

# Niue

## I INTRODUCTION

Niue, self-governing island in free association with New Zealand, in the South Pacific Ocean. Niue is situated 460 km (290 mi) east of Tonga.



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### **Island in the South Pacific**

Niue in the South Pacific is a coral island with uneven cliffs that drop abruptly into the sea.

## II LAND AND RESOURCES

Niue is a raised coral island with a circumference of 60 km (40 mi) and an area of 260 sq km (100 sq mi). The island's perimeter consists of uneven cliffs that drop abruptly into the sea. The interior is marked by a plateau that rises 60 m (200 ft) above sea level. The plateau is surrounded by a lower level, with an average elevation of 30 m (90 ft). Niue is encircled by a broken fringing reef.

The climate is tropical and humid. The average annual temperature is 27° C (81° F) and annual rainfall is 7,700 mm (300 in). Niue is covered with forest and light vegetation. Because of a shallow and scanty soil cover, cultivation is difficult. Animal life is limited on the island, but fish are abundant in coastal waters.

### III POPULATION

The majority of Niue's residents are Polynesians, although a small number of Europeans, Samoans, and Tongans live there. The official languages are Niuean, a Polynesian language closely related to Tongan and Samoan, and English. Most people are literate in both languages. The population in 1995 was estimated at 2,000. About half the people live in and around the capital, Alofi, on the island's west side. Others live in villages scattered along a road that circles the island. Niue's population has been in decline since the 1980s, due to limited economic opportunities. Approximately 15,000 Niueans live abroad, mainly in New Zealand, and incentives for them to return have been unsuccessful. Niueans are citizens of both Niue and New Zealand.

Education in Niue is free for eight years of primary school and four years of secondary school, and is compulsory between the ages of 5 and 14. In 1991 there were about 370 students attending primary school. Only a few Niuean students seek university degrees, which they must obtain abroad. About 75 percent of the people belong to the Niuean Church, a Protestant religion. There are several minority religions, including Mormonism and Roman Catholicism.

Housing and dress are modest and of Western style. Imported foods are part of the daily fare, and canned beverages are popular. Much of Niue's social life is centered around the churches. Sports are popular, and television has recently been introduced. One AM and one FM radio station broadcast from the island.

### IV ECONOMY

The official currency of Niue is the *New Zealand dollar* (NZ\$1.89 equals U.S.\$1; 1999 annual average). Most of Niue's budget is supplied by aid from New Zealand. Claiming the Niueans had ineffectively used the aid, however, New Zealand steadily decreased its funding from U.S.\$5.5 million in 1991 to \$1.9 million in 1994. The Niuean government is the largest employer. However, because of the drop in New Zealand funding, employment in the public service has dropped to 250 from a peak of 650. A few families have small businesses; others are engaged in agriculture. Remittances from Niueans living abroad remain a significant source of personal income.

The sale of postage stamps to foreign collectors is an important source of trade revenue. Niue has a very small tourist industry, with only a few hundred visitors each year. Exports include canned coconut cream, copra, honey, passion fruit, limes, and handicrafts. Agricultural production suffers occasional setbacks because of storms. New Zealand is Niue's chief trading partner; a small amount of trade is carried on with the Fiji Islands, Japan, Samoa (formerly Western Samoa), Australia, and the United States. In 1993 imports totaled about \$1.9 million, while exports amounted to less than one-seventh that amount.

Transportation is a great barrier to both trade and tourism. There is no port in Niue and the only suitable anchorage lies off Alofi. Cargo is brought from New Zealand monthly. Weekly air service also connects Niue with New Zealand. There are 230 km (140 mi) of roads.

## V GOVERNMENT

Niue is self-governing in free association with New Zealand. The country manages its own affairs, but New Zealand handles foreign affairs and defense as requested. Niue has a Legislative Assembly composed of 20 members; 14 are elected by their individual villages and 6 are elected by a common vote. Elections are held every three years. The Legislative Assembly elects a premier, who in turn selects three ministers. The premier and three ministers compose the cabinet.

## VI HISTORY

Niue probably was first settled more than 1,000 years ago by Tongans and Samoans. In 1774 British explorer Captain James Cook became the first European to visit the island, which he named Savage Island for the hostile reception he received. In the mid-19th century, missionaries of the London Missionary Society converted the islanders to Christianity. Niueans petitioned Queen Victoria three times to place their island under the protection of the British Crown; they were successful in 1900. The following year, Niue was annexed by New Zealand as part of the Cook Islands. In 1904 it became a separate colony with its own administration. In preparation for self-government, the Legislative Assembly was established in 1960. On October 19, 1974, Niue became self-governing in free association with New Zealand.

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### INFORMATION OF NIUE

- **Full name:** Niue
- **Capital City:** Alofi
- **Language:** Niuean, English
- **Currency:** NZ Dollar
- **Religion:** Ekalesia Niue, Latter-day Saint, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Seventh-Day Adventist, Baha'i
- **National Anthem:** the first line of the anthem as "Ko e Iki he lagi" that means "Lord in heaven".
- **Newspaper:** Niue Star is a newspaper in Niue and Niue Business News is an online newspaper.
- **Places to Visit:** Alofi, Hakupu, Avaiki Cave, Hio Beach, Vaikona Chasm and many more places are the in the country.
- **Transport:** Airways: Air New Zealand and Polynesian Airlines offers frequent flights.
- **Shopping:** Handmade pandanus- hats, bags, mats and baskets and some local handicrafts are found in cheap price in this country.

### INTRODUCTION TO NIUE

The pronunciation of the word "Niue" is like "new-way". The other name of the country is Rock of Polynesia, which is also very popular. It is also known as Rock to the native people of the country. LOCATION OF NIUE: Niue is situated in the northeastern zone of New Zealand. Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands surround the country from three corners. This island nation id located in the southern region of the Pacific Ocean.

### PHYSICAL MAP OF NIUE

The land of Niue is covered with various highlands and tablelands. The coastal regions also cover a considerable portion of the country. Niue has been claimed as the biggest coral island of the world. An unrecognized region near the Mutalau colony is the highest altitude of the country. It rises almost 68 meters above the sea level.

### CLIMATE OF NIUE

The normal temperature throughout the year varies between 27°C and 30°C. The weather usually remains humid. During the months between October and April, you may face heavy downpour. Cyclones also occur occasionally in this country. The southeastern winds flow over the country and make the weather pleasant. However the climate of Niue can be termed as more or less tropical.

### FLORA AND FAUNA OF NIUE

- **Flora:** The tropical acclimate of the country is supportive of rich vegetation in the country. Various species of coconuts, yams, cassava, limes etc grow in the tropical forests of Niue. You will also find a great variety of honey, taro, passion fruit, sweet potatoes etc in the forests.
- **Fauna:** On the other hand the animal life is not very rich in this country. However you will find wild ships, pigs, varieties of dogs, rats etc in various regions of the country. The water bodies of the country also possess several species of fishes.

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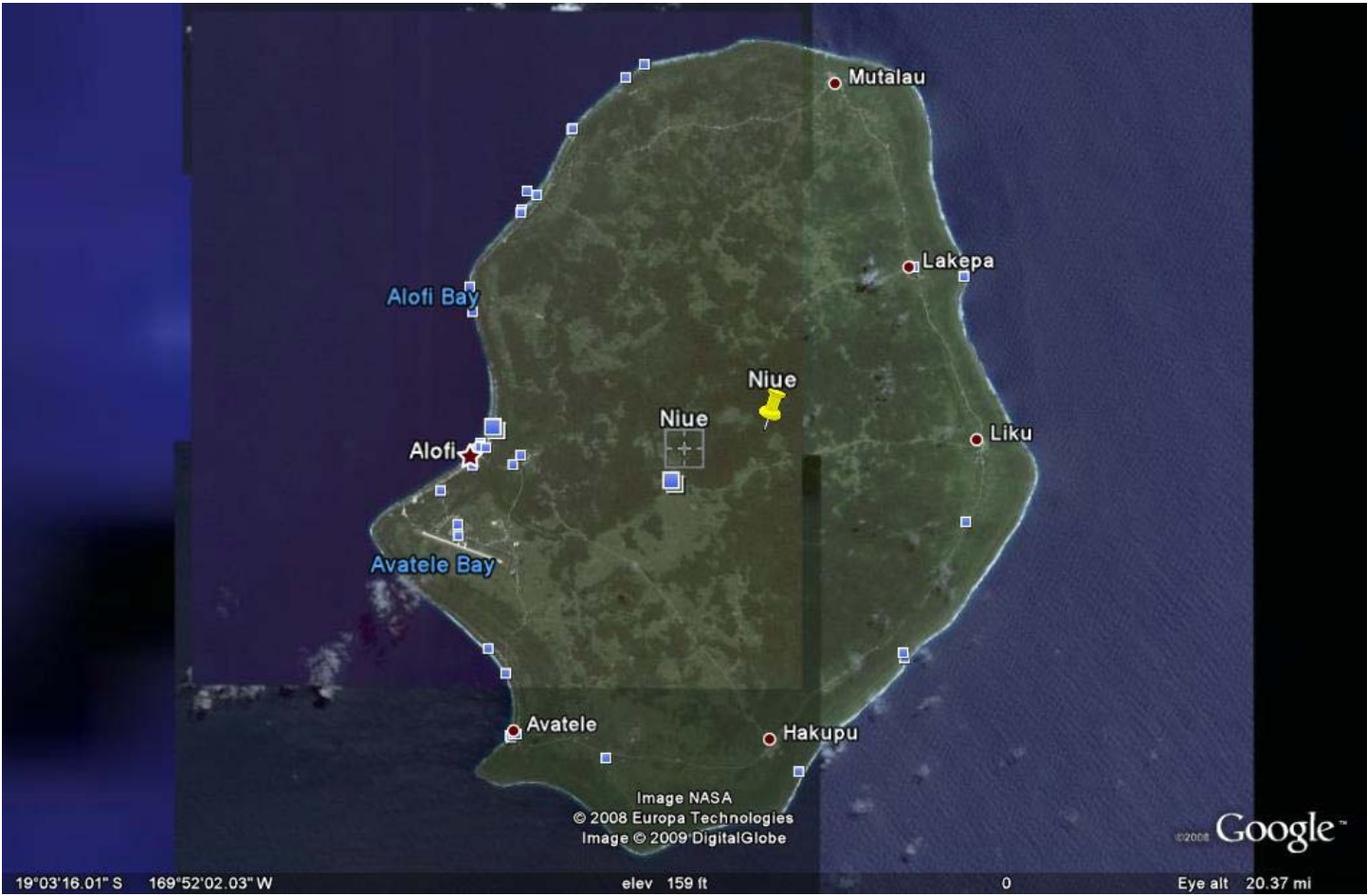
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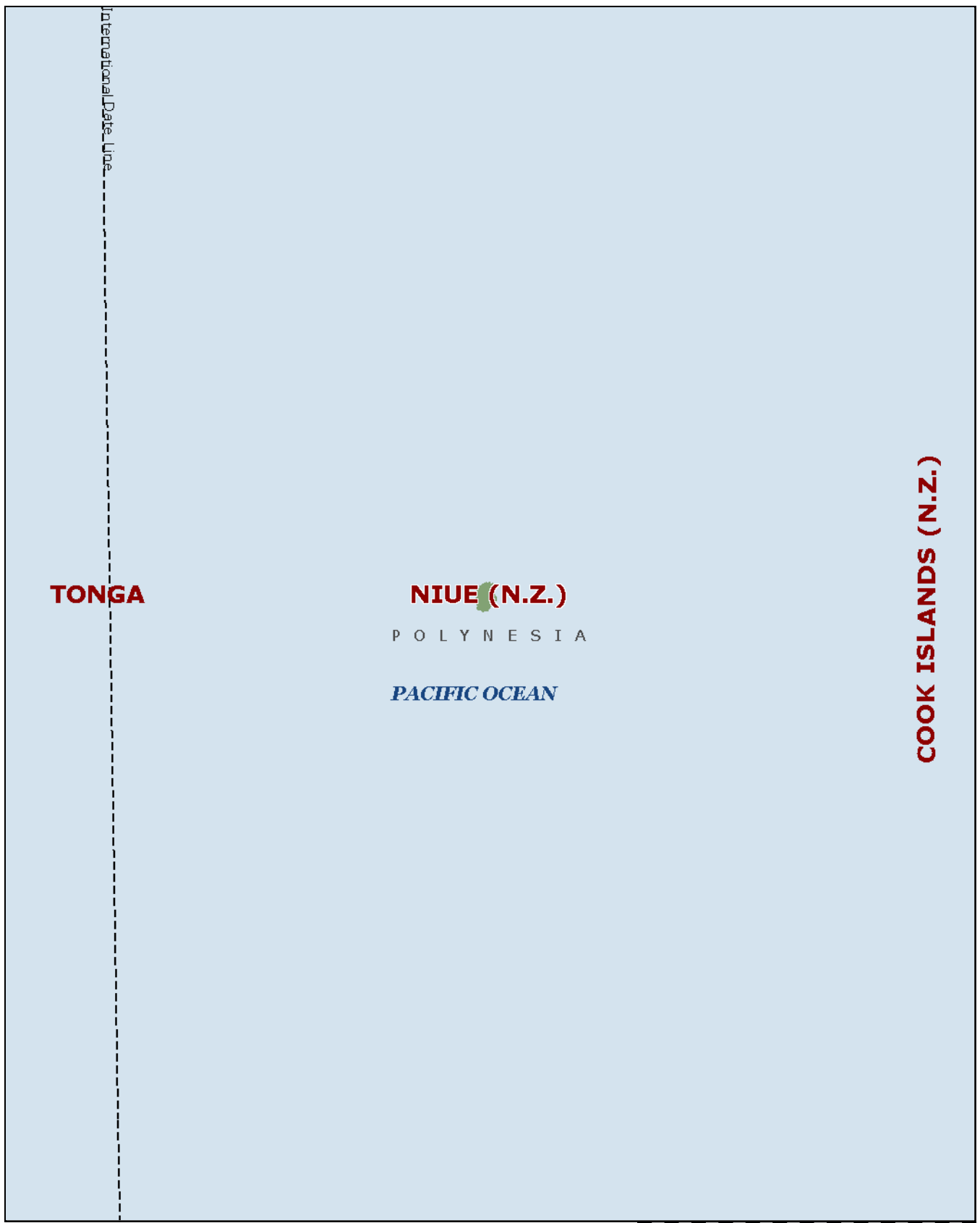


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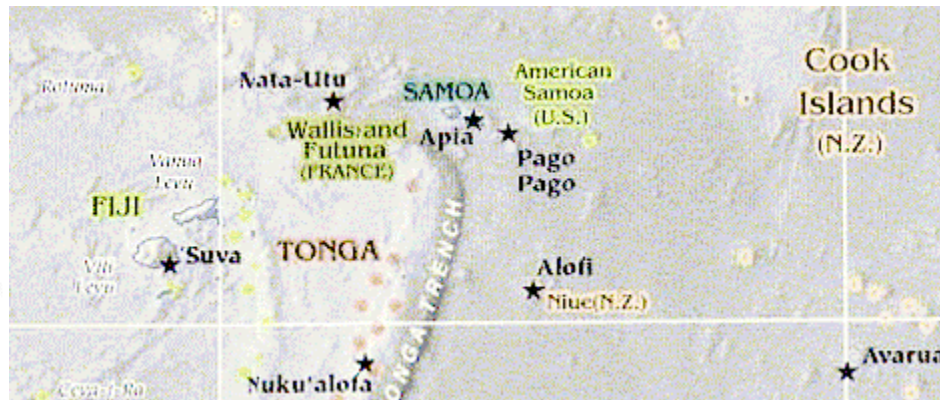
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## The Tropical Climate of Niue

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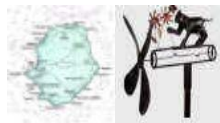


Niue is situated in Polynesia in the southwest Pacific Ocean at latitude 19' south and longitude 169' west. It is approximately 480 km east of Tonga, 930 km west of Rarotonga and 660 km south-east of Samoa. Niue is situated right in the middle of the tropics and this explains the climate to be tropical.

There are two distinct seasons in Niue, the hot, wet season from November to April, and the cool, dry season from May to October. The hot season is also the hurricane season. Most of the rainfall occurs during the hot season, often in torrential downpours. At this time, the temperature and humidity are high, the average temperature is 27° Celsius and the average rainfall is 240 millimetres. In contrast the cool season is characterised by warm sunny days and cool nights, with a mean temperature of 24° Celsius and much lower rainfall of 100 millimetres. The average annual rainfall for Niue is 2000 millimetres of rainfall and the average annual temperature is 26° Celsius.

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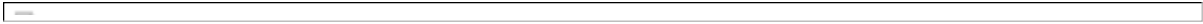
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## General info

Entity:  
Niue  
Capital:  
Alofi  
Population (2008-07-01):  
1,444 (CIA)  
Area:  
260 sq.km.  
Country code:  
NU  
Region:  
Polynesia

## Niue

### Administrative units

	<b>village</b>	<b>capital</b>	<b>area (sq.km.)</b>	<b>population 2001-09-08 census</b>	<b>population 2006-01-01 estimate</b>
	Alofi North		46.48	256	163
	Alofi South		see notes	358	314
	Avatele		13.99	125	158
	Hakupu		48.04	227	163
	Hikutavake		10.17	65	59
	Lakepa		21.58	88	67
	Liku		41.64	73	60
	Makefu		17.13	87	54
	Mutalau		26.31	133	94
	Namukulu		1.48	14	17
	Tamakautoga		11.93	140	118
	Toi		4.77	31	25
	Tuapa		12.54	129	108
	Vaiea		5.40	62	46
	total		261.46	1,788	1,446

source: [Niue Statistics](#).

note: area of Alofi South is included in Alofi North.