



KMP Life History Table – January 2021 (Shaz Alderton and Sian Seymour © 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⁾
(Little) Creatures (CR)	GROUP LOST											
Gold Diggers (GD)	17/17	VGDF013 VUBM018	5	+VGDF013	None	#VGDF012 x1 #VGDM011 x1 ^VGDF012 x1 ^VGDM011 x1	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress	None
Phoenix (PH)	1/1 + 11 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	-1	*UnknownAd	None	%VPHF001 x1	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Tswana (TS)	GROUP LOST											
Tswana2 (T2)	9/9 + 2 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	21/23	VBBF117 VLM211	4	None	None	+VECM009 x1 #VECF003 x1 #VECF019 x1 #VECF032 x1 #VZUM033 x1 #VZUM034 x2 ^VECF019 x1 ^VZUM033 x1 ^VZUM034 x2	*VECF003 x1	None	None	VECF003 VECF032	Incomplete	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	20/20	VHMF001 VLM234	5	*VHMF001 +VHMF019	None	%VHMF019 x1 %VHMF030 x1	*VHMF030 x2 *VHMF019 x1	None	None	None	Fully	None
Jaxx (JX)	17/17	VJXF080 VLM221	2	*VJXF080	#VJXF147	%VJXF129 x1 #VJXF141 x1 #VJXF143 x1 #VJXF145 x1 #VJXF147 x1 #VJXF148 x1	UnknownAd x2 UnknownAd x1 UnknownAd x1 * VJXF145 x1 *VJXF148 x1 * VJXF135 x1	None	None	None	Fully	None

						^VJXF135 x1 ^VJXF141 x1 ^VJXF143 x1 ^VJXF145 x1 ^VJXF148 x1						
Lazuli (L)	9/11	VLF230 VLM266	2	+VLF246 +VLF230 +VLF244	None	+VLM251 x1 "VLF244 x1 %VLF244 x1 #VLF244 x1 #VLF246 x2 #VLM253 x4 #VLM265 x4 ^VLF246 x1 ^VLM253 x4 ^VLM265 x4	None	None	None	VLF244 VLF246	Incomplete	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	16/16	VQLF011 VVHM117	-1	*VQLF011	None	#VMPF035 x2 #VMPF038 x1 ^VMPF035 x2 ^VMPF038 x1	*VMPF035 x2 *VMPF038 x1	None	None	None	Fully	None
Namaqua (NQ)	8/10	VNQF009 VZUM026	-1	*VNQF009	None	#VNQF013 x1 ^VNQF013 x1 "VNQF014 x1	*VNQF013 x3 *VNQF014 x1	None	None	VNQF013 VNQF014	Fully	None
Runaways (RW) (formerly Fake-e-plan)	4/6	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	+VMPF022 +VMPF025 +VMPF026 +VMPF029	+VMPPM024 +VMPPM028 +VJXM121	#VMPF029 x1 #VMPF026 x1	UnknownAd x1 UnknownAd x1 UnknownAd x1 UnknownAd x1	None	None	VMPF026 VMPF029	Fully	None
Ubuntu (UB)	14/14	VBBF111 VUBM021	4	+VBBF111 +VUBF023 +VUBF026	None	+VUBM024 x1 +VUBM025 x1 #VUBM032 x1 ^VUBM032 x1	None	None	None	None	Fully	None
Whiskers (W)	14/15	VWF176 VLM157	3	+VWF236 +VWF231 +VWF235	+VWM214 +VWM221 +VWF230 #VWP242	+VWM225 x1 +VWM232 x1 #VWM233 x1 ^VWM233 x1	None	None	None	VWM233	Fully	None
Zulus (ZU)	13/13	VZUF028 VWM213	3	*VZUF028	+VZUF048 +VZUF049 +VWM210	None	None	None	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.