

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.

Will Tokelau's solar energy system be upgraded?

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What is Tokelau's energy policy?

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Where does Tokelau get its electricity from?

Except for that part of the electricity supply provided by Solar Photovoltaic (PV) to TeleTok facilities on all three atolls and the University of the South Pacific (USP) facility on Atafu, essentially all energy in Tokelau currently is from imported petroleum.

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.

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 Arrays seen on the three tiny islands of Tokelau to completely produce solar power energy.

Renewable Energy Opportunities and Challenges in the Pacific Islands Region: Tokelau 3 2. Energy landscape Energy supply and demand. Petroleum. Until 2012, all power generation was by diesel engines which consumed around 160 000 litres of the 162 000 litres of imported diesel, with the remainder used for transport (Figure 2).

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It was the birth of Tokelau's ambitious "Renewable Energy Project", which would see Tokelau become the first nation on earth to be almost 100 percent powered by solar energy and reduce its carbon footprint to almost zero. The machinery behind the project is three solar power plants--one on each island-- with a combined output of 1 Megawatt.

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atolls of Tokelau. The project includes : 4032 solar modules, 196 string inverters, 112 DC charge controllers, 84 battery inverters and 1344 batteries in 48V banks. The system allows for up to 2 days of energy without any solar input.

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The Government of Tokelau Department of Energy is seeking to upgrade and expand these power systems to restore the contribution of renewable energy to 90+% with the addition of PV to the existing arrays and the replacement of existing lead acid battery banks with lithium ion BESS.

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