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Warning for Strong winds and Rough Seas

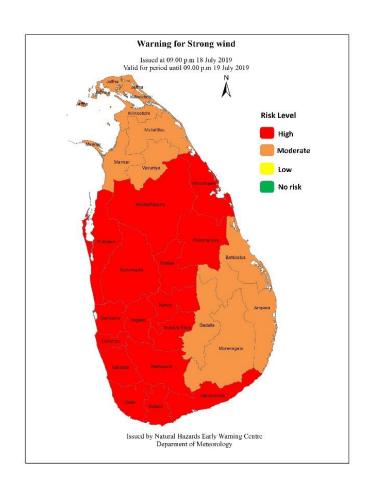
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PLEASE BE AWARE:

Enhancement of prevailing windy conditions is expected to continue over the island, particularly in South-western part and Central hilly areas during next 24 hours.

For the land areas

Very strong gusty winds up to (70-80) kmph are likely over the island particularly in Western, Southern, Central, Sabaragamuwa, North-western and North-central provinces and in Trincomalee district, strong gusty winds up to (50-60) kmph can be expected elsewhere.





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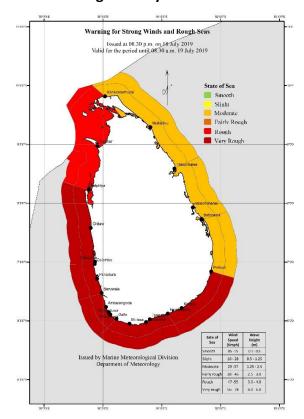
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For the sea areas from Mannar to Pottuvil via, Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota

The sea area extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota will be very rough at times as the wind speed can increase up to (80-90) kmph at times.

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the above sea areas and naval communities are also requested to be vigilant till on evening 20th July 2019.



DAMAGE EXPECTED:

- Damage to thatched huts/houses, roof tops may blow off and unattached metal sheets may fly due to very strong winds.
- Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of large avenue trees.
- Sea water inundation in low lying areas in the near coast.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

- Drivers and people using roads in the hilly areas and coastal areas are requested to be vigilant.
- Coastal hutment dwellers are advised to move to safer places. Other people in the affected areas to remain indoors.
- Beware of fallen trees and power lines. For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.