



Banning of Ivory trade
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To whom it may concern.

As a veterinary surgeon registered to practice in Hong Kong, I would like to voice my support for the proposed ban on Ivory trading in Hong Kong, as well as the stricter implementation of all regulations on the trade in endangered animal species.

Historically it has been shown that only a complete ban in trading in animal products is of benefit in protecting endangered species.

As a South African citizen I am well informed on the continuing devastating effect on species, such as rhinos and elephants, due to both legal and illegal trading in their body parts.

Yours Sincerely
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Sent from my iPad