



Government proposal - ivory trade and increased penalties
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Dear Panel,

I am glad that the Hong Kong government is taking steps to close the loopholes and penalise criminals. The damage and devastation caused by wildlife crime affect many countries, communities and species around the world. Ivory is especially urgent and your prompt support is needed.

I support the revised higher penalties under Cap. 586. With regards to elephant products and ivory, I support the proposal to ban the import, export and trade of such products.

A legal market for an internationally banned good confuses the public and sends mixed messages regarding Hong Kong's position on biodiversity, environmental protection and wildlife crime.

For this reason, I do not support the compensation of traders for their ivory stocks, though ivory carvers should be given support to re-train and find alternative employment.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,
Ho Shuping