



KMP Life History Table – December 2024 (Julien Stanley, Sofya Melnikova© 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)	10/10	VALF008 VECM023	3	*VALF008	None	+VALM010 x1 +VALM011 x1 +VLM211 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	7/7	VMPF035 VGDM011	3	None	+VBSM011	#VHMM036 x1 ^VHMM036 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Elrond's Council (EC)	13/13	VECF039 Unknown	4	*VECF039	None	+VECM048 x1 +VECM050 x1 +VECM053 x1 +VECM060 x1 #VECF038 x1 ^VECF038 x1	VZUM067 x1 Unknown x3 UnknownM x6 *VECF038 x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	15/15	VGDF007 VUBM018	5	None	None	#VGDF047 x1 ^VGDF047 x1 #VGDF054 x1 ^VGDF054 x1	VUBM050 x6	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Jaxx (JX)	7/9	VJXF160 VJXM170	-1	*VJXF160	None	#VJXF172 x1 #VJXM170 x3 ^VJXM170 x3 #VJXM176 x1	UnknownAd x3	None	None	VJXF172 VJXM176	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Lazuli (L)	10/11	<u>VLF308</u> VGDM015	2	None	*VLF272 +VLM302 +VLF311	+VLM301 x1 #VLF272 x1 #VLF320 x1 ^VLF320 x1 #VLM298 x3 ^VLM298 x3 #VLM310 x1 ^VLM310 x1 #VUBM050 x4 ^VUBM050 x3	VUBM053 x4 UnknownAd x3 VGDF026 x1	None	None	VUBM050	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	11/12	VZUF048 VECM009	None	+VZUF048	+VSIM037 +VSIM015 +VSIM012 +VSIM024	#VSIF025 x1	VSIF013 x9 UnknownAd x1	None	None	VSIF025	Complete Full Data Collection Group	VSIF013 sandy wound on tail base- healing
Trackie-Daks (TD)	13/13	VTDF028 VWM275	None	+VTDF028	+VTDM022 +VTDM012	#VTDF037 x1 ^VTDF037 x1 "VTDM042 x1 %VTDM042 x1	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None

Ubuntu (UB)	12/12	VUBF039 VHMM048	3	None	+VUBF061 +VUBF069 +VUBM058 +VUBM066 +VUBM068	#VUBM053 x5 ^VUBM053 x5	VZUM059 x3 UnkownAd x2	None	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	VHMM048 lump on lower right cheek, potential TB - not observed this month.
Zulus (ZU)	7/8	VZUF028 VGDM028	3	^VZUF028 +VZUF070	None	+VZUM067 x1 "VZUF070 x1 #VZUF071 x2 ^VZUF071 x2	UnknownAd x2 UnknownM x1 *VZUF070 x5	None	Daily x1	VZUF070	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	9/9	VGDF009 VUBM046	-1	*VGDF009	None	+VGDF022 +VGDF026 *VGDF026	VGDF022 x1 VGDF026 x1	None	Uncertain Duration x1	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	8/8	VHMF053 VZUM057	4	None	None	#VZUM059 x3 ^VZUM059 x3	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)

Cape Crusaders (CC)	1/1	VCCF004 Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituations Group	None
Hogwarts (HW)	4/4	VZUF051 VHWM004	-1	*VZUF051	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habituations 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 Habituations 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 Habituations Group	Currently Unknown

Whiskers (W)	8/9	<u>VWF262</u> <u>VWM276</u>	2	+VWF259 +VWF262	+VWM269	#VWM274 x2 ^VWM274 x1 #VWF265 x1 ^VWF265 x1 #VWF267 x1 ^VWF267 x1	UnknownM x1	None	None	VWM274	In Progress Habituation Group	VWF262 – injured front left paw – limping; submandibular lump on the right cheek (potential sign of tuberculosis)
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SUB-GROUPS

Gold Diggers 5 (G5)	5/5	Unknown VTSM014	None	+VGDF031	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
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DISINTEGRATED GROUPS

Nightwatch (NW)	1/1	VGDF033 Unknown	None	Currently Unknown	+VGDF033 +VMMP064	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	None
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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.