



KMP Life History Table – December 2023 (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>	16/16	VECF019 VLM211	5	*VECF019 +VALF008	+VALM004	#VALF008 x1 #VALM007 x1 #VECM023 x1 #VECM031 x1 ^VALF008 x1 ^VALM007 x1 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM031 x1	None	Brussels Sprouts x1	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	4/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	0	+ VMPF035	None	#VBSM005 x4 #VHMM036 x1 ^VBSM005 x3 ^VHMM036 x1	VALM007 x1	Alba x1 Zulus x2 Gold Diggers x1	None	VBSM005	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	12/13	VECF039 Unknown	2	+VECF039	#VECM054 +VECM034 +VECM042 +VECM046	#VECM040 x1 #VECM041 x2 #VECM047 x1 #VECM048 x1 ^VECM040 x1 ^VECM041 x1 ^VECM047 x1 ^VECM048 x1	Unknown x1 VALF001 x1 UnknownAd x2 *VECM040 x1 *VECM041 x1 *VECM047 x1 *VECM048 x1 *VECM049 x1	None	None	VECM041	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	16/21	VGDF007 VUBM018	5	None	None	%VGDF039 x1 %VGDF040 x1 %VGDF042 x1 #VGDF051 x1 #VGDP056 x1 #VGDP057 x1	VLM287 x1	Brussels Sprouts x1	None	VGDF051 VGDP056 VGDP057 VGDP058 VGDP059	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

						#VGDP058 x1 #VGDP059 x1						
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	17/18	Unknown VLM221	0	^VJXF173 +VJXF160	+VJXF150 +VJXF158	#VJXF080 x1 #VJXF172 x1 #VJXM146 x2 #VJXM161 x1 #VJXM164 x1 #VJXM165 x1 #VJXM170 x1 #VJXM174 x2 #VJXM176 x1 #VLM221 x2 ^VJXM146 x2 ^VJXM161 x1 ^VJXM164 x1 ^VJXM165 x1 ^VJXM170 x1 ^VJXF172 x1 ^VJXM174 x2 ^VJXM176 x1 ^VLM221 x2	VJXF149 x1 UnknownAd x1 Unknown x2 *VJXF080 x2	None	Daily x3 Overnight x1	VJXF080	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	19/24	VLF272 VGDM015	0	+VLF293	+VLM266 +VLM261 +VLM273 +VLM275 +VLM290 +VLM286	#VLF278 x2 #VLF288 x1 #VLF294 x1 #VLM287 x2 #VLM298 x1 #VLM300 x3 #VLF289 X 1 ^VLF278 x1 ^VLF294 x1 ^VLM287 x2 ^VLM300 x2 "VLF288 X 1	UnknownAd x1 VZUM063 x5 VZUM064 x4 VZUM066 x6 Unknown x1 VBSM005 x2 *VLM287 x1 *VLF288X1	Dik-Diks x4	Daily x11 Overnight x2 Uncertain Duration x2	VLF288 VLF278 VLM298 VLM300 VLF289	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	16/16	VZUF048 VECM009	4	+VZUF048	None	None	None	Unknown x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	12/12	Unknown VTSM014	4	None	*#VWF237 + VTSM022 +VTDM013 +VTDM014 +VTDM015 +VTDM017 +VTDM005	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	17/17	VUBF039 VHMM048	3	None	#VUBF070	*VUBF051 x1 #VUBF070 x2 #VUBM072 x1 #VUBM073 x1 ^VUBF070 x1 ^VUBM072 x1 ^VUBM073 x1	VUBF051 x1	None	Daily x2	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	8/11	VZUF028 Unknown	0	^VZUF028 +VZUF052 +VZUF054 +VZUF051	*VZUU076	"VZUF051 x1 "VZUF052 x2 "VZUF054 x1 %VZUF052 x1	UnknownM x1 VBSM005 x3 UnknownAd x2 *VZUF054 x1	Brussels Sprouts x2	Daily x1	VZUF051 VZUF052 VZUF054	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
<b>Dik-Diks (DD)</b>	12/12	Unknown VUBM046	0	#VGDF026 +VGDF009	None	None	None	Unknown x1 Lazuli x4	Uncertain Duration x1	None	Advanced Progress  Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	6/6	VHMF053 VZUM057	0	None	#VVKU009 #VVKU010 #VVKU011 #VVKU012 #VVKU013 #VVKU014	None	None	None	None	None	Complete  Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
<b>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	7/8	VSIF003 Unknown Male	1	None	#VCCP007 #VCCP008	None	None	None	None	Unknown M	In Progress  Habituation Group	None
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	15/15	VQLF011 VTSM006	3	None	+VMPPF063 +VMPPF065	None	None	None	None	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

<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	10/11	Unknown Unknown	0	+VWF263	+VLM157	#VWF235 x1	None	None	Daily	VWF235	In Progress Habituation 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.