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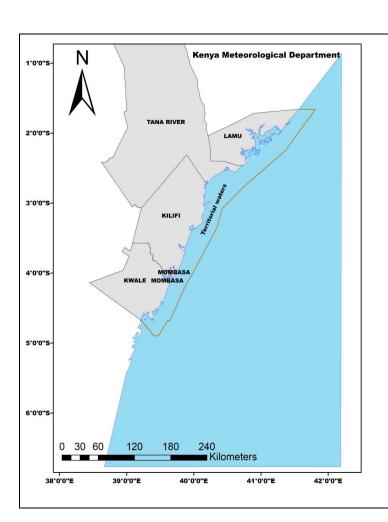
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

Issued at: 1500 EAT on 18th August 2025

Valid: 0000 EAT on 19th August 2025 to 0000 EAT on 20th August 2025



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

Gentle to moderately Strong breeze S to SSE winds (09-22 knots) with choppy seas. SE to ESE waves of 4 - 6 feet (1.2m - 1.8m) with period waves of (7-sec) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

Gentle to Fresh breeze S to SSE winds (10-20 knots) with choppy seas. ESE waves of 5-6 feet (1.5m - 1.8m) with period waves of (8-9 sec) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Visibility:

• Moderate visibility (9-10 km) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

COASTAL COUNTIES MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST

i. KWALE

Morning Winds: SSE 12 to 14 knots.
Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 7 seconds.

• Morning sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.

Afternoon Winds: SSE 13 to 17 knots.
Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.

• Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.

• Sunrise; 06:32AM and sunset; 06:27PM

• Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)

High Tide: 00:38AM; 2.2m, 01:10PM; 2.9m,
Low Tide: 06:18AM; 1.4m, 08:06PM; 1.1m

ii. MOMBASA

• Morning Winds: SSE 13 to 17 knots.

• Morning Waves: ESE 6 feet at 7 seconds.

• Morning sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.

• Afternoon Winds: SSE 10 to 14 knots.

• Afternoon Waves: ESE 6 feet at 9 seconds.

Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.

• Sunrise; 06:30AM and sunset; 6:25PM

• Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)

• High Tide: 00:35AM; 2.1m, 01:12PM; 2.8m,

Low Tide: 06:08AM; 1.3m, 08:09PM; 1.0m

iii. KILIFI

Morning Winds: S 9 to 18 knots.
Morning Waves: SE 6 feet at 7 seconds.

• Morning sea state: Light S winds with a slight chop. Moderate short period waves.

• Afternoon Winds: SSE 11 to 16 knots.

• Afternoon Waves: ESE 6 feet at 9 seconds.

• Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.

Sunrise; 06:29AM and sunset; 06:26PM

• Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**

• High Tide: 00:38AM; 1.8m, 01:07PM; 2.6m,

• Low Tide; 06:07AM; 1.2m; 08:06; 0.8m;

iv. LAMU

• Morning Winds: SSE 15 to 22 knots.

• Morning Waves: ESE 6 feet at 7 seconds

Morning sea state: Moderate to strong SSE winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.

• Afternoon Winds: S 15 to 20 knots.

• Afternoon Waves: ESE 6 feet at 8 seconds.

• Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong S winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.

• Sunrise; Sunrise; 06:22AM and sunset; 06:23PM

• Visibility: Moderate (9-10km)

High Tide: 00.37AM; 1.7m, 01.05PM; 2.5m

• Low Tide: 06:03AM; 1.1m, 08:08PM; 0.8m

Advisory

- Slight to Moderate Sea conditions are expected with a wave height of 1.2m 1.8m in Kwale,
 Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu. Conditions suitable for Marine activities.
- Gentle to moderately Strong breeze of (09-22 knots) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu. Caution on operating marine activities

KEY ON SEA STATE

WAVE HEIGHT RANGE	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
(Meters)		
$0.6 - 1.0 \text{ m} \ (\approx 1.8 - 3.0 \text{ ft})$	Slight	Conditions suitable for Marine activities
$1.0 - 1.9 \text{ m}. (\approx 3.0 - 5.7 \text{ ft})$	Slight - Moderate	
$2.0 - 2.9 \text{ m} \ (\approx 6.0 - 8.7 \text{ ft})$	Moderate-Rough	Caution on operating marine activities
$3.0 - 4.0 \text{ m} \ (\approx 9.0 - 12.0 \text{ ft})$	Rough	Warning in place!!!!
$4.1 - 5.5 \text{ m} \ (\approx 12.3 - 16.5 \text{ ft})$	Very Rough	Warning in place and marine activities
		on hold

KEY ON SEA STATE

WIND	RANGE	DESCRIPTIONS	IMPACT
	< 1 – 7 Knots	Calm to Light breeze	1 – 6 knots, the Ocean is relatively calm with very little disturbance. Suitable for Marine operations
	7 – 21 Knots	Gentle breeze to Fresh breeze	7 – 17 knots, small boats are likely to be filled with water sprays and become unstable. Caution in carrying out marine activities
	22 - ≥34 Knots	Strong breeze to Extremely Strong breeze	More than 21 knots, the ocean state is very much disturbed and the prevailing conditions are dangerous for marine operations. Warning in place!!!!!

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