

## Can Yangtze River bulk carriers generate electricity with solar energy

How much power does a Yangtze River ship have?

The ship is powered by two diesel engines of 735 kW and 9.1 t each, while the design speed of the ship is 18.5 km/h. Because the ship operates with an average engine load of 30% MCR, the ship power output is 441 kW. The design solutions of the Yangtze River ship are listed in Table 4.

Can a hybrid power system improve the economy of a Yangtze River ship?

A hybrid powered system based on LNG and batteries is an efficient form of power. It can not only improve the economyof the Yangtze River ship under low-load conditions,but also improve the redundancy and reliability of the power system. Comparative LCA and LCCA analyses were also performed for the case of the Yangtze River ship.

Will the Yangtze ship be electrified?

A sister ship will be launched shortly, and the plan is for vessels on the entire Yangtze to be electrified. As half of the world's inland shipping is in China, and the Yangtze is by far the biggest inland shipping route, that means that this ship is the lead vessel in electrification of about half of all inland shipping.

Will the Yangtze River run all the way on batteries?

It's not going to run all the wayon batteries it carries onboard, of course. Battery energy density is increasingly good and will be multiples of today's in the coming years, but steaming 1,000 km upstream, even in the 3.6-kilometer-per-hour average water speed of the Yangtze, is a huge energy requirement.

How many ships are in the Yangtze River a year?

The annual production rates by ships in the Yangtze River of black water, grey water, oil and sewage from machinery, and ship waste are 15.75 million, 20.24 million, 5.15 million, and 210,000 t/year, respectively. In addition, each year, there are 140,000 ships waiting before the dam lock of the Three Gorges and Gezhouba.

How much does the Yangtze River contribute to China's economy?

Taking the Yangtze River as an example, the direct contribution to the economy is 200 billionand the indirect contribution is 4.3 trillion CNY (1 USD is approximately 7 CNY) [22]. However, the utilisation rate of China's inland waterways, which refers to the number of ships per kilometre, is relatively low.



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