

Does Botswana have hydro power?

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How many coal-fired power plants are there in Botswana?

Besides the two coal-fired power plants, currently there are two other significant diesel-fuelled power plants in operation. The first is Orapa with a capacity of 90 MW. The second is Matshelegabedi, a diesel power plant with an installed capacity of 72.54 MW. In line with Botswana's NDP 11 two new renewable energy projects were identified.

Does Botswana have a solar energy based rural electrification programme?

Since 1997 Botswana has had a solar energy based rural electrification programme aiming to increase the share of renewable energy sources, which is still marginal. Solar energy plays a leading role in this plan to increase the share of renewable energy production.

Why did Botswana build a 600 MW coal power plant?

By then Botswana had planned to build a 600 MW Morupule B coal Power plant to support the existing aged 132 MW Morupule A Coal Power plant. The two plants were adequate to meet the national demand. As the SADC region was experiencing power shortage, private sector showed interest in investing on power generation.

What is integrated energy planning in Botswana?

Integrated Energy Planning and developing an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) are an integral part of the energy planning process in Botswana as guided by its 11th National Development Plans (NDP 11) and other sector policies and ambitions. In the energy sector, the NDP 11 focuses on increasing self-reliance on the country's energy resources.

Does Botswana have solar power?

Coal exists in 12 coalfields, but currently only Morupule Coal Mine (MCM) and Medie Coal Mine are in operation. Botswana also has a significant solar potential, receiving over 3,200 hours of sunshine per year with an average insolation on a flat surface of 21 MJ/m. This rate of irradiation is among the highest in the world.

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The overall aim is to boost energy security and self-sufficiency in electricity generation in Botswana. The current electrification rate 65% is relatively high compared to other countries in Southern and East Africa, but Botswana is dependent on imports from South Africa to cover its national electricity demand.

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