

**Inshore Waters Forecast to 20km Offshore
Issued by Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET)
at 1500 UTC on Thur. 2nd February, 2012.**

Period of Forecast: 1800 UTC Thur. 2nd to 1800 UTC Fri. 3rd February, 2012.

General Situation: A low pressure system with values ranging from 1008 - 1011hPa dominates the coastal area of the country. The system is expected to fill up to values between 1012 - 1013hPa around 0600 UTC. It will later deepen to a value of 1008hPa at about 1500 UTC and remain quasi-stationary within the forecast period. Convective activities are expected, especially to the south eastern parts with light to moderate breeze.

Calabar, Eket and Port Harcourt Areas

24 Hr forecast

Wind: South-westerly, 5 -10kts occasionally 15kts.

Sea state: Slight.

Weather: Fair, isolated rain with chances of thunderstorm.

Visibility: Moderate.

Outlook for the following 24hrs:

Wind: South-westerly, 5-10kts.

Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of showers.

Visibility: Moderate.

Warri, Koko and Aiyetoro Areas

24 hr forecast

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Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of rain.

Visibility: Moderate.

Outlook for the following 24hrs

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Lagos Area: 24hr forecast:

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Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair, isolated showers.

Visibility: Moderate.

Outlook for the following 24hrs.

Wind: South westerly, 5-10kts.

Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair.

Visibility: Moderate.

End.

SHIPPING FORECAST TO 650KM OFFSHORE

ISSUED BY NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (NIMET),

at 1500 UTC Thur. 2nd February, 2012

VALID FOR: 1800 UTC Thur. 2nd to 1800 UTC Fri. 3rd February, 2012.

WARNINGS: Nil

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS: Nigerian territorial waters still remain under the influence of a low pressure system with values ranging from 1010 - 1012hPa. The system is expected to fill up to values between 1013 - 1014hPa around 0600 UTC. Thereafter it will deepen to a value of 1008hPa at about 1500 UTC and remain quasi-stationary to the end of forecast. Light to moderate breeze is expected.

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS:

WIND: SOUTH-WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY, 5 - 10KTS, OCCASIONALLY 15KTS.

SEA STATE: SLIGHT.

WEATHER: FAIR, CHANCES OF RAIN.

VISIBILITY: MODERATE.

END.

NOTE:

Slight: in sea state is between 0.5 – 1.25 metres

Moderate: in sea state is between 1.25 – 2.50 metres

Fair: in weather may be used if no precipitation or fog is expected

Visibility: Good is between 10 – 20km

Moderate is between 4000m – 10km

Poor is between 1000 – 4000m

Very poor is below 1000

Wind:

Light air is	1-3knots
Light breeze is	4-6knots
Gentle breeze is	7-10knots
Moderate breeze is	11-16knots
Fresh breeze is	17-21knots
Strong breeze is	22-27knots

