

## Air Quality Policies

This document is based on research that UNEP conducted in 2015, in response to Resolution 7 of the UNEA 1. It describes country-level policies that impact air quality. Triple question marks (???) indicate that information for the section couldn't be found.

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<b>COOK ISLANDS</b>		
<b>GOALS</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>CURRENT / PLANNED POLICIES &amp; PROGRAMMES</b>
GENERAL OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Overall situation with respect to air quality in the country, including key air quality challenges:</b> Good</li> <li>● <b>Air quality monitoring system:</b> ???</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>National Ambient air quality standards:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>National Air Quality Policy:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>Air Quality legislation / programmes:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>Other:</b></li> </ul>
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Industries that have the potential to impact air quality:</b> power generation</li> <li>● <b>GDP of country:</b> \$183 million</li> <li>● <b>Industries' share of GDP:</b> 10%</li> <li>● <b>Electricity sources:</b> Mainly diesel, with some solar photovoltaic systems on outlying islands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Emission regulations for industries:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>Small installation's emissions regulated:</b> (Yes/No)</li> <li>● <b>Renewable energy investment promoted:</b> Cook Islands Renewable Energy Chart aims to achieve 100% electricity from renewable sources by 2020</li> <li>● <b>Energy efficiency incentives:</b> (ex: Subsidies, labelling, rebates etc) ???</li> <li>● <b>Incentives for clean production and installation of pollution prevention technologies:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>Actions to ensure compliance with regulations:</b> (monitoring, enforcement, fines etc) ???</li> <li>● <b>Other actions at national, sub-national and / or local level to reduce industry emissions:</b></li> </ul>
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Key transport-related air quality challenges:</b> (ex: vehicle growth, old fleet, dirty fuel, poor public transport etc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Vehicle emission limit:</b> (Euro rating) ???</li> <li>● <b>Fuel Sulphur content:</b> (in ppm) ???</li> <li>● <b>Restriction on used car importation:</b> None</li> <li>● <b>Actions to expand, improve and promote public transport and mass transit:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>Actions to promote non-motorized transport:</b> (ex: include sidewalks and bike lanes in new</li> </ul>

		road projects, car-free areas etc) ??? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Other transport-related actions:</b></li> </ul>
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING OF AGRICULTURAL / MUNICIPAL WASTE (OUTDOOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outdoor, open burning:</b> burning of municipal waste does occur</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Legal framework:</b> burning plastic waste and tires is banned</li> <li>● <b>Actions to prevent open burning of municipal waste and / or agricultural waste:</b> ???</li> </ul>
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING OF BIOMASS (INDOOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Dominant fuels used for cooking and space heating:</b> 11%</li> <li>● <b>Impact:</b> Unknown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Indoor air pollution regulated:</b> (Yes / No) ???</li> <li>● <b>Promotion of non-grid / grid electrification:</b> 97% electrification rate</li> <li>● <b>Promotion of cleaner cooking fuels and clean cook stoves:</b> ???</li> <li>● <b>Other actions to reduce indoor biomass burning, or to reduce its emissions:</b></li> </ul>

**Secondary Sources used in the research:** <http://airlex.web.ua.pt/pm10>, [http://www.who.int/quantifying\\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#I](http://www.who.int/quantifying_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#I), [http://www.unep.org/Transport/New/PCFV/pdf/Maps\\_Matrices/AP/matrix/AP\\_Matrix\\_June2015.pdf](http://www.unep.org/Transport/New/PCFV/pdf/Maps_Matrices/AP/matrix/AP_Matrix_June2015.pdf), <http://www.reegle.info/countries/>, <http://www.cookislandsnews.com/national/environment/item/53860-campaign-against-rubbish-burning-fires-up/53860-campaign-against-rubbish-burning-fires-up>

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