



The Serengeti De-snaring Programme Newsletter January & February 2020



**SENAPA
INVESTORS**



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212 SNARES REMOVED (YTD*: 212) * year to date

0 POACHER CAMPS FOUND & DESTROYED (YTD: 0)

0 BUSHMEAT POACHERS ARRESTED (YTD: 0)

0 ANIMALS FOUND DEAD IN SNARES (YTD: 0)

0 ANIMALS RELEASED ALIVE (YTD: 0)

58 PATROL DAYS (YTD: 58)

2 TEAMS IN THE FIELD (see below)

90% OF SNARES DESTROYED TO DATE

**TOTAL SNARES REMOVED TO
DATE: 40,150**



A dead hyaena is cut from a snare.

NEWS:

The teams, now again reduced to two to save funds while the migration is on the plains and snaring is reduced, continue working in the wooded areas where snares are set for resident wildlife.

The reduced number of bushmeat camps found is as a result of the heavier than normal rainfall since November 2019, which has resulted in flooded rivers blocking access and conditions being uncondusive to drying bushmeat. Wildlife is also very dispersed at this time. SENAPA has assigned a dedicated Warden to the Serengeti Operations Centre, who is fully in charge of the FZS supported law enforcement teams, which has greatly improved efficiency and SENAPA field ranger allocations for the teams. The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will hugely impact tourism in the park, and we are preparing for a possible spike in poaching as a result of the reduced income flow that tourism brings to the communities around the park. We are monitoring this, and will activate the third team if needed, even before the migration moves into the wooded areas.

A recent study done on microbial communities found in bushmeat in the Serengeti Ecosystem has found that 56 samples tested to the west of the park contained several groups of bacteria especially those that cause anthrax, tetanus, brucellosis and botulism. The bushmeat consuming population in Tanzania could therefore be exposing themselves to dangerous pathogens.



The FZS-SENAPA aircrafts being used in the Serengeti for aerial patrols, under the FZS-Serengeti Conservation Project, play a huge role in providing support to the de-snaring teams with spotting (and reporting) poaching activity from the air.

DETAILS OF DEDICATED DE-SNARING PROGRAMME BANK ACCOUNT

100% of funds go to the teams in the field.

Bank: CRDB (Cooperative and Rural Development Bank)

Account name: FZS Tanzania Donors Account

Account number: 0250 3011 79701

BIC/SWIFT: CORUTZTZ

Bank address: Meru Branch, PO Box 3132, Arusha, Tanzania

The Serengeti De-snaring Programme is a joint project between the Tanzania National Parks, Frankfurt Zoological Society and a group of committed tour operators, the SENAPA INVESTORS, working towards reducing the number of snares in the Serengeti National Park, which kill or maim thousands of wild animals each year. TANAPA fully manages the teams, through the Serengeti Operations Centre, with technical and logistical support provided by FZS, and financial support provided by the SENAPA INVESTORS, and other third party donors such as the Lion Recovery Fund and the Stadler Family Foundation..

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