



Ivory trade and wildlife crime
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Dear Panel on Environmental Affairs,

1. I support the ban on the ivory trade
2. I support higher penalties for wildlife crime
3. I support prosecution and strong deterrent penalties for those engaging in wildlife crime
4. I do not support any form of compensation for ivory traders.

Offering compensation to ivory traders sets a dangerous precedent worldwide and could potentially encourage more poaching and stockpiling of ivory.

It would also send the message that if Hong Kong offers compensation for stockpiles of ivory to the traders, there is a monetary value on ivory (with no idea how much is actually out there) and send the message there is money still to be made on ivory.

Please do not delay the implementation of the ban and destruction of the ivory stockpiles.

Sincerely,

Maria Soledad Riestra

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