

De-Snaring Report for December, 2010

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Areas Patrolled

Bachuma

Dakota

Irima

Kalulu

Lion Hill

Mgeno Murondo Ranch

Mwatate Sisal Estate

Ndii

Sagalla Ranch

Arrests

6 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentag	ge Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Irima	16.67%	Subsistence	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Buchuma	9.09%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kulalu	9.09%	Commercial	No

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Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Sagalla	9.09%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kulalu	3.70%		No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Murondo Ranch	33.33%		No
Poaching , Arrowing	1	Kulalu	100.00%	Commercial	Yes
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	1	Kulalu	100.00%		No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Ndii	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Ndii	14.29%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kulalu	16.67%	Commercial	Yes
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Mgeno	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	2	Mwatate Sisal Estate	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Kulalu	14.29%	Commercial	Yes
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Murondo Ranch	14.29%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Mwatate Sisal Estate	28.57%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Lion Hill	12.50%	Commercial	Yes

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Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity No. Incidents Location Percentage Scale Arrests

Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	58
Thin Wire	Small		1
Medium Wire	Medium	Line	24
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	5
Cable	Large	Line	4
Cable	Large	Cluster	14

Total Snares Collected: 106

Monthly Summary

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^{* &#}x27;Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.



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Arrested poacher at Kulalu ranch, in possesion of snares



Arrested poacher, Kulalu Ranch

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Arrested poachers at Kulalu ranch



2 Arrested poachers, in possesion of 40Kg of Warthog meat

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Poachers arrested at Lionhill area



Snares at Irima

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Charcoal burning at Kulalu ranch



Charcoal burning at Saglla Ranch

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Team member lifting snares at Irima



Team member lifting snares at Mwatate Sisal Estate

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Poachers hideout at Kulalu Ranch



Sacks of charcoal at Kulalu ranch, ready for the Market

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Pit snares at Mwatate Sisal Estate

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Monthly Summary

The Team began its operations by revisited last months hotspot areas as well as adding several more new locations which needed monitoring. During the first week of the month, the Team patrolled Mwatate Sisal Estate which yielded the highest number of snares from all areas patrolled during December. The wild animals living in this plantation are vulnerable to becoming poaching victims due to the snares. There is a high human population living and working in that area.

On the 14th of December, the team relocated to Dakota and its general area. It was noted that poachers have adopted different poaching techniques in an effort to evade being caught. The poachers enter the ranches before dawn and travel long distances using bicycles, opting not to stay near their area of poaching. Kulalu ranch had numerous incidences of poaching this month with two poachers arrested on the first day of patrolling with being possession of 40 KGS of warthog meat. The poachers also had twelve hunting dogs to capture the wildlife. This capture was followed up with another two poachers caught in possession of lesser kudu meat and snares. They were all booked at Voi police station. Charcoal burning and logging is also another major problem taking place there.

On returning to Voi base, it was noted that the number of snares have decreased on Sagalla ranch and a stretch of Irima/ Ndii area. This could be attributed to the fact that the Burra de-snaring Team have been very vigilant in these areas over the last few month making it difficult for the poachers to replace snares picked up by the Team.

Towards the end of the month, the team patrolled Lion hill area towards Voi Safari Lodge where many snares have been lifted in the last three months. The team managed to arrest two poachers as they came to check on their snares, they were booked at Voi police station.

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