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**DE-SNARING REPORT
DECEMBER 2013
BURRA/FARU TEAM**



Burra/Faru Team Patrol Report for December, 2013

Monthly Summary

The Burra team, lead by Moses S, focused on the southern section of Tsavo East NP and surrounding ranches in December. Illegal activity encountered this month included charcoal, logging illegal livestock and bush-meat. They managed to arrest 12 people who they booked in Voi along with the help of KWS.

Illegal logging of firewood along the Mombasa Rd



Following a tip off the team were successful in arresting dealers and trophies including 2 pieces of ivory, 2 python skins. The Bura team spent part of the month targeting Voi and Maungu to work on uncovering some of the middle men benefitting off the poaching activities in the area.

Following undercover work the team recovered ivory valued at \$300 on the street, and arrested the dealers who received a 40 days sentence



Ivory and python skins recovered from illegal dealers



Illegal cattle grazing continues along the Mombasa Road between Voi and Buchuma Gate. A mix of Masai cattle and Somali camels venture into the park for grazing on a daily basis, and are chased out by the team when encountered.

Acaricide containers, a pesticide for ticks, left behind by illegal grazers inside the park



The team has carried out multiple foot patrols in and outside the park. While the area to the north of Voi has proven to have little illegal activity this month the area to the south towards Buchuma Gate has proven to be more active, with some signs of activity.

A poachers arrow picked up on patrol in the park



In Voi town the team came across this baby baboon, caged in a makeshift pen. While investigations to determine why a woman was holding the baboon are under way the case has been handed over to KWS

Community Wildlife staff.



Moses, the Bura Team Leader and Southern area Team Leader discovers the case of a baby baboon in captivity in Voi town



Being based in Voi means that the Bura team is regularly asked to assist the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust supported Tsavo Veterinary Unit, also based in Voi.

The Bura Team assists Dr. Poghon in treating Laikipia, and ex-orphan that came in with a wound on his front leg



After treatment Laikipia quickly rose to continue his day



The illegal commercial trade in wildlife species known as the bush-meat trade is the cause of the large numbers of snares to the edges of the parks, and that which occupies a large amount of the Trusts anti-poaching teams' days. While difficult to prosecute, the teams have been successful this month is uncovering dealers in bush-meat.

The Bura Team discovers bush-meat for sale in Maungu and Voi, and make the necessary follow up



Charcoal production and marketing is one of the greatest threats to Kenya's remaining habitats. There are concentrated areas of charcoal production in the Tsavos. Working closely with the Trusts aircraft the Bura team has been on a mission in December to stamp out charcoal burning in the park between Maungu and Buchuma along the Mombasa Rd. A tiresome, ugly job, the team have found and destroyed just one kiln this month, proving that their efforts are paying off.

The Bura Team leader and team scout destroy a charcoal kiln.



In order for the team to be able to operate inside Tsavo East National Park a close cooperation with KWS is called for. The Bura Team liaises closely with KWS officers and picks up KWS rangers each morning to go on patrol. The team was on duty for the whole of December along with KWS ranger.

A KWS ranger and DSWT scout pause while on patrol in Tsavo East NP



A KWS ranger and DSWT scout patrol a waterhole near a century-old baobab tree



Logging is another threat facing many corners of Tsavo. As populations grow and the pressures around the park for firewood and livelihoods expand so does the threat to the stands of large trees and forest inside the parks. The Trust teams are constantly on lookout for illegal loggers with the help from the Trust airplane above.

An old tree in Tsavo East, destroyed in a day for firewood



A major part of the Trust's anti-poaching teams' work is to protect and observe wildlife in their natural habitat. While we often focus on the illegal activities we sometimes forget to reflect on the everyday sights that the teams see as they patrol. The Bura Team is particularly keen on the wildlife observations they see around them, recording details for future reference.

A zebra lies down to give foal while the Bura team observes from a distance



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Burra/Faru Team

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Participants

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| Muita | Lekaldero |
| Alfred | Mwakatimi |
| Dennis | Lemerwas |
| Moses | Simiyu |
| Julius | Kyalo |
| Daniel | Lelekoiten |

Areas Patrolled

Wanjala
Voi River
Voi
Taita Hills Sanctuary
Safari Lodge
Ngutuni
Ndara
Mudanda Rock
Mbulia
Mbololo Lugga
Manyani
Manga
Lion Hill
Irima
Bachuma

Arrests

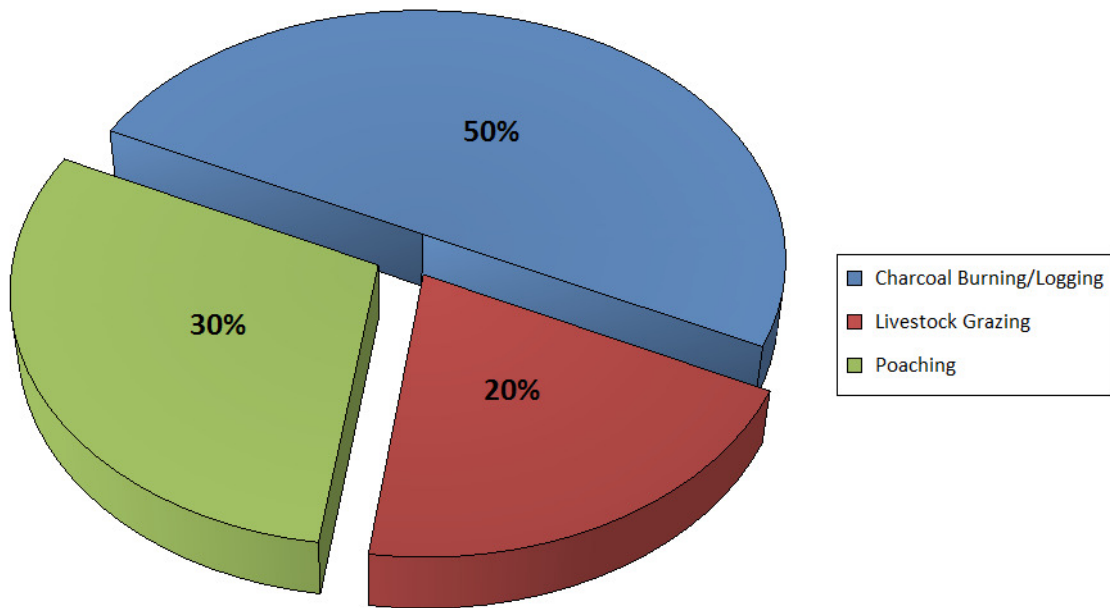
11 Arrest(s) this month



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Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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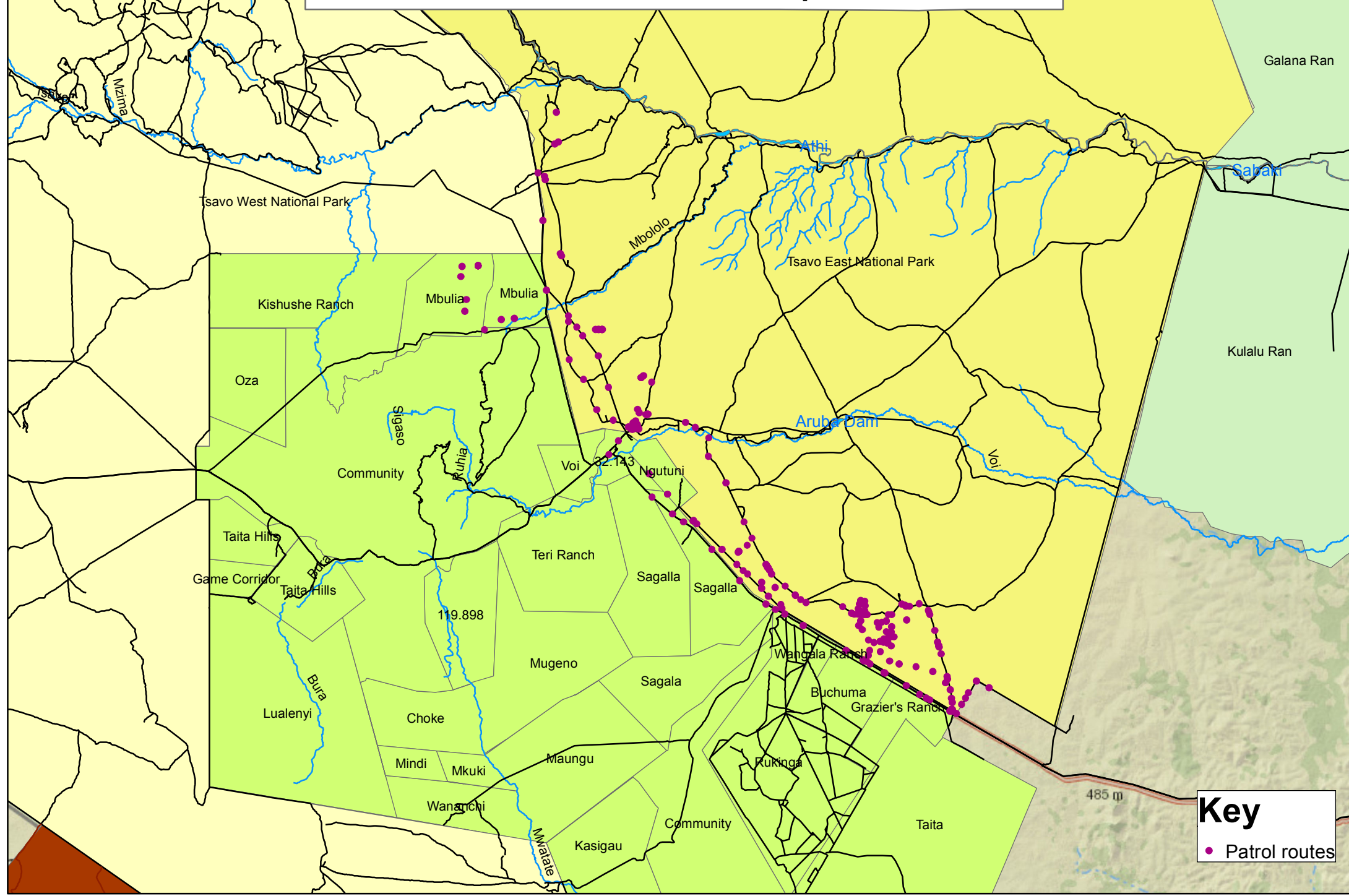
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KWS Ranger Participation

| Patrol Team | KWS Ranger Name | No. Patrol Days |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Burra/Faru | Nelson, Mbonuke | 5 |
| Burra/Faru | Mike, Aboge | 1 |
| Burra/Faru | Michael, Aboge | 10 |
| Burra/Faru | Francis, Lomurian | 16 |
| Burra/Faru | Edwin, Murunga | 10 |
| Burra/Faru | Ahmed, Abdulrahmna | 1 |
| Burra/Faru | Ahmed, Abdulrahman | 8 |

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 51

Burra/Faru Team Patrol Routes Map December 2013



Key
● Patrol routes

Burra/Faru Team Illegal Activities Map December 2013

