



Burra Team

De-Snaring Report for February, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Dakota
Kizingo Ranch
Kudu
Kulalu Ranch
Lualenyi Ranch
Ngutuni
Sagalla Ranch
Taita Hills Sanctuary

Arrests

3 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Sagalla	100.00%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium/Large Game	1	Taita Hills	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Sagalla	25.00%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ngutuni	25.00%	Commercial	No



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Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kizingo Ranch	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kizingo Ranch	25.00%	Commercial	Yes
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Taita Hills	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Lualenyi Ranch	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Dakota	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Kizingo Ranch	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	2	Kulalu	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kizingo Ranch	12.50%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Dakota	12.50%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kulalu	100.00%	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

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	3
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	71



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Medium Wire	Large	Cluster	3
Cable	Large	Cluster	22
Cable	Large		1

Total Snares Collected:	100
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
School	Mwachawaza Primary School	School Trip	Mwatate Sisal Estate
School	Mwandala Primary School	School Trip	Mwatate Sisal Estate

Monthly Summary



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Sagalla ranch was visited as a follow up from the previous month and yielded 5 snares targeting small game such as Dikdik. Constant patrols by the ranch scout have minimized the level of poaching in that area. However, cases of night spotlight (lamping) poaching were revealed by reliable sources. During patrols in Taita hills wildlife sanctuary, the team lifted many snares targeting buffaloes and giraffes. A snared buffalo carcass was found. Ngutuni ranch which is running parallel to the Tsavo East National Park from Voi River yielded 14 medium snares targeting impala which are very common in this area.

On the 15th of February the team relocated to Dakota area from which patrols were extended to a new area of Kizingo Ranch which lies on the southern outskirts of Tsavo East National Park. The team found a fence like barrier which is a common snaring aid, acting as corridor which leads animals trying to make their way through to a designated route where snares are set. It's a very efficient method with a maximum return on the side of a poacher. The team managed to arrest one poacher in possession of 40 medium snares, sadly his accomplice evade arrest after seeing the Team footprints. The team will re-visit the area next month to follow up the situation on the ground. On the neighboring Dakota and Kulalu Ranch the snaring level seems to have reduced in comparison to previous findings. However the team managed to arrest two poachers at Dakota ranch in possession of a roasted yellow necked fowl, a catapult and a panga; they were booked at Voi Police Station. Logging and charcoal burning is a prevalent occurrence in both Ranches which is threatening to decimate the vegetation if not prevented.

Towards Kudu area illegal cattle grazing was sighted crossing over to the Parks boundaries, the team managed to drive out more than 500 head of cattle.

On the 2nd and 3rd of February the team organized two educational trips to Tsavo East National Park. The two schools which had benefited were Mwandala primary school and Mwachawaza primary school which were situated in Mwatate Division. Both schools had never before visited the Park and they were very happy to visit the Parks main attraction features like the Mudanda rock, Aruba Dam and also see herds of elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, lions, cheater and other antelopes. Both schools also visited the DSWT Voi elephant stockade whereby the pupils got a nice opportunity to interact with the baby elephants and receive a lecture from the elephant keepers.



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Mwachawaza pupils meet the DSWT elephant orphans



Mwachawaza pupils on their school trip



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Mwandala pupils prepare for a school trip



Mwandala pupils enter Tsavo East National Park



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Arrested poacher at Kizingo Ranch



Arrested poachers at Dakota ranch in possession of game meat



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Large snares at Kizingo Ranch



Lifting snares at Kizingo Ranch



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Lifting snares at Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary



Cattle grazing in the Park



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Charcoal at Dakota ranch



Lifting a giraffe snare at Taita hills sanctuary



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Lifting big snares at Taita hills sanctuary



Logging at Dakota ranch



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Logging at Kulalu Ranch



Pit snare at Kizingo ranch



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Poachers hideout at Dakota ranch



Poachers hideout at Kizingo ranch



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Poachers hideout at Kulalu ranch



Snared Buffalo carcass

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