

# *KINGDOM OF TONGA*



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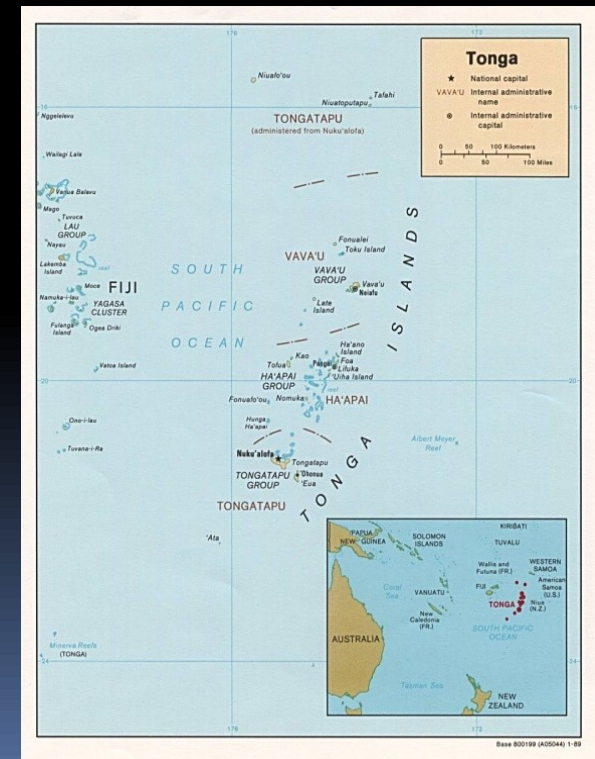


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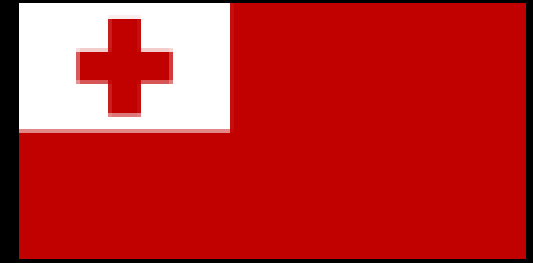
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  - 4) Economy
  - 5) Demography
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# 1) Geography

- South Pacific Ocean
- 176 islands, 36 inhabited, 748 km<sup>2</sup>
- Vava u, Ha'apai , Tongatapu, Eua, Niuas
- national capital: Nuku alofa
- subtropical climate
- limestone base
- cyclones , earthquakes and volcanic activity



## 2) History



- Name - from the word Tongahahako
- The first settlers – Lapita people (1000 B.C.)
- 17th century – first European explorers
- 1773 James Cook – the Friendly Islands
- 19th century – civil war
- 1845 – Tonga united into a kingdom
- 1900-1970 – a British protected state
- 1970 till now – Commonwealth of Nations

# 3) Politics



- constitutional monarchy
- George Tupou V (from 2006)
- powerful nobles X rest of the country
- inequality between men and women
- pro-democracy movement
- supported US action in Iraq
- mid-2003 – licensing and limiting freedom of the press

commoner = občán



# 4) Economy

- large non monetary sector
- monetary sector – nobles and royals
- dependence on population living abroad
- plantation and subsistence agriculture
- Development plans: growing private sector, developing tourism,...

monetary = peněžní



# 5) Demography

- 70% - on Tongatapu
- 98% Tongan people, 1,9% Europeans, 0,1 Chinese
- Methodists, Catholic minority
- Tongan language, English
- Hi=Malo e lelei; Yes=Io; Bye= Alu a
- 70% of Tongan women (15-85) are obese



## 6) Interesting facts

- average annual growth of population = 2,0%
- Tongan king – the world's heaviest monarch (160 kg)
- Niuafo'ou island = Can island
- significant dispersion in other countries
- achievements in rugby





# Summary

- kingdom in the south Pacific Ocean
- firstly settled – 1000 B.C.
- constitutional monarchy
- income dependant on support from abroad
- most of the pop. – on the main island  
Tongatapu
- the world s fattest population

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