



KMP Life History Table – November 2023 (Annabella Turner© 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)	11/12	VECF019 VLM211	1	+VECF019	+VECF036 +VALF002 +VALF005	#VALF001 x2 #VALM007 x1 #VALM014 x1 #VECM031 x1 #VECM033 x1 ^VALF001 x2 ^VALM007 x1 ^VALM014 x1 ^VECM031 x2 ^VECM033 x1 "VALF001 x1 "VALM007 x1 "VECM031 x1 "VECM033 x1 %VALF001 x2 %VALM007 x1 %VECM031 x1 %VECM033 x1	VBSM005 x1 VHMM036 x1 *VALF001 x7 *VALM007 x1 *VECM033 x1	None	Daily x1 Uncertain Duration x1	VALF001	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	5/7	VMPF035 VGDM011	0	None	None	#VBSF001 x1 #VBSF002 x1 #VBSF008 x1 #VBSM005 x4 #VGDM011 x1 #VHMM036 x2 ^VBSF008 x1 ^VBSM005 x4 ^VGDM011 x1 ^VHMM036 x2 "VBSF001 x1 %VBSF001 x1	VZUM067 x1, VZUM064 x1, *VBSF001 x2, *VBSF002 x1	Zulus x2	None	VBSF001 VBSF002	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Elrond's Council (EC)	14/14	VECF039 No Dominant	3	None	None	#VECF039 x1 #VECM040 x1 #VECM047 x1 #VECM048 x2 #VECM049 X1 ^VECF039 x1 ^VECM040 x1 ^VECM047 x1 ^VECM048 x2 ^VECM049 X1	UnknownAd x4	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	13/16	VGDF007 VUBM018	-1	*VGDF007	None	#VGDF031 x1 #VGDM048 x1 ^VGDF031 x2 ^VGDM048 x1 "VGDF031 x1 "VGDF039 x1 "VGDF040 x2 "VGDF042 x1 %VGDF031 x1 %VGDF040 x1	VZUM067 x2 VZUM064 x1 VZUM063 x1 UnknownAd x3 VBSM005 x2 *VGDF031 x7 *VGDF039 x1 *VGDF040 x1 *VGDF042 x1	Lazuli x1	Daily x1	VGDF039 VGDF040 VGDF042	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Jaxx (JX)	18/18	No Dominant VLM221	0	#VJXF080 +VJXF173	+VJXM142	#VJXF080 x2 #VJXM176 x1 ^VJXF080 x2 ^VJXM146 x1 ^VJXM161 x1 ^VJXM162 x1 ^VJXM164 x1 ^VJXM176 x1	UnknownAd x9 UnknownM x1 Unknown x1	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	24/25	VLF272 VGDM015	5	None	*#VGDM014 +VLF305	#VGDM014 x1 #VLF278 x1 #VLF288 x1 #VLM302 x1 #VLM306 x1 #VLF293 x1 #VUBM050 x1 #VLM292 x1 ^VLF278 x1 ^VLF288 x1 ^VLF289 x1 ^VLF293 x1 ^VLM287 x1 ^VLM302 x1	UnknownM x1 VGDF042 x1 VZUM066 x3 VZUM063 x2 VGDF031 x1 VUBM053 x1 VZUM064 x4 VZUM059 x4 *VLM287 x1	Gold Diggers x1	Daily x9 Uncertain Duration x1 Overnight x1	VLM292	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

						^VLM306 x1 ^VUBM050 x1						
Side Quest (SI)	16/16	VZUF048 VECM009	4	None	None	#VSIM015 x1 ^VSIM015 x1	UnknownAd x1	Unknown x2	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	12/12	VWF237 VTSM014	3	*VWF237	+VWF238 +VTDF016 +VTDF018 +VTDF019 +VTDF020 +VTDF021	#VTDM012 x1 ^VTDM012 x1	VWF256 x1	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	VUBF039 VHMM048	17/17	4	*VUBF039	+VUBF037 +VUBF052	#VUBM053 x3 ^VUBM053 x3	UnknownAd x2 VTDM012 x2 VUBF051 x5 VZUM064 x7	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	VZUF028 No Dominant	11/13	3	+VZUF028	None	#VZUM067 x1 #VZUM075 x1 ^VZUM067 x1 "VZUM074 x1	UnknownAd x1 VUBF051 x2 VZUM066 x1 VZUM064 x1 VBSM005 x2 VGDM011 x1	Brussels Sprouts x2	None	VZUM074 VZUM075	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	No Dominant VUBM046	12/13	4	None	+VGDF005	#VDDF005 x1 #VDDM001 x1 #VDDM004 x1 #VUBM047 x1 ^VDDF005 x1 ^VDDM001 x1 ^VGDF022 x1 ^VUBM047 x1 %VGDF009 x1	UnknownAd x2 *VGDF009 x1 *VGDF022 x1	None	None	VDDM004	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeke (VK)	VHMF053 VZUM057	6/6	-1	*VHMF053	None	#VZUM059 x1 ^VZUM059 x1 *VZUM059 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	VSIF003 Unknown Male	9/9	-1	*VSIF003	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	VQLF011 VTSM006	15/15	3	*VQLF011	+VMPF057	#VMPM067 x1 #VMPM071 x1 ^VMPM067 x1 ^VMPM071 x1 "VMPM087 x1 %VMPM087 x1	UnknownAd 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

Whiskers (W)	VWF235 No Dominant	13/13	0	None	+VWF236 +VWF243 +VWF247 +VWF250 +VWF251	#VWF235 x1 #VWF256 x4 #VWF259 x2 #VWF264 x1 #VWF265 x1 #VWF266 x1 ^VWF235 x1 ^VWF256 x4 ^VWF259 x2 ^VWF264 x1 ^VWF265 x1 ^VWF266 x1 +VZUM059 x1	UnknownAd x10	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
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DISINTEGRATED GROUPS

Runaways	4/8	VRWF004 No Dominant	0	None	+ VRWF012	+ VJXM122 X 1 + VRWM020 X 1 + VRWM009 X1 + VRWM018 X 1 + VRWF004 X 1 + VRWF002 X 1 + VRWF008 X 1 + VRWF016 X 1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
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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). *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.