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Overview

How much solar energy does Costa Rica produce?

Currently, Costa Rica generates less than 1% of its energy production using solar power. The rest of the production is 79% Hydro, 12% Wind and 8% Geothermal. The final users of solar equipment are found in the residential, commercial, utility and in a lesser degree off-grid mostly in the inaccessible mountains and Cocos Island.

Is solar a viable energy source in Costa Rica?

Critically, the literature reveals gaps in solar-specific research for Costa Rica. While hydroelectric and geothermal energy dominate academic focus, solar remains underrepresented, despite its potential to address energy security and grid stability.

Can solar power improve Costa Rica's energy security?

Solar energy, though currently a minor player, offers untapped potential to enhance Costa Rica's energy security. The country's tropical climate ensures consistent sunlight, making solar PV systems ideal for both utility-scale and distributed generation.

Can solar power diversify the energy mix in Costa Rica?

While hydroelectric power dominates the energy mix at approximately 80% of electricity production, solar energy, though currently a smaller contributor, holds significant potential to diversify and stabilize the grid. This paper investigates Costa Rica's renewable energy journey, emphasizing solar power's evolving role.



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Costa Rica Chucas Hydropower Station

A view of the Chucas Hydropower Station in Costa Rica. The Chucas Hydropower Station is located on the Tárcoles River, 40 kilometers south of the capital city, San José, in Costa Rica.

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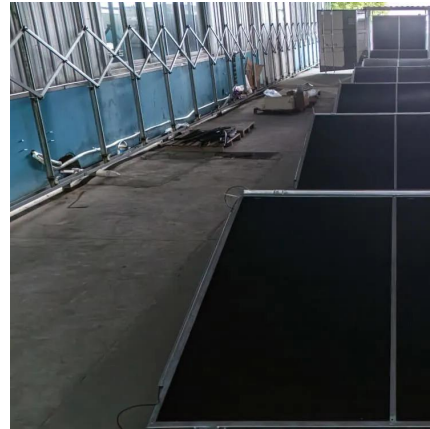


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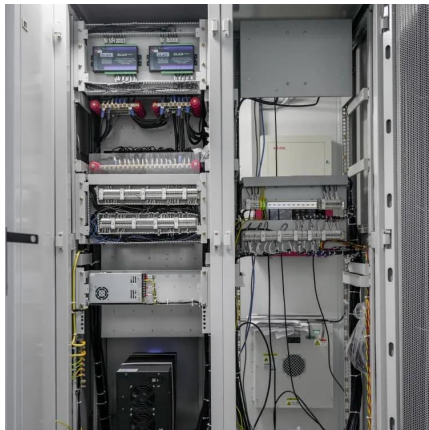
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