

KMP Life History Table – August 2021 (Bieke Maex © 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⁾
Gold Diggers (GD)	23/23	VGDF013 VUBM018	0	+VGDF013	None	^VGDM010 x1 ^VGDM011 x1	None	None	Daily x3 Uncertain Duration x1	None	Advanced Progress	None
Phoenix (PH)	1/1 + 18 Wild Individuals	Unknown Unknown	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Trackie-Daks TD)	16/16	Unknown VTSM014	0	None	+VTDF009	#VTSF020 x1 #VTSM006 x1 #VTSM011 x1 #VTSM017 x2 ^VTSF020 x1 ^VTSM006 x1 ^VTSM011 x1 ^VTSM017 x2	None	None	None	None	In Progress	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	24/24	VECF032 VLM211	5	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Incomplete	None
Hakuna Matata (HM)	16/16	VHMF030 VLM234	-1	*VHMF030	+VHMF052	#VHMF049 x1 #VHMM036 x1 #VLM245 x1 ^VHMF049 x1 ^VHMM036 x1 ^VLM245 x1	VHMF019 x2	None	None	None	Complete	None
Jaxx (JX)	25/25	VJXF080 VLM221	5	None	+VJXM154	^VJXF129 x1 ^VJXF135 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete	None
Lazuli (L)	15/15	VLF230 VLM266	0	+VLF230	None	#VHMM023 x1 #VLM253 x2 ^VHMM023 x1 ^VLM253 x2	None	None	Daily x1	None	Incomplete	None
Make-E-Plan (MP)	22/22	VQLF011 VVHM117	0	+VQLF011	None	#VMPM034 x1 #VMPM036 x1 #VMPM037 x1 #VMPM046 x1 #VMPM053 x1	VNQM018 x2	Namaqua x1	None	None	Complete	None

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Ubuntu (UB) Whiskers (W)	16/17 VWF176 VLM157	VBBF111 VUBM031 18/19	0	#VBBF011 None	None	#VUBM032 x1 None	VTSM006 x7 VTSM017 x8 None	None	Daily x1 Daily x1	VUBM032 VWM239	Complete Complete	None None
Side Quest (SI)	8/8	VZUF048 VECM009	1	None	#VSIM006	#VSIM006 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete	None
Runaways (RW)	12/13	VMPF022 VJXM122	1	None	None	#VJXM126 x3 #VRWF003 x1 ^VJXM126 x3 %VMPF025 x1 %VMPF026 x1 %VMPF029 x1	None	None	None	VRWF003	Complete	None
Namaqua (NQ)	11/11	VNQF013 VZUM034	0	+VNQF013	None	#VNQM012 x1 #VNQM018 x1 #VNQM019 x1 ^VNQM012 x1 ^VNQM018 x1 ^VNQM019 x1	VMPM037 x2 VMPM046 x1 VMPM036 x3 VMPM034 x1	Make-e-plan x1	None	None	Complete	None
						^VMPM034 x1 ^VMPM036 x1 ^VMPM037 x1 ^VMPM046 x1 ^VMPM053 x1						

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.