

De-Snaring Report for August, 2011

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Dakota Ranch Irima Kalulu Ranch Kulalu Ranch Mbulia Ndii Ngutuni Sagalla Ranch Voi

Arrests

8 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Kulalu	5.88% Commercial	Yes
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Dakota	5.56%	No
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Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mbulia	5.56%	No



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Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mbulia	5.56%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Dakota	16.67%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Wet Wood	1	Sagalla	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Irima	5.88%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Mbulia	8.82%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Kulalu	11.76%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Sagalla	11.76%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	3	Voi	17.65%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Mbulia	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	2	Ngutuni	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Dakota	2.94%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Dakota	5.88%	Commercial	No

* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all de-snaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.

Snares Collected



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Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Descript	on No. Confisc	ated
Thin Wire	Small	Line	73	
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	61	
Thin Wire	Medium	Cluster	21	
Thin Wire	Large	Line	50	
Thin Wire	Large	Cluster	5	
Cable	Large	Line	3	
Cable	Large	Cluster	18	
			0	
	Total Snares Collected:		231	

Monthly Summary



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The team began its patrols on 2nd of Aug by visiting Ngutuni ranch which borders Tsavo East National Park across the Voi River. The Tsavo area has been undergoing its dry season which leaves the land dry and dusty. As a result of this the farming community is inactive and cannot cultivate any crop and thus turn illegal activities for income. The team managed to recover 16 newly laid snares and also found a snared lesser kudu. Cattle grazing and charcoal burning is another major problem taking place in the ranch.

Irima/Ndii areas had very little poaching activity, with only 4 old snares lifted. Mbulia ranch yielded the most snares out of all the areas patrolled, most of which are targeting small game like dik diks. Nearly 130 snares were lifted in the ranch and a freshly used poacher's hideout was also found. The team managed to arrest 2 loggers and booked them at Voi Police Station.

On the 12th day of the month, the team relocated to Dakota area whereby patrols were done for two consecutive weeks. As the dry season continues, the team noted that a high number of people are coming into the Park and protected areas to carry out illegal activities. Snaring had increased in the last few months. Particularly on the Kulalu ranch were snares targeting big game such as giraffes and buffaloes were found. The team also managed to arrest 2 poachers in possession of 6 poisoned arrows, 2 bows, unused poison and 30 kilograms of bush meat. On patrol in the southern side of the Park near Voi River the team found 4 elephants and 1 giraffe carcasses all having been poached. The elephant tusks were missing. Decreasing water reserves are making animals vulnerable to poaching as they congregate near the remaining water supply. 11 large cable snares targeting elephants had been recovered there.

The team had to put immense pressure on the protected areas in an attempt to stop illegal poaching. The Team arrested three notorious elephant poachers in Dakota area with being possession of 12 poisoned arrows, 3 bows, unused poison, 3 bicycles, 1 axe and 25 kilograms of maize flour. The poachers admitted that they are ready to carry out mass elephant poaching and they have been operating for the last five years; they were booked at Voi Police Station. The team also assisted the vet unit to treat a giraffe which has a severe snare wound around her neck. Cases of cattle grazing and charcoal burning is another major problem taking place there.

On a positive note Sagalla ranch has had a lower amount of poaching activity which is very rewarding for the Team who has been focusing much effort in this area over the last few months. Cases of charcoal burning and logging were sighted taking place in the ranch.



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Poached elephant found near Voi River



A 2nd poached elephant near Voi River



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A 3rd poached elephant carcass found near Voi River



The 4th poached elephant carcass found near Voi River



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Helping a snared giraffe at Dakota area



Arrested loggers



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Arrested poacher at Dakota



Arrested poachers at Dakota Ranch



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Poachers arrested at Kulalu Ranch



The snares lifted at Kulalu in August



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Illegal livestock grazing



Charcoal burning at Ngutuni



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Poached elephant at Dakota Ranch



Lifting large cable snares targeting elephant



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Lifting giraffe snares at Kulalu Ranch



Poacher's hideout at Mbulia Ranch



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Poacher's shooting hide



Snared Lesser Kudu carcass



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The Team assists the Vet Unit in treating a snared giraffe

