



OPPOSITION TO IVORY TRADING IN HONG KONG

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1. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's ivory ban within 2017, in line with the trading ban in Mainland China.

2. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime, including smuggling of endangered or threatened species animals and animal parts. This would include rhino horn products and medicine, red ot golden ivory (from hornbills), pangolin scales, lion and tiger bones for traditional medicine, shark fins, parrots and animal pelts,

3. The Ivory Traders in Hong Kong have had AMPLE time to deplete their stocks of ivory ... I OPPOSE the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stocks.

4. Extending the ivory trading in Hong Kong beyond the deadline imposed by Mainland China will cause the Mainland China traders to shift their sales point to Hong Kong, giving Hong Kong government and authorities an addition burden as the rest of the WORLD will focus on Hong Kong, which will not enhance Hong Kong's reputation in the world.

Thank you!!!

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