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## **Cook Islands starsight energy**

Who imports the fuel in Cook Islands?

85% of the country's fuel and all of its jet fuel is imported by Pacific Energy. The Energy Act 1998 established an Energy Division within the Ministry of Works, Energy and Physical Planning (now Infrastructure Cook Islands) responsible for energy policy and electricity inspections.

#### 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 Suwarrow, 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").

#### How will new energy technologies affect the Cook Islands?

In future,new energy technologies such as marine energy may offer new opportunities for the Cook Islands to generate electricity from other renewable sources. Developments in energy storage or in energy efficiency may also further reduce the Cook Islands' reliance on diesel. The Cook Islands prefers to use proven and economic energy technologies.

#### Can a partner help the Cook Islands achieve its targets?

The Cook Islands is looking for partners who can help achieve its targetsthrough funding the conversion of one or more of the islands from diesel generation to renewable energy. We acknowledge the support we have already received from our partners.

#### What changes will the Cook Islands make?

The changes will include management of power utilities, environmentally friendly and cost effective renewable electricity sources, and energy efficient strategies. The Cook Islands will be careful in its selection of renewable electricity options and will not entertain unproven or non-commercial technologies.

#### Why is energy important in the Cook Islands?

Energy is a fundamental prerequisite to the sustainable socio-economic development 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.

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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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Renewable Energy Opportunities and Challenges in the Pacific Islands Region: Cook Islands 1 1. Country context Physical description. The Cook Islands consist of 15 islands totalling 240 km2 of land, located in the South Pacific Ocean half-way between Tonga and Tahiti. Ap-proximately 90% of the land and population are in the



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