

Why should Tajikistan invest in hydropower?

Tajikistan's geographic proximity to some of the world's fastest-growing energy markets means that investing in developing its hydropower potential can contribute to regional energy security and the clean energy transition, in addition to addressing Tajikistan's high vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters.

What are alternative energy sources in Tajikistan?

In Tajikistan, alternative energy sources account for approximately 2% of the total energy balance and are mainly micro and mini-hydro power plants, 95% are large hydropower plants, and 3% are thermal power plants that use coal. About 300 small HPPs have been built in the country.

Can wind energy compete with Tajikistan's hydropower potential?

Given this data, we can say that wind energy can compete with the country's hydropower potential. Judging by information from the Ministry of Energy of Tajikistan, there are only 9 wind turbines with a total capacity of 5.1 kilowatts and 2,433 solar generators with a total capacity of only 8.87 kilowatts in the country.

Does Tajikistan have a hydro power plant?

With abundant water potential from its rivers, natural lakes and glaciers, Tajikistan is almost exclusively reliant on hydro for electricity generation. It is home to some of the world's largest hydropower plants and is ranked eighth in the world for hydropower potential with an estimated 527 terawatt-hours (TWh).

Does Tajikistan have solar energy?

The potential of solar and wind energy in Tajikistan is quite high. The country is located between 36°40' and 41°05' north latitude. Meteorologists call this zone a "golden belt" of sunshine.

Can small-scale hydropower improve energy security in Afghanistan?

With Afghanistan literally across the river in Darvaz, Tajikistan, it has become evident that small-scale hydropower can play a critical role in energy security. The Government of Afghanistan has invited Pamir Energy to replicate its model, eventually bringing light and warmth to 1.5 million people in northern Afghanistan.

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