



## Tuvalu

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In a historic first, [Tuvalu](#) is set to **relocate its population to Australia** under the **Falepili Union Treaty (2023)**, marking the **world's first planned migration** due to climate change-induced sea-level rise.

- **Falepili Union Treaty:** Australia will accept 280 **Tuvaluans annually** as **permanent residents** through a ballot-based “climate visa” starting in 2025, granting them equal rights to health care, education, housing, and jobs.
  - Residents may return if conditions improve, though worsening floods and storms make this unlikely.
- **Reason for Migration:** Rising **sea levels threaten Tuvalu's existence**, with [NASA](#) predicting **submergence of most of its land by 2050**.
  - Tuvalu's average elevation is only **2 meters above sea level**, making the nation highly prone to floods, storms, and coastal erosion.

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- Formerly known as the **Ellice Islands**, Tuvalu is a **Polynesian island country** located midway between **Hawaii and Australia** in the South Pacific Ocean. It comprises **nine islands** (four [reef islands](#) and five [coral atolls](#)).
  - Tuvalu, with **Funafuti** as its capital, gained independence from the **United Kingdom** in October 1978.
- With no rivers, it has a **tropical climate** and one of the smallest populations in the world, around 11,000.
- Tuvalu, a **United Nations** designated **Least Developed Country**, has a public sector-dominated economy supported by **fishing licences**.
- The **Tuvalu Trust Fund**, set up with contributions from Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Japan, and South Korea, provides financial stability and funds development projects such as upgrading schools and fisheries centres.

# Map of Tuvalu



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