



# Montserrat solar powered generators

Who provided the power data for the solar PV project in Montserrat?

The power data was kindly provided by the Government of Montserrat. Figure 16: Placard for the 250kW solar PV project in Montserrat. Renewable Energy planning in Montserrat

How much does electricity cost in Montserrat?

Montserrat's utility rates start at \$0.53 per kilowatt-hour(kWh) for residential customers, which is above the Caribbean regional average of \$0.33/kWh. Like many island nations, Montserrat is almost entirely dependent on imported fossil fuels, leaving it vulnerable to global oil price fluctuations that directly impact the cost of electricity.

Does Montserrat need a geothermal plant?

To go beyond this, Montserrat is developing plans to ensure the electricity system can operate reliably. The target of 100% was based on information provided from the 2010 geothermal study<sup>4</sup>, and an Early Market Engagement exercise in 2017 to procure a 2.5-5MW geothermal plant which would satisfy 100% of the Montserrat energy requirement.

Can wind energy be implemented in Montserrat?

Although wind energy has not yet been fully re-explored in Montserrat, a desktop study using RE-SAT wind resource maps was conducted to determine suitable locations for the implementation of wind energy. The outcome of this study was included in their first Environmental Statistics Compendium<sup>6</sup> in Montserrat, which was published in 2020.

What is Montserrat energy policy 2016-2030?

(Montserrat Energy Policy 2016-2030). o In-country commitment is vital for the success of partnership projects: The lead partner in Montserrat, the Energy Unit at the Ministry for Communications, Work, Energy and Labour (MCWEL), facilitated the engagement with other organisations.

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generators and four high-speed models well beyond their design lifetimes. Initially intended for emergency use, these generators have been the primary power source for over two decades, resulting in inefficiencies and avoidable costs. Rising diesel prices have compounded this issue, making the status quo unsustainable.



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The 250kW Solar PV System which sits atop the government buildings in Shinlands is now contributing to the island's power supply. According to an update shared by the Ministry of Communications, Works, Labour, and Energy (MCWLE) which has responsibility for Montserrat Utilities, Ltd. (MUL), a technician has completed the first phase in the ...

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Montserrat Utilities Ltd. (MUL) is happy to report the successful commissioning of the new refurbished 2MW High Speed containerised generator, labelled as No. 5B, procured from Ring Power Corporation after significant market engagement earlier this year, is now online and actively generating power to the grid.

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Peak power demand is 2 megawatts (MW) for the island and electricity is generated using four diesel units, run by MUL with a total capacity of 6.22 MW in 2014. The utility plans to expand further to 7.72 MW by installing a new 1.5-MW diesel generator, which is ...

As at 2021, Montserrat relies on diesel for 96.7% of its electricity generation needs, with 3.3 % generated by



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