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LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

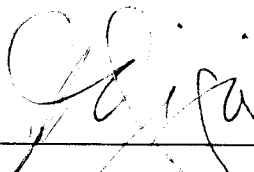
Citizens of Yap State:

This publication is the sixth Statistical Bulletin published by the statistics section of the Office of Planning and Budget. The primary emphasis of this publication is on the lucid presentation of economic and social statistics essential for development planning and policy decision making.

It is our intention to provide in a readily accessible form, important statistical information on the economic and social aspects of Yap State's economy. However, this effort is limited by the inadequacy and inavailability of recorded data and limited manpower in the data gathering process. Wherever coverage is known to be incomplete, it is indicated by the words "not available" or "NA".

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Finally, comments and criticisms about this publication are welcome so that subsequent statistical publications can be improved.



Vincent Figir
Governor, Yap State

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Yap State stretches from about 6 to 10 degrees North latitude and 137 to 148 degrees West longitude and encompasses approximately 500,00 square miles of area. The State consists of about 78 islands of which only 22 are inhabited. Most of the islands are of volcanic origin and some are of raised limestone.

NOTES TO THE TABLES	
Symbols	Description
0	Indicates zero
N/A	Not available
(000s)	Thousands of the given unit
(\$000s)	Thousands of US dollars
(\$)	US dollars
Ave.	Average
Fy.	Fiscal year (Oct 1 - Sept 30 of the following)
Cy	Calendar year
Kwh	Kilowatt hour
%	Percent
-	Value is less than the given unit

UNITS OF MEASURE					
1	inch	2.54	centimeter	.0254	meter
.3937	inch	1	centimeter	.01	meter
1	foot	30.48	centimeter	.3048	meter
3.28084	feet	100	centimeter	1	meter
1	yard	91.44	centimeter	.9144	meter
1.093613	yard	100	centimeter	1	meter
1	statute mile	1,609.344	meter	1.609344	kilometer
.621371	statute mile	1,000	meter	1	kilometer
1	nautical mile	1,853.184	meter	1.853184	kilometer
.539612	nautical mile	1,000	meter	1	kilometer

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SECTION 1: METEOROLOGY

Yap State is affected by intermittent trade winds and monsoons. The wettest months are from June to October when rains come almost daily from the west to Southwest. Average rainfall during the rainy season is 14 inches and 5.6 inches during the dry season. The temperature is moderately high, spanning the 80 degree fahrenheit range, with consistantly high humidity. The average number of hours of sunshine per year has varied between 133 (in 1993) and 192 (in 1994) over the previous 5 years.

Table 1.0. Inches of Rainfall by Month and Year: 1990 to 1994						
Month	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	Average
Total	121.86	108.99	89.98	118.79	108.74	109.67
January	6.21	8.46	4.20	6.34	8.11	6.66
February	2.33	2.09	1.50	6.68	3.80	3.28
March	3.18	2.46	2.97	11.53	3.10	4.65
April	5.83	3.65	1.31	5.83	11.19	5.56
May	12.52	4.92	1.48	1.47	10.25	6.13
June	22.96	13.42	7.59	11.53	14.59	14.02
July	12.29	17.21	12.98	15.69	14.88	14.61
August	22.76	13.49	16.21	14.30	11.49	15.65
September	14.56	15.45	10.32	12.08	15.46	13.57
October	7.56	17.33	22.43	10.27	3.36	12.19
November	9.44	6.78	2.77	9.43	2.80	6.24
December	2.22	3.73	6.22	13.64	9.71	7.10

Source: National Weather Service, Yap State

Table 1.1. Average Temperature in Degrees Fahrenheit by Month and Year: 1990 to 1994						
Month	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	Average
Average	80.3	79.9	80.6	80.0	80.6	80.3
January	80.1	79.1	78.7	78.6	79.2	79.1
February	80.2	79.5	78.9	78.9	79.4	79.4
March	80.3	79.2	80.0	78.9	80.8	79.8
April	81.2	81.2	81.2	80.4	81.4	81.1
May	81.0	81.1	82.6	82.1	81.8	81.7
June	80.2	80.4	82.3	81.2	81.0	81.0
July	80.2	79.9	81.0	80.9	80.5	80.5
August	80.1	80.1	81.0	79.7	80.5	80.3
September	79.9	79.5	80.7	79.3	80.2	79.9
October	80.5	79.4	80.4	80.4	81.1	80.4
November	79.4	79.9	80.5	80.2	81.0	80.2
December	80.1	79.6	79.8	79.8	80.1	79.9

Source: National Weather Service, Yap State

Table 1.2. Sunshine Hours by Month and Year: 1990 to 1994						
Month	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	Average
Average	173	190	178	133	192	173
January	176	266	170	122	298	206
February	229	203	208	178	273	218
March	246	277	263	180	331	259
April	251	226	260	143	324	241
May	155	205	259	232	325	235
June	59	171	159	126	247	152
July	90	169	145	98	50	110
August	49	176	100	104	131	112
September	93	168	191	103	48	121
October	207	95	147	110	149	142
November	230	175	137	109	72	145
December	287	146	95	89	51	134

Source: National Weather Service, Yap State

SECTION 2: AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

The amount of copra produced over a year varied between 1989 and 1993. In 1989 and 1993 460 tons and 313 tons were produced respectively.

The volume recorded here is based on fish production from the Yap Fishing Authority except for 1993 and 1994. In 1993 and 1994 fish caught by Ting Hong, NFC and YFC were also included. The volume of fish caught increased from 53.4 tons in 1989 to 1,595.6 tons in 1994.