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New energy storage power source in the Cook Islands



Overview

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.

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 battery storage capacity will be installed in Rarotonga?

Additional battery storage capacity consisting of 1 megawatt (MW)/4 megawatt hour (MWh) for grid stability will be installed in the diesel power station in Avatiu Valley, Rarotonga, and 2 MW/8 MWh for load-shifting capability will be installed at the Rarotonga International Airport.

What does the GCF grant mean for the Cook Islands?

The GCF is providing a \$12-million grant to co-finance the project, which is part of the seven-year Pacific Islands Renewable Investment Program covering the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga. The grant will fund assistance to the Cook Islands in procuring and installing battery storage.

Does Aitutaki have solar power?

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. At this

stage, instantaneous renewable energy penetration will be up to 70%.

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.

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