



Ivory ban

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Dear Legco,

I would just like to express my concern over the cancellation/postponement of the ivory ban legislation. I understand fully that there are cultural and traditional reasons to consider, as well as livelihoods, which must make the situation more difficult to deal with. However, as our global population grows and demand increases, our natural world is suffering as a result and endangered animals are dwindling.

Therefore, I am in full support of the Hong Kong government's ivory ban as it would save 30,000 elephants around the world that are being poached every year for meaningless status and ornamental purposes.

I also fully support the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime, which is in the top 5 criminal activities across globe. Hong Kong is a major hub for much of this criminal activity due to geographical location, free port status, and low penalties for committing the crimes.

Due to this, I oppose the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stock, as it provides loop-holes for much of this organised crime to slip through the boundaries.

Please reconsider and think about the natural world you want your children and grandchildren to grow up in.

Many thanks,  
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