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**DE-SNARING REPORT
OCTOBER 2013
KIBWEZI/MAMBA TEAM**



Kibwezi/Mamba Team

De-Snaring Report for October, 2013

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Wayani
Umani
Kenze
Dwa
Aligon

Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month



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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Elephant	Unknown	Unknown	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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Monthly Summary

Introduction.

After a short break of ten days, Mamba team resumed their daily patrols immediately. The month was dry due to prolonged drought making the team to patrol longer since this is the poaching peak period (very dry and hot). On 14th during the morning hours we got a radio call from James Mbuthia, on a wounded elephant near the Umani springs. The elephant was snared by a camera trap, at the salt lick. It had a swelling between the two hind legs. The team kept constant pressure on the forest and managed to get only four small snares at Duwa area.

On the same month we had a team of Wildlife Works staying with us for about 2 weeks doing sampling of carbon plots within the forest.

During the month of October Mamba team managed to cover the following areas.

Umani springs.

Much of our efforts were concentrated in trying to locate the sick elephant to alert the vet. On 16 the team spotted the elephant at the mud wallowing as it drunk water. The vet contacted has been engaged treating other elephants in Shimba hills. The elephant reappeared again on 18th looking frail and tired. The swelling then was very bad. Later at around 11.am the elephant died on the way to drink water.

On assessing the wound it was hard to establish the means of death, if it was cancer, arrow or gunshot. We alerted KWS who later came and removed the tusks. It was a very sad and painful day for the team.

Kenze and Aligon areas

Kenze area has a lot of wildlife species and the population is increasing in this area at a high rate. No illegal activities were seen.

Aligon area has enough forage for elephants, bushbuck, lesser kudu and dikdik. They are plenty and increasing. No illegal activities were found in this area.

Wayani and Duwa areas.

The waterholes at Wanyani are dry around this area. No illegal activities were recorded.

Duwa is the unfenced part is now a hotspot where there is a lot of vegetation destruction. 4 snares were lifted.

Challenges.

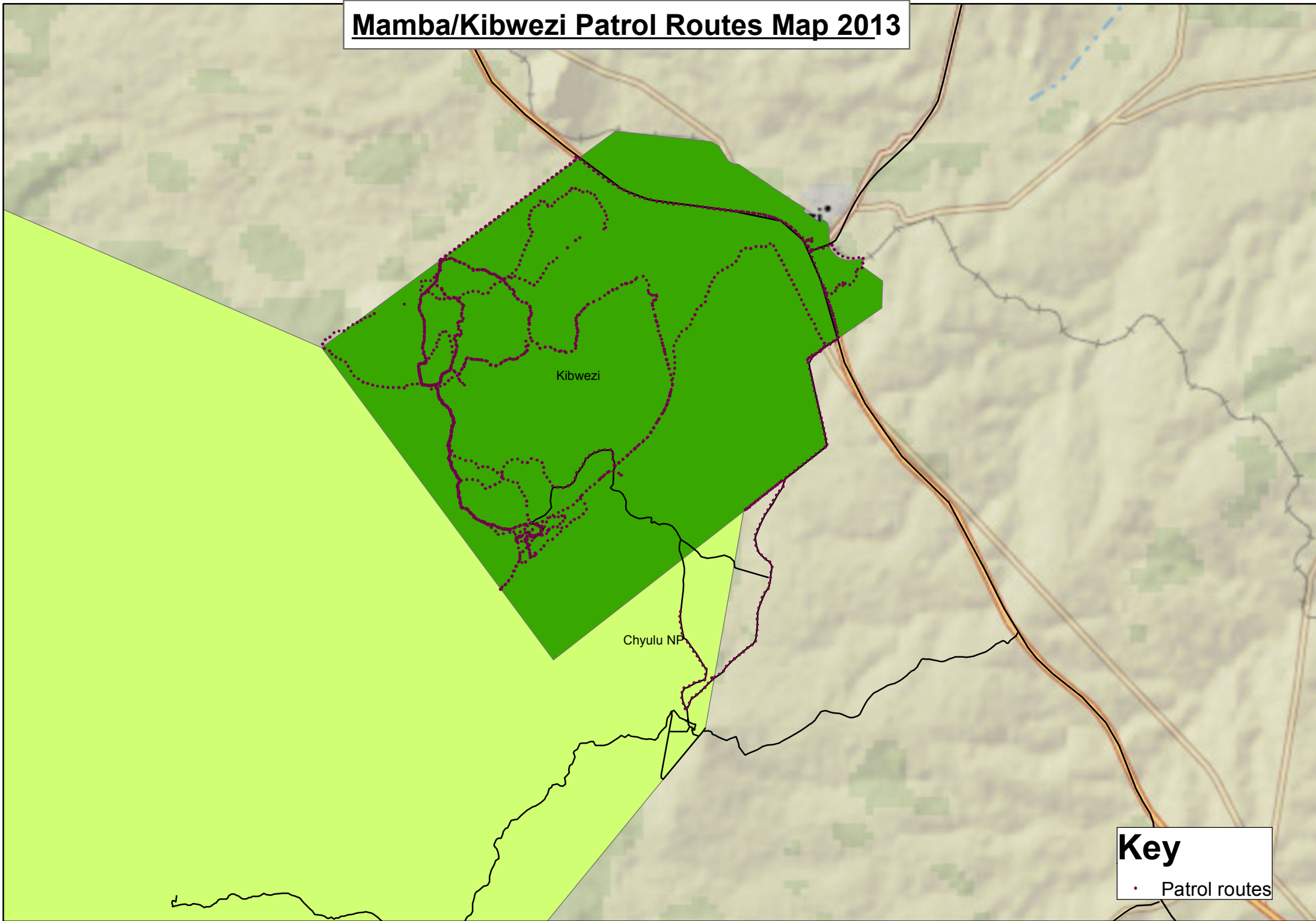
The team do not have Hand held Radio, camera and GPS charging system which makes us rely on Umani. This has been very inconveniencing.

Conclusion.

Except for the reported case of the sick elephant, the area was okay. The wildlife population and forest regeneration is on the rise. The pressure should forever continue.

Report by,
Samuel Adero.

Mamba/Kibwezi Patrol Routes Map 2013



Key
• Patrol routes

Kibwezi/Mamba Team October 2013 Desnaring Report Photographs



Broken new pipeline kibwezi.



Logging at Duwa area.



Removing an elephant carcass from Umani area.



Patrolling in Kenze area.