



KMP Life History Table – October 2024 (Sofya Melnikova, Julien Stanley© 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>	12/13	VALF008 VECM023	3	*VALF008	+VALF022	#VALM010 x6 ^VALM010 x6 #VALM011 x3 ^VALM011 x3 #VLM211 x9 #VLM211 x9 "VLM211 x1	VHMM036 x3 VGDF033 x1	None	None	VLM211	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Brussels Sprouts (BS)</b>	5/5	VMPF035 VGDM011	0	+VMPF035	None	#VHMM036 x4 ^VHMM036 x4	VALM010 x4 VLM211 x1	None	None	None	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Elrond's Council (EC)</b>	17/18	VECF039 Unknown	5	*VECF039	None	^VECF038 x1 #VECM048 x3 ^VECM048 x3 #VECM050 x1 ^VECM050 x1 #VECM051 x2 ^VECM051 x2 #VECM052 x1 ^VECM052 x1 #VECM053 x1 ^VECM053 x1 #VECM055 x1 ^VECM055 x1 #VECM056 x1 ^VECM056 x1 #VECM058 x1	UnknownAd x13 UnknownM x10 Unknown x1 *VECF038 x4	Unknown x1	Daily x1	VECP064	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	VECF038 sandy wound on tailbase

						^VECM058 x1 #VECP064 x1						
<b>Gold Diggers (GD)</b>	9/12	VGDF007 VUBM018	0	+VGDF007	+VGDF046 +VGDF042	#VGDM048 x2 ^VGDM048 x2 #VGDF049 x1 ^VGDF049 x1 #VGDF039 x1 "VGDF031 x1 "VGDF049 x1	VLM302 x4 VLM287 x2 VLM301 x2 VUBM050 x5 VLM298 x4 VLM310 x3 VZUM067 x1 VUBM053 x1 *VGDF031 x3 *VGDF049 x3	Lazuli x2	None	VGDF031 VGDF039 VGDF049	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Jaxx (JX)</b>	9/13	VJXF160 VJXM170	0	None	None	#VJXM170 x2 ^VJXM170 x2 #VJXF188 x1 #VJXF181 x2 ^VJXF181 x1 #VJXF180 x1 #VJXF173 x2 ^VJXF173 x2 "VJXF173 x1	UnknownM x2	None	None	VJXF173 VJXF180 VJXF181 VJXF188	Advanced Progress  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Lazuli (L)</b>	15/19	VL272 VGDM015	-1	*VL272	+VL307	+VLM300 x1 #VLF297 x1 #VLF303 x2 ^VLF303 x1 #VLF307 x1 #VLM287 x3 ^VLM287 x3 #VLM298 x2 ^VLM298 x2 #VLM301 x3 ^VLM301 x2 #VLM302 x3 ^VLM302 x2 #VLM310 x1 ^VLM310 x1 #VUBM050 x2 ^VUBM050 x2	VUBM053 x4 VGDM048 x3 VZUM059 x3 UnknownAd x2 *VLF303 x1	Gold Diggers x2	Daily x1  Uncertain duration x1	VLF297 VLM301 VLM302 VLF303	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None

<b>Side Quest (SI)</b>	12/17	VZUF048 VECM009	2	None	#VSIM041	#VSIF013 x1 #VSIM012 x2 ^VSIM012 x1 #VSIM015 x1 #VSIM024 x1 #VSIM037 x2 ^VSIM037 x1 #VSIM041 x1	None	None	None	VSIM037 VSIF013 VSIM015 VSIM012 VSIM024	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Trackie-Daks (TD)</b>	15/17	VTDF028 VTSM014	5	None	None	#VTDM012 x2 ^VTDM012 x2 #VTDM022 x2 ^VTDM022 x2 #VTSM014 x5 ^VTSM014 x6 #VTDM033 x3 ^VTDM033 x4 #VTDM036 x1 ^VTDM036 x2	None	None	Overnight x1	VTDM012 VTDM022	Advanced Progress  Full Data Collection Group	None
<b>Ubuntu (UB)</b>	8/16	VUBF039 VHMM048	0	+VUBF039	*VUBM059	+VUBM064 "VUBF061 x1 "VUBF062 x1 #VUBF063 x1 "VUBF069 x1 #VUBM053 x3 ^VUBM053 x2 "VUBM053 x1 %VUBM053 x1 "VUBM058 x2 %VUBM058 x1 #VUBM058 x1 ^VUBM058 x1 #VUBM059 x1 #VUBM066 x1 ^VUBM066 x1 "VUBM066 x1 "VUBM068 x1	VLM287 x3 *VUBM058 x3 *VUBF069 x2 *VUBF061 x3	Vetkoeks x2	None	VUBM053 VUBM058 VUBF062 VUBF063 VUBF061 VUBM066 VUBM068 VUBF069	Complete  Full Data Collection Group	VHMM048 lump on lower right cheek, potential TB

<b>Zulus (ZU)</b>	9/9	VZUF028 VGDM028	3	^VZUF028 *VZUF070	None	#VZUM067 x5 ^VZUM067 x5	VLM211 x5 VHMM036 x1	Unknown x1	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	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
<b>Nightwatch (NW)</b>	1/4	VGDF033 Unknown	None	+VGDF033	+VMPF094	#VMPM064 #VMPM083 #VMPM070	VALM010 x1 VALM011 x1 VLM211 x1	None	None	VMPM064 VMPM083 VMPM070	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	VMPM064 lethargic, losing weight, possible TB VGDF033 uncoordin ated movement and poor balance, lost weight
<b>Vetkoeks (VK)</b>	4/4	VHMF053 VZUM057	None	+VHMF035	None	#VZUM059 x2 ^VZUM059 x2	None	Ubuntu x2	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

**HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)**

<b>Cape Crusaders (CC)</b>	Currently unknown	VCCF004 Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Group Lost ~ 9 months	Currently Unknown
<b>Hogwarts (HW)</b>	4/5	VZUF051 VHWM004	None	^VZUF052	#VHWP003	#VZUF052 #VHWP003	None	None	None	VZUF052	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Mandalore (ML)</b>	1/1	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
<b>Phoenix (PH)</b>	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None

<b>Whiskers (W)</b>	8/9	Unknown Unknown	None	+VWF267 #VWF266 ^VWF259 ^VWF265	None	#VWM274 x2 ^VWM274 x2 #VWF267 x1 ^VWF267 x1 #VWF266 x1 ^VWF266 x1 #VWM269 x1	VTSM022 x1 VTDM017 x1 UnknownM x1 *VWF266 x3 *VWF267 x3	None	None	VWM269	In Progress  Habituation Group	VWF267 wound on tailbase  VWF259 gash on right side of neck  VWF265 gash on left side of neck
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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.