



KMP Life History Table – December 2022 (Maahir Jusabani © 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 GROUPS (FDC)</b>												
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	17/17	VECF039 VLM211	0	None	None	#VECM022 x2 #VECM023 x1 #VECM031 x1 #VECM033 x1 #VECM034 x1 #VLM211 x4 ^VECM022 x2 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM031 x1 ^VECM033 x1 ^VECM034 x1 ^VLM211 x4	UnknownAd x5	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	12/20	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	+VGDF007 ^VGDF033	None	#VGDF005 x1 #VGDF009 x1 #VGDF020 x1 #VGDM014 x4 #VGDM015 x4 #VGDM032 x1 ^VGDM014 x3 ^VGDM015 x3 "VGDF026 x1	VLM261 x2	None	None	VGDF005 VGDF009 VGDF020 VGDF026 VGDF029 VGDM014 VGDM015 VGDM032	Incomplete Full Data Collection Group	F45 (Swelling on left ribs that inflates and deflates)

<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	21/21	VJXF080 VLM221	3	*VJXF080	VJXM159	#VJXF160 x1 #VJXF163 x1 ^VJXF149 x1 ^VJXF150 x1 ^VJXF158 x1 ^VJXF160 x1 ^VJXF163 x1	UnknownM x1 UnknownAd x2	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	24/24	VL230 VLM266	4	+VL230 ^VL272	None	#VLM261 x1 ^VLM261 x1	VWF243 x1 VWF236 x2	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Namaqua (NQ)</b>	7/8	VN207 VHMM023	0	None	None	#VN207 x1	UnknownM x1	None	None	VN207	Complete Full Data Collection Group	TB
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	9/10	VZUF048 VECM009	1	+VZUF048	VSIM016	#VSIM014 x1	None	None	None	VSIM014	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	13/18	VUBF035 VHMM048	0	*VUBF035 *VUBF044 ^VUBF039	None	#VLM265 x1 #VUBF037 x1 #VUBF039 x1 #VUBF044 x2 #VUBM045 x1 #VUBM046 x1 #VUBM047 x1 #VUBM048 x1 ^VUBF037 x1 ^VUBF039 x1 ^VUBF044 x2 "VLM265 x1 "VUBF037 x1 %VLM265 x1 %VUBF037 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	Daily x1	VLM265 VUBM045 VUBM046 VUBM047 VUBM048	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	18/22	VWF235 VLM157	0	*VWF244 *VWF247 ^VWF235 ^VWF250	None	#VWM234 x1 #VWM249 x2 ^VWF244 x1 ^VWM249 x1 +VWM241 x1 +VWM245 x1 +VWM248 x1	UnknownM x1 UnknownAd x5	Hakuna Matata x1	None	VWF236 VWF243 VWM234 VWM249	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	10/10	VZUF028 Unknown	0	+VZUF062	VWM213	*VZUF051 x1 *VZUF052 x1 *VZUF054 x1 ^VZUM064 x2 #VZUM064 x2	UnknownM x1 UnknownF x1 VGDF029 x1 VGDM014 x1 VGDM015 x2 VZUF054 x2 VZUF052 x2 VZUF051 x3 UnknownAd x6	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)</b>												
<b>Alba (AL)</b>	11/12	VECF019 VZUM053	0	+VECF019 ^VALF002 ^VALF006	None	#VECF036 x2 ^VECF036 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	VECF036	Complete  Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	10/11	VMPF035 VHMM036	0	None	None	#VGDM010 x1 ^VGDM011 x1	None	None	None	VGDM010	Incomplete  Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Hakuna Matata (HM)</b>	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	Un known	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	Whiskers x1	None	Currently unknown	Incomplete  Life History Monitoring Group	None

<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	18/18	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	+VMPF022 *VRWF004 *VRWF008	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	4/4	VHMF053 Unknown	0	+VHMF053	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)</b>												
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	18/18	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	None	VMPM066	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	Un known	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	21/21	VWF237 VTSM014	4	None	None	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.