

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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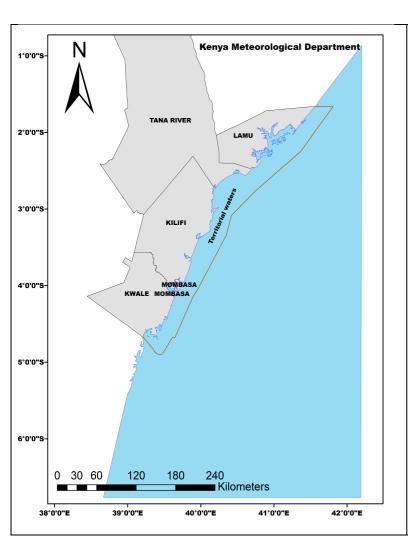
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# DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

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Valid: 0000 EAT on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 to 0000 EAT on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025



#### **GENERAL OUTLOOK**

#### Morning sea state:

• Light to breezy S to SSW winds (06-21knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. ESE waves of 4-5ft (1.2-1.5m) with small mid period waves of (8-9sec) are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

# Afternoon sea state:

Light to breezy S to SSW winds (09-19knots) with slight to moderate choppy seas. SE to ESE waves of 4-5feet (1.2-1.5m) with small period waves of (9sec) 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: ESE 4 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 12 to 17 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 4 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Sunrise; 6.22AM and sunset; 6:15PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)
- High Tide: 12:17PM; 2.82m
- Low Tide: 5:37AM;1.07m, 6:29PM;1.16m

#### ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: SSW 15 to 21 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 11 to 14 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise; 6:20AM and sunset; 6:15PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10 km)
- High Tide: 12:12PM; 2.73m
- Low Tide: 5:37AM; 1.05m, 6:30PM;1.12m

#### iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: SSW 18 to 21 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Moderate to strong SSW winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSW 13 to 17 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: ESE 5 feet at 9 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise; 6.18AM and sunset; 6:15PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10km)
- High Tide: 12:06PM; 2.48m
- Low Tide: 5:30AM; 0.89m, 6:21PM;0.99m

#### iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: S 6 to 18 knots.
- Morning Waves: ESE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light S winds with a slight chop. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 9 to 19 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: SE 5 feet at 7 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Light S winds with a slight chop. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise; 6:12AM and Sunset; 6:13PM
- Visibility: Moderate (9-10km)
- High Tide: 12:07PM; 2.38m
- Low Tide: 5:31AM; 0.89m, 6:23PM;0.96m

## **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 gentle breeze of (06-21knots) 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 especially in Mombasa and Kilifi in the morning.

#### **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 activities</b>
$1.0 - 1.9 \text{ m}. (\approx 3.0 - 5.7 \text{ ft})$	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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