

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

Pictures of Snaring Incidents 2016

11/2/2016



5/3/2016

16/3/2016



13/3/2016







Snaring Details 2017

S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
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	Giriraj 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

29/11/2017



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

Pictures of Snaring Incidents 2018

4/5/2018



30/5/2018



5/6/2018

27/6/2018



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

21/4/2019



3/6/2019



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

Pictures of Snaring Incidents 2020

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 cases	1	10	4	8	3	5

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)