



KMP Life History Table – October 2023 (Annabella Turner, 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)	11/15	VECF019 No Dominant	1	None	#VALU013 +VALF003 +VALF006	#VALF002 x1 #VALF005 x1 #VALM004 x2 #VALU013 x1 #VECM031 x4 #VECM033 x2 ^VALM004 x1 ^VECM031 x3 ^VECM033 x2 "VECM031 x1 %VECM031 x1	VLM273 x1 VLM290 x1 VLM275 x1 VLM261 x1 VLM266 x1 VLM282 x1	None	None	VALF002 VALM004 VALF005 VECM031	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	7/7	VMPF035 VBSM005	0	^VMPF035	None	#VBSF001 x1 #VBSF002 x2 #VBSM005 x4 #VGDM011 x4 ^VBSF001 x1 ^VBSF002 x2 ^VBSM005 x4 ^VGDM011 x4 "VBSF001 x1 "VBSF002 x1 %VBSF001 x1 %VBSF002 x1	VGDM028 x1 *VBSF001 x3 *VBSF002 x1 *VBSM005 x1 *VGDM011 x1	Zulus x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	11/14	VECF039 No Dominant	0	*VECF039	None	#VECM034 x1 #VECM040 x1 #VECM041 x1 #VECM042 x1 #VECM046 x1	UnknownAd x7 VRWF012 x1	None	None	VECM034 VECM042 VECM046	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

						#VECM048 x1 ^VECM040 x1 ^VECM041 x1 ^VECM048 x1						
Gold Diggers (GD)	15/16	VGDF007 VUBM018	3	None	None	#VGDF031 x2 #VGDF033 x2 #VGDF039 x2 #VGDF040 x2 #VGDF042 x2 #VGDF046 x2 #VGDF047 x1 #VGDF049 x1 #VGDF052 x1 #VGDF054 x1 #VGDM014 x1 #VGDM015 x3 #VGDM038 x1 #VGDM053 x1 #VGDM055 x1 ^VGDF031 x1 ^VGDF033 x2 ^VGDF039 x2 ^VGDF040 x2 ^VGDF042 x2 ^VGDF046 x2 ^VGDF047 x1 ^VGDF049 x1 ^VGDF052 x1 ^VGDF054 x1 ^VGDM014 x2 ^VGDM015 x4 ^VGDM038 x1 ^VGDM053 x1 ^VGDM055 x1 *VGDM028 x1 +VGDM014 x1 +VGDM015 x1 +VGDM028 x2 +VGDM038 x1	VLM261 x4 UnknownF x1 VTDM012 x7 VZUM067 x5 VBSM005 x3 VGDM028 x3 *VGDF031 x4	None	Daily x1 Overnight x1	VGDF031	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Jaxx (JX)	14/21	VJXF080 VLM221	1	#VJXF160 +VJXF080	#VJXU186 #VJXU187 *VJXM153	#VJXF149 x1 #VJXF150 x1 #VJXF158 x1 #VJXF167 x1 #VJXF178 x1 #VJXM146 x1 #VJXM153 x4 #VJXM161 x1 #VJXM162 x1 #VJXM164 x1 #VJXM165 x1 #VJXM170 x1 ^VJXF167 x1 ^VJXF178 x1 ^VJXM153 x3 ^VJXM165 x1 ^VJXM170 x1	UnknownAd x3	None	None	VJXM146 VJXF149 VJXF150 VJXF158 VJXM161 VJXM162 VJXM164	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	24/34	VLF272 No Dominant	5	None	None	#VGDM038 x1 #VLF289 x1 #VLF293 x1 #VLF297 x1 #VLF305 x1 #VLM261 x3 #VLM266 x1 #VLM273 x1 #VLM275 x1 #VLM282 x1 #VLM286 x1 #VLM287 x2 #VLM290 x1 #VLM292 x1 ^VGDM038 x1 ^VLF293 x1 ^VLF297 x1 ^VLM261 x2 ^VLM287 x1 ^VLM292 x1 *VGDM014 x1 *VGDM015 x1 *VGDM038 x1 *VUBM050 x1	VGDM014 x25 VGDM038 x24 VUBM050 x21 VGDM015 x19	None	Daily x6 Uncertain Duration x1 Overnight x2	VLM266 VLM261 VLM273 VLM275 VLM282 VLM286 VLM287 VLF289 VLM290 VLF305	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Side Quest (SI)	12/12	VZUF048 VECM009	2	*VZUF048	None	#VSIF013 x1 #VSIM015 x1 ^VSIF013 x1 ^VSIM015 x1 "VSIM015 x1 %VSIM015 x1	UnknownAd x7 UnknownM x1 *VSIF013 x7	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	9/15	VWF237 VTSM014	0	+ VWF237	None	#VTDF018 x2 #VTDF019 x2 #VTDF020 x2 #VTDF021 x1 #VTDM012 x4 #VWF238 x1 ^VTDF018 x1 ^VTDF019 x1 ^VTDF020 x1 ^VTDM012 x4 ^VWF238 x1 "VTDF016 x1 "VWF238 x1	VUBF037 x1 VUBF052 x1 UnknownAd x1 VUBM053 x3 *VTDF016 x1 *VTDF018 x1 *VWF238 x1	Ubuntu x1	None	VWF238 VTDF016 VTDF018 VTDF020 VTDF021	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	VUBF039 VHMM048	12/15	0	+ VUBF039	None	#VUBF037 x2 #VUBF051 x1 #VUBM053 x4 ^VUBF037 x1 ^VUBM053 x4 +VUBM050 x1	VZUM063 x1 VZUM064 x1 VTDM012 x3 UnknownAd x3 VUBF052 x2 *VUBF037 x1 *VUBF051 x1 *VUBM053 x1	Trackie-Daks x1	Overnight x1 Daily x1	VUBF037 VUBF051	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Whiskers (W)	VWF235 No Dominant	12/19	0	0	#VWU271 #VWU272 #VWU273 +VWF244	#VLM157 x1 #VWF250 x2 #VWM240 x1 #VWM253 x1 #VWM255 x1 #VWM257 x1 #VWU271 x1 #VWU272 x1 #VWU273 x1 #VWF247 x2 ^VLM157 x1 ^VWF247 x1 ^VWF250 x1 *VZUM059 x1	VWF251 x1 VTDM017 x2 VTDM015 x2 VTDM014 x2 VTDM013 x3 VTDM005 x4 VTSM022 x3 VZUM063 x3 VZUM064 x3 VZUM066 x3 UnknownM x9 VWF243 x1 UnknownAd x2 VZUM059 x2	None	Daily x1	VLM157 VWM240 VWF247 VWF250 VWM253 VWM255 VWM257	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

							VWF236 x2					
Zulus (ZU)	VZUF028 No Dominant	13/13	3	None	None	#VZUF051 x2 #VZUF052 x1 #VZUF054 x1 #VZUF070 x1 #VZUF071 x1 #VZUM063 x2 #VZUM064 x2 #VZUM066 x1 #VZUM067 x2 #VZUM073 x1 #VZUM075 x1 ^VZUF052 x1 ^VZUF054 x1 ^VZUF070 x1 ^VZUF071 x1 ^VZUM063 x1 ^VZUM064 x1 ^VZUM067 x2 ^VZUM073 x1 ^VZUM075 x1 ^VZUF051 x2 +VGDM028 x1 *VGDM028 x2	VGDM028 x10 VECM040 x1 UnknownAd x13 VECM041 x1 VBSM005 x1 VGDM011 x1 VGDM015 x1 *VZUF051 x1 *VZUF052 x1 *VZUF054 x1	Unknown x3 Brussels Sprouts x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	No Dominant VUBM046	11/14	4	None	None	#VDDM004 x1 #VGDF005 x1 #VGDF022 x1 #VGDF026 x1 "VGDF009 x1 ^VDDM004 x1 ^VGDF026 x1	None	None	None	VGDF005 VGDF009 VGDF022	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Runaways (RW)	VRWF004 No Dominant	7/9	0	None	+ VRWM019 +VRWF010	#VJXM122 x1 #VRWF010 x1 #VRWF012 x1	None	None	None	VJXM122 VRWF012	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	VHMF053 VZUM057	5/5	0	+VHMF053	None	+VZUM059 X1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	VSIF003 Unknown Male	8/8	0	+VSIF003	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	VQLF011 VTSM006	12/15	0	+ VQLF011	+ VMPF048 + VMPF050 + VMPF054 + VMPF055	#VMPF048 x1 #VMPF050 x1 #VMPF054 x1 #VMPF055 x1 #VMPF057 x1 #VMPPM064 x1 #VMPPM067 x1 #VMPPM068 x1 #VMPPM070 x1 #VMPPM071 x2	VWM255 x1 VWM240 x1 *VMPF057 x1 *VMPF063 x1 *VMPF065 x1	None	None	VMPF057 VMPF063 VMPF065	In Progress Habituation Group	None

						#VMPM074 x1 "VMPF063 x1 "VMPF065 x1 ^VMPM064 x1 ^VMPM067 x1 ^VMPM068 x1 ^VMPM070 x1 ^VMPM071 x2 ^VMPM074 x1						
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.