



## Ithumba Team

### De-Snaring Report for September, 2010

#### Participants

Lemanten    Labarakwe  
Noah        Lesimirdana  
James       Lodungokiyok  
Stephen     Musau  
Patrick      Mutuku

#### Areas Patrolled

Chamanyenze  
Kalovoto  
Macho Kombo  
Mathae  
Sheldrick Blind  
Tiva  
Tundani  
Umbi  
Wamata

#### Arrests

1 Arrest(s) this month

#### Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Tiva	20.00%	Commercial	Yes
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Wamata	33.33%	Commercial	No
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Footprints , Fresh Tracks	3	Wamata	11.11%		No



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#### Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Tiva	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Sheldrick Blind	3.70%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Macho Kombo	7.41%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Kyae Rock	7.41%		No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	3	Kalovoto	11.11%		No
Elephant Poaching , Arrowing	1	Wamata	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.

#### Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small		4
Cable	Large	Line	11

**Total Snares Collected: 15**

#### Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
School	Kasaala Secondary School	School Trip	Kasaala



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School	Tsavo Primary School	School Trip	Tsavo East

#### Monthly Summary

The Team was off duty in the 1st 2 weeks of the month and hence began iys operation on the 17th of September. The Team concerntrated mainly around Ithumba area and along the Tiva river. This was after a domestic dog was seen near the Ithumba stockade which indicates the presence of people illegally inside the Park boundary. The following day two more domestic dogs were seen near the stockade at around 8.00 pm. This was an indication that they may be accompanied by poachers. During the dry time of the year a lot of the wild elephants come to the stockade to drink water, the Team suspect that the poachers are trailing them to the areas near the stockade. The Team is on high alert to keep up protection of wildlife inside the Park. The Teams suspicions were affirmed when a poached elephant was found nearby with tusks cut out and carried away by the poachers. A pair of tusks were also found buried by poachers along the Tiva river.

A regular informer has given the Team reason to believe most of the poachers who had moved to areas like Mwakila and Darajani along the Athi River have moved back to this area in large numbers. The illegal markets at Kasaala area seem to be active and they need to be seriously destabilized.

This month has seen the dominant poaching trends to be mostly the use of bows and poisoned arrows. The snare poachers seem to have changed tactics to use lamping methods as their main technique for poaching game. This is especially carried out during night time in the open areas. The Team found varius fresh footprints moving mostly in one place and in the open patches. A night ambush is necessary to apprehend these poachers. The Team found numreous Shooting platforms in several water points especially along Tiva river. All the shooting platforms were destroyed.



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Arrested poacher in possession of poison arrows



Elephant carcass found near Ithumba



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Elephant carcass with tusks missing



Elephant tusks recovered along the river



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Poachers' hideout near the Tiva river



Logging at Kanziko





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Kasaala students board the bus for their trip



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Kasaala students enjoy their school trip in to the Park



The Kasaala students learn about the elephant orphans and see them during their mudbath





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Tsavo students meet the elephant orphans

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