



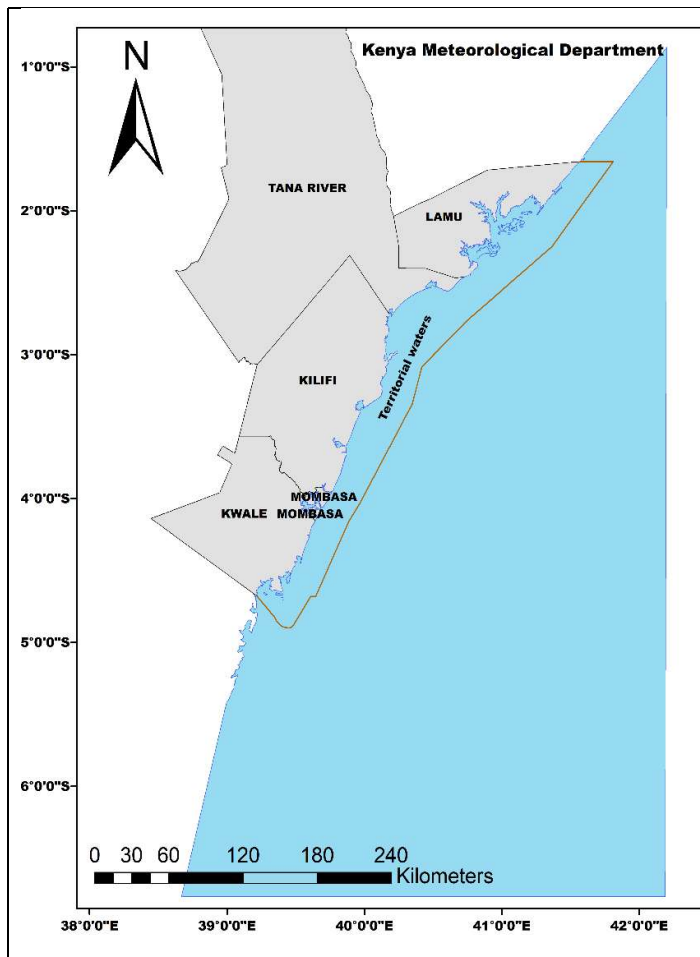
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

Issued at: 1500 EAT on 21st March, 2026

Valid: 0000 EAT on 22nd March, 2026 to 0000 EAT on 23rd March, 2026.



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light to breezy S to SW winds (02-16knots) with smooth to choppy seas. E to ESE waves of 3-4ft (0.9-1.2m) with small very short to short period waves of (6-7sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Light to breezy SSE to S winds (7-14knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. E to ESE waves of 3ft (0.9m) with very small very short to short period waves of (6-9sec) 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: SSW 15 to 16 knots.
- Morning Waves: E 3 feet at 6 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Moderate to strong SSW winds with choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSE 13 to 14 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: E 3 feet at 6 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Very small very short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:26AM** and sunset: **6:33PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **6:00AM;3.46m, 6:17PM;3.83m**
- Low Tide: **12:02PM;0.17m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: SW 10 to 15 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 6 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 11 to 13 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 6 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:25AM** and sunset: **6:31PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **6:10AM;3.4m, 6:25PM;3.83m**
- Low Tide: **00:02AM;0.07m, 12:02PM;0.2m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: SSW 15 to 16 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 6 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 13 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 6 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:25AM** and Sunset: **6:31PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10km**)
- High Tide: **5:57AM;3.07m, 6:12PM;3.51m**
- Low Tide: **11:54AM;0.04m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: S 2 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSE 7 to 10 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light SSE winds with a slight chop. Very small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:20AM** and Sunset: **6:26PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10km**)
- High Tide: **5:57AM;2.92m, 6:13PM;3.38m**
- Low Tide: **11:54AM;0.04m**

Advisory

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 0.9m-1.2m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to fresh breeze of 02-16knots expected in Kwale, Mombasa Kilifi and Lamu throughout the forecast period. **Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious while carrying out marine activities.**

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!!!! 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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