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**DE-SNARING REPORT
JULY 2012**

TIVA TEAM



Tiva Team

De-Snaring Report for July, 2012

Participants

John	Kinyua
Nkapieni	Karare
Ikuthu	Muema
Edwin	Githae
James	Simiti
Joseph	Macharia
Stephen	Musau
Alex	Macharia
Bramuel	Ileri

Areas Patrolled

Umbi Hill
Uma Uma
Tiva
Power Line
Mathae
Kyamanyenze
Kya Rock
Kimweli
Kalovoto
Imenti
Gazi

Arrests

5 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Ithumba	15.38%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Gazi	7.69%	Commercial	Yes
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Power Line	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kyae Rock	16.67%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Snaring - Small Game	1	Muvuko Lagga	100.00%	Commercial	No

* '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	Duiker Common	Natural	Predation	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)



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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	40
Thin Wire	Small	Cluster	6
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	12
			0

Total Snares Collected: 58



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Monthly Summary

Joint operations with KWS officially resumed this month following a ban since the beginning of March. This has made the anti-poaching work far more efficient. During the first half of the month little illegal activities were witnessed in the Ithumba general area. Towards the middle of the month some of the team members went to take part in a Ranger course at Law Enforcement Academy in Manyani.

During an aerial patrol with the Trust's pilot it was noted that large amounts of logging were taking place in areas that the team does not frequent. Immediate action on the ground followed and the team destroyed beams and logs and lifted many small snares. During patrols the team also visited known dams and found most to be dry; this meant the poachers will be following the wildlife to areas with water. Evidently most illegal activities were in areas around Tiva River.

Other activities noted in the course of the month included bush fires at Tundani area. Towards the end of the month the team undertook a joint operation at Gazi area where several fresh charcoal kilns were destroyed, many snares were lifted, and five arrests of illegal loggers and cattle grazers took place. Generally the number of illegal activities seems to be reducing; this can be attributed to the tight security measures put in place to reduce the poaching activities. The return of joint work with KWS on a field level has been a huge help this month.



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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Tiva	Vincent, Sigoro	3
Tiva	Phillip, Isuma	10
Tiva	Oketch, Calvince	1
Tiva	Moses, Chacha	2
Tiva	James, Maina	11
Tiva	Charles, Kariuki	2
Tiva	Calvince, Oketch	1
Tiva	Boru, Denge	1
Tiva	Ben, Karienkei	6
Tiva	, Karienkei	1
Tiva	,	1

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 39



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An active bush fire at Umaumaa area



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Destroying a recently used shooting platform in Makuka area



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Destroying a shooting platform at Umaumaa area



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Illegal logging at Umbi area



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Team members trailing a fresh poacher's footprints



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Recent poacher's cooking fire at Powerline area



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Team lifting snares in Kyaerock towards Gazi area



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The team follow bicycle tracks while on patrol

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