



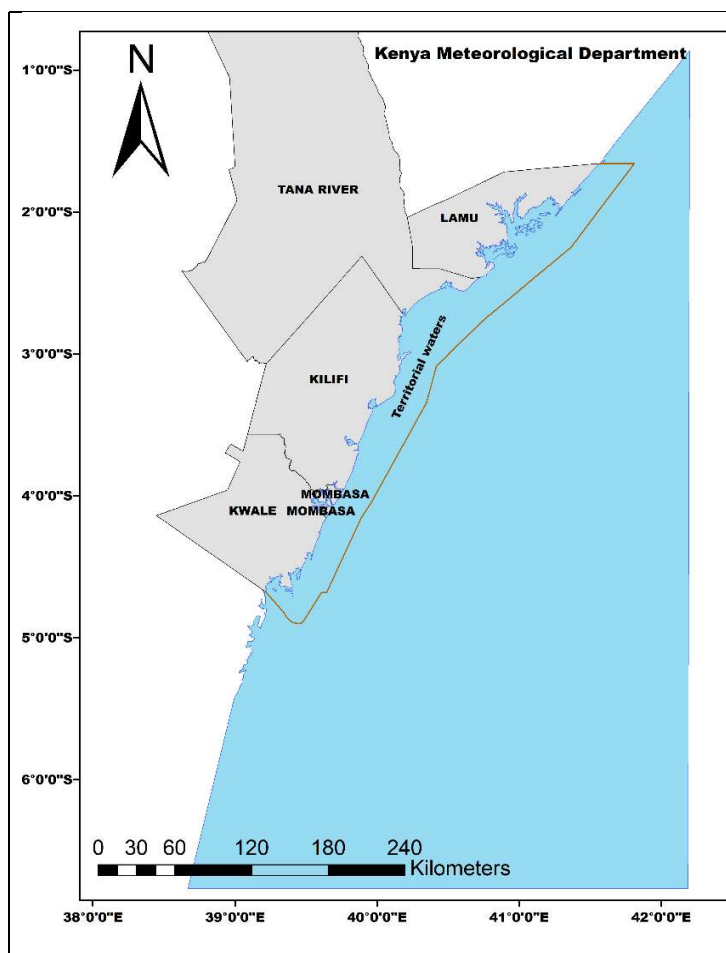
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

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Valid: 0000 EAT on 4th January, 2026 to 0000 EAT on 5th January, 2026.



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light to breezy N to NNE winds (03-14 knots) with smooth to moderate choppy seas. ENE to E waves of 4-5 ft (1.2-1.5 m) with small to moderate short period waves of (7 sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Breezy to moderately strong breeze NE to E winds (12-22 knots) with moderate to strong choppy seas. ENE to E waves of 5-6 ft (1.5-1.8 m) with small to moderate short period waves of (7-8 sec) are 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: N 8 to 14 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light N winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: NE 17 to 21 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong NE winds with choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:17 AM** and sunset: **6:38 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **4:29 AM;3.86 m, 5:01 PM;3.22 m**
- Low Tide: **10:56 AM;0.15 m, 10:53 PM;0.40 m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: N 7 to 11 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light N winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: NE 16 to 19 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong NE winds with choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:15 AM** and sunset: **6:36 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **4:36 AM;3.79 m, 5:08 PM;3.11 m**
- Low Tide: **11:00 AM;0.18 m, 10:55 PM;0.40 m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: NNE 14 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy NNE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: NE 18 to 19 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 6 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong NE winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:16 AM** and sunset: **6:36 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **14:26 AM;3.48 m, 5:00 PM;2.80 m**
- Low Tide: **10:54 AM; -0.01 m, 10:48 PM;0.25 m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: N 3 knots.
- Morning Waves: E 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: E 12 to 22 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: E 6 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy E winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:13 AM** and Sunset: **6:28 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **4:25 AM;3.37 m, 5:00 PM;2.65 m**
- Low Tide: **10:56 AM; -0.02 m, 10:48 PM;0.24 m**

Advisory

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 1.2-1.8m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to strong breeze of 03-22 knots expected in Kwale, Mombasa Kilifi and Lamu throughout the forecast period. Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious while venturing into deep sea areas in Lamu.

KEY ON SEA STATE

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

KEY ON SEA STATE

WIND	RANGE	DESCRIPTIONS	IMPACT
	< 1 – 6 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 – \geq 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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