



KMP Life History Table – January 2025 (Sofya Melnikova, Julien Stanely© 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)	16/16	VALF008 VECM023	6	None	+VALM011 +VALM010 +VLM211	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	VALM026 open wound, back of front left leg - healing
Brussels Sprouts (BS)	6/7	VMPF035 VGDM011	-1	*VMPF035	None	#VBSF008 x1 #VBSM012 x1 ^VBSM012 x1 #VBSM013 x1 ^VBSM013 x1 #VBSM014 x1 ^VBSM014 x1 #VGDM011 x1 ^VGDM011 x1 #VHMM036 x5 ^VHMM036 x5	None	None	None	VBSF008	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Gold Diggers (GD)	14/15	VGDF007 VUBM018	5	+VGDF007	None	#VGDF047 x1 ^VGDF047 x1 #VGDF049 x1 #VGDM048 x1 ^VGDM048 x1 #VGDM063 x1 ^VGDM063 x1	VUBM050 x8 VLM310 x5 VUBM053 x2 VLM298 x1 *VGDF049 x5	Lazuli x2	None	VGDF049	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

Lazuli (L)	10/10	VLF308 VGDM015	0	+VLF308	+VLM301 +VLM287	#VGDM015 x2 ^VGDM015 x2 #VLM310 x4 ^VLM310 x4 +VLM298 x1 #VLM298 x2 ^VLM298 x2 #VUBM050 x8 ^VUBM050 x9	VUBM053 x2 VGDM048 x1 VUBM048 x1 VGDF026 x1 VGDF022 x1	Gold Diggers x2 Dik-Diks x1	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Side Quest (SI)	14/14	VZUF048 VECM009	3	*VZUF048	+VSIF025 +VSIF013	#VSIF028 x1 ^VSIF028 x1	*VSIF028 x1	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Trackie-Daks (TD)	12/12	VTDF028 VWM275	-1	*VTDF028 ^VTDF029 +VTDF037	None	"VTDF029 x1 %VTDF029 x1 +VTDM036 x1 #VTDM036 x1 ^VTDM036 x1 "VTDF037 x1 %VTDF037 x1	VUBM053 x2	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None
Ubuntu (UB)	12/12	VUBF039 VHMM048	3	+VUBF039 +VUBF071	None	#VUBM053 x7 ^VUBM053 x7 #VUBM073 x1 ^VUBM073 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None
Zulus (ZU)	7/8	VZUF028 VGDM028	0	^VZUF070	+VZUM067 *ZZVP211	#VZUF070 x1 "VZUF070 x1 %VZUF070 x2	VGDM015 x2 VHMM036 x1 UnknownAd x1 *VZUF070 x19	None	None	VZUF070	Complete Full Data Collection Group	None

LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM)												
Dik-Diks (DD)	12/13	VGDF009 VUBM046	4	+VGDF022	None	#VGDF022 x1 #VUBM048 x2 ^VUBM048 x2	VGDF026 x5 VLM310 x1 VGDM015 x1 UnknownAd x5 *VGDF022 x4	Lazuli x1	None	VGDF022	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group	None
Vetkoeks (VK)	8/8	VHMF053 VZUM057	-1	*VHMF053	None	#VVKM002 x1 ^VVKM002 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Life History Monitoring Group	VVKP020 swollen left side of the mouth
Renegades (RG)	5/5	<u>VGDF031</u> VTSM014	-1	*VGDF031 *VGDF039	No	#VGDF039 x1 ^VGDF039 x1	None	None	None	None	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group	VGDF039 scab on tail base

HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)												
Cape Crusaders (CC)	1/1	VCCF004 Unknown	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Habitation Group	None

Eirond's Council (EC)	14/20	VECF039 Unknown	4	None	+VECM048 +VECM053 +VECM060	#VECM051 x1 #VECM052 x1 #VECM055 x1 #VECM056 x1 #VECM057 x1 #VECM058 x1	UnknownM x15	None	None	VECM051 VECM052 VECM055 VECM056 VECM057 VECM058	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	None
Jaxx (JX)	13/13	VJXF160 Unknown	4	None	+VJXF172	*VLM298 x1 #VJXM170 x3 ^VJXM170 x2 +VJXM176 x1 #VJXF189 x1 ^VJXF189 x1 #VJXM194 x1 #VLM298 x1 ^VLM298 x1	UnknownAd x2 UnknownM x12	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group	VJXP199 swollen right eye
Hogwarts (HW)	7/8	VZUF051 VHWM004	4	*VZUF051	None	#VHWP008	None	None	None	VHWP008	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)	8/12	<u>VWF259</u> Unknown	-1	*VWF259 #VWF262 +VWF266	+VWM269	*VTDM013 x1 *VTDM017 x1 *VTDM036 x1 #VWF265 x1 #VWF266 x1 #VWF267 x1 #VWM274 x1 ^VWM274 x1 #VWM276 x1 ^VWM276 x1	*VWF266 x1	None	None	VWM274 VWF265 VWF266 VWF267	In Progress Habituation Group	VTDM013 large lump on both sides of neck - healed by the end of the month VTDM017 crusty left side of the neck- healing VWF266 wound on tail base VWF262 lesion on right front paw VWM276 torn skin on right cheek
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DISINTEGRATED GROUPS

Nightwatch (NW)	1/1	VGDF033 Unknown	None	Currently Unknown	+VMPM070 +VMPM083	None	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.