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Somali Water and Land Information Management

Current Situation:

Forecasts from NOAA GFS indicate a strong surge in southeasterly to easterly winds along the Somali coastline, beginning Friday 23 May and persisting through Sunday 26 May. Wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 knots (12.9 m/s) over coastal waters, with localized intensification to >30 knots (15.4 m/s) especially offshore of Lower Juba, Middle Juba, Lower Shabelle, and Banadir. Strong onshore winds may also affect Hobyo (Mudug), Eyl (Nugaal), and Bosaso (Bari). These winds may induce coastal waves exceeding 2 metres, particularly along the Indian Ocean coast between Kismayo and Hobyo, creating rough marine conditions.

Expected Impacts:

- **Marine hazards:** Disruption to fishing and coastal marine transport.
- **Livelihoods:** Coastal communities relying on artisanal fisheries may face temporary suspensions.
- **Structures:** Potential for minor damage to temporary structures, especially in any coastal human settlement sites and poorly anchored shelters.
- **Visibility:** Reduced visibility due to sea spray and dust in southern coastal zones

Expected Impacts:

For Marine and Coastal Communities:

- Limit fishing and transport activities particularly in small boats during the peak wind period
- Secure boats, nets, and coastal property from wave damage and wind exposure

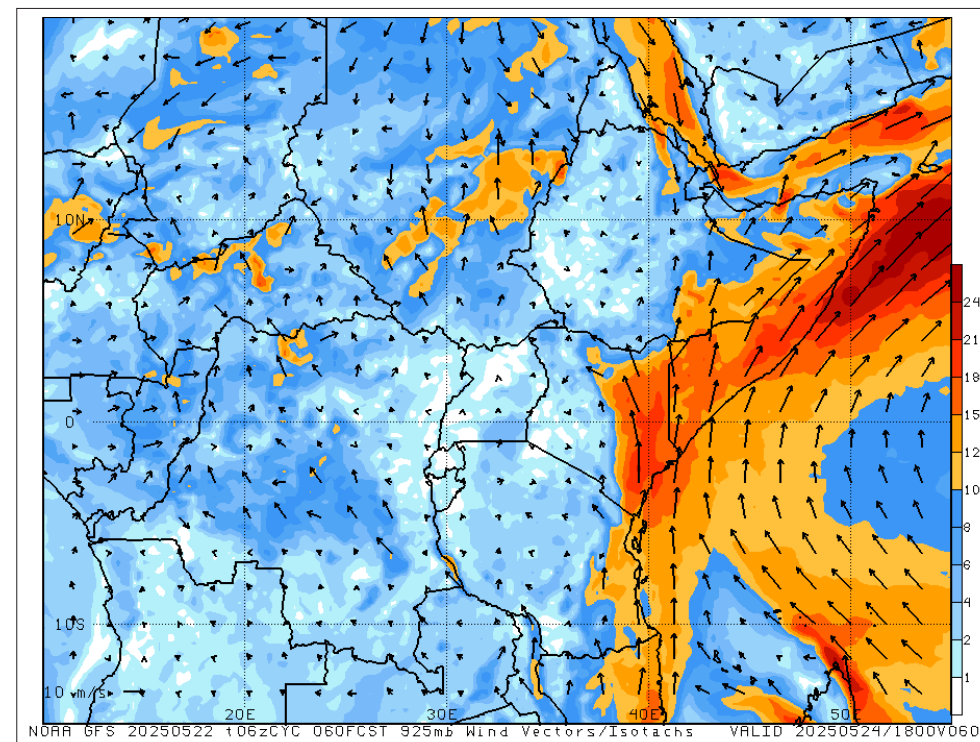


Figure 1: NOAA GFS forecast wind vectors/isotachs (24 May 2025, 1800Z)

For Local Authorities and Partners:

- Disseminate alerts to marine operators and communities
- Coordinate with local marine transport and fisheries ministries to minimize disruptions
- Monitor sea conditions closely, especially at critical coastal zones (e.g., Kismayo, Mogadishu, Hobyo, Bosaso)

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