

On ivory ban Jimmy to: panel ea

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Attention Hon. Tanya Chan,

I am writing to support the Hong Kong government's ban on the ivory trade. Hong Kong is now notorious for being the world's top trader and its smuggling business of ivory. We as citizens are ashamed to bear such a name. We must ban such an obnoxious trade as soon as possible to save elephants and to educate our young.

The proposed penalty by the government on offenders who fail to comply the law at present is way too low. The government should levy a higher imprisonment term if desirable effects on illegal trade were to take place. A term of 8 to 10 years imprisonment is not enough when elephants have to lose their lives or those of their loved ones for their ivory. It is a business that directly supports murder.

I don't agree that the HK Government should compensation to ivory traders for the stocks they hold. It is a bloody business and these traders have earned way too much money in the first place. We Hong Kong citizens shouldn't be paying for their immoral decisions to run such a trade in the first place, not to mention that they already have such a long grace period to sell off their stock.

Thank you for your time and attention. Jimmy Tam