



KMP Life History Table – March 2023 (Annelise Van Eeden © 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>	12/12	VECF039 <u>Unknown</u>	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	19/19	VGDF007 VUBM018	5	None	+VGDM050	#VGDM015 x1 #VGDM050 x1 #VGDP052 x1 ^VGDM015 x1 ^VGDP052 x1	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	23/25	VJXF080 VLM221	1	*VJXF080 ^VJXF150	+VJXM179 +VJXF182	#VJXF163 x1 #VJXF182 x1 #VJXM146 x1 #VJXM153 x1 #VJXM161 x1 #VJXM175 x1 #VJXM179 x1 ^VJXM146 x1 ^VJXM153 x1 ^VJXM161 x1 "VJXF149 %VJXF149	None	None	Daily x1	VJXF163 VJXM175	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	27/29	VLF230 VLM266	5	None	None	#VLF283 #VLF294 #VLM295 #VLF299 ^VLF283 ^VLF294	None	None	Daily x10	VLM295 VLF299	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	11/13	VZUF048 VECM009	0	*VZUF048 *VSIF013	None	#VSIM001 #VSIF005	None	None	None	VSIM001 VSIF005	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	21/21	VUBF035 VHMM048	5	*VUBF035 ^VUBF039	None	*VLM265 "VLM265	VLM265 x4 Unknown Adult x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	23/23	VWF235 VLM157	0	*VWF247 *VWF250	None	None	None	None	Daily x3	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	10/10	VZUF028 Unknown	1	None	+VZUM069	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)</b>												
<b>Alba (AL)</b>	17/17	VECF019 VECM023	3	#VECF019	None	"VECF036 %VECF036	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	8/9	VMPF035 VHMM036	1	None	None	None	None	None	None	VBSP010	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Dik-Diks (DD)</b>	13/13	Unknown Unknown	4	*UnknownF	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Namaqua (NQ)</b>	2/3	VHMM023	0	None	+VNQM028	#VNQM037	None	None	None	VNQM037	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	TB
<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	16/16	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	+VRWF012 #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>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	4	*UnknownF	None	*VZUF048 *VSIF002 *VSIF003	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Hakuna Matata (HM)</b>	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	Un known	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	Incomplete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	20/20	VQLF011 VTSM006	2	+VQLF011	None	#VMPF054 #VMPF055 #VMPF057 ^VMPF054 ^VMPF055 ^VMPF057	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	3	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	20/20	VWF237 VTSM014	3	#VWF238 +VWF237	None	#VWF238 ^VWF238	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 include 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.