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## DE-SNARING REPORT DECEMBER 2011

**CHYULU TEAM** 



### De-Snaring Report for December, 2011

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#### **Areas Patrolled**

Aligon

Chyulu National Park

Kaunguni

Kenzili

Kibwezi Forest

Kikunduku

Kisula

Kivuti

Mbotela Mbukoni

Metava

Moody Awori Land

Ngiluni

Nzuoni

Sinai

Umani

Utu

#### **Arrests**

29 Arrest(s) this month



### **De-Snaring Report for December, 2011**

### Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

#### **Illegal Activities**

| Illegal Activity                          | No. Incidents | Location  | Percentag | e Scale     | Arrests |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Wood Carving , Dry<br>Wood                | 1             | Kisula    | 100.00%   | Commercial  | No      |
| Poaching , Snaring -<br>Small/Medium Game | 1             | Chyulu    | 100.00%   | Subsistence | Yes     |
| Poaching , Snaring -<br>Small Game        | 1             | Kikunduku | 3.85%     | Commercial  | No      |
| Footprints , Fresh<br>Tracks              | 1             | Kisula    | 5.00%     | Commercial  | No      |
| Footprints , Fresh<br>Tracks              | 1             | Kikunduku | 5.00%     | Commercial  | Yes     |
| Footprints , Fresh<br>Tracks              | 3             | Chyulu    | 15.00%    | Commercial  | No      |
| Footprints , Fresh<br>Tracks              | 2             | Chyulu    | 10.00%    | Commercial  | Yes     |
| Footprints , Fresh<br>Tracks              | 5             |           | 25.00%    | Commercial  | No      |
| Charcoal Burning ,<br>Charcoal Kiln       | 1             | Kikunduku | 3.33%     | Commercial  | No      |
| Charcoal Burning ,<br>Charcoal Kiln       | 1             | Chyulu    | 3.33%     | Subsistence | Yes     |
| Charcoal Burning ,<br>Charcoal Kiln       | 6             | Chyulu    | 20.00%    | Commercial  | No      |
| Charcoal Burning ,<br>Charcoal Kiln       | 2             |           | 6.67%     | Commercial  | No      |
| Charcoal Burning ,<br>Charcoal Kiln       | 1             |           | 3.33%     | Commercial  | Yes     |

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#### **Illegal Activities**

Illegal Activity No. Incidents Location Percentage Scale Arrests

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<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.



### Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

| No. Carcasses | Species  | Cause of Death | Means of Death | Carcass Age |
|---------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1             | Elephant |                |                |             |
|               |          |                |                |             |

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#### **Snares Collected**

| Snare Type | Snare Size              | <b>Snare Description</b> | No. Confiscated |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Thin Wire  | Small                   | Line                     | 9               |
|            | Total Snares Collected: |                          | 9               |

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#### **Monthly Summary**

The team was based at the Kenze for the better part of the month as the Team was filling in for the Kenze team which was away on off as from 2nd to 16th December. The team later relocated to Utu base on the 20th December from where it carried on with operations one Kenze Team was back to its usual operations. During this time, the team tried their best to cover much of the forest area as well as some of the notorious poaching hotspots of the Chyulu Hills National Park. Charcoal burning, miraa picking and wood carving were the most common illegal activities dealt with this month, keeping the Team working late into the night on some occasions. The hard work paid off as over 20 people were arrested.

Heavy downpours within the Chyulu hills was a challenge on a number of days but the indefatigable team members kept on with the tasks in mind of protecting Kenya's precious natural heritage. Besides, frequent vehicle breakdowns on a number of occasions, the month's work were a success overall as a backup vehicle was sent for assistance. Signs of intensive human activities within the park have made it necessary that the team remains active in the area a little longer hence the months to come have many challenges.

As this is the last report for the year of 2011 the Team would like to extend their gratitude to all those who support The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, because without this support the project would not be possible. The Team would also like to thank KWS (Kenya Wildlife Service) for all the hard work they have carried out in collaboration this year and for their dedication to the Anti-poaching patrols with the DSWT. We look forward to working together in 2012 and hope we can continue to make such a valuable difference in protecting Kenya's wildlife & natural resources.

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A herd of cattle in park, Nzuoni area



A team member destroying an illegal charcoal kiln

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Arrested charcoal burners



Arrested charcoal burners at Ngiluni area

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Charcoal burning at Metava area



Illegal grazing at Metava area

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Lifting snares at Kibwezi Forest



Illegal logging at Metava area

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Wood carvers' hideout at Kisula area



The Team destroys a wood carving hide

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