

De-Snaring Report for January, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Manyani Mbulia Mzima Water Pipeline Ngutuni Sagalla Ranch

Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentag	e Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Sagalla	20.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Ngutuni	5.00%	Subsistence	No
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Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood	1	Ngutuni	100.00%	Subsistence	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mbulia	5.56%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Sagalla	11.11%		No

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Illegal Activities

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Logging , Wet Wood	1	Sagalla	33.33%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	2	Mbulia	10.00%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Mbulia	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	1	Sagalla	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium/Large Game	1	Ngutuni	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Mbulia	10.53%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Sagalla	5.26%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Sagalla	15.79%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	1	Mbulia	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	1	Mzima Water Pipeline	e 33.33%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Mzima Water Pipeline	e 14.29%	Commercial	No

 $^{^{\}star}$ 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.

Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated	
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	79	

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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small		1
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	17
Medium Wire	Large	Cluster	3
Cable	Large	Cluster	12

Total Snares Collected: 112

Monthly Summary

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Monthly Summary

The Team carried out operations between the 12th and 29th of January. The Tsavo area has been undergoing its dry season which leaves the land dry and dusty. As a result the farming community is inactive and cannot cultivate any crop, which leads to an increase in poaching. Sagalla Ranch yielded the most snares out of all areas patrolled. Certain community members are unhappy with the poachers' actions as their livestock fall prey to the snares. This month owners revealed the loss of one cow and another one is nursing severe wounds caused by a snare around the neck. Charcoal and logging is another major problem taking place there. Ngutuni Ranch had very little poaching activities; only 3 old snares were lifted. The Mbulia park boundary on the other hand, yielded many snares, most of which targeted big game like giraffes (snares were found set high up in the trees) and buffaloes. The team also found a poachers hideout which had been used only several days before discovering it. The team will revisit this area next month to monitor the situation on the ground. Towards the end of the month's operation, the team recovered two tusks at Manyani area which were handed over to KWS. Determining the cause of death was difficult as the carcass old. It was thanks to the Trusts new pilot & field manager that this carcass was discovered. Using coordinates taken from the aircraft with a GPS the Team was able to follow up on the ground. The results proved satisfactory and it was amazing to see how technology can simplify the anti-poaching work.

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Large snare at Mbulia Ranch



Charcoal burning at Ngutuni Ranch

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Giraffe snares at Mbulia Ranch



Lifting big snares at Mbulia Ranch

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Lifting giraffe snares at Mbulia Ranch



Logging at Sagalla Ranch

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Poachers hideout at mMbulia park boundary



Recovered elephant tusks at Manyani area

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