



KMP Life History Table – November 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	None	#VECM022 x1 #VLM211 x2 ^VECM022 x1 ^VLM211 x2	None	None	Uncertain Duration x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	19/20	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	+VGDF033 ^VGDF007 ^VGDF020	VGDF022 VGDM043	#VGDF005 x1 #VGDF029 x3 #VGDF033 x1 #VGDM015 x2 #VGDM043 x1 ^VGDF005 x1 ^VGDF029 x2 ^VGDF033 x1 ^VGDM015 x2 "VGDF029 x1 %VGDF029 x1	UnknownF x1 UnknownAd x2	Brussels Sprouts x1	UncertainDuration x1	VGDF029	Incomplete Full Data Collection Group	None
Jaxx (JX)	18/21	VJXF080 VLM221	3	+VJXF080	VJXM155 VJXM156 VJXM168	#VJXF149 x1 #VJXF150 x1 #VJXF158 x1 #VJXM142 x1 #VJXM153 x3 #VJXU177 x1 ^VJXM142 x1 ^VJXM153 x3	UnknownAd x4	None	Overnight x1	VJXF149 VJXF150 VJXF158	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Lazuli (L)	22/22	VLF230 VLM266	2	+VLF272 *VLF230	VLF284	#VLF272 x1 #VLM273 x1 ^VLF272 x1 ^VLM273 x1	VZUM057 x1	Vetkoeks x2	Daily x1	VLF284	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Namaqua (NQ)	8/8	VNQF013 VHMM023	0	None	VNQF031	None	VLM211 x2	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	TB
Side Quest (SI)	10/11	VZUF048 VECM009	1	None	None	#VSIM016 x1	None	None	Overnight x1	VSIM016	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	18/18	Unknown VHMM048	0	+VUBF039	VUBF060	#VUBF060 x1	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Whiskers (W)	22/25	VWF235 VLM157	7	+VWF235	None	#VWF236 x1 #VWF243 x1 #VWF244 x1	UnknownM x1	None	Uncertain Duration x1	VWF236 VWF243 VWF244	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	7/7	VZUF028 Unknown	0	^VZUF028	None	+VWM213 X1	UnknownAd x3 VGDM015 x1 VZUF051 x2 VZUF052 x3 VZUF054 x2	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)

Alba (AL)	12/12	VECF019 VZUM053	0	*VECF019 *VALF002 *VALF006 #VALF003	None	^VECF036 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	10/11	VMPF035 Unknown	4	None	VMPF038	#VBSF008 x1 #VBSM005 x1 #VBSM007 x1 #VGDM010 x1 #VGDM011 x2 #VHMM036 x1 ^VBSF008 x1 ^VBSM005 x1 ^VBSM007 x1 ^VGDM010 x1 ^VGDM011 x1 ^VHMM036 x1	None	Gold Diggers x1	None	VGDM011	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)	18/18	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeke (VK)	4/4	VHMF053 Unknown	0	None	VHMF049 VHMF051	#VHMF049 x1 #VHMF051 x1 #VZUM057 x1 ^VZUM057 x1	None	Lazuli x2	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Make-E-Plan (MP)	18/19	VQLF011 VTSM006	2	None	VMPM084	#VMPM062 x1	None	None	None	VMPM062	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Phoenix (PH)	17 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	4	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	17/18	VWF237 VTSM014	0	*VWF238	VWF231	#VTDM008 x1	None	None	None	VTSM008	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.