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**DE-SNARING REPORT
MAY 2013**

ITHUMBA/NDOVU TEAM



Ithumba/Ndovu Team

De-Snaring Report for May, 2013

Participants

Stephen	Mutuku
Edwin	Githae
Rais	Ledonyo
Pilius	Lekeele
Henry	Lekochoere

Areas Patrolled

Uma Uma
Tiva
Shimola Shetani
Power Line
Mathae
Lesilau Dam
Kimweli
Kalovoto
Imenti

Arrests

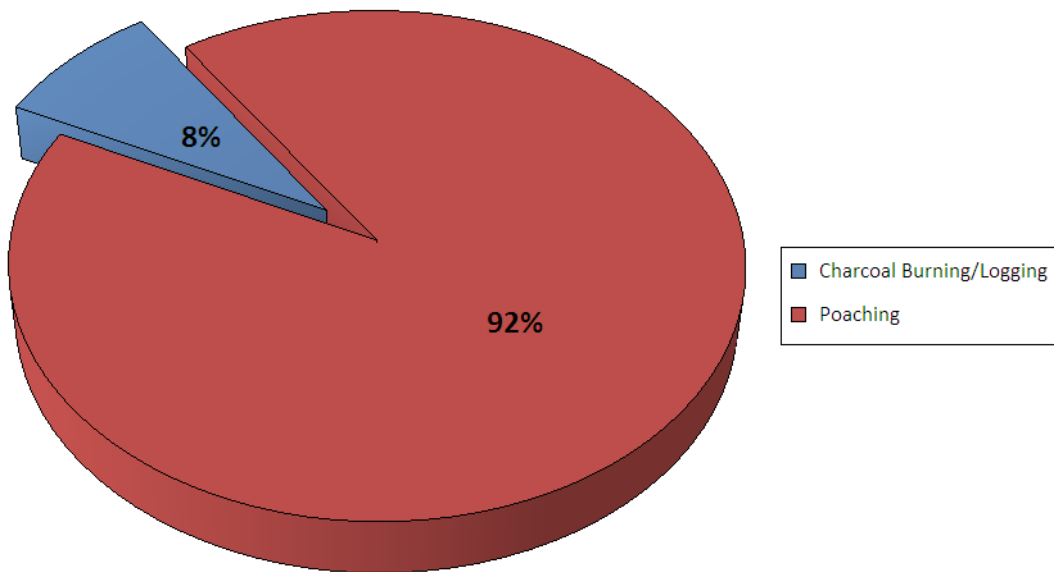
0 Arrest(s) this month



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Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	1
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	66
Cable	Large	Cluster	22

Total Snares Collected:	89
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Monthly Summary

NDOVU TEAM REPORT FOR MAY 2013

Findings

The team returned from an off duty on the 16th day of the month and first patrolled Kalovoto area towards Kanziku gate where no illegal activities were seen. The team then patrolled Lesilau Dam towards Umauma area where a recently used poacher's hideout, two shooting blinds and a shooting platform were found and destroyed.

The team patrolled Imenti Dam area towards Power line for three consecutive days where two fresh poachers' footprints seen and followed but the team lost the trail. But the team managed to retrieve 29 small and 22 big snares which are newly laid by the poachers. The team believes that the poachers were targeting a herd of zebras sighted grazing on the vicinity.

Mathae area towards Kimweli fence line was also noted as another poaching hotspot. The team lifted 37 small snares in this area and rescued a pregnant Dikdik that was in a snare. The team found that the animal was struggling to free herself from the snare, and the more she struggled, the worse the grip tightened around her neck. Had the team not reached there on time, the animal could have suffered an excruciating death.

Cases of wood carvings were also sighted in Kimweli area therefore the team will make another visit in that area next month to monitor the situation on the ground. Although the team visited the above areas, the team didn't patrol any more areas and therefore concentrated in a five square kilometer area around the elephant stockade due to lack of rangers. This hampered the operation as many areas remained unattended. The worry is that as the dry season commences, there will be increased numbers of snares as many poachers will not be working on their farms therefore this will provide ample time for them to engage in illegal activities.

Report compiled by
Henry Lekochoere.



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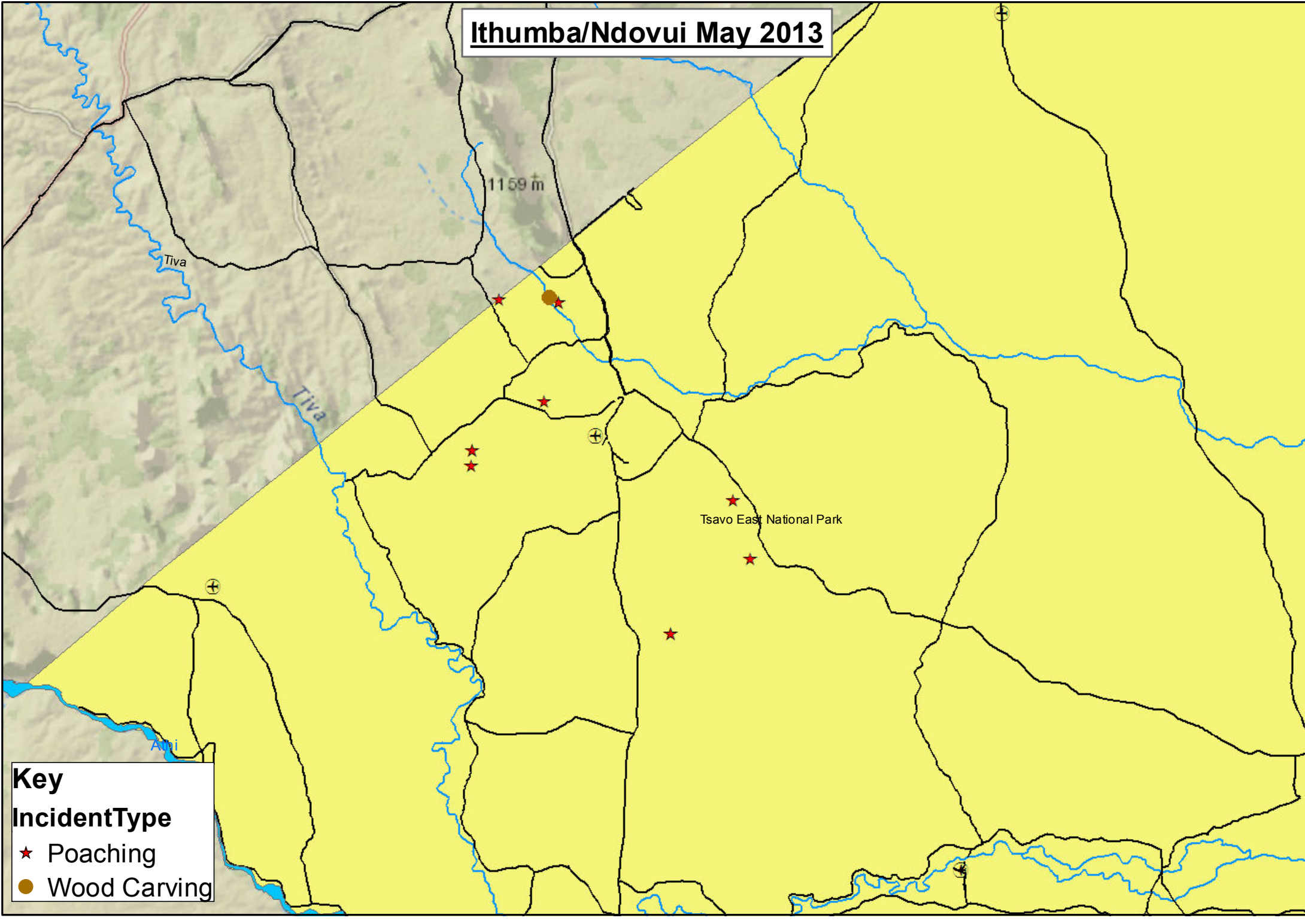
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba/Ndovu	Vincent, Singoro	1
Ithumba/Ndovu	Kevin, Ochieng	1
Ithumba/Ndovu	, Mwai	1
Ithumba/Ndovu	, Mutisya	3
Ithumba/Ndovu	, Kiplangat	2

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 8

Ithumba/Ndovui May 2013



Key
IncidentType

- ★ Poaching
- Wood Carving

Ithumba/Ndovu Team May 2013 desnaring report photographs



Shooting platform at Umauma area.



Cheater sighted at Mathae area.



Shooting blind at Umauma area.



Lifting a small snare at Kimweli.



Team patrolling at Leslau dam.



Rescuing a snared pregnant dikdik at Kimweli area.



Chips from wood carving at Kimweli area



Puff udder seen at Power line.