

MONTHLY REPORT:

JUNE 2021

SUMMARY of ACTIVITIES:

Tsavo Trust film clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGgM6-gqZ0E&t=270s

WILDLIFE CON	SERVATI	ON PROGRAM: Big Tusker Proj	ject – Aerial & Ground Activities			
Activity		Hours Flown	Kilometers Covered			
Aerial Reconnaissance		107 (402 for year) Average 114km p/h of low-level flight	13,060 (46,038km for year) Flights carried out jointly with KWS staff			
Rhino specif		23 (109.5 for year)	2,610 (14,954km for year)			
		Field Patrol Days	Kilometers Covered			
Ground Activities (Joint KWS / TT)		Protection teams: 150 days (811 to date) Monitoring teams: 60 days (342 to date)	Vehicle patrols: 10,482km (53,684km to date) Foot patrols: 800km (3,968km to date) Monitoring teams: 8,238km (42,901km to date)			
Big "Tuske observed	ers"		ulls, 6 emerging bulls, 1 cow Tusker ual observations			
Ivory recovered		7 elephant to	usks (16 for year)			
Elephant mortality		Fresh (less than 3 weeks old)	Recent (less than 3 months old)			
		3 – (c of d: 1 poached, 1 unknown, 1 natural)	Nil (c of d:)			
Poacher camps/hid	les	Fresh - 1	Recent – Nil			
Arrests		4 – by KWS / TT – 2 ivory & 2 bushmeat poachers (28 for year to date); Bushmeat recvd (wet & dried): 8kg (212kg for year to date)				
Snares/traps recove	ered	129 by Tembo Teams: 417 snares to date 2021 (329 small; 69 medium, 20 large)				
Human Wildlife Co	onflict	Joint TT-KWS team: 171 elephants driven from farmlands east of Mtito Andei (1,348 elephants pushed out of farms in 2021 to date – ave. 7.5 per night)				
Illegal Livestock (o.	nly in PA)	2 live cattle bomas (97	0 cows, 1,600 shoats + 5 men)			
Written reports to I	KWS	71 (daily Situation reports, variou	s communications & 1 monthly report)			
Significant notes	• 11 th to 1 • 21 st to 2 replacing	¹ June21: Bio-Ken conducted snake catch 8th June21: TCA Aerial Wildlife Census 5th June21: Joint KWS/STE/TT elephant 12 2018 collars deployed 14th June21: T4 & TT aircraft took part in	; 1 aircraft, pilot & RSO from TT			
COMMUNITY CO						
Kamungi Conservancy North boundary TWNP Kamungi Conservancy	 Employment (through T/Trust): 36 permanent, 15 temporaries Membership: 1,400 people Community Mobilization meetings: 22 Ongoing Projects: Water project; 10% fence plan; VSLA's; HEC-fence; Dispensary support; Permaculture Project; trainings Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC): 30 reports, mainly crop raiding elephants, leopard issue Security Ops (KWS, T3 & KS): 					
Shirango Conservancy South East boundary TENP	 Employment (through T/Trust): 12 permanents Membership: 2,300 people Community Mobilization meetings: 4 Ongoing Projects: Water project; anti-poaching; land tenure 					
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FORMAL FIELD CONSERVATION PARTNERS:

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• Security Ops (KWS T1, T7 & SS):









WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROGRAM:



"Big Tusker Project"- aerial and ground mobile teams: Table 1: Summary of Big Tusker Project (BTP)

Activity / Detail	Number & Brief Remarks		
BTP individual Tusker sightings	Total = 23 sightings		
Super Tusker Bulls	7 individuals (12 sightings:		
Emerging Tuskers (bulls)	6 individuals (7 sightings)		
Iconic Cow Tuskers	1 individual (4 sighting)		
Elephant Mortality	2: - 2 fresh (c of d: 1 unknown, 1 poached by cable snare)		
Ivory Recovered	2 tusks		
Elephant Treatment/Translocation	1 cable snare successfully removed 27/5/21		
Wildlife Rescues (mainly venomous reptiles)	1: 1 juvenile Grants gazelle stuck in a drying water hole on 30/6/21		
Rhino Aerial Patrol Support	6 rhino specific recces: 2,610km flown = 23hrs (5 TW & 1 TE)		
(KWS / ZSL / TT partnership)			
HWC cases attended to	55 (171 elephants driven from community farmland east of Mtito Andei)		
Arrests	4 (2 ivory poachers, 3 bushmeat poachers)		
Wire Snares Recovered	129 (105 small, 24 medium, 1 large)		
Bush Meat Recovered (Kg)	8kg (6kg boiled elephant meat, 2kg Dik-diks)		
Poachers Equip. Recovered	2 knives, 2 pangas		
Poachers' camps/Blinds	1 (1 active hideout)		
Night Ambushes set	7 (4 Kulalu/Giriama, 1 Lukenya, 2 Murondo)		
Response to Armed Situations	Nil		
Foot patrols (km) Tembo Teams	800km foot patrols – 6 teams		
Collared Elephant Observations	17 forms submitted to STE (joint KWS/TT teams)		
High Value Wildlife Monitoring	Ongoing partner to KWS TCA Research (Hirola, Grevy's zebra, carnivores)		
Firefighting cases	Nil		
Illegal Cattle Drive KWS Support	Nil		
Charcoal & Logging	Nil		
Training	2 TT Officers Masters training; 1 KWS Officer Masters training; HWC		
	community training; snake catching/ID training by Bio-Ken (18 trained)		
TT HQ Rainfall	Nil mm. Total rainfall to date: 265mm		

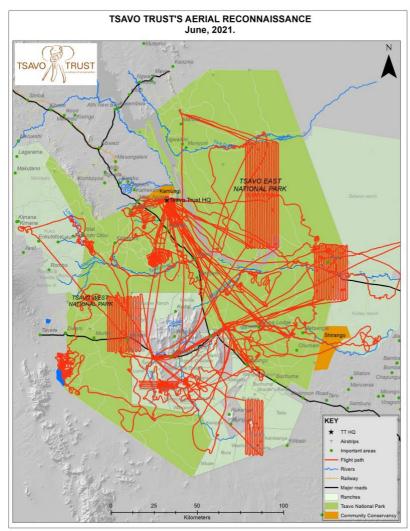


Photo shows one of Tsavo's most magnificent cow Tuskers – Dida – with part of her family herd in TENP on 20th June 2021. Dida is very old now and we are concerned that she may not pull through the next few months of this very dry spell. But she has, without doubt, given birth to many potential up and coming Tuskers over the several decades of her life.



Aerial Reconnaissance – Areas Covered:

- This vital conservation tool provides "eyes in the skies" and directional guidance to ground units.
- ➤ All flight paths are logged and recorded with all relevant real-time observations relayed to KWS daily for necessary rapid actions and their records.



Map shows Tsavo Trust's flight paths over the TCA this month.

107 hours flown covering 13,060 kilometers over Tsavo in support of KWS.

Covering: Air & ground activities; Big Tusker monitoring; Rhino related flights; Locating illegal activities; Wildlife monitoring; Aerial census and telemetry tracking.

The blocks with transects show blocks counted by the Tsavo Trust aerial team that took part in the TCA census between 11th and 18th June 2021.



30th June 2021: shows Tsavo Trust's newly completed vehicle workshop, carpentry section and stores. This vital addition has been made possible through the generosity of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the Kratt Family Foundation.

Field Teams Activities:

• Elephant Carcasses Observed: Table 2: Shows fresh and recent elephant carcasses observed:

Date	No.	Fresh Carcass	Recent Carcass	Cause of Death	Location
15/6/21	1	1	-	Unknown, KWS/TT recvd. 2 tusks	TENP, SE Satao
19/6/21	1	1		Natural, KWS/TT recvd. 2 tusks	TENP, Satao
26/6/21	1	1	-	Poached, cable snare, tusks missing	Bakae, Kulalu Ranch
Month Total	3	3	-		
Total 2021	10	7	3		

• Poachers Activities Observed: Table 3: Shows fresh and recent poachers blinds/hides/platforms observed:

Date	No	Fresh Hide, Blind, platform	Recent Hide, Blind, P/Camp	Fresh Poacher camp	Location	
22/6/21	1	-	-	1	TE boundary/KMC Ranch	
Month Total	1	-	-	1		
Total 2021	15	-	1	14	-	
Not included	Charcoalers camps close to TENP boundary – Kulalu Ranch, and cattle bomas outside the Parks					

• Illegal livestock grazing: Table 4: Shows aerial observations - active livestock bomas & estimated number livestock inside the Parks only:

TCA Park	No. Flights	Active	Livestock numbers est.	
		Bomas		
TENP	1	1	970 cows, 1,600 shoats, 2 bomas, 5 men	
TWNP	-	-	No livestock flights	
TOTALS	1	1	970 cows; 1,600 shoats; 2 bomas; 5 men	

Table 5: Shows some examples of joint KWS/TT activities and outcomes from aerial patrols:

Date	Incident	Location
Routine &	Regular aerial patrols carried out to compliment KWS Park field	TENP, TWNP and
Monthly	operations & management	dispersal areas
11 th to 18 th	Took part in TCA Aerial Census – 1 aircraft and pilot/observer team	Tsavo Conservation
June21		Area
8/6/21	Rhino recce: 12 rhinos observed	TENP, IPZ
21st to 25th	Took part in TCA elephant collaring – 1 aircraft and pilot/observer	TENP & TWNP
June21	team & 1 ground team & vehicle	

Financial Support to KWS Activities Inside TWNP & TENP:

Table 6: Shows brief costs of activities carried out by Tsavo Trust to compliment KWS in Tsavo:

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TT Activity	Cost (\$) Justification	Total \$		
Aerial support – ongoing TENP & TWNP	107hrs in Super Cub aircraft @ \$250 all incl.	26,750		
Vehicle running costs - Field Mobile	6 vehicles covered 18,720km @ \$1 p/km incl.	18,720		
Teams (Tembo 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7) – ongoing	fuel, tires, maintenance, servicing & f/c			
TENP & TWNP	insurance			
TT Field Staff x 33 (Tembo teams)	Not Included	-		
TENP - Dakota Platoon Vehicle Diesel	100ltrs p/month – security vehicle	100		
TENP - DSTV Dakota Base - ongoing	Monthly subscription – staff welfare	40		
TCA Aerial Census	Air crew drinking water	500		
WNP - NRS / IPZ Rhino fuel support 200ltrs diesel – rhino security		200		
TOTAL MONTH		\$46,310		
TOTAL 2021 to DATE:		\$227,680		

Field Mobile Units:

Tembo 1, 3, 5, 7 teams, Kamungi & Shirango Scouts are habitat protection / de-snaring focused. *Tembo 2 & 4 teams* are wildlife monitoring dedicated.

All teams work alongside KWS daily and provide further "eyes and ears in the field".

Habitat Protection / De-snaring teams:

Table 7: Shows outcomes from field activities from Tembo 1, 3, 5, 7, Kamungi & Shirango Scout teams:

De-snaring	No.	No.	No.	No.	Bushme	Poacher	No.	No.	Vehicle	Foot
teams	Field	Arrest	Ivory	Snare	at recvd.	equip.	Poacher	HWC	mileage	Patrol
	days		recvd.	recvd.	Kg	recvd.	camps	Cases	km	km
Tembo 1 (TENP) & Shirango Scouts (6 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers)	30	2 Ivory poachers	4 Elephant tusks	10 6 small 4 medium 1 large	6kg Boiled elephant meat	-	1 Active	-	2,718	221
Tembo 3 (TWNP) (6 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers)	30	-	-	18 18 small	-	-	-	43 HWC 42 HEC 1 HCC Total 171 elephants driven from farms at night by TT/KWS team	2,471	100
Tembo 5 (TWNP) 6 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers	30	Bushmeat/H oney poacher	-	8 8 small	-	1 panga 1 knife	-	1 HEC 11 elephants driven from farm	2,348	162
Tembo 7 (Kulalu/TENP) 5 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers	30	-	5 Elephant tusks	53 33 small 20 medium	-	-	-	-	2,945	139
Kamungi Scouts 4 Scouts	30	1 Bushmeat poacher	-	40 38 small 2 bird traps	2kg _{Dik-dik}	1 panga	-	-	Nil	178
TOTALS	150	4	9	129	8kg	As above	1	44	10,482	800
Total 2021	811	28	16	417	212kg	-	15	414	53,684	3,968

Monitoring & Evaluation teams:

Table 8: Shows activities carried out by Tembo 2 & 4 teams – monitoring & evaluation:

Monitoring teams	No. Field days	Activities	Endangered species records / sightings	Operating locations	Vehicle mileage km
Tembo 2 (TENP) (2 TT staff + 2 KWS)	30	-Tusker monitoring -Hirola monitoring -Grevy's zebra monitoring -Carnivore monitoring -Carnivore scat analysis: hair content -Highway & SGR roadkill surveys -Camera trap surveys -Fixed point photos -Collared elephant reporting	-Tuskers – 13 sighting -Hirola – 5 -Grevy's Zebra – nil -Large Carnivores – 16 Ground Hornbill - 5 -Road & Rail kills – 4 -Elephant carcasses – Nil -Ivory recvd. – Nil -Rain gauge readings -Collared elephants – 4 Carnivore scat collect – 0	Tsavo East Nat. Park – mainly southern, central and eastern sections including Shirango Conservancy	4,386
Tembo 4 (TWNP) (2 TT staff + 2 KWS)	30	-RHINO monitoring – TW IPZ -Camera trap surveys - rhino -Big Tusker monitoring -Large Carnivore monitoring -Collared elephant reporting	-IPZ Rhinos – nil -Tuskers - nil -Large Carnivores – 3 -Collared elephants – nil -Elephant carcasses – nil -NRS Rhino night census – n/a	Tsavo West Nat. Park – IPZ and Triangle	3,852
TOTALS	60	As above	As above	As above	8,238
Total 2020	342	-	-	-	42,901



<u>COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY</u> <u>PROGRAM:</u>



ACTIVITY	KAMUNGI Conservancy	SHIRANGO Community Conservancy
Ongoing partnership	North boundary of TWNP – Triangle.	South boundary of TENP – Voi River area.
between Tsavo Trust &	Total area 101km ² Makueni County; Kibwezi	Total area 270km ² . Kilifi County; Ganze Sub-
KC & SCC	Sub county; Mtito Andei Division; Mtito	location; Bamba Ward; Mitangani location;
	Andei Sub-location; Ngiluni Village.	Gede Sub-location.
Employment	Between Tsavo Trust & partners 36	Tsavo Trust employs 12 staff from SCC
(through Tsavo Trust)	permanent staff & 15 casual staff employed	including a Community Liaison Officer (CLO)
	generating over \$10,000 (Ksh.1,000,000) of	to spear head activities. Salaries generate over
	income into Kamungi monthly.	\$2,200 (Ksh.220,000) of income monthly.
Community Mobilization	22 community meetings held	➤ 4 community meetings held
and Sensitization	Several SAPA meetings	PCA - KWCA meeting
Meetings	Board Meeting	➤ Land tenure meetings – County Govt
	Safe System Strategy meeting	
	> KWCA	
	> 10% Fence Planning meeting	
Membership	Through a registered CBO KC membership	Through a registered CBO SCC membership
	represents 140 families & over 1,400	represents at least 2,300 individuals from 5
	individuals from 2 villages, mainly from the	villages, mainly from the Watha and Giriama
	WaKamba community.	ethnic groups.
Water Project	128,510 litres of water issued.	Bore hole, pump and solar panels are in place,
	Connected piped water to Ngiluni school	but saline water. Plans for construction of an
		earth dam underway if funded.
Basic Health care	243 patients attended (1,369 for year to date).	This is currently dis-functional. Nearest health
		centre is 10km away. 50% of residents rely on
		traditional herbal medicines.
Constructions	Scouts HQ & Office/store completed	Scouts HQ completed
Basic Education	Tsavo Trust has paid for 2 teachers (1 at	No activities as yet.
	Ngiluni & 1 at Kamunyu School within KC)	
TIGIA G . G	for the last 8 years. This is ongoing.	N
VSLA – Savings Groups	5 Village Savings & Loan Association	None at present.
	(VSLA) are in progress – partnership between	
Tu nining	ZSL / KC & TT	g and the grade of the state of
Training	VSLA, permaculture & HWC mitigation, snake awareness and catching	Scouts trained on GPS use & data collection
HWC	7 x 1-acre bee fences, total 105 beehives with	N/A yet
Elephant Bee Fence	17 currently occupied.	N/A yet
Елернині Вее Генсе	10% fence plan completed Phase 1: 3 plots	N/A yet
10% Fence Plan	(electric fencing of 10% of individual land).	IN/A yet
	7 predator proof bomas set up: by TT/ZSL	N/A yet
Human Wildlife Conflict		-
(HWC)	30 cases recorded: 17 elephant cases; 3	11 cases recorded: 3 elephants; 6 Cheetah; 2
	Leopard; 9 lion; 1 mongoose	lion
Land Tenure	KC: historically Ngai Ndethia NR. Land	SCC land currently traditional communal mode
	surveyed and sold to individuals under	of ownership, not legally protected. Efforts
	Ngiluni Settlement Scheme in the 1970's but	underway to ensure the local communities
Wildie Com T	Title Deeds have yet to be issued. Ongoing.	legally own their land. Ongoing.
Wildlife Census Transects	Contable above	None
Operations and Security	See table above	See table above

Unusual Photo of the Month:



22nd June 2021: Photo shows Tusker coded as WS1 having been immobilized for collar replacement under the joint KWS/STE/Tsavo Trust collared elephant monitoring partnership. WS1 has been collared for the last 3 years and the satellite tracking ability of his collar has helped to save his life by removal of poisoned arrows on 3 separate occasions. Through the Tsavo Trust close monitoring of WS1 movements on a screen in the Ops room, an overnight "streak" was picked up and on ground investigation he was located with an arrow in him on 3 independent occasions. He was successfully treated but the threat remains as he is a known wonderer going outside the park and into community farmlands, hence the need to collar him.

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