

# NIUE



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# Niue Fact File

## Profile:

- ▶ Total Population approx. 1,600;
- ▶ 259 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Raised coral atoll
- ▶ Legal Status: Self-governing in free association with NZ since 1974, under the Niue Constitution
- ▶ Diplomatic Representation in Wellington, New Zealand
- ▶ Port of Entry: airport (tourist numbers peaked at 10,000); yacht season; shipping boat once a month

# Policies

## National Level:

- ▶ Niue National Strategic Plan
  - National Development Pillars – Finance & Economic Development, Good Governance, Social Services, Taoga Niue, Infrastructure, Private Sector, Environment – creating a ‘*Prosperous Niue*’ by ‘*Working Together to Protect the People and the Environment*’
  - Waste Management with the Department of Environment (Environment Act 2015)
  - Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy
  - Environment and CC Pillar: Waste Management, Sustaining Climate and Weather Services (2 of 6 focal areas)
  - Continuous collaboration with stakeholders within the Ministry (DAFF & MET), within government (Health, Education), within society (waste collection contractor), within village communities (can-recycling, village rubbish collections, billboards, et al)

Action towards achieving Niue’s Vision – “We will work with national and regional partners and the global community to unlock the sustainable environmental development potential for Niue and to contribute to addressing the challenges of climate change.

# Challenges/Issues



- ▶ Donor-dependent
- ▶ Capacity – retainment, needs, gaps, limitations, building, upskilling
- ▶ Sometimes activities are limited based on limited resources, technology, equipment, funding on the island
- ▶ Institutional Arrangements
- ▶ Overseas-dependent on companies to accept recyclable materials
- ▶ Social perception and social behaviour

# Efforts to Date

- NIOFA (through organic farming and reuse of food and crop waste for organic purposes)
- Can-recycling (initiative through village communities – can-collection depot)
- Glass Bottles reused for road aggregates
- Ongoing negotiations with regional CROP Agencies for projects – PACWASTE, Organic Farming, Solid Waste (GIZ)
- Educational awareness
- Introduction of 3R Initiatives