



Chyulu Team

De-Snaring Report for December, 2010

Participants

John	Karani
Julius	Kyalo
Rais	Ledonyo
Daniel	Lelekoiten
James	Mbuthia
Joshua	Muthoke
Gerald	Mwanzia
James	Nyumu
John	Wahome
Peter	Wambua
David	Wambua

Areas Patrolled

Chyulu National Park
Kari
Kaunguni
Kenze
Kenzili
Kiboko
Kibwezi Forest
Kikunduku
Kisula
Kithasyo
Mangelete
Umani
Usalama
Wayani

Arrests

9 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Wood Carving , Fresh Hideout	2	Kisula	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	6	Wayani	22.22%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Usalama	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kisula	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kikunduku	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kibwezi	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Kenzili	7.41%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kenze	3.70%		No
Charcoal Burning , Fresh Tracks	1	Wayani	100.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	2	Wayani	18.18%	Subsistence	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Wayani	9.09%	Commercial	Yes
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Usalama	9.09%	Subsistence	Yes
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kenzili	9.09%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kari	9.09%	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.

Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
Community	Soto Community	Mobile Cinema	Soto
School	Makindu School	Mobile Cinema	Makindu
School	Makindu School	Mobile Cinema	
Community	Uiini Community	Mobile Cinema	Uiini

Monthly Summary



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Makindu community video show



Soto community video show



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Loggers arrested at Usalama



Team destroys illegal charcoal kilns in Kenzili



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Illegal Charcoal burning at Kenzili



Illegal livestock grazing Usalama



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Kibwezi Forest fence line being built



Charcoal burners arrested at Wayani



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Wood carvings recovered from an arrest



Illegal wood carvers arrested at Kiboko



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Kibwezi forest, Kiboko, Kisula and Kikunduku areas were visited. The short rains arrived as expected for the time of year and hence illegal activities were less than the usual. Despite this, 9 arrests were made at various operation areas; 3 people were arrested at Kiboko area, and 6 within Kibwezi forest. The greatest threat to the Chyulu ecosystem is charcoal burning and wood carving which are slowly wiping out the forests valuable indigenous trees. The desnaring team and KWS have been putting immense pressure on the protected areas in an attempt to stop the destruction of the forests. Over the last few months there has been a visible regeneration & recovery of the forest vegetation in the areas patrolled which has been a truly rewarding sight for the Team.

For the first time since the Team began its work, it seems the judicial system is getting more serious in its penalties given to offenders. The fines for part taking in logging and charcoal burning have been raised which has been of great help in discouraging people from taking part in these activities. A penalty of 60,000/= per person was recorded this month specifically due to logging. If this is kept up, then people will reduce the pressure on protected areas.

The fence line work is ongoing in order to secure the Kibwezi forest. This will reduce human wildlife conflict and protect the forest from illegal logging and charcoal burning. The Trust has received a very positive attitude from the community, due to this fence project. Wildlife video shows were held at Makindu and Soto communities.

As we conclude the year the DSWT Team Leaders would like thank the following:

- 1)THE TRUST, for keeping the teams in the field.
- 2)DESNARING TEAM MEMBERS, for sacrifice and working very hard in difficult conditions to realize the mission of the trust; and
- 3)KWS RANGERS, for working together with us towards realizing this cause.

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