

Can a solar array power Tokelau?

Solar Array's seen on the three tiny islands of Tokelau to completely produce solar power energy. The renewable energy system comprising of solar panels, storage batteries and generators running on biofuel derived from coconut will generate enough electricity to meet 150% of the islands' power demand.

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...

How much electricity does a solar system provide in Tokelau?

Each system alone is among the largest off-grid solar power systems in the world, and together they are capable of providing 150% of current electricity demand in Tokelau, a much higher amount than the 90% that was originally planned for.

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.

Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully today welcomed the completion of a third New Zealand-funded solar power system in Tokelau - meaning almost 100 per cent of the territory's electricity needs are met through solar generation.

By the time the final climate deal was agreed upon by the members of the UN, Tokelau, a remote collection of Pacific atolls, had already installed three solar energy systems that have almost entirely eliminated its reliance on fossil fuels.

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Tokelau's new solar-powered grid was built up over three months and consists of "4,032 photovoltaic panels and 1,344 batteries with generators running on biofuel derived from coconuts," says ...

The fact that he had already made a short documentary about Tokelau in 2006 (ARTE TV Reportage: Independence Referendum in Tokelau) and was thus familiar with the territory and its people, which worked in his favour.

The project includes : 4032 solar modules, 196 string inverters, 112 DC charge controllers, 84 battery inverters and 1344 batteries in 48V banks. The system allows for up to 2 days of energy without any solar input.

The makers of the documentary "The Solar Nation of Tokelau" have made their work available online from the Tokelau website (home page, top left), so the Tokelau community can see it for themselves. Warning, the 44-minute documentary file is a very large mp4 file that may take some time to download.

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