



## Burra Team

### De-Snaring Report for May, 2011

#### Participants

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#### Areas Patrolled

Dakota  
Irima  
Kizingo Ranch  
Kulalu Ranch  
Ndi  
Ngutuni  
Sagalla Ranch

#### Arrests

4 Arrest(s) this month

#### Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Arrowing	1	Kizingo Ranch	100.00%	Commercial	Yes
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	1	Kulalu	33.33%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Sagalla	12.50%	Commercial	No
Elephant Poaching , Arrowing	1	Dakota	50.00%	Commercial	No



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Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Sagalla	7.69%		No
Logging , Charcoal Kiln	1	Dakota	100.00%	Commercial	No
Logging , Wet Wood	1	Dakota	100.00%	Commercial	No
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	1	Kizingo Ranch	33.33%		No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Kulalu	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	1	Sagalla	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Dakota	9.09%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Kulalu	18.18%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	3	Ndii	27.27%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Ngutuni	18.18%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Irima	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Sagalla	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Sagalla	28.57%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	2	Kizingo Ranch	28.57%	Commercial	No



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\* '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	28
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	31
Medium Wire	Large		1
Cable	Large	Cluster	98
Cable	Large		1

<b>Total Snares Collected:</b>	<b>159</b>
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#### Community Work

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

#### Monthly Summary



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The team resumed the operation after one month off duty during April. The first area to patrol was Ngutuni ranch, where five big snares were lifted. This area has had some rain and the neighboring community is very busy tending to their farms which explains the lower snare findings on the Ranch. Cases of livestock grazing were sighted taking place. Sagalla Ranch yielded quite a few snares, majority of which were targeting dikdiks and impala. Unlike many areas where tracing of snares is simplified by existence of fence like barriers, the snaring method here is very different since no fence barriers are used, making finding the snares a little more difficult. Charcoal burning is another major problem sighted taking place in the ranch.

On visiting Irima/Ndii area the Team unexpectedly found newly laid snares, the Team had previously focused much of its efforts in these areas on order to curb the snaring. Historically, this area was dense with snares. The Team recently managed to get the snaring reduced, however with its absence for one month it seems the poachers have returned. The team managed to lift over 50 snares which were targeting medium and big size mammals and also we poached a buffalo carcass.

On the southern side of Tsavo East National Park, the team visited three ranches and managed to arrest four elephant poachers at Kizingo Ranch with being in possession of poisoned arrows, they were booked at Voi Police Station. Cases of logging and charcoal burning were another major problem taking place. The team found two elephant carcasses at Dakota ranch, both with their tusks were missing. According to informers the poachers used poisoned arrows to kill the bull elephants. At Kulalu ranch an aerial patrol with the Trusts plane revealed many snare fences. This is a common snaring technique used to guide animals to a designated route whereby snares are set. It's a very efficient method of poaching with a maximum return for the poacher's. The magnitude of the area and lack of physical features make it very difficult to trace the point on the ground from the air and thus coordinates are taken from the aircraft with a GPS and this helps the Team to follow up on the ground. The results proved to be satisfactory and it was amazing to see how technology can simplify the work. The team lifted many large cable snares and also found a zebra, a buffalo and a giraffe carcass, all snared along the snare fence line which measured about three kilometers in length. The Team also found a recently used poacher's hideout. The team will revisit the area next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

#### Community outreach

Mwambiti Secondary and Kajire Secondary were taken on educational field trips to visit Tsavo East National Park. The students saw herds of elephants, buffaloes, lions, elands, giraffes and other antelopes. Both schools also visited the Voi elephant stockade and got a nice opportunity to interact with the baby elephants and get a lecture from the elephant keepers. This was greatly appreciated and the students learnt a lot about the wildlife that neighbours their community land.



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Kajire students at mudanda rock



Kajire students visit the elephant orphans at Voi



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Mwambiti students at Mudanda rock



Mwambiti students at the stockades at Voi



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A snare targeting Giraffes



Remains of a poached giraffe



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The Team patrols the snare fence at Kulalu Ranch



Large cable snares at Ndii





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Team members lifting snares at Ndi



Cattle grazing at Ngutuni Ranch



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Illegal Charcoal kilns



Fresh poachers hideout at Kizingo ranch



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Logging at Dakota ranch



Poached buffalo at Kulalu Ranch



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A poached buffalo at Ndi



A poached elephant at Dakota ranch



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Poached zebra at Kulalu ranch



Poachers arrested at Kizingo ranch with poisoned arrows



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A second poached elephant at Dakota ranch



Snares lifted at Kulalu ranch

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