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**DE-SNARING REPORT
NOVEMBER 2012**

ITHUMBA TEAM



Ithumba Team

De-Snaring Report for November, 2012

Participants

| | |
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| Manien | Kiperus |
| Stephen | Mutuku |
| Edwin | Githae |
| Rais | Ledonyo |
| Pilias | Lekeele |
| Henry | Lekochoere |

Areas Patrolled

Umbi Hill
Uma Uma
Tundani
Tiva
Mathae
Lesilau Dam
Kavaloto
Kasaala fencline
Kalovoto
Kai Rock
Imenti
Gazi

Arrests

3 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

| Illegal Activity | No. Incidents | Location | Percentage | Scale | Arrests |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|-------------|---------|
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Tundani | 5.56% | Subsistence | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Mathae | 5.56% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Kaasala | 5.56% | Commercial | No |
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| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 3 | Imenti | 16.67% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game | 1 | Tiva | 6.25% | | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Large Game | 1 | Kaerock | 50.00% | Commercial | No |
| Poachers' Hideout(s) , Snaring - | 1 | Kavalote | 100.00% | Commercial | No |
| Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln | 1 | Gazi | 20.00% | Commercial | No |

* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all de-snaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.



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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

| No. Carcasses | Species | Cause of Death | Means of Death | Carcass Age |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Baboon Yellow | Poached | Snared | Fresh (less than 3 weeks) |
| 1 | Dikdik | Poached | Snared | Fresh (less than 3 weeks) |



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Snares Collected

| Snare Type | Snare Size | Snare Description | No. Confiscated |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Thin Wire | Small | Scattered | 270 |
| Medium Wire | Medium | Scattered | 10 |
| Medium Wire | Medium | Line | 2 |
| Cable | Large | Line | 1 |

Total Snares Collected: 283



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Monthly Summary

During the month of November the Ithumba and Tiva teams operated together because the Ithumba Team had new members which needed some orienteering of the area. Patrols began along the Kasala fence line, where about 40 small snares were lifted and a snared baboon carcass was found. The Teams concentrated on the area from Imenti dam towards the power lines which have been a poaching hotspot in recent months. This turned out to be a very busy period for the teams, as they recovered 110 small snares, rescued 5 dikdiks from snares, discovered another 7 dikdik carcasses which had been snared, and discovered a poacher's hideout with remains of slaughtered dikdik. The team also patrolled the Kalovoto area towards Lesilau dam whereby two poachers escaped arrest and left behind 2 bows, 15 poisoned arrows and 20 kg of maize flour. Due to the time of year, with it being the dry season, people are not tending to their farms and hence they turn to poaching wildlife during this period as a source of income and food. Towards the end of the month, the team relocated to Gazi area where the predominant problem is charcoal burning and illegal cattle grazing inside the park. The team managed to arrest three poachers and booked them at the Mutomo Police Station. The team will visit again the area next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

Report compiled by Henry Lekochere.



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KWS Ranger Participation

| Patrol Team | KWS Ranger Name | No. Patrol Days |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ithumba | Moses, Chach | 1 |
| Ithumba | Antony, Mutisya | 10 |
| Ithumba | Boniface, Wekobi | 2 |
| Ithumba | Calvince, Oketch | 1 |
| Ithumba | Chacha, Moses | 1 |
| Ithumba | Collins, Okoth | 11 |
| Ithumba | Antont, Mutisya | 1 |
| Ithumba | James, Maina | 17 |
| Ithumba | Vincent, Singoro | 5 |
| Ithumba | Moses, Chacha | 9 |
| Ithumba | Peter, Odera | 2 |
| Ithumba | Simon, Mutegi | 1 |



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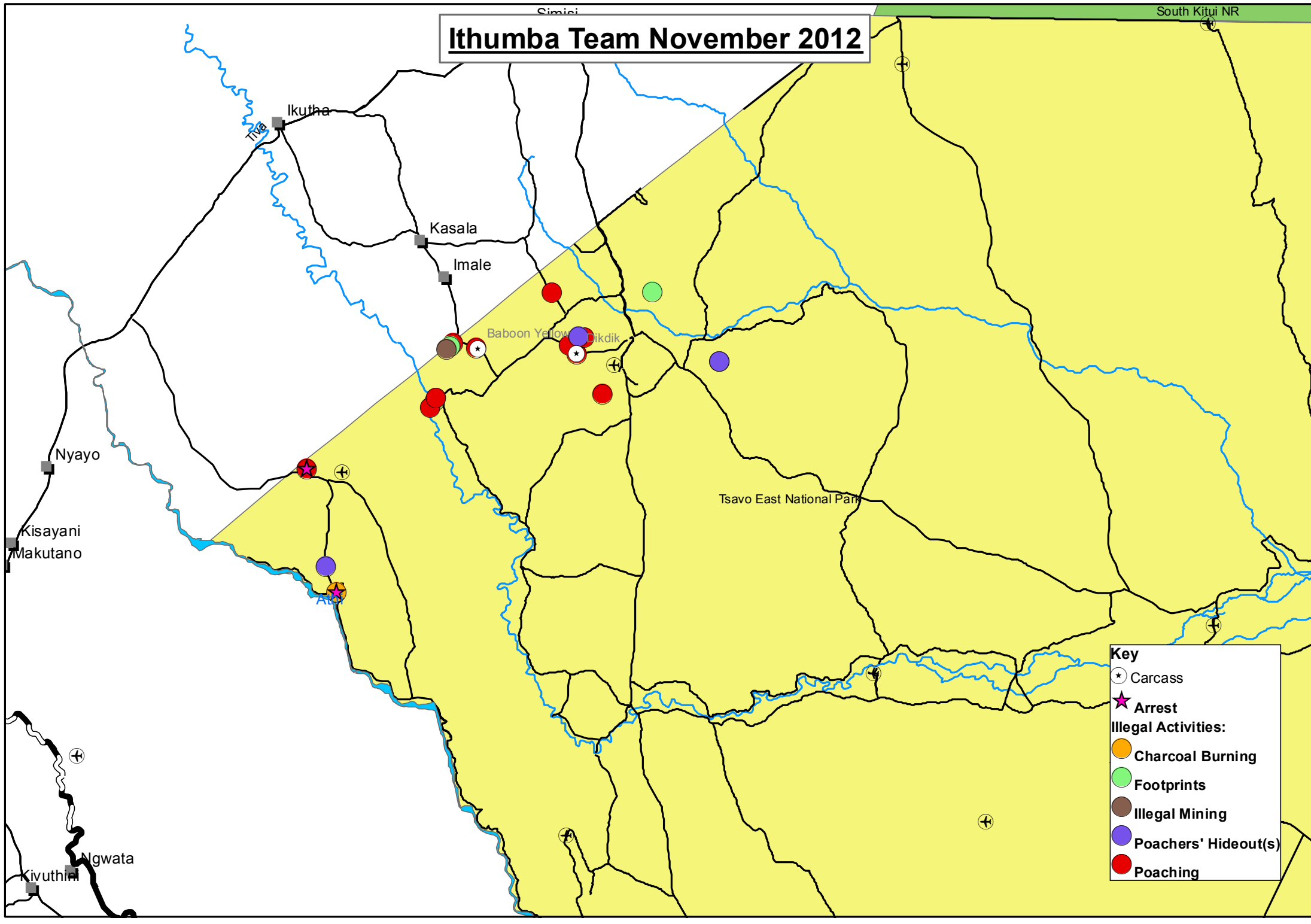
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KWS Ranger Participation

| Patrol Team | KWS Ranger Name | No. Patrol Days |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ithumba | Stephan, Wambugu | 1 |
| Ithumba | Stephen, Wambugu | 8 |
| Ithumba | Vincent, Aingoro | 1 |
| Ithumba | James, Main | 1 |

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 72

Ithumba Team November 2012





Ithumba Team November 2012 desnaring report photographs



Above: a snared dikdik carcass near the Imenti Dam



Above: the team removing thin wire snares which target dikdik



Above: the team patrol along the Kasaala fence line



Above: a bush meat poacher's hid near Imenti Dam



Above: the team discover a well established poachers' hide near Gazi area. The camp was destroyed and all items confiscated



Above: poachers' hideout in Kalovoto area



Above: the team managed to rescue a dikdik from a snare



Above: arrest of a poacher with poison arrows which target elephant



Above: snares and poison arrows recovered from a poacher's hideout