



PROPOSED IVORY BAN

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Dear Chairman Tanya and Environmental Affairs Panel Members

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Friends of Hoi Ha are ashamed that Hong Kong is the world's largest ivory city market. We are shocked that every year, to satisfy the insatiable desire for ivory products, not only are over 20,000 elephants killed for their tusks but there is also a grave human cost: over 100 rangers have lost their lives annually in the line of duty to protect wildlife. 90% of the world's elephant population has already been lost to poaching. Let us not forget that extinction is forever.

<https://www.facebook.com/wwfhongkong/videos/10154513253531892/>

FOHH support the Hong Kong Government's proposal to ban the import, re-export and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes. We urge LegCo's Environmental Panel to stand firm against those with a vested interest in the city's ivory market.

FOHH strongly oppose the HK Government's compensation of ivory traders for their stocks as that is open to fraud which will ensure the continued demand by traders for new ivory so that they can continue the illegal laundering of their ivory stocks.

As witnesses of wildlife crimes in Sai Kung Country Park and Hoi Ha Marine Park, FOHH support the proposed substantial increases in penalties for wildlife crime.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

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