## **SOLAR PRO.** Curaçao solar insight

Does Curaçao use wind and solar energy?

Since the 1980s, Curaç ao has been gaining experience in applying wind and solar energy. Curaç ao also distinguishes itself from the world with regard to the application of wind and solar energy. In addition, the focus is also on the use of biogas, energy storage and energy savings. Bulbaai conducted an extensive research in Curaç ao.

#### What is Curacao's energy policy?

In 2009, Curacao developed an energy policy document, which sets out general guidance and governing principles for further study of energy issues.4 It suggests the goal of reducing energy consumption by 40% by 2020 and encour- ages the investigation of combining wind power with storage to provide 100% of the island's energy needs.

#### How much does energy cost in Curacao?

Energy Snapshot Curacao This profile provides a snapshot of the energy landscape of Curacao, an autonomous member of the Kingdom of the Netherlands located of the coast of Venezuela. Curacao's utility rates are approximately \$0.26 per kilowatt-hour(kWh), below the Caribbean regional average of \$0.33/kWh.

#### Why does Curacao face energy security issues?

Curacao faces energy security issues not only due to its reliance on imported fuels but also because of the age of its generation infrastructure. Thirty megawatts (MW) of Aqualectra's generation portfolio is beyond its expected service life and the surplus power from the RdK refinery is subject to frequent outages.

#### Does Curacao need electricity?

Like many island nations, Curacao is highly dependent on imported fossil fuels (more than 95% of the island's electricity is generated using petroleum-based fuels), leaving it vulnerable to global oil price fluctuations that directly impact the cost of electricity.

#### How can Curaçao become sustainable in 2033?

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Curaçao has a high solar potential and set a renewable energy mix target of 50% by 2035. Presently Curaçao"s energy mix is comprised of 33% renewable energy on the public grid. Its electrical demand peaks at 130MW and its electricity prices are high relative to ...

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Seasonal solar PV output for Latitude: 12.1176, Longitude: -68.8883 (Willemstad, Curaçao), based on our analysis of 8760 hourly intervals of solar and meteorological data (one whole year) retrieved for that set of coordinates/location from NASA POWER (The Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources) API:

Curaçao has a real solar market driven by savings more than environment but requires financing to make in omnipotent. The Curaçao Water and Electricity company, Aquaelecta, considers themselves a "pioneer in renewables for the Caribbean" with wind and solar projects dating back 20+ years.

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