



Ivory ban
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Dear Madam

I would like to express my wholehearted support for HK's decision to ban the import, re-export and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes, and to increase penalties for wildlife crime. I find it absolutely abhorrent that a magnificent, iconic species, such as the elephant, is being driven to extinction by man's selfish greed. However, I would urge you to resist the pressure to give compensation to the traders. Most ivory is illegally sourced and I see no reason to compensate people for taking part in illegal activities. No other countries are offering compensation, including China itself when their ban comes into effect. I hope you will stand firm over this issue and show the world that HK is making a real effort to clean up its act.

Respectfully,
Donald Latter