



Ivory Ban Hong Kong
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To Hon. Tanya Chan, Chairman of the LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel

I am very grateful that Hong Kong decided to close its ivory market. I strongly encourage the government's proposal to ban the complete trade, including the import, re-export and possession of pre-convention ivory for any commercial purpose.

At the same time I also urge the Hong Kong government to increase the penalties for wildlife crime and to follow them up closely.

All this has to be done very urgently, as elephants become rare and rarer, and within our lifetimes they will be gone forever if the world does not act together to combat this.

Please do not support the proposals for any compensation to ivory traders, as the traders already had more than 25 years to sell their legal ivory, which should have been long enough - and Hong Kong intends to give them even 5 more years to sell it (which in my eyes is much too long, as 5 years mean another 100,000 dead elephants, poached for the illegal ivory trade).

A compensation is not necessary also because most traders also have other trades besides ivory for their income. Paying a compensation is also another motivation for poachers and smugglers to sell even more illegal ivory and lead to even more elephants being killed.

Please do help to conserve the elephants and try your best for a very soon and complete ban of any ivory trade in Hong Kong.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,
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Die Ausrottung der Elefanten steht kurz bevor. Sie muss dringend gestoppt werden.

The extinction of elephants is near. We need to stop it urgently.

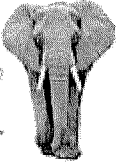
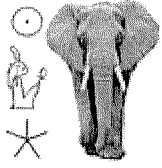
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