

## On ivory trade BAN wai ying tse to: panel\_ea

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Attention Hon. Tanya Chan,

I am writing to express my support for the Hong Kong government's proposed ban on the ivory trade. As a global citizen, I am so proud that Hong Kong is finally doing something to ban ivory trade and smuggling. However, in order to save elephants from extinction, we must pass the legislation as soon as possible.

At the same time, in order to stop illegal traders and smugglers, we must have a good penalty system. Or else, poaching of elephants for their tusks will never be stopped at all. In my opinion, a heavier penalty that which equals the smuggling of drugs and nicotine must be levied since no ivory can be procured without bringing harm to the elephants.

I do not support any compensation to ivory traders for the stocks they hold. We Hong Kong citizens should not be compensating bloody business owners who make money from causing harm to intelligent sentient beings. The 5 year grace period is a very long time for the traders to sell off their stock.

The above is my humble opinion as a HK citizen. Thank you for your kind attention.

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Sent from my iPhone