

Meteorology undergraduate Students visit the kenyan coast on field based studies

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Department of Meteorology students visited the kenyan coast on field trip from Wednesday March 11 to Saturday March 14, 2015. The students visited various areas of academic interest including the **Luigi Broglio Space Centre**.



Photo: Students at the space centre

Department of Meteorology organizes field based learning platforms all throughout the teaching process on an annual basis. This initiative enhances the operational skills for it's students and provides a framework for professional and social development.

The **Luigi Broglio Space Centre (BSC)** is an Italian-owned [spaceport](#) near [Malindi, Kenya](#), named after its founder and Italian space pioneer [Luigi Broglio](#). Developed in the 1960s through a partnership between the [University of Rome La Sapienza](#)'s Aerospace Research Centre and [NASA](#), the BSC served as a spaceport for the launch of both Italian and international [satellites](#). The centre comprises a main offshore launch site, known as the **San Marco platform**, as well as two secondary control platforms and a communications [ground station](#) on the mainland. In 2003 a legislative decree handed the [Italian Space Agency](#) management of the centre, beginning in 2004, and the name changed from the previous *San Marco Equatorial Range*. While the ground station is still in use for satellite communications, the BSC is not currently used as a launch site.

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