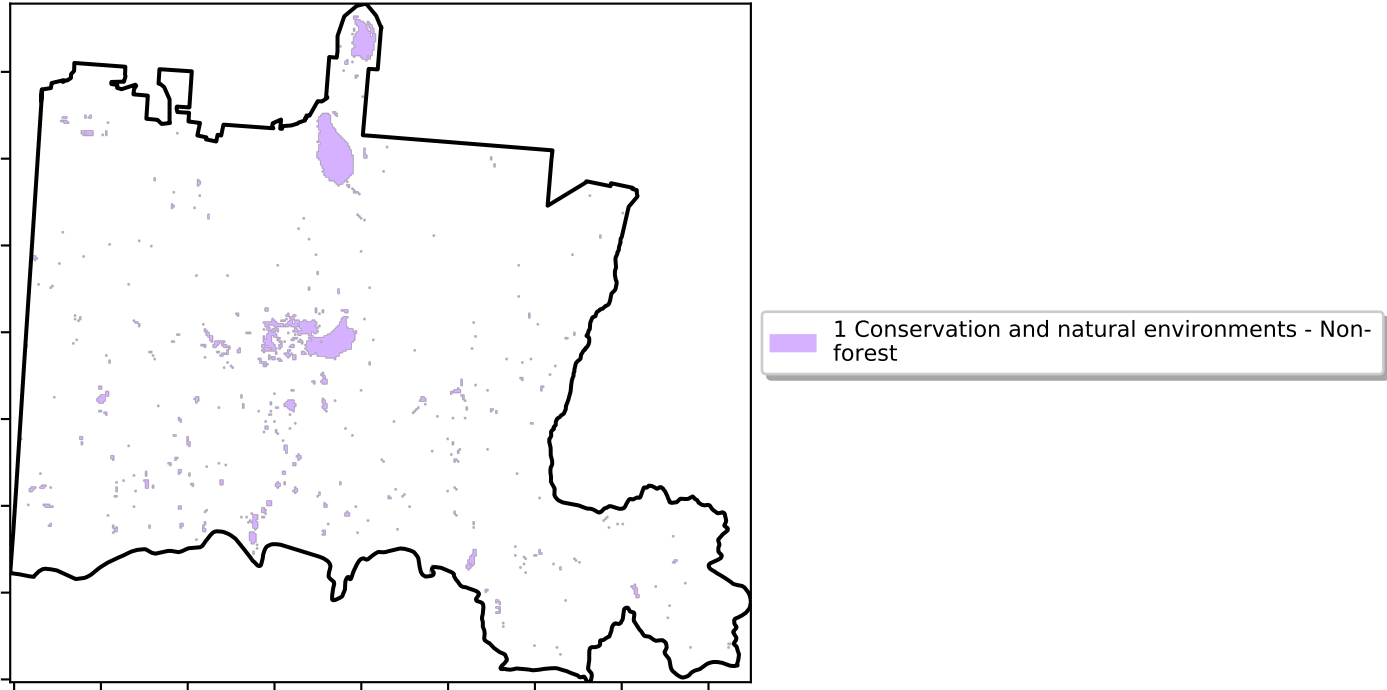
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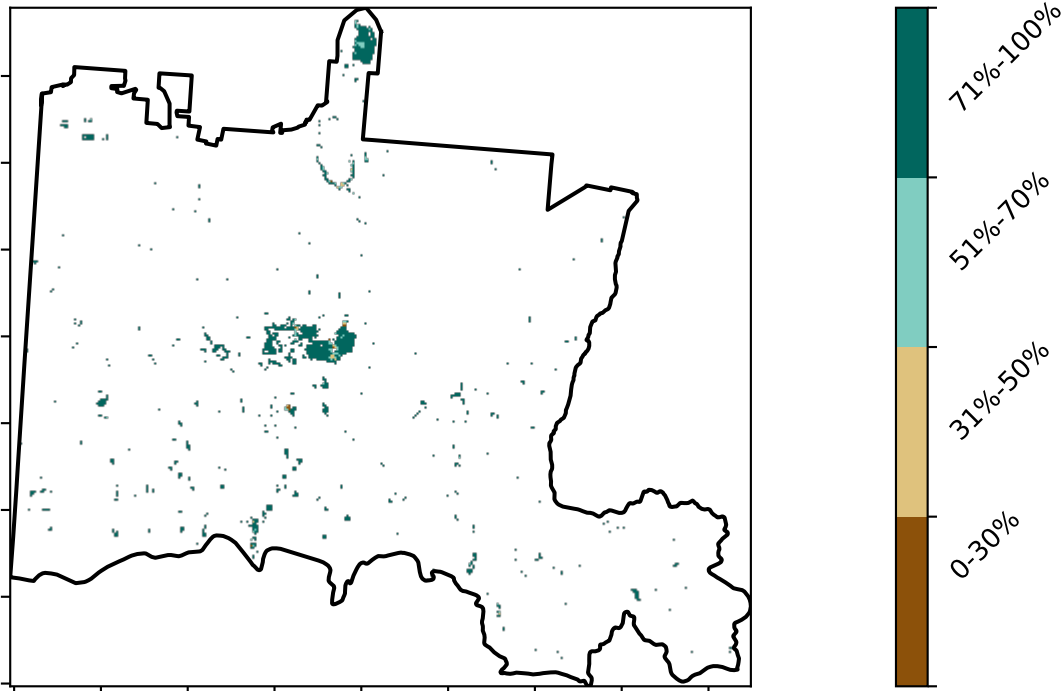
Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

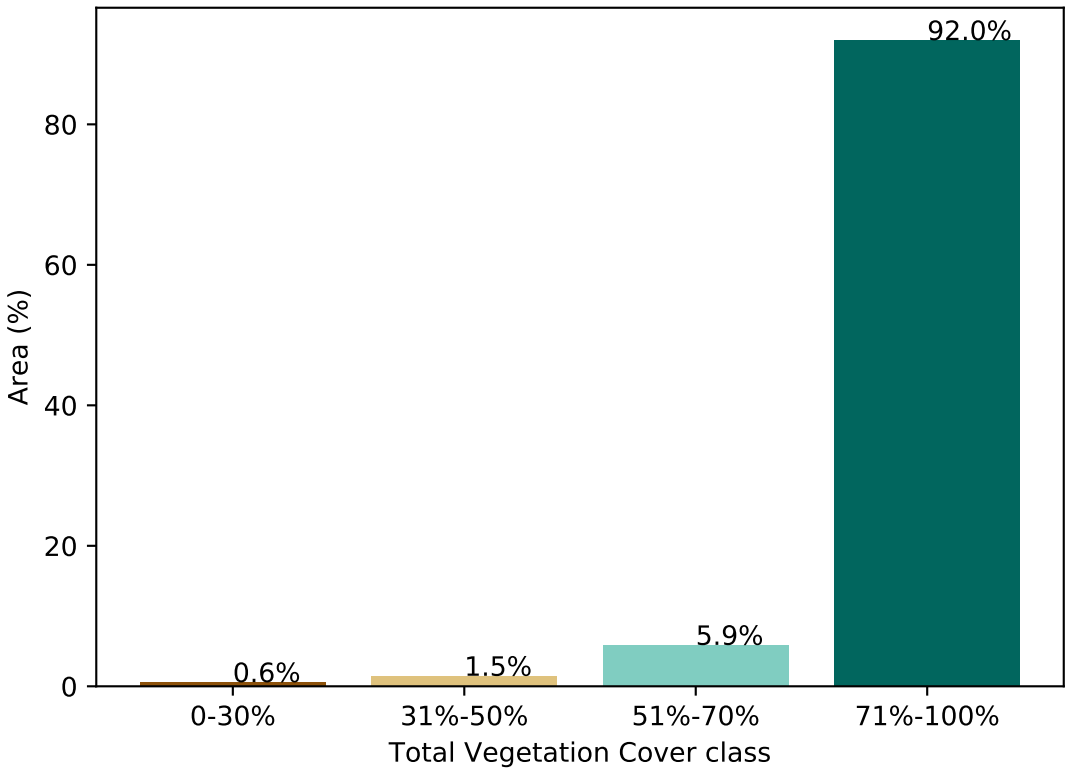
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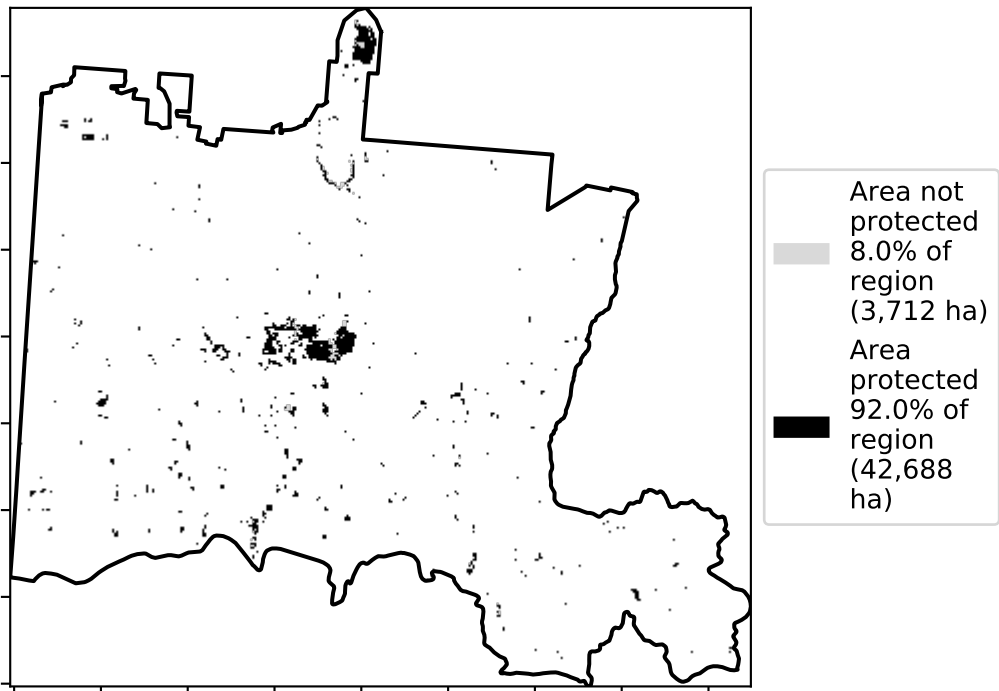
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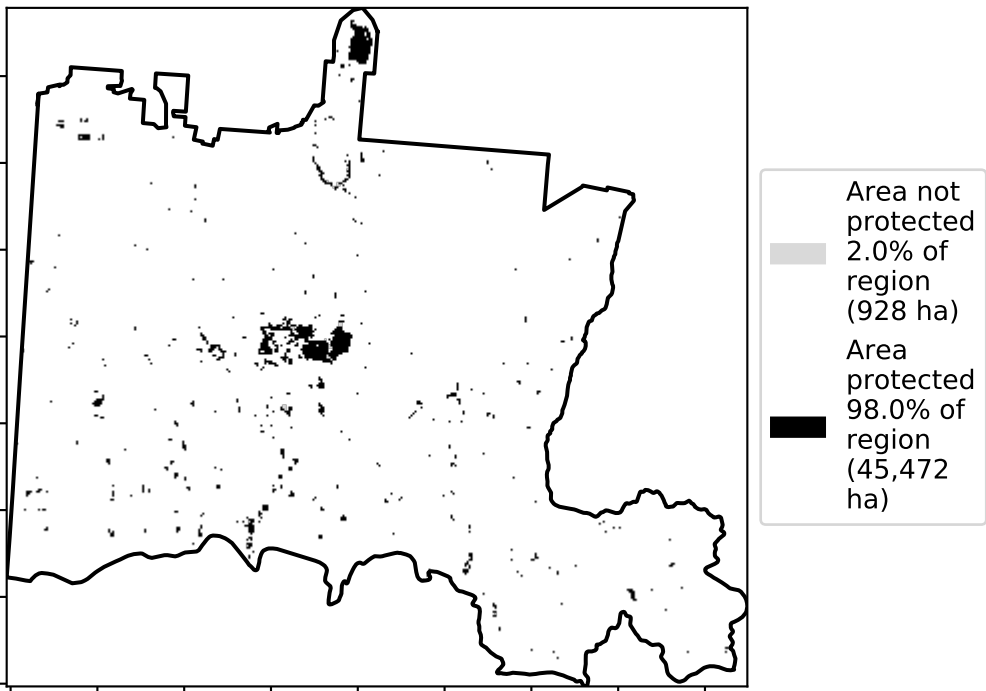
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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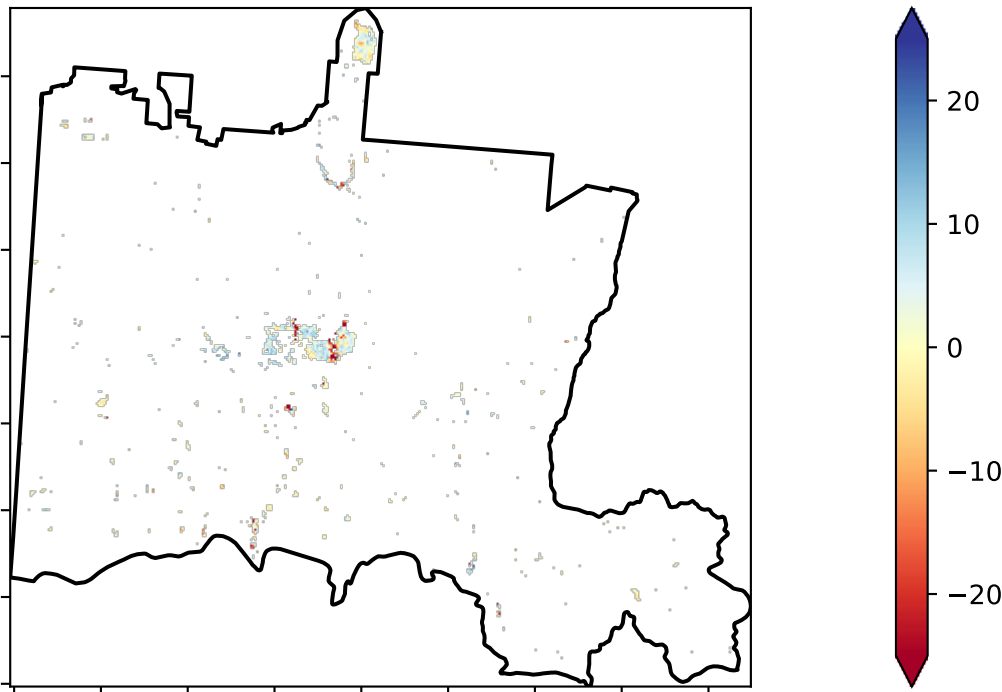


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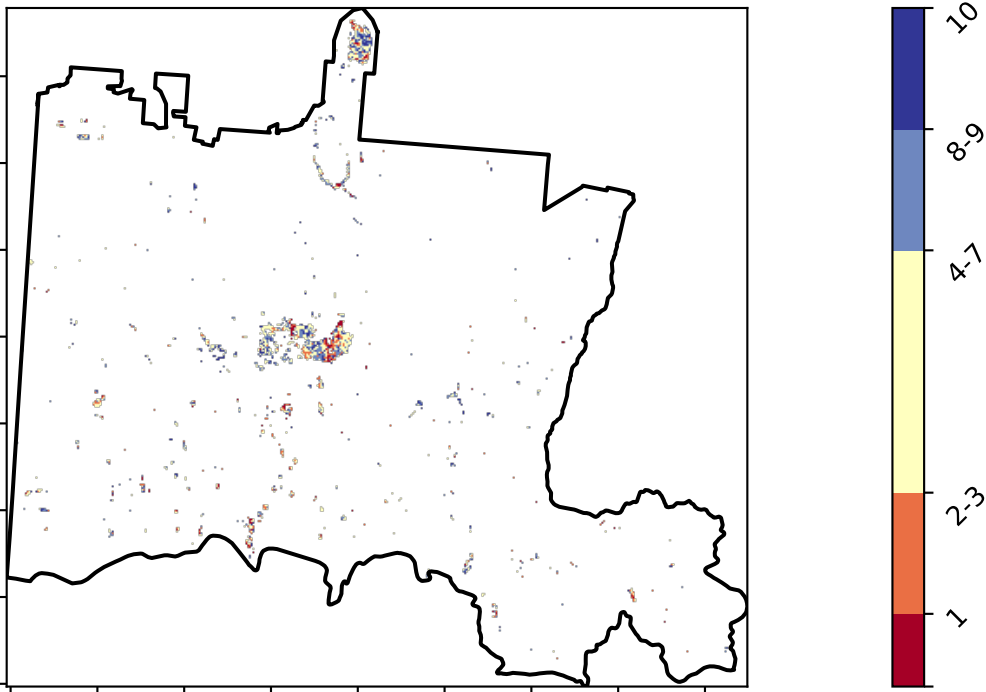
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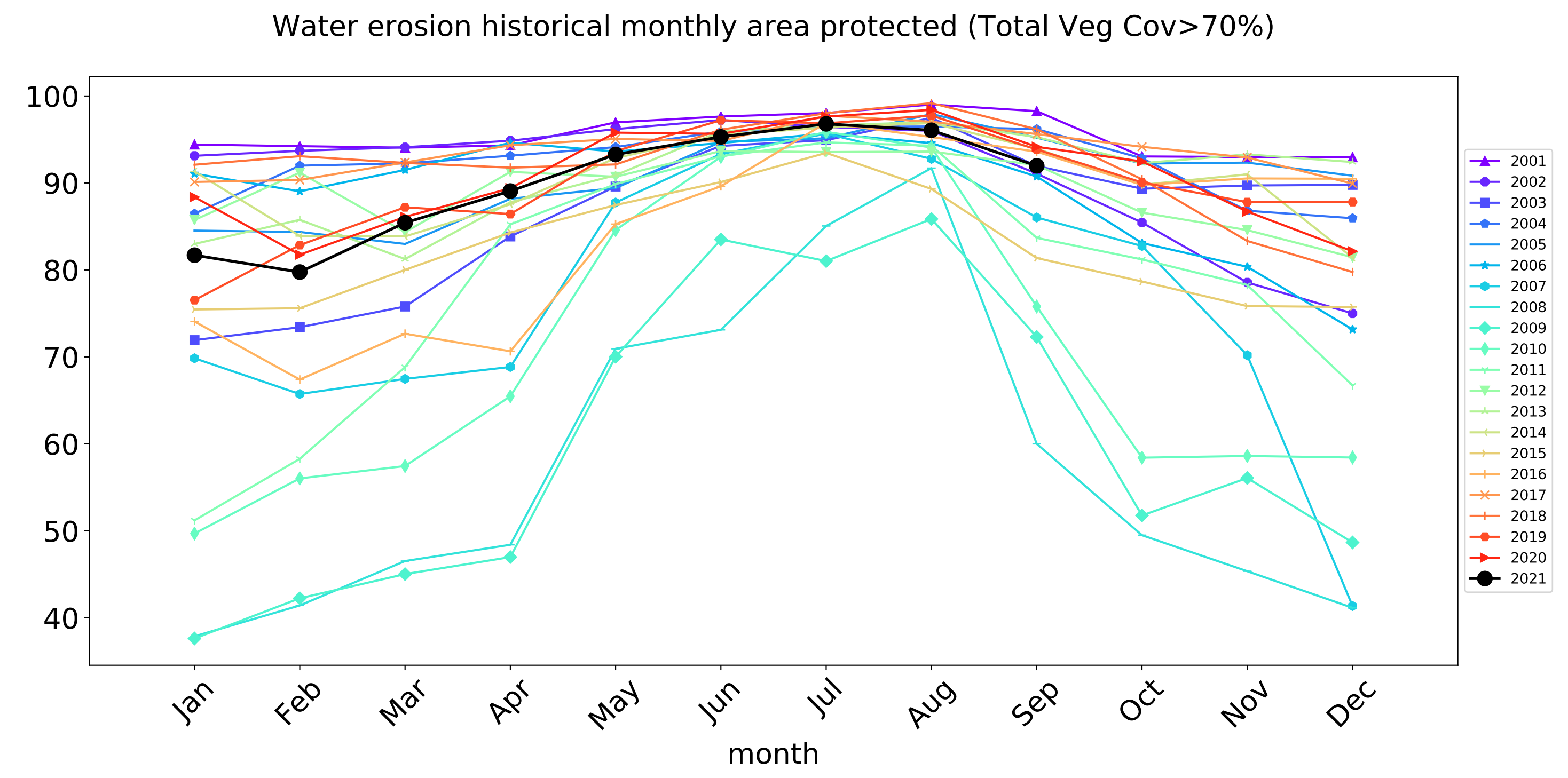
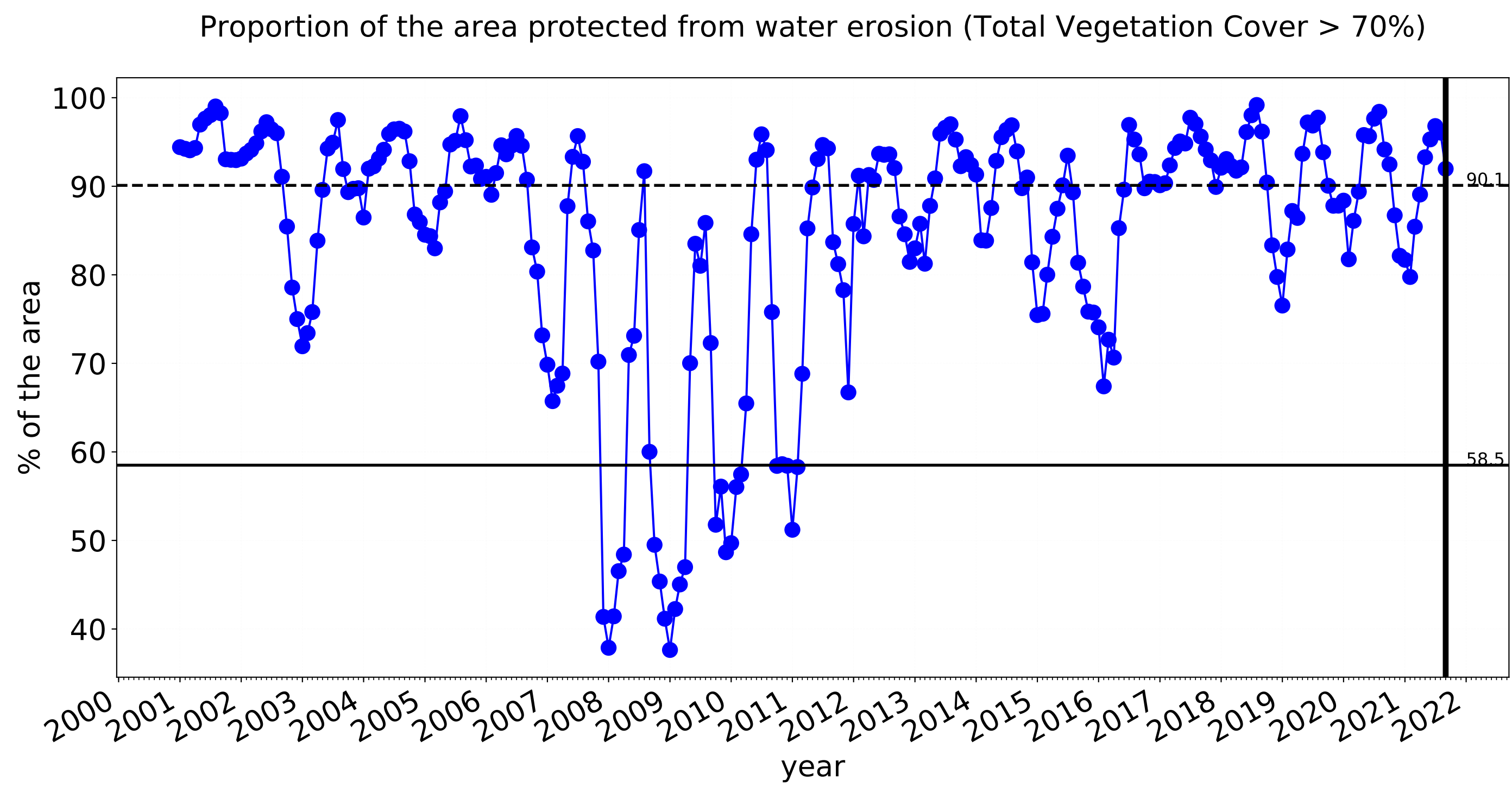
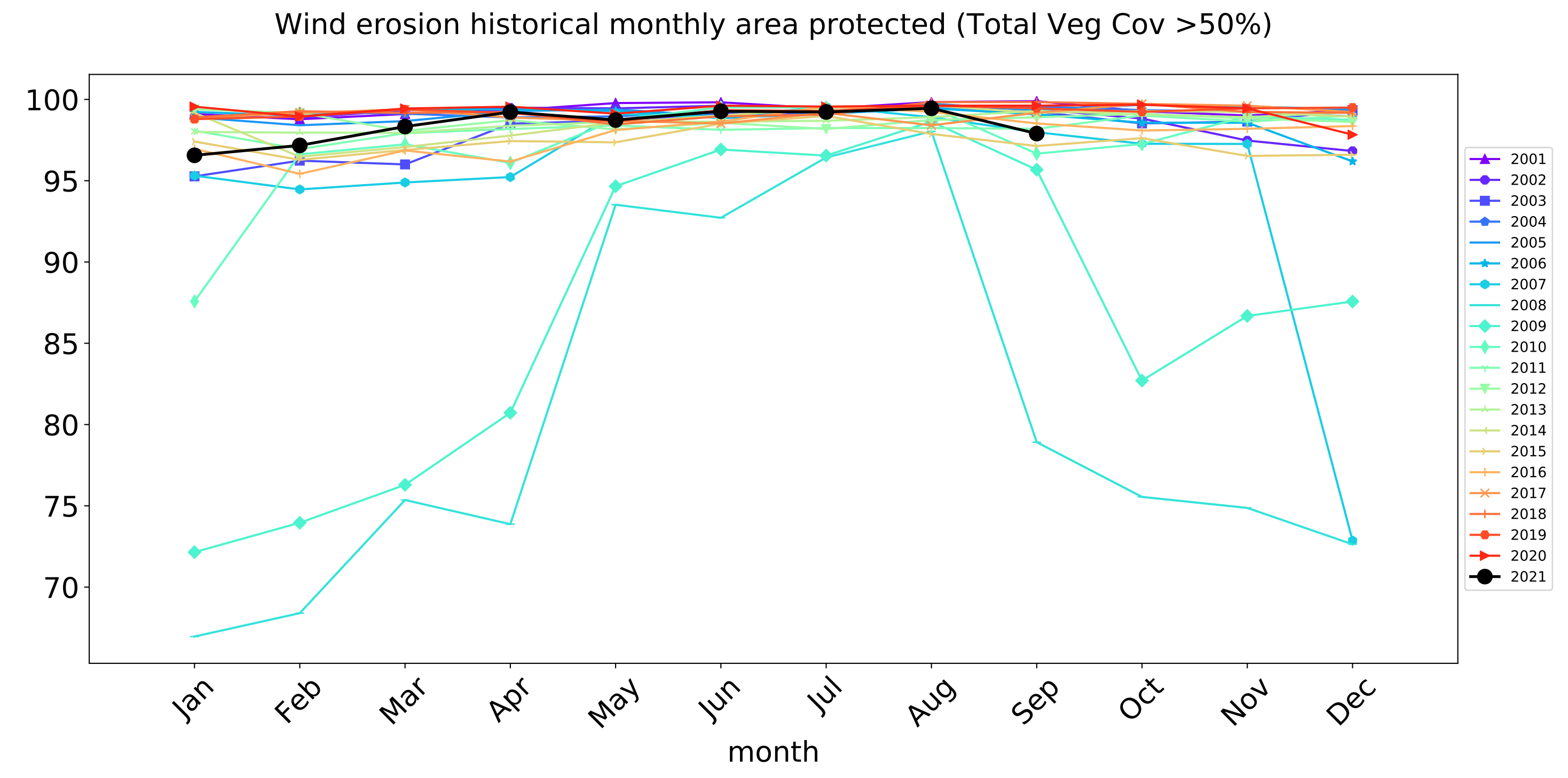
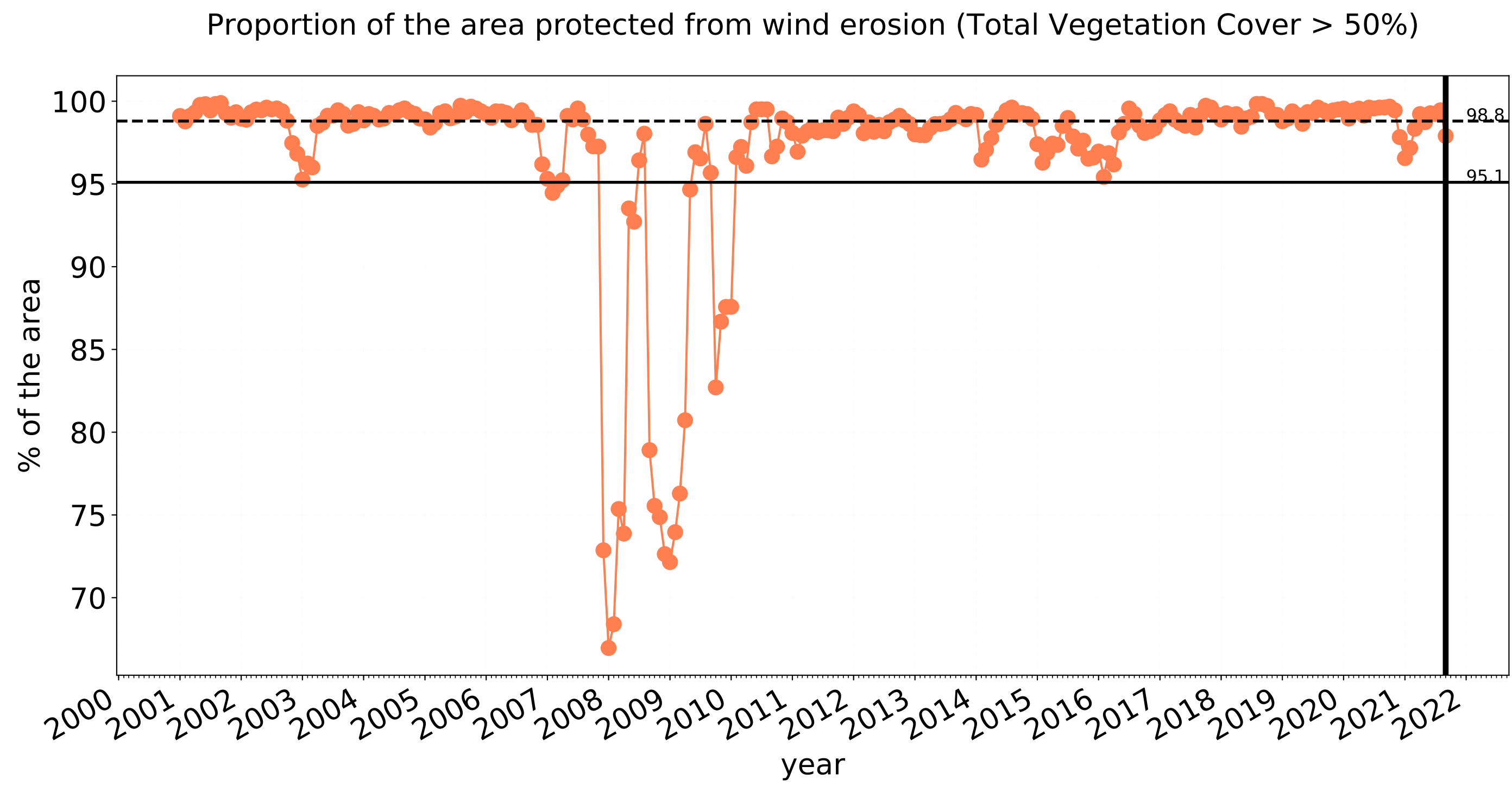
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





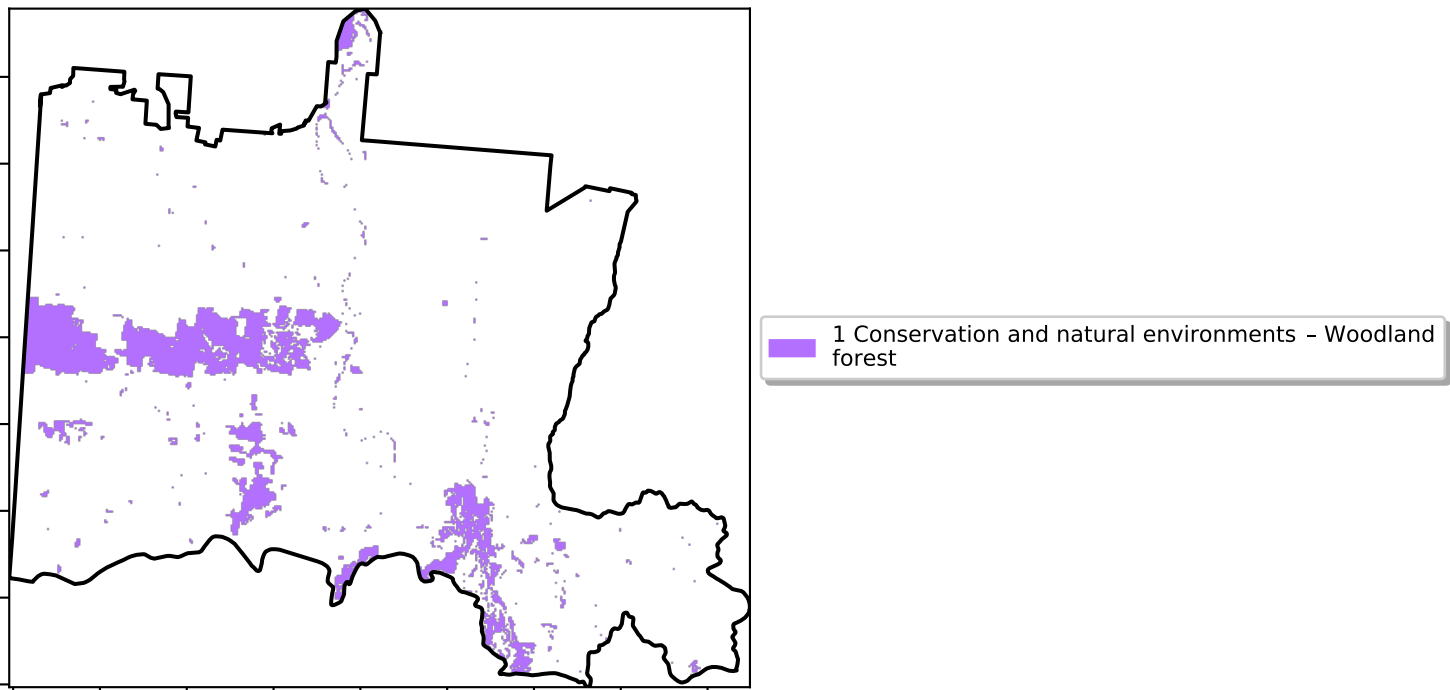
Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries



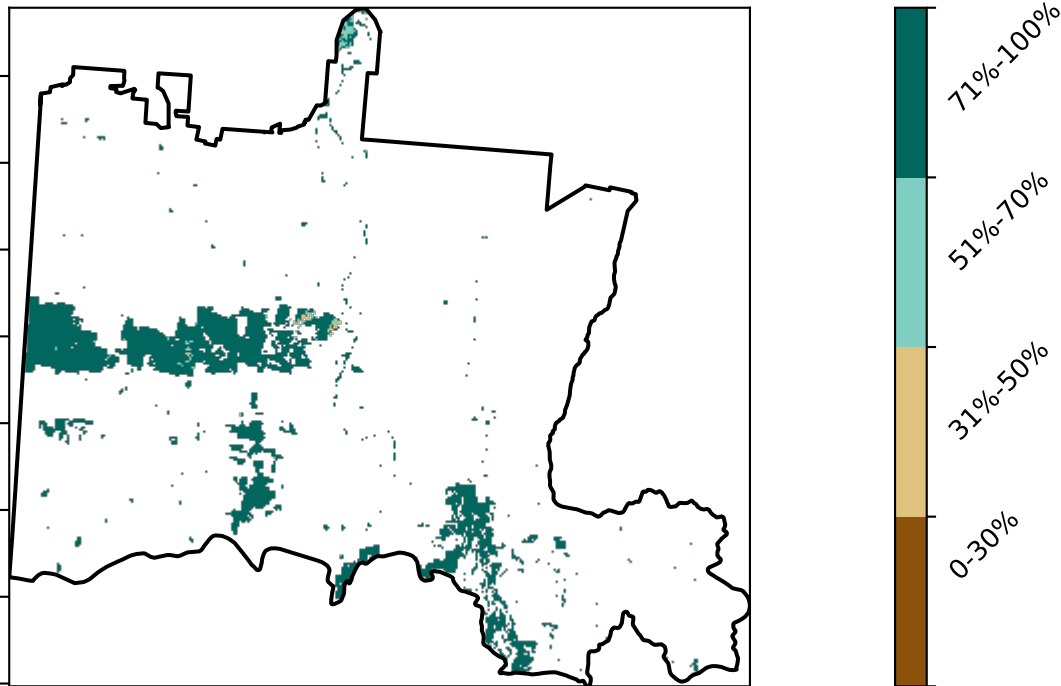
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

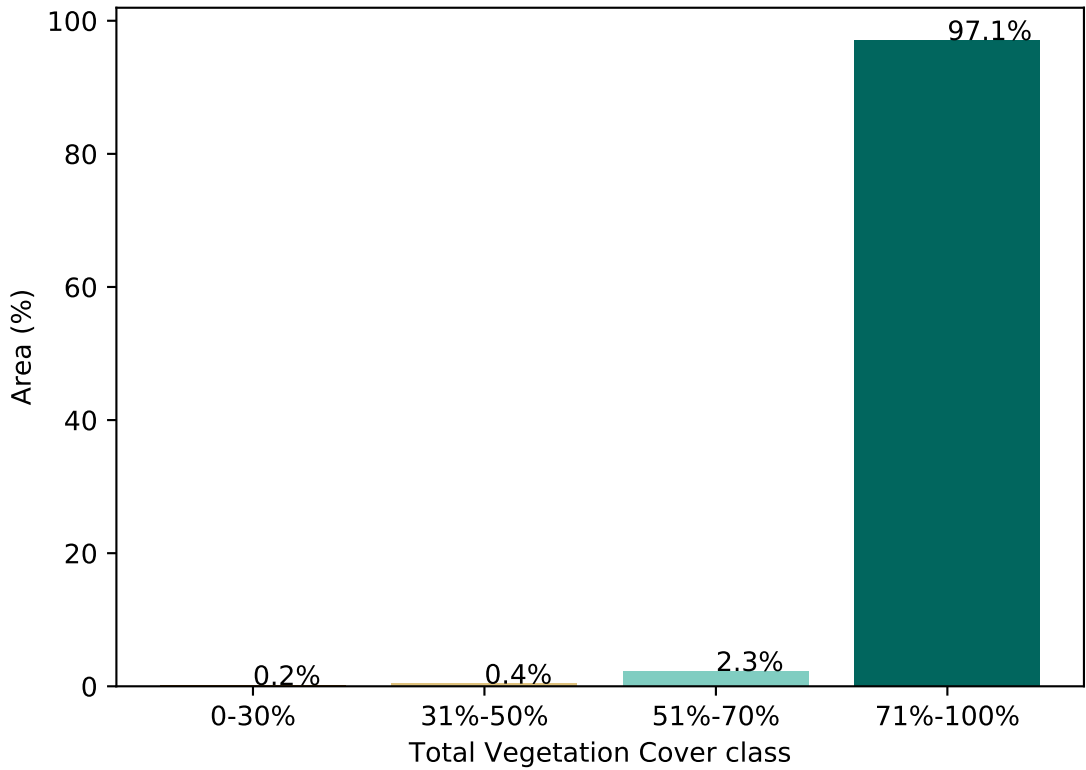
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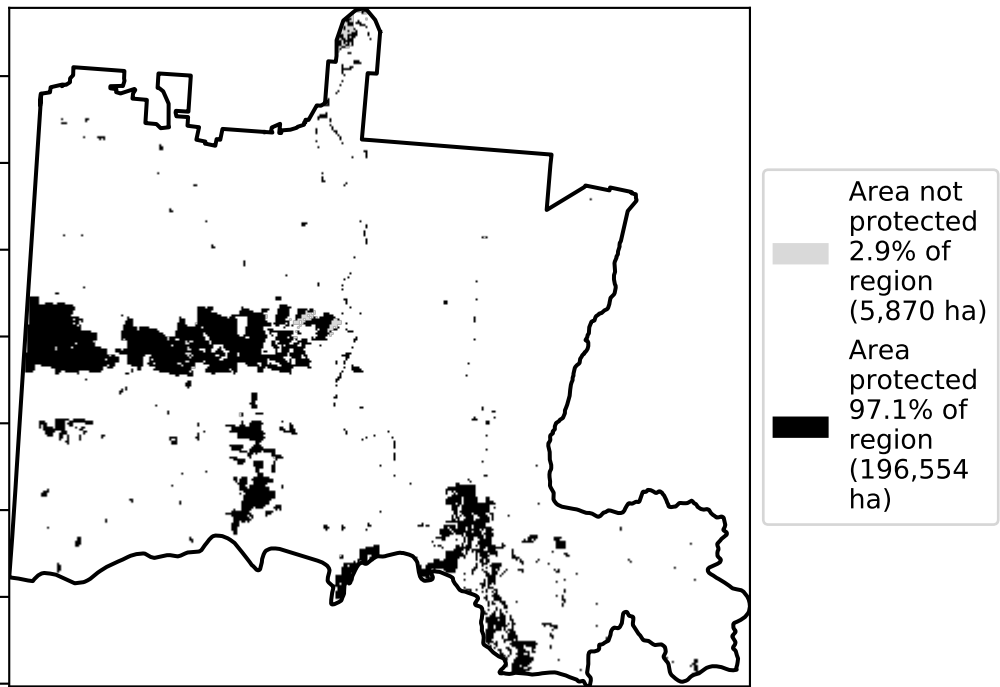
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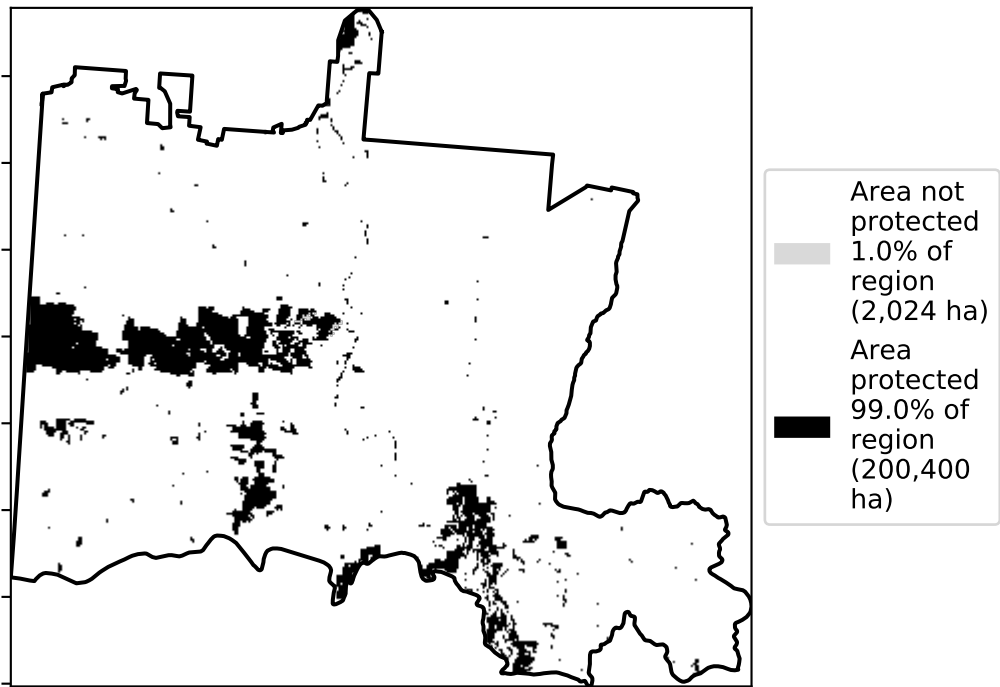
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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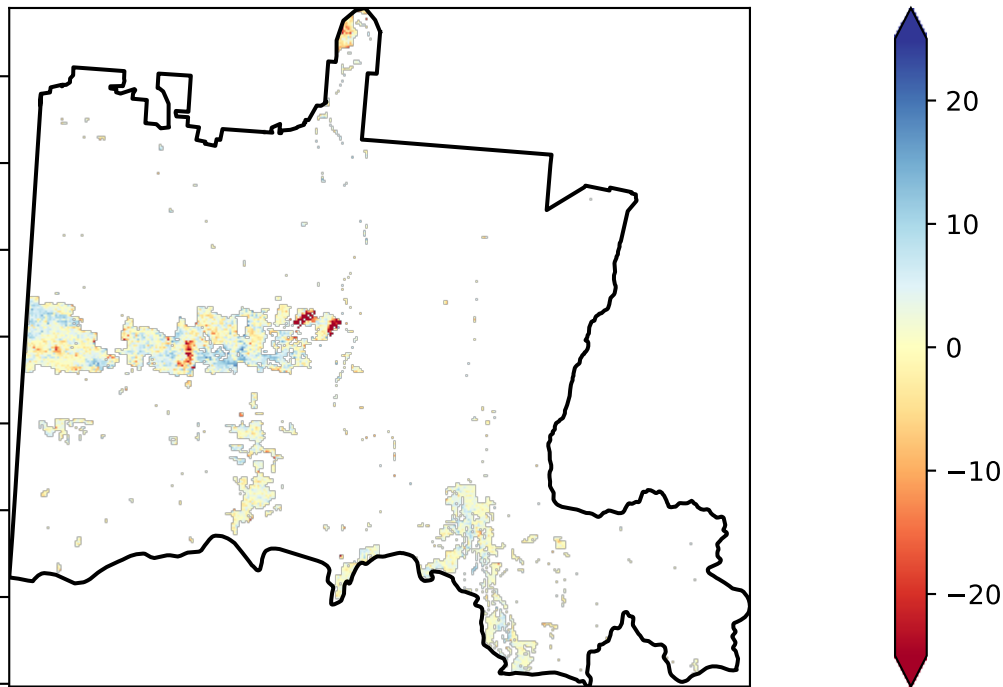


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



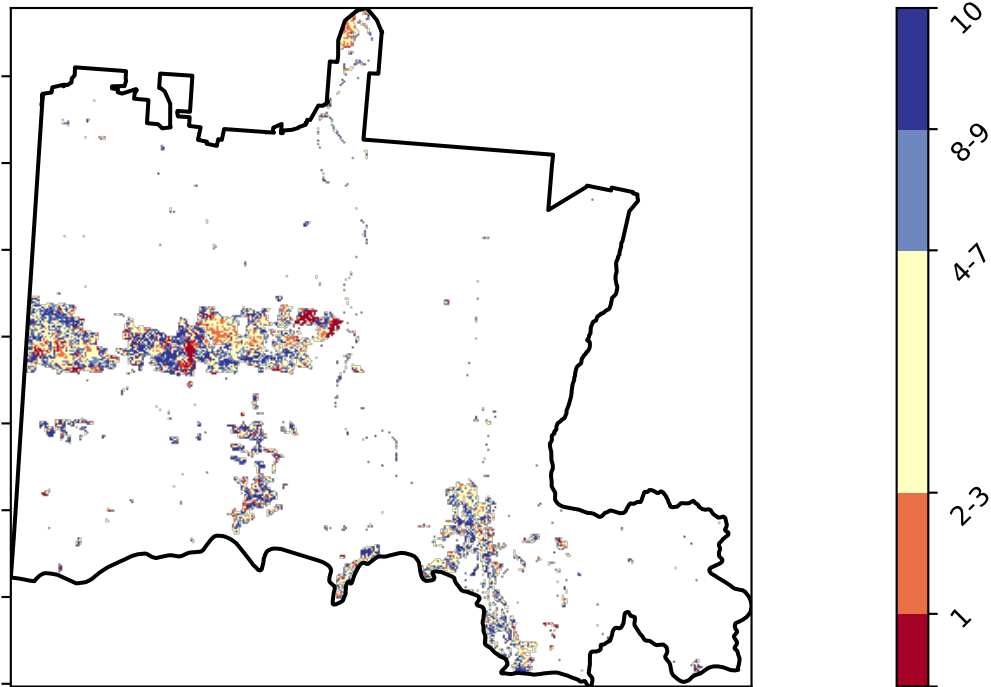
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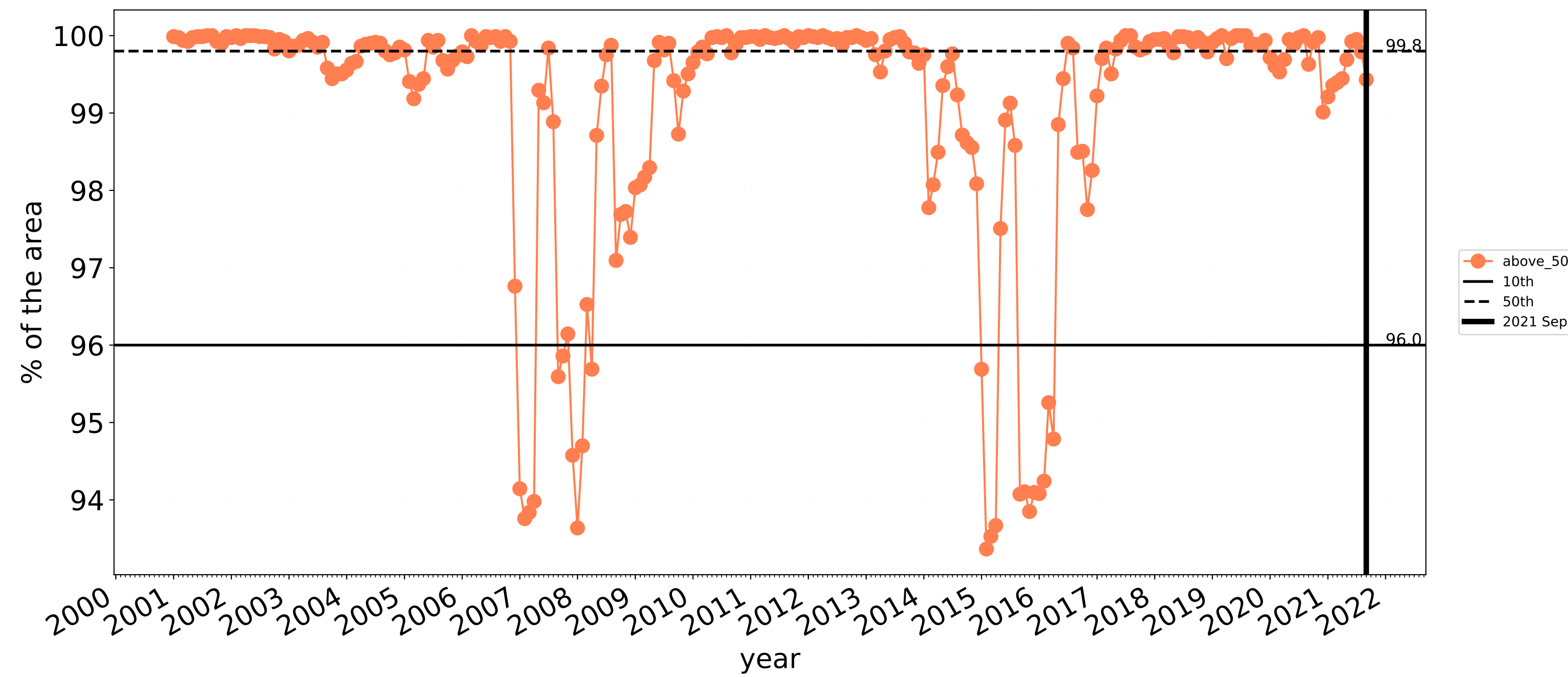
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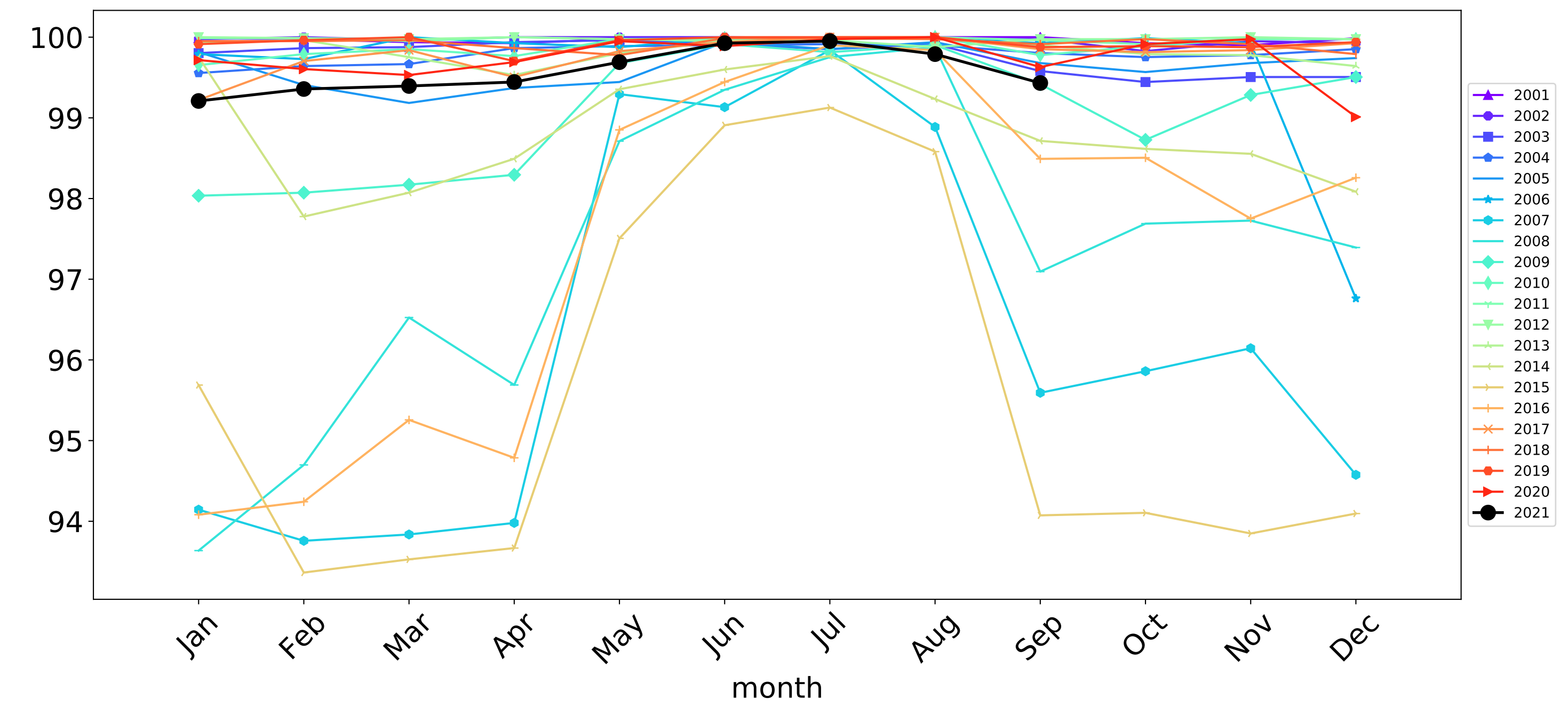


# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

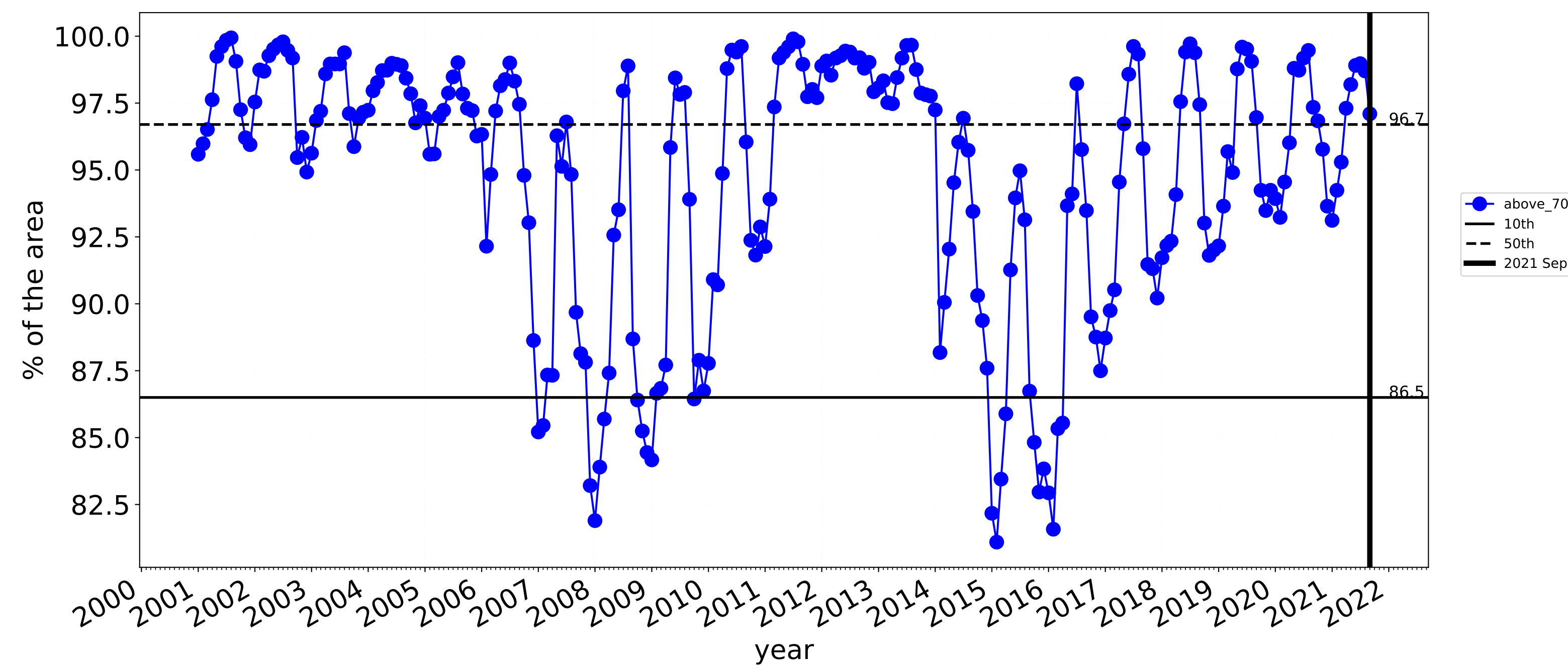
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



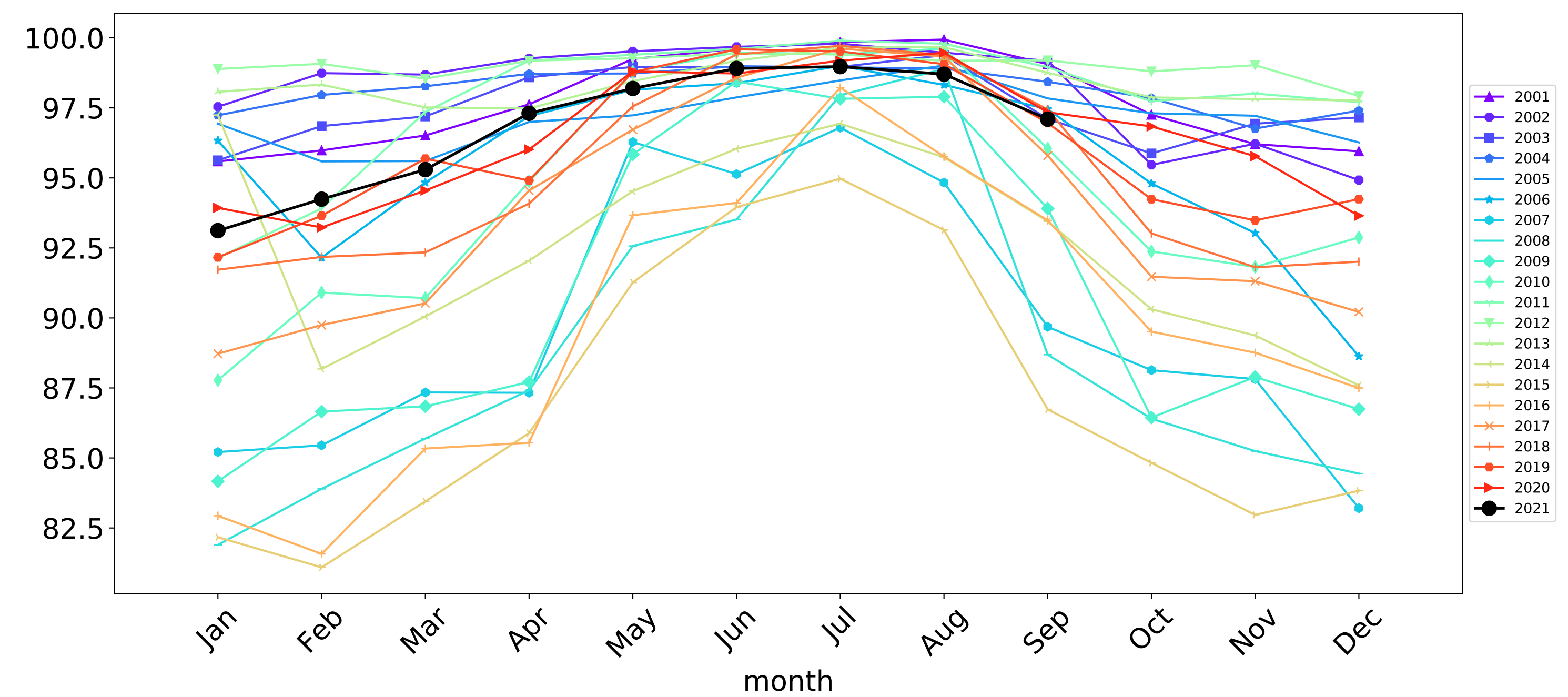
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov > 50%)



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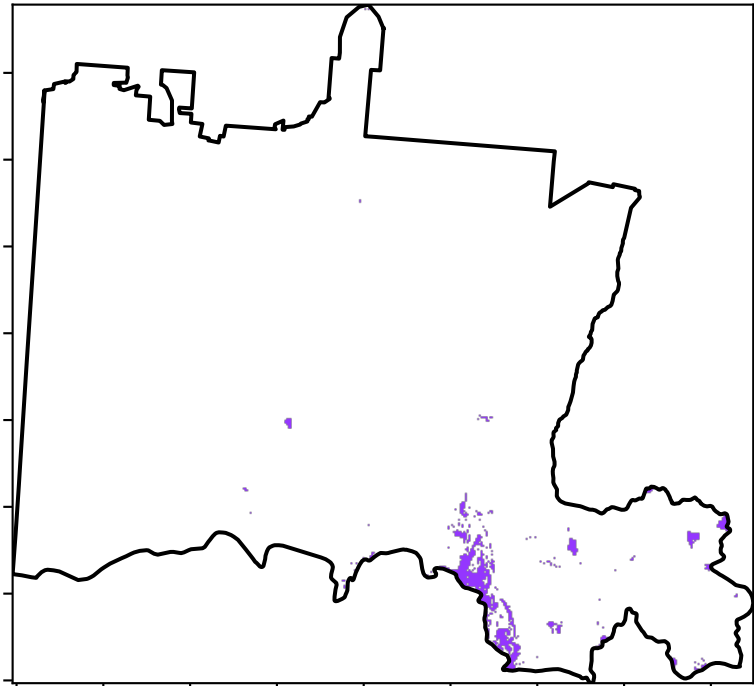
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Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)

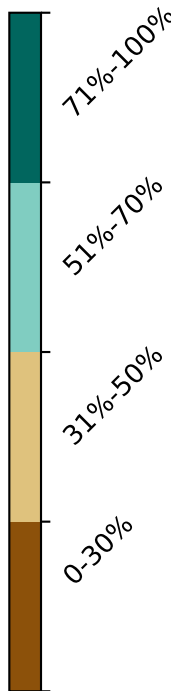
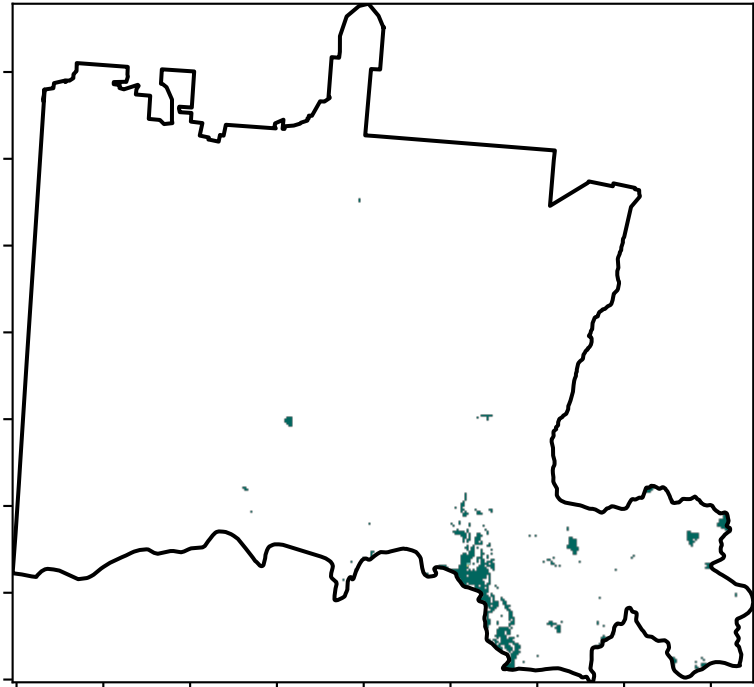
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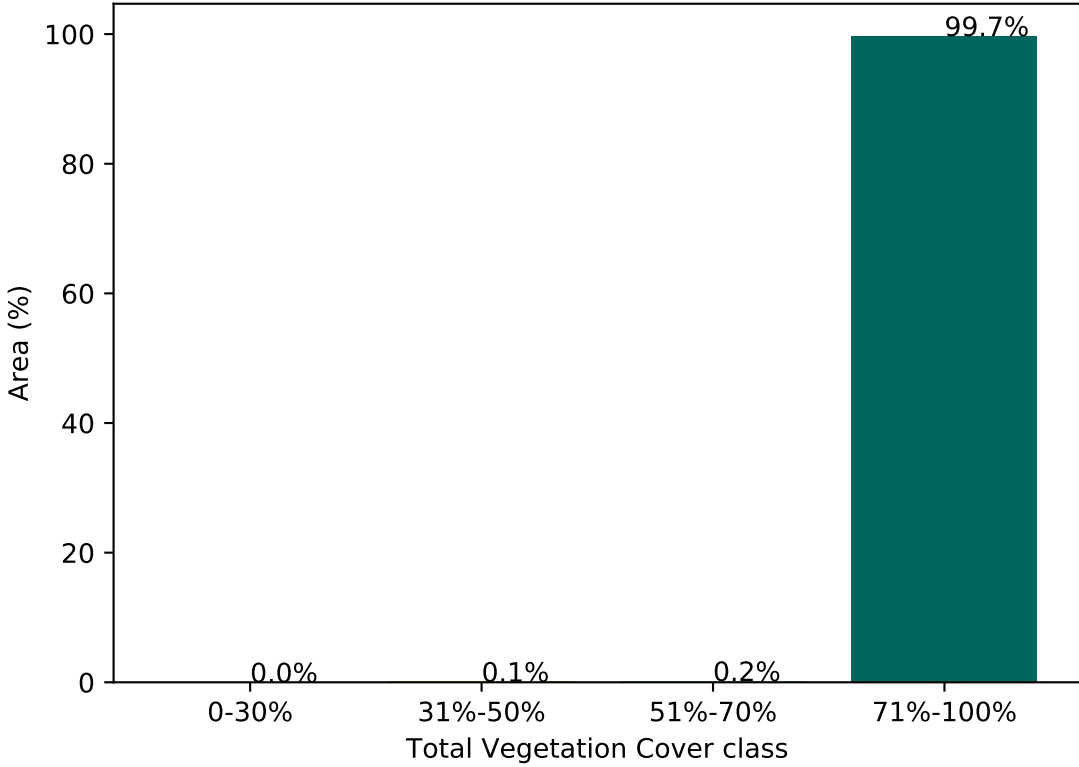


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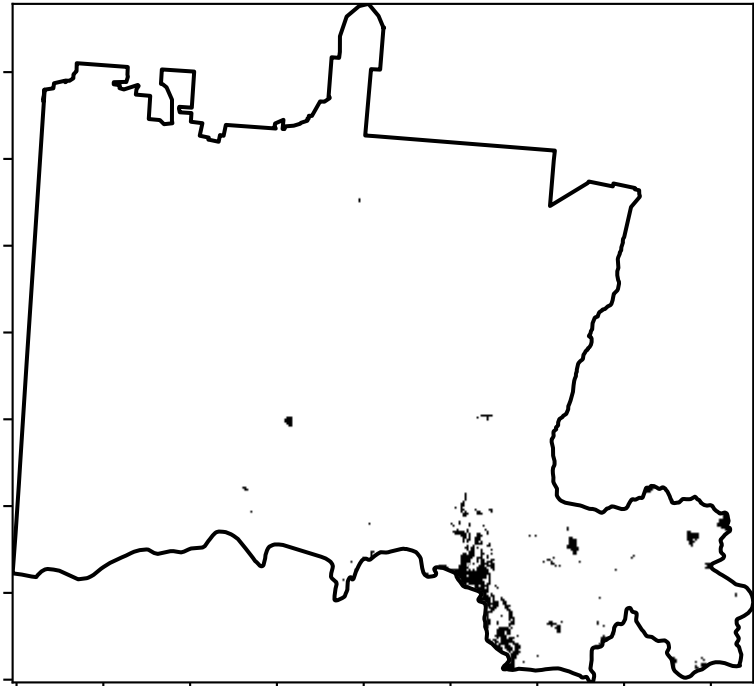
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

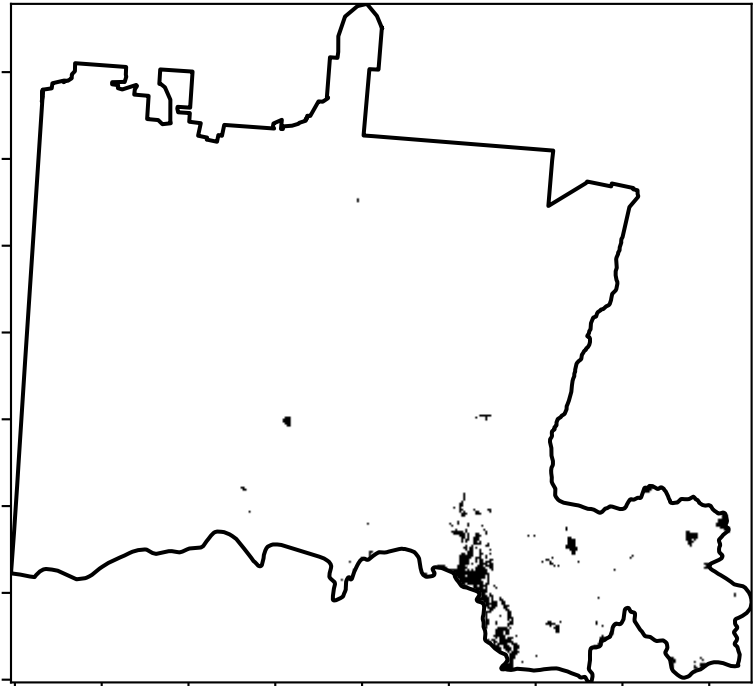


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



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Area protected  
99.7% of region (27,367 ha)

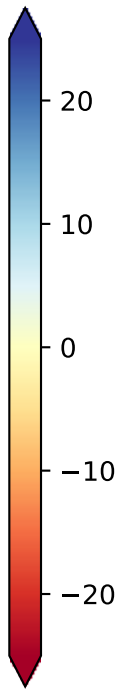
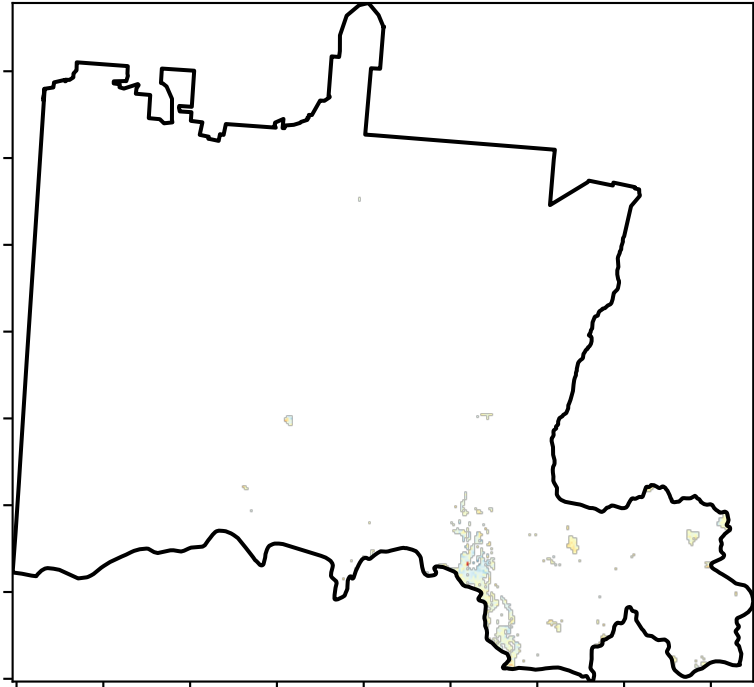
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Area protected  
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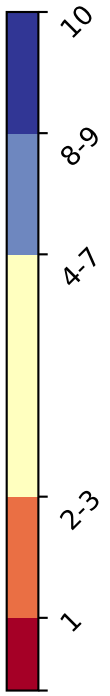
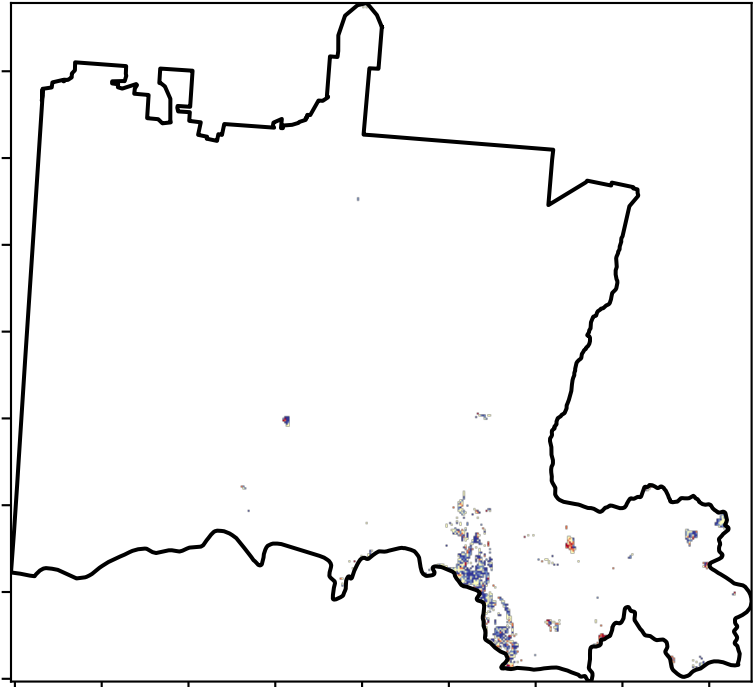
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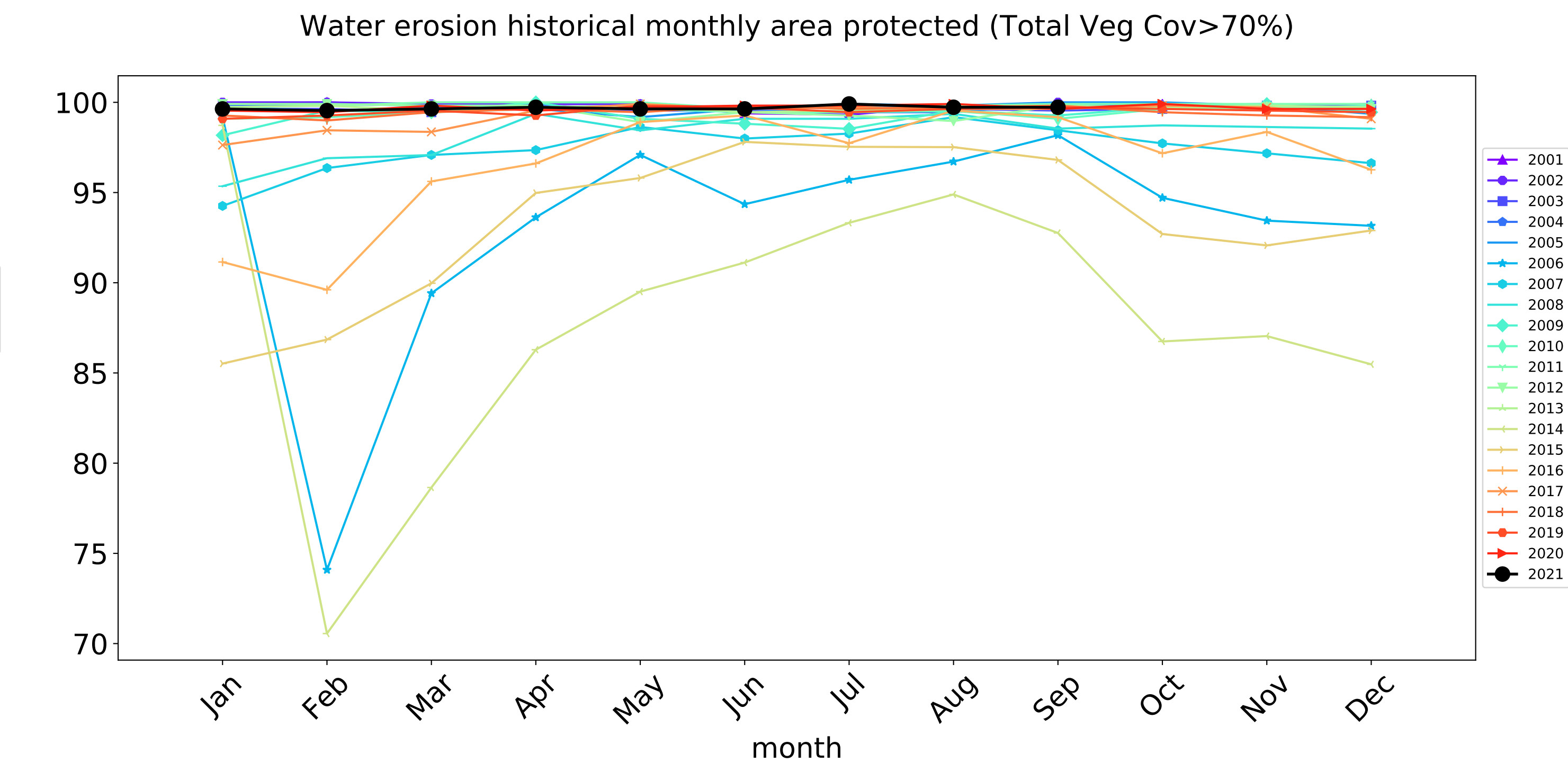
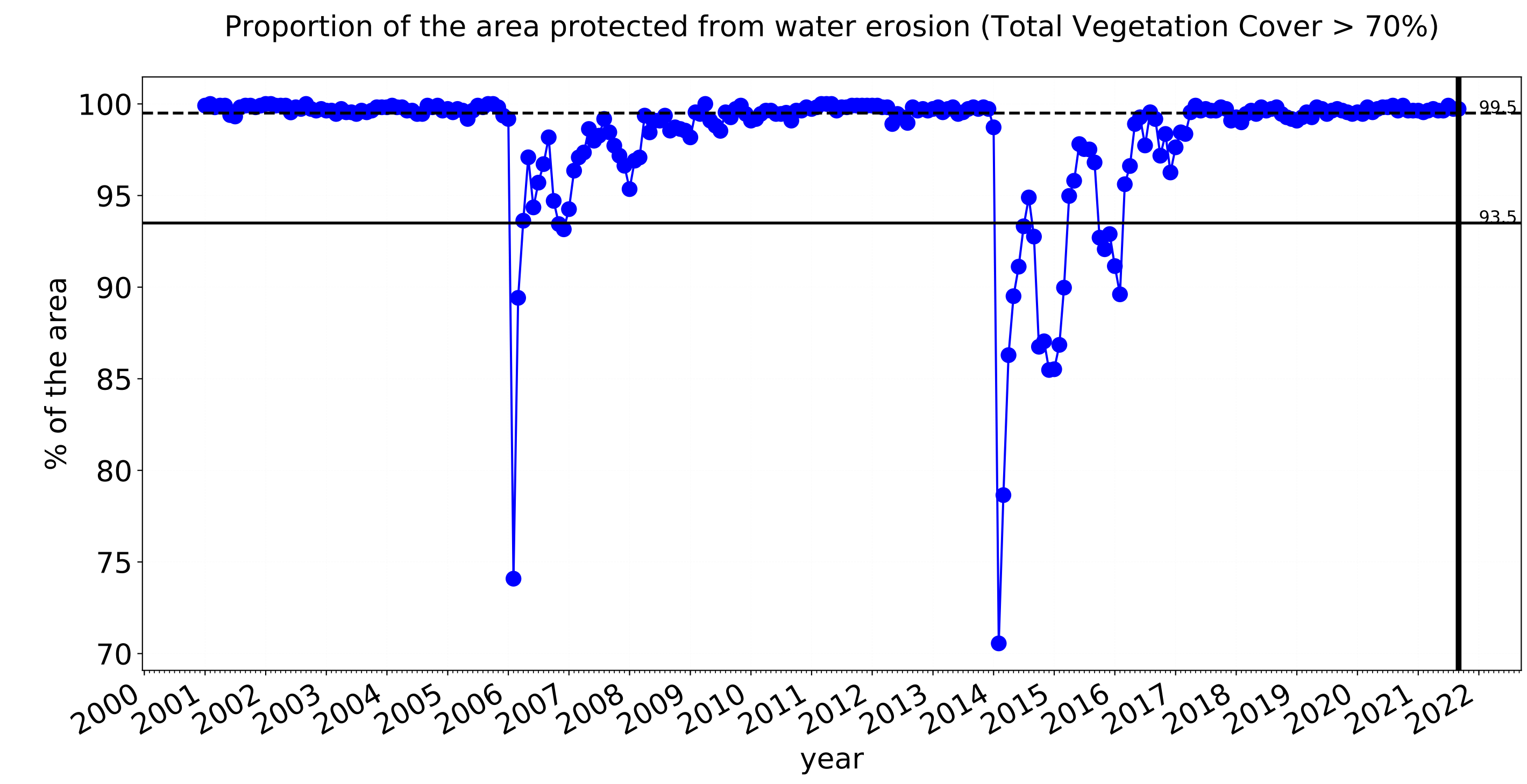
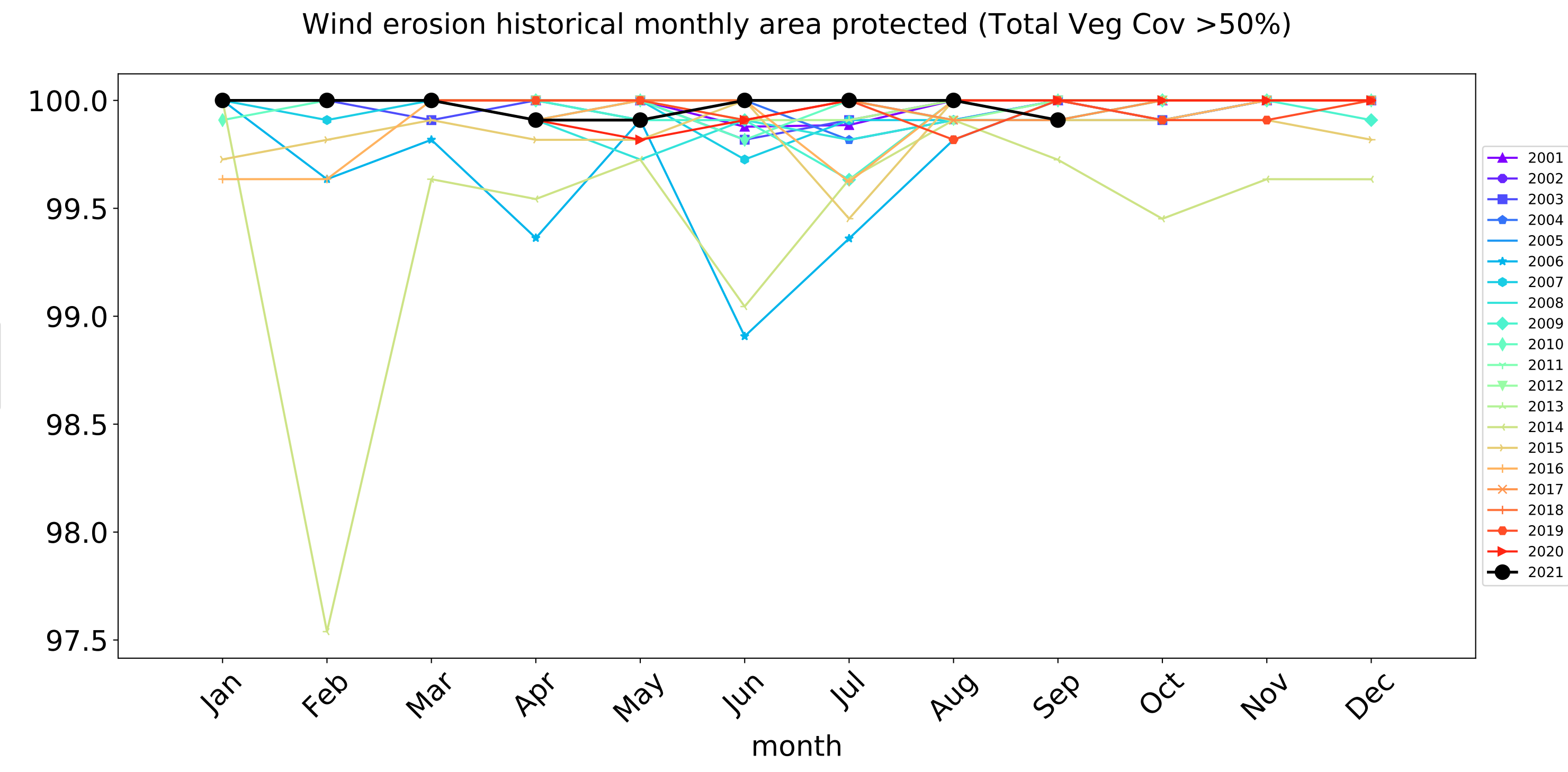
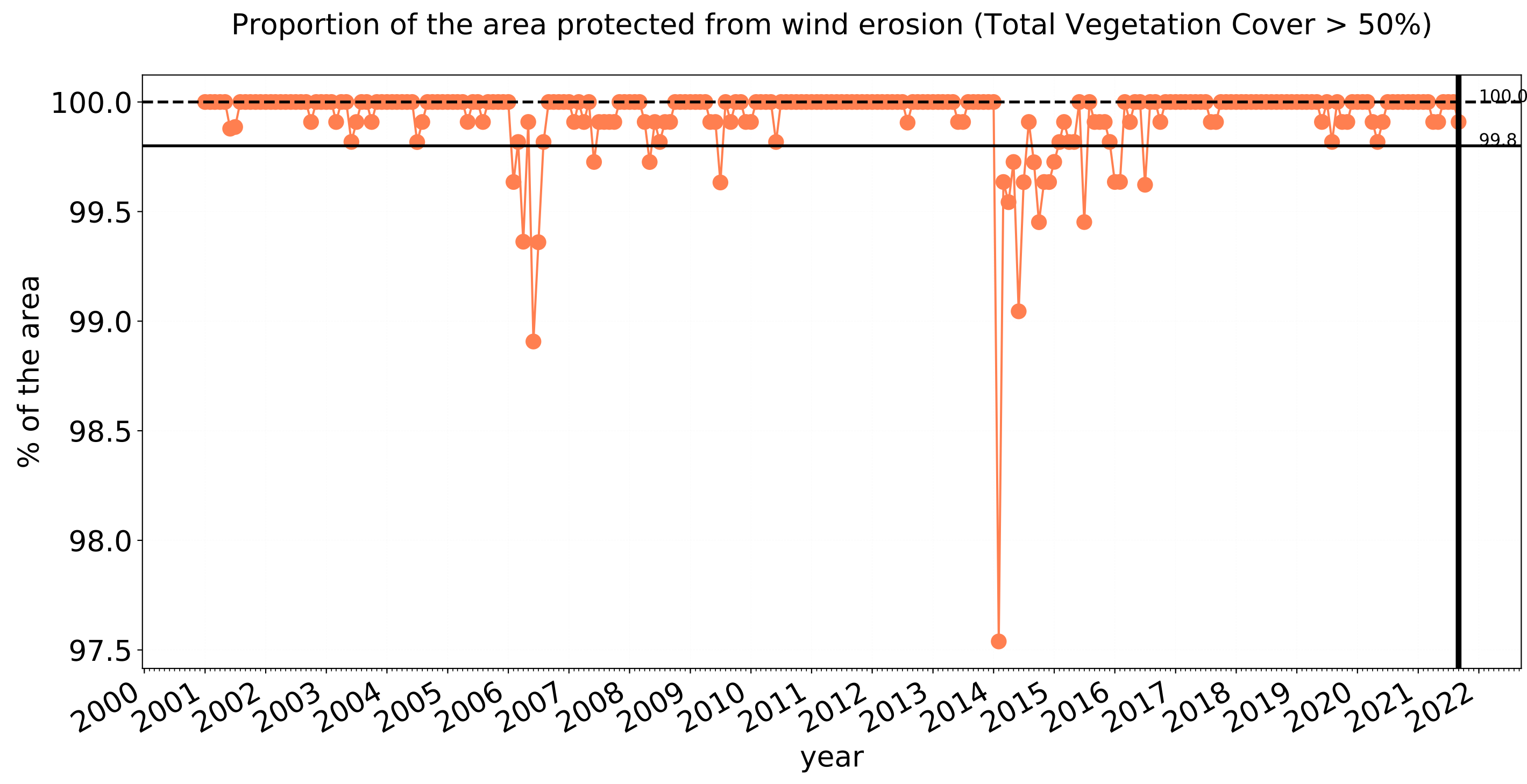
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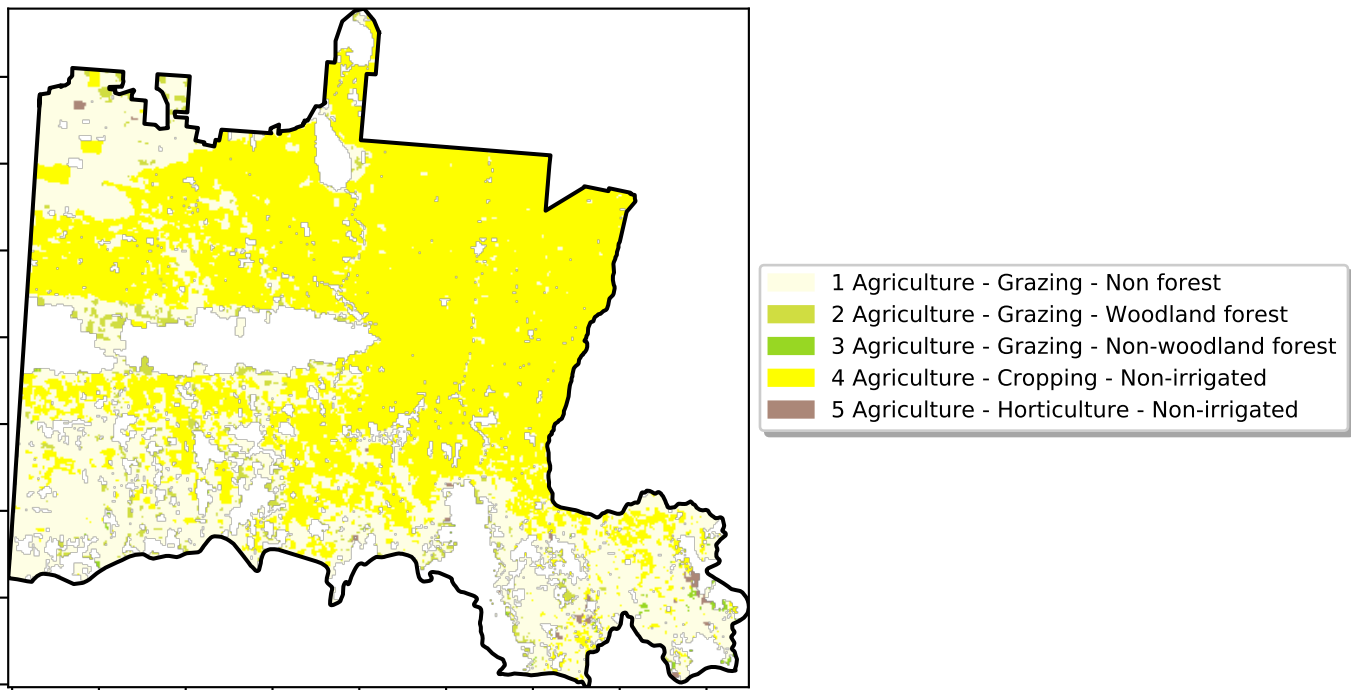
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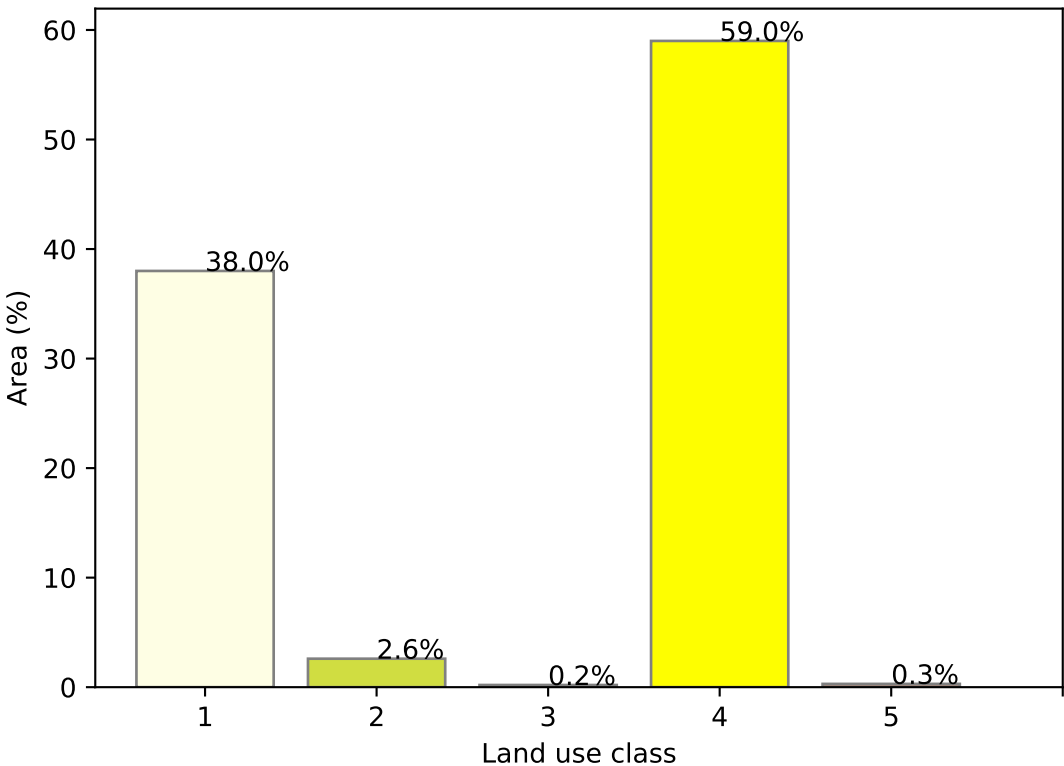
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

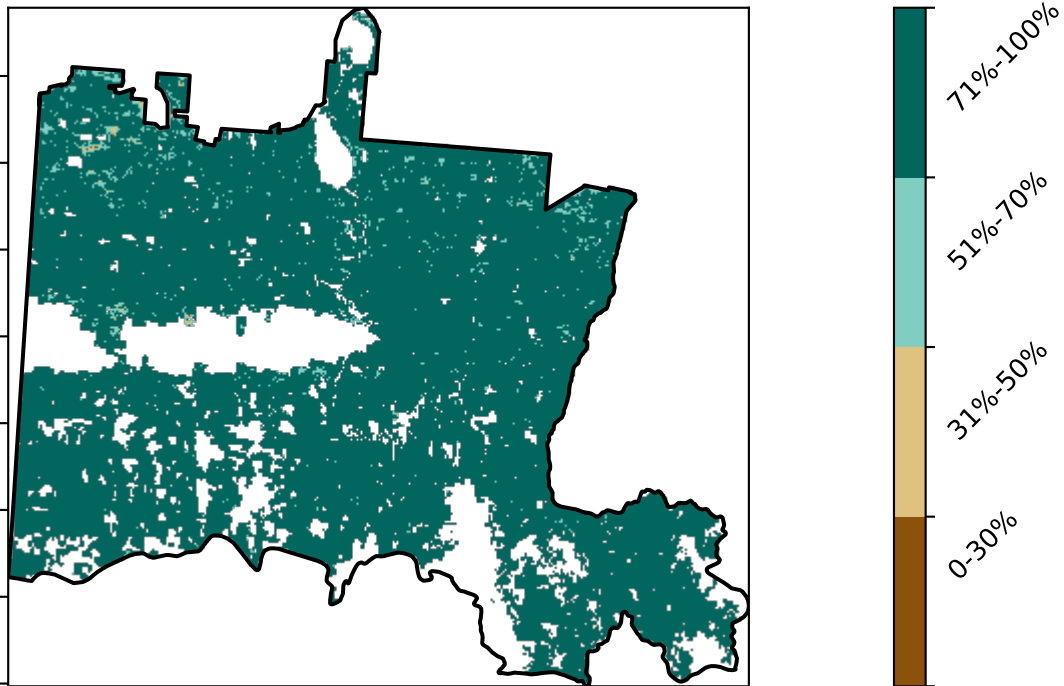
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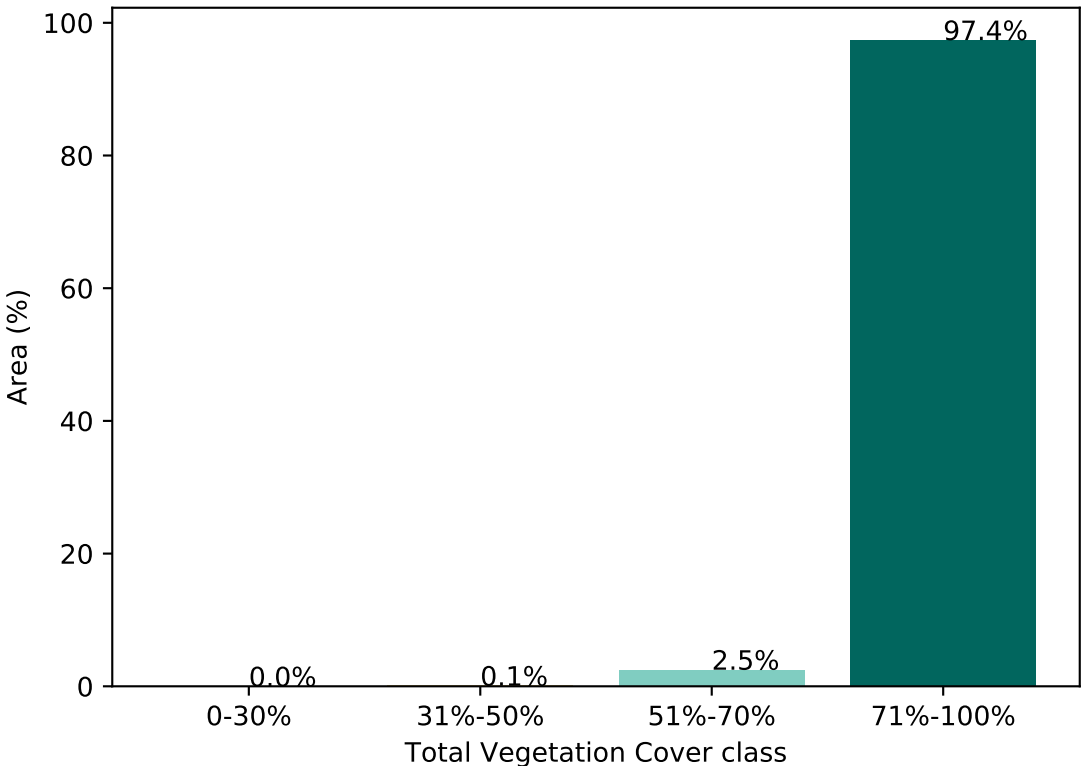
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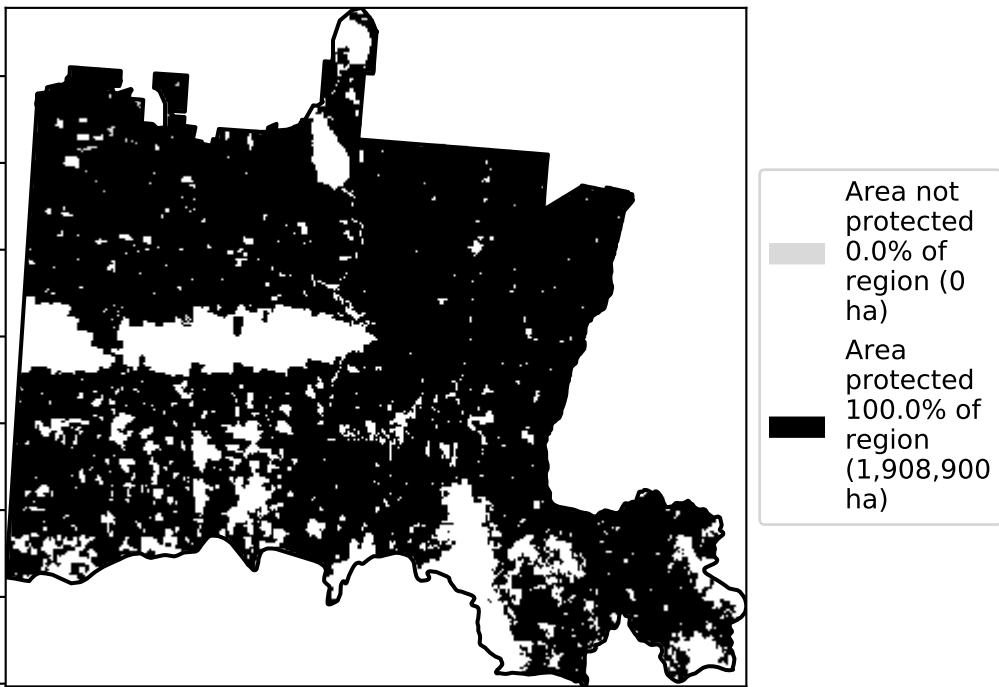
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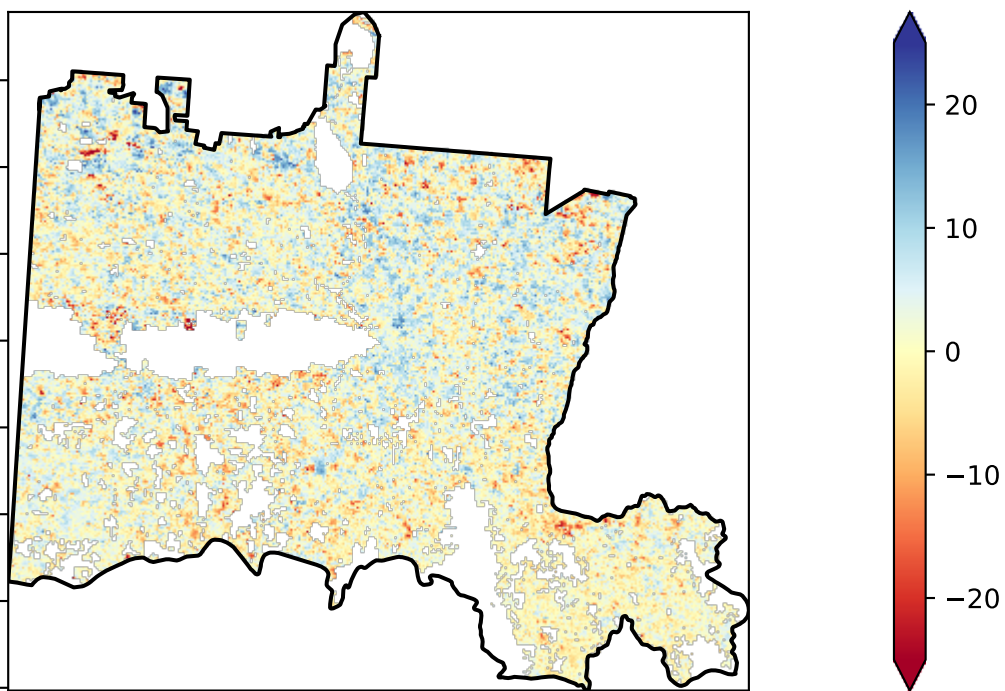


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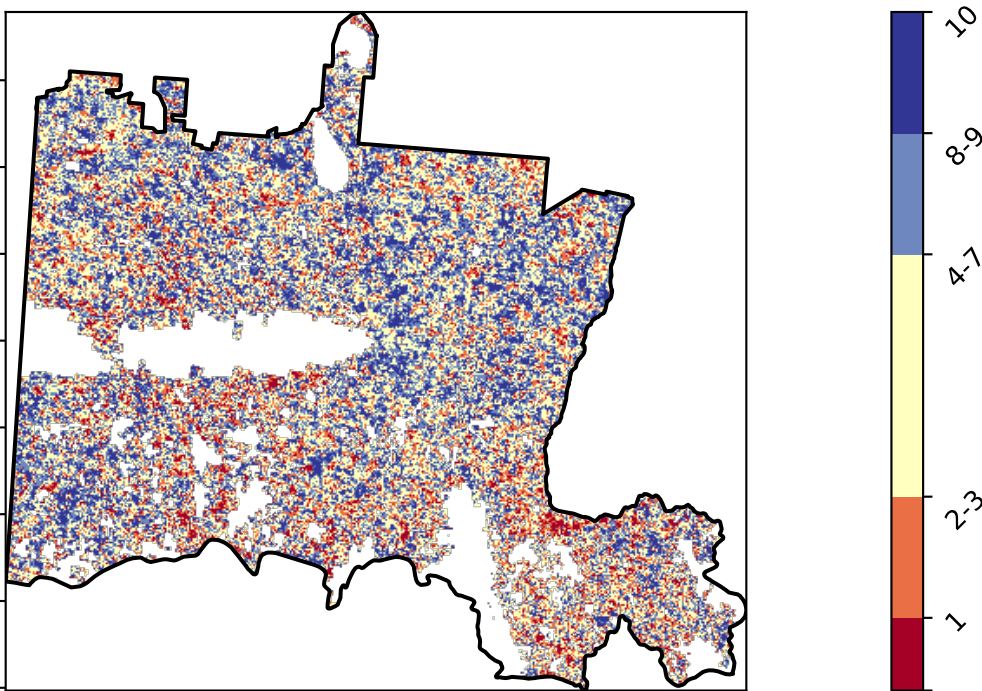
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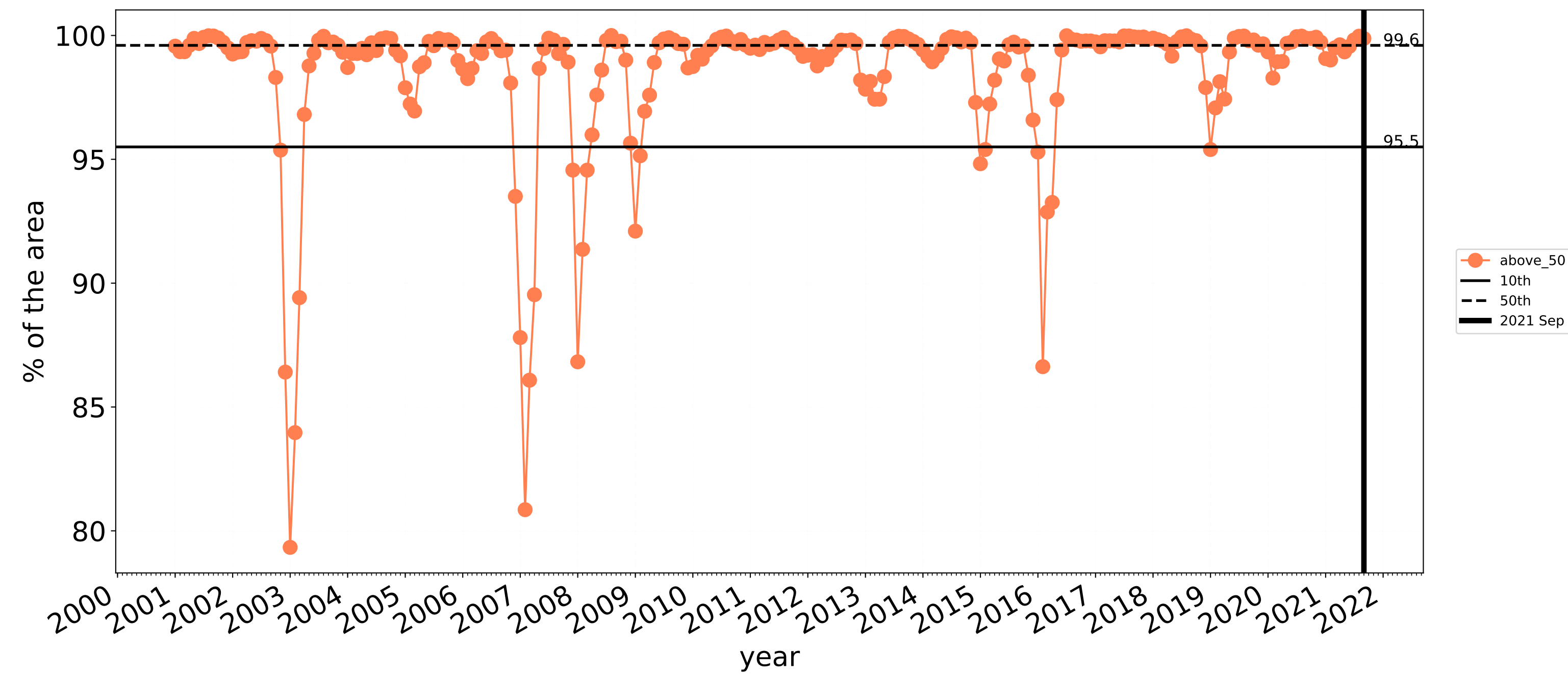
Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



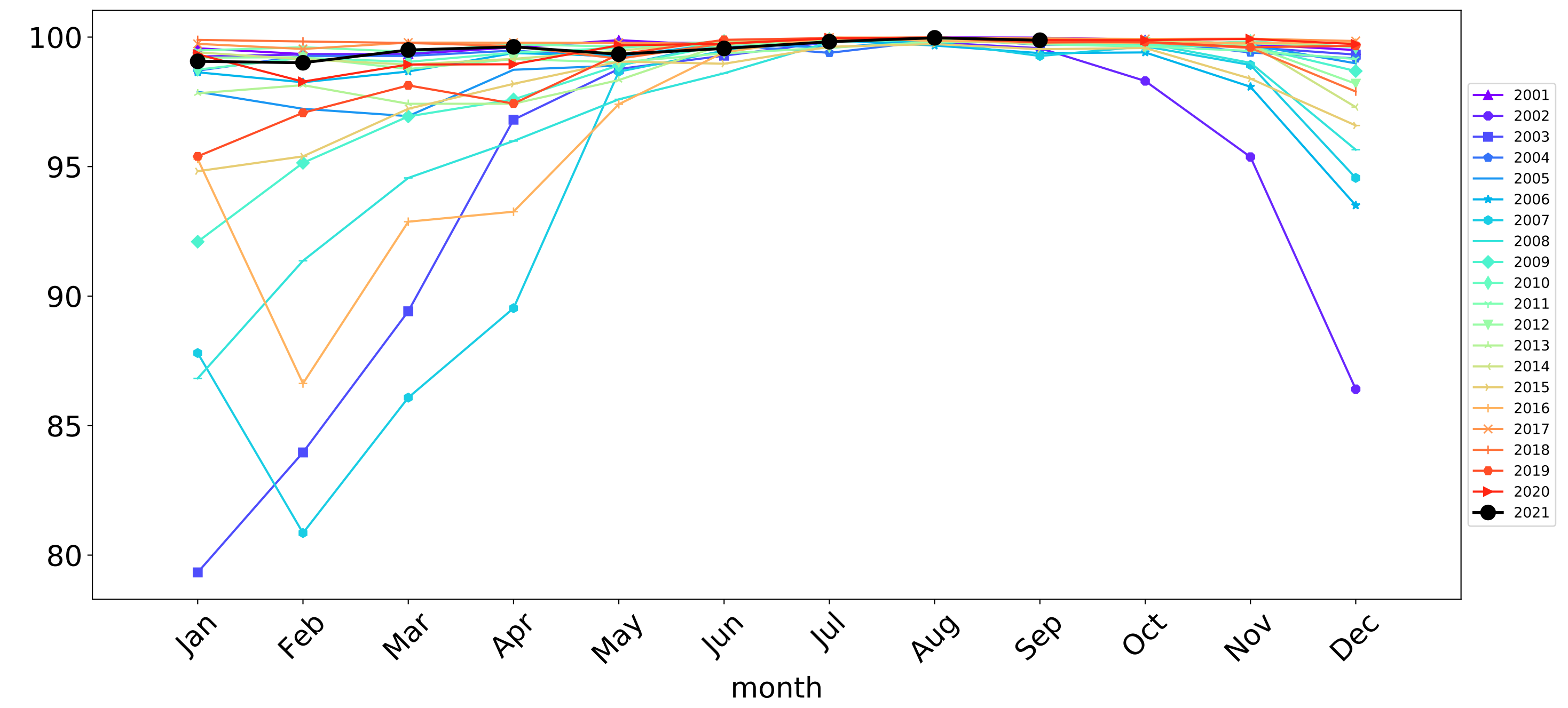


# Agriculture timeseries

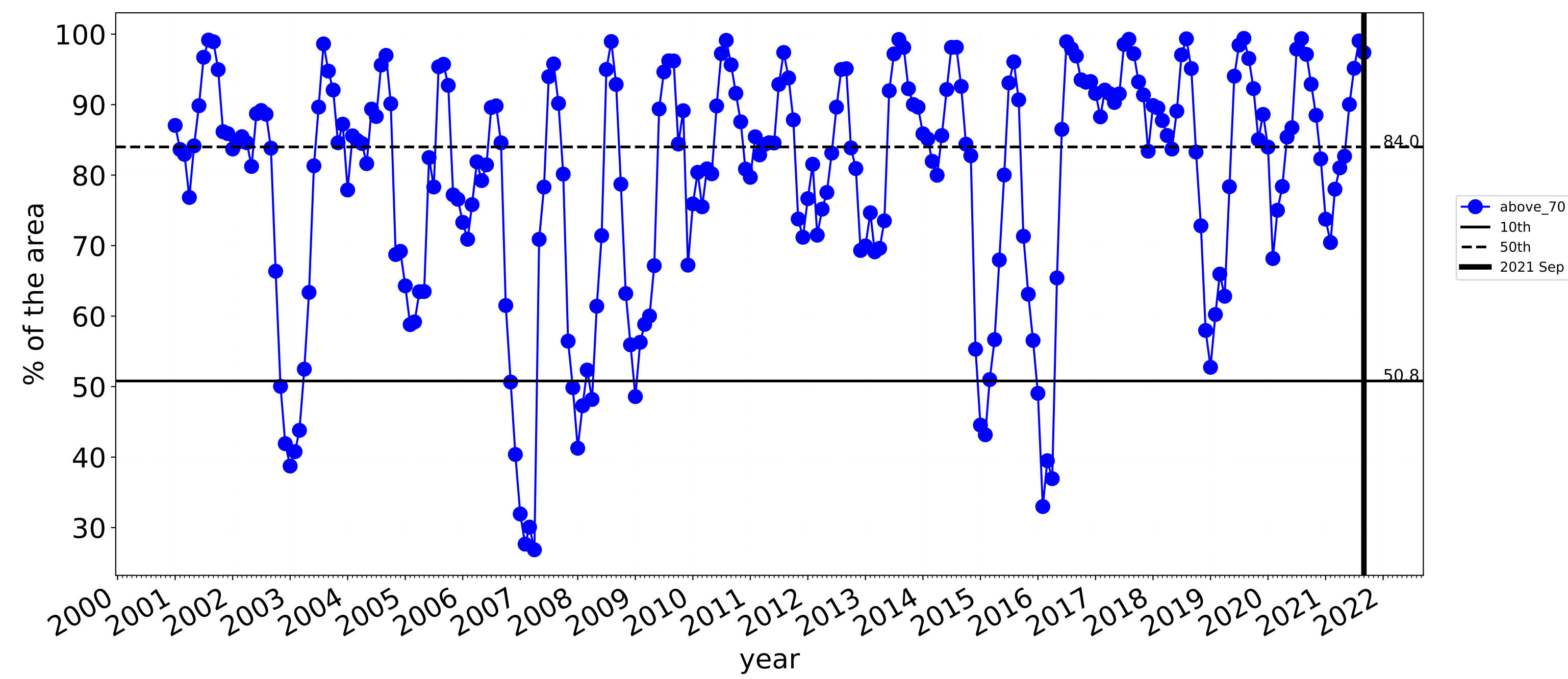
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



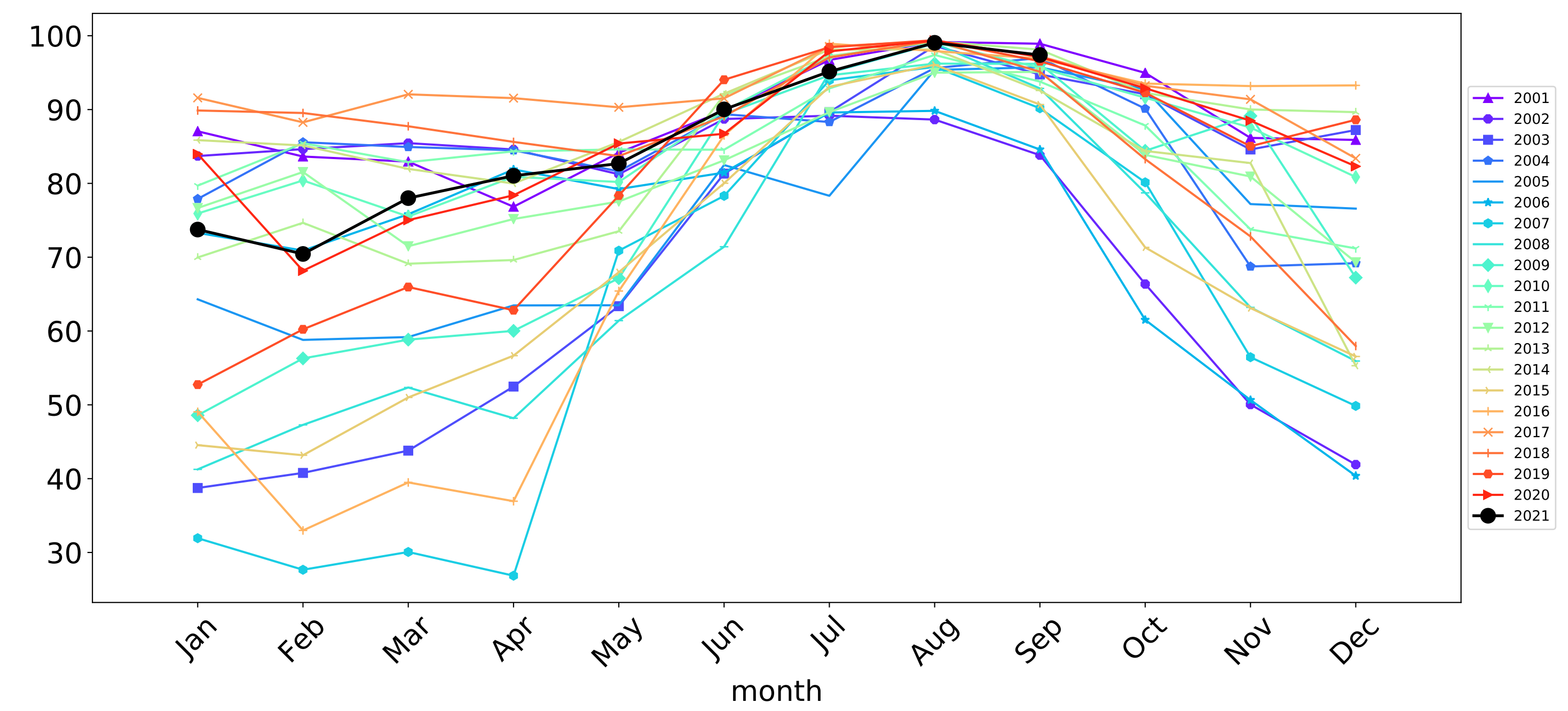
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



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



# Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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

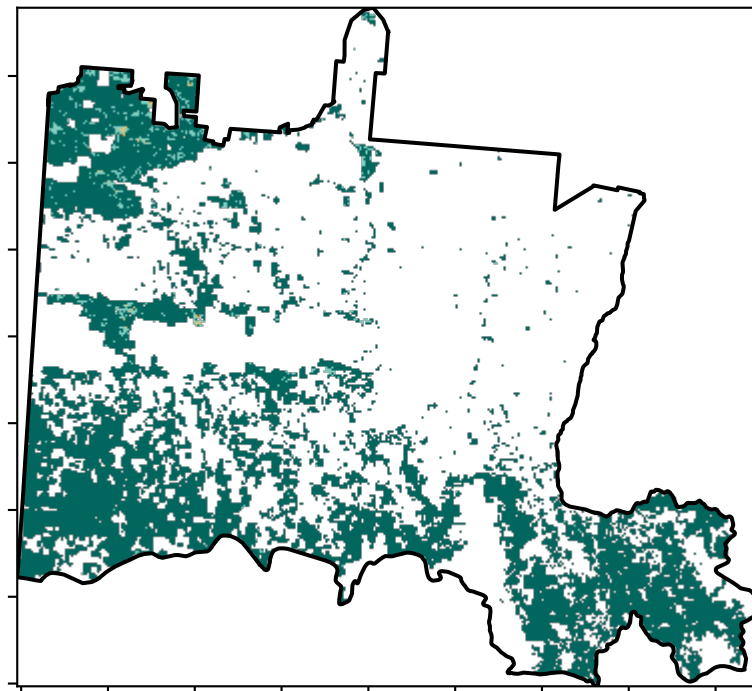


1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest  
2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest  
3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

Proportion of each land class in area

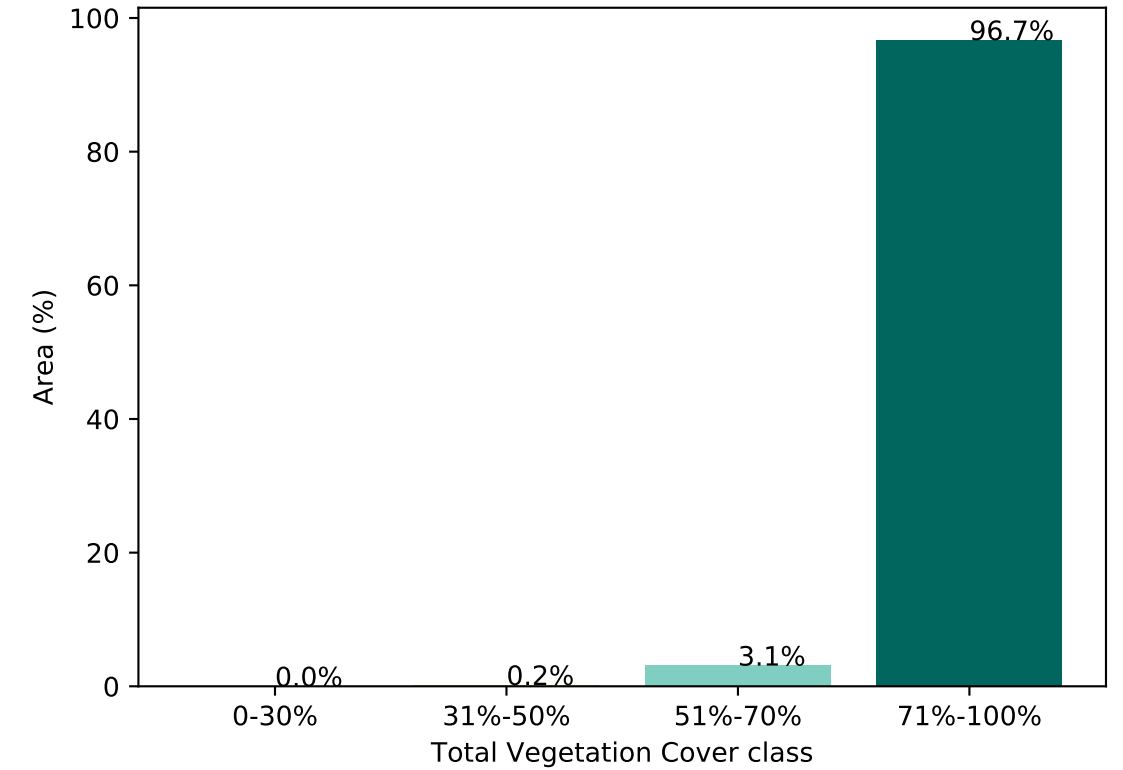


Total Vegetation Cover [%]

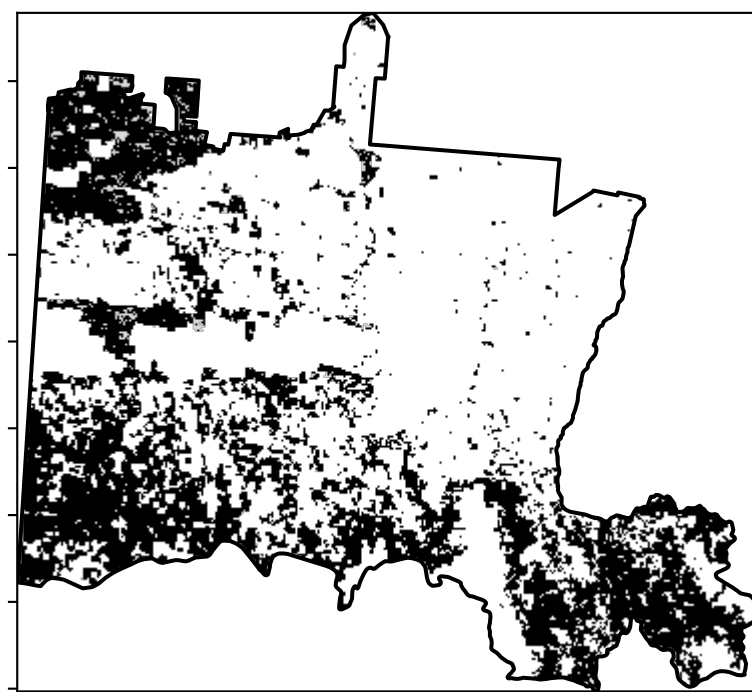


71%-100%  
51%-70%  
31%-50%  
0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

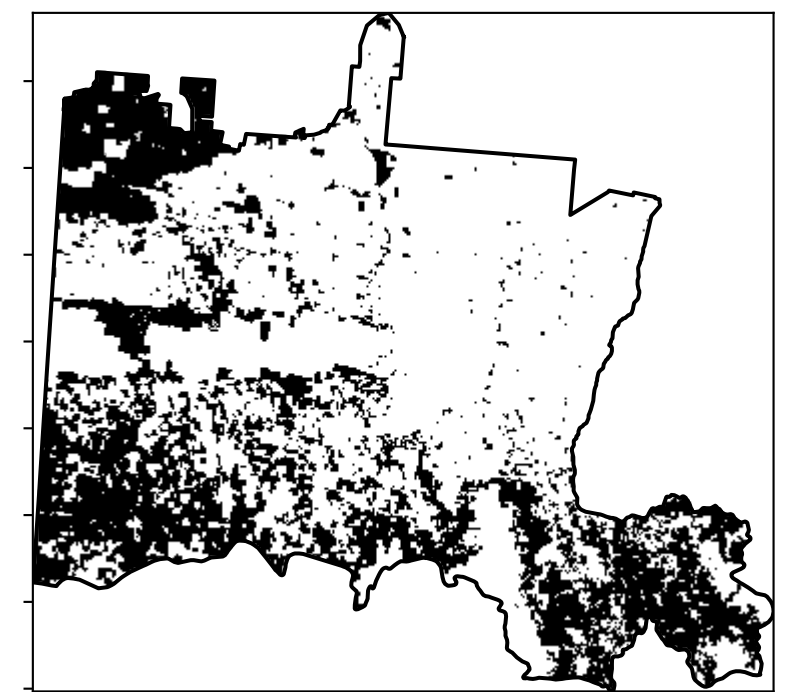


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected  
3.3% of region  
(25,673 ha)  
Area protected  
96.7% of region  
(752,301 ha)

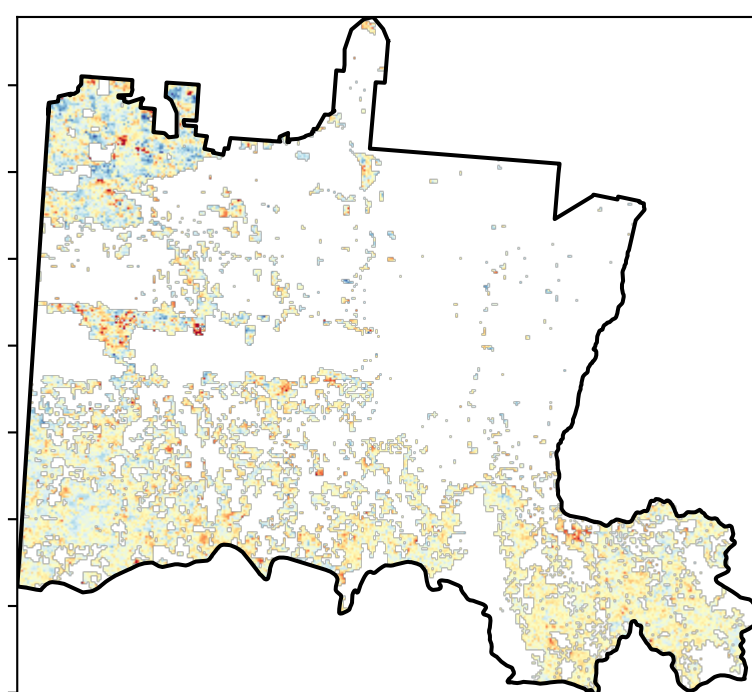
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected  
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(0 ha)  
Area protected  
100.0% of region  
(777,975 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

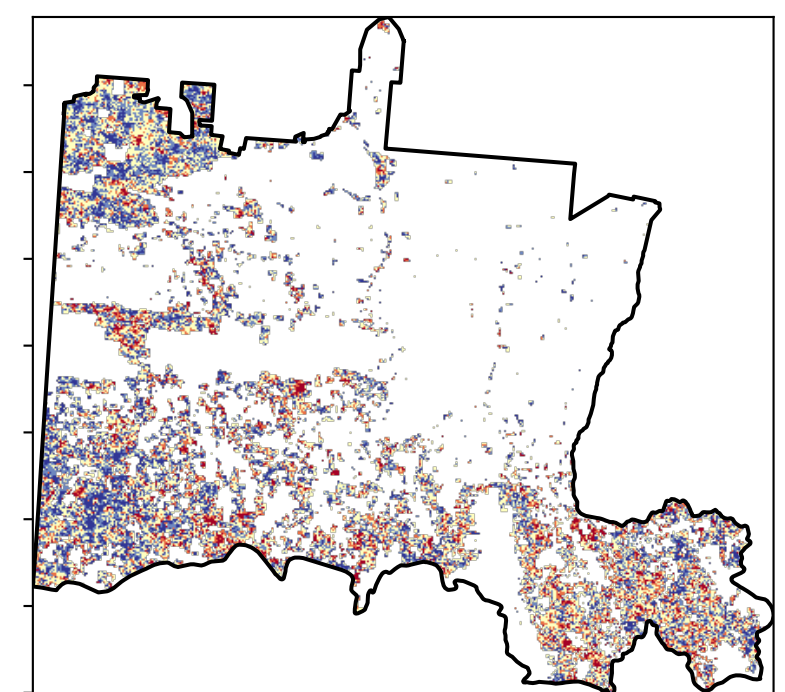
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20  
10  
0  
-10  
-20

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



10  
8-9  
4-7  
2-3  
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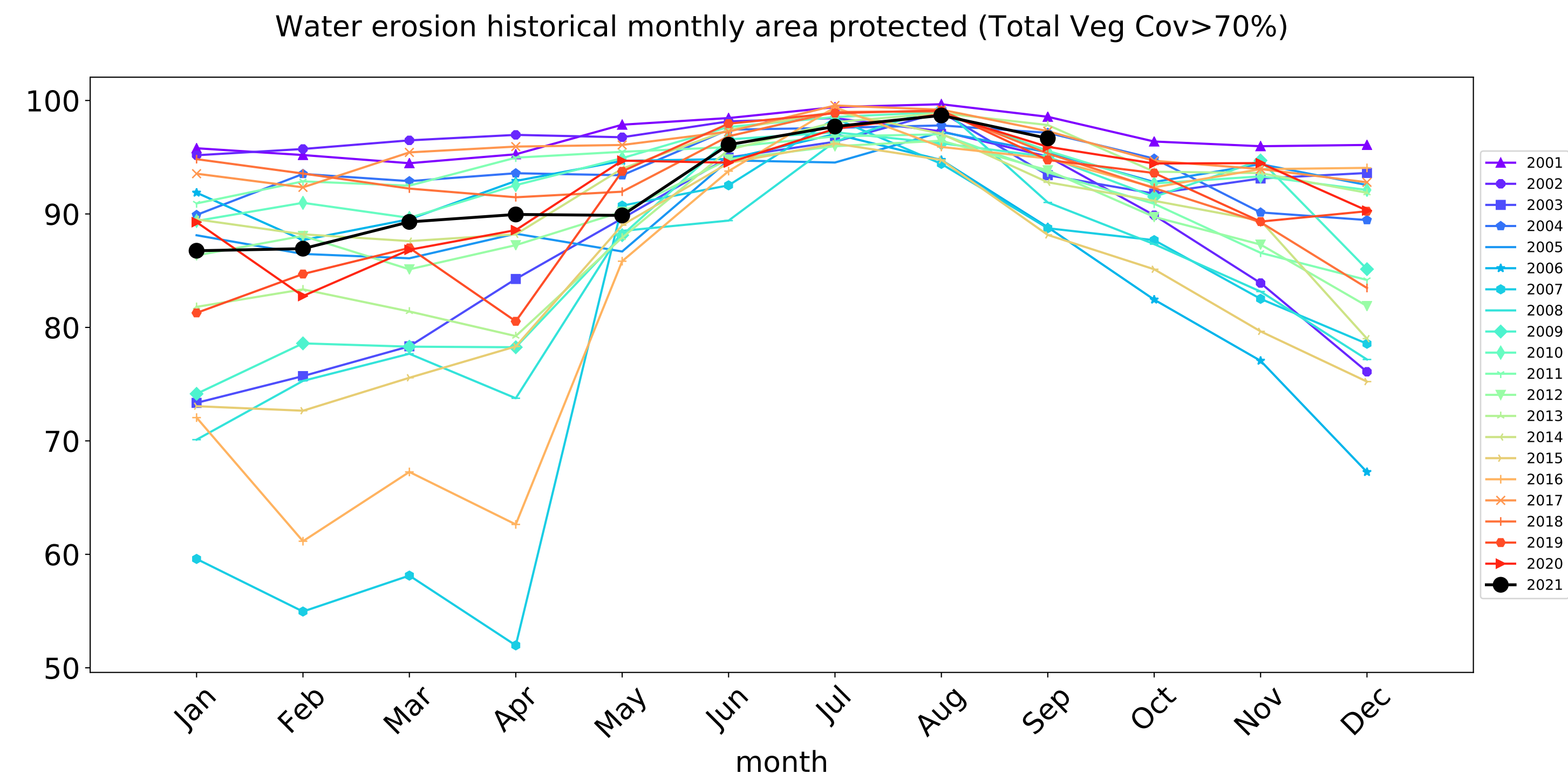
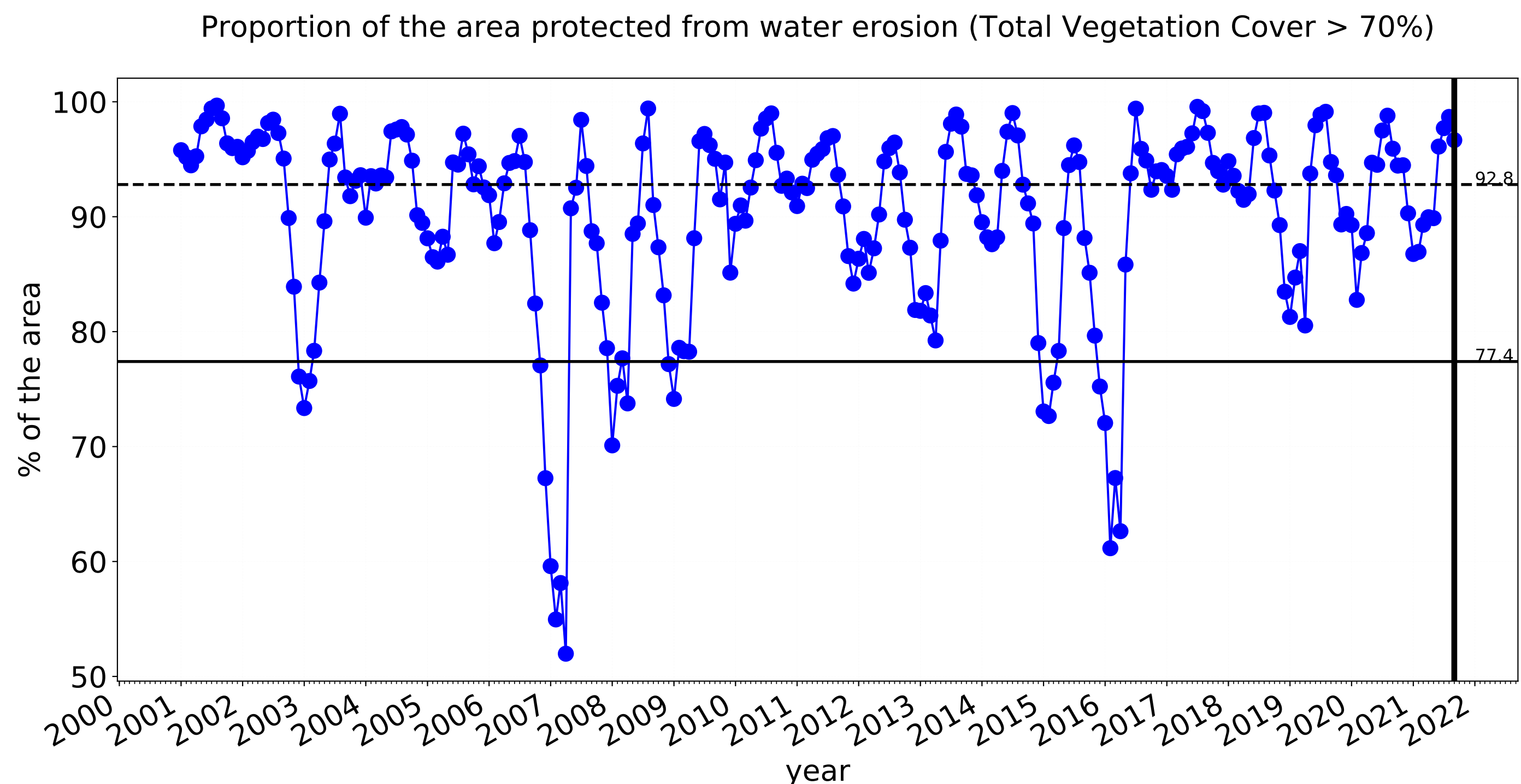
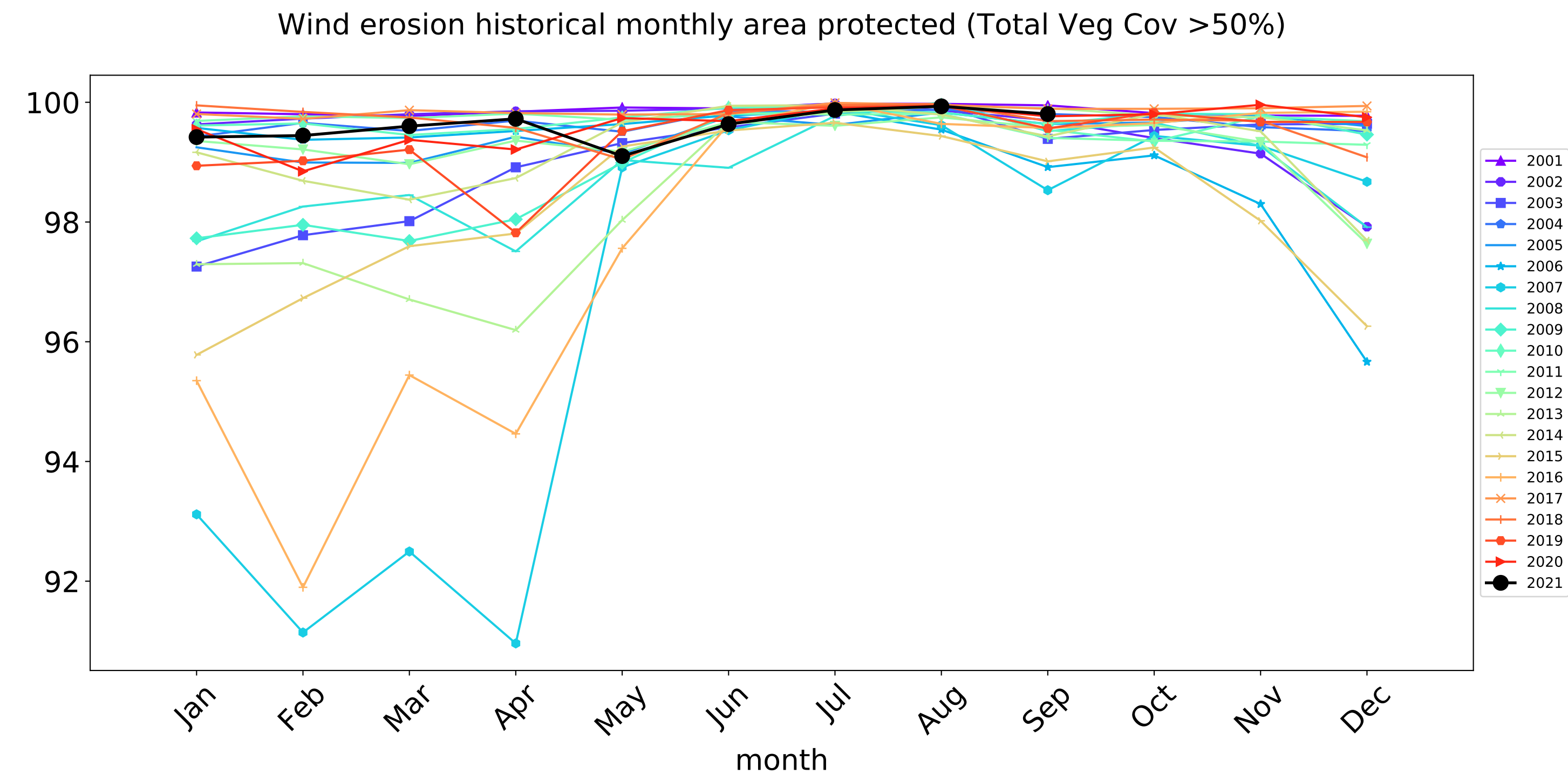
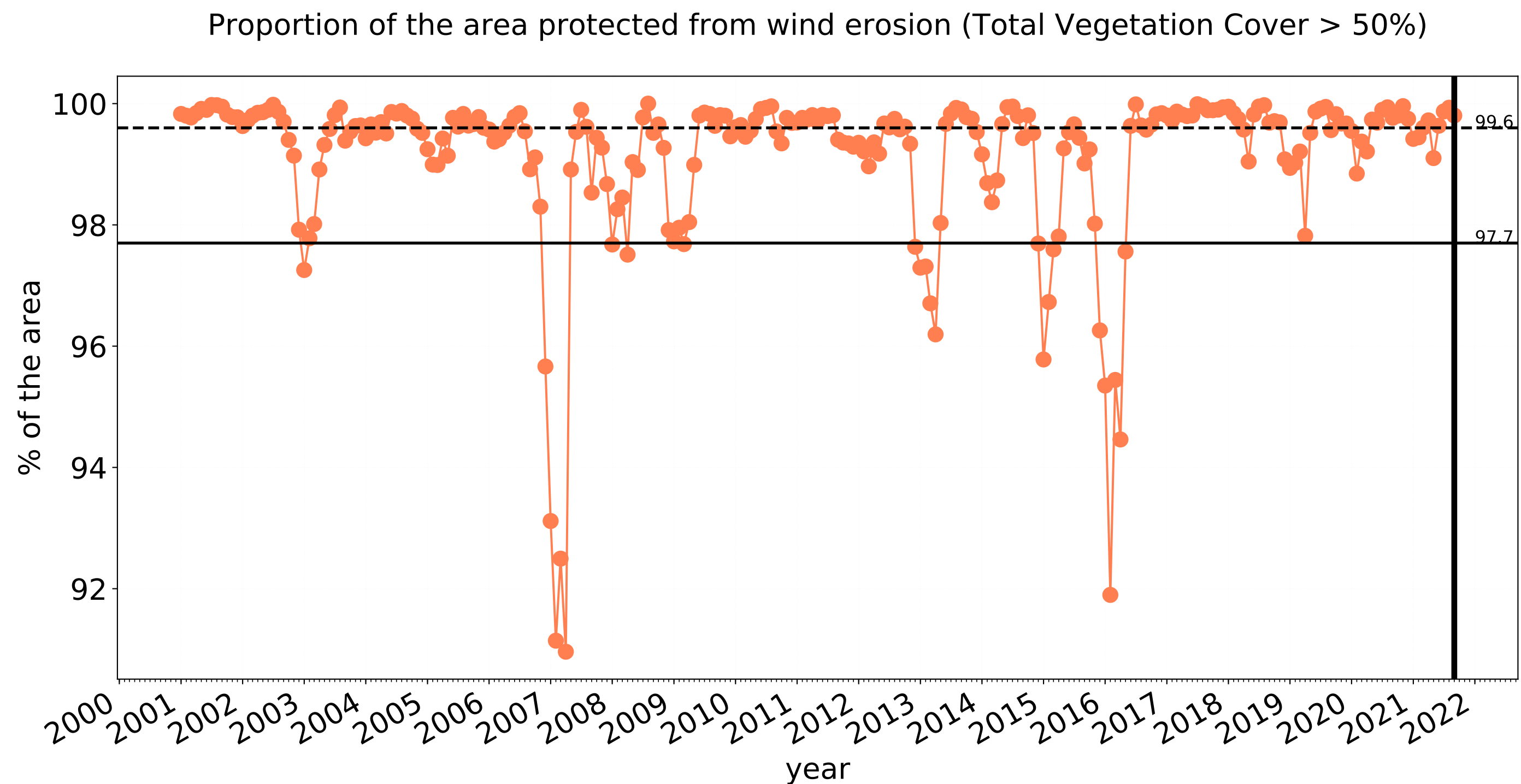


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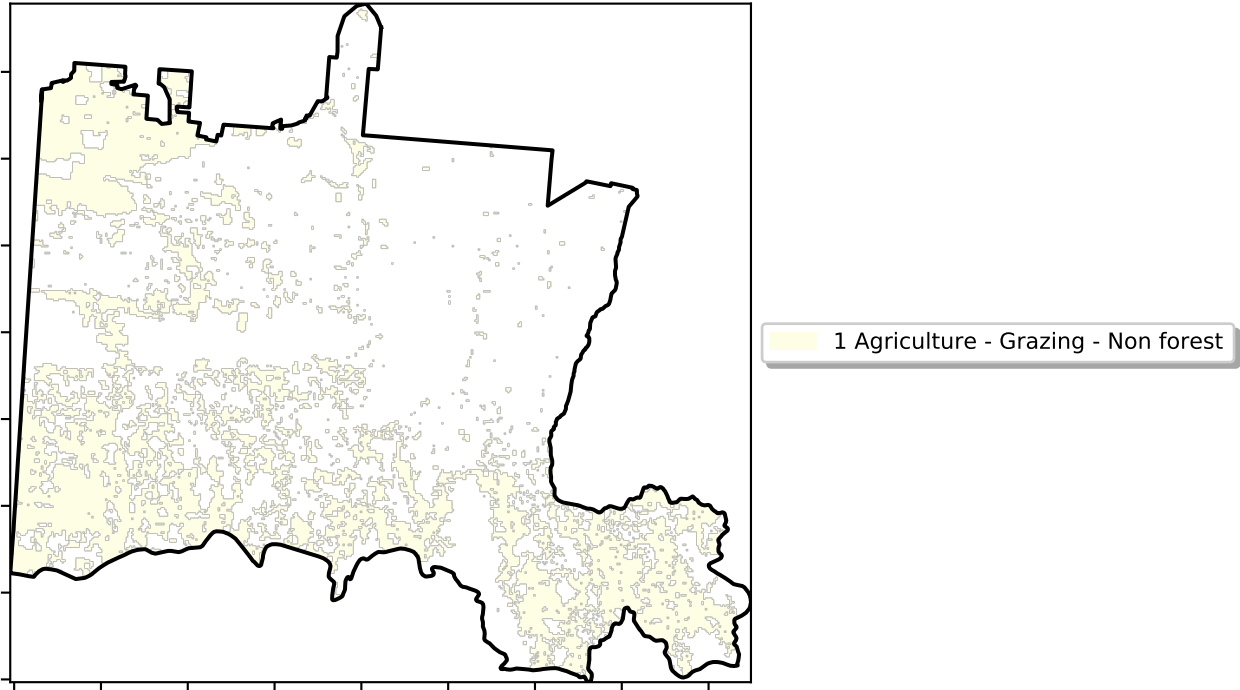
Grazing timeseries



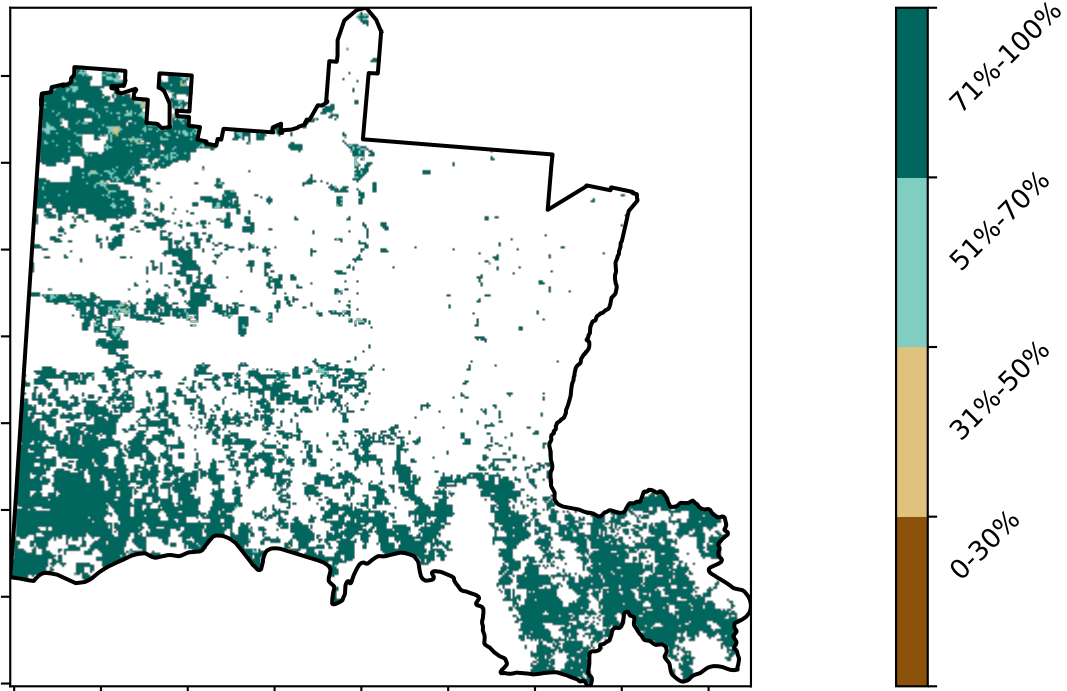
Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover

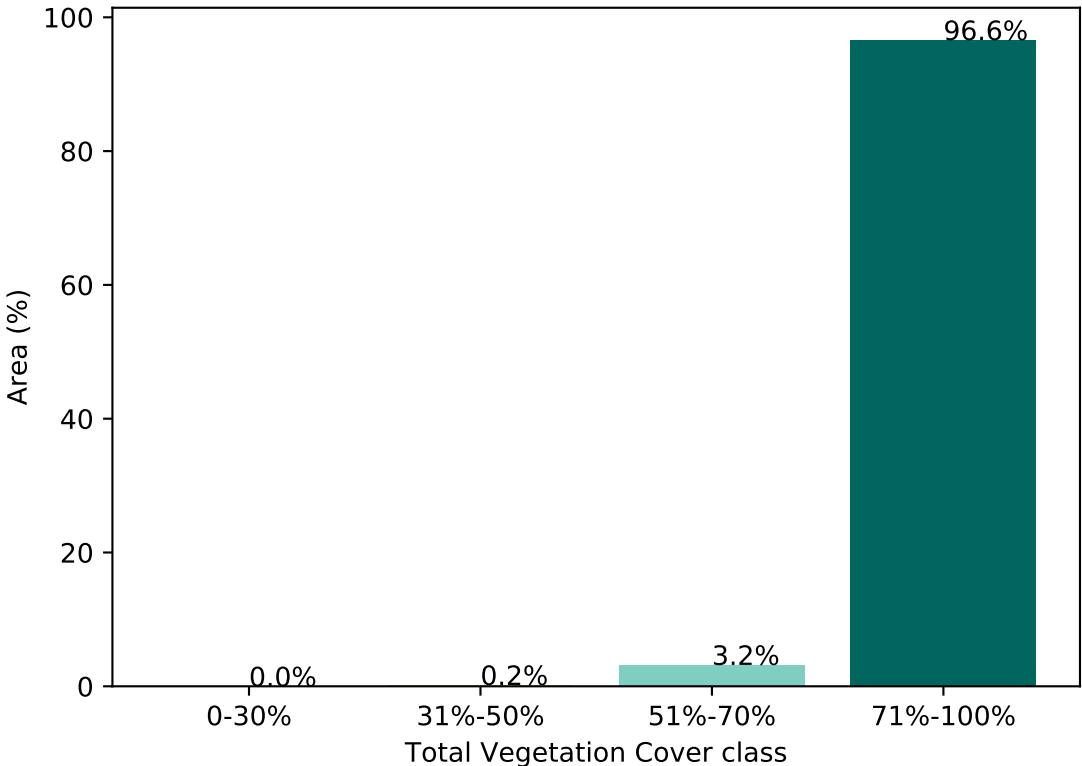
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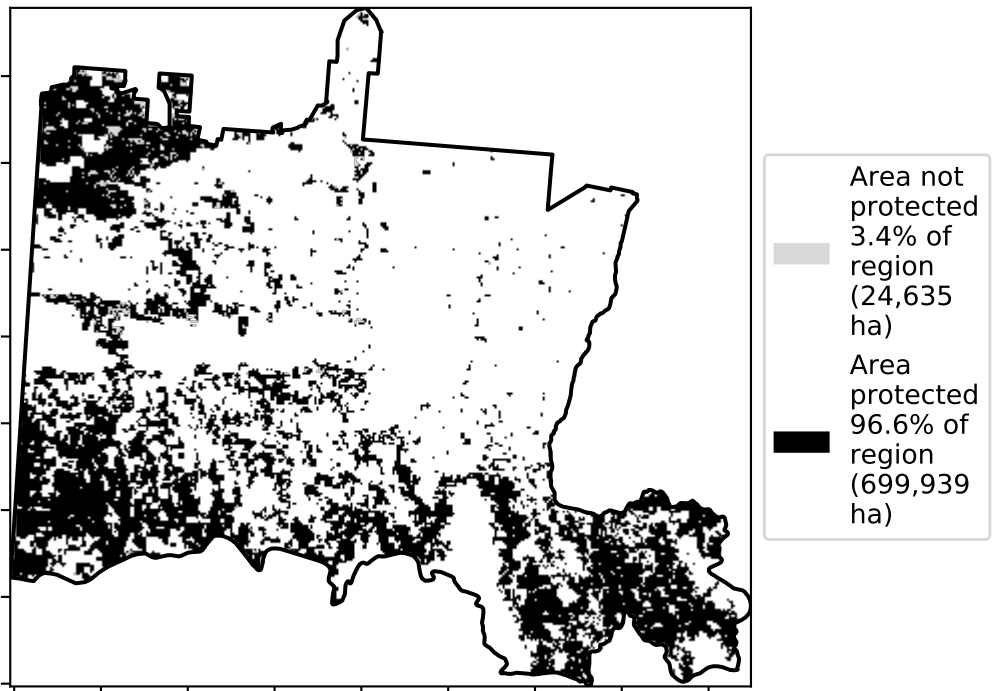
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



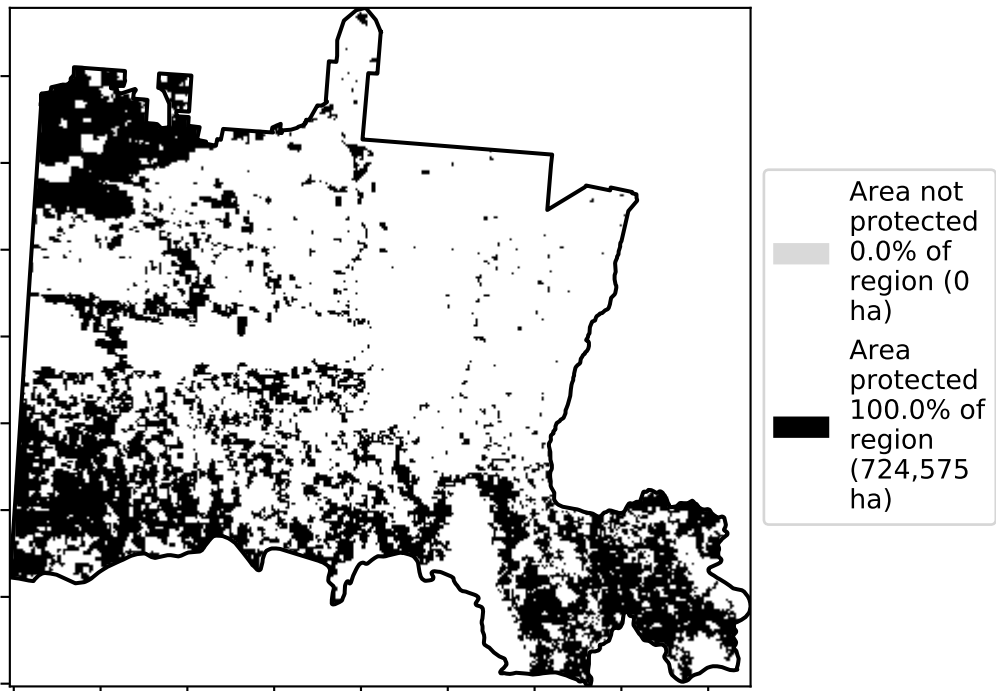
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

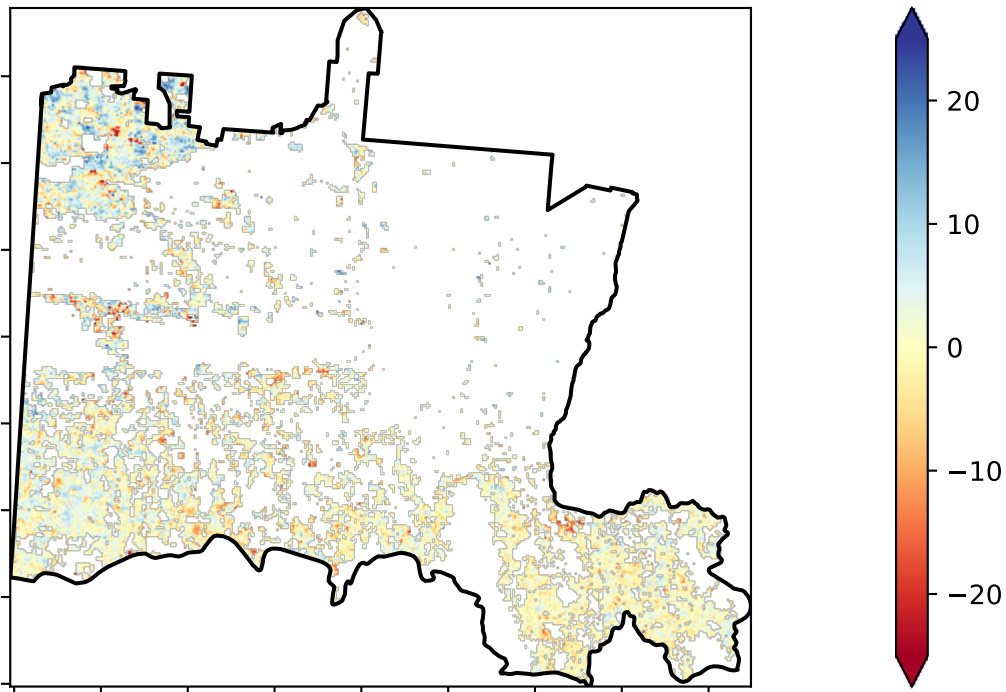


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



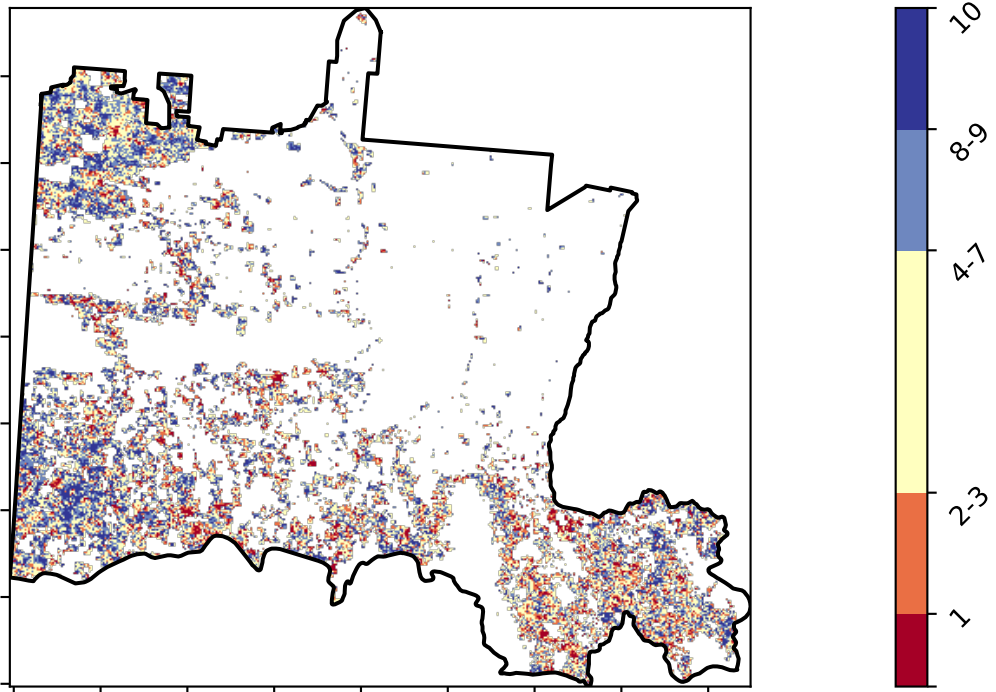
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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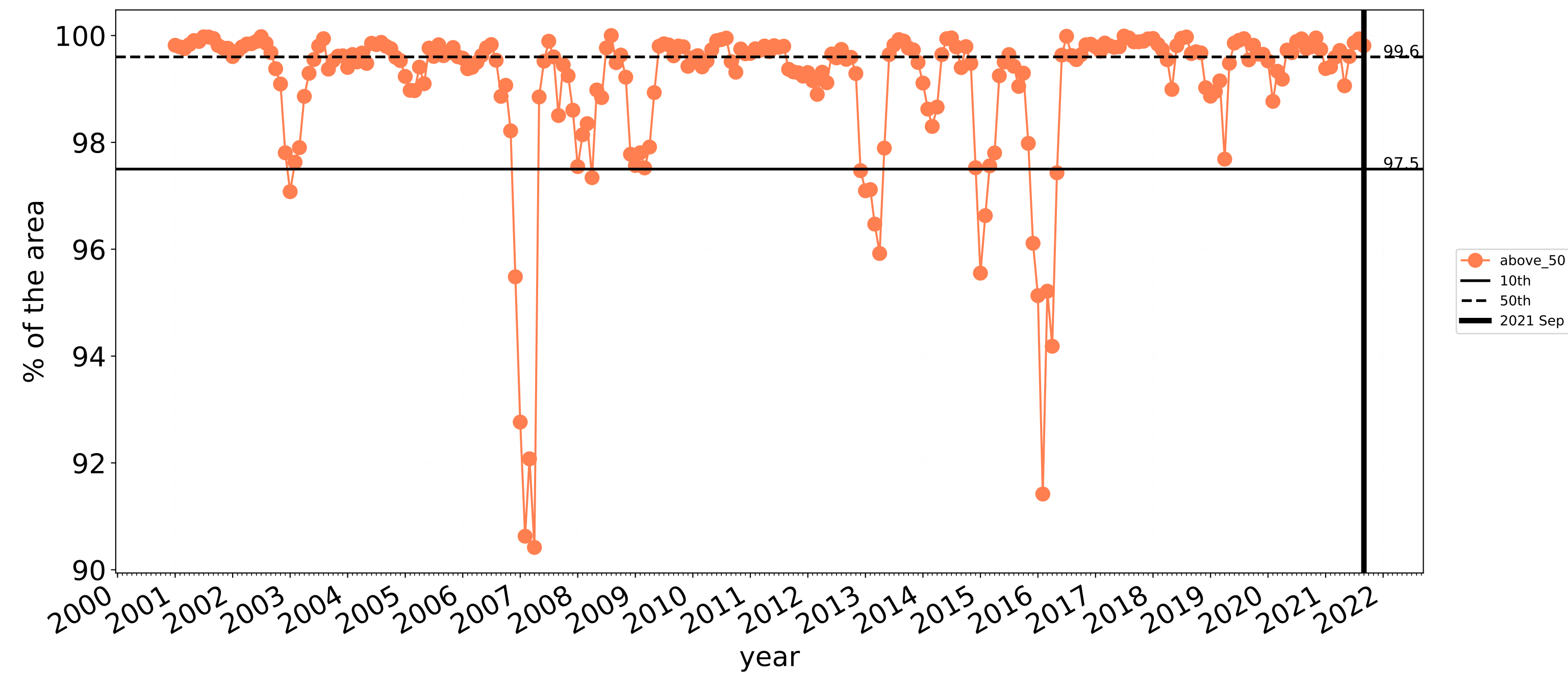
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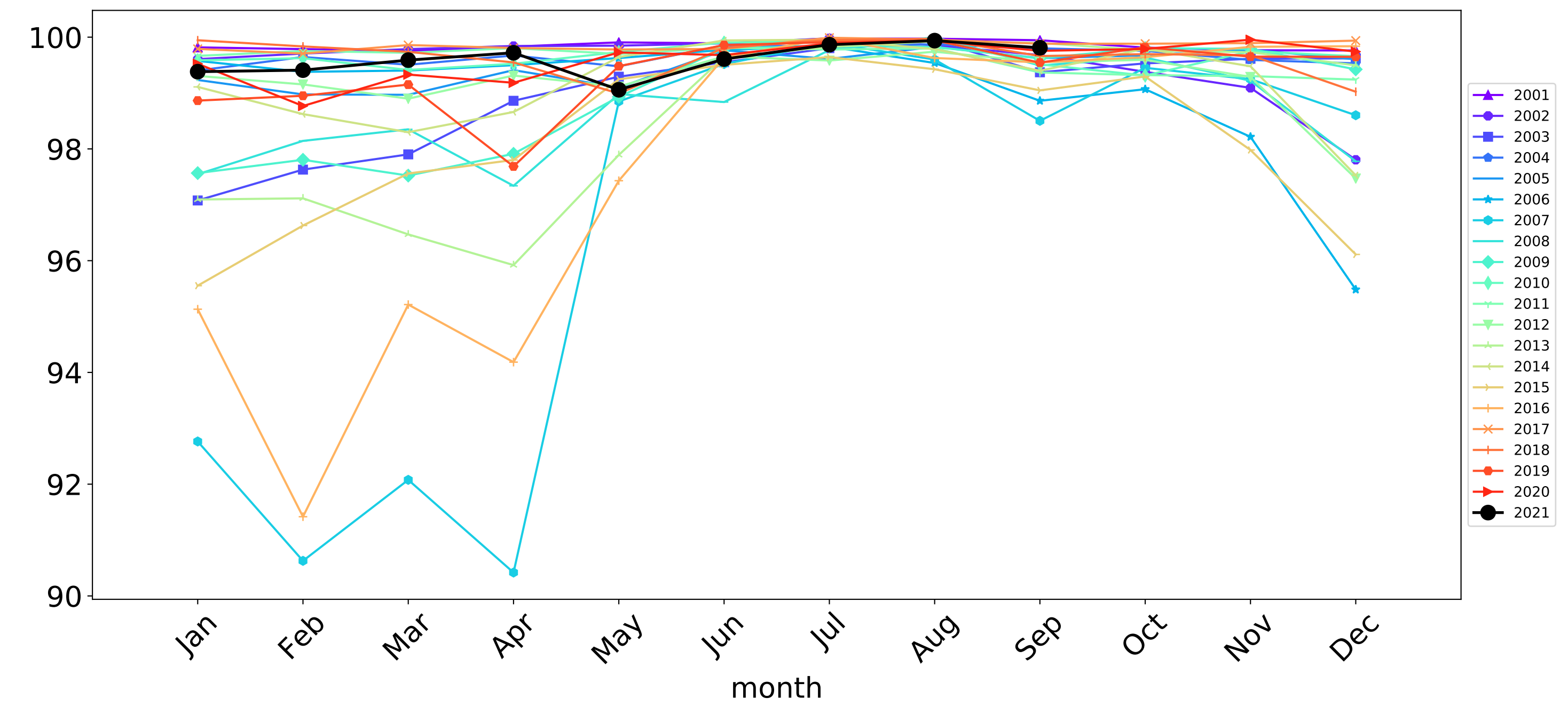


# Grazing non forest timeseries

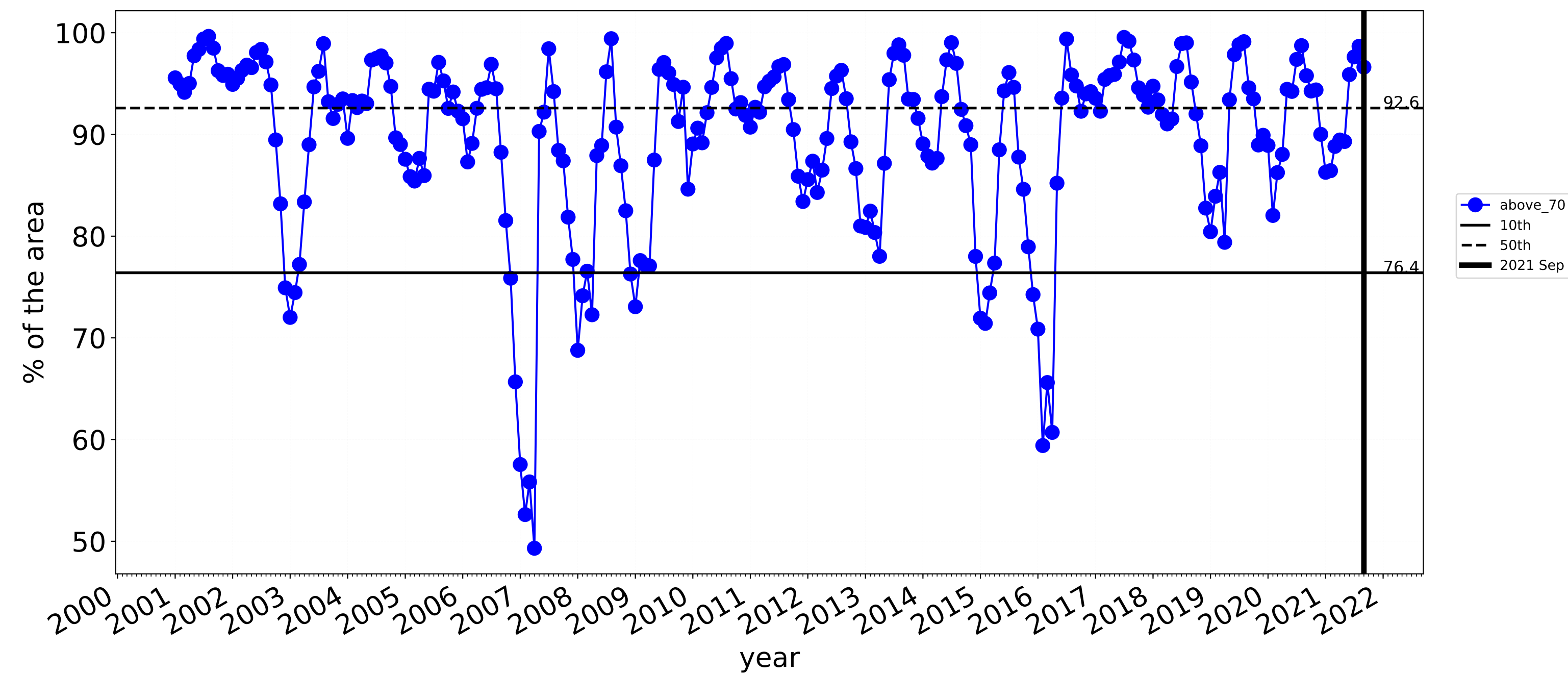
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



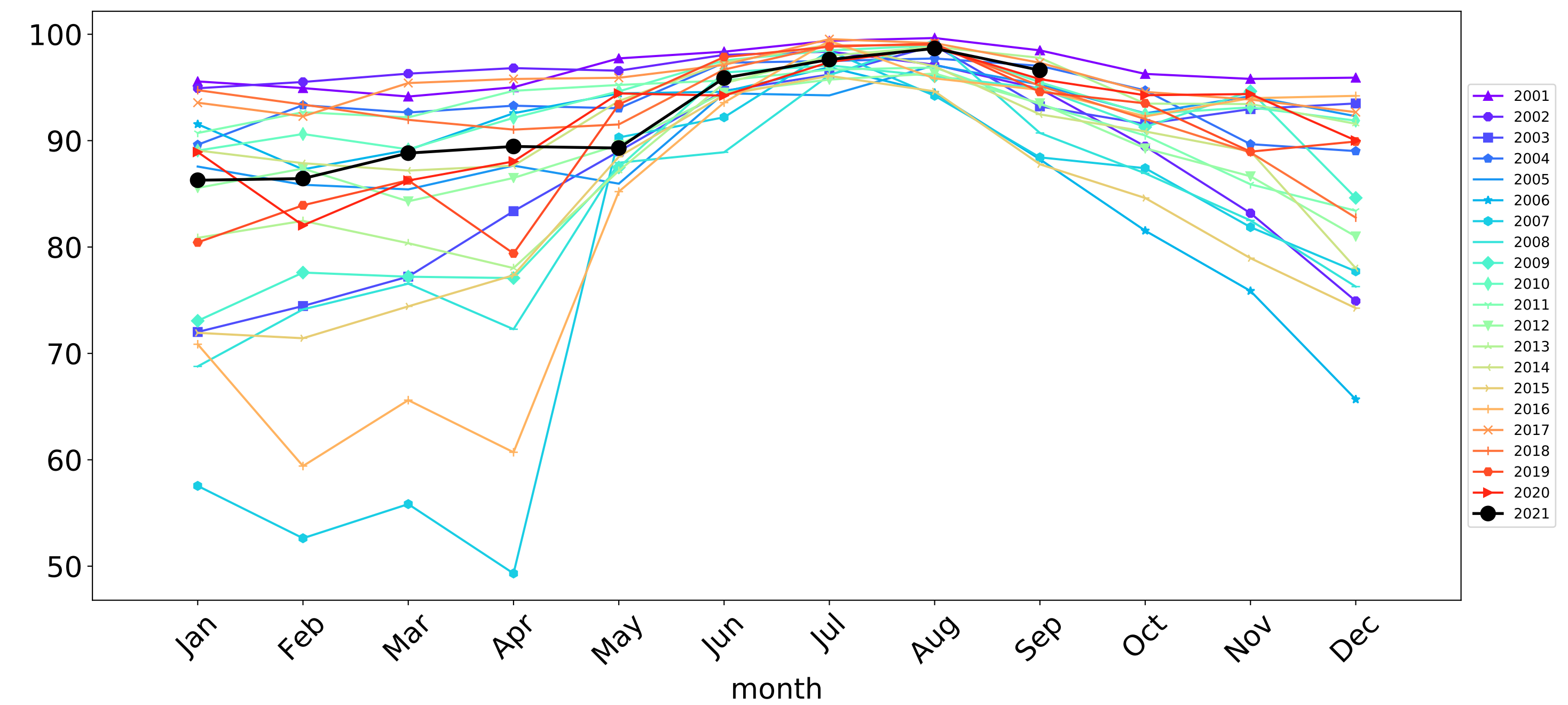
Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)



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



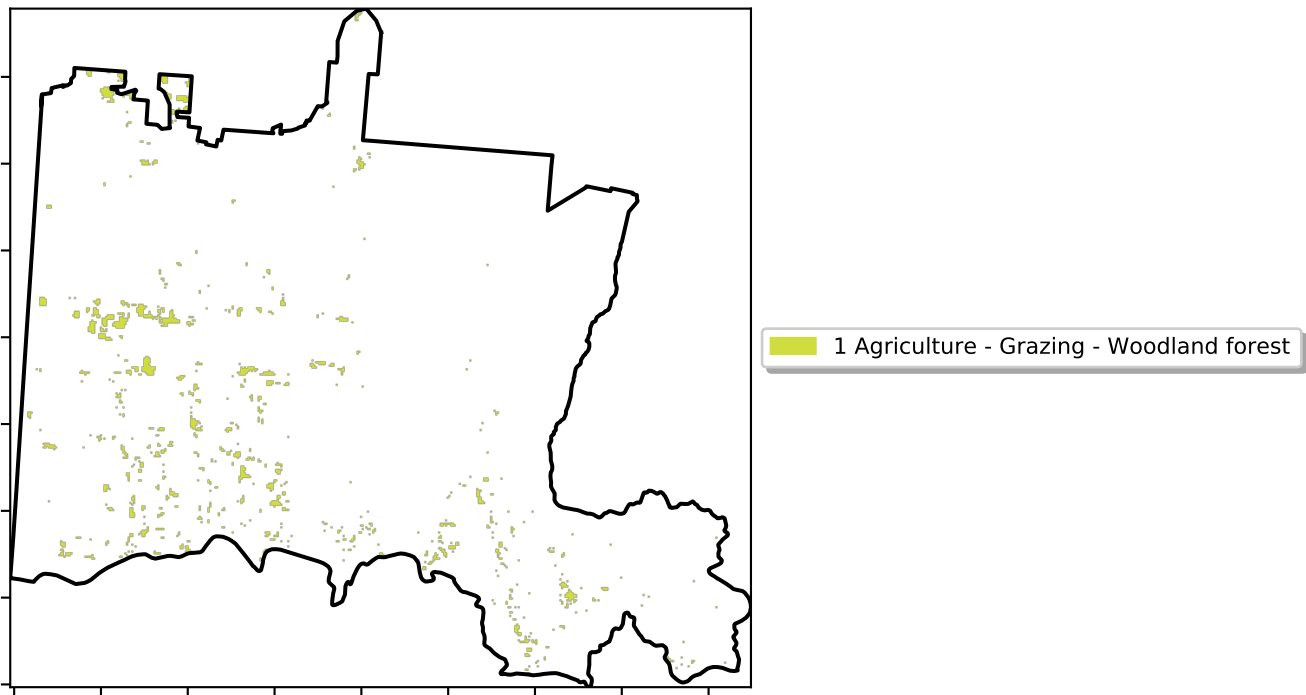
Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



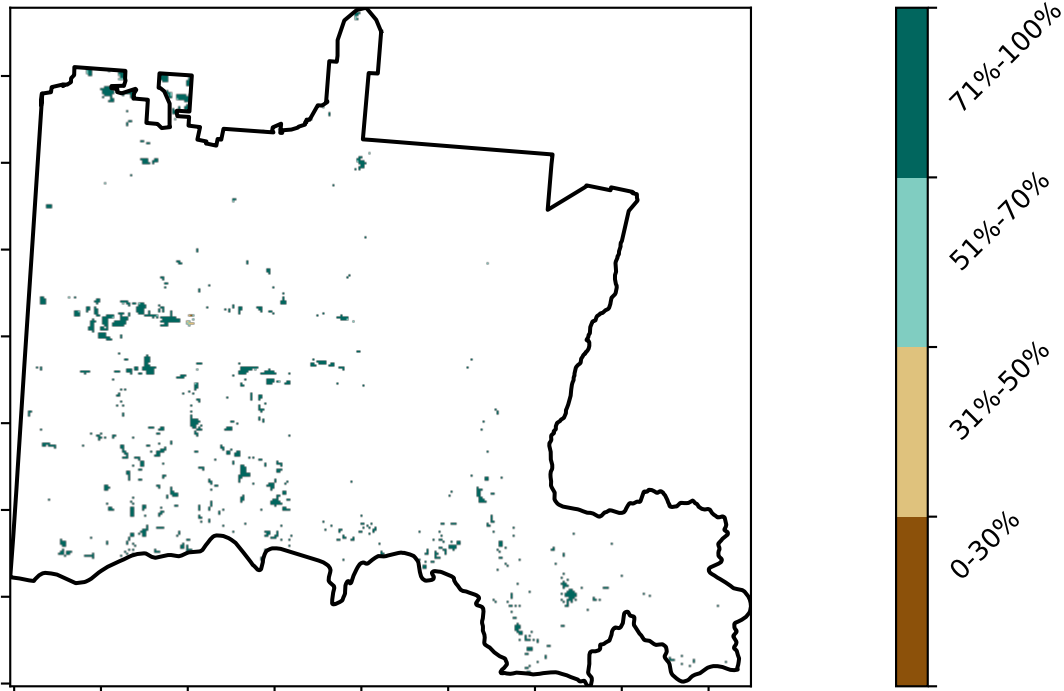
Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

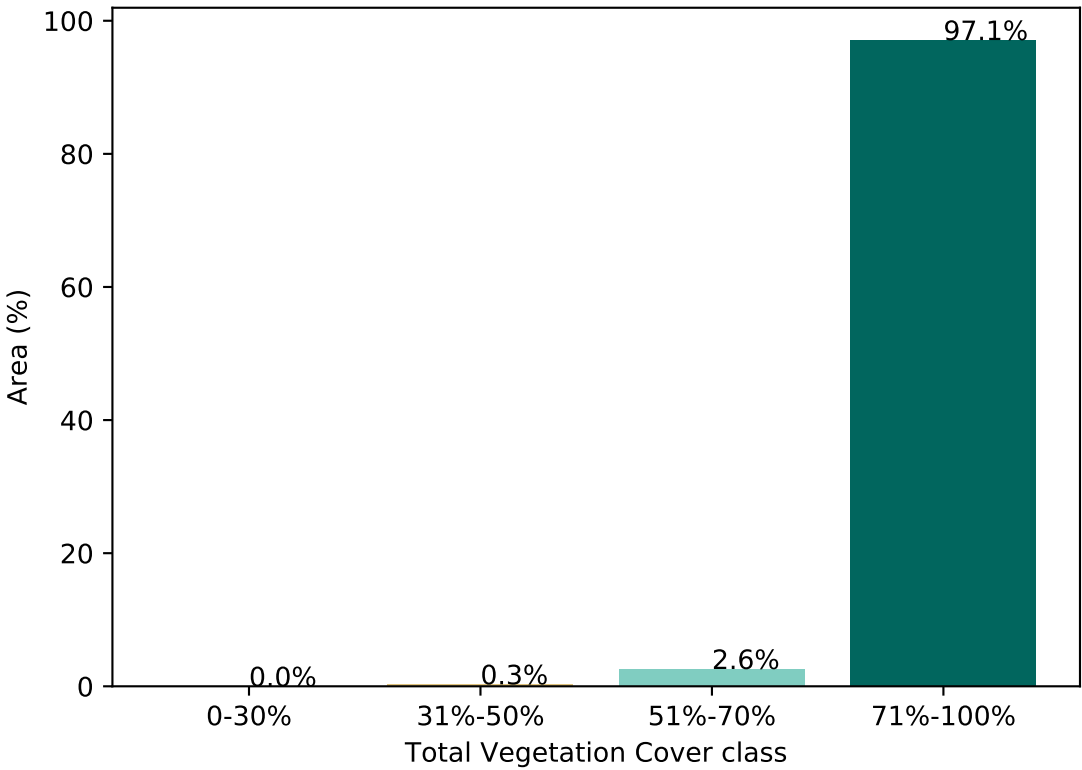
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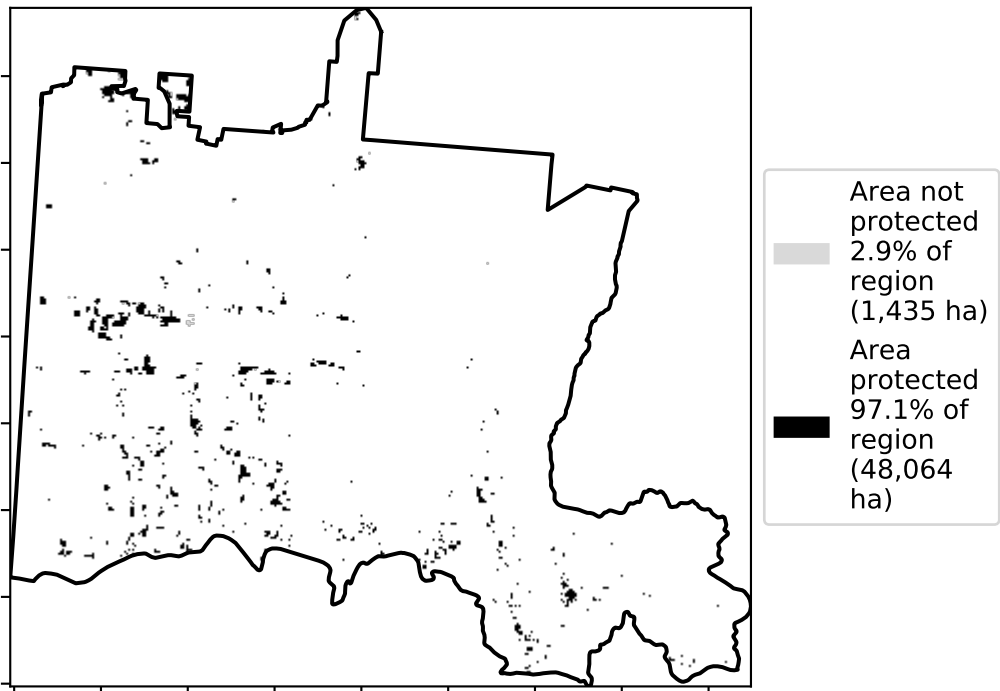
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



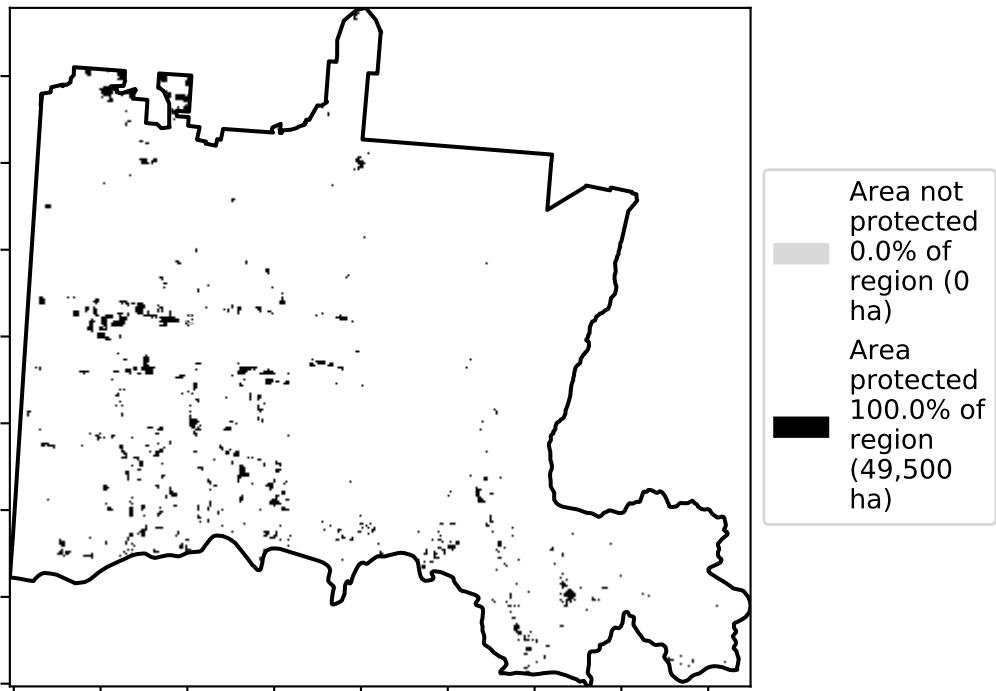
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

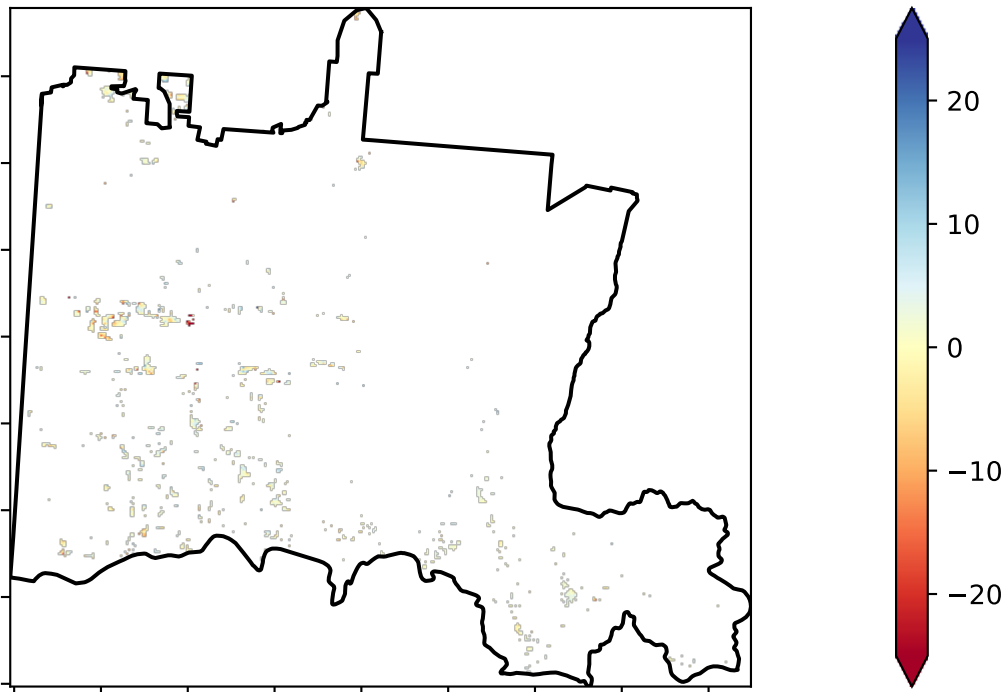


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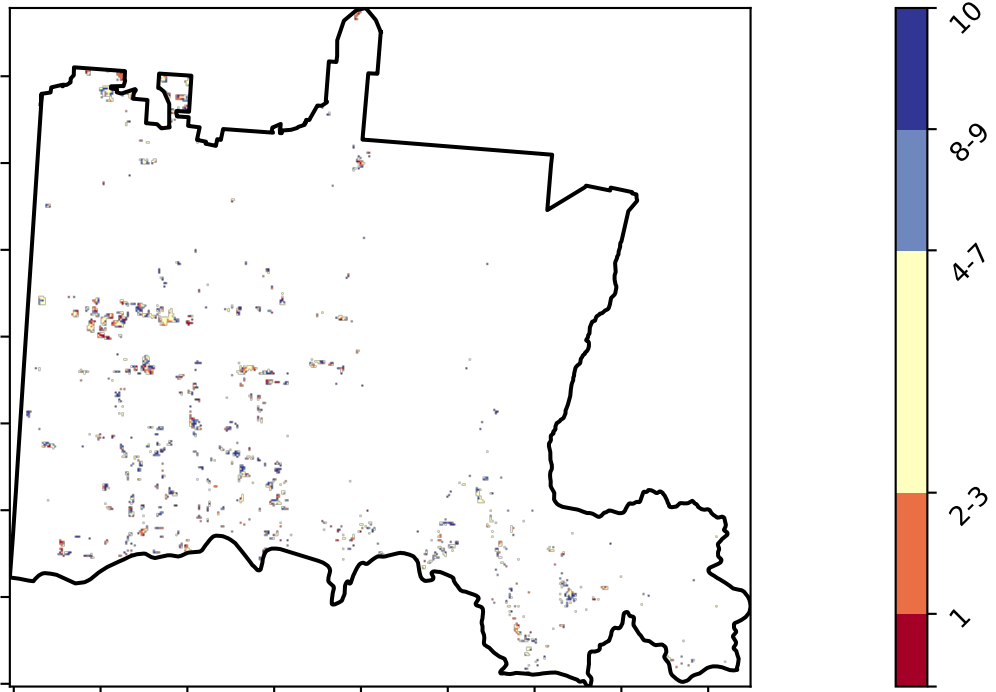
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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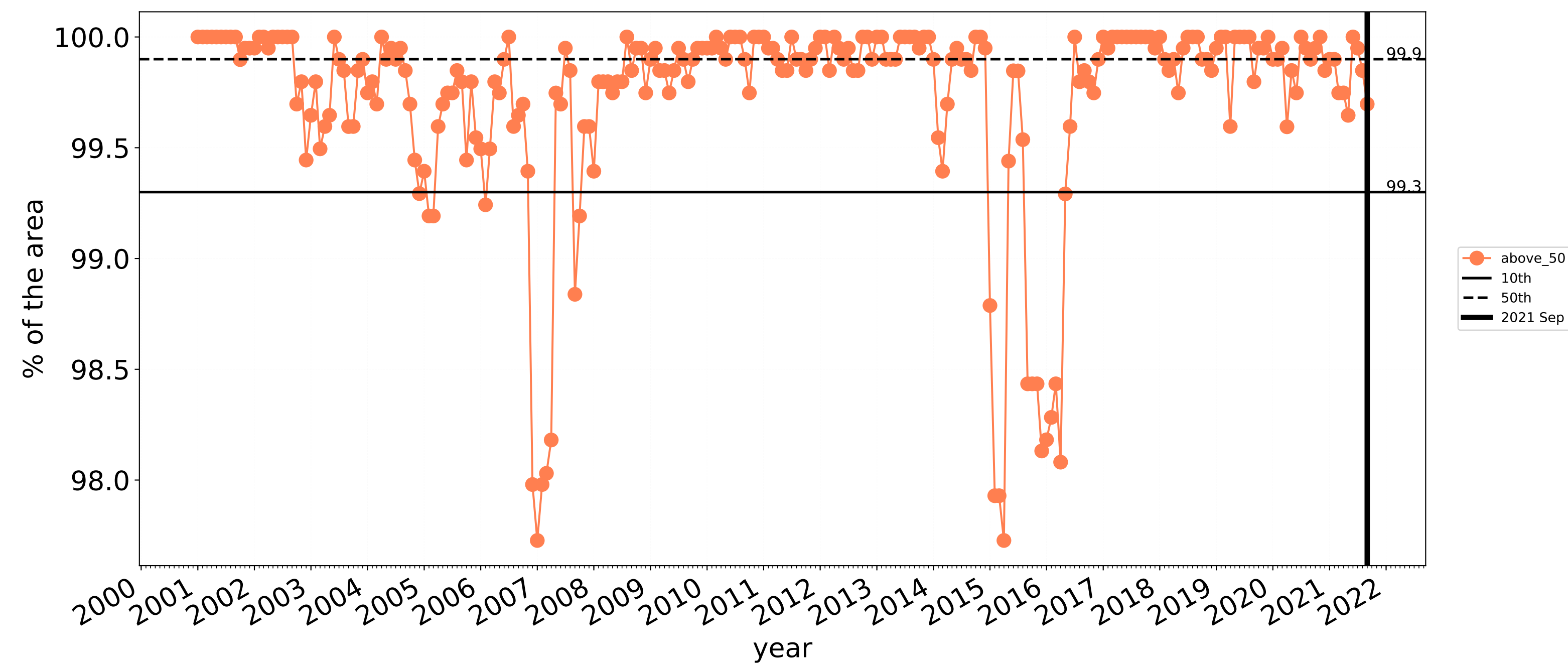
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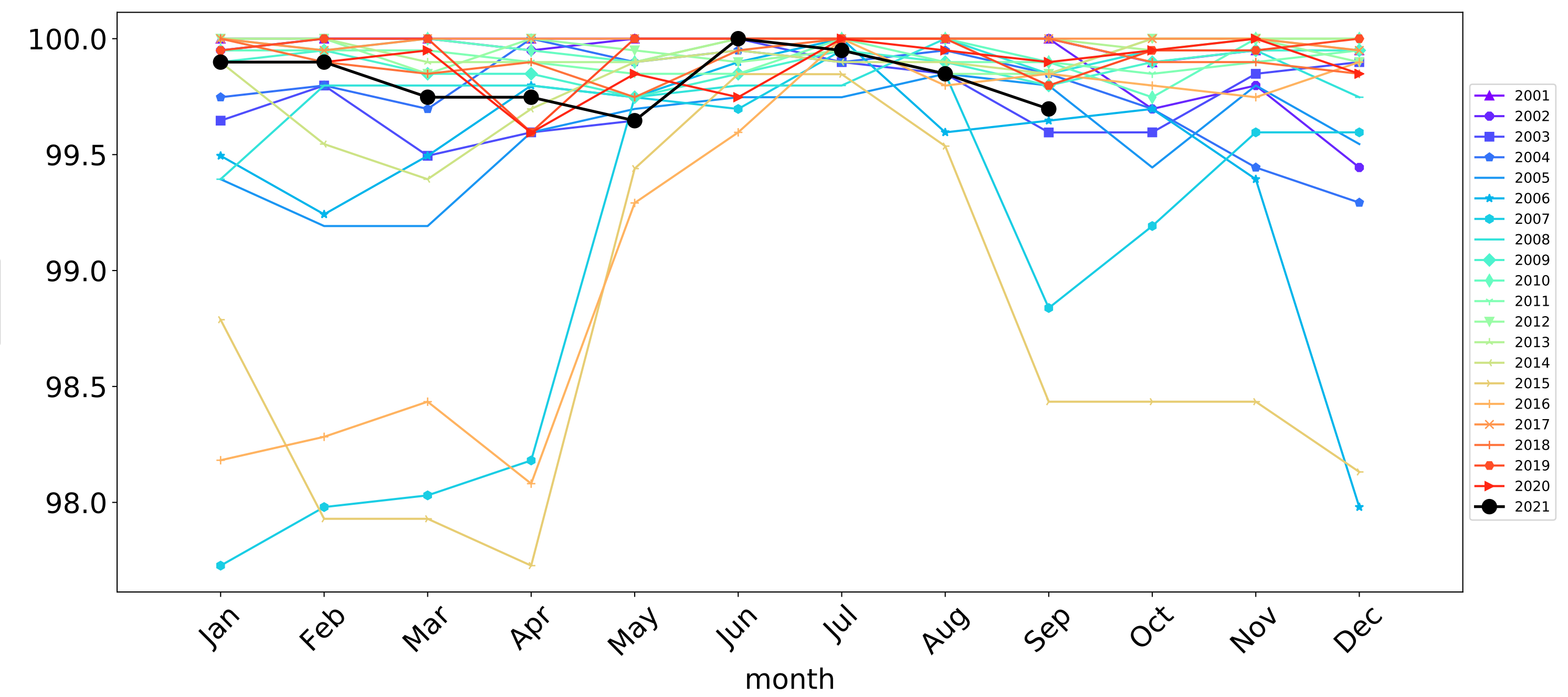


# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

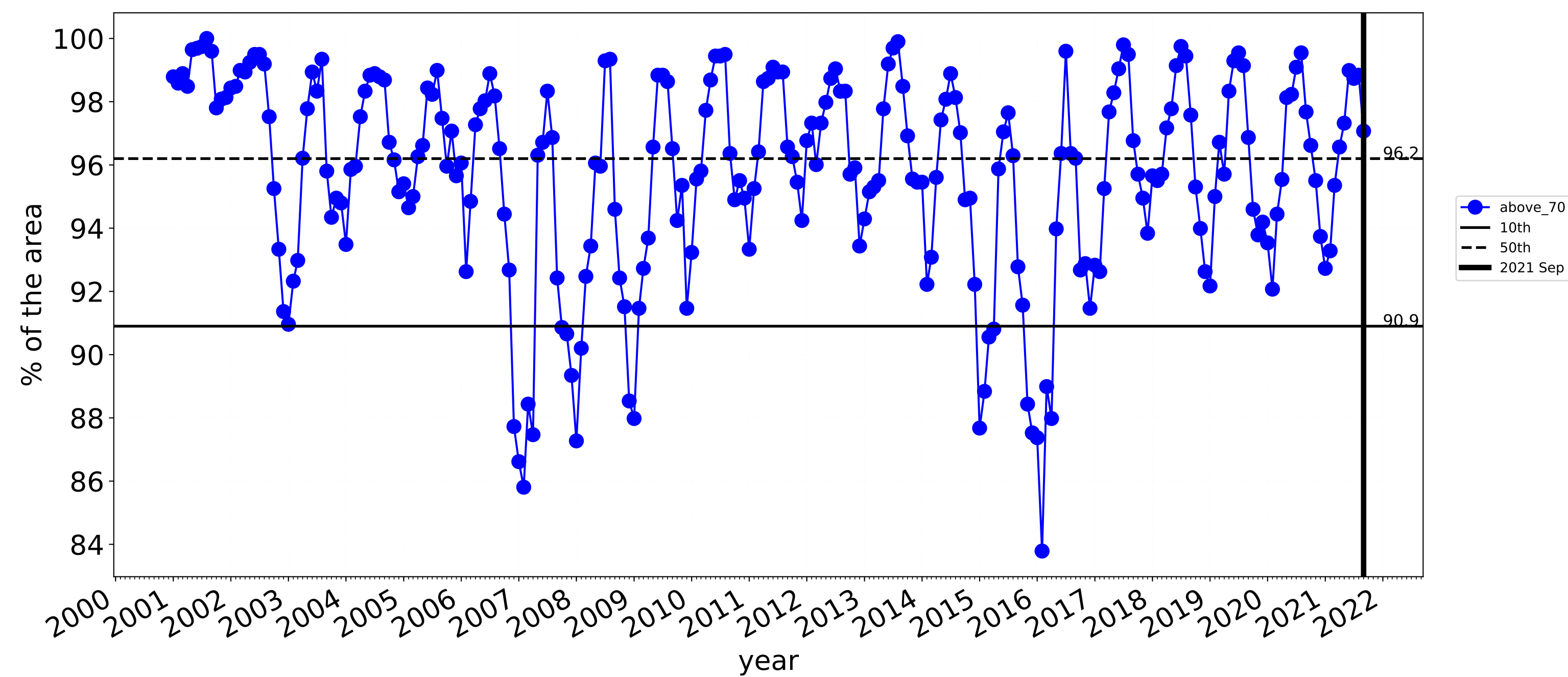
Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)



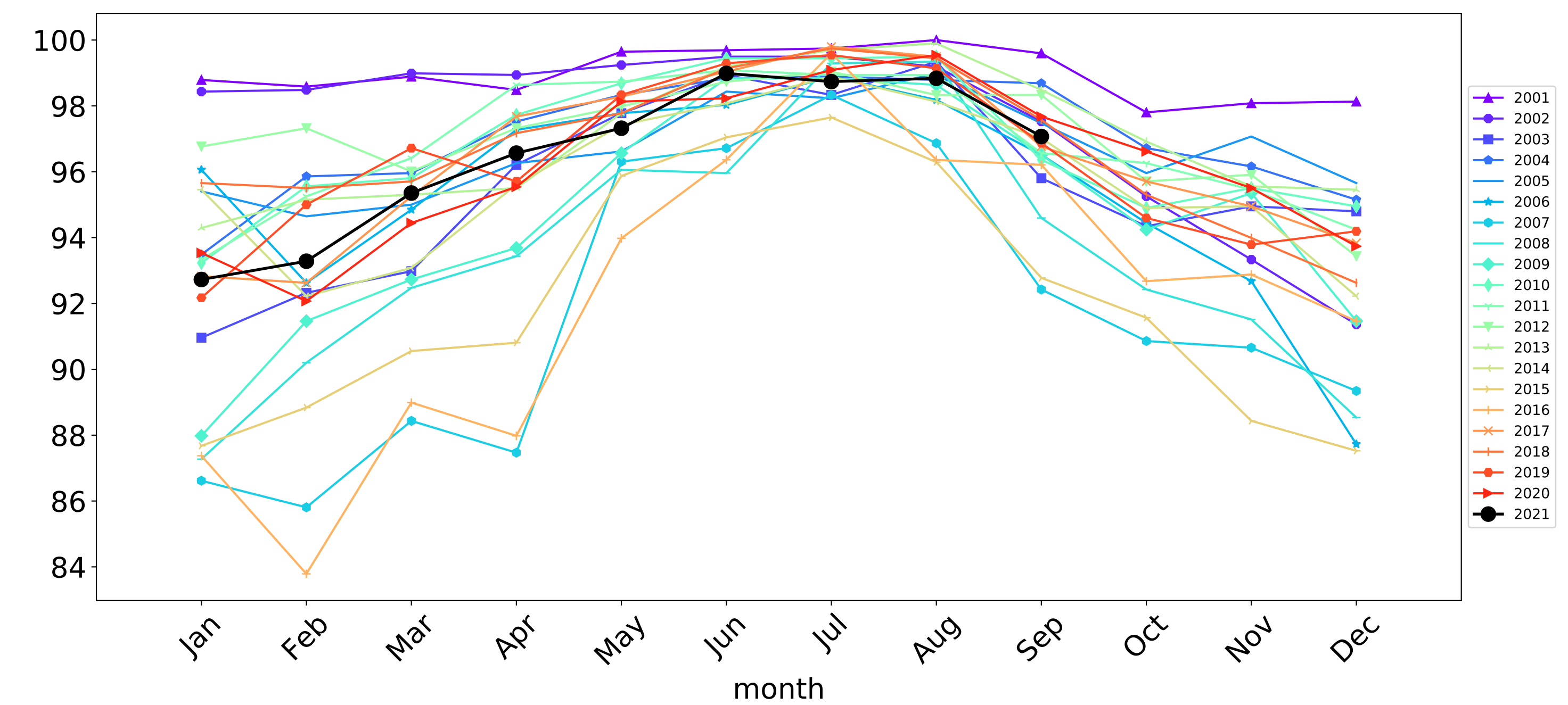
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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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





Cropping

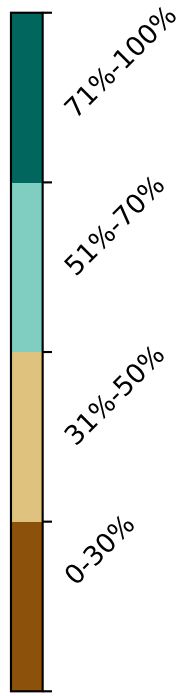
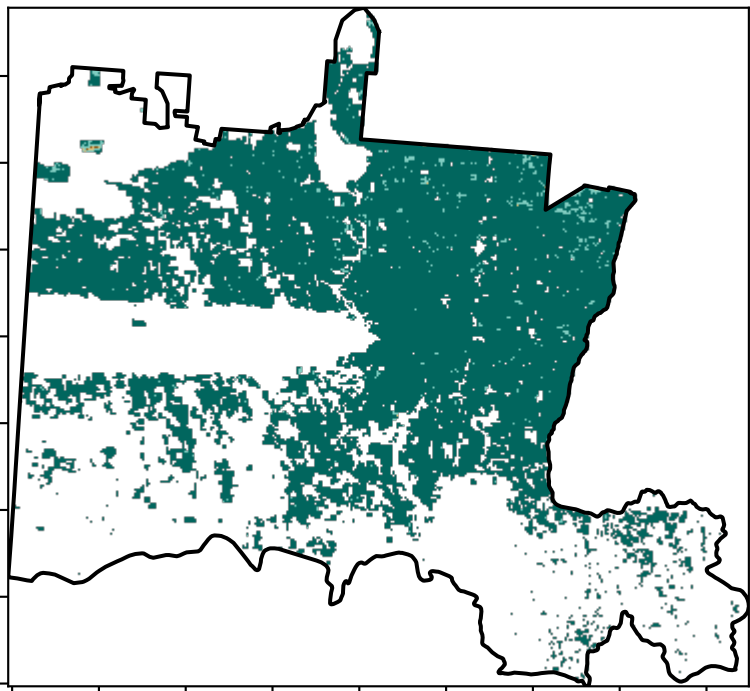
Land use and forest cover

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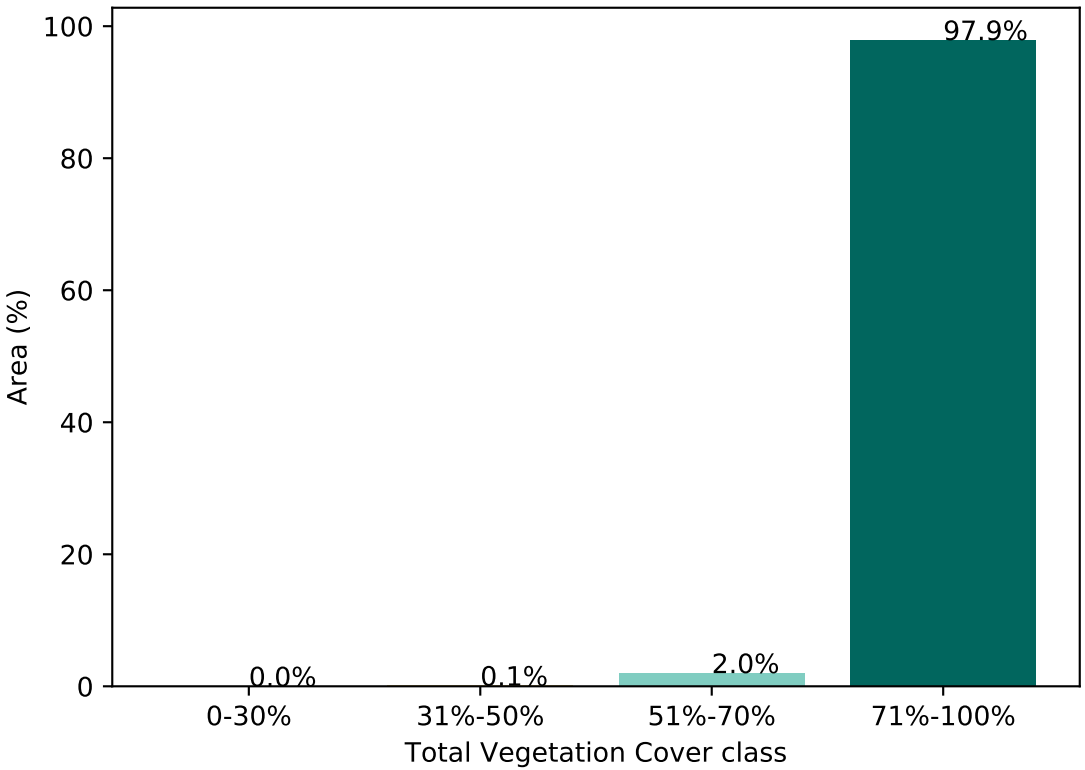


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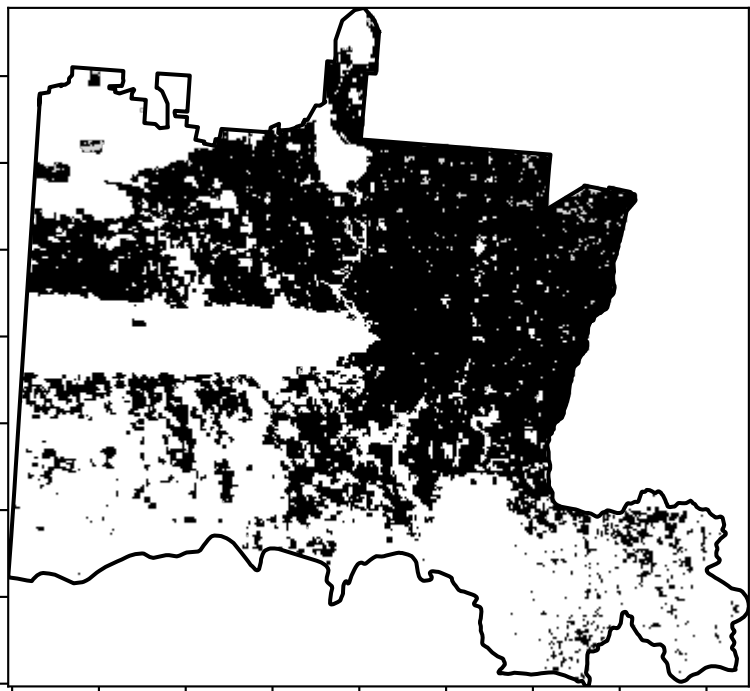
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

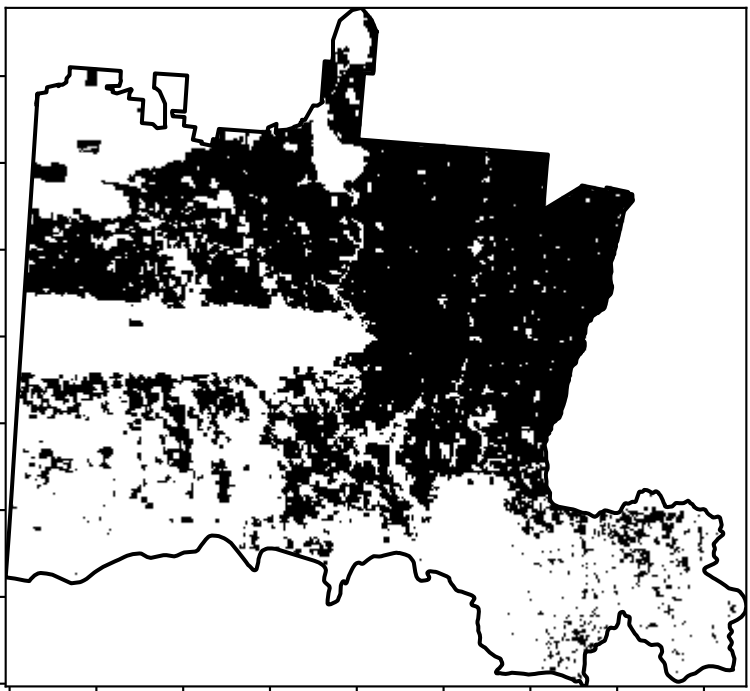


% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Area not protected  
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(23,638 ha)  
Area protected  
97.9% of region  
(1,102,011 ha)

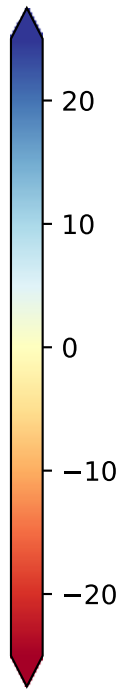
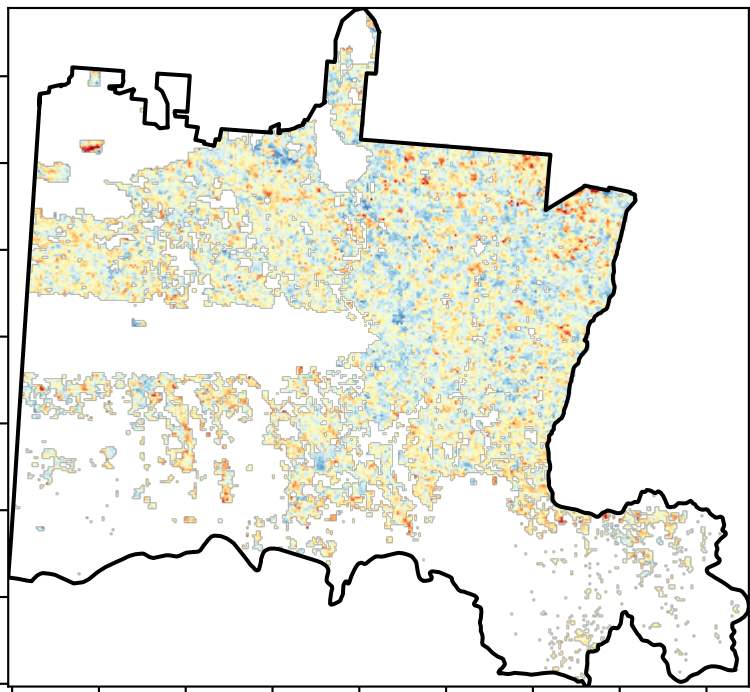
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area not protected  
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Area protected  
100.0% of region  
(1,125,650 ha)

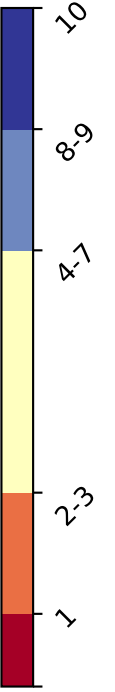
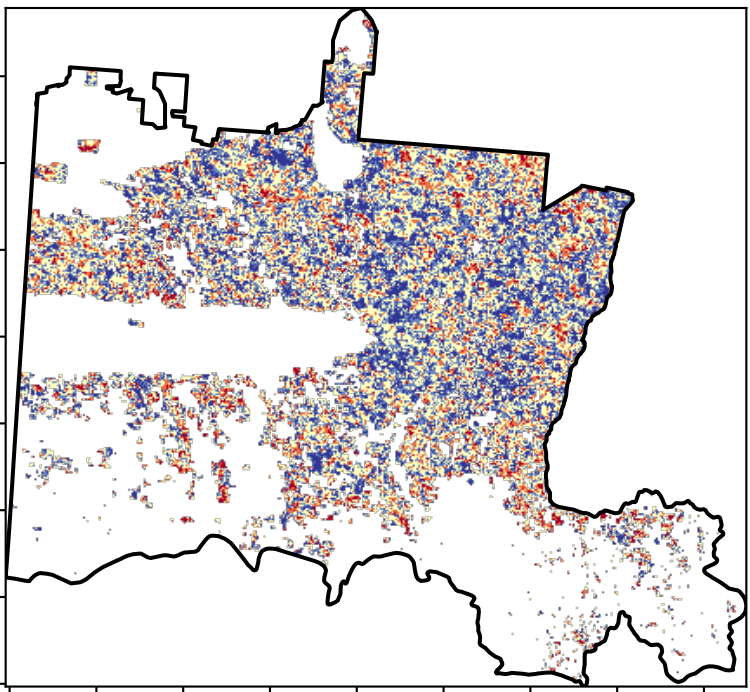
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]



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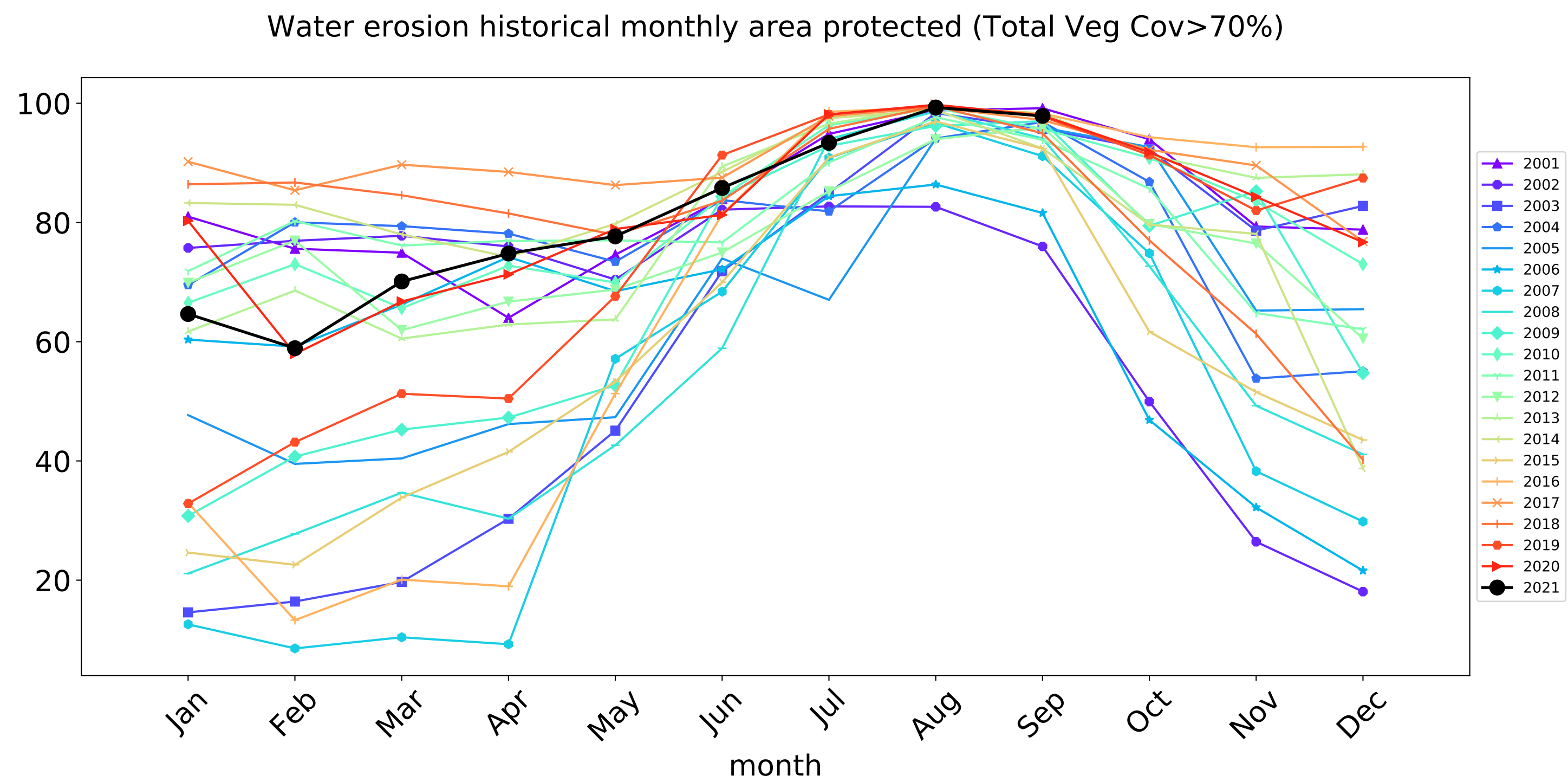
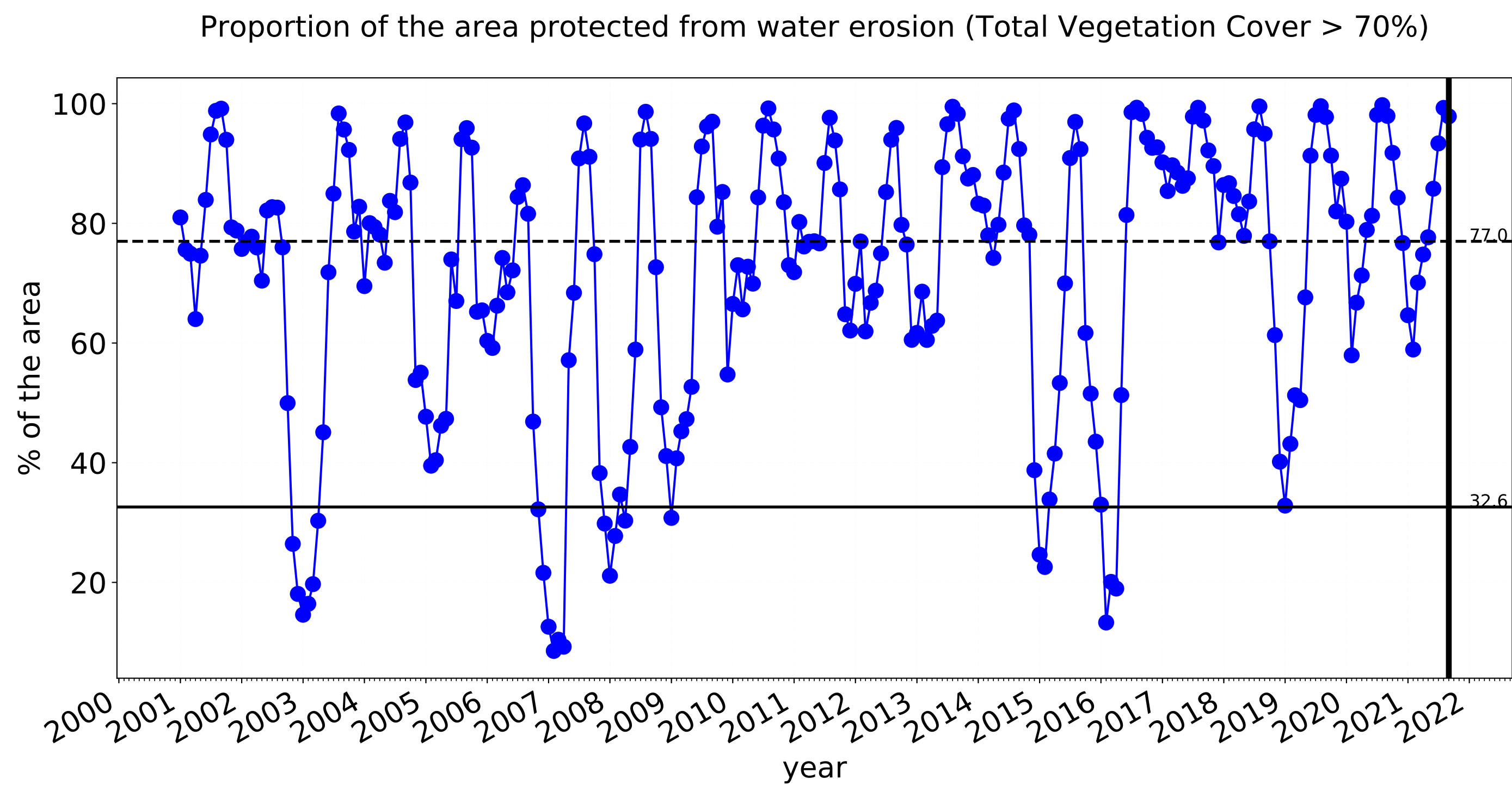
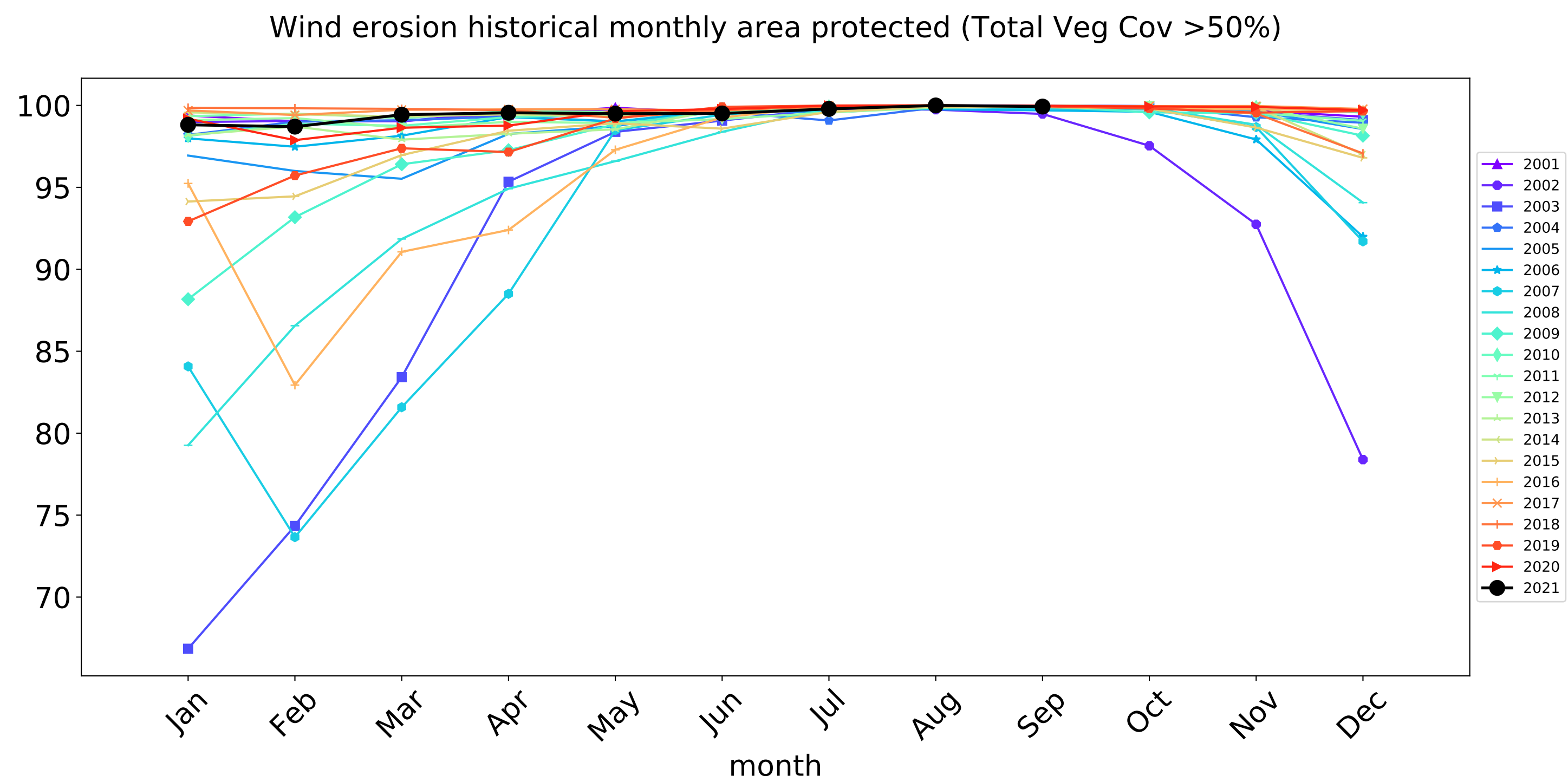
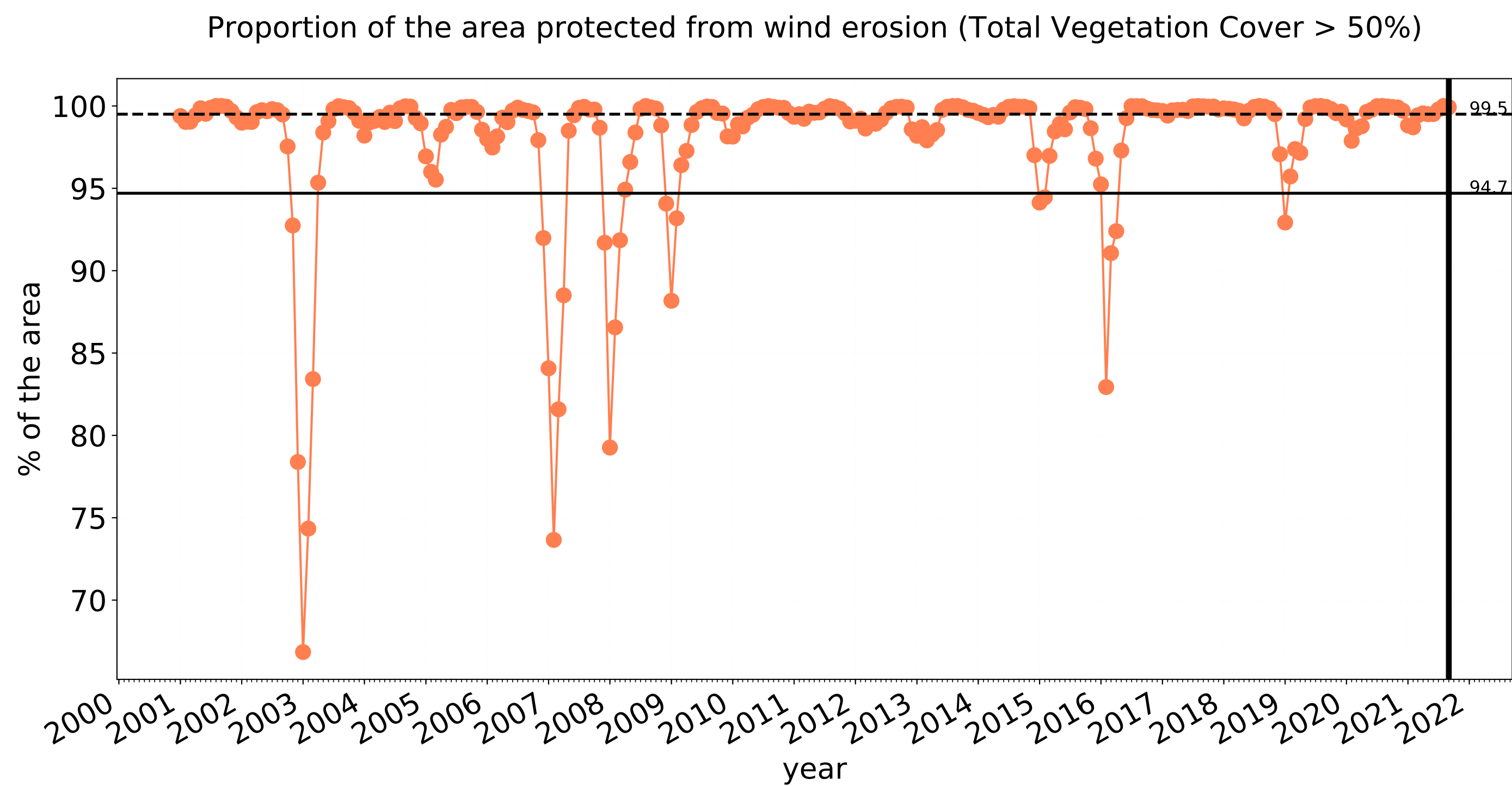
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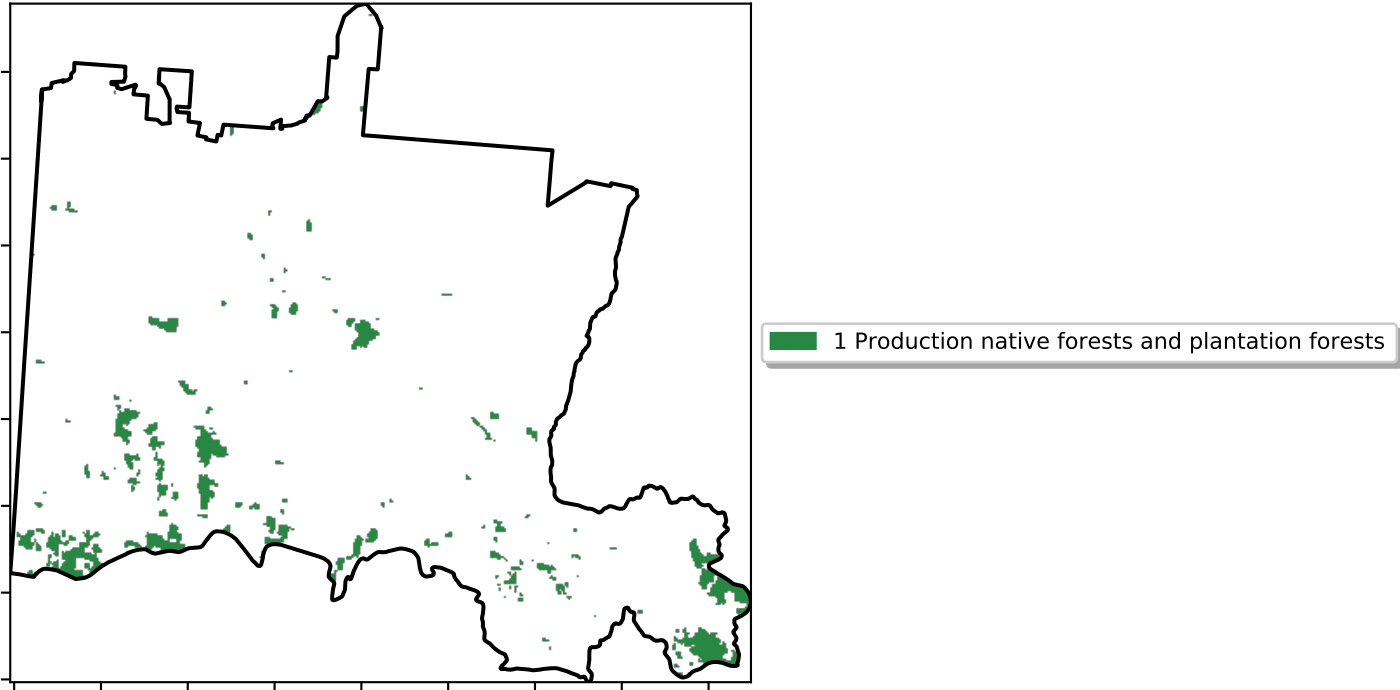
Cropping timeseries



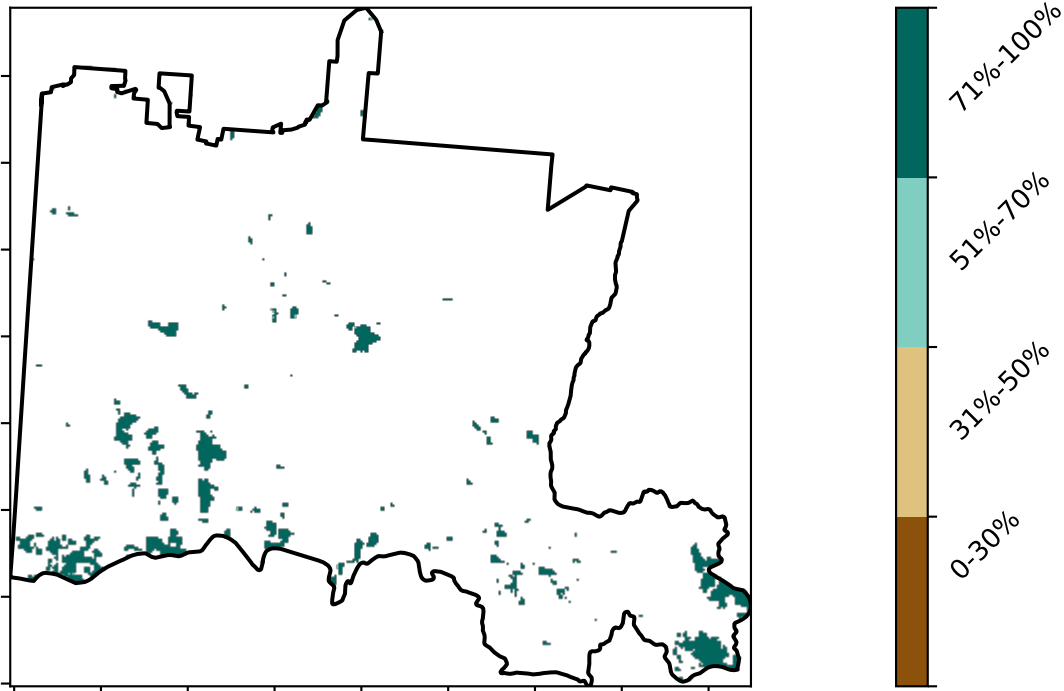
Production native forests and plantation forests

Land use and forest cover

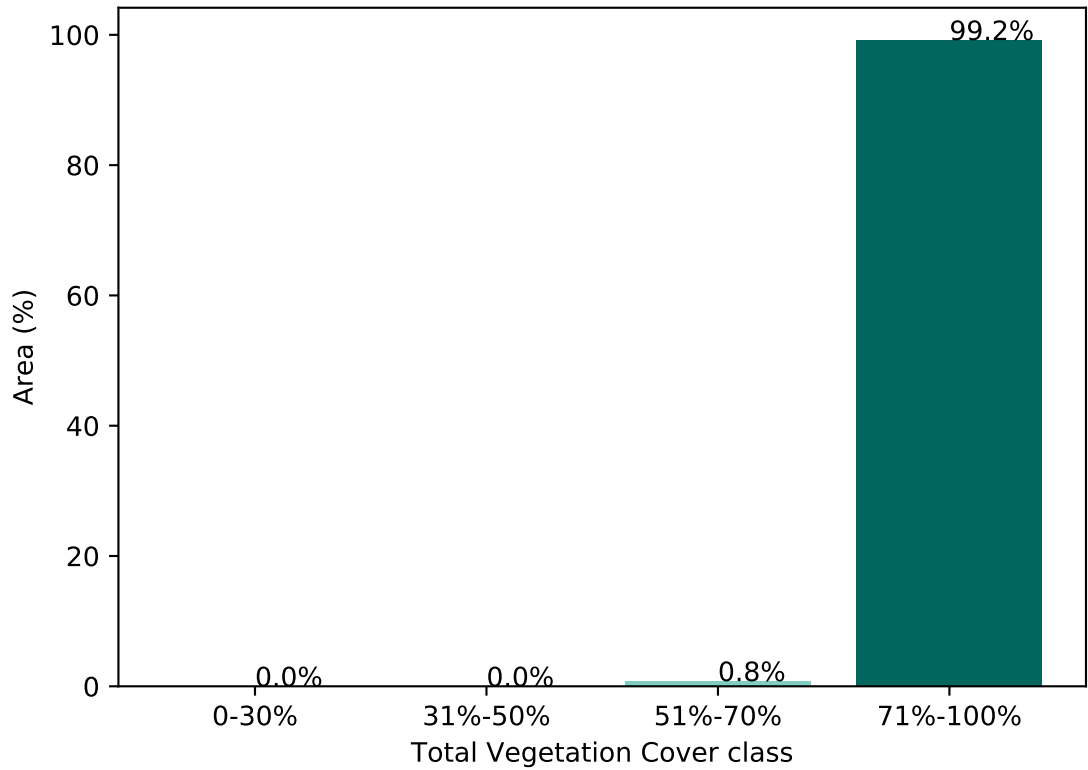
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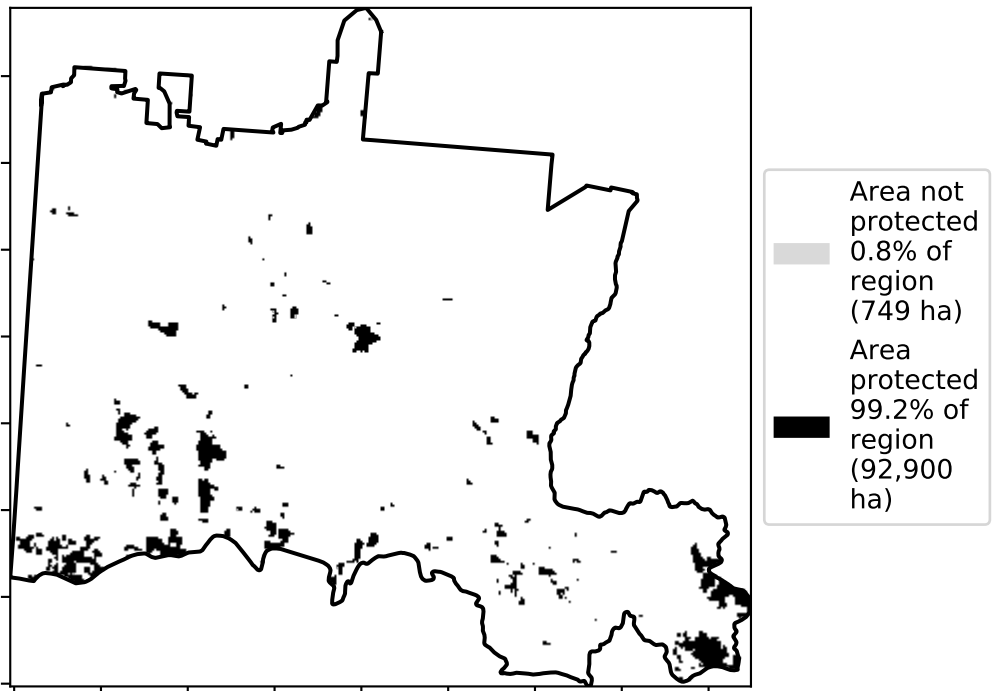
Total Vegetation Cover [%]



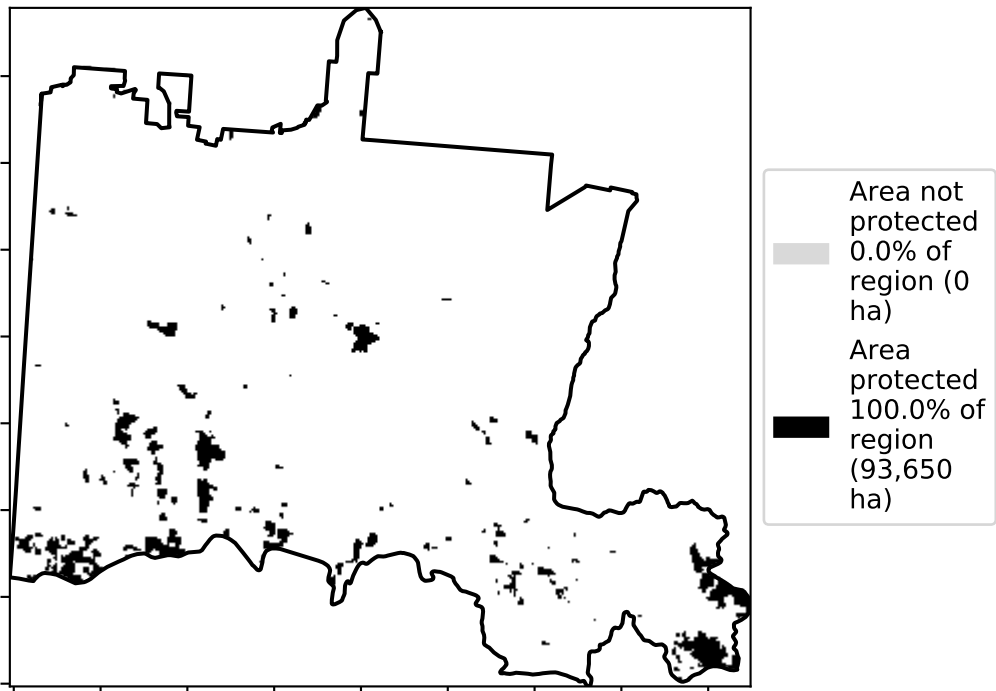
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

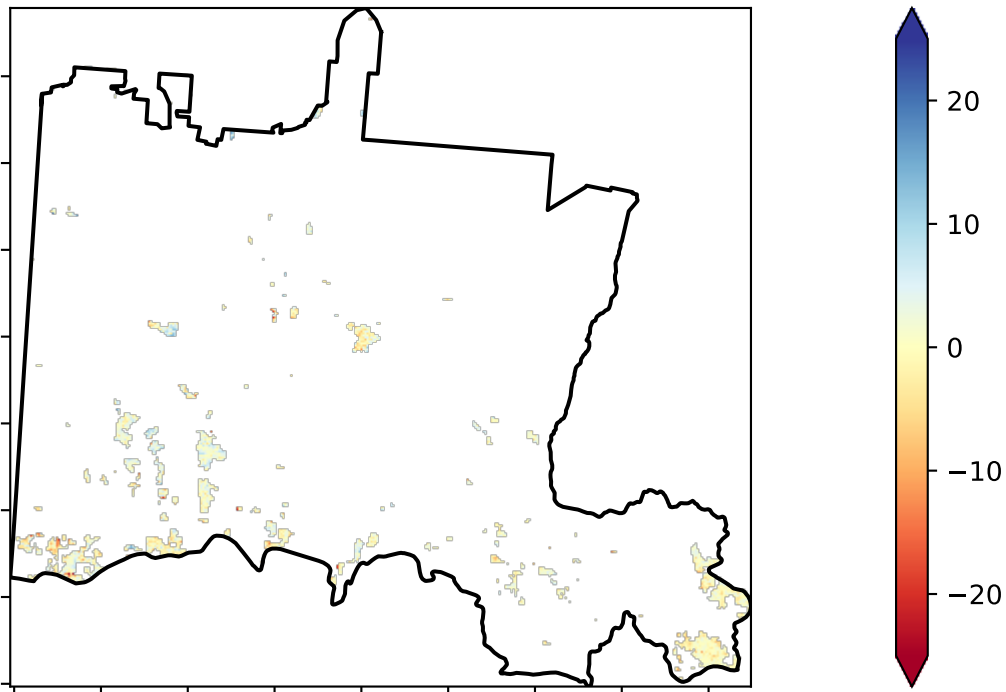


% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



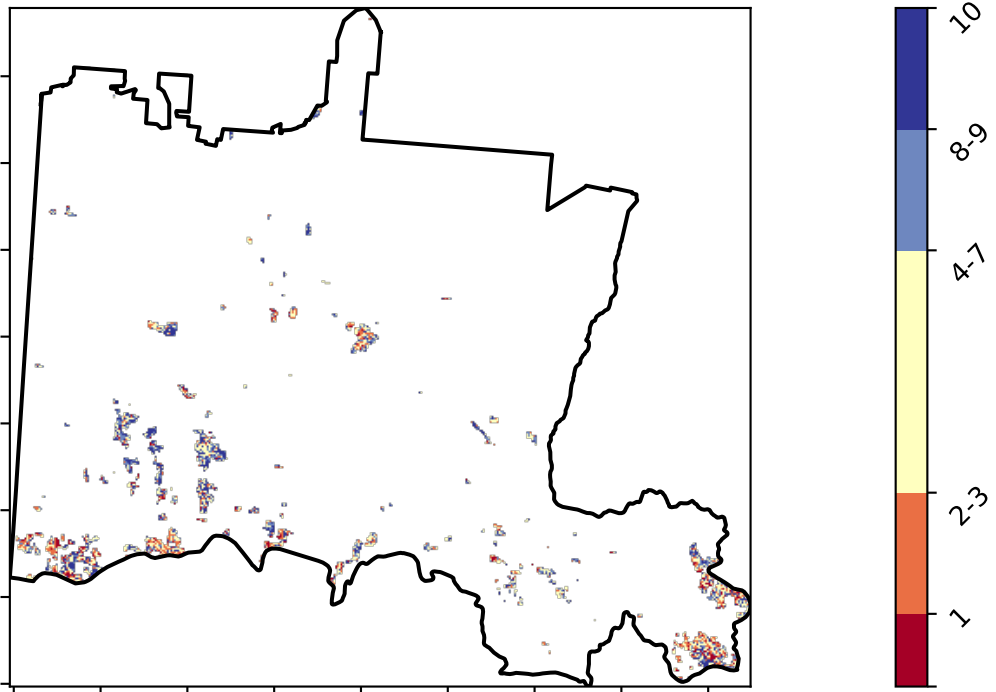
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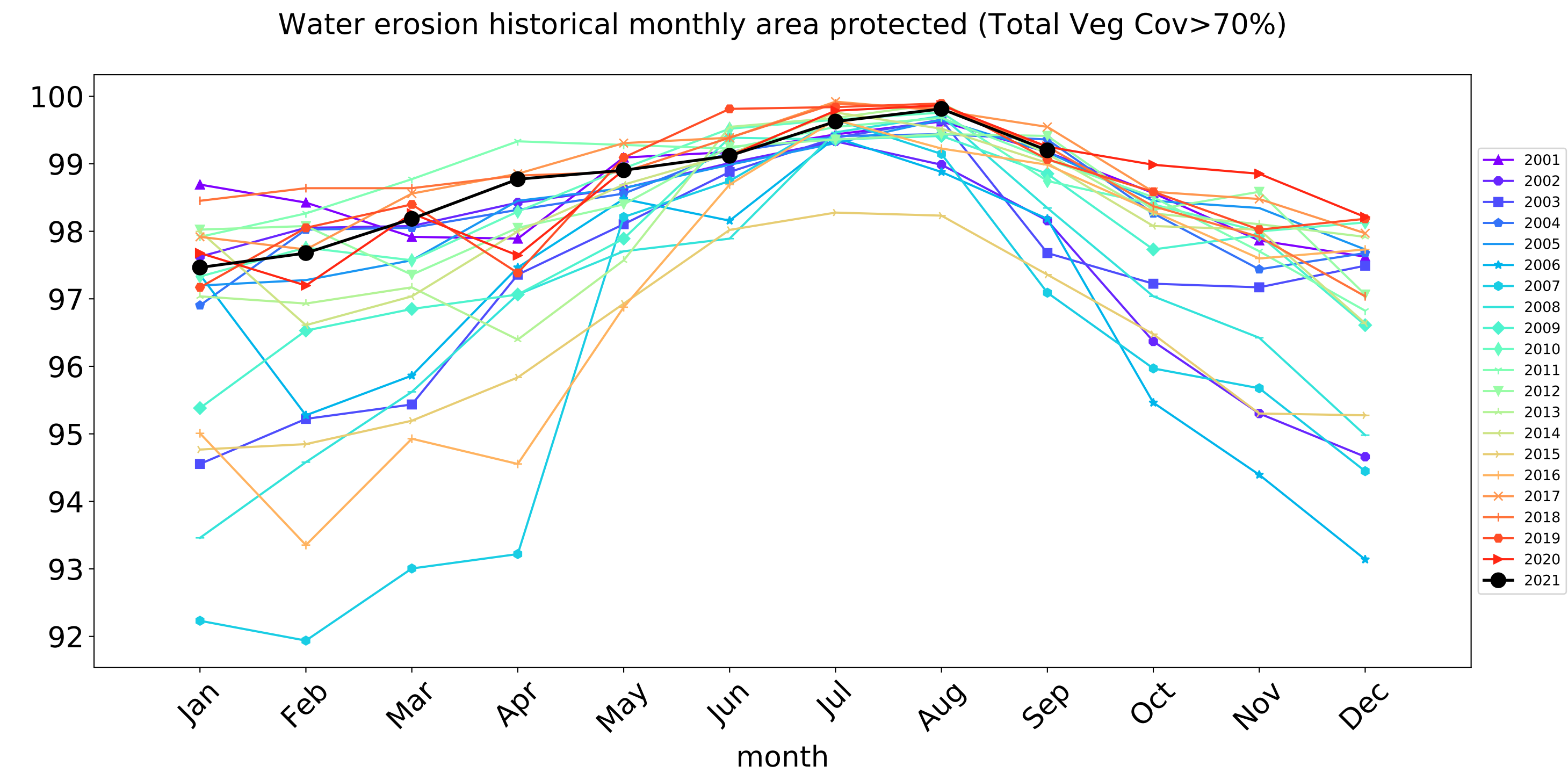
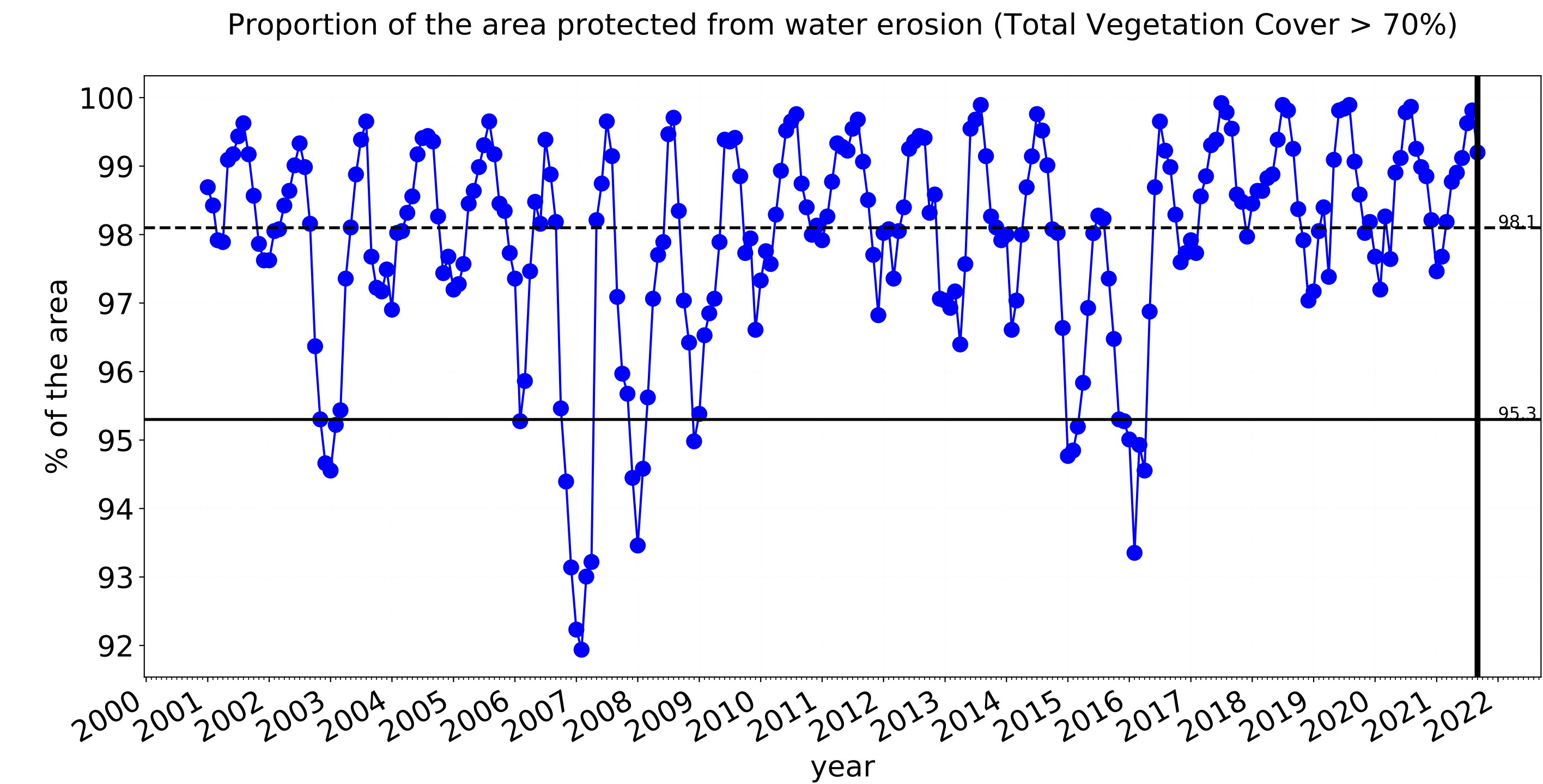
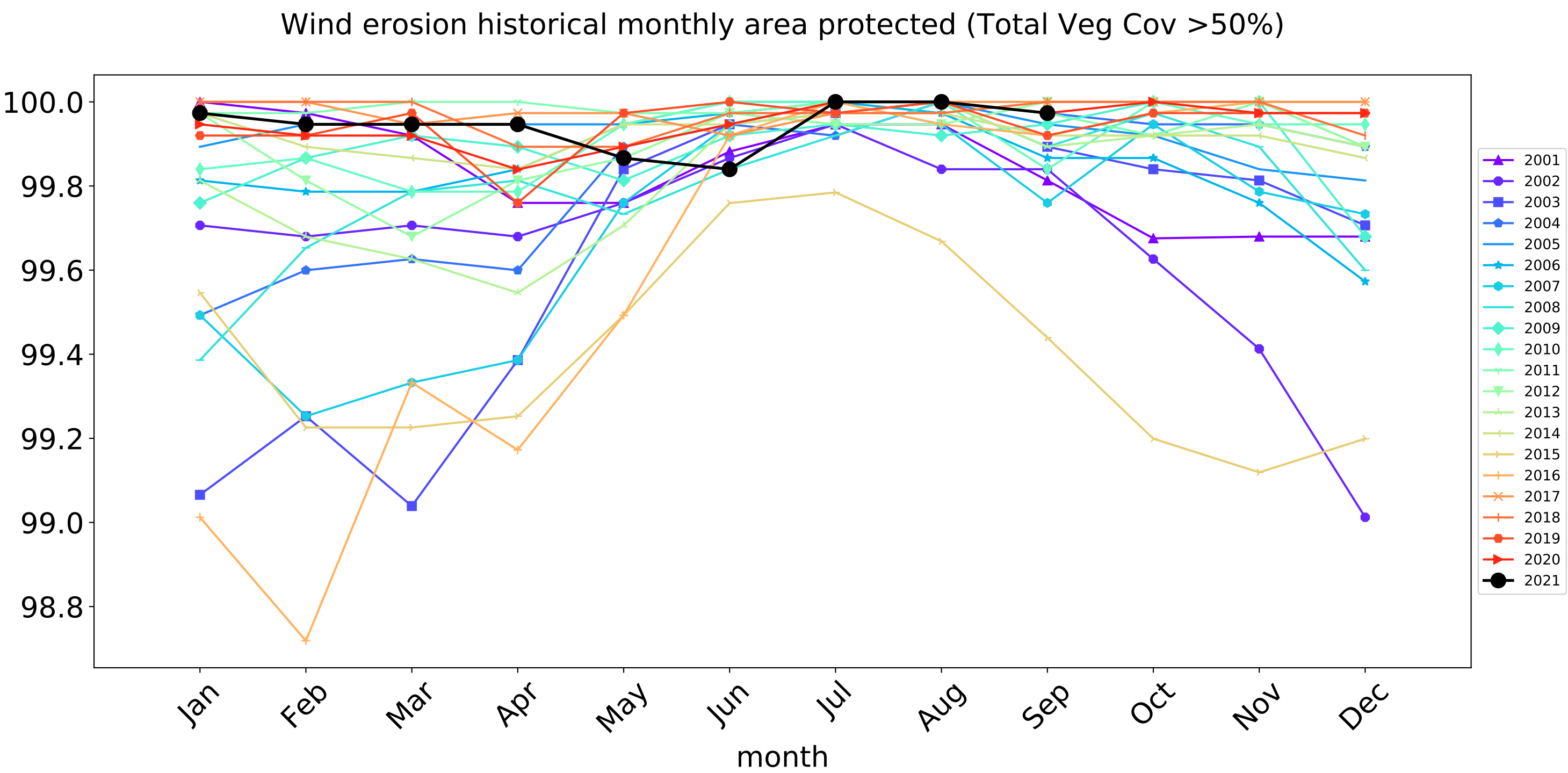
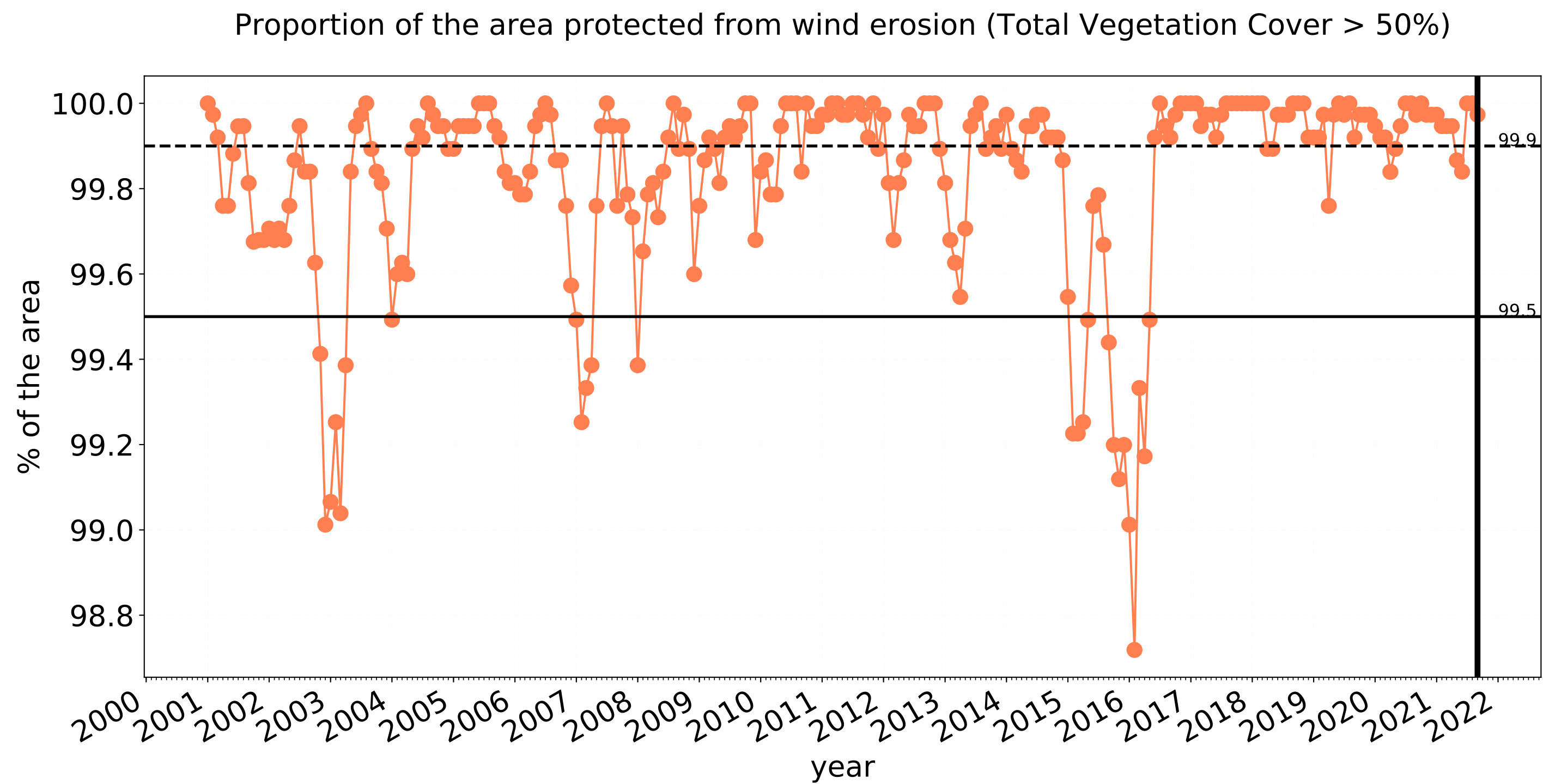
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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries



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Wimmera (2,328,550 ha and no data 16,962 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	2,328,550	100.0% 2,327,575	99.8% 2,323,500	97.2% 2,263,825	81.8% 1,903,925	30.0% 699,100	9.0% 209,300
Conservation and natural environments	276,275	99.8% 275,725	99.2% 274,125	96.5% 266,600	88.2% 243,650	44.3% 122,375	13.1% 36,150
Conservation and natural environments non forest	46,400	99.4% 46,100	97.9% 45,425	92.0% 42,675	73.5% 34,100	21.8% 10,100	6.6% 3,075
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	202,425	99.9% 202,175	99.4% 201,275	97.1% 196,550	90.1% 182,375	44.7% 90,550	11.2% 22,675
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	27,450	100.0% 27,450	99.9% 27,425	99.7% 27,375	99.0% 27,175	79.1% 21,725	37.9% 10,400
Agriculture	1,908,900	100.0% 1,908,575	99.9% 1,906,575	97.4% 1,859,050	80.4% 1,535,425	26.5% 506,525	7.9% 151,575
Grazing	777,975	100.0% 777,800	99.8% 776,450	96.7% 752,025	82.5% 642,000	38.2% 296,875	13.3% 103,275
Grazing non forest	724,575	100.0% 724,425	99.8% 723,200	96.6% 700,075	82.2% 595,925	37.9% 274,500	13.4% 97,075
Grazing Woodland forest	49,500	99.9% 49,475	99.7% 49,350	97.1% 48,050	85.3% 42,200	39.2% 19,400	10.1% 4,975
Cropping	1,125,650	100.0% 1,125,500	99.9% 1,124,850	97.9% 1,101,775	78.9% 888,400	18.4% 207,475	4.3% 47,850
Production native forests and plantation forests	93,650	100.0% 93,650	100.0% 93,625	99.2% 92,900	94.8% 88,775	60.8% 56,900	20.0% 18,725