

Costa Rica rooftop solar power generation system





Overview

Does Costa Rica have solar power?

Costa Rica has tremendous potential for solar PV. When restricted by its proximity to power lines and terrain slope (no higher than 30%)³, Costa Rica has over 8,000 km² of land on which 200 GW of solar power can potentially be generated.

How much energy does Costa Rica need?

To supply all required energy across all sectors, including the increased electricity demand for electric vehicles. Only 6% of Costa Rica's solar power potential (approx. 196 GW) and 25% of its wind power potential (approx. 15 GW) would suffice to achieve 100%RE. Both energy resources are primarily concentrated in the central and southern regions.

What percentage of Costa Rica's electricity is renewable?

Costa Rica has a high percentage of renewable electricity for most of the year. In fact, 2018 was the fourth year in a row that Costa Rica generated more than 80% of its electricity from renewable sources. Costa Rica has so far primarily used hydropower for electricity generation—it made up 72% in 2017/18—and the rest from geothermal and solar.

How can Costa Rica meet future energy demand?

To diversify solar PV and onshore wind development. In order to meet future energy demand through 100%RE, Costa Rica will need to diversify its electricity matrix, thereby keeping storage demand low and security of supply high, while reducing dependencies on hydropower, which is currently the primary source.

Will rooftop solar photovoltaics achieve high energy productivity by 2030?

Costa Rica can achieve high energy productivity by 2030. Role of future energy utilities: With the 'grid parity' of rooftop solar photovoltaics below most current retail tariffs, this modelling assumes that energy utilities of the future will take up the challenge of increased local generation and develop new business models that focus on energy services.

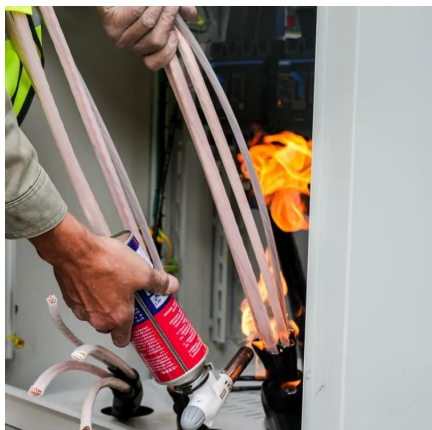


Does Costa Rica have a wind farm?

the Greater Metropolitan Area of San José. Wind: Costa Rica has about 15 GW on-shore wind potential for utility-scale wind farms and an additional 27 GW of off-shore wind potential. Off-shore wind however, has not been considered, due to its proximity to maritime protected areas. Costs: Both scenarios show that 100% RE can save almost



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