



**Ivory ban - vitally important in Hong Kong**  
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Attention: Hon Tanya Chan

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Hong Kong government's ivory ban. This is vitally important at this time.

I am also in support of the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime more generally which could act as a better deterrent and confer the message that this is the kind of trade and activity Hong Kong does not want. Furthermore, I would like to state my opposition to the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stocks - I understand that antique ivory traders will be impacted adversely by a ban and traders will be disadvantaged, however too much fresh ivory is 'laundered' as antique for it to be viable to make a distinction, and all ivory is a cruel trade, impacting on elephants, eco-systems and people.

I truly hope that Hong Kong will show leadership through this ban and support ethical trading and care for our environment.

Kind regards

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