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# **Palau's energy storage companies exporting**



## Overview

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When did Palau launch its first solar and battery energy storage system?

Palau on June 3 launched its first solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) project on Friday. The project was made possible by Renewable company Alternergy Holdings Corp. and its subsidiary Solar Pacific Energy Corporation.

Does Palau rely on fossil fuels?

As a small island developing state, the Republic of Palau sought to wean itself off its dependence on fossil fuel for power, which accounts for 99.7% of the country's power generation. To address this issue, Palau invited Solar Pacific Energy Corporation (SPEC), Alternergy's solar developer, to develop a clean, renewable energy source.

What is the Palau solar battery project?

The Palau Solar Battery Project will be the largest such project in the Western Pacific. It will lessen Palau's imported fuel dependency, a major step towards its ambitious goal of 100%.

Does Palau have a battery storage system?

As there is no battery storage system currently present in Palau, the panels can only generate throughout the day when the sun is available, and no electricity can be stored for later use. Furthermore, the figure also confirms that Palau's current power system is widely dominated by fossil fuel generation.

How will solar energy be produced in Palau?

Solar electricity will be produced by a hybrid 15.3 MWdc (13.2 MWac) solar photovoltaic (PV) plus 10.2 MWac/12.9 MWh battery energy storage system facility. Extensive safeguards to protect Palau's pristine environment SPEC did not leave any stone unturned to protect the pristine Palau ecosystem.

## Does Palau have a renewable power system?

The results of the optimisation show that Palau's current power system is dominated by diesel generation, with renewable energy only taking a small share (just 4%). With more deployment, however, the share taken by renewables could potentially increase to more than 92%. This corresponds to the lowest average system LCOE.

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