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Likelihood	High	2		
	Medium			
	Low			
	Very Low			
		Minimal	Minor	Significant
Impact				



IMPACT BASED WARNING issue :09:44 on Wed 10 May 2023

LEVEL 2 for Damaging Waves

WARNING valid Thu 11 May 10:00 Until Sat 13 May 00:00

Affected DM / LM / Metro area

M_Bergrivier, M_Bitou, M_Cape Agulhas, M_Cape Agulhas, M_Cederberg, M_City of Cape town, M_George, M_Hessequa, M_Kamiesberg, M_Knysna, M_Matzikama, M_Mossel Bay, M_Nama Khoi, M_Overstrand, M_Richtersveld, M_Saldanha Bay, M_Swartland, M_Table Bay

Short Message

resulting in difficulty in navigation at sea is expected between Saldanha Bay and Cape Agulhas on Thursday morning, spreading to Alexander Bay and Plettenberg Bay on Friday until Saturday (11-13/05/2023).

Discussion

South-westerly waves with significant wave heights of 4.0 to 5.0 m are expected between Saldanha Bay and Cape Agulhas on Thursday late morning, spreading to Alexander Bay and Plettenberg Bay by Friday morning until Saturday. Together with these waves, south-easterly winds (50-70 km/h gusting 90 km/h) can be expected along the west and the south-west coast on Friday and Saturday. The combination of these conditions will result in chaotic, rough and choppy seas.

Impacts

Difficulty in navigation at sea for small vessels and personal watercrafts (e.g. kayaks) due to quick successive, steep waves is likely. These vessels will also be at risk of taking on water and capsizing in locality. Localised disruptions to small harbours and ports as well as beachfront activities is possible.

Instruction

Small boats and personal water craft are advised to stay away from the open sea and seek the shelter of a harbour, river estuary or protected bay. The public, especially the tourists that are not familiar with the coastal routes where built-up of sand are expected are advised to seek alternatives routes beforehand.