



# State & National Investment Overview

FSM Resources and Development Conference

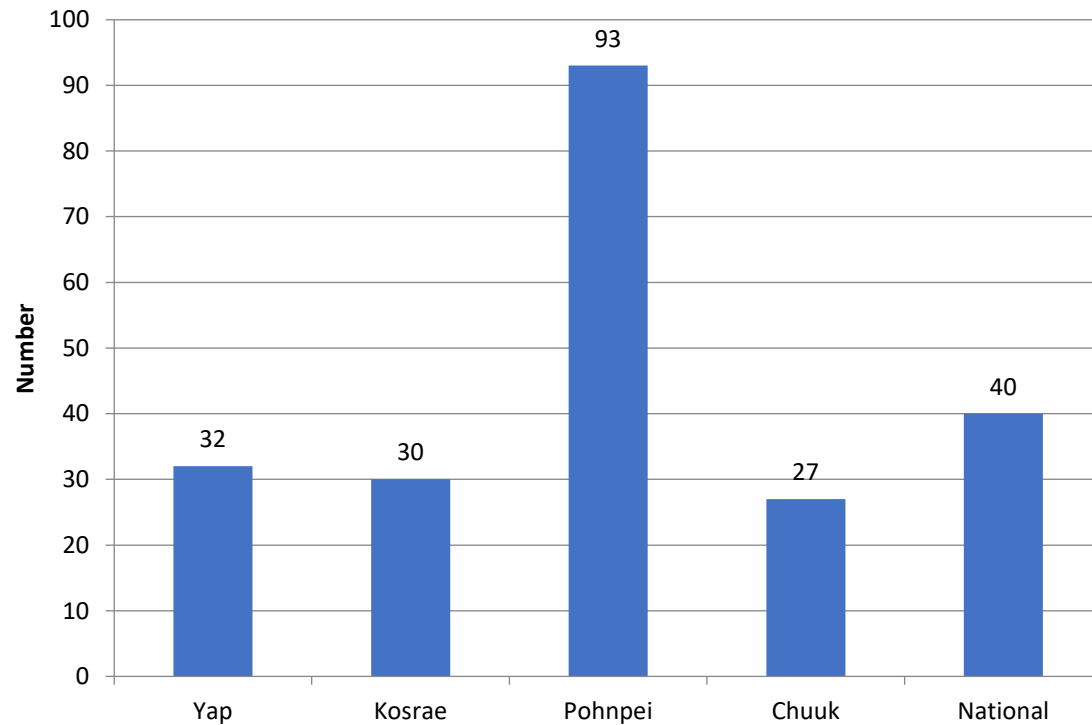
Yap, Chuuk, National, Pohnpei and Kosrae

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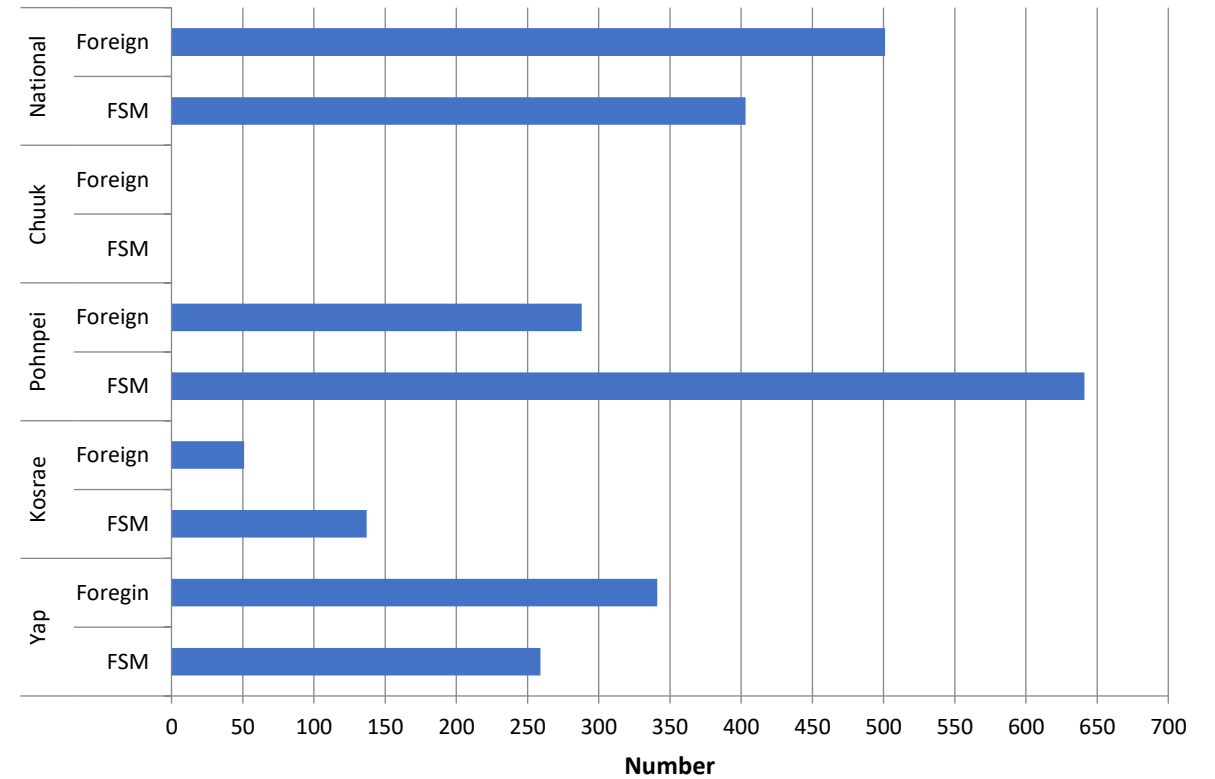
# 2018 Foreign Investment Performance

### Number of foreign investment



Sources: 2018 FIP Annual Reports (Yap R&D, KSA DREA, PNI ROC, Chuuk ROC, & FSMR&D)

### Employment



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# Accomplishments

- National
  - Established a Competent Authority for Aquaculture export into EU markets
- Chuuk
  - Establishment of a new foreign investment regulations
  - Recruitment of a foreign investment inspector
- Pohnpei
  - Foreign Investment Legal Amendments
    - 2 amendments (2018 & 2021)



# Accomplishments

- Yap
  - Establishment of Foreign Investment Regulations
- Kosrae
  - Foreign investment permit issued to Da Yang Seafood Ltd.
  - MOU with Australian investors to revitalize operation of former Kosrae Tropical Water Inc.
  - Recruitment of a foreign investment officer



# On-Going Projects

- National
  - Review and recommend establishment of Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge Law (IPR)
- Chuuk
  - Working with Pacific Centre in Tokyo to revitalize the CFTI dock for transshipment
- Pohnpei
  - Construction of a consolidated Foreign Investment Regulations
  - Collaboration with Pohnpei R&D on Pohnpei Business Registry



# On-Going Projects

- Yap
  - Review of the foreign investment laws
- Kosrae
  - Review of the foreign investment regulations and forms



# Pending projects/In the Pipeline projects

- National
  - Establishment of a Foreign Investment Data Management System
  - Hiring of a Trade Advisor
- Chuuk
  - Proposed amendment to current foreign investment law
- Pohnpei
  - Public awareness on foreign investment compliance ??????
- Kosrae
  - Consultation to establish a one-stop-shop
  - Update the Kosrae Foreign Investment Laws
  - Development of a Foreign Investment Database



# Issues/Challenges

- Outdated National & Kosrae Foreign Investment Acts
- Poor infrastructure relevant to foreign investment
- Lack of Promotional capacity & resources
- COVID-19
- Outdated filing & reporting system





# Recommendations/Way Forward

- Recommendations and way forward will be discussed in the breakout session