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Where is wind power used in New Caledonia?

Wind power is a small part of the renewable energy market in New Caledonia and is used mainly at nickel refineriesor as a back-up power source. The towns of Voh and Mont-Dore,home to the two main wind farms, are each also home to a nickel refinery. French companies also dominate this market segment.

#### Does New Caledonia have a wind farm?

To date New Caledonia has no offshore wind farms. Biomass energy production in New Caledonia only occurs at the Ouvéa (Fayaoué) power plant. This power plant, with a capacity of 300 kVA, consists of a generator running on diesel and coconut oil from a local coconut oil factory.

### How much energy does New Caledonia use?

Nickel refining is energy intensive and the sector is by far the greatest user of energy in New Caledonia, at around 75-80% of total usage. Each of the three largest refineries uses approximately 100-200MW of power, collectively some 500-600MW. The power generation infrastructure at SLN is aging and parts are up to 50 years old.

## Which French energy companies are in New Caledonia?

There are a number of French energy companies present in New Caledonia, including Total, Engie and Vergnet, which are well-placed to deliver most of these projects. Government efforts are largely being funded by carbon and energy transition taxes at the pump on petrol and diesel, but they are also looking to secure funding from France and the EU.

#### What is New Caledonia's energy transition plan?

Under its Energy Transition Plan New Caledonia plans to intensify research in renewable energy sources, establish regulatory standards (for example in transport and hydrogen), and ensure climate change in considered all future public policy.

## What is New Caledonia's energy policy?

As a country of Oceania, one of the parts of the world most impacted by climate change, New Caledonia wishes to be exemplary in terms of energy policy. Building on the Paris Agreement, the Congress of New Caledonia adopted the Energetic Transition Scheme of New Caledonia (STENC) in June 2016. The scheme has three main objectives for 2030:

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But the electricity mix - the balance of sources of electricity in the supply - is becoming increasingly important as countries try to shift away from fossil fuels towards low-carbon ...

Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m2) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country"s land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

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New Caledonia's 2018 energy review showed that its electricity production from renewable sources, solar, wind, hydro and to a lesser extent biomass, was 11.7%. The national electricity grid operator Enercal uses energy drawn from these renewable sources first, then draws from carbon-based power plants associated with the three largest nickel ...

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