



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

Group	No. of Members <sup>1)</sup>	Dominant at end of month <sup>2)</sup>	No of Pups <sup>3)</sup>	+Pregnant *Birth #Aborted ^Lost <sup>4)</sup>	+Last seen *Dead #Predated <sup>5)</sup>	+Emigrated *Immigrated #Leavers ^Returned "Evicted %Evictend <sup>6)</sup>	Encounters <sup>7)</sup>	Inter-group Encounters <sup>8)</sup>	Group splits <sup>9)</sup>	Absent at end of month <sup>10)</sup>	Habituation Levels <sup>11)</sup>	Disease and TB status <sup>12)</sup>
Lazuli (L)	13/14 + 2 Wild Individuals	VLF230 Unknown	2	*VLF230	+VLF255 +VZUM050	+VLF240 +VLF246 *VLF240 *VLF246 #VLF241 ^VLF241 "VLF241 "VLF244 %VLF241 %VLF244	VHMM023 x6 *VLF244	None	None	VLP263	In Progress	None
(Little) Creatures (CR)	5/5 + 2 Wild Individuals)	Unknown Unknown	2	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	7/7 + 7 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Tswana (TS)	14/15 + 2 Wild Individuals	VTSF009 Unknown	6	None	None	#VTSM013	None	None	None	VTSM013	In Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	14/17	VBBF117 VLM211	3	*VECF003	#VECP018	#VECM014 #VECF003 #VECM006 #VECM010 #VECM011 #VZUM026 x2 #Yearling Female ^VECM014 ^VECF003 ^VZUM026 x2 ^Yearling Female "Yearling Female	*Yearling Female x2	None	None	VECM006 VECM010 VECM011 Yearling Female	Incomplete	VECM006
Jaxx (JX)	17/18	VJXF080 VLM221	3	None	None	#VJXM140	None	None	Uncertain Duration x1	VJXM140	Fully	None

<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	VQLF011 VVHM117	14/14	None	+VMPP025 #VMPP026	+VMPP020 #VMPP039 #VMPP040 #VMPP041 #VMPP042 #VMPP043 #VMPP044	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	VMPF038
<b>Namaqua (NQ)</b>	VQLF018 VLM228	11/11	1	+VNQF009	None	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	VZUF028 VWM213	8/8	-1	*VZUF029 *VZUF032 *VZUF049	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), \* 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.