



KMP Life History Table – October 2022 (Maahir Jusabani © 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)	17/17	VECF039 VLM211	2	None	+VECM025	#VECM022 x1 # VECM023 x1 #VECM031 x1 #VECM033 x3 #VECM034 x1 #VECM040 x2 #VECM041 x1 #VECM042 x1 #VECM046 x1 #VECM047 x1 #VECM048 x1 #VECM049 x2 #VLM211 x1 ^VECM022 x1 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM031 x1 ^VECM033 x3 ^VECM034 x1 ^VECM040 x2 ^VECM041 x1 ^VECM042 x1 ^VECM046 x1 ^VECM047 x1 ^VECM048 x1 ^VECM049 x2 ^VLM211 x1	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	21/21	VGDF007 VUBM018	4	+VGDF007	None	#VGDF009 x1 #VGDF026 x1 #VGDF031 x1 #VGDF046 x1 #VGDM014 x1	VGDF022 x1, VLM261 x2, UnknownAd x1 UnknownF x1	None	Daily x1	None	Incomplete Full Data Collection Group	None

						#VGDM043 x1 ^VGDF009 x1 ^VGDF026 x1 ^VGDF031 x1 ^VGDF046 x1 ^VGDM014 x1 ^VGDM043 x1						
Jaxx (JX)	22/24	VJXF080 VLM221	4	^VJXF080 *VJXF149 *VJXF150	+VJXF171	#VJXF149 x2 #VJXF158 x1 #VJXF158 x1 #VJXM142 x2 #VJXM156 x1 #VJXM159 x1 #VJXM168 x1 ^VJXF149 x3 ^VJXF150 x1 ^VJXF158 x2 ^VJXM142 x2 "VJXF150 x1 %VJXF150 x1	None	None	None	VJXM159 VJXM168	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	20/21	VL230 VLM266	5	+VL230	None	#VL272 x1 #VL284 x1 #VL289 x1 #VLM261 x1 #VLM273 x1 ^VL272 x1 ^VL289 x1 ^VLM261 x1 ^VLM273 x1	None	None	None	VL284	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Namaqua (NQ)	8/9	VNQF013 VHMM023	0	None	None	*VBSM003 x1 #VNQF031 x2 ^VNQF031 x1	VBSM003 x2 UnknownM x1	None	None	VNQF031	Complete Full Data Collection Group	TB
Side Quest (SI)	11/11	VZUF048 VECM009	1	*VZUF048	#VSIM017	#VSIM017 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Ubuntu (UB)	19/19	Unknown VHMM048	4	None	*VBBF111	None	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Whiskers (W)	25/25	VWF235 VLM157	7	None	*VWF176	#VWM255 x1, ^VWM255 x1	None	None	Daily x1 Uncertain Duration x2	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	8/11	VZUF028 VWM213	0	+VZUF028 +VZUF054	None	#VZUF054 x1	None	None	None	VZUF051 VZUF052 VZUF054	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Alba (AL)	8/9	VECF019 VZUM053	0	+VECF019 +VALF003	None	#VECF036 x1	None	None	None	VECF036	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	11/12	VMPF035 VGDM011	4	#VMPF035	None	#VMPF038 x1	None	None	None	VMPF038	Incomplete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	Un known	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	None	None	Currently unknown	Incomplete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Runaways (RW)	14/18	VMPF022 VJXM122	4	None	+VRWM001 +VRWM005	None	None	None	Uncertain Duration x1	VRWF008 VRWM012 VRWF014 VRWF017	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

Vetkoecks (VK)	5/6	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Make-E-Plan (MP)	20/20	VQLF011 VTSM006	3	None	+VMPM073 #VMPP086 #VMPP085 #VMPP088 #VMPP089 +VMPP058	#VMPP058 x1 #VMPM066 x1 #VMPP085 x1 #VMPP086 x1 #VMPP088 x1 #VMPP089 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Phoenix (PH)	14 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	4	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	18/18	VWF237 VTSM014	2	#VWF237	#VTDP024 #VTDP025	#VTDP025	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.