

Can a solar array power Tokelau?

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Is Tokelau a solar powered island?

In today's edition, Stephanie Bandi reviewed the newly released documentary Tokelau: The Solar Powered Island of the Future which showcases how the island nation harnesses the energy of the sun to power its three atolls. It's been a long year and it's usually around this time that you might be feeling a bit burnout...

Why did Tokelau switch to solar?

Yet despite the challenges involved in installing comprehensive solar systems in such a remote location, switching to solar was absolutely crucial for the tiny collection of islands. "Tokelau's atolls are low-lying and especially susceptible to the adverse effects of climate change," Mayhew stressed.

How do Tokelau locals get supplies from Samoa?

Tokelau locals get all essential supplies brought from Samoa by boat. (file photo). (file photo: AFP) In today's edition of Reel Talk, Stephanie Bandi reviewed Tokelau: The Solar Powered Island of the Future a documentary that showcases how the island nation harnesses the energy of the sun to power its three atolls.

Why is electricity so expensive in Tokelau?

Before the PowerSmart systems were installed on the nation's three atolls, Tokelau was highly dependent on imported fossil fuels to meet its energy needs and therefore vulnerable to international price fluctuations and increasing fuel costs, making electricity extremely expensive for both households and businesses.

How much does a diesel generator cost in Tokelau?

Indeed, until recently, diesel generators were burning around 200 litres of fuel daily on each atoll, meaning more than 2,000 barrels of diesel were used to generate electricity in Tokelau each year, costing more than \$1m NZD.

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 ...

Tokelau - located just south of the equator, with nearly constant solar irradiation year-round - is an ideal candidate for photovoltaics. The three atolls of Fakaofu, Nukunono and Atafu now operate their own hybrid systems. With 1 megawatt of total power, the plants generate more energy than the 1,411 inhabitants of Tokelau need.

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The documentary tells the story of three small remote atolls in the middle of the Pacific that overcame their isolation and dependence on diesel generators to become the first 100% solar-powered nation in the world, proving that it is possible to reduce the use of fossil fuels and emission of greenhouse gases to a minimum.

Tokelau is the first country in the world to produce all its electricity needs from renewable energy. This small Pacific nation with three atolls and 1160 people has switched off its noisy, polluting diesel generators and is now totally powered by the sun. People in Tokelau began talking about a solar-powered future more than a decade ago.

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