



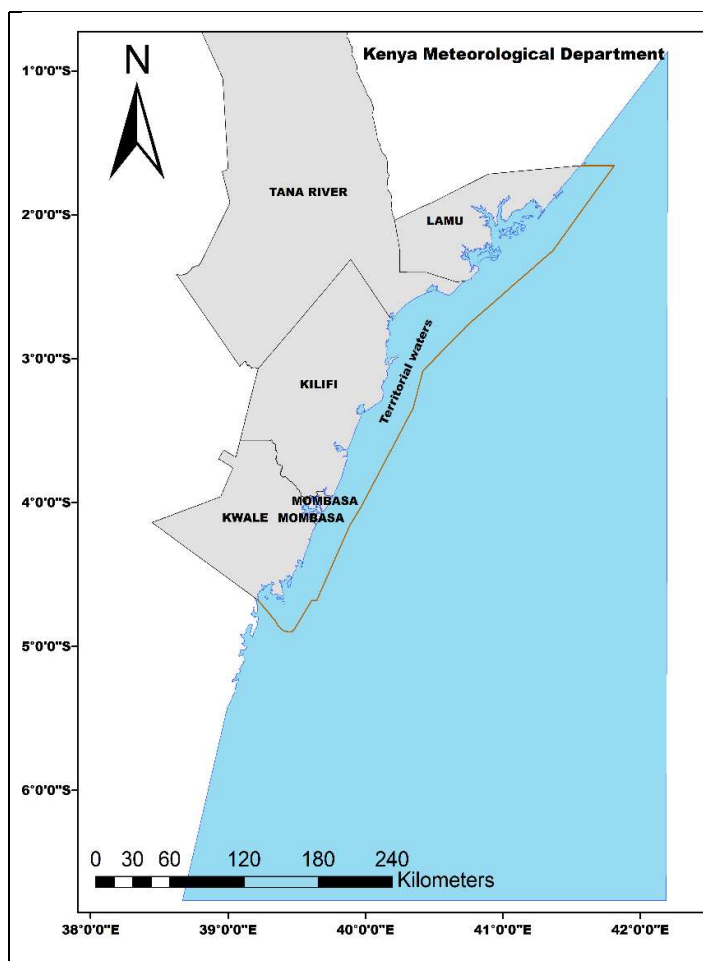
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

Issued at: 1500 EAT on 21st August, 2026

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



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Breezy S winds (10-20 knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. ESE waves of 3-5ft (0.9-1.5m) with moderate short waves of (9sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Light to Breezy SSE winds (09-16 knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. ESE waves of 3-5ft (0.9-1.5m) with moderate short period waves of (8-9ec) 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: S 10 to 15 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 3 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSE 9 to 13 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 3 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light SSE winds with a slight chop. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:26AM** and sunset: **6:26PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **11:43AM;2.51m**
- Low Tide: **3:52AM;1.56m, 7:19PM;1.52m**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: S 11 to 18 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSE 10 to 14 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:24AM** and sunset: **6:24PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **11:22AM;2.37m**
Low Tide: **3:55AM;1.44m, 6:55PM;1.46m**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: S 12 to 20 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSE 12 to 16 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:24AM** and Sunset: **6:24PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **11:22AM;2.13m**
- Low Tide: **3:37AM;1.31m, 7:10PM;1.26m**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: S 12 to 19 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSE 10 to 16 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise: **6:17AM** and Sunset: **6:20PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **11:20AM;2.06m**
- Low Tide: **3:34AM;1.25m, 7:14PM;1.2m**

Advisory

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 0.9m-1.5m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Gentle to fresh breeze of 09-20 knots 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.**

KEY ON SEA STATE

WAVE HEIGHT RANGE (Meters)	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
0.6 – 1.0 m ($\approx$ 1.8 – 3.0 ft)	Slight	Conditions suitable for Marine activities
1 – 1.9 m ($\approx$ 3.0 – 5.7 ft)	Slight – Moderate	
2.0 – 2.9 m ($\approx$ 6.0 – 8.7 ft)	Moderate-Rough	Caution on operating marine activities
3.0 – 4.0 m ($\approx$ 9.0 – 12.0 ft)	Rough	Warning in place!!!! Warning in place and marine activities on hold
4.1 – 5.5 m ($\approx$ 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 – $\geq$ 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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