



Letter from DR JANE GOODALL DBE
Mary Lewis to: panel_ea, Willy Kwong
Cc: Mary Lewis

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Dear Sirs,

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE has asked me to share the following message with your panel. I am copying the Exec. Director of JGI Hong Kong, Mr. Willy Kwong also. Any response should be directed to him please.

From Dr. Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE

Founder - the Jane Goodall Institute

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To the Chairman,

The LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel

From Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE and UN Messenger of Peace

I am writing to express my support for the Hong Kong government's ivory ban. I believe this to be an extremely important legislation in view of the unacceptable slaughter of live elephants simply to supply ivory for international trade.

For the same reason I fully support the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime. It is not only elephants, but also rhinos, tigers, pangolins and many other species who are being pushed to the very brink of extinction in the wild by international trade in wildlife – including the live animal trade in addition to body parts.

Finally, I strongly OPPOSE the suggestion that the Hong Kong government

should pay any compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their stocks. I understand that the traders have been warned for many years that they should prepare and sell their ivory stocks. Moreover the proposed ban was announced 15 months ago and, in addition, the traders have an additional 5 year grace period once the legislation comes into force. If compensation is offered the traders will seek to increase their stocks (from illegally poached elephants) before the ban is finalized.

Elephants populations in Africa are facing unprecedented levels of poaching, rangers are losing their lives, and the tourist industry which brings in desperately needed foreign exchange to many African countries has already been adversely affected.

For the above reasons, and on behalf of the elephants themselves (long lived, highly intelligent and extremely social) I urge the Hong Kong government to impose the ivory ban, introduce increased penalties for all wildlife crime, and refuse to compensate ivory traders for their stocks.

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