

# THE DAVID SHELDRICK WILDLIFE TRUST

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DE-SNARING REPORT FEBRUARY 2012

**BURRA TEAM** 



### **De-Snaring Report for February, 2012**

### Participants

Samuel	Adero	
Peter	Kariuki	
Peterson	Kivara	
Pilias	Lekeele	
Henry	Lekochere	
Stephen	Liyayi	
Samuel	Masaku	

### **Areas Patrolled**

Irima Mbulia Mzima Water Pipeline Ndii Ngutuni Sagalla Ranch Sala Gate Taita Hills Sanctuary

### Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month



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### Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

### **Illegal Activities**

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentaç	ge Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Ngutuni	8.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Mbulia	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Taita Hills	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Sagalla	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ngutuni	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ndii	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Irima	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	4	Taita Hills	30.77%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Sala	7.69%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Wet Wood	1	Sagalla	16.67%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Wet Wood	2	Ngutuni	33.33%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Wet Wood	3	Mbulia	50.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood	1	Mzima Pipeline	100.00%	Commercial	No



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### **Illegal Activities**

Illegal Activity No. Incidents Location Percentage Scale Arrests

\* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring 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	Eland	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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### **Snares Collected**

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Line	4
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	19
Thin Wire	Medium	Cluster	27
Thin Wire	Large	Cluster	42
Cable	Large	Line	1
	Total Snares Collected:		93



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#### **Monthly Summary**

The Months operations began with Sagalla Ranch as a follow up from the previous month. Patrols yielded four medium snares and the carcass of a snared eland was found. Regular patrols by the team have minimized the level of snaring in the area. With that said, cases of logging and charcoal burning were a major problem and need to be addressed. A sweep of Irima/Ndii areas had very little poaching activity noted this month, with only four old inactive snares found. As the team drove out of the Park fifty goats were seen, grazing illegally which is a threat to the Parks dwindling vegetation. Ngutuni/Ndara areas which border Tsavo East National Park across the Voi River had eleven snares recovered, illegal cattle grazing and charcoal burning remains a major problem taking place in these areas. The team patrolled in Taita hills wildlife sanctuary for five consecutive days and managed to lift upwards of fifty snares targeting big mammals like the buffaloes, elands and zebras which were very common there due to availability of plenty of pasture and water during this dry season.

Mbulia park boundary was visited and to the Teams relief revealed very little human activity in comparison to previous months.

The team assisted the Vet unit to treat a snared elephant at Sala area. The elephant had a severe wound around her neck and another one on the left hidden leg, both injuries caused by cable wire snares. It is believed that the female elephant will recover in a week's time.

The team organized two ecological trips, Kajire and Gimba primary schools visited the Tsavo East National Park. The pupils saw herds of elephants, buffaloes, a lion and a variety of antelope species. The two schools also visited the Voi stockade and the pupils got an opportunity to interact with the baby elephants and receive an educational lecture from the elephant keepers. Both schools highly appreciated the opportunity given to them and praised the Trust for its good work.

Report compiled by Henry Lekochere Burra team leader.



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# **KWS Ranger Participation**

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Burra	Zacharia, Omar	1
Burra	Omar, Zacharia	3
Burra	Ndungu, Antony	2
Burra	Mercy, Jepkosgei	3
Burra	Indra, Achieng	3
Burra	Hillary, Kiprono	5
Burra	Gladys, Ruto	3
Burra	Geofrey, Ikutwa	1
Burra	Francis, Otieno	5
Burra	Florence, Abae	3
Burra	Beatrice, Mitei	3
Burra	Antony, Ndungu	3



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# **KWS Ranger Participation**

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Burra	Allan, Kinyua	1
Burra	Ali, Ibrahim	3

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 39



Gimba Students board the bus for thier trip



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Gimba pupils visit the Mudanda Rock



Kajire pupils going on a school trip with the DSWT bus



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Large snares at Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary



Charcoal recovered at Mbulia



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Illegal charcoal burning at Sagalla



Livestock grazing at Ndara



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The Team removing snares



Snared eland carcass at Sagalla



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The snare on the elephant's neck which the Team assisted to treat.



The burra Team work with Tsavo Vet Unit to save the life of a snared elephant

10 April 2012



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The Team assist the Vet Unit in treating a snared elephant

