

2006 Census of Tokelau: *Faka Tokelau*

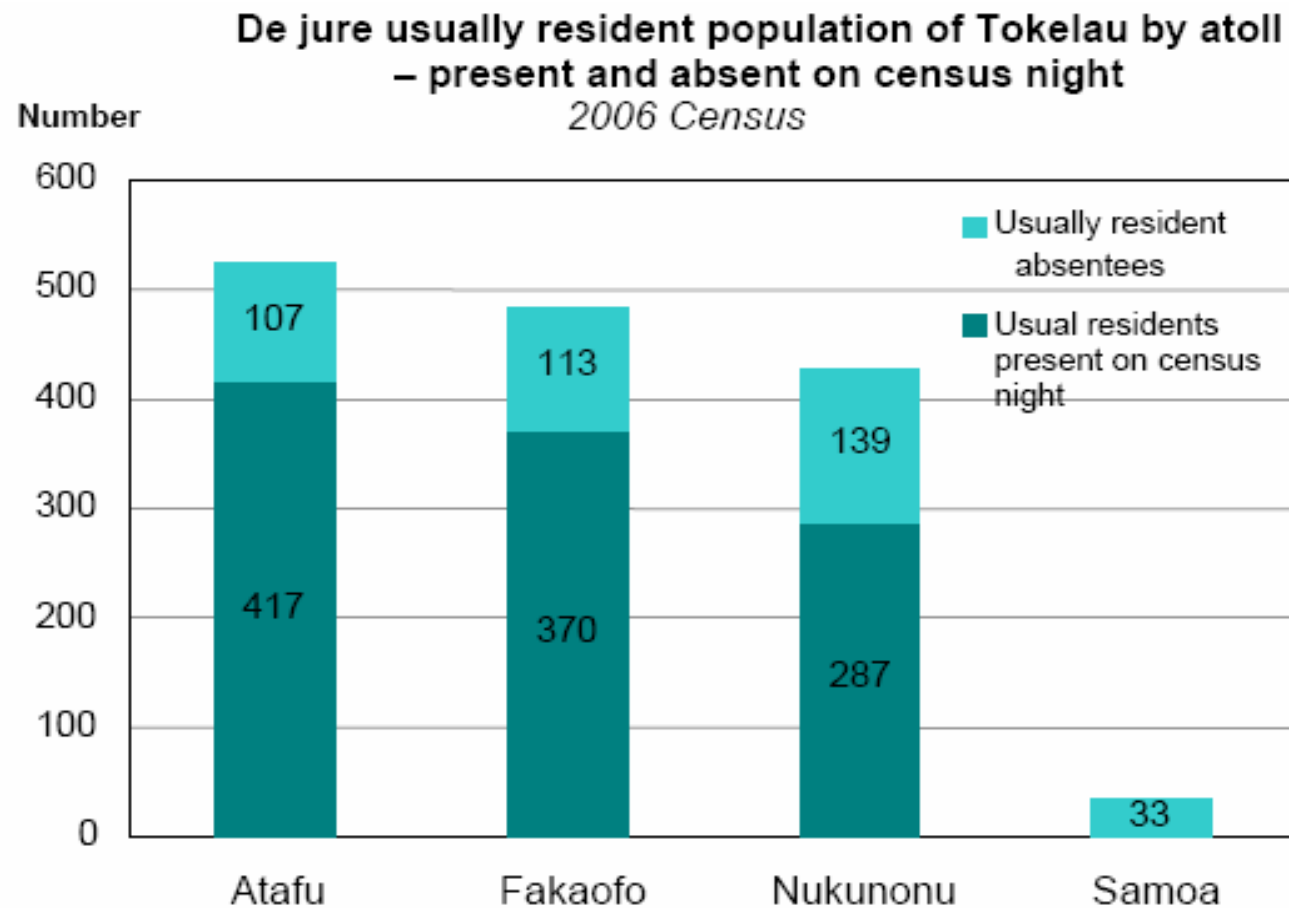


Tokelau census field team

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Tokelau's unique population



Project brief

- Tokelau Administrative Assistance Programme (TAAP)
- Statistics New Zealand was approached to provide guidance and support for the census by:
 - *Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)*
 - *Secretariat of the Pacific Community's (SPC) Population and Demography Programme*
- Statistics NZ had considerable input into the planning, management, operations and output of the 2006 Tokelau Census
- Samoa-based Tokelau Census Manager – Kele Kelekolio

The conceptual approach

- Good quality planning and documentation
- Capacity building
 - *Tokelauan people were included where possible throughout the census cycle*
 - *Local interviewers trained on-site*
 - *Statistical and survey cycle education*
- Questionnaire
 - *Full review, consultation and adapted to local needs*
 - *Interviewer administered, in Tokelauan language*

The conceptual approach (cont.)

- Census publicity and respondent communications
- Data quality
 - *Monitoring of enumeration*
 - *Data capture and edit system (CSPro)*
 - *Data validation*
- Comprehensive outputs
 - *Consultation to establish information needs*
 - *Wide dissemination, equal access and statistical education*
- 'Modified' de jure census

Who was a usual resident?

- People normally living in Tokelau and present in on census night
- Respondents must have lived in Tokelau for 3 months or more
- People normally living in Tokelau who are absent on census night (absent for less than 12 months in total)
- Tokelauan TPS employees based in Apia, Samoa and any immediate family, who usually live in their household

High level timetable

March 2006

Pacific Census planning
conference in Fiji

July 2006

Preparation visit to Tokelau

End Sept 2006

Statistics NZ team arrived in
Tokelau

Early Oct 2006

Interviewer training

19th October 2006

Census Day

Late Oct 2006

Interviewer Debrief and
output consultation

Early Nov 2006

Processing

Early Nov 06-Feb 2007

Output

Development phase

- Consultation
 - Census operations
 - Questionnaire
 - Output
- Questionnaire
 - Review and redevelopment
- Usual residence criteria
- Processing system development
- Field operations
- Training plan and materials



Challenges in planning and development



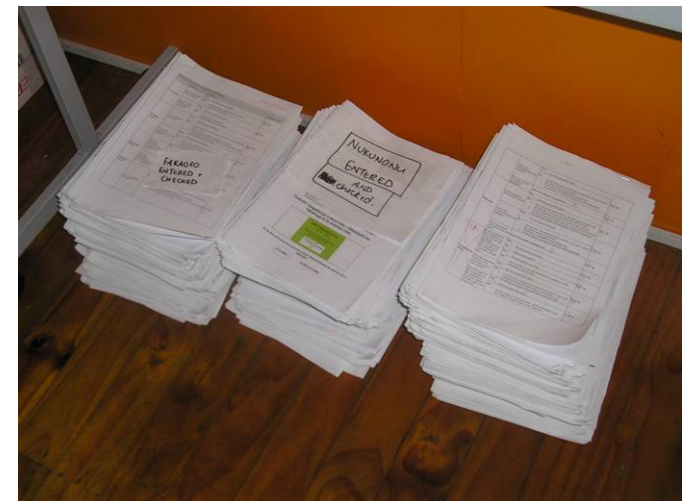
- Planning across locations
- Language and cultural differences
- Local people interested in details
- Questionnaire development and translation
- 2006 NZ Census year

Field and processing operational phases

Field collection



Census processing



Challenges in collection and processing

Collection

- Transport
- High expectations
- 3 different atolls + Samoa
- Ensuring compliance
- Interviewer-based

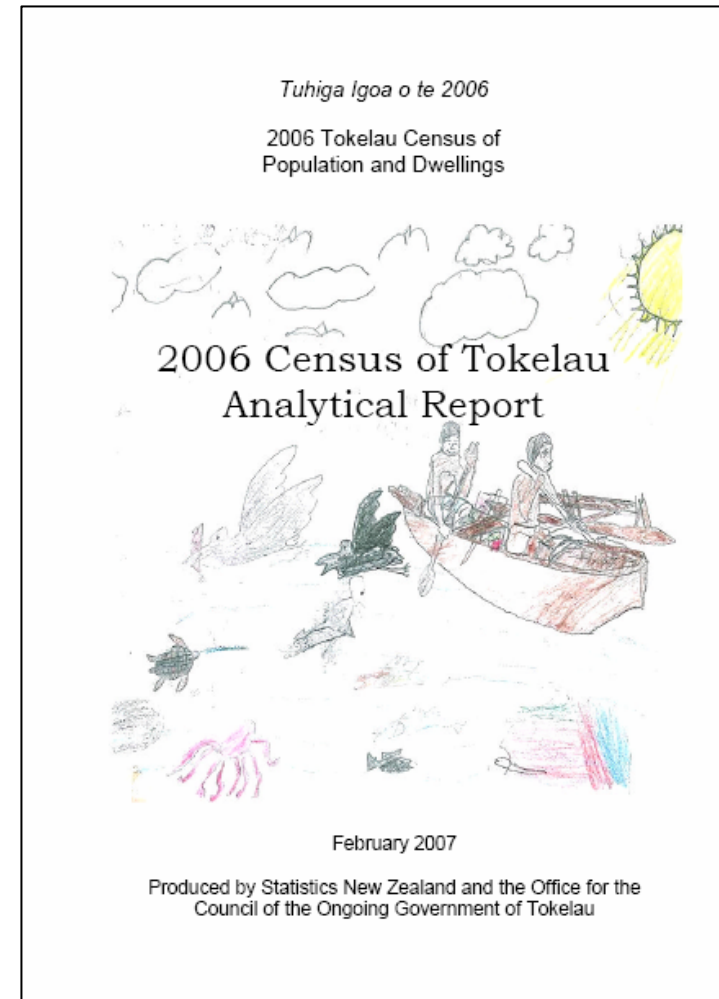
Processing

- Based in Samoa
- No computer network



Output phase

- Provisional count
23rd October 2006
- Tabular report
20th December 2006
- Atoll profiles
15th February 2007
- Analytical report
28th February 2007



Challenges in output

- Lack of survey objectives and identifiable data uses
- Evaluation
- Ownership of data
- Equal access and release
- Time-frame

**Atafu Atoll Profile –
Fakamatalaga e uiga ki Atafu**



Section 1: Background

General Information

The *Atafu Atoll Profile* is one of the profiles prepared for each of the three Tokelauan aildis. These profiles introduce some of the topics covered in the 2006 Tokelau Census of Population and Dwellings.

The aildis profile provides basic comparisons between an aildis and Tokelau as a whole but does not compare the aildis with one another. If you would like to know more about a topic found in the profile please refer to one of the more detailed census reports. Information on the other census reports can be found at the end of this profile.

Vaega 1: Talaaga

Fakamatalaga fakalauaitele

Ko na fakamatalaga e uiga ki Atafu ko he tahi ona fakamatalaga kua tapena mo na moku takitahi o Tokelau. Ko lena fakamatalaga ko ri fakamatalaga muamua aiga ki ri le tahi malakupu e takua i le Tufuga (aiga mo le Fakalauaitale) o Tagata mana Fakalau Tokelau i le 2006.

Ko na fakamatalaga e uiga ki namoku e kua aua i ri takakuhakuhaga i le va o he moku ma Tokelau kaka kae e he i le va ona moku. Kati e manakomia aili ri fakamatalaga e uiga ki na malakupu e takua i tolo o lena pepa, fakamoleme di tagakite ki he tahi ona lipoti aili. Ko na fakamatalaga o le tahi lipoti o le kuhakuhaga e maua le takakuga o le pepa lena.

Lessons learnt

- Importance of planning and documentation
- Local buy-in and credibility critical
- *Faka Tokelau*
- Translations of questionnaire and output
- Getting the count right

Key messages

- Unique culture and landscape
- Affiliation we have now
- Creating census advocates and educating people
- Documentation critical for comparability of data from future censuses
- Over-consultation results in difficulty gaining buy-in

Any questions?

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