



Agriculture and Farmers Federation of Myanmar

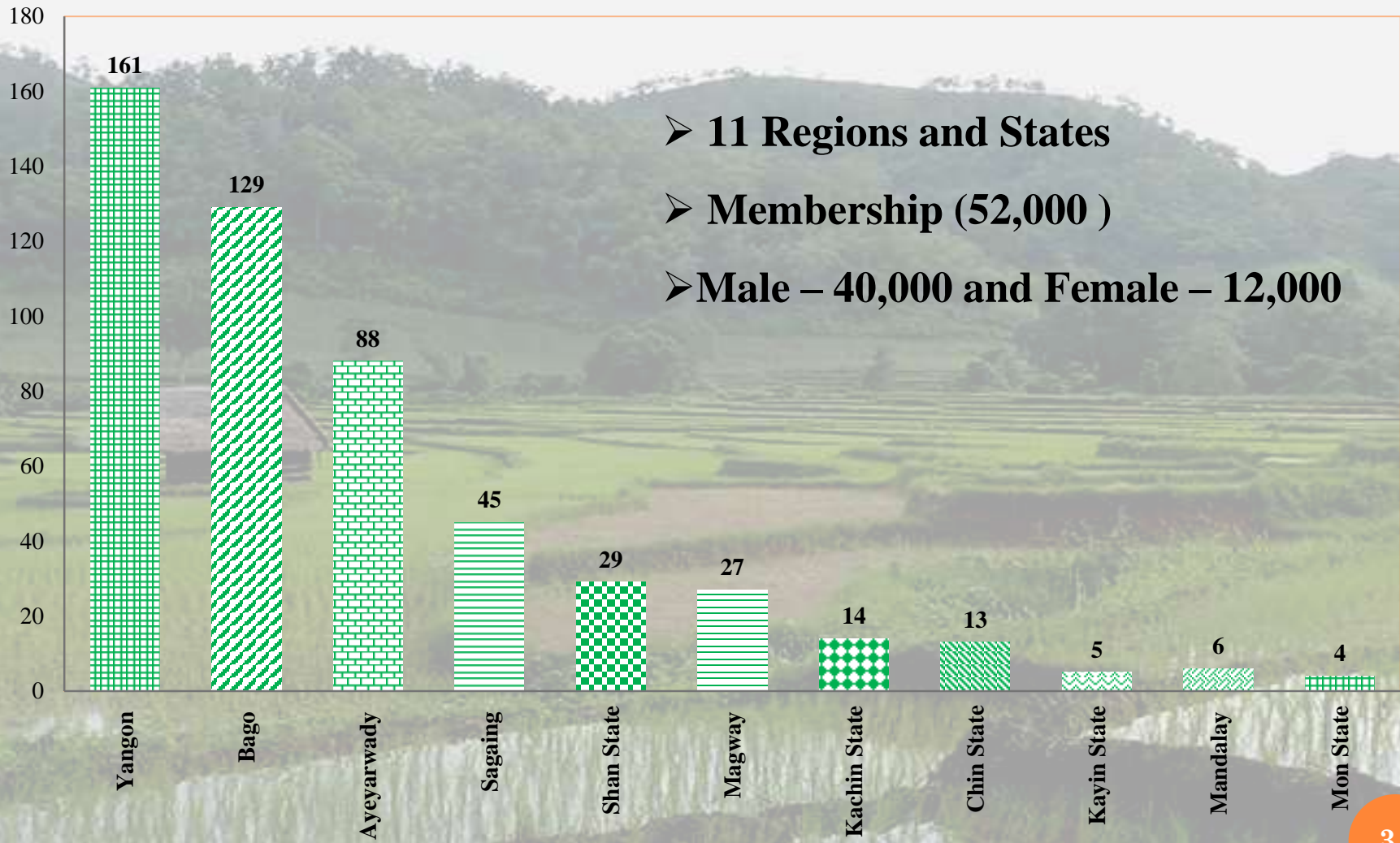
Struggles and Initiatives in claiming land rights for farmers in forested landscapes

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Sub Sectors of AFFM

- Small farmers (who own less than 10 acres of land)
- agricultural workers
- small fisheries and live stock breeding

AFFM Affiliates - 621



Myanmar Population

➤ 51.3 Millions (2014 census)

WORKFORCE AND CHANGING INDUSTRY

- ❑ 2015 Labour Force
- ❑ Total workforce – 21 millions
- ❑ Agriculture Sector – 51 %
- ❑ Manufacturing – 13 %
- ❑ Service – 36 %

AFFM ACTIVITIES IN FOREST ISSUES

- ❖ AFFM attends ASEAN Forest Conference last year June 2015
- ❖ AFFM involve FFF project
- ❖ Community Forest awareness training
- ❖ Legal advice/ Legal protect

AFFM PARTICIPANTS IN ASEAN FOREST CONFERENCE IN JUNE 2015



Consultation on Forest and Farm, Facility (township level) June 2015

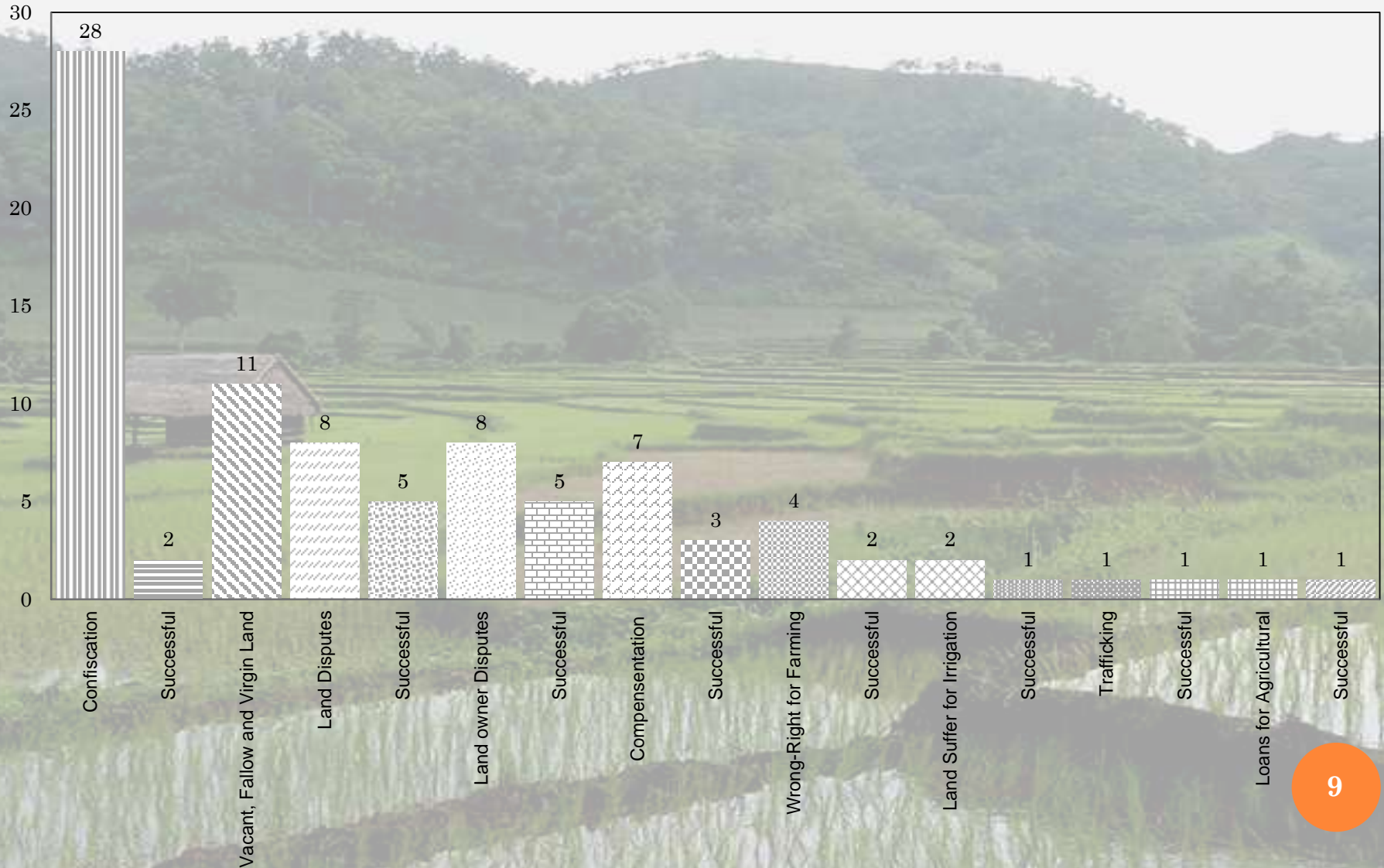


AFFM AND BWFM JOIN TOGETHER AND GIVE COMMUNITY FORESTRY TRAINING



Land Disputes (2014-2015)

Cases – over 100 / Successful - 20/ (Others are Pending)



COMMUNITY FOREST PROJECT

- According to Moecaf
- 200000 acres of forest landscapes will be used for community forest.
- Community can apply registration for Community Forest Users Groups
- 63913 has been used for community forest.
- AFFM has been helping for application of community forest users groups
- Success: 4 forest user group, 142 farming family, 1000 acres

CHALLENGES

- ❑ 1996 community forest instruction issued by Moecaf
- ❑ Civil Society Voice was not included and the purpose did not meet
- ❑ Community forest law drafting process
- ❑ Weak law enforcement
- ❑ Lack of Legal support
- ❑ Lack of Support from Government

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support to farmers organizations/AFFFM to do awareness raising and legal support in other states and regions
- Government to include leaders of farmers organizations at local and national level in policy making processes
- Make law on community forestry with the participation of farmers organizations/CSOs
- Promote the interests of smallholders/family farmers, local communities and indigenous peoples over interests of big companies.



Thank You Very Much !