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Dear members of the Legislative Council,

We are deeply concerned by the recent rapid decline in the number elephants in the world.

Elephants are becoming an endangered species.

We urge the Hong Kong government to effect an immediate total ban on the ivory trade to avoid the animals' extinction.

It is shocking to learn that Hong Kong - which calls itself a World City - has become the key transit point for the illicit trade in ivory from Africa to China.

So many elephants are being savagely slaughtered annually for their tusks - leaving abandoned orphans distressed and mourning their parents.

In trying to stop criminal gangs ruthlessly poaching adult elephants, many rangers are getting killed as well.

Without intervention, we will see elephants becoming extinct very shortly because of human greed.

We urge the government not to wait but to pass the bill banning the ivory trade immediately.

Yours Sincerely, C Wong