



Tracking Animals for Conservation

Elephant Tracking Report No. 19: 16th to 31st March 2009

We are bringing to you the report on movements of 16 elephants tracked in Laikipia, Samburu. *Ol ari Nyiro* has intensified his visitation to farms, a scenario that was prevalent late 2008 at the height of the dry season. *Genghis Khan* has seemingly broken the fence within Pesi Swamp. Marsabit elephants are on the periphery of Mt. Marsabit. Jerusalem and Sera have maintained their presence in Samburu National Reserve and West Gate respectively. *Mt. Bull* is still in Imenti Forest. The recently collared bull, *Mutara*, is roaming through ADC Mutara, Kibocha and up north as far as Segera.

Kind regards,

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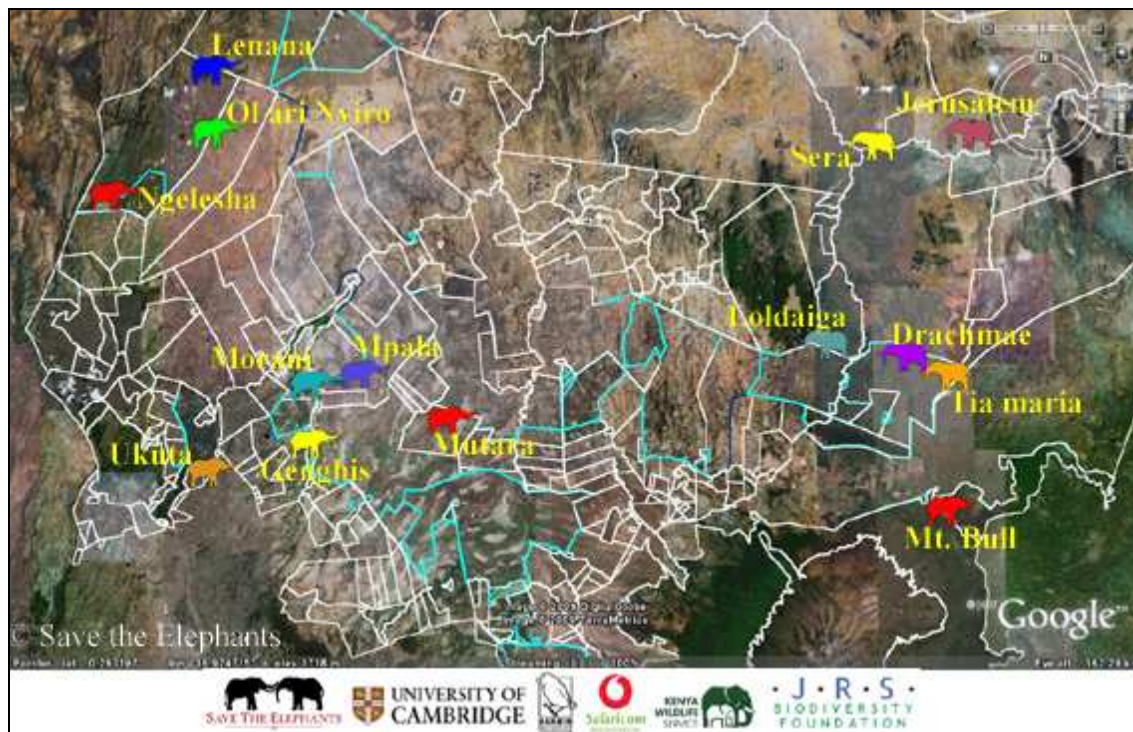


Figure 1. The last known locations of 14 elephants tracked in Laikipia, Isiolo and Samburu as at 31ST March 2009.

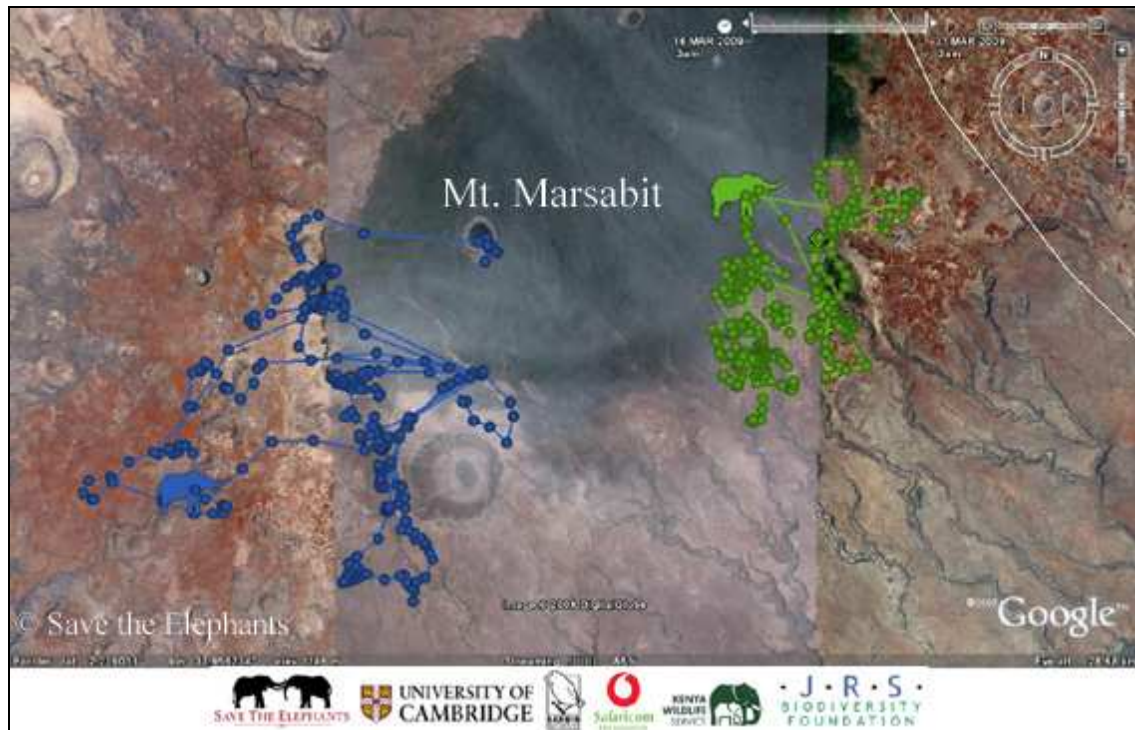


Figure 2. The locations of *Hermes* (in blue) and *Sora* (in Green) in and around Mt. Marsabit Forest. Hermes can clearly be seen to visit the lake Paradise.

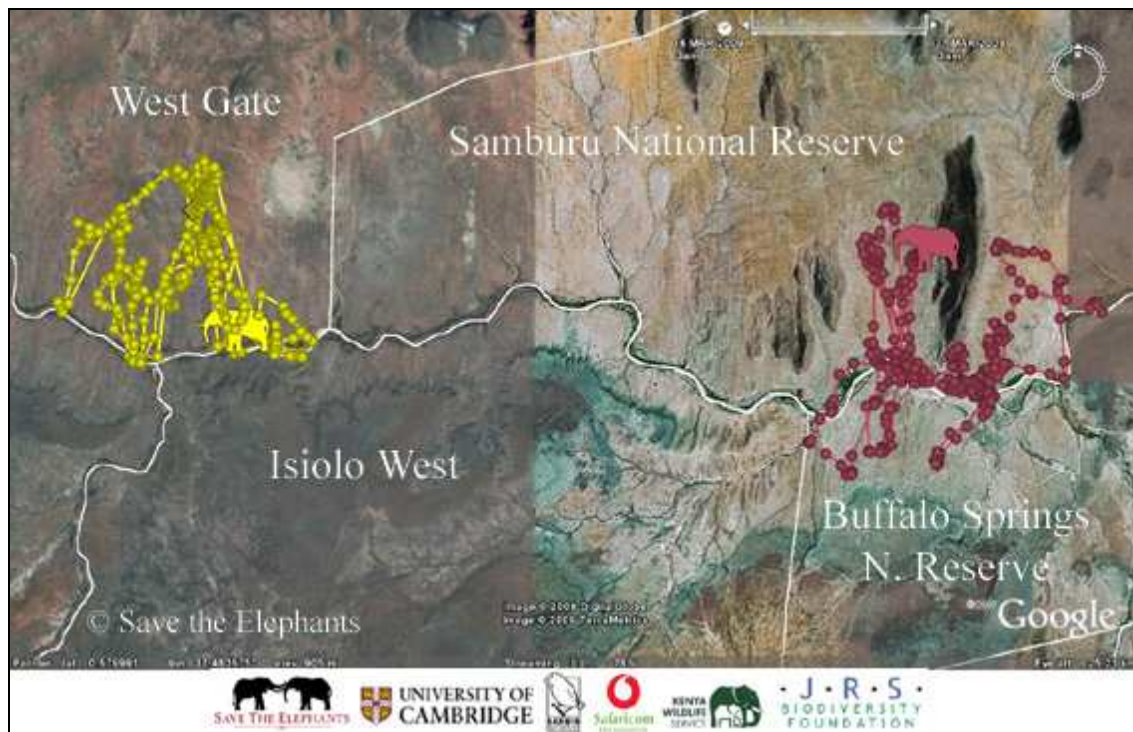


Figure 3. Sera (in yellow) and Jerusalem (in brown)

For the last two weeks, *Jerusalem's* has been within Samburu and Buffalo Springs National Reserves. *Sera* has been in West Gate Conservancy within an easy reach of the Ewaso river.

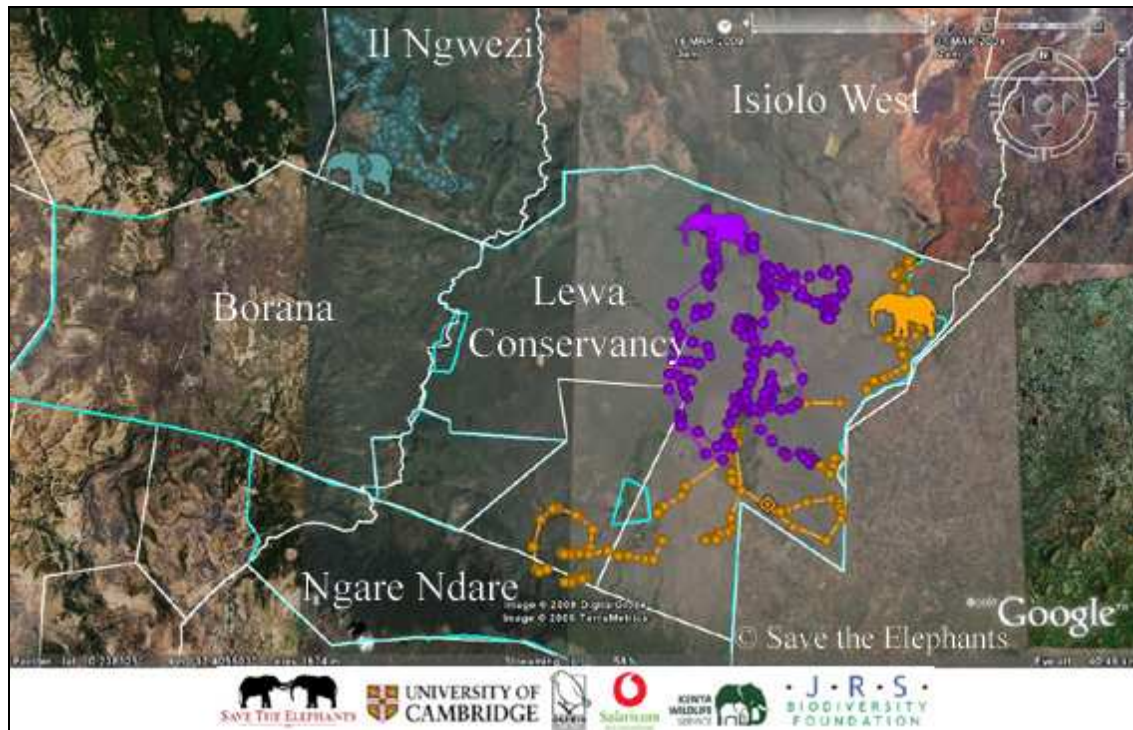


Figure 4. The locations of *Tia Maria* (in orange), *Drachmae* (in purple) and *Loldaiga* (in light blue)

The females have maintained their usual ranges within Lewa and Il Ngwezi conservancies. *Tia Maria* entered Ngare Ndare Forest briefly on 19th March. The broken sections on *Tia Maria*'s are due to filtered out erroneous fixes, otherwise, the collar is performing well.

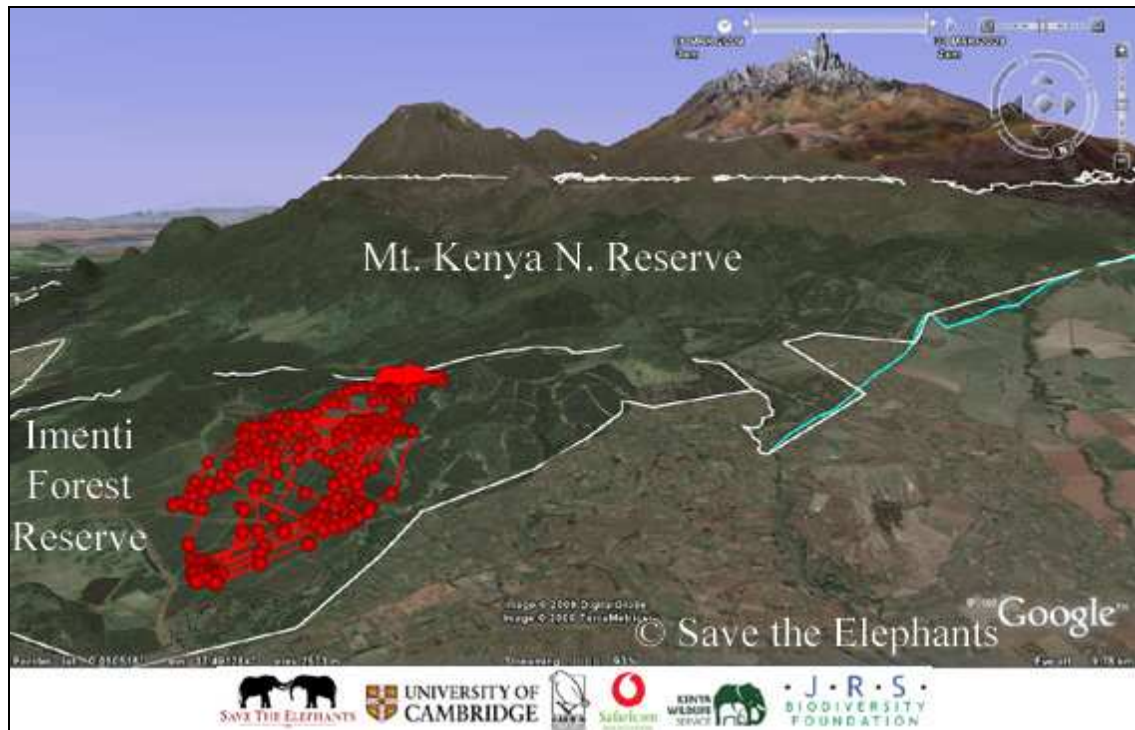


Figure 5. *Mountain Bull* has been in Imenti Forest throughout the two weeks.

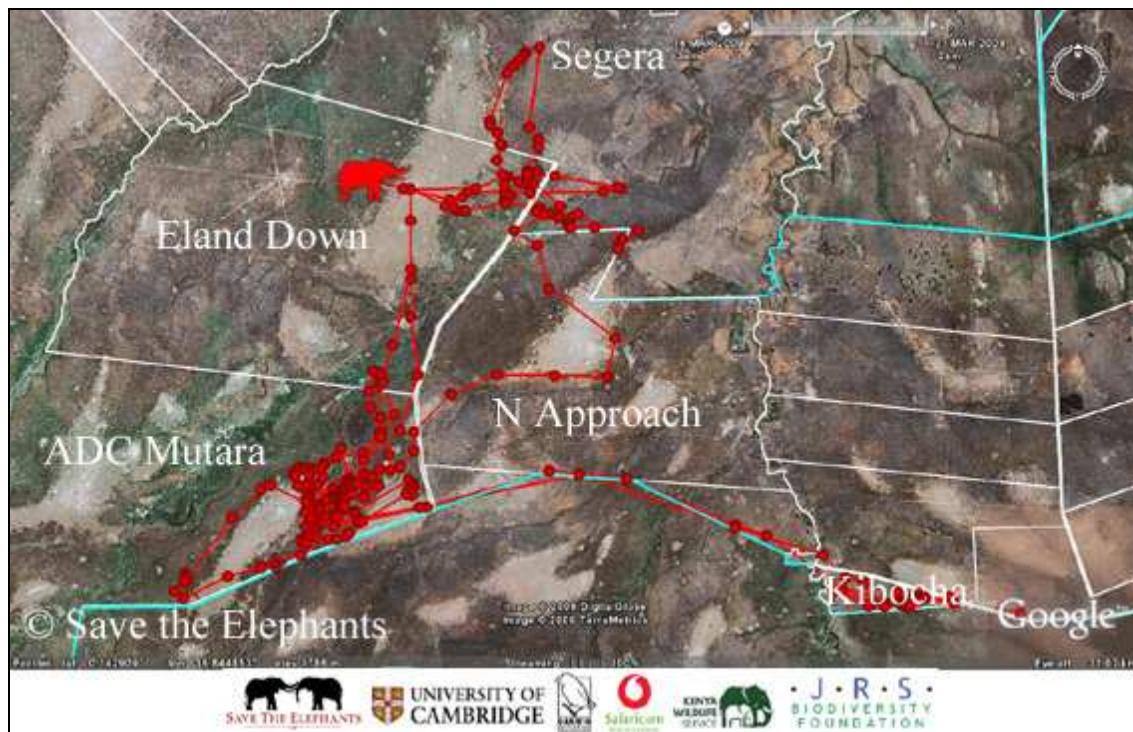


Figure 6. Mutara's movement

Mutara has been roaming wide, from ADC Mutara to the west to Kibocha to the East, up north into Segera. He has not got back into Olpejeta Conservancy from where he was collared from in February.

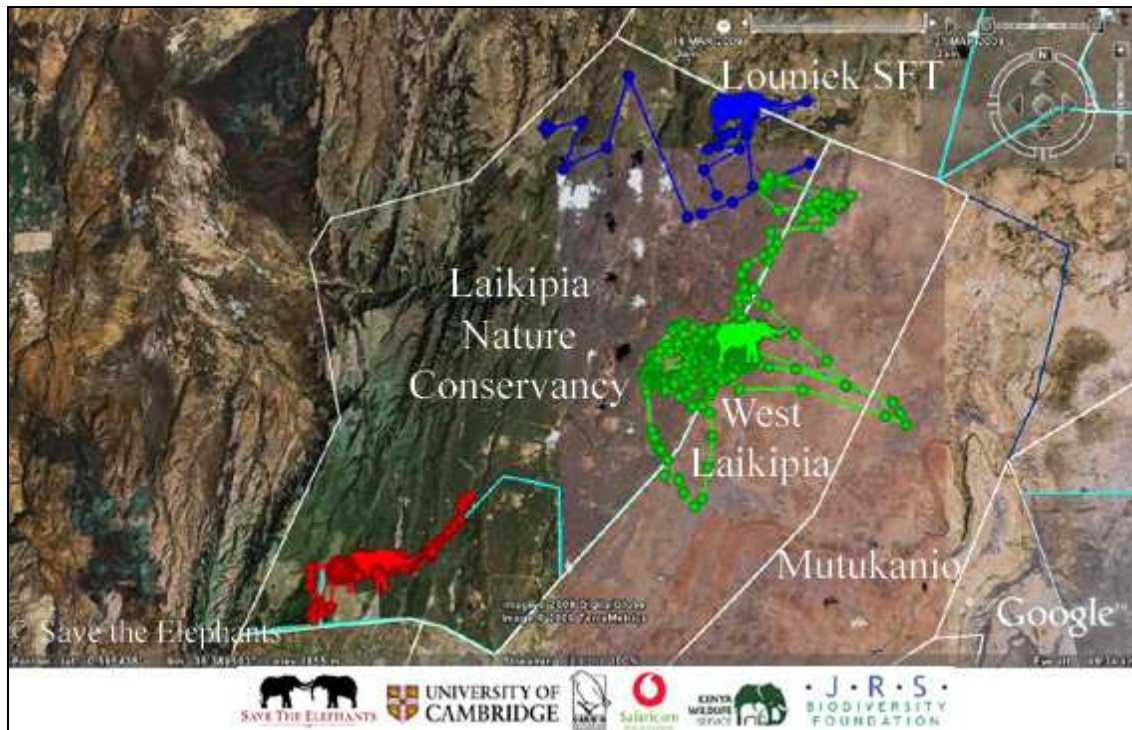


Figure 7. *Lenana* (in blue), *Ol ari Nyiro* (in Green) and *Ngelesha* (in red)

Ngelesha still seems to be making an attempt to get into Laikipia Nature Conservancy's rhino enclosure. *Ol ari Nyiro* has intensified his presumably crop raiding night missions into Laikipia West. On 30th March, he went as far as Mutukanio and retreated into the conservancy by dawn. *Lenana* is in the northern part of the conservancy from where he made a brief visit into Louniek SFT on 30th March.

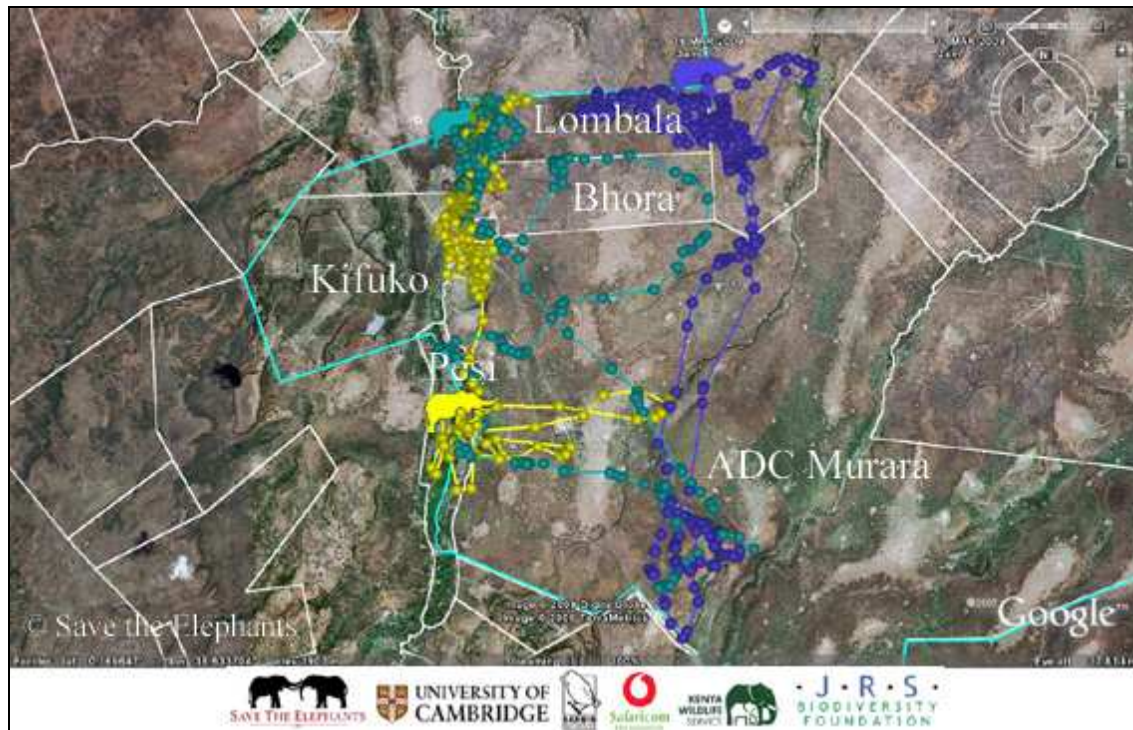


Figure 8. *Morani* (in light blue), *Mpala* (in blue) and *Ghengis Khan* (in yellow)

Morani and *Mpala* are in Lombala ranch. We caught up with *Ghengis Khan* in Pesi swamp from where he has presumably broken the fence section that runs through the swamp. He did this on 29th March.

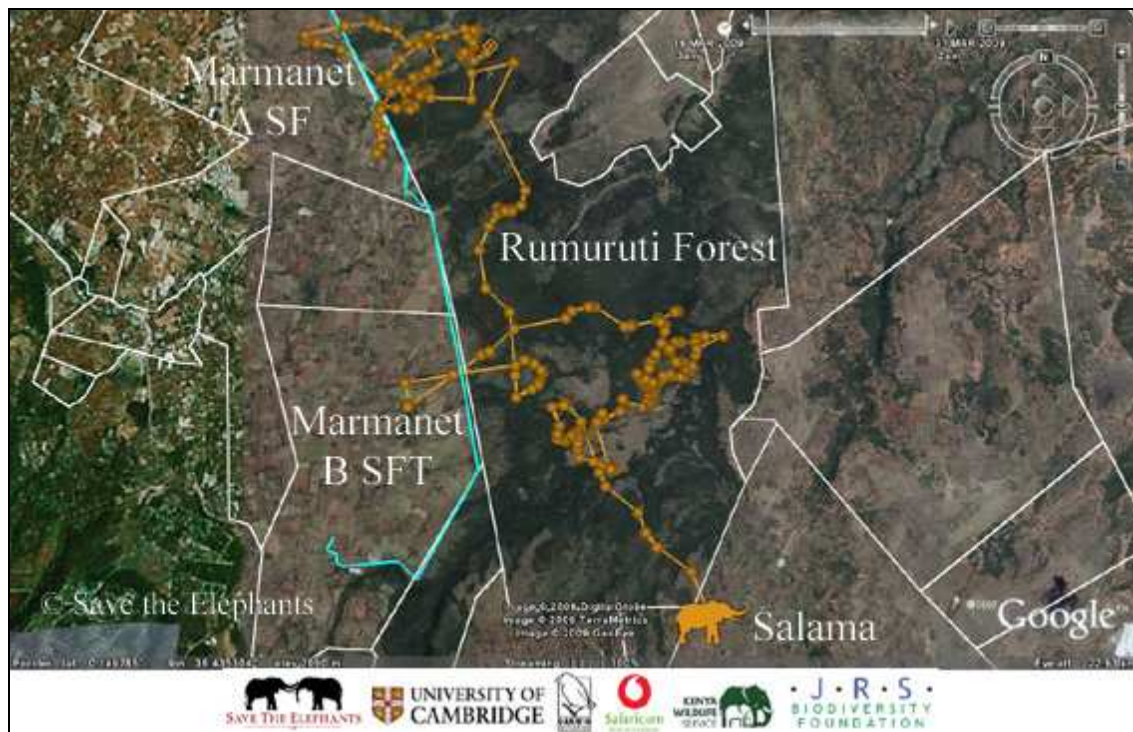


Figure 9. Ukuta

Ukuta has continued invading settlement areas, possibly on crop raiding mission. This time around he has been into Marmanet A and B as well as Salama.