



Ithumba Team

De-Snaring Report for October, 2010

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Ithumba Hill
Kalovoto
Kanziku Gate
Kasaala fence
Kimweli
Kya Rock
Kyamanyenze
Lagga Kungu
Mathae
Sheldrick Blind
Tundani
Umbi
Voi
Wamata

Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Shooting Platform , Arrowing	1	Tundani	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small/Medium Game	2	Kalovoto	100.00%	Commercial	No



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Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Mathae	11.11%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Kyamanyenze	11.11%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Old Tracks	1	Mathae	50.00%		No
Footprints , Old Tracks	1	Kimweli	50.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Wamata	7.14%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umbi	3.57%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umbi	3.57%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mathae	3.57%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kyamanyenze	3.57%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kimweli	3.57%		Yes
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	3	Kalovoto	10.71%	Commercial	No
Elephant Poaching , Arrowing	1	Ithumba	50.00%	Commercial	No
Bicycle Tracks , Fresh Tracks	1	Umbi	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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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Line	97
Thin Wire	Medium	Line	80
Copper Wire	Medium		1

Total Snares Collected:	178
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
Community	Children of community	Donation	Kasaala
Community	Kasaala Kamba Village	Donation	Kasaala
School	Kaluluini Primary School	Donation	Kaluluini
Community	Kasaala Community	Meeting	Kasaala
Community	Kasaala Kombo Village	Meeting	Kasaala
School	Ngwate Primary School	Assessment of needs	Ngwate
School	Timboni Primary School	Assessment of needs	Timboni
School	Kaluluini Primary School	Assessment of needs	Kaluluini
School	Ikutha Primary School	School Trip	Ikutha
School	Timboni Primary School	School Trip	Timboni



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Monthly Summary

This month the Team has changed tactics in order to tackle the poachers' methods. The Team has noticed a shift in the trend months; the poachers have changed from predominantly laying snares to the use of bows and arrows. The areas which are being especially along the river Tiva, Tokotoko near Kyamanyenze, Sheldrick-blind, and Macho-kobo and Tundani area. Most poachers have also changed from using permanent hideouts to more mobile methods of using camps to become less predictable and evade arrest. They will only spend the night once in one hideout before moving on elsewhere. It seems many are opting to hide and be active at night or early evening. This makes it more difficult to capture and arrest them.

The Team carried out patrols in the beginning and the end of the month, this was due to the fact that poachers have noticed the Team's patrols in the last few days of the month to go for the monthly meetings down at Voi and carry out Community work. There is a month up to the first week of the month. That is why the Team has decided to change operations in order to become unpredictable. The Team has also begun changing patrol hours so that they are carried out in the afternoon up to late evening. This has helped to wait for the big game at the shooting platforms at night near the water points. The Team has also taken to making spontaneous patrols and this has yielded good results. Some of them go into hiding and this means they will not go poaching during that period.



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Students meet and learn about the elephant orphans raised by the Trust during their school trip



The kids visit the Trust's elephant stockades during their trip into the Park



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Sports gear donated to Kaluluini school



80 Snares lifted in Kalovoto



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Bush meat confiscated from a poachers home



Bush meat recovered from a poachers house



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Elephant carcass found near Ithumba Hill



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Illegal logging at Kyamanyenze area



Poison arrow recovered from a shooting platform



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Handing the tusks recovered from the elephant to KWS

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