

120 MW of solar energy in Honduras

Does Honduras have a solar market?

Honduras' solar market is now the second largest in all of Latin America, with Chile being the first. Honduras is also one of the first non-island countries that has been able to use 10% of its solar energy for electric generation. Other forms of renewable energy include biomass at 10%, wind at 7% and geothermal at 1%.

Does Honduras have solar power?

Honduras has a large potential for solar photovoltaic generation. In fact, it is a practical solution for servicing energy-isolated rural communities. In 2007, there were about 5,000 individual Solar Home Systems, with an average size between 30 Wp and 50 Wp, which makes up for a total capacity of approximately 15 to 25 kW of power.

Can Honduras generate electricity based on hydropower?

In Honduras, there is a large potential for electricity generation based on hydropower. In 2003 then President Ricardo Maduro put in place a Special Commission for the Development of Hydroelectric Projects. There are 16 new hydro projects that are expected to be commissioned before 2011, with an overall capacity of 206.5 MW.

Can Honduras generate electricity from biomass?

Honduras has a large potential for electricity generation from biomass, mainly from the sugar industry. Currently, there are nine biomass projects in operation, with a total of 81.75 MW installed capacity. These plants are estimated to supply 2.3 percent of the total demand of energy in Honduras for 2007.

How much energy does Honduras use?

The total primary energy consumption in Honduras is around 4.62 Mtoe or 53,730.6 GWh.

How many hydro power plants are there in Honduras?

There has been an intensive use of small- and medium-scale hydro energy, with 14 out of 16 existing hydro plants with capacity below 30 MW. Two large plants (El Cajón Dam (Honduras) and Rio Lindo) account, however, for more than 70% of the total capacity. In Honduras, there is a large potential for electricity generation based on hydropower.

In 2022, Honduras' energy mix was dominated by oil, constituting 54.9% of the total energy supply, followed by biofuels and waste at 32.2%. Modern renewables like hydro, solar, and wind, excluding traditional biomass practices like burning wood or agricultural residues, accounted for 12.9%. In 2024, the country had 849 MW of installed capacity in hydro power. There ...

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