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The Disappearing of Tuvalu—Trouble In Paradise

Horner, Christopher, and Gilliane Le Gallic. *The Disappearing of Tuvalu—Trouble In Paradise*. Watertown: Documentary Educational Resources, Inc., 2004. 35 mm, 55 min.

> This film about the South Pacific country of Tuvalu documents the earth's first sovereign nation faced with total destruction due to the effects of global warming. With a population of about 11,000 living on a total landmass of only 20 square miles spread over nine low-lying atolls 600 miles to the north of Fiji, Tuvalu has been inhabited for over four millennia. The warm-spirited and highly community-oriented people of this ex-British colony struggle to survive economically while confronting the likelihood of having to evacuate their homeland en masse within the next 50 years. As the industrial world just begins to address the threat and causes of global warming, rising seas and increasingly violent changes in climate have already left their marks on this poor island nation. The government of Tuvalu and other concerned organizations are directing their pleas for solutions to the wealthy countries whose high pollution emissions could be the central human contribution to this phenomenon. Observation, narration, and interviews with Tuvalu citizens from various walks of life flesh out a full portrait of a unique community confronting a dubious future on the front lines of a global environmental assault. (Source: Documentary Educational Resources, Inc.)

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Further readings:

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