



Mtito Team

De-Snaring Report for August, 2011

Participants

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Areas Patrolled

Kamunyu
Kilalinda
Mangelete
Triangle
Tsavo East
Tsavo West

Arrests

1 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Shooting Platform , Old Hideout	1	Kishushe	100.00%	Commercial	No
Shooting Platform , Old Boma	1	Gazi	100.00%	Commercial	No
Shooting Platform , Fresh Hideout	1	Kishushe	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	6	Triangle	17.65%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Kilalinda	2.94%	Commercial	No



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Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Gazi	2.94%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Triangle	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Triangle	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Gazi	16.67%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Triangle	5.56%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Triangle	25.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Kyusyani	25.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Iviani	25.00%	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	Scattered	125
Thin Wire	Small	Line	5
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	222
Thin Wire	Medium	Scattered	15
Cable	Small		1



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Total Snares Collected:	368
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
Community	Mangelete Radio Station	Donation	Mangelete

Monthly Summary



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The team resumed duty on the 6th of August and set up their camp at the Mtito gate. A lot of illegal activities seemed to have happened while the Team was away on annual leave and the most notable of all is the death of four elephant whose carcasses showed that they were killed for their ivory. The number of snares in the park also rose so the Team had their work cut out for their return in order to regain control of the illegal activities taking place. The team visited the Gazi area and lots of illegal activities were noted in this area with over 200 snares removed in this area. The team also patrolled the Mzima pipeline area where a shooting blind was destroyed; this blind had been in use for a very long time and must have caused the death of many animals as it was next to a water point. Illegal logging also increased during the period of the Teams absence especially at Iviani and Kyusiani areas. On the 28th august the team received information about an orphaned elephant calf at Kilaguni area and the Team responded swiftly to try and find the orphan but sadly never found the calf. The Team did however find an elephant which had a rotten left hind leg and needed treatment. The Team contacted the veterinary unit and after assessing the elephant's condition he sadly needed to be euthanized. The Team removed the tusks and handed them over to the KWS. The team is in high spirits and very ready to protect our natural heritage.

The team donated seventy liters of diesel to a local community radio station who had approached the trust for the same in an effort to increase their mobility.

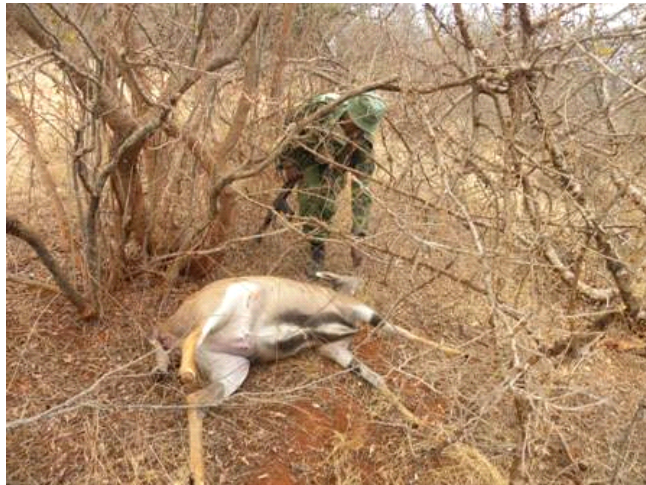


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A shooting blind near delta zero in the Triangle



A snared Lesser Kudu



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The snare on the Lesser Kudu's neck



Poached elephant at Misani area



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A poached elephant carcass in the Triangle



Arrest of a poacher in possession of a snared impala



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The Team assisted the Vet Unit in treating an injured elephant



Charcoal kilns in the Triangle



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Illegal logging at Gazi area



Lifting snares in the Triangle

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