



Burra Team

De-Snaring Report for July, 2011

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Irima
Kasaala fenceline
Macho Kombo
Mathae
Ngutuni
Tundani
Umbi
Wamata

Arrests

1 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	1	Macho Kombo	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Wamata	5.88%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Ngutuni	10.53%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Irima	5.26%	Commercial	No



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Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Tundani	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Wamata	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Tundani	50.00%	Commercial	No
Logging , Dry Wood	1	Ngutuni	50.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umbi	3.70%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Tundani	3.70%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kaasala Fence Line	3.70%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood	1	Kasaala	50.00%	Commercial	Yes
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	1	Umbi	25.00%	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	Line	2
Thin Wire	Medium	Cluster	33
Cable	Large	Cluster	28



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Total Snares Collected:	63
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
School	Sowa Primary Scholl	School Trip	Sagalla
School	Mwandisha Primary Scholl	School Trip	Mwatate Sisal Estate

Monthly Summary



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The team resumed duty on 13th July from leave and began its operation by visiting Ngutuni ranch which borders Tsavo East National Park along the Voi River. This ranch has plenty of water which draws many wildlife species close to the water source during the dry season. The team is keeping a close eye on this area to ensure the wildlife's safety. Patrols in this area yielded 24 large snares, all targeting big mammals. Cases of charcoal burning, logging and also cattle grazing were another major problem taking place there.

On the 20th July, the team relocated to Ithumba area and carried out a joint operation with Ithumba team as many cases of elephant poaching were reportedly taking place there. It was noted that poachers used different poaching techniques in an effort to evade being arrested. The poachers enter the Park before dawn and travel for long distances even some were using bicycles and opting not to stay near their area of poaching. As the dry season continues there's a high influx of poachers coming into the Park and protected areas to carry out illegal activities. Tundani and Wamata areas seem to have had an increase in illegal activities ranging from shooting platforms, fresh poacher's hideouts as well as snaring. The team came across five elephant poachers at Wamata area whom escaped arrest during which time they abandoned their equipment, leaving behind 21 poisoned arrows, 5 bows, 3 axes and food & cooking utensils. During Patrols in the Tundani area, the team found an elephant carcass with its tusks having been cut off. The Team lifted a winch snare used to trap elephants as they pass along regular paths. A fresh poacher's hideout was found nearby, so the Team laid an ambush- sadly to no avail. When patrolling near the Kasaala fence line, fresh poacher's footprints moving in and out of the Park were seen so the team laid an ambush and managed to arrest one poacher. On patrolling Umbi area and talking to informers it seems most of the poachers entry points were being used on a daily basis. The team attempted to lay an ambush for two days with no arrest. Macho-kombo area was patrolled and three poacher's footprints were seen. The Team followed them for more than ten kilometers and found a recently used shooting platform which is believed to have been used by elephant poachers at night. The Team lifted 9 medium and 24 small snares in that area.



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Mwandisha pupils meet the Voi orphans



Mwandisha pupils visit Mudanda Rock



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Sowa pupils visit the elephant orphans



Arrested poacher at Kasaala



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A Team member with large snares



Illegal livestock grazing at Ngutuni Ranch



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Illegal Charcoal kilns



Elephant carcass at Tundani



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Lifting an elephant snare at Tundani



Poachers hideout at Wamata



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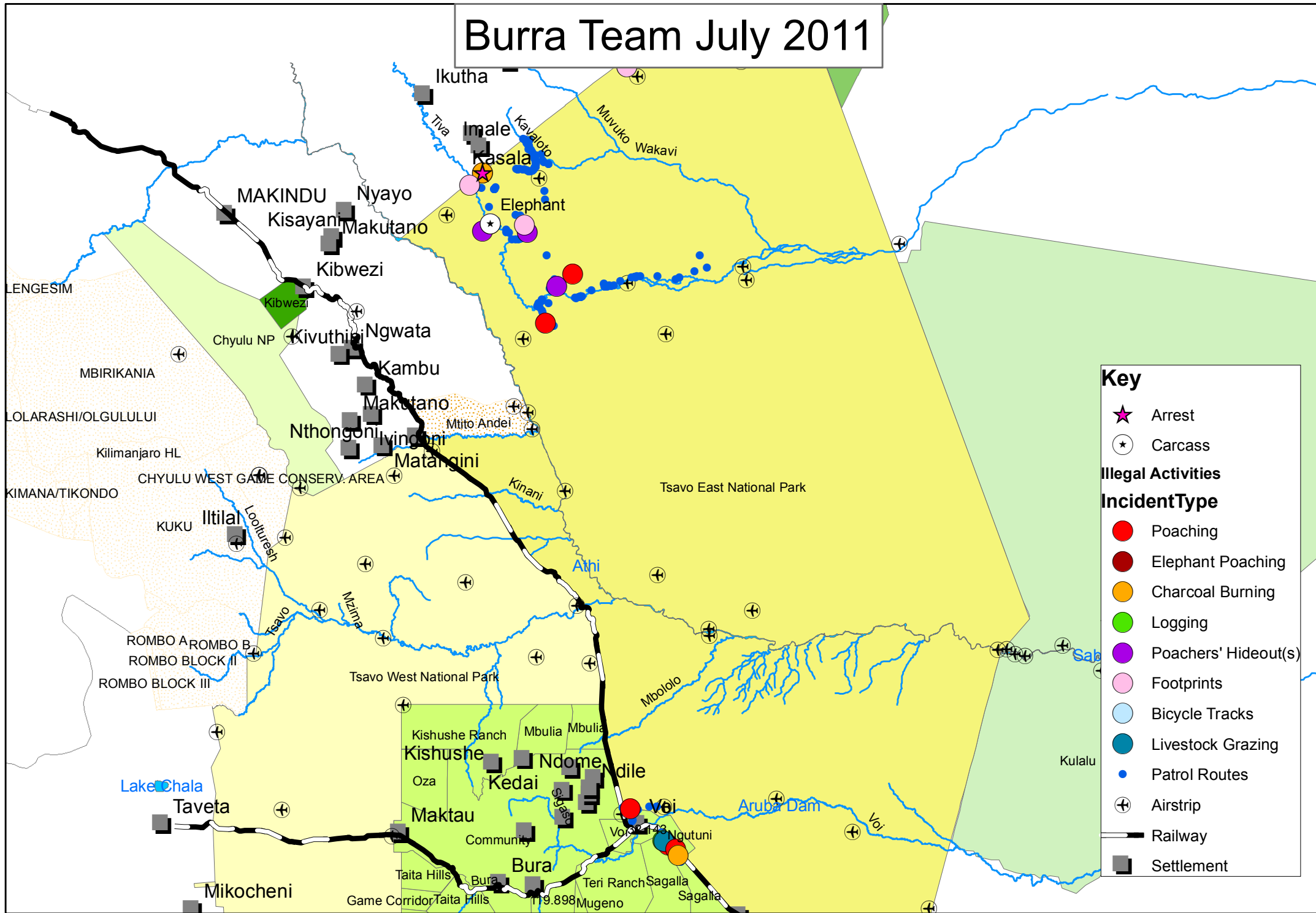


Poachers hideout at Tundani

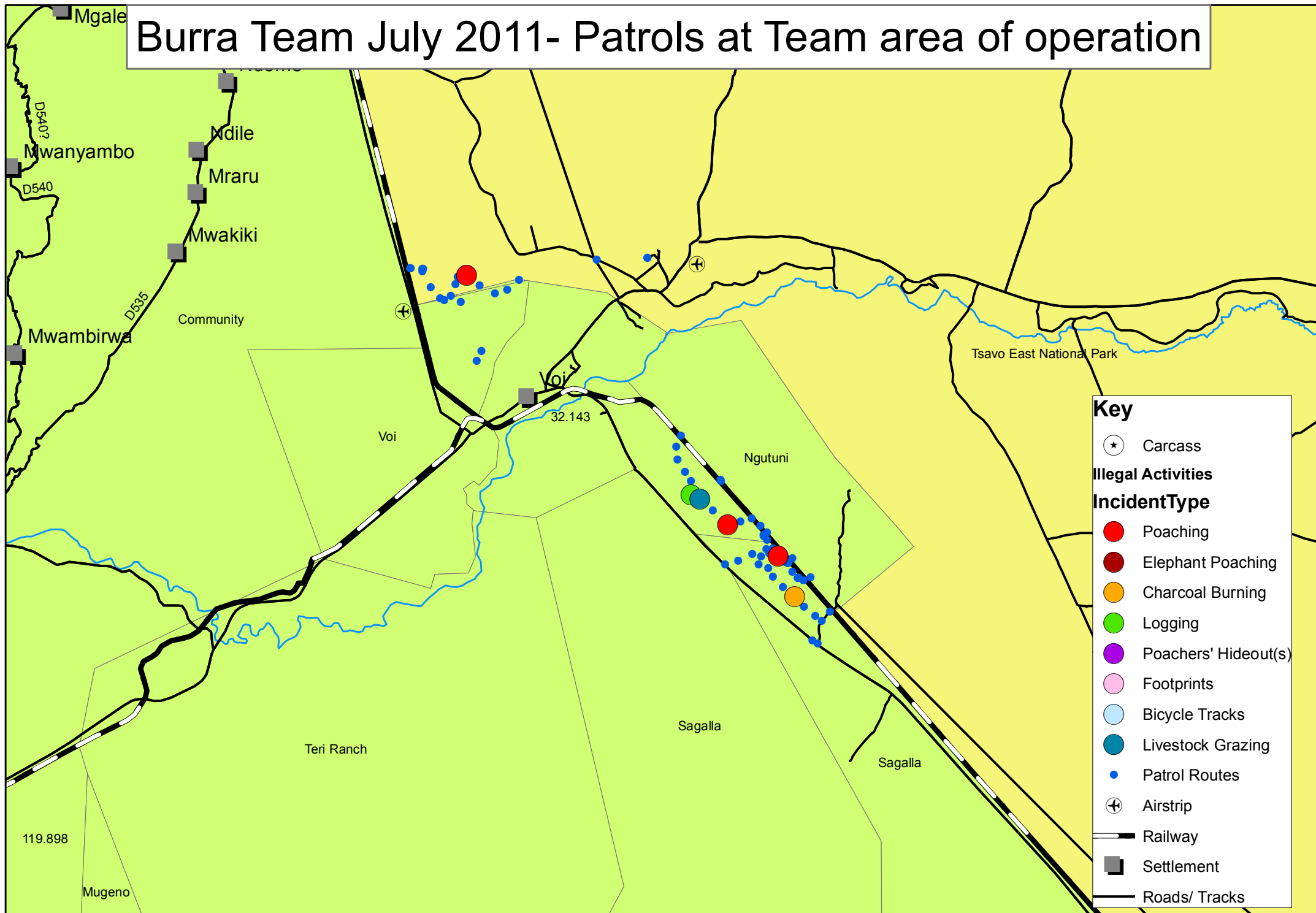


A shooting hideout at Wamata

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Burra Team July 2011- Patrols at Team area of operation



Burra Team July 2011- Joint operation with Ithumba Team

