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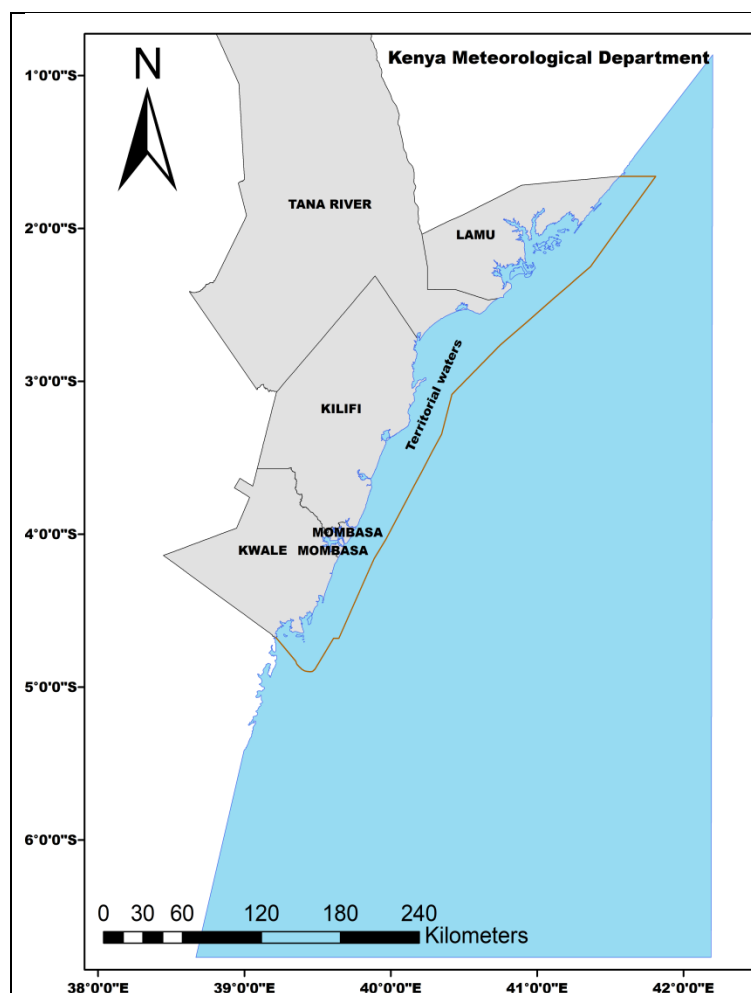
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DAILY MARINE NEAR SHORE FORECAST FOR KENYAN COAST

Issued at: 1500 EAT on 29th May 2025

Valid: 0000 EAT on 30th May 2025 to 0000 EAT on 31st May 2025



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Morning sea state:

- Gentle to Fresh S to SW winds (09-21 knots) with choppy seas. SE waves of 5-8 feet (1.5m – 2.4m) with period waves of (8- sec) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu.

Afternoon sea state:

- Gentle to strong S to SW winds (11-24 knots) with choppy seas. SE waves of 5-8 feet (1.5m- 2.4m) with period waves of (8- sec) 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 18 to 21 knots.
- Morning Waves: SE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Moderate to strong SSW winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSW 18 to 22 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: SE 5 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong SSW winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise; **5:57AM** and sunset; **6:17PM**
- Visibility: Moderate (**9-10 km**)
- High Tide: **06.08AM; 3.0m, 06.20PM; 3.6m,**
- Low Tide: **11:58AM; 0.6m,**

ii. MOMBASA

- Morning Winds: SW 14 to 21 knots.
- Morning Waves: SE 7 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: SSW 18 to 23 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: SE 7 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Moderate to strong SSW winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise; **5:57AM** and sunset; **6:17PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10 km)**
- High Tide: **06:15AM; 3.0m, 06:28PM; 3.5m,**
- Low Tide: **11:59AM; 0.6m,**

iii. KILIFI

- Morning Winds: SW 9 to 21 knots.
- Morning Waves: SE 8 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light SW winds with a slight chop. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 14 to 24 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: SE 7 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.
- Sunrise; **5:57AM** and sunset; **6:15PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **06:06AM; 2.6m, 06:18PM; 3.2m,**
- Low Tide; **11:54AM; 0.4m;**

iv. LAMU

- Morning Winds: S 9 to 20 knots.
- Morning Waves: SSE 8 feet at 8 seconds.
- Morning sea state: Light S winds with a slight chop. Moderate short period waves.
- Afternoon Winds: S 11 to 21 knots.
- Afternoon Waves: SSE 8 feet at 8 seconds.
- Afternoon sea state: Breezy S winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate short period waves
- Sunrise; **5:57AM** and sunset; **6:17PM**
- Visibility: **Moderate (9-10km)**
- High Tide: **06.07AM; 2.5m, 06.17PM; 3.1m,**
- Low Tide: **11:54AM; 0.4m,**

Advisory

- Moderate – Rough sea conditions are expected with a significant wave height of 1.5m – 2.4m in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu. Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious due to moderate - rough waves expected.
- Gentle breeze to Strong breeze of (09-24 knots) expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu. Small boats and crafts are advised to be cautious while venturing into deep sea due to strong winds expected.

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!!!!

In concurrence with outputs from relevant marine data platforms, acknowledgement is fully accorded to: ESSO- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), mercator-ocean.fr, COPERNICUS Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) and other related sources.

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