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Uruguay wind power storage



Overview

Does Uruguay have a wind farm?

Sierra de los Caracoles wind farm. Wind power in Uruguay generates a rapidly growing proportion of the country's electricity mix. In 2014, Uruguay installed the most wind power capacity per capita in the world. Overall, the majority of Uruguayan electricity generation is derived from hydroelectric sources.

Does Uruguay have a wind power auction?

In 2009, Uruguay started holding auctions in which different wind companies from around the world came to bid on how cheaply they'd sell renewable energy to the country. In 2011, Uruguay held an auction intended to secure 150 megawatts of new wind power, which would have represented about 5% of the country's energy generating capacity.

Why did Uruguay start using wind turbines?

Avoiding nuclear power entirely, Uruguay first embraced wind turbines as a source of cheap, reliable power; providing 40% of the country's capacity in less than a decade.

What is Uruguay's energy future?

His vision for Uruguay's energy future was to cover that empty land with hundreds of wind turbines. Today, wind power accounts for around 40% of Uruguay's energy production. And, according to a 2008 law, all the wind in the country officially belongs to the Uruguayan people.

Does Uruguay have wind power?

Uruguay began exporting excess wind power to Argentina in 2016. As a result, wind development exceeded the government's initial expectations, with wind energy generation near 5,000 gigawatt hours and generating about 40% of the country's electricity.

How difficult is it to expand wind energy in Uruguay?

The smallest obstacle is the availability of resources for financing (#26), while wind energy price (#31), macroeconomic instability (#28), lack of qualified staff (#30), and lack of infrastructure in general (#30) were generally not perceived as a difficulty that could hamper the long-term expansion of the wind source in Uruguay.

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