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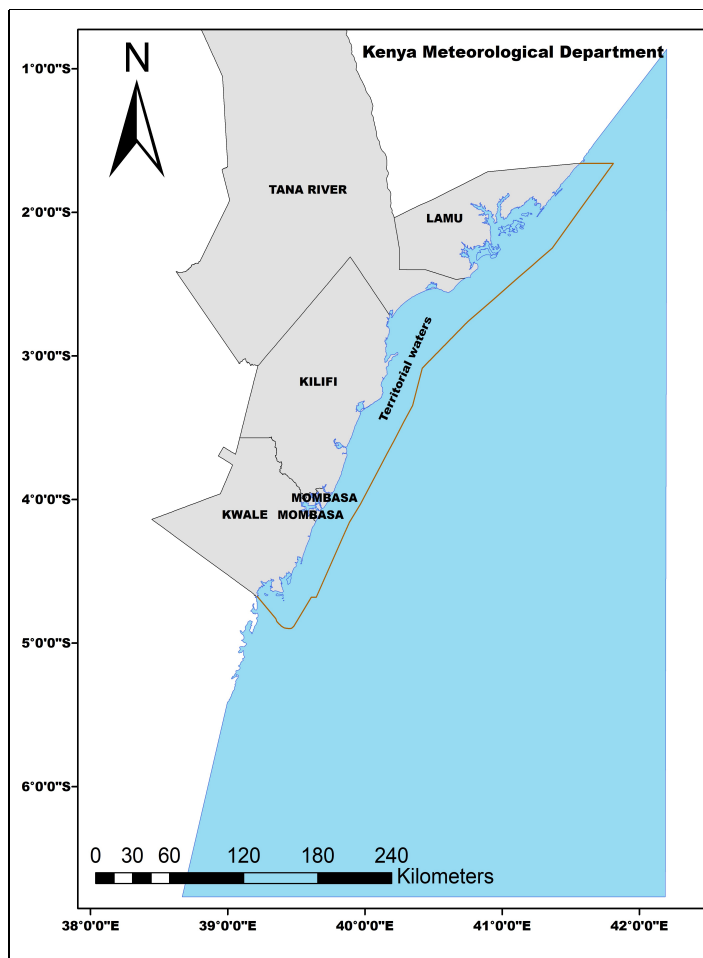
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**DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST**

**Issued at: 1500 EAT on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

**Valid: 0000 EAT on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to 0000 EAT on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**



**GENERAL OUTLOOK**

**Morning sea state:**

- Light to breezy N to NE winds (04-14 knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. E to ENE waves of 4-5ft (1.2-1.5m) with small period waves of (6-7sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

**Afternoon sea state:**

- Breezy to moderately strong E to ENE winds (11-22knots) with moderate choppy seas. E to ENE waves of 4feet (1.2m) 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: N 9 to 13 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light N winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 18 to 22 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; **6:29AM** and sunset; **6:41PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **3:54AM; 3.57m, 4:17PM; 3.39m**
- Low Tide: **10:11AM;0.29m, 10:18PM;0.31m**

### **ii. MOMBASA**

- Morning Winds: N 8 to 12 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light N winds with a slight chop. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 14 to 17 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ENE 4 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy ENE winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:28AM** and sunset; **6:39PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **3:57AM; 3.49m, 4:23PM; 3.28m**
- Low Tide: **10:15AM; 0.33m, 10:19PM;0.38m**

### **iii. KILIFI**

- Morning Winds: NNE 13 to 14 knots.
- Morning Waves: ENE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy NNE winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: ENE 15 to 16 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; **6:27AM** and sunset; **6:39PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **3:48AM; 3.22m, 4:15PM;2.99m**
- Low Tide: **10:08AM; 0.12m, 10:11PM;0.22m**

### **iv. LAMU**

- Morning Winds: NE 4 to 8 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 11 to 19 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: E 4 feet at 5 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy E winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.
- Sunrise; **6:24AM** and Sunset; **6:34PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **3:48AM; 3.1m, 4:16PM;2.84m**
- Low Tide: **10:10AM; 0.11m, 10:12PM;0.28m**

### **Advisory**

- Slight to moderate sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 1.2-1.5m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.
- Light to strong 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 Kwale.

#### **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
1.0 – 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!!!!
4.1 – 5.5 m ( $\approx$ 12.3 – 16.5 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 – $\geq$ 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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