



KMP Life History Table – July 2024 (Sofya Melnikova © 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>	11/12	VALF008 VECM023	0	#VALF008	None	None	None	None	None	VECM033	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	5/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	13/13	VECF039 Unknown	0	None	None	None	UnknownAd x4	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	14/14	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	None	None	None	None	Lazuli x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	14/14	VJXF160 Unknown	0	None	None	#VJXM170 x1 ^VJXM170 x1	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	22/22	VL272 VGDM015	0	None	None	None	None	Gold Diggers x1	Daily x3	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	15/16	VZUF048 VECM009	0	+VZUF048	None	#VSIF031 x1 #VSIM024 x1 #VSIM015 x1 ^VSIM024 x1 ^VSIM015 x1 "VSIF013 x1 %VSIF013 x1	UnknownM x13 UnknownAd x18 Unknown x1	None	None	VSIF031	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	12/12	VTDF028 VTSM014	0	None	None	+VTDF028 x1 *VTDF028 x1	UnknownAd x6 VMPM064 x2	Nightwatch x1	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	F29 (wound head - none)  M39 (wound head - none)
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	19/19	VUBF039 VHMM048	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	6/6	VZUF028 VGDM028	0	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)												
<b>Dik-Diks (DD)</b>	10/10	VGDF009 VUBM046	0	None	None	#VGDF026 x1 ^VGDF026 x1	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Nightwatch (NW)</b>	8/8	VGDF033 Unknown male	0	None	None	+VTDF028 x1 *VTDF028 x1 #VMPPM064 x1 #VMPPM070 x1 ^VMPPM064 x1 ^VMPPM070 x1	*VMPPM064	Trackie-Daks x1	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	VMPM064 (Submand ibular lump, potential TB)
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	4/4	VHMF053 VZUM057	0	None	None	#VVKM002 x1 ^VVKM002 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
<b>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	Currently unknown	VCCF004 Unknown Male	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Hogwarts (HW)</b>	4/4	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Mandalore (ML)</b>	1/1	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	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>	9/10	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	#VWF263 x1 #VWM275 x1 ^VWM275 x1	Unknown x3	None	None	VWF263	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.