

KMP Life History Table – October 2021 (Bieke Maex © 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>
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	23/23	VGDF013 VUBM018	0	None	None	#VGDF022 x1 ^VGDF022 x1	VLM265 x2	None	Daily x1	None	Advanced Progress	None
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	1/1 + 15 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
<b>Trackie-Daks TD)</b>	11/16	VTDF010 VTSM014	0	None	None	#VTDF006 x1 #VTDF010 x1 #VTDM007 x1 #VTSM006 x1 #VTSM017 x1 "VTDF011 x1 *VTDF020 x1 ^VTSM017	None	None	None	VTDF010 VTDF011 VTSM006 VTDF006 VTDM007	In Progress	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	23/23	VECF032 VLM211	-1	*VECF003	None	#VECP037 x1 #VZUM033 x1 ^VZUM033 x1	UnknownAd x3	None	Daily x5 Uncertain Duration x1	None	Incomplete	None
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	20/25	VJXF080 VLM221	0	None	None	#VJXF129 x1 #VJXF135 x1 #VJXF143 x1 #VJXM131 x2 ^VJXM131 x2	None	None	Daily x2 Uncertain Duration x1 Overnight x2	VJXF129 VJXF135 VJXF141 VJXF143 VJXM131	Complete	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	11/15	VLf230 VLM266	0	None	+VLP279 +VLP281 *VLP280	#VHMM023 x1 #VLF246 x1 #VLM253 x4 #VLM265 x1 #VLM276 x1 #VLP279 x1 #VLP281 x1 ^VHMM023 x1 ^VLM253 x3	VWM216 x1 VUBM029 x2 VUBM036 x1 VUBM032 x3 VUBM033 x2 UnknownM x2 VUBM031 x2 *VLF244 x1	None	Daily x2	VLF244 VLF246 VLM253 VLM276	Incomplete	None

						^VLM265 x1 "VLF244 x1						
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	14/18	VQLF011 Unknown	0	None	None	+VMPF035 x1 +VMPF038 x1 +VMPM059 x1 #VMPM027 x1 #VMPM034 x1 #VMPM036 x1 #VMPM037 x1 #VMPM046 x1 ^VMPM046 x1	Unknown x1	None	Daily x3 Uncertain Duration x1	VMPM027 VMPM034 VMPM036 VMPM037	Complete	None
<b>Make-E-Plan 4 (M4)</b>	5/5	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	*VMPF035 x1 *VMPF038 x1 *VMPM059 x1 *VNQM012 x1 *VNQM018 x1 *VNQM019 x1 +VMPM059 x1	None	Namaqua x1	None	None	Complete	None
<b>Namaqua (NQ)</b>	9/9	VNQF013 VZUM034	0	None	None	+VNQM012 x1 +VNQM018 x1 +VNQM019 x1 *VMPM059 x1 ^VMPM059 x1 ^VNQF020 x1 #VMPM059 x1 #VNQF020 x1	None	Make-e-plan 4 x1	None	None	Complete	VNQF016
<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	12/12	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	None	None	#VMPF026 x1 #VMPF029 x1	None	None	None	VMPF026 VMPF029	Complete	None
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	8/11	VZUF048 VECM009	3	None	None	#VSIP007 x1 #VSIP008 x1 #VSIP009 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	VZUF048 VWM213	12/13	0	^VZUF028	None	#VWM216 x1	None	None	None	VWM216	Complete	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; 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 May 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.