

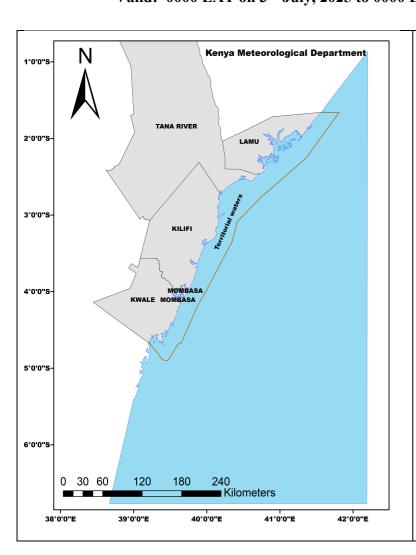
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

• Light to moderately strong S to SSW winds (11-19knots) with slight to choppy seas. ESE waves of 5-7ft (1.5-2.1m) with small to moderate period waves of (9-10sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

• Light to moderately strong S winds (09-23knots) with slight to choppy seas. ESE waves of 6-8feet (1.8-2.4m) with small to moderate period waves of (10sec) 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 12 to 17 knots.
- Morning Waves: E SE 5 feet at 10 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 14 to 19 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 6 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Sunrise; 6.31AM and sunset; 6:22PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)
- High Tide: 10:01AM; 2.72m, 10:18PM; 2.44m
- Low Tide: 3:20AM;1.08m, 4:03PM;1.31m

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: SSW 12 to 18 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 6 feet at 10 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 16 to 20 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE7 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong S winds with choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Sunrise; 6:28AM and sunset; 6:22PM
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: 9:58AM; 2.67m, 10:04PM; 2.32m
- Low Tide: 3:23AM; 0.98m, 4:15PM;1.29m

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: S 16 to 19 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE7 feet at 10 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Moderate to strong S winds with choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 20 to 23 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 8 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Strong S winds with very choppy seas. Small Craft Advisory. Moderate mid period waves.
- Sunrise; 6.27AM and sunset; 6:22PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10km)
- High Tide: 9:49AM; 2.45m, 9:57PM; 2.08m
- Low Tide: 3:11AM; 0.85m, 4:05PM;1.14m

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: S 4 to 11 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE7 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 9 to 18 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 7 feet at 10 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light S winds with a slight chop. Moderate mid period waves.
- Sunrise; 6:20AM and Sunset; 6:21PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10km)
- High Tide: 9:51AM; 2.36m, 9:55PM; 1.98m
- Low Tide: 3:13AM; 0.8m, 4:08PM;1.1m

Advisory

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 1.5-2.4m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu. Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious while venturing into deep sea areas in Kilifi
- Gentle to fresh breeze of (09-23knots) 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 Kilifi.

KEY ON SEA STATE

WAVE HEIGHT RANGE	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
(Meters)		
$0.6 - 1.0 \text{ m} \ (\approx 1.8 - 3.0 \text{ ft})$	Slight	Conditions suitable for Marine activities
$1.0 - 1.9 \text{ m}. (\approx 3.0 - 5.7 \text{ ft})$	Slight - Moderate	
$2.0 - 2.9 \text{ m} \ (\approx 6.0 - 8.7 \text{ ft})$	Moderate-Rough	Caution on operating marine activities
$3.0 - 4.0 \text{ m} \ (\approx 9.0 - 12.0 \text{ ft})$	Rough	Warning in place!!!!
$4.1 - 5.5 \text{ m} \ (\approx 12.3 - 16.5 \text{ ft})$	Very Rough	Warning in place and marine activities
		on hold

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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