

Energy storage settled in Cape Verde



Overview

Announced earlier this week (8 December), AFC and Cabeolica have officially opened the Cabeolica Wind Farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, which comprises an expansion to an existing wind farm and three separate BESS installations on four of Cape Verde's 10 islands. In a move that has effectively put the islands on the map in the latest projects, Cape Verde massively boosted its wind power and battery storage, pushing renewables close to one-third of the electricity supply. These profound changes were initiated in December 2025, giving Cape Verde residents. Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and public-private-partnership (PPP) Cabeolica have inaugurated 13.5 MW of wind power generation and 26 MWh of battery storage in the Republic of Cabo Verde (Cape Verde). Cape Verde is moving toward a cleaner energy future by expanding its wind capacity by 13.5 megawatts and adding 26 megawatt-hours of grid-connected. The Santiago Pumped Storage Project, which will be located in Chã Gonçalves, in the municipality of Ribeira Grande de Santiago and will cost around 60 million euros, promises to significantly increase energy storage capacity, thus making it possible to increase the country's electricity production. This Atlantic archipelago, with its 10 volcanic islands, is pioneering energy storage solutions that could redefine sustainable development for island nations. With 35% of its electricity already coming from renewables like wind and solar [1], the big question is: How do they keep the lights on. Imagine turning 9 MW of wind power into 22 MW while adding enough storage to light up a small city. That's exactly what's happening on Santiago Island with a €50 million upgrade [1]. The secret sauce?

Twin battery systems (9 MW/5 MWh on Santiago, 6 MW/6 MWh on Sal) acting like giant energy sponges.

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This increase, according to Prime Minister Ulisses Correia e Silva, will help achieve the government's goal of more than 50% of electricity production from renewable energy by 2030 and ...



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