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Beautiful Islands

Kana, Tomoko. *Beautiful Islands*. Los Angeles: Eleven Arts, 2004. HDV, 106 min. https://youtu.be/9s1GYO8Z7AA.

> The movie looks at three beautiful islands shaken by climate change: Tuvalu in the South Pacific, Venice in Italy, and Shishmaref in Alaska. The three islands have different climates and cultures but the people all love their islands. The documentary, filmed over three years, focuses on the inhabitants' everyday lives. The camera follows two sisters growing up on Tuvalu, a joyous costume festival and traditional fine glass crafts in Venice, and traditional seal hunting in Shishmaref. When these people lose their homelands, their cultures and histories face "death." By being close to them, we can feel the present state of the earth. The movie has no narration. It is a voyage around the world, listening to the sounds of waters and winds while, witnessing people and their lives slowly and quietly sinking under the water. (Source: Director's 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:

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Related links:

- Eleven Arts Studio
  http://www.elevenarts.net/
- 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
- There Once Was an Island: Te Henua e Nnoho (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/there-once-was-island-te-henua-e-nnoho

Websites linked in this text:

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- http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
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