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DE-SNARING REPORT JANUARY 2012

CHYULU TEAM



De-Snaring Report for January, 2012

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Samuel Lolchuraki

James Mbuthia

Joshua Muthoke

Moses Simiyu

John Wahome

Peter Wambua

David Wambua

Areas Patrolled

Chyulu National Park

KARI

Kathekakai

Kaunguni

Kiboko

Kikunduku

Kimuini

Kivuti

Metava

Mukurulo

Mwailu

Ngiluni

Sanctuary TWNP

Sinai

Utu

Wayani

Arrests

23 Arrest(s) this month

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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Kathekakai	6.67% C	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Sanctury	33.33% C	commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kilalinda	33.33% C	commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mwailu	14.29% C	commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kilalinda	9.09% C	commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kathekakai	9.09% C	commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	2	Kari	18.18% C	commercial	No

 $^{^{\}star}$ 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.

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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses Species Cause of Death Means of Death Carcass Age

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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	12
Thin Wire	Small	Line	1
Thin Wire	Medium	Scattered	4
Thin Wire	Medium	Line	2

Total Snares Collected: 19

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Monthly Summary

For purposes of substantive coverage of the entire Chyulu area, the team found it inevitable to be even more mobile in its operations. For efficiency purposes, three strategic relocations were made: Utu-Kiboko, Kiboko-Mukurulo and finally Mukurulo-Chyulu. The entire months operations saw 16 apprehensions: 7 wood-carvers, 4 Miraa harvesters and 5 wood fuel collectors. Ultimately, the team finds this a great achievement because wood-carvers have become even more 'crafty and mischievous' in their activities making it virtually impossible to be noticed. Aerial patrols were equally handy especially in charcoal kiln detection and subsequent ground follow-ups for destruction. Dedication, commitment, cooperation and team-work remained key pillars in all these.

Frequent vehicle (KAH 682F) break-downs remained an issue that the team struggled to put up with. The men from Kenze group attempted laying several overnight ambushes in strategic places of their area of work, an effort that netted a total of 8 people, of whom 3 were wood-carvers, who had been taking special measure to evade capture, they were carrying logs for carving at home. This, among several other past incidences suggests some element of shift in peoples' activity; from diurnality to nocturnality, hence the need for more management support of the teams to facilitate safe , secure and successful night operations.

On the Community outreach projects, the teams were privileged to have hosted two schools, Prof. Sumbi Sec. School and Uvileni Primary School on their trip to the Tsavo West National Park, an event that elicited immeasurable excitement amongst the children. It is the hope of the team that more exposure to Kenya's beautiful natural resources and sensitization to its vulnerability from human activities with inspire these young Kenyans to look after their environment and contribute to a cleaner and more prosperous country.

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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Chyulu	Wario, Sake	9
Chyulu	Simon, Tarus	3
Chyulu	Samuel, Nyarioro	1
Chyulu	Samuel, Karori	1
Chyulu	Sake, Wario	1
Chyulu	Paul, Bett	9
Chyulu	Patrick, Omuse	12
Chyulu	Nicholas, Ombewa	8
Chyulu	Nathan, Shangala	4
Chyulu	Mohammed, Bonaya	9
Chyulu	Michael, Ndenty	4
Chyulu	Kariuki,	2

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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Chyulu	John, Kamau	1
Chyulu	Erick, Kipkore	2
Chyulu	Daniel, Mugambi	6

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 72

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Prof Sumbi Secondary School students at Shetani Lava



Uvileni Primary School at Shetani Lava

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Prof. Sumbi Sec. School at Mzima Springs



Arrest of wood carvers

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Night arrest of wood carvers



Chyulu Hills National Park

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Team destroying illegal charcoal kilns



Team lifting snares

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The Team on patrol

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