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**DE-SNARING REPORT
DECEMBER 2011**

TIVA TEAM



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Participants

Edwin	Githae
Bramuel	Ileri
Joseph	Macharia
Stephen	Musau
Emanuel	Sikaga
James	Simiti

Areas Patrolled

Chamanyenze
Imenti
Ithumba
Ithumba Hill
Kalovoto
Kimweli
Kyaе Rock
Lagga Kungu
Lesilau Dam
Macho Kombo
Mathae
Tundani
Uma Uma
Wamata

Arrests

0 Arrest(s) this month



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Illegal Activities - Number, Type and Description

Illegal Activities

Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	1	Mathea	3.85%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Small Game	2	Imenti	7.69%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Mathea	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poaching , Snaring - Medium Game	1	Laga-Kugu	50.00%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Macho Kombo	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	1	Laga-Kugu	14.29%	Commercial	No
Poachers' Hideout(s) , Fresh Hideout	2	Kyae Rock	28.57%	Commercial	No
Logging , Dry Wood	1	Chemanyenze	100.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Umauma	5.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Mathea	5.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Macho Kombo	5.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Kyae Rock	5.00%	Commercial	No
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Imenti	5.00%	Commercial	No



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Illegal Activity	No. Incidents	Location	Percentage	Scale	Arrests
Footprints , Fresh Tracks	1	Chemanyenze	5.00%	Commercial	No
Charcoal Burning , Charcoal Kiln	1	Chemanyenze	3.33%	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
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Snares Collected

Snare Type	Snare Size	Snare Description	No. Confiscated
Thin Wire	Small	Scattered	3
Thin Wire	Small	Line	120
Thin Wire	Medium	Line	3

Total Snares Collected:	126
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Monthly Summary

The month started with few illegal activities being sighted during patrols. There was a breakdown in the communication system caused by lightning strike in the repeater, so the team jointly with Ithumba team gave a hand in the repair of the system. Towards the middle of the month the rainy season came to an abrupt end and events in the park took a new turn. Poachers of small game started entering the park; this was evident from the thin wire lifted at Mathae area. At the end of the month the numerous watering points inside the park were beginning to dry up, leaving the animals congregated closer to the remaining water points, therefore becoming a poacher's target. During this time the Team noted a poacher's hideout at Machokombo and another was sighted by the pilot from the air at Kyae rock area.

A tragic setback occurred during the month in Tsavo East National park Northern area, when one of the KWS rangers was shot in his line of duty. This incident further highlights the security problem within the Park. In recent months the demand for ivory had gone up, making the price of illegal ivory even higher than it already is, and hence drawing poachers who make a good living off poaching elephant and hence their equipment is getting more sophisticated and more poachers are found in possession of guns. More strict and stern measures need to be put in place to discourage and stop this problem from escalating, in order to conserve our national heritage, which is our ultimate goal. The Team together with KWS are being very vigilant and are keeping up their patrols to protect the wildlife in the northern area.

As this is the last report for the year of 2011 the Team would like to extend their gratitude to all those who support The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, because without this support the project would not be possible. The Team would also like to thank KWS (Kenya Wildlife Service) for all the hard work they have carried out in collaboration this year and for their dedication to the Anti-poaching patrols with the DSWT. We look forward to working together in 2012 and hope we can continue to make such a valuable difference in protecting Kenya's wildlife & natural resources.



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Abandoned poacher's hideout in Tundani area



Fresh footprint at Umaumaa area



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Fresh poacher's hideout at Kyaerock area



Team members lifting snares at Mathae area



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The Team on Patrol

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