



MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2020

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Illegal activities in the Forest are still occurring and Friends of Arabuko Sokoke Forest community scouts, together with KFS and KWS are continuing with their efforts to protect the forest's ecosystem.

FoASF scout patrol results:

- 4 suspects arrested for illegal activities in the forest during 2 incidents.
- 84 patrol days executed, with 182km covered on foot.
- 207 snares removed.
- 24 observations of illegal tree cuttings recorded.



Trap for small rodents.



Mature hard wood tree (*Bragystegia speciformis*), locally called *Mrihi*, destroyed in the forest.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Forest Association (CFA) scout patrols

Reports from 2019 were evaluated in a meeting on 17 January. The meeting led by KFS, highlighted the positive and negative results of each CFAs activity and provided guidance and advise to each on how to improve for future projects and the expectations FoASF and other donors have. KFS, KWS and FoASF were impressed with the progress made since the earlier desnaring activity in August 2019.

Meeting to harmonise CFAs and interest groups in the management of the ASF

The FoASF team participated in a meeting organised by KFS, attended by KFS chairman Peter Kinyua. The meeting was held at the Gede forest station and had the objective to harmonise the CFAs legal status and way forward in collaboration with the forest stakeholders and the ASF management.

ECOTOURISM

Nature trail

A total of nine signs were placed along the nature trail with support from Captain Andy's Fishing Supplies. Special thanks to Andrew McNaughton a Friend of ASF for designing these and to the forest guides for assisting in the placement of the drums along the trail.



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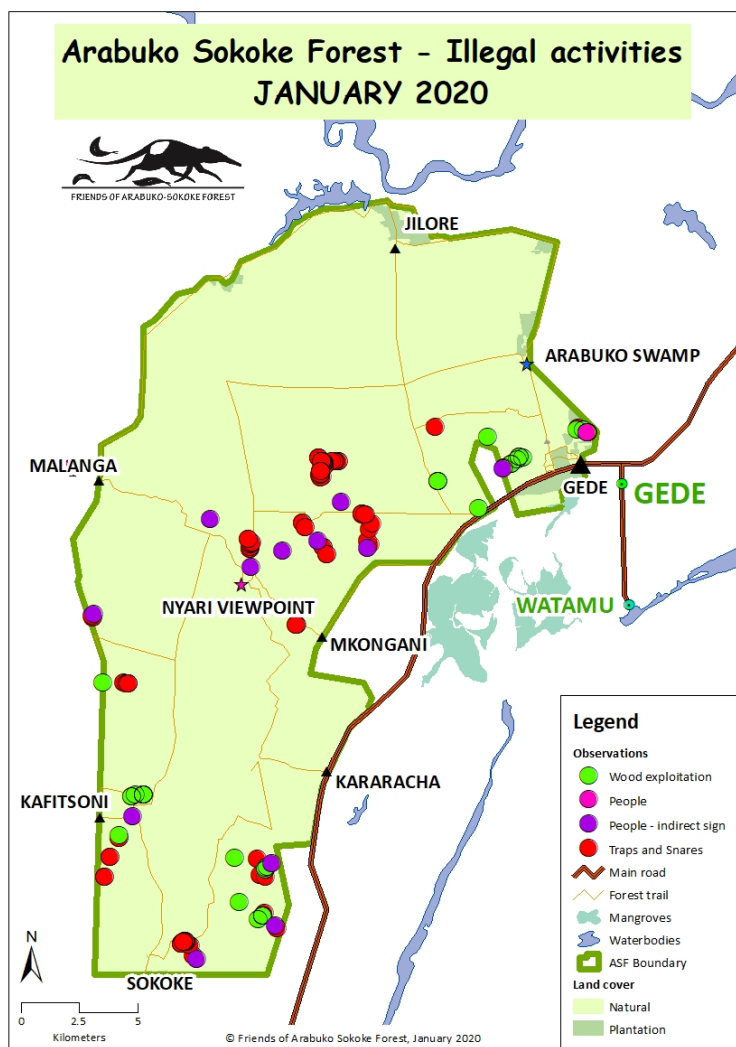
International water bird count

On 23 January, the FoASF liaison officer and driver/patrol car, with ARocha Kenya and the Mida creek bird guides, took part in the international water bird count.

The team covered areas including the Sabaki river estuary, Mikimba river, Krystalline and Ken Salt ponds. More than 40 bird species were counted.

Summary table of FoASF scouts patrol efforts

Patrols	
No. of day patrols	84
No. of hours patrols	129.79
No. of man-days	457
No. of km covered on foot	181.95
No. of km covered by vehicle	753.3
No. of km covered by motorbike	45.44
No. of km covered by tractor	0
INCIDENTS	
No. of incidents	2
No. of arrests	4
No. of prosecutions	0
Process running	4
Pursuit without arrest	0
Warnings	0
Poaching incidents	
Poachers arrested	0
Poachers escaped	0
Animals poached	0
Kg bushmeat confiscated	0
Camp/racks seen - destroyed	0
Illegal exploitation	
Wood cutters arrested	4
No. of poles confiscated	88
No. of trees cut	24
No. of branches cut	0
No. of firewood headloads	1
No. of charcoal bags	0
No. of charcoal kilns	0
Weapons recovered	0
Snares recovered	207
Confiscation of equipment - other	1



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