



**Compensation to ivory traders**

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the idea of compensating ivory traders in HK for their losses. I find it hard to believe that the HK government is even considering this move, as no other region in the world has done this.

As far as I understand, for many years now the law in HK has stated that ivory cannot be purchased, and only existing stocks used up from the British colonial days. This has clearly not been the case, because it is still easy to purchase ivory products in HK. Obviously, illegal trading has occurred and the ivory is 'blood' ivory, obtained through the slaughter of a rapidly diminishing species.

The idea of compensating traders for procuring this type of ivory is ludicrous. Please follow the lead of other nations around the world. If dealers are compensated, more elephants will die.

Yours faithfully,

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