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**DE-SNARING REPORT
FEBRUARY 2012**

TIVA TEAM



Tiva Team

De-Snaring Report for February, 2012

Participants

Edwin Githae
Bramuel Ileri
Paul Kamau
Joseph Macharia
Stephen Musau
James Simiti

Areas Patrolled

Gazi
Kalovoto
Kiasa
Kyamanyenze
Sheldrick Blind
Tharakana
Uma Uma
Yatta

Arrests

8 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Shooting Platform , Fresh Hideout	1	Yatta	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Fresh Hideout	1	Thakarana	100.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	3	Yatta	42.86%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Thakarana	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Kyanthatu	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Old Hideout	1	Athi River	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Thakarana	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Old Tracks	1	Kyanthatu	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	2	Yatta	25.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Gazi	6.25%	Commercial	No
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* 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all de-snaring teams) of that particular illegal activity during the selected 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	Snared	Recent (3 weeks - 1 year)
1	Buffalo	Unknown	Unknown	Old (more than 1 year)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Line	17
Cable	Large	Line	1
			0

Total Snares Collected:	18
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Monthly Summary

During the month of February the Team started patrol at Ntharakana area, the first half of the month saw minimal cases of illegal activities. The highlights included lifting an elephant snare (made from winch wire) that was active at Ntharakana Mutie spring, the Team also noted fresh footprints of about six people headed to Kitanda boo which was followed but did not lead to capturing the offenders.

The second half of the month was dominated by findings of illegal bee-hive harvesting. Other than this, on 16th of the month the Team found a poacher's hide-out and recovered several items including two bows, dried bush meat, nine poisoned arrows meant to kill elephant and seventeen snares all targeting small game. Along the Athi River on 17th the team arrested three notorious poachers who were in possession of three bows, sixteen poisoned arrows and some foodstuffs.

On 22nd while on patrol in Gazi area, findings showed a variety of illegal activities such as charcoal burning, illegal cattle grazing, firewood collection and wild fires taking place. The charcoal kilns were destroyed and the team arrested five charcoal burners and confiscated their tools and charcoal sacks.

Report compiled by:
Joseph Macharia- Administrative Tiva Team Leader



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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Tiva	Vincent, Sigoro	1
Tiva	Denge, Mboru	24
Tiva	Cetric, Isiaho	25
Tiva	Calvince, Oketch	1

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 51





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Apprehension of three notorious poachers



Fresh poachers hideout at Yatta area towards Athi



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Patrol at Wakiminda area



Recent elephant carcass at Gazi area



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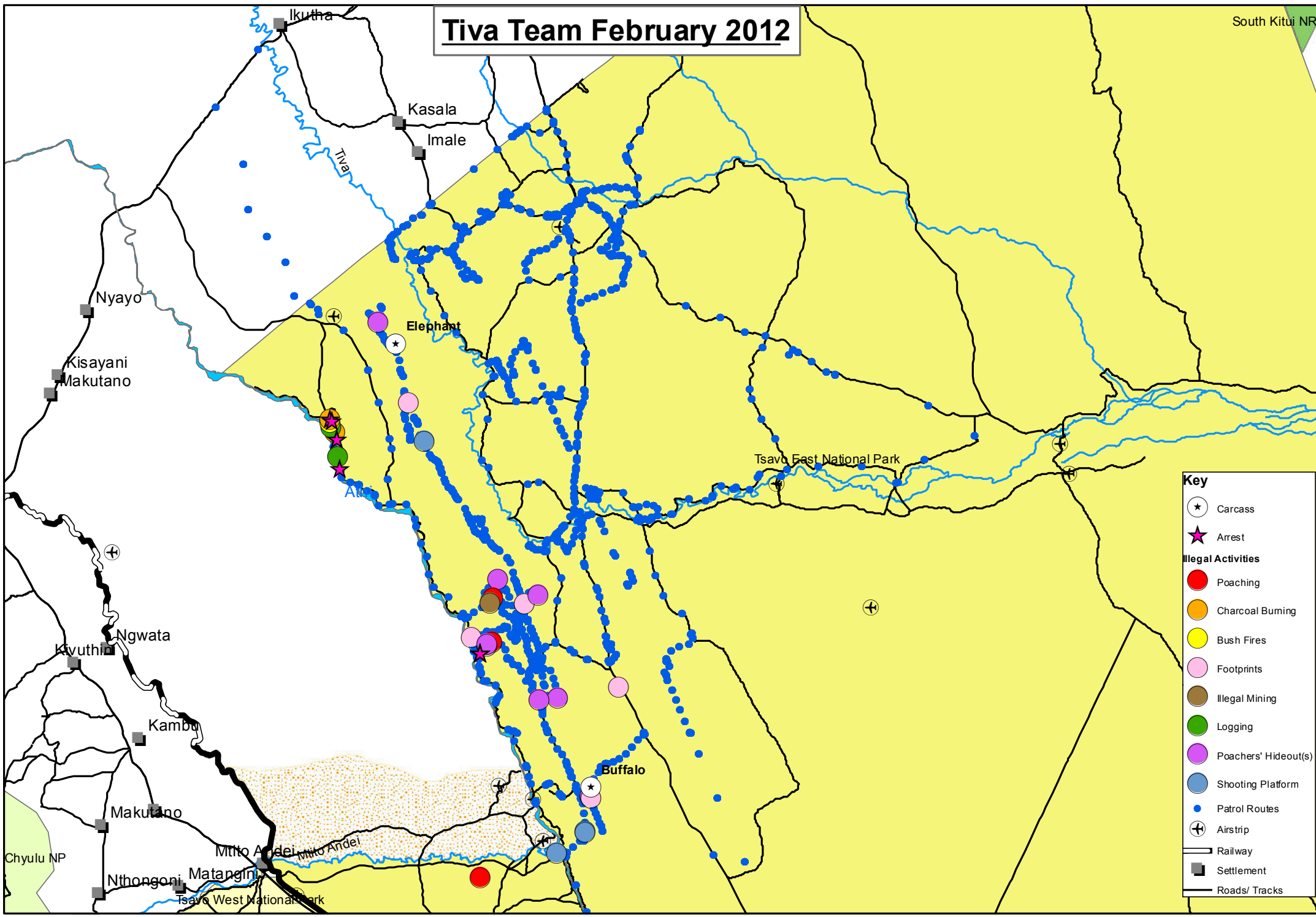
Shooting platform at Yatta area



Wild fire at Gazi area

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South Kitui NR



Key

- (★) Carcass
- (★) Arrest
- Illegal Activities**
- (●) Poaching
- (●) Charcoal Burning
- (●) Bush Fires
- (●) Footprints
- (●) Illegal Mining
- (●) Logging
- (●) Poachers' Hideout(s)
- (●) Shooting Platform
- (●) Patrol Routes
- (⊕) Airstrip
- (—) Railway
- (■) Settlement
- (—) Roads/ Tracks