



Attn: Hon Tanya Chan
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Dear Sir,

I'm writing to you concerning the upcoming public hearing on an ivory trade ban on June 6.

I strongly encourage Hong Kong government to make it illegal to trade ivory.

I also strongly encourage the Hong Kong government to increase penalties for wildlife crime.

Elephants all around the world need protection from poaching. They should not be looked upon as a commodity, like we look at sheep and cattle. They are not domesticated animals; they live in the wild and deserve to be protected as we would protect our families, neighbours and countrymen. The survival of elephants is far more important to us (the human race) than any amount of money to satisfy mankind's greed. It's not the fault of the elephants that mankind cannot manage the wealth of the world.

Also if compensation for Hong Kong ivory traders current stocks of ivory would in anyway prevent or delay changing laws to protect elephants then I would oppose them being compensated. This is an urgent matter in my opinion.

Make the right choices and the world will be a richer place for everyone, not just those that deal in the slaughter of wild elephants.

Sincerely,

Peter Studt.