

Climate change will make you lose your Internet connection in the near future

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In their research, scientists synthesized data from Internet Atlas, maps to track internet cables, and forecast seawater intrusion from NOAA - the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration States. The results show that by 2023 there will be more than 6,400 km of Internet fiber cable in the US that is likely to be exposed to seawater.

The water resistance of underground cable is quite limited. So when submerged under water, especially seawater will be vulnerable to 'damage', then coastal cities will have great trouble connecting to the Internet.

According to the research, the current network of US suppliers includes CenturyLink, Inteliquent and AT&T, the most vulnerable. New York, Miami and Seattle cities are at risk of losing the highest Internet connection. Of course, the same risk will happen to other coastal cities in the world.

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