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



Tiva /Nyati Team Patrol Report for December, 2013

Monthly Summary

The Tiva Team, lead by James S, focused their patrols this month on the Tiva River, Yatta Plateau, Gazi area and Athi River boundary of Tsavo East NP. They captured six poachers and one charcoal producer, recovering four bows and nine arrows.

An old elephant carcass found in thick covered bush by the Tiva Team



A Tiva team member discovers and removes a snare; 103 removed by the Tiva Team this month



The Tiva Team spent many hours tracking poacher's footprints, some of which resulted in successful arrests but many which were hampered by rain. They destroyed one old shooting blind with the help of the Top Cub.

The Tiva Team on patrol following poacher tracks



Poacher footprints being tracked by the Tiva Team



A fresh lion footprint shows who may be ahead as the Tiva team patrols Tsavo East NP



Logging threatens the areas bordering communities. One of these areas is the eastern bank of the Athi River, in Tsavo East north-western corner (Gazi) where trees are cut for firewood, charcoal and carving.

Six cases of illegal logging were found by the Tiva team this month



Like all other teams, the Tiva Team struggled with challenging conditions this month due to the rains



Great lengths are taken to capture and charge poachers and others carrying out illegal activity inside the parks. Once captured the minor offenders are taken to the local police station and booked; more serious offenders

(elephant poachers) are transported to Voi where charges are more serious; itself a mission that takes the team out of the field for a few days.

The Tiva team makes sure they are getting this poacher to the police regardless of the hazards



The Tiva Team walks two captured poachers and their evidence to be booked



The Tiva team captures a notorious poacher in his baobab tree hideout with arrows, bows and poison



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Tiva/Nyati Team

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Participants

Abdullahi	Shariff
Ezekiel	Chengo
Paul	Kyalo
Leandas	Lewagat
James	Simiti
Vincent	Mutua
Peter	Wambua

Areas Patrolled

Kasaala fence line
Chui Camp
Gazi
Imenti
Ithumba
Ithumba Hill
Kalovoto
Chamanyenze
Kanziku Freeline
Yatta
Kimweli
Mathae
Power Line
Tiva River
Tundani
Uma Uma
Wamata
Kaluku DSWT Field H

Arrests

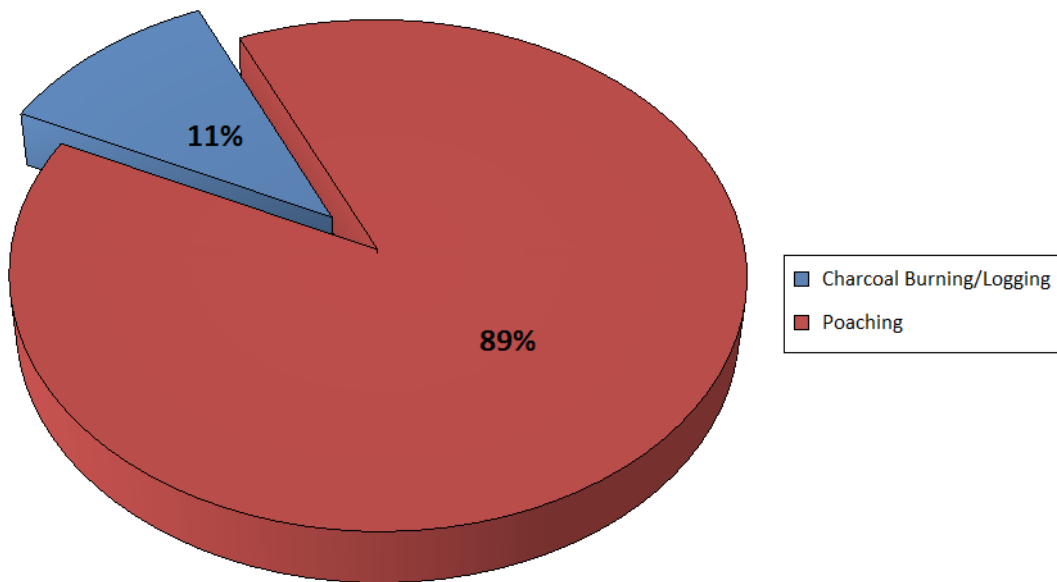
7 Arrest(s) this month



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Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Elephant	Unknown	Unknown	Old (more than 1 year)
1	Elephant	Unknown	Unknown	Recent (3 weeks - 1 year)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	92
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	18
Cable	Large	Scattered	4

Total Snares Collected:	114
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Tiva/Nyati Team

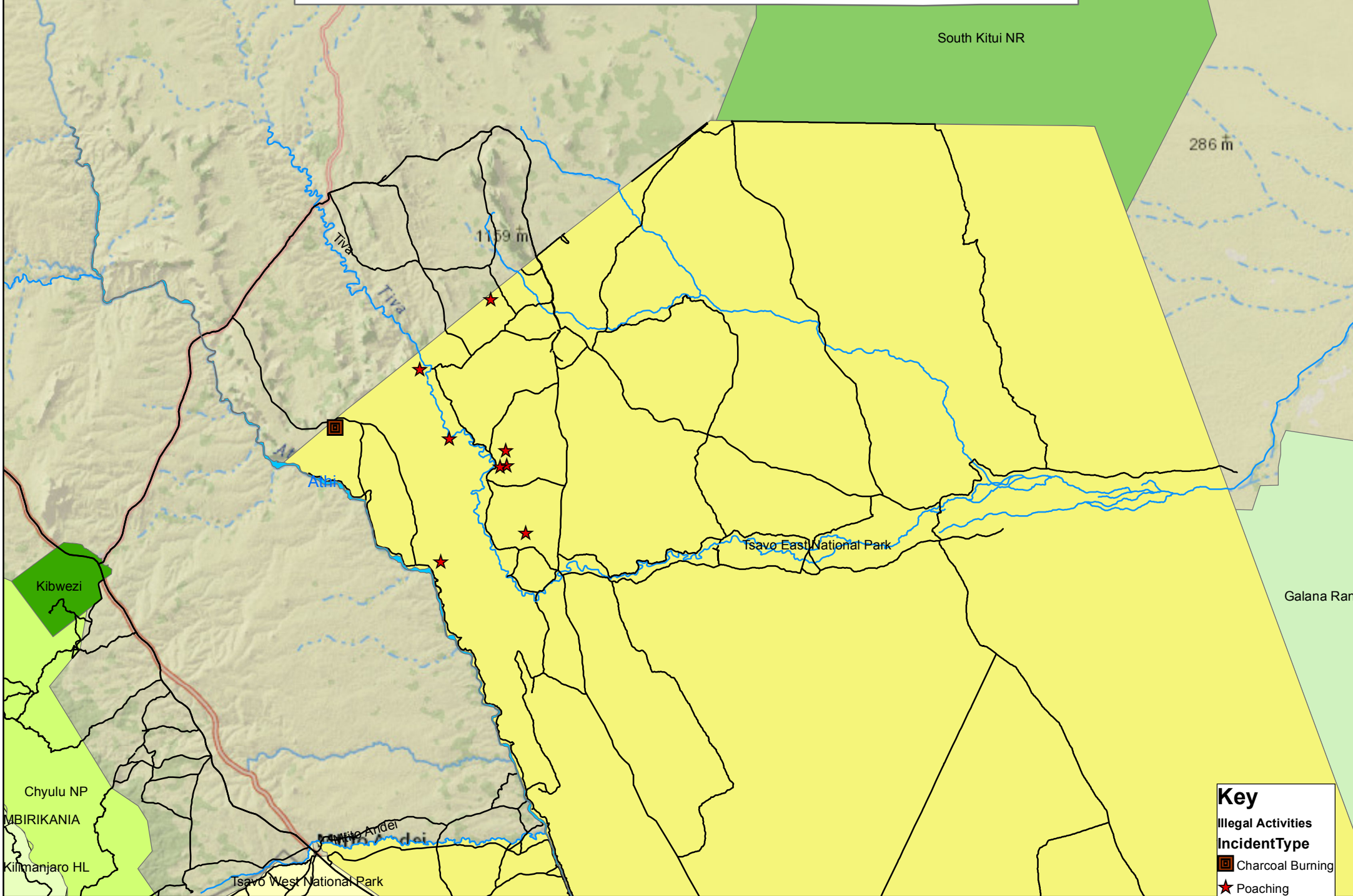
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Tiva/Nyati	Wilson, Waweru	10
Tiva/Nyati	Wilson, Wawere	2
Tiva/Nyati	Kelvin, Ochieng	4
Tiva/Nyati	John, Karuiki	1
Tiva/Nyati	John, Kariuki	8
Tiva/Nyati	Charles, Waweru	1
Tiva/Nyati	Charles, Nyawira	22
Tiva/Nyati	Charles, Kariuki	1

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 49

Tiva/Nyati Team Illegal Activities Map December 2013



Tiva/Nyati Team Carcass Map December 2013

