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DE-SNARING REPORT NOVEMBER 2012

ZIWANI TEAM



De-Snaring Report for November, 2012

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Areas Patrolled

Ziwani

Wundanyi

Wajola Mines

Voi

Salt Lick

Oza Ranch

Mbulia

Maktau

Lumo Community Wild

Kishushe Ranch

Kaluku DSWT Field H

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Arrests

2 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	1	Lumo	5.56%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium/Large Game	1	Salt Lick	50.00%		No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	3	Salt Lick	18.75%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	4	Maktau	25.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Kishushe	6.25%	Commercial	No
Bhang Planting , Shamba/Farming	1	Wundany	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
	2	Buffalo	Unknown	Unknown	Fresh (less than 3 weeks

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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Line	2
Medium Wire	Medium	Scattered	36
Medium Wire	Medium	Line	7
Cable	Large	Scattered	4

Total Snares Collected: 49

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Monthly Summary

During the month of November the team focused its operations on the known poaching hotspots in and outside the park.

The team maintained persistent surveillance on the Maktau hills as this is where poachers take advantage of the rocky outcrops near the park boundary to hide and slaughter antelopes and other wild animals without being noticed. Patrols in the area yielded eight snares which targeted medium sized game like impalas. The team also found remains of two poached impalas which was a sign of lamping in the area. The team carried on investigations and visited a known illegal mining hole inside the park, which is normally visited by poachers, and found fresh footprints with which were followed all the way to a homestead near Maktau park boundary. Upon reaching there one woman whom we believed to be the suspect's wife locked the house and attempted to escape to nearby bush while shouting. This brought on some tension and the community became aggressive, forcing the Team to seek reinforcement from a nearby police post. With the police at hand the Team managed to cut the padlock that had locked the house and pulled out a man who had hidden himself under his bed and recovered 200 kg of gem stones. He was arrested together with his wife and they were taken to Wundanyi police station.

The team moved on and patrolled around Maktau airstrip which is also known to be a high poaching zone and managed to lift two small snares.

The Team was contacted by Saltlick ranch staff who asked DSWT to assist with anti-poaching operations in the area. While patrolling there the team lifted several buffalo snares which was a clear indication that bush meat trade is rife in the communities bordering the Park.

During patrols in Wanjala mines, Oza, Mbulia and Kisushe ranch findings showed low incidences of poaching, only lifting a few old snares. However these Ranches were flooded with thousands of cattle, which is a huge destruction to the vegetation cover in the area. The team also spent sleepless nights following information that poachers were doing lamping along the Kenya-Tanzania highway since the area had turned green and impalas tends to graze along the highway at night hence becoming easy target for the poachers.

Report compiled by Stephen Musau I/C SIMBA TEAM

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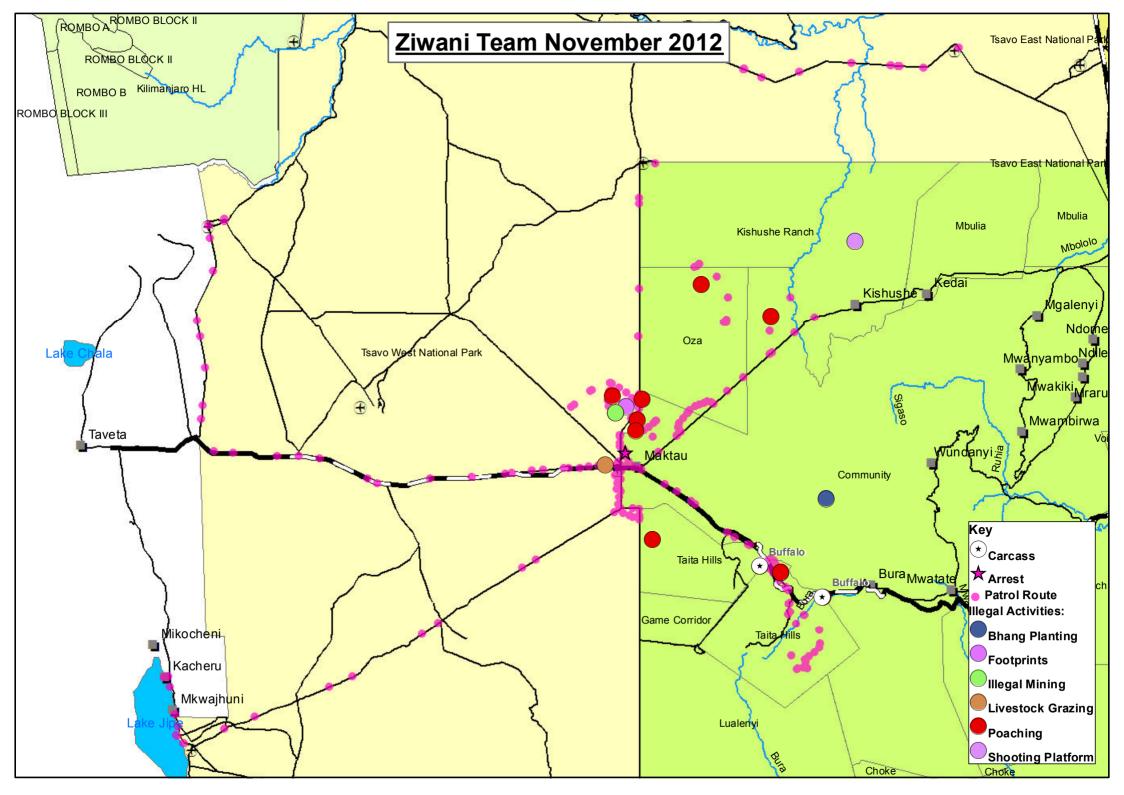
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KWS Ranger Participation

Patrol Team	KWS Ranger Name	No. Patrol Days
Ziwani	Peter, Okongo	17
Ziwani	Mwembi, Ndamuki	1
Ziwani	Mwembi, Ndambuki	9
Ziwani	Musembi, Ndambuki	2
Ziwani	Maina,	5
Ziwani	Joseph, Ndungu	17

Total Man Days of KWS Participation: 51

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Ziwani Team November desnaring report photographs



Above: The carcass of a buffalo found in Salt Lick Ranch



Above: A Team member showing large snares targeting buffalo



Above: Illegal mining for gem stones inside Tsavo West National Park



Above: The team removing snares, a total of 49 snares were lifted this month





Above: The team followed the footprints of a man mining inside the National Park right to his home and arrested him in possession of gems as well as bush meat which he had killed





Above: The remains of a slaughtered impala found in Maktau Hills

Above: A poacher's shooting platform found in Kishushe Ranch





Above: A pit snares found on Salt Lick Ranch

Above: The team assist the Veterinary Unit with the rescue of a snared lioness