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Chapter 1

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1.1 236.guide

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1.2 236.guide/Tokelau

Tokelau

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1.3 236.guide/Header (Tokelau)

Header (Tokelau)
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Affiliation:
 (territory of New Zealand)

1.4 236.guide/Geography (Tokelau)

Geography (Tokelau)
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Location:
 Oceania, 3,750 km southwest of Honolulu in the South Pacific Ocean, about
 halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand
Map references:
 Oceania
Area:
 total area:
 10 km²
 land area:
 10 km² comparative area:
 about 17 times the size of The Mall in Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
 0 km
Coastline:
 101 km
Maritime claims:
 exclusive economic zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 12 nm
International disputes:
 none
Climate:
 tropical; moderated by trade winds (April to November)
Terrain:

coral atolls enclosing large lagoons
 Natural resources:
 negligible
 Land use:
 arable land:
 0%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 0%
 forest and woodland:
 0%
 other:
 100%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 lies in Pacific typhoon belt

1.5 236.guide/People (Tokelau)

People (Tokelau)

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Population:
 1,544 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 -1.35% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 NA births/1,000 population
 Death rate:
 NA deaths/1,000 population
 Net migration rate:
 NA migrant(s)/1,000 population
 Infant mortality rate:
 NA deaths/1,000 live births
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 NA years
 male:
 NA years female:
 NA years
 Total fertility rate:
 NA children born/woman
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Tokelauan(s)
 adjective:
 Tokelauan
 Ethnic divisions:
 Polynesian
 Religions:
 Congregational Christian Church 70%, Roman Catholic 28%, other 2%

note:
 on Atafu, all Congregational Christian Church of Samoa; on Nukunonu, all Roman Catholic; on Fakaofu, both denominations, with the Congregational Christian Church predominant

Languages:
 Tokelauan (a Polynesian language), English

Literacy:
 total population:
 NA%
 male:
 NA%
 female:
 NA%

Labor force:
 NA

1.6 236.guide/Government (Tokelau)

Government (Tokelau)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Tokelau

Digraph:
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Type:
 territory of New Zealand

Capital:
 none; each atoll has its own administrative center

Administrative divisions:
 none (territory of New Zealand)

Independence:
 none (territory of New Zealand)

Constitution:
 administered under the Tokelau Islands Act of 1948, as amended in 1970

Legal system:
 British and local statutes

National holiday:
 Waitangi Day, 6 February (1840) (Treaty of Waitangi established British sovereignty over New Zealand)

Political parties and leaders: NA

Suffrage:
 NA

Elections:
 NA

Executive branch:
 British monarch, administrator (appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in New Zealand), official secretary

Legislative branch:

unicameral Council of Elders (Taupulega) on each atoll
 Judicial branch:
 High Court in Niue, Supreme Court in New Zealand
 Leaders:
 Chief of State:
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952)
 Head of Government:
 Administrator Graham ANSELL (since NA 1990); Official Secretary Casimilo J. PEREZ (since NA), Office of Tokelau Affairs; Tokelau's governing Council will elect its first head of government in 1993
 Member of:
 SPC, WHO (associate)
 Diplomatic representation in US:
 none (territory of New Zealand)
 US diplomatic representation:
 none (territory of New Zealand)
 Flag:
 the flag of New Zealand is used

1.7 236.guide/Economy (Tokelau)

Economy (Tokelau)

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Overview:

Tokelau's small size, isolation, and lack of resources greatly restrain economic development and confine agriculture to the subsistence level. The people must rely on aid from New Zealand to maintain public services, ←
 annual

aid being substantially greater than GDP. The principal sources of revenue come from sales of copra, postage stamps, souvenir coins, and handicrafts. Money is also remitted to families from relatives in New Zealand.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$1.4 million (1988 est.)

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$800 (1988 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$430,830; expenditures \$2.8 million, including capital ←
 expenditures
 of \$37,300 (FY87)

Exports:

\$98,000 (f.o.b., 1983)

commodities:

stamps, copra, handicrafts

partners:

NZ

Imports:

\$323,400 (c.i.f., 1983)
 commodities:
 foodstuffs, building materials, fuel
 partners:
 NZ
 External debt:
 \$0
 Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%
 Electricity:
 200 kW capacity; 300,000 kWh produced, 180 kWh per capita (1990)
 Industries:
 small-scale enterprises for copra production, wood work, plaited craft
 goods; stamps, coins; fishing
 Agriculture:
 coconuts, copra; basic subsistence crops - breadfruit, papaya, bananas;
 pigs, poultry, goats
 Economic aid:
 Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), ←
 \$24
 million
 Currency:
 1 New Zealand dollar (NZ\$) = 100 cents
 Exchange rates:
 New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) per US\$1 - 1.9486 (January 1993), 1.8584 (1992),
 1.7265 (1991), 1.6750 (1990), 1.6708 (1989), 1.5244 (1988)
 Fiscal year:
 1 April-31 March

1.8 236.guide/Communications (Tokelau)

Communications (Tokelau)

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Ports:
 none; offshore anchorage only
 Airports:
 none; lagoon landings by amphibious aircraft from Western Samoa
 Telecommunications:
 radiotelephone service between islands and to Western Samoa

1.9 236.guide/Defense Forces (Tokelau)

Defense Forces (Tokelau)

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Note:
 defense is the responsibility of New Zealand