

AN OUTLINE OF THE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IN

# TUVALU



The most recent general elections were held in August 2006 and the next will be held no later than 2010. All members of the Fall I Fono are independents.

## 2.1 Position of local government in the state

There is one town council on the main island of Funafuti and seven island councils on the other inhabited islands. Each council has six members and provides a limited range of local services.

In 2002 it was estimated that there were 1,300 internet users, representing 11% of the population.<sup>2</sup>

## References

1&2 CIA World Factbook 2007.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Tuvalu is a group of atolls in the south Pacific. It has a population of 11,992<sup>1</sup> on a land area of 26 sq km.

It is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary democracy. The head of state is HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by the governor-general, who is appointed by the Monarch on the recommendation of the prime minister.

The head of government is the prime minister. The cabinet is appointed by the

governor-general on the recommendation of the prime minister.

The parliament, Fall I Fono, is unicameral and comprises 15 members elected to serve a term of four years.

There are eight administrative units.

## 2 POLITICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF TUVALU

No parties operate in Tuvalu, the prime minister being determined by who can command the support of the legislature.