



Re. Support for the Ivory Ban in Hong Kong with no compensation for trade

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Honourable Members of the Environmental Affairs Panel

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We warmly welcome and support the Government of Hong Kong's timely proposed call for the ban on

ivory – to ban the import, re-export, and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes. We applaud the increase of the penalties for wildlife crime to address the priority issues that

until now have violated legislation on a global scale, purely driven by the demand in south-east and

east Asia that have continued to imperil the lives of our elephants – who have long preceded that of our own on Earth.

In recognition of the local, regional, and global efforts that have met with this success, it must be

further emphasised that we do not support proposals for any compensation to the forewarned ivory

traders dabbling in this deplorable, illegal trade. The immense sacrifices made on the part of the

elephants poached for their ivory – that have threatened their family herds—as well as that of their

human guardians who have all faced mass weapons of destruction, we support the ban on ivory. We do

not want the ivory traders to receive any compensation for the illegal trade as exemplified by the stand

set by other nations, particularly China when its ban comes into effect at the end of 2017.

We fervently hope that this ban will be met with every success in enforcement by the Government of

Hong Kong.

Sincerely,

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