

Does wind energy contribute to the electrification of Benin?

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What is the wind potential of Benin?

The theoretical wind potential of Benin is estimated to be 322 MW, with a wind speed at 10 m ranging from 3 to 6.1 m/s in the coastal zone and from 1 to 2 m/s in the country's north.

What are the future prospects for small wind turbines in Benin?

It is expected that by 2025-30, the small wind turbine sector in Benin will be a solid industry with an indispensable contribution to the electrification of the country. Table 4 summarizes the future prospects for RE in the context of Benin with some barriers to the implementation of RE projects in Benin.

Does Benin have electricity?

Electricity consumption in the Republic of Benin is highly dependent on external supplies, with 90% of the country's electricity coming from Ghana (Okanla, 2014, as cited by Kwakwa, 2018). Benin is subject to power cuts and recurrent energy crises, according to Atchike et al. (2020).

Which renewable resources are available in Benin?

Of all the available renewable resources in Benin, solar has the greatest potential, and is the easiest to implement for solving problems in the Republic of Benin.

What is Benin's current energy situation?

This section provides information on Benin's current energy situation with energy demand-and-supply scenarios. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), 41% of Benin's population currently have access to electricity.

This study aims to forecast the energy demand for Benin while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and propose alternative solutions to clean energy deployment barriers. The Low Emissions Analysis Platform (LEAP) is used to explore the future energy demand for Benin and associated GHG emissions.

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The EnergyPLAN energy model is used to analyze the energy, environmental, and economic impacts of various energy strategies in the Benin Republic. In addition, the study also proposed a mathematical model to estimate electricity generation from the conversion of municipal solid waste (MSW) into methane (CH_4) in Benin.

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In this study, multicriteria decision-making (MCDM) methods are used to prioritize alternatives such as solar photovoltaic (PV), concentrated solar power (CSP), wind energy, hydropower, and ...

Domestic energy production. Energy production includes any fossil fuels drilled and mined, which can be burned to produce electricity or used as fuels, as well as energy produced by nuclear fission and renewable power sources such as hydro, wind and solar PV.

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Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m^2) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

Wind potential in Benin has been measured by the Air Navigation Safety Agency (ASECNA), and indicates that only the coastal regions have significant potential and wind speeds at constant levels throughout the year.

Benin wind energy solutions

Speeds vary from 4 to 6 m/s, and from 1 to 2 m/s along the coast, and in the north of the country, respectively [50].

