

Installation of large energy storage technologies (storing energy for prolonged periods of time) with further renewable generation. The staged process allows observation of the power system behaviour, timely change of operations

Cook Islands: 100% Renewable Energy in Different Guises. In its approach to delivering a 100% renewable energy target across 12 islands by 2020, the Cook Islands presents a rare insight into how planning requirements of high penetration renewable island systems vary with scale.

Renewable energy in the Cook Islands is primarily provided by solar energy and biomass. Since 2011 the Cook Islands has embarked on a programme of renewable energy development to improve its energy security and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, [1] with an initial goal of reaching 50% renewable electricity by 2015, and 100% by 2020. [2]

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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.

Islands with existing energy storage facilities (hydro power) can access to cheaper, pumped hydro storage, and consequently, can achieve higher RE penetration levels more easily. Islands with no hydro potential will need to rely on continued decreases in new battery energy storage technologies.

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