



Mtito Team

De-Snaring Report for February, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Chyulu National Park
Kamunyu
Kibwezi Forest
Kikunduku
Mangelete
Mathaioni
Triangle
Tsavo West

Arrests

9 Arrest(s) this month

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Mathaioni	20.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Triangle	50.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Chyulu NP	5.26%		No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Triangle	16.67%	Commercial	No



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Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	2	Kibwezi	33.33%	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	Cluster	52

Total Snares Collected:	52
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Community Work

Target Group	Target Group Name	Activity	Location
Community	Iviani Community	Fencing	Iviani
Community	Iviani Community	Public Baraza	Iviani
School	Kamunyu Primary School	Donation	Kamunyu
Community	Ndandini Village	Mobile Cinema	Ndandini
Community	Matangini Village	Conservation Talk	Matangini

Monthly Summary



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The team started the month by carrying a joint operation with the Kenze team for the first two weeks as the Chyulu team was off duty during that period. During this period the teams patrolled the Kibwezi forest and the Chyulu National Park. Two men were arrested, caught setting fire to the forest and one illegal charcoal burner who was on the process of preparing a charcoal kiln inside the forest. The team also patrolled the Triangle for two days while still based at Kenze and it was during one of these patrols that a poached elephant carcass was found near Mtito River. The Team wasted no time in setting out on an investigation on the ground and soon had information concerning the suspected poacher who was said to have retreated to his home in Ikutha. The team got information the poacher was around so went to the area he was at and set up the mobile cinema in hopes that the suspect would come but he never showed up. After a few days the Team received a call to inform of his whereabouts and once again the Team responded and carried out a search. The Team arrested the suspect deep in the Tsavo West National Park in an area known as Mathayoni. The poacher confessed to having killed eight more elephants in last year. After returning back to the Triangle the team arrested two illegal loggers in the Triangle. Towards the end of the month, the team carried a joint operation with the Chyulu team in the Kikunduku area and arrested three charcoal dealers and recovered three bicycles.

The team carried out Community Outreach with the Matangini community in the Mangelete area where the team leader gave a lecture on conservation. The team also set up a mobile cinema at Ndandini area although this was an undercover mission.

The Triangle area has a wide variety of wildlife inhabiting this vulnerable area. This makes the neighbouring communities an important part of insuring the security and longevity of conservation. These communities experience incidences of human-wildlife conflict and are also home to poachers who have made poaching their main source of income. When the chief was informed of the proposed electric fence by the DSWT he quickly convened a Baraza. The locals gave accounts of how elephants have caused damage to their livelihoods by eating their crops. There was a lot of excitement among the locals over the prospects of a Trust funded electric fence which will eliminate both wildlife from entering Community land and illegal access of humans into the National Park. The community was very happy and promised to help curb the remaining incidences of poaching in the area. The following day the Team went on ground to survey the area where the fence would pass and measured a distance of 10.52 kilometers. Generally the community is very positive concerning the fence.



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Chief's baraza on the proposed electric fence



Donation of writing materials at Kamunyu Primary school



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The electric fence committee members at Kyusiani area



A burnt up area in Kibwezi forest



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An unlit illegal charcoal kiln



A charcoal kiln in the Triangle



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An elephant carcass near Mtito river



Arrest of an elephant poacher at Mathayoni area in Tsavo West



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Arrest of illegal loggers in the Triangle



Illegal logging at Kibwezi forest



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Illegal logging at Kyusiani area along Mito river



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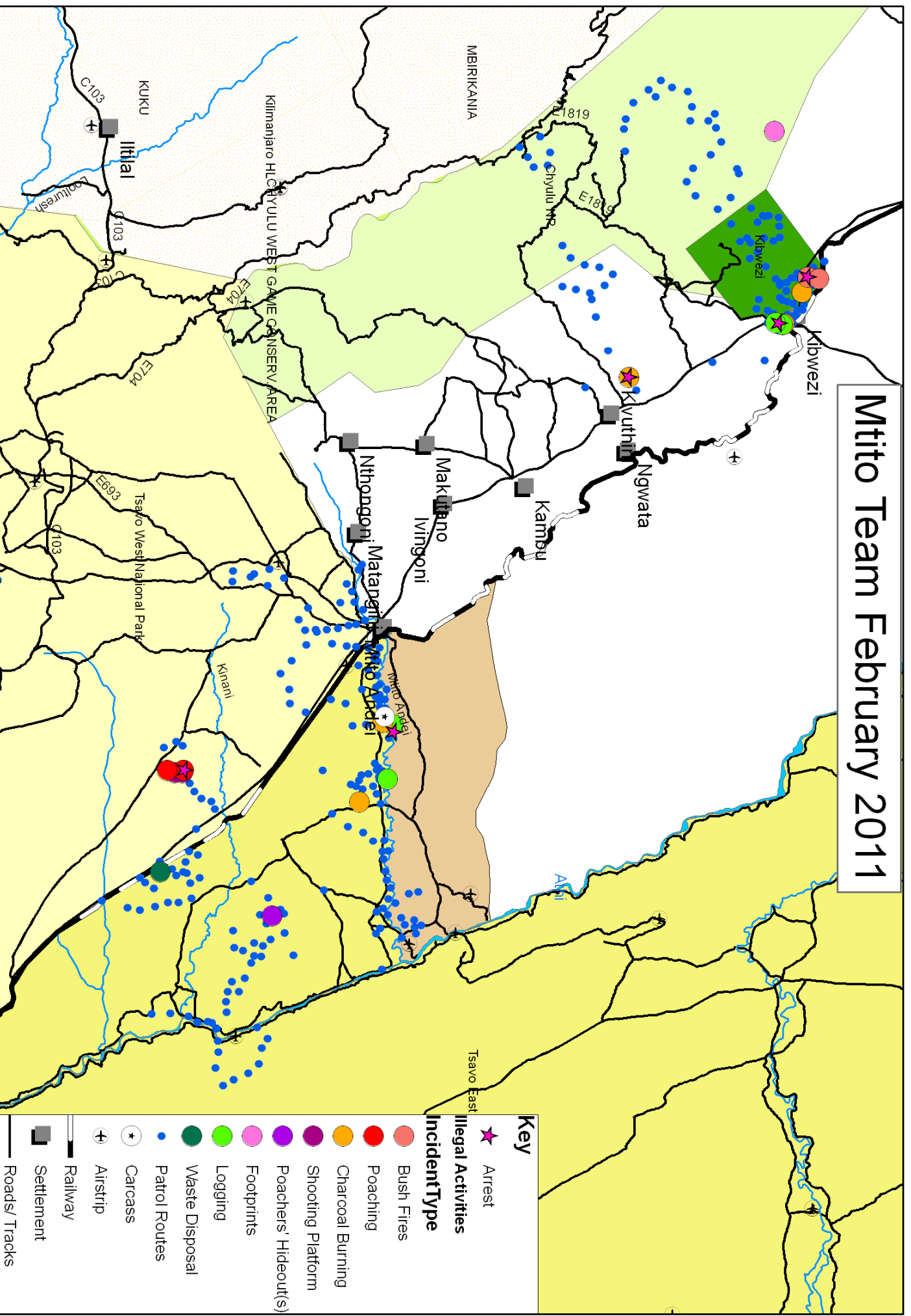
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Team destroying illegal charcoal kilns

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Key

- ★ Arrest
- Illegal Activities**
- IncidentType**
- Bush Fires
- Poaching
- Charcoal Burning
- Shooting Platform
- Poachers' Hideout(s)
- Footprints
- Logging
- Waste Disposal
- Patrol Routes
- Carcass
- ✈ Airstrip
- ✈ Railway
- Settlement
- Roads/ Tracks