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## Advisory for Depression

Issued by the Natural Hazards Early Warning Centre

Issued at 05.45 p.m. 30 January 2023, valid from 06.00 p.m. 30 January 2023 to 06.00 p.m. 31 January 2023

### PLEASE BE AWARE!

The low pressure area over the southeast Bay of Bengal has intensified in to a Depression and it is lay centered about 670km east -southeast of Trincomalee. It is likely to move west northwestwards towards the eastern coast of Sri Lanka on 01<sup>st</sup> of February.

#### For Land: Heavy Rain and Strong winds

Rainy condition over the island will be increased under the influence of this system on 31<sup>st</sup> of January and 01<sup>st</sup> of February and very heavy showers about 150mm are likely at some places.

Showers or thundershowers will occur at times in Northern, Eastern, North-Central and Uva provinces and in Matale district.

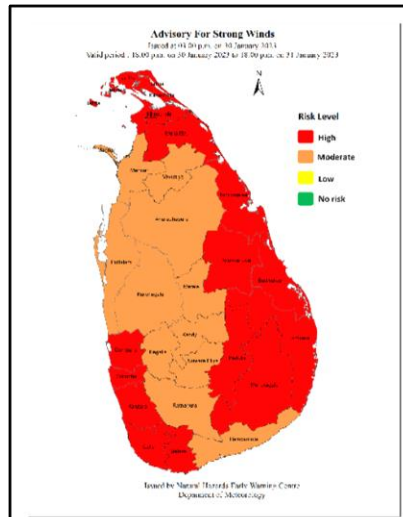
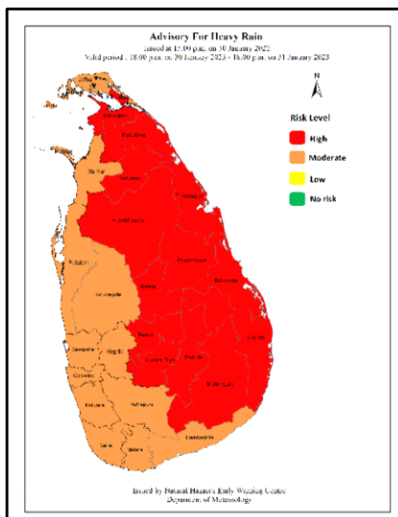
Showers or thunder showers will occur elsewhere during the afternoon or night.

Very heavy showers about 150mm are likely at some places in Eastern, Uva and Central provinces and in Polonnaruwa district. Heavy showers above 100mm are likely at some places in North-Western and Northern provinces and Anuradhapura district.

Strong winds about **(50-60) kmph** can be expected at times over the Eastern, Uva and Western provinces and in Galle, Matara, Mullaitivu, Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts.

#### NOTE:

General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by temporary localized strong winds and lightning during thundershowers.



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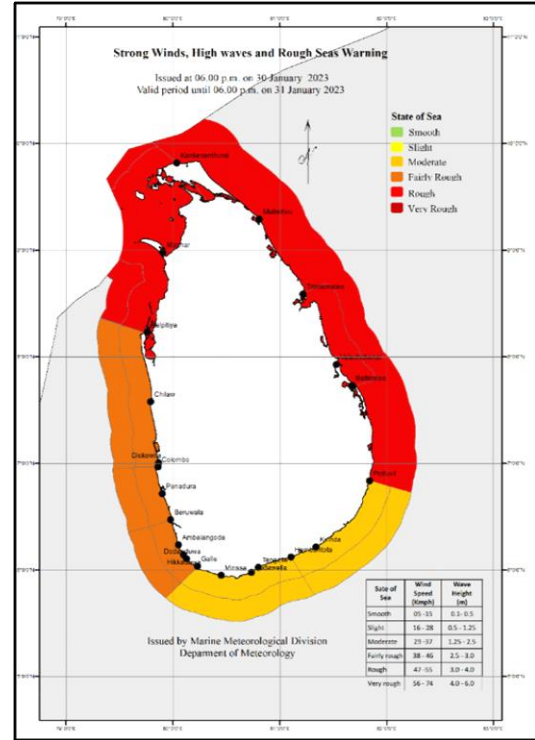
For the sea areas around the island.

### PLEASE BE AWARE

For next 24 hours from 6.00 p.m. 30.01.2023 to 6.00 p.m. 31.01.2023

The sea areas will be rough and very rough at times with the **swell waves (about 2.5 – 3.0 m height)** and strong winds, gusting up to **(55-60) kmph** in the sea areas off the coast extending from Pottuvil to Mannar via Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Kankasanthurai.

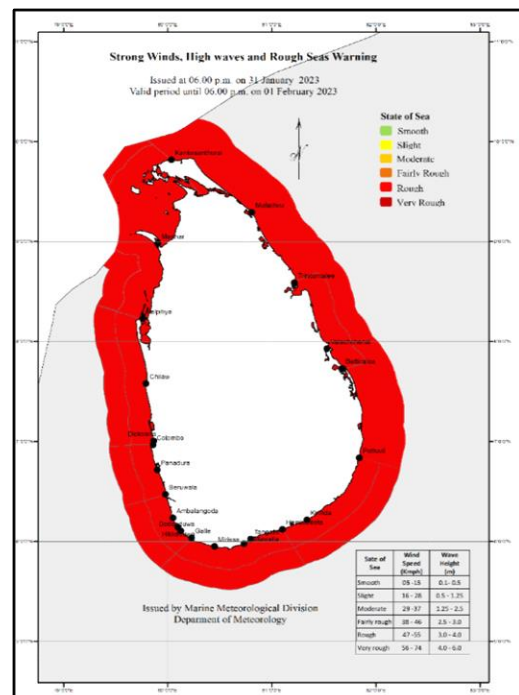
Therefore, it is advised not to venture into fishing and naval activities in the sea areas off the coast extending from Pottuvil to Mannar via Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Kankasanthurai and requested to be vigilant, in the other sea areas around the island from 06.00 p.m. today



For next 24 hours from 6.00 p.m. 31.01.2023 to 6.00 p.m. 01.02.2023

Sea areas around the island will be rough and very rough at times with **swell waves (about 2.5 – 3.0 m height)** and strong winds, gusting up to **(60-70) kmph**.

Therefore, it is advised not to venture into fishing and naval activities in the sea areas around the island from 06.00 p.m. 31.01.2023.



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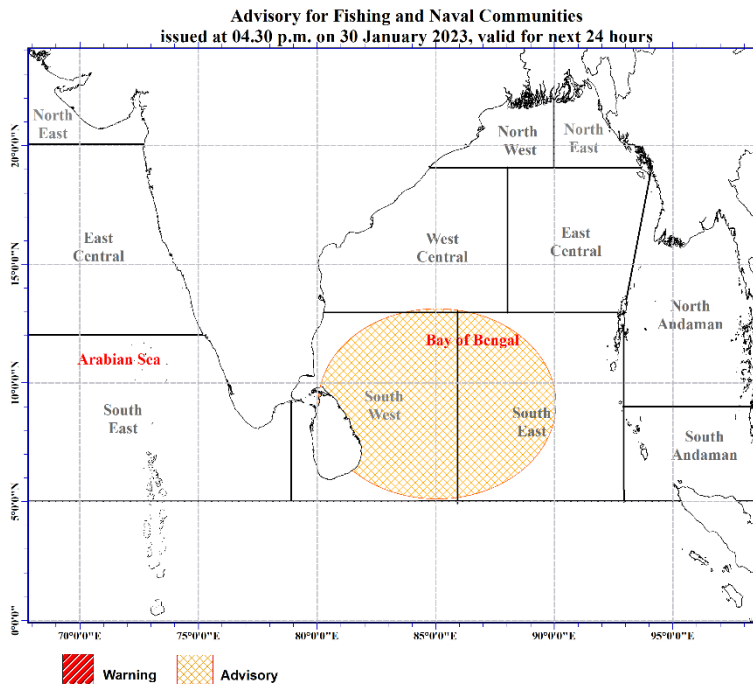
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### For Multi-day boats in the South-East Bay of Bengal Sea areas.

Wind speeds will be (40-45) kmph and can increase up to (60-70) kmph in sea areas between (06N - 12 N) and between (80E – 90E).

Heavy showers or thundershowers and very rough seas can also be expected in above sea areas.



#### Actions Required:

- Naval and fishing communities are advised not to venture into the sea areas bounded by (06N - 12 N) and between (80E – 90E) during the next 24 hour.
- Those who are out at aforementioned sea regions are advised to return to coasts or moved safer areas immediately.
- Fishing and naval community are requested to be attentive to future forecasts issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.

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