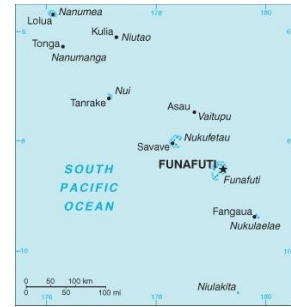
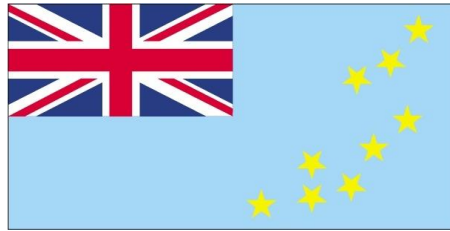




TUVALU



INTRODUCTION

In 1974, ethnic differences within the British colony of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands caused the Polynesians of the Ellice Islands to vote for separation from the Micronesians of the Gilbert Islands. The following year, the Ellice Islands became the separate British colony of Tuvalu. Independence was granted in 1978.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King CHARLES III; represented by Governor General Tofiga Vauevalu FALANI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Kausea NATANO

Government Type

parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital

Funafuti

Legislature

unicameral House of Assembly or Fale I Fono (16 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Tapugao FALEFOU

US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Tuvalu; the US Ambassador to Fiji Marie DAMOUR is accredited to Tuvalu

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 26 sq km
Land: 26 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; moderated by easterly trade winds (March to November); westerly gales and heavy rain (November to March)

Natural Resources

fish, coconut (copra)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income Pacific island economy; extremely environmentally fragile; currency pegged to Australian dollar; large international aid recipient; subsistence agrarian sector; Te Kakeega sustainable development; domain name licensing incomes

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$55.17 million (2021)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$4,900 (2021)

Industries – fishing

Agricultural products - coconuts, vegetables, tropical fruit, bananas, roots/tubers, pork, poultry, eggs, pig fat, pig offals

Exports \$2.7 million (2021 est.)

tugboats, tuna, nitrile compounds, integrated circuits, electrical power accessories (2021)

partners: Thailand 91%, Nigeria 5%, Philippines 3%, South Korea 1% (2021)

Imports \$51.19 million (2021 est.)

cargo ships, fishing ships, refined petroleum, tankers, tugboats, construction vehicles (2021)

partners: China 36%, Japan 33%, Fiji 13%, South Korea 9%, New Zealand 4% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

11,640 (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.81% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Tuvaluan 97%, Tuvaluan/I-Kiribati 1.6%, Tuvaluan/other 0.8%, other 0.6% (2017 est.)

Language

Tuvaluan (official), English (official), Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)

Religion

Protestant 92.7%, Baha'i 1.5%, Jehovah's Witness 1.5%, other 3.9%, none or refused 0.4% (2017 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 66.2% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 2.08% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

as of September 2023