



KMP Life History Table – April 2023 (Annelise Van Eeden © 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)	12/12	VECF039 Unknown	0	+VECF039	None	None	None	Alba x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	18/19	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	None	None	#VGDF045	None	Dik-Diks x1	None	VGDF045	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Jaxx (JX)	22/22	VJXF080 VLM221	0	+VJXF160	+VJXM175 +VJXF163 #VJXP183	#VJXM153 x1 ^VJXM153 x1 #VJXM165 x1 ^VJXM165 x1	None	Unknown x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	27/27	VL230 VLM266	5	None	+VLM295 +VLF299	#VLM292 x1 ^VLM292 x1	None	None	Daily x3 Overnight x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	11/11	VZUF048 VECM009	0	None	+VSIF005	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Ubuntu (UB)	18/18	Unknown VHMM048	4	None	+VUBM055 +VUBM065 *VUBF035	^VHMM048 x1 #VHMM048 x1 #VUBM065 x1	None	None	Daily x2	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Whiskers (W)	26/26	VWF235 VLM157	3	None	None	None	None	None	Overnight x1 Daily x2	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	10/10	VZUF028 Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Alba (AL)	17/17	VECF019 VECM023	0	None	None	#VLM211 x1 ^VLM211 x1	None	Elrond's Council x1	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	8/8	VMPF035 VHMM036	0	None	+VBSP010	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Dik-Diks (DD)	12/13	Unknown Unknown	4	None	None	#VGDF029 x1	None	Gold Diggers x1	None	VGDF029	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None

Runaways (RW)	16/16	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	^VRWF012 *VMPF022	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	8/10	VHMF053 Unknown	3	*VHMF053	#VVKP005	#VVKP006 x1 #VVKP007 x1	None	None	None	VVKP006 VVKP007	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)													
Cape Crusaders (CC)	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	1	None	+VCCP001 +VCCP002 +VCCP003 *VSIF002	None	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	In Progress Habituaton Group	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	Un known	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	Incomplete Life History Monitoring Group	None

Make-E-Plan (MP)	19/19	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	^VQLF011	#VMPP090	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Phoenix (PH)	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	23/25	VWF237 VTSM014	6	#VWF238 +VWF237	+VTDP030	#VTDP030 x1 #VTDP031 #VTDP032 x1	None	None	None	VTDP031 VTDP032	In Progress Habituation Group	None

SUB-GROUPS (SUB)

Ubuntu 4 (UF)	3/3	<u>VUBF023</u> Unknown	0	None	None	*VBSM003 *VHMM023 *VUBF023	None	None	None	None	Complete Sub-Group	TB
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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.