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DE-SNARING REPORT DECEMBER 2013 MTITO/CHUI TEAM



### Mtito/Chui Team Patrol Report for December, 2013

#### **Monthly Summary**

The Mtito Team, lead by Stephen L, focused their patrols in Tsavo's Triangle, areas surrounding Tsavo West's boundary with the nearby communities, the Tsavo River to Manyani. They arrested two charcoal makers and two *miraa* growers.

A charcoal maker is arrested and the kiln destroyed by the team



An illegal logger is arrested and booked in Mtito Andei



The northern boundary of Tsavo West NP shares a long boundary with the communities living outside the park. 150 snares targeting animals inside the park were lifted by the team this month. Illegal grazing of livestock inside the park was encountered, the livestock and herders being chased out of the park by the team



Sheep and goats graze inside the park

A large, well used poacher's hideout was discovered near Manyani. An ambush was set up without results, but many items were recovered which indicated that the poachers spotted the team's approach and scattered leaving items behind. Sacks of flour, salt, sugar, cooking oil, along with 6 bows, 11 arrows, and a sack of poison were recovered. This was a large operation that has hopefully been crippled for a while.

The Mtito Team, working in the pouring rain, discover a well used poacher hideout near Manyani



Items recovered by the Mtito Team in the poacher hideout, including bows, arrows and poison



The Mtito Team clears a fallen tree of a road while on patrol in the Tsavo Triangle.



Charcoal production is a threat to all areas bordering the parks where there are large populations of people. The Mtito Team destroyed 14 kilns during December, with help from the Trust Top Cub which spots them easily from the air.

The Mtito team destroy a charcoal kiln in the Tsavo Triangle, near the Mtito River.



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### **De-Snaring Report for December, 2013**

### Participants

Elema	Mamo
Augustine	Malel
Douglas	Nyandika
Stephen	Liyayi
Bernard	Kimani
Nterito	Kapina

### **Areas Patrolled**

Zero Delta Tsavo River Triangle Mtito River Manyani Mangelete Kalawa Chyulu National Park Bondeni Area

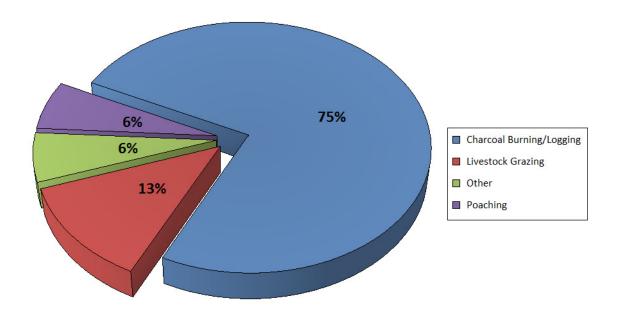
#### Arrests

4 Arrest(s) this month



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Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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Snares Collected			
Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	150
	Total Snares Collected:		50



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# **KWS Ranger Participation**

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Mtito/Chui	Wambua, Kilee	17
Mtito/Chui	Samuel, Atonga	2
Mtito/Chui	Martin, Muthee	10
Mtito/Chui	Martin, Mathee	1
Mtito/Chui	Mark, Lesindiyo	25
Mtito/Chui	Kilee, Wambua	2
Mtito/Chui	Geofrey, Nyamanche	1
Mtito/Chui	Geofrey, Nyamache	7

### Total Man Days of KWS Participation:

65

