

Why are arid and semi-arid regions used for photovoltaic projects?

Arid and semi - arid regions, covering over 40 % of the Earth's land surface, are often chosen for photovoltaic (PV) projects due to their high solar radiation and extended sunlight hours (Tanner et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2020).

Why are photovoltaic power stations being built in Asia?

Coupled with declines in the prices of solar photovoltaic panels, the requirement for clean energy exponentially boosted the construction of photovoltaic power stations in recent decades in Asia, specifically in the arid and semi-arid regions of northwest China.

Do solar power plants affect arid ecosystems?

The primary positive influences of solar power plants on arid ecosystems are the stimulation of soil carbon storage and recovery of vegetation biomass and diversity (Table 1). We consider the effects of photovoltaic panels on soil microbial co-occurrence networks and community composition to be potential advantages of solar power plants.

Can large-scale PV power stations improve ecosystem conditions in arid and semi-arid areas?

Large-scale PV power stations in arid and semi - arid areas can improve ecosystem conditions through shading and moisture retention, but demonstrate limited restoration efficacy in hyper-arid zones, with potential adverse impacts emerging.

Hence, the aim of this study is to review the state of knowledge about the effects of PVPs on the environment and biodiversity in arid and semi-arid ecosystems and try to give some insights ...

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However, this shading effect can also provide benefits, especially in arid regions (which make up 41% of the global land areas, for the following reasons. By reducing evaporation, solar PV ...

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