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**DE-SNARING REPORT
DECEMBER 2012**

SIMBA TEAM



Simba Team

De-Snaring Report for December, 2012

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Ziwani
Voi
Salt Lick
Oza Ranch
Maktau
Lumo Community Wild
Kishushe Ranch
kelukui
Kanjaro
Kangeshra
Kangenchwa
Jipe

Arrests

0 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	Maktau	33.33%	Commercial	No
Trespassing , Fresh Tracks	1	Kanjaro	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	2	Kangeshwa	66.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	4	Salt Lick	66.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Murka	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kangeshwa	16.67%	Commercial	No
Livestock Grazing , Fresh Boma	2	Ziwani	25.00%		No
Livestock Grazing , Fresh Boma	2	Lumo	25.00%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Salt Lick	5.56%	Commercial	No

* '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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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Buffalo	Unknown	Unknown	Old (more than 1 year)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	1
Thin Wire	Small	Line	25
Thin Wire	Medium	Scattered	8
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	26
Medium Wire	Medium	Line	24
Cable	Small	Scattered	15

Total Snares Collected: 99



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Monthly Summary

December was a busy month with the Simba Team who spread out its patrols over a large area, from the Taita Group Ranches all the way to Lake Jipe which is on the Kenya-Tanzania border. During patrols in Saltlick ranch, many snares targeting larger game like Buffaloes, Impalas and other antelopes were removed. Charcoal burning which is prohibited in that ranch was also going on and the team destroyed two ready kilns which were ready for packaging and transportation to the market. Much of the illegally manufactured charcoal in the Tsavo Ecosystem is transported to markets in Nairobi or sold along the Mombasa-Nairobi highway.

When operating in Lumo ranch the team found a lot of illegal livestock grazing. While on Oza ranch, the team received report of an orphaned elephant and managed to rescue the calf which was believed to be orphaned as a result of human-wildlife conflict. This Ranch borders the Maktau community which relies heavily on growing maize, and as they lie between the Ranch and the Park their area is a corridor for wild animals. In this respect, whenever the wild animals enter the community on their way to those ranches in search for better pasture, community members tend to scare them and cause panic amongst the elephant herd which can result in mothers losing their young ones. The calf was in very obvious distress and judging by his thin and weak appearance he had been without his mother for several days. The Team coordinated a rescue operation with DSWT headquarters in Nairobi who sent a plane to rescue the calf. The orphan was taken to the Nairobi orphanage so that he can have a second chance at life.

The team extended its patrols to the Kangeshwa park boundary and managed to lift snares and find an Eland carcass which had died of snare strangulation. This area need a follow up as the poaching activities were rather high and the area could also do with a clean up as a lot of human rubbish was seen.

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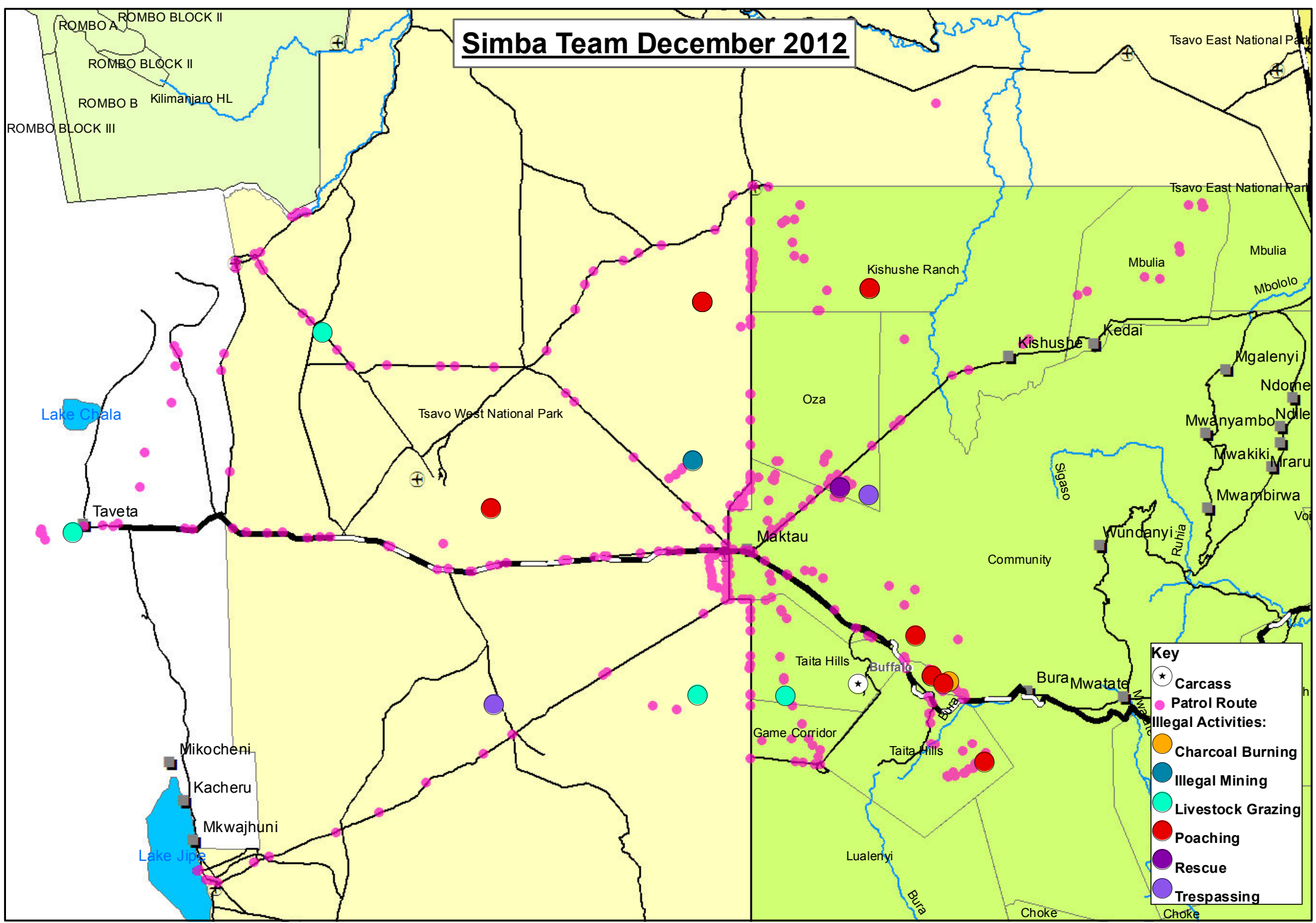
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Simba	Nuru, Roble	7
Simba	Nuru, Robla	14
Simba	Jirus, Makoho	7
Simba	Jirus, Makoha	14
Simba	Charles, Mboya	21

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 63

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Key

- (★) Carcass
- (●) Patrol Route

Illegal Activities:

- (●) Charcoal Burning
- (●) Illegal Mining
- (●) Livestock Grazing
- (●) Poaching
- (●) Rescue
- (●) Trespassing



Ziwani Team December 2012 desnaring report photographs



Above: the rescue of an orphaned elephant in the Maktau area, the orphan was loaded in the rescue plane and sent to DSWT Nairobi



Above: a buffalo carcass found at Salk Lick



Above: The team patrolling the Taita Group Ranches and removing snares



Above: the team removing snares on Salt Lick Ranch



Above: The team removed many snares from the Kenya-Tanzania border near Lake Jipe.



Above: the carcass of a snared Eland found near the Kenya-Tanzania border



Above: a team member removes the snares from the carcass



Above: snares removed near Kangeshwa



Above: the team destroying an illegal charcoal kiln