



KMP Life History Table – November 2024 (Sofya Melnikova, Julien Stanley© 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 *Appears ⁷⁾	Inter-group Encounters ⁸⁾	Group splits ⁹⁾	Absent at end of month ¹⁰⁾	Habituation Levels ¹¹⁾ Data Collection Levels ¹²⁾	Disease and TB status ¹³⁾
FULL DATA COLLECTION GROUPS (FDC)												
Alba (AL)	10/13	VALF008 VECM023	3	+VALF008	None	#VALM010 x1 #VALM011 x1 #VLM211 x2 ^VLM211 x1 %VLM211 x1	VHMM036 x3 Unknown x1	None	None	VLM211 VALM010 VALM011	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	7/8	VMPF035 VGDM011	3	*VMPF035	None	#VBSM011 x1 #VHMM036 x3 ^VHMM036 x3	VECM048 x2 VECM050 x2 VECM051 x2	None	None	VBSM011	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	13/17	VECF039 Unknown	4	None	#VECP064	#VECM048 x3 ^VECM048 x2 #VECM050 x2 ^VECM050 x1 #VECM051 x2 ^VECM051 x2 #VECM053 x1 #VECM060 x1 #VECF061 x1 ^VECF061 x1 #VECM062 x1 ^VECM062 x1	VZUM067 x1 UnknownAd x2 UnknownM x6	None	None	VECM048 VECM050 VECM053 VECM060	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Gold Diggers (GD)	10/10	VGDF007 VUBM018	-1	*VGDF007	None	#VGDM048 x2 ^VGDM048 x2 #VGDF049 x1 ^VGDF049 x1 %VGDF049 x1 #VGDM055 x2 ^VGDM055 x2	VLM310 x1 VUBM050 x1 VLM298 x1 *VGDF049 x1	Lazuli x2	Daily	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Jaxx (JX)	9/9	VJXF160 VJXM170	0	None	+ VJXF173 + VJXF180 + VJXF181 + VJXF188	None	Unknown x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	12/14	VLf272 VGDM015	2	None	+ VLM300 + VLF283 + VLF293 + VLF294 + VLF297 + VLF303	+VLM302 x1 #VLF283 x1 #VLF293 x1 #VLF294 x1 #VLM298 x2 ^VLM298 x2 #VLM301 x1 ^VLM301 x1 #VLM310 x1 ^VLM310 x1 #VLF311 x1 #VUBM050 x1 #VUBM050 x1	VUBM053 x1 VLF303 x1 VLM287 x1 VGDM048 x1 UnknownAd x2 *VLM298 x3	Gold Diggers x2	None	VLM301 VLF311	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	12/12	VZUF048 VECM009	None	None	None	+VSIF013 x1 +VSIM015 x1 +VSIM012 x1 +VSIM024 x1 +VSIM037 x1 #VSIF025 x1 ^VSIF025 x1 #VSIF28 x1 ^VSIF028 x1	VSIF013 x14 UnknownM x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Trackie-Daks (TD)	13/13	VTDF028 <u>VWM275</u>	5	None	None	+VTDM012 x1 +VTDM022 x1 +VTDM033 x1 #VTDM033 x1 ^VTDM033 x1 +VTDM039 x1 #VTDM042 x1 ^VTDM042 x1 #VTDF045 x1 ^VTDF045 x1 +VTSM014 x1 #VTSM014 x1 ^VTSM014 x1 *VWM275 x1	VUBM053 x3 VWM275 x3 VTSM022 x1 Unknown x1	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	9/11	VUBF039 VHMM048	-1	*VUBF039	+VUBF062 +VUBF063	+VUBM058 x1 +VUBM066 x1 +VUBM068 x1 #VUBM053 x3 ^VUBM053 x3	VZUM259 x2 Unknown x1 *VUBF061 x1	None	None	VUBF061 VUBF069	Complete Full Data Collection Group	VHMM048 lump on lower right cheek, potential TB
Zulus (ZU)	8/9	VZUF028 VGDM028	3	+VZUF028	None	#VZUM067 x5 ^VZUM067 x4	VECM048 x1 Unknown x1	None	None	VZUM067	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)

Dik-Diks (DD)	8/10	VGDF009 VUBM046	None	+VGDF009	None	#VGDF022 x2 ^VGDF022 x1 #VGDF026 x2 ^VGDF026 x1	Unknown x1	None	None	VGDF022 VGDF026	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	8/8	VHMF053 VZUM057	4	*VHMF035	None	#VZUM059 x1 ^VZUM059 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)

Cape Crusaders (CC)	1/1	VCCF004 Unknown	None	None	+VCCM005 x1 +VCCM006 x1 +VCCM009 x1 +VCCP010 x1 +VCCP011 x1 +VCCP012 x1	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Hogwarts (HW)	4/4	VZUF051 VHWM004	None	+VZUF051	+VZUF052	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituation Group	None
Mandalore (ML)	1/1	Unknown Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	In Progress Habituation Group	Currently Unknown

Phoenix (PH)	Currently unknown	Unknown Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	Currently Unknown	In Progress Habituation Group	Currently Unknown
Whiskers (W)	6/8	Unknown Unknown	None	+VWF267 #VWF266 ^VWF259 ^VWF265	None	+VWM275 x1 #VWM269 x1 ^VWM269 x1	None	None	None	VWM269 VWF259	In Progress Habituation Group	None

SUB-GROUP

Gold Diggers 5 (G5)	5/5	VGDF033 VTSM014	None	+VGDF033	None	*VGDF031 x1 *VGDF039 x1 *VTSM014 x1 *VTDM033 x1 *VTDM039 x1	UnknownAd x1	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
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DISINTEGRATED GROUPS

Nightwatch (NW)	1/1	VGDF033 Unknown	None	^VGDF033	None	+VMPM064 +VMPM083 +VMPM070 #VGDF033	None	None	None	VGDF033	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	VMPM064 lethargic, losing weight, possible TB VGDF033 uncoordinated movement and poor balance, lost weight
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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.