



Fwd: PROPOSED IVORY BAN
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EMAIL LETTER TO:

Chairman (Hon. Tanya Chan) of the LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel (panel_ea@legco.gov.hk).

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Dear Chairman Tanya and Environmental Affairs Panel Members

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Friends of Sai Kung write to point out that Hong Kong is the world's largest market for transit and sale of ivory. We are shocked that every year, to satisfy the demand for ivory products, 20,000 elephants are killed for their tusks. Over 100 wildlife rangers lose their lives annually in the line of duty. 90% of the world's elephant population has been lost to poaching. Extinction is forever.

Friends of Sai Kung support the Hong Kong Government's proposal to ban the import, re-export and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes. We ask LegCo's Environmental Panel to resist those with a vested interest in the city's ivory market.

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

Yours sincerely

John Wright
Chair
Friends of Sai Kung