



Trade and Investment Opportunities in Tonga

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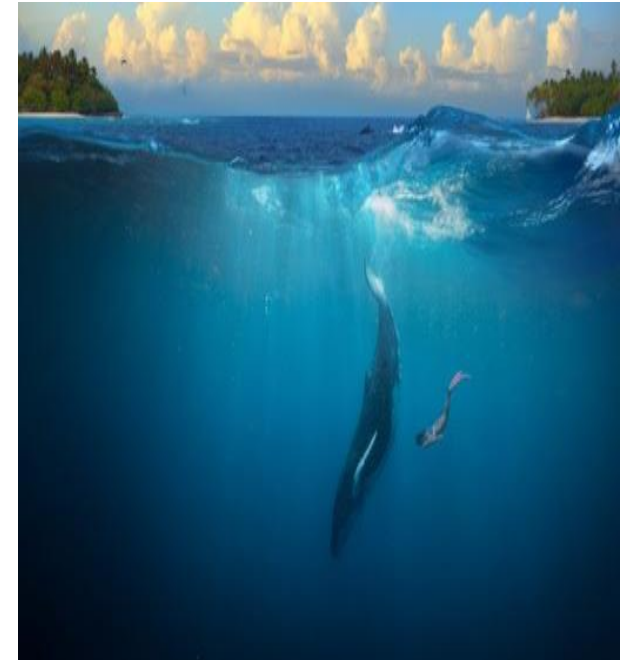
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OVERVIEW

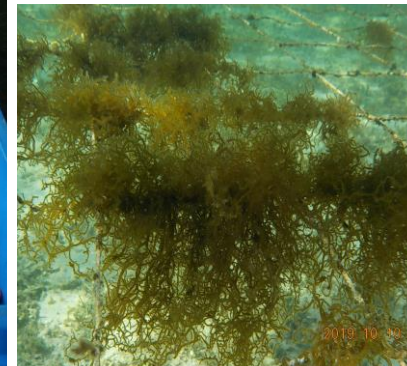
- Population : 100,651 (2016 census)
- Land Area: 748 square kilometers
- GDP : \$655 million
- Per Capita: \$6,496
- Major Industries: Fisheries, Agriculture, Tourism and Manufacturing.





OVERVIEW

- Major Export Products: Squash, Kava Powder, Frozen Fish and Frozen Yam
- Export Countries: New Zealand, United States, Australia and Japan.
- Major Import Products: Petroleum oils, Electric motors and generators, Machinery plant and Laboratory equipment.
- Import Countries: New Zealand, Singapore, United States and China.
- Trade Balance: -\$.5 million.
- Major sectors for foreign investment: Service, Manufacturing, and Tourism.





REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- Foreign Investment Act 2020
 - Definition of a foreign investor
 - Streamline of foreign investment processes
- Foreign Investment Regulation 2006
 - Review of the reserve and restricted lists.
- Business Licenses Act 2016
- Companies Act 1995
- Taxation
 - Personal Income Tax
 - Business Income Tax



REASONS TO INVEST IN TONGA;

- ✓ Streamlining of foreign investment registration
- ✓ Ease of doing business
- ✓ Development of investor friendly policies
- ✓ Protection of investors
- ✓ Remaining Kingdom (monarchy) in the Pacific
- ✓ Extremely rich soils and excellent growing climate
- ✓ Currently under-developed tourism sector with high potential, including in eco-tourism
- ✓ Unique heritage and Tongan culture
- ✓ Varied marine life and marine culture (especially whales)



GOVERNMENT INCENTIVES

- ✓ Ease of doing business
- ✓ Duty exemptions
- ✓ Business visa for foreign investors and families.
- ✓ Investment facilitation



INVESTMENT PRIORITY SECTORS;

- ❖ Tourism
- ❖ Fisheries and Marine Businesses
- ❖ Agriculture
- ❖ Manufacturing
- ❖ Construction & Energy Sector



INVESTMENT FACILITATION;

- Investment Promotion Unit
- Online platforms
 - MTED Website – www.mted.gov.to
 - Tonga Trade Portal - <https://tonga.tradeportal.org/>
 - Business Registries Office Tonga - www.businessregistries.gov.to

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