



Dear Legco Members,

I fully support the fact that you launched a bill to ban domestic ivory trade as elephants are endangered and since their ivory costs so much people desire the money to sell them and earn money I believe there should be no compensation to the traders as what they have done has endangered the elephants.

They are one of the most important species in the world as they possess intelligence an example would be they visit the carcasses of elephants and smell them and feel their ivory and they also hide part of their tusks when they see humans near them.

Also, when forest elephants eat, they create gaps in the vegetation. These gaps allow new plants to grow and create pathways for other smaller animals to use. They are also one of the major ways in which trees disperse their seeds; some species rely entirely upon elephants for seed dispersal.

On the savannahs, elephants feeding on tree sprouts and shrubs help to keep the plains open and able to support the plains game that inhabit these ecosystems.

Wherever they live, elephants leave dung that is full of seeds from the many plants they eat. When this dung is deposited the seeds are sown and grow into new grasses, bushes and trees, boosting the health of the savannah ecosystem.

I believe the bill should go through and become a law to save our big cuddly friends.

Sincerely,

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