



On Ivory trade BAN!!
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Attention Hon. Tanya Chan,

Being a global citizen, I strongly urge the HK government to pass the ban on ivory trade as soon as possible. Hong Kong is now globally known as a smuggling port of ivory for China, a notorious name that brings us shame.

The proposed penalty by the government for offenders right now is way too lenient. When the penalty is so low that traders can very easily pay for the fine and the imprisonment is too short, it is an encouragement for smugglers to violate the law. A 10-year imprisonment will curb smuggling and illegal trading of elephant tusks more effectively. We all know that if the killings of elephants is kept at the same rate, they will go completely extinct in just 10 to 15 years.

I do not think the government is doing the public a fair share by compensating ivory traders for leftover stocks. The 5 year grace period is a very long time for the them to sell off their stock. After all, this business should have existed in the first place. Just imagine how many elephants have been killed over the last few decades just because of the ivory trade. We should not subsidise murderers.

Thank you for your time and attention. I hope my comments are heard.

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