



KMP Life History Table – May 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>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	8/8	VMPF035 VHMM036	0	None	None	#VBSF002 x1 #VGDM011 x3 ^VBSF002 x1 ^VGDM011 x3	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	14/14	VECF039 Unknown	2	*VECF039	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	17/18	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	None	+VGDF045	#VGDF052 x1 #VGDM014 x1 #VGDM044 x1 ^VGDF052 x1 ^VGDM014 x1	None	None	None	VGDM044	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	22/22	VJXF080 VLM221	0	^VJXF160	+VJXM175 *VJXP184	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	26/26	VLF230 VLM266	0	None	*VLF230 +VML295	#VLM261 x1 ^VLM261 x1	None	Dik-Diks x1	Daily x2	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	11/11	VZUF048 VECM009	0	None	+VSIM001	None	None	Cape Crusaders x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	17/18	Unknown VHMM048	4	None	None	#VUBF052 x1 #VUBM053 x2 #VUBM058 x1 #VUBF044 x1 ^VUBF052 x1 ^VUBM053 x2 ^VUBM058 x1	None	Vetkoeks x2	Daily x1	VUBF044	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	23/25	VWF235 VLM157	2	None	#VWM270	#VWF236 x1 #VWF243 x1 #VWF250 x1 #VWF256 x1 #VWF261 x1 #VWM260 x1 #VWM270 x1 ^VWF236 x1 ^VWF243 x1 ^VWF250 x1 ^VWF256 x1	None	None	Daily x2	VWF261 VWM260	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	10/10	VZUF028 Unknown	0	None	None	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	0	None	None	#VALF005 x1 #VECF036 x1 ^VALF005 x1 ^VECF036 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

<b>Dik-Diks (DD)</b>	10/10	Unknown Unknown	0	None	+VGDF029 +VUBM045 +VDDM002	#VDDM002 x1	None	Lazuli x1	None	None	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	12/17	Unknown VJXM122	0	None	*VMPPF022 #VRWP021 #VRWP024	#VRWM015 x2 #VRWF002 x1 #VRWF008 x1 #VRWP022 x1 #VRWP023 x1 #VRWP021 x1 #VRWP024 x1 #VJXM122 x1 ^VRWM015 x1 ^VJXM122 x1	None	None	None	VRWF002 VRWF008 VRWM015 VRWP022 VRWP023	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	7/8	VHMF053 Unknown	1	None	#VVKP006 #VVKP007	#VVKF008 x1	None	Ubuntu x2	None	VVKF008	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

**HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)**

<b>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	9/9	Currently unknown	1	None	None	None	None	Side Quest x1	None	Currently unknown	In Progress Habitation Group	None
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<b>Hakuna Matata (HM)</b>	Currently unknown	Currently unknown	Unknown	Unknown	None	Unknown	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	Incomplete Habituation Group	None
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	19/19	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	None	None	None	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	14/14	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	22/23	VWF237 VTSM014	3	None	#VTDP031 #VTDP032	#VTDF018 x1 #VTDM027 x1 ^VTDF018 x1	None	None	None	None	VTDM027	In Progress Habituation Group	None

**DISINTEGRATED GROUPS**

<b>Near-Death Experience</b>	1/3	<u>VUBF023</u> Unknown	0	None	None	#VBSM003 #VHMM023	None	None	None	None	VBSM003 VHMM023	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.