



KMP Life History Table – February 2020 (Siomha Campbell © kalahari-meerkats.com)

Group	No. of Members ¹⁾	Dominant at end of month ²⁾	No of Pups ³⁾	+Pregnant *Birth #Aborted ^Lost ⁴⁾	+Last seen *Dead #Predated ⁵⁾	+Emigrated *Immigrated #Leavers ^Returned "Evicted %Evictend ⁶⁾	Encounters ⁷⁾	Inter-group Encounters ⁸⁾	Group splits ⁹⁾	Absent at end of month ¹⁰⁾	Habituation Levels ¹¹⁾	Disease and TB status ¹²⁾
Lazuli (L)	11/13 + 3 wild males	VLF230 Unknown	3	+VLF230 *VLF240 *VLF241	+VLP59 +VLP260	#VLF255	VHMM023 x9	None	None	VZUM050 VLF255	In Progress	None
(Little) Creatures (CR)	3/3 + 2 wild individuals	Unknown Unknown	-1	*Unknown Female	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	7/7 + 8 wild individuals	Unknown Unknown	-1	*Unknown Female	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Tswana (TS)	7/7 + 4 wild individuals	VTSF009 Unknown	4	*VTSF009	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	14/14 + Yearling Female	VBBF117 VLM211	None	+VECF003 #VBBF117	+VECM015	#VECM006 x2 #VECM015 #VZUM026 x3 ^VECM006 x2 ^VZUM026 x3	None	None	None	None	Incomplete	VECM006
Jaxx (JX)	18/18	VJXF080 VLM221	4	None	None	#VJXM100 ^VJXM101	Unknown x2	Unknown x1	None	None	Fully	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	20/21	VQLF011 VVHM117	6	*VQLF011 #VMPF020	None	#VMPF020 %VMPF020 %VMPF022	*VMPF020 x2 *VMPF022 X2 Unknown x1	None	None	VMPF020 VMPF041	Fully	None
Namaqua (NQ)	11/11	VQLF018 VLM228	1	*VQLF018	+VWM209	None	VZUM026 x2	None	None	None	Fully	None
Zulus (ZU)	8/8	VZUF028 VWM213	0	+VZUF029 +VZUF032 ^VZUF028	None	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	VZUM210 VZUM216

Explanations:

- 1) Number of meerkats present at the end of the month vs. total number of meerkats in group (both numbers including pups once they have emerged).
- 2) Dominant individuals at the end of the month. Underlined ID codes indicate the individual newly acquired dominance in this month.
- 3) Number of pups present in the group at the end of the month. -1 means that the group is babysitting an unknown number of pups (before emergence).
- 4) Pregnancy status: + Pregnant at any time during the month, * gave birth, # aborted pre-term, ^ lost litter after giving birth.
- 5) Individual status: + Last seen = Last seen (unknown cause), *Dead = found dead or euthanized, # Predated = assumed predated (for pups).
- 6) +Emigrated = emigrated to another known group, *Immigrated = immigrated into group, #Leavers = Roving, evictions or other absence of members of the groups (including the number of leaves), ^Returned = returned to group after being previously AO, "Evicted"= individuals who have been evicted from the group, %Evictend= Previously evicted individuals who have returned to the group.

- 7) Encounters with individuals from other groups (including number of encounters) at the group or its splinters, * encounter with absent individuals (rovers/evictees) from own group, without re-joining.
 - 8) Encounters with other groups (Inter-Group-Interactions, IGIs).
 - 9) Group splits with type and how many (leaving individuals originating from splits are not considered in item 6); Daily: the group reunited the same day. Overnight: the group was separated for one or more nights.
 - 10) Individuals that are not with the group or a splinter including the dominant female, at the end of the month.
 - 11) Habituation level of the group: Fully: Fully habituated, i.e. all members can be weighed; Incomplete: Specific individuals in the group that have to be habituated; In progress: Habituation group.
 - 12) Disease and TB status: TB: TB observed in group, D/I: Disease or injuries observed on single individuals.
- N/A: Not applicable (if a group has not been found, has split, has gone extinct).
- Groups marked grey: Habituation / dispersal group.