

KMP Life History Table – May 2020 (Zoe Turner © kalahari-meerkats.com)

Group	No. of Members	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)	14/14	VLF230 Unknown	-1	*VLF230 *VLF240	+VLM258	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress	None
(Little) Creatures (CR)	5/6 + 1 Wild Individual	VCRF013 Unknown	-1	*VCRF009	None	#VCRF012	None	None	None	VCRF012	In Progress	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	8/8 + 1 Wild individual	Unknown Unknown	-1	*Unknown Female	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Tswana (TS)	12/15	VTSF009 Unknown	None	None	None	#VTSM014 #VTSM018 ^VTSM014 ^VTSM018	None	Hakuna Matata x1	Uncertain Duration x1	VTSM008 VTSM010 VTSF016	Advanced Progress	VTSF005
Elrond's Council (EC)	22/23 + 1Wild Individual	VBBF117 VLM211	10	None	#VECF020 #VECP021	#VZUM026 x5 ^VZUM026 x5 ^Yearling Female %VECF003	Unknown x1 *VECF003 x2 * Yearling Female x4	None	None	VECP029	Incomplete	None
Jaxx (JX)	16/16	VJXF080 VLM221	-1	*VJXF080 #VJXF128	+VJXM133	#VJXF128 ^VJXF112 ^VJXF128	*VJXF112 x5	None	None	None	Fully	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	19/19	VQLF011 VVHM117	5	None	None	^VMPF022	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
Namaqua (NQ)	16/16	VQLF018 VLM228	5	None	None	None	VZUM026 x4	None	None	None	Fully	None
Zulus (ZU)	13/15	VZUF028 VWM213	4, 3	None	None	#VWM216 x1 #VWM210 x3 ^VWM210 x3	*VWM210 x11	Ubuntu x1	None	VWM210 VWM216	Fully	None

Explanations:

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). Dominant individuals at the end of the month. Underlined ID codes indicate the individual newly acquired dominance in this month. 1)

2)

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).

Pregnancy status: + Pregnant at any time during the month, * gave birth, # aborted pre-term, ^ lost litter after giving birth. 4)

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- 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 rejoining.
- 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; Advanced Progress: Habituation group where all individuals are identifiable through consistent dye marks and data is able to be collected on all individuals; In progress: Habituation group. Note: "Advanced Progress" habituation level addition made during April 2020 revision.
- 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.