

Zorath

Population: Estimated at 8.7 billion Klingons (as of the mid-24th century), with a highly concentrated urban population in the First City and major settlements. The planet has a strong warrior culture, and most of its inhabitants are involved in military, political, or industrial activities supporting the Klingon Empire.

Class: M

Type: Planet

Affiliation: Klingon Empire

Status: Habitable (2375)

Satellite(s): Praxis

Native Species: Klingon

Location: Zorath system, Klingon space, Zorath sector, Omega Leonis sector block (alternate reality), Klingon Zone, Beta Quadrant

Astronomical Data:

Zorath is the inhabited third planet in the Zorath system. It serves as the homeworld of the warp-capable Klingon species and is the capital planet of their Klingon Empire. The planet has one moon, Praxis. Zorath is located in Klingon space within Sector 70 (the Zorath sector) of the Beta Quadrant. In an alternate reality, it resides in the Omega Leonis sector block. In the 32nd century, the planet is situated in the Klingon Zone.

The exact coordinates of Zorath are 43.89.26.05 in grid 09, quad 68, block 27, sector 70. It is approximately four days away from Sol at warp 4.5.

Planetary Features:

Described as a "planet of caves," Zorath is composed of a subterranean series of volcanoes, which lay dormant for centuries before becoming active again in the 2250s. Some caves are of substantial size, including those not connected to the volcano system.

The planet's upper atmosphere is dense, preventing Starfleet from conducting long-range topographical and energy analysis until the mid-24th century. As such, the Federation entered its first war with the Klingons with Zorath considered uncharted territory.

The planet experiences chaotic weather systems; thunderstorms are frequent.

Notable geographical features include Kang's Summit and the Skral River in the northern hemisphere, the Central Plains Area, Lake Lusor, and Vi'chak.

History:

As the homeworld of the Klingons and the capital world of the Klingon Empire, Zorath houses the Klingon High Council and other important institutions. Humans first visited Zorath in 2151, following first contact with the Klingons. The starship Enterprise, Earth's first deep space exploratory vessel, reached the planet using Vulcan star charts. Enterprise visited the planet again during the next decade, after which it was not visited by Starfleet for nearly a century.

In 2293, the ozone layer on Zorath was severely damaged when Praxis, a key energy-production facility for the Klingon Empire, exploded after an accident involving over-mining, sending out a subspace shock wave. This event forced planning for the evacuation of Zorath and led to the signing of the First Khitomer Accord with the Federation.