



**RE: Proposed plan for phasing out the local trade in elephant ivory**

Richie Kul to: panel\_ea@legco.gov.hk

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Please respond to Richie Kul

Dear Chairperson,

I support a complete and unequivocal ban on the import, re-export and trade of all elephant products in Hong Kong, because our city should be a leader and trailblazer in the animal rights and protection movement, not a glaring and antiquated outlier attracting worldwide condemnation and ridicule.

For that reason, I object to any compensation paid to ivory traders.

I strongly support increased penalties under the Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Plants and Animals Ordinance.

Animals are here WITH us, not FOR us, and when we truly understand this and pass effective legislation that protects the innocent and intelligent beings we share this planet with, everyone benefits.

Regards,

Richie Kul

Actor, Model, and Concerned Hong Kong resident