

Submission from Mr HAIGH Martin

HK is aiding and abetting the extinction of animals that are vital to the environment and to the social and economic communities they sustain.

To what purpose aside from the financial prosperity of a tiny minority should we allow this business to continue?

Our children and our children's children may still have the chance of seeing these glorious animals alive in their natural habitat – please don't consign them to history books.

Hong Kong people have a long history of entrepreneurship, bus and tram conductors found new jobs when the octopus card was introduced, garment workers found new jobs when the industry moved to the mainland, I'm sure those in the ivory business should be able to do the same. Unemployment in HK is at or near a 17 year low. It seems the HK economy is booming.

I've visited countries where elephants live many times, please think of the devastation we are exporting and the way the world will judge us in the newspapers tomorrow and I fear the history books of the future due our current stance. Please act now.