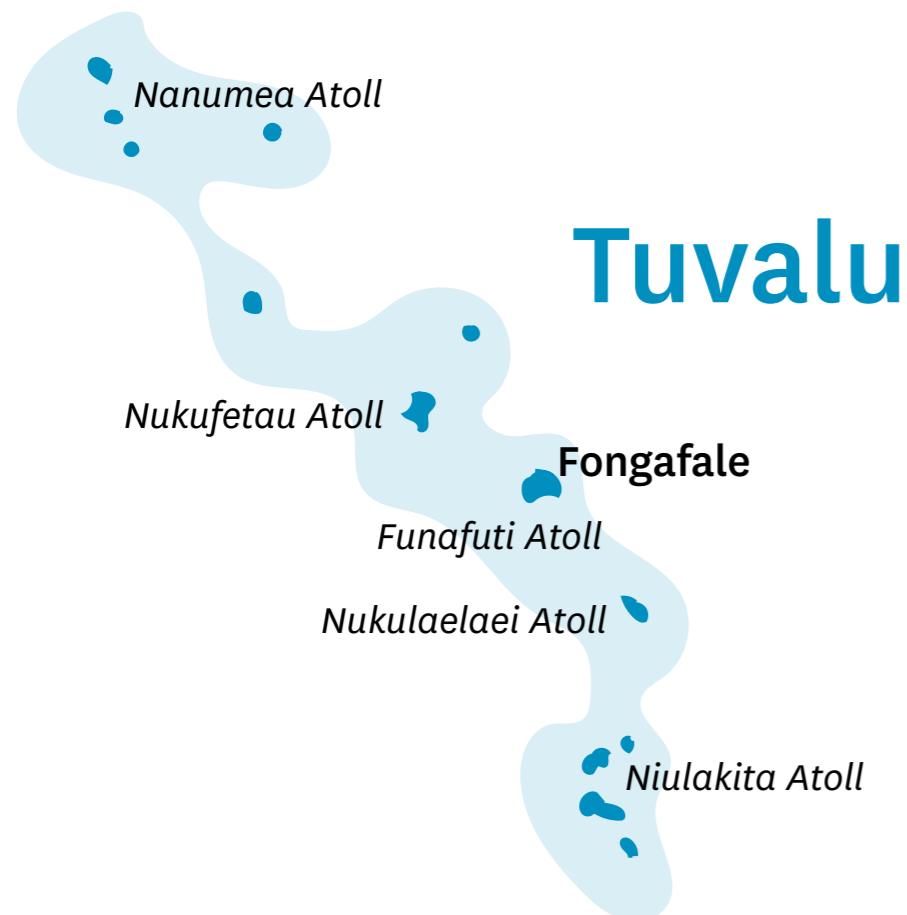




# Tuvalu Language Week | Sunday 1 October – Saturday 7 October

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.

**Tuvalu comprises nine small coral islands scattered over a distance of 676kms, northwest to southeast.**



**Tuvalu's population is 11,000**

## Quick facts

Tuvalu is the fourth-smallest nation in the world.

Tuvalu and New Zealand have signed a Statement of Partnership that outlines a set of shared critical areas for future collaboration and aims to strengthen ties.

Being only 1.83m above sea level, Tuvalu is one of the most vulnerable countries impacted by climate change.

## Everyday words you can use in person and in emails

Tuvaluan	English
<i>Talofa</i>	<i>Greetings/Hello</i>
<i>Tofa</i>	<i>Goodbye</i>
<i>Fakatoese atu mo te tuai o tali atu...</i>	<i>Apologies for the delayed response...</i>
<i>Fakafetai</i>	<i>Thank you</i>
<i>Fakamolemole</i>	<i>Please</i>
<i>Pela loa mo taku meli taluai..</i>	<i>As per my previous email...</i>
<i>Fakatoese</i>	<i>Sorry</i>