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## **MAY 2026 MONTHLY REPORT**



*Photo above shows a Hirola herd photographed in Tsavo East National Park. The Tsavo population was established through inbound translocations in 1963 (13) and 1996 (29) to create a secure refuge for one of the world's most endangered antelope species outside of its original natural range. Through ongoing monitoring and habitat protection, the population has increased and remained relatively stable, with 81 individuals recorded during the 2025 National Wildlife Census. Future interventions, including the establishment of a dedicated sanctuary and strategic population reinforcement, could help increase population growth and secure the species' long-term survival.*

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## SUMMARY of ACTIVITIES:

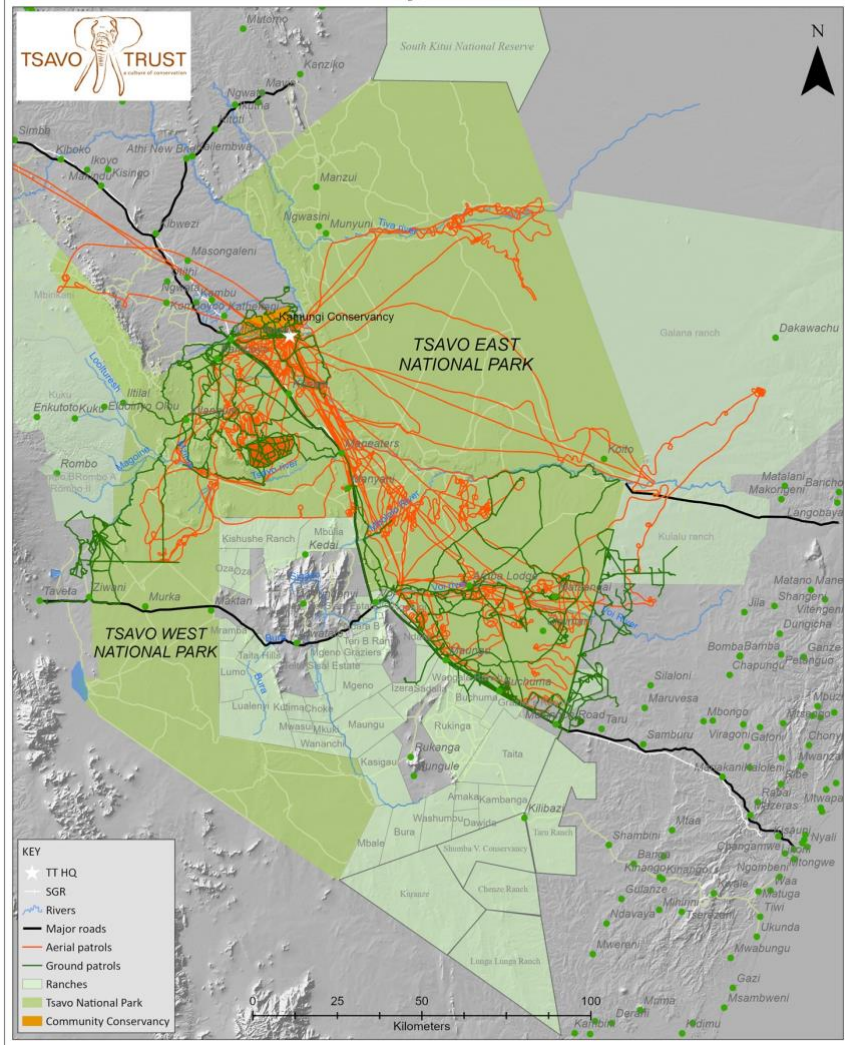
| WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROGRAM: <i>Big Tusker Project – Aerial &amp; Ground Activities</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
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| Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      | Hours Flown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Kilometers Covered                                                                                                                                               |  |                                             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Aerial Unit</b>                   | <b>59</b> (256 for year)<br>Average 130km p/h of low-level flight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>7,167</b> (33,336km for the year)<br>Flights carried out jointly with KWS staff                                                                               |  |                                             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Rhino Aerial Patrols</b>          | <b>Aerial Patrols: 21</b> (6 TWNP; 2 TENP)<br>(109hrs for the year)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | <b>Aerial: 2,454</b> (12,426km for the year)                                                                                                                     |  |                                             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                      | <b>Field Patrol Days</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | <b>Kilometers Covered</b>                                                                                                                                        |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Ground Protection Activities</b> (Joint with KWS / TT & Community Scouts)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      | <b>Protection teams: 186 days</b> (906 for year)<br><b>Monitoring teams: 186 days</b> (801 for year)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>Vehicle patrols: 13,057km</b> (68,181km for year)<br><b>Foot patrols: 1,034km</b> (4,863km for year)<br><b>Monitoring teams: 15,429km</b> (73,941km for year) |  |                                             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Big Tusker Project</b>            | <b>12</b> Tuskers – 1 Super Tusker bull (2 sights), 10 emerging bulls (22 sights), 1 cow<br>Tusker (2 sights): <b>26 individual observations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Collared Elephant Sightings: Joint KWS/STE/TT program</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      | <b>14 sightings:</b> record forms submitted to STE (aerial and ground observations)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Ivory recovered</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      | <b>Nil</b> elephant tusks ( <b>6</b> for the year)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Elephant mortality</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      | <b>Fresh: Nil</b><br>(Less than 3 weeks old)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b>Recent: Nil</b><br>(Less than 3 months old)                                                                                                                   |  | <b>Old: Nil</b><br>(More than 3 months old) |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>High Value Species Monitoring</b> | Ongoing partner with WRTI / KWS TCA Research: Monitoring black rhino, Hirola, Grevy’s zebra, large carnivores, Roadkill Surveys, Southern Ground Hornbill, etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Wildlife - Treatment &amp; Translocation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                      | <b>Venomous snakes relocated from communities:</b> 6 Boomslangs ( <i>Dispholidus typus</i> ) and 4 Small-scaled burrowing asps ( <i>Atractaspis fallax</i> )<br><b>Others:</b> Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Poacher camps/hides</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      | <b>Fresh – 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | <b>Recent – Nil</b>                                                                                                                                              |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Arrests – joint KWS/TT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      | <b>10</b> – 3 for bushmeat poaching, 2 for illegal grazing, and 5 for logging.<br><b>(52 for the year)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Snares/traps recovered</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      | <b>137</b> by Tembo Teams: <b>472</b> snares for the year (252 small; 185 medium; 27 large; 8 bird traps)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Bushmeat recoveries (wet &amp; dried)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      | <b>110 kg</b> – 2 Impalas, 2 Grant’s gazelles, and 1 Dik-dik<br><b>(197kg for the year)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Poachers Equip. Recovered.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      | 1 motorbike, 3 pangas, 8 spotlights, 1 knife, 1 lamping horn, 2 phones, 2 handsaws, 4 axes, 2 chisel axes, 1 hammer, solar panels, and cooking equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Night Ambushes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      | Joint KWS / TT: <b>14</b> (LMD, Mangelete, KMC ranch, Saruji, Kilifi Dam, Muhoho farm, Kulalu, Murondo, Giriama, Losoito.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Firefighting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                      | <b>Nil</b> - (No fire incidents reported)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Human Elephant Conflict</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      | Joint TT-KWS teams: <b>1</b> incident. 1 elephants driven out of farms east of Mtito Andei town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Illegal Livestock (only in PA)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      | <b>7</b> active cattle bomas (1,926 cattle, Nil donkeys, 250 shoats & 3 herders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Written reports to KWS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      | <b>79</b> (daily Situation reports, various communications & 1 monthly report)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>TT Staff Training activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                      | <b>1</b> TT Officers Masters training; <b>3</b> KWS Officer Masters training; <b>1</b> TT Officer Bachelors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>TT HQ Rainfall figures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      | <b>Nil mm.</b> Total rainfall to date for 2026: <b>283 mm</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| <b>Significant notes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Participated in the Esri Conservation Summit and the 15th Esri Eastern Africa User Conference in Mombasa, Kenya. The event brought together conservation practitioners, GIS experts, researchers, government agencies, and development partners to share innovations and emerging technologies advancing conservation across the region.</li><li>19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Integrated Ecosystem-Based Natural Resource Management Policy Workshop. Participated in stakeholder discussions on governance frameworks, policy harmonization, sustainable financing mechanisms, and community-centered conservation approaches.</li></ul> |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY PROGRAM:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      | <b>Kamungi Conservancy: TT has played a stewardship role and partnered with KC since 2014</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Located: Northern boundary TENP Triangle</li><li>➤ Membership of 505 families representing over 5,000 people</li><li>➤ Covering 42km<sup>2</sup> with many and varying community livelihood upliftment projects</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
| FORMAL FIELD CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM: (Full list of supporters/partners shown on last page)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                             |  |
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## **Aerial Reconnaissance and Ground Patrols - Areas Covered:**

- Aerial patrols are a vital conservation tool providing “**eyes in the skies**” and directional guidance to ground units who provide “**eyes and ears**” on the ground. The combination of both is effective.
- All aerial patrols and ground patrols are carried out jointly - KWS/TT and recorded with all relevant real-time observations relayed to KWS daily for rapid actions and for their records.

### **TSAVO TRUST'S AERIAL AND GROUND PATROLS COVERAGE IN TCA May, 2026**



*The map shows Tsavo Trust's flight paths in **RED** and ground patrol paths in **GREEN** over the TCA this month.*

***Note:** The Tsavo Parks are huge comprising 22,000km<sup>2</sup> (TENP, TWNP & CHNP) and then a further 20,000km<sup>2</sup> totaling 42,000km<sup>2</sup> to form the Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA).*

***Aerial:** 59 hours flown covering 7,167 kilometers over Tsavo in support of KWS.*

***Ground:** 1,034 kilometers of foot patrol and a further 28,486 kilometers of vehicle patrol in Tsavo to support KWS.*

***Activities covered:** Air & ground security patrols; Big Tusker monitoring; rhino related activities; large carnivore monitoring; locating illegal activities; wildlife monitoring; aerial census & telemetry tracking & Community Conservancy aerial and ground activities.*

*The photo below shows the alpha pair of the Kambu pack of wild dogs near their denning site, where they are nursing a new litter of pups. The pack was closely monitored, while nearby communities were encouraged to keep livestock away from the den area to reduce the risk of HWC and support pup survival.*



## Field Mobile Units:

**Tembo 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 teams, Kamungi Scouts** are habitat protection / de-snaring focused.

**Tembo 2 (TENP), 4 (TWNP) & Simba 1 teams (TE, TW & Kamungi)** are wildlife monitoring dedicated.

**Tembo 6, 8 & 10 (TWNP) teams** are rhino specific with confidential info.

All teams work alongside KWS / WRTI daily, providing 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, 9, 11, Kamungi Scout teams:**

| De-snaring teams                                                             | No. Field days | No. Arrest                          | No. Ivory recvd | No. Snare recvd                               | Bushmeat recvd. Kg                              | Poacher equip. recvd.                                                    | No. Poacher camps  | No. HWC Cases                                             | Vehicle mileage km | Foot Patrol km |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Tembo 1 (TENP) &amp; Shirango Scouts</b><br>(6 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers) | 31             | <b>2</b><br>All for illegal grazing | —               | <b>14</b><br>8 small<br>6 medium              | —                                               | —                                                                        | —                  | —                                                         | 2,100              | 194            |
| <b>Tembo 3 (TWNP)</b><br>(6 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers)                       | 31             | <b>1</b><br>For bushmeat poaching   | —               | <b>31</b><br>21 small<br>10 medium            | <b>4 kg</b><br>1 Dik-dik                        | 1 phone                                                                  | —                  | —                                                         | 1,829              | 175            |
| <b>Tembo 5 (TWNP)</b><br>6 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers                         | 31             | <b>2</b><br>For illegal logging     | —               | —                                             | —                                               | 2 handsaws, 2 axes, 3 spotlights, 3 solar panel & cooking equipment      | <b>1</b><br>Active | —                                                         | 2,019              | 152            |
| <b>Tembo 7 (Kulalu/TENP)</b><br>5 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers                  | —              | —                                   | —               | —                                             | —                                               | —                                                                        | —                  | —                                                         | —                  | —              |
| <b>Tembo 9 (Kulalu/TENP)</b><br>5 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers                  | 31             | —                                   | 1 broken piece  | <b>32</b><br>6 small<br>12 medium<br>14 large | —                                               | —                                                                        | —                  | —                                                         | 2,883              | 166            |
| <b>Tembo 11 (Kulalu/TENP)</b><br>5 TT Scouts + 3 KWS Rangers                 | 31             | <b>2</b><br>For bushmeat poaching   | —               | —                                             | <b>106 kg</b><br>2 Impalas & 2 Grant's gazelles | 1 motorbike, 5 spotlights, 1 panga, 1 lamping horn, 2 phones & batteries | —                  | —                                                         | 2,855              | 168            |
| <b>Kamungi Scouts</b><br>4 Scouts                                            | 31             | <b>3</b><br>For illegal logging     | —               | <b>60</b><br>24 small<br>36 medium            | —                                               | 2 pangas, 2 axes, 2 chisel axes & 1 hammer                               | —                  | <b>2 HWC</b><br>1 elephant & 50 buffalo chased from farms | 1,371              | 179            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                                                | <b>186</b>     | <b>10</b>                           | -               | <b>137</b>                                    | <b>110</b>                                      | <b>As above</b>                                                          | <b>1</b>           | <b>2</b>                                                  | <b>13,057</b>      | <b>1,034</b>   |
| <b>Total 2026</b>                                                            | <b>906</b>     | <b>52</b>                           | -               | <b>472</b>                                    | <b>197</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                                                 | <b>4</b>           | <b>22</b>                                                 | <b>68,181</b>      | <b>4,863</b>   |



The photo above shows bushmeat recovered following the arrest of a suspect by a joint KWS/Tsavo Trust team along the south-eastern boundary of Tsavo East National Park, outside the protected area. In May, joint KWS/Tsavo Trust operations led to the arrest of three bushmeat poachers and the recovery of 110 kg of bushmeat, highlighting ongoing efforts to combat illegal wildlife offtake in the Tsavo Conservation Area.

## Research & Monitoring teams:

**Table 8: Shows activities carried out by Tembo 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 teams – wildlife monitoring:**

| Monitoring teams                                                                                                                    | No. Field days | Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Endangered species records/sightings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Operating locations                                                                                               | Vehicle mileage km |
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| <b>Tembo 2 (TENP)</b><br>(3 TT staff + 2 WRTI)<br> | 31             | -Tusker monitoring<br>-Hirola monitoring<br>-Grevy's zebra monitoring<br>-Carnivore monitoring<br>-Carnivore scat analysis: hair content<br>-Highway & SGR roadkill surveys<br>-Camera trap surveys<br>-Fixed point photos<br>-Collared elephant reporting | -Tuskers – 16 sightings<br>-Hirola – 11 sightings<br>-Grevy's Zebra – Nil<br>-Large Carnivores – 17 sightings<br>-Ground Hornbill – 3 sightings<br>-Road & Rail kills – 2<br>-Elephant carcasses – Nil<br>- Ivory recovered. – Nil<br>- Collared elephants – 4 sightings<br>- Carnivore scats collected – Nil | Tsavo East Nat. Park – mainly southern, central, and eastern sections including, Voi River & Shirango Conservancy | 3,050              |
| <b>Simba 1 (TENP)</b><br>(1 TT staff)              | 31             | -Wild dogs monitoring<br>-Large carnivore monitoring                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Wild dogs – 12 sightings<br>Lion – Nil<br>Leopard – Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tsavo East & Tsavo West Wild dogs' range                                                                          | 1,673              |
| <b>Tembo 4 (TWNP)</b><br>(2 TT staff + 4 KWS)      | 31             | -RHINO monitoring – TW IPZ<br>-Camera trap surveys - rhino<br>-Big Tusker monitoring<br>-Large Carnivore monitoring<br>-Collared elephant reporting                                                                                                        | -IPZ Rhinos – 34 sightings<br>-Tuskers - Nil<br>-Large Carnivores – 1 sighting<br>-Elephant carcasses – Nil<br>- Ivory recovered – Nil                                                                                                                                                                        | Tsavo West Nat. Park – IPZ and Triangle                                                                           | 3,429              |
| <b>Tembo 6 (TWNP)</b><br>(1 TT staff + 4 KWS)      | 31             | -RHINO monitoring – TW IPZ<br>-Camera trap surveys - rhino<br>-Big Tusker monitoring<br>-Large Carnivore monitoring<br>-Collared elephant reporting                                                                                                        | -IPZ Rhinos – 34 sightings<br>-Tuskers - Nil<br>-Large Carnivores – Nil<br>-Elephant carcasses – Nil<br>- Ivory recovered. – Nil                                                                                                                                                                              | Tsavo West Nat. Park – IPZ and Triangle                                                                           | 2,646              |
| <b>Tembo 8 (TWNP)</b><br>(1 TT staff + 4 KWS)    | 31             | -RHINO monitoring – TW NRS<br>-Camera trap surveys - rhino<br>-Big Tusker monitoring<br>-Large Carnivore monitoring<br>-Collared elephant reporting                                                                                                        | -NRS Rhinos – 14 sightings<br>-Tuskers - Nil<br>-Large Carnivores – Nil<br>-Elephant carcasses – Nil<br>- Ivory recovered. – Nil                                                                                                                                                                              | Tsavo West Nat. Park – NRS                                                                                        | 2,485              |
| <b>Tembo 10 (TWNP)</b><br>(1 TT staff + 4 KWS)   | 31             | -RHINO monitoring – TW NRS<br>-Camera trap surveys - rhino<br>-Big Tusker monitoring<br>-Large Carnivore monitoring<br>-Collared elephant reporting                                                                                                        | - NRS Rhinos – 71 sightings<br>-Tuskers - Nil<br>-Large Carnivores – Nil<br>-Elephant carcasses – Nil<br>- Ivory recovered. – Nil                                                                                                                                                                             | Tsavo West Nat. Park – NRS                                                                                        | 2,146              |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>186</b>     | <b>As above</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>As above</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>As above</b>                                                                                                   | <b>15,429</b>      |
| <b>Total 2026</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>801</b>     | <b>-</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>-</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>-</b>                                                                                                          | <b>73,941</b>      |



*The photo above shows Cow Tusker F\_ND2 photographed in Dida Harea, TENP, after a prolonged period without sightings. The matriarch was located through both ground and aerial patrols in May and was observed displaying strong protective behavior towards her herd, a reminder of the vigilance and leadership that characterize Tsavo's iconic elephants. Photo credit: Tsavo Trust – Irene Muhanji.*

| ACTIVITY                                                 | KAMUNGI Conservancy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Ongoing partnership between Tsavo Trust &amp; KC</b>  | North boundary of TENP – Triangle are, since 2014.<br>Total area approx. 42km <sup>2</sup> Makueni County; Kibwezi Sub County; Mtito Andei Division; Mtito Andei Sub-location; Ngiluni Village.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Employment (Through Tsavo Trust)</b>                  | Between Tsavo Trust & partners 45 permanent staff & 29 casual staff employed generating over \$12,403 (KES. 1,600,000) of income into Kamungi monthly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Community Mobilization and Sensitization Meetings</b> | <p><b>10 community meetings were held.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 28/05/2026: Assessment of the operational status of the 133 km Elephant Exclusion Fence to identify strengths, gaps, and priority maintenance needs, while enhancing stakeholder collaboration in fence management and human wildlife conflict mitigation.</li> <li>➤ 26/05/2026: Kamungi Conservancy community meetings to update members on project progress, strengthen governance structures, and enhance community awareness and engagement in conservation initiatives.</li> <li>➤ 21/05/2026: Public consultation meeting for the proposed Ngiluni Borehole Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment System. Community members, local administration, and other key stakeholders reviewed project, and broadly supported its implementation.</li> <li>➤ 15/05/2026. Kamungi Conservancy Management Plan Validation Workshop. Stakeholders reviewed and validated the draft management plan, providing feedback to strengthen its content and implementation framework. A technical team is currently incorporating the recommendations before final submission to KWS and the Makueni County Government.</li> <li>➤ 14/05/2026: Addressed concerns and allegations raised by MADCO regarding Kamungi Conservancy, providing factual clarification and facilitating constructive dialogue among stakeholders to promote transparency and mutual understanding.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Membership</b>                                        | Through a registered CBO and Not for Profit Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by an elected Board, KC membership represents 505 families & over 3,030 individuals from 12 villages, mainly from the WaKamba community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Water Project</b>                                     | <b>18,700 litres</b> of water at Ngiluni Water Tank during the reporting period, bringing the year-to-date total to <b>269,906 litres</b> . Ngiluni Primary School, Kamungi Bandas, and Kamungi Scouts Base are connected to piped water. In addition, Tsavo Trust provided 140 dam liners and 71 water tanks, with a combined storage capacity of 7,800,000 litres and 504,000 litres respectively.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Basic Health care</b>                                 | <b>4,638</b> patients attended for the year to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Constructions</b>                                     | KC Scouts accommodation blocks x 2; radio room, office & store units; 100,000ltr water tank & dispensing kiosk; bore hole for water supply; 2 Dispensaries built – Ngiluni and Nthunguni; Kamungi Bandas - tourism facility; KC HQ office / store unit. Kyusyuni Science lab and ablution block in Kyusyuni Comprehensive school.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Education</b>                                         | Paid for 2 teachers (1-Ngiluni & 1-Kamunyu School in KC) for the last 11 years, ongoing. 6 youth trained in hotel management (certificate). Distributed 210 laptops to eight schools to enhance digital literacy and support ongoing ICT integration in teaching and learning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Scholarship programme</b>                             | <p>Started: April 2022</p> <p>17 needy students selected being supported. (1 at university &amp; 16 at secondary school)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Village Saving &amp; Loan Associations – VSLA's</b>   | 5 women-run VSLA's are in progress: In partnership between ZSL / KC & TT. Total savings more than Kenya shillings 1,000,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Poultry Project</b>                                   | 3 poultry projects: partnership between ZSL / KC & TT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Training</b>                                          | HWC Mitigation, Climate Smart Agriculture, permaculture, and sesame farming.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>HWC Mitigation</b>                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Elephant Bee Fence</b>                                | 8 x 1-acre bee fences, totaling 120 beehives, with 5 currently occupied.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>10% Fence Plan</b>                                    | A total of <b>19 plots</b> constructed to date (HWC electric fencing of 10% of individual land). 100% effective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Predator Proof bomas</b>                              | 10 predator-proof bomas set up: by TT/ZSL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Mtito 33km elephant fence line</b>                    | Completed 30/11/2021 with over 80% HEC reduction in conflict                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC)</b>                     | <b>21 cases</b> recorded: 6 Elephant, 10 Leopard, 2 Buffalo & 3 snake-related.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Land Tenure</b>                                       | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wildlife Census Transects</b>                         | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Operations and Security</b>                           | ➤ See the Field Units table above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## **Unusual Photo of the Month:**



*The photo above shows a close-up of a Southern Ground Hornbill showing natural wear on the bill margins, giving a serrated appearance. The beak is used for probing and digging in soil, capturing and handling prey such as insects, reptiles, and small mammals, and processing tough food items. Photo Credit: Tsavo Trust – Irene Muhanji.*

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