Observing the Ocean and Earth with



SMART Cables in Future Ocean Observing









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Identifying gaps and prioritizing solutions to address global deep ocean challenges iDOOS Annual Meeting 21-23 May 2024







Climate Change and DRR



Global Array for Climate, Oceans, Sea Level, Earthquakes, Tsunamis

Create a Planetary sensor, power, Internet network



1st order addition to Ocean-Earth observing system

for Sustainable Developmen

Share submarine cable infrastructure Telecom + science

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NO Interference

1.2+ GM ~20,000 repeaters 20 year refresh

repeaters ~70 km

SMART CAM: 3700 km, install 2026, Gov't €154M Continent/Portugal-Azores-Madeira ring

Know the environment – protect the network

→Submarine Cable w/ SMART repeater

> Bottom temperature, pressure, seismic acceleration

1990 2000 2010 2020







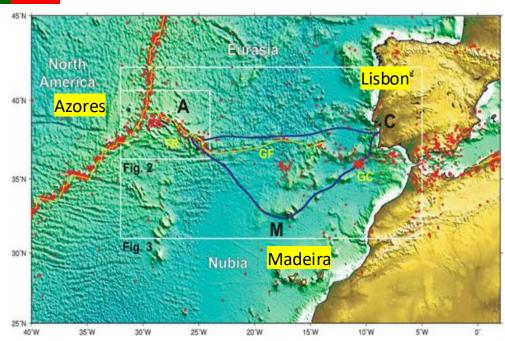


Funded SMART Cable Systems





Portugal SMART Atlantic CAM



- 3700 km, ~50 SMART repeaters
- Gov't funding €154M. With EU support
- €154M ~ 1 ship+sensors, 25 years (€6M/y)
- SMART 10% €15M ~ €1.5/citizen/25 y

TAMTAM SMART Cable System



Both Ready for Service 2026



- 450 km long, 4 SMART repeaters,
- France funding SMART
- 25+ year life, reliable, low lifetime cost
- Leverage \$5B/y industry, 170 y



















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