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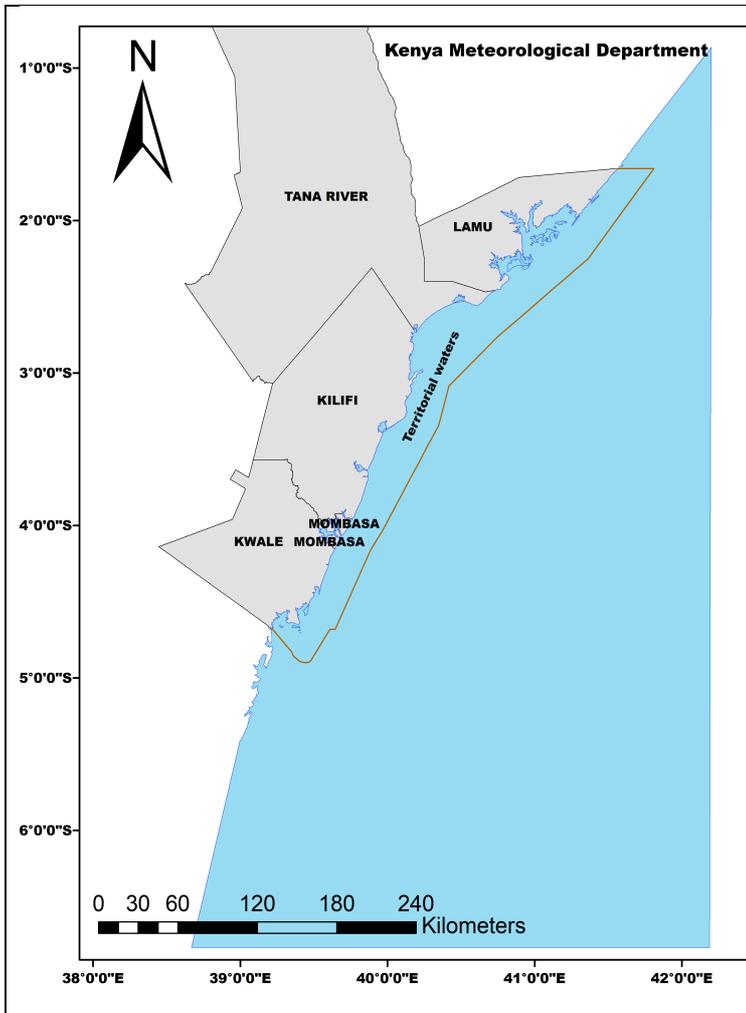
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Light NNW to NE winds (04-09knots) with slight choppy seas. E to ESE waves of 3-4ft (0.9-1.2m) with small period waves of (6-10sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Breezy to moderately strong E to ENE winds (13-22knots) with moderate choppy seas. E to ENE waves of 4-5feet (1.2-1.5m) with small period waves of (5-7sec) 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: NNW 5 to 6 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 10 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light NNW winds with a slight chop. Small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 18 to 22 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 4 feet at 5 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong ENE winds with choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:29AM** and sunset; **6:43PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **6:43AM; 3.26m, 6:59PM; 3.32m**
- Low Tide: **00:37AM;0.47m, 12:47PM;0.5m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: NNW 4 to 5 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 10 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 16 to 19 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong ENE winds with choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:28AM** and sunset; **6:42PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **6:47AM; 3.2m, 7:06PM; 3.29m**
- Low Tide: **00:42AM; 0.53m, 12:50PM;0.46m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: NE 9 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light NE winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 17 to 18 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong ENE winds with choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:27AM** and sunset; **6:41PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **6:36AM; 2.9m, 6:55PM;3m**
- Low Tide: **00:34AM; 0.36m, 12:41PM;0.3m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: NNE 4 to 6 knots.
- Morning Waves: E 4 feet at 6 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small very short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: E 13 to 22 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: E 5 feet at 5 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy E winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate very short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:25AM** and Sunset; **6:36PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **6:36AM; 2.78m, 6:56PM;2.88m**
- Low Tide: **00:36AM; 0.36m, 12:42PM;0.28m**

Advisory

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 0.9-1.5m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to gentle breeze of (04-22knots) expected in Kwale, Mombasa Kilifi and Lamu throughout the forecast period. Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious while venturing into deep sea areas in Lamu

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!!!!

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