



Do not give compensation to the ivory traders
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Dear Honourable Tanya Chan,

I would like to give my support for the ivory ban in Hong Kong. I have lived in Hong Kong all my life and I am ashamed that we are still effectively supporting such a barbaric practice, not to mention the risk of extinction for the elephants.

Compensation should not be given to the traders as they have had ample opportunity to sell their wares over the last 25-odd years. The issue of compensation also looks to the world as if the Hong Kong government is rewarding the traders. Given the government is wanting to ban the trade, compensation sends a mixed message and, quite frankly, looks weak.

Sincerely,
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