

Group Name	Dominant at end of the Month	Group Count (Begin - End of Month)	No. of Pups (Begin - End of Month)	♡ Pregnant ⚔ Birth ⚔ Aborted ⚔ Lost	🐾 Last Seen ⚔ Dead 🐾 Predated	➡ Emigrated ➡ Immigrated 🏠 Left 🏠 Returned 🏠 Evicted 🏠 Evict Ended	Encounters	Inter-Group Interactions	Group Splits	Absent at end of month	Habituation Levels Data Collection Levels
Alba, AL	♀ VALF008 ♂ VECM023	20-19	5-5	♡ VALF008	🐾 VALU035	🏠 VALM014 x2 🏠 VALU035 x1 🏠 VALM014 x2	None	None	None	VALU035 x1	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Brussels Sprouts, BS	♀ VMPF035 ♂ VGDM011	6-10	4-4	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Dik-Diks, DD	♀ VGDF009 ♂ VUBM046	24-20	12-12	♡ VGDF009 ♡ VGDF009	🐾 VDDU021 🐾 VDDU023	🏠 LVDDU021 x1 🏠 VGDF026 x1 🏠 VDDF008 x2 ➡ VGDF026 x1 🏠 LVDDF008 x2 🏠 LVDDU023 x1	None	None	UncertainDuration x1, Daily x1	VDDU021 x1 VDDU023 x1	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Elronds Council, EC	♀ VECF039 ♂ VECM070	18-18	4-4	♡ VECF039	None	None	VALM014 x2 Unknown x1	None	Daily x1	None	Advanced Progress Life History Monitoring Group
Gold Diggers, GD	♀ VGDF007 ♂ VUBM018	15-20	5-5	⚠ VGDF049	None	🏠 VGDF049 x1 ➡ VGDF049 x1 🏠 VGDM055 x1 🏠 LVGDM063 x1 ➡ VGDM055 x1 🏠 VGDM063 x1	None	None	Daily x2	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Hogwarts, HW	♀ VZUF051 ♂ VHW004	11-11	5-5	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group
Jaox, JX	♀ VJXF160 ♂ VJXM200	15-15	5-5	None	None	🏠 VJXF189 x1 🏠 LVJXF189 x1	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group
Lazuli, L	♀ VLF308 ♂ VGDM015	9-14	5-5	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress Full Data Collection Group
Renegades, RG	♀ VGDF039 ♂ VTSM014	8-2	None	None	None	🏠 LVRGB004 x1 🏠 LVRGB003 x1 🏠 LVRGB002 x1 🏠 LVTD033 x1 🏠 LVTD039 x1 🏠 LVTD014 x1	None	None	None	VTSM014 x1 VTDM033 x1 VTDM039 x1 VRGF002 x1 VRGF002 x1 VRGM003 x1 VRGM004 x1	In Progress Life History Monitoring Group
Side Quest, SI	♀ VZUF048 ♂ VECM009	15-15	4-4	♡ VZUF048	None	None	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Trackie-Daks, TD	♀ VTDF028 ♂ VVM0275	20-21	9-5	⚔ VTDF037	None	🏠 LVTD046 x1 🏠 VTDF046 x1 🏠 VTDF037 x1 🏠 VTDF041 x1 🏠 LVTD037 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Ubuntu, UB	♀ VUBF039 ♂ VHM048	22-22	10-4	None	None	🏠 VUBM072 x1 🏠 VUBM073 x1 🏠 LVUBM073 x1 🏠 LVUBM072 x1	None	Vetkoeks x1	Daily x1	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group
Vetkoeks, VK	♀ VHM053 ♂ VZUM057	11-8	4-4	None	None	🏠 LVZUM057 x1 🏠 LVVKP030 x1 🏠 LVVKM021 x1	None	Ubuntu x1	None	VZUM057 x1 VVKM021 x1 VVKP030 x1	Advanced Progress Full Data Collection Group
Whiskers, W	♀ VWF259 ♂ VTDM017	10-9	1-1	♡ VWF266	🐾 VWU284	🏠 LVWF259 x1 ➡ VWF267 x1 ➡ VWF266 x1 ➡ VWF265 x1 🏠 VWF262 x1	None	None	None	VWF259 x1 VWF262 x1	In Progress Full Data Collection Group
Zulus, ZU	♀ VZUF070 ♂ VGDM028	8-8	1-1	None	None	🏠 VZUF077 x1 🏠 LVZUF077 x1	None	None	None	None	Complete Full Data Collection Group

Legend:

- 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) Number of Adlib hours (AM- morning sessions, PM- afternoon sessions) and the number of Adlib sessions.
- 3) Dominant individuals at the end of the month. Underlined ID codes indicate the individual newly acquired dominance in this month.
- 4) Number of individuals present in the group at the start of the month, then at the end of the month.
- 5) Number of pups present in the group at the start of the month, then at the end of the month.
- 6) Pregnancy status: ♡ Pregnant at any time during the month, ⚔ gave birth, ⚔ aborted pre-term, ⚠ lost litter after giving birth.
- 7) Individual status: 🐾 Last seen = Last seen (unknown cause), ⚔ Dead = found dead or euthanized, 🐾 Predated = assumed predated (for pups).
- 8) ➡ 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 times left group), 🏠 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Encounters with other groups (Inter-Group-Interactions, IGIs). *Appears= Individuals not acting as part of the group but still on the marksheet.
- 11) Group splits with type and how many (leaving individuals originating from splits are not considered in item 8); Daily: the group reunited the same day, Overnight: the group was separated for one or more nights.
- 12) Individuals that are not with the group or a splinter including the dominant female, at the end of the month.
- 13) **Line 1** 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 can be collected from all individuals; **In progress**: Habituation group. **Line 2** 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 collection; **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.

Note: This table was downloaded at August 1, 2025 at 12:40 PM. The table is updated monthly. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the data manager.