



**Please stop ivory trade , and with NO compensation !!!**

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Dear Sir / Madam,

After attending a talk on Ivory Trade earlier this week, I'd only come to realise how ignorant I have been regarding this topic. As a Hong Konger, I feel ashamed after learning that HK is one of the world's largest smuggling port for ivory trade, and hence we are an enabler to this illegal, unethical trade and act. Hence, we are basically killing these elephants, and making these beautiful, magnificent animals extinct if we do not act now. Generations to come deserves better.

I understand that the legco has plan to phase out Ivory trade by 2021, and this is already a big step forward. However, does the endangered species have that much time? The phasing out plan seems to have many loopholes still. I sincerely hope the legco will take another look into this. At the same time,. I am joining the many who have written to you regarding the subject. We ought NOT compensate these ivory traders. Stopping ivory trade is stopping an illegal, unethical act. These "offenders" should NOT be compensated for what they have been doing wrong all these years, not with our tax money. They have been given time to phase out, switch trade and do something else. In my opinion, this is already quite generous. Perhaps, the government can offer non-monetary help, such as counselling or offer career coaching service. However, if they do not seize this opportunity, then it is of blame to no one else. If the government compensates them, then with the same rationale, the HK government also has to take care of other hong kongers who have lost their livelihood due to economic and environmental change?

I herein sincerely plead to the Legco and the Legco Environmental Affair Panel to do the right thing.

Many thanks.

Yours truly,  
Katherine