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## **MONTHLY PROGRAMME ACTIVITY REPORT**

AUGUST 2014

## SUMMARY

- Updates on the Mount Kenya Fence
- School education and awareness initiatives
- The Joint Wildlife Protection Team
- Marania Wildlife Guards
- The Horse Patrol Team
- The Elephant Corridor
- Updates on the reproductive health outreach initiatives

The report covers MKT activities for the period 31<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Reports were provided by the following employees: Humphrey Munene<sup>1</sup> on *education and awareness, Mt. Kenya fence initiatives* and the *reproductive health project*. Northern sector reports were provided by the following; the *Marania Wildlife Guards*<sup>2</sup>; the *Horse Patrol Team*<sup>3</sup>, the *Elephant Corridor Team*<sup>4</sup> as well as the northern area supervisor<sup>5</sup> on interrelated aspects on security and teams. Ruthumbi Forest sector updates were consolidated by the *Joint Wildlife Protection Team*<sup>6</sup> led by Edwin Kinyanjui Ngure. The August 2014 report was compiled by Maurice Nyaligu<sup>7</sup>.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Field and project based activities elaborated upon in the August 2014 report are:

- Fire incidents in the moorland on the northern sections of Mt. Kenya
- The Mt. Kenya fence initiative - Phase II updates and progress
- Elephant mortality incident
- Snaring, wildlife mortalities and related incidents
- School environmental education and outreach programme
- Illegal logging and logging related activities
- Other illegal activities including fence intrusion, marijuana plantations, charcoal kilns, beehives, fuel wood collection and poacher hideouts
- Ambushes, arrests and apprehensions
- Some forms of habitat intrusion and destruction by man and wildlife
- The Mount Kenya Trust Community Health Service Pilot Project

### 1.1 Programme patrol and operational areas

The following project activity areas were patrolled by field based teams this August. These are:

- *Elephant Corridor Fencing Team* - The length and breadth of the Elephant Corridor
- *Marania Wildlife Guards* - Elephant Corridor, Kisima area, Marania forest, Mlima Dinga area, Kiwanja ya Dyer, Chemi Chemi ya Ndovu area, Kimbo area, Sacred Lake area, Mlima Suruwa area, Ngare Naro area and Mlima Suruai area
- *Horse Patrol Team (HPT)* - Emburi area, Marania River side, Solo camp area, Marania forest, Kaluli area of Ontulili forest, Mlima Ngaita area, Emburi farm /Kisima farm boundary, Rutundu area, Mlima Dinga area and Fire tower area
- *Joint Wildlife Protection Team (JWPT)* - Ruthumbi Forest block area, adjoining vicinity and parts of Themwe
- *Field Coordinator* - Meru, Embu and Tharaka Nithi Counties (on reproductive health issues, education and awareness activities and fencing).

## 2. PROJECT UPDATES

### 2.1 Fire incidents in the moorland on the northern sections of Mt. Kenya

Although parts of Mount Kenya received significant rains, the northern section was relatively dry and windy for most of August. As a consequence, a number of fire incidents were reported by the northern based sector teams at varying times on different dates. The causes of these fires varied but were for the most part, human induced. All incidents were effectively responded to through the combined efforts of KWS, KFS, Marania and Kisima farm establishments, MKT scouts including the JWPT and members of the local NTIMAKA CFA. Sections of the Provincial Administration and Police were also on site to lend a helping hand. The table below summarizes the nature of these fires and the responses accorded at various times and dates. The level and degree of coordination by all stakeholders was impressive, despite the resurgence, prevailing weather conditions and terrain impediments. An assessment towards the tail end of the month noted an estimated 10,000 hectares of moorland to have been



burnt. KFS stated that 90% was within the Marania forest block and 10% within the Mucheene forest block areas.

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	BEARINGS	PHOTO
1.	1 <sup>st</sup> August 1242hrs	Emburi area	Horse Patrol Team	A fire started by community members preparing their forest allotted 'shambas' is extinguished by team. Fire had spread out of control into the moorland	N 00°02'48.4" E 037°23'03.6"	
2.	10 <sup>th</sup> August 1230hrs	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	A fire started on dead Rosewood ( <i>Hagenia abyssinica</i> ) by community farmers spreads rapidly into the moorland. Through concerted efforts, the fire is extinguished	N 00°05'05.3" E 037°47'77.6"	
3.	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2000hrs	Ngarenaro /Malima Dinga area /Mlima Nyeusi and Rutundu	Marania Wildlife Guards	A major fire is observed spreading rapidly within the moorland. Fire started by honey harvesters using a crude apparatus for smoking. Fire spread for five days	-	
4.	16 <sup>th</sup> August 1249hrs	Ngarenaro	Horse Patrol Team	Team members join other ground personnel to fight a resurging fire started by suspected illegal honey harvesters	N 00°00'25.0" E 037°26'33.2"	
5.	17 <sup>th</sup> ,18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Marania forest area	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	JWPT members join other teams to extinguish fires in the northern sections of Mount Kenya	N 00°02'07.3" E 037°25'50.2" N 00°01'04.9" E 037°25'26.7"	

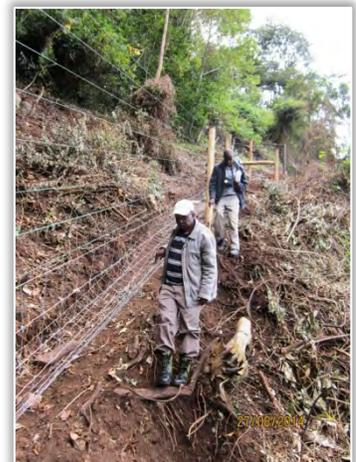
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6.	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 1100hrs	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	Team members manage to extinguish a fire started by honey harvesters on a Red cedar ( <i>Juniperus procera</i> ) tree	N 00°02'42.2" E 037°24'22.8"	

## 2.2 The Mt. Kenya fence initiative - Phase II updates and progress

Through grants by IFAD<sup>8</sup> and Zurich Zoo and consultative partnership arrangements with the Mount Kenya Fence stakeholders (KFS, KWS, UTANRMP<sup>9</sup>, Rhino Ark and MKT), work on construction of the second phase of the fence project is ongoing. Funds from the two donor entities are facilitating construction of a 73km stretch along the eastern section of Mount Kenya. The Zurich Zoo funds were earmarked for construction of a 10km section through Chogoria. With the exception of an objection raised by a section of the community around Chuka area, the general consensus amongst the public, community and local authorities has been one of welcome relief. Human wildlife conflict, crop raids and loss of human and animal life is set to decline following construction. Construction work begun in Chogoria bypassing Chuka pending a court case lodged by this section of the community with regard to forest land. A site assessment by various stakeholders in early August noted significant progress on the ground. 6.5km have already been completed and powered in less than two months.



To keep tabs on progress, a fence implementation committee (comprising all stakeholders including the CFA members) meets every Thursday of the week to assess work and document challenges. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, the difficulties of construction along the Nithi valley were highlighted. The actual forest boundary will need to be resurveyed as some beacons are missing. It was also agreed that construction at the site should be stopped until the KFS survey department submits reliable beacon coordinates to demarcate the boundary. Because of the steep terrain along Nithi valley, erection of posts, straining of wires and mesh is challenging.



## 2.3 Elephant mortality incident

One old incident was reported by the Marania Wildlife Guards this August as indicated below:

<sup>8</sup> International Fund for Agricultural Development  
<sup>9</sup> Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project

#	SITE	BEARINGS	DATE & TIME	AGE	SEX	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	PHOTO
1.	Mlima Dinga /Ngarenaro area in Marania forest	N 00°00'57.6" E 037°27'15.1"	17 <sup>th</sup> August 1006hrs	30 - 35 yrs	Indeterminate	Old carcass (lower and upper jaw bones) discovered in a burnt out area of the moorland. Tusks missing, sections of the skull appeared to have been severed by a sharp object inferring a likely poaching incident	

Note: All details pertaining to the incident were relayed to KWS Mount Kenya NP and the KWS MIKE site officer for the region.

### 2.4 Snaring, wildlife mortalities and related incidents

Several snares, a number of wildlife mortalities (natural and indeterminate) and related injuries were reported by the JWPT, the HPT and Marania Wildlife Guards as summarized in the table below.

#	DATE & TIME	BEARINGS	AREA	TEAM	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	PHOTO
1.	6 <sup>th</sup> August 0922hrs	N 00°05'77.8" E 037°40'25.7"	Solo camp area	Horse Patrol Team	One wire snare capable of entrapping small mammals set along the fence line found and destroyed	
	6 <sup>th</sup> August 1002hrs	N 00°06'38.0" E 037°42'43.6"	Solo camp area	Horse Patrol Team	One lame Zebra (left front limb) observed in a herd of twenty one	
2.	7 <sup>th</sup> August 1051hrs	N 00°04'30.8" E 037°43'57.5"	Chemi Chemi ya Ndovu	Marania Wildlife Guards	Skeletal remains of a Warthog ( <i>Phacocoerus aethiopicus</i> ) found during patrol. Tusks intact	

#	DATE & TIME	BEARINGS	AREA	TEAM	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	PHOTO
	7 <sup>th</sup> August 1140hrs	S 00°07'53.2" E 037°32'59.0"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	An old snare discovered and immobilized by team members	
	7 <sup>th</sup> August 1159hrs	S 00°07'50.3" E 037°32'59.5"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	One snare designed to entrap small sized wildlife found and immobilized	
	7 <sup>th</sup> August 1426hrs	S 00°08'08.2" E 037°32'01.4"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	A partly immobilized snare found and destroyed	
3.	12 <sup>th</sup> August 1021hrs	N 00°06'32.2" E 037°48'73.7"	Mlima Suruwa	Marania Wildlife Guards	An old wire snare targeting small mammals found and destroyed	
	12 <sup>th</sup> August 1025hrs	N 00°07'78.1" E 037°39'28.3"	Emhuri farm /Kisima farm boundary	Horse Patrol Team	One medium sized wire snare set along an animal path found and destroyed	
4.	14 <sup>th</sup> August 1803hrs	S 00°09'25.5" E 037°36'23.0"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members find unusual snares thought to have been designed to entrap Guinea fowls	
5.	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1010hrs	N 00°02'37.6" E 037°28'55.9"	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	While on patrol, team members discover a fresh Hyrax carcass thought to have been skinned by bushmeat hunters	

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6.	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 0859hrs	N 00°03'04.8" E 037°24'11.0"	Mlima Ngaita	Horse Patrol Team	Fresh carcass of a male adult Zebra found by team and thought to have been killed by predators	
7.	25 <sup>th</sup> August 0934hrs	N 00°03'50.9" E 037°23'38.2"	Emburi fence area	Horse Patrol Team	One wire snare discovered set along the fence capable of trapping small sized mammals	
8.	26 <sup>th</sup> August 0912hrs	N 00°03'05.8" E 037°24'04.1"	Emburi area	Horse Patrol Team	One lame Zebra (right limb) observed in a grazing herd of five	
9.	27 <sup>th</sup> August 1308hrs	N 00°02'28.2" E 037°31'28.3"	Kimbo /Sacred Lake area	Marania Wildlife Guards	One suspected poacher and three dogs encountered by team. Suspects escape but one of the dogs is shot	
10.	28 <sup>th</sup> August 1235hrs	N 00°02'47.8" E 037°27'18.8"	Kiwanja ya Dyer	Marania Wildlife Guards	Human footprints and dog prints noted along an animal path	
	28 <sup>th</sup> August 1335hrs	S 00°06'20.1" E 037°33'04.0"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	One snare found and immobilized by the team	
	28 <sup>th</sup> August 1409hrs	S 00°06'14.2" E 037°33'02.6"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members find and immobilize four old snares	

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11.	30 <sup>th</sup> August 1150hrs	S 00°08'03.3" E 037°31'44.9"	Ruthumbi	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members discover and immobilize one snare	

## 2.5 School environmental education and outreach programme

This month's school environmental education sensitization was conducted during the first week of the month before the end of the school's second term. This was a continuation of the previous outreach to schools immediately bordering the Mt. Kenya forest ecosystem with a view of sensitizing students on the need of keeping a healthy environment. Through a series of short documentary films (courtesy of AEFF<sup>10</sup>), pupils in the six schools visited were educated on the inter-relationships of forest habitats, water, rainfall and the air we breathe through the water cycle process. At the end of these presentations, teachers and students appreciated the fact that reliable flow of water in rivers near their schools can only be guaranteed if forests are devoid of pollution and degradation. The table below shows schools visited and the number of pupils.

#	SCHOOL	NO. OF PUPILS	PHOTO
1.	Mutunguru Primary School	250	
2.	Gategi Primary School	140	
3.	Gianchuku Primary School	120	
4.	Mbogori Primary School	55	
5.	Murembu Primary School	230	
6.	Murembu Secondary School	70	

## 2.6 Illegal logging and logging related activities

The August 2014 incidents were reported by the JWPT and the Marania Wildlife Guards as summarized in the table below:

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	BEARINGS	PHOTO
1.	4 <sup>th</sup> August 1224hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members discover a ' <i>Munyamme</i> tree chopped using a chainsaw and milled at site to be collected	S 00°10'02.9" E 037°35'48.6"	
	4 <sup>th</sup> August 1311hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	A lone Podo ( <i>Podocarpus spp.</i> ) tree found cut using a chainsaw, milled and timber ferried	S 00°08'18.4" E 037°31'44.1"	

<sup>10</sup> African Environmental Film Foundation)

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2.	7 <sup>th</sup> August 0924hrs	Chemi Chemi ya Ndovu area	Marania Wildlife Guards	Team members encounter an area where logging of Podo was taking place	S 00°04'26.5" E 037°44'11.0"	
	7 <sup>th</sup> August, 1145hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	A single Podo, found chopped and milled at site. Resulting timber missing	S 00°07'54.7" E 037°33'00.0"	
	7 <sup>th</sup> August, 1432hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Several Podo trees found chopped and milled at site. Some of the timber missing	S 00°08'11.0" E 037°32'01.2"	
3.	12 <sup>th</sup> August 1228hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	One illegal logger escapes following ambush. His dog is shot several Red cedar ( <i>Juniperus procera</i> ) posts recovered	S 00°04'50.4" E 037°30'40.7"	
	12 <sup>th</sup> August 1350hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	The JWPT stumble upon a resting hideout for illegal loggers during patrol	S 00°04'43.2" E 037°30'54.1"	
4.	13 <sup>th</sup> August, 1246hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members discover two Camphor ( <i>Ocotea usambarensis</i> ) trees chopped using a chainsaw but not milled	S 00°09'37.8" E 037°35'36.5"	
	13 <sup>th</sup> August 1328hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Several illegal loggers escape upon being spotted. One unidentified indigenous tree found chopped	S 00°09'37.8" E 037°35'41.0"	
	13 <sup>th</sup> August 1439hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Several indigenous trees ' <i>Murial?</i> ' found chopped using axes for suspected use as firewood and ferried away	S 00°09'38.0" E 037°35'41.4"	

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	BEARINGS	PHOTO
5.	14 <sup>th</sup> August 1640hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Two unidentified indigenous trees found chopped for suspected use as fuel wood using axes	S 00°09'06.6" E 037°36'43.8"	
	14 <sup>th</sup> August 1734hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Three indigenous trees ' <i>Mwindindi?</i> ' found chopped for suspected use as firewood and resultant logs ferried	S 00°09'43.3" E 037°35'46.9"	
	14 <sup>th</sup> August 1803hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	A suspect is encountered chopping down a ' <i>Muriati?</i> ' tree using a <i>panga</i> ( <u><i>see arrests</i></u> )	S 00°09'25.5" E 037°36'23.0"	
6.	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1316hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members encounter several Red cedar off-cuts in an illegal logger's cave hideout	S 00°03'40.5" E 037°30'03.8"	
	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1410hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	One Red cedar tree chopped using a cross-cut saw and hewed for use as fencing posts	S 00°03'40.8" E 037°30'03.9"	
7.	20 <sup>th</sup> August 1450hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Six Podo trees found cut as well as several Olea ( <i>Olea hochsteteri</i> ) and Red cedar using chainsaws	S 00°02'32.3" E 037°26'09.4"	
8.	25 <sup>th</sup> August 1206hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Four Podo trees discovered chopped using chainsaws. Scattered timber at the vicinity	S 00°06'47.0" E 037°32'31.8"	
	25 <sup>th</sup> August 1256hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members encounter a path used by illegal loggers to transport timber	S 00°06'50.8" E 037°33'02.4"	
9.	26 <sup>th</sup> August 1002hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Three unidentified indigenous trees found cut for suspected use as firewood	S 00°06'53.1" E 037°33'03.7"	

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	BEARINGS	PHOTO
10.	29 <sup>th</sup> August 1145hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Team members discover several Red cedars chopped for use as fencing posts	S 00°05'09.3" E 037°30'16.6"	
11.	30 <sup>th</sup> August 1543hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	Four Podo trees found illegally logged and milled using a chainsaw	S 00°08'09.2" E 037°31'42.3"	

**2.7 Other illegal activities including fence intrusion, marijuana (*Canabis sativa*) plantations, charcoal kilns, beehives, fuel wood collection and poacher hideouts**

Despite concerted efforts, these illegal activities are ongoing as summarized in the table below. These incidents were reported by all field based teams this August.

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	BEARINGS	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	PHOTO
1.	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 0730hrs	Kamiti Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°12'96.2" E 037°47'81.7"	Some people observed illegally collecting grass within the Corridor. No arrests made	
2.	4 <sup>th</sup> August 1257hrs	Kamiti Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'29.0" E 037°47'60.5"	Fencing team member notes grass left by unknown persons	
3.	5 <sup>th</sup> august 0750hrs	Kamiti Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'33.8" E 037°47'48.1"	Team members come across illegally collected firewood	
	5 <sup>th</sup> August 0900hrs	Underpass	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'56.4" E 037°46'54.8"	Several water pipes discovered damaged by elephants near underpass	
4.	7 <sup>th</sup> August 0830hrs	Lower Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'47.6" E 037°46'30.8"	Team members repair a section of the fence damaged by erosion and intruded upon	

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	BEARINGS	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	PHOTO
	7 <sup>th</sup> August	Kaluli area of Ontulili forest block	Horse Patrol Team	N 00°01'97.1" E 037°31'70.2"	Team members apprehended four women illegally collecting unauthorized large pieces of firewood from the Reserve who however escaped leaving behind the logs	
5.	10 <sup>th</sup> August 0720hrs	Kamiti Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'41.2" E 037°47'62.0"	MKT fencer notes five Blue gum ( <i>Eucalyptus spp.</i> ) trees illegally harvested by unknown persons	
	10 <sup>th</sup> August 1000hrs	Underpass	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'54.9" E 037°46'61.3"	MKT fencers repair a section of the fence line subject to intrusion	
6.	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1006hrs	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	N 00°02'36.7" E 037°28'54.9"	One fresh charcoal kiln discovered and destroyed	
	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1012hrs	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	N 00°02'39.0" E 037°28'55.8"	One fresh charcoal kiln found and destroyed	
	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1020hrs	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	N 00°02'38.3" E 037°28'54.8"	One fresh charcoal kiln found and destroyed	
	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1040hrs	Kamiti Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°13'59.8" E 037°47'19.8" N 00°13'57.7"	Several Blue gum trees found cut and collected by unknown persons	

#	DATE & TIME	AREA	TEAM	BEARINGS	OBSERVATIONS /REMARKS	PHOTO
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	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1155hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	S 00°03'23.0" E 037°31'16.3"	A suspected poacher hideout and meat roasting joint found and destroyed	
	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1234hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	S 00°03'31.0" E 037°30'19.6"	A suspected illegal logger /poacher hideout found and destroyed	
	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1316hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	S 00°03'40.5" E 037°30'03.8"	A hideout suspected to be in use by illegal loggers /poachers found. Several Red cedar logs at site and a stick used in roasting meat	
7.	19 <sup>th</sup> August 0923hrs	Lower Corridor	Elephant Corridor Team	N 00°12'93.2" E 037°47'69.4"	Four men illegally collecting grass within the Corridor manage to escape leaving behind the grass	
8.	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 1030hrs	Kimbo area	Marania Wildlife Guards	-	Two suspects caught illegally packing charcoal from a fresh charcoal kiln ( <i>see arrests</i> )	
9.	28 <sup>th</sup> August 1230hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	S 00°06'20.3" E 037°33'04.0"	A small germinating <i>marijuana</i> plantation is found and destroyed by team members	
	28 <sup>th</sup> August 1250hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	S 00°06'18.1" E 037°33'02.6"	A small <i>marijuana</i> field 6x5m with regenerating <i>Canabis sativa</i> found and destroyed	
10.	30 <sup>th</sup> August 1150hrs	Ruthumbi forest	Joint Wildlife Protection Team	S 00°08'03.3" E 037°31'44.9"	One suspected illegal beehive found and destroyed	

### 2.8 Ambushes, arrests and apprehensions

The following is a chronology of arrests made this August:

- 5<sup>th</sup> August (1245hrs) - MKT fencer with assistance of Kisima farm security ambush and arrest four women observed illegally collecting



firewood at Kamiti Corridor along waypoint N 00°13'47.1" E 037°46'38.7". The four were booked at Subuiga police station with offence of stealing contrary to section 275 of the penal code and trespassing private property

- 14<sup>th</sup> August - the JWPT manage to arrest Joses Kibiti Marete while chopping down a 'Muriati' tree using a Panga and booked him at Nkubu Police Station OB: No.: 49/14/08/2014
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August - the JWPT members lay an unsuccessful ambush targeting illegal loggers and poachers along waypoint S 00°04'13.6" E037°31'02.4"
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August (1030hrs) - Marania Wildlife Guards arrest two illegal charcoal burners at Kimbo area, the team ambushed them while they were busy packing charcoal in a sack. The two Paul Maina and Kennedy Muirigi were both booked at Kiirua Police station vide OB No.36/23/8/2014 with offence of cutting and burning of charcoal contrary to section 52 of the Forest Act 2005. KWS Marania base provided transport.



## 2.9 Several forms of habitat intrusion and destruction by man and wildlife

All teams reported some level of intrusion and destruction by man and wildlife. Pastoralists were largely responsible for significant influx to graze within the National Reserve. This information is presented in bullet form below.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August (0854hrs) - the MWG on patrol in Kisima forest observe elephants destroy metallic water pipes that take water to Marania farm along waypoint N 00°06'49.7" E 037°44'07.7"
- 5<sup>th</sup> August (0950hrs) - several Samburu pastoralist's cattle and cattle bomas noted at the slopes of Mlima Dinga. The temporary settlements have caused a lot of destruction to surrounding vegetation and grass along waypoint N 00°04'83.4" E 037°43'75.3"
- 6<sup>th</sup> August (1016hrs) - Samburu bomas constructed at Kiwanja ya Dyer area have resulted in local disappearance of wildlife especially Eland and Zebras at waypoint N 00°03'92.3" E 037°43'32.5"
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August (1420hrs) - a fresh carcass of a pastoralist cattle noted by the team at Kimbo area, the carcass was left exposed along waypoint N 00°02'30.5" E 037°28'03.3"



## 2.10 Mount Kenya Trust Community Health Service Project

The second reproductive health outreach was undertaken in Meru and Embu Counties by the Trust and its partners as part of the new pilot project. The project has been set up to help improve access to preventative health care, family planning, counselling, HIV testing and advice. In Karimari and Muthigi areas of Embu County, these services were given to men and women and a number of women were screened for cervical and breast cancer. The need for family planning services is high based on correspondence and feedback from the target audience.