Total vegetation cover soil protection
Region:NRM Rangelands Region WA   Date: September 2003

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
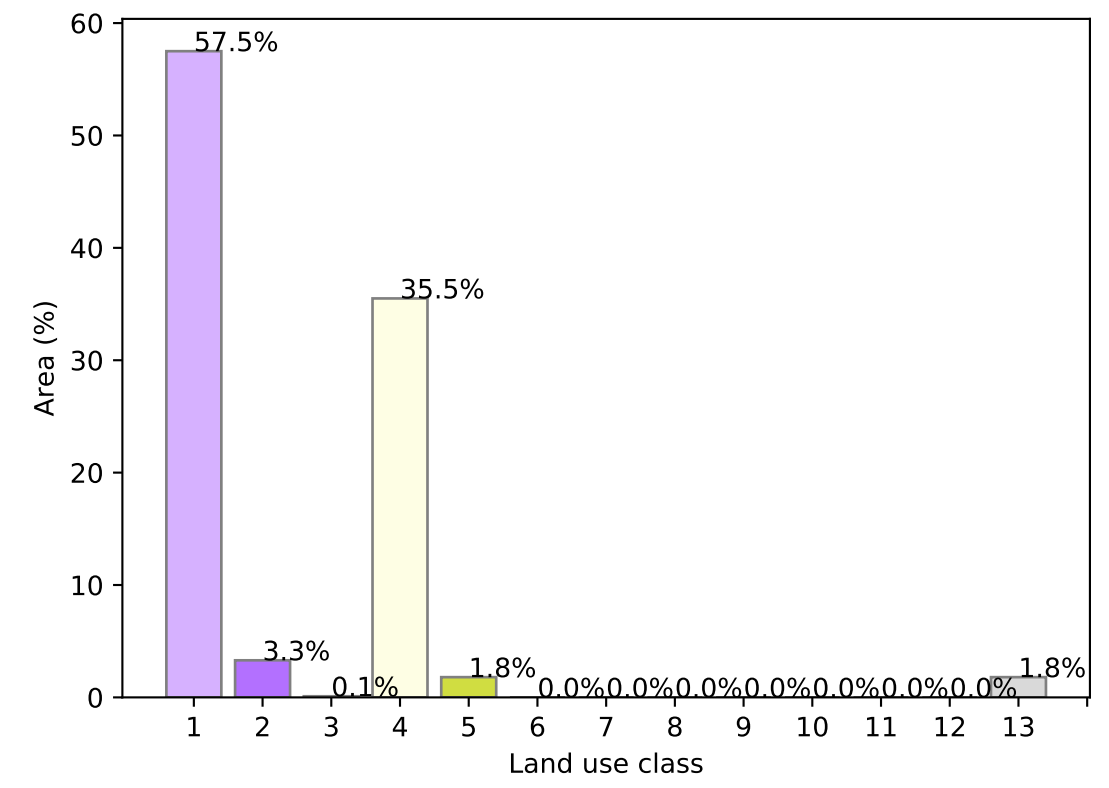
4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

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

Vegetation Cover Sep 2003

Land use and forest cover

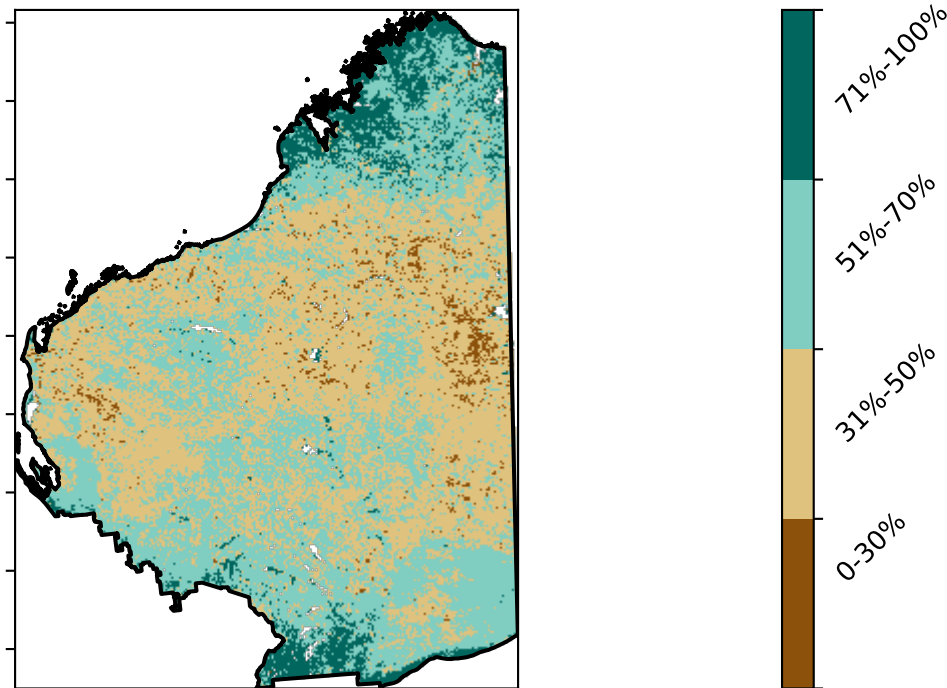Catchment Scale
Land Use and Forests
of Australia (2018)
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Catchment Scale Land
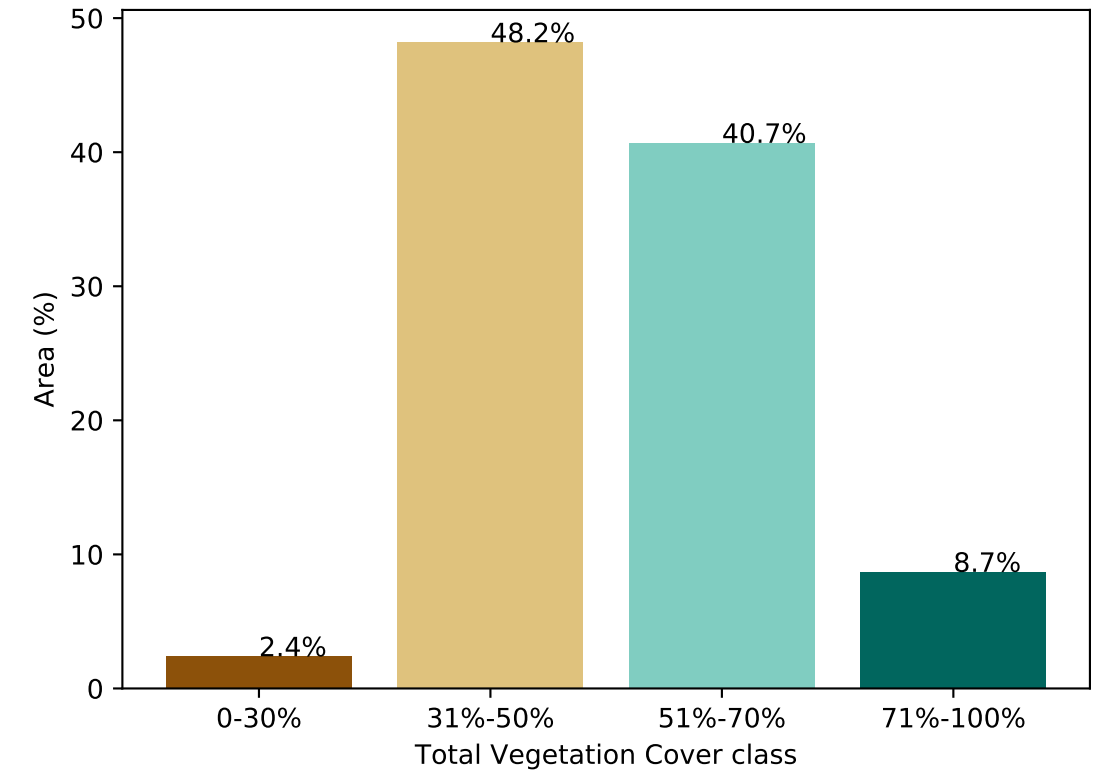Use of Australia
(2018) and Forests
of Australia (2018)

Legend with land class forest cover and
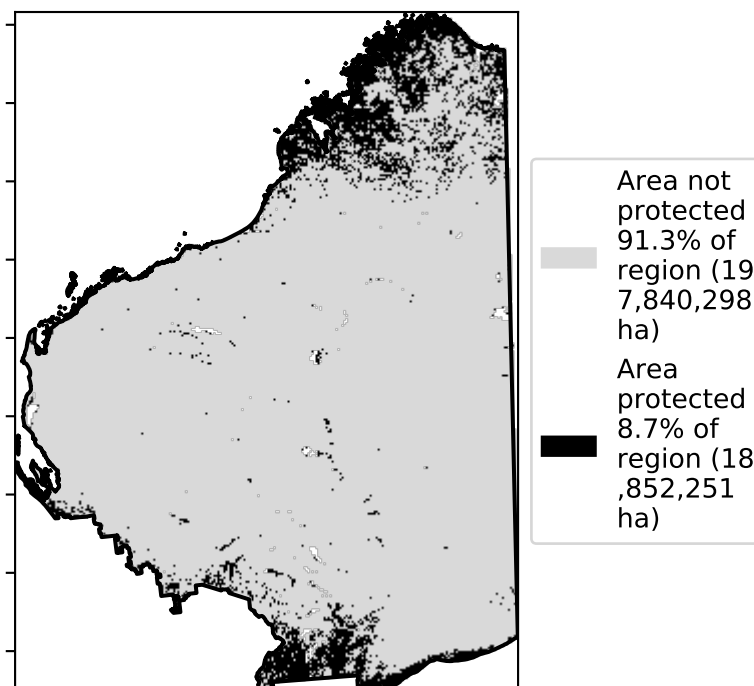number, i.e. Forests is 12

1 Conservation and natural environments -
Non-forest
2 Conservation and natural environments -
Woodland forest
3 Conservation and natural environments -
Non-Woodland forest
4 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-forest
5 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
6 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest
7 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated
8 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
9 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
10 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
11 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated
12 Production native forests and plantation
forests
13 Other uses

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
91.3% of
region (19
7,840,298
ha)

Area
protected
8.7% of
region (18
,852,251
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
51.0% of
region (11
0,513,200
ha)

Area
protected
49.0% of
region (10
6,179,349
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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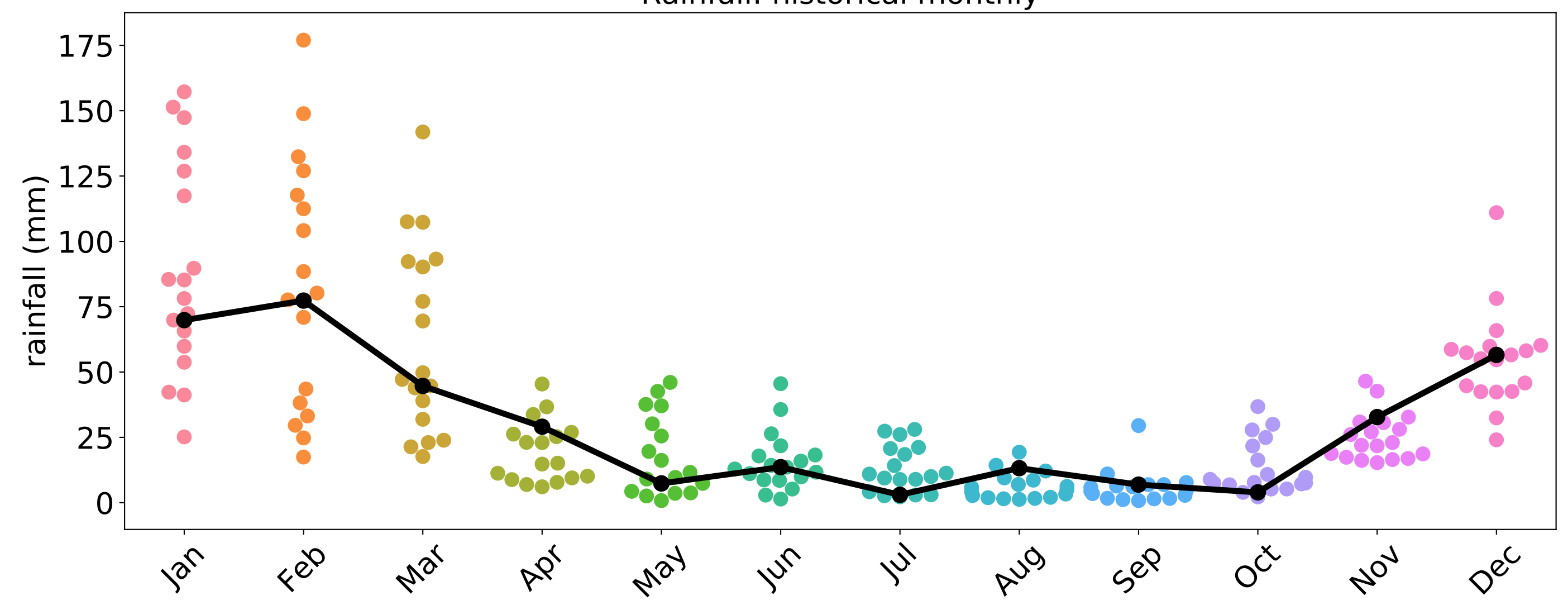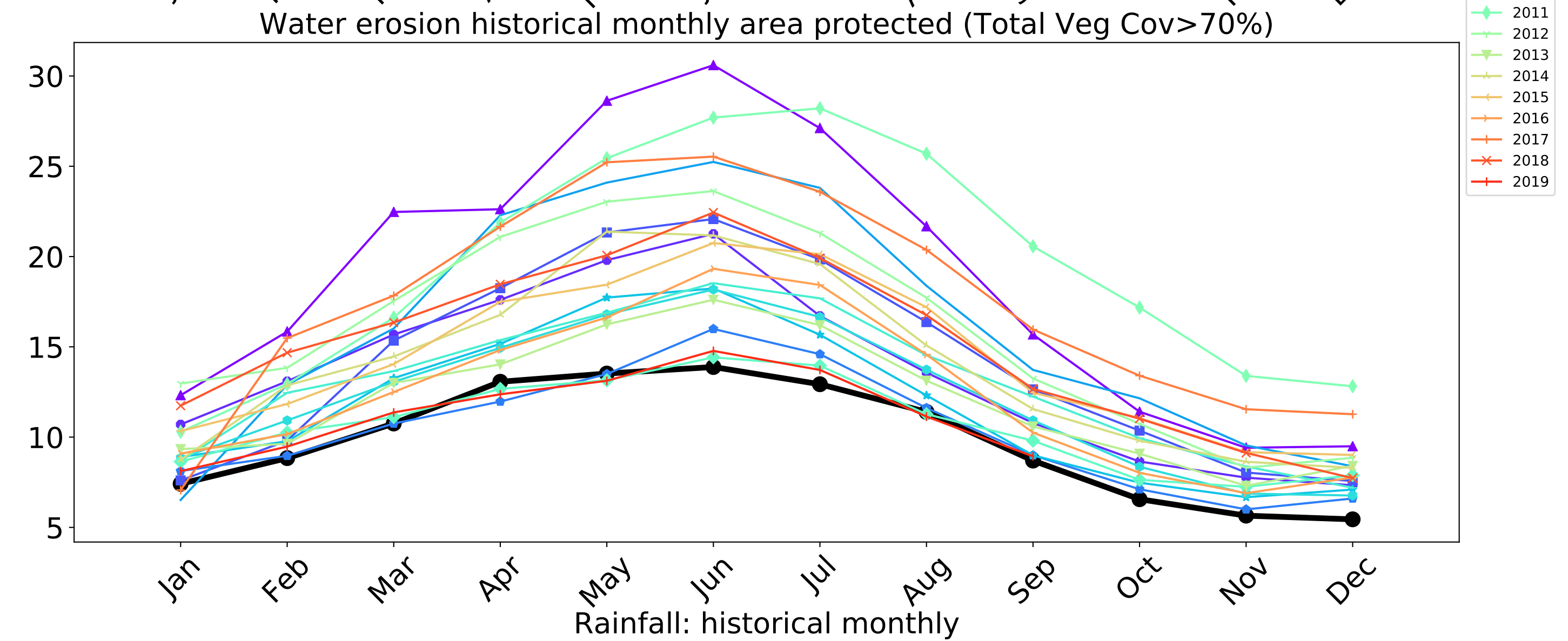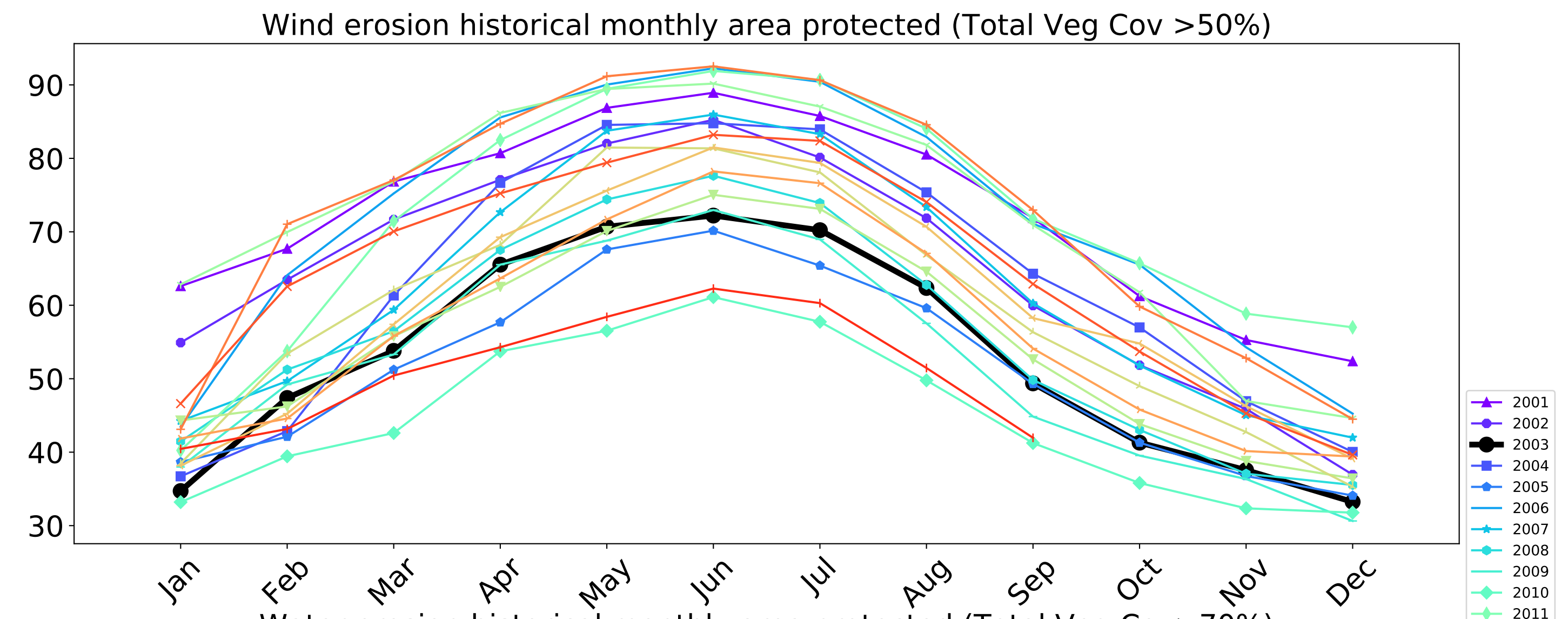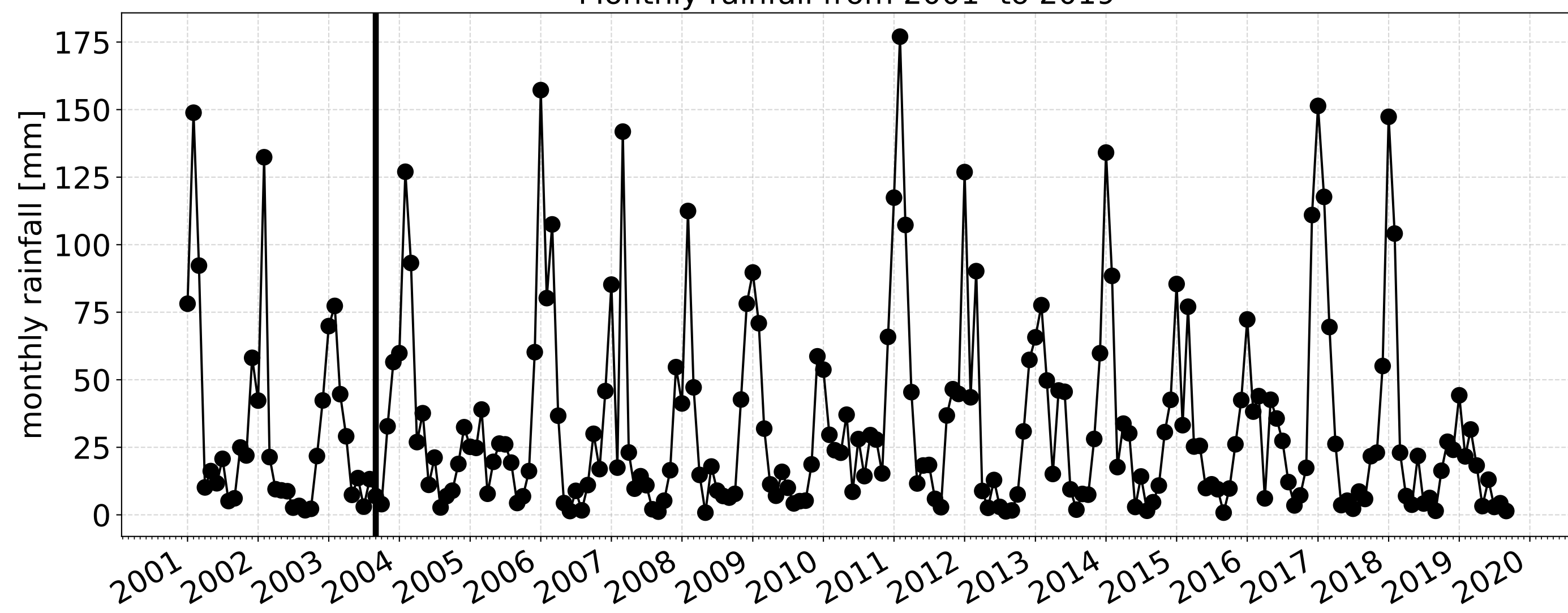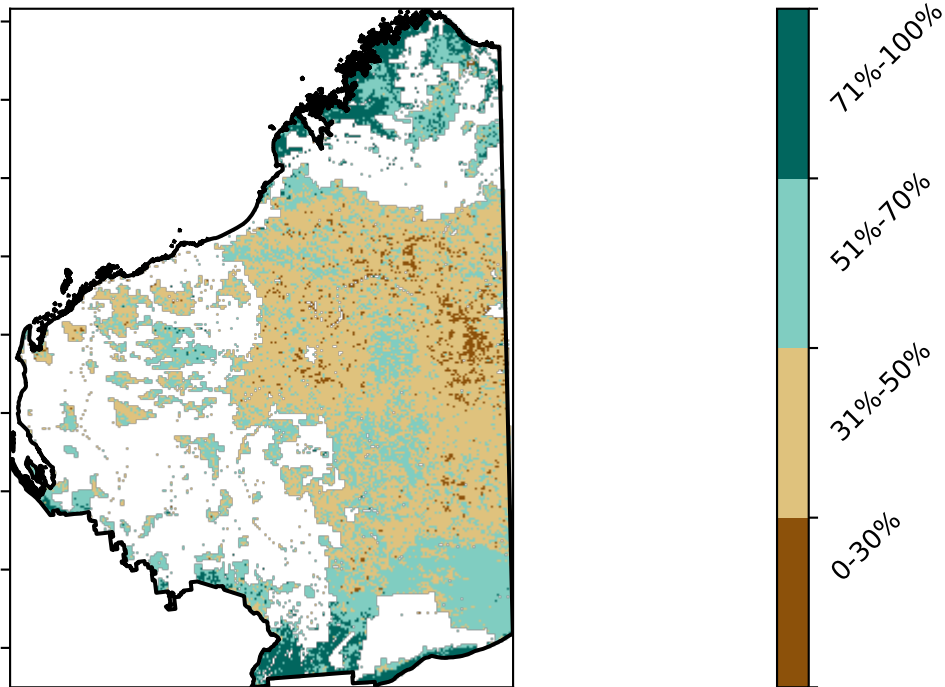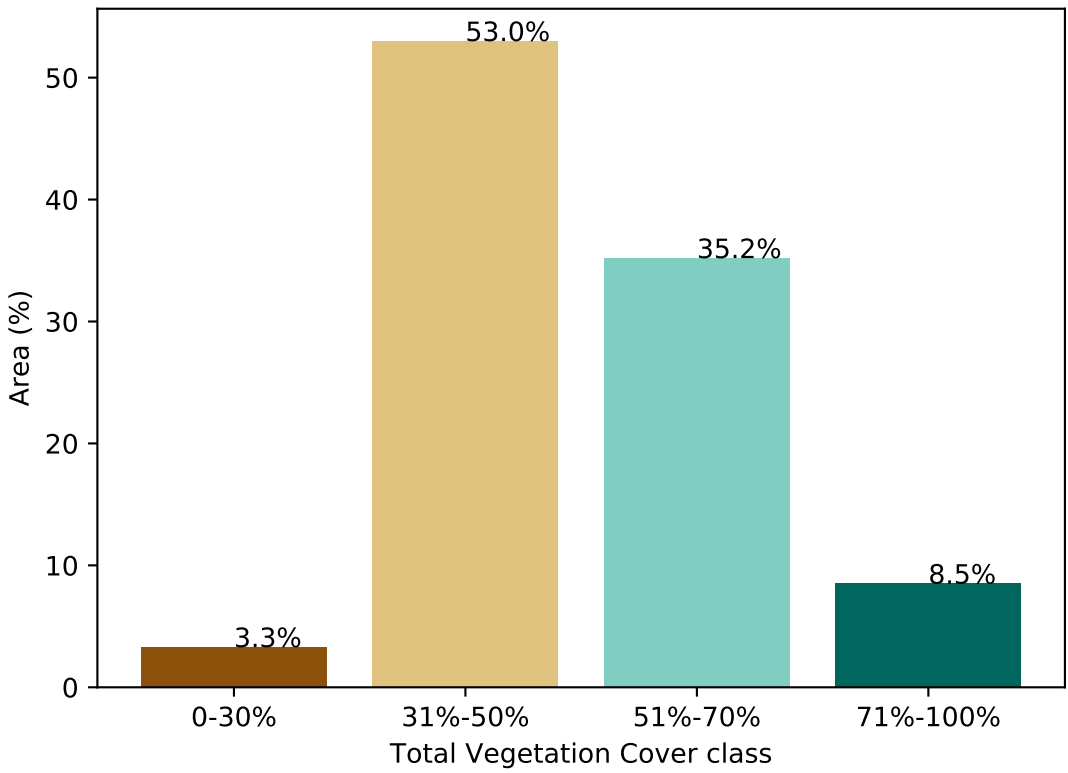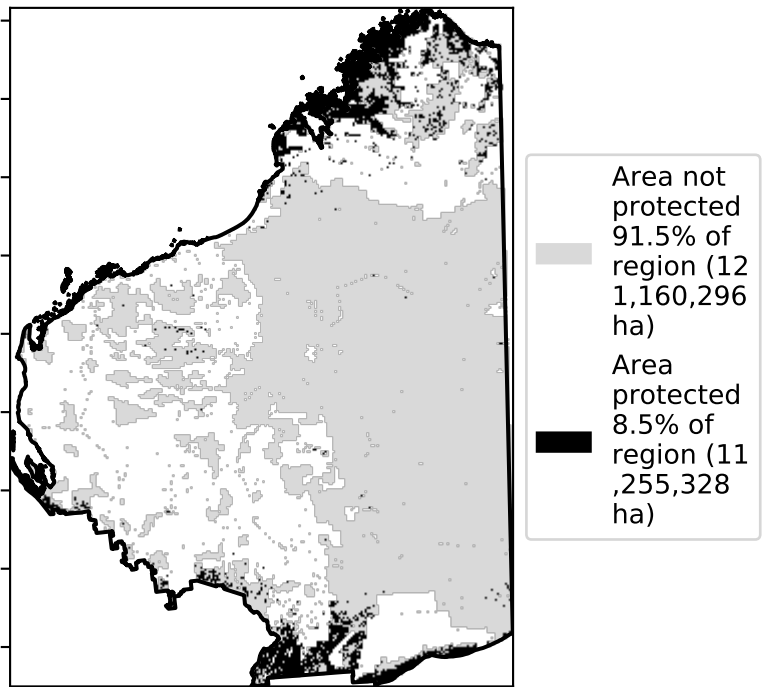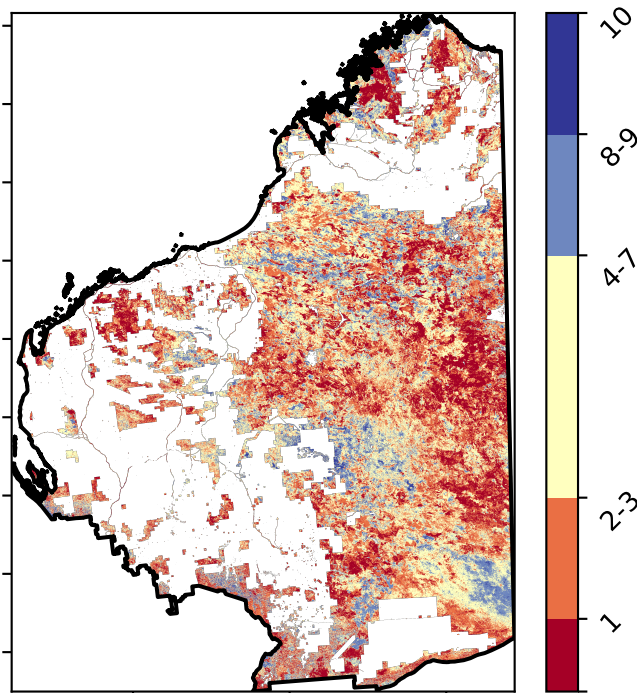the map using baseline
from 2001 to 2019.

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

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

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

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

Monthly rainfall from 2001 to 2019

Rainfall: historical monthly

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Conservation and natural environments

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

Proportion of each land class in area

94.6%
5.4%
0.1%

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

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

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

3.3%
53.0%
35.2%
8.5%

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 91.5% of region (12 1,160,296 ha)

Area protected 8.5% of region (11 ,255,328 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 56.0% of region (74 ,152,750 ha)

Area protected 44.0% of region (58 ,262,875 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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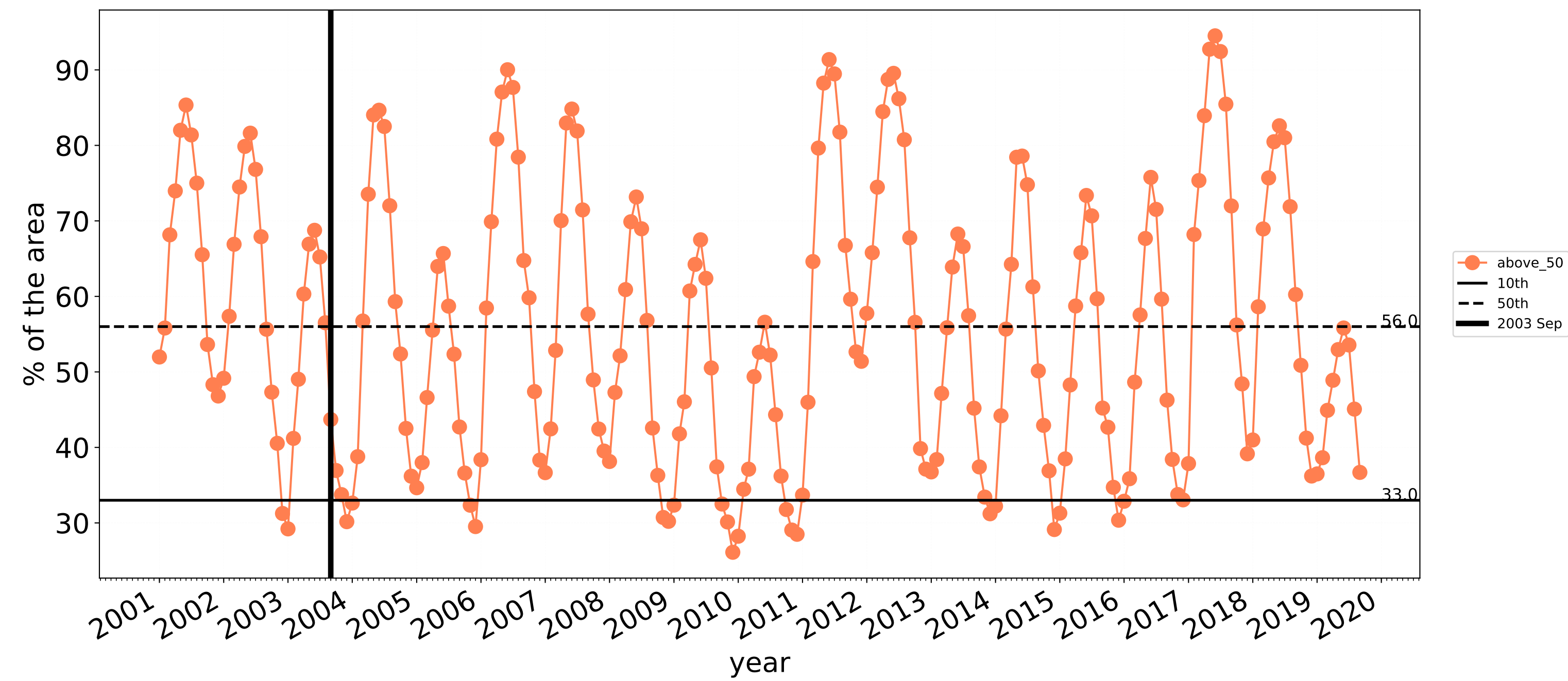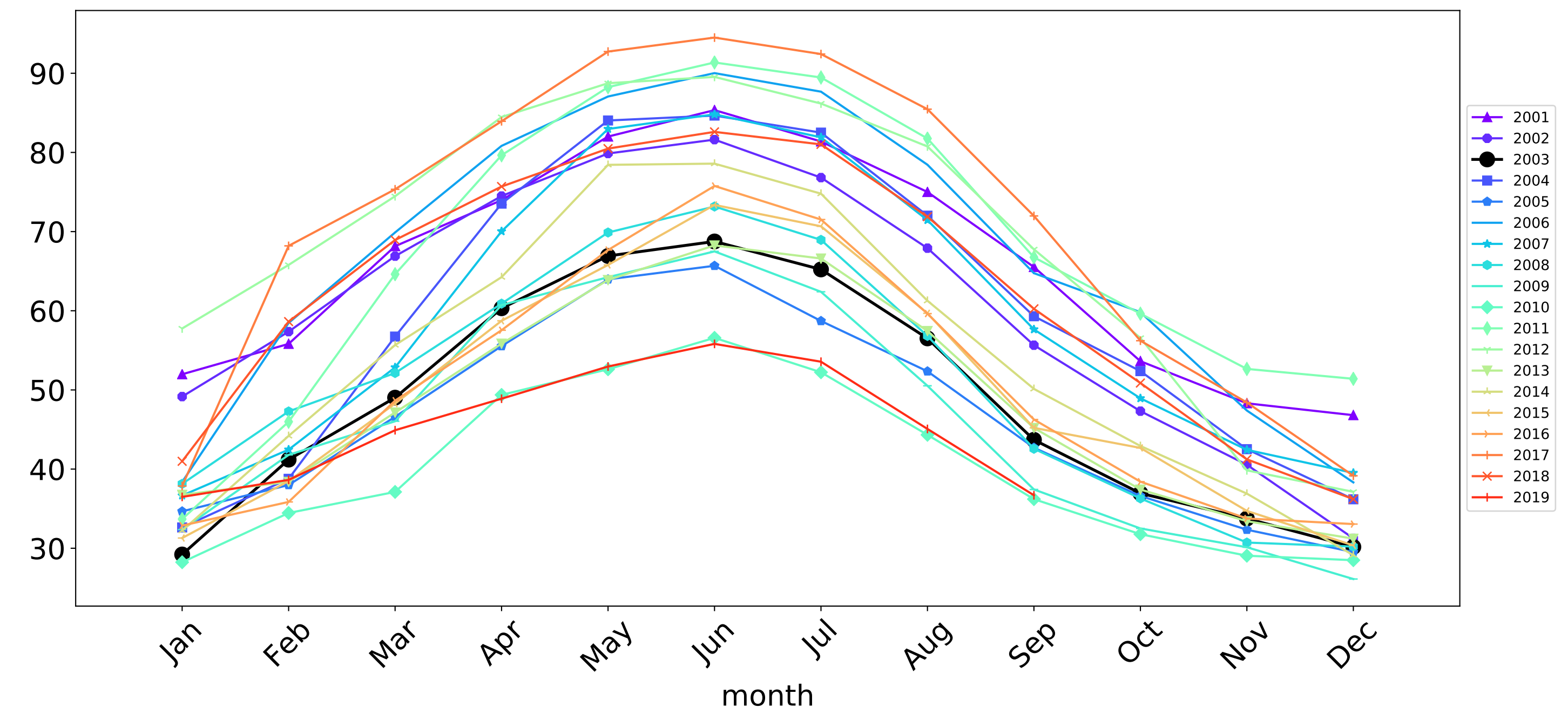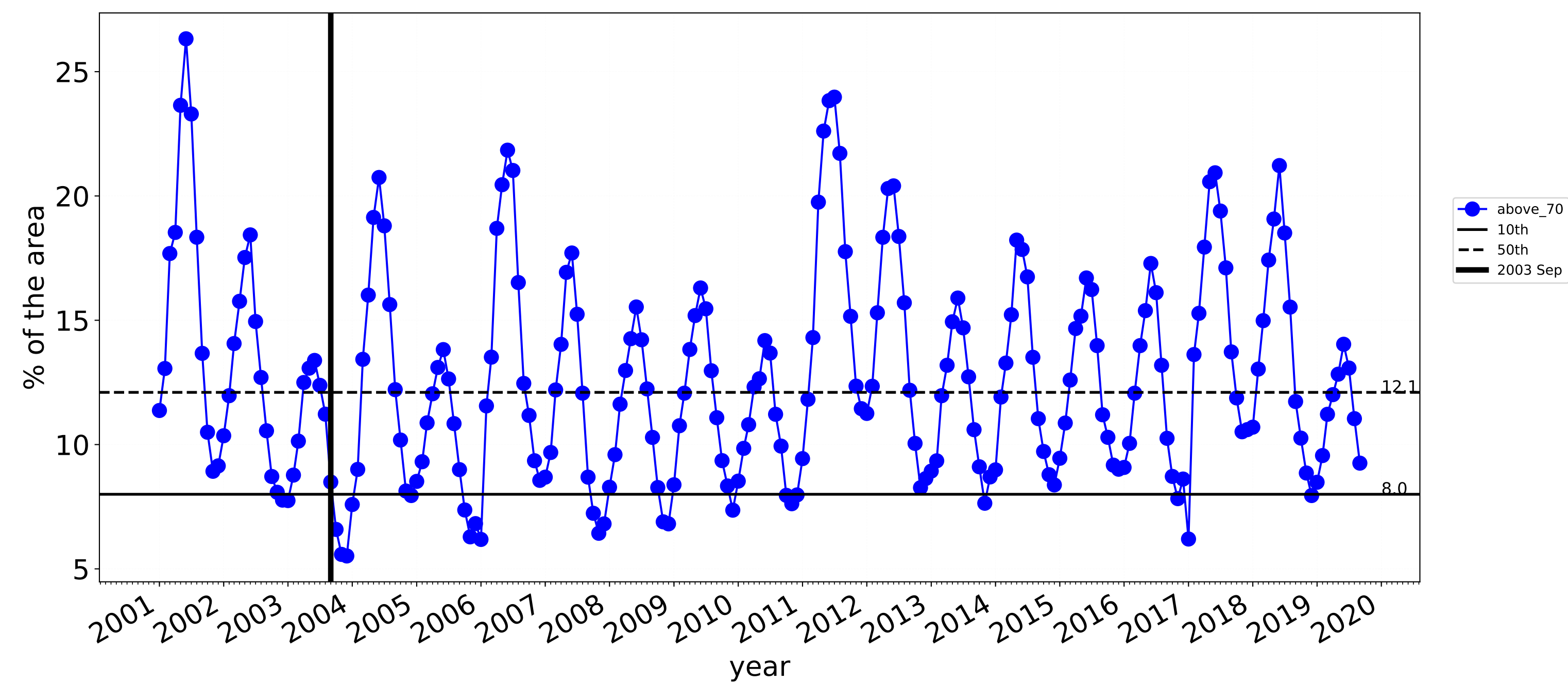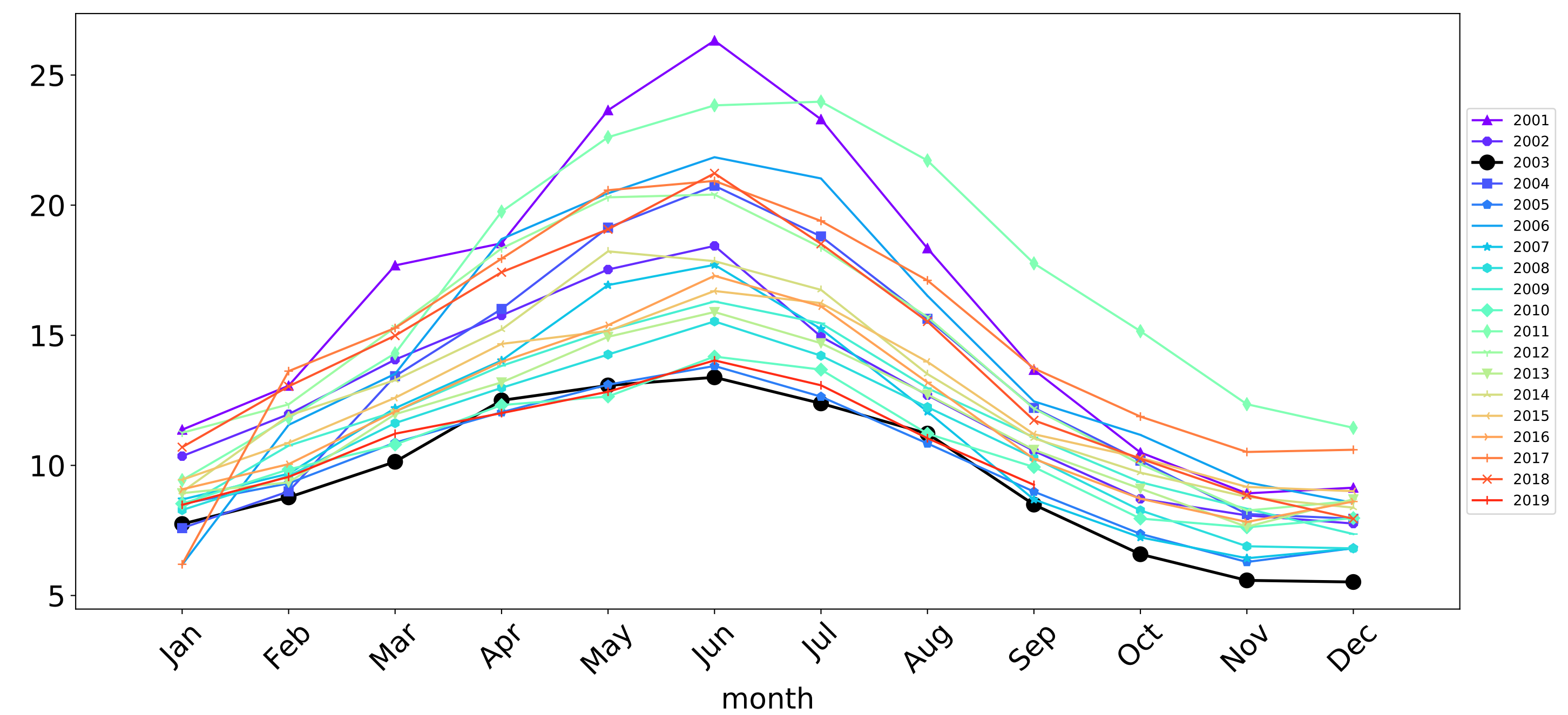

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Conservation and natural environments timeseries

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

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

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

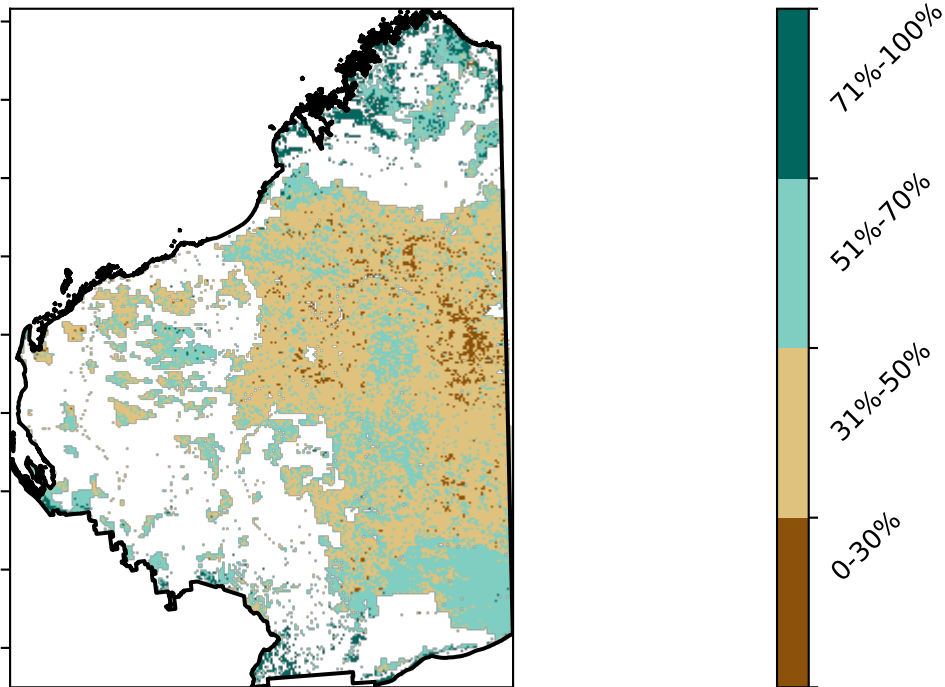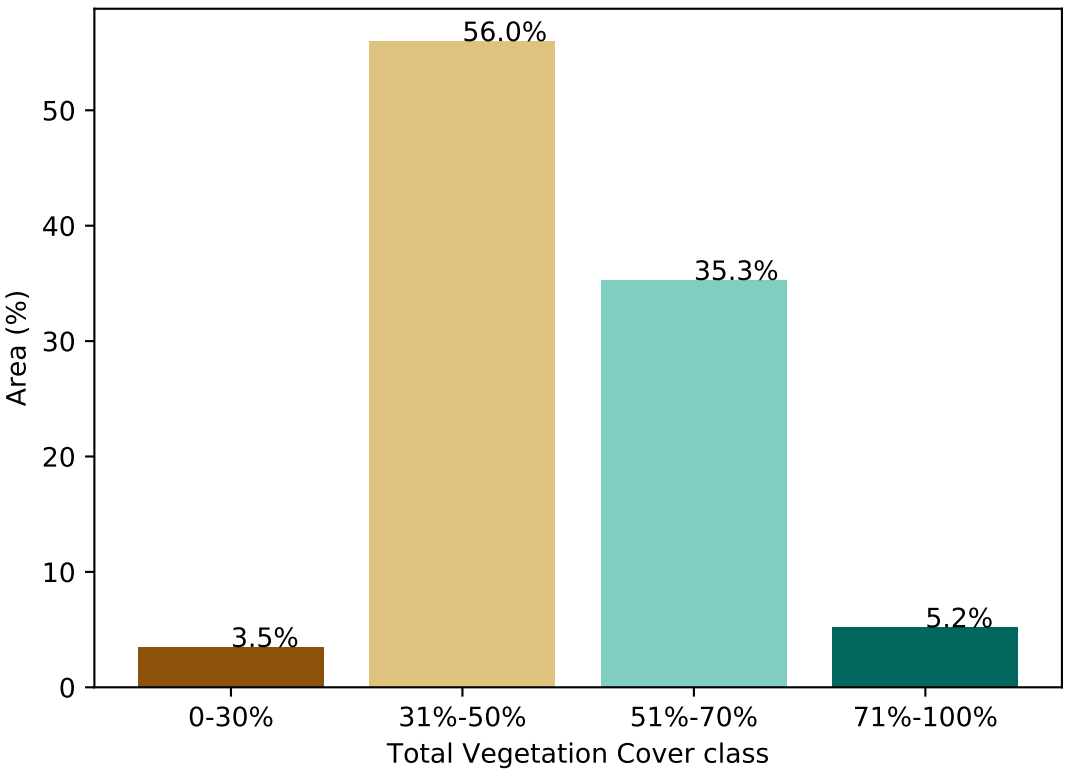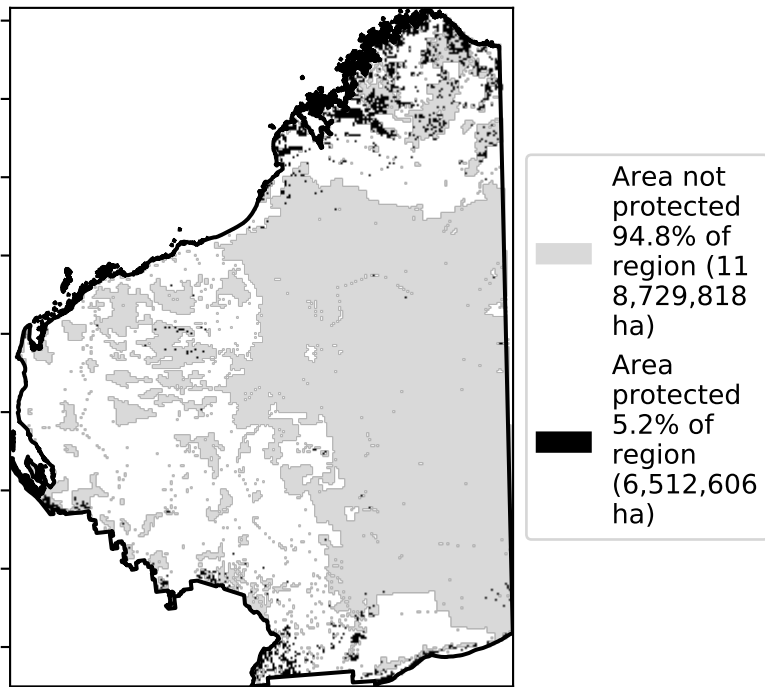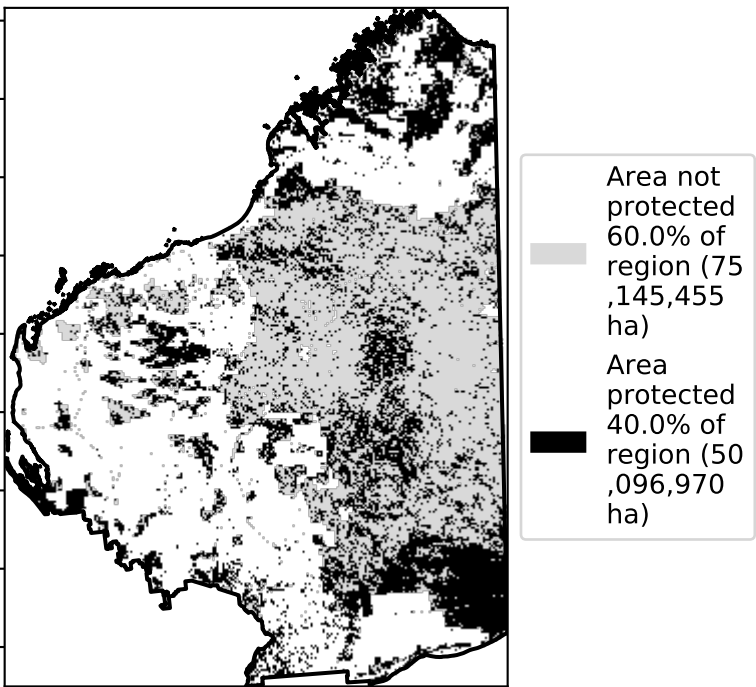## Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Conservation and natural environments non forest

Land use and forest cover

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Use of Australia
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of Australia (2018)

1 Conservation and natural environments - Non-forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

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

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

56.0%
35.3%
3.5%
5.2%

Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
94.8% of
region (11
8,729,818
ha)

Area
protected
5.2% of
region
(6,512,606
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
60.0% of
region (75
,145,455
ha)

Area
protected
40.0% of
region (50
,096,970
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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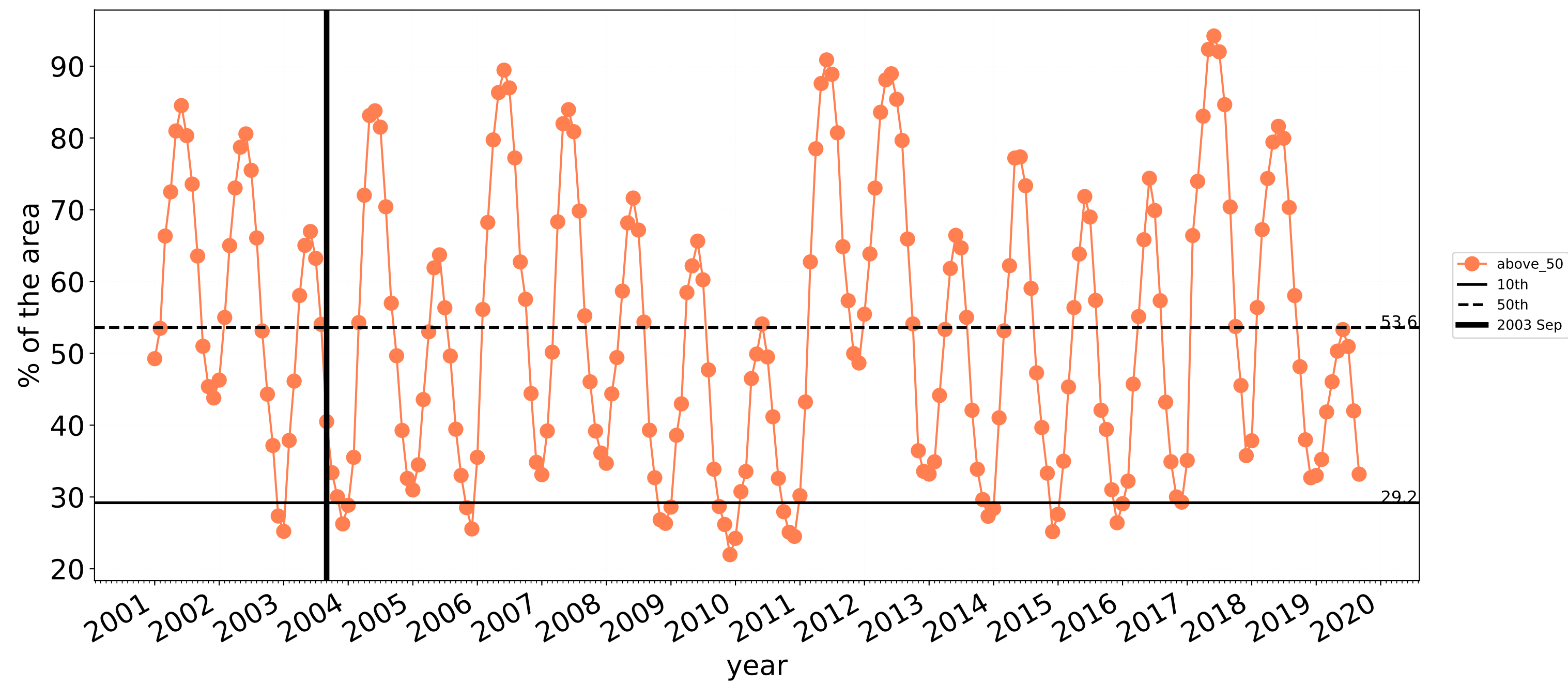the map using baseline
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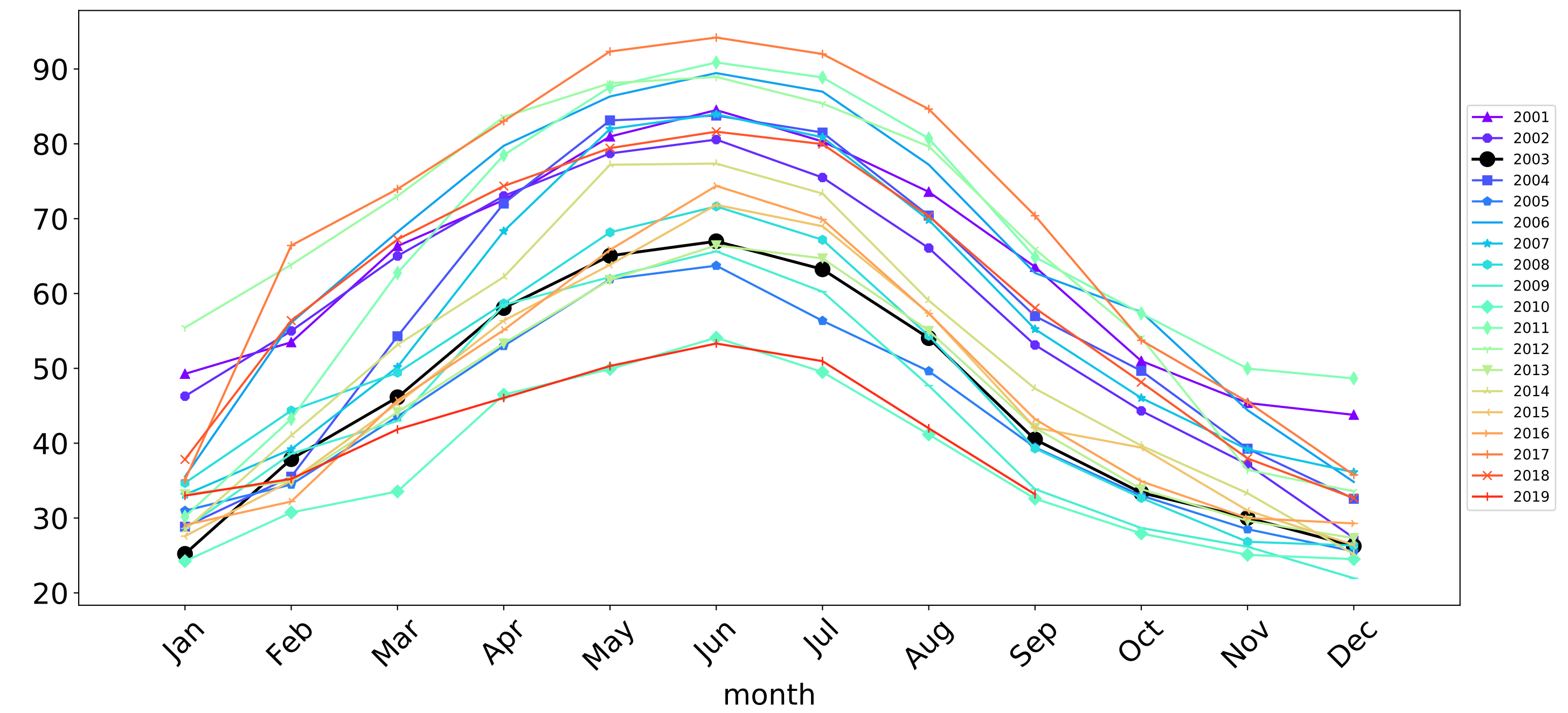1

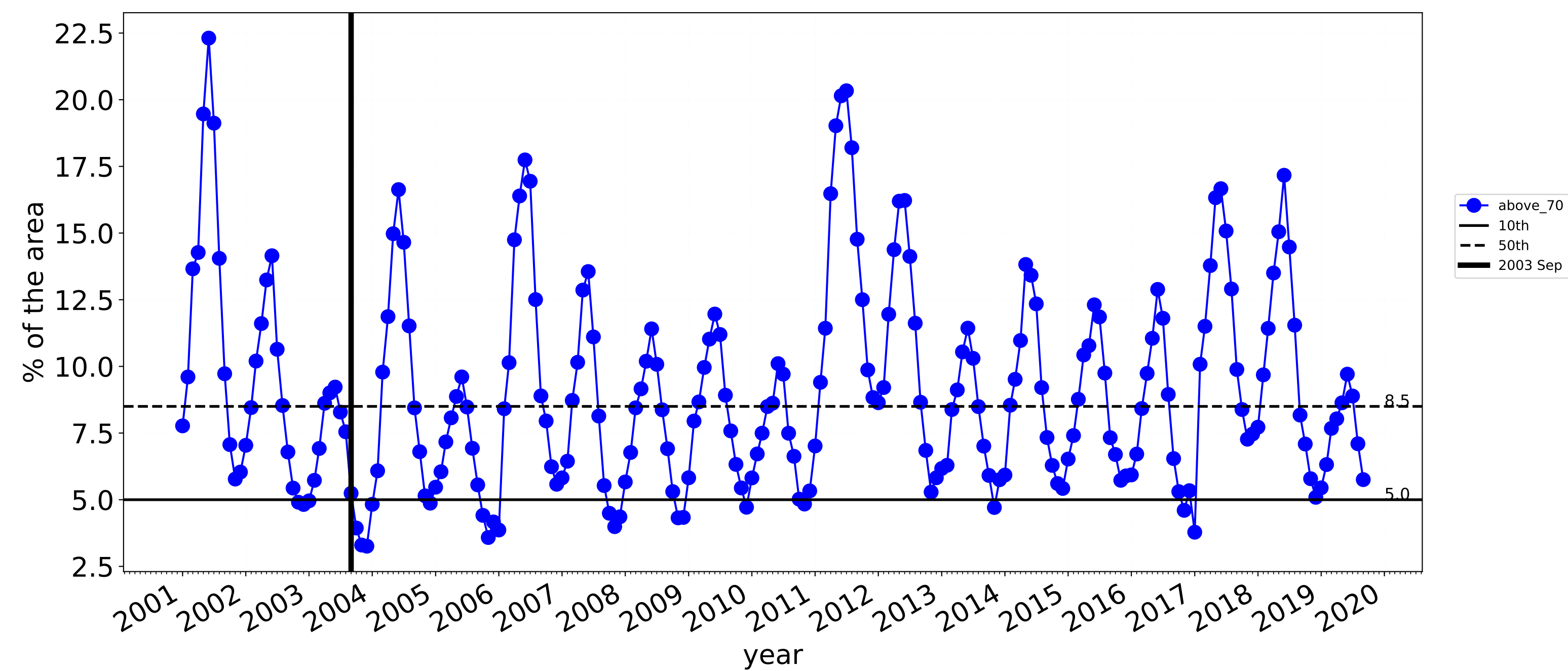# Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries

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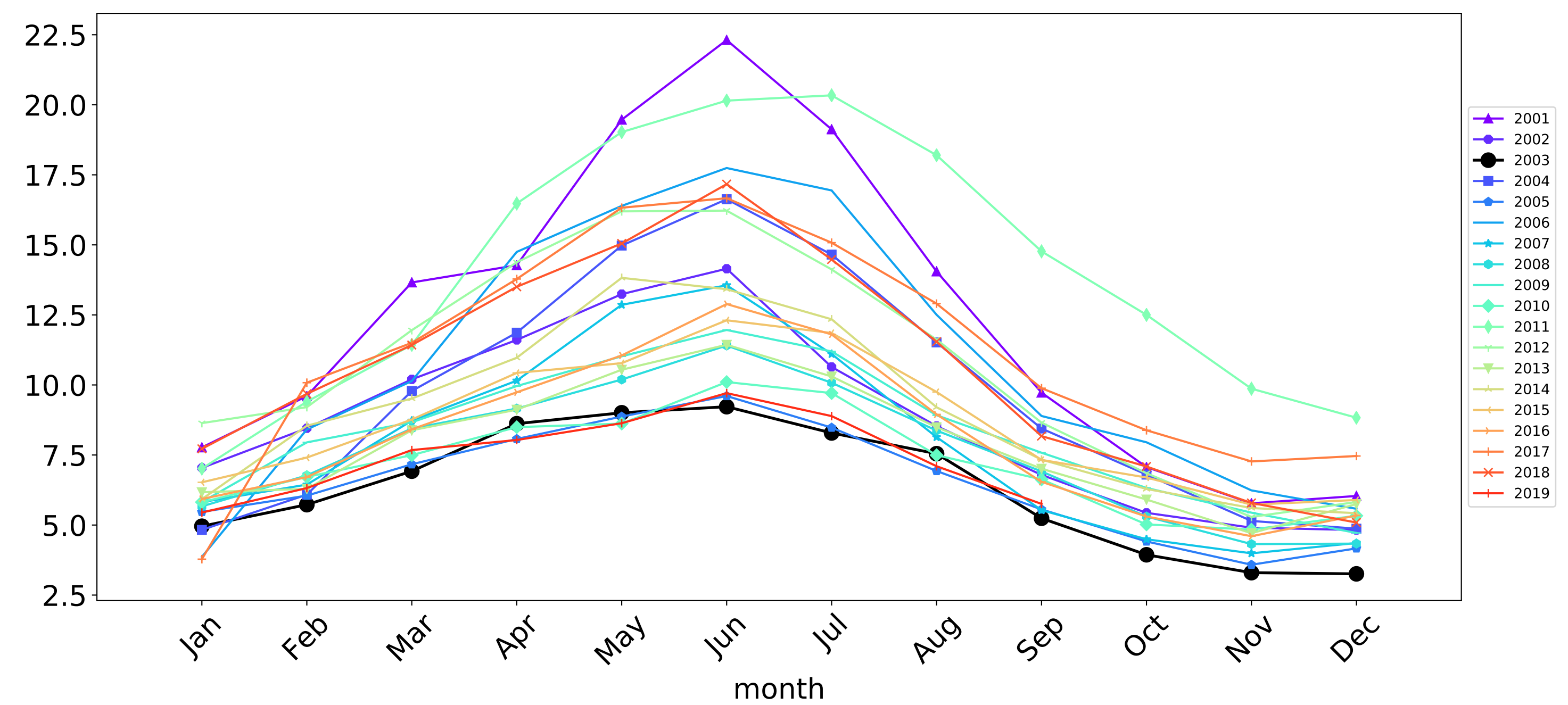

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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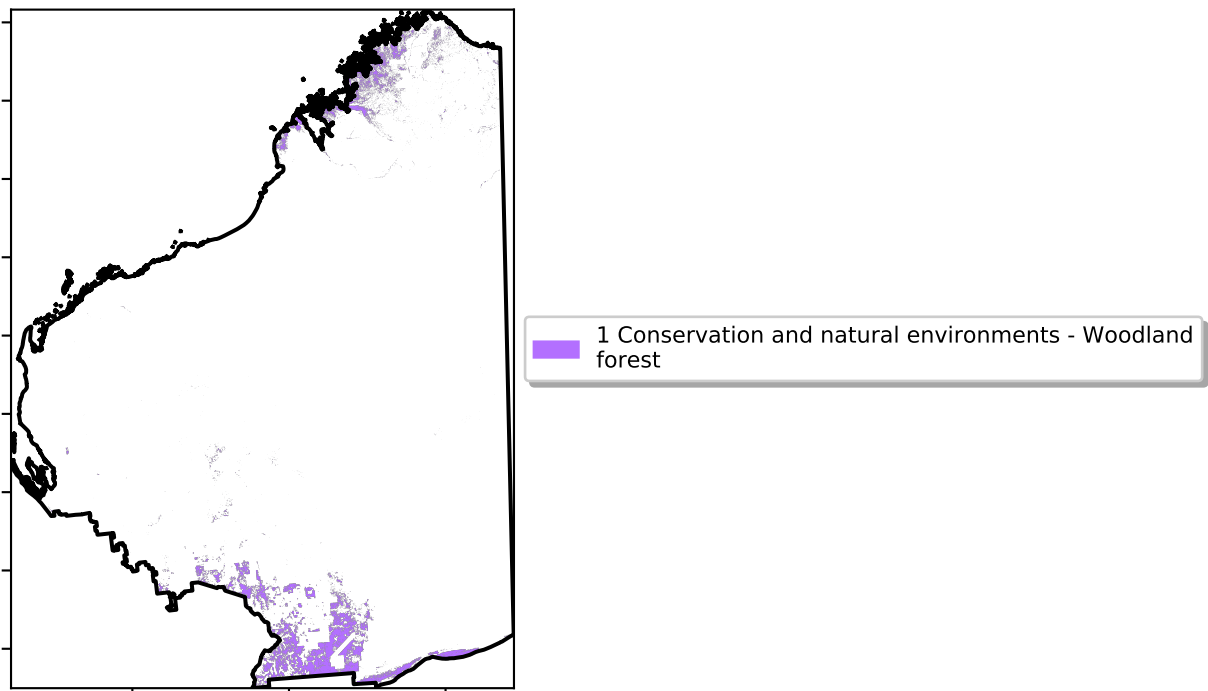

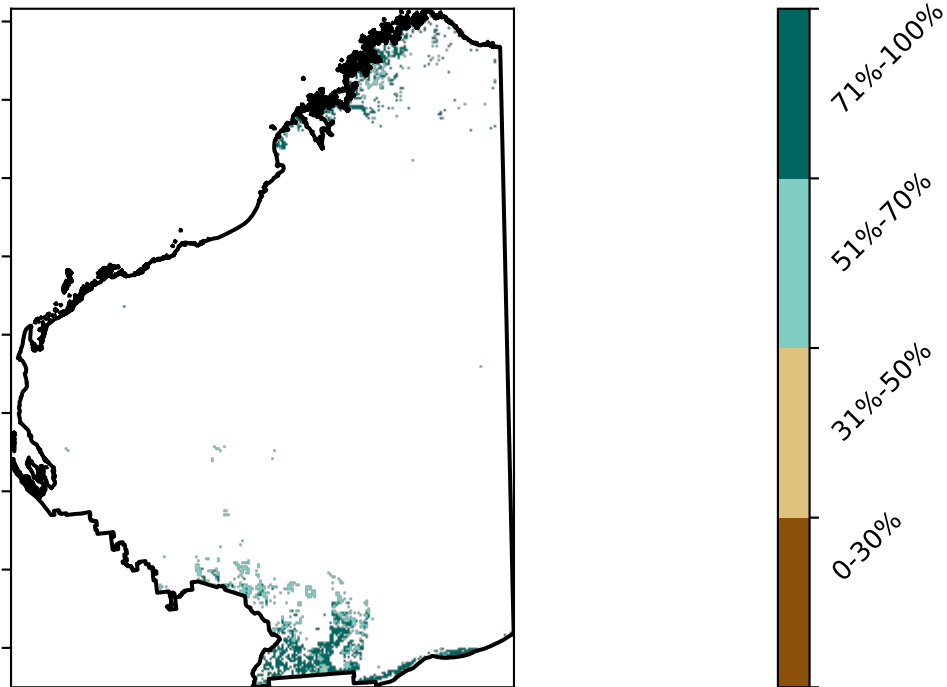Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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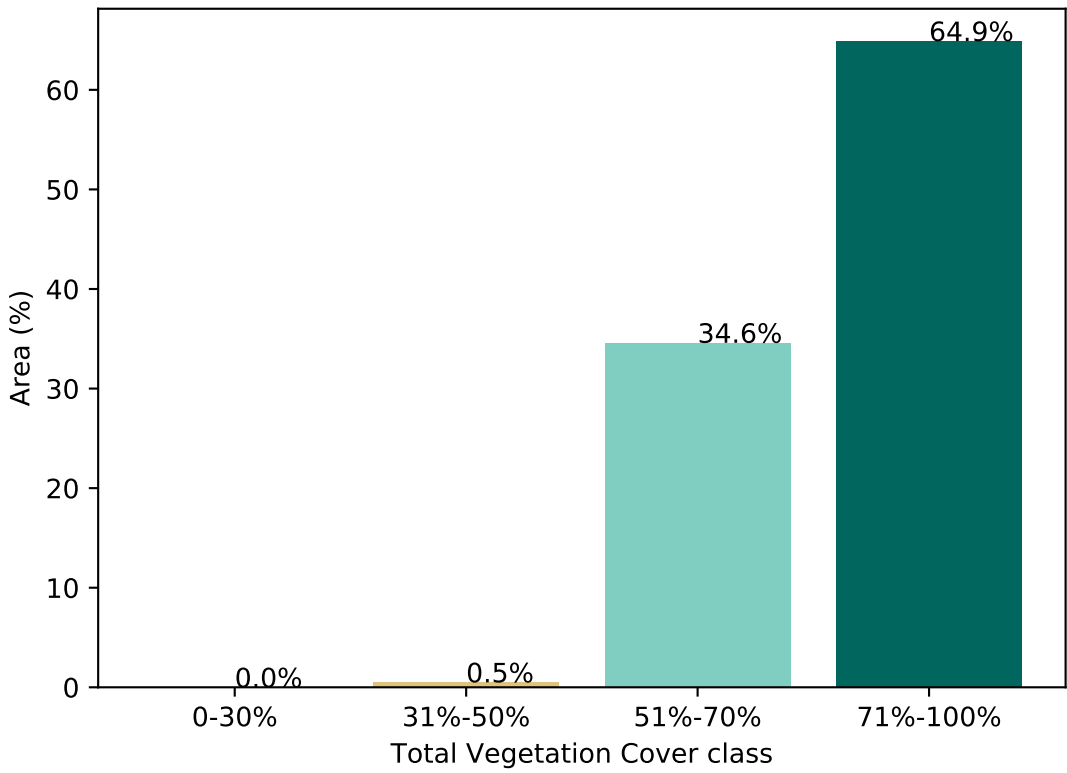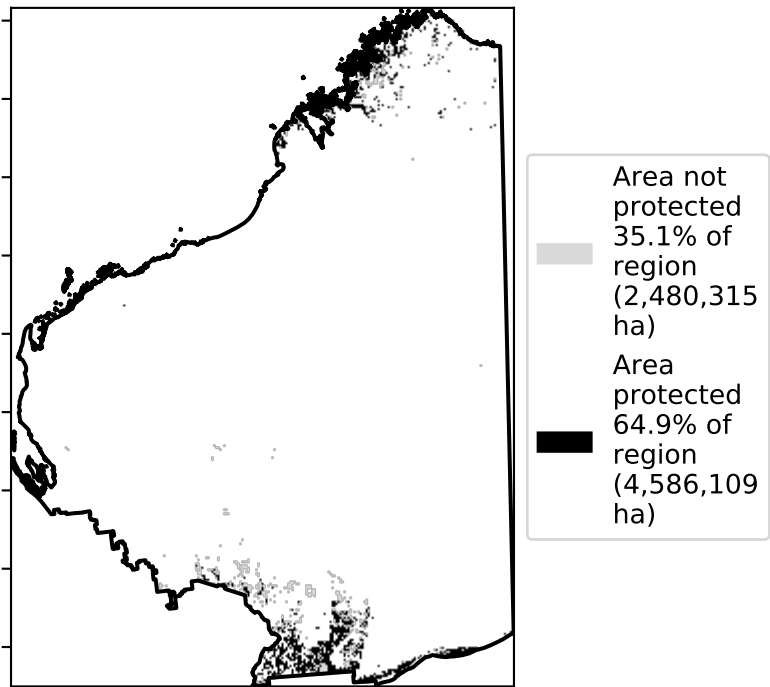
1 Conservation and natural environments - Woodland forest

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 35.1% of region (2,480,315 ha)

Area protected 64.9% of region (4,586,109 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 0.0% of region (0 ha)
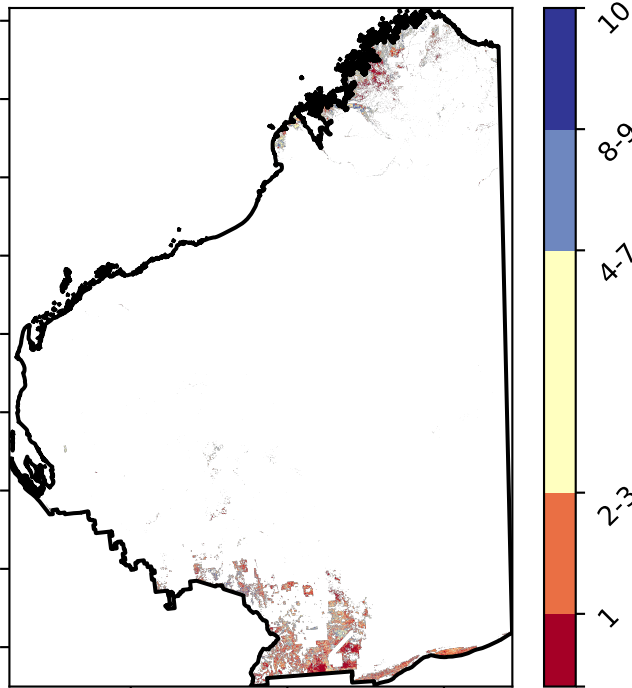
Area protected 100.0% of region (7,066,425 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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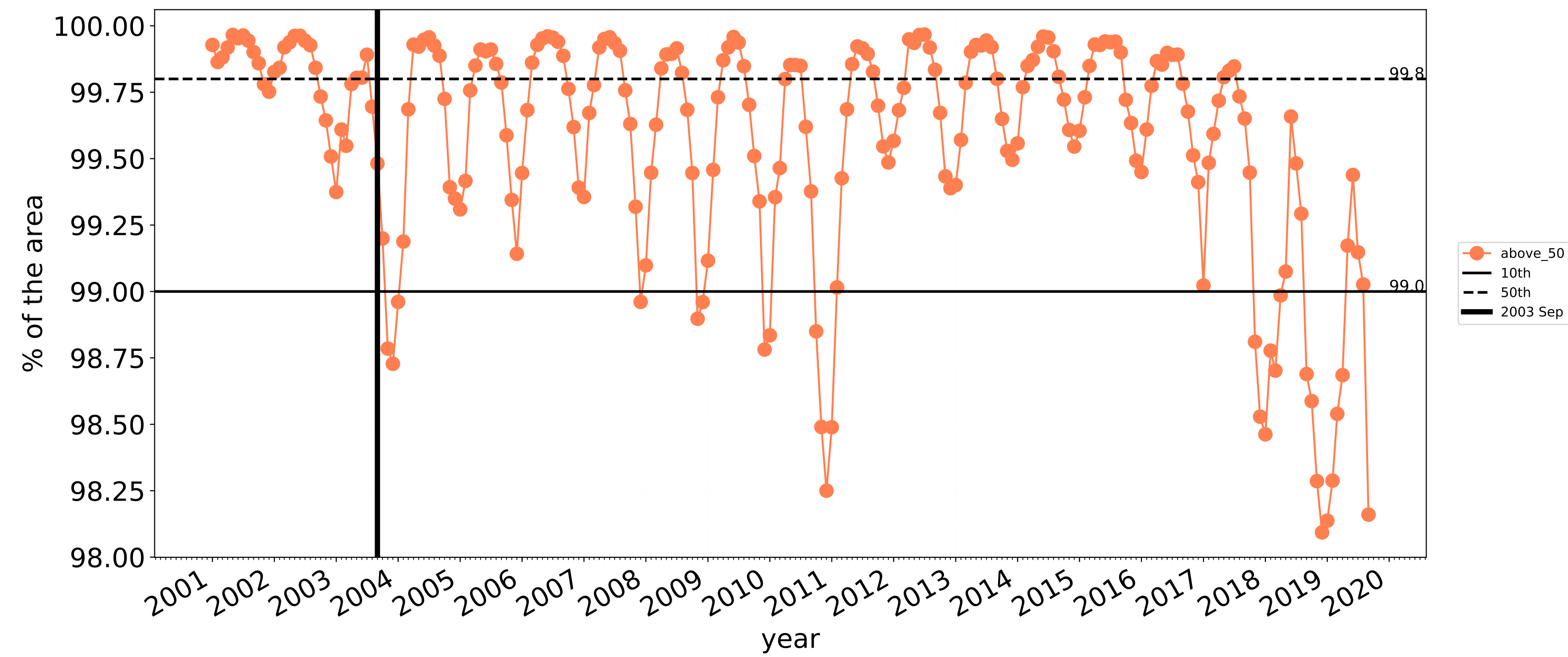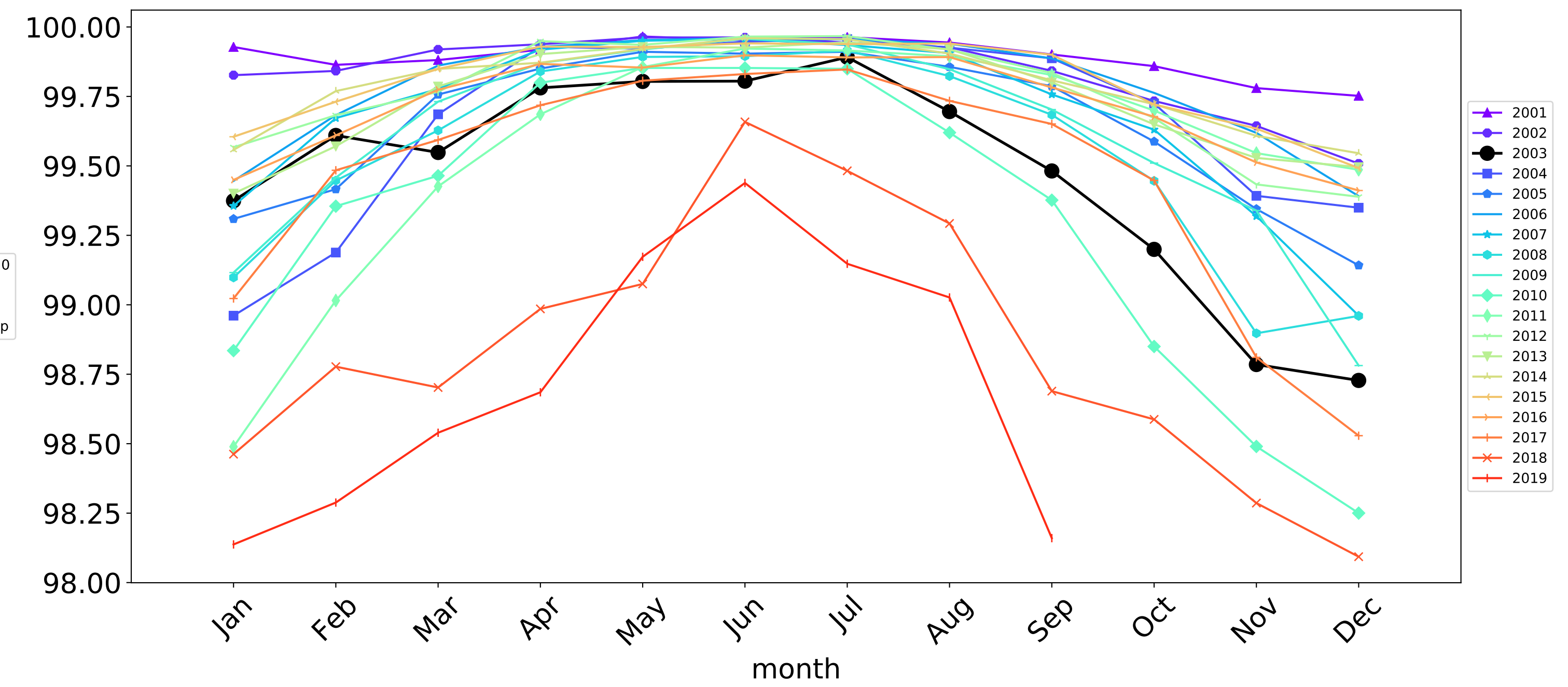

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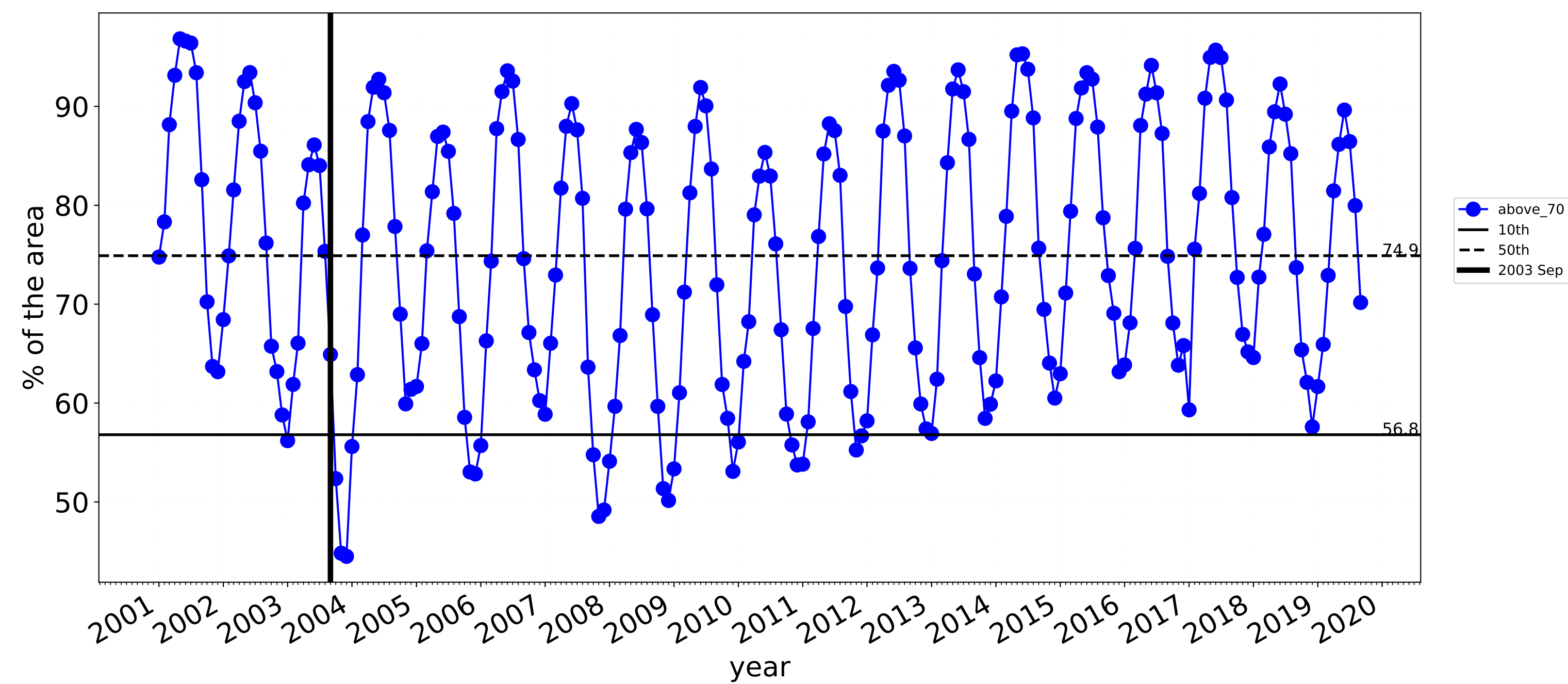# Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries

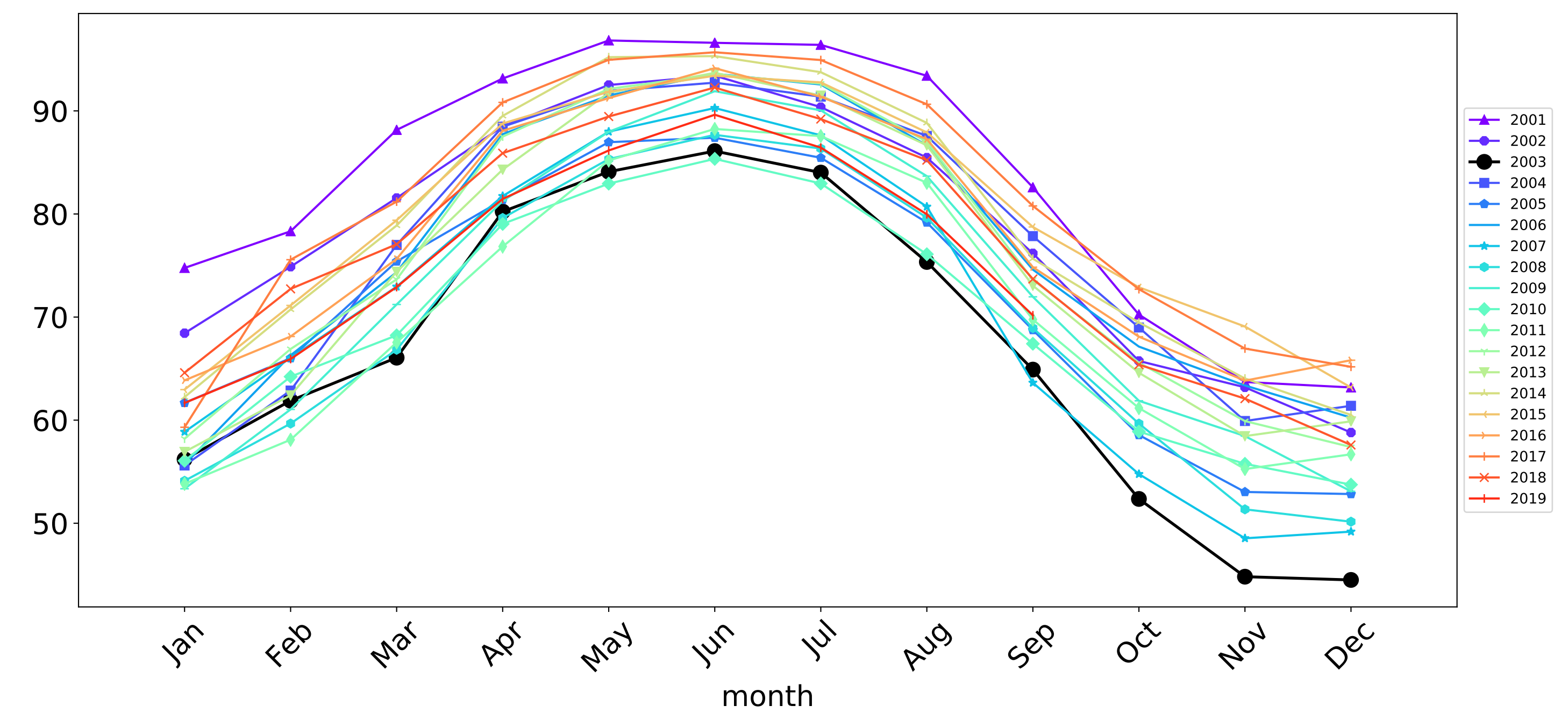Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

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

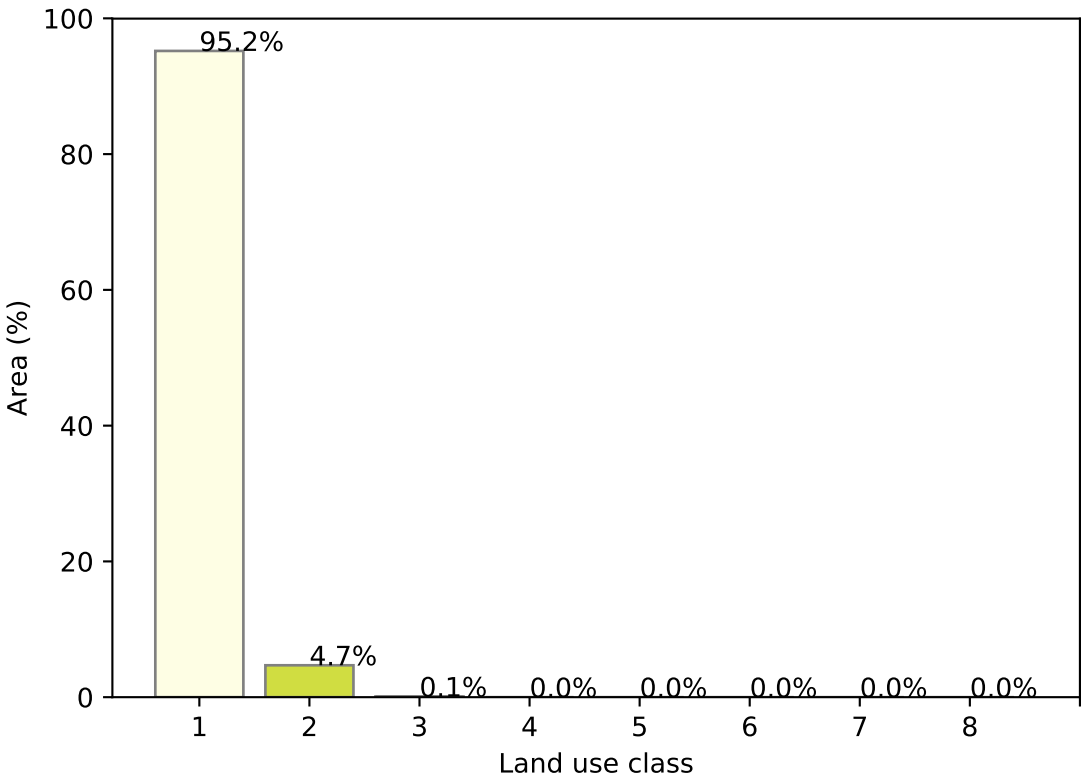Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)
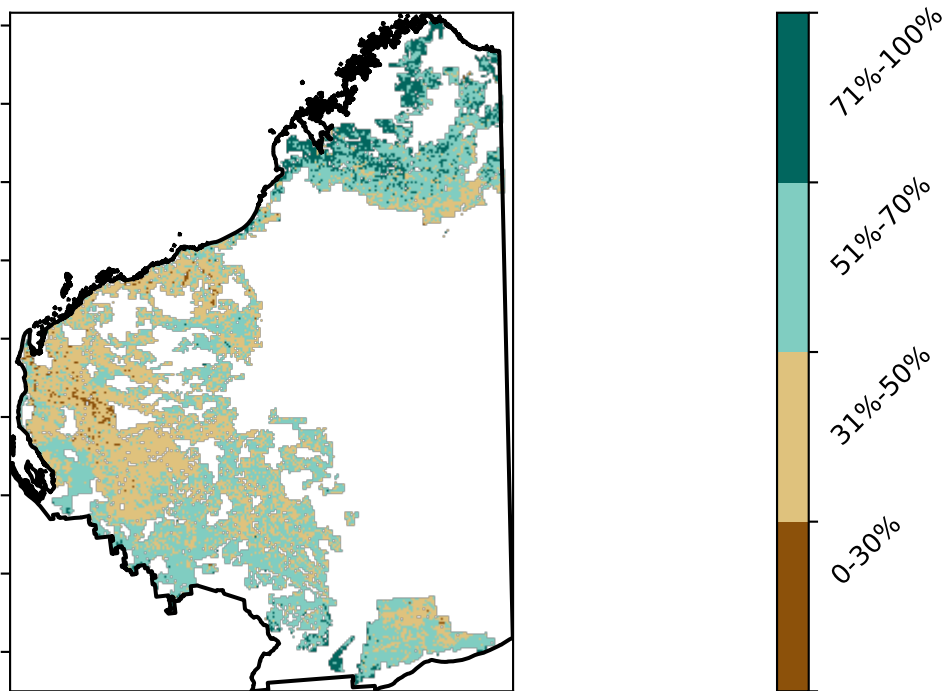
Agriculture

Land use and forest cover

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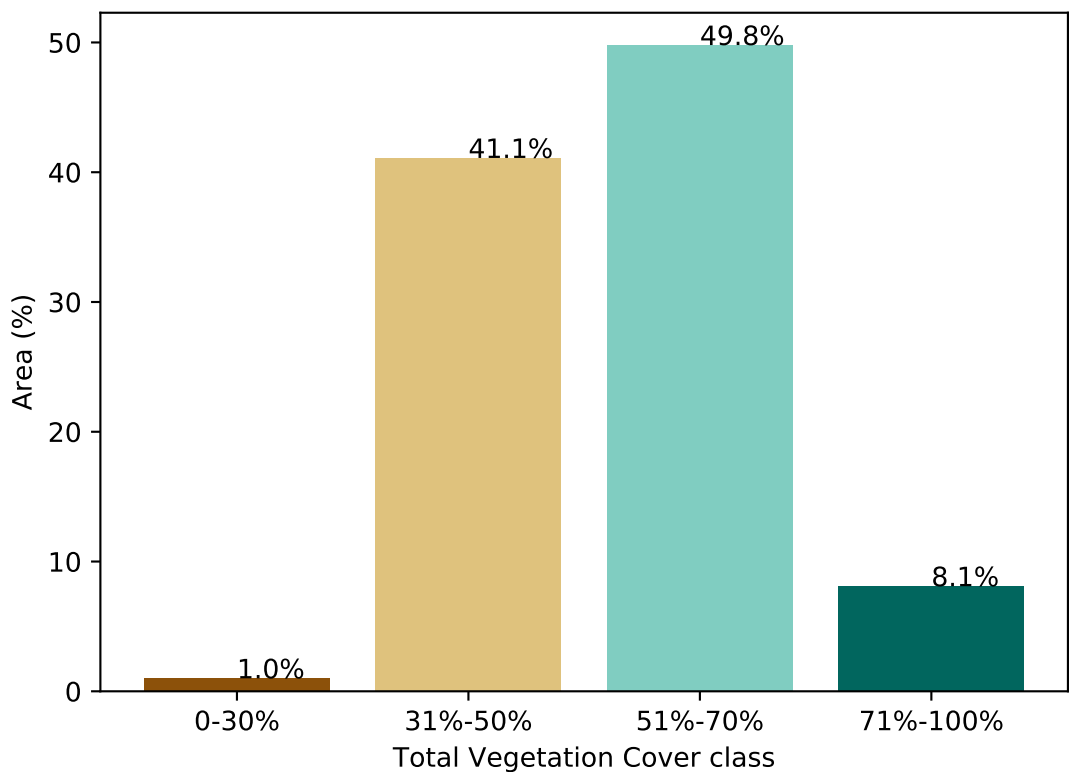Use of Australia
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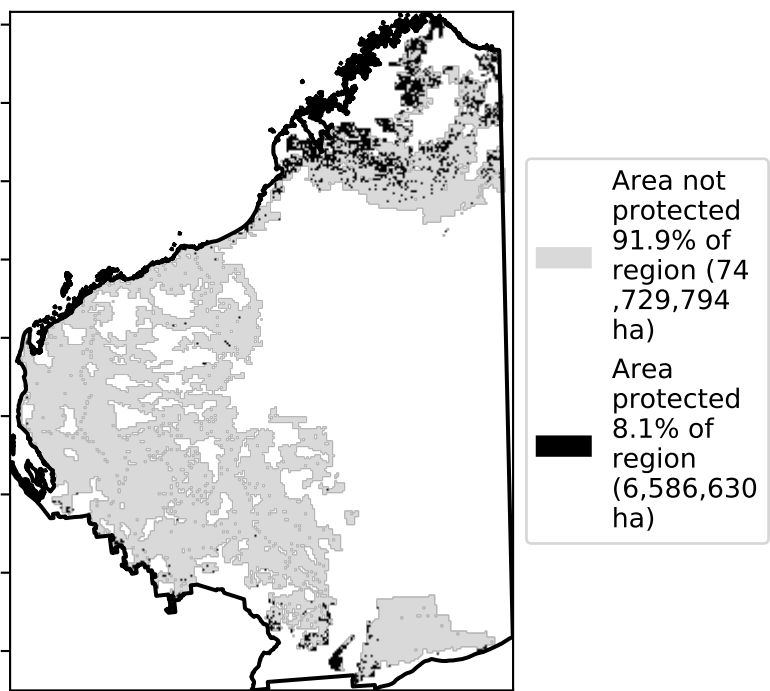2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
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5 Agriculture - Cropping - Non-irrigated
6 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated
7 Agriculture - Horticulture - Non-irrigated
8 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

Proportion of each land class in area

95.2%
4.7%
0.1% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0%

Area (%)
Land use class

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

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

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

1.0%
41.1%
49.8%
8.1%

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

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
91.9% of
region (74
,729,794
ha)

Area
protected
8.1% of
region
(6,586,630
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
42.0% of
region (34
,152,898
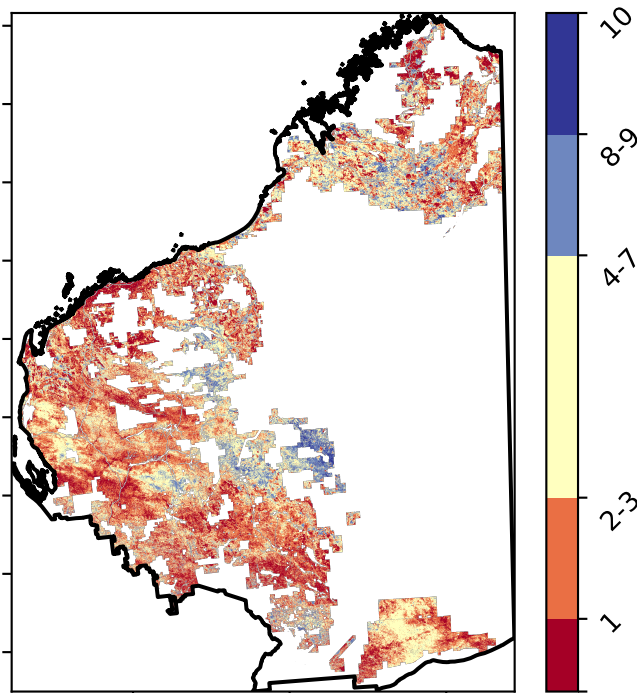ha)

Area
protected
58.0% of
region (47
,163,526
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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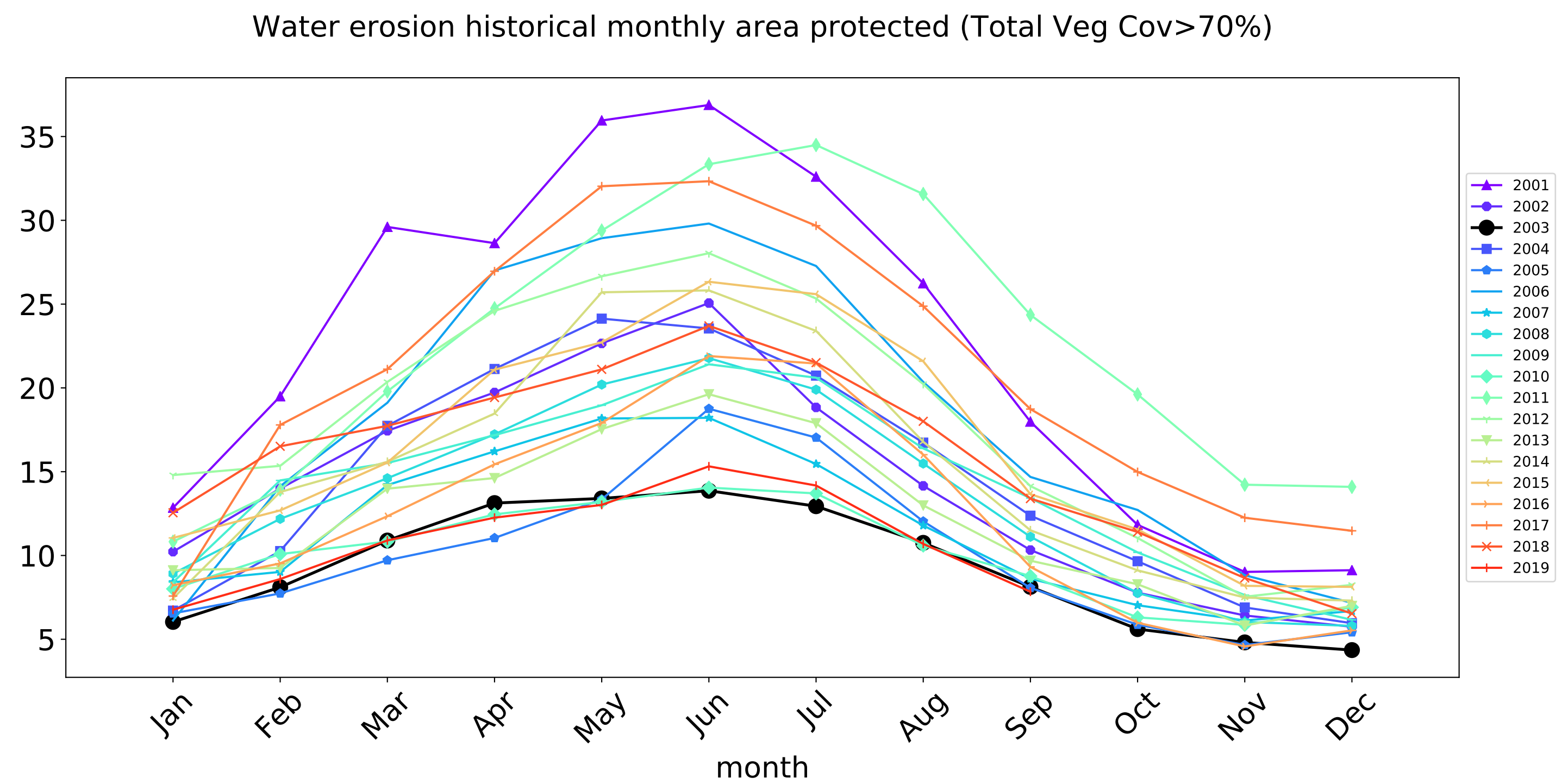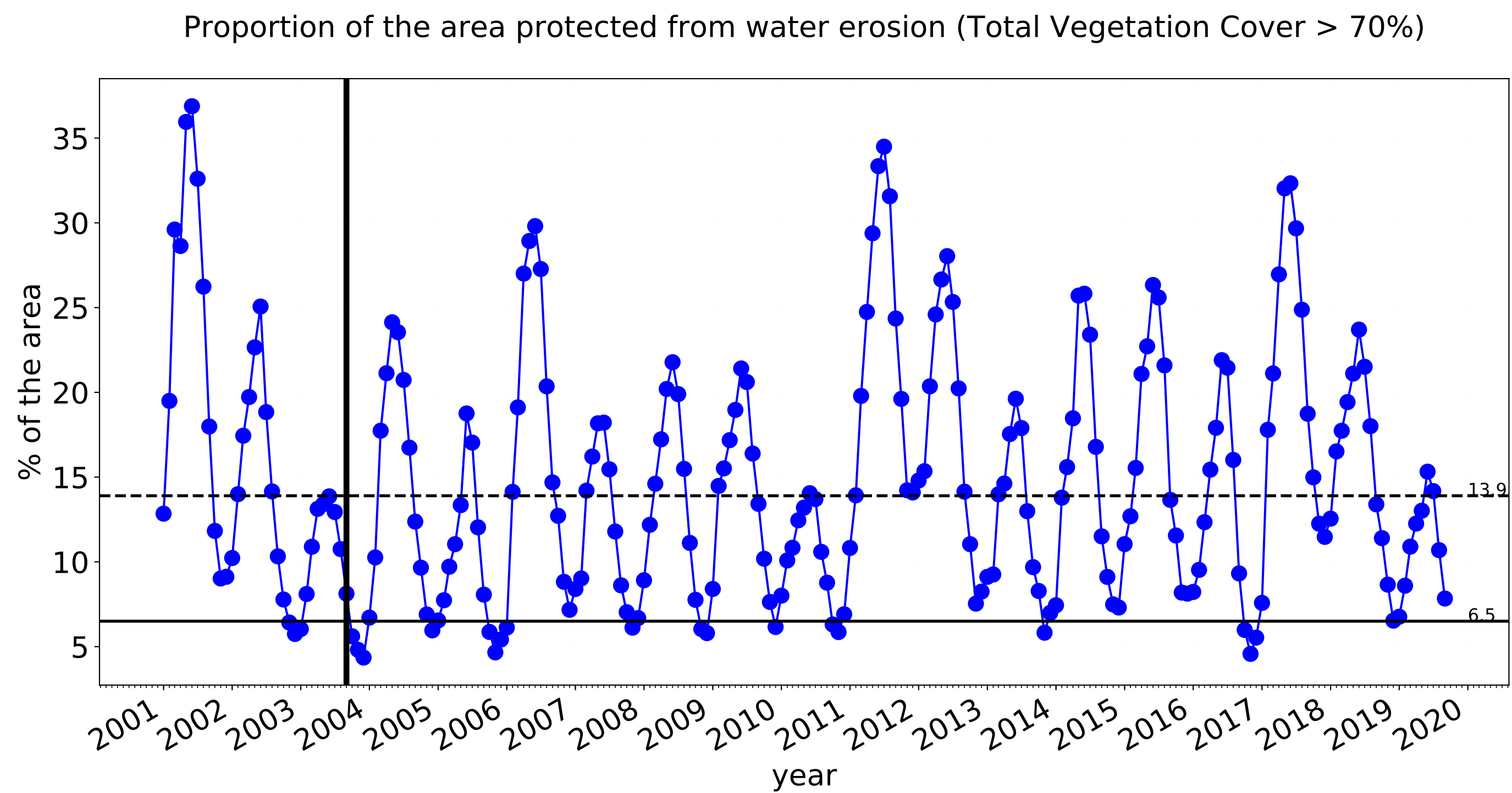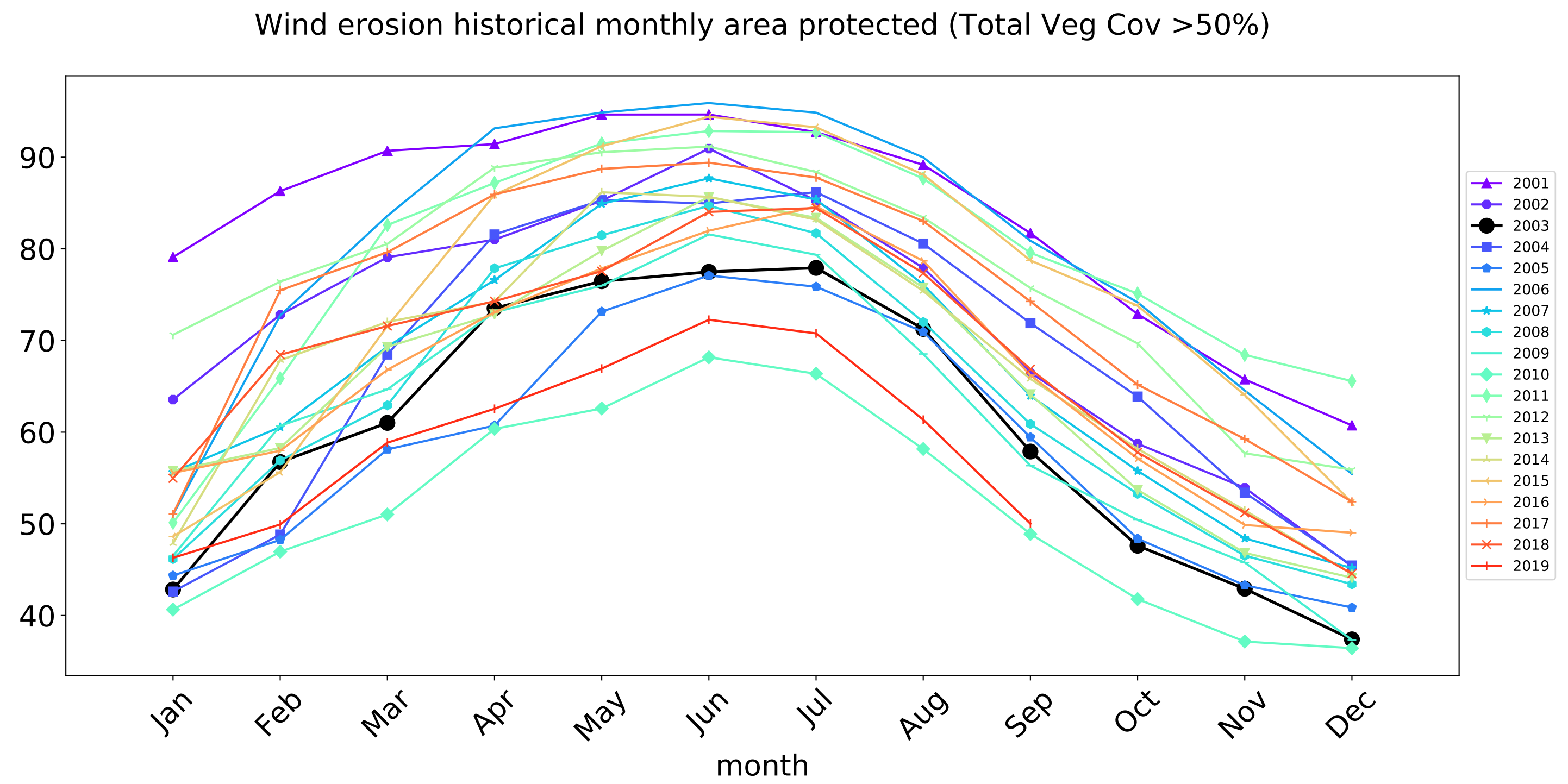records for that month of
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Agriculture timeseries

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%)
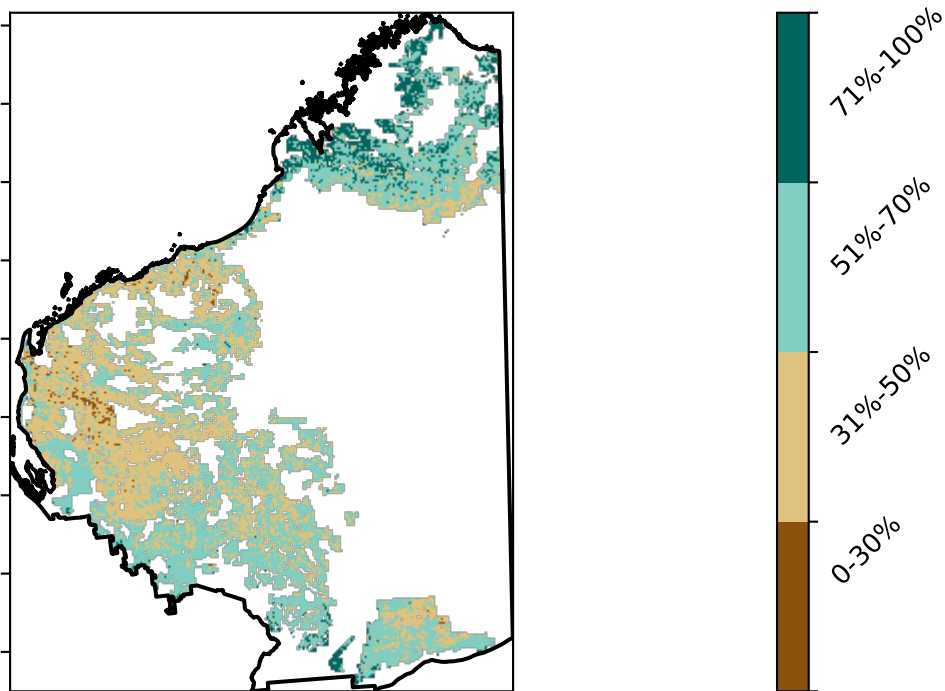
Grazing

Land use and forest cover

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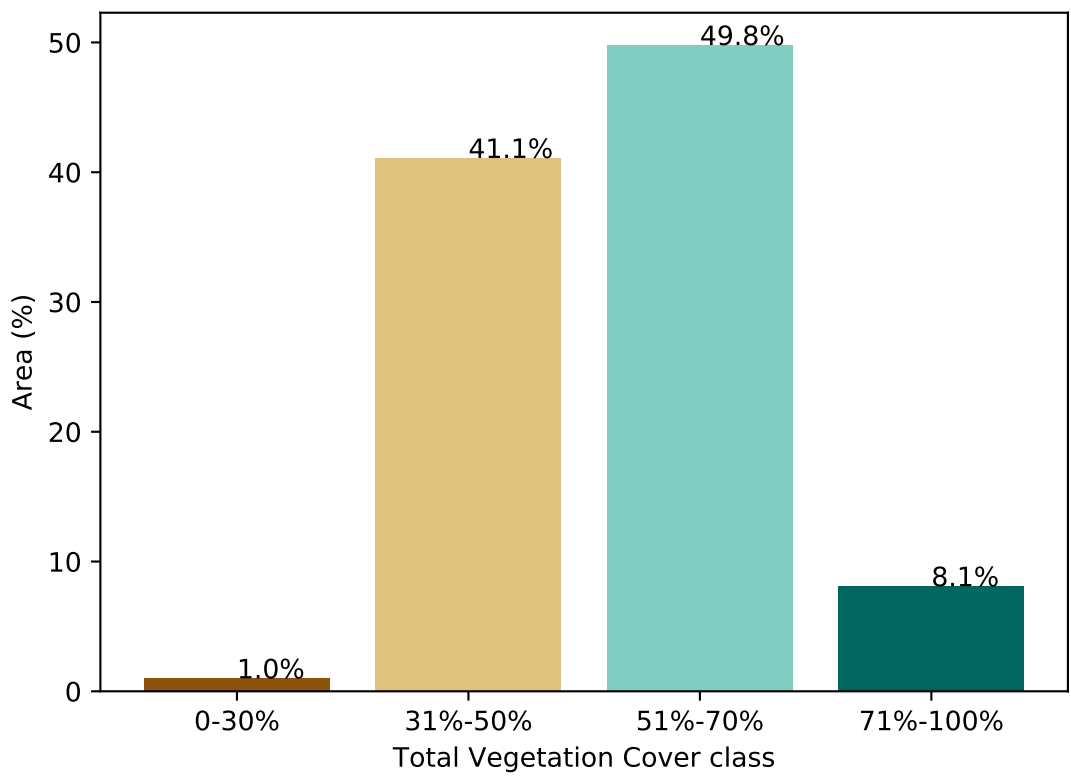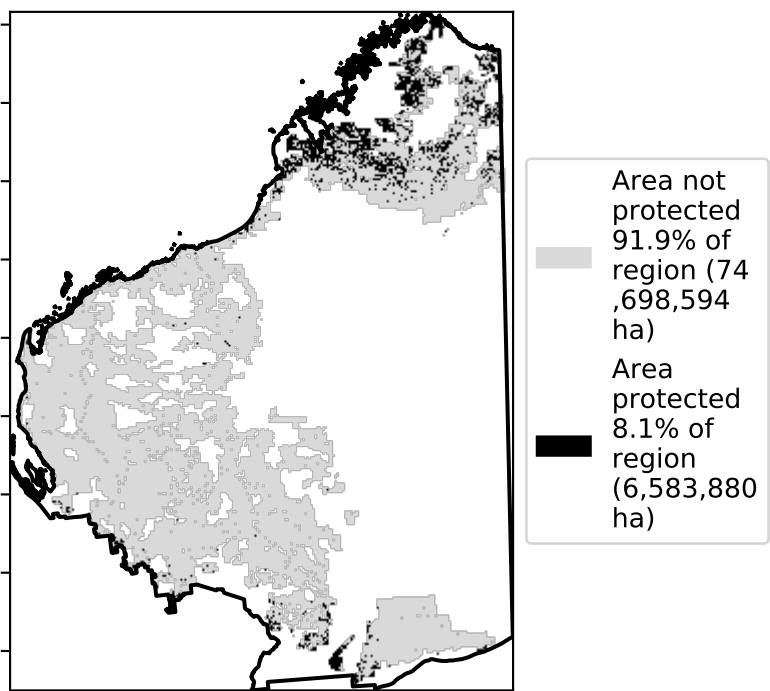(2018) and Forests
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Legend:
- 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest
- 2 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
- 3 Agriculture - Grazing - Non-woodland forest

Proportion of each land class in area

95.2%, 4.7%, 0.1%

Land use class / Area (%)

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

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

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

- 0-30%: 1.0%
- 31%-50%: 41.1%
- 51%-70%: 49.8%
- 71%-100%: 8.1%

Total Vegetation Cover class / Area (%)

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
91.9% of
region (74
,698,594
ha)

Area
protected
8.1% of
region
(6,583,880
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
42.0% of
region (34
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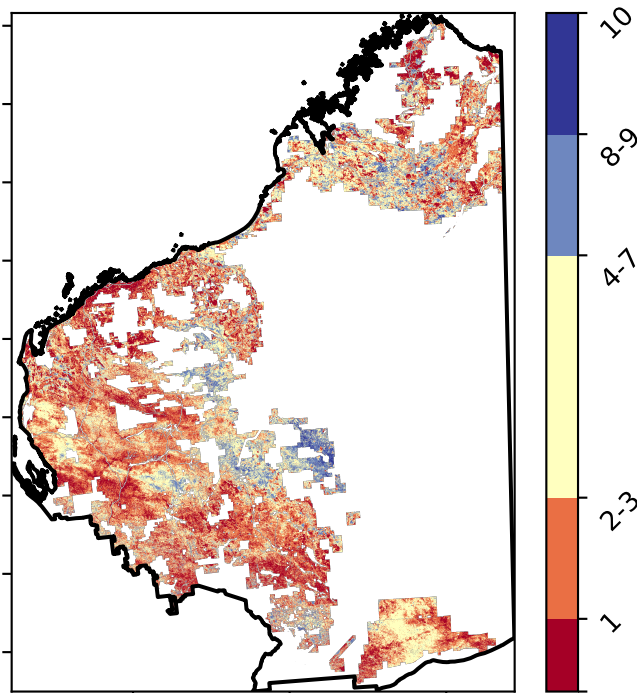ha)

Area
protected
58.0% of
region (47
,143,835
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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the map using baseline
from 2001 to 2019.

Legend:
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- 4-7
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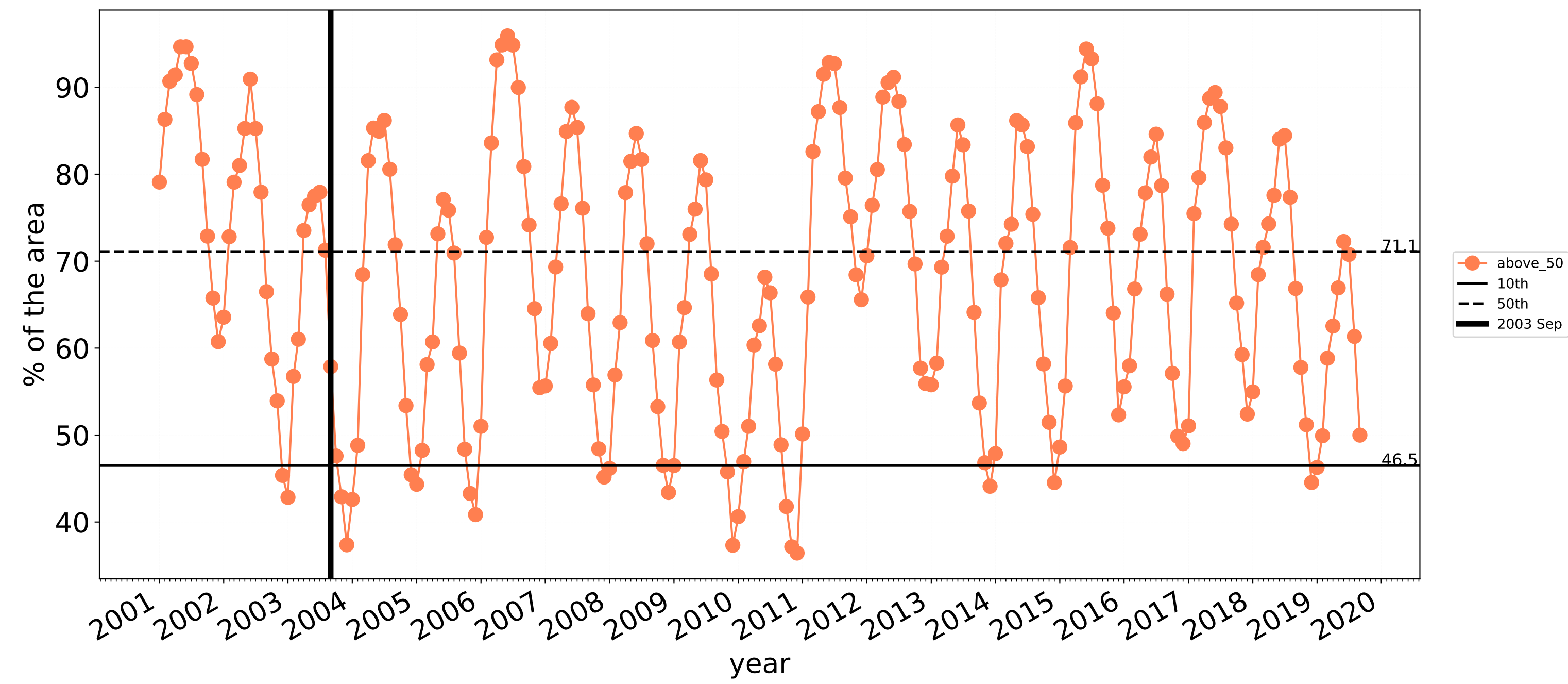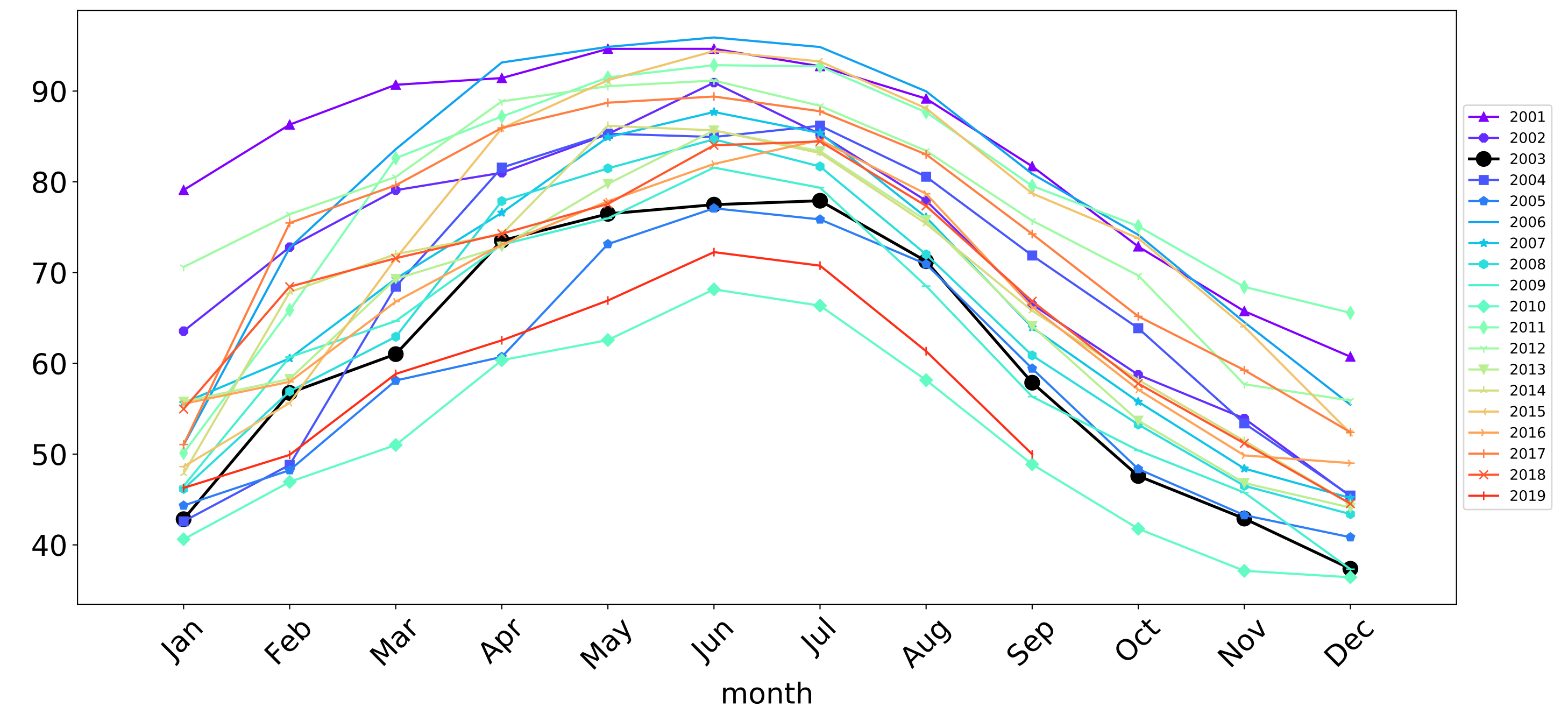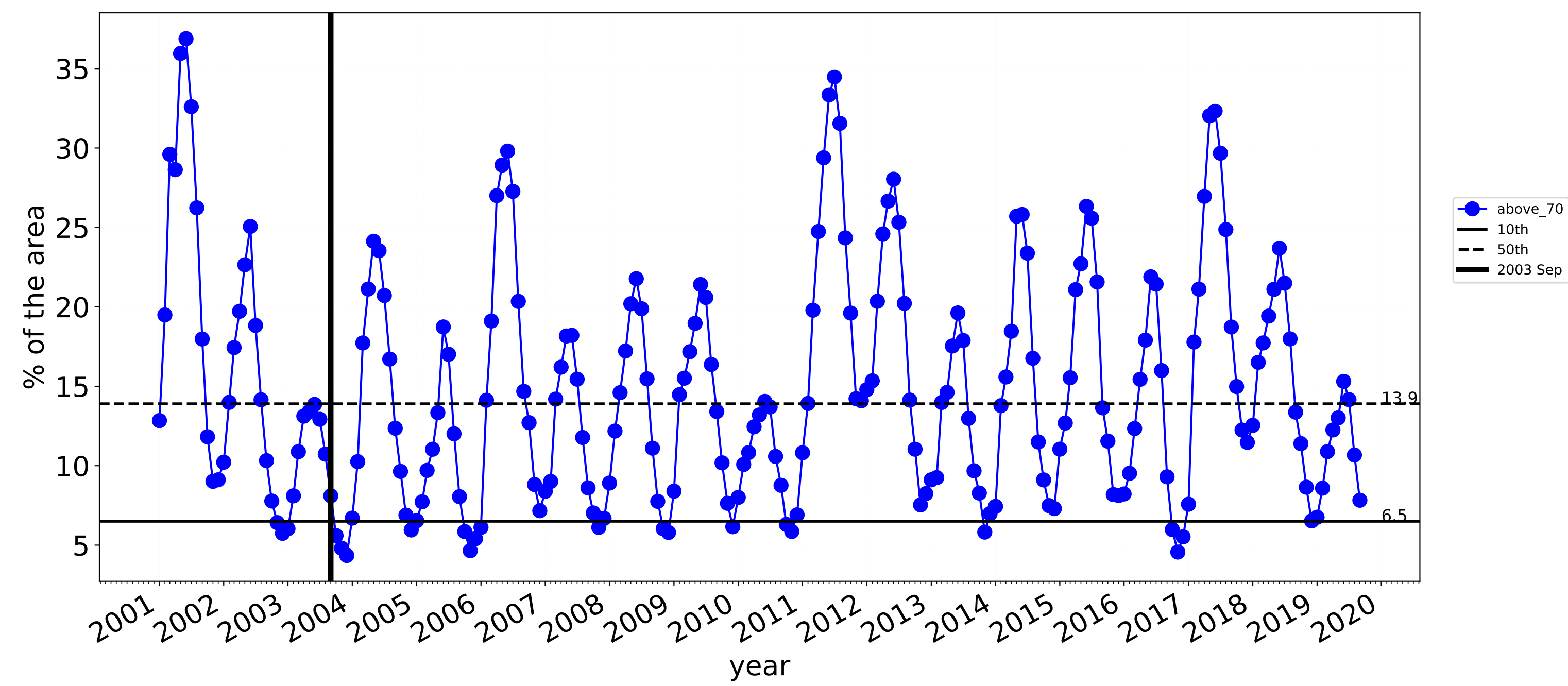# Grazing timeseries

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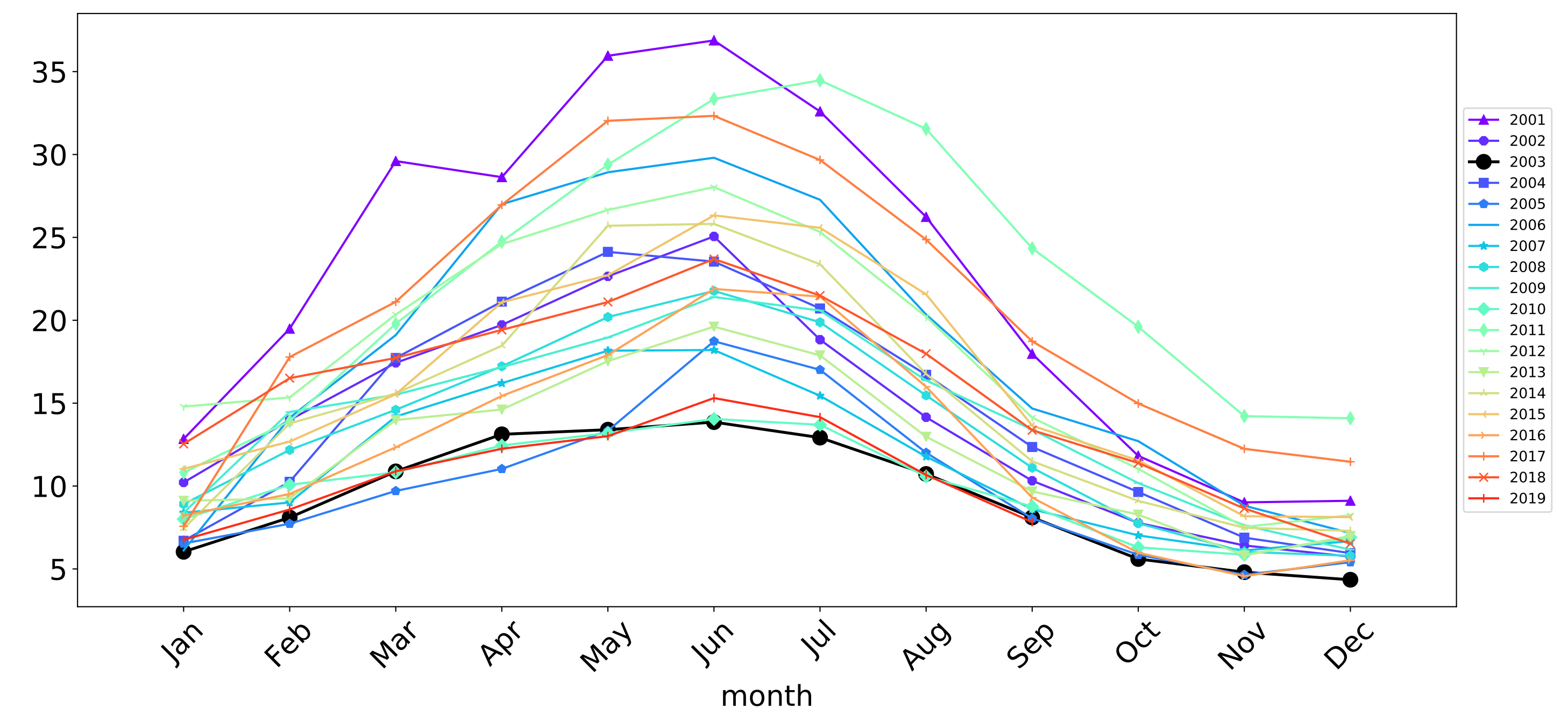

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

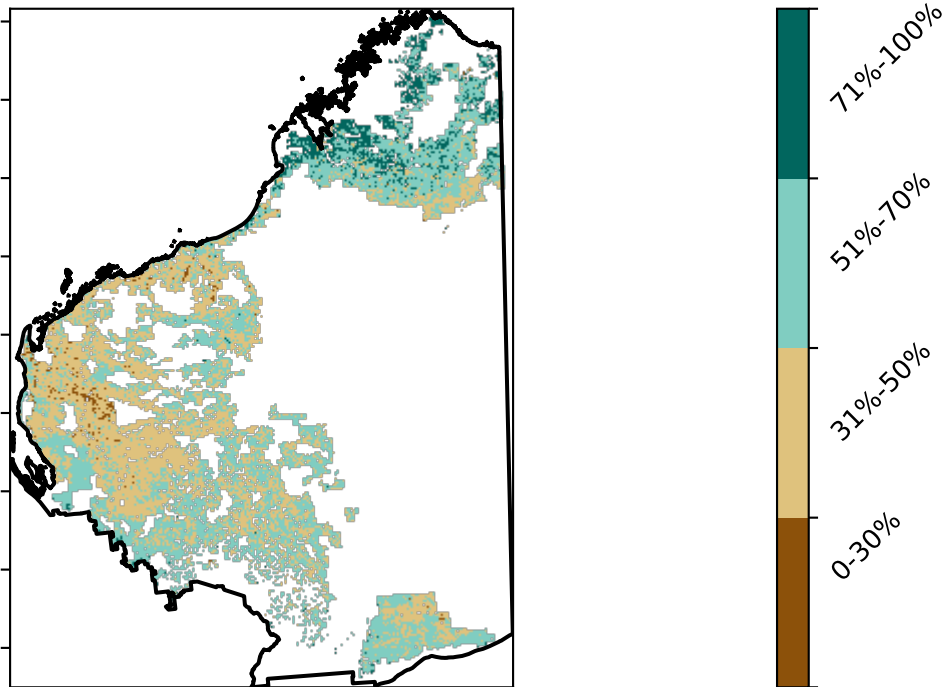Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Grazing non forest

Land use and forest cover
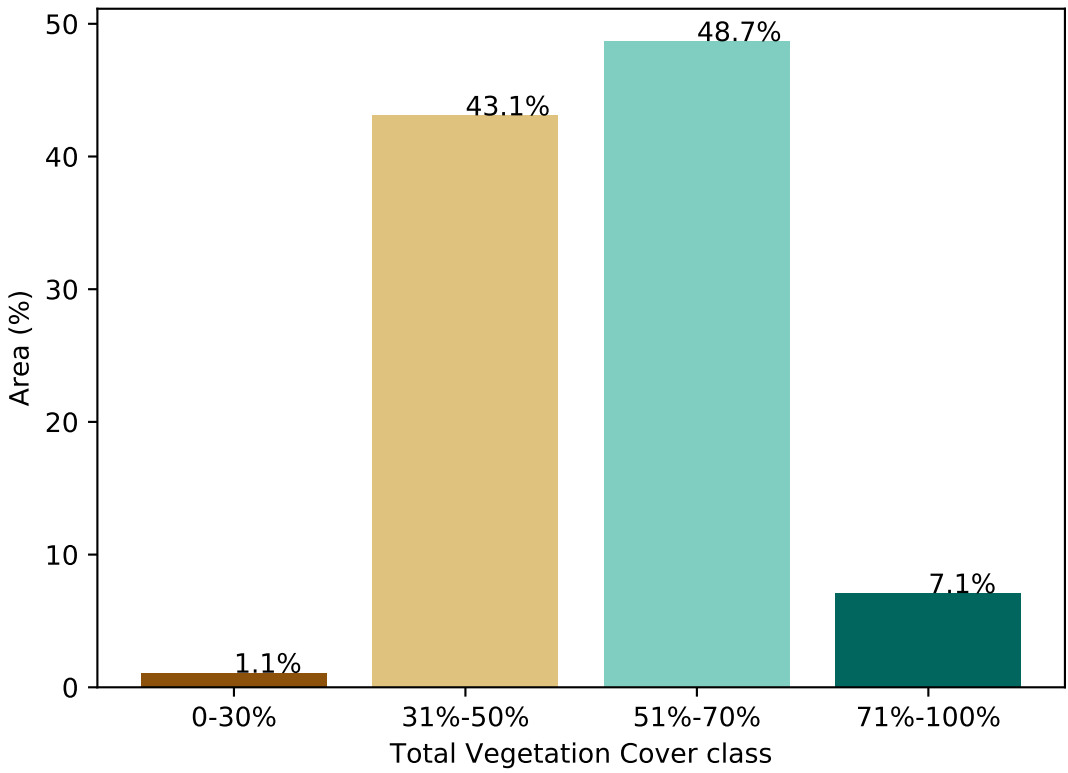
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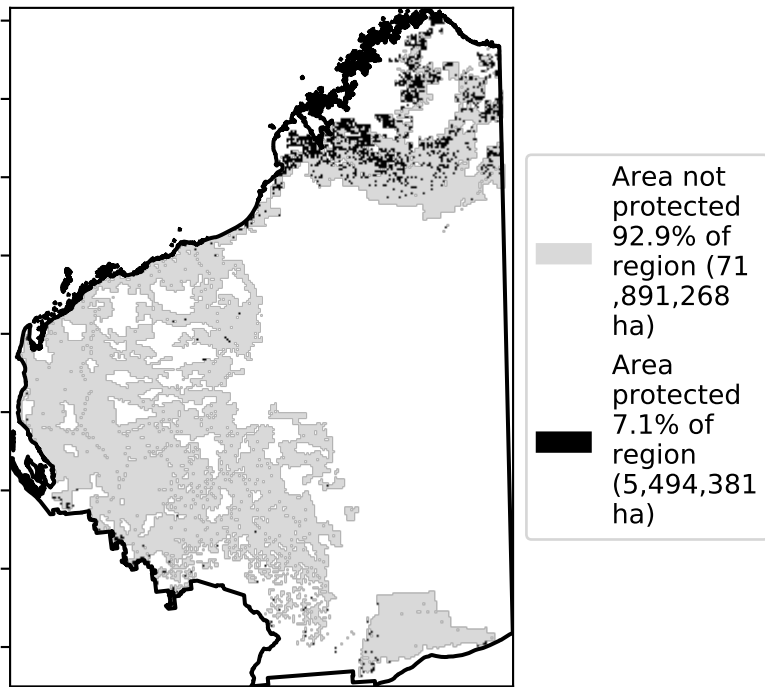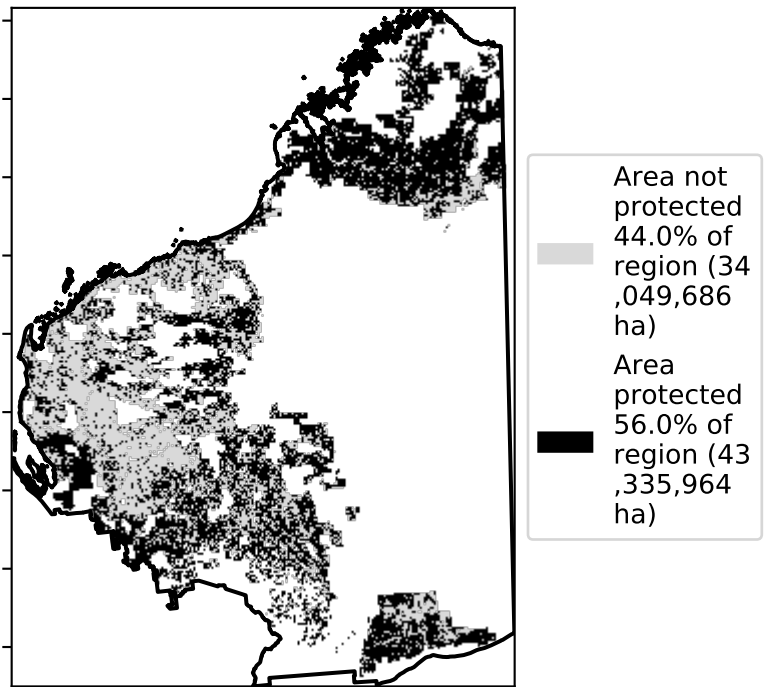
1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

Total Vegetation Cover [%]

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

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

Area (%)

1.1%
43.1%
48.7%
7.1%

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

Total Vegetation Cover class

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not protected 92.9% of region (71,891,268 ha)

Area protected 7.1% of region (5,494,381 ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not protected 44.0% of region (34,049,686 ha)
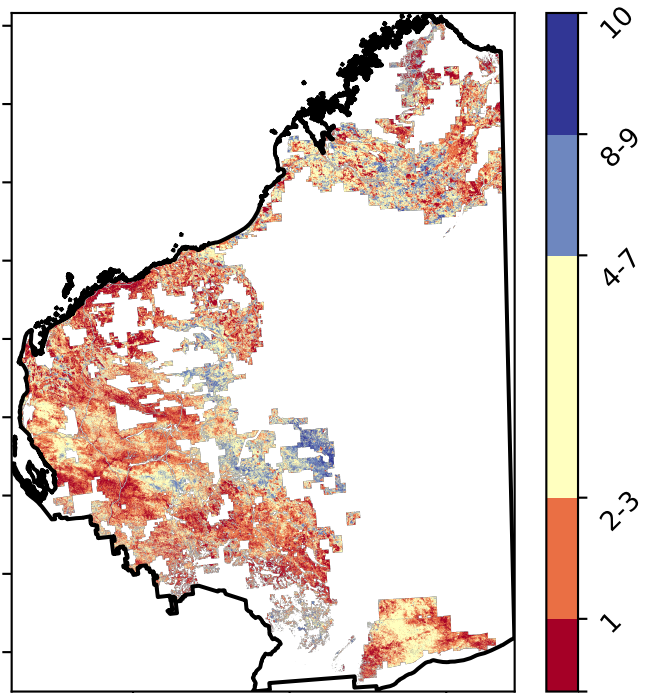
Area protected 56.0% of region (43,335,964 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

Anomaly show how many percetage points each pixel is from the mean. That is, red pixels are about 20% lower than the mean of that pixel. The mean is only for the month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

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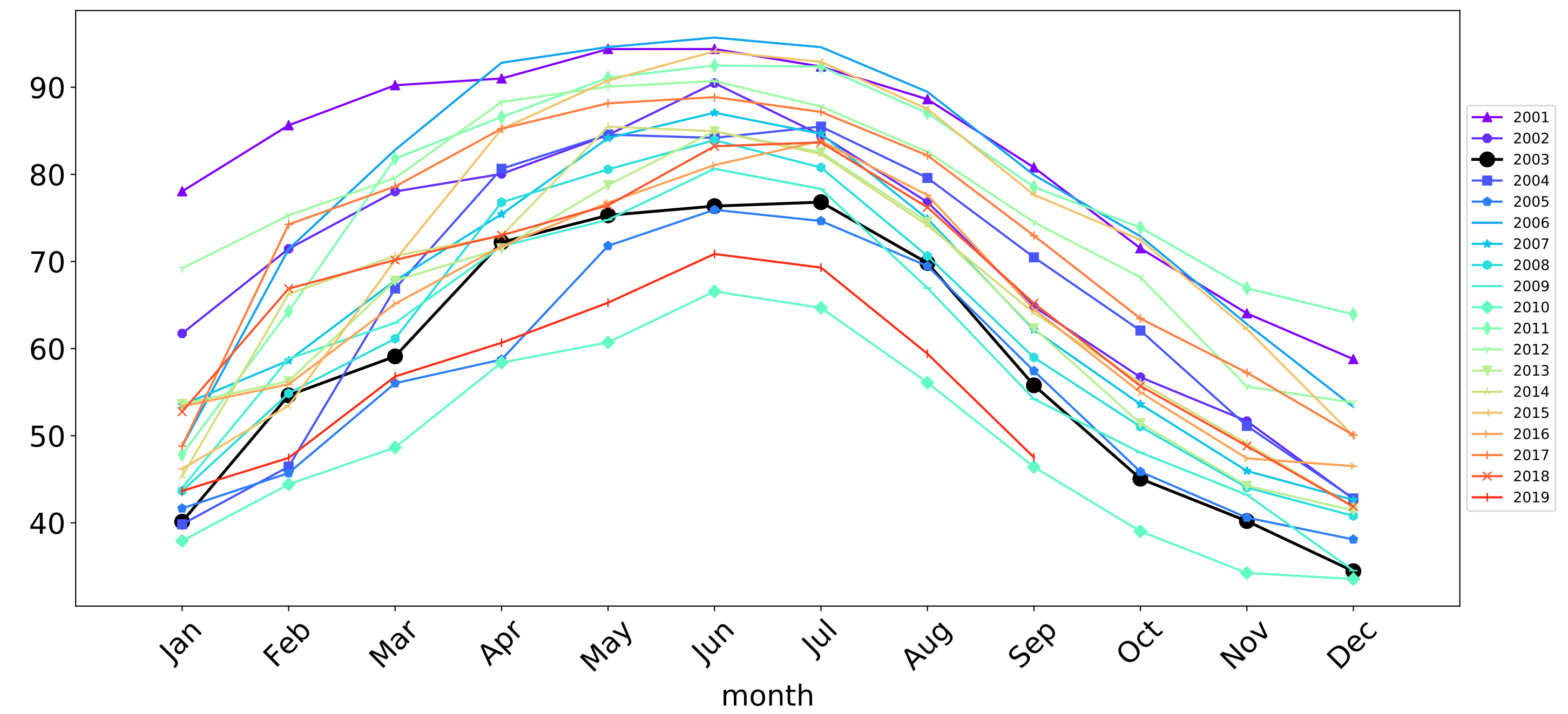CSIRO   TERN   Australian Government | National Landcare Programme   NSW GOVERNMENT | Planning, Industry & Environment
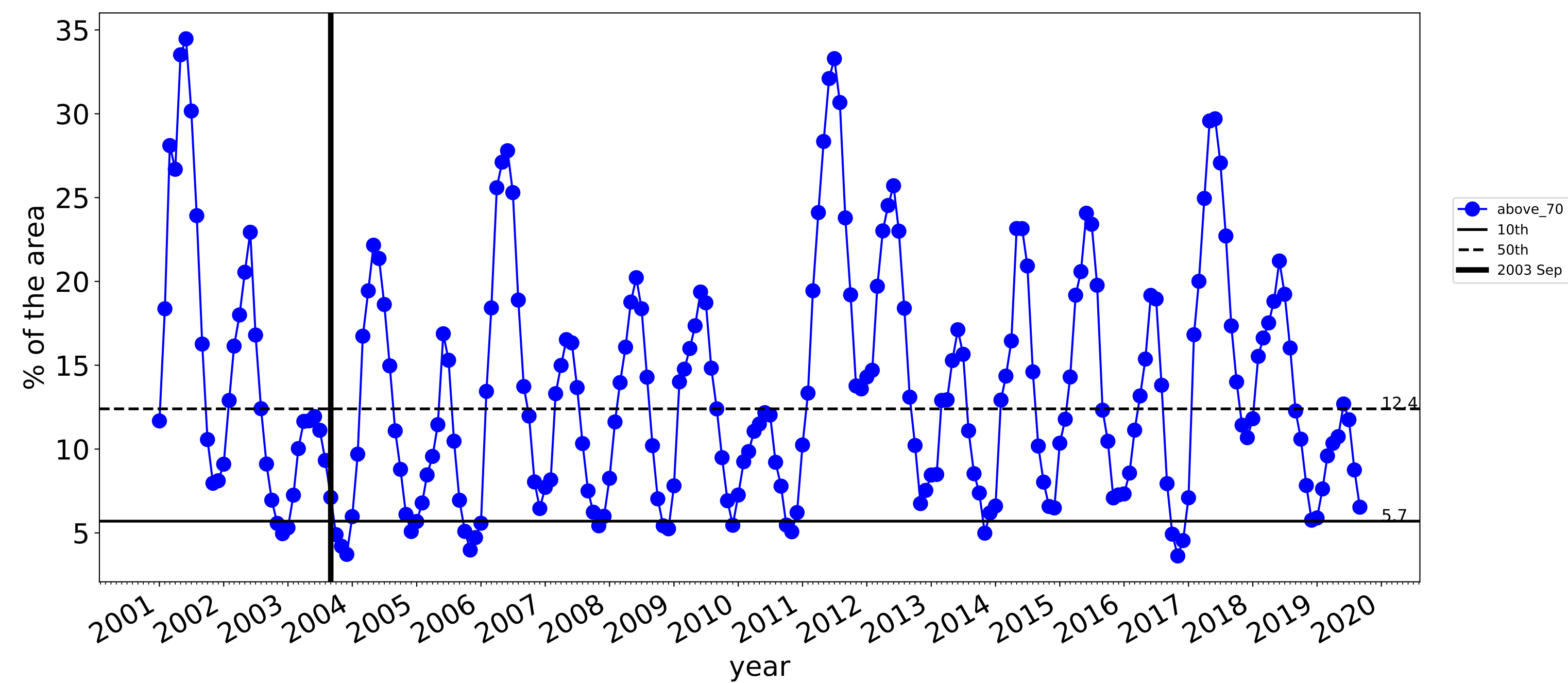
Grazing non forest timeseries

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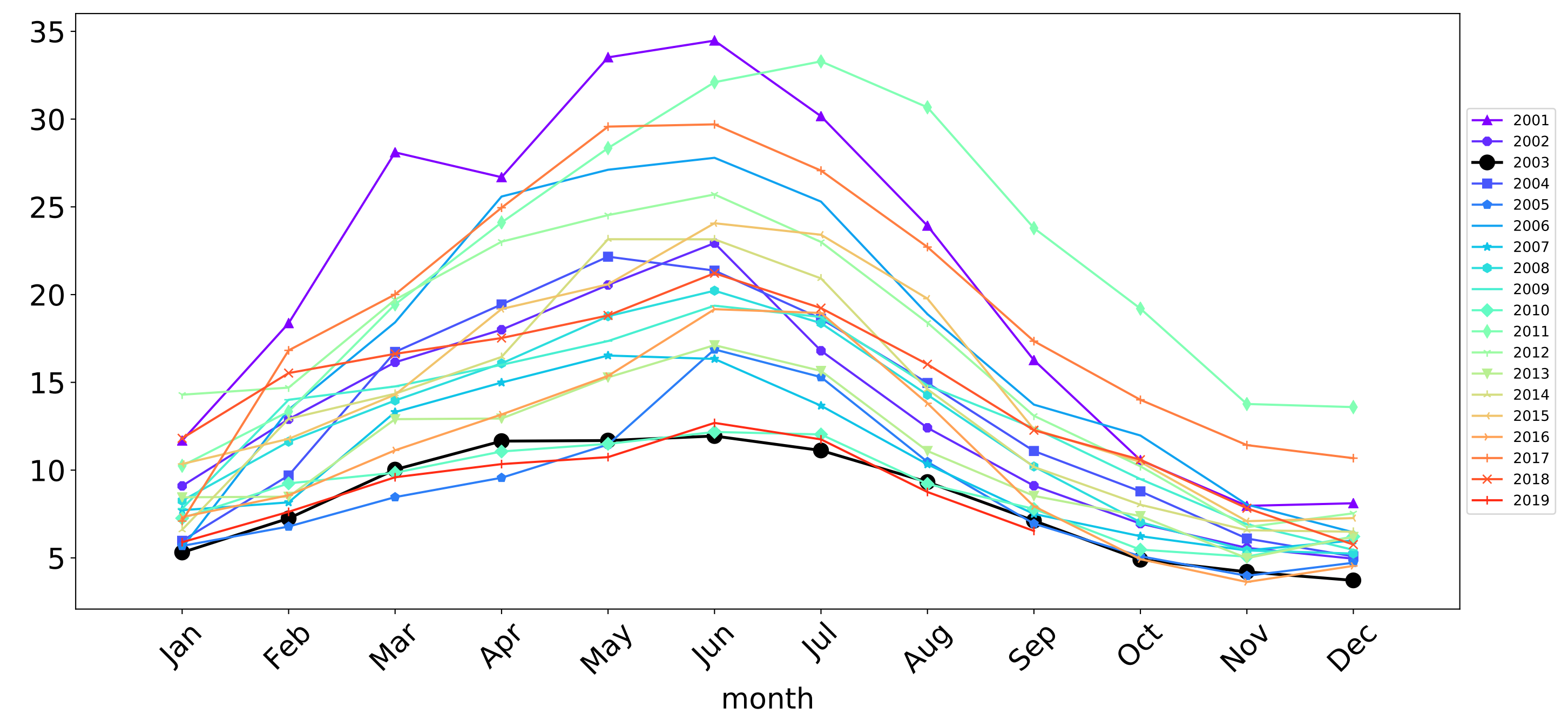

Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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

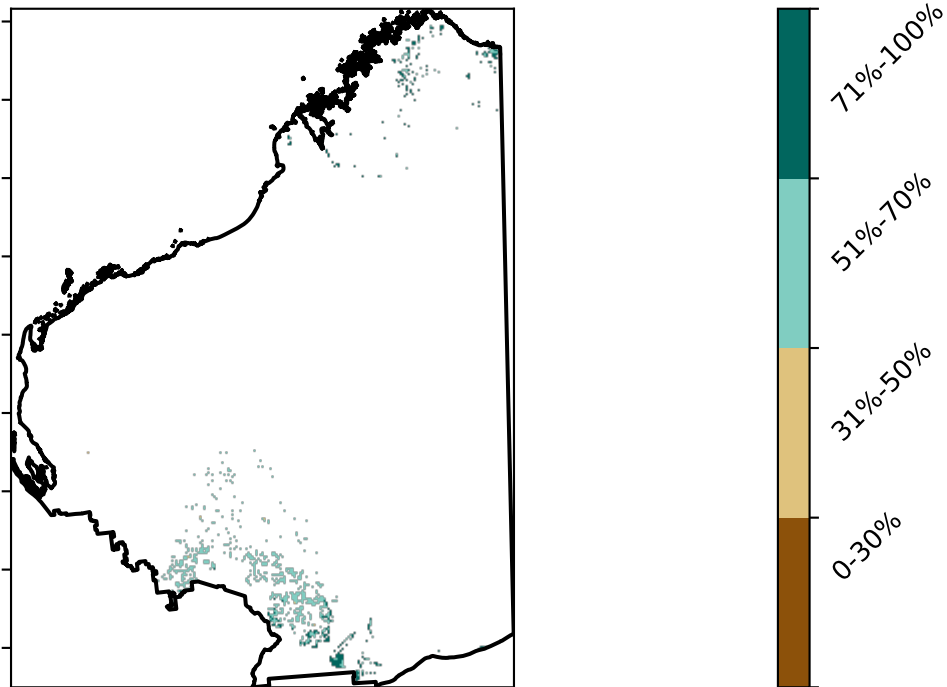Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)

Grazing Woodland forest

Land use and forest cover

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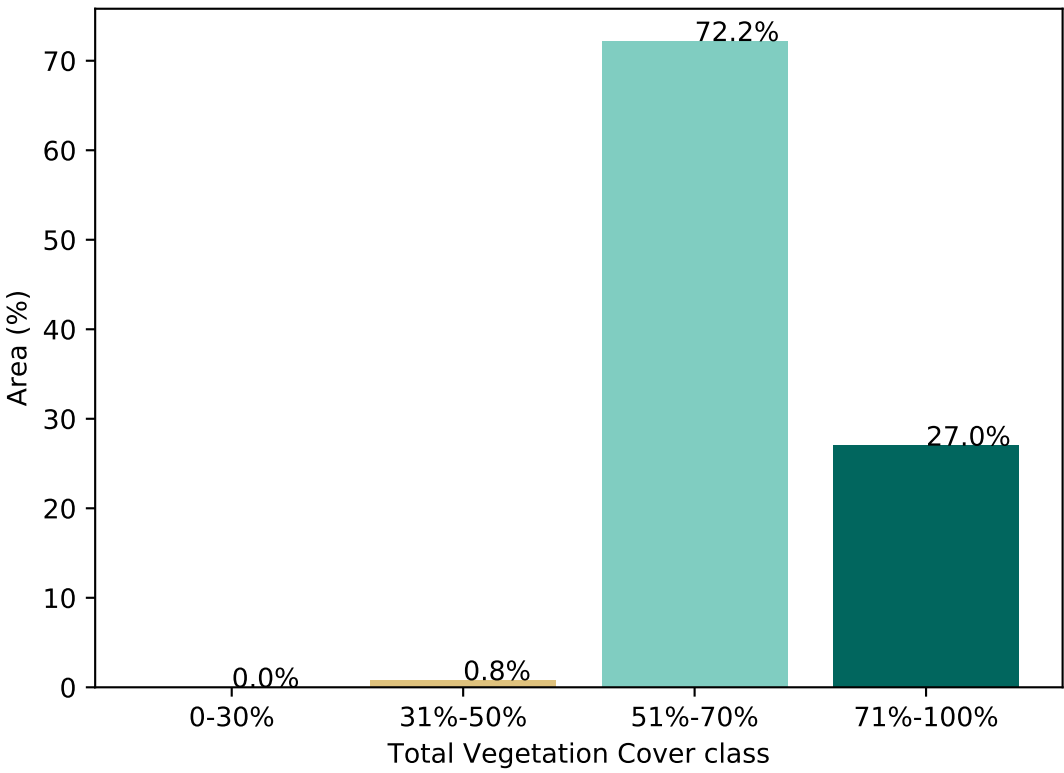Use of Australia
(2018) and Forests
of Australia (2018)

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Woodland forest
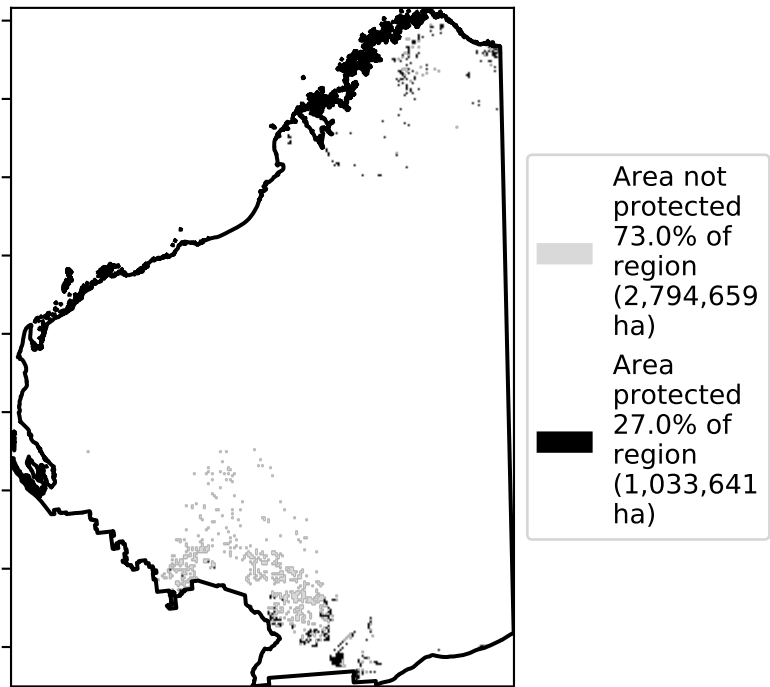
Total Vegetation Cover [%]

71%-100%

51%-70%

31%-50%

0-30%

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area

% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

Area not
protected
73.0% of
region
(2,794,659
ha)

Area
protected
27.0% of
region
(1,033,641
ha)

% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

Area not
protected
1.0% of
region
(38,283
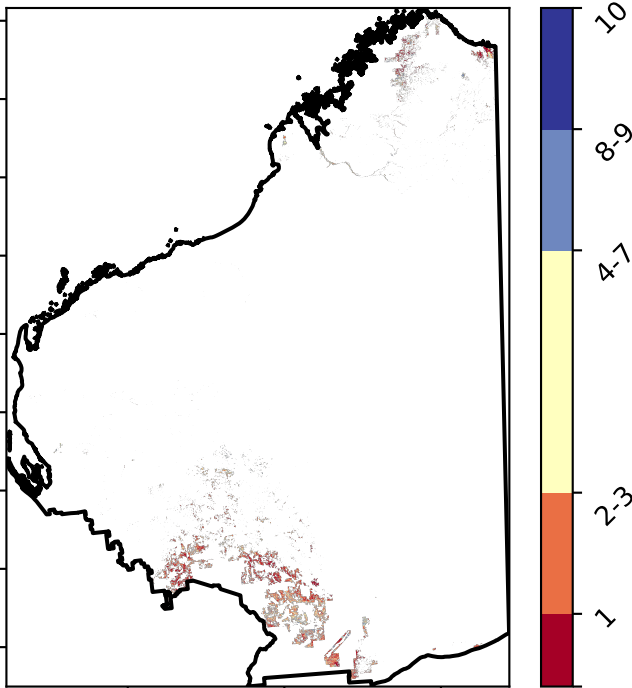ha)

Area
protected
99.0% of
region
(3,790,017
ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]

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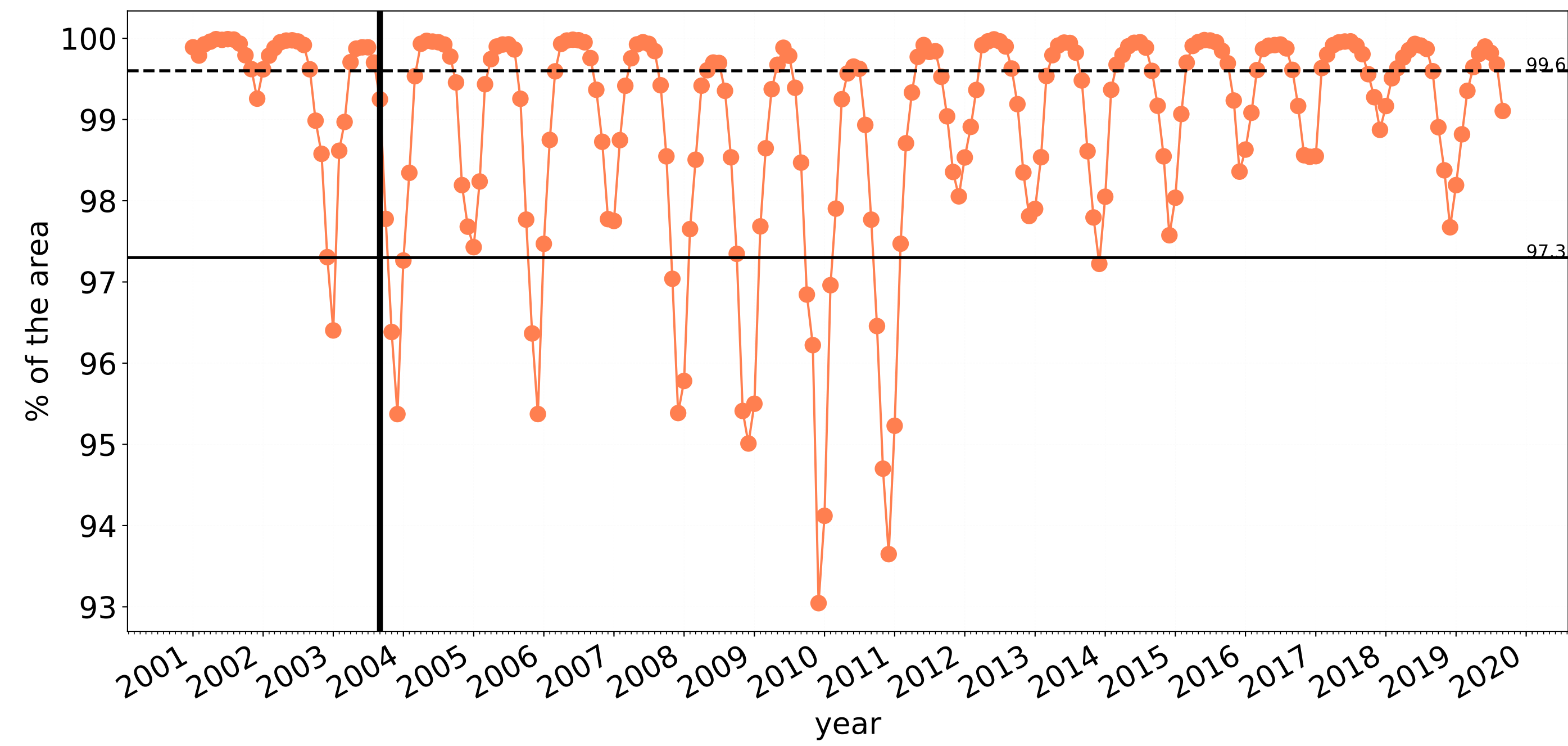the map using baseline
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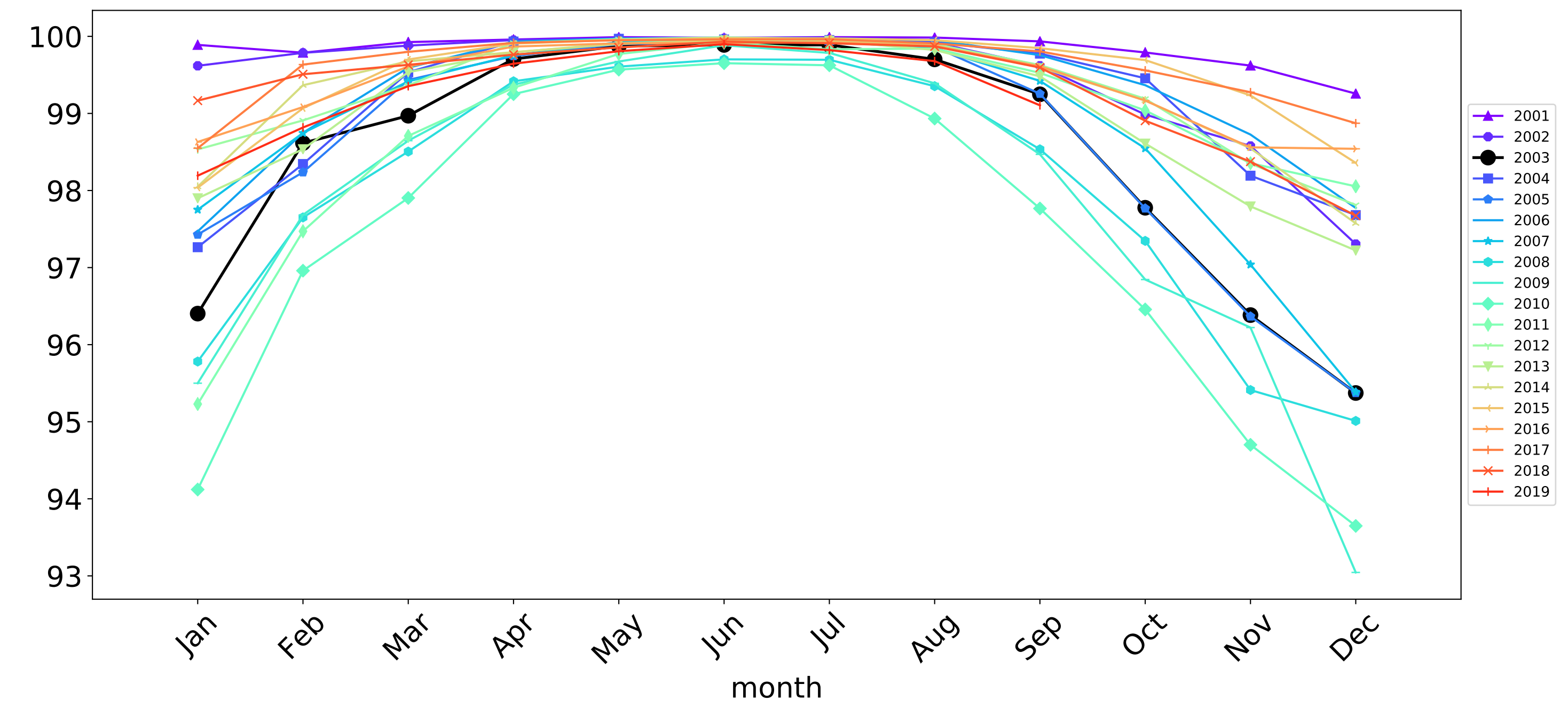
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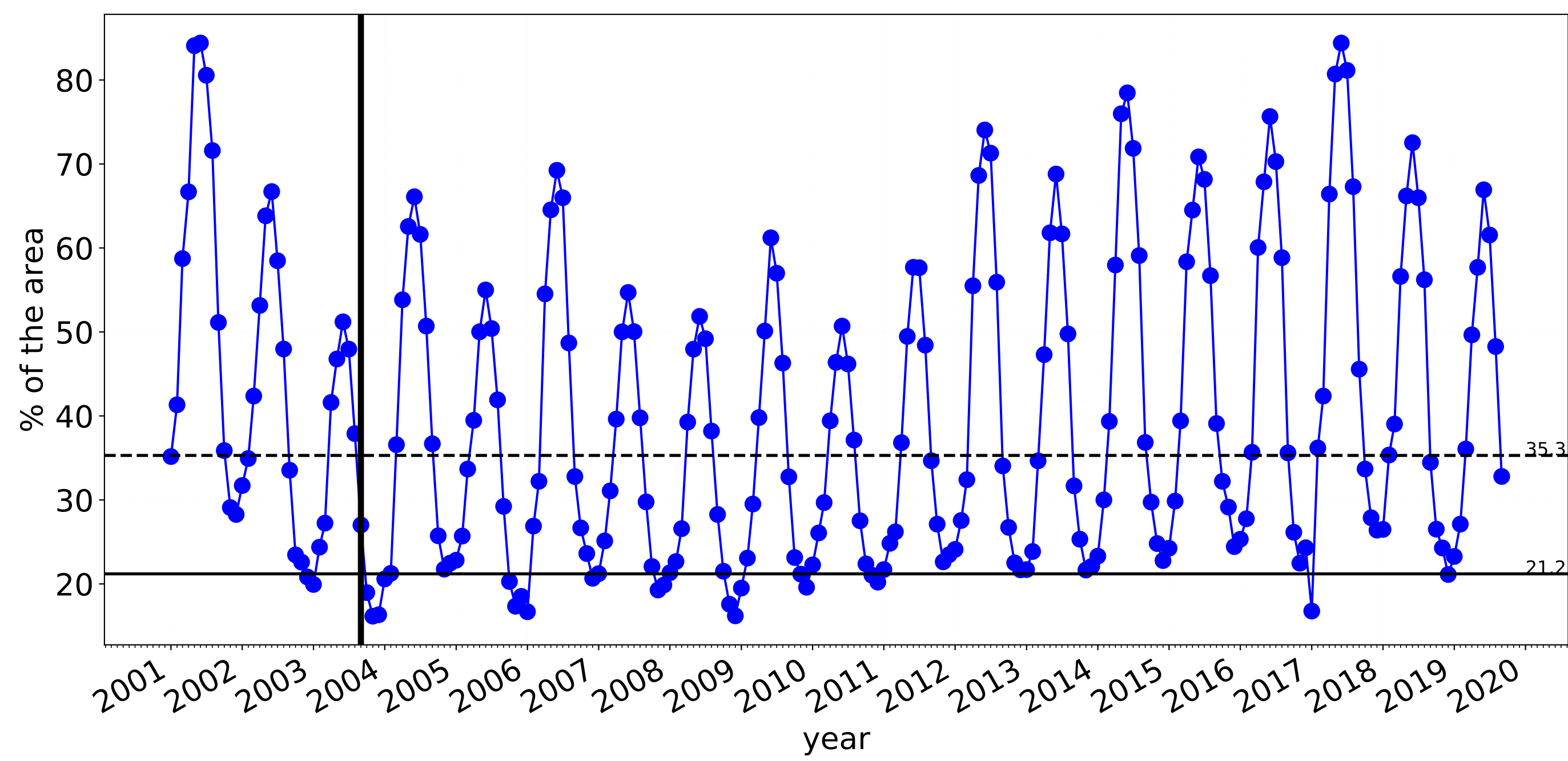# Grazing Woodland forest timeseries

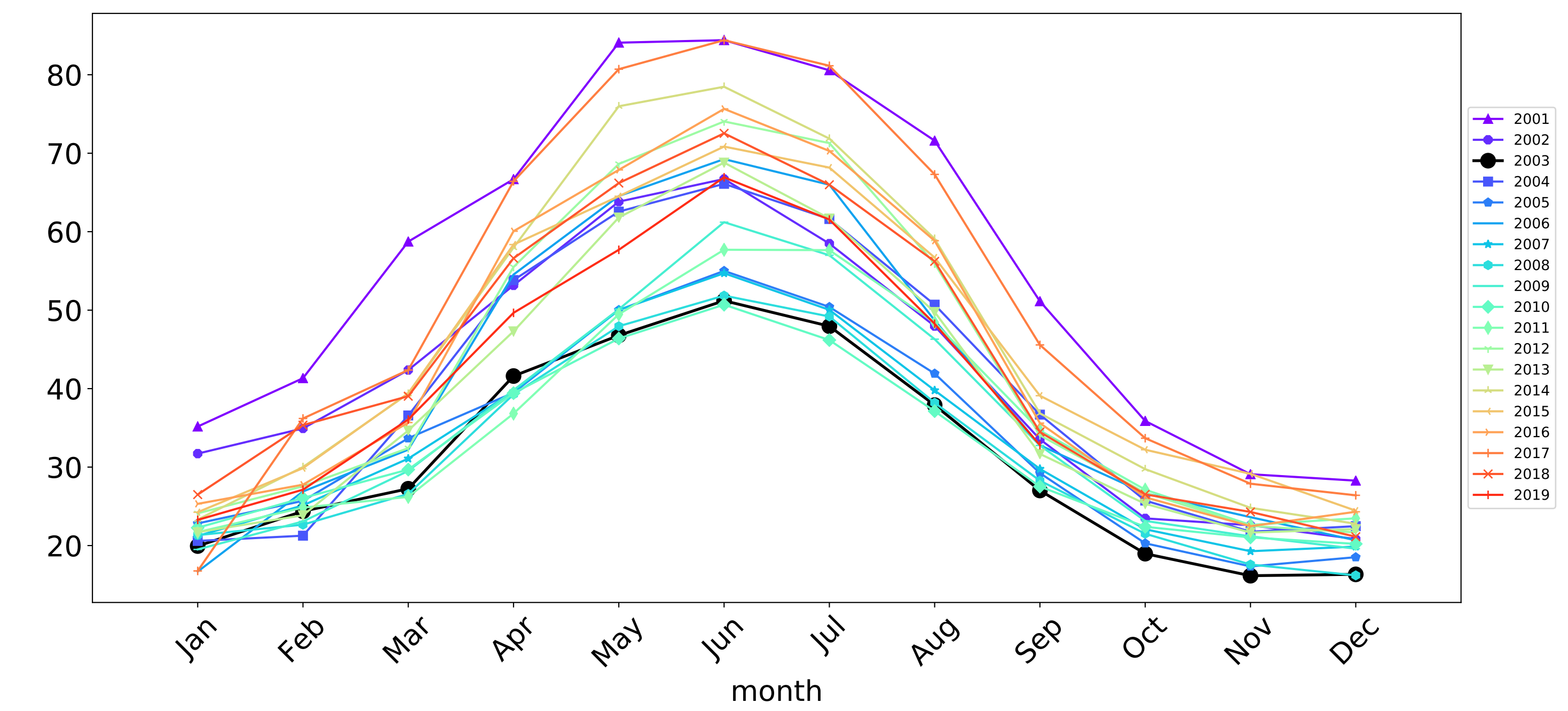Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

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

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

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

Rangelands Region (216,692,550 ha and no data 1,704,648 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	216,692,550	97.6% 211,472,608	49.4% 106,974,225	8.7% 18,852,147	3.1% 6,801,291	0.8% 1,699,391	0.3% 726,928
Conservation and natural environments	132,415,625	96.7% 128,090,325	43.7% 57,860,950	8.5% 11,246,675	3.1% 4,140,575	0.6% 845,025	0.2% 230,100
Conservation and natural environments non forest	125,242,425	96.5% 120,918,850	40.5% 50,725,425	5.2% 6,565,450	2.0% 2,464,700	0.3% 431,200	0.1% 137,800
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	7,066,425	100.0% 7,064,925	99.5% 7,029,800	64.9% 4,586,450	22.7% 1,602,850	5.3% 372,550	1.0% 70,275
Agriculture	81,316,425	99.0% 80,475,475	57.9% 47,071,325	8.1% 6,608,500	2.4% 1,914,975	0.4% 314,725	0.1% 80,700
Grazing	81,282,475	99.0% 80,441,525	57.9% 47,038,900	8.1% 6,588,450	2.3% 1,909,600	0.4% 314,550	0.1% 80,675
Grazing non forest	77,385,650	98.9% 76,544,700	55.8% 43,171,075	7.1% 5,506,050	2.1% 1,621,150	0.3% 258,975	0.1% 69,950
Grazing Woodland forest	3,828,300	100.0% 3,828,300	99.2% 3,799,525	27.0% 1,034,325	7.2% 277,525	1.4% 53,600	0.3% 9,925