

Are France's Islands self-sufficiency?

The challenge is greater for bigger islands, especially those with significant industrial activity, high standards of living and large numbers of people. Another of France's island departments, Corsica, has similar energy self-sufficiency to Réunion, about 13%. The two islands share the same electricity grid operators.

Is Corsica more energy-independent than France?

Corsica is more than three times larger than Réunion but has a smaller population and lower levels of energy consumption. It's also connected to the Italian power grid, whereas Réunion is "totally isolated", Grondin says. Of France's other island departments, New Caledonia is bottom of the energy-independence list, at just 3%.

Is biomass a viable energy source for Reunion Island?

The development of biomass on Reunion Island is economically more viable. By 2030 in the transition scenarios, electricity from biomass has advantageously replaced electricity from coal and represents slightly more than 50% of electricity generation.

Could Réunion be a sustainable country?

And there are other sustainable options that Réunion could pursue that don't require complete self-sufficiency, such as purchasing a small amount of renewable fuel from abroad -- for example, green hydrogen from Australia. Far from a failing, Grondin says, this would just be a smart way to strategize.

French Southern Territories, comprising of several islands in the Indian Ocean, are isolated with a harsh climate, making technology and telecommunications development challenging. The territories have no indigenous population, with only temporary French military personnel, scientists, officials and support staff residing.

Isolated French power systems, such as the overseas departments and territories, are facing high ambitions for decarbonization of the energy mix. These systems encompass a wide variety of situations, with wide range of consumption levels and numerous decarbonization strategies, which include massive penetration of solar and wind generation.

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Paul Verrill, director of energy data analysis & consultancy firm EnAppSys, explains how renewable energy generation, with the integration of smart grid technologies and efficiency energy storage systems, can create a sustainable power system for the future.

In this unique report, we explore the consequences of a rapidly changing power system. We forecast the development and energy mix of power generation through to 2050, the impact for grids, and what it means in terms of future investments, household expenditure, risk and opportunities related to digitalization and AI, the need for new market ...

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The recent trend of integrating large portions of environmentally sustainable power generation units that have a significantly volatile nature in the generation mix (such as wind and solar energy conversion systems) within this fragile structure, poses profound challenges that need deeper and specific analysis.



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