



# Friends of Arabuko-Sokoke Forest (FoASF)

## Monthly Report

### April 2019



## Data collection

### Summary table of observation

Human activity	Firewood	Cut Stems	Beam/Plank	Charcoal	Fito/withies	Poles	Carving
Count observation	2	56	5	9	2	19	0
Human activity	Weapons	Traps and snares	Cutting tools	Wildlife	Rain		
Count observation	0	39	0	36	2		

### Patrol performance summary table

#### Team Blue

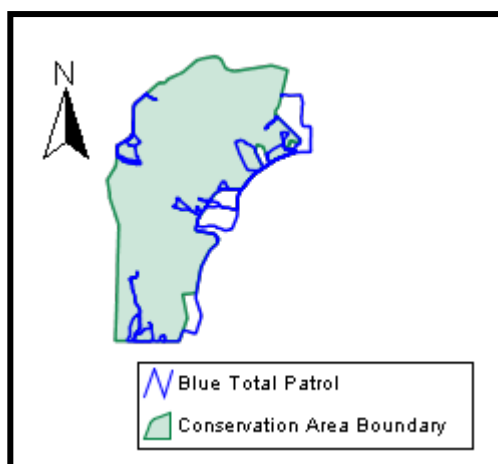
Transport type	No. of patrols	Distance (km)	Distance (km) per no. of patrols	No. of patrol hours
Foot	11.00	92.48	8.41	56.85
Motorbike	11.00	139.52	12.68	49.49
Tractor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle	5.00	74.45	14.89	11.81

#### Team Red

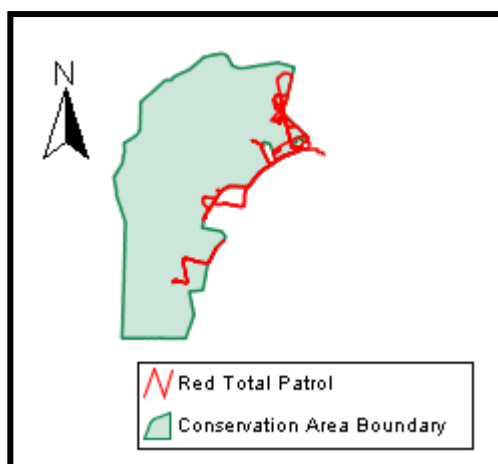
Transport type	No. of patrols	Distance (km)	Distance (km) per no. of patrols	No. of patrol hours
Foot	17.00	136.91	8.05	177.51
Motorbike	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tractor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle	8.00	92.45	11.56	13.05

#### Team Blue and Red together

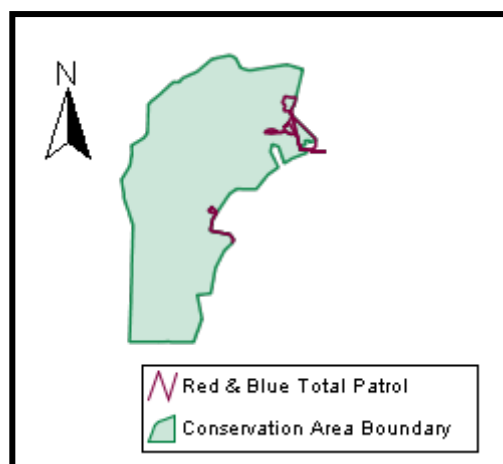
Transport type	No. of patrols	Distance (km)	Distance (km) per no. of patrols	No. of patrol hours
Foot	3.00	27.92	9.31	9.72
Motorbike	1.00	5.81	5.81	0.32
Tractor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle	4.00	39.49	9.87	8.30



Team Blue tracks



Team Red tracks



Team Red and Blue tracks combined

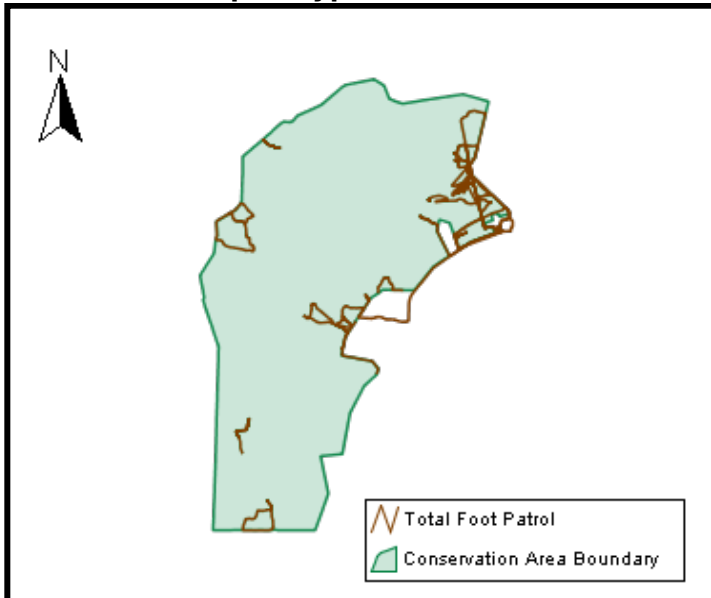
### Scout team patrol comparison table

Team	Distance (km)	No. of patrols	No. of days
Blue Team	306.46	27.00	29.00
Red Team	229.37	25.00	30.00
Team Red & Blue	73.23	8.00	8.00

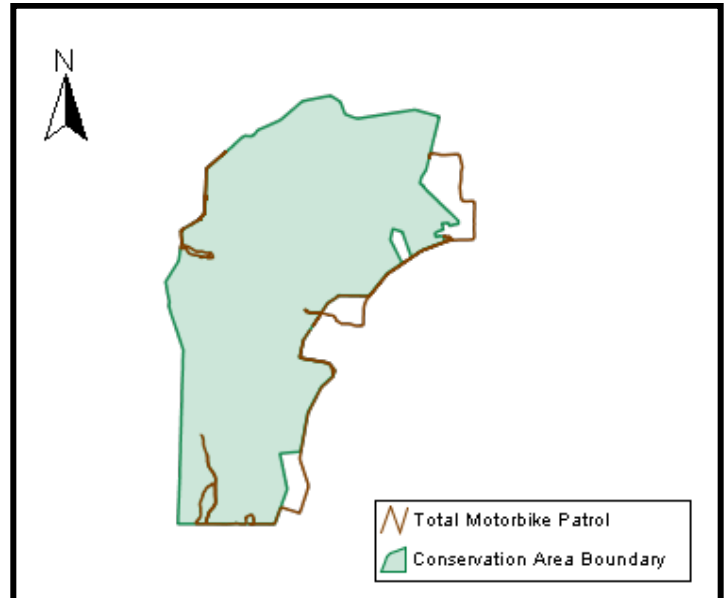
### Team patrol mandate

Mandate type	No. of patrols	No. of days	Distance (km)	Person - field hours
Ambush	1.00	1.00	13.69	5.47
De-Snaring	2.00	2.00	39.29	22.10
Monitoring	56.00	63.00	532.31	1452.20
Road Clearing	1.00	1.00	23.76	12.09

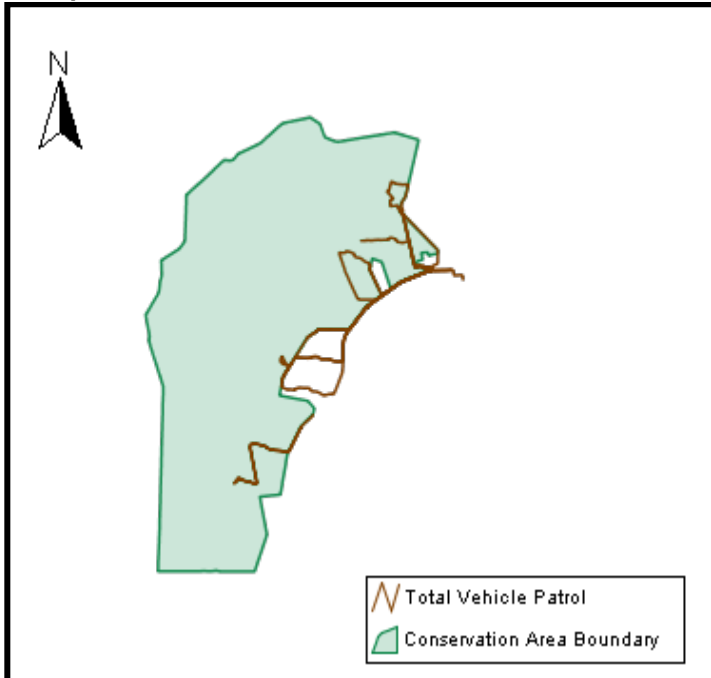
### Patrol transport types



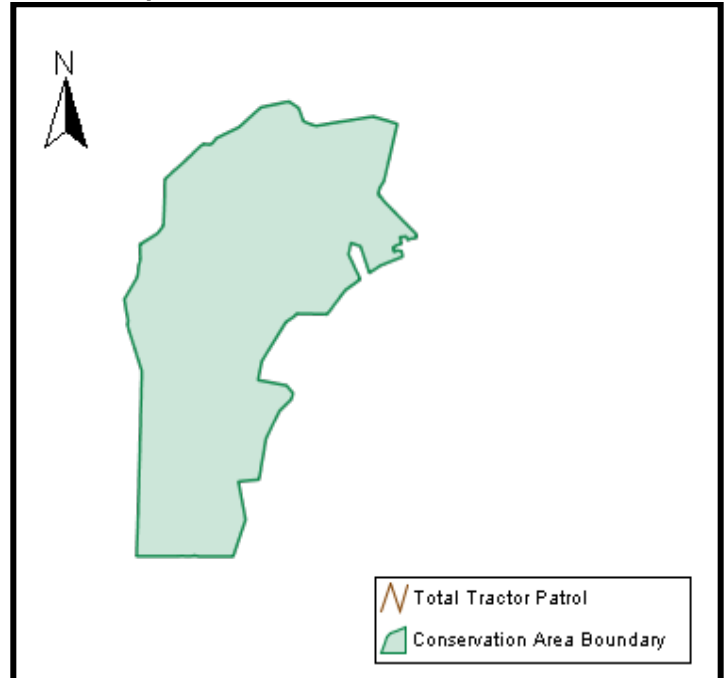
Foot patrols



Motorbike patrols



Vehicle patrols



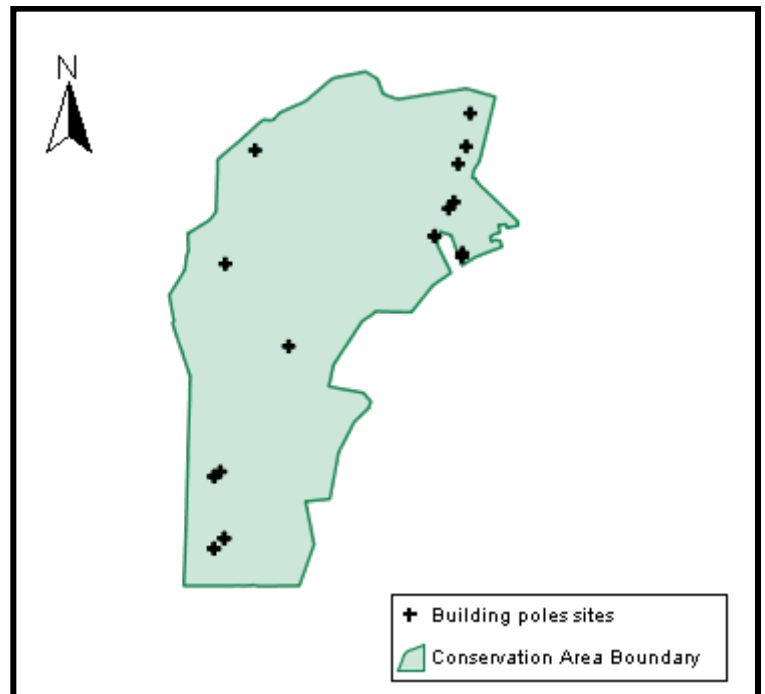
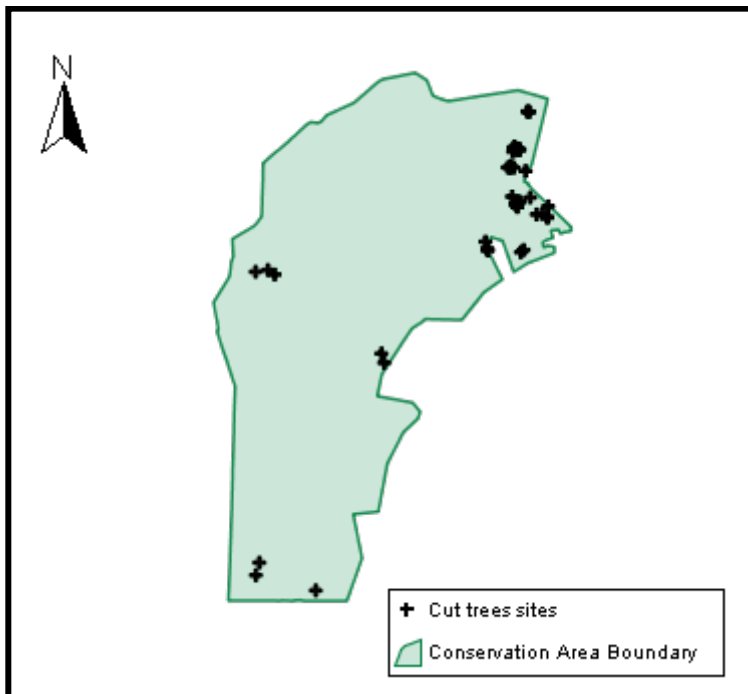
Tractor patrols



## Illegal activities

### Cut trees and branches

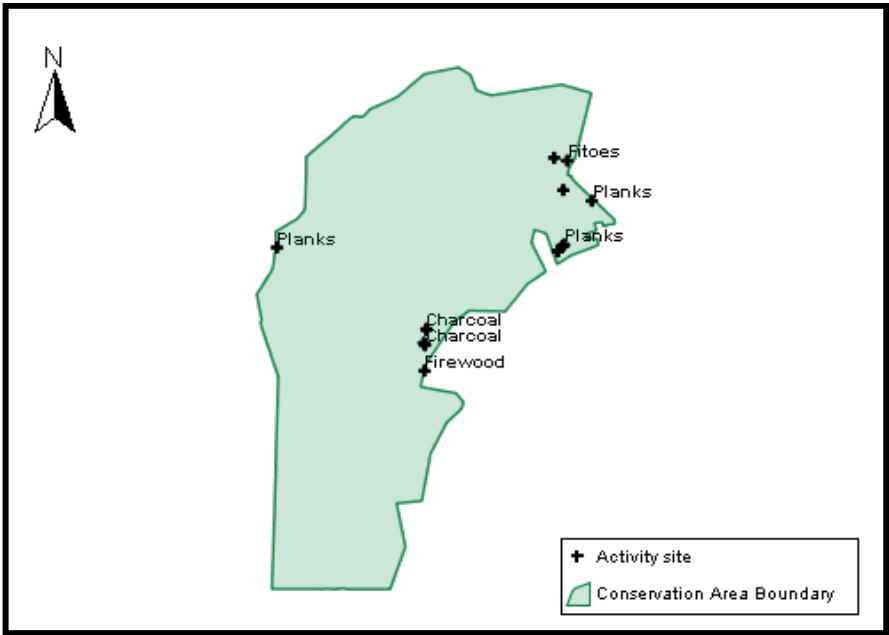
98 cut trees and branches were recorded and a total of 57 poles were collected.





Firewood, Timber (Planks/Beams), Fito/Withies (small poles), Charcoal and Carving

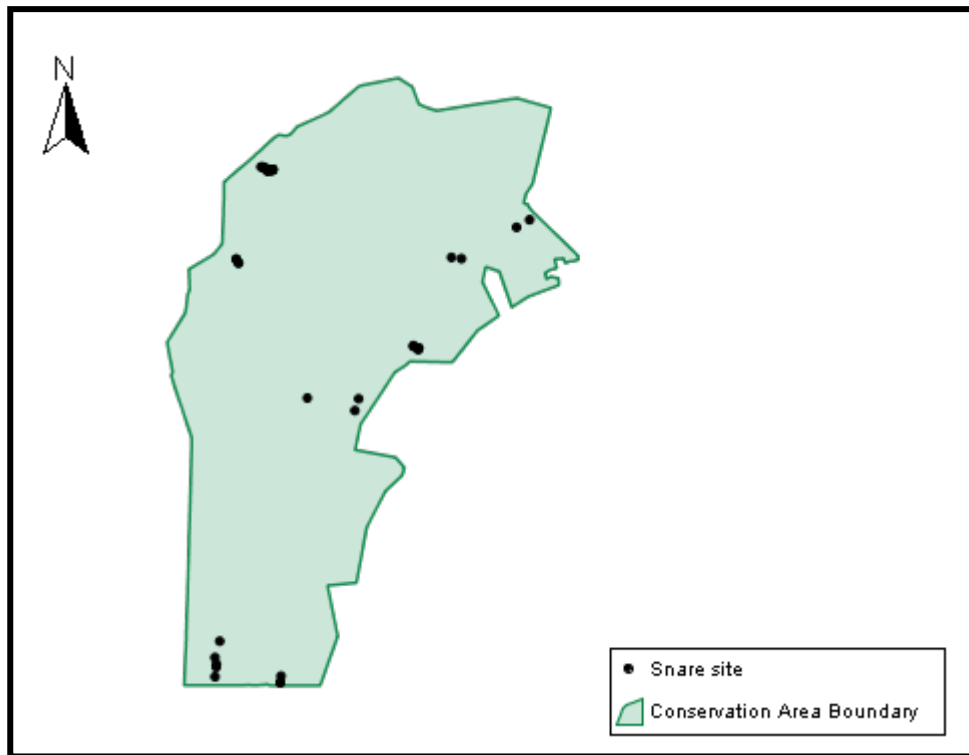
Illegal activity	No. of bags	No. of bundles	No. of fito/withies	No. of planks	No. of observation
Firewood		7			2
Planks				8	5
Charcoal	15				9
Fito/withies			21		2
Carving					0










## Traps and snares

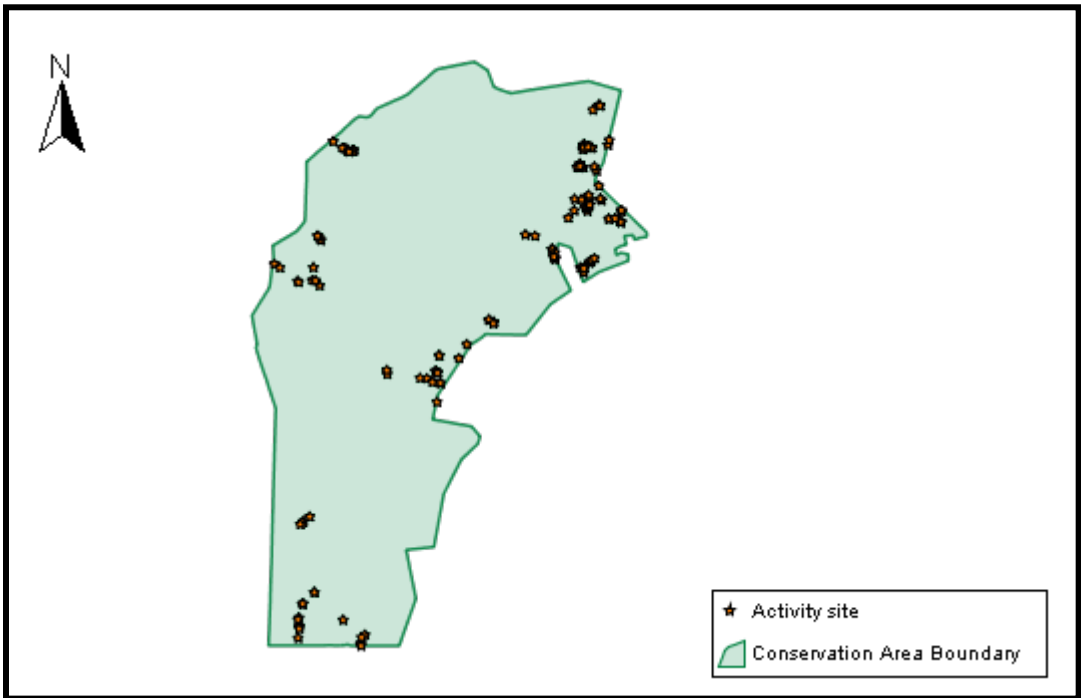
A total of 45 snares were removed from the forest in April.



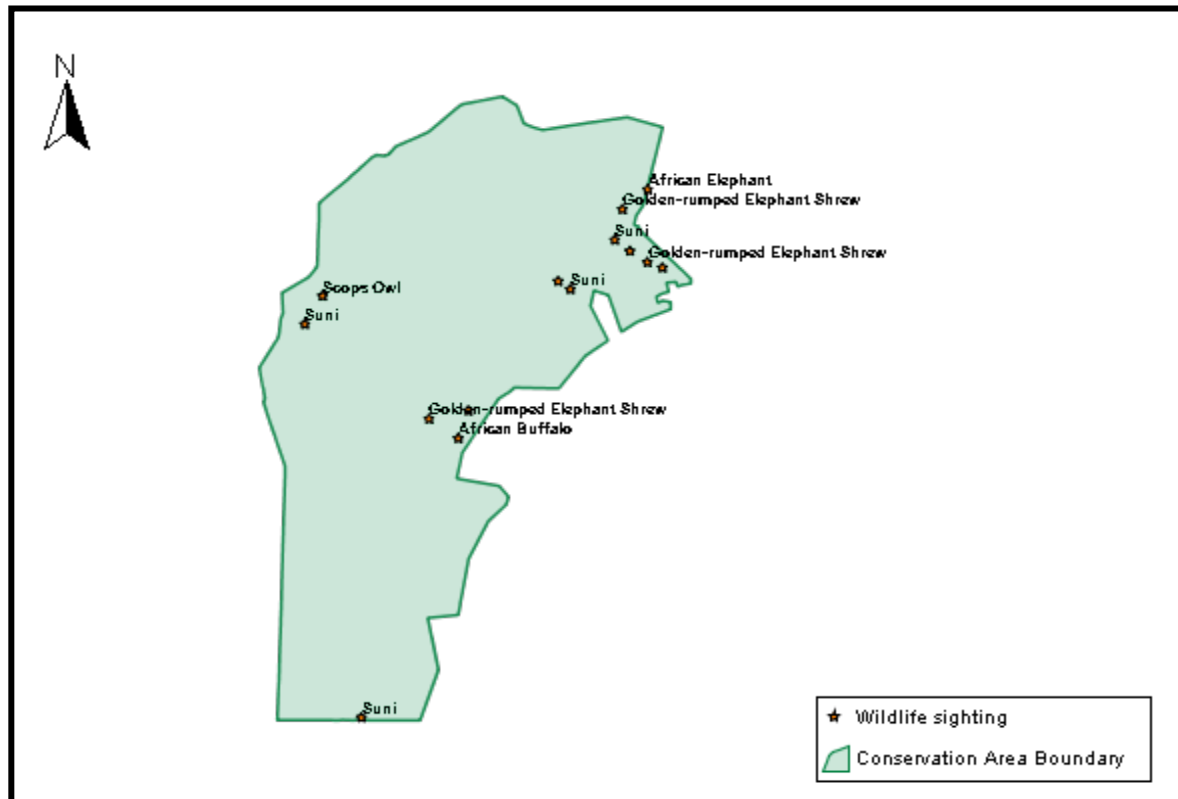
Arrests

Arrested for	No. of arrests	No. of people	Average person's age	No. of male	No. of female
Illegal Entry into Forest	2	2	53.50	2	0
					

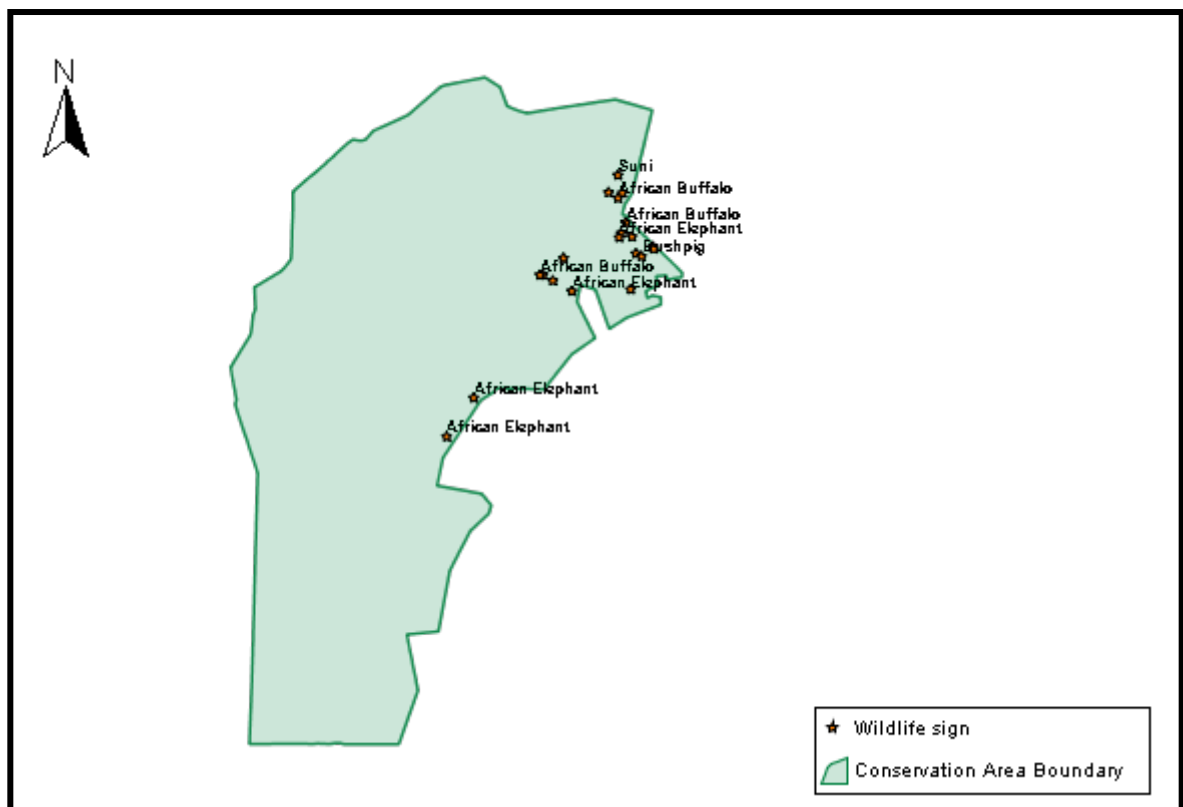
Illegal activity hotspots



## Wildlife activity



## Wildlife signs (including tracks, dung and pathways)





## Recent news

### FoASF scouts

In April the teams split up. Team Blue patrolled the Malanga/Jilore area while Team Red patrolled the Gede/Arabuko area.

The Blue team found the Mabuani area to be high in illegal activity. The Regional Commander KFS deemed it necessary to revisit the area with the scouts and KFS Gede representatives on 24th April to further assess the extent of damage and to discuss the way forward.

### Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service and Community Forest Association's

FoASF scouts with the KFS Sokoke Forester Mr. Tsuma and Assistant forester Mr. Watiri conducted a one-day road clearing exercise from the Kararacha pools to the Sokoke station to open the road for visitors and patrols.



On 30th April Lissa Ruben and Alia Moller met the Jilore assistant forester Mr. Kidake and the CFA chairman Mr. Thoya at the Jilore forest station to discuss possible ecotourism sites in the Jilore sector. We then drove to a couple of selected sites.



### Signage

Signs donated by FoASF in March have now been placed along the fence line. A larger one was also painted and positioned at the swamp.





## Fence posts

The 153 fence posts donated in March have now been positioned and numbered. Thank you to the KWS head fence technician Mr. Moses Maina for coordinating the work.



## Talk from Wildlife Direct and Princeton/Columbia University students

On 29th April Alia and Lissa attended a talk presented by Paula Kahumbu and Princeton/Columbia University students on 'Ending deaths and injuries from snake bite in Kenya'. A thought provoking and interesting morning where many ideas were discussed after the presentation in an 'open space' workshop, education being the overall and clear sentiment for the way forward.

Thank you to Wildlife Direct and especially to Paula for our generous donation of KSH 10,000/-.

## Display plot and cassava plantation

The display plot has now been ploughed and is ready for planting when the rains arrive. 14kgs of green grams have already been sold to the local communities, with just 4kgs remaining. The maize and green gram seeds will also be sold at a lower than retail price, to encourage the forest adjacent people to grow their own food and resist the need to harvest illegally from the forest.

The cassava crop continues to mature and machines for drying and processing are still being sourced.





### Direct support to KWS and KFS

FoASF activity	Cost (\$) justification	Total (\$)
KWS vehicle running costs	Warden Sokoke vehicle donated by Captain Andy's Fishing Supplies.	100
KWS field staff rations x1	40\$ per person for rations while complementing our scouts in the forest.	40
KFS field staff rations x1	40\$ per person for rations while complementing our scouts in the forest.	40
KWS fuel	Assistance with fuel for motorbike and vehicle patrols with scouts.	200
KFS fuel	Assistance with fuel for the Gede forest station for patrols around the forest.	50
KFS fuel	Assistance with fuel for the Jilore forest station for patrols around the forest.	50
KFS motorcycle repairs	Procurement of chain and sprockets for the Gede station motorcycle.	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>485</b>



*All pictures in the field taken by FoASF Scout (April 2019).*

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