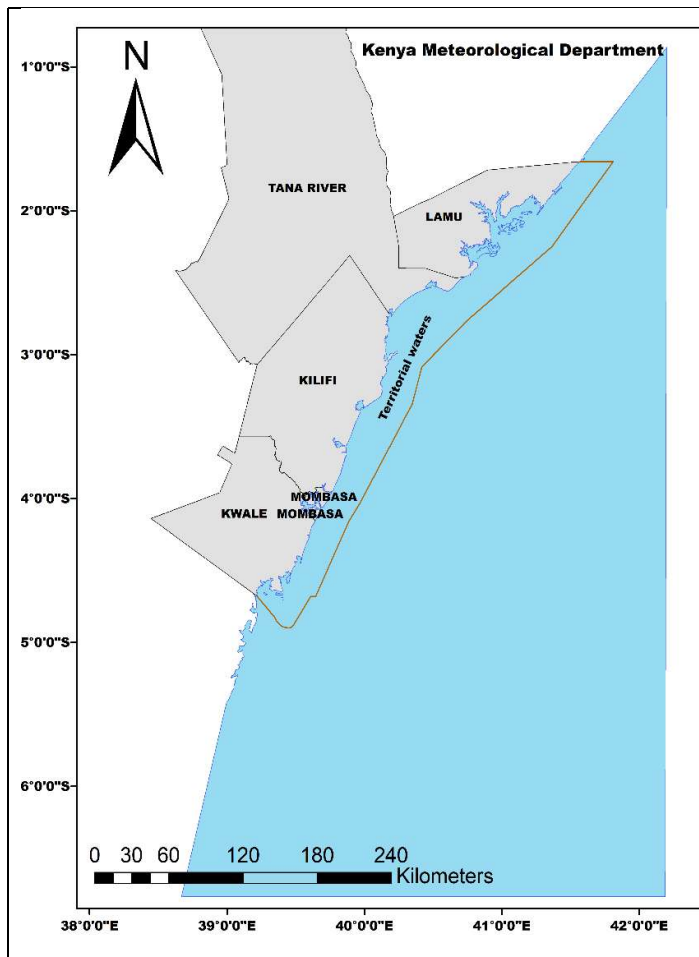




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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST
Issued at: 1500 EAT on 17TH MARCH, 2026
Valid: 0000 EAT on 18TH MARCH, 2026 to 0000 EAT on 19TH MARCH, 2026.



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light and variable, predominantly SSE winds (03-08 knots) with smooth to slight choppy seas. ENE to ESE waves of 2-3ft (0.6-0.9m) with very small short to mid period waves of (7-12sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Light to breezy E to SE winds (8-11 knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. ENE to ESE waves of 2-3ft (0.6m-0.9m) with very small short to mid period waves of (7-11sec) 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: SSE 4 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 11 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: **6:27AM** and sunset: **6:34PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **3:56AM3.49m, 4:13PM3.56m**
- Low Tide: **10:05AM0.31m, 10:20PM0.24m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: SSE 5 to 6 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 8 to 9 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 11 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light ESE winds with a slight chop. Very small mid period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:25AM** and sunset: **6:32PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **34:00AM3.4m, 4:18PM3.45m**
- Low Tide: **10:08AM0.35m, 10:22PM0.3m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: SSE 8 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 12 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light SSE winds with a slight chop. Very small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ESE 10 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 11 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light ESE winds with a slight chop. Very small mid period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:25AM** and Sunset: **6:32PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10km**)
- High Tide: **3:50AM3.13m, 4:10PM3.18m**
- Low Tide: **10:00AM0.16m, 10:14PM0.14m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: SE 3 to 5 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 11 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Very small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SE 8 to 10 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light SE winds with a slight chop. Very small mid period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:21AM** and Sunset: **6:27PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10km**)
- High Tide: **3:51AM2.99m, 4:11PM3.04m**
- Low Tide: **10:01AM0.15m, 10:15PM0.15m**

Advisory

- Slight sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 0.6m-0.9m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to gentle breeze of 03-1 knots expected in Kwale, Mombasa Kilifi and Lamu throughout the forecast period.

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 – 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!!!!
4.1 – 5.5 m (≈ 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 – ≥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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