



Burra Team

De-Snaring Report for October, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Bachuma
Dakota Ranch
Irima
Kalulu Ranch
Kulalu Ranch
Mbulia
Ndii
Ngutuni
Sagalla Ranch
Voi

Arrests

3 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Sagalla	15.38%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood	1	Kulalu	33.33%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood	1	Sagalla	33.33%	Commercial	No



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Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Elephant Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Voi	100.00%	Commercial	No
Logging , Wet Wood	1	Mbulia	50.00%	Commercial	No
Logging , Wet Wood	1	Sagalla	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Irima	7.69%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Dry Wood	1	Dakota Ranch Ranch	33.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Ngutuni	7.69%	Commercial	No
Rescue , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Dakota Ranch	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Voi	7.69%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Bachuma	5.26%	Commercial	No
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Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Dakota Ranch	5.26%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Mbulia	15.79%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Sagalla	15.79%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Kulalu	7.69%	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	Line	3
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	122
Thin Wire	Large	Line	2
Thin Wire	Large	Cluster	25
Cable	Large	Line	1
Cable	Large	Cluster	2

Total Snares Collected:	155
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Monthly Summary



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During the course of the month, it was noticeable that snaring incidences reduced slightly in most areas patrolled in comparison with recent month's findings. This is largely due to the communities living around the Park being very busy tending to their farms during this rainy season. Sagalla ranch was the first to be visited as a follow up from September. There the Team found newly laid snares and a snared dikdik carcass as well as illegal charcoal burning that is threatening to decimate the vegetation if not stopped.

On the 5th of October, the team & the elephant keepers from Voi received a call from neighbouring project Wildlife Works that a baby elephant was found stuck in the mud at Taita ranch near the Satao rock camp. The team rushed to the area and managed to pull the calf out of the mud. The elephant which looked very tired was over the age of 3 years, which meant that she had a good chance of surviving in the wild. And so after monitoring her until she gained strength it was decided to leave her to her own accord. Three days later the team received a call that another baby elephant was seen living alone at Taita ranch for the last three days and we rushed to the area. The Team rescued the baby and brought her to the Voi stockades for the care of the DSWT Keepers. It is believed that the baby's mother have been poached because two days later two elephant carcasses were found there.

On the 11th of Oct, the team relocated to the southern side of the Park whereby patrols were done from Bachuma area to Kulalu ranch. At Dakota ranch, the team managed to rescue a snared cow and lifted several medium size snares. On the 14th of the month, an air patrol was carried out by the Trust pilot with the team leader during which an elephant was spotted standing at the Voi River towards Dakota ranch and it looked very weak and we believe that the animal must be injured because two months ago several elephants have been poached in the same area. Very early the next morning, the team went in search of the sighted elephant and found that the elephant was fighting to escape from a snare and the more she struggled to free herself the worse the grip tightened around her neck, had we not been in the area, the animal could have suffered an excruciating death and we alerted the Tsavo Mobile Vet unit who came to assist and thankfully managed to rescue her.

At Kulalu area cattle grazing in the Park was sighted as a major problem. Towards the end of the operation, the team returned to Voi area whereby Mbulia ranch was patrolled and we managed to arrest three poachers with being possession of snares and game meat and they were booked at Voi Police Station a waiting for sentencing.

Summary by Henry Lekochere (Burra Team Leader)



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A large herd of buffalo seen during patrols



The snared elephant struggling to get free from the snare



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The snared elephant near Voi River



Bush meat recovered by poachers



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Illegal livestock grazing



Illegal charcoal burning at Kulalu ranch



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Illegal charcoal burning at Sagalla ranch



Lifting small snares



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Giraffe carcass at Kulalu



Rescuing an orphaned elephant



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Lifting large snares



Logging at Kulalu ranch



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Poachers arrested at Mbulia ranch



Saving the elephant from the mud



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The snared domestic cow that was rescued



The Vet Unit comes to assist with the snared elephant



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The snared elephant is treated and saved

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