



KMP Life History Table – September 2023 (Annelise Van Eeden, Annabella Turner © 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 *Appears <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>Alba (AL)</b>	14/17	VECF019 Unknown	-1	*VECF019	None	#VALF003 x1 #VALF006 x1 #VALM004 x1 #VECM023 x1 #VECM031 x1 #VLM211 x1 ^VALF003 x1 ^VALM004 x1 ^VECF036 x1 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM031 x1 ^VLM211 x1 "VALF003 x1 "VECF036 x1	VMPF055 x1 VMPF057 x1 UnknownAd x4 *VALF003 x2 *VALF006 x2 *VECF036 x3	None	None	VECF036 VALF003 VALF006	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	7/7	VMPF035 VHMM036	0	+VMPF035	+ VBSM007	None	None	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	14/14	VECF039 Unknown	0	+VECF039	None	#VECM034 x1 ^VECM034 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	18/20	VGDF007 VUBM018	3	*VGDF007	None	#VGDM014 x6 #VGDM015 x6 #VGDM028 x2 #VGDM038 x2 ^VGDM015 x5	VLM266 x8 VLM261 x6 VLM273 x1 VLM275 x1 UnknownAd x1 VUBM059 x1	Lazuli x1	None	VGDM014 VGDM015	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

						^VGDM014 x5 ^VGDM038 x2 ^VGDM028 x2	VLM282 x1 VLM287 x1 VLM290 x1					
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	22/25	VJXF080 VLM221	3	None	None	#VJXM142 x1 #VJXP187 x1 #VJXP186 X1 "VJXM146 x1 "VJXM153 x1 "VJXF160 x1 %VJXF160 x1 %VJXM146 x1 %VJXM153 x1	UnknownAd x2	Unknown x1	Overnight x1	VJXM142 VJXP187 VJXP186	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	25/25	VL272 VLM266	-1	*VL272	None	#VLM261 x3 #VLM266 x3 #VLM273 x1 #VLM275 x1 #VLM282 x1 #VLM287 x1 #VLM290 x1 ^VLM261 x3 ^VLM266 x3 ^VLM273 x1 ^VLM275 x1 ^VLM282 x1 ^VLM287 x1 ^VLM290 x1	VGDM014 x2 VUBM050 x5 VGDM015 x9	Gold Diggers x1	Daily x7 Overnight x1	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	12/12	VZUF048 VECM009	2	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	15/21	VWF237 VTSM014	0	None	None	#VTDM005 x1 #VTDM013 x1 #VTDM014 x1 #VTDM015 x1 #VTDM017 x2 #VTSM022 x1 ^VTDM017 x1	VWM240 x1 VWM253 x1 VWM255 x1	Whiskers x 1	Daily x1	VTSM022 VTDM005 VTDM013 VTDM014 VTDM015 VTDM017	In Progress  Habituation Group	None

<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	16/17	VUBF039 VHMM048	0	None	None	#VUBM050 x5 #VUBM059 x1 ^VUBM050 x5 ^VUBM059 x1 "VUBF052 x1	UnknownAd x1 VZUM059 x1 VWF244 x1 VWF243 x1 VWF251 x1 VWF236 x1 *VUBF052 x5 *VUBM050 x1	Vetkoeks x2	None	VUBF052	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	17/18	VWF235 VLM157	-1	*VWF235		#VLM157 x1 #VWF250 x1 #VWM240 x1 #VWM253 x1 #VWM255 x1 #VWM257 x1 ^VWF250 x1 ^VWM240 x1 ^VWM253 x1 ^VWM255 x1 ^VWM257 x1	VTDM005 x3	Trackie-Daks x1	Uncertain Duration x1	VLM157	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	10/10	VZUF028 Unknown	-1	*VZUF028	None	#VZUM063 x1 ^VZUM063 x1	VALF006 x1	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)													
<b>Dik-Diks (DD)</b>	10/10	VGDF005 VUBM046	-1	*VGDF005	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Runaways (RW)</b>	10/11	VRWF004 VJXM122	0	None	None	#VRWF002 x1 #VRWF008 x1 #VRWF012 x1 #VRWF016 x1 #VRWM019 x1 ^VRWF002 x1 ^VRWF008 x1 ^VRWF012 x1 ^VRWF016 x1	None	None	None	VRWM019	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None	
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	6/6	VHMF053 VZUM057	0	^VHMF053	None	#VZUM059 x1 ^VZUM059 x1	VUBM050 x1	Ubuntu x2	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None	

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)													
<b>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	8/8	VSIF003 Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Currently unknown	In Progress Habituation Group	None

<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	19/19	VQLF011 VTSM006	0	None	None	#VMPF055 x1 #VMPF057 x1 ^VMPF055 x1 ^VMPF057 x1 "VMPF054 x1 %VMPF054 x1	None	None	Daily x1 Overnight x1	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	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.