



Ivory Ban

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to support you in your proposal to ban the Ivory Sale in Hong Kong and also to urge you to oppose any suggestion of compensation for the Ivory Sellers that is being seemingly demanded.

Hong Kong, as a vibrant global city should completely ban the import, re-import and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes. You also should consider increasing penalties for wildlife crime to deter people from seeing the penalty as another "business expense"

I do not think that people dealing with ivory, which is at best of times an emotive subject, should be compensated. One they have known for at least 20+ years that this ban was coming, so why have they not made provisions? Also, it is my understanding that most of the traders do not rely on ivory to be their sole income. Anyone who has hoped and speculated and hoarded ivory, should sell it now and realise the money, why hold onto this when the proposed ban was announced 15 months ago and the full ban is not until Dec 2021? Also offering compensation would, in my opinion, provide an excuse for traders to increase their ivory stock (maybe even from illegal sources) to hedge against higher compensation. That cannot be in the spirit of the legislation so to avoid any haggling, just don't offer any compensation. You wouldn't compensate an arms dealer for banning them from selling unlicensed weapons, right?

Thank you for your attention, I appreciate you reading my email, and I hope that you concur with me. Ban ivory, don't compensate those that inflict injury to animals (or aid and abet injury to animals by buying the ivory).

Many thanks
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