



**Ban the ivory Trade**

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Dear Hon. Tanya Chan of the LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel,

I write on behalf of Animals Asia and our supporters across the world, including Hong Kong, where our Head Office is based, to pledge support for a total ivory ban by the government of Hong Kong. As the world's biggest retail ivory market Hong Kong remains a hub for illicit trading, with traders using legal stockpiles to launder illegal ivory.

While the world looks to China's endeavours to recover declining elephant populations, now is the time for Hong Kong to take a stand, align with Beijing and bring the ivory trade to a close.

To that end, please urgently action the following:

1. Ban the import and re-export of all elephant specimens that are currently permitted in HK
2. Ban the local trade in ivory
3. No compensation for ivory traders
4. Support the increase of penalties under Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Plants and Animals Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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