

**SERIOUS INCIDENTS TEWATE AREA - EASTERN SHORES SECTION
2009 to 2021**

	Date	Incident type	Area	Outcome		
No	2009					
1	2009/01/27	Rhino Poaching	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Black Rhino shot, horns stolen. Firearm used to kill the animal.	4/7	
2	2009/12/26	Rhino Poaching	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	Black Rhino stuck in mud, speared to death , Horns stolen, brothers from Nibela Peninsula - 2 arrests were made. Sentenced 8 years in prison,	2 x Mdluli	
3	03/06/2009	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	4 x Poachers seen hunting with dogs. Escaped into the bush when encountering Field Rangers		
4	2009/06/11	Hippo poaching	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	4 x Gunshots heard, followed up by Field Rangers, spoor of 4 x poachers found, .375 cartridge found near hippo carcass		
5	2009/06/14	Incursion	Mazambaneni Area Tewate Wilderness	8 x Poachers, 11 dogs seen, 11 dogs destroyed, 6 poachers arrested, 2 x released by SAPS as they were 12 and 14 years respectively		
6	2009/12/09	Rhino poaching	Ntingwe areaTewate Wilderness Eastern Shores	3 x White Rhino poached, horns stolen. Firearm used in incident		
7	2009/12/18	Contact	Tewate Area	5 x Poachers seen, when warned to stop, fired 5 x shots at Field Rangers, Field Rangers fired back, no casualties, fled across the lake to Nibela Peninsula by home made boat		
No	2010					
1	2010/02/28	Hippo poaching	Leven Point Buffalo fence	1 x Hippo poached, 2 x shotgun cartridges recovered	5/8	
2	2010/03/05	Buffalo Poaching	Buffalo Fence area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Buffalo killed by firearm, fresh carcass		
3	2010/05/25	Incursion	Lane Island Tewate Wilderness	1 x Crocodile trap containing crocodile found, crocodile released, home made boats destroyed, poachers escaped		
4	2010/06/04	Rhino poaching	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	Horns stolen from a white rhino carcass stuck in the mud in the dry lake bed		
5	2010/06/29	Incursion	Tewate North Wilderness Area	1 x Shotgun cartridge recovered, spoor of 2 x poachers found, no carcass found		
6	2010/09/03	Contact	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	3 x Poachers plus 6 dogs seen, pursued by field rangers, escaped over the lake to Nibela Peninsula, shots fired at Field Rangers, 1 x pistol recovered		
7	2010/10/18	Incursion	South of Sengwane Point Tewate Wilderness	2 x Poachers seen, fled when stopped by Field Rangers		
	2011/10/31	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	4 x Poachers , gillnetters overnighting, fled across lake in 2 boats		
8	2010/11/03	Incursion	Empoison Tewate Wilderness	1 x Gunshot heard, follow up, no results		
No	2011					
1	2011/10/26	Incursion	Lane Island Area Tewate Wilderness	8 x Poachers , gillnetters overnighting, fled across lake in 4 boats		
2	2011/10/27	Incursion	Mazambaneni Area Tewate Wilderness	4X poachers , snaring , escaped across fence into Ozabeni		
3	2011/10/30	Incursion	Goodwin Area Tewate Wilderness	6 x Poachers, 6 dogs seen but escaped.		
4	2011/12/11	Hippo poaching	Ebuwa Area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Hippo Poached, old carcass, only skin meat removed. Firearm Used.	1/6	
5	2011/11/17	Incursion	Leven Point Buffalo fence	4X poachers , snaring , escaped across fence into Ozabeni		
6	2011/11/30	Rhino Poaching	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	1 x White Rhino - horns stolen, no evidence old carcass		
No	2012					
1	2012/02/05	Contact	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	3 x Poachers seen, when fleeing from Field Rangers, fired shots at Field Rangers, no injuries or casualties	4/6	

2	2012/02/08	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	3 x Gunshots heard, follow up by Field Rangers, spoor of 3 people found
3	2012/05/08	Incursion	Ngema Tewate Wilderness Eastern Shores	6 x Poachers , Followed by Field Rangers, but escaped into thick bush
4	23/09/2012	Incursion	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	7 x Poachers encountered, 6 arrested, 1 escaped, home made boats found
5	2012/11/04	Rhino poaching	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Black Rhino shot, horns stolen, Firearm used.
6	2012/11/04	Rhino poaching	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	1 x Black Rhino shot, horns stolen . Firearm used.

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2013

1	2013/04/04	Rhino poaching	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	1 x Black Rhino shot, horns stolen. Firearm Used.	3/10
2	2013/05/21	Rhino poaching	Tewate Wilderness Area	1 x Black Rhino shot, horned stolen. 375 case found. Firearm Used.	
3	2013/06/04	Incursion	Bird Island, Lake St. Lucia	1 x Reedbuck , skinned and butchered in the reeds	
4	2013/06/13	Contact	Lane Island Tewate Wilderness	3 x Poachers pursued, fired at Field Rangers, fled the scene, 1 x Revolver recovered	
5	2013/05/21	Incursion	Tewate Wilderness Area	4 x Poachers with 2 dogs. No arrests	
6	2013/08/05	Hippo poaching	Loantree Point Tewate Wilderness	Meat stolen, only skin left	
7	2013/08/31	Incursion	Bird Island, Lake St. Lucia	2 x Poachers seen, pursued by Field Rangers, escaped on home made boats to Nibela Peninsula	
8	2013/08/31	Incursion	Bird Island, Lake St. Lucia	2 x Poachers seen, pursued by Field Rangers, escaped on home made boats to Nibela Peninsula	
9	2013/12/14	Incursion	Tewate Wilderness Area	4 x poachers seen crossing the lake from the shoreline , camping area discovered	
10	2013/12/15	Incursion	Ngingwe Area, Tewate Wilderness	2 x Poachers arrested, killed Waterbuck	

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2014

1	2014/09/14	Theft	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	Stolen 2 tents and 5 mattresses form Field Ranger Camp	1/3
2	2014/09/14	Rhino poaching	Tewate Wilderness Area	1 x Black Rhino shot, horned stolen. 375 case found. Firearm Used.	
3	2014/10/14	Incursion	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	10 x Poachers with dogs. No arrests made. Fled across the lake to Nibela Peninsula	

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1	2015/12/03	Incursion	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	4 Poachers escaped North into Ozabeni. Killed 1 waterbuck and 1 Samango monkey
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1	2016/01/12	Contact	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	3 Dogs destroyed. 1 Suspect arrested and 2 escaped. Recovered 2 x home made shotguns	7/11
2	2016/02/05	Buffalo poaching	Mazambaneni Area Tewate Wilderness	5 x Poachers found hunting. Fled from field rangers. Crossed to lake to Nibela Peninsula	
3	2016/04/03	Incursion	Bird Island, Lake St. Lucia	3 x Poachers with 6 dogs hunting buffalo, but missed the shot. Poachers fled and crossed the lake to Nibela Peninsula	
4	2016/04/08	Contact	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	9 x Poachers seen entering the area. Poachers fled past Leven Point into Southern Ozabeni. Poachers fired 2 x shots presumably at animals.	

5	2016/04/26	Incursion	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	13 x Poachers entered the area. Field Rangers warned them to stop. They killed a buffalo cow. 1 x Poacher fired 2 shots at Field Rangers. They then fled by boat to Nibela Peninsula. Field Rangers fired 3 shots back.	
6	2016/07/19	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	4 x Poachers were seen carrying heavy bags. The 1 x poacher were arrested in the process picking up his firearm. A bolt action rifle with 2 x rounds of ammunition was conferskated. Poachers killed a Blue Wilde Beest and a Warthog. The poacher informed staff that he was from Nibela Peninsula.	
7	2016/07/27	Incursion	Mazambaneni Area Tewate Wilderness	6 x Poachers seen but escaped. They killed a Waterbuck and a Samango monkey.	
8	2016/09/24	Contact	Mazambaneni Area Tewate Wilderness	2 x Poacher's were seen both carrying shotguns. 1 x Poacher turned towards Field Rangers with his shotgun. A single warning sign was fired by the Field Rangers in response. A hippo was killed by the poachers.	
9	2016/10/26	Rhino poaching	Mfabeni Swamp Area	1 x White Rhino - horns stolen, no evidence old carcass	
10	2016/10/28	Incursion	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	13 x poachers entered the Park. They become aware of the Field Rangers and ran away and rowed back by boat towards Nibela Peninsula.	
11	2016/11/03	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Hippo poached. Firearm used	
No	2017				
1	2017/04/09	Incursion	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	3 x Poachers with a rifle were seen crossing the lake from Nibela to Eastern Shores. 3 Dogs were destroyed. 1 Reedbuck found killed in the boat. Abandoned the boat and ran away.	
No	2018				
1	2018/11/29	Theft	Leven Point Buffalo fence	Stolen solar panel, batteries and fencing at the Leven Point Buffalo Fence.	
No	2019				
1	2019/03/03	Contact	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Poacher attempted to attack Field Ranger with an axe. Field Ranger fired a shot in self defence. 2 x Initial warning shots failed to stop the attacker, and he was wounded in the leg. The Field Ranger was charged with attempted murder and arrested and locked up in the Mtubatuba Police station cells. 6 x Poachers were arrested and charged.	1/3
2	2019/08/12	Arson Fire	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	Poachers set grass alight. Large are burnt . No people seen.	
3	2019/09/16	Incursion	Empisini Tewate Wilderness	3 x Poachers seen hunting with dogs. Escaped into Dune Forest when confronted	
No	2020				
1	2020/01/30	Incursion	Leven Point Buffalo fence	1 x Black Rhino poached. Horns stolen. Firearm Used	5/6
2	2020/03/30	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	Hippo poached. Firearm used.	
3	2020/05/03	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	Spoor of 3 poachers with unknown number of dogs.	
4	2020/09/16	Contact	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	1 x Gunshot heard, spoor of 2 x poachers, signs of boat on the shoreline	
5	2020/11/12	Contact	Tewate Area	Gunshots heard, APU staff reacted, shots fired at APU staff, returning fire, mortally wounding Mr. C. Mdluli, also wounding Mr. Ndllovu on leg, 2 x shotgun cartridges' found.	
6	2020/12/23	Incursion	Ebuwa Area Tewate Wilderness	1 X Gunshot fire , Field Rangers investigated , fired from the Lake, Believed to be intimidation tactics	
No	2021				
1	2021/05/16	Incursion	Sengwane area Tewate Wilderness	5 x Poachers seen, escaped across the lake to Nibela Peninsula using 2 boats	5/9

2	2021/07/06	Incursion	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	4 x Poachers seen, escaped north into Ozabeni, carried what looked like R1 rifle, 2 x home made boats found on the shoreline
3	2021/07/27	Hippo poaching	Tewate Wilderness Area	1 x Hippo poached near Lane island
4	2021/08/21	Incursion	Lane Island Tewate Wilderness	5 x Poacher spoor seen, evidence of entry by home made boats
5	2021/08/26	Rhino Poaching	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	1 x White Rhino - horns stolen, shotgun cartridge found on the scene
6	2021/10/25	Incursion	Lane Island Tewate Wilderness	Fire started by poachers, entered with home made boats
7	2021/11/30	Rhino poaching	Ntingwe Area Tewate Wilderness	1 x White Rhino Shot, Horns stolen, shotgun cartridge recovered
8	2021/11/12	Incursion	Tewate Bay area, Tewate Wilderness	1 x Freshly killed hippo found, recovered shot gun cartridge
9	2021/11/12	Contact	Tewate Wilderness Area	4 x Poachers encountered, fired shot at Field Rangers who returned fire, 1 x poacher presumed shot, fell in water and still missing

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