

Monthly Overview of Life History Data - May 2026

Group Name	Adlib <i>hours (sessions)</i>	Dominant at end of the Month	Group Count <i>(Begin - End of Month)</i>	No. of Pups <i>(Begin - End of Month)</i>	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
Full Data Collection Group 10 groups												
Alba <i>AL</i>	AM: 17h (6) PM: 11h (7)	♀ VALF008 ♂ VECM023	25-25	None	None	None	VALM045 (♂ → ♀)	Unknown	None	Daily x2, Overnight x1	None	Complete
Brussels Sprouts <i>BS</i>	AM: 24h (8) PM: 7h (4)	♀ VMPPF035 ♂ VGDM011	18-18	None	None	None	VGDM011 (♂ → ♀)	None	None	None	None	Complete
Gold Diggers <i>GD</i>	AM: 24h (8) PM: 20h (11)	♀ VGDF007 ♂ VUBM018	26-26	None	None	None	VGDF049 (♂ → ♀)	None	None	None	None	Complete
Jaxx <i>JX</i>	AM: 17h (7) PM: 10h (8)	♀ VJXF160 ♂ VJXM200	24-19	None	None	None	VJXF189 (♂ → ♀) VJXM212 (♂) VJXM206 (♂ → ♀)	None	None	Daily x2 Overnight x1	VJXM212 VJXM217 VJXM219 VJXF220 VJXM223	Advanced Progress
Lazuli <i>L</i>	AM: 24h (10) PM: 11h (8)	♀ NoDominant ♂ VGDM015	12-11	None	None	None	VLF329 VLF331 VLM328 (♂ → ♀ → ♂) VLM317 (♂ → ♀)	None	Dik-Diks x1	None	VLM328	Complete
Side Quest <i>SI</i>	AM: 37h (14) PM: 12h (12)	♀ VZJF048 ♂ VECM009	24-24	4-0	None	None	VSIF046 (♂ → ♀) VSIF052 (♂ → ♀) VSIF057 (♂ → ♀)	None	None	None	None	Complete
Trackie-Daks <i>ID</i>	AM: 35h (15) PM: 22h (12)	♀ VTDF041 ♂ VWM275	21-21	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Advanced Progress
Ubuntu <i>UB</i>	AM: 37h (15) PM: 27h (14)	♀ VUBF039 ♂ VHMM048	21-21	4-0	None	None	VUBM093 VUBM080 (♂ → ♀)	None	None	None	None	Complete
Vetkoeks <i>VK</i>	AM: 28h (12) PM: 29h (16)	♀ VHMF053	17-17	None	None	None	VVKM041 (♂ → ♀) VVKM028 (♂ → ♀ → ♂ → ♀ → ♀) VVKM022 (♂ → ♀ → ♂ → ♀ → ♀) VVKM024 (♂ → ♀) VVKM031 (♂ → ♀) VZUM059 (♂ → ♀)	UnknownAd x1 Unknown	Whiskers x2	None	None	Complete
Zulus <i>ZU</i>	AM: 41h (13) PM: 16h (8)	♀ VZJF070 ♂ VGDM028	26-26	4-0	None	None	None	None	None	Daily x2, Overnight x1	None	Complete
Habituation Group 3 groups												
Hogwarts <i>HW</i>	None	♀ VZJF051 ♂ VHWM004	20-20	1-1	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress
Khoisan <i>KS</i>	None	Unknown	17-15 observed	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	In Progress
Whiskers <i>W</i>	None	♀ VVWF267 ♂ VTDM017	19-19	None	None	None	None	None	Unknown	Vetkoeks x2	None	In Progress
Life History Monitoring Group 2 groups												
Dik-Diks <i>DD</i>	None	♀ VGDF009 ♂ VUBM046	21-21	3-0	None	None	None	None	Unknown	Lazuli x1	None	Advanced Progress
Elronds Council <i>EC</i>	None	♀ NoDominant	9-9	None	None	None	VVECM068	None	Unknown	Unknown	None	Advanced Progress

Legend

- 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) 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.
- Note:** Data collection levels are now shown as group headers. This table is updated monthly. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the data manager.