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**DE-SNARING REPORT
DECEMBER 2011**

BURRA TEAM



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De-Snaring Report for December, 2011

Participants

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| Samuel | Adero |
| Peter | Kariuki |
| Pilius | Lekeele |
| Henry | Lekochoere |
| Stephen | Liyayi |
| Samuel | Masaku |

Areas Patrolled

Bachuma
Burra
Dakota Ranch
Kizingo Ranch
Mavundo
Mbulia
Mwatate Sisal Estate
Ndara
Ndi
Ngutuni
Sagalla Ranch

Arrests

1 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activities

| Illegal Activity | No. Incidents | Location | Percentage | Scale | Arrests |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| Poaching , Snaring - Large Game | 1 | Murondo Ranch | 7.69% | Commercial | No |
| Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln | 1 | Giriama | 3.33% | Commercial | No |
| Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln | 2 | Kizingo Ranch | 6.67% | Commercial | No |
| Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln | 1 | Mbulia | 3.33% | | No |
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| Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln | 1 | Murondo Ranch | 3.33% | Commercial | No |
| Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood | 1 | Dakota Ranch | 100.00% | Commercial | No |
| Footprints , Fresh Tracks | 1 | Dakota Ranch | 5.00% | Commercial | No |
| Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks | 1 | Mwatate Sisal Estate | 100.00% | | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Large Game | 1 | Mbulia | 7.69% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 3 | Sagalla | 11.54% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Large Game | 1 | Ngutuni | 7.69% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Large Game | 1 | Ngutuni | 7.69% | Subsistence | No |



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Illegal Activities

| Illegal Activity | No. Incidents | Location | Percentage | Scale | Arrests |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Kizingo Ranch | 3.85% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Mbulia | 3.85% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Mwatate Sisal Estate | 3.85% | Commercial | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Ndii | 3.85% | Subsistence | No |
| Poaching , Snaring - Small Game | 1 | Sagalla | 3.85% | Commercial | Yes |
| Poaching , Snaring - Large Game | 1 | Dakota Ranch | 7.69% | 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 |
|---------------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
|---------------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------|



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Snares Collected

| Snare Type | Snare Size | Snare Description | No. Confiscated |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Thin Wire | Small | Scattered | 2 |
| Thin Wire | Small | Line | 14 |
| Thin Wire | Small | Cluster | 73 |
| Thin Wire | Large | Cluster | 30 |
| Medium Wire | Medium | Line | 2 |
| Cable | Large | Cluster | 3 |

Total Snares Collected: 124



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Monthly Summary

During the first week of the month, the team patrolled Sagalla ranch which yielded the highest number of snares lifted during the course of the month. The team got information of the whereabouts of the poacher's entry and exit route and upon reaching this area, many recently laid snares were found. The Team laid ambush and managed to arrest one poacher while coming to check on his snares. The poacher was arrested in possession of five kilograms of game meat, 18 small snares and two knives; he was booked at Voi Police Station.

On visiting Mbulia ranch, the team noted that poaching and charcoal burning activities are taking place. While on the other side of Ndii area, the snaring seems to have decreased. This could have been attributed to the fact that the team has been vigilant in this area over the last few months, hence making it difficult for the poachers to replace snares without them being picked up by the team.

On the 13th of the month, the team relocated to Dakota and its general area whereby logging and charcoal burning have been seen as a one of the main illegal activities taking place. Illegal cattle grazing inside the Park area is another major problem that needs to be addressed. On patrolling Ngutuni ranch, the team came across an elephant snare which is made using six inches nails and it was put on elephant trails. The Team suspects that the nails have been smeared with poison so that the elephants stepping on it will die quicker.

As this is the last report for the year of 2011 the Team would like to extend their gratitude to all those who support The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, because without this support the project would not be possible. The Team would also like to thank KWS (Kenya Wildlife Service) for all the hard work they have carried out in collaboration this year and for their dedication to the Anti-poaching patrols with the DSWT. We look forward to working together in 2012 and hope we can continue to make such a valuable difference in protecting Kenya's wildlife & natural resources.

Summary by Henry Lekochere, Burra Team Leader.



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A poacher arrested on Sagalla Ranch



Bush meat recovered from the poacher arrested



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Illegal charcoal kiln



Charcoal burning at Kizingo ranch



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Elephant spikes found at Ngutuni area



Illegal cattle grazing in the park



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Team member lifting snares



Lifting small snares at Ngutuni



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Logging at Kizingo Ranch



Logging at Mbulia

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