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**DE-SNARING REPORT
NOVEMBER 2013
TIVA/NYATI TEAM**



Tiva/Nyati Team

De-Snaring Report for November, 2013

Participants

Ezekiel	Chengo
Paul	Chalo
Paul	Kyalo
Leandas	Lewagat
James	Simiti
Vincent	Mutua
David	Wambua
Peter	Wambua

Areas Patrolled

Umbi Hill
Tundani
Tiva
Power Line
Kyamanyenze
Kimweli
Kasaala fencline
Kanziku Freeline
Kai Rock
Ithumba
Imenti
Gazi
Bisadi

Arrests

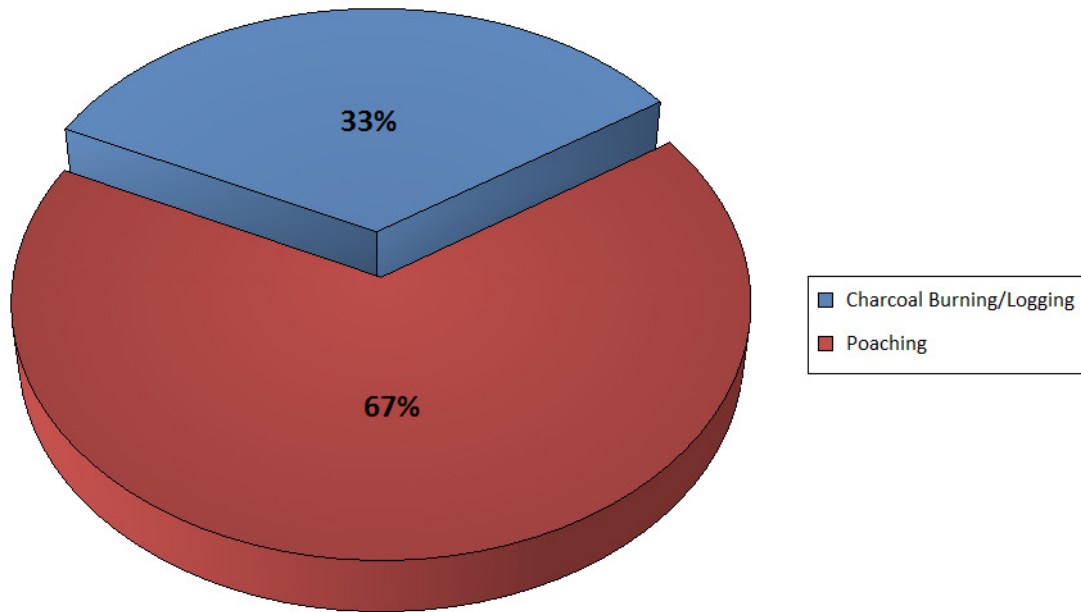
4 Arrest(s) this month



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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	Scattered	92
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	15
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	10

Total Snares Collected:	117
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Monthly Summary

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Areas of Operation:

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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Tiva/Nyati	John, Mwangi	1
Tiva/Nyati	John, Kariuki	3
Tiva/Nyati	Boniface, Mwangi	26
Tiva/Nyati	Abdikadir, Mohammed	1
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Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 53



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Kalavoto

No illegal activity found.

Bisadi

A lion was discovered from the air in the Bisadi area, trapped in a well in the dry Tiva riverbed. These wells are dug by Orma pastoralists who move into the Park for months at a time to graze their cattle illegally.

The pilot asked Nyati team to check on the lion to determine if it could be rescued. Having seen the lion and shared pictures with the KWS vet it was determined that the lion had a slim chance of survival, as it had not eaten in many days. However, it was felt that something should be done to try and revive the emaciated lion. The team came back the following day with a goat, which the lion ate, but unfortunately, despite the team's efforts, the lion died the next morning.

Umbi

The team successfully apprehended a man harvesting wood in the Park near Umbi Hill and booked him with the Police.

Kasala Fence line

No illegal activity found.

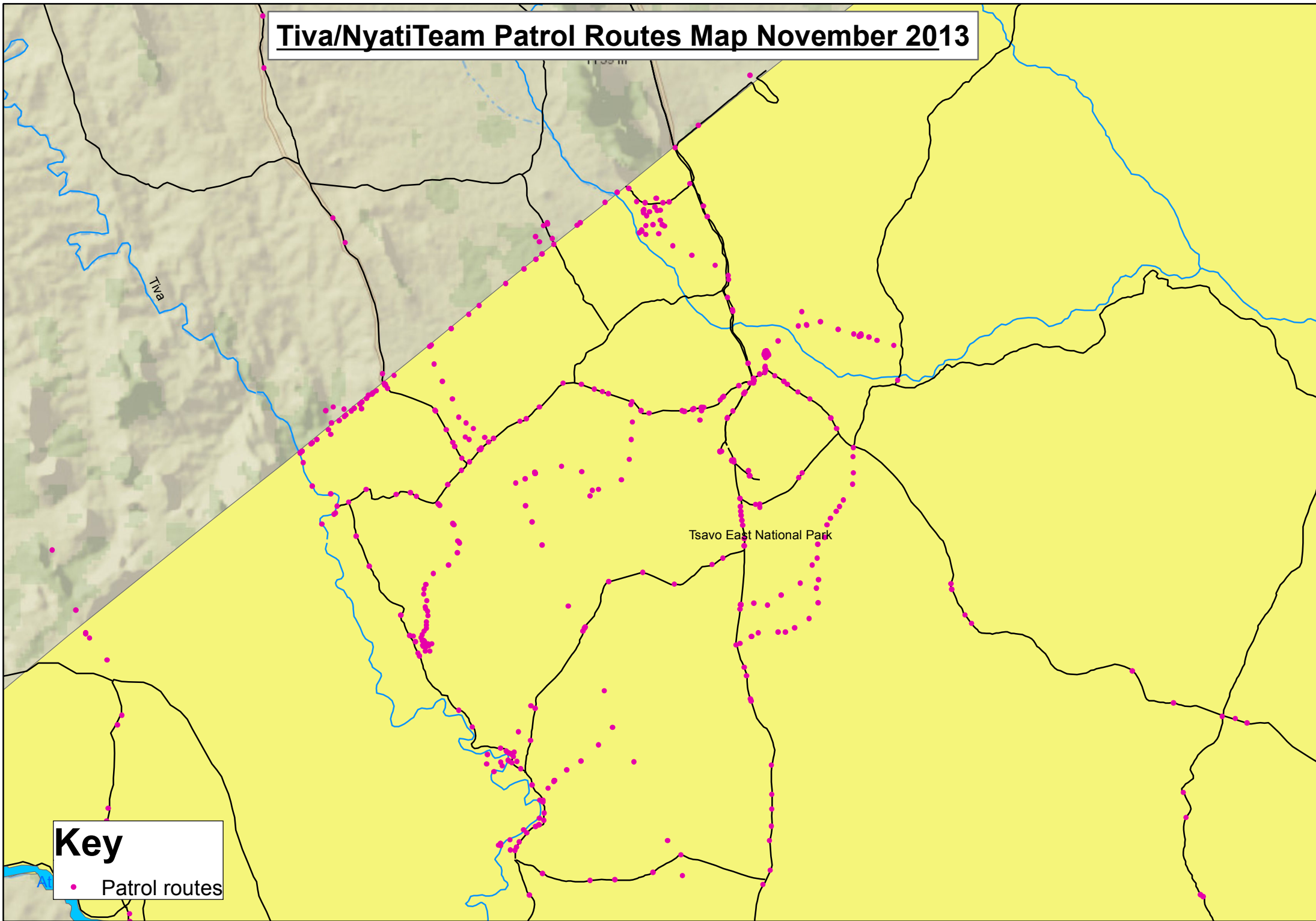
Gazi

A total of two days were spent in Gazi, which led to the arrest of three people. Two of these were carrying charcoal and the third was in the possession of snares.

Generally, illegal activity declined during November due to heavy and persistent rains that prompted many would-be poachers and charcoal burners to plant out crops on their farms instead.

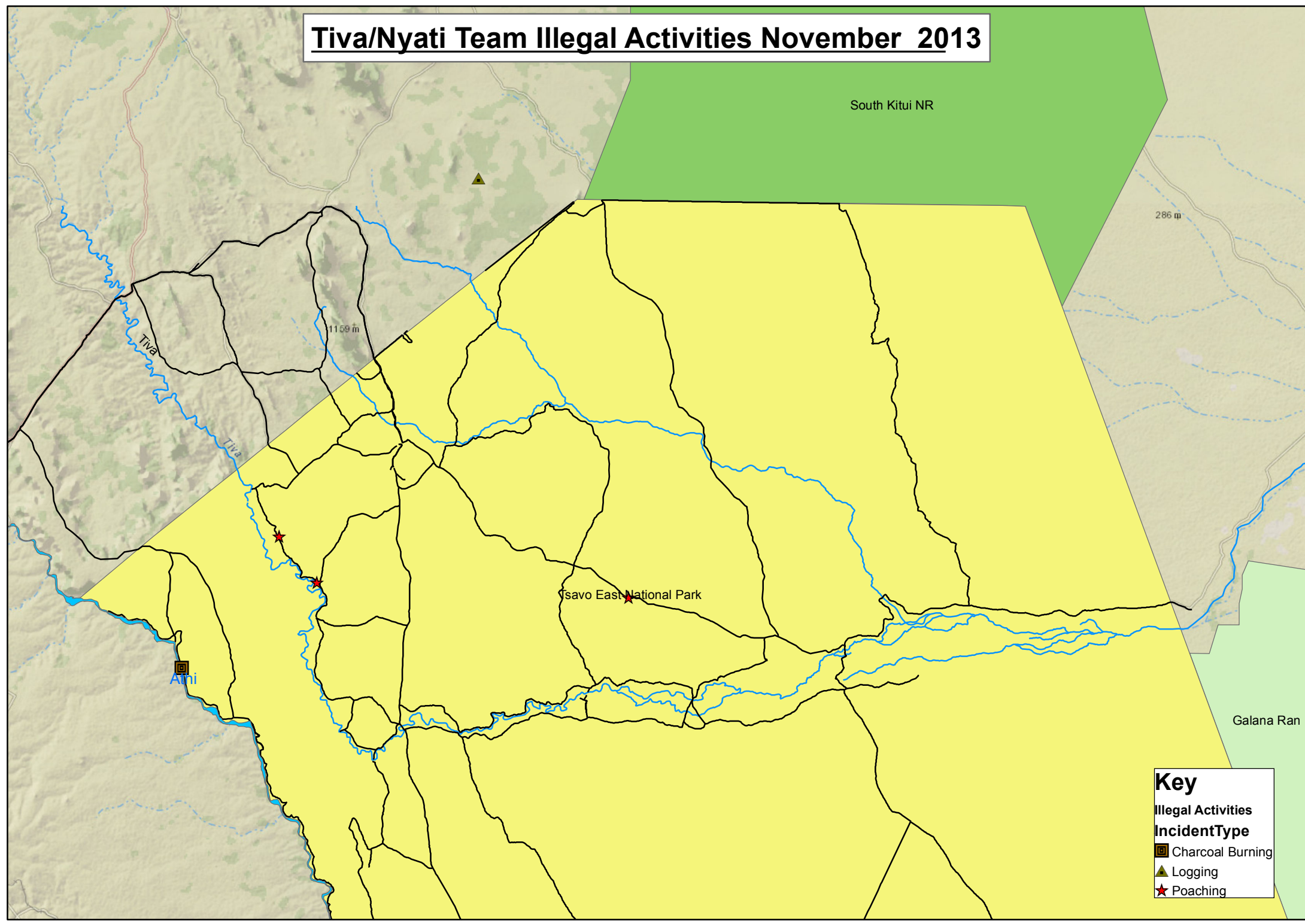
The only drawback was that these heavy rains, especially on the 15th and 16th, made travel more difficult by washing away parts of the roads and bogging down others with thick mud.

Tiva/Nyati Team Patrol Routes Map November 2013



Key
• Patrol routes

Tiva/Nyati Team Illegal Activities November 2013



South Kitui NR

286 m

1159 m

Tiva

Tiva

Atini

Tsavo East National Park

Galana Ran

Key

Illegal Activities

IncidentType

- Charcoal Burning
- Logging
- Poaching

Tiva/Nyati Team November 2013 Desnaring Report Photographs



Nyati team lifting snares at Kyae rock



Rescuing a snared dikdik at Kyae rock.



Shooting blind found at Kyamanyenze area.



Logging at Gazi area.