



KMP Life History Table – February 2025 (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⁾ |
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| FULL DATA COLLECTION GROUPS (FDC) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alba (AL) | 15/16 | VALF008 VECM023 | 6 | +VALF008 | None | #VALM026 x1 | None | None | None | VALM026 | Complete Full Data Collection Group | VALM026 wound, back of front left leg - healing |
| Brussels Sprouts (BS) | 7/7 | VMPF035 VGDM011 | 1 | None | +VBSF008 | #VHMM036 x1 ^VHMM036 x1 | VZUF070 x4 | None | None | None | Complete Full Data Collection Group | VMPF035 dislocated finger on front left paw - permanent injury |
| Elrond's Council (EC) | 14/14 | VECF039 Unknown | 4 | None | +VECM050 | +VECM051 x1 +VECM052 x1 +VECM055 x1 +VECM056 x1 +VECM057 x1 +VECM058 x1 | None | None | Overnight x1 Daily x1 | None | Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group | None |

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| Gold Diggers (GD) | 15/15 | VGDF007 VUBM018 | 0 | ^VGDF007 +VGDF047 | #VGDP072 #VGDP073 #VGDP074 | ^VGDF049 #VGDF054 ^VGDF054 | VUBM050 x2 VUBM053 x1 | Lazuli x2 | Daily x1 | None | Complete Full Data Collection Group | None |
| Lazuli (L) | 9/10 | VLF308 VGDM015 | 0 | ^VLF308 | *VLP321 | #VGDM015 x1 ^VGDM015 x1 #VLM310 x1 ^VLM310 x1 #VUBM050 x2 ^VUBM050 x1 | *VLM310 x1 | Gold Diggers x2 | None | VUBM050 | Complete Full Data Collection Group | VLF308 wound left side of neck |
| Side Quest (SI) | 14/14 | VZUF048 VECM009 | 3 | None | None | None | Unknown x1 | None | None | None | Complete Full Data Collection Group | None |
| Trackie-Daks (TD) | 16/16 | VTDF028 VWM275 | 4 | *VTDF037 | None | None | None | None | None | None | Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group | None |
| Ubuntu (UB) | 18/18 | VUBF039 VHMM048 | 6 | *VUBF039 *VUBF071 | None | #VUBM053 x1 ^VUBM053 x1 | None | None | None | None | Complete Full Data Collection Group | None |

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| Zulus (ZU) | 7/7 | VZUF028 VGDM028 | 0 | +VZUF028 | None | +VZUF070 | VZUF070 x16 | None | None | None | Complete Full Data Collection Group | None |
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| LIFE HISTORY MONITORING GROUPS (LHM) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Dik-Diks (DD) | 12/12 | VGDF009 VUBM046 | 4 | +VGDF022 +VGDF009 | None | +VGDF022 | VGDF022 x5 VGDF026 x3 UnknownF x2 | None | None | None | Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group | None |
| Renegades (RG) | 10/10 | VGDF031 VTSM014 | 5 | None | None | None | None | None | None | None | Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group | VGDF031 submandi bular lump on left cheek – burst; swelling left neck; cut above left eye; wound mid-tail VGDF039 submandi bular lump on left cheek; scab on tail base – healed |

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| Vetkoeks (VK) | 8/9 | VHMF053 VZUM057 | 1 | None | #VVKP025 #VVKP026 | #VVKF020 | None | None | None | VVKF020 | Complete Life History Monitoring Group | VVKM002 necrosis on right side of face; swelling on right side of face; blind in right eye; very skinny – pelvic bones protruding |
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HABITUATION GROUPS (HAB)

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| Hogwarts (HW) | 7/7 | VZUF051 VHWM004 | 3 | +VZUF051 | +VHWP008 | None | None | None | None | None | In Progress Habituation Group | None |
| Jaxx (JX) | 12/13 | VJXF160 Unknown | 4 | +VJXF160 #VJXF178 | +VJXM176 | #VJXM170 x2 ^VJXM170 x1 | None | None | None | VJXM170 | 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 | VVM241 wound on neck – healing |

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| Whiskers (W) | 9/12 | VWF259 <u>VTDM017</u> | 5 | None | +VWF265 +VWF266 +VWF267 | +VWM274 x1 #VWF278 #VWF280 #VWF282 | None | None | None | VWF278 VWF280 VWF282 | In Progress Habituation Group | VTDM017 crusty left side of the neck- healing VWF262 lesion on right front paw - healed VWM276 torn skin on right cheek |
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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.