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## Government

Tokelau, formerly part of the Gilbert and Ellice Island Colony, was transferred to the jurisdiction of New Zealand.

The inhabitants are British subjects and New Zealand citizens. The chief of state is Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom. The New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs appoints the Administrator.

## General

Tokelau, a New Zealand dependency, is composed of the three small atolls; Atafu, Nukunono, and Fakaofu.

They are located in the South Pacific Ocean about 250 miles N of Samoa between latitude 8°S and 10°S, and longitude 171°W and 173°W. These atolls are composed of a number of coral islets surrounding a central lagoon into which there are no passages. The atolls are 3 to 5m above sea level. There are no ports in Tokelau.

Trading vessels operate between Tokelau and Western Samoa on regular schedules. Each atoll has its own administrative center.

The climate is tropical. It is moderated by trade winds which run from April to November.

The terrain consists of coral atolls that are enclosing large lagoons.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

January 2, New Year's Day; February 6, Waitangi Day; Good Friday and Easter; April 25, Anzac Day; First Monday in June; Labor Day; fourth Monday in October; and December 25, Christmas Day.

## Industries

The main industries are based on copra production, wood work, stamps, coins, and fishing.

## Languages

The official language of Tokelau is English.

The indigenous language of Tokelau has linguistic links with Samoan.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is XRAY (+11).

## U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices.