

Another day, another cable system

Five years ago, South Africa had one cable, Sat-3, running down Africa's west coast and connecting it to the global internet. Today the continent is surrounded by high-capacity cables, with plenty more, even bigger systems to come.

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There are now so many cables and such a great deal of capacity that Steve Song, author of the popular African Undersea Cables map, has been forced to redraw it using a logarithmic scale to show the systems respective capacities.

Song has updated the map to show the planned Brics Cable and Wasace systems - which have 12,8Tbit/s and 40Tbit/s design capacities respectively. Consider that five years ago, the design capacity of Sat-3 was just 120Gbit/s, or 0,12Tbit/s.

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