



Support the Government's plan to Ban the Hong Kong Ivory Trade

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Room 918, Legislative Council Complex

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Dear Hon Kenneth Leung,

Public Hearing on September 6th 2017: Cap 586 Amendment Bill

I am Wei Si'eu Woo and have been living in Hong Kong for 9,5 years. I am writing to express my support for the Hong Kong Government's proposed Cap 586 Amendment Bill because I feel Hong Kong can be part of the solution instead of the problem.

It is so unnecessary and people should stop thinking they can consume anything and everything. Elephants are beautiful, intelligent animals and killing them so that their ivory can be made into products like chopsticks is just insane.

I fully support the government's three-step plan to ban the Hong Kong ivory trade; and its proposals to increase maximum penalties under the Protection of Endangered Species Ordinance (Cap 586). However, I do not support any proposition to compensate traders or buy out their stocks. My reasons are as stated:-

- Providing any form of compensation will signal that Hong Kong is 'buying' ivory.
- Compensation would establish a dangerous global precedent.
- The Hong Kong Government is not depriving ivory owners of all use of property.
- Traders and others who have speculated on ivory have done so, knowing the risks.
- The heritage value and traditional skills of carvers are not a reason to continue the trade.
- Carvers and traders have had over two decades since the international ban, to diversify and/or switch trades.
- Those complicit in the illicit trade should not be rewarded with taxpayer dollars.

Thank you Hong Kong government for banning the ivory trade!

Your sincerely,
Wei Si'eu Woo