



Environmental Technology

The UK is a world leader in environmental improvement and aims to play a full role in enabling the world to meet the challenges of sustainable development. Helping the environmental technology sector to grow its influence on the global stage is a prime concern of the UK Government. A particularly effective, pragmatic regulatory environment and environmental protection regime, coupled with a strong network of research and industry support initiatives, have encouraged innovative product development.

Did you know?

- The UK leads the world in developing devices to convert wave power to electricity. In 2008, four 160-metre Pelamis (Sea Snake) machines combined to make up the world's biggest commercial wave farm. The machines will provide around 3 MW of green electricity, enough to power around 2,000 homes.
- Onshore wind capacity has risen rapidly over the last five years and there are currently 2,000 turbines generating over 2,400 MW. Onshore wind has been the fastest developing renewable generation in the UK, with an additional 1,500 MW under construction, 2,000 MW having been consented and 9,500 MW in the planning system.

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