

# **Energy storage batteries exported from China to Africa**





## Overview

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Which country imports the most battery minerals?

China imported 20% of the world's processed battery minerals in 2023, made up of mainly cobalt from Africa. That same year, China exported 58% of the world's processed battery minerals, mainly synthetic graphite to the rest of Asia and Oceania.

How much battery material does China Import & Export?

China imported almost 12 million short tons of raw and processed battery minerals, accounting for 44% of interregional trade, and exported almost 11 million short tons of battery materials, packs, and components, or 58% of interregional trade in 2023, according to regional UN Comtrade data.

How can a battery pack be assembled in Africa?

Context Battery packs can be assembled in African countries by importing cells and components (e.g., BMS, sensors, inverters) and tailoring battery modules to customer needs. Setting up a battery assembly facility (~USD 2-5 million) to produce ~10 GWh annually could meet internal LFP battery cell demand (~7 GWh by 2030).

Which companies are leading the Chinese battery market?

Companies like CATL and BYD are prominent players in the Chinese battery market The US has seen significant growth in energy storage demand. Tesla, with its Powerwall and Powerpack products, has capitalised on this demand, creating economies of scale and driving down costs.

Why is China a major producer of Li-ion batteries?

China is a major producer of Li-ion batteries and has streamlined supply chains, enabling efficient component procurement. Companies like CATL and BYD are prominent players in the Chinese battery market The US has seen significant growth in energy storage demand.



What is the future of energy storage in the US?

The US has seen significant growth in energy storage demand. Tesla, with its Powerwall and Powerpack products, has capitalised on this demand, creating economies of scale and driving down costs. South Korea, home to LG Chem and Samsung SDI, has successfully exported battery technologies globally.



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Introduction China has emerged as the dominant player in the global energy storage battery industry, driven by technological advancements, government policies, and increasing demand ...

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