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What research has been done on Heard Island and McDonald Islands?

A 2024 report, Conservation values in the marine environment surrounding Heard Island and the McDonald Islands summarises the latest research in the region. The Parks Australia Science Atlas and the Australian Antarctic program science database contain more information about research conducted in the region.

Will near-mainland islands provide a significant export of RES-electricity?

Thus, in future, rather than importing electricity via interconnector, near-mainland islands may provide significant exports of RES-Electricity whilst accessing balancing power from the mainland, perhaps in combination with in-island generation and storage.

Are small island energy companies able to develop storage systems?

Small island energy companies do nottypically have the research or engineering capability to internally assess the viability of storage projects. Small island power companies find it difficult to raise the required finance for implementation of storage systems. Project costs here can be very significant relative to the scale of the system.

Where are Heard Island and McDonald Islands located?

The islands are a territory (Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands) of Australiaadministered from Hobart by the Australian Antarctic Division of the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Should Islands be connected to mainland power systems?

At the cost of an often very significant capital investment, connecting islands to mainland power systems can significantly reduce the costs of electricity supply. Several techno-economic analyses have investigated relatively positive cases for interconnection, e.g. for several Greek islands and for Malta,.

Why are Heard Island and McDonald Islands vulnerable?

Heard Island and McDonald Islands and the surrounding ocean ecosystem are subject to various pressures due to their isolation, unique geography, and vulnerability. This report describes these pressures including from climate change, pollution, tourism, scientific research, and fisheries.

Heard Island and the McDonald Islands are free from introduced predators and provide crucial breeding habitat in the middle of the vast Southern Ocean for a range of birds. The surrounding waters are important feeding areas for birds ...

Big Ben has erupted several times over the past two decades. McDonald Island lies 43.5 kilometres due west of Heard Island, and is the major island in the McDonald Islands group. It is a mere 186 metres high and it too



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Four islands are taken for detailed study, in order to identify solutions to some of the energy challenges faced by island systems, with a focus on interconnection, renewables ...

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The subantarctic island group of Heard Island and McDonald Islands (HIMI) is located in the southwest Indian Ocean at about 53°S, 73°30"E. The islands are around 4,000 kilometres ...

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