



# Costa Rica new energy

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How will renewables affect Costa Rica's energy system?

Both renewable scenarios will result in a high proportion of variable power generation (PV and wind): 33%-31% by 2030 and 54%-66% by 2050. Such a varied mix of renewables will make Costa Rica's energy system more resilient, efficient and affordable.

Does Costa Rica have a Green Energy Miracle?

Costa Rica's green energy miracle is at a critical juncture. According to the National Electricity Control Center, Costa Rica's renewable energy generation decreased from 99% in 2021 to 98% in 2022. It is estimated to be between 92% and 95% in 2023.

Does Costa Rica have 100% renewable electricity?

To date, Costa Rica is one of very few countries to run on 100% renewable electricity for the largest part of the year. In fact, 2018 was the fourth year in a row that Costa Rica generated more than 98% of its electricity from renewable sources (2015: 98.99%; 2016: 98.21%; 2017: 99.67%; 2018: 98.15%).

Does Costa Rica need a strong energy infrastructure?

As a smaller nation with a population of only 5 million and no major industry, the need for strong energy infrastructure is less than for larger countries of higher population density. While Costa Rica's largest source of energy is hydroelectricity, other sources include geothermal energy, biomass, solar power, and wind power.

Does Costa Rica have a national energy plan?

Land use: Costa Rica intends to increase the current 52% of forest cover to 60% by 2050 and improve access to green spaces for citizens. Costa Rica's National Energy Plan 2015-2030 (PNE) is the country's seventh national energy plan and is inspired by the National Development Plan 2015-2018 (MINAE, 2015a).

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developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided

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The map displays the resources and energy infrastructure of the region as of 2022. Data is available for mining, electricity generation capacity, natural gas and oil infrastructure, as well as the vulnerability of these resources and energy supply infrastructure to climate impacts in the region.



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