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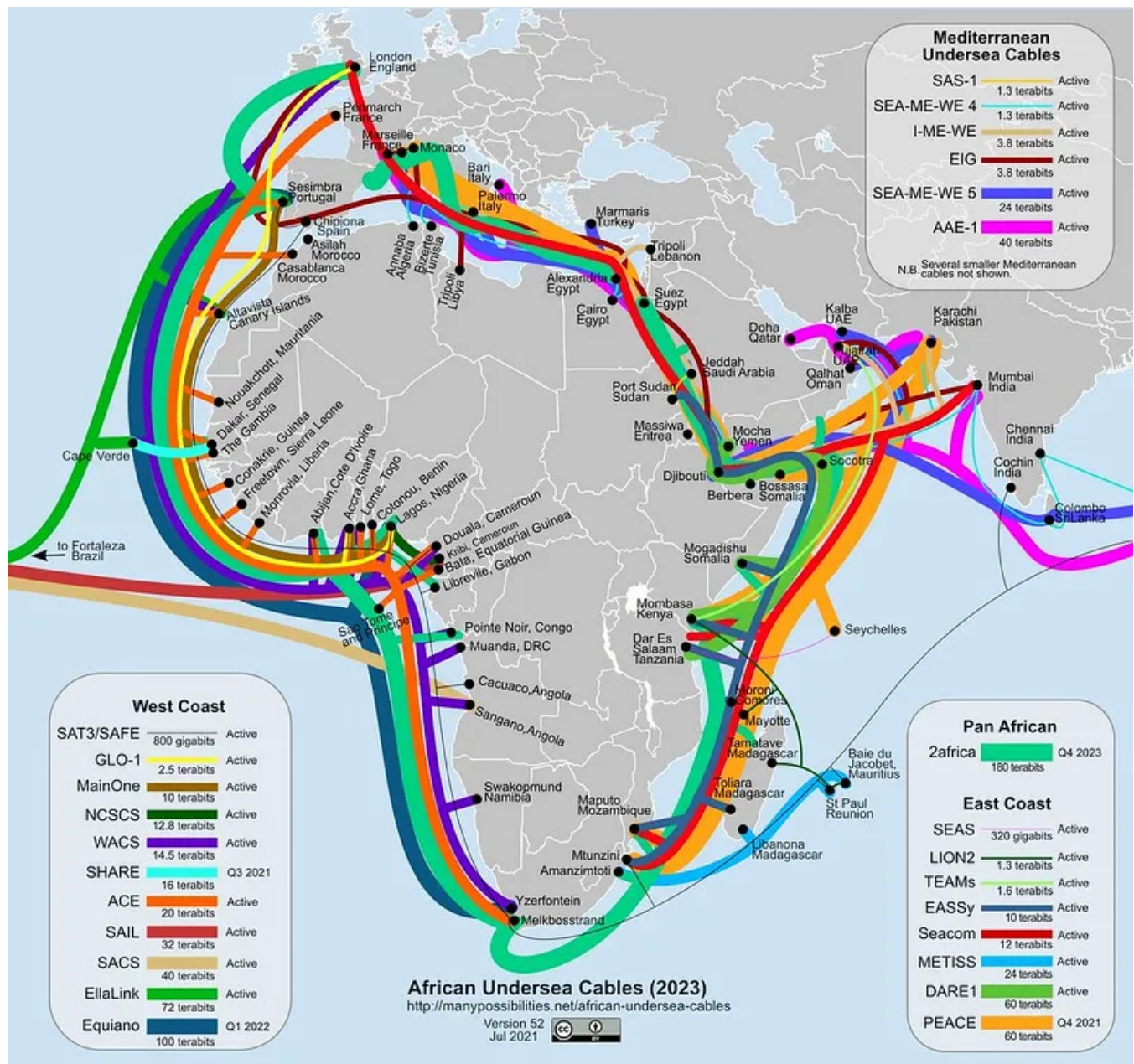
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African Undersea Cables

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For a history of African undersea cables, have a look at [animated gif history](#). If you're interested in seeing how these cables are changing access, Stanford University's PINGer project is [monitoring the impact](#) of Seacom and other east coast cables as they come online. You may also be interested in [NSRC's map](#) of African Terrestrial Fibre initiatives at [afterfibre.nsrc.org](#). Finally, for a more comprehensive look at undersea cables, check out Telegeography's [Submarine Cable Map](#).

Undersea Cable Ownership Matrix

African Undersea Cable Investor Matrix

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Investor ↕	ISC↕	SAT3/SAFE↕	SAS-1↕	SEA-ME-WE4↕	TEAM↕	Seacom↕	I-ME↕	MainOne↕	EASSy↕	G
ACE Gabon	GA									
Africa Marine Express	?									
Airtel	IN									
Algerie Telecom	DZ			✓						
Angola Cables	AO									
BCS Group	KE				✓					
Benin ACE GIE	BJ									
Bharti Infotel	IN			✓			✓		✓	
Botswana Telecom (BTC)	BW								✓	
Broadband Infraco	ZA									
BSCCL	BD			✓						

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BT Group	UK	✓							✓
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C&W	UK	✓			
Cable & Wireless Seychelles	SC				
Cable Consortium of Liberia	LR				
Camtel	CM	✓			
Canal+ Telecom	FR				
Canalink Africa SL	SL				
CAT Telecom	TH		✓		
CEB (Fibernet)	Mu				
China Mobile	CN				
China Telecom	CN				
China unicom	CN				
Comoros Cable	KM				✓

Q1 2001	Q2 2003	Q4 2005	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q3 2010	Q3 2010	2
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Seacom

The Seacom cable is owned by:

- Industrial Promotion Services (25%), an arm of the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (USD 75 million)

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VenFin Limited (25%) – USD 75 million)

- Herakles Telecom LLC (backed by Blackstone) (25%) New York-based lead company no website

- Convergence Partners (12,5%) – USD 37.5 million
- Shanduka Group (12.5%) – USD 37.5 million

EASSy is 90% African-owned although that ownership is underwritten by a substantial investment by Development Financial Institutions (DFIs) including World Bank/IFC, EIB, AfDB, AFD, and KfW. Total DFI investment is apparently \$70.7 million, with \$18.2 million coming from IFC, 14.5 million from AfDB. This is a smaller amount than the originally advertised \$120 million investment from DFIs.

WIOCC, an SPV created to facilitate open access is the largest shareholder, with 29%. WIOCC consortium members include: Botswana Telecommunications Corporation, Dalkom Somalia, Djibouti Telecom, Gilat Satcom Nigeria Ltd., the Government of Seychelles, the Lesotho Telecommunications Authority, ONATEL Burundi, Telkom Kenya Ltd., Telecommunicações de Mocambique (TDM), U-COM Burundi, Uganda Telecom Ltd., Zantel Tanzania and most recently, TelOne Zimbabwe and Libyan Post, Telecom and Information Technology Company (LPTIC)

Other investors in the system include Bharti Airtel Limited of India, British Telecommunications, Etisalat of the United Arab Emirates, France Telecom, Mauritius Telecom, Saudi Telecom Company, Comores Telecom, Sudan Telecom Company, Tanzania Telecommunications Company, Telecom Malagasy, Zambia Telecommunications Company, Zanzibar Telecom.

85 per cent of the cable is owned by TEAMS (Kenya) Ltd and the rest by Etisalaat of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The TEAMS (Kenya) Ltd holding breaks down as follows:

- 32.5% – Safaricom Ltd
- 23% – Orange Kenya Ltd
- 20% – Government of Kenya
- 10% – Liquid Telecom Kenya Ltd
- 6% – Wananchi Group

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- 1.8% – Access Kenya Group
- 1.2% – BCS Group

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