



**Ivory Trade in Hong Kong**  
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Dear all members of Legco,

I hereby ask you to consider banning all domestic ivory trades in Hong Kong. As you might already know, Hong Kong is currently the home of the world's biggest retail ivory, with more items for sale than anywhere else in the world, and many of the buyers are from mainland China. Therefore, I request a change where all travellers but most importantly mainland Chinese travellers must go through multiple security checks - ensuring that they aren't smuggling ivory in and out of Hong Kong through all types of transportations - ranging from trains to private cars travelling through and out of the border of Hong Kong.

Because of Ivory, people are being killed and families are being ripped apart. Other than smugglers, we should also stop the legally registered ivory traders from trading Ivory because Ivories are one of the most important body parts of elephants. Predators taking away part of their teeth from them is just like someone chopping off part of our arms and legs from us. Ivories are extremely important to elephants as they use their strong Ivory to defend and fight off predators like tigers, lions hyenas and much more. In addition to using their ivory to fight off predators, they also use their ivory to move things out of their way when they are travelling for moving tree branches and more. Some of the elder elephants also use their ivory and tusk to move heavy logs around.

To conclude this email, I don't want anything like compensation, I am just trying to help the poor elephants that are close to extinction.

I fully support the decision to ban all ivory trade in Hong Kong and all charities helping all elephants in need.

Best Regards,  
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