



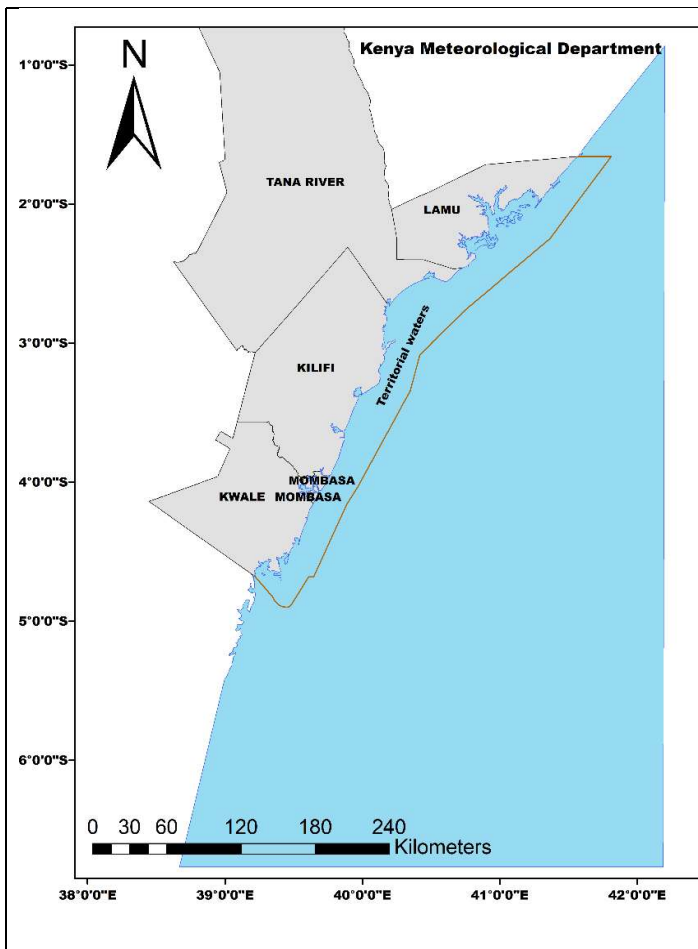
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

Issued at: 1500 EAT on 18th May, 2026

Valid: 0000 EAT on 19th May, 2026 to 0000 EAT on 20th May, 2026.



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light to breezy SSE to SSW winds (9-18 knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. ESE to SE waves of 4-5 ft (1.2-1.5 m) with small to moderate short period waves of (7-9sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Breezy S winds (11-18 knots) with moderate choppy seas. ESE to SSE waves of 4-5 ft (1.2-1.5 m) with small very short to moderate mid period waves of (6-10 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: SSW 9 to 11 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light SSW winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 13 to 16 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 4 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:22 AM** and sunset: **6:17 PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **5:34 AM;3.19 m, 5:49 PM;3.82 m**
- Low Tide: **11:28 AM;0.39 m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: S 10 to 14 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 12 to 17 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small mid period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:20 AM** and sunset: **6:15 PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **5:43 AM;3.1 m, 5:56 PM;3.81 m**
- Low Tide: **11:27 AM;0.39 m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: S 10 to 13 knots.
- Morning Waves: SE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 13 to 18 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:19 AM** and Sunset: **6:16 PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **5:32 AM;2.76 m, 5:45 PM;3.47 m**
- Low Tide: **11:20 AM;0.24 m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: SSE 12 to 18 knots.
- Morning Waves: SE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 11 to 17 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: SSE 5 feet at 6 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:12 AM** and Sunset: **6:13 PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **5:32 AM;2.61 m, 5:45 PM;3.36 m**
- Low Tide: **11:20 AM;0.23 m**

Advisory

- Slight sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 1.2-1.5m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Gentle to fresh breeze of 9-18knots 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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