



I support the Hong Kong governments ivory ban.
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The ivory trade is the primary reason that the elephant population world wide is diminishing at an alarming rate.

Elephants are mercilessly killed in what is a brutal practice. I would like to confirm that I SUPPORT the Hong Kong governments ivory ban. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime.

I was saddened to hear that there was a proposal to pay compensation to ivory traders, please note that I OPPOSE the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stocks.

I understand that governments look the other way when it comes to the welfare of animals, sadly corruption and violence towards both animals and humans are part and parcel of the ivory trade.

I believe that if the Hong Kong government makes a tough stand toward this heinous, archaic practice it could possibly lead the way toward stopping this brutal industry.

Hong Kong has the opportunity to prove to the world that this practice is archaic and that tackling wildlife trafficking is a positive step toward environmental and animal welfare issues.

Yours sincerely,

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