



Chyulu Team

De-Snaring Report for September, 2010

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Kenze
Kiboko
Mukurulo
Nduti
Satellite
Usalama

Arrests

9 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kiboko	3.70%		No
Charcoal Burners' Hideout(s) , Fresh	2	Kiboko	50.00%		No



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Charcoal Burners' Hideout(s) , Fresh	1	Kisula	25.00%		No
Charcoal Burners' Hideout(s) , Old	1	Kari	100.00%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kari	10.00%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kiboko	10.00%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kiboko	10.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burners' Hideout(s) , Fresh	1	Kari	25.00%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kenze	3.70%		No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kari	16.67%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Metava	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Nduti	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Usalama	3.70%		No
Logging , Dry Wood	1	Kenzili	100.00%	Subsistence	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Mukurulo	33.33%		No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Kari	100.00%		No



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Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Kanani	20.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Mukurulo	10.00%		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	Medium	Scattered	12
Cable	Large	Scattered	16

Total Snares Collected:	28
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
School	Kaunguni Secondary School	School Trip	Kaunguni
School	Muusini Primary School	School Trip	Salama
Community	Jasho Village	Meeting	Jasho
Community	Nduti Village	Meeting	Nduti

Monthly Summary



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During patrols in the Kibwezi forest it became clear that illegal activities within this protected area have reduced significantly since the Teams arrival several months ago. Firewood collection is going on but the team is constantly inspecting the receipts. It has been established that revenue collection has yielded more revenue than before the inception of the team.

Due to persistent pressure on the hotspots most of those involved with illegal activities relocated to the park side and the team is following them into the park. The team relocated to Mukurulo area for further patrols. This area has endured high rates of deforestation. This is due to charcoal burning which the community relies on as a source of income. While based at Mukurulo the team visited, KARI-Makindu, Kalembe raha, Kanani and Kiboko areas. Some snaring was noted at KARI, where 27 snares were lifted. A lot of charcoal burning was evident at Kiboko area where 2 people were arrested, bicycle tracks and numerous kilns were also discovered. One shooting platform was found suggesting that there could be elephant poachers operating in the area. The team intensified patrols and managed to arrest 3 wood carvers in the same area. On interrogation they revealed that some charcoal burners have moved into ranches owned by the Maasai. This is confirmed by the number of bags piled by the roadside on the highway. The team also discovered some cave hideouts that are used by the gangs that operate in the area. The destruction of the Makindu spring area is still on going but the team has continuously kept up the pressure on the area. The battle to save the spring is high on the Teams priority in order to ensure this vulnerable ecosystem is preserved for future generations. Around the pump area 2 young men loggers were intercepted with a hand cart full of wood and handed over to the area chief because they were juveniles.

The team also discovered some Rhino prints that showed the animal moved towards KARI ranch. From the prints it appears it was a mother and calf. The team together with KWS is keen on making sure that none of the remaining rhinos from the park and the surrounding ranches are poached and hence consider protecting this endangered species very high on the agenda of the Patrols.

Poaching using a method of poisoning seems to be increasing. The KWS rangers intercepted and arrest a poacher en route to the park in possession of poison to kill wildlife. This kind of killing is a big challenge for conservation especially of the endangered species.

The team patrolled the Satellite area which is now a charcoal burning and poaching hotspot. The teams arrested 8 people mainly charcoal burners. They were arrested at both Metava and Kikunduku areas.



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Arrested logger at KARI



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Arrested wood carvers at Kenzili



Arrested wood carvers at Kiboko



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Illegal livestock grazing



Arrested loggers & charcoal burners



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Wood carvings recovered at Kenzili



Charcoal burning at Kiboko



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Wood carvings recovered from one of the arrests



Rhino prints seen at Mukurulo area



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Lifting snares at Kanani



Wood carver & charcoal burner hideout

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