Islands – a paradise or in peril?

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# PROS

Islands are a paradise

* A variety of unique plants
* Animals only found on islands such as the tropical penguin
* Beautiful sandy beaches
* Amazing turquoise seas
* Amazing sea life and colorful coral refs
* Lovely weather all year round
* Indigenous people
* Some species of birds only found on islands
* Giant tortoises
* Reptiles only found on specific islands
* Vegetation is lush
* Locals are friendly and welcoming

## CONS

Islands in peril

* Global warming - rising temperatures in the oceans that kills the coral reefs and sea life, lack of oxygen suffocates fish, forest fires, plants and animals unable to adapt, hurricanes, droughts
* Plastic left by tourists - animals mistake for food and get themselves caught him which could lead them to die
* Micro plastics in the ocean get into food chain
* Growing human population leads to loss of unique habitat
* Invasive plant and animal species
* Rising sea level – eight islands already lost, sea due to rise by up to 30 cm in the next 10 years
* Oil and plastics in the oceans
* Plants and animals are not able to adapt because of global warming

Conclusion

By looking at the pros and cons, I believe that whilst islands are a paradise, they are in great peril!