



KMP Life History Table – March 2024 (Maahir Jusabani© 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)	12/12	VALF008 <u>VECM023</u>	None	+VALF008	+VALM007 +VALM012	None	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	5/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	1	#VMPF035	None	#VHMM036 x3 ^VHMM036 x3	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	13/13	VECF039 Unknown	4	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	F38 (Head injury)
Gold Diggers (GD)	13/13	VGDF007 VUBM018	4	None	+VGDF052 +VGDP061 *VGDP062	#VGDF049 x1 #VGDP061 x2 #VGDF062 x1 #VGDM063 x1 #VGDM064 x1 #VGDF065 x1 #VGDP066 x1 ^VGDF049 x1 ^VGDP061 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

						^VGDF062 x1 ^VGDM063 x1 ^VGDM064 x1 ^VGDF065 x1 ^VGDP066 x1						
Jaxx (JX)	16/18	VJXF160 <u>Unknown</u>	6	#VJXF160 ^VJXF173	+VJXM174 +VJXP192 +VJXP193	#VJXF080 x2 #VJXF167 x2 #VJXF173 x1 #VJXF180 x1 #VJXF181 x1 #VJXF188 x1 #VJXF189 x1 #VJXF190 x1 #VJXP193 x1 #VJXF195 x1 #VLM221 x1 ^VJXF080 x2 ^VJXF167 x1 ^VJXF173 x1 ^VJXF180 x1 ^VJXF181 x1 ^VJXF188 x1 ^VJXF189 x1 ^VJXF190 x1 ^VJXF195 x1	None	None	None	VLM221 VJXF167	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	25/25	VLF272 VGDM015	7	None	+VLM309 +VLM314	#VLF283 x1 #VLF303 x1 #VLF307 x1 #VLF308 x2 #VLM314 x1 ^VLF283 x1 ^VLF303 x1 ^VLF307 x1 ^VLF308 x2	None	None	Daily x5 UncertainDu ration x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	15/17	VZUF048 VECM009	-1	*VZUF048	None	#VSIM030 x1 #VSIM032 x1 ^VSIM032 x1	None	None	Overnight x1	VSIM026 VSIM030	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Trackie-Daks (TD)	9/9	<u>VTDF028</u> VTSM014	None	^VTDF028	+VTSM022 *VTDF038	#VTSM014 x2 ^VTDM012 x1 ^VTSM014 x3	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	16/16	VUBF039 VHMM048	None	+VUBF063 ^VUBF039	+VUBF051	None	VUBF037 x2	Vetkoeks x2	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	7/7	VZUF028 VGDM028	None	^VZUF028	+VZUF051 +VZUM066	None	UnknownAd x1 VHMM036 x4	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	11/12	VGDF009 VUBM046	1	None	+VDDM012	#VDDM006 x1 #VDDM012 x1	None	None	None	VDDM006	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	F3 (Ruptured abscess)
Nightwatch (NW)	10/11	VGDF033 Unknown	None	#VGDF033	+VGDF031 +VGDF039 +VGDF042 +VMPPM068 +VMPPM071 +VMPPM074	*VMPPF092 x1 #VMPPF092 x1	None	None	None	VMPPF092	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	Potential TB
Vetkoeks (VK)	5/5	VHMF053 VZUM057	None	None	*VVKF015 *VVKF016 *VVKP017 *VVKM018 *VVKP019	None	None	Ubuntu x2	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	Currently unknown	VCCF004 Unknown Male	1	None	None	None	None	None	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)	11/12	Unknown Unknown	None	#VWF263 ^VWF266 ^VWF262	+VWM240 +VWM253 +VWM255 #VWF256	#VWF268 x1	None	None	None	VWF268	In Progress Habituation Group	None
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DISINTEGRATED GROUPS

Make-E-Plan (MP)	0	None	None	None	+VMPF091	None	None	None	None	None	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.