



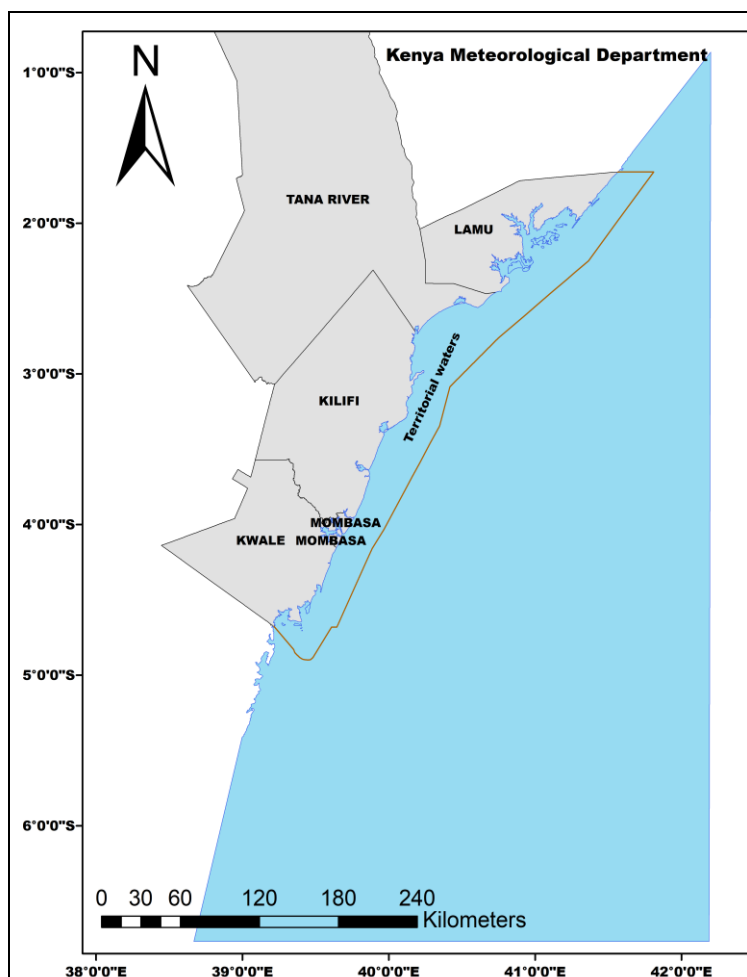
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

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Valid: 0000 EAT on 20th January, 2026 to 0000 EAT on 21st January, 2026



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light to fresh breeze NW to ENE winds (03-17 knots) with smooth to moderate choppy seas. ESE waves of (4-5ft) (1.2-1.5 m) with small short period waves of (13 sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Gentle to strong breeze ENE winds (14-26 knots) with moderate to very choppy seas. NE to ESE waves of (4-5 feet) (1.2-1.5 m) with small short period waves of (6-12 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: NNW 9 to 10 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 13 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light NNW winds with a slight chop. Small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 20 to 26 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: NE 5 feet at 6 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Strong ENE winds with very choppy seas. Small Craft Advisory. Moderate very short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:23 AM** and sunset; **6:43 PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **5:10 AM; 3.6 m ,5:33 PM;3.2 m**
- Low Tide: **11:28 AM; 0.3 m, 11:28 PM; 0.5 m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: NNW 5 to 6 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 13 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 16 to 22 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 12 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong ENE winds with choppy seas. Small mid period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:22 AM** and sunset; **6:41 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **5:12 AM; 3.5 m, 5:39 AM; 3.1 m**
- Low Tide: **11:32 AM; 0.3 m, 11:28 PM; 0.6 m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: NW 3 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 13 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 15 to 20 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 12 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy ENE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:22AM** and sunset; **6:40 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **5:04 AM; 3.2 m, 5:33 PM; 2.8 m**
- Low Tide: **11:50 AM; 0.1 m, 11:23 PM; 0.4 m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: ENE 12 to 17 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 13 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy ENE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 14 to 23 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 4 feet at 12 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy ENE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small mid period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:20 AM** and Sunset; **6:34 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **5:04 PM; 3.1 m, 5:34 AM; 2.7 m**
- Low Tide: **11:29 AM; 0.1 m, 11:24 PM; 0.4 m**

Advisory

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of (1.2-1.8 m) in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to strong breeze of (03-26 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.**

KEY ON SEA STATE

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

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 – ≥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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