

Ngorongoro Crater Weather Report. Graphical representation of the trends in temperature and rainfall in the Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania

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Introduction

This report gives a summary of weather data collected in Ngorongoro Crater by the Ngorongoro Hyena Project between 29/09/2021 - 19/03/2025. We now have a network of 4 weather stations installed at different sites around the Ngorongoro Crater. These weather stations have been collecting data on temperature, rainfall, and humidity, giving us a detailed picture of weather conditions in Ngorongoro Crater that can help inform conservation management. Below are some key facts from our data collection so far:

1267 days
of weather data collected

31.09°C
Highest recorded temperature
Ngoitokitok
13/01/2022

0.71°C
Lowest recorded temperature
Lemala (Rim)
05/08/2024

71mm
Highest recorded daily rainfall
Ngoitokitok
04/04/2024

Weather station details

Location of weather stations

Lines show elevation contours at 100m



Technical specifications

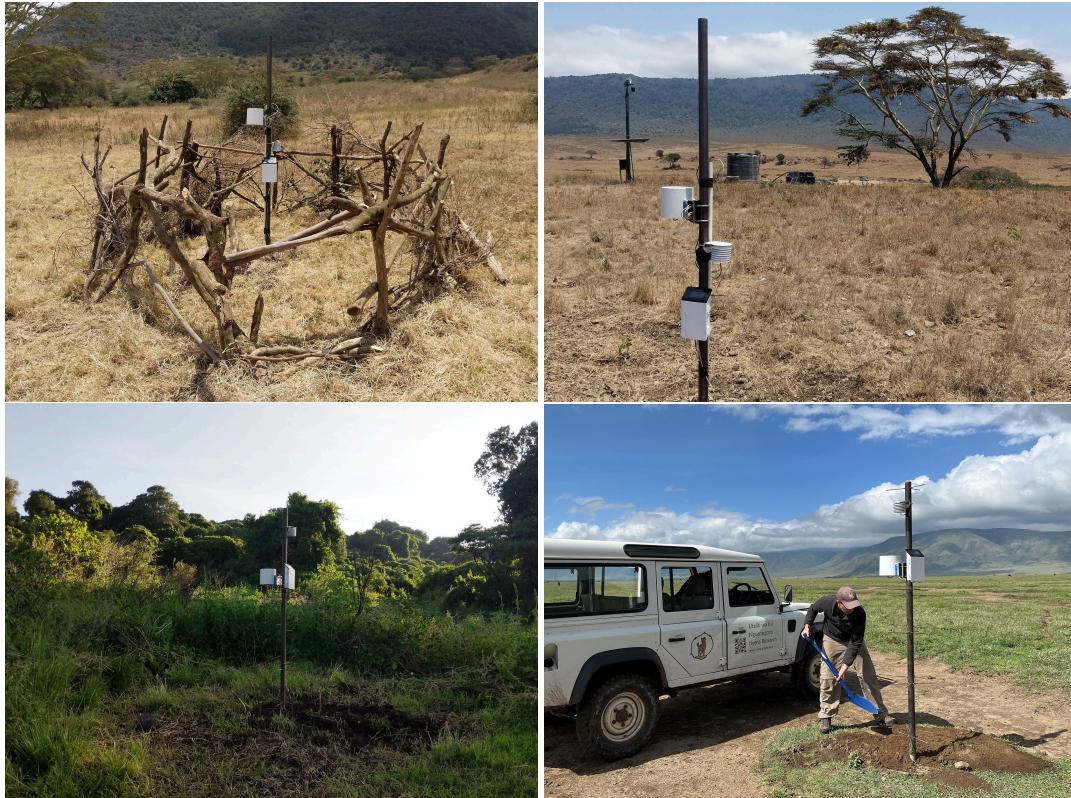


Figure 1: Weather station photos. Top Left: Acacia. Top Right: Ngoitokitok. Bottom Left: Lemala (Rim). Bottom Right: Jackal Hill

Table 1: Technical specifications

	Data.Logger	Temperature.Sensor	Rain.Gauge
Company	Meter Group	Meter Group	Meter Group
Model	ZL6	ATMOS 14	ECRN-100
Data collection frequency	-	30min	30min
Resolution	-	0.1°C	0.2mm
Details	Solar powered data logger with inbuilt GPS and 8MB of data storage	Temperature and humidity sensor with radiation shielding	Tipping bucket rain gauge

Note:

Data from Meter Group

Data summary (29/09/2021 - 19/03/2025)

Temperature

Mean temperature (°C) over time

The below plot shows temperature on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater between 29/09/2021 - 19/03/2025. It shows the daily mean temperature calculated across all stations (solid black line) and the daily temperature range (shaded areas). The table beneath the plot shows monthly mean temperature for each station separately, including data collected on the Ngorongoro Crater rim. Cell colours help to distinguish cooler months (yellow) from warmer months (red).

NOTE: Months with >7 days of missing data are excluded from the table.

Temperature on Ngorongoro Crater floor ranged between 3°C - 31°C

Grey shaded area shows daily range.
Solid black line is the daily mean temperature across all stations.

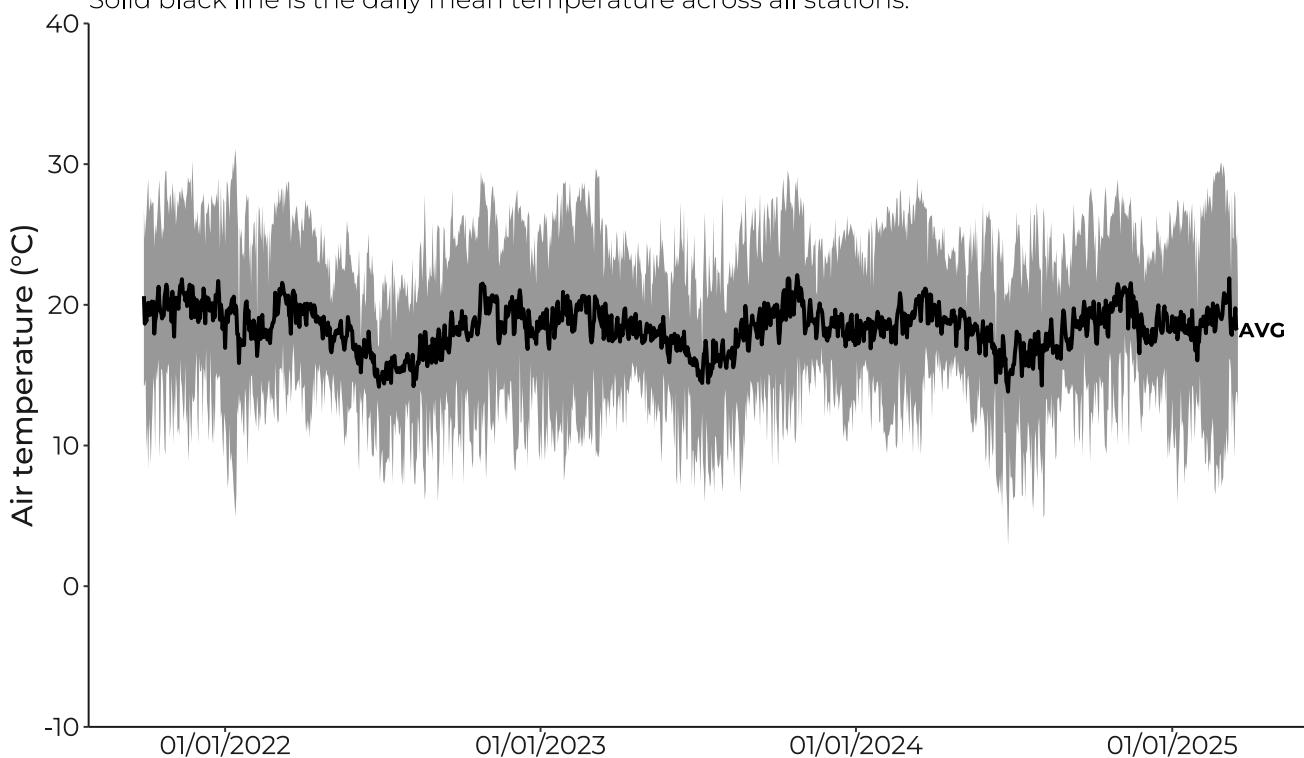


Table 2: Monthly mean temperature (°C)

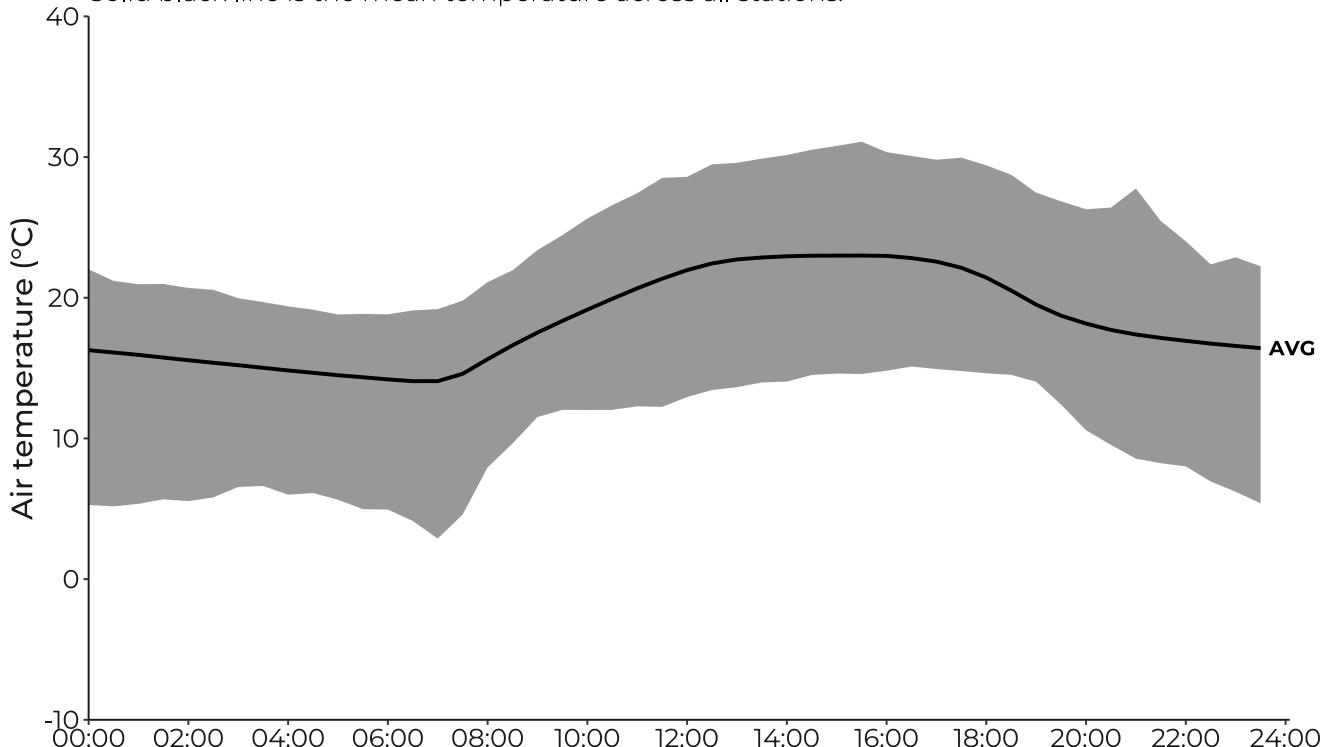
	ACACIA	NGOITOKITOK	JACKAL HILL	LEMALA (RIM)
OCT 2021	19.98	19.65	NA	NA
NOV 2021	20.62	20.23	NA	NA
DEC 2021	19.83	19.89	NA	NA
JAN 2022	19.24	18.28	NA	NA
FEB 2022	18.40	NA	NA	NA
MAR 2022	20.17	NA	NA	NA
APR 2022	19.60	19.05	18.64	14.58
MAY 2022	18.05	17.82	17.54	13.14
JUN 2022	16.14	16.22	16.00	11.12
JUL 2022	15.53	15.65	15.30	10.37
AUG 2022	16.25	16.40	16.11	10.98
SEP 2022	17.69	17.74	17.56	12.29
OCT 2022	19.31	19.13	18.78	13.75
NOV 2022	19.77	19.50	19.16	14.67
DEC 2022	19.13	18.44	18.66	14.07
JAN 2023	19.46	18.57	18.99	14.24
FEB 2023	20.26	19.18	19.48	14.72
MAR 2023	19.22	18.35	18.54	14.16
APR 2023	18.73	18.43	18.00	14.43
MAY 2023	18.08	17.97	17.28	13.64
JUN 2023	17.13	16.84	16.53	12.46
JUL 2023	16.30	16.03	15.48	10.83
AUG 2023	17.24	17.35	16.84	11.88
SEP 2023	18.94	19.05	18.81	13.81
OCT 2023	20.52	20.35	19.91	15.06
NOV 2023	18.85	18.92	18.78	14.71
DEC 2023	18.77	18.17	18.22	14.17
JAN 2024	18.37	18.32	18.34	14.51
FEB 2024	19.33	18.39	18.44	14.53
MAR 2024	20.37	19.62	NA	15.57
APR 2024	18.85	19.11	NA	15.27
MAY 2024	18.32	18.47	17.76	14.28
JUN 2024	16.81	16.52	15.43	11.90
JUL 2024	17.05	16.79	NA	12.31
AUG 2024	17.22	17.25	NA	12.00
SEP 2024	18.53	18.66	NA	13.33
OCT 2024	19.59	19.26	NA	14.16
NOV 2024	19.79	19.58	NA	15.05
DEC 2024	18.49	18.14	NA	14.20
JAN 2025	18.62	17.93	NA	14.01
FEB 2025	19.87	18.54	18.59	14.72

Daily temperature variation (°C)

The below plot shows temperature variation within Ngorongoro Crater over a 24h observation period using data collected from 29/09/2021 - 19/03/2025. The plot shows mean temperature calculated across all stations on the Crater floor (solid black line) and the temperature range (shaded areas) at 30 minute intervals.

Over a 24h observation period temperature on Ngorongoro Crater floor ranged between 3°C - 31°C

Grey shaded area shows range at 30 minute intervals.
Solid black line is the mean temperature across all stations.



Rainfall

Mean rainfall (mm)

The below plot shows the mean daily rainfall on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater in each month using data collected from 29/09/2021 - 19/03/2025. The table beneath the plot shows the mean daily rainfall values for each station separately. Cell colours help to distinguish drier months (light blue) from wetter months (dark blue).

NOTE: Months with >7 days of missing data are excluded.

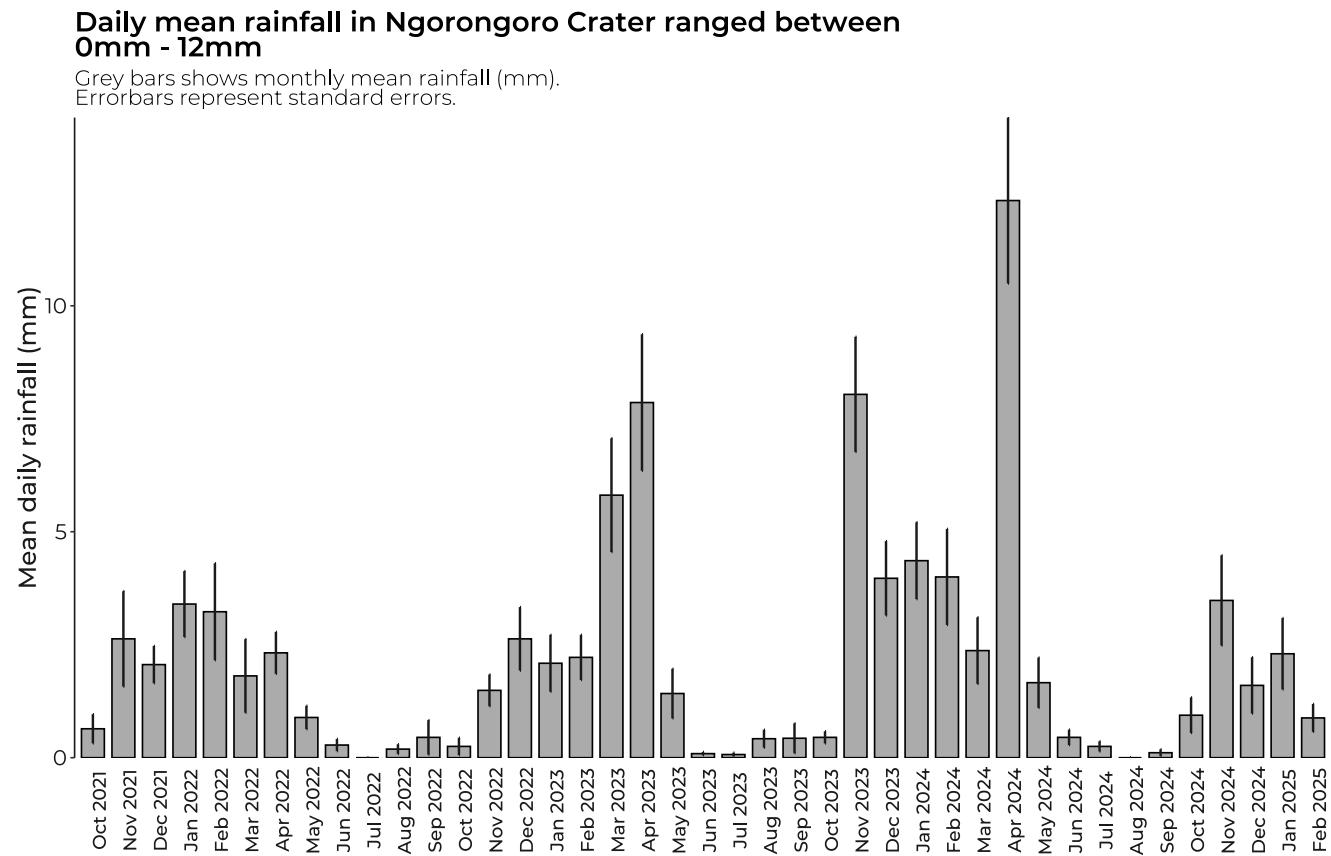


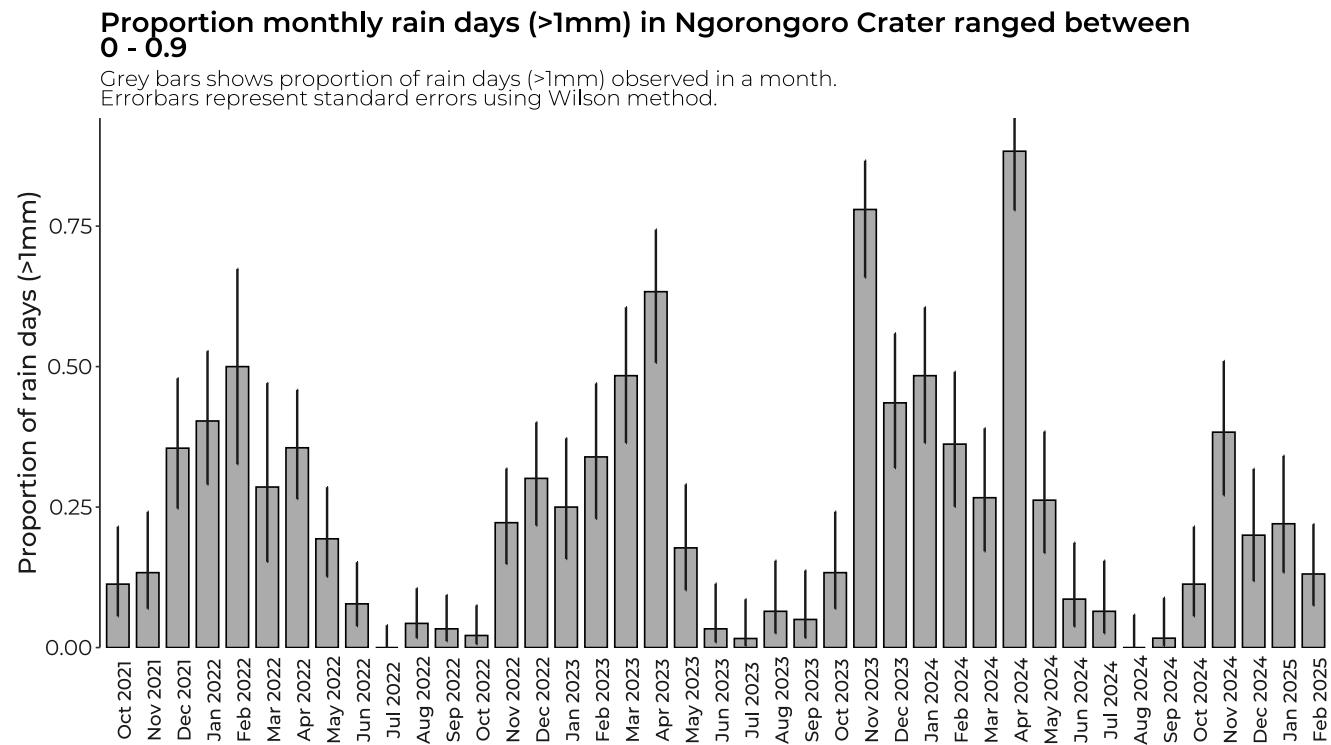
Table 3: Monthly mean rainfall (mm)

	ACACIA	NGOITOKITOK	JACKAL HILL	LEMALA (RIM)
OCT 2021	0.57	0.71	NA	NA
NOV 2021	2.53	2.73	NA	NA
DEC 2021	1.86	2.26	NA	NA
JAN 2022	2.75	4.05	NA	NA
FEB 2022	3.23	NA	NA	NA
MAR 2022	1.81	NA	NA	NA
APR 2022	3.15	2.04	1.77	5.93
MAY 2022	0.27	0.99	1.41	2.30
JUN 2022	0.04	0.71	0.07	0.51
JUL 2022	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.34
AUG 2022	0.05	0.18	0.34	0.47
SEP 2022	0.11	1.17	0.06	0.19
OCT 2022	0.02	0.72	0.00	0.01
NOV 2022	0.42	2.68	1.37	0.53
DEC 2022	2.92	1.68	3.29	0.29
JAN 2023	1.05	3.14	NA	2.88
FEB 2023	1.96	2.48	NA	3.04
MAR 2023	5.54	6.09	NA	6.96
APR 2023	5.95	9.78	NA	7.70
MAY 2023	0.77	2.06	NA	2.57
JUN 2023	0.04	0.13	NA	1.17
JUL 2023	0.10	0.05	NA	0.55
AUG 2023	0.41	0.44	NA	0.41
SEP 2023	0.05	0.82	NA	0.64
OCT 2023	0.45	0.45	NA	1.90
NOV 2023	7.91	8.17	NA	12.63
DEC 2023	3.63	4.32	NA	7.94
JAN 2024	3.63	5.10	NA	8.74
FEB 2024	2.87	5.14	NA	4.86
MAR 2024	1.57	3.17	NA	3.68
APR 2024	8.91	15.75	NA	15.25
MAY 2024	2.18	1.16	NA	1.66
JUN 2024	0.01	0.88	NA	0.92
JUL 2024	0.00	0.50	NA	1.34
AUG 2024	0.00	0.00	NA	0.17
SEP 2024	0.17	0.05	NA	0.41
OCT 2024	0.61	1.26	NA	2.22
NOV 2024	1.73	5.23	NA	0.96
DEC 2024	2.93	0.28	NA	6.85
JAN 2025	2.01	2.61	NA	4.74
FEB 2025	1.01	0.50	1.13	1.86

Proportion of rain days (>1mm)

The below plot shows the proportion of rain days recorded each month on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater (days with rainfall >1mm) using data collected from 29/09/2021 - 19/03/2025.

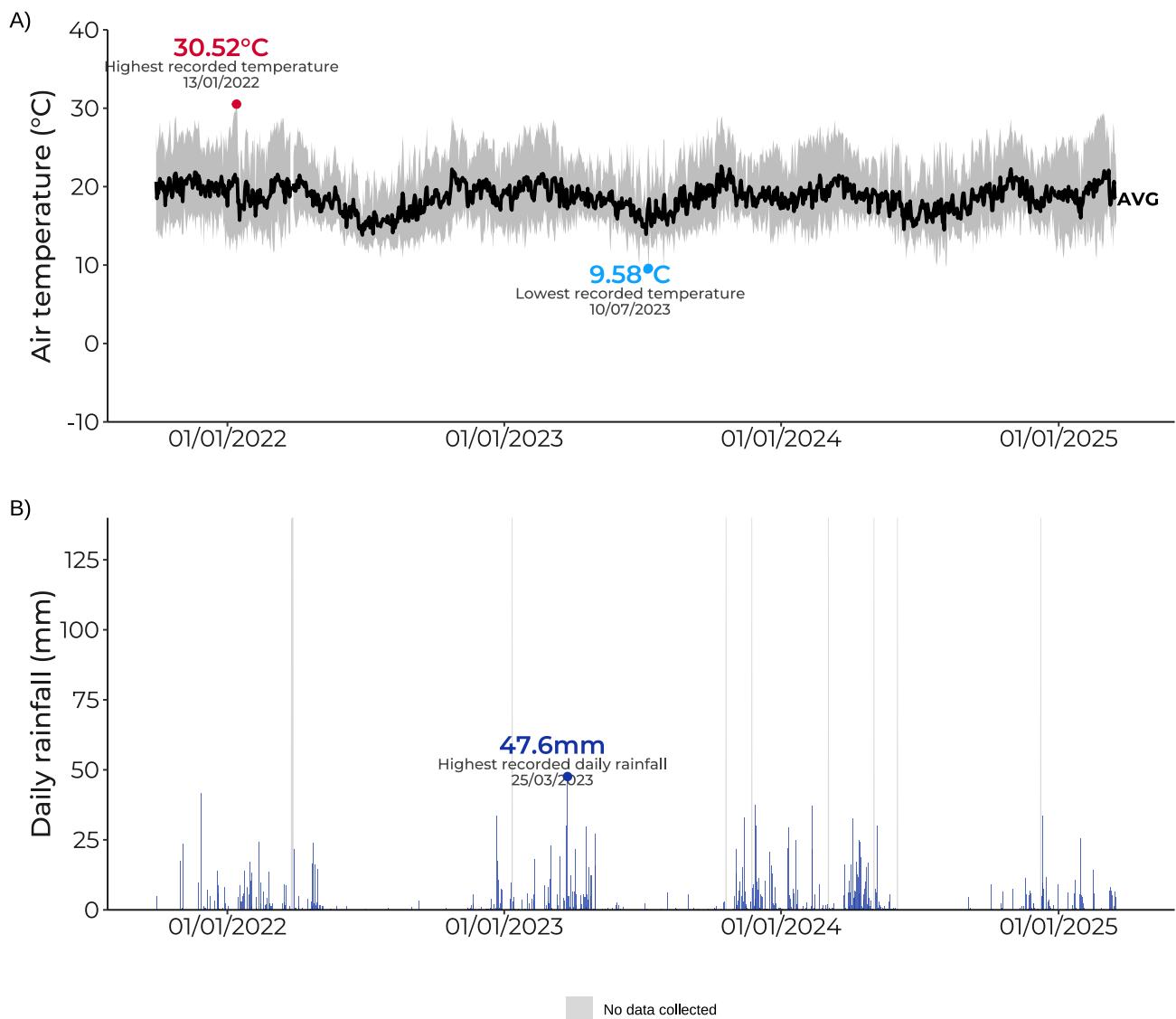
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Detailed weather data by site

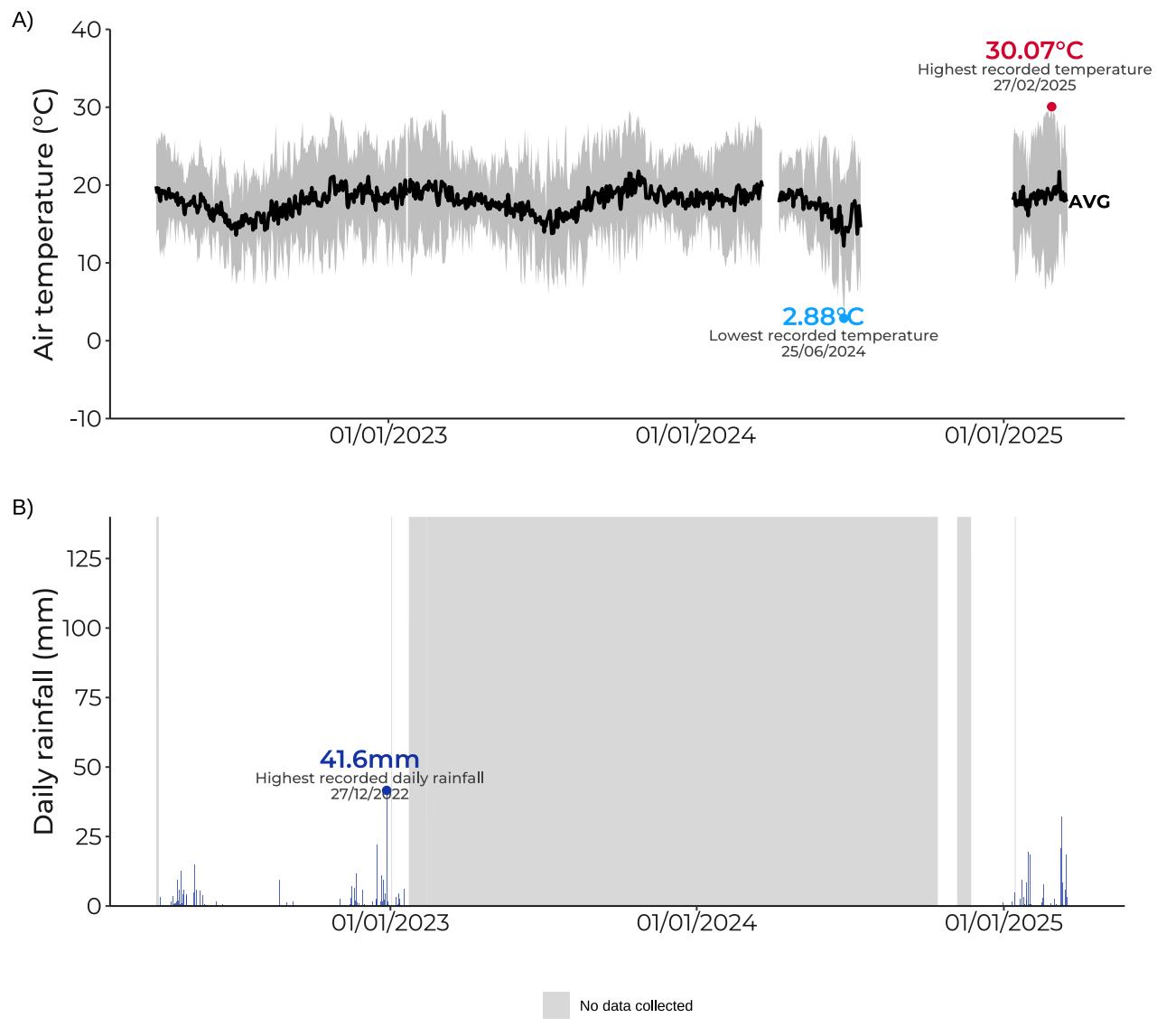
Below we provide more detailed temperature and rainfall plots for each of our 4 stations. For each station two plots are provided: A) Temperature plot. Daily mean temperature (solid black line) and daily temperature range (shaded area). Highest and lowest recorded temperatures are highlighted on the plot. B) Daily rainfall (mm). Highest daily rainfall recorded is highlighted on the plot.

Acacia

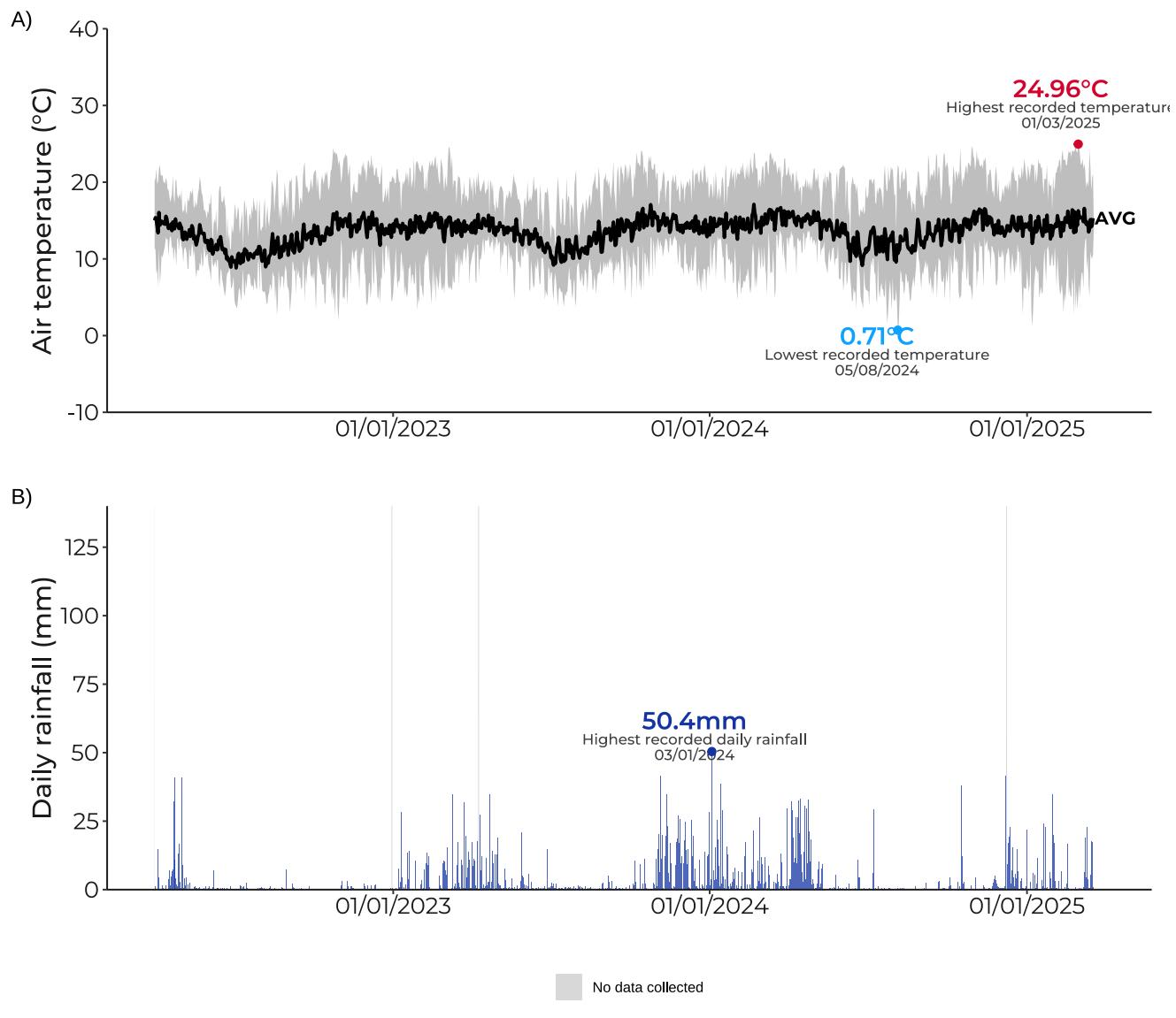


Data: Acacia weather station collected at 30 min intervals

Jackal Hill



Lemala (Rim)



Ngoitokitok

