



Burra Team

De-Snaring Report for March, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Mbulia
Mwatate Sisal Estate
Ngutuni
Sagalla Ranch

Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Mbulia	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Sagalla	33.33%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ngutuni	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Mwatate Sisal Estate	33.33%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Ngutuni	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	3	Mbulia	75.00%	Commercial	No



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Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Mwatate Sisal Estate	100.00%	Commercial	No
Logging , Wet Wood	1	Sagalla	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mbulia	100.00%		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	25
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	15
Cable	Large	Cluster	45
Cable	Large		24

Total Snares Collected:	109
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
School	Mwandisha Primary School	School Trip	Mwatate Sisal Estate
School	Kajire Primary School	School Trip	Kajire

Monthly Summary



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The team was off-duty from 6th - 16th of the March. Upon returning, the team began its operation by visiting Sagalla Ranch. This Ranch has historically been a major poaching hotspot, persistent patrols and pressure from the Team has finally yielded positive results, only one old snare was found. However, logging and charcoal burning remains a major problem in this Ranch.

During the second week of operation, the team concentrated in Ngutuni Ranch. During the dry spell a lot of wildlife tends to congregate near the water source at Ngutuni area. The team managed to lift 28 big newly laid snares near the water source. Incidences of charcoal burning and firewood collection were also seen.

The team then patrolled in the Mwatate Sisal Estate, with this normally being a poaching hotspot, it is important for the team to monitor the situation on the ground due to high human populations living and working in and around this plantation. The team found a poached duiker hidden on top of a tree and lifted four medium snares in the same area. This was reported to the Estate office whereby the chief security officer guaranteed that stiff action will be taken to all who were responsible for the poaching incident.

Mbulia ranch which borders the Tsavo West as well as Tsavo East National Park is an important animal migratory corridor and buffer zone to the Park. The team noticed fresh poacher's footprints moving in and out of the ranch and lifted big snares which were targeting large game such as buffaloes and zebras. The Team lifted many small snares targeting Dikdik and other small animals in the same area. This area will be revisited next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

On the 4th and 22nd day of the month, the team organized two ecological field trips to Tsavo East National Park. The two schools who had benefited the educational trip were Kajire Primary School and Mwandisha Primary School. The pupils saw herds of elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, zebras and other antelopes during game drives. Both schools also visited the DSWT Voi elephant stockade whereby they got an opportunity to interact with the baby elephants and also got an educational lecture from the elephant keepers. Both the student groups were very grateful to the Trusts gesture and welcomed another opportunity if granted.



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Kajire pupils getting ready for a Trip into the National Park



Kajire students meet the elephant orphans at Voi



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Kajire pupils visit Mudanda rock



Mwandisha pupils prepare for a school Trip



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Mwandisha pupils visit the Voi stockades and learn about the elephant orphans



Large snares at Mbulia Ranch



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Big snares lifted at Mbulia Ranch



Charcoal burning at Sagalla Ranch

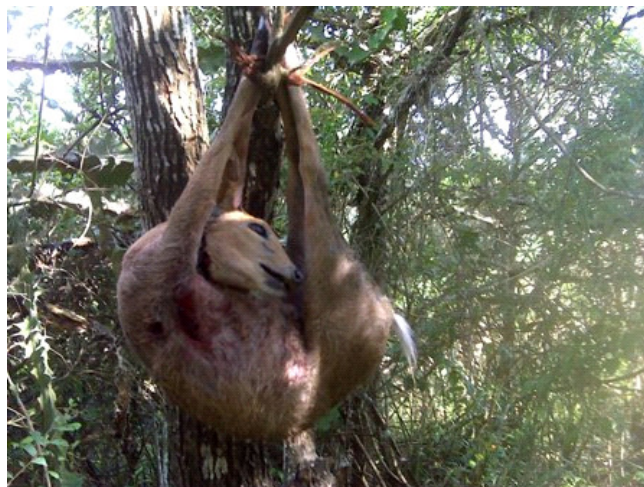


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Team lifting big snare at Ngutuni Ranch



Poached Duiker at Mwatate Sisal Estate



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Poachers hideout at Mbulia Ranch

