



KMP Life History Table – May 2024 (Matilde Montagna© 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)	13/14	VALF008 VECM023	3	None	+VECM031	#VALF017 x1	None	None	None	VALF017	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	5/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	13/13	VECF039 Unknown	0	None	None	None	UnknownAd x12	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	14/15	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	None	None	#VGDM053 x1 *VGDF031 x1 *VGDF039 x1 *VGDF042 x1	None	None	None	VGDM053	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None

Jaxx (JX)	14/15	VJXF160 Unknown	0	None	+VJXF195 +VLM221	#VJXM165 x1	None	None	None	VJXM165	Complete Full Data Collection Group	F80 (Limping, Lethargic)
Lazuli (L)	22/22	VL272 VGDM015	0	None	+VLM306	#VGDM038 x1 ^VGDM038 x1	None	Dik-Diks x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	17/18	VZUF048 VECM009	4	None	+VSIM026 +VSIF019	#VSIM021 x1 #VSIM032 x1 ^VSIM032 x1	None	Unknown x2	None	VSIM021	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	13/13	VTDF028 VTSM014	4	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	19/19	VUBF039 VHMM048	3	None	+VUBF037	#VUBM074 x1 #VUBM075 x1 ^VUBM074 x1 ^VUBM075 x1	VZUM059 x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	F63 (Wound thigh – large open cut).

Zulus (ZU)	6/6	VZUF028 VGDM028	None	None	None	#VZUM067 x1 ^VZUM067 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
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LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	10/11	VGDF009 VUBM046	0	None	None	#VDDM001 x1	None	Lazuli x1	None	VDDM001	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	M1 (limping)
Nightwatch (NW)	9/9	VGDF033 Unknown male	None	None	+VMPPM069	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	Potential TB
Vetkoeks (VK)	4/4	VHMF053 VZUM057	None	None	+VVKM004	#VZUM059 x1 ^VZUM059 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	Currently unknown	VCCF004 Unknown Male	None	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)	9/9	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Hogwarts (HW)	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	*VZUF051 *VZUF052	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation 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.