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**DE-SNARING REPORT  
DECEMBER 2012**

**NDOVU TEAM**



## **Ndovu Team**

### **De-Snaring Report for December, 2012**

#### **Participants**

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

#### **Areas Patrolled**

Umbi Hill  
Tundani  
Kasaala fence  
Kanziku Gate  
Kalovoto  
Imenti  
Gazi

#### **Arrests**

5 Arrest(s) this month



## Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for December, 2012

#### Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Umbi	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Tundani	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Kanziko	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Kalovoto	10.00%	Subsistence	No
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Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Gazi	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Arrowing	1	Tundani	100.00%	Commercial	Yes
Logging , Wet Wood	1	Tundani	16.67%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Wet Wood	1	Gazi	100.00%	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	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	Line	56
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	65

**Total Snares Collected: 121**



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#### Monthly Summary

The team began its patrols at the Gazi area as a follow up from last month whereby cases of poaching and charcoal burning had been sighted taking place there. After extensive patrols spanning two days, the team managed to arrest three poachers caught in their hideout and in possession of 71 small snares, 2 knives and a panga. The men were booked at Mutomo Police Station. The team visited Umbi area and lay ambushes on various poacher routes but with no avail. The Team recovered 13 small snares and found a snared dikdik carcass. Kalovoto area was sighted as a safe place this month as there were no major illegal human activities discovered in the area. The Team has been putting much effort in this area during the last few months, and hence seeing it free from human interference is rewarding. The team also patrolled the Kasala fence line towards Tiva River and found a section of fence line that was swept away by floods along the River. The team reported this to the fence maintenance team for immediate response. Towards the end of the month, the team patrolled the Tundani general area and managed to arrest two elephant poachers, while three others escaped arrest. The team recovered items from the arrested poachers which included 5 bows, 18 poisoned arrows, 2 axes, 31 small snares, 15kgs of maize flour and various cooking utensils. The men arrested had travelled far to poach in the Northern part of Tsavo, coming all the way from Mtiito Andei area. This is about one hundred kilometers away across the Yatta Plateau and across the Athi River, indicating they were on a specific mission of enriching themselves through elephant poaching in an area they thought was less cautiously protected than Mtiito. The team is determined to keep up the pressure in order to deter the poachers. The Ndovu team wishes a Merry X Mass and a Happy New Year to the DSWT, KWS and all the entire team who supported us throughout the Year.

Report compiled by Henry Lekochere.



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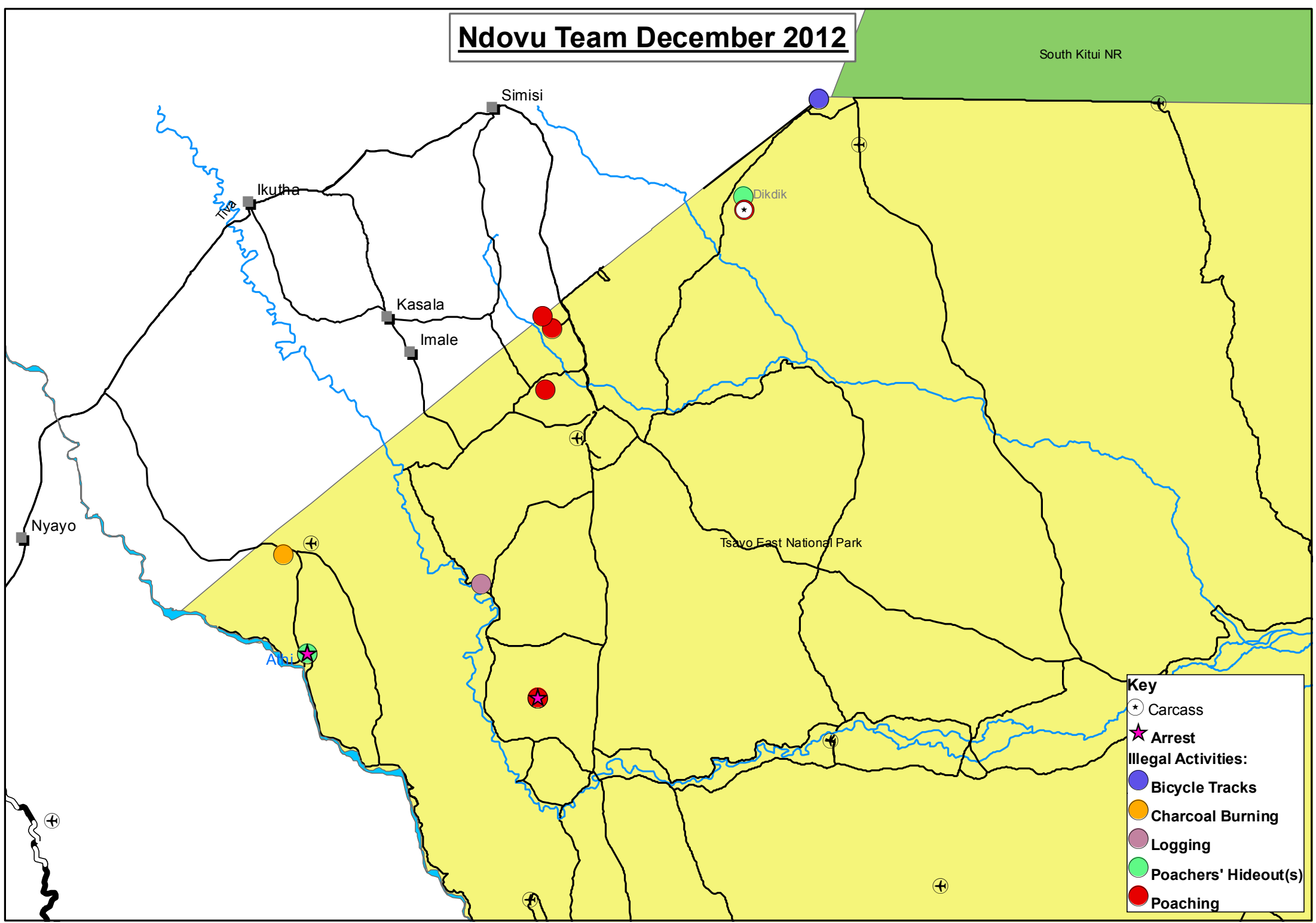
#### KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ndovu	Stephen, Wambugu	4
Ndovu	Simon, Mutegi	12
Ndovu	Nicholas, Titima	1
Ndovu	Nicholas, Tirima	3
Ndovu	Nicholas, Leteipa	3
Ndovu	Nichola, Leteipa	1
Ndovu	John, Kariuki	3
Ndovu	Collins, Okoth	2
Ndovu	Cetric, Isaho	9
Ndovu	Calvine, Oketch	1

**Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 39**

# Ndovu Team December 2012

South Kitui NR



**Key**

- ⊕ Carcass
- ★ Arrest
- Illegal Activities:**
- Bicycle Tracks
- Charcoal Burning
- Logging
- Poachers' Hideout(s)
- Poaching





**Ndovu Team December 2012 desnaring report photographs**



**Above: a fresh snared dikdik carcass found at Umbi area**



**Above: a poacher arrested in his hideout**



**Above: poachers arrested at Gazi area**



**Above: poison arrows, bows and other items recovered from the arrests**



**Above: the team arrest 2 poachers in possession of poison arrows. These weapons are most commonly used to kill elephants in the Tsavo Ecosystem**



**Above: illegal charcoal kilns in Gazi area**



**Above: removing medium sized snares which target game such as impala and kudu**



**Above: illegal logging at Tundani area inside the Park**



**Above: the team on patrol in Kalovoto area**