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**DE-SNARING REPORT
OCTOBER 2012**

ITHUMBA TEAM



Ithumba Team

De-Snaring Report for October, 2012

Participants

Douglas	Nyandika
Samwel	Odero
Peterson	Kihara
Dennis	Lemerwas
Paul	Kamau
Peter	Kariuki
John	Karani
Noah	Lesimirdana
Lemanten	Labarakwe

Areas Patrolled

Umbi Hill
Tiva
Macho Kombo
Kasaala Gate
Kasaala fence line
Ithumba
Gazi

Arrests

5 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	4	Ithumba	57.14%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Gazi	14.29%	Commercial	Yes
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Ithumba	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Fresh Boma	1	Ithumba	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Arrowing	1	Ithumba	100.00%	Commercial	No
Logging , Wet Wood	1	Umbi	33.33%	Commercial	No
Livestock Grazing , Fresh Boma	3	Gazi	100.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Wet Wood	1	Gazi	100.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Gazi	14.29%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	2	Gazi	28.57%	Commercial	Yes

* '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	Dikdik	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
2	Elephant	Poached	Arrowing	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	57
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	1
Thin Wire	Medium	Line	3

Total Snares Collected:	61
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Monthly Summary

The month started with the sad news about the death of an ex-orphan elephant called Selengai who had been raised at Ithumba. She was killed by poachers along with wild elephants she was with. This was followed by the sighting of a wounded elephant at the mud bath area. The team called upon the DSWT Mobile Veterinary Unit, and together managed to treat the elephant for poison arrows wounds.

Later in the month the team combined efforts with the Burra –Ziwani team and carried out joint patrols in the Northern part of Tsavo East, concentrating around major water points and along the Tiva River. This operation saw a lot of snares being removed. Towards the end of the month the team laid a series of ambushes targeting the poachers who were said to be operating during the night at the watering points. Three poachers were arrested in possession of bush meat during the course of the month.



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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba	Stephen, Wambugu	1
Ithumba	Stephen, Wambugu	6
Ithumba	Peter, Odera	7
Ithumba	Peter, Odera	6
Ithumba	Peter, Kariuki	1
Ithumba	Nicolas, Ntirima	1
Ithumba	Nicholas, Ntirima	12
Ithumba	John, Ksriuki	1
Ithumba	John, Karuiki	2
Ithumba	John, kariuki	10
Ithumba	Calvis, Oketh	1
Ithumba	Calvis, Oketch	1



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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba	Antony, Mutisiya	12
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Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 62



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A poacher's hideout at Ithumba hill



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An elephant carcass at Macho -Kombo area



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Arrest of a poacher at Gazi area



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Destroying the shooting blinds at the Macho-Kombo area



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Destroying illegal charcoal kilns at Gazi area



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Team destroying a shooting platform



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The carcass of a poached elephant



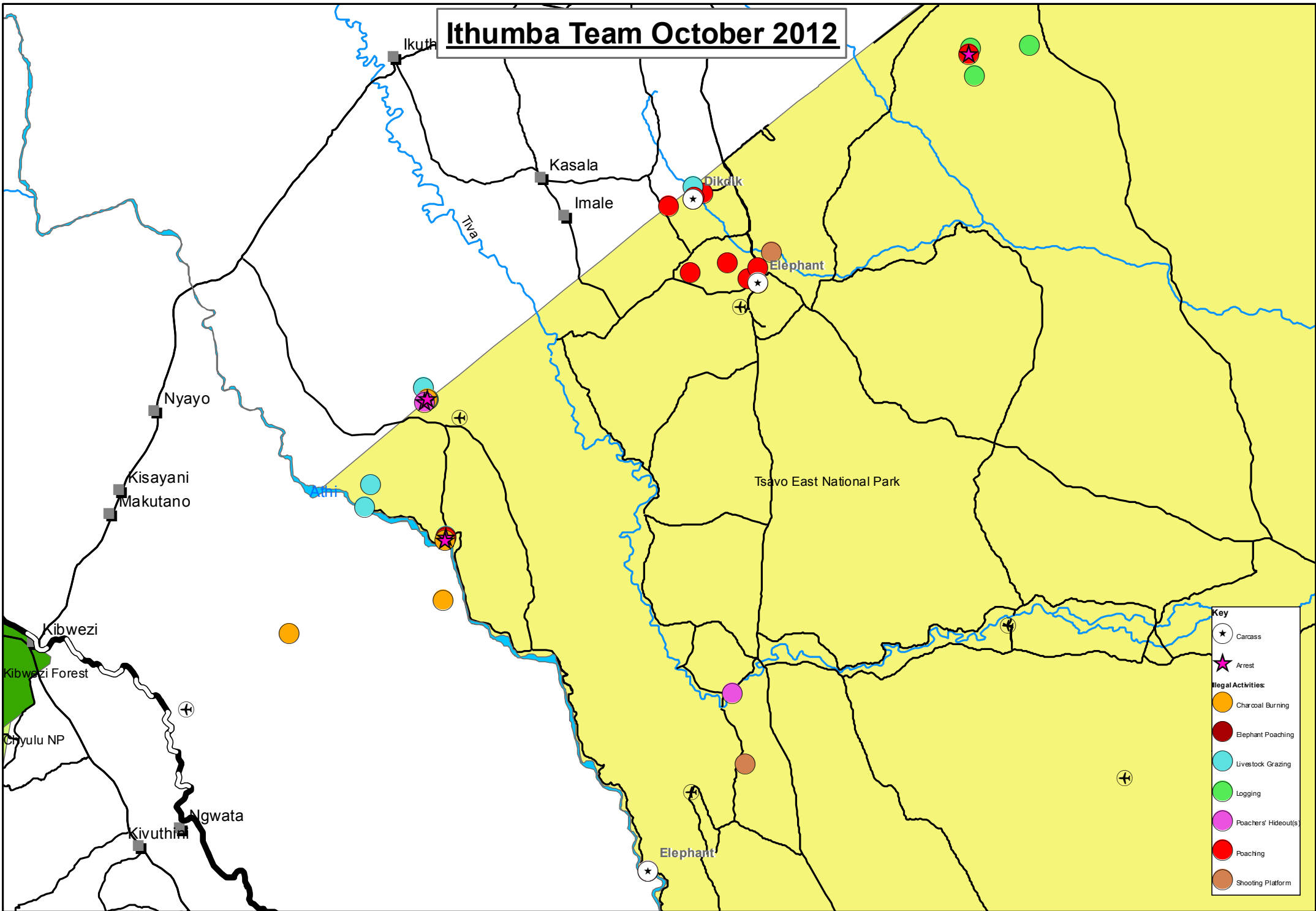
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Assisting the Tsavo Mobile vet Unit in treating an elephant with injuries

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Key	
★	Carcass
★	Arrest
Illegal Activities:	
●	Charcoal Burning
●	Elephant Poaching
●	Livestock Grazing
●	Logging
●	Poachers' Hideout(s)
●	Poaching
●	Shooting Platform