

**Inshore Waters Forecast to 20km Offshore
Issued by Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET)
at 1500 UTC on Tue. 31st January, 2012.**

Period of Forecast: 1800 UTC Tue. 31st January to 1800 UTC Wed. 1st Feb., 2012.

General Situation: A low pressure system with values ranging from 1008 - 1010hPa still dominates the coastal area of the country. The system is expected to fill up to a value of 1012hPa around 0900 UTC. Thereafter it will deepen to its initial value at about 1500 UTC and remain quasi-stationary within the forecast period. Convective activities are expected in parts of the area 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.

Visibility: Moderate.

Outlook for the following 24hrs:

Wind: South-westerly, 5-10kts.

Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of rain.

Visibility: Moderate.

Warri, Koko and Aiyetoro Areas

24 hr forecast

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

Sea State: Moderate becoming slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of rain.

Visibility: Moderate.

Outlook for the following 24hrs

Wind: South-westerly, 5 -10kts.

Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of showers later.

Visibility: Moderate.

Lagos Area: 24hr forecast:

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

Sea State: Moderate becoming slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of rain later.

Visibility: Moderate.

Outlook for the following 24hrs.

Wind: South westerly, 5-10kts.

Sea State: Slight.

Weather: Fair, chances of showers later.

Visibility: Moderate.

End.

SHIPPING FORECAST TO 650KM OFFSHORE

ISSUED BY NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (NIMET),

at 1500 UTC Tue. 31st January, 2012

VALID FOR: 1800 UTC Tue. 31st January to 1800 UTC Wed. 1st Feb., 2012.

WARNINGS: Nil

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS: Nigerian territorial waters still remain under the influence of a low pressure system with values ranging from 1009 - 1011hPa. The system is expected to fill up to 1013hPa around 0900 UTC. Thereafter it will deepen to its initial value 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 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