

# Pitcairn Islands energy storage power supply

Can solar energy replace fossil fuels on Pitcairn Island?

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Are the Pitcairn Islands Green?

Pitcairn Islands, a group of five islands with a total area of 47 km<sup>2</sup> and which constitute one of the most remote archipelagos in the world, turn to safer, greener energies that best meet the needs of the population. Pitcairn's authorities have launched a renewable energy project designed to replace fossil fuels with solar energy.

How does the island's power supply work?

While solar energy supply is reduced to the seasonal minimum during these periods, wind power plants, biomass CHPs and pumped storage power plants take over the island's power supply. And in cases of necessity - on cloudy days without wind, for example - gas CHPs and emergency generators can provide the needed power.

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Due to the island's mountainous topography and the high amount of wind present on the island, the idea for this project was to install a pumped-storage power plant that is fed by a windfarm. The Gorono des Viento wind farm opened in 2014 and it feeds the ...

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The Solar Hybrid Systems project in Adamstown, PITCAIRN ISLANDS, is working to supply and install a solar PV hybrid energy system for the benefit of Adamstown community and the government of Pitcairn to achieve their renewable energy objective.

But the energy mix - the balance of sources of energy in the supply - is becoming increasingly important as countries try to shift away from fossil fuels towards low-carbon sources of energy (nuclear or renewables including hydropower, solar and wind).

The review process identified three main storage typologies suitable for deployment in island systems: (a) storage coupled with RES within a hybrid power station, (b) centrally managed standalone storage installations, and (c) behind-the-meter storage installations.

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