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**DE-SNARING REPORT  
JANUARY 2012**

**ITHUMBA TEAM**



## Ithumba Team

### De-Snaring Report for January, 2012

#### Participants

Paul	Kamau
Lemanten	Labarakwe
Noah	Lesimirdana
Leandas	Lewangati
James	Lodungokiyok
Patrick	Mutuku
Ali	Roba

#### Areas Patrolled

Ithumba  
Kalovoto  
Kasaala fencline  
Kya Rock  
Lagga Kungu  
Mathae  
Power Line  
Shimola Shetani  
Tundani  
Uma Uma  
Wamata  
Yatta

#### Arrests

1 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	Kimweli	6.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Wamata	33.33%	Commercial	Yes
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Tundani	14.29%		No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Power Line	14.29%		No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Laga-Kugu	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Kyae Rock	14.29%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umauma	14.29%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Tundani	14.29%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Shimola Shetani	14.29%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Power Line	14.29%	Commercial	No
Elephant Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Power Line	100.00%	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
1	Elephant	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Hyaena Spotted	Unknown	Unknown	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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#### Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Medium	Scattered	14
Thin Wire	Large	Line	1

<b>Total Snares Collected:</b>	<b>15</b>
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### **De-Snaring Report for January, 2012**

#### **Monthly Summary**

The team worked for the first two weeks of the month of January and proceeded for a 15 days off-duty. During operations it was noted that there was an increase in the number of illegal human activities in the park compared with recent months. These ranged from snaring, honey hunting, logging, and hunting for the big game. Most of the footprints found were for honey hunting due to its peak season. The footprints were visiting baobab trees where bees like to build their hives and hence a common place for honey harvesters to check. Hunting for big game which had reduced during the rainy season seems to be going up especially close to waterholes. The Team has put in all the necessary measures in an effort to apprehend the poachers and keep the elephants and other big game protected.

The month's findings revealed several poacher gangs moving in groups of 4 or more, all well equipped to stay for longer periods deep in the park while hunting for big game, predominantly elephant.

The casuals continue working on the big task of opening up the new Yatta road. The Team anticipates completing this job in the next two months time.

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	Vincent, Singoro	11
Ithumba	Stephen, Wambugu	1
Ithumba	Moses, Chacha	3
Ithumba	Calvins, Oketch	9

**Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 24**





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An arrested poacher



The Team destroy a poachers belongings at a poacher's hideout





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Casuals opening the road to Yatta



The Team destroy the shooting hide



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A shooting hide



An old elephant carcass



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Recently used poacher's hideout



Hyena carcass near a dam



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The Team inspect a poachers hideout before destroying his items



A shooting platform found and taken down by the Team



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Poachers escape and leave behind their weapons

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