



Hong Kong Ivory Ban
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Dear Sirs,

A long overdue ban on the trading of ivory in Hong Kong has now been formulated in a manner that gives ivory traders more than sufficient time to legally dispose of their remaining stocks. Considering the rampant ivory-trade-fuelled destruction of elephant communities in Africa and Asia, the ban in Hong Kong should really have been scheduled to come into force not five years later but within this year, as appears to be the case on the national level.

In this context, the ivory traders' demand for compensation can be regarded as incongruous. It can be seen as an acquisitive move that unfortunately disregards moral and nature conservation considerations. It is a call that should not be heeded.

It is hoped the Legislative Council and the Government will stand firm and speedily proceed with the implementation of ivory ban provisions, unencumbered by financial demands from traders.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully
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