



**Ivory ban submission**

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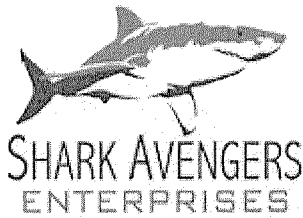
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To whom it may concern

It has come to our attention that ivory traders in China/Hong Kong are asking for a few more years to phase out 'old' stocks and the government to compensate their financial losses upon ban. Research has shown that most ivory in circulation now is illegally poached ivory laundered as old stock. This is obviously an abomination and a crime against the world environment. We ask for an immediate ban with no compensation. This trade gives China a very bad reputation and is bad for the overall appeal of your extraordinary country which is pushing forward with great environmental and conservation initiatives. It appears that China will enact a ban within 2017 with no compensation. If Hong Kong doesn't do the same, then your amazing city will continue to be the global hub of laundered ivory until the ban is in place and suffer from a putrid reputation as a hotspot for this kind of criminal activity.

Sincerely

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