



Ivory ban
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the Hong Kong government's ivory ban and for the proposed increase in severity of penalties for perpetrators of crimes involving the trafficking of wildlife through Hong Kong. As an early career scientist I think these policies should be commended and continued to keep Hong Kong government on the right side of wildlife protection and a force for good when it comes to conservation of vulnerable tropical wildlife.

As a protector of wildlife it is counter-productive for the government to pay compensation to traders in ivory who have had plenty of time to get rid of their stock in the last 25 years if that what they truly wanted. As it stands around 30,000 elephants are poached every year and the longer the Hong Kong government allows the trade in ivory to continue to exist within its borders the longer it will be a facilitator in the depletion of African elephant populations.

I would urge the government to push through the ban and on be on the right side of history when it comes to the conservation of this very threatened wild animal.

Your sincerely,

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