



KMP Life History Table – August 2022 (Lila Chillingworth © 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> Data Collection Levels <sup>12)</sup>	Disease and TB status <sup>13)</sup>
<b>FULL DATA COLLECTION (FDC) GROUPS</b>												
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	11/16	Unknown VLM211	0	+VECF038	None	#VECM022 x5 #VECM023 x1 #VECM025 x3 #VECM031 x2 #VECM033 x1 #VECM034 x2 #VECM040 x1 #VECM042 x1 #VECM046 x1 #VECM047 x2 #VLM211 x4 ^VECM022 x4 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM025 x3 ^VECM031 x2 ^VECM033 x1 ^VECM034 x2 ^VECM040 x1 ^VECM042 x1 ^VECM046 x1 ^VECM047 x2 ^VLM211 x3	None	None	Uncertain Duration x1	VLM211 VECM022 VECF038 VECM040 VECM041 VECM042 VECM049	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	16/17	VGDF007 VUBM018	-1	*VGDF007	None	+VGDM014 x1 +VGDM015 x1 +VGDF020 x1 +VGDF022 x1 *VGDM014 x1 *VGDM015 x1 #VGDF009 x1 #VGDM028 x3 #VGDM041 x1	VRWM001 x1 VRWM005 x1 VLM261 x5 UnknownM x1 UnknownAd x2 Unknown x1	Lazuli x1	None	VGDM041	Incomplete  Full Data Collection Group	None

						^VGDF005 x1 ^VGDF009 x1 ^VGDM028 x3						
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	25/28	VJXF080 VLM221	5	+VJXF080	+VJXF145 +VJXF151	#VJXM131 x1 #VJXM137 x1 #VJXM139 x1 #VJXM142 x1 #VJXM144 x1 #VJXM153 x1 #VJXM166 x1 ^VJXM139 x1 ^VJXM142 x1 ^VJXM153 x1	Unknown x1	None	None	VJXM131 VJXM137 VJXM139 VJXM144 VJXM166	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	16/16	VLF230 VLM266	-1	*VLF230	None	#VLM261 x3 #VLM266 x1 #VLM273 x2 #VLM275 x1 #VLM282 x1 ^VLM261 x3 ^VLM266 x1 ^VLM273 x2 ^VLM275 x1 ^VLM282 x1	None	Ubuntu x2 Gold Diggers x1	Daily x2	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Namaqua (NQ)</b>	8/14	VNQF013 <u>VHMM023</u>	3	+VNQF027 *VNQF013 #VNQF027	+VNQM029	+VNQM028 x1 *VHMM023 x1 #VMPM059 x1 #VNQM028 x1 ^VNQM028 x1	VBSM003 x20 VHMM023 x16	None	None	VZUM034 VMPM059 VNQP038 VNQP039 VNQP040	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	TB
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	12/12	VZUF048 VECM009	3	None	+VSIF002	^VSIF005 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	15/16	VBBF111 <u>VHMM048</u>	-1	*VBBF111	+VHMM047	#VUBF039 x1 #VUBF035 x1 ^VUBF039 x1 %VUBF035 x1	VWM248 x3 VWM234 x5 VLM273 x2 1 UnknownAd x1 2 UnknownAd x2	Lazuli x2	Daily x2	VUBF035	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

							VLM261 x6 UnknownF x1 VGDM028 x1					
<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	19/19	VWF176 VLM157	0	+VWF235 +VWF236 +VWF247 +VWF250 ^VWF176	None	#VWF235 x2 #VWF236 x2 #VWF243 x1 #VWF247 x1 #VWF250 x2 #VWF251 x3 #VWM234 x4 #VWM248 x2 ^VWF235 x2 ^VWF236 x2 ^VWF243 x1 ^VWF247 x1 ^VWF250 x2 ^VWF251 x3 ^VWM234 x4 ^VWM241 x1 ^VWM248 x2	1 UnknownAd x1 4 UnknownAd x1	None	UncertainDuration x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	8/8	VZUF028 VWM213	0	#VZUF028	+VZUM056 +VZUM057 +VZUM059	+VZUF051 x1 +VZUF052 x1 +VZUF054 x1	VZUF052 x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>LIFE HISTORY MONITORING (LHM) GROUPS</b>												
<b>Alba (AL)</b>	10/11	<u>Unknown</u> VWM216	-1	*VECF003	+VECF035	#VECF003 x1 ^VECF019 x1 %VECF036 x1	VECM025 x3 VECM022 x1 VLM211 x1 2 Unknown x1 Unknown F x1 1 Unknown x1	None	None	VECF003	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	8/9	VMPF035 <u>VGDM011</u>	0	*VMPF038 ^VMPF035	None	#VBSF004 x1	None	None	None	VBSF004	Incomplete Life History Monitoring Group	None

<b>Hakuna Matata (HM)</b>	Currently unknown	VHMF030 VLM234	Un known	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	Complete	None
<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	14/14	VMPF022 VJXM122	-1	+VRWF002 *VMPF022	None	+VRWM001 x1 +VRWM005 x1 #VRWF011 x1 ^VRWF011 x1 "VRWF002 x2 "VRWF004 x1 %VRWF002 x2 %VRWF004 x1	3 Unknown x1	None	Daily x1	None	Complete	None	
<b>HABITUATION (HAB) GROUPS</b>													
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	13/15	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	+VQLF011	+VMPM056 +VMPM046 +VMPF054 +VTSM019	+VMPF050 x1 +VMPF055 x1 +VMPF057 x1 +VMPF058 x1 +VMPF048 x1 #VMPM056 x1	VMPF058 x1 VMPF057 x2 VMPF050 x1 UnknownF x3	Make-e-plan 5 x1	None	Either: VMPM070 or VMPP071	In Progress Habituation Group	None	
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	5 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	0	+UnknownF	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None	
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	17/17	VWF237 VTSM014	-1	*VWF237	+VWF231	^VWF238 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None	

SUB-GROUPS (SUB)												
<b>Gold Diggers 2 (GT)</b>	4/4	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	+VGDF020 +VGDF022 +VRWM001 +VRWM005	None	None	None	None	In Progress Sub-Group	
<b>Make-E-Plan 5 (MV)</b>	6/6	Unknown Unknown	0	*VMPF058	None	+VBSM003 +VHMM023 *VBSM003 *VHMM023 *VMPF048 *VMPF050 *VMPF055 *VMPF057 *VMPF058 *VNQM028 #VMPF050 #VMPF057 #VMPF058 ^VMPF050 ^VMPF057 ^VMPF058	None	Make-E-Plan x1	None	None	In Progress Sub-Group	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) Data collection level of the group: Full Data Collection: Adlib, weights and LH data are collected; Life History Monitoring: LH data and, less frequently, weights collected, no adlib data; Habituation: Groups in various stages of habituation, ranging from focusing on habituating meerkats to our presence, to weights and LH data collection, but no adlib data; Sub-group: Temporary coalition between roving males, evicted females or dispersed individuals of mixed sex. If together for an extended period of time, a sub-group will become a new official group.
  - 13) 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.