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7-Day Marine Forecast for the Kenya Coast and Off Shore Areas
Along the Western Indian Ocean Region
Validity: 19/05/2026 - 25/05/2026

1.0 GENERAL OUTLOOK

1.1 Wind Speed & Direction:

Southerly to South-Westerly winds are expected over Somalia waters with wind speeds of 12 to 28 knots (06-14 m/s) throughout the forecast period.

East-South-Easterly to South-Westerly winds are expected over Kenya and Tanzania waters with wind speeds of 04 to 20 knots (02-10 m/s) throughout the forecast period.

1.2 Sig. Wave Height and Direction:

East-South-Easterly to Southerly waves are expected over Kenya and Tanzania waters with wave heights of 0.2–2.5 m (\approx 0.6–7.5 ft) throughout the forecast period.

South-South-Easterly to South-South-Westerly waves are expected over Somalia waters with wave heights of 1.8–3.0 m (\approx 5.4–9.0 ft) throughout the forecast period.

1.3 Sea condition

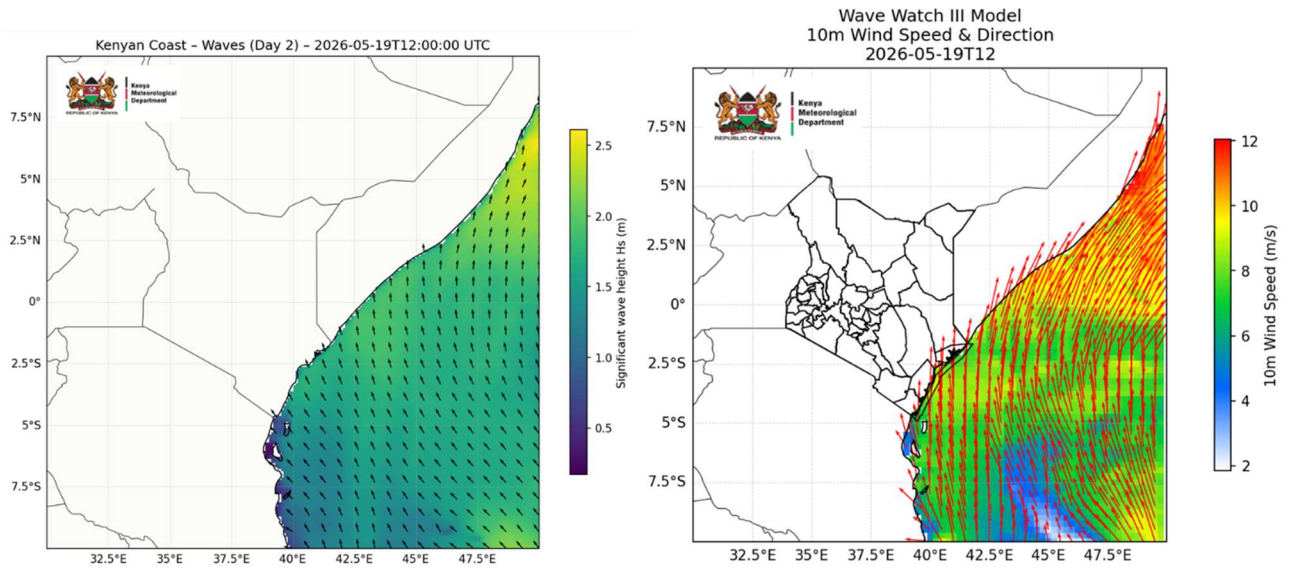
- Light breeze to strong breeze with wind speeds of 06–14 m/s (12 to 28 Knots) expected over Somalia waters throughout the forecast period.
- Light breeze to fresh breeze with wind speeds of 02–10 m/s (04 to 20 Knots) expected Kenya, and Tanzania waters throughout the forecast period.
- Slight to moderate sea condition with wave heights of 0.2–2.5 m (\approx 0.6–7.5 ft) expected over Kenya and Tanzania waters throughout the forecast period.
- Slight to rough sea condition with wave heights of 1.8–3.0 m (\approx 5.4–9.0 ft) expected over Somalia waters throughout the forecast period.

2.0 WINDS AND SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHTS FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD 19TH MAY, 2026 TO 25TH MARCH, 2026.

2.1 Tuesday 19th May, 2026, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

Wave height: 0.3 m to 2.5m (\approx 0.9– 7.5ft)

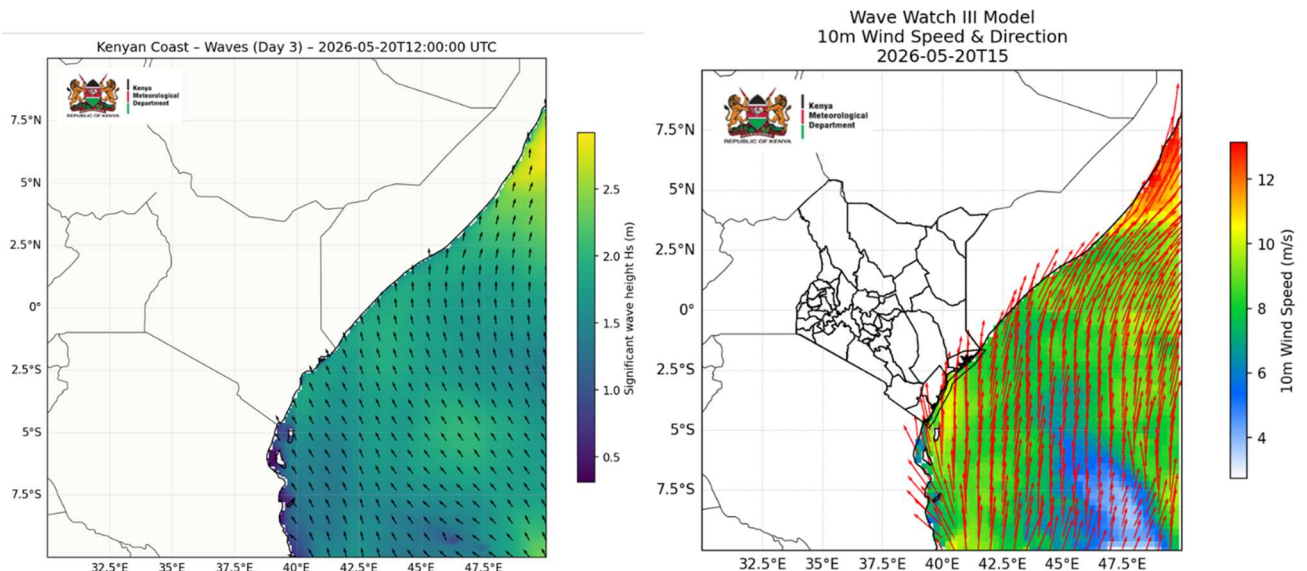
10m Winds: 04-24 knots (\approx 2– 12 m/s)



2.2 Wednesday 20th May, 2026, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

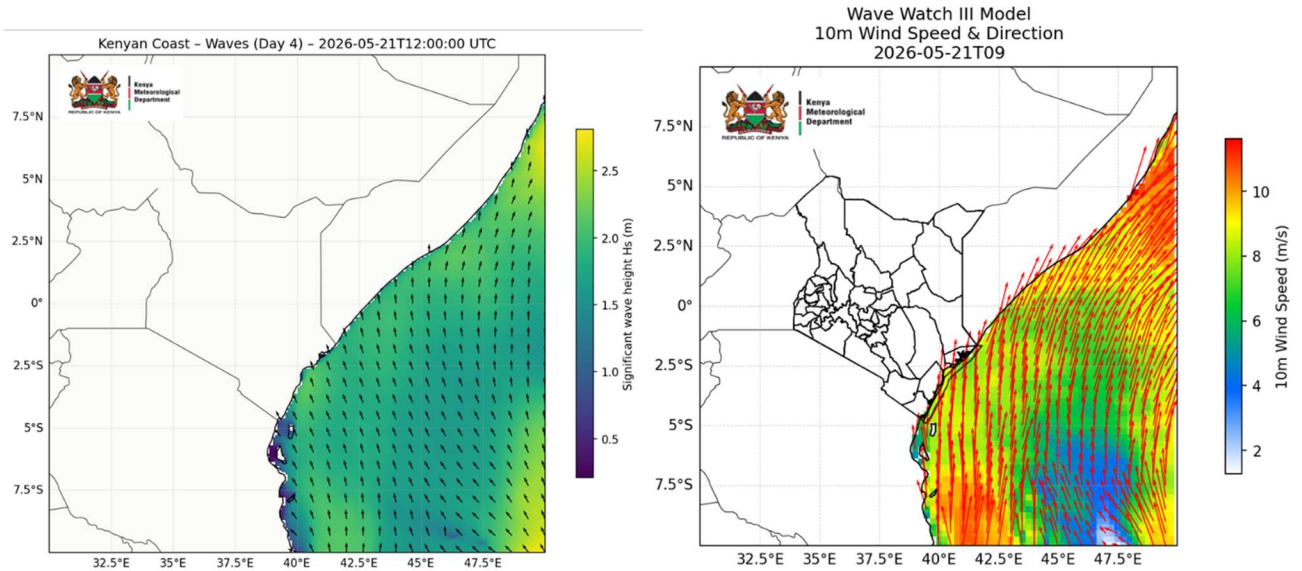
Wave height: 0.4 m to 2.7m (\approx 1.2– 8.1ft)

10m Winds: 06-24 knots (\approx 3– 12 m/s)



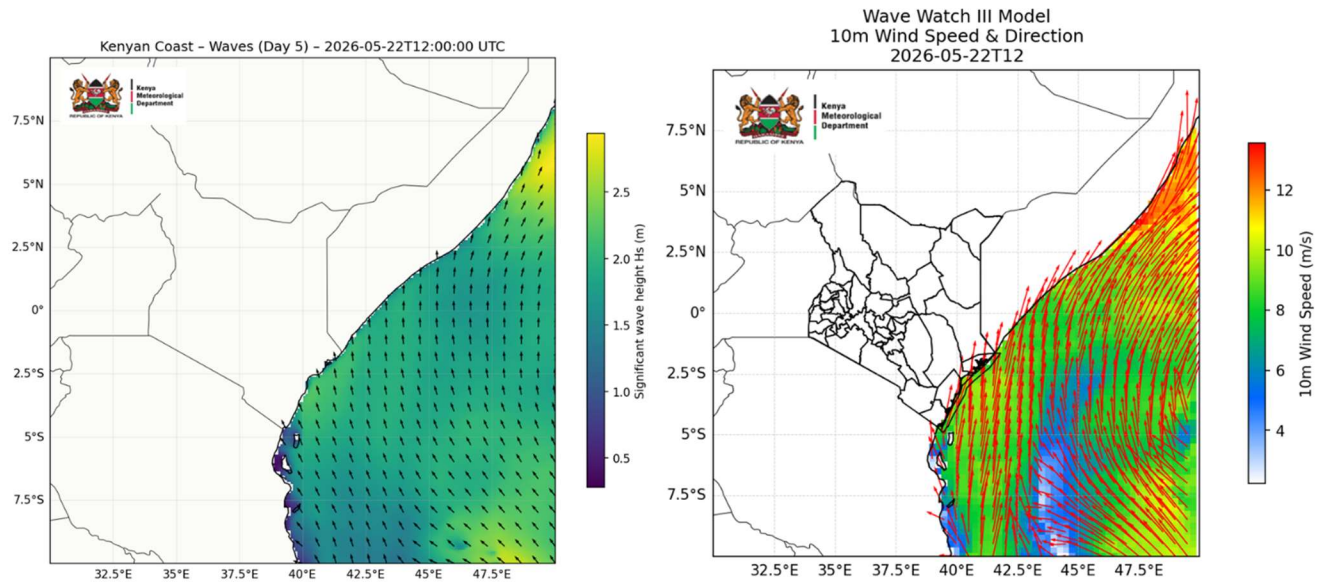
2.3 Thursday 21st May, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

Wave height: 0.4 m to 2.5m (\approx 1.2– 7.5ft) 10m Winds: 04 -20 knots (\approx 2– 10m/s)



2.4 Friday 22nd May, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

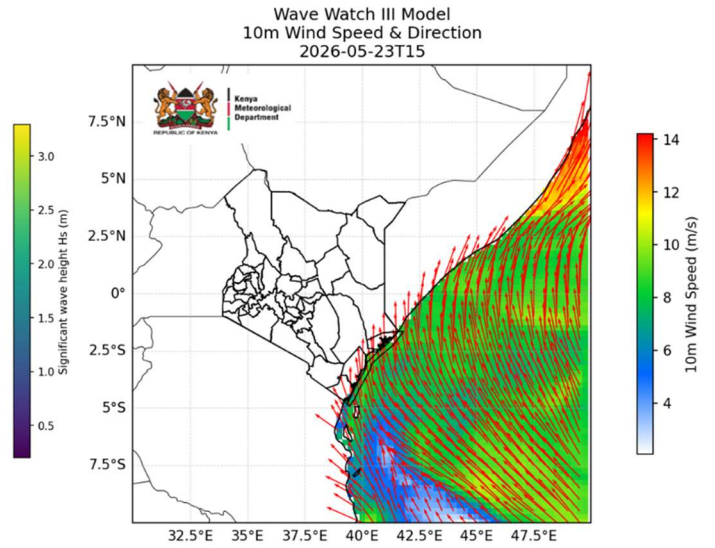
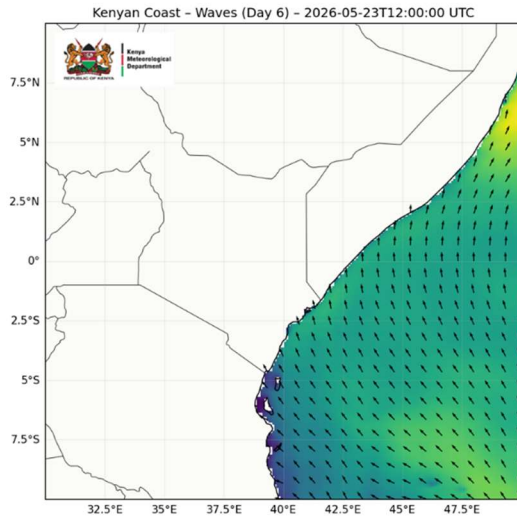
Wave height: 0.4 m to 2.7m (\approx 1.2– 8.1ft) 10m Winds: 06-26 knots (\approx 3 – 13m/s)



2.5 Saturday 23rd May, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

Wave height: 0.3 m to 3.0m (\approx 0.9– 9.0ft)

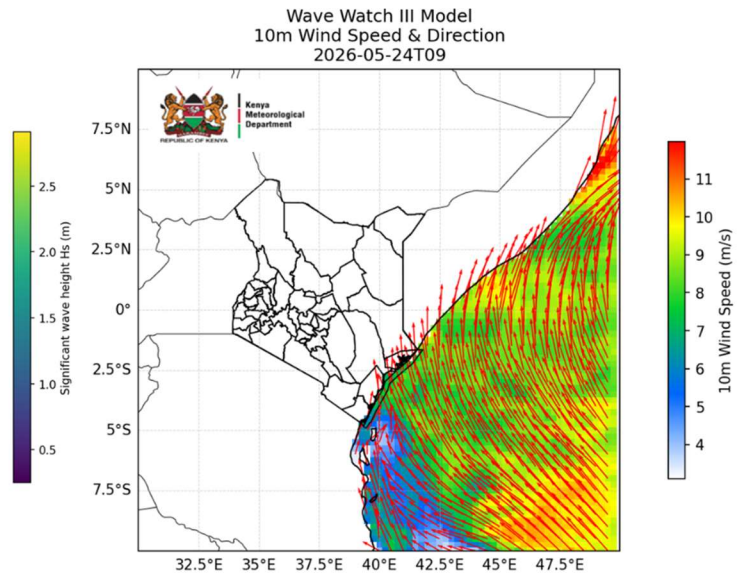
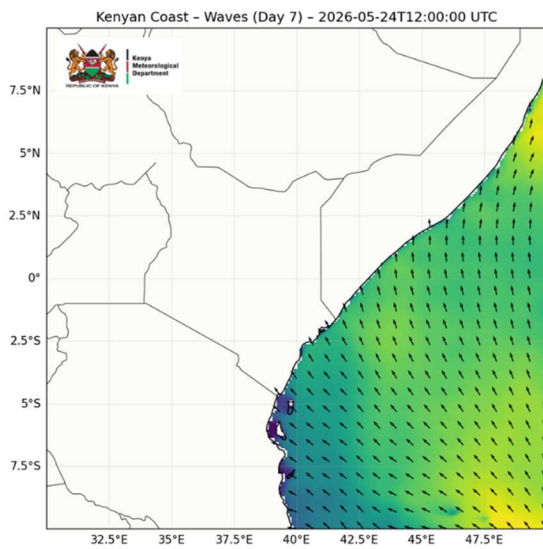
10m Winds: 06-28 knots (\approx 3– 14m/s)



2.6 Sunday 24th May, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

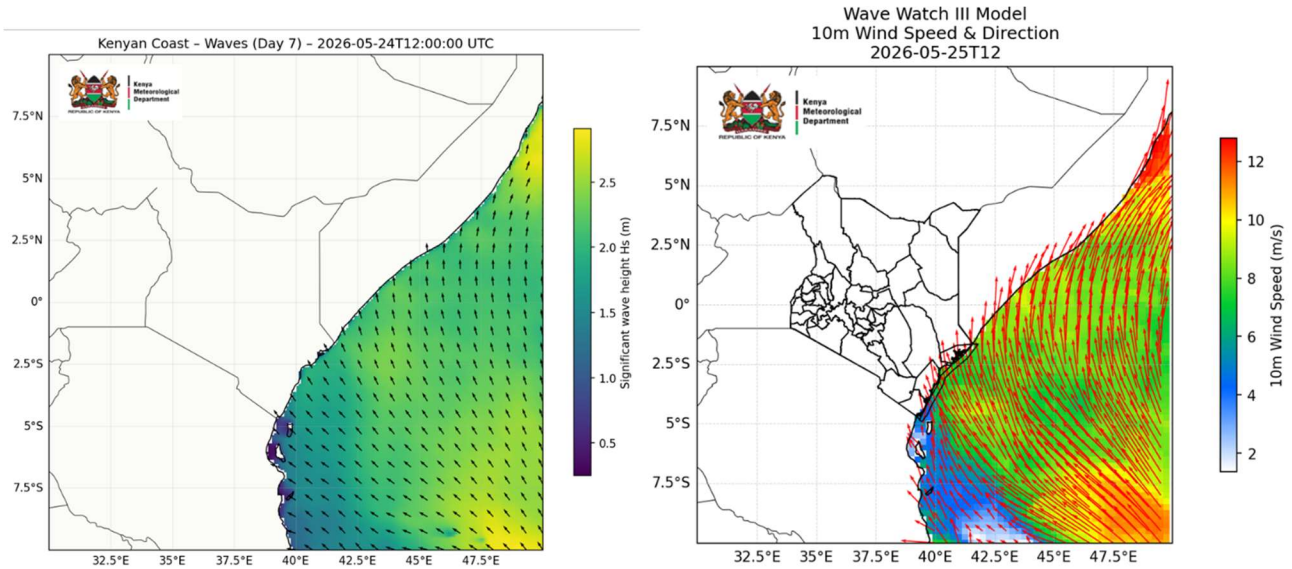
Wave height: 0.4 m to 2.7m (\approx 1.2– 8.1ft)

10m Winds: 06-22knots (\approx 3 – 11m/s)



2.7 Monday 25th May, 2026: Significant Wave Height and Wind Speed (Wave Scale in Meters; Wind Scale in m/s)

Wave height: 0.3 m to 2.7m (≈ 0.9– 8.1ft) 10m Winds: 04-24 knots (≈ 2 – 12m/s)

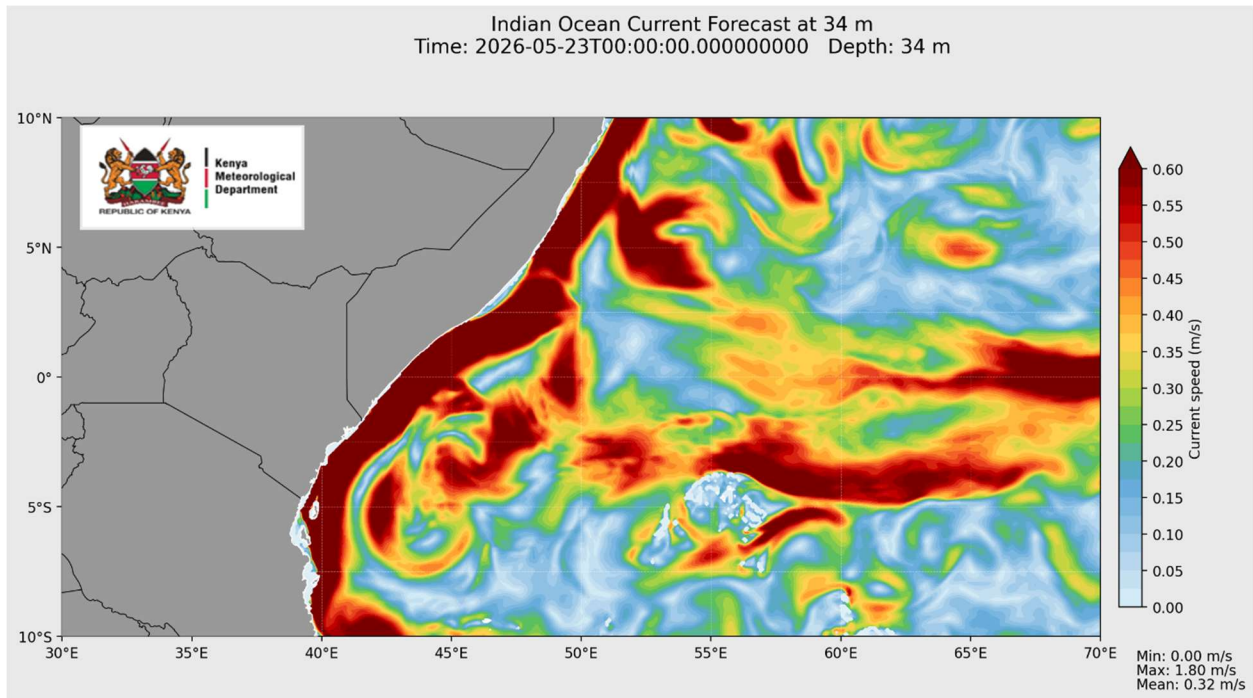


3.0 TIDE FORECAST VALID FROM 19TH MAY, 2026 TO 25TH MAY, 2026.

Date	Description	High Tide		Low Tide	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Tue 19 th May, 2026	1 st Tide	05:43 AM	3.10 m	11:27 AM	0.39 m
	2 nd Tide	05:56 PM	3.81 m		
Wed 20 th May, 2026	1 st Tide	06:29 AM	2.98 m	12:20 AM	0.26 m
	2 nd Tide	06:43 PM	3.58 m	12:13 PM	0.55 m
Thur 21 st May, 2026	1 st Tide	07:19 AM	2.83 m	01:07 AM	0.46 m
	2 nd Tide	07:34 PM	3.28 m	01:04 PM	0.77 m
Fri 22 nd May, 2026	1 st Tide	08:17 AM	2.68 m	02:01 AM	0.68 m
	2 nd Tide	08:33 PM	2.95 m	02:04 PM	1.02 m

Sat 23rd May, 2026	1st Tide	09:28 AM	2.58 m	03:03 AM	0.89 m
	2nd Tide	09:45 PM	2.67 m	03:23 PM	1.23 m
Sun 24th May, 2026	1st Tide	10:51 AM	2.58 m	04:15 AM	1.03 m
	2nd Tide	11:11 PM	2.51 m	05:01 PM	1.30 m
Mon 25th May, 2026	1st Tide	12:10 PM	2.70 m	05:31 AM	1.07 m
	2nd Tide			06:30 PM	1.20 m

**4.0 5 DAYS OCEAN SURFACE CURRENT IN METERS PER SECONDS (M/S)
FORECAST VALID 19/05/2026 TO 23/05/2026**



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 – 7 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!!!!

N.B: This forecast should be used in conjunction with the daily marine forecast issued by this Department.

In concurrence with outputs from relevant marine data platforms, acknowledgement is fully accorded to: ESSO- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), mercator-ocean.fr, COPERNICUS Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) and other related sources.

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