



KMP Life History Table – July 2020 (Shaz Alderton © 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 ⁷⁾	Inter-group Encounters ⁸⁾	Group splits ⁹⁾	Absent at end of month ¹⁰⁾	Habituation Levels ¹¹⁾	Disease and TB status ¹²⁾
Lazuli (L)	15/15	VLF230 VLM266	1	None	#VLM267 #VLM268 #VLM269 #VLP270	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress	None
(Little) Creatures (CR)	5/5 + 1 Wild Individual	VCRF013 Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	11/12 + 1 Wild Individual	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	#VGDM006	None	None	None	VGDM006	In Progress	None
Tswana (TS)	12/12	VTSF009 Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	22/22	VBBF117 VLM211	0	None	#VECF028	#VZUM026 x1 ^VZUM026 x1	None	None	None	None	Incomplete	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	14/14	VHMF001 VLM234	0	None	#VHMP042 #VHMP043 #VHMP044 #VHMP045	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
Jaxx (JX)	18/18	VJXF080 VLM221	3	None	None	#VJXM138 x1 ^VJXM138 x1	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	18/18	VQLF011 VVHM117	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
Namaqua (NQ)	16/16	VQLF018 VLM228	0	None	None	None	VZUM026 x2	None	None	None	Fully	None
Ubuntu (UB)	17/17	VBBF111 VUBM021	0	None	None	None	None	Zulus x3	None	None	Fully	None
Whiskers (W)	18/18	VWF176 VLM157	0	None	None	#VWF212 x1 #VWM225 x1 ^VWF212 x1 ^VWM225 x1 "VWF215 x2 %VWF215 x2	*VWF212 x2 *VWF215 x3	None	None	None	Fully	None
Zulus (ZU)	15/15	VZUF028 VWM213	-1	*VZUF028	None	"VWM210 x1 %VWM210 x2	*VWM210 x3	Ubuntu x3	None	None	Fully	None

Explanations:

- 1) Number of meerkats present at the end of the month vs. total number of meerkats in group (both numbers including 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).
 - 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 April 2020 revision.
 - 12) 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.