


Monday, 1 June 2026

Frigid, Wet, and Windy Conditions for Eastern and Western Cape as an Intense Cut-Off Low Arrives (3 – 4 June 2026)

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is monitoring the development of a Cut-Off Low (COL) pressure system, associated with a ridging surface high-pressure system, which is expected to markedly affect the central and western interior of South Africa from Wednesday, 3 June, into Thursday, 4 June 2026, notably the areas recently affected by the previous cut-off low system. This weather system is expected to result in widespread cold, wet, and windy conditions across several provinces, with the most significant impacts anticipated over the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and adjacent interior regions as summarised in Figure 1 below:



ADVISORY: VERY COLD, WET AND WINDY CONDITIONS

WEATHER TYPE




VERY COLD, WET & WINDY CONDITIONS

Valid from 03/06/2026 at 00:00 SAST until 04/06/2026 at 24:00 SAST

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AFFECTED AREA: WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE



DISCUSSION

Very cold, wet, and windy conditions are expected over the central and eastern interior of the Western Cape, as well as the southern parts of the Namakwa District in the Northern Cape, on Wednesday and Thursday (03–04/06/2026). Light snowfall is expected over the mountain tops of the central and eastern Western Cape and the higher-lying areas of the southern Namakwa District during this period.

IMPACTS

- Loss of vulnerable livestock and crops can be expected.
- Difficult travel over mountain passes, and disruptions to outdoor activities due to strong winds and cold weather.
- Risk of hypothermia in humans due to exposure to very cold conditions is possible.

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Figure 1: Weather advisory for very cold, wet and windy conditions expected for the Western Cape. Source: SAWS.

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.

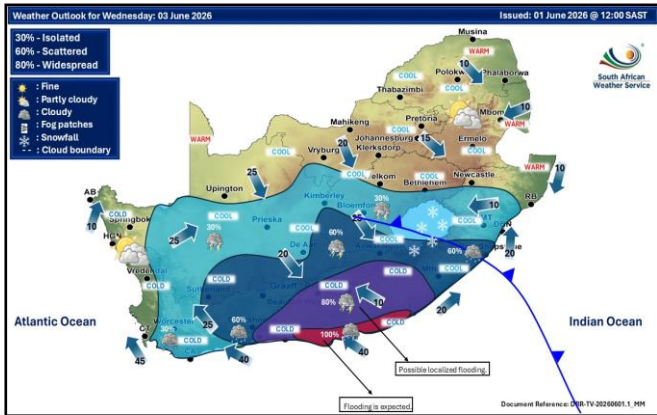


Figure 2: Weather outlook for Wednesday

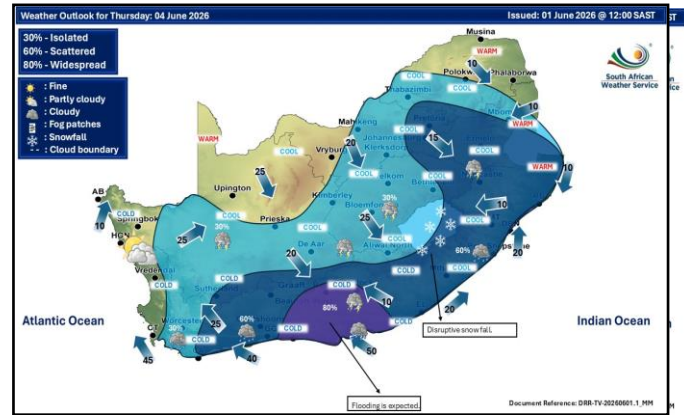


Figure 3: Weather outlook for Thursday

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 in order to support the distinct possibility of light snowfall over higher-lying terrain over the Cape provinces, including:

- The interior of Eastern Cape;
- The southern parts of the Northern Cape; and
- The north-eastern high ground of the Western Cape.

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.

Moreover, strong winds and rough sea conditions are expected along the south-western and southern coastline of the Western Cape. These conditions may result in difficulty in navigation at sea, particularly for small vessels and personal watercraft, as indicated in Figure 4 below.

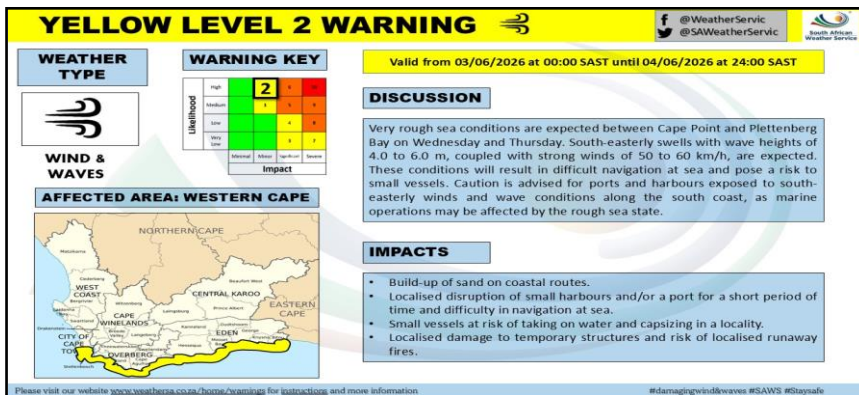


Figure 4: SAWS warnings in relation to wind and waves expected for Western Cape province. Source: SAWS.

CURRENT IMPACT-BASED WARNINGS:

Orange Level 5 Warning: Disruptive Rainfall

Disruptive rainfall resulting in danger to life, flooding of roads and bridges, rapidly flowing streams and rivers, and possible closure of major roads is expected over the eastern parts of the Garden Route District Municipality in the Western Cape, as well as along the coast and adjacent interior between Plettenberg Bay and East London in the Eastern Cape on Wednesday, 3 June and Thursday, 4 June 2026.

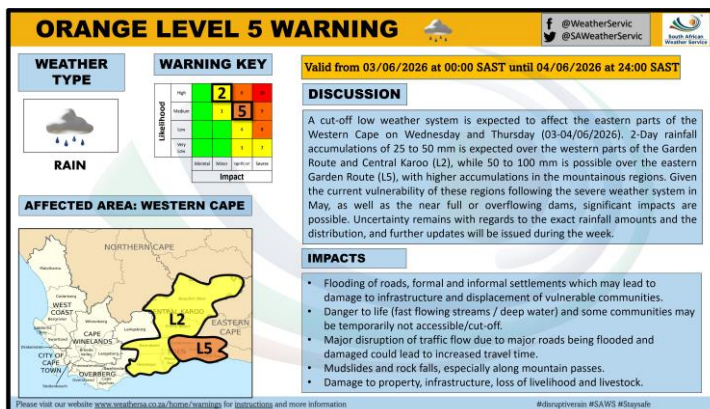


Figure 5: Disruptive rain (Western Cape)

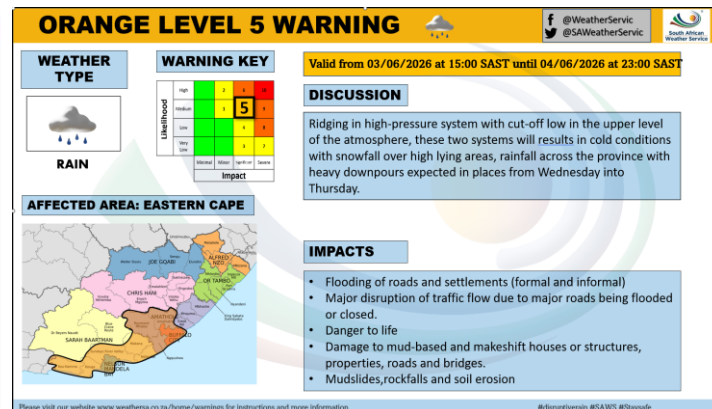


Figure 6: Disruptive rain (Eastern Cape)

Yellow Level 2 Warning: Disruptive Rainfall

Localised flooding of settlements, roads, low-lying areas, and bridges is expected in places over the eastern parts of the Western Cape and southern parts of the Eastern Cape on Wednesday, 3 June, and Thursday, 4 June 2026.

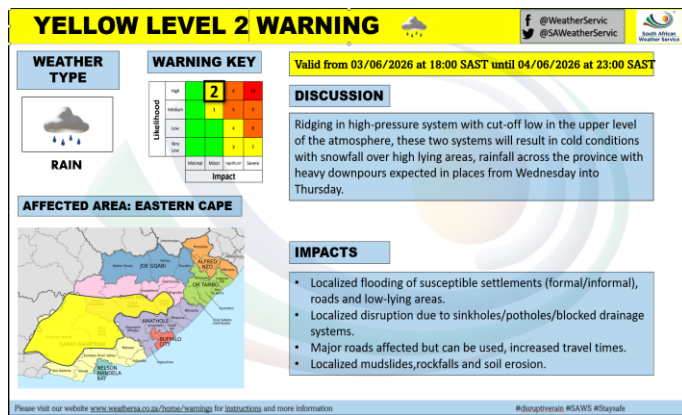


Figure 7: Disruptive rain (Eastern Cape)

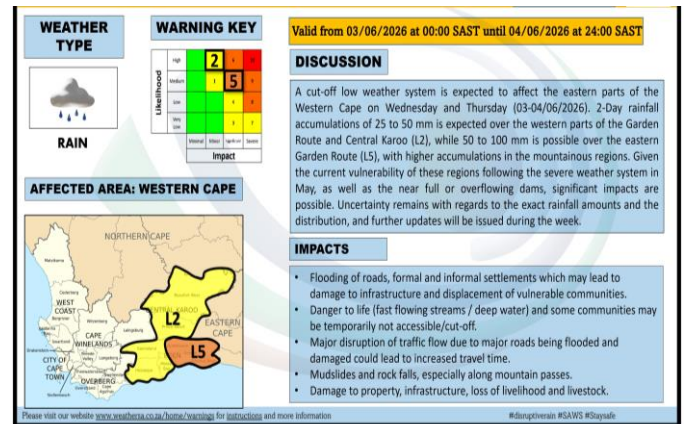


Figure 8: Disruptive rain (Western Cape)

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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