

# Smart power distribution system Cook Islands

How will new energy technologies affect the Cook Islands?

In future, new energy technologies such as marine energy may offer new opportunities for the Cook Islands to generate electricity from other renewable sources. Developments in energy storage or in energy efficiency may also further reduce the Cook Islands' reliance on diesel. The Cook Islands prefers to use proven and economic energy technologies.

Does the Cook Islands have solar power?

The Cook Islands Electricity Sector historically been powered by diesel generators. Since around 2011, increasing solar PV generation on Rarotonga has changed this situation. And in 2014- 15, installation of 95-100% renewable solar hybrid systems on the Northern Group Islands further altered the mix.

What sectors rely on imported energy in the Cook Islands?

There are three main sectors dependent on imported energy in the Cook Islands; these include transport, electricity and aviation. Of the total number of imported fuels into the country, 43% is used by transport; 30% by aviation and 27% by electricity.

Can a partner help the Cook Islands achieve its targets?

The Cook Islands is looking for partners who can help achieve its targets through funding the conversion of one or more of the islands from diesel generation to renewable energy. We acknowledge the support we have already received from our partners.

Why is energy important in the Cook Islands?

Energy is a fundamental prerequisite to the sustainable socio-economic development of a nation. As such, the Cook Islands Government considers that environmental protection, energy security and economic growth are inseparable key pillars of our country's development.

Is full-time power the future of Cook Islands?

Now with full-time power, the future has taken a new shape for Cook Islands' residents - an improved quality of life, and increased economy activity. The improved livelihood in the communities that now have the benefit of reliable, 24-hour power supply is immeasurable.

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islands. We helped manage this logistically enjoyable project.

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scale distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) systems (e.g. domestic rooftop and small independent power producers (IPPs)), but also including a 1 MW solar PV. This provides approximately 13% of the total energy requirements on Rarotonga, which is an important contribution to the Cook Islands policy targets.

This data indicates the electric distribution, generation and customer details of the island. Technology Type: There are various proven renewable energy technologies of which a ...

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