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**DE-SNARING REPORT
APRIL 2013**

ITHUMBA/NDOVU TEAM



Ithumba/Ndovu Team

De-Snaring Report for April, 2013

Participants

Stephen	Mutuku
Edwin	Githae
Rais	Ledonyo
Piliias	Lekeele
Patrick	Mutuku
Henry	Lekochoere

Areas Patrolled

Tundani
Lesilau Dam
Kasaala fenceline

Arrests

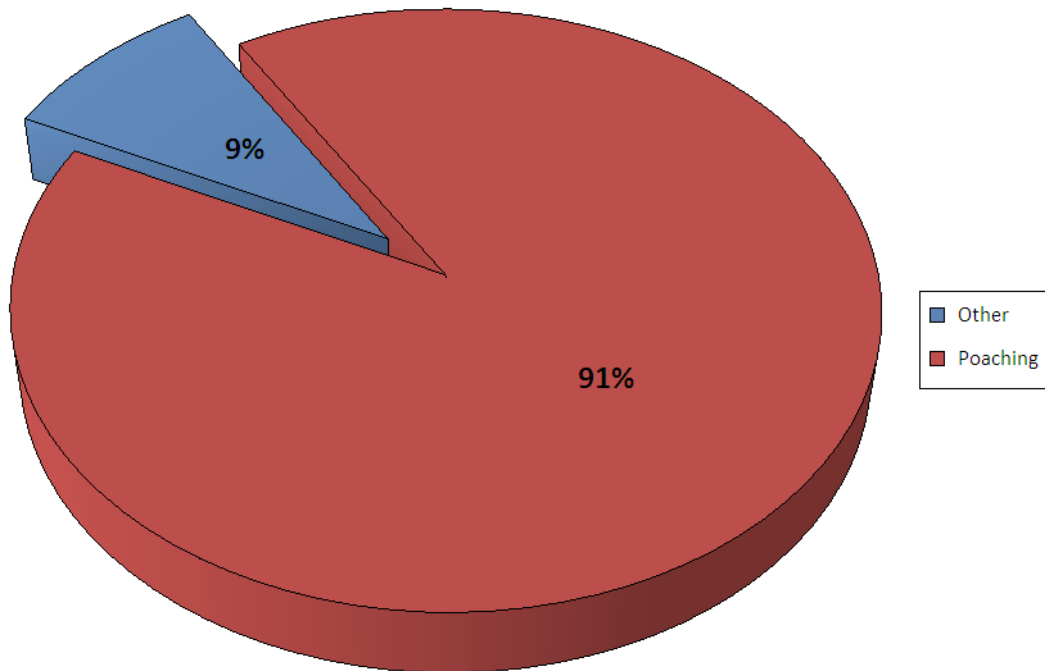
2 Arrest(s) this month



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Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	40

Total Snares Collected:	40
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Monthly Summary

NDOVU TEAM REPORT FOR APRIL 2013

Areas patrolled:

- Tundani
- Lesilau Dam
- Kasala fence line.

Findings

On the 8th of the month, the team got information that a baby elephant was sighted alone at Tundani area by our pilot who was on regular air patrol. The team, together with the elephant keepers hurriedly rushed to the area and found a baby elephant which is eight month old and looked very confused and we rescued her and later airlifted to Nairobi elephant orphanage. The team suspected that the baby's mother had been poached as several elephant poachers have been arrested within the vicinity few months ago.

The team carried out its normal operations only for eleven days during the course of the month, due to a shortage of KWS rangers. This is due to an operation taking place on the eastern side of the Park. Upon getting rangers, the team thoroughly patrolled Tundani area for six consecutive days whereby several shooting blinds built near the water holes were destroyed and the team arrested two notorious elephant poachers in the area. These Wakamba Tribesmen were in possession of:

- 11 poisoned arrows
- 2 bows
- 2 knives
- 1 axe
- 40 small snares
- 2KGS of bushmeat
- Cooking utensils and maize flower

The poachers revealed to the team that they are the main ones who are poaching the elephants within the area and in fact one of them was recently out of jail due to a poaching offence. They were booked at Voi Police Station. Lesilau Dam area was visited where an old shooting blind was found and destroyed.

The team patrolled Kasala fence line towards Tiva River with only logging sighted taking place and also an old shooting blind found and destroyed

Next month the team will focus on patrolling the major water holes in the Park to put more pressure on poachers who target the elephants while drinking water.



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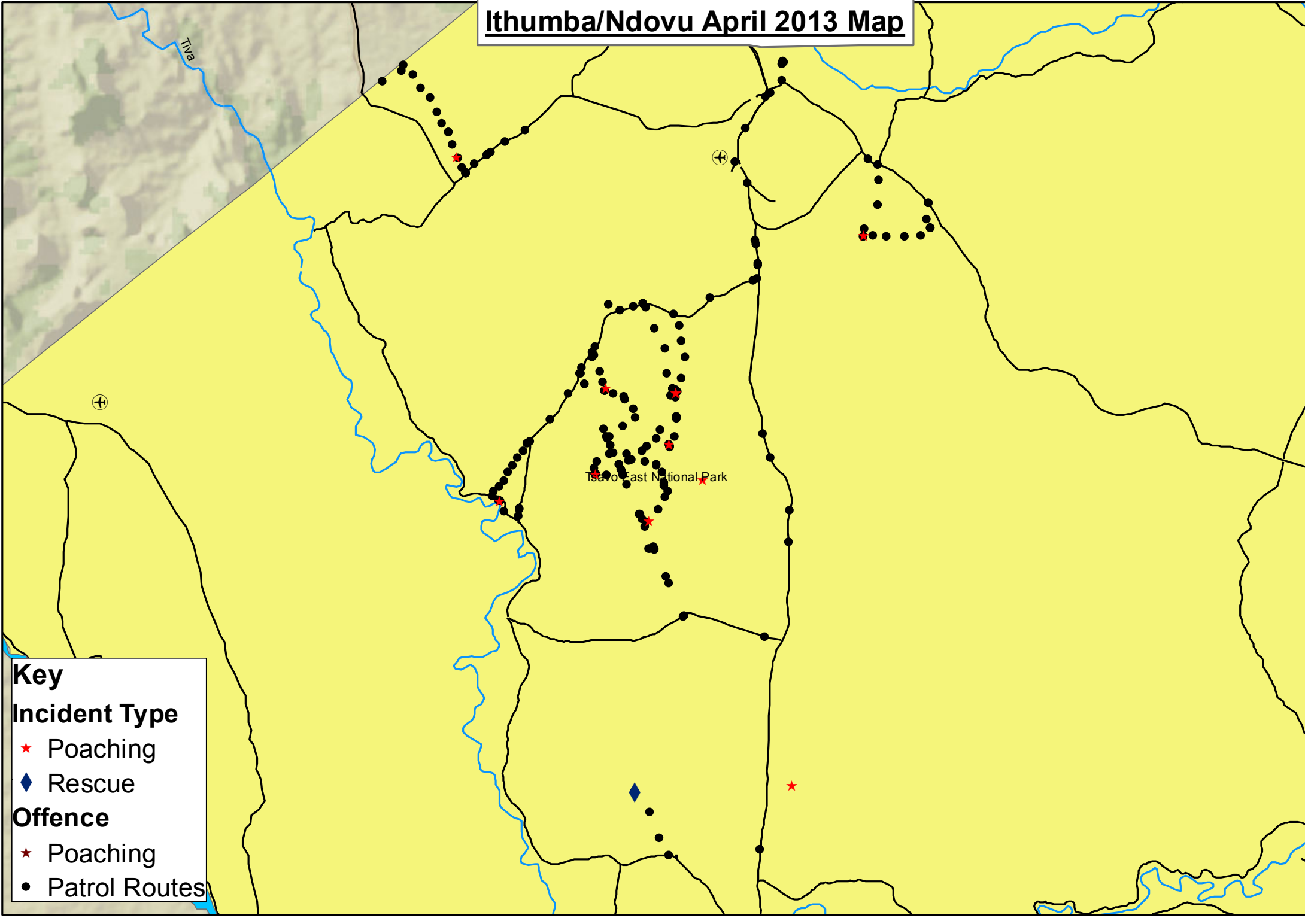
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba/Ndovu	Collins, Okoth	7
Ithumba/Ndovu	Cedric, Isaho	5
Ithumba/Ndovu	Boniface, Wekobi	3
Ithumba/Ndovu	Ali, Galgalo	3
Ithumba/Ndovu	, Wako	3
Ithumba/Ndovu	, Moha	3

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 24

Ithumba/Ndovu April 2013 Map



Key

Incident Type

- ★ Poaching
- ◆ Rescue

Offence

- ★ Poaching
- Patrol Routes



Ithumba/Ndovu Team April 2013 desnaring report photographs



Above: Destroying a shooting blind in Tundani.



Above: Poachers hide out at Tundani area.



Above: Ndovu team patrolling along Kasala area.



Above: rescuing a baby elephant at Tundani area.