



KMP Life History Table – September 2022 (Lila Chillingworth © kalahari-meerkats.com)

Group	No. of Members ¹⁾	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⁾ Data Collection Levels ¹²⁾	Disease and TB status ¹³⁾
FULL DATA COLLECTION GROUPS (FDC)												
Elrond's Council (EC)	15/16	<u>VECF039</u> VLM211	-1	*VECF038 #VECF039	None	#VECM022 x3 #VECM023 x1 #VECM025 x2 #VECM031 x2 #VECM033 x1 #VECM041 x1 #VECM046 x1 #VECM047 x1 #VLM211 x2 ^VECM022 x4 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM025 x1 ^VECM031 x2 ^VECM033 x1 ^VECM041 x1 ^VECM046 x1 ^VECM047 x1 ^VLM211 x3	None	None	None	VECM025	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	21/21	VGDF007 VUBM018	4	None	+VGDM041	*VGDF020 x1 #VGDF009 x1 #VGDF026 x1 #VGDF042 x1 #VGDM014 x1 #VGDM044 x1 ^VGDF009 x1 ^VGDF026 x1 ^VGDF042 x1 ^VGDM014 x1 ^VGDM044 x1	UnknownAd x2 VHMM036 x1 VGDF020 x1 UnknownF x1	None	None	None	Incomplete Full Data Collection Group	None

Jaxx (JX)	19/23	VJXF080 VLM221	0	+VJXF080	+VJXM131 +VJXM137 +VJXM139 +VJXM144 +VJXM166	#VJXF149 x1 #VJXF150 x2 #VJXF158 x1 #VJXF163 x1 #VJXF171 x1 #VJXM142 x1 #VJXM146 x1 #VJXM153 x3 #VJXM155 x1 ^VJXF150 x1 ^VJXF163 x1 ^VJXM142 x1 ^VJXM146 x1 ^VJXM153 x3	Unknown x1	None	None	VJXF149 VJXF158 VJXF171 VJXM155	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	19/19	VL230 VLM266	3	None	None	#VLF272 x1 #VLM261 x1 ^VLM261 x1 ^VLF272 x1	None	None	Daily x2	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Namaqua (NQ)	8/8	VNQP013 VHMM023	0	None	+VNQP038 +VNQP039 +VNQP040 +VMPM059 +VZUM034	None	VBSM003 x8 VNQM028 x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	TB
Side Quest (SI)	11/11	VZUF048 VECM009	2	None	+VSIF003 +VSIM018	#VSIM018 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Ubuntu (UB)	20/20	VBBF111 VHMM048	4	None	None	^VLM265 x1 ^VUBF035 x1 #VLM265 x1	VWM248 x12, VWM234 x3	None	Overnight x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Whiskers (W)	18/19	<u>VWF235</u> VLM157	-1	*VWF236 *VWF247 ^VWF235 ^VWF250	None	#VWF176 x1 #VWF236 x1 #VWF243 x1 #VWF250 x1 #VWM234 x3 #VWM245 x1 #VWM248 x3 ^VWF236 x1 ^VWF243 x1 ^VWF250 x1 ^VWM234 x4 ^VWM245 x1 ^VWM248 x4 "VWF236 x1 %VWF236 x1	None	None	UncertainDu ration x3 Daily x3	VWF176	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	9/11	VZUF028 VWM213	0	^VZUF052	*V-1U001	*VZUF051 x1 *VZUF052 x1 *VZUF054 x1 #VZUF051 x1 #VZUF052 x2 #VZUF054 x1 ^VZUF052 x1 ^VZUF054 x1	VZUF051 x1 VZUF052 x1 VZUF054 x1	None	None	VZUF051 VZUF052	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Alba (AL)	9/9	VECF019 <u>VZUM053</u>	0	None	+VECF003 *VWM216	#VALM004 x1 ^VALM004 x1	VRWM005 x1 VRWM001 x2 UnknownAd x1 UnknownM x1	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

Brussels Sprouts (BS)	8/8	VMPF035 VGDM011	-1	*VMPF038	+VBSF004	#VHMM036 x2 #VMPF038 x1 ^VHMM036 x2 ^VMPF038 x1	None	None	None	None	Incomplete Life History Monitoring Group	None	
Hakuna Matata (HM)	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	Un known	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	Complete	None
Runaways (RW)	18/18	VMPF022 VJXM122	4	*VRWF002	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete	None
HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)													
Make-E-Plan (MP)	22/24	VQLF011 VTSM006	5	*VQLF011	None	*VMPF048 x1 *VMPF050 x1 *VMPF054 x1 *VMPF055 x1 *VMPF057 x1 *VMPF058 x1 #VMPP073 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	VMPM073 VMPP071	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Phoenix (PH)	15 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	3	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	19/20	VWF237 VTSM014	4	None	*VTSM007	#VTDP024 x1 #VTSM007 x1	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation 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.