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Photovoltaic solar panels in Eritrea



Overview

Does Eritrea have solar power?

Eritrea's weather, characterized by long sunny days throughout the year, makes it suitable for harnessing solar power. Data from the wind and solar monitoring stations installed in many parts of Eritrea show that the country has a great potential, around 6 kwh/m² of solar energy.

Can a digital elevation model estimate solar energy in Eritrea?

In this work, a digital elevation model (DEM) is applied to estimate the potential of solar energy in Eritrea at a regional level for the photovoltaic system. The ArcGIS and ENVI softwares are used to compute the solar radiation from the DEM data.

What are the benefits of solar energy in Eritrea?

The government of Eritrea has been making efforts to promote the use of alternative sources of energy, especially solar energy, to mitigate the problems associated with the use of fossil fuel. A major benefit of solar energy is that it does not pollute the environment and saves money in the long run even if its installation cost is quite high.

Is Eritrea suitable to develop photovoltaics electricity?

Thus the results show that Eritrea is suitable to develop the photovoltaics (PVs) electricity where the 69% and 31% part of the country is categorized as excellent suitable and highly suitable to generate the PVs power.

Where is Eritrea's first solar plant?

The government of Eritrea has received a \$49.92 million grant from the African Development Bank to fund a 30 MW photovoltaic plant in the town of Dekemhare, 40 km southeast of the capital Asmara. It will be the country's first large-scale solar plant.

What is Eritrea's main source of energy?

Eritrea's major source of energy is petroleum, which drains the foreign currency reserves of the country and is globally a major cause of pollution. The government of Eritrea has been making efforts to promote the use of alternative sources of energy, especially solar energy, to mitigate the problems associated with the use of fossil fuel.

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