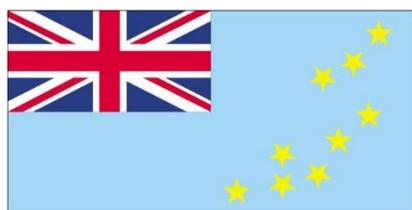




TUVALU



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

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)

Judiciary

Court of Appeal; High Court; appeals beyond the Court of Appeal are heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London)

Ambassador to US

none; the Tuvalu Permanent Mission to the UN serves as the Embassy

US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Tuvalu; the US Ambassador to Fiji 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

the country is isolated, almost entirely dependent on imports, particularly of food and fuel, and vulnerable to climate change and rising sea levels, which pose significant challenges to development

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$42 million (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$3,800 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$600,000 (2010 est.)

partners: US 18.2%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 17%, Fiji 14.8%, Nigeria 14.2%, Germany 8.2%, South Africa 5.9%, Colombia 5.1% (2017)

Imports

\$20.69 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Singapore 33.4%, South Korea 11.5%, Australia 10.8%, NZ 8%, Fiji 7.5%, Chile 6.1%, South Africa 5%, Japan 5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

11,340 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.87% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Tuvaluan 86.8%, Tuvaluan/I-Kiribati 5.6%, Tuvaluan/other 6.7%, other 0.9% (2012 est.)

Language

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

Religion

Protestant 92.4% (Congregational Christian Church of Tuvalu 85.7%, Brethren 3%, Seventh Day Adventist 2.8%, Assemblies of God .9%), Baha'i 2%, Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, Mormon 1%, other 3.1%, none 0.2% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 64% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 2.27% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

