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**DE-SNARING REPORT
FEBRUARY 2013**

ZIWANI/SIMBA TEAM



Ziwani/Simba Team

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Participants

Peterson	Ngari
Marayion	Lelekoiten
Dennis	Lemerwas
Ali	Roba
Noah	Lesimirdana
Stephen	Musau
Daniel	Lelekoiten

Areas Patrolled

Ziwani
Voi River
Voi
Salt Lick
Oza Ranch
Ngutuni
Ndii
Murka
Mbulia
Maktau
Kishushe Ranch
Kilaguni
Kanjaro
Kangenchwa

Arrests

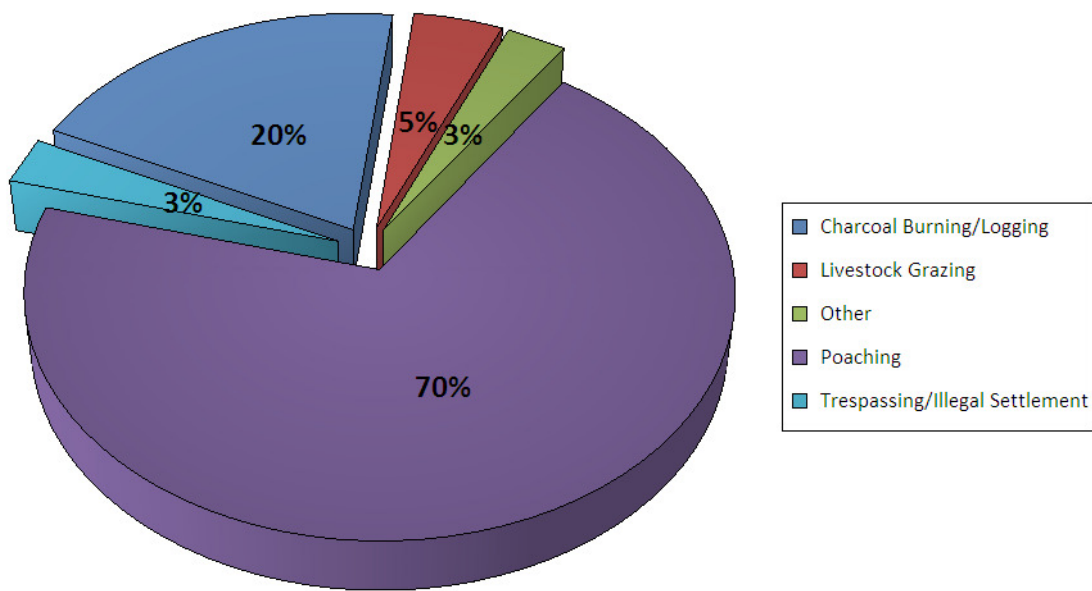
2 Arrest(s) this month



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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	Elephant	Poached	Arrowing	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Unknown	Unknown	Recent (3 weeks - 1 year)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	7
Thin Wire	Medium	Cluster	41
Thin Wire	Large	Line	18
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	7
Copper Wire	Large	Cluster	1

Total Snares Collected: 74



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Monthly Summary

SIMBA TEAM DESNARING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Report summary

In the month of February Simba team's operations covered both eastern and western parts of Tsavo national park. This was because the team that covers the eastern part is at the KWS law enforcement academy doing the paramilitary conservation training course. The areas patrolled were Mbulia, Kangeshwa, Ngutuni, saltlick, Kanjaro, Oza, Ndi, Jipe, and Ziwani.

At Ngutuni ranch the team managed to rescue an orphaned buffalo calf with which we believed its mother was a victim of predation.

The team also patrolled Mbulia ranch and Mbulia park boundary where we managed to lift snares. The team found several poacher's camps and shooting platforms. Fresh human footprints for four poachers were seen in one of the poacher's camp. The team followed them for two consecutive days, but the poachers had sensed our presence and were determined to leave the area before the team could catch up with them. The team also realized that elephants and other wildlife animals fully depended on breathers of the piped water from Mzima springs to Mombasa. These breathers normally spill water outside the pipes to regulate pressure and this is where animals get water to survive in this area during dry seasons. Unfortunately poachers use this as an advantage for poaching elephants whenever they come to drink especially at night.

When the team shifted its operations to western part of Tsavo national park, at Maktau area, the team got information from an informer that there was a poached elephant carcass 2kilometres from Maktau park entry gate and 300metres from fenced park boundary near a certain dam on the side of the community. The team discovered that KWS security officers had found the carcass and reported to their management that the carcass had no tusks, which was contrary to what the team found. There were remains of tusks in the skull which could hardly be seen unless someone was keen. The death of this elephant was a result of human wildlife conflict since we witnessed community members from Maktau complaining that competition for water was high between elephants and their livestock.

The team also arrested two charcoal burners as they were preparing their kilns at Oza ranch and taken to police for further legal actions.

Challenges

It has been a great challenge for many people in the field of conservation to grasp the finer details of the concept and practices of wildlife security management with the absence of appropriate training. This is because most team members were not initially trained to become wildlife advocates. The team is comprised of other professions other than conservation which makes applying conservation principles especially wildlife security is difficult. And thus no one really commands authority in this field in this team.

Compiled by simba team leader
Stephen Musau



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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ziwani/Simba	Salim, Sudi	6
Ziwani/Simba	Robert, Wako	1
Ziwani/Simba	Roba, Wako	11
Ziwani/Simba	Patrick, Kosgei	10
Ziwani/Simba	Patrick, Kogei	1
Ziwani/Simba	Patrick, Kasrikei	1
Ziwani/Simba	Bernard, Wainaina	1
Ziwani/Simba	, Wainaina	4
Ziwani/Simba	, Sheplimo	6
Ziwani/Simba	, Mutiso	5
Ziwani/Simba	, Makau	6
Ziwani/Simba	, Lesindio	5



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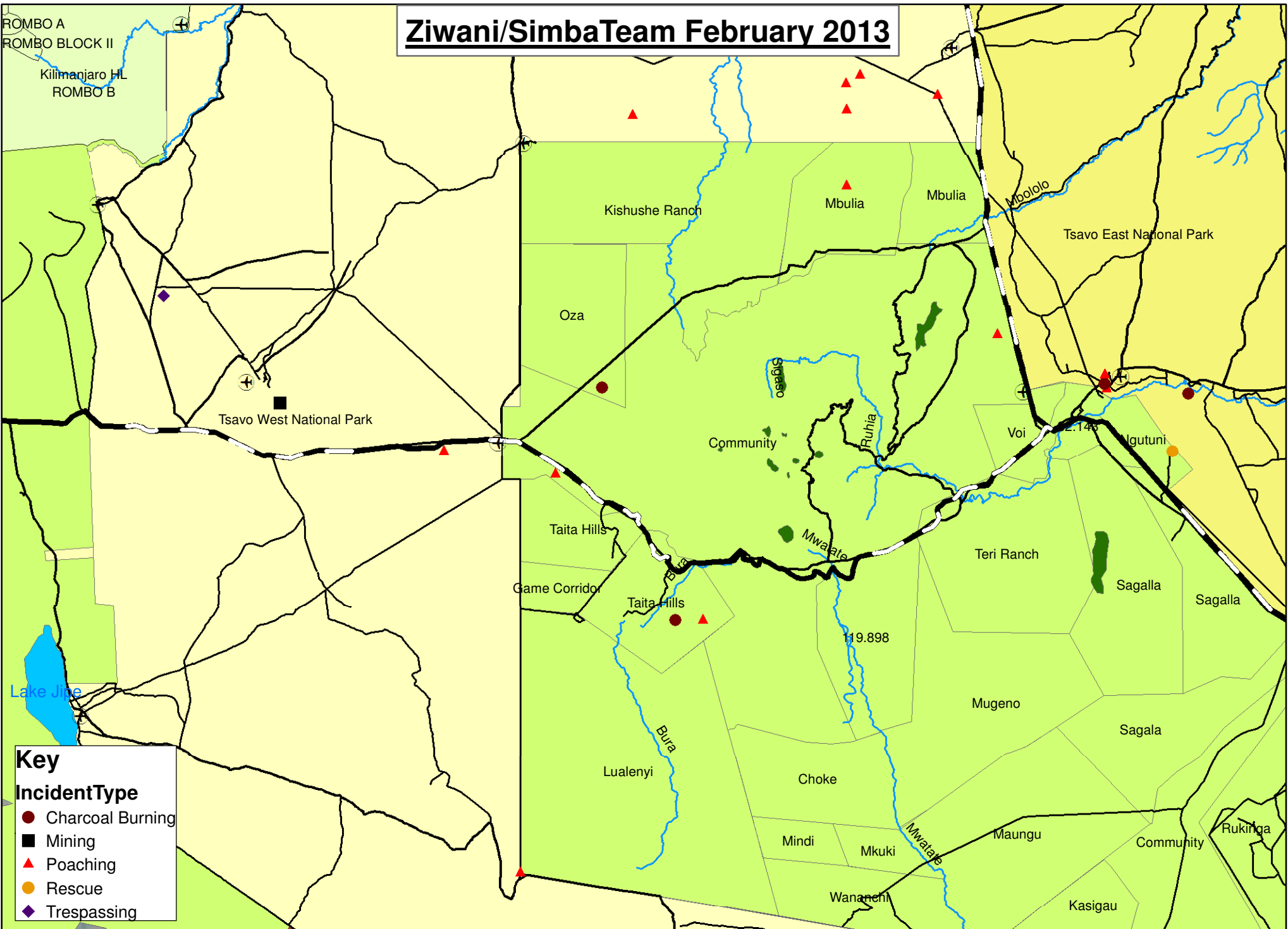
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ziwani/Simba	, Kyalo	12

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 69

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Key

IncidentType

- Charcoal Burning
- Mining
- ▲ Poaching
- Rescue
- ◆ Trespassing



Ziwani/ Simba Team February 2013 desnaring report photographs



Above: Fresh poachers' camp found at Mbulia



Above: A shooting hide found at Mbulia.



Above: A heavy buffalo snare found at Salt link ranch.



Above: A small snare found at Mbulia ranch.



Above right: A two week old elephant found near Maktau park entry.



Above: Tusks from the elephant.



Above: Tusks from the elephant.



Above: An old elephant skull found at Ngutuini area.



Above: An elephant snare destroyed at Mbulia ranch.