

# Namibian optical cable damaged



## Overview

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#JustIn: WACS cable operational again

The WACS cable that was damaged by a sub-sea rockslide in the Congo Canyon off the coast of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Cameroon, has now been repaired and has been

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Ship Servicing Undersea Telecom Cabling Burns off

A France-Telecom Orange fiber-optics cable ship, responsible for maintaining and laying undersea cables, caught fire off of Namibia's Skeleton Coast.

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Have you ever wondered about those cables being laid

If you've recently noticed an increase in cable-laying activities around your neighborhood in Namibia, you're not alone. These cables are part of a

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The previously damaged WACS submarine cable connecting ...

It is understood that the WACS cable is a 14,000-kilometer submarine cable connecting Africa and Europe. It is considered a very important submarine cable in Africa, and its outage has

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Telecom Namibia Fiber is here to revolutionize the way Namibians connect, offering a future-proof solution that unlocks a world of possibilities for businesses,

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Damaged subsea internet cable undergoes repairs

The damaged cable, reportedly caused by sub-sea rock slides in the Congo Canyon, has hampered Telecom Namibia's internet access to Points of

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COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR THE UNDERGROUND FIBRE OPTIC CABLE

Figure 1 provides a locality map of the existing underground fibre optic cable between Katima Mulilo and Ngoma in the Zambezi Region, Namibia. Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd Figure 1 - Locality

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Addressing concerns about fiber optic cables

In continuation of our previous discussion on the significant infrastructure project enhancing Namibia's internet connectivity through fiber optic

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WACS Cable Undergoes Repairs Off African Coast

A cable repair ship was scheduled to arrive yesterday at the site where the West African Cable System (WACS) was damaged somewhere off the coast

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Similarly, South African telecoms operator Vodacom has cited undersea cable failures as the cause of connectivity problems affecting South

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Three undersea cables, the West African Cable System (WACS), the South Atlantic 3 (SAT-3), and the ACE cable, were severed on Sunday 06 August when a landslide occurred in the

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The fibre cable cores damaged are the ones carrying Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM), an optical multiplexing technology used to increase bandwidth over existing fibre networks and the

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How are undersea cables repaired? A look inside the WACS operation

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MTC warns of potential internet disruptions due to WACS

During the maintenance period, MTC said internet connectivity in areas that rely on WACS, including Namibia, may experience temporary interruptions.

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MTC warns of internet disruptions

Despite routine maintenance on the West African Cable System (WACS), which Namibia relies on for its internet connection to the rest of the

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Cable fault blamed for Telecom internet services glitch

TELECOM Namibia has established the cause of internet services interruption that is being experienced throughout the country. In a statement, the

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MTC Reroutes Internet Traffic for WACS Repair

To keep services running smoothly, MTC has rerouted internet traffic through backup channels. The WACS maintenance, set to run from June 1 to 16, includes repairs, upgrades, and

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Poor connectivity due to WACS and SAT-3 Fibre Break

According to network status reports, SAT-3 was cut on Sunday morning, while WACS went down later that evening. Telecom Namibia has observed the issue of slow internet and is

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Optic fibre cable under repair

The cable was brought ashore at the beginning of 2011 and has ever since contributed greatly to improved broadband internet speeds and voice communication in Namibia.

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Telecom Namibia struggles with poor connectivity amidst fiber optic ...

TELECOM Namibia is grappling with poor connectivity due to a break in the fibre optic cables of the West African Cable System (WACS) and the South Atlantic 3 (SAT-3) undersea network.

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Informanté

“Conditions on the sea bottom especially on the Namibian coastline definitely takes its toll on the hardware.” He said the damaged part of the fibre optic cable was dug up and pulled ashore at the

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MTC reroutes internet traffic during WACS fix -

Damage to both WACS and SAT-3 cables in January 2020 caused major internet slowdowns across Southern Africa. The disruption lasted for days

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JUST IN: WACS damage reportedly causes data delays

The damage to the WACS cable is believed to have caused a bottleneck in alternative network routes that slowed down data services. MTC said in a statement that network problems in

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The incident pointed out the fragility of Africa's internet infrastructure and the cascading effects of such disruptions, as networks scramble to reroute

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Damaged Undersea Cables Cut Africa Internet Access

ABIDJAN—Major internet access cuts struck several African countries Thursday because of damage to submarine communications cables, telecom operators said.

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Letter - The power of fibre optic cables

The fibre-optic cables being laid in Namibian neighbourhoods represent a major leap forward in the country's digital infrastructure. These initiatives by internet service providers will not

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The Leon Thevening belongs to France Telecom and apparently is the only cable maintenance ship contractually authorised to work on the WACS and SAT-3 cables. In the

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