

BANNING OF THE IVORY TRADE-WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION TO THE TRADERS!

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Dear LegCo,

Elephants are dying. I'm sure you know this but the ivory trade is killing the elephants. I know that ivory is used a lot of Chinese things. We know that ivory is very valuable, but personally, I don't think that elephants should be slaughtered just for the ivory. Furthermore, as generations go by, the younger Chinese are stopping to care so much about the ivory that is being rapidly smuggled into the Mainland. Furthermore, a lot of people are being killed for standing up. A hundred people people are dying every single year and they are scarfing their lives for something that is illegal in almost every western country.

Extensively, I'm sure you have heard about Nairobi Westgate Mall attacks. They are reported to be funded by the ivory trade. This could definitely happen again, which means, if you don't stop this trade, this might put innocent people lives in danger. They could be the person with the cure for cancer, or they might just be an average Joe. Whoever it is, I'm sure you care about life. What if someone who died would be a Chinese citizen. Would you care then? In conclusion, we SHOULD stop the Ivory trade. And when we say STOP, it doesn't mean take away all the ivory from the traders, and give them money. NO compensation should be allowed to these nasty humans that kill innocent elephants for money. If they are to be compensated, this will be even worse than now, as the poachers hearing this, would start killing the elephants even more rapidly. This would almost certain of the extinction of elephants in Africa. The traders SHOULD be put in jail for at least 5 years and be fined! I hope you decide the right thing with the traders not being compensated and banning the Ivory Trade!

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