

TUVALU

Capital: Fongafale

GEODATA

Area
26 km²

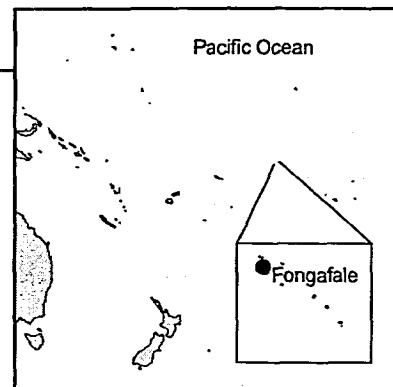
Major languages
Tuvaluan, English

Major religious group
Church of Tuvalu
(congregationalist; 97%)

Surrounding countries
Fiji, Gilbert Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Samoa Islands, Solomon Islands,
Vanuatu, Tokelau Islands, Tonga

Population
10,838 (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate
1.41% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Constitutional monarchy

National legislature
Single chamber: Parliament

Leader
Prime Minister Koloa Talake

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Koloa Talake

UN Human Development Index (2001)
Not listed

Canadian official development assistance
\$200,000 (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$11.6 million US (1999 est.)

Real GDP growth rate
3.0% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$1,100 US (1999 est.)

Main exports
Copra

Main imports
Food, animals, mineral fuels, machinery, manufactured goods

Main exports to Canada
Not available

Main imports from Canada
Not available

Inflation rate
7% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate
Not available

Canadian Representative

John Donaghy, High Commissioner, The Canadian High Commission to Tuvalu
c/o The Canadian High Commission to New Zealand, P.O. Box 12-049, Thorndon, Wellington, New Zealand
Phone: (011-64-4) 473-9577, Fax: (011-64-4) 471-2082, Web site: www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/newzealand