

## European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

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## Overview

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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.

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.

What is a Cook Islands map?

Cook Islands Map depicts Northern and Southern Island groupations. All Islands from the Northern group are smaller and have limited requirements for electrical energy. Most of the Cook Islands people live in the Southern Islands. Two largest Islands are Rarotonga (main island) and Aitutaki.

Where do most people live in the Cook Islands?

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How many islands are in the Cook Islands?

The Cook Islands Located in the South Pacific Ocean, the Cook Islands has 15 islands, of which 12 are inhabited. Most of the Cook Islands 13,000 permanent residents live on Rarotonga, in the south. Aitutaki has a population of approximately 1,800, and remaining islands are sparsely populated. Fig 1.

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### Newly Commissioned Solar Plant to Deliver Sustainable, Reliable Power

MANGAIA, COOK ISLANDS (29 November 2018) -- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of the Cook Islands led the commissioning of the Mangaia solar power plant today, which will provide improved access to sustainable energy services to the people and businesses of Mangaia. The Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Mr. Henry Puna, ...

### Cook Islands latest Pacific territory to use batteries and solar ...

The Cook Islands in the Pacific will host a 5.6MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system for the integration of renewables, in a project funded by the Asian Development Bank, European Union and Global Environmental Fund.

#### Applications



### Mpower to add 5.6MWh battery system to Cook Islands solar ...

New South Wales-based renewables company Mpower is set to build its largest energy storage project to date, after securing the contract to design and install a 5.6MWh battery system in Rarotonga, the capital of the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

## Renewable energy in the Cook Islands

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### Te Aponga Uira o Tumu-te-Varovaro (TAU) , Cook Islands

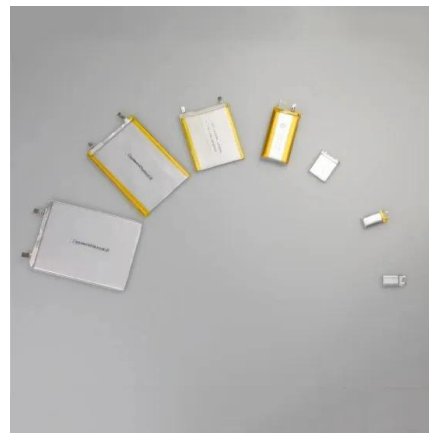
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Rarotonga Renewable Energy Programme; Support major replacement of all battery modules and improving energy storage for Rarotonga; Completion of the Power Station BESS to provide grid stability; Pa Enea support through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for capacity building, maintenance and operations; Outlook:



### Rarotonga BESS

A battery energy storage system (BESS) installed at the Te Mana Ra Solar PV facility, on the island of Rarotonga and connected to the electricity grid. The BESS provides increased flexibility for the electricity utility Te Aponga Uira (TAU) to manage the output of increasing capacity of renewable generation in the grid.



### US\$16m batteries store Sun's energy, reduce oil need

Three newly commissioned battery systems on Rarotonga which cost US\$16 million (approx).

NZ\$24m) will reduce the island's dependence on oil-fuelled power generation and continue the shift to solar power. The three ...



## Cook Islands: 100% Renewable Energy in Different Guises

To support this ambitious plan the Asian Development Bank and the European Union fund the Cook Islands Renewable Energy Sector Project, which will construct up to six solar photovoltaic (PV) power plants with a total installed capacity of about 3 megawatts-peak coupled with battery to store electricity from solar energy.



## Cook Islands to be fully powered by solar plus battery power by ...

New solar plus battery projects in the Cook Islands demonstrate how off-grid regions can escape reliance on diesel generators.. Six of the twelve inhabited Cook Islands are the target of hybrid renewable energy projects comprising solar and solar battery technology. The first of these, on Mitiaro Island, is now complete and should be able to supply all the power ...

## Electricity in Cook Islands in 2022

As of 2022, the state of electricity consumption

in the Cook Islands illustrates a balanced yet elementary mix of energy sources. Approximately half of the electricity generated comes from low-carbon sources, with solar energy contributing entirely to this segment. The other half is derived from fossil fuels, indicating that the Cook Islands is equally dependent on high-emission energy.



## Solar-plus-storage for the Cook Islands - pv magazine Australia

Around 4.2 MWh of energy storage capacity will be connected to a solar and diesel micro-grid on Rarotonga, the largest of the islands in the South Pacific nation. Three 40-foot containers with a total power output of 4.8 MVA will be used as a power reserve and for grid support by utility Te Aponga Uira.

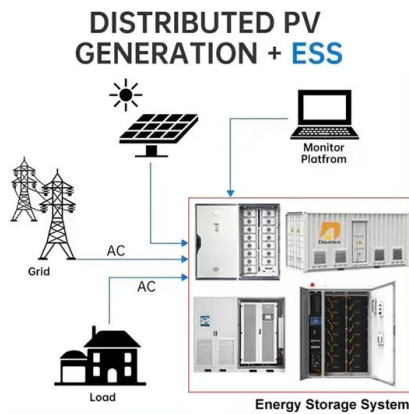
## COOK ISLANDS RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR PROJECT

Cook Islands renewable energy sector project -  
Atiu Subproject Feasibility Revision No: 0 509673  
7 October 2015 Acronym Meaning ADB Asian  
Development Bank CIG Cook Islands government  
CIIC Cook Islands Investment Corporation  
CIRECIP Cook Islands Renewable Energy Chart  
Implementation Plan EIRR economic internal rate  
of return



## Cook Islands Cook 14 Islan

CIREC Cook Islands Renewable Energy Chart Projects completed in the north include over 850kW of solar PV. With battery storage, these projects supply 95 - 100% of electricity from renewable sources. of Rarotongas electricity



needs. Te Aponga Uira o Tumutevarovaro (TAU), the power utility has halted grid tied installations till storage

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## ENERGY PROFILE Cook Islands

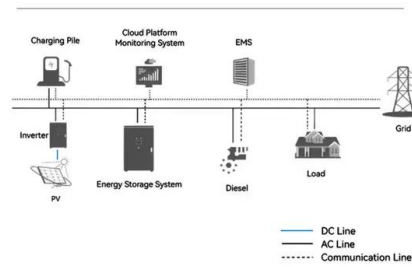
emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by fossil fuel generation multiplied by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and

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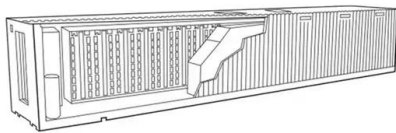
Three newly commissioned battery systems on Rarotonga which cost US\$16 million (approx. NZ\$24m) will reduce the island's dependence on oil-fuelled power generation and continue the shift to solar power. The three Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are located at Te Aponga Uira (TAU) Power Station up the Avatiu

Valley, Rarotonga Airport

**System Topology**



**COOK ISLANDS RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR PROJECT**



load profile, proposed storage capacity, and natural variations in resource, this will be able to deliver approximately 363 MWh of usable solar PV energy to Atiu, which is approximately 95% of the 382 MWh estimated annual consumption. The remainder of the load will be met by the backup diesel generators. This is illustrated in the figure below.

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**Cook Islands: Renewable Energy Sector Project ...**

The Project has two outputs: (i) two-phased construction of solar photovoltaic (PV) power



and/or energy storage systems on Mangaia, Mitiaro, Mauke and Atiu (Phase 1), Rarotonga and Aitutaki (Phase 2); and (ii) to provide institutional strengthening to the Cook Islands Renewable Energy Development Division (REDD). The Phase 1 subprojects

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