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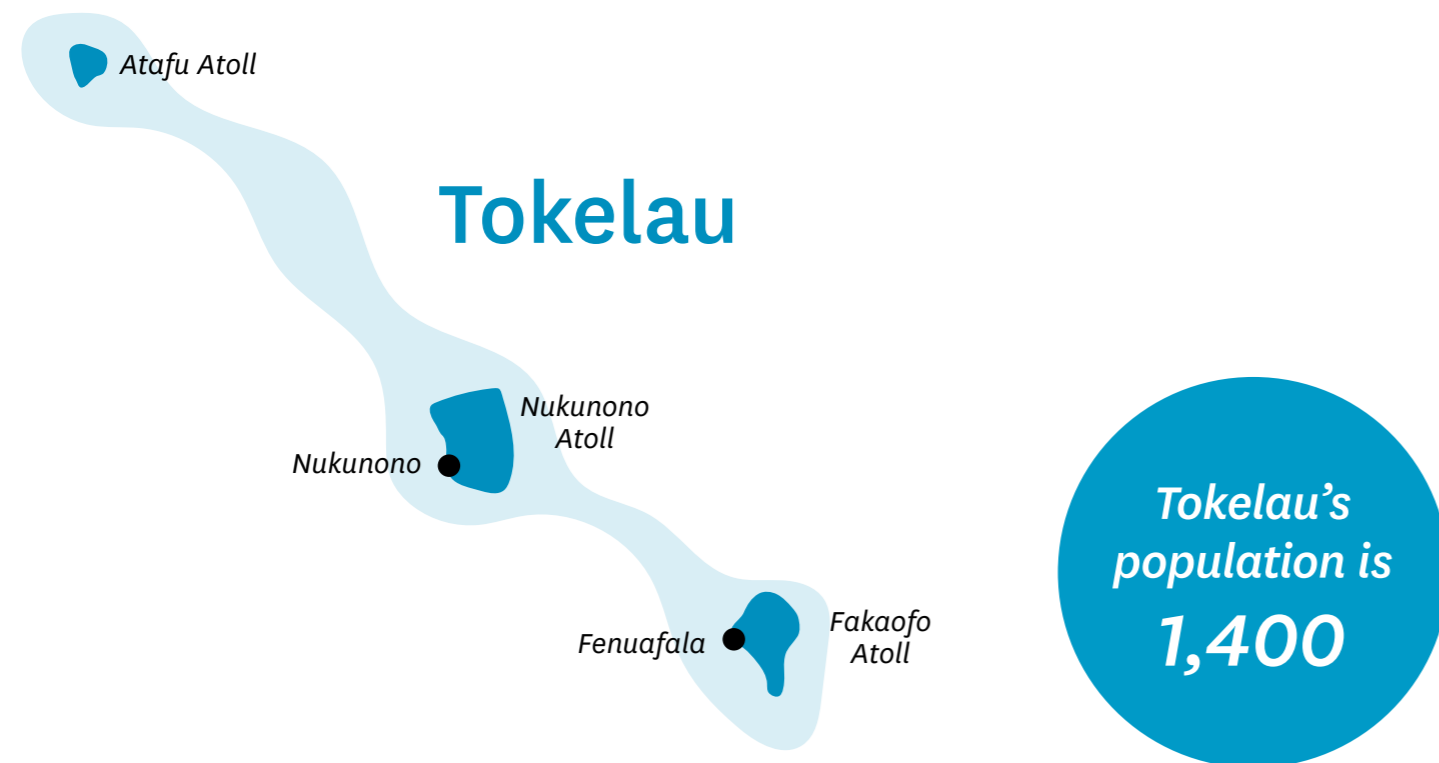
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Tokelaun Language Week | Sunday 22 – Saturday 28 October

The overarching theme for the 2022 Pacific Language Weeks was sustainability, which aligned with our Pacific Languages Strategy and fed into the UNESCO Decade of Indigenous Languages to sustain and revitalise heritage languages. This theme of sustainability has resonated strongly with our Pacific communities, who have agreed to carry it over for Pacific Language Weeks 2023.

Tokelau is located close to Samoa and is only accessed by boat from Samoa. Tokelau is made up of three small coral atolls. Nukunonu, Fakaofu and Atafu, the most northern atoll.



Quick facts

Only 1400 people live in Tokelau, however 7000 live in New Zealand.

Tokelau was declared a territory of New Zealand in January 1949. However, Tokelauans have developed their own culture, political, legal, social and economic systems.

Tokelau is very aware of the importance of climate change and sustainability. They have set a target of 100% renewable energy and aspire to be the first nation in the world to achieve this.

Everyday words you can use in person and in emails

Te Gagana Tokelau	English
Mālo ni	Greetings/Hello
Fakamālo atu kia te koutou uma	Greetings Everyone
Tofa koutou	Goodbye – to those who are leaving
Tofa ni	Goodbye – to those who are staying
Fakamolemole	Please
Fakafetai	Thank you
Fakamalie atu	Sorry