

KMP Life History Table – June 2021 (Bieke Maex © kalahari-meerkats.com)

Group	No. of Members	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⁾
Gold Diggers (GD)	23/24	VGDF013 VUBM018	0	None	None	#VGDM027 x1	None	None	Daily x2	VGDM027	Advanced Progress	None
Phoenix (PH)	1/1 + 16 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Trackie-Daks TD)	15/15 + 2 Wild Individuals	Unknown VTSM014	5	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	18/19	VECF032 VLM211	0	None	None	+VZUM034 x1 #VZUM033 x1 ^VZUM033 x1 "VECF012 x1	VWM216 x1	None	None	VECF012	Incomplete	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	15/17	VHMF030 VLM234	0	None	None	#VHMF052 x1 #VHMM036 x3 #VLM245 x1 ^VHMM036 x2 ^VLM245 x1	VUNKM002 x3 VHMF019 x6 VUBM036 x1 VUBM032 x3 VUBM033 x3	None	None	VHMF052 VHMM036	Complete	None
Jaxx (JX)	18/21	VJXF080 VLM221	0	None	None	#VJXF129 x1 #VJXF135 x1 #VJXM131 x1 ^VJXM131 x1 "VJXF141 x1	Unknown x1 *VJXF129 x1 *VJXF135 x1	None	Daily x1	VJXF129 VJXF135 VJXF141	Complete	None
Lazuli (L)	15/15	VLF230 VLM266	0	None	None	#VLM253 x2 #VLM265 x1 ^VLM253 x2 ^VLM265 x1	None	None	None	None	Incomplete	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	22/22	VQLF011 VVHM117	0	None	None	None	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete	None
Namaqua (NQ)	12/13	VNQF009 Unknown	0	None	None	*VZUM034 x1 #VNQF017 x1 #VNQM012 x1 #VNQM018 x1 #VNQM019 x1	None	None	None	VNQF017	Complete	VNQF009 VNQF017

						^VNQM012 x1 ^VNQM018 x1 ^VNQM019 x1						
Runaways (RW)	10/12	VMPF022 VJXM122	0	None	None	"VMPF026 x1 "VMPF029 x1	None	None	None	VMPF026 VMPF029	Complete	None
Side Quest (SI)	7/7	VZUF048 VECM009	0	+VZUF048	None	None	Unknown x2	None	None	None	Incomplete	None
Ubuntu (UB)	VBBF111 Unknown	17/17	0	None	None	#VUBM032 x1 #VUBM033 x1 #VUBM036 x1 ^VUBM032 x1 ^VUBM033 x1 ^VUBM036 x1	Unknown x1 VHMM036 x1 UnknownAd x2	None	None	None	Complete	None
Whiskers (W)	VWF176 VLM157	19/19	0	None	None	None	None	None	Daily x1	None	Complete	None
Zulus (ZU)	VZUF048 VWM213	13/13	0	None	None	#VWM216 x1 ^VWM216 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete	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 rejoining.
- 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 May 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.