



Hong Kong launches bill to ban domestic ivory trade

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Dear Legco members,

Right now, there is an issue in Hong Kong. The government is compensating to ban the domestic ivory trade. Thinking about this, it is definitely a good idea, stopping ivory trade can lead fewer elephants dying every annum. But compensating to ban domestic ivory trade? No, I don't think to compensate is less than a bad idea. For several years, Hong Kong has been the home of to the world's biggest retail ivory market. Therefore, a majority of buyers from the mainland, smuggle the worked ivory across the border. By using the compensation domestic ivory sellers are able to buy more ivory from the black market illegally and sell even more to the mainlanders. This can cause the issue being more negative and even larger, it is obvious that banning domestic ivory trade is the best idea of all but I strongly don't agree with the government's compensation. Please consider my concerns and help me save the largest amount of elephants possible.

Thank you!

From, Sarah Feng