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



Burra/Faru Team

De-Snaring Report for September, 2013

Participants

Alfred	Mwakatimi
Dennis	Lemerwas
Moses	Simiyu
Lemanten	Labarakwe
Julius	Kyalo
Daniel	Lelekoiten

Areas Patrolled

Voi River
Voi
Satao
Ngutuni
Ndi
Murondo Ranch
Mbulia
Mbololo Lugga
Manyani
Manga
Irima

Arrests

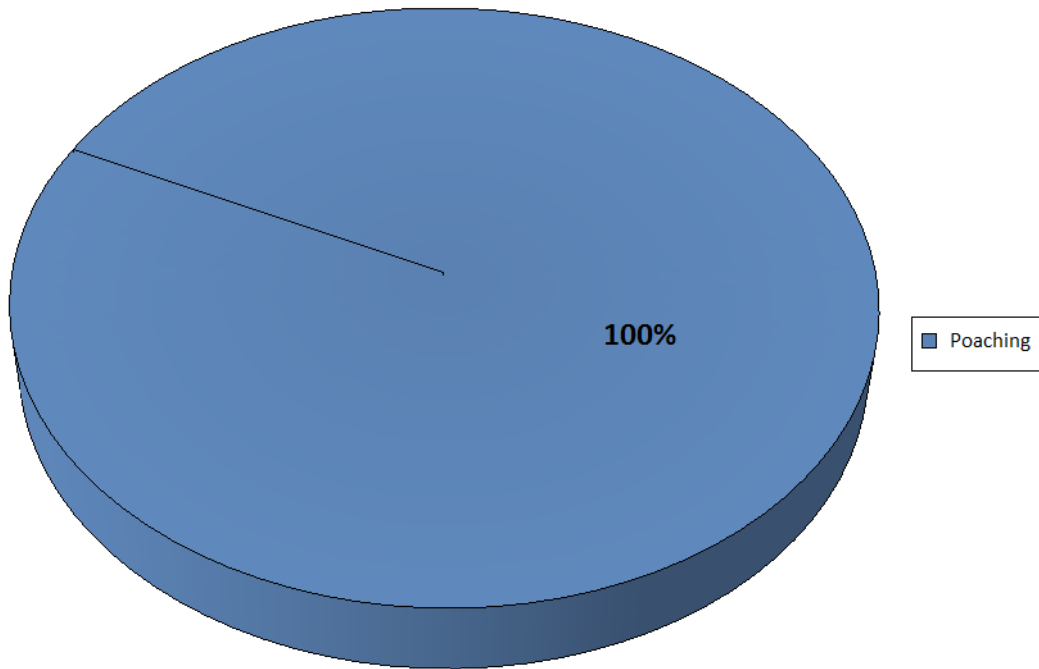
1 Arrest(s) this month



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Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Dikdik	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	58
Rope	Small	Scattered	6
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	27
Medium Wire	Medium	Line	25
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	35
Copper Wire	Medium	Scattered	6
Cable	Large	Line	1

Total Snares Collected: 158



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Monthly Summary

LION HILL-IRIMA-NDII-MBOLOLO STRETCH

Having rescued a live ensnared Impala just near the Lion hill area the previous month, the team dedicated the first week of the month on a wholesome comb of the entire stretch of the park bordering the Mombasa Highway. Pressure was exerted intensively with operations being varied in timings; at times in the early evenings, late evenings and early mornings. This radical approach was meant to 'save' the wildlife beforehand and at the same time increase the chances of apprehending the culprit(s) behind all the ills therein. The entire operation saw a total of 86 medium game and 3 mega-game snares being lifted. Most strikingly was the Gin trap that was found in a place where one would suspect the least!; near a power line that is relatively open and hardly covered by bushes. This had been tactfully set ("jaws" open with an old ground resembling aluminum plate in the middle, onto which a metal rod had been attached supposedly for trigger purposes once stepped on by an unsuspecting animal). With the entire set-up tied on some nearby stump, a caught animal would hardly get away! In fact, the caught limb would shatter and get amputated before long. In addition, the team also discovered two freshly set winch wire ropes were found (firmly fastened on the tree stems by very new U-bolts) under Jumbo aestivating shades (large Acacia trees). Combined with a loosely covered pitfalls, this was to be another deadly scene. Unfortunately, there were no obvious footprints that could straightway be linked to the perpetrators; a suggestion of high level bush-craftiness (ability to move around without leaving obvious signs behind).

MBULIA RANCH

Being such a critical wildlife dispersal area of the Tsavo West National Park, the Mbulia ranch could not go unattended; in which case 61 small game snares were lifted and a dead snared Dikdik found. To zero in on this, three consecutive days were dedicated to camping right there and with the help of the ranch's game scouts, a thorough comb of the area was done. The patrol domination left behind did the area a lot of good because subsequent snap visits of the area revealed greater wildlife presence and hence relative calmness.

Other critical areas that were covered included Tsavo East's Manyani, Voi River and Satao with everything being okay in all except few cases of Guinea fowl trappings near Voi River. Field follow-up observations of the previous months treated cases of Elephants at Satao revealed good signs of recuperation and general calm.

CHALLENGES

Proximity to the Nairobi- Mombasa highway and its associated mushrooming shops and settlements impliedly makes it fairly easy for perpetrators to 'diffuse' before getting noticed or even then so difficult to pursue. Ready availability of materials such as winch cables, nuts& bolts etc makes their acquisition quite easy and finally, the biting persistent drought has kept pushing most wild animals into human dominated areas for water and other food.

CONCLUSION

Every day's activity is a class of its own, the team, KWS and other playing parties shall leave nothing to chance until the situation actually improves.

The team took a short break as from 21st-30th.

Compiled by,
Moses Simiyu.



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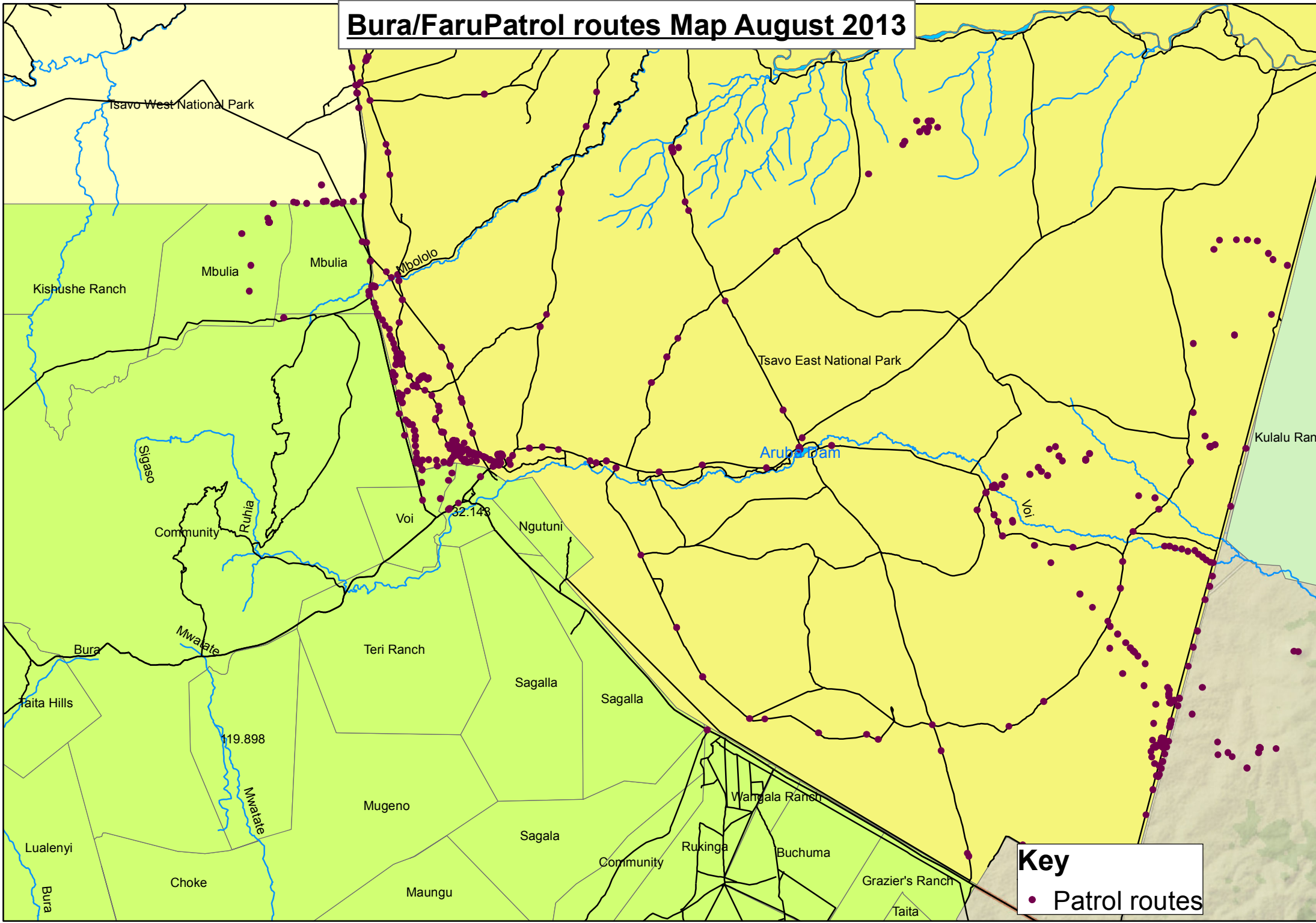
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KWS Ranger Participation

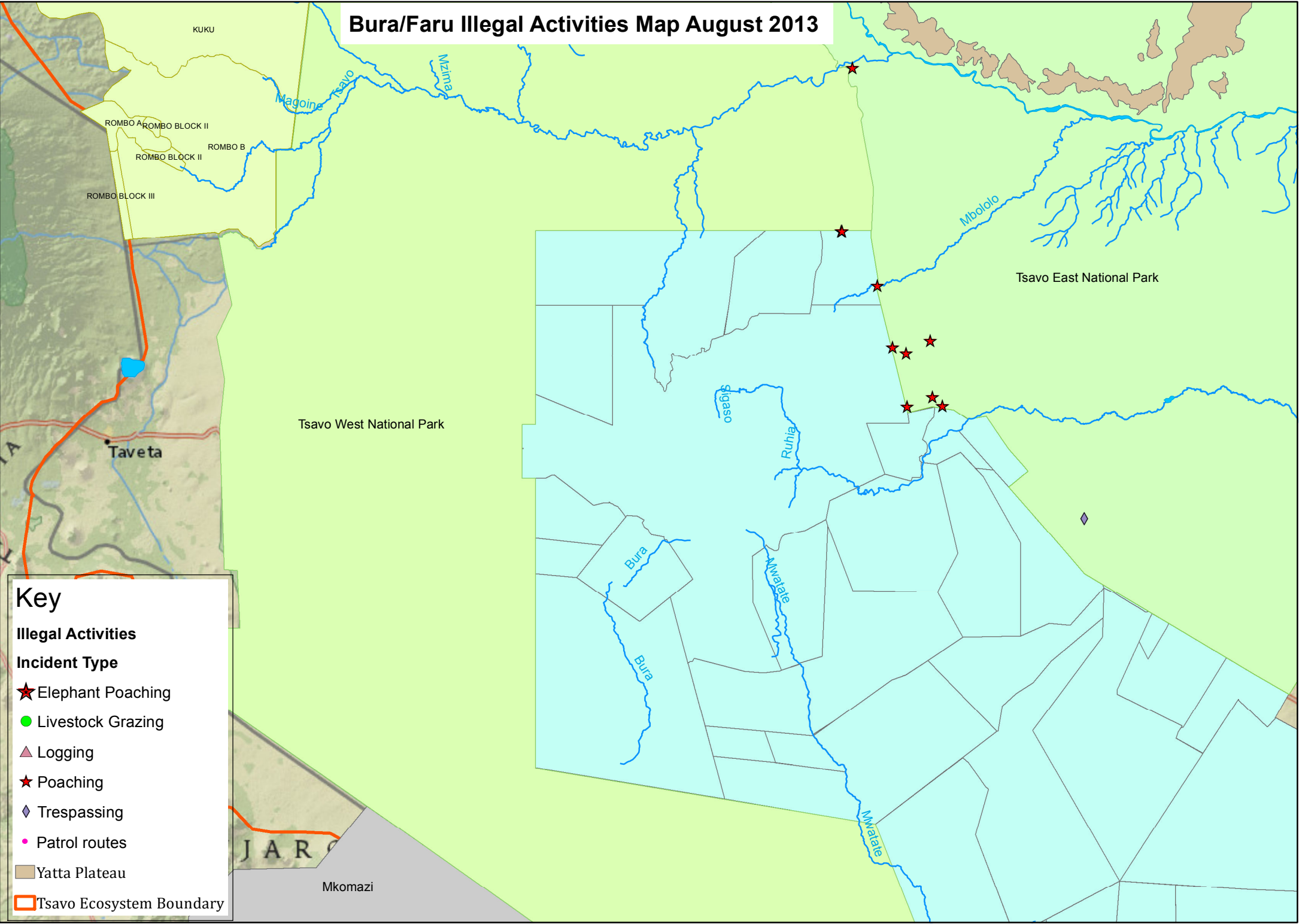
Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Burra/Faru	P, Lekerikeikei	6
Burra/Faru	J, Mwingi	1
Burra/Faru	J, Mwangi	18
Burra/Faru	Gerald, Nyamu	1
Burra/Faru	Erick, Amollo	1
Burra/Faru	D, Kimanzi	1
Burra/Faru	Abdi, Abdulrahman	1
Burra/Faru	A, Lusuda	1
Burra/Faru	A, Lesuda	18

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 48

Bura/FaruPatrol routes Map August 2013



Bura/Faru Illegal Activities Map August 2013



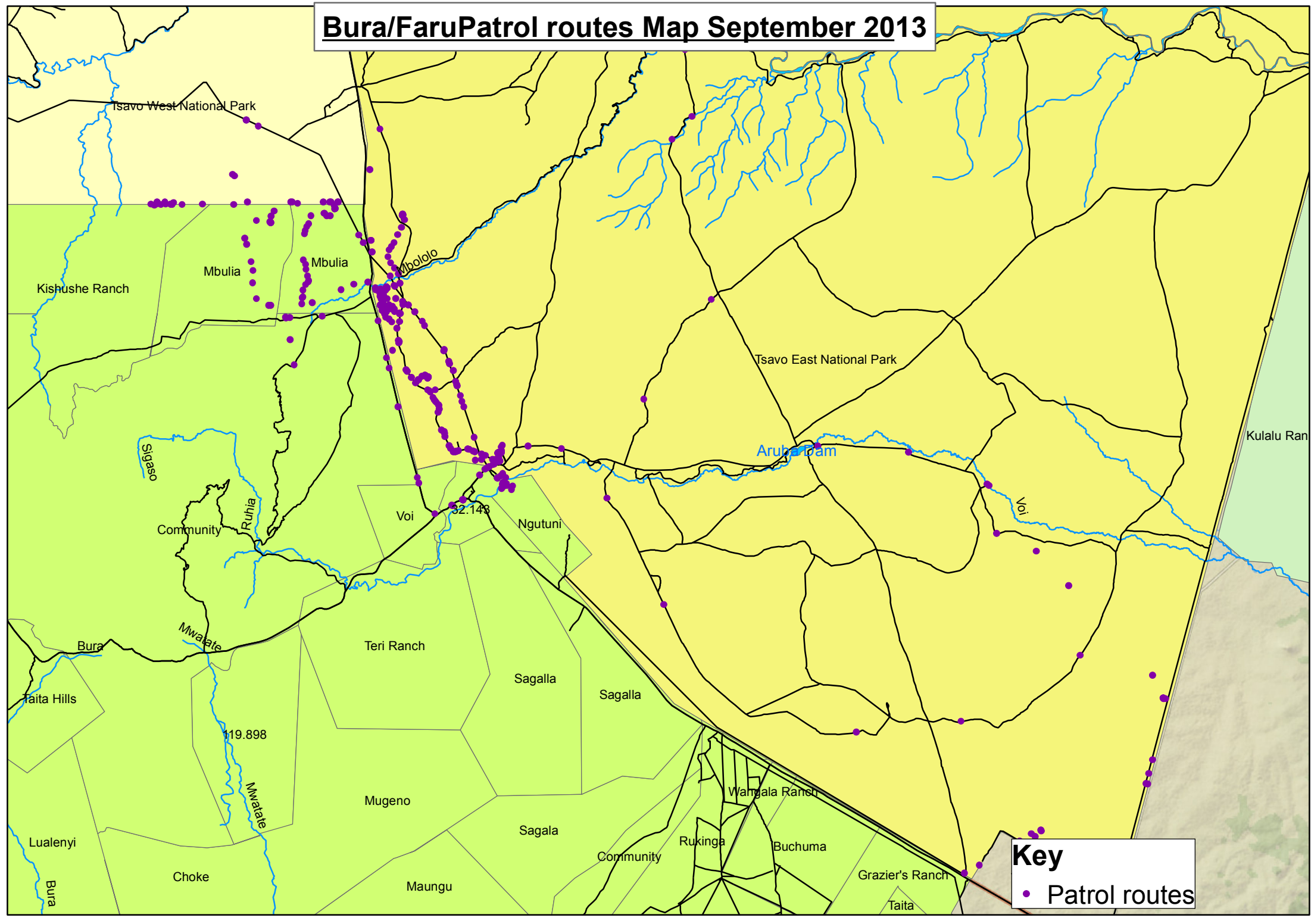
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Illegal Activities

Incident Type

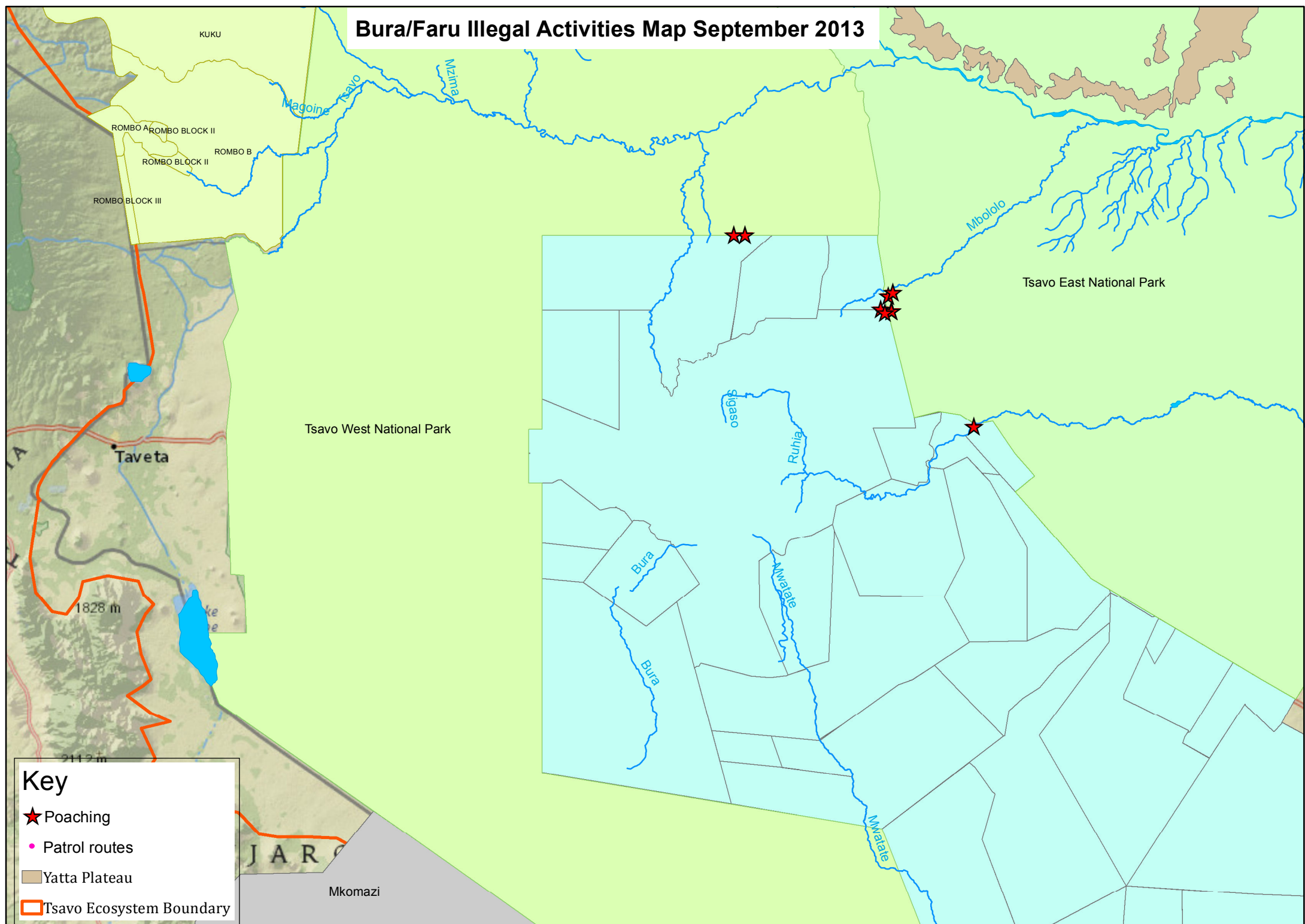
- ★ Elephant Poaching
- Livestock Grazing
- ▲ Logging
- ★ Poaching
- ◆ Trespassing
- Patrol routes
- Yatta Plateau
- ▭ Tsavo Ecosystem Boundary

Bura/FaruPatrol routes Map September 2013



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• Patrol routes

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Burra/FaruTeam September 2013 Desnaring Report Photographs



Desnaring exercise with a filming crew.



A special kind of mega snare at Mbololo area.



Rescuing a snared dikdik.



Another special kind of a mega snare.



Another mega snare.



Yet another snare.



Team member holding a snare removed from a captured Waterbuck.



Desnaring exercise.