SNARING CASES 2015-2020



Tiger Watch & Forest Department-Rajasthan

Introduction

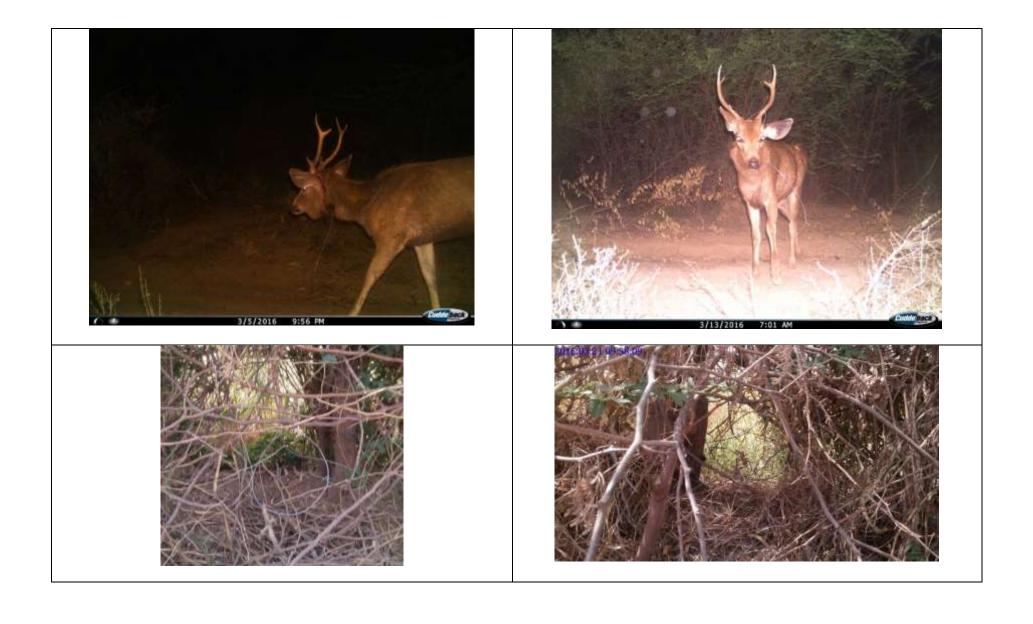
Snaring is a ruthless way to poach wildlife. Snares are made from the clutch/brake wires of motorbikes, which are then perfectly primed to trap wildlife. The path to the snare is also narrowed down so that the animal is forced to tread that very route and as the animal sticks its head inside the loop, the wire catches & only tightens as the animal struggles to escape, cutting deeply into its neck. The animal dies in severe pain. Wire snares are used by poachers to kill big animals like deer and antelopes. The animals often succeed in breaking the trap, but they are still 'garlanded' by the wires, which eventually cause them fatal injuries. The gravity of the situation is such that once a snare is primed, no one can predict what animal gets caught in it. A simple brake cable from a motorbike can kill large ungulates and even a Tiger.

| | Snaring Details 2015 | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| S.N | Date | Description | Location | VWV | Result | | |
| 1 | 8/12/2015 | Bluebull trapped by steel wire, poachers took the meat. | Baler ke paas | Hanumansingh Gurjar | Incident reported to Forest Dept | | |

| | Snaring Details 2016 | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| S.N | Date | Description | Location | VWV | Result | | | | |
| 1 | 11/2/2016 | Camera trapped a snared Sambar deer | Goth Bihari | Badri | Incident reported to Forest Dept | | | | |
| 2 | 16/3/2016 | Camera trapped a snared Nilgai with snare. | School ka nala-Kalakhora | Dharm singh | Incident reported to Forest Dept, but they didn't get anything. | | | | |
| 3 | 5/3/2016 | Camera trapped a snared Sambar deer | Goth Bihari area | Badri | Incident reported to Forest Dept | | | | |
| 4 | 10-03-2016 | Camera trapped 2 snared Sambar deer | Bhomiya ji ka nala- Goatbihari | Badri | Incident reported to Forest Dept, they reached and found 2 more snares. | | | | |
| 5 | 21-03-2016 | We discovered 5 snares | Talawda | Ramkesh,Hanuman and Badri | Incident reported to Forest Dept and then guard found snares. | | | | |
| 6 | 22/3/2016 | We discovered 6 snares | Talawda | Ramkesh,Hanuman and Badri | Forest officers were informed and they reached the spot and then they caught 3 men- Chitar Revari, Ramswaroop Revari, Ramesh Gujjar. | | | | |

| -7 | 20/5/2016 | 1-Sambar killed by snare | Ogadh nala se hanumanji ka nala | Badri | Incident reported to Forest Dept |
|----|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8 | 21/5/2016 | 1 snared Sambar | Magardeh | Ramesh | Incident reported to Forest Dept |
| 9 | 13-10-2016 | 1 snared Hyena | Maram ghati ke pas | Ram singh meena | Incident reported to Forest Dept |
| 10 | 18/12/2016 | 1 snared Nilgai | Kanseri ka danda, Mai kalan area | Bhawani Shankar Berwa | Incident reported to Forest Dept |











| | Snaring Details 2017 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| S.N Date Description Location VWV | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 28-06-2017 | Found a snare near a tree | Galendi ka kachda | Giriraj Gurjar | Forest Dept. informed | | | |
| 2 | 19-09-2017 | A snared Nilgai was spotted. | farmland of Devilal Gurjar | Girriraj Gurjar | Forest Dept. informed | | | |
| 3 | 15-11-2017 | Camera trapped a snared Hyena | Dolara area Phalodi | Harisingh | Forest Dept. informed | | | |
| 4 | 29-11-2017 | Sambar killed by snaring | Anatpura Khandar | Keshav Gurjar | Forest Dept. informed | | | |

Pictures of Snaring Incidents 2017

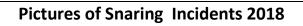
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28/6/2017



| | Snaring Details 2018 | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| S.N | Date | Description | Location | VWV | Result | | | |
| 1 | 09-02-2018 | A Sambar deer killed by snare and electrocution | Kamlesh mali , Gotvihari | Ramlal malai | Forest Officials Informed | | | |
| 2 | 02-03-2018 | Snare was discovered | Moti wala Nala , | Harimohan gurjar | Forest Officials Informed | | | |
| 3 | 20-03-2018 | Camera trapped a snared Sambar deer | Piluwala rasta , Khochin area, talda | Ramesh Gurjar | Forest Officials Informed | | | |
| 4 | 4/5/2018 | Snare was discovered | Mundrakhedi | | Forest Officials Informed, They removed the snare. | | | |
| 5 | 5/6/2018 | Male Nilgai was spotted with snare. | near Basau chauki lake | Harivallabh | Forest officials informed. | | | |
| 6 | 27/6/2018 | Three Sambar deer were observed with a snare around their neck | Goth Bihari road | Niranjan Sharma | Forest officials informed. | | | |
| 7 | 15-07-2018 | Nilgai killed by Snare | Bodal | Ghanshyam gurjar , Dangarwada , | Forest Officials Informed | | | |
| 8 | 24-09-2018 | Snare was found. Installed by Kesriya Mogya, Roop singh Mogya and Suganya Mogya. Snare was about a month old. | Bagarda Khurd | Harisingh | Forest Officials Informed | | | |



4/5/2018 30/5/2018





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15/7/2018



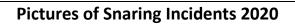
| | Snaring Details 2019 | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| S.N | Date | Description | Location | VWV | Result | | | |
| 1 | 15-02-2019 | Nilgai killed by snare | BASI ke gangal me ranj indergarh | VWV Team | Informed the Forest Dept. | | | |
| 2 | 21-04-2019 | Camera trapped a snared Hyena | anikat ke pas badpur range phalodi | nagaram badpur | Informed the Forest Dept. | | | |
| 3 | 03-06-2019 | One Leopard killed by snare | Ramveer ke bageche ke pas fanda | Harisingh Gurjar | Informed the Forest Dept. | | | |

Pictures of Snaring Incidents 2019





| | Snaring Details 2020 | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| S.N | Date | Description | Location | VWV | Result | | | | |
| 1 | 11-02-2020 | Snare was discovered | Prabhu mali farm, khandar | Sukhram meena | Informed the Forest Department | | | | |
| 2 | 13-10-2020 | Old snare was found | Kui ki talai | Dharmsingh Gurjar Maharo | Informed the Forest Department | | | | |
| 3 | 04-12-2020 | T-108 was camera trapped with a snare on the neck. | Devpura, Phalodi range area | Mangilal | Informed the Forest Department and the snare was removed successfully. | | | | |
| 4 | 12/12/2020 | Camera trapped a snared Hyena | Devpura area | Mangilal | Informed the Forest Department | | | | |
| 5 | 27/12/2020 | Camera trapped a snared Hyena | Devpura area | Mangilal | Informed the Forest Department | | | | |



4/12/2020 12/12/2020





27/12/2020



Impact

The Village Wildlife Volunteers removed around 5 snares every year in collaboration with the Forest Department. From Dec 2015 to 2020, they have reported a total of 31 snares incidents.

The damage potential of wire snares to large animals was illustrated with alarming clarity on Dec 4th, 2020, when Tiger T-108 was camera trapped with a wire snare on its neck, leading to a successful rescue operation upon detection.

| Year | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of Snare | 1 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| cases | | | | | | |

About the VWV program:

Armed with smartphones & camera traps our Village Wildlife Volunteers from local pastoral communities operate on the peripheries of Ranthambhore, monitor over 50% of the Reserve's tigers, provide actionable intelligence for pre-emptive antipoaching and other illegal activities. The Village Wildlife Volunteers are fortunate to have the support of Jaisal Singh & Anjali Singh of SUJAN and the RTCF (Forest Dept Fund)