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Abstracts

Forest inventories conducted in Burma from 1963 to 1974 have resulted in a large accumulation of data. Based upon these data, stock, composition and relative density of important species by girth classes and forest divisions were retabulated by the use of ICL1902 computer. Analysis of correlation coefficients were made for some important species. By using dummy variables, regional standard volume tables, local standard volume tables and local merchantable volume tables of some important species were determined.

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1. Introduction

Ever since 1963, the Forest Department of the Union of Burma has conducted forest inventory every year with the object of collecting data for management planning and of developing practical, economical and statistically sound methods of sampling and analysis. From these surveys an accumulation of quite a considerable amount to important statistics such as growing stocks of trees species composition, growth rates, mortalities etc. have resulted for each surveyed area. If sufficiently detailed, they are, in actuality, the basic tools without which the scientific working of the forests is impossible.

The present paper deals with

- (1) retabulation of stocks, stock per acre and composition of 90 species of trees by girth classes and Forest Divisions
- (2) construction of volume tables by using dummy variables .

2. Data Processing

The data were compiled from the forest inventory survey reports. The following tables shows the forest divisions inventoried from the year 1963 to 1975.

Table 2.1 Forest Divisions inventoried since 1963-64

Serial No.	Years	Forest Division	Sampling method
1.	1963-64	Pyinmana (Binbyin)	stratified two stage topographical -plots
2.	1964-65	North Taungoo	"
3.	1965-66	Pyinmana	"
4.	1966-67	Yamethin	"
5.	1967-68	Mandalay / Maymo	Stratified two stage topographical-plots, strip and circular plots
6.	1968-69	East Katha, Mongmit and Bhamo	Stratified replicated
7.	1969-70	Upper Chindwin/Myittha	"
8.	1970-71	Shwebo	"
9.	1971-72	Upper Chindwin/Myittha and West Katha	"
10.	1972-73	Shwebo	"
11.	1974-75	Prome	Stratified two stage

Excluded Bamboo Surveys

After coding (codings were made according to the Field Instruction Manual by Kyaw Tint (1980)), checking and editing, these data were sent to Universities' Computer Center (UCC) that the data could be punched on to cards. The data cards have the following layout ;

Card column	Characters	Description
1- 2	2	Forest division code
3- 5	3	Forest reserve or stratum code
6- 7	2	Year
8-13	6	Reserve or stratum area in acre
14-16	3	Tree species code
17-80	63	Stock of trees by 1 ft. girth classes

After punching, the card were run on the computer for data cleaning i.e. to see whether impossible data were on the cards. Manual checking were made for coding errors and digital position and wrong data were then rectified. The clean data file was established on tape file under the name DATA-FORESTS for use in the tabulation programme.

3. Tabulation

A FORTRAN program was used to produce (a) stock of trees (b) trees per acre (c) species composition by girth classes and forest divisions. Two printouts were made on duplicating paper so that four sets of tables were available. The tables show an absolute zero by a dash. Zeros are printed where the per-acre value is too small for even four decimals. There are 90 species in the stand table which show at least a non-zero row in the stock table. These tabulated species are listed below :

Serial No.	Tree species	Serial No.	Tree species	Serial No.	Tree species
1.	Teak	32.	Myaukngo	63.	Thingadu
2.	Pyinkado	33.	Nabe	64.	Thingan
3.	Akyaw	34.	Ngu	65.	Thinwin
4.	Anan-bo	35.	Nyaung	66.	Thit-E
5.	Auchinsani	36.	Odein	67.	Thitka
6.	Baing	37.	Padauk	68.	Thitkado
7.	Binga	38.	Panga	69.	Thitkya
8.	Bonmeza	39.	Peinnebo	70.	Thitkyabo
9.	Chinyoke	40.	Pat-wun	71.	Thitmagyi
10.	Dahat	41.	Pinlekwe	72.	Thitsi
11.	Didu	42.	Polthinma	73.	Thitto
12.	Gwe	43.	Pyauksaik	74.	Thitya
13.	Hnaw	44.	Pyilonchantha	75.	Wetshaw
14.	In	45.	Pyinma	76.	Yamane
15.	Ingyin	46.	Sagawa	77.	Yindaik

16.	Kanyaung	47.	Sandwa	78.	Yinma
17.	Kanyin	48.	Sawbya	79.	Yon
18.	Karawe	49.	Setkadon	80.	Zinbyun
19.	Kashit	50.	Sha	81.	Myaukloak
20.	Kaungmu	51.	Sit	82.	Linlum
21.	Kokhe	52.	Tamalan	83.	Taung-meok
22.	Kokko	53.	Taukkyan	84.	Thitpayoung
23.	Kuthan	54.	Taung peinne	85.	Mini-auga
24.	Kyi	55.	Taung tangyi	86.	Yingatgyi
25.	Laukya	56.	Taung thayet	87.	Petshat
26.	Letpan	57.	Twa thayet	88.	Box wood
27.	Leza	58.	Thabye	89.	Match wood
28.	Leza-byu	59.	Thabyu	90.	Others
29.	Lunbo	60.	Thadi		
30.	Maukadone	61.	Than		
31.	Mauletanshe	62.	Thayet		

A sample table for Teak species is presented in Appendix I. Tables for 90 species by girth classes and forest divisions are available at the library of Forest Research Institute. In doing research work on a certain species of tree, the researcher can easily find the growing stocks, stock per acre and species composition from these tables.

4. Construction of Volume Tables

4.1 Volume table for in

Volume table equations for standard, local and merchantable volumes for in species were prepared for various geographical localities since 1969. Due to the limitation of the calculation works, the volume equations were mostly based on the linear regression of volume on basal area within each height class. One of the main objective of the present section is to introduce the method of selecting the best regression equation in constructing the tree volume table. Instead of describing the detail procedure, we prefer illustrating its application to an actual set of some 320 sample trees of in species selected from the some reserved and public forests in Shwebo forest division 1970-71.

Volume data were preliminarily tabulated with reference to two variables 10-foot height classes and 6-inch girth at breast height (gbh). The first main step in the Analysis is the selection of an appropriate basic regression model to approximate the true but unknown regression function of $y = \text{volume}$ on $X_1 = \text{diameter}$ and $X_2 = \text{height}$.

Table 4.1 The frequency table of in species

Girth class (ft)	Height class in feet								Total
	46-55	56-65	66-67	76-85	86-95	96-105	106-115	116-125	
4' 6" - 4' 11"	4	2	5	2	2	3			18
5' - 5' 6"	2	11	16	7	6	1	1		44
5' 6" - 5' 11"		2	8	12	7	4			33
6' - 6' 5"	2	3	12	18	7	6	1		49
6' 6" - 6' 11"	1	1	8	7	7	5	1		30
7' - 7' 5"	1		10	10	9	9	6		45
7' 6" - 7' 11"		1	1	2	7	3	4		18
8' - 8' 5"			2	6	7	10	2	3	30
8' 6" - 8' 11"				1	4	10		2	17
9' - 9' 5"					1	7	7	2	17
9' 6" - 9' 11"				1	1	4	2	2	10
10' - 10' 5"							3		3
10' 6"-10' 11"						1	1	3	5
11'-11' 5"						1			1
Total	10	20	62	66	58	64	28	12	320

Looking at the above table the basic data information is adequate for most girth and height classes. The following models were used as the basic models.

$$\text{Model I} \quad y = B_0 + B_1 D + B_2 D^2 + B_3 D^3 + B_4 D^4$$

$$\text{Model II} \quad y = B_0 + B_1 D^2 + B_2 D^2 H + B_3 H$$

$$\text{Model III} \quad y = B_0 D^{B_1} H^{B_2}$$

where y = volume

D = diameter at breast height

H = height of the tree

The regression equations for each reserve were derived, using the method of stepwise multiple regression. To determine which of the basic models provides the best fit, we have used the residual mean square error as a pivot value. The estimated regression equations are show in table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Volume table equations

Reserve	Model	N	no.of variables	Best equation with K variables	Residual mean square error	R ²
Kyathin and Kyathin extn reserves	I	38	1	$-32.46 + 44.29 D^2$	43.2876	.832
			2	$3.68 + 32.96 D^2 - 2.33 D^3$	40.3395	.838
			3	$-120.75 + 200.66 D^2 - 125.64 D^3 + 20.68 D^4$	41.5693	.834
			4	$-523.6 + 1287.9 D + 3284.8 D^2 - 6759.9 D^3 + 58.99 D^4$	43.9645	.834
	II		1	$2.64 + .07 D^2 H$	25.4231	.932
			2	$22.07 - 14.42 D^2 + .4889 D^2 H$	24.9567	.936
			3	$131.67 - 36.36 D^2 + .7763 D^2 H - 1.4837 H$	24.42	.941
	III		1	$22.5206 D^{2.3955}$	28.7467	.860
			2	$.3597 D^{1.6019} H^{1.0733}$	23.1681	.914
	Naung – U public forest	I	85	1	$80.81 + 3.55 D^4$	50.2676
2				$10.2 + 40.76 D + 2.8925 D^4$	50.2927	.893
3				$-188.71 + 195.99 D^2 - 101. D^3 + 17.84 D^4$	50.3009	.895
4				$1278.6 - 2434.7 D + 1750.95 D^2 - 532.74 D^3 + 61.86 D^4$	50.5267	.895
Naung – U public forest	II	85	1	$4.5359 + .3651 D^2 H$	47.76	.903
			2	$35.06 + .3787 D^2 H - .3925 H$	47.93	.904
			3	$137.08 - 22.18 D^2 + .5898 D^2 H - 1.3839 H$	47.94	.905
	III		1	$29.5568 D^{2.2302}$	42.3253	.900
			2	$.8724 D^{1.9037} H^{.8298}$	39.3552	.919

Table. 4.2(contd.)

Reserve	Model	n	no.of variables	Best equation with K variables	Residual mean square error	R ²
Ponhmwa proposed reserve	I	44	1	$38.0062 + 11.4055 D^3$	54.4949	.889
			2	$-57.2871 + 77.01D + 2.1098 D^4$	54.7136	.891
			3	$-393.11 + 463.55 D^2 - 238.34 D^3 + 36.834 D^4$	53.2216	.900
			4	$6523.6 - 12072 D + 8184 D^2 - 2381 D^3 + 255 D^4$	50.9875	.911
	II		1	$18.1217 + .3381 D^2 H$	49.4196	.910
			2	$85.3869 + .3846 D^2 H - 1.0185 H$	48.9110	.914
			3	$171.4165 - 17.3734 D^2 + .552 D^{2H} - 1.8781 H$	48.9900	.916
	III		1	$23.8588 D^{2.4084}$	44.4953	.914
			2	$4.3322 D^{2.1503} H^{4273}$	42.9529	.922
	Paungkadaung reserve	I	153	1	$-34.9255 + 39.6166 D^2$	45.6448
2				$2.6430 + 20.8807 D^3 - 2.99 D^4$	45.7616	.879
3				$6.0364 - 3.8711 D^2 + 23.016 D^3 - 3.3079 D^4$	45.9158	.879
4				$-954.28 + 1689.26 D - 1090.1 D^2 + 325.77 D^3 - 34.1918 D^4$	46.0183	.879
Paungkadaung reserve	II	153	1	$-34.9255 + 39.6166 D^2$	45.6448	.879
			2	$-56.0572 + 37.866 D^2 + .3739 H$	45.4313	.881
			3	$-54.6082 + 37.5139 D^2 + .0039 D^2 H + 3574 H$	45.5842	.881
All reserves	III		1	$21.1203 D^{2.4574}$	42.9850	.856
			2	$10.8439 D^{2.3353} H^{1749}$	42.4022	.861
All reserves	I	320	1	$-40.9267 + 42,3877 D^2$	48.2848	.888
			2	$-97.977 + 99.0093 D + 1.766 D^4$	48.0632	.889
			3	$-41.75865 + 63.753 D^2 - 17.7987 D^3 + 3.585 D^4$	48.1380	.889
			4	$1356 + 345 D - 4566 D^2 - 76 D^3 + 24455 D^4$	49.8876	.889
	II		1	$16.1755 + .3439 D^2 H$	46.9731	.894
			2	$-11.0464 + 17.91 D^2 + .2054 D^2 + .2054 D^2 H$	45.7313	.900
			3	$7.1699 + 14.722 D^2 + .2414 D^2 H - .2169 H$	48.2844	.901
	III		1	$22.3627 D^{2.4531}$	42.6029	.882
			2	$6.3719 D^{2.2339} H^{3222}$	40.9557	.893

In comparing the residual mean square errors of model I, II and III, it may be concluded that model III consisting of the allometric function $y = B_0 D^B_1 H^B_2$ is the best equation in constructing the volume table for in species.

4.2 Use of dummy variables in tree volume table construction

We have calculated four individual, all different regressions, one for each forest reserve and a pooled regression for all reserves. More reasonable, however, is to expect some similarities among some of the regression function so that the volume tables could be constructed from parallel regressions. It is the purpose of this section to present the procedure by which regressions are compared for similarities and statistical test are constructed and carried out to justify the decisions made.

From Table 4.2, the best estimate of the giant size regression is

$$y =: -1.0226 X_{11} + 1.6019 X_{12} + 1.0733 X_{13} \\ - .1365 X_{21} + 1.9037 X_{22} + 0.8298 X_{23} \\ + 1.4661 X_{31} + 2.1503 X_{32} + 0.4278 X_{33} \\ + 2.3836 X_{41} + 2.3353 X_{42} + 0.1749 X_{43}$$

where

$X_{11}=1, X_{12}=\text{Ln}(D), X_{13}=\text{Ln}(H)$	if the tree is from Kyatthin reserves, or zero otherwise.
$X_{21}=1, X_{22}=\text{Ln}(D), X_{23}=\text{Ln}(H)$	if the tree is from Naung-U Public forest, or zero otherwise
$X_{31}=1, X_{32}=\text{Ln}(D), X_{33}=\text{LN}(H)$	if the tree is from Pohawa proposed reserve, or zero otherwise
$X_{41}=1, X_{42}=\text{Ln}(D), X_{43}=\text{LN}(H)$	if the tree is from Paungkdaund reserve, or zero otherwise

Null Hypothesis 1: The slopes of diameter and height of the four regression lines are parallel

$$H_{01}; B_{12} = B_{22} = B_{32} = B_{42} = B_2$$

$$B_{13} = B_{23} = B_{33} = B_{43} = B_3$$

The sample regression function is

$$y = 2.0587X_{11} + 2.2204 \text{Ln}(D) + .2698 \text{Ln}(H) \\ 2.1621 X_{21} + 2.1160 X_{31} + 2.0582 X_{41}$$

Under Null Hypothesis 1 the slope differences are equal to zero and test statistic for significance is $F = 2.5478$ with 6 and 307 degree of freedom. This value is significant at the 5% level so that the Null Hypothesis 1 is rejected.

Null Hypothesis 2; The slope of height are parallel

$$H_{02}; B_{13} = B_{23} = B_{33} = B_{43} = B_3$$

The restricted sample regression function is

$$y = 3.0913 X_{11} + 2.3911 X_{12} + 3.3608 X_{21} \\ + 2.2279 X_{22} + 3.1482 X_{31} + 2.4048 X_{32} \\ + 3.0274 X_{41} + 2.4532 X_{42} + 0.006 \text{Ln} (H)$$

The sample F value is 11.1646 with 3 and 307 degree of freedom. Because this is a value which is highly significant, Null Hypothesis 2 is also rejected.

Null Hypothesis 3; The slopes of diameter are parallel

$$H_{03}; B_{12} = B_{22} = B_{32} = B_{42} = B_2$$

To test this null hypothesis, the restricted regression is calculated as

$$Y = 0.1228 X_{11} + 2.1586 \text{Ln} (D) + .7277 X_{13} \\ + 0.6321 X_{21} + 0.6158 X_{23} + 1.4834 X_{31} \\ + .4218 X_{33} + 2.3298 X_{41} + 0.2175 X_{43}$$

Performing the required calculations we find that the sample value of F is 2.5216 with 3 and 307 degrees of freedom. As this value is not significant, the Null Hypothesis 3 is accepted. we are now in a position where we feel entitled to use parallel slopes for diameter. We still do not know whether there are differences among the intercepts of the various regressions. Then, we have to test the Null Hypothesis as follows.

Null Hypothesis 4; The differences in intercept terms of the four regressions are equal to zero, that is

$$H_{04}; B_{11} = B_{21} = B_{31} = B_{41} = B_1$$

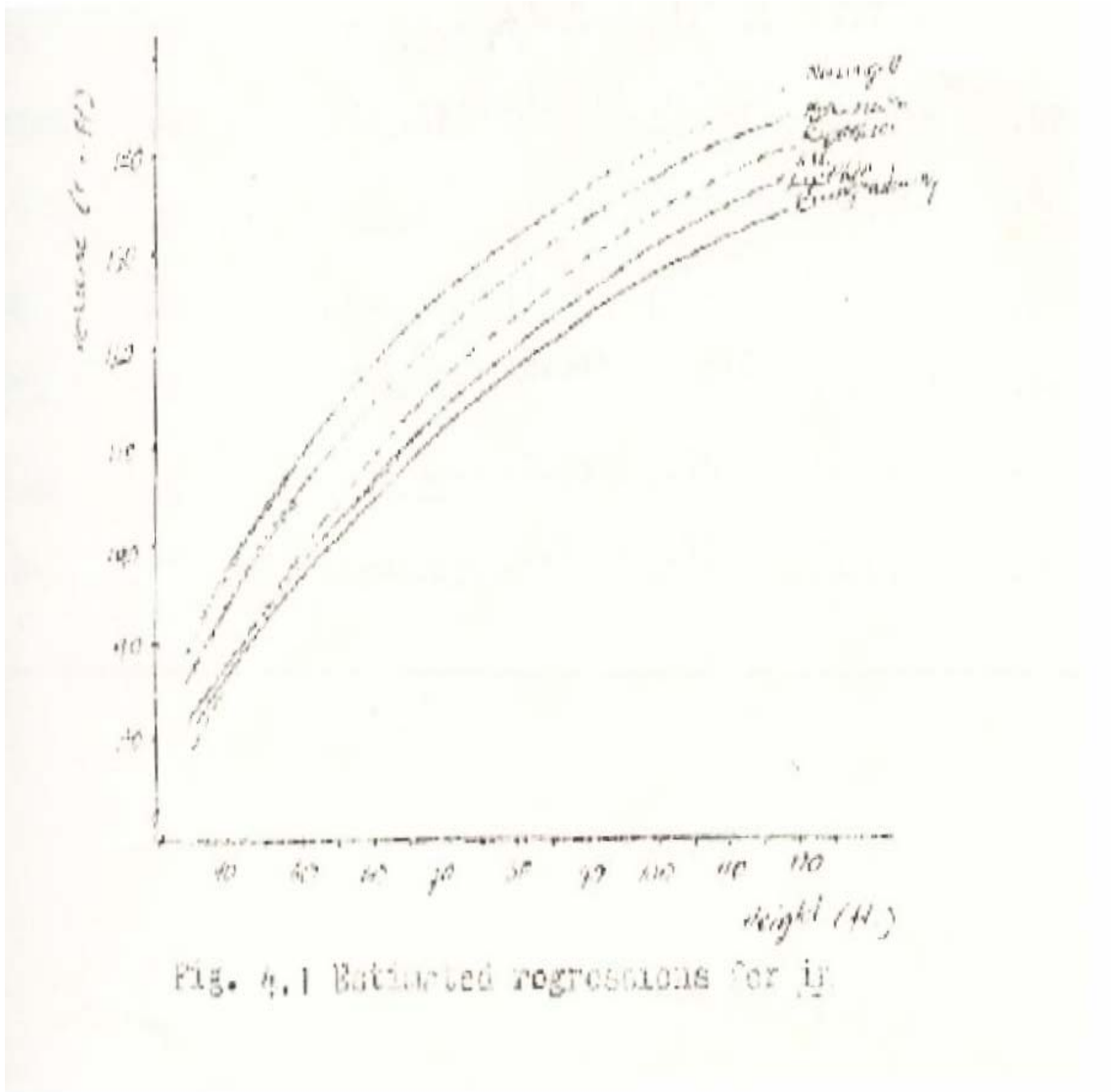
Under the decision of the previous testing, the restricted sample regression is

$$y = 2.0731 + 2.2186 \text{Ln} (D) + 0.2675 X_{13} \\ + 0.2898 X_{23} + 0.2799 X_{33} + 0.2662 X_{43}$$

Because of the F value is not significant at 5% level, Null Hypothesis is accepted.

Consequently, the final regression for constructing tree volume table for in the following .

$$V = 7.9494 D^{2.2186} H^{2.675} \quad \text{for Kyatthin reserve} \\ = 7.9494 D^{2.2186} H^{2.898} \quad \text{for Naung-U publicforest} \\ = 7.9494 D^{2.2186} H^{2.799} \quad \text{for Pohawa proposed reserve} \\ = 7.9494 D^{2.2186} H^{2.662} \quad \text{for Paungkadung reserve}$$



5. Merchantable Volume Tables for Species other than Ingyn

Merchantable volume tables for Ingyn, Taukkyan, Nabe, Padauk, Thinwin, Pyinkado, and Thitya were constructed in Mandalay / Maymyo deport. The method of constructing merchantable volumes were the same as those applied for in as explained in the proceeding section. Volume table equations for merchantable volumes for different species are shown in table 5.1. The results of the significance tests are highly significant, and hence the Null Hypothesis related to parallelism, identity and equidistance among regressions are rejected.

Table 5.1 Volume table equations

Species	No. of trees	Volume table equations	Residual error	R ²
Ingyin	17	$V = e .3451 D^{1.7589} H^{1.1186}$	7.7896	0.98
Taukkyan	22	$V = e .8732 D^{1.9945} H^{0.4577}$	8.8015	0.87
Nabe	26	$V = e .79 D^{.4157} H^{0.6578}$	10.3346	0.92
Padauk	26	$V = e .2826 D^{1.5667} H^{.7912}$	21.4533	0.88
Thinwin	18	$V = e .0223 D^{2.0014} H^{.8512}$	17.8862	0.94
Pyinkado	46	$V = e .2072 D^{2.0514} H^{.75}$	12.8799	0.95
Thitya	21	$V = e .034 D^{2.0514} H^{.75}$	18.4494	0.96

6. Conclusion

We have described how to apply the technique of dummy variables in constructing the volume table equation. The results indicate that in choosing the best regression equations the allometric form $y = B_1 D^{B_2} H^{B_3}$ is satisfactory for most of the tree species. We also tried to divide the forest divisions into groups or clusters on the basis of the stock per acre of some tree species. Of eight forest divisions, Pynmana and Yamethin were taken as Group I, North Taungoo and Prome as Group II, Katha, Upper Chindwin and Shwebo as Group III and the last Mandalay/Maymyo as Group IV on the basis of geographical location. When discriminatory analysis was applied on the species Teak, Pyinkado, Padauk, In, Ingyin and Yamane using Statistical Analysis Mark II on the computer ICL 1902 S, the various tests revealed that these groups discriminated one another fairly well. Division wise tests showed that membership probabilities of belonging to their own group were very high and to the other groups were extremely small except group IV. The following table shows these probabilities.

Average probabilities of ‘Hits and Misses’

Forecast Group	Actual Group			
	I	II	III	IV
I	0.78	0.08	0.04	0.10
II	0.07	0.87	0.01	0.05
III	0.03	0.04	0.91	0.02
IV	0.12	0.26	0.06	0.56

This study should be extended by adding more tree species. For ton trees species, it needs 45 computer runs. The major problem is that it requires considerable core storage and computer running time.

Teak Growing Stoke

G.B.H (ft.)	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9+	TOTAL
Pyinmana (63-64)	123035	71231	62092	59919	50227	30525	9679	-	486708
N-Toungoo (64-65)	330727	197178	136158	103878	77061	43215	7980	3366	899561
Pyinmana (65-66)	434608	261+26	201838	180327	151992	86696	22601	18541	1358229
Yemethin (66-67)	153713	135641	759308	155946	123326	55154	8666	3969	1395723
Mand/Maym (67-68)	115676	122045	122924	99849	65474	32022	8149	4842	570981
East-Katha (68-69)	252598	167649	106731	52817	22241	6795	1644	1192	611167
U-Chindwin (69-70)	115876	120743	108687	92831	64672	38712	11614	11788	564923
Shwebo (70-71)	31326	24603	18351	11781	6629	3597	851	1254	98392
West-Katha (71-72)	151139	170876	141361	68405	23396	6342	1764	649	563923
U-Chindwin (71-72)	9615	6121	5299	3163	1481	985	288	461	27413
Shwebo (72-72)	134626	150001	148166	114885	77725	36814	8501	5336	676052
Prome (74-75)	252150	363370	383217	292017	168125	80552	24848	13760	1578039

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