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Abstract: As far back as 1956 no records on cheetahs in the Rungwa-Kizigo Game Reserve were found, but on several occasions in 1991/92 rangers on patrol have observed cheetahs.

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Dear Dr Borner,

THE SIGHTING OF CHEETAH IN RUNGWA/KIZIGO

In all the lists of animals to be found in the Rungwa/Kisige Game Reserve from far back to 1956, cheetah Acinonyx jubatus is not mentioned.

For several occasions in 1991/92 I and my colleagues have while on Patrols sighted cheetahs in Ikili (Makwasa) in Rungwa, Kiremera in Kizigo and Igunga in Muhesi. Old Game Scouts in the area confirm that they had earlier seen them but did not bother as they were considered normal as the other game species.

Another species of interest is the Wild dog - Lycaen pictus. Packs of wild dogs have been sighted and are currently met by our Patrol groups in Mwamagembe, Rungwa, Kintanula and in the Rungwa interior.

Rock hyraxes Heterohyrax syriacus priritwitzi are common in the Makumbarara/Mpera Hills and the Wenentandi/Mbwilwa Hills.

See the attached map of the Rungwa/kizigo/Muhesi complex for specific areas of species sightings.

Yours sincerely

RUNGWA-KIZIGO GAME RESERVE MANYONI DISTRICT

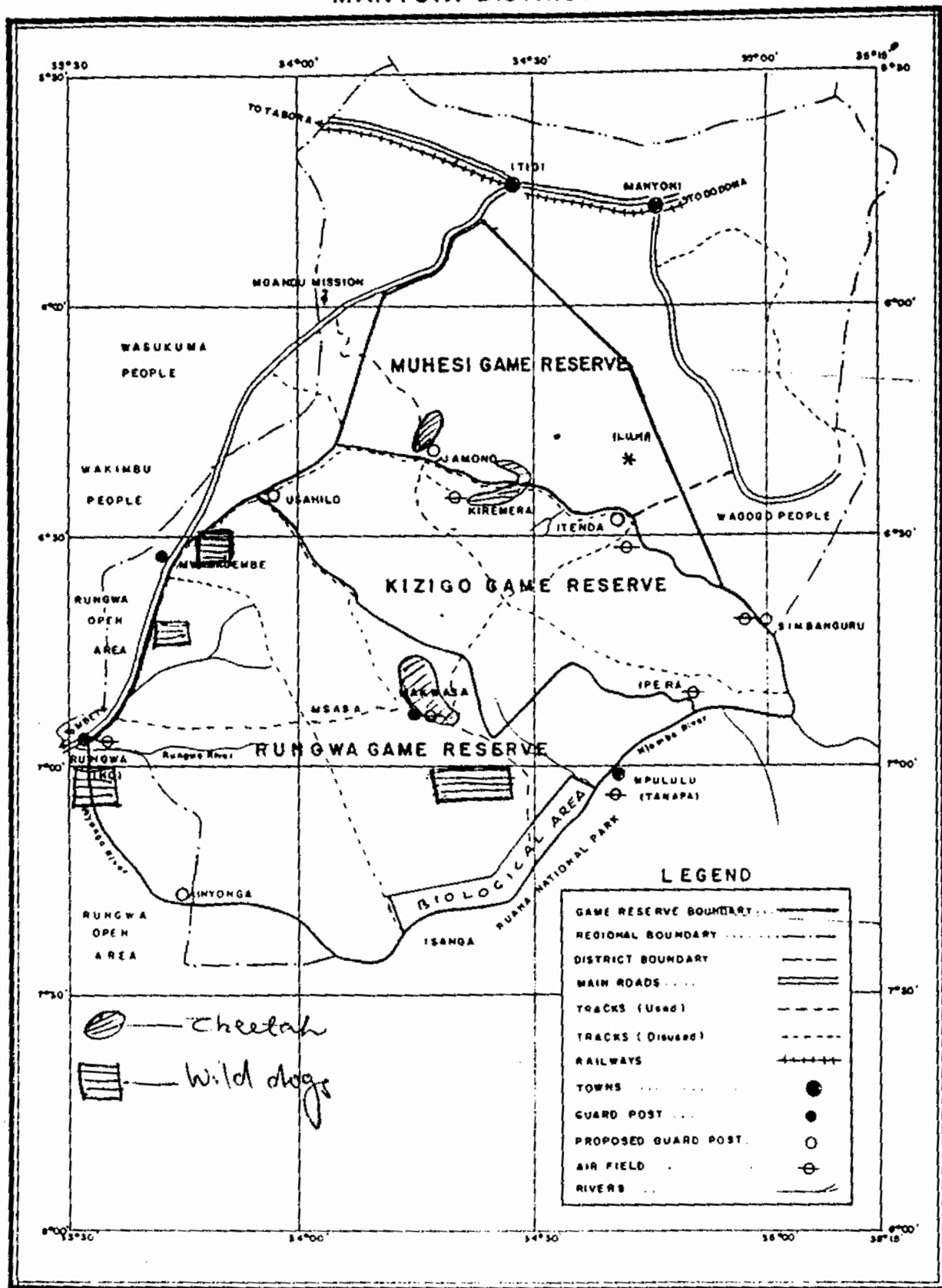


Figure 1. Map of Rungwa-Kizigo Game Reserve and Muhesi Game Reserve. Scale approximately 1:1,250,000.