

St Helena's Equiano Landing — Subsea Fibre for One of the World's Most Remote Territories

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

In October 2023, St Helena — reachable only by air or sea — connected to Google's Equiano subsea cable, cutting latency from 657ms to 131ms; two years on it uses only ~10% of purchased capacity as ageing copper wiring and £120/month pricing still limit uptake.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

[St Helena Government / Google \(Equiano cable\) / Telecom Egypt](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

[St Helena Government — St Helena connects to the Subsea Cable](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

[Kentik — Ending Saint Helena's Exile from the Internet](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

[DataCenterDynamics — Google's Equiano cable branch to Saint Helena activated](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

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