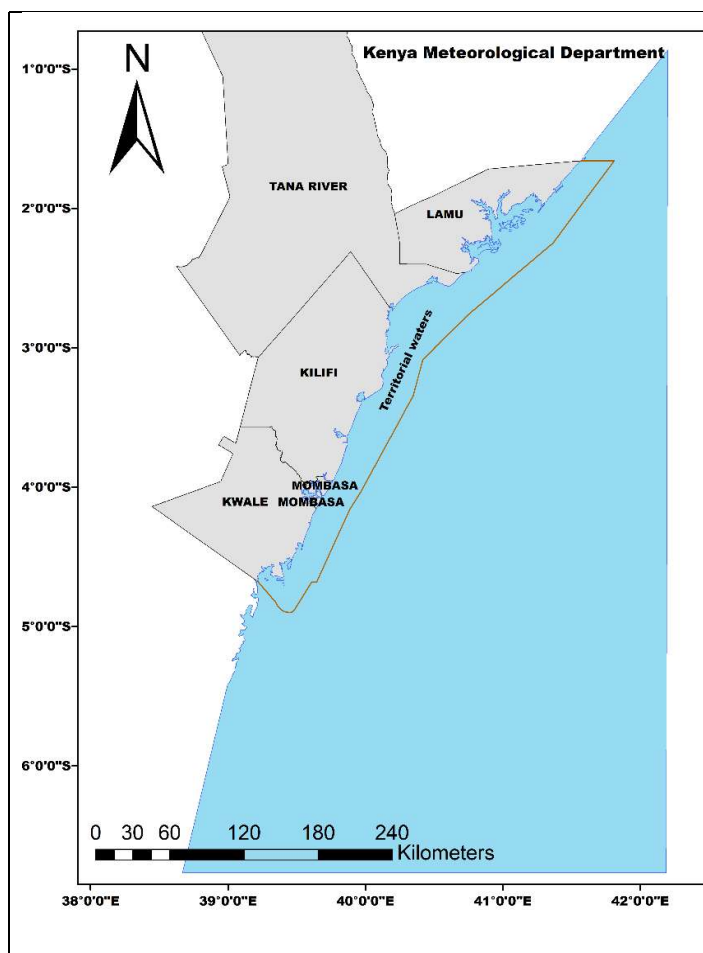




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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST
Issued at: 1500 EAT on 16th February, 2026
Valid: 0000 EAT on 17th February, 2026 to 0000 EAT on 18th February, 2026.



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light and variable NW to E winds (02-04 knots) with smooth seas. ENE to E waves of 2-3 ft (0.6-0.9 m) with Small very short period waves of (7-9 sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Breezy to moderate strong E to ESE winds (11-17 knots) with moderate to choppy seas. ENE to ESE waves of 2-3 ft (0.6-0.9 m) with small very short to small 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: NW 3 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 2 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Very small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: E 12 to 13 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 2 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy E winds with moderate choppy seas. Very small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:29 AM** and sunset: **6:43 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **4:22 AM;3.6 m, 4:43 PM;3.3 m**
- Low Tide: **10:38 AM;0.3 m, 10:42 PM;0.4 m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: N 3 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Very small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: E 13 to 15 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy E winds with moderate choppy seas. Very small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:28 AM** and sunset: **6:42 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **4:25 AM;3.5 m, 4:49 PM;3.2 m**
- Low Tide: **10:42 AM;0.4 m, 10:44 PM;0.5 m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: ENE 4 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Very small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ESE 16 to 18 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong ESE winds with choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:27 AM** and sunset: **6:41 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **4:17 AM;3.2 m, 4:42 PM;2.9 m**
- Low Tide: **10:35 AM;0.1 m, 10:36 PM;0.3 m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: E 2 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small very short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ESE 11 to 17 knots
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 8 seconds
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy ESE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:25 AM** and Sunset: **6:36 PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **4:17 AM;3.1 m, 4:43 PM;2.8 m**
- Low Tide: **10:37 AM;0.1 m, 10:37 PM;0.3 m**

Advisory

- Slight sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 0.6-0.9 m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to fresh breeze of 02-17 knots expected in Kwale, Mombasa Kilifi and Lamu throughout the forecast period. Small boats are likely to be filled with water sprays and become unstable.

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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