

Taiwan Fiber Optic Cable Laying

Overview

Google has applied for a license to land and operate this cable, with construction (cable laying) set to begin in March 2024 and a target ready-for-service date (RFS) set for May 2025., joined 'America's Newsroom' to discuss how he has unveiled the threat from China in his new book and the latest on a possible deal with TikTok. Taiwan's coast guard (CGA) detained the Chinese crew of a Togolese-registered vessel suspected of severing an undersea fiber optic. Laying an undersea fiber-optic cable at Arrietara beach near the Spanish village of Sopelana. While the incident caused only minor disruptions to Internet service, it aligned with China's broader “gray zone”. These fiber-optic lines stretch across the seafloor, making them ideal targets for sabotage with minimal resources, while creating just enough plausible deniability for malicious actors to dodge any consequences.



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Google's TPU Subsea Cable Revealed Amid U.S.-China Tensions

Google's wholly-owned subsidiary, GU Holdings Inc., has applied for a license to construct, land, and operate the TPU subsea cable system. This 8,370-mile (13,470-kilometer) ...

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China's Undersea Cable Sabotage and Taiwan's Digital Vulnerabilities

The main point: Taiwan is facing an intentional and sustained campaign of undersea cable sabotage by China—part of Beijing's broader campaign to undermine Taiwan's sovereignty through ...

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Insights from the Taiwan cable cut

Last month, a Chinese-owned vessel was accused of cutting an undersea fiber-optic cable near Keelung Harbor, highlighting the vulnerability of critical communications infrastructure.

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The Most Critical Resilience Questions of Them All: Taiwan's ...

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China's new underwater tool cuts deep, exposing vulnerability of vital ...

In January 2025, Taiwan's coast guard blamed a Cameroon- and Tanzania-flagged vessel crewed by seven Chinese nationals and operated by a Hong Kong-based company when an ...

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Taiwan Suspects a Chinese-Linked Ship of Damaging an Internet Cable ...

Taiwanese authorities are investigating a Chinese-owned cargo ship suspected of damaging an undersea internet cable northeast of the island, Taiwan's coast guard said on Monday.

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Chinese vessel suspected of damaging undersea cable near Taiwan

In February 2023, Taiwanese authorities found evidence that two Chinese ships cut two internet cables near Taiwan's outlying island of Matsu, causing a month-long internet outage on the ...

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