

Submission from Victoria CHIN

Hong Kong simply cannot be a part of the extinction of the African elephants. They have roamed the face of our planet since before homo sapiens evolved from our pre-historic ancestors – the apes. Stopping the ivory trade in Hong Kong will halt the extinction of the African elephants whose value in the ecological system is so much more significant than merely giving their tusks for frivolous decorative purposes.

I applaud the HK government for taking this challenging and courageous step towards ensuring the survival of this important species for our planet. Elephants are also extremely intelligent and sentient. They live in family structures and have a very strong sense of community. On a human level, wholesale massacre of these animals for their tusks is equivalent to genocide in my view as whole communities are decimated including babies.

Grow a heart, Hong Kong. Do the right thing.