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Does the Cook Islands have solar power with energy storage



Overview

The Cook Islands in the Pacific will host a 5.6MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system for the integration of renewables, in a project funded by the Asian Development Bank, European Union and Global Environmental Fund. Does Rarotonga have solar power?

The Cook Islands Electricity Sector All inhabited islands of the Cook Islands currently have centralised power supplies that have historically been powered by diesel generators. Since around 2011, increasing solar PV generation on Rarotonga has changed this situation.

How much energy does the Cook Islands use?

The Cook Islands is a net importer of energy, in the form of petroleum products. Total energy consumption was 1,677,278,000 BTU (1.77 TJ) in 2017, of which 811,000,000 (0.86 TJ) was in the form of oil. In 2012 47% of imported oil was used in the transport sector, 30% in aviation, and 27% for electricity generation.

Where do most people live in the Cook Islands?

Most of the Cook Islands people live in the Southern Islands. Two largest Islands are Rarotonga (main island) and Aitutaki The Government of the Cook Islands has a long standing policy commitment of 100% renewable electricity by 2020.

Can solar power be installed on Aitutaki?

Fig 4 presents such an approach for the medium-size island of Aitutaki. At the moment, Aitutaki is a power system 100% supplied by diesel generators (3 x 600 kW). During Stage 1, 1 MW of solar PV will be installed on the island which will run in parallel with the existing diesel generators.

How many islands are in the Cook Islands?

The Cook Islands Located in the South Pacific Ocean, the Cook Islands has 15

islands, of which 12 are inhabited. Most of the Cook Islands 13,000 permanent residents live on Rarotonga, in the south. Aitutaki has a population of approximately 1,800, and remaining islands are sparsely populated. Fig 1.

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