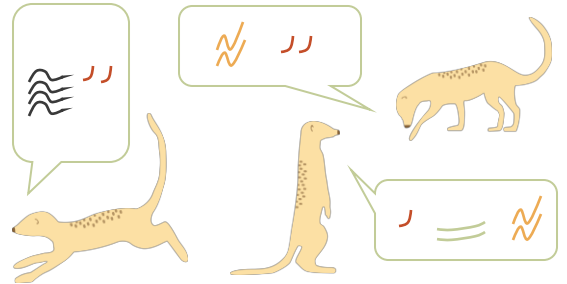


1-year MSc Project

Context-dependent vocal activity and flexibility in call usage in wild meerkats

How do behavioural and social contexts affect meerkat **calling rate**?

Do meerkats exhibit vocal flexibility by using similar **call types** across multiple contexts?



Location: University of Zurich (Switzerland) and Kalahari Research Centre (South Africa)
Possible start date **until end of February 2026**

Fieldwork
(2-4 months)

Data processing and analysis in R

Statistics

Audio recording and video annotation

Acoustic analyses

Scientific writing

Supervision: Dr Mathilde Martin and Prof. Marta Manser
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Qualifications: Candidates must be either enrolled in an MSc program at UZH or another university with equivalent requirements (project counts as MSc thesis) or already hold an MSc degree (volunteer research work) with courses in animal behaviour, ecology, or a related field. Strong motivation and reliability are required.

Interested in unravelling meerkat communication?
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