## **SOLAR PRO.** Tokelau essential solar

#### Can Tokelau support itself with solar energy?

Tokelau,an island nation in the South Pacific,is now completely able to support itself with solar energy. Elly Earls met Joseph Mayhew of the New Zealand Aid Programme to find out how this tiny collection of atolls has become almost 100% self-sufficient in less than 12 months.

#### Is Tokelau a solar powered island?

In today's edition, Stephanie Bandi reviewed the newly released documentary Tokelau: The Solar Powered Island of the Futurewhich showcases how the island nation harnesses the energy of the sun to power its three atolls. It's been a long year and it's usually around this time that you might be feeling a bit burnout...

#### Could Tokelau be the world's first renewable nation?

Solar power plants and coconut biofuel-powered generators switched on in Tokelau has made the islands the world's first truly renewable nation.' Imagine a place where the only energy to be found is clean, reliable solar power. Solar Array's seen on the three tiny islands of Tokelau to completely produce solar power energy.

#### How much electricity does a solar system provide in Tokelau?

Each system alone is among the largest off-grid solar power systems in the world, and together they are capable of providing 150% of current electricity demand in Tokelau, a much higher amount than the 90% that was originally planned for.

### How do Tokelau locals get supplies from Samoa?

Tokelau locals get all essential supplies brought from Samoa by boat. (file photo). (file photo: AFP) In today's edition of Reel Talk, Stephanie Bandi reviewed Tokelau: The Solar Powered Island of the Future a documentary that showcases how the island nation harnesses the energy of the sun to power its three atolls.

#### Why did Tokelau switch to solar?

Yet despite the challenges involved in installing comprehensive solar systems in such a remote location, switching to solar was absolutely crucial for the tiny collection of islands. " Tokelau's atolls are low-lying and especially susceptible to the adverse effects of climate change, " Mayhew stressed.

Tokelau is the first country in the world to produce all its electricity needs from renewable energy. This small Pacific nation with three atolls and 1160 people has switched off its noisy, polluting diesel generators and is now totally powered by the sun. People in Tokelau began talking about a solar-powered future more than a decade ago.

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installations that can meet 150% of the current electricity needs of Tokelau. The islands, administered by New Zealand, have a population of about 1,500 people.

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