



This includes replacing sugar cane with different food crops; restricting urbanization; increasing the capacity for producing energy from waste; significantly scaling up photovoltaicsthat convert sunlight directly into energy; and convincing R&#233;union islanders to make certain lifestyle changes.

Although laudable, switching to renewables will not solve the self-sufficiency problem. The renewable sources R&#233;union uses to generate electricity will still be mainly imported from abroad. "Forests will be cut in Canada to put in our furnaces in R&#233;union island," says Mathieu David, who studies mechanics and energy at the University of La R&#233;union.

"If there's climate-change problems, or war, or any political conflict in the world, R&#233;union wouldn't be the first region where people would think to send food or energy," says Jean Philippe Praene, who studies renewable energy at the University of La R&#233;union in Saint Denis. "So we have to be as self-sufficient as possible."

Part of this concern stemmed from R&#233;union's over-reliance on imports,including for energy,says Russeil,who is now at the French National Research Institute for Agriculture,Food and Environment in Paris.

Although electricity self-sufficiency on Réunion is theoretically possible, there are still a number of constraints imposed by factors such as nature, technology and economics. The island's remote location and geographical features are serious challenges for starters.

And there are other sustainable options that R&#233;union could pursue that don't require complete self-sufficiency, such as purchasing a small amount of renewable fuel from abroad -- for example, green hydrogen from Australia. Far from a failing, Grondin says, this would just be a smart way to strategize.

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