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DE-SNARING REPORT NOVEMBER 2011

ZIWANI TEAM



De-Snaring Report for November, 2011

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Areas Patrolled

Choke Ranch

Kakindu

Kishushe Ranch

Kutima Ranch

Lualenyi Ranch

Maktau

Mbuyani

Mkuki Ranch

Murka

Mwashoti

Oza Ranch

Salaita Hill

Toloa

Voi

Ziwani

Arrests

2 Arrest(s) this month

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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentag	je Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Oza Ranch	6.67%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Mjorongo	6.67%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kutima	33.33%	Subsistence	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Toloa	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Murka	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	2	Mbuguni	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Large Game	1	Lualenyi Ranch	12.50%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Lamping	1	Maktau	100.00%	Commercial	No
Livestock Grazing , Fresh Boma	1	Toloa	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mbuguni	4.55%	Subsistence	No
Elephant Poaching , Poisoned Spikes	1	Latica Area	100.00%	Commercial	No

 $^{^{\}star}$ 'Percentage' indicates the overall percentage occurrence (encountered by all desnaring 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	Dikdik	Poached	Lamping	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)
1	Elephant	Poached	Gunshot	Fresh (less than 3 weeks)

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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Line	18
Cable	Medium	Scattered	4
Cable	Large	Scattered	10
Cable	Large	Line	21
Cable	Large	Cluster	3

Total Snares Collected: 56

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Monthly Summary

During the month of November the onset of the rains led to logistical difficulties as some of the roads were flooded. On the positive side, most of community members who set snares and practice other poaching methods were busy in their farm trying to improve food security within the area hence there was a reduction in the number of snares within the Team's area of operation.

With that said, there was still some poaching going on and the team arrested two poachers at Maktau who practice lamping within the area. The Team also came across two carcasses one of an elephant at Toloa (close to the Tanzanian border) who was poached by gunshot (six bullets) and one for a dikdik at Maktau killed via lamping.

Illegal cattle grazing inside park continues to be a problem. Another problem is the amount of human-wildlife conflict in the Maktau region, with wildlife raids leading to losses on both sides. This month a leopard killed goats in one of the communities and an elephant killed a domestic donkey, both incidents took place near Maktau.

Community work: In November the team conducted two ecological trips to Tsavo East National Park, the beneficiary pupils were from Mnegwa Primary School. Most of the children had never visited the Park before and the opportunity was highly welcomed and appreciated by the whole community. During the trips the students visited the main attractions of the Park, such as Mudada rock, Lugards falls, and Aruba dam. They later visited the elephant stockade at Voi where they interacted with the elephant orphans and received an educational lecture form the Keepers who raise the elephants. The students also got an opportunity to see many wild animals during their game drive, such as herds of elephants, buffaloes, and zebras.

Report by Nicodemus Kivindyo -Ziwani Team Leader

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Mnegwa primary school students learn about the orphaned elephants at Voi



Mnegwa primary at Voi stokade with the orphaned elephants

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A heap of snares recovered after patrols



A poached dikdik killed via lamping by the two poachers arrested

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A poached elephant at Toloa



A team member lifting snares

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One of the arrested poachers with dikdik remains



Some of the goats killed by a Leopard

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