



The Ban of Ivory

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Dear Members of Legco,

I'm quite concerned about the subject of ivory and elephant trades in Hong Kong. I'm convinced by all the articles that I have seen and think that the trade should be completely banned. I also think that the government should stop giving compensation to the poachers because if they do in fact pay them, more people would want to be poachers and more people will be poachers and more elephants will also get killed because there are people who are willing to do anything for money. Therefore, more elephants will die and eventually this specie of animal will go to extinction. Humans want their ivory to be rich from selling them at such a high price. It is incredibly unfair for the elephants to die and be killed just because humans have a sinful desire to own luxurious products just for them to feel accomplished about them. But this will lead to the poachers killing more elephants to gain more ivory, so the government would have to compensate more money.

Traders will say we will get more illegal ivory so they will kill more which won't help to stop killing elephants for their tusks. Did you know that there are 386 legally registered ivory traders and 72 shops in Hong Kong with licenses to sell ivory obtained before the 1990 international ban and there are 33,000 elephants that are poached each year just for their ivory?

I support the ban, but not the compensation. Together, we shall say no to ivory and treasure and protect something before we lose it.

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Best Regards,
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