



KMP Life History Table – January 2023 (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>	12/13	VECF039 VLM211	0	None	None	+VECM023 x1 +VECM031 x1 +VECM033 x1 +VLM211 x1 #VECM022 x2 #VECM033 x1 #VLM211 x1 ^VECM022 x ^VECM033 x1 ^VLM211 x1	None	Alba x3	Daily x1	VECM022	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	14/14	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	*VGDF007	+VGDF020	#VGDM014 x2 #VGDM015 x2 #VGDM028 x2 ^VGDM014 x3 ^VGDM015 x3 ^VGDM028 x2	None	Unknown x1	None	None	Incomplete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	26/26	VJXF080 VLM221	5	None	None	#VJXM146 x2 #VJXM165 x2 ^VJXM146 x2 ^VJXM165 x2	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	22/24	VLF230 VLM266	4	+VLF230	*VLF244	#VLF272 x3 #VLF274 x2 ^VLF272 x2 ^VLF274 x1	VGDM015 x3 UnknownAd x1	Unknown x1	Daily x1	VLF272 VLF274	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Namaqua (NQ)</b>	7/7	VNQF027 VHMM023	0	None	+VNQF013	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	TB
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	14/14	VZUF048 VECM009	5	*VZUF048 #VSIF005	None	None	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	16/17	VUBF035 VHMM048	3	#VUBF037	None	None	Unknown x3	None	Daily x2	VLM265	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	23/23	VWF235 VLM157	3	*VWF236 *VWF251	+VWM241 +VWM245 +VWM248	*VWP266 x1 *VWP267 x1 *VWP265 x1 #VLM157 x1 ^VLM157 x1 ^VWF236 x1 ^VWF243 x1	UnknownF x1	None	Daily x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	7/10	VZUF028 Unknown	0	*VZUF028 ^VZUF052 *VZUF054 ^VZUF062	None	#VZUF051 x2 #VZUF052 x2 #VZUF054 x1 #VZUM063 x1 #VZUM064 x1 #VZUM068 x1 ^VZUF051 x1 ^VZUF052 x1 ^VZUM063 x1 ^VZUM064 x1 ^VZUM068 x1	None	None	None	VZUF051 VZUF052 VZUF054	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None	

**LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)**

<b>Alba (AL)</b>	15/16	VECF019 Unknown	0	*VECF019	None	*VECM023 x1 *VECM031 x1 *VECM033 x1 *VLM211 x1 #VZUM053 x1 ^VECF036 x1	VZUM064 x2 UnknownAd x8 VECM023 x4 VECM031 x4 VECM033 x4	Elronds Council x3	None	VZUM053	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	10/10	VMPF035 VHMM036	0	+VBSF001 +VBSF002	None	#VGDM011 x2 ^VGDM011 x2	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	18/18	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	+VMPF022	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	7/7	VHMF053 Unknown	3	*VHMF053	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

**HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)**

<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
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<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	18/18	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	*VQLF011	+VMPM062	#VMPF048 x1 #VMPF050 x1 #VMPF054 x1 #VMPF055 x1 #VMPF057 x1 ^VMPF048 x1 ^VMPF050 x1 ^VMPF054 x1 ^VMPF055 x1 ^VMPF057 x1	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>	20/21	VWF237 VTSM014	4	None	+VTDM008	#VTDM017 x1 #VTDM026 x1 ^VTDM017 x1	None	None	None	VTDM026	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>SUBGROUPS (SUB)</b>												
<b>Gold-Diggers 3 (GO)</b>	9/9	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Subgroup	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.