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**DE-SNARING REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2013  
ITHUMBA/NDOVU TEAM**



## Ithumba/Ndovu Team

### De-Snaring Report for November, 2013

#### Participants

Manien	Kiperus
Stephen	Mutuku
Edwin	Githae
Rais	Ledonyo
Piliias	Lekeele
Henry	Lekochoere

#### Areas Patrolled

Tundani  
Tiva  
Mathae  
Lesilau Dam  
Kimweli  
Kasaala fence  
Kanziku Freeline  
Kalovoto  
Imenti

#### Arrests

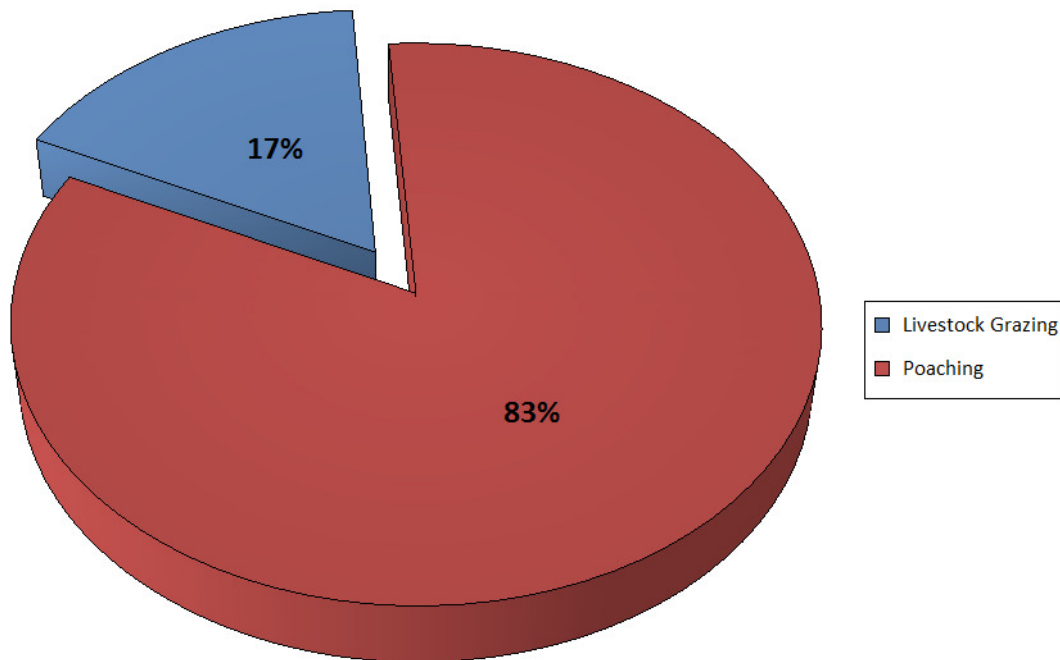
0 Arrest(s) this month



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#### Main Illegal Activities experienced during the Month





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#### Wildlife Carcasses - Number, Species, Cause of Death

No. Carcasses	Species	Cause of Death	Means of Death	Carcass Age
1	Kudu Lesser	Poached	Snared	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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#### Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	56
Medium Wire	Medium	Line	6
Medium Wire	Medium	Cluster	15

<b>Total Snares Collected:</b>	<b>77</b>
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#### Monthly Summary

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#### KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ithumba/Ndovu	Wilson, Gitonga	14
Ithumba/Ndovu	Wilson, Gitau	1
Ithumba/Ndovu	Sammy, Akamais	5
Ithumba/Ndovu	, Emnyat	10

**Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 30**



## **Monthly Synopsis**

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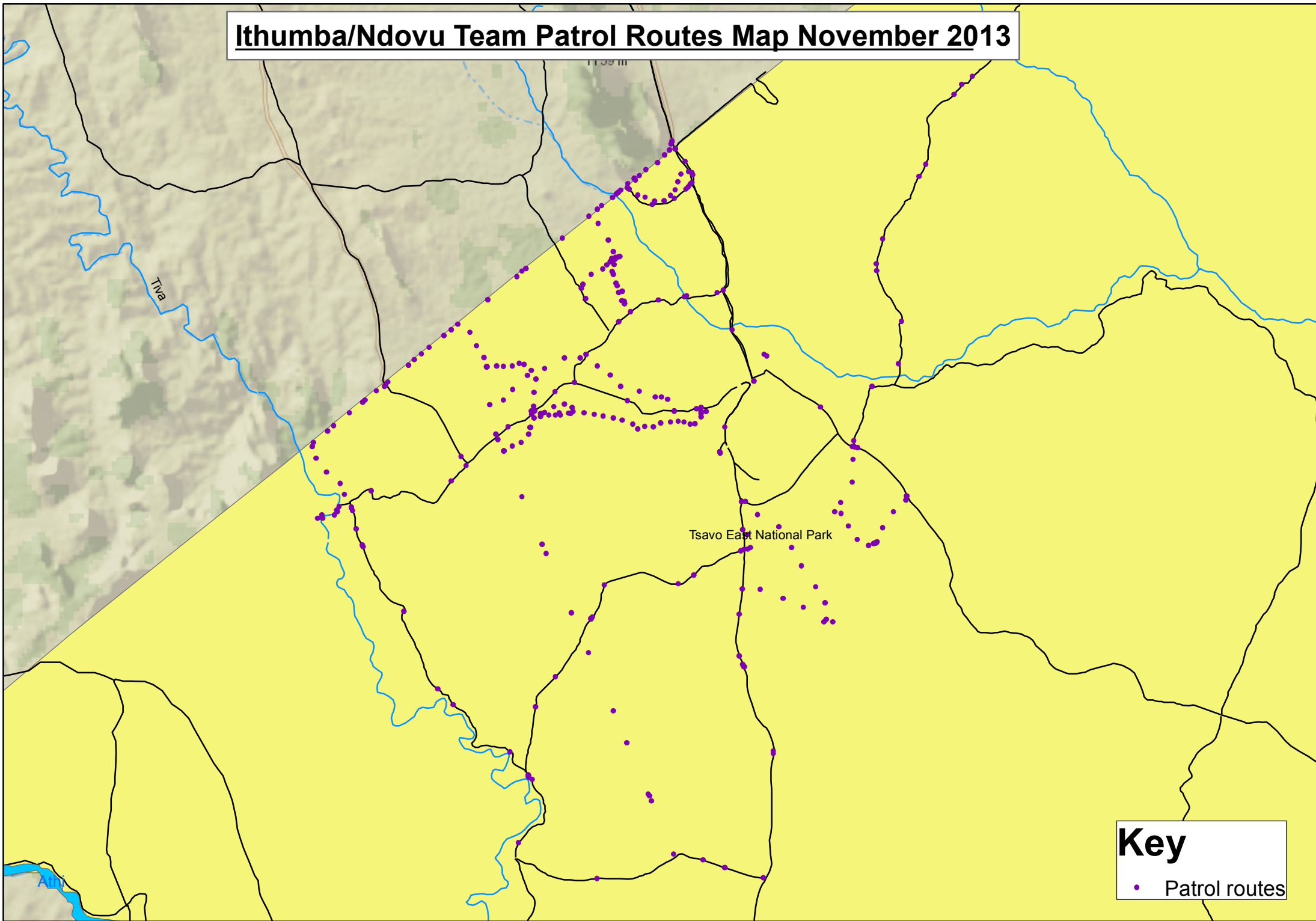
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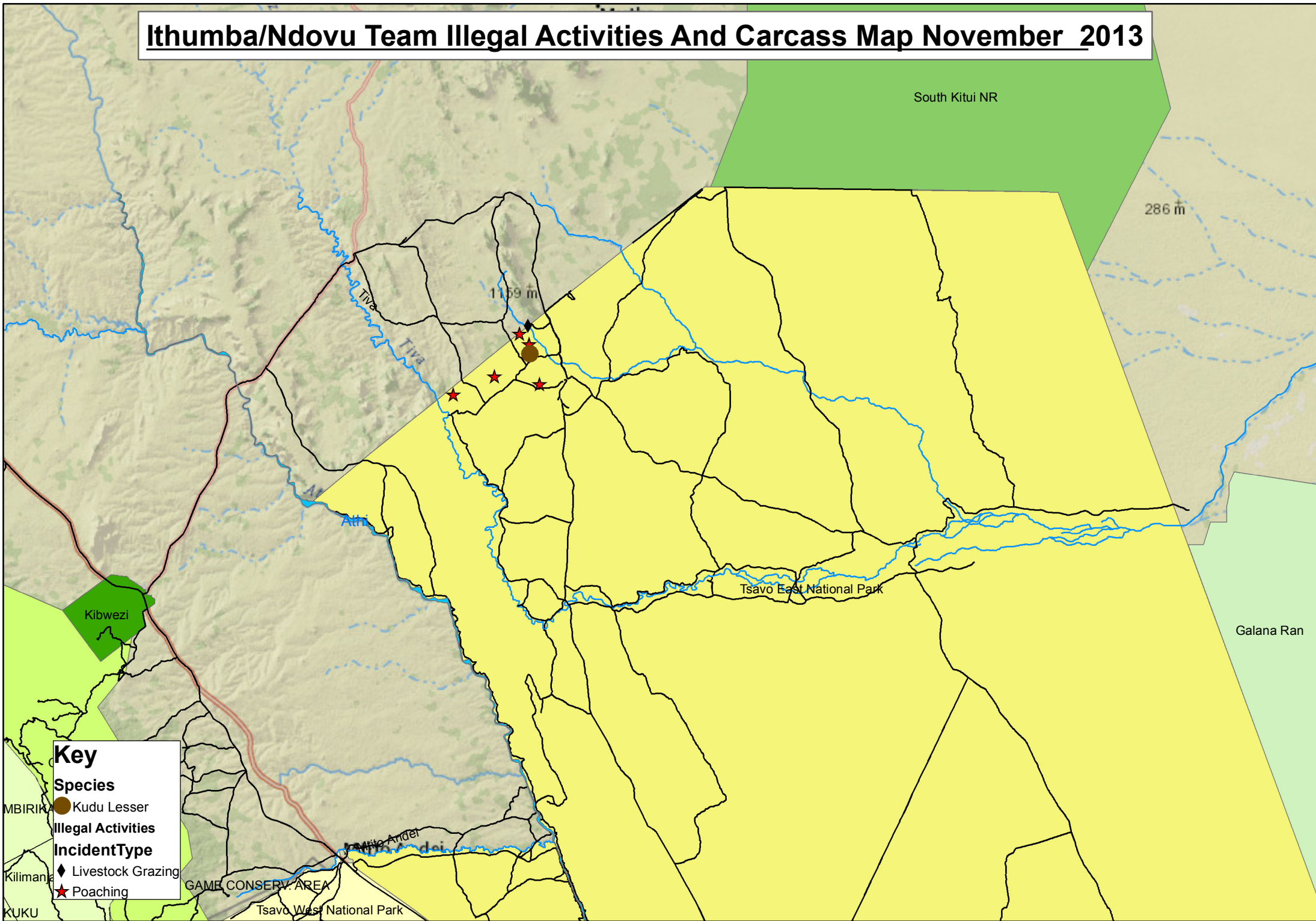
On the final day, now desperate to find them before they died, Nyati and Ndovu teams as well as a group of keepers with a vehicle split up and started searching along roads and around every water point in the area trying to find any sign of the orphans. Finally, in the afternoon, the footprints of a group of young elephants were found having crossed a road near the fence line to the park nearly 10 kilometers from the stockades. The pilot began searching the area and almost immediately spotted the group around 3 kilometers from the point where they crossed the road. GPS coordinates were received over the radio and Nyati team, along with Ndovu team and the keepers fanned out and started running towards the elephants. Night was fast approaching, as was a heavy rainstorm. Unfortunately, the coordinates brought the men to a location about 100 meters away from the elephants at which time the storm had reached them and the pilot was no longer able to offer aerial support. Circling at the edge of the storm, the pilot gave directions over the radio as best as possible, no longer able to see the men or the elephants and after about ten minutes the elephants were found and escorted another seven kilometers back to the stockades where they arrived shortly before sunset.

# Ithumba/Ndovu Team Patrol Routes Map November 2013



**Key**  
• Patrol routes

# Ithumba/Ndovu Team Illegal Activities And Carcass Map November 2013



**Ithumba/Ndovu Team November 2013 Desnaring Report Photographs**



**Lifting small snares at Kimweli area**



**Found and fed lost orphans.**



**Cheater sighted at Mathae area.**



**Cattle grazing in the park.**