

# Industrial power backup Cook Islands

Does the Cook Islands have electricity?

The Cook Islands has a financially healthy electricity sector with technical and commercial challenges requiring on-going investment. With the exception of Pukapuka, Nassau and Suvarrow, the Cook Islands has some form of electricity network. Power supply on Rarotonga is the responsibility of the government-owned utility Te Aponga Uira ("TAU").

Can solar power be used in the Cook Islands?

The Cook Islands has abundant solar radiation, which makes solar electricity PV an attractive option. On average, about 80 percent of households already use solar water heating, and we are committed to increasing the use of photovoltaics for electricity generation and to reduce reliance on diesel.

Why is energy important in the Cook Islands?

Energy is a fundamental prerequisite to the sustainable socio-economic development of a nation. As such, the Cook Islands Government considers that environmental protection, energy security and economic growth are inseparable key pillars of our country's development.

What makes the Cook Islands unique?

As a small island developing state, the Cook Islands has unique attributes that considerably enhance the benefits to be gained from renewable electricity. Located in the South Pacific Ocean, the Cook Islands is sandwiched between Tonga to the west, Kiribati to the north and French Polynesia to the east.

Why is pricing important in the Cook Islands?

Pricing is a key tool for influencing consumer behaviour. An appropriate price needs to be set that encourages energy efficient behaviour and reduces the costs to the Government, whilst also achieving its vision of reducing the costs of living and business for residents and attracting Cook Islands people to live and invest in their homeland.

The prime purpose of this study is to assist the government of the Cook Islands (GOCI) to assess the investment for rehabilitation and expansion of electric supply throughout the Cook Islands, including Rarotonga.

Te Aponga Uira generates and distributes electricity to Rarotonga in accordance with its mandate under the Te Aponga Uira O Tumu-te-Varovaro Act (1991). TAU is a critical key infrastructure asset for Rarotonga and the wider Cook Islands.

The Pacific Energy Group became established in the Cook Islands in 2010 thanks to the acquisition of the BP assets. Ever since, the Group has renewed its partnership with the power plant TAU and equipped itself with a new refueler to support the business growth. Optimization and quality of supply are also a priority.

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Te Mana Uira o Araura (TMU) is a critical key infrastructure asset for Aitutaki (formerly Aitutaki Power Supply Limited). TMU is a limited liability company with the principal activity of generating and distribute electricity on Aitutaki

Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m<sup>2</sup>) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

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All inhabited islands of the Cook Islands currently have centralised power supplies, providing single phase (230 V) or three phase (415 V) through a distribution grid to most residential and commercial and industrial customers 4.



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