

SUBMISSION to: The Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region – Panel on Environmental Affairs Email: panel_ea@legco_gov.hk

On behalf of: The Rhinos in Africa Foundation Cape Town South Africa

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Dear Madam and Sirs,

The Ivory Ban in Hong Kong

Our foundation was established to raise awareness and funding for people and organizations who are working on the frontline of the poaching war in South Africa. We support the Rangers and Anti-poaching units that risk their lives every minute to protect the Elephant and Rhino. We support the wildlife veterinary surgeons who try to rescue the Elephants that have been wounded by poachers and the Elephants that have been orphaned. We support the sanctuaries that care for these orphans and injured Elephants.

We have to raise a lot of money because Elephants are being killed every single day in Africa. All this would not be necessary if there was no Ivory trade.

We ask you please to consider very seriously for the benefit of all the Elephants left in Africa to please ban the trade in Ivory immediately in Hong Kong. We do not have much time left to save this beautiful species. You can do so much good for the future of this iconic species.

We do not believe that the Ivory dealers, merchants, carving factories or shop owners need to be compensated they should have closed their doors to this business years ago. We praise the good work of everyone in Hong Kong who is working so hard to stop the illegal trade.

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