## Tokelau warehouse solar system



## Can a solar array power Tokelau?

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How much electricity does a solar system provide in Tokelau?

Each system alone is among the largest off-grid solar power systems in the world, and together they are capable of providing 150% of current electricity demand in Tokelau, a much higher amount than the 90% that was originally planned for.

## Why did Tokelau switch to solar?

Yet despite the challenges involved in installing comprehensive solar systems in such a remote location, switching to solar was absolutely crucial for the tiny collection of islands. " Tokelau's atolls are low-lying and especially susceptible to the adverse effects of climate change, " Mayhew stressed.

Who will install a new solar system in Tokelau?

Jointly funded by the governments of Tokelau and New Zealand,the \$NZ9 million (\$USD5.7m) system will be installed by New Zealand companyVector PowerSmart. Tokelau's existing solar system was eight years old and in need of upgrading because of increasing demand for electricity and wear and tear from the harsh marine environment, it said.

The South Pacific nation of Tokelau became the first country in the world to have all of its electricity needs met by solar power. Designed by Powersmart Solar in partnership with ITP Renewables, construction of the combined 1 MW of stand-alone PV spread across the three atolls was completed in October 2012.

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renewable energy status in the future using wind power. This is going to reduce the need for diesel fuel backup in prolonged times of cloudy weather, and when the solar cell system needs maintenance.

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A week ago New Zealand solar systems installer PowerSmart said it had wrapped up 1 MW of solar installations that can meet 150% of the current electricity needs of Tokelau. The islands, administered by New Zealand, have a population of about 1,500 people.

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