



Ivory trade

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Dear members of the Legislative Council,
We are greatly concerned by the recent rapid decline in the number elephants in the world. Elephants have now, tragically, become 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. More than 20,000 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 themselves getting killed at the end of a gun. For what? A tasteless ornament? Without intervention, it is only a matter of a few years before the elephant will become extinct because of human greed and stupidity. We cannot sit by and do nothing. We all have a responsibility to make sure the elephant survives. We urge the government not to wait but to pass the bill banning the ivory trade immediately.
Yours sincerely
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