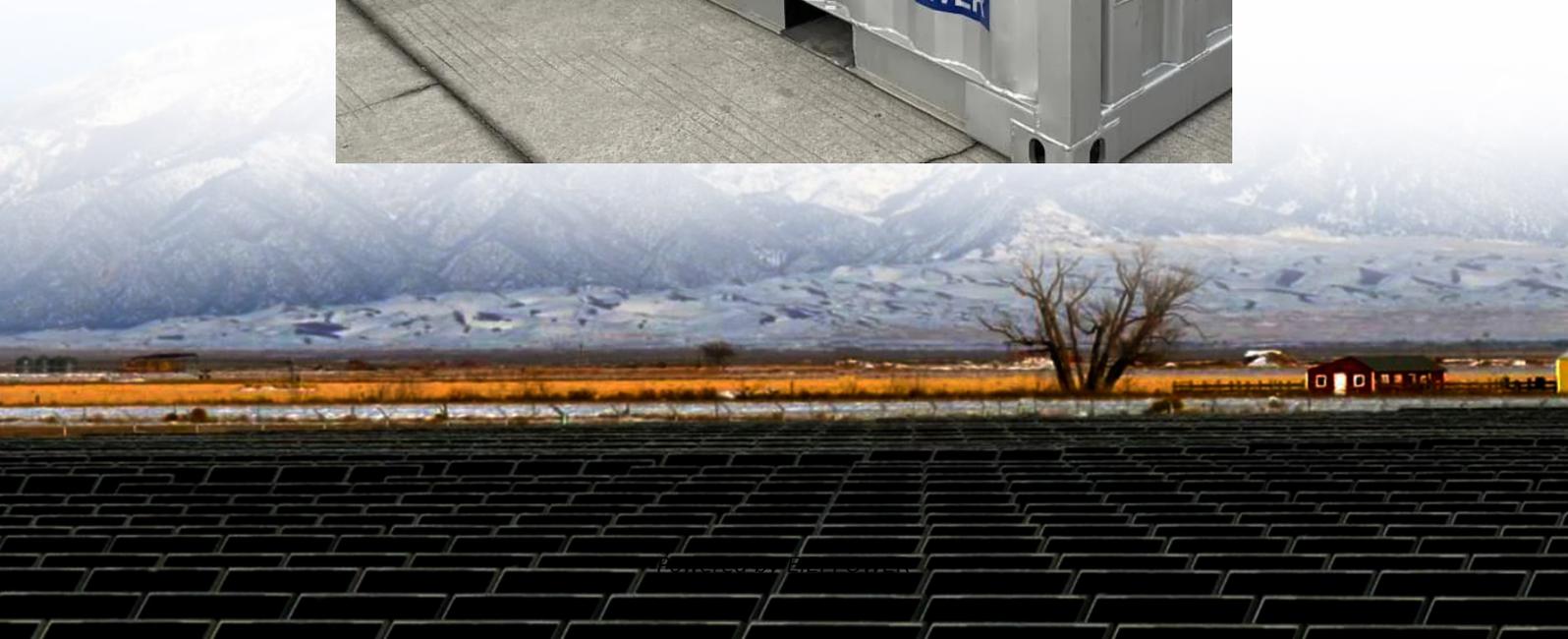


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## Overview

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Can solar power improve Costa Rica's energy security?

Solar energy, though currently a minor player, offers untapped potential to enhance Costa Rica's energy security. The country's tropical climate ensures consistent sunlight, making solar PV systems ideal for both utility-scale and distributed generation.

Can solar power diversify the energy mix in Costa Rica?

While hydroelectric power dominates the energy mix at approximately 80% of electricity production, solar energy, though currently a smaller contributor, holds significant potential to diversify and stabilize the grid. This paper investigates Costa Rica's renewable energy journey, emphasizing solar power's evolving role.

Is solar power a new energy source in Costa Rica?

Like wind power, solar power is another newer energy source in the country. The first solar power projects in the country were established in 1978 by just a few researchers from public universities at the Solar Power Laboratory at the National University. During 2012, Costa Rica inaugurated the Miravalles Solar Plant next to the Miravalles Volcano.

How much energy does Costa Rica produce?

The project's totaling was \$11.5 million (\$10 million from JICA and \$1.5 million from ICE. This plant of 1MW only represents 0.03% of all the capacity installed in the country. Currently, Costa Rica generates less than 1% of its energy production using solar power. The rest of the production is 79% Hydro, 12% Wind and 8% Geothermal.



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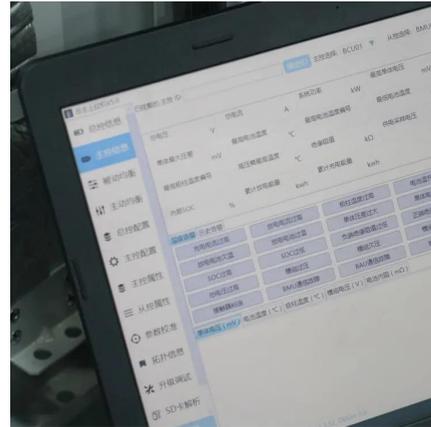
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