

De-Snaring Report for April, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Kenze Kenzili Kikunduku Mbondeni Mbotela Nooka Umani Usalama Utu Wayani

Arrests

22 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kenze	4.35%		No



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Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Argon	6.25%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kikunduku	6.25%	Commercial	Yes
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Mbondeni	6.25%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	2	Mbotela	12.50%	Commercial	Yes
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Mbotela	6.25%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burners' Hideout(s) , Fresh	1	Utu	33.33%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Wayani	6.25%	Commercial	No
Wood Carvers' Hideout(s) , Fresh	1	Mbotela	33.33%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kikunduku	4.35%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Mbotela	8.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Nooka	4.35%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Utu	8.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Wayani	4.35%		No
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* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected month.

Monthly Summary



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The desnaring objective for the month of April was to concentrate efforts on the Kibwezi forest and south Chyulu catchment area. Kibwezi forest was found to be relatively safe of illegal activities; a case of charcoal burning was recorded behind Algon pump station near the rail way line. It was also established that permits being issued by the forest office are being abused, and charcoal bags seen at Wayani are results of that abuse. Firewood being collected is being used to make charcoal. The Team wishes to stop that illegal engagement.

After few days at Kibwezi forest, the team relocated to Utu for a joint operation with Mtito Team and KWS Chyulu platoon. While based at Utu the areas patrolled were Noka, Mbotela, Mbondeni, Kikunduku and Utu areas. A total of 21 people were arrested i.e. 4 wood carvers, 2 cattle grazers and 15 charcoal burners. Charcoal burning and vegetation destruction remains the biggest problem in the park and need to be contained. The team will revisit the area next month to keep up the pressure.

The desnaring effort was also boosted by the aerial support from the Trust pilot who constantly supported the teams on the ground. While concluding the operation one charcoal burner was arrested at Kibwezi forest near Aligon area. Though notorious the team managed to apprehend the person at night.

The Phase 2 of Kibwezi forest fence line is going on well and nearly complete. The fence has reduced the human wildlife conflict in the area, and is a big welcome from the locals.



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Illegal Cattle grazing at Kikunduku area



Arrest of charcoal burners in the Kikunduku area



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Arrest of illegal loggers and charcoal burners in the Kikunduku area



Arrest of wood carvers at the Kathekakai area



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Illegal logging at Kathekakai



Illegal logging at the Mbotela area



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Livestock inside the park at Kathekakai area



Team destroying charcoal kilns at the Mbotela area



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Wood carvers hideout at Mbotela area

