

How will solar energy be produced in Palau?

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What is the optimal power system for Palau?

The optimal system includes the current power system together with additional renewable capacity coupled with battery storage. The results of the optimisation show that Palau's current power system is dominated by diesel generation, with renewable energy only taking a small share (just 4%).

How does Palau manage energy efficiency?

Palau initiated energy efficiency efforts to reduce government energy use through its Energy Conservation Strategy in 2007.

How important is energy to Palau's environmental sustainability?

An energy sector review that was undertaken as an initial step in this project has shown that energy is a vital resource underpinning all aspects of our society and fundamentally influencing Palau's environmental sustainability.

How many power plants are there in Palau?

Currently, there are a total of five main power plants on different islands in Palau, supplying electricity to meet the load. The two largest power plants are the Malakal and Aimeliik power stations, which have total generation capacities of 15.5 MW and 10 MW respectively.

How much hydrogen does Palau produce a year?

Namely, the hydrogen tank, an electrolyser and a fuel cell. The hydrogen tank was optimised at 25 000 kilogrammes (kg), the electrolyser at 25 MW and the fuel cell at 50 MW. In this scenario, one thing to note is that green hydrogen production significantly increases Palau's total load, to approximately 120 GWh/year.

The Palau Energy & Water Administration (PEWA) under the Ministry of Finance acts as an international contact point and represents Palau in overseas energy meetings. It is also the project management unit for a number of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Palau.

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Experimentation with renewable energy in Palau started as early as the 1980s with solar, wind, and biomass technologies. While wind and biomass were found to be infeasible in early years, solar installations have increased their share in the energy mix. It is estimated that Palau can expand its photovol-

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