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**DE-SNARING REPORT
NOVEMBER 2011**

BURRA TEAM



Burra Team

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Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Irima
Lion Hill
Mbulia
Ndara
Ndi
Sagalla Ranch

Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Sagalla	6.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Mbulia	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Irima	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Ndii	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Lion Hill	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Irima	12.50%	Commercial	No

* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all de-snaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.



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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Dikdik	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Poached	Snared	Recent (3 weeks - 1 year)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	81
Thin Wire	Medium	Cluster	18
Thin Wire	Large	Cluster	28

Total Snares Collected:	127
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Monthly Summary

The teams operation started on the 18th of November as the team was off duty for the early part of the month. Patrols started in Sagalla ranch which is usually notorious for snaring and charcoal burning activities. The Team only found 13 old inactive small snares. The team noted that due to arrival of the rainy season, poaching and other illegal activities have drastically decreased in this ranch as many people are very busy tending to their farms.

Mbulia ranch which borders the Tsavo West as well Tsavo East National Park is an important animal migratory corridor and buffer zone to the Park. The team managed to lift 68 snares which were targeting small game and found a snared dikdik carcass. The Team also came across a poached elephant with its tusks missing and the team noted that the poachers had tried in vain to set the carcass on fire in an effort to hide evidence. Towards the end of operation, the team patrolled Irima/Ndii area which is a stretch of about 25 kilometers along Mombasa-Nairobi highway and found that newly laid snares had been set to capture big mammals like the zebras and buffaloes which are very common in the area. The team will re-visit the area next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

Community outreach:- On the 2nd and 3rd of the month, the team organized two ecological trips to Tsavo East National Park. The two schools which had benefited the educational field trip were Mwambiti and Miasenyi primary schools. The pupils saw herds of elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, cheetah and other antelopes. The primary objective of this project is to make this community an integral part of the Trusts conservation effort by sensitizing them to the need for wildlife conservation. The pupils also visited the Voi elephant orphanage whereby they got an opportunity to interact with the baby elephants and also get an educational lecture from the elephant keepers.

Report compiled by Henry Lekochere, Burra Team Leader.



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Miasenyi pupils meet the Voi orphans and learn about elephants



Miasenyi pupils visit the Mudanda rock



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Mwambiti students visit the Voi orphans during their school trip



Mwambiti pupils visit the Mudanda rock



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Large snares found during patrols



Charcoal burning at Mbulia Ranch



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The Team find a snared Dikdik



Elephant carcass at Mbulia ranch



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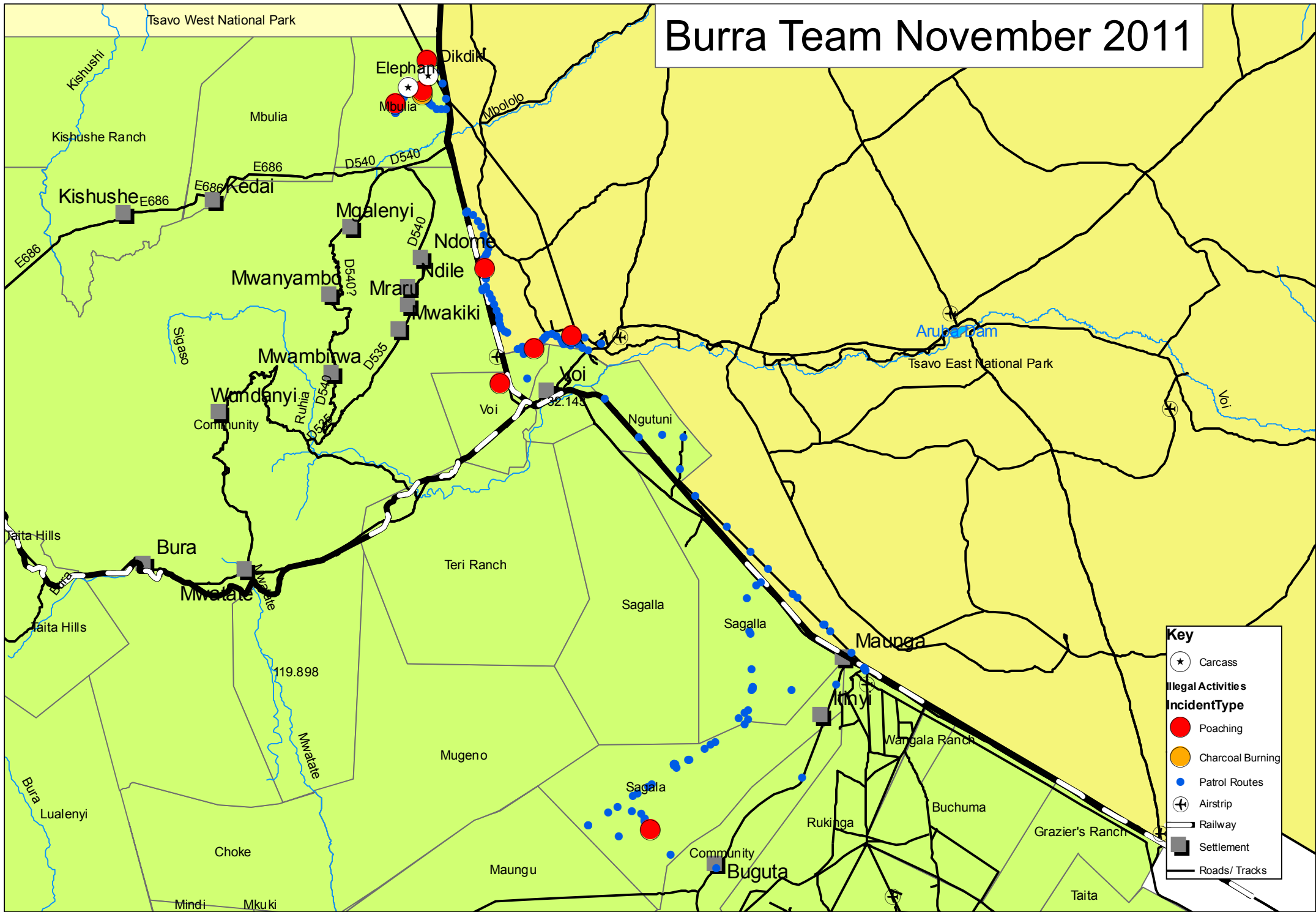


The Team removing large snares at Ndii



Lifting small snares at Mbulia ranch

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Key

- ★ Carcass
- Illegal Activities**
- IncidentType**
- Poaching
- Charcoal Burning
- Patrol Routes
- ⊕ Airstrip
- Railway
- Settlement
- Roads/ Tracks