



Burra Team

De-Snaring Report for September, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Kasigau Ranch
Mbulia
Mwatate Sisal Estate
Ndi
Ngutuni

Arrests

1 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Mwatate Sisal Estate	3.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	3	Mbulia	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ngutuni	10.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Mbulia	10.00%		No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Ngutuni	9.52%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Ndi	9.52%	Commercial	No



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Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Mwatate Sisal Estate	9.52%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Mbulia	7.14%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mwatate Sisal Estate	3.57%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Ngutuni	11.11%		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	88
Thin Wire	Medium	Cluster	6
Thin Wire	Large	Line	13
Thin Wire	Large	Cluster	35

Total Snares Collected:	142
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Monthly Summary



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The team began patrols on the 13th of September after resuming to work from off days. The Team started its operations at Ngutuni ranch. Due to the time of year, with it being the dry season, people are not tending to their farms and hence they tend to poach more wildlife during this period. Snaring, charcoal burning and illegal grazing have been increasing. While patrols on the Ranch land the team found a lioness carcass believed to be poisoned by the livestock owners.

The Irima /Ndii areas stretch for about 15 kilometers along Nairobi – Mombasa road and are a hotspot snaring zone, yielding nearly 50 snares all targeting big game. Of worth mentioning is the nature of the snares, with more than half neatly laid while the rest looked open and messy which is caused by animals which escape the loop miraculously. The team arrested one illegal livestock herder and drove 150 goats out of the park. Mwatate sisal estate was visited where an elephant carcass was found with its tusks missing. Towards the end of operation the Team patrolled Mbulia ranch park boundary where many small snares were lifted and an old poacher's hideout and a shooting platform was also found. The team will re-visit the area next month to monitor the situation on the ground.

Community outreach

The team organized two ecological trips. Munda sec school and Kighodonyi primary school visited Tsavo East National Park. The students saw many herds of elephants, giraffes, buffaloes and impala. The two schools also visited the Voi stockade and the students got an opportunity to interact with the baby elephants and receive an educational lecture from the elephant keepers. Both schools highly appreciated the opportunity given to them and praised the Trust for its good work.



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Kighodonyi students during their trip to the Park



Kighodonyi students visit Mudanda rock



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Kighodonyi students visit the stockade



Munda students visit mudanda rock



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Munda students visit the stockade



Arrest of an illegal livestock grazer



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Large snares at Ndi



Illegal livestock grazing



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Poached elephant carcass at Mwatate



The Team help to rescue an orphaned elephant calf



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Team member lifting snares



Lioness carcass at Ngutuni



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Poacher's hideout at Mbulia



Shooting platform at Mbulia

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