



KMP Life History Table – January 2024 (Matilde Montagna© 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>	12/15	VECF019 VLM211	4	*VALF008	+VALF001 *VALF015	#VLM211 x2 #VECF019 x1 #VALM007 x2 #VALM012 x1 #VECM023 x1 #VECM031 x1 ^VLM211 x1 ^VALM007 x1 ^VECM023 x1 ^VECM031 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	VECF019 VALM007 VALM012	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	5/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	1	*VMPF035	+VBSF001 +VBSF002	#VHMM036 x2, ^VHMM036 x2	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	10/10	VECF039 Unknown	1	*VECF039	None	+VECM040 x1 +VECM041 x1 +VECM047 x1 +VECM049 x1 #VECF039 x1 #VECF038 x1 ^VECF039 x1 ^VECF038 x1	UnknownAd x7, UnknownM x7, *VECF038 x1	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	10/12	VGDF007 VUBM018	1	+VGDF007	+VGDF051 +VGDU056 +VGDU057 +VGDU058	+VGDF033 x1 +VGDF039 x1 +VGDF042 x1 #VGDF007 x1	VGDF031 x1 VGDF033 x1	Make-e-plan x1	None	VGDF040 VGDF060	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

					+VGDU059	#VGDF033 x1 #VGDF039 x1 #VGDF040 x1 #VGDF047 x1 #VGDF060 x2 ^VGDF007 x1 ^VGDF033 x1 ^VGDF039 x1 ^VGDF047 x1 ^VGDF060 x1 "VGDF031 x1	VGDF039 x2 VGDF042 x1 VHMM036 x1 UnknownM x2 VLM287 x7 VMPM074 x1 VUBM053 x5 VZUM067 x1 *VGDF040 x1					
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	16/18	Unknown VLM221	4	*VJXF160	+VJXF149	+VJXM146 x1 +VJXM161 x1 +VJXM162 x1 +VJXM164 x1 #VJXF185 x1 #VJXM174 x1 #VLM221 x1 ^VJXF080 x1 ^VLM221 x1	UnknownM x2 VMPM068*2 VMP074*1	None	None	VJXM174 VJXF185	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	16/20	VLF272 VGDM015	-1	*VLF272	+VLM292 +VLM282 +VLF288 +VLF289 +VLF296	#VLF283 x2 #VGDM038 x1 #VLF293 x2 #VLF296 x1 #VLF297 x1 #VLF304 x1 #VLM287 x6 #VLM298 x2 #VLM300 x3 ^VLF278 x1 ^VLF283 x1 ^VGDM038 x1 ^VLF293 x1 "VLF294 x1 ^VLM287 x6 ^VLM298 x3 ^VLM300 x4	VZUM066 x1 Unknown x3 UnknownAd x4 UnknownM x1 *VLF294 x1 *VLM298 x1	None	Daily x1	VLF283 VLF293 VLF294 VLF297	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	18/19	VZUF048 VECM009	4	*VZUF048	+VSIF029	#VSIF013 x3 #VSIF023 x1 #VSIF029 x1 #VSIM026 x1	UnknownAd x2 Unknown x6 *VSIF013 x4 *VSIF023 x1	None	Daily x1	VSIF02	Complete	Ringworm

						^VSIF013 x3 ^VSIM026 x1					Full Data Collection Group	
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	12/12	Unknown VTSM014	4	None	None	#VTSM014 x5 #VTDM012 x1 #VTDF029 x1 ^VTSM014 x5 ^VTDM012 x1 ^VTDF029 x1	VUBM059 x1 VUBM058 x1 VUBM053 x2 VUBM066 x1 VUBM064 x1 Unknown x4	None	None	None	In Progress  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	15/17	VUBF039 VHMM048	3	None	None	#VUBM053 x5 #VUBM058 x1 #VUBM059 x2 #VUBM064 x2 #VUBM066 x1 ^VUBM053 x4 ^VUBM058 x1 ^VUBM059 x2 ^VUBM064 x2 ^VUBM066 x1 "VUBF051 x1	VJXM161 x1 VTDM012 x5 VTDF029 x1 UnknownAd x4 Unknown x2 *VUBF051 x4	VJXM161 x1 VTDM012 x5 VTDF029 x1 UnknownAd x4 Unknown x2 *VUBF051 x4	None	VUBF051 VUBM053	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	7/8	VZUF028 <u>VGDM028</u>	0	None	+VZUM075	#VZUM067 x6 ^VZUM067 x6 "VZUF062 x1	VGDF031 x1 VGDF033 x1 Unknown x1 UnknownAd x5 *VZUF054 x2 *VZUF062 x1	None	None	VZUF062	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
<b>Dik-Diks (DD)</b>	9/11	VGDF009 VUBM046	0	^VGDF009	+VDDM004	+VUBM047 x1 #VGDF026 x1 "VGDF022 x1	*VGDF022 x2	None	None	VGDF022 VGDF026	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	5/5	VHMF053 VZUM057	0	None	None	+VVKM003	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
<b>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	8/8	VSIF003 Unknown Male	-1	*VSIF003	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Make-E-Plan (MP)</b>	8/8	VQLF011 VTSM006	3	None	None	+VMPPM064 +VMPPM067 +VMPPM068 +VMPPM071 +VMPPM074 +VMPPM087 #VQLF011 #VMPPM071 #VMPPF091 #VMPPM074 ^VMPPM071 ^VMPPF091	VTDM012 x1	Gold Diggers 4	Uncertain duration 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
<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	10/10	Unknown Unknown	0	+VWF265 ^VWF263 ^VWF264 ^VWF265 ^VWF267	+VWF235	None	UnknownM x1	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None

**SUB GROUPS (SUB)**

<b>Gold Diggers 4 (GO)</b>	7/10	Unknown Unknown	0	0	None	*VGDF031 *VGDF033 *VMPM064 *VMPM067 *VGDF039 *VGDF042 *VMPM068 *VMPM071 *VMPM074 *VMPM087 #VMPM071 #VMPM074 #VMPM068	VMPM069 x1 VMPF092 x1	Make-e-Plan	None	VMPM068 VMPM071 VMPM074	Incomplete 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.