



SUBMISSION to:
The Legislative Council of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region – Panel on the Environment
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On Behalf of:
The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
Limpopo Province
South Africa

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Dear Legislative Council,

IVORY BAN IN HONG KONG



This is Shawu an orphaned Elephant with her carer



At the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre we care for all different highly endangered species of animals. We have a nursery for Elephants that are too small to go to Camp Jabulani. These tiny babies are orphaned due the poaching of Elephants for their Ivory.

The babies have to have twenty-four care in our special Elephant Nursery. They have to be fed a very complicated milk formula. The milk costs \$200 a day. The babies drink milk formula until they are two years old. The babies often need to be medically treated by our resident veterinary surgeon. Elephants are very social animals that are highly intelligent, they mourn the loss of their Mothers. They miss being with their brothers and sisters.

Many Elephant are being poached in the world famous Kruger National Park which is situated close to where we are. We need to raise funding to urgently build a larger nursery.

None of this would be necessary if the Ivory Trade was banned. We ask you all please to consider banning the trade of Ivory in Hong Kong with immediate effect. Please shut down all shops and carving factories.

We do not believe that anyone trading in Ivory needs to be compensated for loss of business the Ivory Ban has been spoken about for very long period of time. These Ivory merchants have made enough money.

We cannot afford to lose anymore Elephant in Africa. Please Hong Kong we really implore you to ban the trade in Ivory.

SIGNED: Megan Carr

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