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Laos sells solar power generation and energy storage equipment



Overview

How many solar power plants are there in Laos?

However, by the end of last year, only eight solar power projects and four biomass power plants were in operation, with an installed generation capacity of 116 MW, representing just 1% of the country's total electricity production. As of early 2023, Laos produced power from 76 hydropower dams, with another 43 still under construction.

How much does electricity cost in Laos?

To its credit, state-run electricity company Electricité du Laos (EDL) is trying to encourage more solar power development by offering a tariff rate of USD 0.08 per kilowatt-hour (kWh). That's higher than the rate for hydropower-generated electricity, which ranges from USD 0.05 to 0.06 per kWh.

Should Laos manage its own power grid?

A better path forward would be for Laos to manage its own power grid to increase the efficacy of its growing electricity exports, along with much-needed revenue, and help develop its domestic grid for more solar power on its path to net zero in 2050. Tim has been working in energy markets in the Asia-Pacific region for more than ten years.

Does Laos export electricity to Singapore?

Laos also exports smaller amounts of electricity to Singapore using existing interconnections from Thailand and Malaysia. However, Laos generally suffers from energy instability because most of its power plants are owned by international businesses and generate electricity for export.

Can commercial wind power be developed in Laos?

Commercial wind power capacity, however, could see limited development due to typically low wind speeds. Laos has also struggled to maintain grid integrity, which could cause future grid curtailment as it seeks to develop

more renewable energy sources.

Is renewable power gaining traction in Laos?

Renewable power generation is slowly gaining traction in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos). However, the country of only 8 million people doesn't receive as much attention as its larger and more powerful fellow Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members, particularly Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

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