



The Clerk of the Hong Kong Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs.

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Hello

I am writing to urge you towards a complete ban of the elephant ivory trade as soon as possible. Many countries around the World are realizing this senseless trade which kills elephants deliberately for their ivory. It is our understanding that mainland China has decided to enact a complete elephant ivory trade ban within 2017 and we want Hong Kong to do the same. If China can do it, I'm sure Hong Kong would want to at least not look bad in the public and follow China's views immediately

The traders have been aware of the very serious threat to elephant extinction and have been allowed to phase out their stocks since late 1980's. 30+ years is enough time to sell off their ivory or diversify into other businesses. They should not be allowed further trade or compensation. Any continued ivory trade puts the remaining elephant populations under tremendous and unnecessary danger.

Extinction is final. No amount of money can make up for the loss of this magnificent species. Please protect and preserve this species for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Anthony Sandstrom