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**DE-SNARING REPORT
DECEMBER 2012**

NYATI TEAM



Nyati Team

De-Snaring Report for December, 2012

Participants

Paul	Kyalo
Leandas	Lewangati
James	Simiti
Bernard	Kimani
Julius	Kyalo
Bramuel	Ileri

Areas Patrolled

Tundani
Tiva
Kasaala Powerline
Kasaala fence
Ithumba
Imenti
Gazi

Arrests

4 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Trespassing , Fresh Tracks	1	Ithumba	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Ithumba	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Gazi	10.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Gazi	5.56%	Commercial	No
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* '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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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	15

Total Snares Collected:	15
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Monthly Summary

During the month of December the Nyati team was off duty for 15 days, from the 1st until the 16th of December. On reporting back the team got straight back into the field to carry out patrols. Covering much of Kasaala power line area and founding little sign of illegal activities. The Team then patrolled Kalovoto area and managed to recover an elephant tusk with which upon close examination, came to a conclusion that the elephant had broken a piece of his/her tusk it while wallowing in the mud nearby. The moved on to check on known poaching hotspots at Tundani area and found three fresh active poacher's shooting hideouts and destroyed them all. During patrols along the Tiva River, fresh human footprints were seen heading outside the park, these prints most likely belonged to poachers, as this is a known route for poachers. When patrolling at Kyae rock area, the team was pleased to see wild animal spoor/scat which was a clear sign of security of the wildlife in that area.

The Nyati team extended its patrol efforts to Gazi area and found that the area was flooded with illegal livestock grazing, sighting thousands of cattle. Charcoal burning and snaring were also prominent problems in the area. In response to these findings the Nyati team relentlessly combed the area and managed to arrest four men, two of which were illegal charcoal burners and the other two were grazing their livestock in the park.

Report by James Simiti



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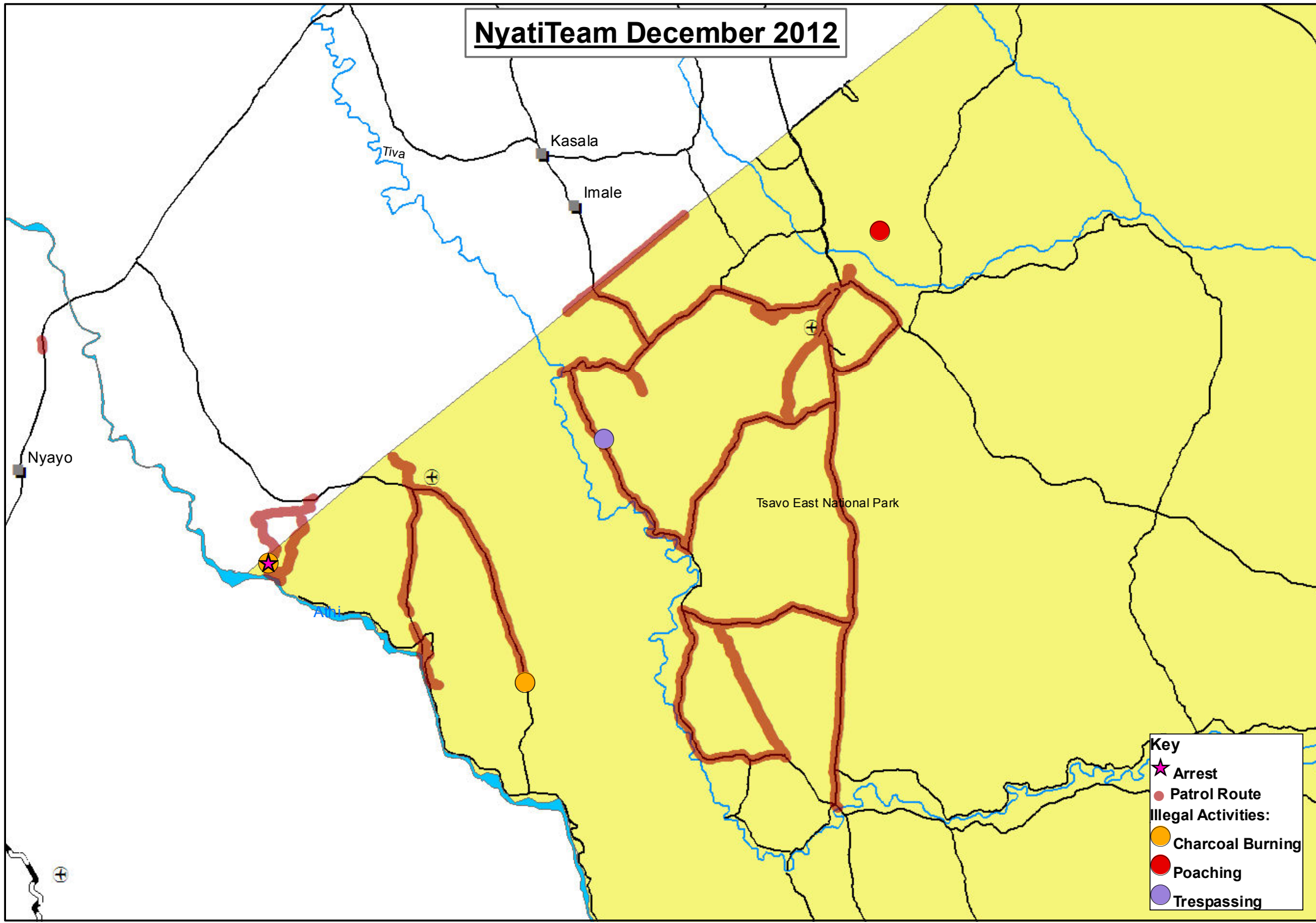
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Nyati	Mosa, Cha Cha	1
Nyati	John, Kariuki	13
Nyati	Collins, Okoth	4
Nyati	Cetric, Isiaho	12
Nyati	Boru, Ndenge	9

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 39

NyatiTeam December 2012





Nyati Team December 2012 desnaring report photographs



Above: a man arrested for illegal charcoal burning near Gazi



Above: the team finds a broken piece of ivory



Above: a poachers blind found in Tundani area



Above: many sightings of charcoal burning found in Gazi area which is a big threat to the indigenous forest cover in the Park



Above: logging of indigenous hard woods for charcoal burning in Gazi area. The rate at which these activities are taking place are too high for the trees to re-grow, and hence is a potential long term threat to the ecosystem in Tsavo



Above: three wild dogs seen at Tundani



Above: removing small sized snares which target game such dikdik



Above: the team working hard to get their vehicle out of the mud



Above: the team on patrol in Kasaala area