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How can Reunion Island achieve energy autonomy?

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How can a new energy system be made in Réunion?

This includes replacing sugar cane with different food crops; restricting urbanization; increasing the capacity for producing energy from waste; significantly scaling up photovoltaicsthat convert sunlight directly into energy; and convincing Ré union islanders to make certain lifestyle changes.

Could Réunion be the first region to send food and energy?

"If there's climate-change problems, or war, or any political conflict in the world, Ré union wouldn't be the first region where people would think to send food or energy," says Jean Philippe Praene, who studies renewable energy at the University of La Ré union in Saint Denis. "So we have to be as self-sufficient as possible."

Does Reunion Island need economic support?

The development of biomass, particularly energy cane, is economically interesting. Solar and marine energy need political and/or economic support to be developed. Reunion Island, a French overseas region located in the Indian Ocean, is facing a three-fold challenge combining demographics, the environment and energy.

How did Reunion Island get its electricity?

Concluding discussion During the 1980s,Reunion Island's entire electricity supply came from renewable hydropower. As the population grew and quality of life improved,coal and oil were introduced to help meet increasing demand.

Can geothermal energy be developed on Reunion Island?

Geothermal energy also presents significant potential for development, with an installed capacity of 30MW; however, the main problem for this resource on Reunion Island is its location in a protected natural area.

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Reunion Island is endowed with many types of renewable energy sources (RES) such as solar, wind, geothermal, sea energy (ocean thermal energy conversion and wave energy), biomass and hydropower. However, reaching this 100% renewable electricity mix will involve many structural changes in electricity production in a short time-frame.

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