



Only Elephants need Ivory

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To Who it may concern:

Have you ever seen elephants in the wild? No? Then perhaps you don't how realize the impact the ravenous illegal Ivory trade and poaching your country has had on these magnificent animals. I have had the good fortune to travel to Africa twice. Each time their intelligence, their sophisticated matriarchal society, positive environmental impact of their roaming has been impressed upon me.

At the voracious rate at which Ivory poachers are killing elephants (one elephant every 15 minutes) for their Ivory, there will be no wild elephants left by the late 2020s.

I support the Hong Kong governments ban on Ivory. Additionally it is imperative that the Hong Kong government's increase in penalties for wildlife crime as a deterrent. However Ivory traders SHOULD NOT be compensated by the Hong Kong government for their Ivory stocks. Compensation for an illegal crime will only further encourage poaching for monetary gain.

I implore you to use common sense and compassion. Future generations should have the opportunity to see elephants in the wild. Think of your children, grand children and great grand children...

With sincerest regards,

Hannelore Brown