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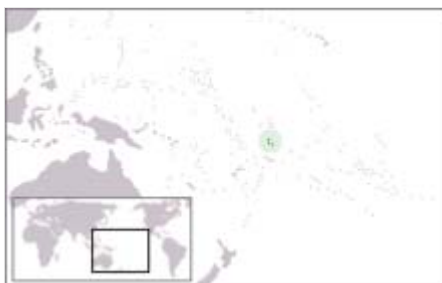


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Flag of Tokelau

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## Tokelau

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**Tokelau** is a non-self-governing colonial territory of New Zealand that comprises a group of three tropical coral atolls in the South Pacific Ocean. The islands are occasionally referred to by Westerners by an older colonial name, The Union Islands. Until 1976, the official name was Tokelau Islands. Tokelau lies near ► Kiribati, ► Samoa, ► American Samoa, ► Tuvalu and the ► Cook Islands.

Short name

**Tokelau**

Official name

Tokelau

Status

► New Zealand overseas territory, New Zealandian since 1926.

Location

Pacific Ocean

Capital

None, each atoll has its own administrative centre

Population

1,392 inhabitants

Area	12 km <sup>2</sup>
Major language(s)	English, Tokelauan
Major religion(s)	Congregational Christian Church, Roman Catholicism
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## General maps



Map of Tokelau

## History maps

This section holds a short summary of the history of the area of present-day Tokelau, illustrated with maps, including historical maps of former countries and empires that included present-day Tokelau.

Before 1600 an independent state of Fakaofu is formed in the archipelago that is now Tokelau. Beside Fakaofu also Nukunonu and Atafu become later independent. The British explorer John Byron discovers the Tokelau Islands in 1765. When Peruvian slave traders target the islands, this leads in 1877 to a British protectorate of Tokelau. In 1916 Tokelau becomes as Union Group part of the British colony of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. The islands come under New Zealand administration in 1926 and are incorporated into Western Samoa in 1948. In 1962 the Union Group becomes a separate New Zealand dependency and in 1976 the islands are renamed Tokelau.

## Satellite maps



Satellite map of Tokelau

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# Tokelau

Tokelau, overseas territory of New Zealand, consisting of the Tokelau Islands, in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. It comprises three coral atolls—Atafu, Fakaofu, and Nukunonu—and has a total area of 10 sq km (4 sq mi). Copra and woven handicrafts are the principal exports. The islands were first visited by the British in 1765 and became a British protectorate in 1877. Administration of the islands was transferred to New Zealand in 1926, and in 1948 they were included within its territorial boundaries. In 1976 the territory's name was officially changed from Tokelau Islands to Tokelau. Population 1,577 (1991).

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**Geography**

Tokelau, in Oceania, is a territory of New Zealand consisting of the atolls of Atafu, Fakaofu and Nukunono.

There is not a capital but each atoll has its own administrative centre.

Atafu, Fakaofu and Nukunono are low-lying coral atolls enclosing large lagoons.

The climate of Tokelau is tropical.

**Environment**

Conservation on the islands is overseen by the Council of Elders. The atolls are at risk from rising sea levels caused by global warming.

The most common [trees](#) are coconut and pandanus. Other trees include banana, breadfruit and papaya.

Boobies, noddies and terns can be found on the atolls and nearby islets. Green Turtles, Hawksbills and Loggerhead Turtles are known to nest on the islands.

**Architecture**

The traditional Polynesian home was designed to protect occupants from the sun and rain and to keep the inside temperature as comfortable as possible. Building materials were wood and palm leaves.

Today, concrete and corrugated iron are often used in construction.

**Population**

The population of the Tokelau was estimated at 1,433 in 2008.

**Languages**

Languages spoken are Tokelauan, a Polynesian language, and English.

**Religion**

The majority of the people of Tokelau are Christians.

**Food**

Fish and shellfish are an important part of the Tokelauan diet. Chicken and pork are also eaten. [Breadfruit](#), sweet potatoes and taro are traditional foods.

Coconuts, bananas, pandanus fruit and papayas are grown.

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# Geography



Map of all Tokelau Islands. Swains Island is shown to the south

Tokelau comprises three atolls in the South Pacific Ocean between 171° and 173° W longitude and 8° and 10° S latitude, approximately midway between [Hawaii](#) and New Zealand. They lie about 500 km (311 mi) north of [Samoa](#). The islands are [Atafu](#), at one time known as the Duke of York Group, [Nukunonu](#), also the Duke of Clarence Group, and [Fakaofu](#), once Bowditch Island. Between them they comprise a land area of 10.8 km<sup>2</sup>. There are no ports or harbours. Tokelau lies in the Pacific [typhoon](#) belt. A fourth island that is culturally, historically, and geographically, but not politically, part of the Tokelau chain is [Swains Island](#) (Olohega), under [United States](#) control since about 1900 and administered as part of [American Samoa](#) since 1925. The island was claimed by the United States pursuant to the [Guano Islands Act](#) as were the other three islands of Tokelau, which claims were ceded to Tokelau by treaty in 1979. In the draft constitution of Tokelau subject to the Tokelauan self-determination referendum in 2006, Olohega is claimed as part of Tokelau, a claim surrendered in the same 1979 treaty which established a boundary between American Samoa and Tokelau.





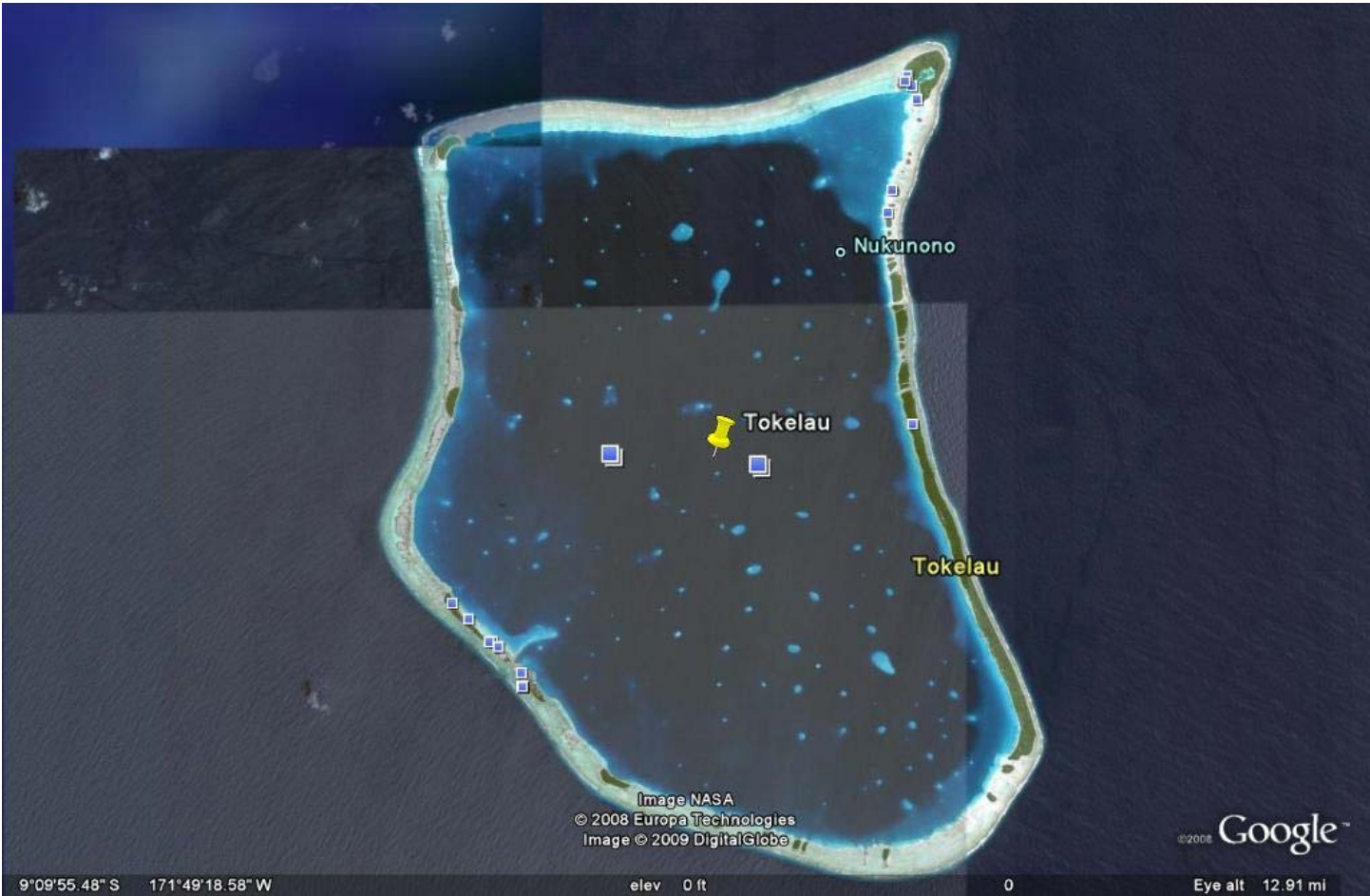
Nukunonu Lagoon in Tokelau.

Tokelau's claim to Swains is generally comparable to the [Marshall Islands](#)' claim to US-administered [Wake Island](#), but the re-emergence of this somewhat dormant issue has been an unintended result of the [United Nations](#)' recent efforts to promote decolonization in Tokelau. Basically, Tokelauans have proved somewhat reluctant to push their national identity in the political realm: recent decolonization moves have mainly been driven from outside for ideological reasons. But at the same time, Tokelauans are reluctant to disown their common cultural identity with Swains Islanders who speak their language.

Tokelau is in a completely different time zone to most of New Zealand, being 10 hours behind [Coordinated Universal Time](#) (UTC) rather than 12 hours in front, meaning a 22 hour time difference for much of the year (New Zealand has [daylight saving time](#) (DST) for part of the year while Tokelau never participates). Tokelau is in the same time zone as the [Cook Islands](#) and [Hawaii](#) rather than neighbouring [Samoa](#) and [American Samoa](#).<sup>[2] [3]</sup>

#### [Geographic locations](#) of Tokelau's atolls

- Atafu: [8°33'6"S 172°30'3"W / -8.55167, -172.50083](#)
- Nukunonu: [9°10'6"S 171°48'35"W / -9.16833, -171.80972](#)
- Fakaofu: [9°21'55"S 171°12'54"W / -9.36528, -171.215](#)



9°09'55.48" S 171°49'18.58" W

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Eye alt 12.91 mi

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8°57'56.80" S 171°47'14.36" W

elev 0 ft

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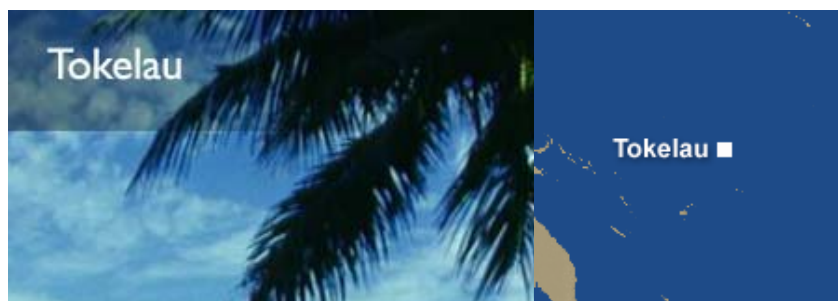
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This New Zealand dependency in the southwestern Pacific lies north of [Samoa](#). It shares with the other areas of the western Pacific near the equator the features of a tropical oceanic climate.

Very similar conditions prevail throughout the year, with high temperatures and humidity. The daily range of temperature is quite small - about 4°-5°C/10°F.

There is abundant rainfall. Being south of the equator, Tokelau has its season of maximum rainfall between November and April. On some islands there is no great difference between the amount of rain from month to month. Tropical cyclones are less frequent than in the Pacific north of the equator.

Except in the wettest places, where cloud is more frequent, Tokelau has moderately large amounts of sunshine, averaging from six to eight hours a day. Much of the rainfall comes in short, heavy showers, often after a sunny morning, but longer periods of heavy rain lasting a day or so occur in the wetter months.

The climate may generally be described as pleasant and healthy, although the combination of high temperature and humidity can be a little oppressive when not tempered by sea breezes or a brisk wind.

The table for [Apia](#) in [Samoa](#) shows weather that is similar to that of Tokelau.



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## General info

Entity:  
 Tokelau  
 Capital:  
 none  
 Population (2008-07-01):  
 1,433 (CIA)  
 Area:  
 10 sq.km.  
 Country code:  
 TK  
 Region:  
 Polynesia

## Tokelau

### Administrative units

	atoll	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 2001 census	population 2006-10-19 census
	Atafu			598	524
	Fakaofu			482	483
	Nukunonu			369	426
	Samoa (Apia)			88	33
	total		10	1,508	1,466

source: [Tokelau Statistics Unit](#).