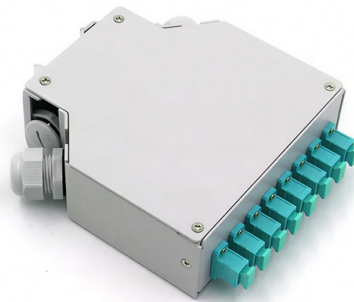


South Africa cuts fiber optic cable



Overview

A major undersea fibre-optic cable cut on Sunday disrupted internet services across East Africa, slowing connections and causing widespread outages in the region and South Africa. The recent disruptions to South Africa's underwater internet cables have significantly affected internet access across the country. The crew of the *Léon Thévenin* maintains one stretch of this global network. A snapped cable can disconnect millions until it is fixed by a repair ship. Two cables linking Europe to the Middle East and Asia have been reportedly cut in the Red Sea, affecting internet connections. Today, more than 95% of international data traffic flows through subsea cables, making them as critical to modern economies as air routes, ports, and energy pipelines.



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EXPLAINER: Who cut the undersea cables and

The issue has caused downtime across West and South African countries. Since the development, citizens have been seeking answers,

South Africa Far East Undersea Cable Returns to Full Capacity After ...

The South Africa Far East submarine cable has returned to full capacity, Mauritius Telecom said in an emailed statement late Friday.

Aberdare Cables

Aberdare Cables has 3 manufacturing sites in South Africa located in Pietermaritzburg, Gqeberha, and Gauteng, assigned to manufacture a wide variety of cables with Customer Service Centers in each

East Africa internet disrupted by another major undersea cable cut

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2024 East Africa Submarine Cable Outage Report

On 12 May 2024, two fiber optic submarine cables—SEACOM and EASSy—were damaged off the coast of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, significantly reducing Internet connectivity in multiple East African

Submarine Cable Map

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The recent disruptions to South Africa's underwater internet cables have significantly affected internet access across the country. These crucial submarine cables are

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Google is investing in the new Umoja fiber optic route between Africa and Australia, as well as training and collaboration programs.

Multiple Subsea Fiber Cuts in Red Sea Impact Traffic

Multiple subsea fiber optic cables in the Red Sea suffered simultaneous cuts on September 6, 2025, disrupting global internet and communications traffic. The incident began at

Major Internet Outages Hit 13 African Countries After

A number of countries across Africa experienced Internet outages on Thursday due to damage to submarine fiber optic cables. A total of 13 countries

What we know about the cut subsea cables in the Red Sea?

Two cables linking Europe to the Middle East and Asia have been reportedly cut in the Red Sea, affecting internet connections.

Say Goodbye to the Undersea Cable That Made the Global Internet ...

History was undone last year, as engineers began the massive project of ripping the first-ever transoceanic fiber-optic cable

South Africa's Optical Fiber Cables Market Report 2026

The optical fiber cables market in South Africa is positioned within a global industry dominated by China and the United States in both production and consumption. From 2020 to 2024,

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2026 Fibre Deployment Trends Shaping the Market Fibre optic deployment in 2026 is being driven first by a major policy and funding wave that is finally turning plans into active construction.

"Multiple major fiber cables" reaching Africa are broken

Microsoft said that a preliminary root cause showed "multiple major fiber cables which manage requests in and out of the Africa region are broken." See also: Judy Nguru on building co

Cut submarine cables cause web outages across Africa;

Thirteen countries across Africa experienced Internet outages on Thursday due to damage to submarine fiber optic cables. Some countries,

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Submarine cables and the East African internet — what's the story?

The latest cable fault occurred on the 12th of May, 2024, where both the EASSy and SEACOM cables were cut just off the east coast of South Africa, near Mtunzini.

Africa's only internet cable repair ship keeps the

In June, South Africans noticed their internet slowing. The culprit was the West Africa Cable System, a 14,500-kilometer (9,000 miles) line that links

EXPLAINER: South Africa's internet outage – here's what happened

Damage to four submarine communications cables off the west coast of Africa disrupted internet services across the continent on Thursday.

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Red Sea cable chaos: Why the Internet didn't go dark

On Saturday (September 6, 2025) multiple undersea submarine cables in the Red Sea had been severed, causing widespread internet disruptions across parts of Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Microsoft Azure's March outage in South Africa due to

A March outage experienced by Microsoft's Azure cloud in South Africa was caused by a series of cuts to subsea fiber cables. In a recent Azure

Damaged Undersea Cables Cut Africa Internet Access

In South Africa, the operator Vodacom wrote on X that the "connectivity issues" were due to multiple undersea cable failures, without

Africa's internet: The ship keeping the continent connected

Then in May, yet another setback: the Seacom and Eassy cables suffered damage off the coast of South Africa, hitting connectivity in multiple East African nations once again.

Red Sea Internet Cables "Cut" — Here's What We Know

Topline At least four undersea fiber optic cables, which carry approximately 97% of all Internet traffic, were damaged last week in the Red

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