



Ban Hong Kong's Ivory Trade

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Dear sirs,

I call on the Hong Kong Government to enact an urgent, comprehensive and lasting ban on ivory sales in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The current catastrophic poaching crisis, the worst since the 1980s, is resulting in the killing of tens of thousands of elephants every year for the ivory trade.

Much of this ivory passes through Hong Kong illegally on the way to mainland China, where demand is surging. This demand is driven in large part by a new class of wealthy individuals, many of whom travel to Hong Kong to buy tax free luxury goods – including ivory and ivory products.

I applaud the government for taking a brave step in committing to the destruction of 29.6 tonnes of confiscated ivory seized in Hong Kong since 1976. To stigmatize ivory consumption, reduce demand and aid better enforcement, the Hong Kong government should outlaw ivory sales in Hong Kong immediately.

Kind regards,

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