

Project Update: August 2015

1. Collected data

With the guidance of NNP Park Guards, through their usual transects, five sites inside NNP were visited and besides GPS coordinates and pictures, sign of poaching activities such as snares were recorded. A total of 212 poaching points were identified as shown on figure 1.

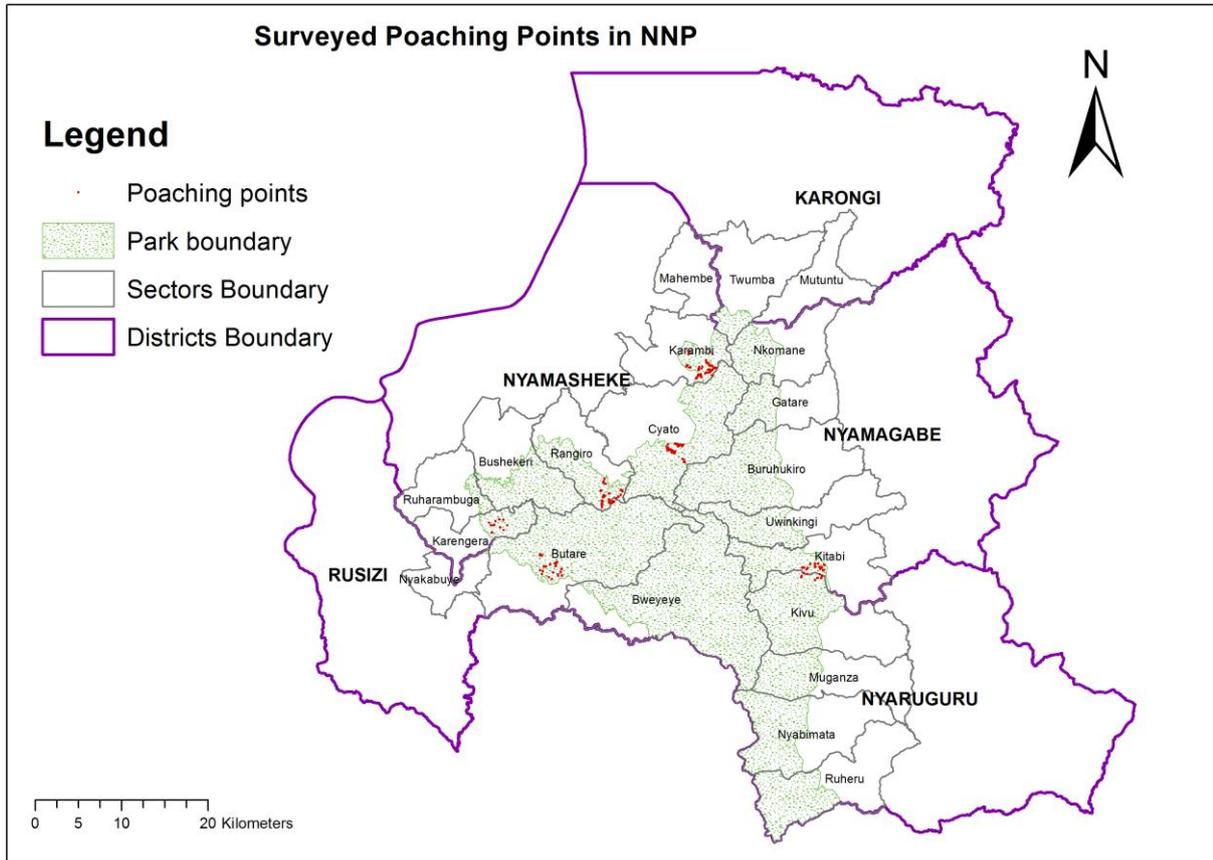


Figure 1. Poaching sites inside NNP



Figure 2. A duiker caught in snare

2. Challenges and opportunities

a. Challenge

- Doing patrols inside the forest, it was not easy to find signs of poaching especially because snares are hidden.

b. Opportunities

- The cooperation with NNP guards who really know the place helped to find more poaching signs.
- NNP Managers agreed to share Ranger based Monitoring (RBM) dataset which is a very rich database with all illegal activities in the Park. This will help to validate the findings of our research

3. Way Forward

From 17th August 2015, we will start to collect socio-economic data in the study area. If nothing changes, we plan to finish data collection by 10th September 2015. After, we will start data analysis, then final report compilation and paper writing.