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**DE-SNARING REPORT  
OCTOBER 2013  
ITHUMBA/NDOVU TEAM**



## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for October, 2013

#### Participants

Manien	Kiperus
Stephen	Mutuku
Peterson	Kihara
Edwin	Githae
Rais	Ledonyo
Piliias	Lekeele
Henry	Lekochere

#### Areas Patrolled

Tundani  
Tiva  
Tharakana  
Sheldrick Blind  
Mathae  
Macho Kombo  
Lesilau Dam  
Kimweli  
Kasaala fencline  
Kanziku Freeline  
Kalovoto  
Kai Rock  
Chamanyenze  
Athi River

#### Arrests

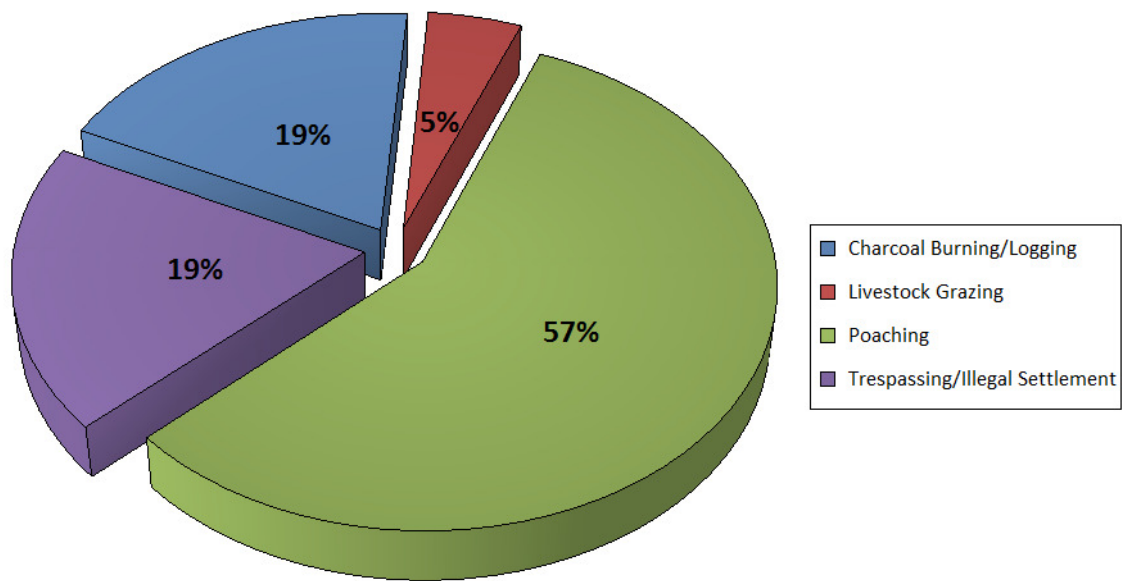
0 Arrest(s) this month



## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for October, 2013

#### Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for October, 2013

#### Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Dikdik	Natural	Predation	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Dikdik	Poached		Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
3	Dikdik	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Poached	Arrowing	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Unknown	Unknown	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for October, 2013

#### Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	209
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	36

**Total Snares Collected: 245**



## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for October, 2013

#### Monthly Summary

Ndovu team report for Oct-2013

Areas patrolled were; Kalovoto, Kasala, Tundani, Sheldrick blind and Athi.

#### Findings

##### Kalovoto

The team resumed work on the 3rd of the month by visiting Kalovoto area which is adjacent to the Ithumba Base on the northern side of the park. Upon receiving some rainfall, the area became green quickly and many herds of elephants were attracted in this area because of this. This made the team to thoroughly patrol the general area for ten days to disrupt poacher's movement. As a result of this, the team lifted 10 medium snares which looked inactive and also destroyed an old shooting platform near Kanziku fence line.

##### Kasala

Being an area adjacent to the community land on the northern side of the Park, the team extensively patrolled the area along the fence line from Kimweli area towards Gazi gate with 177 small and 18 medium snares were lifted and four snared dikdik carcasses found. The team then tried to lay an ambush on several occasions but to no avail. Cases of logging and illegal cattle grazing were also sighted taking place in this area and team will again visit the area next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

##### Tundani

Tundani area is on the western side of the Ithumba base. This was sighted as a hotspot poaching area this month with two elephants carcasses found with their tusks cut off. Both carcasses were sighted by DSWT pilot on an air patrol. One carcass looked very fresh and the pilot alerted the team. Jointly with the KWS Canine Unit the team patrolled the area where two poacher's footprints were sighted and tracked them for more than 20 kilometers. The trail grew cold since the foot prints crossed over into the community land.

##### Sheldrick blind

Sheldrick blind is an area situated on the slopes of Yatta plateau near the Tharakana air strip. This area was patrolled on for two days and the team found a recently used shooting blind and sighted three poachers' footprints. The team followed the footprints till the top of the Yatta plateau until the footprints were sighted crossing over River Athi to the community area.

##### Athi

The team then visited this area for five consecutive days whereby patrols were done down and upstream of the River Athi and the team managed to lift a total of 72 assorted snares and also found an old elephant carcass with tusks missing. The team believed that the poacher's used the snare to kill the animal.

Report compiled by  
Henry Lekochere.



## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

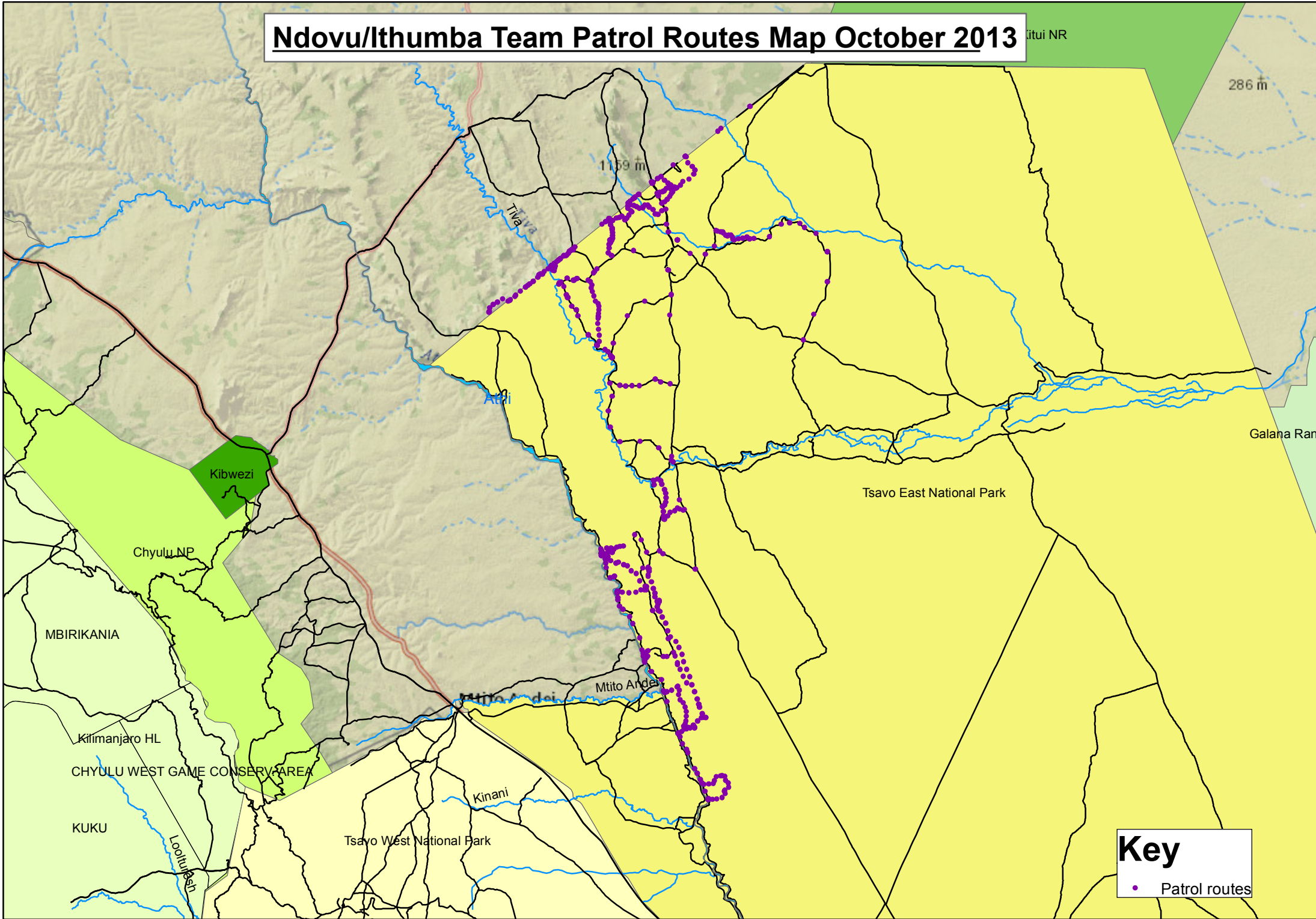
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#### KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba/Ndovu	Sammy, Akamais	2
Ithumba/Ndovu	Paul, Maina	2
Ithumba/Ndovu	John, Kariuki	26
Ithumba/Ndovu	John, Gollo	1
Ithumba/Ndovu	Gollo, Ali	1
Ithumba/Ndovu	Collins, Okoth	2
Ithumba/Ndovu	Ali, Gollo	23

**Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 57**

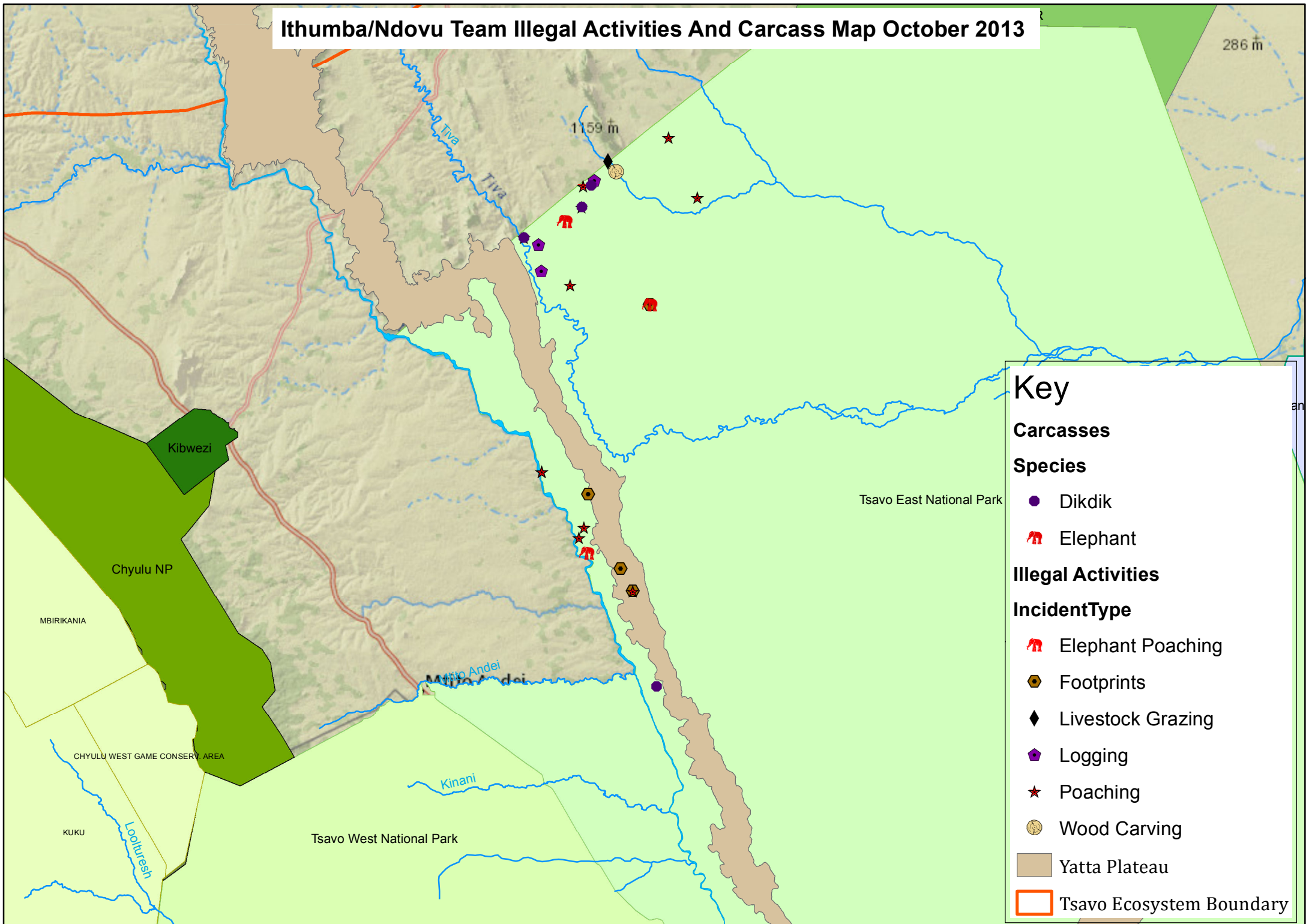
# Ndovu/Ithumba Team Patrol Routes Map October 2013



**Key**  
• Patrol routes



# Ithumba/Ndovu Team Illegal Activities And Carcass Map October 2013



286 m

1159 m

Kibwezi

Chyulu NP

MBIRIKANIA

CHYULU WEST GAME CONSERV. AREA

KUKU

Tsavo West National Park

Tsavo East National Park

Mito Andei

Kinani

Looluresh

**Key**

**Carcasses**

**Species**

- Dikdik
- Elephant

**Illegal Activities**

**IncidentType**

- Elephant Poaching
- Footprints
- Livestock Grazing
- Logging
- Poaching
- Wood Carving

Yatta Plateau

Tsavo Ecosystem Boundary

**Ithumba/Ndovu Team October 2013 Desnaring Report Photographs**



**A snared dikdik carcass at Kasala area.**



**An elephant carcass at Tundani.**



**A shooting blind at Yatta.**



**Logging at Kimweli area.**