

KMP Life History Table – July 2018 (Alice Petherick and Lorna Harvey © kalahari-meerkats.com)

Group	No. of Members	Dominant at end of month 2)	No of Pups	+Pregnant *Birth #Aborted ^Lost 4)	+Last seen *Dead #Predated ^Emigrated "Immigrated %Returned ⁵⁾	Leavers ⁶⁾	Encounters	Inter-group Encounters ⁸⁾	Group splits ⁹⁾	Absent at end of month	Habituation Levels ¹¹⁾	Disease and TB status
Baobab (BB)	6/6	VBBF142 Wild male	0	None	+VBBM133 +VBBF135 +VBBM136 +VBBF137 +VBBF139 +VBBF158 +VBBM161	VBBF158 VBBM161	None	None	None	None	In Progress	ТВ
(Little) Creatures (CR)	8	Unknown Unknown	0	None	"VLM207 %VCRM002 x2	VCRM002 x2	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	10	VBBF117 Unknown	2	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Freetails (FR)	2/3	VLF227 Wild Male	0	^VLF227	None	VLF226	None	None	None	VLF226	In Progress	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	18	Unknown Unknown	0	None	*VGDM001	VGDM001	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	10/10	VLF206 VCVM001	0	+VLF206	+VHMM011	None	VLM209 x1	None	None	None	Fully	None
Jaxx (JX)	10/10	VJXF080 VLM221	1	None	#VJXF117 #VJXM118 #VJXP119 #VJXM120 %VJXF112 x2 ^VLM207	VJXF112 x2 VJXF117 VJXM118 VJXP119 VJXM120 VLM207	None	None	Daily x1	None	Fully	None
Lazuli (L)	21/21	VLF223 VJXM095	5	None	%VJXM098 x1 %VJXM100 x3 %VLM224 x1 %VLM228 x3 %VLM238 x4	VJXM098 x1 VJXM100 x3 VLM224 x1 VLM228 x3 VLM238 x4	Unknown x1 VHMM003 x1	None	Daily x3	None	Fully	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	12/13	VQLF011 No Clear Dominance	0	None	*VZUM006	VZUM006 VQLF018	None	Van Helsing x1	None	VQLF018	Fully	None
Run Amuk (RU)	9/9	VJXF097 VHMM002	4	None	%VHMM003 x2	VHMM003 x2	Unknown x2 VLM209 x1	None	None	None	Fully	None

Ubuntu (UB)	16	VBBF111 VUBM021	0	None	%VUBM002 x1 %VUBM003 x3	VUBM002 x1 VUBM003 x3	VBBF104 x33 VCRM002 x2 VJXM100 x3 VLM224 x1 VLM228 x7 VLM238 x3 Unknown x4	Ubuntu 2 x1	None	None	In Progress	None
Ubuntu 2 (2U – New Dispersal Group, Disintegrated)	0	VBBF104 VLM209	0	None	"VBBF104 "VLM209 ^VBBF104 ^VLM209	VBBF104 VLM209	None	Ubuntu x1	None	None	Fully	None
Unknown (UNK)	2	NA	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
Van Helsing (VH)	24/24	VVHF042 No Clear Dominance	0	0	*VZUM017	VZUM017	None	Make-e-plan x1	Daily x4	None	Fully	ТВ
Whiskers (W)	13/14	VWF176 VLM157	0	+VWF176	None	VWM202 x1	None	None	None	VWM202	Fully	None
Zulus (ZU)	8/8	VZUF007 VLM211	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	None

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), * found dead or euthanized, # Predated = assumed predated (for pups), ^ Emigrated = emigrated to another known group, "Immigrated = immigrated into group, % returned to group after being previously AO;
- 6) Roving, evictions or other absence of members of the groups (including the number of leaves);
- 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; In progress: Habituation group.
- 12) Disease and TB status: TB: TB observed in group, D/I: Disease or injuries observed on single individuals.
- Groups marked grey: Habituation / dispersal group.