

# **Costa Rica's Telecommunications**

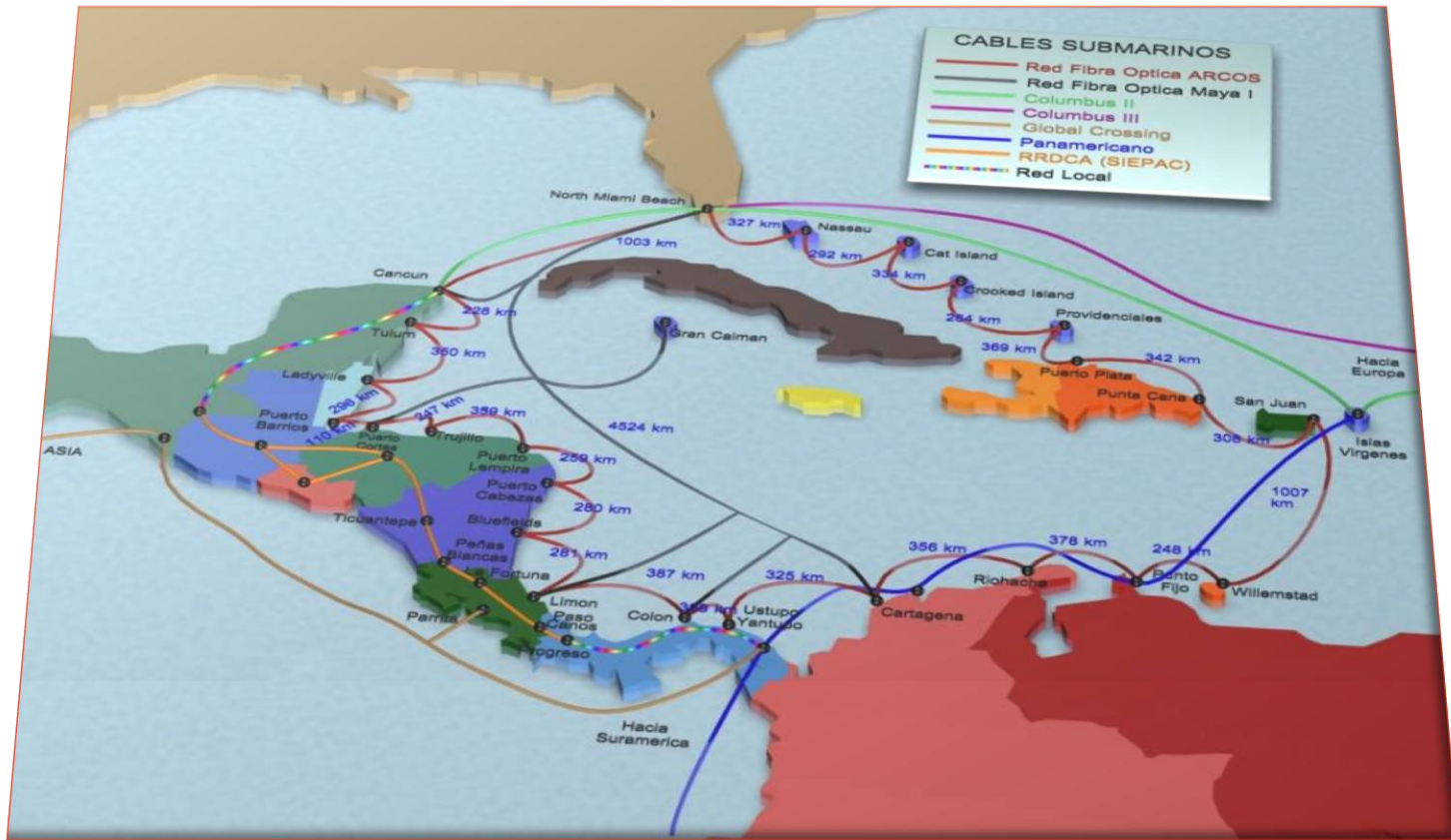
## **Fact Sheet**

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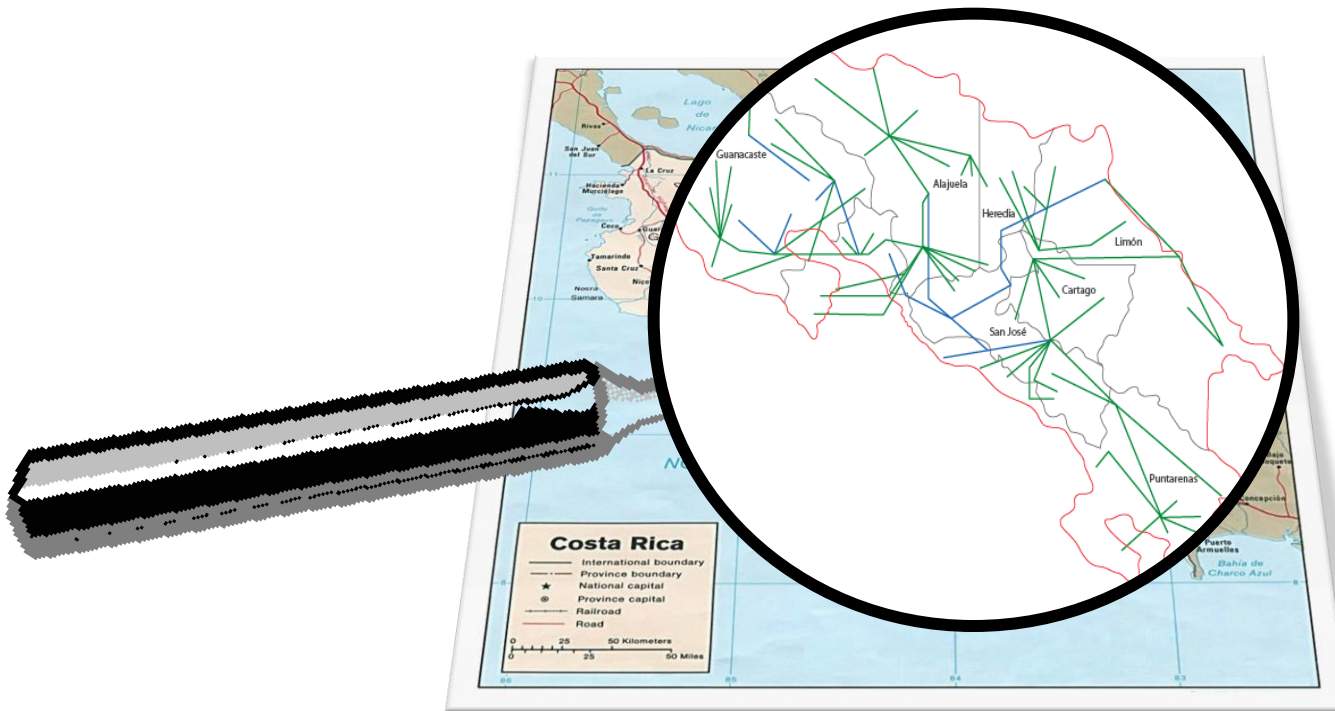
# Telecommunications Infrastructure

- Redundant fiber optic submarine cables
  - Maya & Arcos
  - Pacific Global Crossing
- Satellite and terrestrial microwave network in place to meet demand in fixed, mobile and Internet services
- New multinational players are expected to enter the market in 2009, providing private networks, Internet and mobile phone services

# Submarine Cables



# Fiber Optic Networks



# Market Openness in Telecommunications

- Law will allow participation of new companies in: Internet services, cellular phones and private networks
- The government will regulate rates and service quality through two institutions:
  - ARESEP – responsibility for regulating all public services
  - SUTEL – technical responsibility for regulation of the telecommunications sector
- Universal access, universal service and solidarity in the telecommunications services will be guaranteed by a special fund, managed by SUTEL (FONATEL)