



Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)

There Once Was an Island: Te Henua e Noho

March, Briar. *There Once Was An Island: Te Henua e Noho*. Auckland: On the Level Productions, 2010. HDV, 80 min. <https://youtu.be/M7akwGUtGDw>.

In this verite-style film, three Pacific islanders from the culturally unique Polynesian community of Takuu, a tiny low-lying atoll in the South Western Pacific, allow us into their lives and their culture and show us first hand the human impact of an environmental crisis. Two scientists, oceanographer John Hunter and geomorphologist Scott Smithers, investigate the situation with our characters and consider the impact of climate change on communities without access to resources or support. Intimate observational scenes allow Teloo, Endar and Satty to take us on their personal journeys as they consider whether to move to an uncertain future in Bougainville or to stay on Takuu and fight for a different, but equally uncertain, outcome. (Source: Adapted from the [Official Film Website](#))

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This film is available at the [Rachel Carson Center Library](#) (RCC, 4th floor, Leopoldstrasse 11a, 80802 Munich) for on-site viewing only. For more information, please contact library@rcc.lmu.de.

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Further readings:

- Nunn, Patrick D., and James M. R. Britton. "Human-Environment Relationships in the Pacific Islands around AD 1300." *Environment and History* 7, no. 1 (2001): 3–22. doi:10.3197/096734001129342388.

Related links:

- Rising Waters: Global Warming and the Fate of the Pacific Islands (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/rising-waters-global-warming-and-fate-pacific-islands>
- The Disappearing of Tuvalu—Trouble In Paradise (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/disappearing-tuvalu-trouble-paradise>

- Beautiful Islands (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/beautiful-islands>

Websites linked in this text:

- <http://www.thereoncewasanisland.com/>
- <http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>