



## Burra Team

### De-Snaring Report for June, 2011

#### Participants

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#### Areas Patrolled

Dakota  
Kudu  
Kulalu Ranch  
Lion Hill  
Luallenyi Ranch  
Mwatate Sisal Estate  
Ndii  
Sagalla Ranch  
Taita Hills Sanctuary

#### Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month

#### Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Ndii	5.56%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	5	Mwatate Sisal Estate	27.78%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Dakota	11.11%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium/Large Game	1	Taita Hills	50.00%	Commercial	No



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Poaching , Snaring - Medium/Large Game	1	Lualenyi Ranch	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ndii	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Taita Hills	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Lualenyi Ranch	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Lion Hill	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Smoke Seen	1	Lualenyi Ranch	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Tsavo East National Park	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Dakota	14.29%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Lion Hill	12.50%		No
Elephant Poaching , Arrowing	1	Kudu	33.33%	Commercial	No
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	1	Tsavo East National Park	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	201



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Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	13
Medium Wire	Large	Cluster	38
Cable	Large	Cluster	57

<b>Total Snares Collected:</b>	<b>309</b>
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#### Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
School	Kijare Secondary School	School Trip	Sagalla

#### Monthly Summary



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#### **Monthly Summary**

Many of the areas patrolled revealed new and fresh snaring activities. This increase can be attributed to several reasons, many of which are interconnected. The most obvious reason is a result of the drought. Poverty is another major contributor to increased poaching. And finally escalated food prices ties in with high level of unemployment, illiteracy and misuse of natural resources.

Mwatate sisal estate was visited as a follow up and yielded the highest number of snares lifted from all areas covered during the month. The wild animals living in this plantation are vulnerable to becoming poaching victims due to the snares, as there's a high human population living around and work in that area.

Taita hills wildlife sanctuary and Lualenyi ranch was also visited as a follow up. This has been a very important migratory corridor of animals moving from Tsavo West National Park to Mgeno ranch and on to Tsavo East National Park. The team increased patrols in this area to make sure that animals are safe while feeding and moving around to other areas. A snared domestic cow carcass was found and logging and charcoal burning are the other major illegal activities taking place there.

The area around Lion hill just bordering the Park access road towards Voi Safari Lodge and Irima area also had plenty of poaching taking place. The Team found freshly laid snares targeting impalas and waterbuck which are very common in this area. The team will visit again the area next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

On the southern side of the Tsavo East National Park, the team patrolled Kulalu Ranch following many snares have been lifted last month in that area. Cattle grazing was sighted as a major problem taking place there with 500 heads of cattle were driven out of the park, on the other side of Kudu area towards Voi River the team trek three bicycles marks for more than ten kilometers and found a recently used poacher's hideout as well as a fresh elephant carcass with its tusks having been cut off.

During patrols in Dakota ranch, many snares targeting small game were lifted and a poacher evaded arrest after seeing the Team from a distance. He escaped, leaving behind personal belongings and five dikdik carcasses, and a panga. The team also came across an eland calf which was about three days old lying alone on the road, it became obvious the calf had eye problems and its possible his mother abandoned him due to this disability. The orphan was taken to the Trust's Voi orphanage.



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Giraffe snares in the trees at Ndii



A snared domestic cow at Lualenyi Ranch



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A recently used poachers hideout in the Park



Illegal cattle grazing in the Park



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Dikdiks recovered from a poacher at Dakota Ranch



Lifting snares





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Lifting giraffe snares



Logging at Lualenyi Ranch





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Poached elephant carcass in the Park



A poachers hideout at Dakota Ranch

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