



Please Save One of the Most Sociable and Long living Animals on Our Planet. The African Elephant.

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Dear Sirs,

I write further to my submission in June to effect a total ban on ivory trading in Hong Kong.

The whole world knows and or assumes that Hong Kong is central to this iniquitous business. Likewise, all thoughtful and caring people here in Hong Kong and abroad, are and have been for a very long time, begging the Hong Kong authorities to halt what is quite clearly an unsustainable trade.

Apart from having lived in Hong Kong for 40 years, I am a retired Senior Veterinary Officer, having spent 22 years in the Civil Service here and have a solid knowledge of the trade in animals and animal by-products in Hong Kong.

I find it so disheartening to note that, in this highly educated, worldly wise and wealthiest of Chinese cities, there are still those in authority that see the need to support a trade policy that is, in many respects, regarded as being immoral and even wicked.

I thus repeat and urge you to please, without delay, legislate to halt all forms of ivory trading in Hong Kong. A trade that, knowingly or unknowingly, is often funded, transited or laundered through Hong Kong.

In doing so, your actions would gain enormous appreciation and relief, worldwide. Relief that, one of the most sociable animals and long living animals on our planet, the African elephant will be saved from its unsustainable slaughter and from the cruel poaching that occurs to feed the ivory trade.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Richard Barry Bousfield.