



KMP Life History Table – June 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)	11/12	VALF008 VECM023	2	None	+VALF017 +VALM021	#VECM033 x1 #VALM021 x1	None	None	None	VECM033	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 x35	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	14/14	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	None	+VGDM053	None	None	Lazuli x1	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None

Jaxx (JX)	14/14	VJXF160 Unknown	0	None	+VJXM165	#VJXM170 x1 ^VJXM170 x1	UnknownAd x3	None	Overnight x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	F189 (limping)
Lazuli (L)	22/22	VLf272 VGDM015	0	None	None	None	None	Gold Diggers x1	Uncertain Duration x1 Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	16/16	VZUF048 VECM009	0	None	+VSIM021 +VSIF036	#VSIF025 x1 #VSIF036 x1 ^VSIF025 x1	UnknownAd x2	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	12/12	VTDF028 VTSM014	3	None	+VTDM040	#VTDM040 x1	UnknownM x3	Unknown x2	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	F29 (wound head) M39 (wound head).
Ubuntu (UB)	19/19	VUBF039 VHMM048	3	None	None	#VUBF071 x1 ^VUBF071 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Zulus (ZU)	6/6	VZUF028 VGDM028	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
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LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	10/10	VGDF009 VUBM046	None	None	+VDDM001	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Nightwatch (NW)	8/8	VGDF033 Unknown male	None	None	#VTSM006	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	Potential TB
Vetkoeks (VK)	4/4	VHMF053 VZUM057	None	None	None	None	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
Hogwarts (HW)	3/3	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Mandalore (ML)	1/1	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	*VWM241 x1	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)	10/10	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	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.