



Friends of Arabuko-Sokoke Forest (FoASF)

Monthly Report

June 2019



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Data collection

Summary table of observation

Human activity	Firewood	Cut Stems	Beam/Plank	Charcoal	Fito/withies	Poles	Carving
Count observation	3	37	1	2	0	12	0
Human activity	Weapons	Traps and snares	Cutting tools	Wildlife	Rain		
Count observation	0	122	0	24	1		

Patrol performance summary table

Team Blue

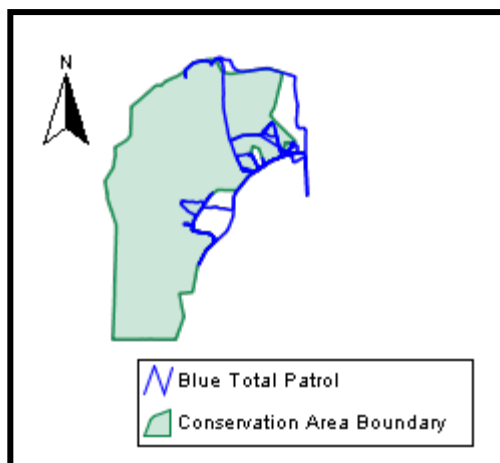
Transport type	No. of patrols	Distance (km)	Distance (km) per no. of patrols	No. of patrol hours
Foot	15.00	67.93	4.53	26.55
Motorbike	15.00	115.95	7.73	11.60
Tractor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle	7.00	83.06	11.87	4.16

Team Red

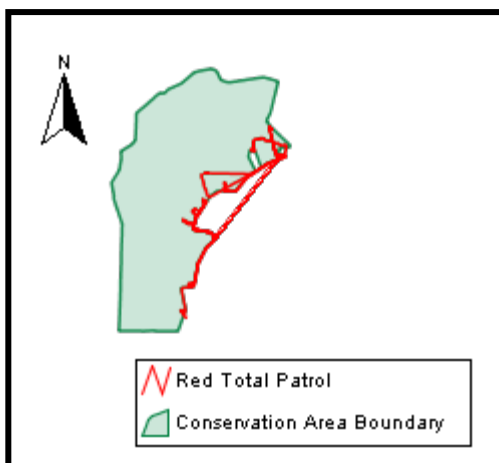
Transport type	No. of patrols	Distance (km)	Distance (km) per no. of patrols	No. of patrol hours
Foot	12.00	156.87	13.07	30.24
Motorbike	7.00	36.31	5.19	6.19
Tractor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle	6.00	61.98	10.33	6.42

Team Blue and Red together

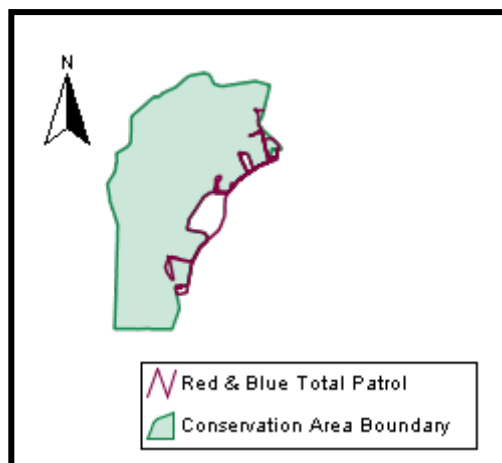
Transport type	No. of patrols	Distance (km)	Distance (km) per no. of patrols	No. of patrol hours
Foot	13.00	79.56	6.12	35.32
Motorbike	12.00	91.17	7.60	6.66
Tractor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle	5.00	46.17	9.23	6.97



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	266.93	37.00	37.00
Red Team	255.16	25.00	25.00
Team Red & Blue	216.90	30.00	30.00

Team patrol mandate

Mandate type	No. of patrols	No. of days	Distance (km)	Person - field hours
Ambush	4.00	4.00	27.06	41.74
De-Snaring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Monitoring	87.00	87.00	727.61	581.45
Road Clearing	2.00	2.00	7.85	20.72

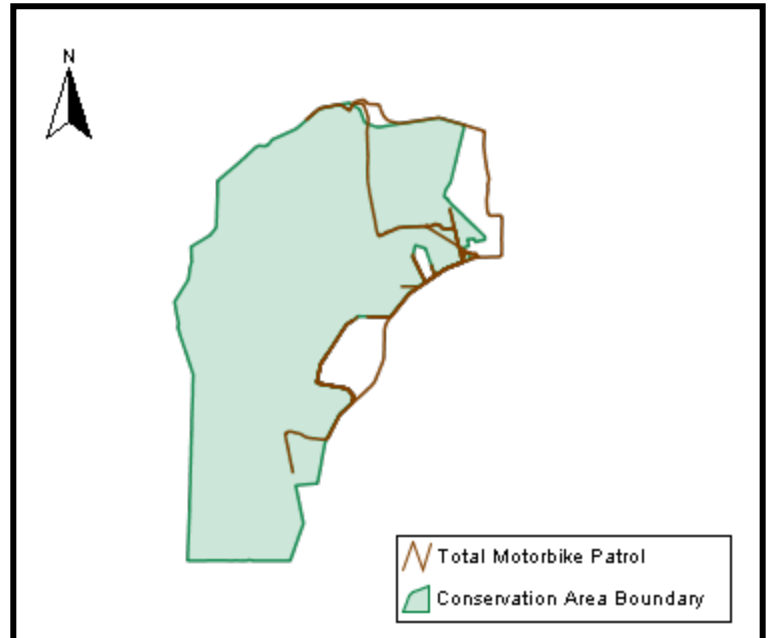
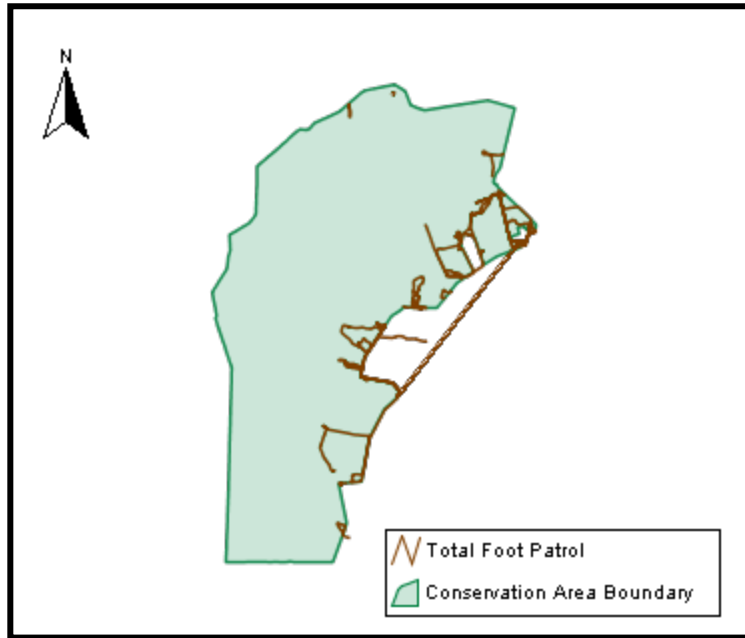
Areas covered

Area name	No. of patrols
Arabuko Sokoke primary school	1
Arabuko swamp	3
Bishop Kalu	2
Chumani	3
Dida	1
Elephant track	5
Gede	2
Girimacha	3
Jilore	2
Kararacha	1
Mabuani	4
Mabuani	2
Matsanjeni	6
Mgurureni	6
Mida	11
Mida (Jamii villa)	3
Mkongani	15
Mugurureni	6
Mwambani	3
Nature reserve	1

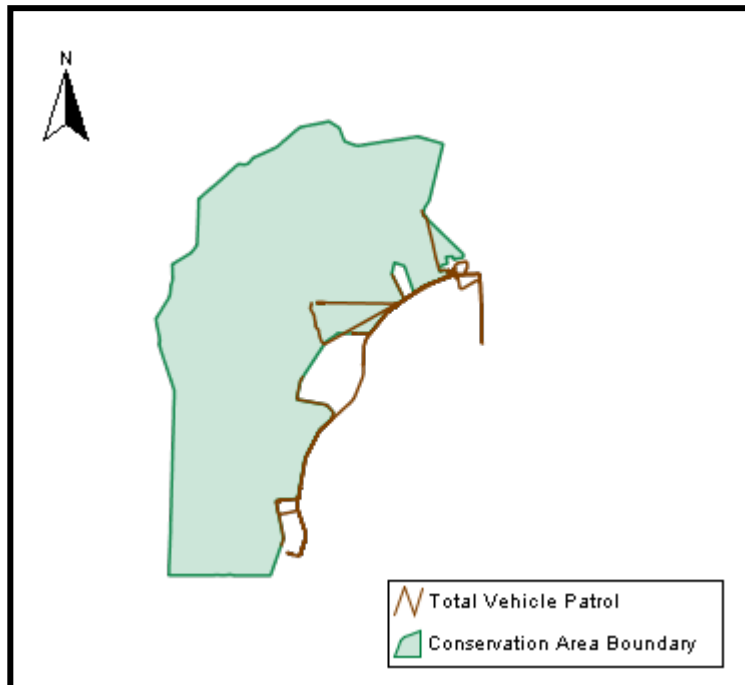
KFS and KWS ranger's present

Date	No. of rangers	Date	No. of rangers
June 1 st	1	June 21 st	1
June 2 nd	3	June 22 nd	0
June 3 rd	0	June 23 rd	0
June 4 th	2	June 24 th	2
June 5 th	1	June 25 th	2
June 6 th	3	June 26 th	2
June 7 th	3	June 27 th	0
June 8 th	2	June 28 th	2
June 9 th	1	June 29 th	0
June 10 th	4	June 30 th	0
June 11 th	0		
June 12 th	0		
June 13 th	0		
June 14 th	0		
June 15 th	0		
June 16 th	3		
June 17 th	1		
June 18 th	3		
June 19 th	3		
June 20 th	1		

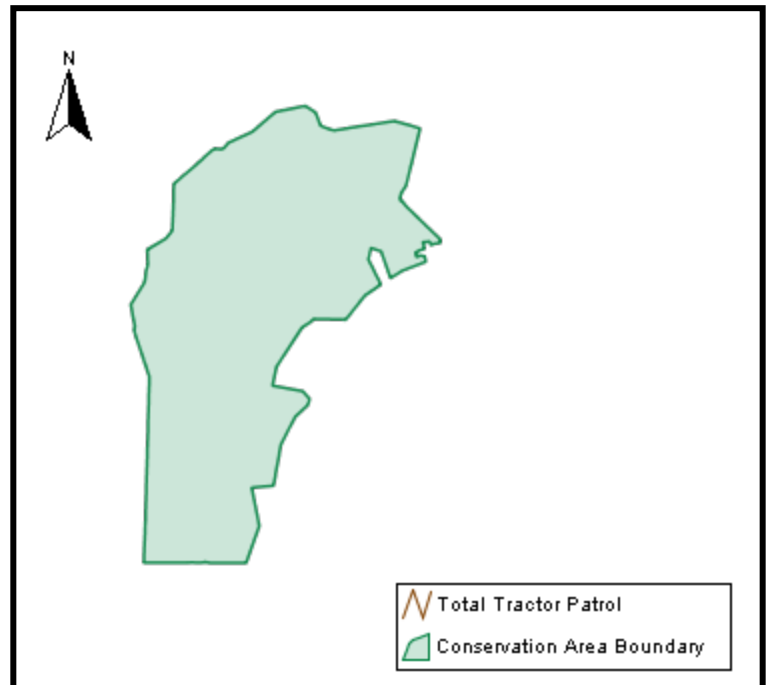
Patrol transport types



Foot patrols



Motorbike patrols



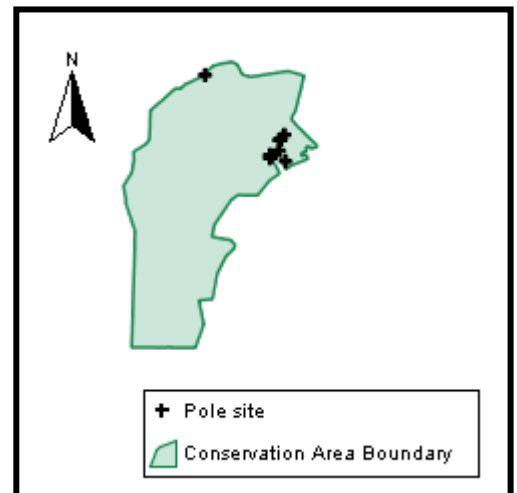
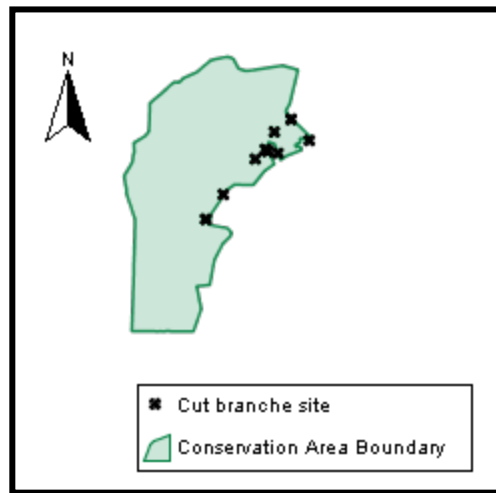
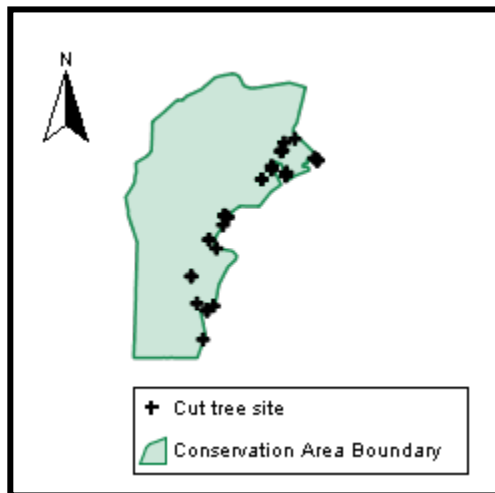
Vehicle patrols

Tractor patrols

Illegal activities

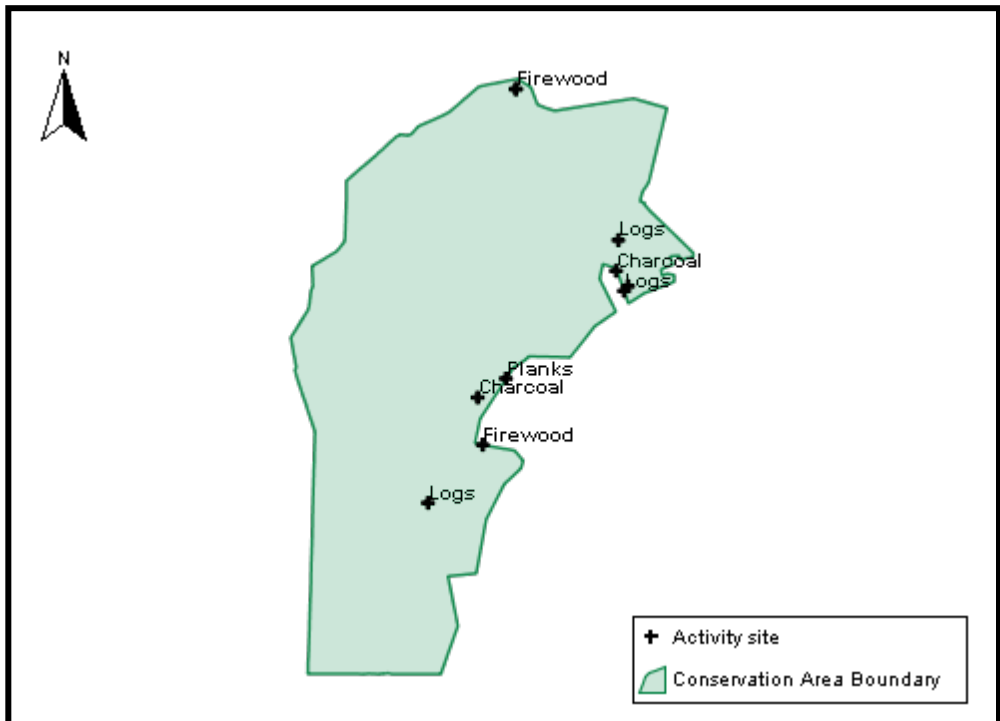
Cut trees and branches

68 cut trees and 24 cut branches were recorded and a total of 50 poles were collected.



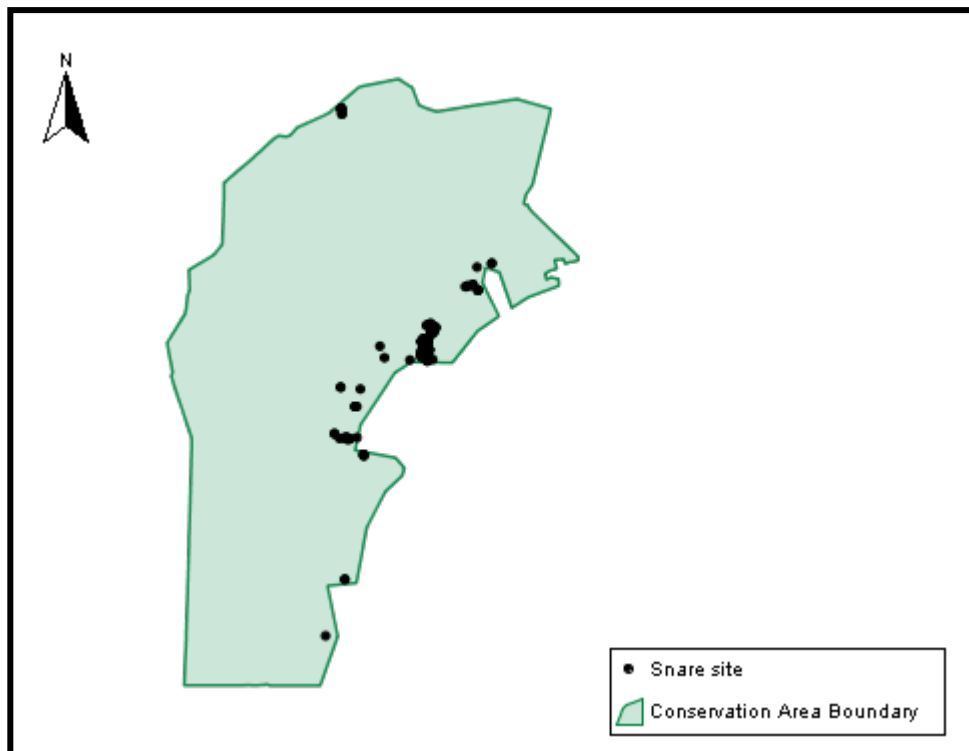
Firewood, Timber (Planks/Beams), Logs, Fito/Withies (small poles), Charcoal and Carving

Human Activity	No. of Bundles	No. of Logs	No. of kilns	No. of Fito/withies	No. of Planks	Count Observations
Carving		0				0
Charcoal		50	1			2
Firewood	4	14				3
Fito/withies				0		0
Planks					1	1

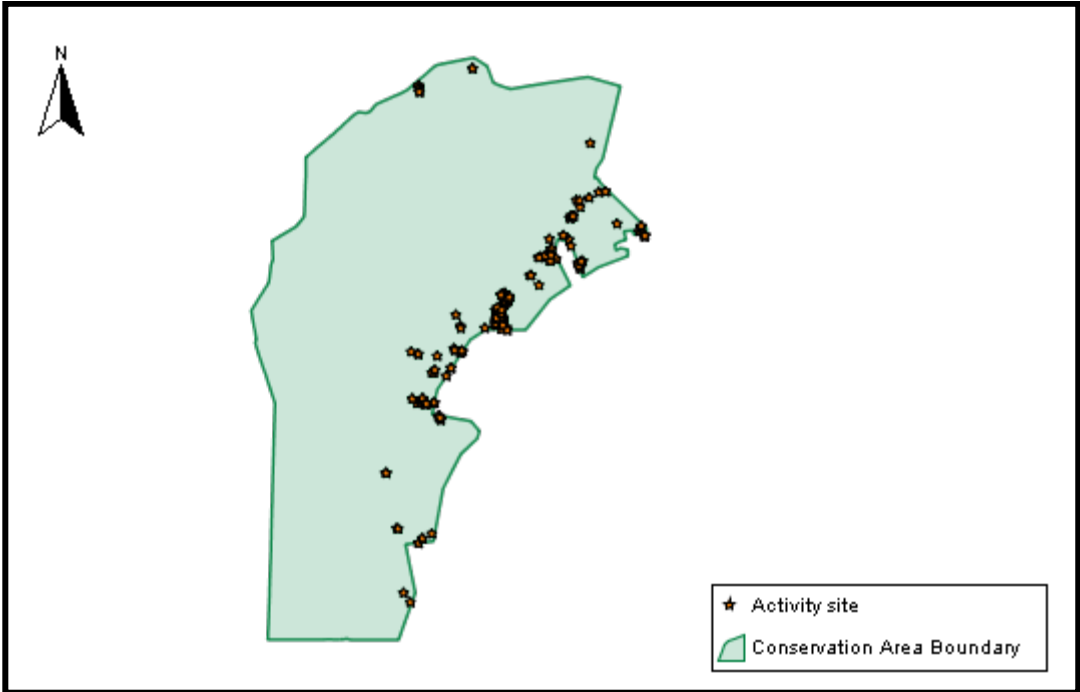


Traps and snares

A total of 134 snares were removed from the forest in June.



Illegal activity hotspots

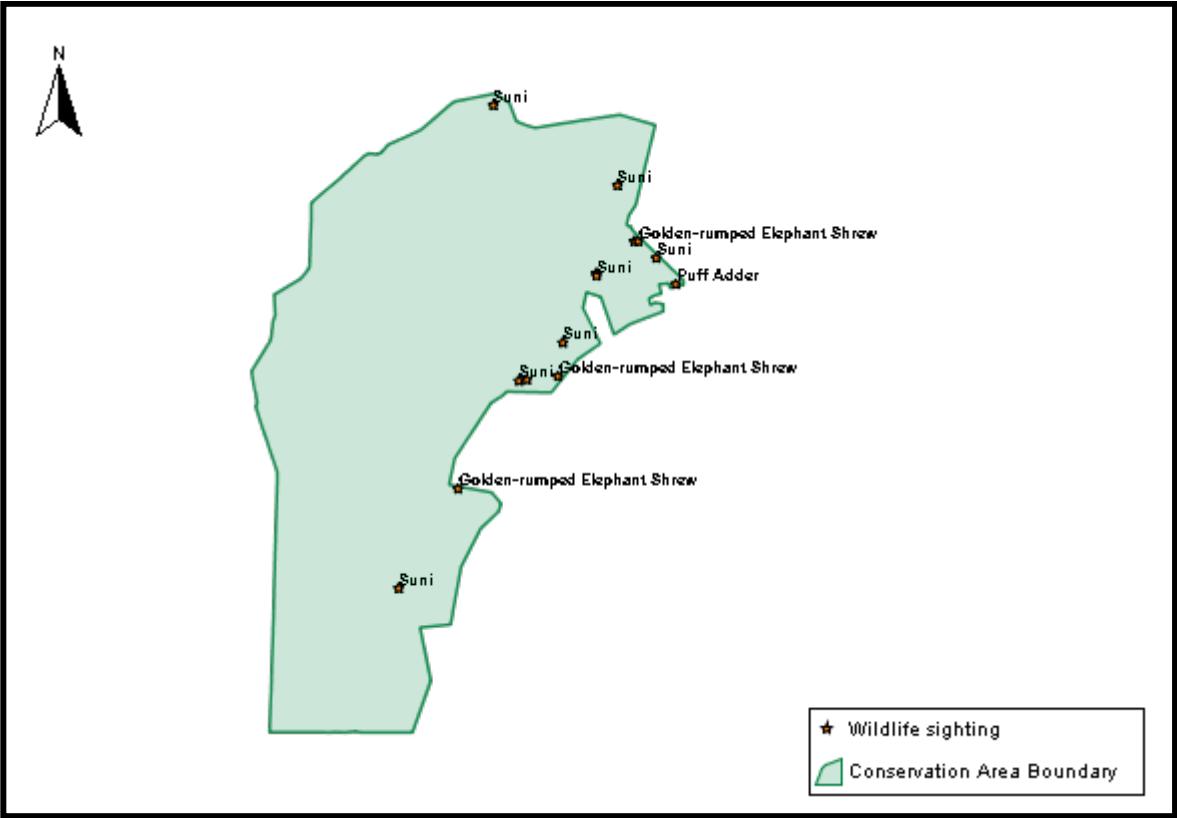


Arrests

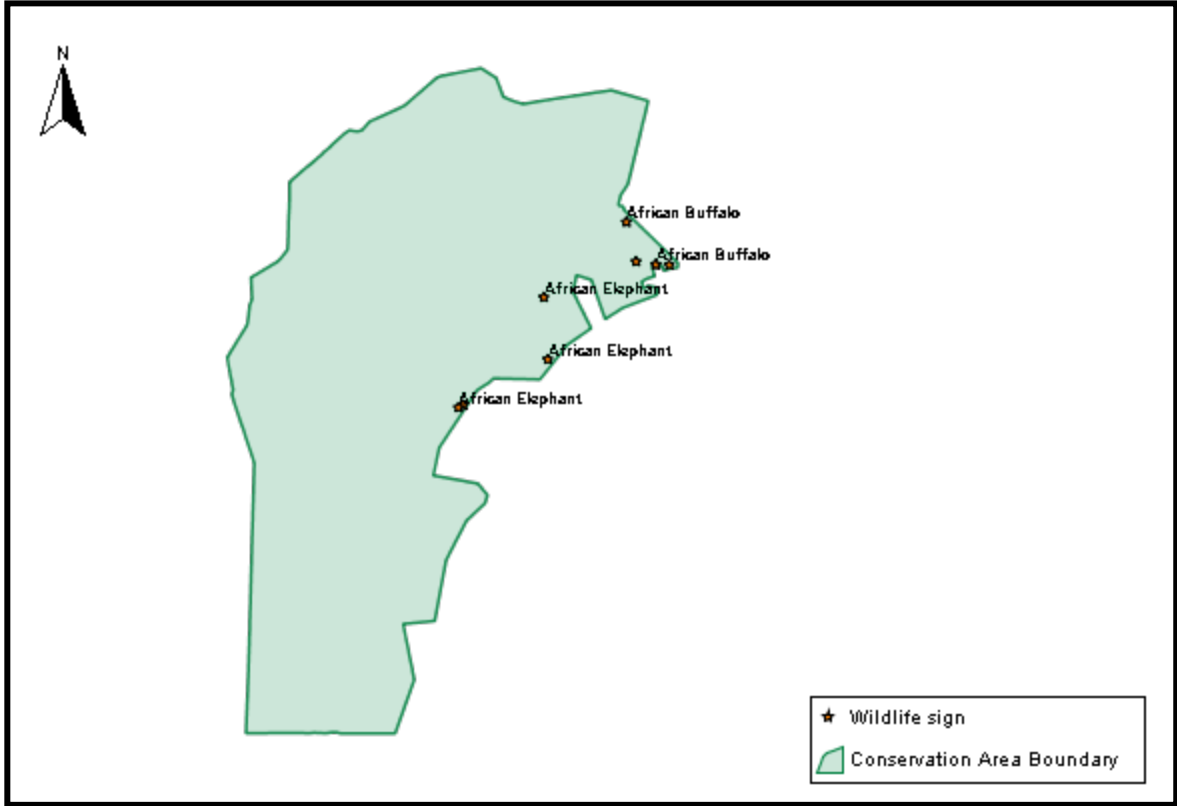
Arrested for	No. of arrests	No. of people	Average person's age	No. of male
Hunting	1.00	1	57	1
Logging	1.00	1	37	1



Wildlife activity



Wildlife signs (including tracks, dung and pathways)



Recent news

Scout teams

The two teams have now been kitted with new uniforms, including T-shirts with our logo, trousers, boots, belts, socks, bottles and hats.

40 pairs of socks were donated by ForRangers for the FoASF scouts.

Thank you to the ForRangers team, a dedicated group of individuals raising money for the welfare of rangers who risk their lives daily to protect Africa's endangered species.

A special thanks to Pete Newland and Sam Taylor.

www.forrangers.com



Clearing of the nature trails was conducted throughout June by the two teams.



Education project

FoASF in partnership with KWS and KFS plan to resume school visits in July. Schools are being identified and invitations will be distributed.

The project is being led by KWS education officer Madam Jamilla Mohammed and KWS research assistant and FoASF committee member Lynn Njeri.

ASF management team meeting

On 11th June the ASFMT met for the third time.

Main topics discussed:

- The Komani and elephant track roads need to be cleared for visitors and patrols. The FoASF scouts were asked to assist.
- The Mida area has been highlighted as a hotspot area for illegal activities.
- The Gede CFA informed members that a proposal had been submitted for the creation of a hide at the Arabuko swamp. A.Rocha and FoASF were asked to link up with the Gede CFA.

Jilore Community Forest Association (CFA)

FoASF agreed to support the Jilore CFA to have their Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2019 which was a prerequisite before attending before the ASF Adjacent Dwellers Association AGM at the end of the month.

On 7th June 14 participants, including members from the Jilore CFA, KFS and FoASF attended the AGM at the Jilore forest station.

Discussions were focused on:

- Constitution review
- Participatory Forest Management (PFM) review
- Filling gaps in the committee representation
- Delegates nominated to attend the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Adjacent Dwellers Association (ASFADA) AGM

Display plot and Cassava plantation

The additional two acres of land rented as an extension to the cassava plantation were ploughed earlier in the year. The Songa Mbele group plan to start planting in July.

Discussions are ongoing with Power Africa on the procurement of machines for the project.

In June the display plot experienced an outbreak of disease which devastated the green grams, maize and moringa crops. Sammy Safari, the plot caretaker, informed and consulted the agricultural extension officers from the Msabaha research centre in Gede, who stated that the same problem was being observed this season in the area. He advised that the plot be reploughed to stop the spread.

The plot was sprayed with neem solution and reploughing will happen in July. Green gram and cowpea seedlings remain and will be planted after ploughing.



One of the diseased moringa plants

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.	350
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 fuel	Assistance with fuel for the Sokoke forest station for patrols around the forest.	50
KWS printer ink	Top up of ink cartridges for the donated printer.	40
Total		820



All pictures in the field taken by FoASF scouts/Alia Moller (June 2019).

With great thanks and appreciation to: Minara Foundation; Oak Foundation; Kenya Wildlife Service; Kenya Forest Service; Captain Andy's Fishing Supplies; African Fund for Endangered Wildlife; Blue Marmalade Supermarket; Royal African Safaris; Promaco Limited; Committee members; Community volunteers; and numerous supporters and funders who have made all this possible.

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