

Does photovoltaic development improve environmental conditions in desert areas?

Photovoltaic development in desert areas has significantly improved local ecological and environmental conditions. At the WPS, the Status and Impact scores were 0.182 and 0.11, respectively, indicating a significant impact on the ecological environment of the study area.

Are desert areas suitable for building photovoltaic power stations?

As is shown in Fig. S1, most desert areas are suitable for building photovoltaic power stations when considering three factors: slope, distance from fresh water resources, and solar irradiation, especially deserts in Australia and Africa.

Are PV power stations causing vegetation changes in desert areas?

This study used CCDC-SMA and the proposed PAVG fraction to analyze vegetation changes caused by large-scale deployment of PV power stations in desert areas. The results demonstrated that PV plants in China's desert regions have expanded rapidly in recent years, reaching 102.56 km² in 2018.

Does PV power station deployment promote desert greening in China?

In general, the desert greening (with a significant increase in vegetation) in China from PV power station deployment is largely promoted by the policy-driven Photovoltaic Desert Control Projects. However, the human activities effects on vegetation are often superimposed on the long-term climate-driven variations.

Can desert photovoltaic power replace coal-fired power?

In the future carbon-neutral scenario, photovoltaic power from deserts is one of the optimal choices to completely replace coal-fired power (12). Large desert photovoltaic power stations have been successfully and repeatedly practiced in the world.

Do PV power stations reduce desertification?

This study shows the great benefits of PV power stations in combating desertification and improving people's welfare, which bring sustainable economic, ecological and social prosperity in sandy ecosystems. Zilong Xia: Conceptualization, Methodology, Writing - original draft, Visualization. Yingjie Li: Conceptualization, Writing - review & editing.

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Our results show that PV plant construction in desert regions can significantly improve the ecosystem, even

with natural restoration measures (M1) alone, resulting in a 74% ...

the center of the photovoltaic power station. Therefore, future plans for desert photovoltaic power station construction should take into account the impacts on local climate and environment. ...

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