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**DE-SNARING REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2012**

**ITHUMBA TEAM**



## Ithumba Team

### De-Snaring Report for February, 2012

#### Participants

Lemanten	Labarakwe
Noah	Lesimirdana
Patrick	Mutuku
Ali	Roba

#### Areas Patrolled

Imenti  
Ithumba  
Ithumba Hill  
Kalovoto  
Kanziku Gate  
Kasaala fence line  
Kya Rock  
Kyamanyenze  
Mathae  
Shimola Shetani  
Tundani  
Uma Uma  
Umbi Hill  
Voi

#### Arrests

0 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	Umbi	8.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Mathea	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Ithumba	8.33%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Tundani	15.38%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Imenti	7.69%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Ithumba	14.29%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umbi	12.50%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umauma	12.50%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Tundani	12.50%	Commercial	No
Elephant Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Kasaala	100.00%	Commercial	No
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	3	Umbi	60.00%	Commercial	No

\* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all de-snaring 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
2	Elephant	Poached	Arrowing	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Poached	Snared	Recent (3 weeks - 1 year)



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#### Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	15
Thin Wire	Large	Scattered	2
Thin Wire	Large	Line	1
Total Snares Collected:			18



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#### **Monthly Summary**

Patrols for the month of February were mainly concentrated around major waterholes, where wildlife tend to congregate during the dry season. There was an increase in illegal activities, especially shooting hides at the waterholes. The Team frequented most of the waterholes where several fresh shooting hides were destroyed. It is of interest that recent months have indicated that poachers have opted to hunt for big game as opposed to snaring of small-medium game which used to be common in the Tsavo Northern area.

The Team was able to recover 1 tusk from an elephant that had been snared by a cable wire and had six poisoned arrows wounds in its body. Another 2 tusks were recovered from a two weeks old carcass at Tundani area. Both tusk recoveries were handed over to KWS.

The Team laid ambush at Umbi area after receiving information from a reliable source that loggers had entered the Park. The men sadly managed to escape but the team recovered a bicycle and two beams of timber.

The Team took two schools for an ecological tour to the park. The schools were Kasaala and Kavete primary school. The pupils were very excited, very happy and promised to talk to their brothers and fathers who carry out poaching activities to change their ways. It is only through these young kids that one can bring meaningful change of mind set towards conservation for the future.

Report Compiled by,  
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I/C ITHUMBA TEAM



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#### KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba	Tirima, Nicholas	1
Ithumba	Stephen, Wambugu	14
Ithumba	Nicholas, Tirima	14
Ithumba	James, Maina	8
Ithumba	Calvin, Oketch	7
Ithumba	Antony, Mutisya	2

<b>Total Man Days of KWS Participation:</b>	<b>46</b>
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Students visit the Ithumba Unit and learn about elephants



Pupils enjoy watching baby elephants at mudbath



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Ivory recovered and handed to KWS



Bicycle and timber left by escaping loggers



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The Team destroying a shooting hide at Powerline area



Poisoned arrow wounds in elephant carcass



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Elephant carcass killed by poison arrow wounds



Poached elephant at Tundani road junction



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Umbi road after clearing



Snared elephant carcass

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