KALAHARI MEERKAT PROJECT

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)	12/12	VALF008 Unknown	4	None	*VECF019	+VALM007 +VALM012 #VECM023 x1 ^VECM023 x1	VGDF042 x1	Gold Diggers 4 x2	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	5/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	1	None	+VBSM005	None	UnknownAd x12	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	13/13	VECF039 Unknown	4	None	+VECM040 +VECM041 +VECM049	None	UnknownM x1 UnknownAd x1 Unknown x6	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	10/10	VGDF007 VUBM018	-1	*VGDF007	+VGDF040 +VGDF060	#VGDF052 x1 ^VGDF052 x1	UnknownAd x1 VLM287 x2	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Group												
Jaxx (JX)	20/20	VJXF160 VLM221	8	*VJXF080 +VJXF173 #VJXF180	+VJXF185 +VJXM146 +VJXM162	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	26/27	VLF272 VGDM015	8	*VLF283	+VLF278 +VLF294	#VLM287 x2 #VLM298 x1 #VLM300 x1 #VLM309 x1 #VUBM050 x1 ^VLF283 x1 ^VLF293 x1 ^VLF297 x1 ^VLF304 x1 ^VLM287 x2 ^VLM298 x1 ^VLM300 ^VUBM050 x1	Unknown x1 UnknownAd x2 UnknownM x2 *VUBM050 x3	Unknown x2 Ubuntu x1	Daily x3	VLM309	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	17/18	VZUF048 VECM009	4	None	+VSIF023	#VSIM020 x1	Unknown x2	None	None	VSIM020	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	8/10	Unknown VTSM014	0	+VTDF028	+VTDF034 +VTDF035	#VTDF028 x1 #VTDF034 x1 #VTDF035 x1 #VTSM014 x2 #VTDM012 x2 ^VTSM014 x1 ^VTDM012 x1 ^VTDF028 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	VTSM014 VTDM012	In Progress Full Data Collection Group	None

Ubuntu (UB)	16/16	VUBF039 VHMM048	None	+VUBF039	None	#VUBM053 x1 ^VUBM053 x2	VUBF051 x4	Lazuli x1	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	7/7	VZUF028 VGDM028	None	+VZUF028	+VZUF052 +VZUF054 +VZUF062 +VZUM063 +VZUM074	#VZUM067 x1 ^VZUM067 x1	UnknownAd x7 VZUF051 x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	13/13	VGDF009 VUBM046	2	*VGDF022	+VUBM047 *VDDU009 #VDDU010	^VGDF026 x1 %VGDF022 x1	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	5/5	VHMF053 VZUM057	-1	*VHMF053	+VVKM003	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	10/10	VCCF004 Unknown Male	3	None	*VSIF003	#VCCP011 x1 #VCCP012 x1	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	2/2	Unknown Unknown	None	None	+VQLF011 +VMPF092	+VMPF093 x1 +VMPF094 x1 +VMPM069 x1 +VMPM070 x1 +VMPM083 x1 +VTSM006 x1	None	Gold Diggers 4 x1	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Phoenix (PH)	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None

Whiskers (W)	11/11	Unknown Unknown	-1	*VWF256 *VWF259 *VWF266 +VWF262	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None

SUB GROUPS (SUB)												
Gold Diggers 4 (GO)	10/13	VGDF033 Unknown	None	None	None	*VMPM069 x1 *VMPM070 x1 *VMPM083 x1 *VTSM006 x1 *VMPF093 x1 *VMPF094 x1 #VGDF031 x1 #VGDF039 x1 #VGDF042 x1 #VMPM067 x1 #VMPM069 x1 ^VMPM067 x1	None	Make-e-plan x1 Alba x2	None	VGDF031 VGDF039 VGDF042	Complete Life History Monitoring 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.