# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:NRM Swan Region WA

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

Land use forest cover:

Date: February 2007

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 Feb 2007**

## Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

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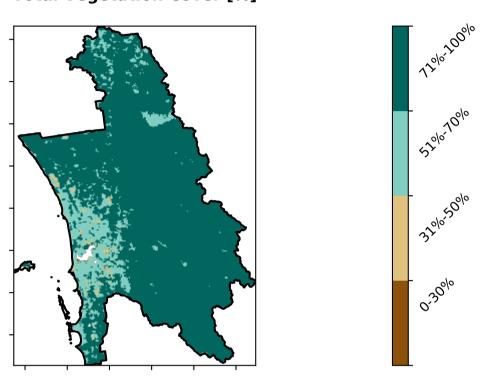
Use of Australia

Land Use and Forests

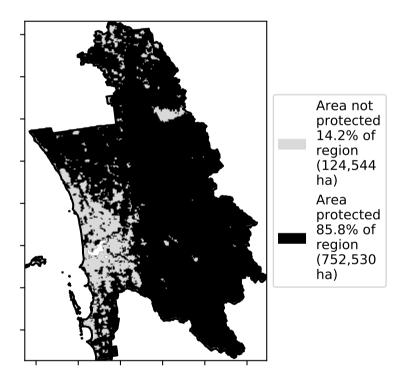
Catchment Scale Land

# Legend with land class forest cover and number, i.e. Forests is 12 1 Conservation and natural environments -2 Conservation and natural environments -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

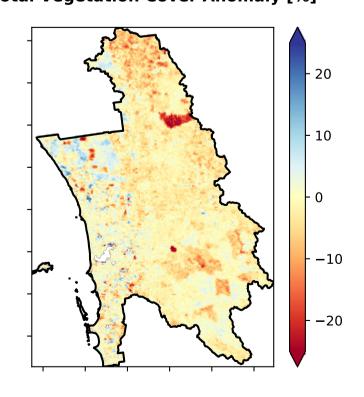
# Total Vegetation Cover [%]



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

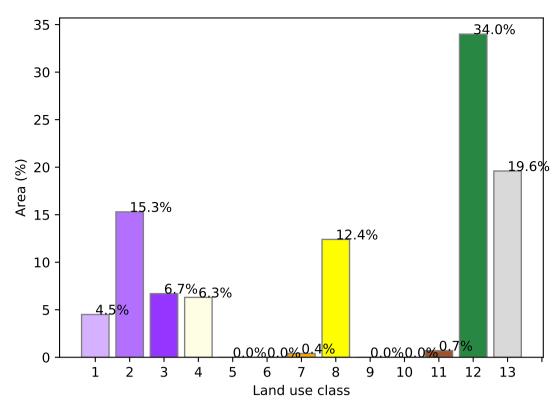


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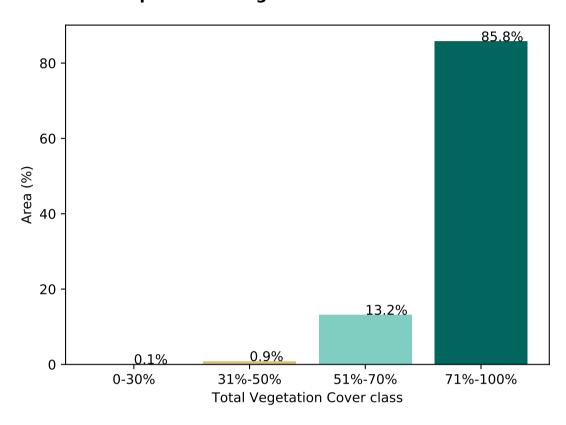


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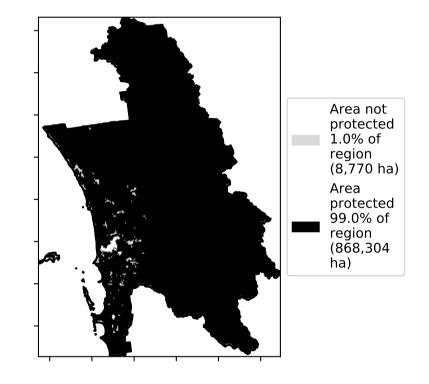
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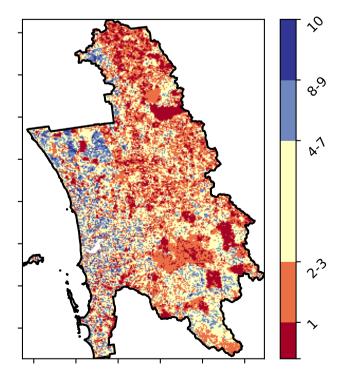


# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



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







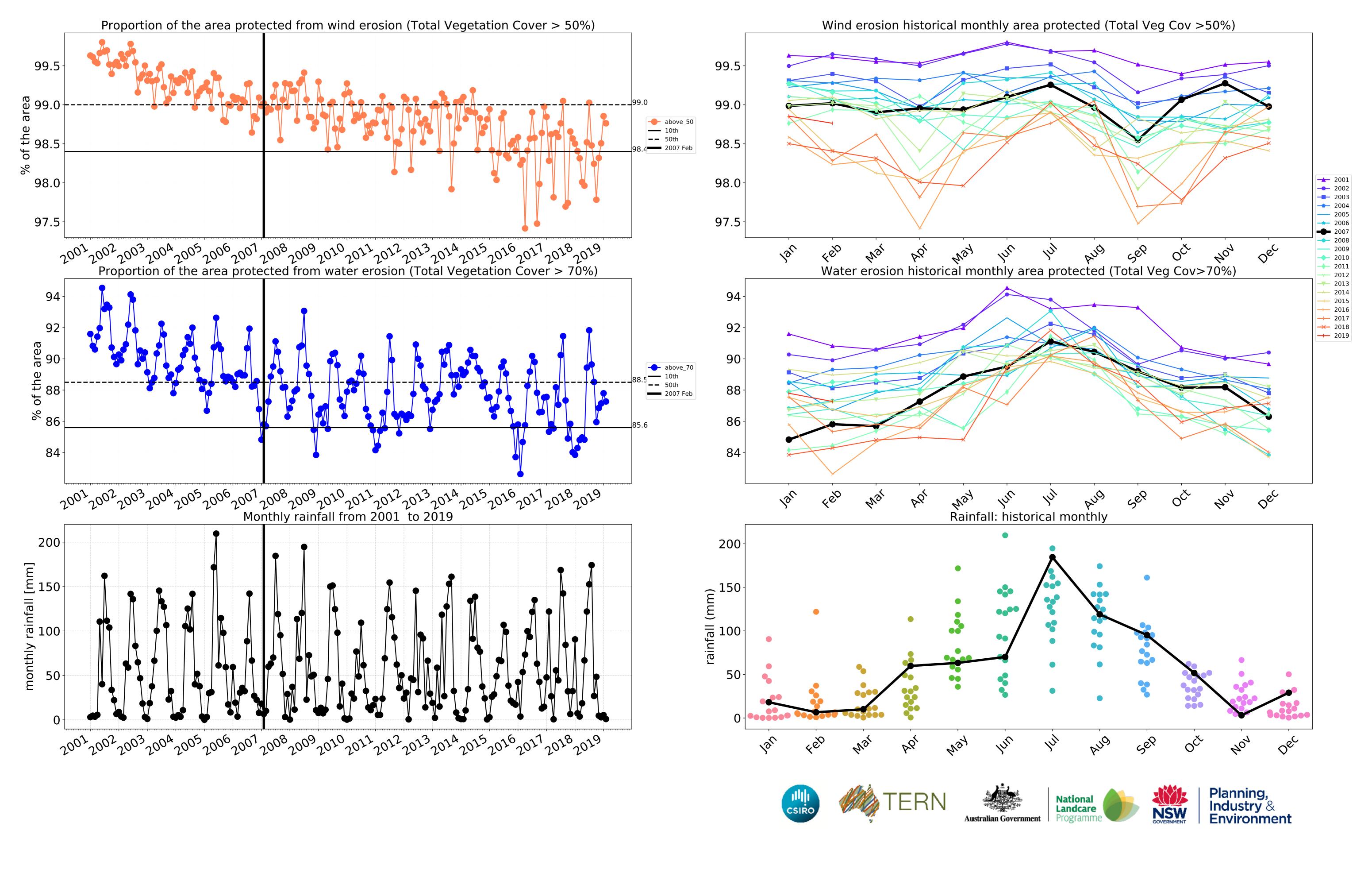


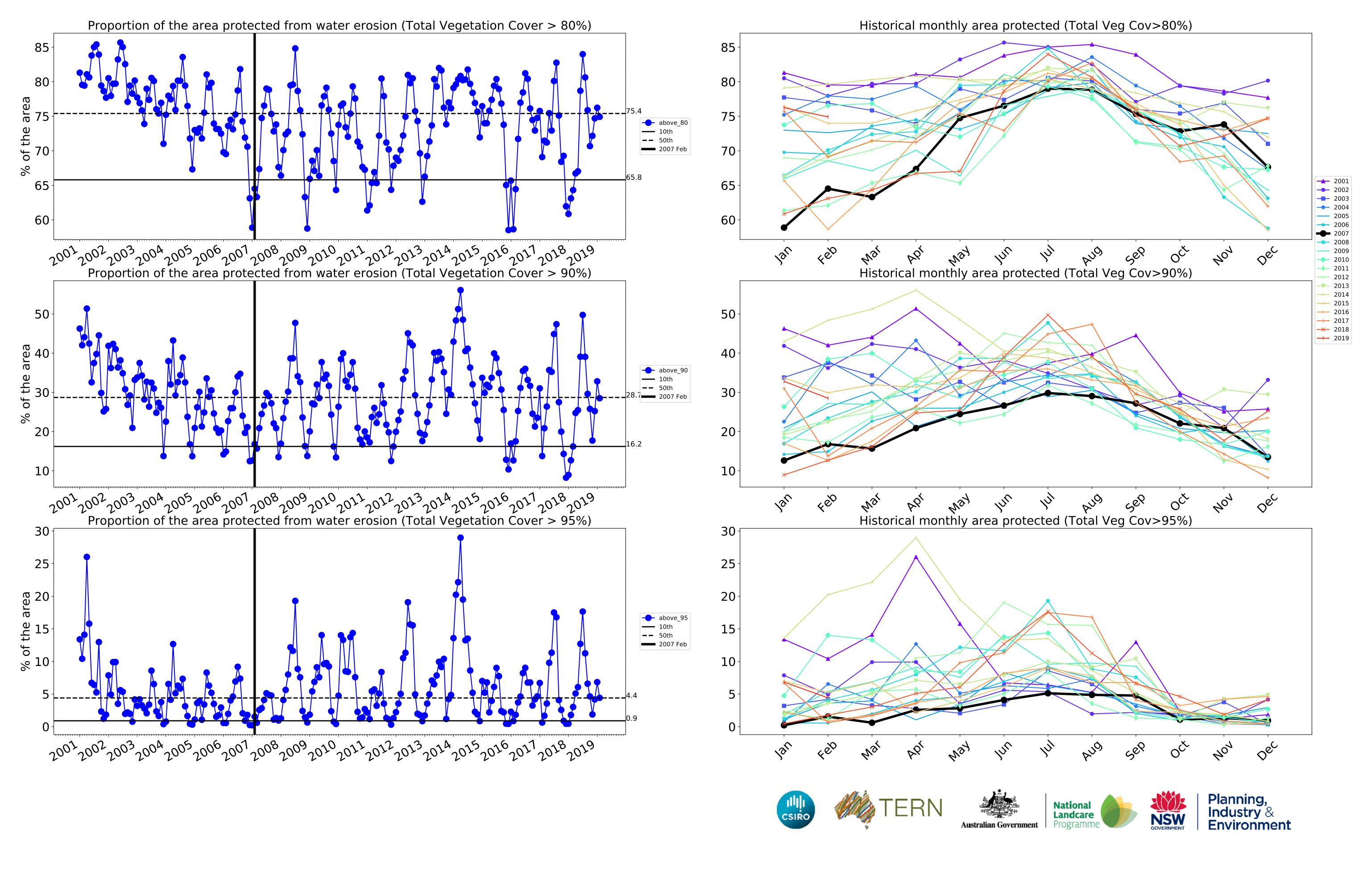












# **Conservation and natural environments**

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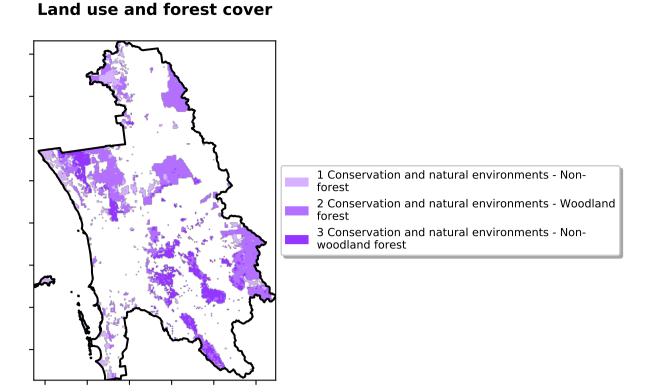
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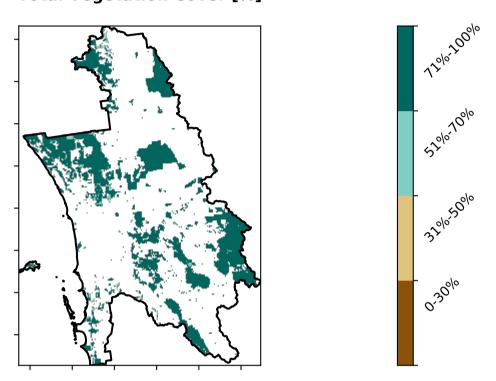
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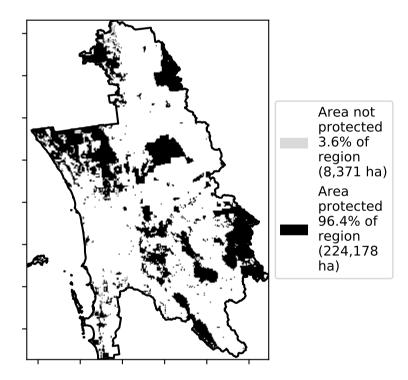
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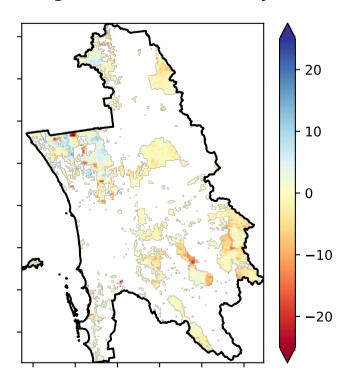
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# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

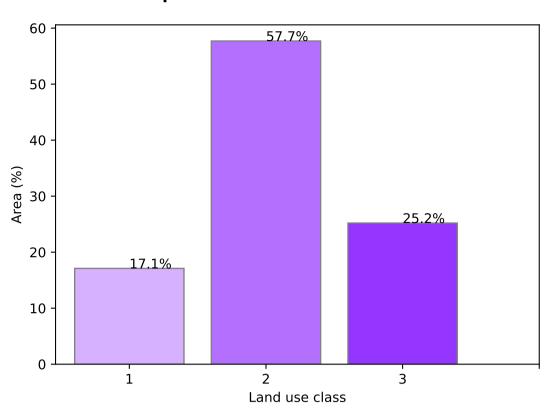


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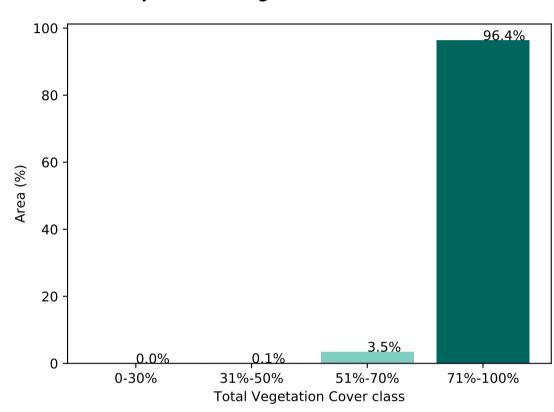


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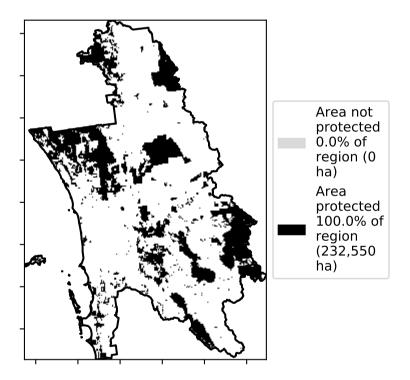


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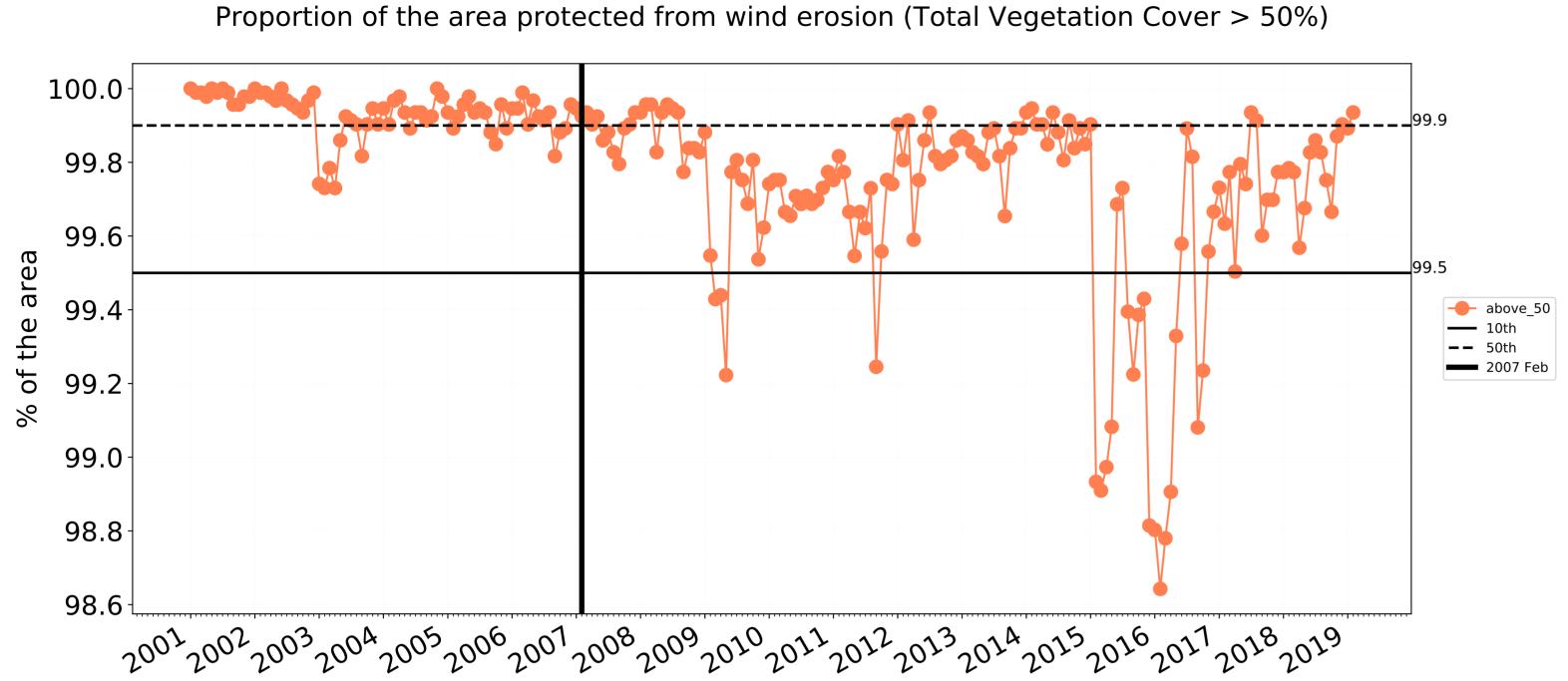


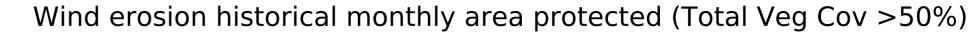


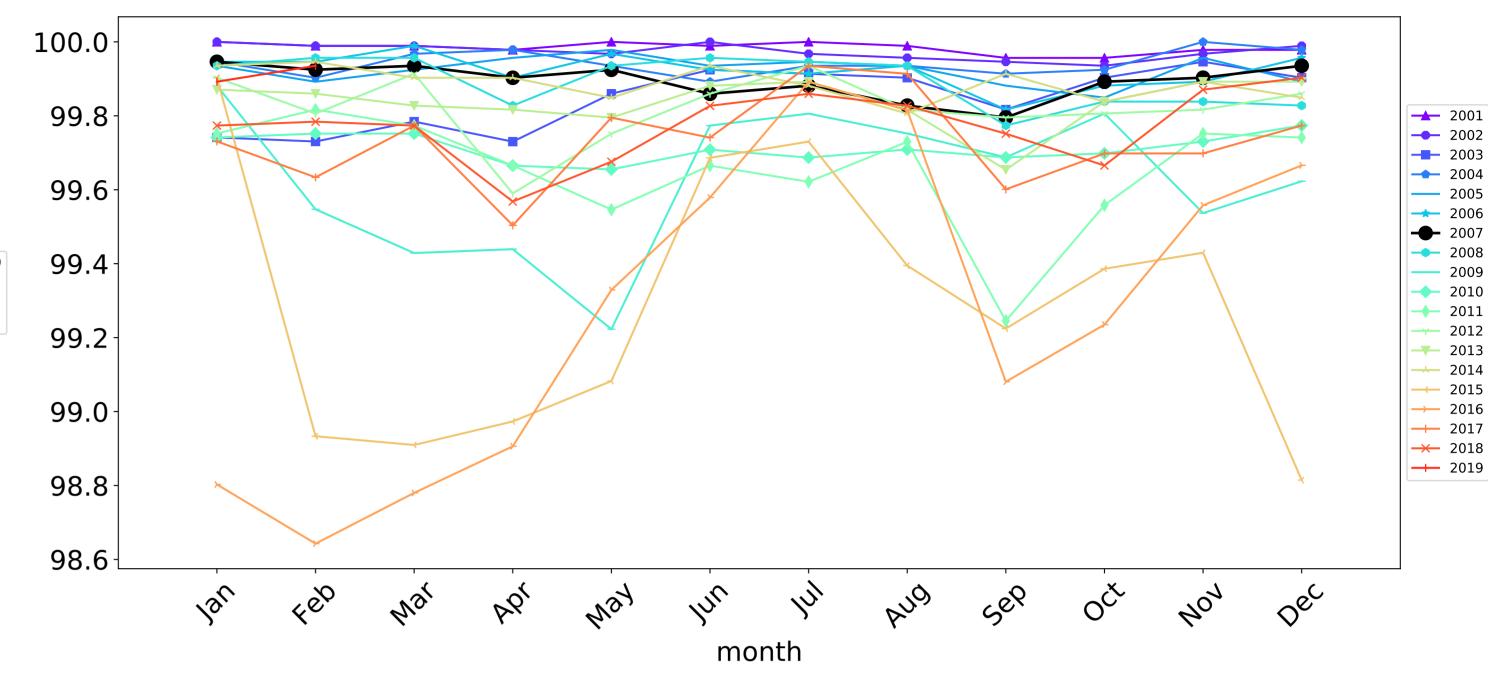


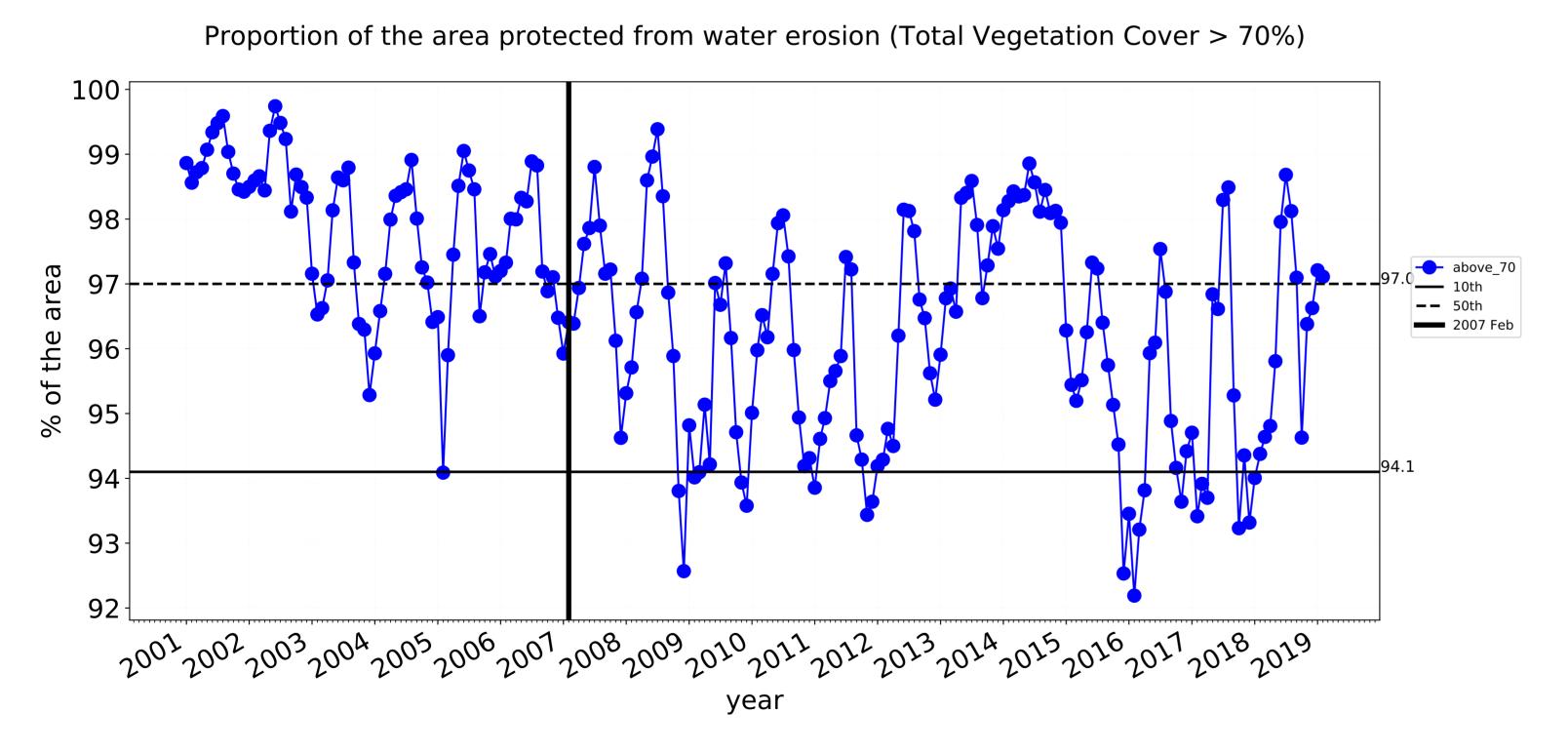


# **Conservation and natural environments timeseries**







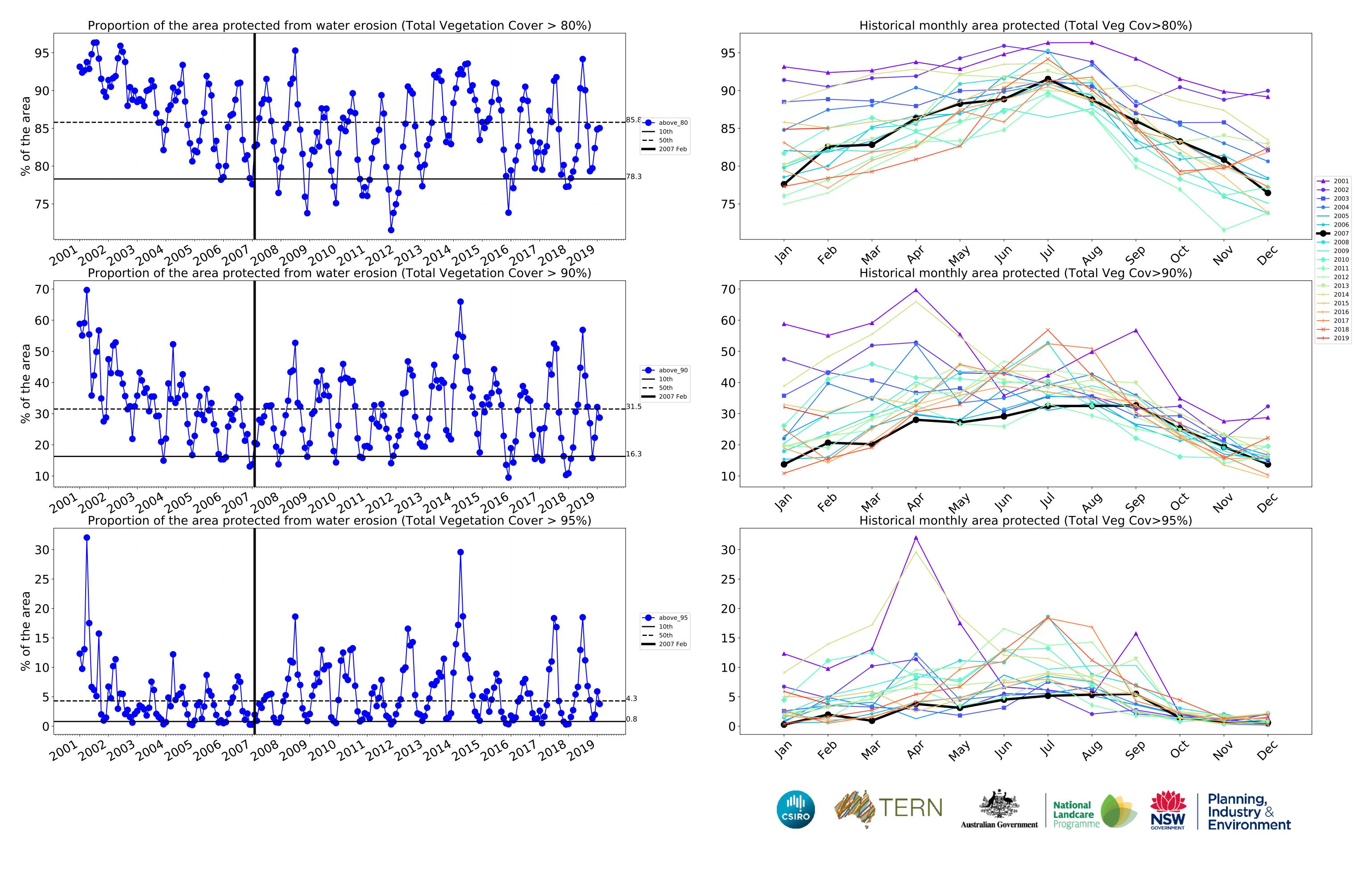


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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

# Land use and forest cover

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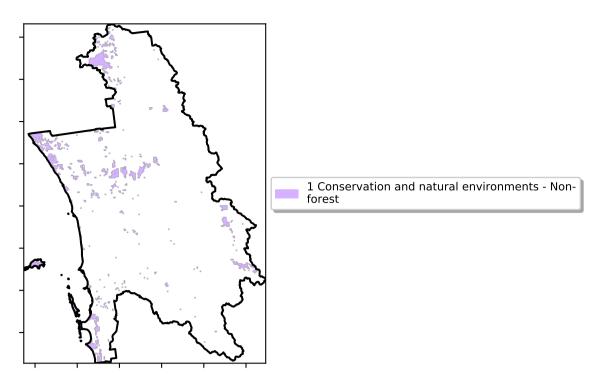
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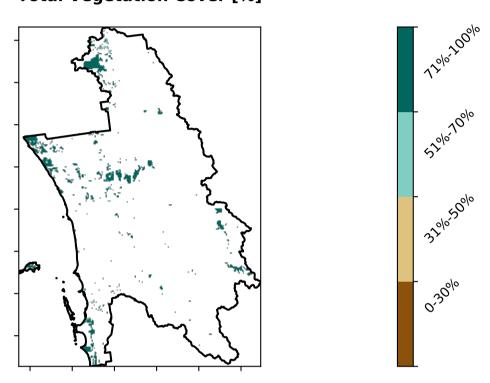
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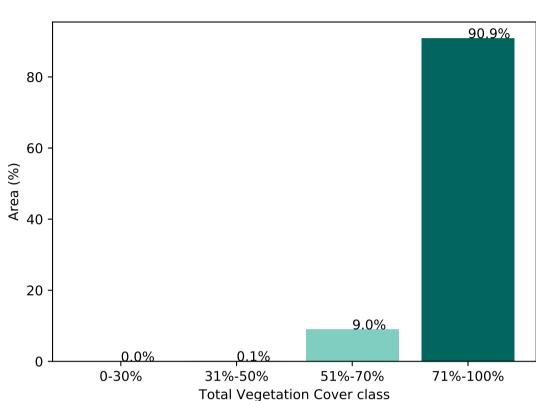
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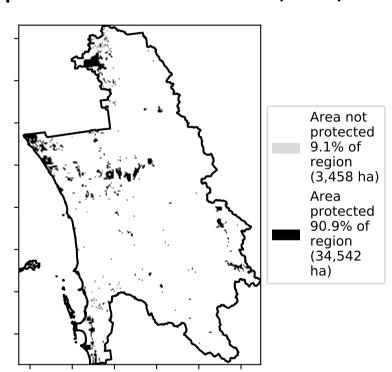
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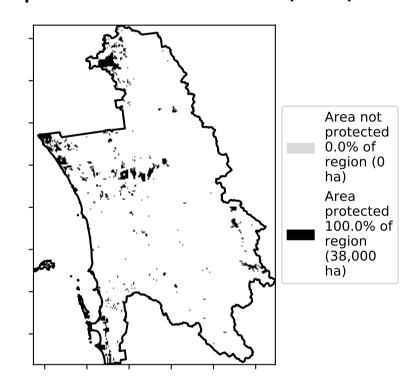
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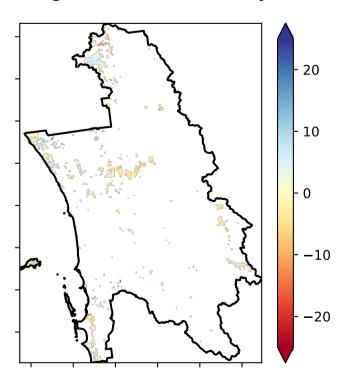
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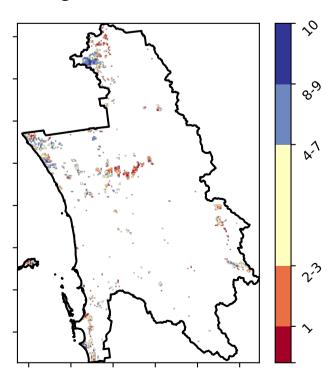
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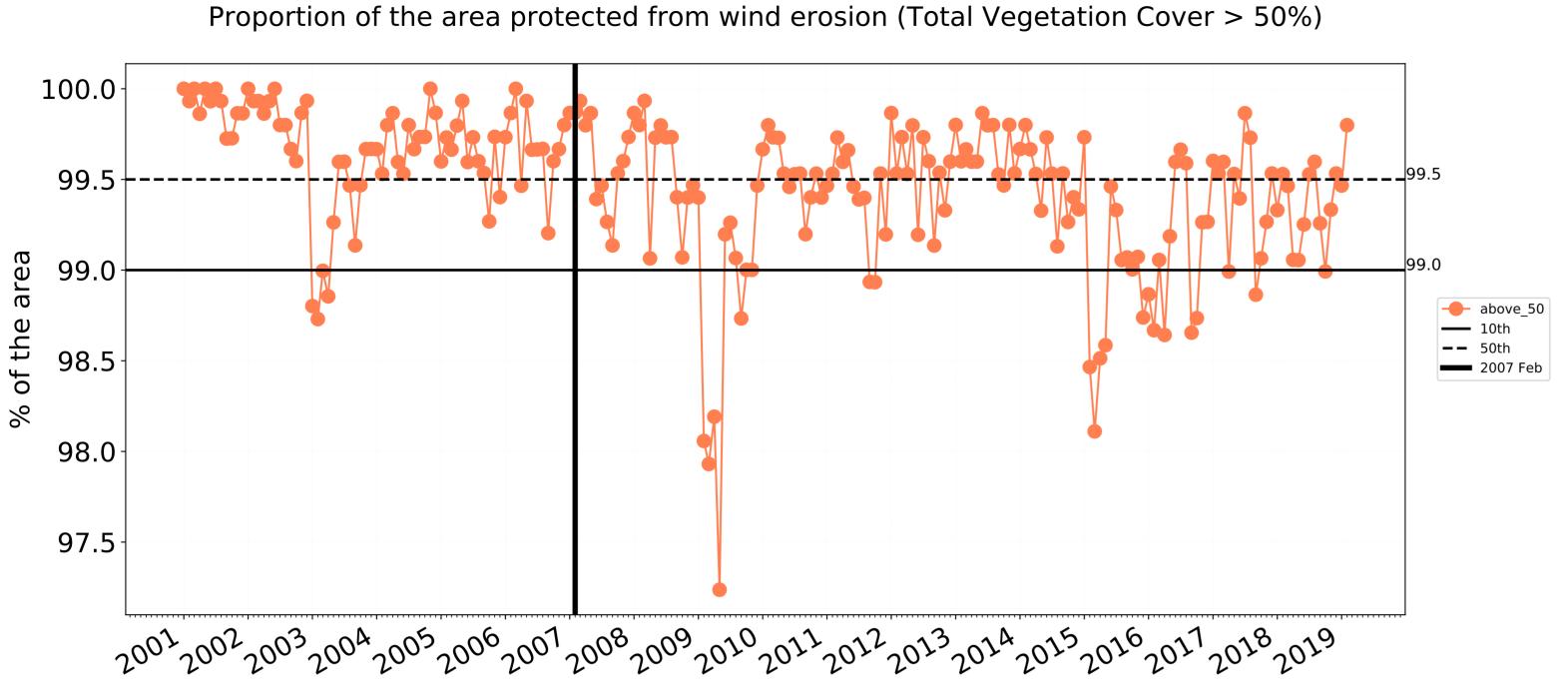




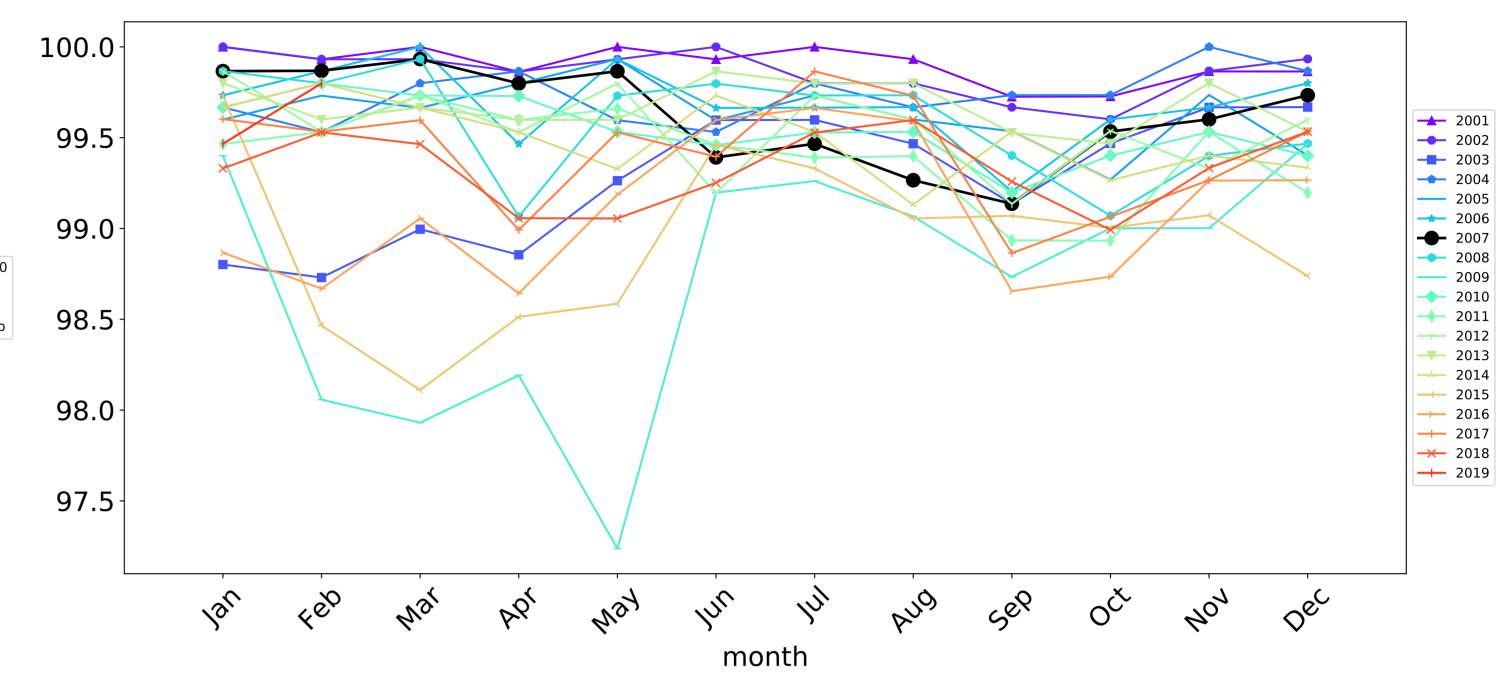


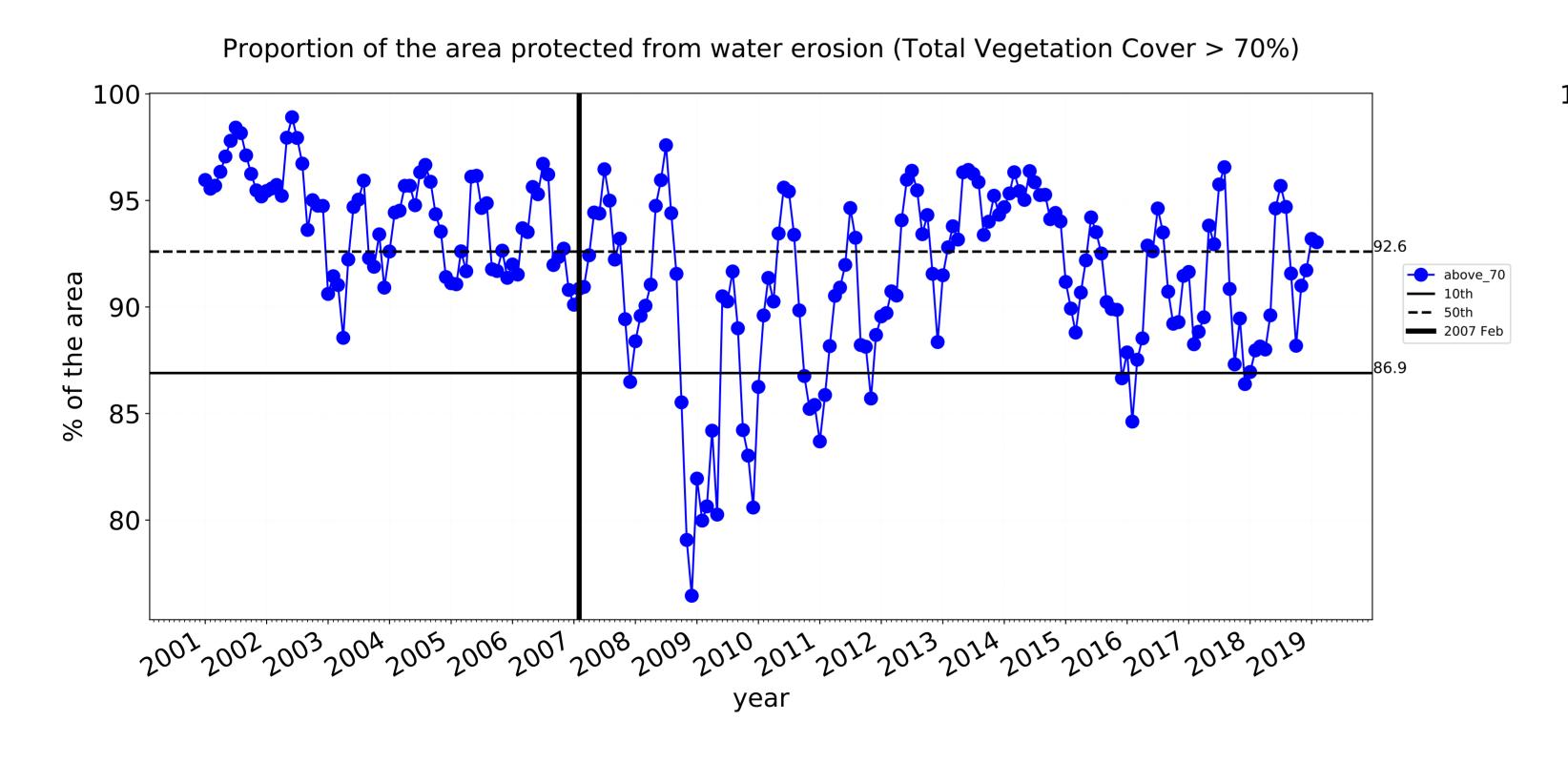


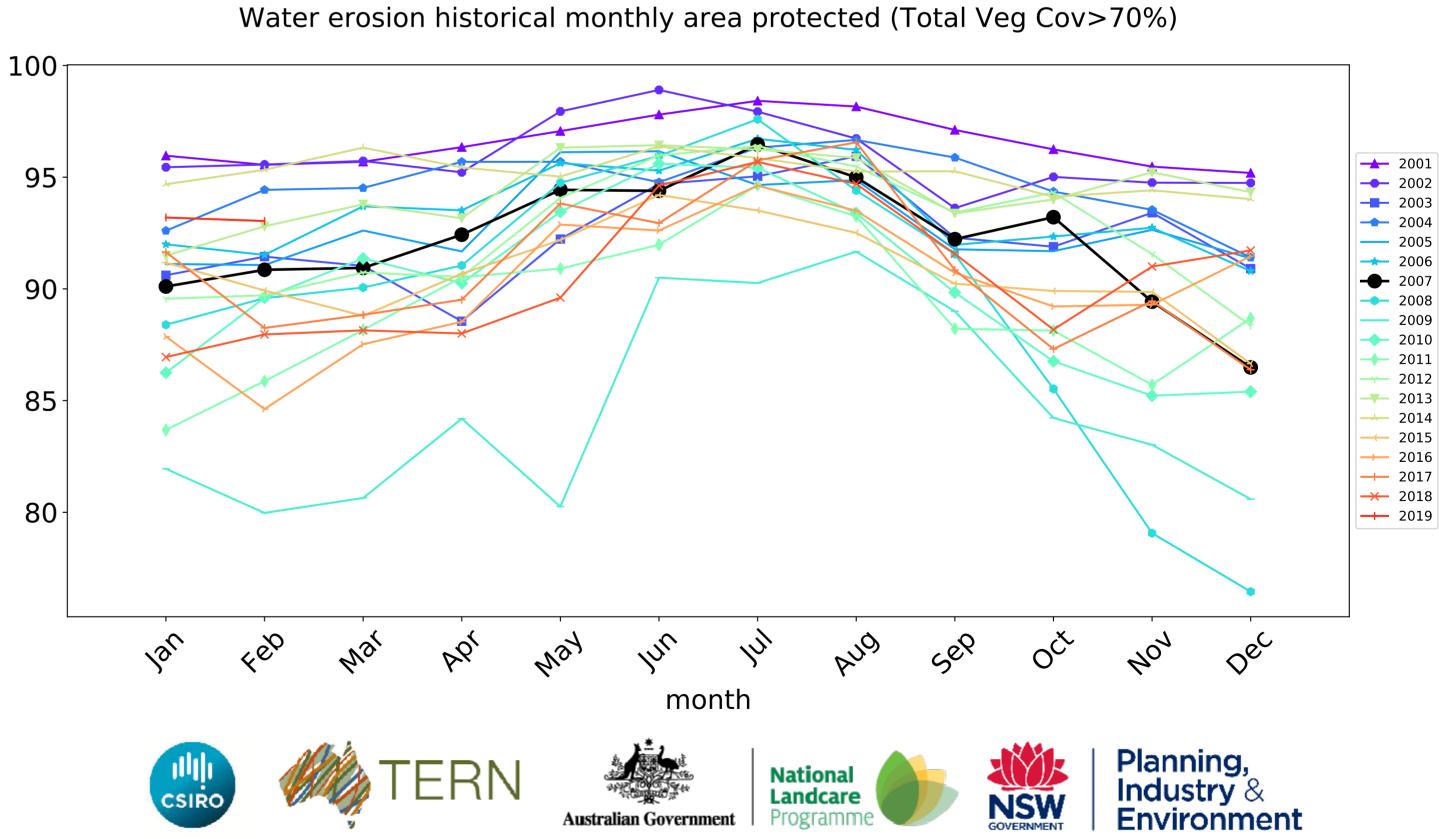
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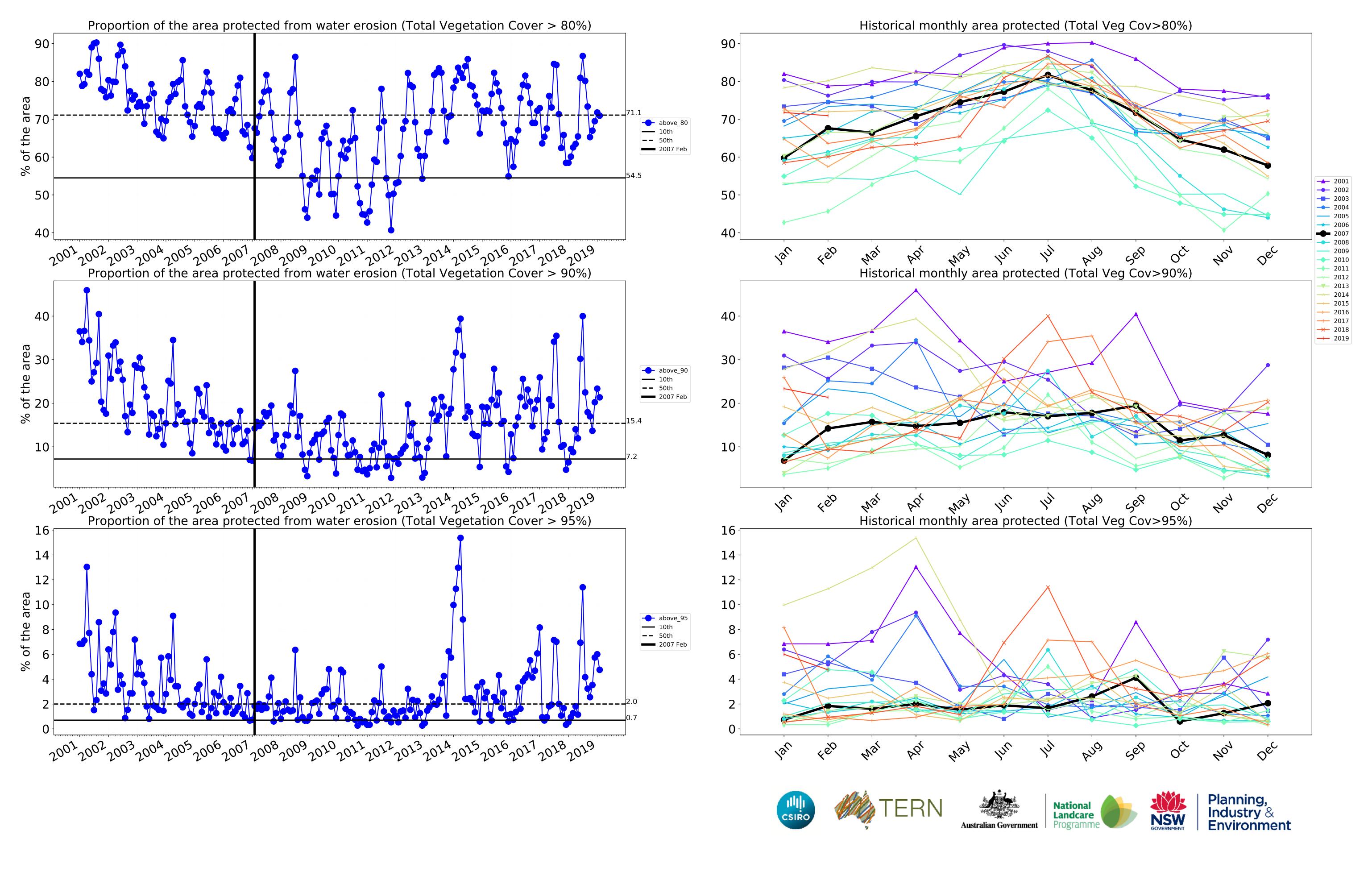












# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

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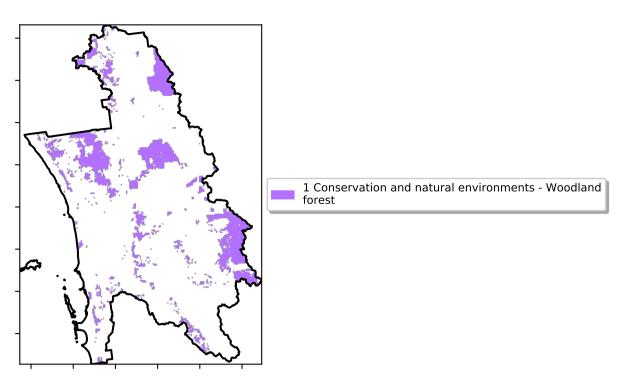
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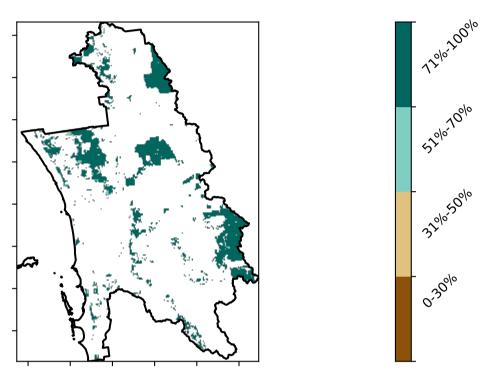
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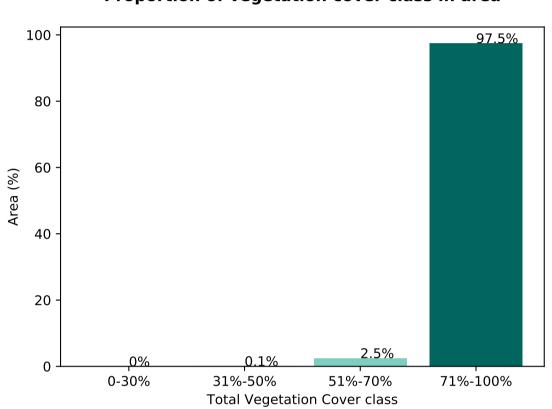
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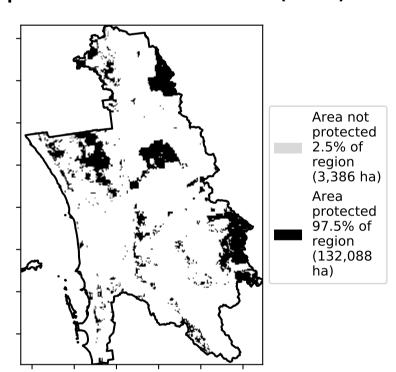
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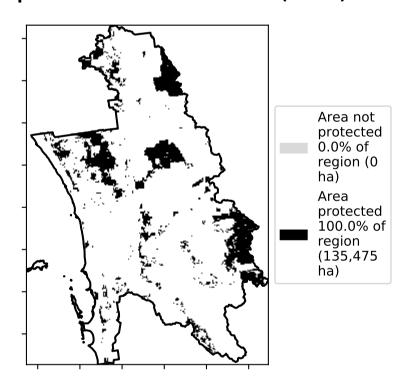
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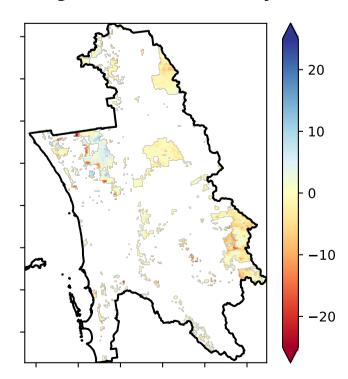
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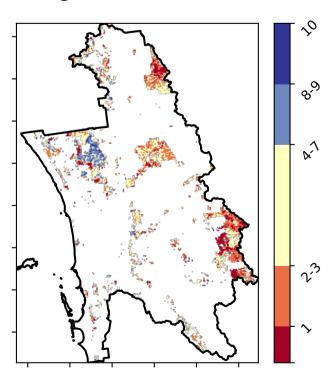
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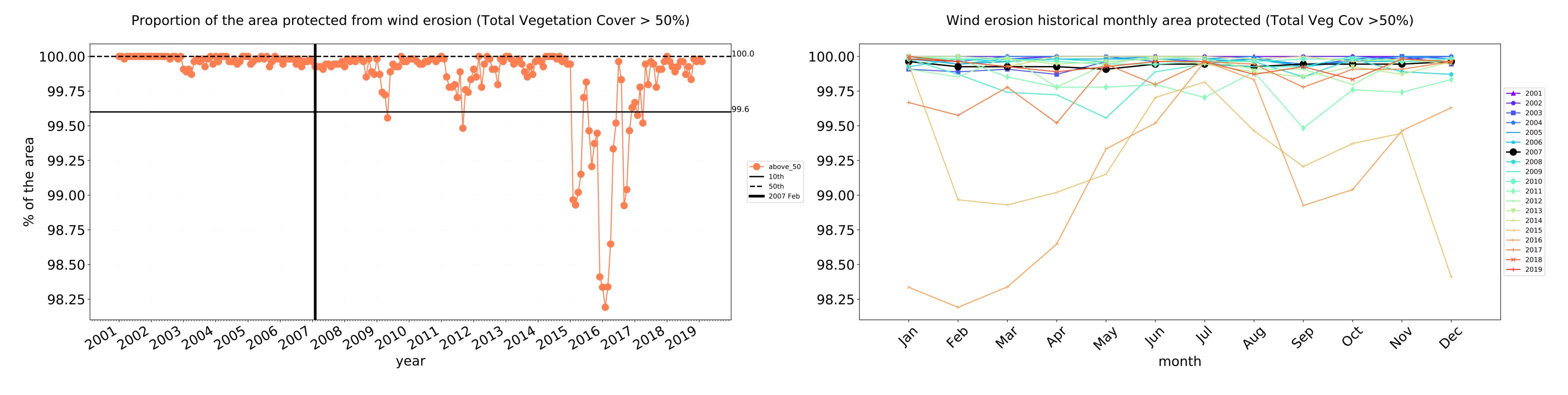


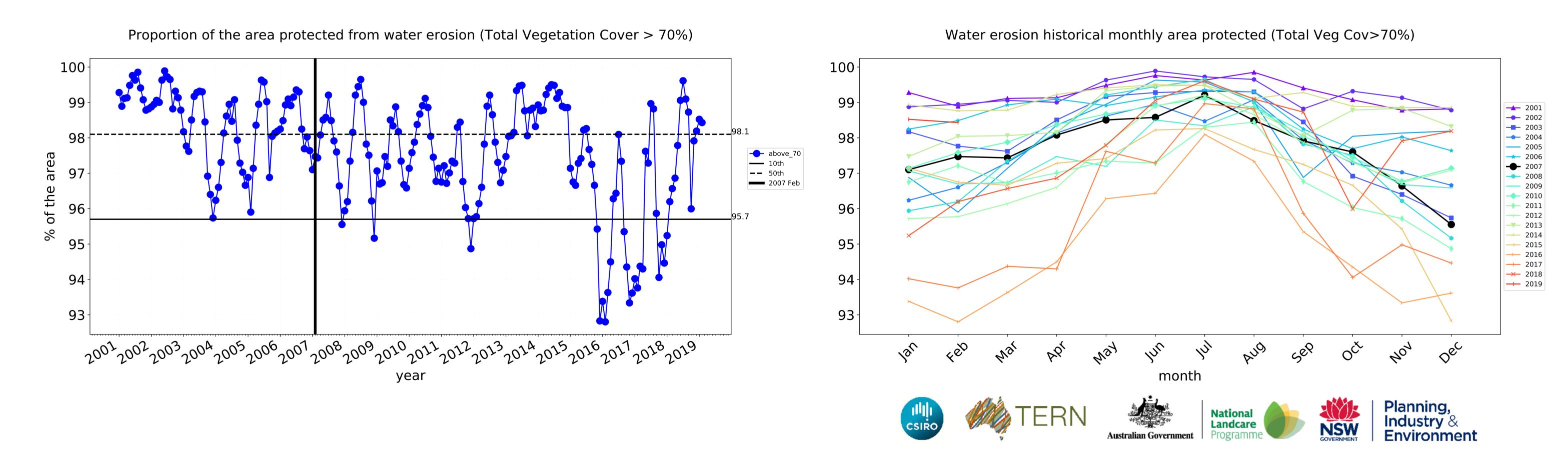


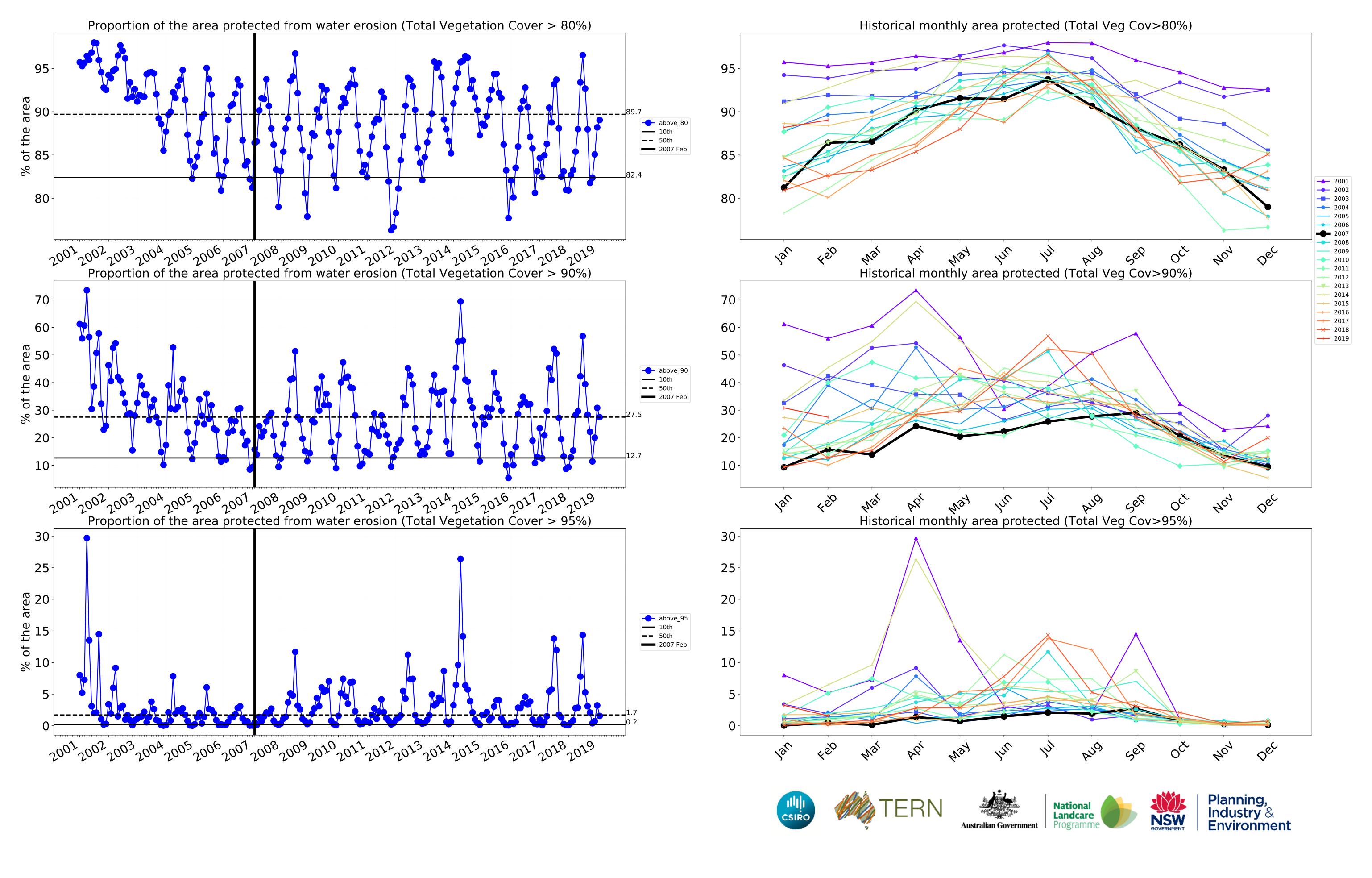




# **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest timeseries**







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

Land use and forest cover

# Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018)

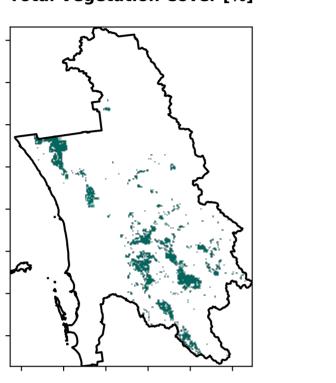
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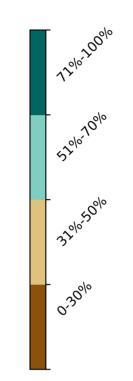
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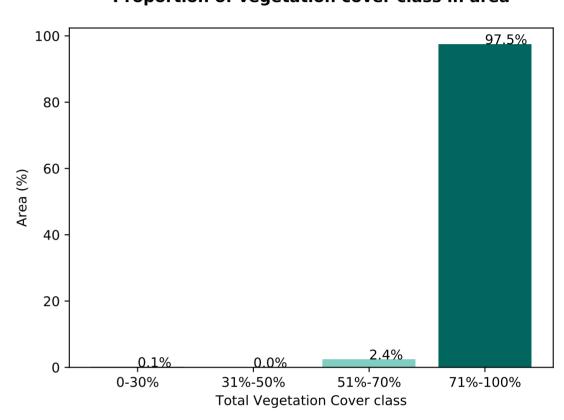
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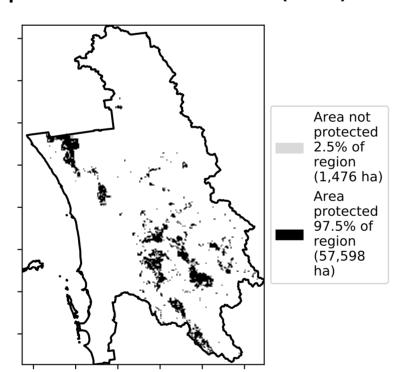




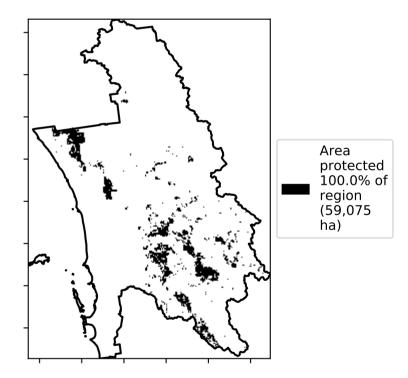
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



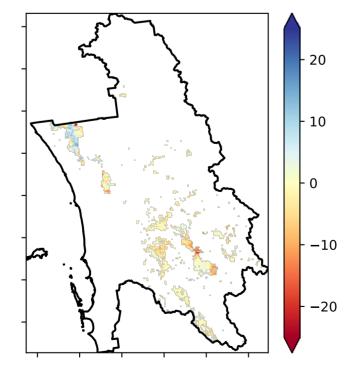
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

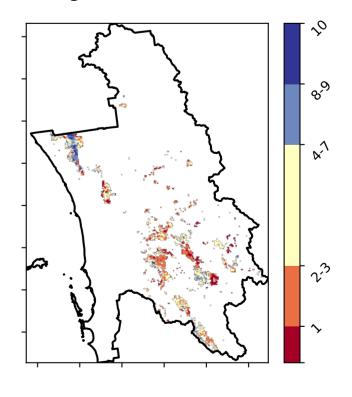


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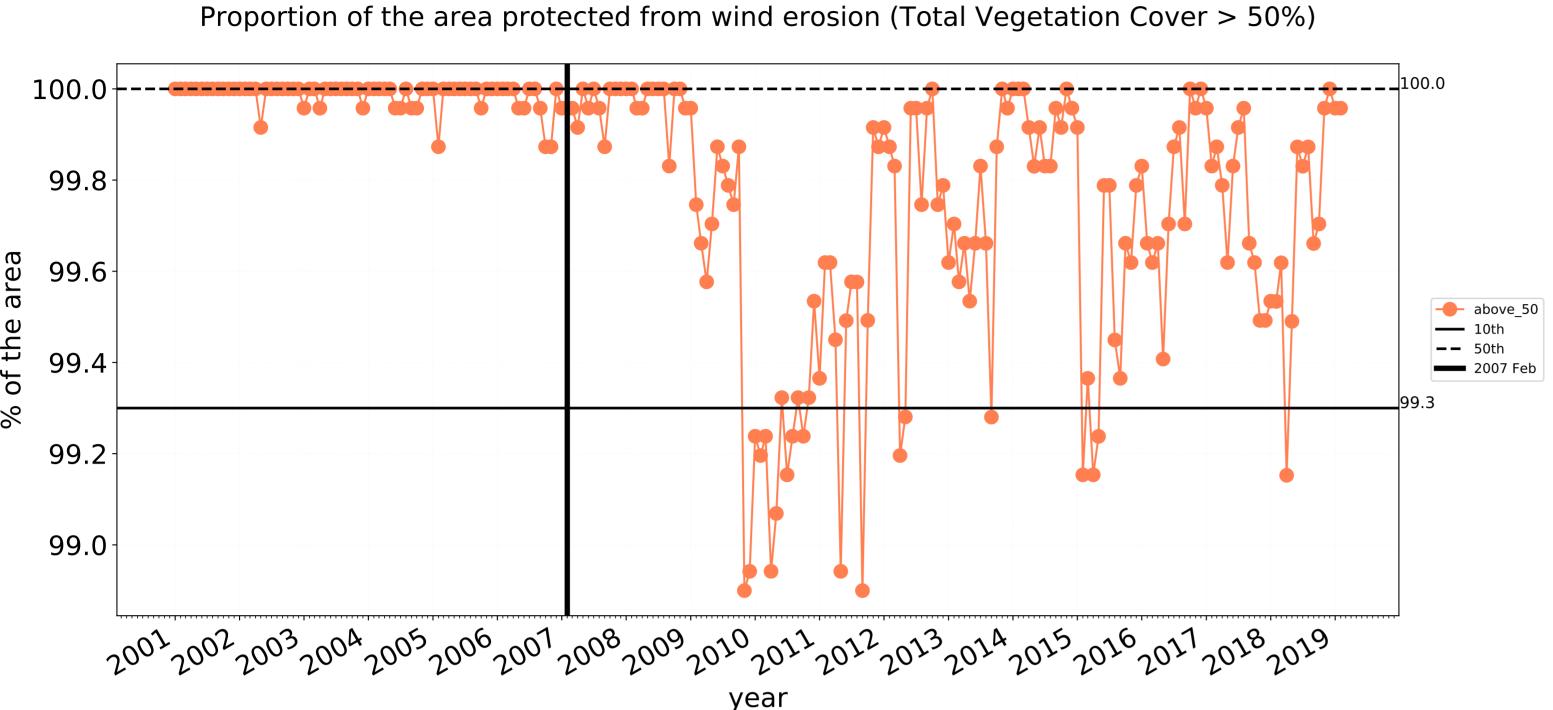


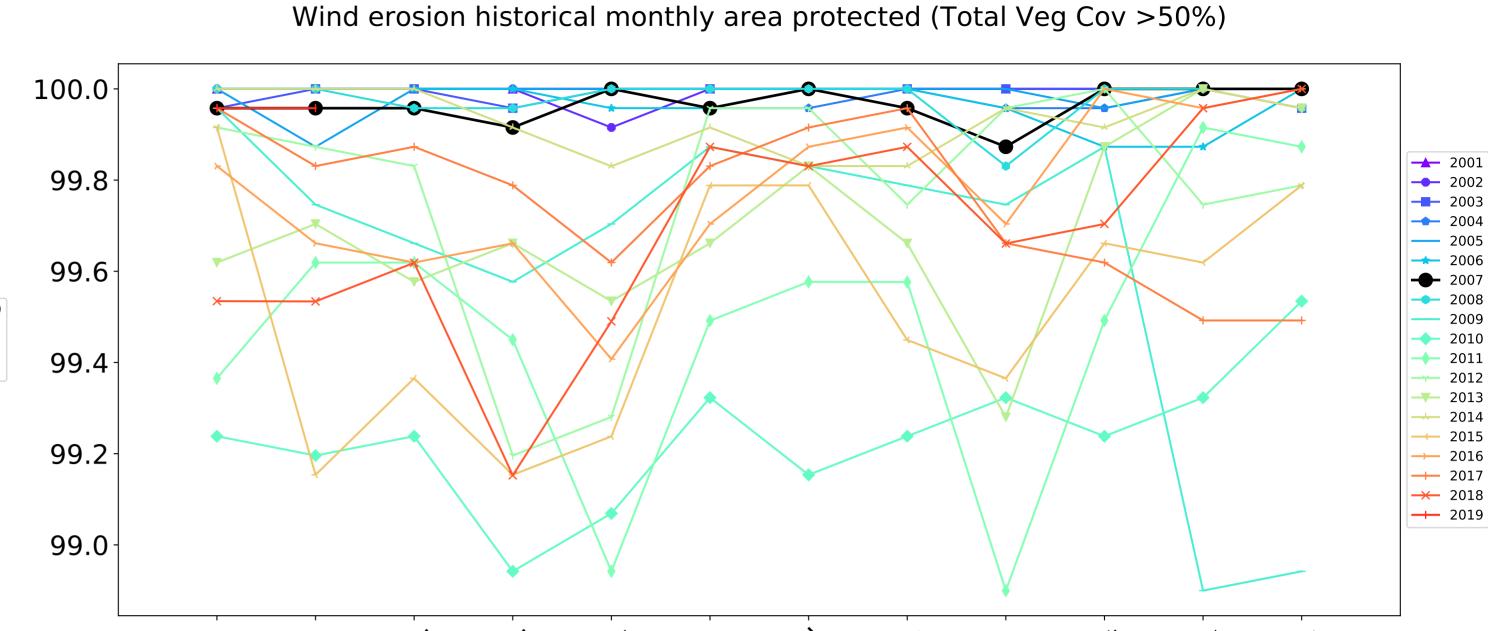




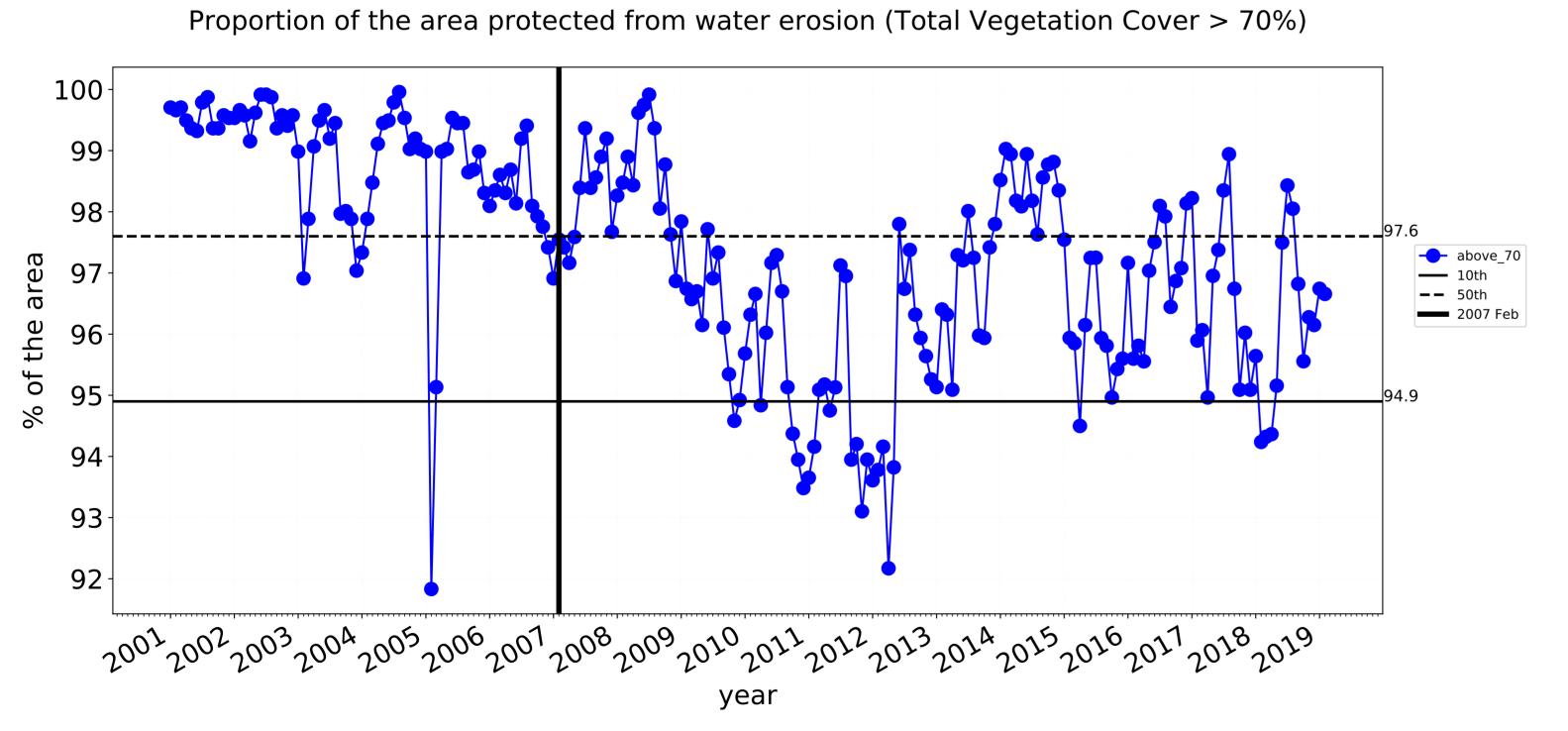


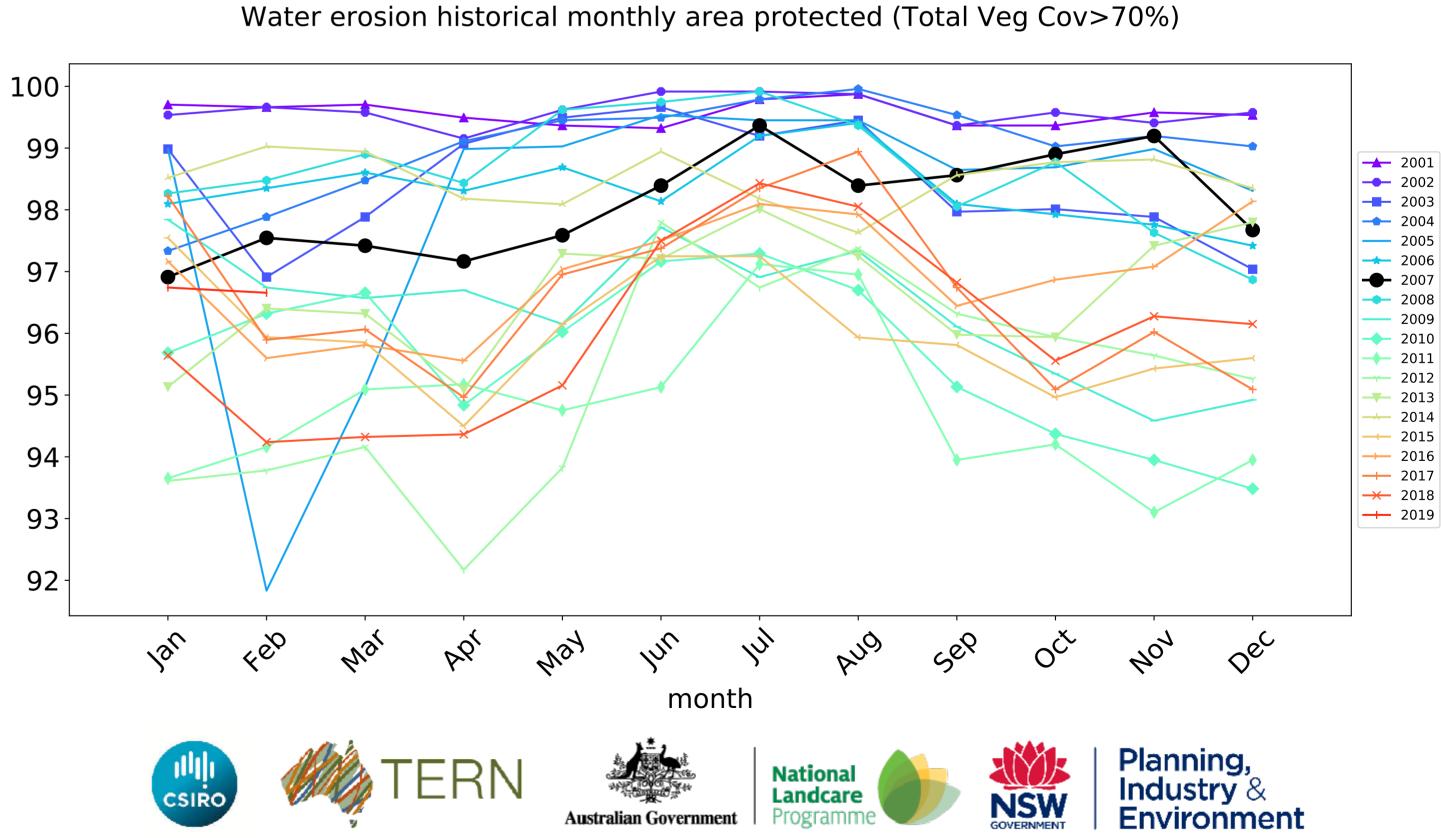


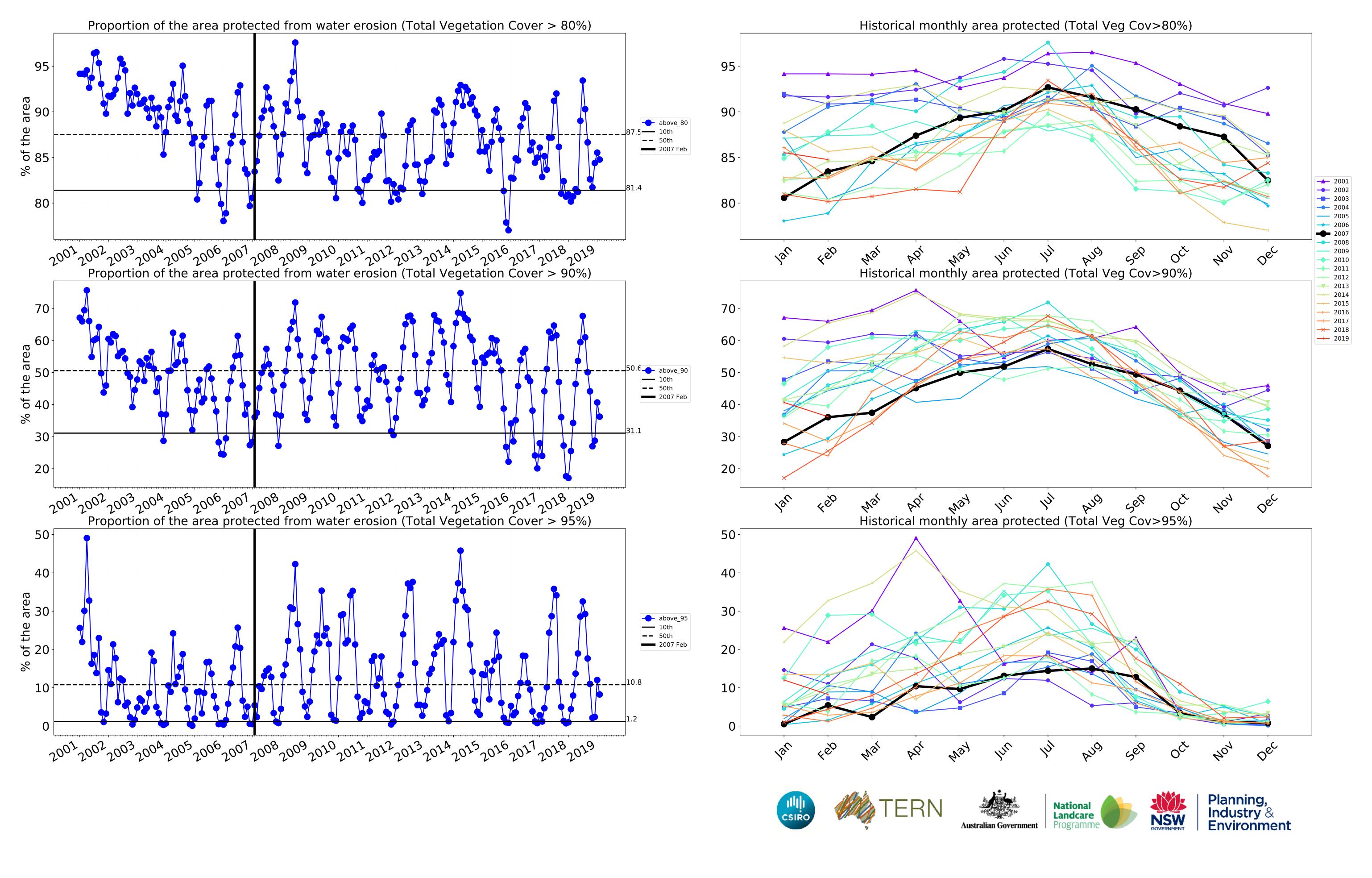




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# **Agriculture**

# Land use and forest cover

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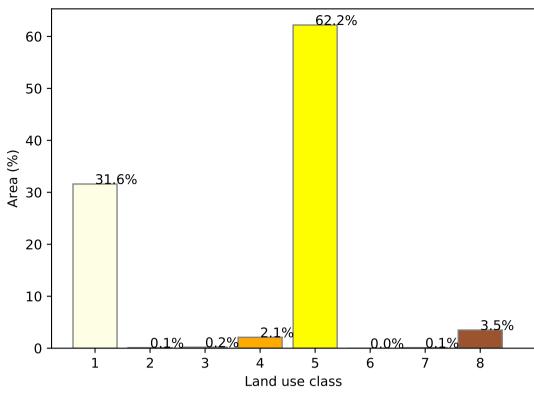
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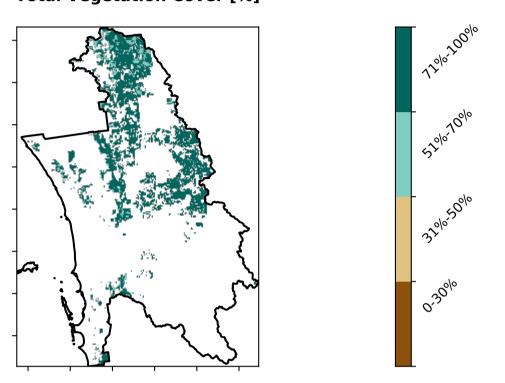
Land Use and Forests

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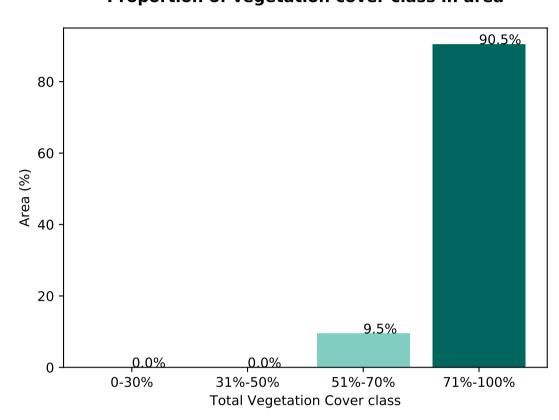
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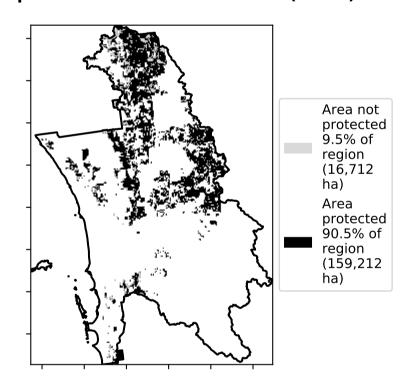
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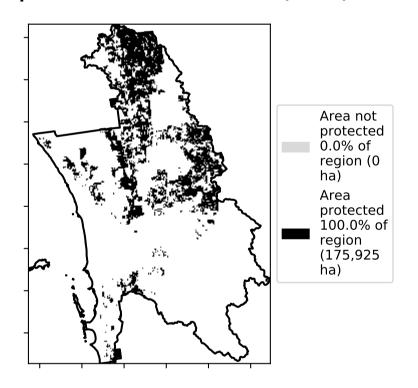
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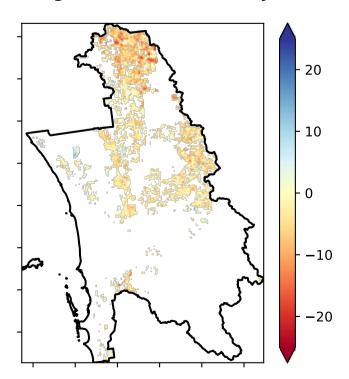
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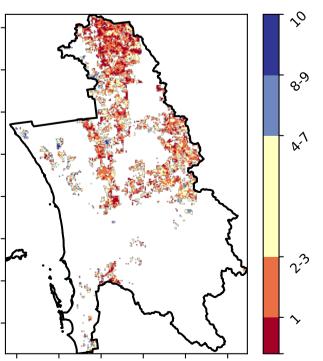


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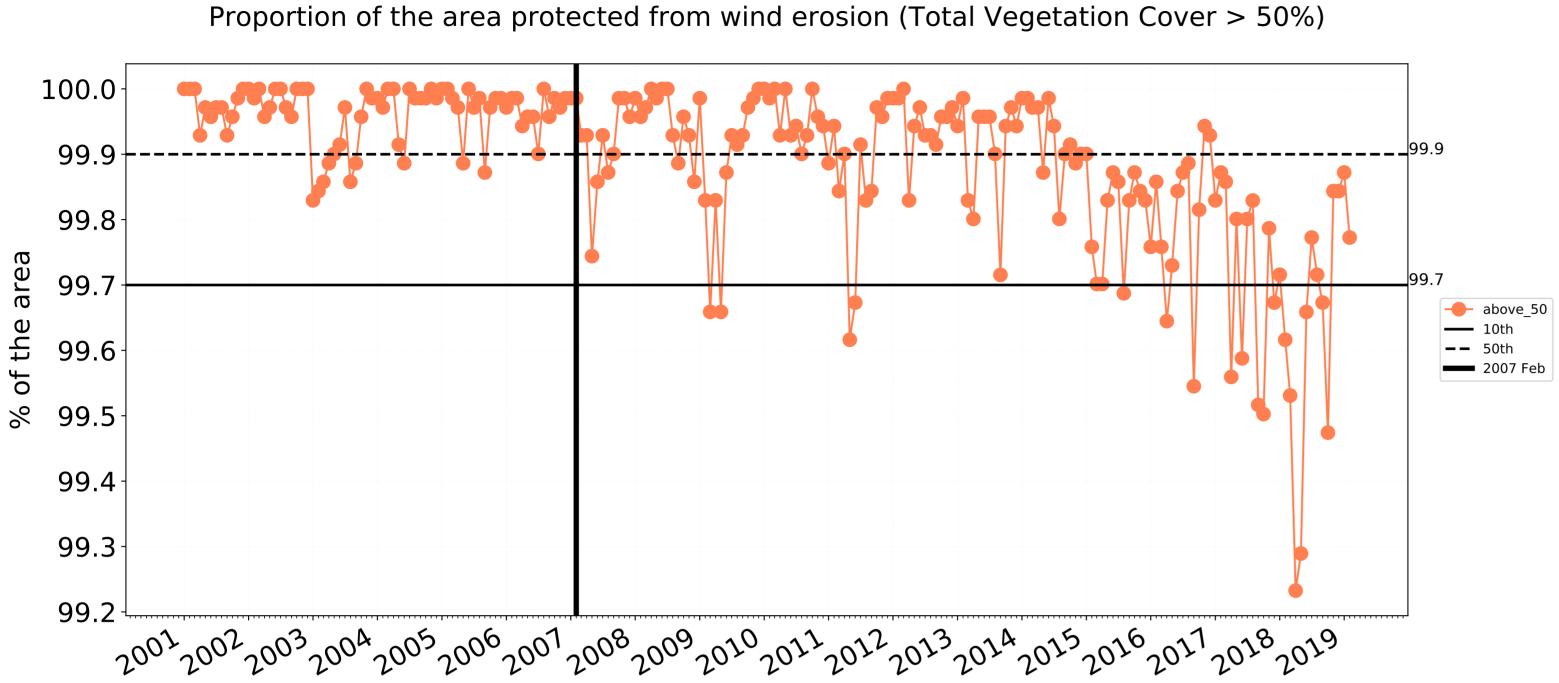




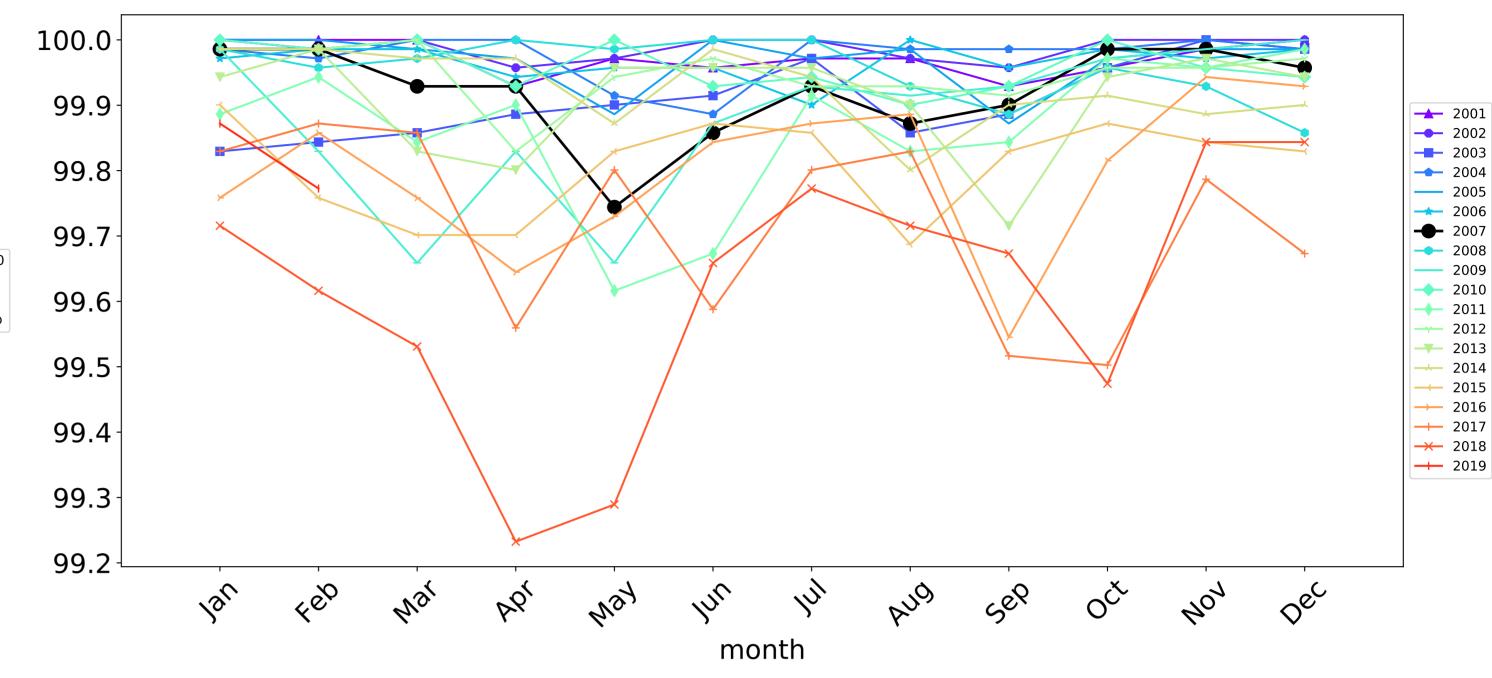


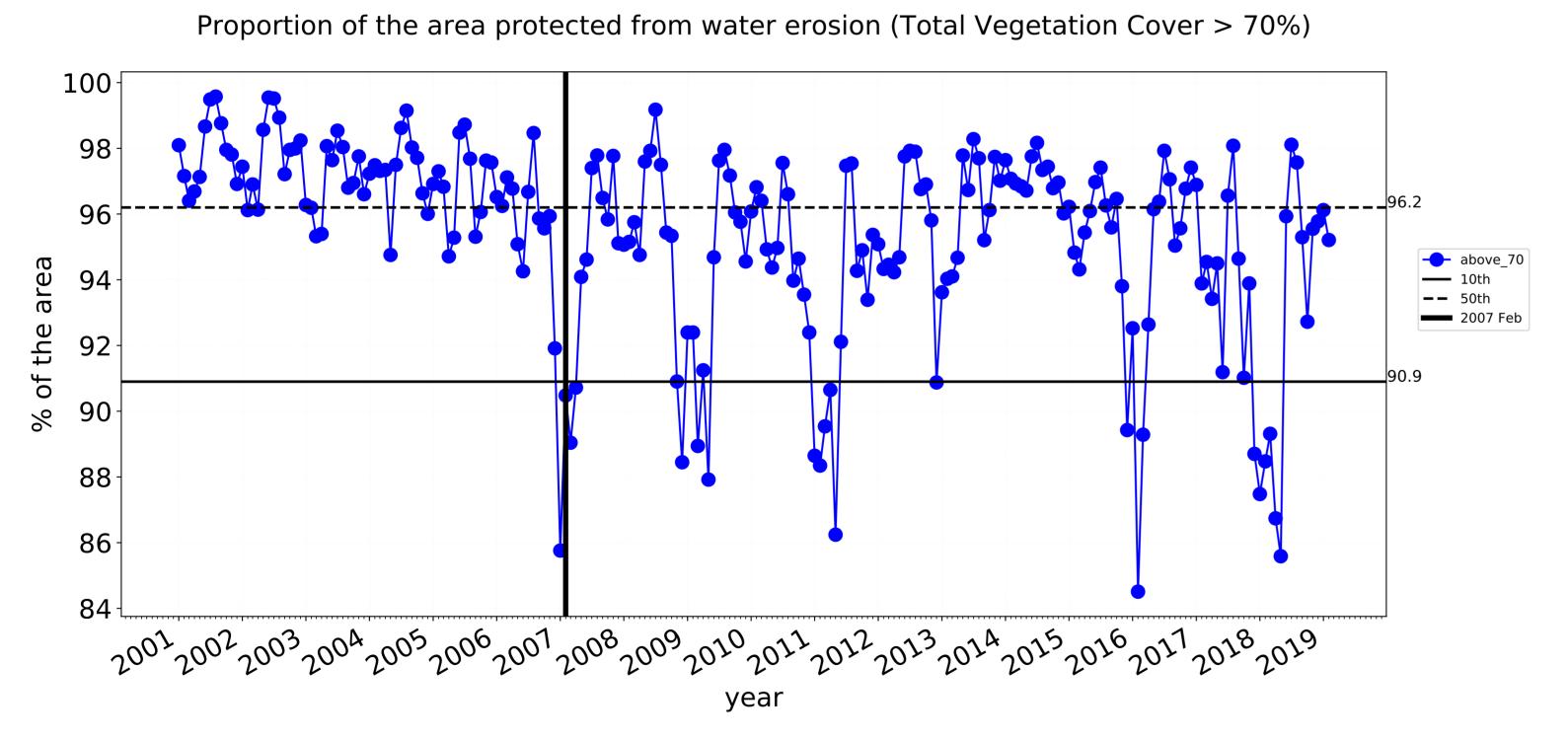


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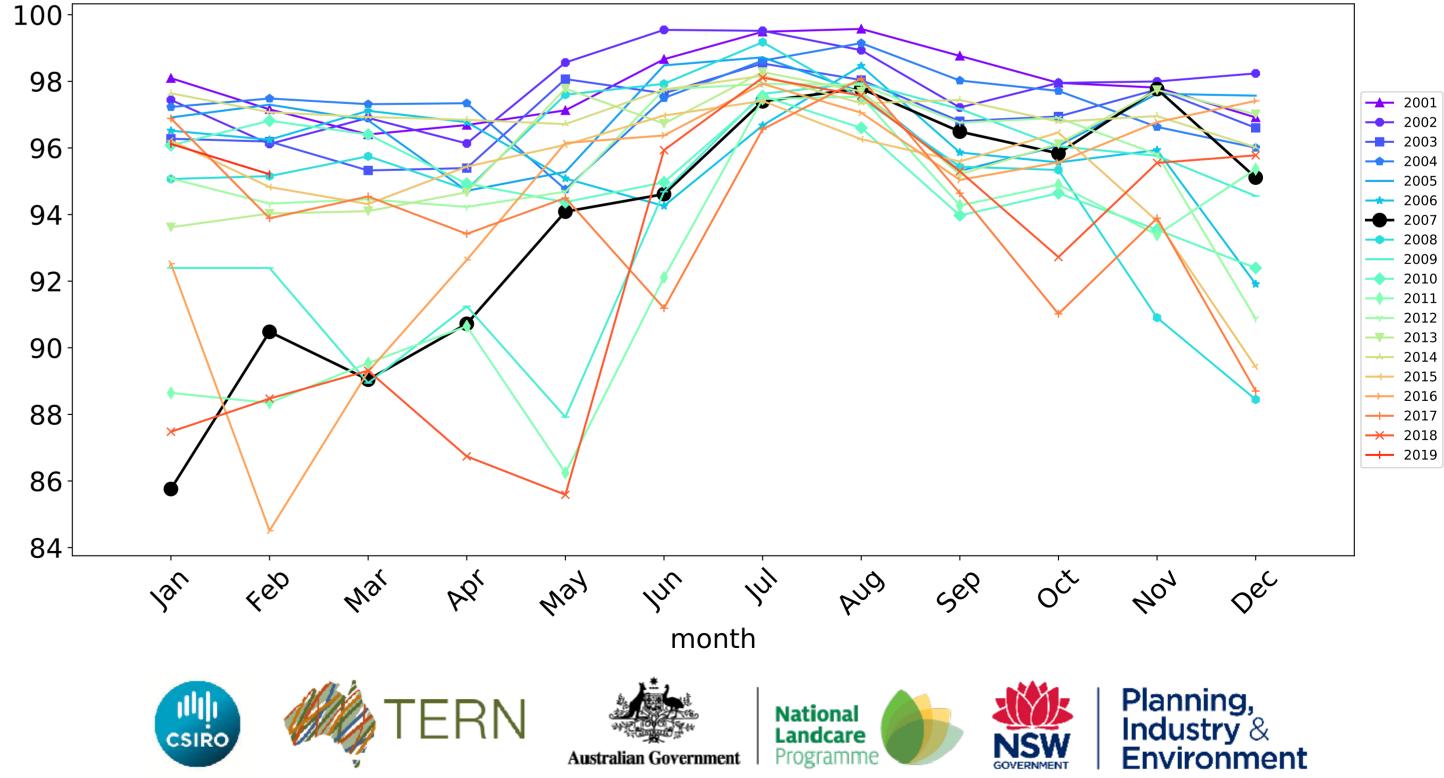


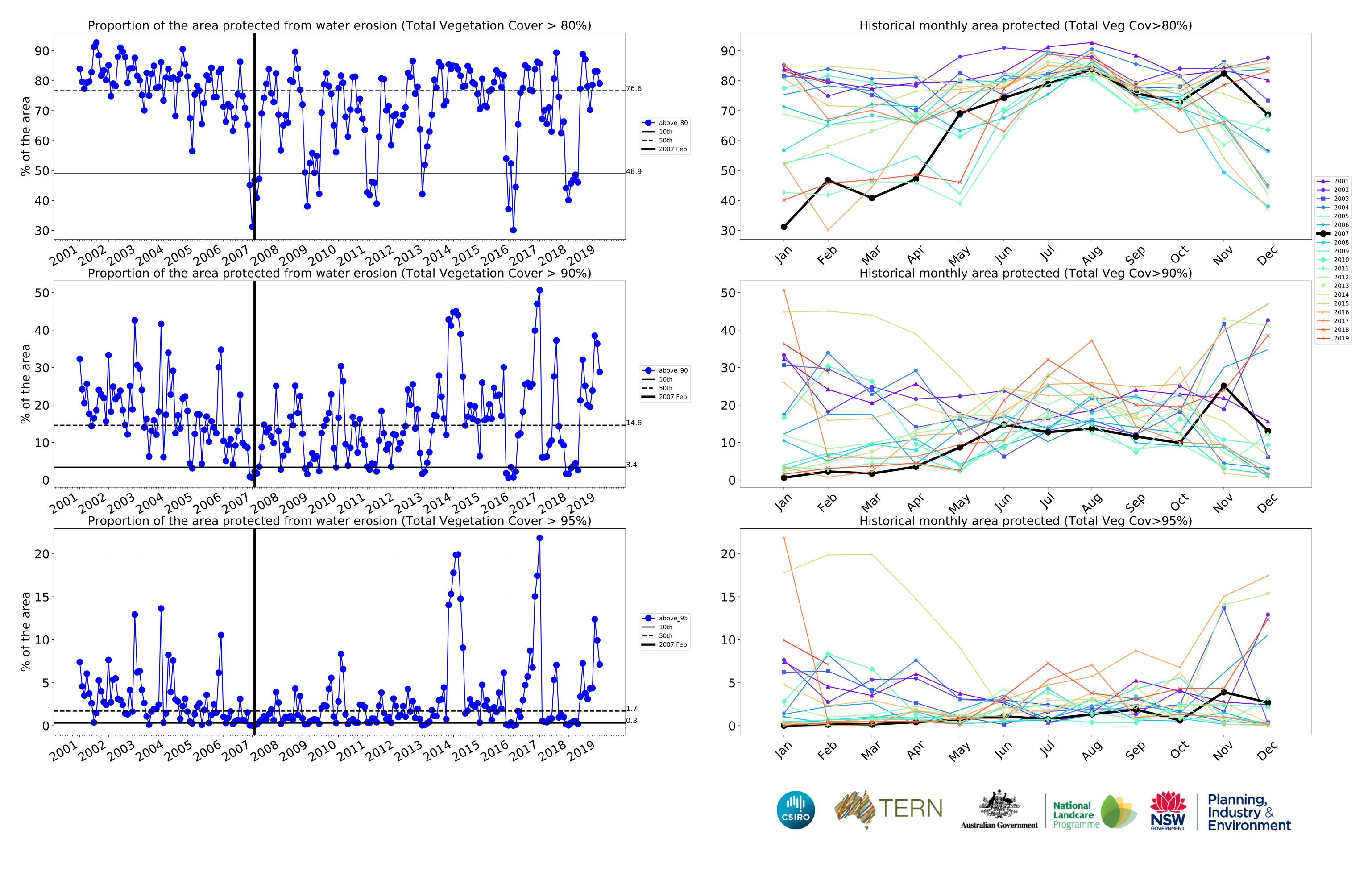
# Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





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





# **Grazing**

# Land use and forest cover

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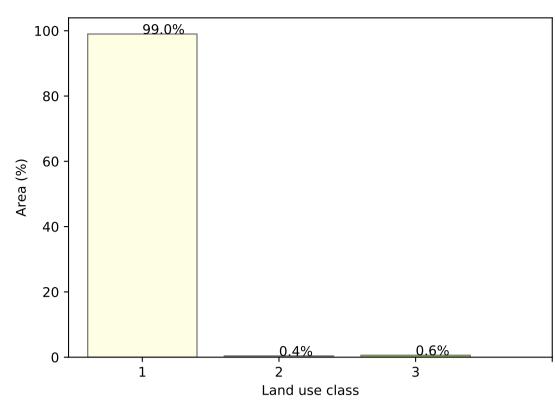
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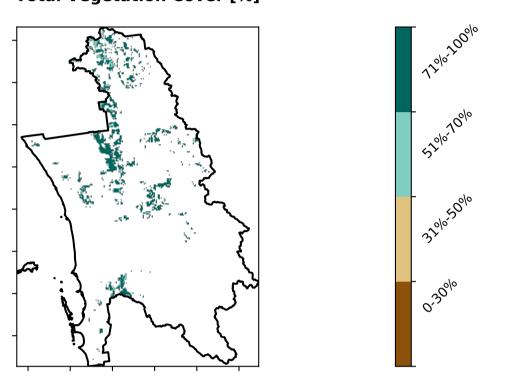
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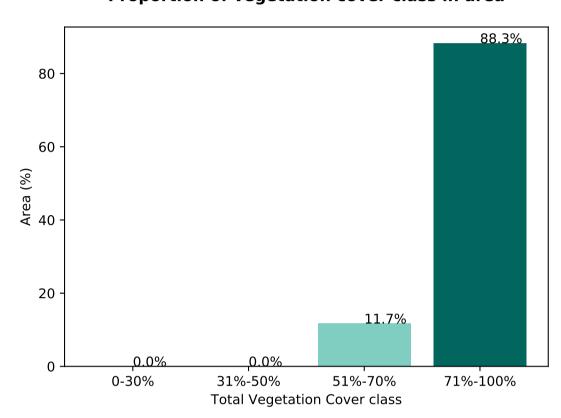
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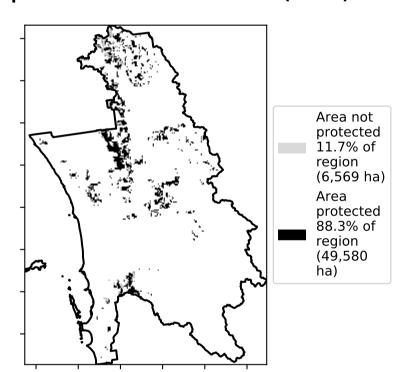
**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



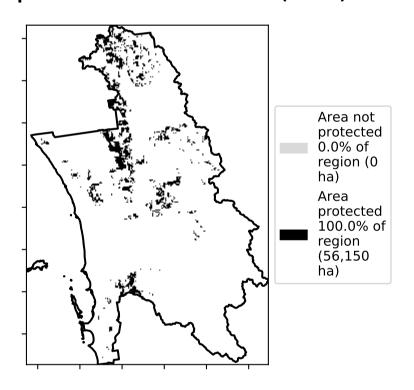
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



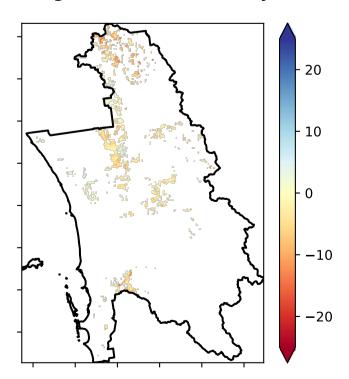
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

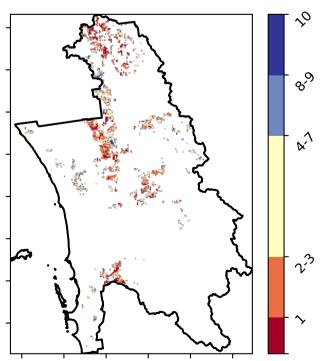


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







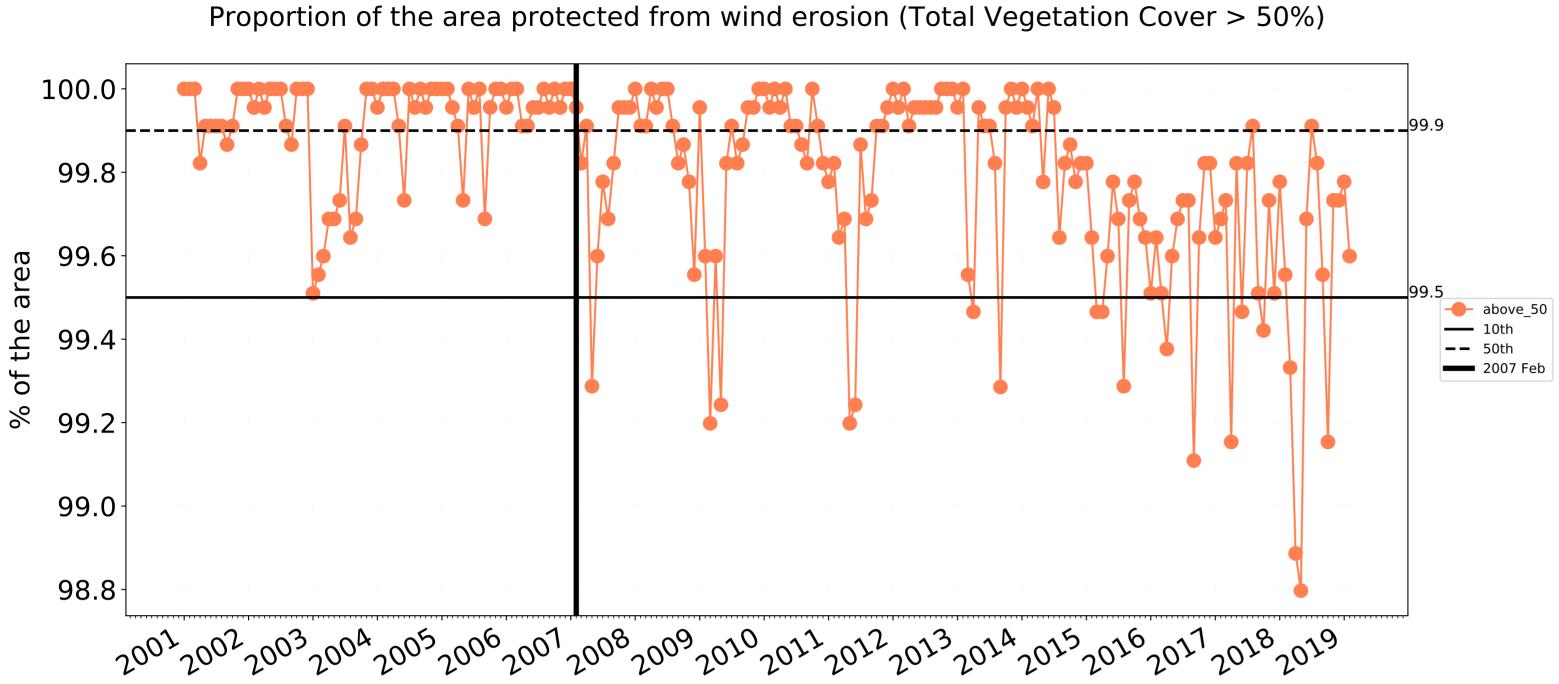




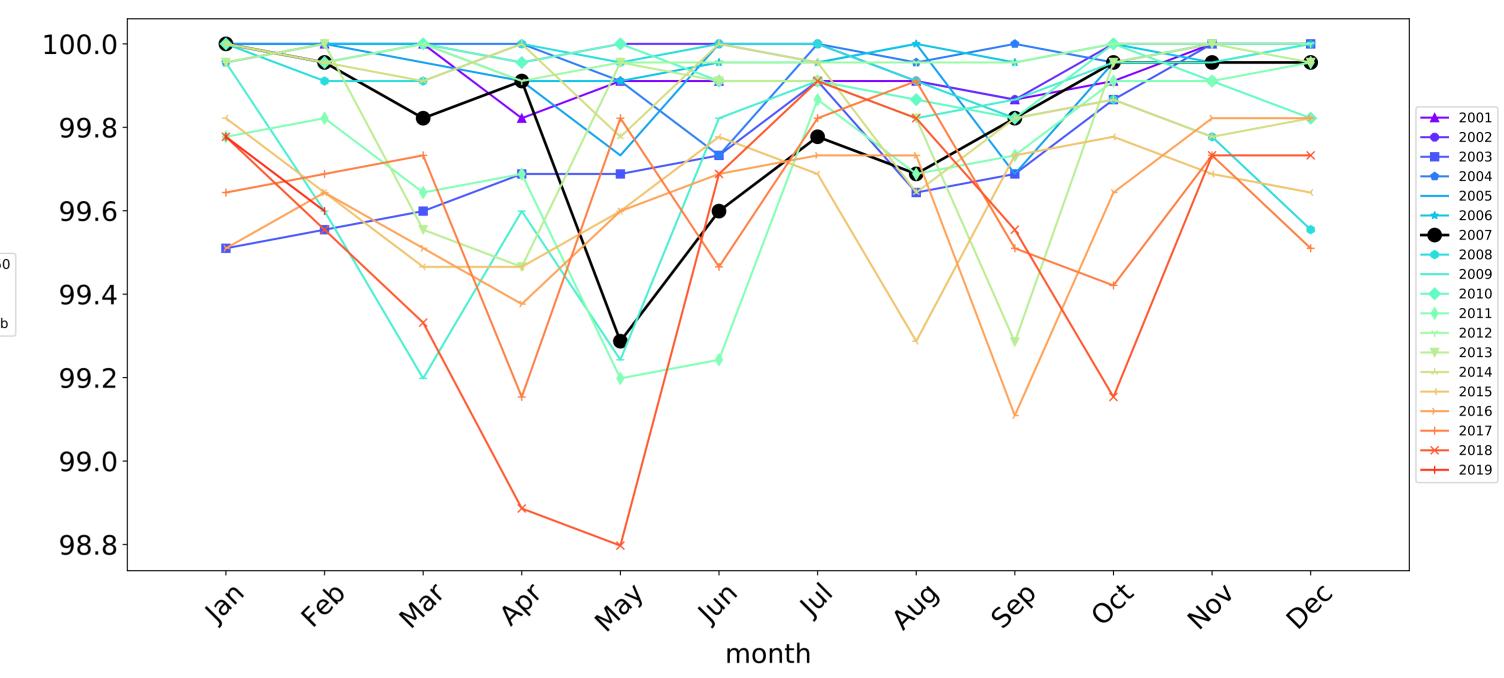


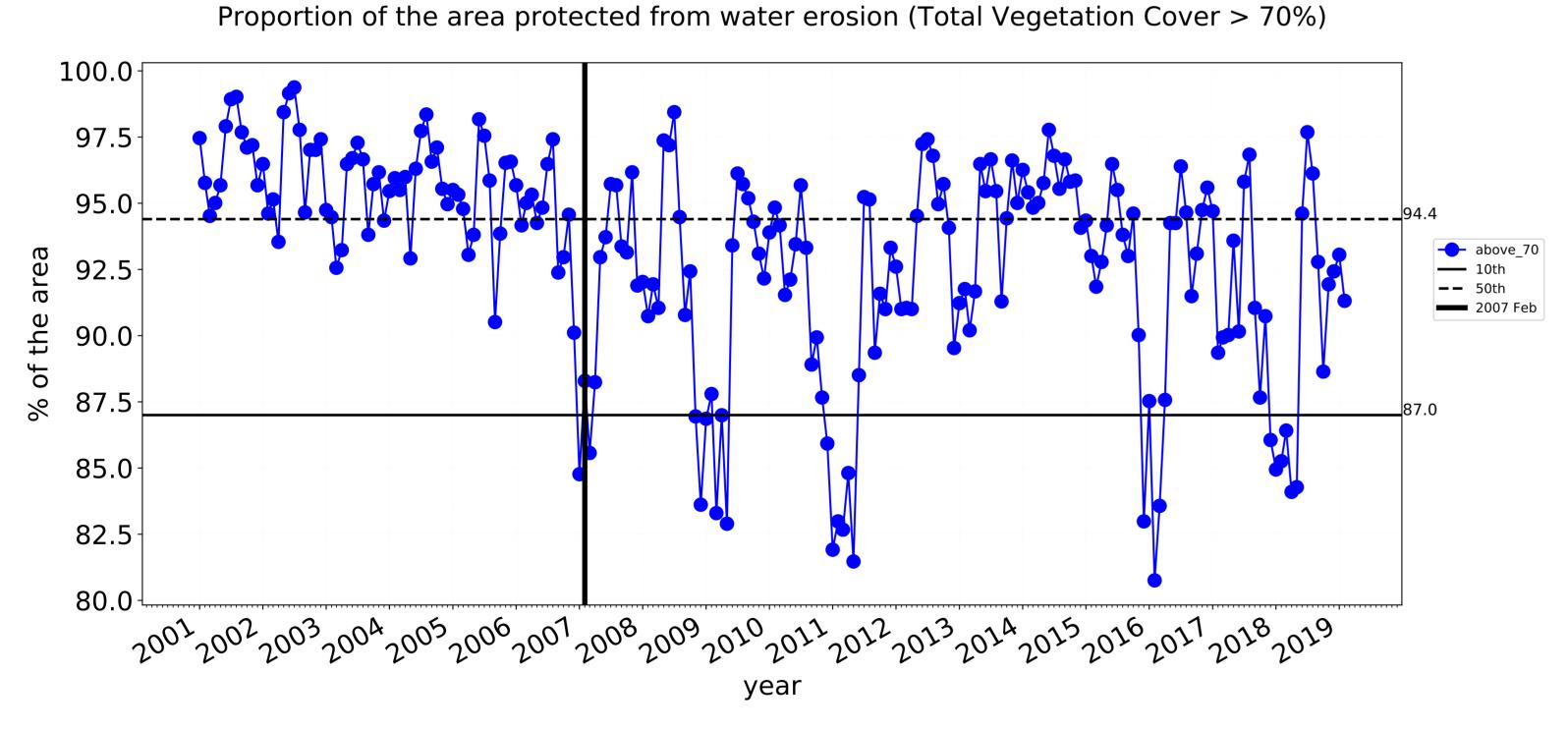


# **Grazing timeseries**



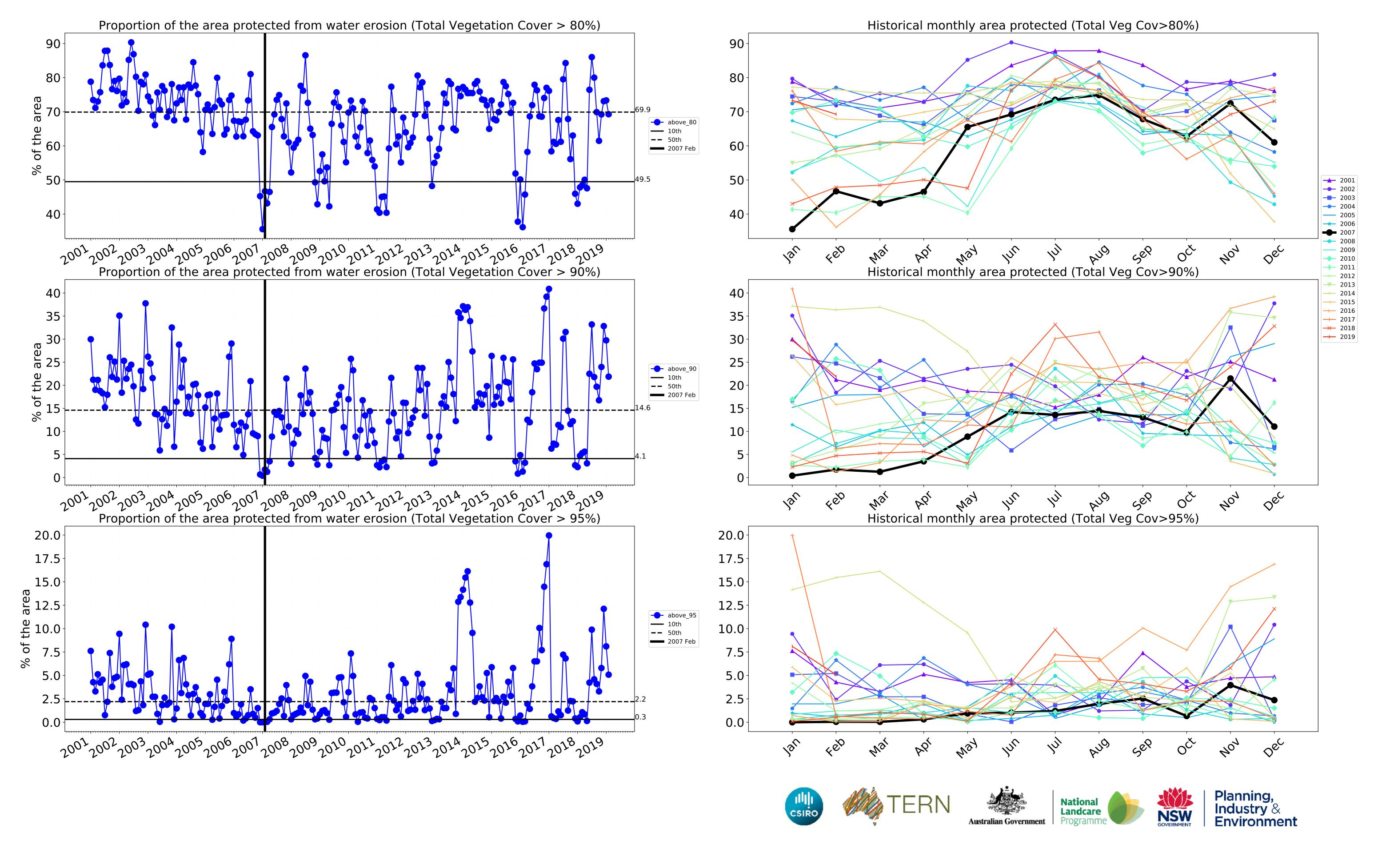
# Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)





# 100.0 97.5 2001 2002 2003 2004 95.0 <del>----</del> 2005 92.5 **---** 2007 <del>----</del> 2008 \_\_\_\_ 2009 90.0 2012 87.5 <del>←</del> 2015 <del>→</del> 2016 85.0 <del>----</del> 2017 <del>×</del> 2018 <del>----</del> 2019 82.5 80.08 month Planning, Industry & Environment ERN National Landcare NSW GOVERNMENT

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



# **Grazing non forest**

# Land use and forest cover

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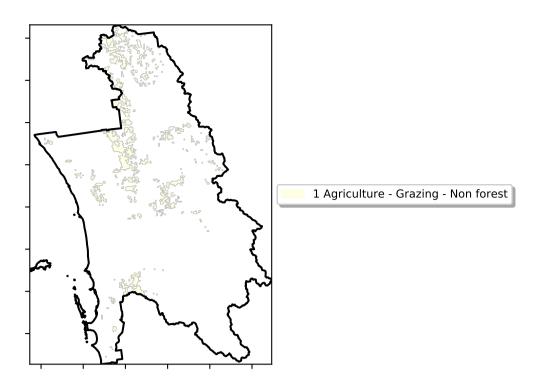
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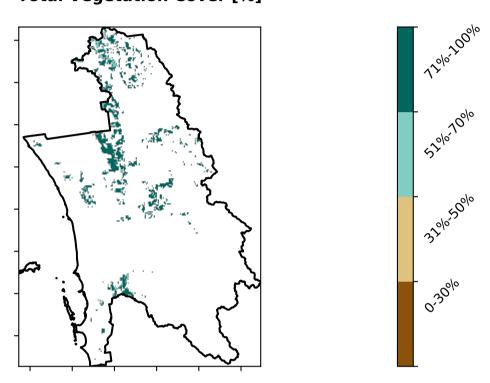
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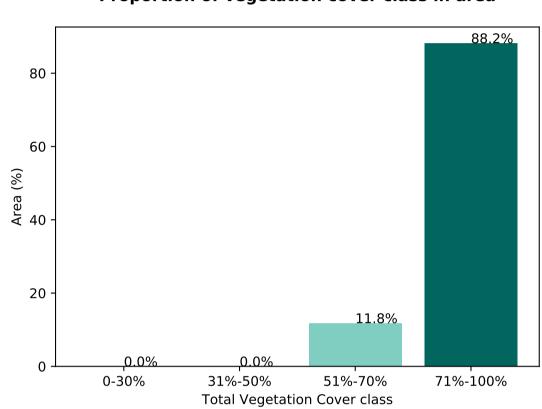
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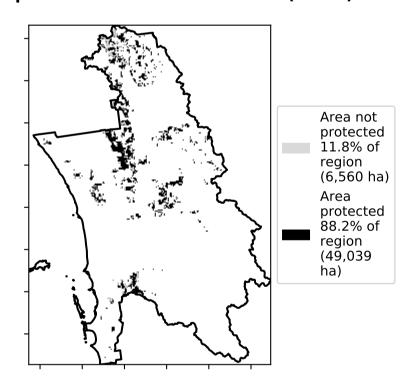
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



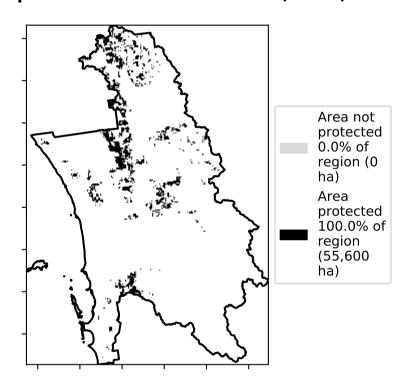
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



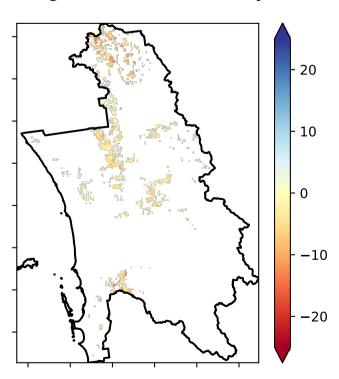
# % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



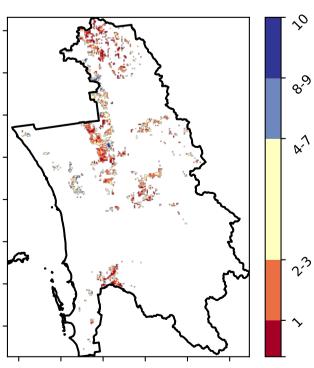
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# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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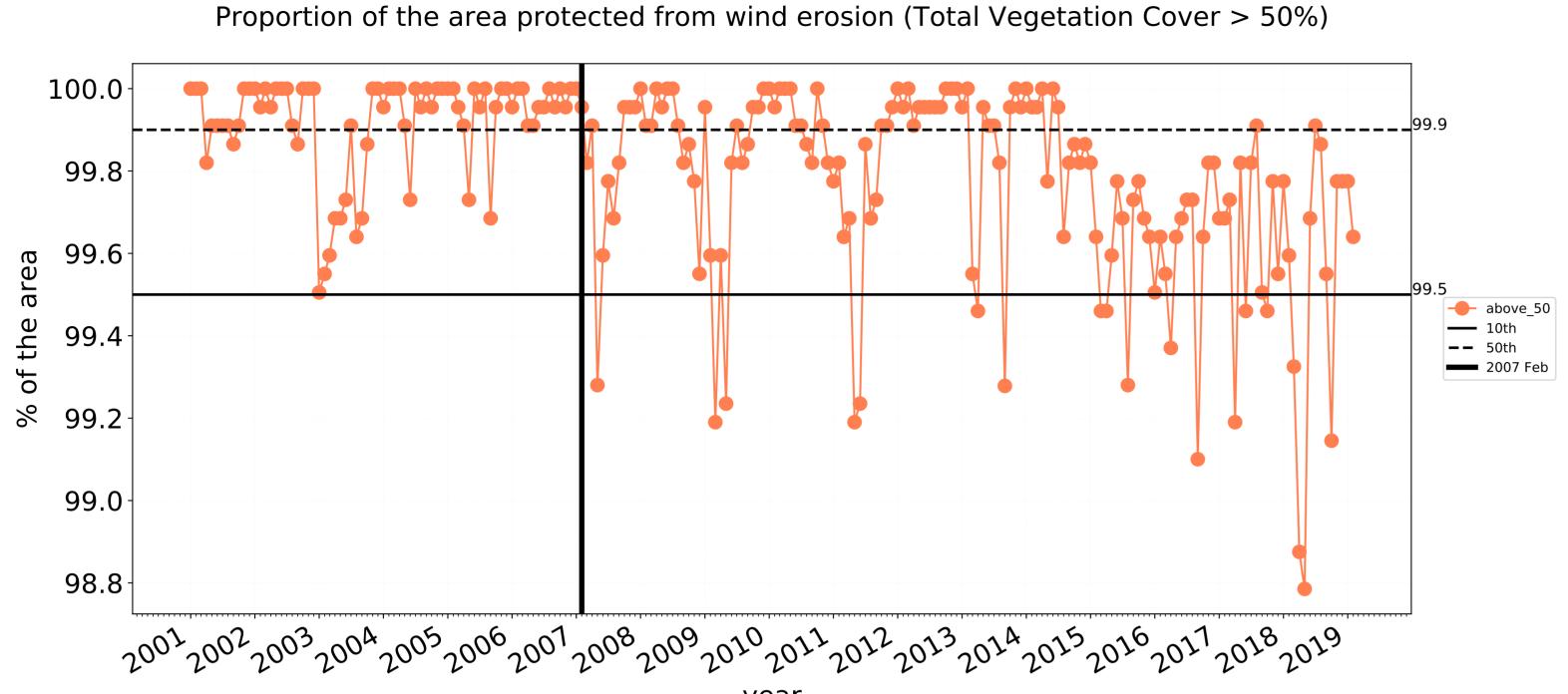


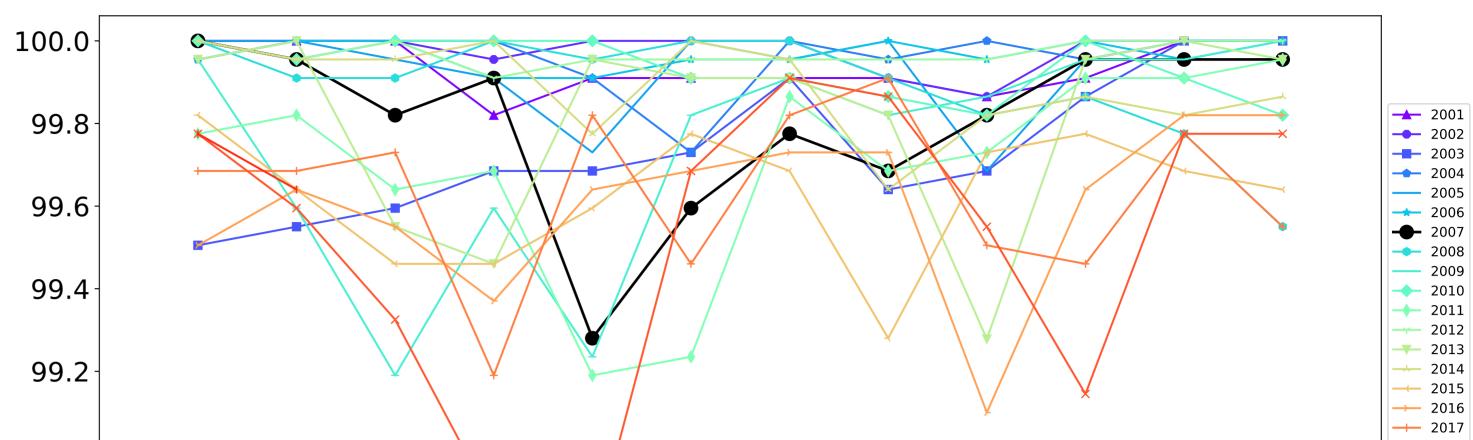


# **Grazing non forest timeseries**

99.0

98.8



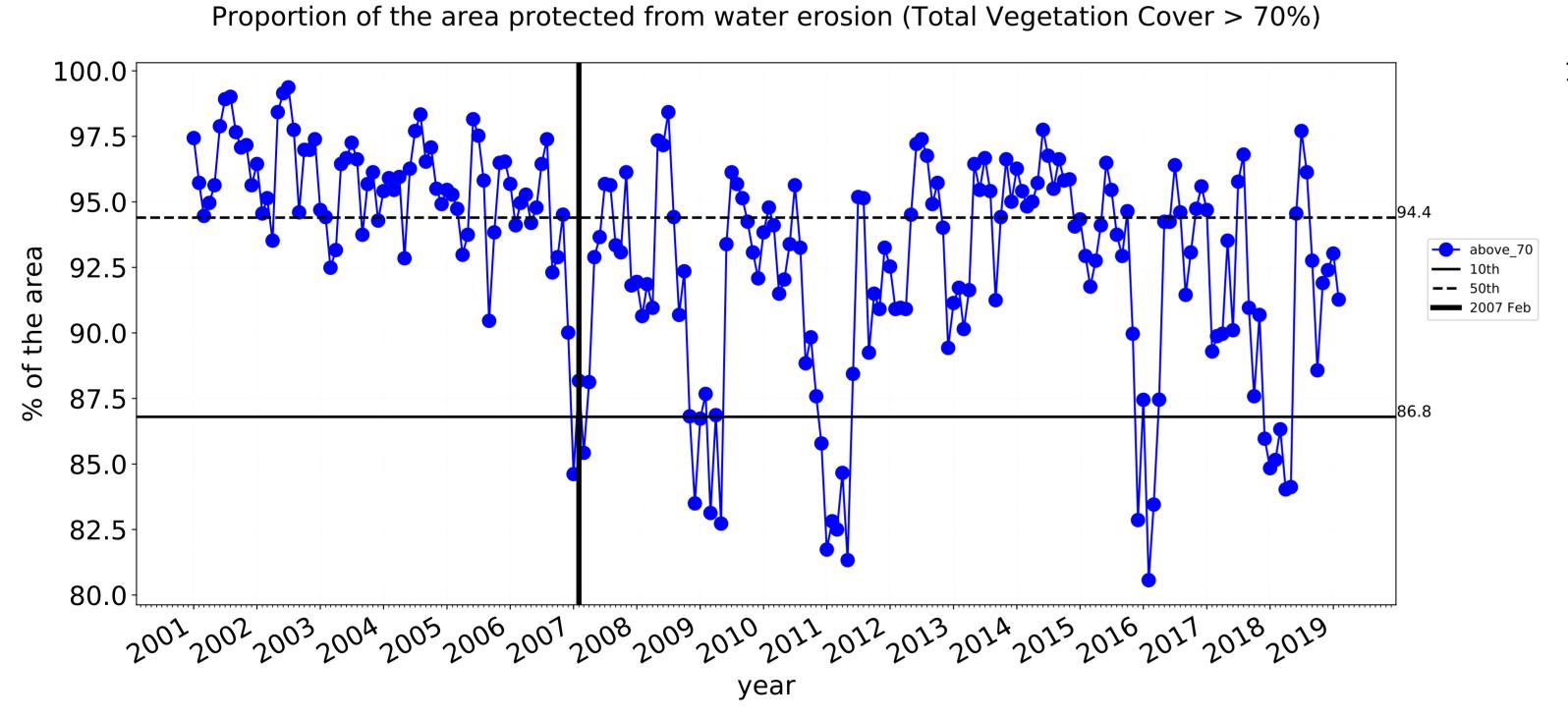


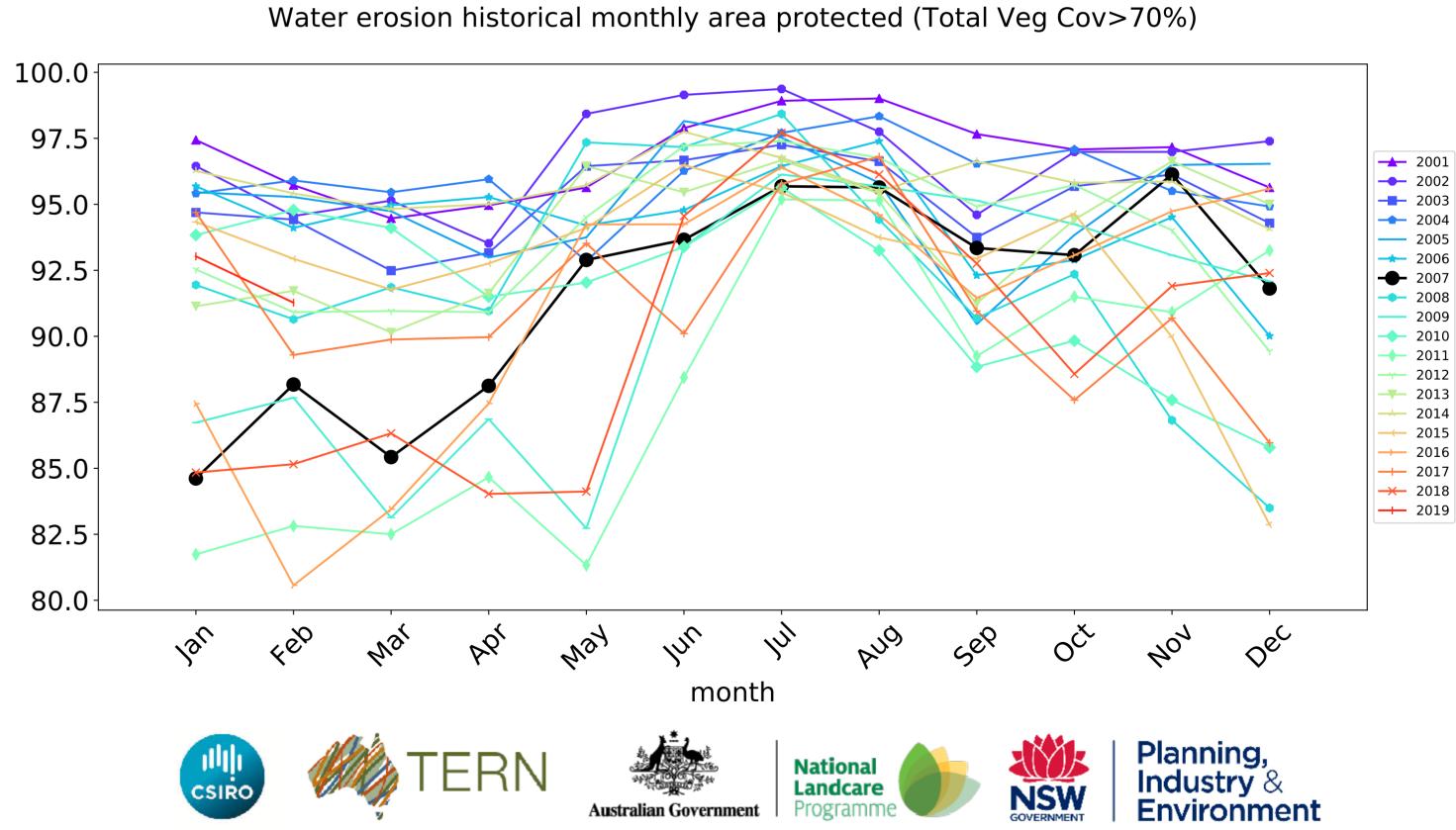
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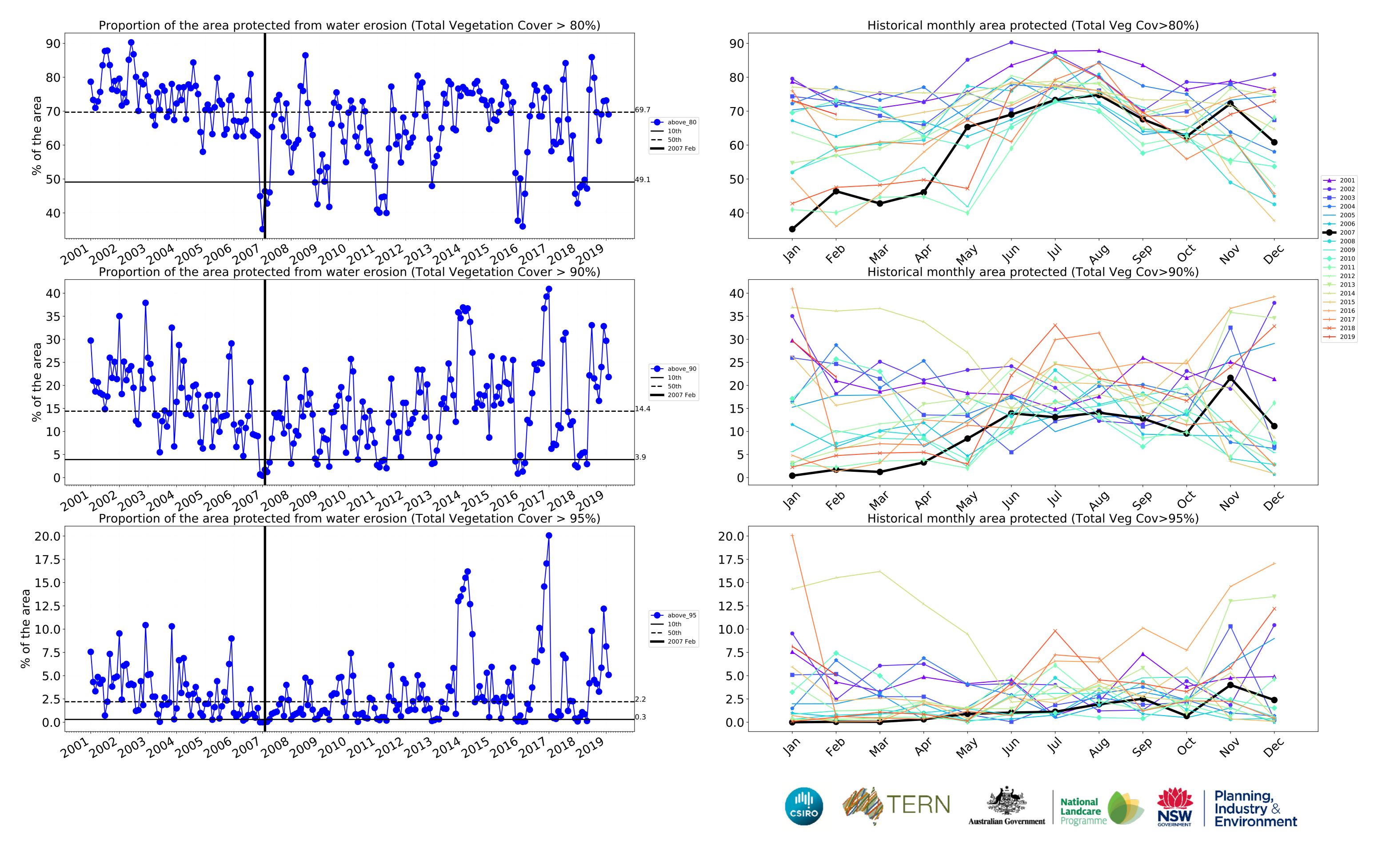
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**→** 2019

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







# **Cropping**

# **Land use and forest cover**

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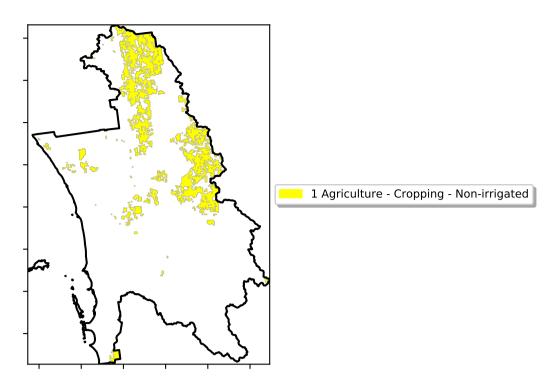
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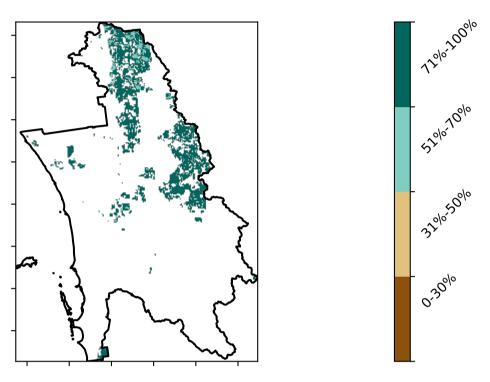
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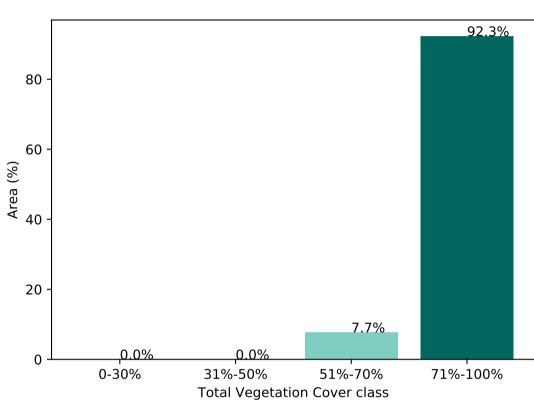
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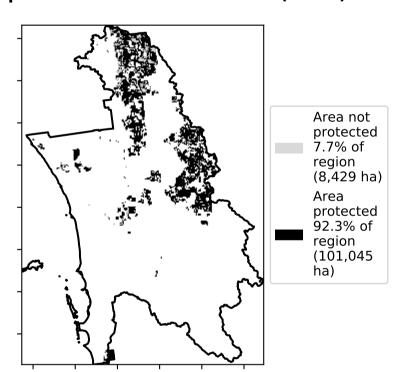
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



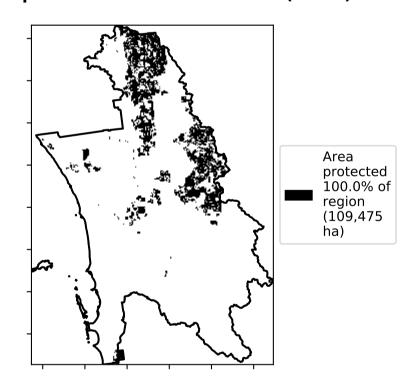
# Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



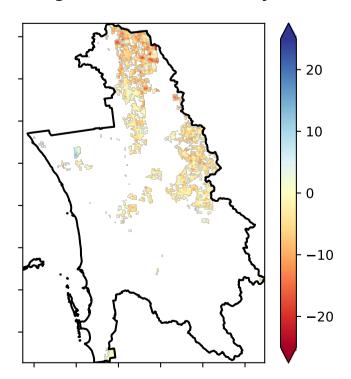
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% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)

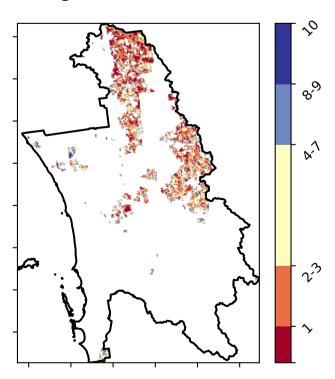


# **Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]**



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







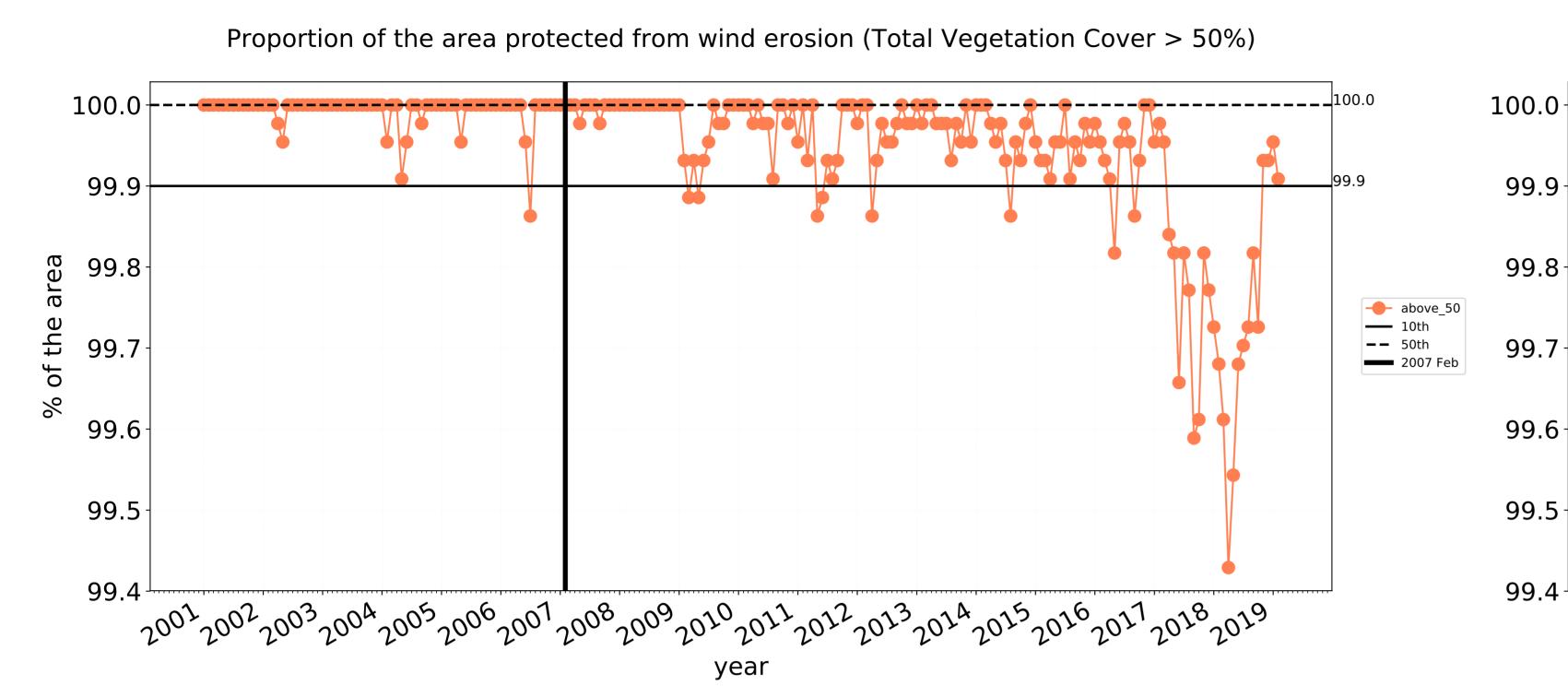


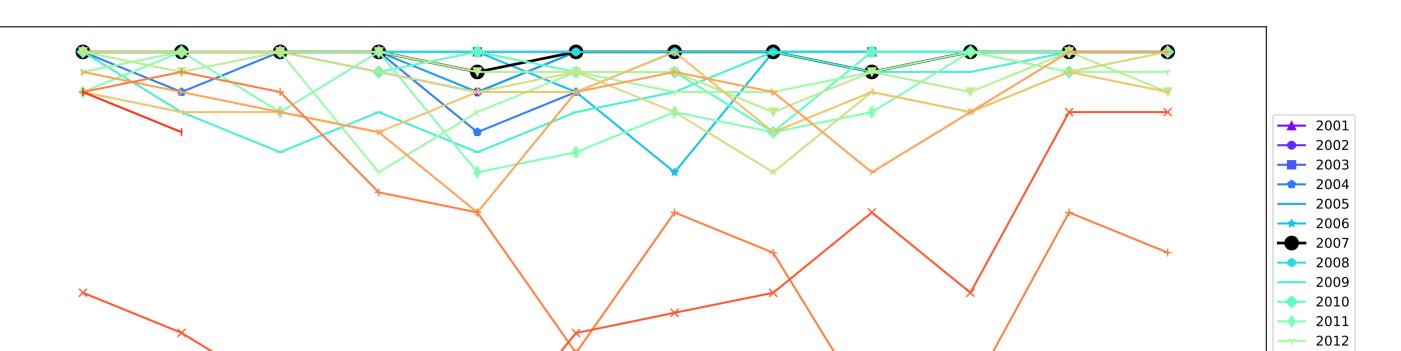






# **Cropping timeseries**



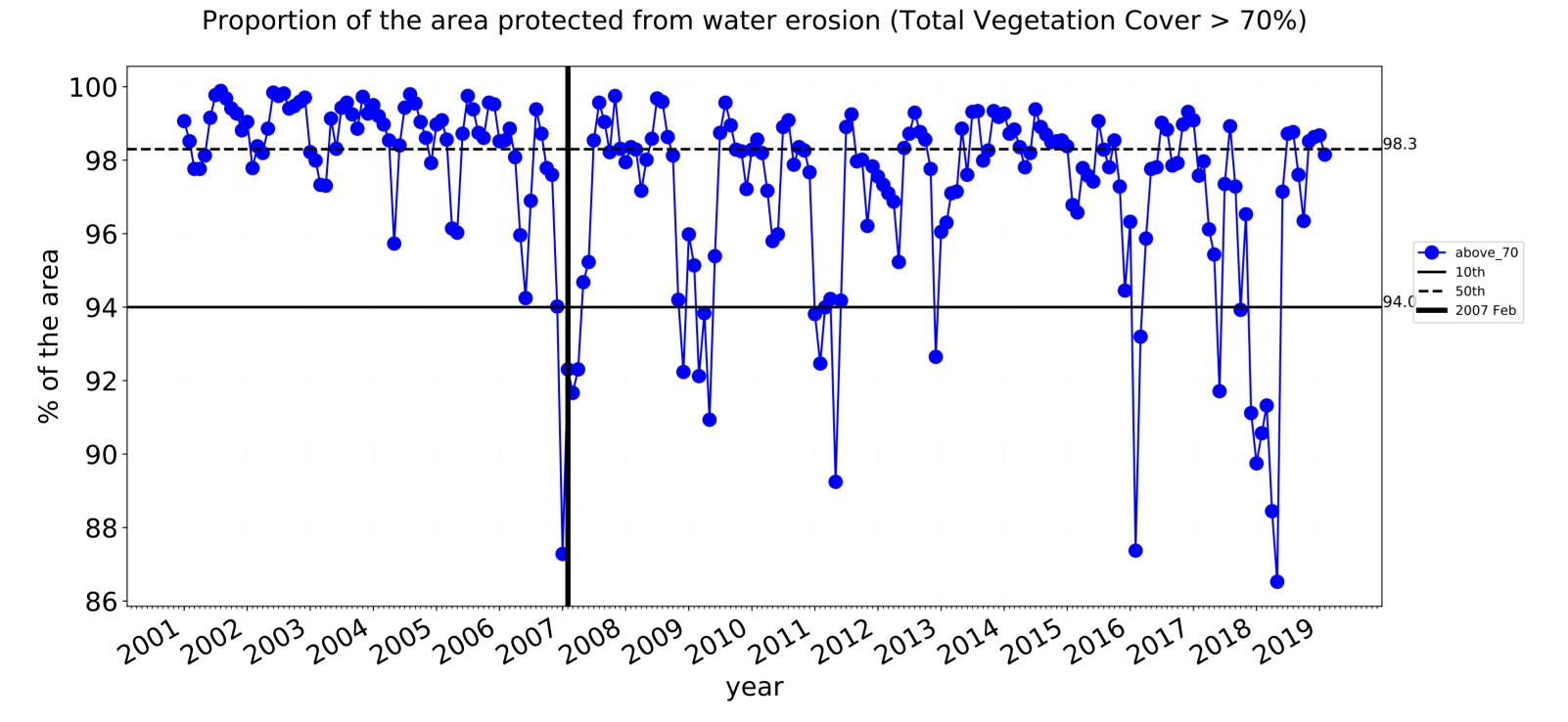


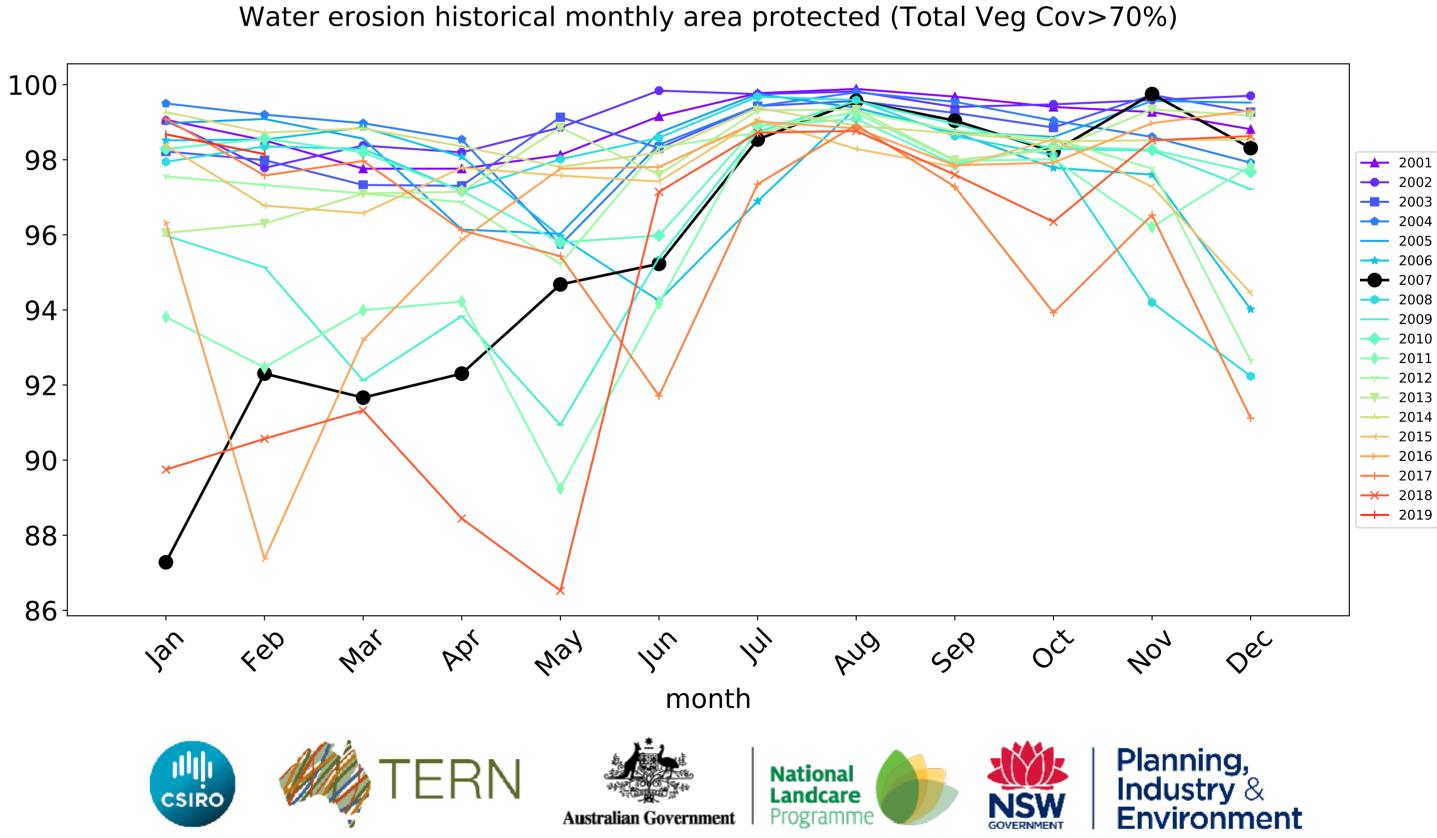
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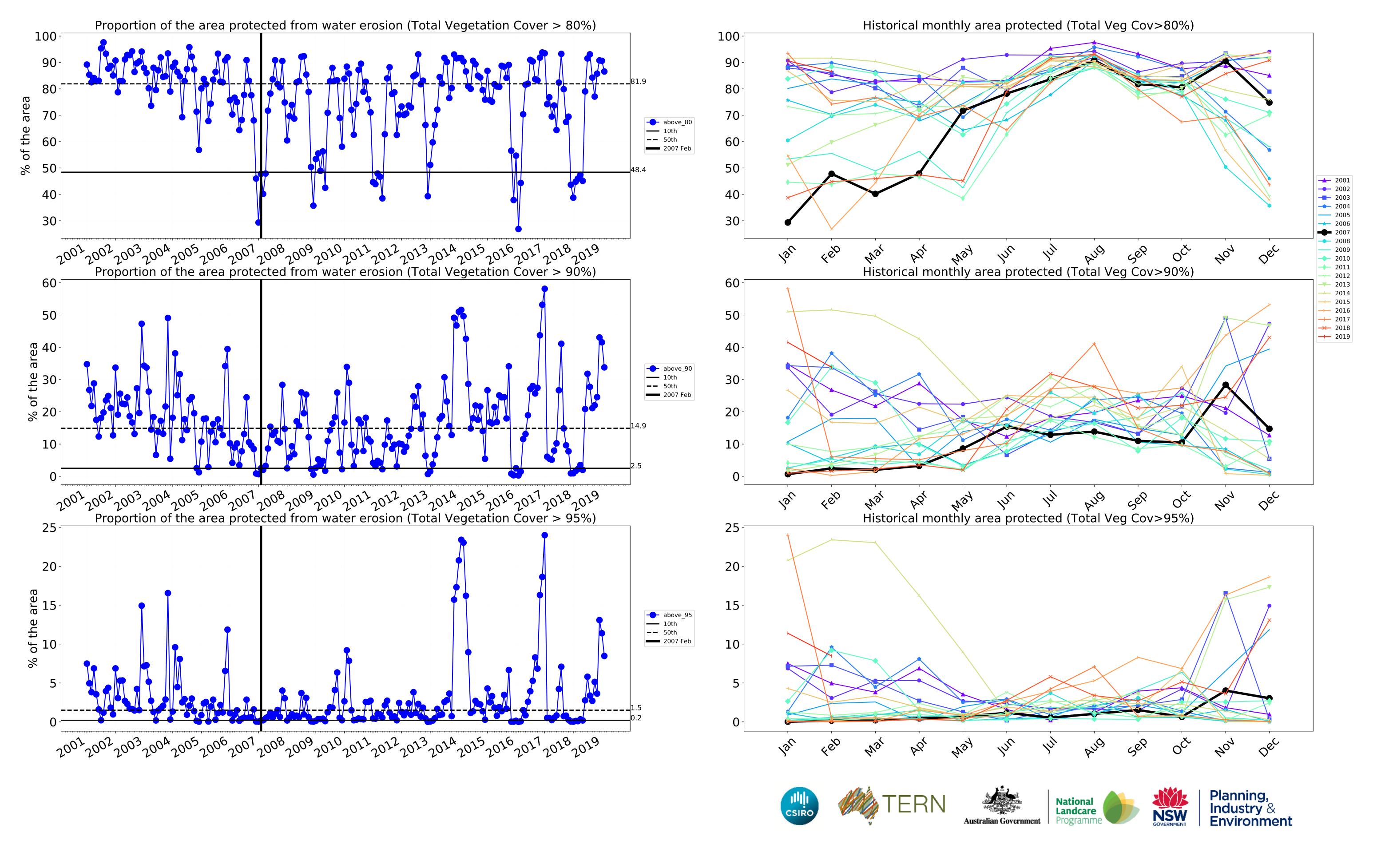
→ 2015 → 2016 → 2017 → 2018 → 2019

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

month







# **Irrigation**

# Land use and forest cover

# 1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated 3 Agriculture - Horticulture - Irrigated

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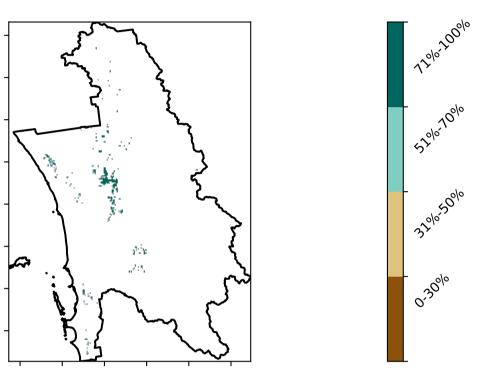
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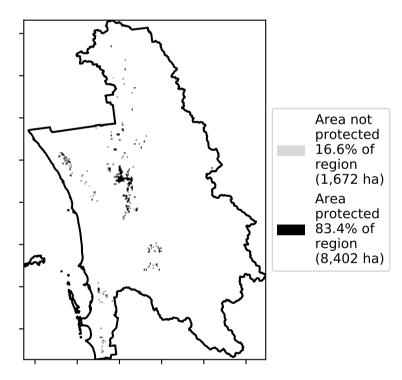
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Catchment Scale

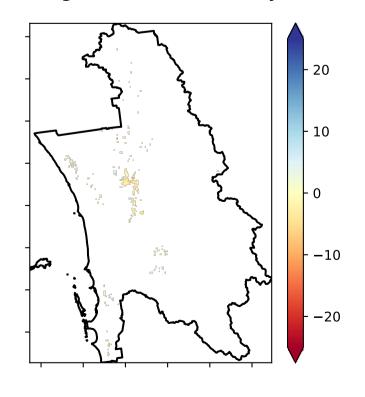
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)

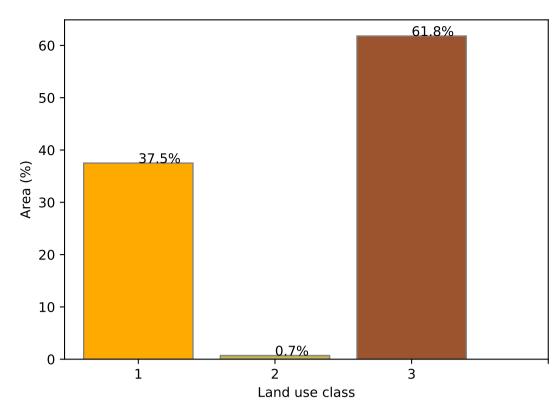


Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]

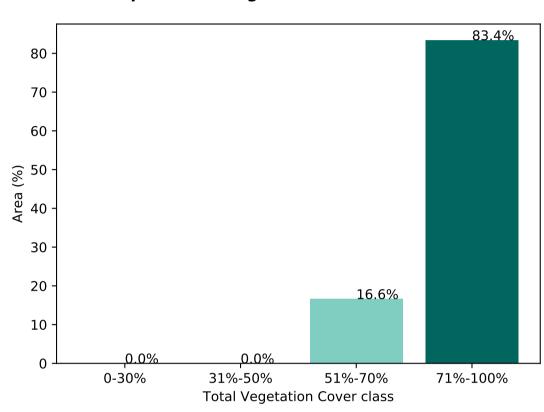


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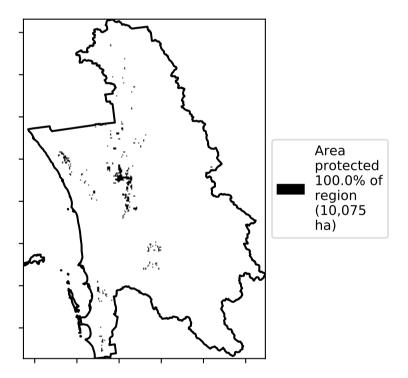
# Proportion of each land class in area



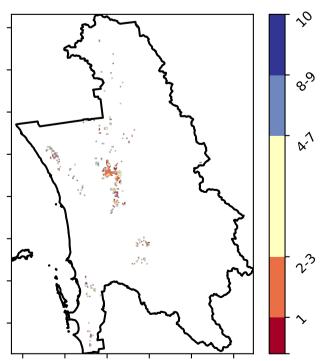
Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







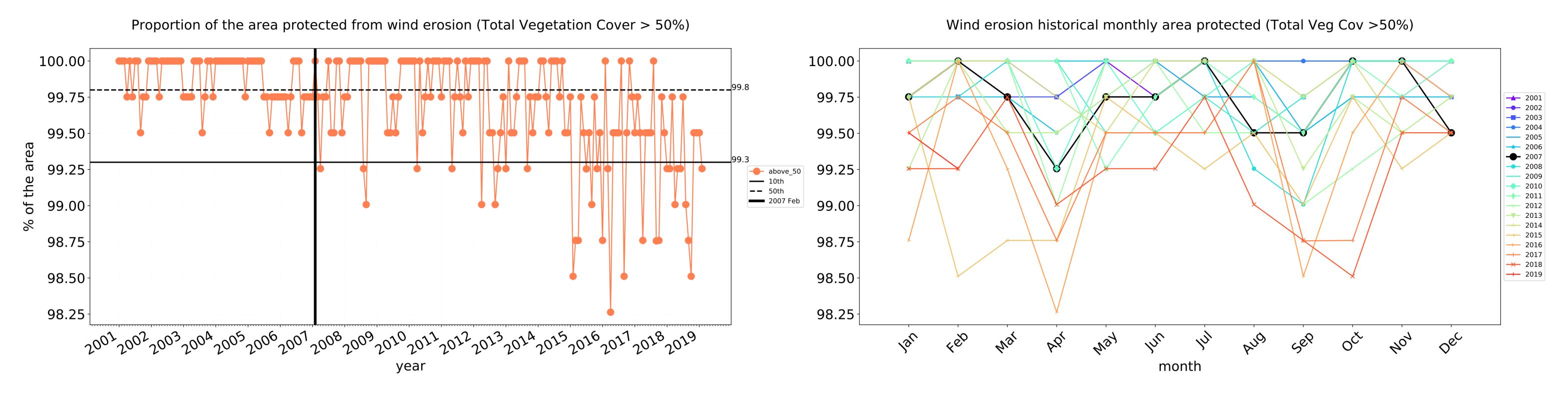


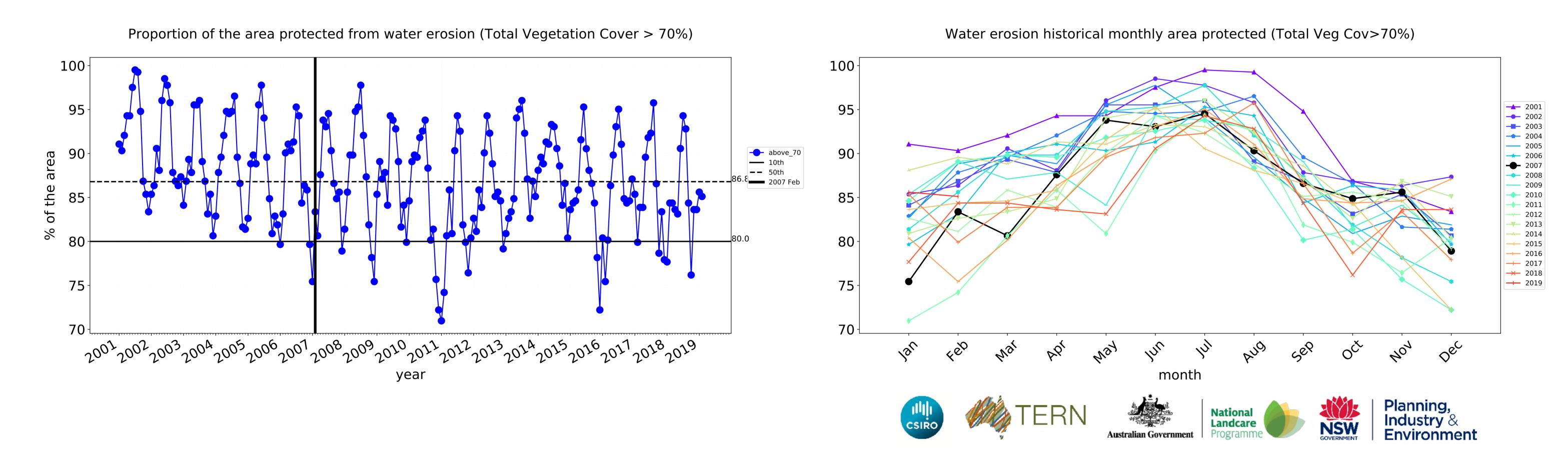


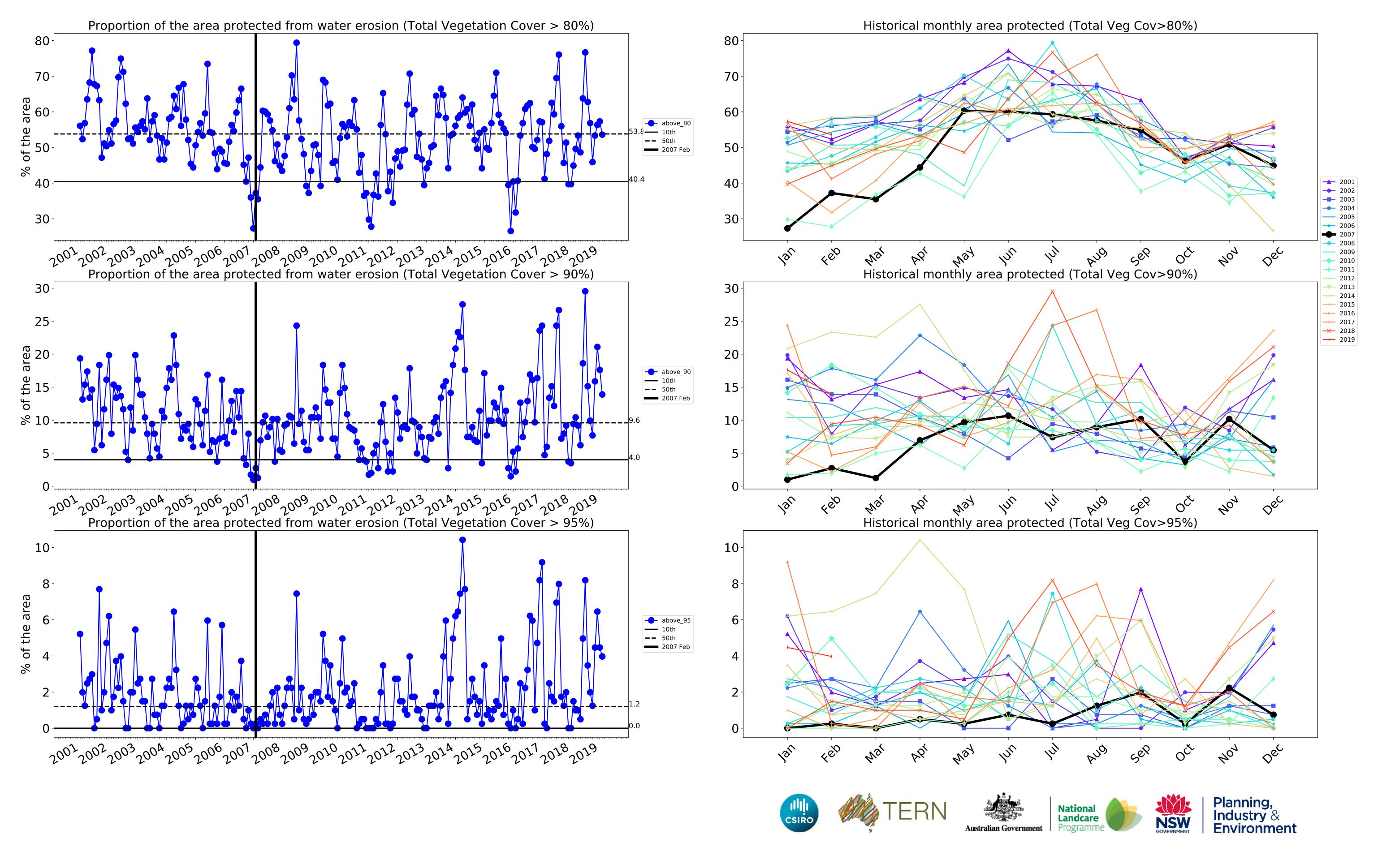




# **Irrigation timeseries**







# **Production native forests and plantation forests**

# Land use and forest cover

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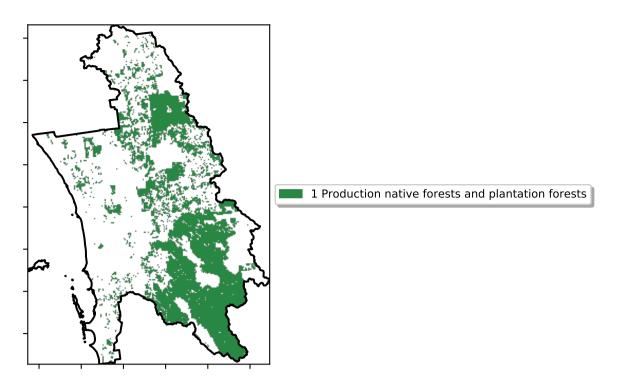
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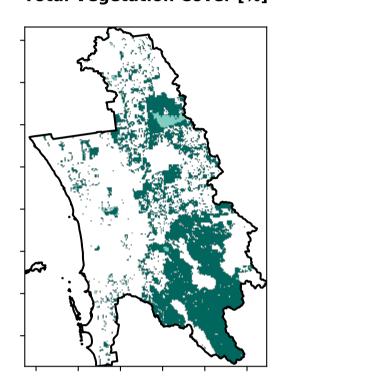
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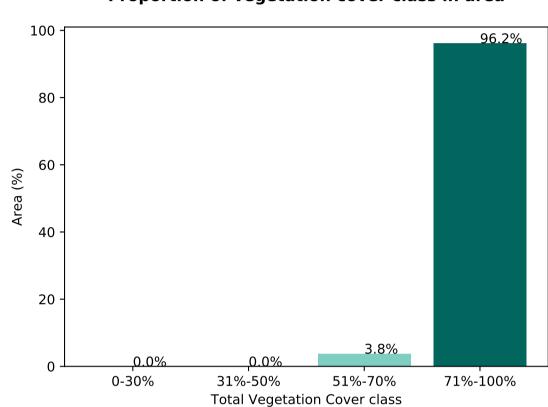
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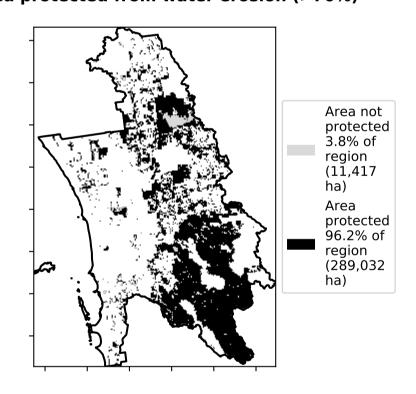
# **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



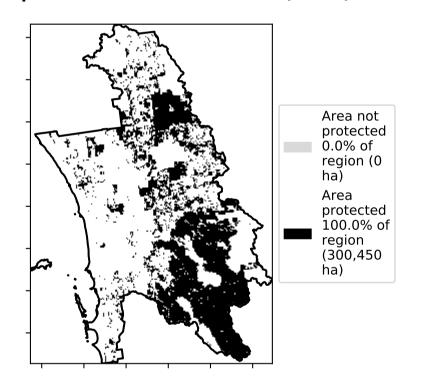
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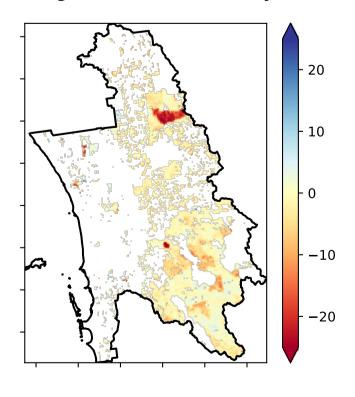
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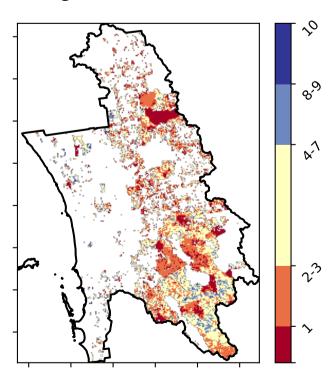
% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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



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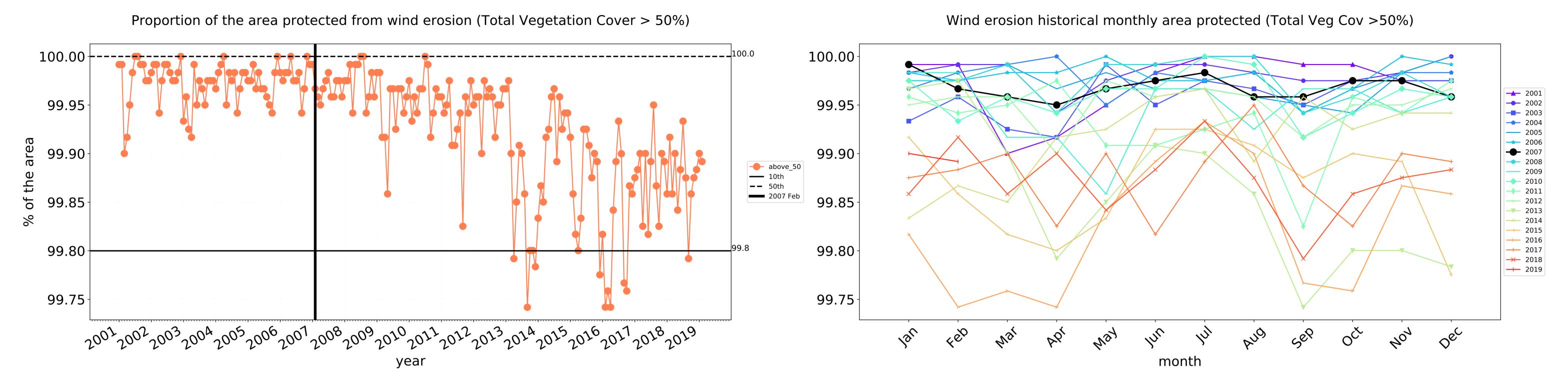


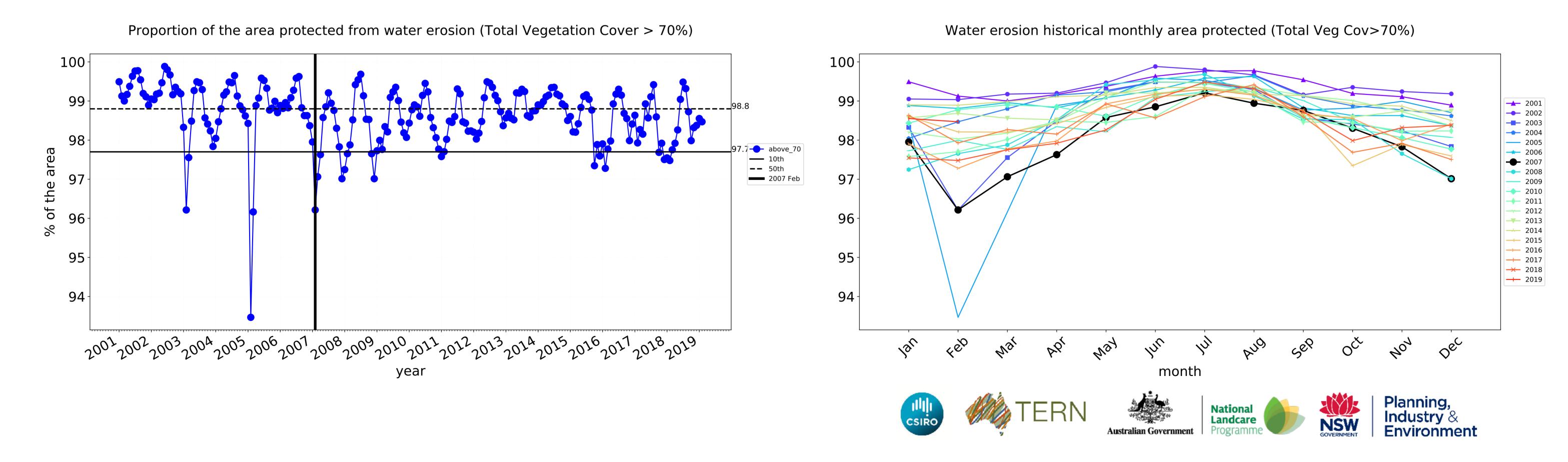


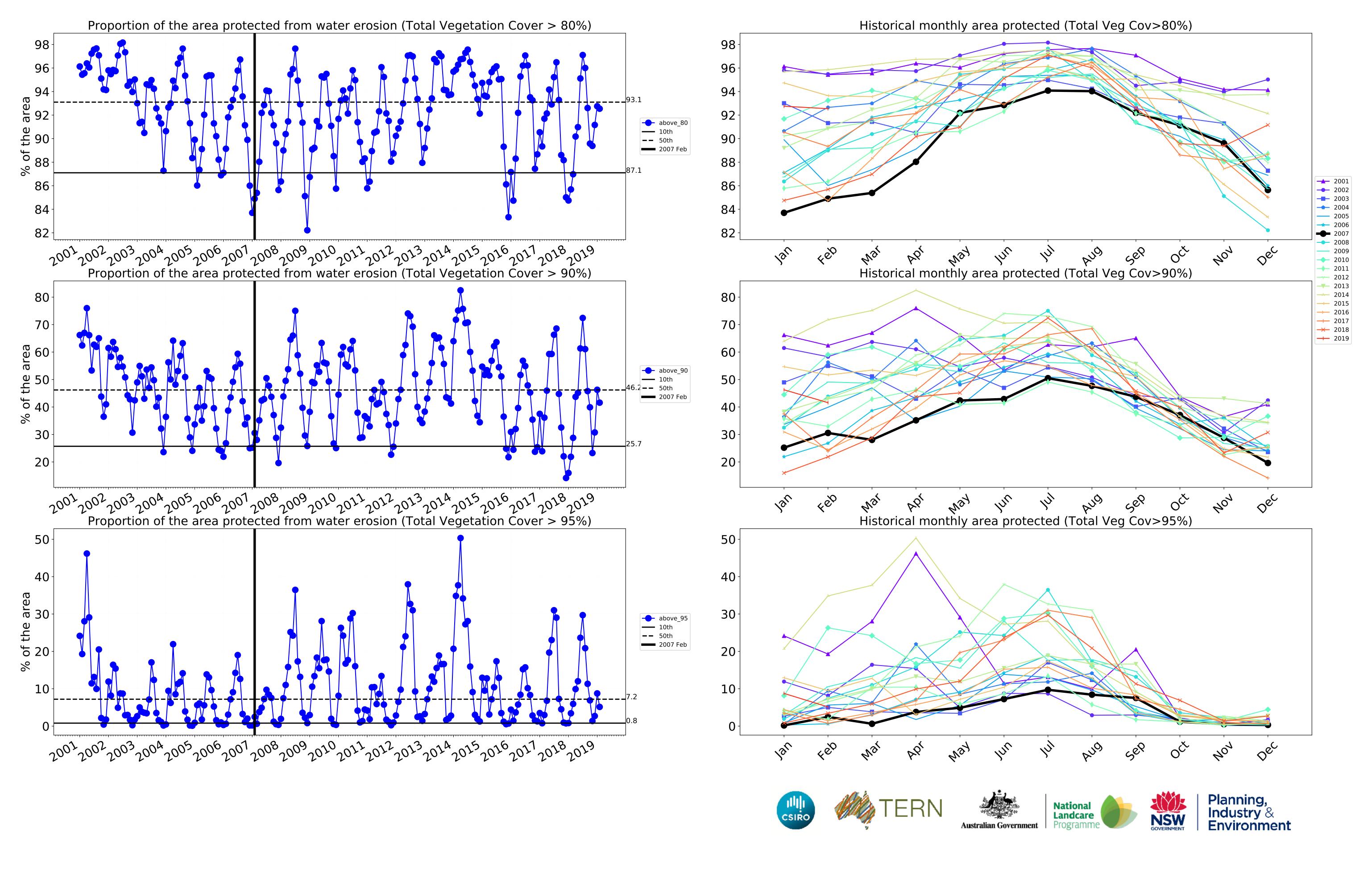




# **Production native forests and plantation forests timeseries**







# Swan Region (877,075 ha and no data 7,090 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	877,075	100.0% 876,700	99.0% 868,481	85.8% 752,642	64.5% 565,905	16.8% 147,440	1.5% 13,539
Conservation and natural environments	232,550	100.0% 232,525	99.9% 232,375	96.4% 224,200	82.6% 192,075	20.7% 48,075	2.0% 4,575
Conservation and natural environments non forest	38,000	99.9% 37,975	99.9% 37,950	90.9% 34,525	67.6% 25,700	14.2% 5,400	1.8% 700
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	135,475	100.0% 135,475	99.9% 135,375	97.5% 132,050	86.4% 117,075	15.8% 21,375	0.5% 675
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	59,075	100.0% 59,075	100.0% 59,050	97.5% 57,625	83.5% 49,300	36.1% 21,300	5.4% 3,200
Agriculture	175,925	100.0% 175,900	100.0% 175,900	90.5% 159,175	46.8% 82,325	2.2% 3,950	0.1% 225
Grazing	56,150	100.0% 56,125	100.0% 56,125	88.3% 49,575	46.7% 26,225	1.7% 975	0.0% 25
Grazing non forest	55,600	100.0% 55,575	100.0% 55,575	88.2% 49,025	46.4% 25,800	1.7% 950	0.0% 25
Cropping	109,475	100.0% 109,475	100.0% 109,475	92.3% 101,050	47.8% 52,300	2.5% 2,700	0.2% 175
Irrigation	10,075	100.0% 10,075	100.0% 10,075	83.4% 8,400	37.2% 3,750	2.7% 275	0.2% 25
Production native forests and plantation forests	300,450	100.0% 300,450	100.0% 300,350	96.2% 289,075	84.9% 255,075	30.6% 91,800	2.5% 7,425











