

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Orange Level 8 Warning for Southern Parts of Eastern and Western Cape Tomorrow

A Cut-Off Low (COL) pressure system is expected to significantly affect the southern provinces of South Africa from tomorrow Wednesday, 3 June, into Thursday, 4 June 2026. In particular, some of the areas of the Western and Eastern Cape, recently affected by the previous cut-off low system, are likely to be vulnerable to a high risk of flooding. This weather system is expected to result in widespread bitterly cold, wet, and windy conditions across several provinces, while light snowfalls are expected over the higher mountains of the Cape provinces and Drakensberg mountains.

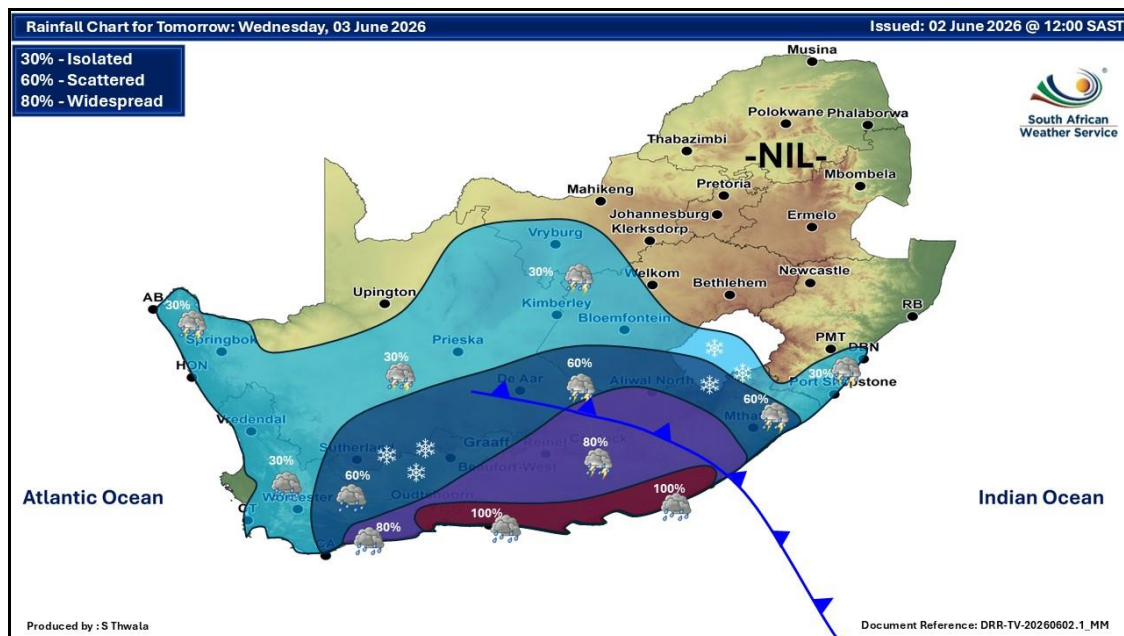


Figure 1: Forecast percentage likelihood of precipitation for tomorrow, Wednesday 3 June 2026. Note the region of 100% expectation for rainfall along a large part of the Cape southern coastline and adjacent interior. Source: SAWS.

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Weather forecast:

Rainfall associated with the Cut-Off Low is expected to become widespread from Wednesday into Thursday, particularly over the Garden Route District of the Western Cape, extending into the central and western parts of the Eastern Cape, taking into consideration that most of these areas are still recovering from the impacts of the previous cut-off low system. The anticipated rainfall may lead to localised to significant flooding of susceptible areas, including roads, bridges, low-lying settlements, and river crossings, as illustrated by Figures 2 and 3 below. Fast-flowing streams and rivers may pose a danger to life, while major transport routes could be affected by flooding and poor visibility.

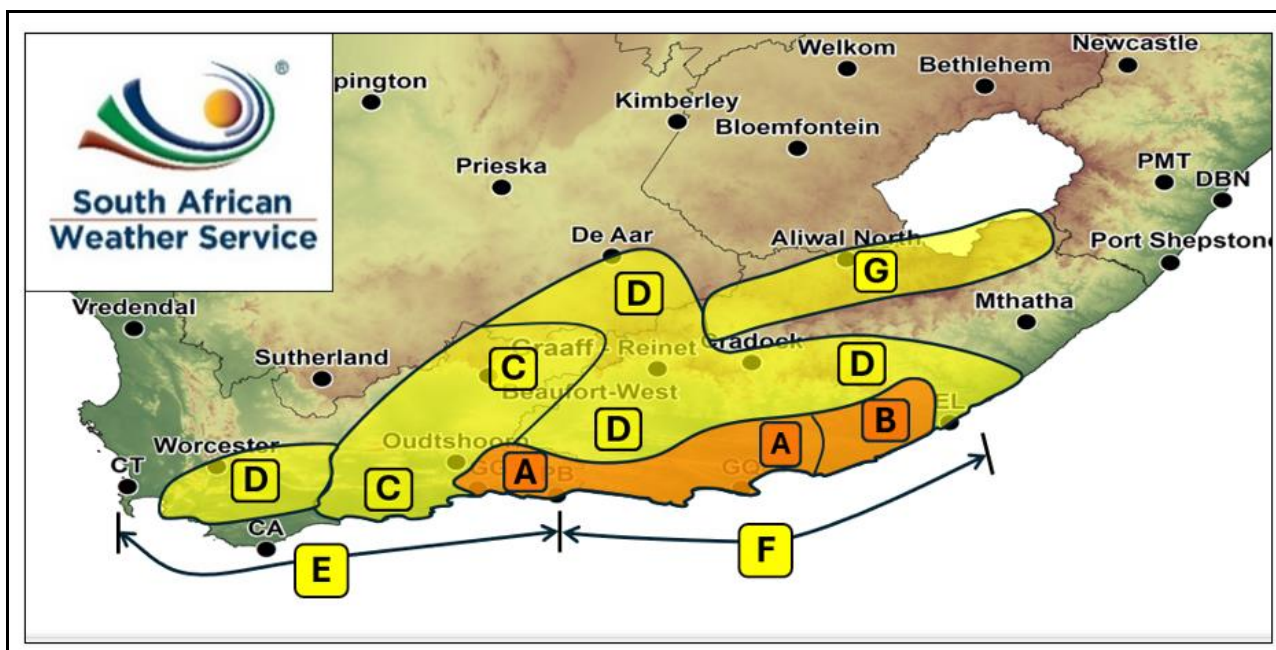


Figure 2: Seven areas (A through G) corresponding with Impact-Based Early Warnings for tomorrow, Wednesday 3 June 2026. Note areas A and B (Level 8 and Level 5 warnings respectively, where the risk of flooding is the highest). Source: SAWS.

In addition to rainfall, the weather system is expected to cause a significant drop in daytime temperatures across affected regions. Freezing levels in the lower atmosphere are forecast to drop to a sufficiently low altitude above the ground to support mostly light, non-disruptive snowfall over higher-lying terrain over the Cape provinces, the KwaZulu-Natal Drakensberg as well as the Clarens area of the Free State. While the current modelled expectation of accumulated depth of snowfall suggests only “light snowfalls”, travellers and communities in mountainous areas are nevertheless advised to remain informed of forecast updates issued by the SAWS, as conditions may change when fresh output from NWP weather models become available. While snowfalls are expected to occur over the Drakensberg mountains of KwaZulu-Natal on Thursday, 4 June 2026, the depth of snowfall is

not expected to cause any significant disruption over the Van Reenen’s Pass region of the N3 highway.

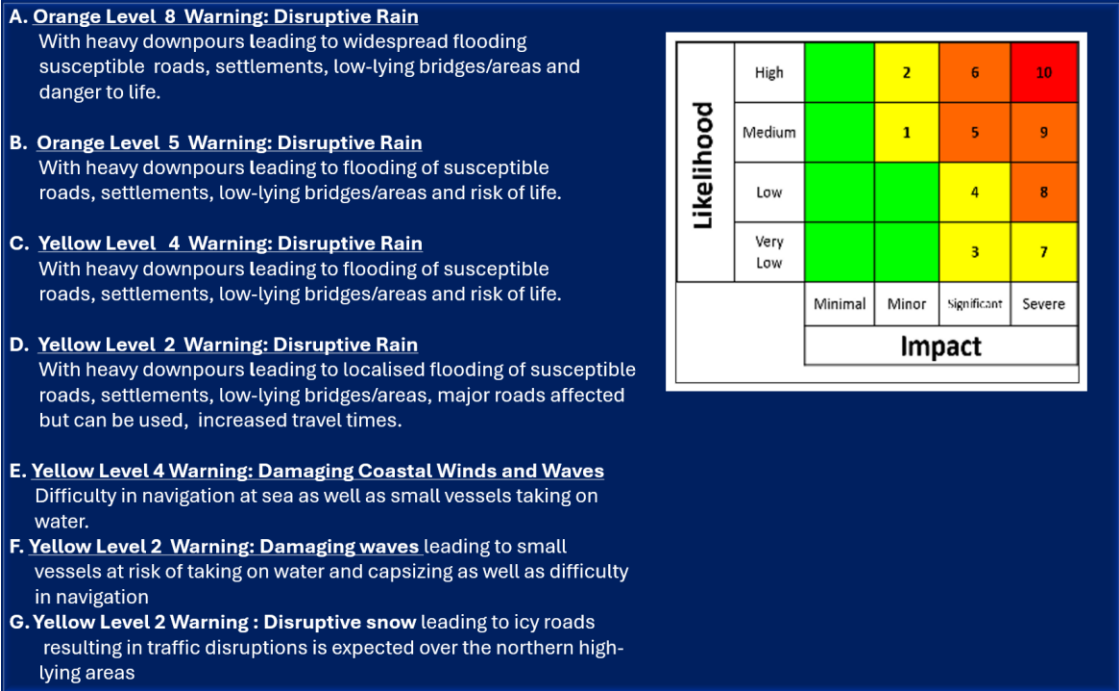


Figure 3: Seven areas (A through G) corresponding with Impact-Based Early Warnings for tomorrow, Wednesday, 3 June 2026. Note areas A and B (Level 8 and Level 5 warnings respectively), where the risk of flooding is the highest. Source: SAWS.

Strong winds and rough sea conditions are expected along the south-western and southern coastline of the Western Cape as well as the southern coastline of the Eastern Cape. These conditions may result in difficulty in navigation at sea, particularly for small vessels and personal watercraft.

The public are therefore strongly advised to:

- Monitor official weather updates and warnings issued by the South African Weather Service.
- Avoid unnecessary travel during periods of heavy rain and flooding.
- Never attempt to cross flooded roads, bridges, or swollen rivers.
- Secure loose outdoor objects that may be displaced by strong winds.
- Exercise extreme caution along coastal areas and avoid fishing or recreational activities at sea during the warning period.
- Provide adequate shelter, warmth and protection for livestock and pets.
- Prepare emergency kits, including flashlights, batteries, warm clothing, blankets and essential supplies.

- Community leaders and disaster management authorities are urged to remain on high alert and to activate contingency plans where necessary.

Members of the public and stakeholders are strongly urged to regularly monitor official SAWS forecasts and warnings, as warnings will be updated continuously as the likelihood and severity of impacts become clearer. The public are also advised to remain cautious of unauthorised or unverified sources of information and to refrain from distributing such information further.

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