



KMP Life History Table – July 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 *Appears 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)												
Alba (AL)	14/16	VECF019 VECM033	0	None	None	+VALM004 x1 #VALF002 x1 #VECF036 x2 #VLM211 x1 ^VALF002 x1 ^VECF036 x2 "VECF036 x1 %VECF036 x1	*VECF036 x12	Zulus x2	None	VECF036 VLM211	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	8/8	VMPF035 VHMM036	0	None	None	#VBSM005 x1 #VGDM011 x5 ^VBSM005 x1 ^VGDM011 x5	*VGDM011 x1	Zulus x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	14/14	VECF039 Unknown	2	None	None	None	Unknown Adult x2	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	17/17	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	None	None	#VGDM014 x5 #VGDM015 x3 #VGDM028 x1 #VGDM038 x1 ^VGDM014 x5 ^VGDM015 x4 ^VGDM028 x1 ^VGDM038 x1	None	Dik-Diks x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Jaxx (JX)	22/22	VJXF080 VLM221	0	+ VJXF080	None	#VJXF158 x1 #VJXM142 x1 ^VJXF158 x1 ^VJXM142 x1 "VJXM146 x1 %VJXM146 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	25/25	VL272 VLM266	0	None	+VL274	#VLM261 x3 #VLM266 x4 #VLM273 x2 #VLM275 x2 #VLM282 x2 #VLM290 x1 ^VLM261 x3 ^VLM266 x4 ^VLM273 x2 ^VLM275 x2 ^VLM282 x2 ^VLM290 x1	VGDM014 x3 VGDM015 x3 VGDM028 x2 Unknown Adults x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	10/10	VZUF048 VECM009	0	+ VZUF048	+VSIF010	#VSIF010	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	21/21	VWF237 VTSM014	0	None	+VTDM023	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	17/17	VUBF039 VHMM048	0	None	None	#VUBM050 ^ VUBM050	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Whiskers (W)	22/23	VWF235 VLM157	0	None	None	#VWF236 x4 #VWF243 x3 #VWF244 x1 #VWF258 x1 ^VWF236 x4 ^VWF243 x4 ^VWF244 x1 "VWF236 x4 "VWF243 x1 %VWF236 x4 %VWF243 x1	*VWF236 x7 *VWF243 x5 *VWF244 x1	None	None	VWF258	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	8/11	VZUF028 Unknown	0	None	None	*VALM004 #VZUM066 ^VZUM064	VBSM005 x1 VALM004 x1 VLM211 x3	Alba x2 Brussels Sprouts x1	Daily x1 Overnight x1	VZUM063 VZUM064 VZUM066	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	10/10	Unknown VUBM046	0	None	None	None	None	Gold Diggers x1	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Runaways (RW)	11/12	Unknown VJXM122	0	None	+VRWM006 +VRWF011	#VRWM006 x1 #VRWF011 x1 #VRWF017 x1	None	None	Uncertain Duration x1	VRWF017	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	6/6	VHMF053 Unknown	1	None	+VZUM056	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	9/9	VZUF049 Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	19/19	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	None	None	None	VUBF023 x1	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

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). *Appears= Individuals not acting as part of the group but still on the marksheet.
 - 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.