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WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT 1ST TO 7TH JULY, 2024

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

As from Monday 1st to Sunday 7th July 2024, expect mostly cloudy and chilly weather to persist with rain drizzle and patches of fog mainly in valleys at nighttime and during early morning while generally warm conditions during daytime. This weather is due to a series of high-pressure systems passing across South Africa expected to influence the weather over Malawi. Lake Malawi, Chilwa and other lake water bodies will experience rough conditions with high water waves exceeding 2 meters at times due to strong Mwera winds.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK FOR JULY

In July, warmer than average minimum temperatures are expected over many places with cooler conditions over Karonga and parts of Mangochi. Otherwise, normal minimum temperatures are anticipated over parts of Machinga, Balaka, Zomba, Blantyre and Neno (see Figure-Left). Climatologically, average minimum temperatures for July range from 08.6°C to 16.5°C (see Figure-Right)

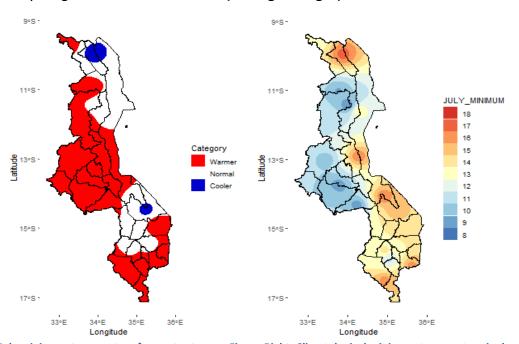


Figure-Left: July minimum temperature forecast category. Figure-Right: Climatological minimum temperature in degree Celsius.

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

Very cold weather conditions (thus temperatures below 11°C) were experienced during early morning hours. The lowest recorded minimum was 07°C recorded at Dedza Meteorological office and the lowest temperature anomaly was -2.6 degrees Celsius from Ngabu on 25th June, 2024.

ADVISORIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Due to Mwera winds, small boats and fishermen are advised to take precautions.
- Foggy conditions in valleys may reduce visibility, so exercise caution while driving.
- Dress warmly and ensure vulnerable individuals, such as children and the elderly, are adequately protected from the cold.
- Avoid using charcoal burner in enclosed spaces with closed doors and windows.

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