



PLEASE BAN THE IVORY TRADE IMMEDIATELY

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Dear members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to you to urge an immediate ban on the ivory trade in Hong Kong. This is a matter of the utmost urgency. I'm sure you are well aware that tens of thousands of endangered elephants are being slaughtered every year in Africa for their tusks, largely to satisfy the Chinese demand for ivory. It is only a matter of time before these magnificent animals are rendered extinct for utterly meaningless reasons.

It is absolutely incumbent upon us here in Hong Kong -- a city which is tragically and notoriously the key transit point for the illegal trade in ivory from Africa to China -- to help prevent the extinction of African elephants. Otherwise, we are just as complicit as the poachers, criminal gangs, and ignorant consumers of ivory in contributing to the demise of an entire species of animals. Therefore I urge the Hong Kong government to implement an immediate and complete ban on the ivory trade here. In addition, no compensation should be paid to ivory traders.

If we are to stand by and do nothing, it is only a matter of a few short years before the African elephant will become extinct -- all due to human greed and stupidity. We have an absolute moral duty and civic responsibility to do everything we can to ensure the survival of these intelligent and majestic creatures. Again, I urge the government to enact an immediate and total ban on the ivory trade in Hong Kong.

We cannot afford to wait.

Kind Regards,
Teresa Lee