



Supporting the ban of the ivory trade
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Dear Chairman and other Honorable Members

I am writing to launch my support to the legislative proposal to phase out the local trade in ivory.

IVORY IS AN UNECESSARY LUXURY GOODS FOR OUR HUMAN BEING, BUT AT THE COST OF THE LIFE OF ELEPHANTS!

I support the proposal of banning of the trade in ivory in HK and higher penalties for any kind of crimes involving wildlife.

Neither compensation nor subsidy should be offered to the ivory traders as a) they are not grass-roots level which heavily rely on this business for living, b) grace period will be given for the traders to sell those remaining ivory products before complete ban of ivory trade, c) setting an undesirable precedent for other trades/business which will demand for compensation once the Govt impose any kind of restrictions on their business, and d) banning of ivory trade is a world-wide trend and the traders should have prepared to the diminish of their industry and to transform their business.

Last but not least, the Govt should ensure effective enforcement and prosecution to those persons who may committ crime involving wildlife. A deterring level of penalties should be imposed.

Yours faithfully,

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