



Hong Kong's Ivory Ban - message to LegCo; attn: Honourable Tanya Chan
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Attn: Hon Tanya Chan

Please see this message as the opinion of a long-time permanent resident of Hong Kong based on many environmental, ethical and economic reasons. This important issue is in line with many movements to consider the unnecessary impact & greed of humans on Earth (do we really need ivory in our lives?) Let's do the right thing and consider what we really NEED vs. what we would LIKE. Hong Kong should be a shining example of conservation efforts, given that we have multiple sites of global environmental importance (Geopark, RAMSAR sites like Mai Po, etc.) and implemented recent support for powerful animal rights movements (shark fin ban, etc.).

1. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's ivory ban.
2. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime.
3. I OPPOSE the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stocks. (It sends the wrong message and gives value to ivory again, which is precisely what HK should be against). Instead, provide advice and training for alternative job opportunities.

Thank you for considering these opinions.

Ms. Smriti Safaya