



Supporting the Hong Kong Government's Ivory Trade Ban
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Hon Tanya Chan

Room 814, Legislative Council Complex

1 Legislative Council Road

Central, Hong Kong

Dear Hon Tanya Chan,

Public Hearing on June 6th 2017: Supporting the Hong Kong Government's
Ivory Trade Ban

I'm writing to express my support for the Hong Kong Government's upcoming legislative proposal concerning the ivory trade. I fully support the government's plan to ban the Hong Kong ivory trade; as well as its proposals to increase maximum penalties under the Protection of Endangered Species Ordinance Cap 586.

Having said that, I do not support any proposition to compensate traders or buy out their stocks.

I have visited Africa, and have seen first-hand just how beautiful and majestic elephants really are. I would like to share with you the below poem, that, in my opinion, captures the international community's outrage and grief over elephant poaching.

A Martyr Is Witness by Chuck Ward

From the beginning of time, you've hunted my kind.
Could you be more shortsighted, more deaf, and more blind?
Can you not hear our cries, our dead bodies not see?
A Martyr is Witness to what should not be.

Our Creator delivered perfection in us.
And yet you would kill us just for our tusks?
More strength and more beauty, you'll never see.
A Martyr is Witness to what should not be.

One by one, we are gone and do you not care?
And don't you dare tell me that "life is not fair."
I endure as my family falls around me
A Martyr is Witness to what should not be.

Judgment will come to us both in the end.
And what reminder of you do you want to send?
When I've joined all the Martyrs that you witnessed for me?
For more strength and more beauty, you'll never see.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie-Kate Macalister