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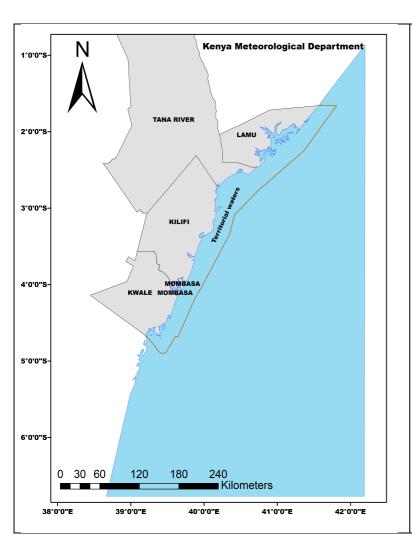
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# DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST Issued at: 1500 EAT on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2025

Valid: 0000 EAT on 23rd February 2025 to 0000 EAT on 24th February 2025



# **GENERAL OUTLOOK**

# Morning sea state:

• Light and variable winds (09-20 knots) with slight choppy seas. ESE waves of 4-5 feet (1.2m - 1.5m) with small period waves of (7 -12 sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

# Afternoon sea state:

Light E to SE winds (13-27 knots) with slight choppy seas. ESE waves of 4-5 feet (1.2m - 1.5m) with small period waves of (7 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: N 13 to 17 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy N winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 19 to 22 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong ENE winds with choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)
- High Tide: 00.10 AM; 2.5m, 01.31 PM; 2.1m,
- Low Tide: 07:46AM; 1.5m, 06:54 PM;1.6m

## ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: NNE 9 to 13 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light NNE winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 15 to 17 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; 5:57AM and sunset; 6:17PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)
- High Tide: 01:24PM; 2.0m,
- Low Tide: 07:23AM; 1.5m, 06:38PM; 1.6m

#### iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: NE 14 to 15 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy NE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 13 to 15 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy ENE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise; 5:57AM and sunset; 6:15PM
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: 01:53PM; 1.7m,
- Low Tide; 07:42AM; 1.2m, 06:42PM;1.4m

#### iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: ENE 17 to 20 knots.
- Morning Waves: E 4 feet at 6 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Moderate to strong ENE winds with choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 22 to 27 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: E 5 feet at 6 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Strong ENE winds with very choppy seas. Small Craft Advisory. Moderate very short period waves.
- Sunrise; 00.38AM and sunset; 6:10PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10km)
- High Tide: 01.57 PM; 1.6m,
- Low Tide: 07:48 AM; 1.2m, 06:38 PM; 1.3m

## **Advisory**

- Moderate to rough conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 1.2m 1.5m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Gentle breeze to Strong breeze of (09-27 knots) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu. Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious while carrying out marine activities around Kwale and Lamu.

#### KEY ON SEA STATE

WAVE HEIGHT RANGE	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
(Meters)		
$0.6 - 1.0 \text{ m} \ (\approx 1.8 - 3.0 \text{ ft})$	Slight	<b>Conditions suitable for Marine</b>
$1.0 - 1.9 \text{ m}. (\approx 3.0 - 5.7 \text{ ft})$	Slight - Moderate	activities
$2.0 - 2.9 \text{ m} \ (\approx 6.0 - 8.7 \text{ ft})$	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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